

# Machine Learning for Multiscale Materials Modeling, Design & Discovery

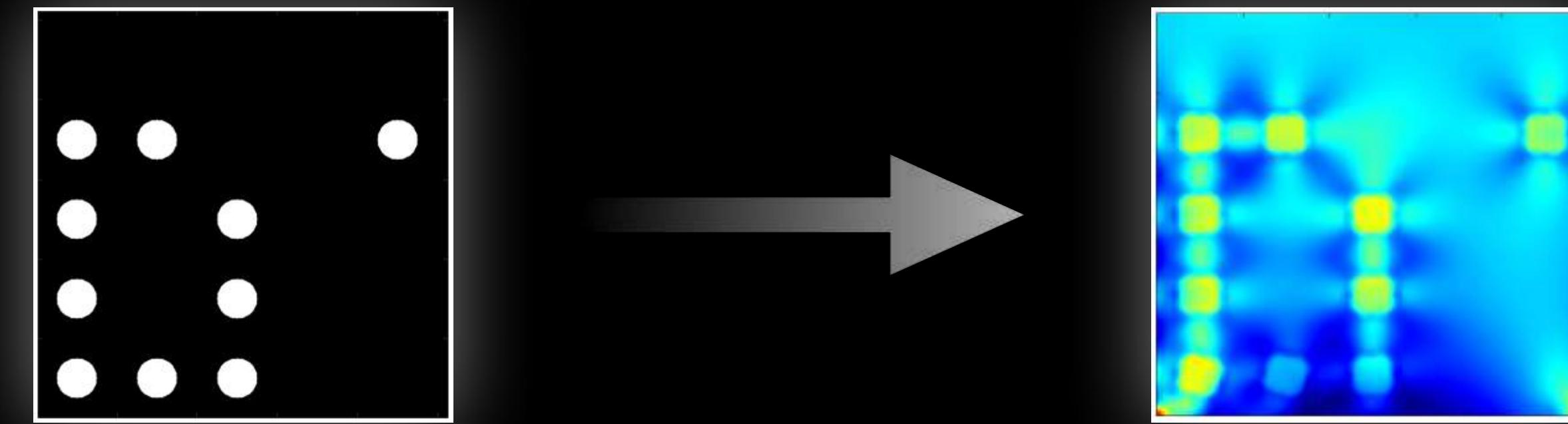
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# What are Good Materials?



Credit: APS 2022; *Physics* 15, 40



Credit: UConn Today, 2018

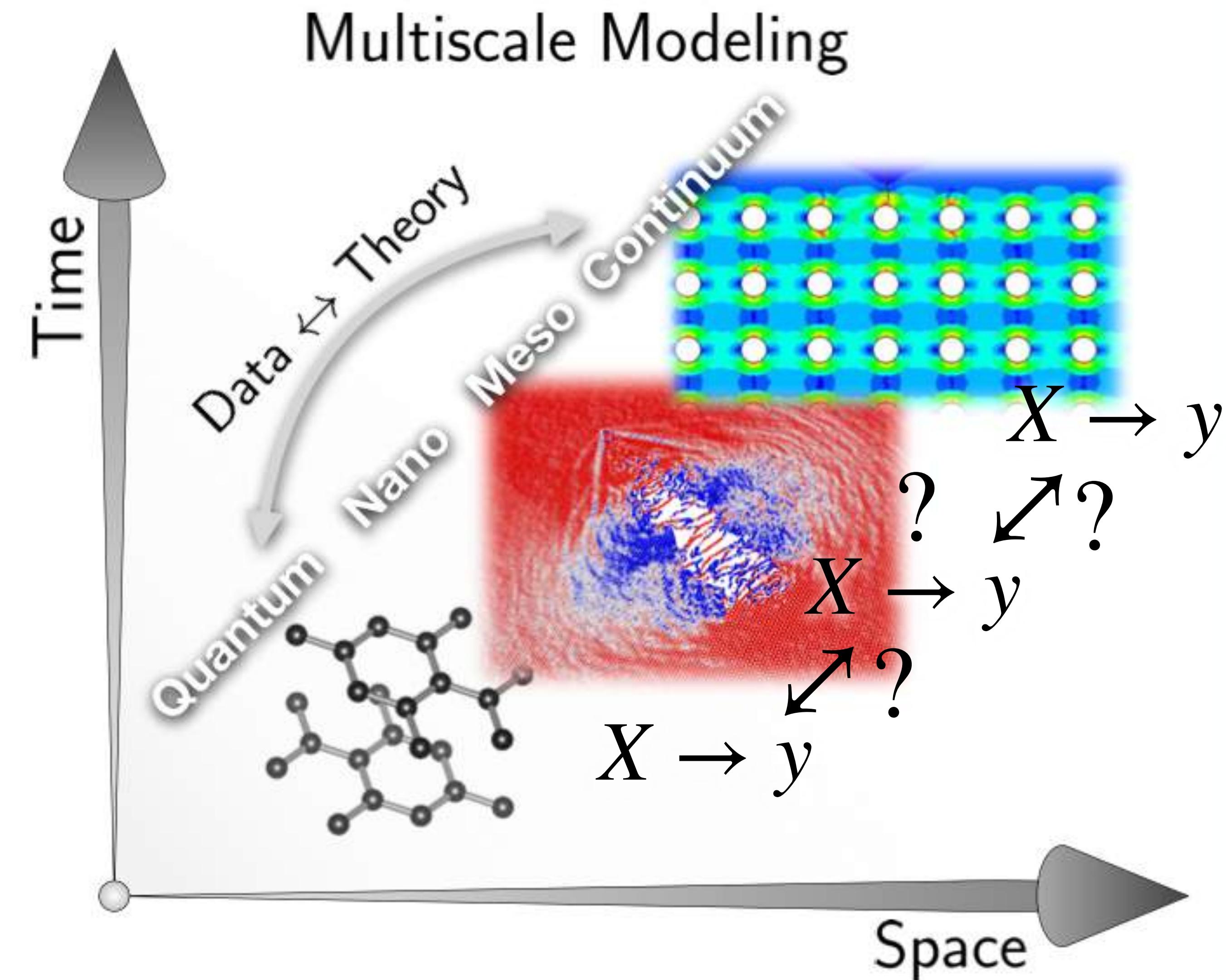
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 $X \xrightarrow{\text{model}} y$

## How to Understand Good Materials?

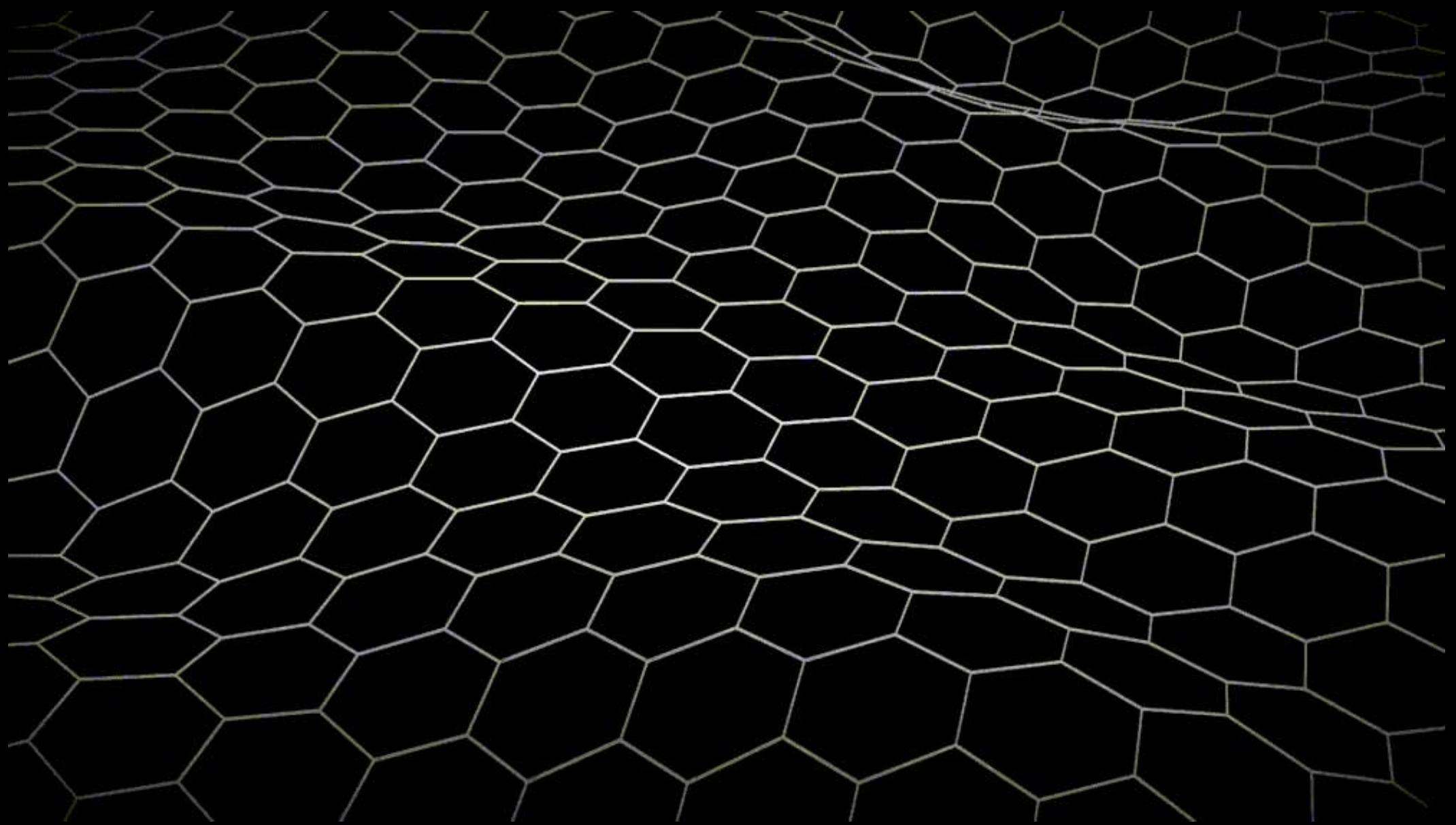
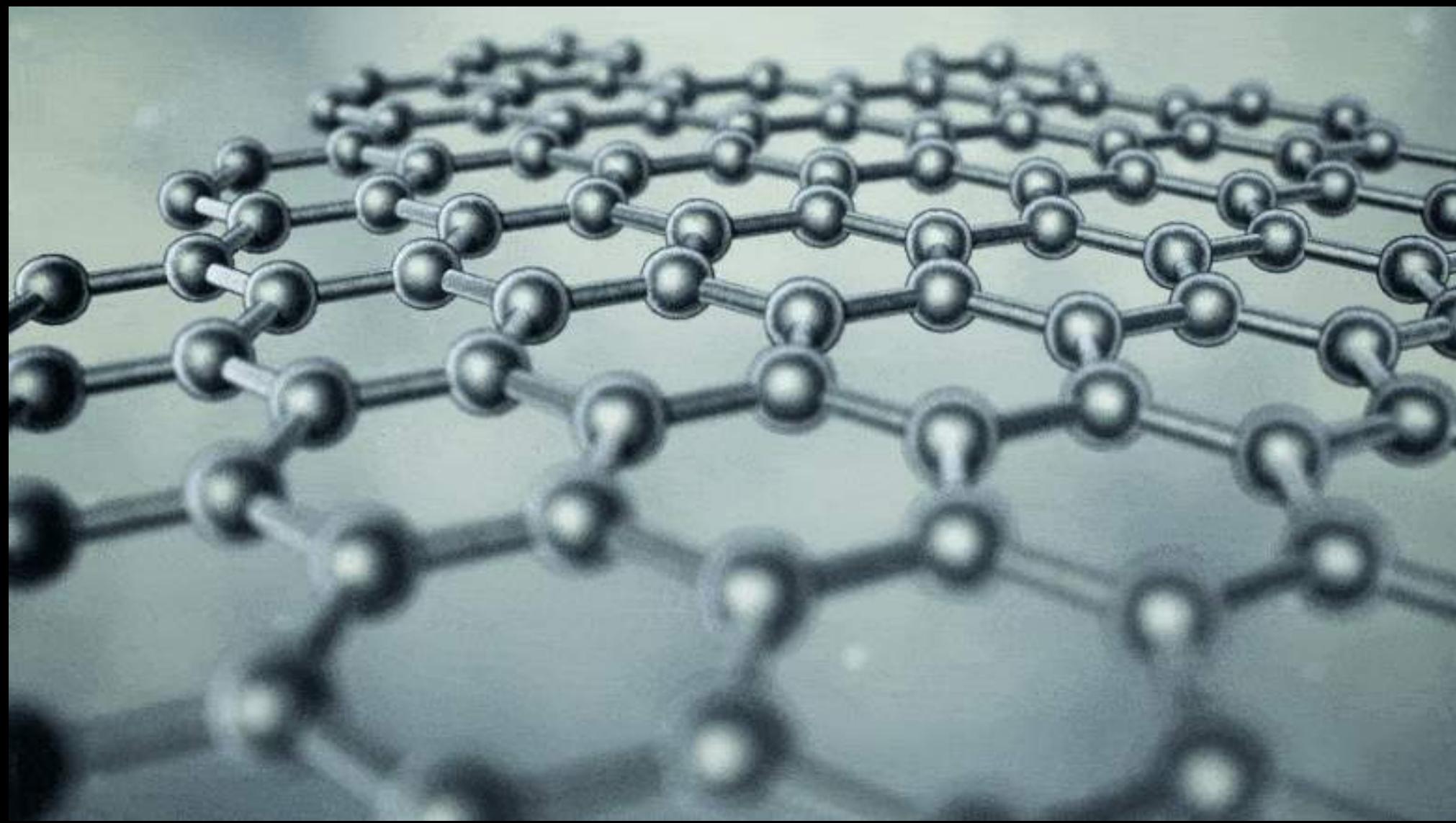
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problem: “models” are developed for *ad hoc scales!*

# Motivation

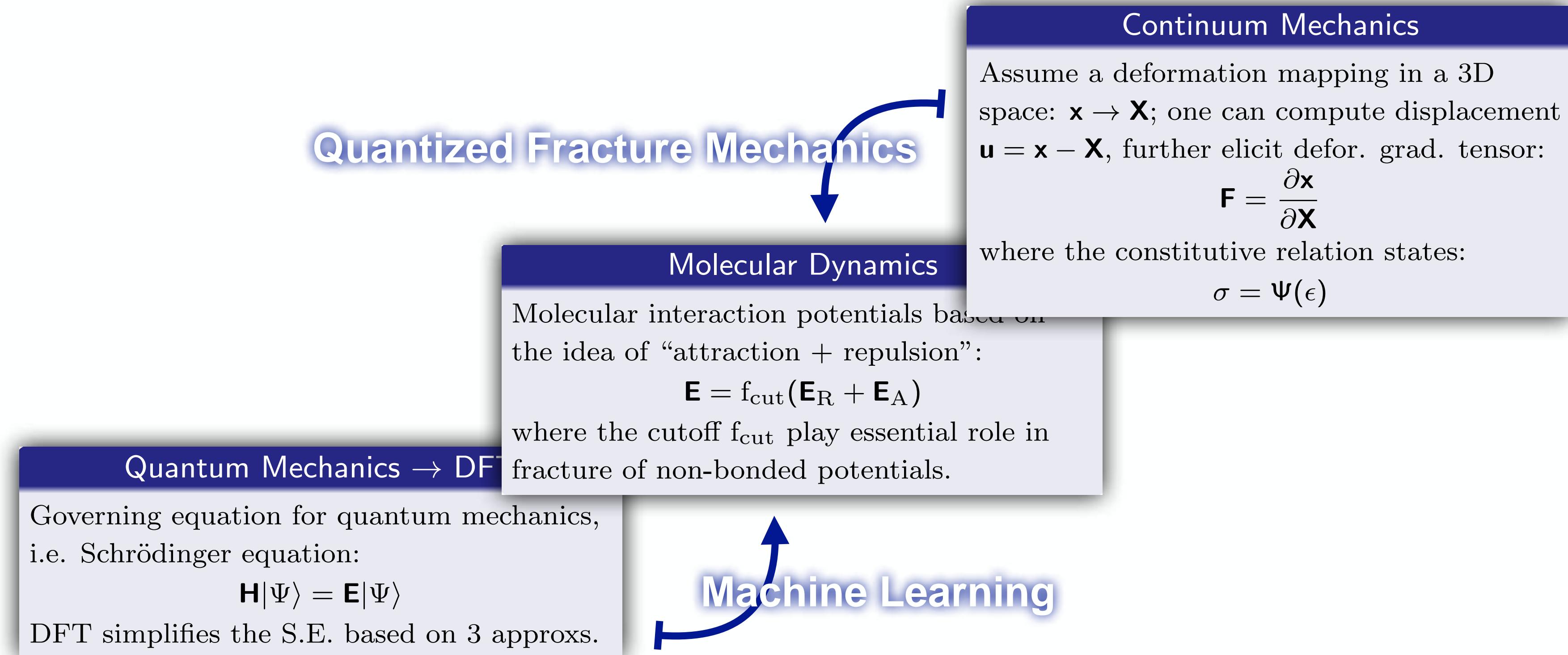


## Graphene: a wonder material



# Part I: Multiscale Mechanics of Graphene

*Begin the research by asking the question from the multi-scale perspective*



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# Part I: Multiscale Mechanics of Graphene

## Empirical Molecular Potentials: Theoretical Formulations

### Empirical Potentials

- Optimized Tersoff potential

$$E^{\text{TERSOFF}} = f^{\text{TERSOFF}} (E_A^{\text{TERSOFF}} + E_R^{\text{TERSOFF}})$$

- REBO

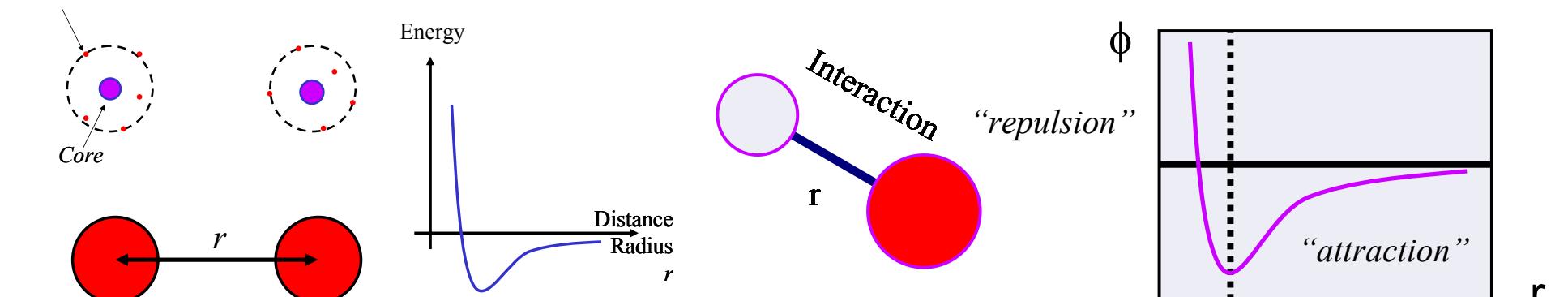
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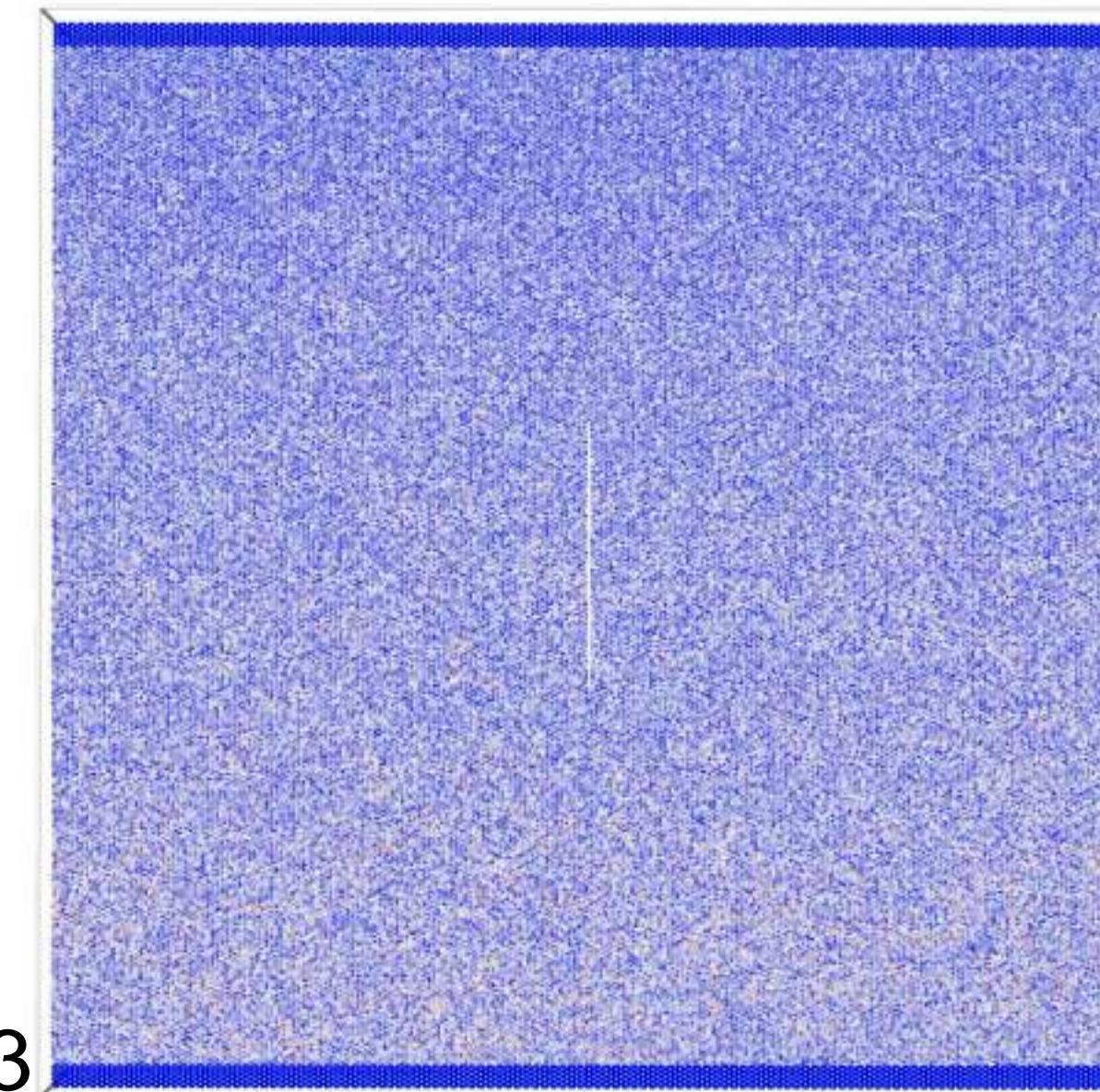
$$E^{\text{AIREBO}} = E^{\text{REBO}} + E^{\text{LJ}} + E^{\text{Torsion}}$$

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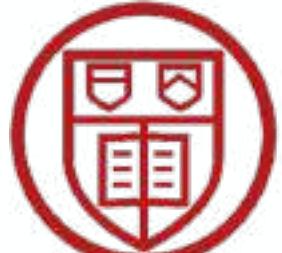


Credit: Buehler, MIT DSpace, 2006



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# Part I: Multiscale Mechanics of Graphene

Question: Can we benchmark empirical & ML potentials? Differences?



