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Binding energy of 2D materials using Quantum Monte Carlo

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Cheng Ching (NCKU, 2007)



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禾 standing grain



女 woman



鬼 ghost



金 gold



sun 日月 moon



Ab Initio Random Structure Searching

- Make a random unit cell
- Throw the required numbers of each atom type into the cell at random
- Relax under the quantum mechanical forces and stresses
- Repeat until happy or computing credits run out
- Look at lowest-energy or other interesting structures

Pickard and Needs, Phys Rev Lett 97, 045504 (2006)

DFT + AIRSS will become one powerful tool to find structure minimums

Too many functionals!



DFT community does need a lot of benchmark results where QMC can contribute and help!

*The **CORRECT** choice of
Exchange-Correlation
Approximation
is a “**BIG**” issue
in DFT !*

QMC can provide help !

**Good strategy for “poor” people
(extremely CPU source limited) and
“no interest” (actually no ability)
in the development of QMC
method and theory is
to tackle the subjects
related to *material simulations*
with “big” difference when using
different ExC functionals.**

First-principles study of metal adatom adsorption on graphene

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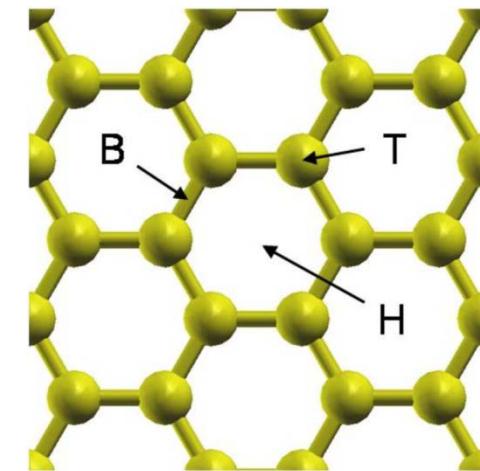
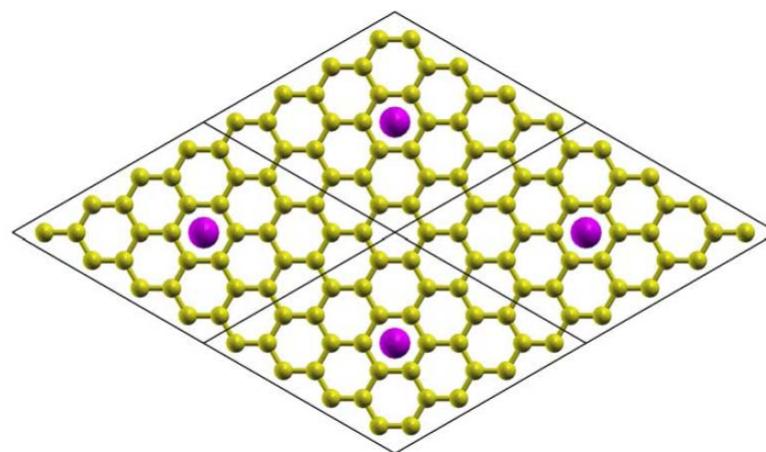
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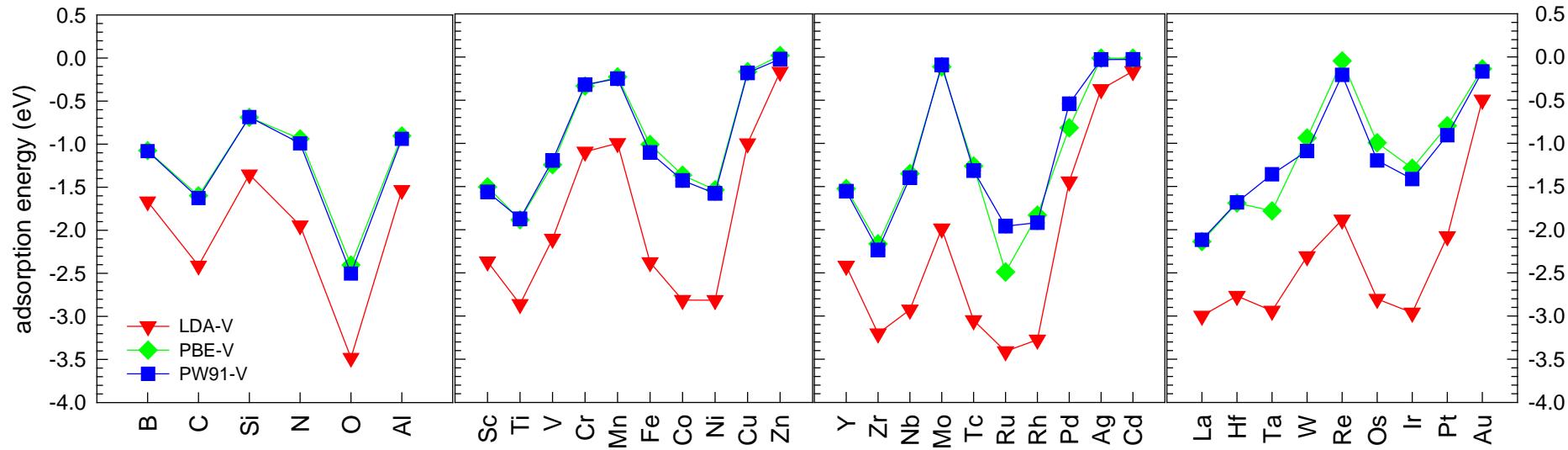
VASP-PBE

Li, Na, K, Ca, Al, Ga, In, Sn, Ti, Fe, Pd, Au



How about results from other functionals such as LDA?

