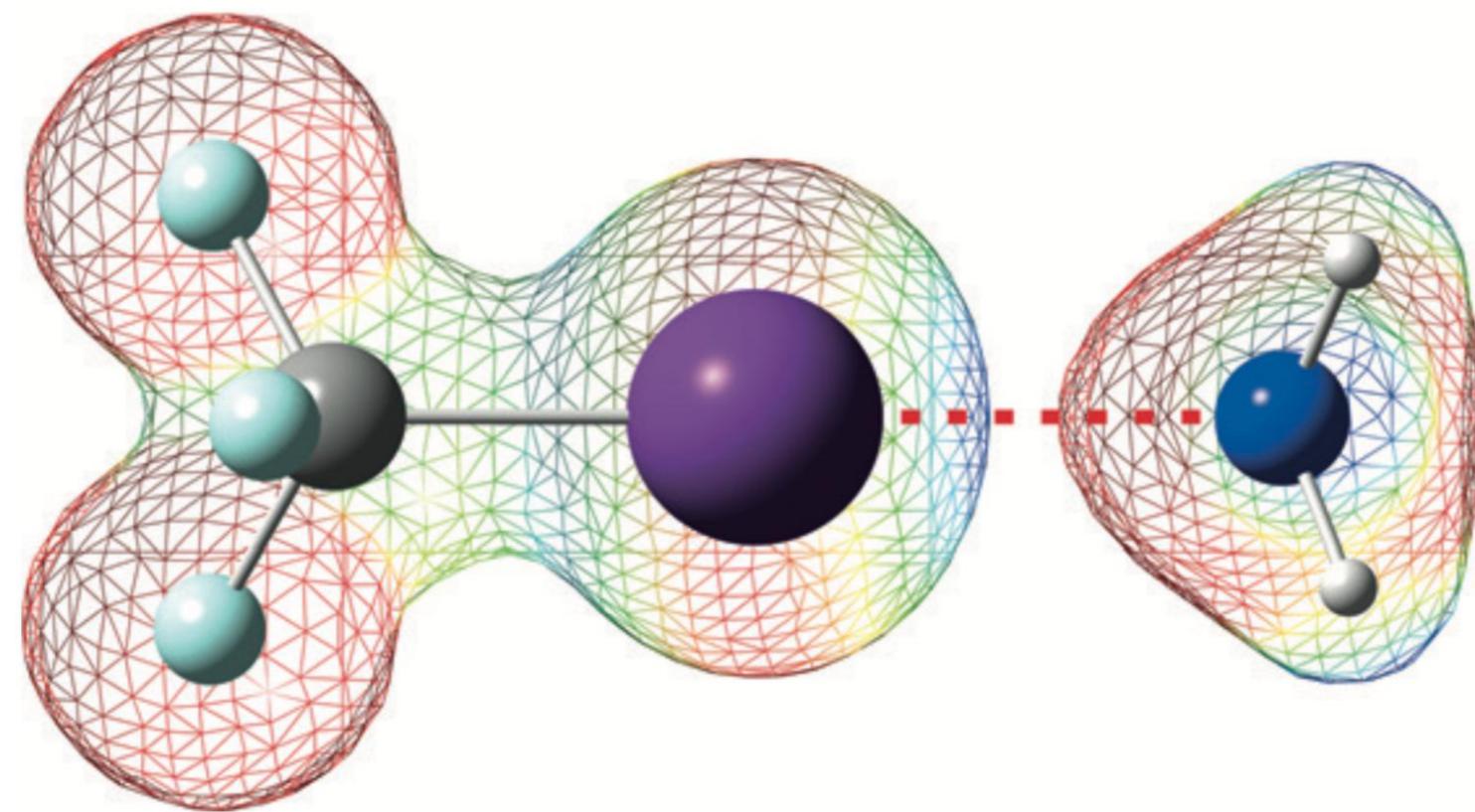


## *Halogen Bonding*

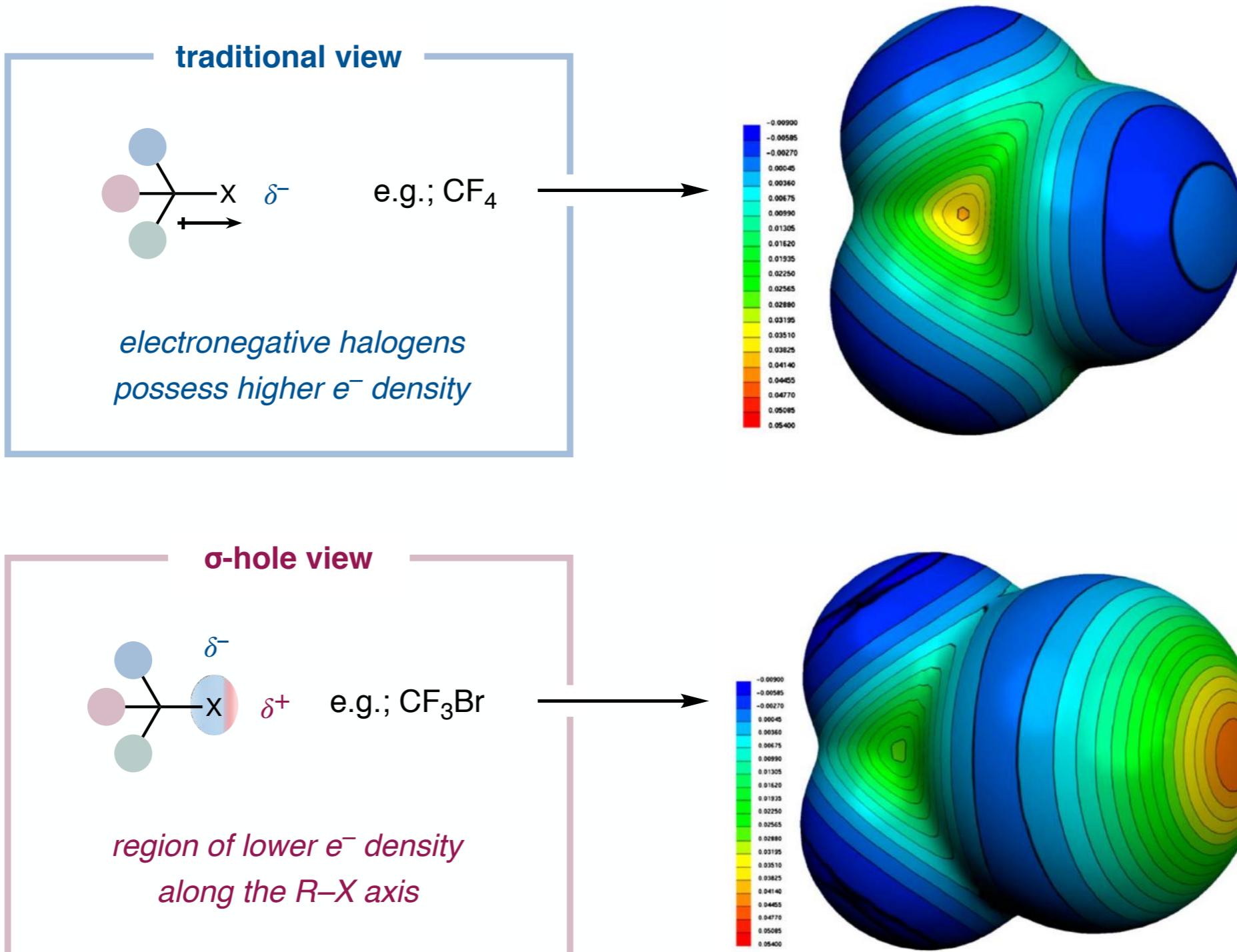


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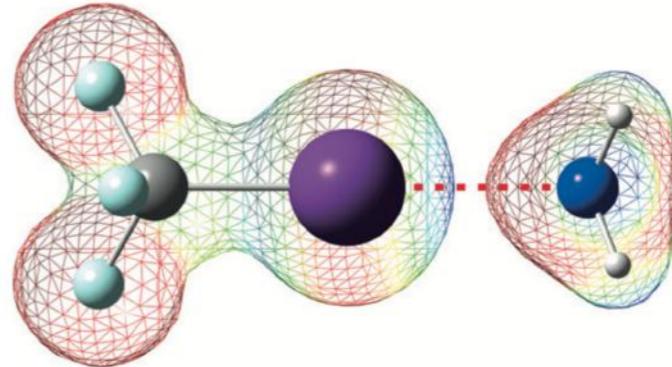
# *Introduction to the Halogen Bond*



# *Outline*

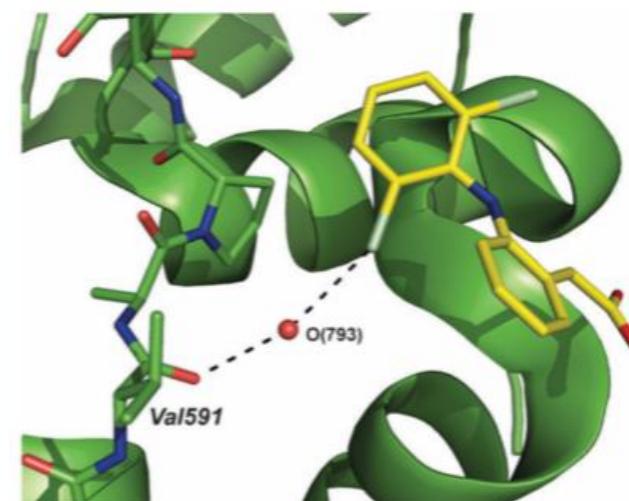
## ■ Introduction to Halogen Bonding

- definition
- origin of halogen bonding
  - electrostatics
  - charge transfer
  - dispersion and polarization

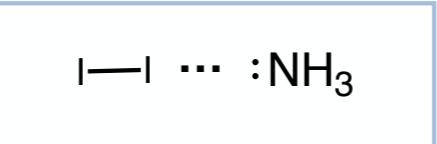


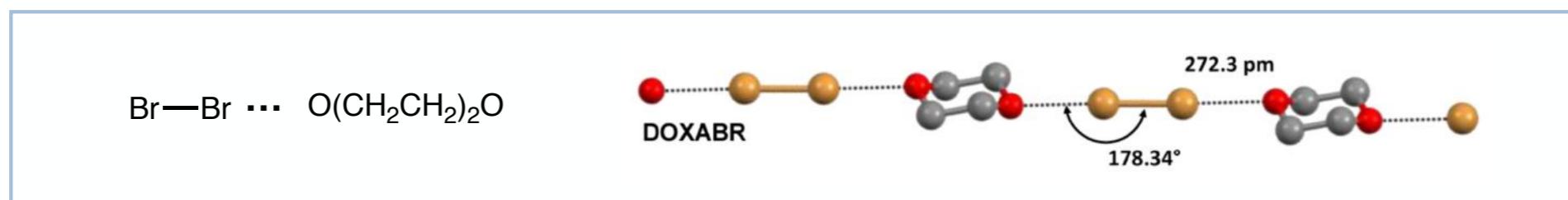
## ■ Applications

- crystal engineering and supramolecular chemistry
- halogen bonds in biological settings
- medicinal chemistry and rational drug design
- catalysis



## *Halogen Bonding Before “The Halogen Bond”*

- Reports of I<sub>2</sub> complexed with Lewis bases as early as 1814: 
- Early 20<sup>th</sup> century: I<sub>2</sub> in many organic solvents turns different colors forming DA complexes
- X-ray crystallographic studies in the 1950’s identifying “halogen-atom bridges”

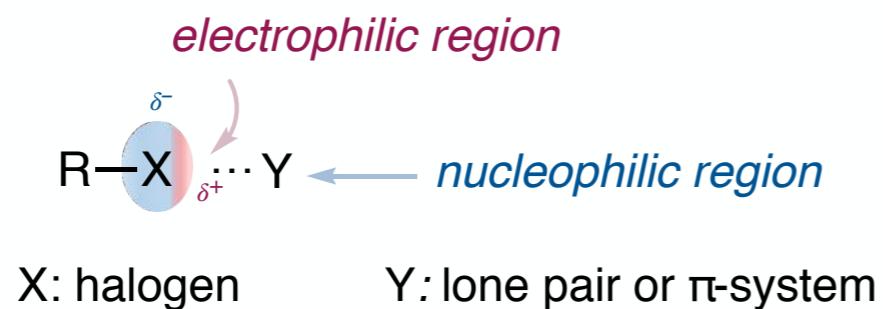


- intermolecular distances shorter than sum of van der Waals radii
- highly directional interaction: bond angle close to 180°
- Early 2000’s: development of concept of “σ-holes” to explain observed phenomena

Hassel, O.; Hvoslef, J. *Acta Chem. Scand.* **1954**, *8*, 873.  
Colin, M.M.; Gaultier de Claubry. H. *Ann. Chim.* **1814**, *90*, 87.  
Kleinberg, J.; Davidson, A. W.; *Chem. Rev.* **1948**, *42*, 601.

## *Definition of Halogen Bonding*

*“A halogen bond occurs when there is evidence of a net attractive interaction between an **electrophilic region associated with a halogen atom** in a molecular entity and a **nucleophilic region** in another, or the same, molecular entity”* - IUPAC, 2013



R-X: “halogen-bond donor”

Y: “halogen-bond acceptor”

***what is the origin of this seemingly counterintuitive interaction?***

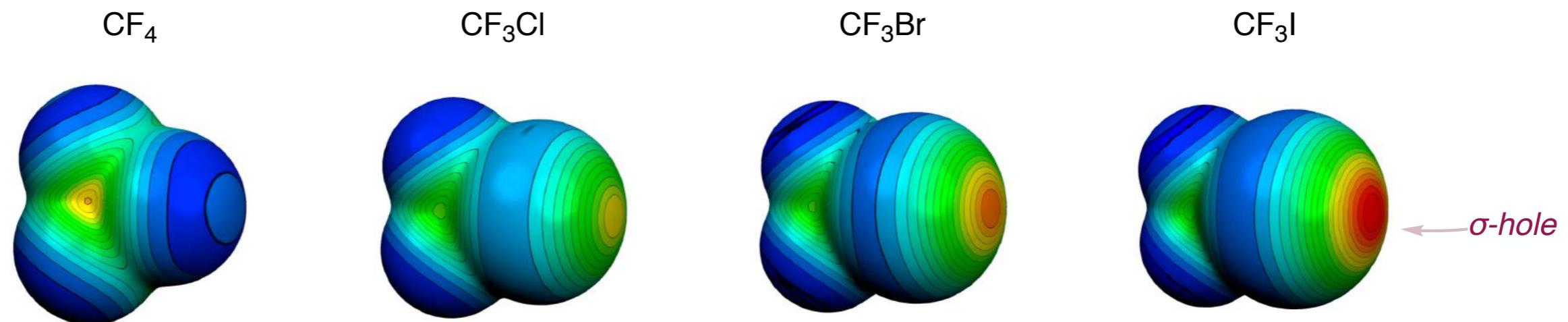
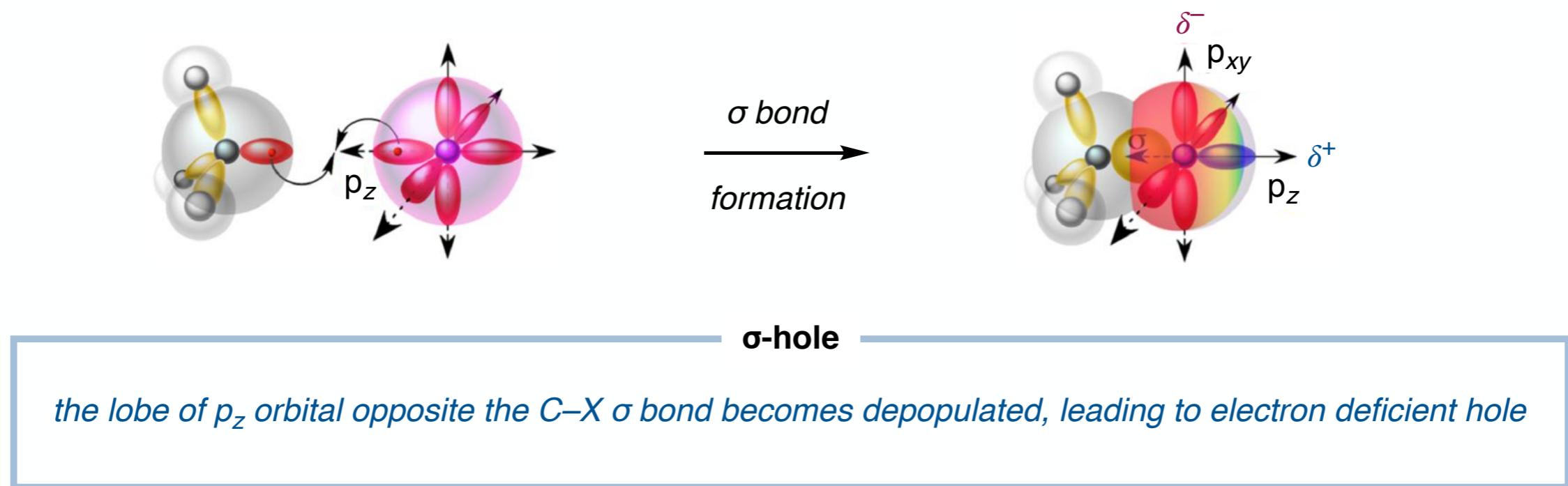
**electrostatic component:  $\sigma$ -hole**



**charge-transfer component**



## *Electrostatic Component: the $\sigma$ -Hole*



$\sigma$ -hole increases with increasing X-atom polarizability ( $F < Cl < Br < I$ )  
the size and magnitude of the  $\sigma$ -hole (generally) correlate with the strength of the halogen bond

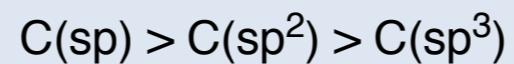
# *Halogen Bonding and the $\sigma$ -Hole*

**tunability:** varying strength of XB donor and acceptor

**XB donor ability  
of X atom**



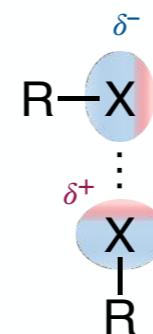
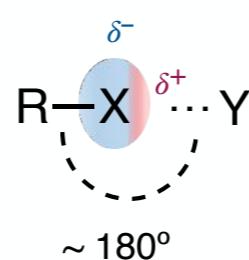
**hybridization of C of  
the C–X bond**



**EWG on atom the XB  
donor is bound to**

e.g.,  $-\text{CN}$ ,  $-\text{NO}_2$ ,  
protonated heretoarene

**highly directional:** Y enters along the  $\sigma$ -bond axis ( $\sigma$ -hole)



when  $\text{Y} = \pi$ -system, the symmetry axis of the  $\pi$ -system lies along  $\sigma$ -bond axis

## *The Charge Transfer Component*

- XB has long been attributed to charge-transfer, motivated by UV-Vis studies
- XB directionality attributed to donation into  $\sigma^*$  of the R-X bond:  $n \longrightarrow \sigma^*$



