

Molecular Dynamics Simulations in the School of Chemistry



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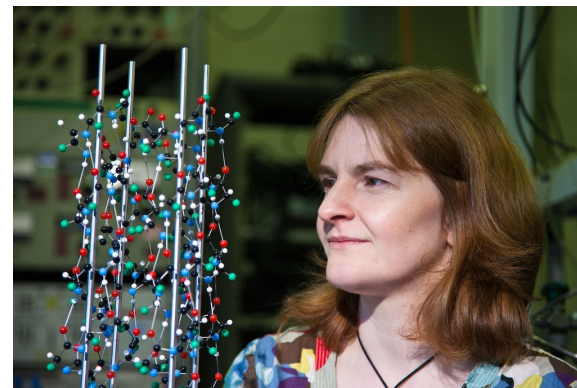
Fernanda Duarte



Adam Kirrander



Julien Michel



Carole Morrison

Research themes

1. Reaction dynamics and electron/X-ray scattering

Adam Kirrander

2. Solid-state structure and dynamics

Carole Morrison

3. Catalysis

Fernanda Duarte

4. Molecular liquids and biomolecular systems

Philip Camp, Julien Michel, Carole Morrison

5. Soft matter

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Simulation methods

1. Few-atom quantum dynamics

Adam Kirrander

2. Ab-initio and Car-Parrinello molecular dynamics

Carole Morrison

3. Quantum mechanics/molecular mechanics

Fernanda Duarte

4. Classical atomistic molecular dynamics

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5. Coarse-grained dynamics

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length/time

1. Adam Kirrander: Reaction dynamics

- **Few-atom quantum dynamics**

Andrés Moreno, Darren Bellshaw, Nikola Zotev, Maria Tudorovskaya, and Minas Stefanou



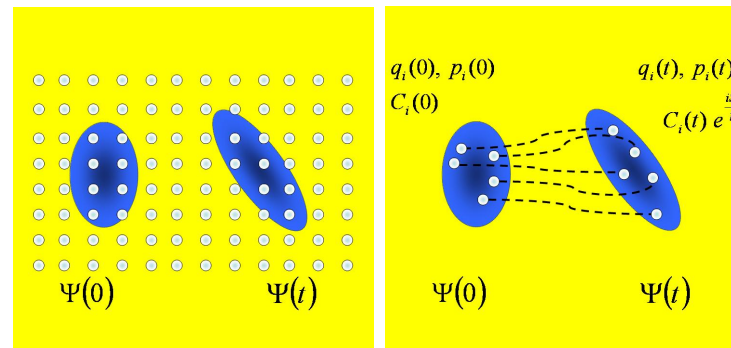
1. Adam Kirrander: Reaction dynamics

- Interpreting ultrafast X-ray (XFEL) and electron diffraction measurements to generate 'molecular movies'

scattering theory

grid-based methods
 $N \lesssim 20$ atoms

semi-classical dynamics



$$\hbar \rightarrow 0$$

$$\Psi = \sum_k c_k g_k(\bar{\mathbf{q}}_t, \bar{\mathbf{p}}_t)$$

accuracy

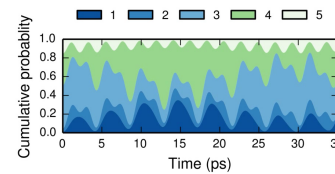
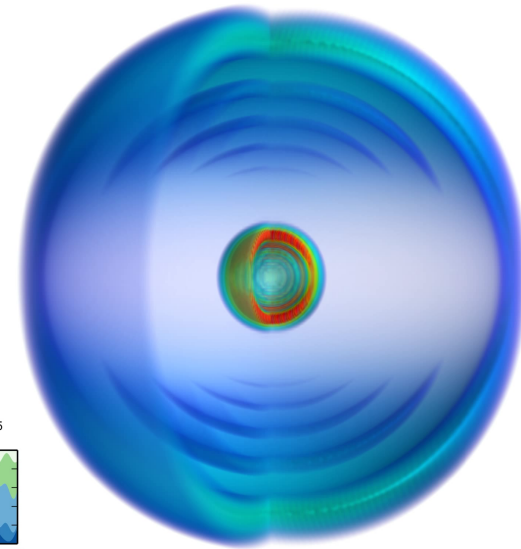
number of atoms



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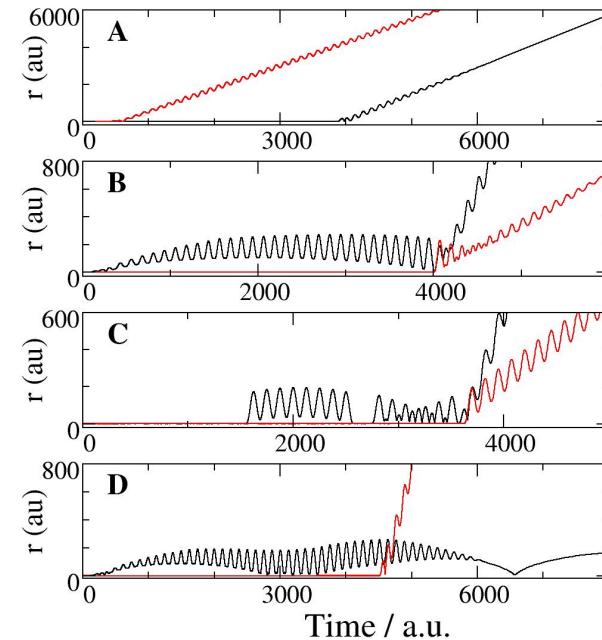
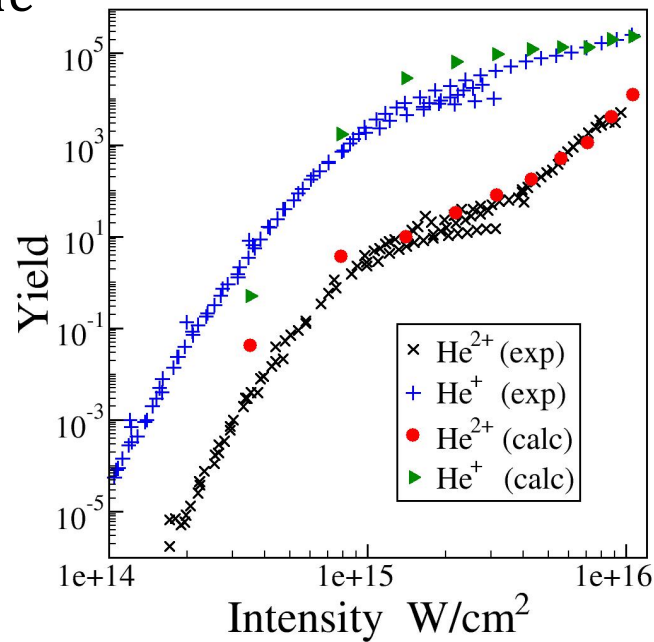
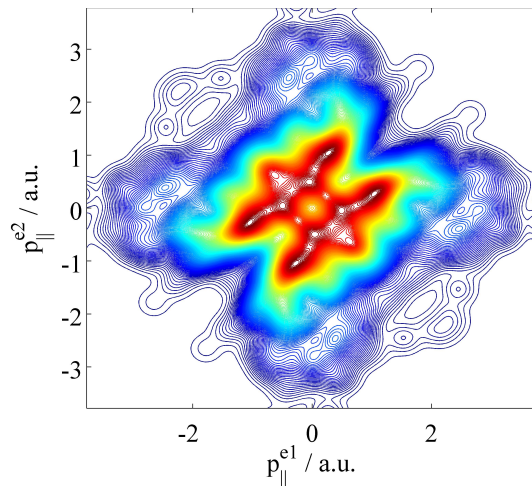
Electron dynamics in argon

