

Plenary Talk

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Role of van der Waals Interactions in Physics, Chemistry, and Biology — •MATTHIAS SCHEFFLER — Fritz-Haber-Institut der Max-Planck-Gesellschaft, Berlin, Germany

Van der Waals (vdW) interactions are crucial for the formation, stability, and function of many molecules and materials. They typically dominate in regions where the overlap of electron densities is small. Interestingly, the commonly applied implementations of density-functional theory (LDA, GGAs, hybrids) are completely lacking the vdW tail.

In this talk, I will review recent advances in electronic-structure theory; in particular, I will highlight the “exact exchange random-phase approximation to correlation (cRPA)” approach and its recent corrections to cRPA. Furthermore, I will discuss approaches that are computationally more efficient and enable the treatment of large systems or long time-scale molecular dynamics. The main part of the talk will deal with representative applications, e.g.,

* The noticeable role of vdW interactions in the cohesion of metals and semiconductors and in the intermolecular interactions in water and ice.

* Particular focus will be put on the adsorption of organic molecules at metals and semiconductors, and on tuning the workfunction of an inorganic substrate by molecular acceptors.

* Regarding biophysics, I will show how vdW interactions affect the conformational landscape, stabilize the helical hydrogen-bonded network compared to plain DFT-GGA calculations, and thus explain the thermal stability of helical structures by several hundred K.

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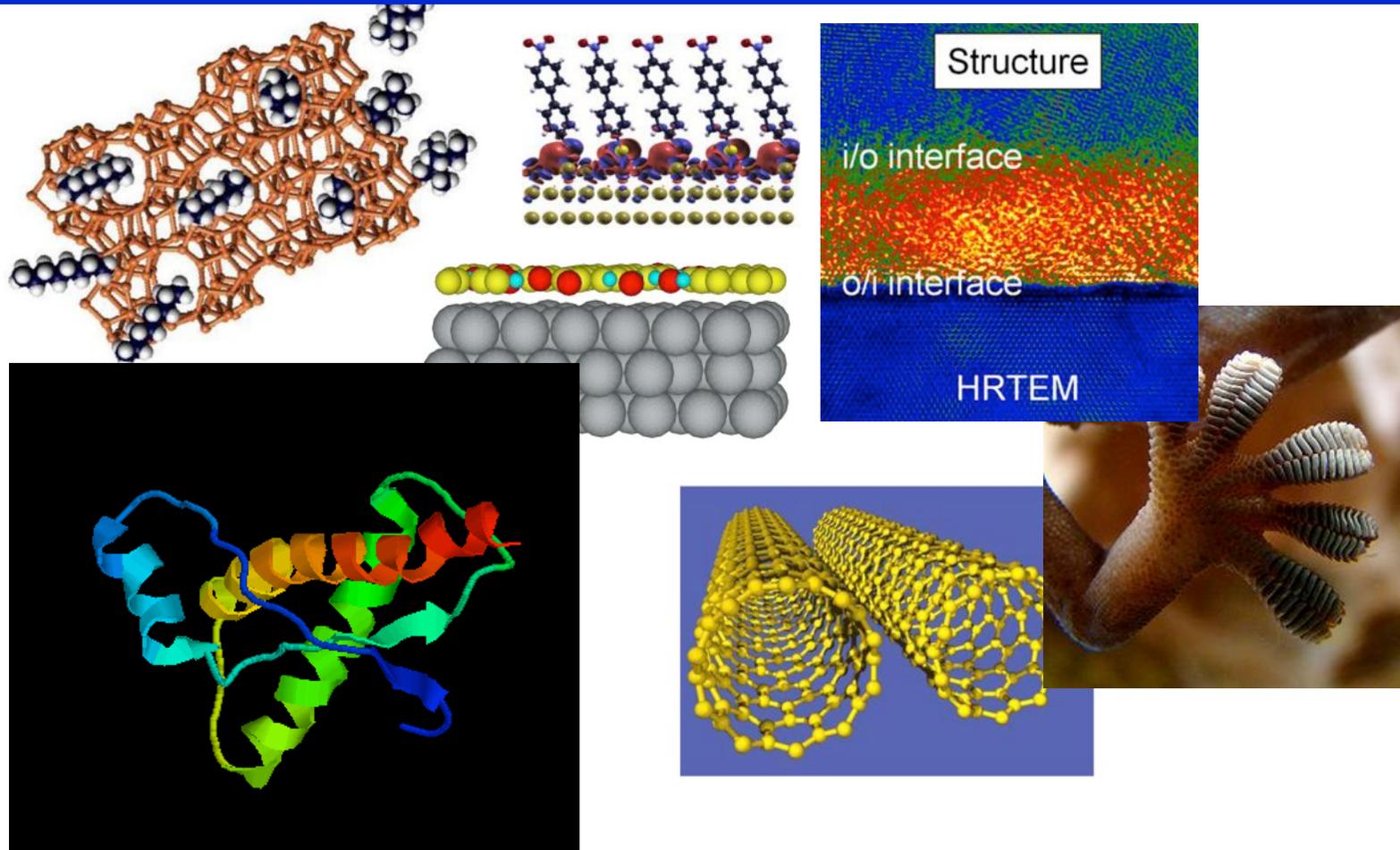
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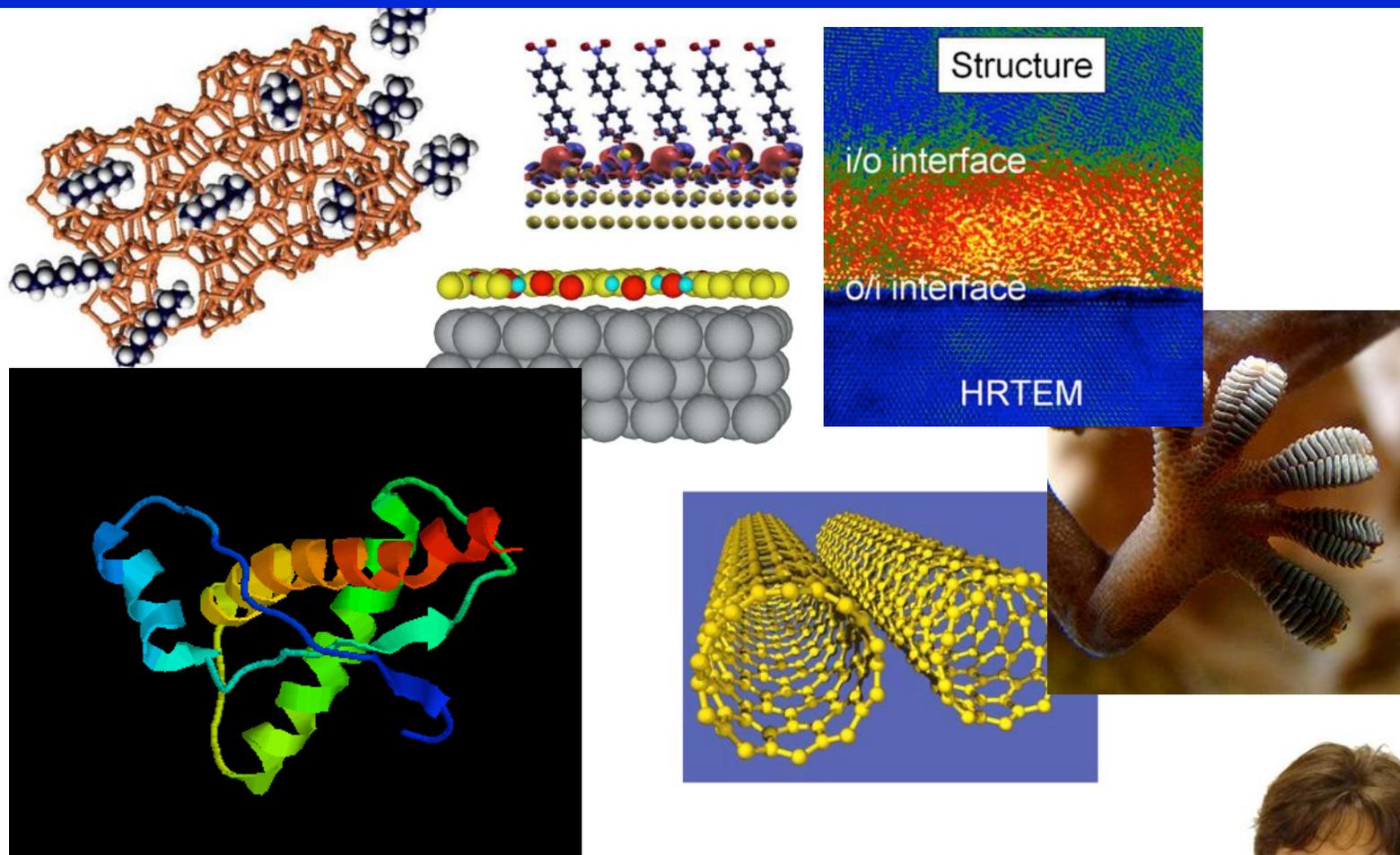
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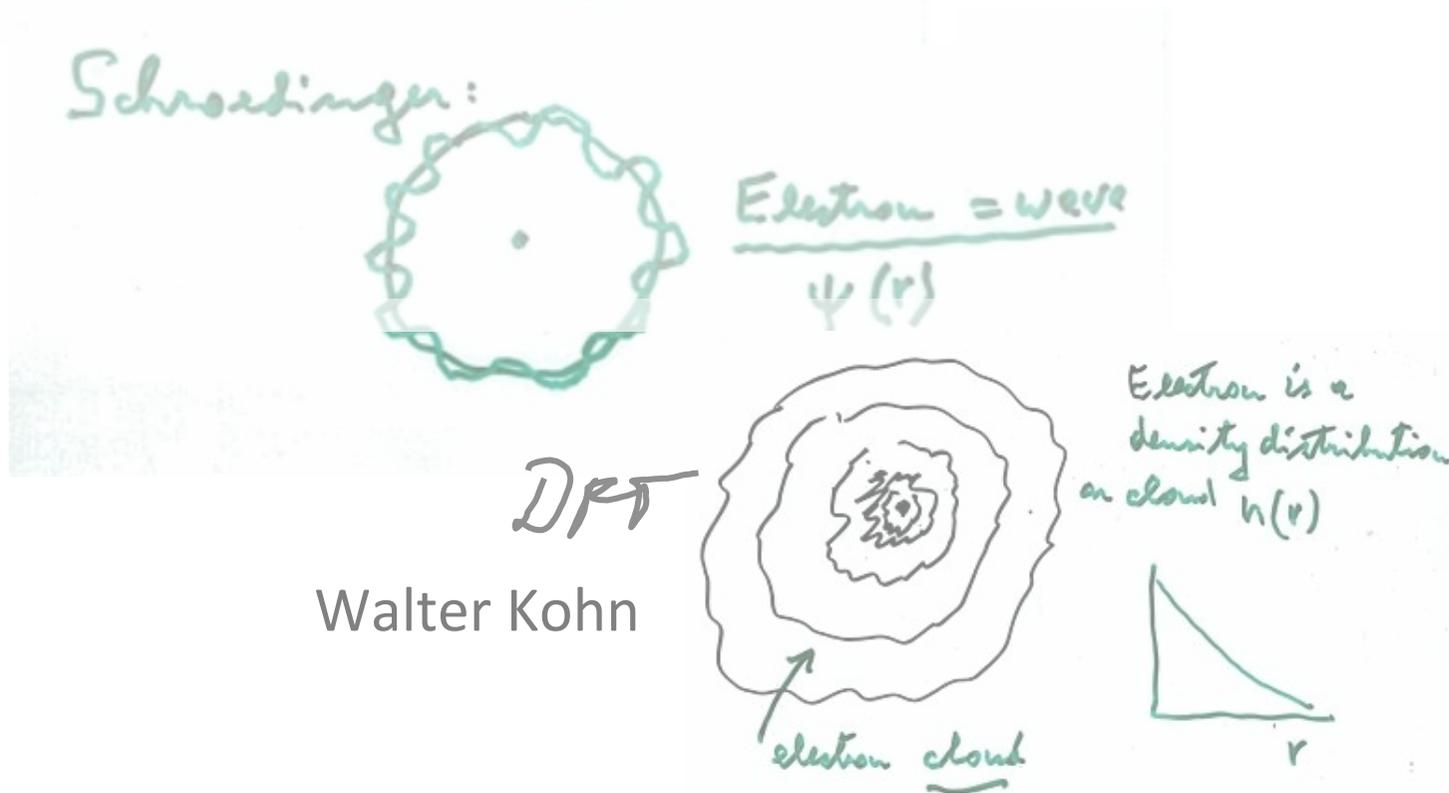
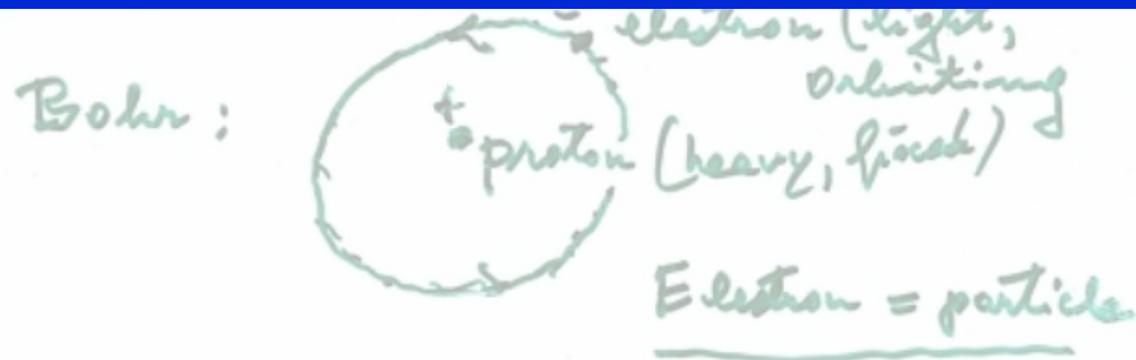
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Karin Jacobs: “Take van der Waals forces into account in theory, simulations, and experiment!”



