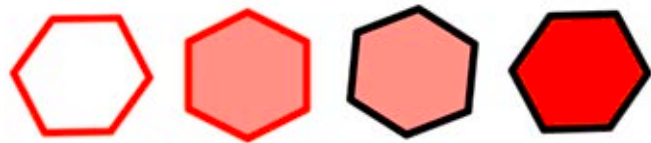


# THE SCIENCE

## MARVEL



NATIONAL CENTRE OF COMPETENCE IN RESEARCH

*Learned to like*  
*Fire*  
*playing* *Glaciers* -  
*a Boy* -  
*Tinder* - *guessed* - *by*  
The Zeroes - taught us - Phosphorous -  
We learned to like the Fire  
By playing Glaciers - when a Boy -  
And Tinder - guessed - by power  
Of Opposite - to balance Odd -  
If White - a Red - must be!  
Paralysis - our Primer - dumb -  
Unto Vitality - !

[Emily Dickinson, Poem 689]

# MARVEL VISION – 2011/12

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- 1) **Accelerated design and discovery of materials** displaying novel physics or improved properties via a
- 2) materials' informatics platform of **database-driven, high-throughput** quantum simulations
- 3) **predictive accuracy** supported by advanced or innovative electronic-structure capabilities,
- 4) **verified and validated** thanks to code interoperability and automated benchmarking
- 5) **applied to materials** for energy, information-and-communication technologies, and pharmaceuticals.

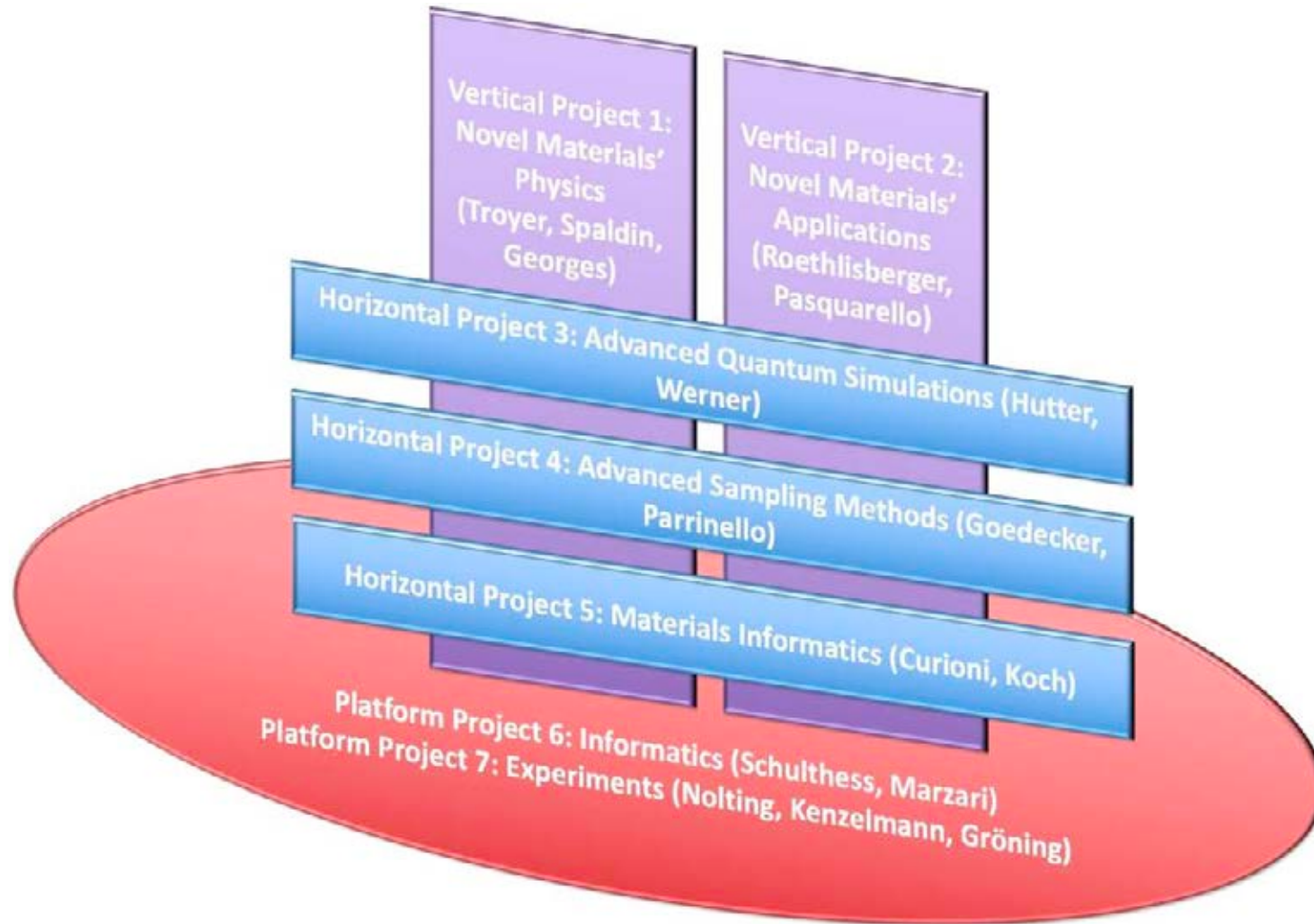
# MARVEL VISION – 2011/12

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- 1) **the writers:** a community of **database-driven interoperable quantum engines**
- 2) **the library:** a **database of materials**, of materials' properties and performance, and of the results of quantum simulations, that starts with the structures of known materials, and that continuously expands
- 3) **the language:** a **data management system** that allows to store data heterogeneously, in its original and usually most natural format
- 4) **the librarian:** **the agent** that controls the quantum engines, reads the library, directs the effort to fill the library with the missing pieces, and addresses the grand challenges of the vertical materials design projects

# IN THE BEGINNING IS MY END

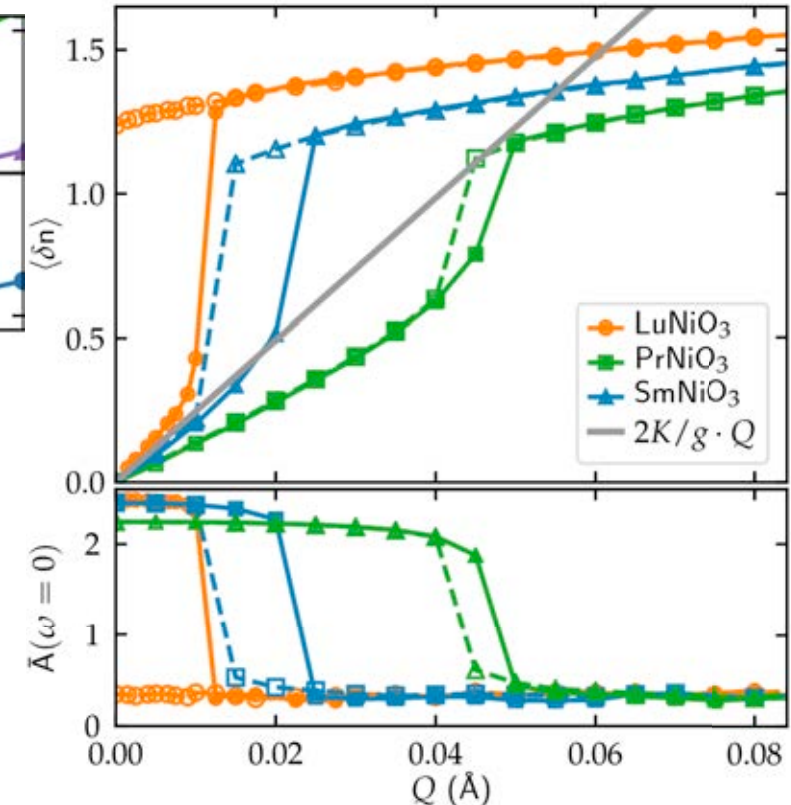
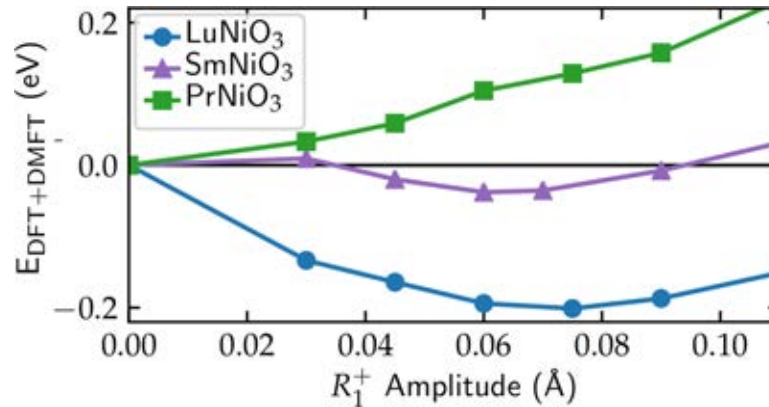
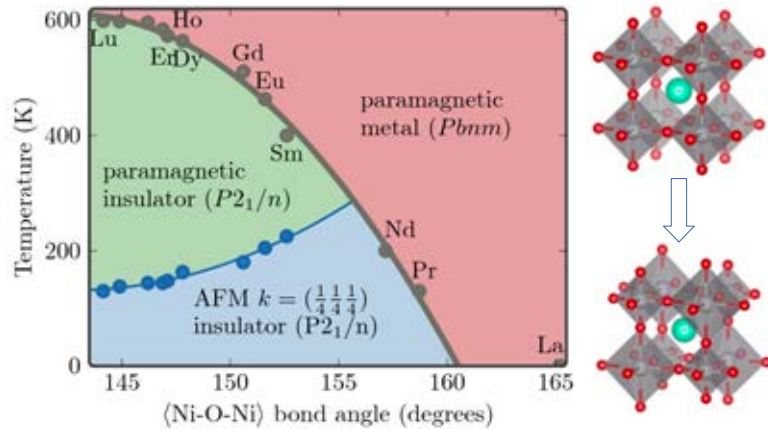
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# CORRELATED OXIDES

# METAL-INSULATOR TRANSITION IN RARE-EARTH NICKELATES

Coupled structural and electronic metal-insulator transition in  $R\text{NiO}_3$



- Established low-energy physics controlling interplay between structural distortion ( $Q$ ) and electronic disproportionation ( $\delta n$ )

$$H = H_{\text{kin}} + H_{\text{int}} - \frac{g}{2} Q \delta n + \frac{K}{2} Q^2$$

- Quantitative DFT+DMFT description of structural energetics and electronic properties across the whole series.

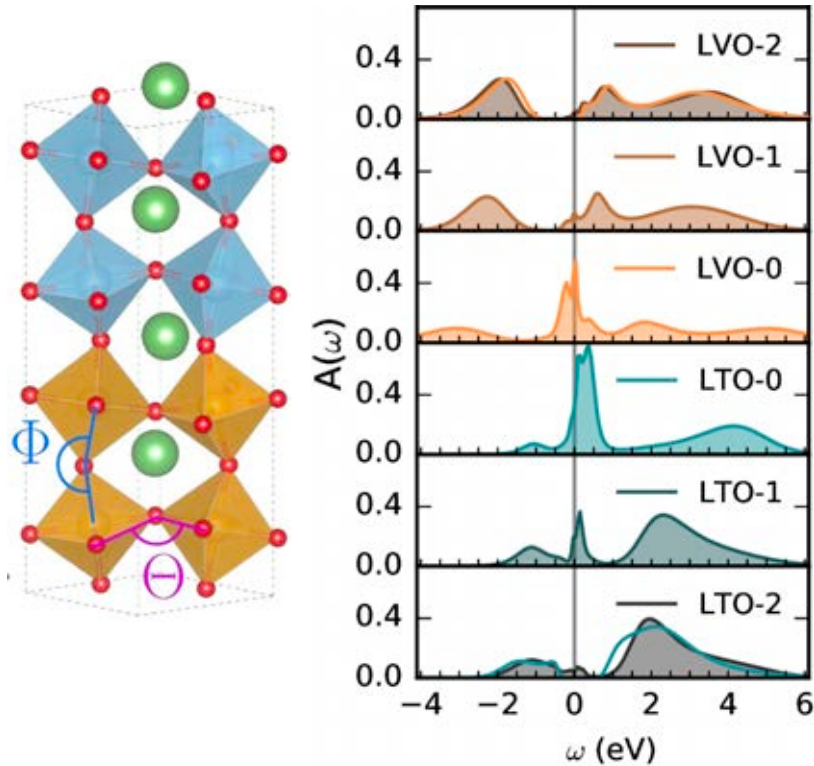
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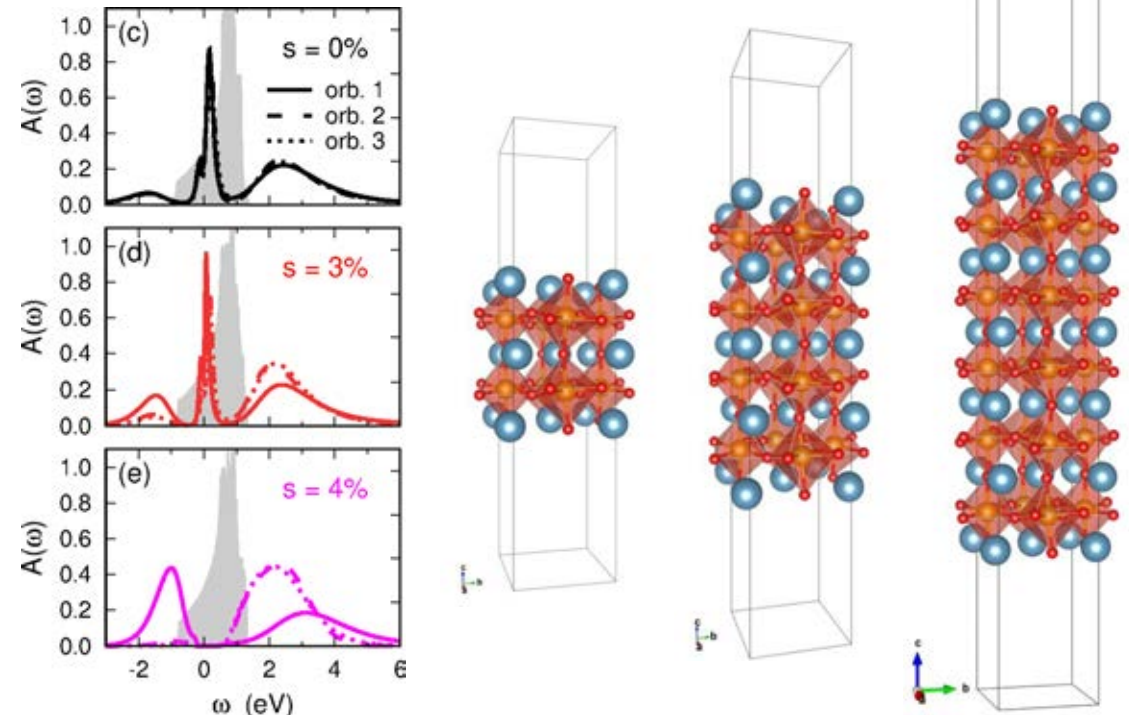
# COMPLEX OXIDE HETEROSTRUCTURES

Controlling interfacial metallicity by epitaxial strain, chemistry, dimensional confinement, ...

## Example 1: Tunable metallic interfacial layer between two Mott insulators (LaTiO<sub>3</sub>/LaVO<sub>3</sub>):



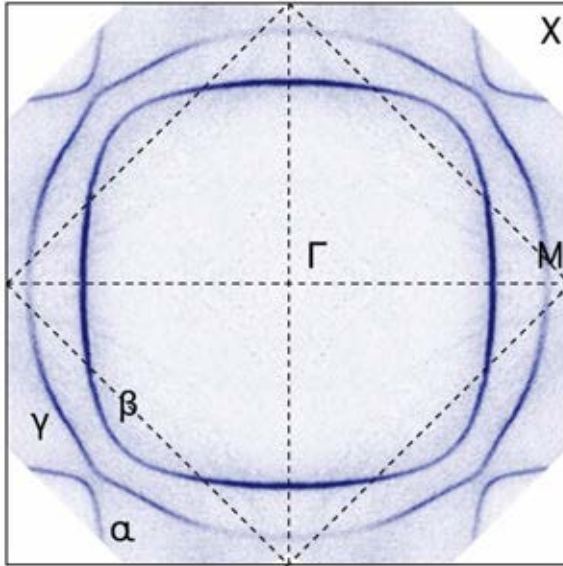
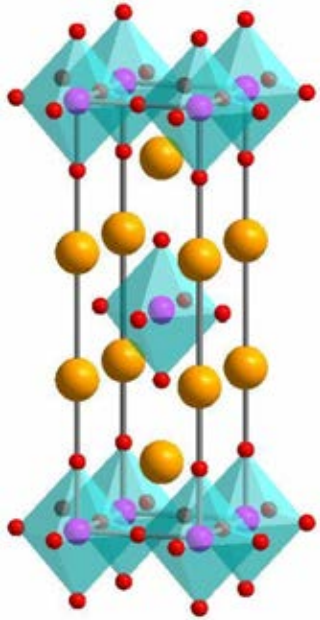
## Example 2: Strain- and thickness-dependent metal-insulator transition in CaVO<sub>3</sub>



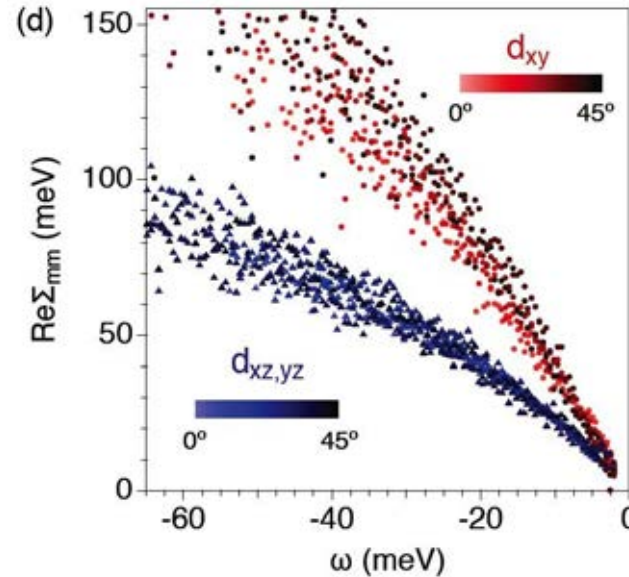
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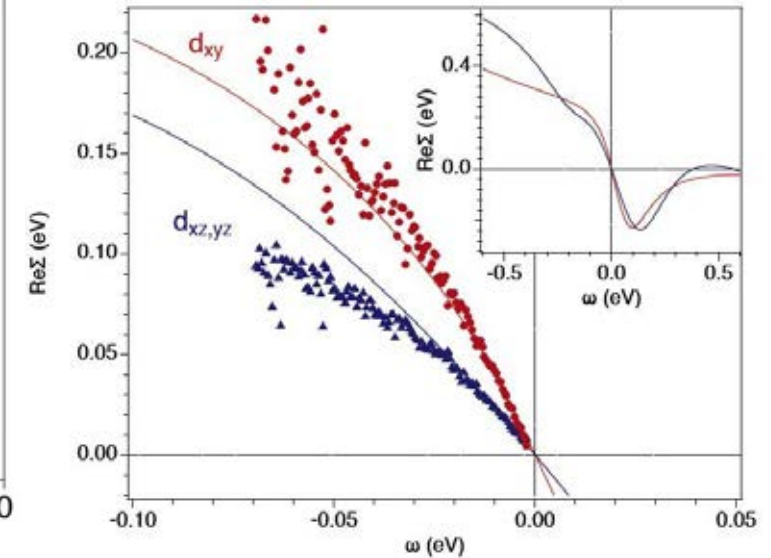
# $\text{Sr}_2\text{RuO}_4$ : JOINT EXPT/TH AND DIRECT VALIDATION OF DMFT



Ultra high resolution  
Laser-based ARPES



Direct ARPES validation of  
the DMFT locality assumption



Quantitative agreement between  
the ARPES determined self-energy  
and DMFT

Tamai et al. Phys Rev X 9, 021048 (2019)

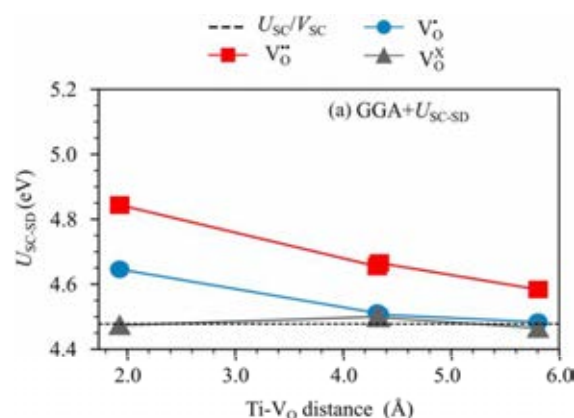
$\text{Sr}_2\text{RuO}_4$ : a “drosophila” for transition-metal oxides with strong electronic correlations!

See also: A. Georges and G. Kotliar “The Hund Metal Path to Strong Electronic Correlations” Physics Today, April 2024

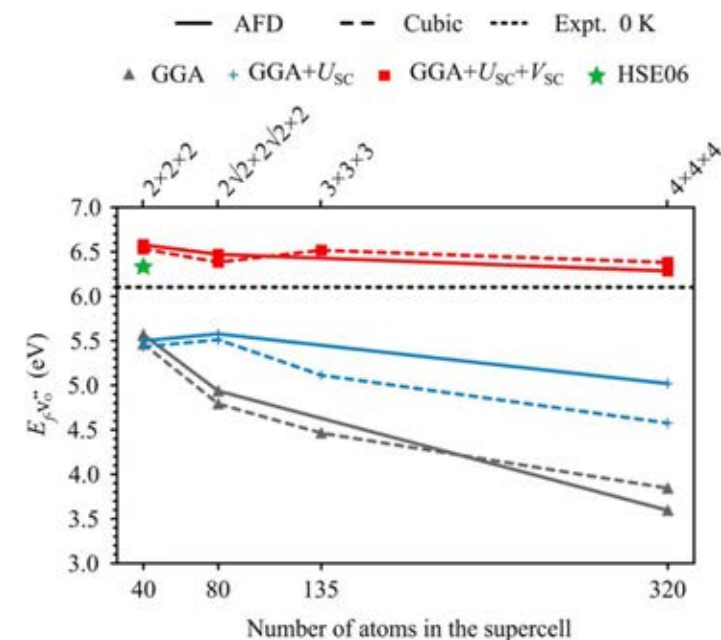
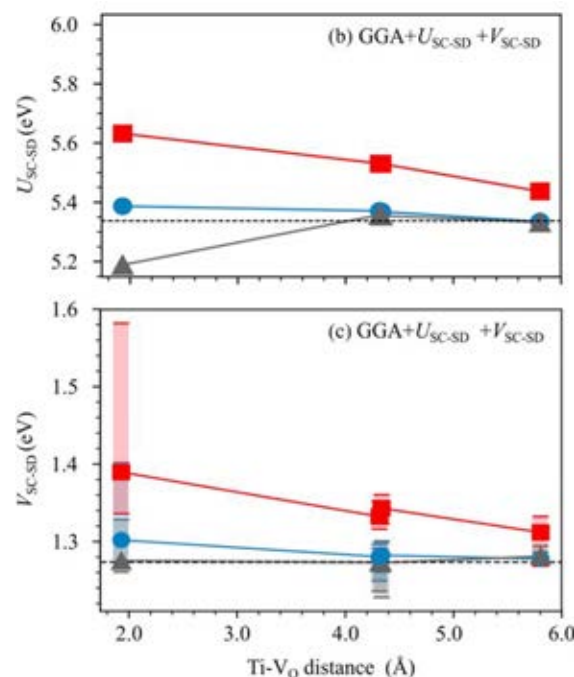


# DFT+U+V FOR PREDICTIVE DEFECT CALCULATIONS

Oxidation states and geometries affected by defects → site-dependent Hubbard U corrections



Strongly site-dependent  
+U and +V correction



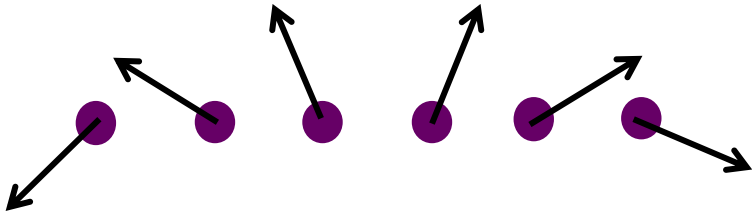
Accurate electronic structure  
and formation energy

Predictive defect calculations in transition-metal oxides – with semi-local functional cost



# MULTIFERROIC DESIGN

# MULTIFERROIC MAGNETIC SPIRAL DRIVEN BY Cu/Fe DISORDER



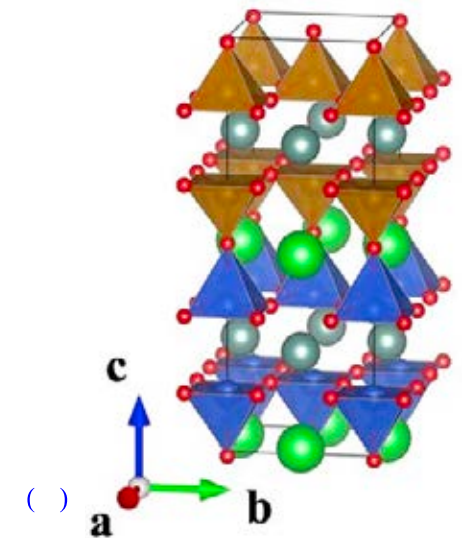
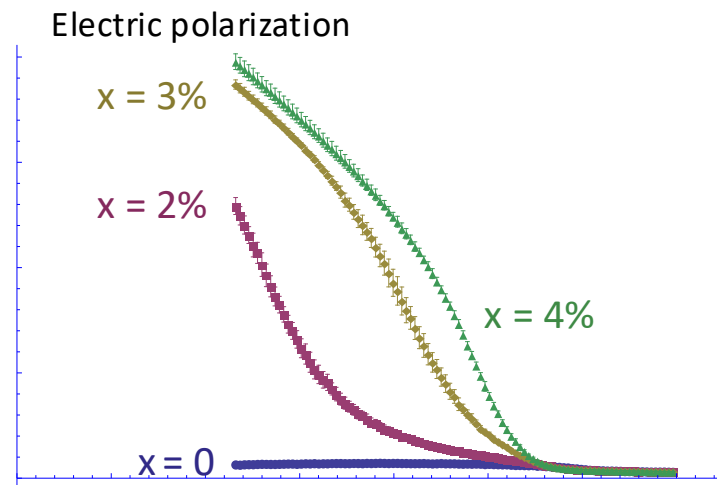
Spin spirals break inversion symmetry and cause electric polarization  
Usually caused by spin frustration and so occur at low temperature  
We found a new mechanism and stabilized a spin spiral at room temperature

## Our high-T spiral magnet multiferroic: $\text{YBaCuFeO}_5$

Theoretical predictions from DFT and Monte Carlo simulations:

The spiral is caused by competition between magnetic Cu-Cu, Fe-Fe and Cu-Fe interactions

The temperature of the spiral and hence the polarization will increase with increasing Cu / Fe disorder,  $x$ .



# EXPERIMENTAL DEMOTRATION OF RT MULTIFERROIC

New magnetoelectric multiferroic has room-temperature properties frozen in

30 December 2016

**materialstoday**  
Connecting the materials community

PSI researchers Mickaël Morin and Marisa Medarde freeze-in the atomic arrangement of the multiferroic material YBaCuFeO5. The material is first heated in an oven to 1000°C and then dropped into a vessel filled with liquid nitrogen at a temperature of -200°C. (Photo: Paul Scherrer Institute/Markus Fischer).

M. Morin, ... , N. A. Spaldin, ... , M. Medarde, *Tuning magnetic spirals beyond room temperature with chemical disorder*, Nature Communications 7, 13758 (2016)

A. Scaramucci, ... , M. Troyer, N. Spaldin, *Multiferroic magnetic spirals induced by random magnetic exchanges*, Physical Review X 8, 011005 (2018)

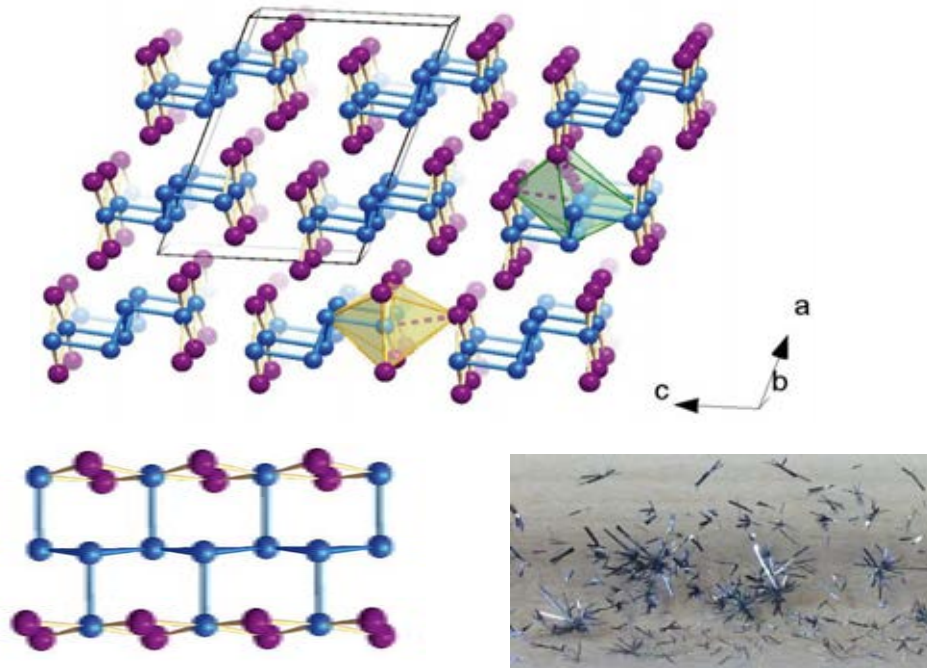


# TOPOLOGICAL MATERIALS



# Discovery of a new topological insulator: $\beta\text{-Bi}_4\text{I}_4$

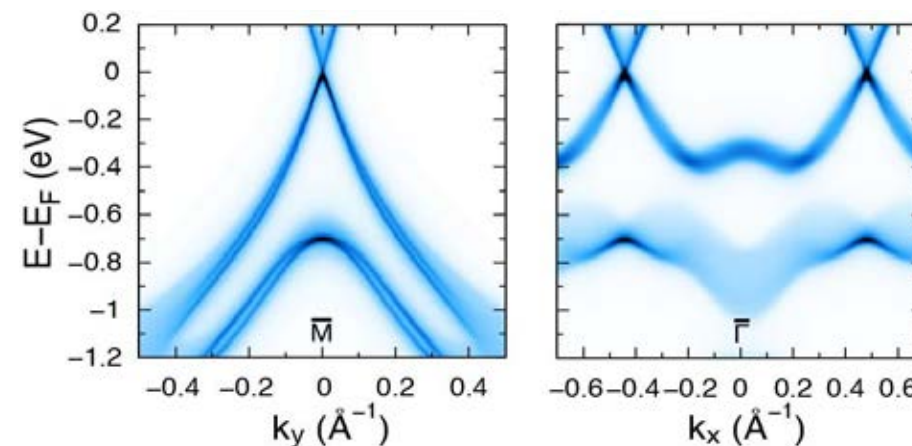
- quasi-1D crystal structure (space group C12/m1)



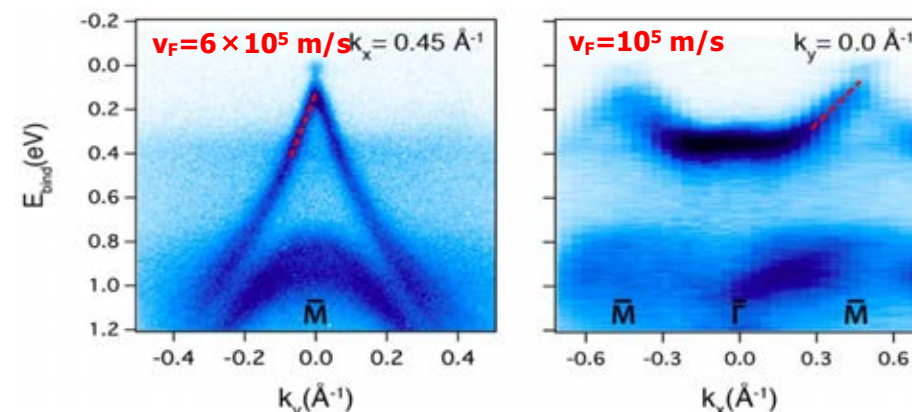
- Predicted and experimentally confirmed as  $\mathbb{Z}_2$  topological insulator (1;110)
- Coordinated by MARVEL theorists, with experiments done in Lausanne, Dresden, Berkeley, Moscow and Seoul

G. Autès, ... O. V. Yazyev, *Nature Materials* 15, 154 (2016)

Theory (GW)

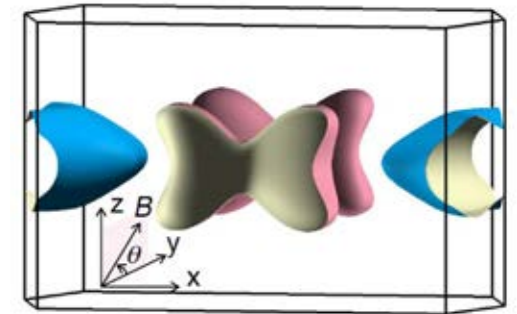
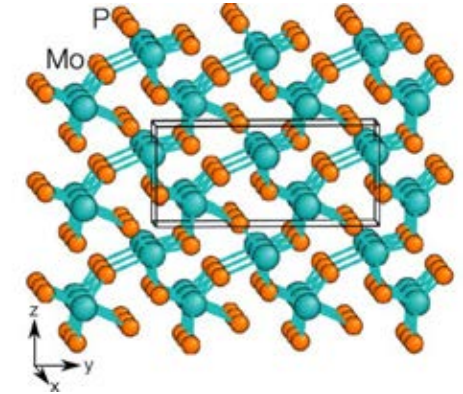
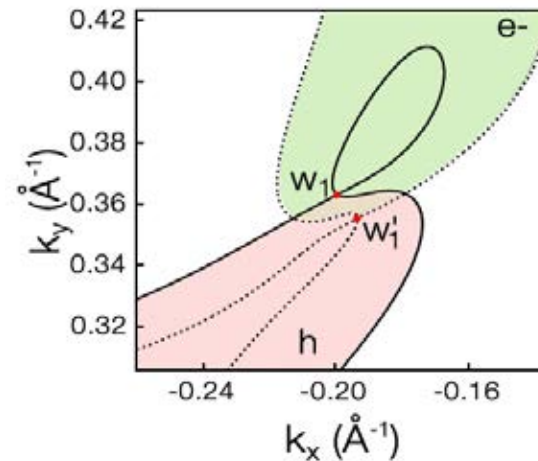
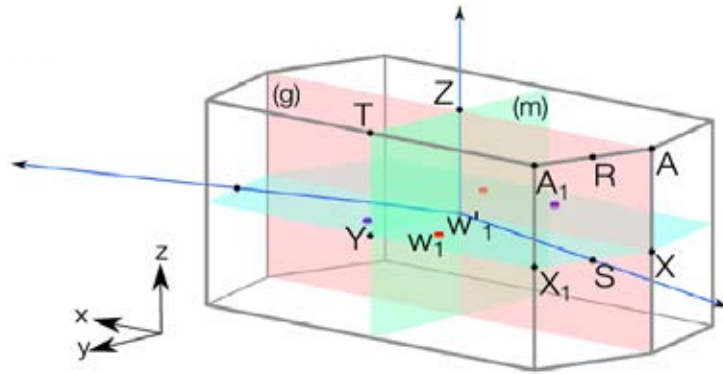


Experiments



# Discovery of new Weyl semimetals $\text{MoP}_2$ and $\text{WP}_2$

- Two isostructural materials  $\text{MoP}_2$  and  $\text{WP}_2$  first synthesized in the 60s
- Discovered with the help of the TopoMat database
- Realizes a type-II WSM phase
- Uniquely large distance in momentum space between Weyl points of opposite chirality (**robust WSM**)

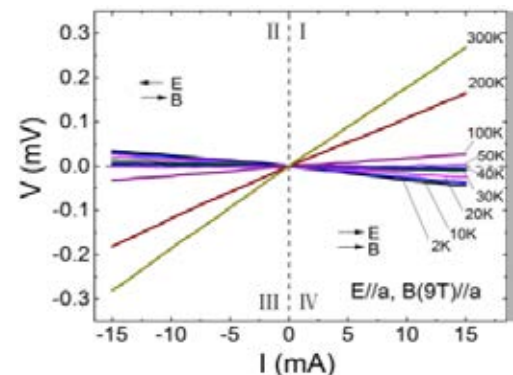
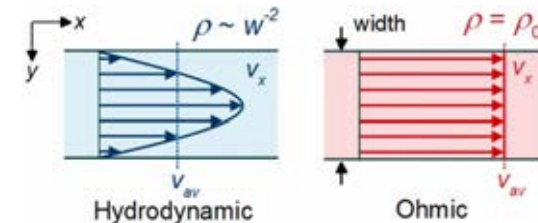
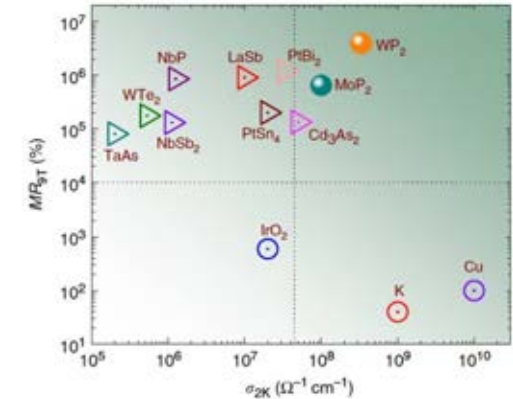


G. Autès, D. Gresch, M Troyer, A. Soluyanov, O. V. Yazyev,  
*Phys. Rev. Lett.* **117**, 066402 (2016)

- Synthesis and confirmation of the topological phase accomplished by other groups

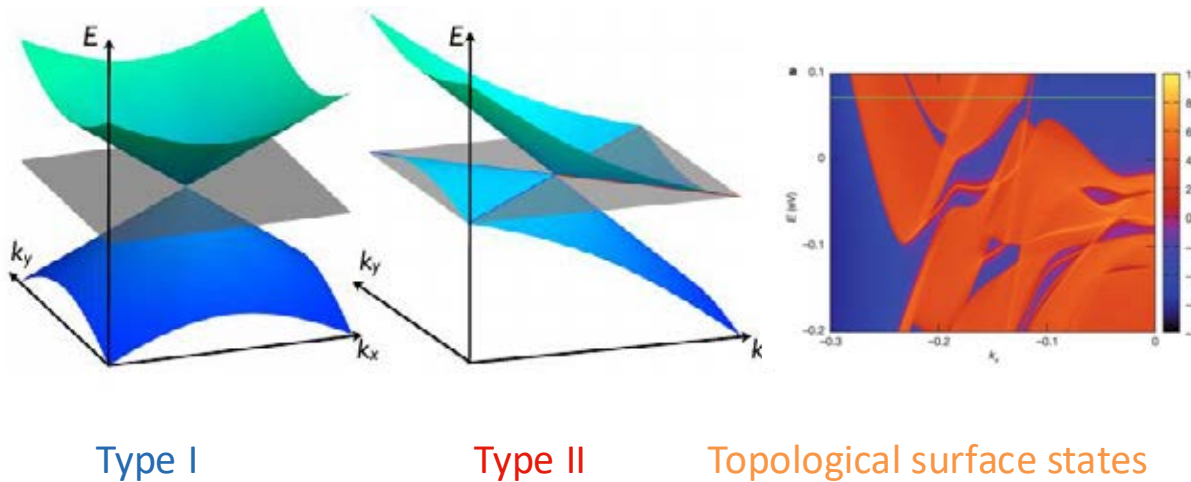
# Novel properties of MoP<sub>2</sub> and WP<sub>2</sub>

- very high low-T conductivity ( $\rho \approx 3 \text{ n}\Omega \text{ cm}$  at 2 K)
- residual resistivity ratios (RRR  $\approx 25000$ ) record for binary materials
- highest measured magnetoresistances ( $2 \times 10^8 \%$  at 63 T and 0.5 K,  $4 \times 10^6 \%$  at 9 T and 2 K)
- mean free path of **0.5 mm**  
N. Kumar et al., Nat. Commun. 8, 1642 (2017)
- **hydrodynamic electron fluid** transport below 20 K  
J. Gooth et al., Nat. Commun. 9, 4093 (2018)
- “**negative**” resistivity (at low T and for  $B \parallel E$ )  
Y.-Y. Lv et al., arXiv:1708.03489



# Type-II Weyl semimetal: topology inside a metal

WTe2 connected Weyl physics to electron–hole Fermi pockets

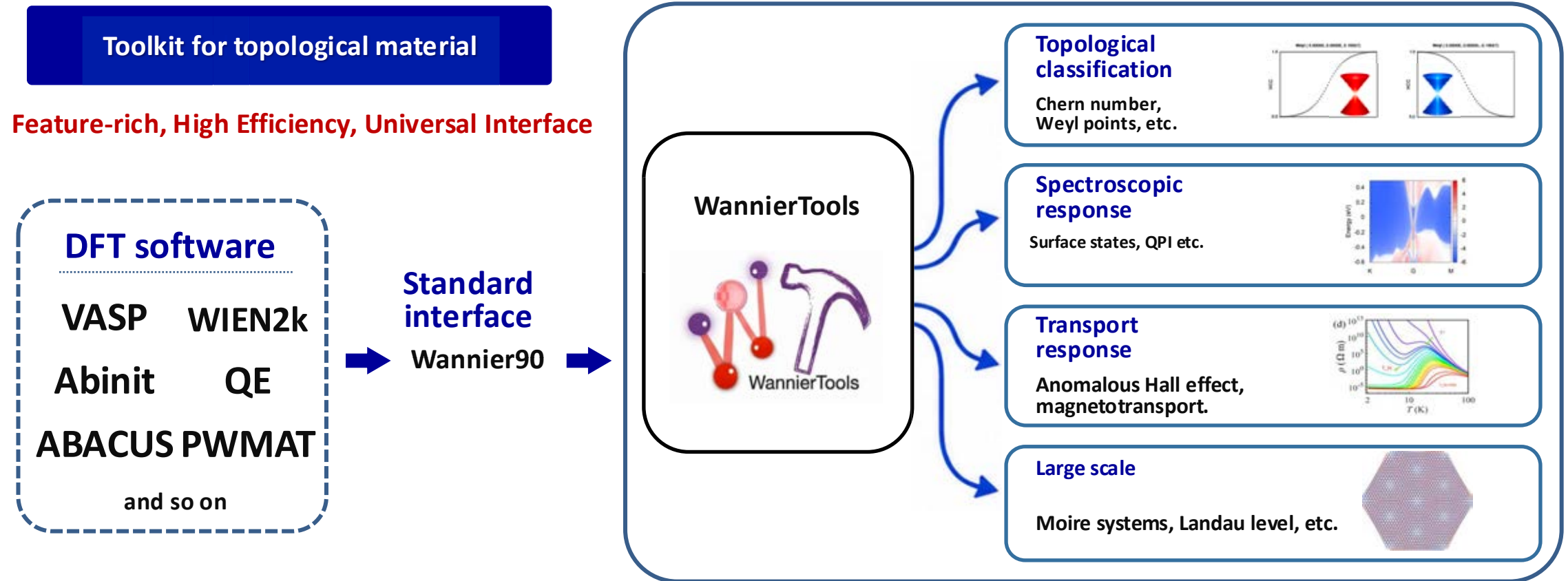


A Weyl node can live at the touching point of electron and hole pockets.