Single atom @ graphene

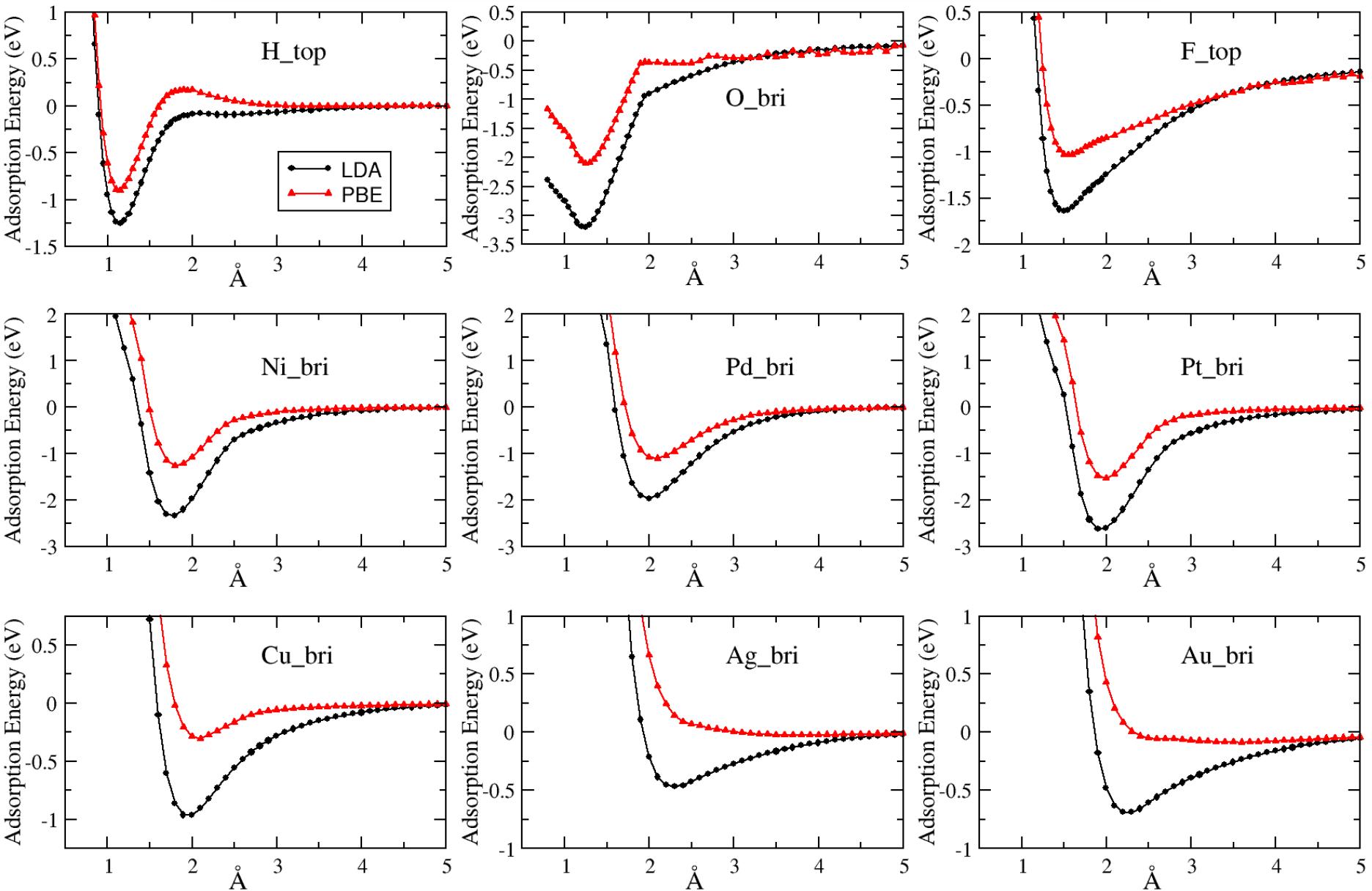


**LDA & GGA predict different adsorption energy
at preferred adsorption site!**

Except for Zn & Cd atom, the adsorption energy difference obtained by LDA and GGA is ranging from 0.4 ~ 1.8 eV.

**QMC is needed to check the accuracy of
exchange-correlation approximations !**

Single atom@graphene (DFT results)