Phys. Rev. Lett. **112**, 043002 (2014)



Double ionisation of He

Phys. Rev. A **84**, 033406 (2011)

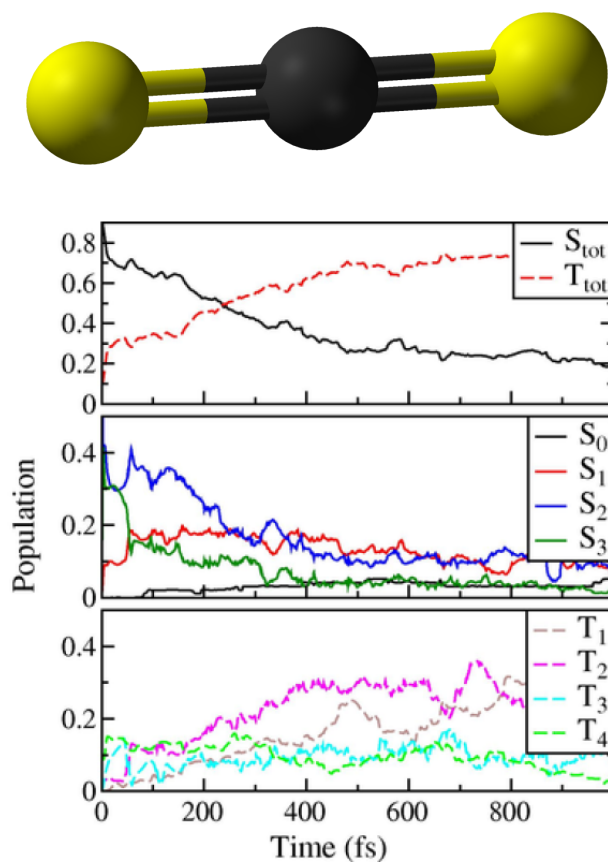


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Efficient dissociation of CS₂
promoted by spin-orbit coupling

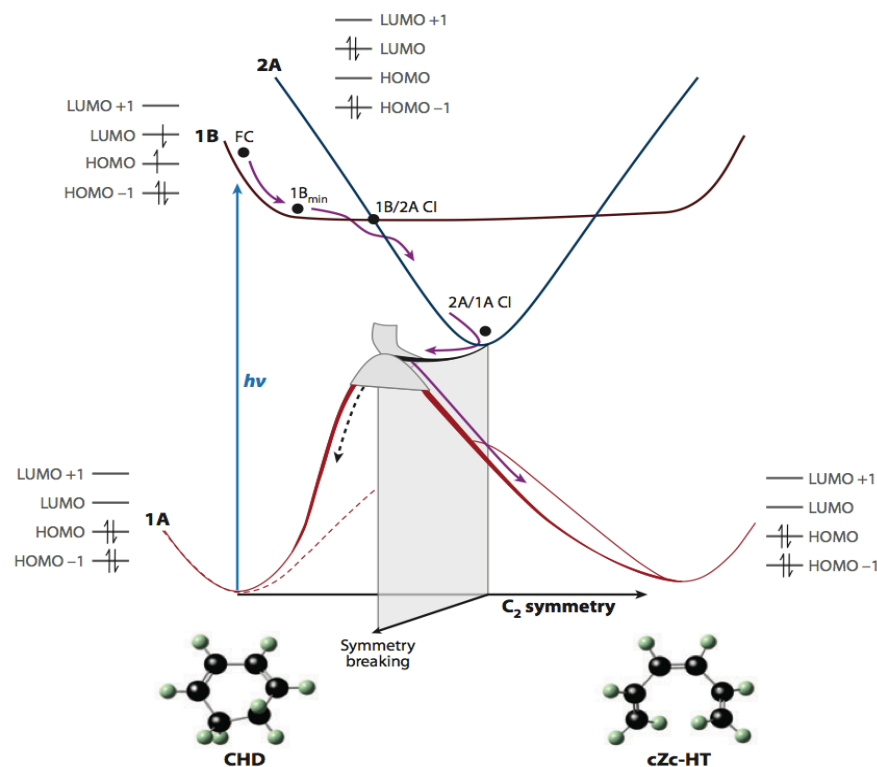


Chem. Phys. Lett. (in press)



