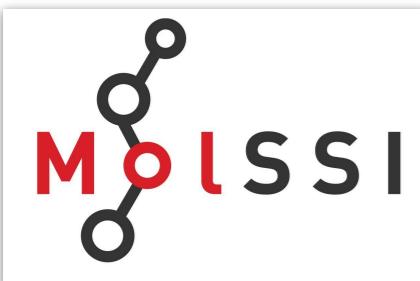


## The Molecular Sciences Software Institute

... a nexus for science, education, and cooperation for the global computational molecular sciences community.

# What is the MolSSI?

- Launched August 1st, 2016, funded by the National Science Foundation.
- Collaborative effort by Virginia Tech (TDC), Rice U. (C. Clementi), Stony Brook U. (R. Harrison), U.C. Berkeley (T. Head-Gordon), Stanford U. (V. Pande), Rutgers U. (S. Jha), U. Southern California (A. Krylov), and Iowa State U (T. Windus).
- Part of the NSF's commitment to the White House's National Strategic Computing Initiative (NSCI).
- Total budget of \$19.42M for five years, potentially renewable to ten years.
- Joint support from numerous NSF divisions: Advanced Cyberinfrastructure (ACI), Chemistry (CHE), and Division of Materials Research (DMR)
- Designed to **serve** and **enhance** the software development efforts of the broad field of computational molecular science.



# Code Complexity and Historical Legacy

- CMS programs contain **millions of lines of hand-written code** and require **hundreds of programmers** to develop and maintain.
- Incredible **language diversity**: F77, F90, F95, HPF, C, C++, C++11, C++14, C++17, Python, perl, Javascript, etc.
- Incredible **algorithmic diversity**: structured and unstructured grids, dense and sparse linear algebra, graph traversal, fast Fourier transforms, MapReduce, and more.
- The packages have evolved in an ad hoc manner **over decades** because of the intricacy of the scientific problems they are designed to solve.

# Rapidly Evolving Computing Hardware

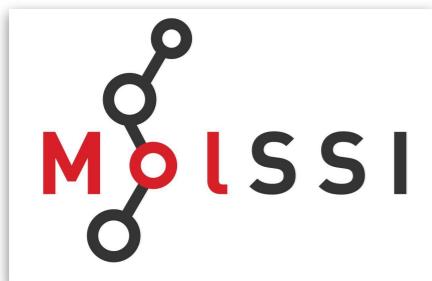
- **Multi- and many-core architectures** are the norm, but many CMS codes are developed with limited view to parallel task management.
- Reduced-power solutions will also require improved **error recovery and checkpointing** at the software level – capabilities absent in nearly all CMS codes.
- Anticipated architectural innovations will yield **even greater hardware complexity** – more advanced accelerators, specialized computing cores, reconfigurable logic...
- Many CMS codes (especially for quantum chemistry) are limited to shared-memory paradigms and cannot yet take advantage of GPUs or **large-scale distributed-memory systems**.

# Inertia in the Scientific Education Culture

- Undergraduate programs in chemistry and physics typically require **no training in software development** or programming.
- Graduate programs in these areas require **minimal coursework** between the bachelor and Ph.D.
- Most computer science students lack the underlying knowledge of the scientific domains to help develop creative software solutions.
- **Due credit for software development** is elusive due to a culture that judges productivity based on citations of peer-reviewed papers.
- Thus, a “**just get the physics working**” approach pervades much of CMS software development.

