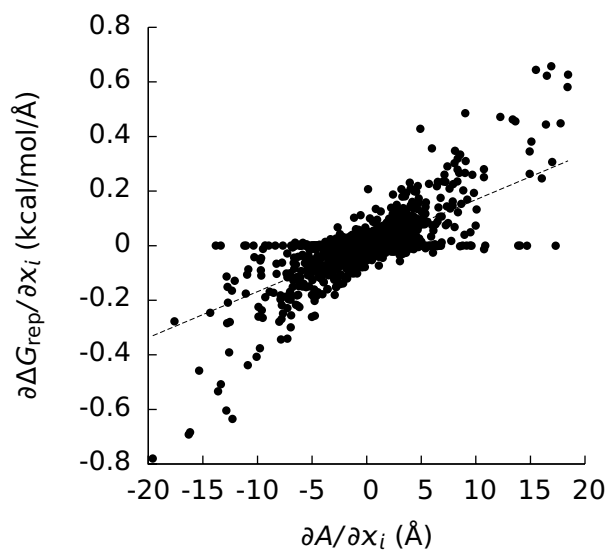
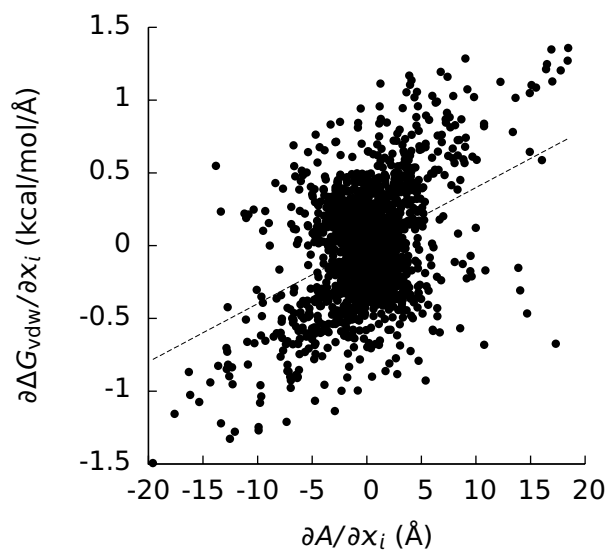


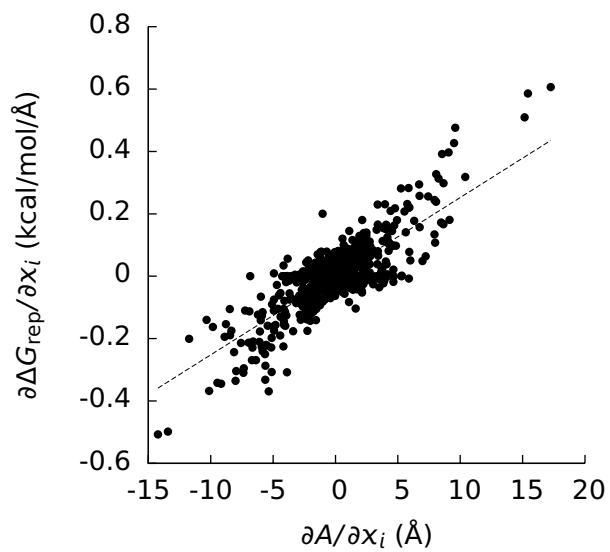
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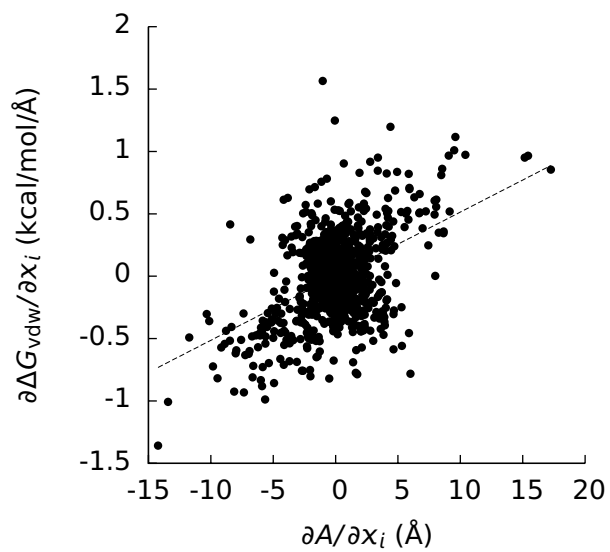
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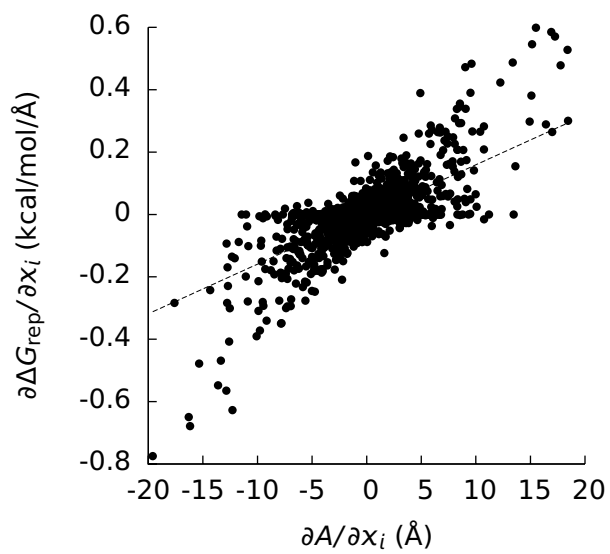


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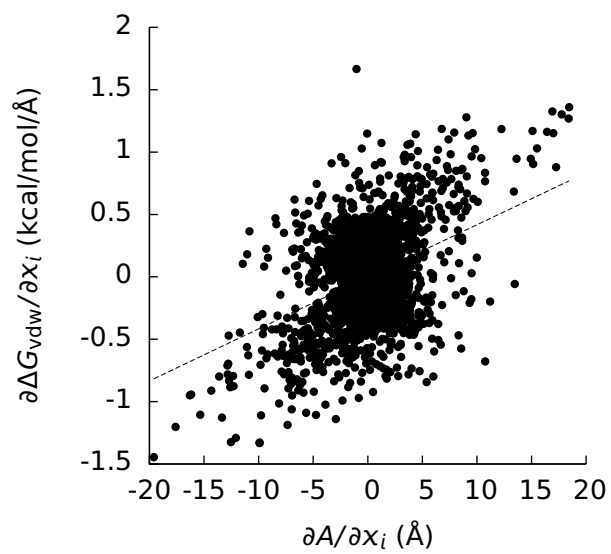


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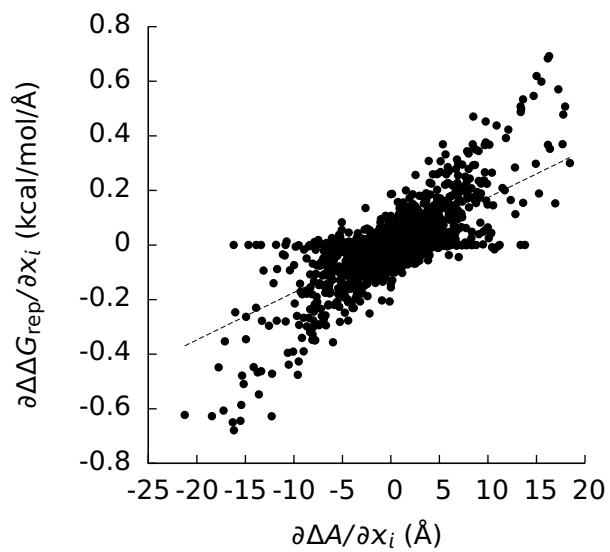
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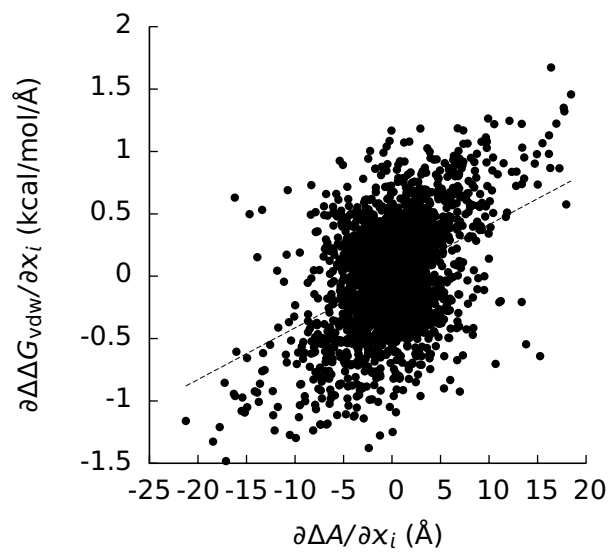
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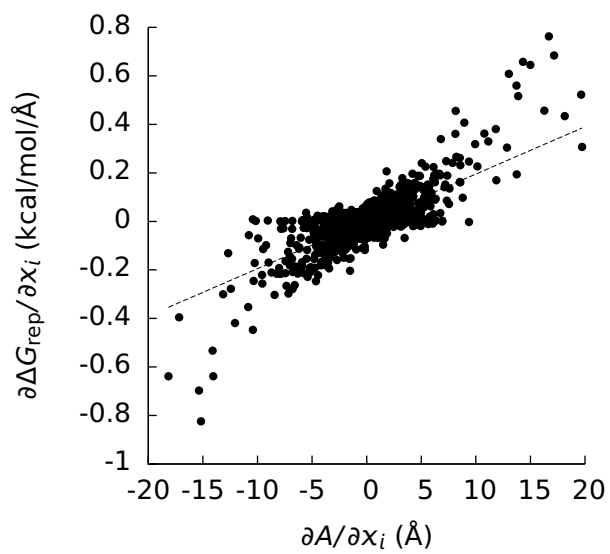


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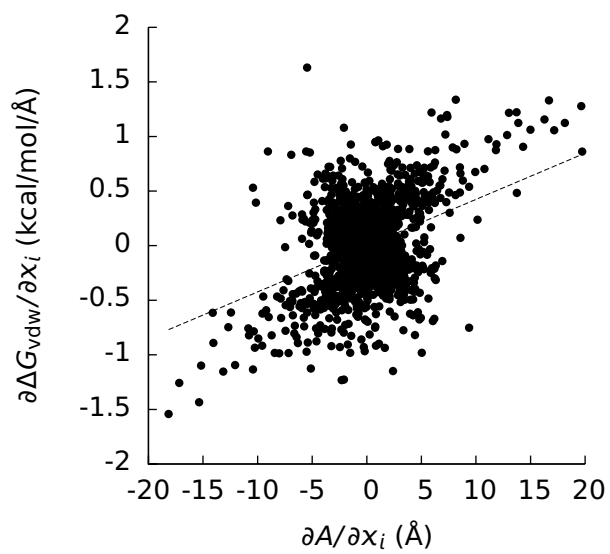


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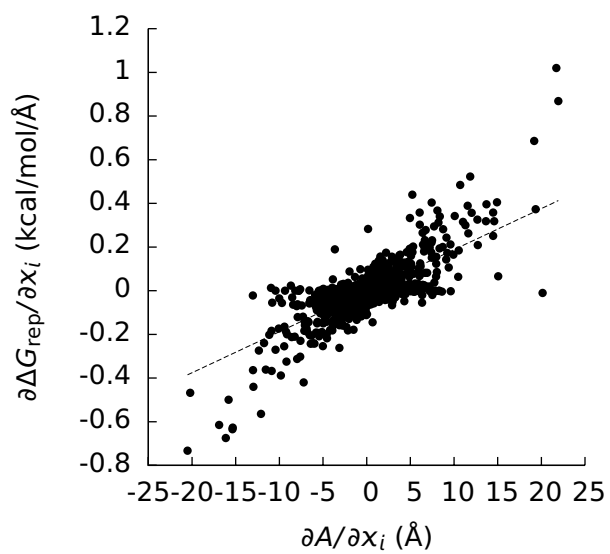
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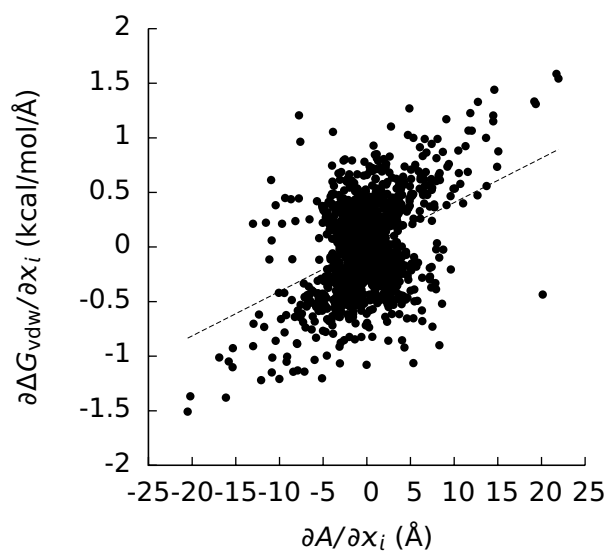
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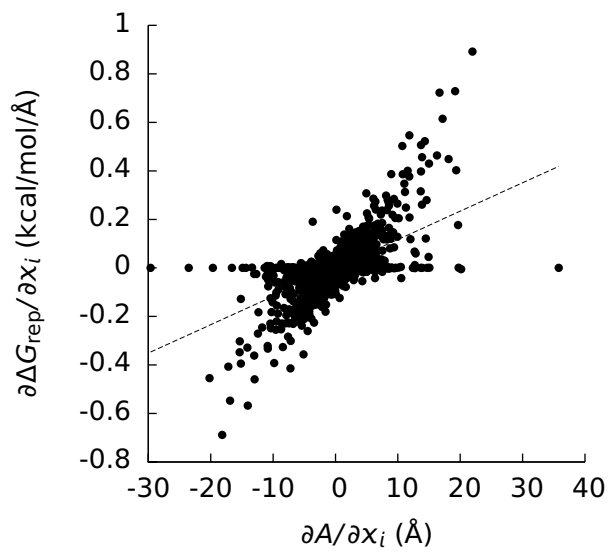


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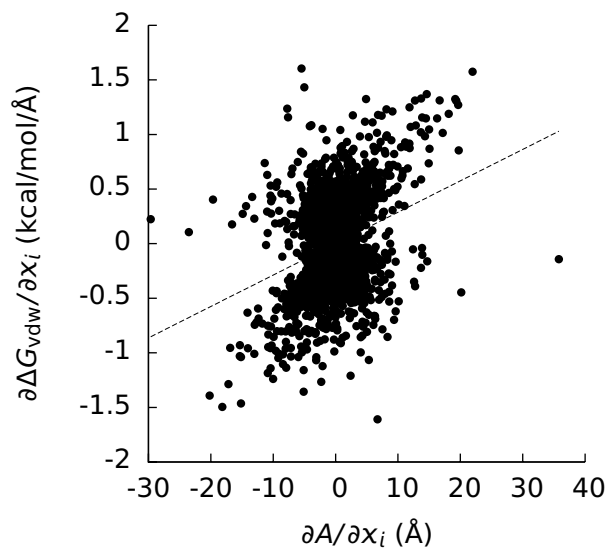


