

# Iterative Energy Minimization for Quantum Molecular Dynamics

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**From quantum dynamics to eigenvalue problems**



# Imaginary-Time Quantum Dynamics

- Quantum dynamics

Repeat  
 $|\psi\rangle \leftarrow \exp(-i\hat{H}\Delta t)|\psi\rangle$

$$\begin{cases} uv[2j] = \cos(-v[j]\Delta t/2) \\ uv[2j+1] = \sin(-v[j]\Delta t/2) \end{cases} \Rightarrow \frac{\exp(-v[j]\Delta t/2)}{0}$$

- Imaginary-time quantum dynamics:  $i\Delta t \rightarrow \Delta\tau$

Repeat  
 $|\psi\rangle \leftarrow \exp(-\hat{H}\Delta\tau)|\psi\rangle$   
 $|\psi\rangle \leftarrow |\psi\rangle / \sqrt{\langle\psi|\psi\rangle}$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial\tau}\psi(x,\tau) = \overbrace{\frac{\hbar}{2m}\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2}}^{\text{diffusion}}\psi(x,\tau) - \overbrace{\frac{V(x)}{\hbar}}^{\text{reaction (birth/death)}}\psi(x,\tau)$$

$$\exp(-\hat{H}\Delta\tau) = \exp(-V(x)\Delta\tau/2)\exp\left(\frac{\nabla^2}{2}\Delta\tau\right)\exp(-V(x)\Delta\tau/2)$$

- Filtering in the ground state

**Eigensystem:**  $\hat{H}|n\rangle = \epsilon_n|n\rangle \quad \epsilon_0 < \epsilon_1 < \dots \quad \langle m|n\rangle = \delta_{mn}$

$$\begin{aligned} \exp(-\hat{H}\tau)|\psi_{\text{init}}\rangle &= \exp(-\hat{H}\tau) \sum_{n \geq 0}^1 |n\rangle\langle n| \psi_{\text{init}}\rangle \\ &= \sum_{n \geq 0} |n\rangle\langle n| \psi_{\text{init}}\rangle \exp(-\epsilon_n \tau) \xrightarrow{\tau \rightarrow \infty} |0\rangle\langle 0| \psi_{\text{init}}\rangle \exp(-\epsilon_0 \tau) \end{aligned}$$

# Obtaining Excited States

- **Filter-project imaginary-time quantum dynamics**

Repeat

$$|\psi\rangle \leftarrow \exp(-\hat{H}\Delta\tau)|\psi\rangle$$

$$|\psi\rangle \leftarrow |\psi\rangle - |0\rangle\langle 0|\psi\rangle$$

$$|\psi\rangle \leftarrow |\psi\rangle / \sqrt{\langle\psi|\psi\rangle}$$

Projecting out —  $\hat{P}_{\text{out}} = 1 - |0\rangle\langle 0|$ :

$$\langle 0|\{|\psi\rangle - |0\rangle\langle 0|\psi\rangle\} = \langle 0|\psi\rangle - \overbrace{\langle 0|0\rangle}^1 \langle 0|\psi\rangle = 0$$

$$(1 - |0\rangle\langle 0|)\exp(-\hat{H}\tau)|\psi_{\text{init}}\rangle \xrightarrow{\tau \rightarrow \infty} |1\rangle$$

- **Problem: Convergence is too slow**

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**Solution: Use the conjugate-gradient method (see next viewgraphs)**

- **If all the eigenstates (not only a few lowest-lying states) are needed**

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**Use matrix diagonalization (see the next section)**

# Functional Derivative Basics

- **Functional derivative:**  $\delta E = \int d\mathbf{r} \frac{\delta E}{\delta f(\mathbf{r})} \delta f(\mathbf{r})$     **functional = function of function:**  $E[f(\mathbf{r})]$

- **Example 1:**  $E[f(\mathbf{r})] = \int d\mathbf{r} (f(\mathbf{r}))^2$

$$E[f(\mathbf{r}) + \delta f(\mathbf{r})] - E[f(\mathbf{r})] = \int d\mathbf{r} \{ [f(\mathbf{r}) + \delta f(\mathbf{r})]^2 - f^2(\mathbf{r}) \} = \int d\mathbf{r} [2f(\mathbf{r})\delta f(\mathbf{r}) + \cancel{\delta f^2(\mathbf{r})}]$$

$$\therefore \frac{\delta E}{\delta f(\mathbf{r})} = 2f(\mathbf{r})$$

- **Example 2:**  $E[\rho(\mathbf{r})] = \frac{1}{2} \int d\mathbf{r} \int d\mathbf{r}' \frac{\rho(\mathbf{r})\rho(\mathbf{r}')}{|\mathbf{r}-\mathbf{r}'|}$

$$E[\rho(\mathbf{r}) + \delta\rho(\mathbf{r})] - E[\rho(\mathbf{r})] = \frac{1}{2} \int d\mathbf{r} \int d\mathbf{r}' \frac{[\rho(\mathbf{r}) + \delta\rho(\mathbf{r})][\rho(\mathbf{r}') + \delta\rho(\mathbf{r}')] - \rho(\mathbf{r})\rho(\mathbf{r}')}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \int d\mathbf{r} \int d\mathbf{r}' \frac{\rho(\mathbf{r})\delta\rho(\mathbf{r}') + \rho(\mathbf{r}')\delta\rho(\mathbf{r}) + \cancel{\delta\rho(\mathbf{r})\delta\rho(\mathbf{r}')}}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|}$$

$$= \int d\mathbf{r} \int d\mathbf{r}' \frac{\rho(\mathbf{r}')}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|} \delta\rho(\mathbf{r})$$

$$\therefore \frac{\delta E}{\delta\rho(\mathbf{r})} = \int d\mathbf{r}' \frac{\rho(\mathbf{r}')}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|}$$

See Hohenberg & Kohn,  
[\*Phys. Rev.\* \*\*136\*\*, B864 \('64\)](#)

# Rayleigh-Ritz Variational Principle

- **Complex functional derivative**

$$\psi(\mathbf{r}) = \psi_1(\mathbf{r}) + i\psi_2(\mathbf{r}); \psi^*(\mathbf{r}) = \psi_1(\mathbf{r}) - i\psi_2(\mathbf{r})$$

- **Energy functional**

$$E[\psi(\mathbf{r})] = \frac{\langle \psi | \hat{h} | \psi \rangle}{\langle \psi | \psi \rangle} = \frac{\int d\mathbf{r} \psi^*(\mathbf{r}) \hat{h}(\mathbf{r}) \psi(\mathbf{r})}{\int d\mathbf{r} \psi^*(\mathbf{r}) \psi(\mathbf{r})} = \frac{\int d\mathbf{r} \psi^*(\mathbf{r}) \left[ -\frac{\nabla^2}{2} + v(\mathbf{r}) \right] \psi(\mathbf{r})}{\int d\mathbf{r} \psi^*(\mathbf{r}) \psi(\mathbf{r})}$$

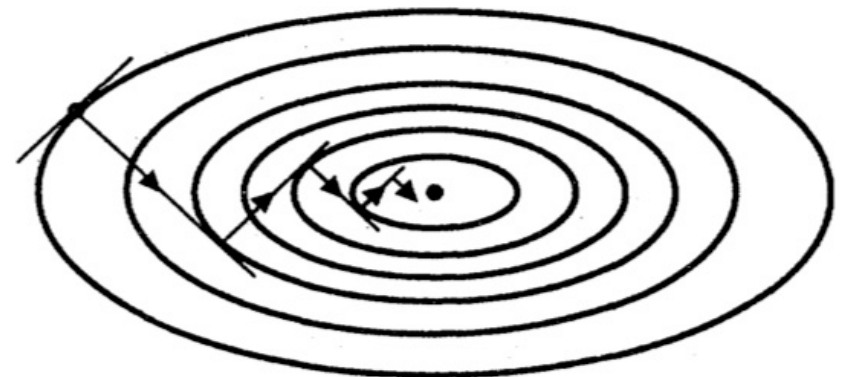
- **Gradient (for a normalized wave function)**

$$\frac{\delta E}{\delta \psi^*(\mathbf{r})} = (\hat{h}(\mathbf{r}) - \langle \psi | \hat{h} | \psi \rangle) \psi(\mathbf{r})$$

- **Steepest descent**

Repeat

$$\psi(\mathbf{r}) \leftarrow \psi(\mathbf{r}) - \Delta\tau (\hat{h}(\mathbf{r}) - \langle \psi | \hat{h} | \psi \rangle) \psi(\mathbf{r})$$



# Conjugate Gradient Method

1. **Conjugate gradient:** Does not spoil the minimizations in the previous iteration steps
2. **Line minimization:** Directly moves to the minimum along the conjugate-gradient direction

for  $i \leftarrow 1$  to  $Max\_iteration$

if  $i = 1$

$$\tilde{g}_i \leftarrow g_i$$

else

$$\tilde{g}_i \leftarrow g_i + \frac{g_i \cdot g_i}{g_{i-1} \cdot g_{i-1}} \tilde{g}_{i-1}$$

