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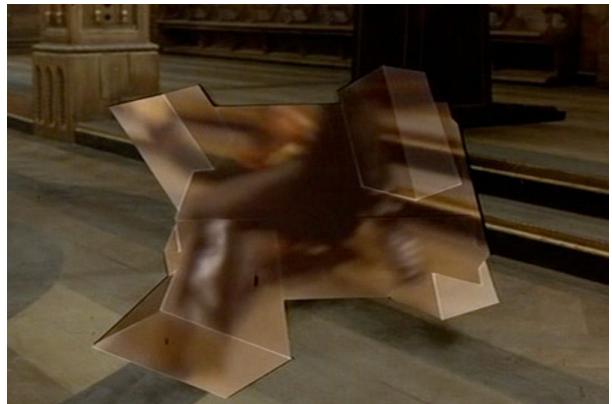
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Open Force Field: next-generation force fields with open data, open software, and open science

Jeff Wagner, Technical Lead

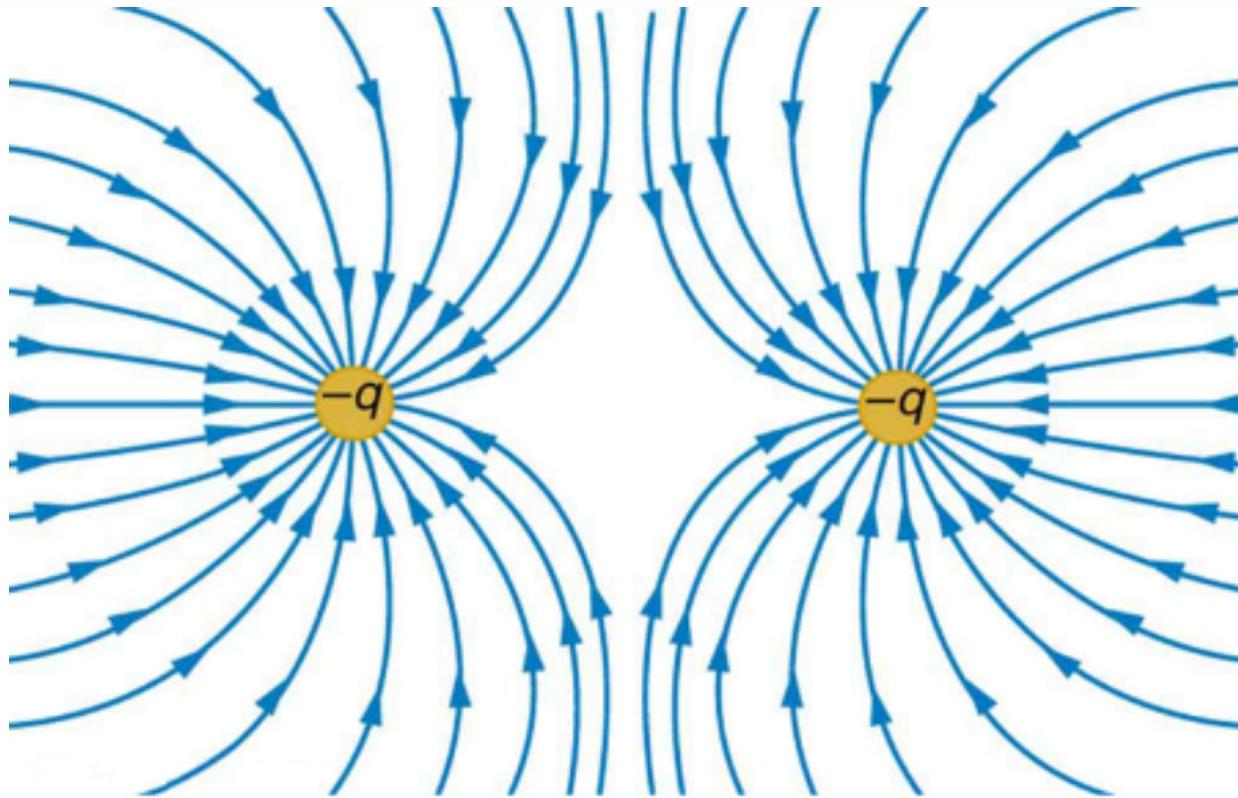


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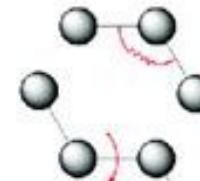
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$$U(R) = \sum_{bonds} k_r (r - r_{eq})^2 + \sum_{angles} k_\theta (\theta - \theta_{eq})^2 + \sum_{dihedrals} k_\phi (1 + \cos[n\phi - \gamma]) + \sum_{impropers} k_\omega (\omega - \omega_{eq})^2 + \sum_{atoms} \epsilon_{ij} \left[\left(\frac{r_m}{r_{ij}} \right)^{12} - 2 \left(\frac{r_m}{r_{ij}} \right)^6 \right] + \sum_{i < j}^{atoms} \frac{q_i q_j}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r_{ij}}$$

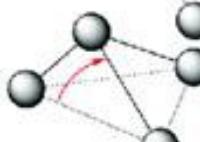
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angle



dihedral



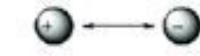
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van der Waals

