

Lecture # 0: The fun lecture - Why Science?

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Course outline:

Topics	# Lectures
1. Introduction:	1
2. Scales in Nature; time, length and energy.	2
3. Mathematical modeling in sciences,	6
(i) geometry and linear algebra	
(ii) change and calculus	
(iii) chance and statistics	
(iv) vector formulation of a multi-variable problem.	
4. Forms in Nature: molecular structures, crystal lattices, biological molecules, fractals and self organized structures, basic ideas of symmetry and group theory.	6
5. Thermodynamics:	9
6. Classical fields and electromagnetism:	11
7. Special Theory of relativity:	3
8. Nuclear Physics:	3

Texts:

- 1.** Berkeley Physics Course, vol. 1: Mechanics
by Charles Kittel, Walter D. Knight, Malvin A. Ruderman, A. Carl Helmholtz and Burton J. Moyer
- 2.** Lectures on Physics; vol. 1 and 2
by Richard P Feynman, Robert B Leighton and Matthew Sands
- 3.** Physical Chemistry: Principles and Applications in Biological Sciences,
Ignacio Tinoco, Jr., Kenneth Sauer and James C Wang
- 4.** Physical Chemistry by P W Atkins
- 6.** Berkeley Physics Course, vol. 2: Electricity and magnetism
by Edward M. Purcell
- 7.** Concepts of Modern Physics by Arthur Beiser
- 8.** Berkeley problems in mathematics
by Paulo Ney de Souza and Jorge-Nuno Silva

Grading Scheme and Marks Distribution

Regular Weekly Assignments	10%
Review of a research Paper on a relevant topic	10%
Two mid-semester examinations	15% each
Two quizzes	$2\frac{1}{2}\%$ each
Final examination	45%



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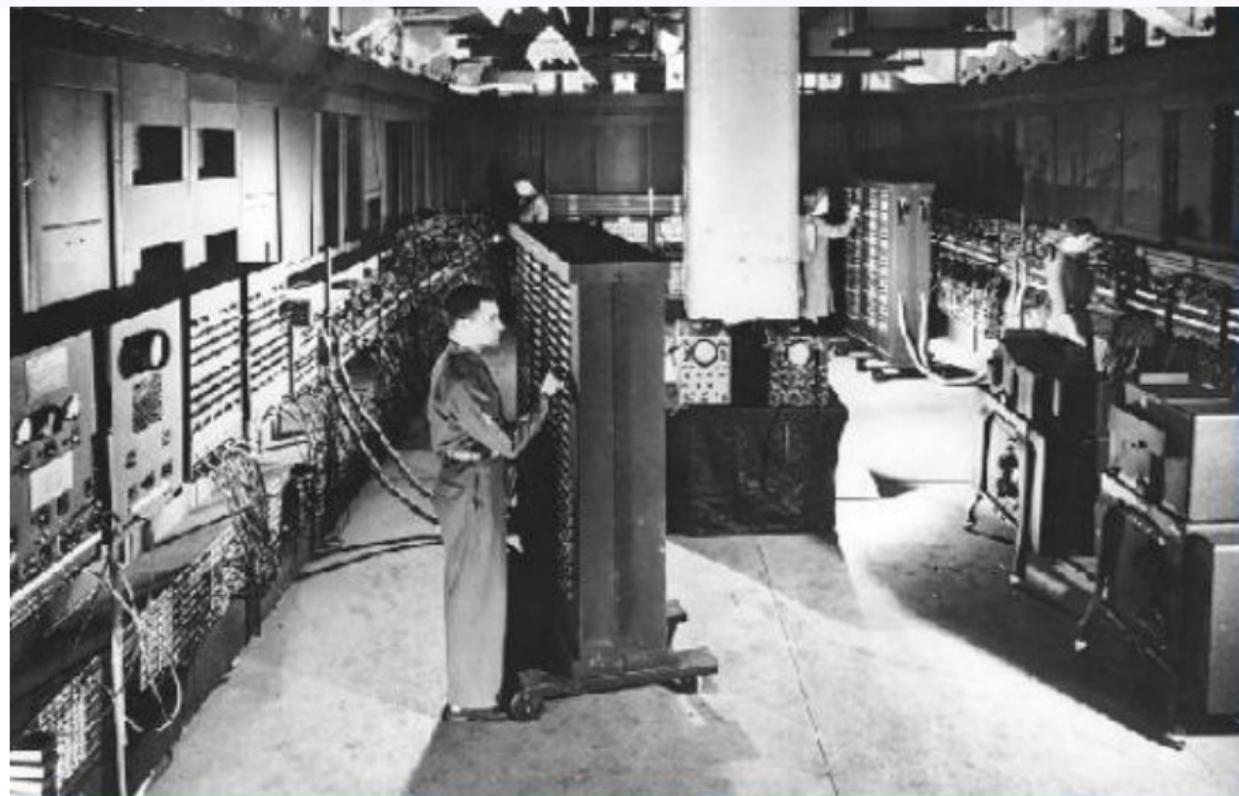
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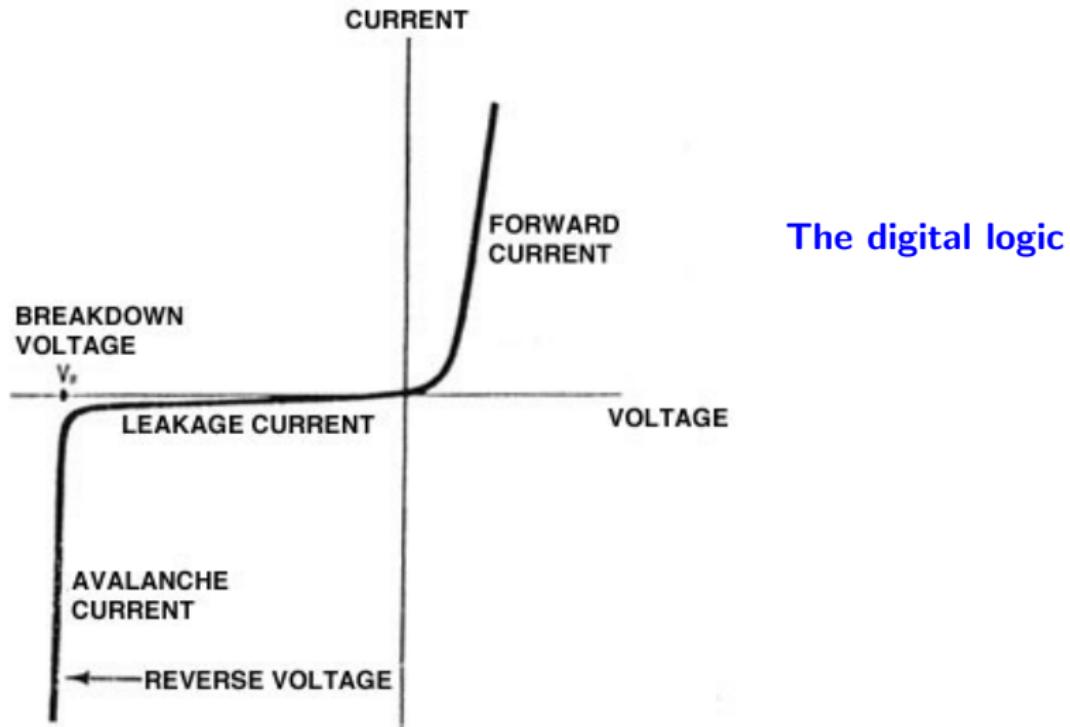
Most of science
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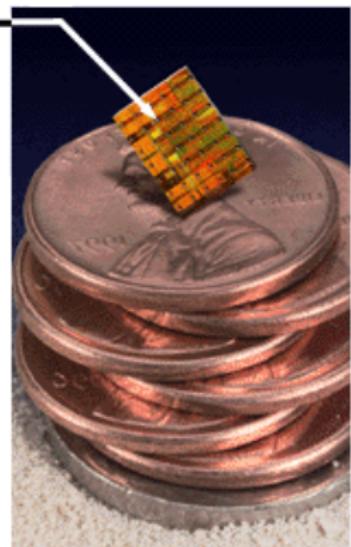
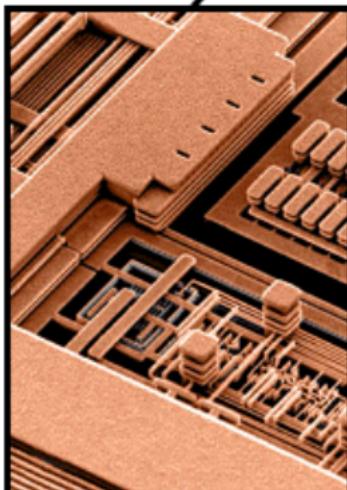
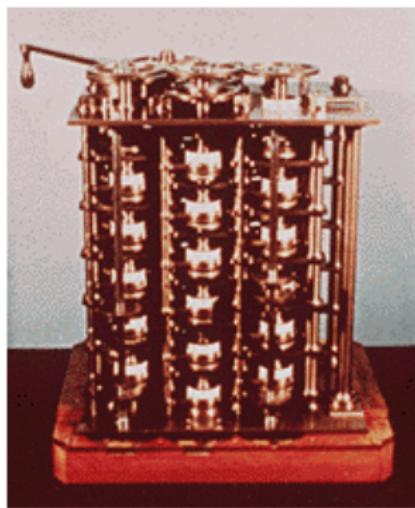