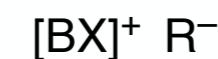
Dr. Robert S. Mulliken

### Mulliken “outer complex”



*little charge transfer  
weaker*

### Mulliken “inner complex”



*significant charge  
redistribution*

- Experimental and computational data suggest the important role of CT in XB

- lengthening of C–X bond

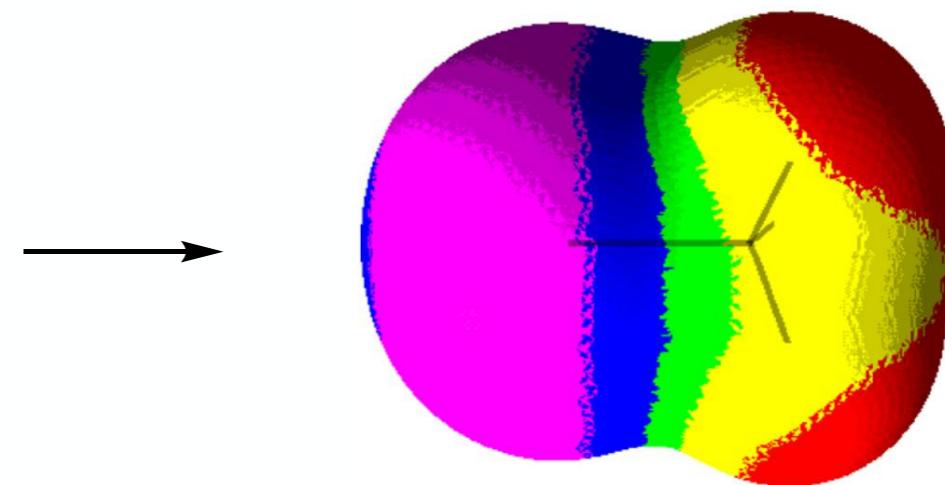
- HOMO/LUMO overlap (not always site of  $\sigma$ -hole)

## *Dispersion and Polarization*

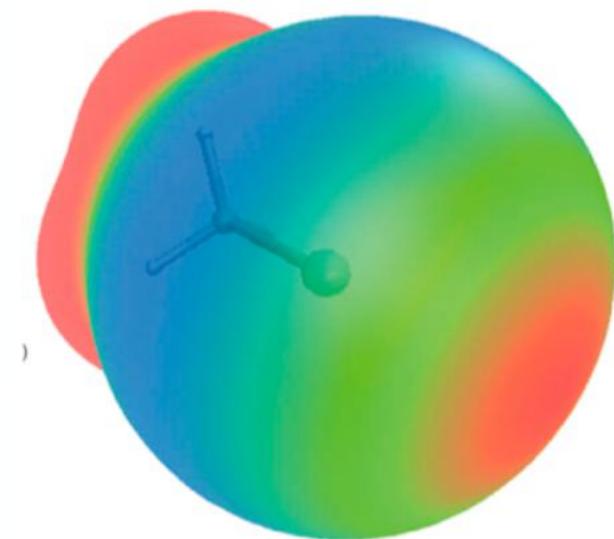
calculated electrostatic potential:  $\text{CH}_3\text{Cl}$

purple indicates ***negative*** potential

no  $\sigma$ -hole for  $\text{CH}_3\text{Cl}!$



**but halogen bonded complexes with  $\text{CH}_3\text{Cl}$  with formaldehyde have been predicted...**



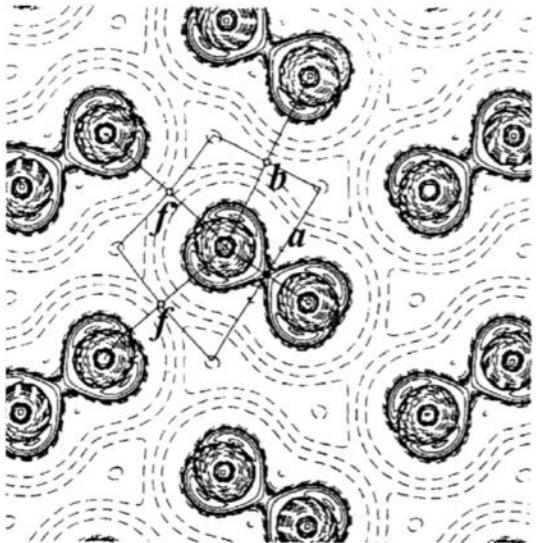
*as  $\text{CH}_3\text{Cl}$  interacts with formaldehyde*

*electron densities of each are polarized*

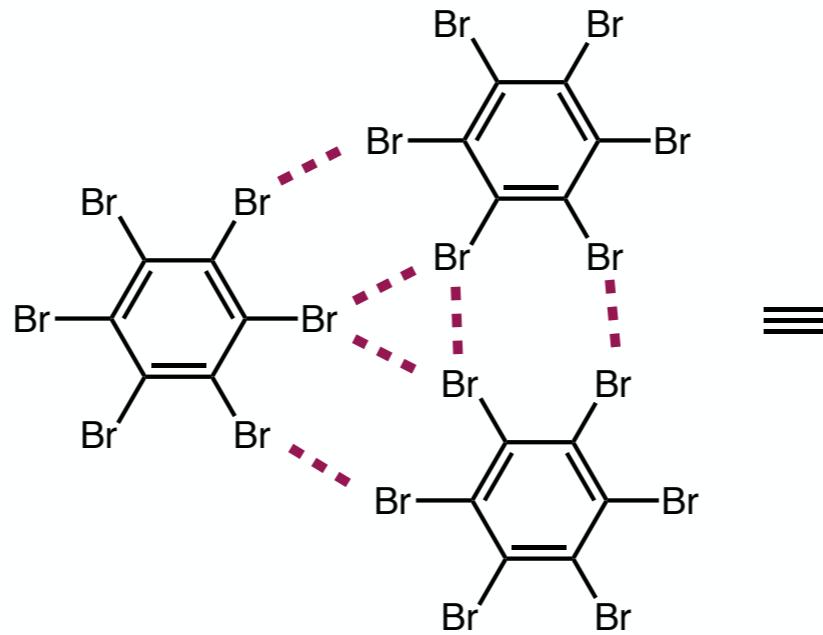
now  $\sigma$ -hole for  $\text{CH}_3\text{Cl}$  is predicted

**important to recognize dispersion and polarization for an accurate interpretation**

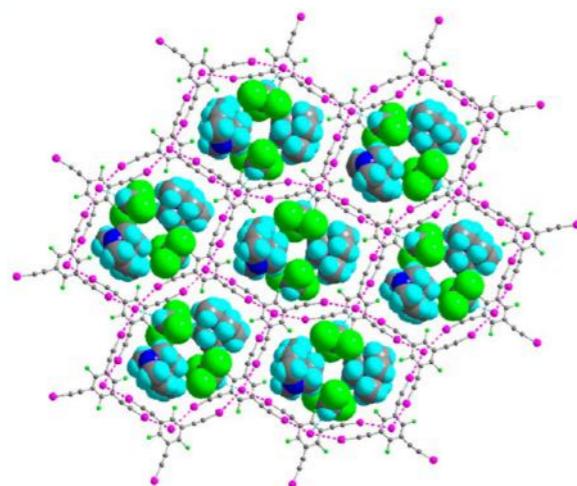
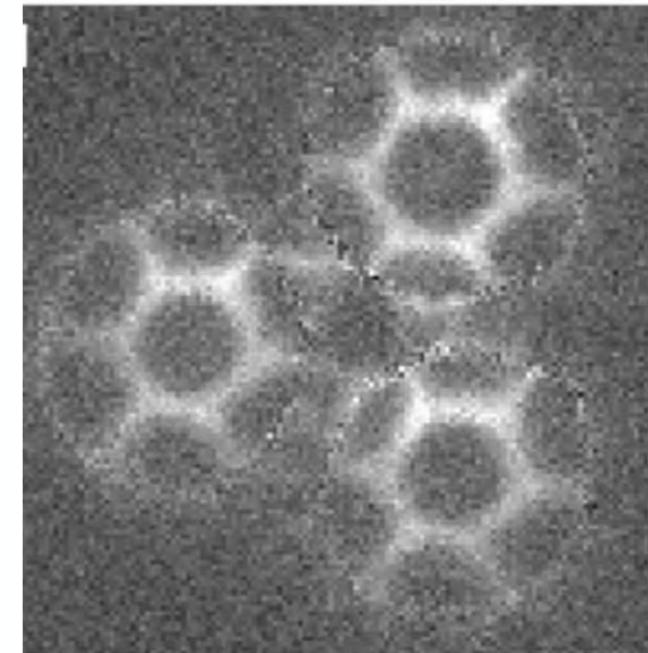
# *XB in Crystal Engineering and Supramolecular Chemistry*



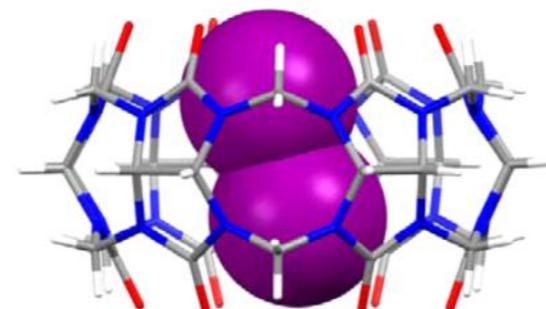
*layered crystal structure of solid Cl<sub>2</sub>*



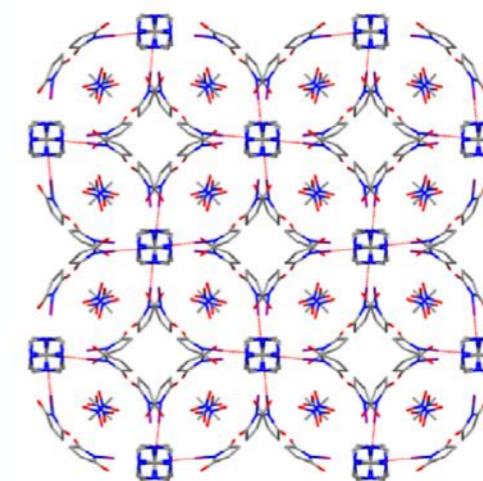
*"windmill" self-assembled C<sub>6</sub>Br<sub>6</sub>*



● anion organic networks



● molecular recognition



● materials science

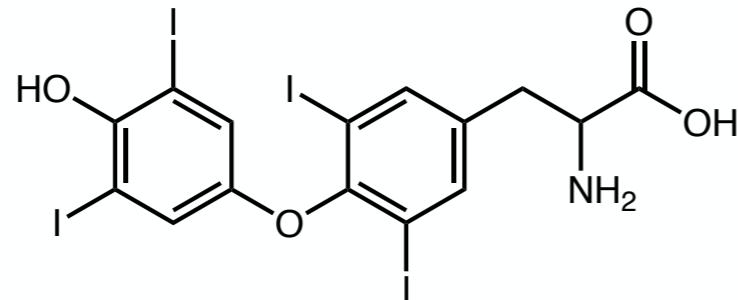
● chiral resolution

For review on this area: *Chem. Rev.* **2015**, *115*, 7118.

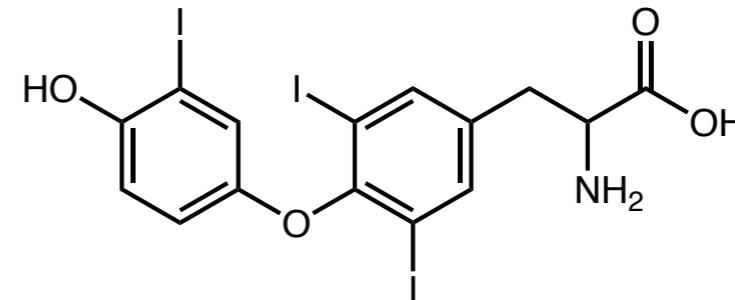
Han, et. al., *Science*, **2017**i, *358*, 206.

## Naturally Occuring Bioactive XB Systems

### Naturally Occuring XB Donors



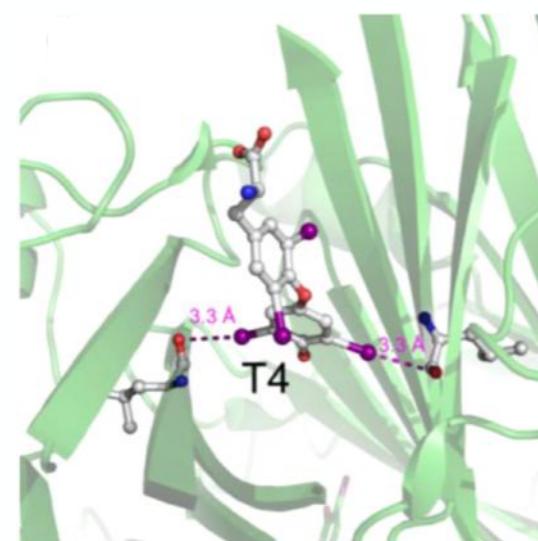
Thyroid Hormone T3



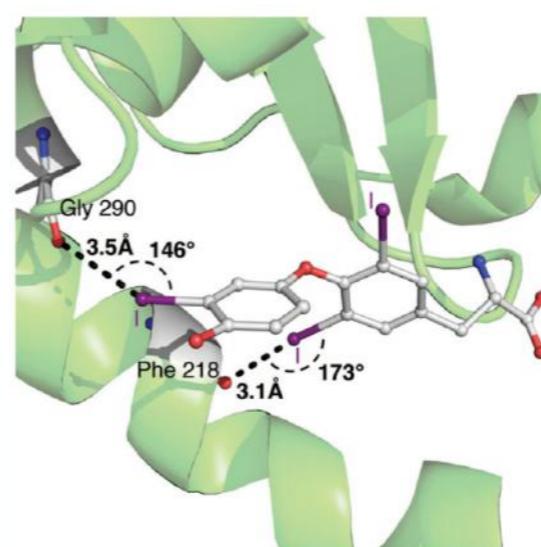
Thyroid Hormone T4

numerous I ... O contacts play important role in thyroid hormone recognition

*XB formed between T4  
and transporter protein  
transthyretin (TTR)*



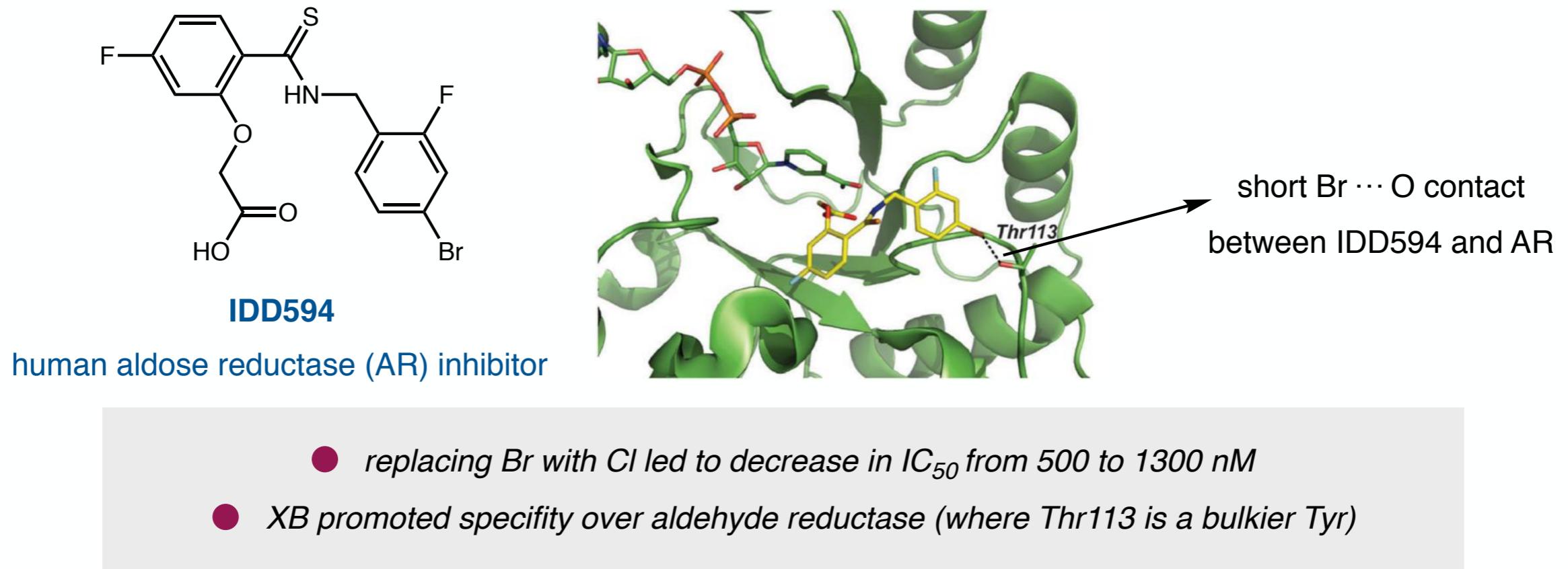
*Recognition of T3  
by human thyroid  
hormone receptor*



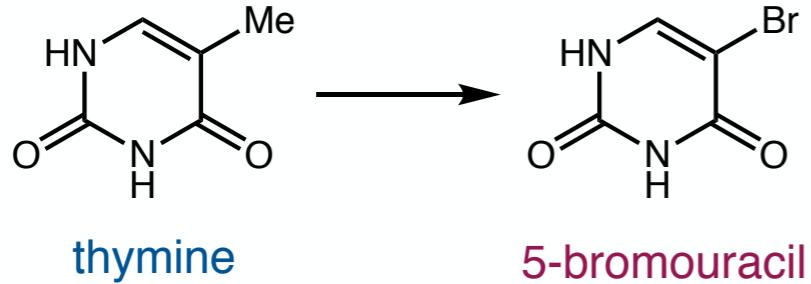
Wojtczak, A. et. al. *Acta Crystallogr., Sect. D: Biol. Crystallogr.* **2001**, 57, 1061.

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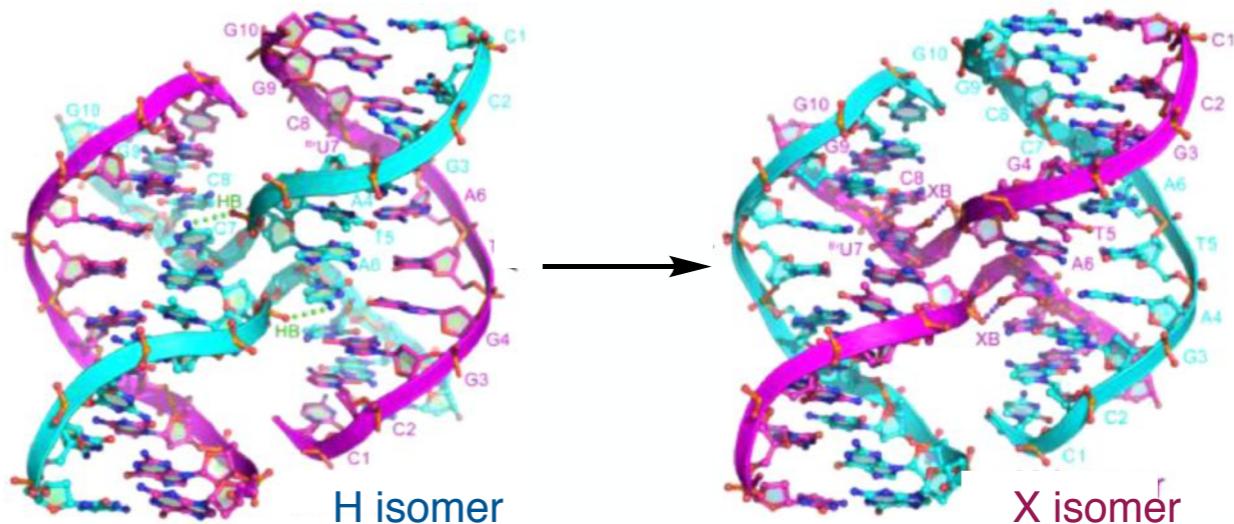
## Early Examples of XB in Biological Systems



### DNA Holliday Junction: HB vs. XB



**XB is 5 kcal/mol stronger!**



Howard, E. I., et. al. *Proteins: Struct., Funct., Genet.* 2004, 55, 792.

