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Cumulative sub-millisecond all-atom simulations of the temperature-induced coil-to-globule transition of poly(*N*-vinylcaprolactam) in aqueous solution

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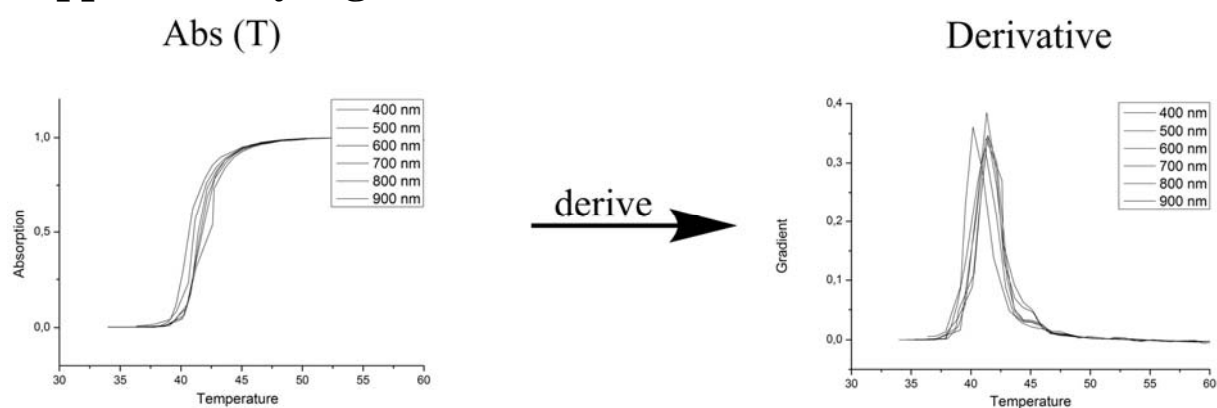


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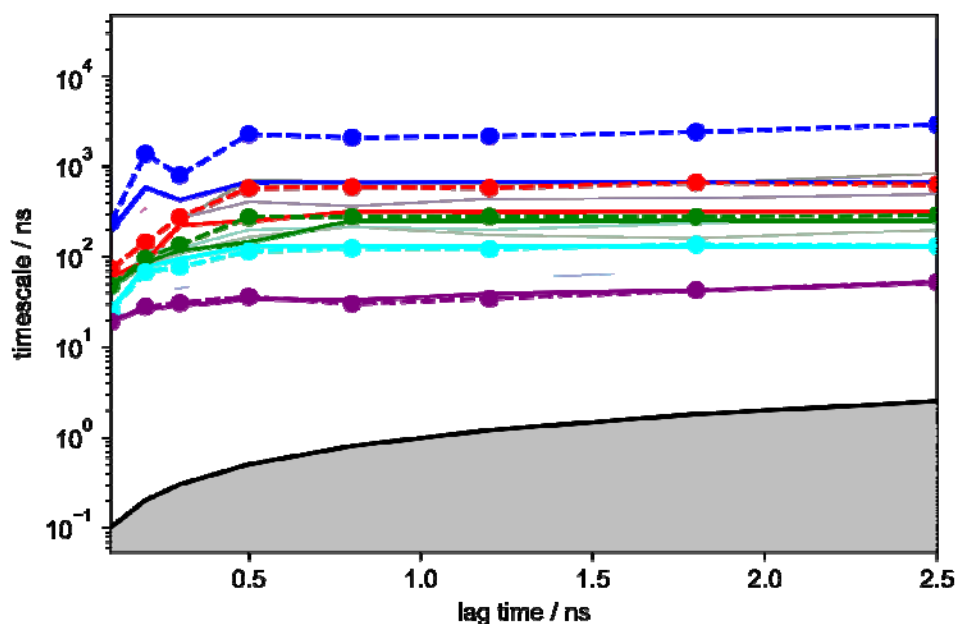


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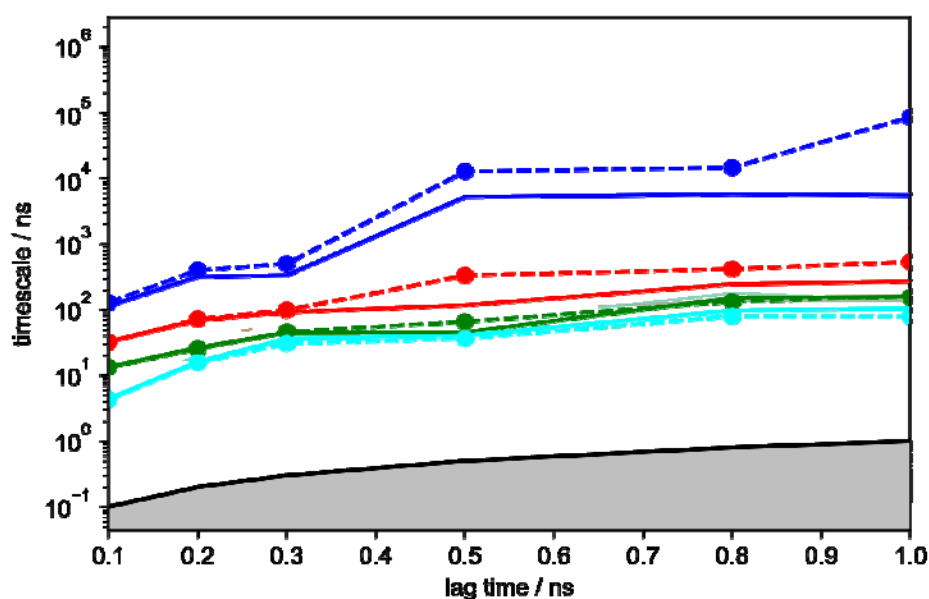


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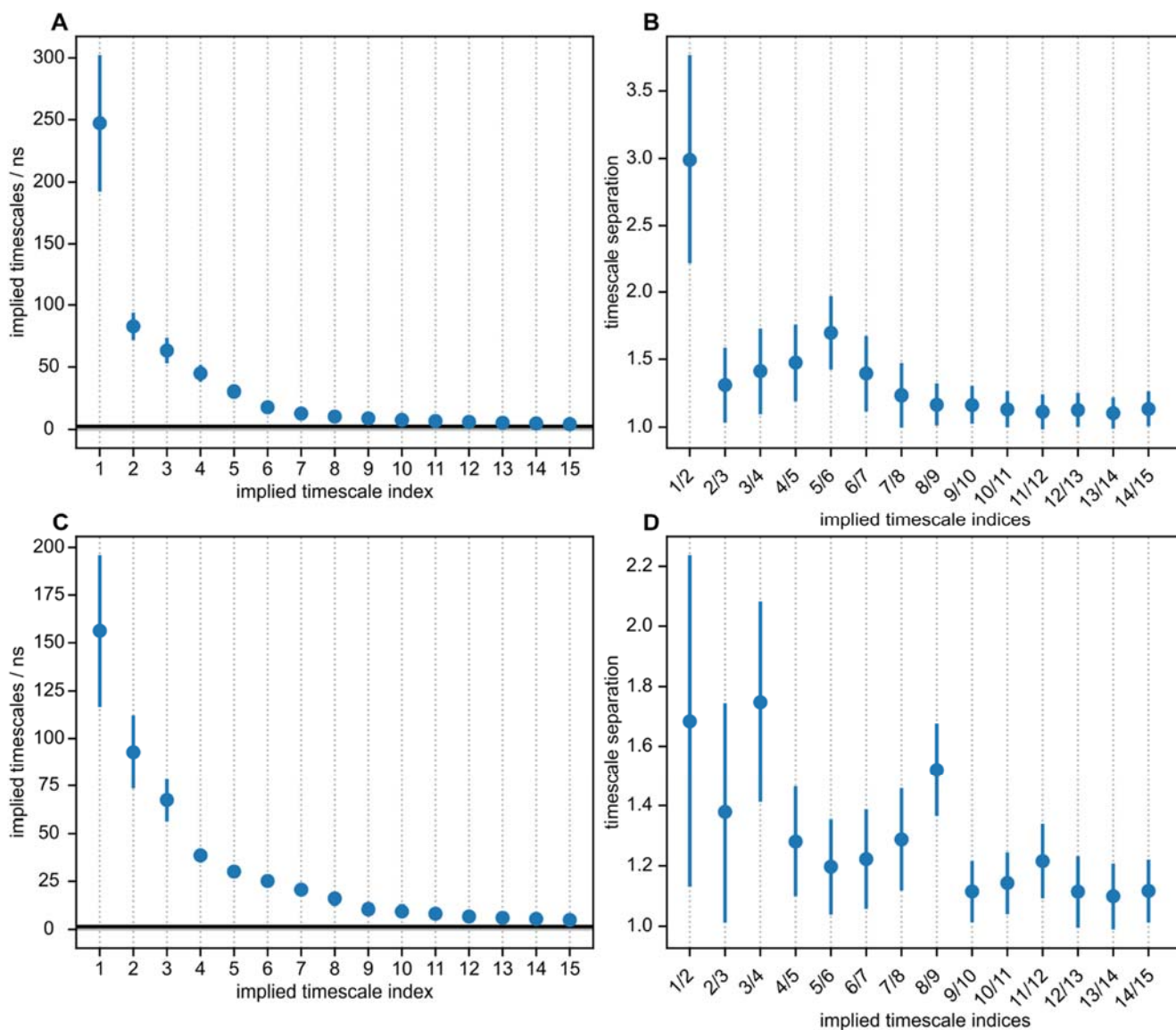


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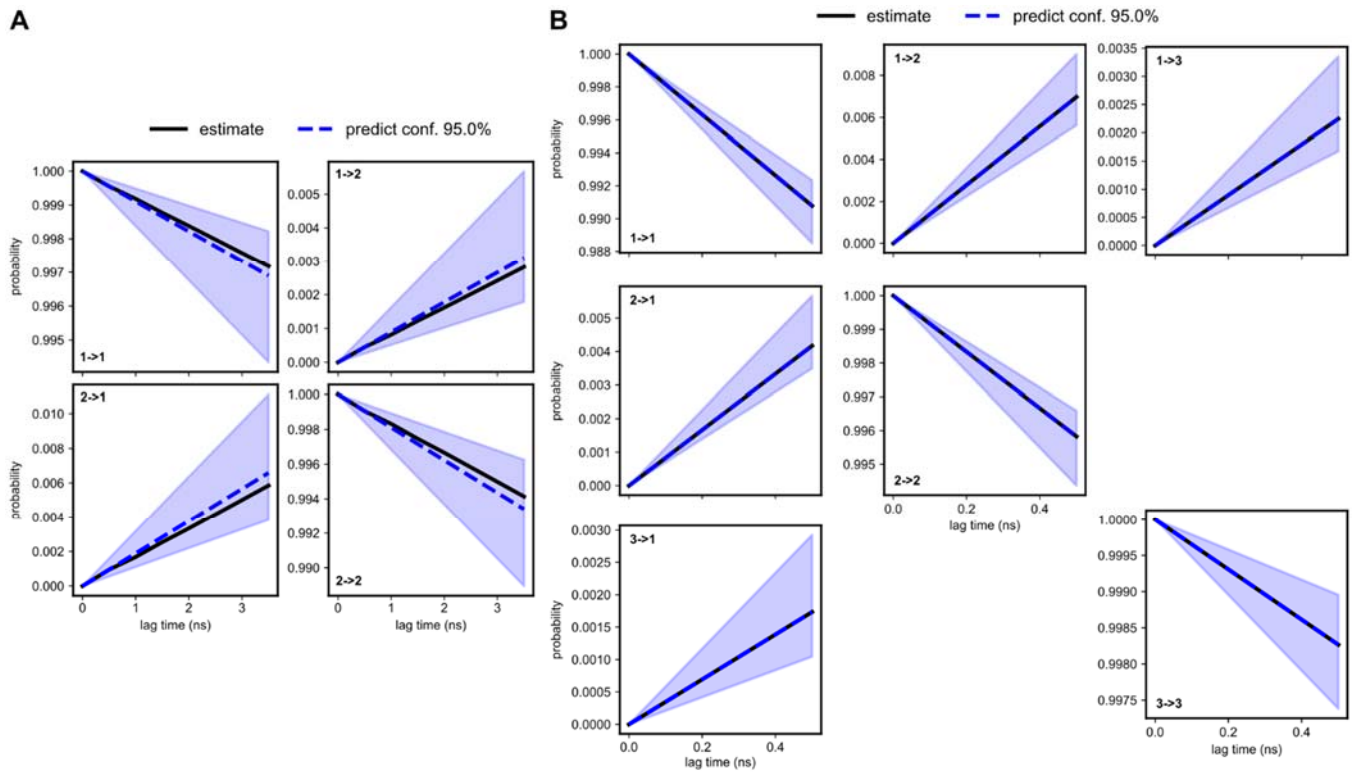