ENIAC - 1946

Past: The semiconductor technology: the magic curve



Macrotechnology to nanotechnology: from an early computing machine built from mechanical gears to a 2004 IBM chip with 0.25 micron features.



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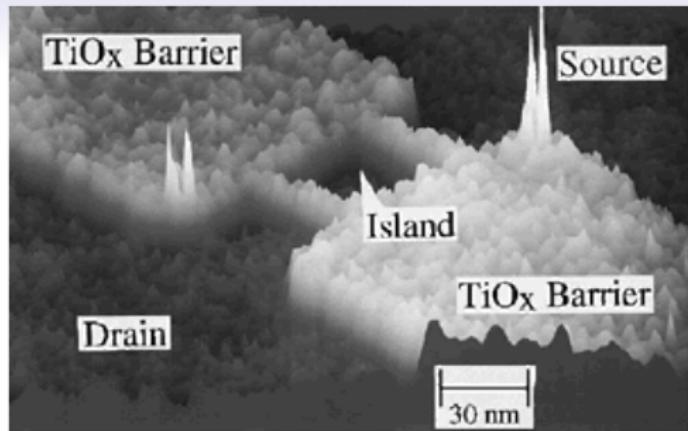
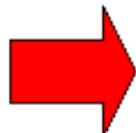
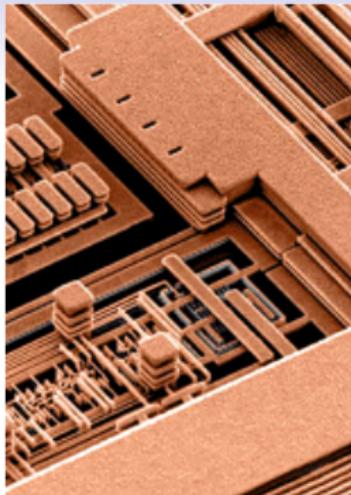
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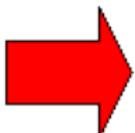
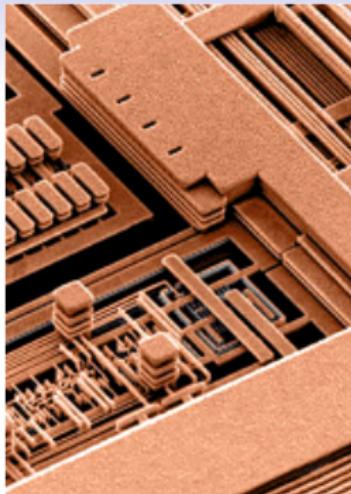
updated talk (1983): predicted that with today's technology we can easily...construct motors a fortieth of that size in each dimension, 64000 times smaller than... McLellans motor,...thousands of them at a time