Hays, F. A.; Vargason, J. M.; Ho, P. S. *Biochemistry*, 2003, 42, 9586.

# *Halogen and Hydrogen Bonds in Biological Settings*

## **H–Bond and X–Bond Acceptors**

### **Proteins**

peptide bond (O/N/π)

side chains (O/O<sup>−</sup>,N/S/π)

solvent (O)

### **Nucleic Acids**

base (O)

phosphoribose (O/O<sup>−</sup>)

solvent (O)

### **Ligands**

(O/N/S)

X (F, Cl, Br, I)

H– and X– bond donors include biomolecules as well as synthetic molecules (e.g., pharmaceuticals)

*chemical complexity of biological systems leads to diverse set of interactions (less geometrically/structurally defined)*

Identifying XB in biological settings



**Protein Data Bank (PDB)**

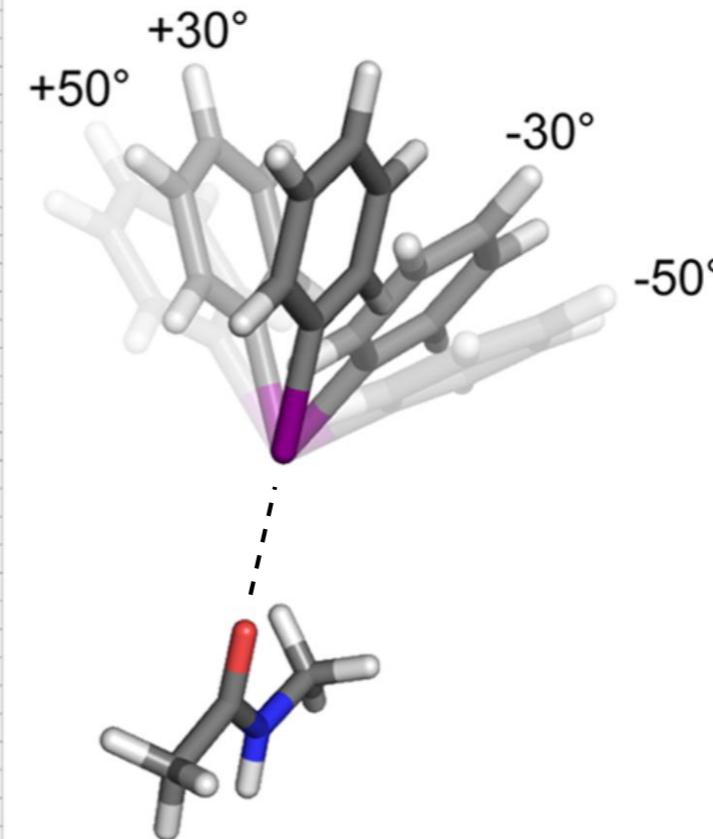
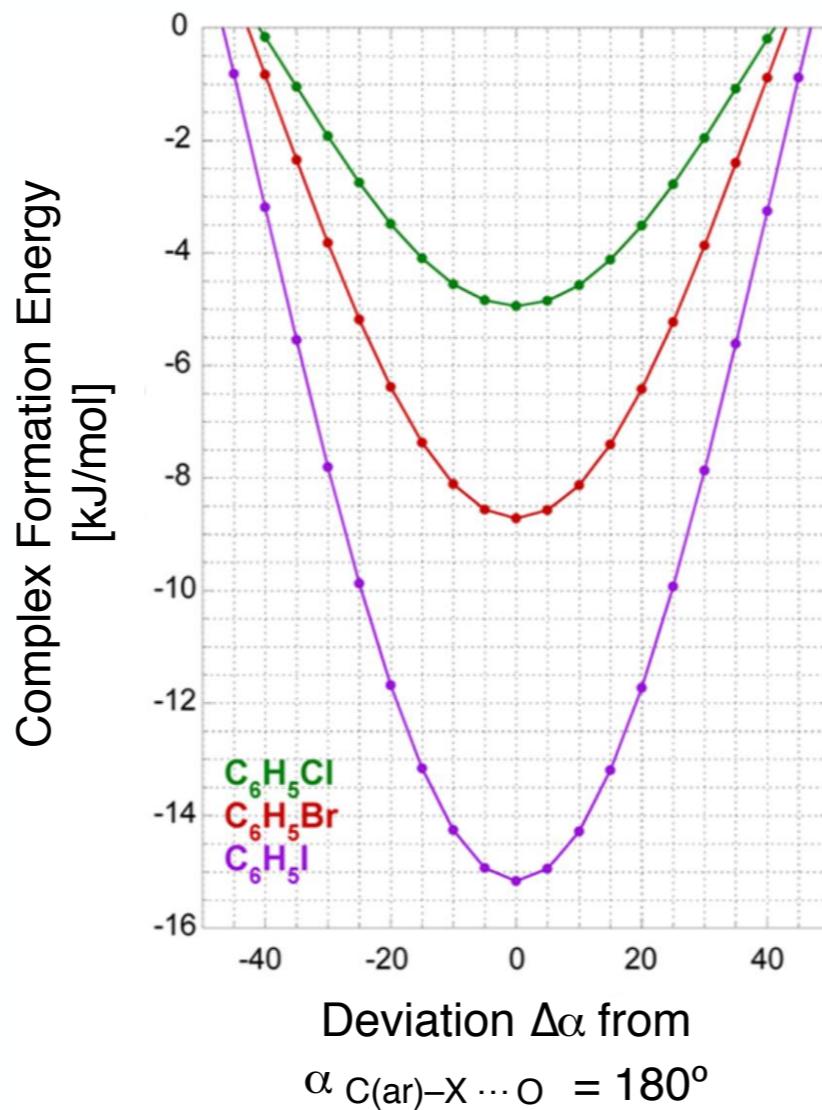
- X–LB distance ≤ sum of van der Waal radii
- angle of approach > 120°

**> 700 halogen–protein interactions found**

Scholfield, M. R., et. al. *Protein Science*, 2013, 22, 139.

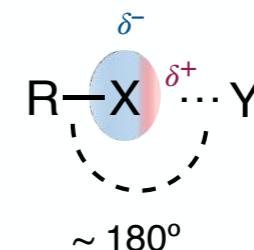
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# Halogen Bonding in the Protein Data Bank



*no significant attractive forces beyond  $40^\circ$  deviation*

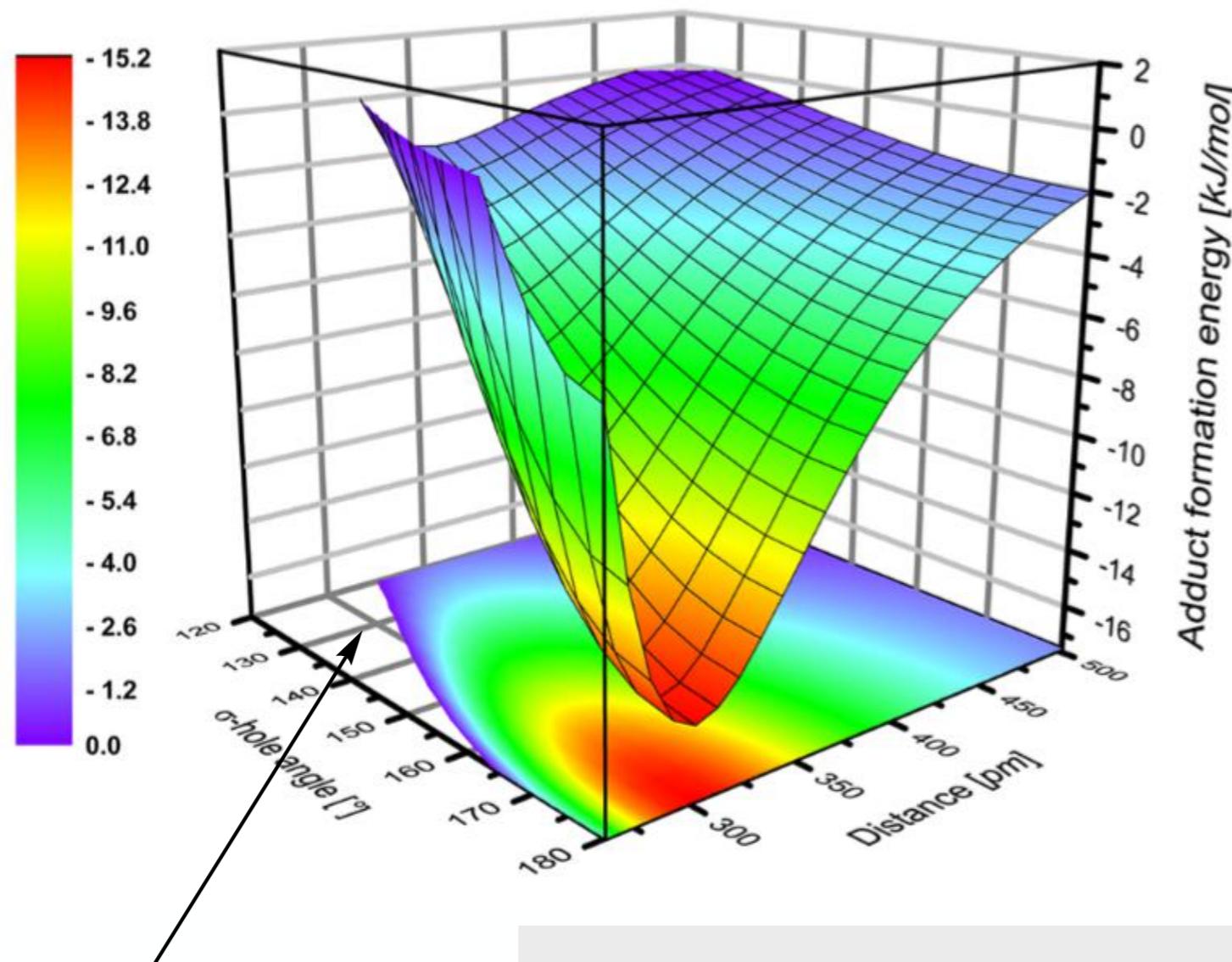
*larger deviations negatively impact I more than Br or Cl*



strongest XB at  $180^\circ$

# *Effects of Angle and Distance on the XB Strength*

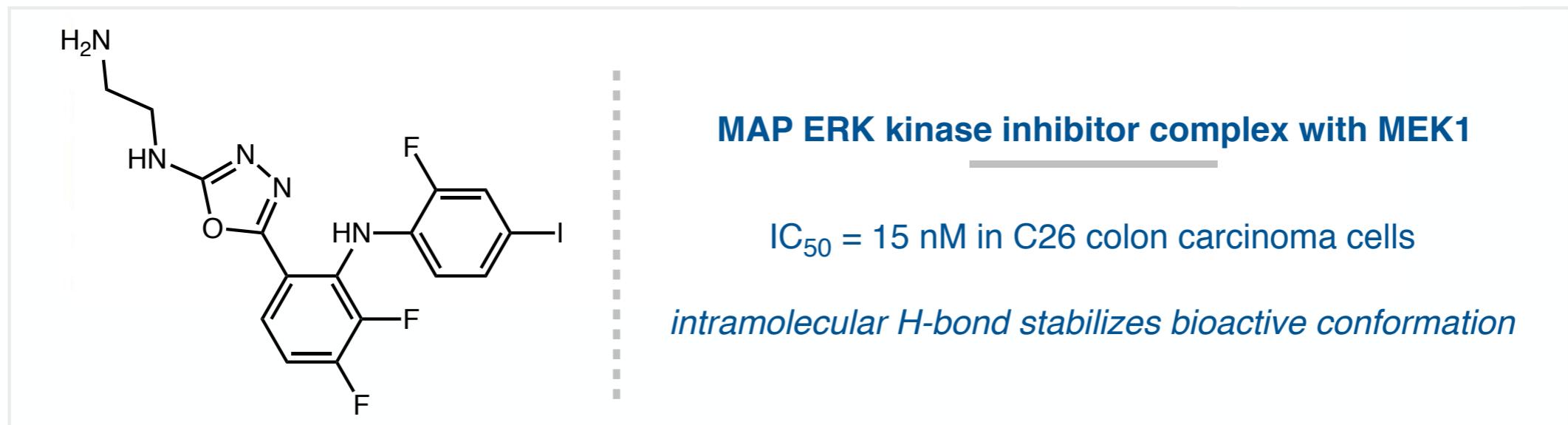
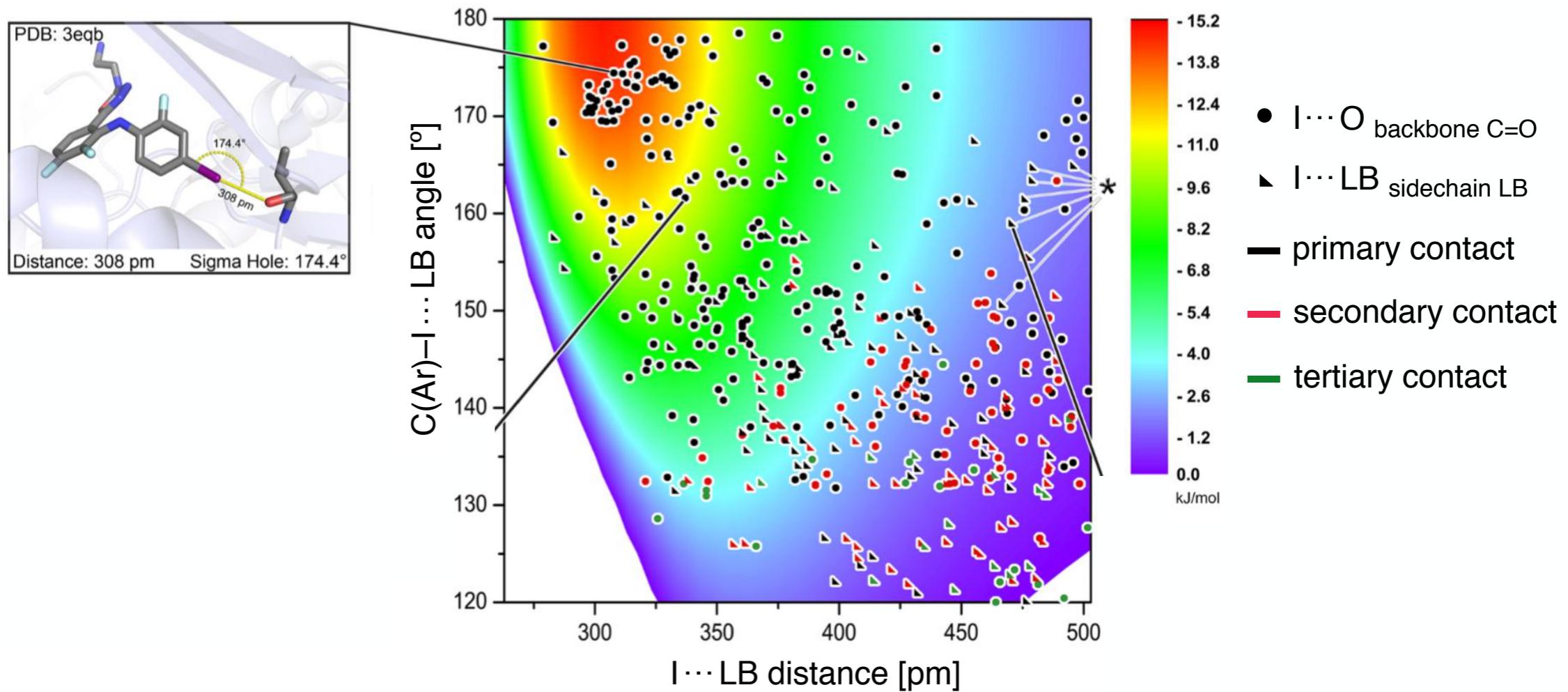
**trends for I···O contacts between Ar–I and backbone C=O**



