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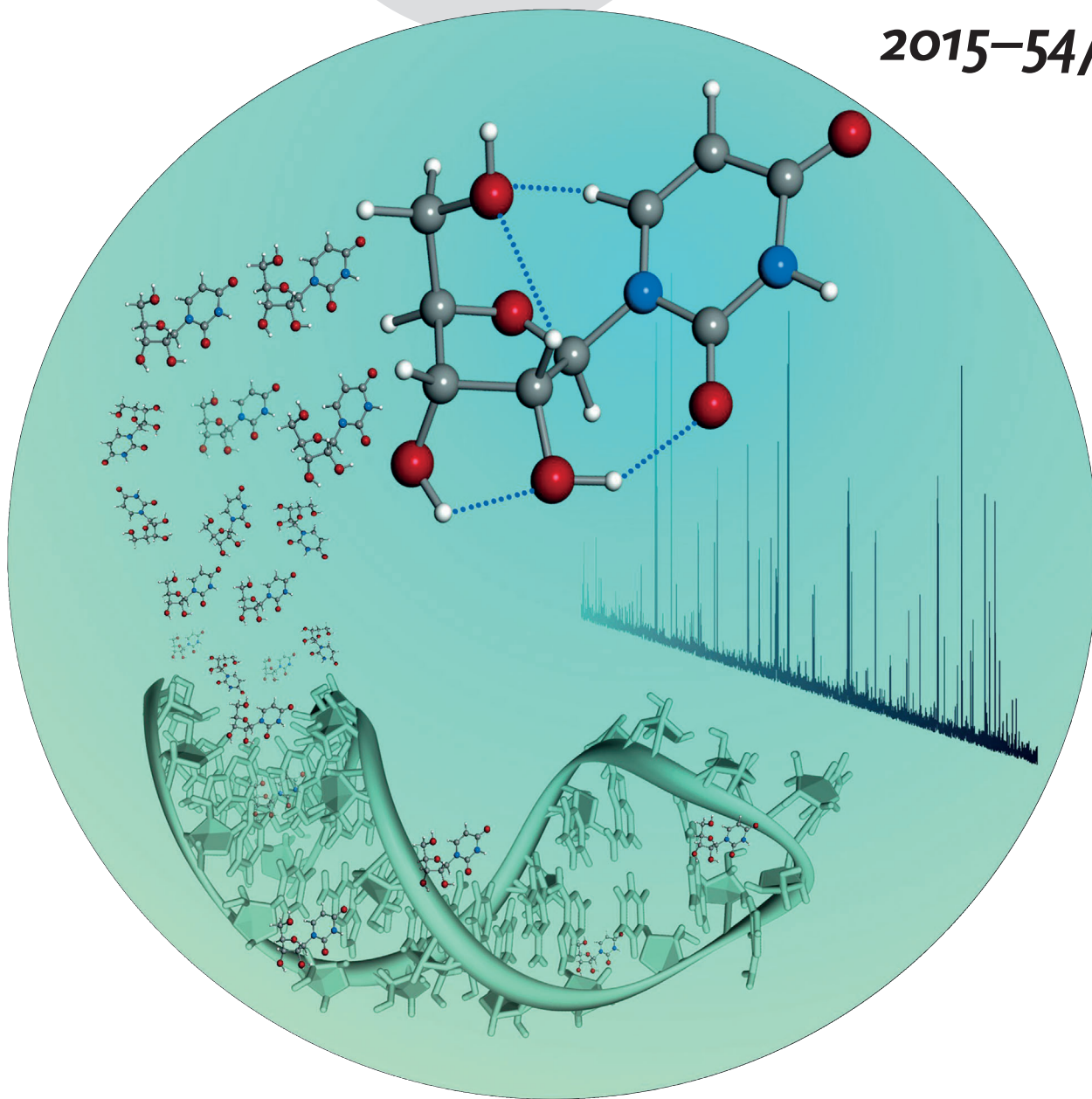
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The nucleoside uridine ...

... has been placed in the gas phase by laser ablation and structurally characterized by Fourier transform microwave spectroscopy. In their Communication on page 2991 ff., J. L. Alonso et al. show that free from the bulk effects of their native environments, the anti/C2'-endo-g+ conformation is the most stable form. Intramolecular hydrogen bonds involving uracil and ribose moieties play an important role in the stabilization of the nucleoside.

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