

**SUPPORTING INFORMATION:**

**Electronic Properties of Amino Acids and  
Nucleobases: Similarity Classes and Pairing  
Principles from Chemical Reactivity Indices**

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# 1. Amino Acids: Chemical Reactivity Indices for Individual Classes

Table 1: Mean, maximum and minimum values of the electronegativity  $\chi$ , the chemical hardness  $\eta$  and the electronphilicity  $\omega$  for the individual amino acid classes  $he^+$ ,  $me^0$ ,  $me^+$  and  $se^-$ . The values for the amino acids MET and TRP which are not part of any class are also shown.

Property	$he^+$	$me^0$	$me^+$	$se^-$	MET	TRP
$\langle\chi\rangle$	2.85	3.17	2.59	3.48	2.83	3.30
$\chi_{\min}$	2.68	3.08	2.54	3.47	–	–
$\chi_{\max}$	2.98	3.30	2.65	3.49	–	–
$\langle\eta\rangle$	5.34	4.85	4.79	4.16	4.47	3.70
$\eta_{\min}$	5.17	4.58	4.73	4.02	–	–
$\eta_{\max}$	5.47	4.99	4.84	4.30	–	–
$\langle\omega\rangle$	0.75	1.04	0.70	1.45	0.89	1.47
$\omega_{\min}$	0.69	0.96	0.67	1.41	–	–
$\omega_{\max}$	0.85	1.18	0.74	1.50	–	–

## 2. Nucleobases: Chemical Reactivity Indices for Individual Classes

Table 2: Mean, maximum and minimum values of the electronegativity  $\chi$ , the chemical hardness  $\eta$  and the electrophilicity  $\omega$  for the individual nucleobase classes  $\text{Nse}^+$ ,  $\text{Nse}^0$  and  $\text{Nse}^-$ .

Property	$\text{Nse}^+$	$\text{Nse}^0$	$\text{Nse}^-$
$\langle\chi\rangle$	2.36	3.33	3.95
$\chi_{\min}$	–	–	3.80
$\chi_{\max}$	–	–	4.15
$\langle\eta\rangle$	3.09	3.39	3.90
$\eta_{\min}$	–	–	3.79
$\eta_{\max}$	–	–	3.98
$\langle\omega\rangle$	0.90	1.63	2.00
$\omega_{\min}$	–	–	1.84
$\omega_{\max}$	–	–	2.14