The Kohn-Sham Ansatz of Density-Functional Theory



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- **Kohn-Sham (1965): Replace** the original many-body problem by an **independent electron problem that can be solved!**

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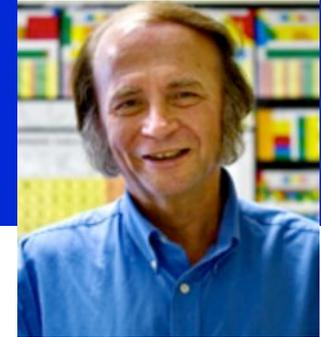
Approximate xc functionals have been very successful **but there are problems**

- for certain bonding situations (vdW, hydrogen bonding, certain covalent bonds)
 - for highly correlated situations, and
 - for excited states.
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Perdew's Dream: Jacob's Ladder in Density-Functional Theory



accuracy ↑

5
4
3
2
1

The exchange-correlation functional

our favorite

unoccupied $\psi_i(\mathbf{r})$,

occupied $\psi_i(\mathbf{r})$,

$\tau(\mathbf{r})$,

$\nabla n(\mathbf{r})$,

$n(\mathbf{r})$,

EX + cRPA, as given by ACFD hybrids (B3LYP, PBE0, HSE, ...)

meta-GGA (e.g., TPSS)

Generalized Gradient Approx.