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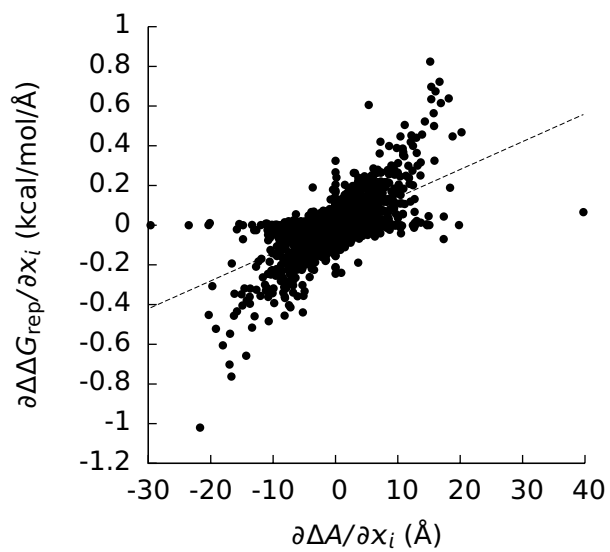
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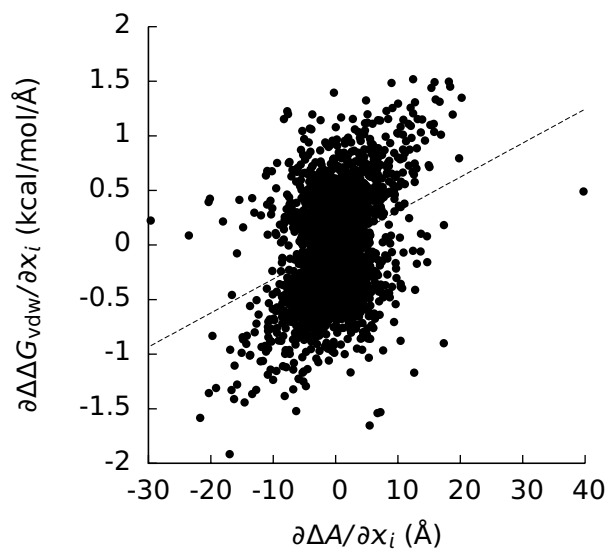
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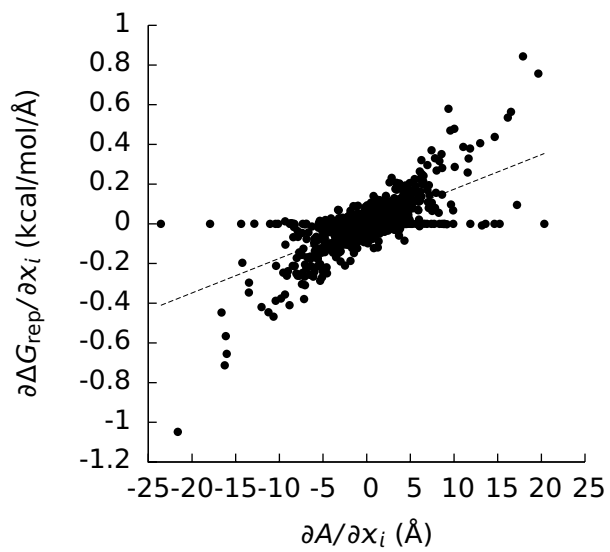
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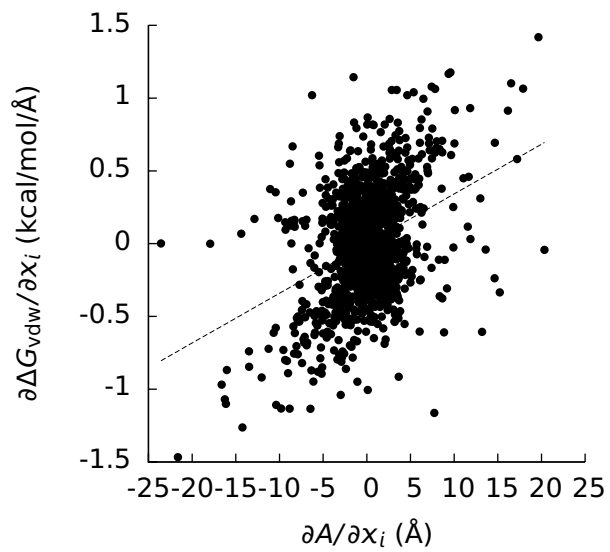
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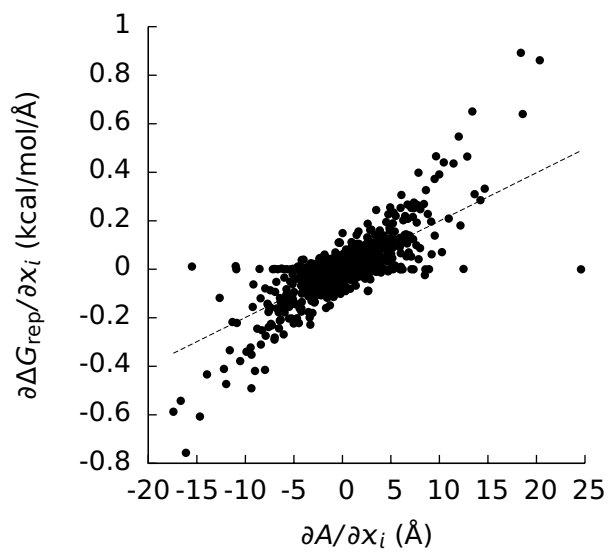
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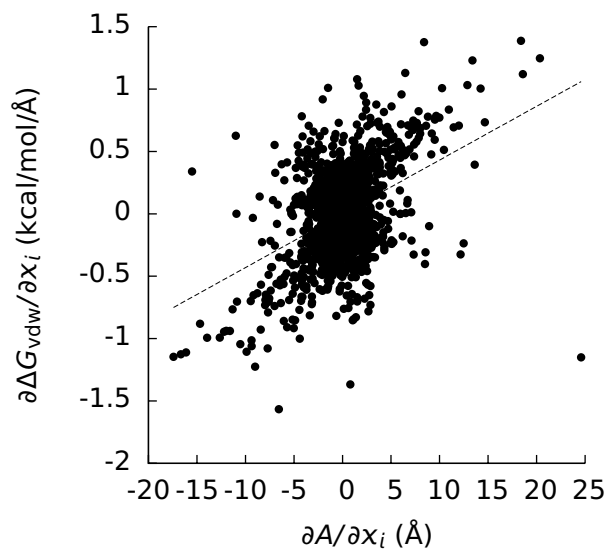
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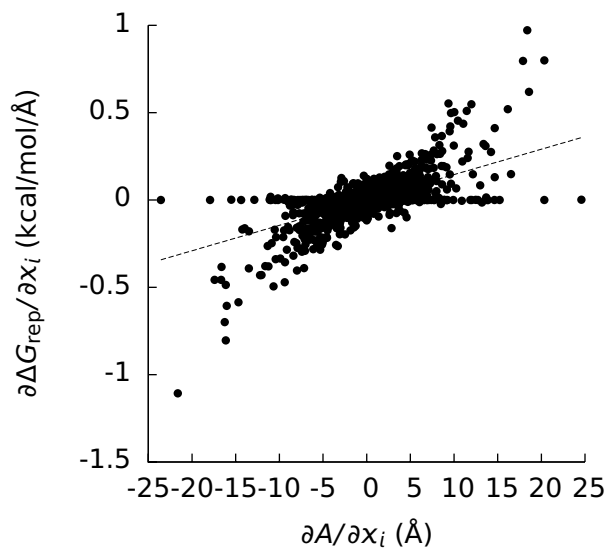


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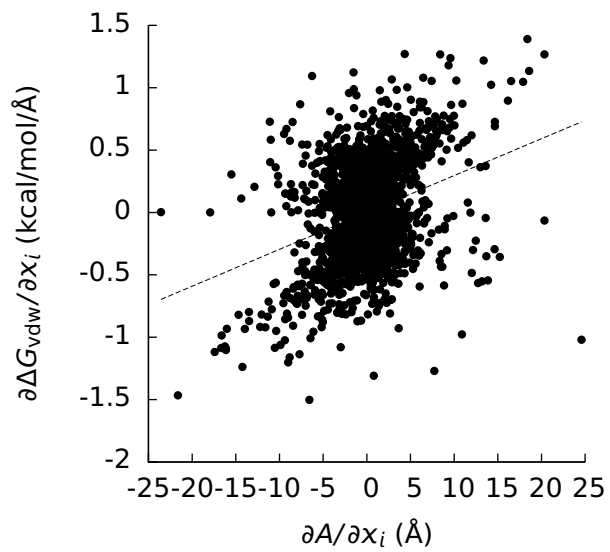


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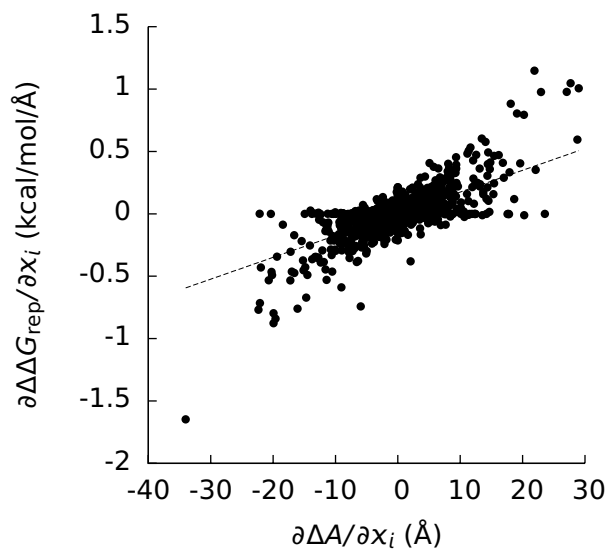
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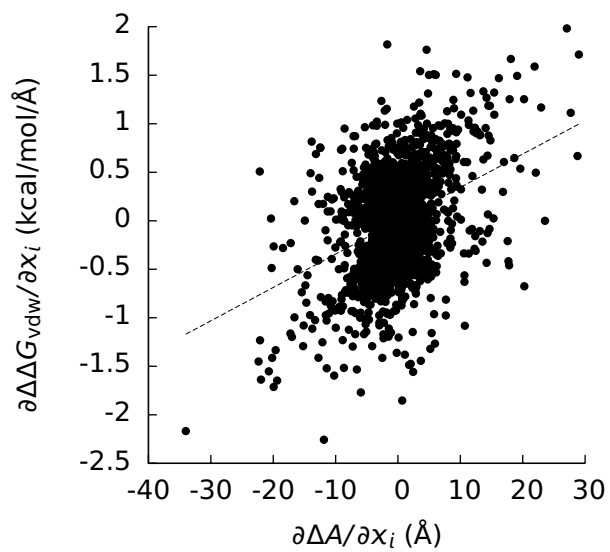
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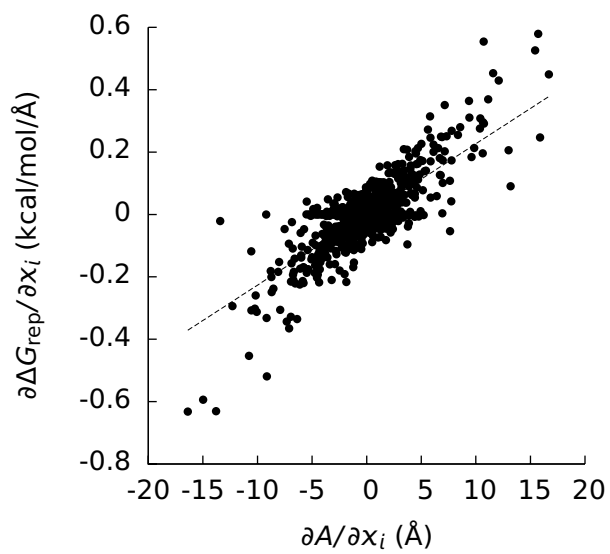


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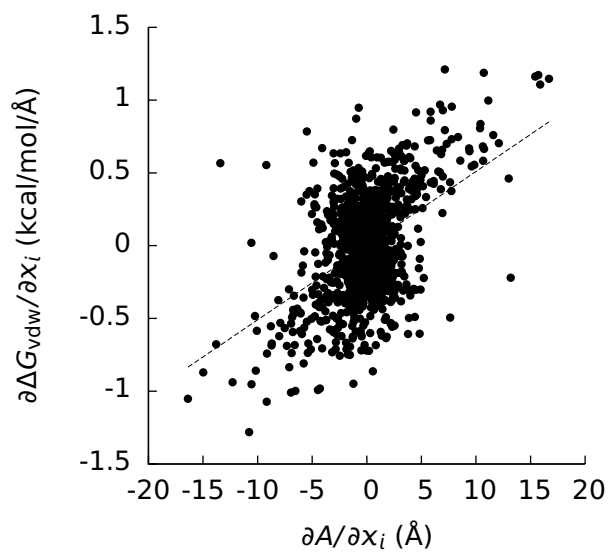


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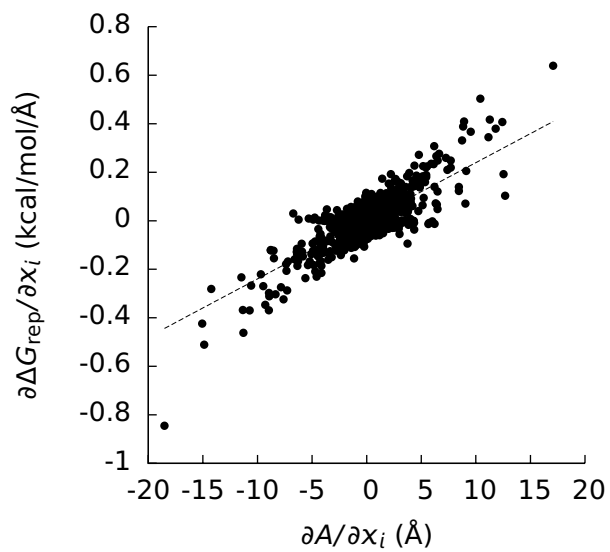
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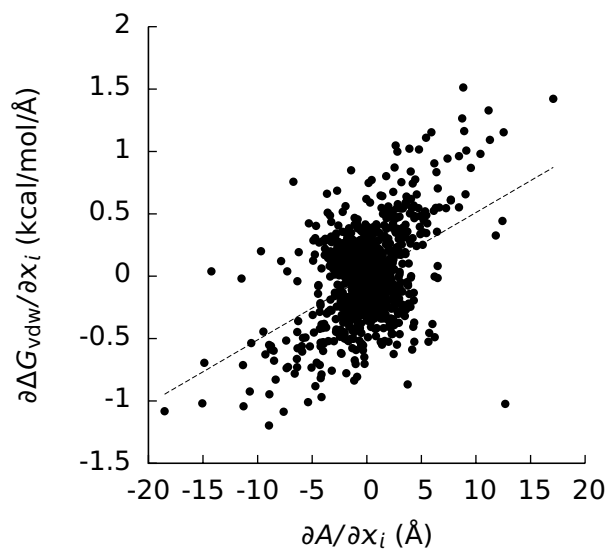
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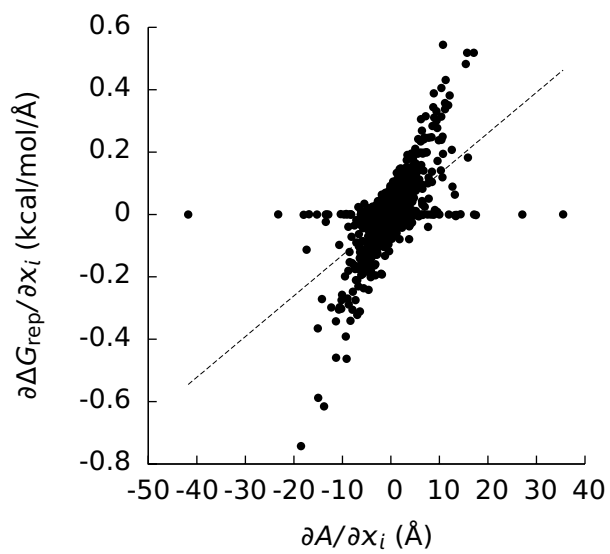


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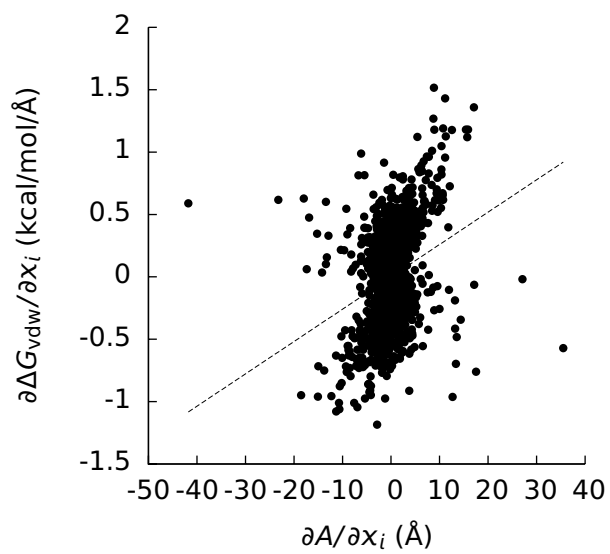