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## Generalized Neural-Network Representation of High-Dimensional Potential-Energy Surfaces

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The accurate description of chemical processes often requires the use of computationally demanding methods like density-functional theory (DFT), making long simulations of large systems unfeasible. In this Letter we introduce a new kind of neural-network representation of DFT potential-energy surfaces, which provides the energy and forces as a function of all atomic positions in systems of arbitrary size and is several orders of magnitude faster than DFT. The high accuracy of the method is demonstrated for bulk silicon and compared with empirical potentials and DFT. The method is general and can be applied to all types of periodic and nonperiodic systems.

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## Machine-Learned Potentials

- Theoretical Formulation

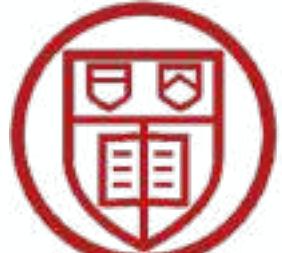
$$G_i^R = \sum_{j \neq i}^{\text{all}} \mathcal{F}_R(r_{ij}) f_C(r_{ij}),$$

$$G_i^A = \sum_{j, k \neq i}^{\text{all}} \mathcal{F}_A(r_{ij}, r_{ik}, r_{jk}) f_C(r_{ij}) f_C(r_{ik}) f_C(r_{jk})$$

$$\rightarrow E_i = (K_L \circ \sigma_L \circ \dots \circ K_1 \circ \sigma_1 \circ K_0) [G_i^R, G_i^A]$$

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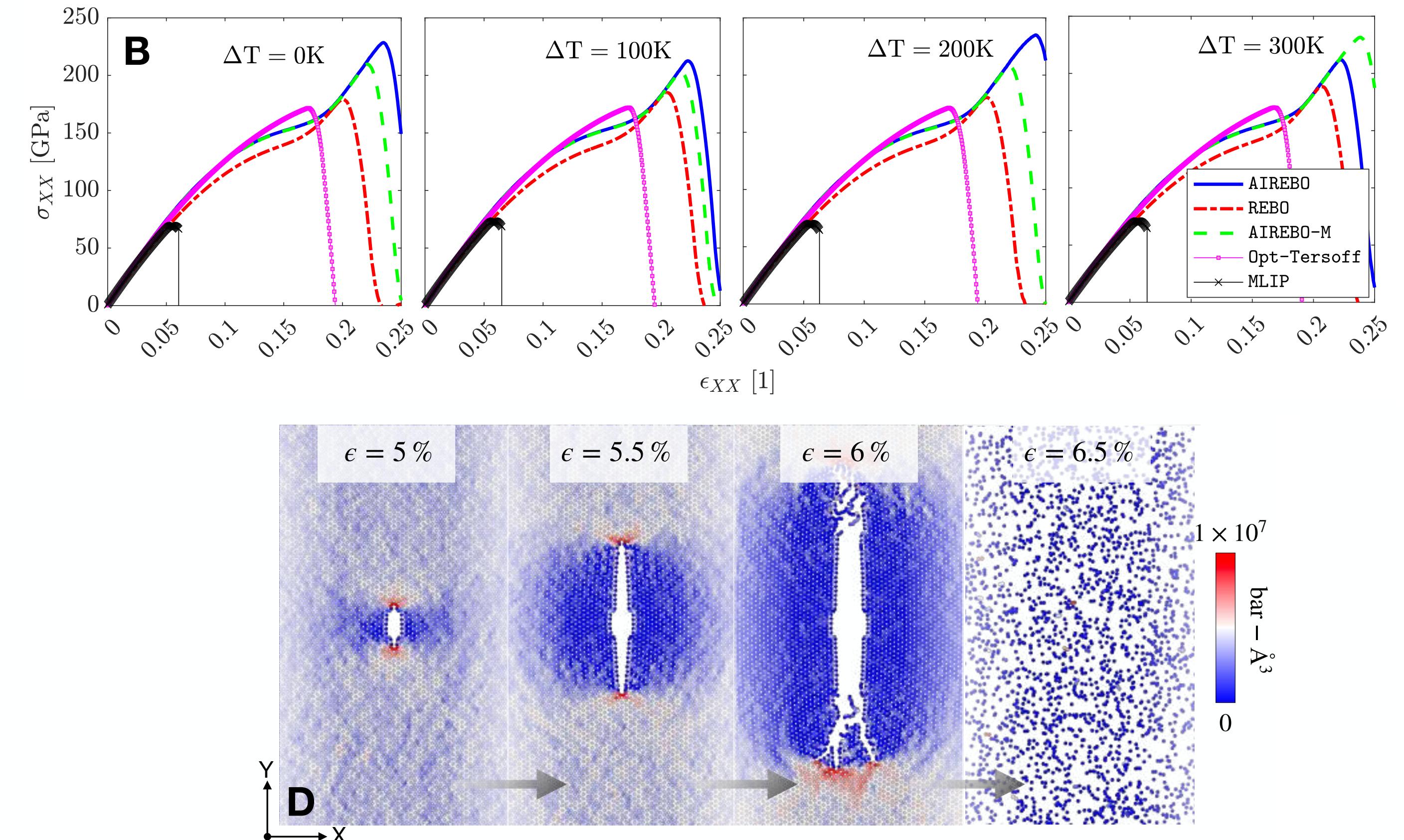


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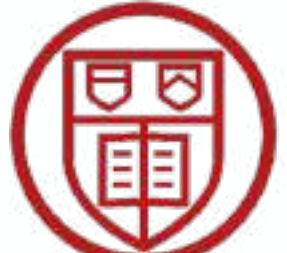
**Observations**

- MLIP severely underestimate the fracture stress compared w/ empirical potentials.
  - Long-range interactions not captured in the *ab initio* training data.
- MLIP is incapable of simulating post-fracture behavior.
- MLIP does not capture the temperature effect in stress-strain responses.



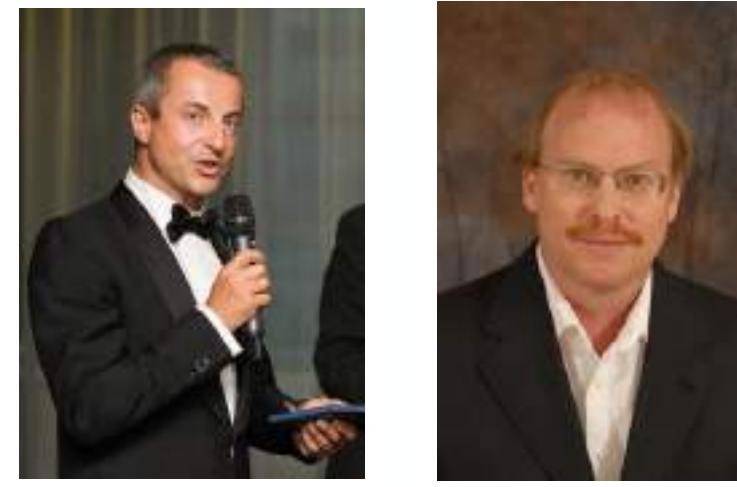
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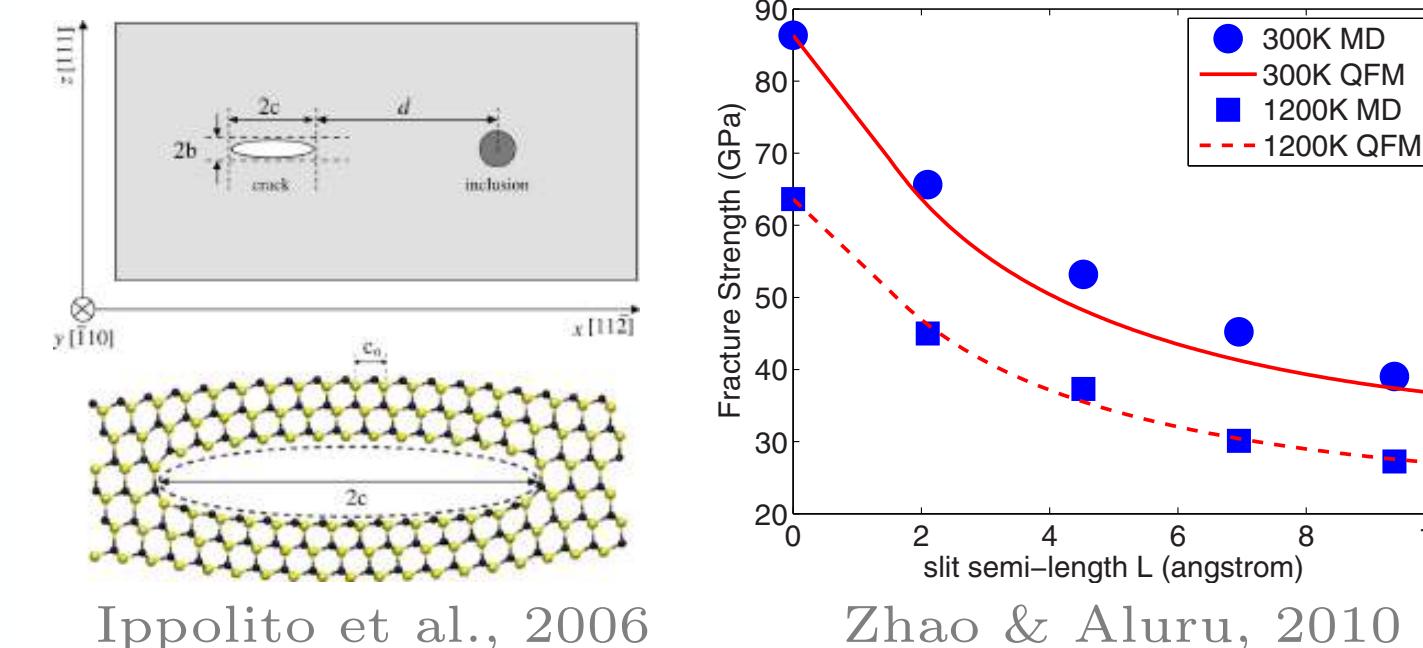


# Part I: Multiscale Mechanics of Graphene

Question: Can we verify MD simulations from Mechanics? If yes, how?



Credit: Università di Trento and Wikipedia



Ippolito et al., 2006

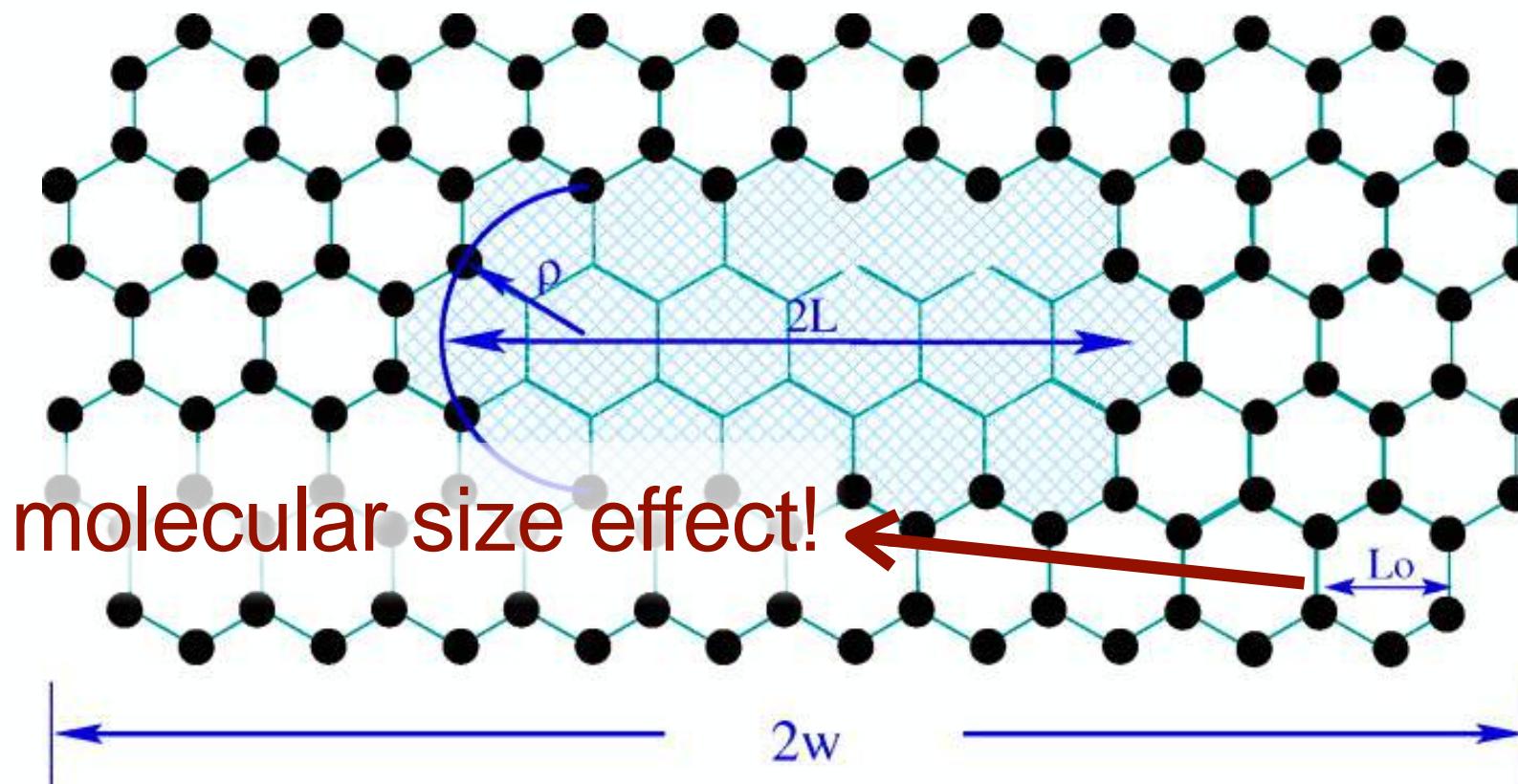
Zhao & Aluru, 2010

## Quantized Fracture Mechanics

- The fracture stress derived for QFM:

$$\sigma_{\mathcal{F}}(\mathcal{L}) = \frac{K_{IC}}{\sqrt{\pi(\mathcal{L} + L_0/2)}} \rightarrow \text{"Local Effect"}$$

$\mathcal{L} = \frac{L_C}{2}$

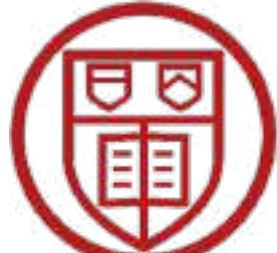


$L_0$  includes molecular size effect!

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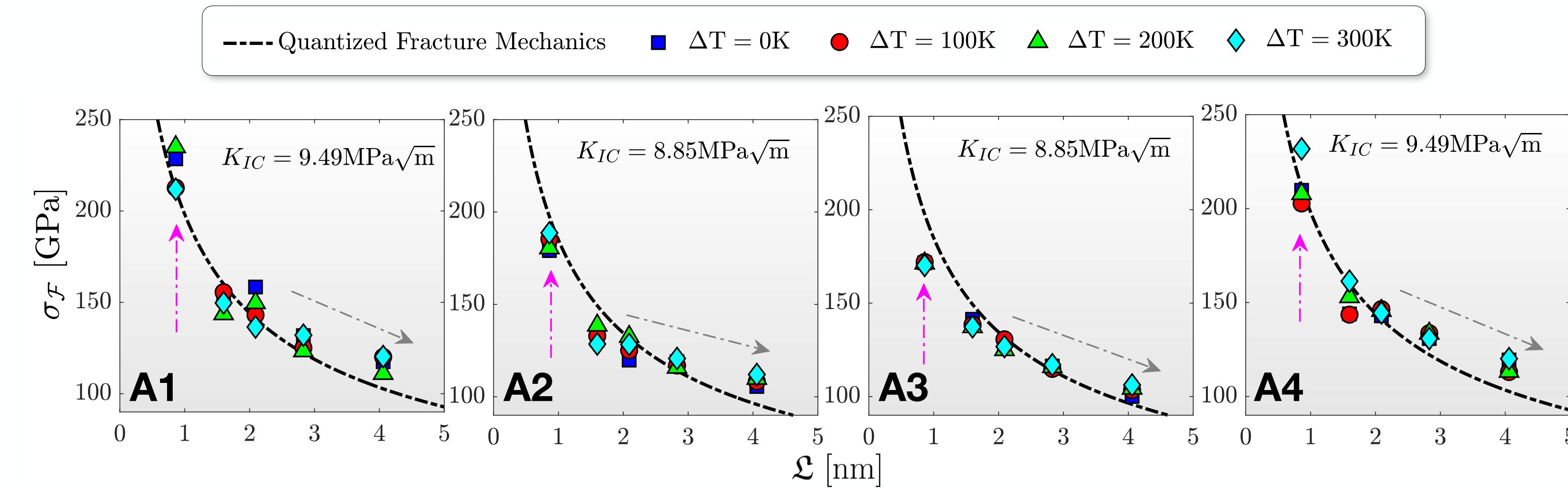
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## Observations → Verifications

- Molecular dynamics simulations data fitted well to QFM and the fitted  $K_{IC}$  matches experimental observations. [5]
- From both QFM & MD, one observes with smaller initial defect the fracture stress increases nonlinearly.

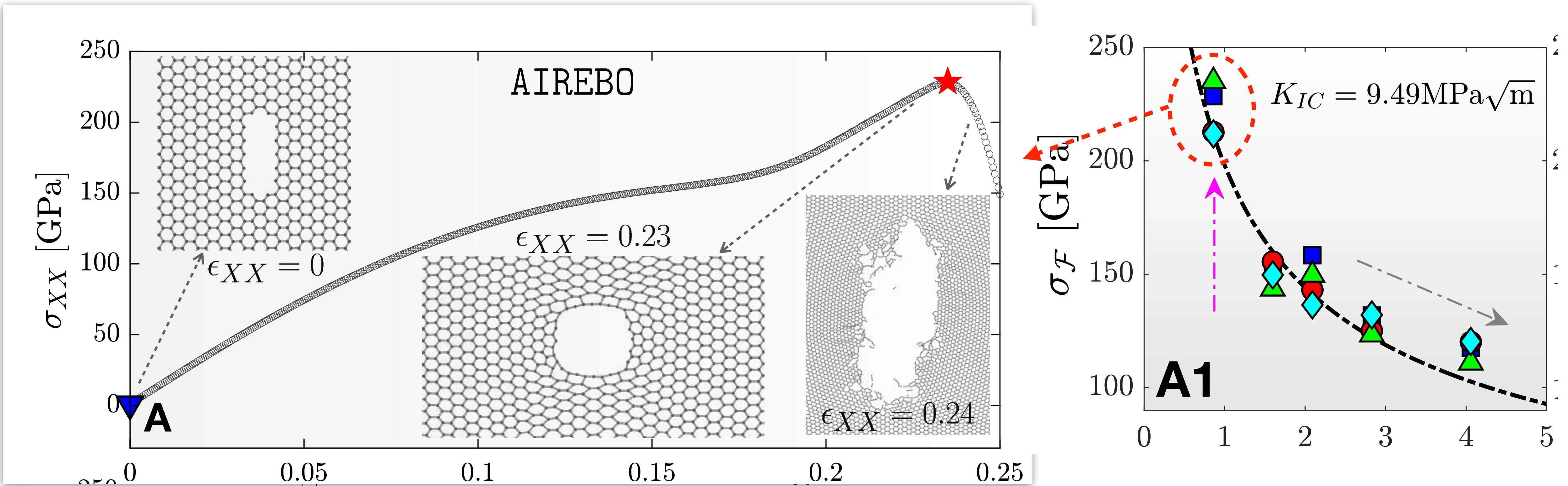
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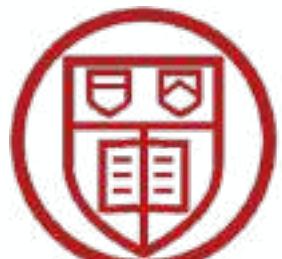
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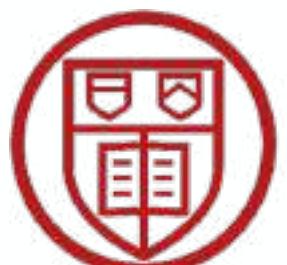
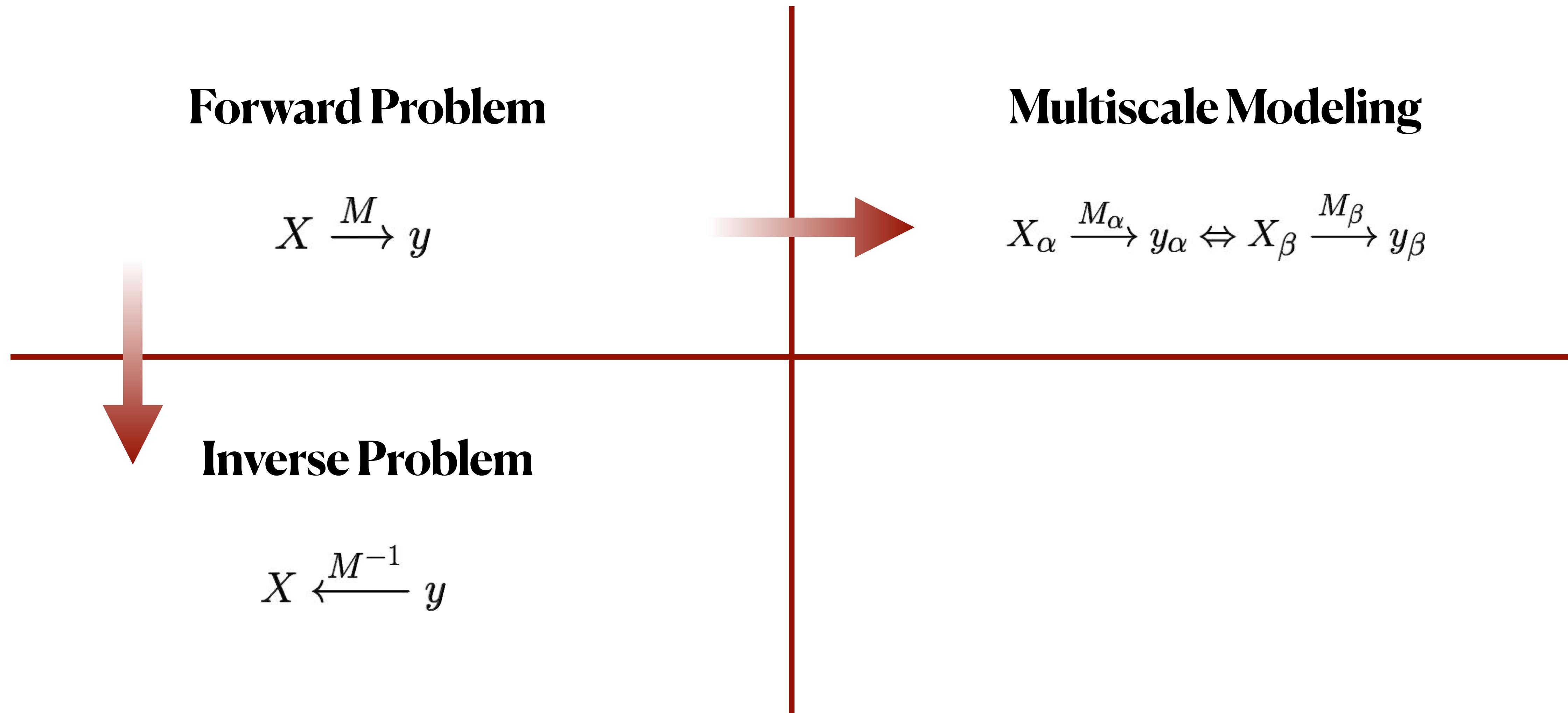


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# Outline



## How to Design Good Materials?

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problem: cannot obtain exact form of “model<sup>-1</sup>”!