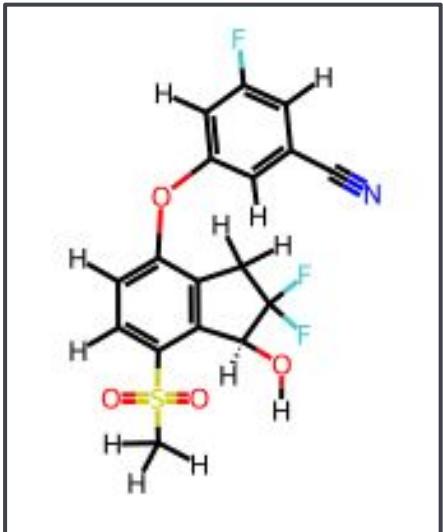


electrostatic

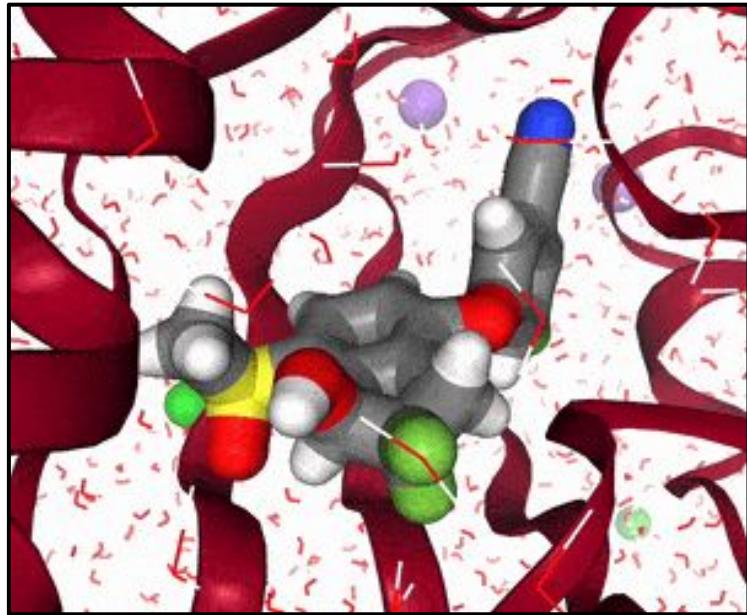




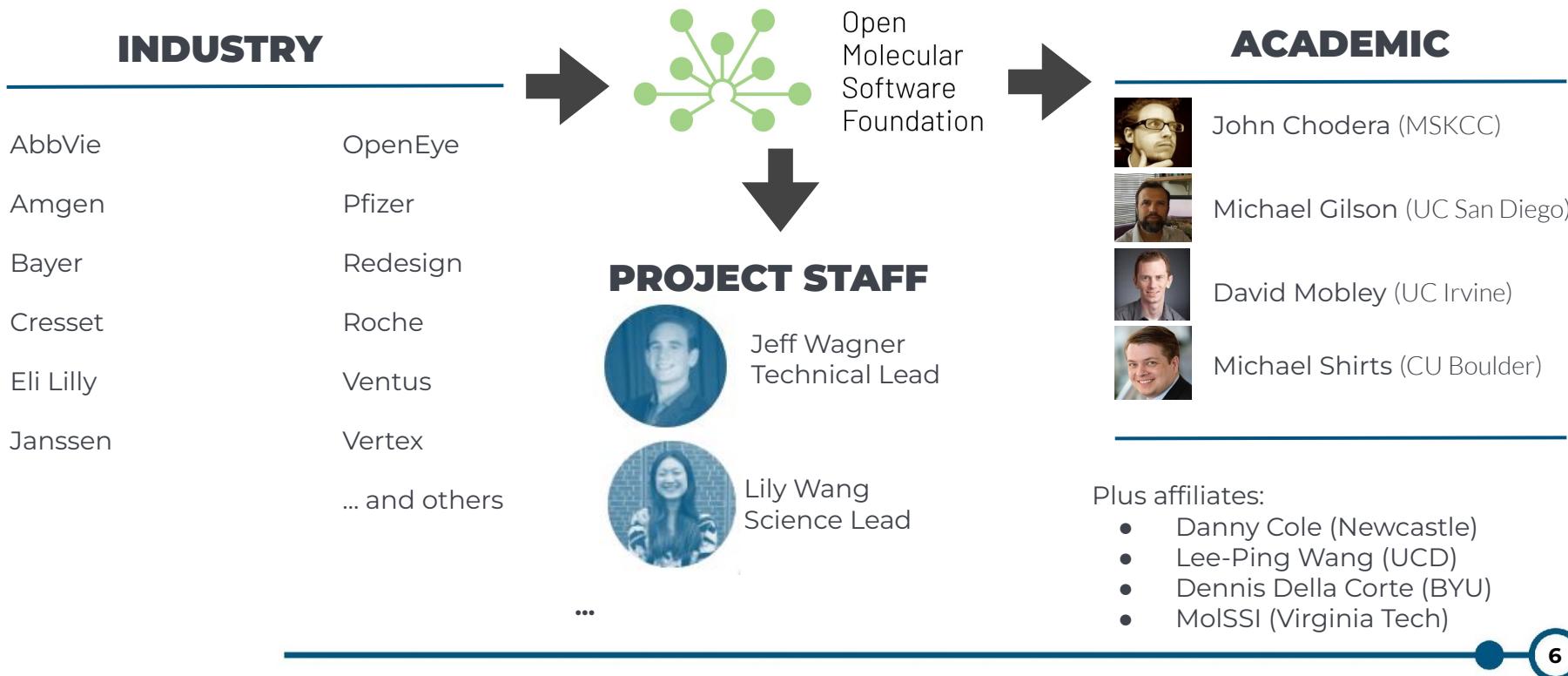
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Force field



The Open Force Field Consortium



How is the Open Force Field Initiative open?



Open source Python Toolkit: use the parameters in most simulation packages



Open curated QM / physical property datasets: build your own force fields



Open infrastructure: Run your own benchmarks; fit your own FFs



Open science: Everything done in the open/everyone can get involved

What is the Open Force Field Initiative producing?



Toolkits: Modern toolkits for rapid development, application, and evaluation of force fields

Parameters: Parameterized datasets for different model resolutions

Datasets: Curated collections of physical property measurements

Community: Bringing together top developers & users and working together to solve our problems in the open so everyone benefits

Best Practices: Measurement and calculation of physical properties

Standards: Representation of molecular systems; forcefield descriptions

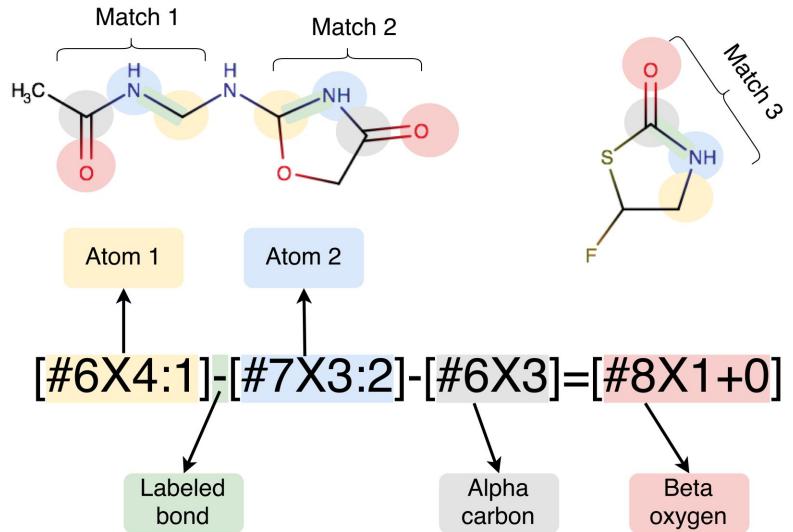
Documentation: Theory; toolkit documentation; tutorials and training materials

Publications: Communicating the ideas behind our work to the scientific community



The SMIRKS Native Open Force Field spec. (SMIRNOFF) avoids atom typing, simplifies parameter assignment

match bonds directly:



Use of industry-standard SMARTS/SMIRKS chemical perception greatly simplifies tooling for parameter assignment while solving issues with extensibility and flexibility

SMIRNOFF allowed significant compression of smirnoff99Frosst, our AMBER-lineage starting point



Description	Force Field	Lines of parameters
Basic Amber FF:	parm99	720
Merck Frosst small mol:	parm@Frosst	2893
Total:		3613



smirnoff99Frosst

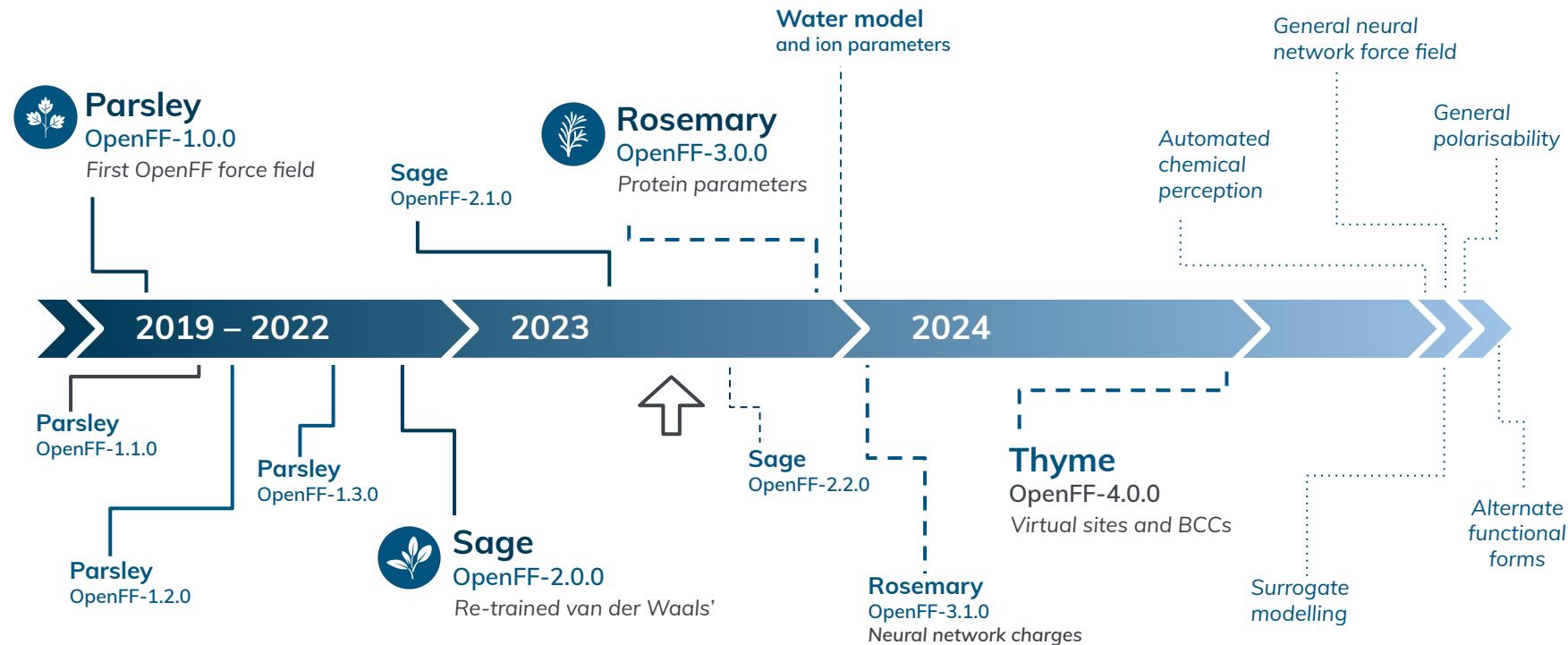
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Database	smirnoff	parm
	99Frosst	@Frosst
DrugBank	99.7%	60%
ZINC	99.8%	52%
eMolecules	99.5%	--

