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Quantum Molecular and Materials Modeling

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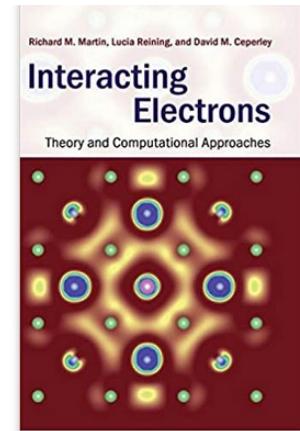
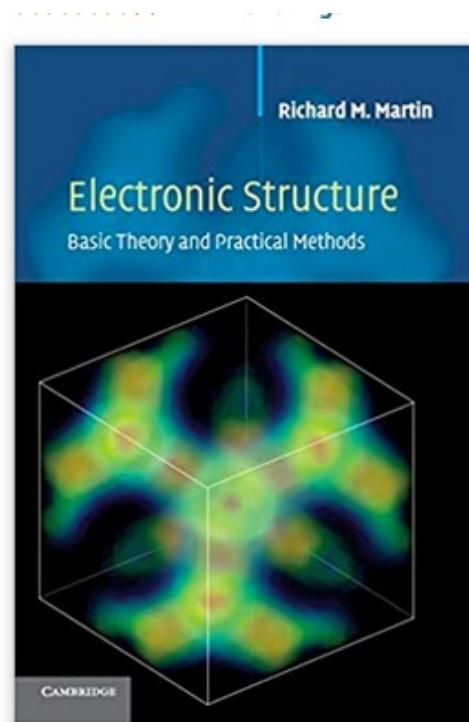
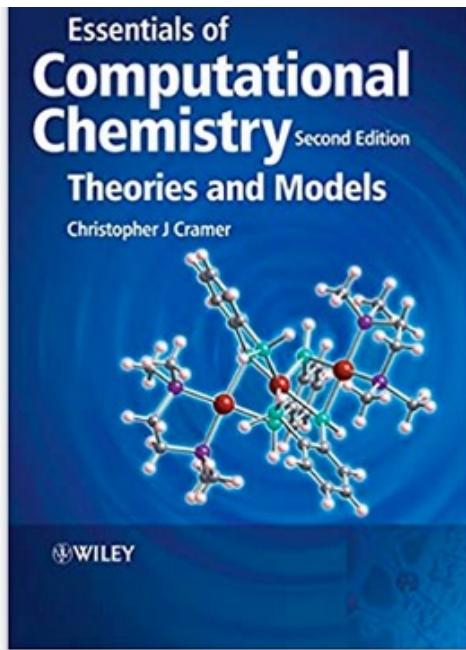
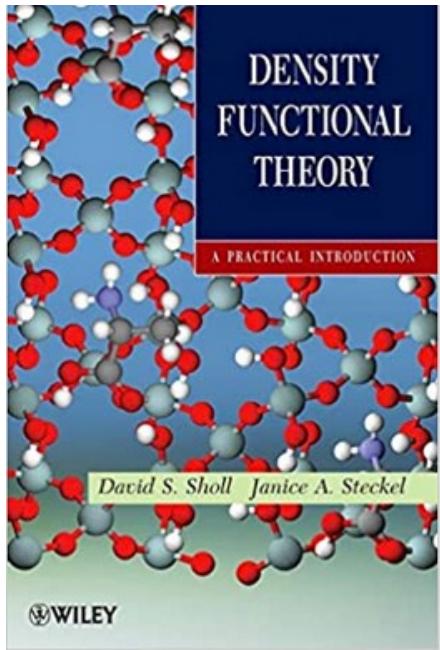
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Applied quantum mechanics: materials and molecules through in-silico lenses

Books



Theory, computation & software

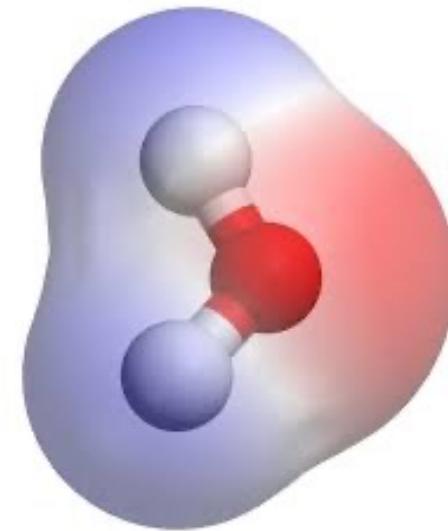
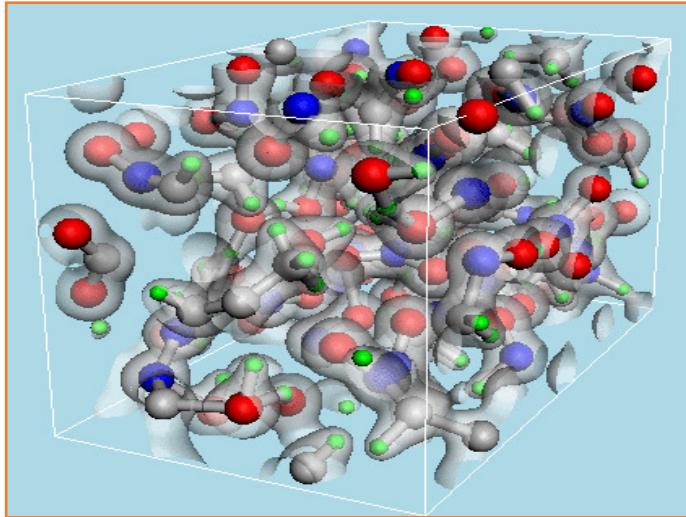
Theory → theoretical approximations → accuracy

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Materials (solids, liquids) and molecules



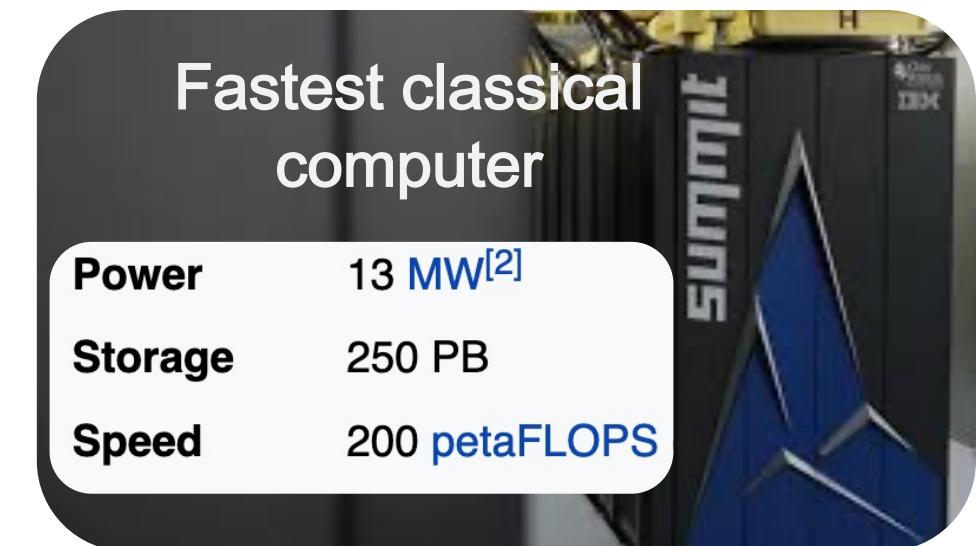
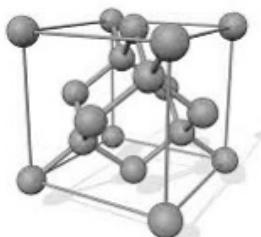
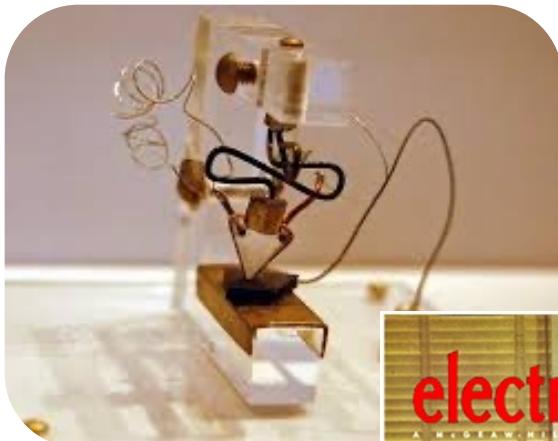
Material or molecule: Electrons (e^-) and nuclei (p^+)

Atomic level stories of materials that changed or are about to change society

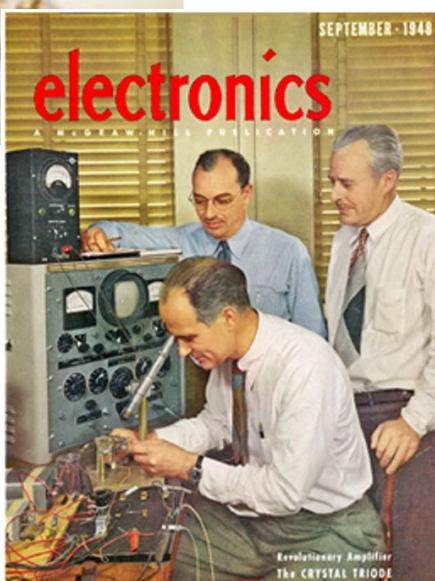
- Some well known and some emerging game changers
- Theory and computation as indispensable parts of the discovery process
- Understanding, predictions and design leading to discovery
 - Materials for **sustainable energy sources**
 - Materials leading us to the **quantum information age**

