# MOLECULAR CONFIGURATIONS AND PERSISTENCE: BRANCHED ALKANES AND ADDITIVE ENERGIES

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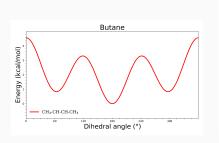
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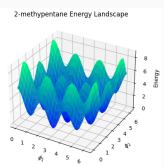
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# Motivation

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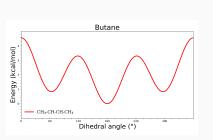
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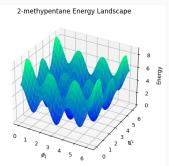




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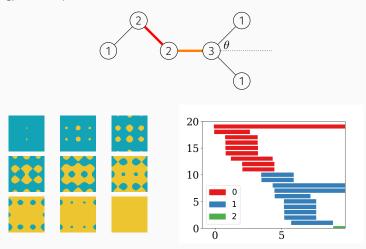




This quickly becomes rather difficult as the size of the molecule increases.

# **MOTIVATION**

Goal: Use tools from topology to provide information about the structure of energy landscapes.



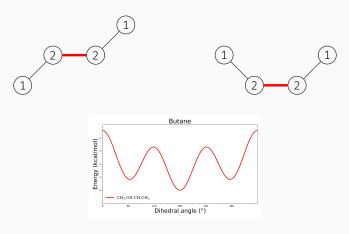
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# Background

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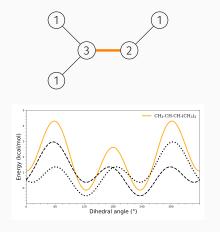


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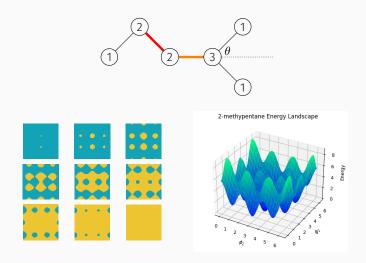
$$V_{1\text{-}2\text{-}2\text{-}1}(\phi_1) = c_0 + c_1[1 + \cos(\phi_1)] + c_2[1 - \cos(2\phi_1)] + c_3[1 + \cos(3\phi_1)]$$

# What is a branched alkane?



$$f(\phi_1) = V_{1-3-2-1}(\phi_2 + \theta) + V_{1-3-2-1}(\phi_2 - \theta)$$

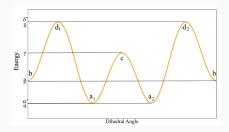
What does a bigger branched alkane energy landscape look like?

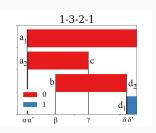


# PERSISTENT HOMOLOGY

Goal: Calculate the sublevelset persistent homology of branched alkane energy landscapes.







# Morse Theory and Sublevelset Persistence

#### Lemma 1

If  $f: M \to \mathbb{R}$  is a Morse function, then the birth and non-infinite death times in the sublevelset persistent homology correspond to the critical points of f. Each k-dimensional bar has birth time corresponding to a critical point of index k, and death time either equal to infinity or otherwise corresponding to a critical point of index k+1. Furthermore, the number of semi-infinite bars in dimension k is given by the k-dimensional homology of k.

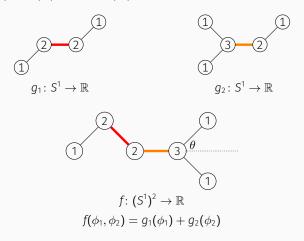


**Figure:** Nudged elastic band in topological data analysis. Henry Adams, Atanas Atanasov, and Gunnar Carlsson. Topological Methods in Nonlinear Analysis 45 (2015), 247-272.

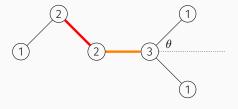
#### ADDITIVE FUNCTIONS ON A PRODUCT SPACE

#### Definition 2

If  $g_i: X_i \to \mathbb{R}$  is a collection of functions for i = 1, ..., n, then one can define their sum f on the product space by  $f: X_1 \times ... \times X_n \to \mathbb{R}$  given by  $f(x_1, ..., x_n) = g_1(x_1) + ... + g_n(x_n)$ .