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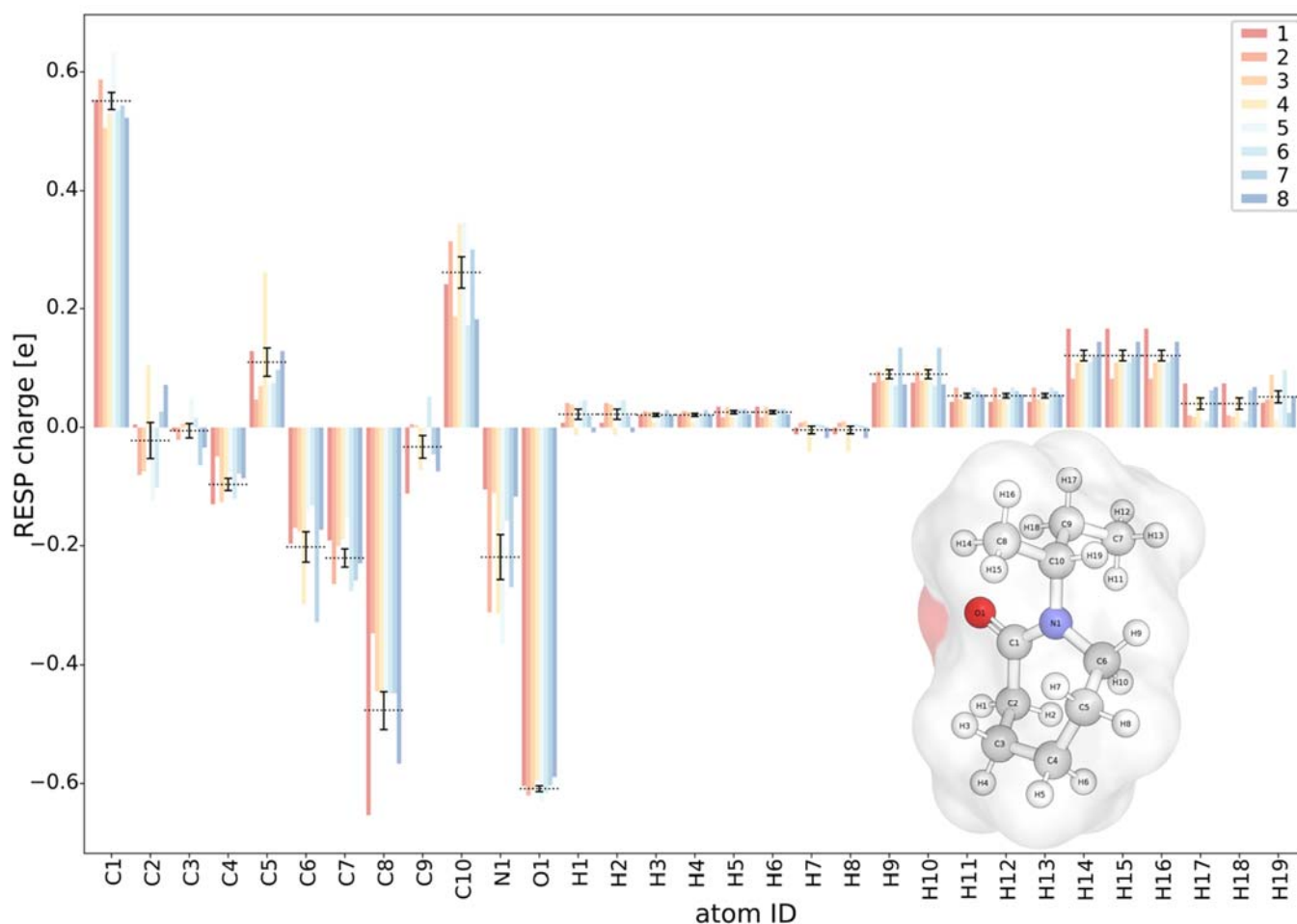


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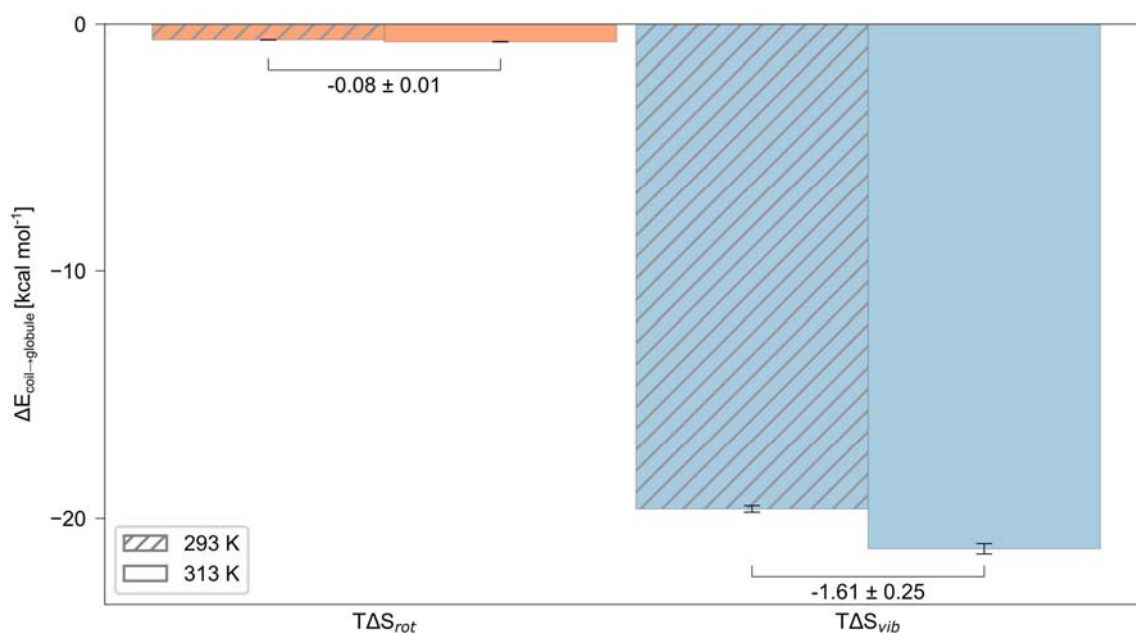


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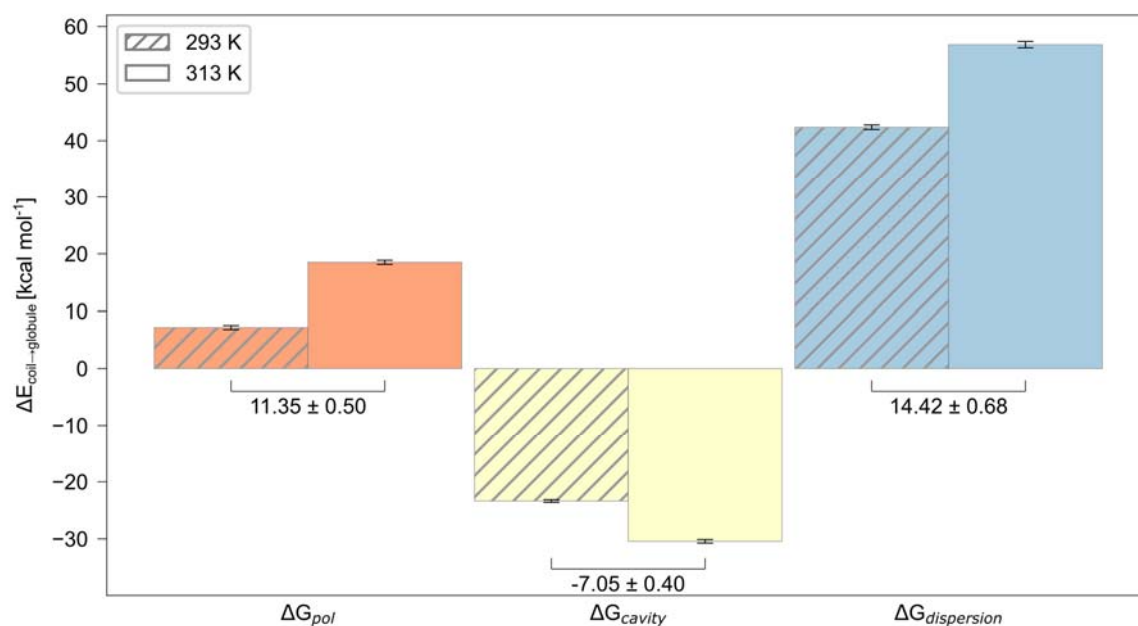


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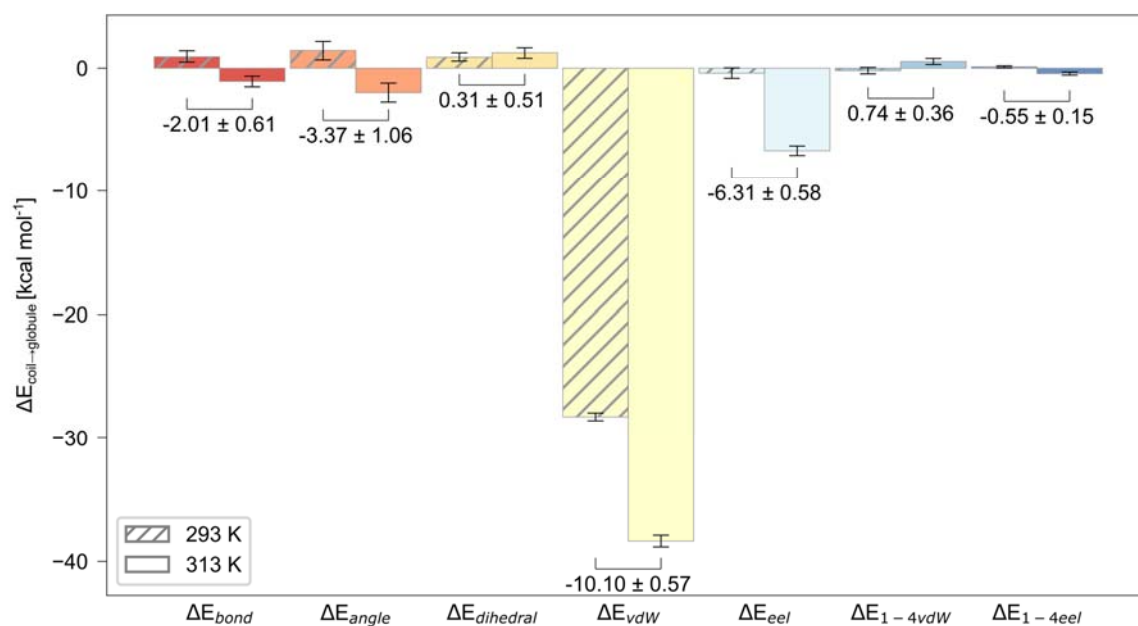


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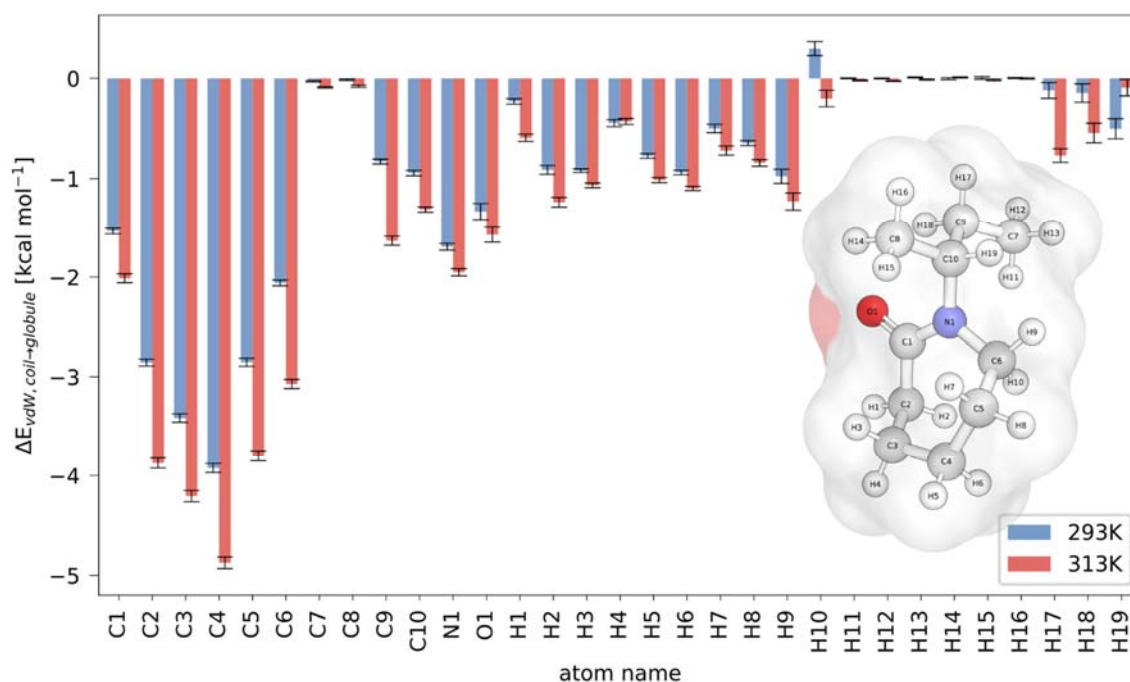