- 1 Lorentz-violating tilt
- 2 Open finite-density Fermi surface
- 3 Natural bridge to non-saturated magnetoresistance

Soluyanov, Gresch, Wang, Wu, Troyer, Dai & Bernevig, *Nature* 527, 495 (2015).

# WannierTools: an open-source software for topological materials



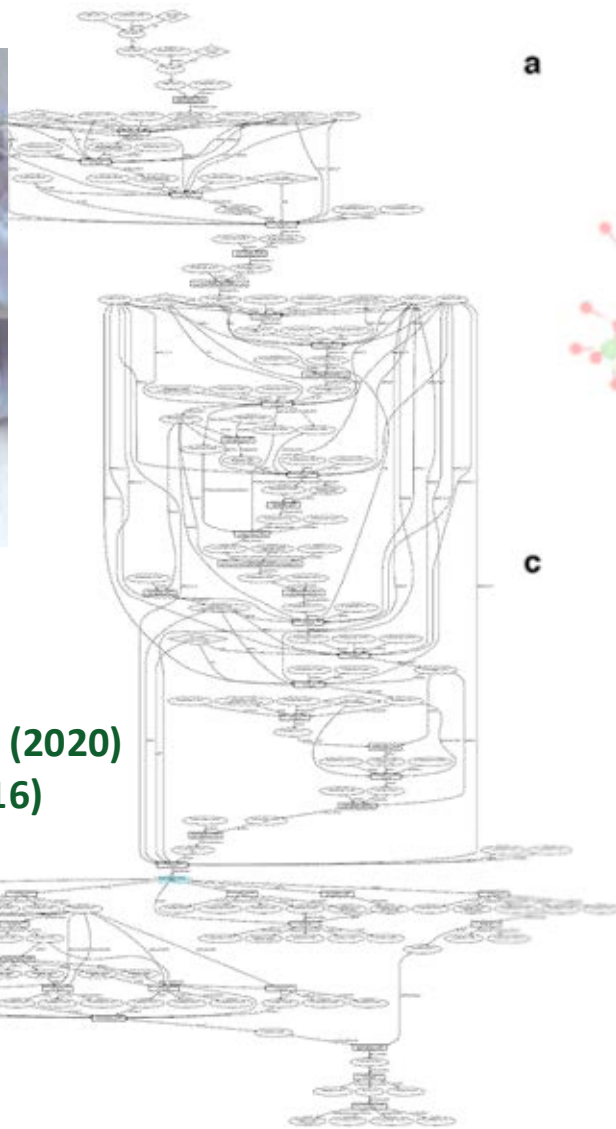
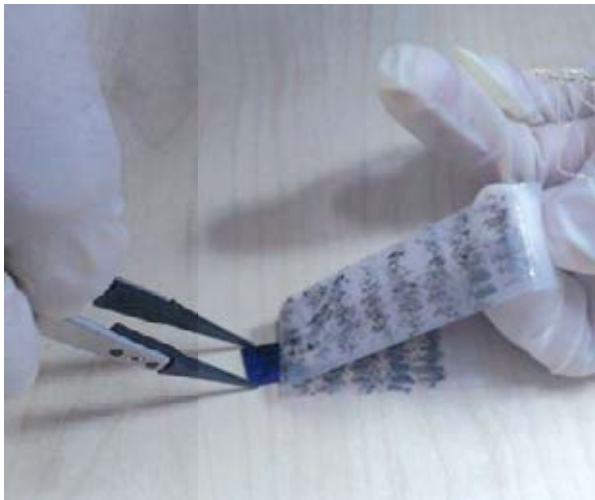
QS Wu, SN Zhang, HF Song, M Troyer, AA Soluyanov *Comp. Phys. Comm.* 224, 405 (2015)

Open source: [https://github.com/quanswngwu/wannier\\_tools](https://github.com/quanswngwu/wannier_tools)

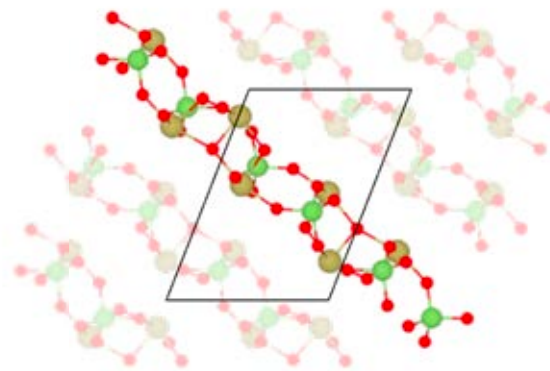
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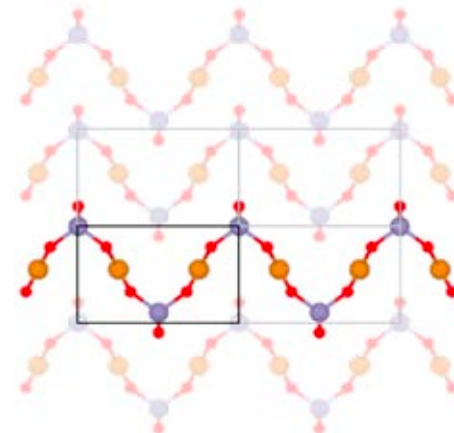
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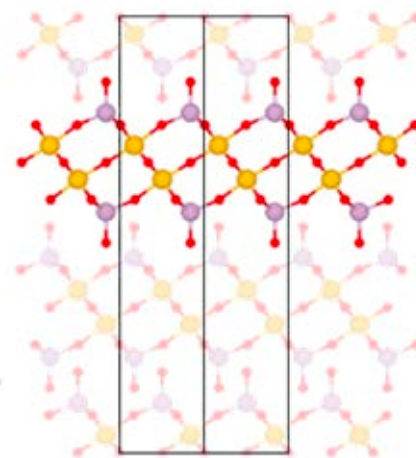
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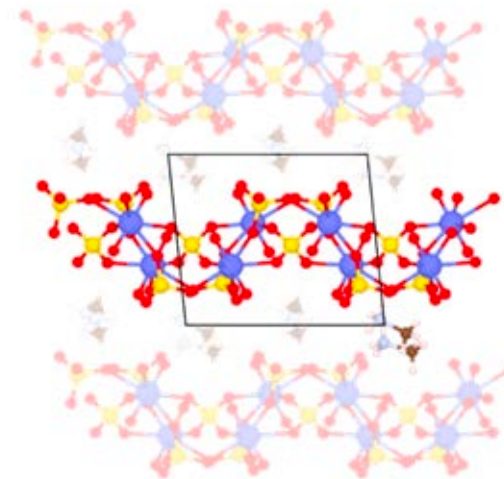
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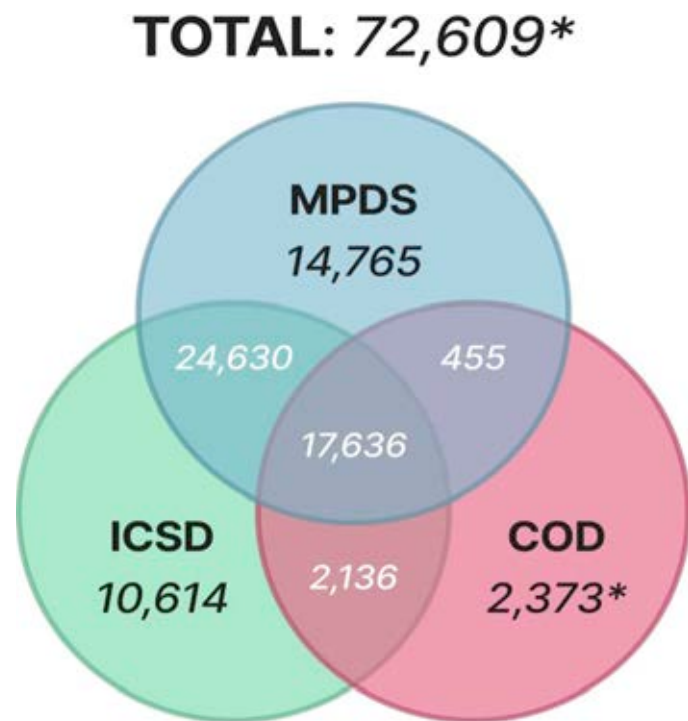
S.P. Huber *et al.*, Nature Scientific Data (2020)

G. Pizzi *et al.*, Comp. Mat. Sci. (2016)



# MATERIALS CLOUD THREE-DIMENSIONAL STRUCTURE DATABASE

“SOURCE” (EXPT, PRIVATE)



\* Excluding COD structures containing hydrogen

“MC3D” (COMPUTATIONAL, OPEN)

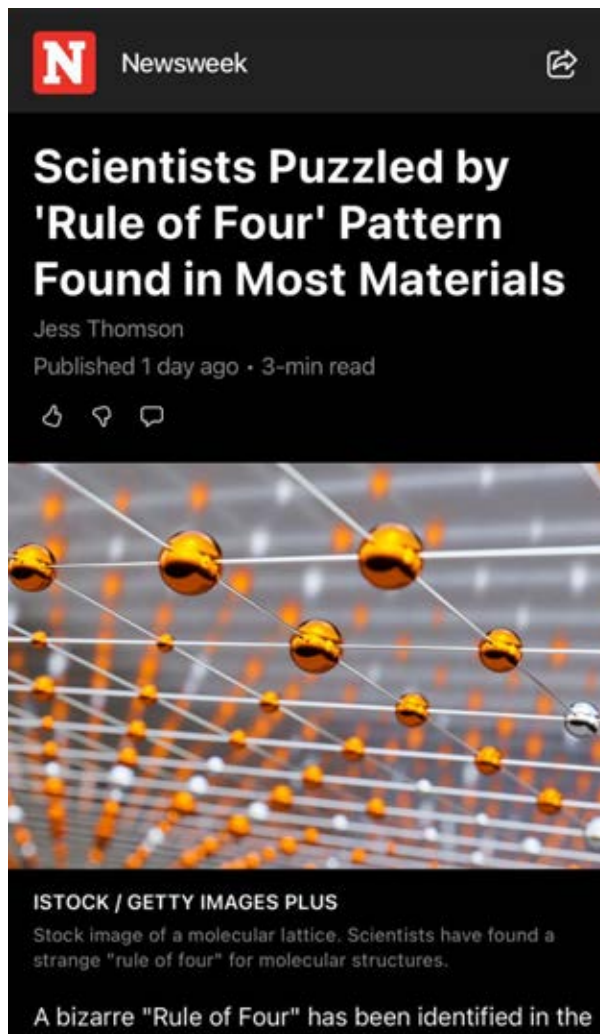
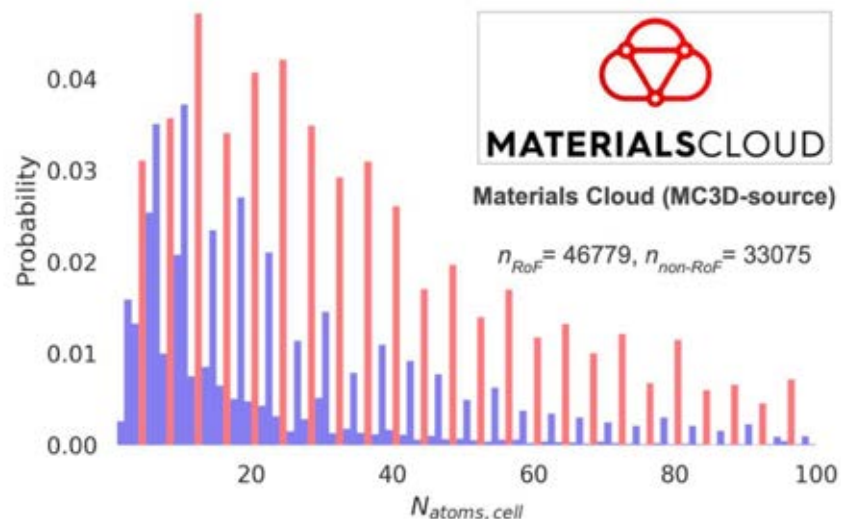
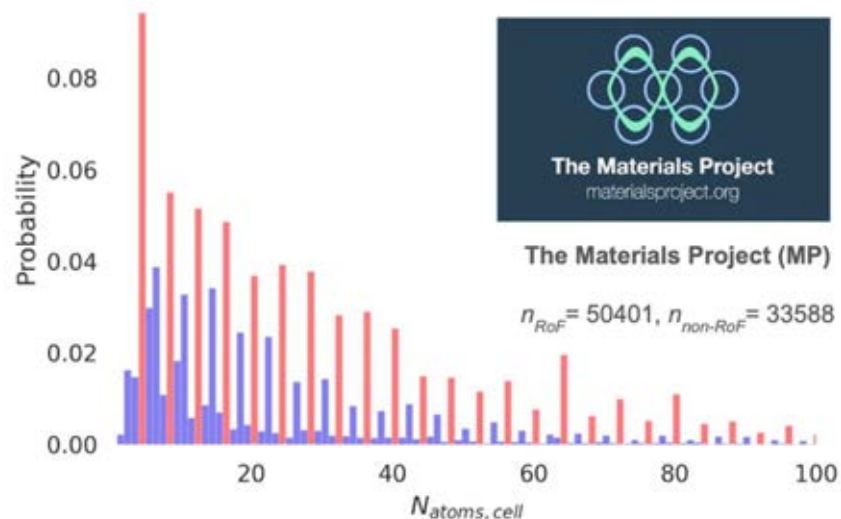
<https://mc3d.materialscloud.org/>

The screenshot shows the MC3D website interface. At the top is a navigation bar with links: LEARN, WORK, DISCOVER, EXPLORE, and ARCHIVE. Below this is a breadcrumb trail: Discover > Materials Cloud Three-Dimensional Structure Database. The main heading is "Materials Cloud Three-Dimensional Structure Database (MC3D)" with a DOI link: DOI: 10.24435/materialscloud-mc3d. A descriptive paragraph states: "The Materials Cloud Three-Dimensional Structure Database is a curated dataset of unique, stoichiometric, experimentally known inorganic compounds, and of their calculated properties. Structures have been obtained with fully-relaxed density-functional theory calculations, starting from experimental ones imported, cleaned and parsed from the MPDS, COD and ICSD databases." Below the text are buttons for "Use", "About", and "REST API". A "Select a methodology:" dropdown menu is set to "PBEsol-v1 (33674)". An "Elements filtering mode:" section has radio buttons for "Include/exclude" (selected) and "Only selected". At the bottom is a periodic table of elements.

S.P. Huber, M. Bercx, N. Hörmann, M. Uhrin, N. Marzari and G. Pizzi, *Digital Discovery* 5, 1114 (2026)



# THE RULE OF FOUR – A MARVEL INSPIRE FELLOWSHIP



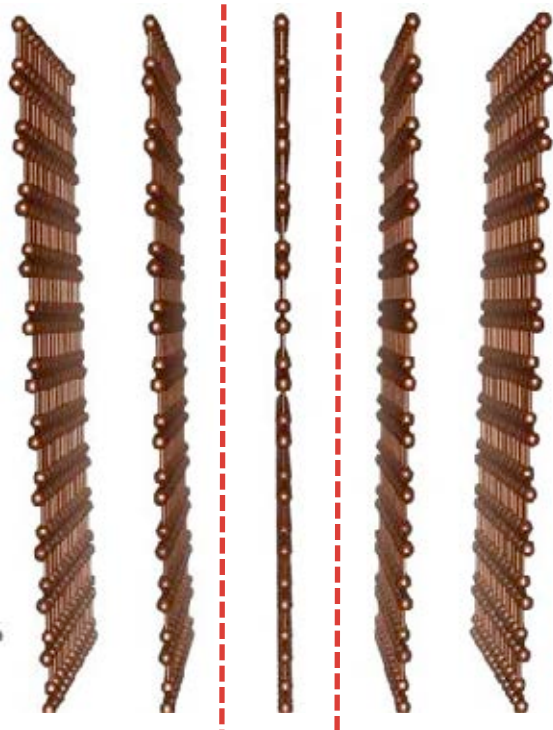
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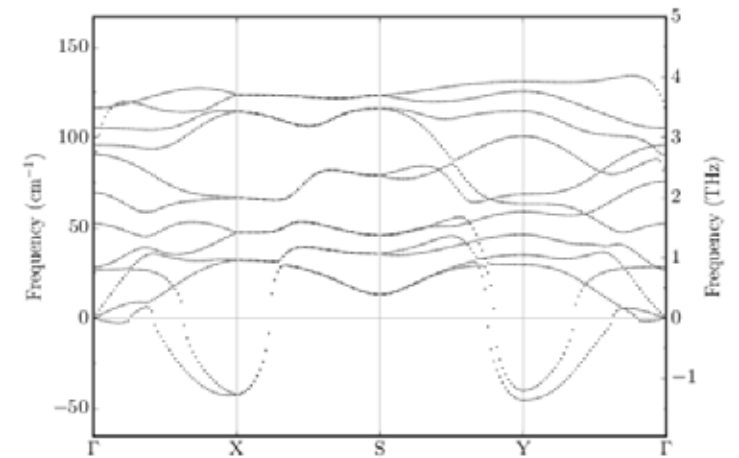
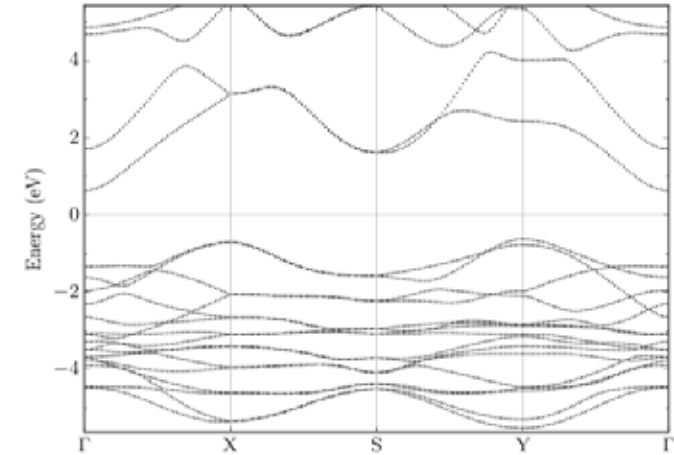


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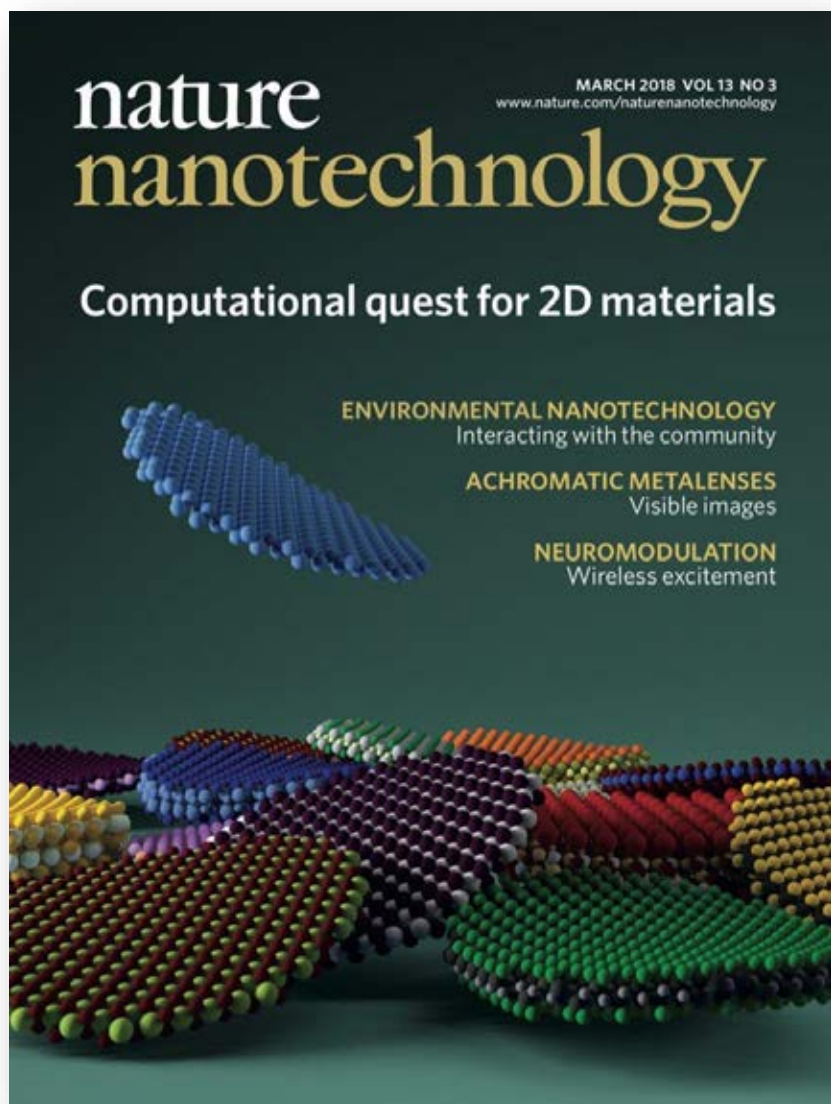


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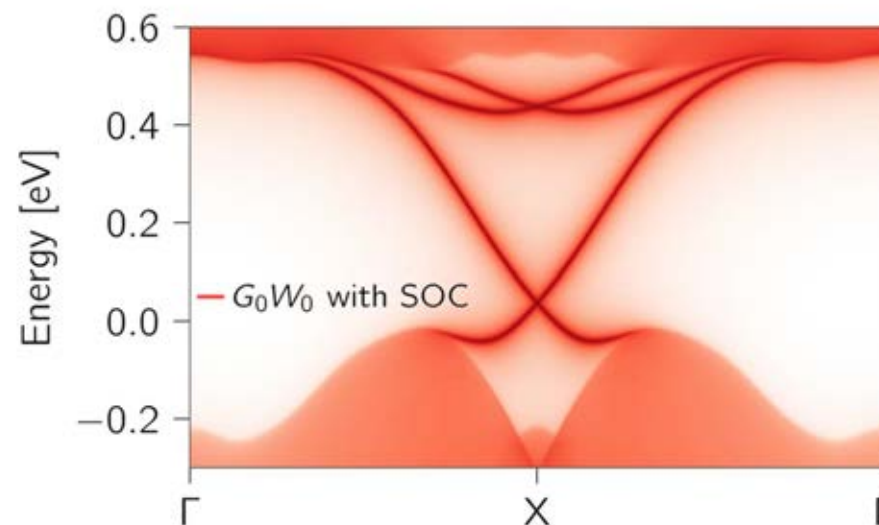
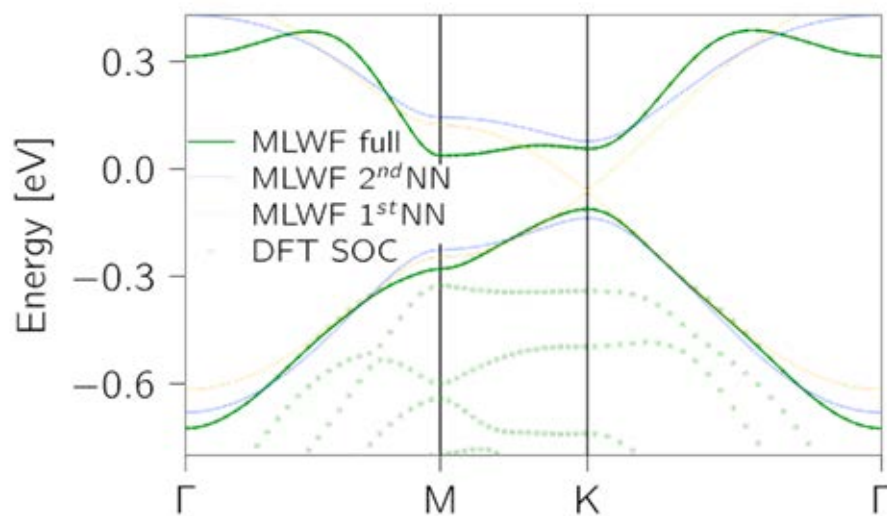
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# THE DISCOVERY OF THE LARGEST-GAP KANE-MELE QSHI



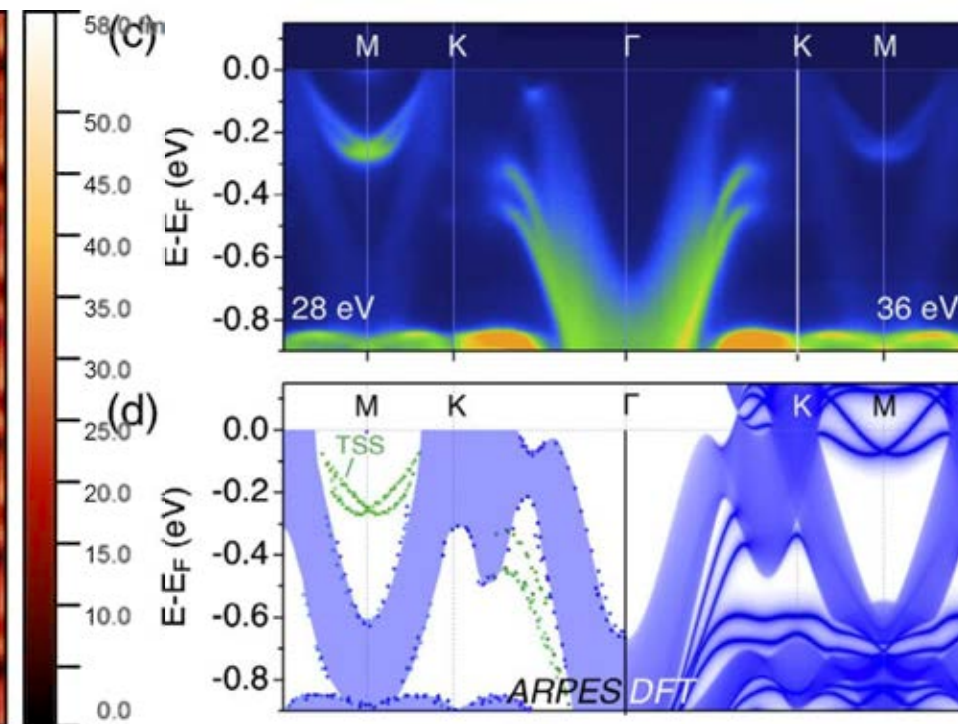
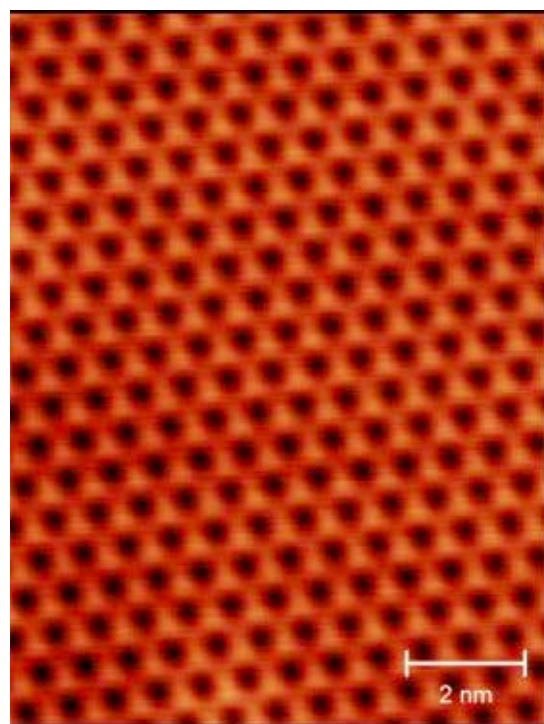
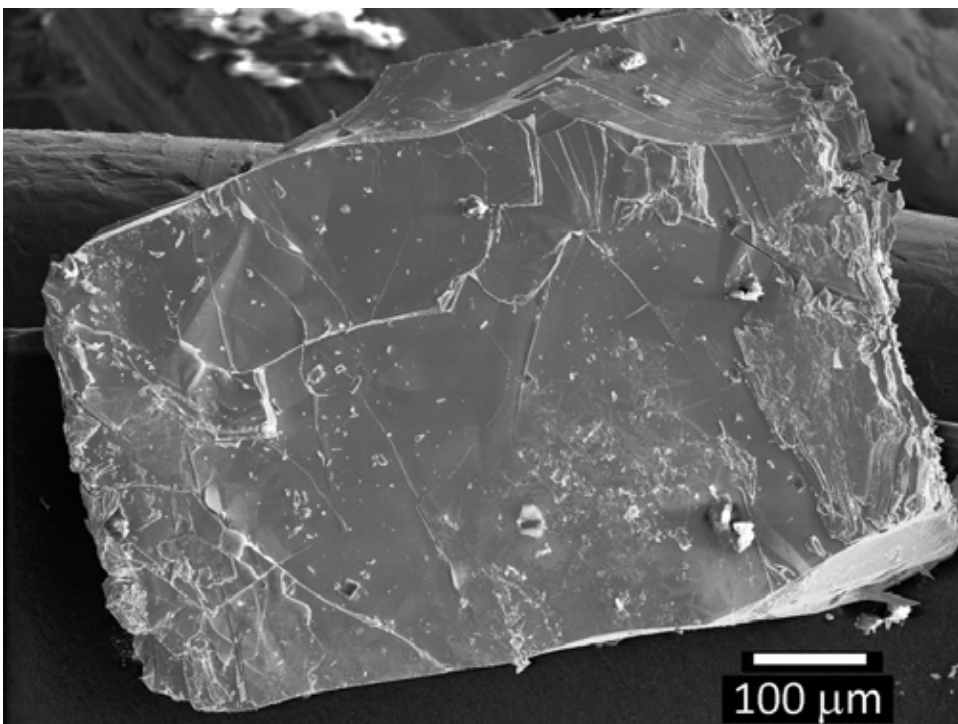
SOC due to 2<sup>nd</sup> NN hopping!

$$H = \underbrace{t \sum_{\langle ij \rangle \alpha} c_{i\alpha}^\dagger c_{j\alpha}}_{1^{st} \text{ NN}} + \underbrace{it_2 \sum_{\langle\langle ij \rangle\rangle \alpha\beta} v_{ij} s_{\alpha\beta}^z c_{i\alpha}^\dagger c_{j\beta}}_{\text{KM SOC}} + \underbrace{t'_2 \sum_{\langle\langle ij \rangle\rangle \alpha} c_{i\alpha}^\dagger c_{j\alpha}}_{2^{nd} \text{ NN}} + \underbrace{it''_2 \sum_{\langle\langle ij \rangle\rangle \alpha\beta} u_{ij} (\mathbf{s} \times \mathbf{d}_{ij}^0)_{\alpha\beta}^z c_{i\alpha}^\dagger c_{j\beta}}_{\text{in-plane SOC}},$$

Antimo Marrazzo, Marco Gibertini, Davide Campi, Nicolas Mounet, and Nicola Marzari, Phys. Rev. Lett. 120, 117701 (2018)