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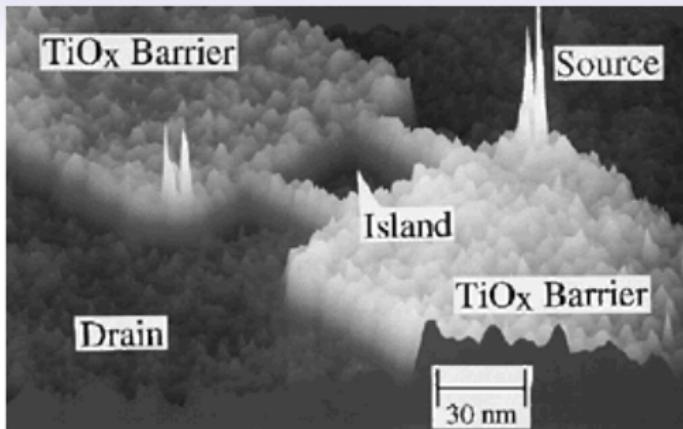
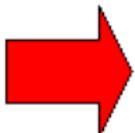
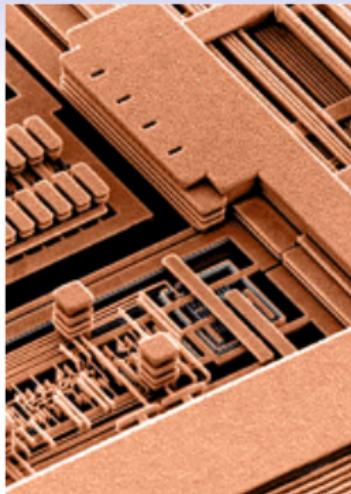


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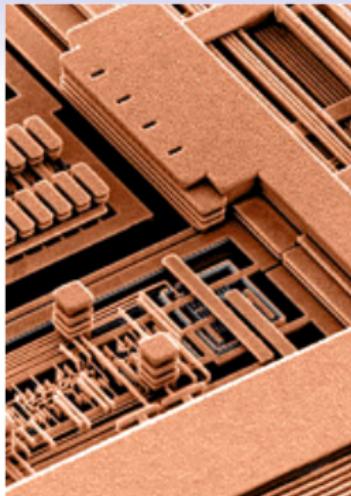


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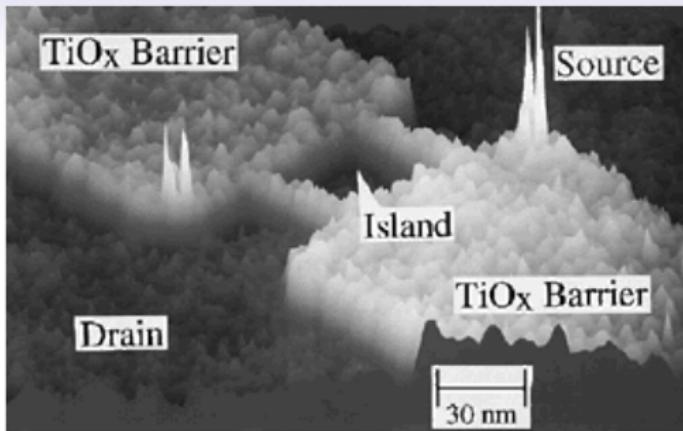
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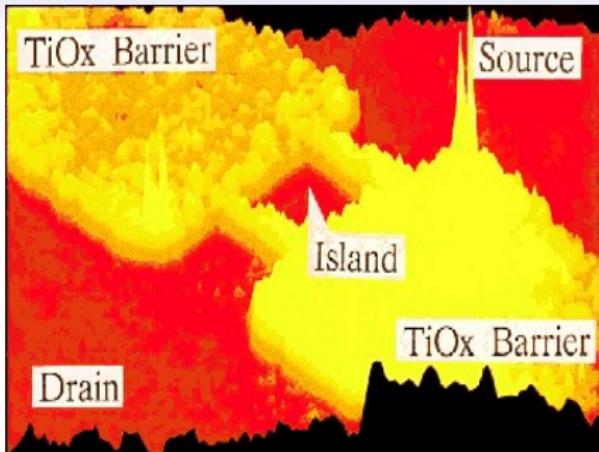
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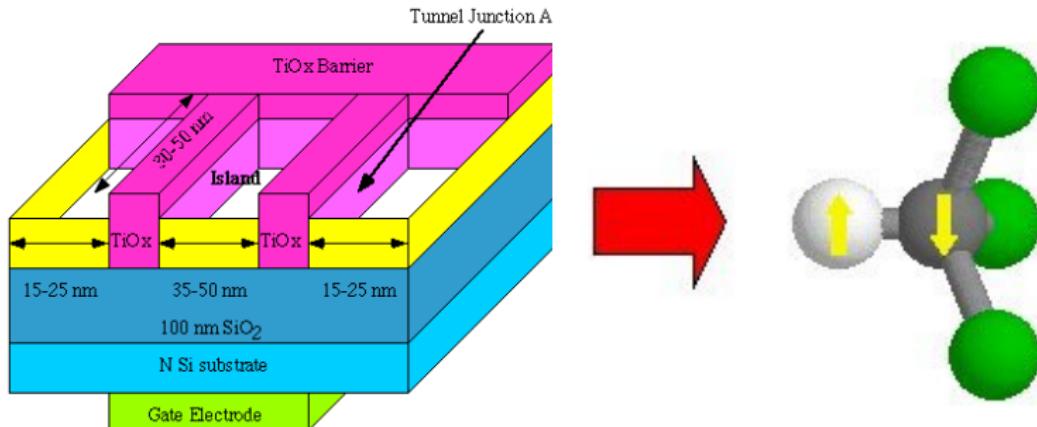
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- **SET wouldn't work without quantum mechanics.**



- The first generation of nanocomputers have components that behave according to quantum mechanics, but the algorithms that they run do not involve quantum mechanics.
- There is another, more exciting possibility - quantum mechanics might be used in an entirely new kind of algorithm that would be fundamentally more powerful than any classical scheme. A computer that runs such an algorithm is a true 'quantum computer'.



From an SET (on the left) to the ultimate computer element: a molecule
 Although both these structures use quantum mechanics, only the one on the right could be employed in a true 'quantum computer'. The ¹H and ¹³C nuclei in isotopically labeled chloroform behave like small magnets, and interact with an external magnetic field. Nuclear spins can store and process information in "quantum superpositions".