Materials as enablers of novel technologies and scientific discoveries

Silicon



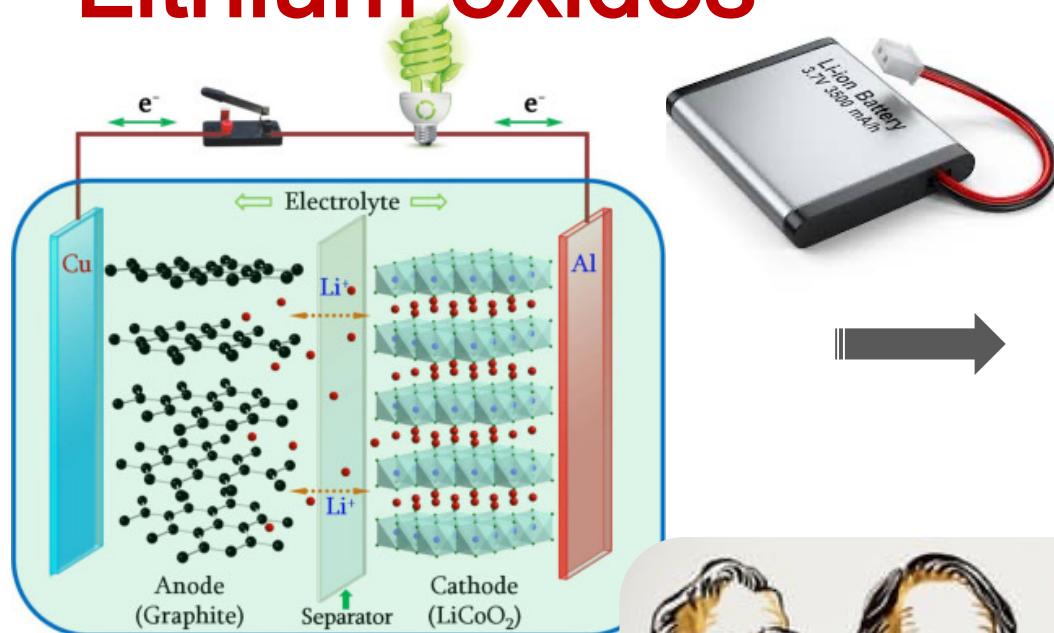
Brattain,
Bardeen,
Shockley
Nobel Prize in
Physics 1956



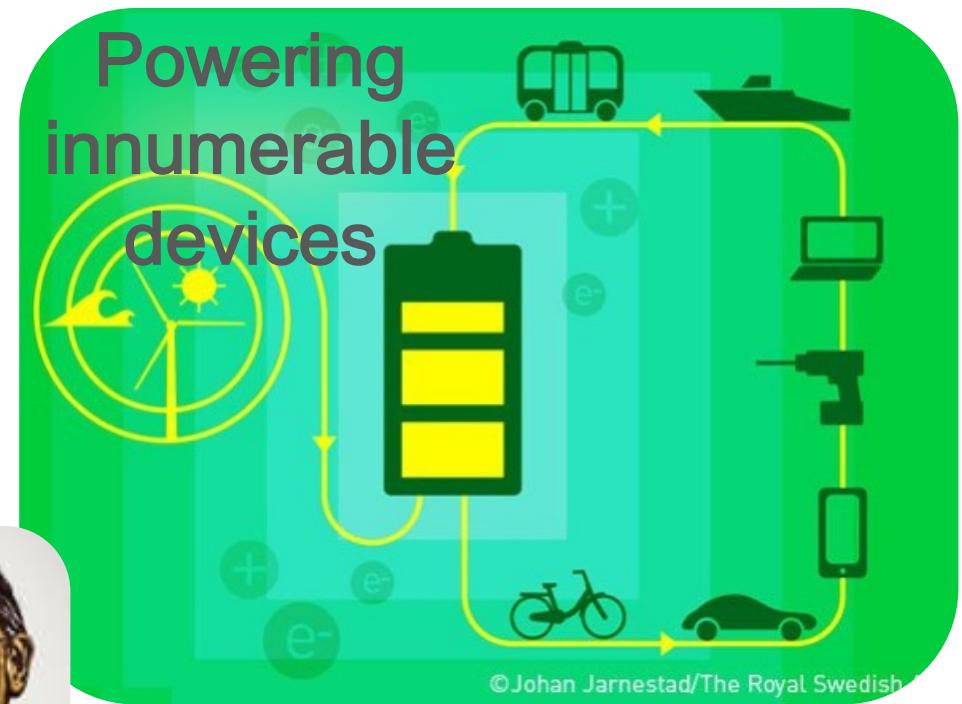
A total of 13 sextillion (1.3×10^{22}) MOSFETs have been manufactured **worldwide** between 1960 and 2018

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Lithium oxides



Goodenough,
Whittingham,
Yoshino
Nobel Prize in
Chemistry 2019



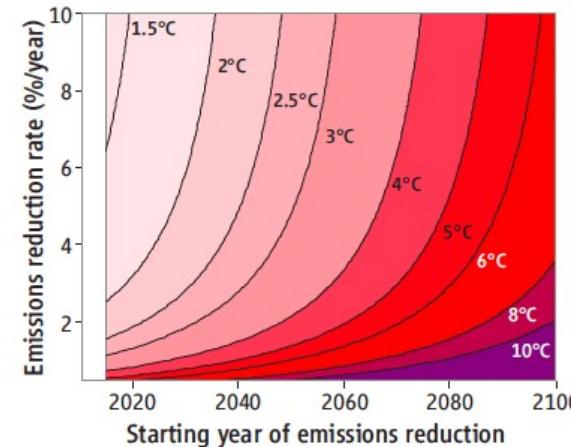
Materials for sustainability and the quantum information age

Sustainability:

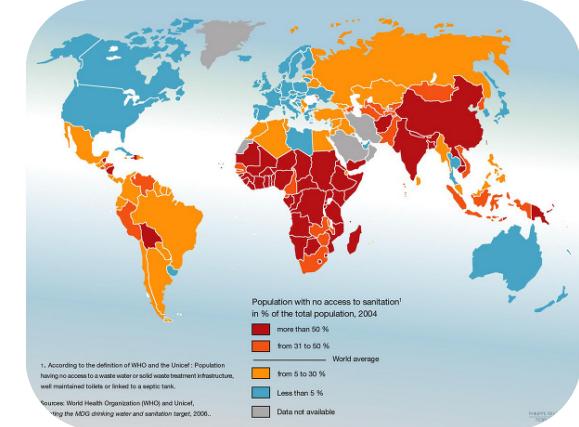
- Sustainable **energy** sources that do not destroy the ability of the human race to live on the planet
- Broadly available clean **water** for energy & food

The closing door of climate targets

T.F.Stocker, Science 339, 280 (2013)



Water stress



Harnessing the power of **quantum technologies**:



Quantum computing opportunities in renewable energy

- [Annarita Giani](#)

[Nature Computational Science](#) (2021)

COMMUNICATIONS

COMPUTING

SENSING

Theory and computation as integral and indispensable parts of scientific discovery

- Harnessing the laws of quantum mechanics to understand materials and molecules and predict and design their properties
- Using computer simulations to obtain accurate solutions to equations describing natural phenomena

Quantum mechanics: basic equations

$$\mathcal{H}\Psi = E\Psi$$

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t} = H\psi$$

THE

PHYSICAL REVIEW

AN UNDULATORY THEORY OF THE MECHANICS
OF ATOMS AND MOLECULES

By E. SCHRÖDINGER

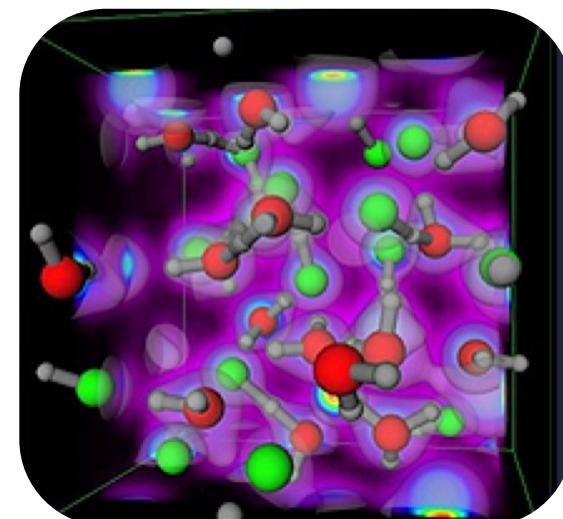
ZÜRICH, SWITZERLAND,
September 3, 1926.



Dirac

The fundamental laws necessary for the mathematical treatment of a large part of physics and **the whole of chemistry** are thus completely known ...

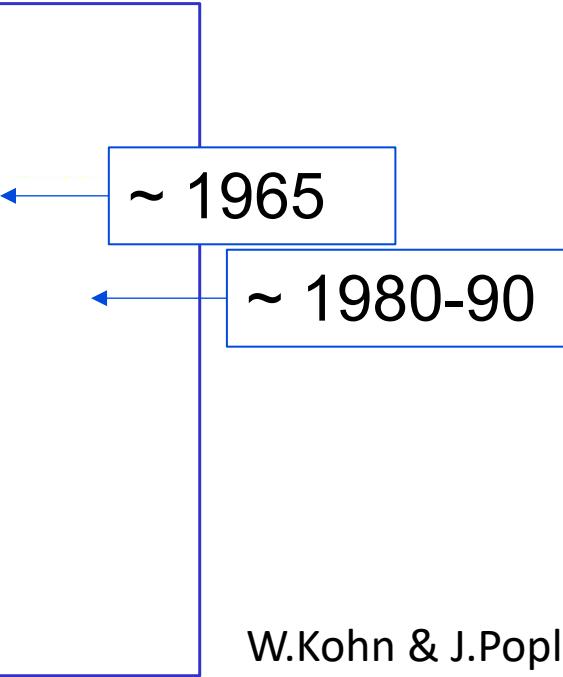
the difficulty lies only in the fact that application of these laws leads to equations that are too complex to be solved.



