



# Bringing Atomistic Modeling in Chemistry and Physics and Machine Learning Together

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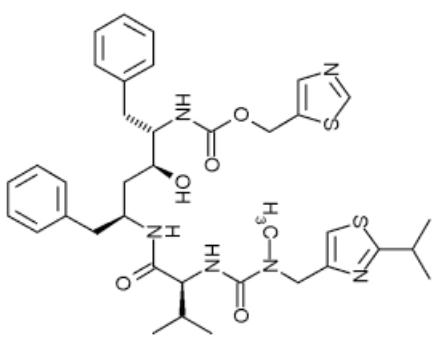
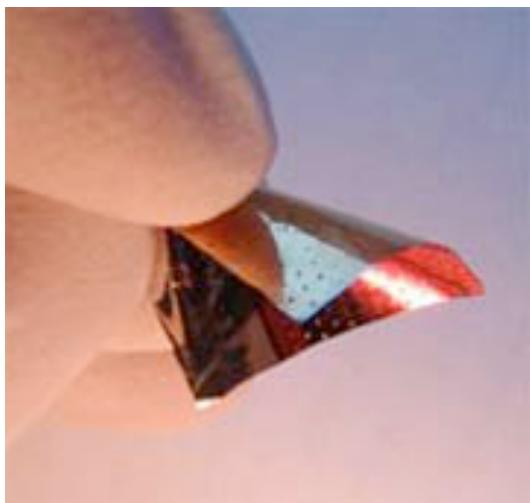
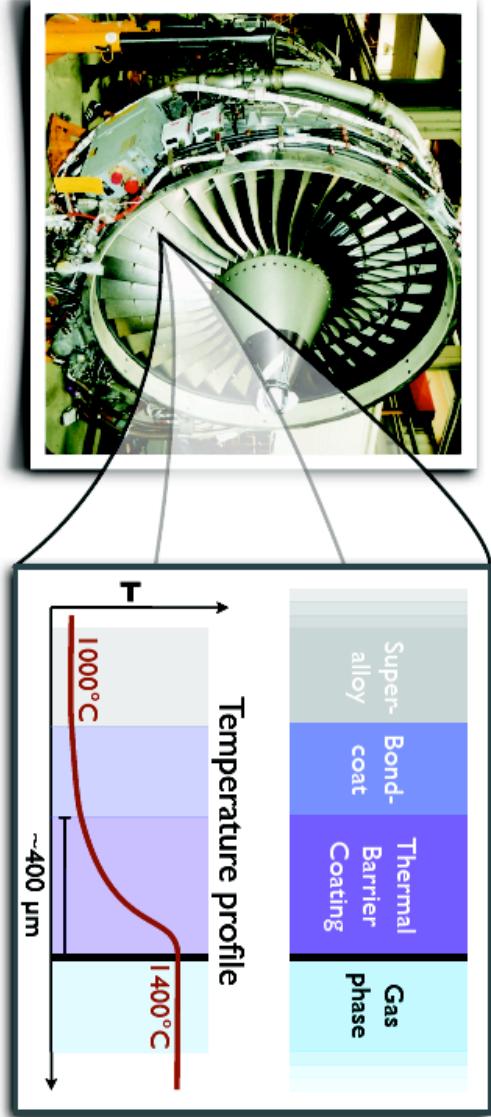
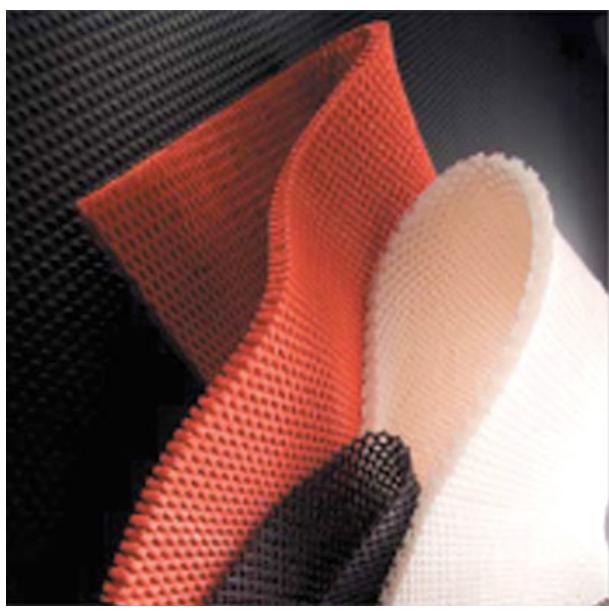
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# Useful text books

- Szabo and Ostlund, *Modern Quantum Chemistry*, Dover 1996
- Parr and Yang, *Density-Functional Theory of Atoms and Molecules*, 1994
- Koch and Holthausen, *A Chemist's Guide to Density Functional Theory*, 2001
- A. J. Stone, *The Theory of Intermolecular Forces*, 1997, 2016
- Wikipedia and Google

# Final goal: Predict properties and functions of useful molecules and materials



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Computational Scientist's  
Dream ...*



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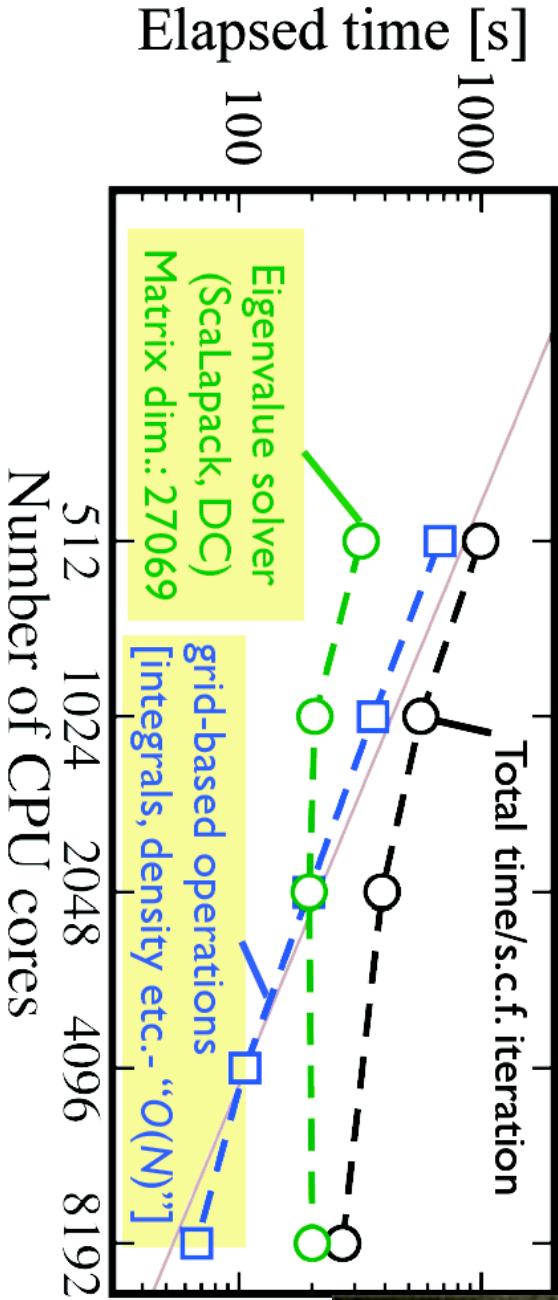
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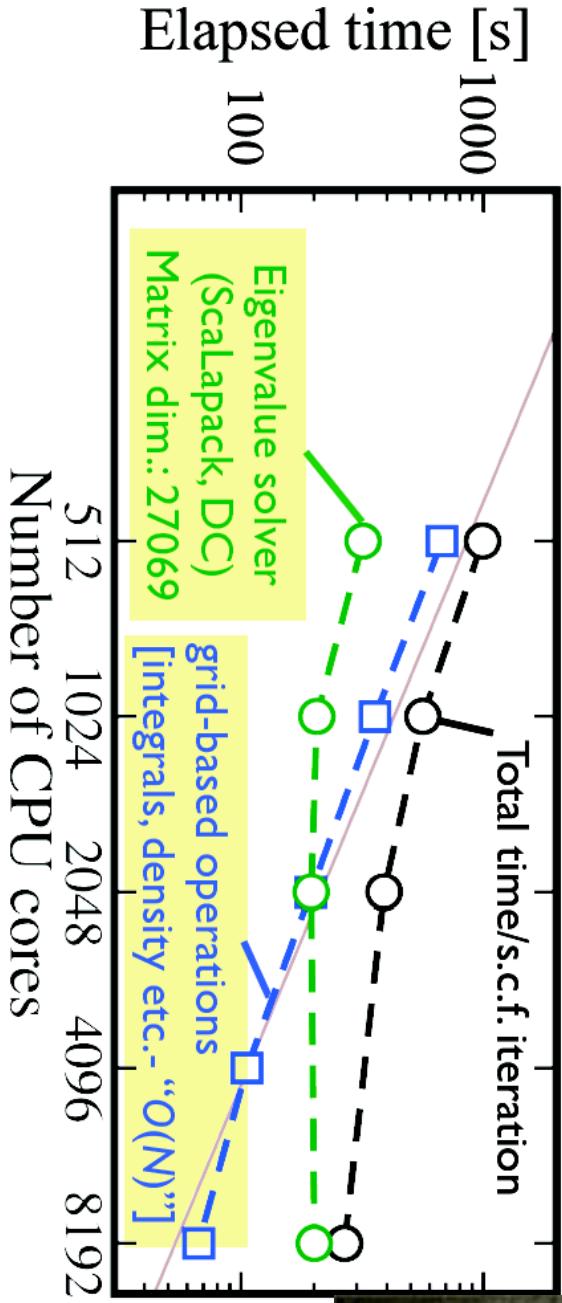
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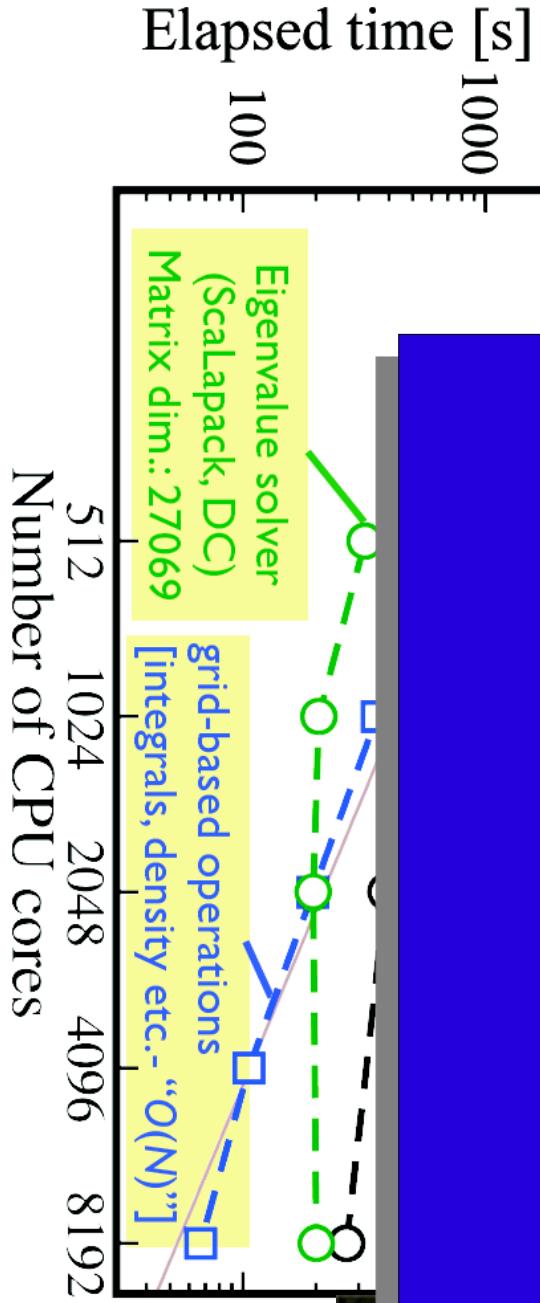
# (Atomistic) Computational Scientist's *Dream ...*



# *(Atom) Comp Dream*

Can we be accurate *and* efficient

(fast) at the same time ?

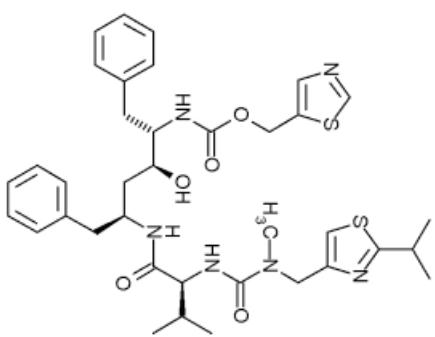
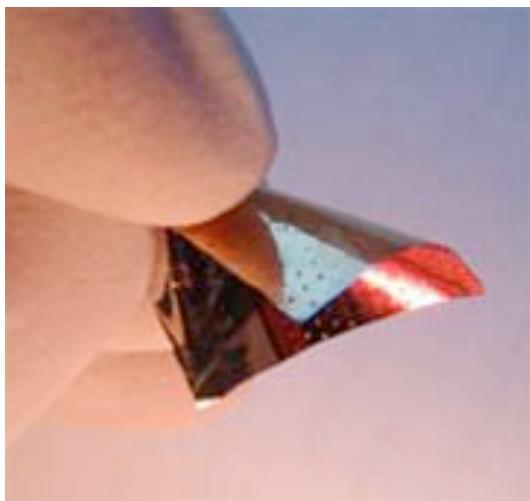
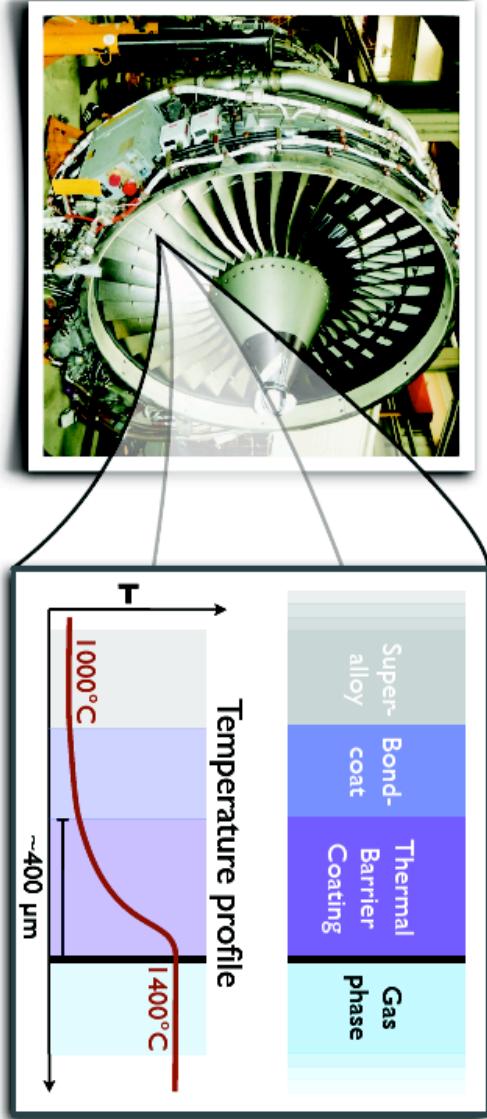
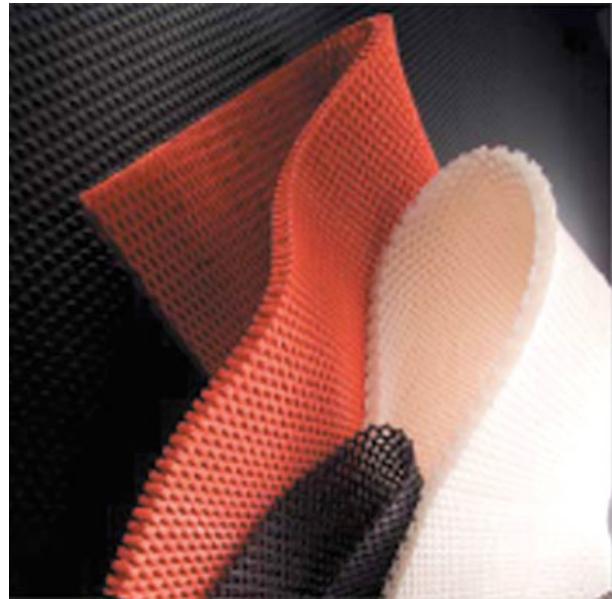