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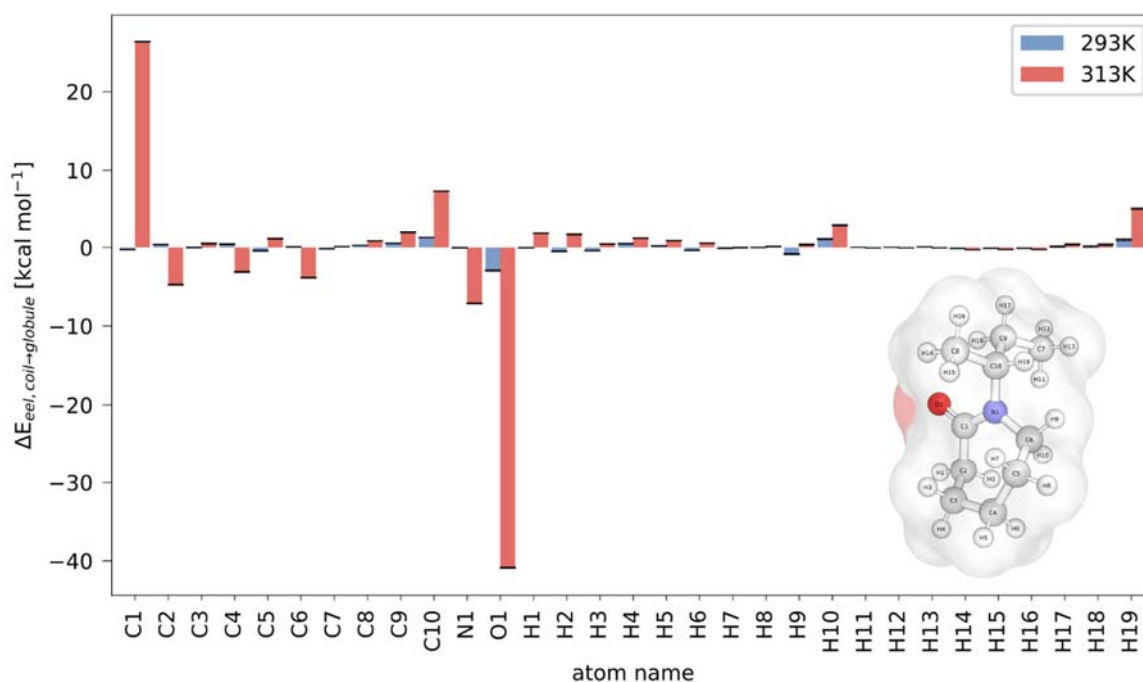


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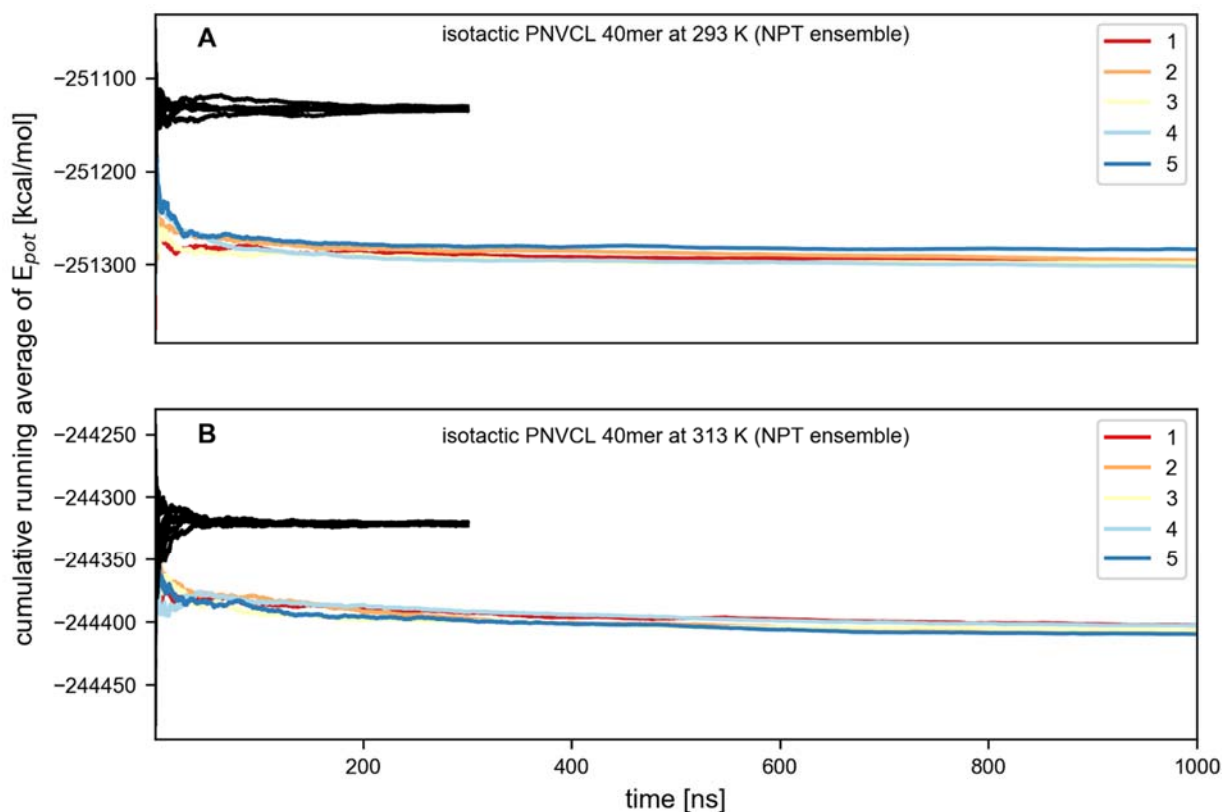


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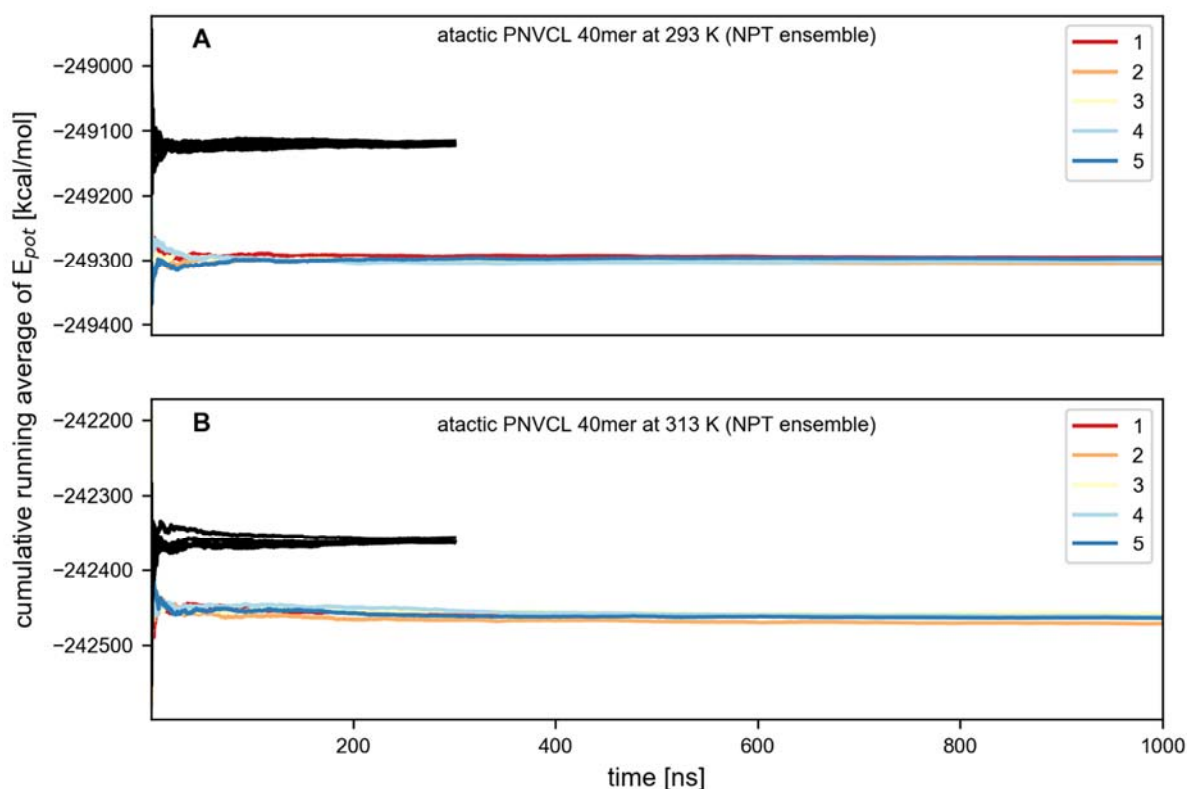


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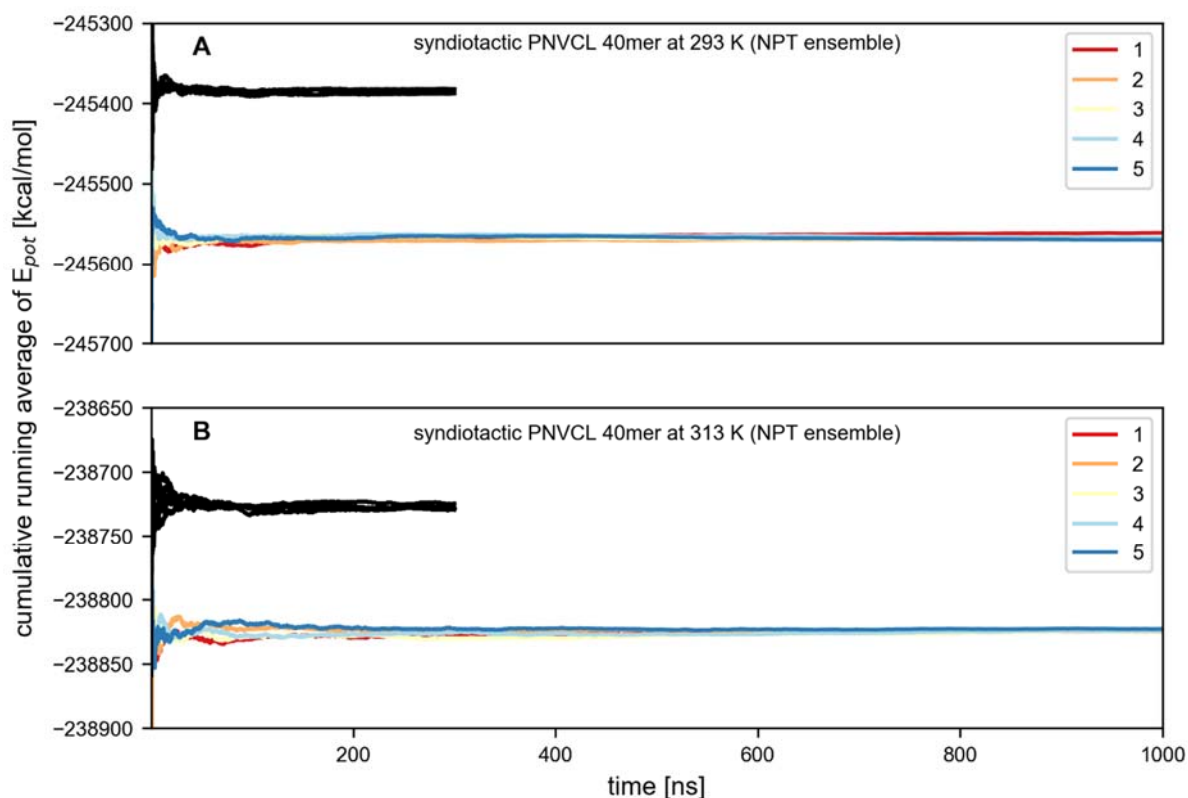