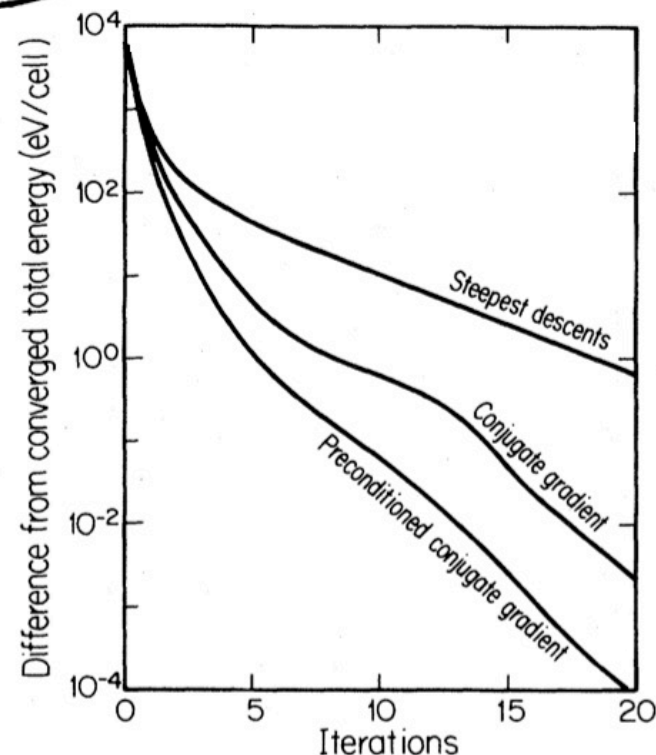
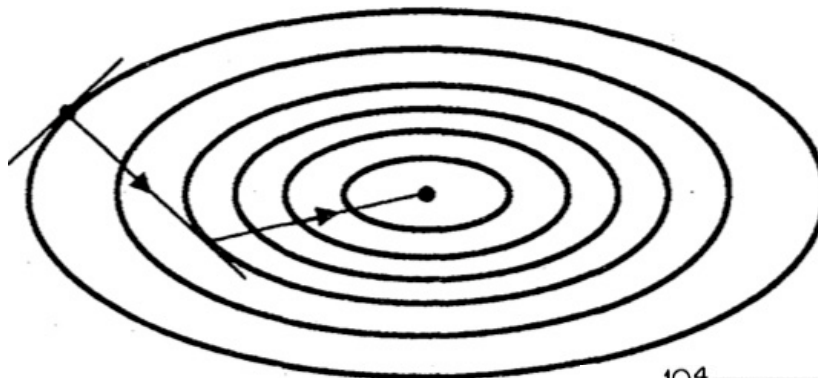
endif

$$\psi_i \leftarrow \psi_{i-1} + \frac{g_{i-1} \cdot g_{i-1}}{\tilde{g}_i \cdot h \cdot \tilde{g}_i} \tilde{g}_i$$

$$g_i \leftarrow g_{i-1} - \frac{g_{i-1} \cdot g_{i-1}}{\tilde{g}_i \cdot h \cdot \tilde{g}_i} h \cdot \tilde{g}_i$$

if convergent, **exit**

endfor



See [Numerical Recipes, Sec. 10.6](#)

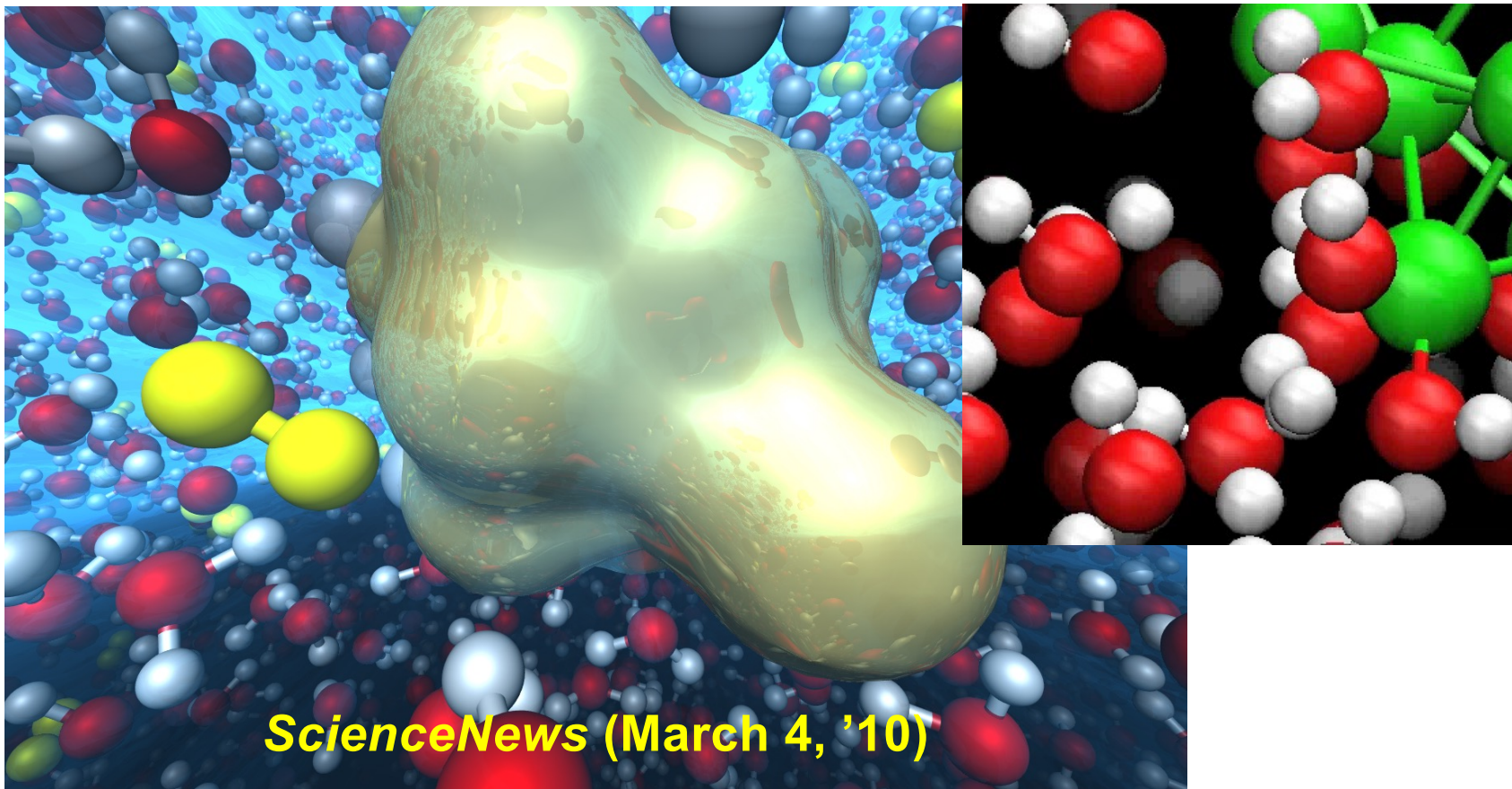
M.C. Paynet et al., [Rev. Mod. Phys. 64](#), 1045 ('92)

# Quantum Molecular Dynamics

- **Born-Oppenheimer (adiabatic) approximation: Electron wave function  $\psi(\mathbf{r}_1, \dots, \mathbf{r}_{N_{\text{electron}}})$  is determined with fixed nuclei positions  $\mathbf{R}_n$  ( $n = 1, \dots, N_{\text{nucleus}}$ )**  
 $\psi_*(\mathbf{r}_1, \dots, \mathbf{r}_{N_{\text{electron}}}) \leftarrow \text{argmin}_{\psi} E[\psi(\mathbf{r}_1, \dots, \mathbf{r}_{N_{\text{electron}}}), \{\mathbf{R}_n\}]$  **CG**