# ADDITIVE FUNCTIONS ON A PRODUCT SPACE



$$f(\phi_1, \phi_2) = V_{1\text{-}2\text{-}2\text{-}1}(\phi_1) + [V_{1\text{-}3\text{-}2\text{-}1}(\phi_2 + \theta) + V_{1\text{-}3\text{-}2\text{-}1}(\phi_2 - \theta)]$$

#### ADDITIVE FUNCTIONS ON A PRODUCT SPACE

Additionally, we know that the critical points of the component functions make up the critical points of the additive function.

#### Lemma 3

Let  $X_1, \ldots, X_n$  be manifolds, let  $f_i \colon X_i \to \mathbb{R}$  be Morse functions, and let  $f \colon X_1 \times \cdots \times X_n \to \mathbb{R}$  be the additive function over a product space defined by  $f(x_1, \ldots, x_n) = \sum_{i=1}^n f_i(x_i)$ . Then f is a Morse function. Further, the point  $(x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_n)$  is a critical point of f if and only if each coordinate  $x_i$  is a critical point of  $f_i$ . Finally, the index of a critical point  $(x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_n)$ , denoted by  $\mu_f(x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_n)$ , is equal to the sum of all indices of the component functions,

$$\mu_f(x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_n) = \sum_{i=1}^n \mu_{f_i}(x_i).$$

# Theorem 4 (Persistent Künneth Formula [GP19])

There is a natural short exact sequence of graded modules

$$0 \to \bigoplus_{i+j=n} (PH_i(X) \otimes PH_j(Y)) \to PH_n(X \otimes_f Y)$$
$$\to \bigoplus_{i+j=n} \operatorname{Tor}(PH_i(X), PH_{j-1}(Y)) \to 0.$$

If  $H_i(X)$  and  $H_i(Y)$  are point-wise finite, then

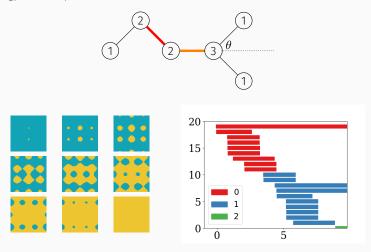
$$\begin{split} &\operatorname{bcd}_n(X \otimes_f Y) \\ &= \bigsqcup_{i+j=n} \big\{ (\ell_J + I) \cap (\ell_I + J) \mid I \in \operatorname{bcd}_i(X), J \in \operatorname{bcd}_j(Y) \big\} \\ &\sqcup \bigsqcup_{i+j=n} \big\{ (r_J + I) \cap (r_I + J) \mid I \in \operatorname{bcd}_i(X), J \in \operatorname{bcd}_{j-1}(Y) \big\} \\ &= \bigsqcup_{i+j=n} \big\{ [\ell_I + \ell_J, \min(\ell_J + r_I, \ell_I + r_J)) \mid I \in \operatorname{bcd}_i(X), J \in \operatorname{bcd}_j(Y) \big\} \\ &\sqcup \bigsqcup_{i+j=n} \big\{ [\max(\ell_I + r_J, \ell_J + r_I), r_I + r_J) \mid I \in \operatorname{bcd}_i(X), J \in \operatorname{bcd}_{j-1}(Y) \big\} \,. \end{split}$$

Here  $\ell$  and r are the left and right endpoints of the interval.

The Process

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# THE PROCESS VIA GUDHI

- ♦ Calculate good approximations for each base bond energy landscape
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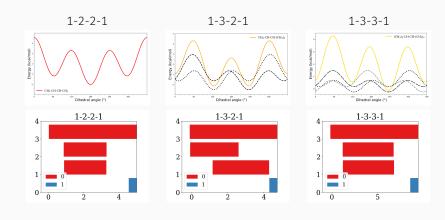
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- Limitations: 9 internal bonds max (takes hours, will address), very idealized (1-x-y-1, non-bonded atom interactions, will not address)
- Goal: Characterize the energy landscapes without having to go through this process

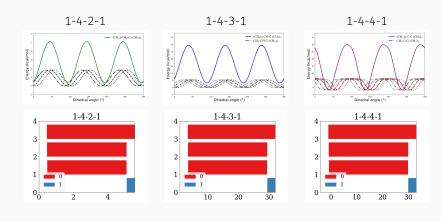
# **INTERNAL BASE BOND TYPES**

1-2-2-1: butane	1-3-2-1: isopentane
1	1 1
2 - 2	3-2
1	1
1-3-3-1: 2,3-dimethylbutane	1-4-2-1: 2,2-dimethylbutane
	1 1
3-3	1 4 2
	1
1-4-3-1: triptane	1-4-4-1: tetramethylbutane
1 1	1 1
1-4-3	1 4 4 1
1	