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superposition \leftrightarrow a quantum mechanical phenomenon:

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If we keep adding qubits to the register we increase its storage capacity exponentially i.e. three qubits can store 8 different numbers at once, four qubits can store 16 different numbers at once, and so on; in general L qubits can store 2^L numbers at once.

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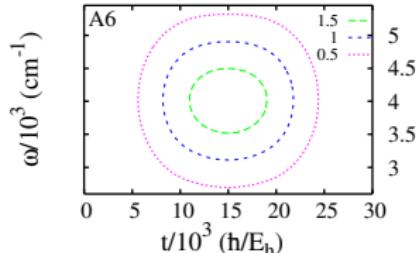
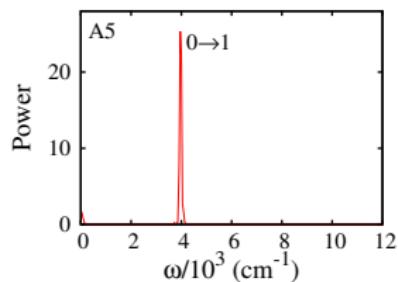
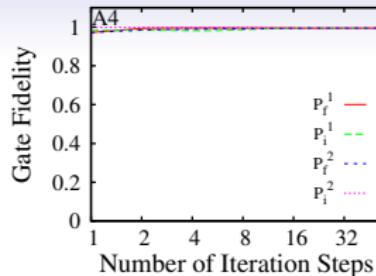
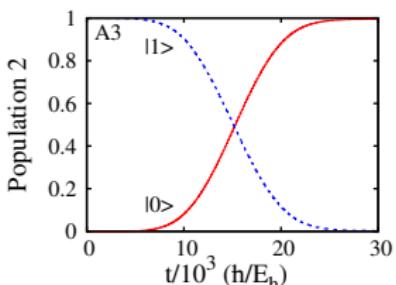
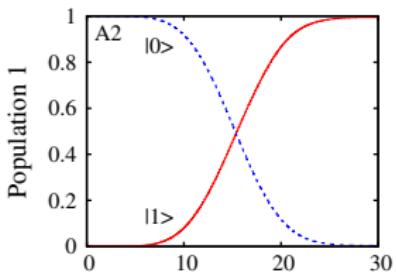