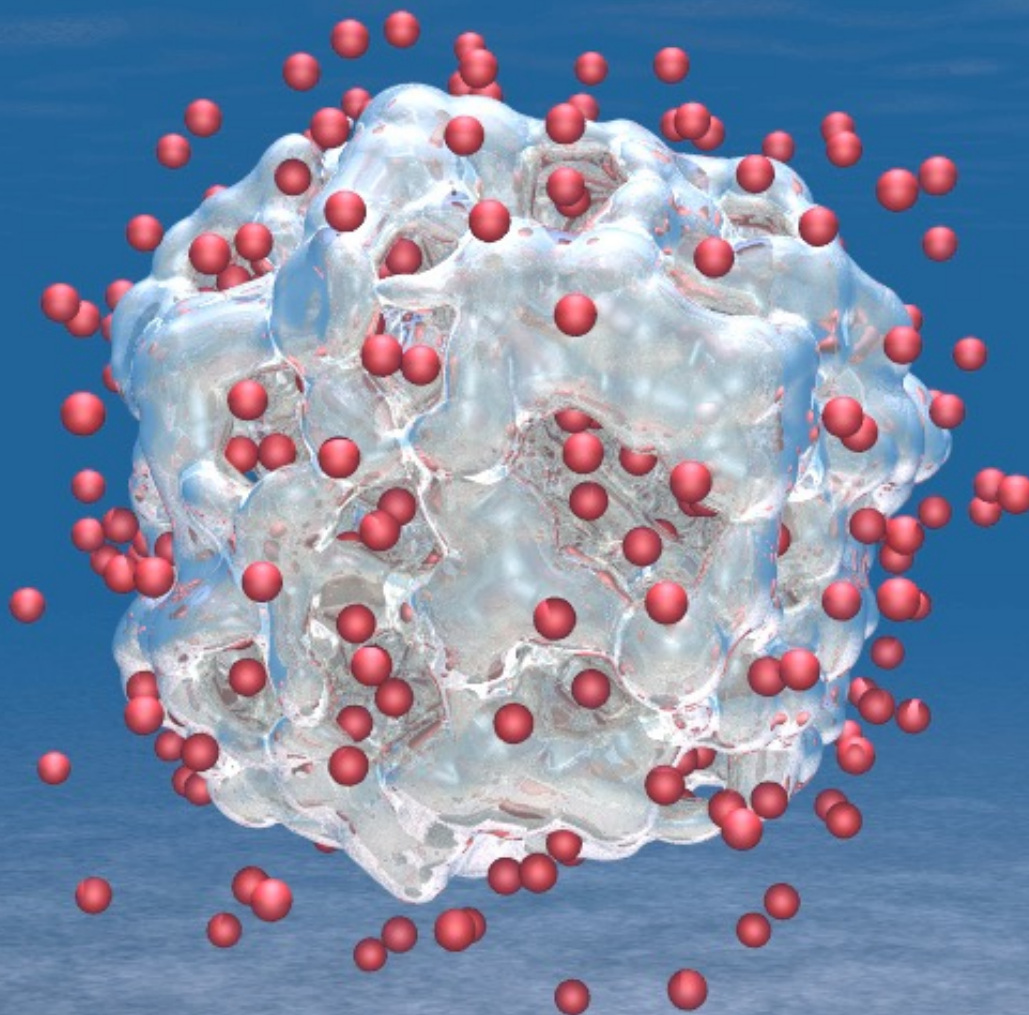
- **Newton's equations for the classical motion of nuclei**

$$M_n \frac{d^2}{dt^2} \mathbf{R}_n = - \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{R}_n} E[\psi_*(\mathbf{r}_1, \dots, \mathbf{r}_{N_{\text{electron}}}), \{\mathbf{R}_n\}]$$
 **MD**



# H<sub>2</sub> Production from Water Using LiAl Particles

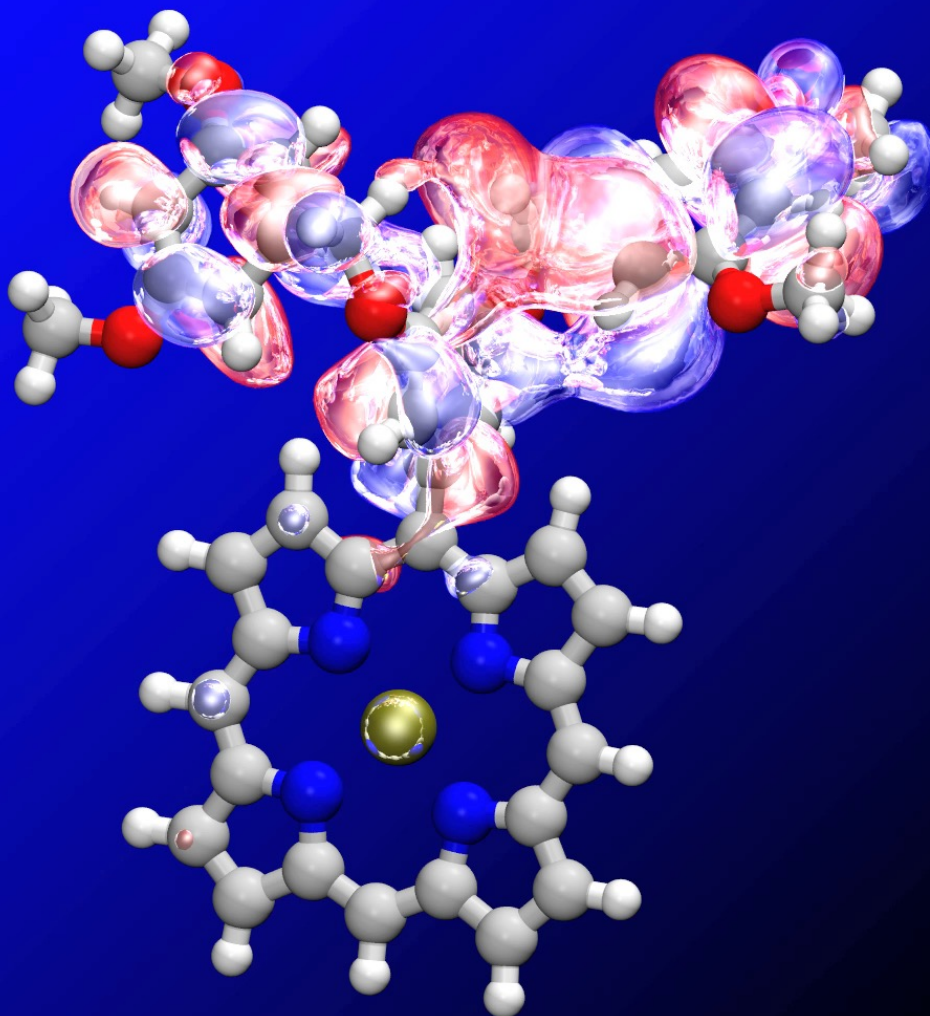
16,661-atom QMD simulation of Li<sub>441</sub>Al<sub>441</sub> in water  
on 786,432 IBM BlueGene/Q cores



K. Shimamura *et al.*, *Nano Lett.* **14**, 4090 ('14)



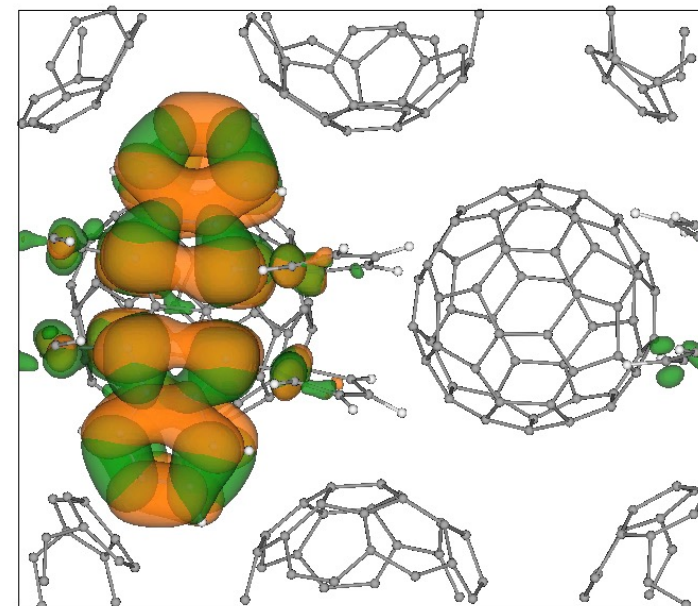
# Nonadiabatic Quantum Molecular Dynamics



*Appl. Phys. Lett.* **98**, 113301 ('11); *ibid.* **100**, 203306 ('12); *J. Chem. Phys.* **136**, 184705 ('12); *Comput. Phys. Commun.* **184**, 1 ('13); *Appl. Phys. Lett.* **102**, 093302 ('13); *ibid.* **102**, 173301 ('13); *J. Chem. Phys.* **140**, 18A529 ('14); *IEEE Computer* **48(11)**, 33 ('15); *Sci. Rep.* **5**, 19599 ('16); *Nature Commun.* **8**, 1745 ('17); *Nano Lett.* **18**, 4653 ('18); *Nature Photon.* **13**, 425 ('19)