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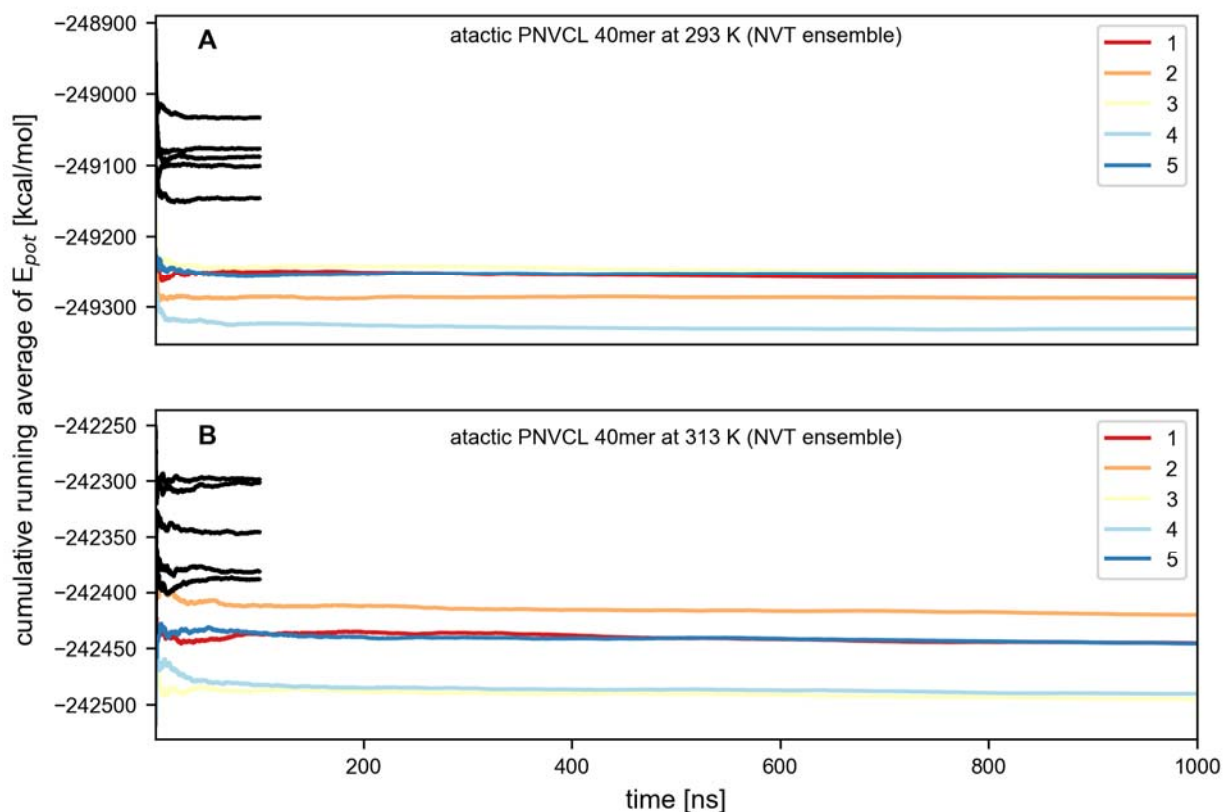


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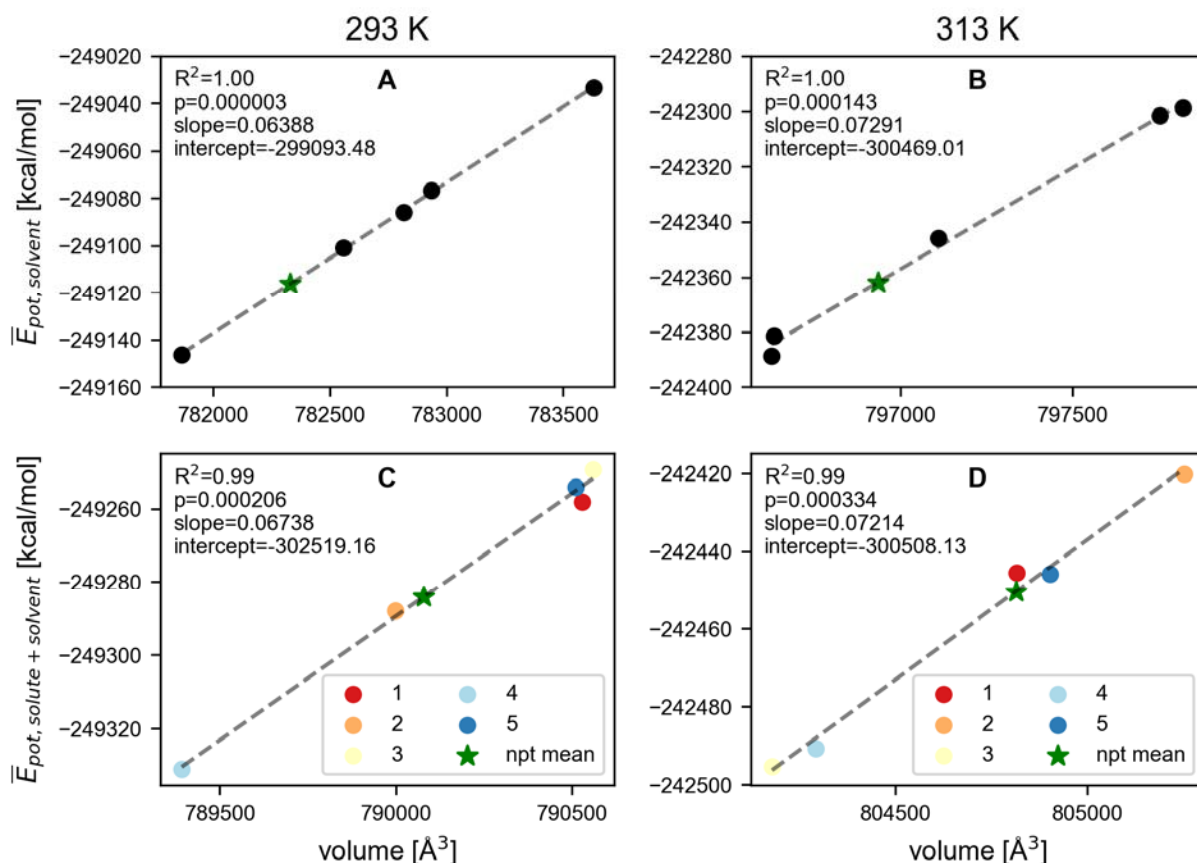


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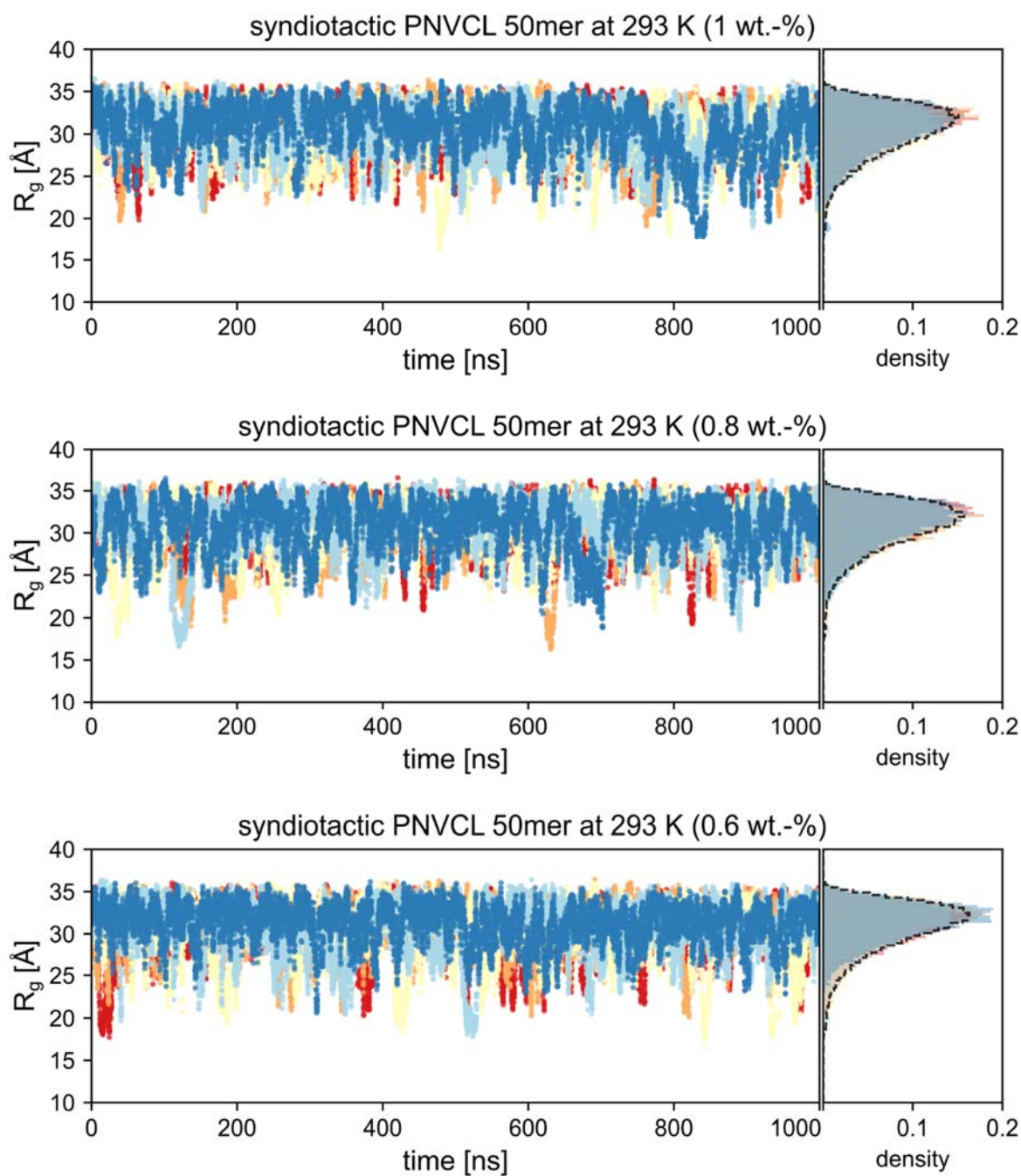


Figure S17. Radius of gyration (R_g) during five MD simulations of 1 μ s length of a syndiotactic PNVCL 50mer at 293 K for polymer concentrations of 1 wt.-%, 0.8 wt.-%, and 0.6 wt.-% (top to bottom). Corresponding frequency distributions are shown next to the time series in matching color, a frequency distribution of all data is shown as dashed black line.

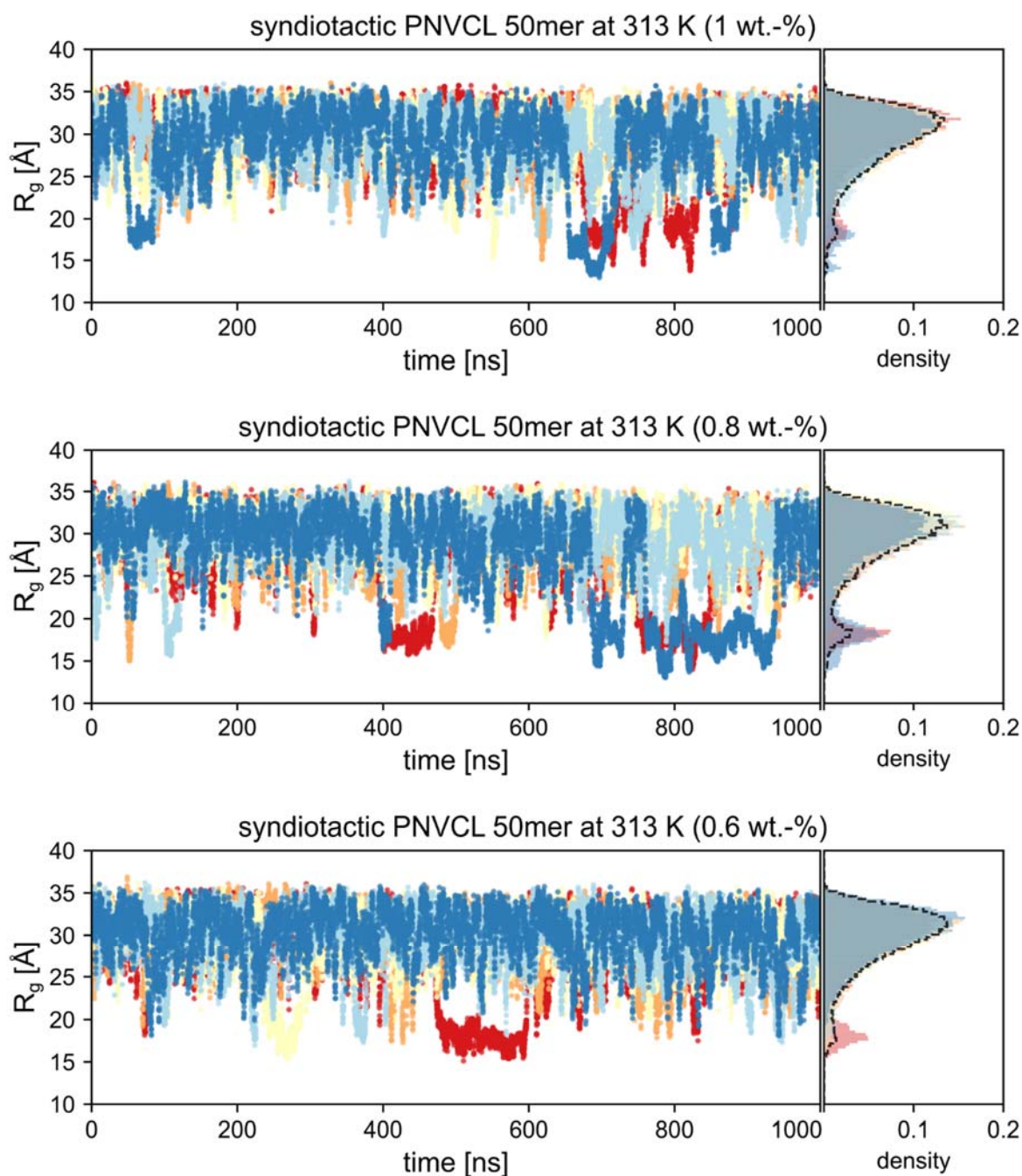


Figure S18. Radius of gyration (R_g) during five MD simulations of 1 μ s length of a syndiotactic PNVCL 50mer at 313 K for polymer concentrations of 1 wt.-%, 0.8 wt.-%, and 0.6 wt.-% (top to bottom). Corresponding frequency distributions are shown next to the time series in matching color, a frequency distribution of all data is shown as dashed black line.

