

## Abstract

The overall goal of devising a methodology for reliably performing *de novo* materials design will be briefly reviewed, as well as ways how to accomplish this task. Thereafter, I will give an overview of various practical issues which are of relevance to the two main-aspects of my research, (i) the variation of chemical structure and composition, and (ii) the associated response of multiple-scale structure property relationships. Efforts, results, and progress made during the first year as a Truman Fellow will be reported and critically discussed. Specifically, I will talk about external and internal collaborations initiated, scientific visits and hosted visitors, conferences attended, acquisitions made, and — most importantly — the scientific work performed so far [1-3]. Eventually, future plans and strategies will be outlined.

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# Outline - going beyond description

## Design

- Space
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- Exploration
- Issues

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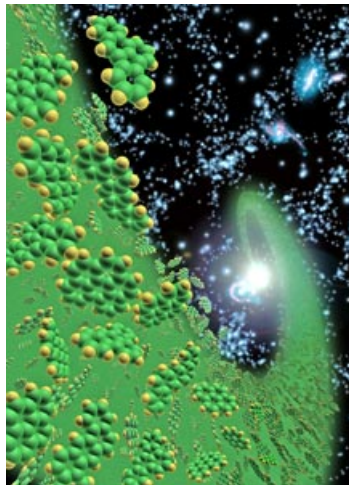
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## InProgress

- Overview
- Trips
- Procurements

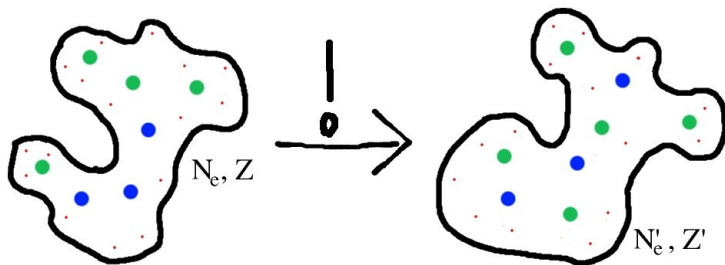
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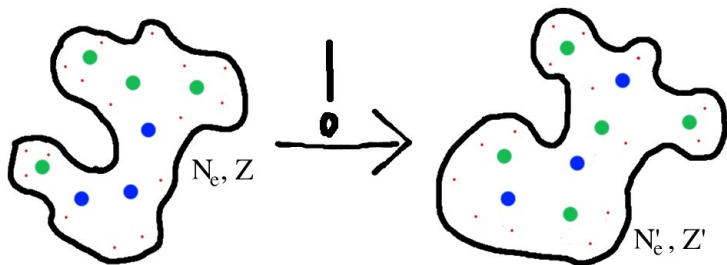
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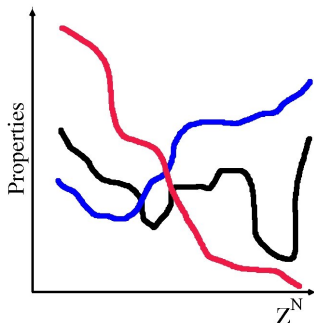
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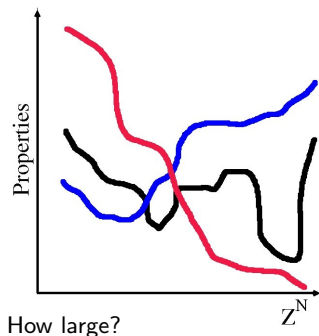
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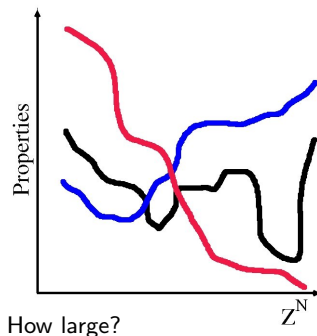
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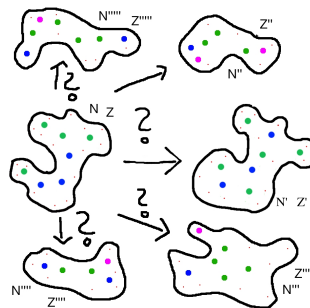
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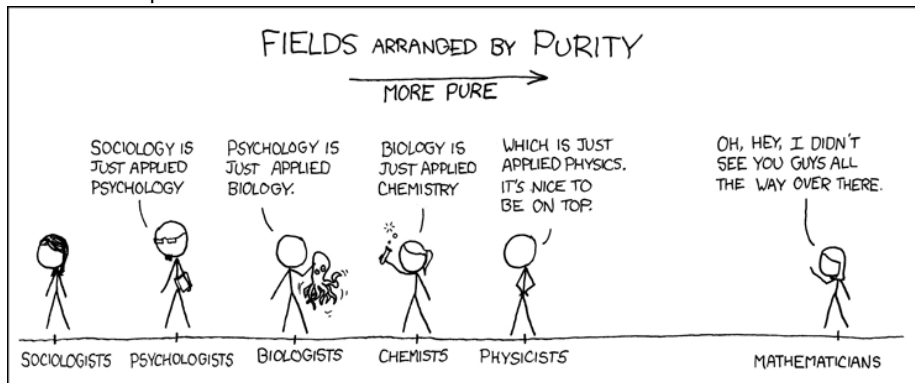
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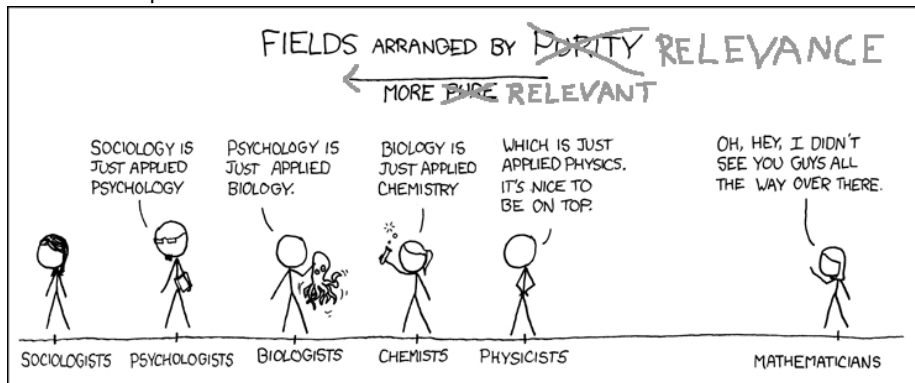