# Part II: Designing Antibiofilm Surfaces

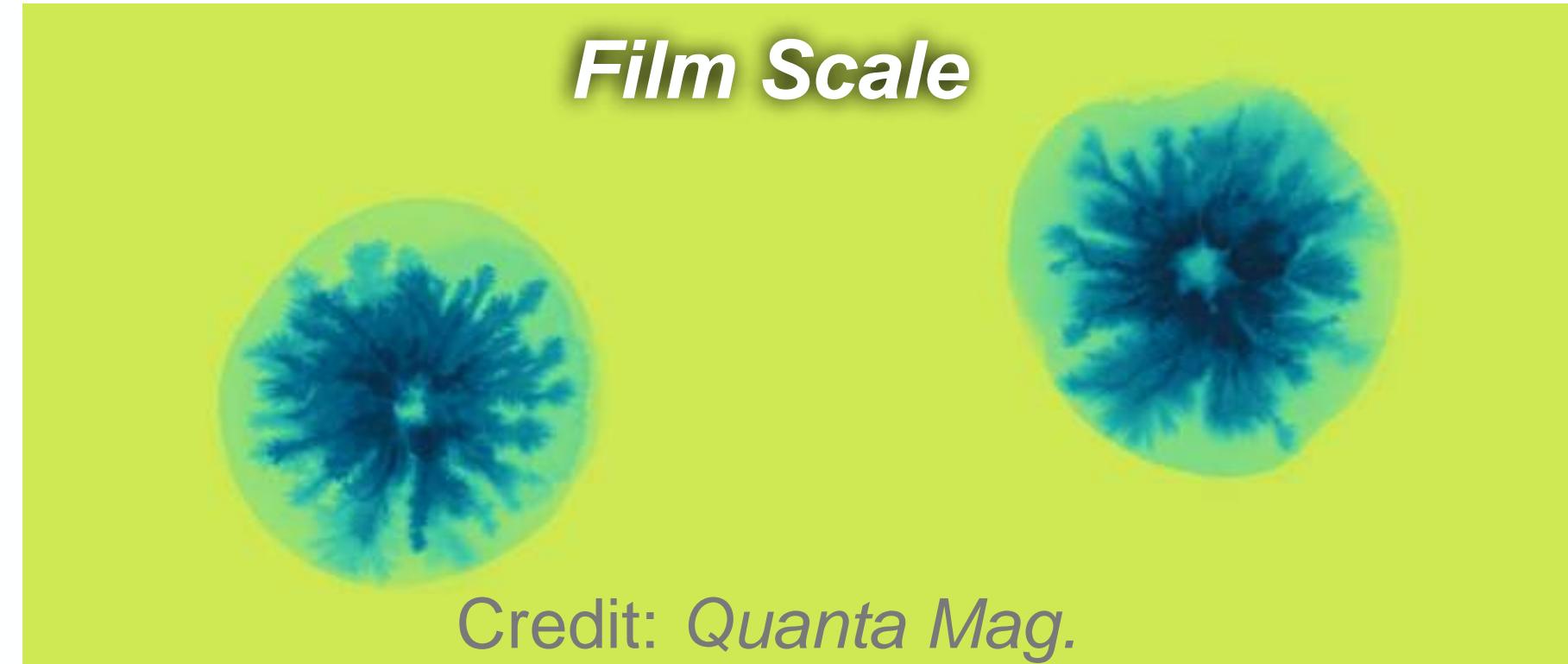
## Biofilm

*“A global crisis”*

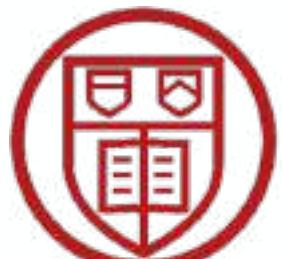
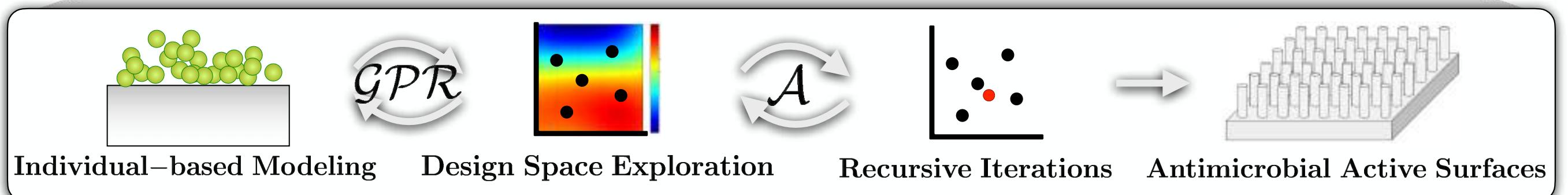
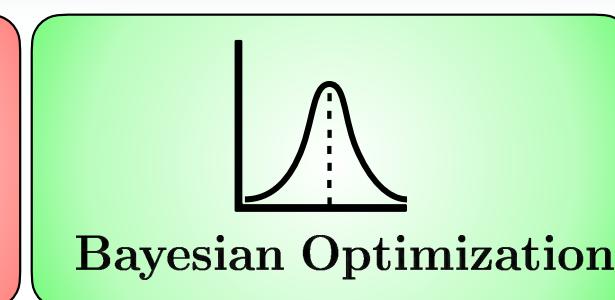
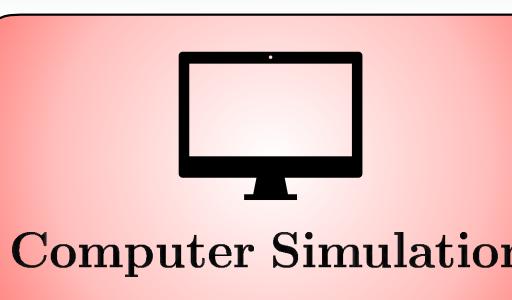
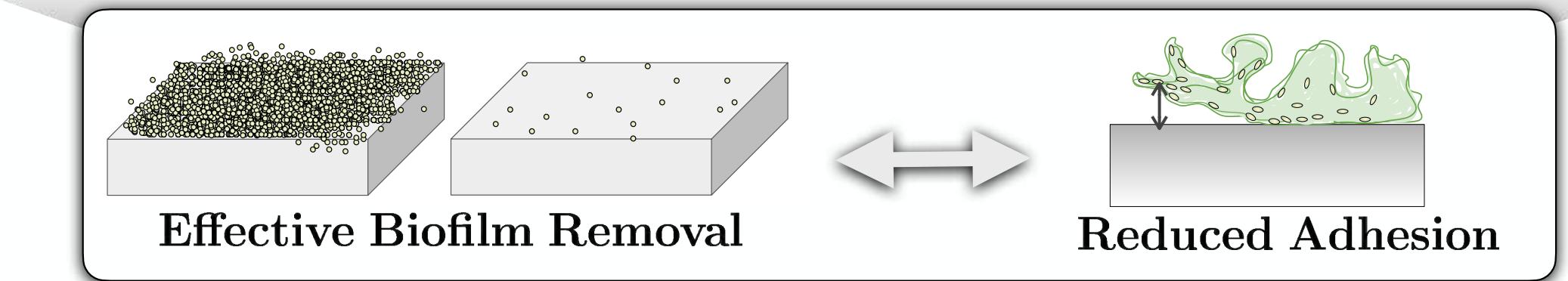
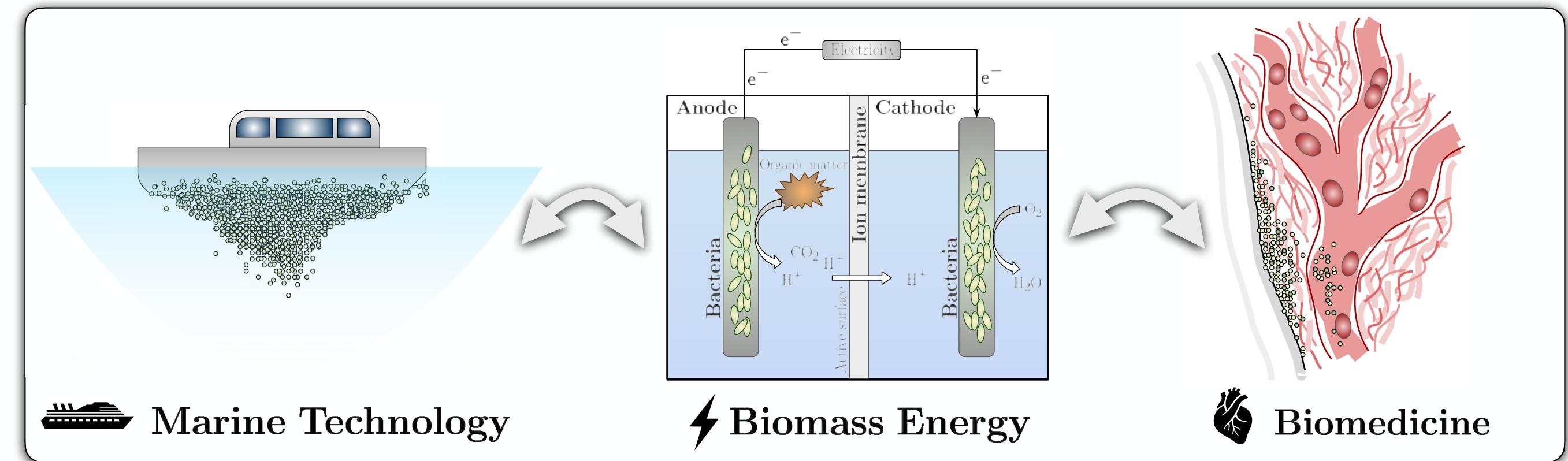
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**Film Scale**

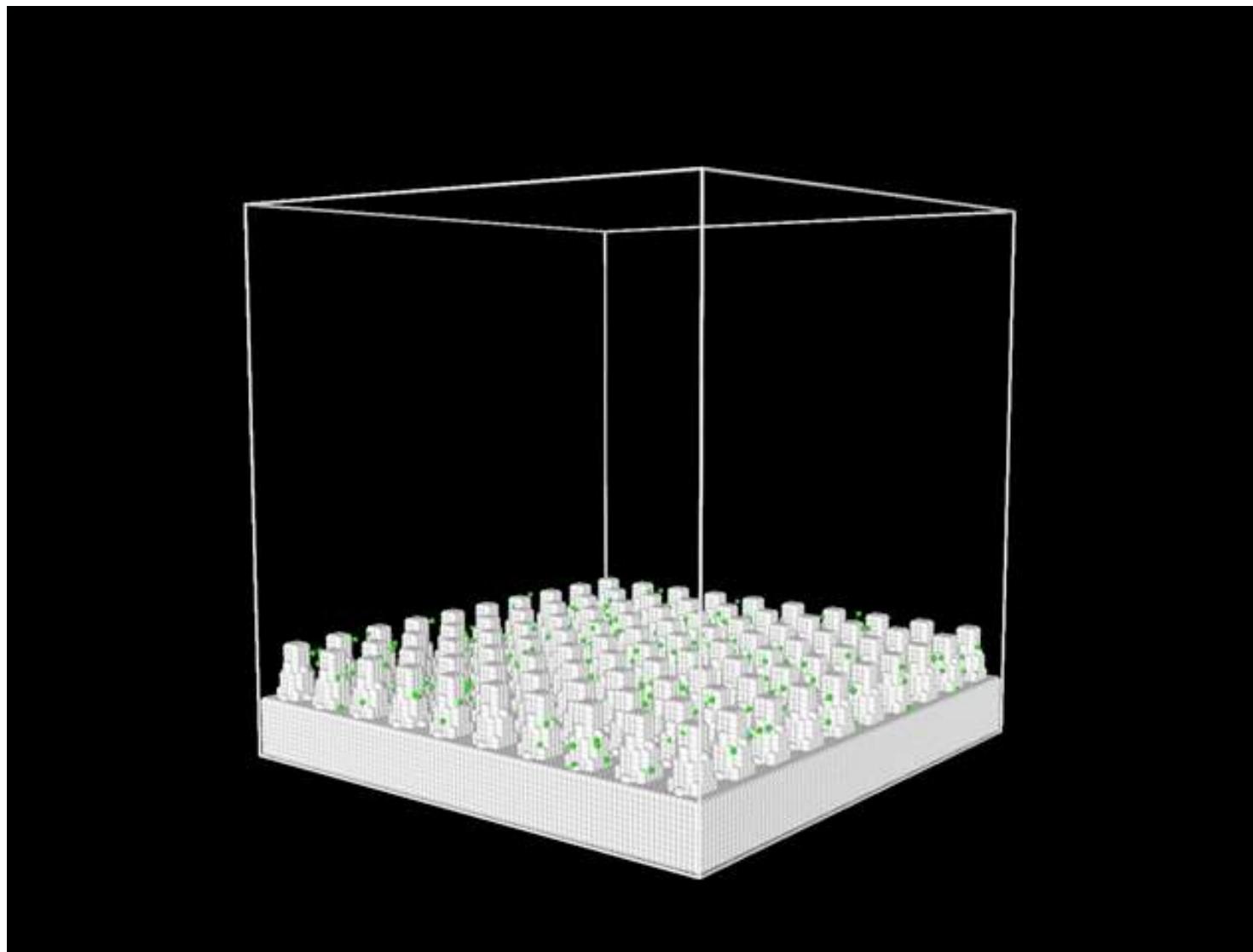


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# Part II: Designing Antibiofilm Surfaces

*Begin the research by asking the question from the scale & design perspective*



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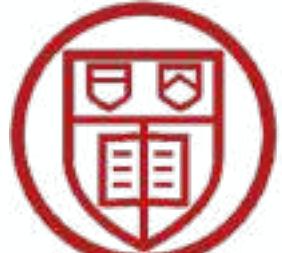
**Question II:** How to automate the design process digitally?

**Question III:** What's the biomechanics behind the optimization and designed antimicrobial surfaces?

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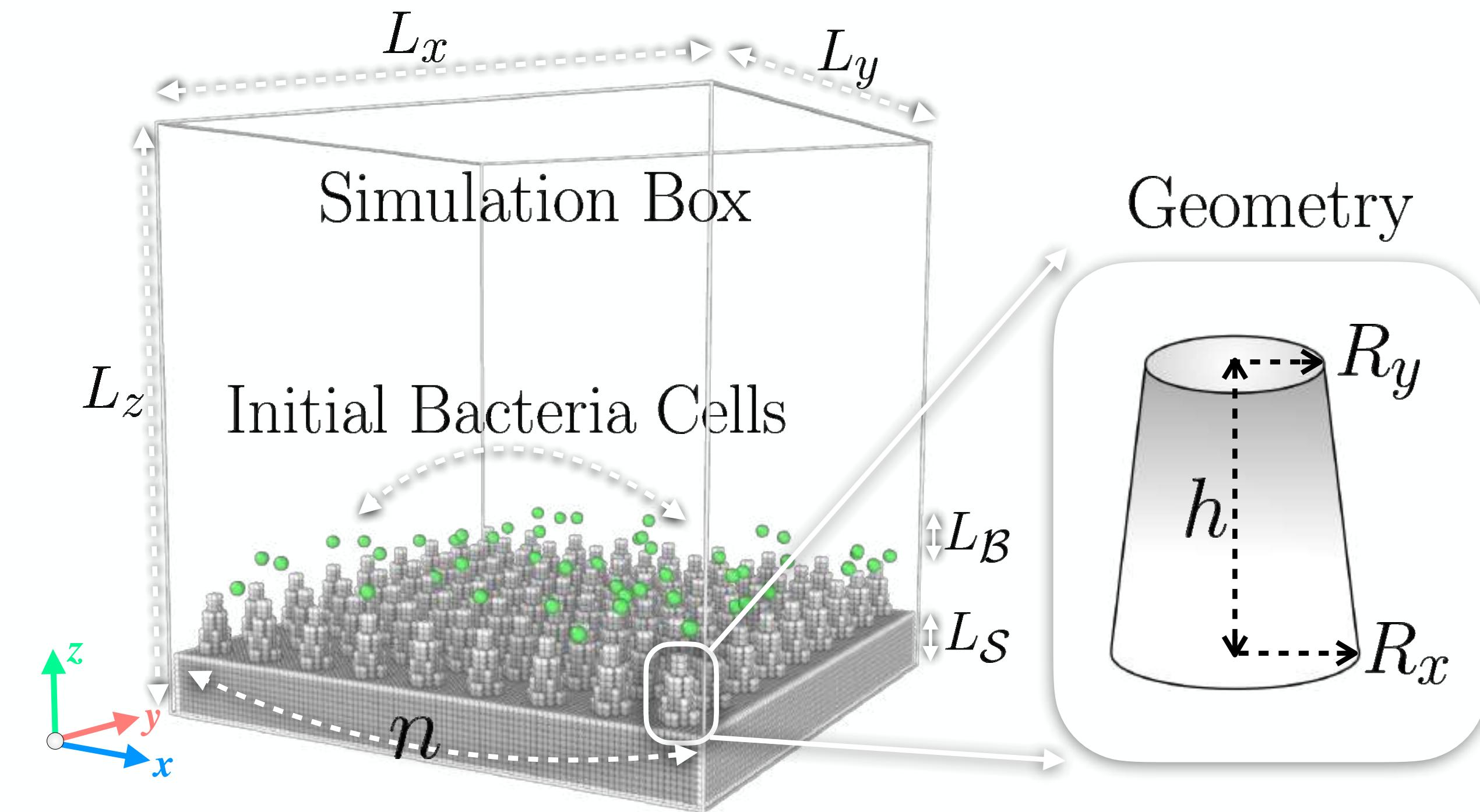
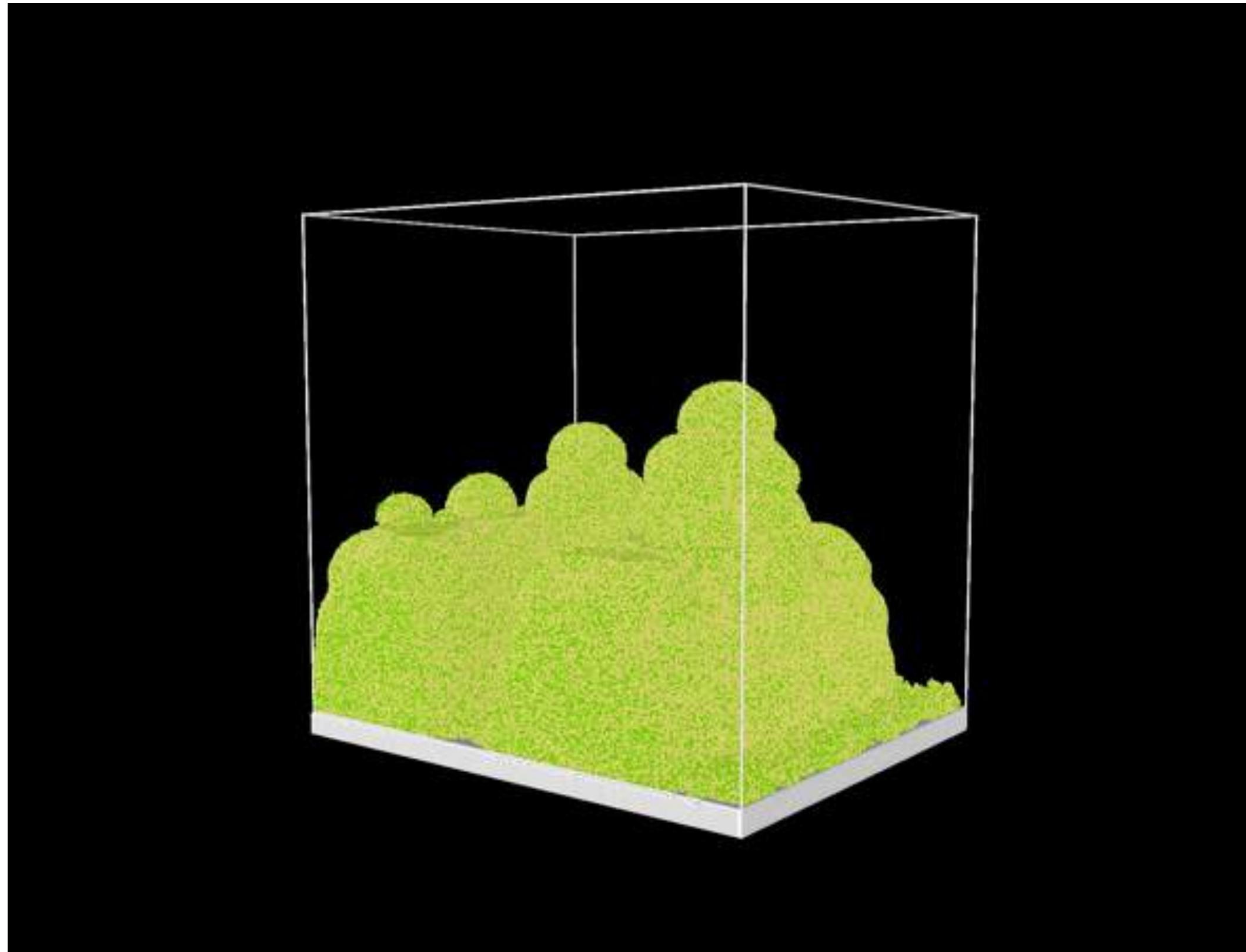
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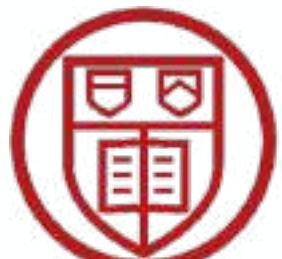
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Question I: How to simulate biofilm formulation and removal process?



