

Computing the properties of all known inorganic crystals

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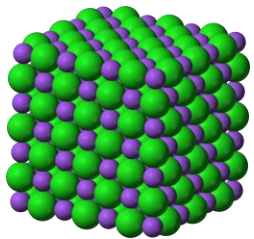




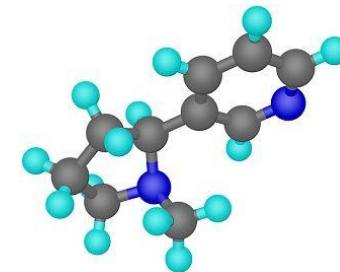
Quantum mechanics has explained
all of chemistry and most of physics.

1928

— *Paul Dirac* —



Electronic structure calculations



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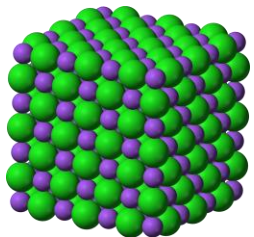
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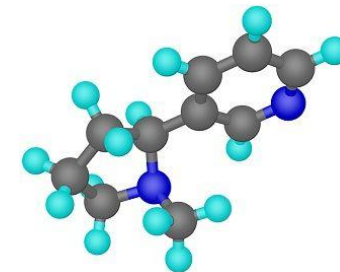
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- Thermodynamics (heat capacity, phase diagrams, ...)
- Structure and ion dynamics (phonons, heat transport, ...)
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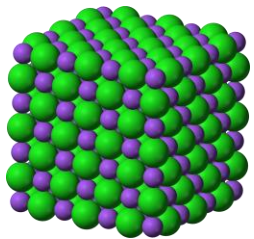
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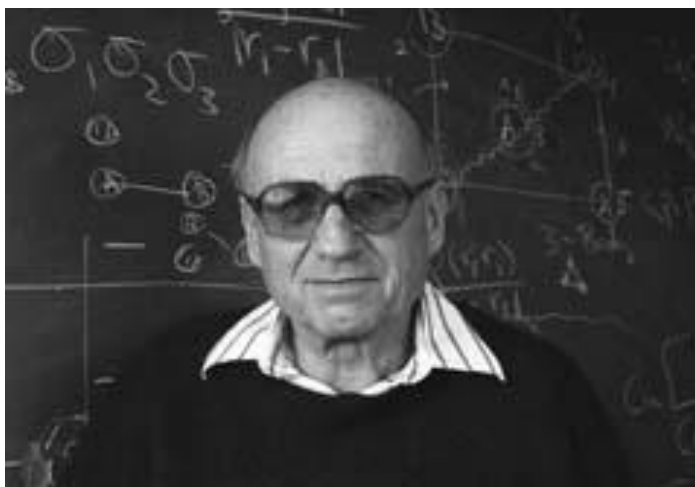
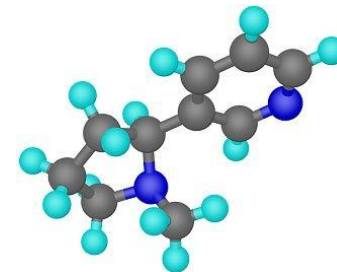
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No parameters.
Only laws of nature
and fundamental
constants.

***Ab initio /
first-principles***



Density functional theory



Walter Kohn

1998 Nobel Prize in Chemistry

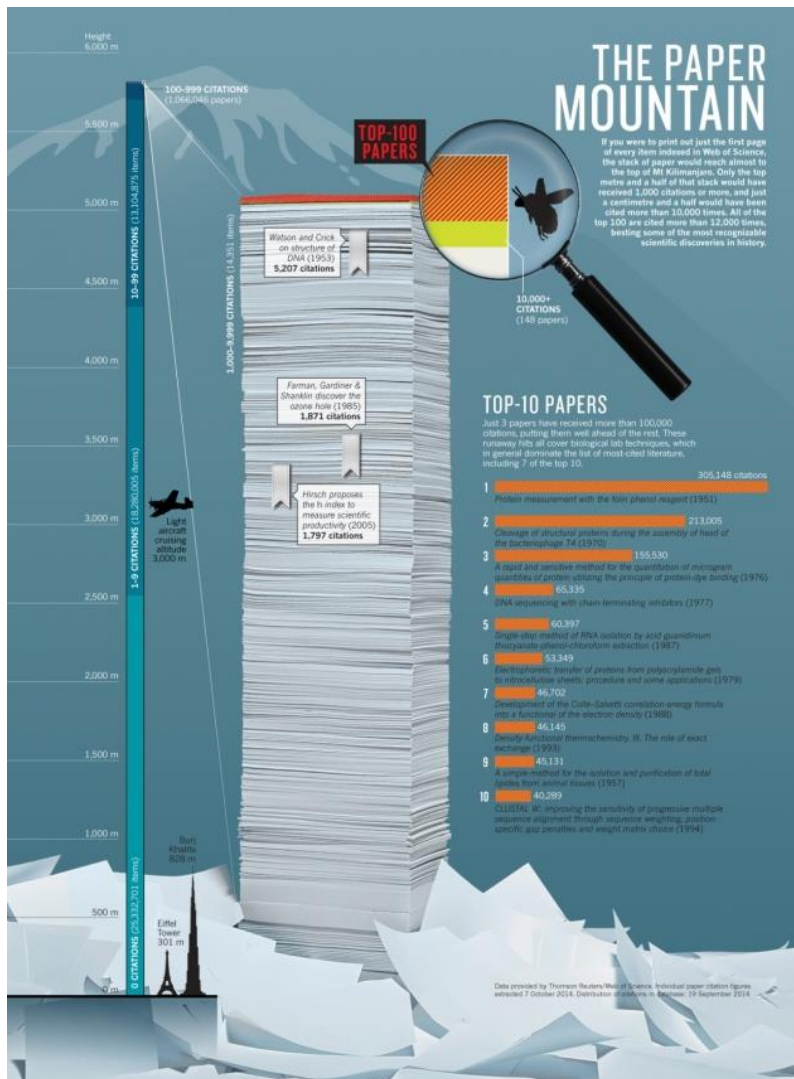
"For his development of the density-functional theory"

(Papers made in 1964-65)

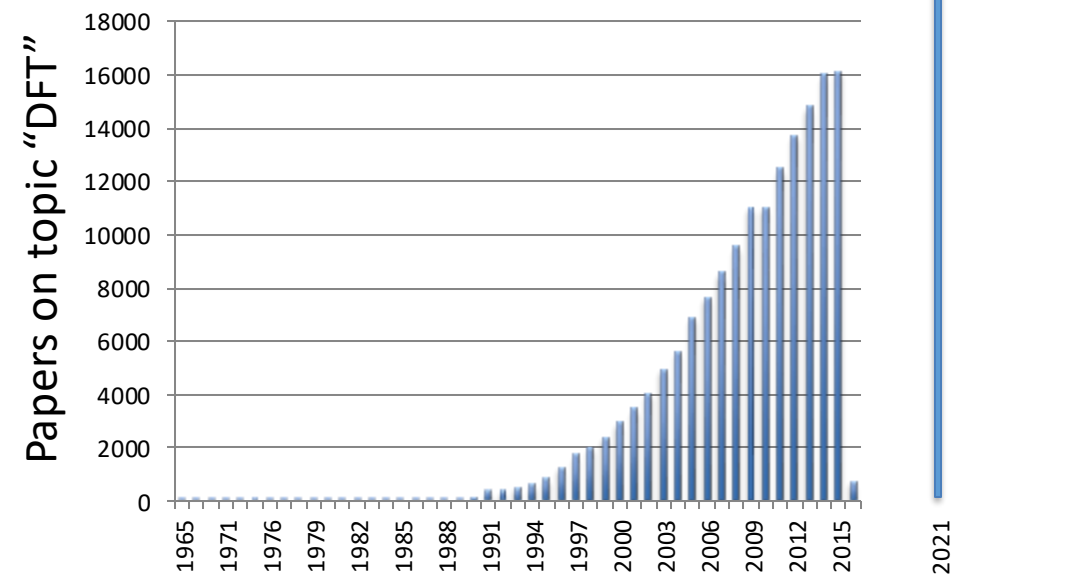
- DFT: The electron density $n(\mathbf{r})$ is the central variable (always only 3 degrees of freedom)
- The ground state energy and any other property is determined uniquely from $n(\mathbf{r})$