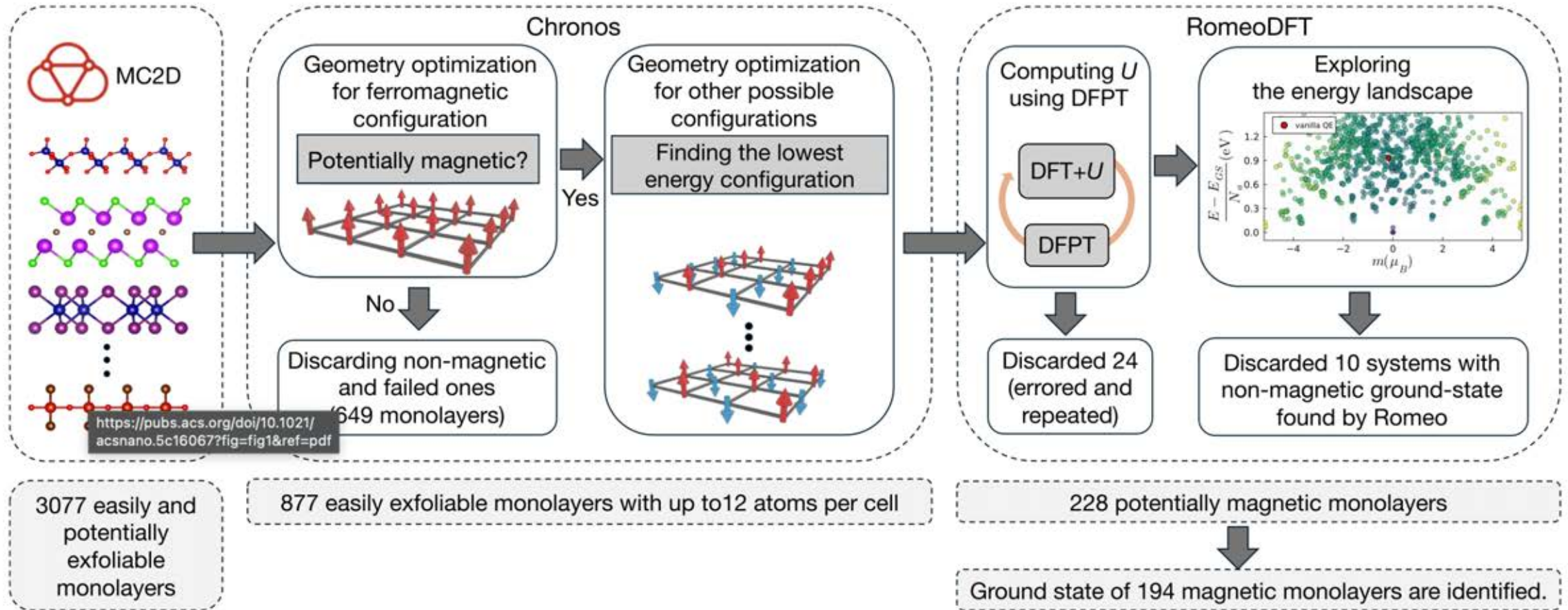
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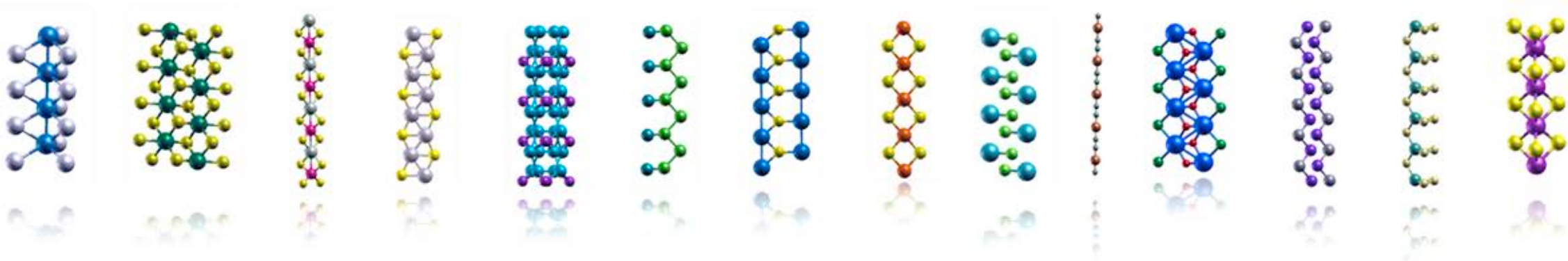
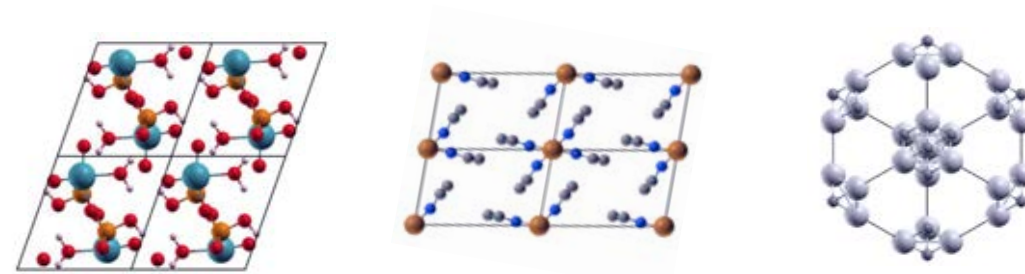
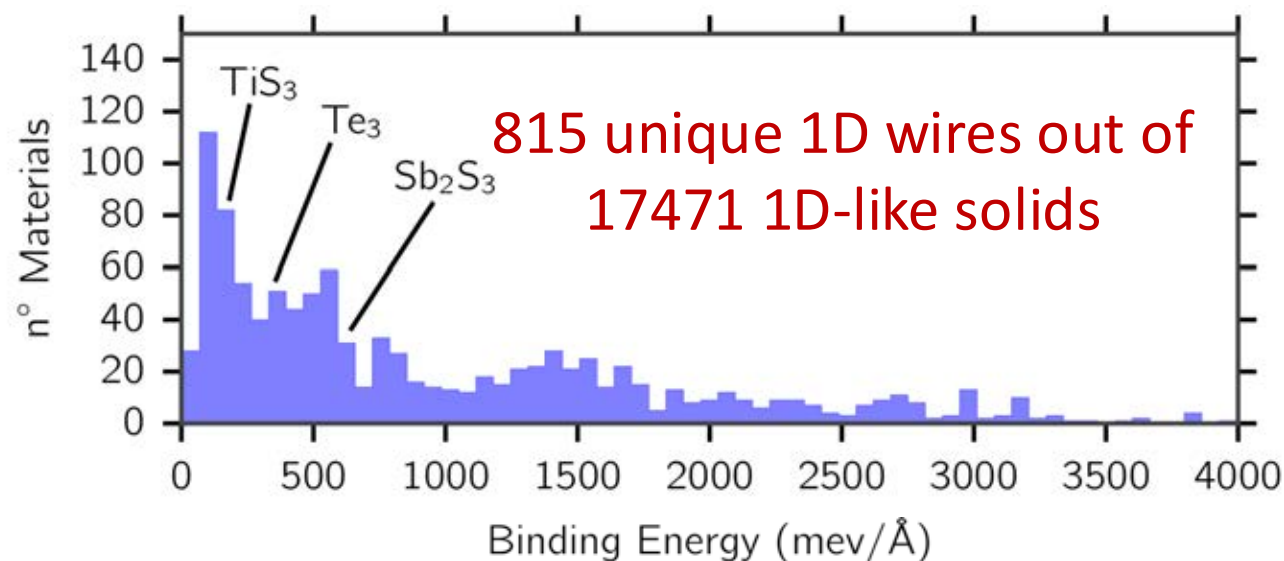
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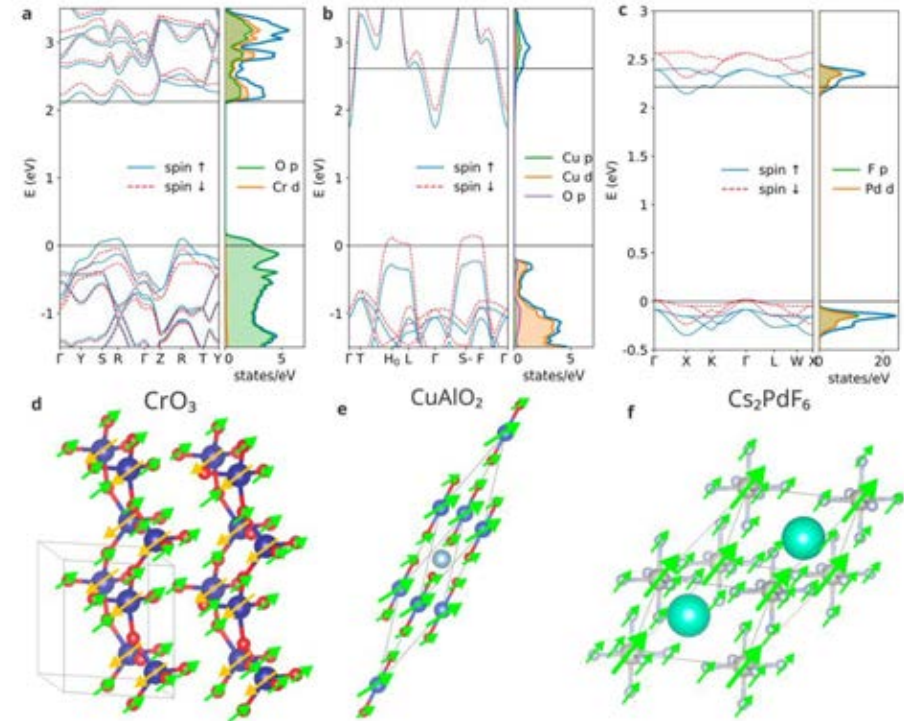
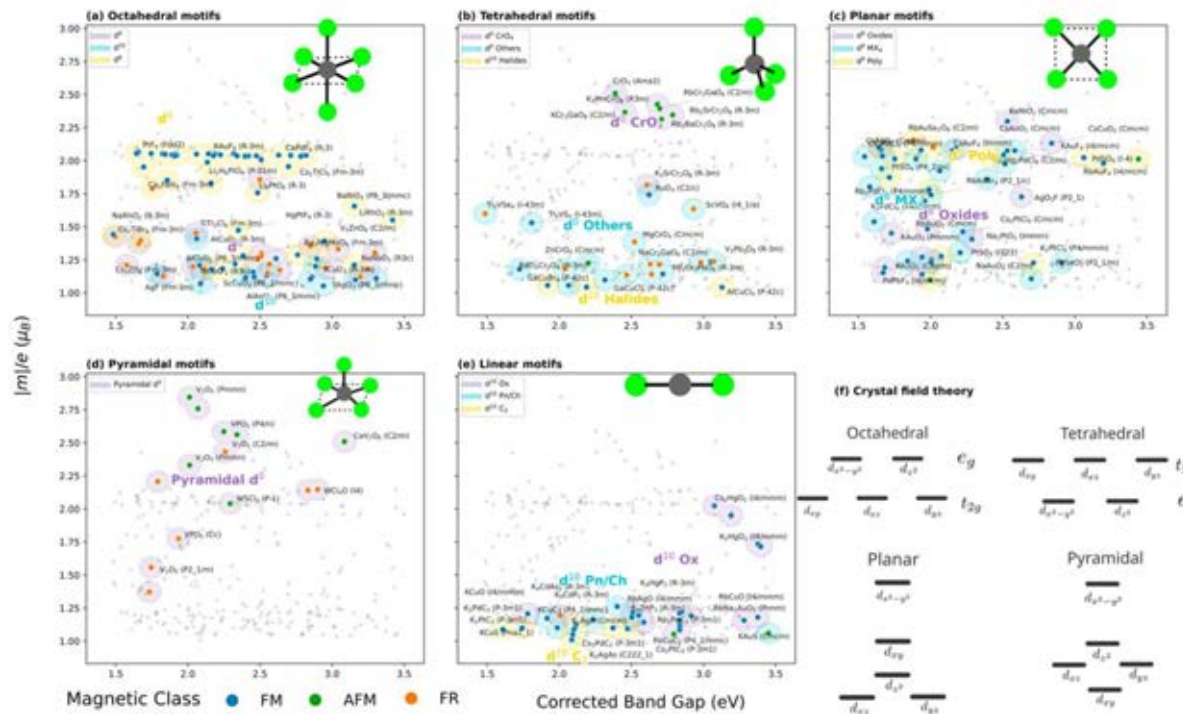


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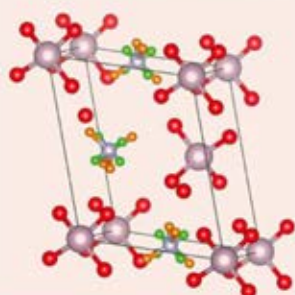
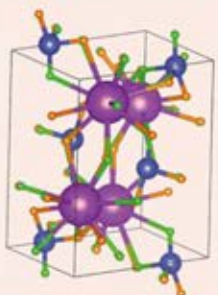
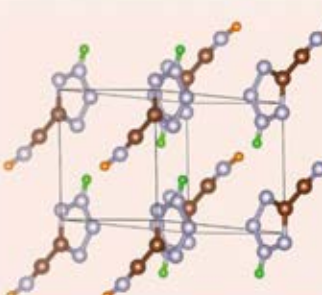
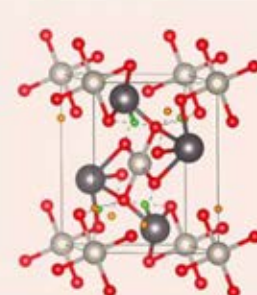
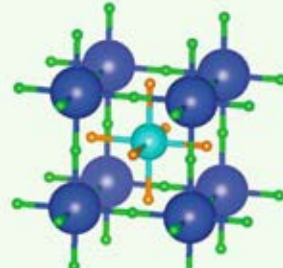
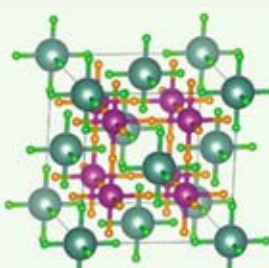
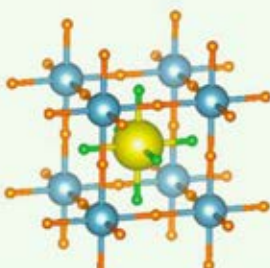
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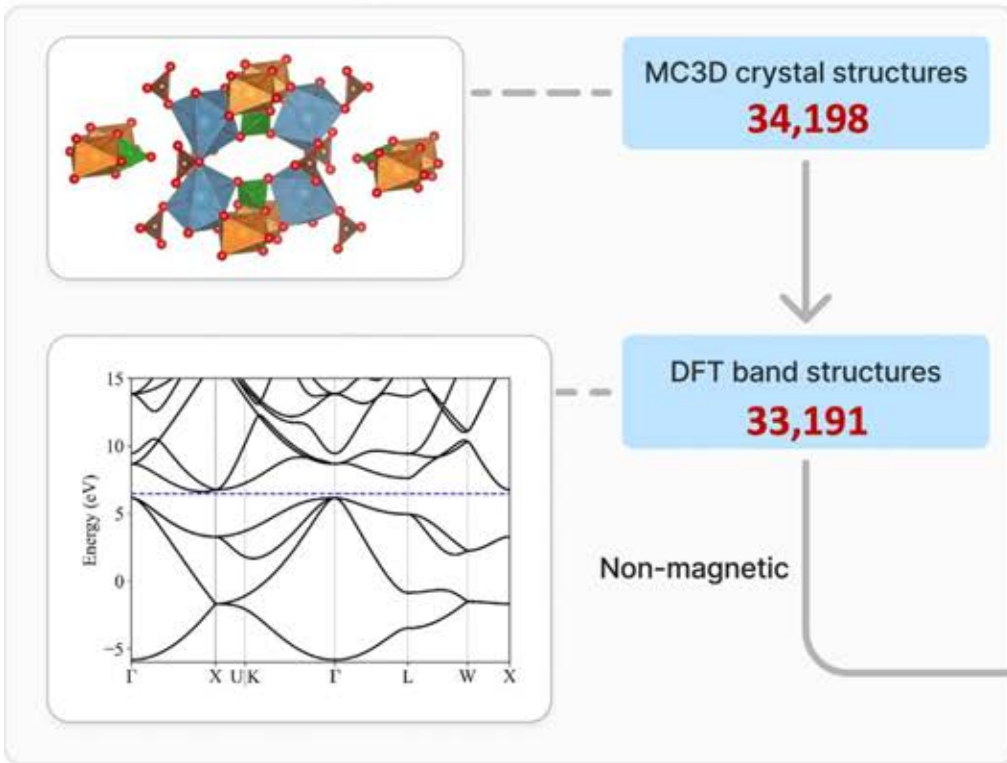
# THE MISSING HYDROGENS

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| <b>a</b><br>$\text{Tc}_2\text{H}_8\text{N}_2\text{O}_8$<br>$\Delta E = 0.003 \text{ eV/atom}$    | <b>b</b><br>$\text{K}_4\text{Si}_4\text{H}_{12}$<br>$\Delta E = 0.001 \text{ eV/atom}$  | <b>c</b><br>$\text{H}_2\text{C}_4\text{N}_{10}$<br>$\Delta E = 0.112 \text{ eV/atom}$  | <b>d</b><br>$\text{H}_4\text{Pd}_2\text{Pb}_4\text{O}_8$<br>$\Delta E = 0.058 \text{ eV/atom}$  | Higher energy than reference |
| <b>e</b><br>$\text{Rb}_3\text{H}_4\text{S}_4\text{O}_8$<br>$\Delta E = -0.027 \text{ eV/atom}$  | <b>f</b><br>$\text{BaLiH}_3$<br>$\Delta E = -1.434 \text{ eV/atom}$                    | <b>g</b><br>$\text{YMn}_2\text{H}_6$<br>$\Delta E = -0.741 \text{ eV/atom}$           | <b>h</b><br>$\text{SrAlH}_3$<br>$\Delta E = -0.819 \text{ eV/atom}$                            | Lower energy than reference  |

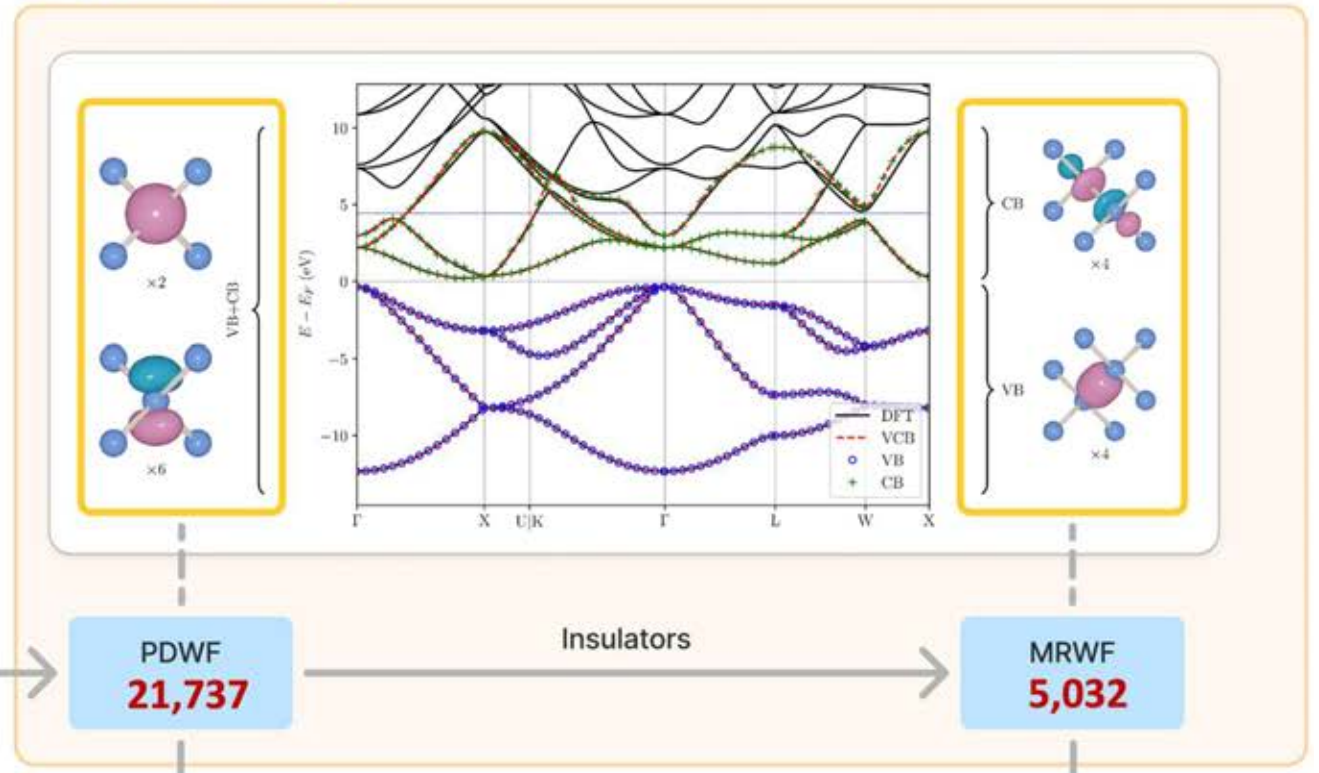
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# WANNIER-DRIVEN SEARCHES (2M MLWFs)

## (1) Electronic structure



## (2) Wannier function



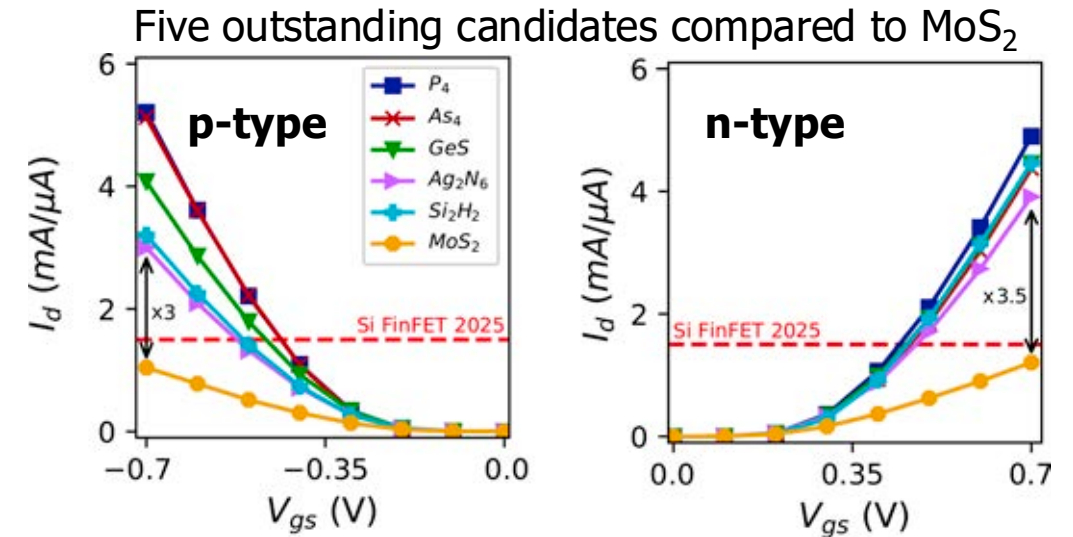
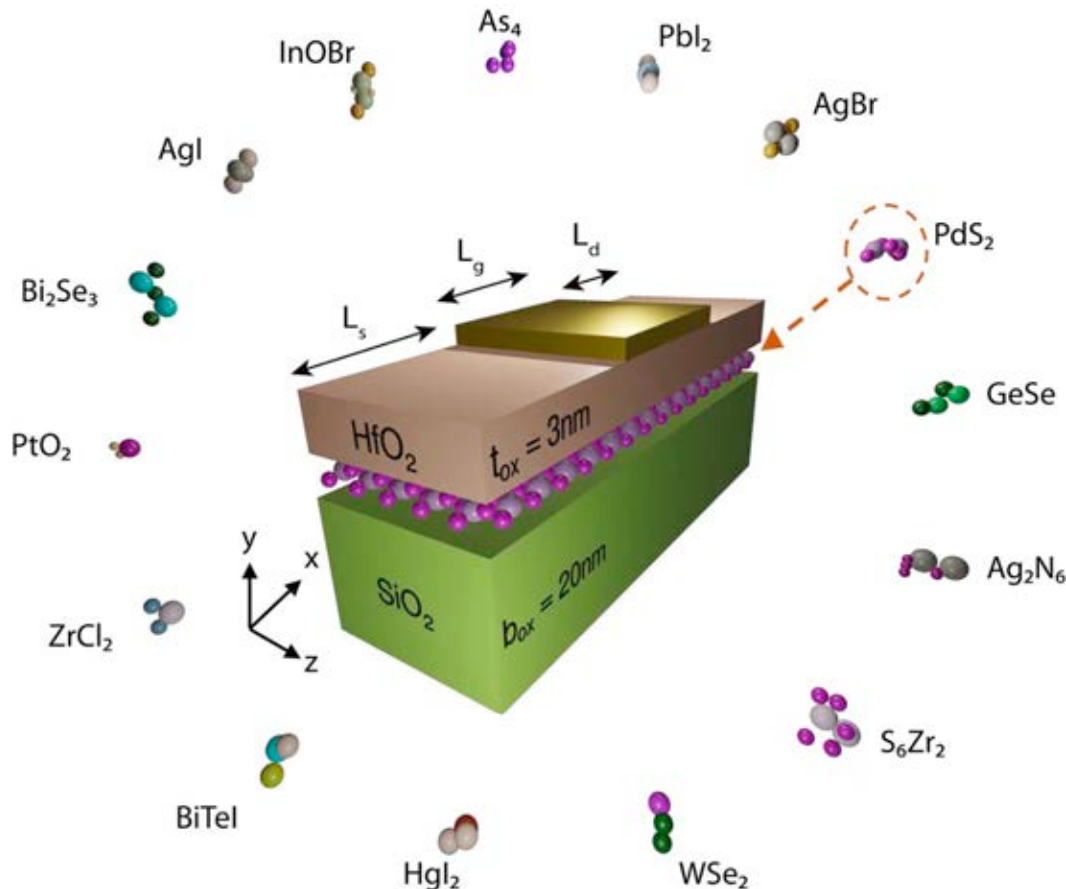
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# FROM 2D TO NANO-ELECTRONICS

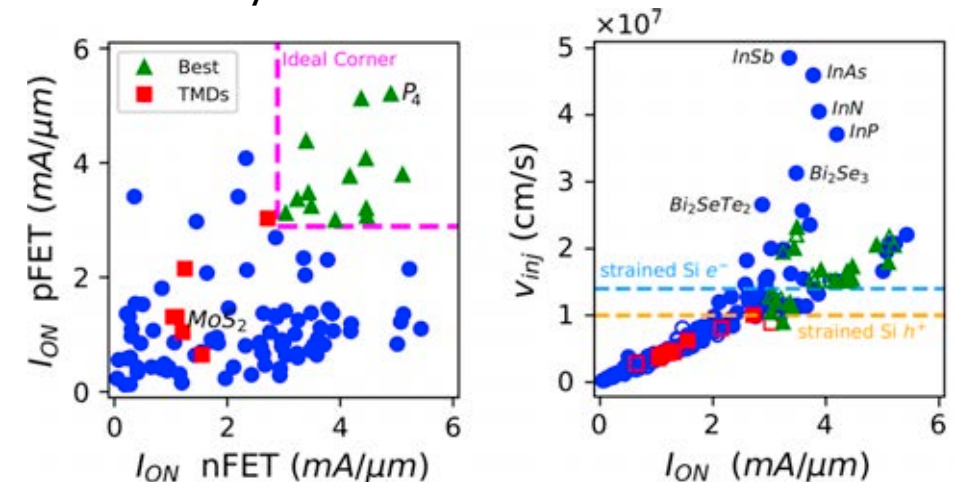
# Nano-ribbon transistors with novel 2D as channel materials

**Goal:** beyond FinFET transistor with large ON-currents:

- 100 novel 2-D materials from MARVEL database investigated
- Promising candidates with higher performance than TMDCs



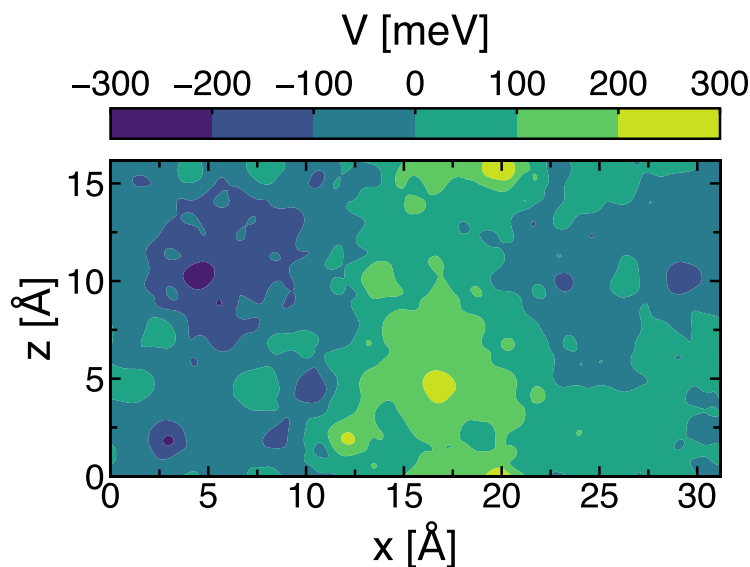
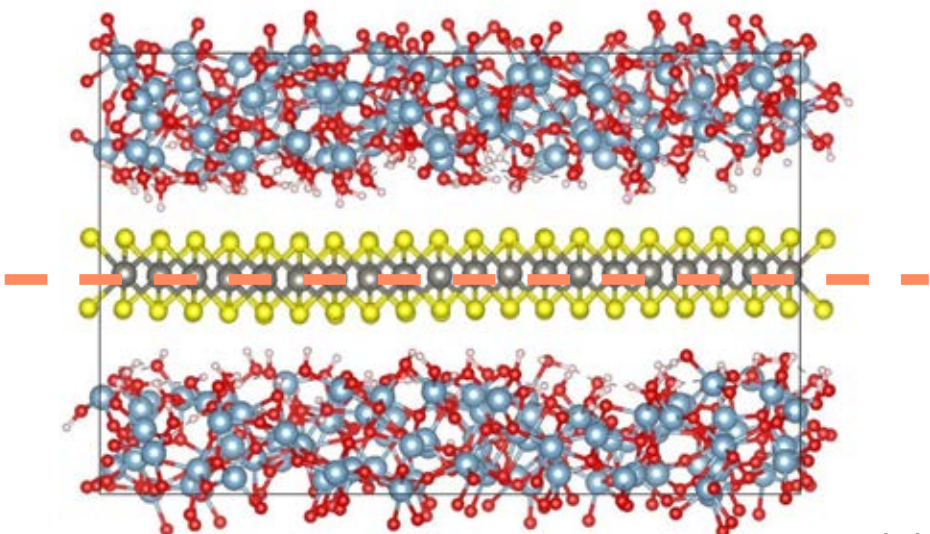
Summary of ON-state currents and velocities



Luisier, Marzari,... ACS Nano 14, 8605 (2020)

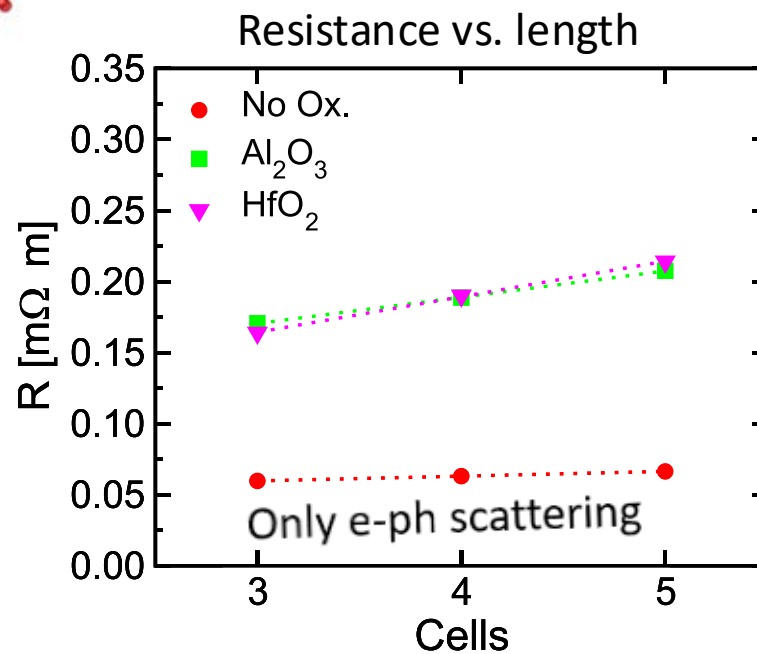
MARVEL Fest: Party-ing away – Slide 34

# Influence of dielectric environment on the WS<sub>2</sub> mobility



Construction of WS<sub>2</sub>+Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> or WS<sub>2</sub>+HfO<sub>2</sub> samples with DFT and MD  
Extraction of the **electrostatic potential** in the middle of the WS<sub>2</sub> layer:

- Formation of non-periodic hills and valleys with  $\Delta E \sim 600$  meV
- Calculation of the electron mobility with the **dR/dL method**
  - Linear increase of the resistance vs. sample length
  - Drastic reduction of mobility with respect to intrinsic value



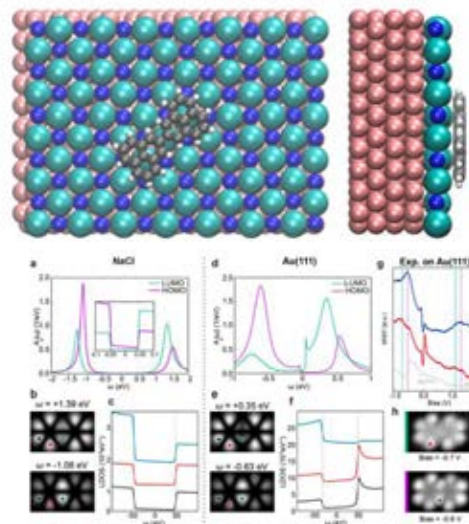
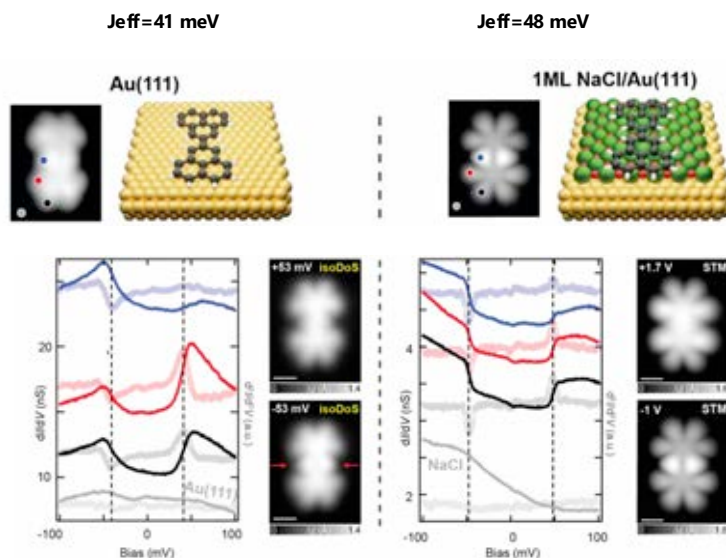
**dR/dL method (TLM):**  $\mu = \left( qn \frac{dR}{dL} \right)^{-1}$

|                                | $n [cm^{-2}]$ | $\mu [cm^2/(V \cdot s)]$ |
|--------------------------------|---------------|--------------------------|
| No Ox.                         | 1.86e13       | 312.01                   |
| Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> | 1.87e13       | 56.50                    |
| HfO <sub>2</sub>               | 1.80e13       | 43.33                    |

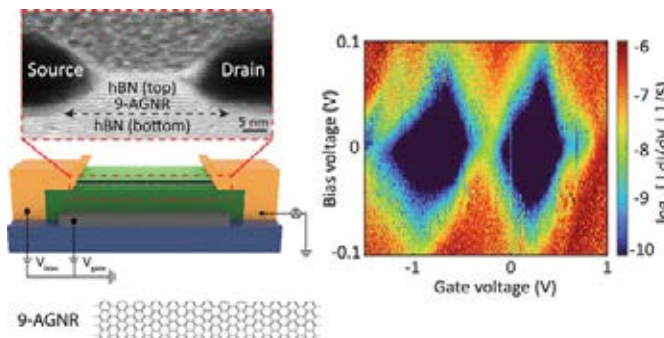
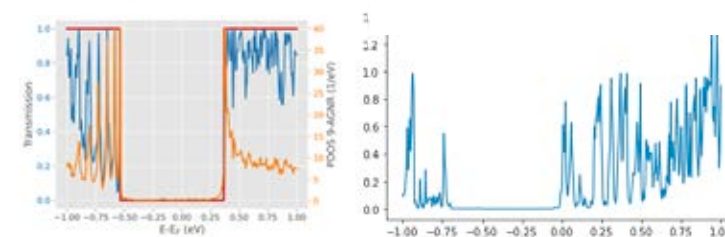
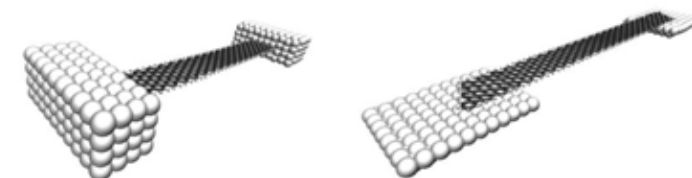
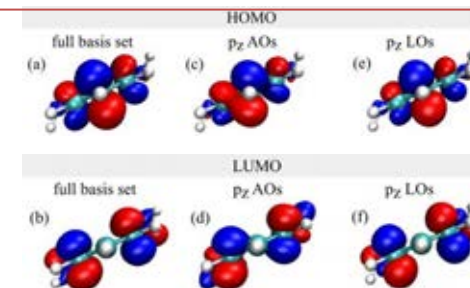
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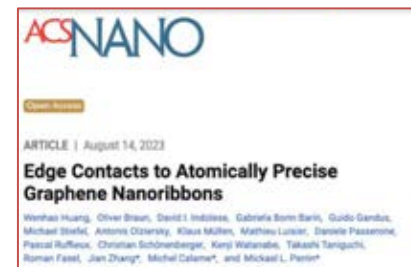
# Empa : FROM ON-SURFACE SYNTHESIS TO DEVICES



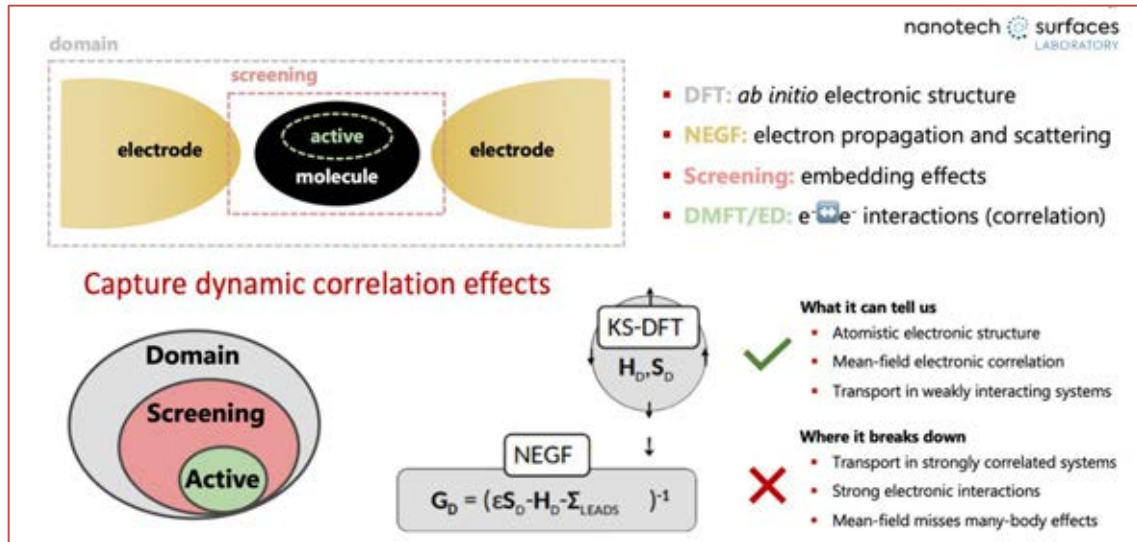
Smart local orbitals + DFT (with gate and bias potential)  
+ NEGF including DMFT correlation:  
modelling Coulomb diamonds in realistic systems, for  
example edge-contacted graphene nanoribbons



A hierarchy of theoretical methods to include surface screening and hybridization effects, from MFH through DFT and NEGF to unveil subtle inelastic transitions in organic biradicals (relevant for carbon-based quantum computing)



# Empa : “To learn the Transport by the Pain...”



## Including DMFT in the workflow

**DFT:** predicts near resonant transport

**ED:** predicts conductance suppression

### Pros:

Captures many-body effects

Includes both local/non-local effects

Exact!

