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Novel Materials for Efficient Stationary Sources via Oxyfuel Combustion

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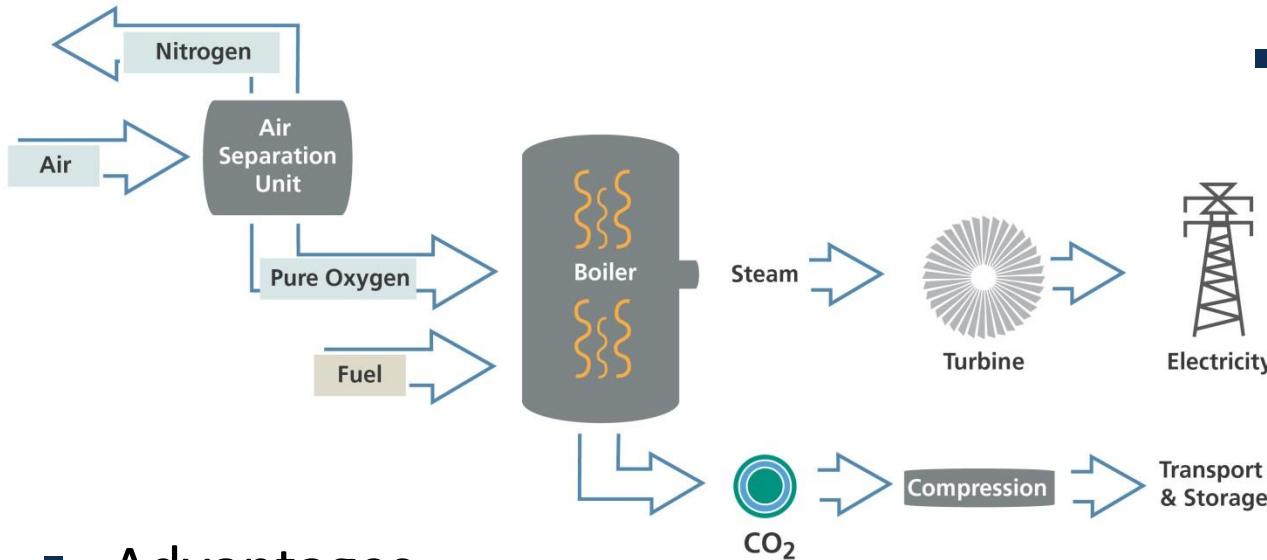
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■ Advantages

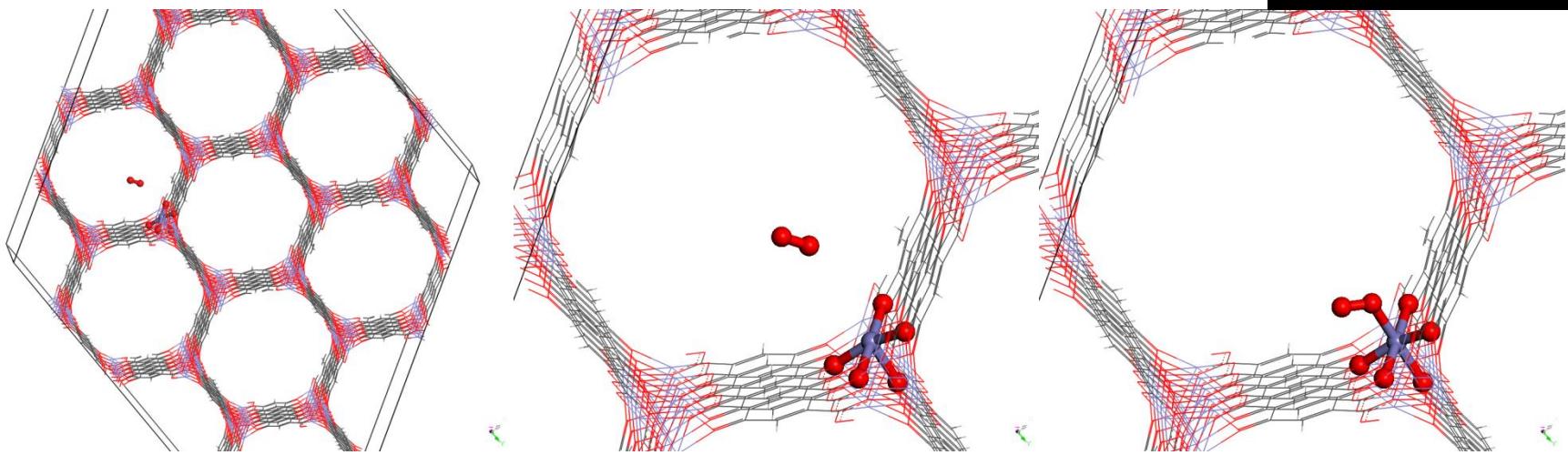
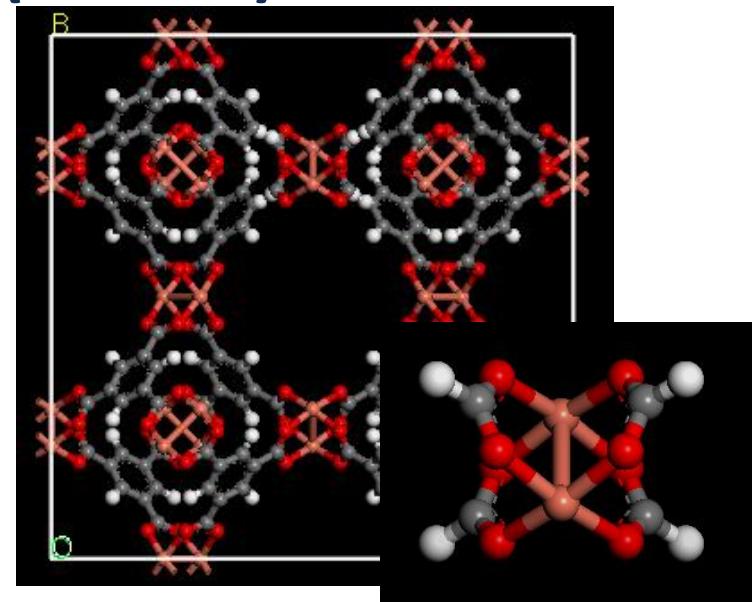
- Reduction of fuel needed
- Higher production capacity
 - High temp and high heat transfer
- Can improve efficiency 20-60%
- Reduces NOx emissions
- CO₂ capture/use