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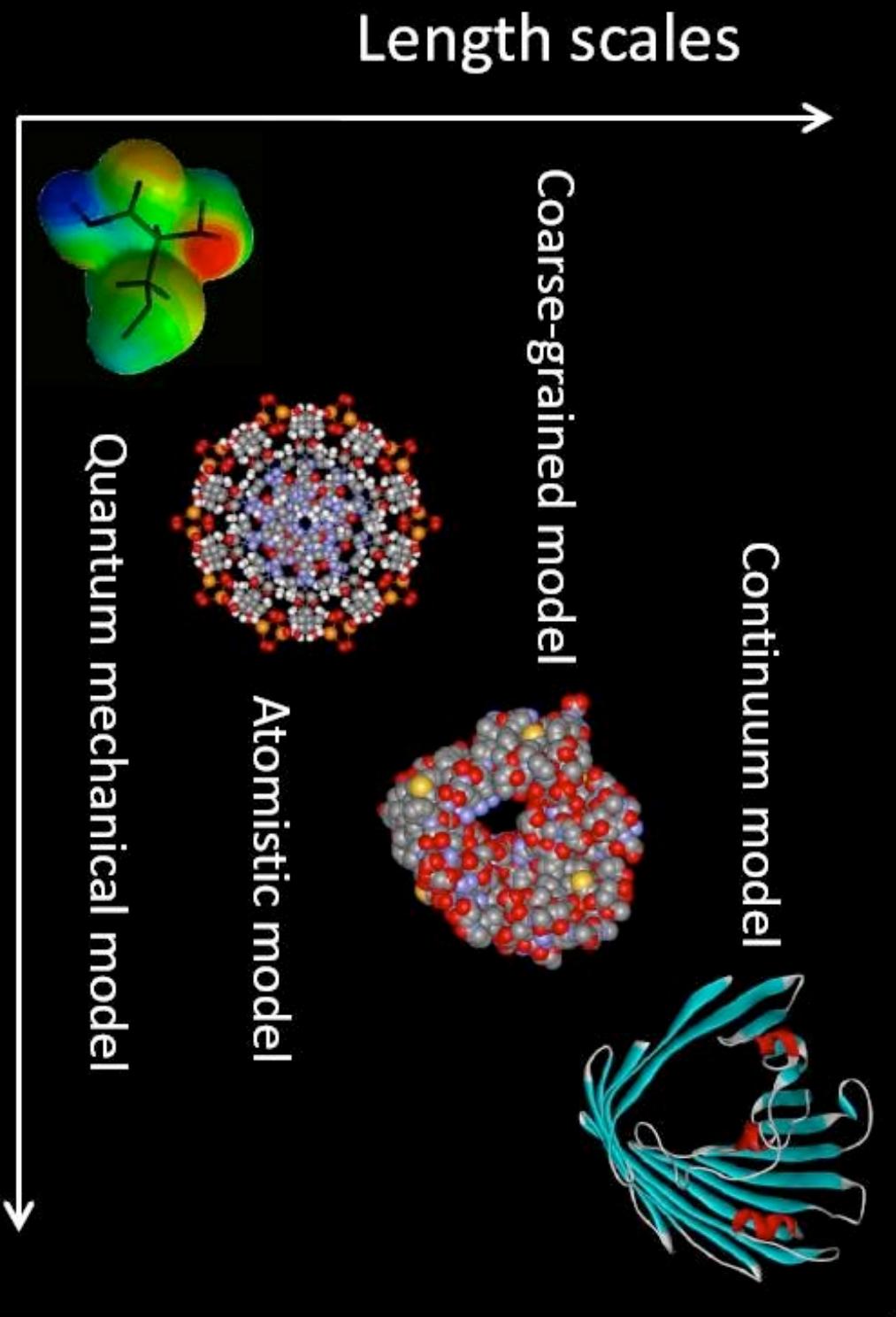
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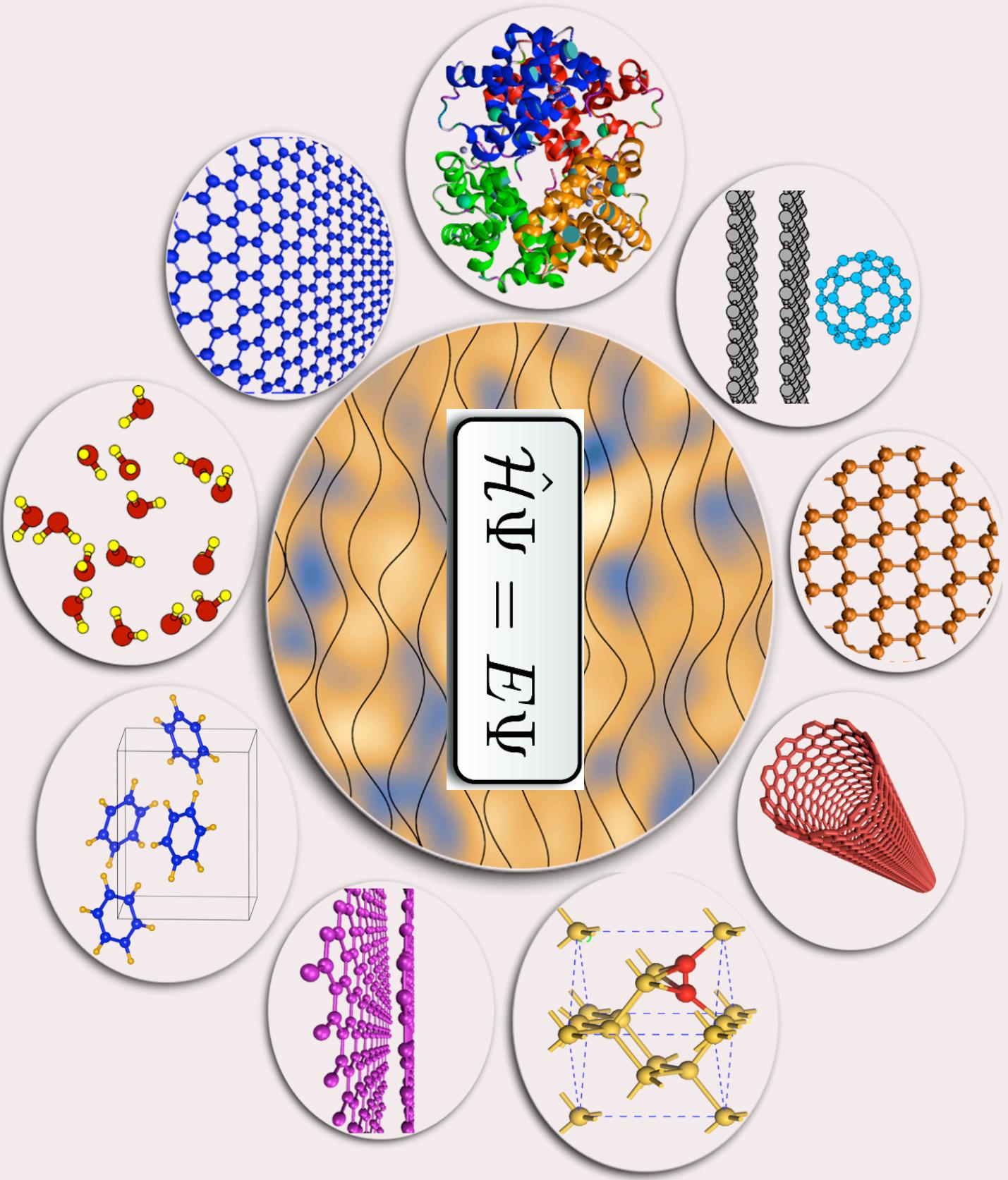
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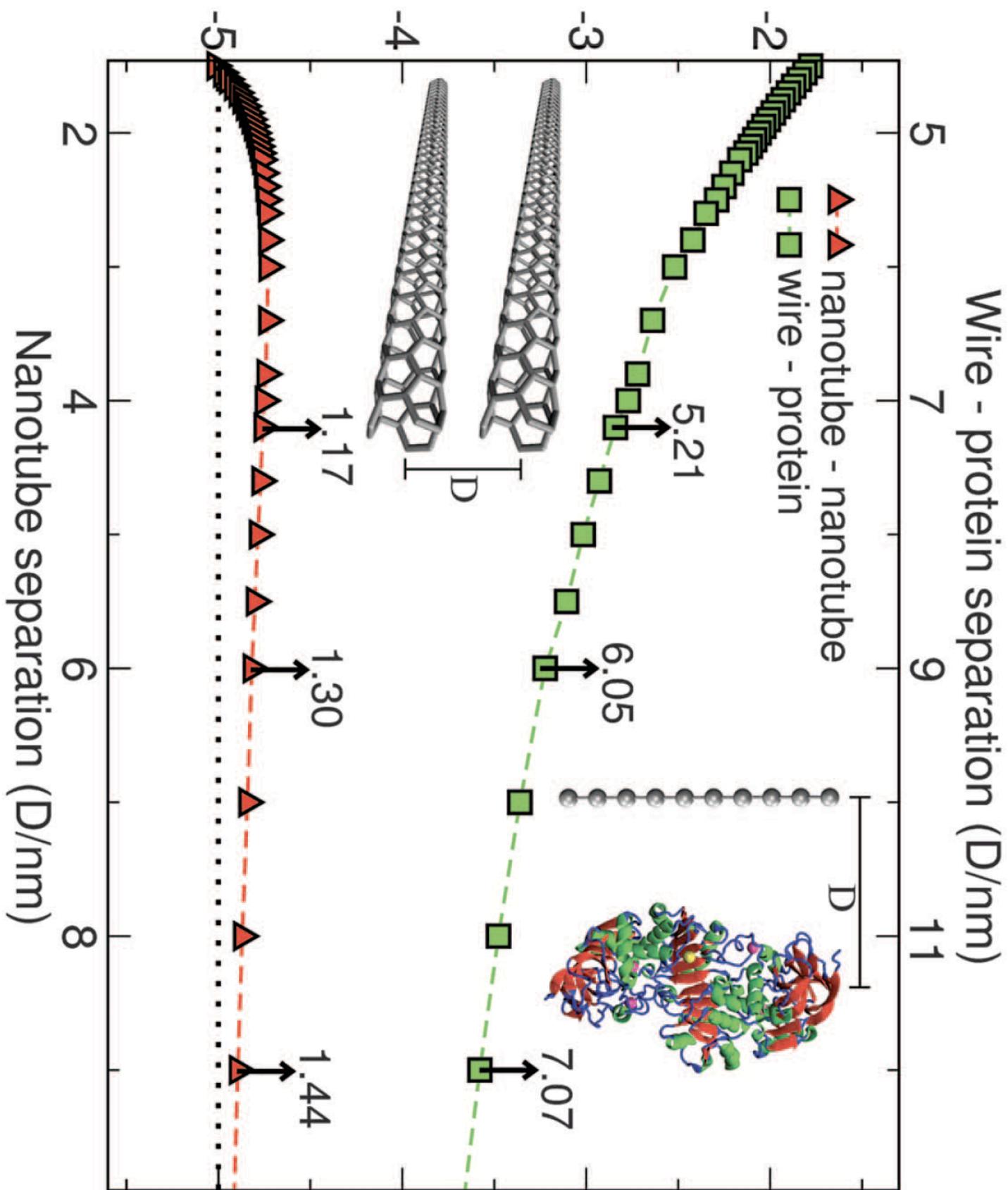


# Quantum Atomistic Modeling: “The Base” of a Multiscale Hierarchy



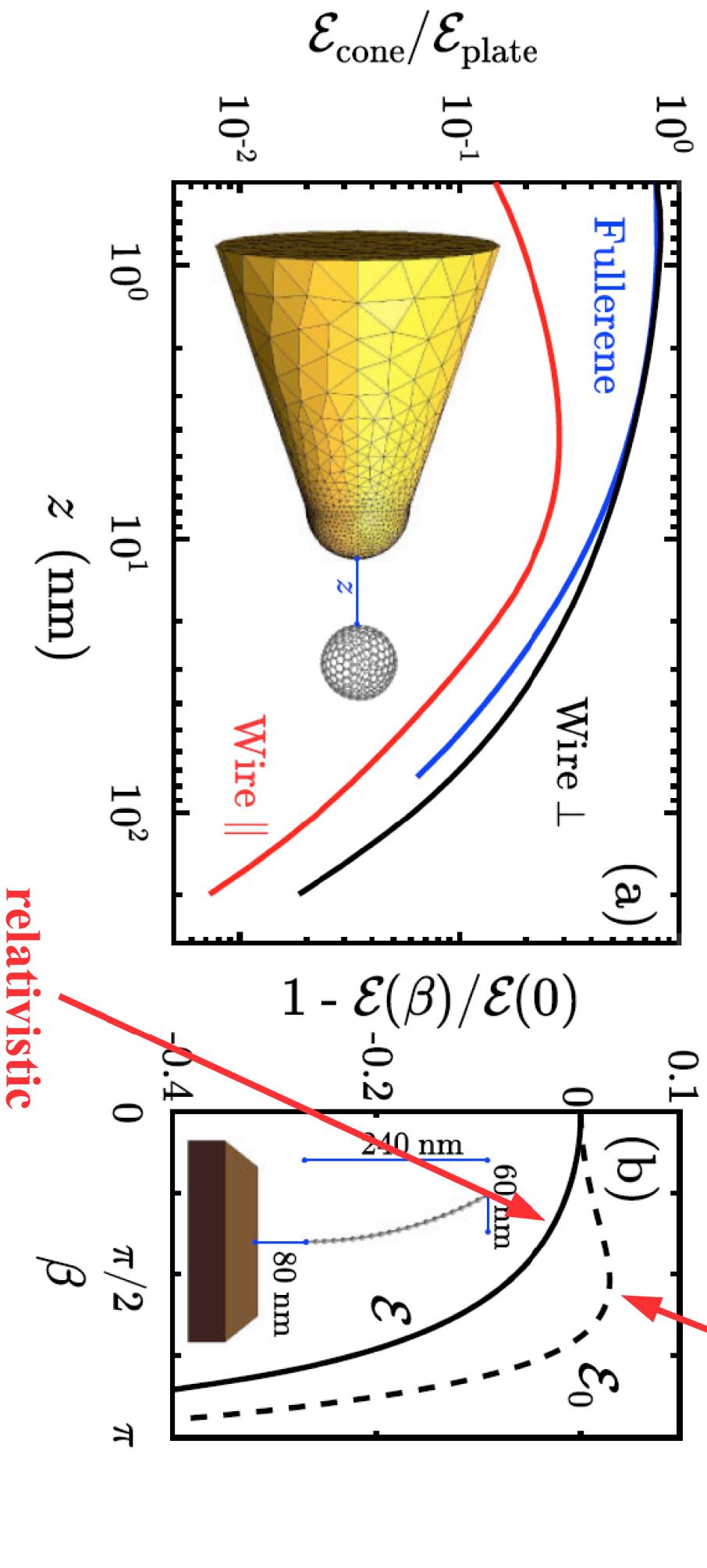


## van der Waals power law exponent



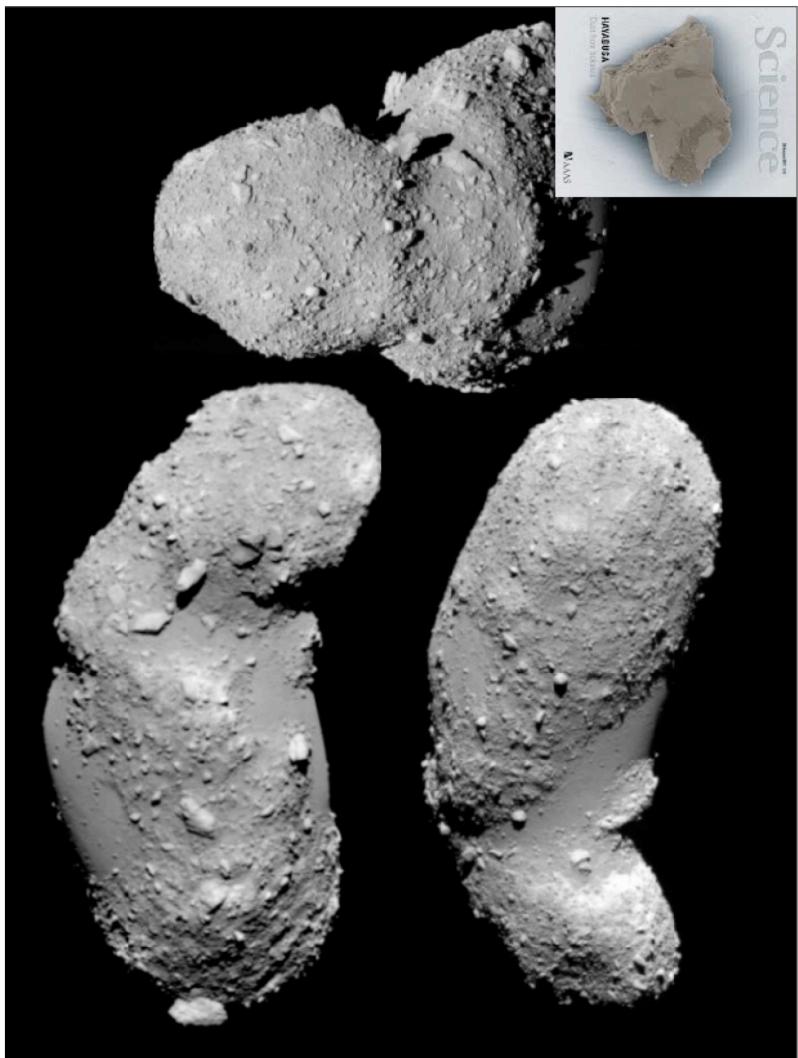
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# Relativistic Quantum Effects at Mesoscopic Scales

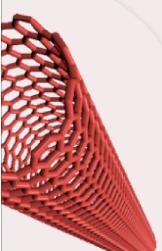
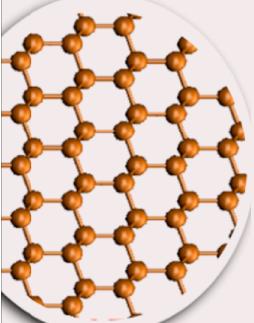
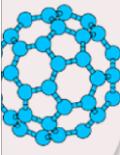
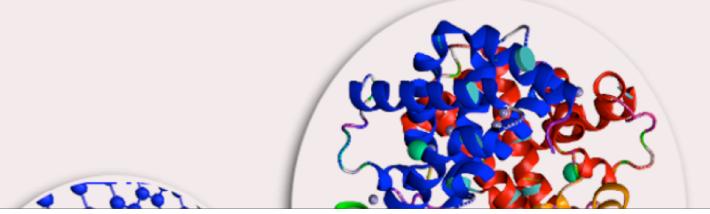
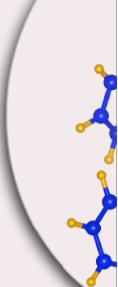
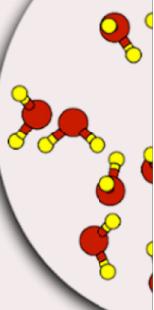


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# QM effects at macroscopic scales:



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# The Schrödinger Equation

For a free particle in free space (vacuum):

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**Caution:** no spin, no relativity, no field-matter interaction (QED), ...

However, for most molecules and materials, this is a **VERY** good approximation.

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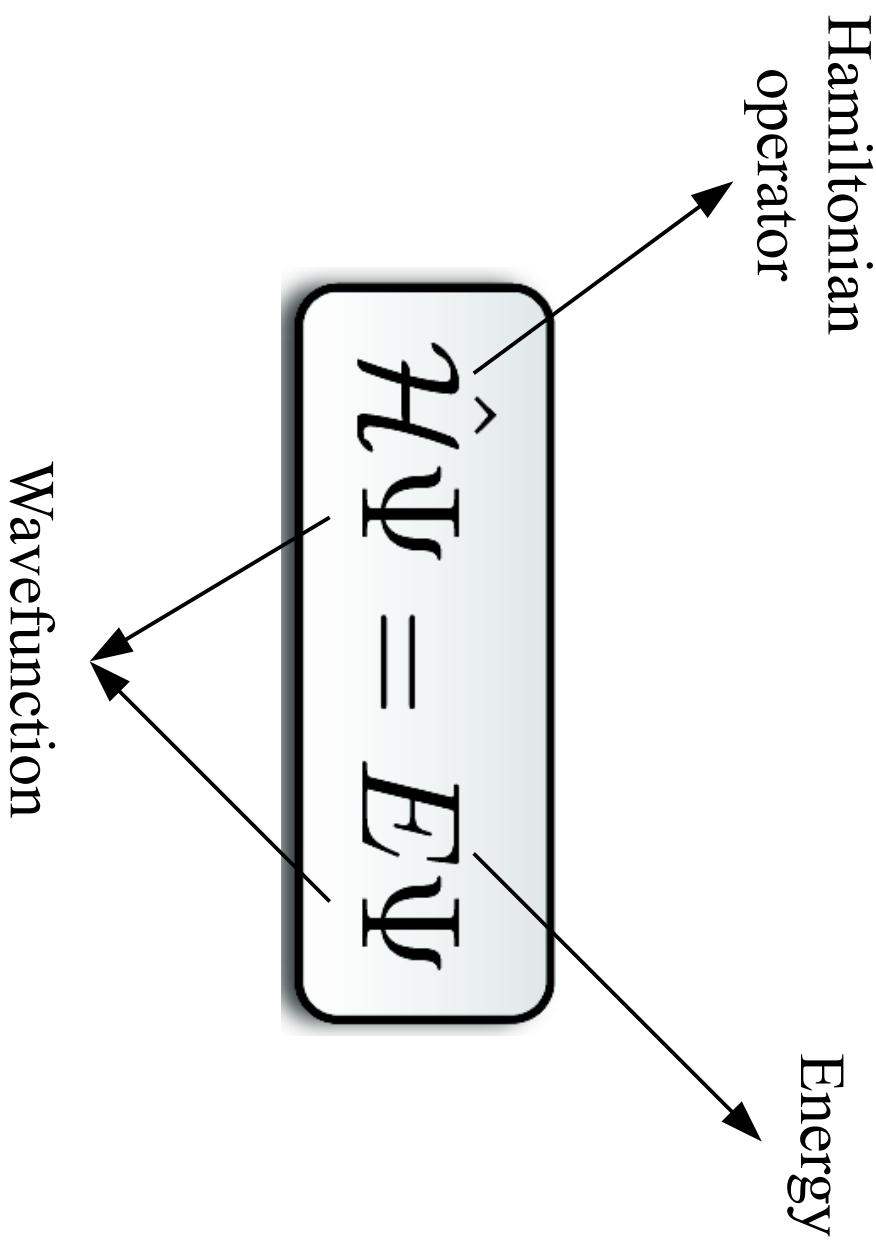
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The density  $|\psi(\mathbf{r}, t)|^2$   
(in this case) is  
time-independent  
and such solution is

$$\psi(\mathbf{r}, t) = \psi(\mathbf{r}) e^{-iEt/\hbar}$$

called a *stationary state*

# The time-independent Schrödinger equation



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$$\hat{H} = T + V$$
$$\hat{H} = \sum_i^N -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla_{\mathbf{r}_i}^2 + V(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2, \dots, \mathbf{r}_N)$$

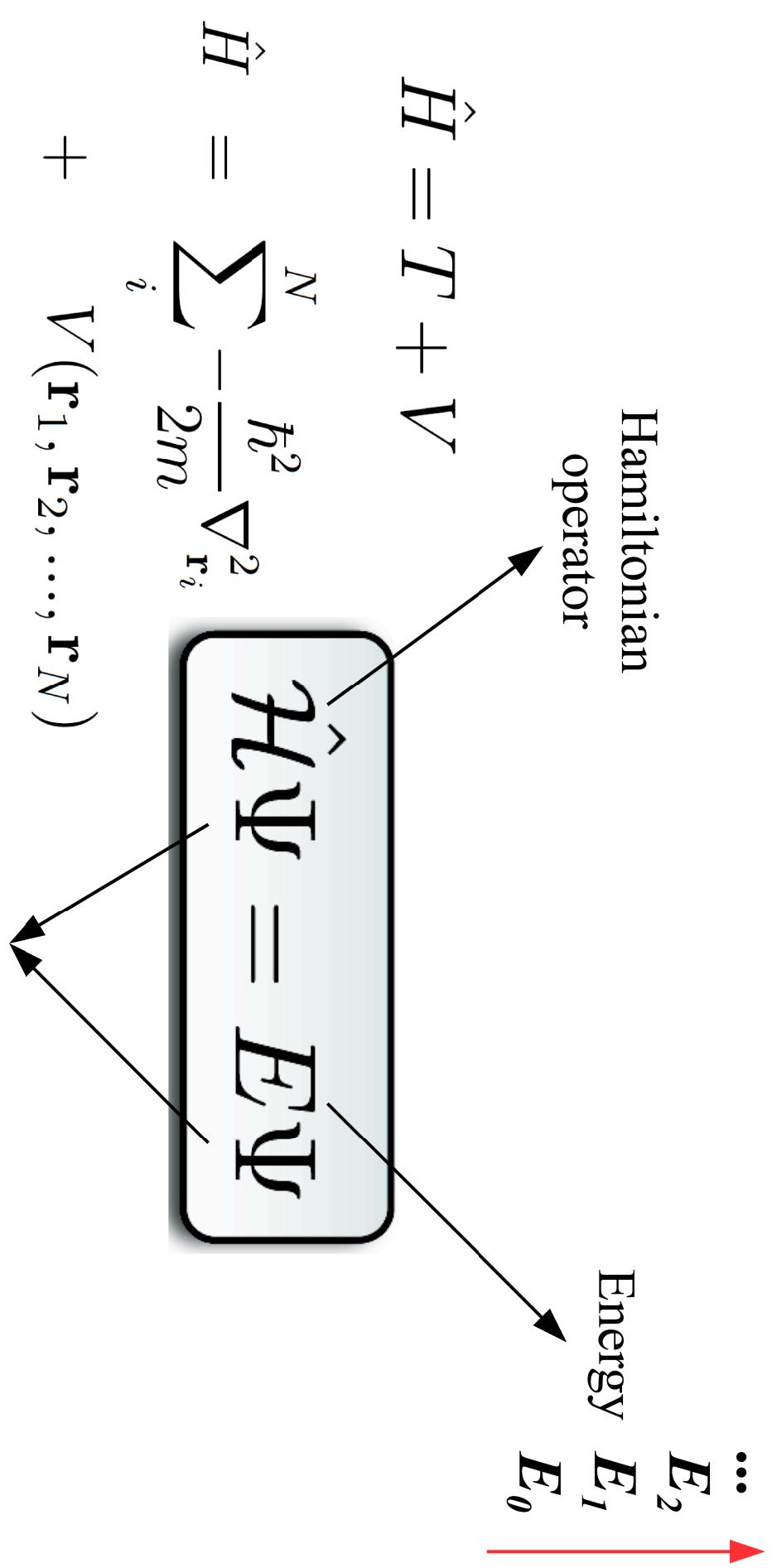
$\hat{\mathcal{H}}\Psi = E\Psi$

Hamiltonian operator

Energy

Wavefunction

# The time-independent Schrödinger equation



$$\Psi_k(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2, \mathbf{r}_3, \dots, \mathbf{R}_1, \mathbf{R}_2, \mathbf{R}_3, \dots)$$

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## Few remarks:

- Wavefunction can be an immensely complex object for  $N$  particles
- Wavefunctions are difficult to interpret. Densities (square of the wavefunction) and other expectations values are typically used for conceptual insights.
- In classical mechanics:  $[T, V] = 0$ . Particle kinetic energies are additive.
- In quantum mechanics:  $[T, V] \neq 0$ . Kinetic energy is non-additive, i.e. has a many-body nature. Energy can be generally expressed as an infinite power series in terms of distances (angles, ...) between particles.