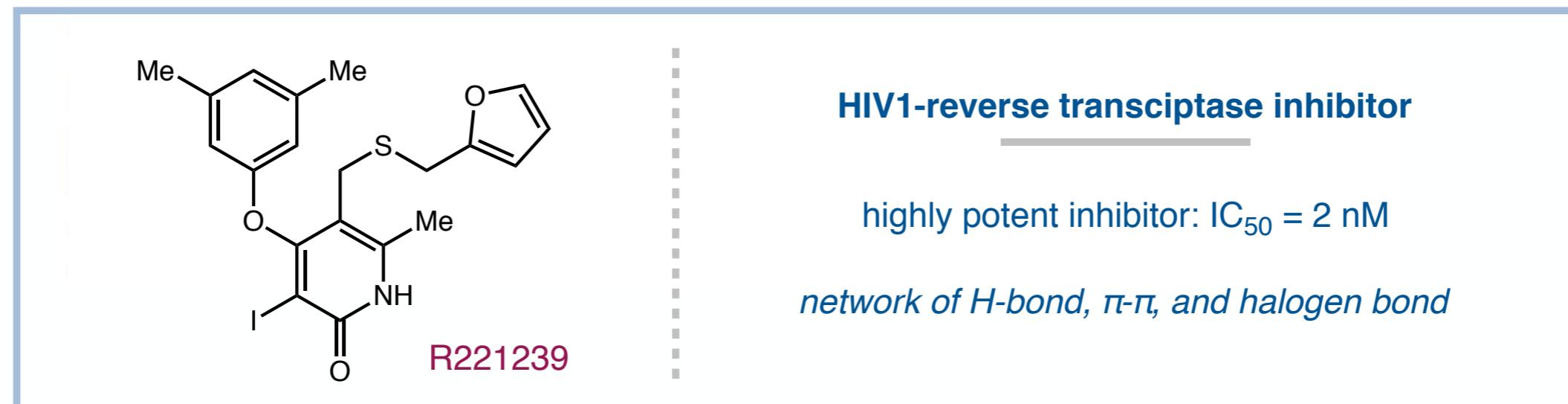
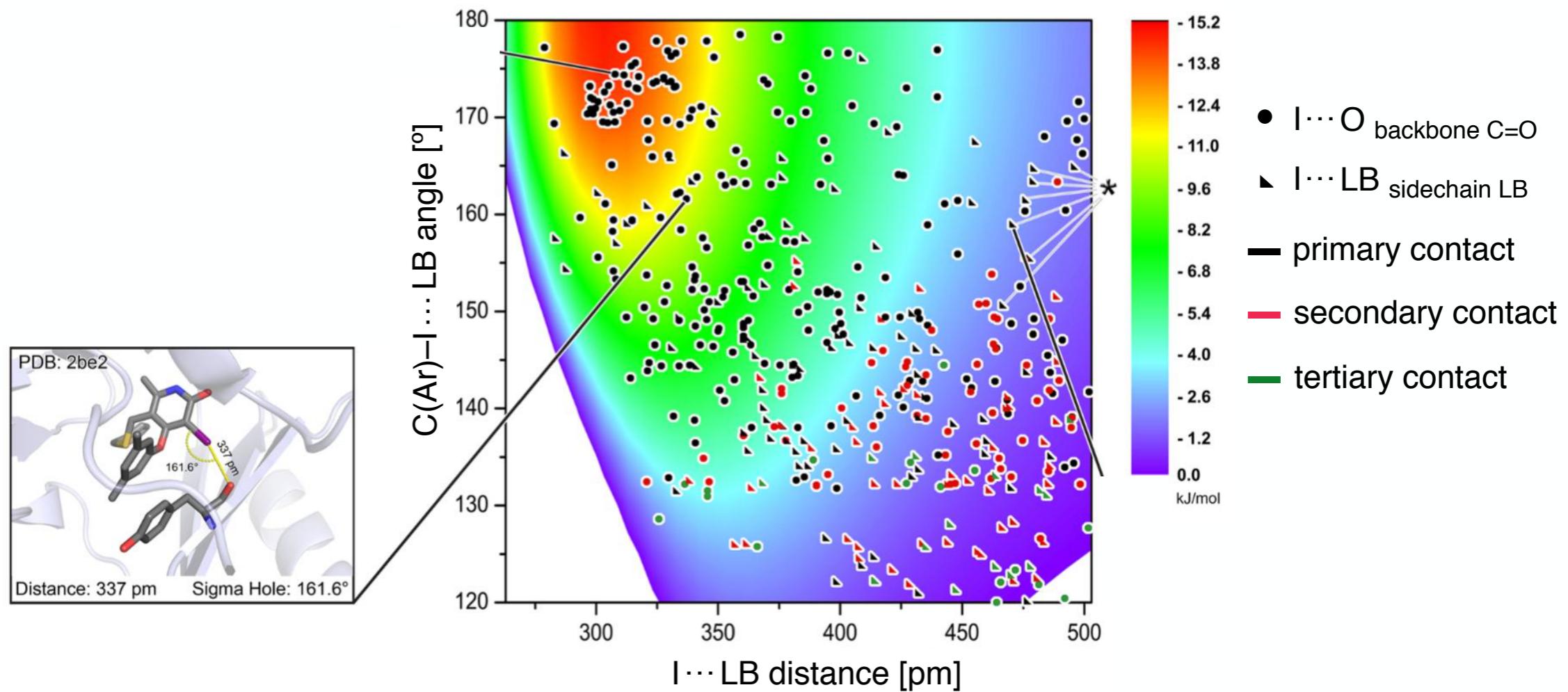
*white space indicates  
areas of repulsive interactions*

**plots to be used a rough guidelines  
scaffold, substitution pattern, polarization effects  
all may effect binding in the protein**

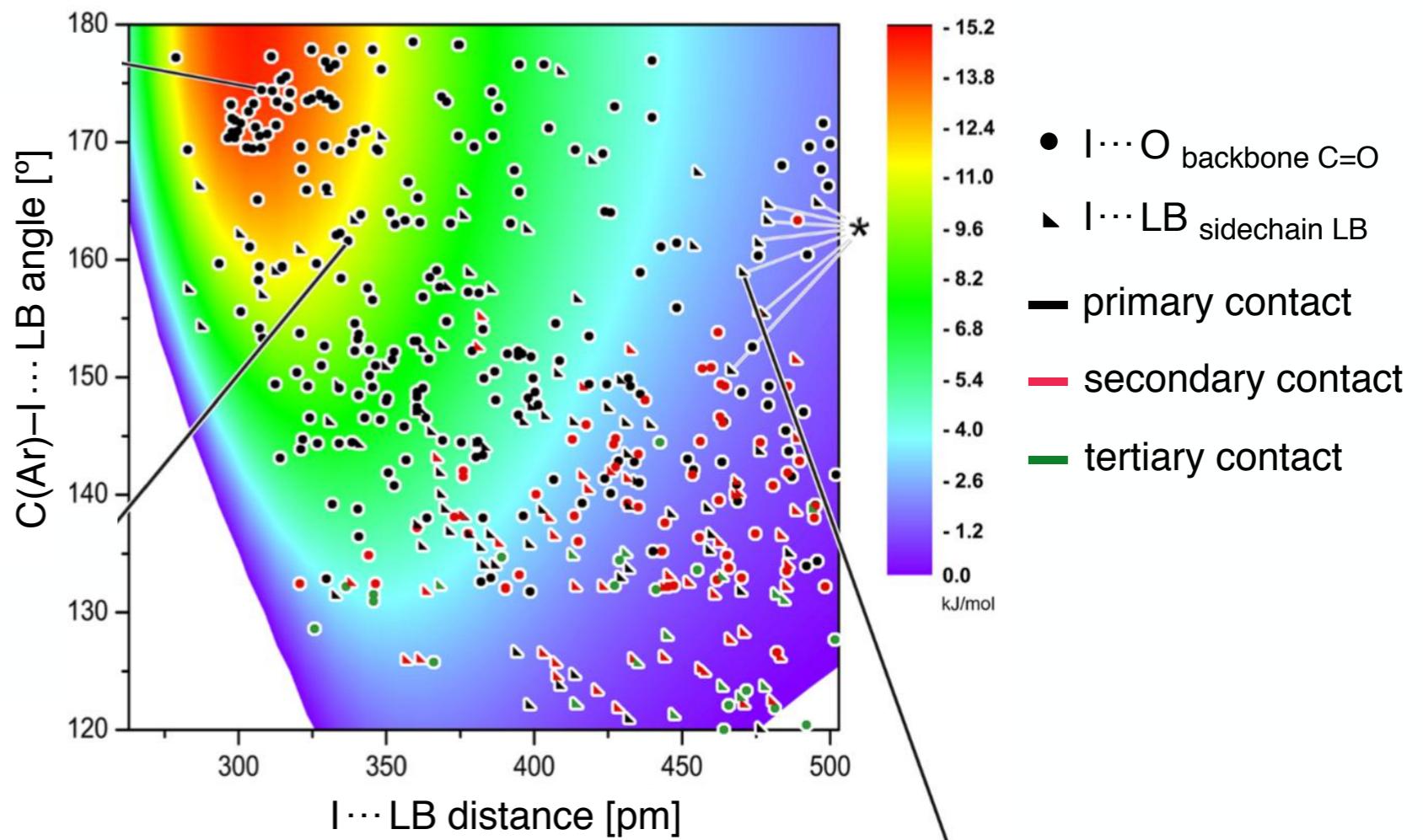
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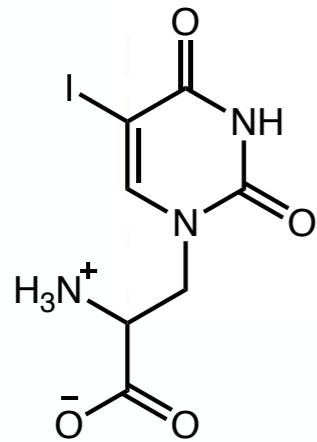
# A Closer Look at I–O Interactions in the PDB



# A Closer Look at Interactions with Iodine in the PDB

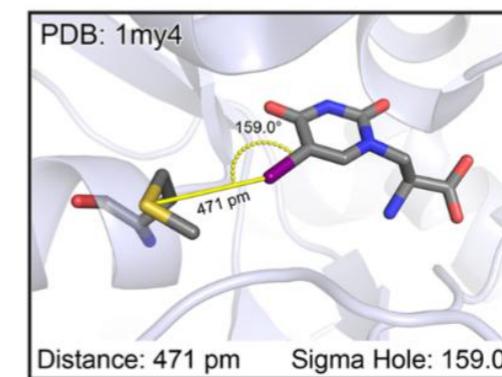


## finding false positive and redundancies

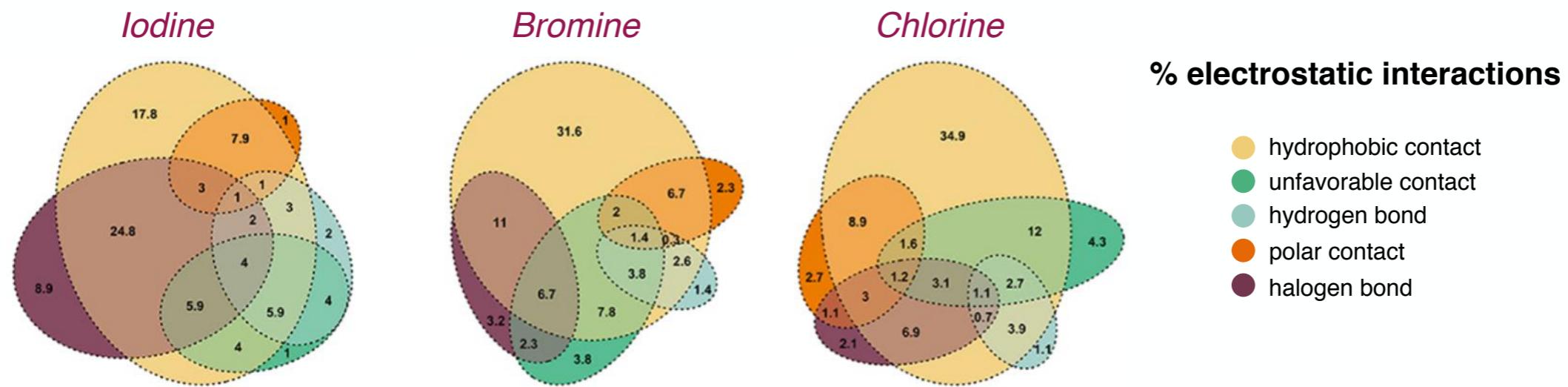
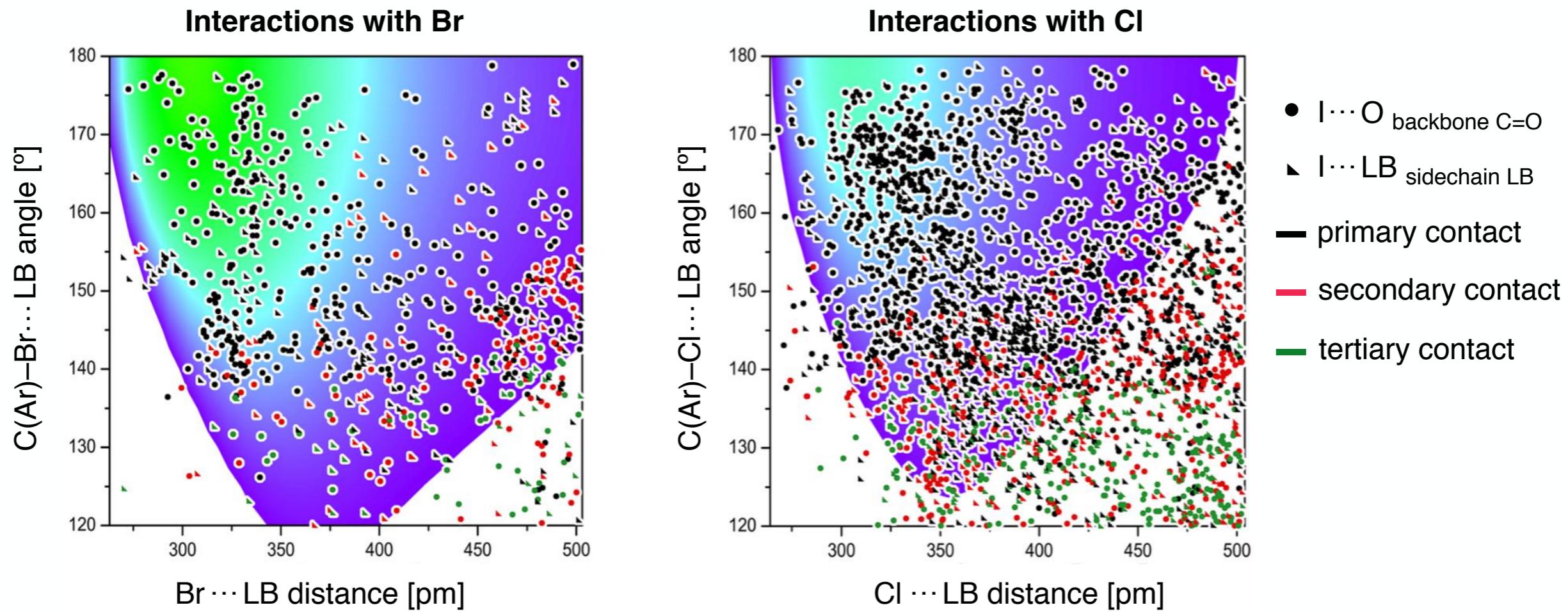


*ligand facing the shielded region of S  
not consistent with a true XB*

\* indicates multiple signals where  
methionine bound to identical ligand



# Interactions with Br and Cl in the PDB

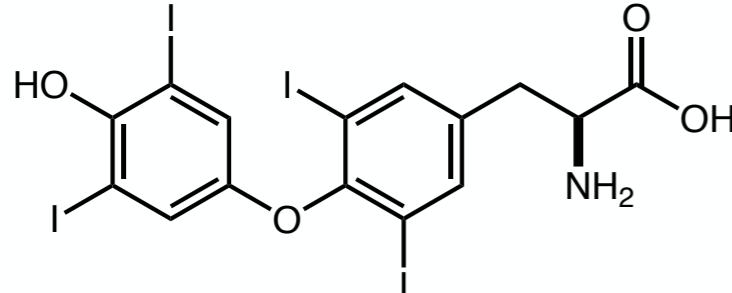


Shinada, N. K.; de Brevern, A. G.; Schmidtke, P. *J. Med. Chem.* **2019**, Just Accepted

Wilcken, R.; Zimmermann, M. O.; Lange, A.; Joerger, A.C.; Boeckler, F. M. *J. Med. Chem.* **2013**, *56*, 1363.

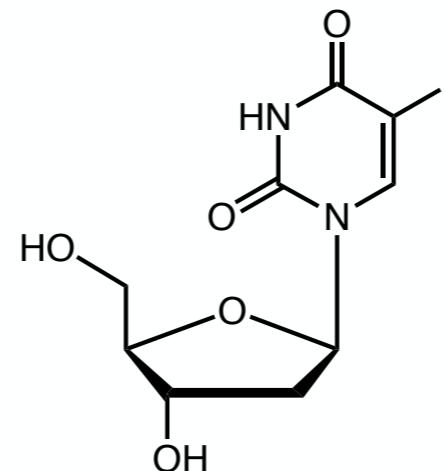
## *Approved Drugs Containing Iodine and Bromine*