- Less than 1/10 the size of the original force field
- Removes redundancy
- Almost completely covers pharmaceutical chemical space



Force Field Roadmap





Vignettes



Code and input files available at

<https://github.com/openforcefield/2023-workshop-vignettes>



Some of this is experimental: no promises, run your own benchmarks!

- Production ready, we stand by this!
- In the public API, but expect bugs
- Prototype, experimental

● Run a simulation with 7 lines of OpenFF code



OpenFF Code

```
from openff.toolkit import Molecule, Topology, ForceField
ligand = Molecule.from_file('inputs/PT2385.sdf')
top = Topology.from_pdb('inputs/solvated_complex.pdb',
                        unique_molecules=[ligand])
)
ff = ForceField("openff-2.0.0.offxml", "ff14sb_off_impropers_0.0.3.offxml")
sys = ff.create_openmm_system(top)
```

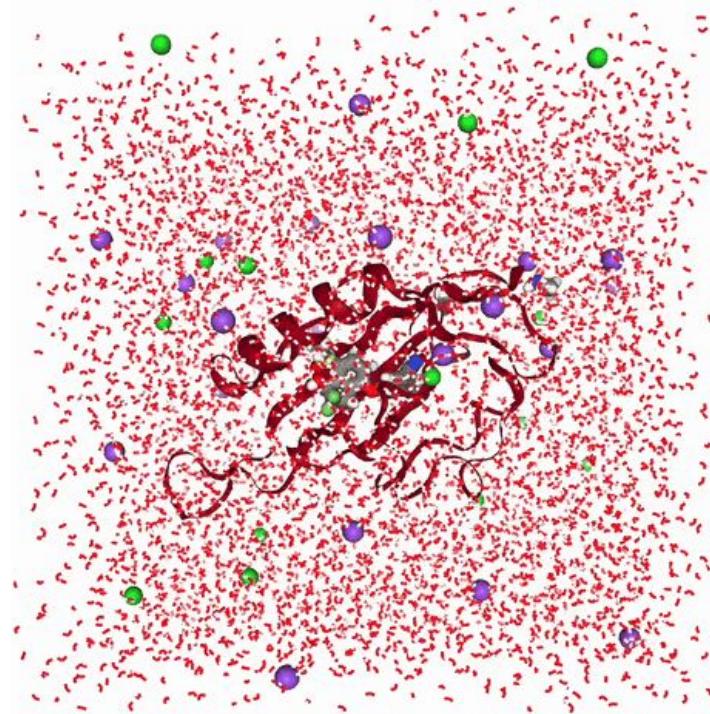
OpenMM Code

```
import openmm
from openff.units import Quantity, unit
from openmm import unit as openmm_unit

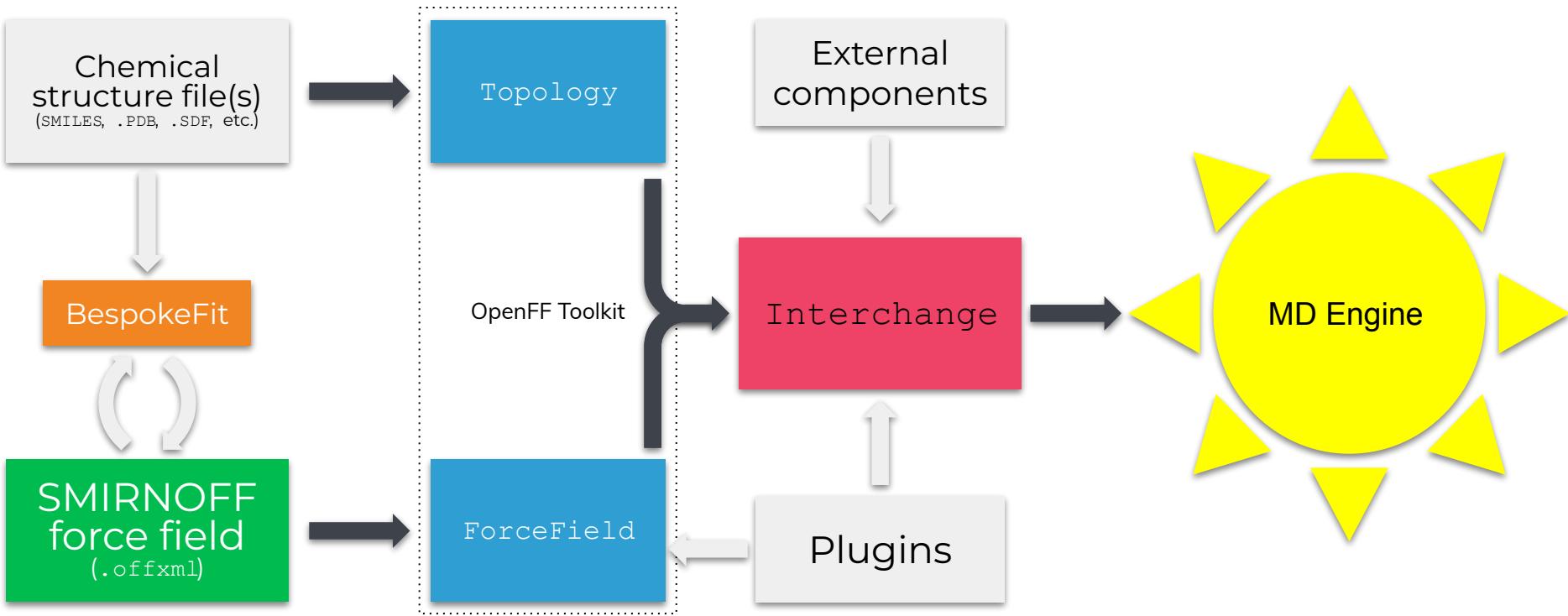
# Construct and configure a Langevin integrator at 300 K with an appropriate friction constant.
integrator = openmm.LangevinIntegrator(
    300 * openmm_unit.kelvin,
    1 / openmm_unit.picosecond,
    0.002 * openmm_unit.picoseconds,
)

# Combine the topology, system, integrator and initial positions into a simulation
simulation = openmm.app.Simulation(top.to_openmm(), sys, integrator)
simulation.context.setPositions(top.get_positions().to_openmm())

# Add a reporter to record the structure every 10 steps
dcd_reporter = openmm.app.DCDReporter("trajectory.dcd", 250)
simulation.reporters.append(dcd_reporter)
simulation.context.setVelocitiesToTemperature(300 * openmm_unit.kelvin)
simulation.runForClockTime(1.5 * openmm_unit.minute)
```



The OpenFF Workflow



Dependencies/Interoperability



Upstream

- Numpy
- Pint
- OpenMM (and thereby MDAnalysis/MDTraj)
- RDKit/OpenEye
- QCFractal