Local-Density Approximation

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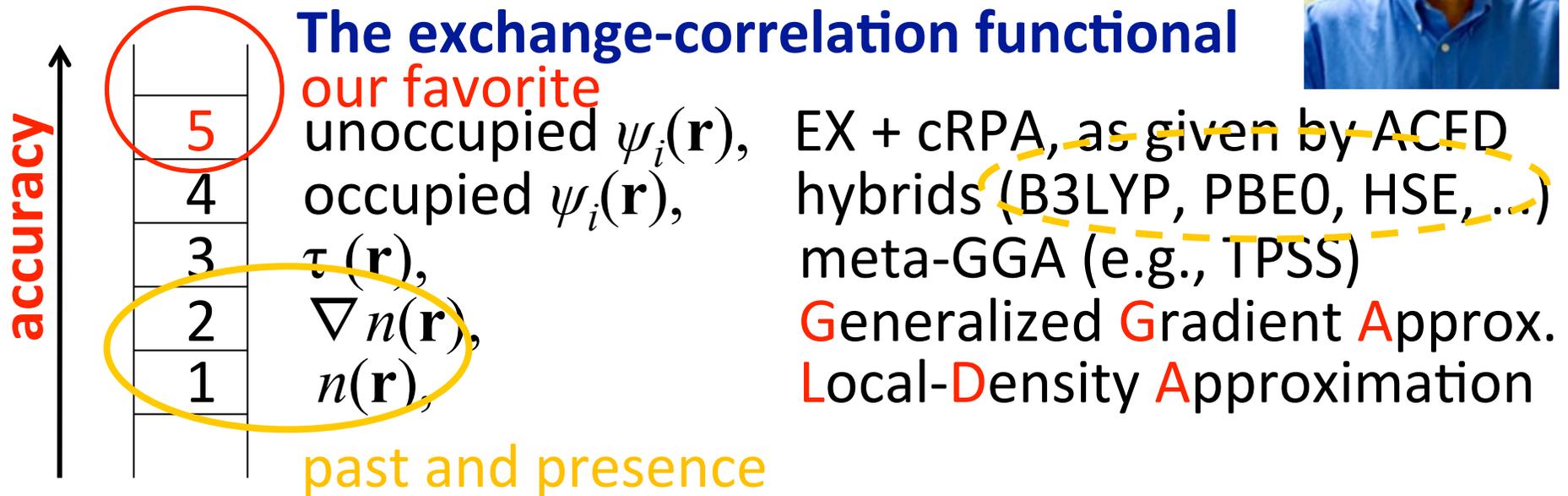
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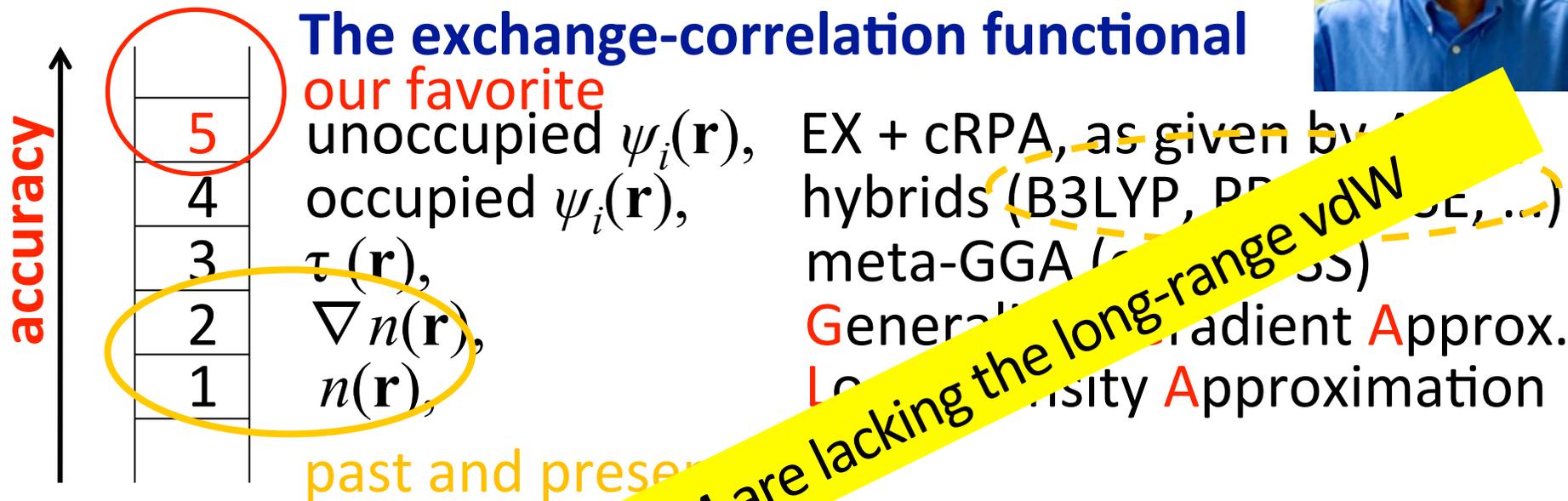
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“Level 5 plus”

Viewed in the Many-Body Framework

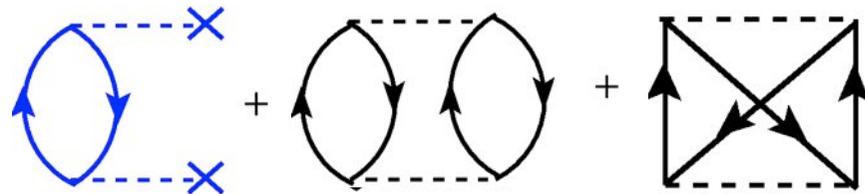
Perturbation theory:

$H = H^0 + H'$ with $H^0|\varphi_n\rangle = E_n^{(0)}|\varphi_n\rangle$ and $|\varphi_n\rangle =$ Slater det.
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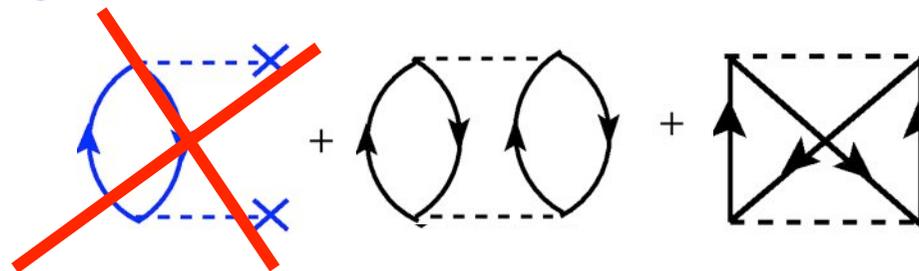
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**Using HF input, this is
 Møller-Plesset pertur-
 bation theory, MP2**



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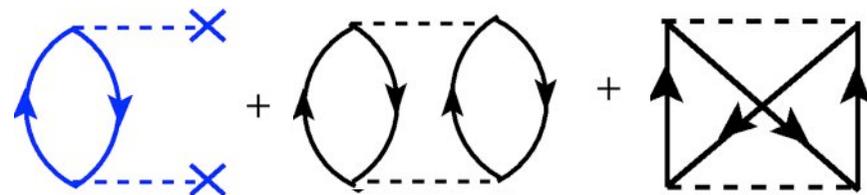
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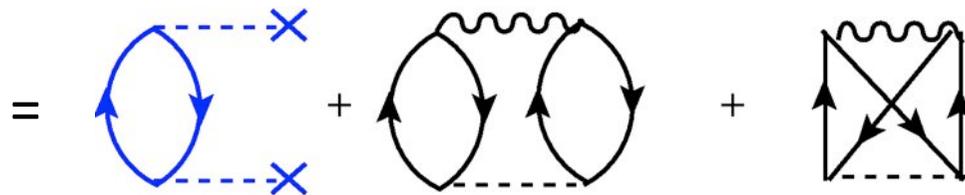
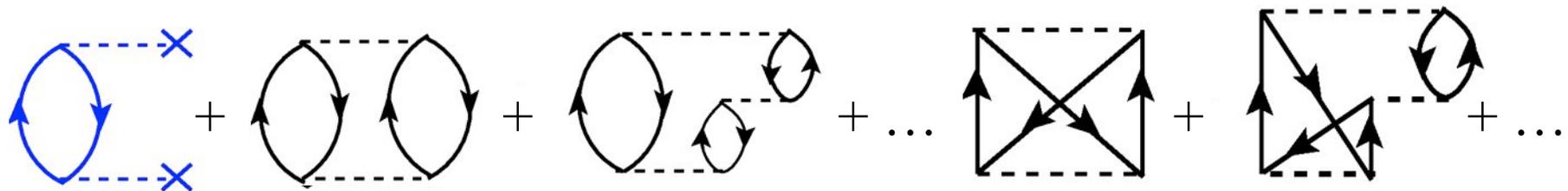
Adding all ring diagrams from higher order perturbations:

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Renormalized second order perturbation theory sets the reference. However, it is quite costly and (at present) limited to about 100 atoms.