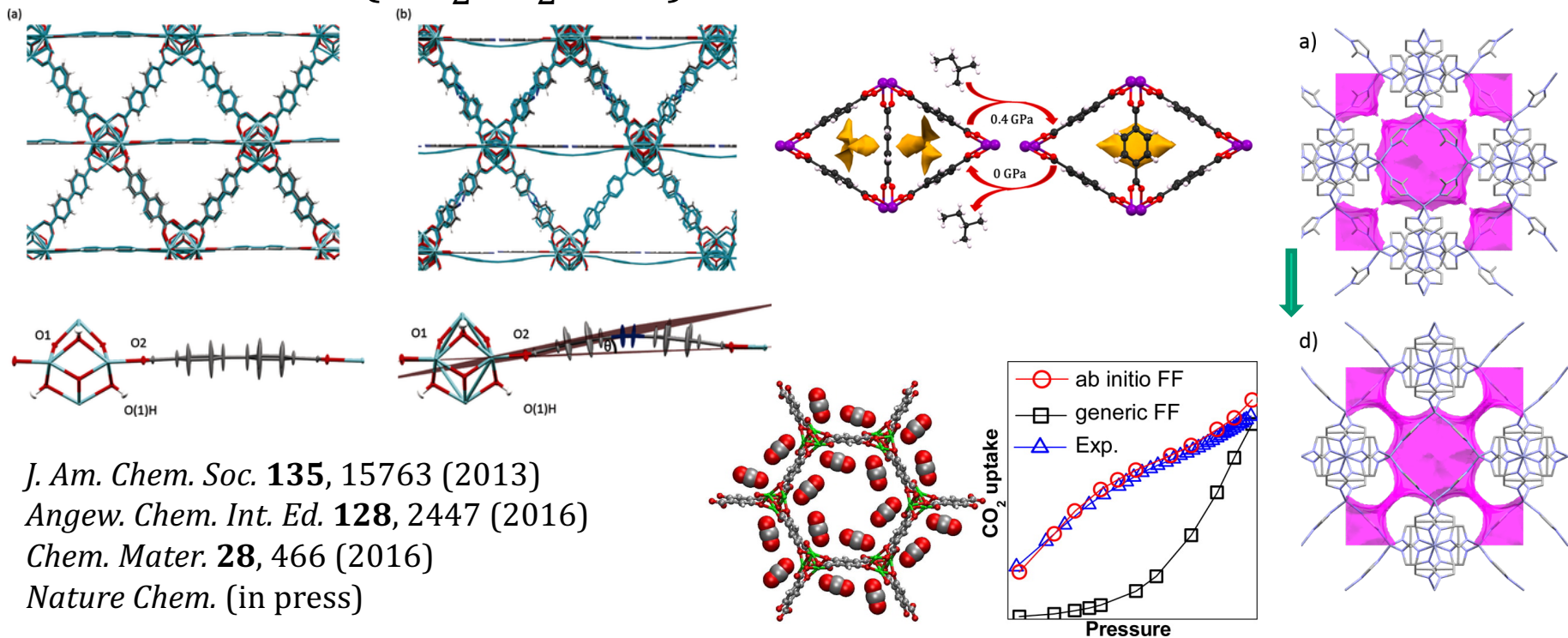
1,3-cyclohexadiene ring-opening

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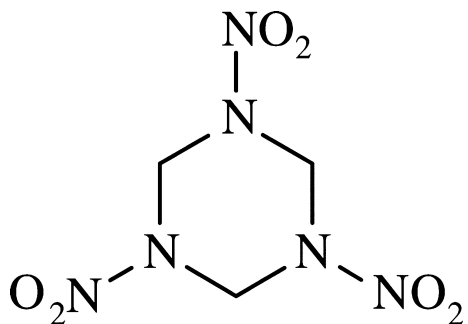
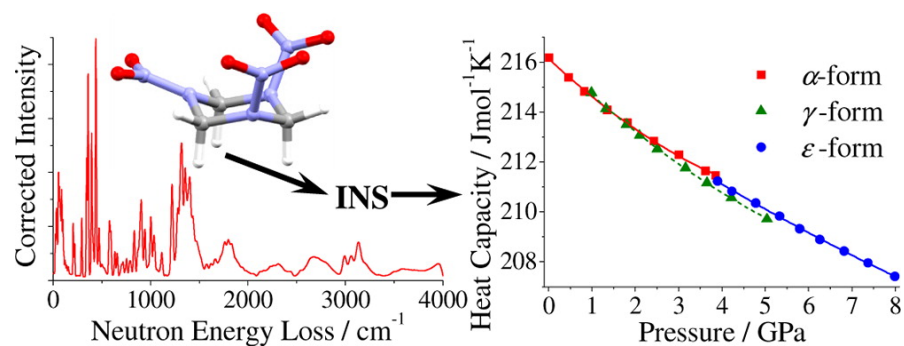
2. Carole Morrison: Solid-state structure and dynamics

- **Ab-initio and Car-Parrinello molecular dynamics**
Stephen Moggach, Tina Düren, Claire Hobday, and Jonathan Richardson
- Combining experiment and theory to understand solid-state structure, reaction dynamics, and adsorption of small molecules (CO_2 , H_2 , etc.)



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- **Ab-initio and Car-Parrinello molecular dynamics**
Colin Pulham and Adam Michalchuk
- Predicting impact sensitivities of energetic materials from first-principles phonon calculations

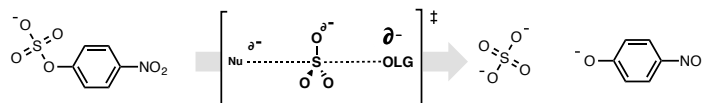


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3. Fernanda Duarte: Catalysis

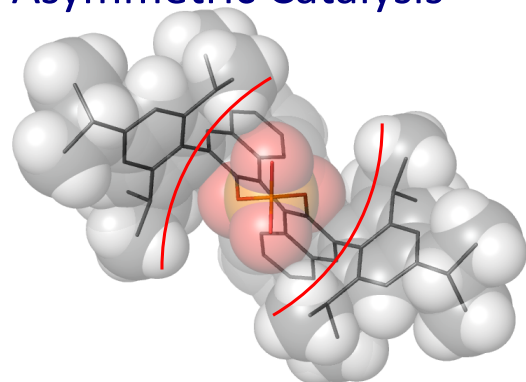
- Quantum mechanics/molecular mechanics

BBA – General Subjects 1850, 954 (2015)



Reaction Mechanism

New Models for Asymmetric Catalysis



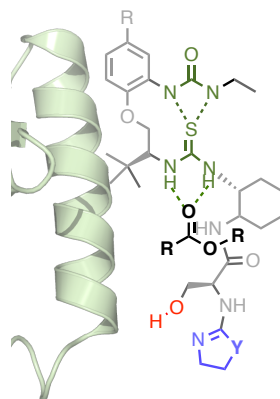
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infile = open(file,"r")
inlines = infile.readlines()
getATOMS(self, inlines)

class getdata:
    def __init__(self, filename):
        self.filename = filename
        self.inlines = []
        self.atoms = []
        self.bonds = []
        self.path = []
        self.lists = []
        self.print ("FATAL ERROR: Input file [ %

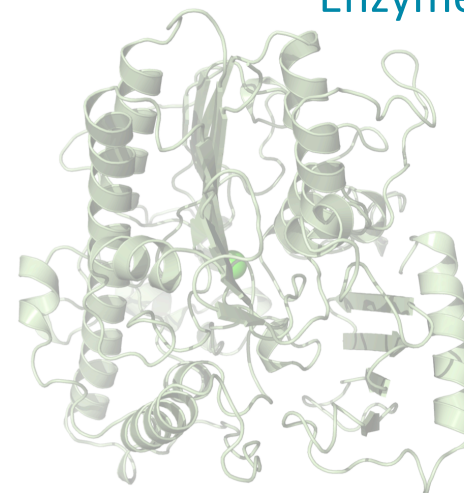
def getATOM (self, inlines):
    self.REATOM = []
    for i in range(0, len(inlines)):
        if not is_number(inlines[i].split
            print "FATAL ERROR: input '%s
            sys.exit(1)
        atomid = int(inlines[i].split("#"
            sel = self.PATOMID.append(atomid)