Importance of Density Functional Theory



In 2014 Nature identified the 100 most cited papers of all times



Density functional theory

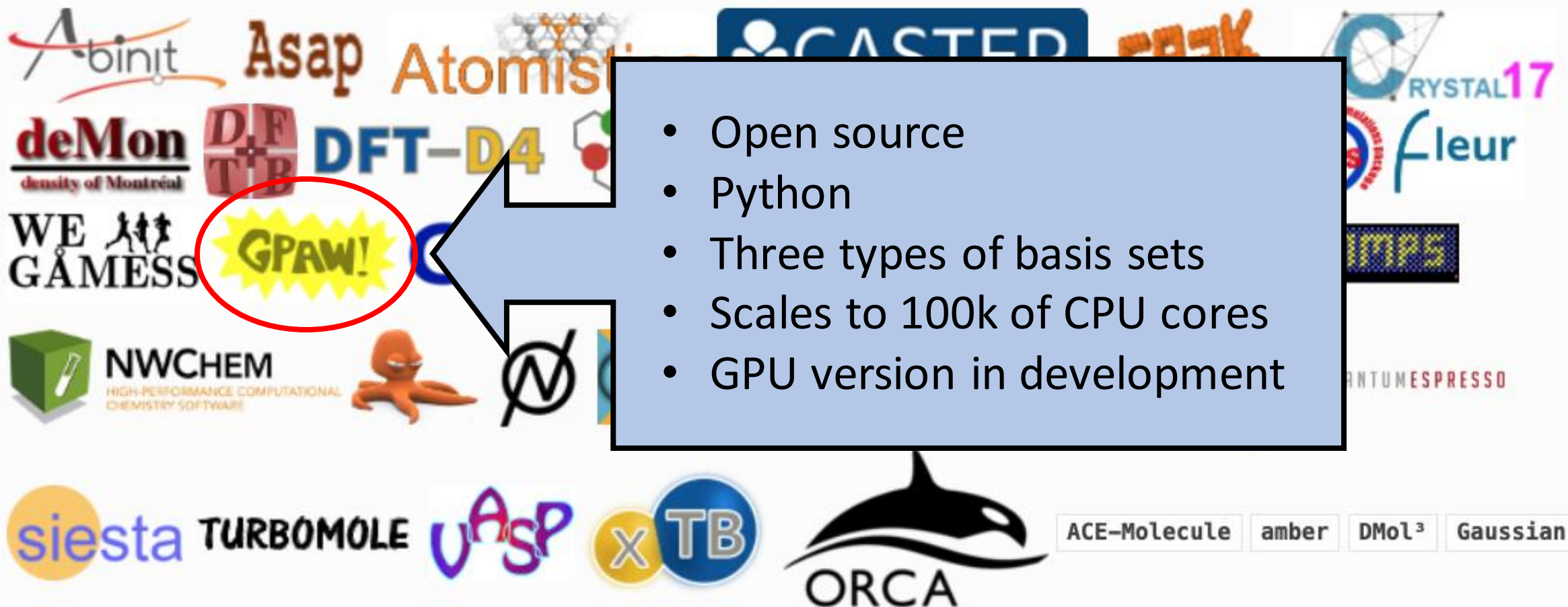
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Most of this software is built on density functional theory (DFT), easily the most heavily cited concept in the physical sciences. Twelve papers on the top-100 list relate to it, including 2 of the top 10. At its heart, DFT is an approximation that makes impossible

An eco-system of DFT codes



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Materials in our society

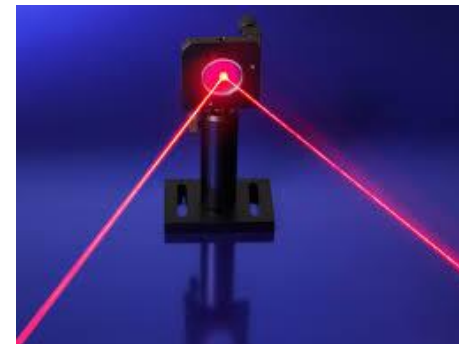
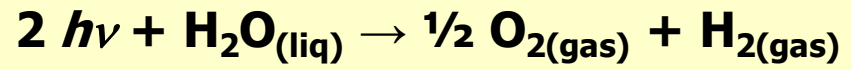


Photo-catalytic water splitting



Minimum energy required = 1.23 eV

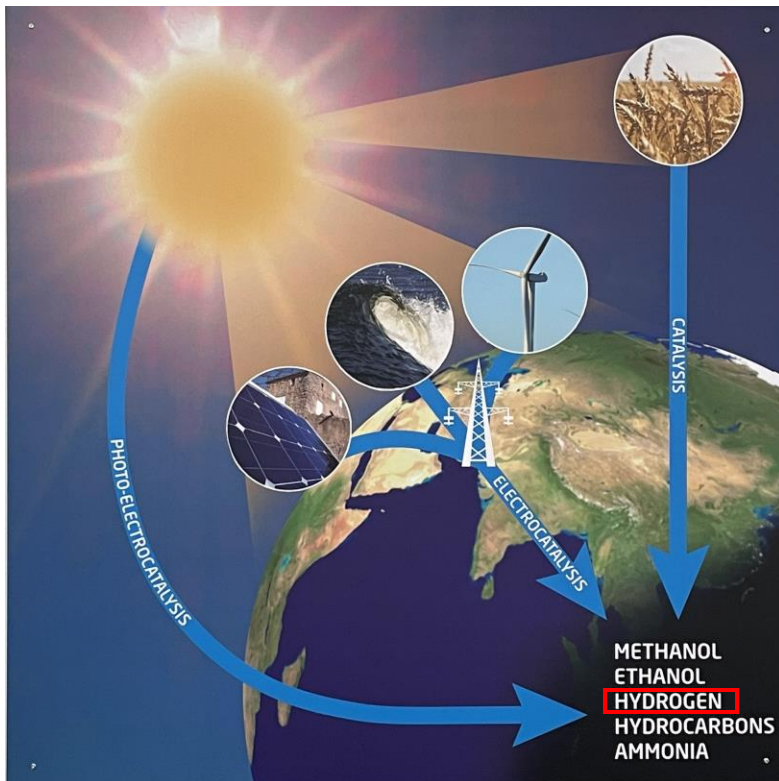
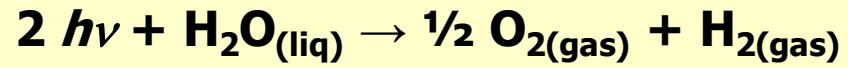
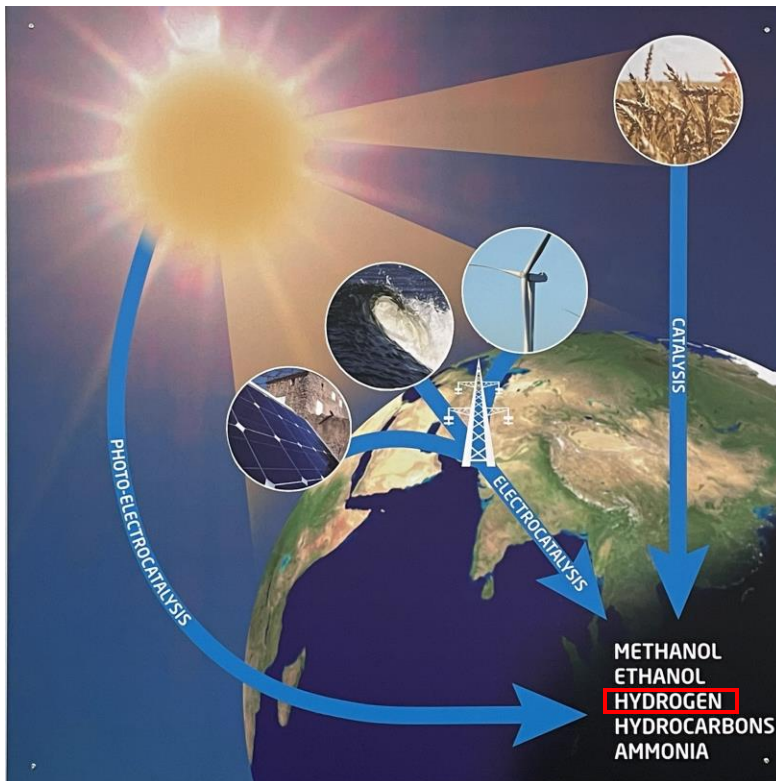