Can we find a method that is efficient AND accurate?
 We need dispersion coefficients with an error $\leq 5\%$.

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single excitations

cRPA

SOSEX

X. Ren, A. Tkatchenko, P. Rinke, and M.S., *PRL* **106**, (2011).

J. Paier, X. Ren, P. Rinke, A. Grüneis, G. Kresse, G. E. Scuseria, M.S., *NJP* (2012).

C_6 Coefficients in the TS Scheme (schematic)

S. Grimme: add tails $E_{\text{vdW}} = \sum_{I,J} C_{6,I,J} / R_{I,J}^6$

$$C_{6AB} = \frac{3}{\pi} \int_0^\infty \alpha_A(i\omega) \alpha_B(i\omega) d\omega$$

...

$$C_{6AA}^{\text{eff}} = \underbrace{\frac{\eta_A^{\text{eff}}}{\eta_A^{\text{free}}} \left(\frac{\kappa_A^{\text{free}}}{\kappa_A^{\text{eff}}} \right)^2 \left(\frac{V_A^{\text{eff}}}{V_A^{\text{free}}} \right)^2}_{\text{Calculated by DFT}} C_{6AA}^{\text{free}}$$

Calculated by DFT
– on the fly –

Chu and
Dalgarno,
JCP **212**
(2004)



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C_6 is a functional of the
density, $C_6 = C_6[n]$.

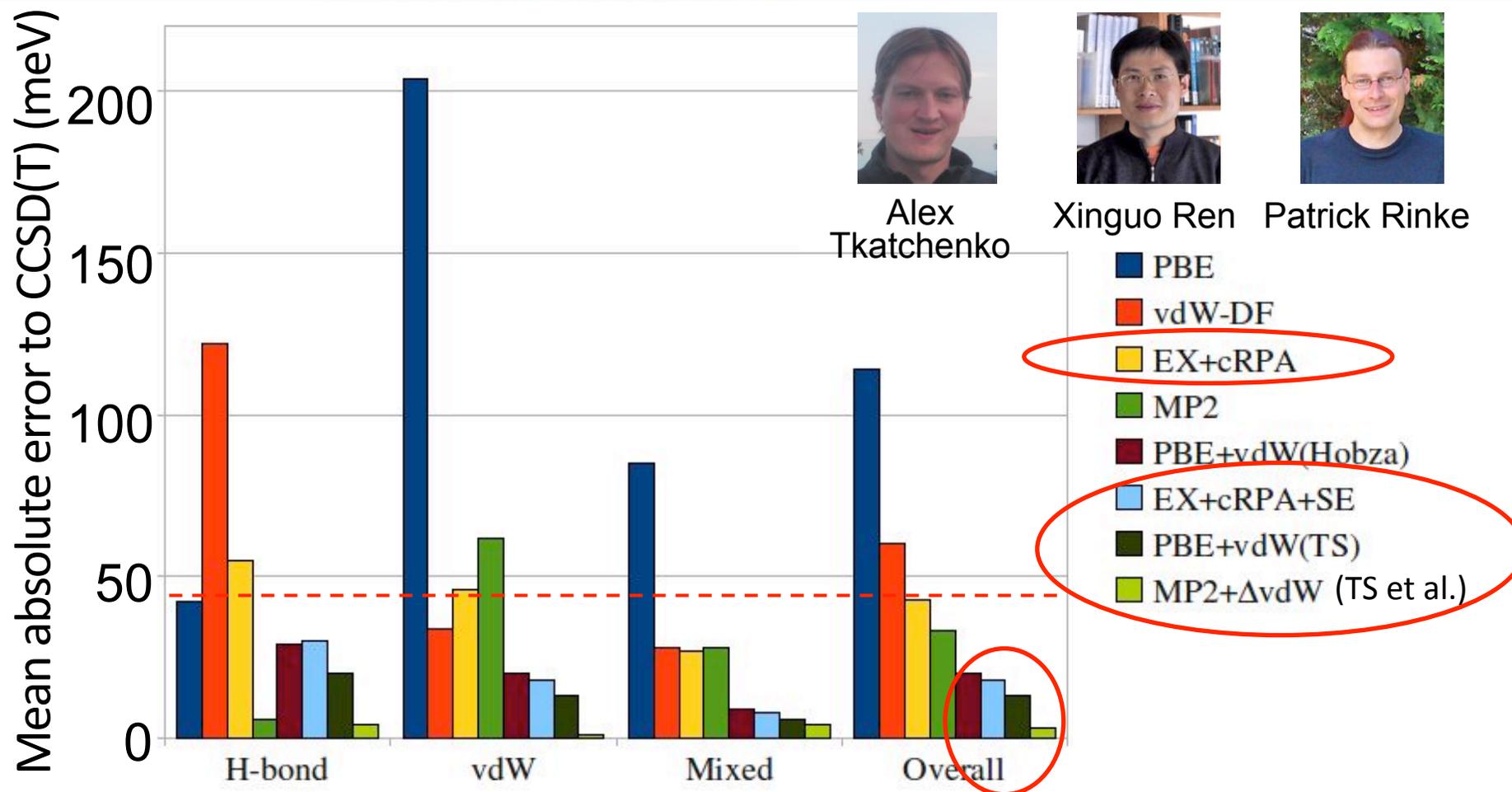
For details, see:

DFT+vdW: A. Tkatchenko and M.S., *PRL* **102** (2009).

MP2+ Δ vdW: A. Tkatchenko, R. DiStasio, M. Head-Gordon, and M.S., *JCP* (2009).

Excellent description – as long as the “pair-wise model” holds.

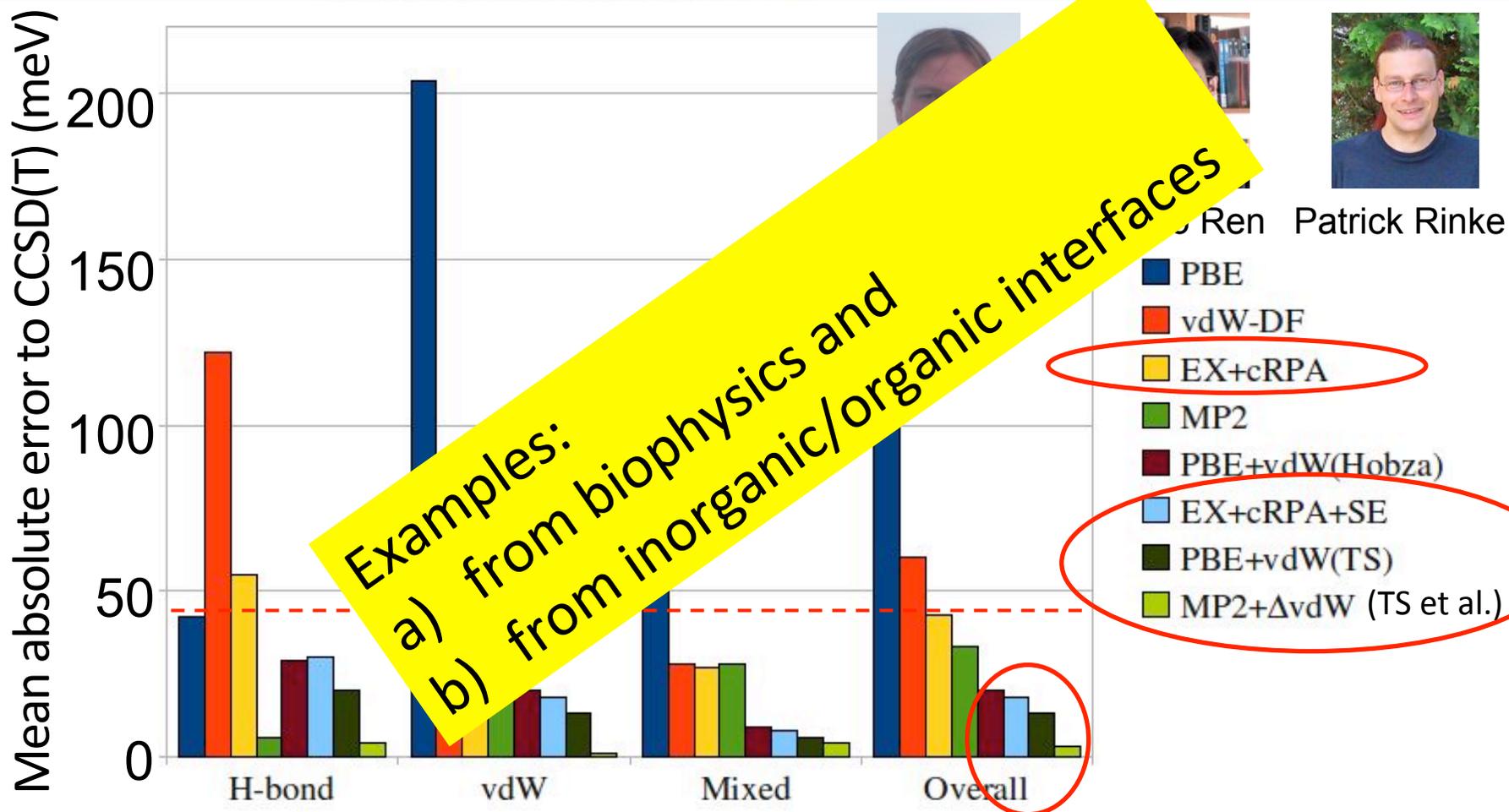
Performance for Intermolecular Interactions: S22 Test Set