ICON₂

- Disadvantages
 - High cost to separate O₂ and N₂ using current method of cryogenics
 - Complex plants with low productivity

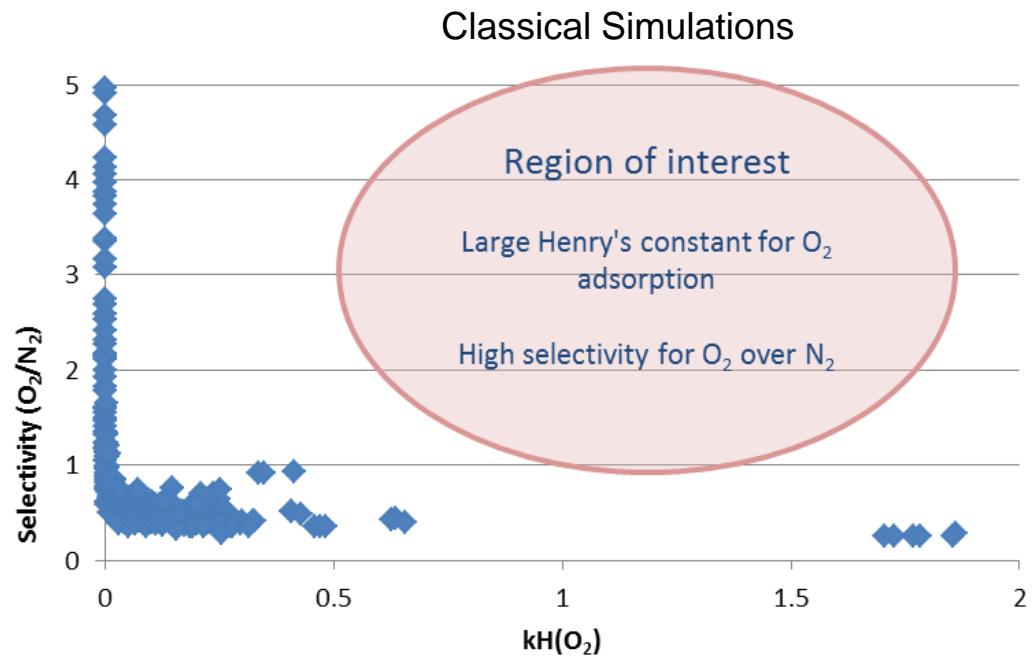
Metal-Organic Frameworks (MOF's)

- Nanoporous materials
- High adsorption and separation capabilities
- Metal ions combined with rigid organic molecules



MOF's

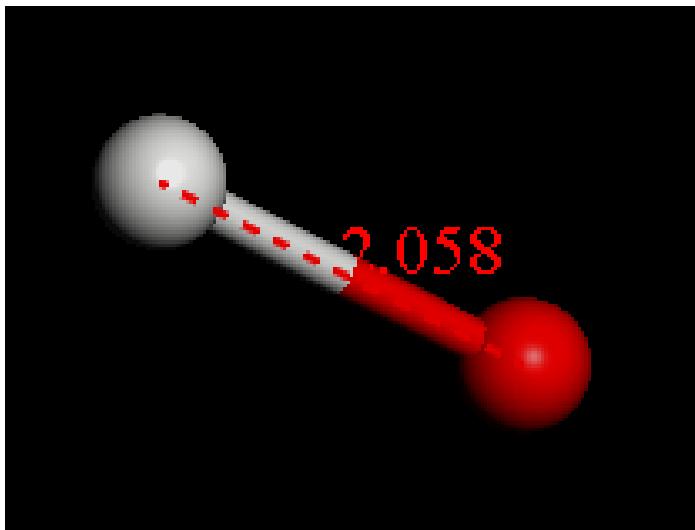
- Most MOF's studied show little or no preference for oxygen or nitrogen adsorption



