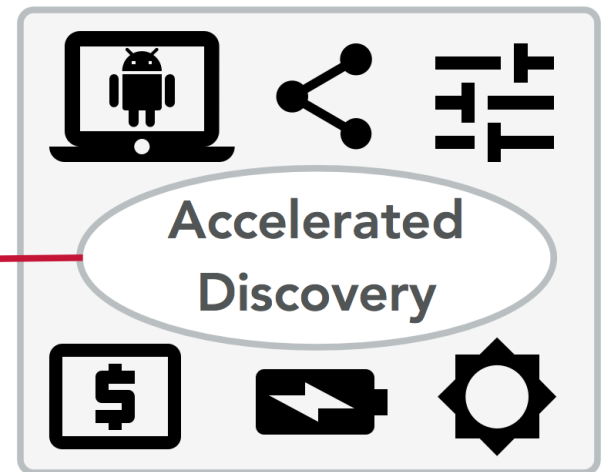


# From Atoms to Devices: Materials design for new energy technologies

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# Chemistry to Physics to Materials

## **Trinity College Dublin, Ireland**

BA and PhD in Computational Chemistry

## **National Renewable Energy Laboratory, USA**

Postdoc in Materials Physics (w/ Su-Huai Wei)

## **University College London, UK**

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## **University of Bath, UK**

Royal Society University Research Fellow

## **Imperial College London, UK**

Professor in Materials Design



# Chemistry to Physics to Materials

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## **Trinity College Dublin, Ireland**

Structure-property relationships in metal oxides

## **National Renewable Energy Laboratory, USA**

Photovoltaics and photoelectrochemistry

## **University College London, UK**

Electroactive metal-organic frameworks

## **University of Bath, UK**

Kesterite and perovskite solar cells

## **Imperial College London, UK**

Theory of imperfect crystals

## Bath – CSCT CDT Students

### Dr. Lee Burton

SnS solar cells – PDRA at U.C. de Louvain

### Dr. Adam Jackson

Thermodynamics of  $\text{Cu}_2\text{ZnSnS}_4$  – PDRA at UCL

### Dr. Jessica Bristow

Metal-organic frameworks – PDRA at Liverpool

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Defects in metal sulfide solar cells

### Daniel Davies

Materials screening and informatics

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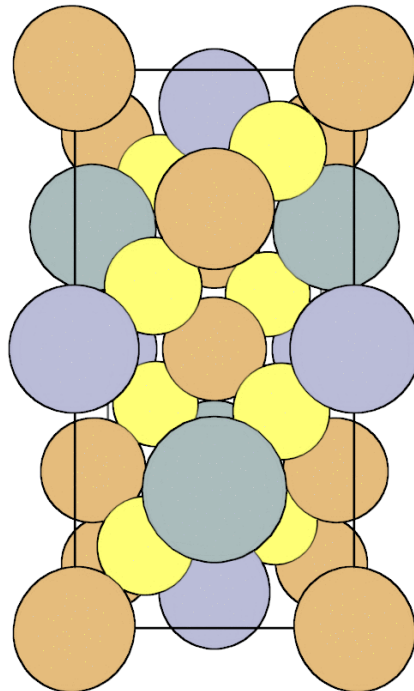


# Solar Minerology

**Developing sustainable energy technologies:  
from minerals to devices**



Kesterite Mineral



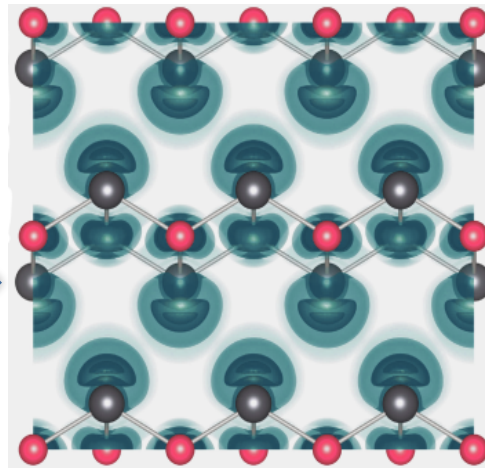
Solar Panel

# Transparent Electronics

**Compounds that conduct electricity and are optically transparent**



Copper Wire



HD-TFT Displays

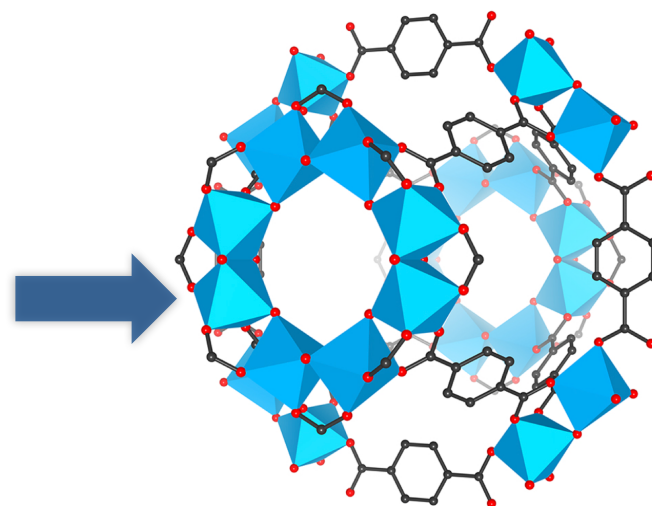
IGZO  
( $\text{In}_x\text{Ga}_y\text{Zn}_z\text{O}$ )

# Metal-Organic Frameworks (MOFs)

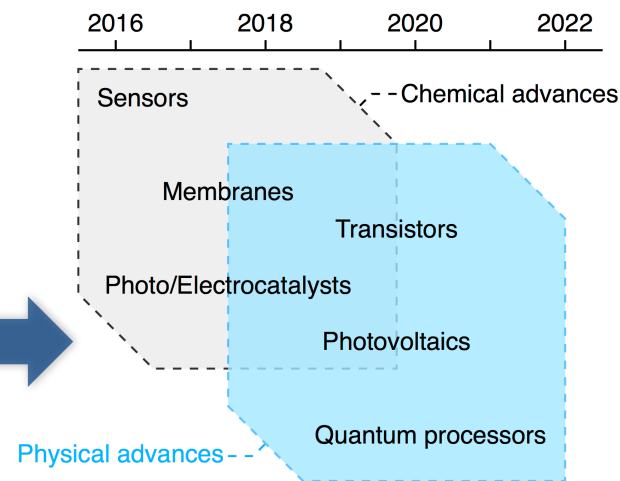
**Functional porous crystals from organic and inorganic building blocks**



**Molecular  
Self-assembly**



**MIL-125**



**Technology  
Roadmap**



# Talk Motivation

**New Materials for  
Energy Technologies**



**Performance**  
**Cost**  
**Stability**  
**Sustainability**

**Is computational materials  
design now a reality?**

# Talk Outline

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1. Materials Modelling in 2017
2. From Atoms to Devices

# First-Principles Materials Modelling

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**Structure**

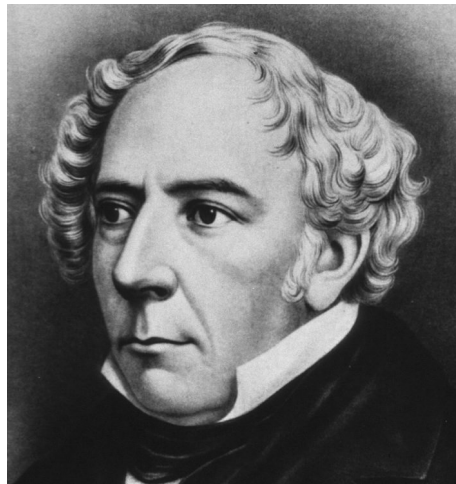
**X-ray Diffraction**  
(unit cells)



Kathleen Lonsdale  
(Kildare, 1903)



**Hamiltonian**  
(ions and electrons)



William Hamilton  
(Dublin, 1805)

Output:  
**Properties**


**Physical Chemistry**  
(stimuli)



Robert Boyle  
(Waterford, 1627)