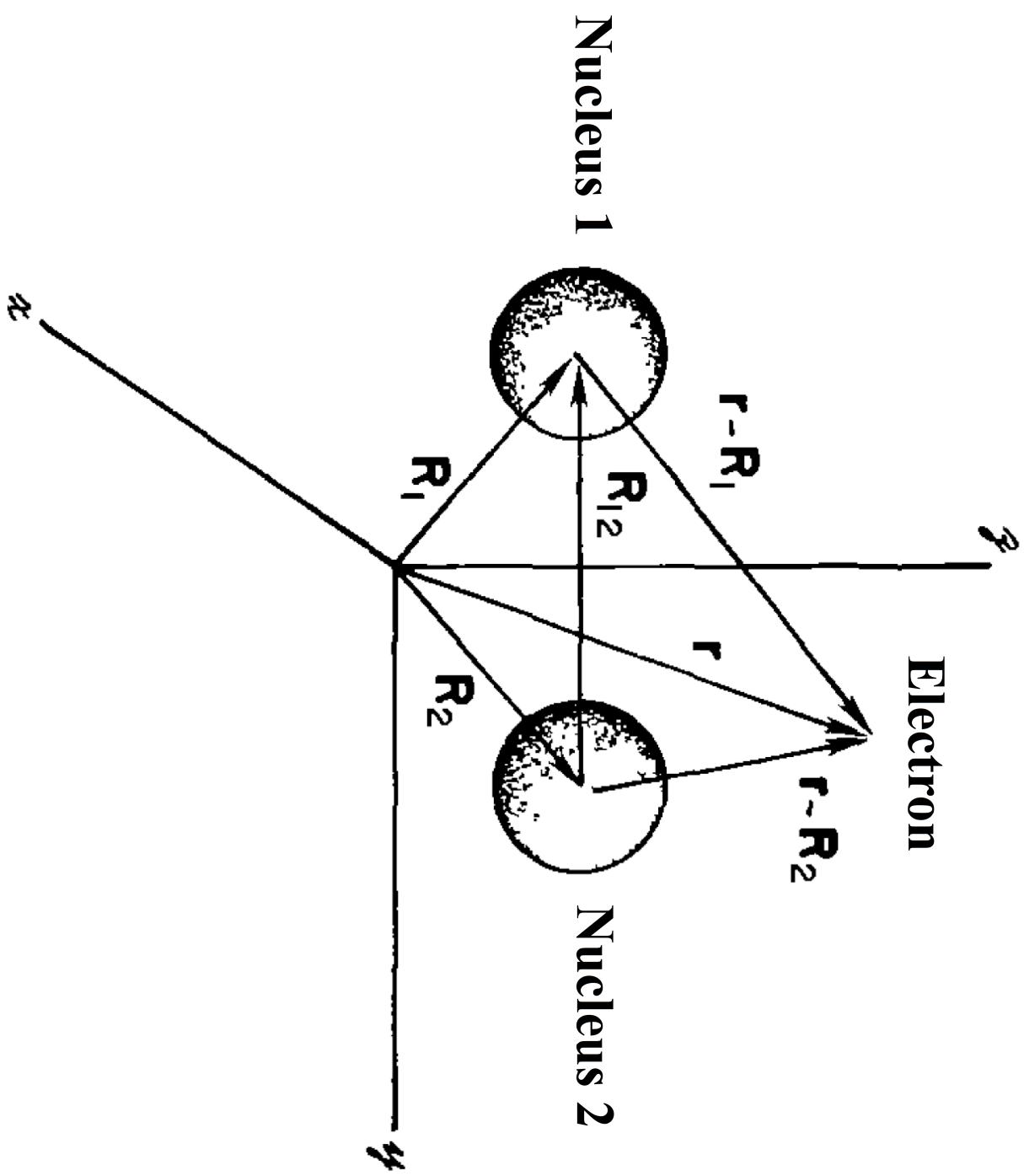
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Exact solutions:

- One particle: free particle, particle in a box, harmonic (and some anharmonic) oscillators, Dirac delta potential, hydrogen atom,  $\text{H}_2^+$ , ...
- Two particles: two non-interacting particles, “harmonium” atom, ...
- Three and more particles: non-interacting particles, effective 1D Hamiltonians (Hubbard model),  $N$  harmonic oscillators coupled with dipole potential, ...
- Most realistic Hamiltonians have no known analytic (or exact numerical) solution. This leads to a zoo of approximations.

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$$\hat{\mathcal{H}} = - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^P \nabla_{\mathbf{r}_i}^2 - \frac{1}{2M_I} \sum_{I=1}^Q \nabla_{\mathbf{R}_I}^2 - \underbrace{\sum_{i=1}^P \sum_{I=1}^Q \frac{Z_I}{|\mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{R}_I|}}_{\text{Electron-Nuclear attraction energy}}$$

$$+ \underbrace{\sum_{i=1}^P \sum_{j>i}^P \frac{1}{|\mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{r}_j|}}_{\text{Electron-Electron repulsion energy}} + \underbrace{\sum_{I=1}^Q \sum_{J>I}^Q \frac{Z_I Z_J}{|\mathbf{R}_I - \mathbf{R}_J|}}_{\text{Nucleus-Nucleus repulsion energy}}$$

# Separating nuclei and electrons: Born-Oppenheimer approximation

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$$\Psi(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2, \mathbf{r}_3, \dots, \mathbf{R}_1, \mathbf{R}_2, \mathbf{R}_3, \dots) =$$

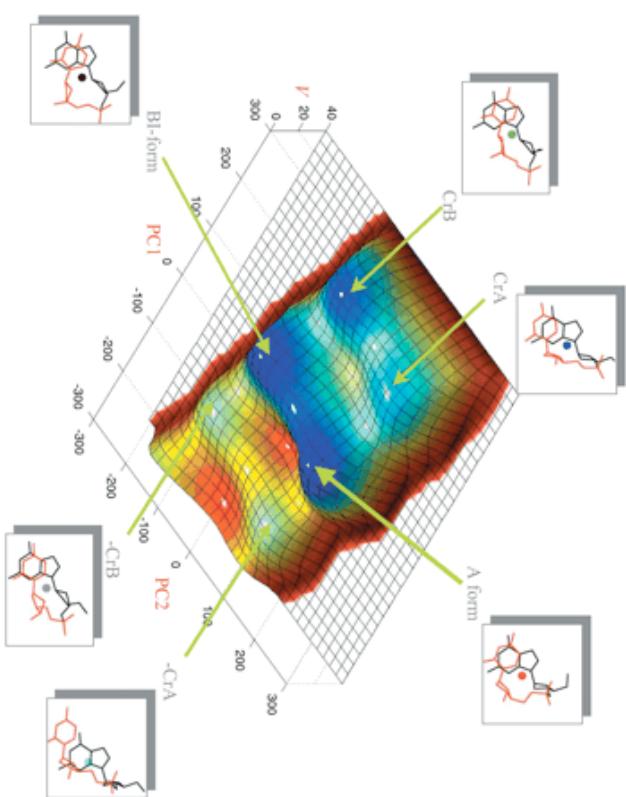
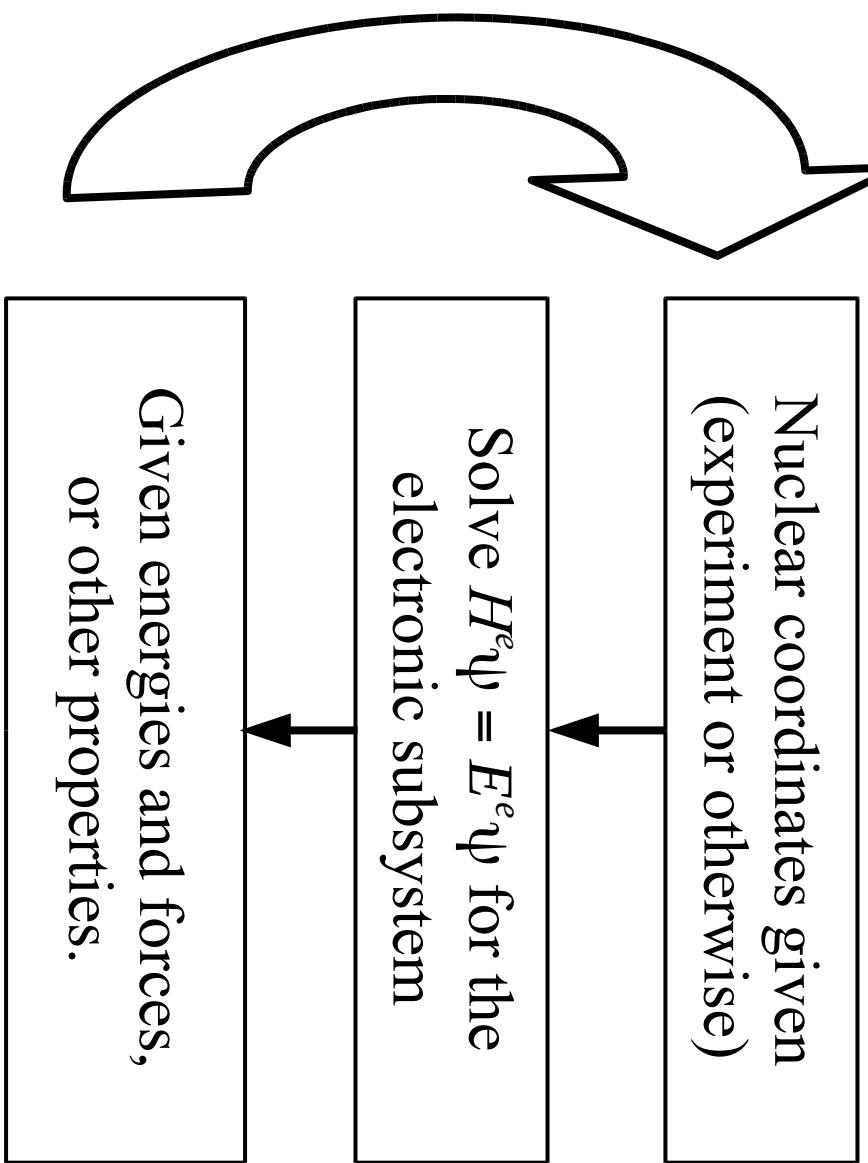
$$\Psi(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2, \mathbf{r}_3, \dots) \Psi(\mathbf{R}_1, \mathbf{R}_2, \mathbf{R}_3, \dots)$$

The wavefunction in  $3(N+M)$  dimensions is split in two wavefunctions with  $3N$  and  $3M$  dimensions.

Most often, the nuclear degrees of freedom  $\mathbf{R}_i$  are treated classically,  
*via* Newton's equations of motion

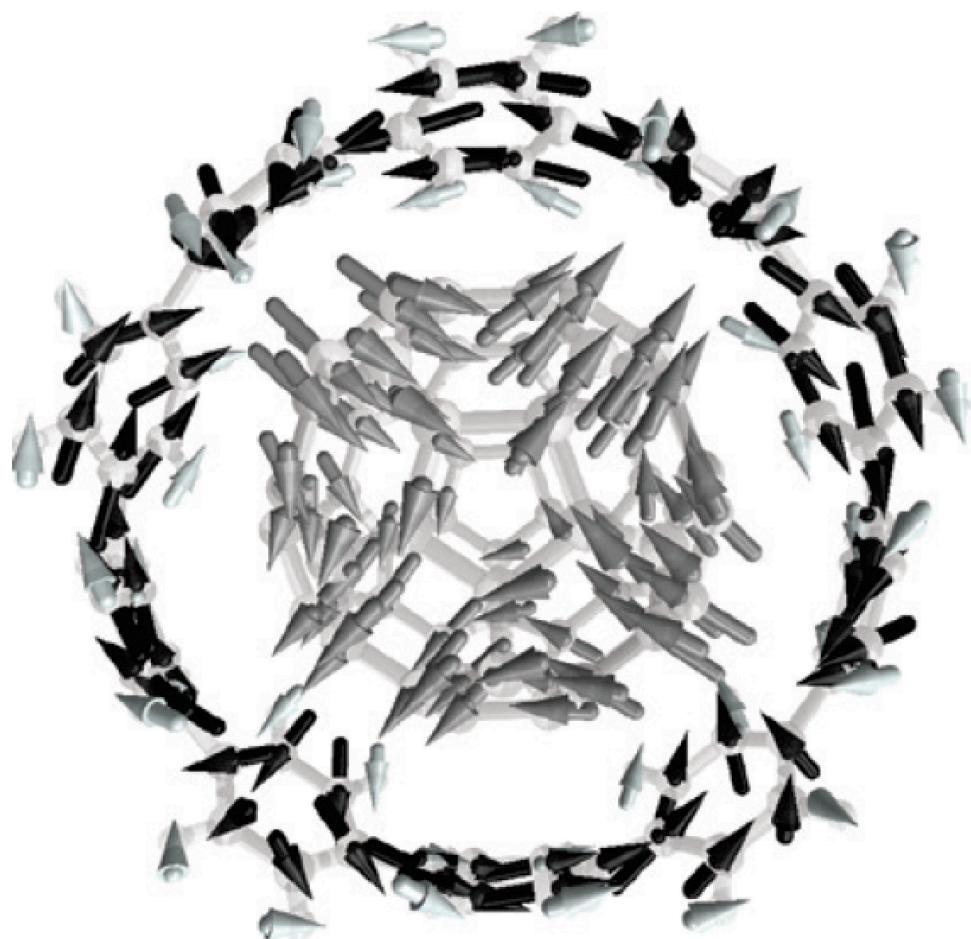
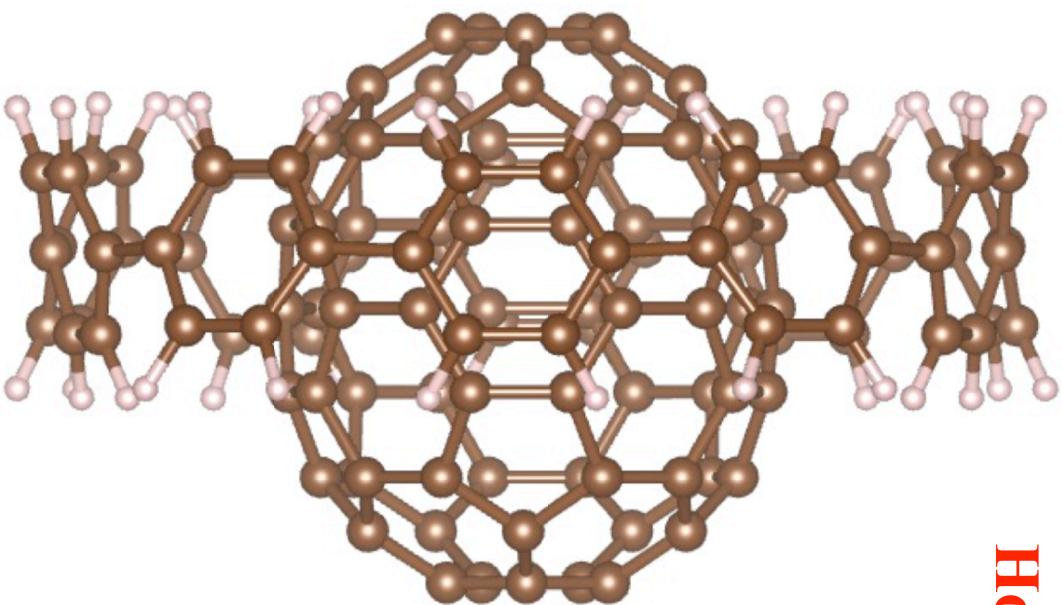
For each  $\{\mathbf{R}_i\}$ , the solution of the electronic Schrödinger equation provides energies/forces, generating a so-called **potential-energy surface** (PES)

# “Standard” electronic structure atomistic modeling procedure



Why is  $\hat{\mathcal{H}}\Psi = E\Psi$  complex? –  
Collective many-particle states

Host-guest chemistry

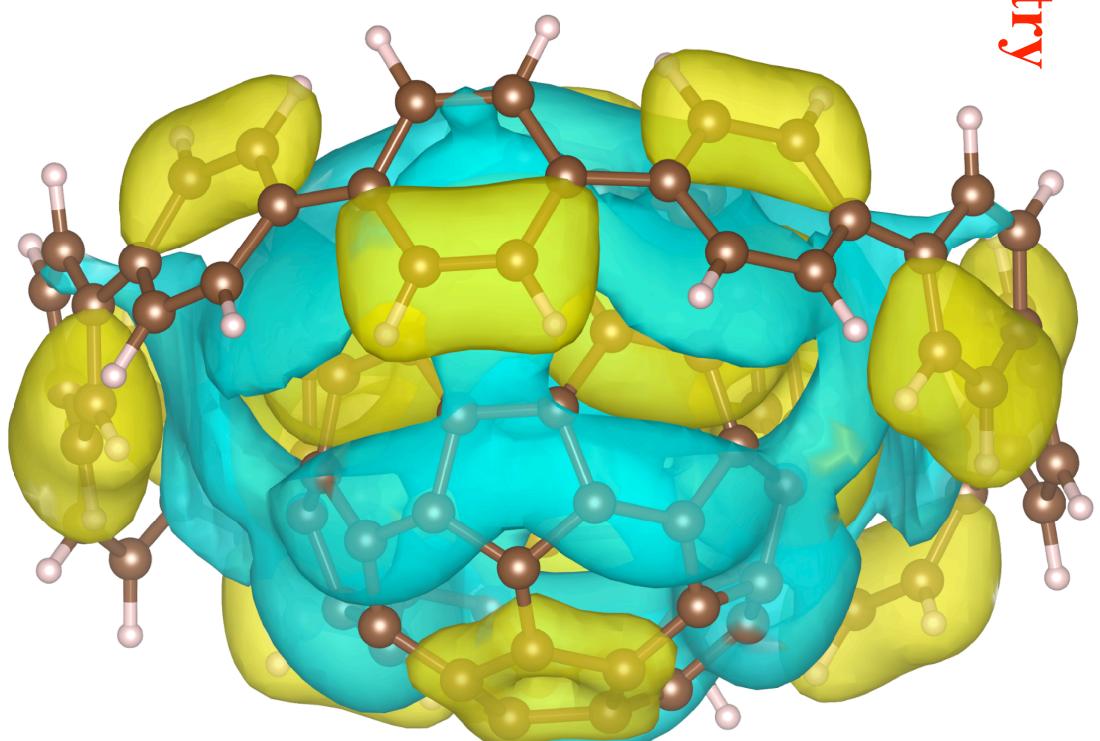


$$\Psi(\vec{r}_1, \vec{r}_2, \vec{r}_3, \dots, \vec{R}_1, \vec{R}_2, \vec{R}_3, \dots)$$