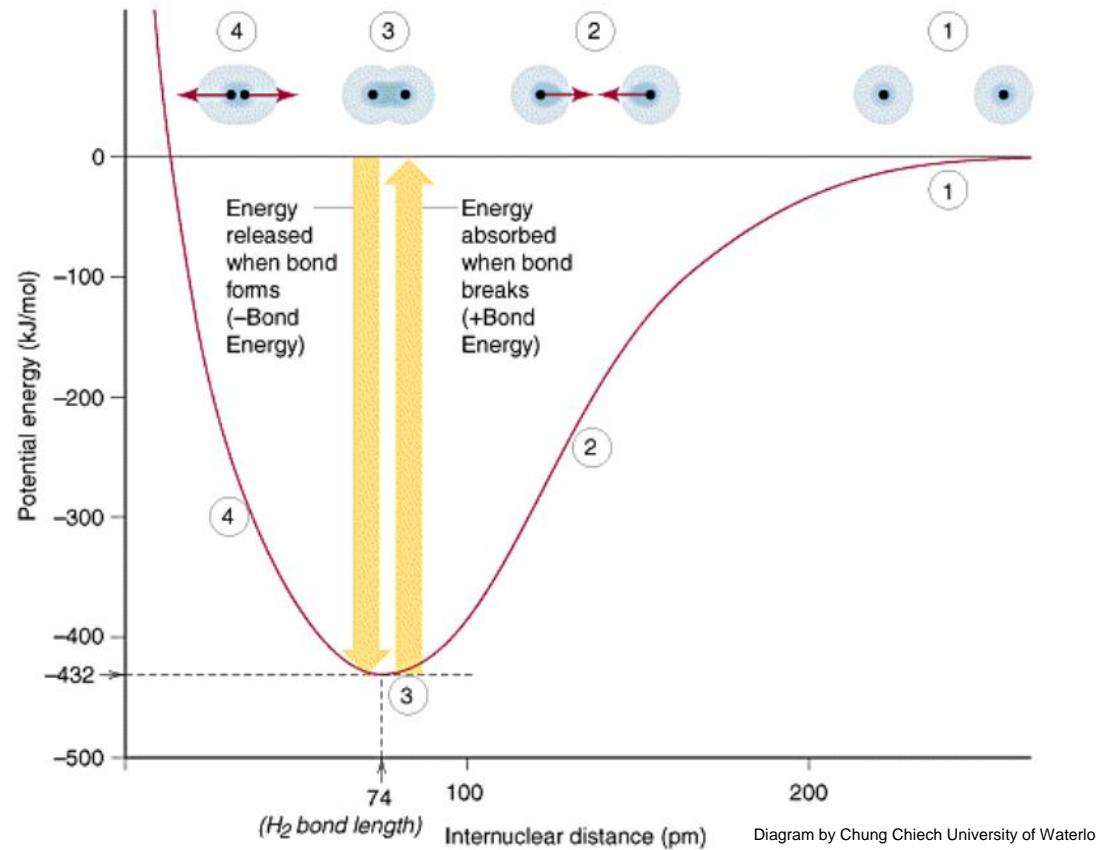
- Compare MO/MN and MO₂/MN₂ binding energies
- $E_{binding} = E_{MOF+O_2} - E_{MOF} - E_{O_2}$

M-O Calculations

- Start by optimizing the geometry of Metal-Oxygen molecules



- Gaussian
- Material Studios



MO/MN Calculations: Multiplicities

Multiplicity

- Unpaired electron spins
- Equals $2S+1$
 - $S = \text{total spin}$

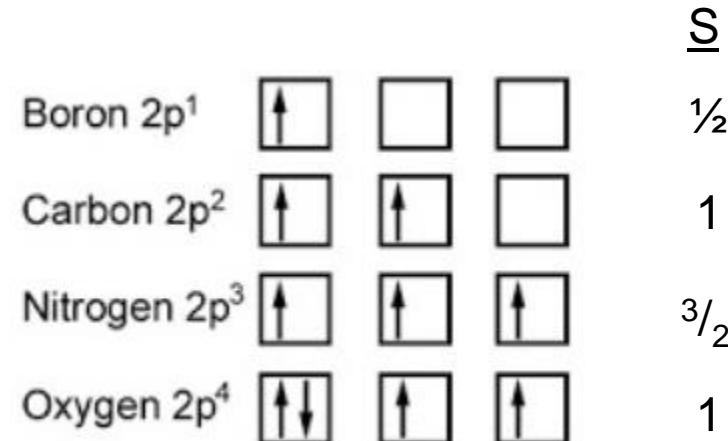


Diagram by Hari Prasad Chaudhary

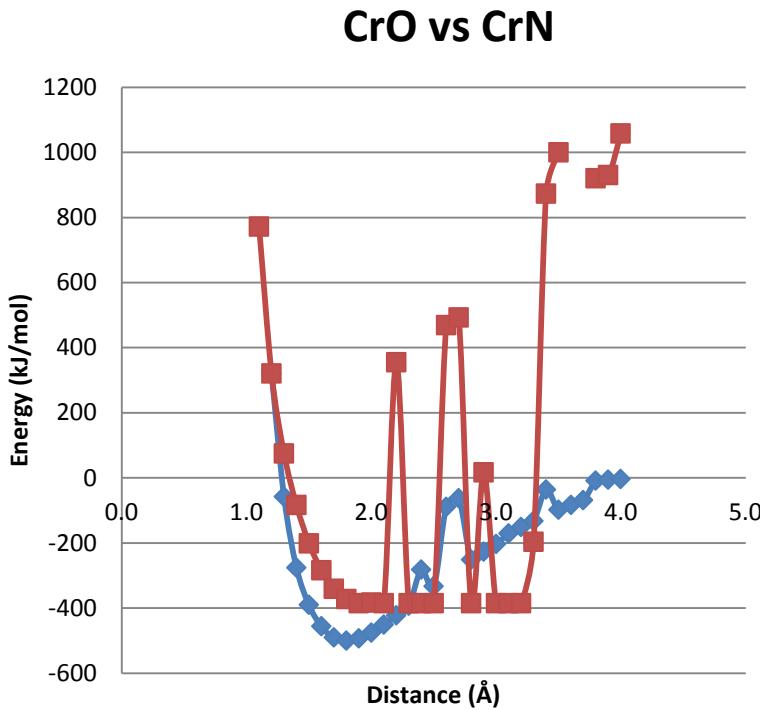
Element	Beginning Distance
Sc	3.3 Å

Operator		
B3LYP/6-31G*	Doublet	Quartet
Energy	-835.6315119	-835.6710233 A.U.
Time	51.2	3.3s