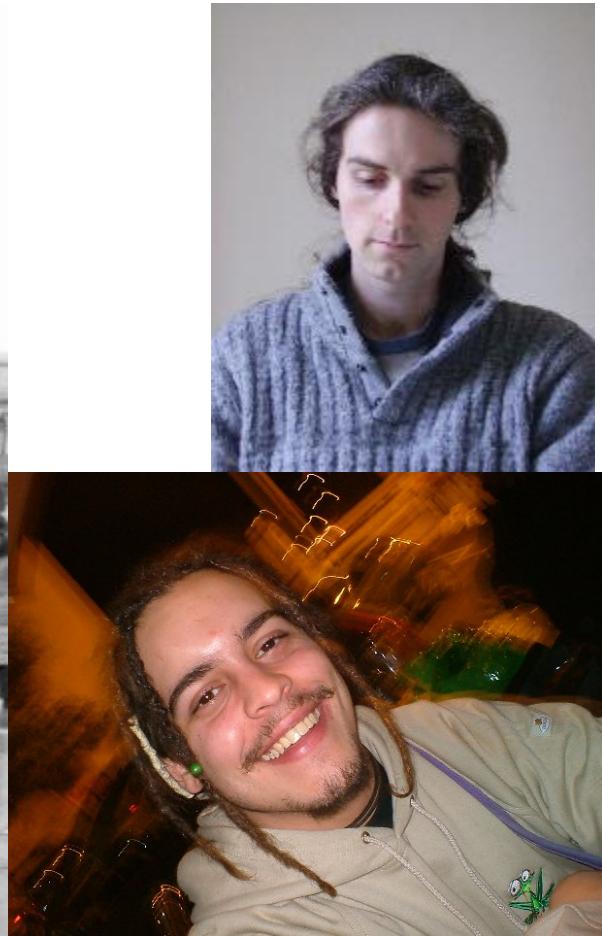


Need more accurate methods? QMC

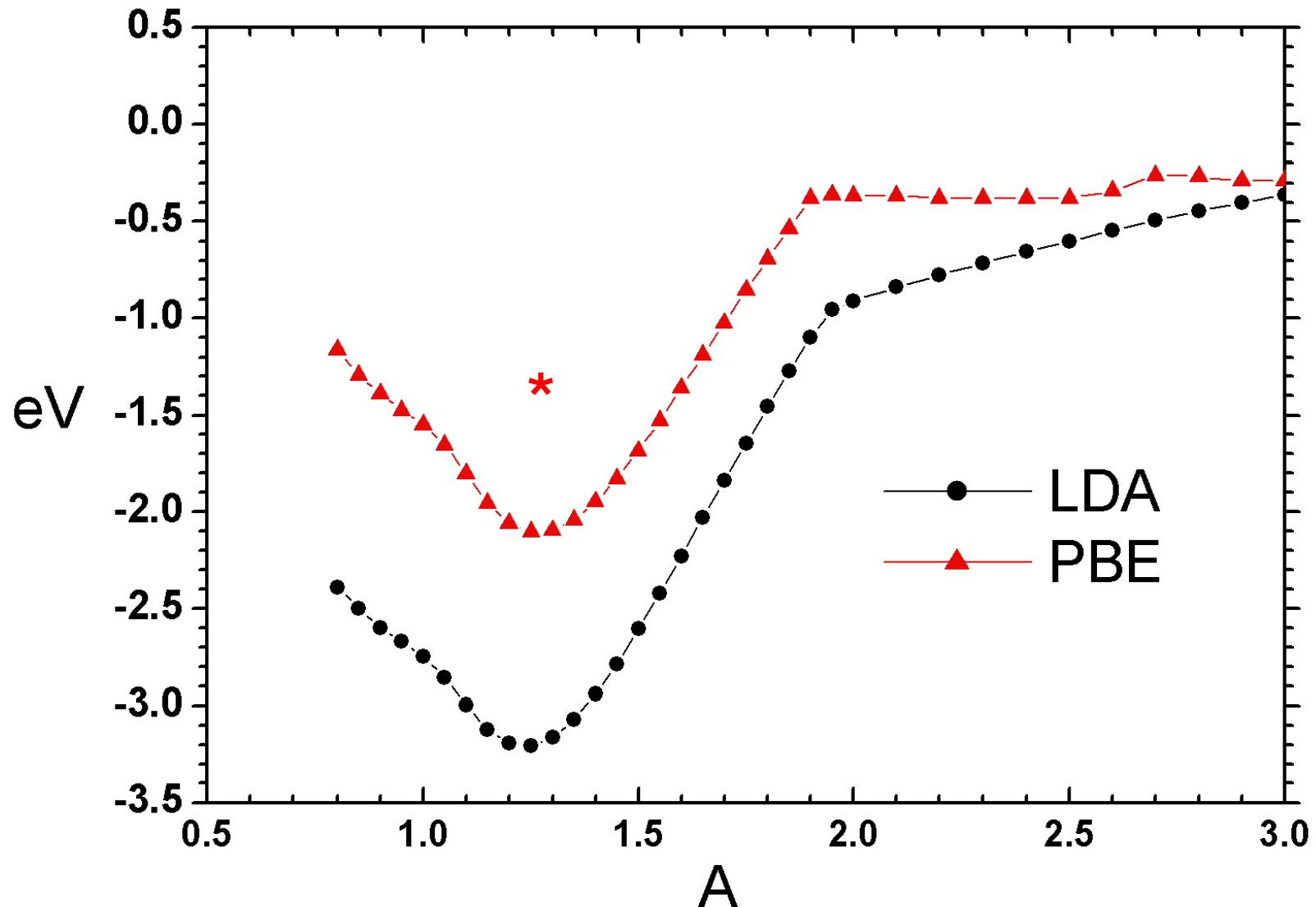
CASINO code : QMC Methods

<http://www.tcm.phy.cam.ac.uk/~mdt26/casino2.html>