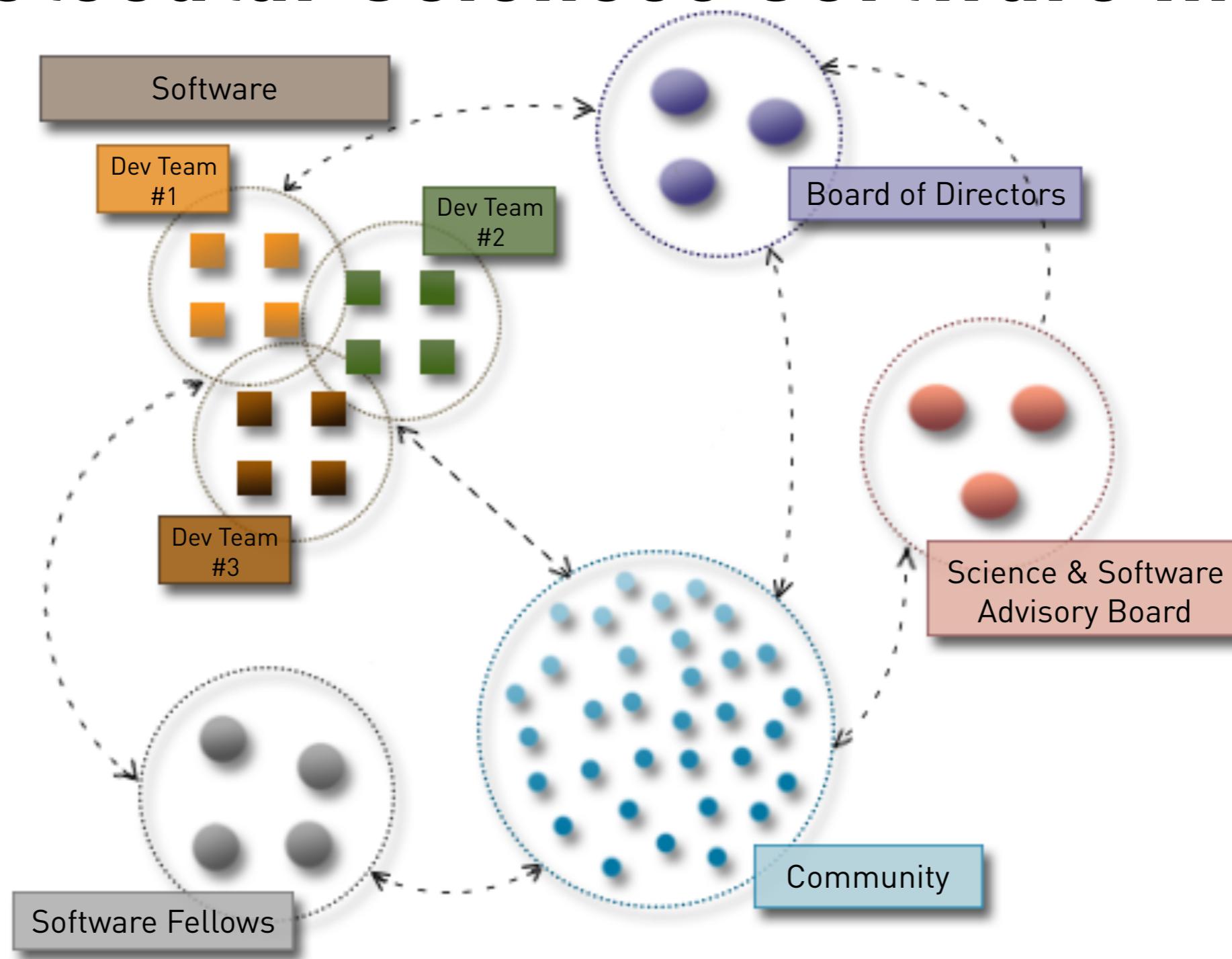
# MolSSI Goals

- To provide software expertise and infrastructure
  - Current software projects, filling gaps
- To provide education and training
  - Summer school, best practices
- To provide community engagement and leadership
  - Working groups, standards



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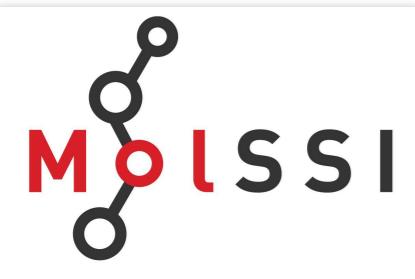
# The Molecular Sciences Software Institute



# MolSSI Software Scientists (MSSs)

- A team of ~12 software engineering experts, drawn both from newly minted Ph.D.s and established researchers in molecular sciences, computer science, and applied mathematics.
- Dedicated to multiple responsibilities:
  - Developing software infrastructure and frameworks;
  - Interacting with CMS research groups and community code developers;
  - Providing forums for standards development and resource curation;
  - Serving as mentors to MolSSI Software Fellows;
  - Working with industrial, national laboratory, and international partners;