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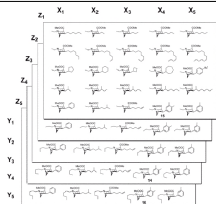
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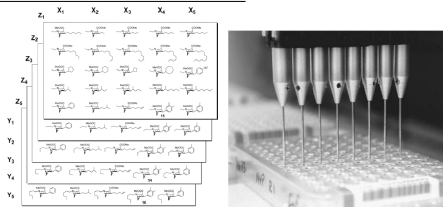


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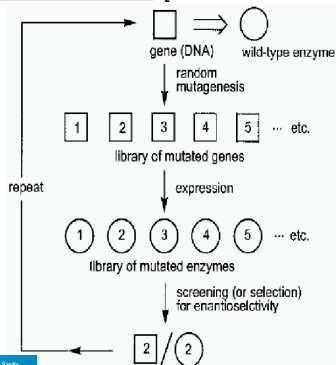
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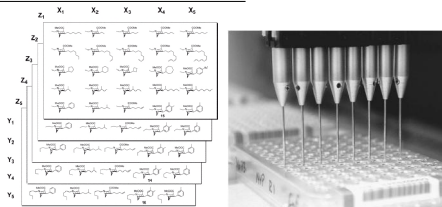
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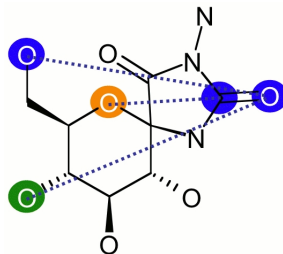
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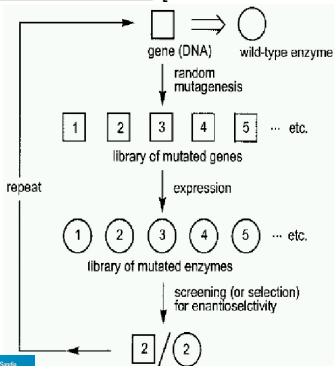
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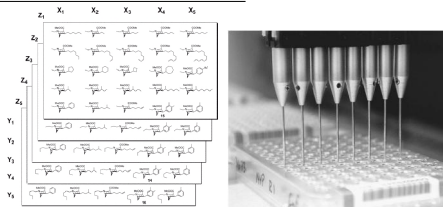
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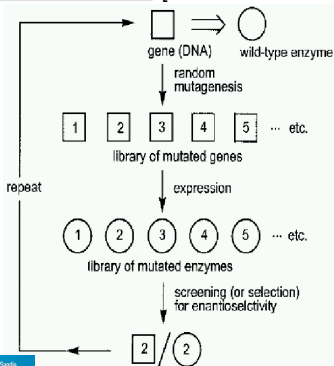
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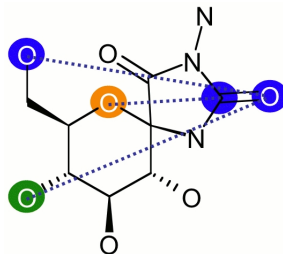
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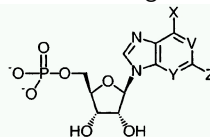
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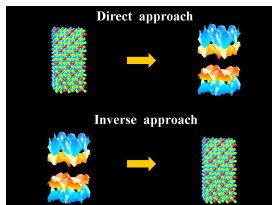
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Compounds	X	Y	Z	V
7	NH <sub>2</sub>	N	SCH <sub>3</sub>	N
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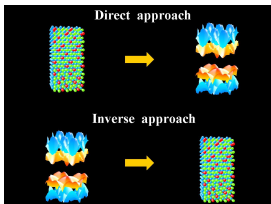
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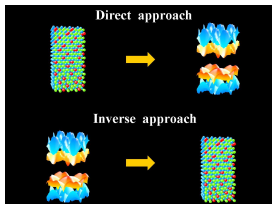
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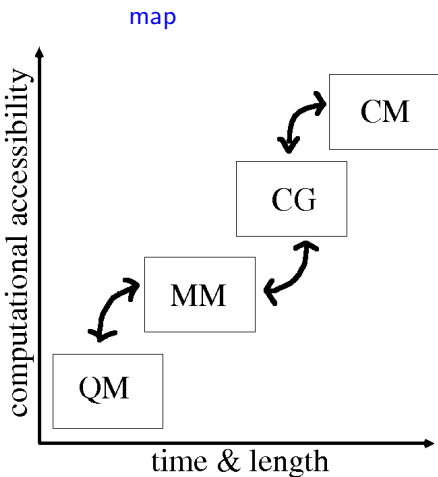
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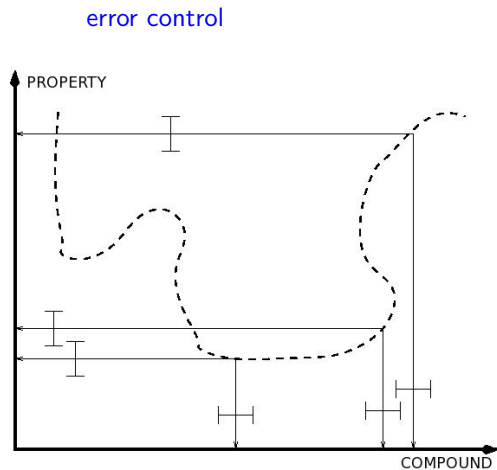
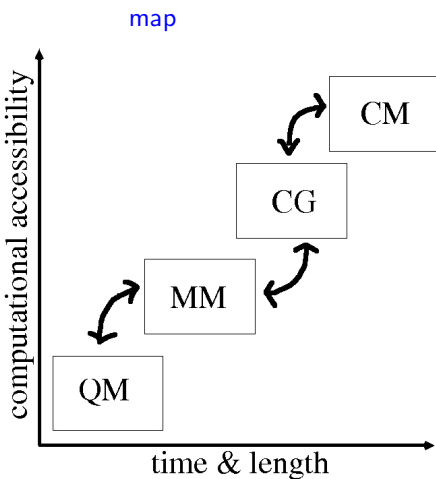
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Today: intermolecular interactions (bulk) and Fermi level (band-structure)