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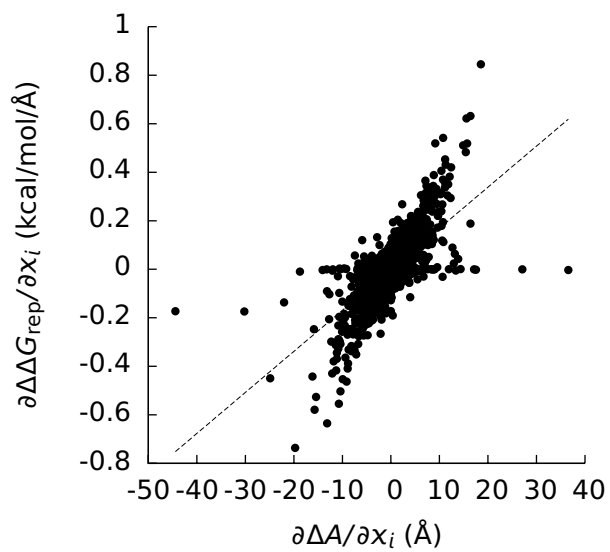
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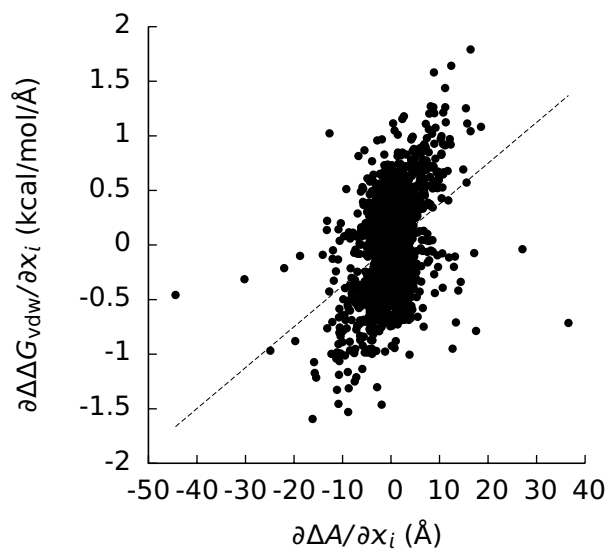
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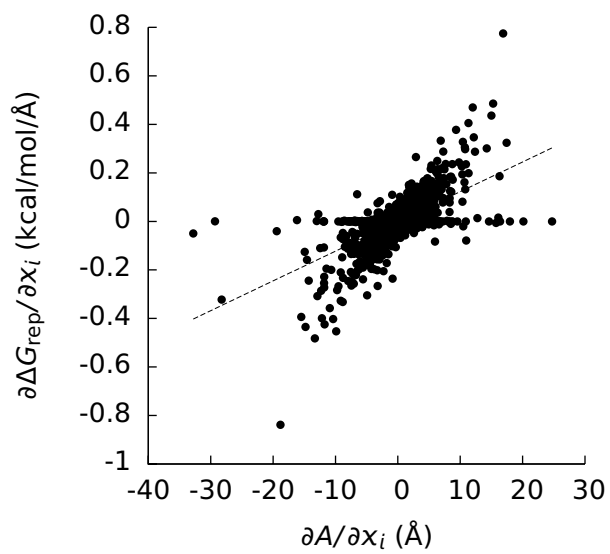
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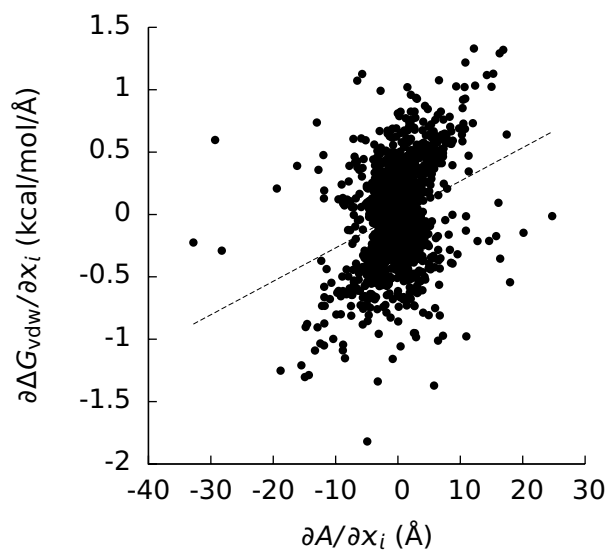
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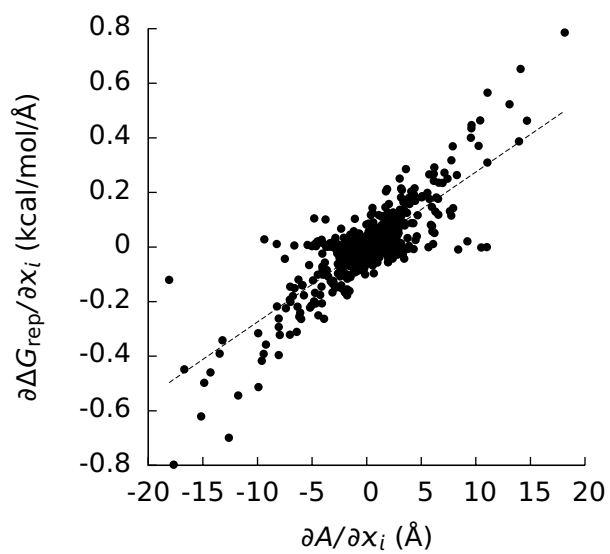
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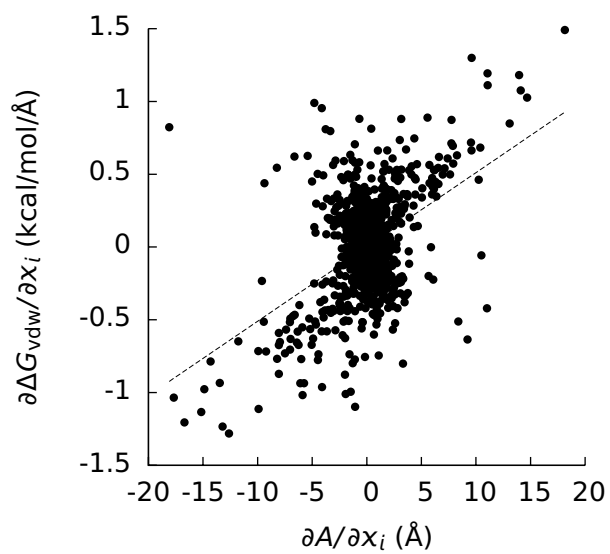
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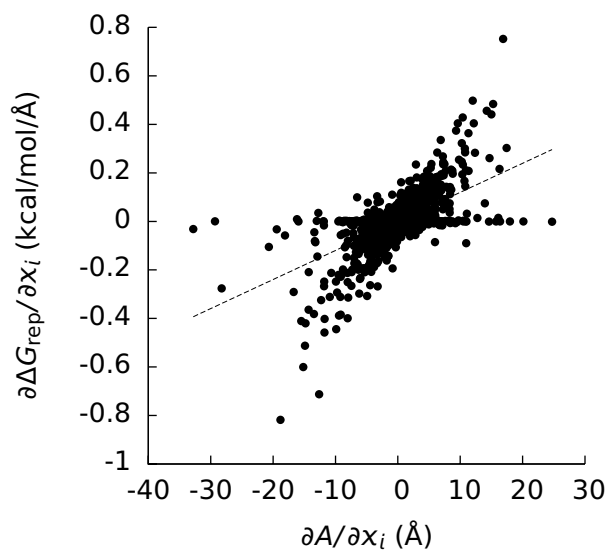


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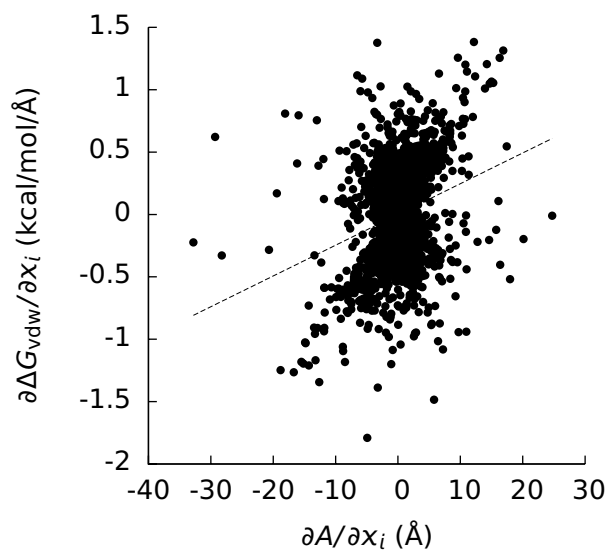


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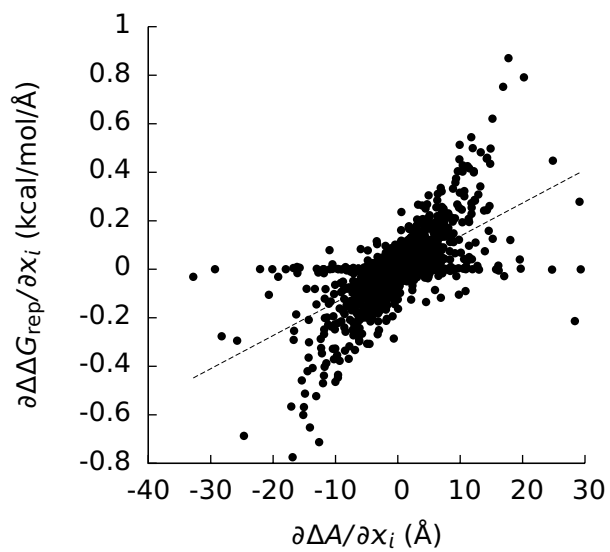
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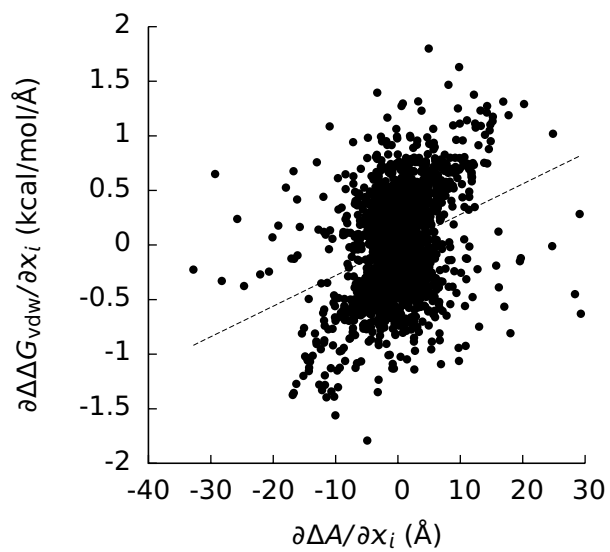
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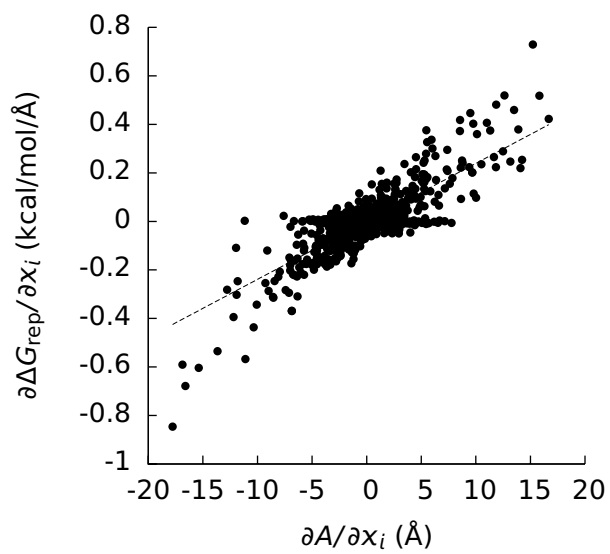


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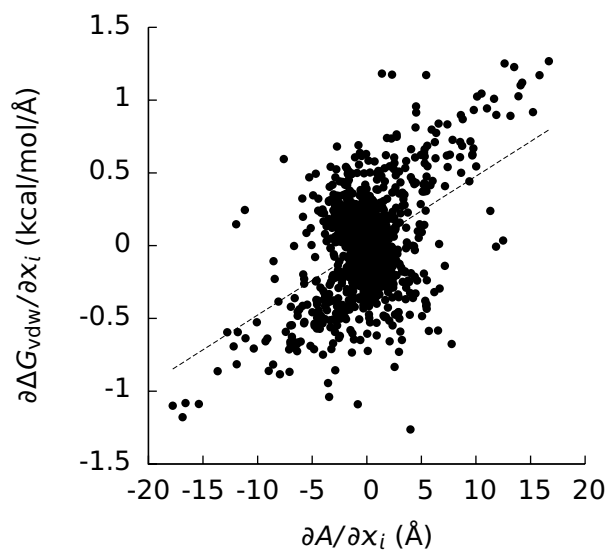


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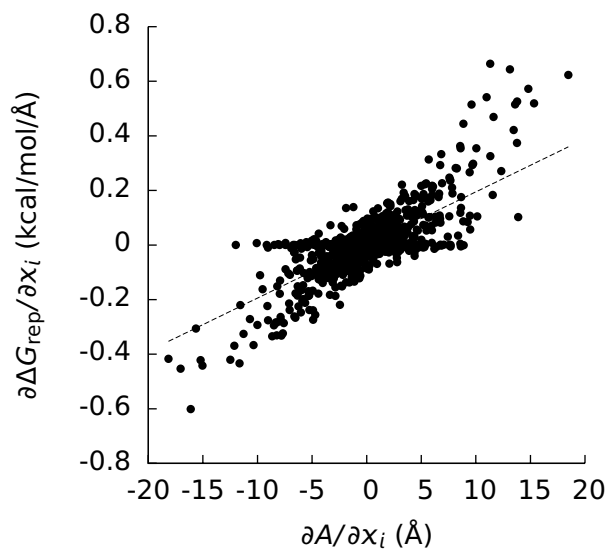
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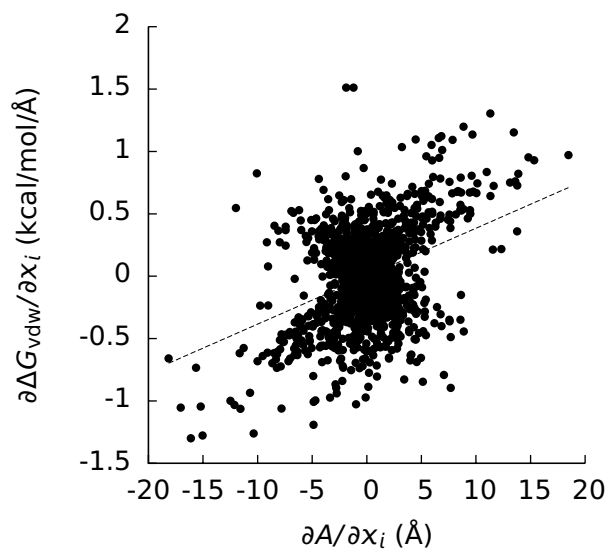
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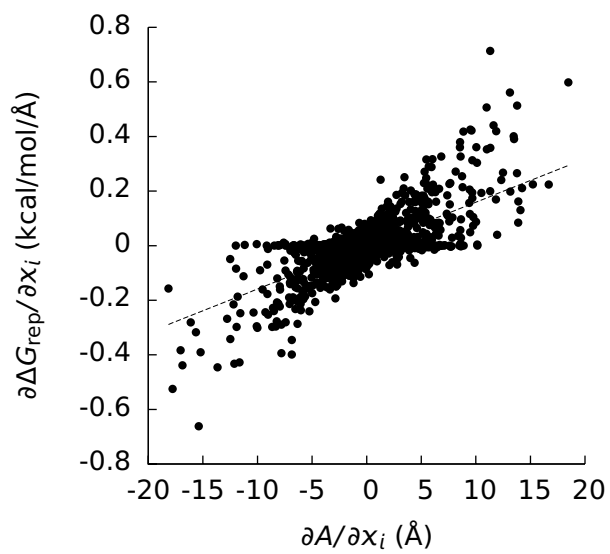


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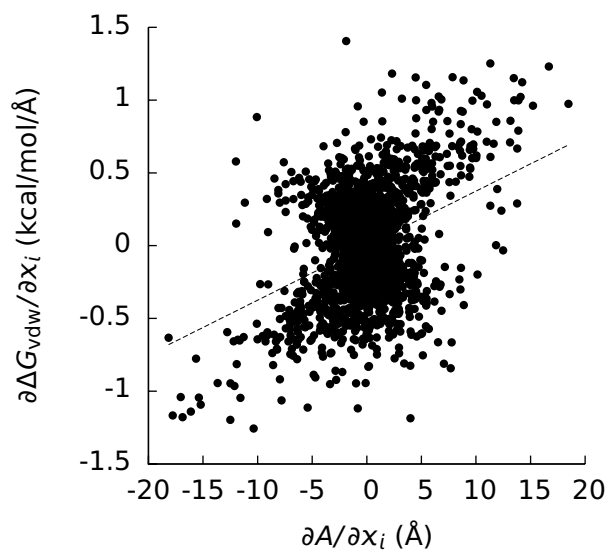