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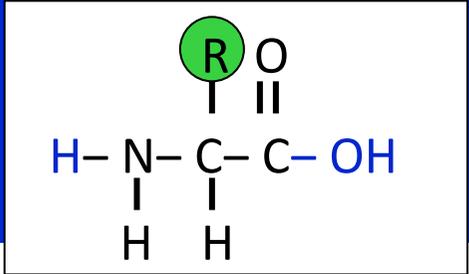


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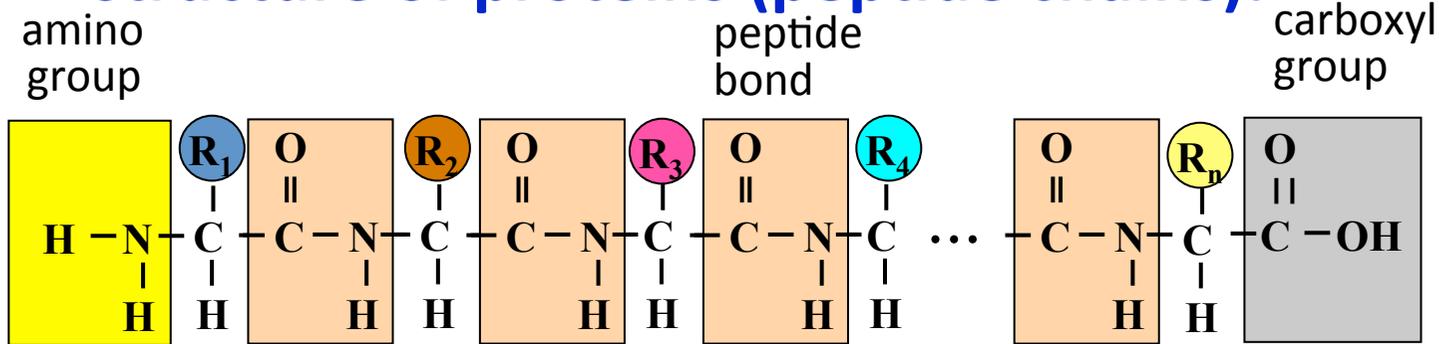
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Stability of Secondary Structures

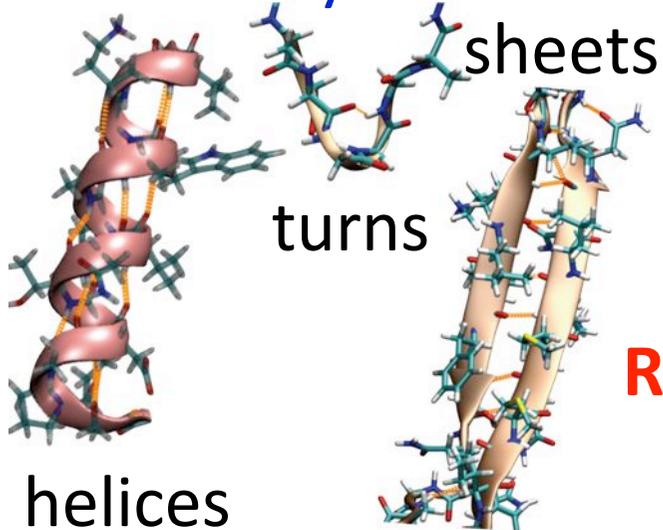


structure of proteins (peptide chains):



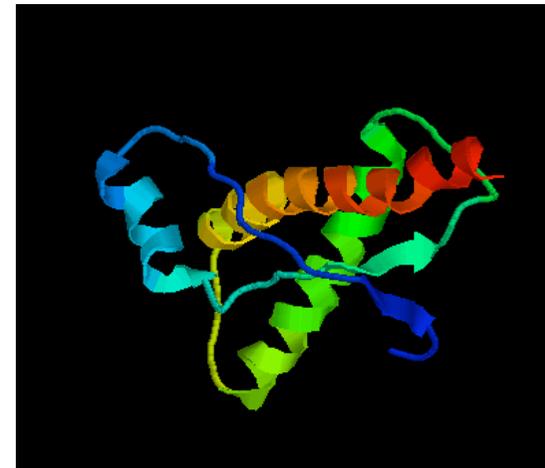
Mariana Rossi Carvalho

Secondary structure



R = CH₃
= alanine

Tertiary structure



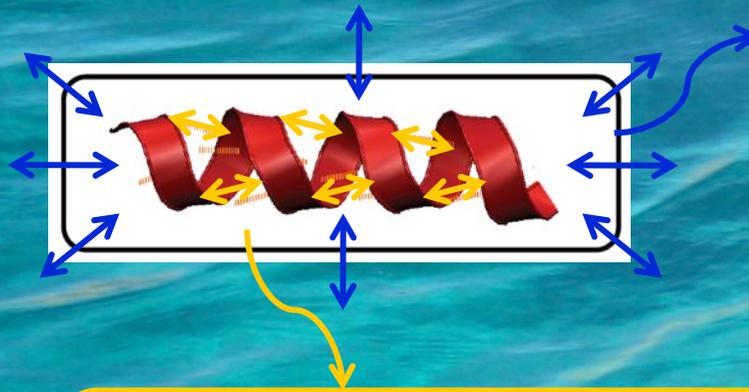
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Secondary Structure from First Principles

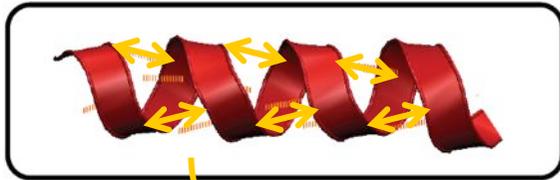
Environment



Solute-environment interactions
(dielectric, H-bonds, van der Waals, ...)