Downstream

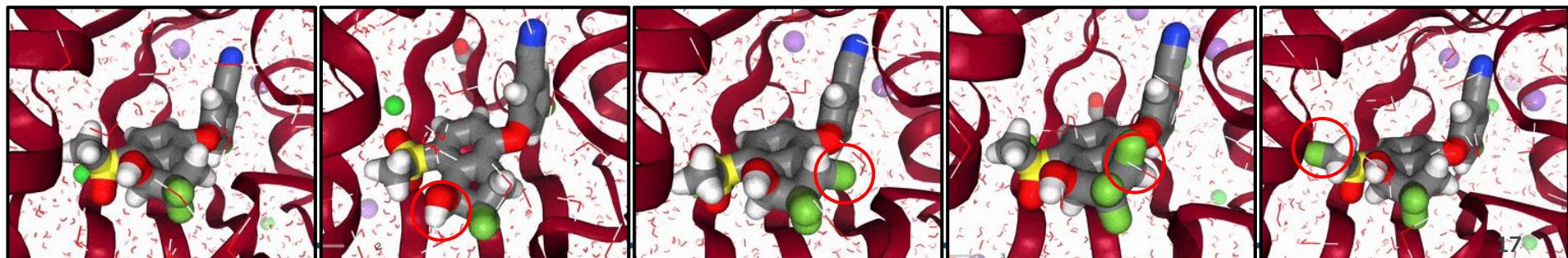
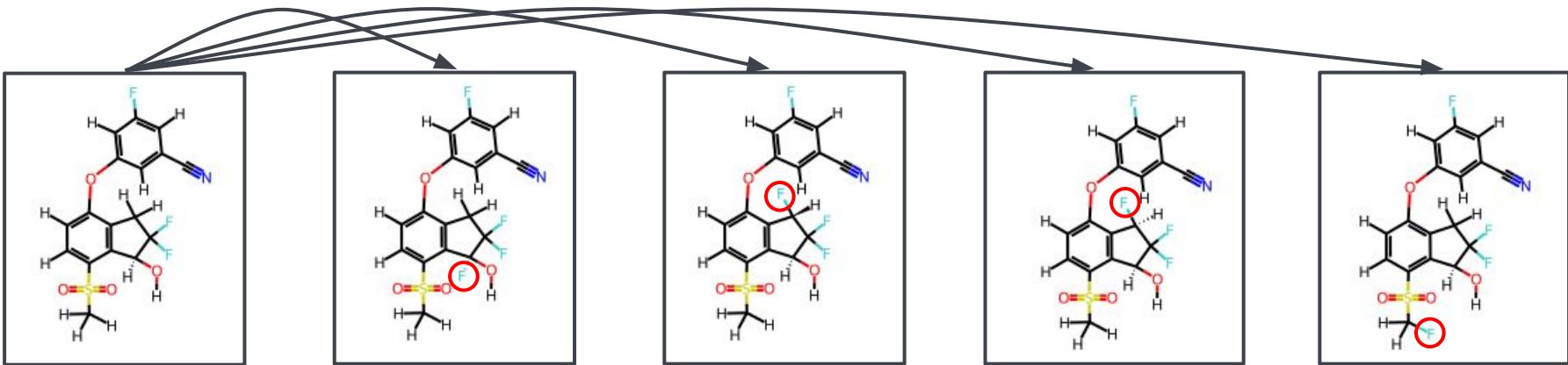
- OpenFE
- OpenMM (and thereby NglView/MDAnalysis/MDTraj)
- ParmEd
- AMBER/GROMACS/other MD engines
- QCFractal



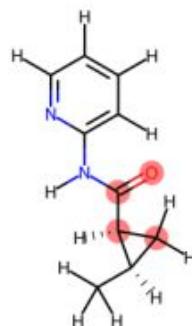
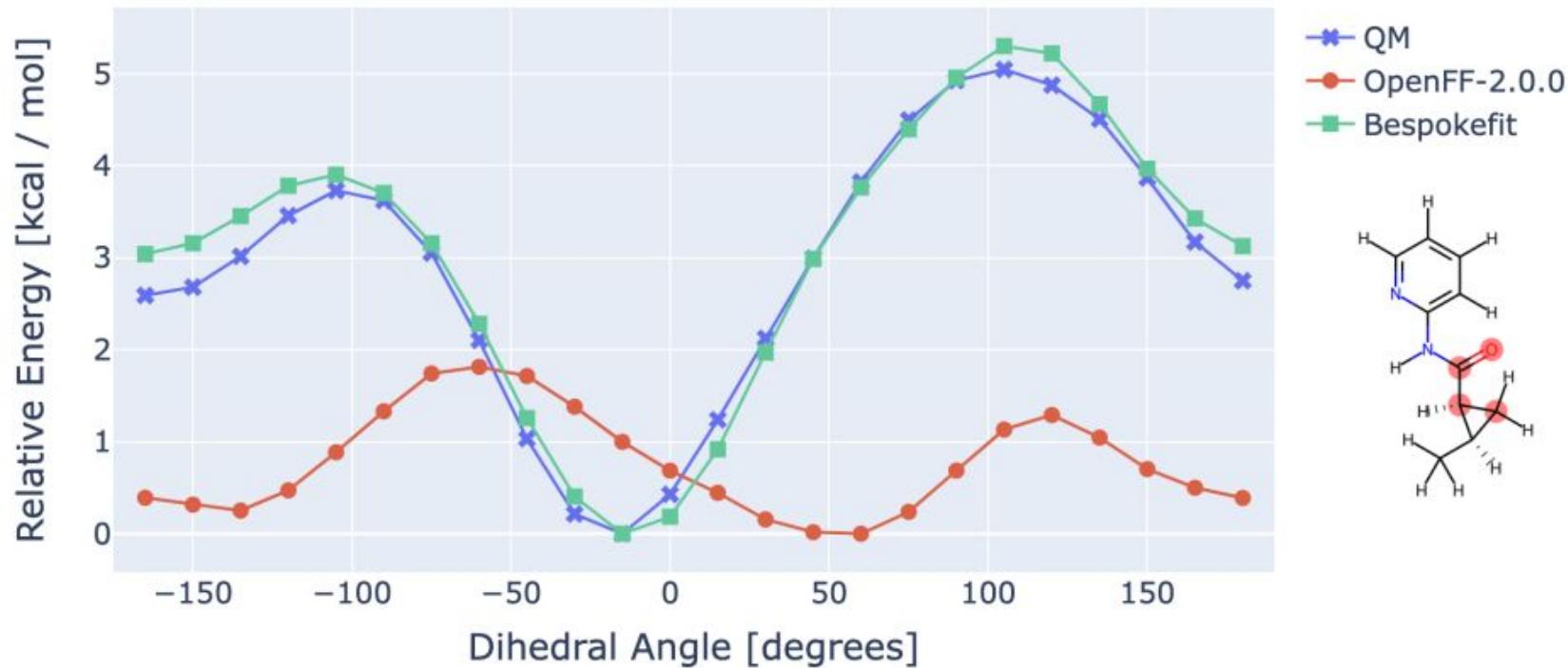
● OpenFF is highly interoperable with RDKit

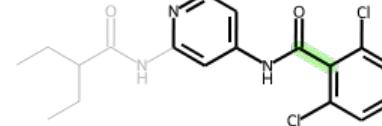
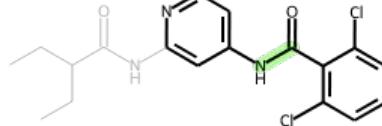
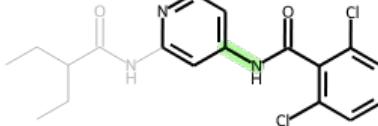
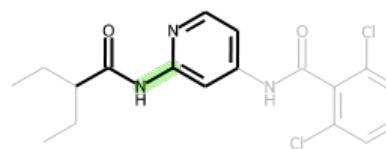
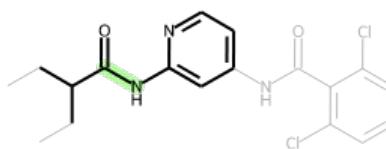
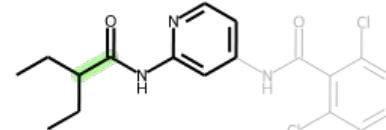
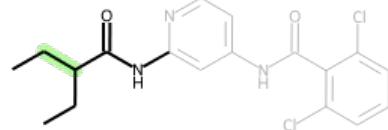
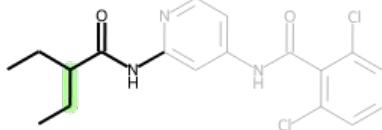


```
rxn = rdkit.Chem.rdChemReactions.ReactionFromSmarts("[C:1][H:2] >> [C:1][F:2]")
```