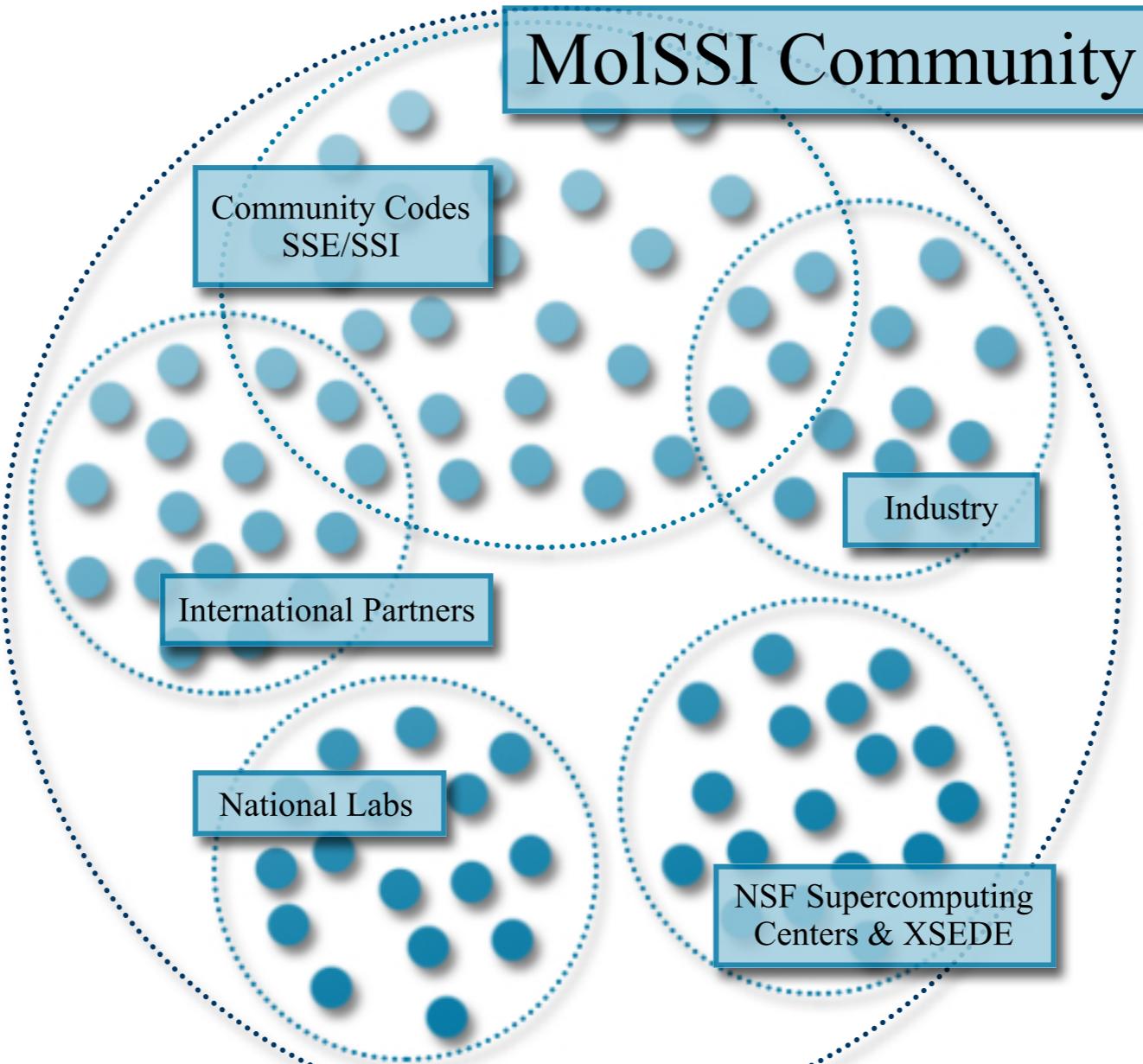
**Currently 7 MSS at MolSSI, 2 more accepted**



# MolSSI Software Fellows (MSFs)

- A cohort of ~20 Fellows supported simultaneously – graduate students and postdocs selected by the Science and Software Advisory Board from research groups across the U.S.
- Fellows work directly with both the Software Scientists and the MolSSI Directors, thus providing a conduit between the Institute and the CMS community itself.
- Fellows work on their own projects, as well as contribute to the MolSSI development efforts, and they will engage in outreach and education activities under the Institute guidance.
- Funding for MolSSI Software Fellows follows a flexible, two-phase structure, providing up to two years of support.