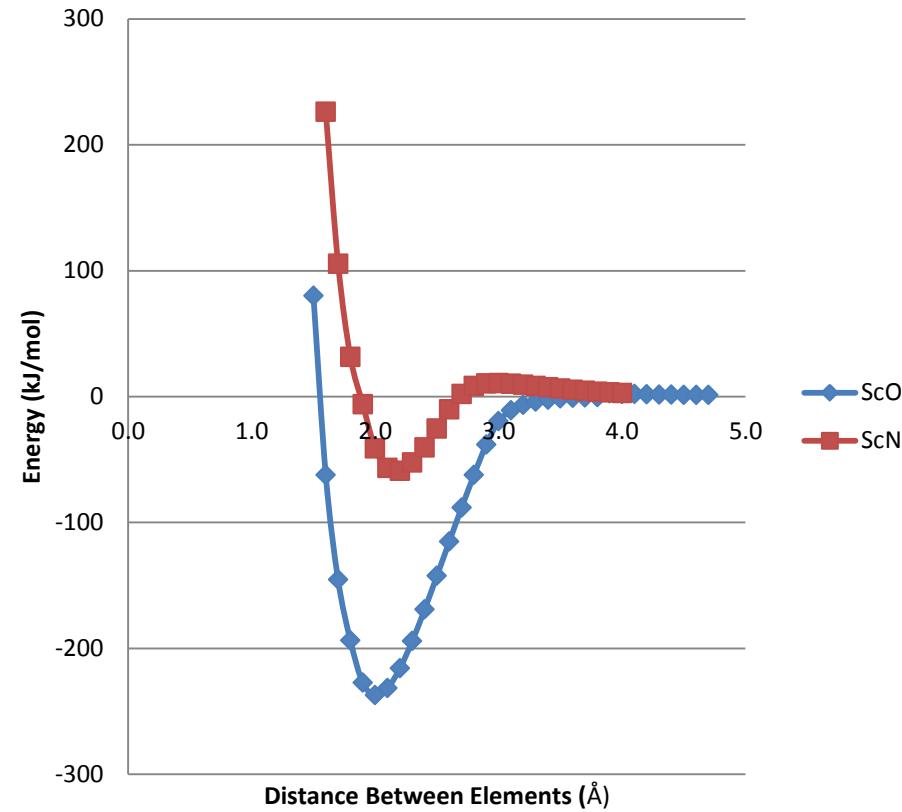
Electronic State with Lowest Energy	Quartet
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Potential Energy Graphs for MO/MN for Lowest Multiplicity at the Optimized Bond Length

- Not all graphs came out as expected

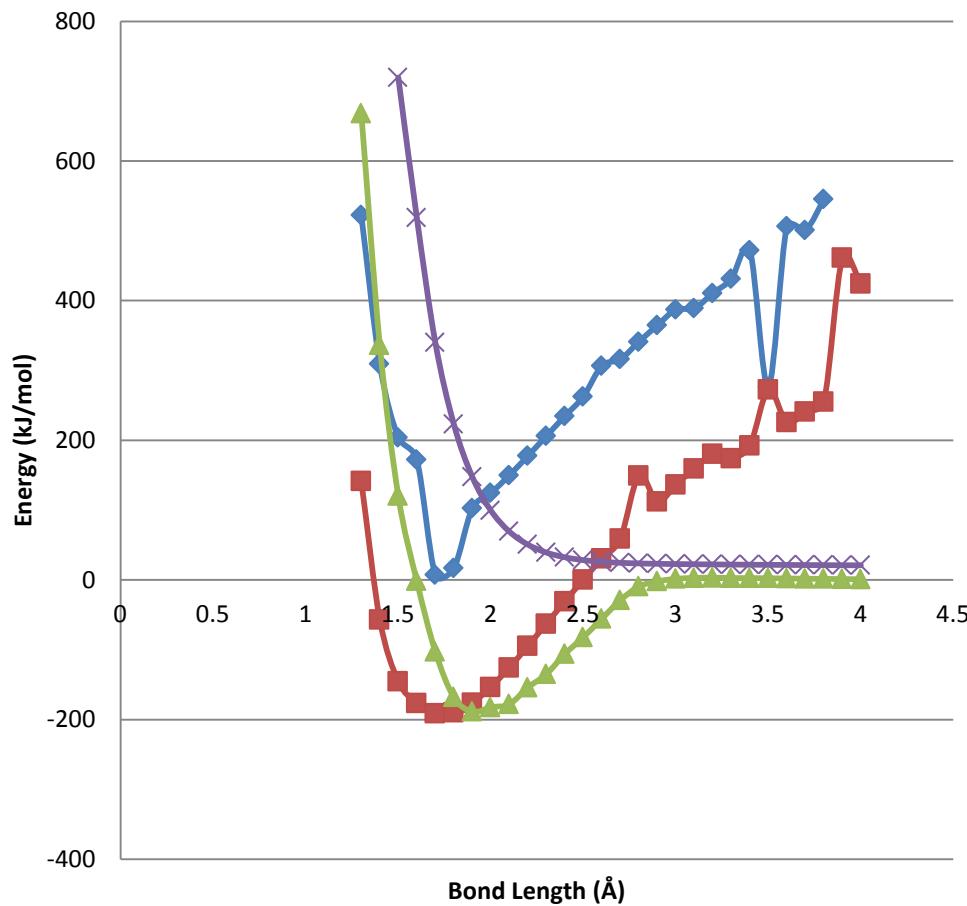


Comparison of Potential Energy
ScO vs ScN

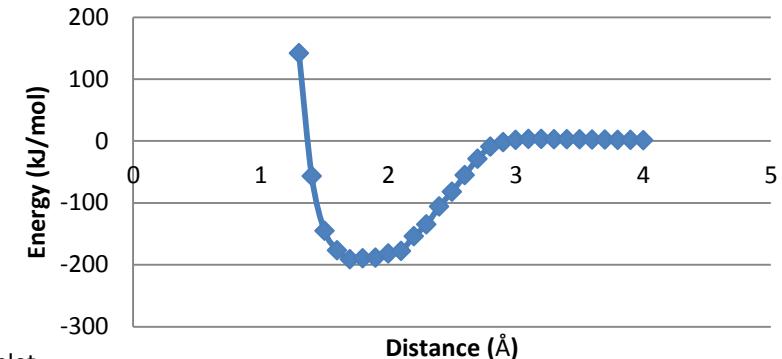


Multiple Multiplicities

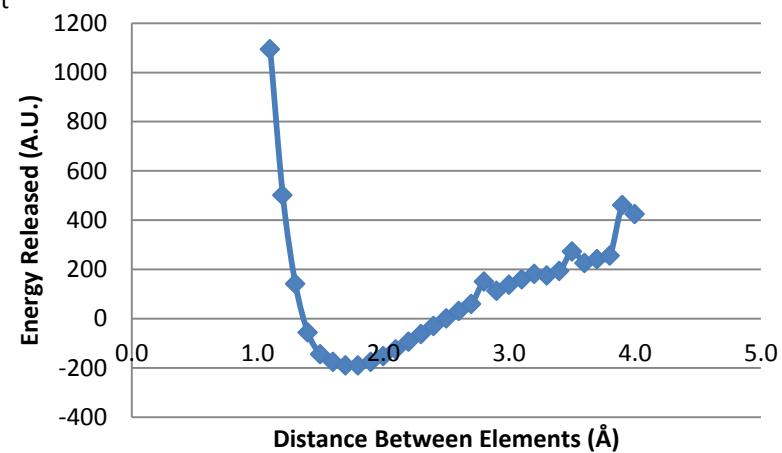
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VO Using Min Values