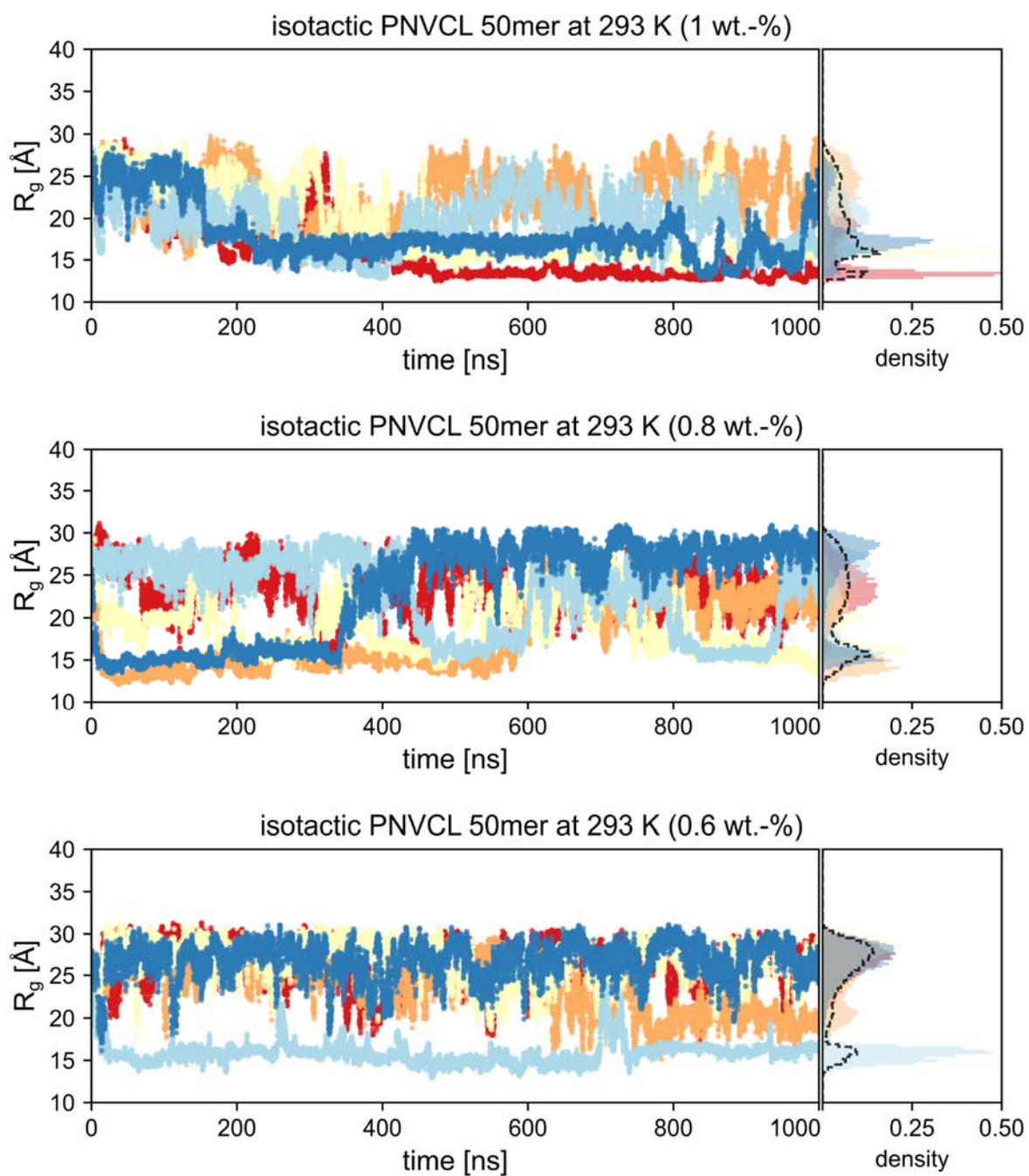


Figure S19. Radius of gyration (R_g) during five MD simulations of 1 μ s length of an isotactic PNVCL 50mer at 293 K for polymer concentrations of 1 wt.-%, 0.8 wt.-%, and 0.6 wt.-% (top to bottom). Corresponding frequency distributions are shown next to the time series in matching color, a frequency distribution of all data is shown as dashed black line.

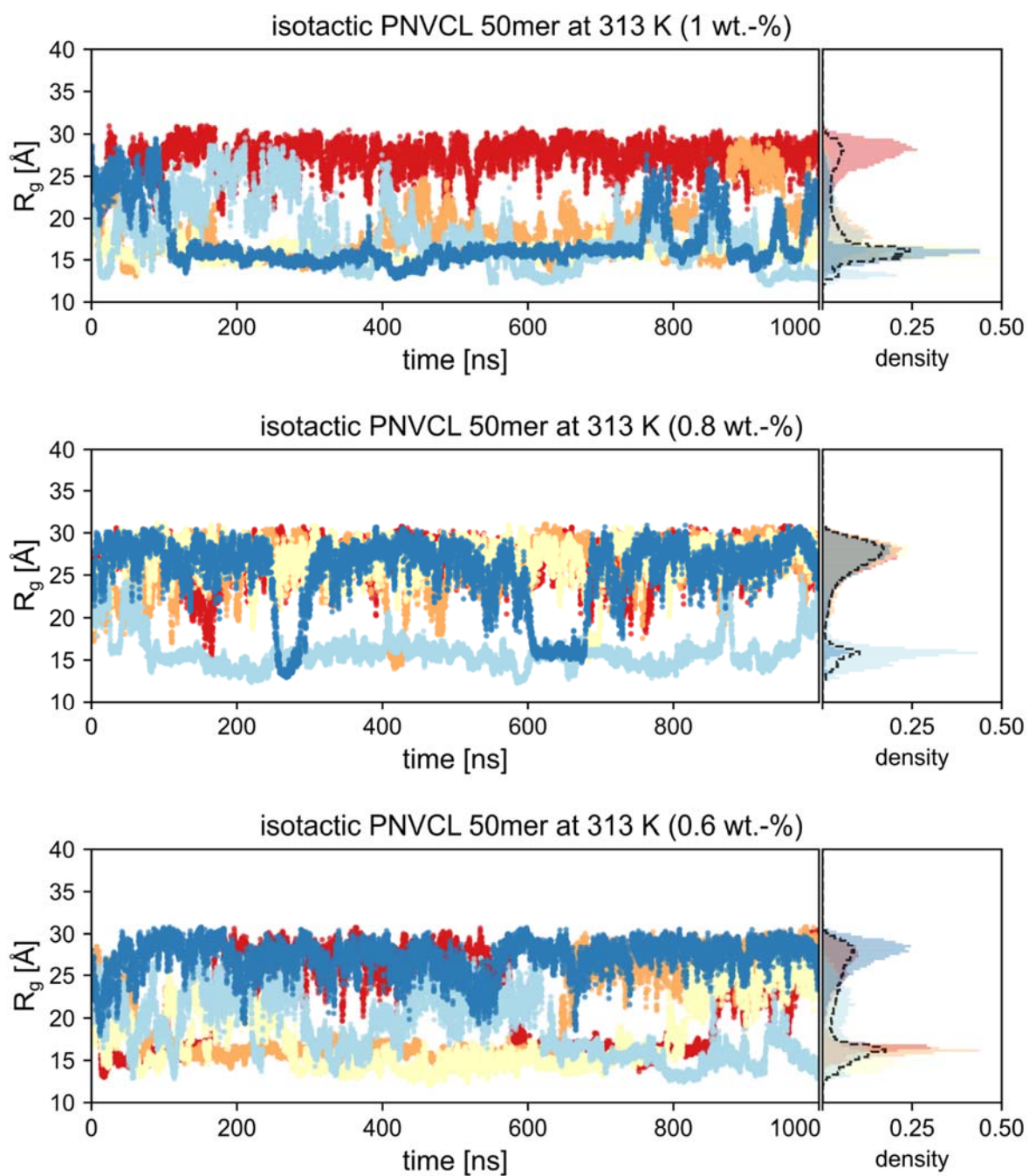


Figure S20. Radius of gyration (R_g) during five-MD simulations of 1 μ s length of an isotactic PNVCL 50mer at 313 K for polymer concentrations of 1 wt.-%, 0.8 wt.-%, and 0.6 wt.-% (top to bottom). Corresponding frequency distributions are shown next to the time series in matching color, a frequency distribution of all data is shown as dashed black line.

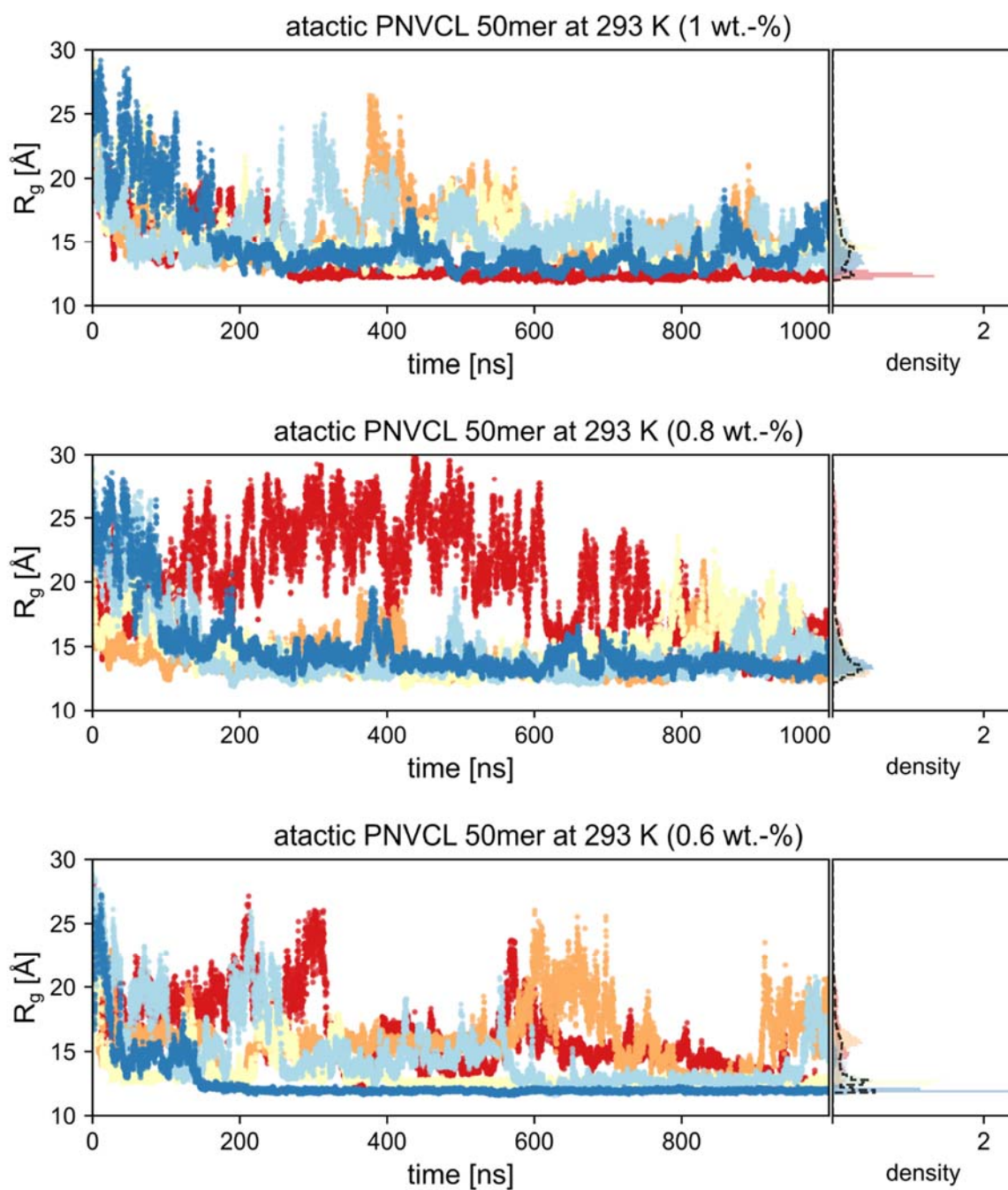


Figure S21. Radius of gyration (R_g) during five MD simulations of 1 μ s length of an atactic PNVL 50mer at 293 K for polymer concentrations of 1 wt.-%, 0.8 wt.-%, and 0.6 wt.-% (top to bottom). Corresponding frequency distributions are shown next to the time series in matching color, a frequency distribution of all data is shown as dashed black line.