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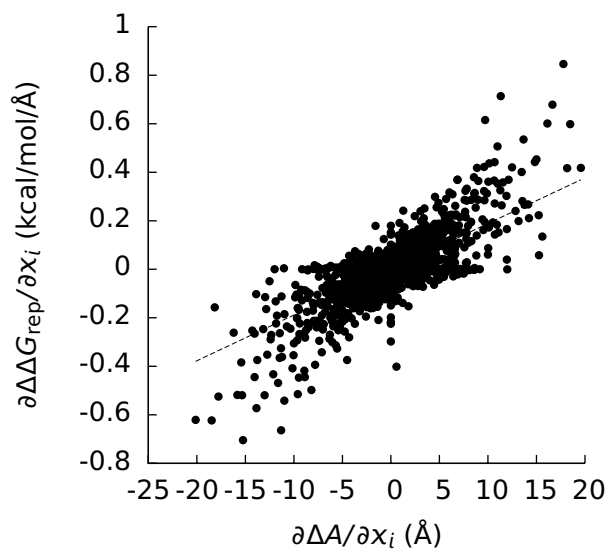
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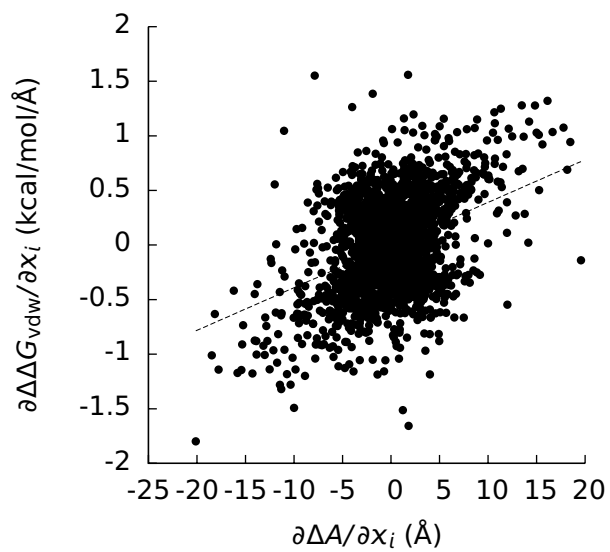
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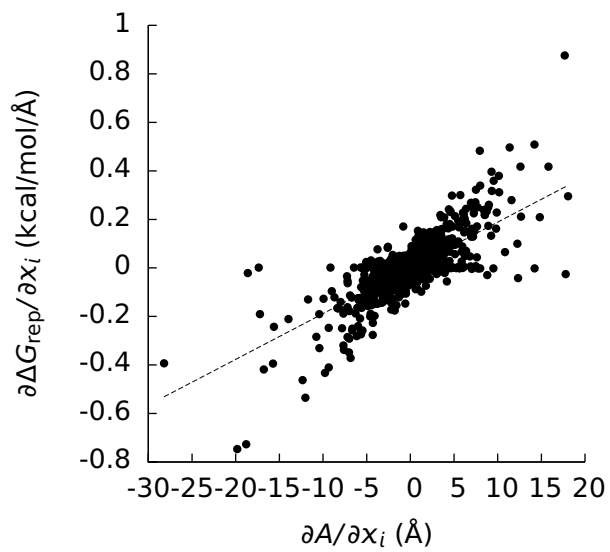
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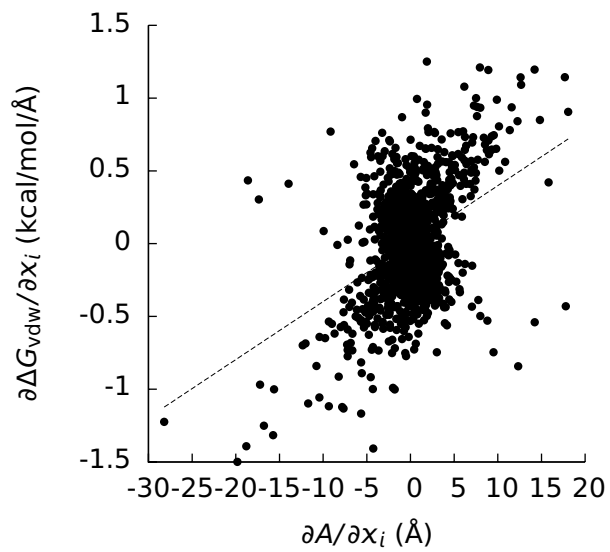
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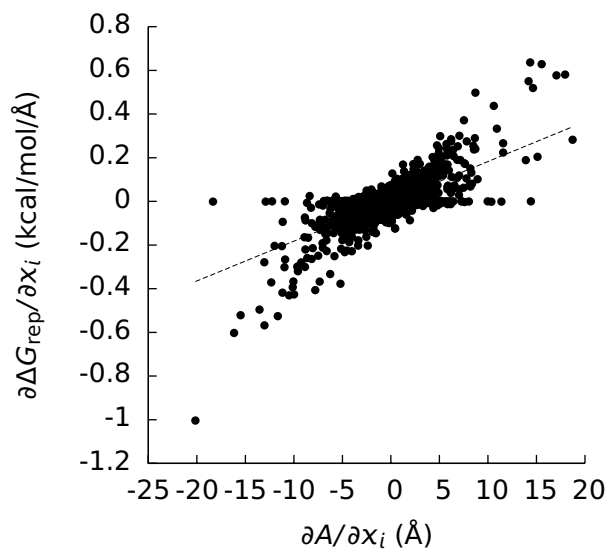
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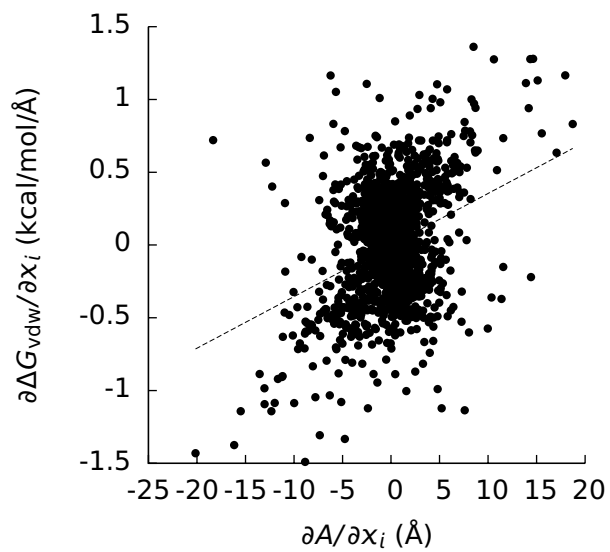
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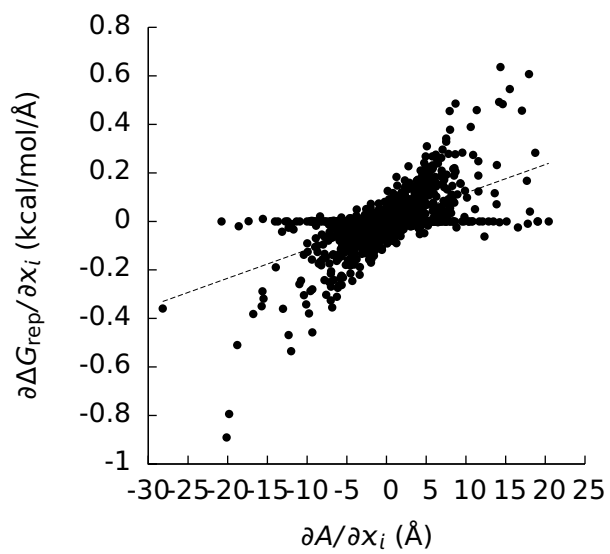


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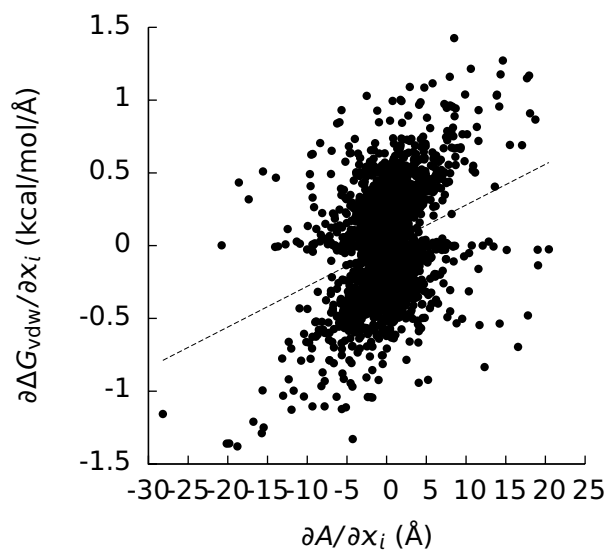


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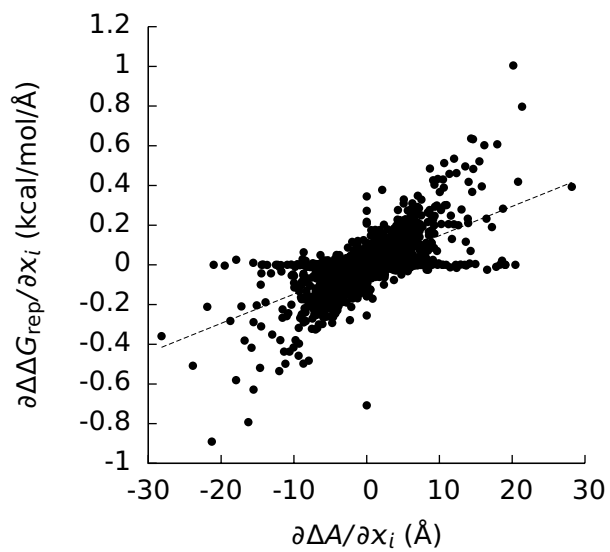
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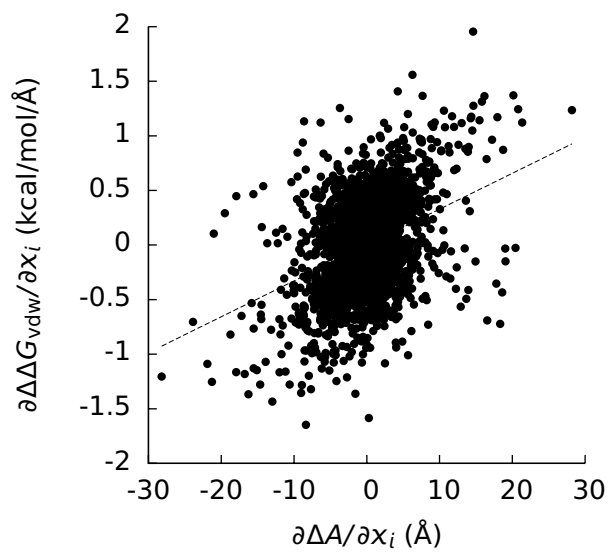
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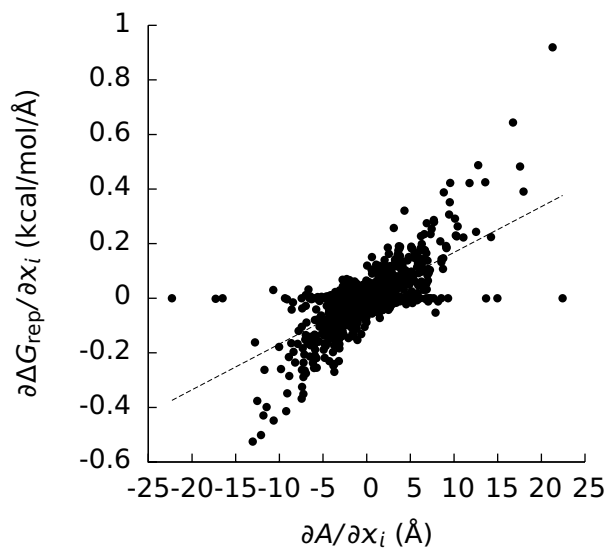


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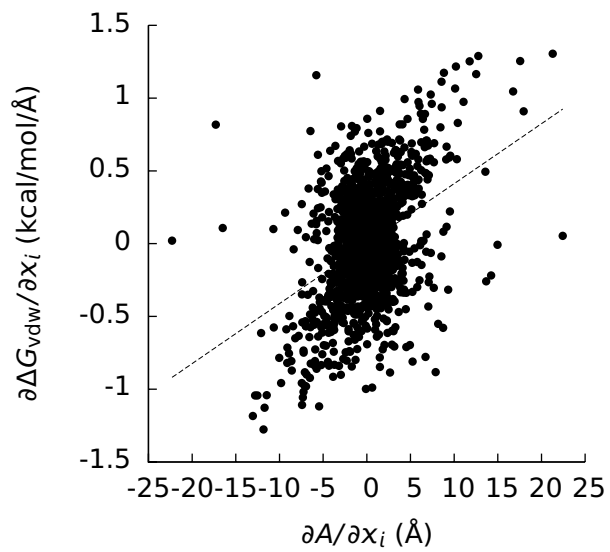


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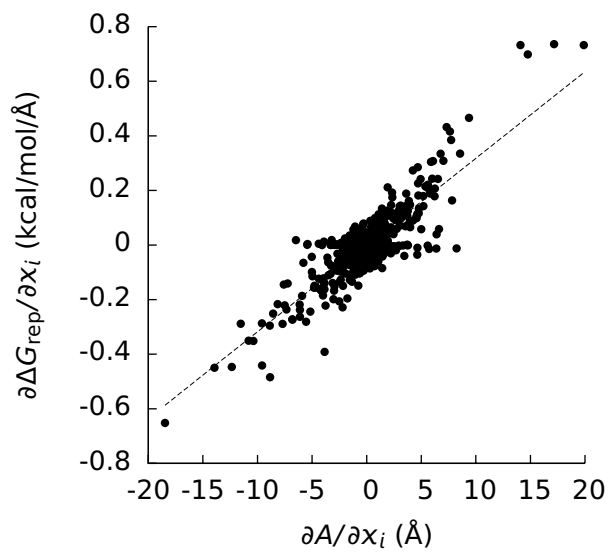
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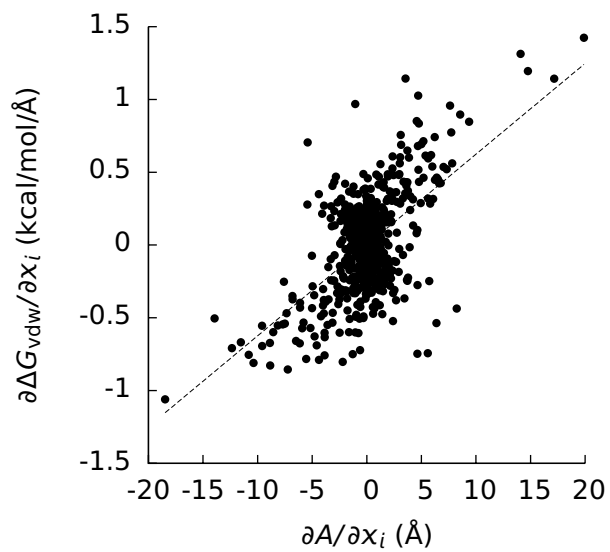
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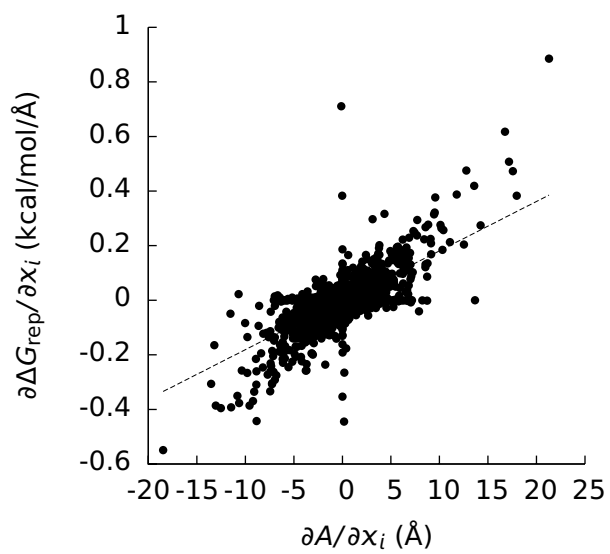


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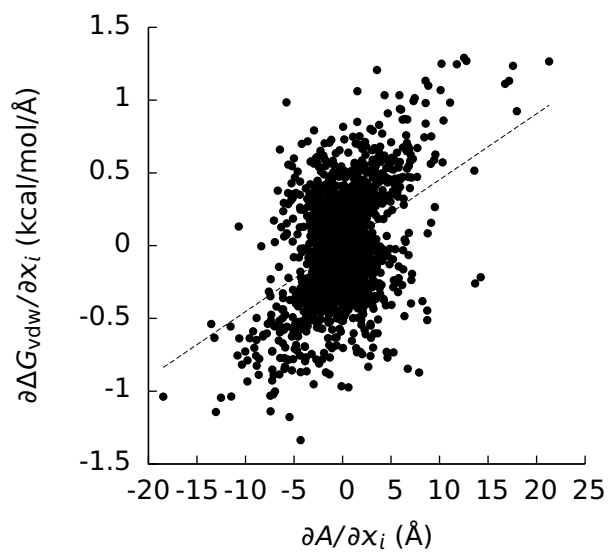