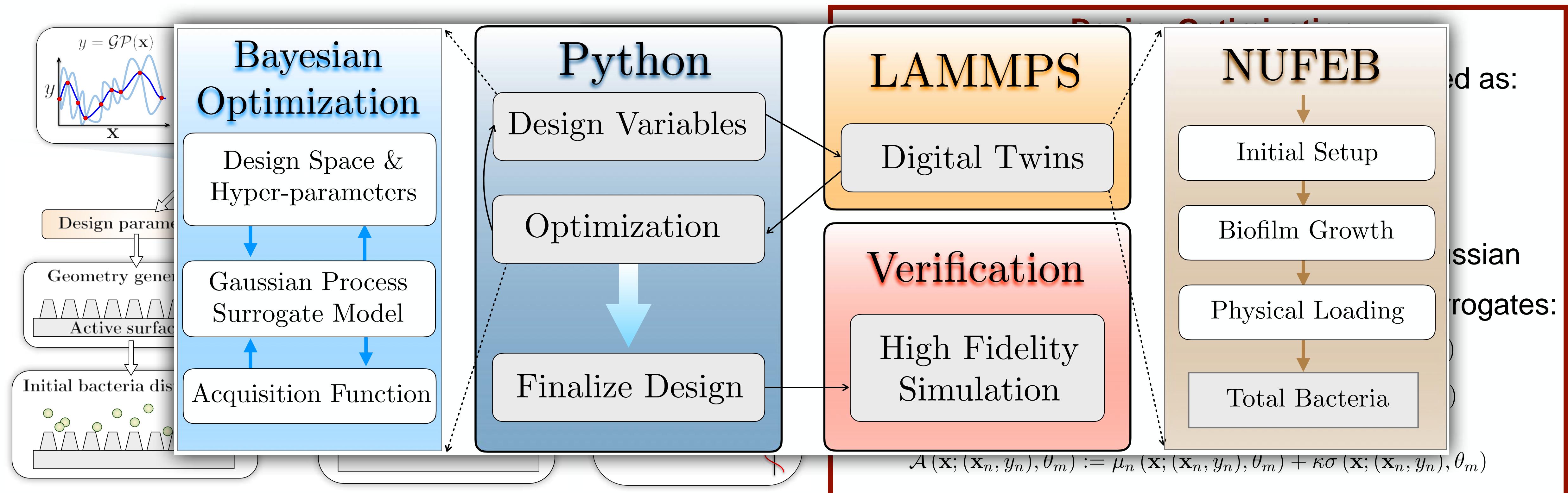
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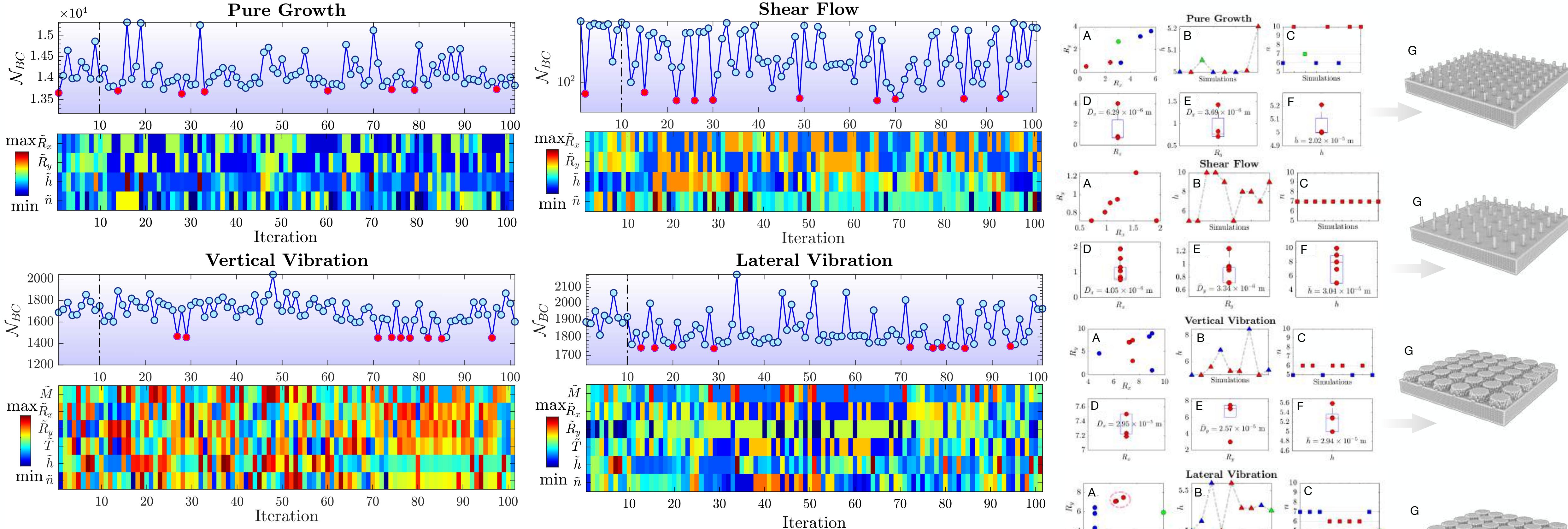


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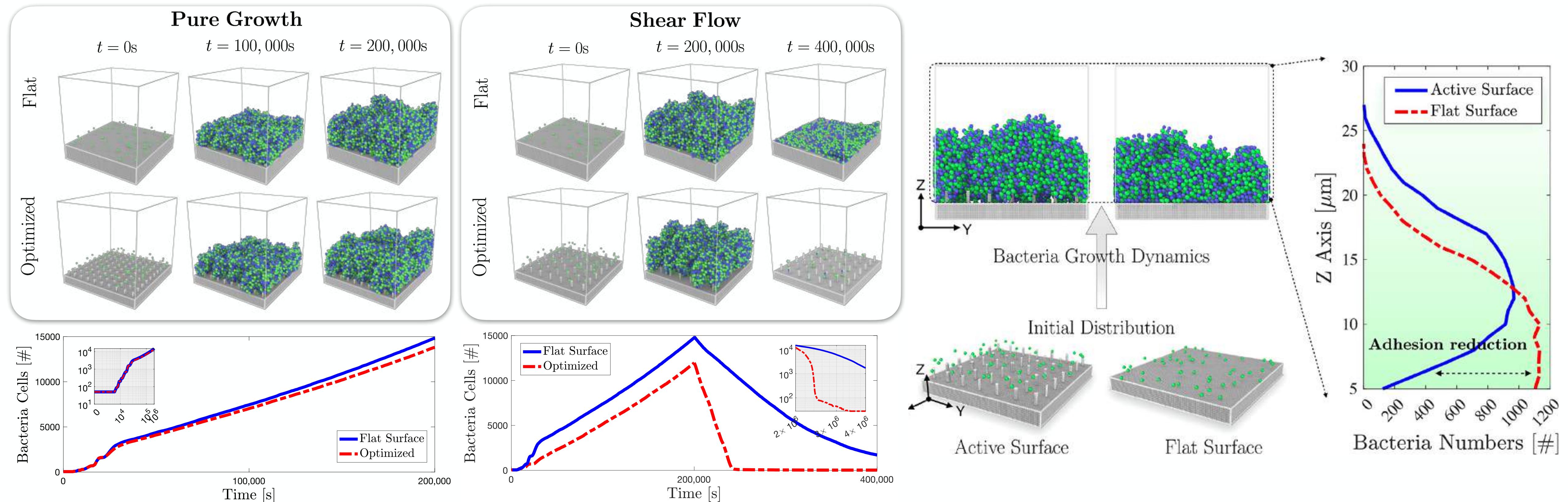


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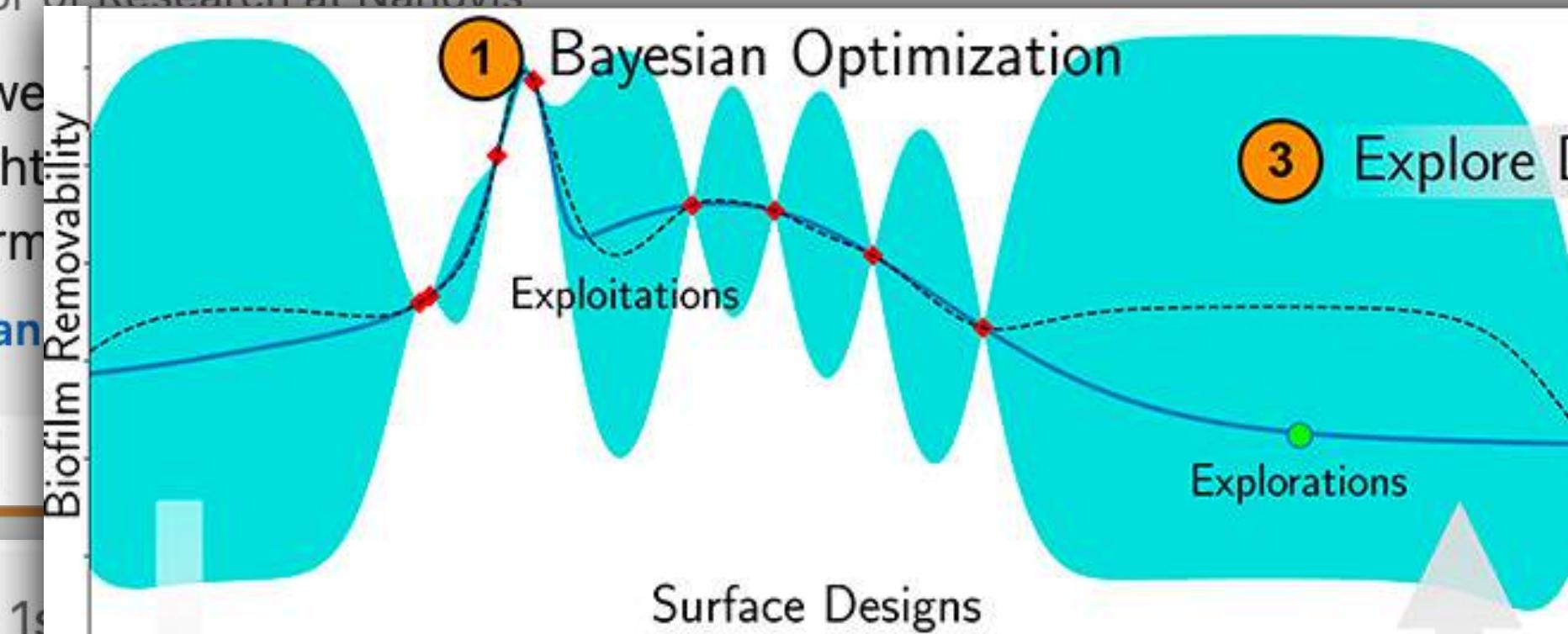
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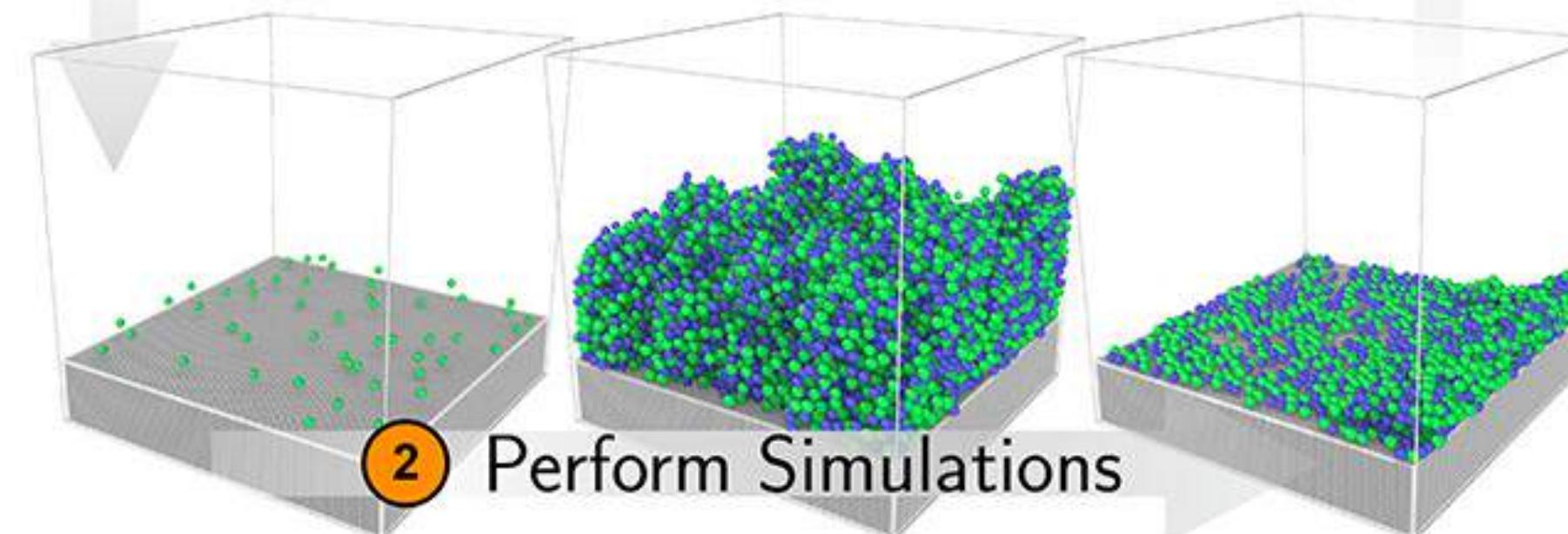
Superior Biofilm Removability

Explore Design Space

Objective  
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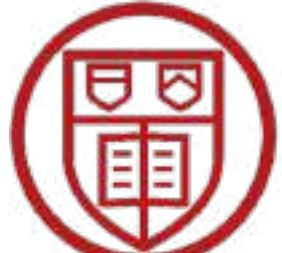
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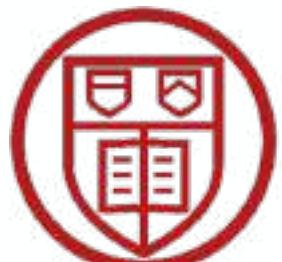
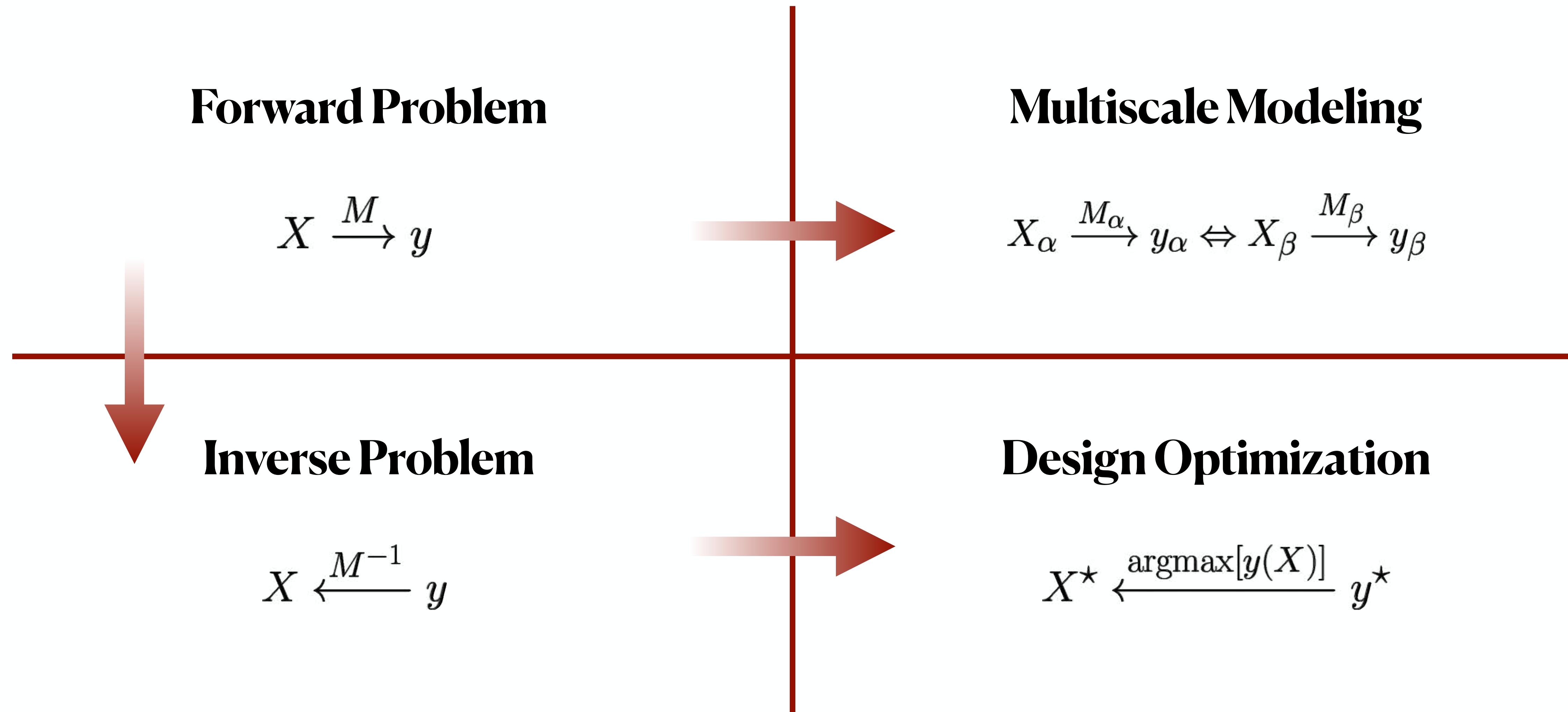
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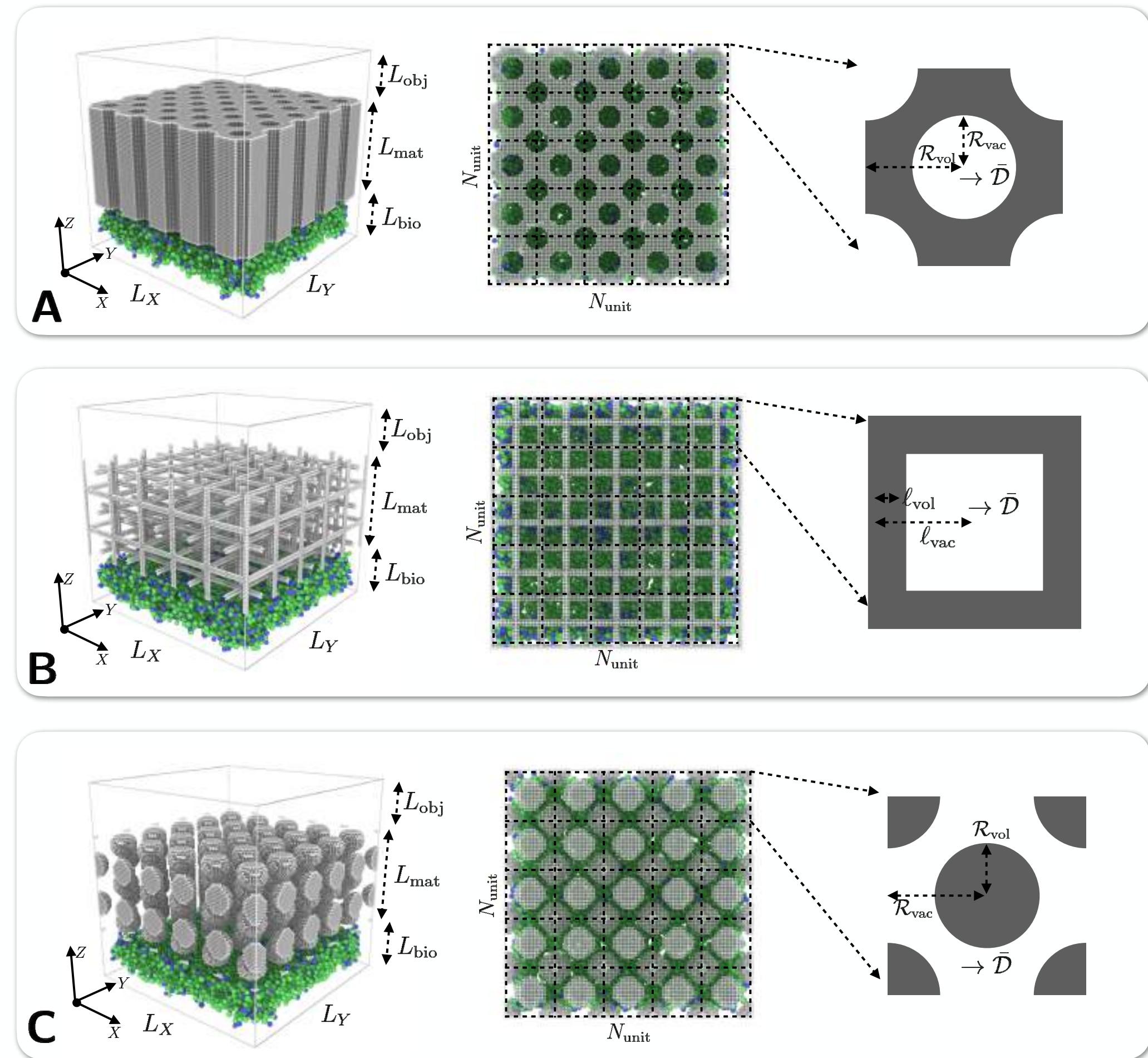
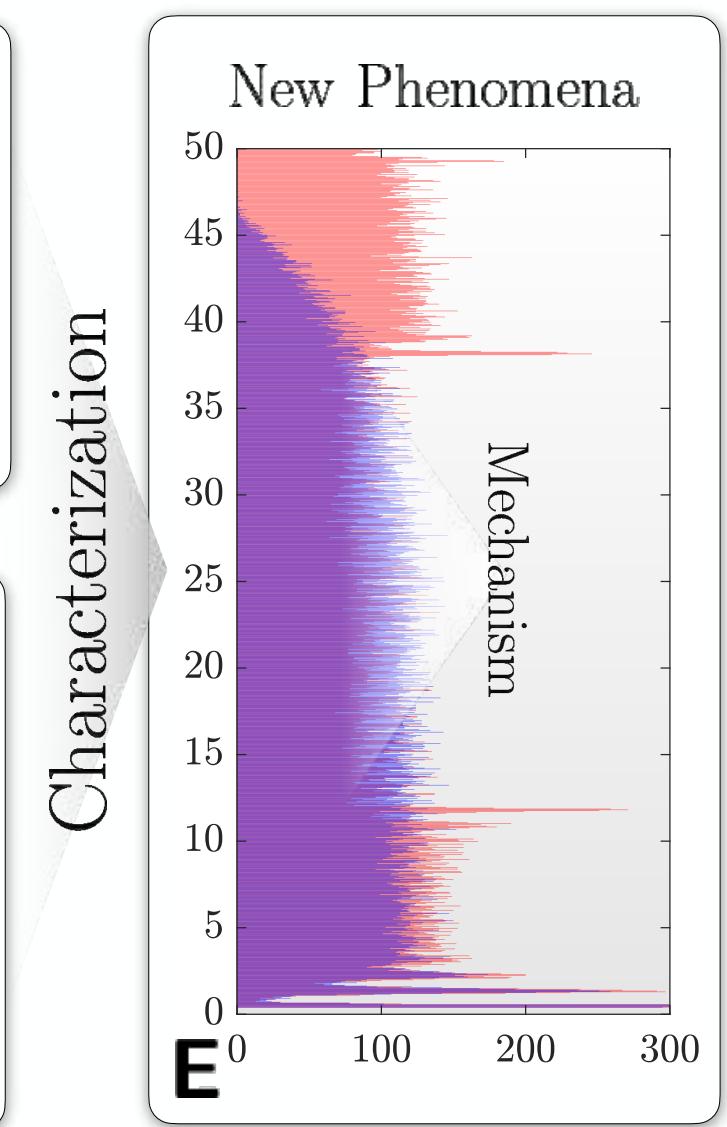
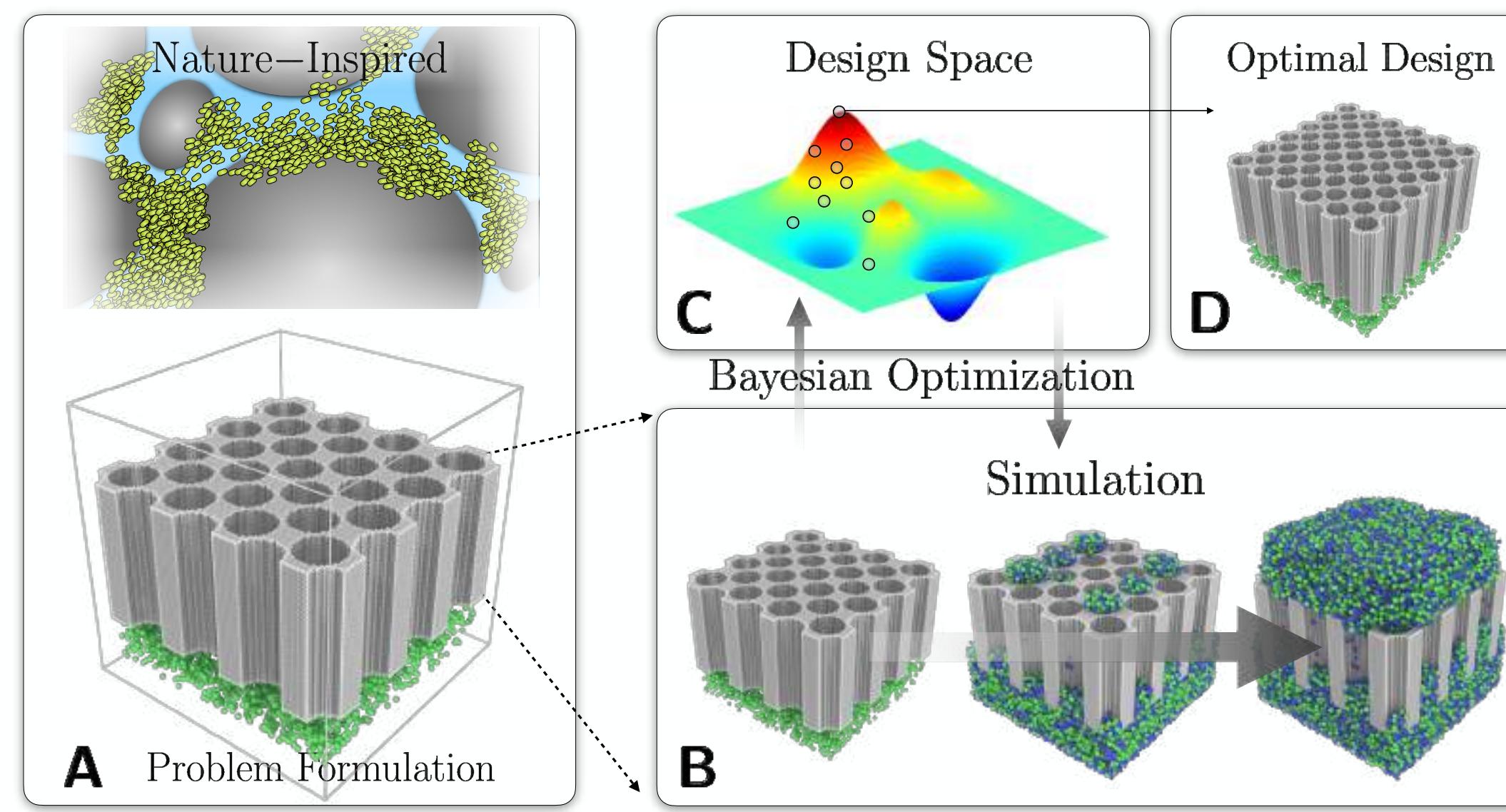
$$X^* \xleftarrow{\text{argmax}(y(X))} y^*$$