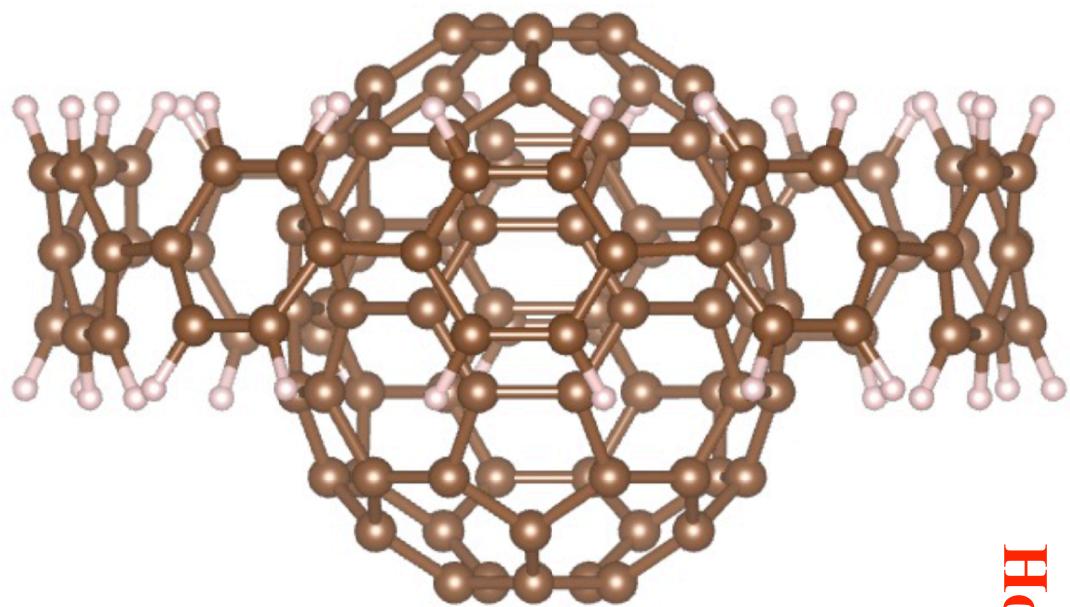
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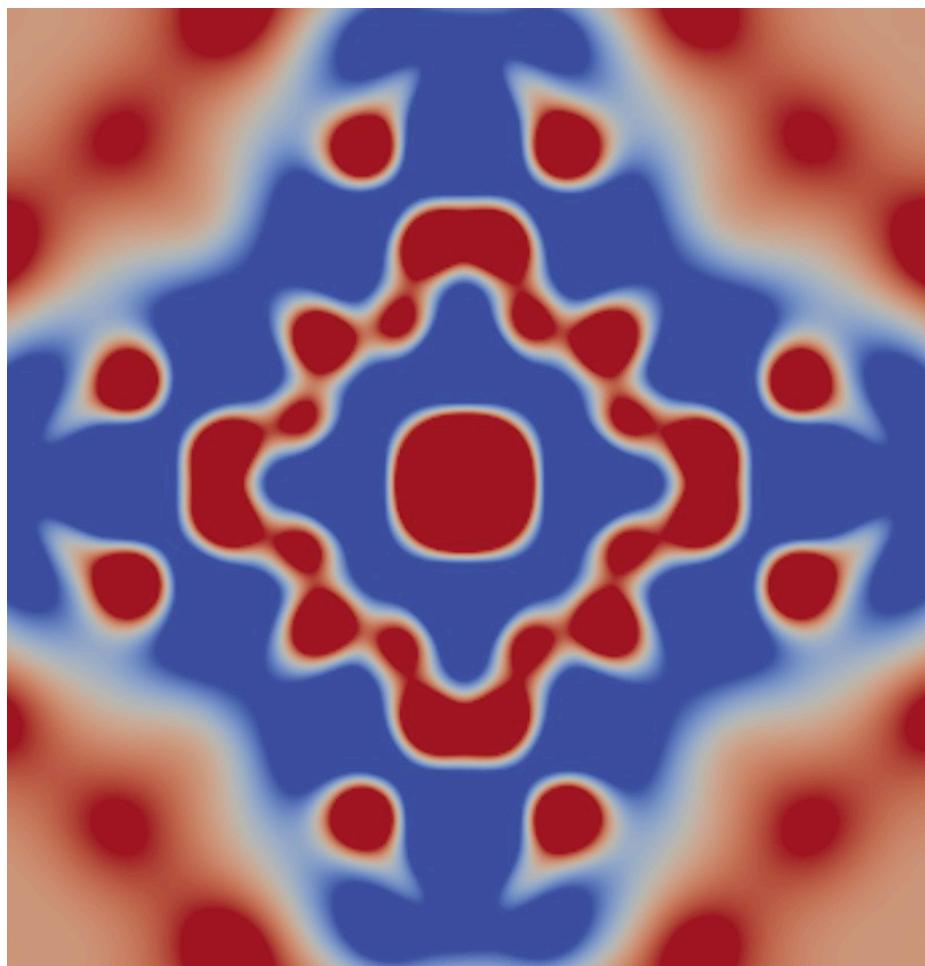
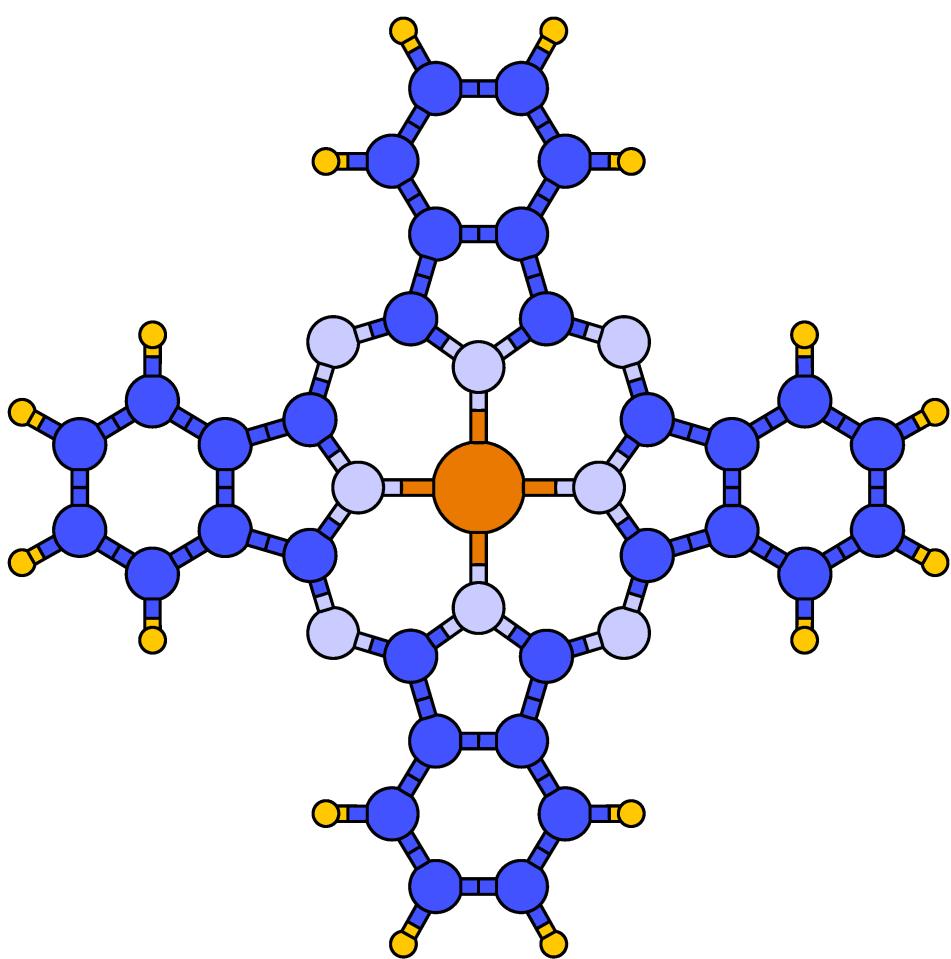


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## Hybrid organic/inorganic systems (CuPc on Ag(100) surface)



$$\Psi(\vec{r}_1, \vec{r}_2, \vec{r}_3, \dots, \vec{R}_1, \vec{R}_2, \vec{R}_3, \dots)$$

# Current state-of-the-art of atomistic modeling

$$H\Psi = E\Psi$$

Accuracy,  
Reliability,  
and  
Predictive  
Power

Full  
CI

Wavefunction

based methods

(MP2, RPA, CCSD(T),...)

Density-functional theory  
with (semi)-local and hybrid functionals

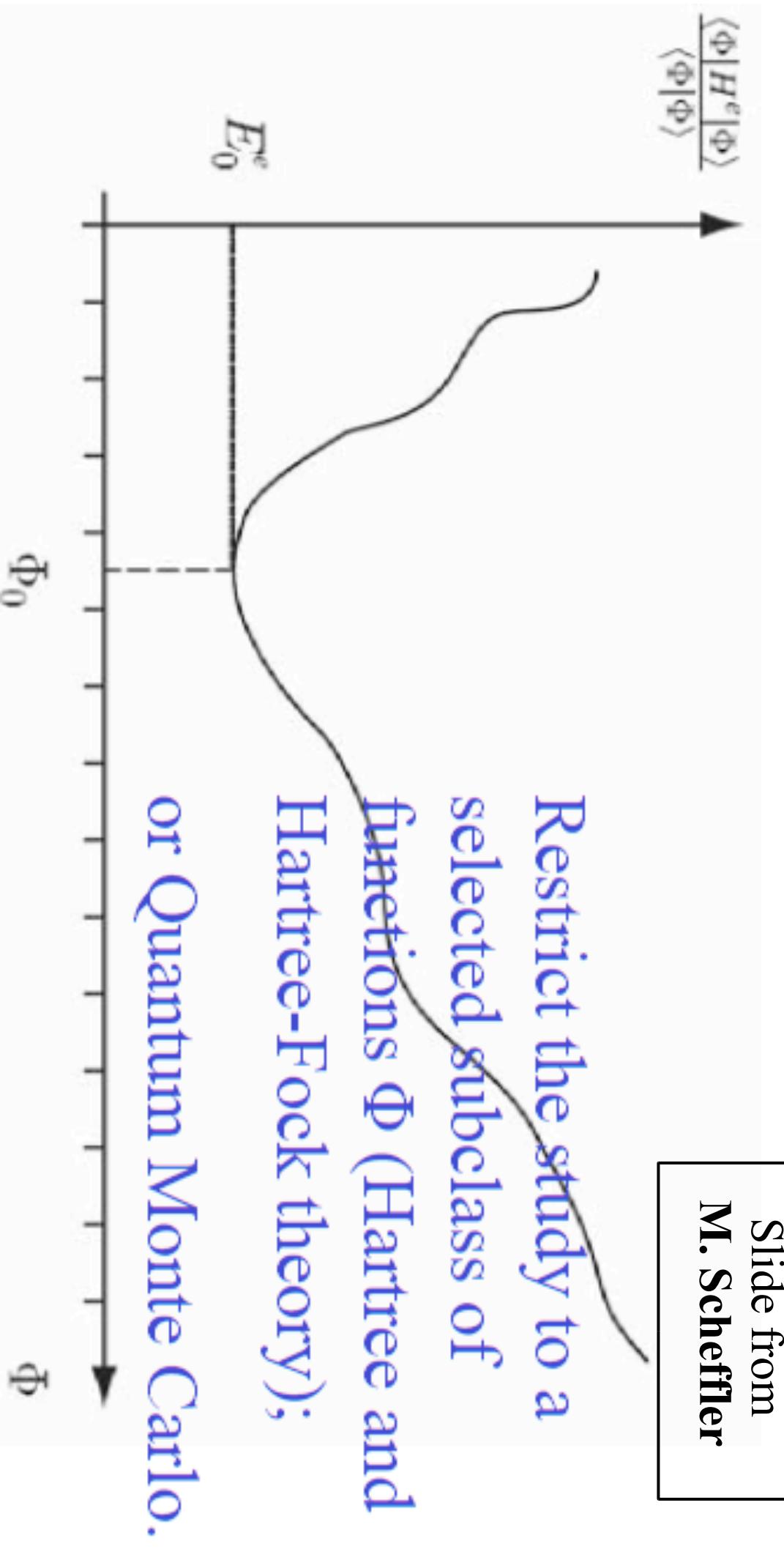
Semi-empirical methods  
(AM1, PM6, CNDO, tight-binding)

Empirical potentials (“force fields”)  
(no explicit electrons)

Computational  
Cost;  
Loss of  
Conceptual  
Understanding?

# Variational principle for wavefunctions

$$H^c = \sum_{k=1}^N -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla_{\mathbf{r}_k}^2 + \sum_{k=1}^N v(\mathbf{r}_k) + \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{4\pi\varepsilon_0} \sum_{\substack{k,k' \\ k \neq k'}} \frac{e^2}{|\mathbf{r}_k - \mathbf{r}_{k'}|}$$



# Hartree theory: product wavefunction

$$\Psi^H(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2, \dots, \mathbf{r}_n) = \phi_1(\mathbf{r}_1)\phi_2(\mathbf{r}_2)\dots\phi_n(\mathbf{r}_n)$$

In general, exact when

$$\hat{H} = \sum_i \hat{h}_i$$

Some many-body problems can be reduced to a Hartree-type wavefunction by using an appropriate coordinate transformation. For example, dipole-coupled harmonic oscillators.

For electrons, Hartree wavefunction misses their correct *Fermionic* nature, i.e. the antisymmetry of the wavefunction to the exchange of two electrons.

$$\Psi(\mathbf{r}_1, \dots, \mathbf{r}_i, \dots, \mathbf{r}_j, \dots, \mathbf{r}_n) = -\Psi(\mathbf{r}_1, \dots, \mathbf{r}_j, \dots, \mathbf{r}_i, \dots, \mathbf{r}_n)$$

# Hartree-Fock theory: orbital determinants

$$\Psi^{\text{HF}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N!}} \begin{vmatrix} \phi_1(\mathbf{r}_1) & \phi_2(\mathbf{r}_1) & \phi_3(\mathbf{r}_1) & \dots & \phi_N(\mathbf{r}_1) \\ \phi_1(\mathbf{r}_2) & \phi_2(\mathbf{r}_2) & \phi_3(\mathbf{r}_2) & \dots & \phi_N(\mathbf{r}_2) \\ \phi_1(\mathbf{r}_3) & \phi_2(\mathbf{r}_3) & \phi_3(\mathbf{r}_3) & \dots & \phi_N(\mathbf{r}_3) \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \phi_1(\mathbf{r}_N) & \phi_2(\mathbf{r}_N) & \phi_3(\mathbf{r}_N) & \dots & \phi_N(\mathbf{r}_N) \end{vmatrix}$$

Minimize (subject to orbital orthonormalization and constant  $N$ ):

$$E_0 = \langle \Psi_0^{\text{HF}} | \hat{\mathcal{H}}_{\text{e}} | \Psi_0^{\text{HF}} \rangle = \langle \Psi_0^{\text{HF}} | \hat{T}_{\text{e}} + \hat{V}_{\text{n-e}} + \hat{V}_{\text{e-e}} | \Psi_0^{\text{HF}} \rangle$$

# Hartree-Fock theory: Solution

**Self-consistent solution:** initialize (atomic) orbitals, solve, find new orbitals, ...

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$$\langle \Psi_0^{\text{HF}} | \hat{\mathcal{H}}_{\text{e}} | \Psi_0^{\text{HF}} \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^N \left[ \int \phi_i^*(\mathbf{r}_i) \left( -\frac{1}{2} \nabla_i^2 + \hat{V}_{\text{n-e}} \right) \phi_i(\mathbf{r}_i) d^3 r_i \right]$$

$$+ \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{i \neq j}^N \int \int \phi_i^*(\mathbf{r}_i) \phi_j^*(\mathbf{r}_j) \frac{1}{|\mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{r}_j|} \phi_i(\mathbf{r}_i) \phi_j(\mathbf{r}_j) d^3 r_i d^3 r_j$$

$E_{\text{Hartree}}$

$$- \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{i \neq j}^N \int \int \phi_i^*(\mathbf{r}_j) \phi_j^*(\mathbf{r}_i) \frac{1}{|\mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{r}_j|} \phi_i(\mathbf{r}_i) \phi_j(\mathbf{r}_j) d^3 r_i d^3 r_j$$

$E_{\text{X}}$

# Hartree-Fock theory: Remarks

- Captures > 98% of the electronic energy
- The missing energy from the Hartree-Fock solution is called the electronic *correlation energy*. The correlation energy is negative (stabilizing) by definition.
- Hartree-Fock is the base for so-called post-HF quantum-chemical approaches, including Moller-Plesset perturbation theory, coupled cluster theory, configuration interactions, random-phase approximation, HF-based quantum Monte Carlo, ...
- HF is still an effective single-particle theory, amenable to conceptual analysis and insights:

$$\hat{F}_i \phi_i = \epsilon_i \phi_i$$

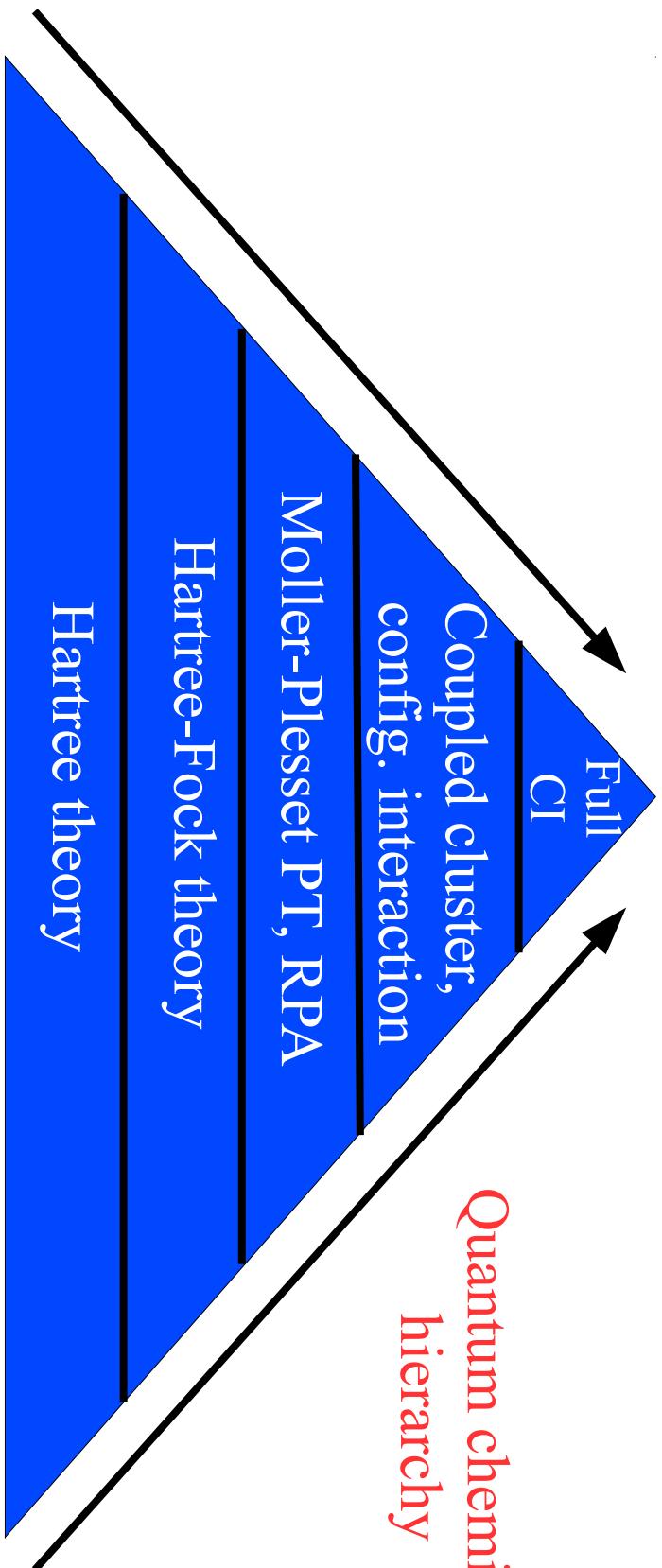
Fock operator    orbitals    orbital energies