● rdkit-ligand-modification (~70 LoC, ~10 minute runtime)



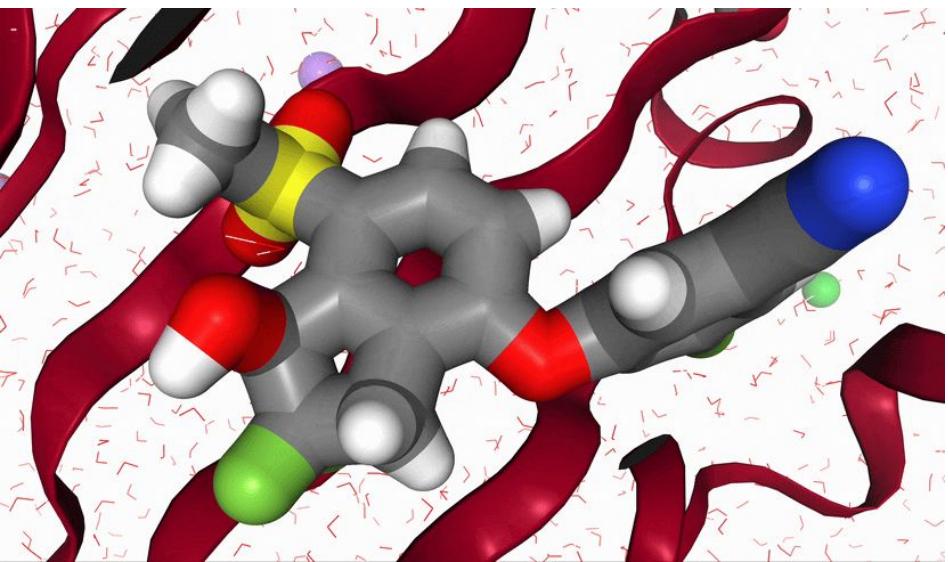




```
!openff-bespoke executor run
  --file           "inputs/PT2385.sdf"
  --workflow       "default"
  --output         "PT2385.json"
  --output-force-field "openff-2.0.0-PT2385.offxml"
  --n-qc-compute-workers 1
  --qc-compute-n-cores 10
  --default-qc-spec xtb gfn2xtb none

from openff.toolkit import ForceField

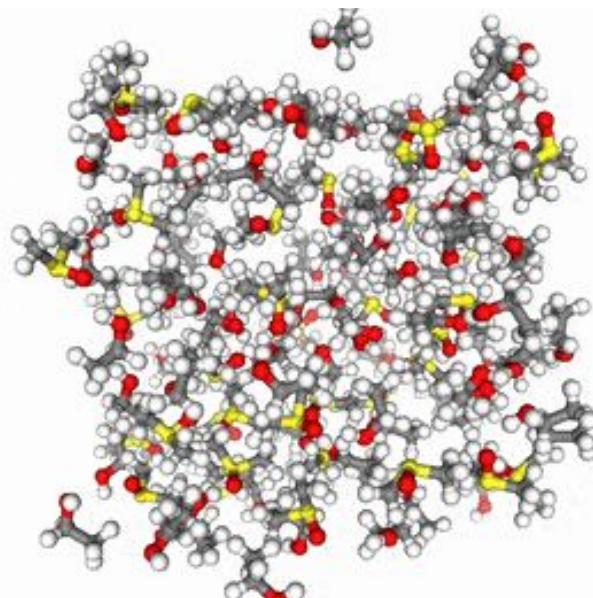
ff = ForceField(
    "openff-2.0.0-PT2385.offxml",
    "ff14sb_off_impropers_0.0.3.offxml",
)
```



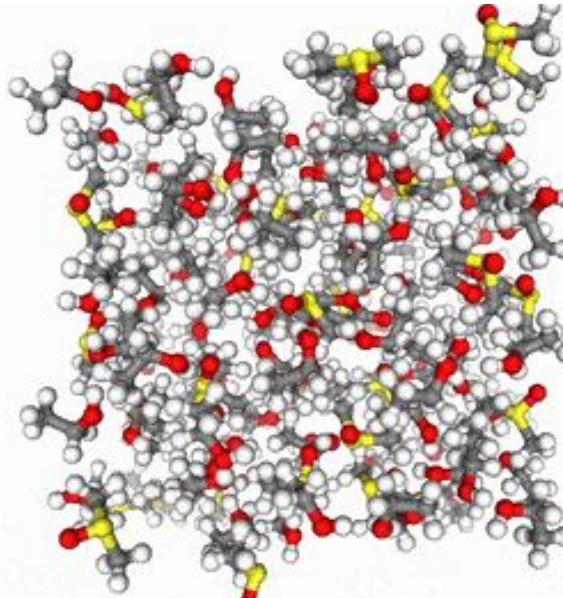
● Interchange can export to different MD engines



```
system = interchange.to_openmm()
```



```
interchange.to_gromacs("gromacs_input")
```



Micelle self assembly

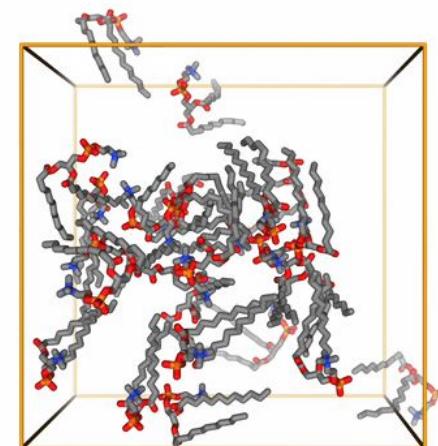


```
from openff.interchange.components._packmol import pack_box
from openff.toolkit import Molecule
from openff.units import unit

dlpc_smiles = "CCCCCCCCCCCC(=O)OC[C@H](COP(=O)([O-])OCC[N+](C)(C)C)OC(=O)CCCCCCCC"
molecules = [
    Molecule.from_smiles(dlpc_smiles),
    Molecule.from_smiles("[H]O[H]"),
]
n_copies = [4000, 25]

target_density = 1.0 * unit.gram/unit.liter
total_mass = sum([
    sum([atom.mass for atom in molecule.atoms]) * n
    for molecule, n in zip(molecules, n_copies)
])
target_volume = total_mass / target_density
box_size = np.ones(3) * np.cbrt(target_volume)

topology = pack_box(
    molecules,
    n_copies,
    box_size=box_size,
    tolerance=0.05 * unit.nanometer,
)
```



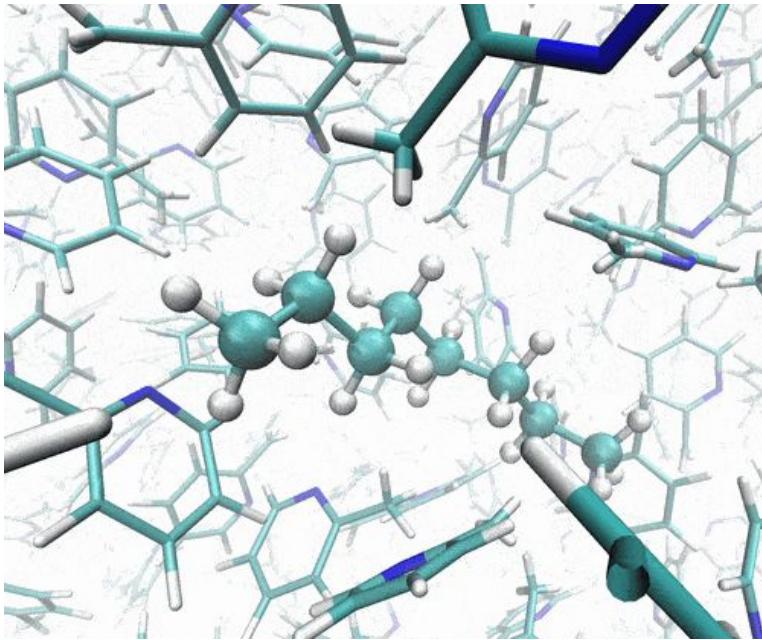
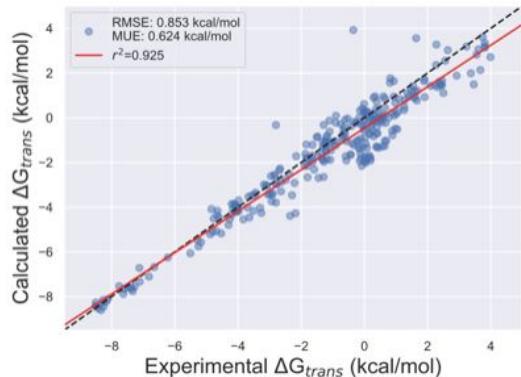