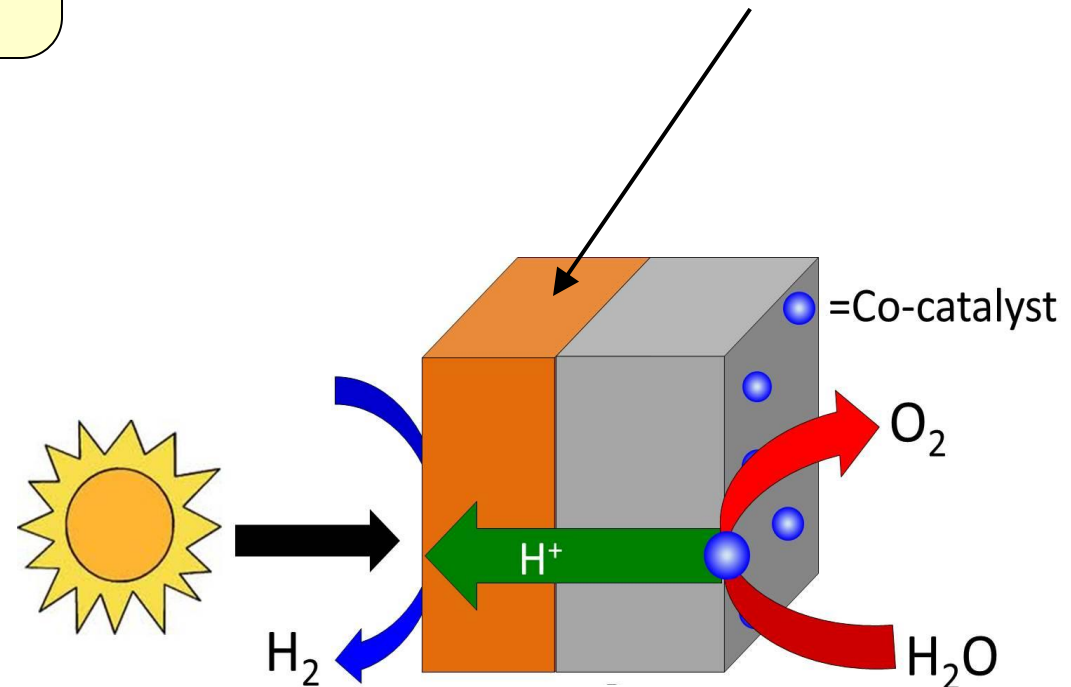
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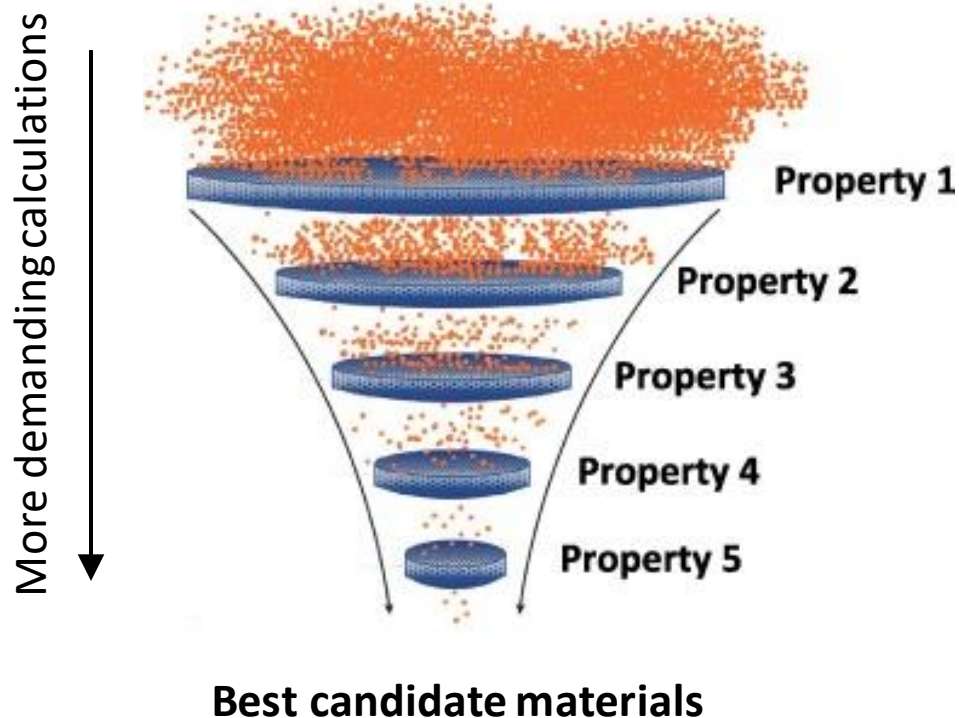
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Efficient water splitting requires an absorber material with a band gap ~ 2 eV



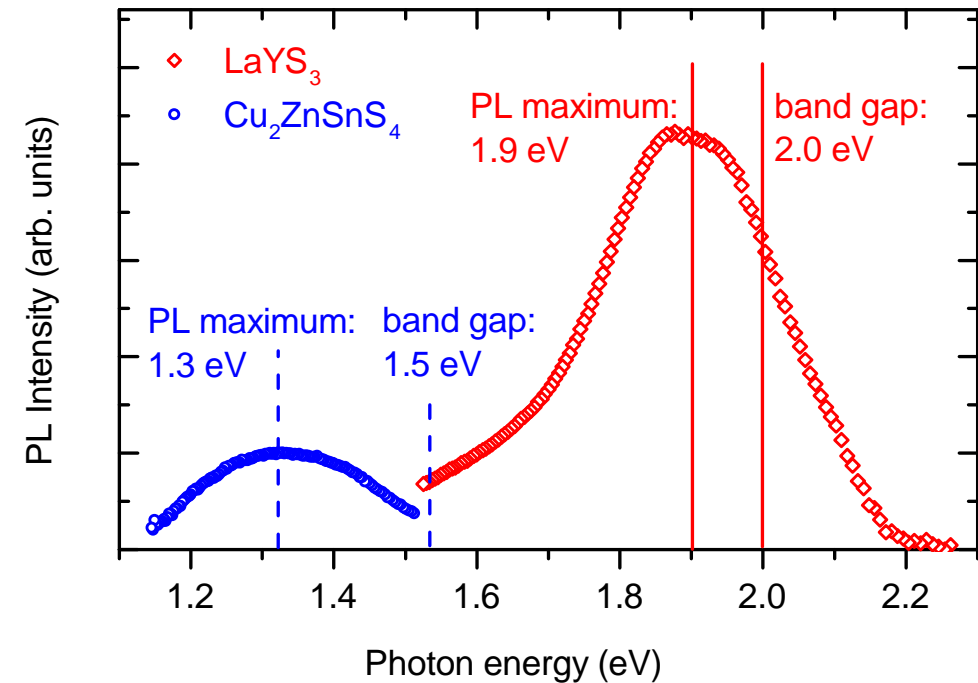
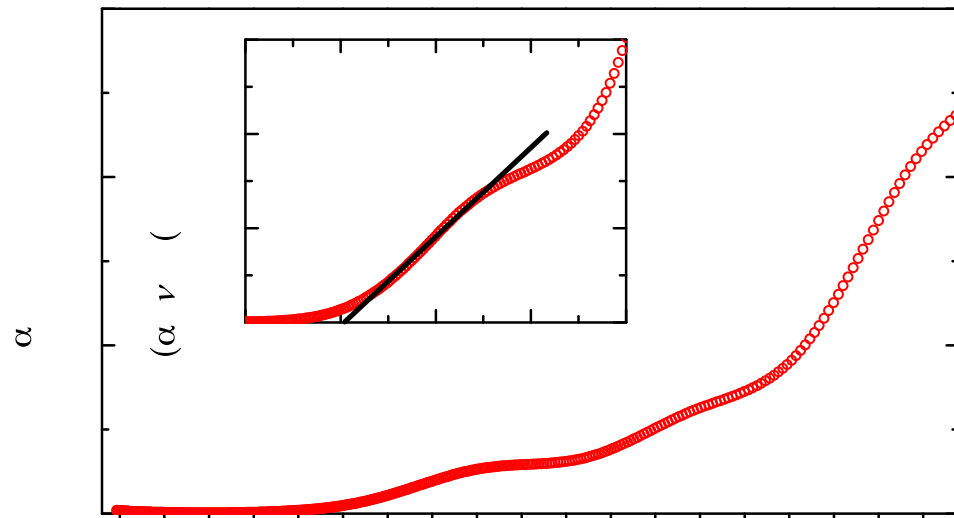
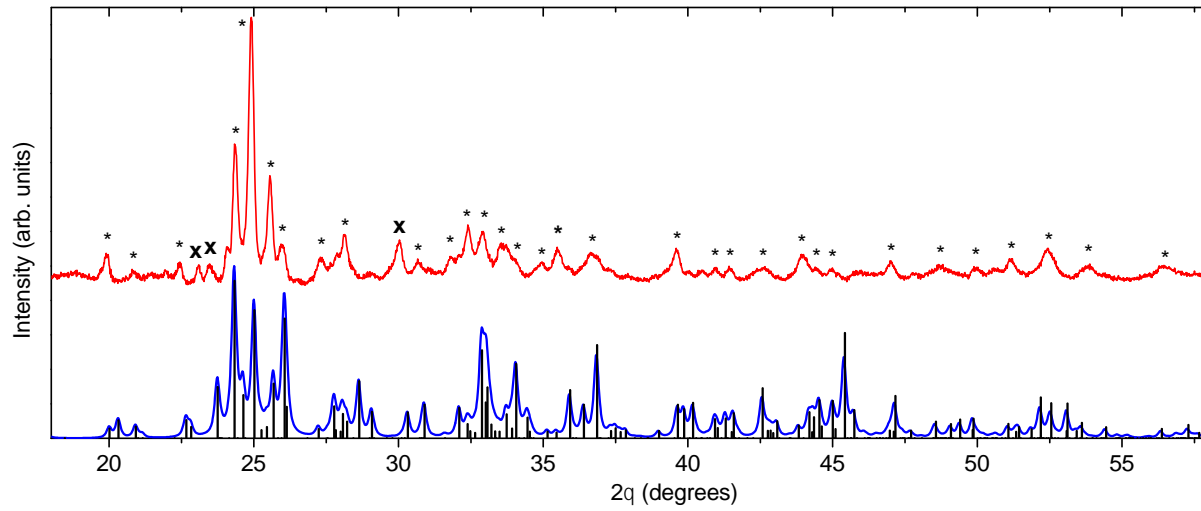
Computational screening