# Beyond Hartee-Fock theory: Taming electron correlation

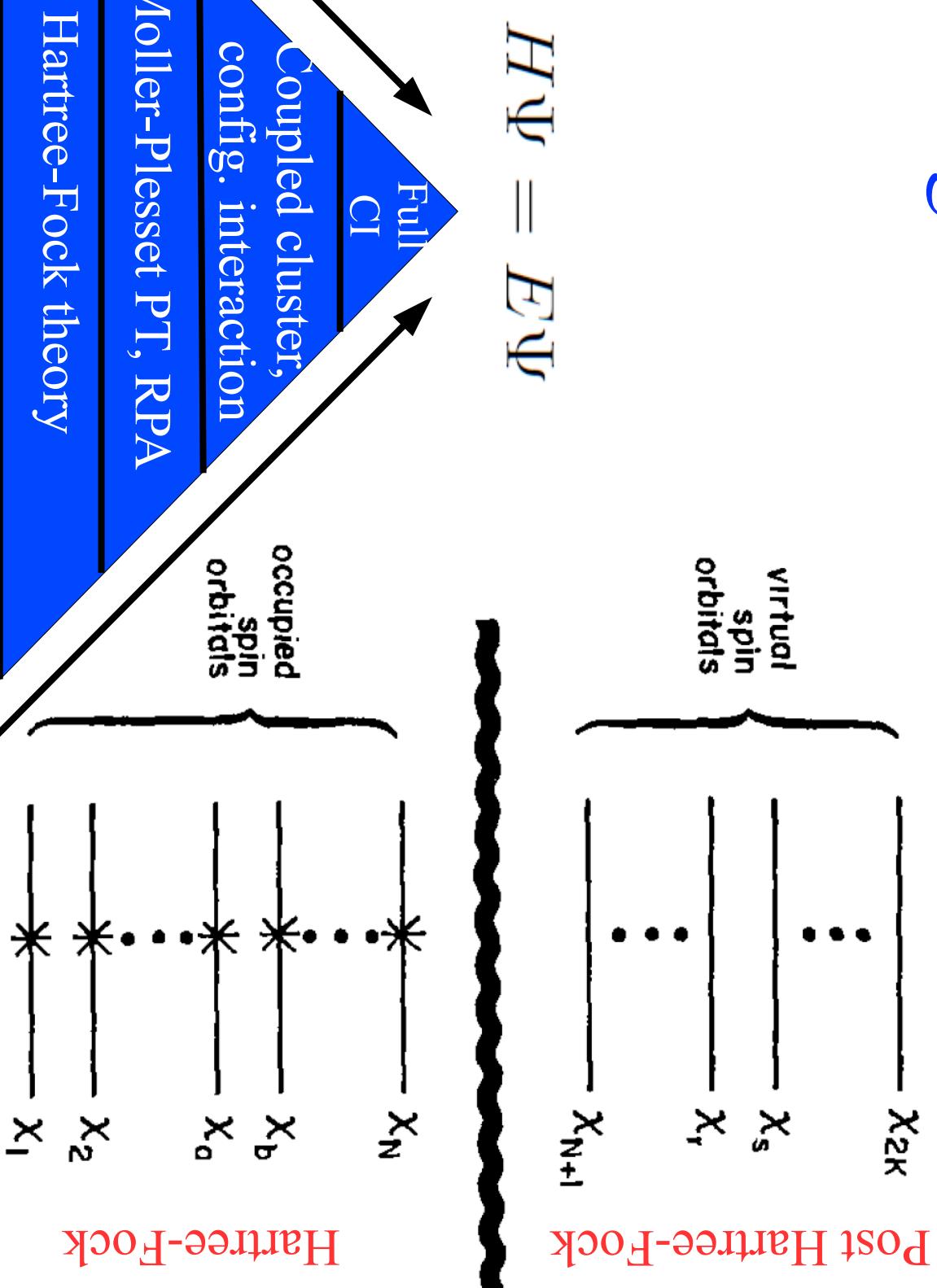
$E_{corr}^e = E^e - E_{HF}^e$   
Small ( $\sim 1\text{-}2\%$ ), but fundamental part  
of electronic energy. Responsible for  
van der Waals interactions and cohesion  
in a wide range of molecules and materials

$$H\Psi = E\Psi$$

Quantum chemistry  
hierarchy



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# Moller-Plesset perturbation theory

$$\hat{\mathcal{H}}' = \hat{\mathcal{H}}_e - \sum_i^N \hat{\mathcal{F}}_i = \sum_{i,j;i < j} \frac{1}{|\mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{r}_j|} - \sum_i [v^H(\mathbf{r}_i) - v^X(\mathbf{r}_i)]$$



$$E^{\text{MP2}} = E_{\text{HF}} + \frac{1}{4} \sum_{ijab} \frac{|\langle ij || ab \rangle|^2}{\epsilon_i + \epsilon_j - \epsilon_a - \epsilon_b}$$

$$\langle ij | ab \rangle = \int \int \frac{\phi_i^*(\mathbf{r}) \phi_j^*(\mathbf{r}') \phi_a^*(\mathbf{r}) \phi_b^*(\mathbf{r}')}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|} d^3 r d^3 r'$$

# Coupled-cluster theory

$$\Psi_{CC} = e^{\hat{T}} \Psi_0 = \left( 1 + \hat{T} + \frac{\hat{T}^2}{2!} + \frac{\hat{T}^3}{3!} + \dots \right) \Psi_0$$

$$\hat{T} = \hat{T}_1 + \hat{T}_2 + \hat{T}_3 + \dots$$

$$\hat{T}_1 \Psi_0 = \sum_i^{\text{occ.}} \sum_a^{\text{unocc.}} t_i^a \Psi_i^a$$

$$\hat{T}_2 \Psi_0 = \sum_{ij}^{\text{occ. unocc.}} \sum_{ab} t_{ij}^{ab} \Psi_{ij}^{ab}$$

$$\hat{T}_3 \Psi_0 = \sum_{ijk}^{\text{occ. unocc.}} \sum_{abc} t_{ijk}^{abc} \Psi_{ijk}^{abc}$$

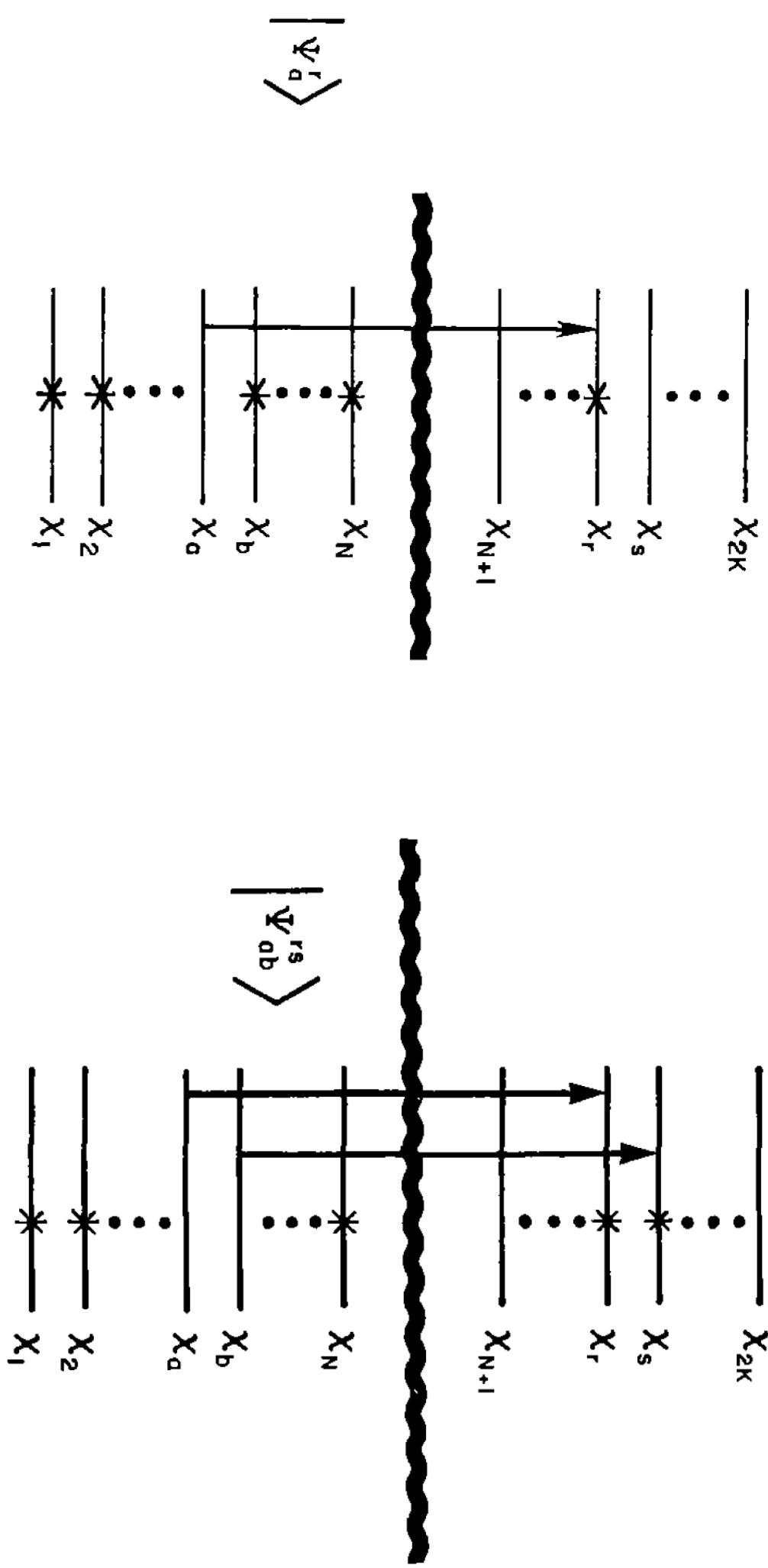
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# Coupled-cluster theory

$$e^{\hat{T}} = 1 + \hat{T}_1 + \left( \hat{T}_2 + \frac{\hat{T}_1^2}{2} \right) + \left( \hat{T}_3 + \hat{T}_1 \hat{T}_2 + \frac{\hat{T}_1^3}{6} \right) + \\ \left( \hat{T}_4 + \hat{T}_3 \hat{T}_1 + \frac{\hat{T}_2^2}{2} + \frac{\hat{T}_2 \hat{T}_1^2}{2} + \frac{\hat{T}_1^4}{48} \right) + \dots$$

$$E^{\text{CC}} = \langle \Psi_0 | e^{-\hat{T}} \hat{\mathcal{H}} e^{\hat{T}} | \Psi_0 \rangle$$

# Configuration interaction (CI)



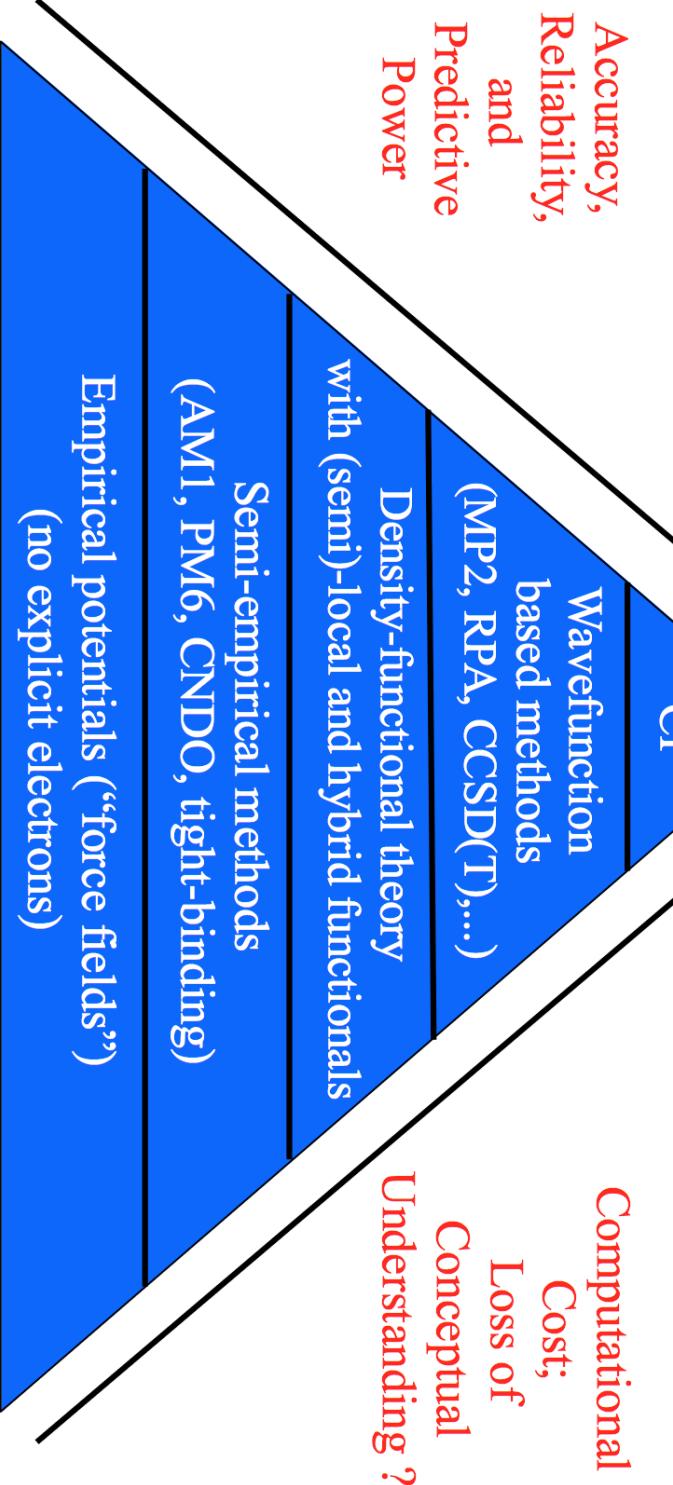
# Post-Hartree-Fock methods: Summary

- Electronic exchange and correlation are purely quantum-mechanical phenomena (absent in classical mechanics)
- Hartree-Fock describes exchange (or antisymmetry of the wavefunction to exchange of two electrons), but has no correlation
- Electron correlation is difficult to calculate accurately: MP2/3 theory gets 90% of correlation, CCSD(T) gets 98%.
- MP2 scales as  $N^5$ , CCSD as  $N^6$ , CCSD(T) as  $N^7$
- CI (in a converged basis) is exact, but VERY expensive, exponentially scaling, and essentially a “dumb” brute force method.
- Some newer methods exploit sparsity in the many-electron wavefunction or derive model Hamiltonians, hopefully with minimal empiricism.
- Post HF methods obey the variational principle: Lower energy = better wavefunction.

# Is $\Psi$ absolutely essential ?

## Density-functional theory of nucleo-electronic systems

$$H\Psi = E\Psi$$

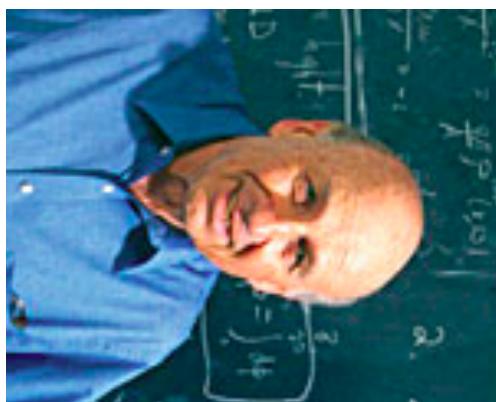


# Density-functional theory (DFT)

$$\Psi(\vec{r}_1, \vec{r}_2, \vec{r}_3, \dots, \vec{r}_n)$$



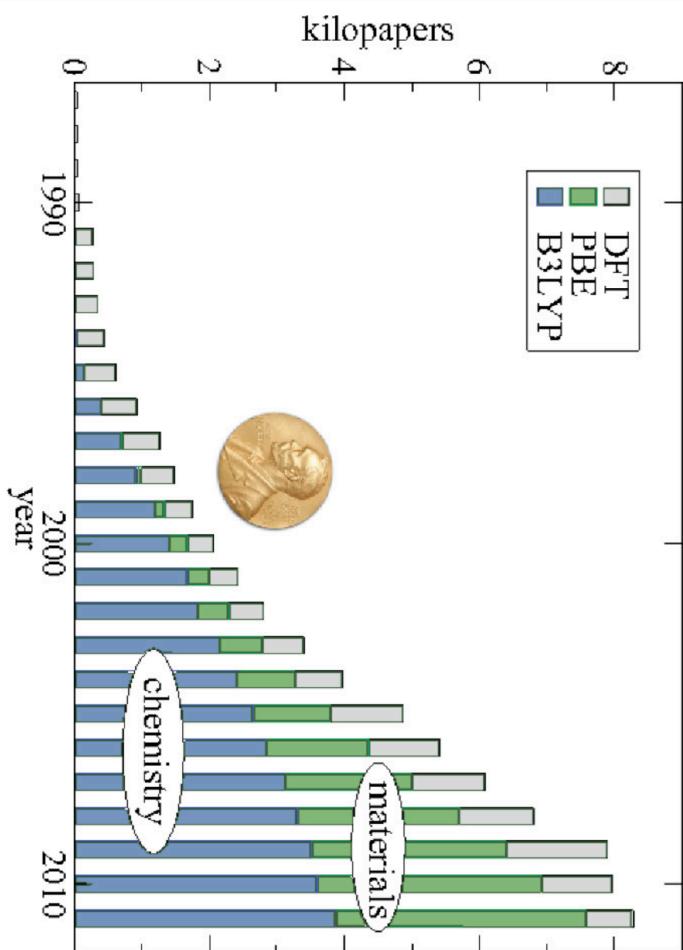
$n(\vec{r})$  or  
 $\rho(\vec{r})$



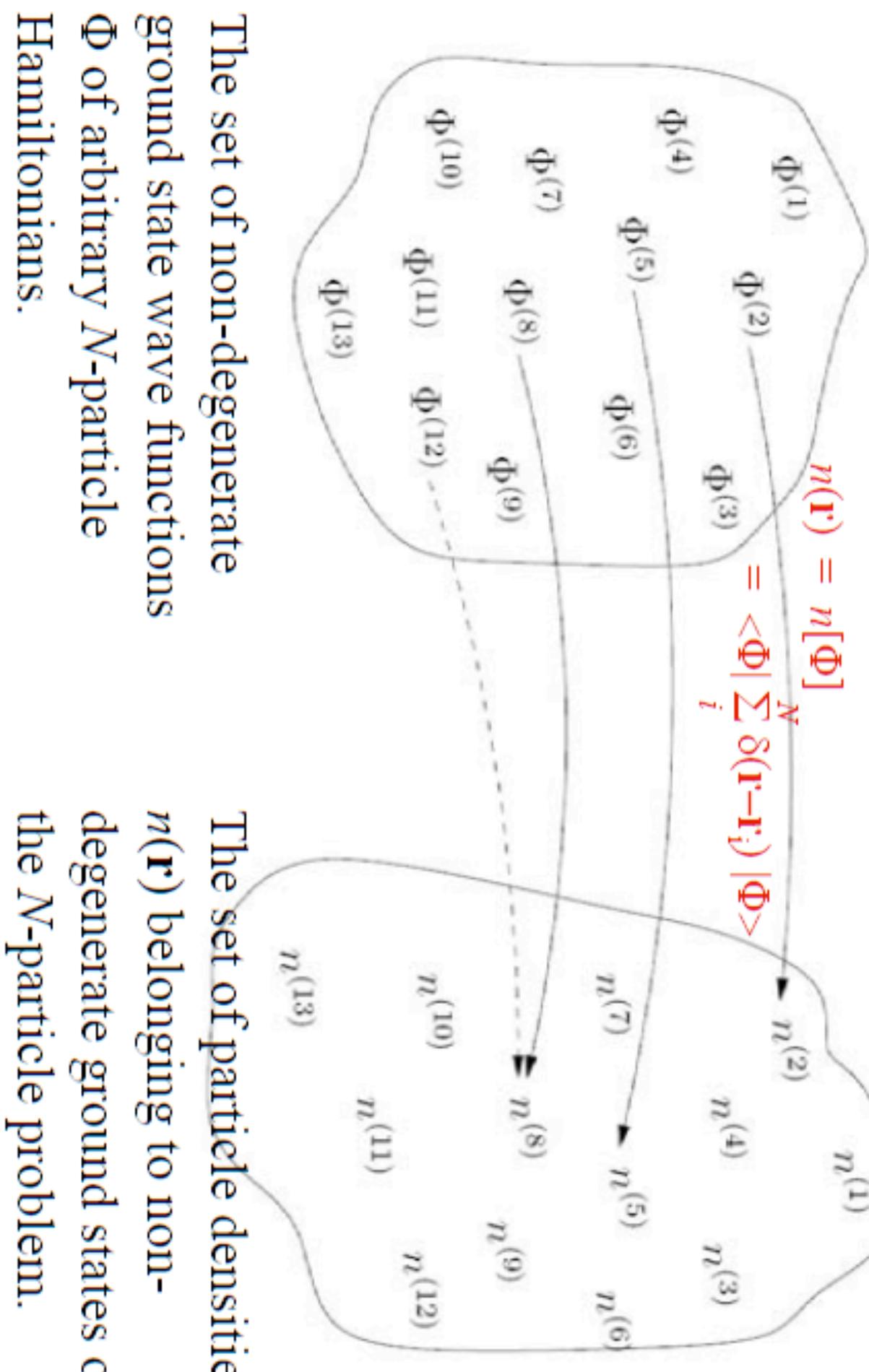
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# Density-functional theory (DFT)

#	Title	Author(s)
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# The Hohenberg-Kohn Theorem (1964)



The set of non-degenerate ground state wave functions  $\Phi$  of arbitrary  $N$ -particle Hamiltonians.

The set of particle densities  $n(\mathbf{r})$  belonging to non-degenerate ground states of the  $N$ -particle problem.

**The dashed arrow is not possible**

# Density Functional Theory

The energy of the ground state of a many-electron system :

$$E_0(\{\mathbf{R}_I\}) = \text{Min}_{\Phi} \langle \Phi | H^e | \Phi \rangle$$

Hohenberg and Kohn (1964): The functional

$$n(\mathbf{r}) = n[\Phi] = \langle \Phi | \sum_i \delta(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_i) | \Phi \rangle$$

can be inverted, *i.e.*,

$$\Phi(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2, \dots, \mathbf{r}_N) = \Phi[n(\mathbf{r})] .$$

This implies:

$$E_0(\{\mathbf{R}_I\}) = \text{Min}_{n(\mathbf{r})} E_{\{\mathbf{R}\}} [n]$$

# Summary of Hohenberg-Kohn Density-Functional Theory (DFT) -- 1964

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- There is a one-to-one correspondence between the ground-state wave function and the many-body Hamiltonian [or the nuclear potential,  $v_{\text{nuc}}(\mathbf{r})$ ].
- The many-body Hamiltonian determines everything.
- There is a one-to-one correspondence between the ground-state electron-density and the ground-state wave function.