**launched drugs containing iodine: ~ 1%**



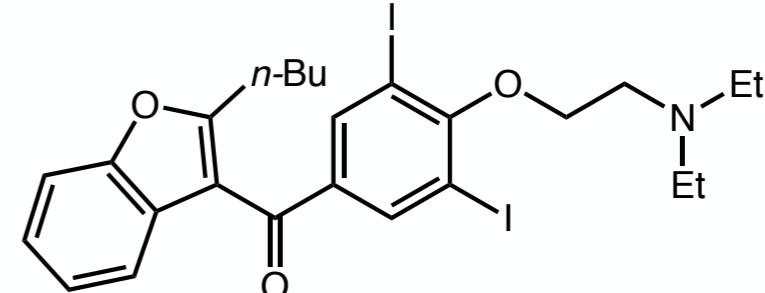
**Levothyroxine**

*thyroid hormone deficiency*



**Idoxuridine**

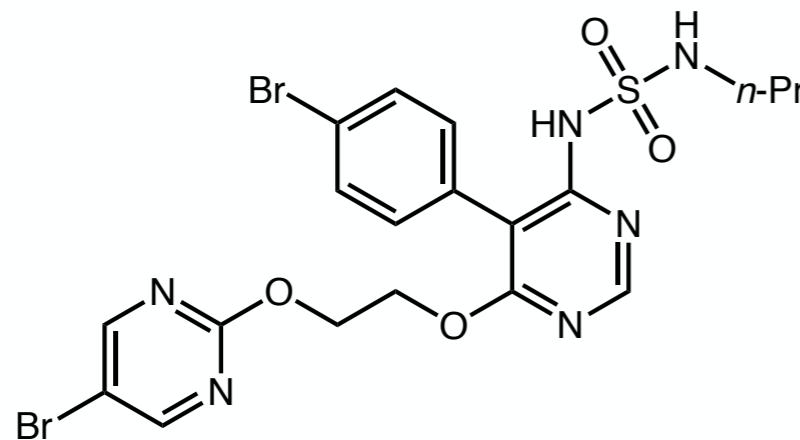
*anti-herpesvirus antiviral*



**Amiodarone**

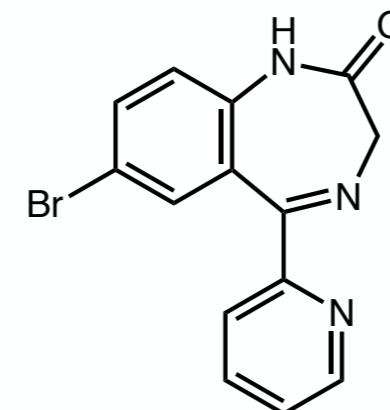
*antiarrhythmic medication*

**launched drugs containing bromine: ~ 1.5%**



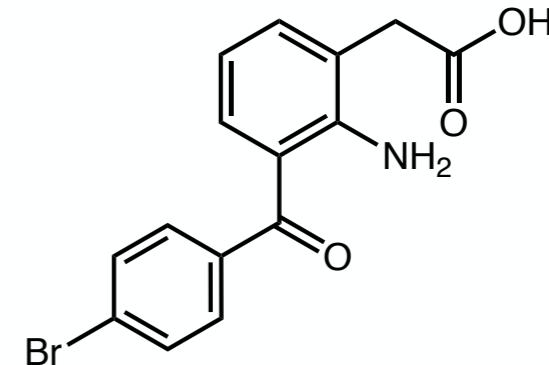
**Macitentan**

*pulmonary arterial hypertension*



**Bromazepam**

*anti-anxiety agent*

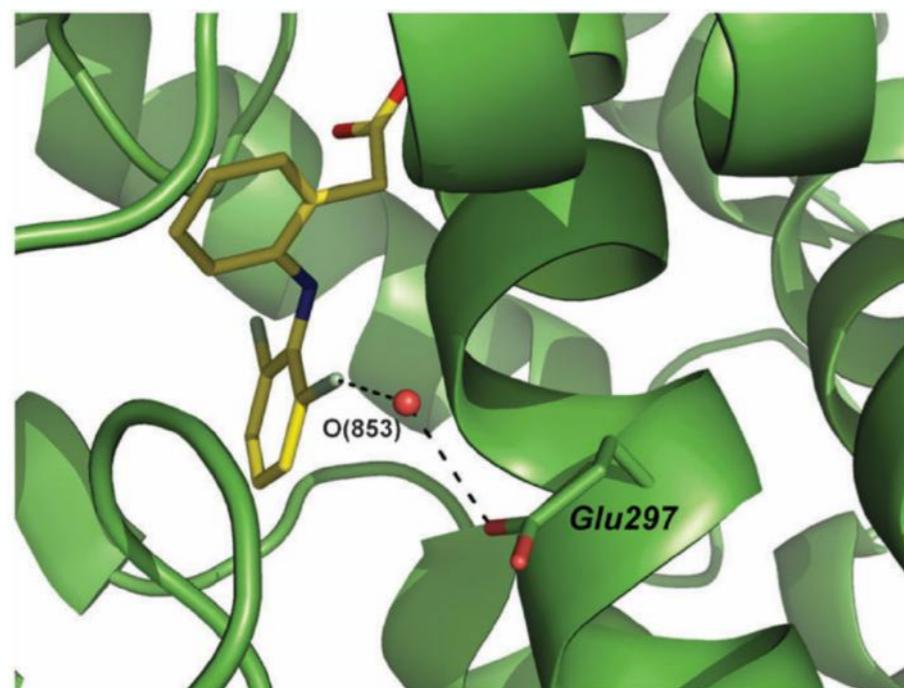
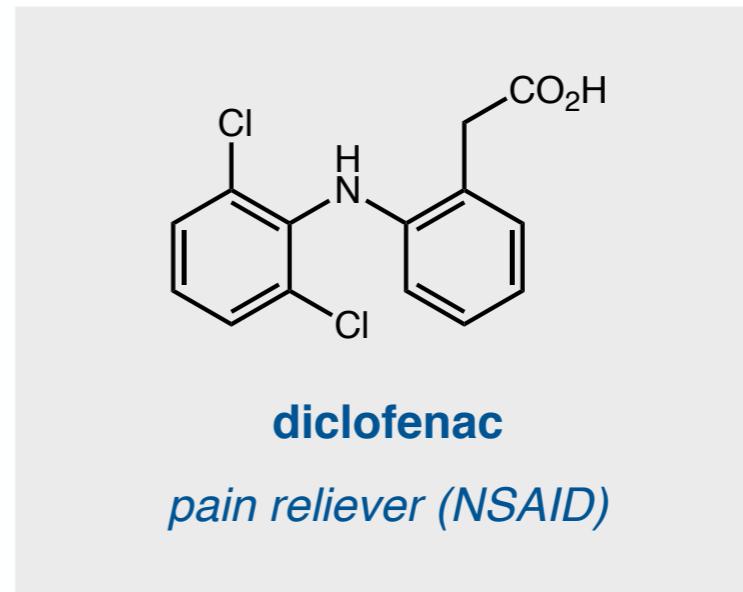
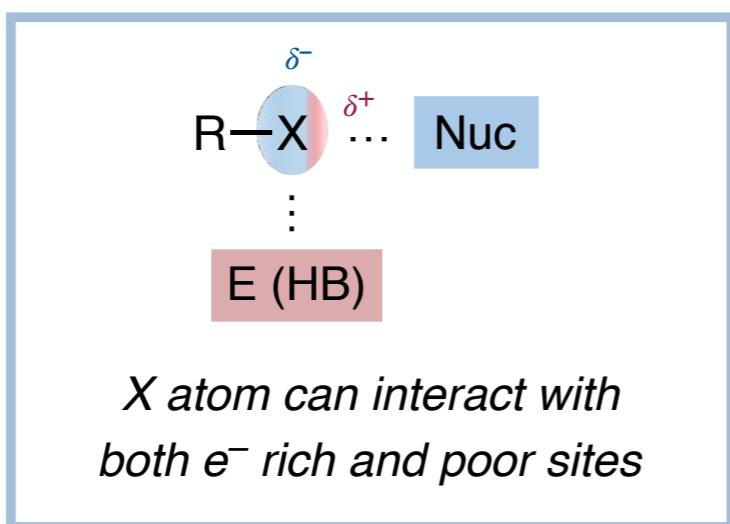


**Bromfenac**

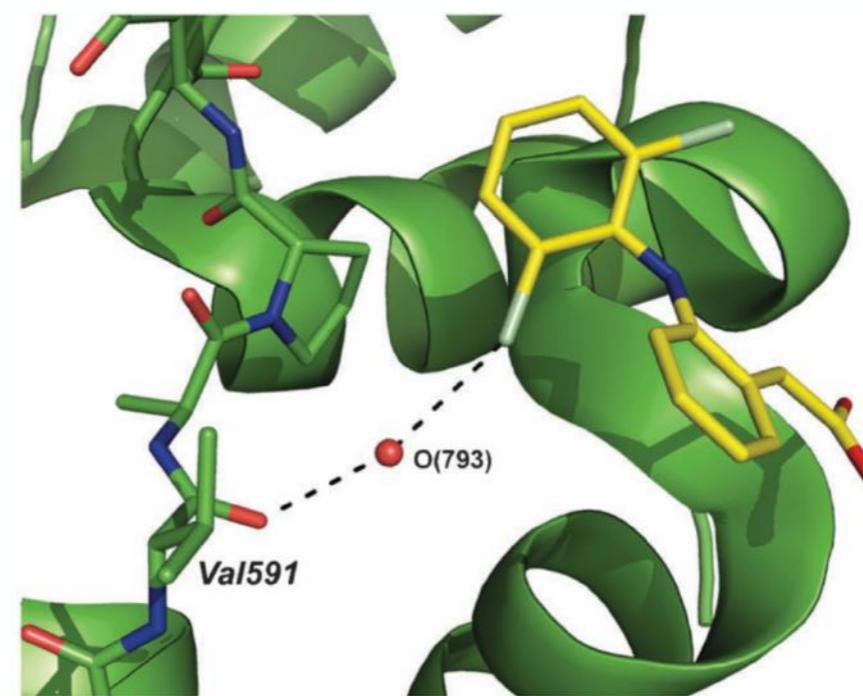
*NSAID*

*~15% of drugs contain at least one chlorine atom*

## Halogen-Water-Hydrogen Bridges



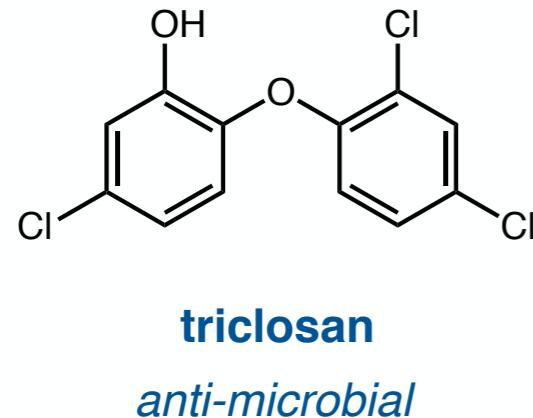
$H_2O$  for simultaneous XB with diclofenac and HB with cytochrome P<sub>450</sub> complex



$H_2O$  for simultaneous XB with diclofenac and HB with lactoferrin

*XWH bridges difficult to exploit in rational design, but importance of XB in stabilizing conformations*

# Halogen Bonding and Triclosan



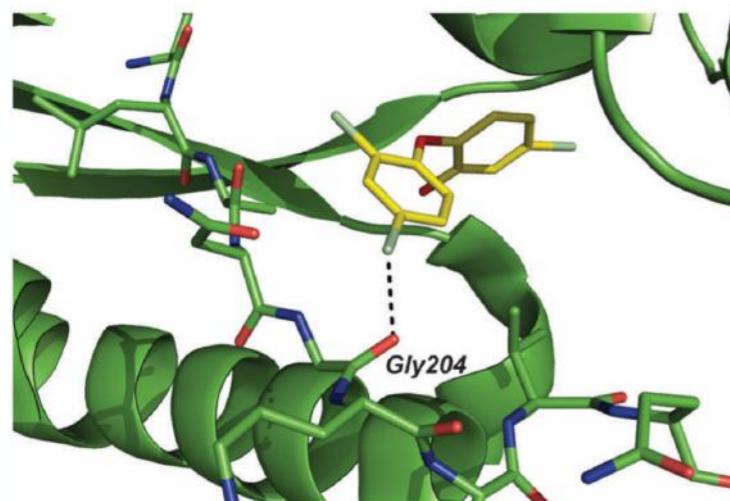
FDA in 2017 banned triclosan from “consumer antiseptic washes”

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## triclosan interactions with enoyl-acyl protein reductase (ENR)

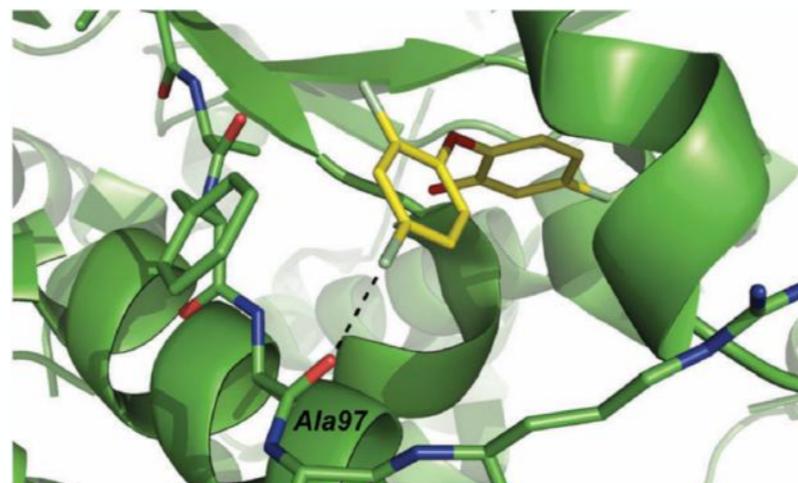
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XB with C=O of Glyc204  
of ENR from *Plasmodium berghei*



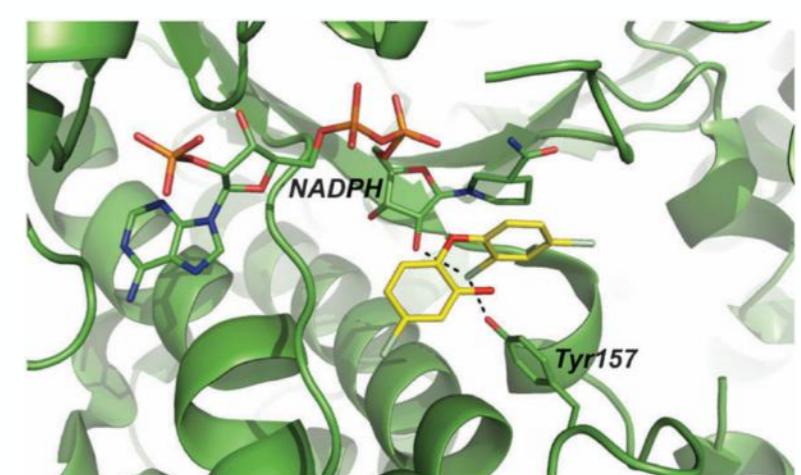
XB is 3.25 Å and 162.4°

XB with C=O of Ala97  
of ENR from *Bacillus anthracis*



XB is 3.08 Å and 166.2°

with ENR from *Staphylococcus aureus*  
with NADPH and triclosan



2 simultaneous H-bond at 90°

**Can exploitation of halogen bonds be used in rational drug design?**

# *Current Challenges for Rational Design of XB*

## **Halogens in Pharmaceuticals**

Many halogens have been installed in drugs through trial and error, rather than by design

- increase membrane permeability
- fill spaces in binding pockets

**computational modelling  
to exploit XB?**



**Goal: high-throughput virtual screening**

**density functional theory (DFT)**

*inadequate description of dispersion forces*

**semi-empirical methods:**

*often fail to accurately predict XB*

**force field approach (e.g., docking)**

*fail to capture anisotropic nature of XB*

**high-level QM calculations**

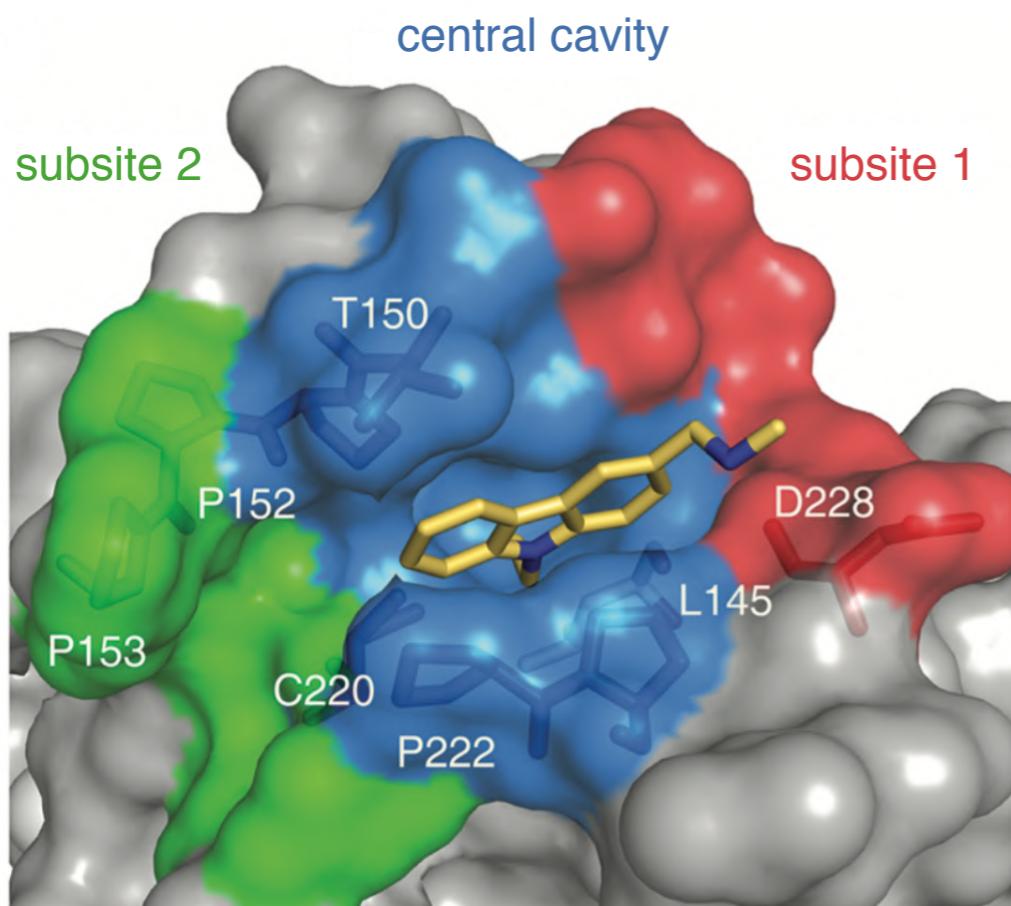
*accurate, but computationally costly*

# Rational Design in Drug Discovery

***p53 is inactivated in many cancers (mutation or pathway perturbation)***

~1/3 of mutations slightly lower melting temp. → protein unfolds at body temp.

**Goal:** bind molecules to protein to stabilize the folded state



**mutant Y220C**

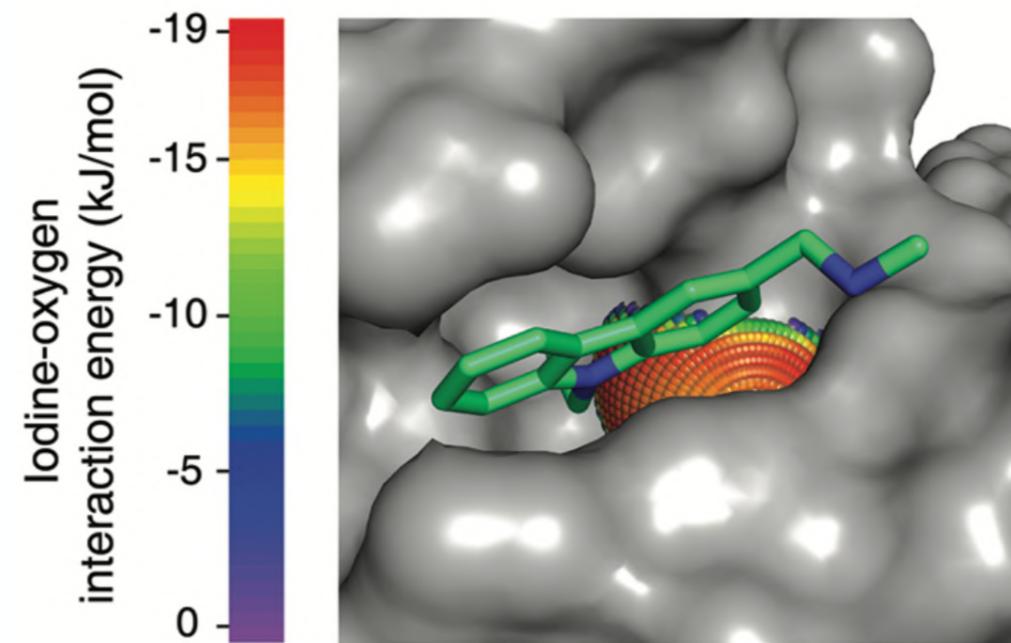
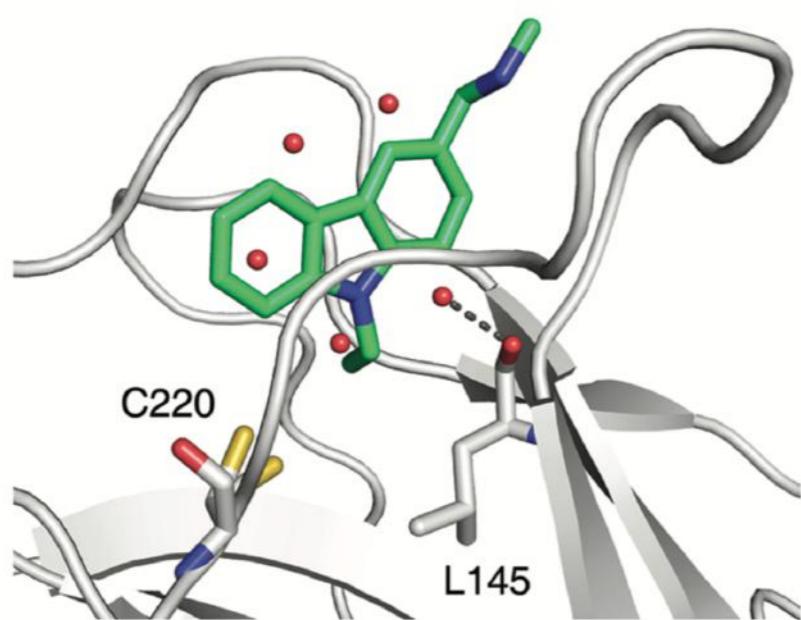
“cancer hotspot” (75,000 cases/yr)