Modified functional forms and plugins



$$U^{B68}(r) = A \exp(-br) - f_{damp,6}(r) \frac{C_6}{r^6} - f_{damp,8}(r) \frac{C_8}{r^8}$$

```
from openff.toolkit import ForceField
ff = ForceField(
    "de-force-1.0.0.offxml",
    load_plugins=True
)
```

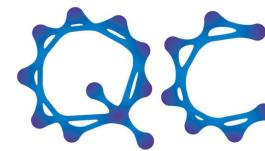
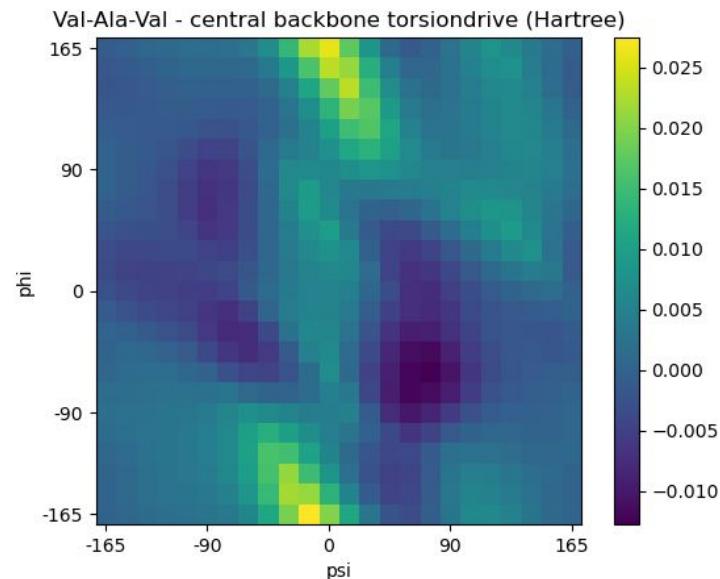
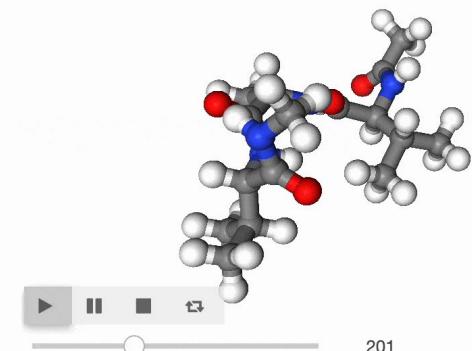


A transfer free energy simulation of octane in 2-methylpyridine



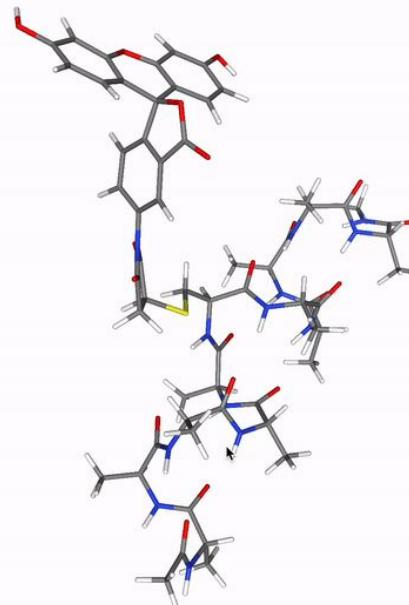
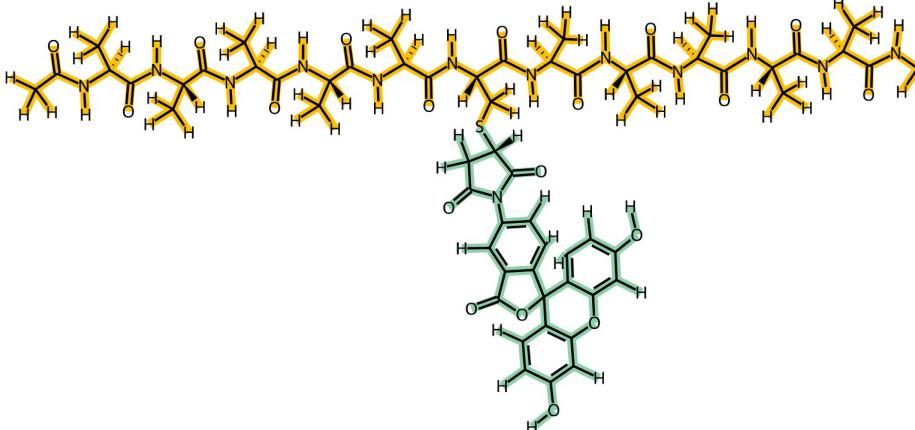
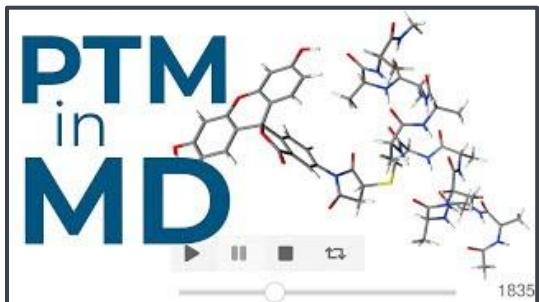


An MM-person's guide in QC-land, pull down our datasets as graph molecules with QM energies, filter for bad cases like connectivity rearrangements



QC Archive
A MolSSI Project

● SMIRNOFF format allows blending force fields



● Expanding electrostatics with neural network charges



Rosemary 3.1.0 will use neural network charges

- We now have working models that perform similarly to existing backends

```
In [1]: from openff.toolkit import Molecule
from openff.toolkit.utils._nagl_wrapper import _NAGLToolkitWrapper
from rdkit import Chem

rd_gb3 = Chem.MolFromFASTA(
    "MQYKLVINGKTLKGETTTKAVDAETAE"
    "KAFKQYANDNGVDGVWTYDDATKTFVTTE"
)
off_gb3 = Molecule.from_rdkit(rd_gb3)
off_gb3.n_atoms
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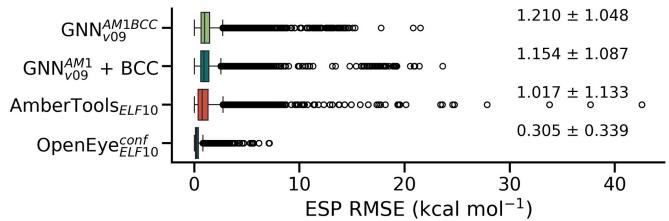
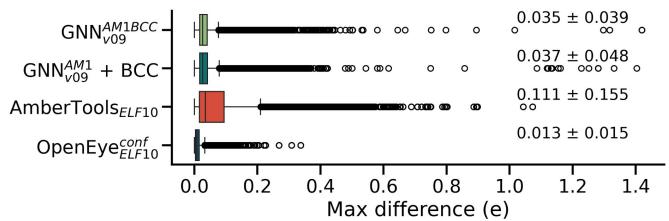
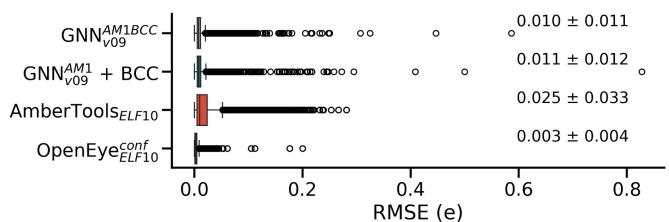
Out [1]: 864