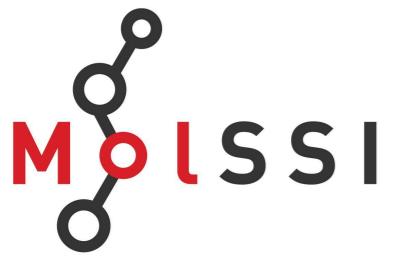
# The MolSSI Community



# MolSSI Headquarters @ Virginia Tech



MolSSI occupies a newly renovated, 6,900 sq. ft. facility adjacent to campus.



# MolSSI Integral Reference Project

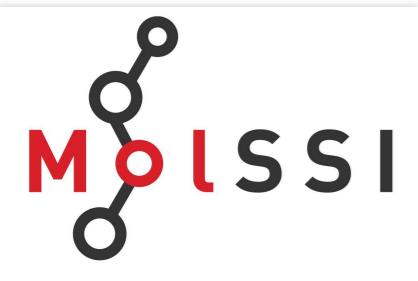
<https://github.com/MolSSI/mirp>



- Reference implementation and values
- Utilizes arbitrary-precision interval arithmetic (ball arithmetic)
- **Very slow**, but relatively simple implementation

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“Exact” double precision: 0x1.323e82f79b97dp+2



# Basis Set Exchange

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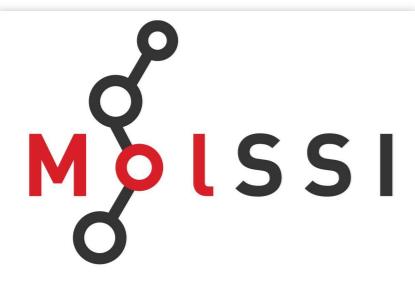
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# Current BSE

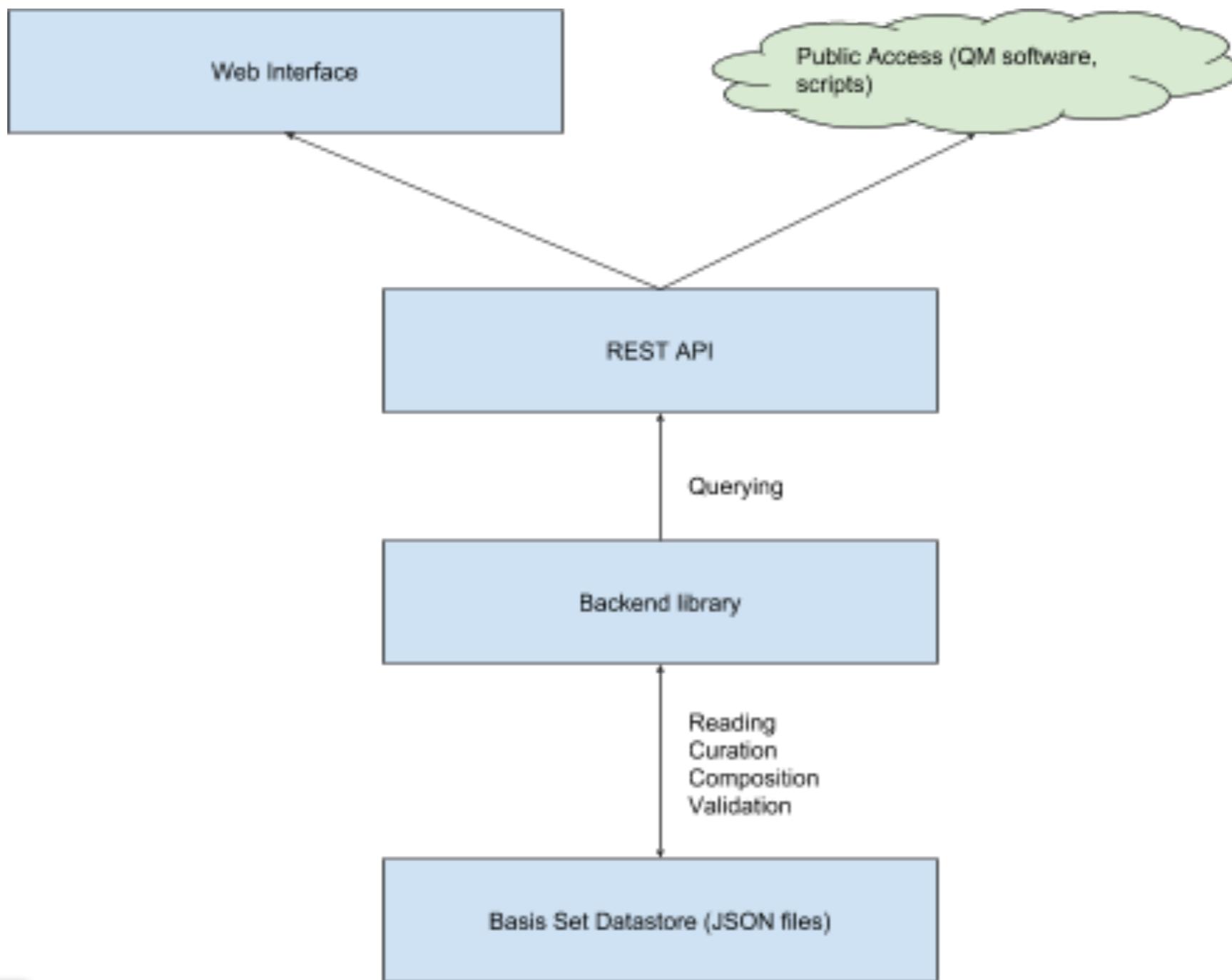
- Recognized as a central source
- Interface is generally liked
- Needs some improvements
  - “Select All” button
  - **Slow** and hard to maintain (due to backend structure)
  - Some mistakes in the data
  - Could use some alternative ways of accessing data programmatically