**halogen enriched fragment library (HEFLibs)**

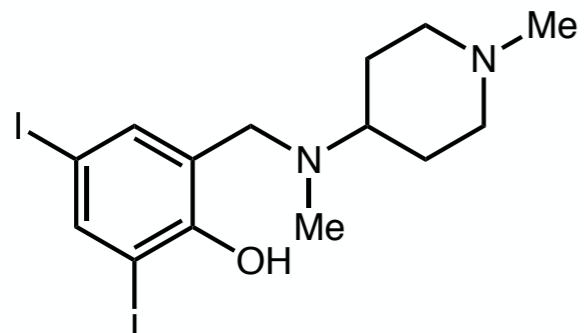
quantum chemical  
calculations

*exploit XB for lead discovery*

## Rational Design in Drug Discovery



*calculations suggest potential for strong I-O contact with L145*

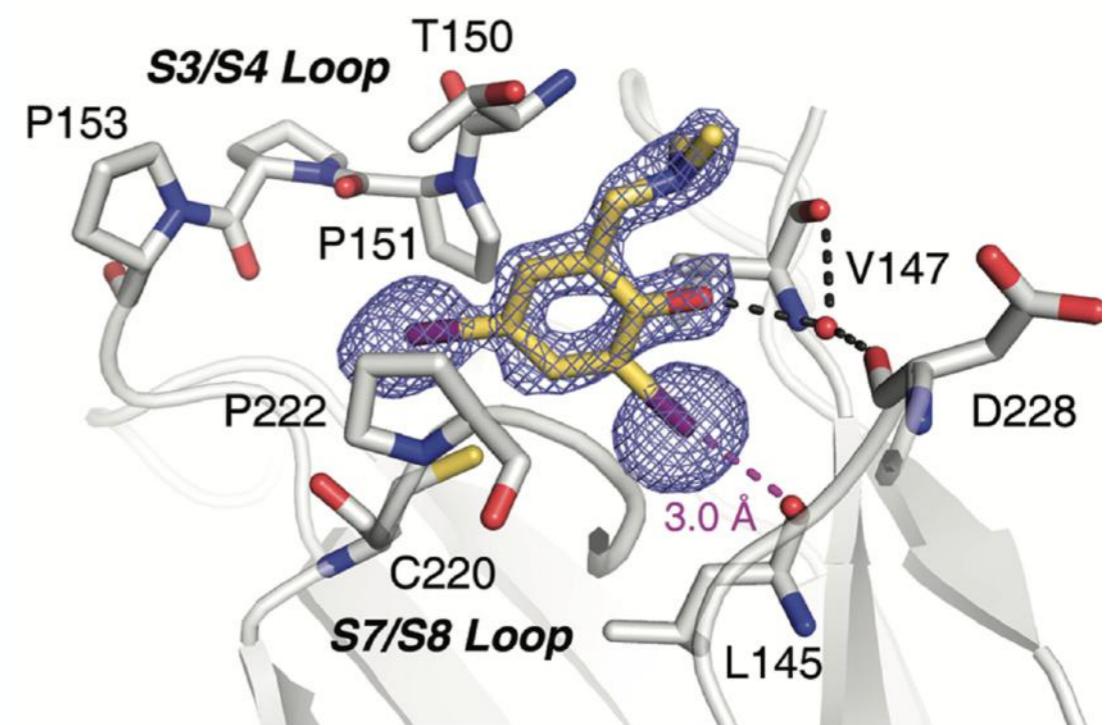


solve crystal structure  
of Y220C mutant bound complex

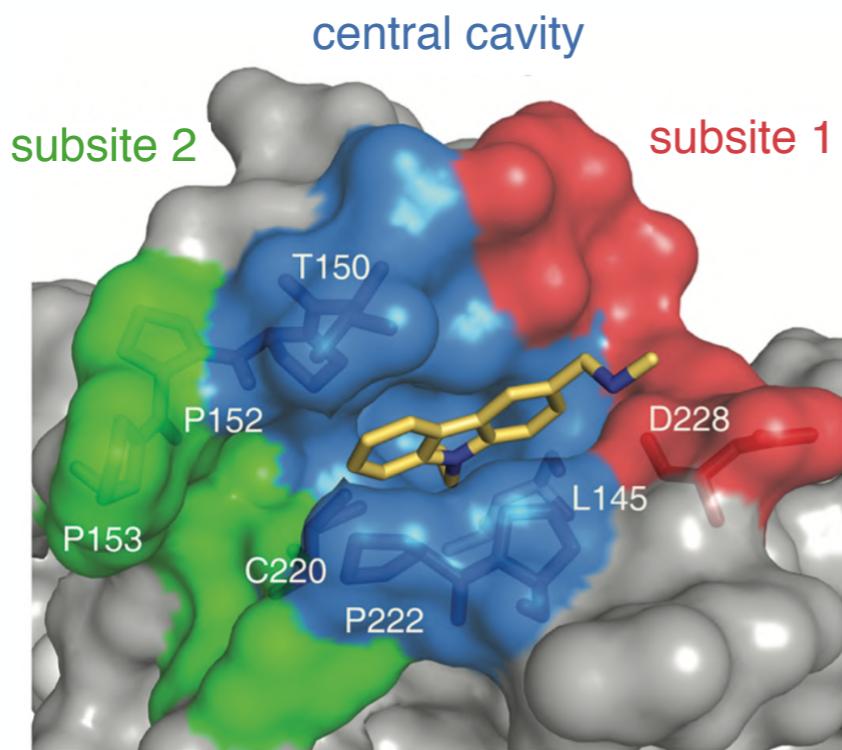
promising lead

via thermal shift assay and NMR

$K_D = 184 \mu\text{M}$



## Rational Design in Drug Discovery

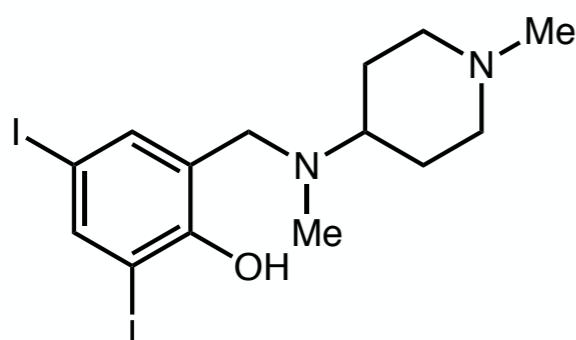


### Goals:

extend ligand into subsite 1 and 2

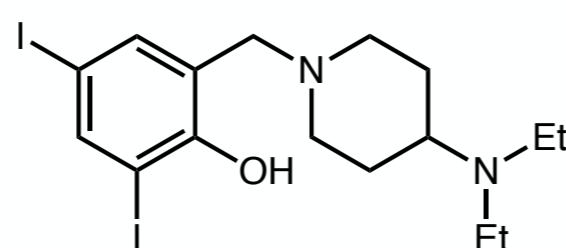
increase melting temperature

decrease  $K_D$



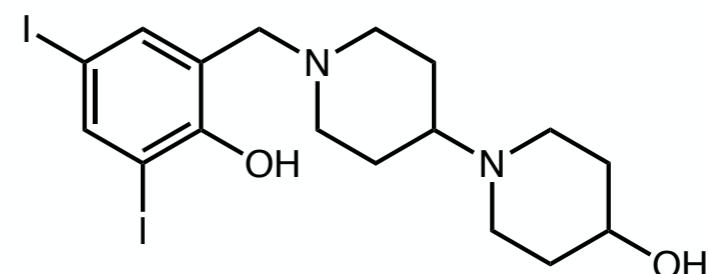
$K_D = 184 \mu\text{M}$

$\Delta T_m (\text{K}) = 0.55$



$K_D = 104 \mu\text{M}$

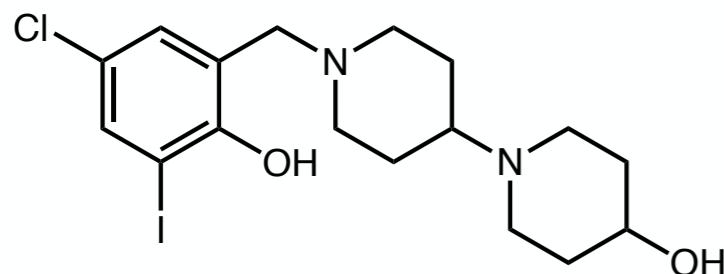
$\Delta T_m (\text{K}) = 0.97$



$K_D = 87 \mu\text{M}$

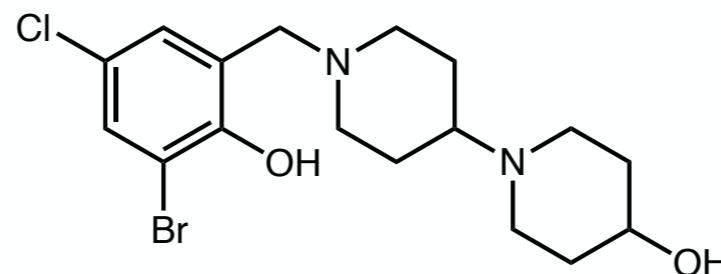
$\Delta T_m (\text{K}) = 1.10$

## Rational Design in Drug Discovery



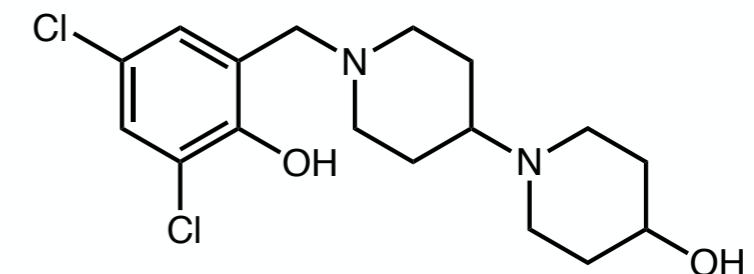
$K_D = 247 \mu\text{M}$

$\Delta T_m (\text{K}) = 0.31$



$K_D = 1040 \mu\text{M}$

$\Delta T_m (\text{K}) = 0.03$



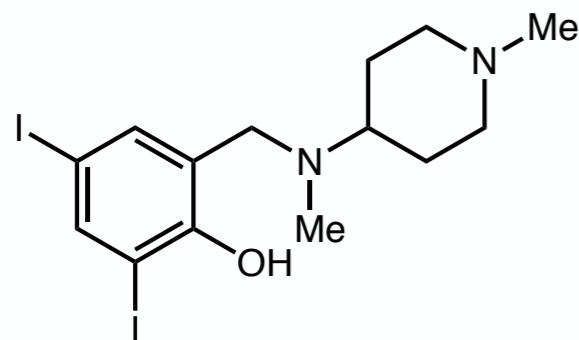
$K_D = 4900 \mu\text{M}$

$\Delta T_m (\text{K}) = -0.05$

*decreasing strength of halogen bond*

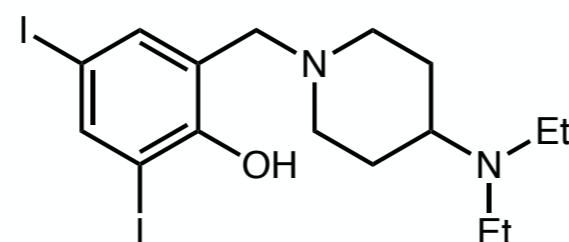


*up to 20-fold loss in binding affinity*



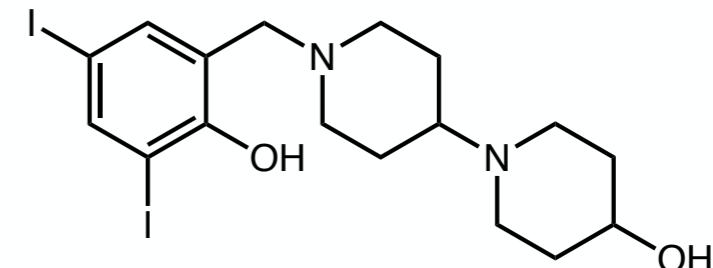
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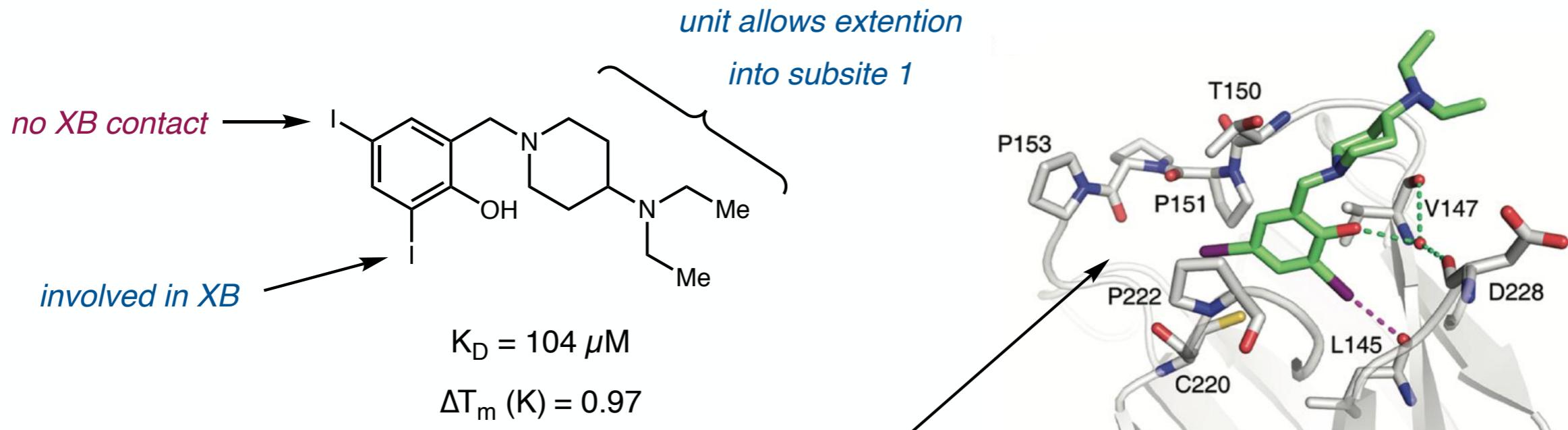
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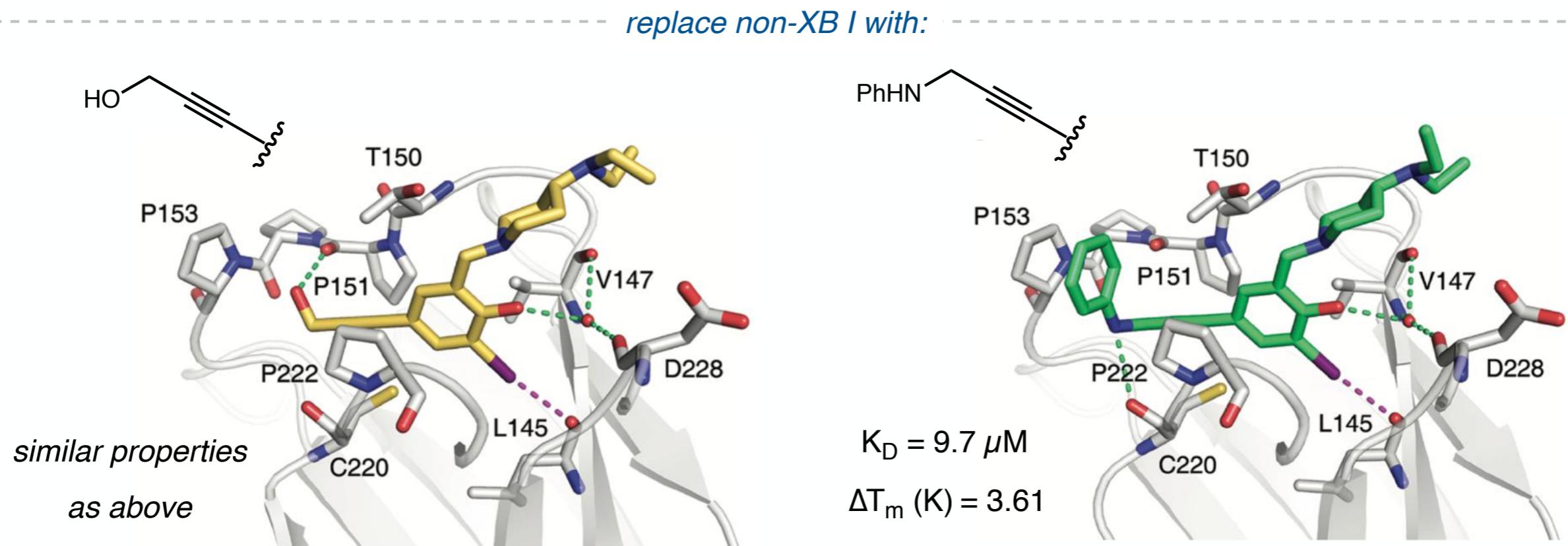
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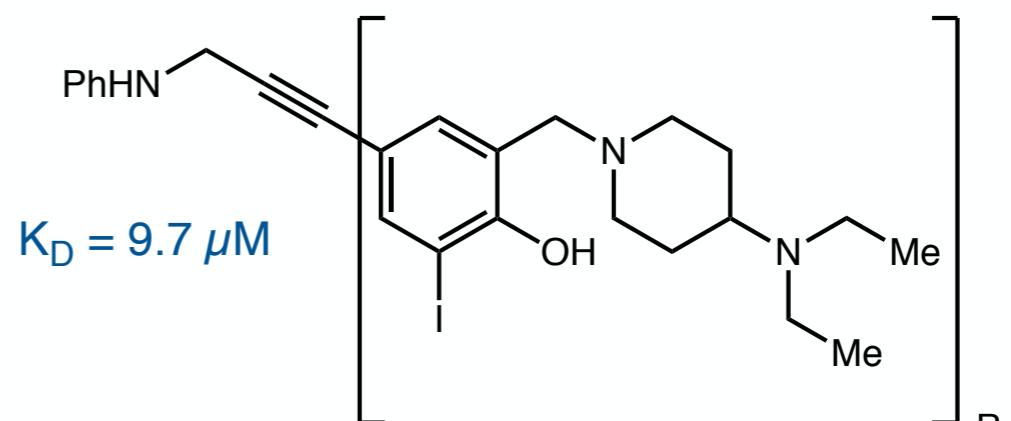
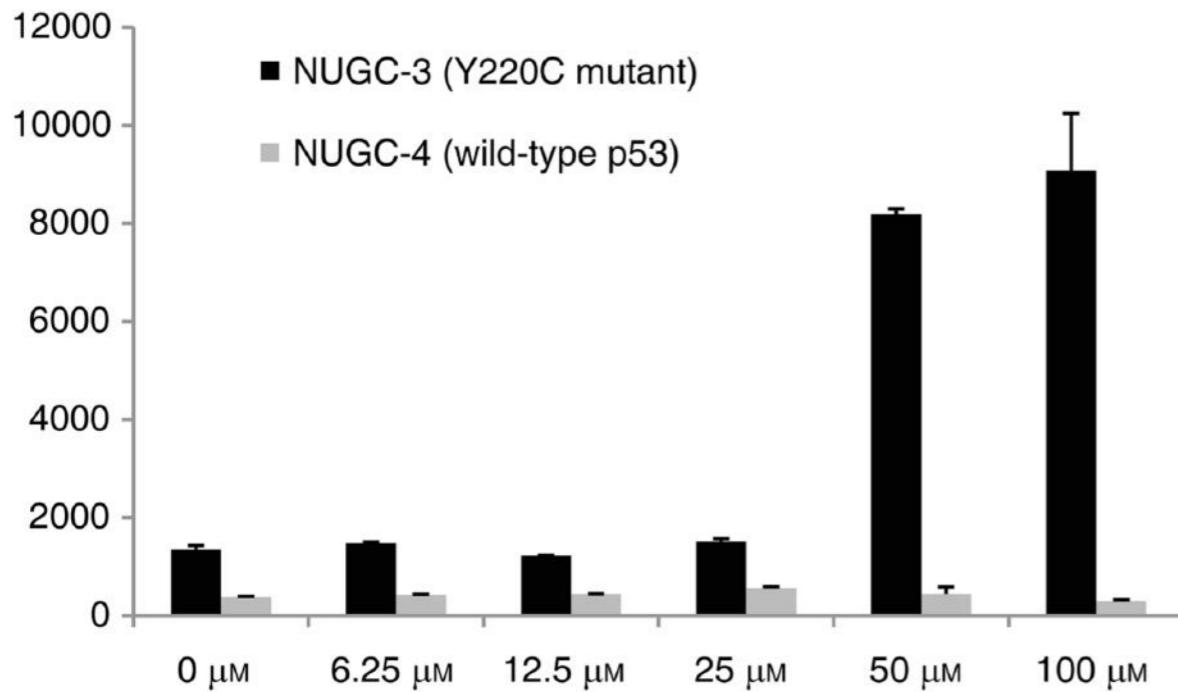
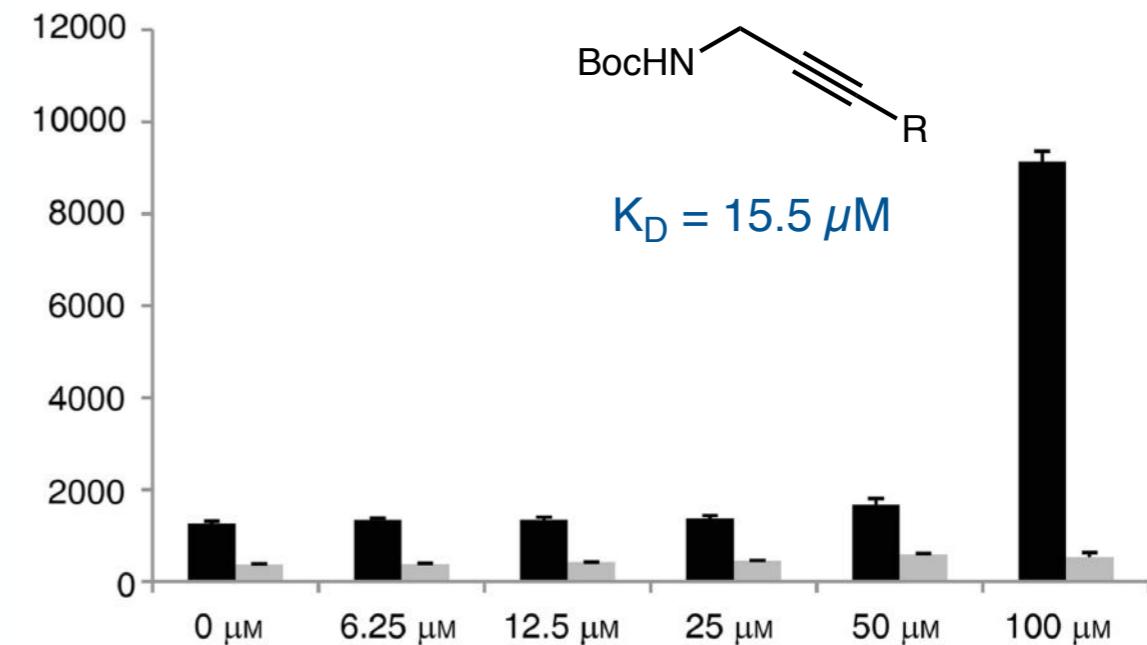
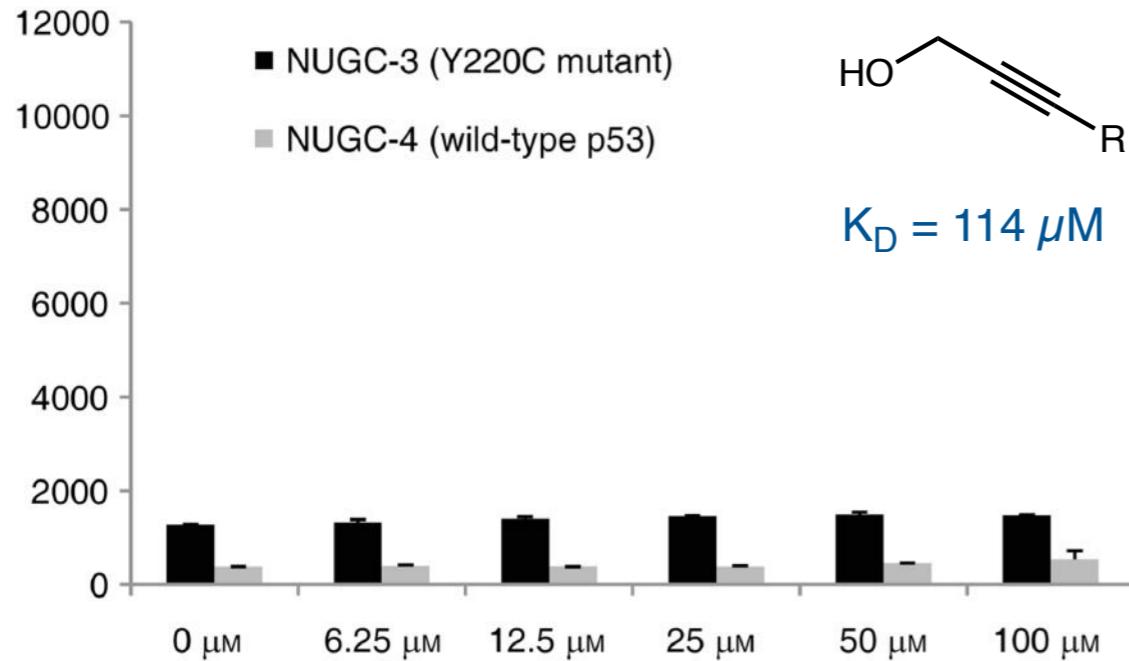