# Equations too Difficult to Solve

## Relativistic Quantum Mechanics

$$(i\cancel{\partial} - m)\Psi = 0$$


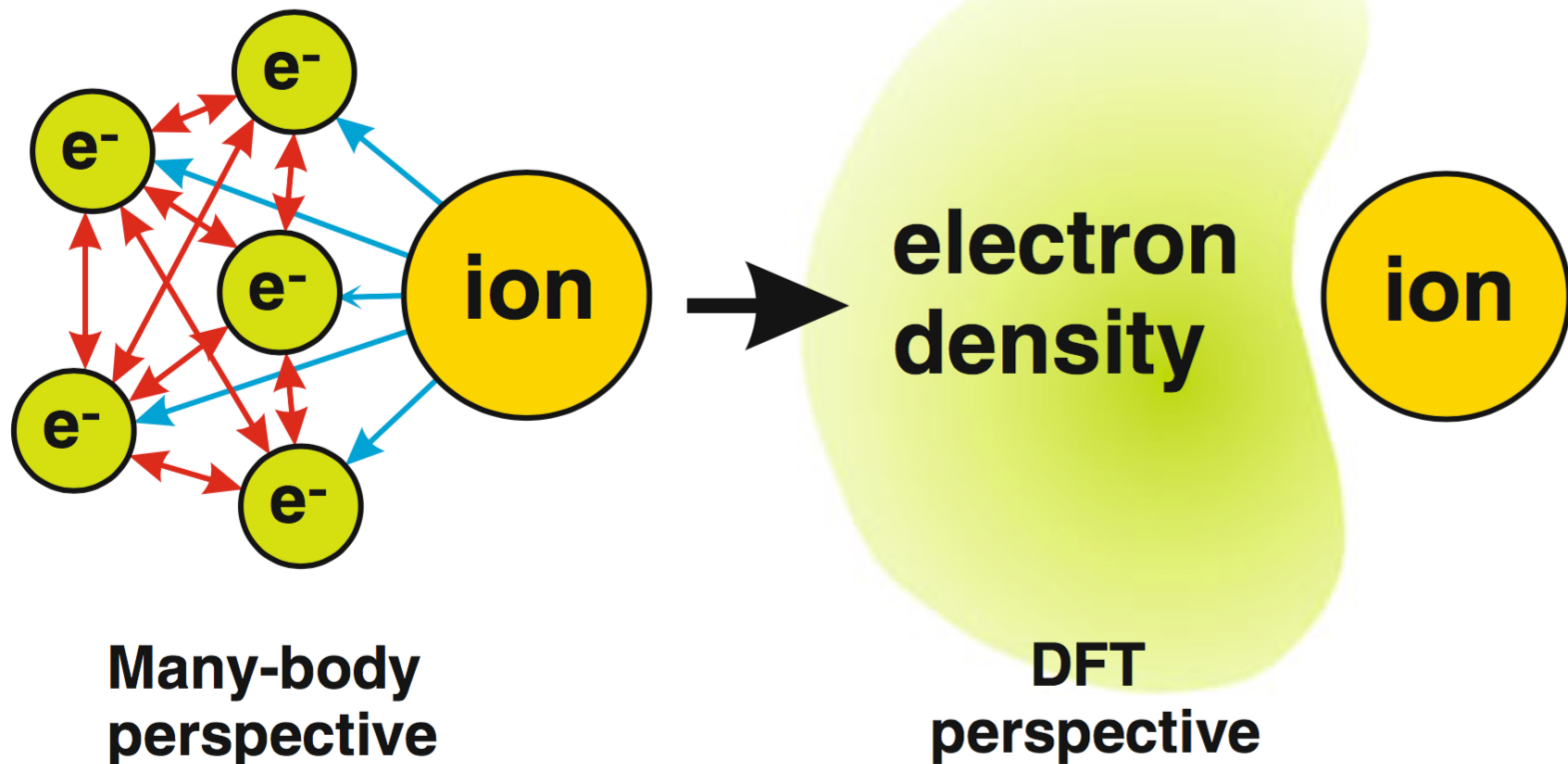
The Dirac equation doesn't look too difficult, but here it is in a heavily condensed form (thanks to Feynman slash notation and tricks from geometric algebra)

**“Approximate practical methods of applying quantum mechanics should be developed”**

**Paul Dirac, 1929**

# Approximate Theories

## Emergence of Density Functional Theory



# 2017 Supercomputers ( $10^{17}$ FLOPS)

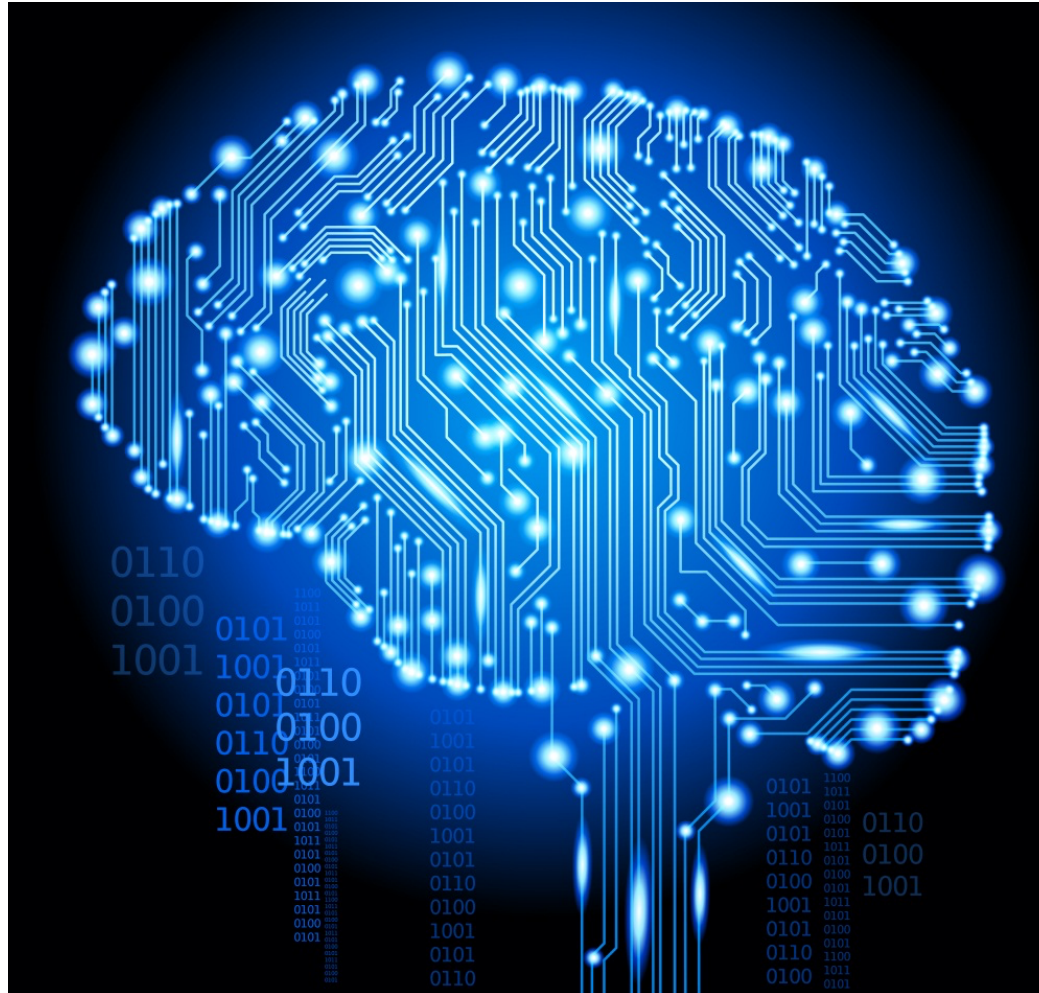
## Top500.org Ranking

### TOP 10 Sites for November 2016

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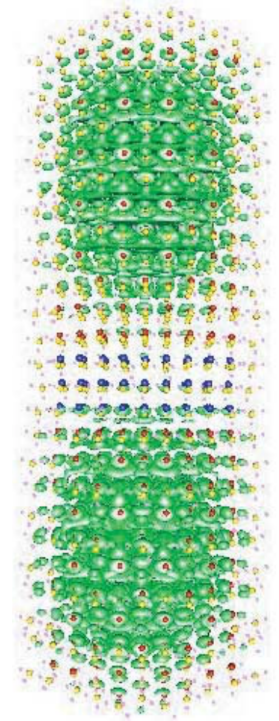
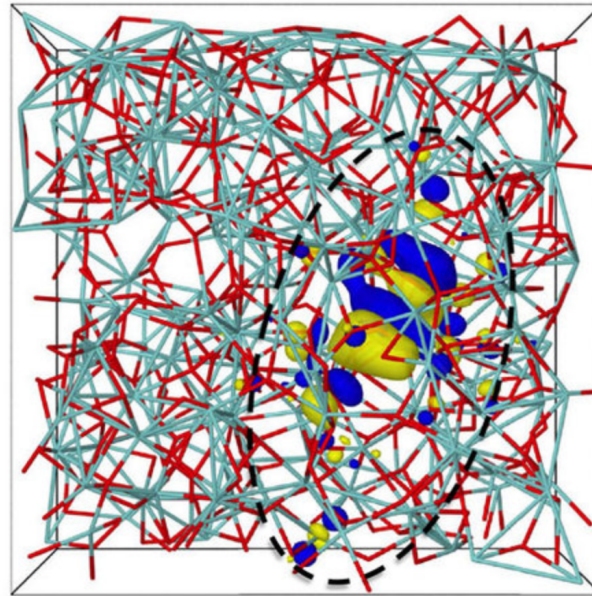
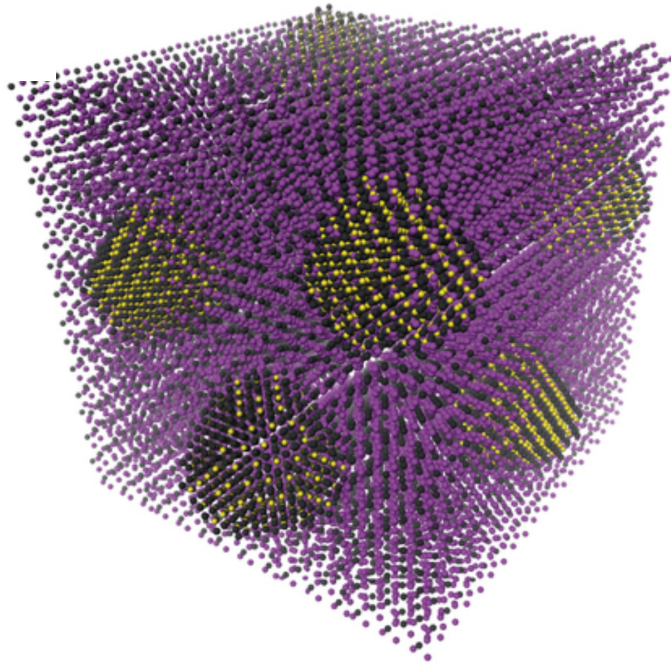
Rank	Site	System	Cores	Rmax (TFlop/s)	Rpeak (TFlop/s)	Power (kW)
1	National Supercomputing Center in Wuxi China	<b>Sunway TaihuLight</b> - Sunway MPP, Sunway SW26010 260C 1.45GHz, Sunway NRCP	10,649,600	93,014.6	125,435.9	15,371
2	National Super Computer Center in Guangzhou China	<b>Tianhe-2 (MilkyWay-2)</b> - TH-IVB-FEP Cluster, Intel Xeon E5-2692 12C 2.200GHz, TH Express-2, Intel Xeon Phi 31S1P NUDT	3,120,000	33,862.7	54,902.4	17,808
3	DOE/SC/Oak Ridge National Laboratory United States	<b>Titan</b> - Cray XK7 , Opteron 6274 16C 2.200GHz, Cray Gemini interconnect, NVIDIA K20x Cray Inc.	560,640	17,590.0	27,112.5	8,209
4	DOE/NNSA/LLNL United States	<b>Sequoia</b> - BlueGene/Q, Power BQC 16C 1.60 GHz, Custom IBM	1,572,864	17,173.2	20,132.7	7,890
5	DOE/SC/LBNL/NERSC United States	<b>Cori</b> - Cray XC40, Intel Xeon Phi 7250 68C 1.4GHz, Aries interconnect Cray Inc.	622,336	14,014.7	27,880.7	3,939