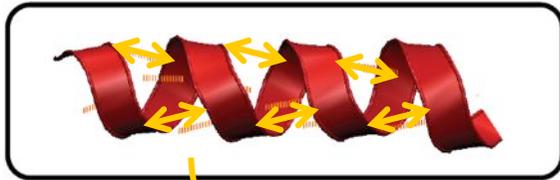
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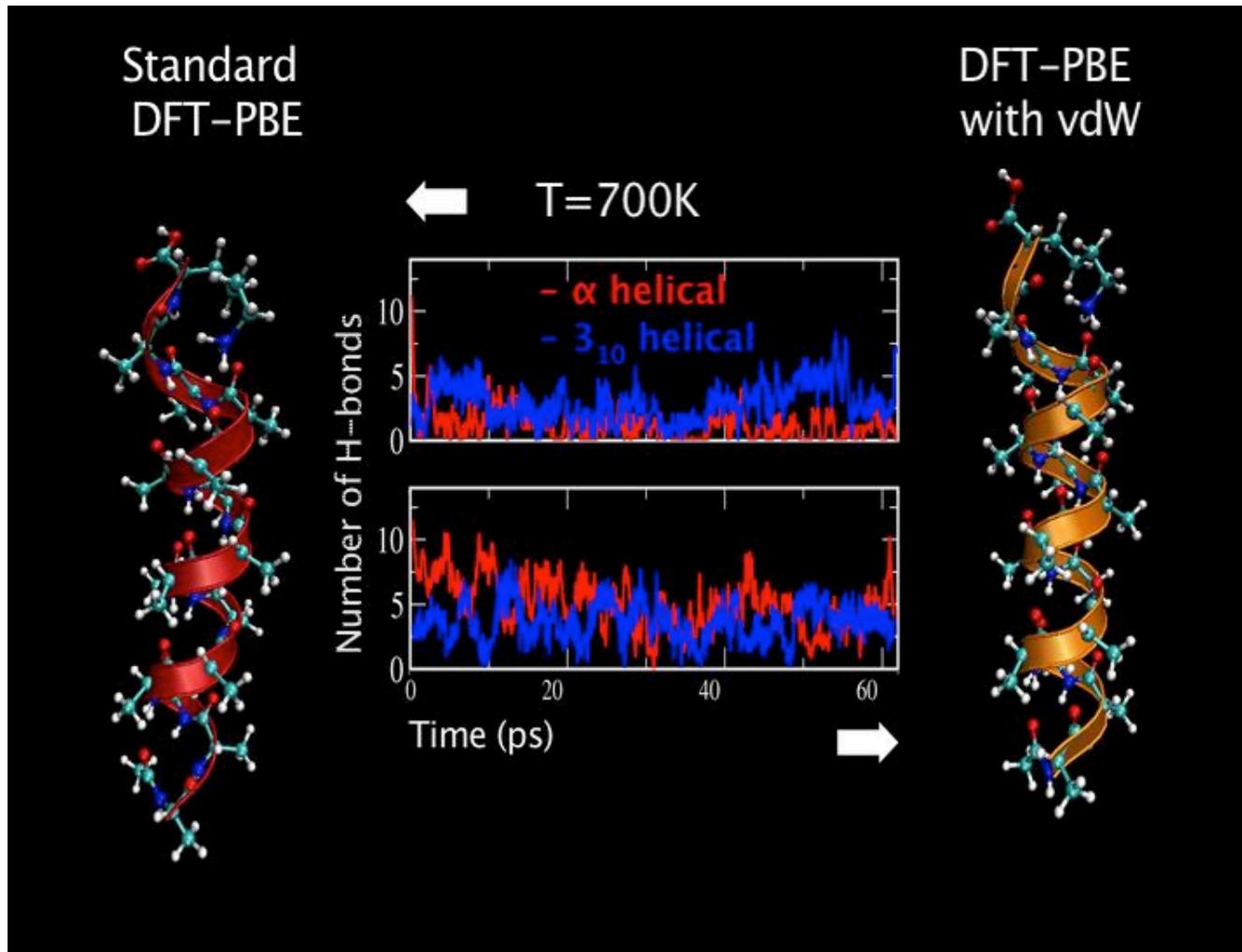


First (necessary) step:
Intramolecular interactions;
“Clean room” conditions:
gas phase

Intramolecular interactions
(H-bonds, electrostatics,
van der Waals)

In the following: $\text{Ac-Ala}_n\text{-LysH}^+$, $n = 1\dots 15$
Structure prediction: There are several
hundred low energy structures

Role of vdW Interaction on (Un)folding; Ac-Ala₁₅LysH⁺



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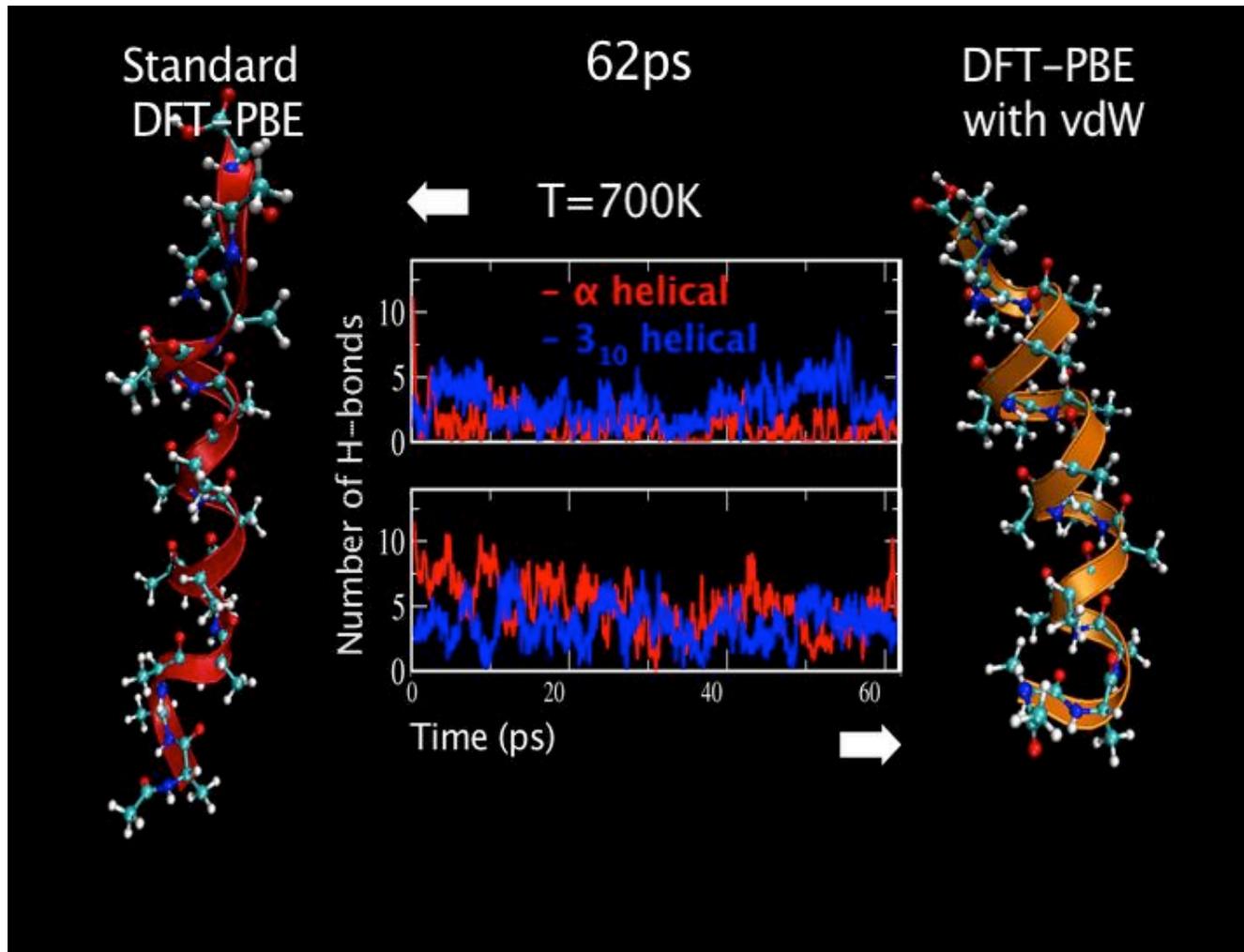


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What Did We Learn from Studying Polypeptides?