# Basis Set Exchange v2

- Newer formats and languages (Python + JSON)
- Separate functionality into modules
  - Data + Library
  - Web frontend (Doaa)
- Curate data, fixing references and errors
- Develop unique identifiers (including versioning)
- Collaboration with PNNL and others

[https://github.com/MolSSI-BSE/basis\\_set\\_exchange](https://github.com/MolSSI-BSE/basis_set_exchange)

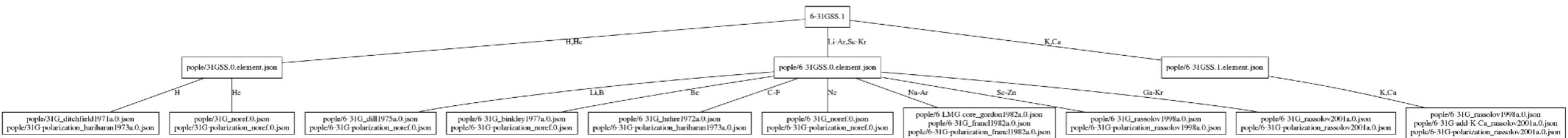
# Basis Set Exchange v2



# Basis Set Curation

Basis sets can be complicated

- Decimal places
- Additions & corrections
- Multiple descendants
- Differing opinions on scaling factors, etc
- Unknown provenance



# BSE Command Line

```
>>> import bse
>>> print(bse.get_basis("6-31G**", elements=[1,6], fmt="nwchem"))
# Basis set: 6-31G**
BASIS "ao basis" PRINT
#BASIS SET: (4s,1p) -> [2s,1p]
H   S
    18.731137          0.0334946
    2.8253944          0.2347269
    0.6401217          0.8137573
H   S
    0.1612778          1.0000000
H   P
    1.1000000          1.0000000
#BASIS SET: (10s,4p,1d) -> [3s,2p,1d]
C   S
    3047.5249000        0.0018347
    457.3695100         0.0140373
    103.9486900         0.0688426
    29.2101550          0.2321844
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C   SP
    7.8682724          -0.1193324          0.0689991
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C   SP
    0.1687144           1.0000000          1.0000000
C   D
    0.8000000           1.0000000
END
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# BSE Command Line