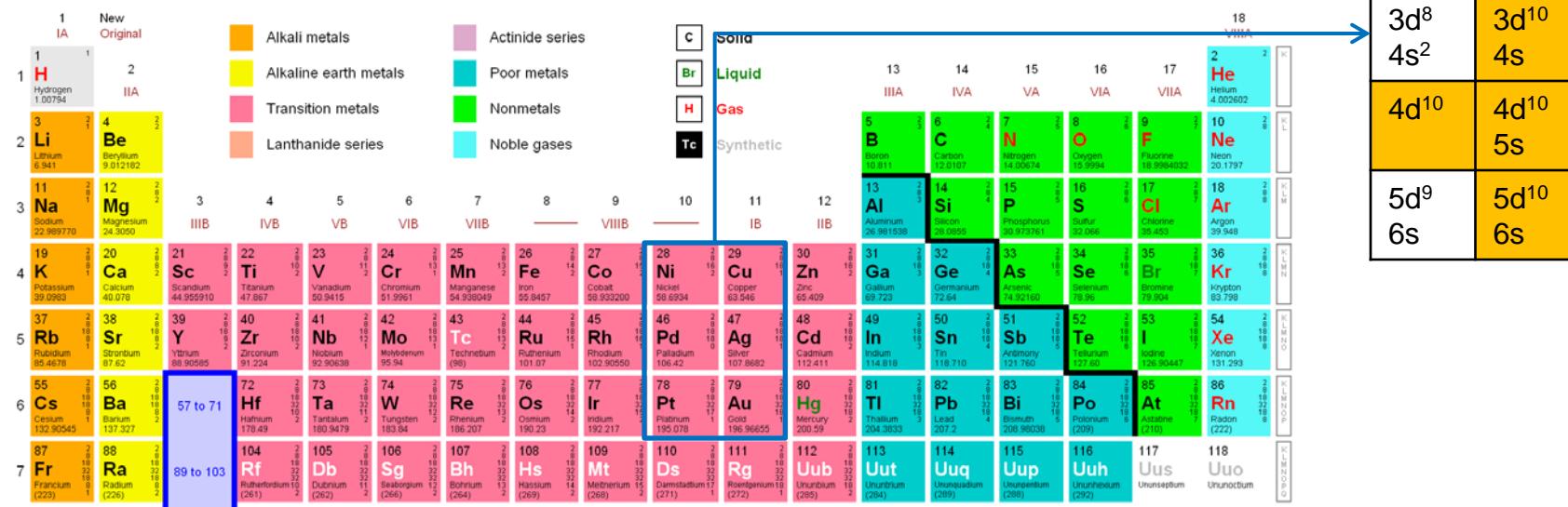
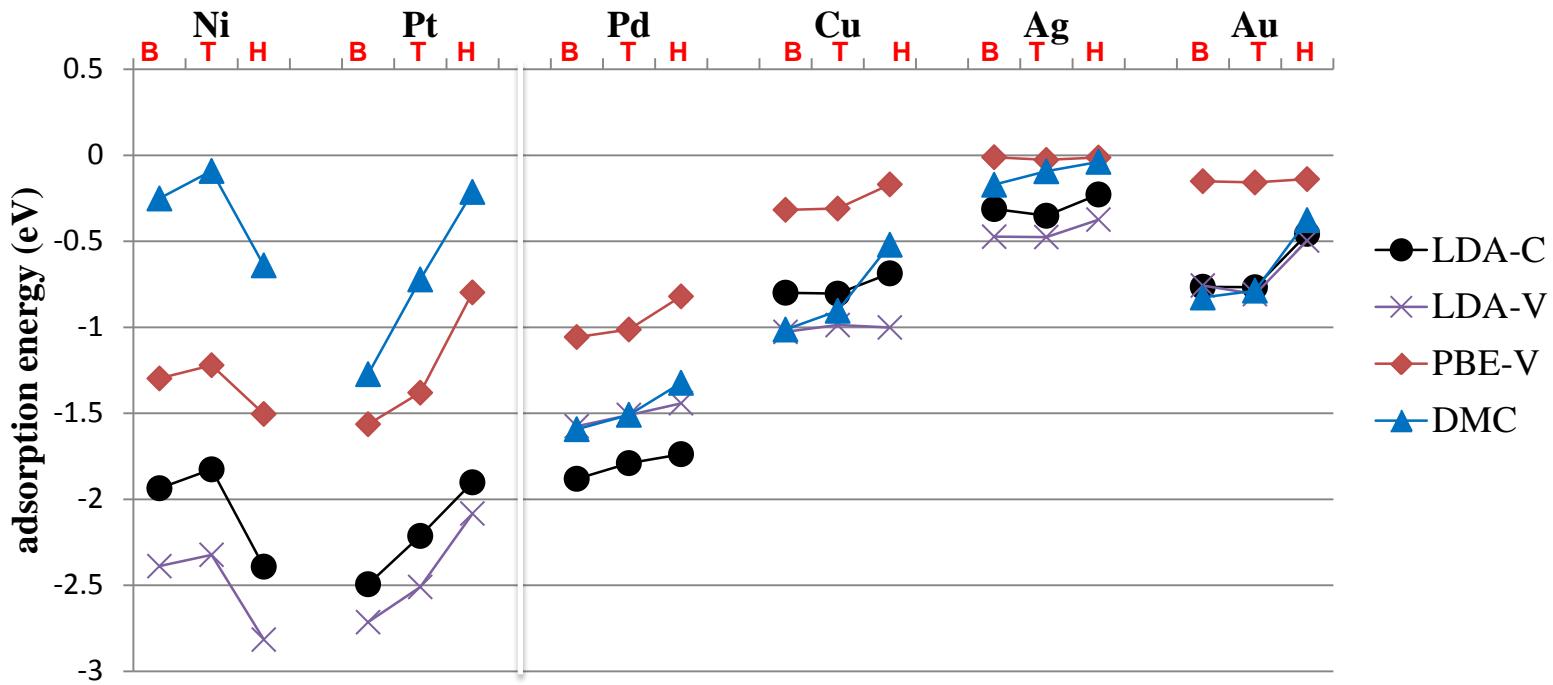
R.J. Needs, M.D. Towler, N.D. Drummond and P. López Ríos, CASINO version 2.3 User Manual, University of Cambridge, Cambridge (2008).