Quantum mechanics: approximations

The approximations:

- Mean-field theories:
 - **Density Functional Theory (DFT)**
 - *Local density approximations*
- Hartree-Fock and **Quantum Chemistry**
- Stochastic approaches:
 - **Quantum Monte Carlo (QMC)**
 - *The fixed node approximation*



W.Kohn & J.Pople, Chemistry Nobel Prize, 1998

The ability to compute:

algorithmic and computational developments

- Solutions of DFT equations for solids & molecules
- *Ab-initio Molecular Dynamics* (Car-Parrinello method)
- Software development for HPC architectures

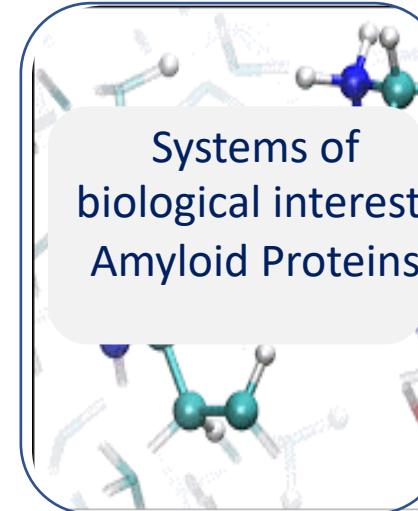
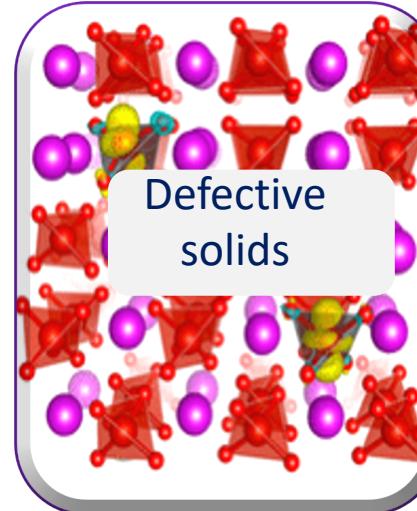
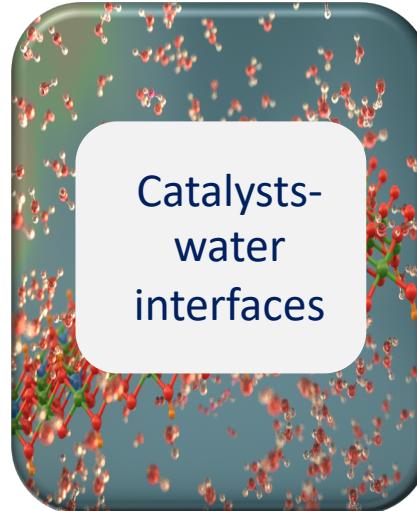
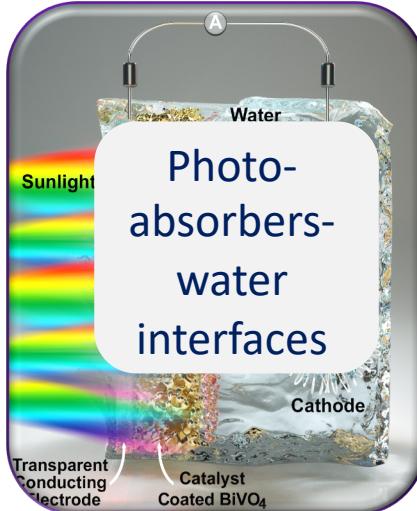
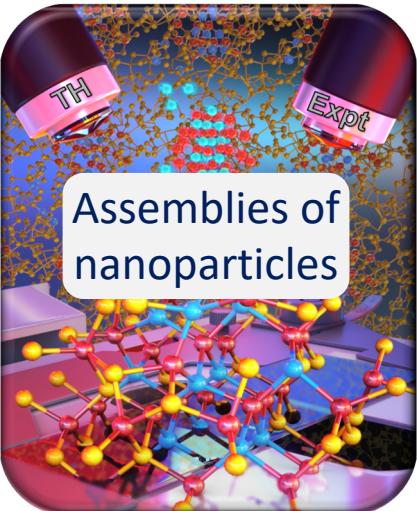
A general, predictive approach

$$M\ddot{\mathbf{R}}_I = -\frac{\partial E}{\partial \mathbf{R}_I} = F_I[\{\mathbf{R}_J\}]$$

E from Density Functional Theory (DFT)

Which DFT?

How do we solve these equations?



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E from Density Functional Theory (DFT)

How do we solve these equations?

“Really efficient **high-speed computing devices** may, in the field of nonlinear partial differential equations [...] provide us with those heuristic hints which are needed in all parts of mathematics for genuine progress”, J.v.Neumann and H.H.Goldstine, On the principles of large scale computing machines, Collected Works, Vol. V, 1963

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E from Density Functional Theory

2020 ACM Gordon Bell Prize Awarded to Team for Machine Learning Method that Achieves Record Molecular Dynamics Simulation

Nov 19th, 2020

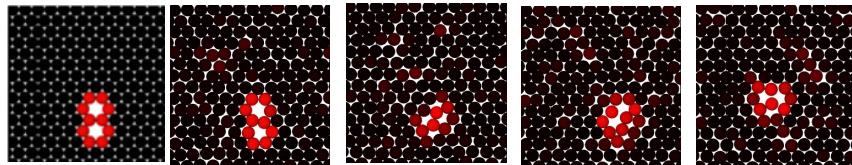
ACM, the Association for Computing Machinery, named a nine-member team, drawn from Chinese and American institutions, recipients of the 2020 ACM Gordon Bell Prize for their project, "Pushing the limit of molecular dynamics with *ab initio* accuracy to 100 million atoms with machine learning."

Winning team members include [Weile Jia](#), University of California, Berkeley; [Han Wang](#), Institute of Applied Physics and Computational Mathematics (Beijing, China); [Mohan Chen](#), Peking University; [Denghui Lu](#), Peking University; [Jiduan Liu](#), Peking University; [Lin Lin](#), University of California, Berkeley and Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory; [Roberto Car](#), Princeton University; [Weinan E](#), Princeton University; and [Linfeng Zhang](#), Princeton University.



Theoretical and computational strategy

Structural properties of materials
at finite T from atomistic & first
principles simulations



Interrogate materials with light:
Spectroscopy

Photoluminescence

Light absorption

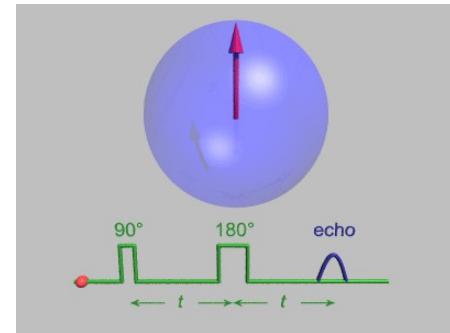
Photoemission

Deep level transient spectroscopy

Non-radiative
recombination

Non-linear
spectroscopy

Ultrafast spectroscopy



Probe
spins and
how they
interact

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Theory, computation & software

1. Tuesday, March 20	Lecture 1	Introduction & Background Material			including Bloch theorem and basic solid-state physics concepts (II)
Thursday, April 1	Lecture 2	Schoedinger Equation (SE): basic approaches to solve the time independent SE for modeling molecular and condensed systems			
2. Tuesday, April 6	Lecture 3	Schoedinger Equation (SE): basic approximations in quantum chemistry → Hartree Fock (HF)			
Thursday, April 8	Lecture 4 & Homework 1 assigned	Schoedinger Equation (SE): beyond HF & numerical solutions			
3. Tuesday, April 13	Lecture 5	Quantum Chemistry: basis set expansions and error analysis			
Thursday, April 15	Lecture 6	Introduction to Density Functional Theory (DFT): the electron gas, variational theorem, functional minimizations			
4. Tuesday, April 20	Lecture 7 Homework 1 due & Homework 2 assigned	The Kohn-Sham (KS) equations: local and non-local functionals; examples of solutions for molecules and comparison with quantum chemistry methods			
Thursday, April 22	Lecture 8	The Kohn-Sham (KS) equations: solutions for periodic systems (solids), including Bloch theorem and basic solid-state physics concepts (I)			
5. Tuesday, April 27	Lecture 9	The Kohn-Sham (KS) equations: solutions for periodic systems (solids),			
Thursday, April 29			MIDTERM		Open book
6. Tuesday, May 4			Lecture 10 Homework 2 due & Homework 3 assigned		Geometry optimizations for molecules and solids; vibrational properties and phonons
Thursday, May 6			Lecture 11		Molecular dynamics
7. Tuesday, May 11			Lecture 12		First principles molecular dynamics (FPMD)
Thursday, May 13			Lecture 13 Homework 3 due & Homework 4 assigned		Application of FPMD, including computational vibrational spectroscopy of solids and molecules
8. Tuesday, May 18			Lecture 14		Computational spectroscopy: electronic and optical spectra of molecules and solids
Thursday, May 20			Lecture 15		Coupling FPMD and electronic structure theories beyond DFT
9. Tuesday, May 25			Lecture 16		Quantum simulations on quantum computers
Thursday, May 27			Lecture 17 (recap) Homework 4 due		Recap and general questions

Atomic level stories of materials that changed or are about to change society

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Materials for sustainability and the quantum information age

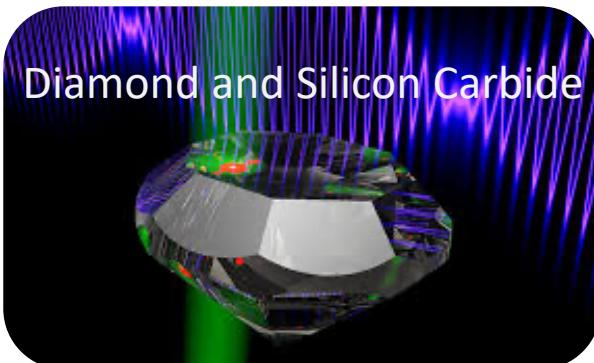
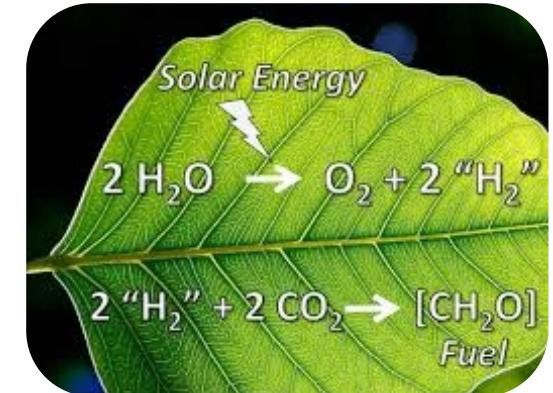
Sustainability:

- Materials to convert the energy we receive from the sun into **electricity**
- Materials to produce **clean fuels**: convert H₂O into hydrogen and oxygen and CO₂ to “benign” & useful species

Solar Cells



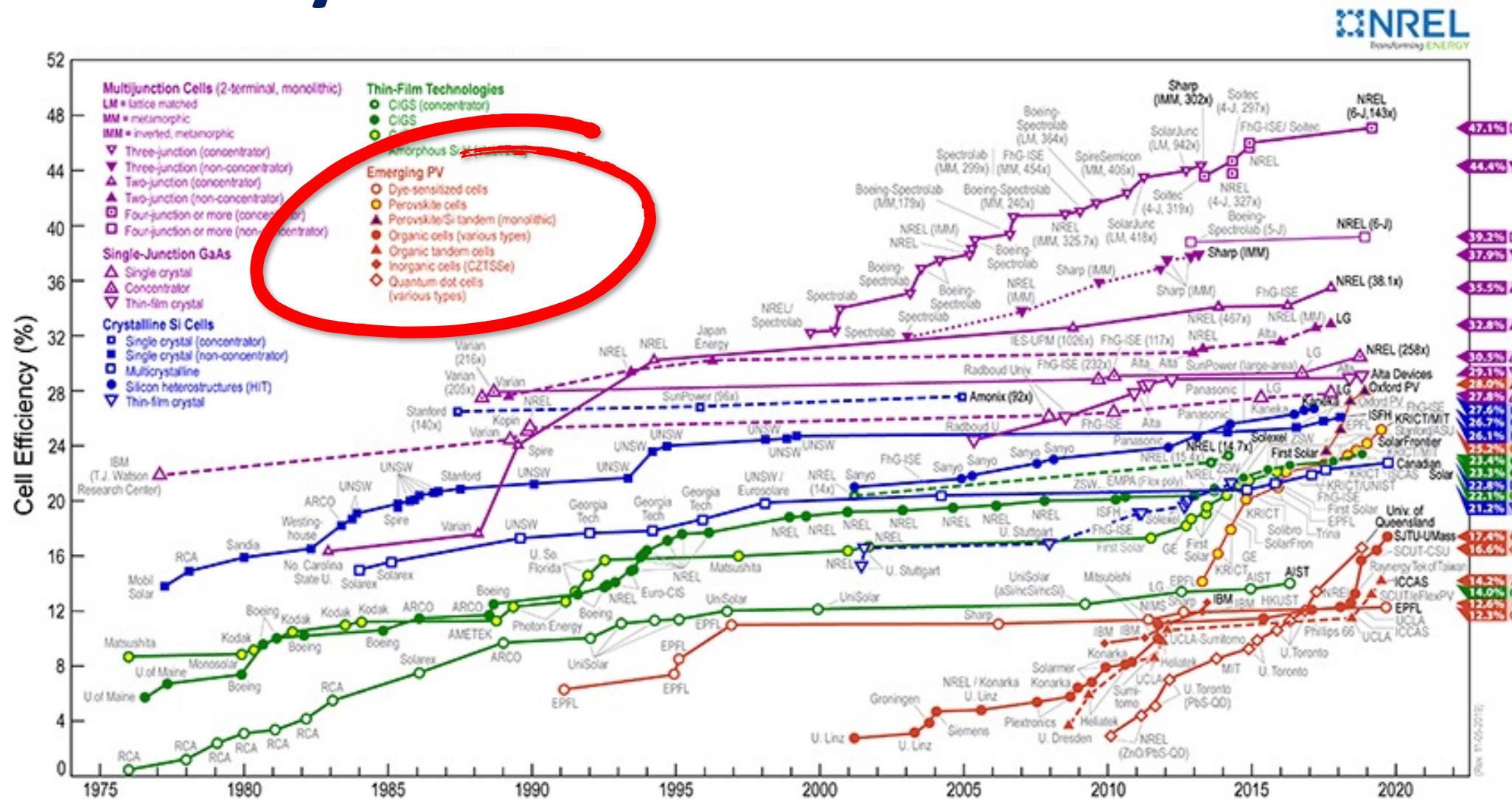
Photoelectrochemical cells



Harnessing the power of **quantum technologies**:

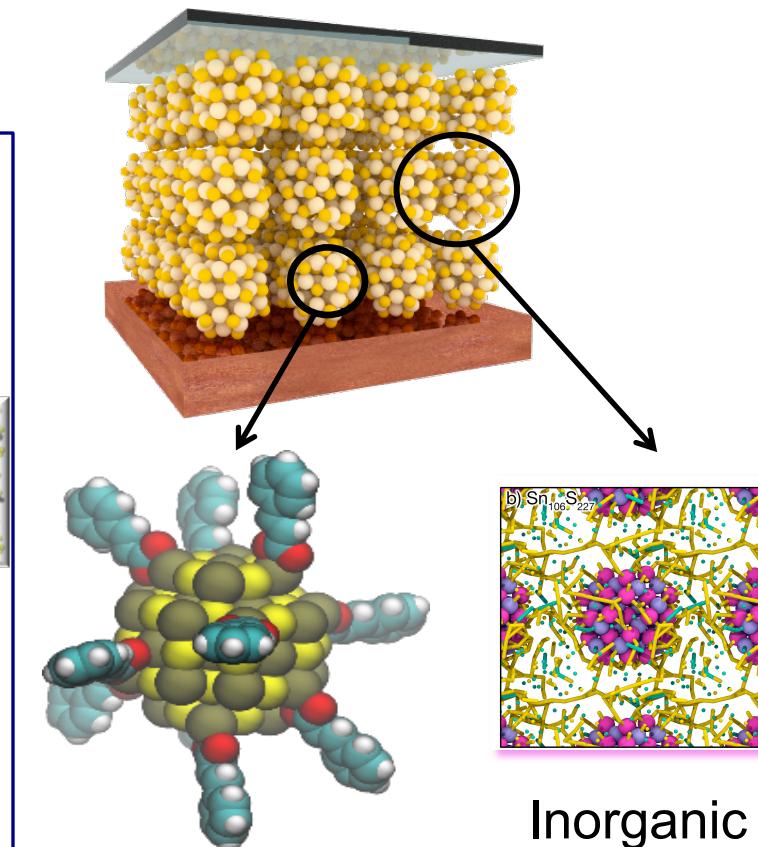
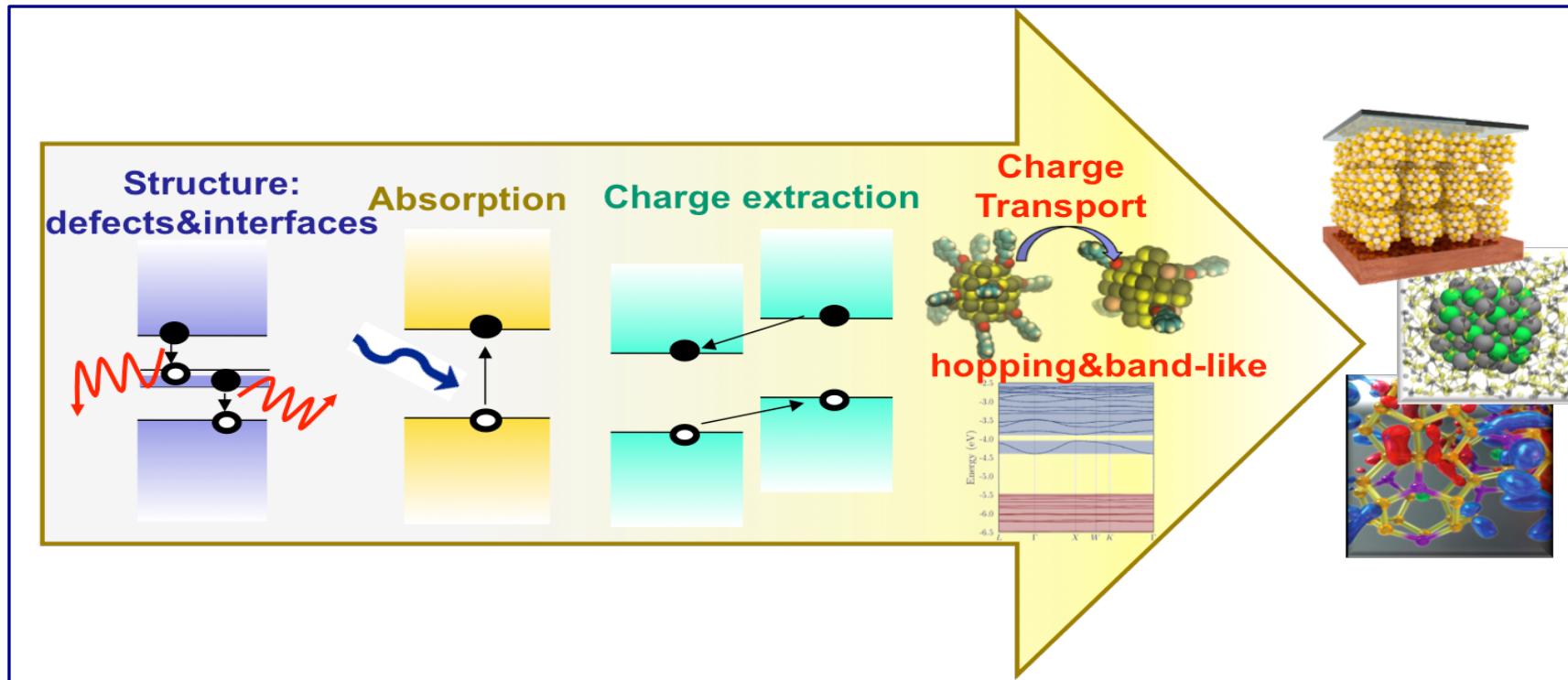
- Defective materials for **qubits** and **quantum sensors**