### 3. Transferred Charge between Amino Acids and Water Molecules

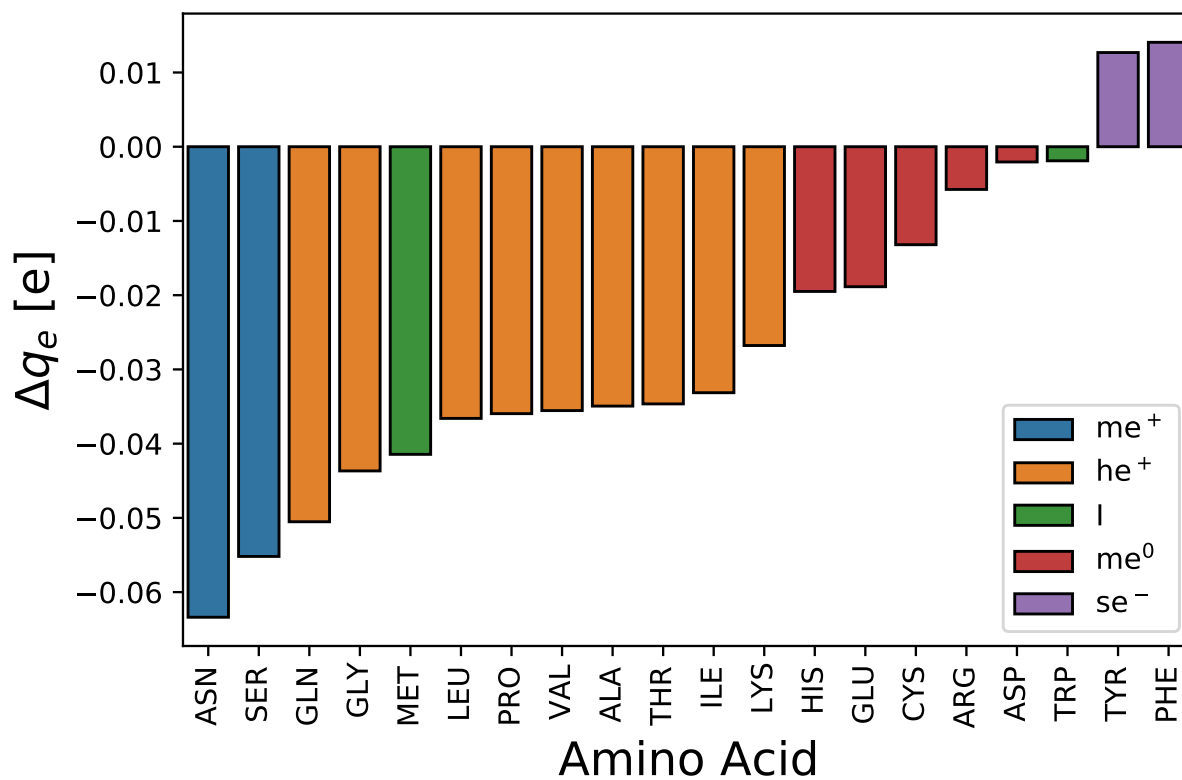


Figure 1: Transferred charge  $\Delta q_e$  between the amino acids and water molecules.