formula	$E_g^{GLLB-SC}$	$E_{g(direct)}^{GLLB-SC}$	E_g^{HSE06}	m_h^*	m_e^*	prototype
AlLaS ₃	1.67	1.67	1.47	-0.337	0.489	SrZrS ₃ (Y)
BaHfS ₃	2.32	2.32	2.20	-0.255	0.414	SrZrS ₃ (B)
BaZrS ₃	2.25	2.25	2.08	-0.749	0.426	SrZrS ₃ (B)
BiLiS₃	1.13	1.43	1.08	-0.209	0.455	FePS ₃
BiScS ₃	2.45	2.64	2.62	-0.318	0.520	SrZrS ₃ (Y)
BiTlS ₃	1.36	1.98	1.30	-0.636	0.309	FePS ₃
HfGeS ₃	1.70	1.73	1.68	-0.568	0.256	SrZrS ₃ (Y)
HfPbS ₃	2.11	2.24	1.96	-0.396	0.538	SrZrS ₃ (Y)
HfSnS ₃	1.53	1.57	1.53	-0.408	0.270	SrZrS ₃ (Y)
HfZnS₃	2.03	2.47	1.98	-0.173	0.431	FePS ₃
LaSbS ₃	1.23	1.23	0.99	-0.439	0.167	SrZrS ₃ (Y)
MgZrS₃	2.21	2.32	2.06	-0.718	0.779	distorted
PbZrS ₃	1.68	1.91	1.66	-0.434	0.525	SrZrS ₃ (B)
ScSbS₃	2.35	2.43	1.99	-0.502	0.258	SrZrS ₃ (Y)
SnZrS ₃	1.76	1.98	1.56	-0.488	0.802	PbPS ₃
SrZrS ₃	2.49	2.49	2.30	-0.768	0.496	SrZrS ₃ (B)
TaLiS ₃	1.98	2.00	2.06	-0.755	0.985	FePS ₃
TlScS ₃	1.60	1.76	1.62	-0.377	0.685	YScS ₃
YBiS ₃	2.17	2.24	2.04	-0.428	0.488	SrZrS ₃ (Y)
YLaS₃	1.87	1.87	1.57	-0.509	0.438	SrZrS ₃ (Y)
ZrBaS ₃	1.69	1.96	1.62	-0.453	0.279	distorted
ZrBaS ₃	1.79	1.79	1.54	-0.402	0.413	SrZrS ₃ (Y)
ZrZnS ₃	1.91	1.97	1.87	-0.616	0.427	FePS ₃

Synthesis of LaYS₃

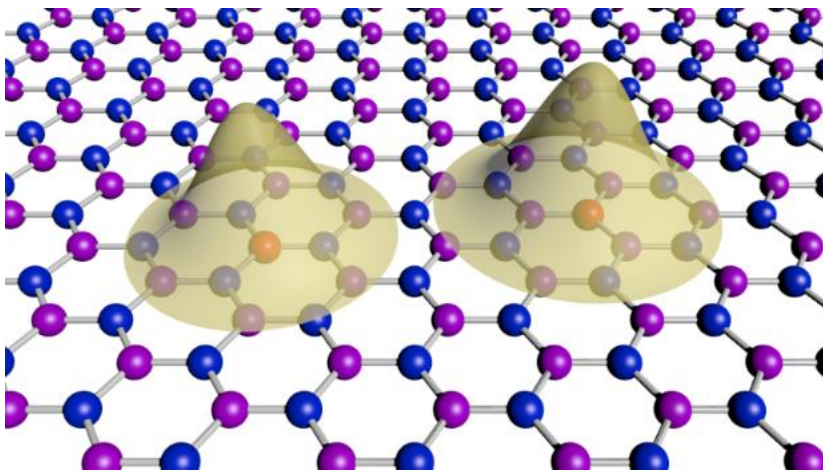
- XRD confirms the structure
- Optical absorption confirms the band gap of 2.0 eV
- PL confirms direct gap and absence of defects



Crystal defects for quantum technology

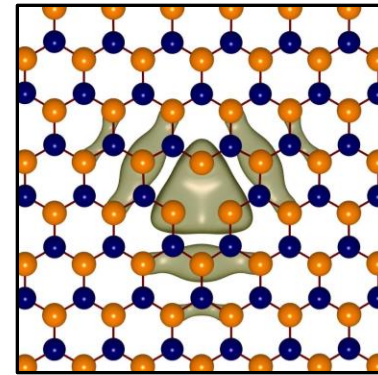
Point defects in solid state systems have potential applications as