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Biomimetic Catalysis

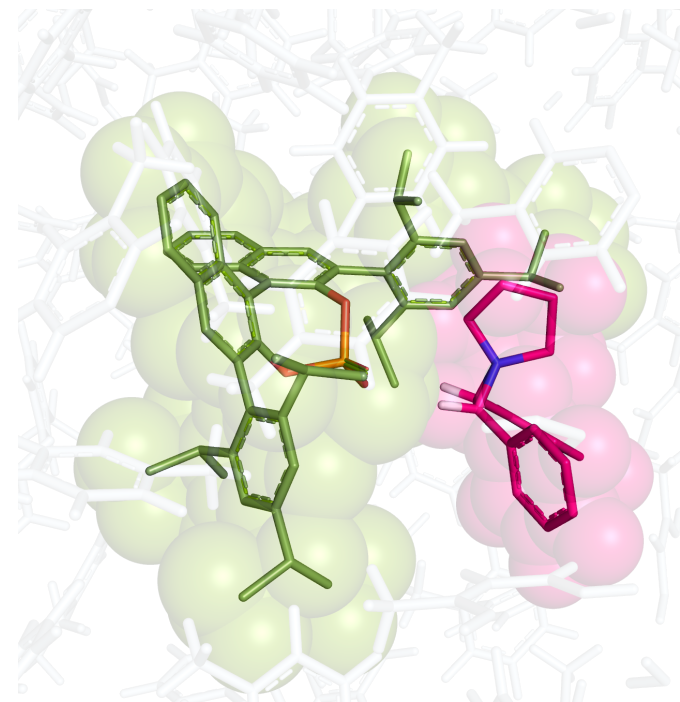
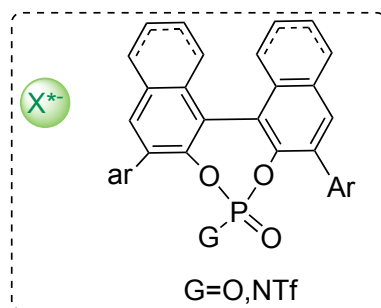
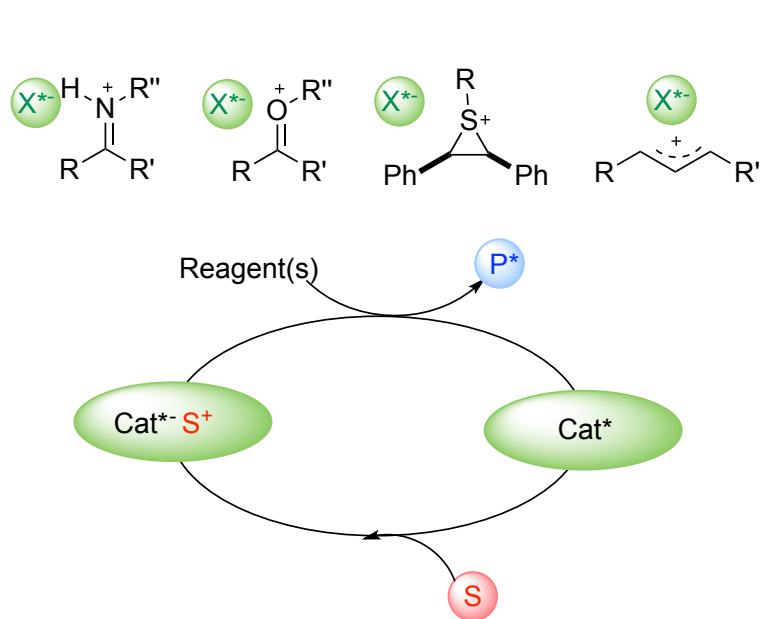


Enzyme Catalysis



3. Fernanda Duarte: Asymmetric catalysis

- From mechanistic understanding to prediction



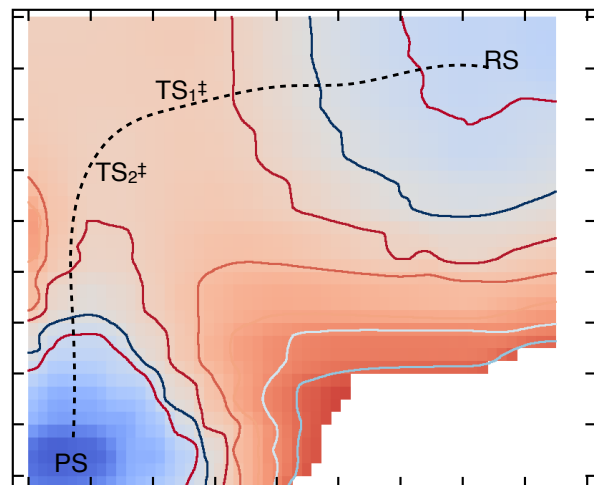
- Most new drugs are marketed as single enantiomers
- Catalyst discovery remains a trial-and-error process

3. Fernanda Duarte: Biomimetic catalysis

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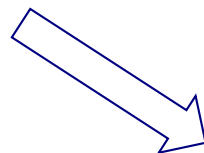
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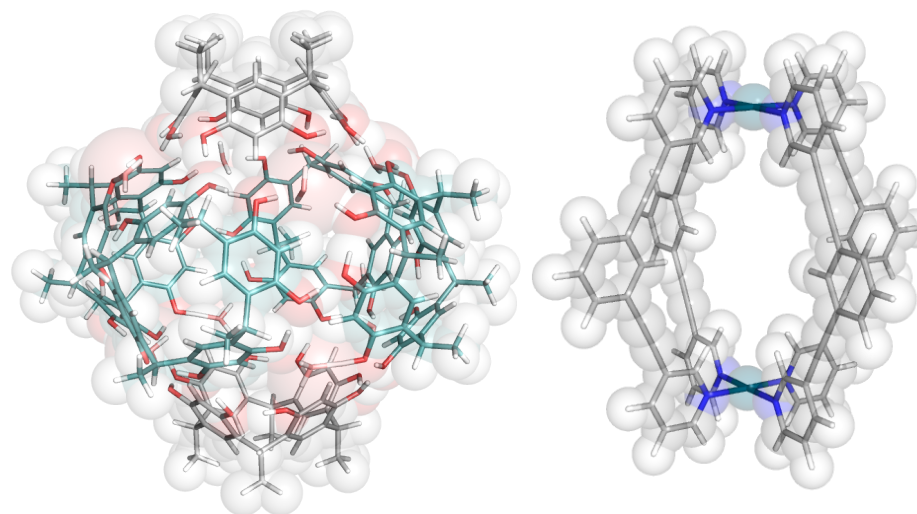


