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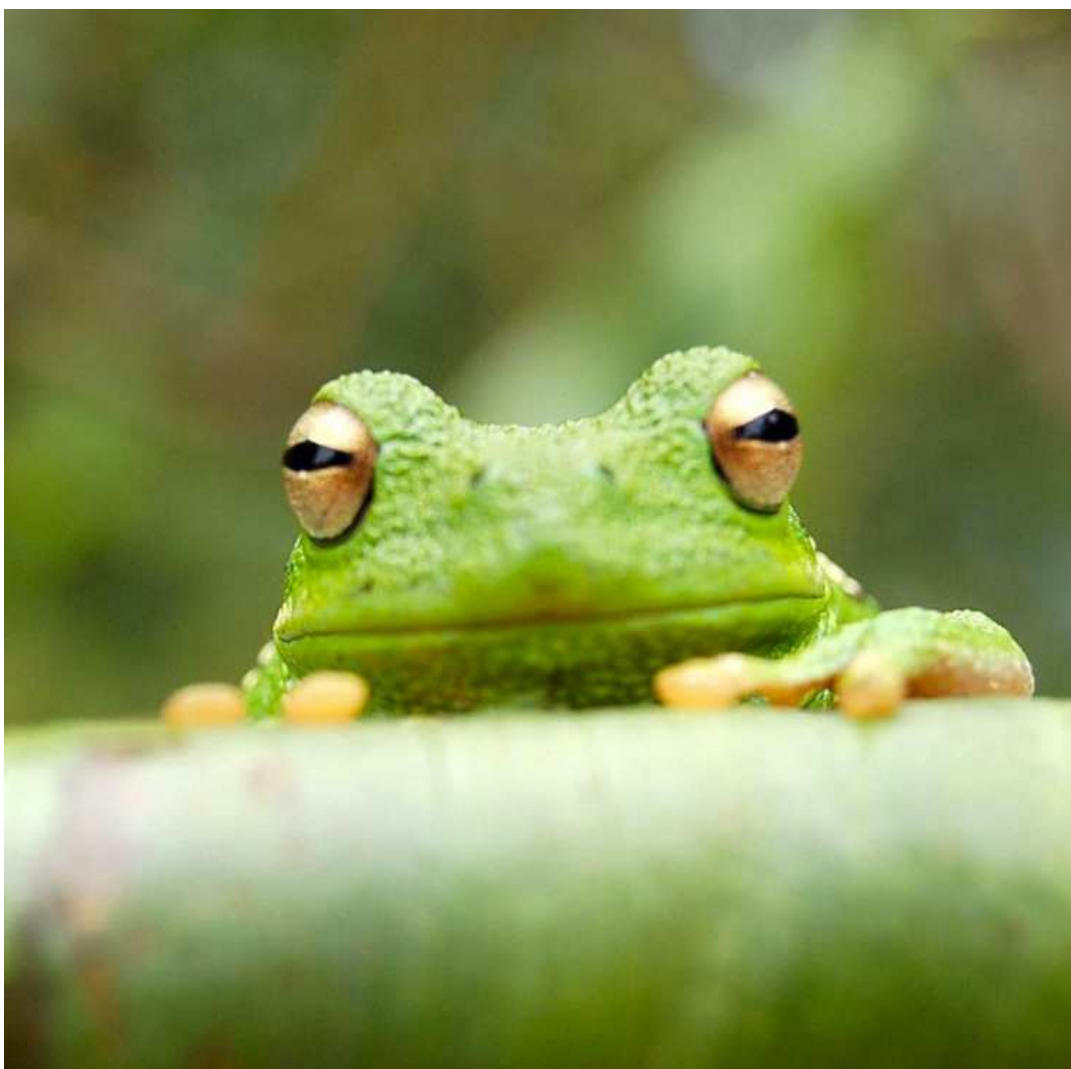
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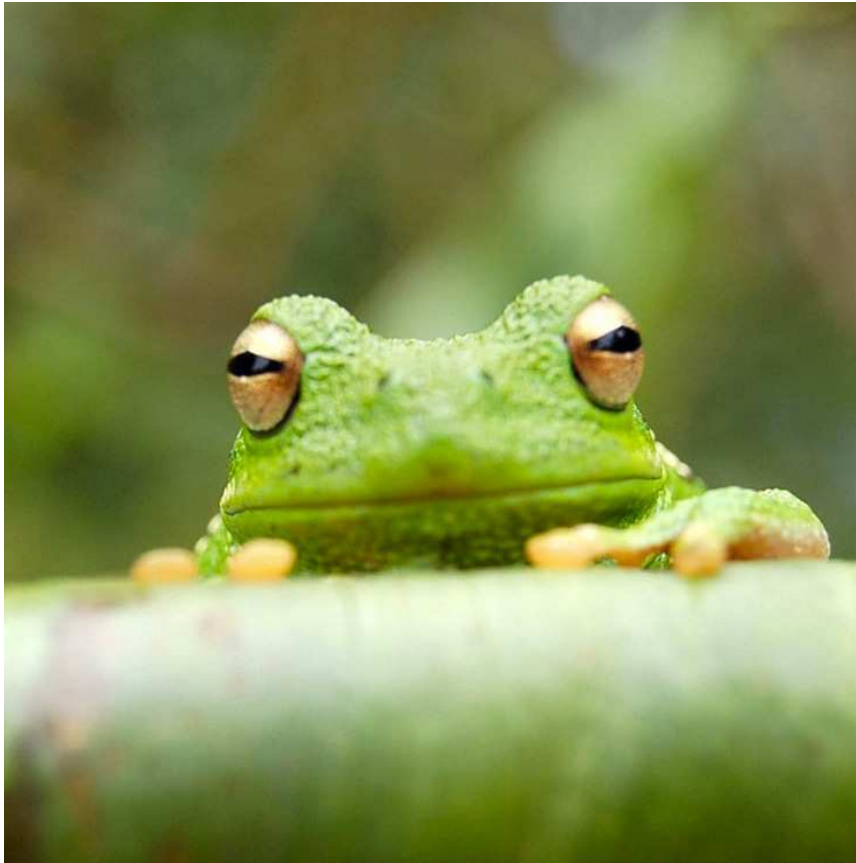
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 &= (x + y)(x^2 + 2xy + y^2) \\
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 \end{aligned}
 \tag{1}$$

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Table 1. Comparison of the fitted potential energy surfaces and ab initio benchmark electronic energy calculations

Species	CBS	CV	G3
1. Acetaldehyde	0.0	0.0	0.0
2. Vinyl alcohol	9.1	9.6	13.5
3. Hydroxyethylidene	50.8	51.2	54.0

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