- Single photon sources
- Spin qubits
- Magnetic field sensors

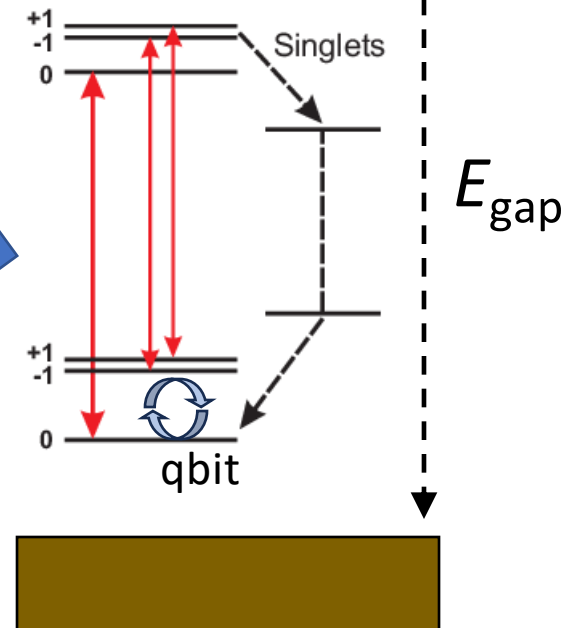


Spin qubits in a 2D material

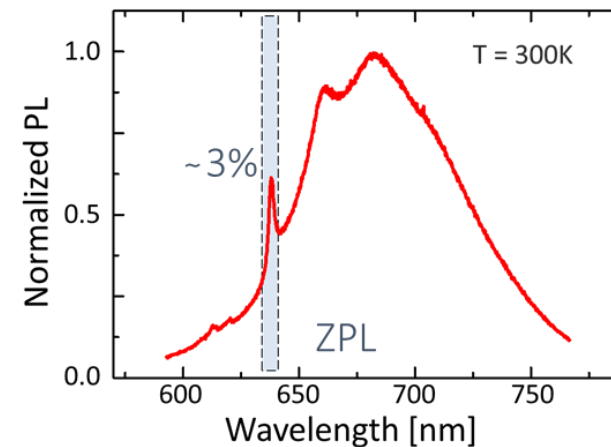
Defect structure



Defect energy levels

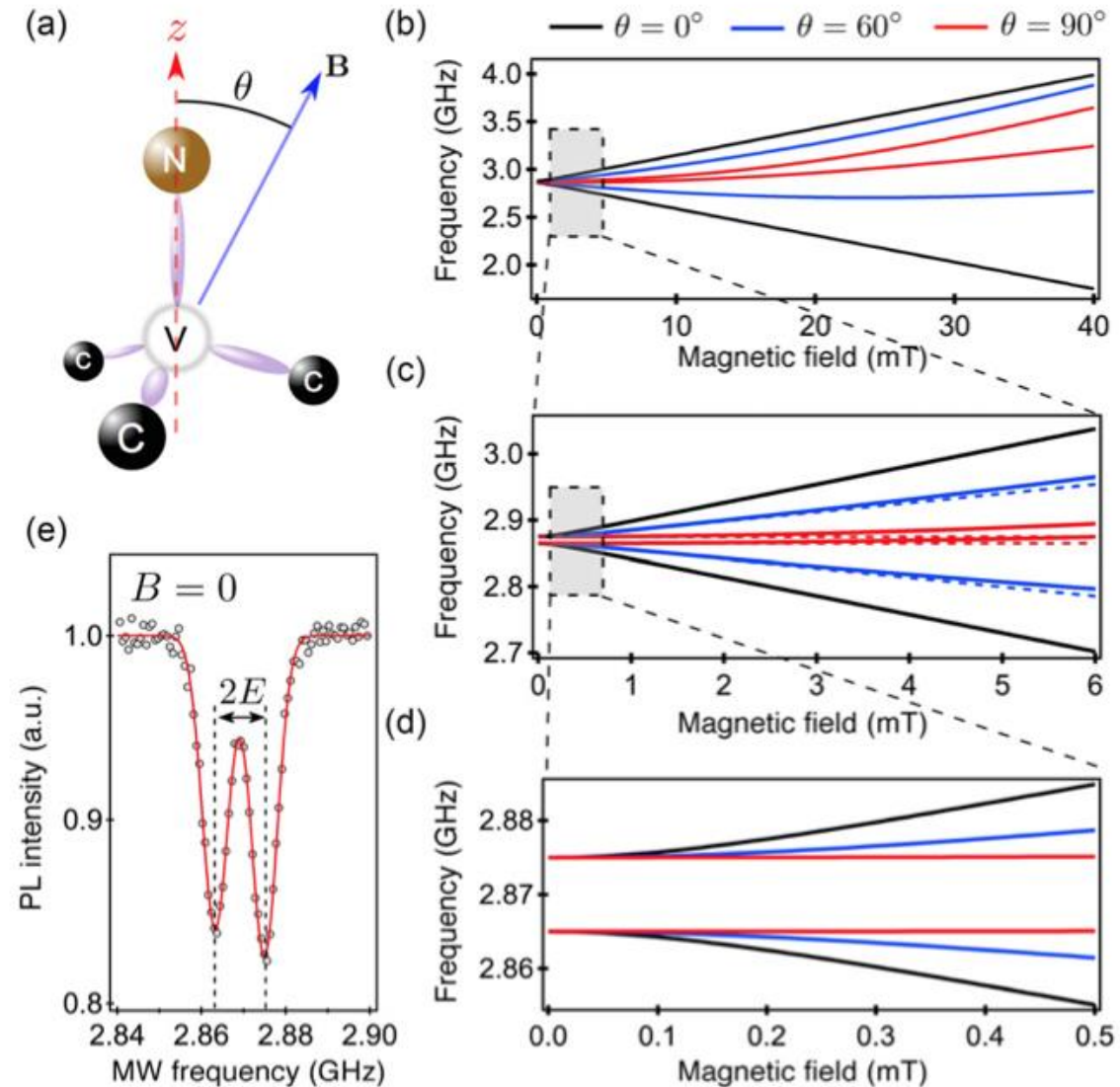
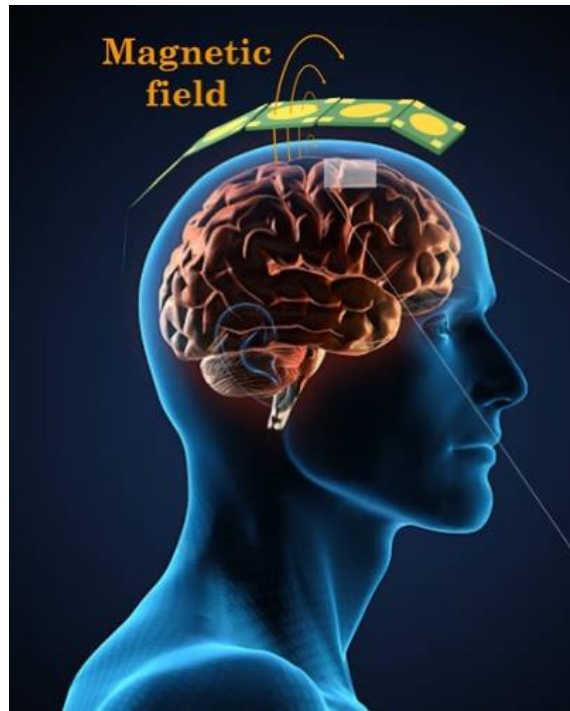


Emission spectrum

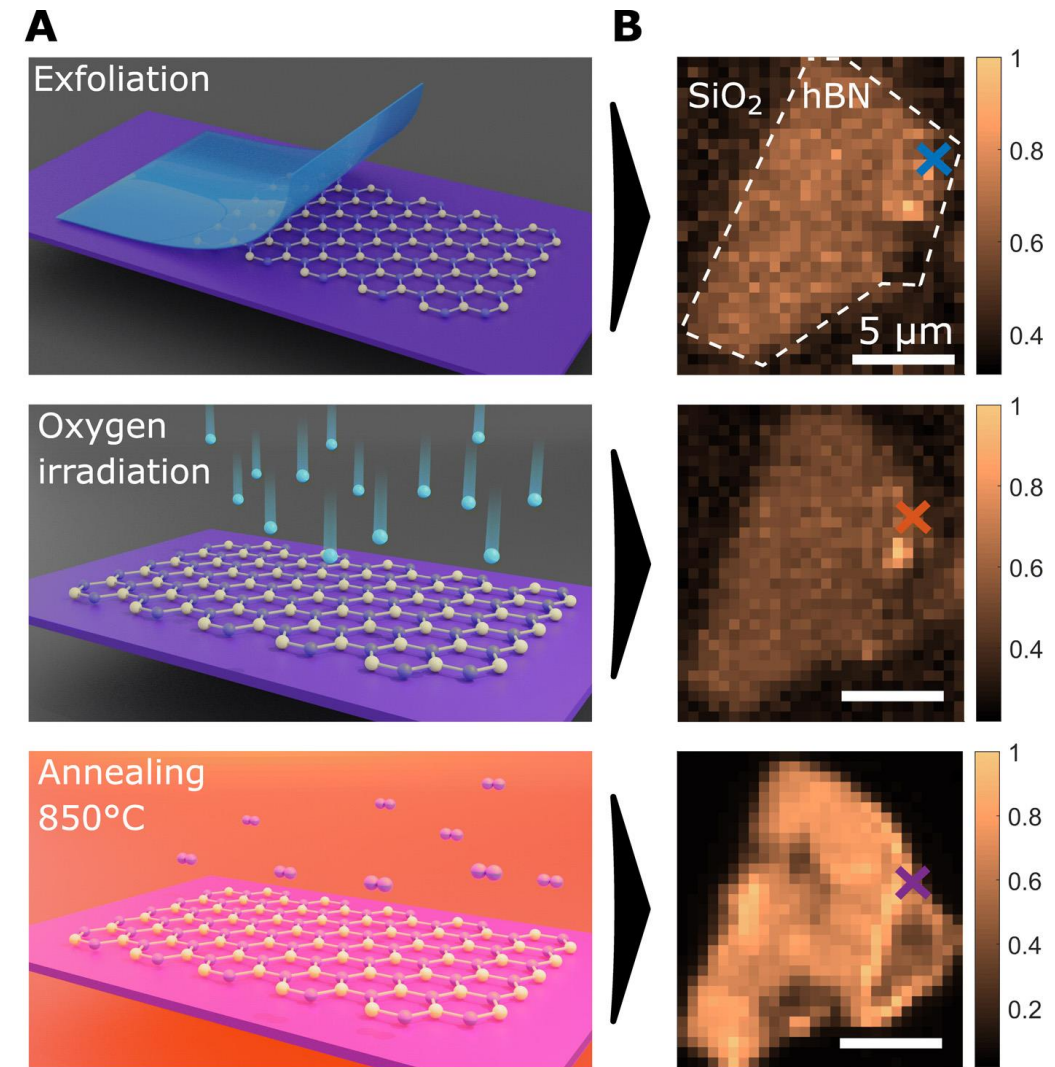
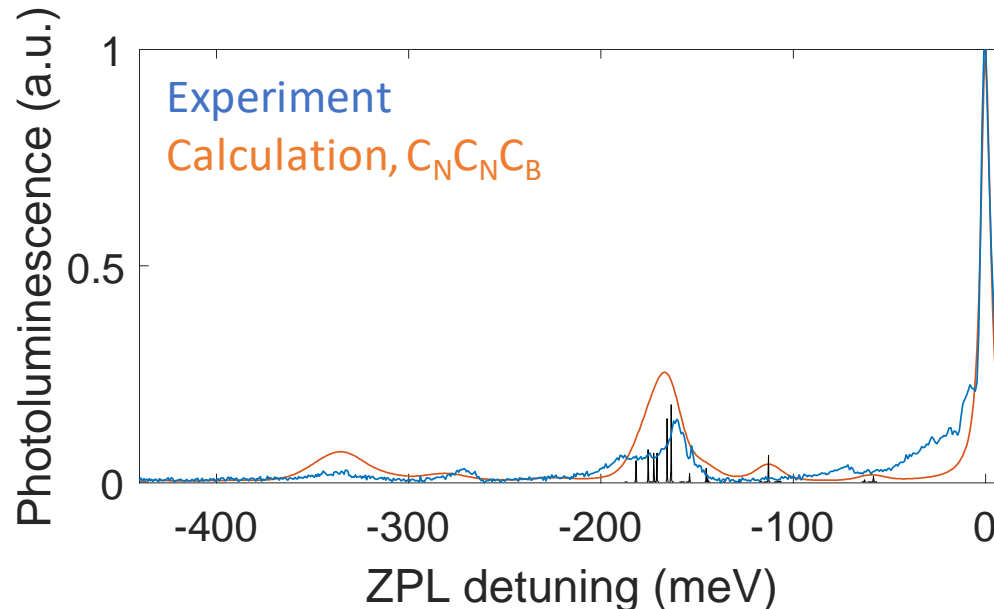
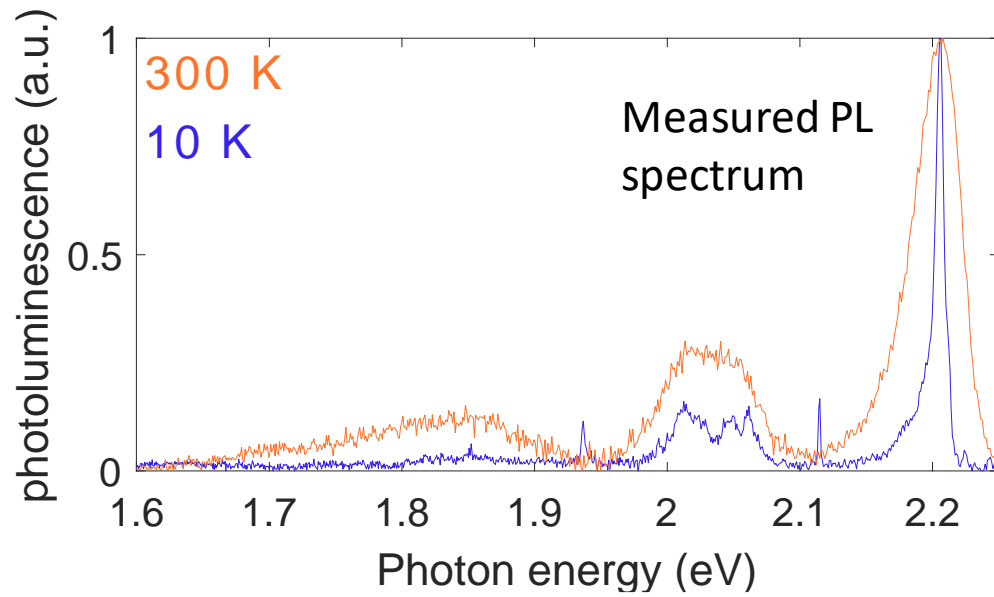