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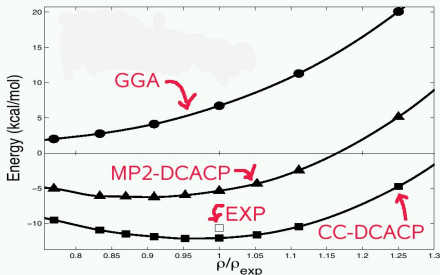
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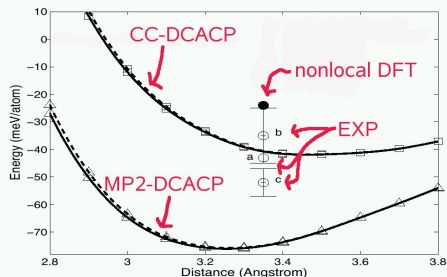
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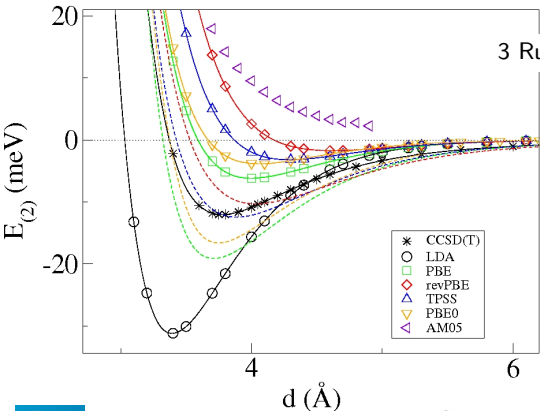
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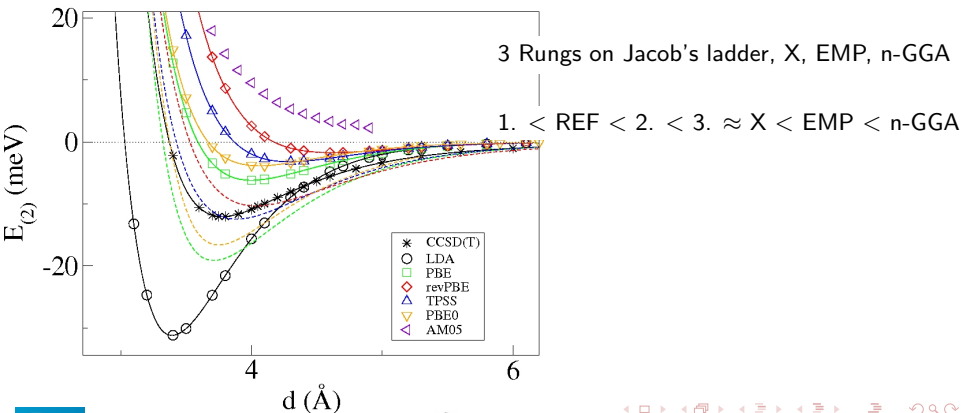
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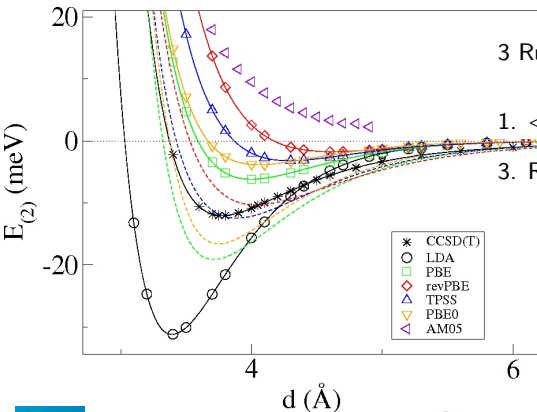
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3 Rungs on Jacob's ladder, X, EMP, n-GGA

1. < REF < 2. < 3.  $\approx$  X < EMP < n-GGA

3. Rung +  $C_6$  deviate  $\approx 3$  meV  
 $\rightarrow$  sufficient for bulk, such as molecular crystals . . . ?

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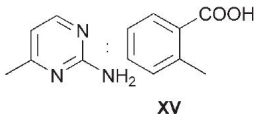
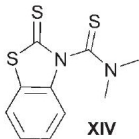
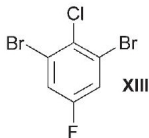
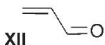
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Compd	Hybrid rank <sup>[a]</sup>	TMFF rank <sup>[b]</sup>	Hybrid $\Delta E$ [kcal mol <sup>-1</sup> atom <sup>-1</sup> ]
XII	1	1, 37, 38, 69	0.000
	2	7	0.036
	3	13	0.059
XIII	1	2	0.000
	2	4	0.027
	3	3	0.029
XIV	1	1, 8	0.000
	2	9	0.019
	3	19, 25	0.042
XV	1	37	0.000
	2	17	0.015