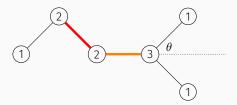
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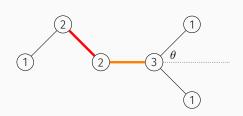
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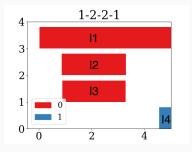


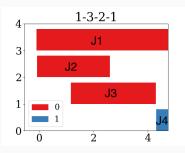
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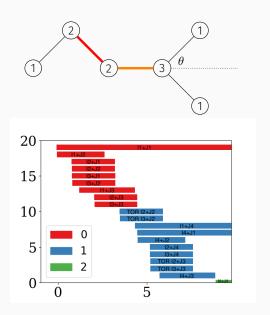
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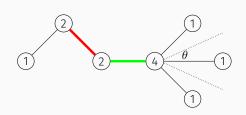


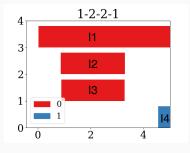


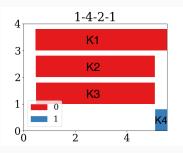
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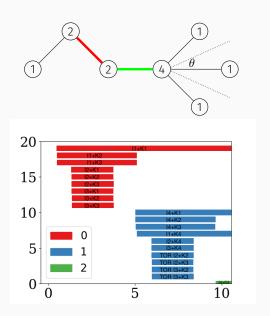
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# **General Results**

# RESULTS - GENERAL

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The energy function of any branched alkane,  $f:(S^1)^n \to \mathbb{R}$  can be decomposed into functions on each bond x-y where each function consists of dihedral types w-x-y-z. Thus, if  $c_i$  is the number of critical points for each bond, we have

$$2^n \text{ semi-infinite bars} + \frac{\prod\limits_{i=1}^n c_i - 2^n}{2} \text{ finite bars}.$$

# RESULTS – GENERAL (CONTINUED)

# Theorem 6 (S.)

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# Theorem 7 (S.)

Let  $X_1,\ldots,X_n$  be a set of energy landscapes. Let  $\{bcd(X_q)\}_{q=1}^n$  be the corresponding set of barcodes with bar lengths  $\{\ell_r\}_{r=0}^m$ , where  $\ell_0=\infty$  and all other lengths are ordered greatest to least (i.e.  $\ell_r>\ell_{r+1}$ ). Let  $x_{q,r}$  be the number of bars in  $bcd(X_q)$  with length  $\ell_r$ . Then, the number of bars of length  $\ell_r$  in  $bcd(X_1)\otimes_f\cdots\otimes_f bcd(X_q)$  is

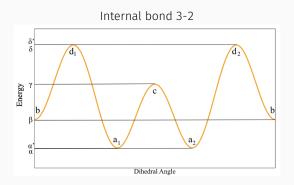
$$count_n(r, 0) - count_n(r - 1, 0) + count_n(r, 1) - count_n(r - 1, 1).$$

# An example of sublevelset persistence characterization

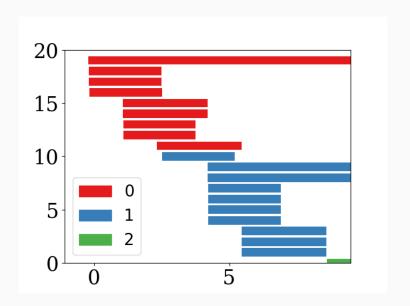
#### CHARACTERIZING MOLECULES WITH 3-2 INTERNAL BONDS

Goal: Completely characterize the sublevelset persistent homology of all branched alkanes consisting exclusively of 3-2 internal bonds

Original motivation: Polypropylene and Polybutylene (Plastics)



# **EXAMPLE: TWO 3-2 INTERNAL BOND**



#### **Definition 8**

Let  $f: (S^1)^n \to \mathbb{R}$  be the branched alkane energy function with n internal 3-2 bonds, and let  $k \le n$  be the index of a critical point. Let  $i_1 + i_2 \le k$  and let  $j_1 + j_2 \le n - k$ . We say that an index k critical point  $(\phi_1, \ldots, \phi_n)$  of f is of class $(n, k, i_1, i_2, j_1, j_2)$  if the list of points,  $(\phi_1, \ldots, \phi_n)$ , consists of the breakdown of critical points of the 3-2 bond, outlined below.

