Attack of OH radical to the OH- and S-containing amino acids

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Introduction

Radical Reactive Oxygen Species (ROS) are one of the cause of oxidative stress. Among others, they attack proteins, causing protein damage:

- OH attack in proteins:
- a) to the aminoacid side chains
- b) to the peptide backbone.

Reactivity:

- a) electron transfer
- b) Hydrogen abstraction
- c) Addition

We have focused on the subsequent attack of two OH radicals towards:

- · OH-containing amino acid side chains (Serine and threonine).
- · S-containing amino acid side chains (Cysteine and methionine).

First radical attack: H abstraction or electron transfer (Cys and Met)

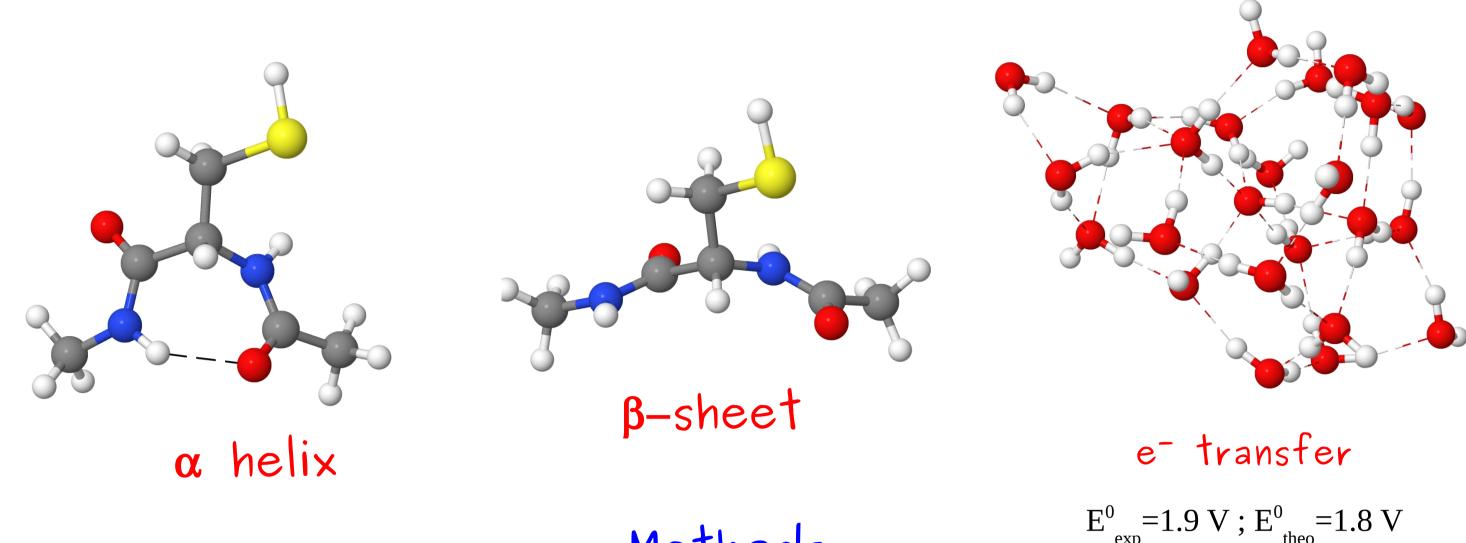
Second radical attack: H abstraction or OH addition.

Solvent effects considered to simulate different environments:

- a) $\varepsilon=4$ for inner aminoacids (far from water)
- b) $\varepsilon=78$ for outter aminoacids (close to water)