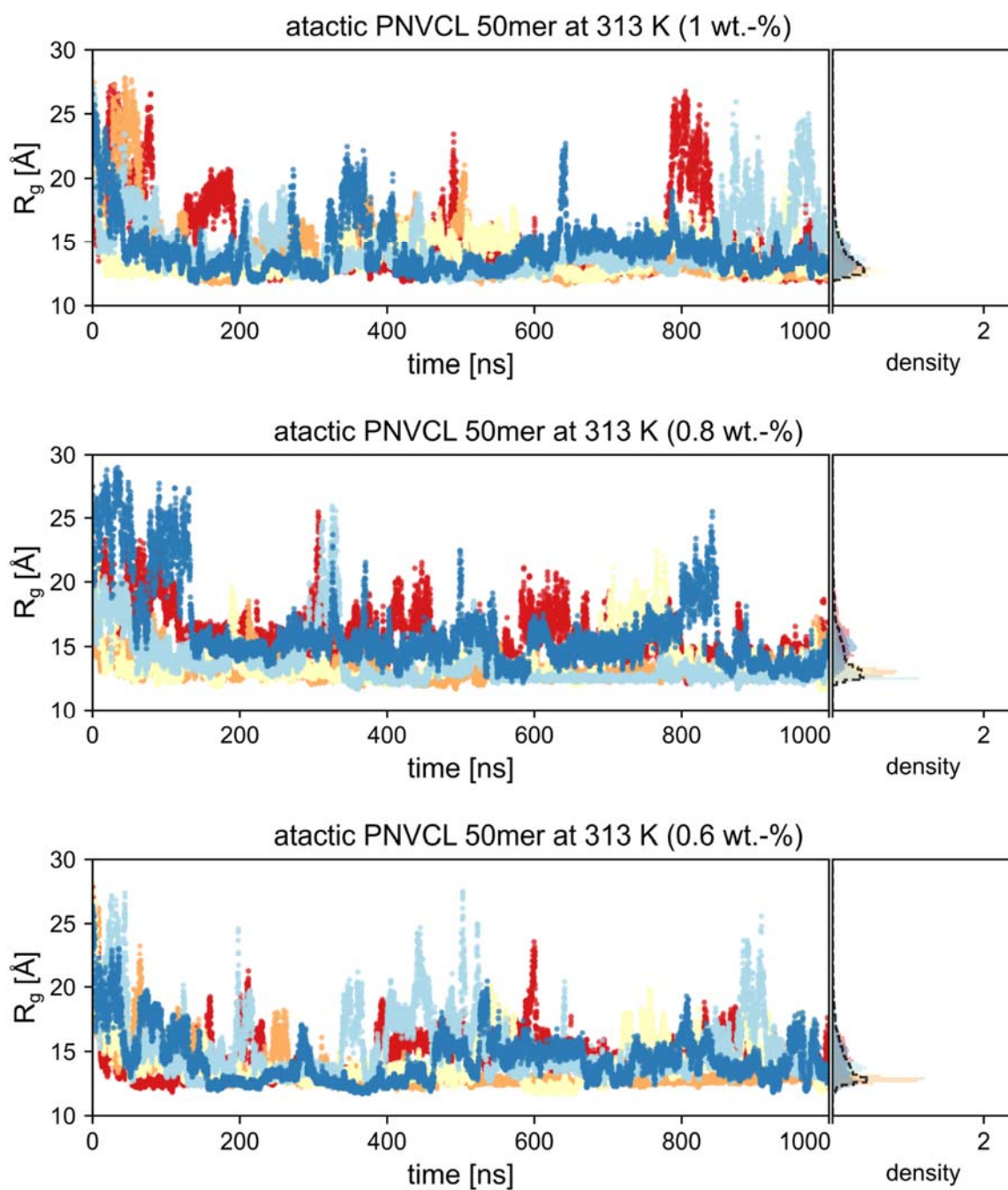


Figure S22. Radius of gyration (R_g) during five MD simulations of 1 μs length of an atactic PNVL 50mer at 313 K for polymer concentrations of 1 wt.-%, 0.8 wt.-%, and 0.6 wt.-% (top to bottom). Corresponding frequency distributions are shown next to the time series in matching color, a frequency distribution of all data is shown as dashed black line.

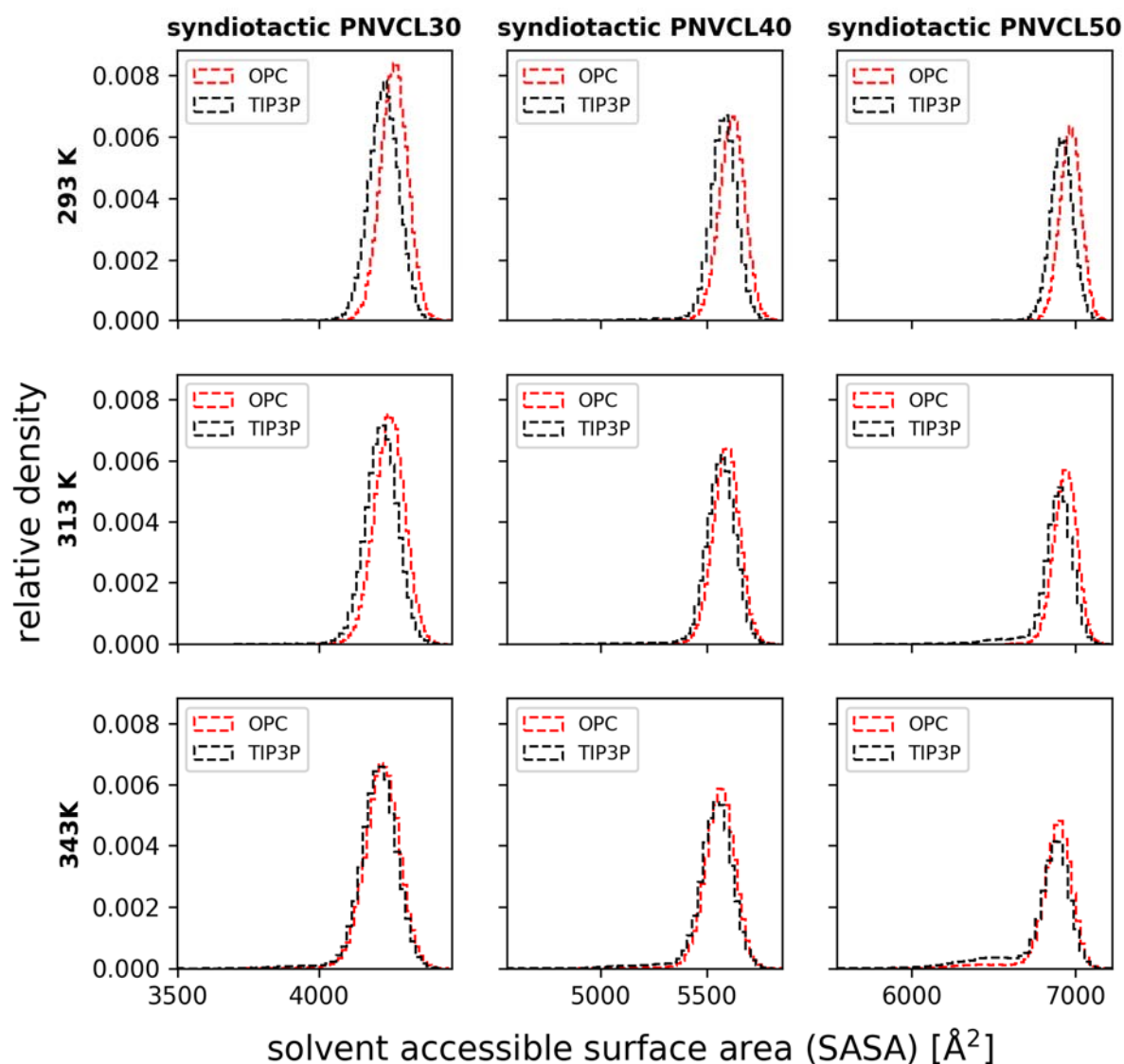


Figure S23. Influence of different water models on the solvent-accessible surface area (SASA) of syndiotactic PNVCL oligomers. The histograms depict the SASA observed in five independent 1 μs MD simulations for systems of PNVCL oligomers of varying length (30, 40, and 50 repeating units, from left to right) at different temperatures (293 K, 313K, and 343 K, from top to bottom) using the TIP3P water model (black) or the OPC water model (red).

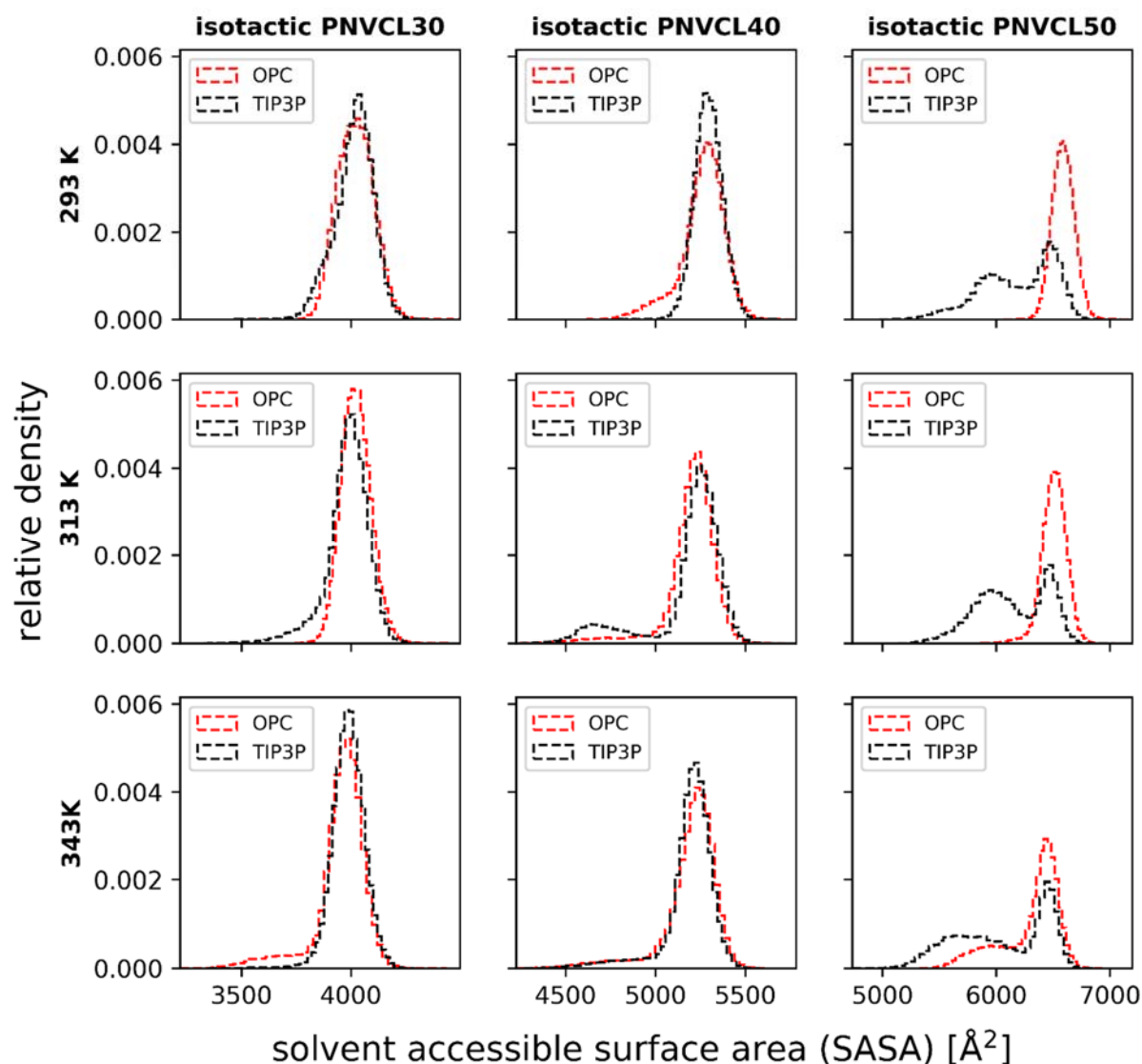


Figure S24. Influence of different water models on the solvent-accessible surface area (SASA) of isotactic PNVCL oligomers. The histograms depict the SASA observed in five independent 1 μ s MD simulations for systems of PNVCL oligomers of varying length (30, 40, and 50 repeating units, from left to right) at different temperatures (293 K, 313K, and 343 K, from top to bottom) using the TIP3P water model (black) or the OPC water model (red).