Type 1-3-2-1		
Critical Point	Feature Type	Number of copies
d <sub>1</sub>	Local Max*	i <sub>1</sub>
d <sub>2</sub>	Global Max	i <sub>2</sub>
С	Local Max	$k-i_1-i_2$
$a_1$	Global Min	J <sub>1</sub>
$a_2$	Local Min*	j <sub>2</sub>
Ь	Local Min	$n-k-j_1-j_2$

Note, the \* denotes that the critical point has been shifted by  $\varepsilon$ , and hence, has switched from global to local.

#### NUMBER OF POINTS AND ENERGY VALUE PER CLASS

### Lemma 9 (S.)

The number of critical points of f in each class $(n, k, i_1, i_2, j_1, j_2)$  is

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# Lemma 10 (S.)

For  $f: (S^1)^n \to \mathbb{R}$  where  $f(\phi_1, \dots, \phi_n) = \sum_{i=1}^n f_{1-3-2-1}(\phi_i)$ , all critical points of class $(n, k, i_1, i_2, j_1, j_2)$  have energy value

$$E(n, k, i_1, i_2, j_1, j_2) = (j_1)\alpha + (j_2)\alpha' + (n - k - j_1 - j_2)\beta + (k - i_1 - i_2)\gamma + (i_1)\delta + (i_2)\delta'.$$

## Theorem 11 (S.)

For any branched alkane consisting of n 3-2 internal bonds, consider the k-dimensional sublevelset persistent homology barcodes of the branched alkane energy landscape,  $f_n: (S^1)^n \to \mathbb{R}$ . Let  $k \le n$ ,  $i_1 + i_2 \le k$ , and  $j_1 + j_2 \le n - k$ . Hence, for any class $(n, k, i_1, i_2, j_1, j_2)$ , the birth time of any k-dimensional bars in that class is

$$E(n, k, i_1, i_2, j_1, j_2) = (j_1)\alpha + (j_2)\overline{\alpha} + (n - k - j_1 - j_2)\beta + (k - i_1 - i_2)\gamma + (i_1)\delta + (i_2)\overline{\delta},$$

where the number of bars in that class is given below by:

$$\diamond i_1 = 0, i_2 = k, j_1 = n - k, j_2 = 0$$
 gives

$$\begin{pmatrix} n \\ j_1, j_2, n-k-j_1-j_2, i_1, i_2, k-i_1-i_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

semi-infinite bars,

## RESULTS - COPIES OF 3-2 BONDS

### Theorem 11 (S. - continued)

$$\diamond i_1 + i_2 = k, j_2 = 0, n - k < j_1 \text{ gives}$$

$$\sum_{\ell=0}^{i_1} (-1)^{\ell} \binom{n}{j_1, j_2, n-k-j_1-j_2+\ell, i_1-\ell, i_2, k-i_1-i_2}$$

bars of length  $\delta - \beta$ ,

 $\diamond j_2 \neq 0$  gives

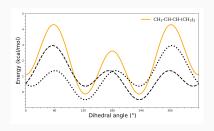
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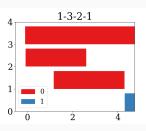
bars of length  $\gamma - \alpha$ , and

0 bars born for any other type of critical point.

#### **PROOF**

- · Split critical points into appropriate classes
  - · Introduce perturbation by  $\varepsilon$
- · Identify which classes correspond to which bar lengths
  - · For example,  $j_2 \neq 0$  gives classes that correspond to bars of length  $\gamma \alpha$
- · Figure out which classes results in the death of bars from other classes
  - For  $\gamma \alpha$  length bars, class $(n, k, i_1, i_2, j_1, j_2)$  kills bars from class $(n, k 1, i_1, i_2, j_1, j_2 + 1)$
- · Count via induction on number of internal bonds



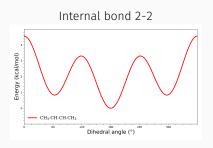


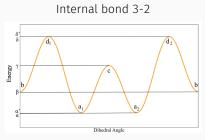
# Another example of sublevelset persistence characterization

#### CHARACTERIZING MOLECULES WITH 2-2 AND 3-2 INTERNAL BONDS

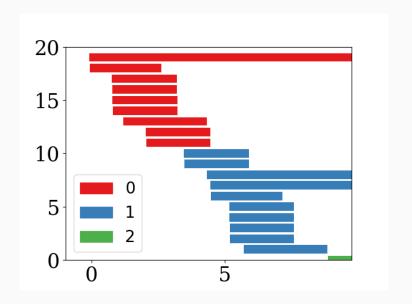
Goal: Completely characterize the sublevelset persistent homology of all branched alkanes consisting exclusively of 2-2 and 3-2 internal bonds

Motivation: Show how we can characterize for two different internal types. This will allow us to describe the characterization process.