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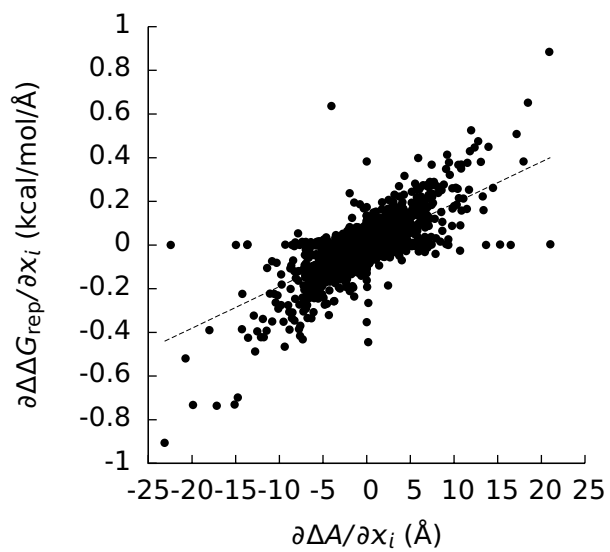
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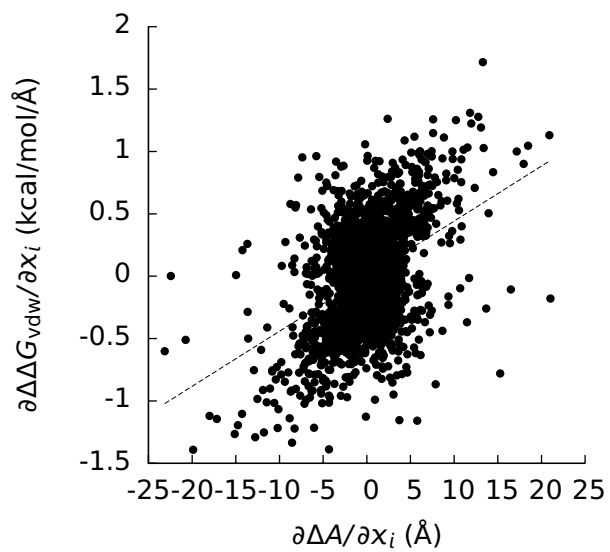
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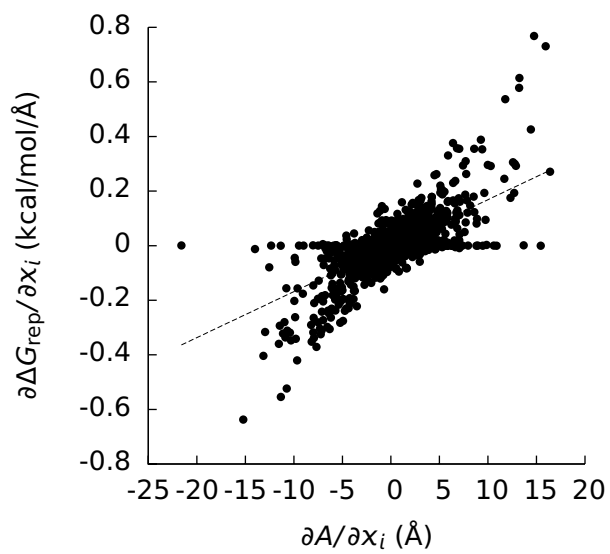
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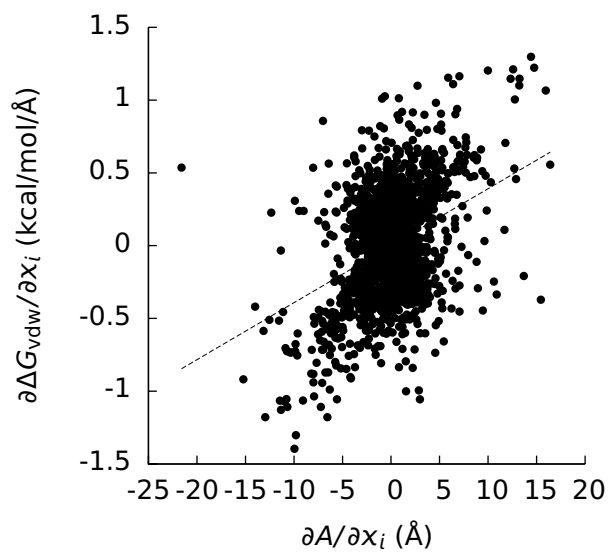
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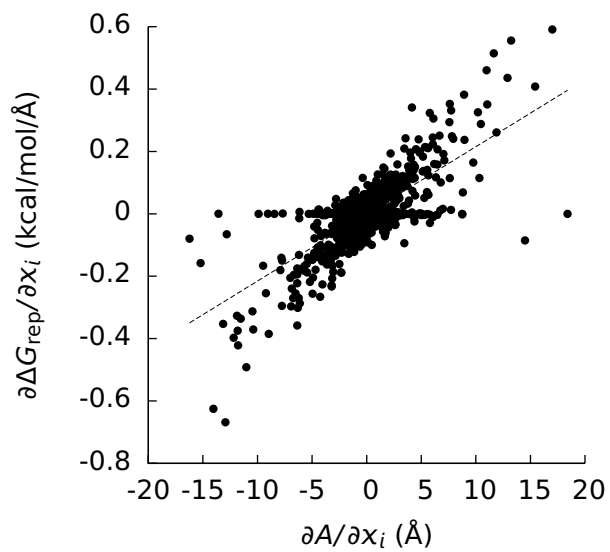
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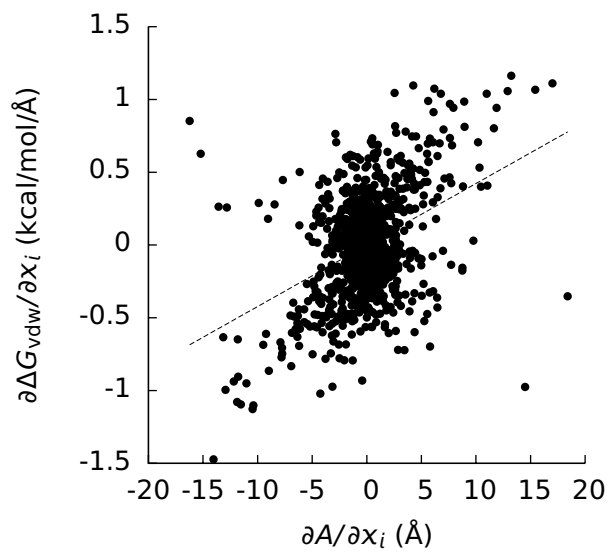
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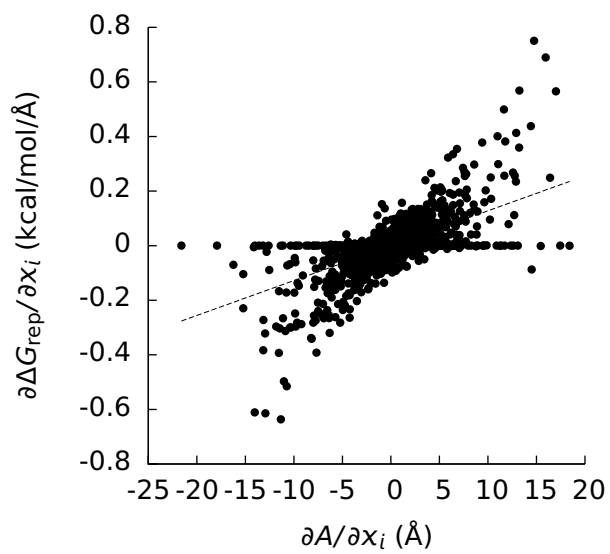


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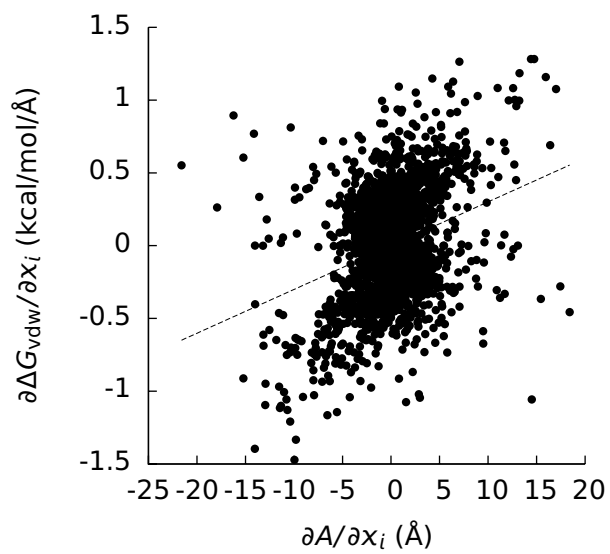


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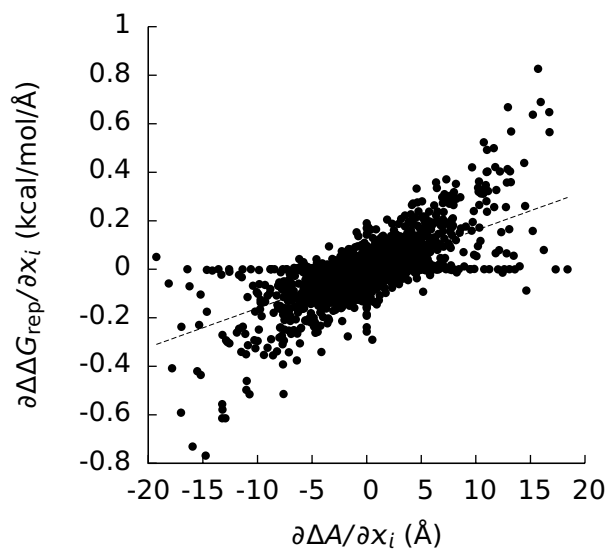
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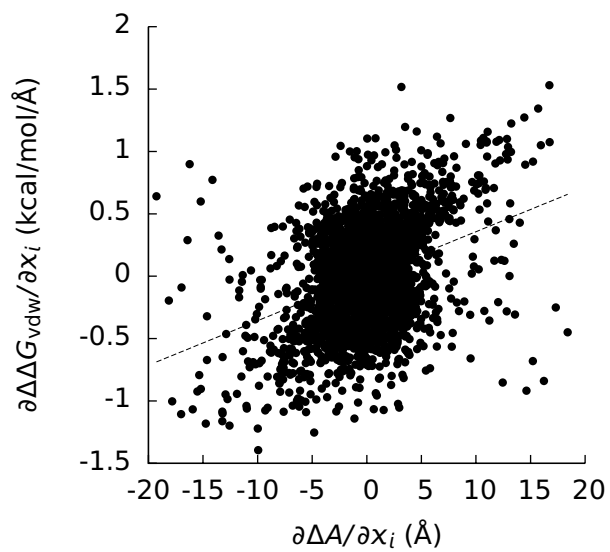
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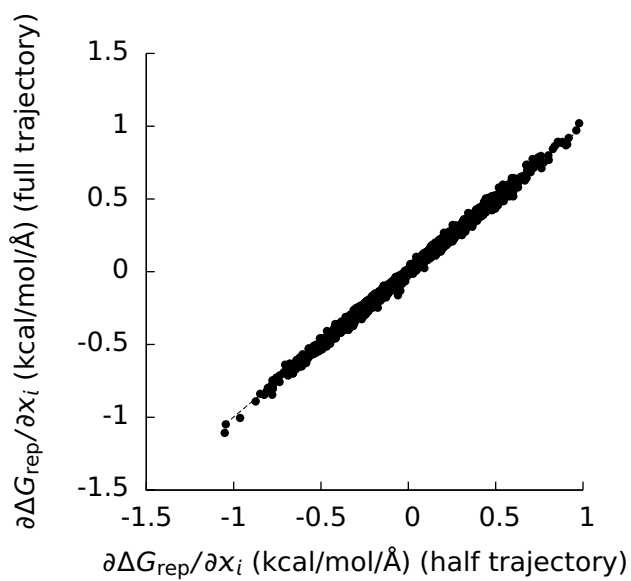


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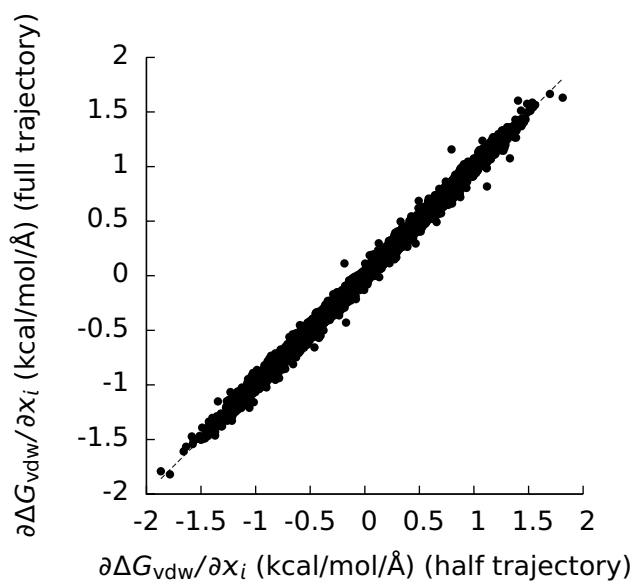


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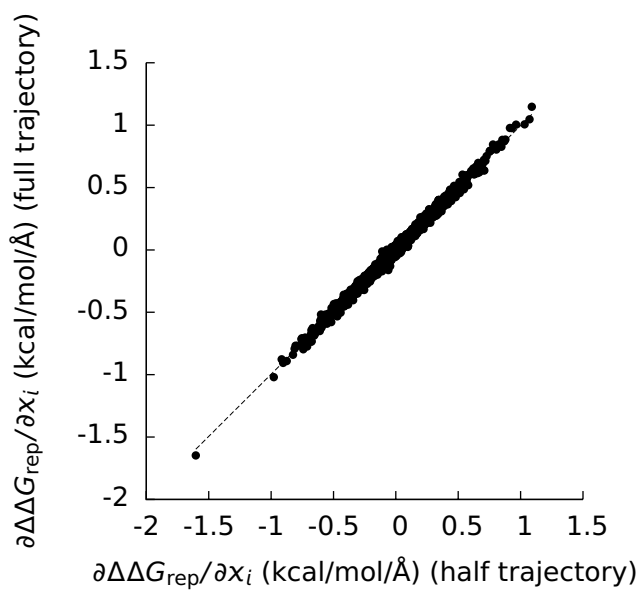
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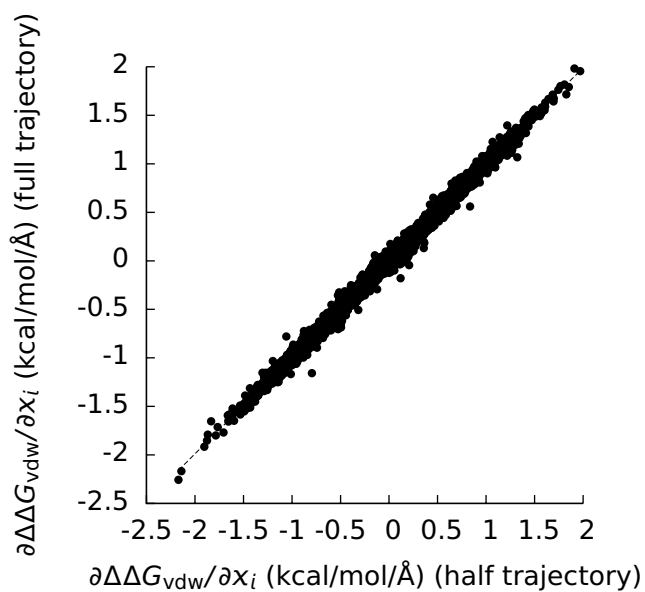
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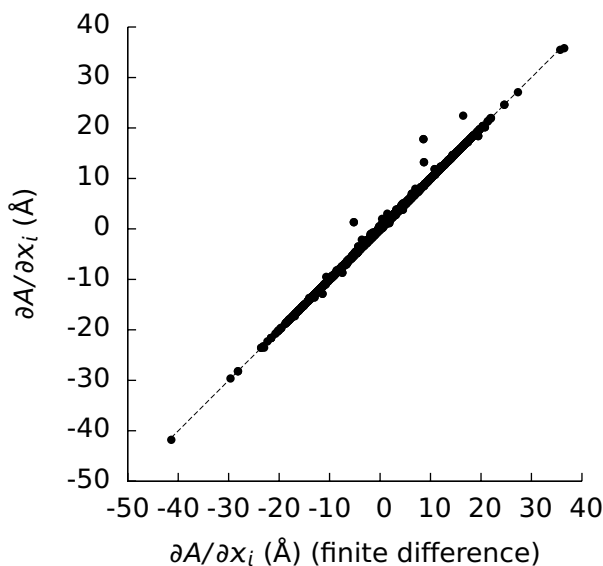


Figure 21: The derivatives ( $\partial A/\partial x_i$ ) of the solvent-accessible surface areas ( $A$ ) of the protein-protein complexes and their components with respect to the atomic coordinates ( $x_i$ ) plotted against finite-difference estimates of  $\partial A/\partial x_i$  obtained by shifting each atom in each direction by  $0.01 \text{ \AA}$ . The dashed line is a least-squares line drawn through the data. The slope of the line and the square of the Pearson correlation coefficient are 1.00.

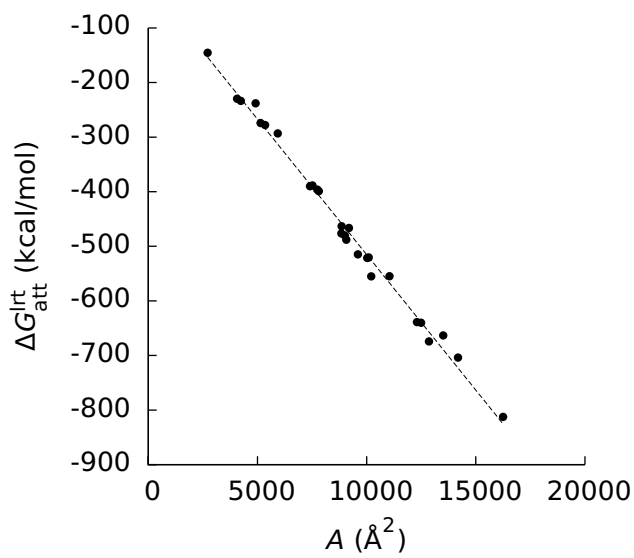


Figure 22: Linear response theory estimates ( $\Delta G_{\text{att}}^{\text{lrt}}$ ) of the attractive component of the free energy required to insert a Lennard-Jones cavity into solution for the nine protein-protein complexes and their components plotted against the solvent-accessible surface area. The dashed line is a least-squares line drawn through the points. Its slope is  $-0.050 \text{ kcal/mol/\text{Å}^2}$ , its y-intercept is  $-19 \text{ kcal/mol}$ , and the square of its Pearson's correlation coefficient is  $0.992$ .