# Exascale Computing ( $10^{18}$ FLOPS)





# Thousands of Interacting Electrons



**“With density functional theory as your hammer,  
everything starts to look like a nail”**

**Chris Pickard (University of Cambridge), 2009**

# Past: Local Optimisation

**INPUT**

**Structure**

**OUTPUT**

**Properties**

# Past: Local Optimisation

PHYSICAL REVIEW B

VOLUME 17, NUMBER 12

15 JUNE 1978

## Local-density self-consistent energy-band structure of cubic CdS

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(Received 9 February 1978)

Self-consistent *ab initio* studies of the electronic-energy-band structure of cubic CdS are reported within the local-density-functional (LDF) formalism. All electrons are included using our previously reported linear-combination-of-atomic-orbitals method in a numerical basis representation. In the first set of calculations we employ the same lattice constant, exchange (only) potential, and computational parameters as were used by Stukel *et al.* in their early self-consistent orthogonalized-plane-wave (SCOPW) investigation so that a direct comparison of results can be made and the validity of the SCOPW approach for covalently bonded 4*d* systems can be assessed. In the second set of calculations, the Stukel *et al.* computational restrictions are relaxed, a more accurate lattice parameter is employed, and the Kohn-Sham exchange and the Singwi *et al.* correlation potential are used to obtain the local-density formalism solutions to the band problem, including variation of the band structure and related properties with pressure (change of lattice constant). Comparison with optical and x-ray and uv photoemission experiments for excitations of both the *s-p* and metal *d* bands in the 5–19 eV region indicate very good agreement. The direct gap at  $\Gamma$  is, however, found to be 0.5 eV (25%) too small, a discrepancy similar to that previously found in nonempirical studies for other heteropolar insulators (e.g., Ne and LiF). This is traced to the neglect of the different orbital relaxation at the  $\Gamma_{25}$  and  $\Gamma_1$  band edges and to the noncancellation of the self-interaction terms characteristic of the local-density potential. Simple atomic total-energy models for these effects are shown to bring this gap into good agreement with experiment. It is concluded that a first-principles (parameter-free) exchange and correlation LDF model describes very well the main electronic-structure features of the system.

# Past: Local Optimisation

PHYSICAL REVIEW B **89**, 205203 (2014)

## Thermal physics of the lead chalcogenides PbS, PbSe, and PbTe from first principles

Jonathan M. Skelton,<sup>1</sup> Stephen C. Parker,<sup>1</sup> Atsushi Togo,<sup>2</sup> Isao Tanaka,<sup>2,3</sup> and Aron Walsh<sup>1,\*</sup>

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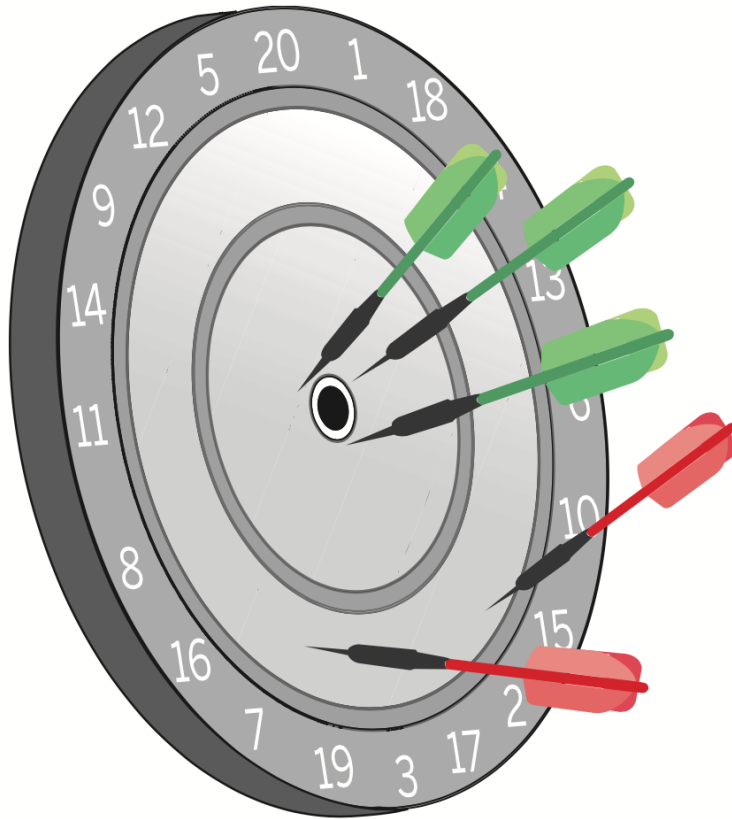
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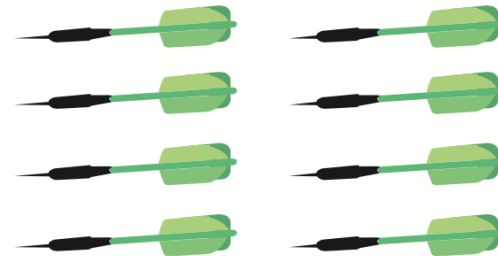
The lead chalcogenides represent an important family of functional materials, in particular due to the benchmark high-temperature thermoelectric performance of PbTe. A number of recent investigations, experimental and theoretical, have aimed to gather insight into their unique lattice dynamics and electronic structure. However, the majority of first-principles modeling has been performed at fixed temperatures, and there has been no comprehensive and systematic computational study of the effect of temperature on the material properties. We report a comparative lattice-dynamics study of the temperature dependence of the properties of PbS, PbSe, and PbTe, focusing particularly on those relevant to thermoelectric performance, *viz.* phonon frequencies, lattice thermal conductivity, and electronic band structure. Calculations are performed within the quasiharmonic approximation, with the inclusion of phonon-phonon interactions from many-body perturbation theory, which are used to compute phonon lifetimes and predict the lattice thermal conductivity. The results are critically compared against experimental data and other calculations, and add insight to ongoing research on the PbX compounds in relation to the off-centering of Pb at high temperatures, which is shown to be related to phonon softening. The agreement with experiment suggests that this method could serve as a straightforward, powerful, and generally applicable means of investigating the temperature dependence of material properties from first principles.



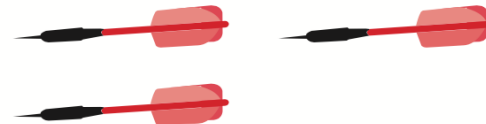
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**New methods**  
Mutual agreement



**Old methods**  
Different values



**"Reproducibility in density functional theory calculations of solids"**

Science 351, 1415 (2016)

# Present: Global Optimisation

**INPUT**

**Composition**

**OUTPUT**

**Structure**

# Present: Global Optimisation

Solid State Ionics 8 (1983) 179–186  
North-Holland Publishing Company

## PREDICTION OF MINERAL CRYSTAL STRUCTURES

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Received 7 November 1982

The aim of our work has been to develop a computer simulation technique that can predict the structure of minerals. The basis of the technique is energy minimisation, i.e. all structural parameters are varied until the configuration with the lowest lattice energy is achieved; the initial configuration usually corresponds to an “ideal” structure based on regular polyhedra. The lattice energy is calculated using a specified potential model which includes electrostatic and short-range terms. These techniques can be applied to two distinct areas of structure prediction. The first concerns discrimination between alternative space groups proposed for the same structure. The second concerns the calculation of distortions from ideal close-packed structures. Here we concentrated mainly on silicate minerals. Furthermore, by varying the cell parameters we were able to simulate the effect of pressure on the crystal structure. Our results show that it is possible to establish potential models which predict detailed features of mineral structural chemistry.



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NATURE VOL. 335 15 SEPTEMBER 1988

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## Crystals from first principles

*A new calculation of the polymorphs of silica appears to have broken new ground in deriving crystal structure from chemical composition. But X-ray crystallographers need not worry — yet.*

ONE of the continuing scandals in the physical sciences is that it remains in general impossible to predict the structure of even the simplest crystalline solids from a knowledge of their chemical composition. Who, for example, would guess that graphite, not diamond, is the thermodynamically stable allotrope of carbon at ordinary temperature and pressure? Solids such as crystalline water (ice) are still thought to lie beyond mortals' ken.

oxygen atoms — the authors estimate 0.7 of an electron charge for every SiO bond, or close on two electron charges for those O atoms bound to two Si atoms. So, to ensure that their calculated structures are electrically neutral, the authors place electronic charges at points 1.65 Å along the four tetrahedral axes of the cluster, neatly simulating in the process the electrostatic effects of the neighbouring oxygen ions found in structures such as

modulus within 10 per cent. The agreement between calculated energy (enthalpy) of the polymorphs and the few measurements available is even better (1 per cent), but the authors say they could probably do even better if they allowed for the band structure of these polymorphs and the extent to which the bands are filled at different temperatures.