Solar cells: no size fits all & not only a matter of efficiency



Colloidal quantum dot solar cells: easy to make, with tunable properties

Assemblies of nanoparticles : Structure \longleftrightarrow Function

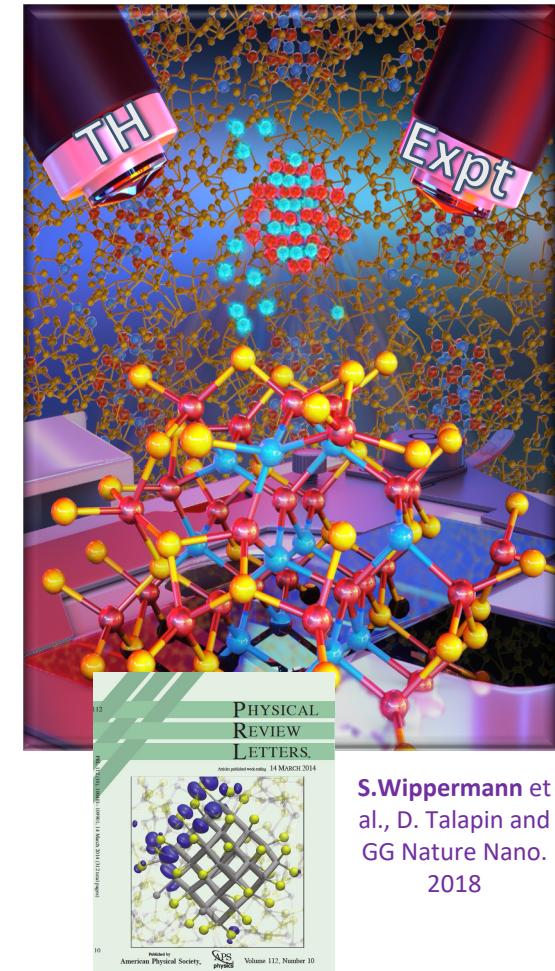


Organic
ligands

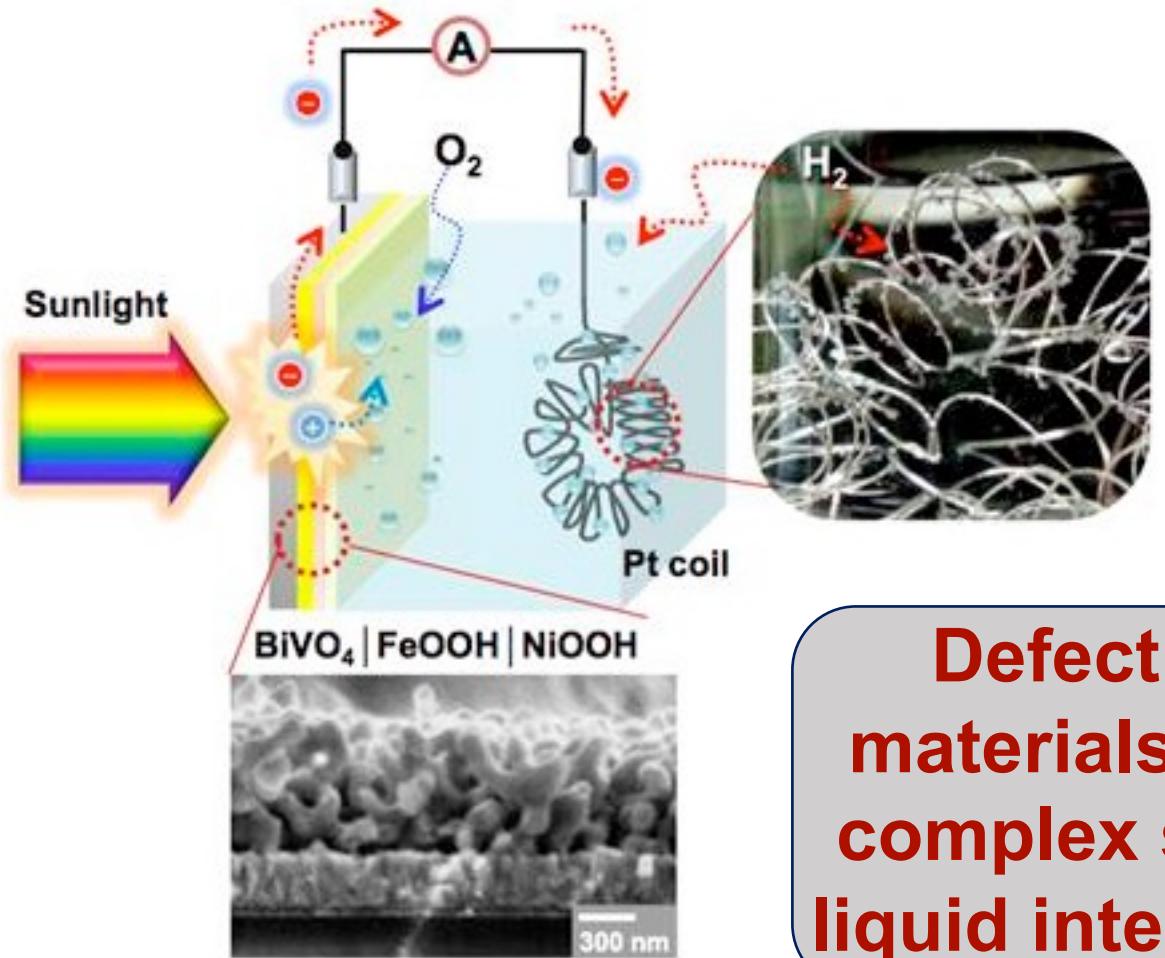
Inorganic
ligands

Colloidal quantum dot solar cells → design nanocomposites

- Nanoparticles “provide” the charges (and multi-exciton generation helps!) under illumination
- **Ligand & matrix engineering** is key to create favorable heterojunctions and to enable charge extraction: experiments explained & predictions verified
- Simplified structural models are insufficient to explain, even qualitatively, electronic and transport properties

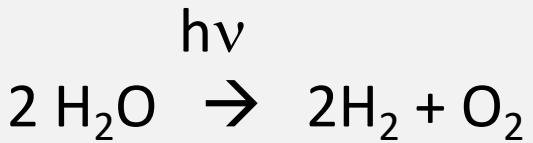


Absorb light to trigger complex chemical reactions → photocatalytic water splitting



**Defective
materials with
complex solid-
liquid interfaces**

Absorb light



Transport (e^- , h^+) pairs
from the solid absorber
to the liquid

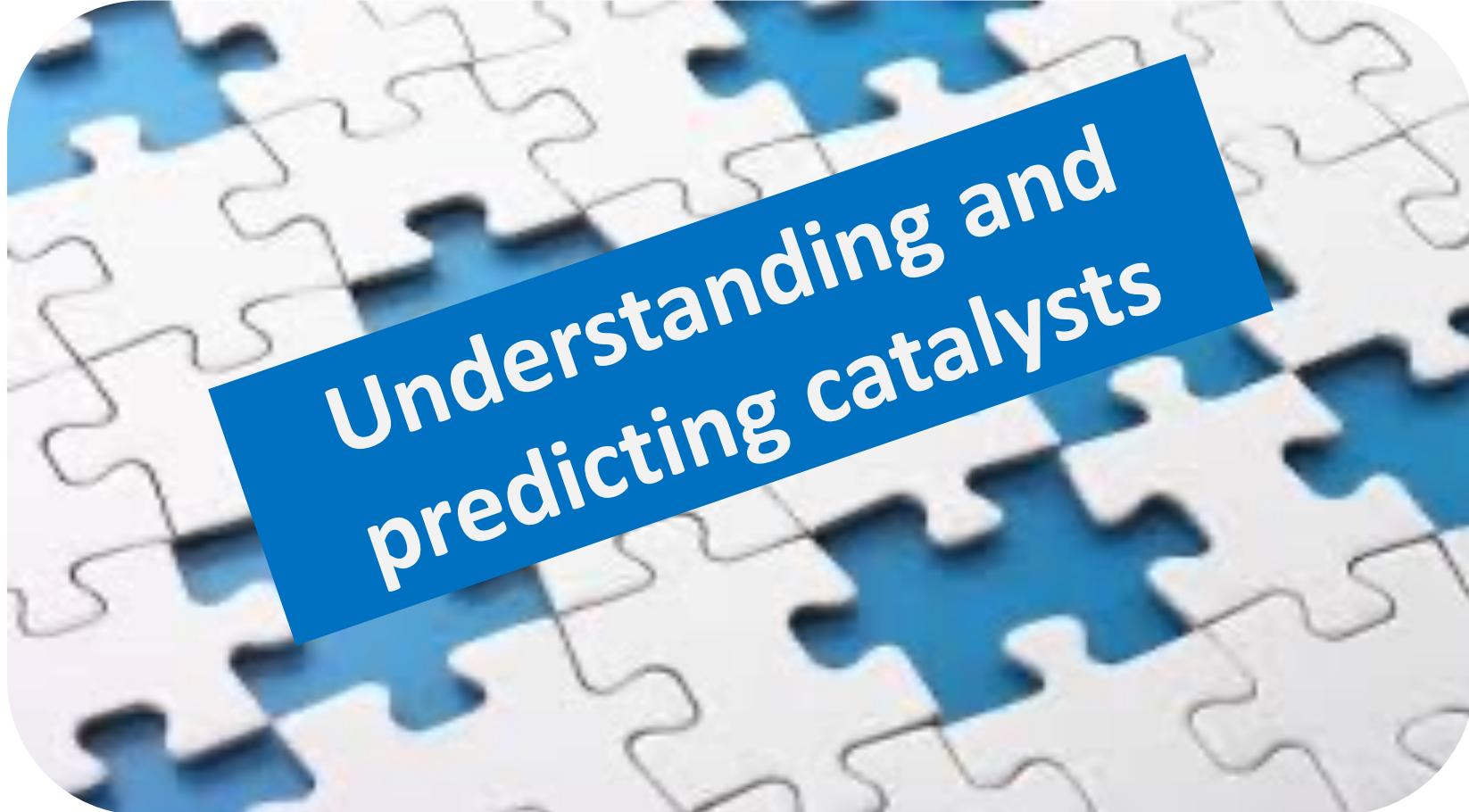
Harvest charges for
chemical reactions

Navigating the puzzle pieces of water splitting

- Reasonable model of (salty) water
- Atomistic model of solid/liquid interfaces & their electronic properties (e.g. **band offsets** and **Schottky barriers**)
- **Charge transport** @interfaces