**extend into subsite 2 using I not involved in XB**



# Rational Design in Drug Discovery

testing the apoptotic effects in human gastric cancer cell lines NUGC-3



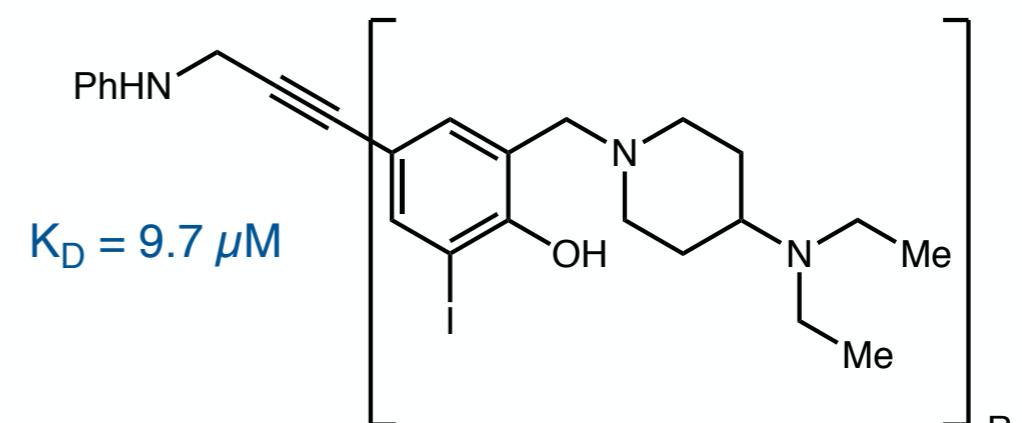
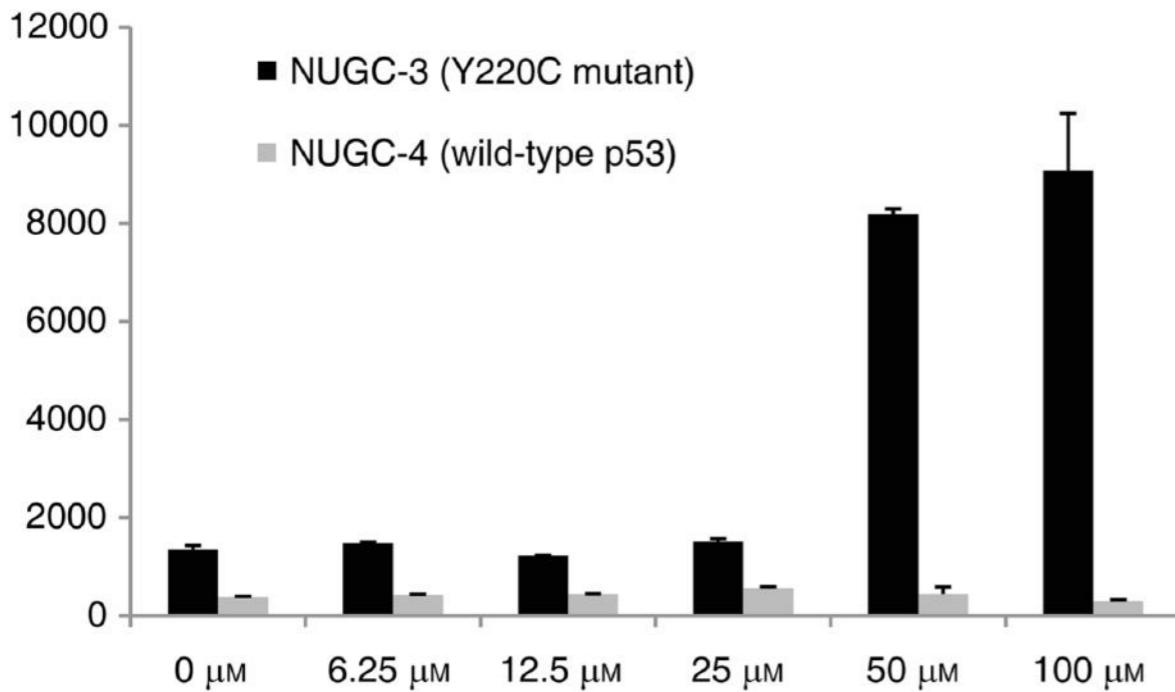
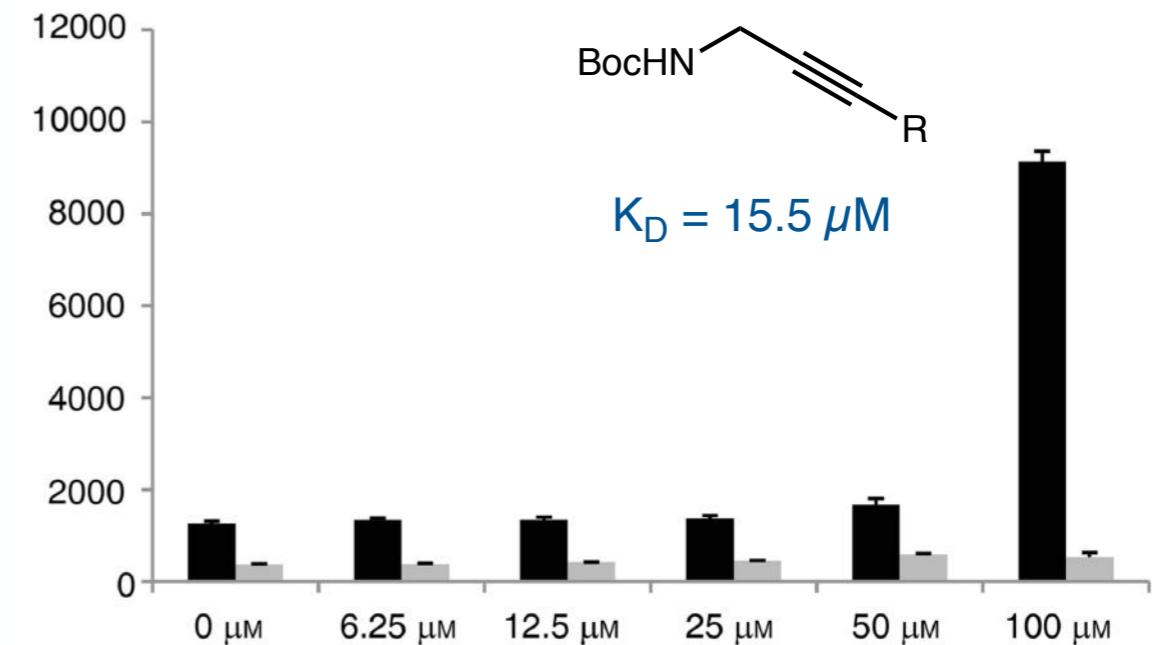
# Rational Design in Drug Discovery

testing the apoptotic effects in human gastric cancer cell lines NUGC-3

dose-dependent onset of apoptosis

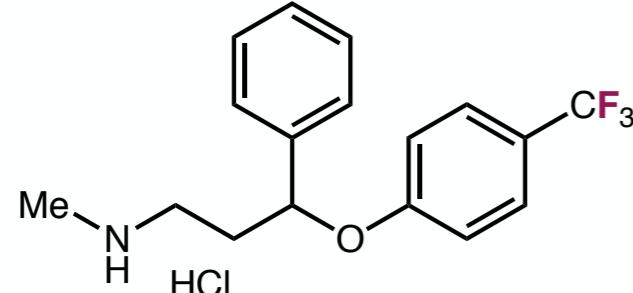
in more strongly bound cases

both molecules showed cytotoxic  
effects at 50 and 100  $\mu\text{M}$

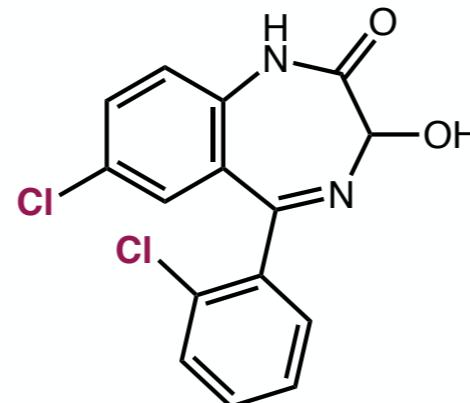


# *Halogenation of Drugs: Pros and Cons*

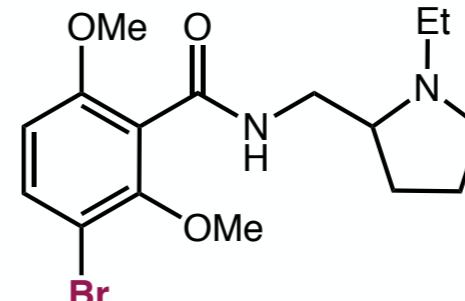
## prevalence of halogens in pharmaceuticals



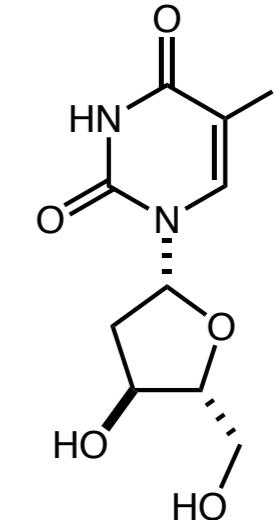
Prozac



Lorazepam



Remoxipride



Iodoxuridine

## *fewer drugs containing the heavier halogens*

### **Pros for halogen installation:**

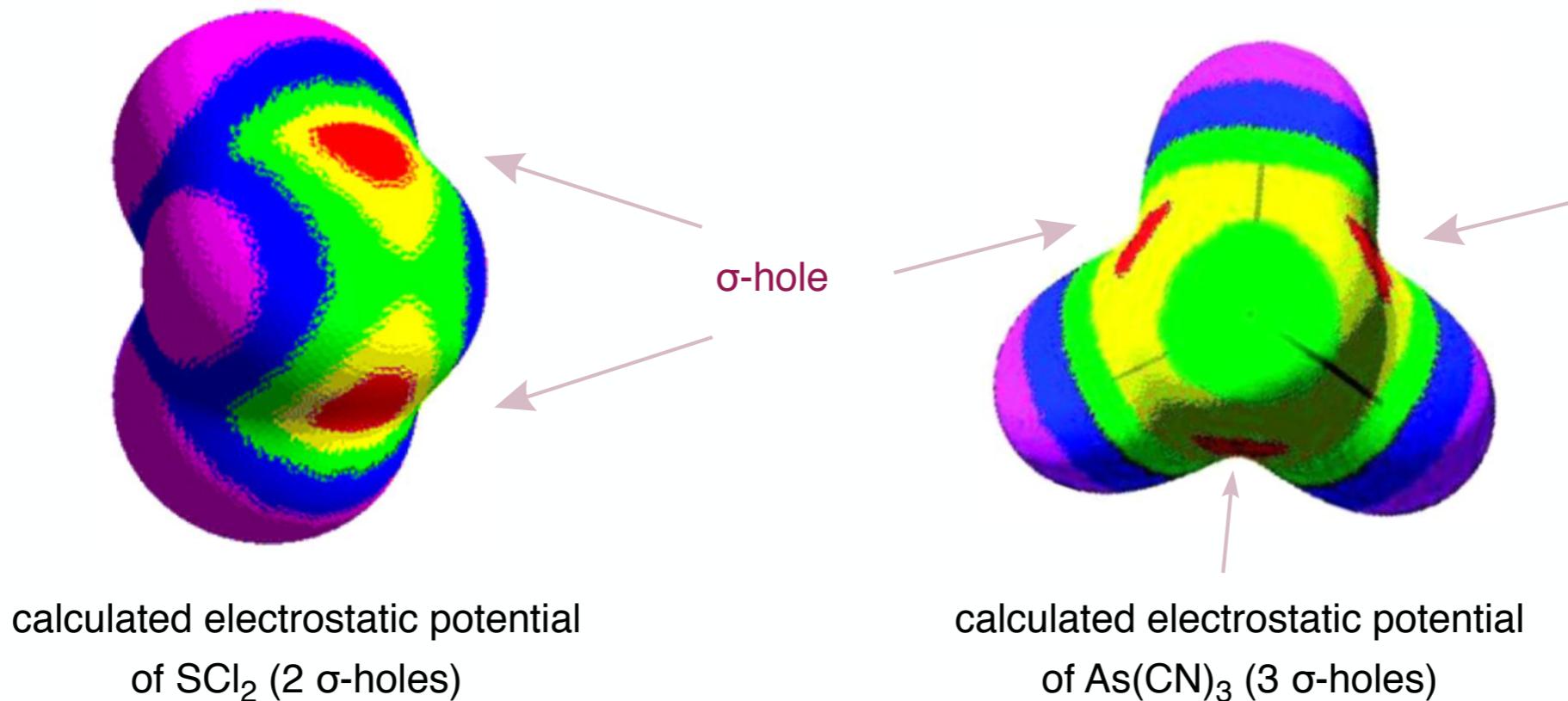
- improve selectivity and affinity (XB)
- increase ADME properties (F/Cl)
- increase metabolic stability (F/Cl)