Peptide Moldels

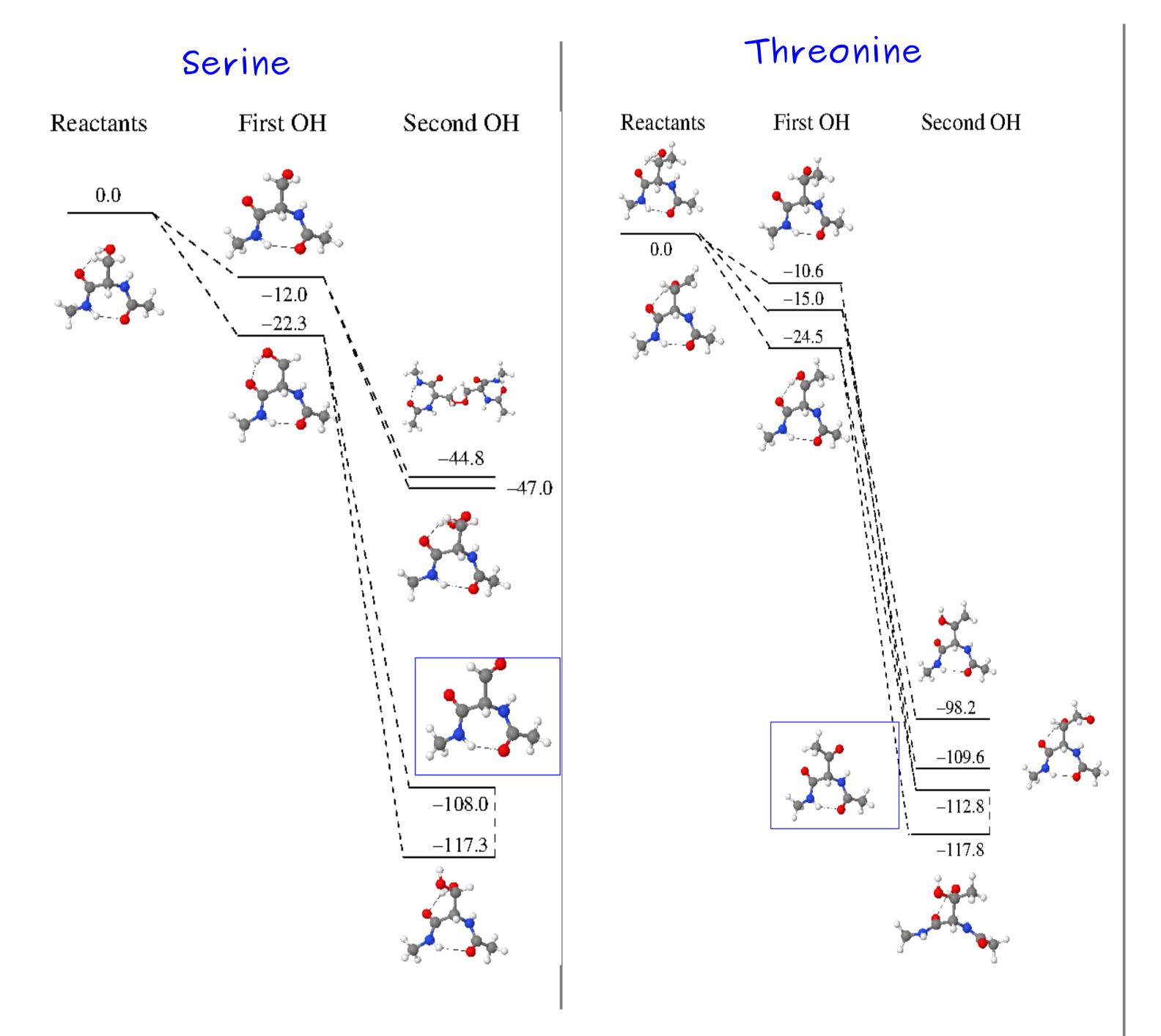
- Tripeptide (AA1-AA2-AA3). AA2 complete, AA1, AA3 cut at Cα.
- For backbone: two types of folding: α -helix and β -sheet.