Several refinements remain to be explored. The chances are that three-body

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LETTERS

## Ionic high-pressure form of elemental boron

Artem R. Oganov<sup>1,2,†</sup>, Jihua Chen<sup>3,4</sup>, Carlo Gatti<sup>5</sup>, Yanzhang Ma<sup>6</sup>, Yanming Ma<sup>1,7</sup>, Colin W. Glass<sup>1</sup>, Zhenxian Liu<sup>8</sup>, Tony Yu<sup>3</sup>, Oleksandr O. Kurakevych<sup>9</sup> & Vladimir L. Solozhenko<sup>9</sup>

Boron is an element of fascinating chemical complexity. Controversies have shrouded this element since its discovery was announced in 1808: the new ‘element’ turned out to be a compound containing less than 60–70% of boron, and it was not until 1909 that 99% pure boron was obtained<sup>1</sup>. And although we now know of at least 16 polymorphs<sup>2</sup>, the stable phase of boron is not yet experimentally established even at ambient conditions<sup>3</sup>. Boron’s complexities arise from frustration: situated between metals and insulators in the periodic table, boron has only three valence electrons, which would favour metallicity, but they are sufficiently

the room-temperature compression of  $\beta$ -B<sub>106</sub> showed metastable amorphization<sup>11</sup> at 100 GPa and the onset of superconductivity<sup>13</sup> at 160 GPa. When using laser heating to overcome kinetic barriers, it was found that  $\beta$ -B<sub>106</sub> transforms into the T-192 phase above 10 GPa at 2,280 K (ref. 14).

To further explore the intriguing high-pressure behaviour of boron, we have used 99.9999% pure  $\beta$ -B<sub>106</sub> to synthesize (both from the melt and from the solid state) about a dozen samples containing dark-grey grains of a hitherto unknown phase of boron (see Methods for details). Single-phase samples were obtained at 12 GPa, 15 GPa

# Present: Global Optimisation



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## Report on the sixth blind test of organic crystal structure prediction methods

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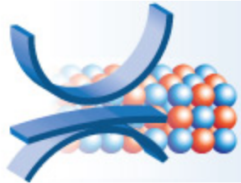
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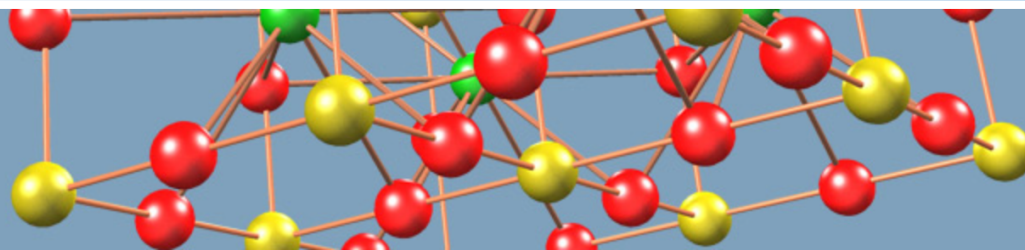
Composition  
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# Future: Materials Design (USA)



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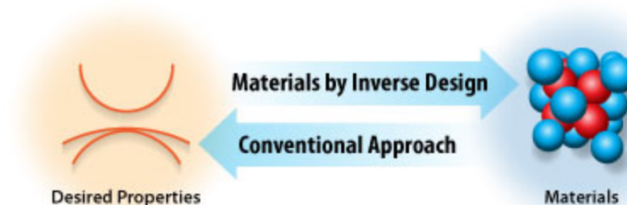
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Comparison of the "materials by inverse design" approach (left to right) versus the conventional approach (right to left)

The target properties of interest include general semiconductor optical and electrical properties; the desired materials functionalities include electron- and hole-conductive

## Quick Links

[Reinventing Material Science](#)  
(Continuum Magazine, 10/2012)

[The Mystery of the Missing Materials](#)

[Inverse Design summer school brochure, 9/2011](#)

[Center for Inverse Design poster for EFRC Summit, 5/2011](#)

[Center for Inverse Design fact sheet](#)

[Energy Frontier Research Center slide](#)

[NREL gets \\$20M from DOE for solar](#)   
(Denver Business Journal, 8/6/09)

[NREL Center Turns Materials Design Upside Down](#)  
(NREL news feature, 8/14/09)

# Future: Materials Design (UK)

## MATERIALS INNOVATION FACTORY

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## Computer Aided Material Science

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The potential that new forms of computing and automation can bring to research is near limitless.






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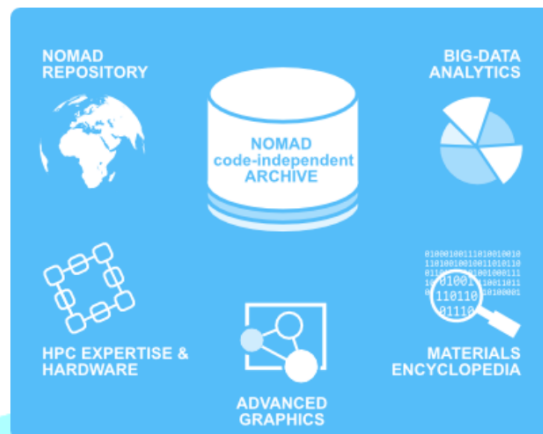
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# Future: Materials Design (EU)



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[NOMAD Computer scientist position at the Fritz Haber Institute, Berlin](#)

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[Berlin Big Data Research Newsletter](#)

# Computational Property Databases

- <http://aflowlib.org>
- <https://materialsproject.org>
- <http://repository.nomad-coe.eu>
- <http://materials.nrel.gov>
- <http://oqmd.org>
- <http://phonondb.mtl.kyoto-u.ac.jp>
- <http://www.tedesignlab.org>

**“We now need a database of databases”**

**Jonathan Skelton (University of Bath), 2015**

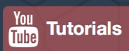
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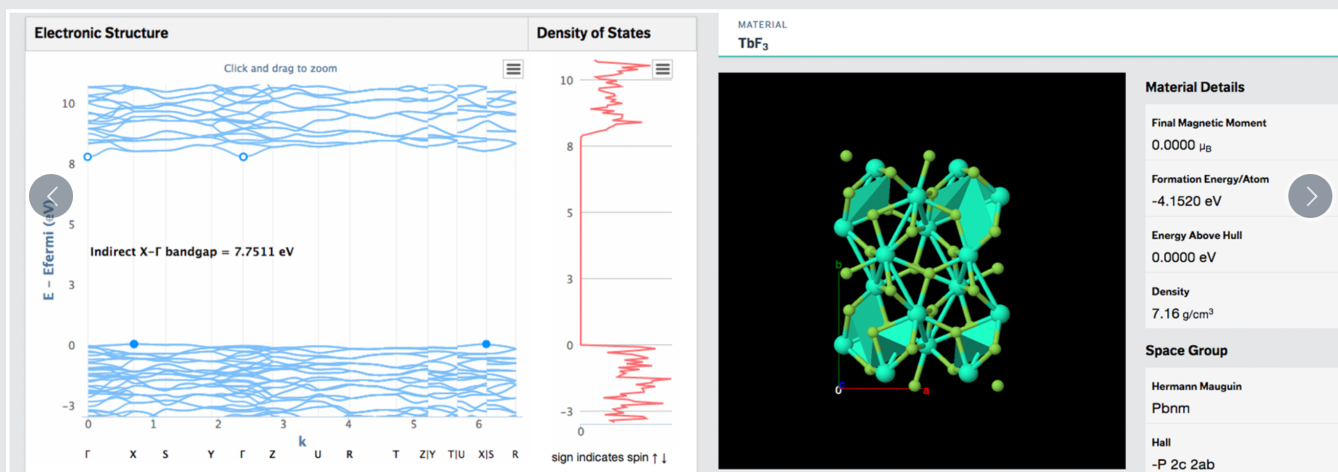
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## Database Statistics

**67,489**

INORGANIC COMPOUNDS

**32,198**

BANDSTRUCTURES

**21,954**

MOLECULES

**530,243**

NANOPOROUS MATERIALS

**4,375**

ELASTIC TENSORS

**941**

PIEZOELECTRIC TENSORS


**3,628**

INTERCALATION ELECTRODES

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Python Materials Genomics (pymatgen) is a robust materials analysis code that defines core object representations for structures and molecules with support for many electronic structure codes. It is currently the core analysis code powering the Materials Project. <http://www.pymatgen.org>

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# Talk Outline

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1. Materials Modelling in 2017
2. From Atoms to Devices



# Games Are Fun (And Useful)



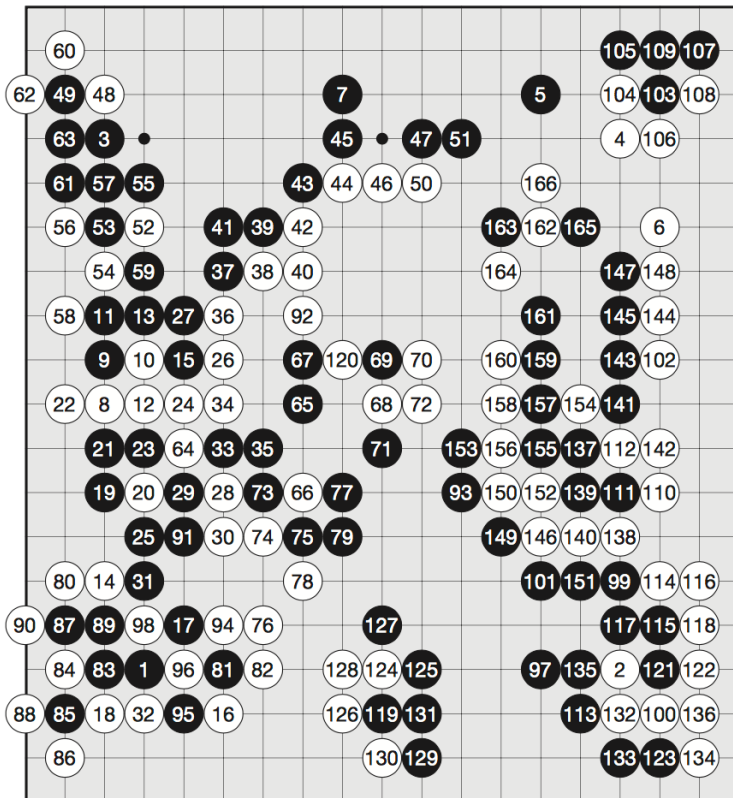
# Confucius (China, 500 BCE)