### Cons:

Small systems (~20 atom limit)

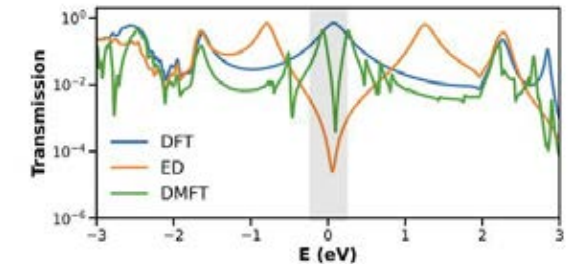
**DMFT:** captures conductance suppression

### Pros:

Larger systems and inelastic scattering

### Cons:

No explicit non-local effects



## Insight in the physics with minimal models

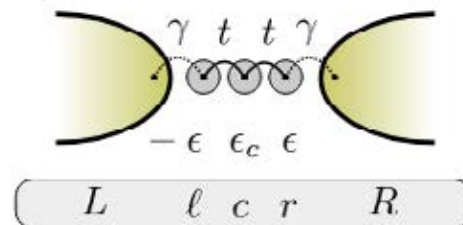
$$G_D(z) = [z - H + i\Gamma_L/2 + i\Gamma_R/2 - \Sigma_D(z)]^{-1}$$

$$H = \begin{pmatrix} \epsilon_L & t & t' \\ t & \epsilon_c & t \\ t' & t & \epsilon_r \end{pmatrix} \quad -\epsilon_L = \epsilon_r = \epsilon$$

$$\Gamma_L = \begin{pmatrix} \Gamma & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \Gamma_R = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \Gamma \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Sigma_D(z) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \Sigma_{OPA}(z) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Sigma_{OPA}(E) = \frac{a^2}{E - E_F - \epsilon_{res} + i\gamma}$$



$$\epsilon = 1.5$$

$$\epsilon_c = 0.25$$

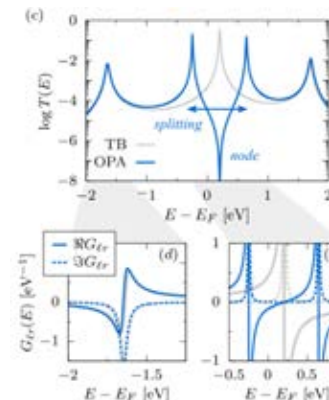
$$a = 0.5$$

$$\Gamma = 0.05$$

$$\gamma = 0.003$$

$$t = 0.1$$

$$t' = 0$$



## Strongly correlated physics in organic open-shell quantum systems

G. Gandus<sup>1,\*</sup>, A. Jayaraj<sup>2,\*</sup>, D. Passerone<sup>2</sup>, R. Stadler<sup>3</sup>, M. Luisier<sup>1</sup>, and A. Valli<sup>4,5,†</sup>

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# Tight-binding Hamiltonians from *ab initio* calculations for CAS/DMRG

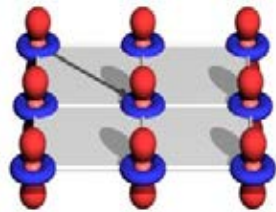


A portfolio of localization methods for quantum science and transport

Wannier  
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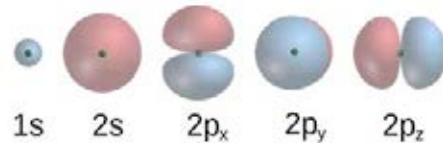
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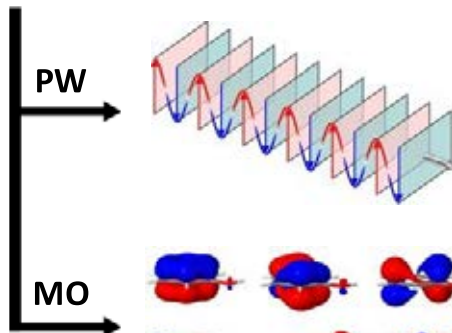
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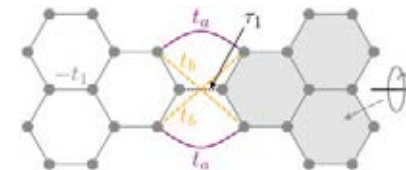


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PAO FLOW

QT  
QTPYT



|                                    | $\theta = 0^\circ$ |        | $\theta = 30^\circ$ |        |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|--------|---------------------|--------|
|                                    | Model              | qtpyt  | Model               | qtpyt  |
| $t_1$ (eV)                         | 2.7                | 2.745  | 2.7                 | 2.747  |
| $\tau_1$ (eV)                      | -2.7               | -2.736 | -2.338              | -2.451 |
| $t_a$ (eV)                         | -0.521             | -0.388 | -0.336              | -0.249 |
| $t_b$ (eV)                         | -0.180             | -0.120 | -0.185              | -0.128 |
| $2/3 t_a - t_b $ (eV)              | 0.227              | 0.179  | 0.101               | 0.081  |
| max $\Delta_{\text{on-site}}$ (eV) | 0                  | 0.658  | 0                   | 0.674  |
| max $S_{ij}$                       | 0                  | 0.372  | 0                   | 0.374  |

Anooja Jayaraj



Hubbard treatment



Andres Ortega Guerrero

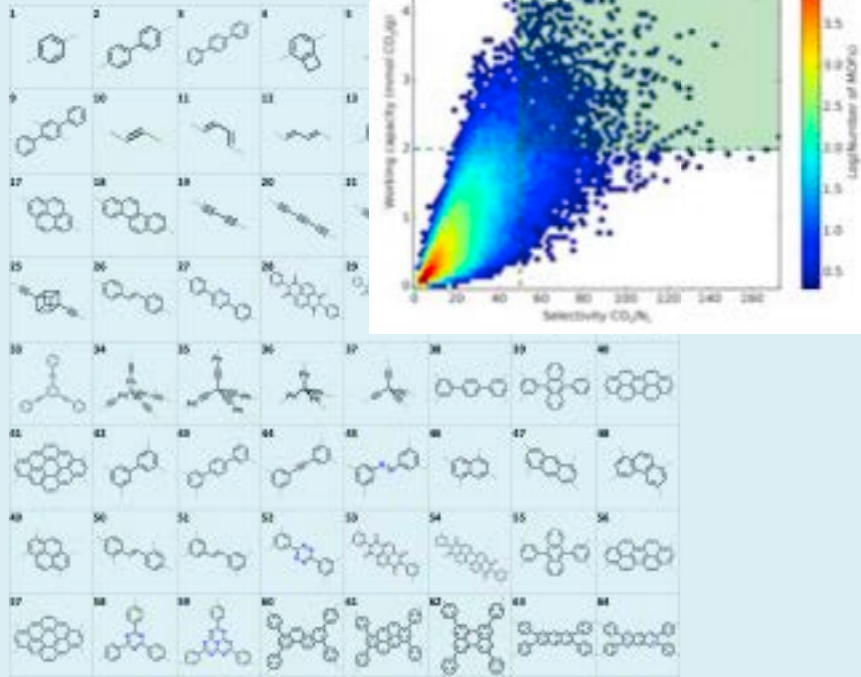


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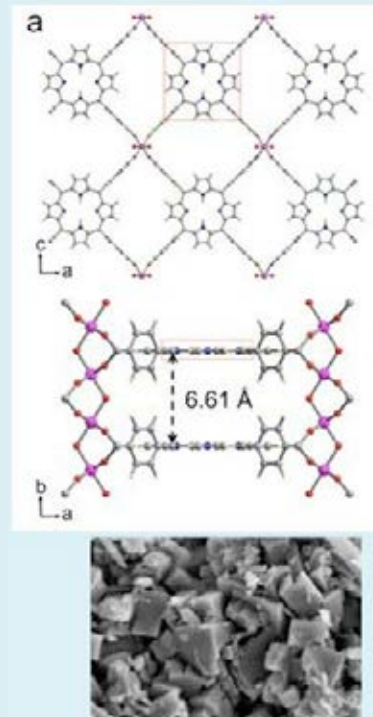
# MOFs, COFs, AND CARBON CAPTURE

# AI-driven design of materials that can capture CO<sub>2</sub> in wet flue gasses

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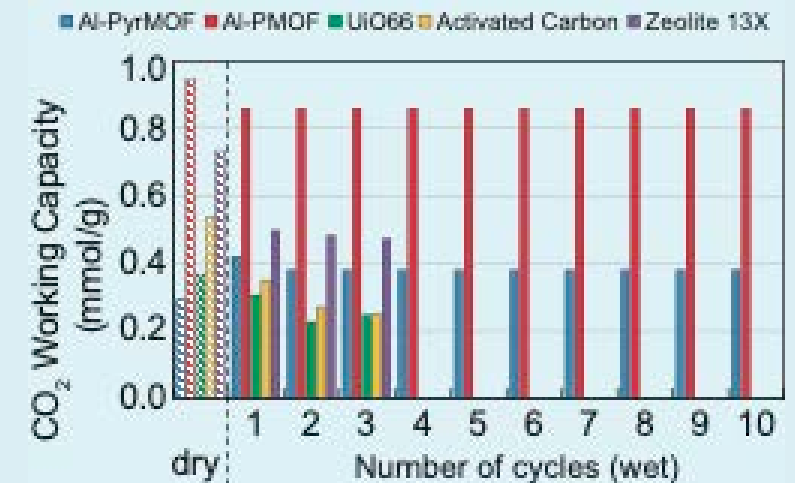


2.



1. Generate and screen a library of 300'000 MOFs for separating wet flue gasses
2. Identify the “adsorbaphore” and synthesize materials with an adsorbaphore
3. Testing and comparing against commercial materials

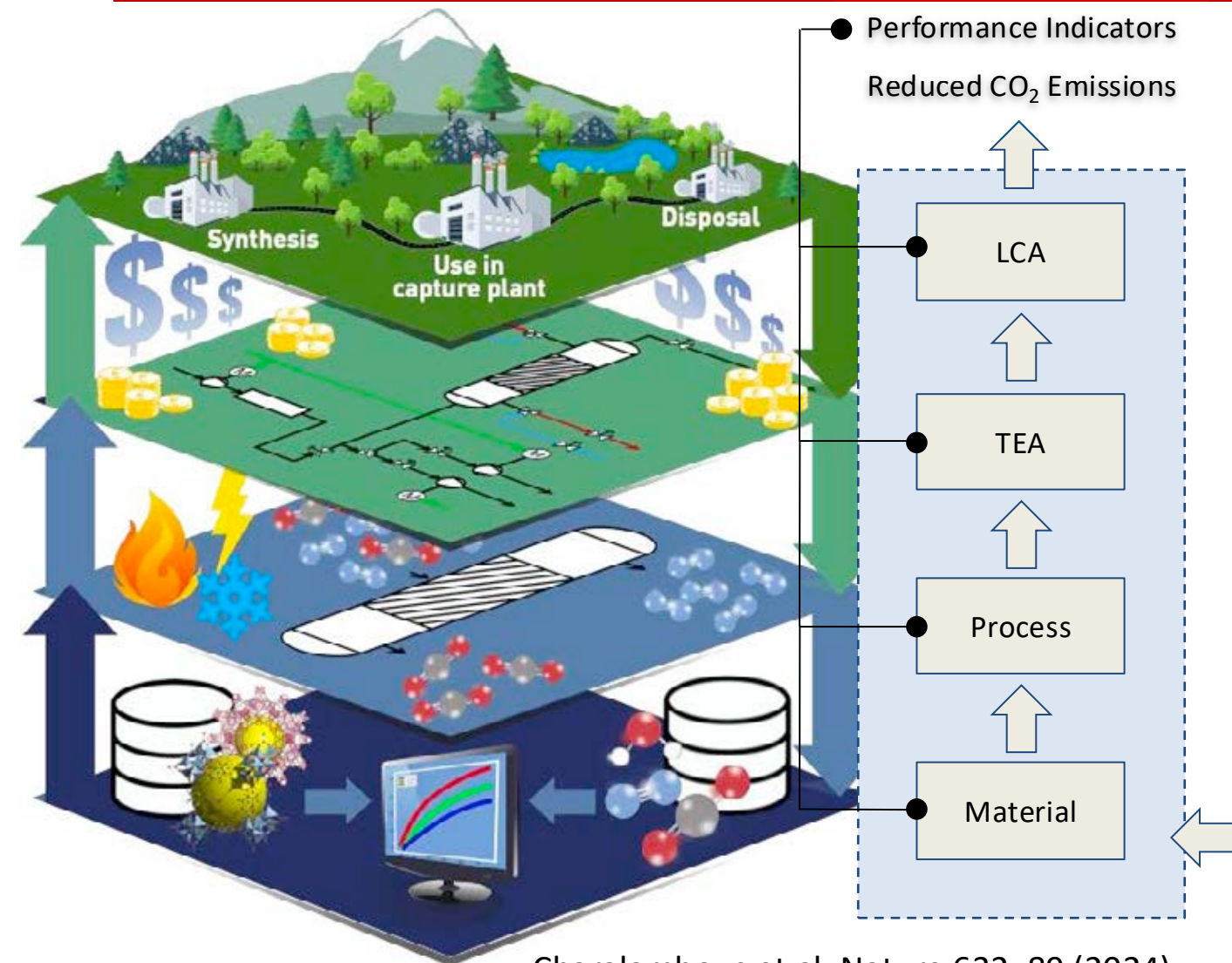
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P. G. Boyd et al, *Data-driven design of metal–organic frameworks for wet flue gas CO<sub>2</sub> capture*, **Nature** 576 (7786), 253 (2019) [doi.org/10.1038/s41586-019-1798-7](https://doi.org/10.1038/s41586-019-1798-7)



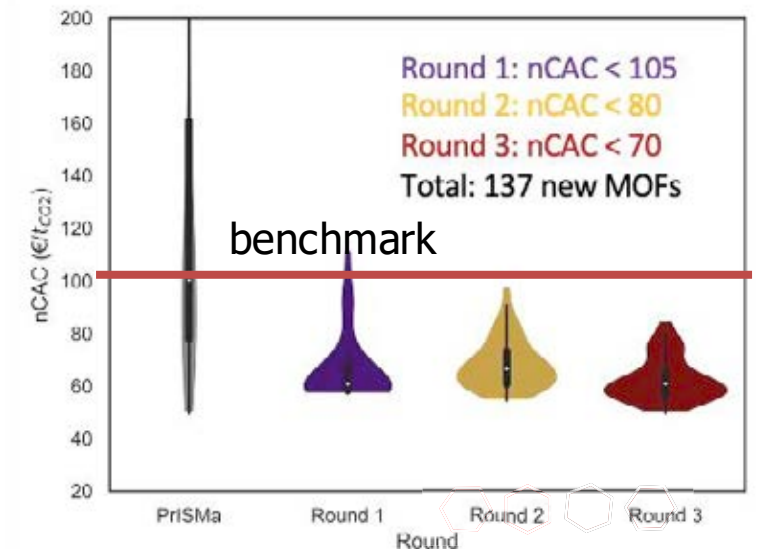
# A holistic platform for accelerating sorbent-based carbon capture .



Evaluate the performance of a material in a carbon capture process: (nCAC- net carbon avoidance cost)

1. **Materials:** predict the properties for process design
2. **Design of a carbon capture process:** for a given source of CO<sub>2</sub> and sink of CO<sub>2</sub> in
3. **Techno-economics;** prediction of the cost to capture a ton of CO<sub>2</sub>
4. **Life-cycle assessment:** calculations of the indirect emissions and impact on the environment

AI-driven design: > 135 new MOFs outperform the benchmark



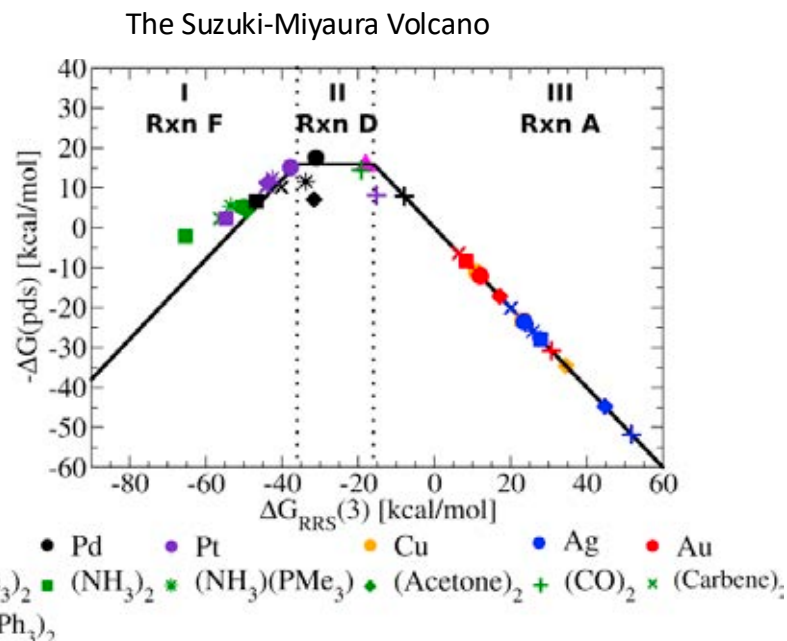
Charalambous et al, Nature 632, 89 (2024)

# PHOTOVOLTAICS AND CATALYSTS

# Navigating catalyst landscapes

## Concept of volcano plots

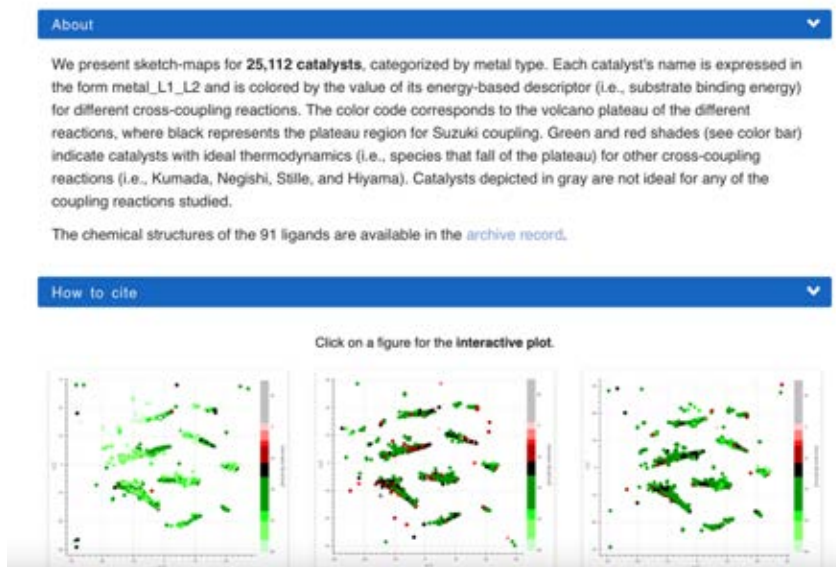
first extension to homogeneous catalysis



Chem. Sci. 2015, 6, 6754.

## Scaling up

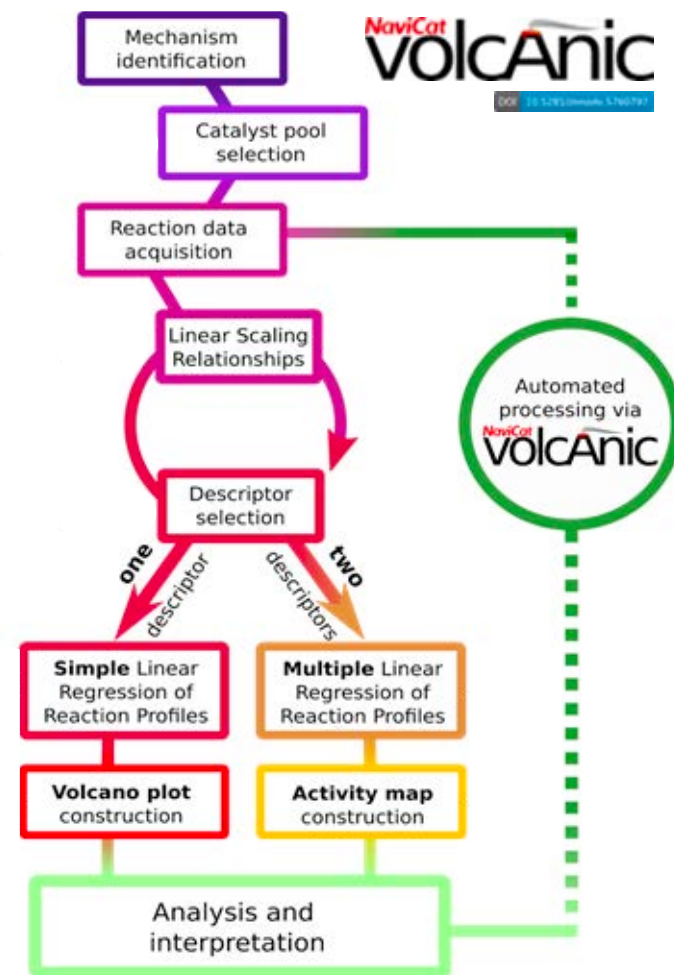
from a handful of systems to data



Chem. Sci. 2018, 9, 7069.



## Automated tools



Nat. Protoc., 2022, 17, 2550.



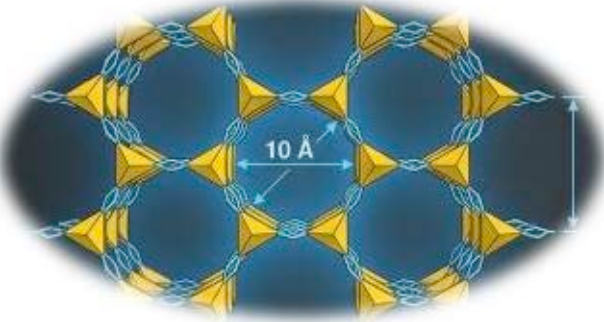
In agreement with experiment:

- Plots identify **highly** catalytically **active** regions.

25 papers, 1.353 citations.

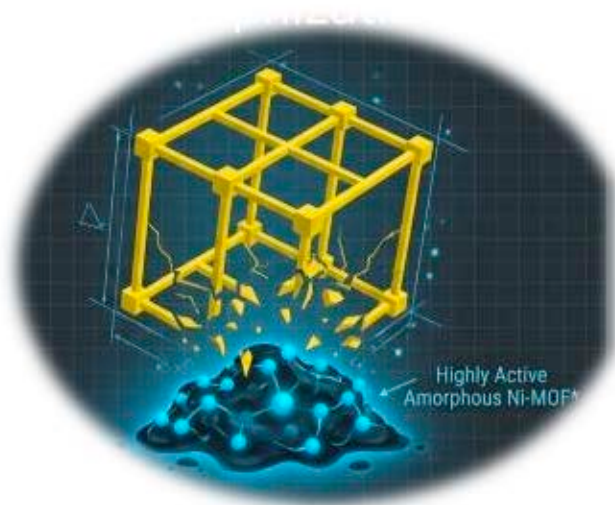
# Ni-MOF electrocatalyst for water electrolysis: The paradox

Crystalline Ni-MOF:  
High surface area,  
precise tunable nodes



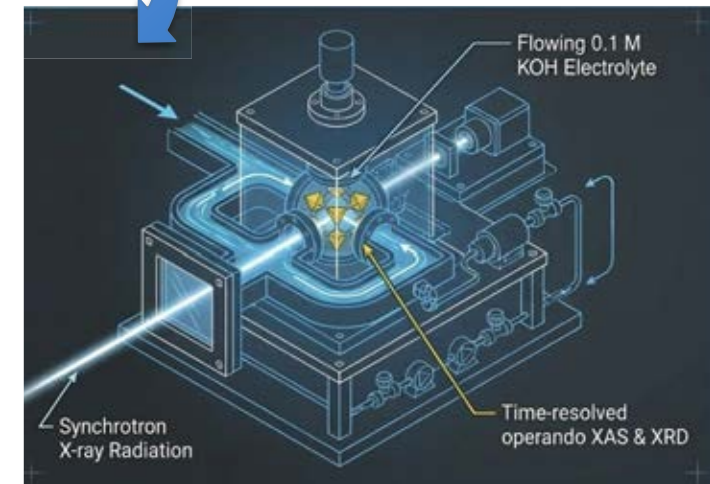
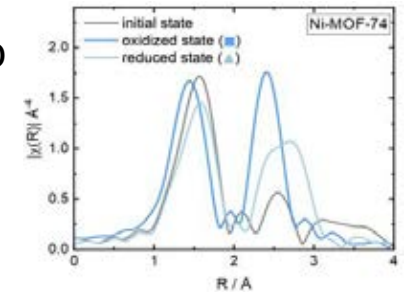
Are MOFs actually stable during anodic oxidation reaction of water electrolysis?  
Why their performance improve with operation?

OER performance is generated by the destruction of the framework, yielding a highly active, amorphous Ni-MOF\*.

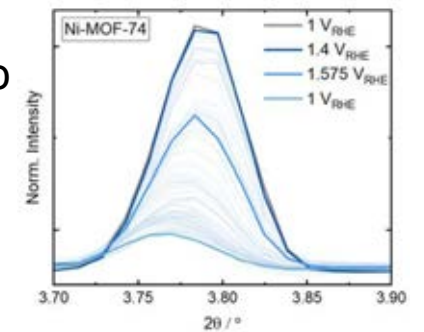


The pristine Ni-MOF catalyst is not the active catalyst; the engineered crystal structure irreversible collapse during water splitting, enhancing catalyst performance

Operando EXAFS

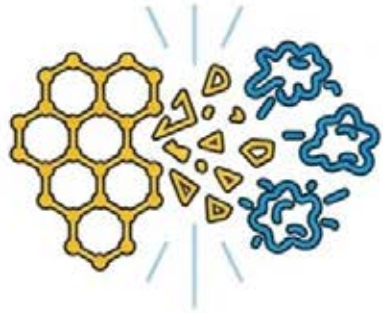


Operando XRD



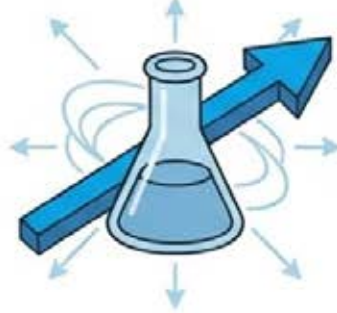
# From Crystal to Catalyst: Ni-Metal Organic Compounds (Ni-MOC)

## Irreversible transformation of Ni-MOF



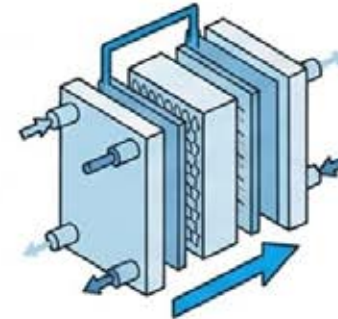
MOF-74 derives its exceptional OER activity not from its crystalline framework, but from irreversible amorphization into dynamic NiOOH-like clusters.

## Direct synthesis of the active phase: Ni-MOC



Bypassing high-temperature crystal synthesis to directly precipitate the amorphous phase (Ni-MOC\*) yields vastly superior initial activity and radically lowers production complexity

## Device validation



Ni-MOC\* provides a highly scalable, robust non-noble metal anode solution, proven stable over 100 hours of continuous AEM water electrolysis at  $500 \text{ mA cm}^{-2}$ .

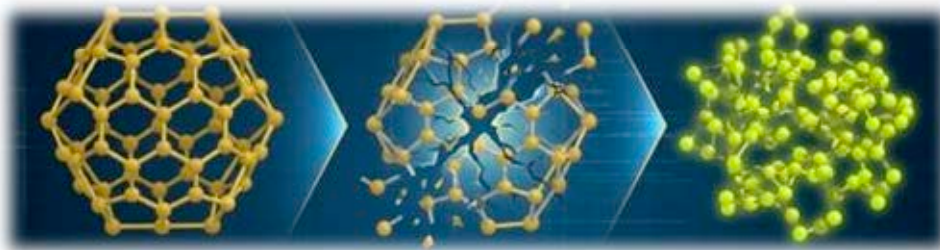
298 mV

210 mV

Ni-MOF-74 (Crystalline) Ni-MOC\* (Amorphous)

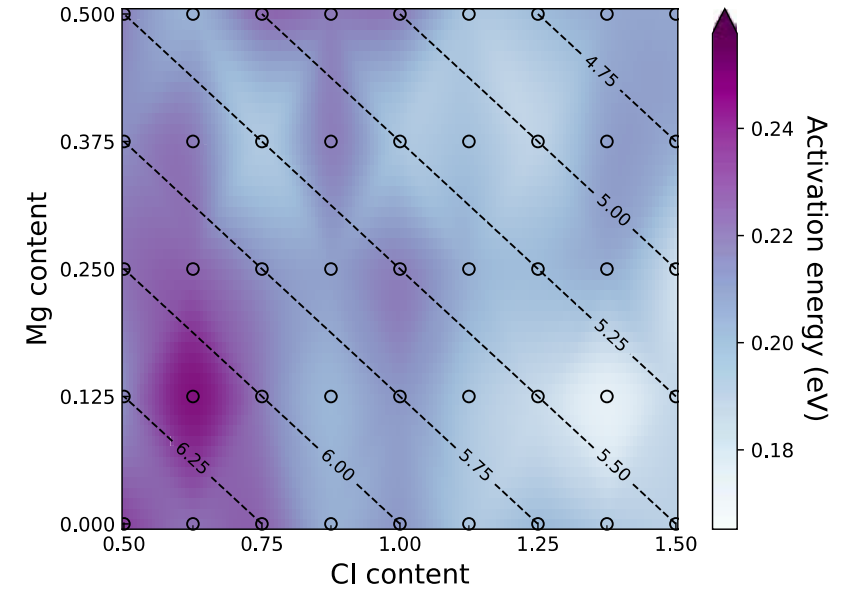
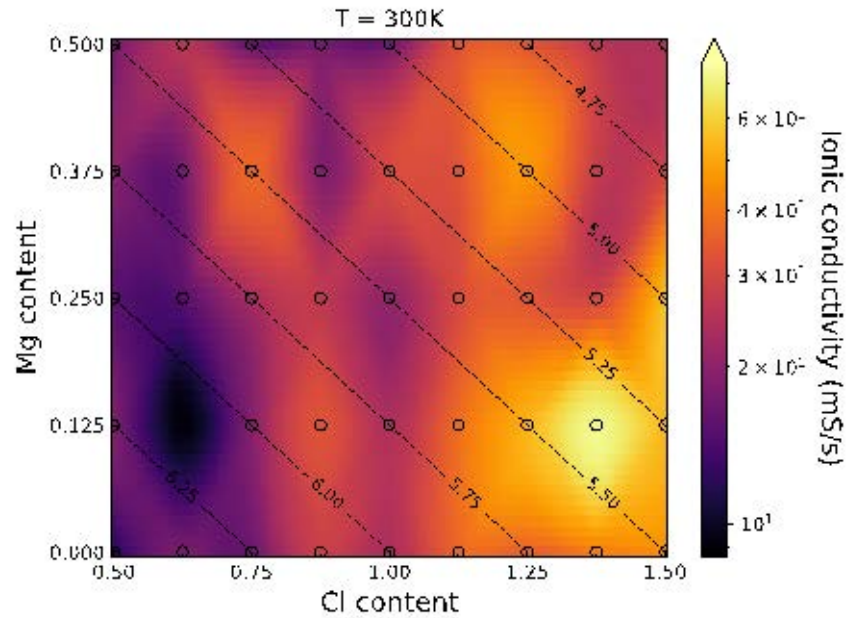
## Enhanced Catalytic Efficiency

Ni-MOC\* exhibits an overpotential of only 210 mV, significantly outperforming pristine Ni-MOF-74.



# BATTERY MATERIALS

# OPTIMAL DOPING IN SOLID-STATE BATTERIES



- The region with the highest ionic conductivity corresponds to high Cl and low Mg content.
- These results were confirmed by experiments, and two patents granted.

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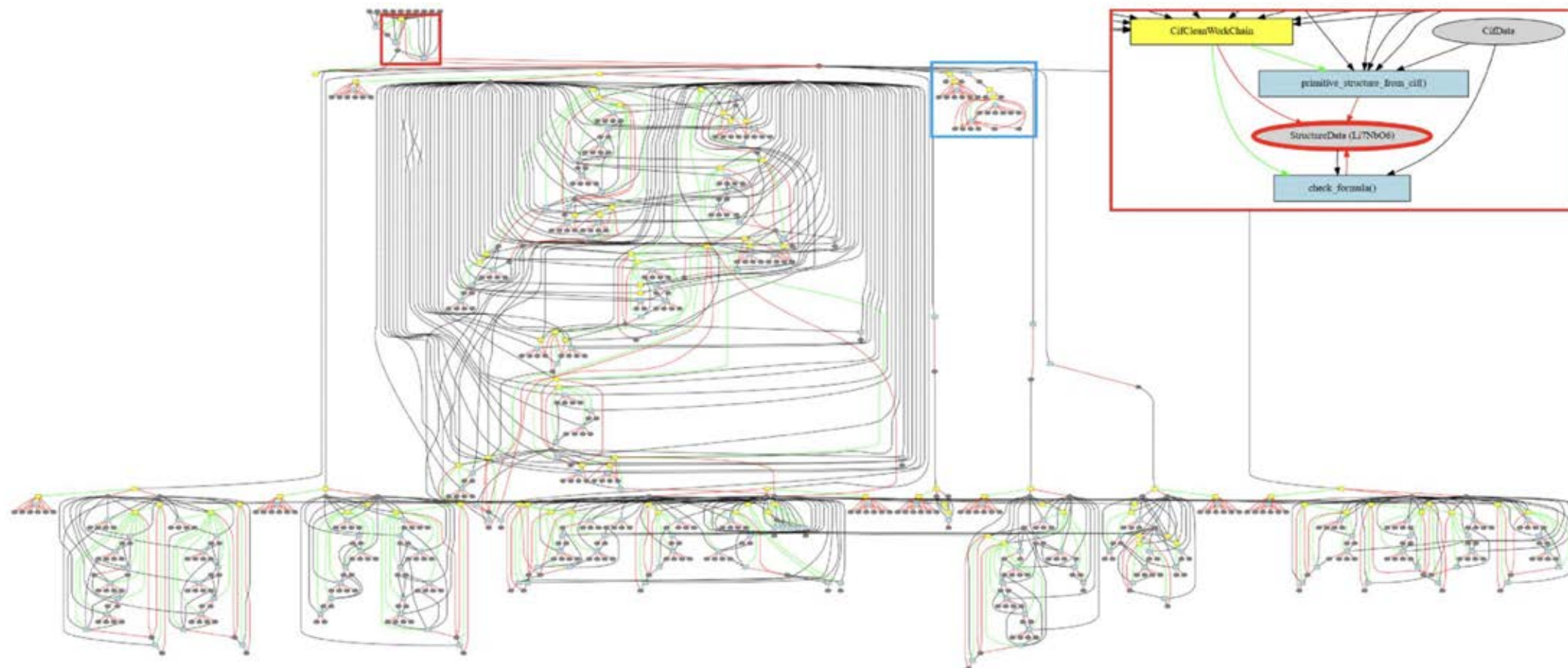