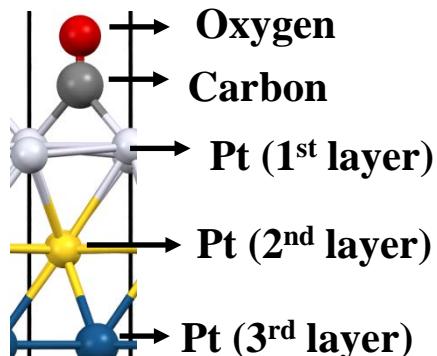
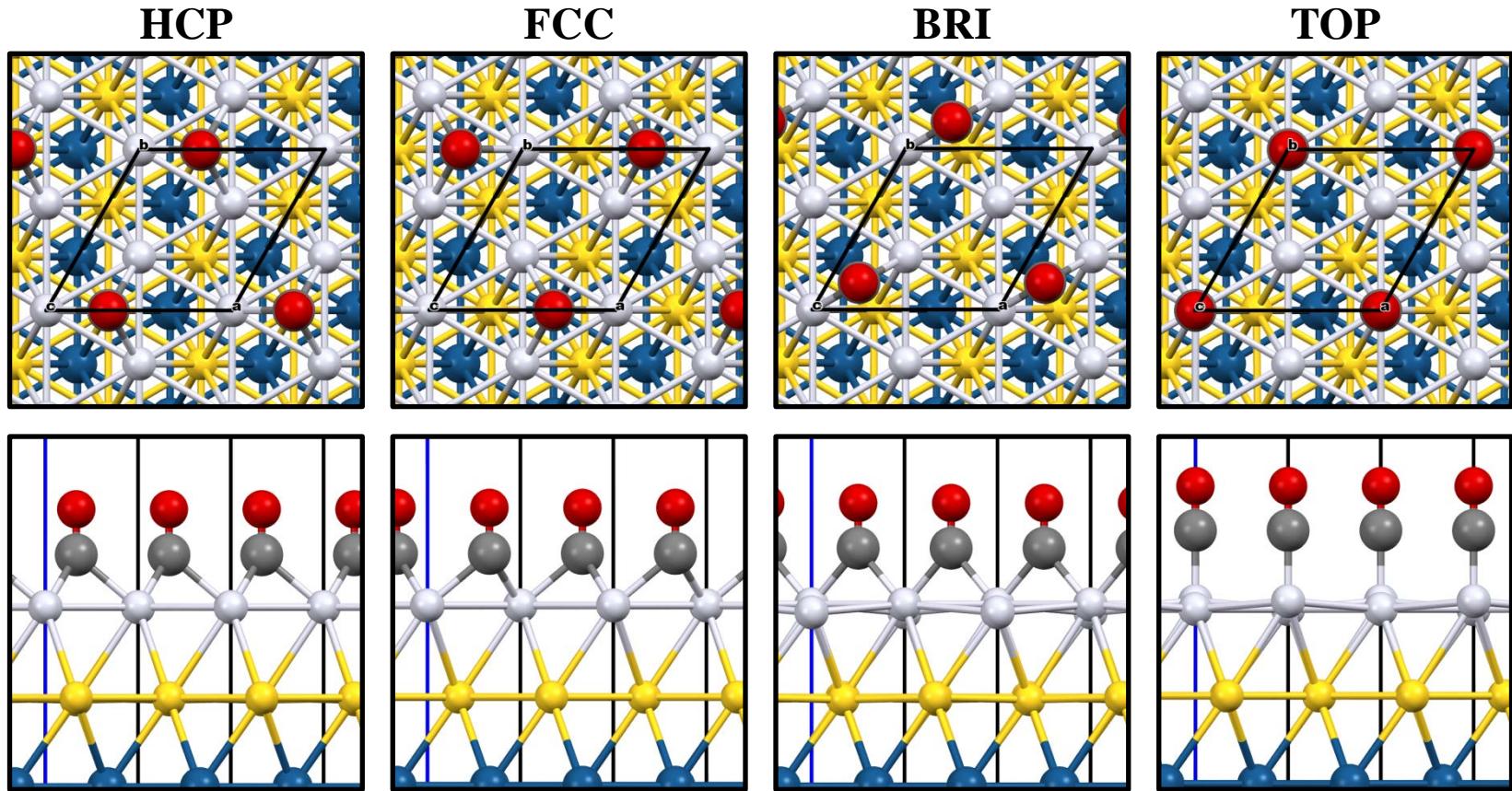
Adsorption energy of O on graphene



Single atom @ graphene



CO adsorption on Pt(111) surface



If DFT will give a good description
for the CO adsorption on late
transition metal (111) surfaces?

The CO/Pt(111) Puzzle[†]

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TABLE 3: Binding Energy at fcc- Relative to Atop-Site for Low-Coverage CO/Pt(111)

supercell	θ (ML)	method	XC	ΔBE (eV)
$3 \times 2\sqrt{3}$	1/12	VASP, USP	PW91	0.25
2×2	1/4	Dacapo, USP	PW91	0.23
2×2	1/4	Dacapo, USP	PBE	0.24
2×2	1/4	Dacapo, USP	RPBE	0.16
2×2	1/4	Dacapo, USP	LDA	0.45
$c(4 \times 2)$	1/4	VASP, USP	LDA	0.41
$c(4 \times 2)$	1/4	Dacapo, USP	PW91	0.23
$c(4 \times 2)$	1/4	VASP, USP	PW91	0.18
$c(4 \times 2)$	1/4	VASP, PAW	PW91	0.13
$\sqrt{3} \times \sqrt{3}-R30^\circ$	1/3	Dacapo, USP	PW91	0.23
$\sqrt{3} \times \sqrt{3}-R30^\circ$	1/3	FP-LAPW	PW91	0.10