*Gentlemen should not waste their time on trivial games – they should study **go**.*

# Combinatorial Explosion

Fan Hui (Black), AlphaGo (White)  
AlphaGo wins by resignation



- $19 \times 19$  grid
- Black, white, empty
- $3^{361} = 10^{172}$

~  $10^{80}$  atoms in the  
universe

# Alpha Go

## ARTICLE

doi:10.1038/nature16961

# Mastering the game of Go with deep neural networks and tree search

David Silver<sup>1\*</sup>, Aja Huang<sup>1\*</sup>, Chris J. Maddison<sup>1</sup>, Arthur Guez<sup>1</sup>, Laurent Sifre<sup>1</sup>, George van den Driessche<sup>1</sup>, Julian Schrittwieser<sup>1</sup>, Ioannis Antonoglou<sup>1</sup>, Veda Panneershelvam<sup>1</sup>, Marc Lanctot<sup>1</sup>, Sander Dieleman<sup>1</sup>, Dominik Grewe<sup>1</sup>, John Nham<sup>2</sup>, Nal Kalchbrenner<sup>1</sup>, Ilya Sutskever<sup>2</sup>, Timothy Lillicrap<sup>1</sup>, Madeleine Leach<sup>1</sup>, Koray Kavukcuoglu<sup>1</sup>, Thore Graepel<sup>1</sup> & Demis Hassabis<sup>1</sup>

The game of Go has long been viewed as the most challenging of classic games for artificial intelligence owing to its enormous search space and the difficulty of evaluating board positions and moves. Here we introduce a new approach to computer Go that uses ‘value networks’ to evaluate board positions and ‘policy networks’ to select moves. These deep neural networks are trained by a novel combination of supervised learning from human expert games, and reinforcement learning from games of self-play. Without any lookahead search, the neural networks play Go at the level of state-of-the-art Monte Carlo tree search programs that simulate thousands of random games of self-play. We also introduce a new search algorithm that combines Monte Carlo simulation with value and policy networks. Using this search algorithm, our program AlphaGo achieved a 99.8% winning rate against other Go programs, and defeated the human European Go champion by 5 games to 0. This is the first time that a computer program has defeated a human professional player in the full-sized game of Go, a feat previously thought to be at least a decade away.

<https://deepmind.com>

# Alpha Go Master (Superhuman)



**Demis Hassabis** ✓

@demishassabis

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Excited to share an update on [#AlphaGo](#)!



AlphaGo

04/01/17

We've been hard at work improving AlphaGo, and over the past few days we've played some unofficial online games at fast time controls with our new prototype version, to check that it's working as well as we hoped. We thank everyone who played our accounts Magister(P) and Master(P) on the Tygem and FoxGo servers, and everyone who enjoyed watching the games too! We're excited by the results and also by what we and the Go community can learn from some of the innovative and successful moves played by the new version of AlphaGo.

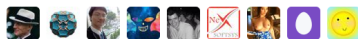
Having played with AlphaGo, the great grandmaster Gu Li posted that, "Together, humans and AI will soon uncover the deeper mysteries of Go". Now that our unofficial testing is complete, we're looking forward to playing some official, full-length games later this year in collaboration with Go organisations and experts, to explore the profound mysteries of the game further in this spirit of mutual enlightenment. We hope to make further announcements soon!

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Late 2016:

Master beat the world  
number one player Ke Jie  
twice, and won 50 out of 51  
games that it played

# Inside Alpha-Go

**Uses machine learning to avoid the need for expert knowledge to be coded**

Space of allowed models

Scoring function

Search algorithm

**REPRESENTATION**

**EVALUATION**

**OPTIMIZATION**

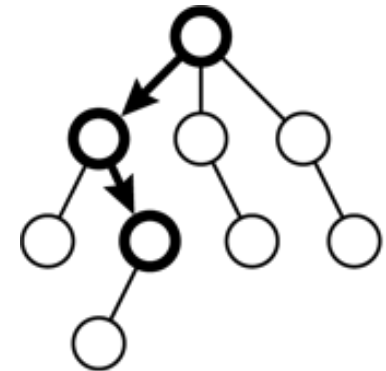
Deep neural network

Likelihood of  
winning

Monte Carlo tree  
search



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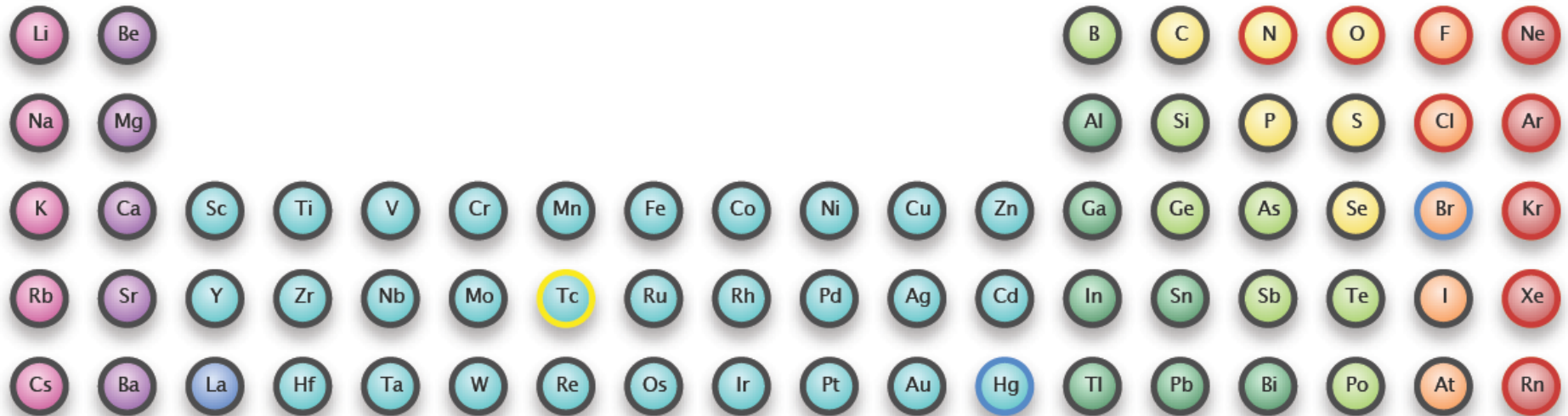




## From 2D Grid to 3D Lattice

- **$19 \times 19$  grid**
  - **Black, white, empty**
  - **$3^{361} = 10^{172}$**
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- **$10 \times 10 \times 10$  lattice**
  - **50 elements**
  - **$50^{1000} = 10^{1968}$**

# Materials Hyperspace



Type and ratio of ions with their arrangement in space

How to find the optimal materials for:  
Property / Performance / Sustainability

# Computational Materials Design

INPUT	OUTPUT
Property	Composition Structure

- Chemical heuristics
- High-throughput screening
- Data mining
- Machine learning

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  - Machine learning
- } “Materials Genome”

# Predicting Functional Materials (1964)

*J. Phys. Chem. Solids* Pergamon Press 1964. Vol. 25, pp. 675–684. Printed in Great Britain.

## A SYSTEMATIC METHOD OF DERIVING NEW SEMICONDUCTING COMPOUNDS BY STRUCTURAL ANALOGY

B. R. PAMPLIN

Physics Department, Bristol College of Science and Technology

*(Received 21 October 1963; in revised form 27 January 1964)*

**Abstract**—A method of deriving new semiconducting compounds and alloys is described using mathematical formulae derived by considering the rules of valency and structural analogy. The method is applied to tetrahedral inorganic compounds and used to tabulate known tetrahedral phases and predict a large range of probable new ones. All these phases if formed will be semiconducting. Ternary and quaternary compounds and alloys are discussed in detail and more complex ones mentioned.

# Machine Learning (1998)

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AND COMPOUNDS

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Journal of Alloys and Compounds 279 (1998) 8–13

## Computational materials design using artificial intelligence methods

N.N. Kiselyova<sup>a,\*</sup>, V.P. Gladun<sup>b</sup>, N.D. Vashchenko<sup>b</sup>

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# Data Mining (2003)

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STRUCTURE**

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Journal of Molecular Structure 647 (2003) 17–39

[www.elsevier.com/locate/molstruc](http://www.elsevier.com/locate/molstruc)