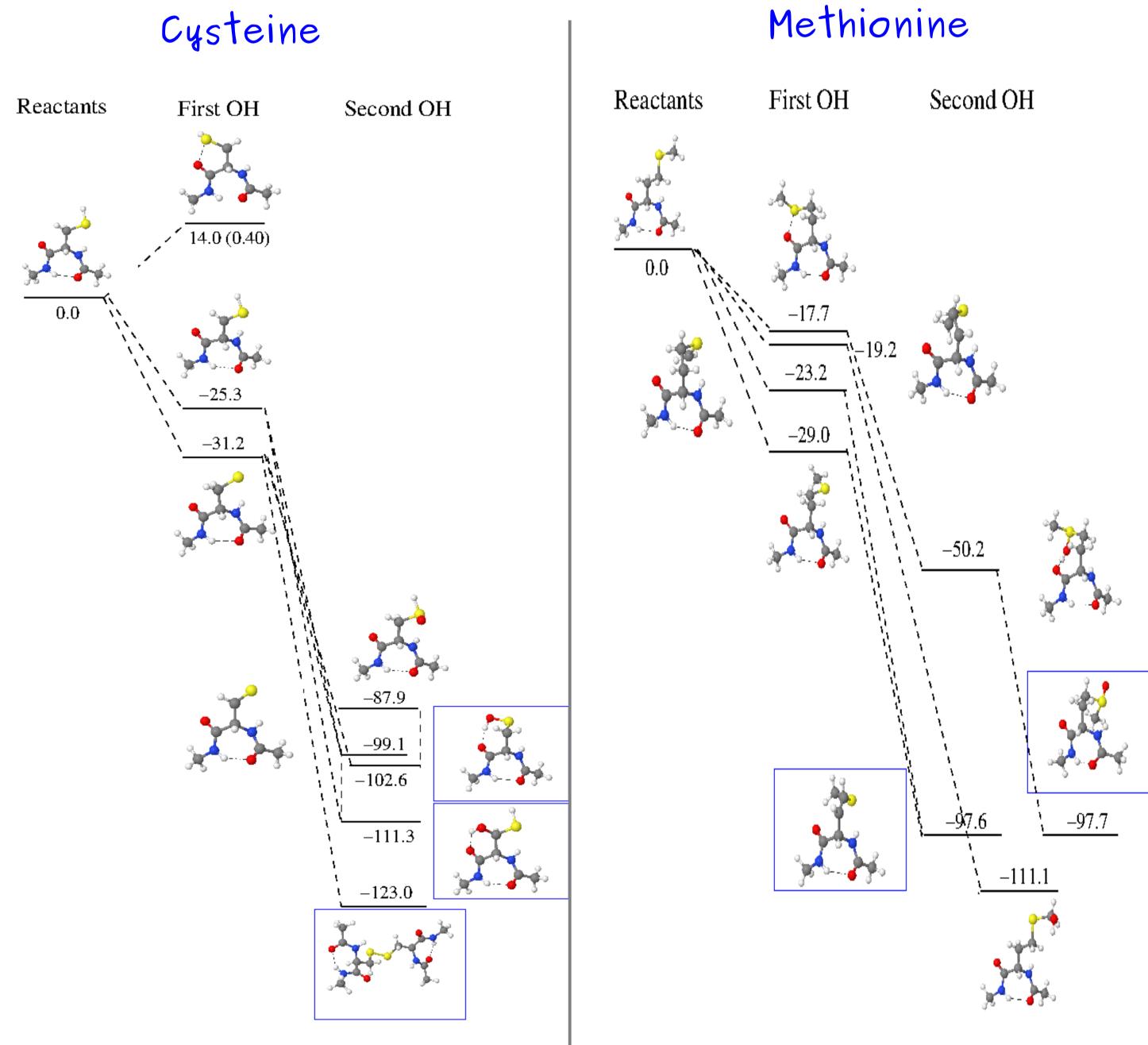
- Methods
- chp theo
- Optimization and Frequencies in gas phase: MPWB1K/6-31+G(d,p).
- Single points at $\varepsilon=4$ and $\varepsilon=80$: MPWB1K/6-311+G(2df,p).
- H_{sol}²⁹⁸=E_{sol}+H(cont)_{gas}²⁹⁸. IRC for Transition States.

Blue lines: The most probabla reaction pathways.

Blue boxes: Main experimental products



- 2 . OH attack mechanisms: H abstraction and addition.
- First •OH: H abstraction from C_{β} favored.
- Second •OH: addition to C_{β} favored: Hydration of ketones. Prediction of new products.



- 3 · OH attack mechanisms: H abstraction, e transfer, addition.
- First OH: H abstraction (Cy in Met, Sy in Cys) favored.
- e- transfer: in Met depending on the stability of ·S+.
- Second ·OH: H abstraction (Met) and addition (S-S Cys) possible. Prediction of new products.



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