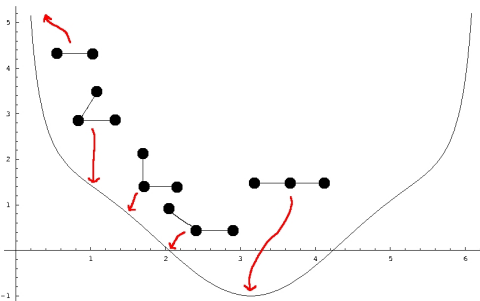
# MBC are significant for bulk — role of 3-body?

Axilrod and Teller *J Chem Phys* (1943)

$$E_{(3)}[A, B, C] = \frac{3 C_{9A} C_{9B} C_{9C} \times (\cos[\gamma_{AB}] \cos[\gamma_{AC}] \cos[\gamma_{BC}] + 1)}{d_{AB}^3 d_{AC}^3 d_{BC}^3}$$

some interesting situations:

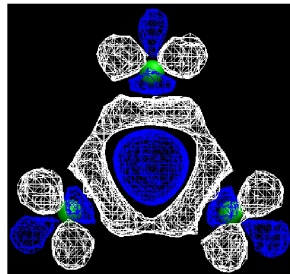
1. superimposed ( $\gamma \rightarrow 0$ ):  
 $E \rightarrow +\infty$
2. equilateral triangle ( $\gamma = \pi/3$ ):  
 $E \approx \frac{11}{8} \frac{C_{9A} C_{9B} C_{9C}}{3 d_{AB}^3}$
3. right triangle ( $\gamma = \pi/2$ ):  
 $E \approx \frac{C_{9A} C_{9B} C_{9C}}{d_{AB}^3 d_{AC}^3 d_{BC}^3}$
4. linear ( $\gamma = \pi$ ):  
 $E \approx -\frac{C_{9A} C_{9B} C_{9C}}{d_{AB}^3 d_{AC}^3 d_{BC}^3}$