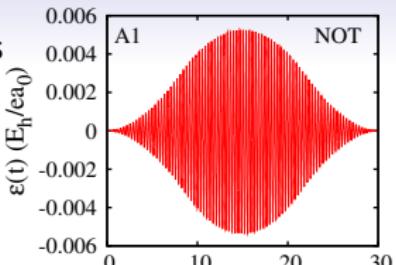
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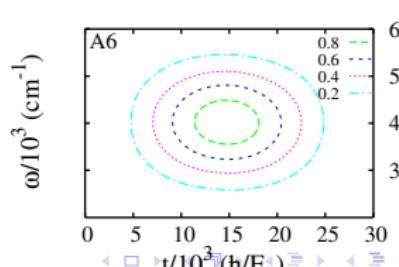
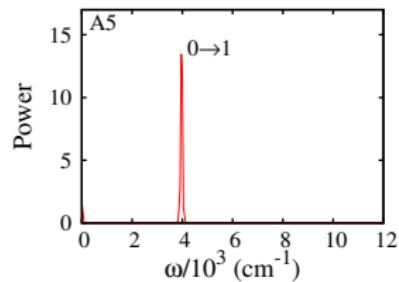
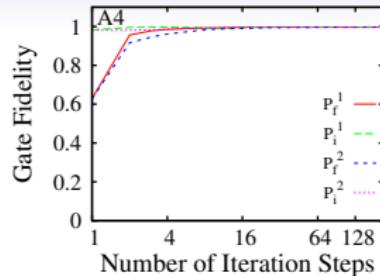
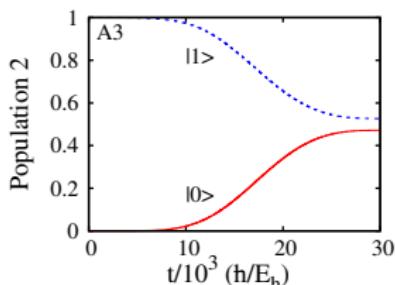
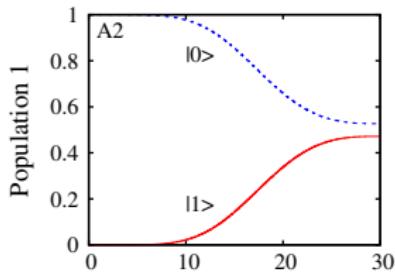
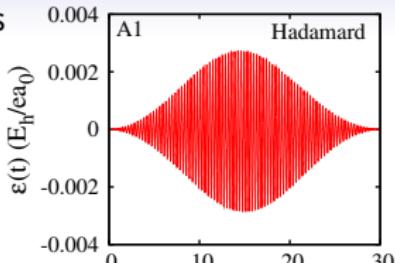
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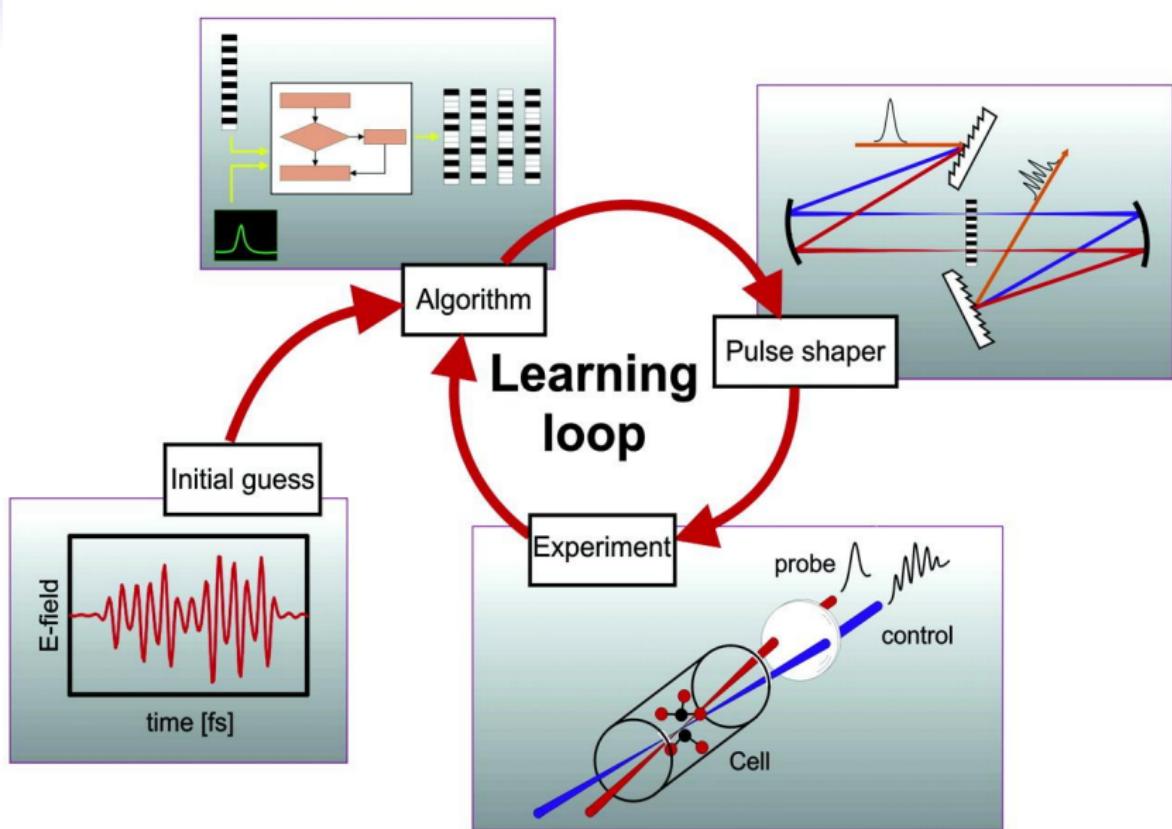
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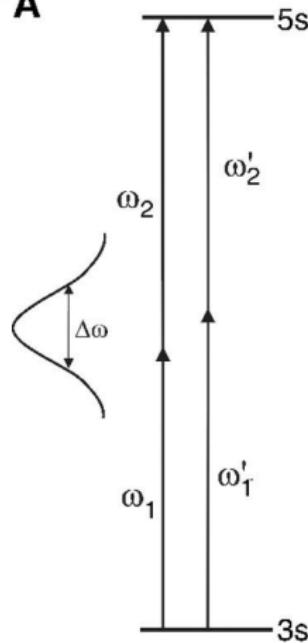
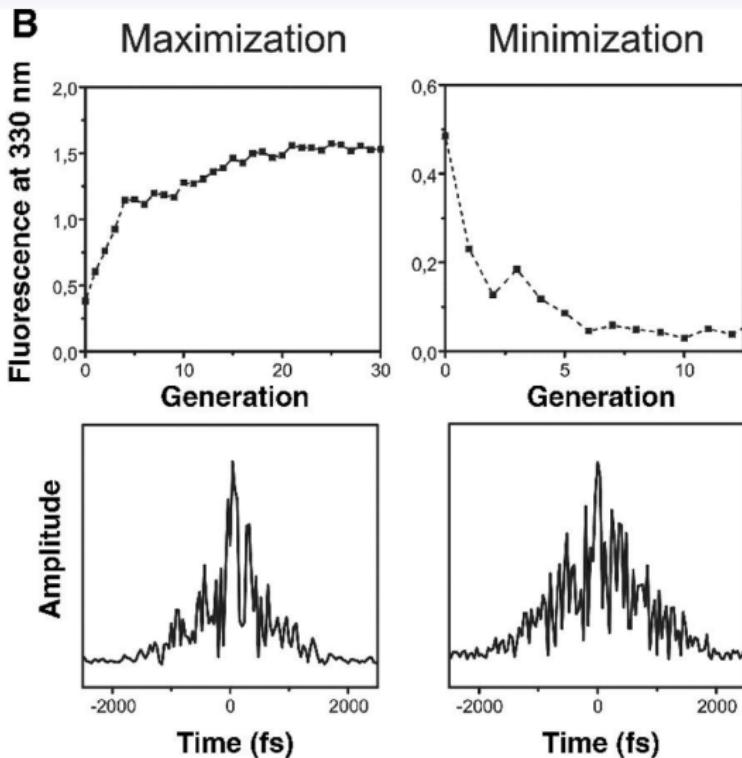
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A chemical computer with individual molecules as working parts