Zn porphyrin

Rubrene/C<sub>60</sub>

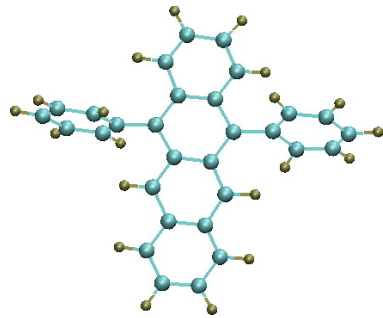


quasi-electron; quasi-hole

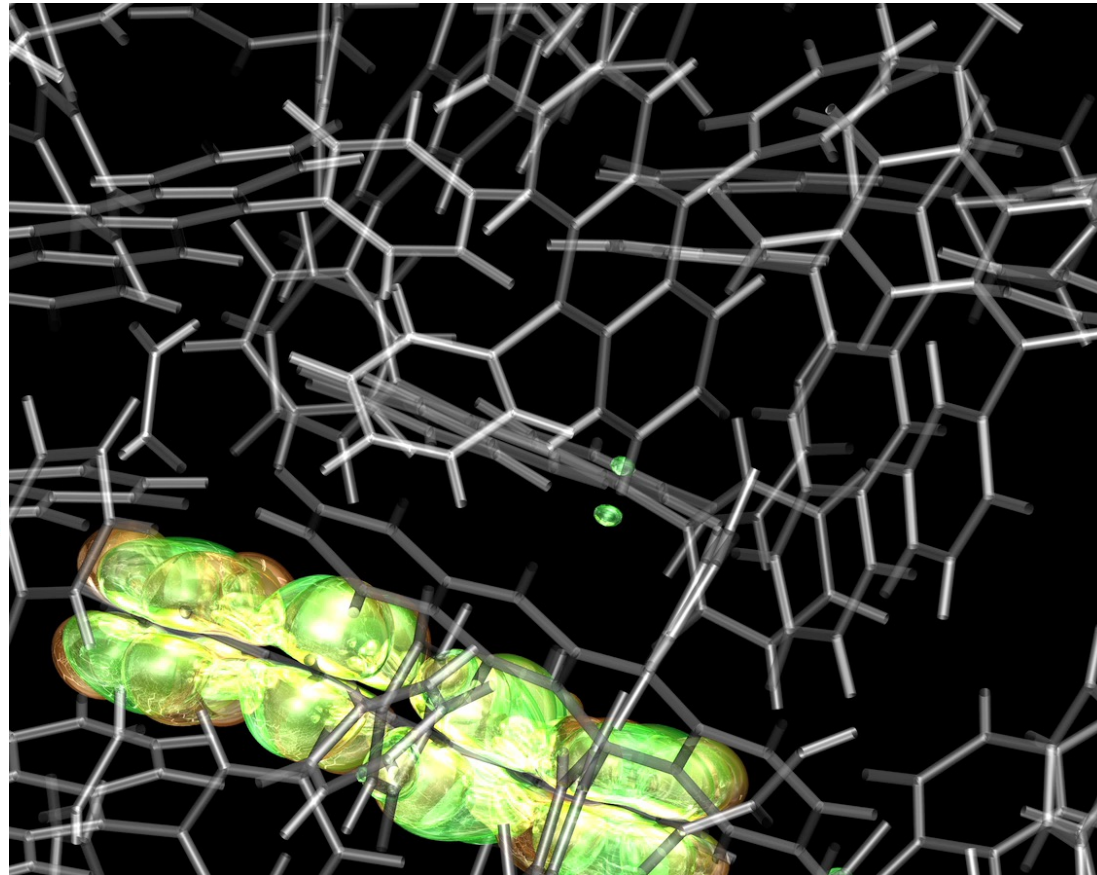
- **Excited states:** Linear-response time-dependent density functional theory [Casida, '95]
- **Interstate transitions:** Surface hopping [Tully, '90; Jaeger, Fisher & Prezhdo, '12]

# Simulating SF in Amorphous DPT

- Move up from molecules to microstructures
- **Challenge:** Unprecedented  $10^4$ -atom NAQMD simulation
- **Computational approach:** Divide-conquer-recombine (DCR) NAQMD

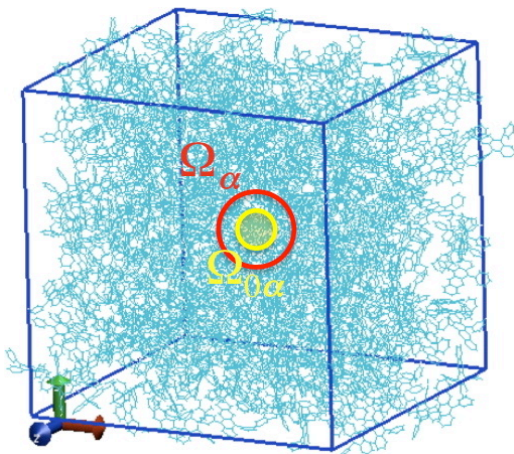


DPT molecule



Quasi-electron

Quasi-hole

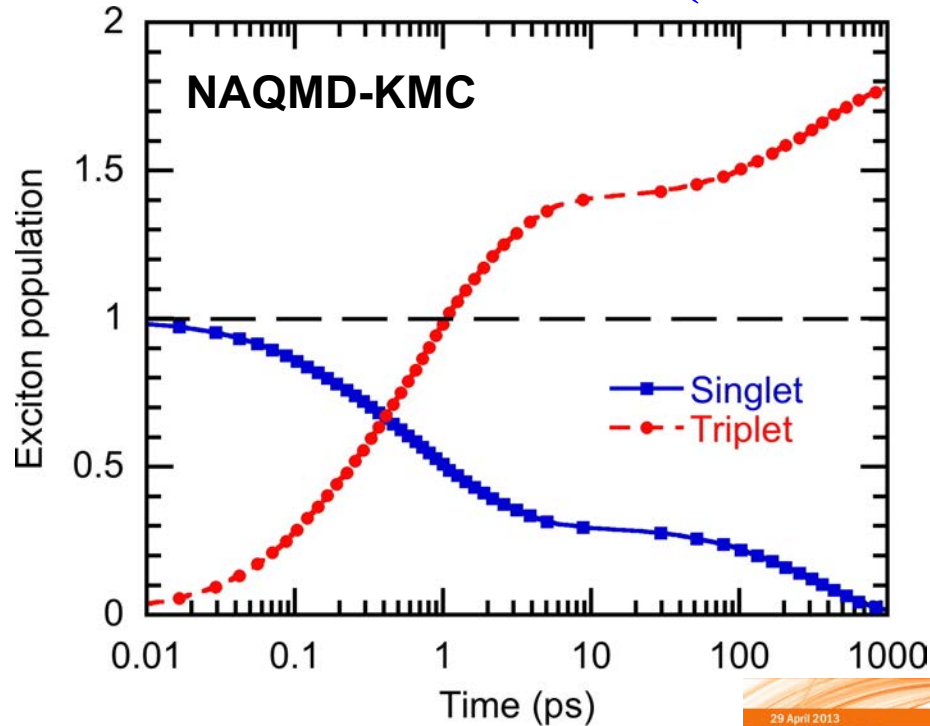


Amorphous DPT

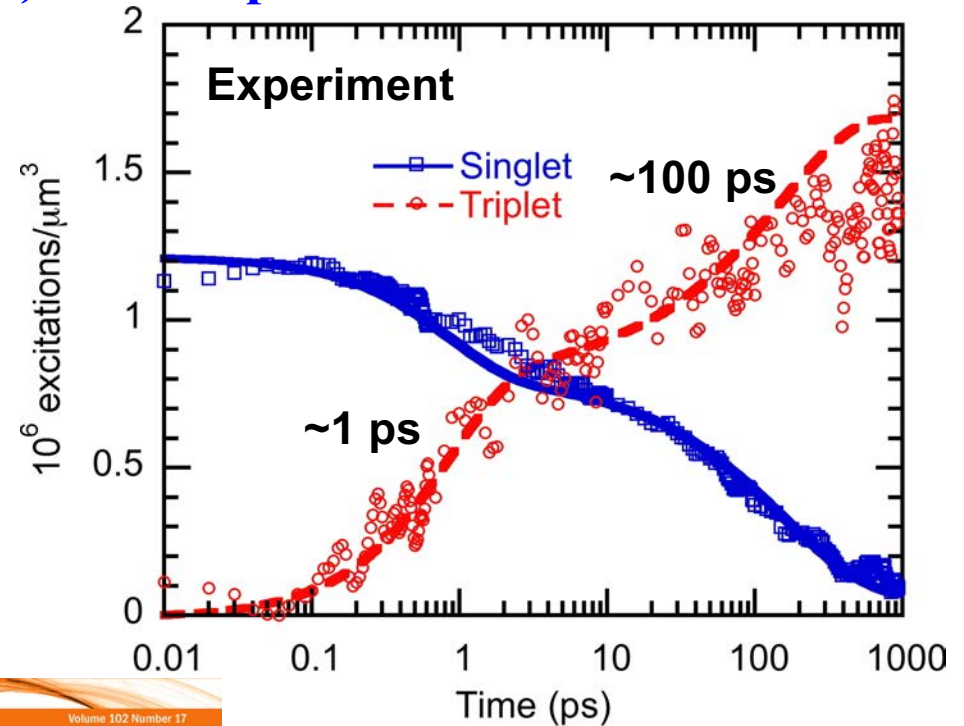
- **Divide-conquer-recombine NAQMD** (phonon-assisted exciton dynamics) + time-dependent perturbation theory (singlet-fission rate) + kinetic Monte Carlo calculations of exciton population dynamics in **6,400-atom** amorphous DPT