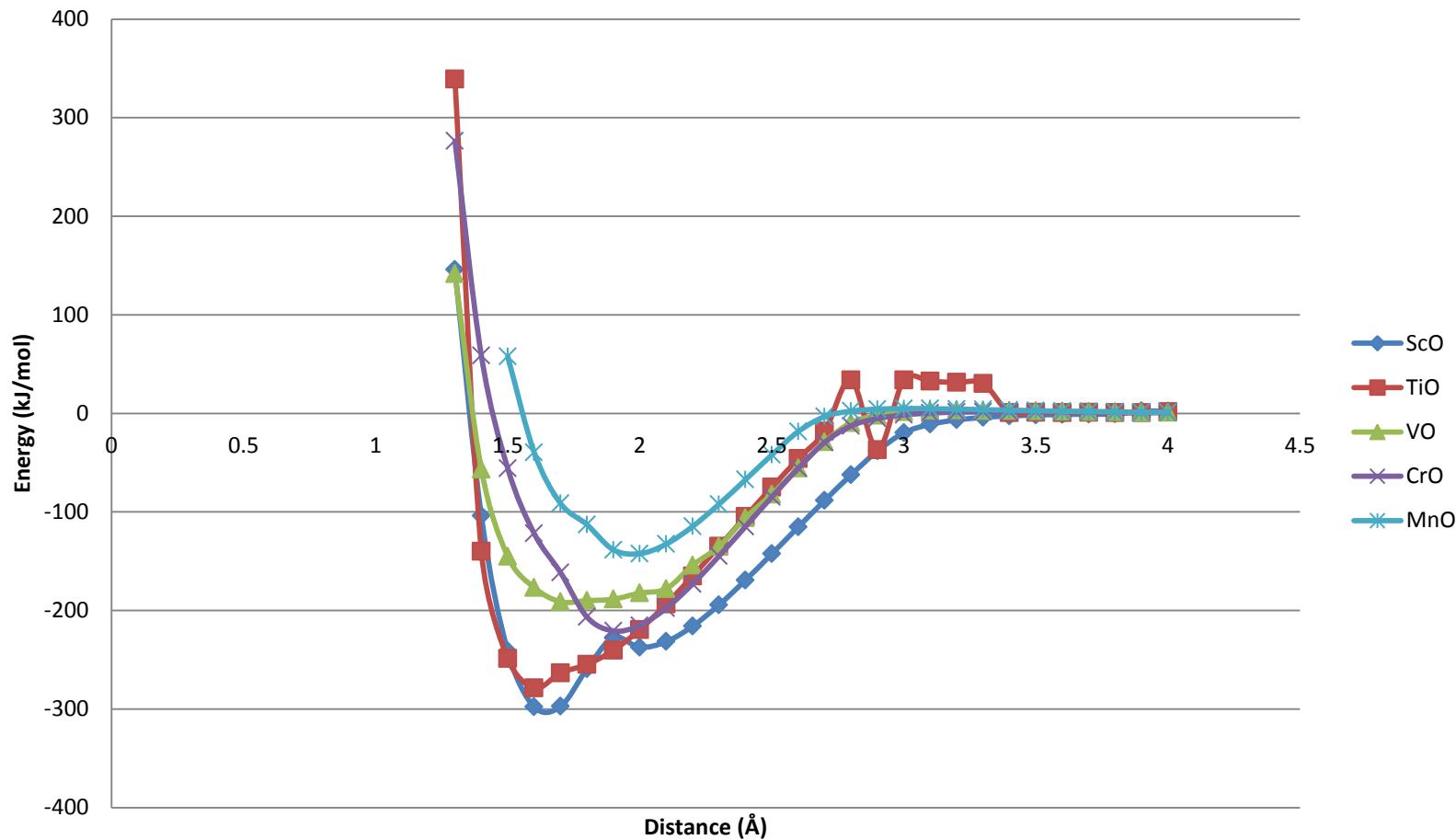


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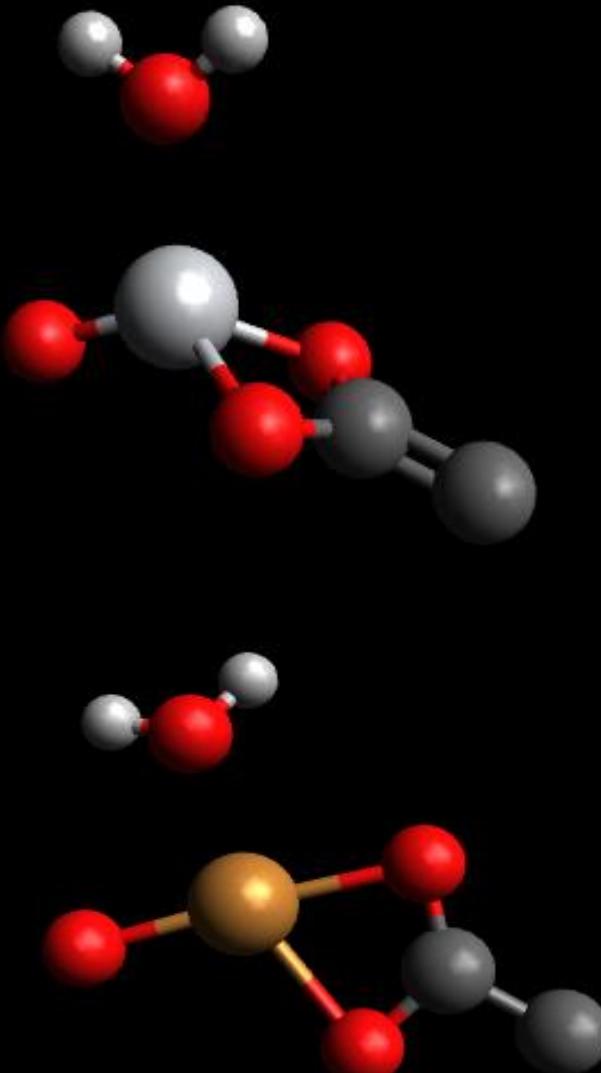
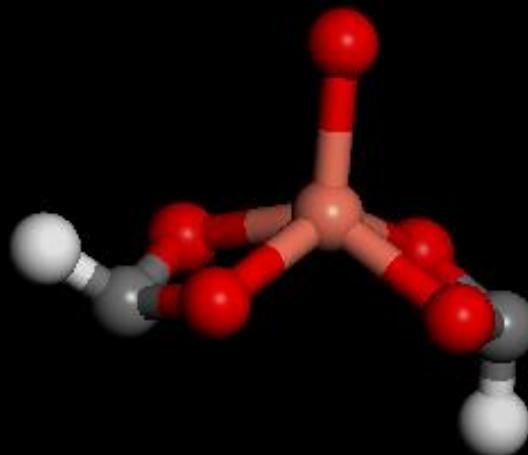