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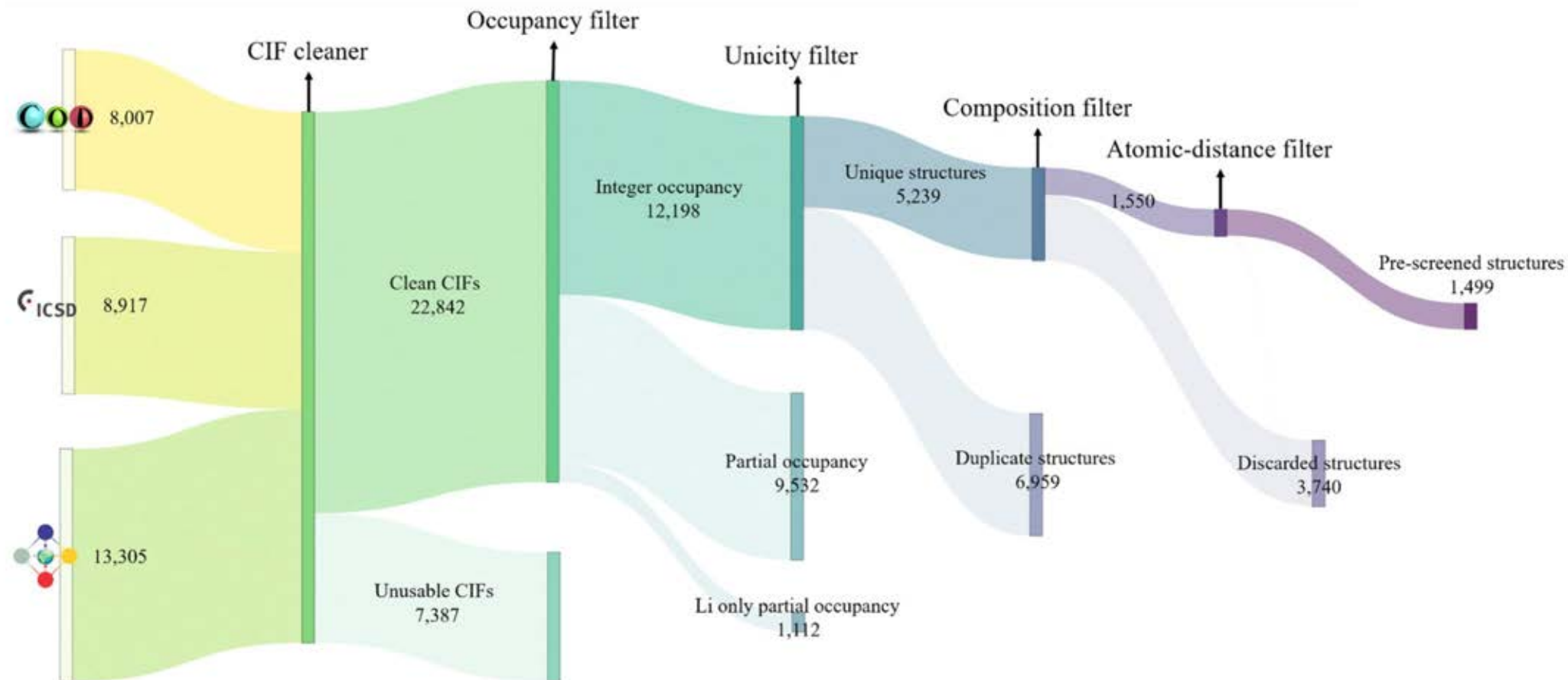
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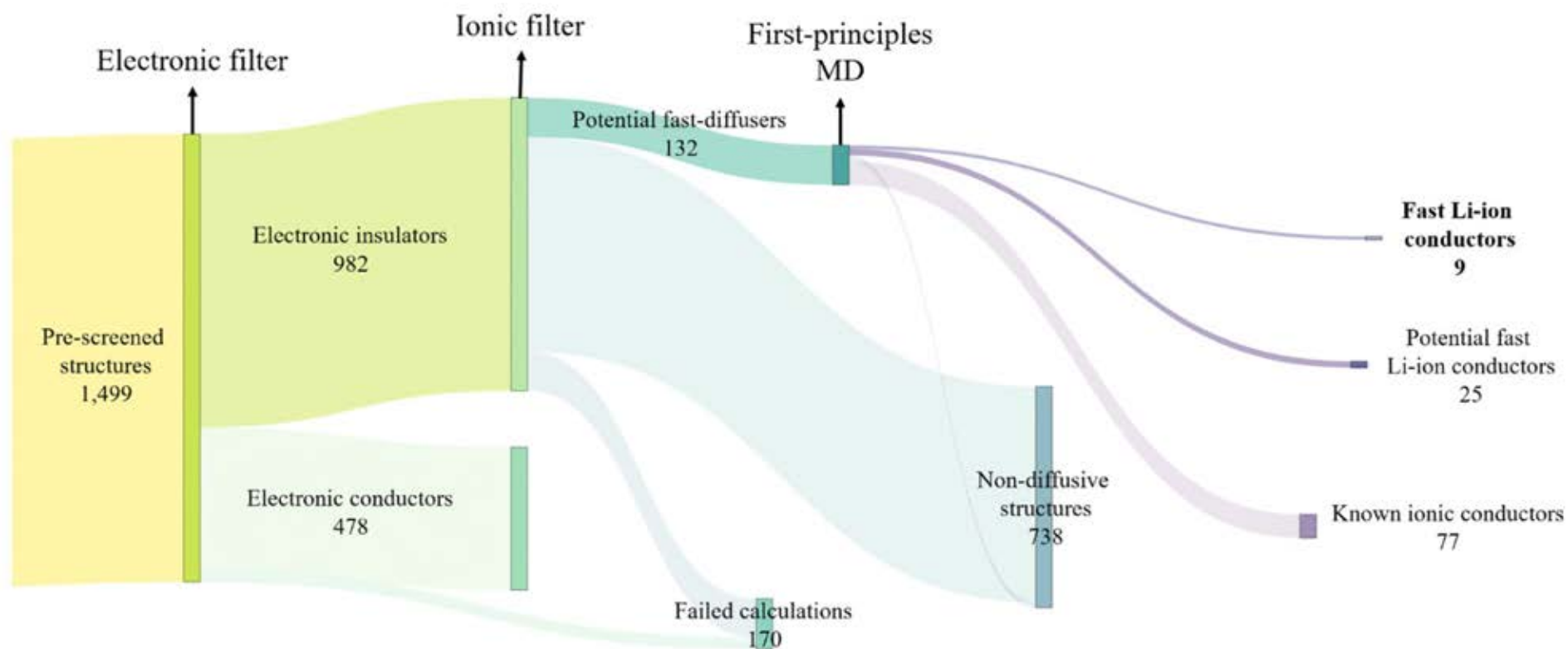
# SOLID-STATE LI-ION CONDUCTORS



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# SOLID-STATE LI-ION CONDUCTORS



| Structure                                          | Database |
|----------------------------------------------------|----------|
| $\text{Li}_4\text{CO}_4$                           | ICSD     |
| $\text{LiCsI}_2$                                   | ICSD     |
| $\text{Li}_3\text{CsBr}_4$                         | ICSD     |
| $\text{Li}_3\text{Cs}_2\text{Br}_5$                | ICSD     |
| $\text{Li}_7\text{NbO}_6$                          | MPDS     |
| $\text{Li}_3\text{Cs}_2\text{I}_5$                 | ICSD     |
| $\text{LiCs}_3\text{Cl}_4$                         | ICSD     |
| $\text{Li}_4\text{Mo}_3\text{O}_8$                 | MPDS     |
| $\text{Li}_5\text{NaN}_2$                          | ICSD     |
| $\text{Li}_1\text{Ga}_1\text{I}_4$                 | ICSD     |
| $\text{Li}_1\text{Ga}_1\text{Br}_3$                | ICSD     |
| $\text{Li}_2\text{Cs}_1\text{I}_3$                 | ICSD     |
| $\text{Li}_{10}\text{Ge}_1\text{P}_2\text{S}_{12}$ | —        |
| $\text{Li}_5\text{Cl}_3\text{O}_1$                 | ICSD     |
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| $\text{Li}_7\text{Ta}_1\text{O}_6$                 | ICSD     |

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# MOLECULAR CRYSTALS AND NMR CRYSTALLOGRAPHY

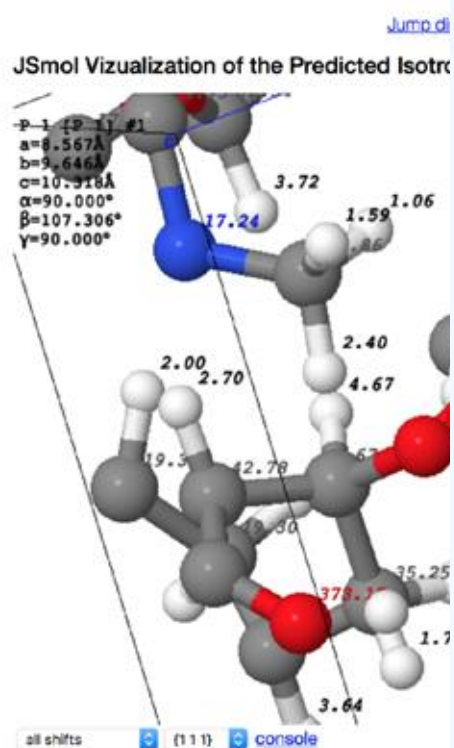
# MACHINE LEARNING OF CHEMICAL SHIFTS IN MOLECULAR SOLIDS

https://shiftml.epfl.ch

try it at [shiftml.org](https://shiftml.org)

**ShiftML:** Chemical Shifts in Molecular Solids by Machine Learning

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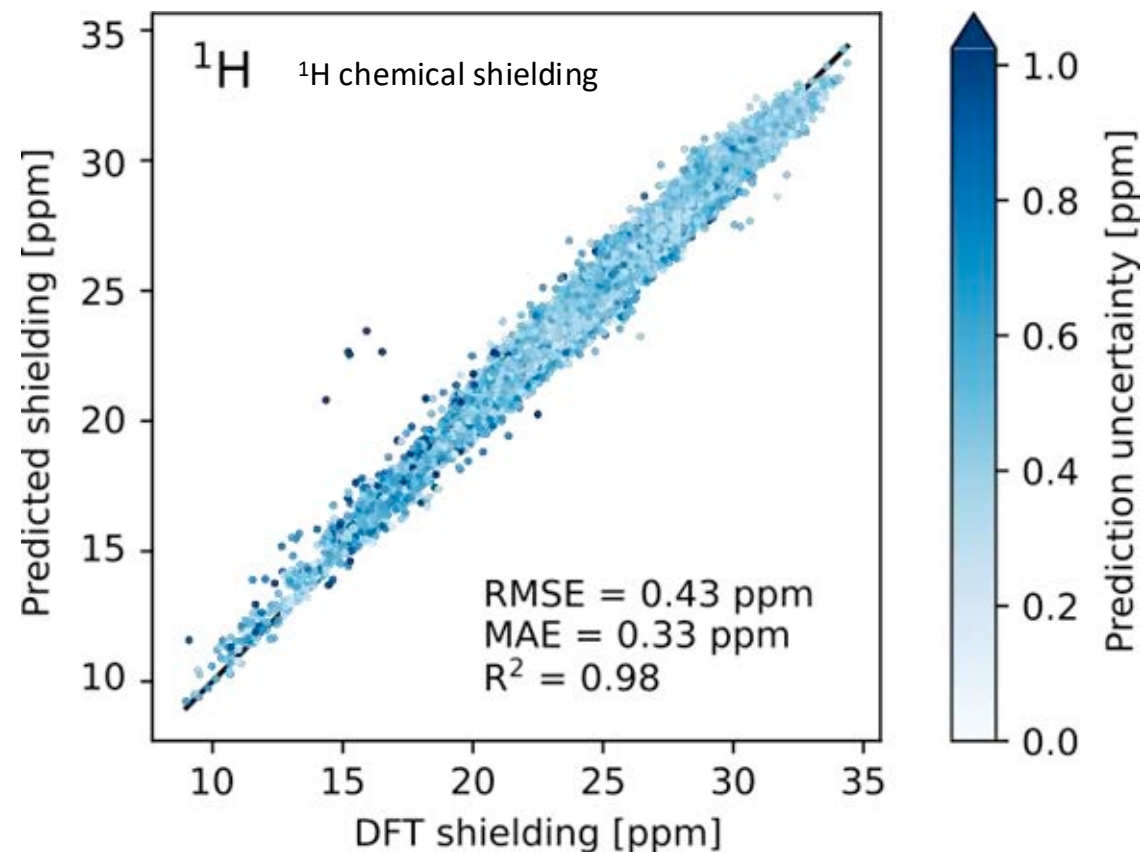
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Paruzzo, Hofstetter, Musil, De, Ceriotti, Emsley, Nature Comm. 9, 4501 (2018)



# NOW VERY COMPREHENSIVE

- 12 elements (H, C, N, O, S, P, F, Cl, K, Mg, Na, Ca)
- Full tensor including anisotropy
- 10,593 training crystal structures
- DFT-optimised + MD structures
- Built-in uncertainty quantification
- GNN / PET model

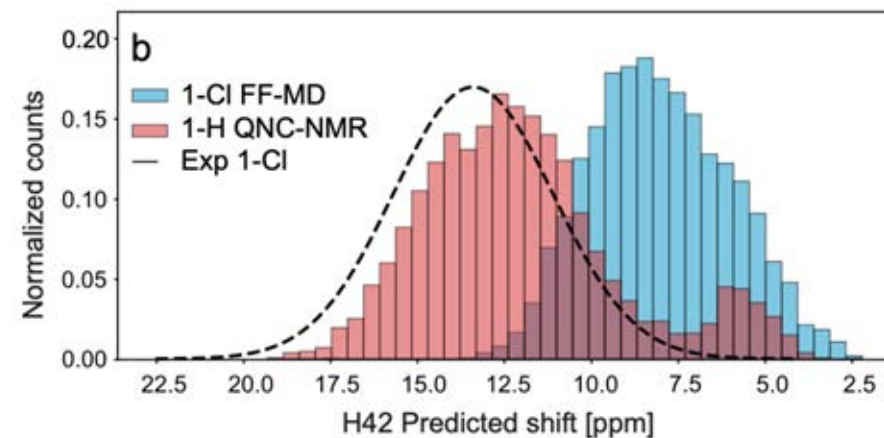
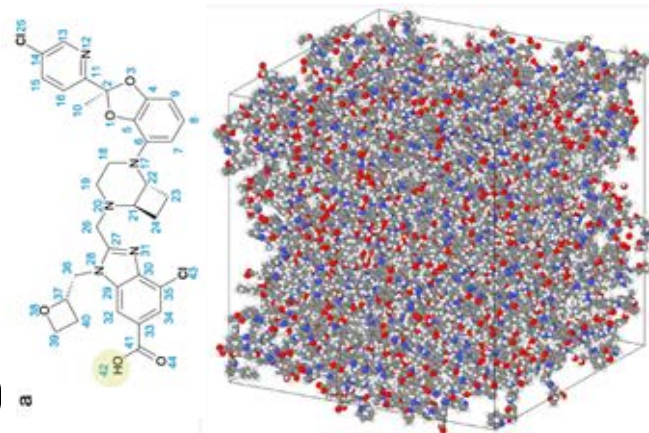
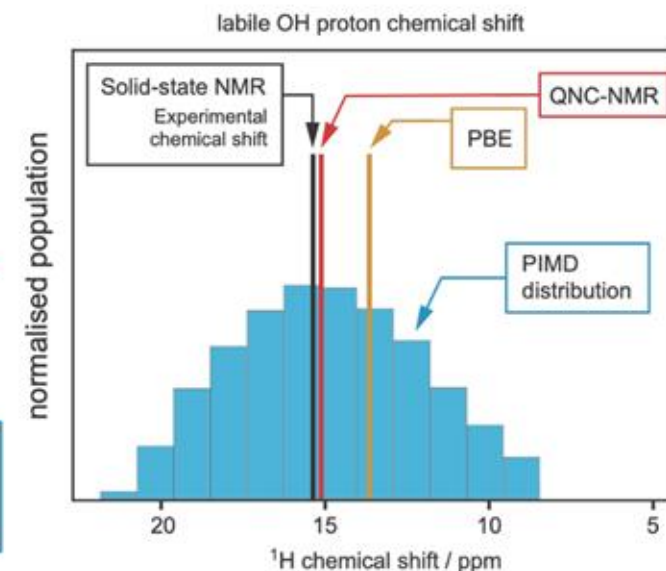
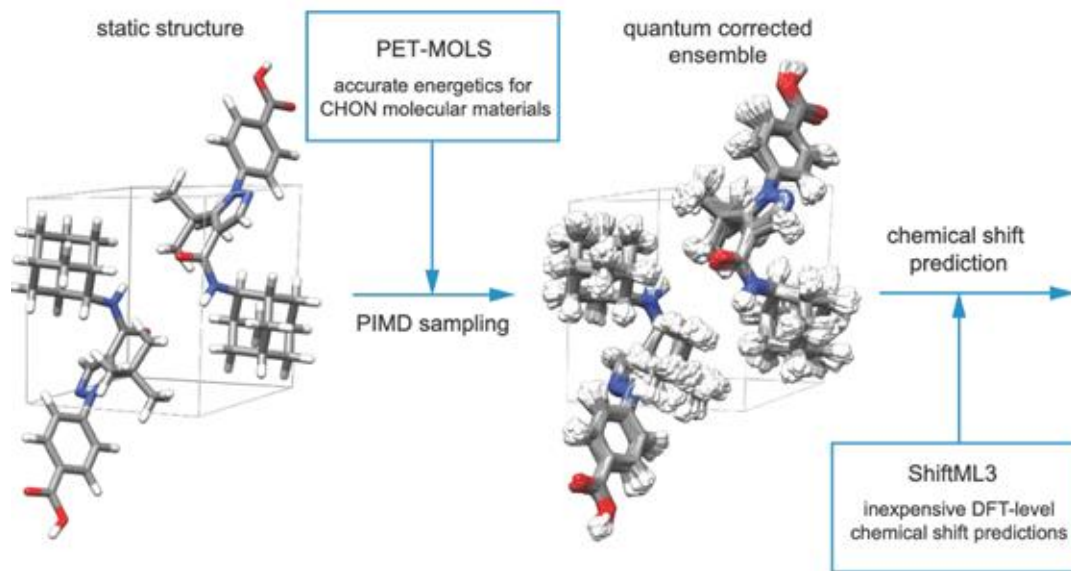
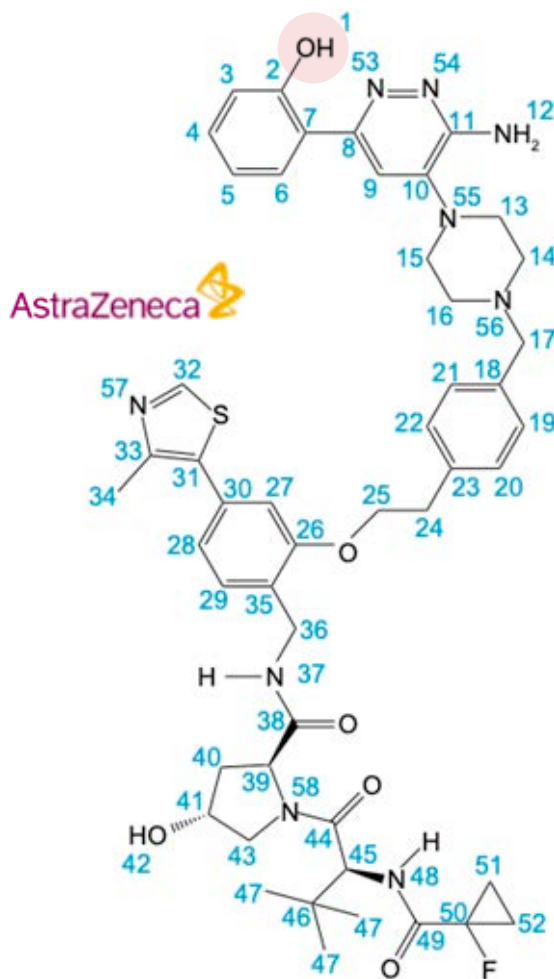


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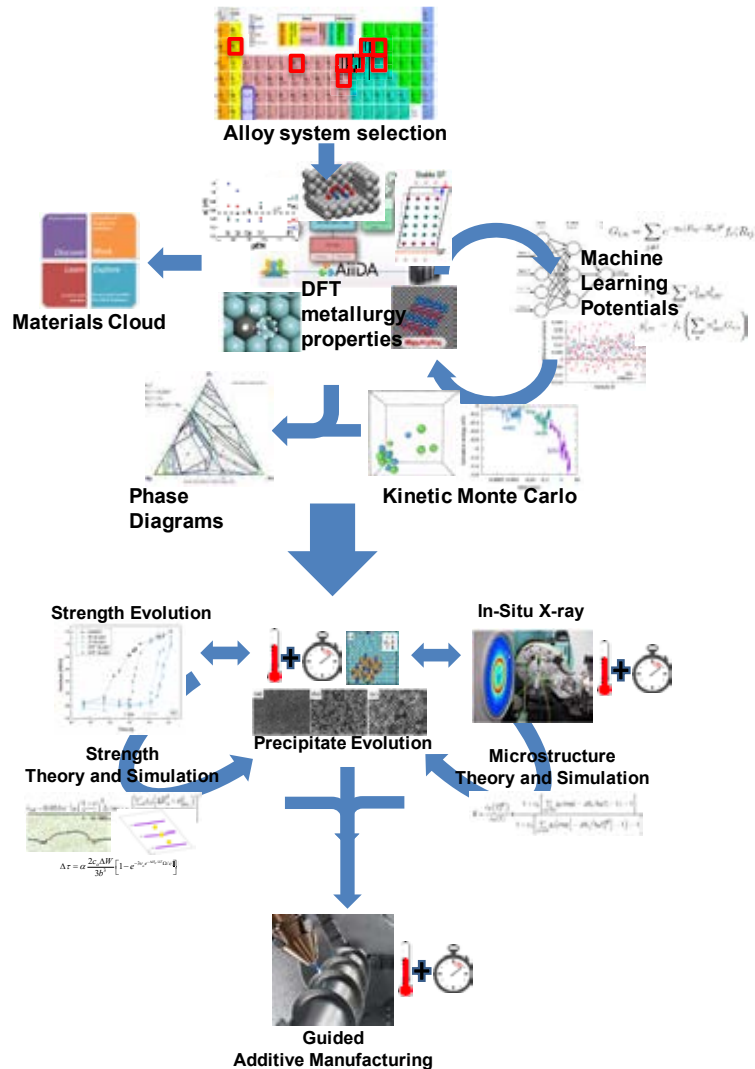


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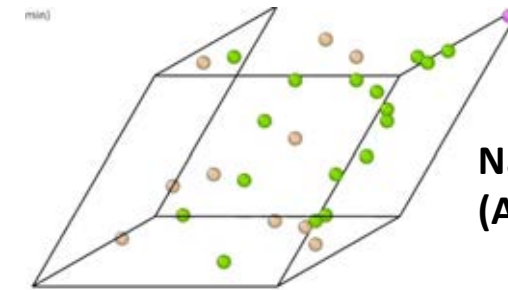


# COMPLEX ALLOYS AND ADDITIVE MANUFACTURING

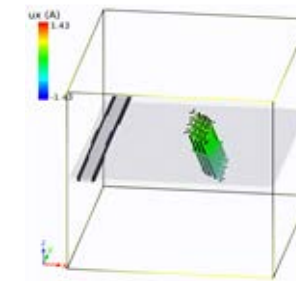
# Design and discovery of complex alloys



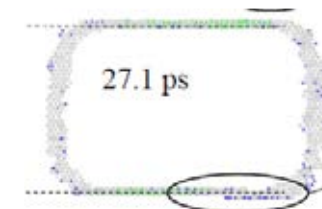
**Lightweight Alloys:**  
DFT-trained ML potentials for Al-Mg-Si-Cu-Zn alloys



Natural aging in Al-Mg-Si (Al-6xxx)

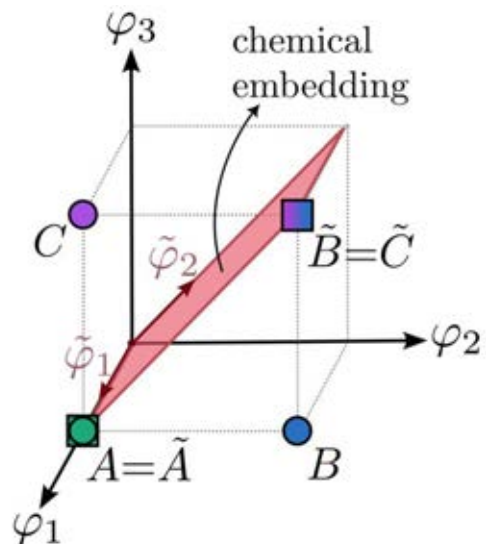


Peak-aged strengthening (Al-6xxx)



Mechanism of prismatic slip in Mg

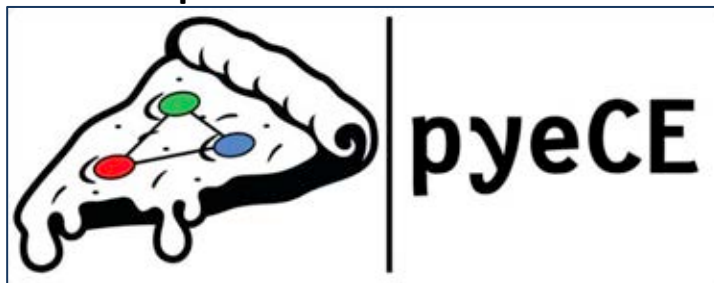
# COMPUTATIONAL TOOLS FOR MODELING COMPLEX ALLOYS



Finite-temperature **diffusion constants of high-entropy alloys** from electronic structure calculations

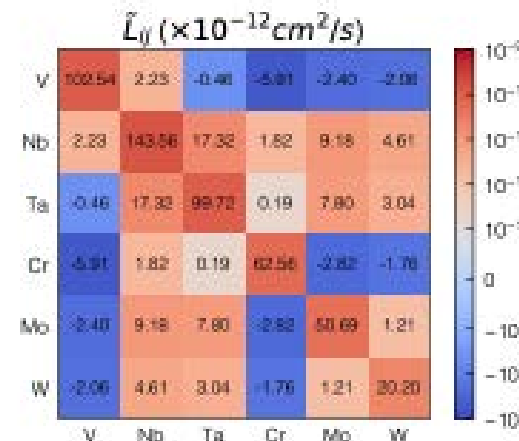
**embedded cluster expansions** for predicting thermodynamic and kinetic properties of *high-entropy alloys*

Open-Source Software

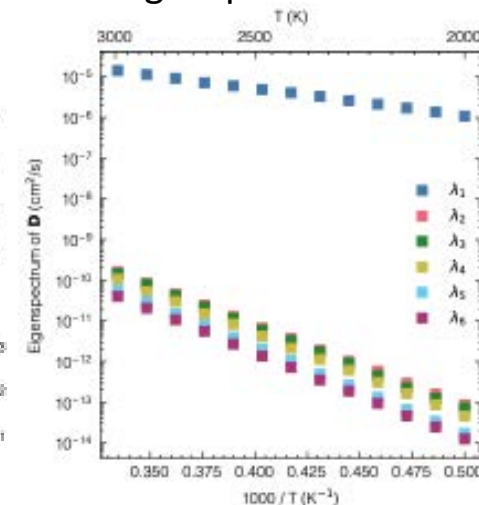


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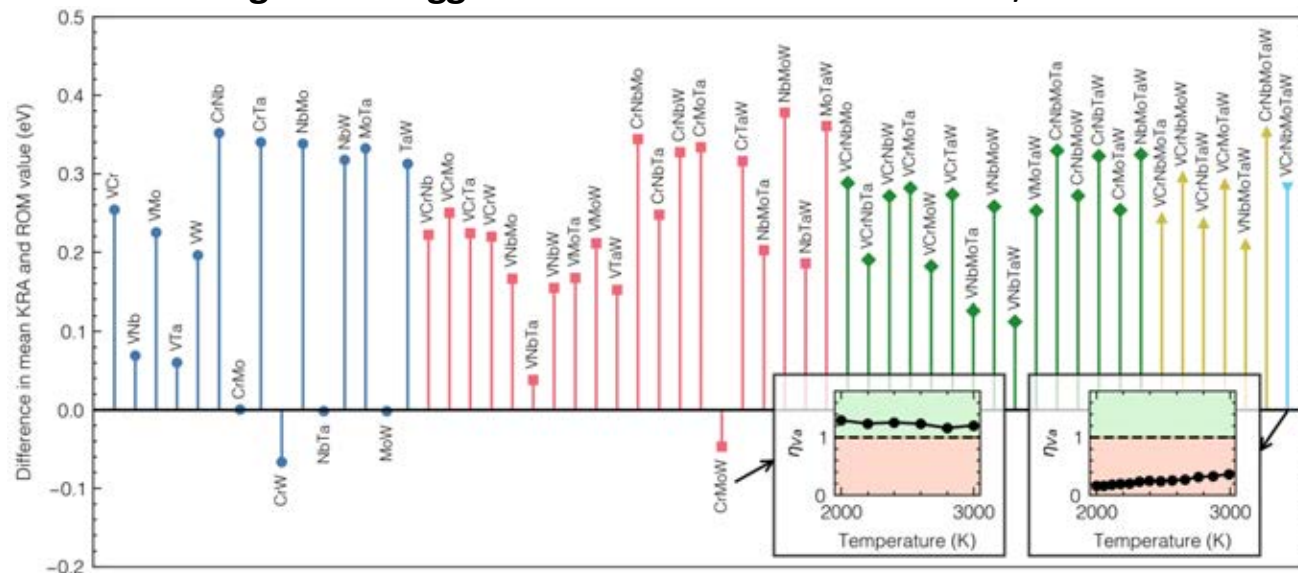
Onsager mobilities



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Elucidate **origins of sluggish diffusion** and *screen for fast/slow diffusion*



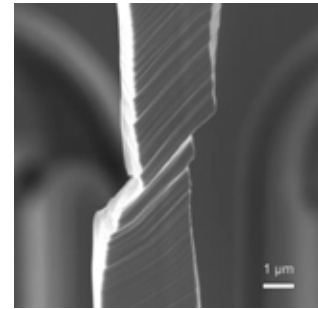
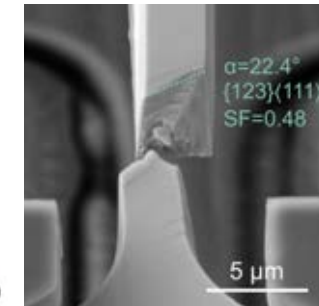
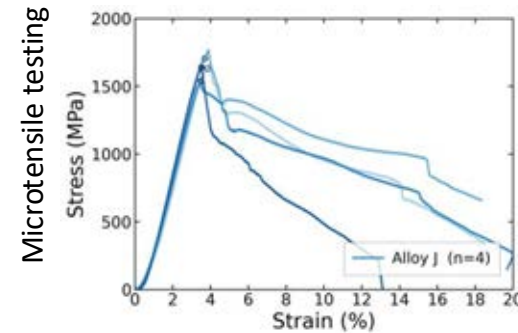
# Theory-driven design, fabrication and testing of ductile refractory alloys

Computational design of strong and ductile “High-Entropy” Refractory Alloys

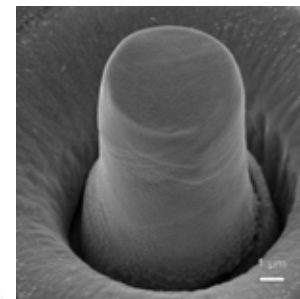
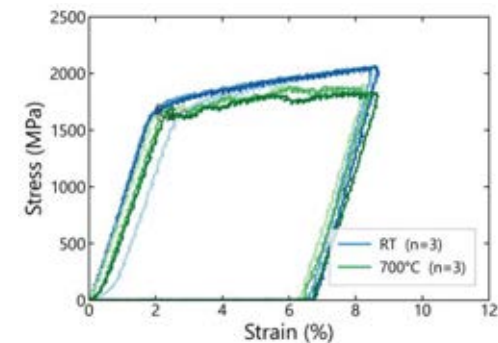
Experimental fabrication, validation and testing

*Hf-Mo-Nb-Ti alloy*

**Ductile alloy at room temperature**

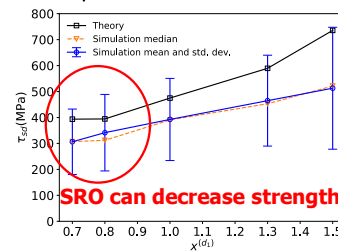


**700 C**

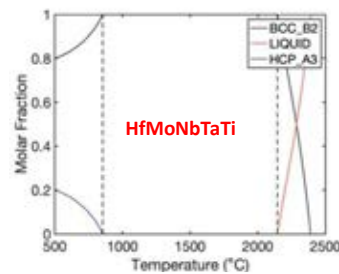


**Strong at high temperatures**

RT: 800 MPa  
700°C: 777 MPa



Effect of Short-range Order on Strength



Phase behavior

| Alloy                                                               | $\tau_0$ | $\tau_0'$ | $\rho$ | VEC  | $\tau_0/\rho$ | $T^*$ | $T_m$ |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|-----------|--------|------|---------------|-------|-------|
| Hf <sub>20</sub> Mo <sub>20</sub> Nb <sub>20</sub> Ti <sub>20</sub> | 1.66     | 0.56      | 9.46   | 4.75 | 176.10        | 812   | 2028  |
| Hf <sub>20</sub> Mo <sub>20</sub> Nb <sub>20</sub> Ti <sub>20</sub> | 1.11     | 0.27      | 8.60   | 4.60 | 129.71        | 831   | 2011  |
| Hf <sub>20</sub> Mo <sub>20</sub> Nb <sub>20</sub> Ti <sub>20</sub> | 1.13     | 0.29      | 8.19   | 4.65 | 137.70        | 710   | 2054  |
| Hf <sub>20</sub> Mo <sub>20</sub> Nb <sub>20</sub> Ti <sub>20</sub> | 1.14     | 0.29      | 8.79   | 4.65 | 129.56        | 855   | 2045  |
| Hf <sub>20</sub> Mo <sub>20</sub> Nb <sub>20</sub> Ti <sub>20</sub> | 1.15     | 0.30      | 8.38   | 4.70 | 137.45        | 735   | 2098  |
| Hf <sub>20</sub> Mo <sub>20</sub> Nb <sub>20</sub> Ti <sub>20</sub> | 1.16     | 0.30      | 8.98   | 4.70 | 129.27        | 880   | 2073  |

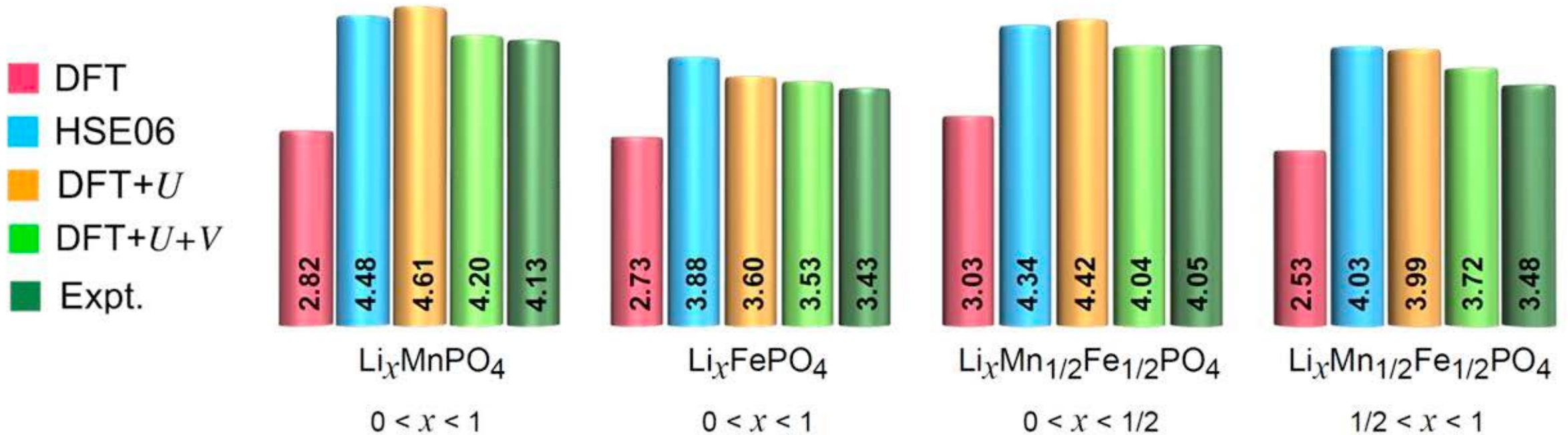
Multi-property alloy design



# PREDICTIVE ACCURACY: THE FUNCTIONAL ROUTE

# LITHIUM INTERCALATION VOLTAGES

$$\Phi = - \frac{E(\text{Li}_{x_2}\text{S}) - E(\text{Li}_{x_1}\text{S}) - (x_2 - x_1)E(\text{Li})}{(x_2 - x_1)e}$$



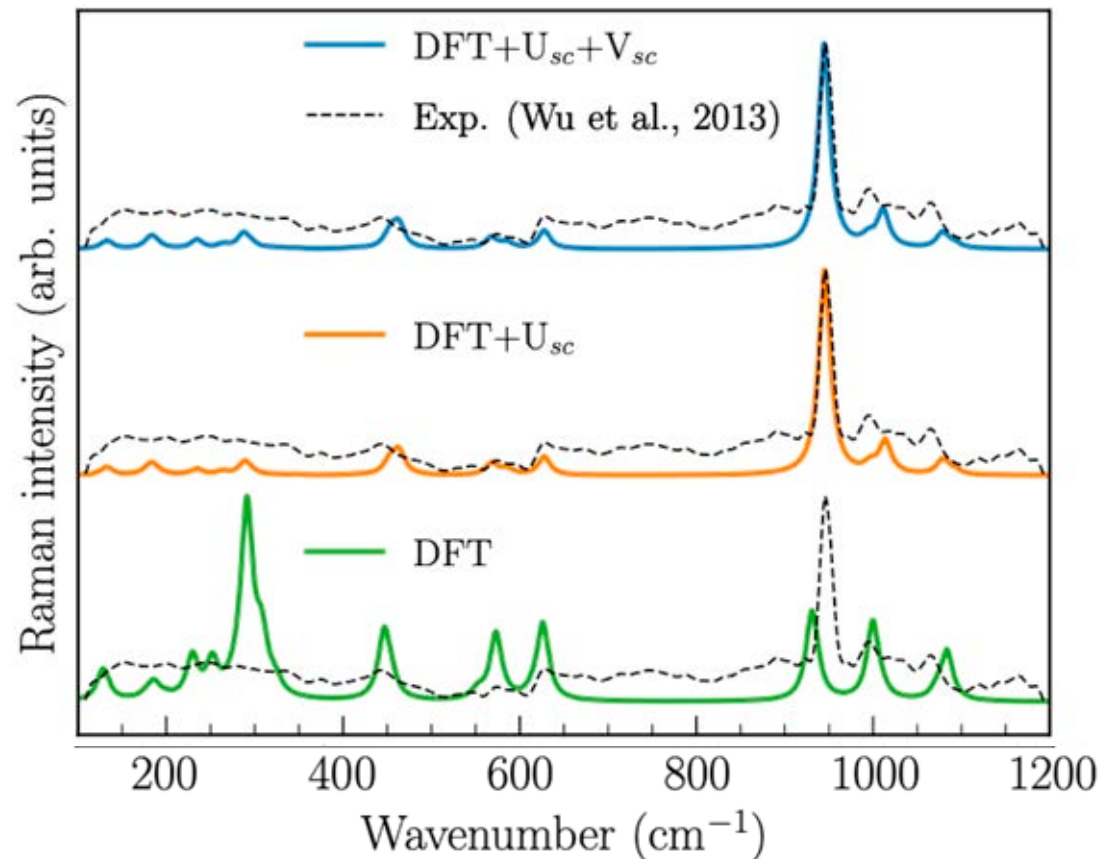
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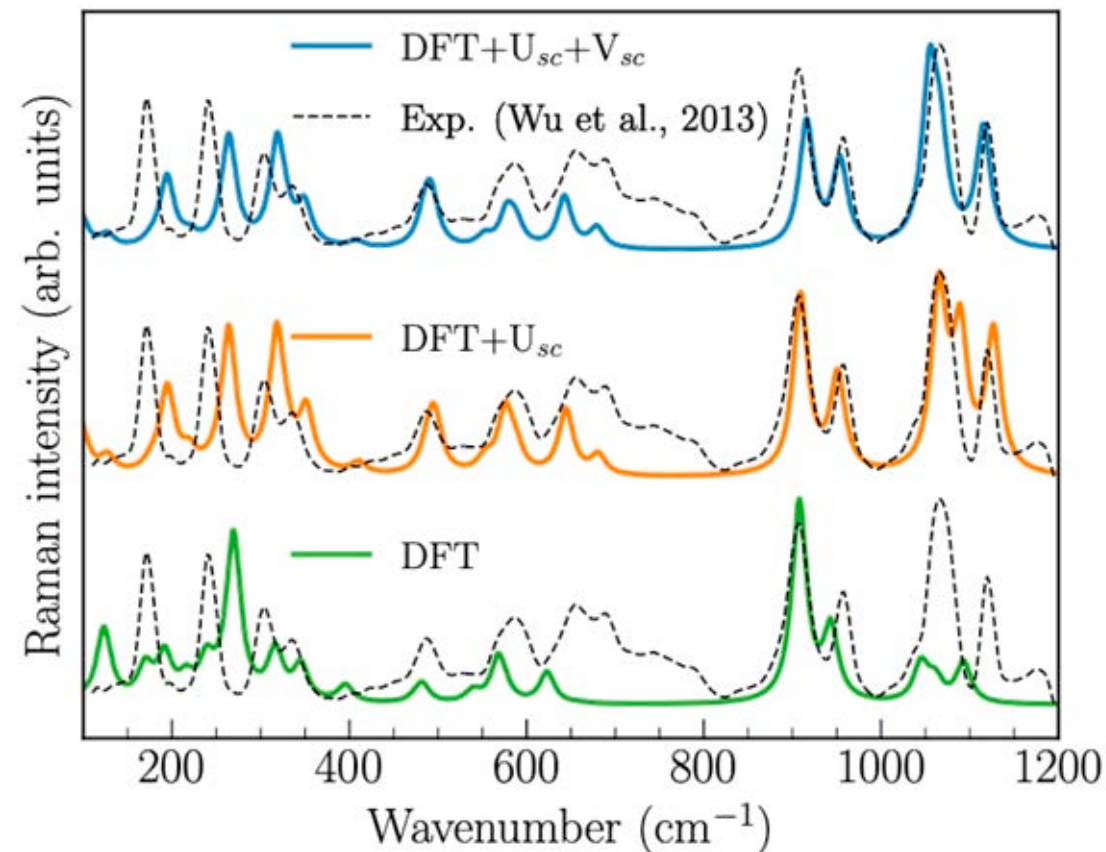