$$\text{GP}(X, y) \leftrightarrow \hat{\text{model}}^{-1}$$

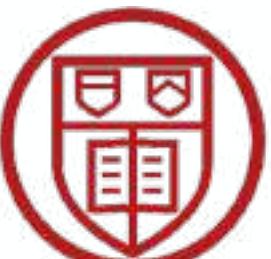
problem: can we trust " $\hat{\text{model}}^{-1}$ "?

# Part III: Designing Bioporous Materials

Question I: Can we extend our framework to 3D porous materials?

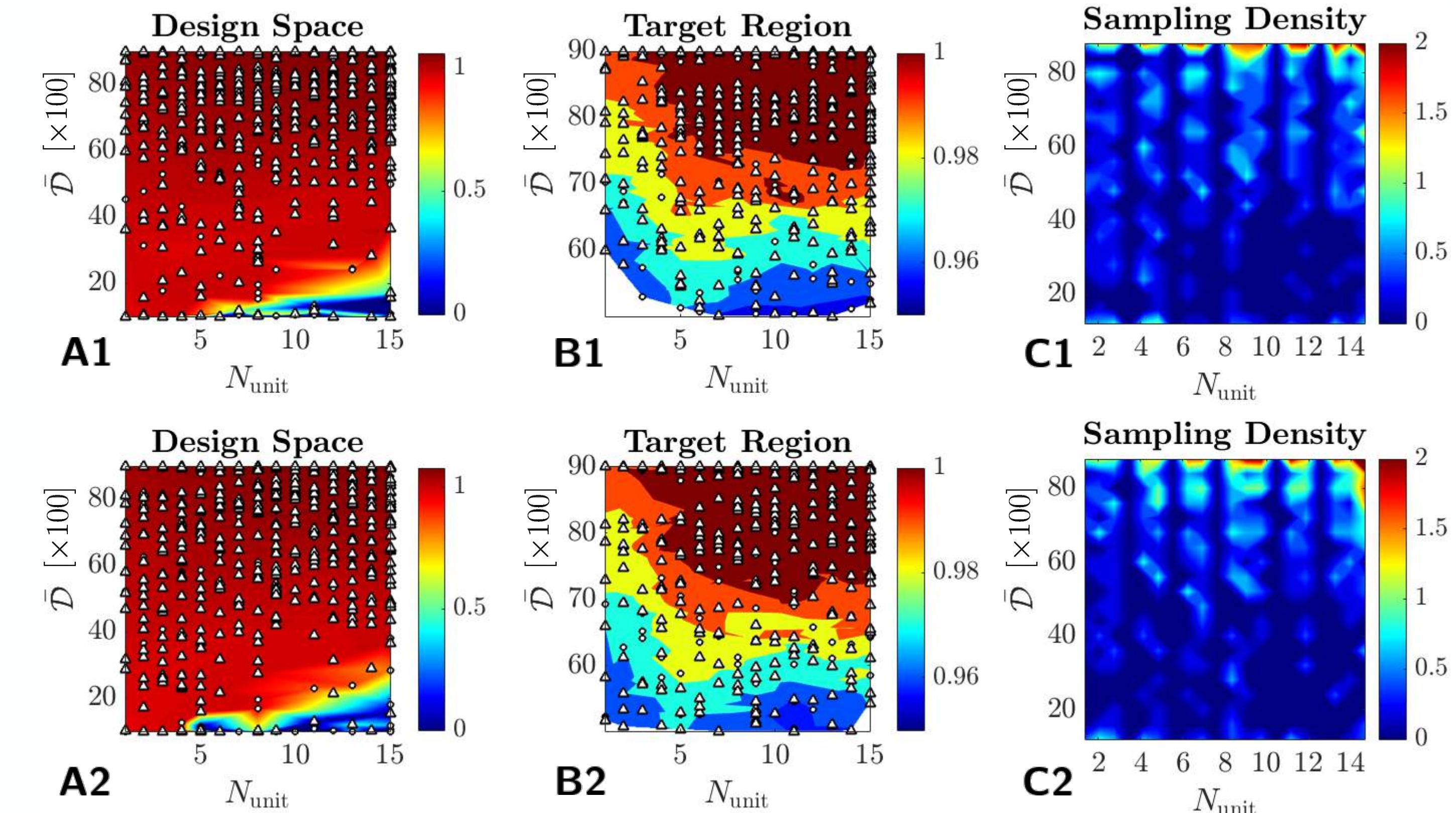
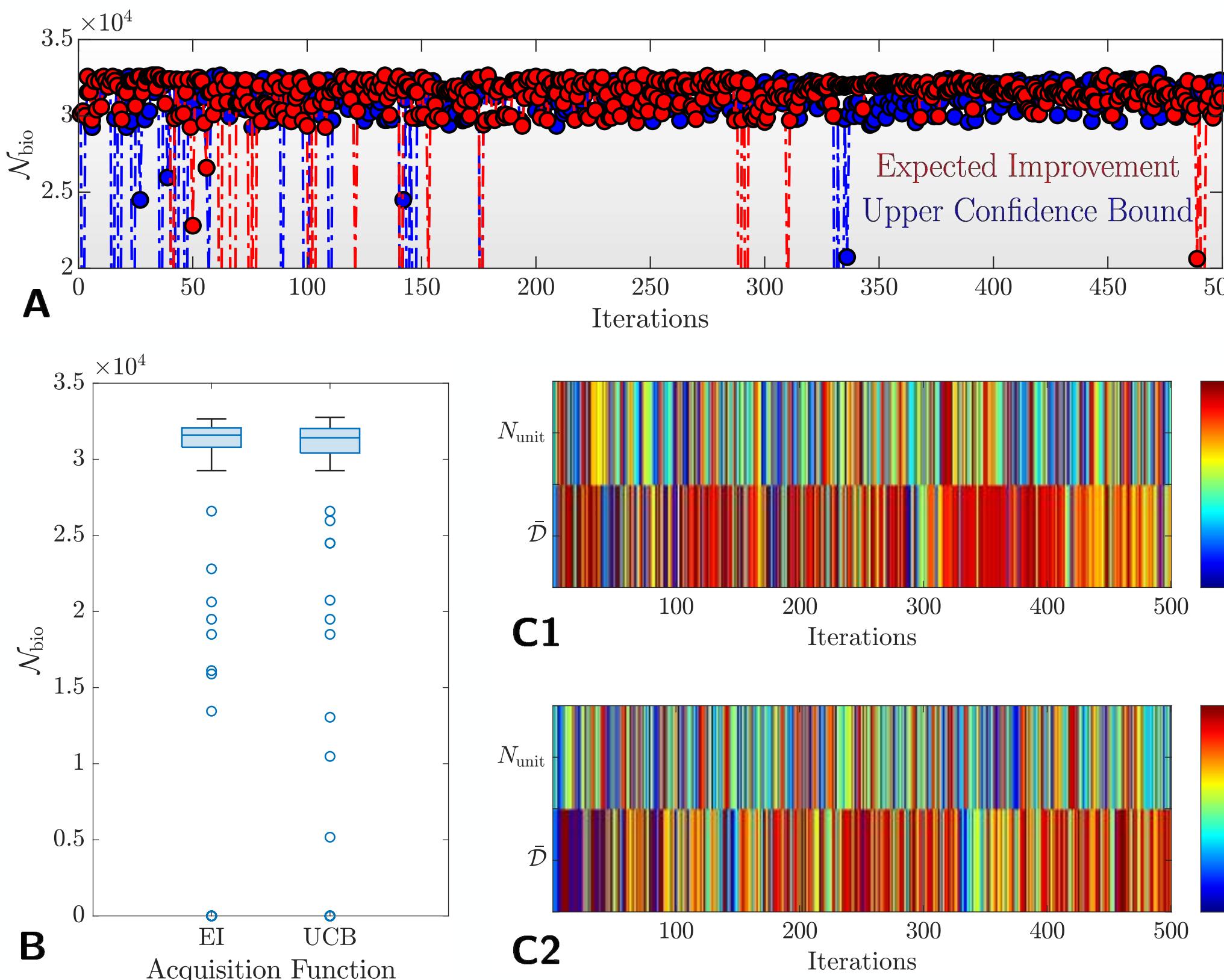


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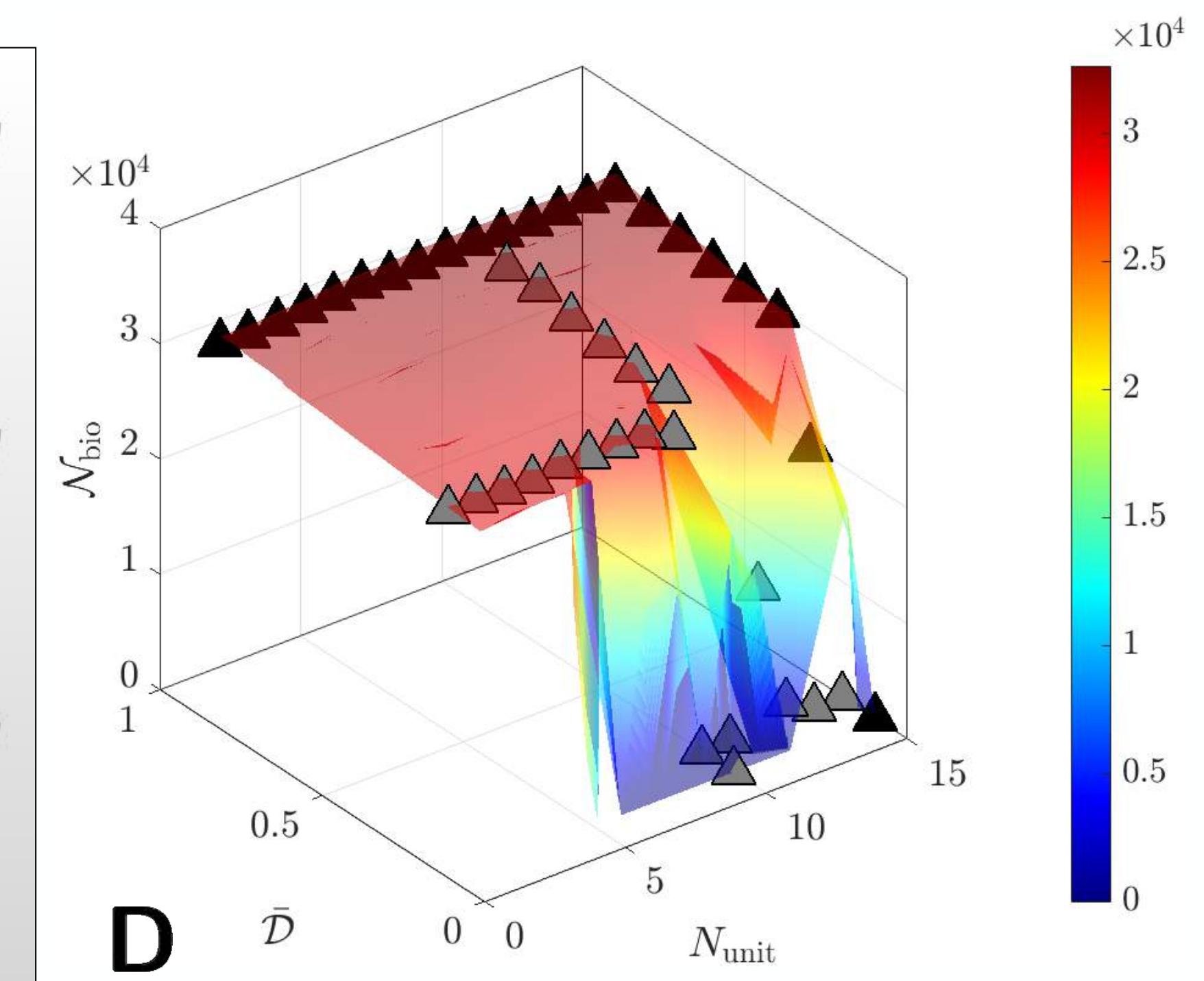
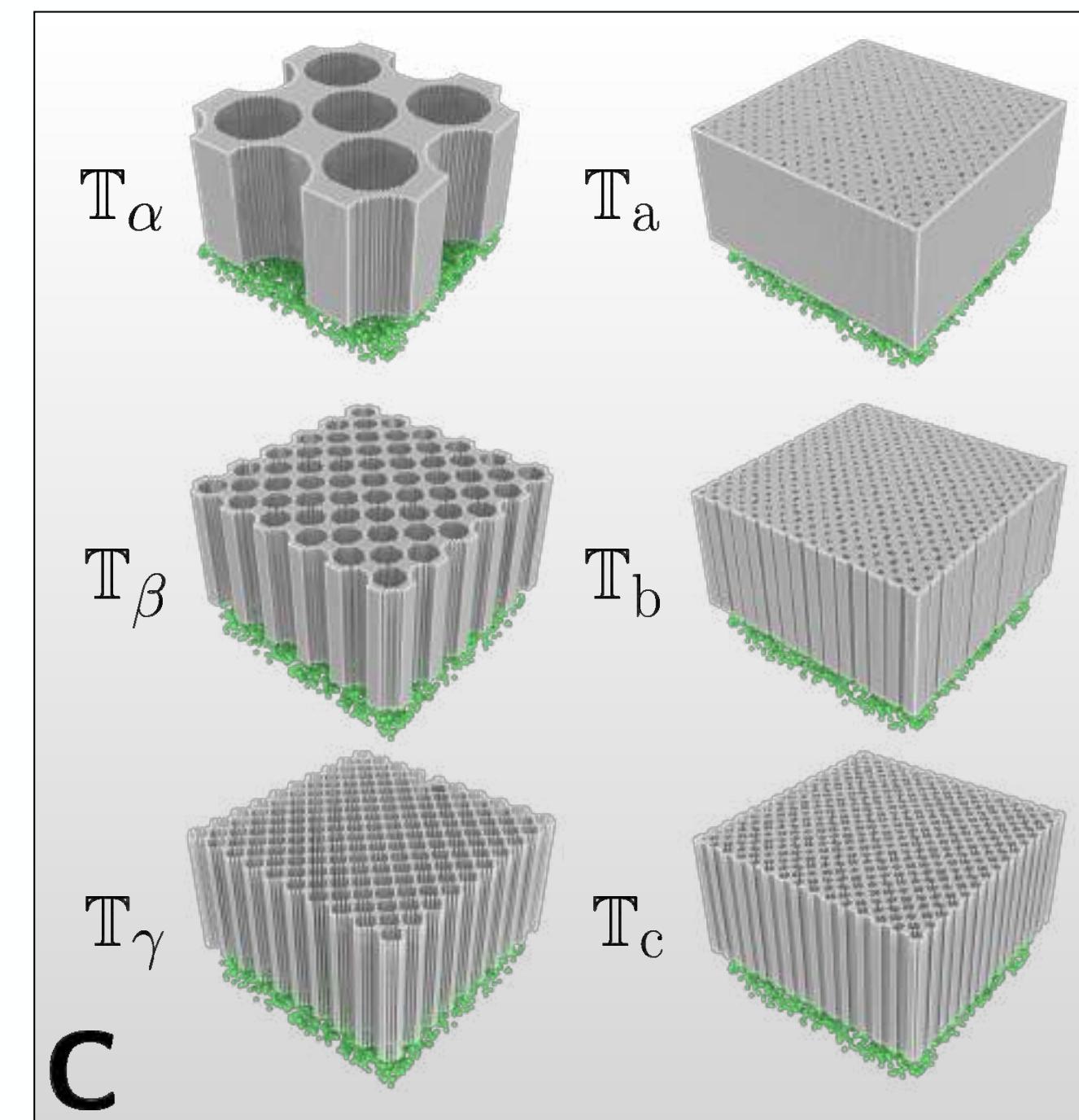
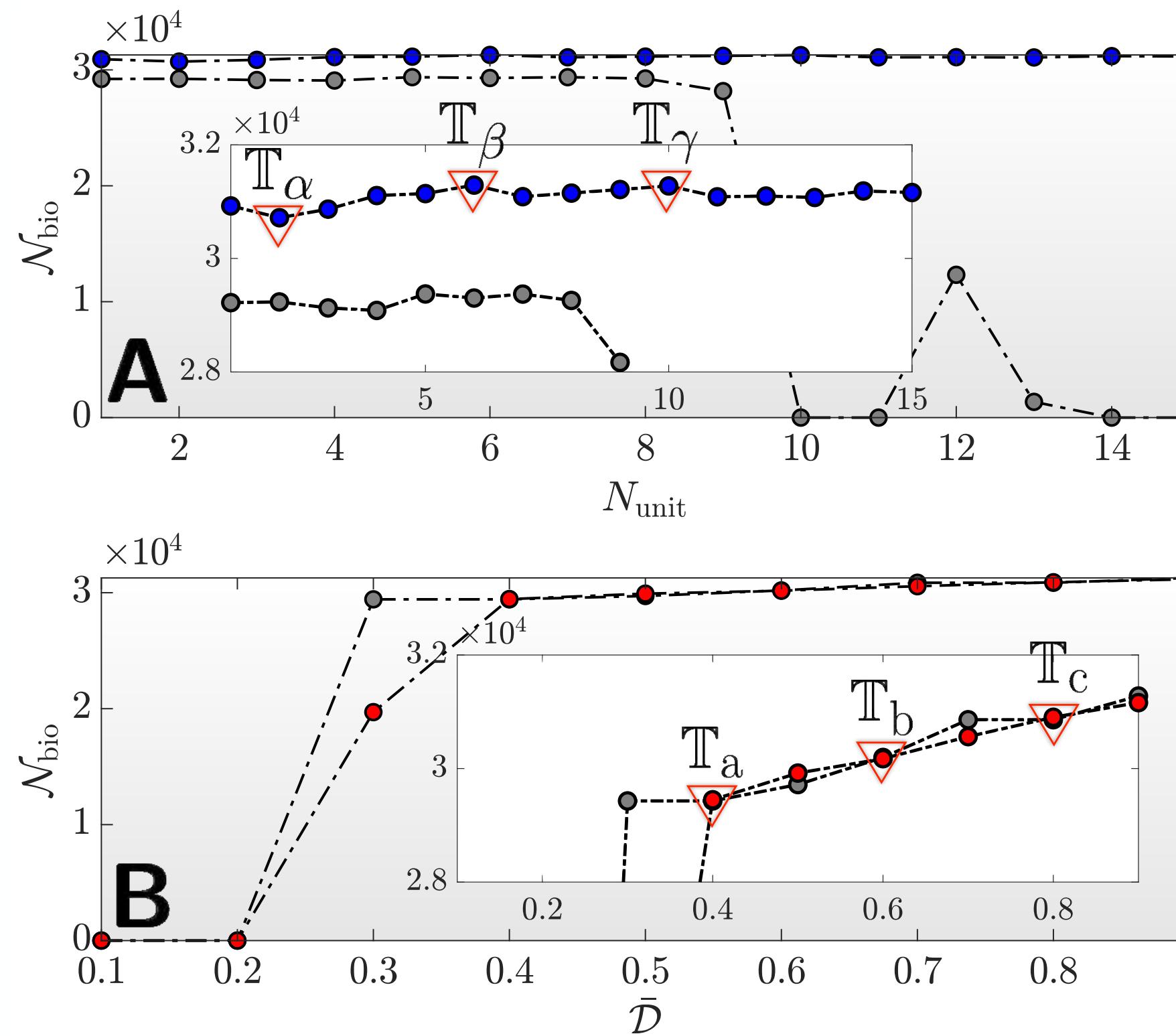
## Question II: Can we characterize the optimization process?