Multiple Multiplicities

Comparison of MO Molecules

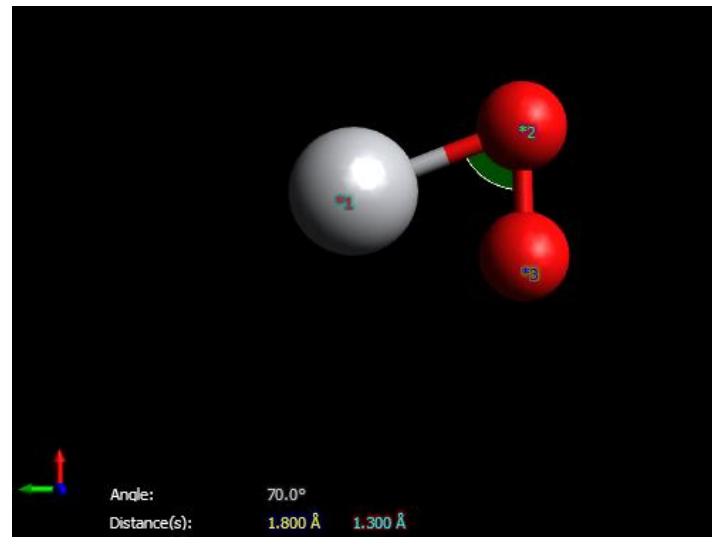
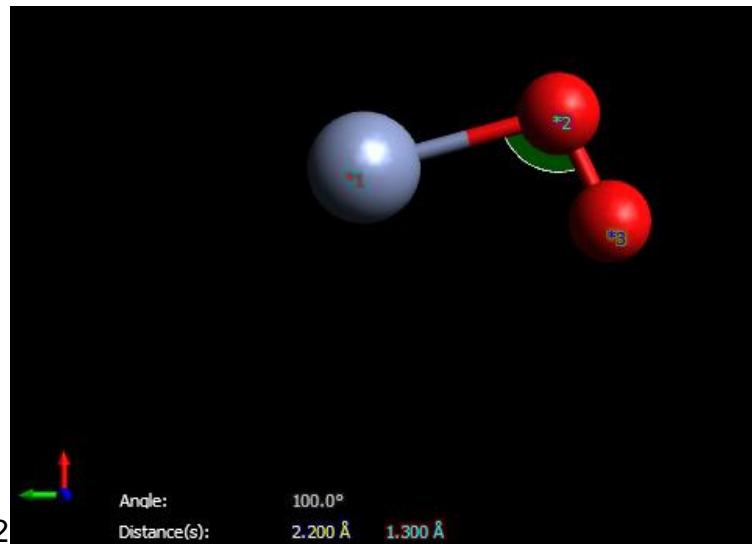
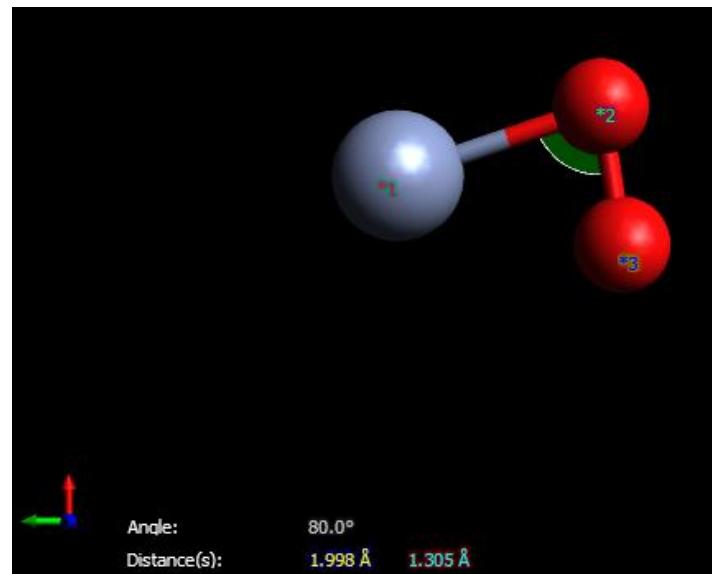