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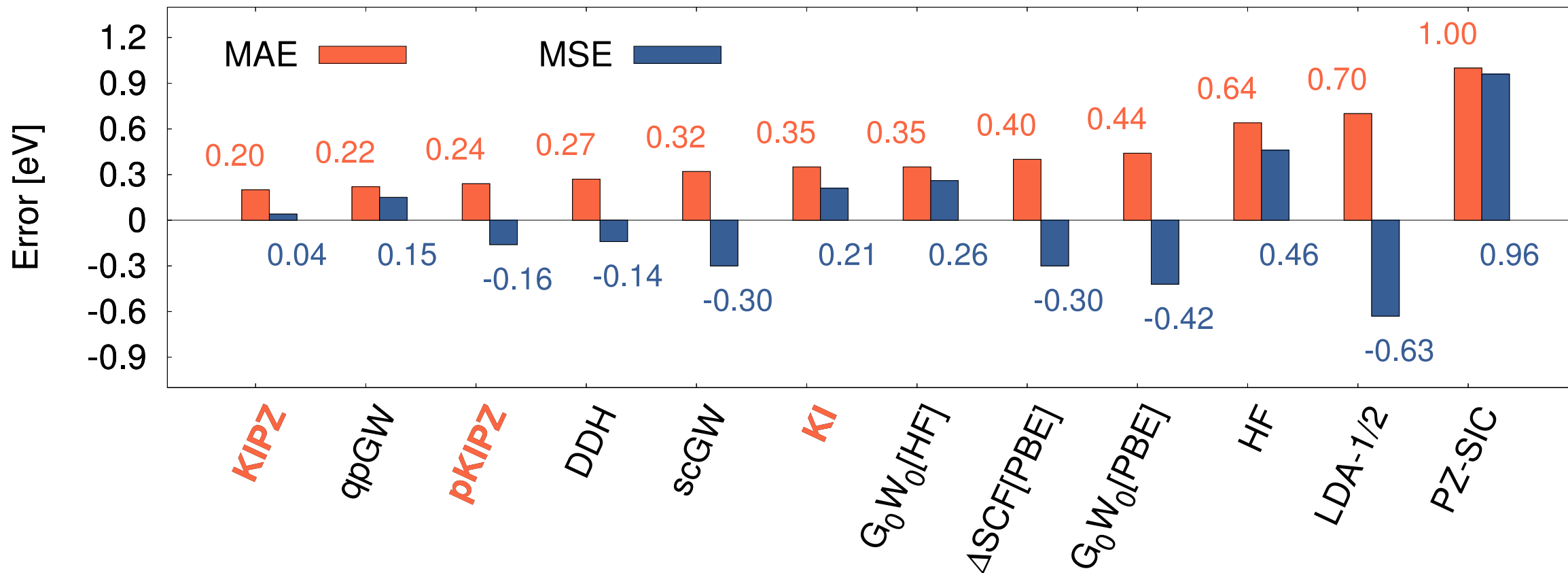
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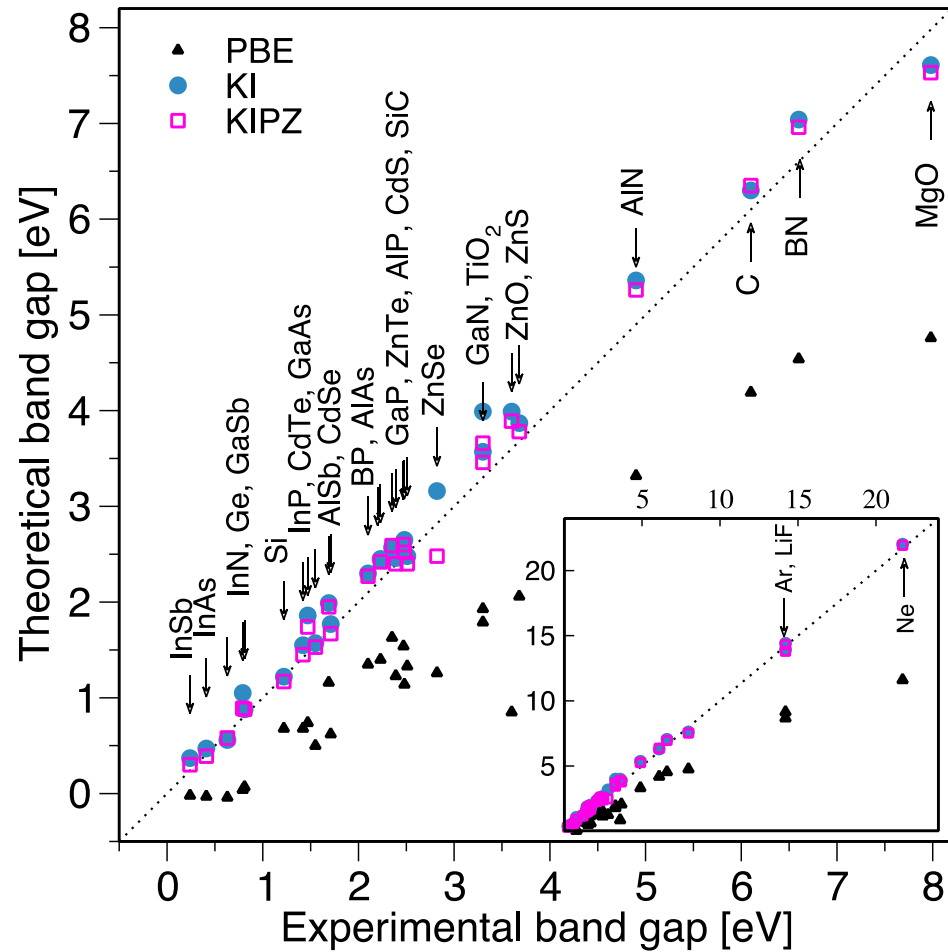


# KOOPMANS: FUNCTIONALS FOR EXCITATIONS (MOLECULES)



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# KOOPMANS: FUNCTIONALS FOR EXCITATIONS (SOLIDS)

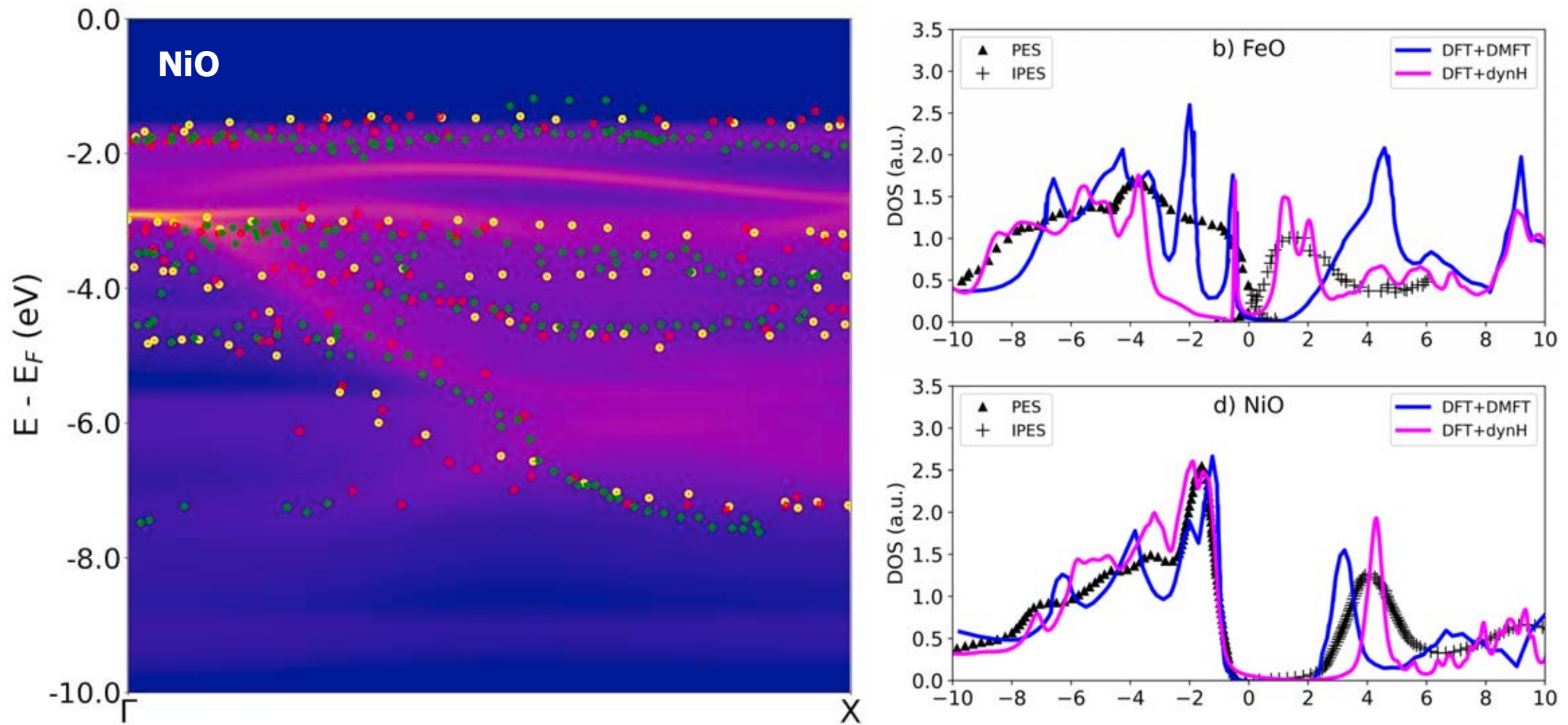


| MAE (eV)                          | Gap         | IP          |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| PBE                               | 2.54        | 1.09        |
| <b>G<sub>0</sub>W<sub>0</sub></b> | <b>0.56</b> | <b>0.39</b> |
| <b>QSGW</b>                       | <b>0.18</b> | <b>0.49</b> |
| KI                                | <b>0.27</b> | <b>0.19</b> |
| KIPZ                              | <b>0.22</b> | <b>0.21</b> |

N. L. Nguyen, N. Colonna, A. Ferretti, and N. Marzari, PRX 8, 021051 (2018)



# dynH: FUNCTIONALS FOR CORRELATIONS



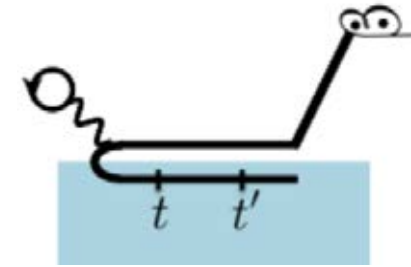
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# PREDICTIVE ACCURACY: THE MANY-BODY ROUTE

# Nonequilibrium electronic structure methods

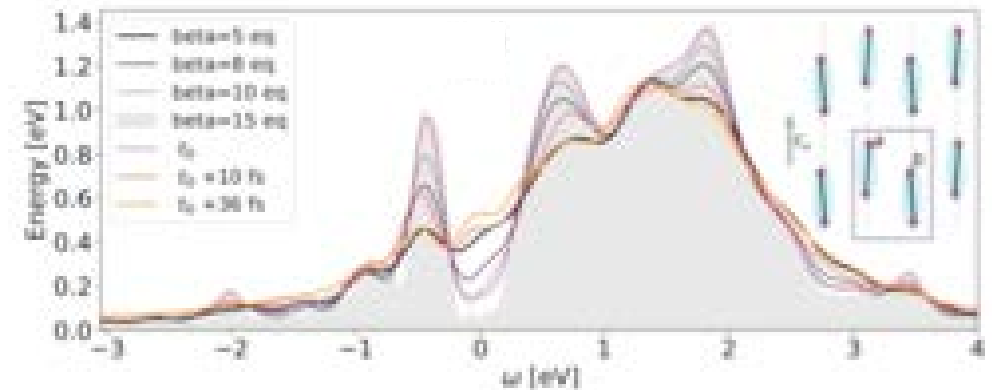
- Development of software libraries for efficient nonequilibrium Green's function calculations:

- NESSi [M. Schueler et al., Comp. Phys. Comm. \(2020\)](#)
- NESSi2.0 [F. Kuenzel et al., arXiv \(2026\)](#)



- Ab-initio calculations based on nonequilibrium (GW+)DMFT: Photo-induced dynamics in

- 1T-TaS<sub>2</sub> [F. Petocchi et al., PRB \(2023\)](#)
- VO<sub>2</sub> [J. Chen et al., PRB \(2024\)](#)
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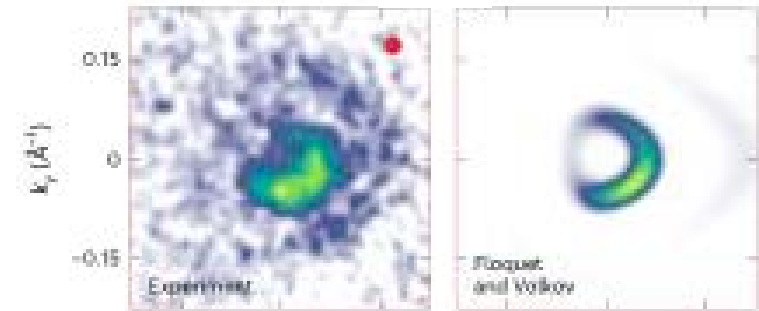
# Nonequilibrium electronic structure methods

- Ab initio simulations of time-resolved ARPES:

M. Merboldt, M. Schüler et al., Nat. Phys. (2025)

Code based on Wannier ecosystem

Open-source code release until end of 2026



- Nonequilibrium DMFT formalisms for core-level spectroscopies:

- XAS

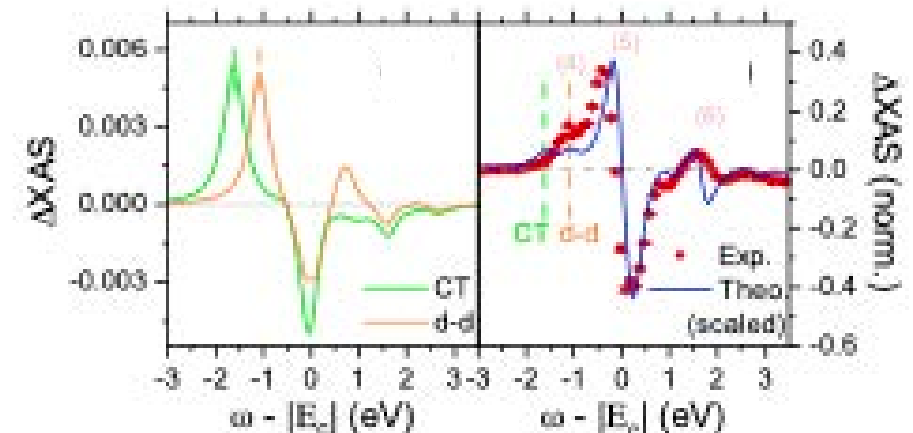
P. Werner et al., PRB (2023)

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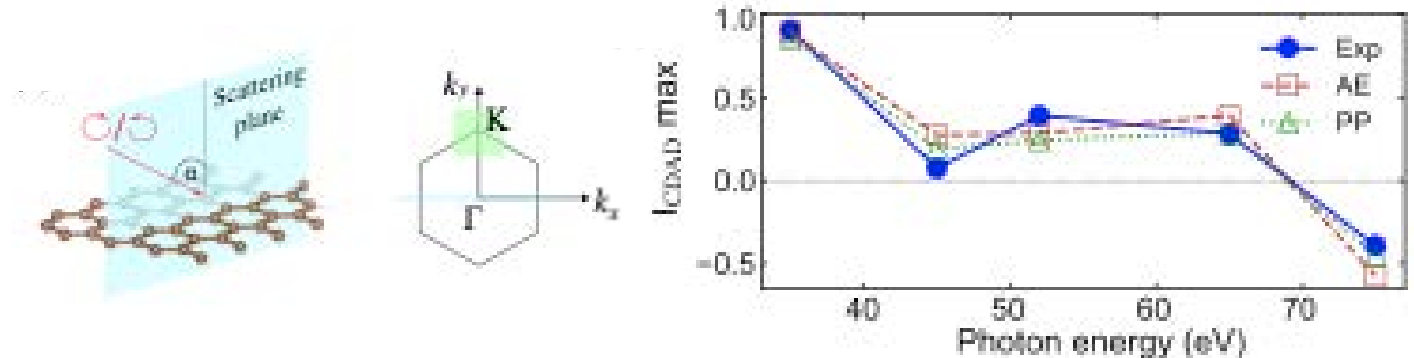


# ARPES from first principles

- Development of ab initio ARPES code on top of plane-wave DFT codes
  - Accurate simulation of ARPES
  - Release of open-source code PESKIT this year

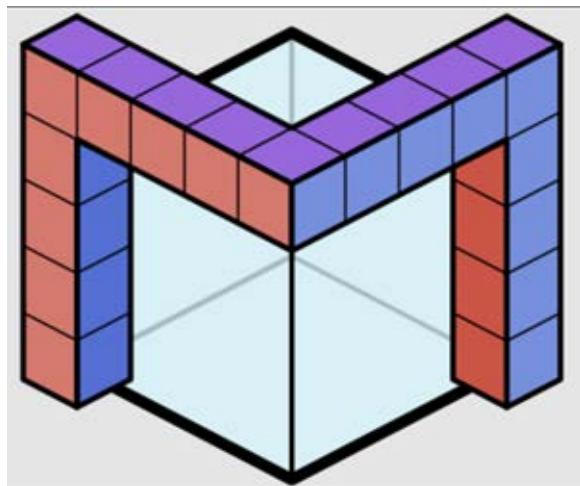
Parusa et al. (2026)

Circular dichroism in ARPES: graphene



# ATOMISTIC MACHINE LEARNING AS A SCIENTIFIC PLATFORM

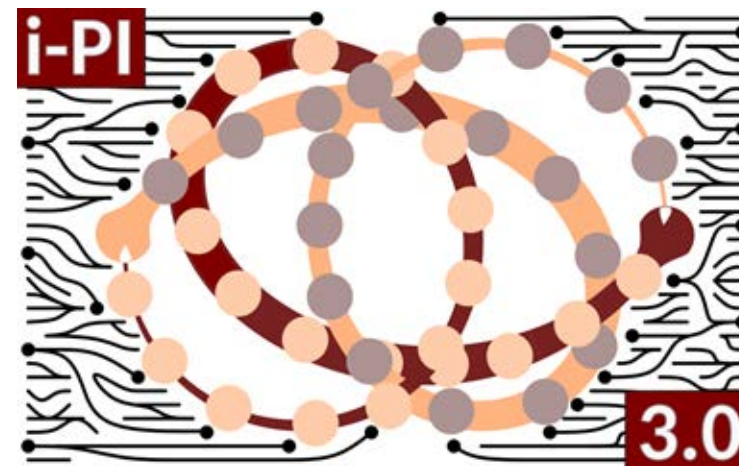
# AN OPEN SW STACK FOR ATOMISTIC MACHINE LEARNING



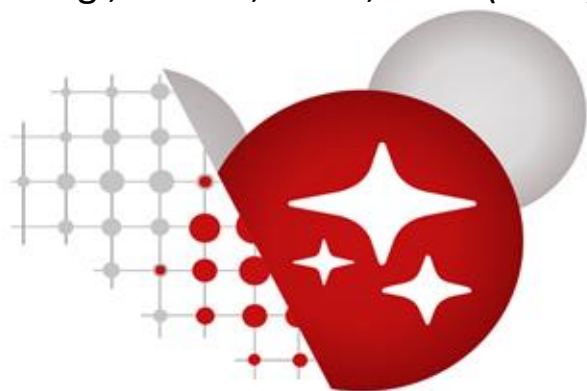
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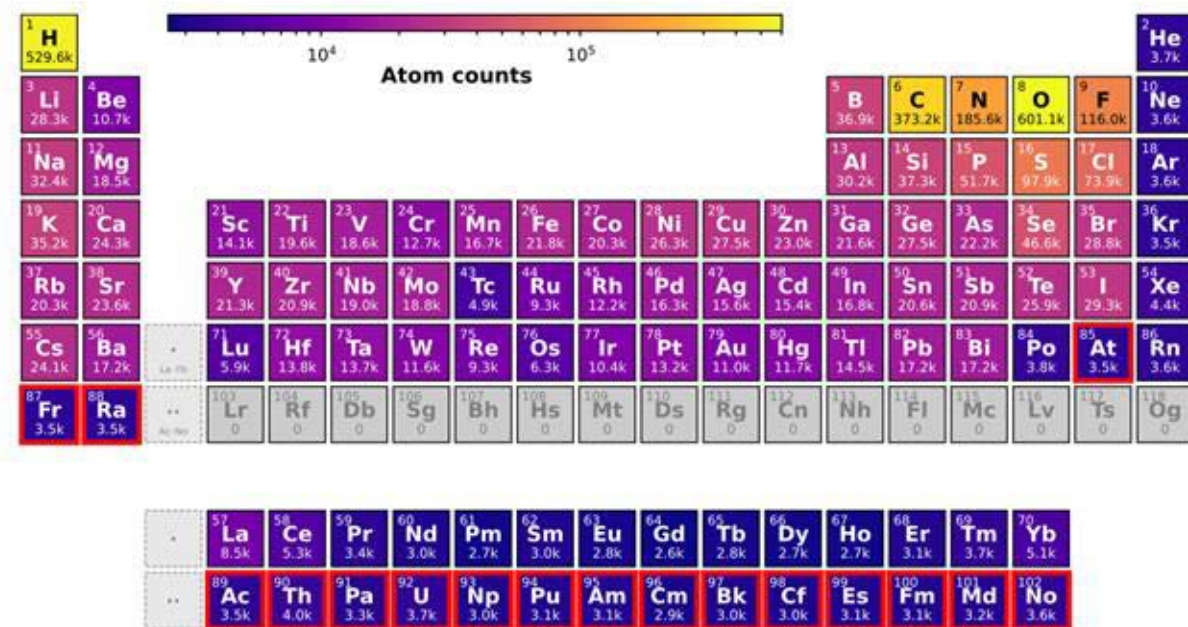
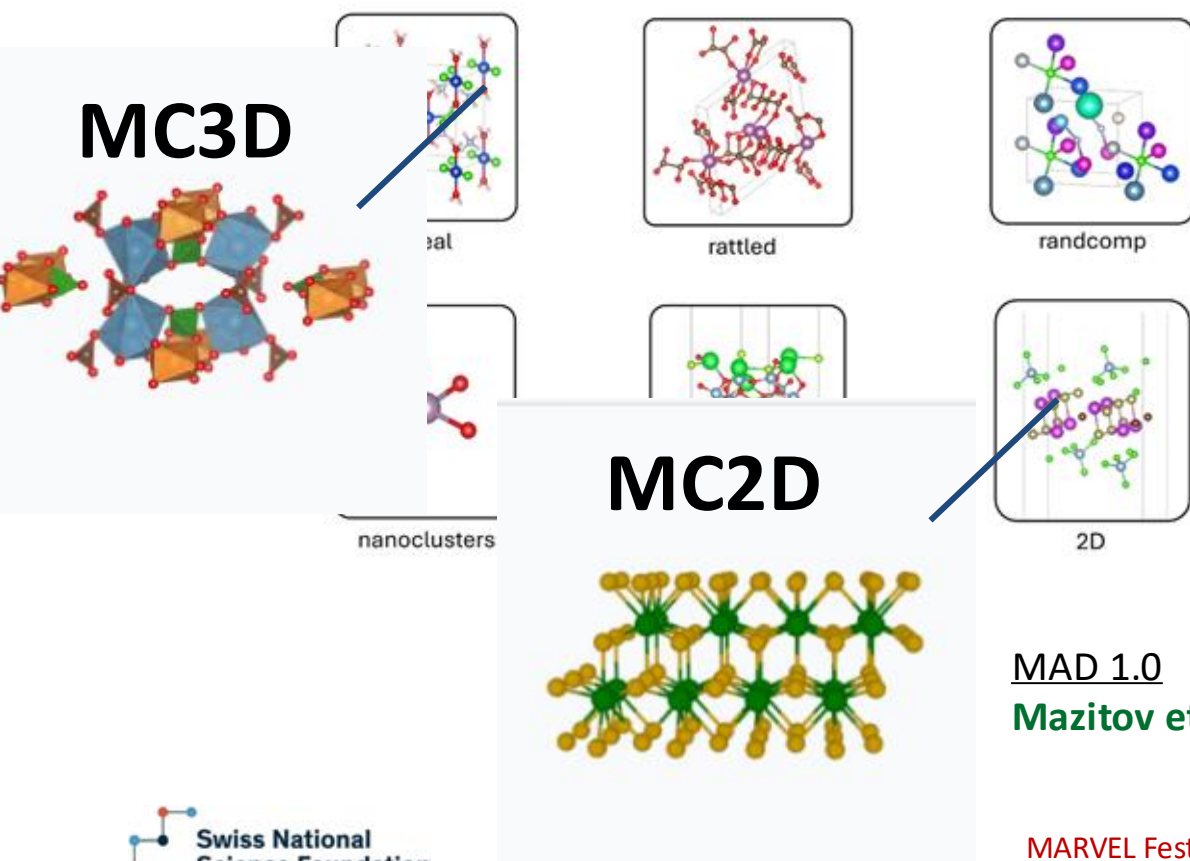
[LCMD-db](#) What You Can Do

Graux *et al.* GitHub  
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# MC3D AND MC2D GOING FOR MASSIVE ATOMIC DIVERSITY

- Training of universal MLIP requires diversity
- Building on materialscloud datasets, to cover the full periodic table

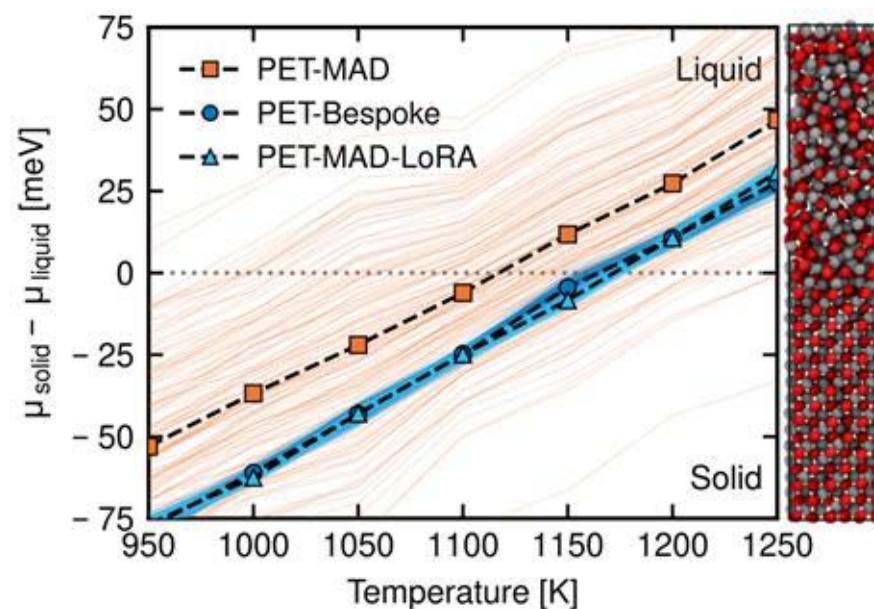
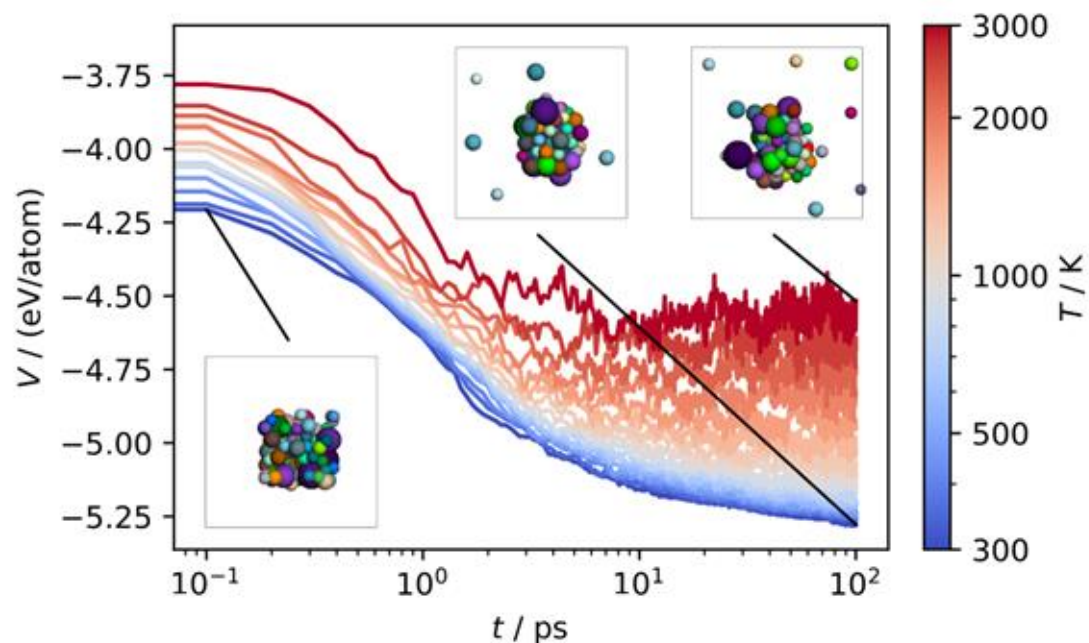


MAD 2.0 (WIP)  
Malosso et al. arXiv (2026)



# PET-MAD, A FAST, ACCURATE AND ROBUST UNCONSTRAINED MLIP

- Transformer based architecture learns symmetry from data
- Can simulate anything with a half-life of a day or more
- Usable, often without fine-tuning, to power materials discovery



<http://peterspackman.github.io/mlip.cpp/>

PET-MAD Mazitov et al. Nature Comm. 2025



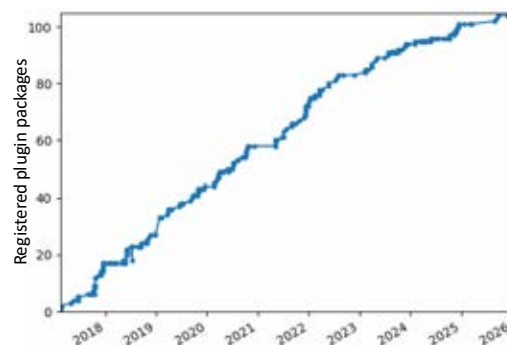
# THE DIGITAL INFRASTRUCTURE BACKBONE – AiiDA, EXASCALE READINESS, COMMON WORKFLOWS, AND VERIFICATION

# AiiDA: community-driven, exascale-ready,

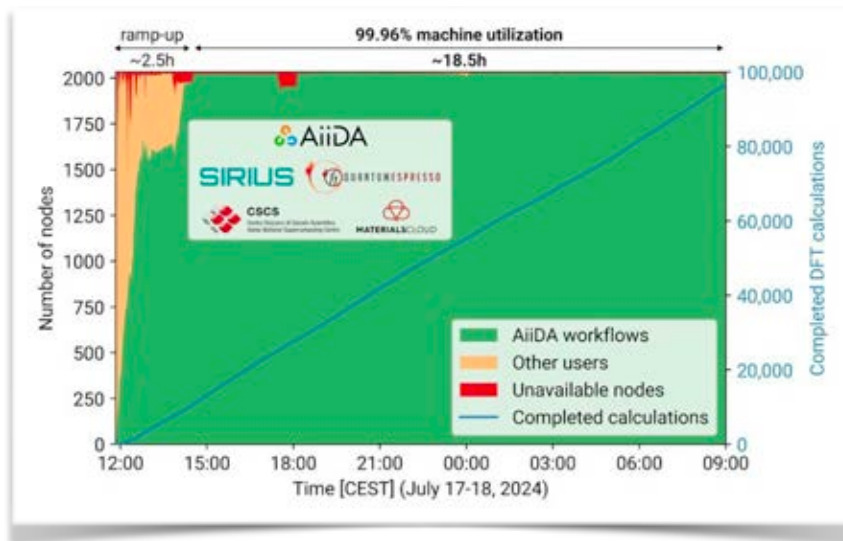
Creating a community of researchers, towards accessible and common workflows



<https://aiida.net/plugin-registry/>



Lively community of AiiDA plugin and workflow developers



**"Hero run" (Jul 2024)**

**Record 99.96% machine utilization for ~20 hours**



**Full CSCS Alps machine: 2033 NVIDIA Grace Hopper nodes, 8132 GPUs + 585,504 CPU cores**  
**19,000+ inorganic compounds computed overnight**



# COMMON WORKFLOWS



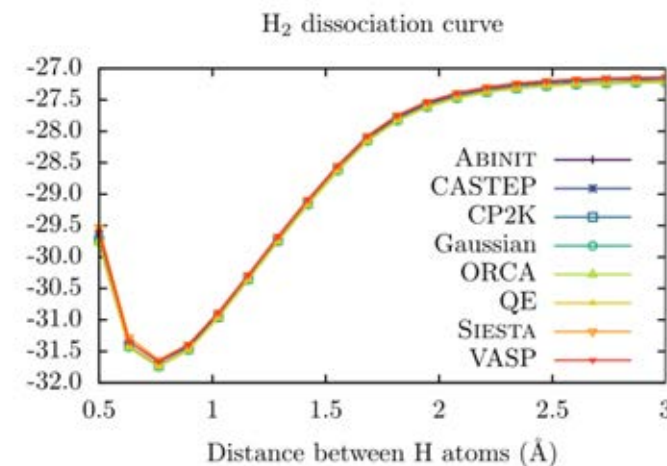
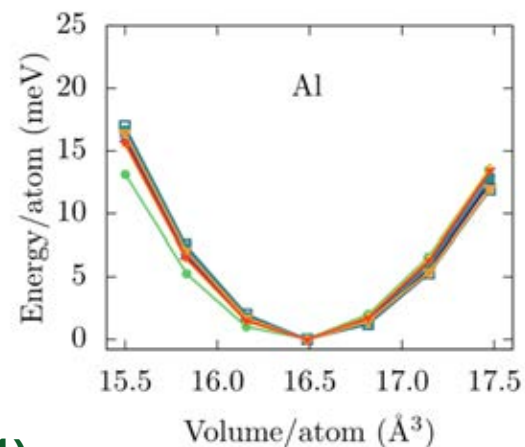
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## Common workflows for computing material properties using different quantum engines

Sebastiaan P. Huber<sup>1</sup>✉, Emanuele Bosoni<sup>2</sup>, Marnik Bercx<sup>1</sup>, Jens Bröder<sup>3,4</sup>, Augustin Degomme<sup>5</sup>, Vladimir Dikan<sup>2</sup>, Kristjan Eimre<sup>6</sup>, Espen Flage-Larsen<sup>7,8</sup>, Alberto Garcia<sup>2</sup>, Luigi Genovese<sup>5</sup>, Dominik Gresch<sup>9</sup>, Conrad Johnston<sup>10</sup>, Guido Petretto<sup>11</sup>, Samuel Poncé<sup>1</sup>, Gian-Marco Rignanese<sup>11</sup>, Christopher J. Sewell<sup>1</sup>, Berend Smit<sup>12</sup>, Vasily Tseplyaev<sup>3,4</sup>, Martin Uhrin<sup>1</sup>, Daniel Wortmann<sup>3</sup>, Aliaksandr V. Yakutovich<sup>1,12</sup>, Austin Zadoks<sup>1</sup>, Pezhman Zarabadi-Poor<sup>13,14</sup>, Bonan Zhu<sup>14,15</sup>, Nicola Marzari<sup>1</sup> and Giovanni Pizzi<sup>1</sup>✉

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S. Huber *et al.*, npj Computational Materials 7, 136 (2021)

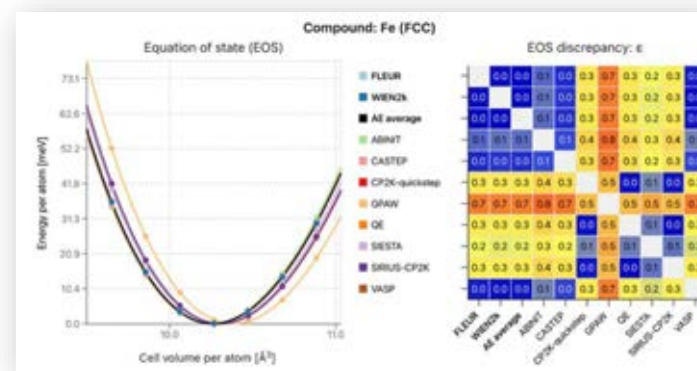


# VALIDATE METHODS AND DATASETS

- First-principles methods widely used, but **can we trust their precision?**
- First verification effort only in 2016 [1]; **now complete** [2]:
  - Diverse chemical environments, reproducible workflows
  - High-quality all-electron (AE) reference dataset (960 equations of state)
  - Cross-verification involving 11 DFT codes
- **Relevance** of verification efforts:
  - **Reference datasets** for more accurate simulations, crucial to **trust** results
  - **Delivered improved pseudos** now available in VASP, CASTEP, SSSP, PseudoDojo, ...
  - Currently used in **Bayesian optimization of improved pseudos**

K. Lejaeghere et al., Science 351, aad3000 (2016)

E. Bosoni et al., Nat. Rev. Phys. 6, 45 (2024)



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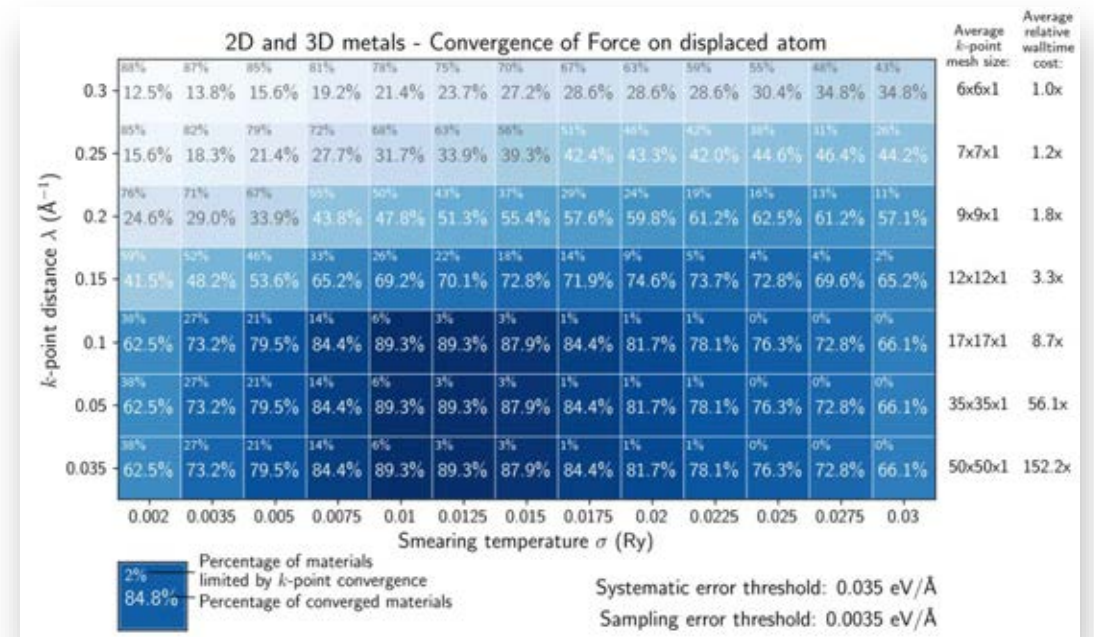
# Verified pseudopotentials and protocols for DFT simulations

Standard Solid-State Pseudopotentials  
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## Standard Solid-State Protocols SSSPr

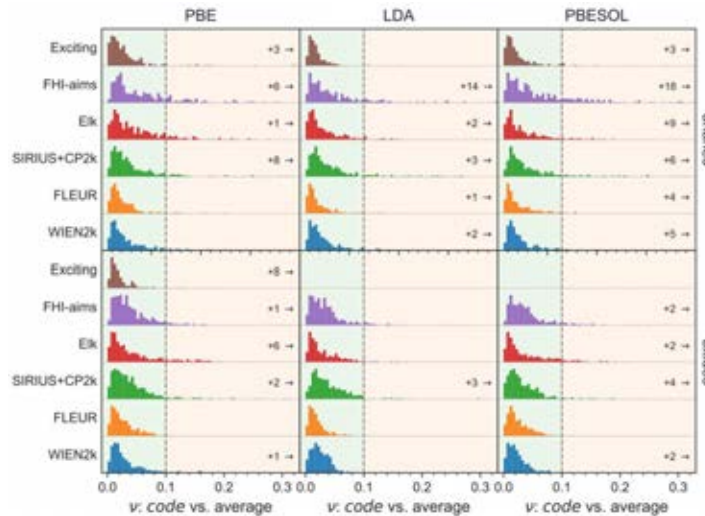
B. de Miranda Nascimento et al., Accurate and efficient protocols for high-throughput first-principles materials simulations. npj Comput Mater (2026).