Understanding the
fundamental chemistry

Mechanistic Insights

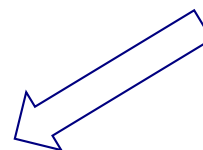


Supramolecular Chemistry



Exploring Physical / Dynamic
properties

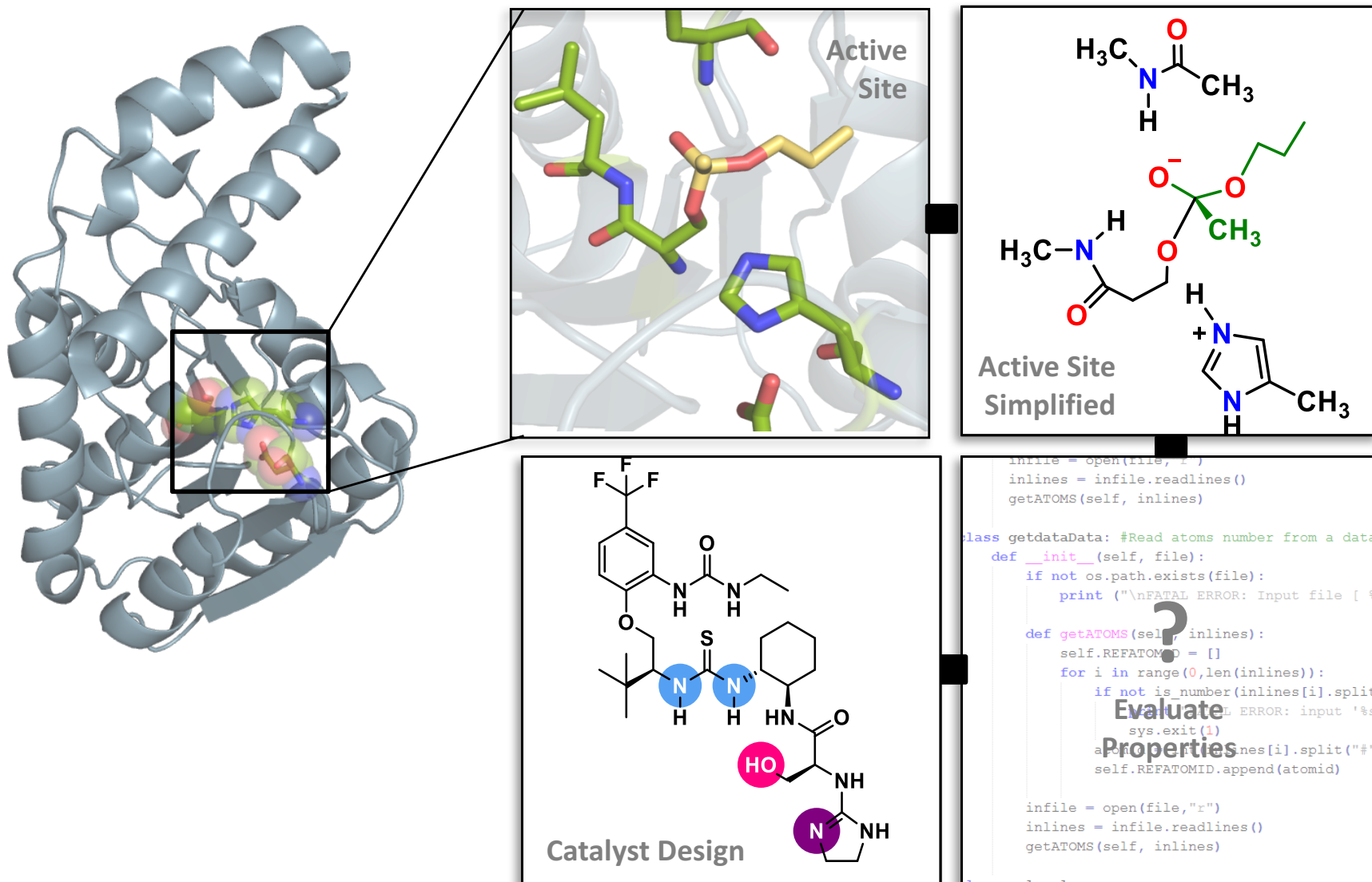
New Scaffolds



Self-Assembled “Nanozyme”

3. Fernanda Duarte: Biomimetic/enzyme catalysis

- Using natural scaffolds to introduce catalysis – learning from Nature

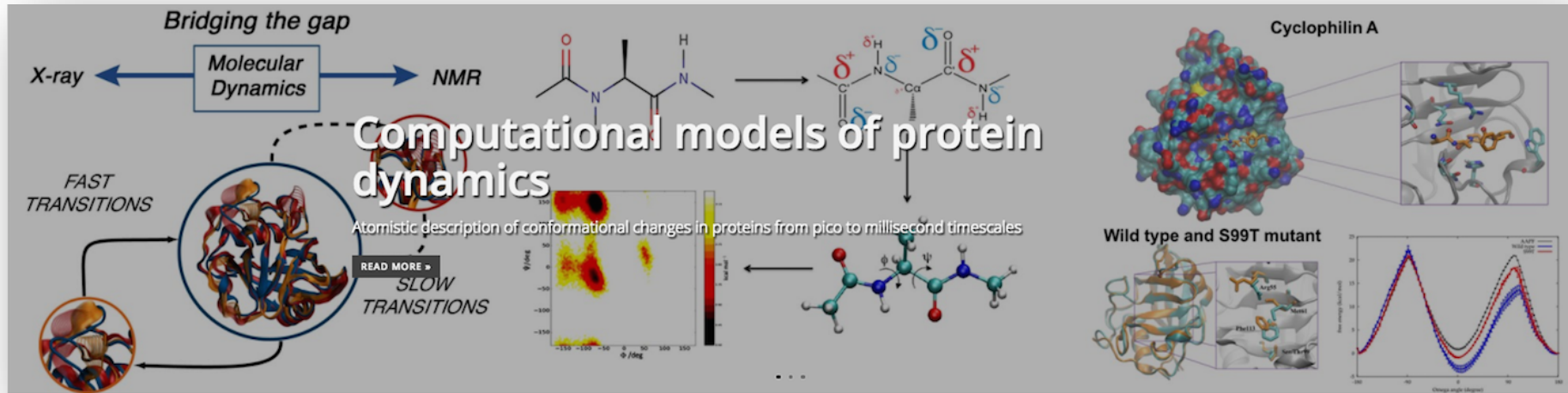


4. Julien Michel: Biomolecular systems

- **Classical atomistic molecular dynamics**



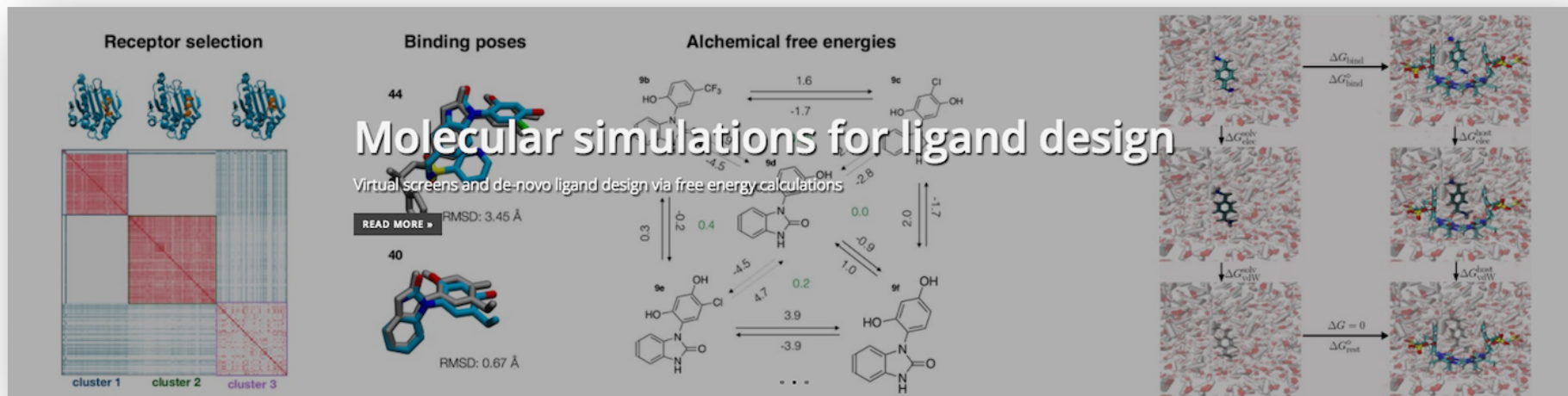
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Atomic level description of protein structure and dynamics (picosecond to millisecond) via classical molecular dynamics simulation methods and back-calculation of experimental observables (e.g. NMR spectra)