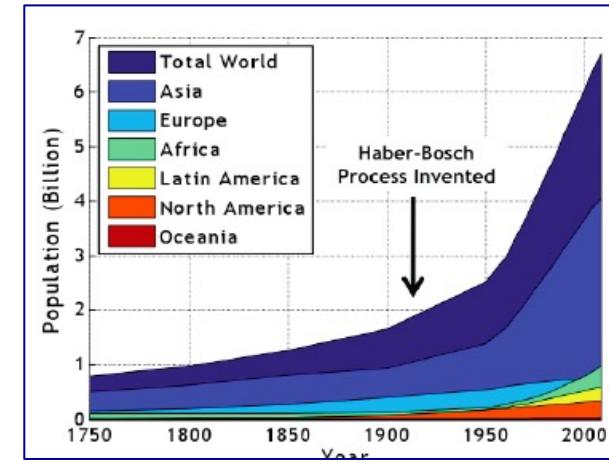


Navigating the puzzle pieces of water splitting



A new catalyst can be a game changer

- In 1898 Sir William Crookes, President of the British Assoc. for the Advancement of Science, was “calling upon science to save the world from impending starvation”
- In 1908 Fritz Haber discovered a catalyst that would combine atmospheric nitrogen with hydrogen to form ammonia (catalyst: uranium!)
- In 1913 Carl Bosch developed process to mass produce ammonia and made fertilizers



A new technology can be a game changer

'Great Horse Manure Crisis of 1894'.

- New York had a population of 100,000 horses producing around 2.5m pounds of manure a day.
- London was in even worse conditions; in 1894 the Times newspaper predicted... “In 50 years, every street in London will be buried under nine feet of manure.”
- **From horse power to horsepower:** in 1912 Henry Ford made the use of the motor a viable technology for transportation

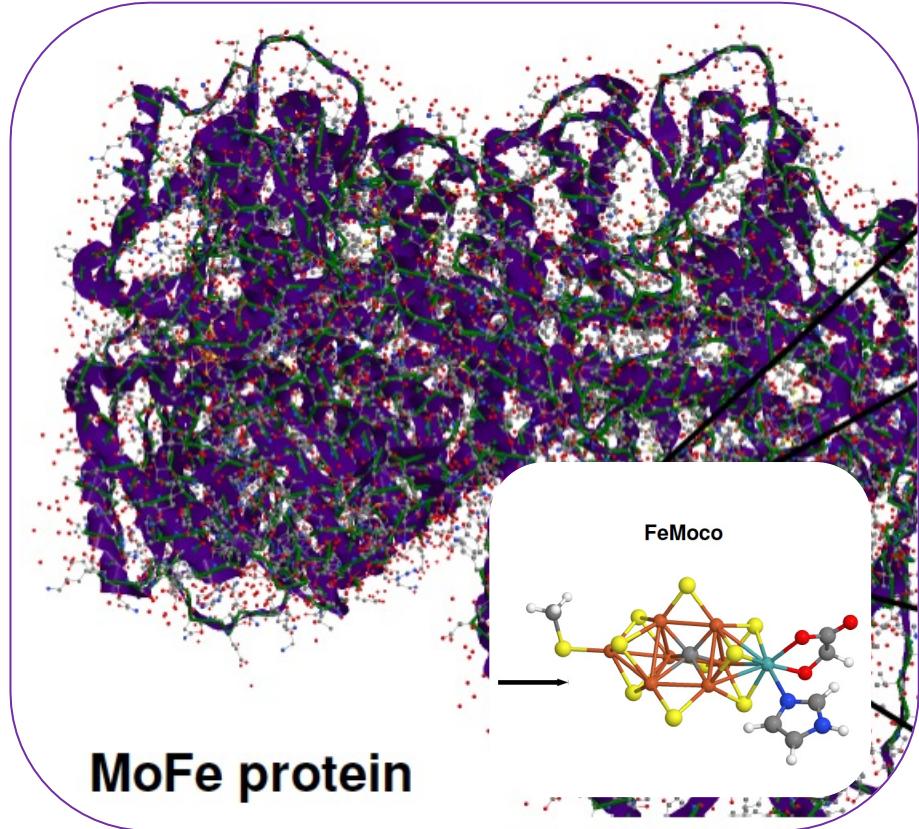


How are we solving more complex problems?