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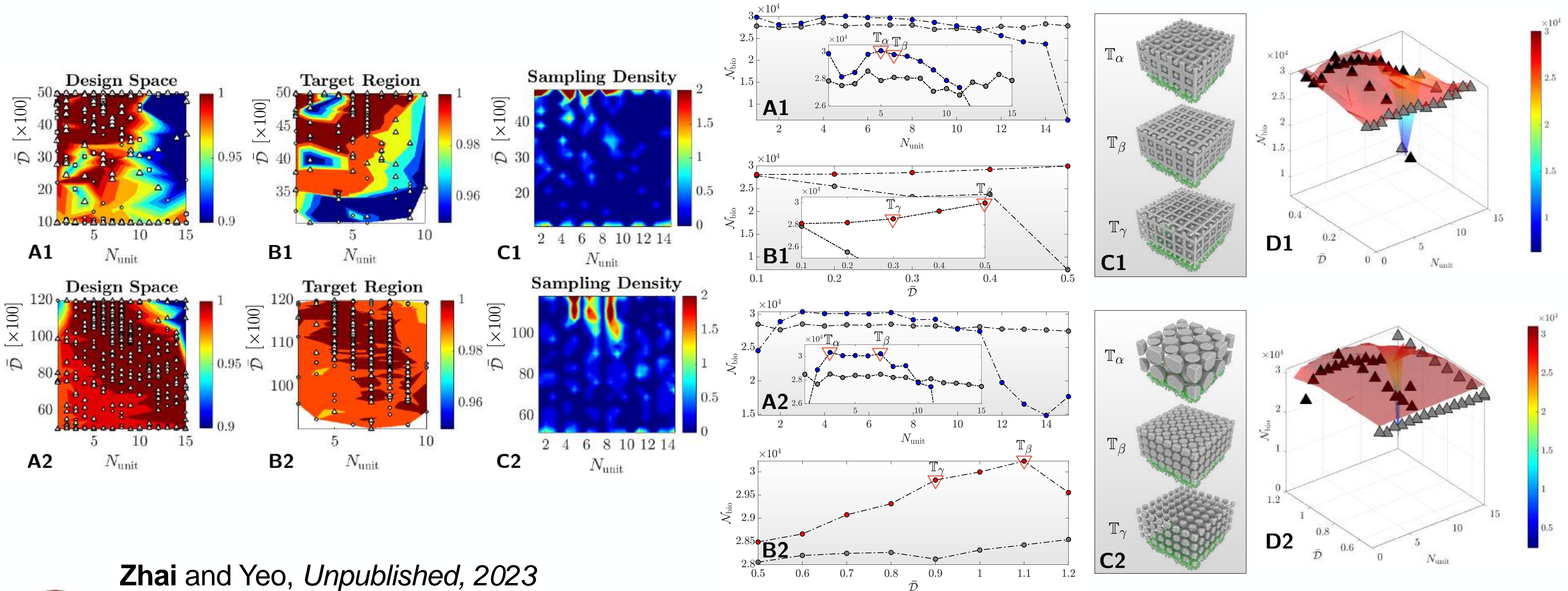
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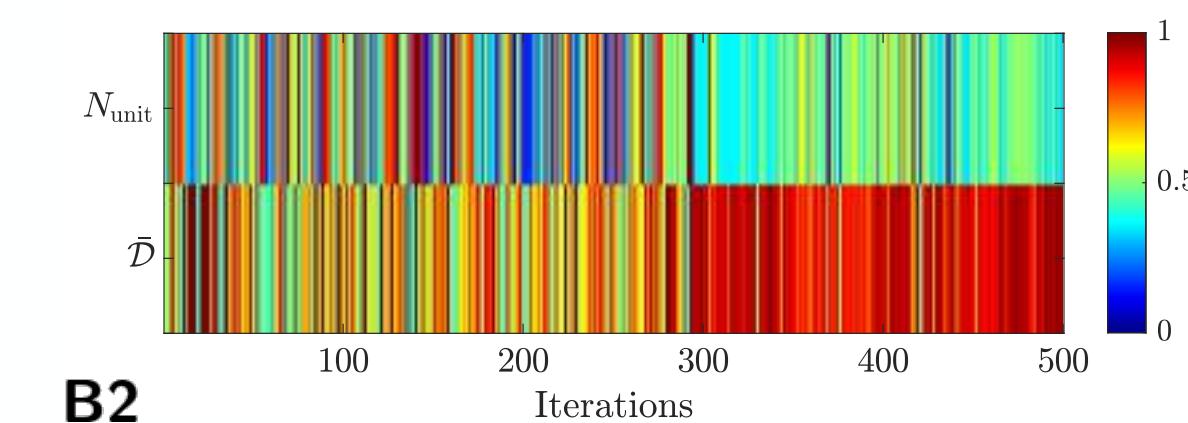
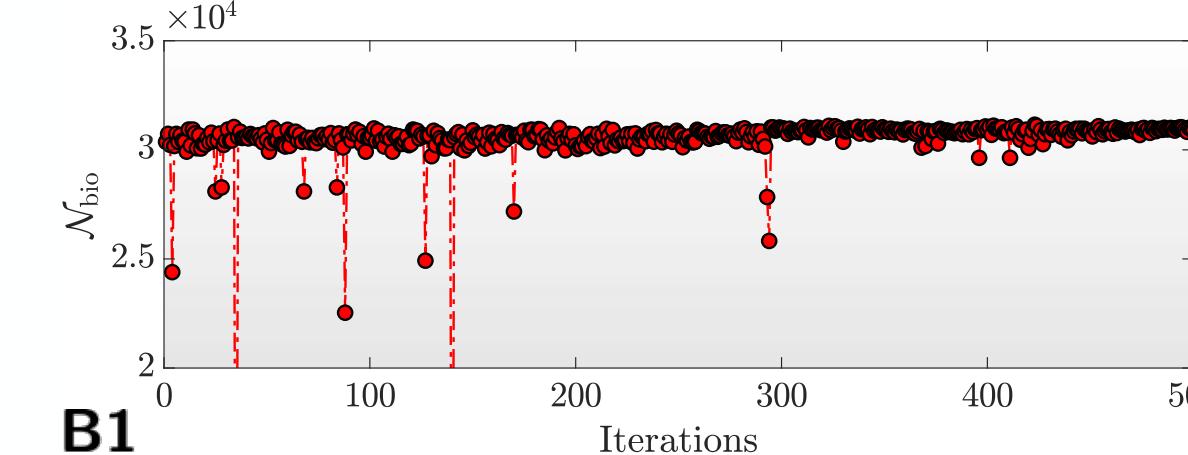
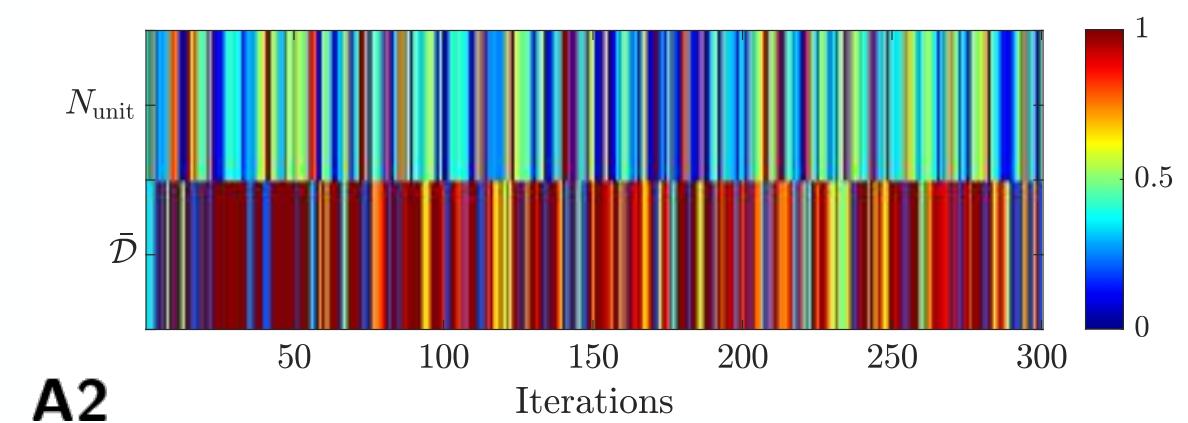
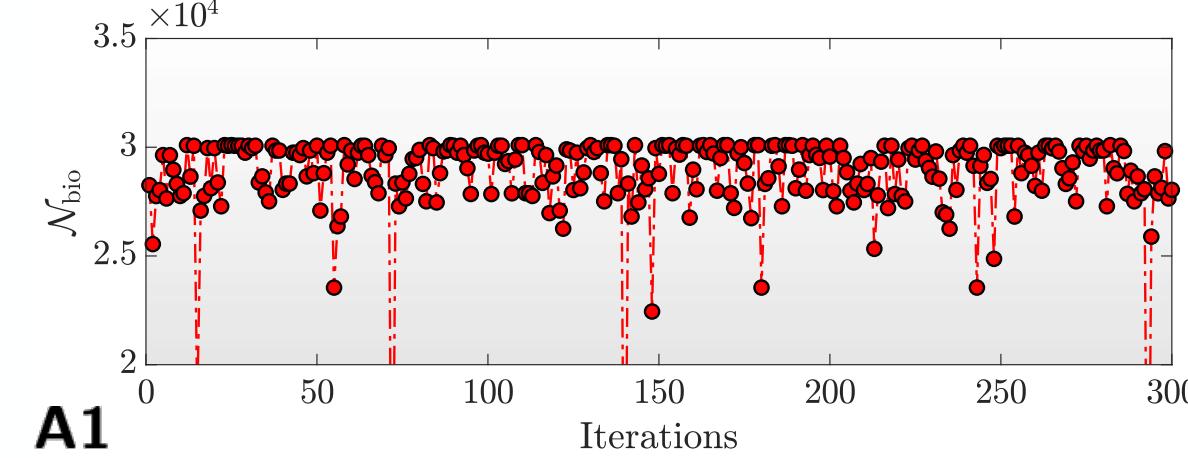
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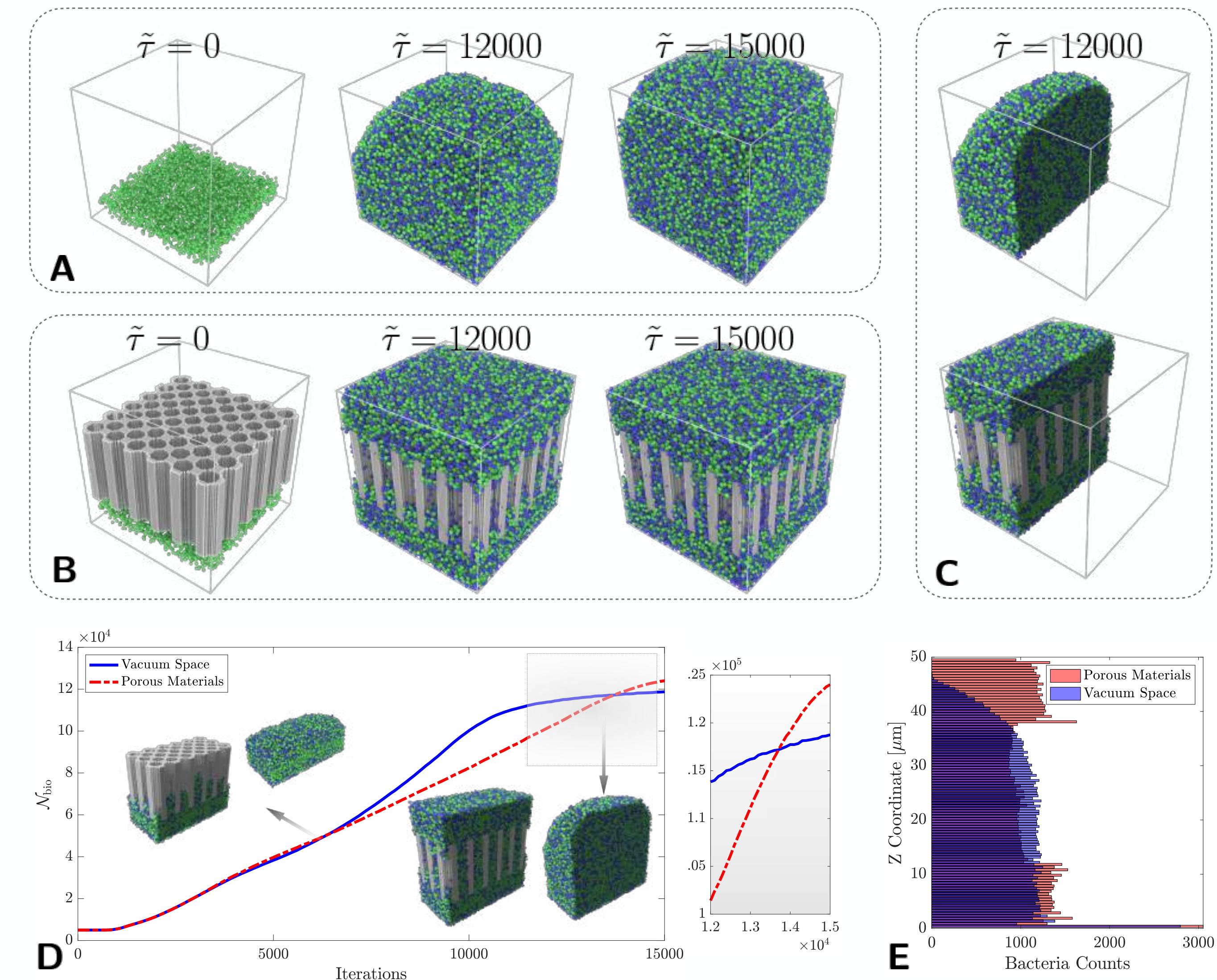
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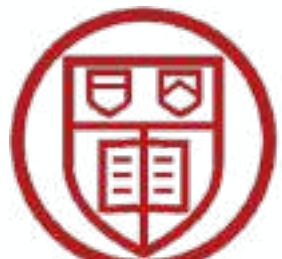
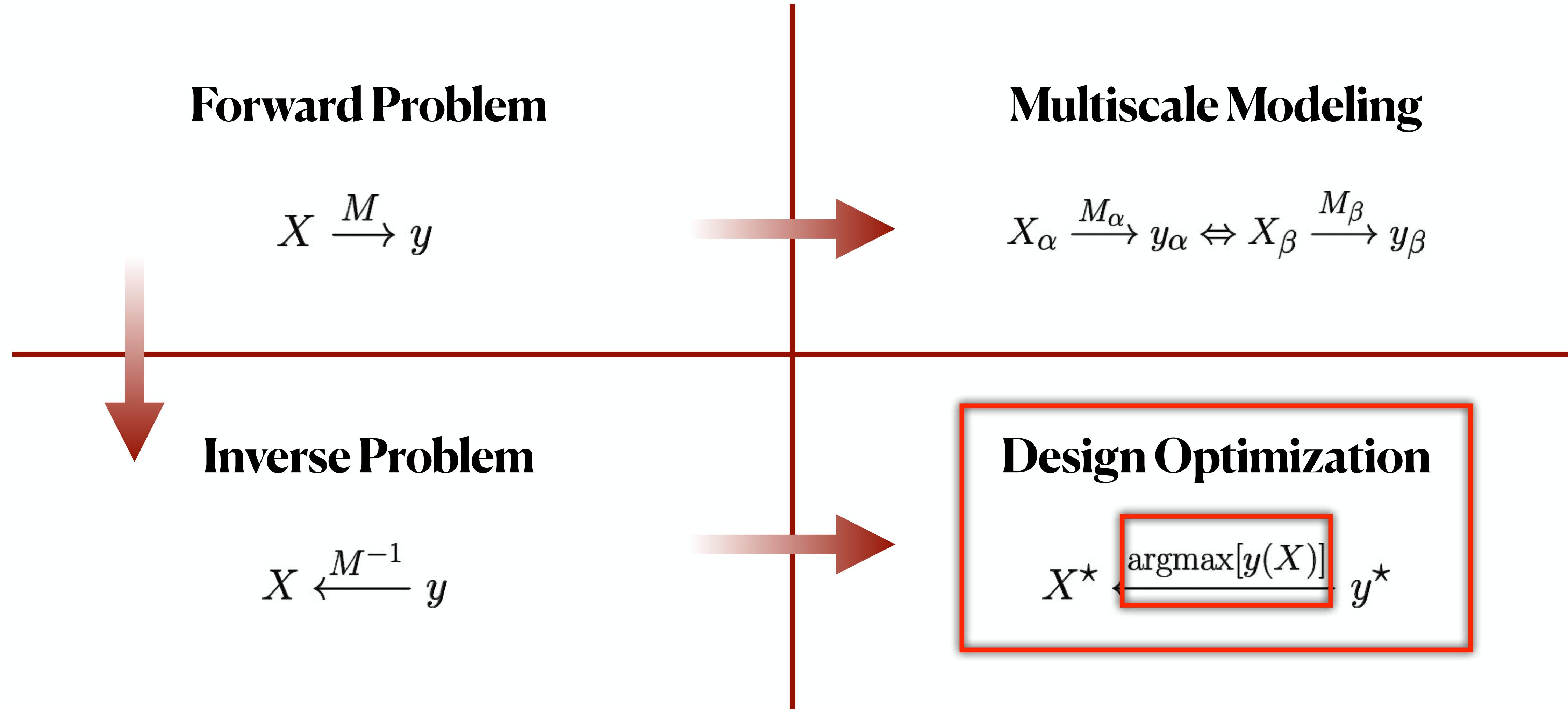
## Question IV: Any new physics?