# NAQMD-informed Kinetic Monte Carlo

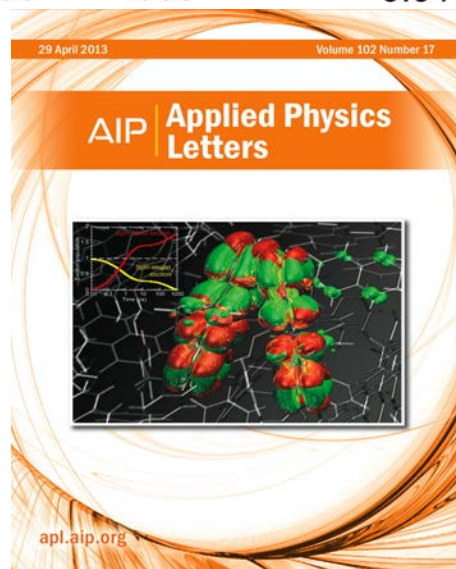
- NAQMD-KMC exciton population dynamics reproduces the experimentally observed two time scales ( $\sim 1$  &  $100$  ps) in amorphous DPT



W. Mou *et al.*,  
*Appl. Phys. Lett.*  
**100**, 173301 ('13)



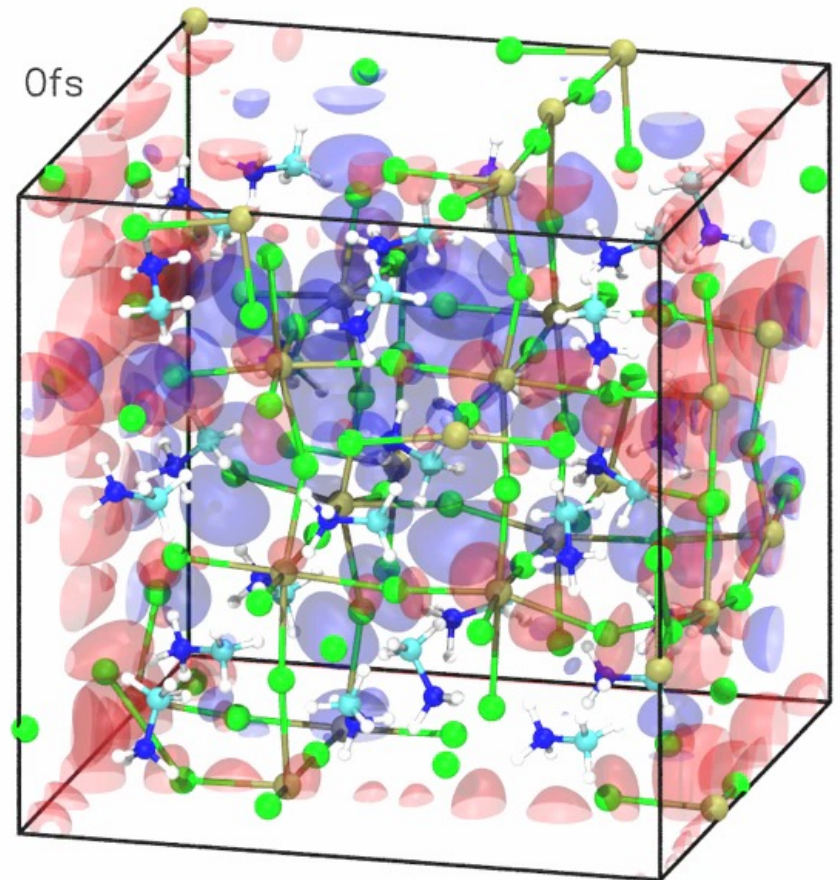
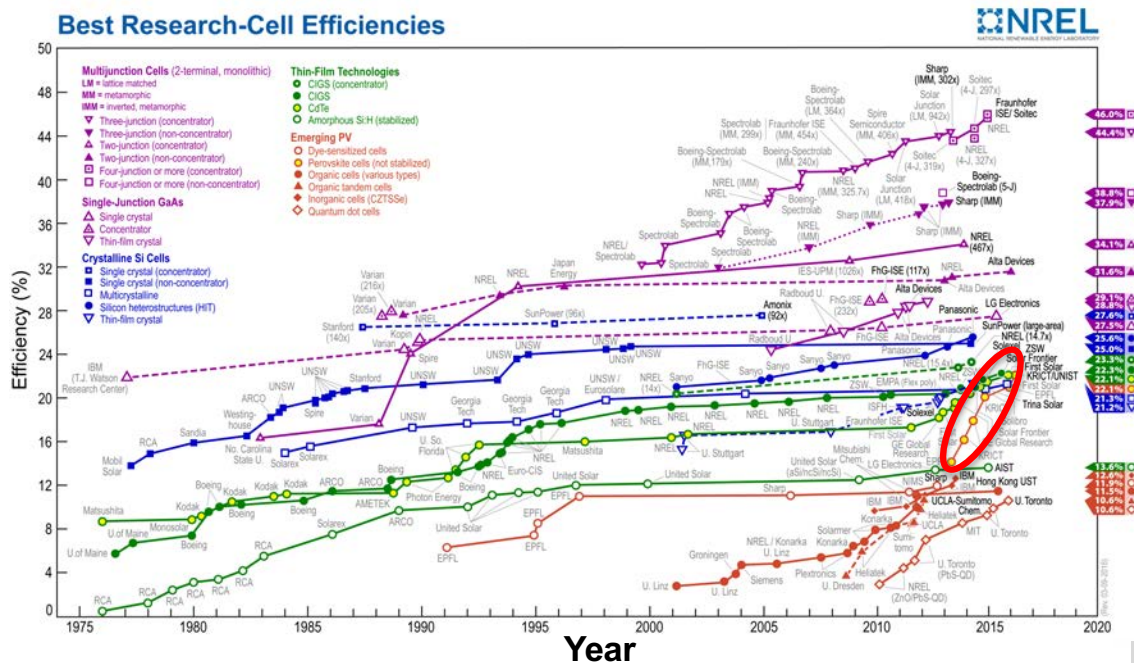
S. T. Roberts *et al.*,  
*J. Am. Chem. Soc.*  
**134**, 6388 ('12)



# Photoexcited Carriers in MAPbI<sub>3</sub>

- **Organometal halide perovskites (e.g. methylammonium lead iodide, CH<sub>3</sub>NH<sub>3</sub>PbI<sub>3</sub> or MAPbI<sub>3</sub>) for solar cells with high power conversion efficiency > 20%**

Stranks & Snaith, *Nat. Nanotechnol.* 10, 391 ('15)



- **Nonadiabatic QMD simulation**

**Pb & I sublattices act as disjunct pathways for rapid & balanced transport of free electrons & holes—electron (63% Pb-6p) & hole (90% I-5p);**  
**diffusion coefficients  $D_e = (1.16 \pm 0.31) \times 10^{-2} \text{ cm}^2/\text{s}$  &  $D_h = (1.01 \pm 0.42) \times 10^{-2} \text{ cm}^2/\text{s}$**

Expt:  $D_e = (1.7 \pm 1.1) \times 10^{-2} \text{ cm}^2/\text{s}$  &  $D_h = (1.1 \pm 0.7) \times 10^{-2} \text{ cm}^2/\text{s}$  [Stranks *et al.*, *Science* 342, 341 ('13)]

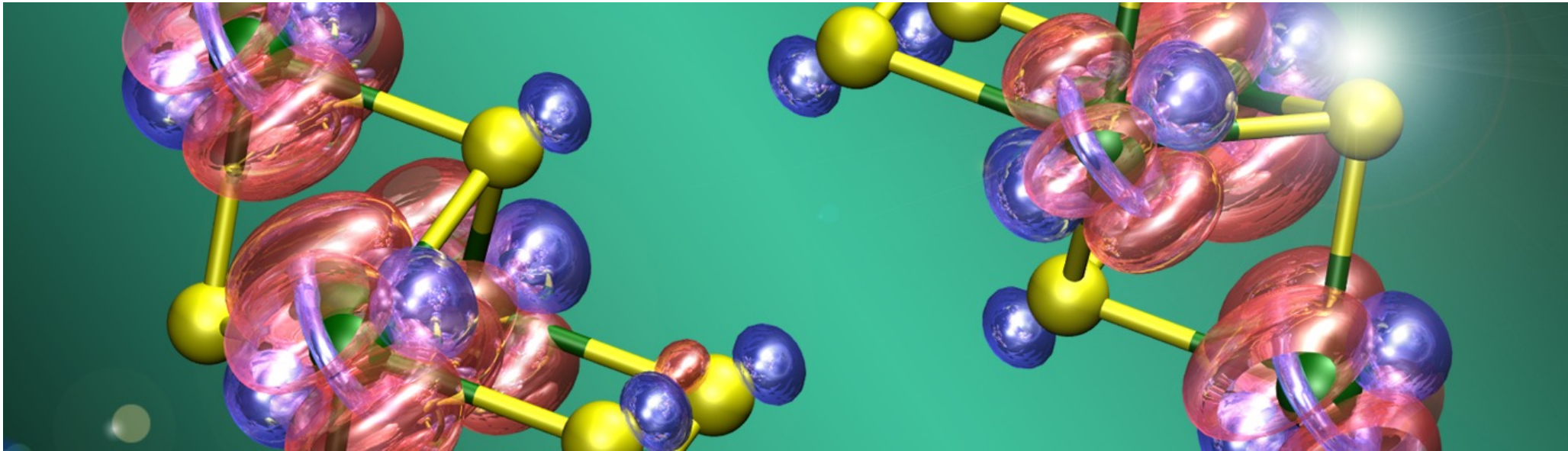
**Quasi-electron Quasi-hole H, C, N, I, Pb**