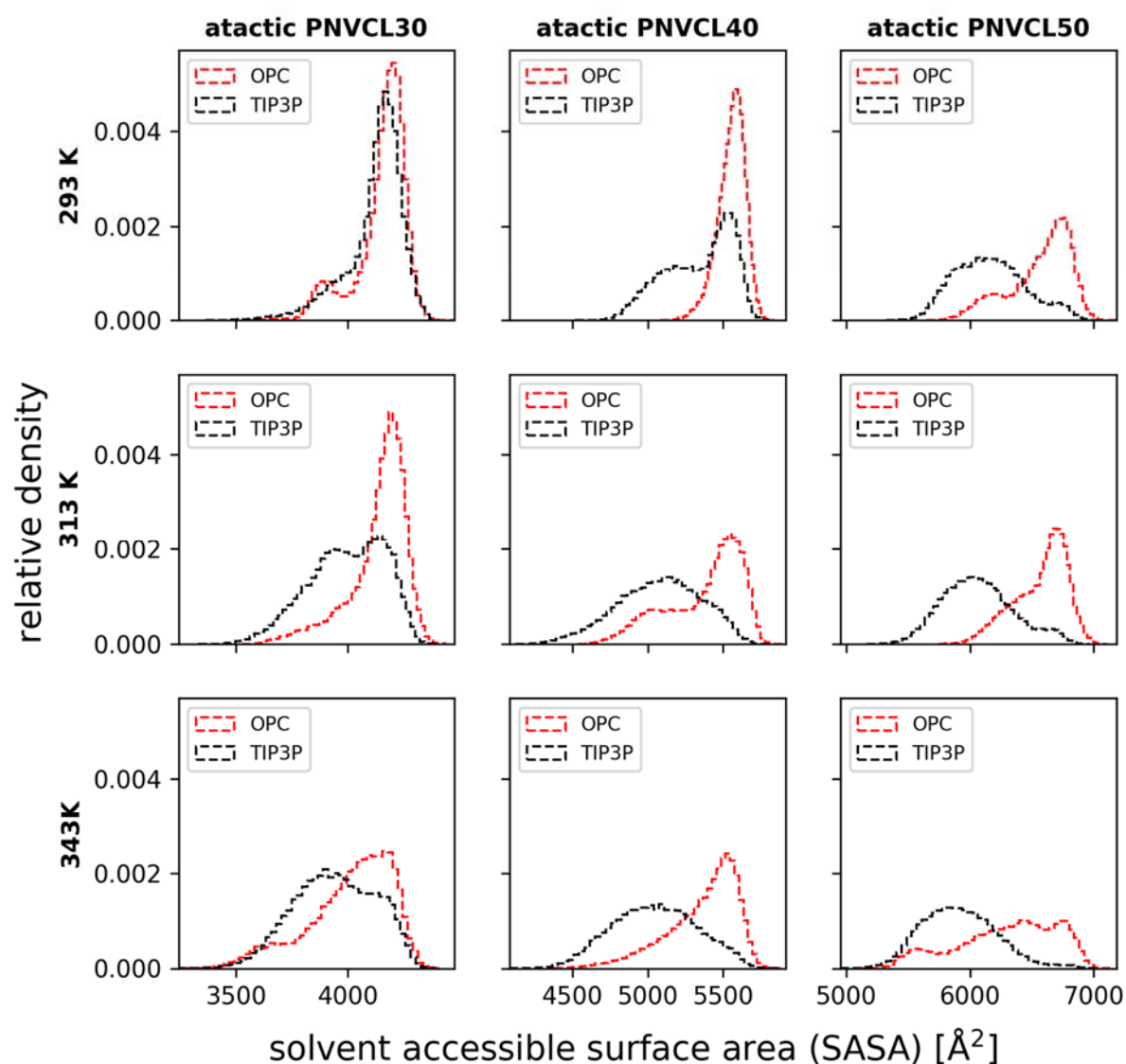


Figure S25. Influence of different water models on the solvent-accessible surface area (SASA) of atactic PNVCL oligomers. The histograms depict the SASA observed in five independent 1 μ s MD simulations for systems of PNVCL oligomers of varying length (30, 40, and 50 repeating units, from left to right) at different temperatures (293 K, 313K, and 343 K, from top to bottom) using the TIP3P water model (black) or the OPC water model (red).

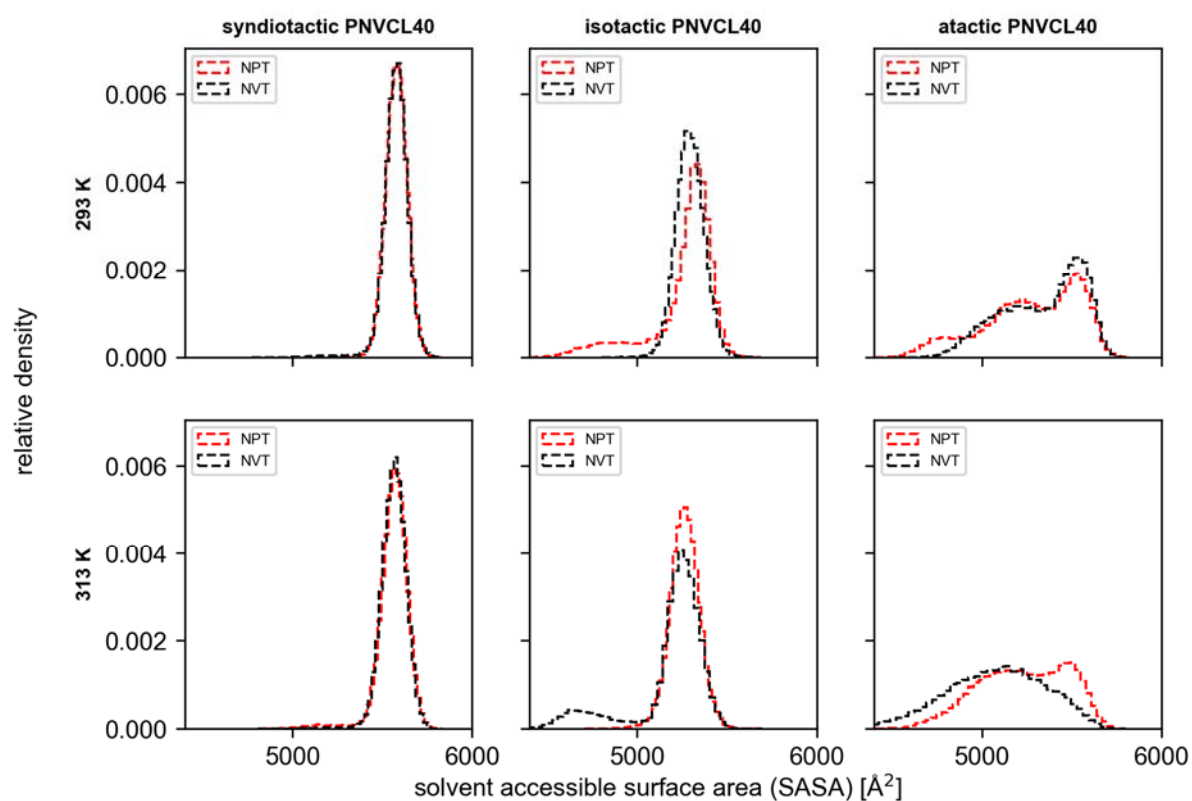


Figure S26. Influence of the MD ensemble (NVT / NPT) on the solvent-accessible surface area (SASA) of the iso-, syndio-, and atactic PNVL 40mer. The histograms depict the SASA observed in five independent 1 μ s MD simulations for each tacticity of PNVL (from left to right) at different temperatures (293 K and 313K, from top to bottom) using the NVT (black) or NPT (red) ensemble.

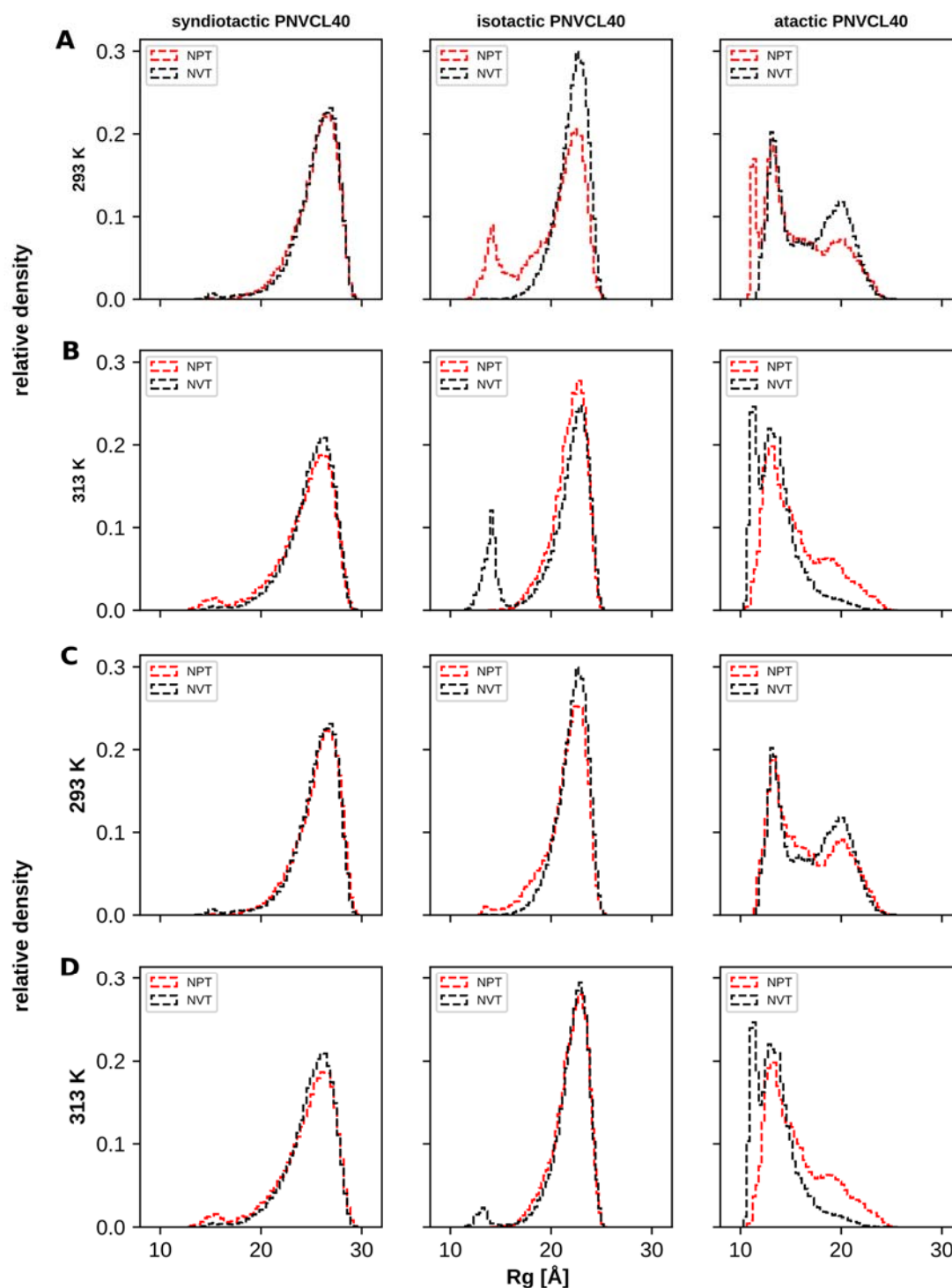


Figure S27. Influence of the MD ensemble (NVT / NPT) on the radius of gyration (R_g) of the iso-, syndio-, and atactic PNVL 40mer. (A, B) The histograms depict the R_g observed in five independent 1 μ s MD simulations for each tacticity of PNVL (from left to right) at different temperatures (293 K (A) and 313 K (B), from top to bottom) using the NVT (black) or NPT (red) ensemble. (C, D) Histograms are obtained by removing one deviating trajectory from the five trajectories of the three systems showing notable deviations in panel A and B, respectively (atactic PNVL (293 K, NPT), isotactic PNVL (293 K, NPT), isotactic PNVL (313 K, NVT)).