# Kohn and Sham (1965):

$$E_v[n] = T_s[n] + \int v(\mathbf{r}) n(\mathbf{r}) d^3\mathbf{r} + E^{\text{Hartree}}[n] + E^{\text{exc}}[n]$$

with

$$E^{\text{Hartree}}[n] = \frac{1}{2} \frac{e^2}{4\pi\varepsilon_0} \iiint \frac{n(\mathbf{r}) n(\mathbf{r}')}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|} d^3\mathbf{r} d^3\mathbf{r}'$$

And  $T_s[n]$  the functional of the kinetic energy of **non-interacting** electrons.  $E^{\text{exc}}[n]$  contains all the unknowns.

At fixed electron number  $N$  the variational principle gives

$$\delta \left\{ E_v[n] - \mu \left( \int n(\mathbf{r}) d^3\mathbf{r} - N \right) \right\} = 0$$

$$\frac{\delta E_v[n]}{\delta n} = \boxed{\mu = \frac{\delta T_s[n]}{\delta n(\mathbf{r})} + v^{\text{eff}}(\mathbf{r})}$$

Kohn-Sham  
equation

# Kohn and Sham (1965):

$$v^{\text{eff}}(\mathbf{r}) = v(\mathbf{r}) + \frac{e^2}{4\pi\varepsilon_0} \int \frac{n(\mathbf{r}')}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|} d^3\mathbf{r}' + \frac{\delta E^{\text{Exc}}[n]}{\delta n(\mathbf{r})}$$

Because  $T_s[n]$  is the functional of non-interacting particles we effectively “restrict” the allowed densities to those that can be written as  
This implies:

$$n(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_{i=1}^N |\varphi_i(\mathbf{r})|^2$$

Kohn-Sham

equation

$$\left\{ -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla^2 + v^{\text{eff}}(\mathbf{r}) \right\} \varphi_{\textcolor{brown}{i}}(\mathbf{r}) = \epsilon_{\textcolor{brown}{i}} \varphi_{\textcolor{brown}{i}}(\mathbf{r})$$

$v^{\text{eff}}(\mathbf{r})$  depends on the density that we are seeking.

$$\begin{aligned} T_s[n] &= \sum_{k=1}^N \langle \psi_{\textcolor{brown}{k}} \left| -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla^2 \right| \psi_{\textcolor{brown}{k}} \rangle , \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^N \epsilon_k - \int v^{\text{eff}}[n^{\text{in}}](\mathbf{r}) n(\mathbf{r}) d^3\mathbf{r} . \end{aligned}$$

# The Kohn-Sham Ansatz

- Kohn-Sham (1965) – Replace the original many-body problem with an **independent electron problem that can be solved!**

- Only the **ground state density** and the **ground state energy** are required to be the same as in the original many-body problem.

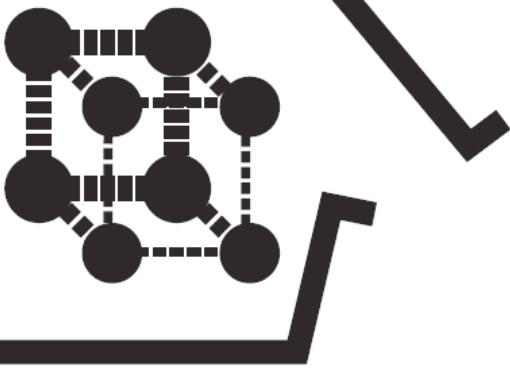
$$E_v[n] = T_s[n] + \int v(\mathbf{r}) n(\mathbf{r}) d^3\mathbf{r} + E^{\text{Hartree}}[n] + E^{\text{xc}}[n]$$

- Maybe the exact  $E^{\text{xc}}[n]$  functional cannot be written as a closed mathematical expression. Maybe there is a detour similar to that taken for  $T_s[n]$ ? The challenge is to find **useful, approximate xc functionals**.

# Density-functional theory (DFT): No free lunch

$$\Psi(\vec{r}_1, \vec{r}_2, \vec{r}_3, \dots, \vec{r}_n)$$

Exchange and Correlation functionals



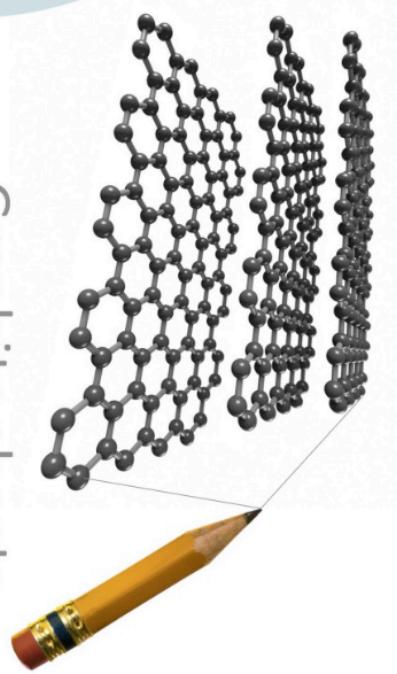
$$n(\vec{r}) \quad \text{or} \quad \rho(\vec{r})$$

- ✗ Self-interaction error
- ✗ Lack of long-range correlation  
(van der Waals interactions)

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

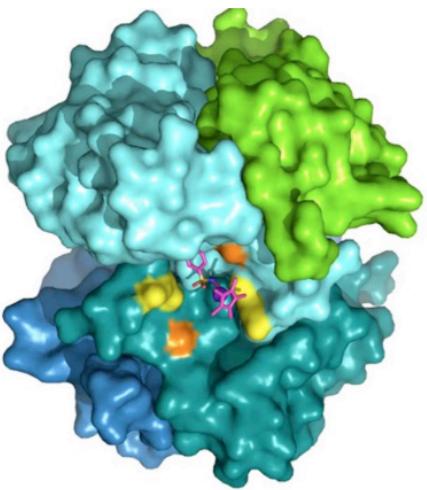
## Van der Waals interactions

Graphite sheets



Gecko

Proteins



Water

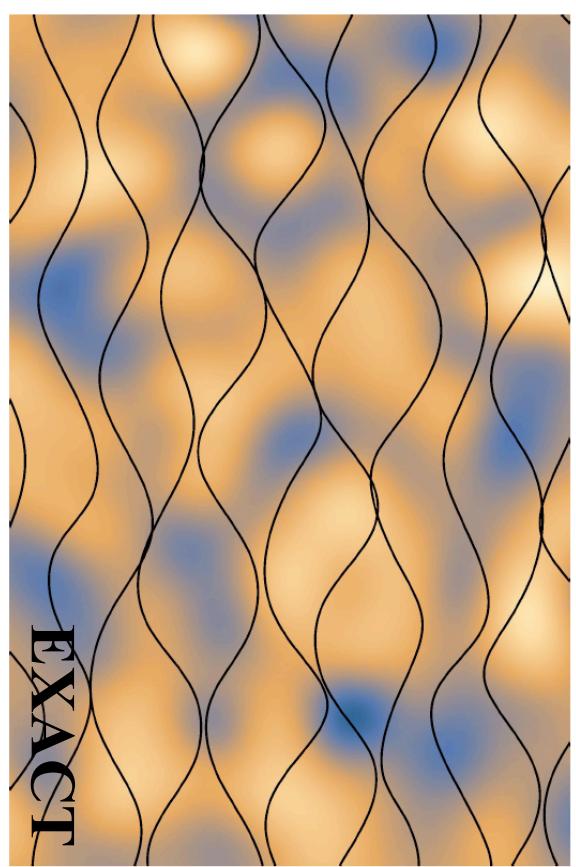


Polymers

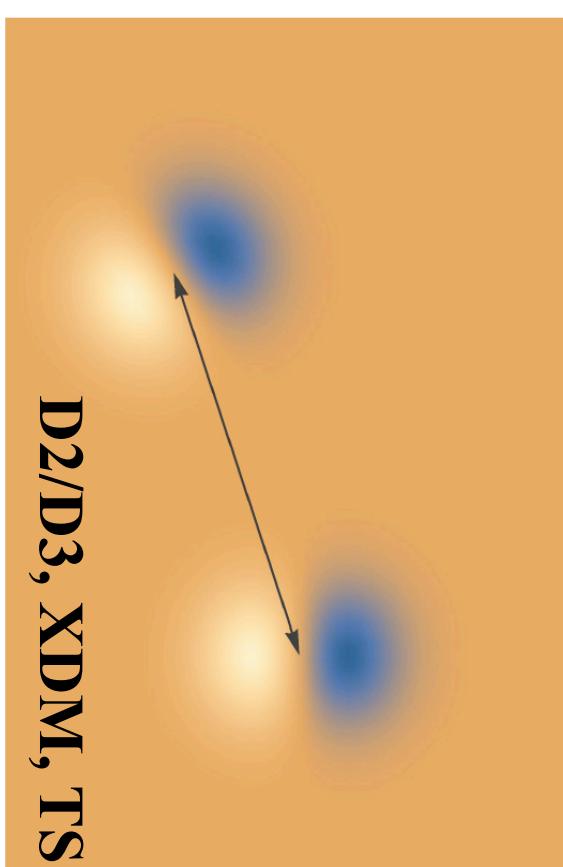


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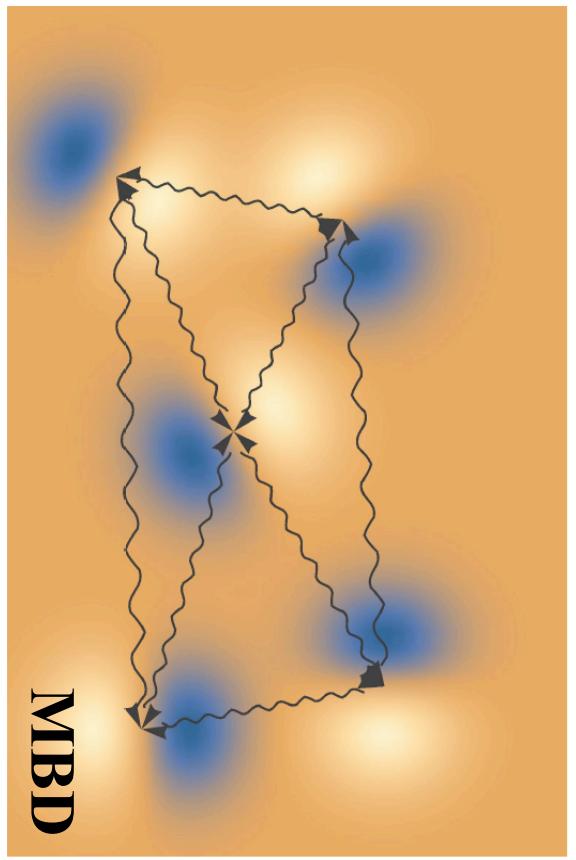
$$-\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^\infty du \text{Tr} [(\chi_{\tilde{\lambda}} - \chi_0)v]$$

**c**

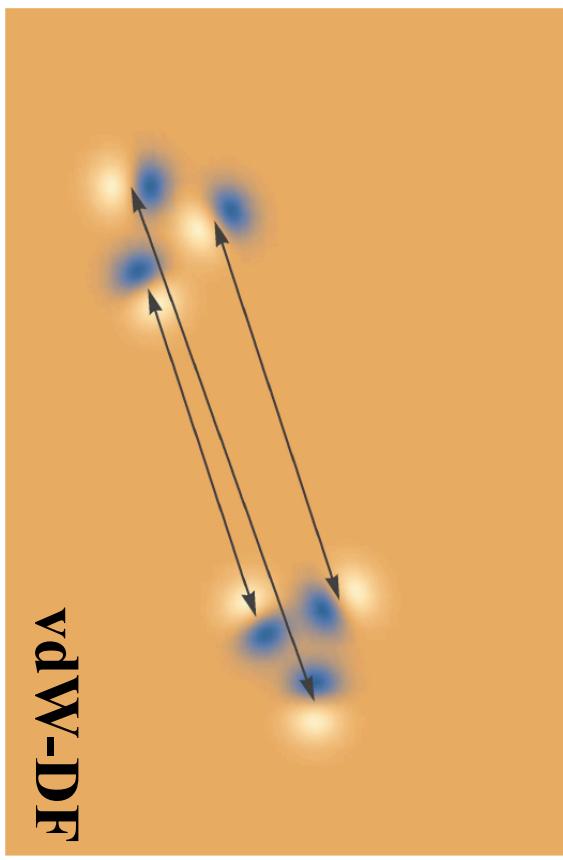
$$-\frac{1}{2} \sum_{ij} C_{6,ij} f(R) R^{-6}$$

**b**

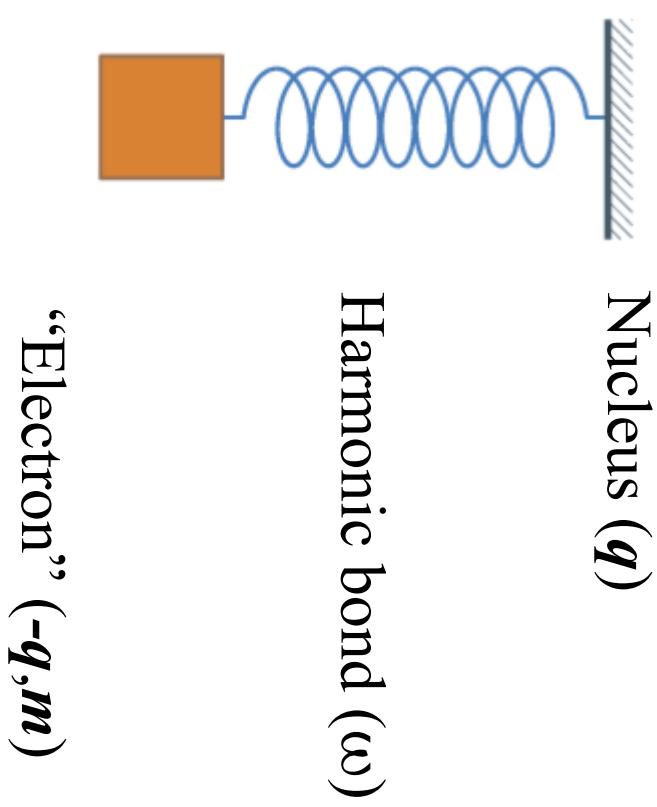
$$-\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^\infty du \sum_{n=2}^\infty \frac{1}{n} \text{Tr} [(\alpha_m \tilde{\Gamma})^n]$$

**d**

$$-\frac{1}{2} \iint d\mathbf{r} d\mathbf{r}' n(\mathbf{r}) \Phi(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}') n(\mathbf{r}')$$



# *Physicist's Dream: Mapping Electrons to Quantum Harmonic Oscillators (QHO)*



Model proposed by *W. L. Bade* (1957); and used by *B. J. Berne*; *A. Donchev*; *M. W. Cole*; *G. Martyna*; *K. Jordan*; *F. Manby*; ...

# *Physicist's Dream: Mapping Electrons to Quantum Harmonic Oscillators (QHO)*

Nucleus ( $q$ )

$$\hat{H}_0 = \frac{\hbar^2 \nabla_r^2}{2m} + \frac{1}{2} m \omega^2 (\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{R})^2$$

Harmonic bond ( $\omega$ )

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{H} &= \sum_{k=1}^N \hat{H}_{0k} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k \neq k'=1}^N q_k q_{k'} \left( \frac{1}{|\mathbf{R}_k - \mathbf{R}_{k'}|} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{1}{|\mathbf{r}_k - \mathbf{r}_{k'}|} - \frac{1}{|\mathbf{r}_k - \mathbf{R}_{k'}|} - \frac{1}{|\mathbf{R}_k - \mathbf{r}_{k'}|} \right)\end{aligned}$$

“Electron” (- $q, m$ )

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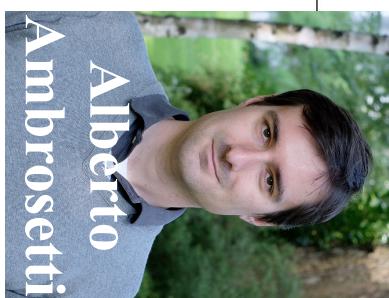
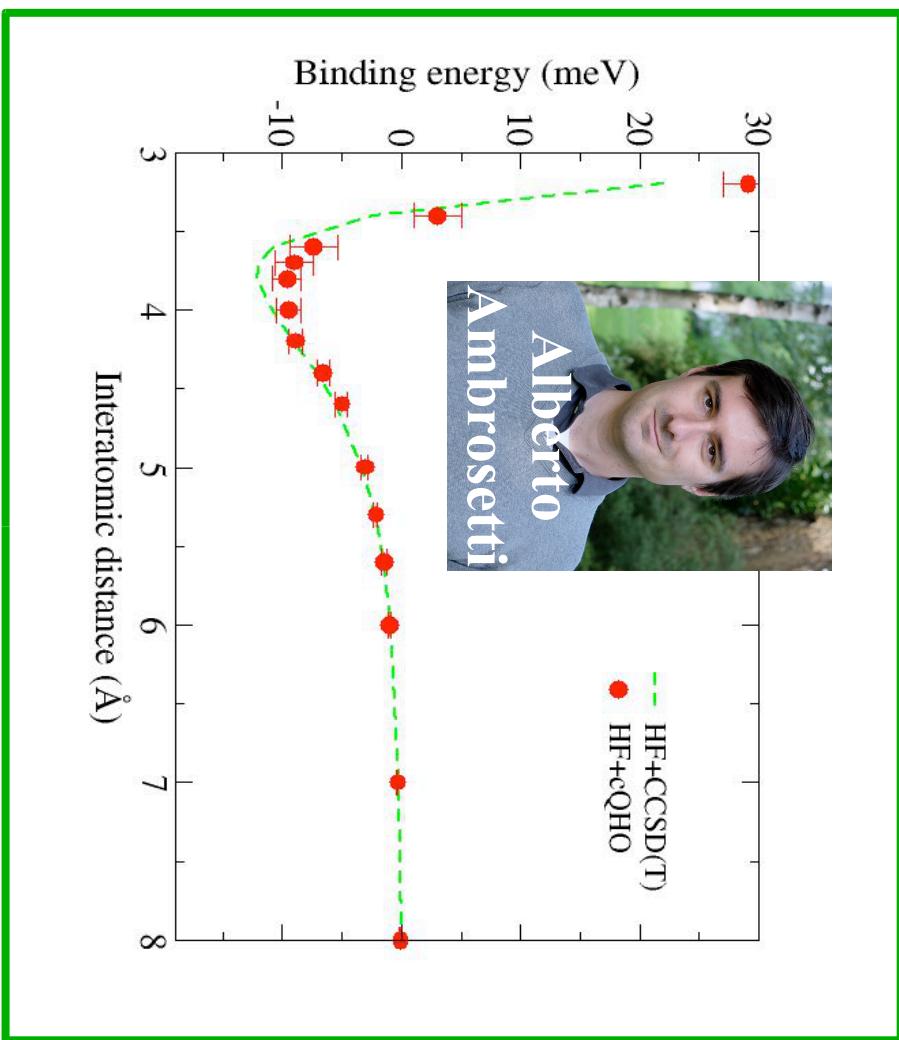
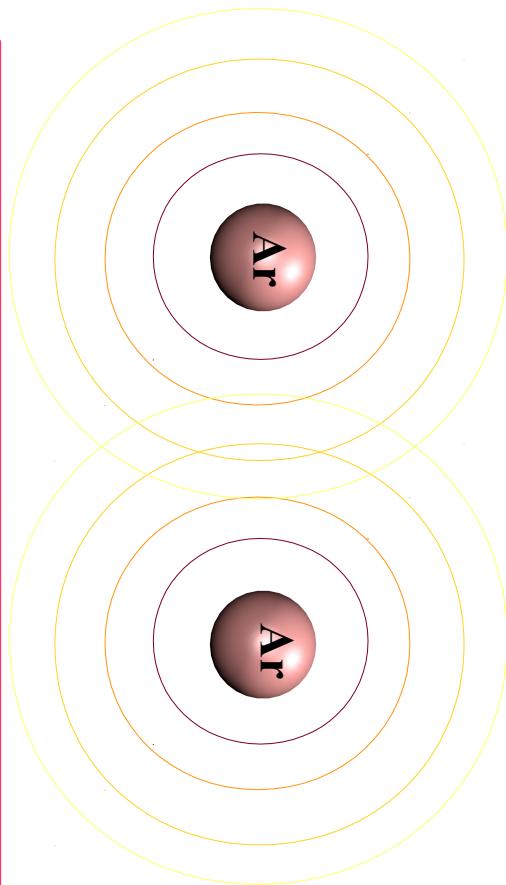
# *From Dream to Reality:*

## Argon dimer described accurately by two oscillators

- Coupled QHO correlation energy computed through Diffusion Monte Carlo (exact for bosons)

$$\{\alpha(0), C_6, C_8\} \rightarrow \{m, q, \omega\}$$

- Exchange and electrostatic energy from Hartree-Fock (HF)



Alberto  
Ambrosetti

HF+cQHO: almost exact binding energy curve (within 3 meV at minimum)  
without any specific adjustments.