T. Hakamata *et al.*, *Sci. Rep.* 5, 19599 ('16)

# Simulation-Experiment Synergy

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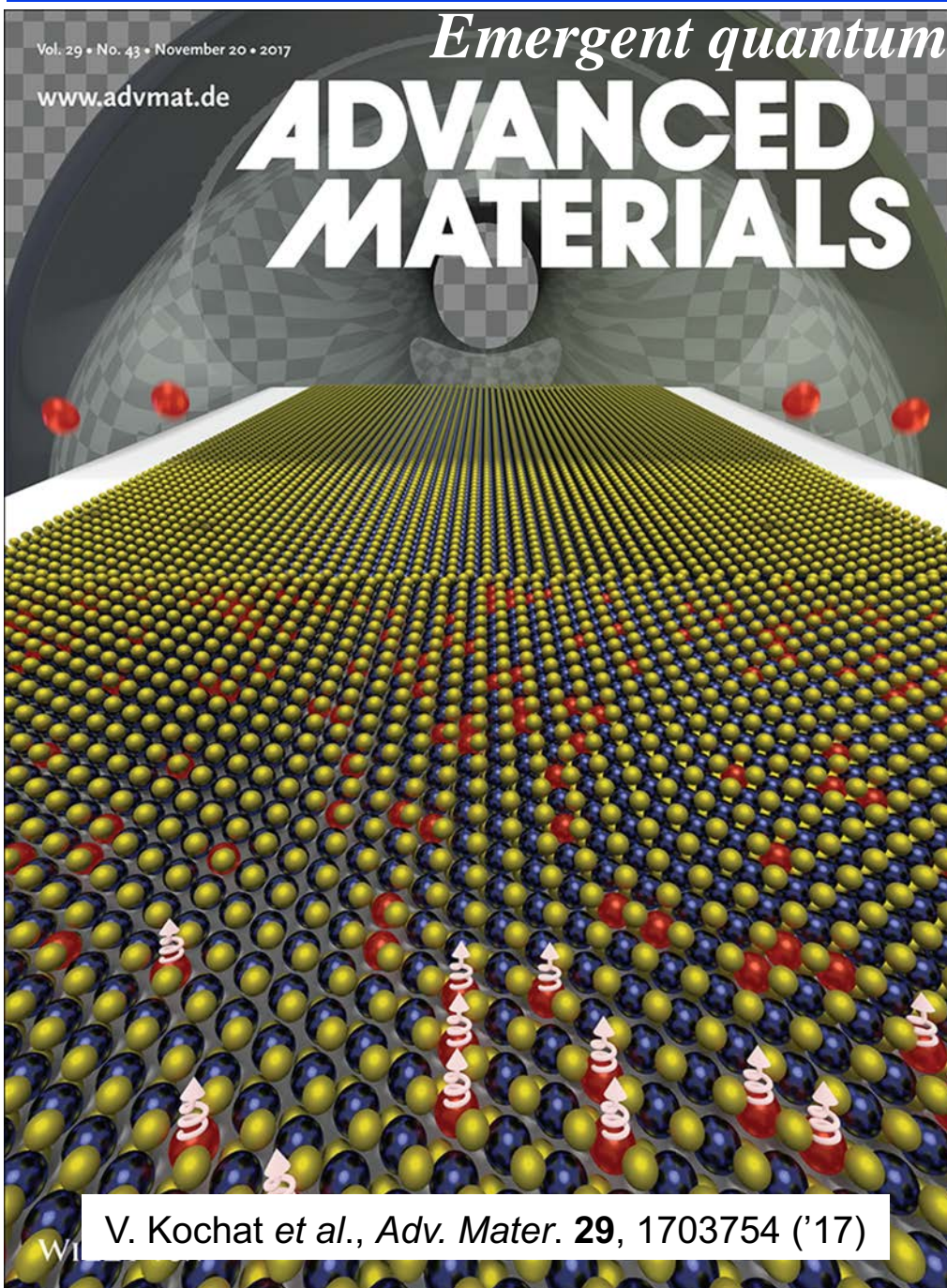


- In ultrafast ‘electron & X-ray cameras’, laser light hitting a material is almost completely converted into nuclear vibrations — key to switching material properties on & off at will for future electronics applications
- High-end quantum simulations reproduce the ultrafast energy conversion at exactly the same space & time scales, & explain it as a consequence of photo-induced phonon softening

M.F. Lin *et al.*, *Nature Commun.* **8**, 1745 ('17)

I. Tung *et al.*, *Nature Photon.* **13**, 425 ('19)

# Quantum Molecular Dynamics Simulations

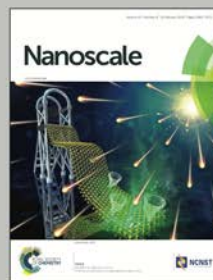


Showcasing research from Collaboratory for Advanced Computing and Simulations (CACS), University of Southern California, Los Angeles, USA.

Semiconductor–metal structural phase transformation in  $\text{MoTe}_2$  monolayers by electronic excitation

Optical control of transformations between semiconducting and metallic phases of two-dimensional materials can open the door for phase patterning of heterostructures for 2D electronics and catalysis applications. This work shows how optically-induced changes to the electronic structure and Fermi surface of monolayer semiconductors couple to lattice distortions, resulting in a more facile phase transformation pathway. This work highlights photoexcitation as a viable technique for functionalizing these material systems.

As featured in:



See Aravind Krishnamoorthy et al., *Nanoscale*, 2018, 10, 2742.