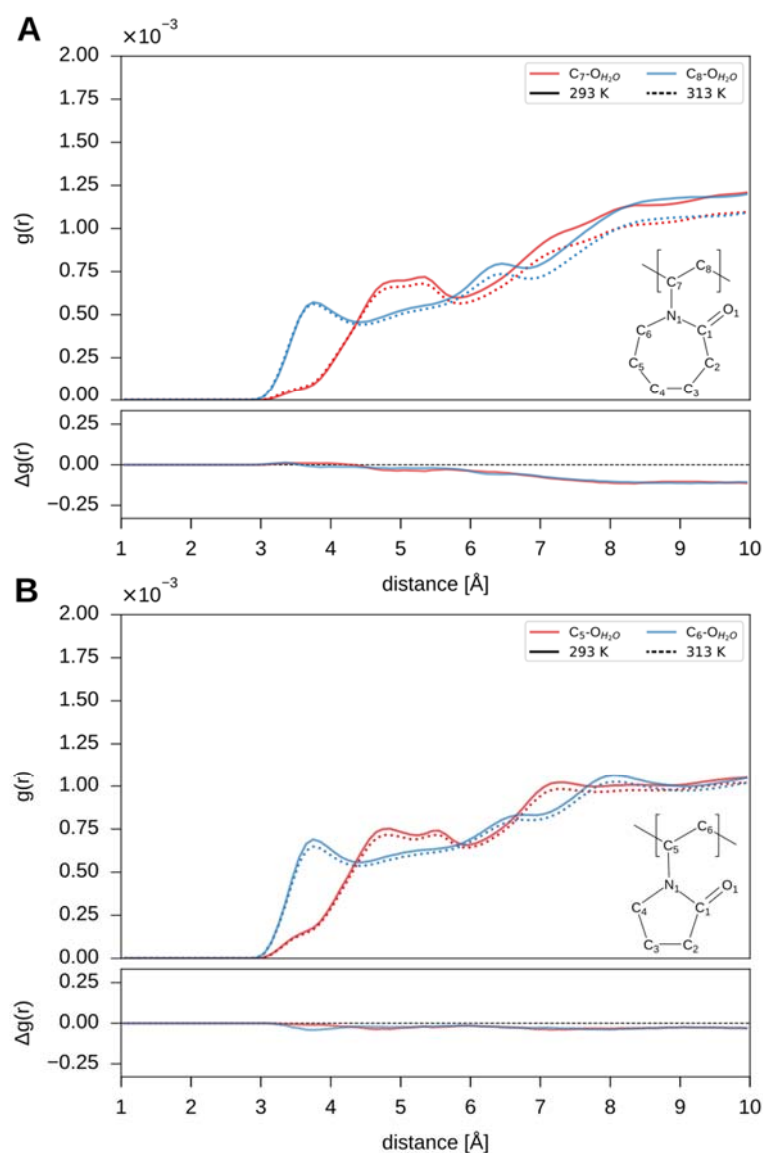


Figure S28. Radial distribution functions (RDFs) for the polymer backbone carbons atoms of PNVCL (A) and PVP (B) and the oxygen of the surrounding water molecules. Atom pairings are depicted in respective colors, and RDFs calculated from trajectories at 293 K, and 313 K are shown as solid and dotted lines, respectively. Differences in the RDFs, $\Delta g(r) = g(r)_{313} - g(r)_{293}$, are depicted in the plots below. Calculations were performed using CPPTRAJ⁵.

Supplementary Tables

Table S1. Overview of performed simulations on poly(*N*-vinylcaprolactam) (PNVCL).

System				Temperature [a]	Length ^[b]	Replicas	Total [b]
Polymer	Repeating units	Tacticity	MD ensemble/ water model				
NVT							
PNVCL	5	isotactic	TIP3P	293, 313, 343	1	5	15
PNVCL	5	syndiotactic	TIP3P	293, 313, 343	1	5	15
PNVCL	5	atactic	TIP3P	293, 313, 343	1	5	15
PNVCL	10	isotactic	TIP3P	293, 313, 343	1	5	15
PNVCL	10	syndiotactic	TIP3P	293, 313, 343	1	5	15
PNVCL	10	atactic	TIP3P	293, 313, 343	1	5	15
PNVCL	15	isotactic	TIP3P	293, 313, 343	1	5	15
PNVCL	15	syndiotactic	TIP3P	293, 313, 343	1	5	15
PNVCL	15	atactic	TIP3P	293, 313, 343	1	5	15
PNVCL	20	isotactic	TIP3P	293, 313, 343	1	5	15
PNVCL	20	syndiotactic	TIP3P	293, 313, 343	1	5	15
PNVCL	20	atactic	TIP3P	293, 313, 343	1	5	15
PNVCL	25	isotactic	TIP3P	293, 313, 343	1	5	15
PNVCL	25	syndiotactic	TIP3P	293, 313, 343	1	5	15
PNVCL	25	atactic	TIP3P	293, 313, 343	1	5	15
PNVCL	30	isotactic	TIP3P	293, 313, 343	1	5	15
PNVCL	30	syndiotactic	TIP3P	293, 313, 343	1	5	15
PNVCL	30	atactic	TIP3P	293, 313, 343	1	5	15
PNVCL	40	isotactic	TIP3P	293, 313, 343	1	5	15
PNVCL	40	syndiotactic	TIP3P	293, 313, 343	1	5	15
PNVCL	40	atactic	TIP3P	293, 313, 343	1	5	15
PNVCL	50	isotactic	TIP3P	293, 313, 343	1	5	15
PNVCL	50	syndiotactic	TIP3P	293, 313, 343	1	5	15
PNVCL	50	atactic	TIP3P	293, 313, 343	1	5	15
Sum							360
NPT							
PNVCL	40	isotactic	TIP3P	293, 313	1	5	10
PNVCL	40	syndiotactic	TIP3P	293, 313	1	5	10
PNVCL	40	atactic	TIP3P	293, 313	1	5	10
Sum							30
NVT							
PNVCL	30	isotactic	OPC	293, 313, 343	1	5	15
PNVCL	30	syndiotactic	OPC	293, 313, 343	1	5	15
PNVCL	30	atactic	OPC	293, 313, 343	1	5	15
PNVCL	40	isotactic	OPC	293, 313, 343	1	5	15
PNVCL	40	syndiotactic	OPC	293, 313, 343	1	5	15
PNVCL	40	atactic	OPC	293, 313, 343	1	5	15
PNVCL	50	isotactic	OPC	293, 313, 343	1	5	15
PNVCL	50	syndiotactic	OPC	293, 313, 343	1	5	15
PNVCL	50	atactic	OPC	293, 313, 343	1	5	15
Sum							135

Table S1 continued

			TIP3P				
PNVCL	50	isotactic	0.6 wt.-%	293, 313	1	5	10
PNVCL	50	syndiotactic	0.6 wt.-%	293, 313	1	5	10
PNVCL	50	atactic	0.6 wt.-%	293, 313	1	5	10
PNVCL	50	isotactic	0.8 wt.-%	293, 313	1	5	10
PNVCL	50	syndiotactic	0.8 wt.-%	293, 313	1	5	10
PNVCL	50	atactic	0.8 wt.-%	293, 313	1	5	10
Sum							60
Cumulative simulation time							585

^[a] In [K].^[b] In [μ s].**Table S2.** Overview of performed simulations on poly(*N*-vinylpyrrolidone) (PVP):

System							
Polymer	Repeating units	Tacticity	MD ensemble/ water model	Temperature ^[a]	Length ^[b]	Replicas	Total ^[b]
			NVT				
PVP	30	isotactic	TIP3P	293, 313	0.5	5	5
PVP	30	syndiotactic	TIP3P	293, 313	0.5	5	5
PVP	30	atactic	TIP3P	293, 313	0.5	5·3	15
PVP	40	isotactic	TIP3P	293, 313	0.5	5	5
PVP	40	syndiotactic	TIP3P	293, 313	0.5	5	5
PVP	40	atactic	TIP3P	293, 313	0.5	5·3	15
PVP	50	isotactic	TIP3P	293, 313	0.5	5	5
PVP	50	syndiotactic	TIP3P	293, 313	0.5	5	5
PVP	50	atactic	TIP3P	293, 313	0.5	5·3	15
Cumulative simulation time							75

^[a] In K.^[b] In μ s.

Table S3. Number of atoms within each investigated system. Polymer (PNVCL/PVP) and simulation conditions (NVT/NPT and TIP3P/OPC) are provided for each section, number of repeating units and tacticity are given per row.

System		Number of atoms
PNVCL, NVT, TIP3P		
Repeating units	Tacticity	
5	isotactic	5073
5	atactic	4902
5	syndiotactic	4692
10	isotactic	10165
10	atactic	9400
10	syndiotactic	9559
15	isotactic	17369
15	atactic	16478
15	syndiotactic	17153
20	isotactic	26211
20	atactic	24459
20	syndiotactic	25215
25	isotactic	35779
25	atactic	33151
25	syndiotactic	33355
30	isotactic	46514
30	atactic	45164
30	syndiotactic	44609
40	isotactic	79159
40	atactic	78532
40	syndiotactic	77368
50	isotactic	123504
50	atactic	122310
50	syndiotactic	123150
PNVCL, NVT, OPC		
30	isotactic	61662
30	atactic	60254
30	syndiotactic	59478
40	isotactic	105548
40	atactic	104752
40	syndiotactic	103232
50	isotactic	164098
50	atactic	163098
50	syndiotactic	163670
PNVCL, NPT, TIP3P		
40	isotactic	79159
40	atactic	78532
40	syndiotactic	77368
PNVCL, NVT, TIP3P, 0.8 wt.-%		
50	isotactic	169311
50	atactic	167559
50	syndiotactic	168747
PNVCL, NVT, TIP3P, 0.6 wt.-%		
50	isotactic	227754
50	atactic	225354
50	syndiotactic	227061

Table S3 continued

System		Number of atoms
PVP, NVT, TIP3P		
Repeating units	Tacticity	
30	isotactic	53798
30	atactic	53804
30	atactic	51803
30	atactic	51782
30	syndiotactic	53696
40	isotactic	97348
40	atactic	97372
40	atactic	95350
40	atactic	97447
40	syndiotactic	97279
50	isotactic	154881
50	atactic	153132
50	atactic	152988
50	atactic	153057
50	syndiotactic	155220

Table S4. Residues containing carbon atoms with inverted chirality for atactic structures of PNVCL and PVP.

	Position in the chain																																																						
					5					1					1					2					2					3					3					4					4					5					
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PNVCL, NVT, OPC																																																							
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Table S5. Partial charges and coordinates of the atoms of the PNVCL repeating unit. The repeating unit possesses two open valences/connect records (C9 and C10), its net charge is zero.

Atom number	Atom name ^[a]	X	Y	Z	Charge ^[b]
1	C10	3.540003	1.419779	0.000002	0.1586
2	N1	2.072742	1.385823	-0.113022	-0.1702
3	C1	1.361680	2.430967	0.394038	0.4927
4	C2	0.147772	2.431003	0.206963	-0.1076
5	C3	0.882646	1.277252	0.907811	0.0136
6	C4	0.873659	-0.037083	0.126603	-0.1299
7	C5	0.516471	-0.608169	-0.149407	0.0697
8	C6	1.454795	0.332093	-0.912610	-0.1441
9	H9	2.259787	-0.257933	-1.322608	0.0656
10	H10	0.934927	0.757022	-1.767444	0.0656
11	H7	0.993614	-0.902292	0.781933	0.0050
12	H8	0.402425	-1.514410	-0.740563	0.0050
13	H5	1.458537	-0.775905	0.666469	0.0292
14	H6	1.383829	0.119987	-0.823742	0.0292
15	H4	1.913757	1.579298	1.058816	0.0210
16	H3	0.460752	1.129275	1.898607	0.0210
17	H1	0.473614	3.375599	0.616797	0.0418
18	H2	0.392762	2.437013	-0.853078	0.0418
19	O1	1.880690	3.339947	0.991038	-0.6639
20	H19	3.751995	2.301651	0.578912	0.0885
21	C9	4.098076	0.210499	0.763167	0.0483
22	H17	5.182318	0.252471	0.698154	0.0096
23	H18	3.806962	-0.716729	0.274041	0.0096

^[a] See Figure S6 for the structure.^[b] In e.**Table S6.** Partial charges and coordinates of the atoms of the PVP repeating unit. The repeating unit possesses two open valences/connect records (C4 and C5); its net charge is zero.

Atom number	Atom name	X	Y	Z	Charge ^[a]
1	C4	3.540003	1.419779	0.000002	0.1324
2	N1	2.147718	1.340814	-0.422081	-0.1473
3	C2	1.262838	0.488983	0.154826	0.5274
4	C1	-0.049847	0.596013	-0.599976	-0.2009
5	C8	0.093183	1.888002	-1.406950	-0.0742
6	C3	1.612482	2.031987	-1.581003	-0.0750
7	H3	1.951550	1.570864	-2.506283	0.0560
8	H4	1.926608	3.068291	-1.597996	0.0560
9	H14	-0.428687	1.867039	-2.355686	0.0455
10	H15	-0.287779	2.726984	-0.83595	0.0455
11	H1	-0.884155	0.583035	0.08728	0.0767
12	H2	-0.135916	-0.278231	-1.24017	0.0767
13	O1	1.481789	-0.232962	1.08673	-0.6768
14	H5	3.613974	0.735868	0.83388	0.0888
15	C5	4.507986	0.953756	-1.09498	0.0573
16	H6	5.518135	1.052730	-0.70591	0.0059
17	H7	4.449030	1.624475	-1.94961	0.0059

^[a] In e.

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