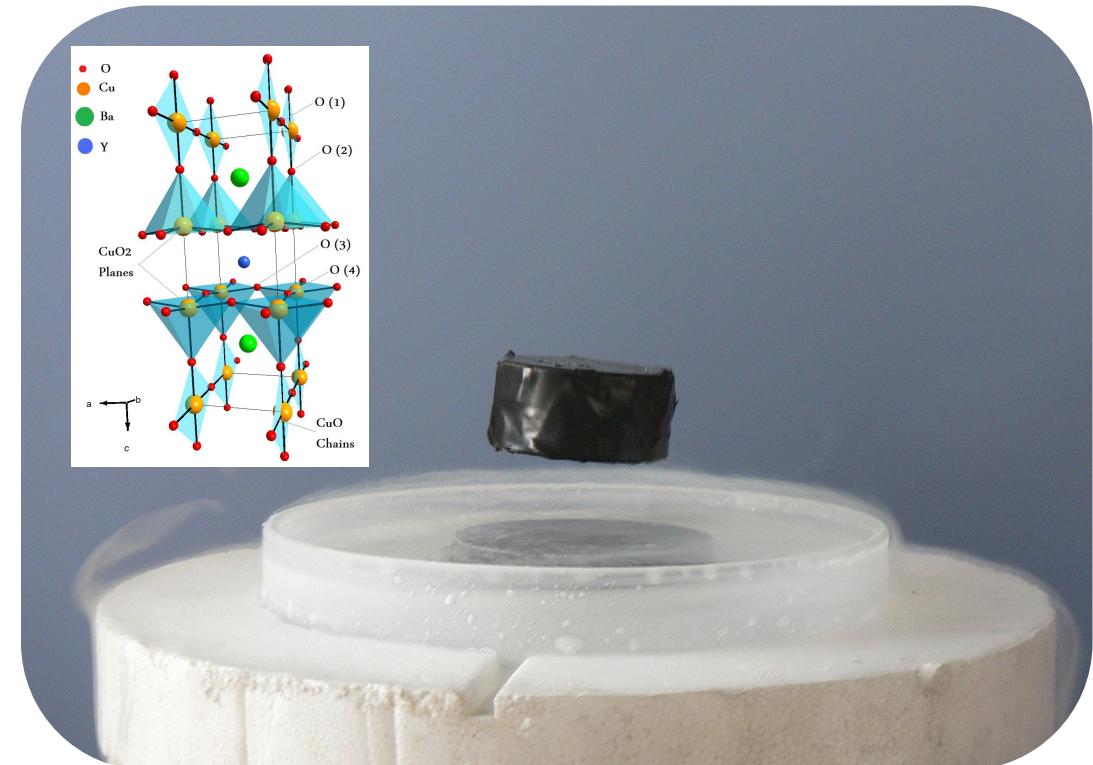


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Nitrogenase MoFe protein



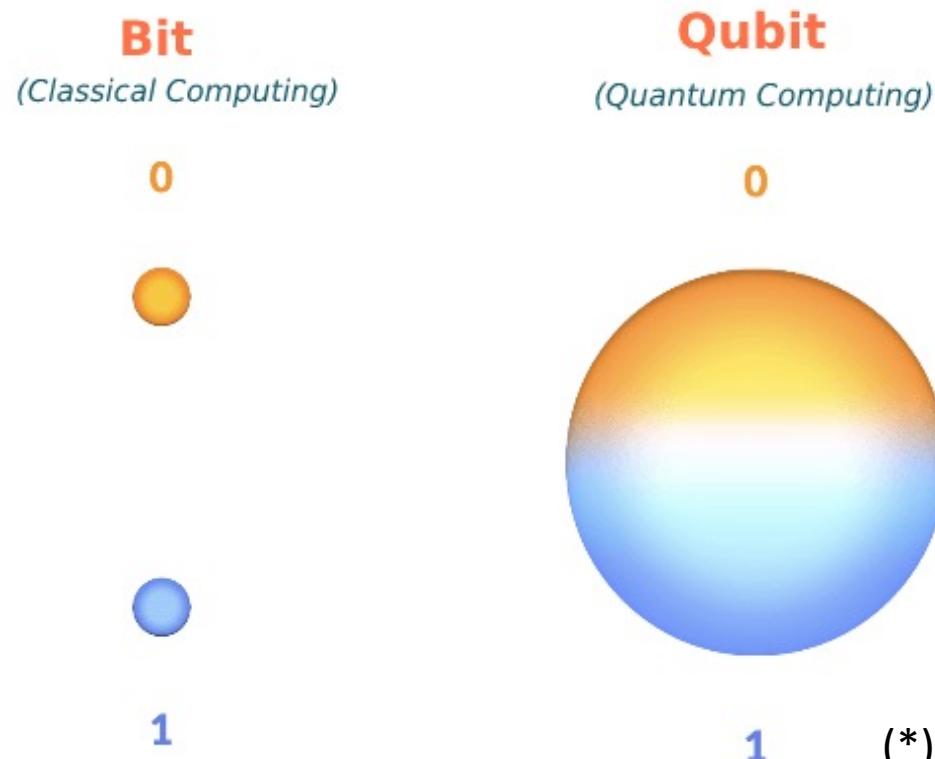
High Tc Superconductors



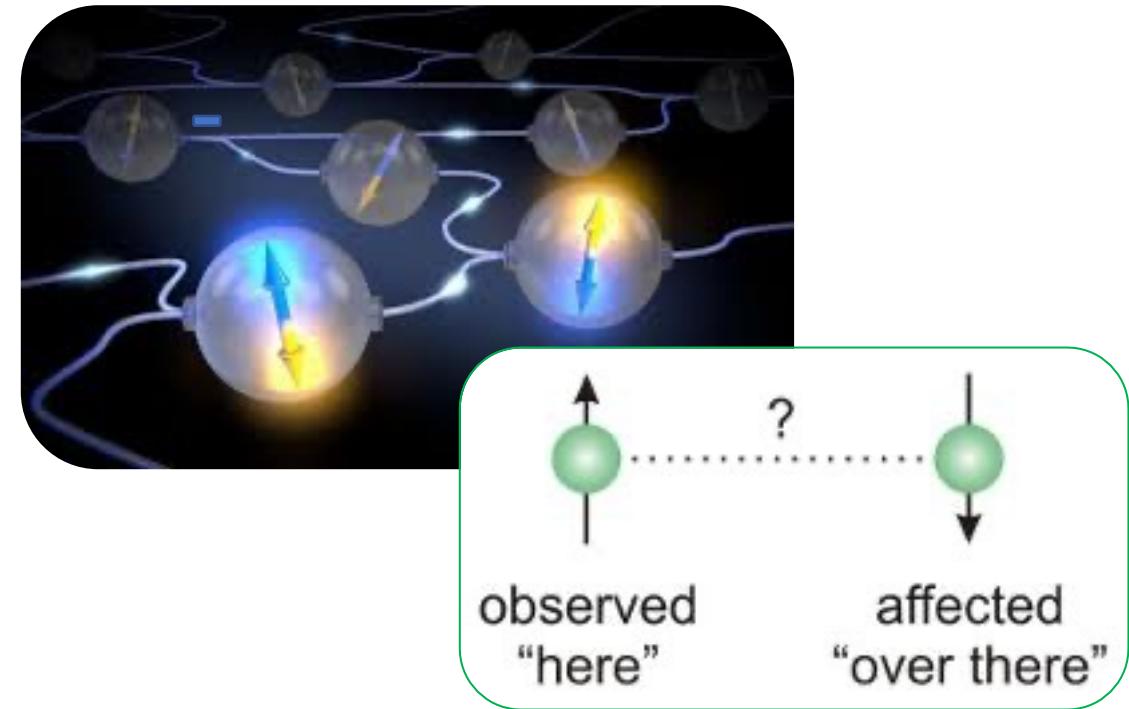
Change of Perspective

Richard Feynman (82') proposed the idea of creating machines based on the laws of **quantum mechanics** instead of the laws of classical physics (*).

Superposition



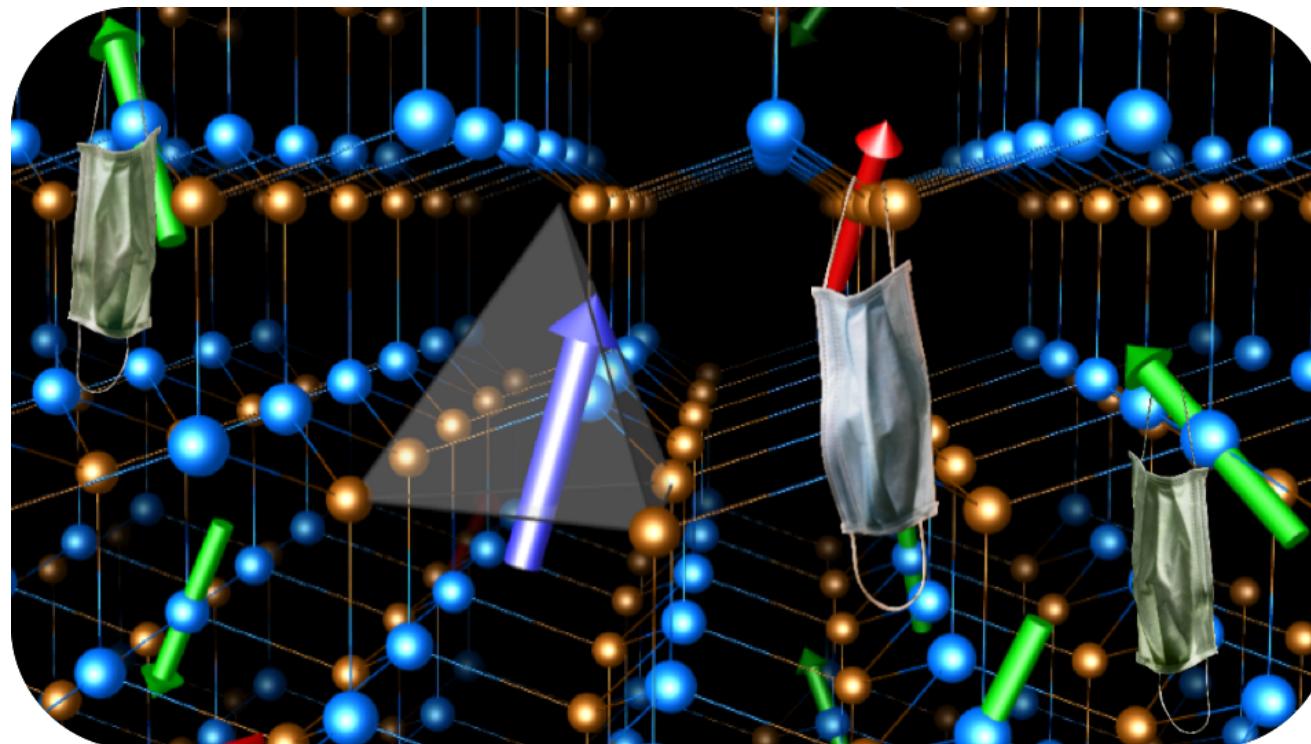
Entanglement



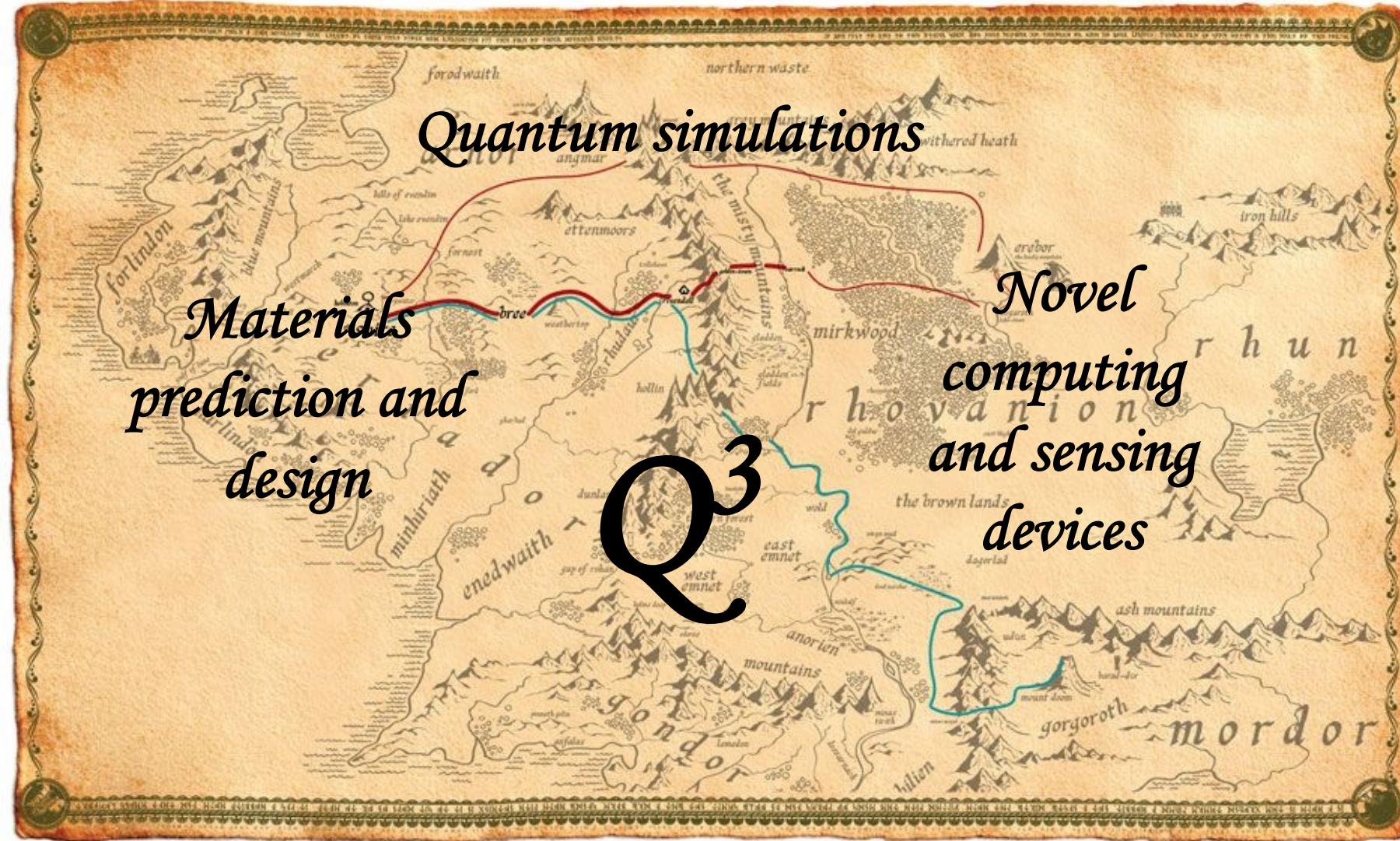
(*) Feynman, R. 1983. [Tiny Computers Obeying Quantum Mechanical Laws](#). Talk delivered at Los Alamos National Laboratory. Published in *New Directions in Physics: The Los Alamos 40th Anniversary Volume*.