A. Krishnamoorthy et al., *Nanoscale* 10, 2742 ('18)

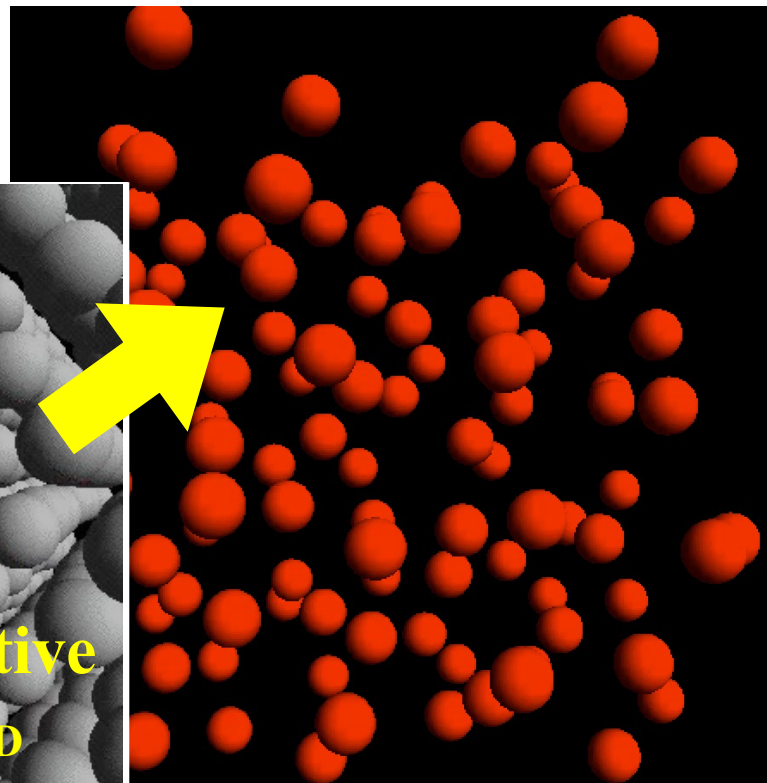


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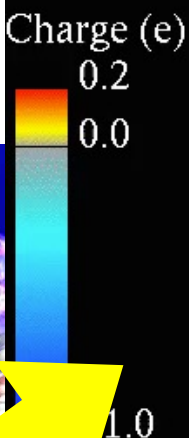
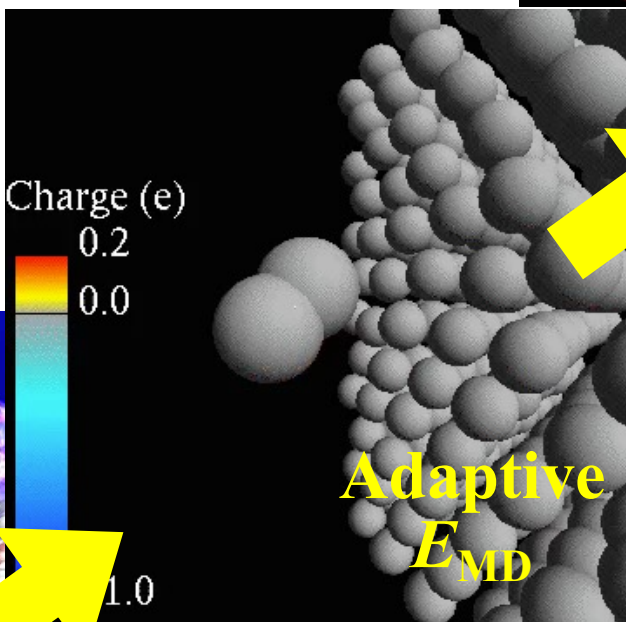
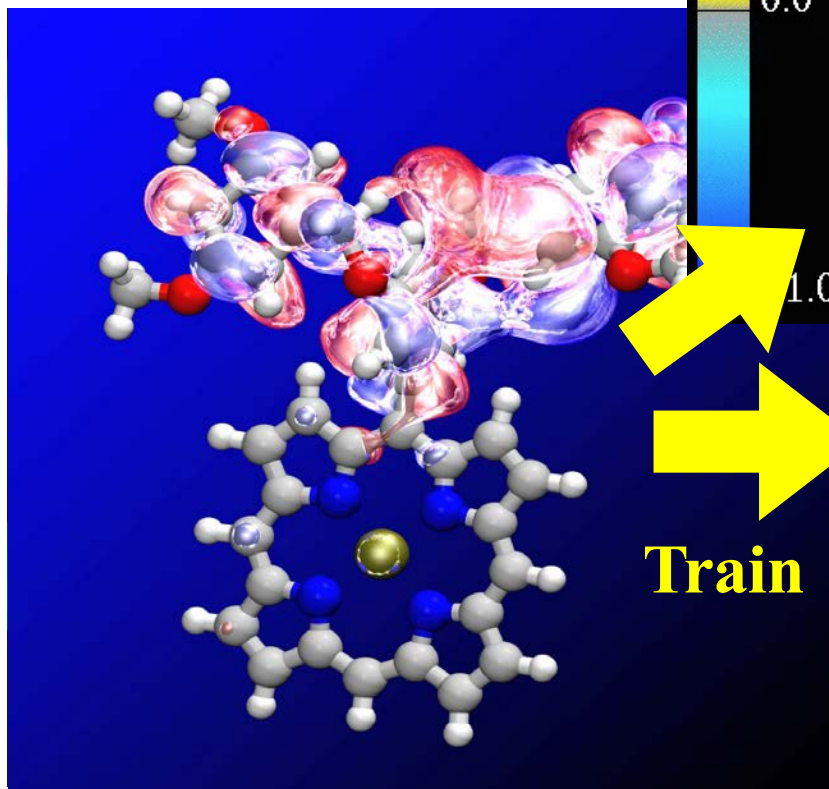
# Molecular Dynamics & Machine Learning

## Molecular Dynamics (*MD*)

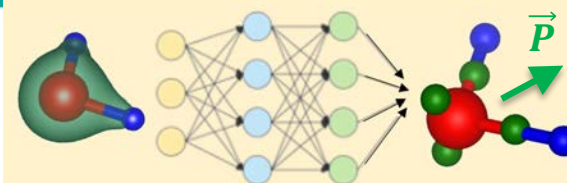
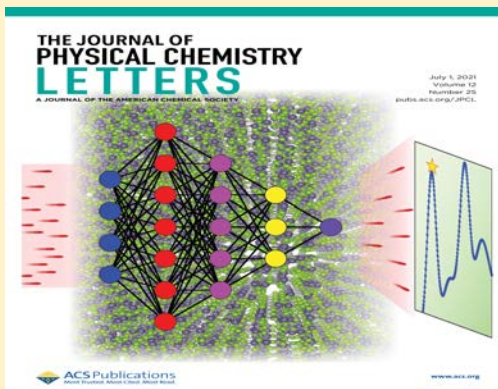


## Reactive MD (*RMD*)

## Nonadiabatic quantum MD (*NAQMD*)



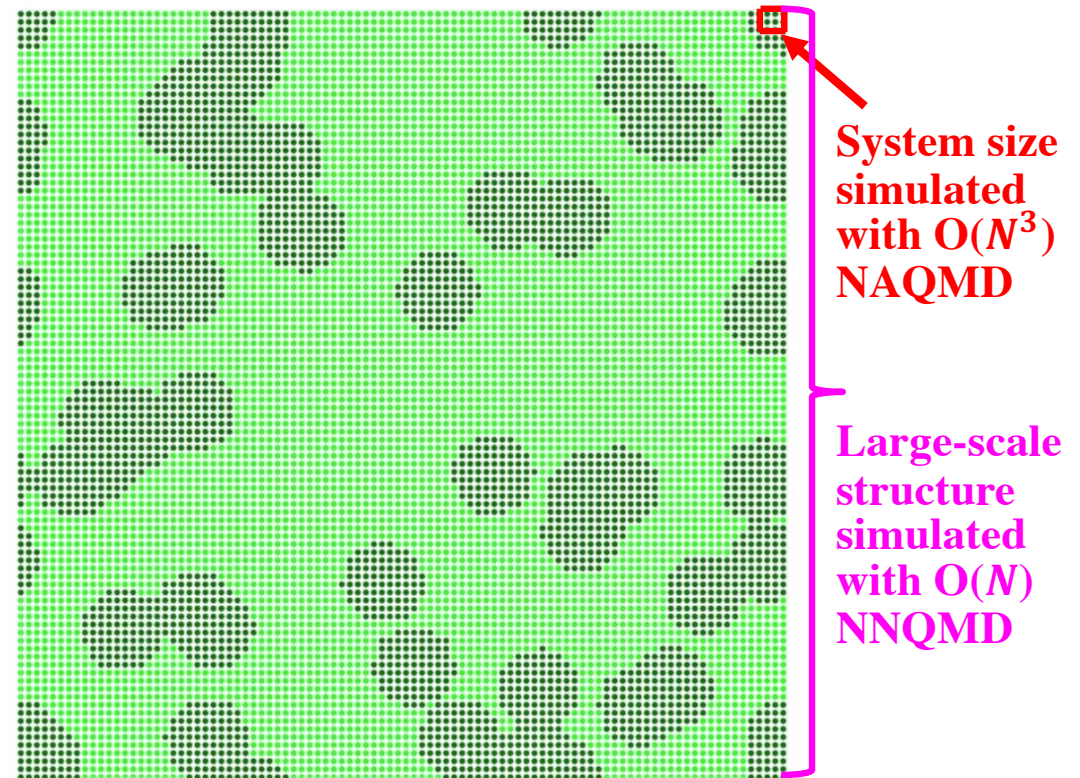
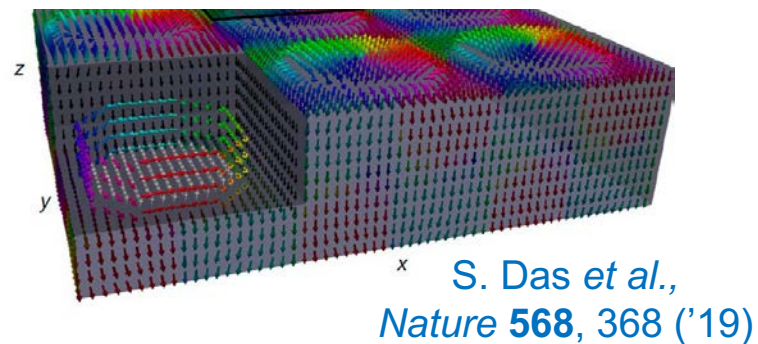
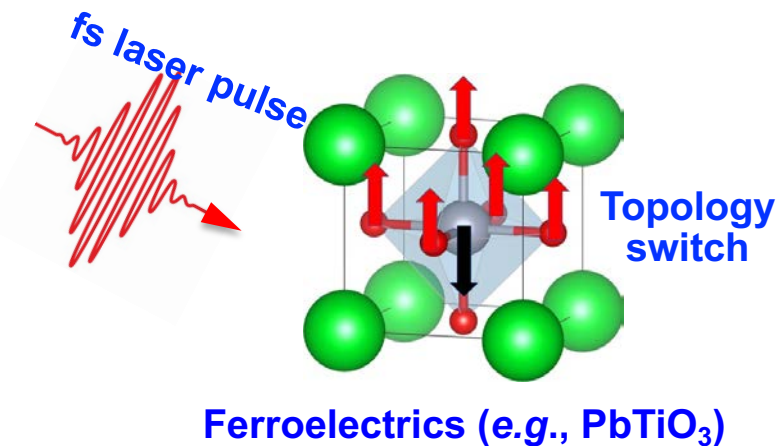
## First principles-based neural-network quantum molecular dynamics (*NNQMD*)