PLoS Comput. Biol. **11**, e1004282 (2015)

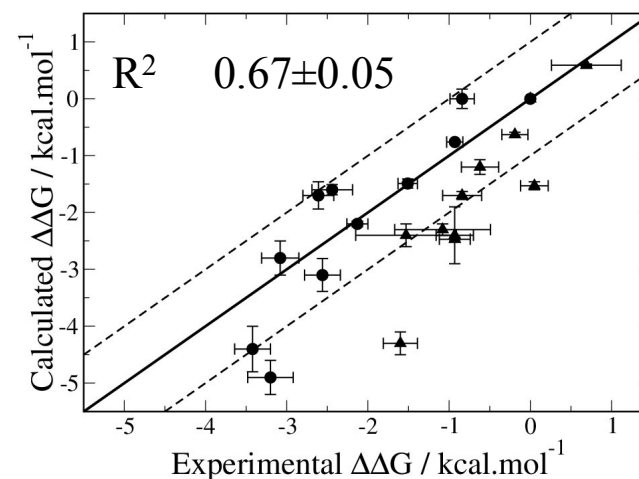
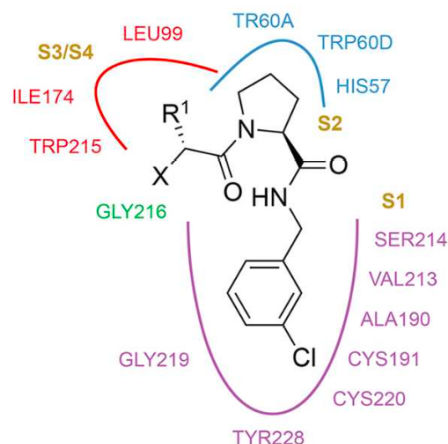
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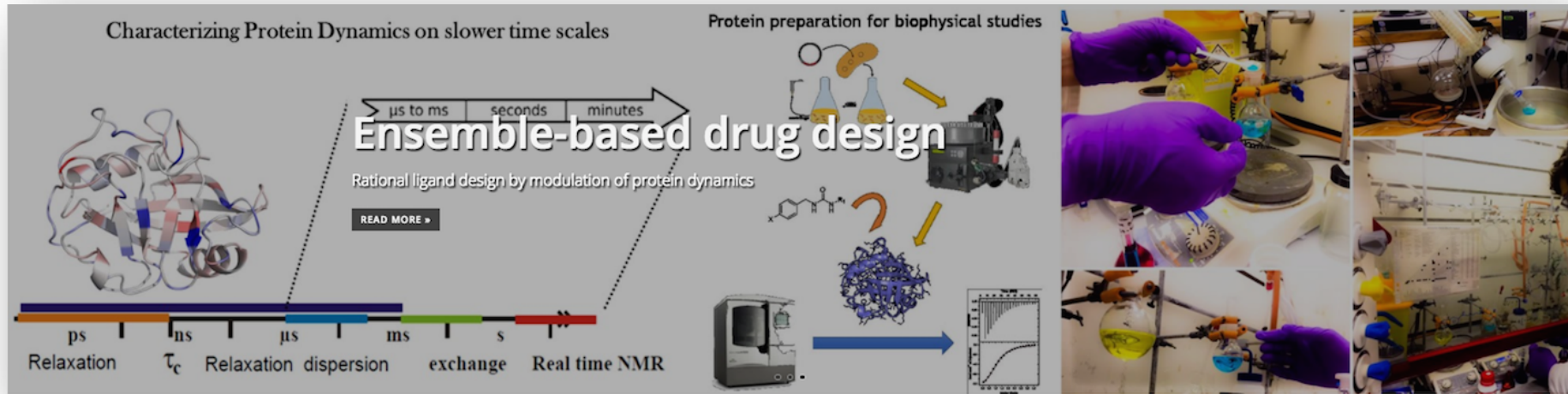
- Molecular simulation algorithms for next-generation computer-aided drug design technologies

Prediction of binding energies for thrombin ligands by molecular dynamics alchemical free energy calculations

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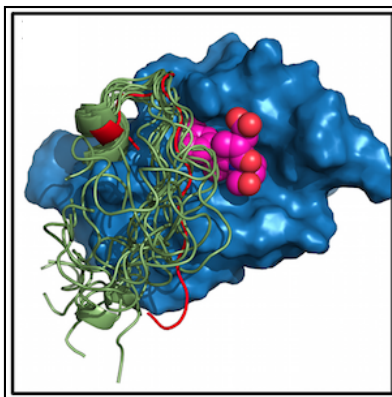


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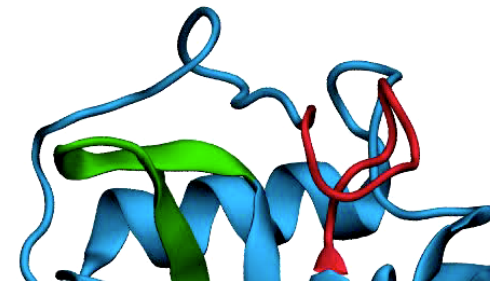


- Combination of molecular modelling, organic synthesis, and biophysical assays methods to deliver improved ligands for challenging drug targets via modulation of protein dynamics

MDM2 lid dynamics (cancer)



Cyclophilins loops dynamics (viral infections, neurodegenerative diseases)

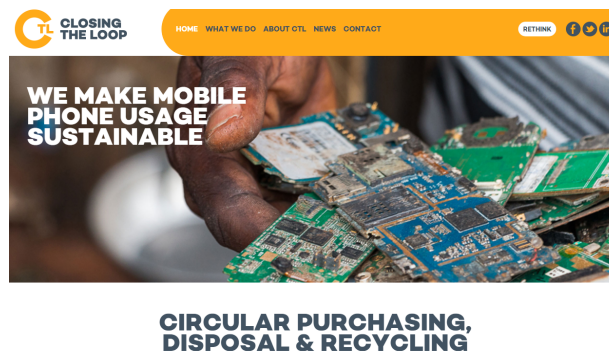
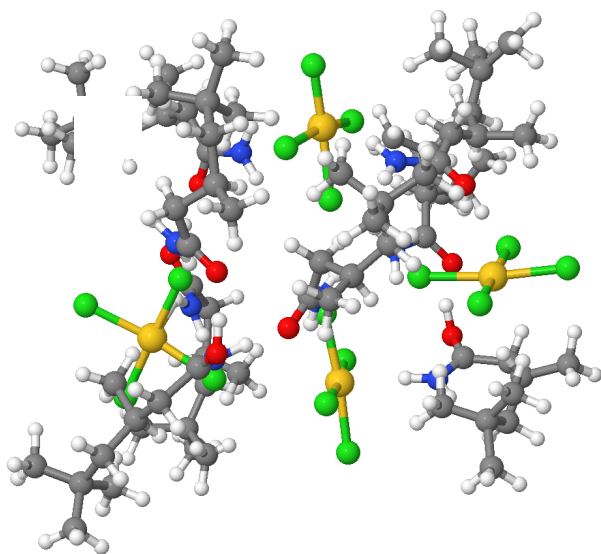