## Crystal structure prediction by data mining

Detlef W.M. Hofmann<sup>a,\*</sup>, Joannis Apostolakis<sup>b</sup>

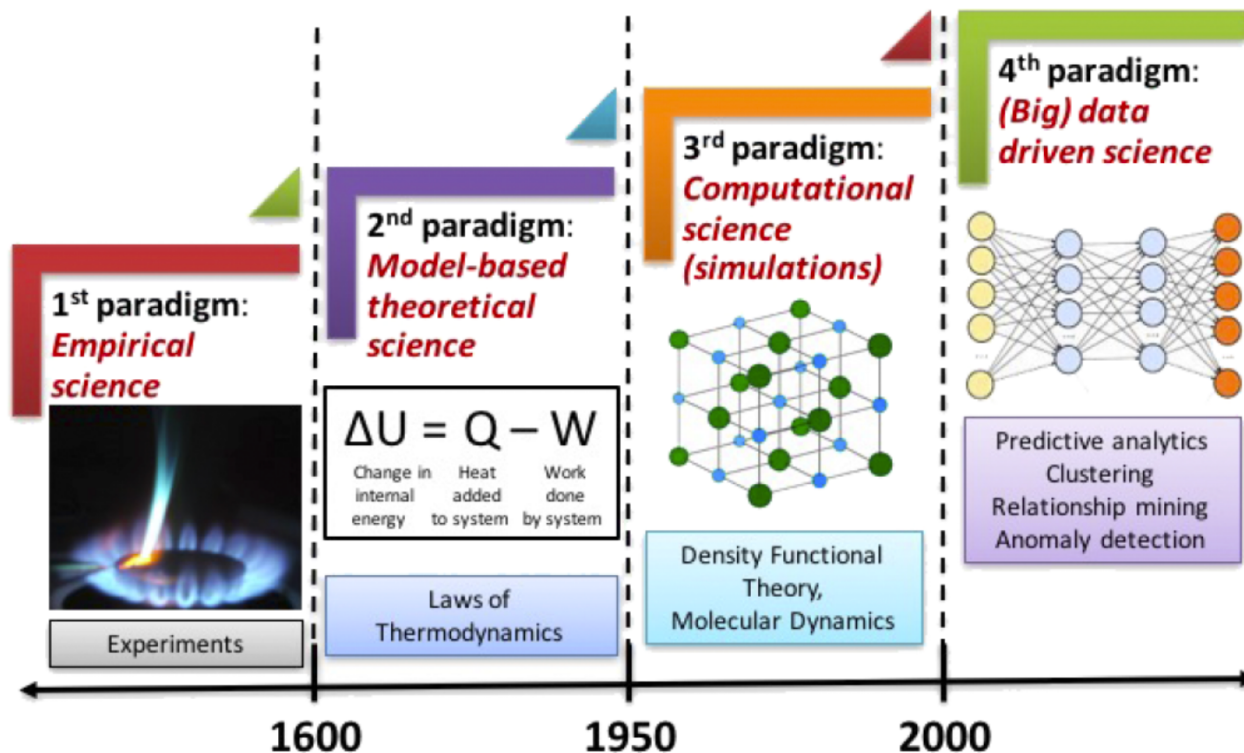
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Received 10 November 2001; revised 5 March 2002; accepted 5 March 2002

# New Paradigm in Science

Global Movement Associated with Databases,  
**#OpenData** and **#OpenScience**



# Thermoelectrics: Heat to Electricity

Thermoelectrics Design Lab

Materials Visualization Resources Contribute

Parameters ?

Space Group

Density

Volume

Band Gap (DFT)

Number of Atoms

Band Degeneracy (VB)

Band Degeneracy (CB)

Hole Mobility

Electron Mobility

DOS Mass (VB)

Select X >> (Logarithmic ☒)

X: Lattice Thermal Conductivity

Select Y >> (Logarithmic ☒)

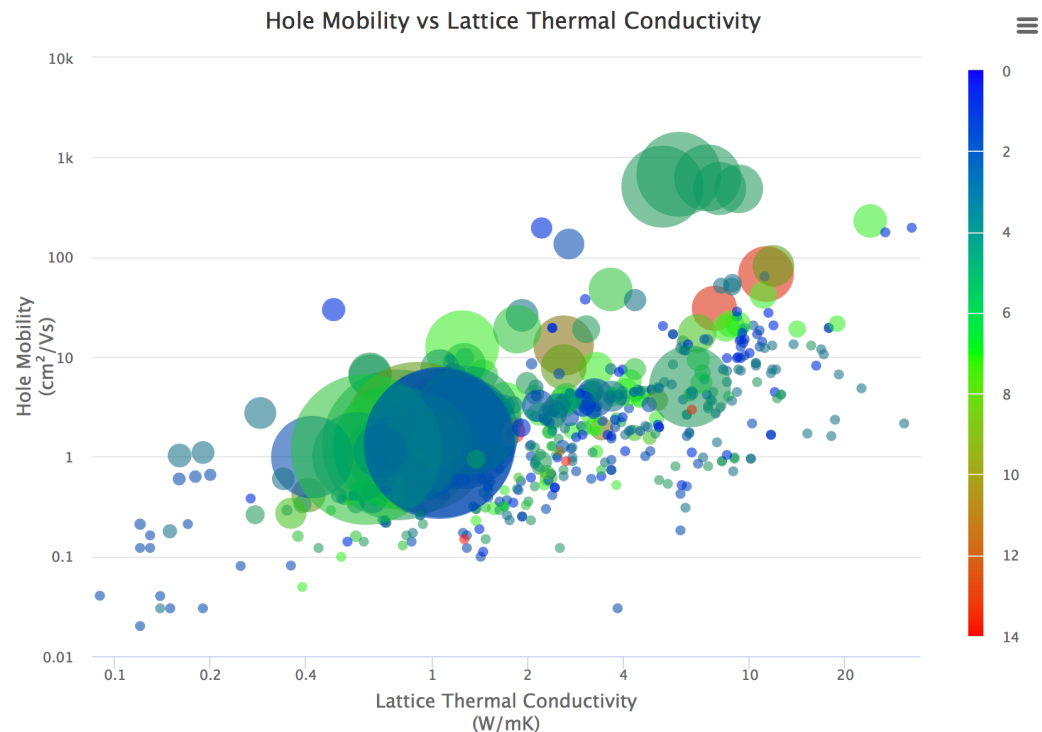
Y: Hole Mobility

Select Radius >> (None ☐)

R:  $\beta(p)$

Select Heat >> (None ☐)

Heat: Band Degeneracy (VB)



Search chemicals by elements: Ag Se -Cl (among 2303 compounds)

Search

?

Number of Elements

1 - 50

Space Group

1 - 230

Crystal System

Not specified

<http://www.tedesignlab.org>

# Batteries: Electrical Energy Storage

Find candidate materials for lithium batteries. Get voltage profiles and oxygen evolution data.

**Explore Batteries**

by Elements  search

# of elements (including working ion)  
e.g., 4 or >2 & <6

excluded elements

Submit

☒ Intercalation  
☐ Conversion

Working Ion

1 H																	2 He				
3 Li	4 Be															5 B	6 C	7 N	8 O	9 F	10 Ne
11 Na	12 Mg															13 Al	14 Si	15 P	16 S	17 Cl	18 Ar
19 K	20 Ca	21 Sc	22 Ti	23 V	24 Cr	25 Mn	26 Fe	27 Co	28 Ni	29 Cu	30 Zn	31 Ga	32 Ge	33 As	34 Se	35 Br	36 Kr				
37 Rb	38 Sr	39 Y	40 Zr	41 Nb	42 Mo	43 Tc	44 Ru	45 Rh	46 Pd	47 Ag	48 Cd	49 In	50 Sn	51 Sb	52 Te	53 I	54 Xe				
55 Cs	56 Ba	57-71 La-Lu	72 Hf	73 Ta	74 W	75 Re	76 Os	77 Ir	78 Pt	79 Au	80 Hg	81 Tl	82 Pb	83 Bi	84 Po	85 At	86 Rn				
87 Fr	88 Ra	89-103 Ac-Lr	104 Rf	105 Db	106 Sg	107 Bh	108 Hs	109 Mt	110 Ds	111 Rg	112 Cn										

## Voltage Pair Properties

+ charged	<chem>Fe(PO3)3</chem>	0.016	Energy Above Hull (eV/atom)	Volume Change 3%	Capacity 89 mAhg <sup>-1</sup>	Voltage 3.60 V
- discharged	<chem>LiFe(PO3)3</chem>	0.004	Energy Above Hull (eV/atom)			

<https://materialsproject.org>

# Photovoltaics: Light to Electricity

molecular  
space

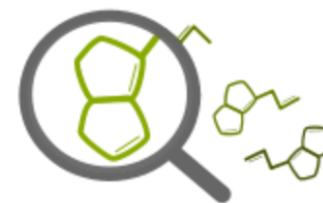
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## Explore

Welcome to the Clean Energy Project Database: an Information Hub for Organic Electronics

