

## Supporting information

### **VALTOPO: A program for the determination of atomic and molecular properties from experimental electron densities**

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**Table S1** Experimental and theoretical third moments  $\mu_{\alpha\beta\gamma}$  (DebyeÅ<sup>2</sup>) in L-alanine.<sup>†</sup>

	$\mu_{xxx}$	$\mu_{yyy}$	$\mu_{zzz}$	$\mu_{xyy}$	$\mu_{xxy}$	$\mu_{xxz}$	$\mu_{xzz}$	$\mu_{yzz}$	$\mu_{yyz}$	$\mu_{xyz}$
Experiment (from QTAIM)										
crystal	-26.5	-3.2	-2.3	-9.9	-10.0	-2.4	-3.9	-3.2	-1.6	2.1
‘molecule’	-28.8	-3.3	-2.6	-10.5	-10.3	-2.9	-4.5	-3.1	-1.7	2.3
Experiment (from multipole populations)										
	-29.4(27)	-3.7(15)	-2.5(6)	-10.8(8)	-10.5(13)	-2.6(5)	-4.6(4)	-3.0(4)	-1.4(5)	2.2(4)
Theory <sup>‡</sup>										
RHF/6-311++G**	-33.3	-9.1	-3.8	-14.1	-15.5	-3.0	-3.8	-4.9	-3.8	3.2
B3LYP/6-311++G**	-28.5	-8.5	-3.5	-12.5	-14.6	-2.9	-2.8	-4.7	-3.7	2.8
MP2/6-311++G**	-29.8	-9.1	-3.6	-12.6	-14.9	-3.3	-3.0	-4.9	-3.7	2.8

<sup>†</sup> The results are given with respect to the inertial axes frame, with the centre of mass chosen as origin.

<sup>‡</sup> Experimental geometry.

**Table S2** Experimental and theoretical fourth moments  $\mu_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta}$  (DebyeÅ<sup>3</sup>) in L-alanine, bpe and F<sub>4</sub>dIb.<sup>†</sup>

	$\mu_{xxxx}$	$\mu_{yyyy}$	$\mu_{zzzz}$	$\mu_{xxxy}$	$\mu_{xxxz}$	$\mu_{yyyx}$	$\mu_{yyyz}$	$\mu_{zzzx}$	$\mu_{zzzy}$	$\mu_{xxyy}$	$\mu_{xxzz}$	$\mu_{yyzz}$	$\mu_{xxyx}$	$\mu_{yyxz}$	$\mu_{zzxy}$
L-ALANINE															
Experiment (from QTAIM)															
crystal	-289.0	-178.7	-60.7	8.9	17.2	15.6	4.7	0.9	-4.8	-89.5	-64.0	-40.6	2.7	1.0	5.3
‘molecule’	-310.1	-189.5	-68.9	8.7	18.3	16.9	5.5	1.6	-5.3	-94.1	-69.1	-45.6	3.1	1.9	5.7
Experiment (from multipole populations)															
	-310.0(67)	-188.7(36)	-68.7(10)	9.1(31)	17.7(11)	17.8(14)	5.7(10)	1.2(7)	-4.9(5)	-93.6(19)	-68.7(6)	-45.4(5)	3.3(6)	1.6(5)	5.6(4)
Theory <sup>a</sup>															
RHF/6-311++G**	-365.3	-231.1	-91.3	19.3	18.2	23.0	7.3	4.0	0.2	-107.1	-79.4	-52.5	6.0	1.9	8.0
DFT/6-311++G**	-375.9	-238.6	-95.6	18.8	16.1	21.7	7.4	3.7	0.3	-108.8	-81.3	-54.7	5.4	2.2	7.6
MP2/6-311++G**	-376.7	-240.4	-96.6	20.6	16.8	22.7	7.3	3.9	0.2	-109.5	-81.8	-55.1	5.4	2.3	8.0
BPE															
Experiment (from QTAIM)															
	-5569	-526	-104	44	11	52	17	0	2	-783	-946	-128	73	3	6
Experiment (from multipole populations)															
	-5601(327)	-528(27)	-104(1)	52(146)	15(15)	53(40)	17(2)	0(1)	2(1)	-788(73)	-946(4)	-129(1)	73(6)	3(3)	7(1)
Theory															
RHF/MIDI <sup>b</sup>	-6267	-513	-89	-161	4	6	0	3	-1	-784	-923	-122	1	1	0
DFT/MIDI <sup>b</sup>	-6226	-531	-85	-150	4	6	-1	3	-1	-804	-917	-122	1	1	1
MP2/MIDI <sup>b</sup>	-6438	-549	-97	-160	25	3	-2	2	-5	-824	-940	-126	12	0	-1
MP2/MIDI <sup>a</sup>	-6271	-533	-87	-157	-5	4	1	0	0	-801	-905	-120	7	-1	2
F <sub>4</sub> DIB															
Experiment (from QTAIM)															
	-5332	-963	-139	-30	-21	-4	-1	0	0	-987	-853	-184	-4	0	0
Experiment (from multipole populations)															
	-5348(115)	-965(12)	-140(1)	-31(3)	-22(3)	-4(5)	-1(1)	0(1)	0(1)	-988(9)	-854(6)	-184(1)	-4(1)	0(1)	0(1)
Theory															
RHF/MIDI <sup>b</sup>	-4130	-965	-124	-2	-1	-4	0	-1	0	-962	-814	-169	0	0	-1
DFT/MIDI <sup>b</sup>	-4164	-941	-120	-3	-1	-4	0	-1	0	-950	-808	-169	0	0	-1
MP2/MIDI <sup>b</sup>	-4275	-974	-124	-3	-1	-4	0	-1	0	-975	-827	-173	0	0	-1
MP2/MIDI <sup>a</sup>	-4269	-953	-123	-1	-1	0	0	0	0	-971	-827	-170	0	0	0

<sup>†</sup>Axes frame as in Table 4; <sup>a</sup> Experimental geometry; <sup>b</sup> Optimised geometry