atomic conf. 4d 5s⁻ 4d 5s⁻ 4d⁺⁺ 4d⁺ 5s⁻ 5d 6s⁻ 5d 6s⁻ 5d 6s⁻
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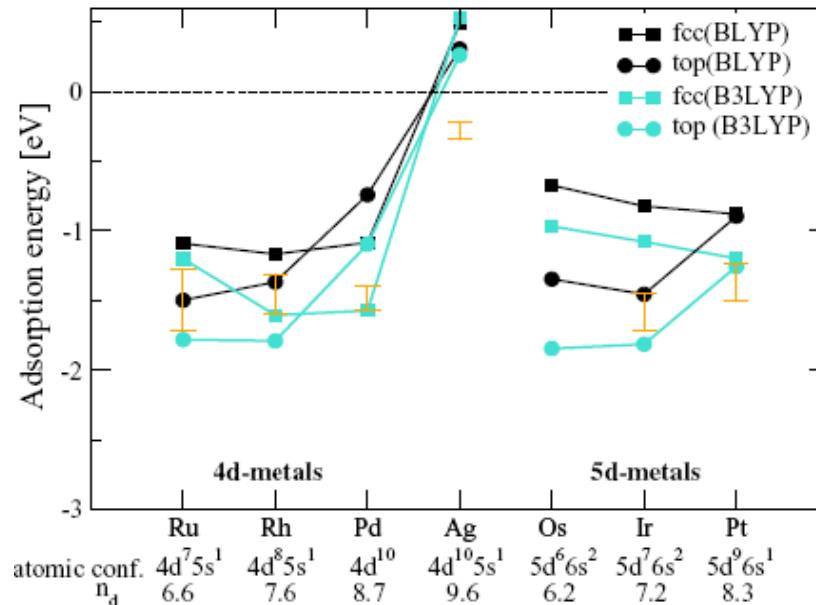
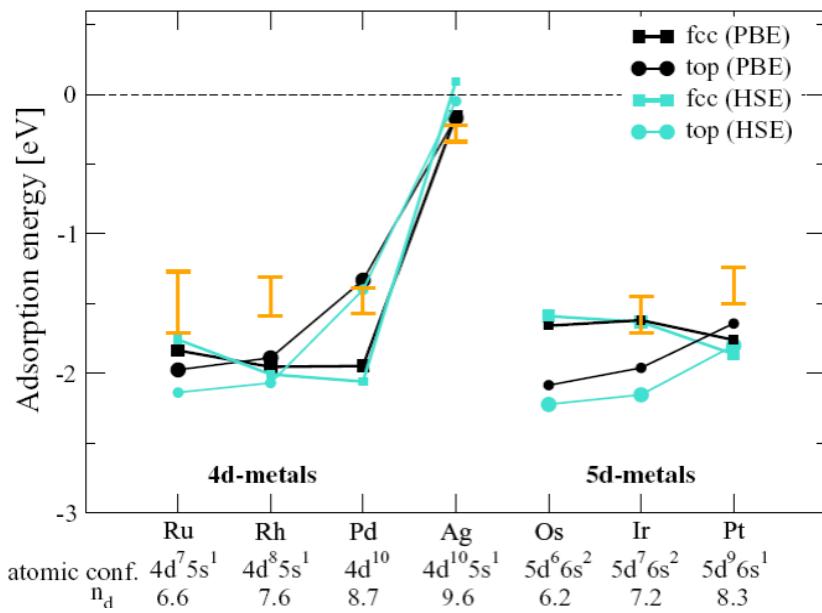
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- 2. DFT with hybrid functionals:
TOP site is slightly favor than FCC site ($\Delta E \sim 50$ meV)

Experimental result :
88% top site
12% bridge site

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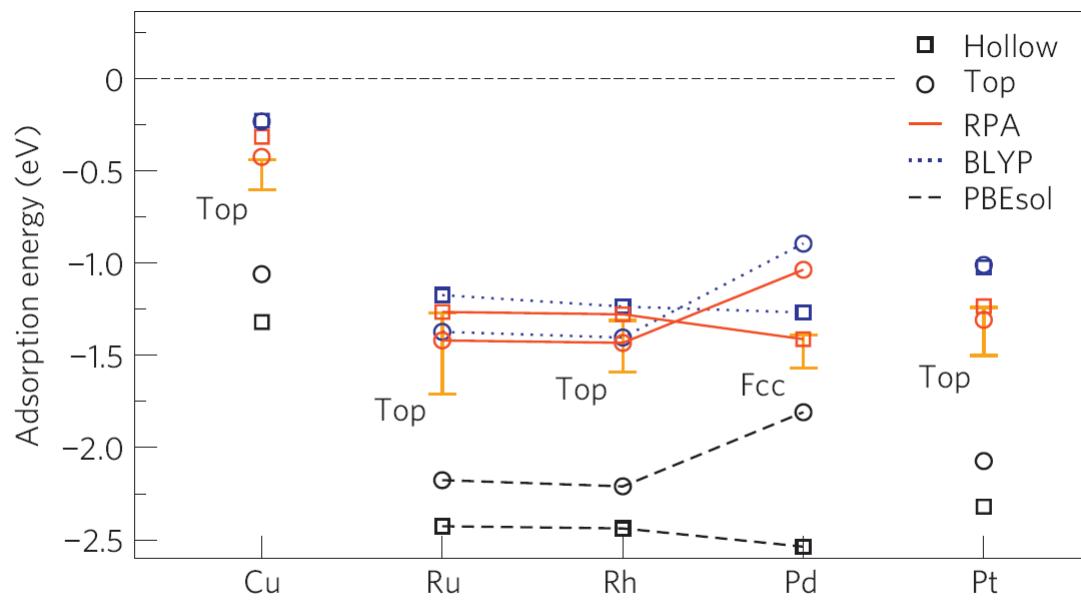
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Accurate surface and adsorption energies from many-body perturbation theory

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site adsorption by 350 and 550 meV, respectively. The three most critical cases are Cu, Pt and Rh, where most DFT functionals predict the wrong site order. The RPA restores the correct site order in all cases: -0.42 eV (Cu top) < -0.32 (Cu face-centred cubic (fcc)), -1.31 eV (Pt top) < -1.23 (Pt fcc) and -1.43 eV (Rh top) < -1.28 (Rh hcp).

*Except on Pd(111),
CO adsorbs at Top
site, but LDA & PBE
predict wrong sites!*

Figure 3 | Surface energies, lattice constants and adsorption energies.