Spin defects

- Manipulating spin states of defects in solids with light, to design **new computing technologies** and new generation of nanoscale sensors:
 - Diamond and Silicon Carbide**



From materials to quantum devices and back again



Quantum Computations

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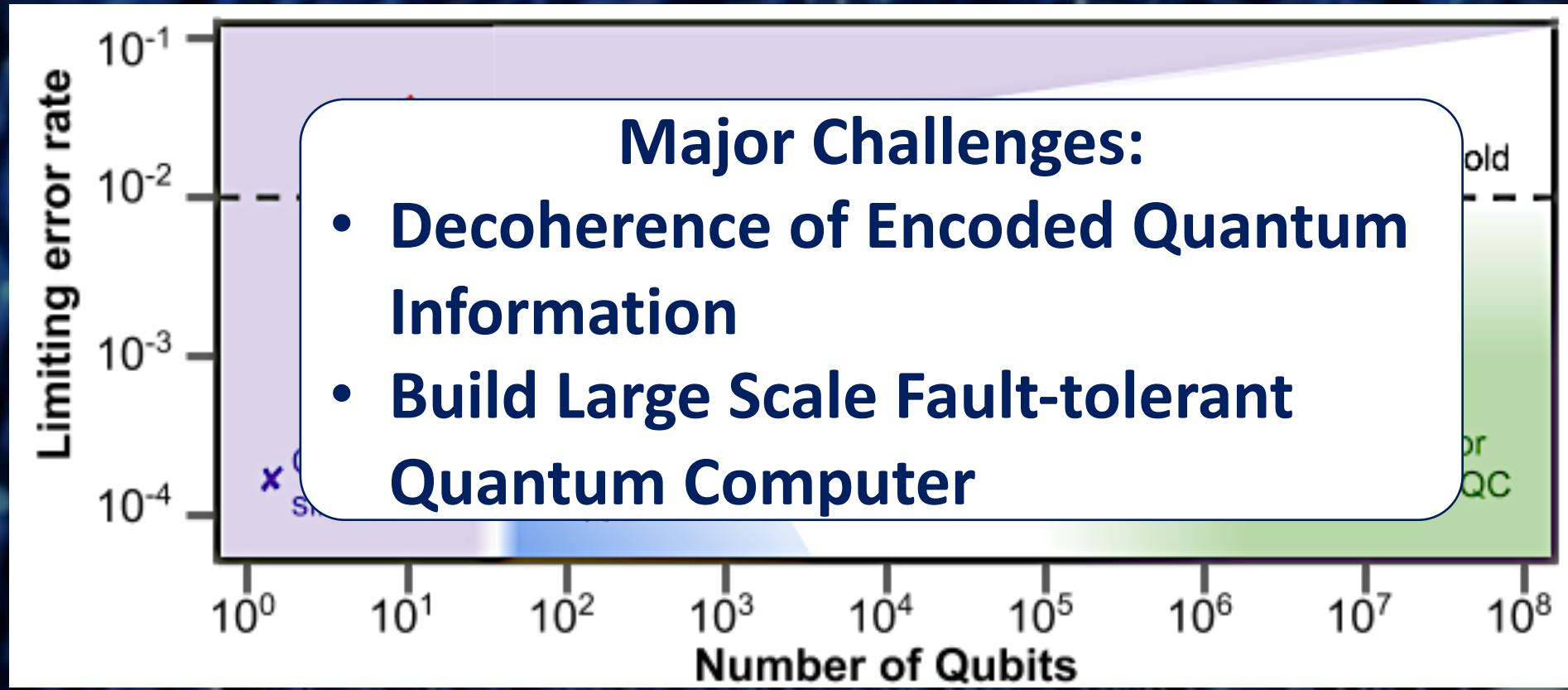
Quantum Computing

On “Quantum Supremacy”

[...] With a [different] entanglement pattern [...] the Summit supercomputer at ORNL could solve the problem in a matter of days.

October 21, 2019 | Written by: [Edwin Pednault](#), John Gunnels
& Dmitri Maslov, and [Jay Gambetta](#)

Quantum Computations

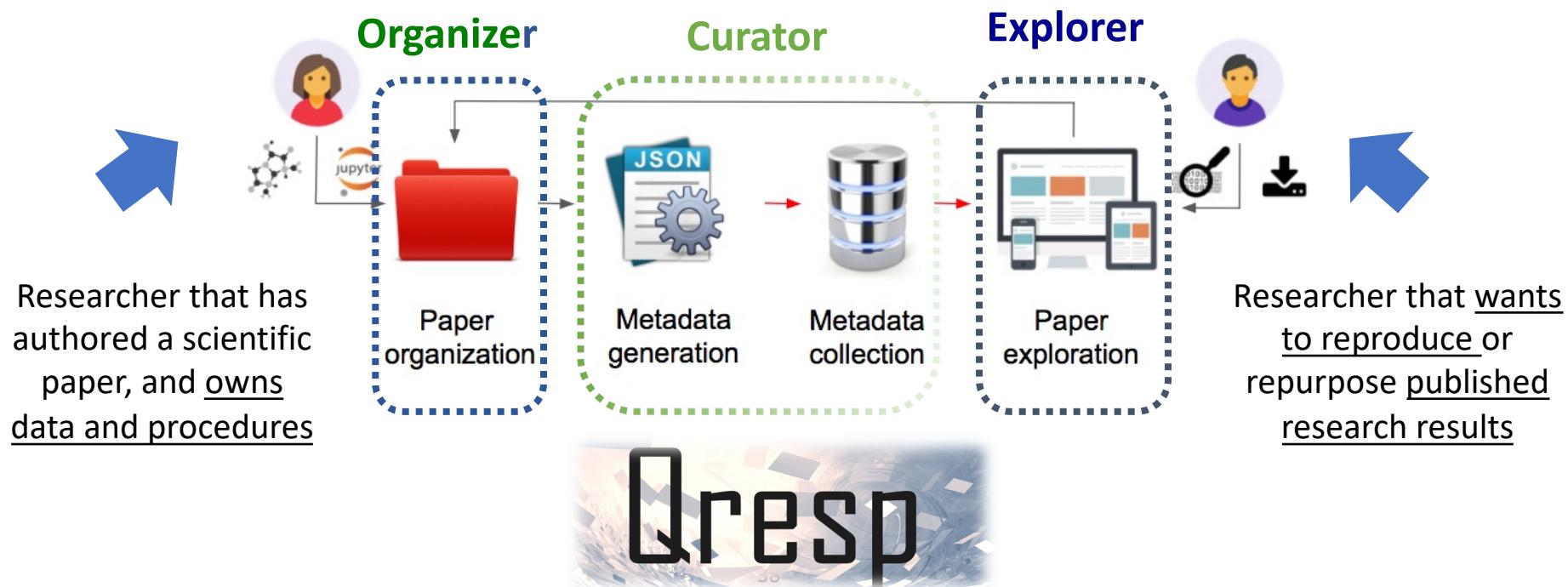


Where is the data?
How can one access the data?
What remains of the data described in
scientific papers?

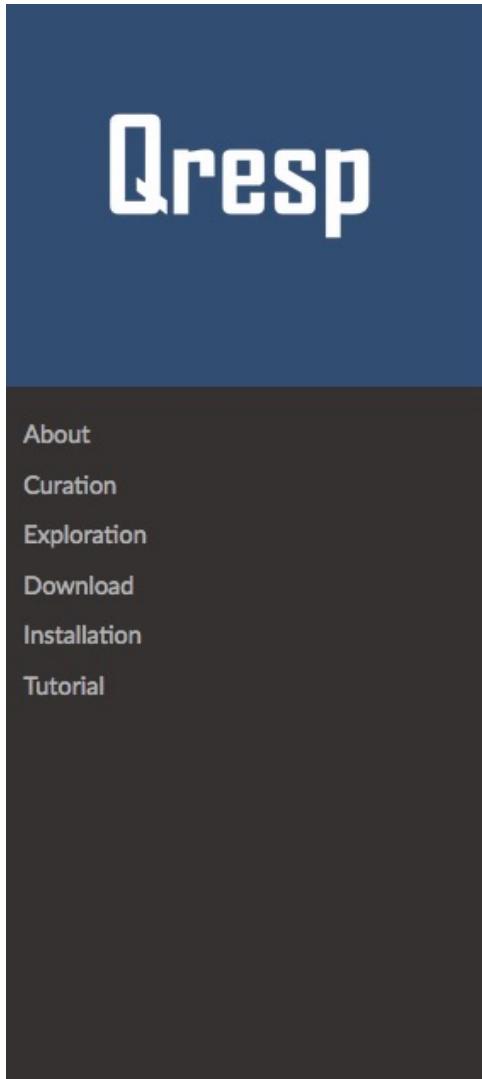


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ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

IS NOT NEW

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

Any technique which enables computers to mimic human behavior



1950's

1960's

1970's

1980's

MACHINE LEARNING

AI techniques that give computers the ability to learn without being explicitly programmed to do so



1990's

2000's

DEEP LEARNING

A subset of ML which make the computation of multi-layer neural networks feasible



2010s

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<https://blogs.oracle.com/bigdata/difference-ai-machine-learning-deep-learning>

Artificial Neural Networks: A kind of machine learning approach that uses networks of neuron-like units to process information