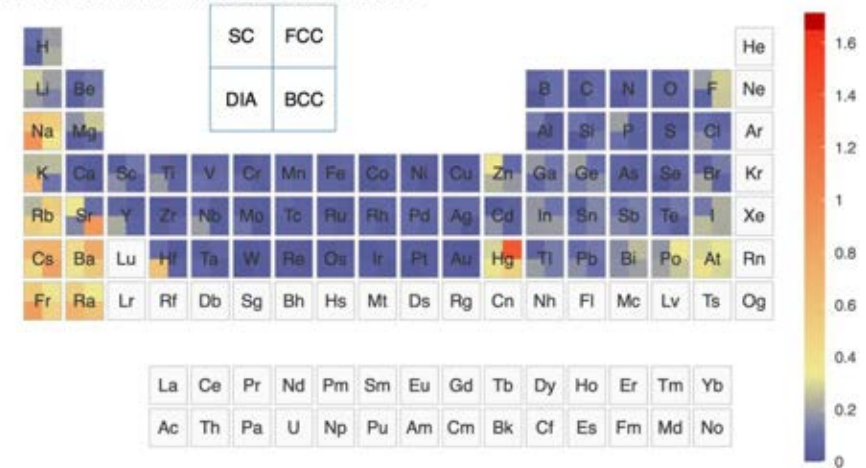
# Current extension: magnetism, more codes and functionals

**Goal: most accurate reference dataset today to assess and improve pseudopotentials**

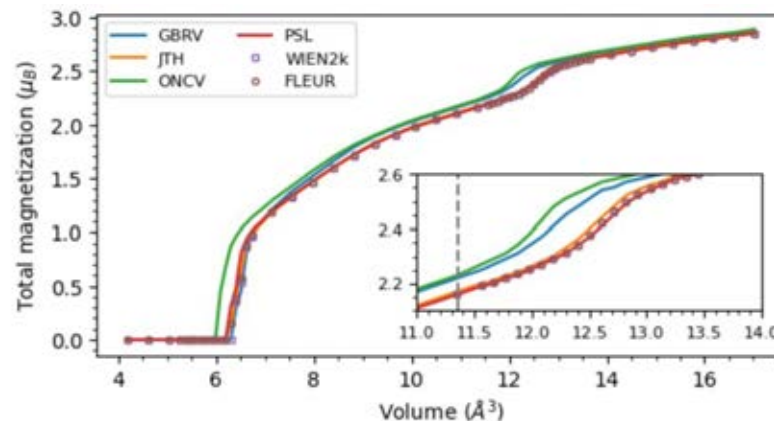
- **More functionals** (PBE, LDA, PBEsol, and r2SCAN01) and **more all-electron codes** (six; three for r2SCAN01)



v for r2SCAN-01-FHI-aims vs. r2SCAN-01-WIEN2k



- Including magnetism



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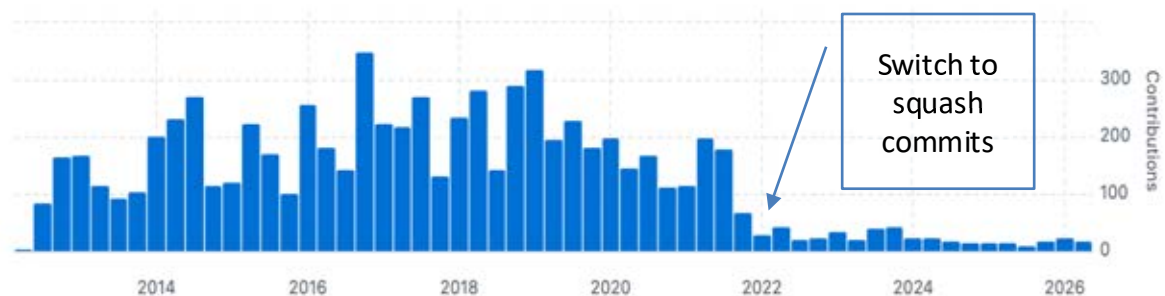
# SIRIUS ELECTRONIC-STRUCTURE LIBRARY

## SIRIUS

is a domain specific library for pseudopotential plane wave (PP-PW) and full potential linearized augmented plane wave (FP-LAPW) methods. It is written in C++20 with MPI, OpenMP and CUDA/ROCm programming models.

Commits over time

Weekly from 1 Jun 2012 to 28 Jun 2026



### MARVEL sponsored work:

- Full support of plane-wave method with US, NC and PAW pseudopotentials
- DFT+U and DFT+U+V methods
- Spin-orbit correction
- Evaluation of forces and stress tensor
- Development of NLCG library for Sirius to support direct wave-function optimization methods
- High-accuracy LAPW calculations with CP2K/Sirius

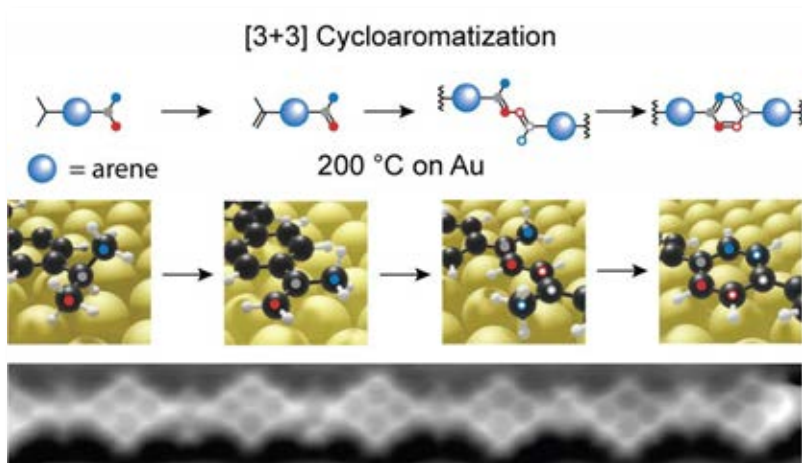


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# AiiDA/AiiDALab AND MATERIALS CLOUD AS A SCIENTIFIC HIGHLIGHT

# FROM COMPLEX SIMULATIONS TO SCIENTIFIC INSIGHT

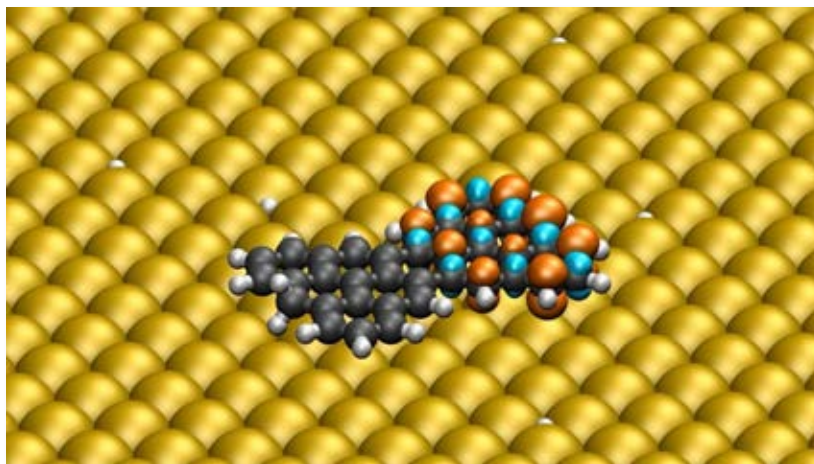
AiiDALab made advanced simulations accessible to a broader community, including experimental researchers, enabling discovery of new materials, interpretation and prediction of experimental results



## Discovering new on-surface synthesis pathways

Simulation-assisted interpretation of reaction pathways

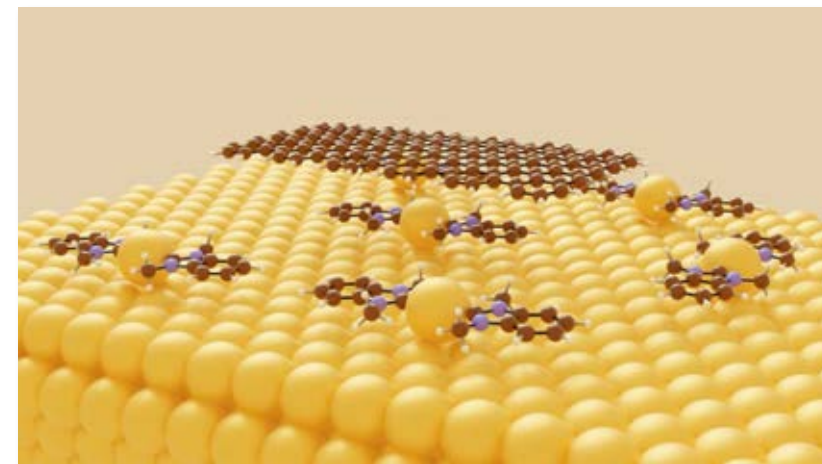
**A. Kinikar *et al.* *Nat. Synth.* (2022)**



## Understanding spin physics in magnetic carbon nanostructures

Revealing the underlying magnetic interactions

**C. Zhao *et al.* *Phys. Rev. Lett.* (2024)**



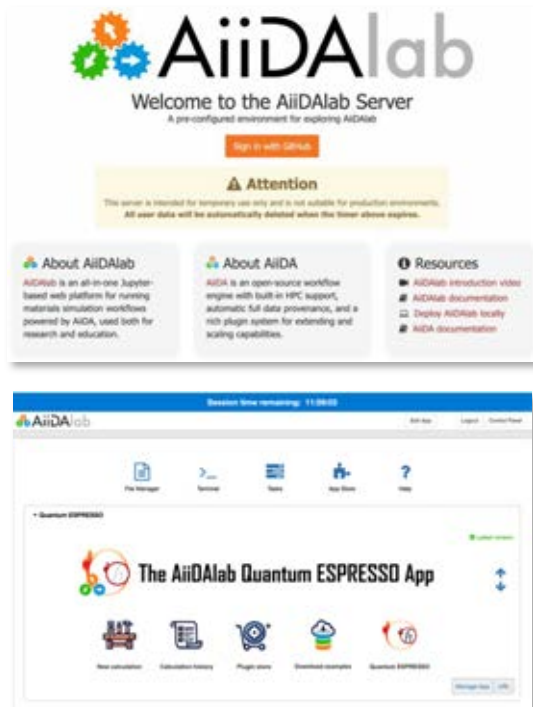
## Understanding intercalation mechanisms for substrate decoupling

Rationalizing the success and failure of different intercalating species

**D. Lüthi *et al.* *to be submitted* (2026)**

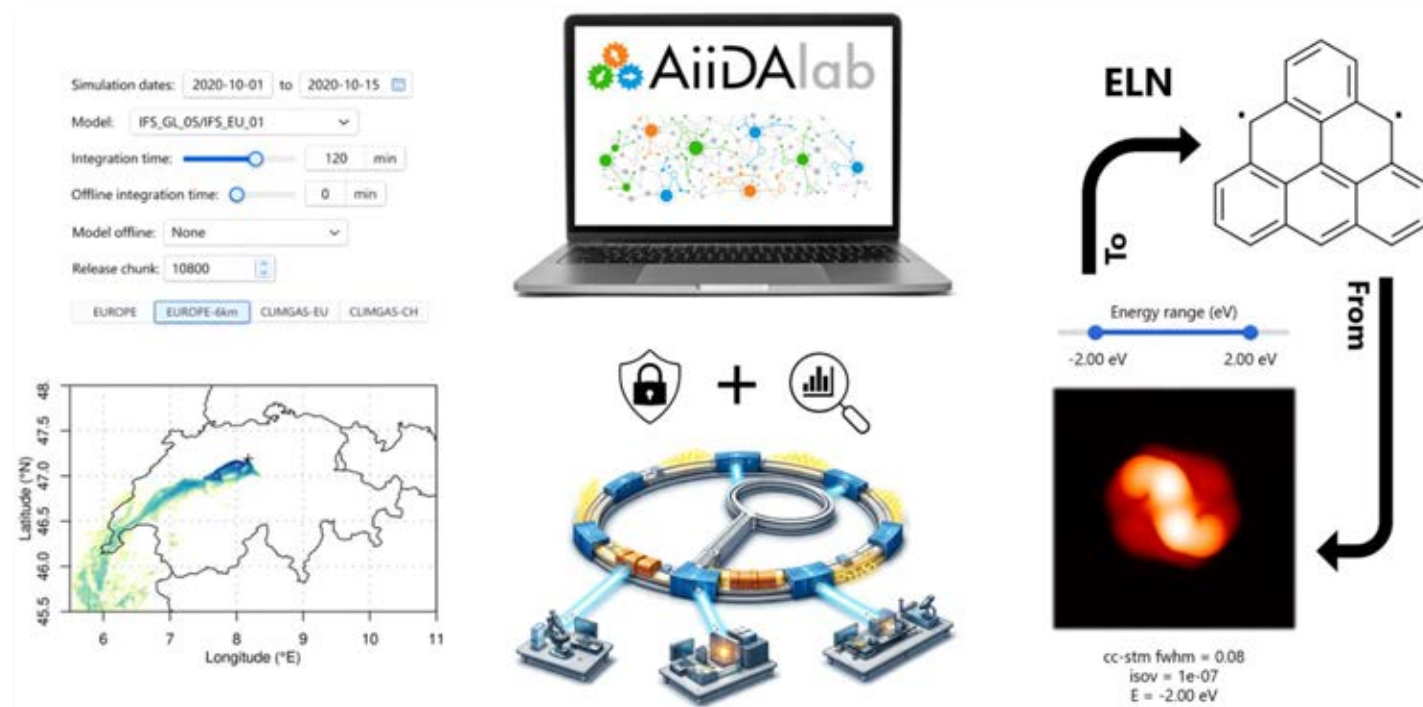
# FROM HIDDEN COMPLEXITY TO SHARED UNDERSTANDING

AiiDAlab enables immediate hands-on access to realistic simulations while exposing the underlying theory step by step. Dissemination of these solutions has promoted their adoption beyond materials science, toward interoperable digital laboratories.



## Immediate hands-on access

Users can simulate realistic test cases from the first session. Theory is not hidden: Parameters, and physical meaning remain visible and can be explored step by step.

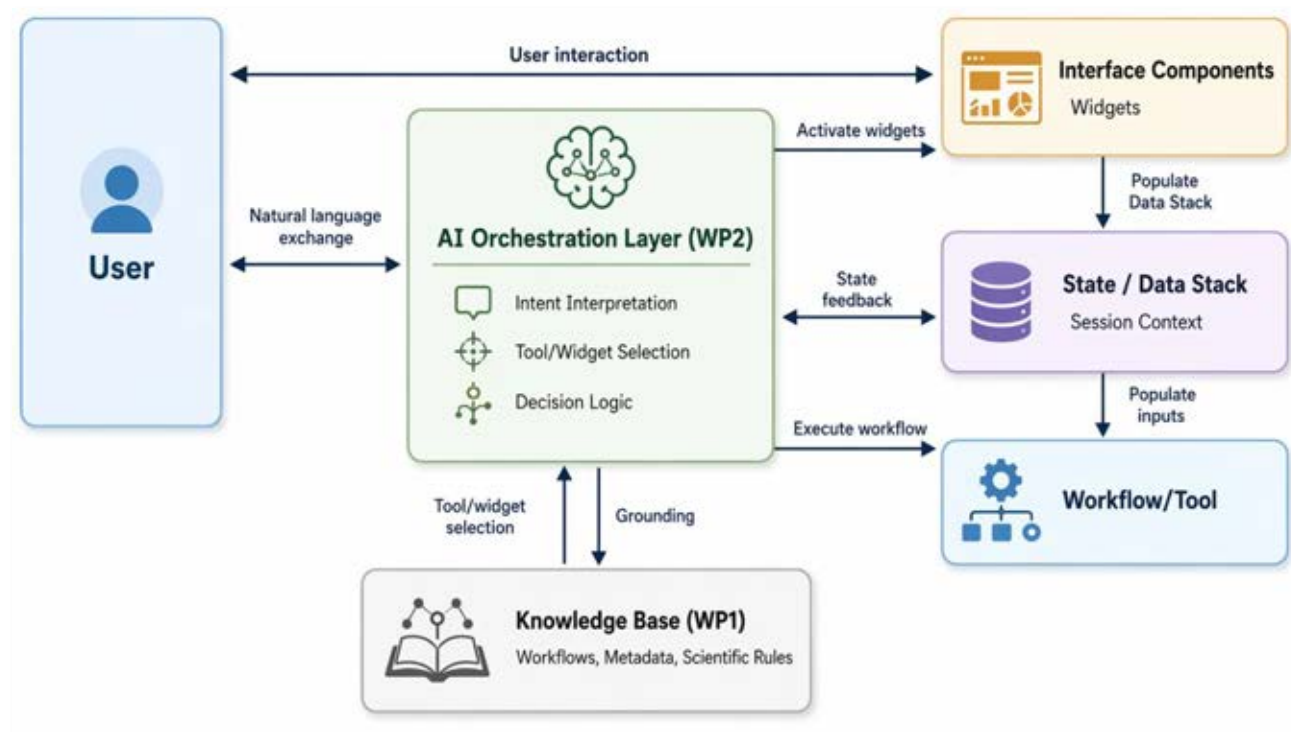
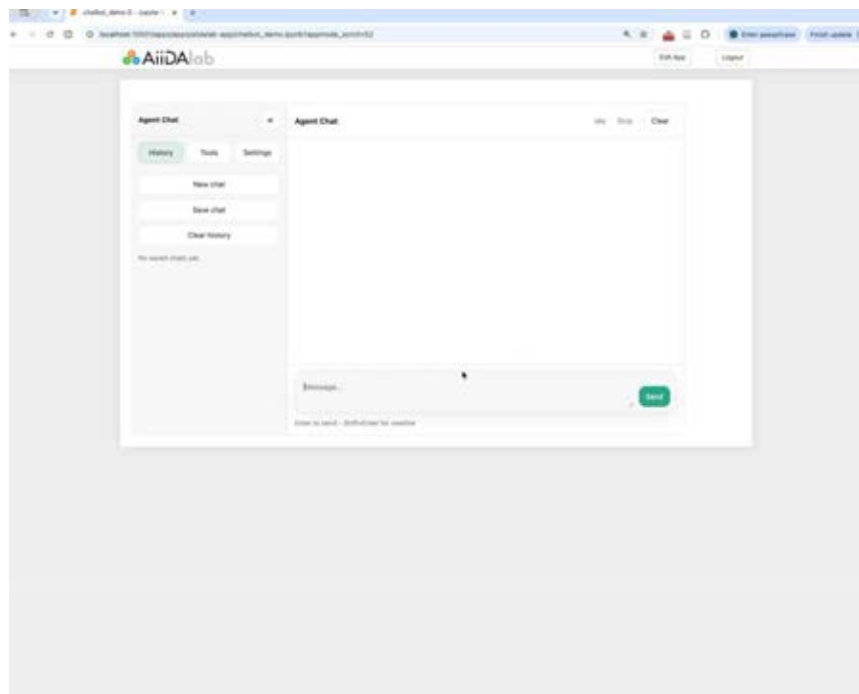


## A model for digital laboratories

The same interoperable solutions support new research fields and link simulations with experiments.

# FROM DUMB INTERFACES TO GUIDED DISCOVERY

Deterministic workflows remain the trusted execution layer, while AI agents help users move from a scientific question to the right protocol, tools, and interfaces needed to prepare a simulation.



## Start from the scientific question

The user expresses the problem in natural language and receives guided access to the relevant simulation setup.

## AI agents facilitate discovery and adoption

Agents expose the best tools and interfaces, while deterministic workflows preserve robustness, provenance, and reproducibility.

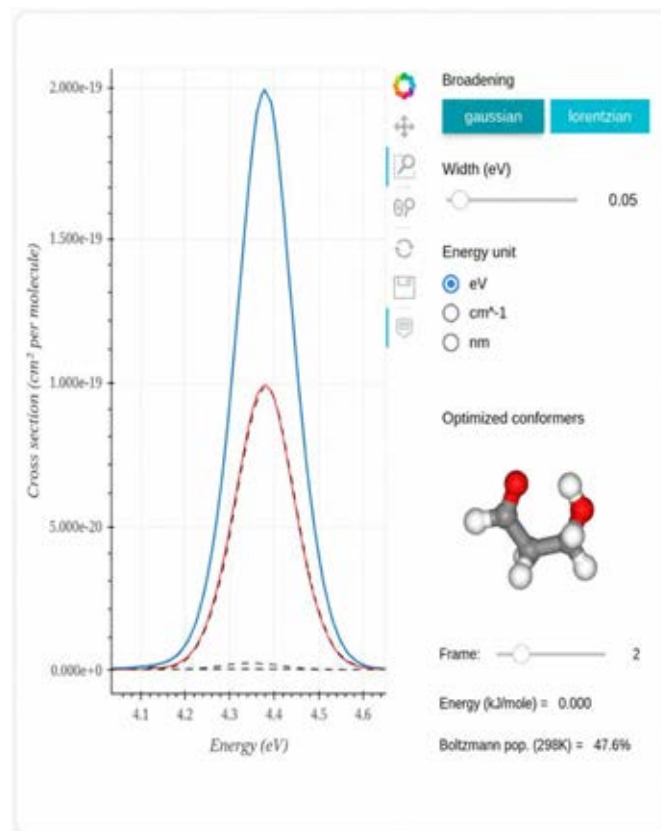
# FROM THE ALPS TO THE WIDER SHORES

AiiDALab solutions developed in MARVEL are being adopted beyond Switzerland



## Built in MARVEL

Deployed at PSI and Empa, adopted beyond computational materials science

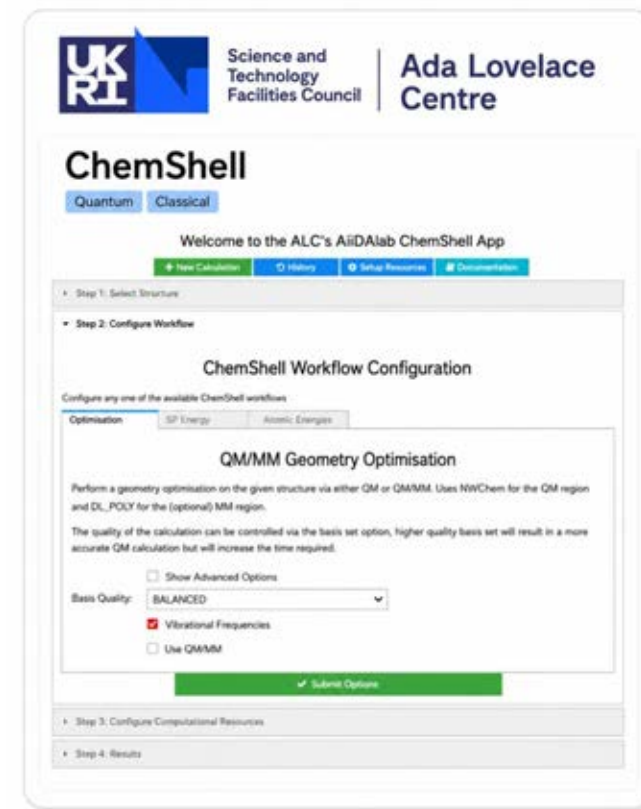


## Centre for computational Chemistry (Bristol)

Photoabsorption Cross-Sections for Atmospheric Volatile Organic Compounds

A. Yakutovich et al. Digital Discovery (2026)

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## Science and Technology Facility Council

Multiscale Chemical modeling



# THE MATERIALS CLOUD AS THE FRONT-END DISSEMINATION



## MATERIALSCLOUD



LEARN   WORK   DISCOVER   EXPLORE   ARCHIVE

Built for seamless sharing of resources  
in computational materials science.

**LEARN**

Lectures and tutorials in computational materials science

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Simulation tools and services - in the cloud or on your computer

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**EXPLORE**

Interactive browser for AiiDA provenance graphs

**ARCHIVE**

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Please cite [L. Talirz et al., Sci Data 7, 299 \(2020\)](#), if you use Materials Cloud in your research.

**[L. Talirz et al., Sci Data 7, 299 \(2020\),](#)**

Work › Tools › QE input generator



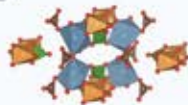
**QE input generator**  
Generate Quantum ESPRESSO (QE) input files

Work › Tools › SeeK-path



**SeeK-path**  
A tool that provides standard k-point paths for crystals

Discover › MC3D



**MC3D**  
Browse the Materials Cloud 3D Structure Database

# EXPLORING MATERIALS

## Materials Cloud Three-Dimensional Structure Database (MC3D)

Data DOI: [10.24435/materialscloud:3d-ac](https://doi.org/10.24435/materialscloud:3d-ac)



The Materials Cloud Three-Dimensional Structure Database is a curated dataset of unique, stoichiometric, experimentally known inorganic compounds, and of their calculated properties. Structures have been obtained with fully-relaxed density-functional theory calculations, starting from experimental ones imported, cleaned and parsed from the MPDS, COD and ICSD databases. For more details, please see the related publication:

Huber et al., Digital Discovery, 5, 1114 (2026) Paper DOI: [10.1039/D5D000415B](https://doi.org/10.1039/D5D000415B)

Use About REST API

Select a dataset or view: PBEsol-v2 (33134)

Elements filtering mode:  
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Showing 33134 entries out of 33134

Reset column filters

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| ID                                   | Formula                            | Number of elements | Num. of atoms/cell | Space group International | Is source theoretical? | Is source high pressure? | Is source high temperature? | Total magnetization (μB/cell) |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <a href="#">mc3d-10/pbesol-v2</a>    | $\text{Y}_2\text{Ge}_3\text{Ir}_4$ | 3                  | 40                 | Pm-3n                     | no                     | no                       | no                          | 0.00                          |
| <a href="#">mc3d-10000/pbesol-v2</a> | $\text{VF}_5\text{B}$              | 3                  | 3                  | F-43m                     | no                     | no                       | no                          | 0.00                          |
| <a href="#">mc3d-10004/pbesol-v2</a> | $\text{Cs}_3\text{FeF}_6$          | 3                  | 10                 | Fm-3m                     | no                     | no                       | no                          | 5.00                          |
| <a href="#">mc3d-10005/pbesol-v2</a> | $\text{BaC}_2(\text{SN})_2$        | 4                  | 14                 | C2/c                      | no                     | no                       | no                          | 0.00                          |
| <a href="#">mc3d-10006/pbesol-v2</a> | $\text{AgRuF}_7$                   | 3                  | 36                 | P2 <sub>1</sub> /c        | no                     | no                       | no                          | -11.81                        |

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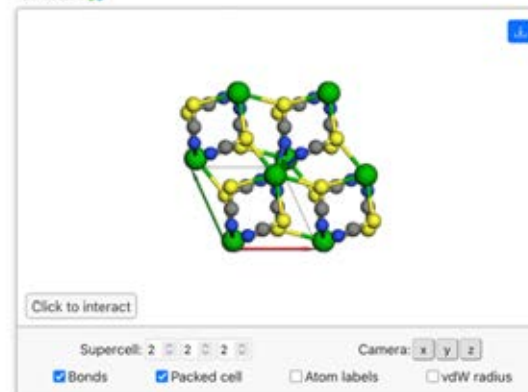


### BaC<sub>2</sub>(SN)<sub>2</sub> (mc3d-10005)

This structure has been relaxed with the following methodologies: [pbesol-v2](#) [pbe-v1](#)

#### General overview

##### Structure



##### Info

Formula (IUPAC):  $\text{BaC}_2(\text{SN})_2$   
Hill formula (full):  $\text{C}_4\text{Ba}_2\text{N}_4\text{S}_4$   
Bravais lattice: mC  
Space group symbol: C2/c  
Space group number: 15

##### Source

COD ID: 1532307

##### Properties

Total energy: -15088.60 eV/cell  
Density: 2855 kg/m<sup>3</sup>  
Cell volume: 294.91 Å<sup>3</sup>  
Total magnetization: 0.00 μB/cell  
Absolute magnetization: 0.00 μB/cell

#### Structural details

##### General

Download structure  
Explore provenance  
Cell volume: 294.91 Å<sup>3</sup>

##### Cell info

|             | a       | b       | c        |
|-------------|---------|---------|----------|
| Lengths [Å] | 6.1956  | 6.1956  | 8.4318   |
|             | α       | β       | γ        |
| Angles [°]  | 89.9489 | 90.0511 | 114.3303 |

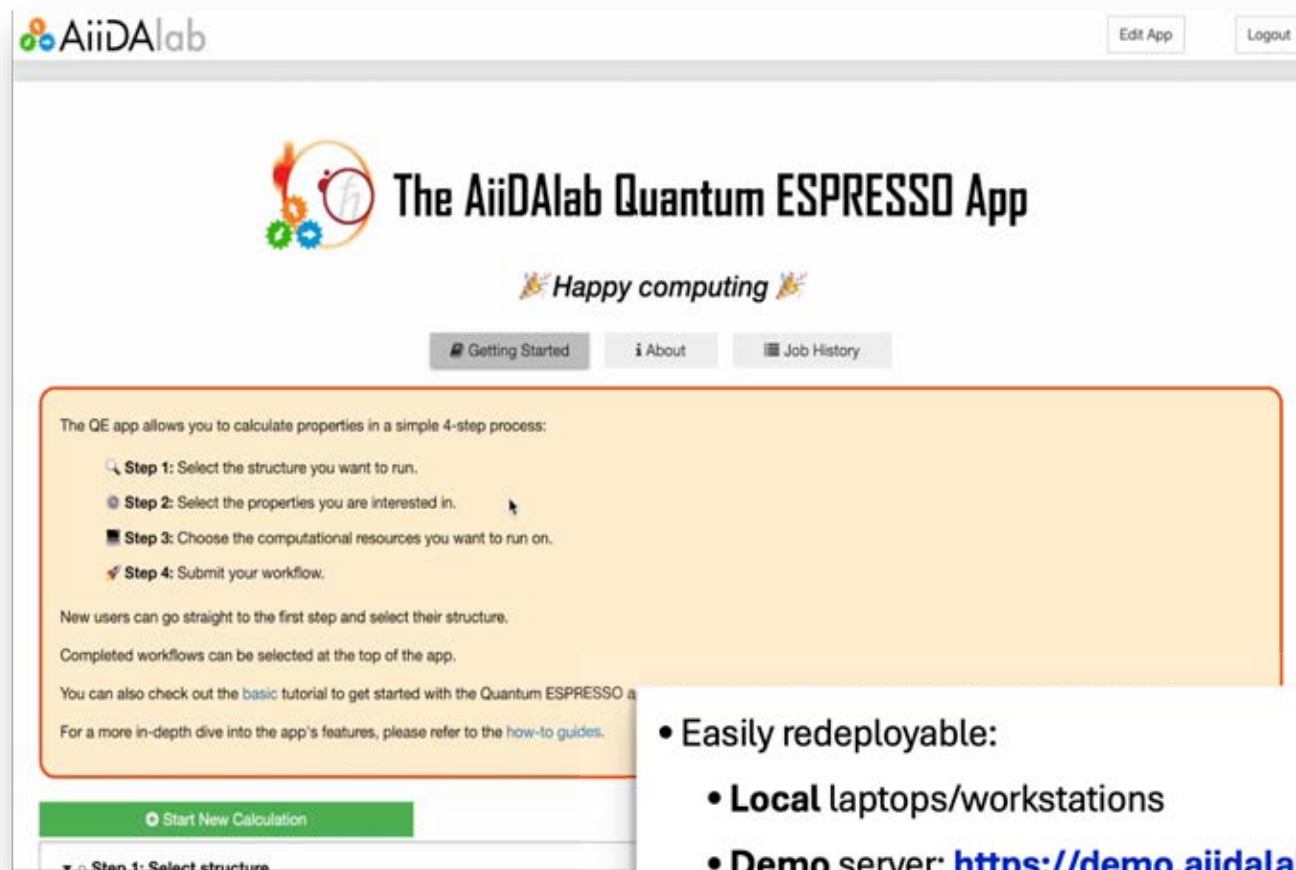
##### Atomic positions

Cartesian Fractional

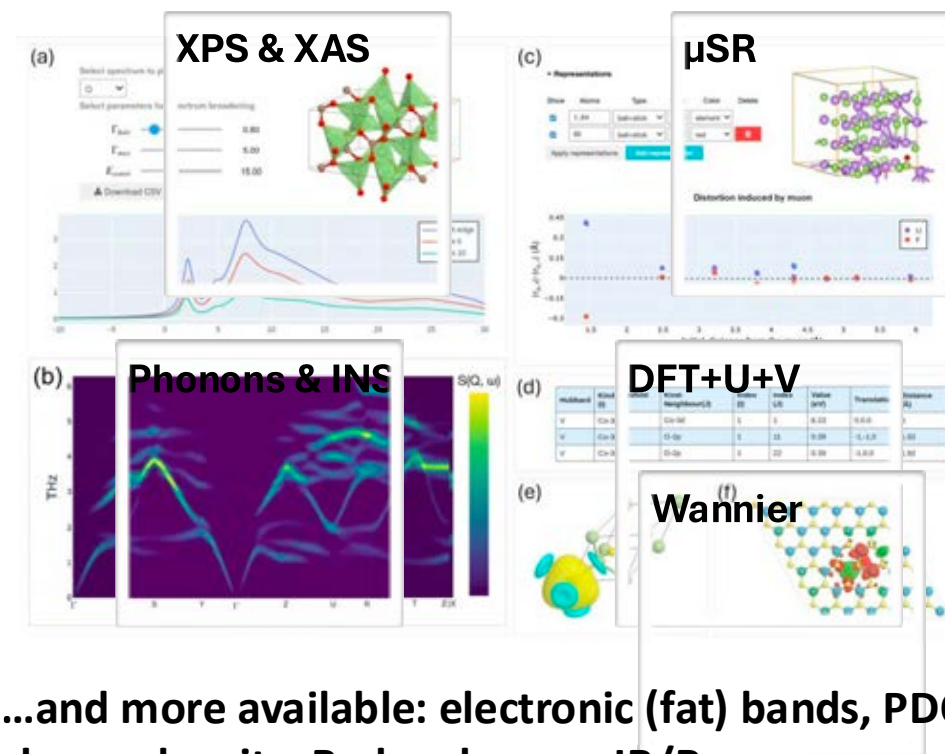
| Kind label | x [Å]  | y [Å]  | z [Å]  |
|------------|--------|--------|--------|
| Ba         | 5.1586 | 4.0387 | 2.2157 |
| Ba         | 5.0665 | 2.6801 | 6.4306 |
| C          | 3.9010 | 0.9258 | 0.9751 |
| C          | 6.4161 | 0.9258 | 3.4563 |
| C          | 6.3240 | 5.7929 | 7.6712 |
| C          | 3.8089 | 5.7929 | 5.1900 |
| S          | 3.0318 | 6.3919 | 1.5405 |