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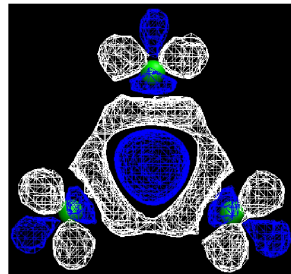
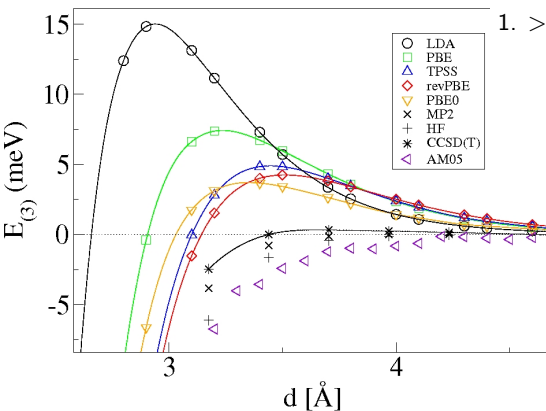
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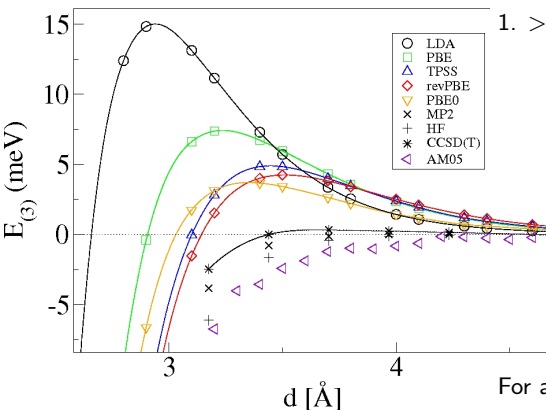
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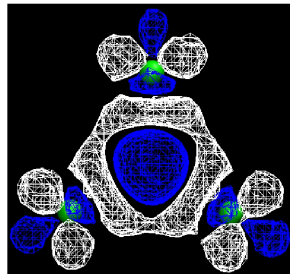
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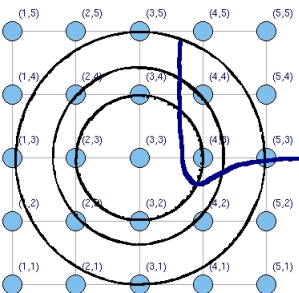
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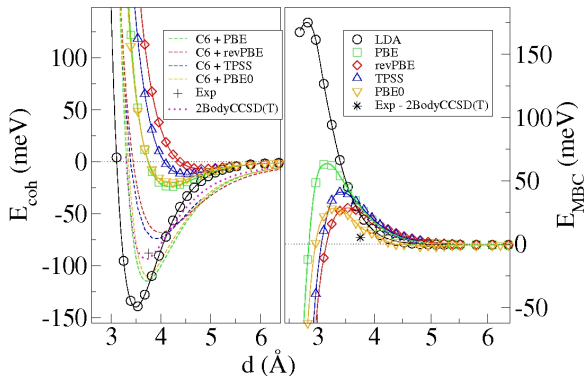
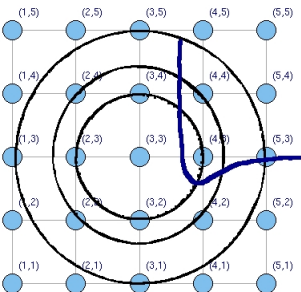
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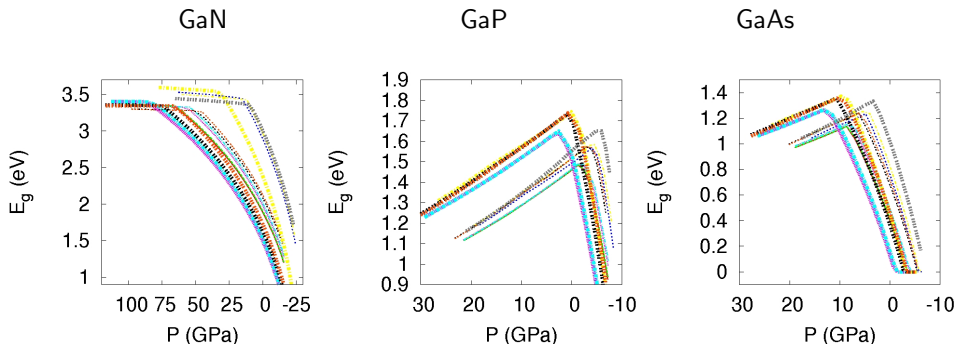
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GaN, GaP, GaAs — industrially relevant semi-conductors whose band-gap is crucial to determine effects of defects

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- ▶ 3 weeks visit group of Prof. Artem Oganov, ETH Zürich (crystal structure prediction), Nov 2007
- ▶ 3 weeks visit of Prof. Scheffler's theory department at FHI Berlin (3-body study with Alexandre), Dec 2007
- ▶ hosted 8 weeks visit of Matteo Guglielmi, (Jan & Feb 2008)
- ▶ American Physical Society meeting, March 2008, New Orleans
- ▶ Institute of Pure and Applied Mathematics, UCLA, reunion of Fall 2005 long-term program 'Bridging Time and Length Scales in Materials Science and Bio-Physics', CA, Jun 2008
- ▶ 1 week visit Prof. Koichi Yamashita at Tokyo University (molecular conductor), Jun 2008
- ▶ Meeting of the World-Association of Theoretically Oriented Chemists 2008 (WATOC08), Sydney AU, Sep 2008
- ▶ Various stays with Prof. Mark Tuckerman's group at NYU

# ¿ \$\$\$ ? — acquisitions, contracts, students, metrics

- ▶ asgard — Desktop, quad-core Intel, 3 TB hard drive, 1 GB memory, linux, SRN
- ▶ frigg — Rack Compute node, 4×quad-core Intel, rack compute node, 0.5 TB hard drive, 128 GB memory, linux, SON
- ▶ TURBOMOLE — 'one of the fastest and most stable codes available for standard quantum chemical applications'
- ▶ postdoctoral researcher at NYU — 3 months of salary
- ▶ three PhD-students hosted at SNL — each for 3 months
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