Clusters

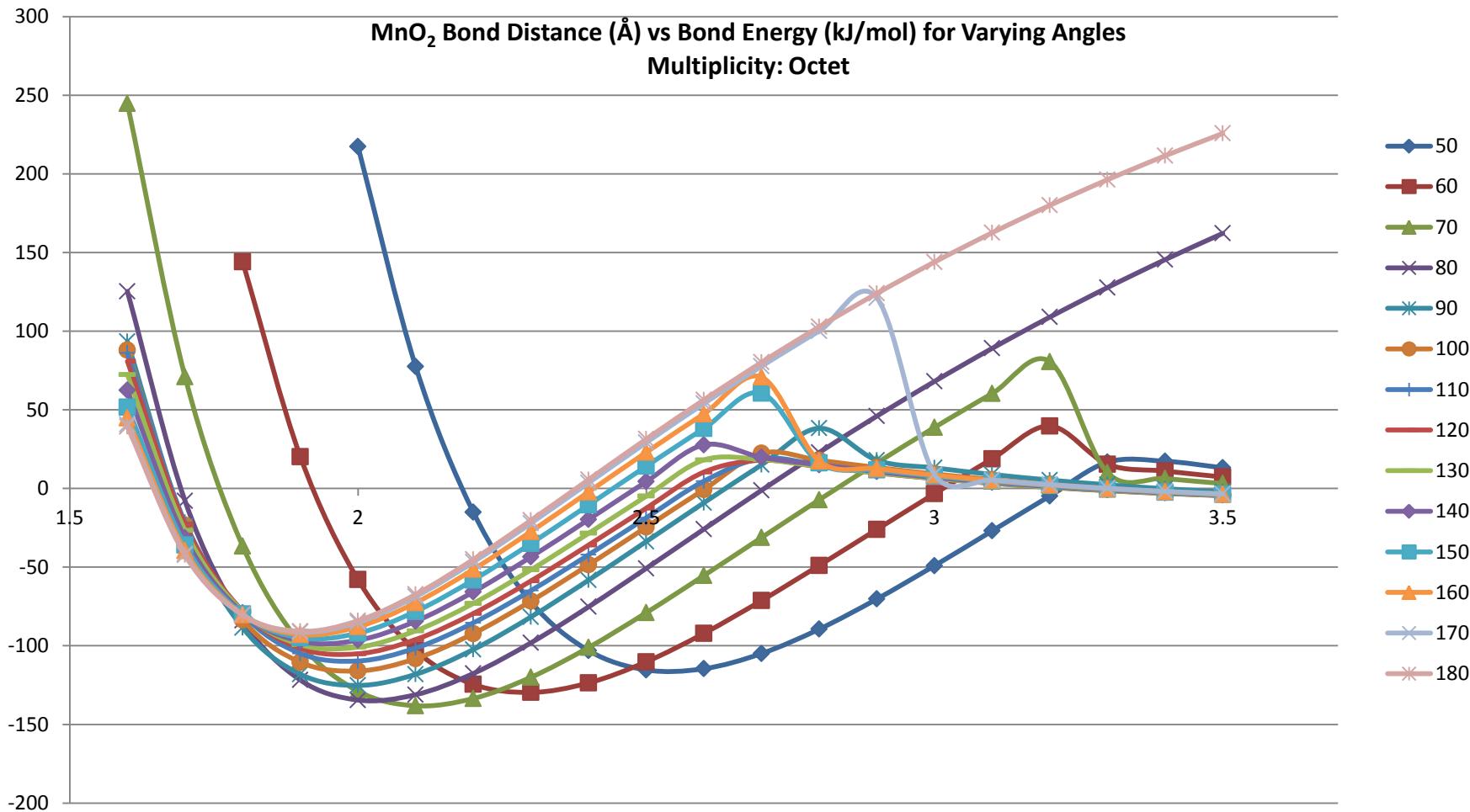


MO₂ vs MN₂

- 5 Metals
- 4 Multiplicities
- 14 Bond Angles
 - 50-70°
- 25 Bond Distances
 - 1.1-3.5 Å
- = a lot of calculations