# THE QE APP



Plugin interface to integrate robust workflows



...and more available: electronic (fat) bands, PDOS, charge density, Bader charges, IR/Raman

- Easily redeployable:
  - Local laptops/workstations
  - Demo server: <https://demo.aiidalab.io>
  - Instances available at **PSI** and **Empa**:
    - <https://aiidalab.psi.ch>
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# HANDSHAKING ON THE CLOUD

## Connected applications and tools

Browse records linked to these applications and tools

materialscloud:2026.11

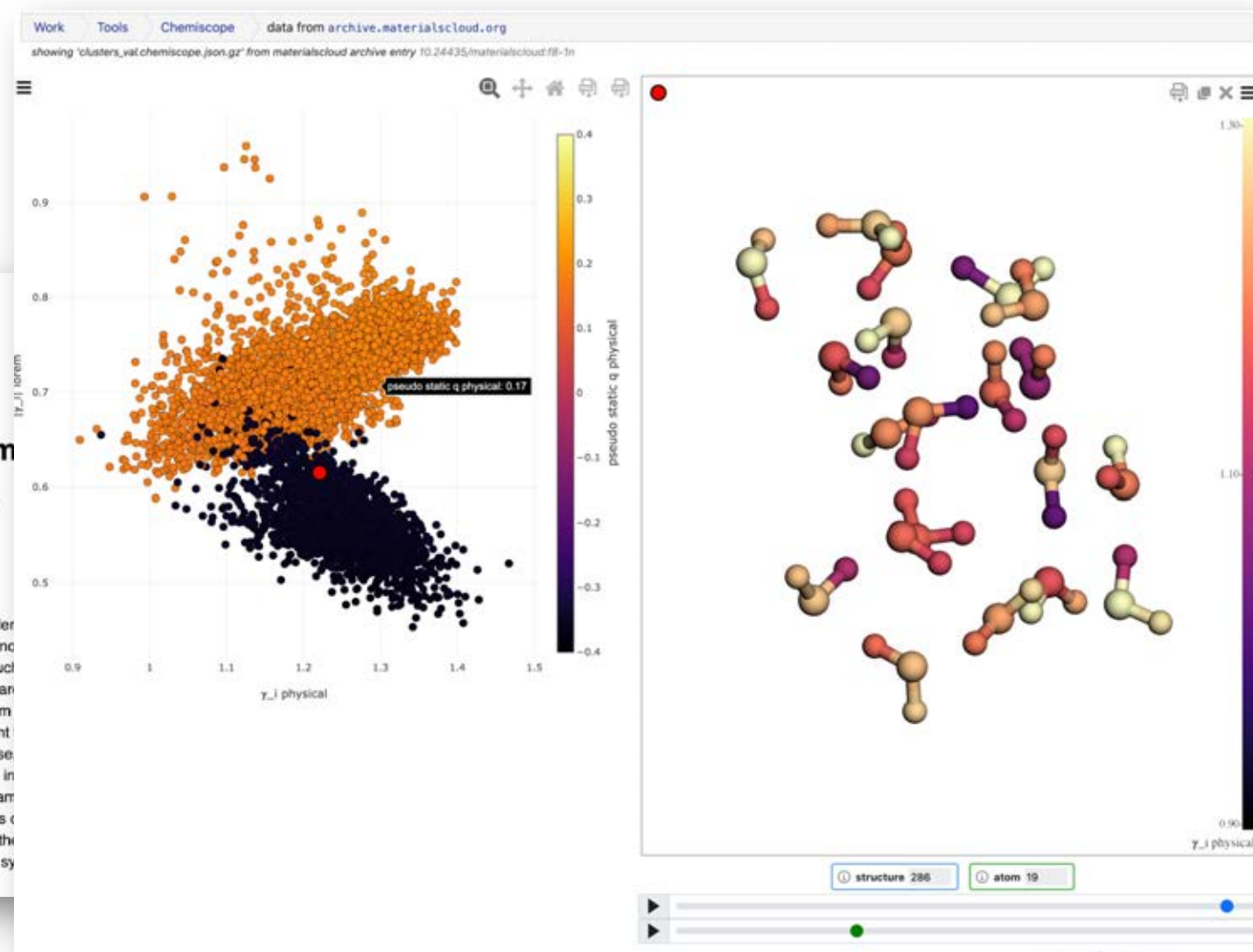
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### Simultaneous learning of static and dynamic

Stärk, Philipp<sup>1,2</sup>; Stoß, Henrik<sup>3</sup>; Langer, Marcel F.<sup>4</sup>; Rumiantsev, Egor<sup>4</sup>; Schlaich, Alexander<sup>3</sup>\*; Ceriotti, Michele<sup>4</sup>\*; Locher, Philip<sup>4</sup>\*

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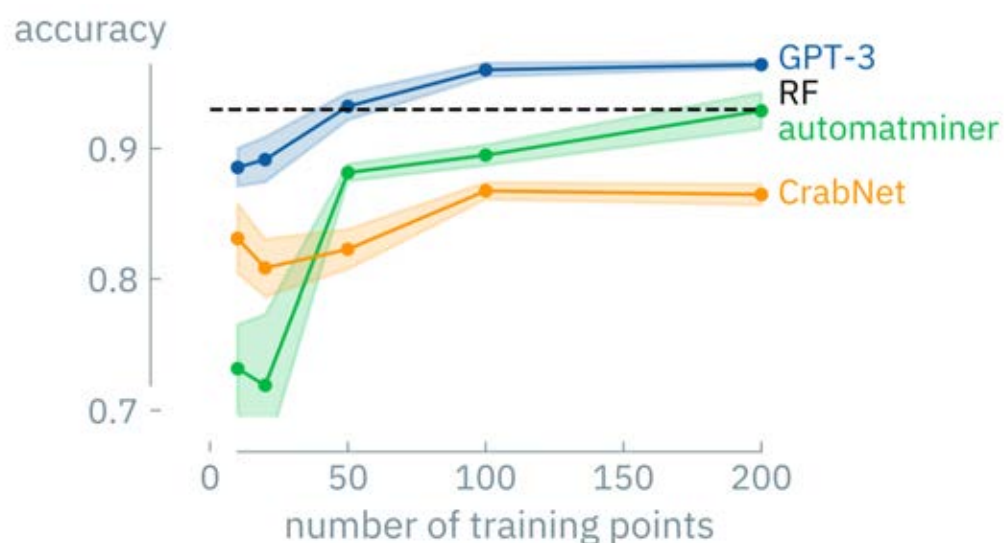
Long-range interactions and electric response are essential for accurate modeling of condensed-phase systems. Efficiently remains a challenge for atomistic machine learning. Traditionally, these two phenomena are decoupled: static charges, that participate in Coulomb interactions between atoms, and dynamic charges such as effective charges - describing the response to an external electric field. We critically compare static and dynamic charges, taking bulk water and water clusters as paradigmatic examples: (1) Learning them independently, (2) learning them simultaneously with a single global coupling constant. Coupled learning with a local, environment-dependent screening factor. In the coupled case, the common assumption of homogeneous, isotropic screening breaks down in clusters. A learned, environment-dependent screening restores high accuracy for the dynamic charges over independent dynamic predictions is negligible, while the computational cost increases only slightly. This suggests that, despite the formal connection between the two, learning them independently is the more practical choice for both condensed-phase and isolated cluster systems.



# THE FRONTIERS: AI, ROBOTICS, QUANTUM

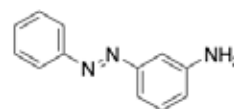
# LLMs FOR PREDICTIVE CHEMISTRY

- First demonstration of finetuning of LLMs for chemical tasks



## Tasks

"What is the transition wavelength of 2-phenyldiazenylaniline"

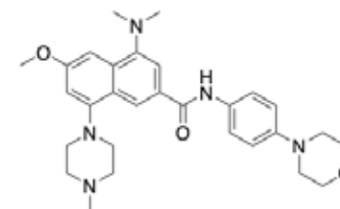


GPT -3

"low"

Classification

"What is the lipophilicity of C0c1cc(N2CCN(C)CC2)c3nc(cc(N(C)C)c3c1)C(=O)Nc4ccc(cc4)N5CCOCC5?"

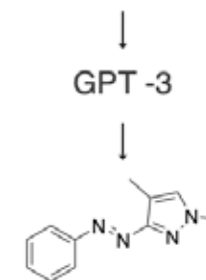


GPT -3

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Regression

"What is a molecule with E isomer transition wavelength of 325 nm, Z isomer transition wavelength of 286 nm?"



GPT -3

Inverse Design

Jablonka, K. M., Schwaller, P., Ortega-Guerrero, A. & Smit, B.  
Leveraging large language models for predictive chemistry. *Nat Mach Intell* 6, 161–169 (2024).



# “FAIR-by-design” self-driving laboratories

- Future of computational materials science: fully digital, combining:

Automated simulations via robust workflows

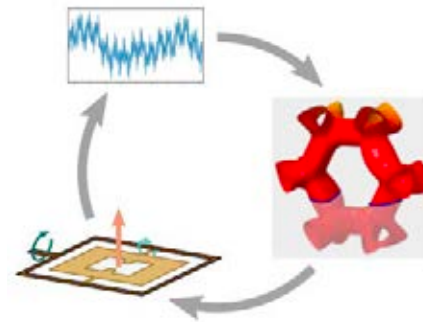


Robotic experiments



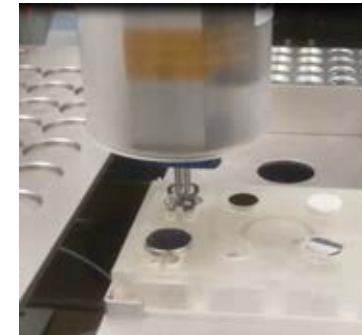
AI/ML for autonomous decisions

- Ongoing projects



***Accurate Fermi surface mapping (Shubnikov-de Haas)***

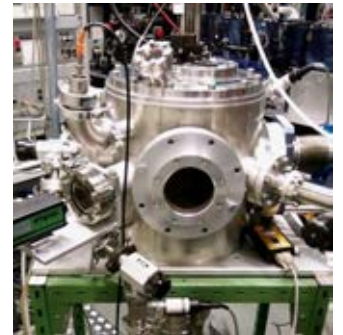
With Philip Moll (MPG, Germany)



***Battery assembly and testing***

With Corsin Battaglia (Empa), BIG-MAP, ...

P. Kraus, ..., GP, **J. Mater. Chem. A** **12**, 10773 (2024)



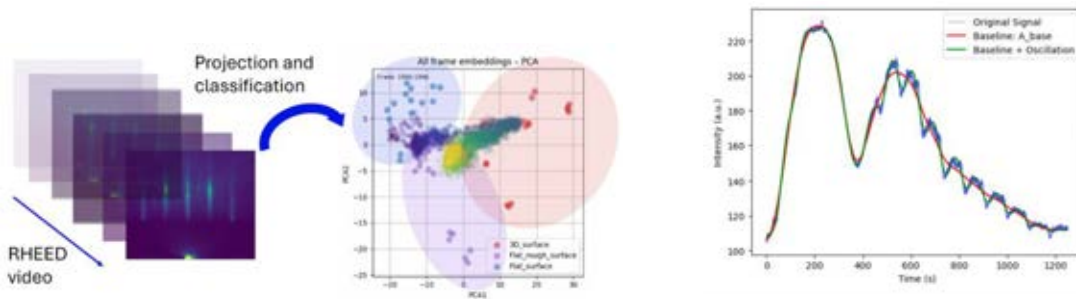
***Pulsed laser deposition for autonomous crystal growth***

With N. Shepelin (PSI)



# Toward autonomous labs: examples

Automatic scoring of pulsed-laser depositions toward self-driving labs

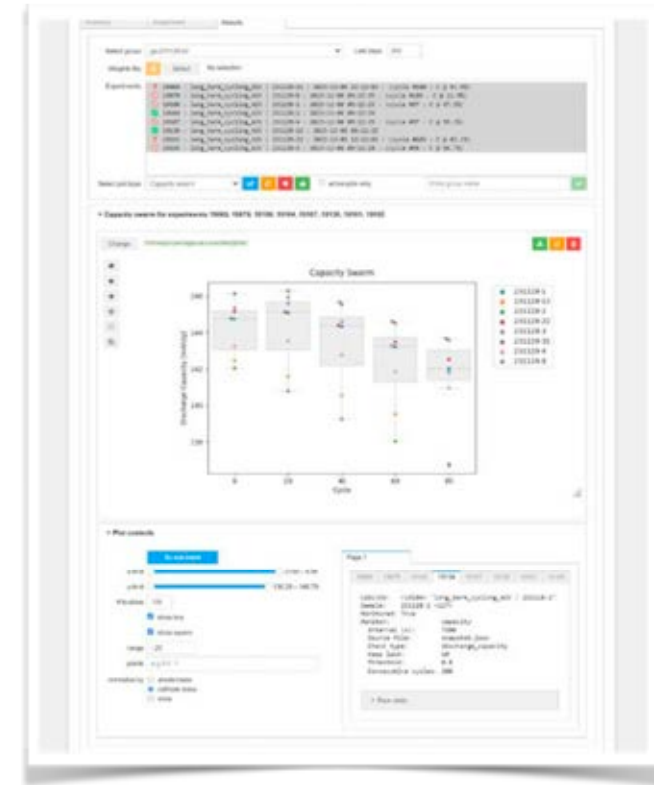


Per-frame pattern score + Oscillation score

AI-driven RHEED **pattern featurization**  
with pre-trained ViT DINOv2  
**similarity-based soft-classification**  
for growth regime identification

AiiDA/AiiDALab orchestration of  
battery experiments toward  
autonomous battery optimization

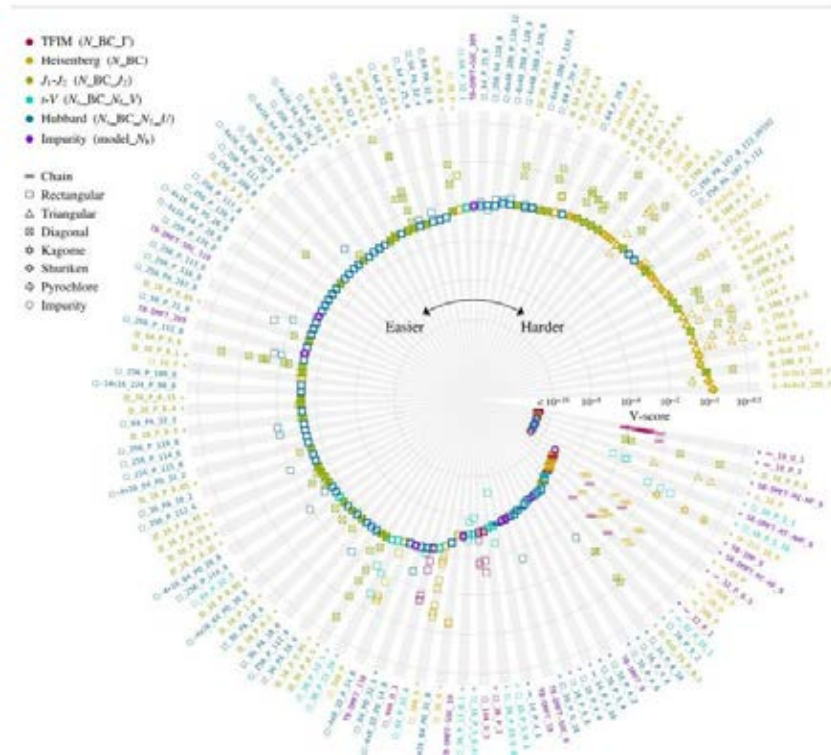
- Collaboration with Battaglia's lab (Empa)
- AiiDALab GUI: batch experiment submission + data analysis



# Quantum algorithms for materials

MARVEL moved the question from "can quantum computers help?" to "where is the advantage target, quantitatively?"

## V-score map from the Science benchmark



The benchmark turns "quantum usefulness" into a falsifiable target: accuracy is judged against the best variational classical methods, not against exact diagonalization only.

**D. Wu et al., *Variational benchmarks for quantum many-body problems*, Science 386, 296-301 (2024)**

**VarBench: [github.com/varbench/varbench](https://github.com/varbench/varbench).**

1

### A quantitative hardness scale

Energy and variance define a standardized V-score for many-body ground states, including cases where exact solutions are unavailable.

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### A sharper map of hard regimes

Many standard spin problems are already easy for classical ansatzes; frustrated models and 2D/3D lattice fermions still show large V-scores.

3

### Implication for materials

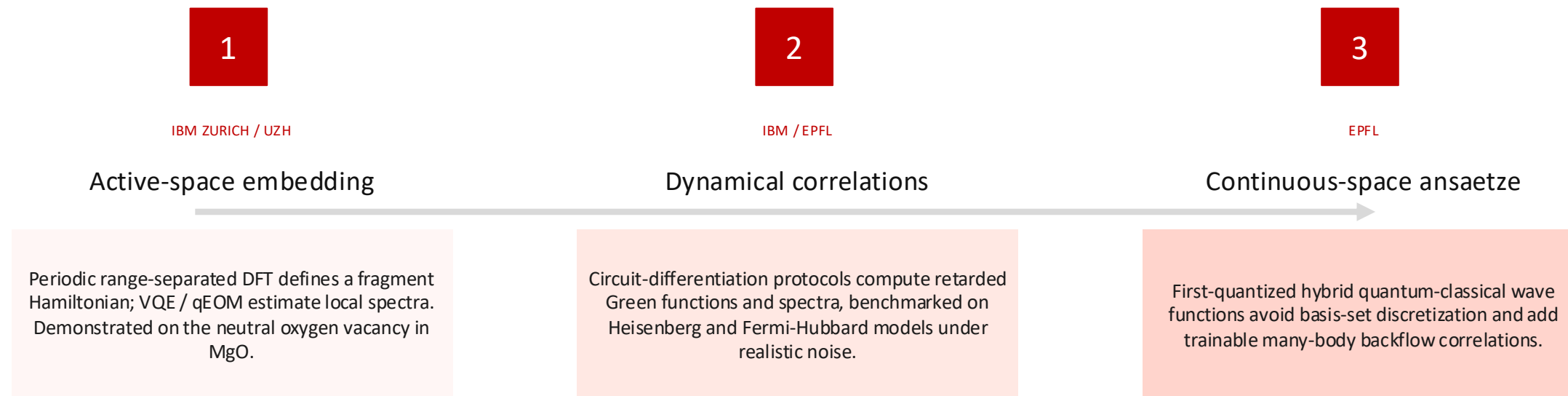
Near-term quantum devices should be tested only on validated niches: frustrated magnets, correlated fermionic subspaces, and real-time dynamics.

**MARVEL  
outcome**

**A community paper [Science 386, 296 (2024)]  
and open VarBench resource that make claims  
of quantum advantage testable.**

# Quantum materials workflows: hybrid, embedded, and dynamics-first

The practical path is targeted quantum kernels inside classical workflows, not a standalone quantum chemistry solver.



## Phase-III quantum question

Which embedded materials observables remain hard after the strongest classical baselines, and can quantum hardware deliver them at useful accuracy and cost?

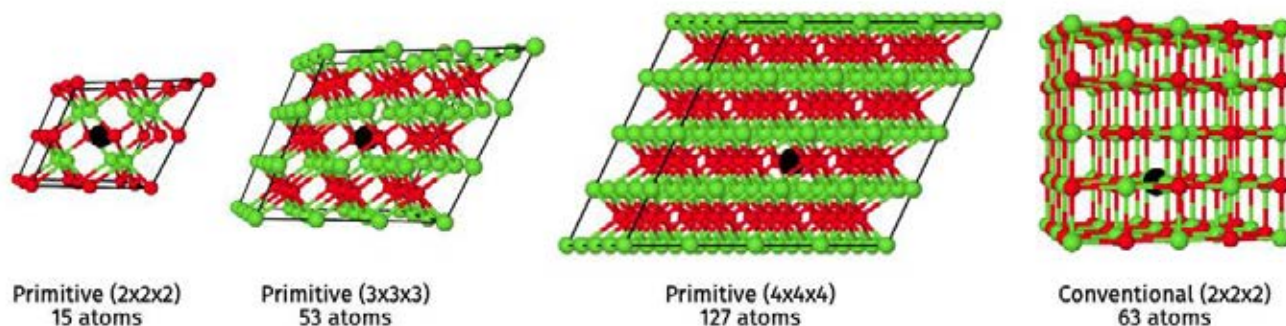
S. Piccinelli, F. Tacchino, I. Tavernelli, G. Carleo, "A circuit-differentiation framework for Green's functions on quantum computers," *Quantum* 10, 2060 (2026)

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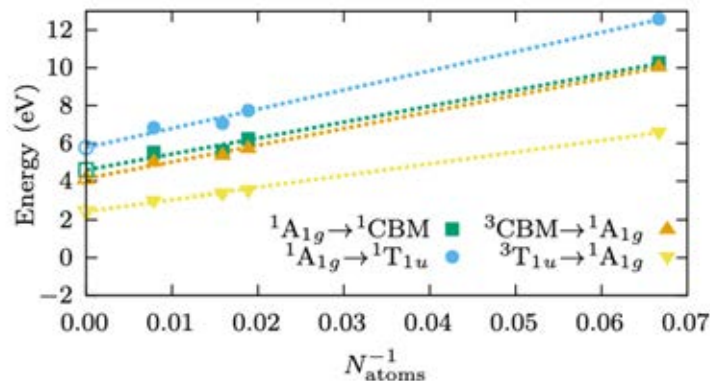
# REALISTIC MATERIALS



- Optical properties of the neutral oxygen vacancy in magnesium oxide.
- Multi-scale description crucial for a reliable description of the material.

| cell                 | $N_{\text{atoms}}^{-1}$ | ${}^3T_{1u} \rightarrow {}^1A_{1g}$ | ${}^3\text{CBM} \rightarrow {}^1A_{1g}$ |
|----------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| p 2x2x2              | 0.067                   | 6.59                                | 10.05                                   |
| p 3x3x3              | 0.019                   | 3.54                                | 5.74                                    |
| c 2x2x2              | 0.016                   | 3.38                                | 5.38                                    |
| p 4x4x4              | 0.008                   | 3.02                                | 5.02                                    |
| $\rightarrow \infty$ | $\rightarrow 0.0$       | 2.44                                | 4.14                                    |

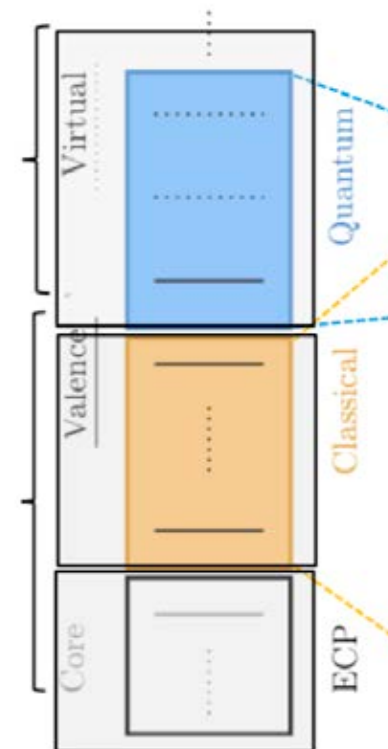
Exp: 2.3 eV



Reactive electrons  
(1-100)



Reactive electrons  
(> 1000)



S. Battaglia, M. Rossmannek, V. Rybkin, I. Tavernelli, J. Hutter npj Comput. Mater. 10, 297 (2024)

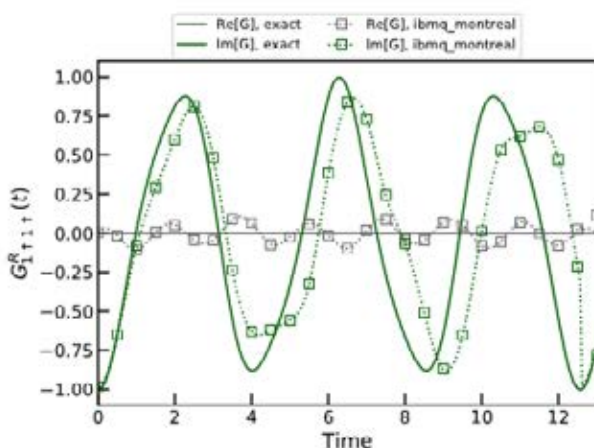


# GREEN'S FUNCTIONS

Single-particle Green's function (time domain)

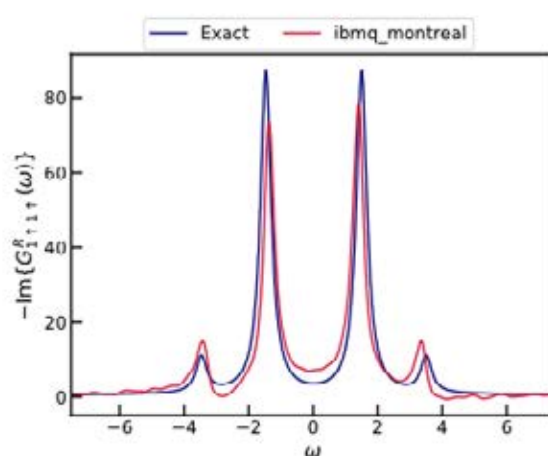
$$G_{\alpha\beta}^R(t) = -i\theta(t)\langle\psi_0|\{\hat{c}_\alpha(t), \hat{c}_\beta^\dagger(0)\}|\psi_0\rangle$$

VQE + (variational) quantum time evolution



2-site Fermi-Hubbard model

F. Libbi et al., Phys. Rev. Research 4, 043038 (2022)

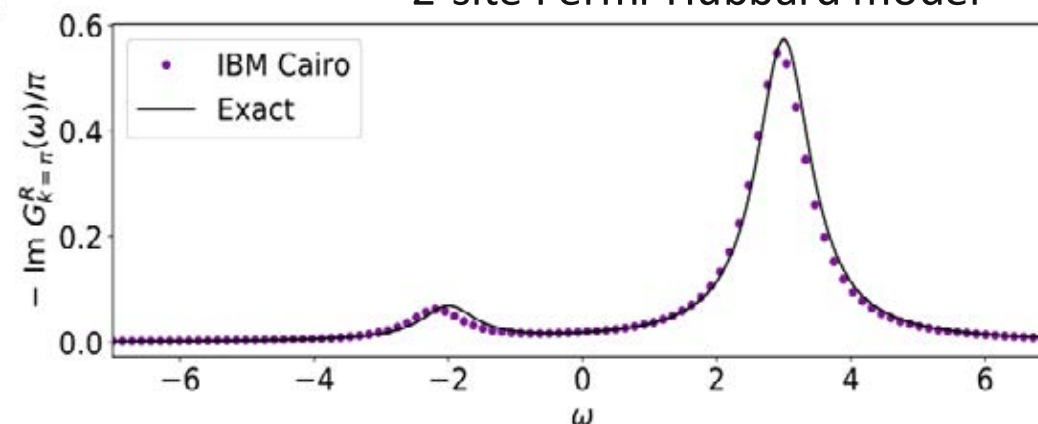


Lehmann representation (frequency domain)

$$\tilde{G}_\alpha^R(\omega) = \sum_n \left( \frac{|\langle E_n^{N+1} | \hat{c}_\alpha^\dagger | \psi_0 \rangle|^2}{\omega + E_0^N - E_n^{N+1} + i\eta} + \frac{|\langle E_n^{N-1} | \hat{c}_\alpha | \psi_0 \rangle|^2}{\omega - E_0^N + E_n^{N-1} + i\eta} \right)$$

VQE + excited states methods (qEOM)

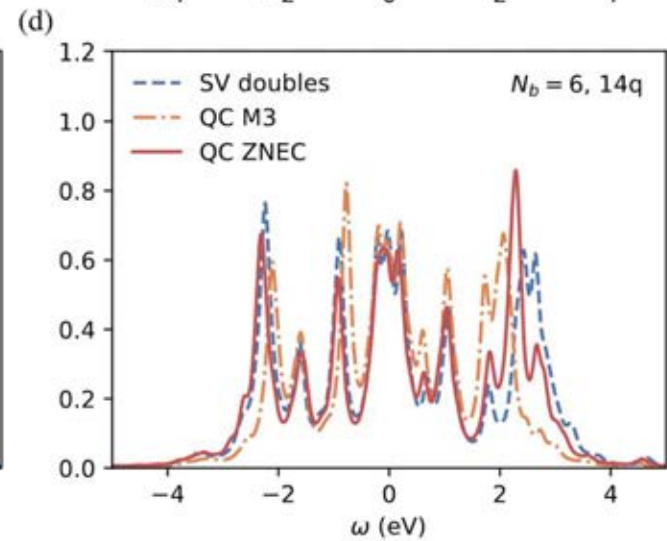
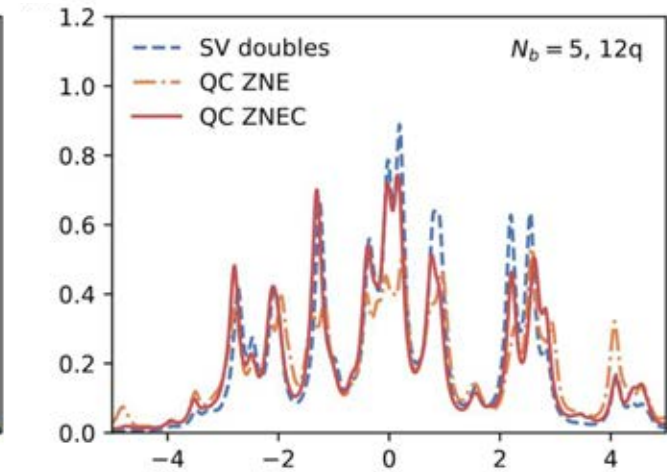
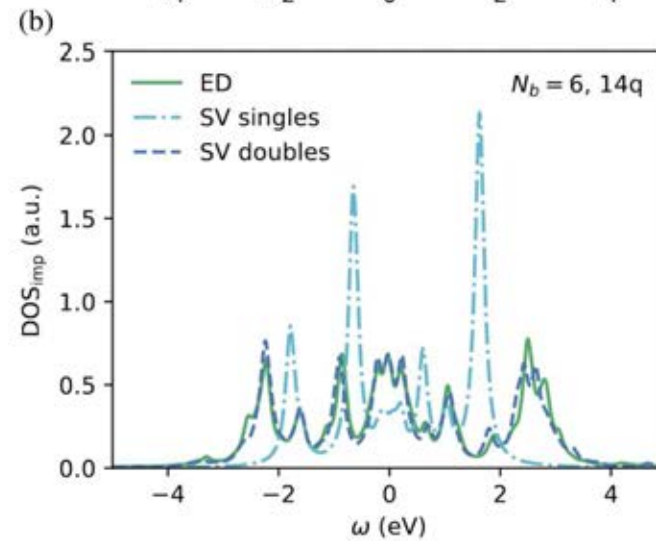
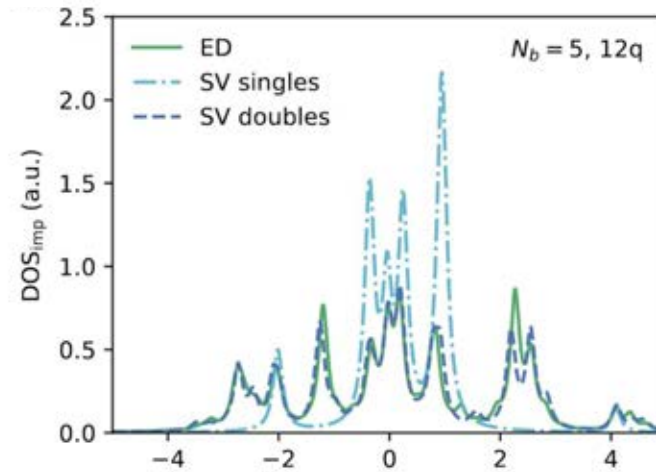
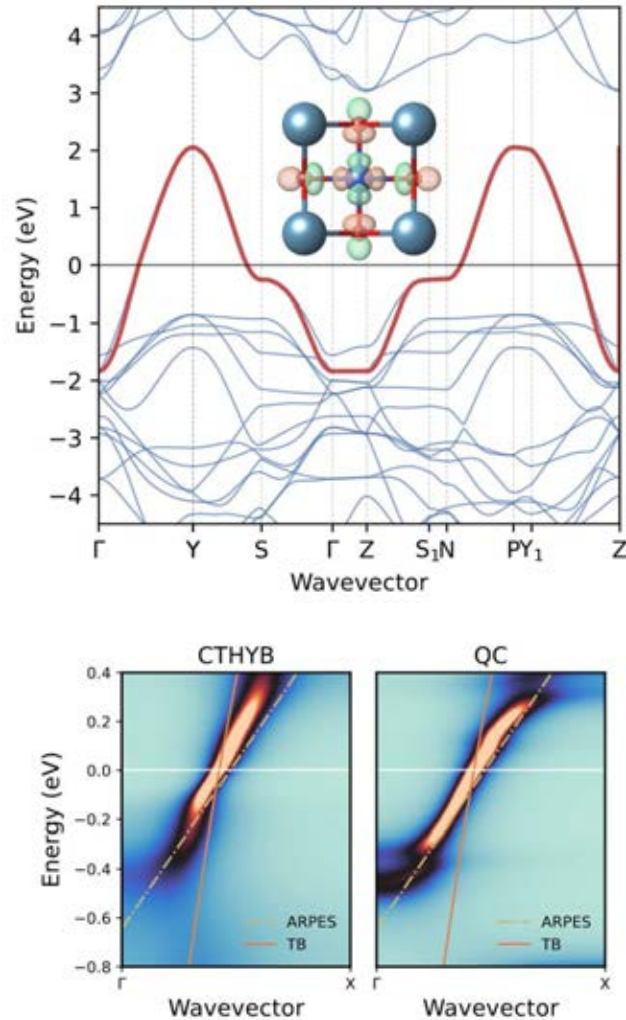
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# FROM GREEN'S FUNCTIONS TO DMFT



# WHAT NEXT?

## MATERIALS MODELLING

# The frontiers and the challenges

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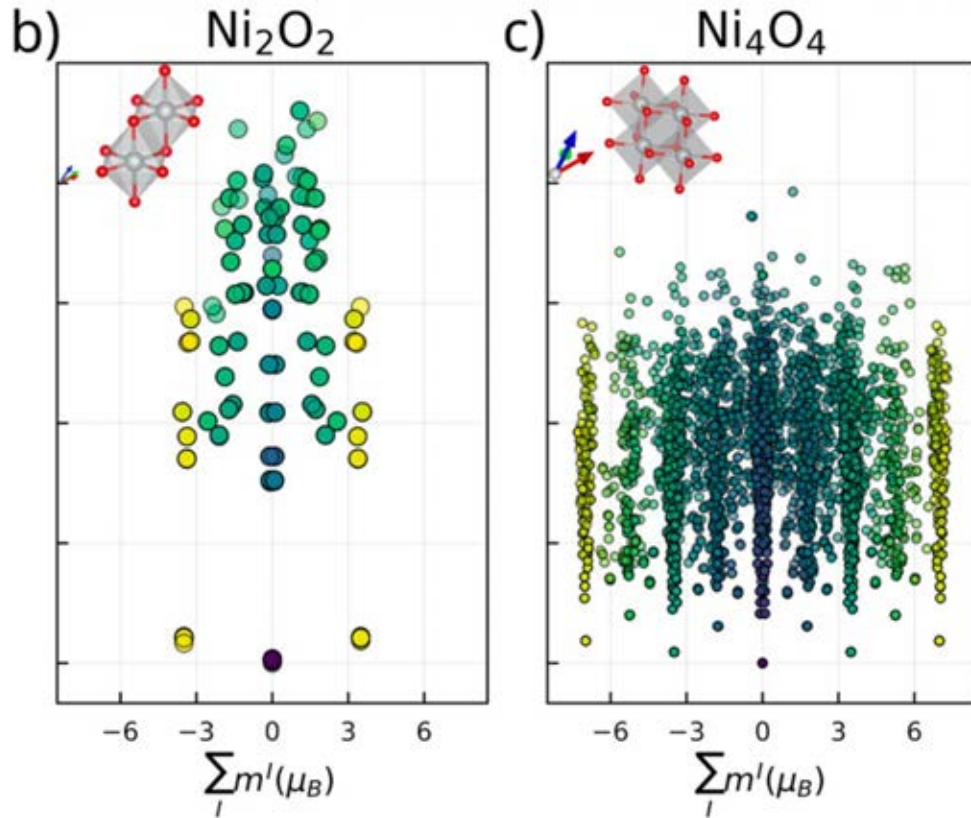
- 1) **PREDICTIVE ACCURACY**
- 2) **REALISTIC COMPLEXITY**
- 3) **MATERIALS INFORMATICS**

# ACCURACY STILL THE HARDEST

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- 1) Cannot combine DFT with DFT+U+V; hybrids less accurate and much more expensive
- 2) Landscape of magnetic materials
- 3) Lanthanides and actinides
- 4) Strong on-site correlations

# MAGNETIC LANDSCAPE, PSEUDOPOTENTIALS



L. Ponet, E. Di Lucente, and N. Marzari,  
*The energy landscape of magnetic materials*,  
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- ☐ Select all
- ☒ REF (AE average)
- ☐ PSL-US-v1-low (Z=10)
- ☐ PSL-US-v1-low (Z=11)
- ☐ PSL-PAW-v1-low (Z=10)
- ☐ PSL-PAW-v1-low (Z=11)
- ☐ PSL-PAW-v1-high (Z=27)
- ☐ JTH-1.1-std (Z=17)
- ☒ TW14 (Z=17)