4. Carole Morrison: Molecular liquids

- **Ab-initio and classical molecular dynamics**

Jason Love, Mary Healy, Peter Tasker, Innis Carson, Rebecca Nicolson, Euan Doidge, and Jamie Hunter

- Urban mining – recovering wealth from waste electronics
- Designing and understanding sustainable processes to recover, e.g., gold (selectively!) from printed circuit boards



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Infinite Magazine (UoE/ERI) Issue 14, October 2015

4. Philip Camp: Molecular liquids

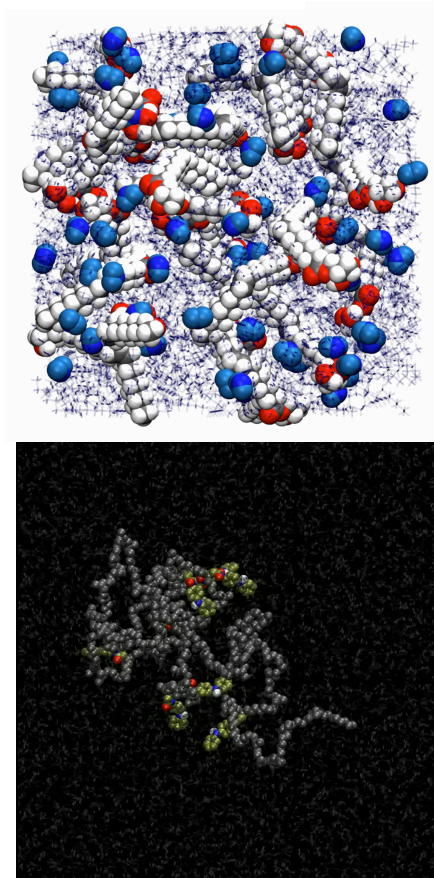
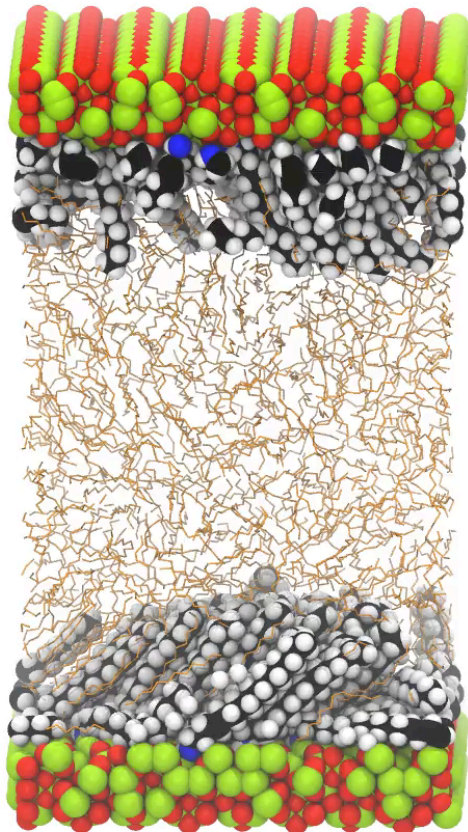
- Classical molecular dynamics



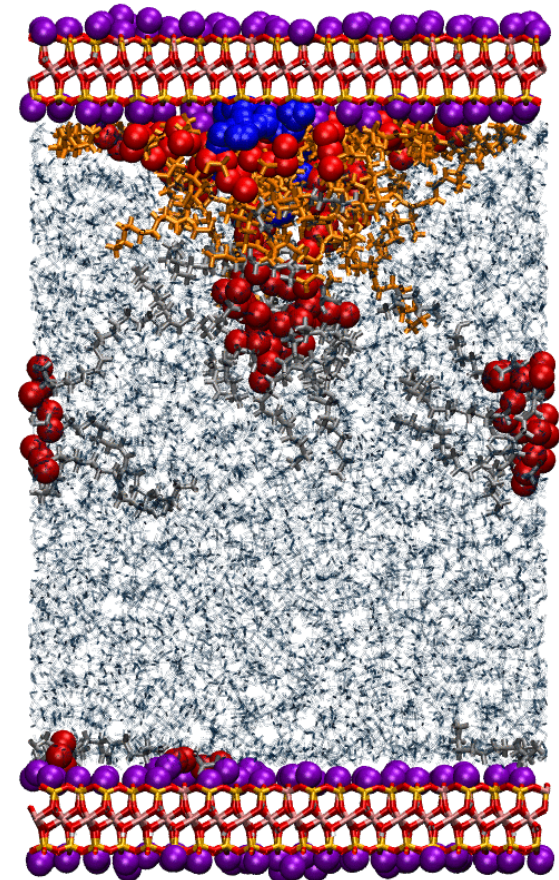
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- Self-assembly, adsorption, and friction in lubricants

Rui Apóstolo and Georgia Tsagkaropoulou



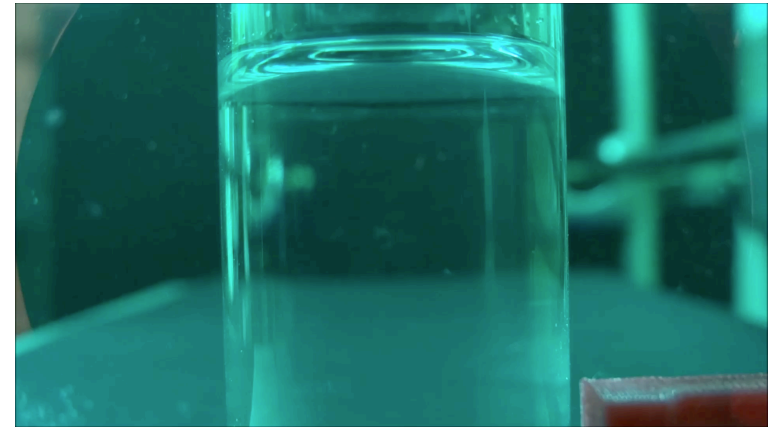
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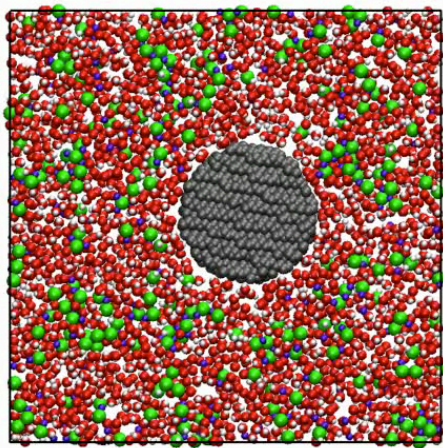
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- Non-photochemical laser-induced nucleation
Andrew Alexander and Julien Sindt