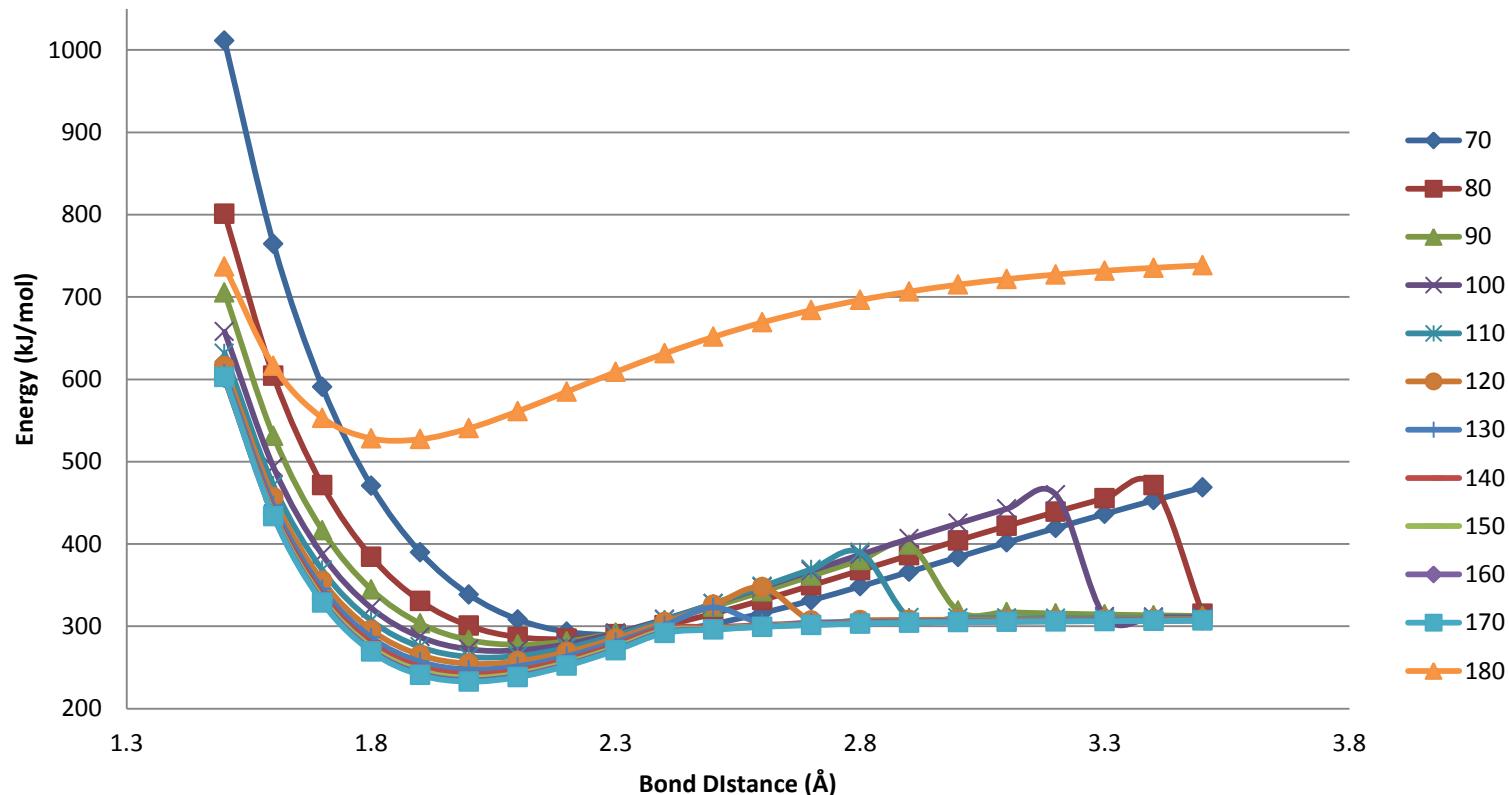


MO₂ vs MN₂

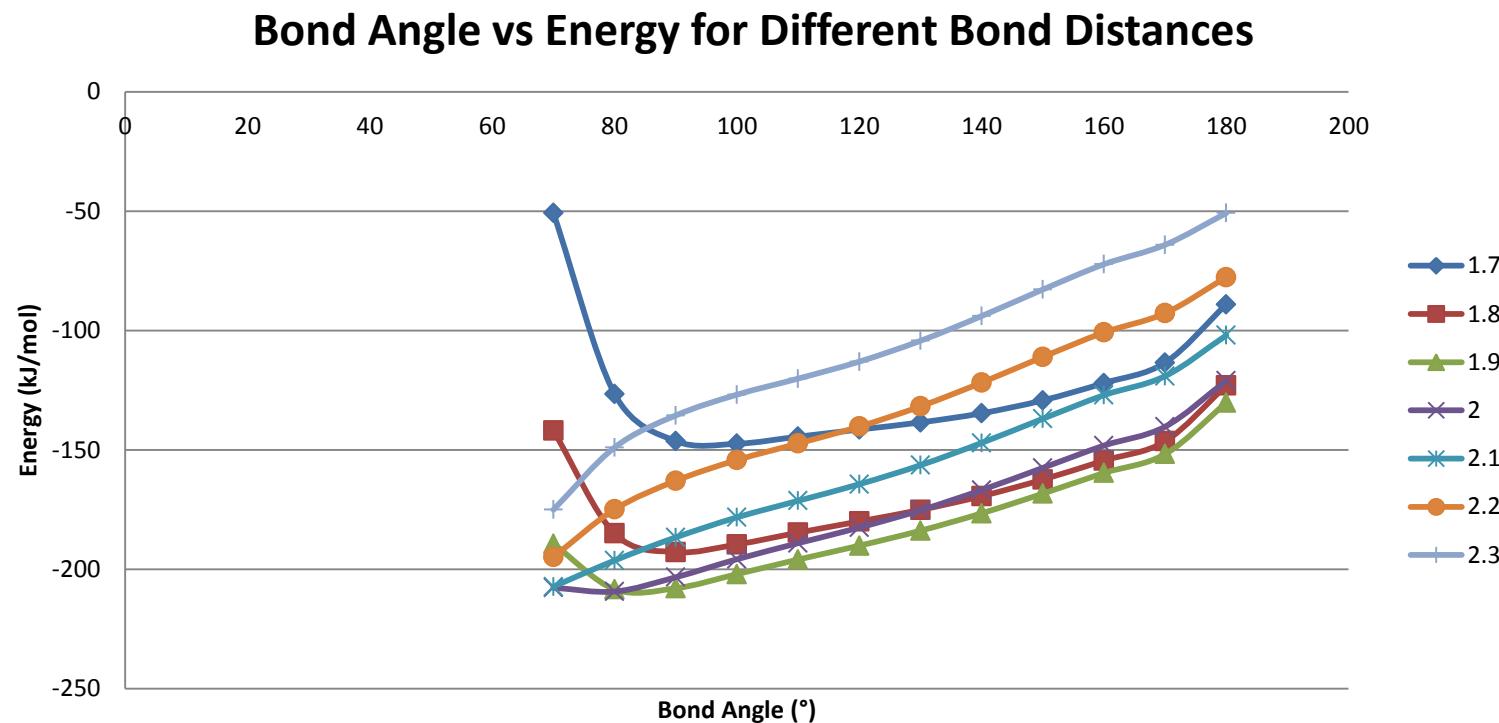


MO₂ vs MN₂

MnN₂ Bond Distance vs Energy for Varying Angles Multiplicity: Octet



MO₂ vs MN₂



Conclusion

- Next Steps
 - Further refine simulations
 - Continue working with results to smooth graphs
 - MN_2 Calculations for all multiplicities
 - Continue moving towards larger clusters
- What I Learned
 - Quantum chemistry
 - Unix
 - Scripting
 - Life Skills