## 4. Interaction Energies for Amino Acids

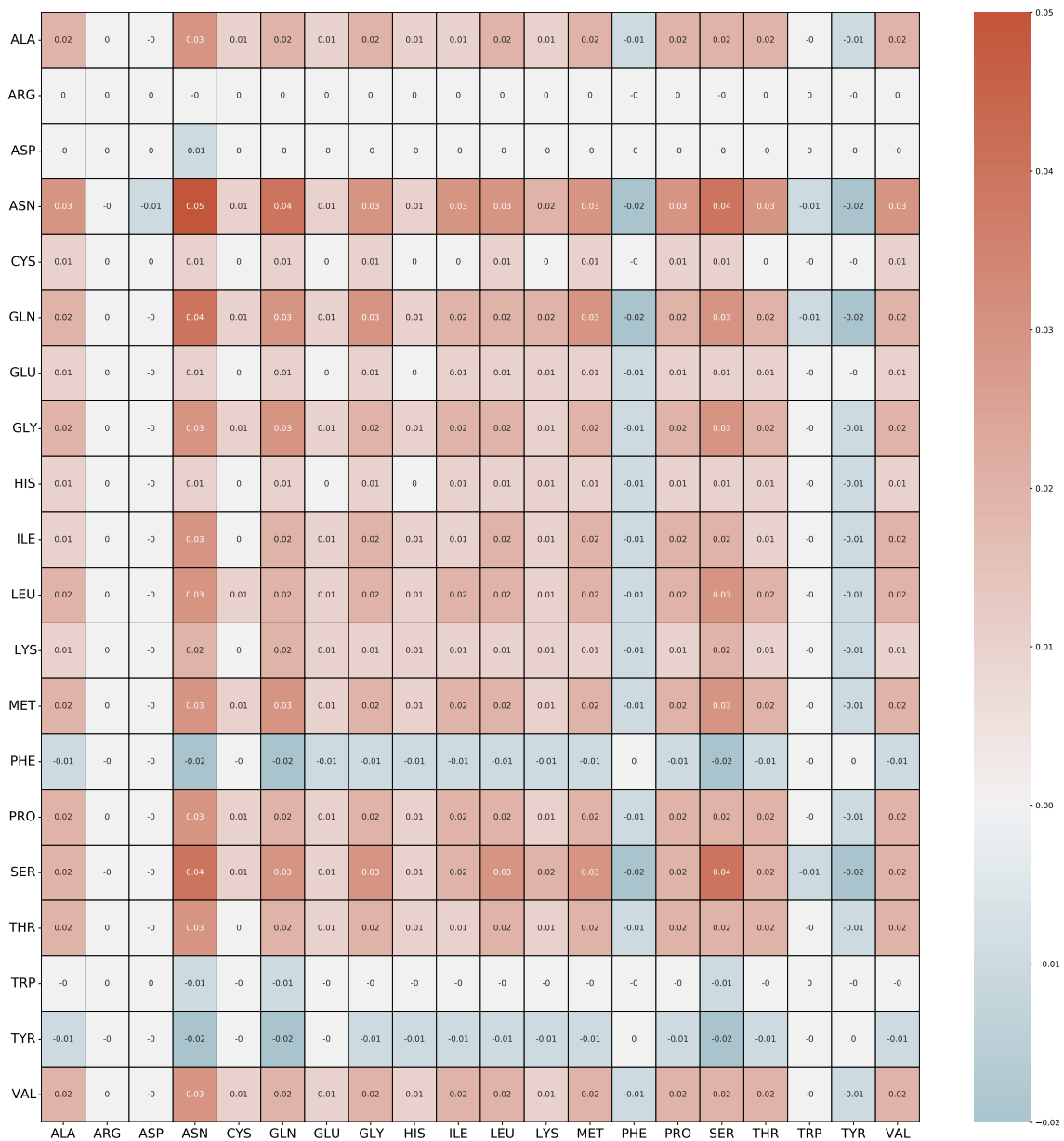


Figure 2: Heatmap of interaction energies  $\Delta\Delta E_s$  for all pairs of amino acids.

## 5. Electrophilicity Values for Nucleobase Pairs

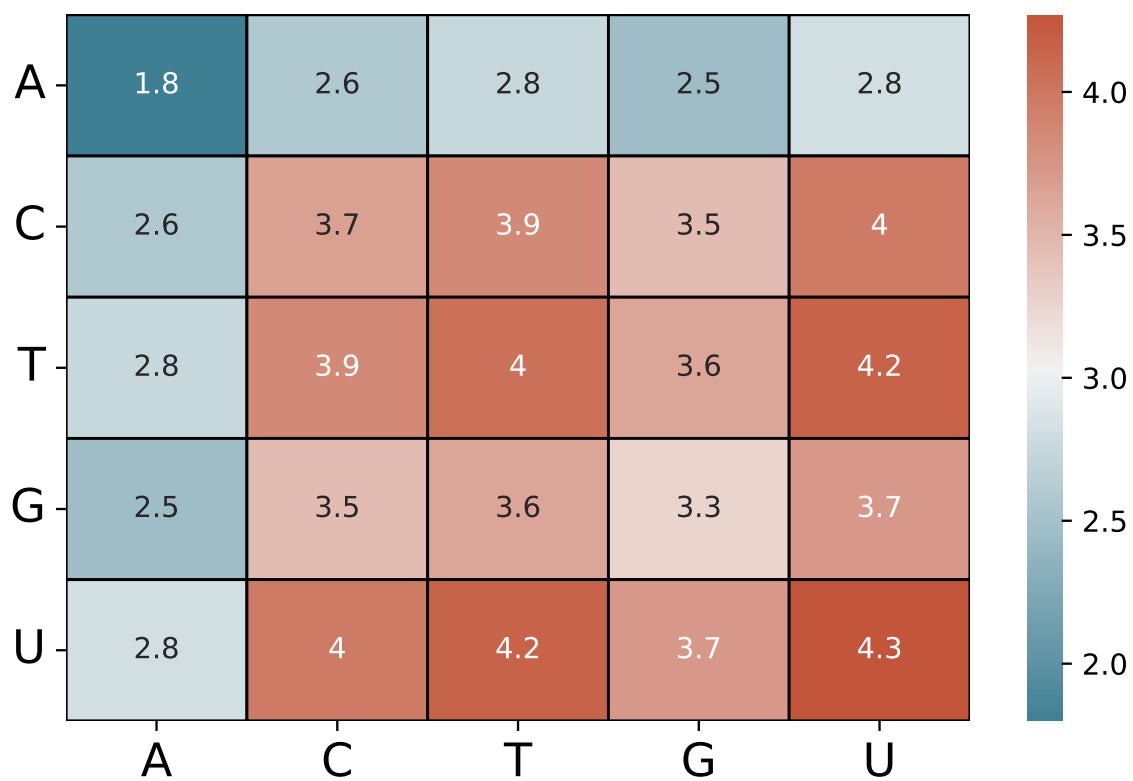


Figure 3: Heatmap of product electrophilicities  $\omega_{XY}$  for all pairs of nucleobases  $X$  and  $Y$ .