CO @ Pt & Au (111) surface - DMC

DMC input :

- 1. supercell :** $2\sqrt{3} \times 2\sqrt{3}$ ($\vartheta(ML)=1/3$)
- 2. time step = 0.01**
- 3. number of moves = 30,000**

CO @ Pt(111) - 400 electrons

DMC result : atop site

Ead (fcc) = -0.73(6) eV

Ead (bri) = -1.18(6) eV

Ead (atop) = -1.57(6) eV

Exp. result : atop site ~ -1.5eV

CO @ Au(111) - 436 electrons

DMC result : atop site

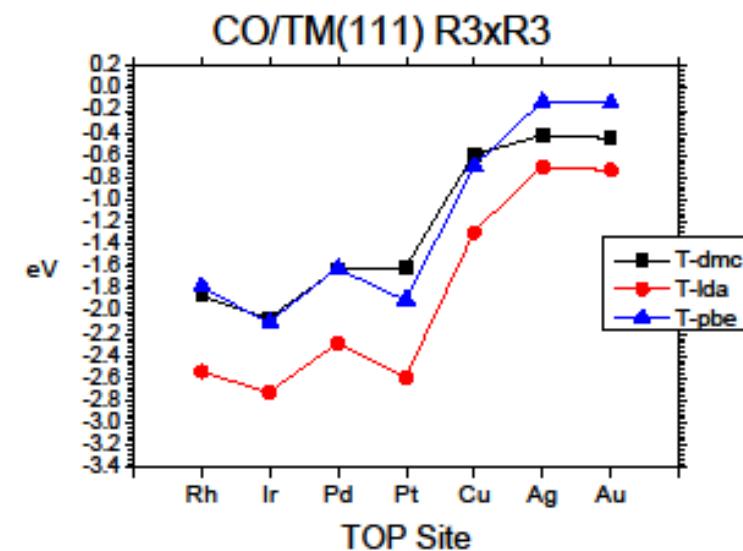
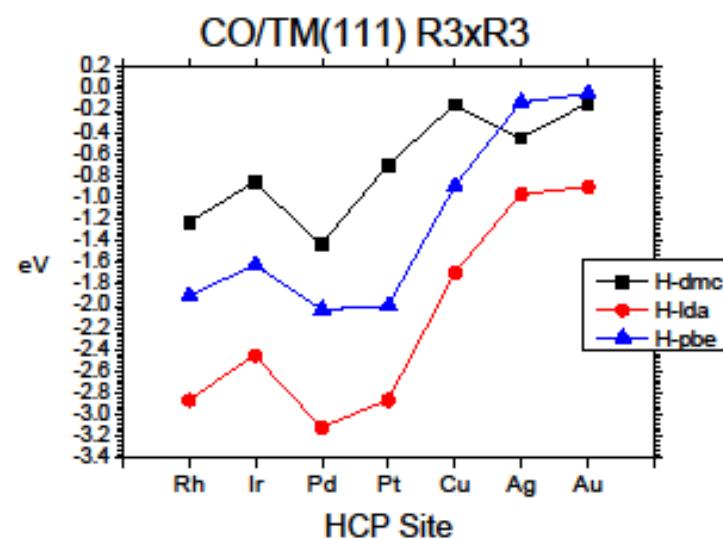
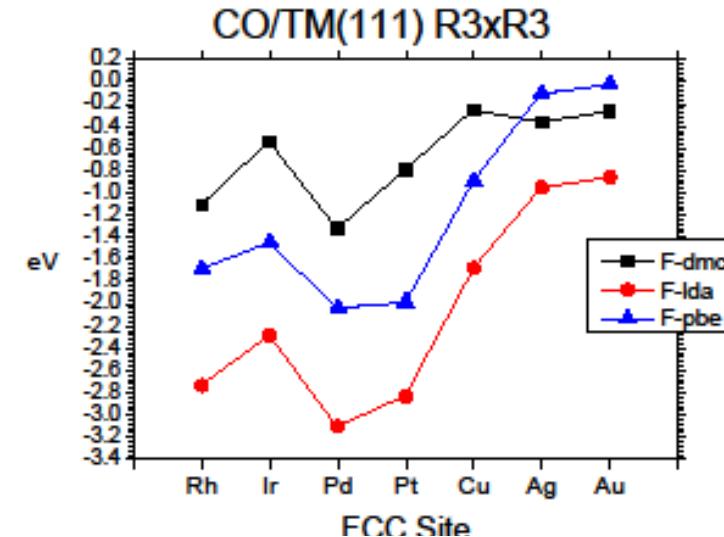
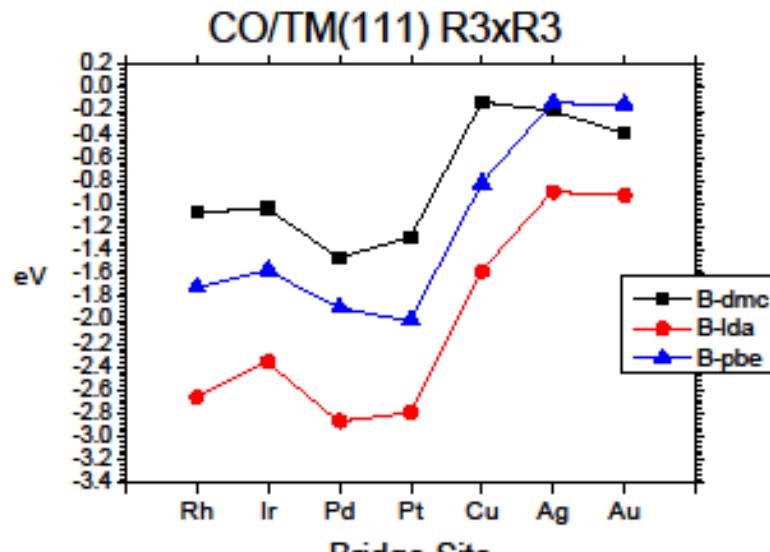
Ead (fcc) = -0.23(7) eV