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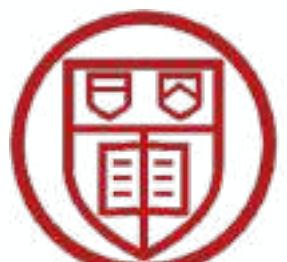
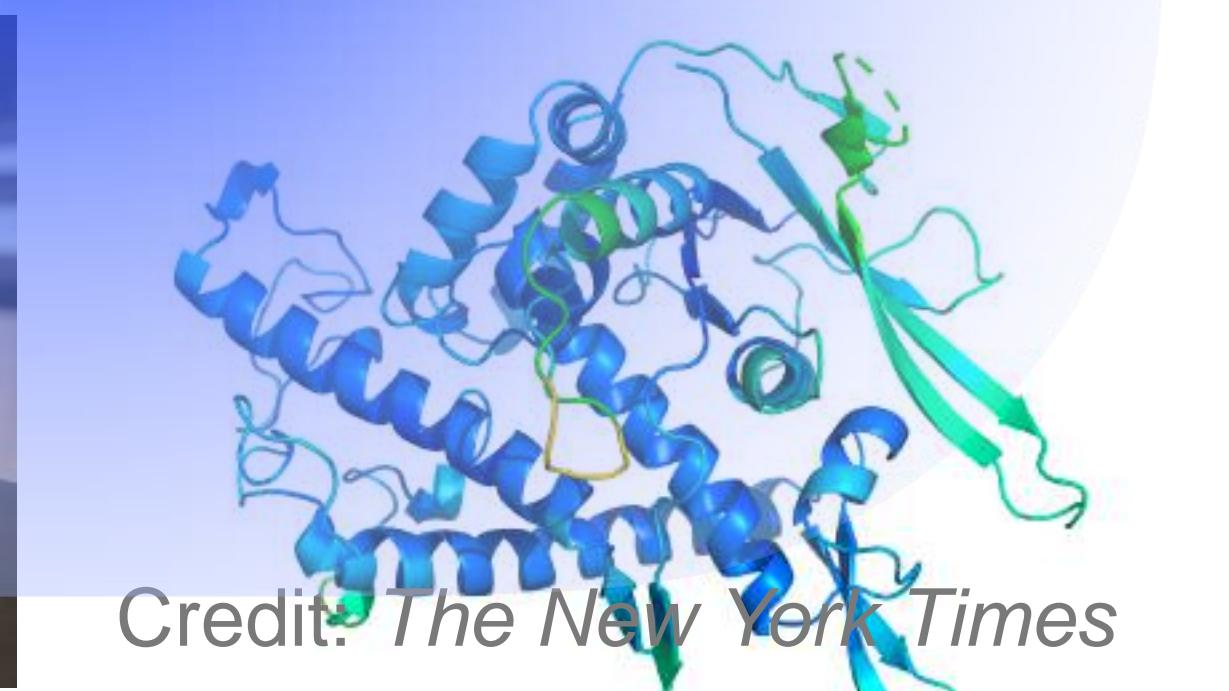
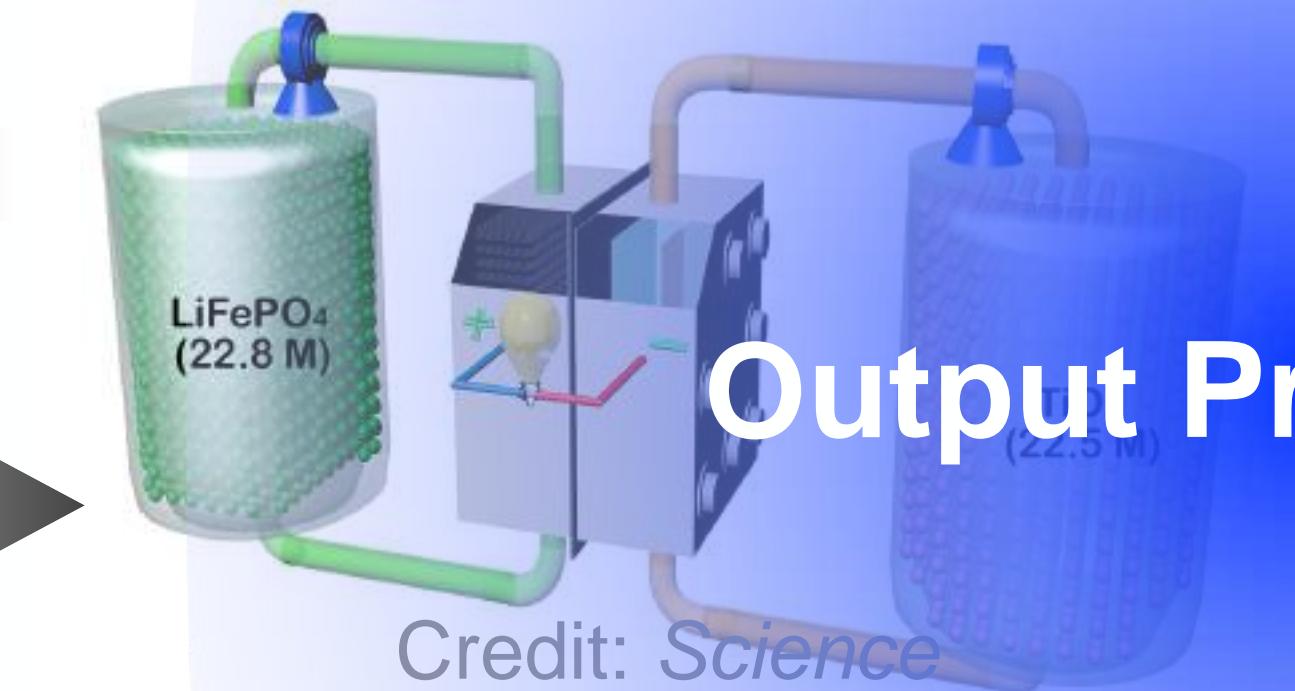
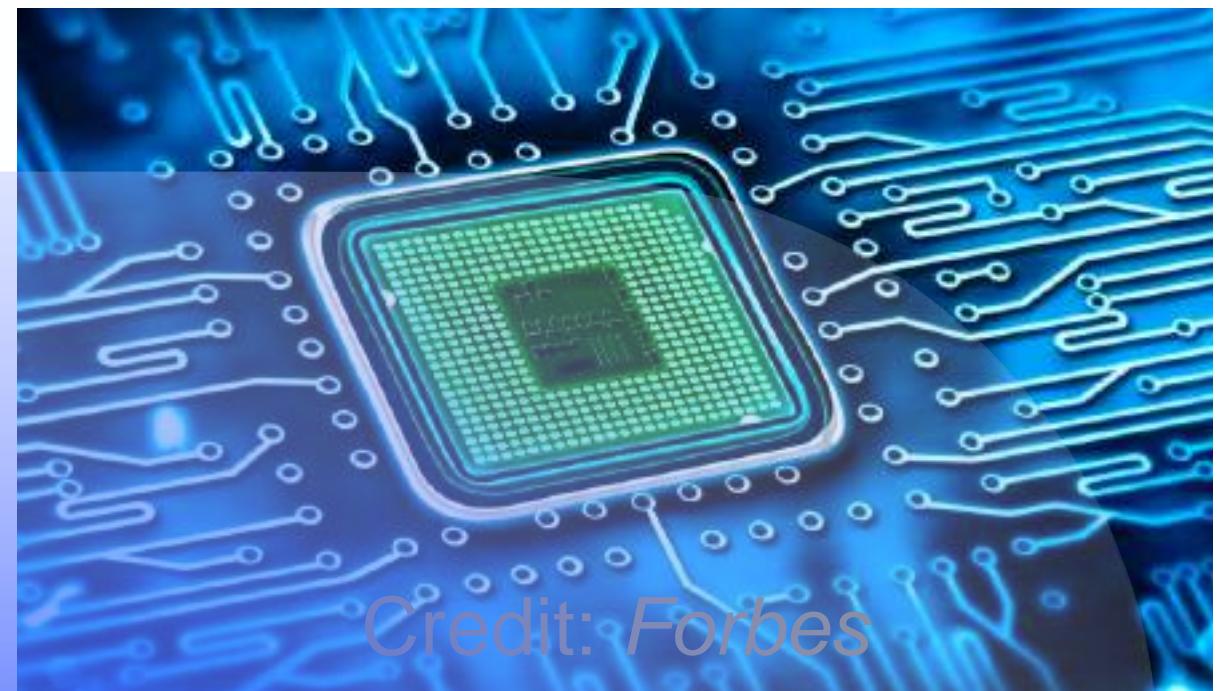
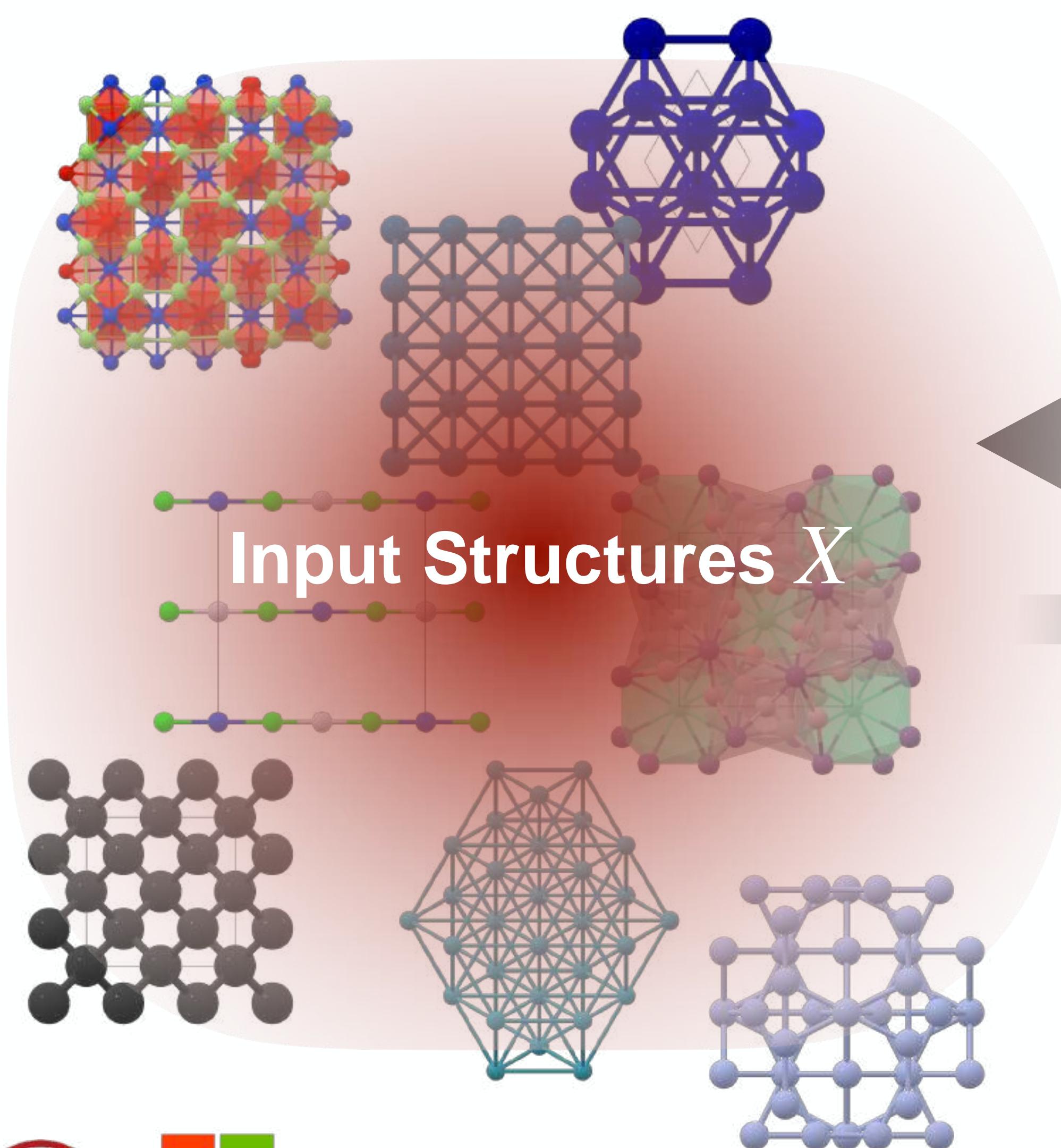


## How to Discover Good Materials?

$$X \xleftarrow{\text{model}^{-1}} y$$

problem: no initial form of "X"!

# Part IV: Benchmarking Optimization Algorithms



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## Digital molecular materials design framework

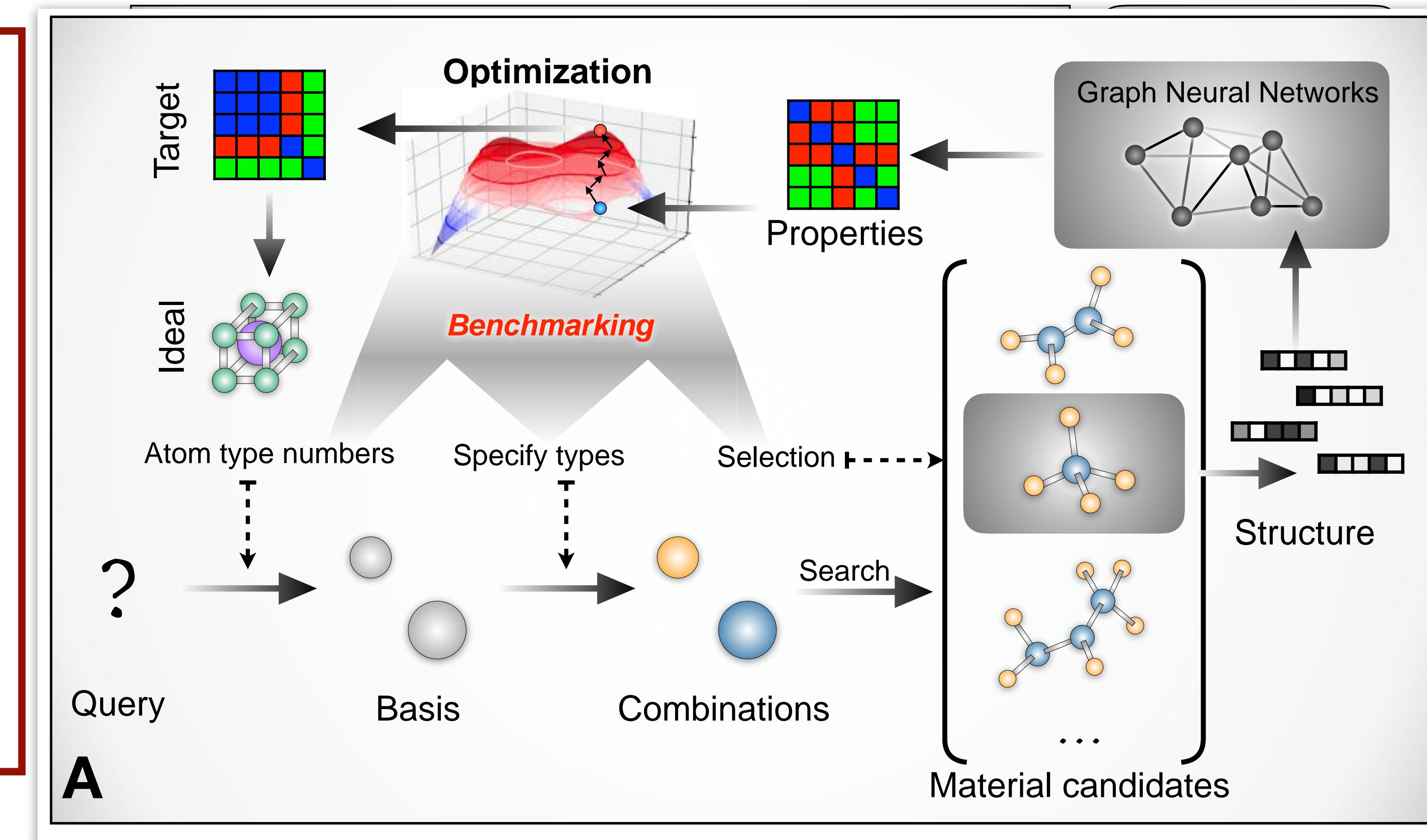
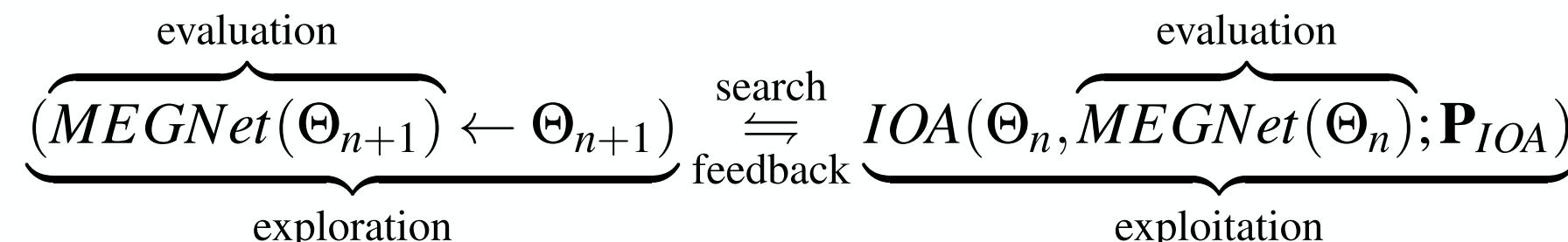
### Design Optimization

- The design optimization problem is formulated as:

$$\arg \max_{n_{atom}, \xi_n, \eta} \mathcal{J} = K - E_{Fermi},$$

where  $K, E_{Fermi} = MEGNet(\mathcal{G}_\Theta)$ ,  
 $\rightarrow \mathcal{G} = \Omega(n_{atom}, \xi_n, \eta); \Theta = [n_{atom}, \xi_n, \eta]$   
subject to  $n_{atom} \in [1, 4]$  or  $\equiv 1$ ,  $\xi_n \in [0, 100]$ ,  $\eta \in [0, 100]$

- The automation is connected via MEGNet:



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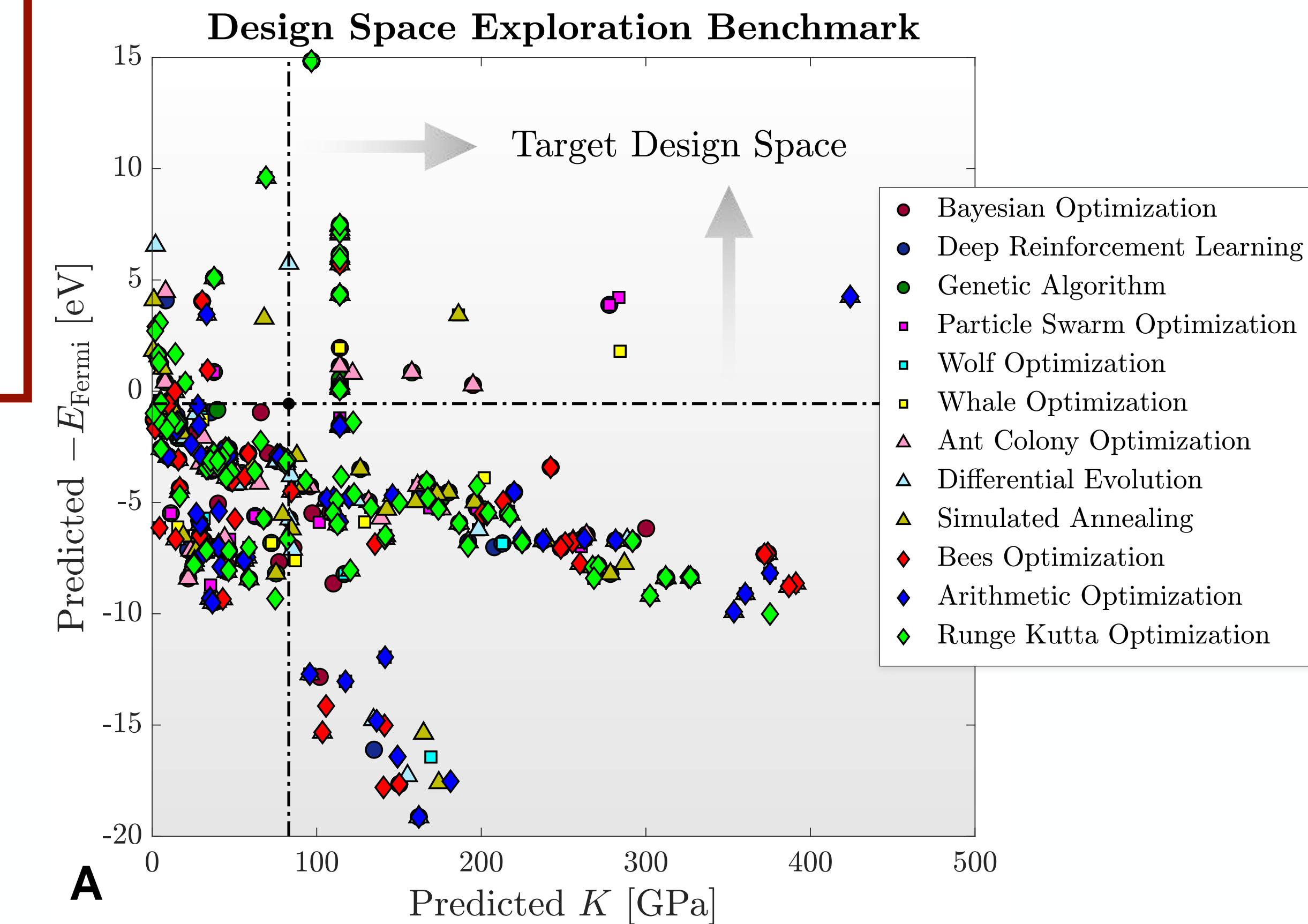
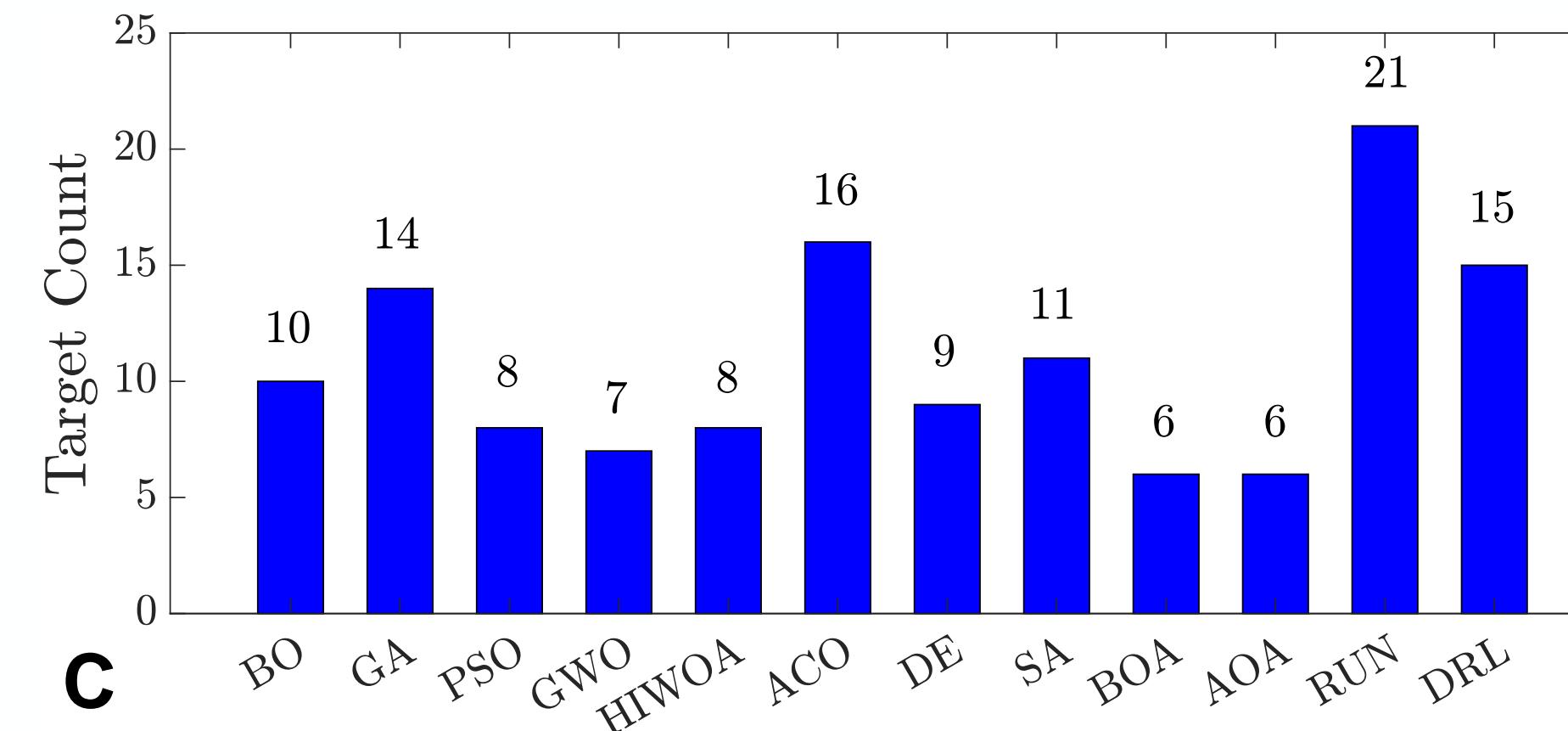


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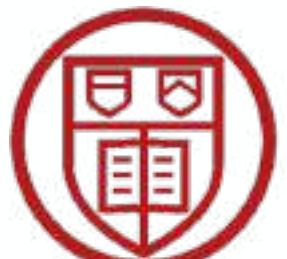
## Preliminary Results: Single-element Molecules

### Observations

- The RUN algorithm outperforms the result optimization methods in material count in the “target design space”.
- GA, ACO, and DRL are generally good in single-element molecule design.