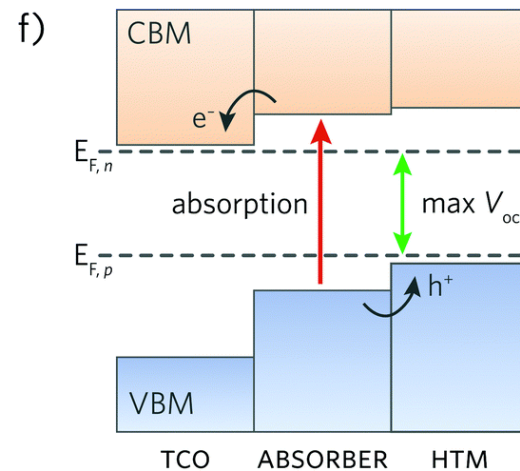
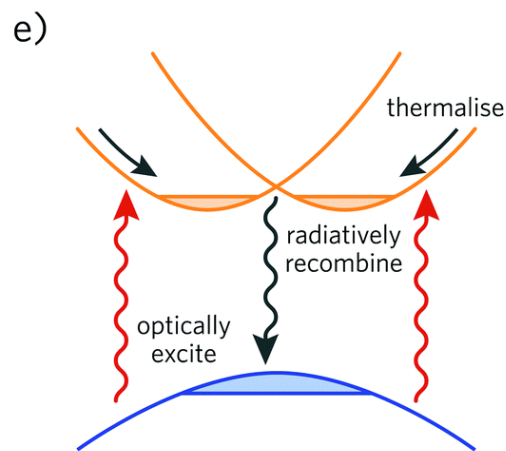
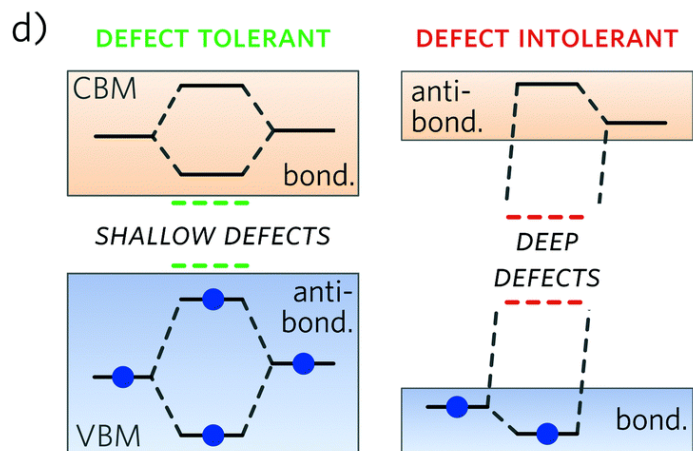
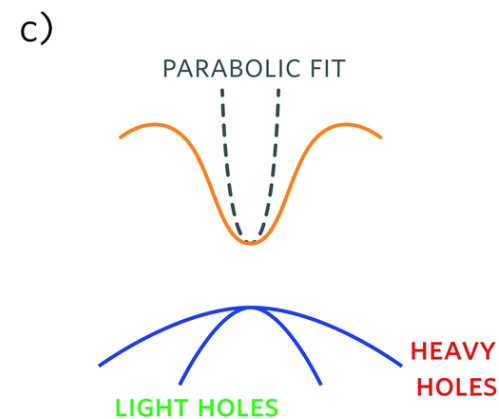
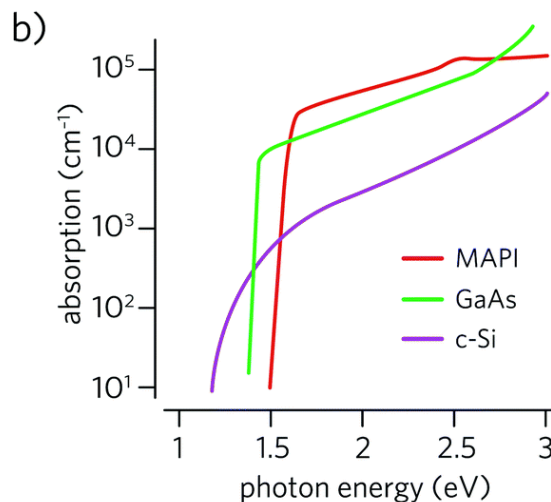
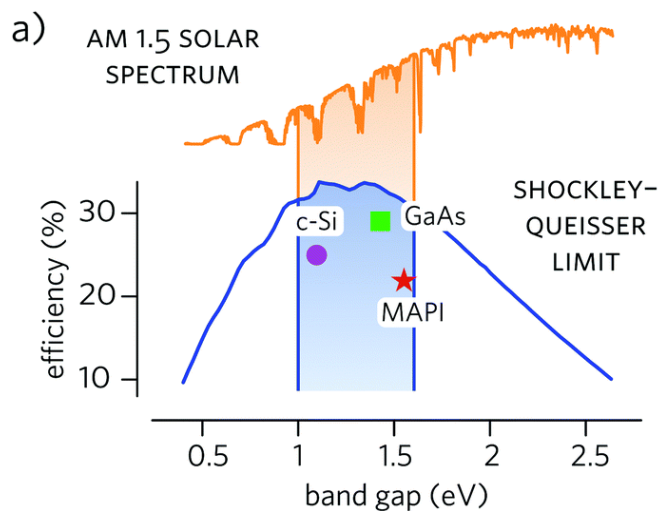
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The **Clean Energy Project Database** (CEPDB) is a massive reference database for organic semiconductors with a particular emphasis on photovoltaic applications. It was created to store and provide access to data from computational as well as experimental studies, on both known and virtual compounds. It is a free and open resource designed to support researchers in the field of organic electronics in their scientific pursuits.



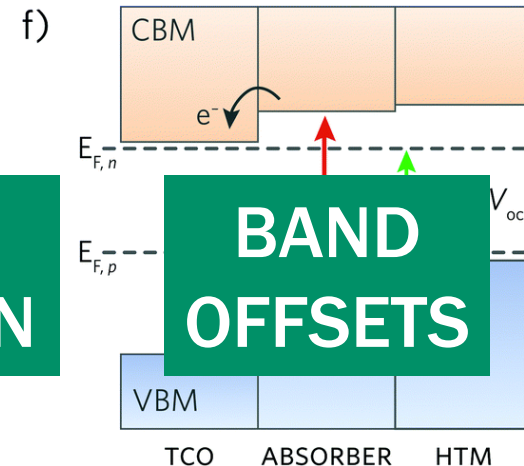
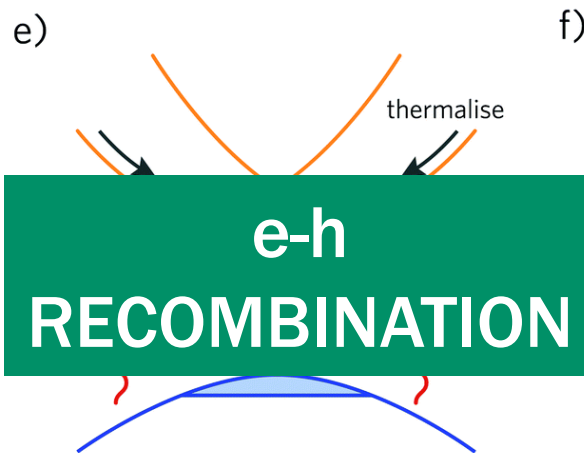
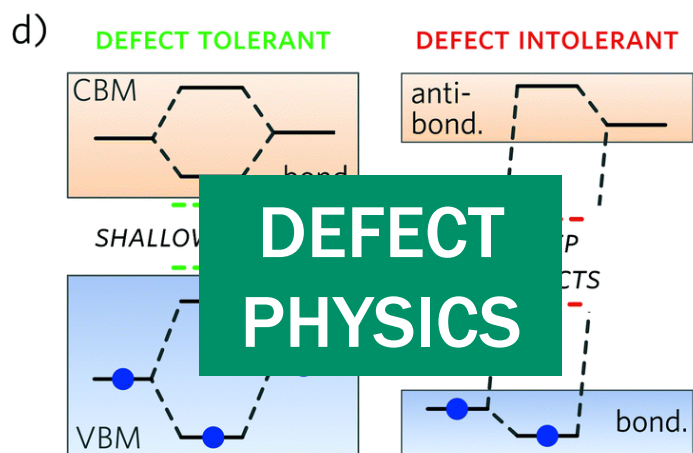
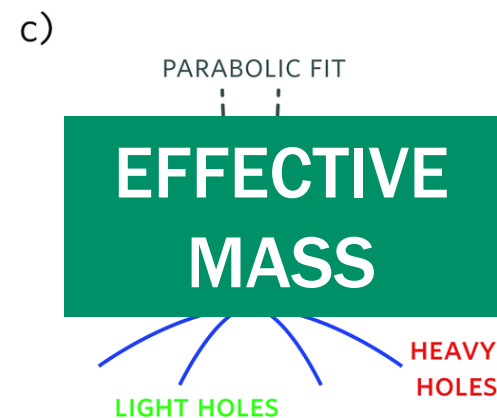
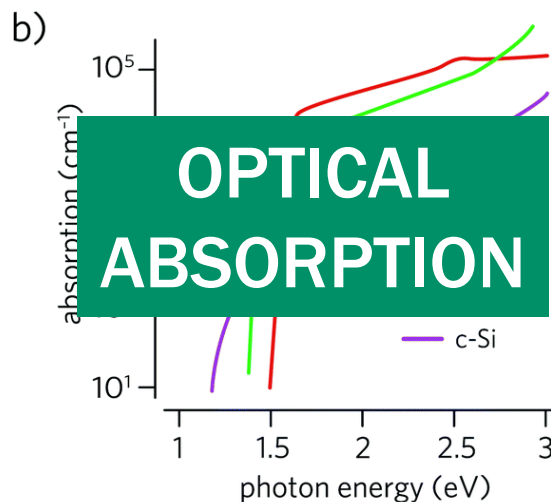
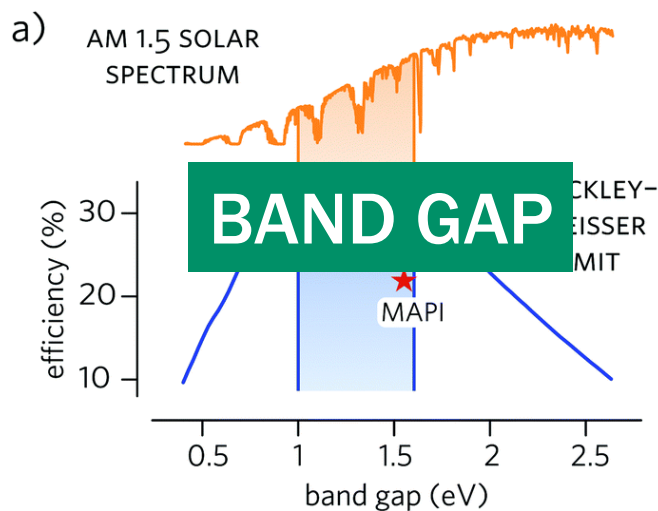
The CEPDB was established as part of the **Harvard Clean Energy Project** (CEP), a virtual high-throughput screening initiative to identify promising new candidates for the next generation of carbon-based solar cell materials. It is maintained by the **Aspuru-Guzik Research Group** in the Department of Chemistry and Chemical Biology at **Harvard University** and supported by a number of external partners. The bulk of the computational data was generated in collaboration with IBM's **World Community Grid**, a virtual supercomputer that harnesses surplus computing power donated by hundreds of thousands of volunteers around the world.