```
>>> print(bse.get_references("6-31G**", elements=[1,6], fmt="txt"))
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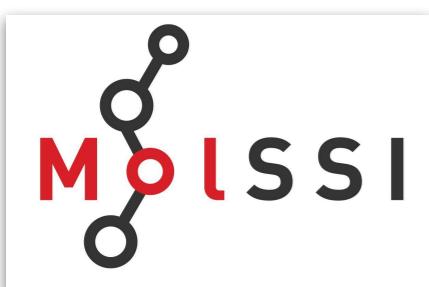
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# MolSSI Code Database

Convenient and up-to-date information on CMS community codes

The screenshot shows the MolSSI Code Database homepage. At the top right are social media links for Facebook (f), Twitter (t), and LinkedIn (in). The MolSSI logo, featuring a stylized molecular structure icon next to the word "MolSSI" in red and black, is on the left. A dark banner across the middle contains the text "THE MOLECULAR SCIENCES SOFTWARE INSTITUTE". Below the banner is a navigation bar with links: HOME (highlighted in blue), ABOUT US, PEOPLE, WORKSHOPS, EDUCATION, NEWS & EVENTS, RESOURCES, and SUBSCRIBE. To the right of the navigation bar is a search bar containing "Search software description..." and buttons for "Search Q", "Advanced ▾", "Clear Search", and "Add your Software". Below the search bar, it says "35 results found" and shows a page navigation with buttons for "First", "«", "1", "2", "3", "4", "»", and "Last". A detailed software entry for "PSI4" is shown in a red-bordered box. The entry includes the title "PSI4", a description stating "PSI4 provides a wide variety of quantum chemical methods using state-of-the-art numerical methods and algorithms.", and links for "License: LGPL 3.0 (free)", "Documentation: http://www.psicode.org/psi4man...", and "Latest version: 1.1 (2017-05-17)". Below the entry are two small tags: "Domain" and "QM".



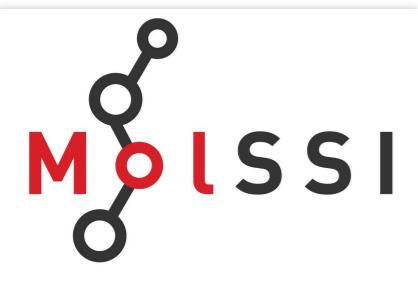
**<http://molssi.org/software-search/>**

# Quantum Chemistry Schema

- MolSSI QM Schema – a JSON-based standard for common data to enable more complex workflows among quantum chemistry codes
- Just released v1