Fermionic effects in correlation energy kick in only at very short distances.

# Modeling Real Materials: DFT+MBD Method

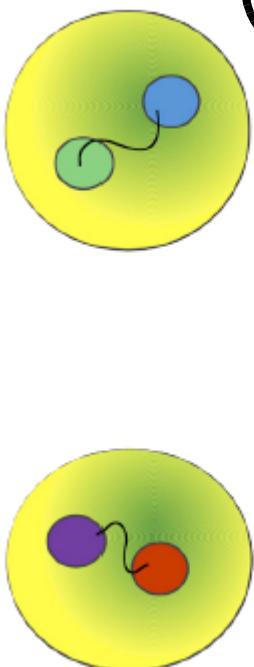
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$$1 \quad \alpha_0 = \frac{V[n]}{V_{\text{free}}} \alpha_{0,\text{free}}$$



$$2 \quad \tilde{\alpha} = \alpha - \alpha T_{<R} \tilde{\alpha}$$

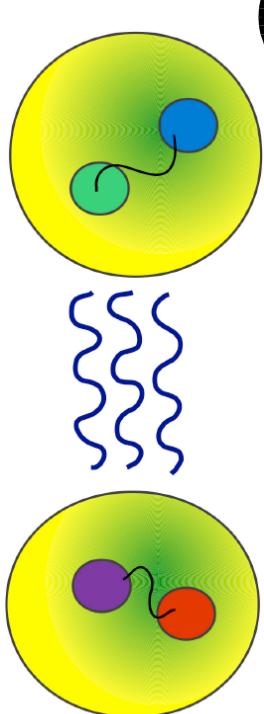


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Long-range  
correlation  
energy  
calculated  
using SE

Dyson-like  
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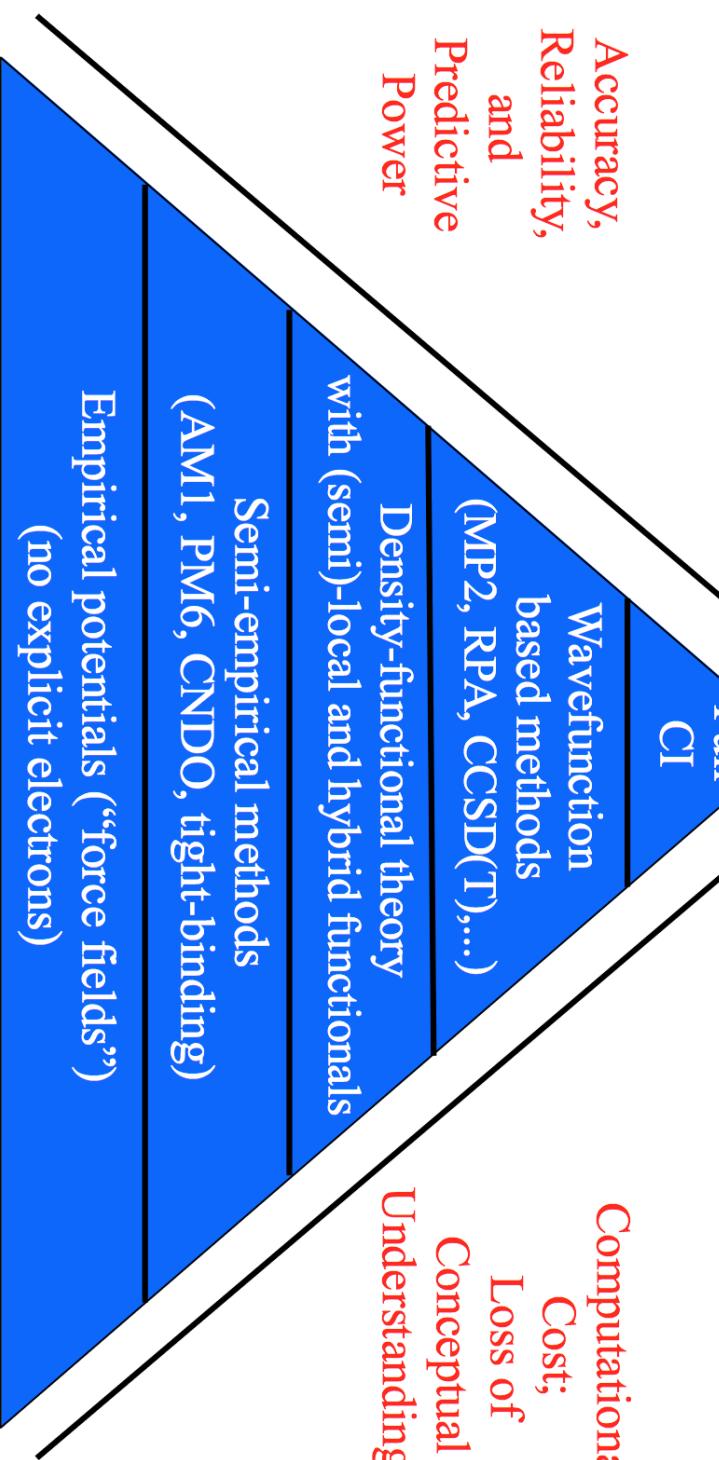
Valence electrons  
projected to oscillators  
(Tkatchenko-Scheffler)

# From First-Principles Quantum Methods to Semi-Empirical and Classical Approaches

# Coarse-graining QC and DFT

## Semi-empirical quantum chemistry and tight-binding

$$H\Psi = E\Psi$$



# Semi-empirical quantum chemistry and tight-binding

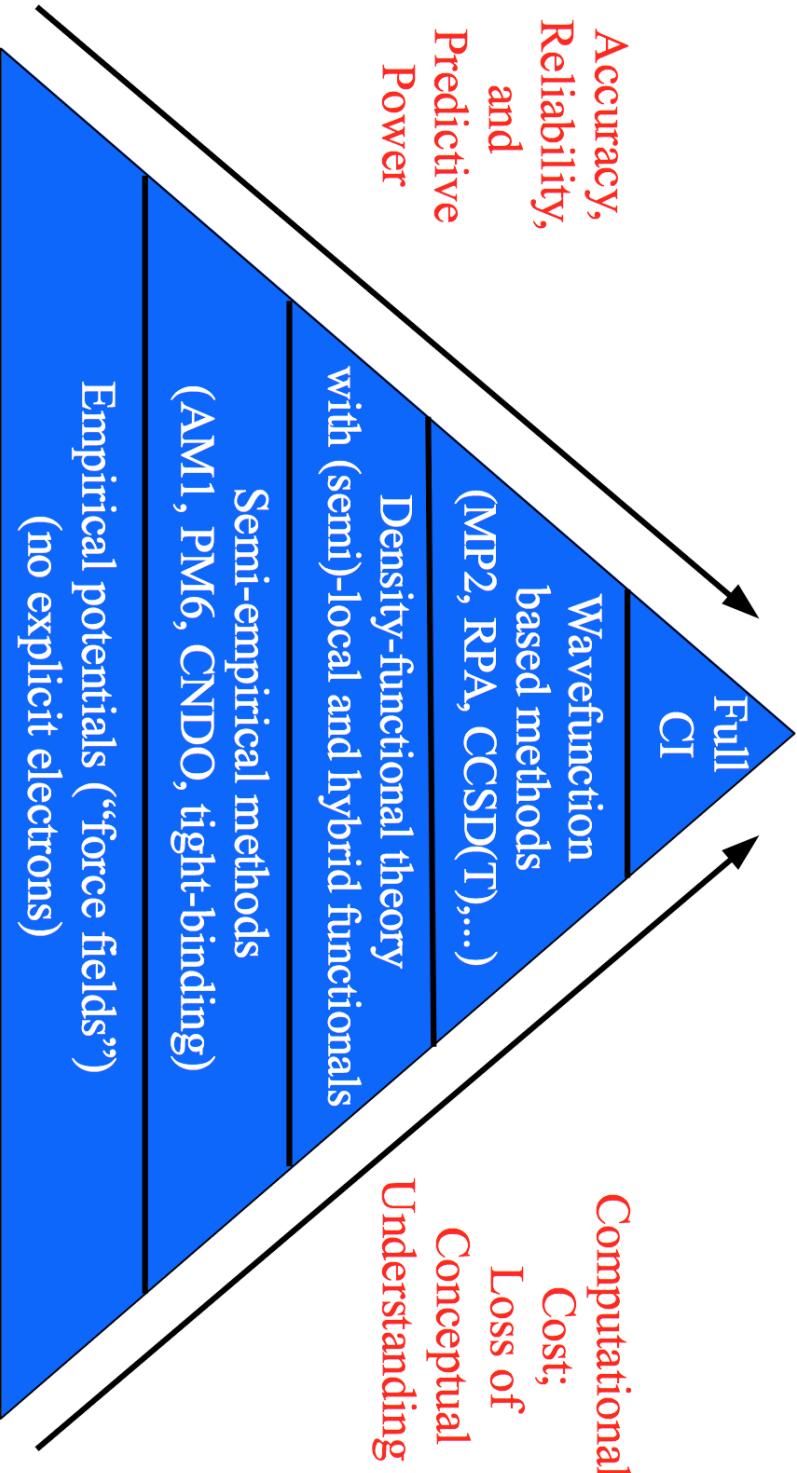
## Main idea:

- **Semi-empirical QC:** Empirically approximate the most expensive integrals in Hartree-Fock or correlated calculations.
- **Tight-binding:** Expand the density to second (or fourth) order. All integrals become relatively simple and the energy is obtained in a single diagonalization step.
- **Weakness:** These methods inherit all the problems of approximate QC/DFT, i.e. long-range correlation is absent, exchange is heavily approximated.
- **Strength:** can be applied to 1,000s of atoms

# Throwing away electrons

## Empirical potentials (“force fields”)

$$H\Psi = E\Psi$$

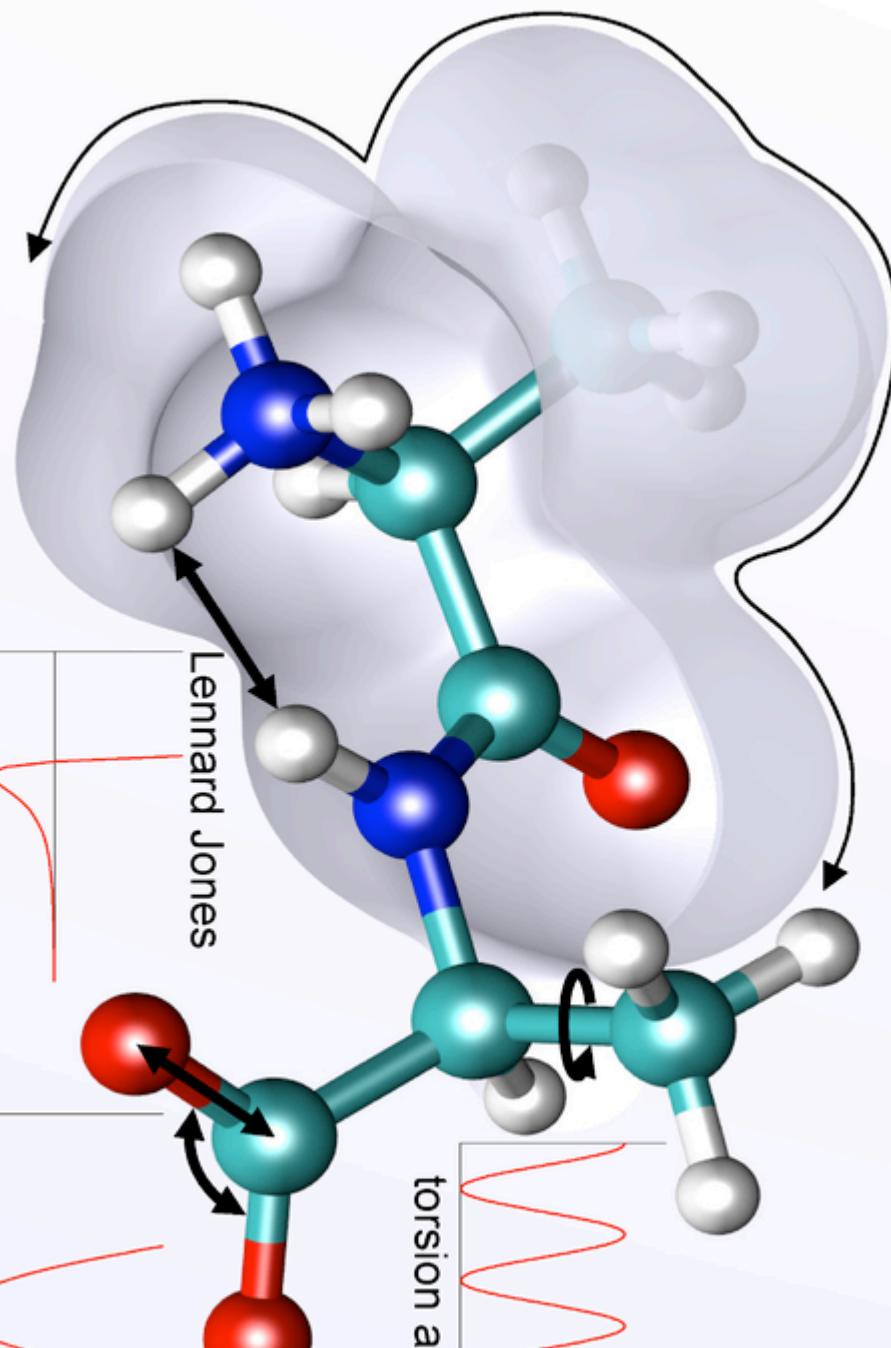


# Classical force fields

Hydrophobic effect is roughly proportional to surface area

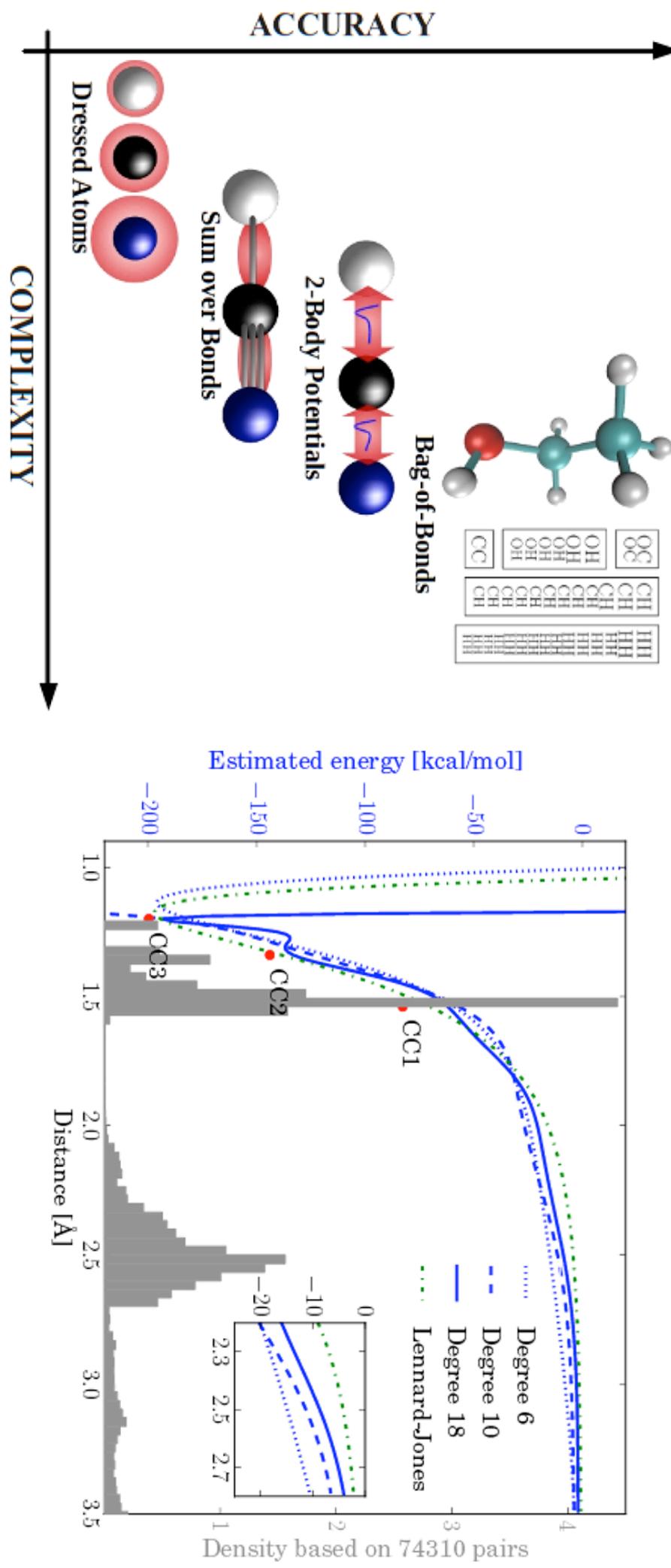
Continuum solvent model

water



Source: Wikipedia

# Classical force fields with ML



# Current state-of-the-art of atomistic modeling

$$H\Psi = E\Psi$$

Full  
CI

Accuracy,  
Reliability,  
and  
Predictive  
Power

Wavefunction  
based methods  
**50-100 atoms**

Computational  
Cost;  
Loss of  
Conceptual  
Understanding ?

Density-functional theory  
with (semi)-local and hybrid functionals  
**1,000 atoms**

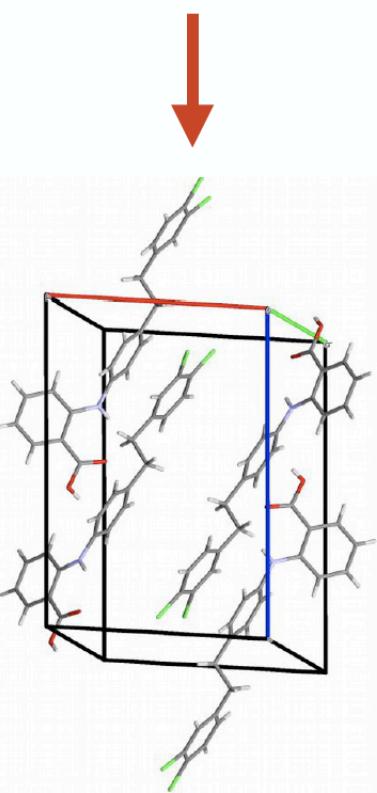
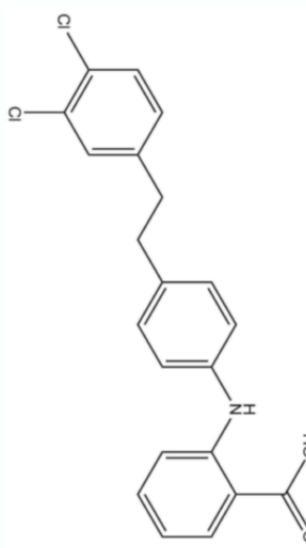
Semi-empirical methods  
(AM1, PM6, CNDO, tight-binding)  
**10,000 atoms**

Empirical potentials (“force fields”)  
(no explicit electrons)  
**100,000 atoms**

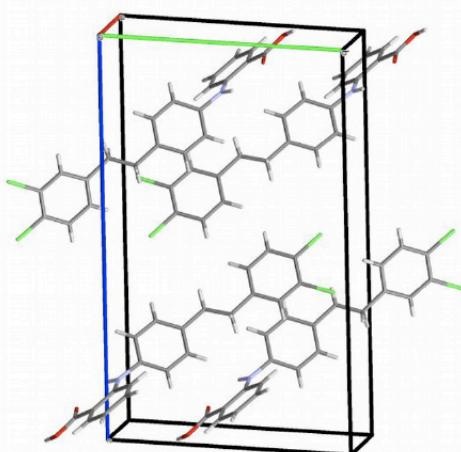
$$\hat{\mathcal{H}}\Psi = E\Psi$$

- Innocent looking, but powerful and hard to solve equation
- Encodes (almost) all the physics (+ chemistry and biology) of real materials
- Wide range of useful and powerful approximations
- Can ML techniques enable future breakthroughs in modeling and understanding nucleoelectronic systems?