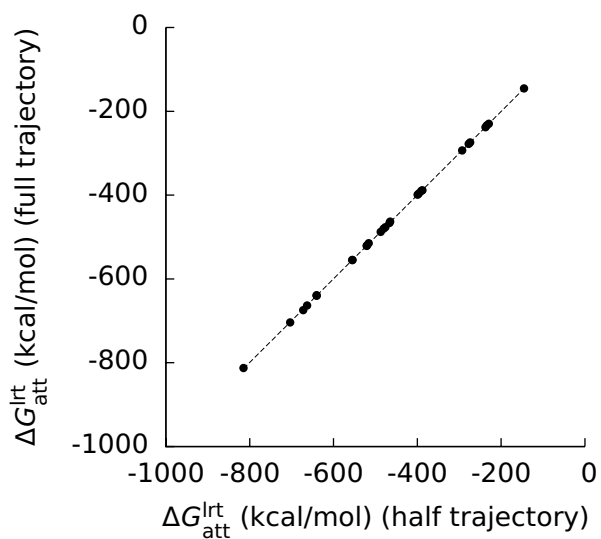




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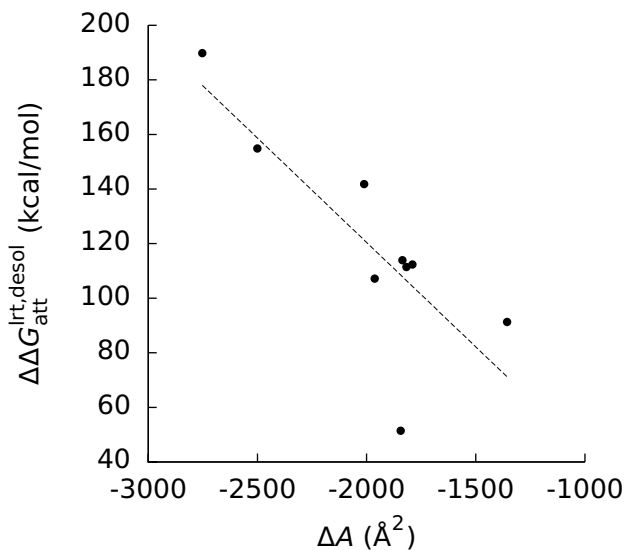


Figure 24: Linear response theory estimates ( $\Delta\Delta G_{\text{att}}^{\text{lrt}}$ ) of the attractive component of the desolvation free energy for the nine protein-protein complexes plotted against the change ( $\Delta A$ ) in the solvent-accessible surface area upon binding. The dashed line is a least-squares line drawn through the points. Its slope is  $-0.077$  kcal/mol/ $\text{\AA}$ , its y-intercept is  $-33$  kcal/mol, and the square of its Pearson's correlation coefficient is 0.64.

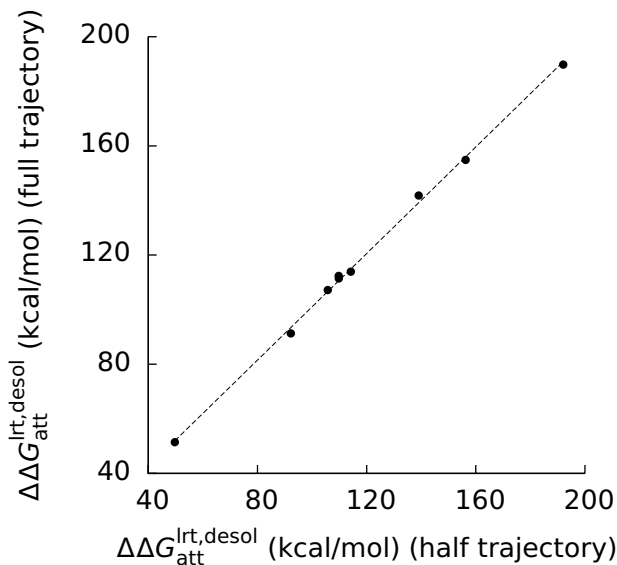


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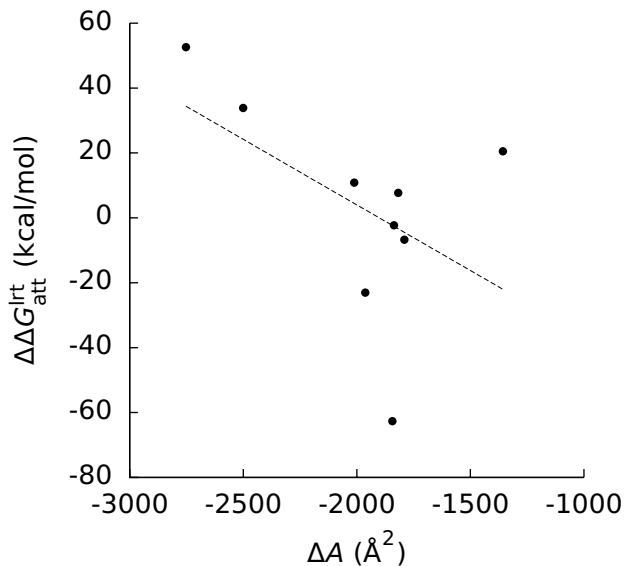


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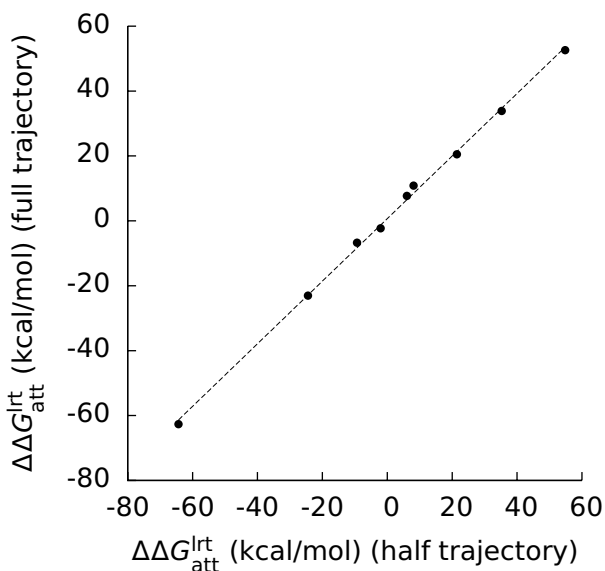


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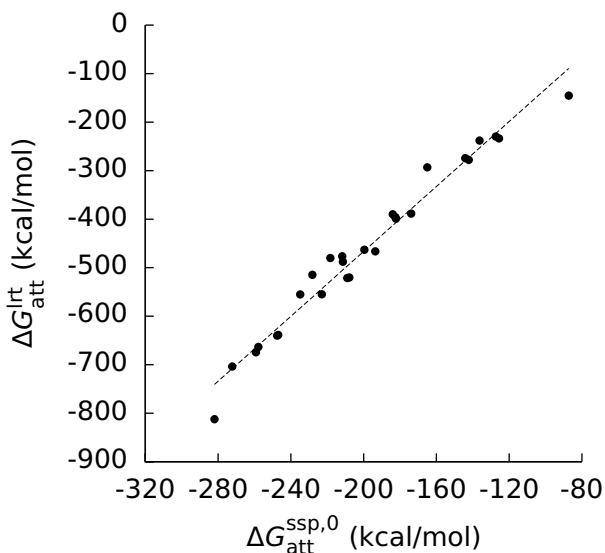


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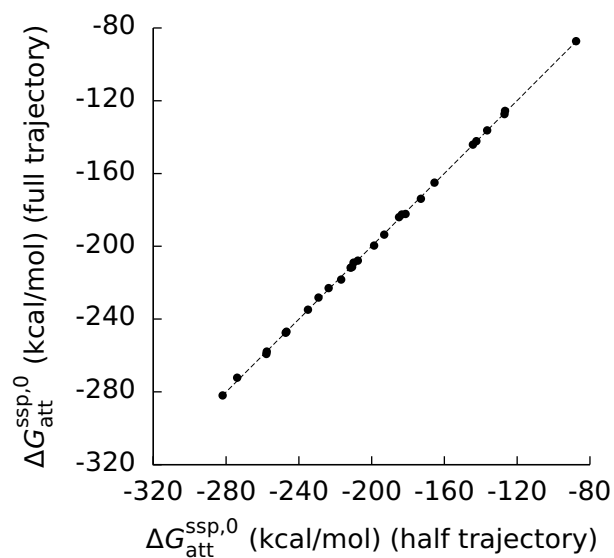


Figure 29: Single step perturbation estimates ( $\Delta\Delta G_{\text{att}}^{\text{ssp},0}$ ) of the attractive component of the binding free energy using the initial configurations of the solvent for the nine protein-protein complexes computed from the full simulation trajectories plotted against  $\Delta\Delta G_{\text{att}}^{\text{ssp},0}$  computed from the first halves of the simulation trajectories. The dashed line is a least-squares line drawn through the points. Its slope is 1.001, its y-intercept is 0.30 kcal/mol, and the square of its Pearson's correlation coefficient is 0.997.

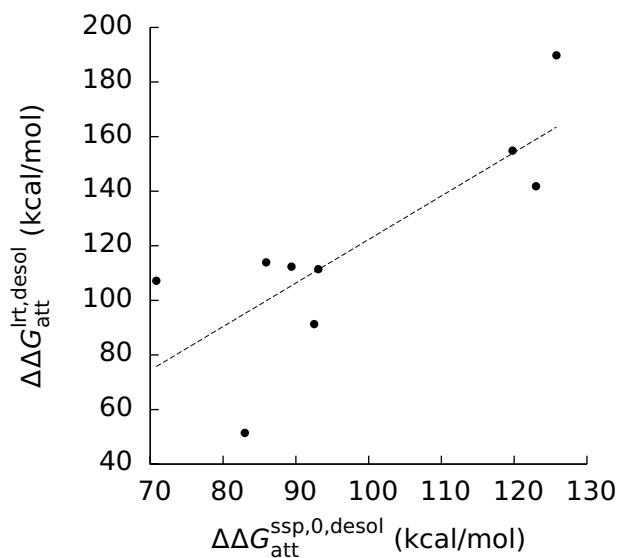


Figure 30: Linear response theory estimates ( $\Delta\Delta G_{\text{att}}^{\text{lrt,desol}}$ ) of the attractive component ( $\Delta\Delta G_{\text{att}}^{\text{desol}}$ ) of the desolvation free energy for the nine protein-protein complexes plotted against estimates ( $\Delta\Delta G_{\text{att}}^{\text{ssp},0}$ ) of  $\Delta\Delta G_{\text{att}}^{\text{desol}}$  obtained with single step perturbation using the initial configuration of solvent. The dashed line is a least-squares line drawn through the points. Its slope is 1.60, its y-intercept is -37 kcal/mol, and the square of its Pearson's correlation coefficient is 0.64.

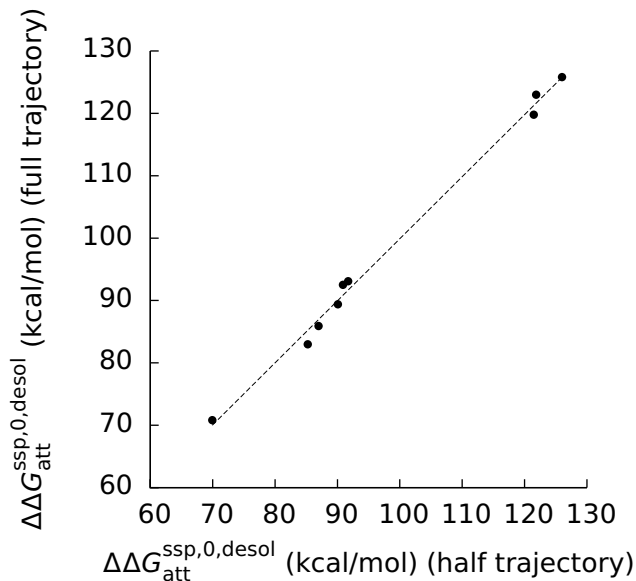


Figure 31: Single step perturbation estimates ( $\Delta\Delta G_{\text{att}}^{\text{ssp},0}$ ) of the attractive component of the desolvation free energy using the initial configurations of the solvent for the nine protein-protein complexes computed from the full simulation trajectories plotted against  $\Delta\Delta G_{\text{att}}^{\text{ssp},0}$  computed from the first halves of the simulation trajectories. The dashed line is a least-squares line drawn through the points. Its slope is 0.995, its y-intercept is 0.43 kcal/mol, and the square of its Pearson's correlation coefficient is 0.995.

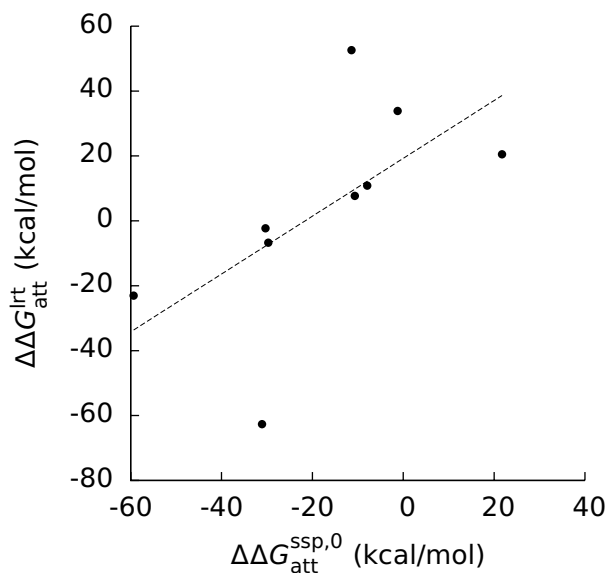


Figure 32: Linear response theory estimates ( $\Delta\Delta G_{\text{att}}^{\text{lrt}}$ ) of the attractive component ( $\Delta\Delta G_{\text{att}}$ ) of the binding free energy for the nine protein-protein complexes plotted against estimates ( $\Delta\Delta G_{\text{att}}^{\text{ssp},0}$ ) of  $\Delta\Delta G_{\text{att}}$  obtained with single step perturbation using the initial configuration of solvent. The dashed line is a least-squares line drawn through the points. Its slope is 0.89, its y-intercept is 19 kcal/mol, and the square of its Pearson's correlation coefficient is 0.38.

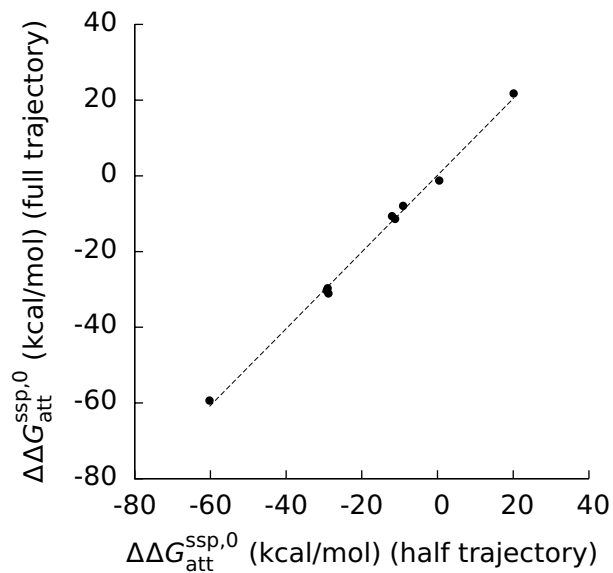


Figure 33: Single step perturbation estimates ( $\Delta\Delta G_{\text{att}}^{\text{ssp},0}$ ) of the attractive component of the binding free energy using the initial configurations of the solvent for the nine protein-protein complexes computed from the full simulation trajectories plotted against  $\Delta\Delta G_{\text{att}}^{\text{ssp},0}$  computed from the first halves of the simulation trajectories. The dashed line is a least-squares line drawn through the points. Its slope is 1.01, its y-intercept is 0.14 kcal/mol, and the square of its Pearson's correlation coefficient is 0.996.

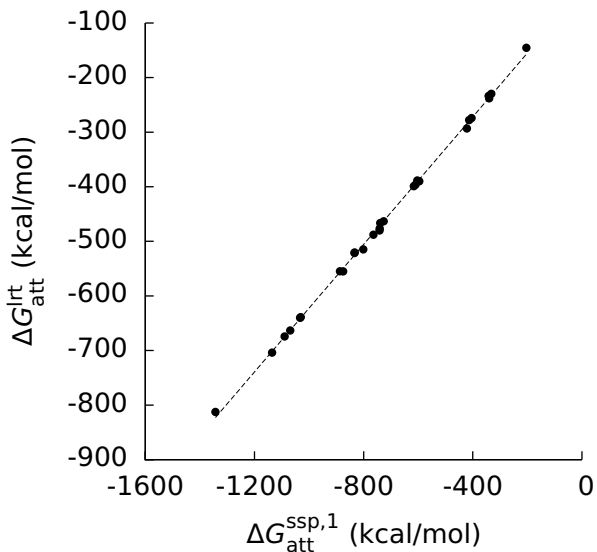


Figure 34: Linear response theory estimates ( $\Delta G_{\text{att}}^{\text{lrt}}$ ) of the attractive component ( $\Delta G_{\text{att}}$ ) of the free energy required to insert a Lennard-Jones cavity into solution for the nine protein-protein complexes plotted against estimates ( $\Delta G_{\text{att}}^{\text{ssp},1}$ ) of  $\Delta G_{\text{att}}$  obtained with single step perturbation using the final configuration of solvent. The dashed line is a least-squares line drawn through the points. Its slope is 0.58, its y-intercept is -38 kcal/mol, and the square of its Pearson's correlation coefficient is 0.9991.