```
In [2]: %time

off_gb3.assign_partial_charges(
    "_nagl_am1bccelf10",
    toolkit_registry=_NAGLToolkitWrapper()
)
```

CPU times: user 45.8 s, sys: 2.1 s, total: 47.9 s
Wall time: 38.4 s

Prototype now available
(*not the most up-to-date model!)



OpenFF-Recharge improves fits to electrostatics with virtual sites

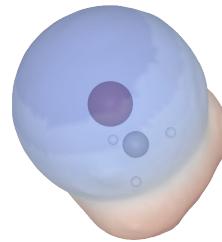


Virtual sites are now a top priority for small molecule improvement

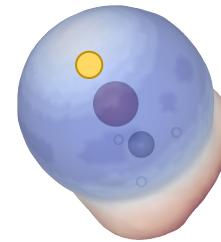
HF/6-31G*



Sage



With virtual sites





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Fragmenter

Evaluator

Recharge

NAGL

Tutorials

Tutorials describing key workflows from start to finish, with examples of what's going on.



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Parametrization and Evaluation

Quick examples describing use of OpenFF tools for system preparation, energy evaluation, and simulation.



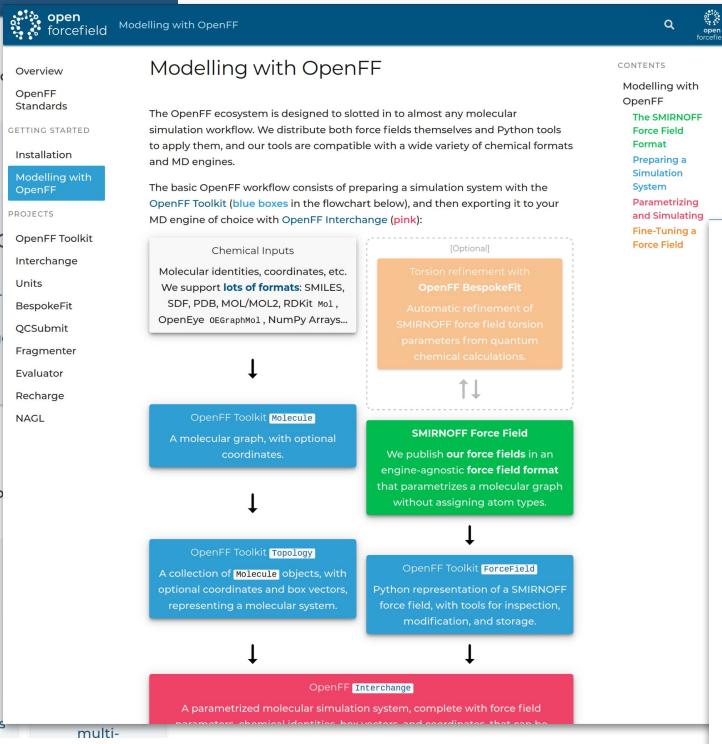
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Compute conformer energies



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Theory

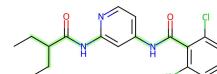
BespokeFit produces optimized classical molecular force field parameters for user-specified molecules. These "bespoke" parameters aim to be highly accurate, and support for efficiently computing parameters for multiple similar molecules, such as a lead series, is included. This page describes the theory behind the production of these parameters, as well as the assumptions and trade-offs BespokeFit makes.

The process by which bespoke parameters are generated generally follows five main stages:

1. Parameter selection - features of the molecule(s) that require bespoke parameters, such as rotatable bonds, are identified
2. Fragmentation - molecules are split into smaller fragments based on the identified features for faster quantum chemical calculations
3. QC generation - any required quantum chemical reference data is generated using smaller chemical fragments
4. Parameter generation - bespoke SMIRKS patterns that match the identified chemical features are constructed and initial values sourced from a general force field
5. Parameter optimization - the bespoke parameters are trained to fit the reference QC data

Parameter selection

The first stage in the bespoke fitting workflow is to identify the features of the molecule to optimize. BespokeFit targets features that benefit the most from molecule-specific parametrization. At present, this involves identifying all rotatable bonds in a molecule. Accurately reproducing the torsion profile around these bonds is critical to ensuring that the correct conformational preferences of a molecule are captured.



Improving infrastructure usability



Interchange expansion

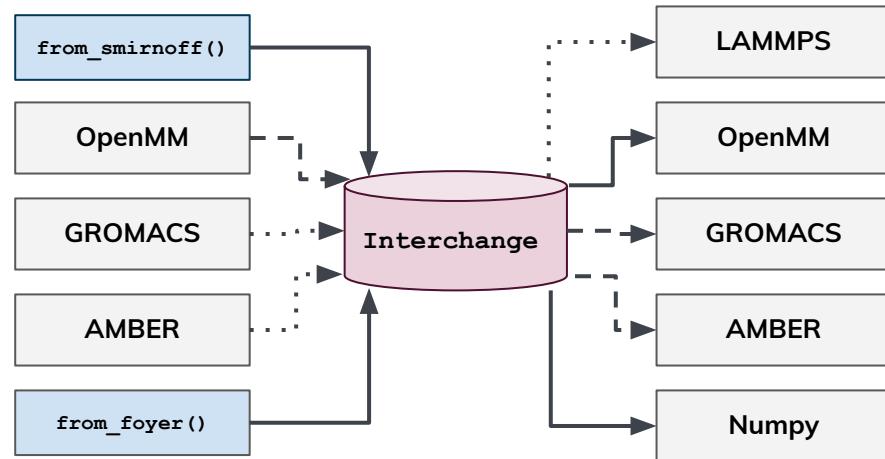
- “Vanilla” importers for OpenMM, AMBER, GROMACS, etc.
- Usability for protein-ligand workflows

Expanded polymer loading

- Multi-component protein, DNA, RNA, custom monomer units
- PDBx/mmcif

Centralized documentation

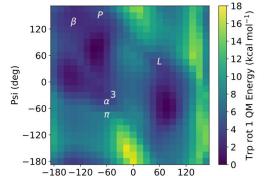
- Ecosystem wayfinding
- Additional, centralised workflow examples





Rosemary (template charges)

OpenFF-3.0.0



- Self-consistent force field for biopolymers and small molecules