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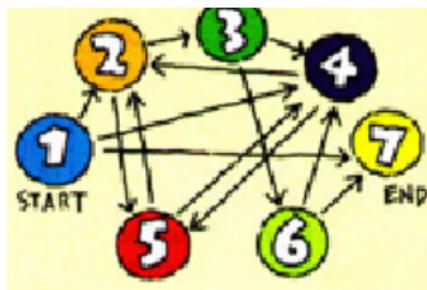
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A Marketing Rep has a map of several cities with one-way streets between some of them.

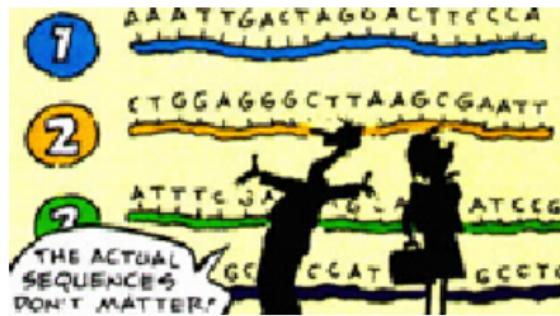
Task: Find a route that passes through each city exactly once, with a designated beginning and end.



Adleman chose 7 cities and 13 streets.

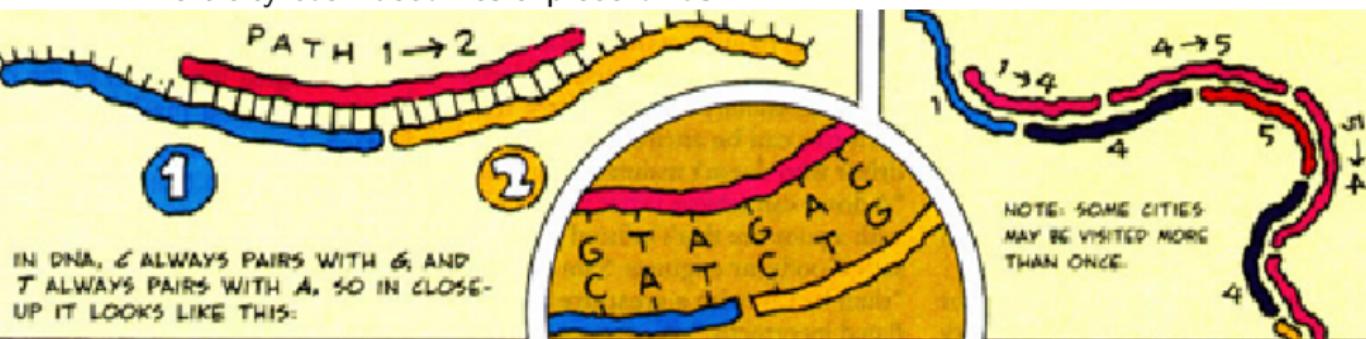


Each city is represented by a ssDNA 20 bases long.



A street between two cities is the complementary 20-base strand that overlaps each city's strand halfway.

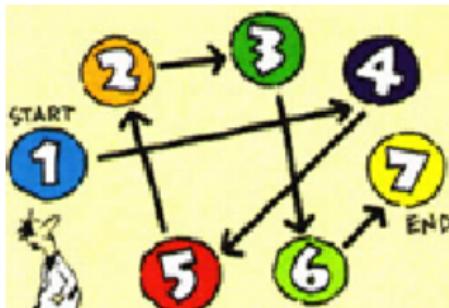
A multicity tour becomes a piece of dsDNA.



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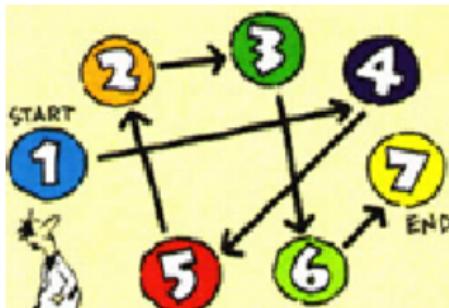
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- almost no energy required.

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- Theoretical developments in computer science are motivated by questions of scientific research

Profound questions in theory of computing:

- What is knowable?
- Computability and universal computation

Parts of a poem by Prof Don Anderson, Professor of Geophysics, Caltech

The First Ten Million Millenia or So

*In the "beginning" nothing
No time, no space, no matter.
No energy, no strings
nothing
not even a point, not even a void
nothing*

*No laws of physics
no myths, no Gods;
nothing, absolutely nothing
Then a singularity...
Call it a bang, call it a Big Bang, call it light, call it God
Perhaps a thought
In the beginning, the Laws of Logic begat the Laws of Physics.
The rules.
From Nothing, expansion
false vacuums, phase changes, befinning the time and space.
Potential for something, Everything Energy, potential
Waves, strings,
monopoles, sheets,threads
webs.*

From the void, chaos
out of vacuum, Genesis.
Condensation, knots, cosmic freezing.
wrinkles in time, defects

Bubbles, foams. A detergent universe
Strong force, weak force,
symmetry breaking; machos, wimps, tubes of energy, gigantic loops.
A pasta universe

.....
Look at Earth

crust

oceans

air

Life

Cool!

a trivial speck, an afterthought

But all we got.

So here we are,
simple and meek,

Now how do we get through the rest of the week?

COMPUTER SCIENCE

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NATURAL SCIENCES

- Artificial Life
- Artificial Intelligence
- Cognitive science
- ...

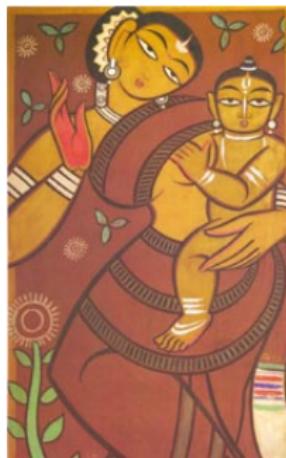
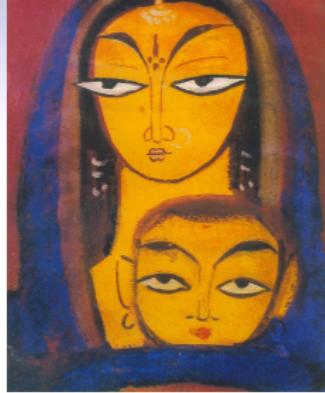
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ideas of geometry
inspiring Escher.



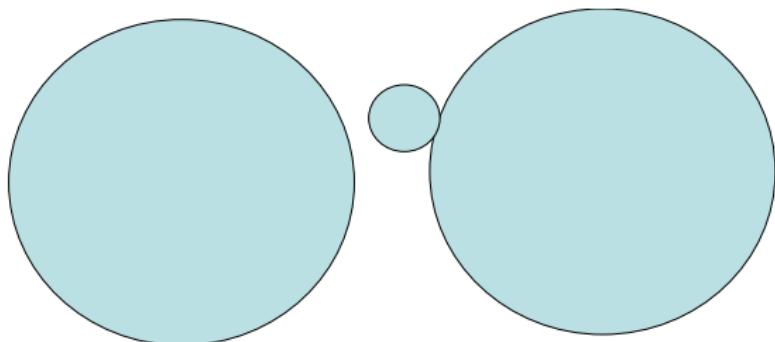


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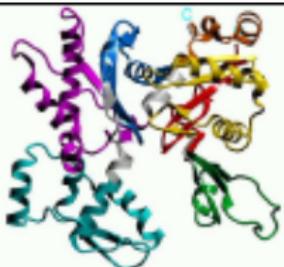
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Desirable: A holistic investigation or system of treatment.