# EXAMPLE: ONE 2-2 INTERNAL BOND WITH ONE 3-2 INTERNAL BOND



Just like last time, we define a class of critical points:

class 
$$\begin{pmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} n_1 & k_1 & i_{11} & 0 & j_{11} & 0 \\ n_2 & k_2 & i_{21} & i_{22} & j_{21} & j_{22} \end{bmatrix} \end{pmatrix}$$
.

We count the number of points in each class,

$$\left| class \left( \begin{bmatrix} n_1 & k_1 & i_{11} & 0 & j_{11} & 0 \\ n_2 & k_2 & i_{21} & i_{22} & j_{21} & j_{22} \end{bmatrix} \right) \right| =$$

$$2^{n_1-i_{11}-j_{11}}\binom{n_1}{i_{11},k_1-i_{11},j_{11},n_1-k_1-j_{11}}\binom{n_2}{i_{21},i_{22},k_2-i_{21}-i_{22},j_{21},j_{22},n_2-k_2-j_{21}-j_{22}}$$

We also find the energy value associated to each class:

$$\begin{split} E\bigg(class\left(\begin{bmatrix} n_1 & k_1 & i_{11} & 0 & j_{11} & 0 \\ n_2 & k_2 & i_{21} & i_{22} & j_{21} & j_{22} \end{bmatrix}\right)\bigg) = \\ (j_{11})\alpha_1 + (n_{11} - k_{11} - j_{11})\beta_1 + (k_1 - i_{11})\gamma_1 + (i_{11})\delta_1 \\ + (j_{21})\alpha_2 + (j_{22})\alpha_2' + (n_2 - k_2 - j_{21} - j_{22})\beta_2 + (k_2 - i_{21} - i_{22})\gamma_2 + (i_{21})\delta_2 + (i_{22})\delta_2'. \end{split}$$

### Theorem 12 (S.)

For any branched alkane consisting of  $n_1$  internal bonds of type 2-2 and  $n_2$  internal bonds of type 3-2, consider the k-dimensional sublevelset persistent homology barcodes of the branched alkane energy landscape,  $f: (S^1)^n \to \mathbb{R}$ . Let  $k = k_1 + k_2$ ,  $k_1 + k_2 \le n_1 + n_2$ ,  $i_{11} + i_{21} + i_{22} \le k_1 + k_2$ ,  $i_{11} \le k_1$ ,  $i_{21} + i_{22} \le k_2$ ,  $j_{11} + j_{21} + j_{22} \le n_1 + n_2 - k_1 - k_2$ ,  $j_{21} + j_{22} \le n_2 - k_2$ , and  $j_{11} \le n_1 - k_1$ . Hence, for any class  $\begin{pmatrix} n_1 & k_1 & i_{11} & 0 & j_{11} & 0 \\ n_2 & k_2 & i_{21} & i_{22} & j_{21} & j_{22} \end{pmatrix}$ , the birth time of any k-dimensional bars in that class is

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where the number of bars born in that class is given below by:

## RESULTS - COPIES OF 3-2 AND 2-2 BONDS

# Theorem 12 (S. - Continued)

1. 
$$i_{11} + i_{22} = k_1 + k_2$$
,  $i_{21} = 0$ ,  $j_{22} = 0$ ,  $(n_1 + n_2) - (k_1 + k_2) = j_{11} + j_{21}$  gives
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# Theorem 12 (S. – Continued)

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5. 0 bars born for any other type of critical point.

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#### **FUTURE WORK**

- · Applications to polymers and plastics in progress with Adams, Clark, and Sadhu
- · Change generalization of 1-x-y-1 to w-x-y-z
- · Look at other inputs: bond length, type of bond, etc.
- · Other structures: alkenes, alkynes, cyclo-alkanes, etc.
- · Non-organic compounds

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# QUESTIONS?