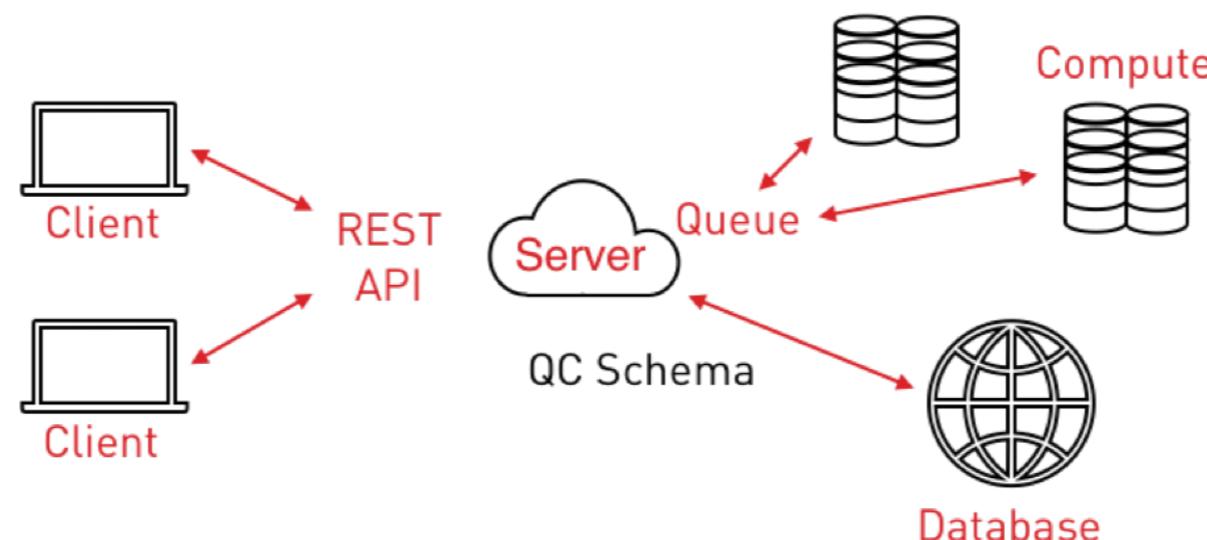
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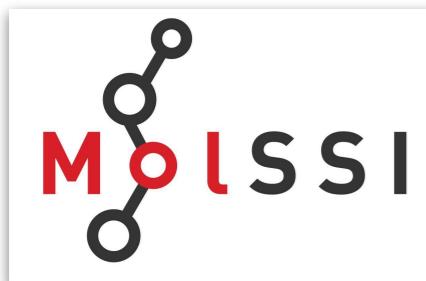
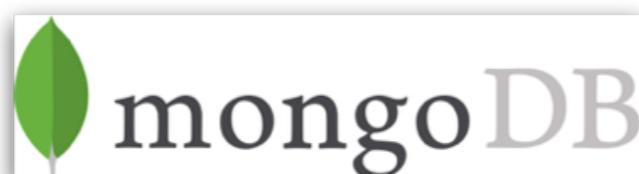
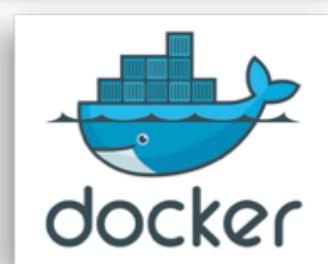
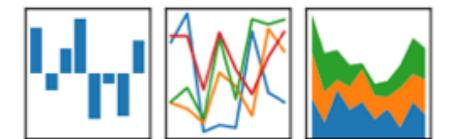
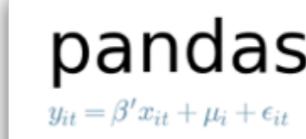
**Goal:** Provide an open, community-wide quantum chemistry database to facilitate and capture hundreds of millions of hours of computing time to enable large-scale forcefield construction, physical property prediction, new methodology assessment, and machine learning from data that would otherwise end up “siloed” or inaccessible.



# MolSSI QC Database

## Features:

- General hybrid compute and data manipulation tools
- Deployability at scale by MolSSI or locally by research groups
- Interoperates with any QM program who adheres to the schema
- Distributed computing technology baked in
- Intuitive data organization layers
- Built on a completely open-source software stack



# MolSSI QC Database

## Force fields:

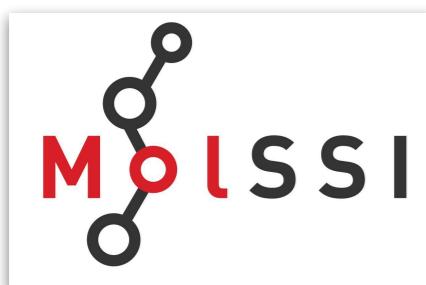
- Democratizes the enormous computational burden of high-level quantum chemical computations required to construct advanced forcefields to many stakeholders and beneficiaries

## Supply reference computations:

- Provide uniform access to both the current and future quantum chemistry reference datasets in addition to standard sets of more approximate methods

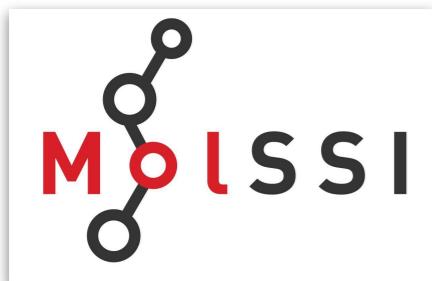
## Satisfy the data needs of machine learning:

- Central database that holds all computational results of other projects to assist chemistry in harnessing the data revolution.



# Other MolSSI Software Infrastructure Projects

- MolSSI Framework – a light-weight Python-based plugin structure for interoperability of CMS codes for new scientific calculations;
- MolSSI QM/MM Driver – an API and communication layer for a control code using QM and MM codes as clients for QM/MM and other similar calculations;
- MolSSI Energy Expression Exchange – to allow translations of forcefields between molecular dynamics codes;



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**Watch molssi.org for the latest information!**