Density-functional theory (PBE+**vdW**) is able to:

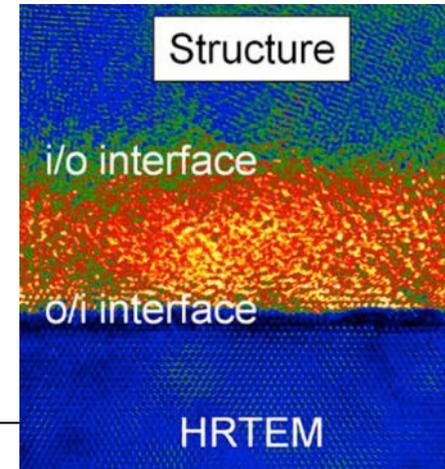
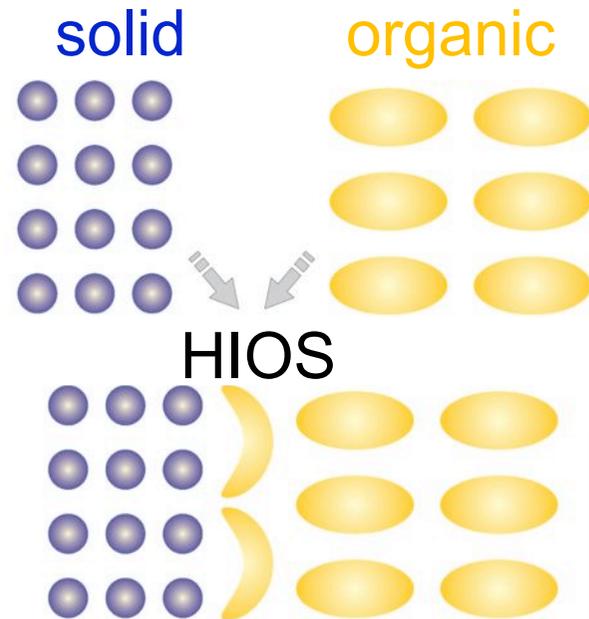
- Predict geometry and properties, analyze stability and unfolding:
 - hydrogen bonding,
 - vdW interaction, and
 - vibrational entropy.
- Verification of structure predictions against experiment (vibrational spectroscopy).

M. Rossi, V. Blum, et al., JPCL 1 (2010).

A Tkatchenko, M Rossi, V Blum, J Ireta, M.S., PRL 106, 118102 (2011)

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2. Example: Hybrid Inorganic/Organic Systems (HIOS)



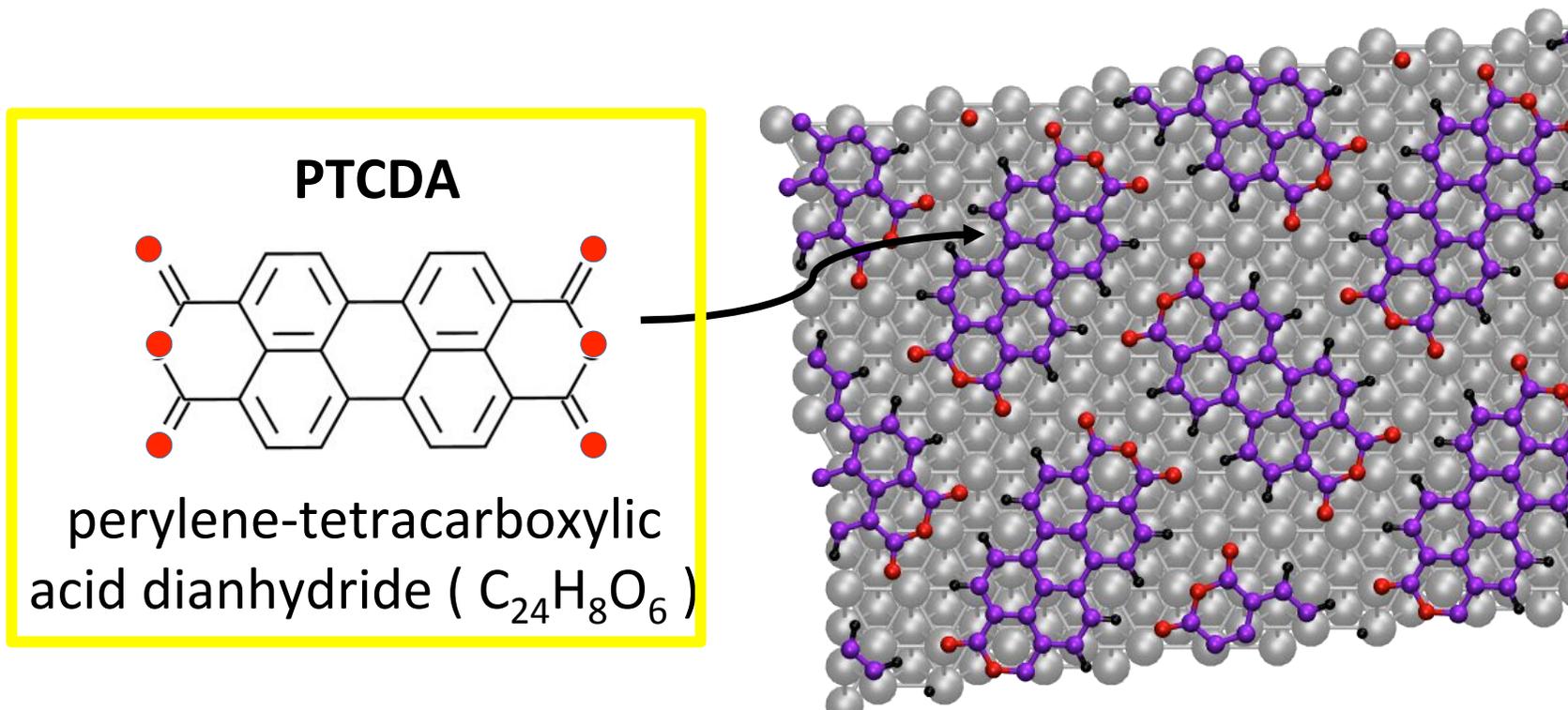
*S. Blum-
stengel et al.*

HIOS: a novel type of
material; new physics

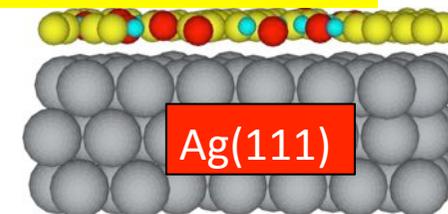
- What is the atomic structure of and at the interface?
- What are the electronic properties?
- What is the nature of charge carriers?

Van der Waals Interactions at Interfaces

The Example of PTCDA @ Me(111)



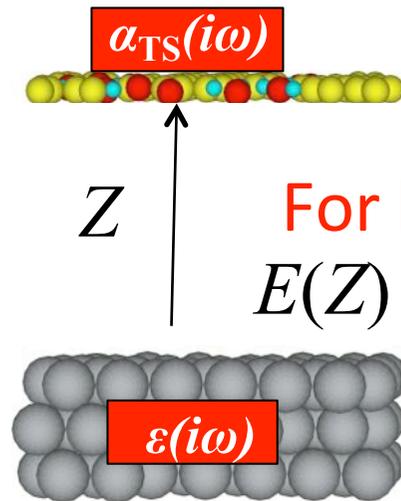
Which Theoretical Method?



Experiment: *A. Hauschild et al., PRB 81 (2010)*

Theory review: *L. Romaner, C. Draxl, et al. NJP (2009); A. Tkatchenko et al., MRS Bulletin (2010)*

Molecule @ Metal Surfaces, Correct Long-Range Theory



The interaction energy is not additive; it is not a simple sum over pair-wise interactions.

For large Z :

$$E(Z) = C_3 / Z^3$$

$$C_3 = \frac{1}{4\pi} \int d\omega \alpha(i\omega) \frac{\epsilon(i\omega) - 1}{\epsilon(i\omega) + 1}$$