# Photovoltaics: Light to Electricity





# Photovoltaics: Light to Electricity



# Infrastructure for $10^{100}$ Materials

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Article

## Computational Screening of All Stoichiometric Inorganic Materials

Daniel W. Davies,<sup>1,4</sup> Keith T. Butler,<sup>1,4</sup> Adam J. Jackson,<sup>1,4</sup> Andrew Morris,<sup>1</sup> Jarvist M. Frost,<sup>1</sup>  
Jonathan M. Skelton,<sup>1</sup> and Aron Walsh<sup>1,2,3,5,\*</sup>

Open Source Python Package

<https://github.com/WMD-group/SMACT>

# Infrastructure for $10^{100}$ Materials

Compositional  
Combinations

Chemical  
Filters

Structure  
Prediction

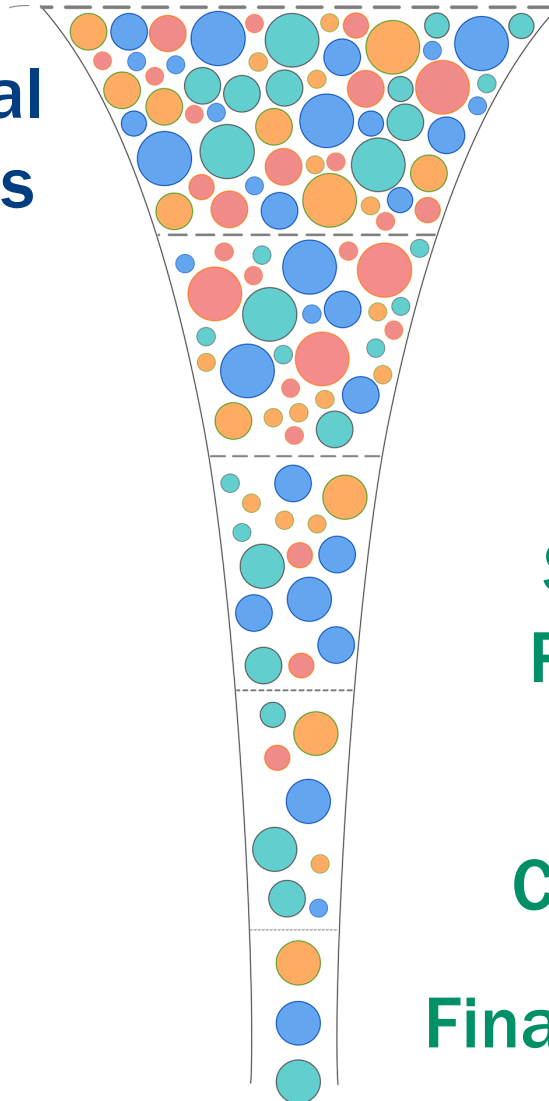
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Structure  
Prediction

Property  
Calculation

Final Candidates



# From Materials to Devices

## Computational procedure for assessing and screening materials interfaces

Lattice strain / Site overlap / Electronic matching

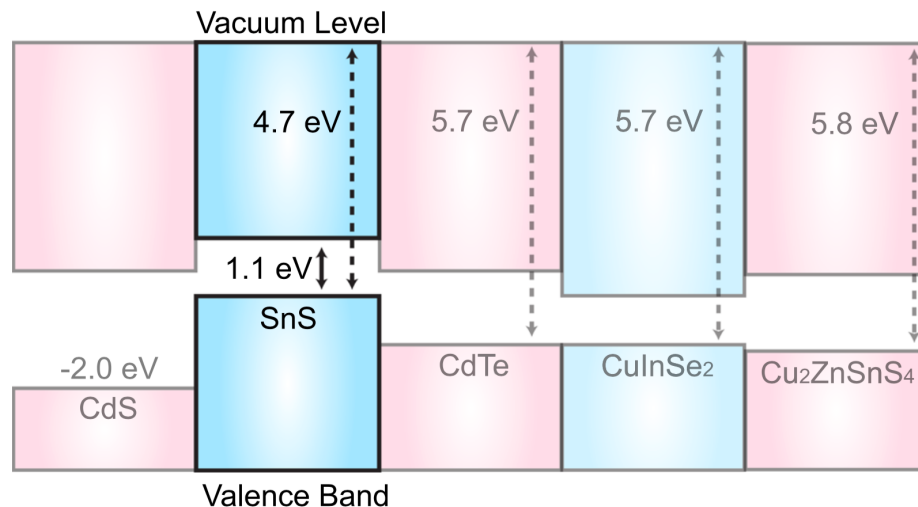
### Lattice match: An application to heteroepitaxy

A. Zur and T. C. McGill

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(Received 11 July 1983; accepted for publication 20 September 1983)

We define the concept of lattice match for any pair of crystal lattices in any given crystal direction, allowing for a periodic reconstruction of the interface. An algorithm for a systematic search for all possible matches is developed, and some examples of nonstandard lattice matches are given for CdTe on GaAs and sapphire to illustrate the method. For the case of CdTe on GaAs, our results agree with published results, both with respect to growth plane and orientation for CdTe(111) on GaAs(100). For CdTe on sapphire, our results agree with published results with respect to growth plane.

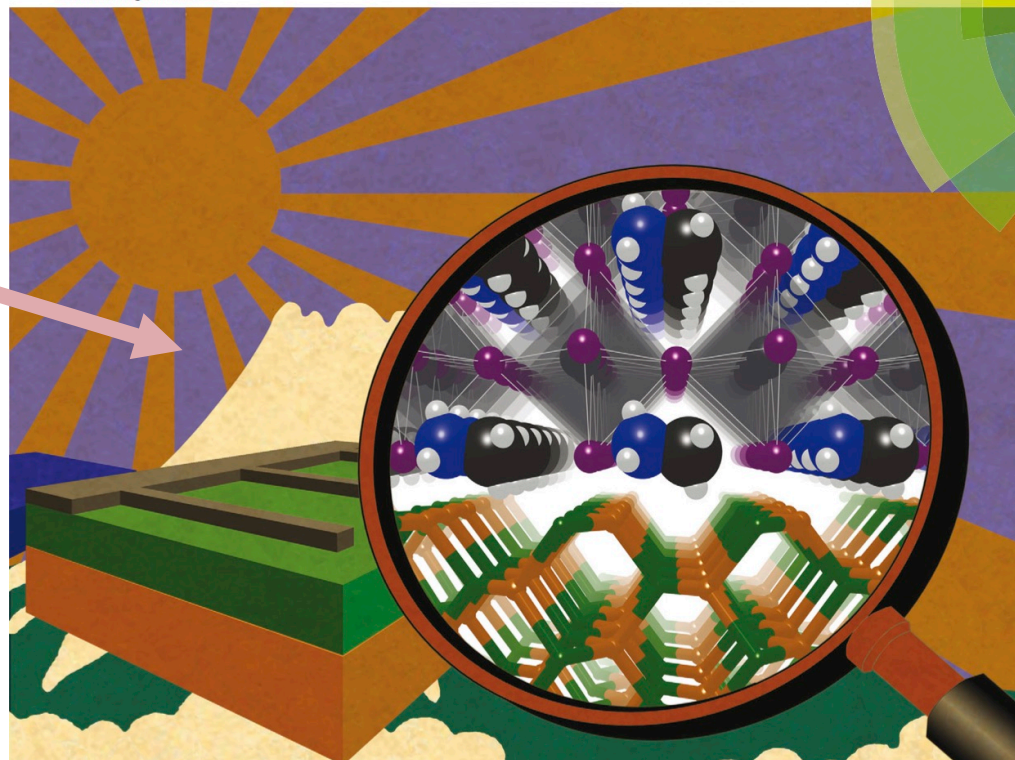


# From Materials to Devices

Collaboration with Tokyo  
Institute of Technology  
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K. T. Butler et al, J. Mater. Chem. C 4, 1129 (2016)

# Talk Motivation

**New Materials for  
Energy Technologies**

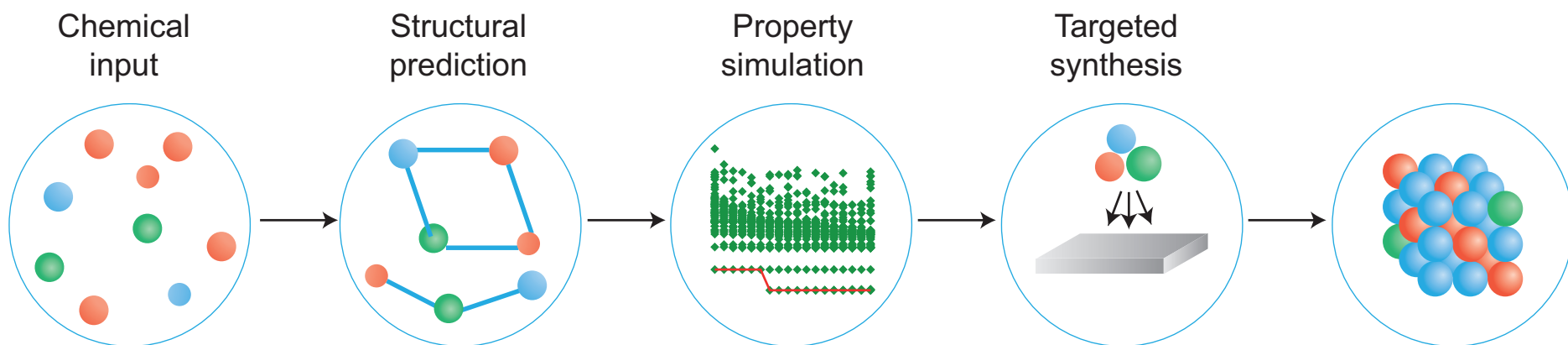


**Performance**  
**Cost**  
**Stability**  
**Sustainability**

**Is computational materials  
design now a reality? Almost...**



# From Atoms to Devices



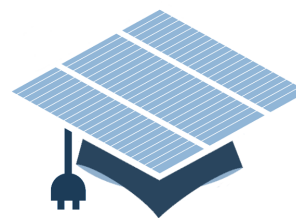
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