- Incorporating protein-specific torsions
- Benchmarked against QM and physical property data
- Includes template partial charges for standard residues



2023

Thyme

OpenFF-4.0.0

- Re-optimized BCCs to HF/6-31G* (or higher) electric field
- Virtual sites fit to HF/6-31G* (or higher) electric field



Sage minor release

OpenFF-2.1.0

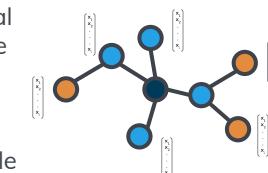
- New training targets
- Broader parameter coverage
- New parameters
- Targeted improvements for specific functional groups, e.g. sulfonamides



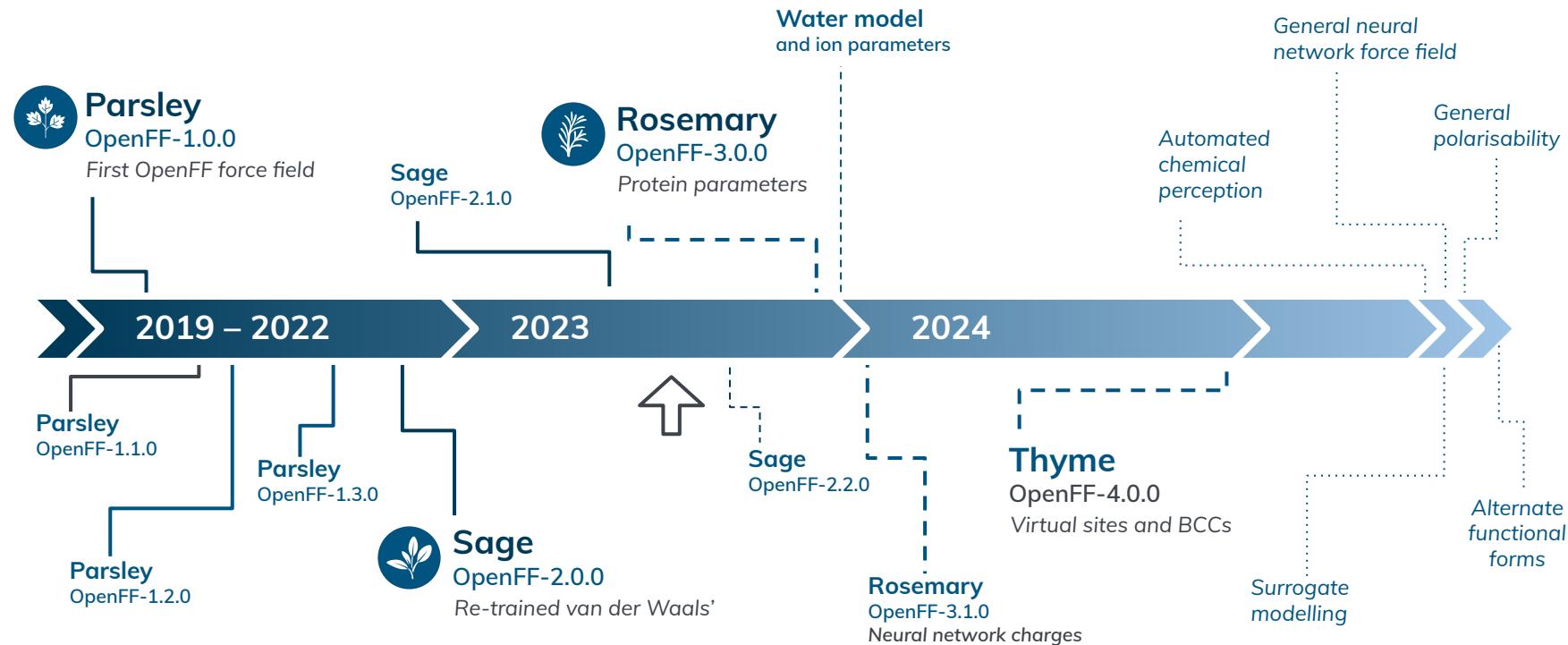
Rosemary (Graph charges)

OpenFF-3.1.0

- Use convolutional graph neural networks (CGNNs) to generate AM1-BCC-like charges
- Charges are fast and conformer-independent
- Enables custom macromolecule support



Force field Roadmap





Open Free Energy

Open Free Energy is funded and governed by a pre-competitive collaboration of industry partners.

The project is hosted by the Open Molecular Software Foundation (OMSF) a 501(c)(3) nonprofit.

<https://omsf.io>

Our software helps researchers performing free energy calculations by providing tools for preparing, defining, executing and analysing calculations.

We are maintaining and building an ecosystem of tools for free energy calculations which are:

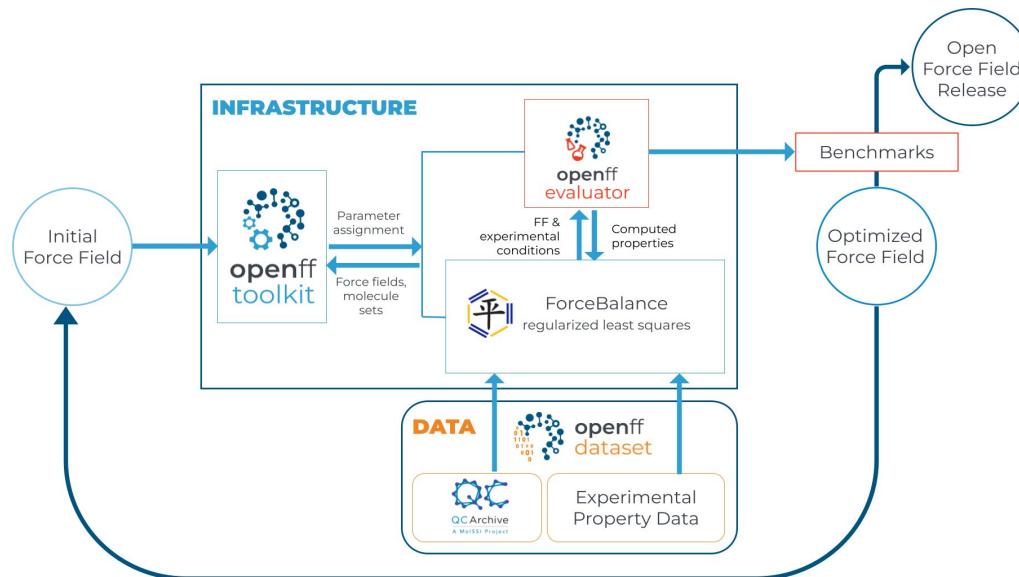
- Free to commercially use and extend
 - ◆ Permissive open source (MIT)
- Interoperable
 - ◆ Compatible with existing workflows
 - ◆ No lock in to any ecosystem / engine
- Robust
- Automated and scalable
 - ◆ Designed for simple large scale deployment
- Modular and extensible
 - ◆ Clear API to allow reuse and adaptation of components

<https://github.com/OpenFreeEnergy>

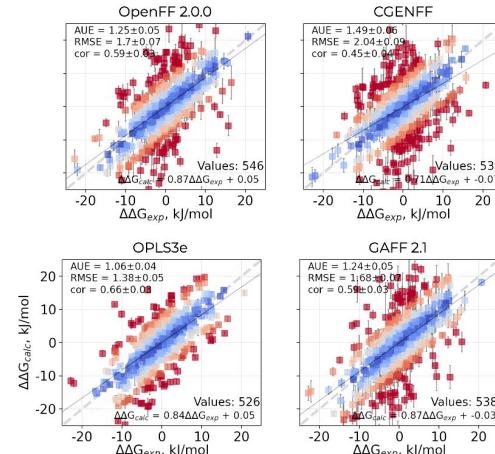
OpenFF partners with industry to build accurate, pre-competitive force fields for general use



Our infrastructure automates fitting, allowing force field science and driving innovation



OpenFF 2.0.0 (Sage) outperforms other public small molecule force fields



The OpenFF community shares insights, experiences, code and workflows
More than a dozen industry partners participate. **Contact:** info@openforcefield.org

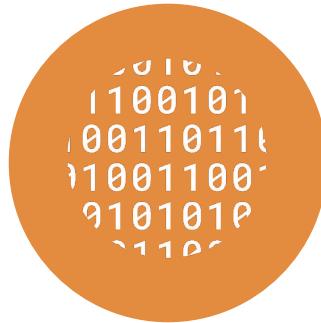
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OPEN Software, OPEN Data, OPEN Science is rapidly facilitating force field science!



OPEN SOFTWARE

Automated infrastructure enables rapid experimentation with minimum human intervention



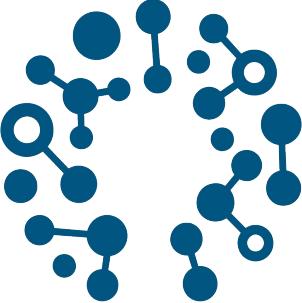
OPEN DATA

Access to large, high quality experimental and quantum chemical data facilitates easy curation of balanced train / test sets



OPEN SCIENCE

Exploring new force field science:
hypothesis - build software - train - test - iterate
is now almost routine



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1. What is OpenFF?
 - a. Mission
 - b. People + Industry partners
 - c. Standard workflow
 - d. Docs.openff.org
2. What are our current capabilities?
 - a. Toolkit Showcase (Toolkit+Interchange)
 - b. Data from QCArchive (QCSubmit+QCF)
 - c. DEXP sim (plugins+Interchange+Evaluator)
 - d. BespokeFit Workshop (BespokeFit)
 - e. NCAA parameterization
 - f. Custom substructures + NAGL (NAGL)
3. Where are we going?
 - a. Roadmap - Particularly biopolymer FFs and vsites
 - b. How to join
 - c.