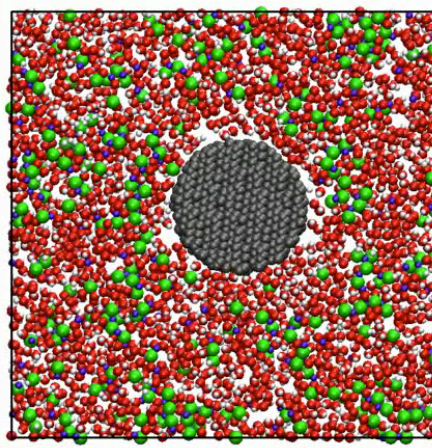
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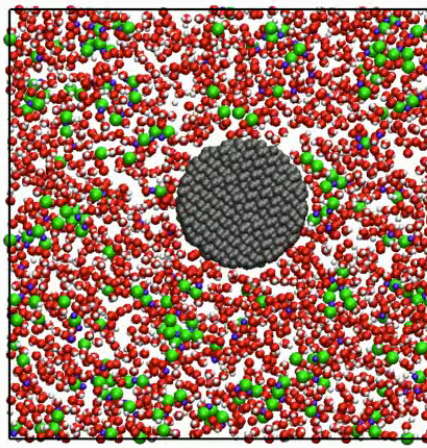
- Nanoparticle heating in aqueous salt solutions



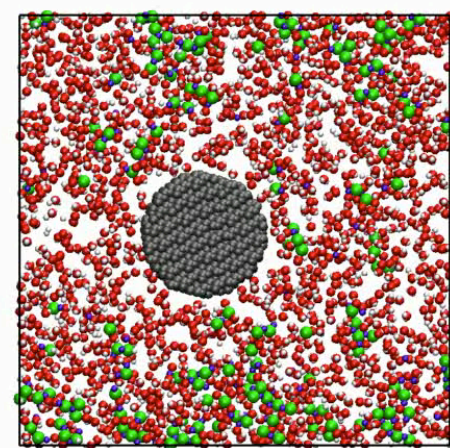
equilibrium



$t = 0.0-0.1$ ns



$t = 0.9-1.0$ ns



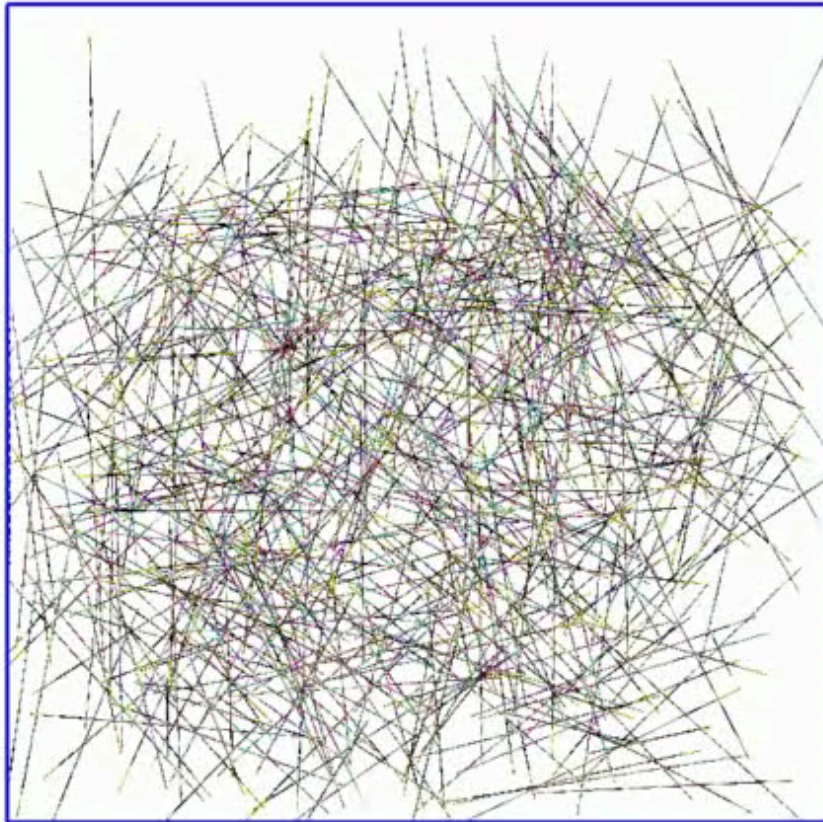
$t = 2.3-2.4$ ns

5. Philip Camp: Soft matter

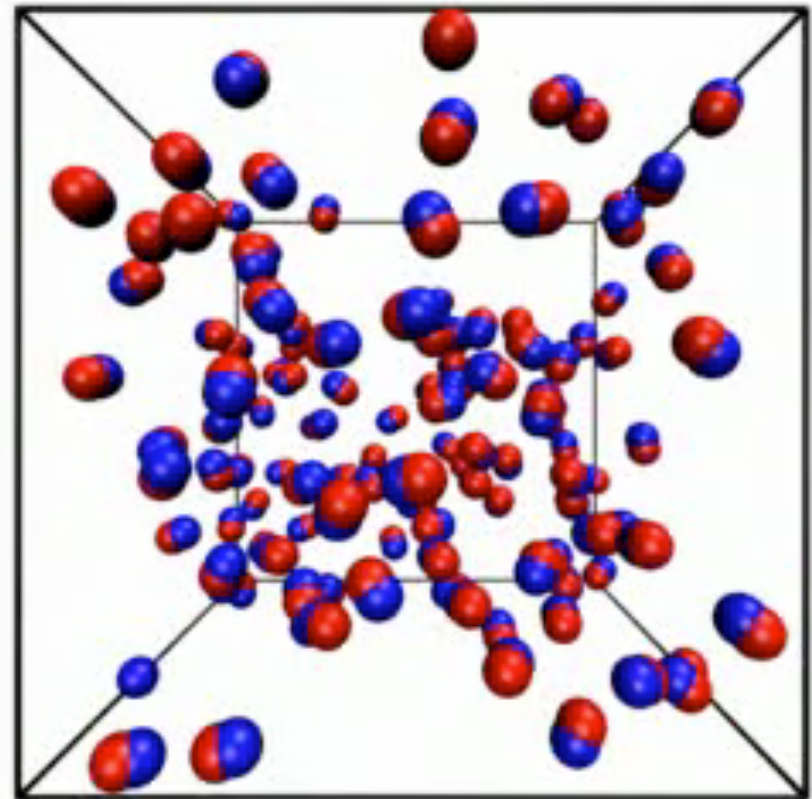
- **Coarse-grained dynamics**

Fabio Nudelman and Julien Sindt

Collagen fibril formation
Aggregation kinetics



Magnetic colloids
AC field-induced hyperthermia



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