Magnetic field sensing

The energy of the spin states are sensitive to magnetic fields.



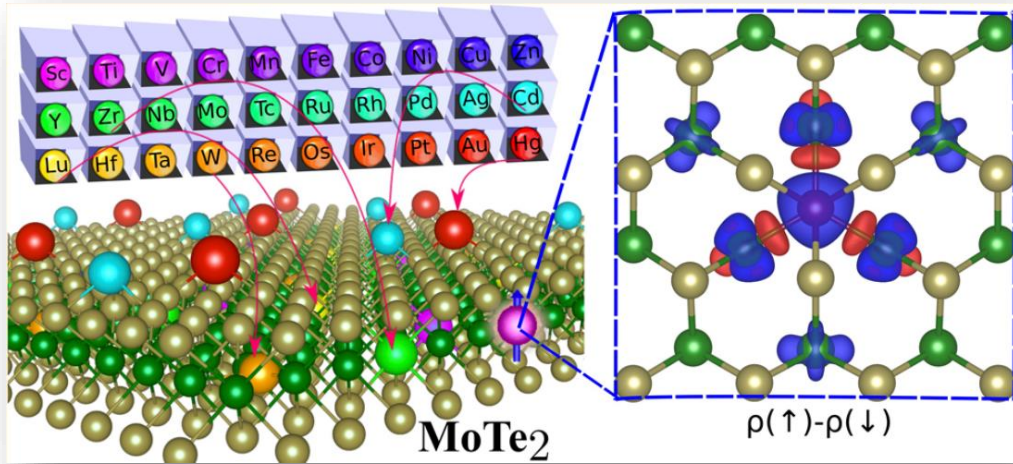
Luminescent centers in hexagonal boron-nitride



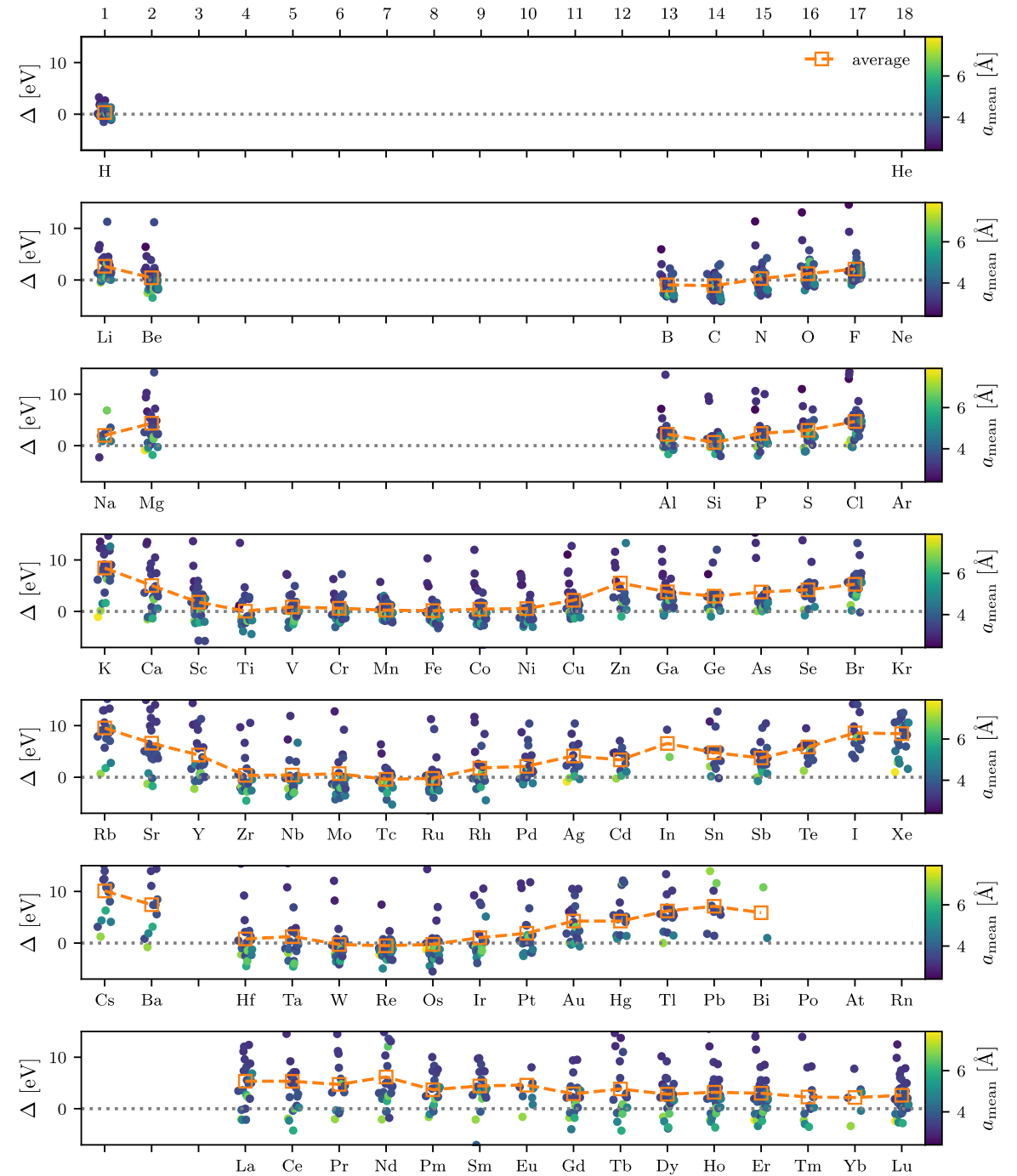
M. Fischer *et al.* Science Adv. 7, 8 (2021)

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Introducing atomic impurities in 2D crystals



Which impurity atoms can get incorporated into the material and which will adsorb on the surface?
(53 materials x 65 impurities)



The DTU *Niflheim* supercomputer



- CPU cores: 24.000
- Peak performance: 1.8 PetaFlops
- Capacity/1 year: 215 mio core hrs
- Investment: DKK 40M over 8 years
- Manpower: 1 person (Ole H. Nielsen)