### **Cons for halogen installation:**

- synthesis of drugs with Ar–Br/I
- addition of MW, lipophilicity with “heavy” atoms
- metabolic and toxicity issues (Ar-I)

## $\sigma$ -Hole Interactions Beyond the Halogens

$\sigma$ -hole interactions similarly found in chalcogen and pnicogen series



**similar trends for magnitude of the  $\sigma$ -hole as XB:**

- less electronegative
- more polarizable  $\longrightarrow$  larger  $\sigma$ -holes

*as with F, unlikely to see  $\sigma$ -holes on C, N, or O*

# *Halogen Bonding and Catalysis*

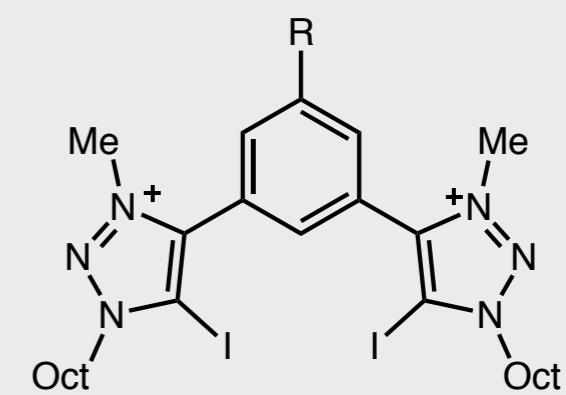
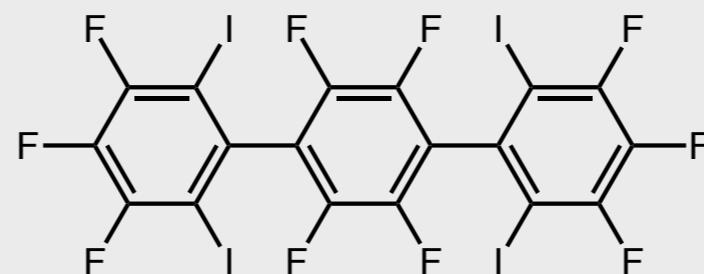
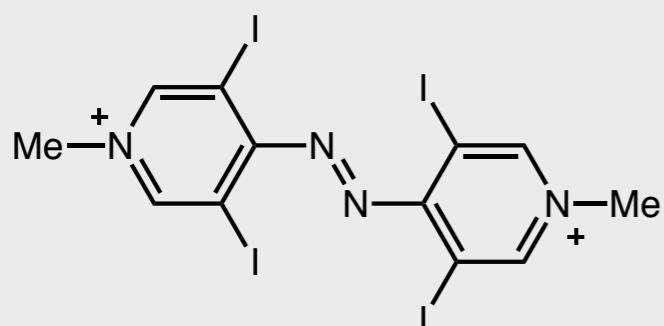
*“the lipophilic hydrogen bond”*



*substrate activation*

*halide binding*

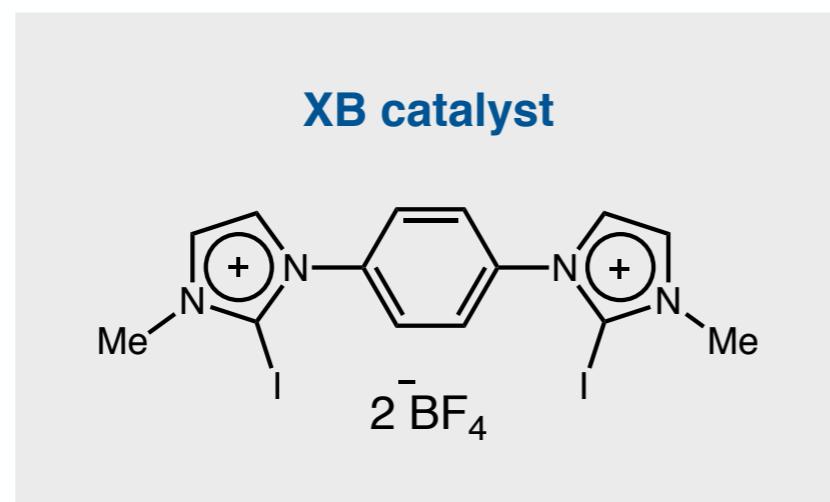
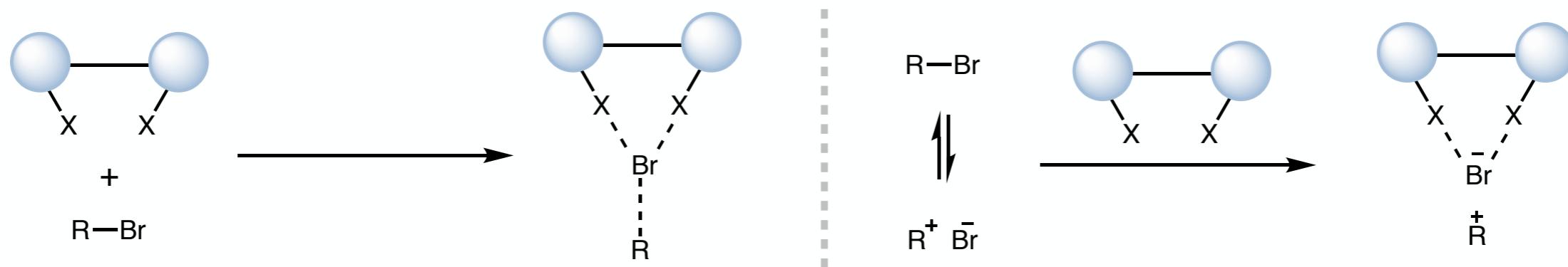
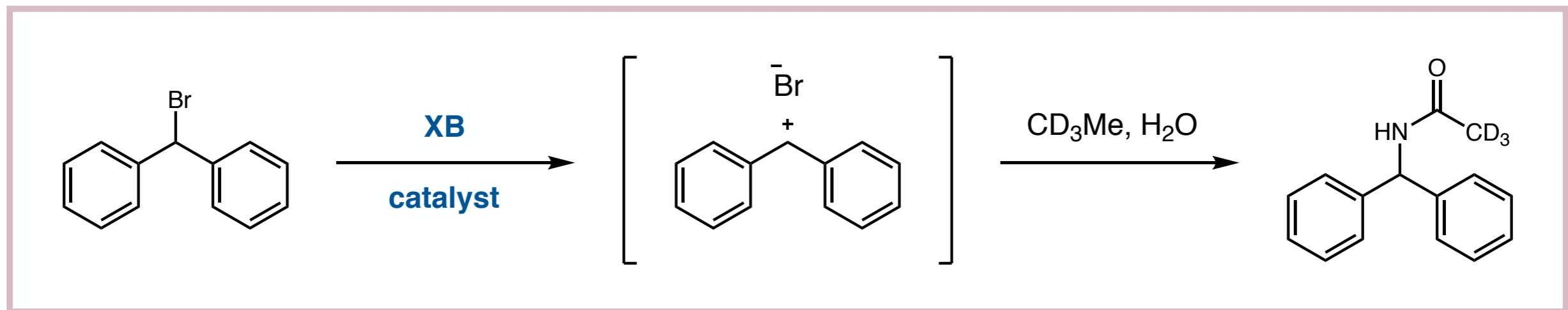
*examples of bidentate XB donor catalysts*



*Chem. Eur. J.* **2016**, *22*, 14434.

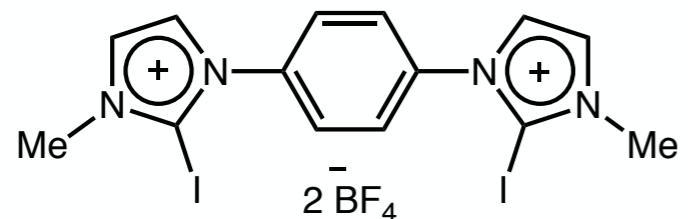
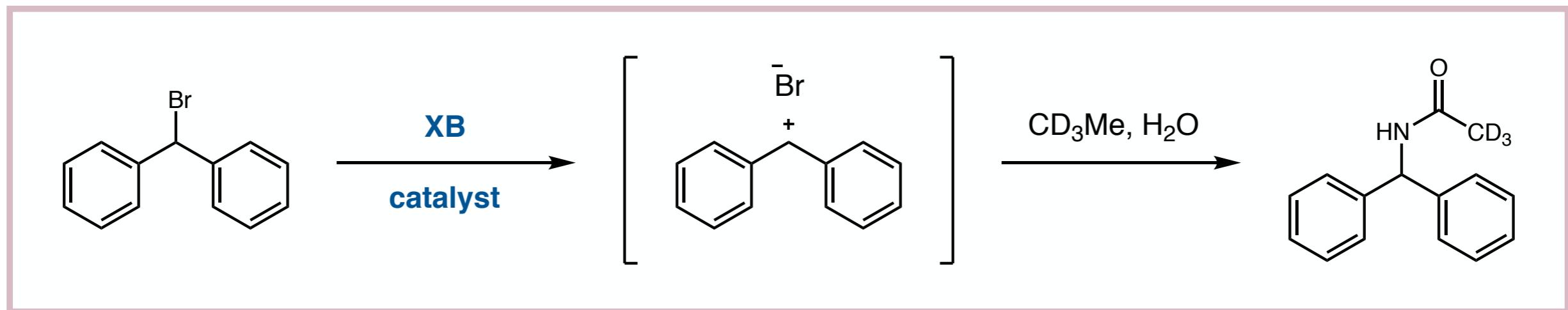
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## Halogen Bonding and Catalysis

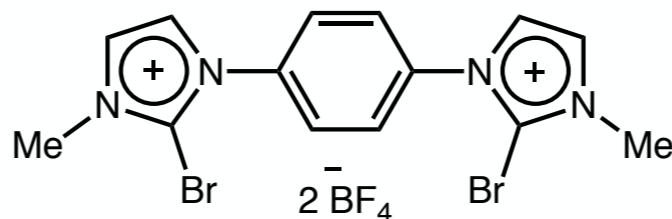


catalyst	yield
<b>XB cat</b>	97%
none	< 5%

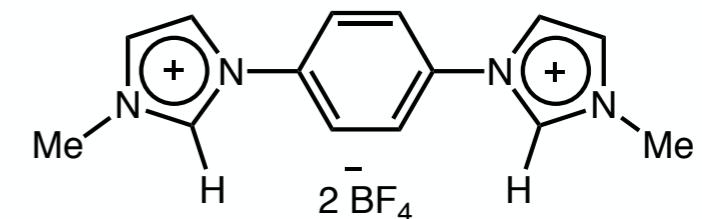
## Halogen Bonding and Catalysis



97% yield



54% yield



7% yield

decreasing XB donor strength

decreased yield

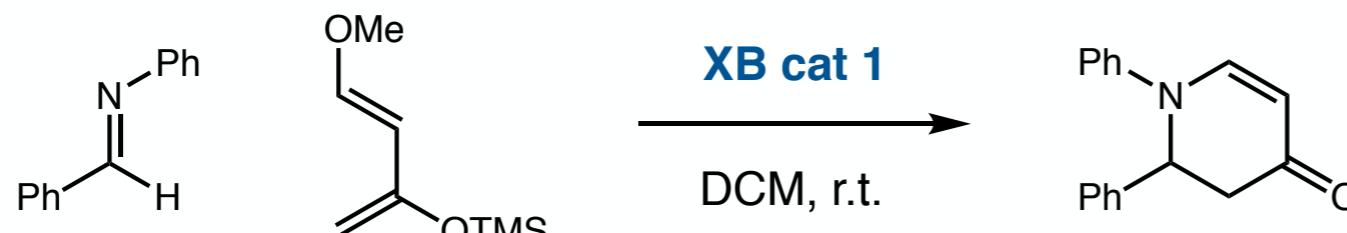
when no XB donor present

poor yields obtained

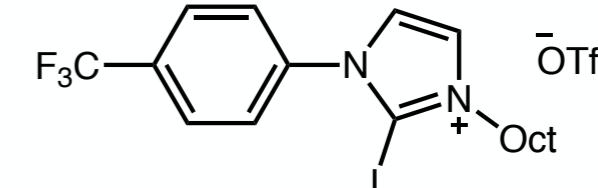
substrate activation via halogen bond donor catalyst

## *XB Catalysts for Lewis Acid Activation*

### Aza-Diels-Alder



*Org. Lett.* 2015, 17, 318.

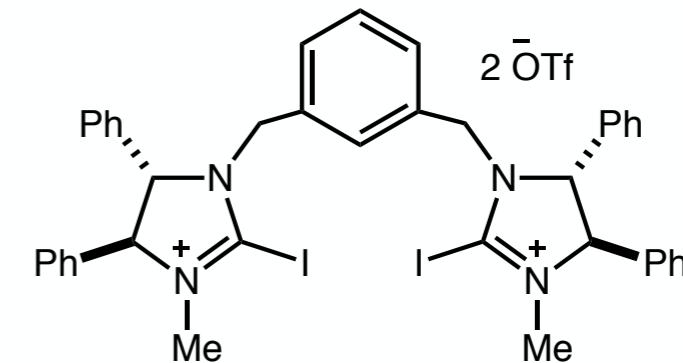


**XB cat 1**

### Quinoline and Imine Reduction



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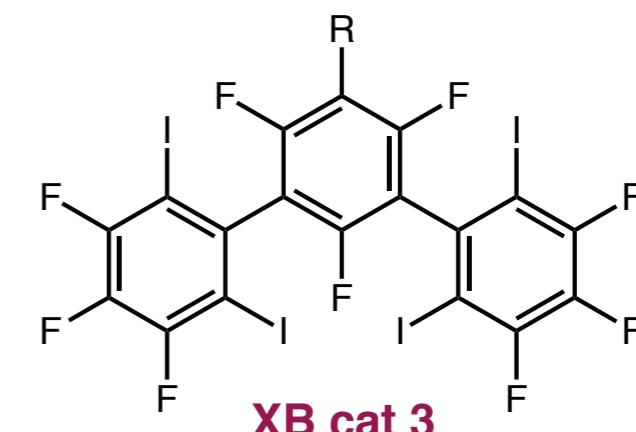


**XB cat 2**

### C–C bond formation with neutral XB cat

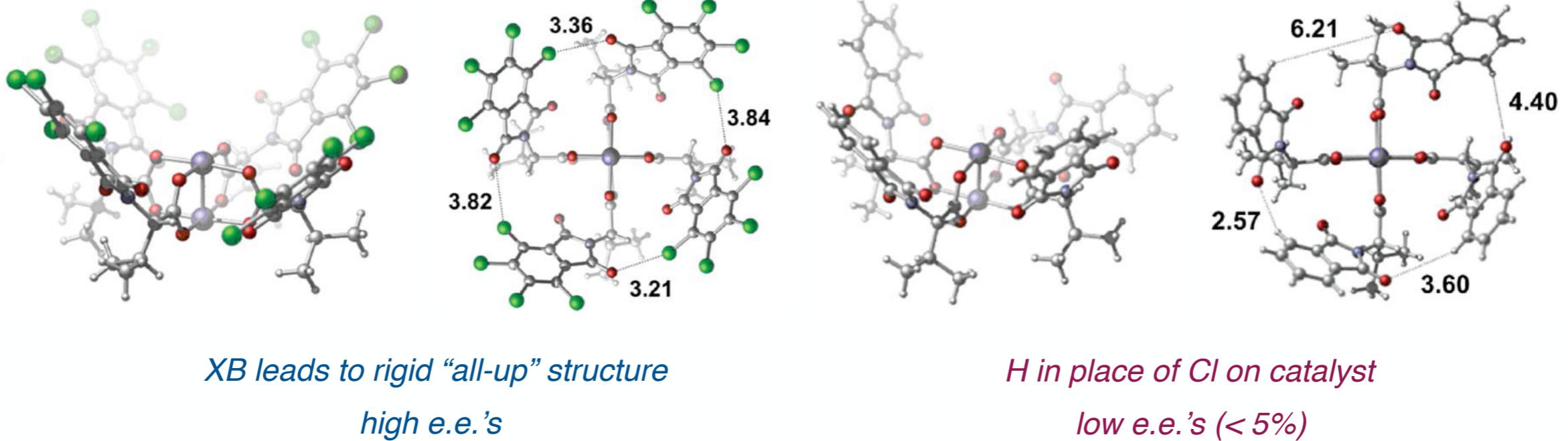
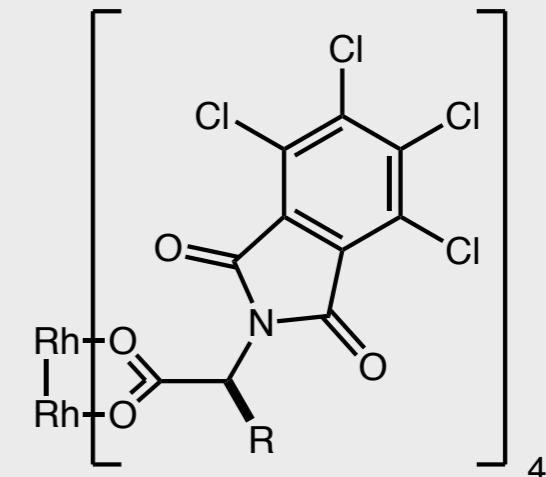
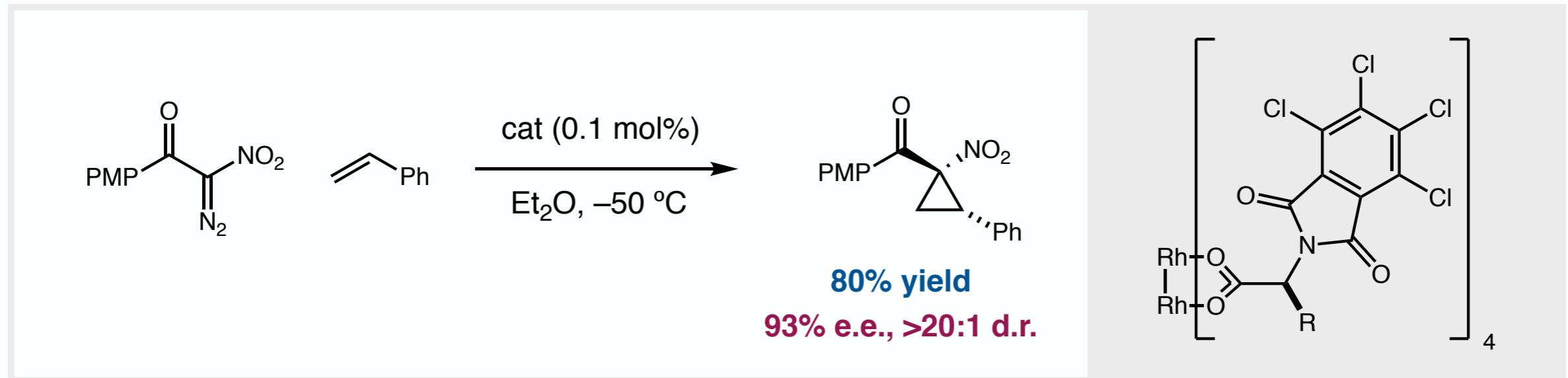


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**XB cat 3**

## Intramolecular Hydrogen Bonding and Asymmetric Catalysis



**Cl ··· O XB induces the catalyst conformation assumed to be responsible for asymmetric induction**