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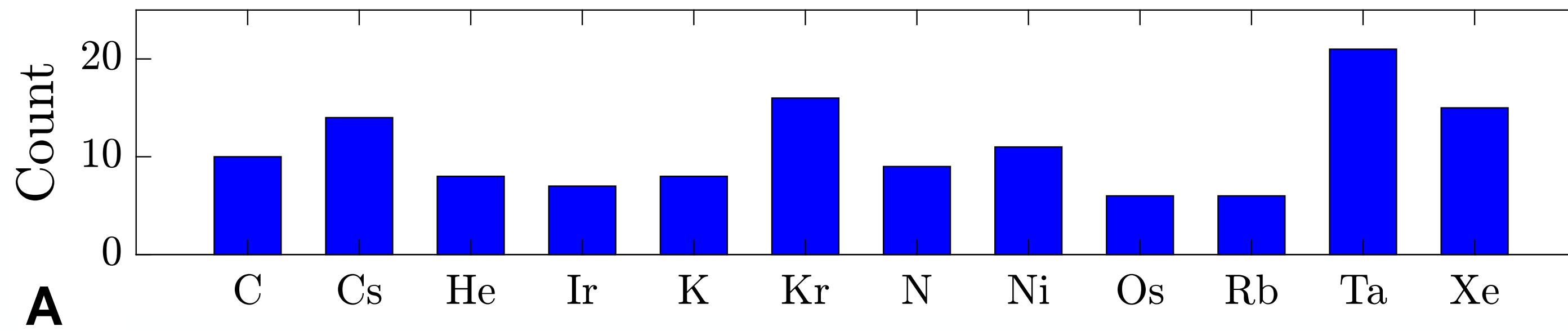


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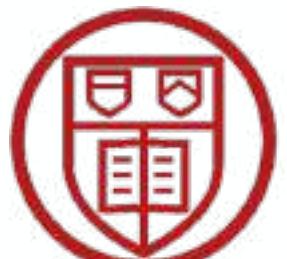
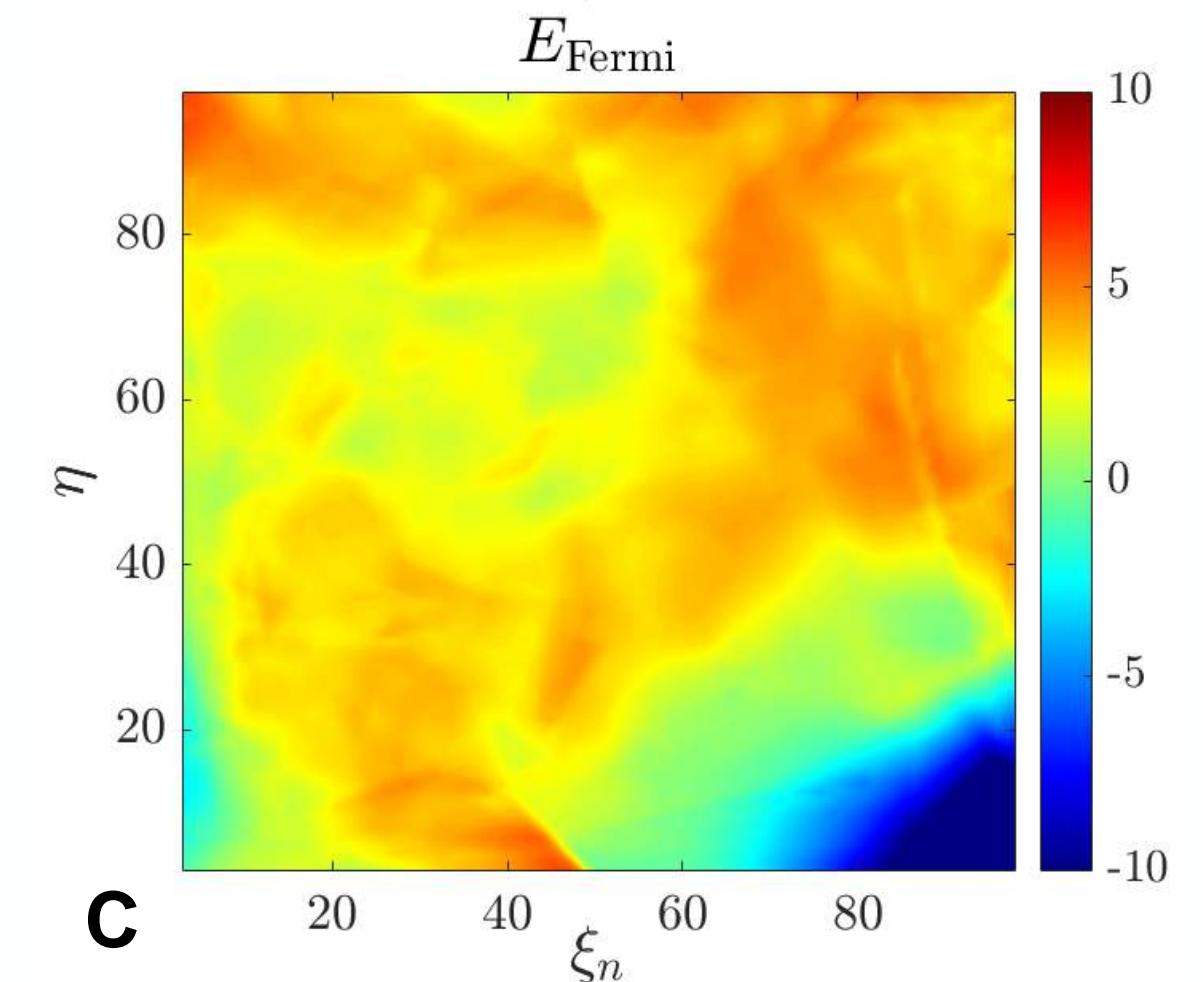
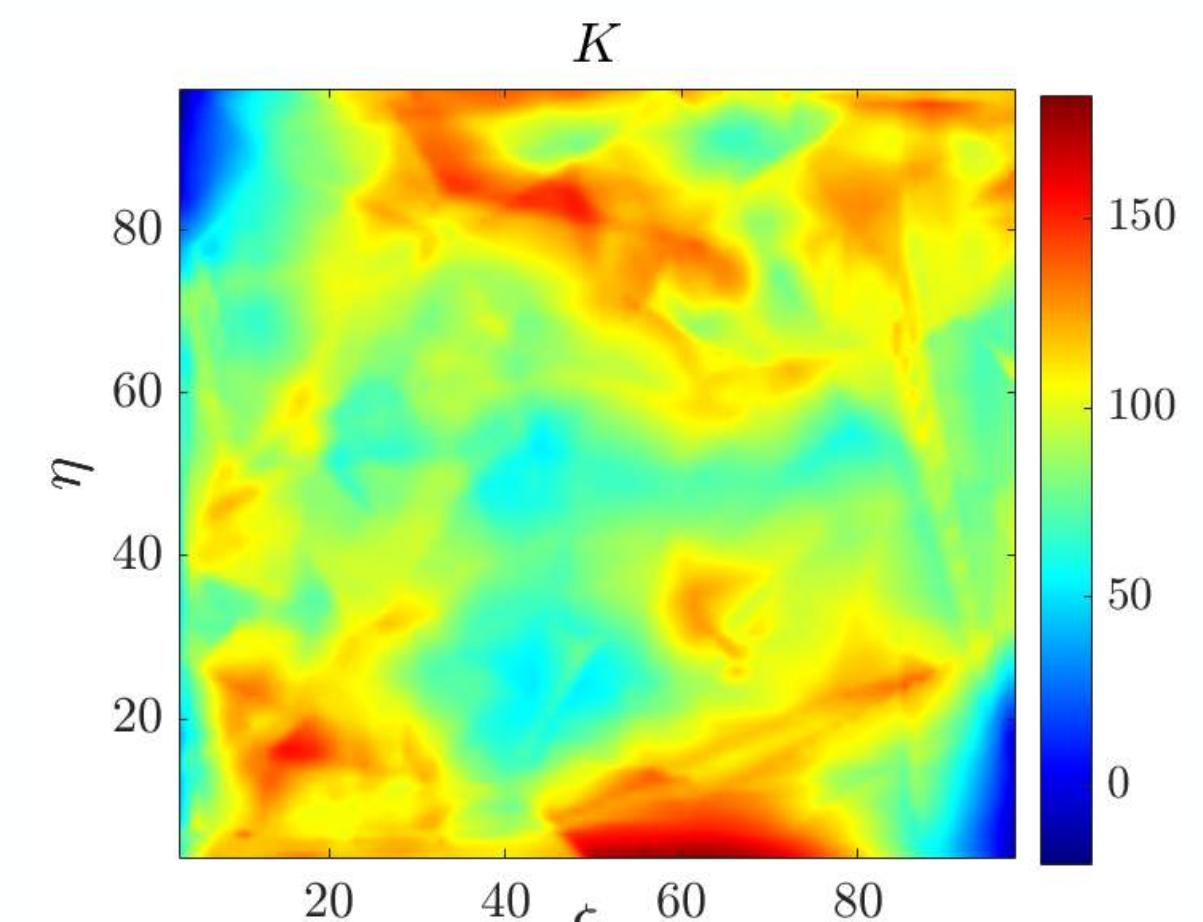
## Preliminary Results: Single-element Molecules

### Observations

- Ta is the most evaluated molecule among 12 optimization methods.
- Design space is highly non-convex.



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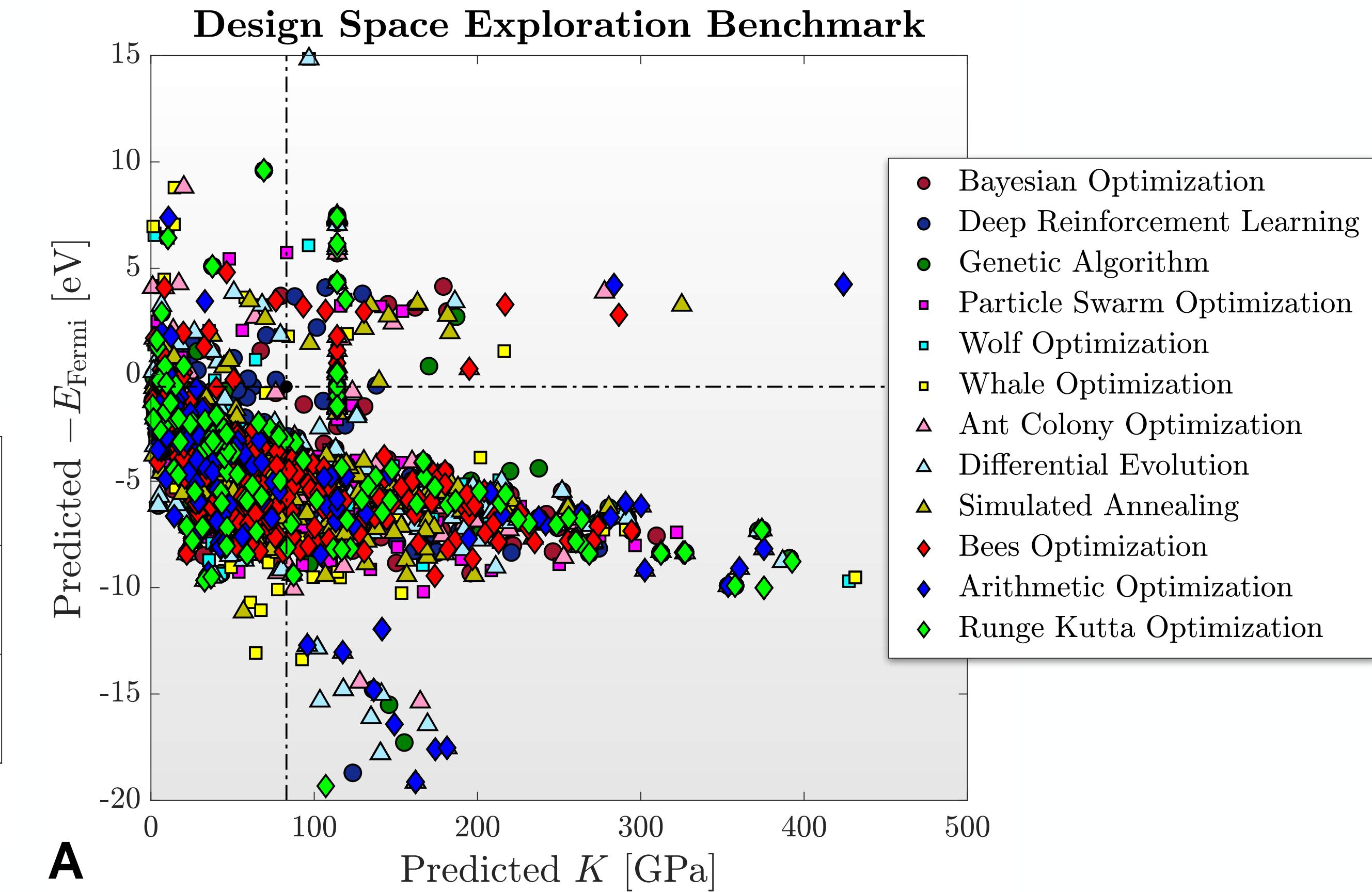
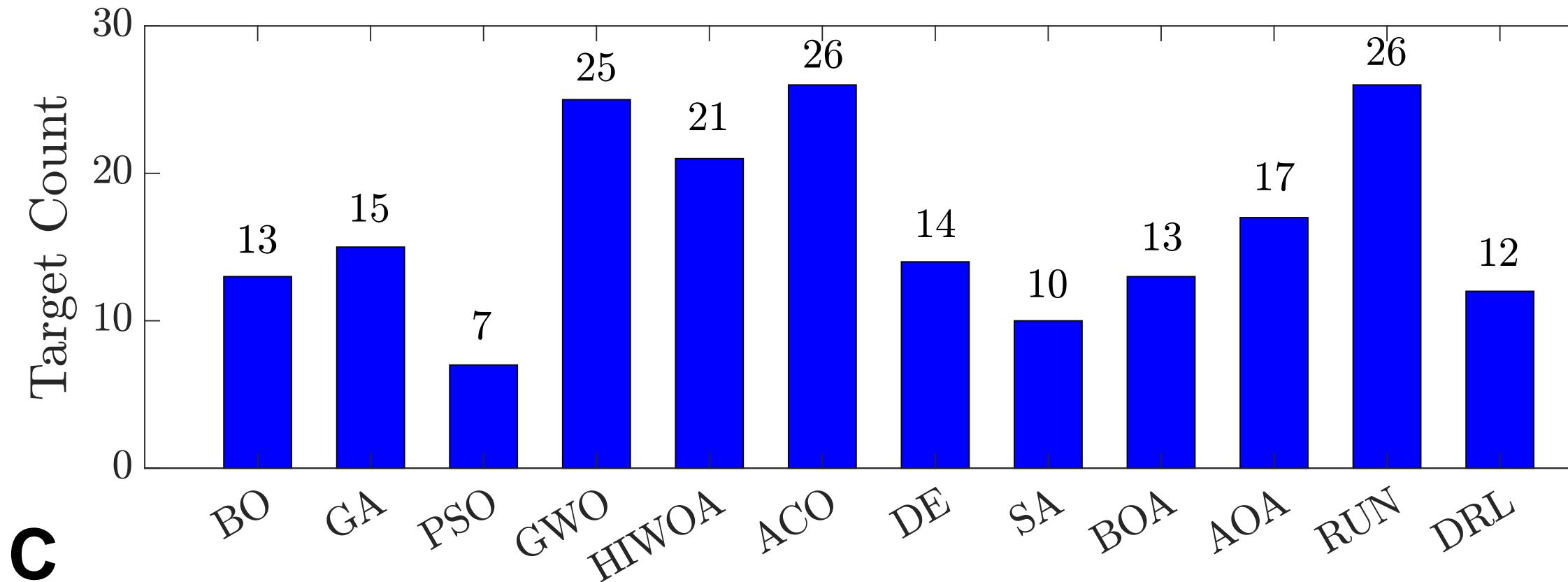


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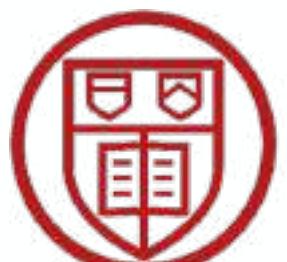
## Preliminary Results: Multi-element Molecules

### Observations

- GWO, HIWOA, ACO, and RUN stand out for target design space material counts.
- DRL didn't successfully learn the policy (per se).



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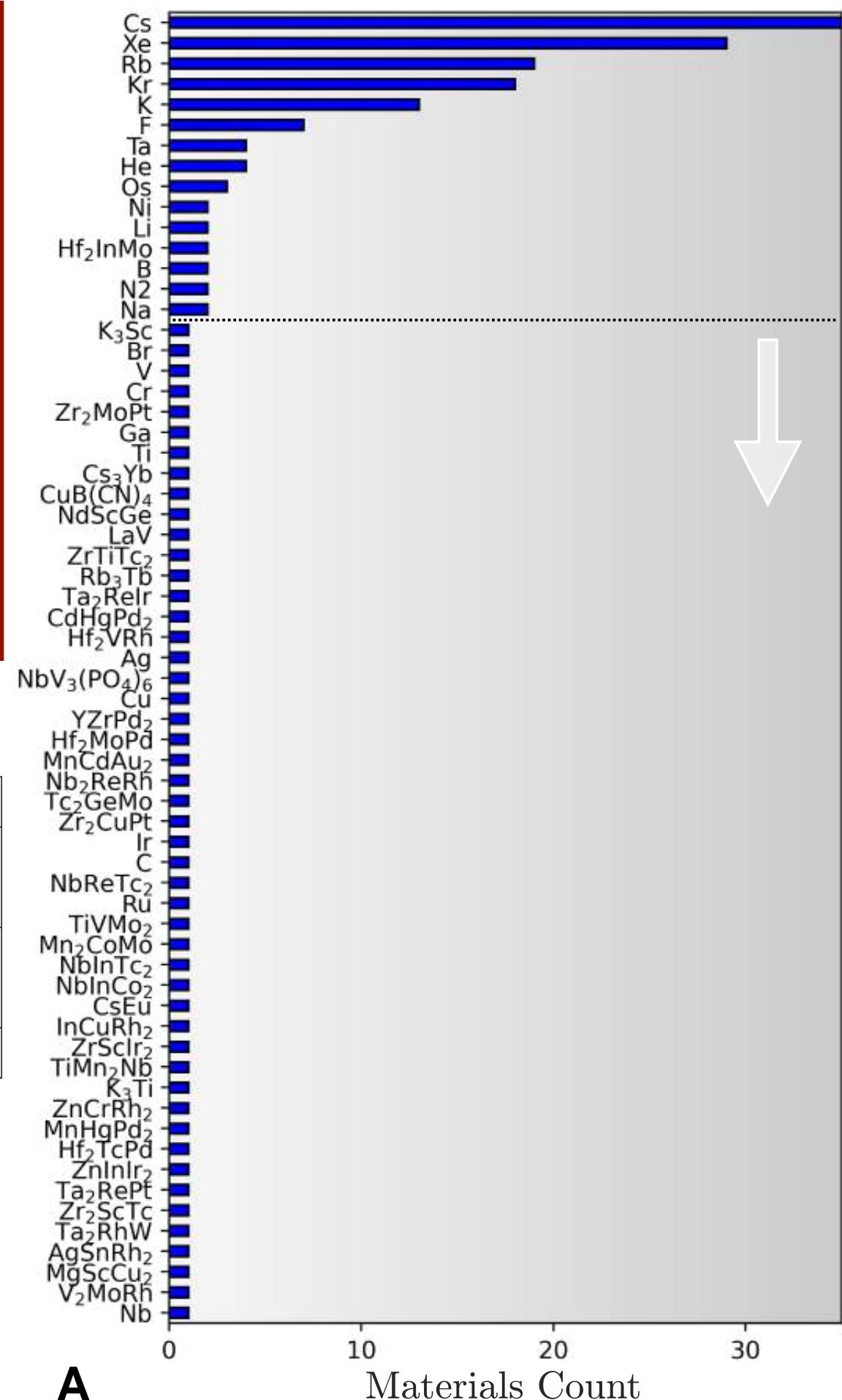
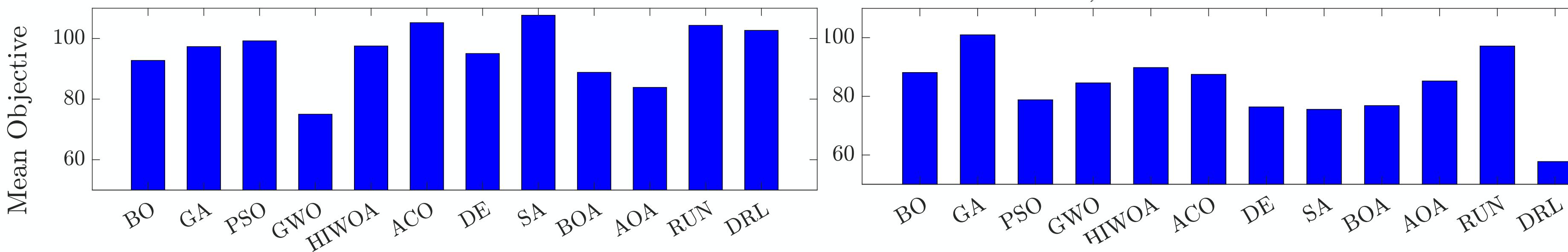


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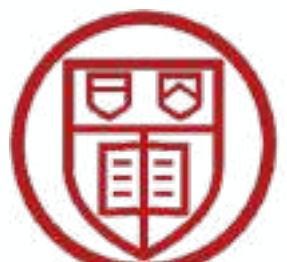
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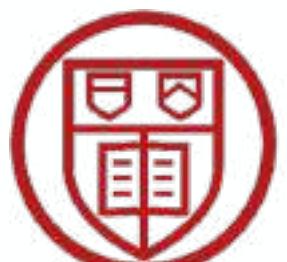
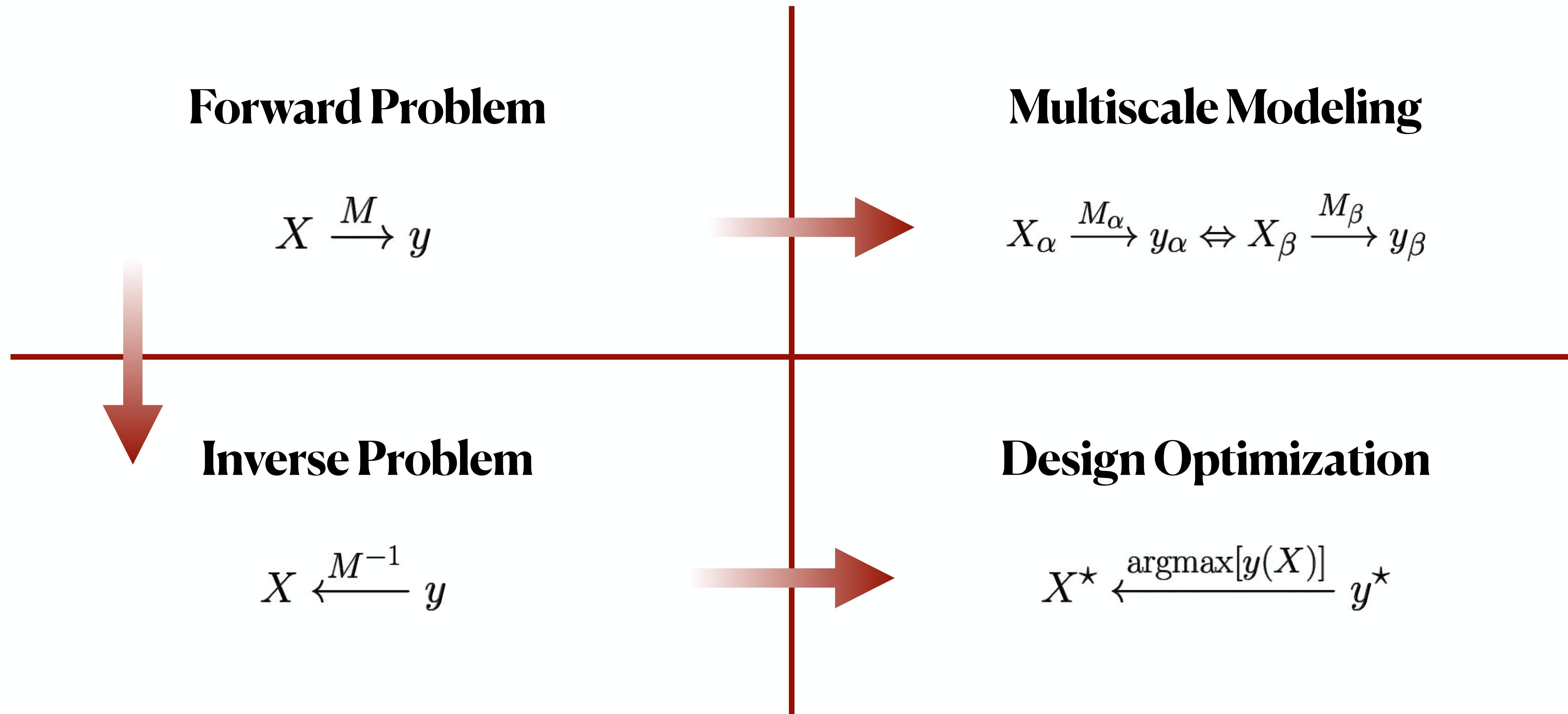
- Cs is the most evaluated material among all the optimization methods.
- Hf<sub>2</sub>InMo is the most evaluated multi-element chemical compound.
- ACO, SA, RUN, and DRL: higher mean objective values for single-element materials;  
GA and RUN: multi-element mat.



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# Outline



- >> hanfengzhai/cornell: We Understand Good Materials.
- >> hanfengzhai/cornell: We Design Good Materials.
- >> hanfengzhai/cornell: We Examine the Design Process.
- >> hanfengzhai/cornell: We Discover Good Materials.

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