*Physical Review Letters*  
Editor's choice  
[126, 216403 ('21)]

*JPCl* 12, 6020 ('21)

# NNQMD Application: Polar Topotronics



- Photo-switch of ferroelectric topology (e.g., polar skyrmion) for ultrafast, ultralow-power opto-electronics
- Excited-state NNQMD reveals topological phase-transition dynamics similar to Kibble-Zurek mechanism in cosmology



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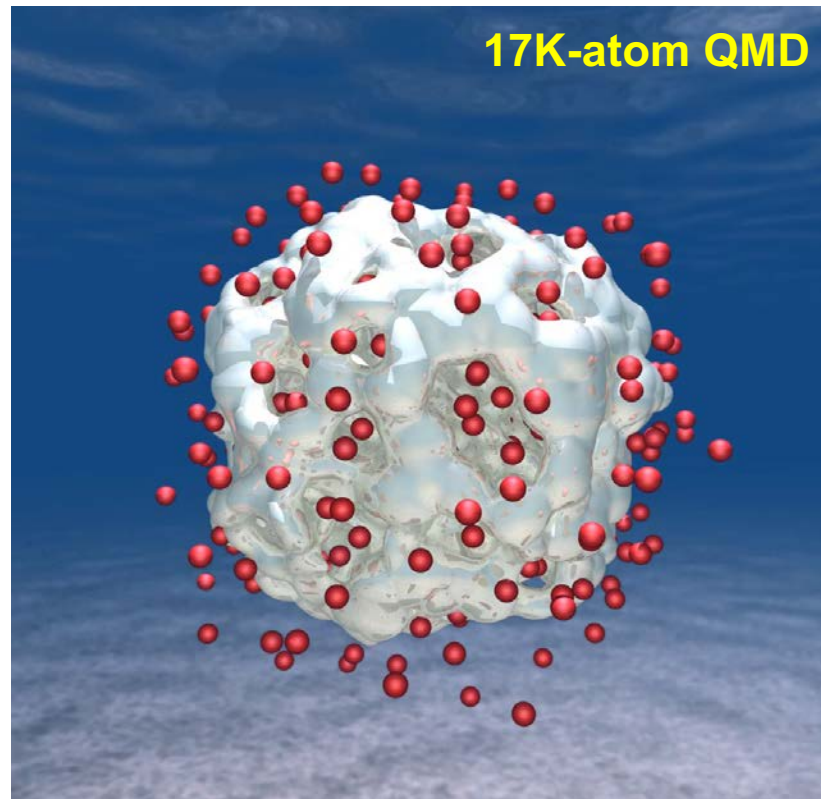
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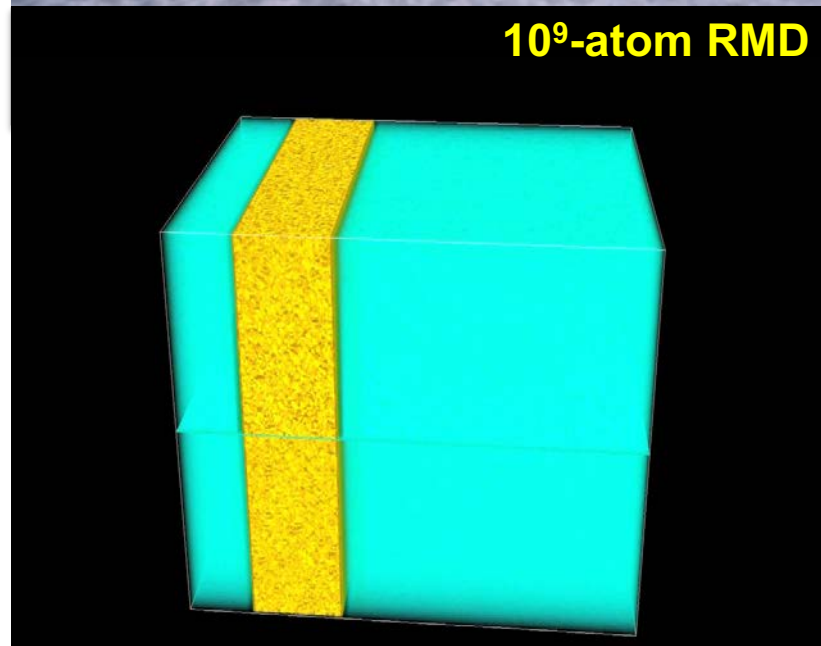
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17K-atom QMD



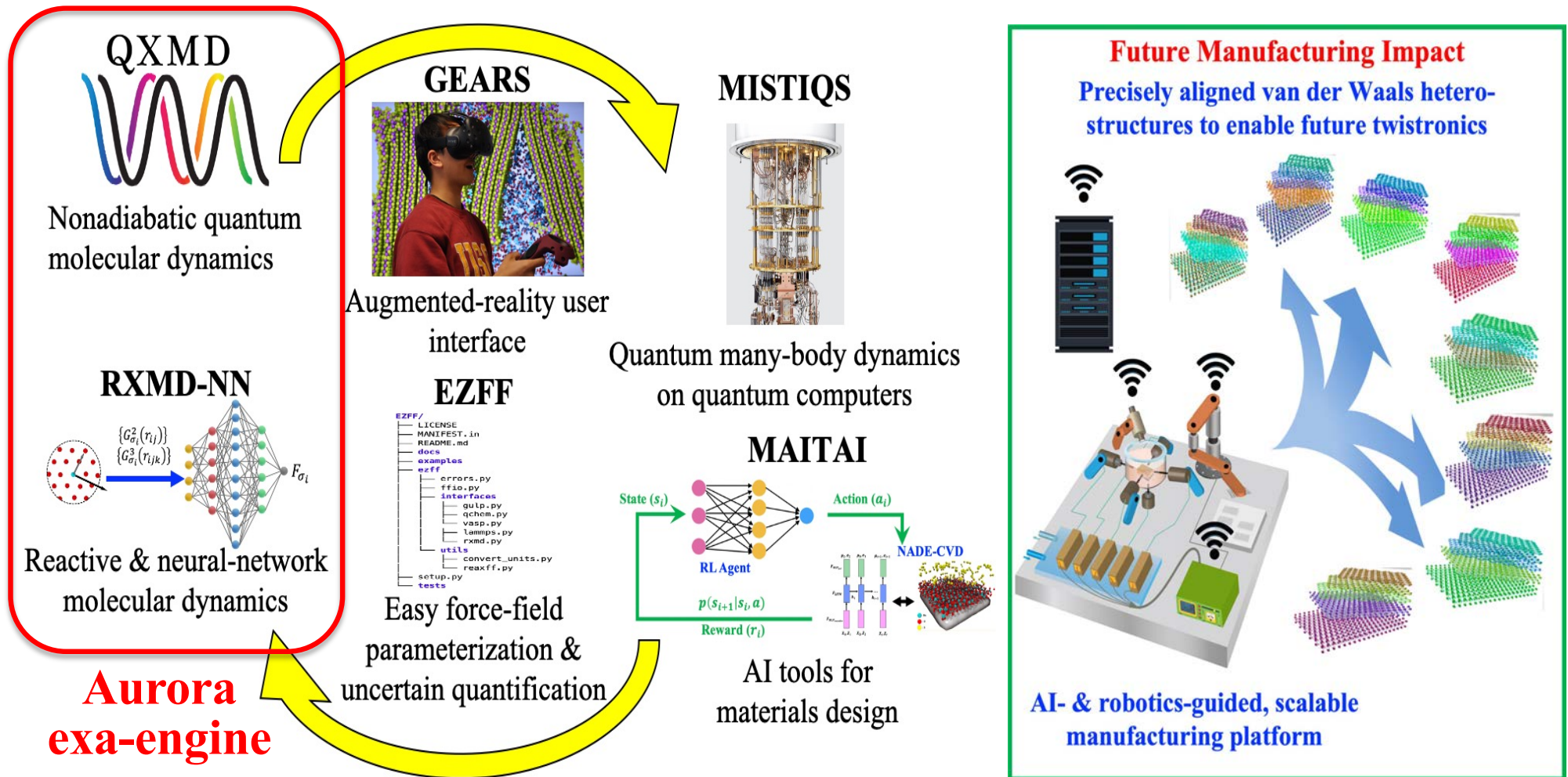
$10^9$ -atom RMD

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<https://aiichironakano.github.io/cs699.html>