Chemical computations



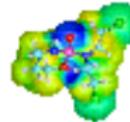
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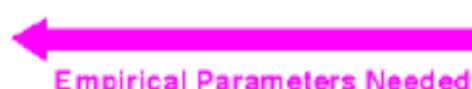
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Use Empirically-Derived
Potential Function

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Schrodinger Equation

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Electronic structure and properties of molecules :

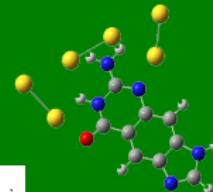
- 5-Hydroxycyclooctanone hemiacetal rearrangement



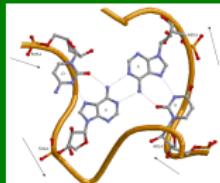
- Cyclotrimerization of furan amino acids



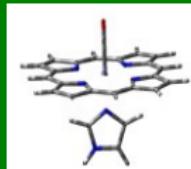
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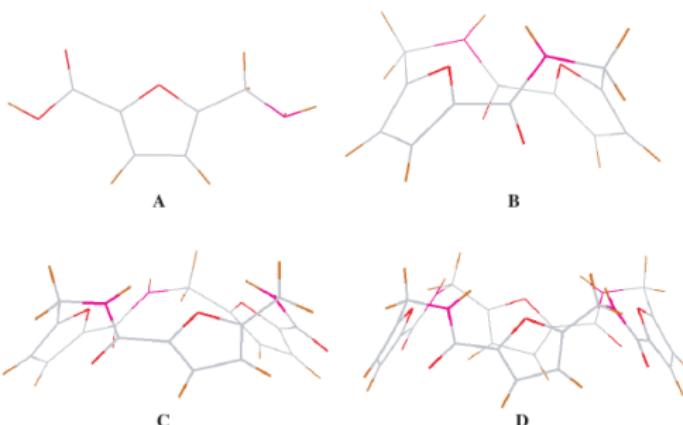
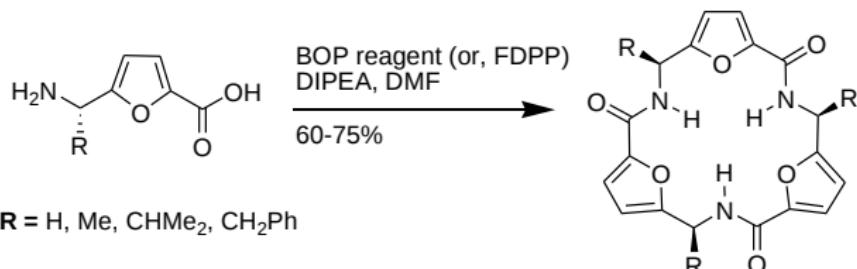
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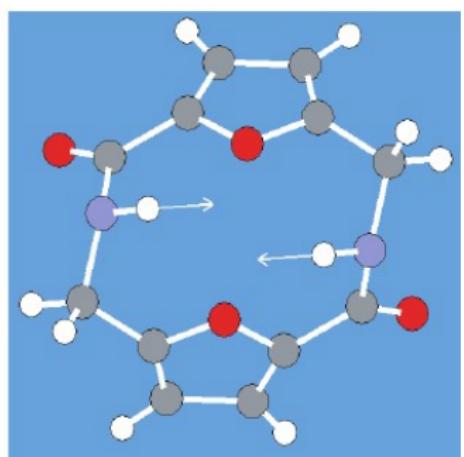
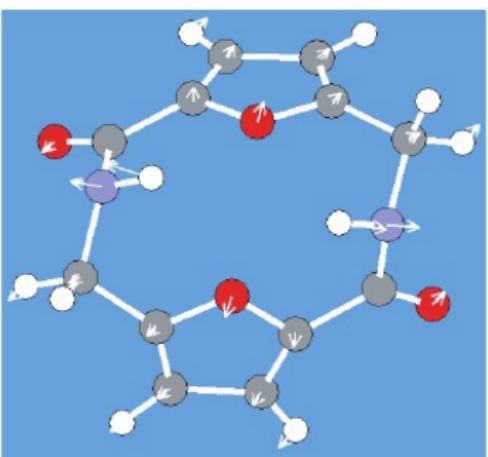
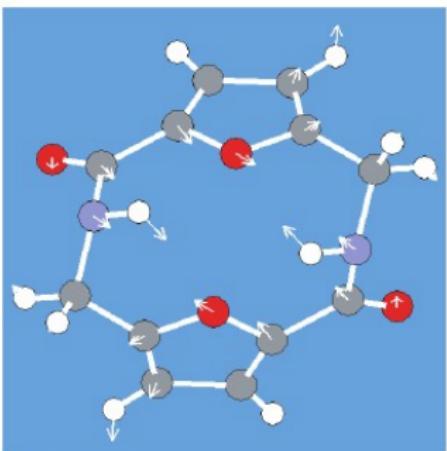
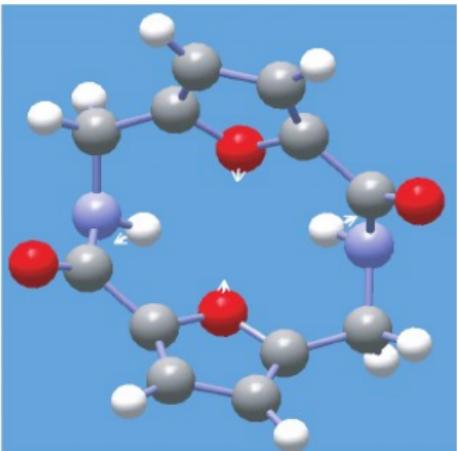