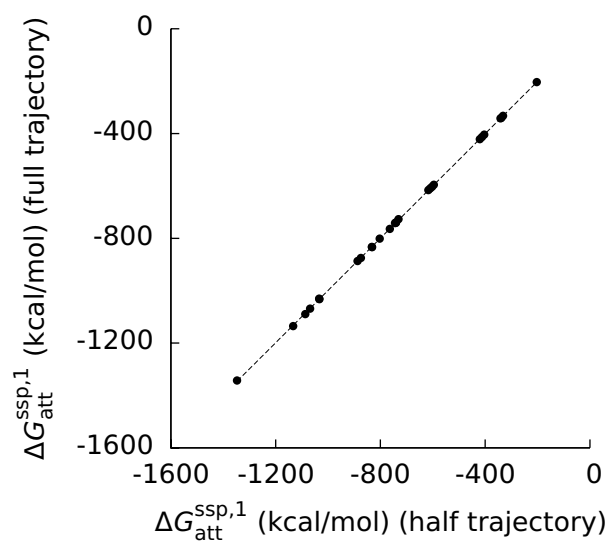


Figure 35: Single step perturbation estimates ( $\Delta\Delta G_{\text{att}}^{\text{ssp},1}$ ) of the attractive component of the binding free energy using the final configurations of the solvent for the nine protein-protein complexes computed from the full simulation trajectories plotted against  $\Delta\Delta G_{\text{att}}^{\text{ssp},1}$  computed from the first halves of the simulation trajectories. The dashed line is a least-squares line drawn through the points. Its slope is 0.998, its y-intercept is -1.25 kcal/mol, and the square of its Pearson's correlation coefficient is 0.99996.

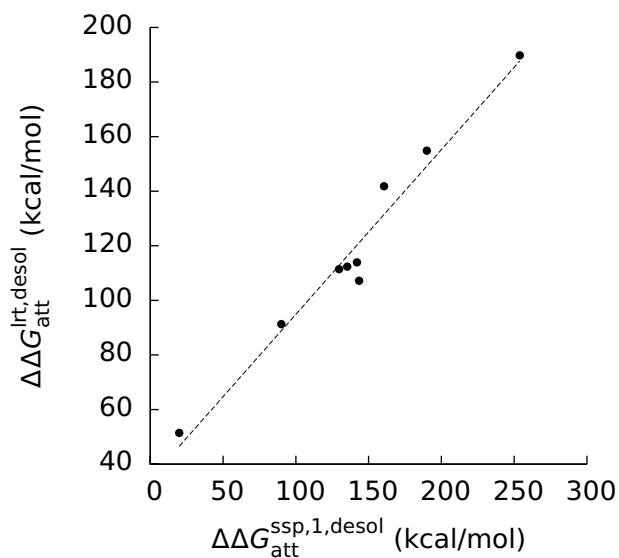




Figure 36: Linear response theory estimates ( $\Delta\Delta G_{\text{att}}^{\text{lrt,desol}}$ ) of the attractive component ( $\Delta\Delta G_{\text{att}}^{\text{desol}}$ ) of the desolvation free energy for the nine protein-protein complexes plotted against estimates ( $\Delta\Delta G_{\text{att}}^{\text{ssp},1}$ ) of  $\Delta\Delta G_{\text{att}}^{\text{desol}}$  obtained with single step perturbation using the final configuration of solvent. The dashed line is a least-squares line drawn through the points. Its slope is 0.60, its y-intercept is 35 kcal/mol, and the square of its Pearson's correlation coefficient is 0.97.

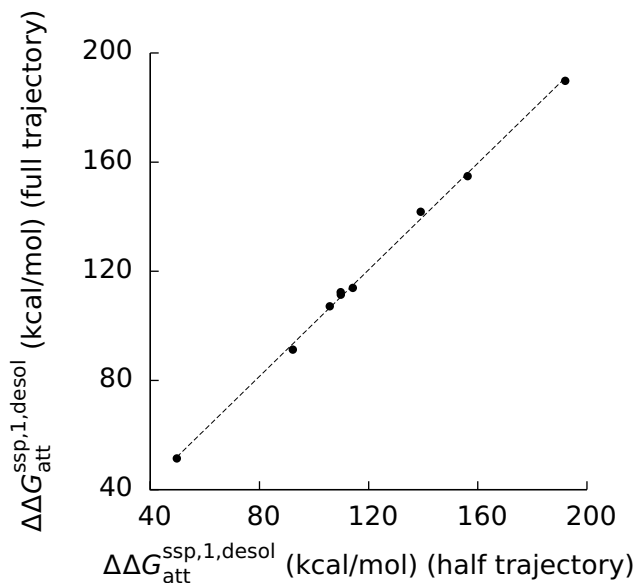


Figure 37: Single step perturbation estimates ( $\Delta\Delta G_{\text{att}}^{\text{ssp},1}$ ) of the attractive component of the desolvation free energy using the final configurations of the solvent for the nine protein-protein complexes computed from the full simulation trajectories plotted against  $\Delta\Delta G_{\text{att}}^{\text{ssp},1}$  computed from the first halves of the simulation trajectories. The dashed line is a least-squares line drawn through the points. Its slope is 0.98, its y-intercept is 3.41 kcal/mol, and the square of its Pearson's correlation coefficient is 0.998.

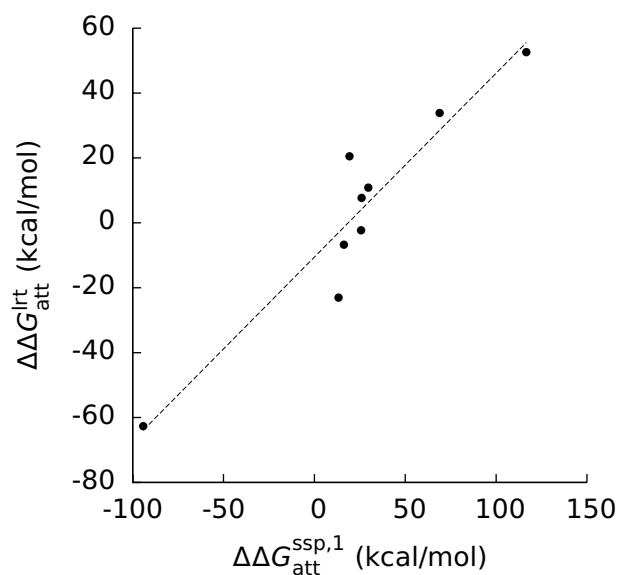


Figure 38: Linear response theory estimates ( $\Delta\Delta G_{\text{att}}^{\text{lrt}}$ ) of the attractive component ( $\Delta\Delta G_{\text{att}}$ ) of the binding free energy for the nine protein-protein complexes plotted against estimates ( $\Delta\Delta G_{\text{att}}^{\text{ssp},1}$ ) of  $\Delta\Delta G_{\text{att}}$  obtained with single step perturbation using the final configurations of solvent. The dashed line is a least-squares line drawn through the points. Its slope is 0.57, its y-intercept is -10.5 kcal/mol, and the square of its Pearson's correlation coefficient is 0.89.

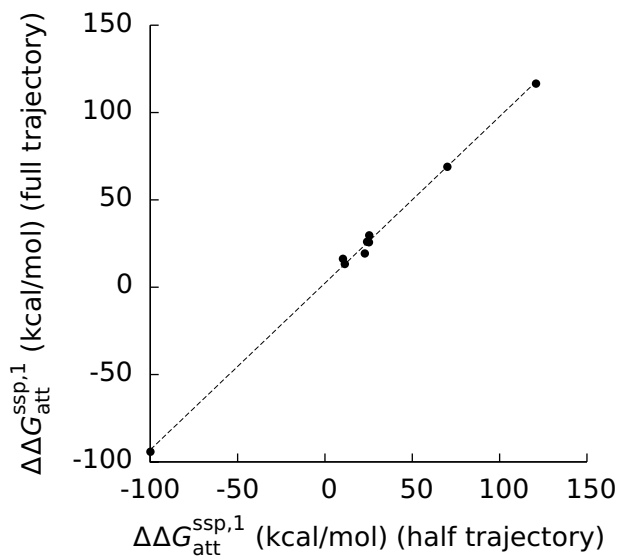


Figure 39: Single step perturbation estimates ( $\Delta\Delta G_{\text{att}}^{\text{ssp},1}$ ) of the attractive component of the binding free energy using the final configurations of the solvent for the nine protein-protein complexes computed from the full simulation trajectories plotted against  $\Delta\Delta G_{\text{att}}^{\text{ssp},1}$  computed from the first halves of the simulation trajectories. The dashed line is a least-squares line drawn through the points. Its slope is 0.95, its y-intercept is 2.34 kcal/mol, and the square of its Pearson's correlation coefficient is 0.998.

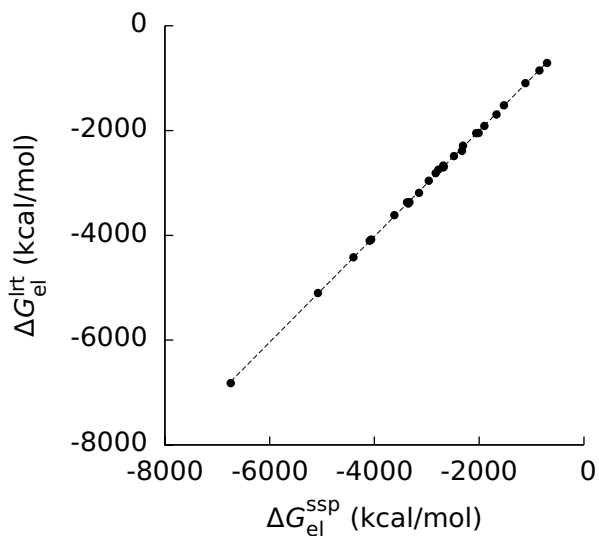


Figure 40: Linear response theory estimates ( $\Delta G_{\text{el}}^{\text{lrt}}$ ) of the electrostatic component ( $\Delta G_{\text{el}}$ ) of the solvation free energy for the nine protein-protein complexes and their components plotted against estimates ( $\Delta G_{\text{el}}^{\text{ssp}}$ ) of  $\Delta G_{\text{el}}$  obtained with single step perturbation using the final configuration of solvent. The dashed line is a least-squares line drawn through the points. Its slope is 1.01, its y-intercept is 16 kcal/mol, and the square of its Pearson's correlation coefficient is 0.9997.

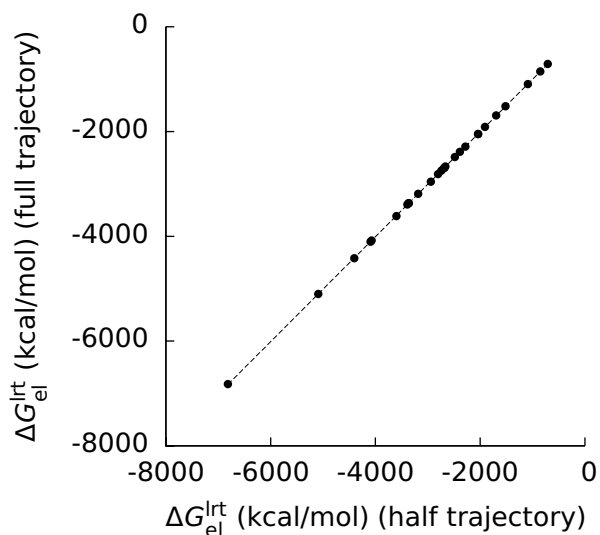


Figure 41: Linear response theory estimates ( $\Delta G_{el}^{lrt}$ ) of the electrostatic component of the solvation free energy for the nine protein-protein complexes and their components computed from the full simulation trajectories plotted against  $\Delta G_{el}^{lrt}$  computed from the first halves of the simulation trajectories. The dashed line is a least-squares line drawn through the points. Its slope is 1.002, its y-intercept is -0.97 kcal/mol, and the square of its Pearson's correlation coefficient is 0.99999.

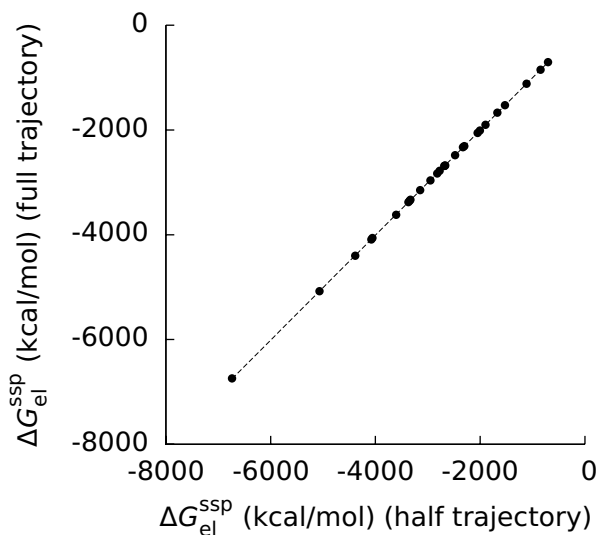


Figure 42: Single step perturbation estimates ( $\Delta G_{el}^{ssp}$ ) of the electrostatic component of the solvation free energy for the nine protein-protein complexes and their components computed from the full simulation trajectories plotted against  $\Delta G_{el}^{ssp}$  computed from the first halves of the simulation trajectories. The dashed line is a least-squares line drawn through the points. Its slope is 1.002, its y-intercept is -0.17 kcal/mol, and the square of its Pearson's correlation coefficient is 0.99999.

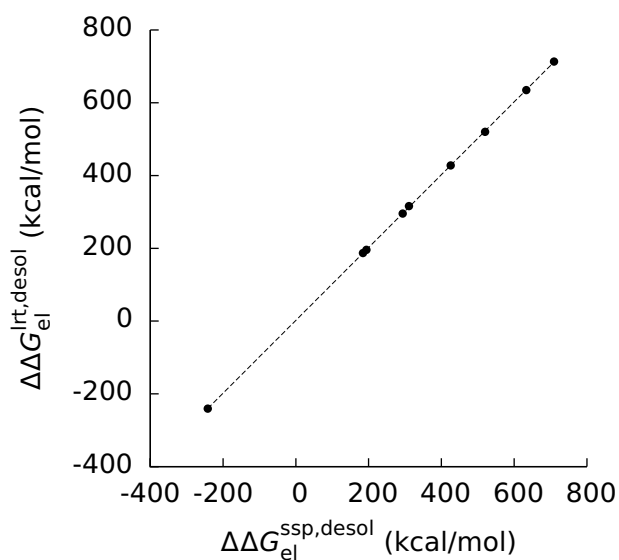


Figure 43: Linear response theory estimates ( $\Delta\Delta G_{el}^{lrt,desol}$ ) of the electrostatic component ( $\Delta\Delta G_{el}^{desol}$ ) of the desolvation free energy for the nine protein-protein complexes plotted against estimates ( $\Delta\Delta G_{el}^{ssp,desol}$ ) of  $\Delta\Delta G_{el}^{desol}$  obtained with single step perturbation using the final configuration of solvent. The dashed line is a least-squares line drawn through the points. Its slope is 1.0007, its y-intercept is 2.0 kcal/mol, and the square of its Pearson's correlation coefficient is 0.99997.

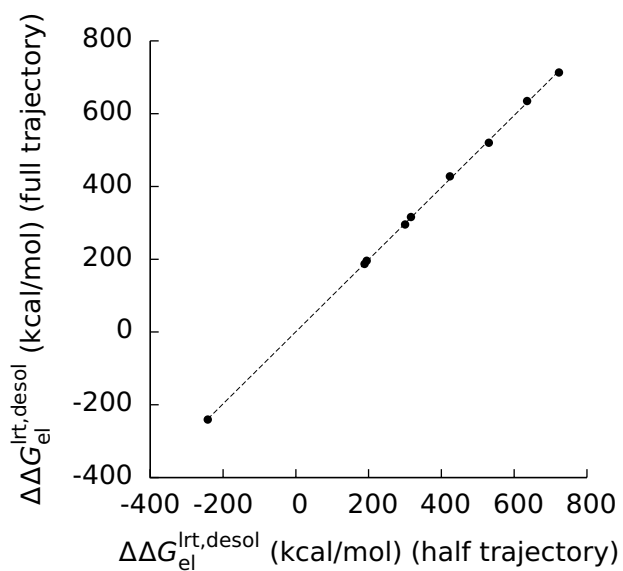


Figure 44: Linear response theory estimates ( $\Delta\Delta G_{\text{el}}^{\text{lrt,desol}}$ ) of the electrostatic component of the desolvation free energy for the nine protein-protein complexes computed from the full simulation trajectories plotted against  $\Delta\Delta G_{\text{el}}^{\text{lrt,desol}}$  computed from the first halves of the simulation trajectories. The dashed line is a least-squares line drawn through the points. Its slope is 0.991, its y-intercept is 0.72 kcal/mol, and the square of its Pearson's correlation coefficient is 0.9998.