# Application: Molecular Crystal Structure Prediction



Or



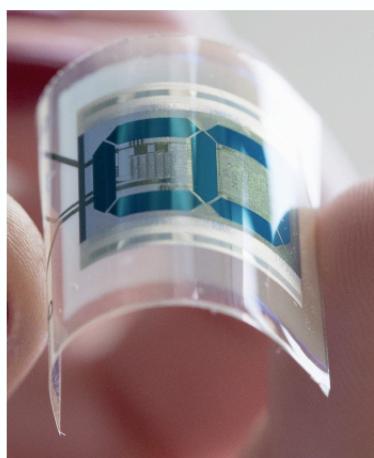
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**Polymorphs can exhibit  
completely different**

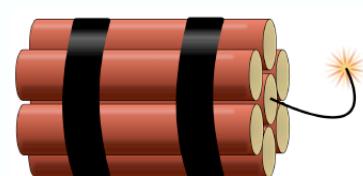
- Solids composed of molecular moieties
- Held together by intermolecular interactions
- Different crystal-packing motifs (polymorphs) possible
- Energy difference between polymorphs  $\sim 1 - 4 \text{ kJ/mol}$
- ↳  $\sim 1 - 2 \%$  of lattice energy



Pharmaceuticals



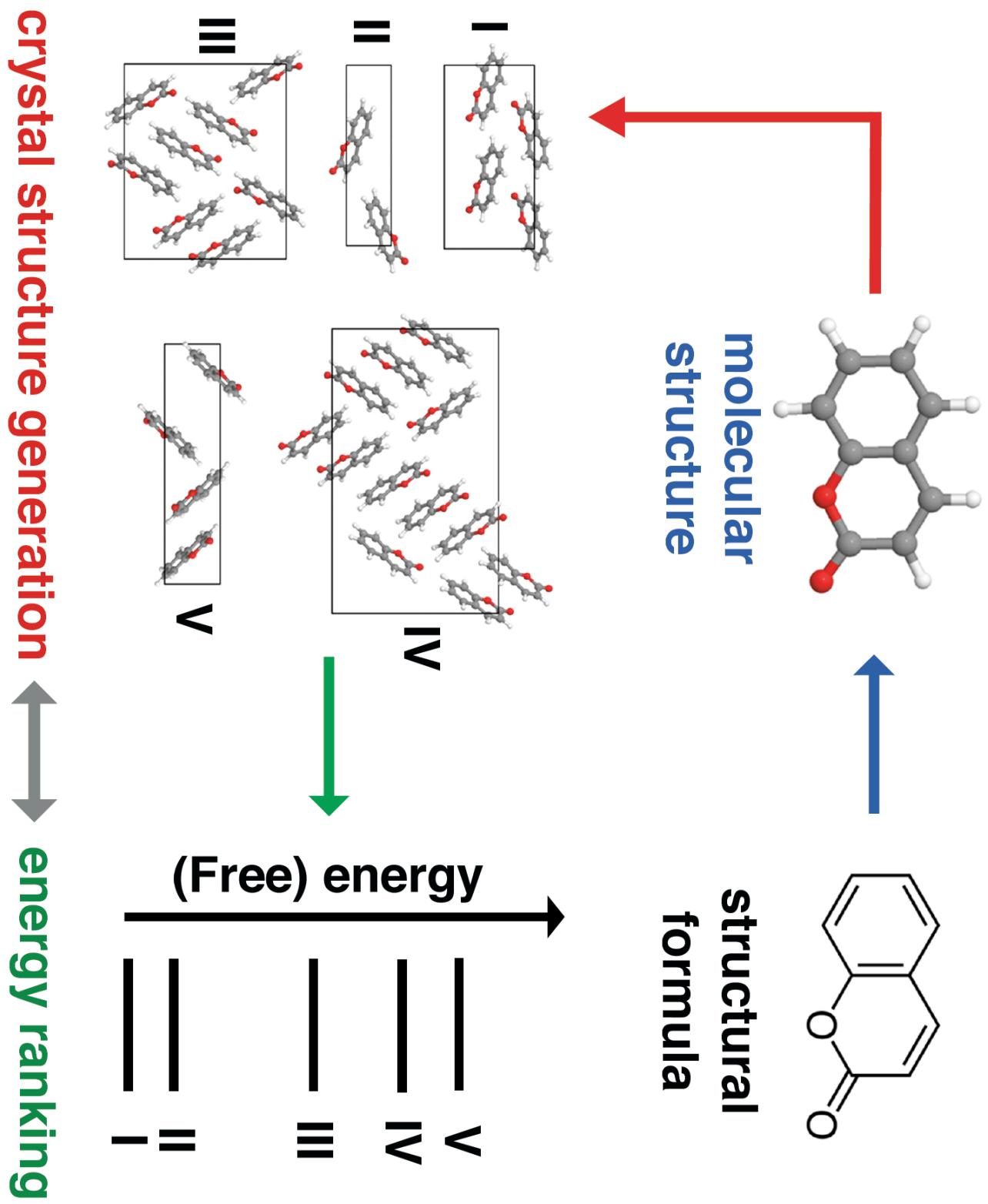
Organic electronics



Explosives

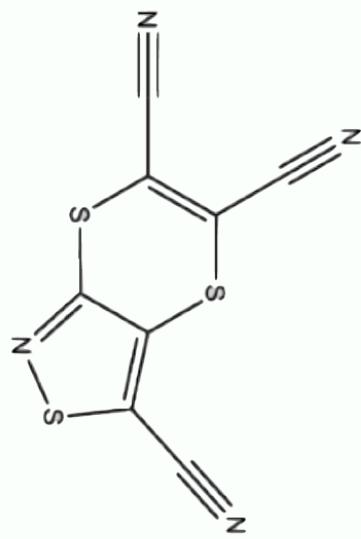
- Kinetic stabilities
- Solubilities
- Densities
- Vibrational Spectra (THz)
- NMR chemical shifts
- Melting Points
- Conductivities
- Refractive Indices
- Vapor pressure
- Elastic constants
- Heat capacities
- ...

# Molecular Crystal Structure Prediction (CSP) with DFT+MBD



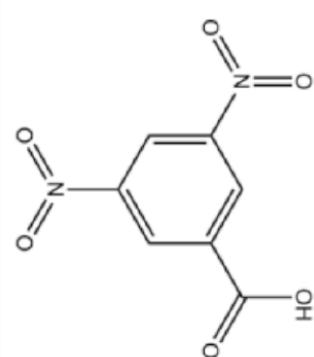
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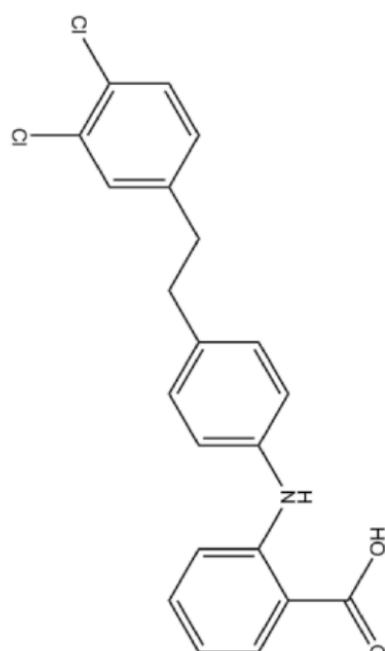
rigid molecule

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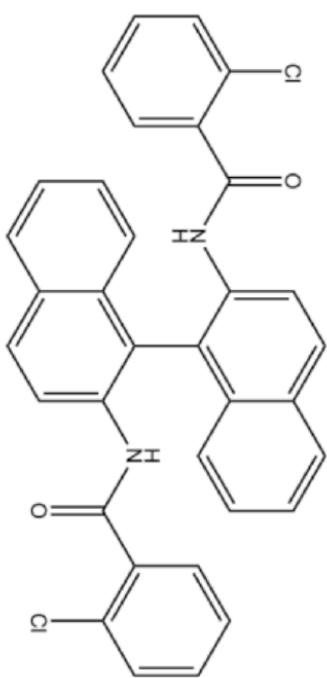
multiple partially flexible molecules  
as co-crystal

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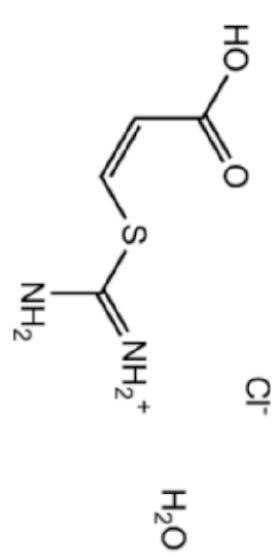
partially flexible molecule,  
polymorphic system

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molecule with 4-8 internal  
degrees of freedom

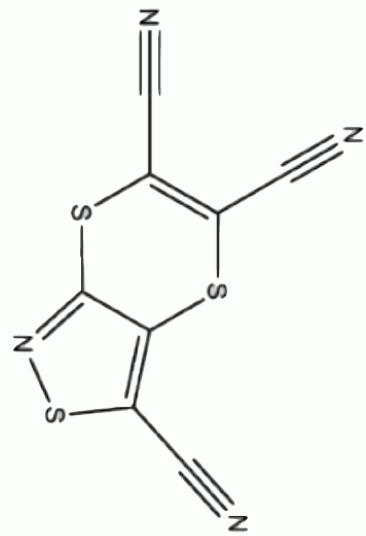
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salt

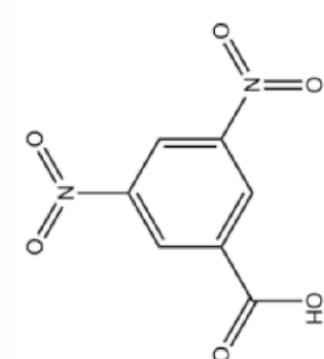
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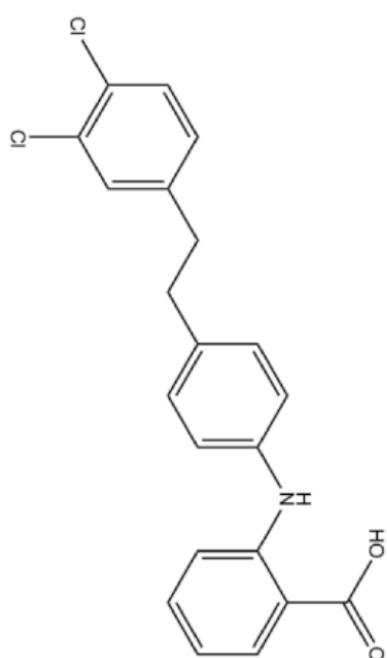
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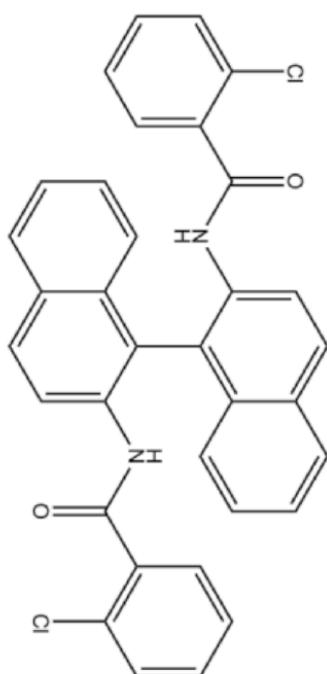
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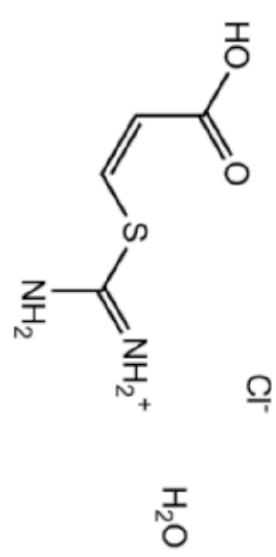
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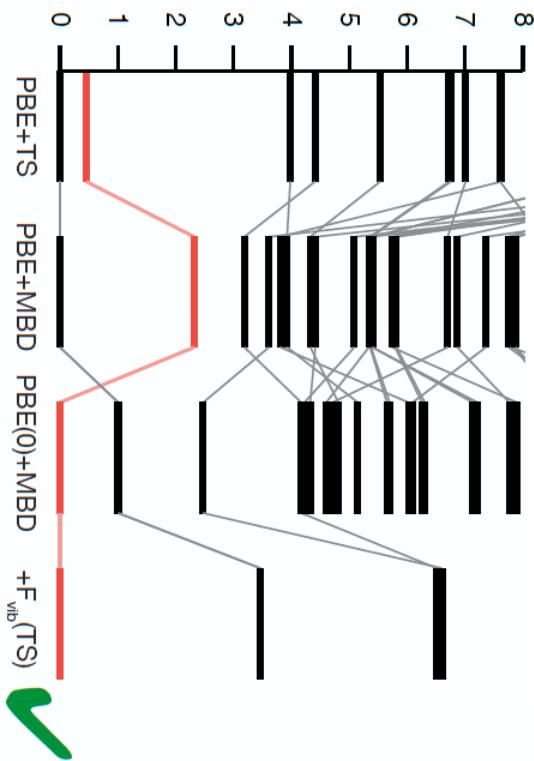
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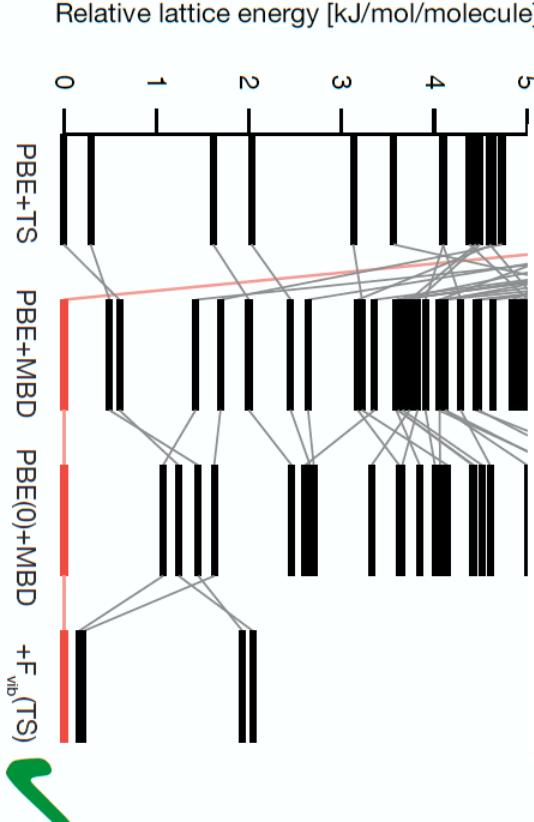
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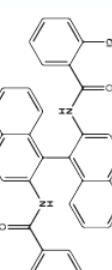
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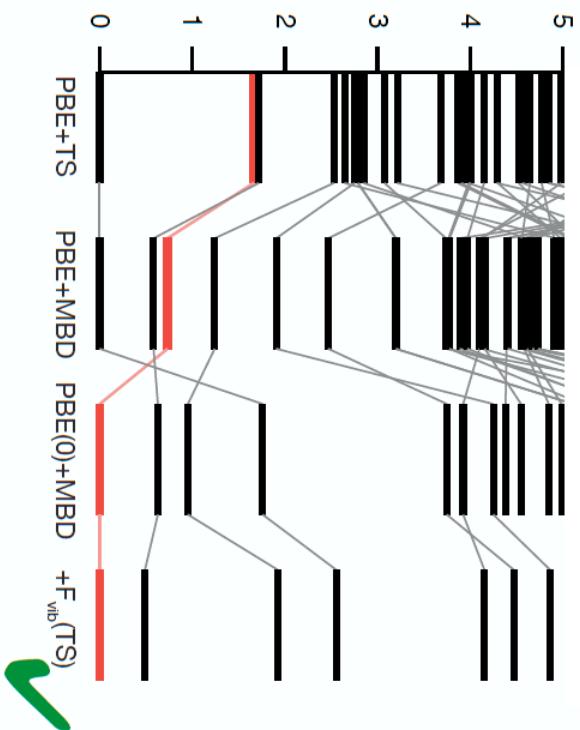
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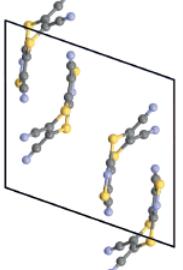
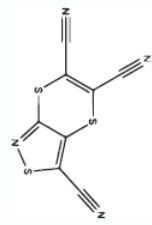
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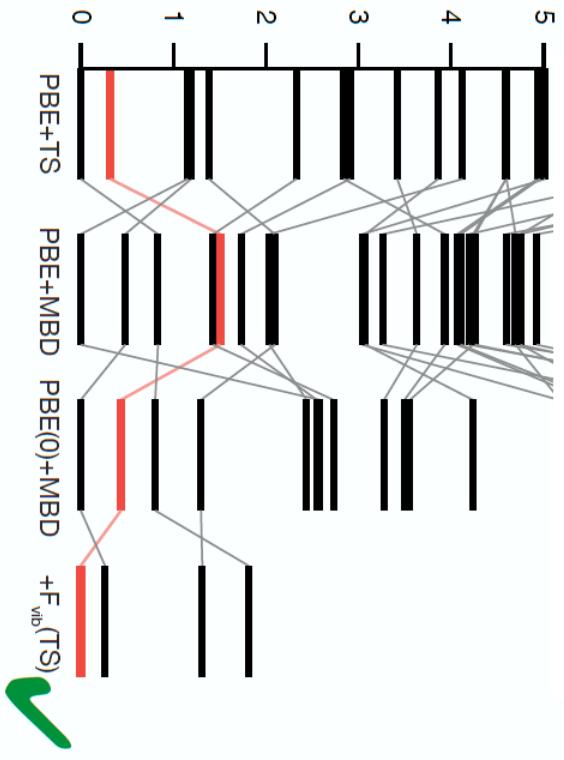
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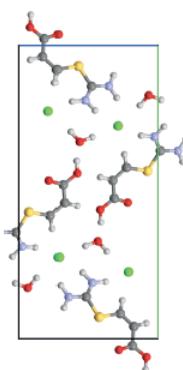
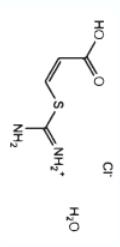
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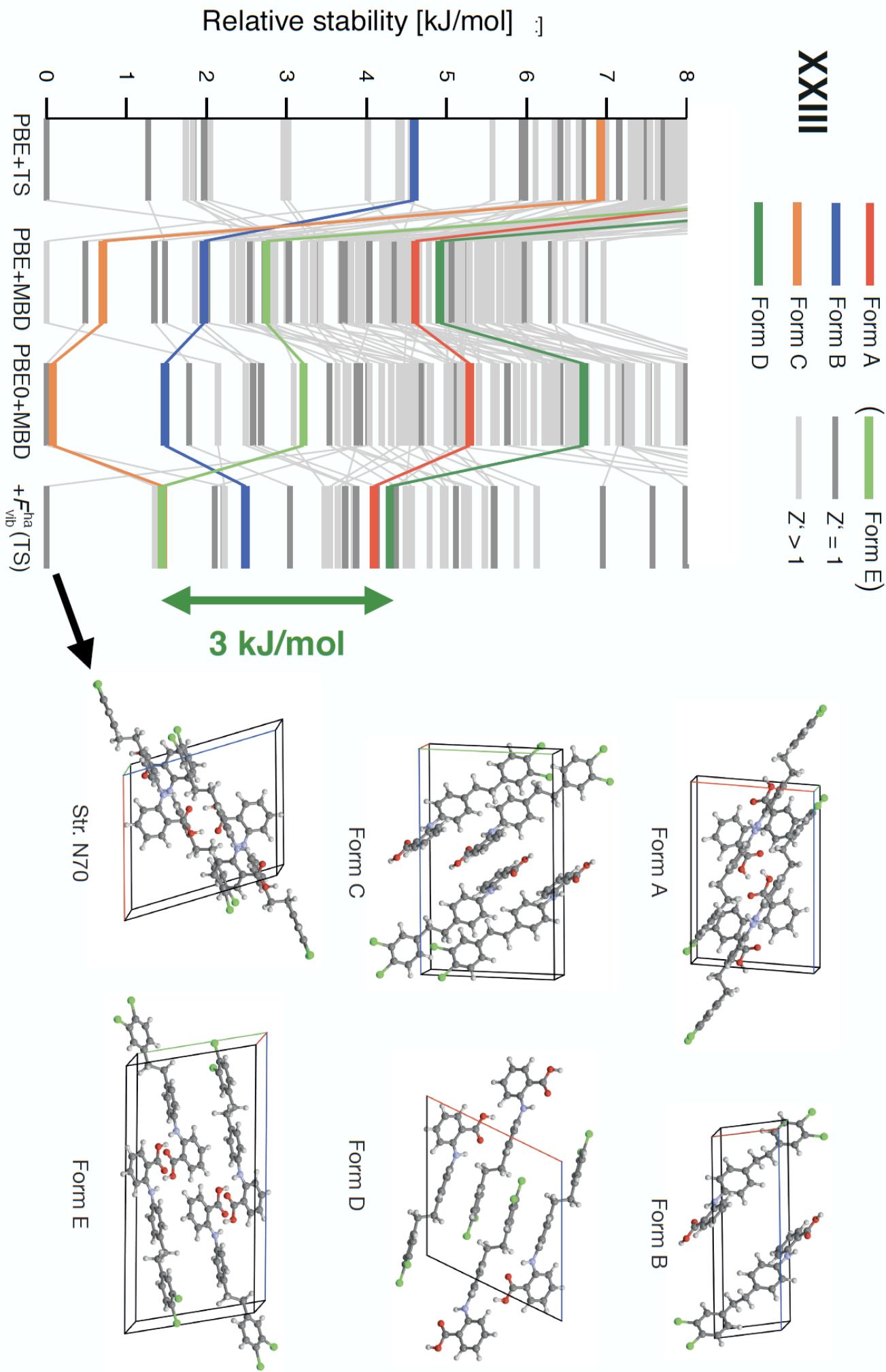
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# Realistic Drug Molecule



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

- Innocent looking, but powerful and hard to solve equation
- Encodes (almost) all the physics (+ chemistry and biology) of real materials
- Wide range of useful and powerful approximations
- Can ML techniques enable future breakthroughs in modeling and understanding nucleoelectronic systems?