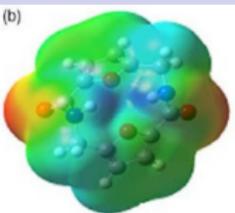
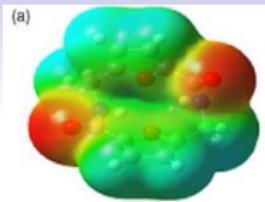
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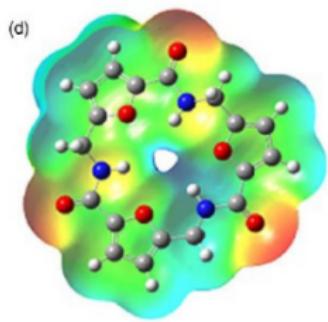
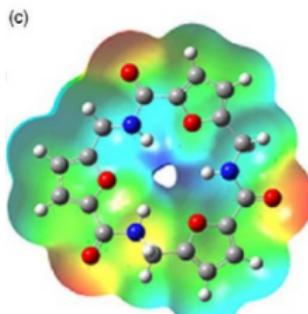
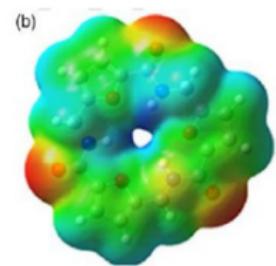
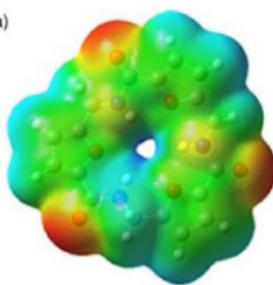
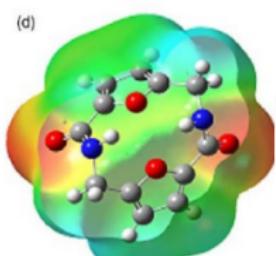
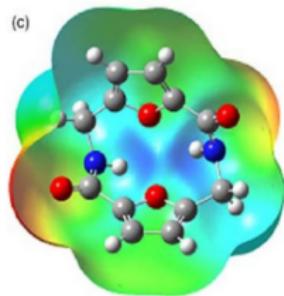
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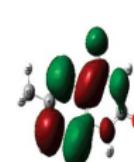
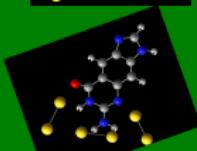
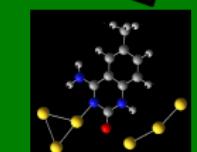
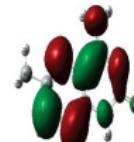
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Gold complexed bases

HOMO

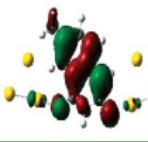
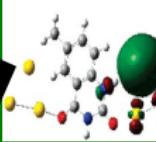
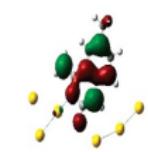
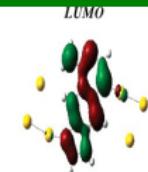
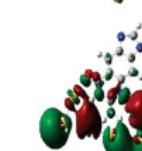
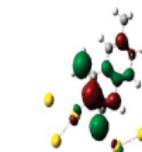
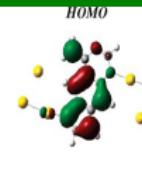
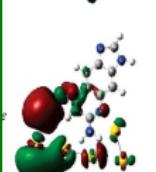
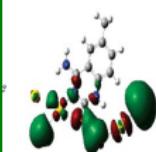
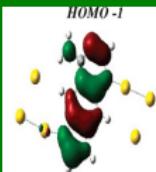
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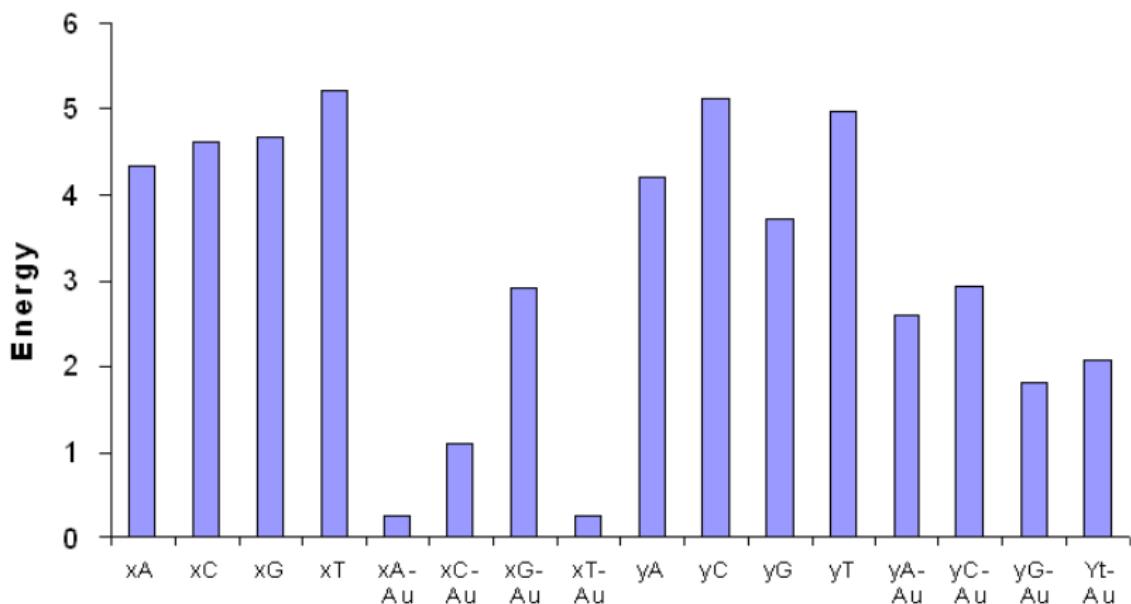
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HOMO-LUMO gaps



Grand challenges in physical sciences today

1. Control processes at the level of electrons
2. Design and perfect atom- and energy-efficient syntheses of new forms of matter with tailored properties.
3. Understand and control the remarkable properties of matter that emerge from complex correlations of atomic and electronic constituents
4. Master energy and information on the nanoscale to create new technologies with capabilities rivaling those of living things
5. Characterize and control matter away especially far away from equilibrium.

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1. Synthesizing Life-Like Systems
2. Understanding the Brain
3. Predicting Individual Organisms Characteristics from Their DNA Sequence
4. Interactions of the Earth, Its Climate, and the Biosphere
5. Understanding Biological Diversity

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Hypothesis: every item of the physical world, be it particle or field of force, ultimately derives its very existence from apparatus-solicited answers to binary, yes /no questions

-John Wheeler