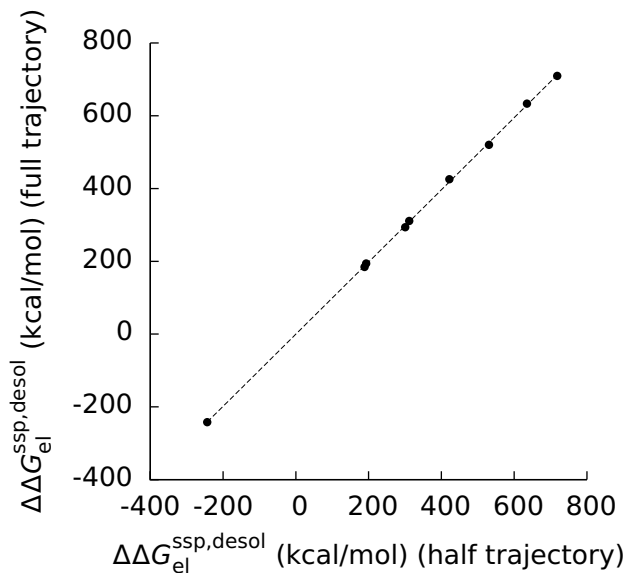


Figure 45: Single step perturbation estimates ( $\Delta\Delta G_{\text{el}}^{\text{ssp,desol}}$ ) of the electrostatic component of the desolvation free energy for the nine protein-protein complexes computed from the full simulation trajectories plotted against  $\Delta\Delta G_{\text{el}}^{\text{ssp,desol}}$  computed from the first halves of the simulation trajectories. The dashed line is a least-squares line drawn through the points. Its slope is 0.992, its y-intercept is -0.23 kcal/mol, and the square of its Pearson's correlation coefficient is 0.9998.

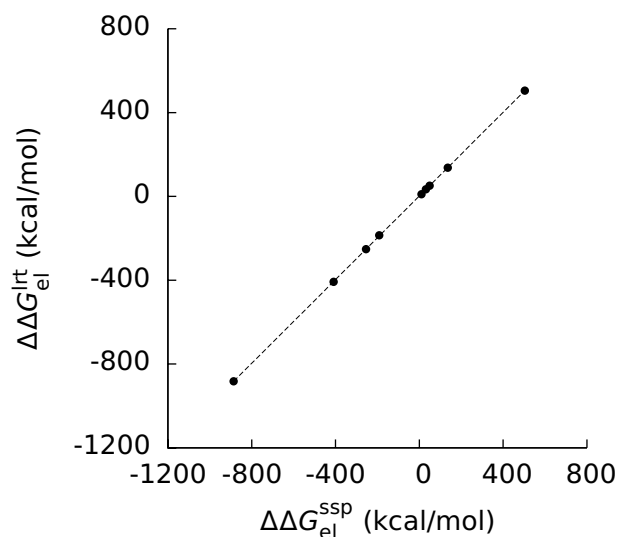


Figure 46: Linear response theory estimates ( $\Delta\Delta G_{\text{el}}^{\text{lrt}}$ ) of the electrostatic component ( $\Delta\Delta G_{\text{el}}$ ) of the binding free energy for the nine protein-protein complexes plotted against estimates ( $\Delta\Delta G_{\text{el}}^{\text{ssp}}$ ) of  $\Delta\Delta G_{\text{el}}$  obtained with single step perturbation using the final configuration of solvent. The dashed line is a least-squares line drawn through the points. Its slope is 0.998, its y-intercept is 2.0 kcal/mol, and the square of its Pearson's correlation coefficient is 0.99999.

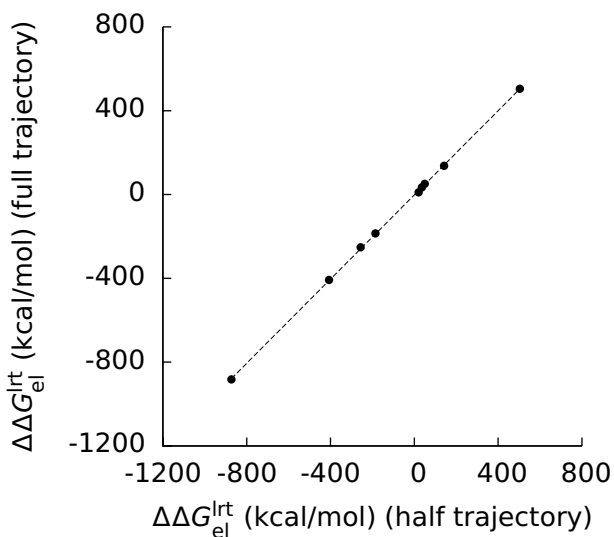


Figure 47: Linear response theory estimates ( $\Delta\Delta G_{\text{el}}^{\text{lrt}}$ ) of the electrostatic component of the binding free energy for the nine protein-protein complexes computed from the full simulation trajectories plotted against  $\Delta\Delta G_{\text{el}}^{\text{lrt}}$  computed from the first halves of the simulation trajectories. The dashed line is a least-squares line drawn through the points. Its slope is 1.004, its y-intercept is -1.88 kcal/mol, and the square of its Pearson's correlation coefficient is 0.9999.

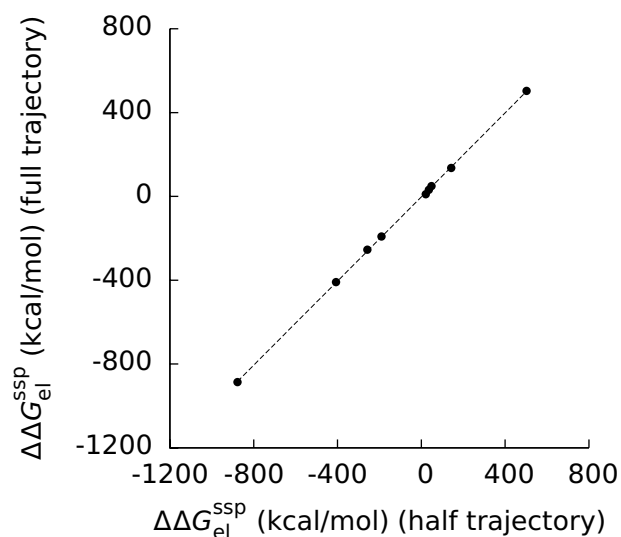


Figure 48: Single step perturbation estimates ( $\Delta\Delta G_{el}^{ssp}$ ) of the electrostatic component of the binding free energy for the nine protein-protein complexes computed from the full simulation trajectories plotted against  $\Delta\Delta G_{el}^{ssp}$  computed from the first halves of the simulation trajectories. The dashed line is a least-squares line drawn through the points. Its slope is 1.003, its y-intercept is -2.73 kcal/mol, and the square of its Pearson's correlation coefficient is 0.9999.

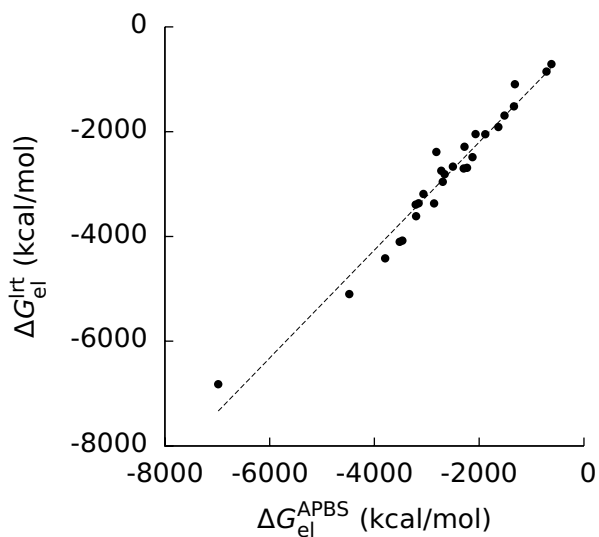


Figure 49: Linear response theory estimates ( $\Delta G_{el}^{lrt}$ ) of the electrostatic component ( $\Delta G_{el}$ ) of the solvation free energy for the nine protein-protein complexes and their components plotted against estimates ( $\Delta G_{el}^{APBS}$ ) of  $\Delta G_{el}$  obtained with the Adaptive Poisson-Boltzmann Solver and a mesh spacing of 0.5 Å. The dashed line is a least-squares line drawn through the points. Its slope is 1.03, its y-intercept is -138 kcal/mol, and the square of its Pearson's correlation coefficient is 0.96.



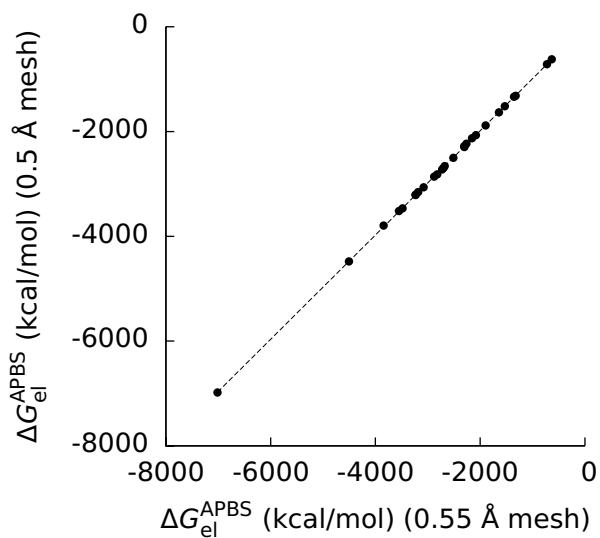


Figure 50: Estimates ( $\Delta G_{el}^{SSP}$ ) of the electrostatic component of the solvation free energy obtained with the Adaptive Poisson-Boltzman Solver (APBS) and a mesh spacing of 0.5 Å for the nine protein-protein complexes and their components plotted against  $\Delta G_{el}^{APBS}$  computed with a mesh spacing of 0.55 Å. The dashed line is a least-squares line drawn through the points. Its slope is 0.995, its y-intercept is 5.50 kcal/mol, and the square of its Pearson's correlation coefficient is 0.99994.

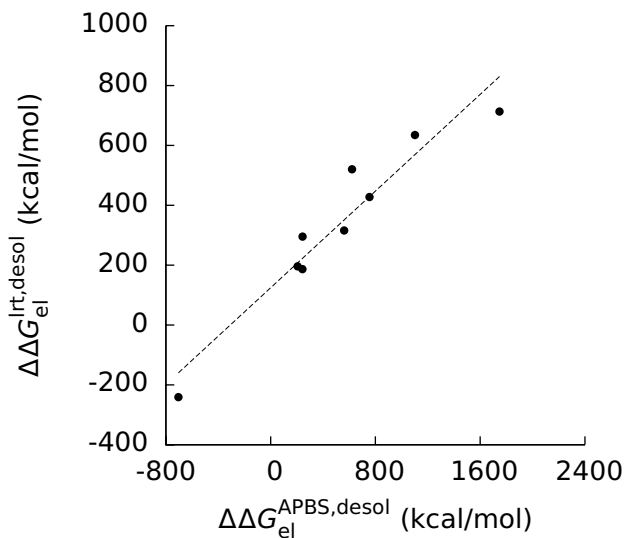


Figure 51: Linear response theory estimates ( $\Delta\Delta G_{\text{el}}^{\text{lrt,desol}}$ ) of the electrostatic component ( $\Delta\Delta G_{\text{el}}^{\text{desol}}$ ) of the desolvation free energy for the nine protein-protein complexes plotted against estimates ( $\Delta\Delta G_{\text{el}}^{\text{APBS,desol}}$ ) of  $\Delta\Delta G_{\text{el}}^{\text{desol}}$  obtained with the Adaptive Poisson-Boltzmann Solver and a mesh spacing of 0.5 Å. The dashed line is a least-squares line drawn through the points. Its slope is 0.40, its y-intercept is 125 kcal/mol, and the square of its Pearson's correlation coefficient is 0.92.

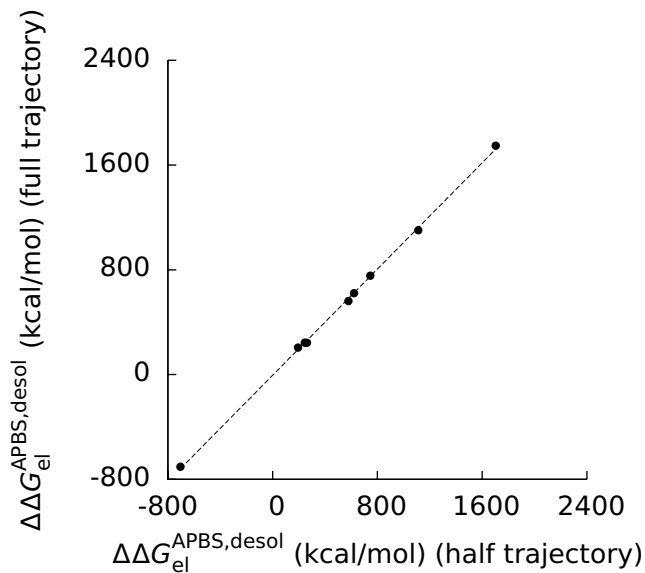


Figure 52: Estimates ( $\Delta\Delta G_{\text{el}}^{\text{APBS}}$ ) of the electrostatic component of the desolvation free energy for the nine protein-protein complexes computed with the Adaptive Poisson-Boltzmann Solver (APBS) and a mesh spacing of 0.5 Å plotted against  $\Delta\Delta G_{\text{el}}^{\text{APBS}}$  computed with a mesh spacing of 0.55 Å. The dashed line is a least-squares line drawn through the points. Its slope is 1.01, its y-intercept is -5.36 kcal/mol, and the square of its Pearson's correlation coefficient is 0.9993.

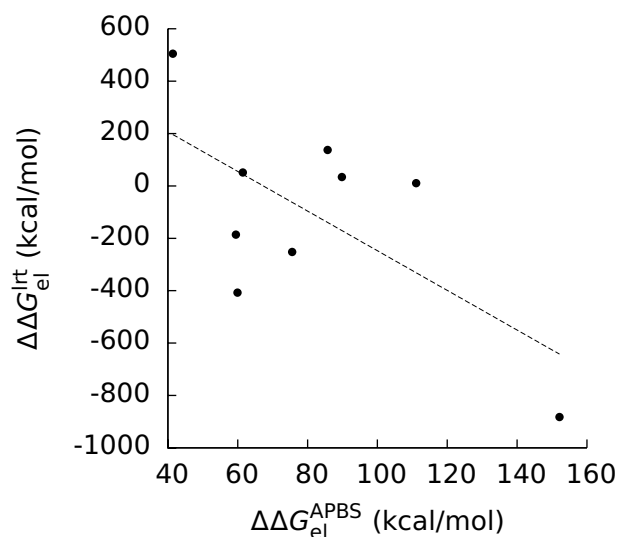


Figure 53: Linear response theory estimates ( $\Delta\Delta G_{el}^{lrt}$ ) of the electrostatic component ( $\Delta\Delta G_{el}$ ) of the binding free energy for the nine protein-protein complexes plotted against estimates ( $\Delta\Delta G_{el}^{APBS}$ ) of  $\Delta\Delta G_{el}$  obtained with the Adaptive Poisson-Boltzmann Solver and a mesh spacing of 0.5 Å. The dashed line is a least-squares line drawn through the points. Its slope is -7.57, its y-intercept is 510 kcal/mol, and the square of its Pearson's correlation coefficient is 0.42.

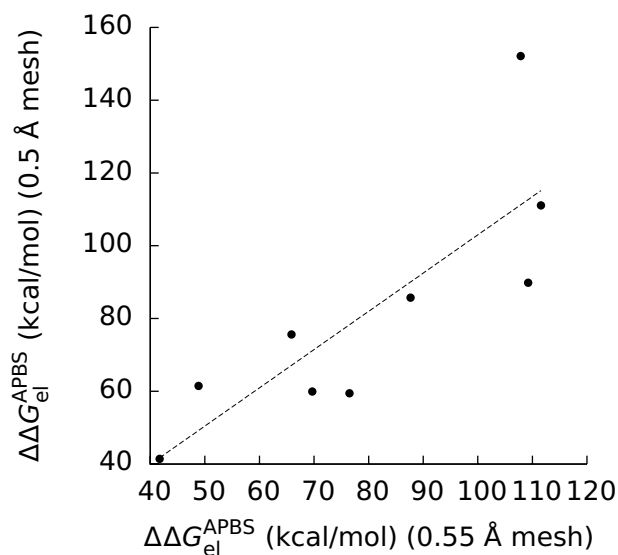


Figure 54: Estimates ( $\Delta\Delta G_{el}^{APBS}$ ) of the electrostatic component of the binding free energy for the nine protein-protein complexes computed with the Adaptive Poisson-Boltzmann Solver (APBS) and a mesh spacing of 0.5 Å plotted against  $\Delta\Delta G_{el}^{APBS}$  computed with a mesh spacing of 0.55 Å. The dashed line is a least-squares line drawn through the points. Its slope is 1.05, its y-intercept is -2.09 kcal/mol, and the square of its Pearson's correlation coefficient is 0.67.