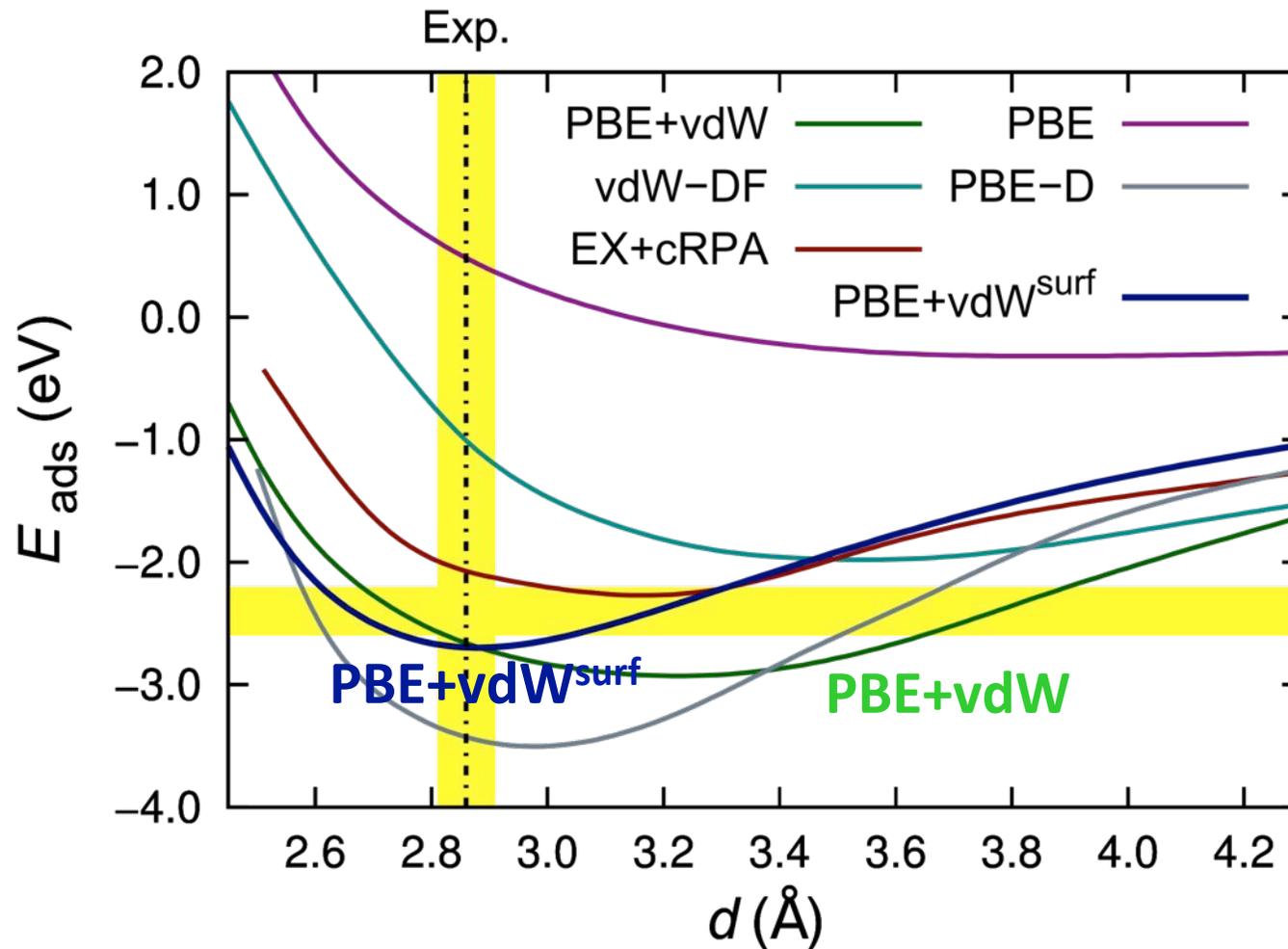
To be combined with the TS approach:
PBE + vdW^{surf}

*I. E. Dzyaloshinskii, E. M. Lifshitz, and L. P. Pitaevskii, Adv. Phys. (1961);
C. Mavroyannis, Mol. Phys. 6 (1963); A. D. McLachlan, Mol. Phys. 7 (1964);
E. Zaremba and W. Kohn, PRB (1976).*

*A. Tkatchenko and M.S. PRL **102** (2009).*

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PTCDA@Ag(111): PBE+vdW^{surf}



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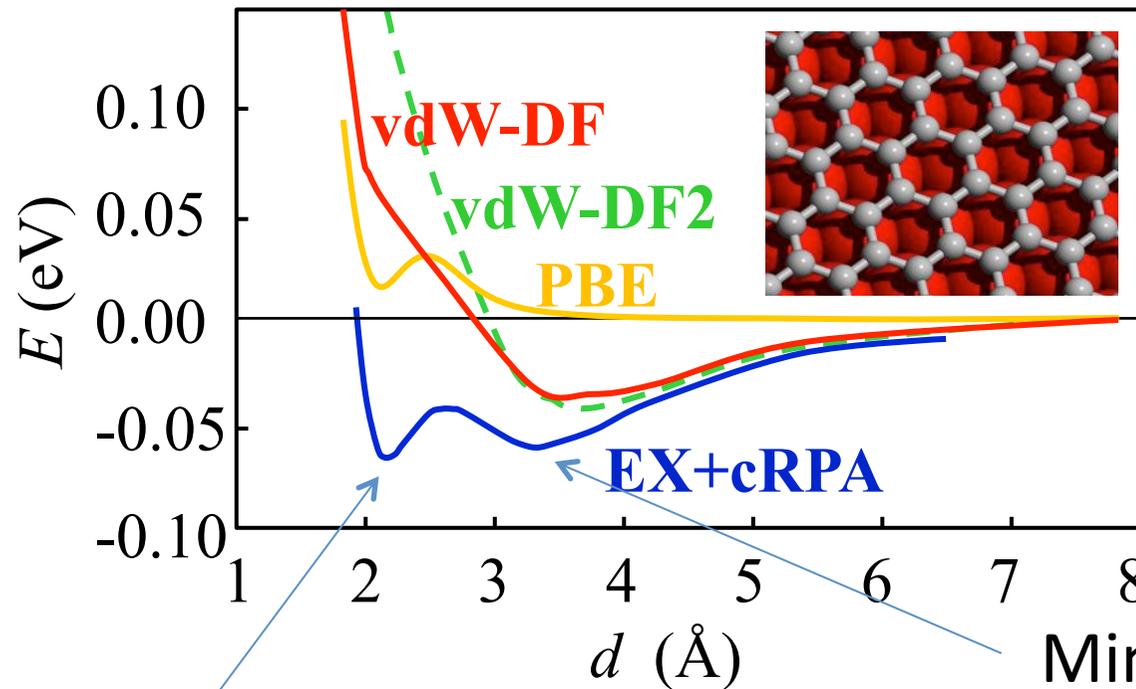
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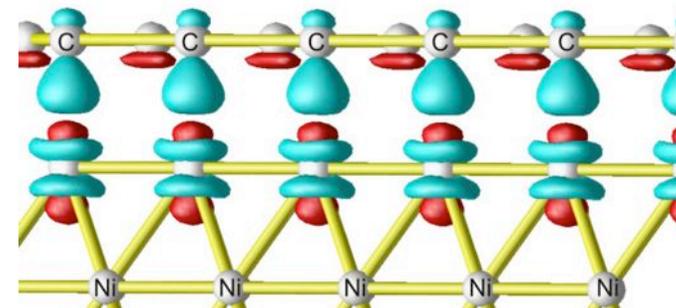
Graphene on Ni(111) -- a novel bonding mechanism --



*F. Mittendorfer,
A. Garhofer, J. Re-
dinger, J. Klimes,
J. Harl, G. Kresse,
PRB **84** (2011).*

Minimum, actuated by
vdW interaction.

Energy lowering due to
change of orbital occupation
which implies a reduction of
EX energy: decrease in d_{z^2} and
increase in Ni d_{xz} and d_{yz} .



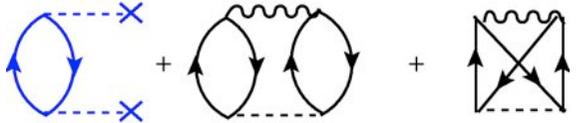
Summary

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- For some issues (e.g. energy barriers) we need even better methods as well as self consistency.
- Need more efficient numerics (massive parallel, GPUs, hybrid-core, ...)
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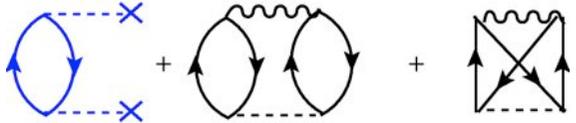
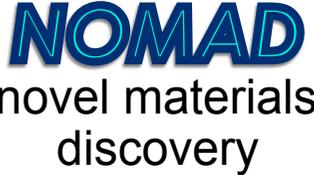
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- For some issues (e.g. energy barriers) we need even better methods as well as self consistency.
- Need more efficient numerics (massive parallel, GPUs, hybrid-core, ...)
- **Building a Materials Library of hitherto Unknown Materials** 
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