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LUMI Grand Challenge

- **When:** 6 hours on March 22, 2023
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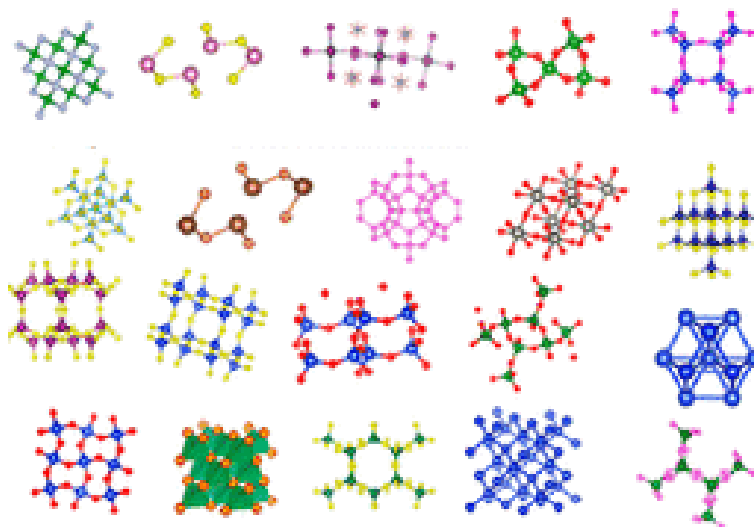


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ICSD now contains 291,382 crystal structures

The ICSD web version 5.1.0 is now online.

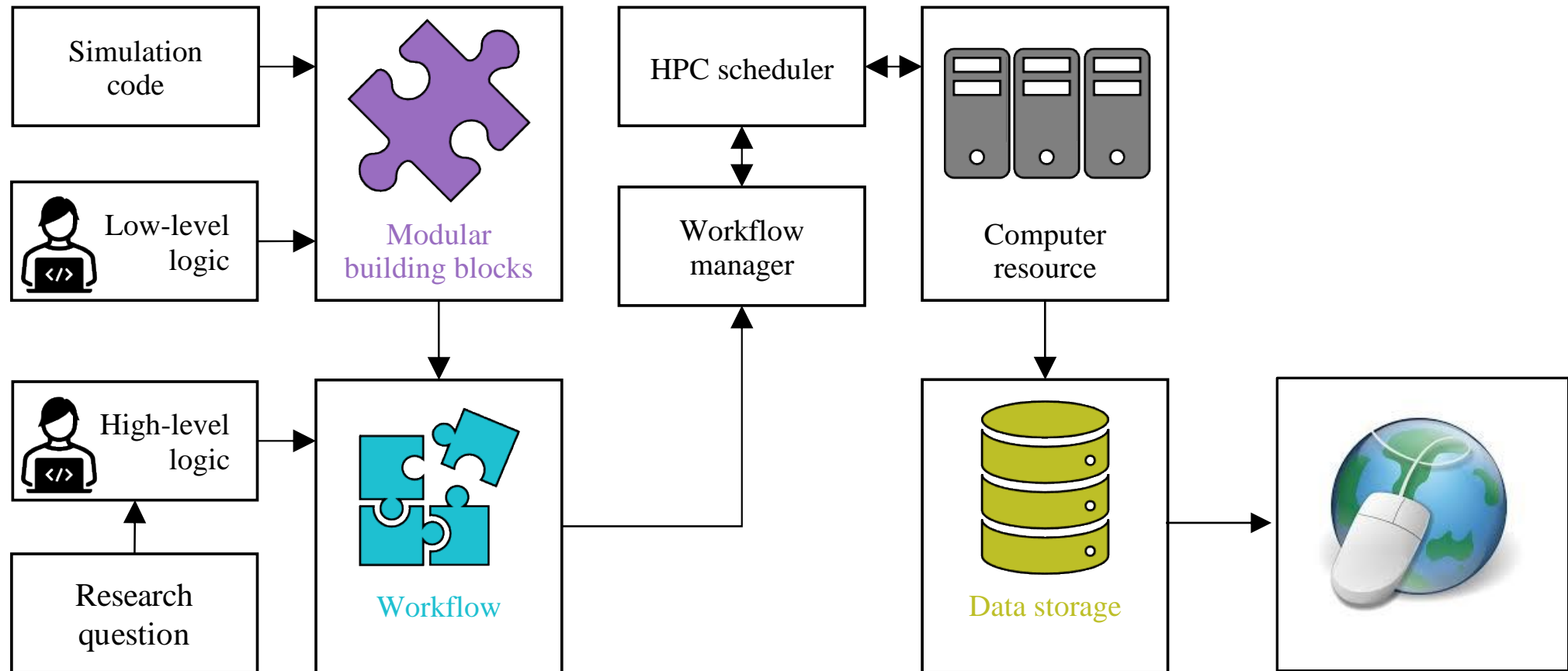
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Import structures
and compute
properties!



TaskBlaster: Python framework for workflows



Scaling of TaskBlaster

- Demonstrated scaling of TaskBlaster to the entire LUMI supercomputer (g-partition).
- Running ca. 10.000 materials simulations concurrently.
- Not trivial! We used the experience to develop a LUMI-compatible version of TaskBlaster



- Approx. 10k GPUs
- 375 petaflops (or 1.5 mio. laptops)
- #3 in the world
- Operated by CSC, Finland

Porting GPAW to GPU: Status

- GPAW now has full GPU support for ground state calculations
- Still, a lot of work is required to port the entire code
- The same code runs on several platforms (CPU, NVIDIA, AMD)
- Parallelised with optional GPU aware MPI. Strong scaling and exascale performance is yet to be optimised.
- > 10 x node to node speedup over CPU nodes

Porting GPAW to GPU: How it was done

- cupy provides numpy-like support of GPU arrays. In a nutshell:

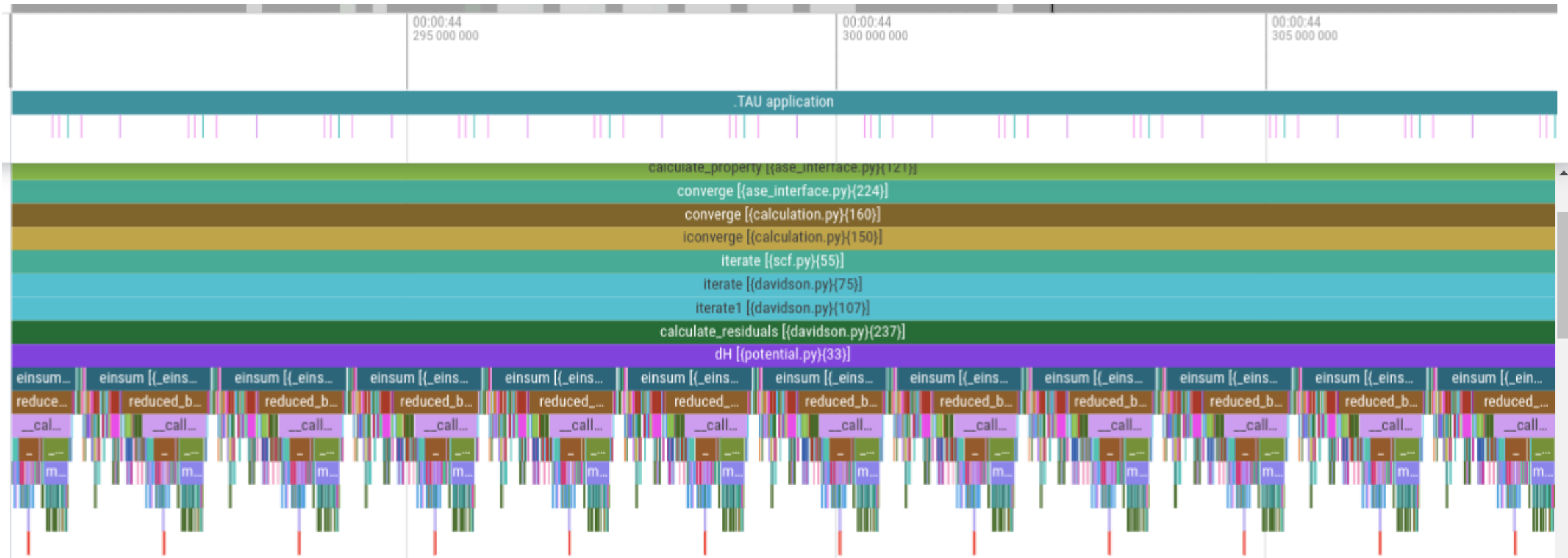
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if CPU:  
    import numpy as xp  
if GPU:  
    import cupy as xp
```

- Heavy use of profiling tools (Tau Python, omnitrace) to pinpoint bottlenecks
- Algorithmic improvements of bottlenecks
 - Batching (pass larger chunks of data to GPU per Python call, e.g. applylocalpot)
 - Write custom kernels (CUDA/HIP kernel library with about 10 kernels written)
 - Improvement of existing Python code

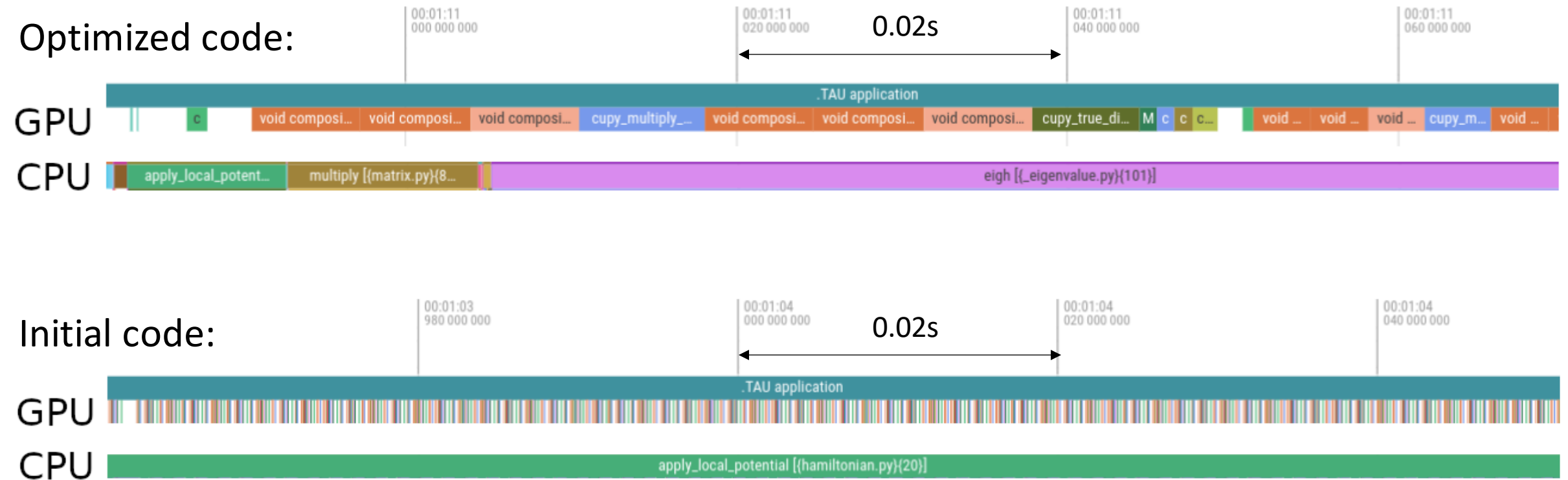
Porting GPAW to GPU: Profiling

In the initial code (replacing NumPy by CuPy), the GPU was not utilised sufficiently

GPU:



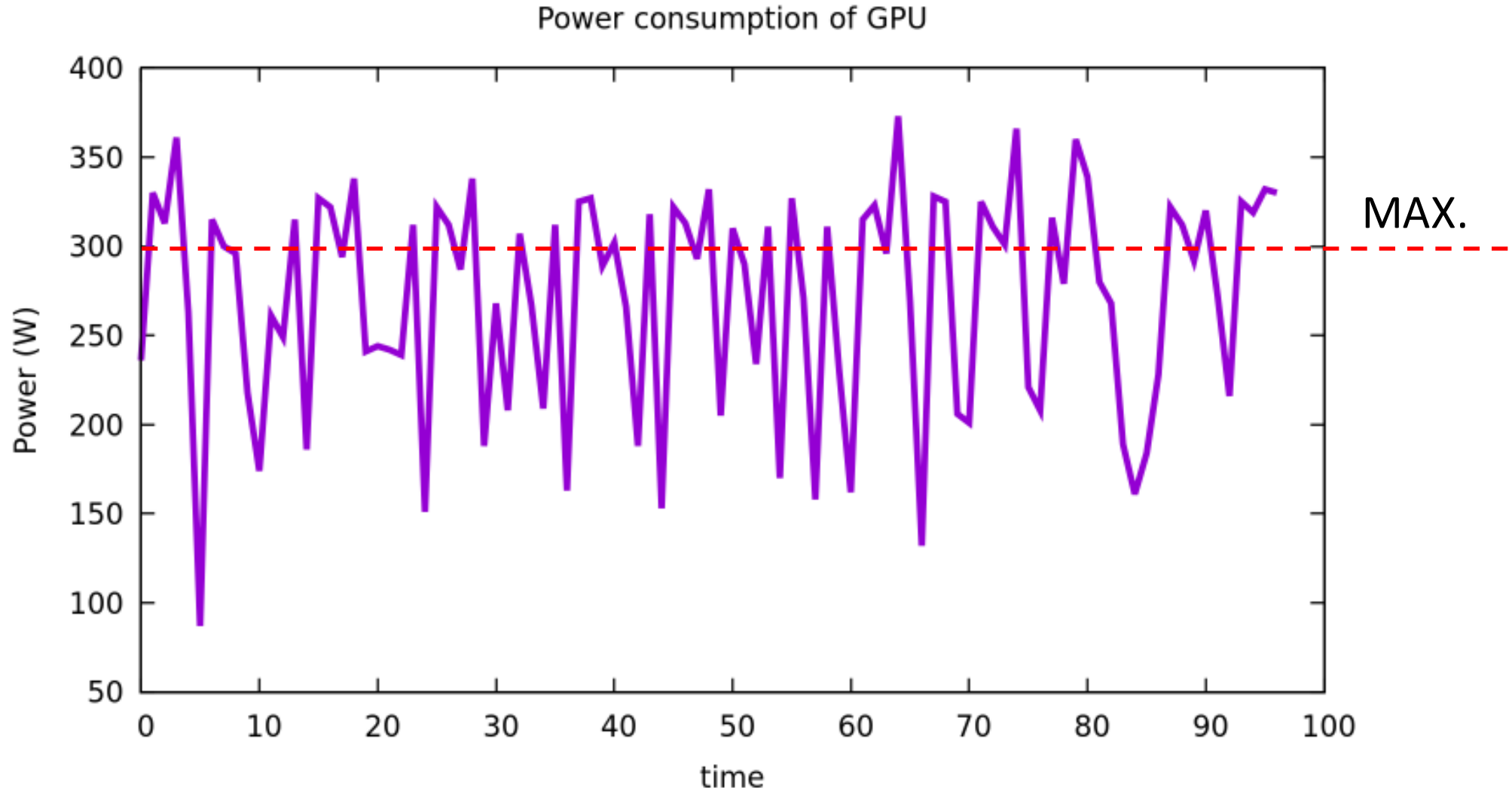
Porting GPAW to GPU: Profiling



Initial code: GPUs not fully utilised. CPU busy submitting to GPU.

Optimized code: Batching of kernel calls in Python → CPU submits large work chunks → GPUs work all the time and is behind the CPU.

Porting GPAW to GPU: Power consumption



New GPAW: A multi-platform code

- **Supported architectures:**

- NVIDIA

- NVIDIA support via CuPy and CUDA
- Tested on 4xNVIDIA A100 nodes on Mahti, CSC

- AMD

- AMD support via CuPy and HIP
- Tested on AMD node 4xMI250X on LUMI

- CPU

- The GPU code shares the main code base with the CPU code
- Includes a fake CuPy library to run GPU tests without GPU

- **Multi-platform testing**

- Gitlab runner on LUMI (for signed commits only)
- Local gitlab runner at DTU-Physics for CPU
- Local gitlab runner at DTU-Physics for GPU (NVIDIA A4000)

GPU versus CPU performance

- **Hardware cost**

- Cost of NVIDIA A100 node: kr. 500k
- Cost of Xeon 56 CPU node: kr. 75k

- **Running costs**

- GPU node: $4 \times 300 \text{ W} + 600 \text{ W (cooling)} = 1.8 \text{ kW}$
- Cost per 5 years: $5 \times 1.8 \text{ kW} \times 2 \text{ kr./kWh} = \text{kr. } 160\text{k}$
- CPU node (xeon56): 750 W
- Cost per 5 year: $5 \times 0.75 \text{ kW} \times 2 \text{ kr./kWh} = \text{kr. } 65\text{k}$

- **Total cost**

- GPU: kr. 660k
- CPU: kr. 140k

GPU cost /
CPU cost

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Conclusions

- Atomic-scale computations can accelerate the understanding and discovery of novel materials for energy and quantum technologies.
- The danish DFT community needs easy access to large CPU computing resources (10^9 core hrs/year). GPUs cannot replace this need the next many years.
- TaskBlaster: Simple Python framework for automated workflows.
- GPAW-GPU multiplatform code made possible by several factors:
 - Python libraries (cupy)
 - Access to LUMI (thanks to DeiC)
 - Support from CSC and AMD, incl. setup of gitlab runner for testing
 - Excellent team members

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