Ead (bri) = -0.36(7) eV

Ead (atop) = -0.43(8) eV

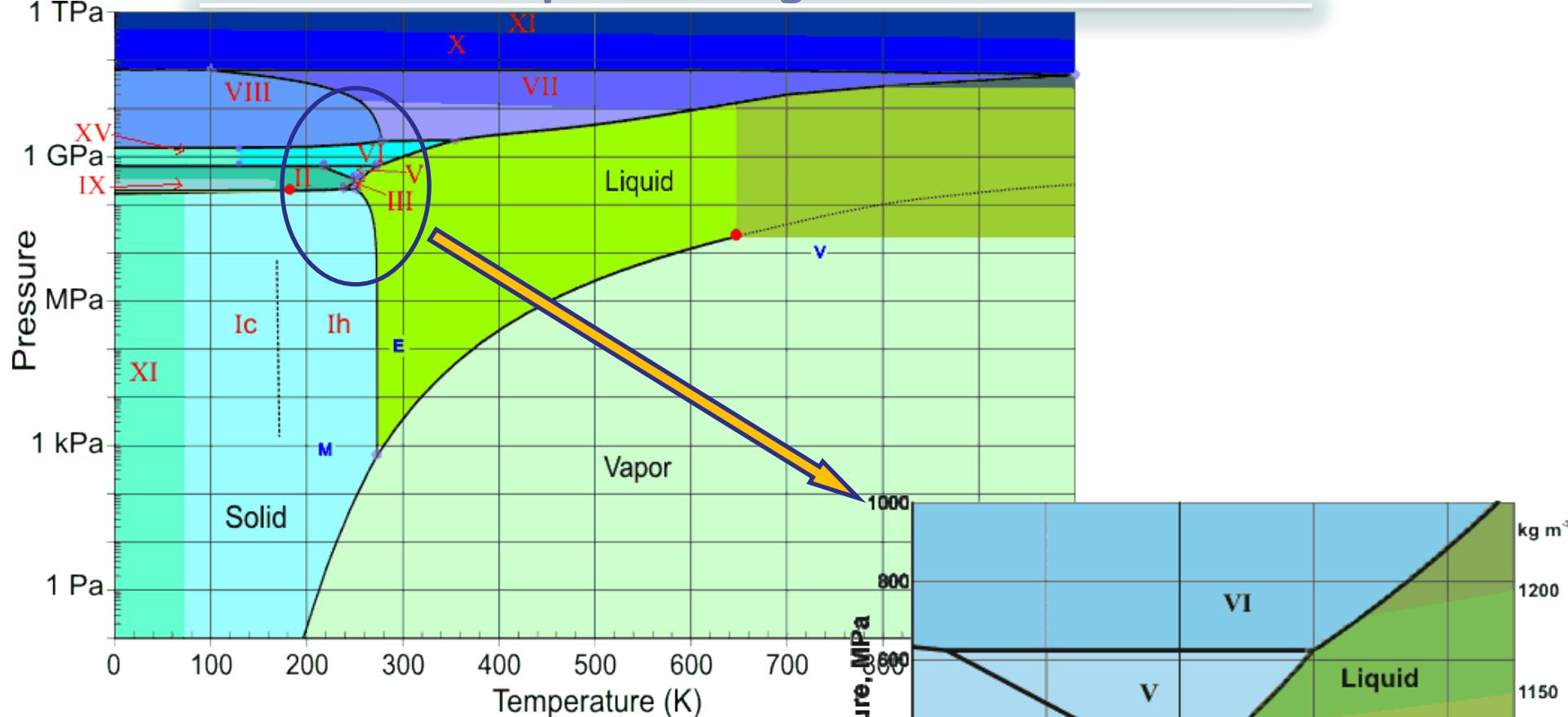
Exp. result : atop site ~ -0.4eV

*Diffusion Monte Carlo can predict
a correct adsorption site and adsorption energy.
But if there exists any simple reason for DFT
to predict a wrong adsorption site?*



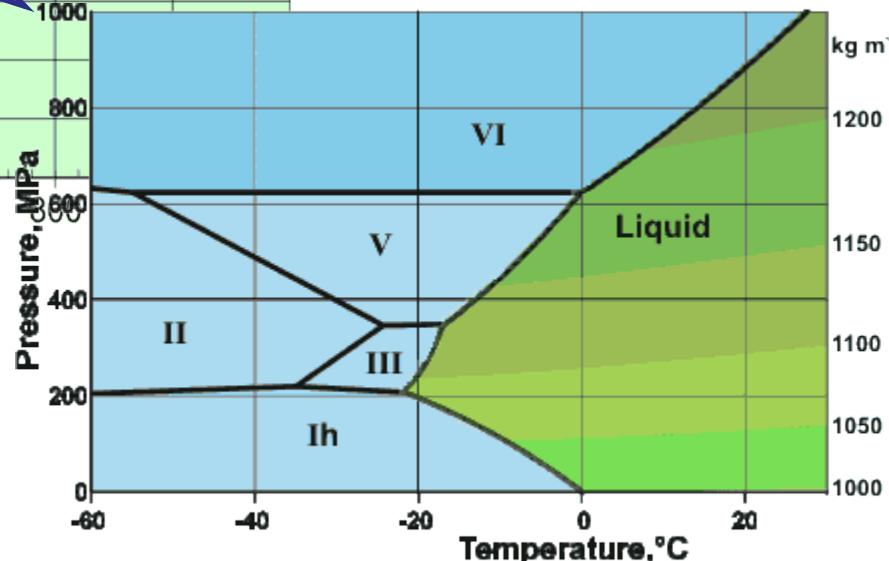
Over-binding effect does not appear on Top-site, but showed on other sites, and led to wrong site prediction!
(In preparation)

The phase diagram of water

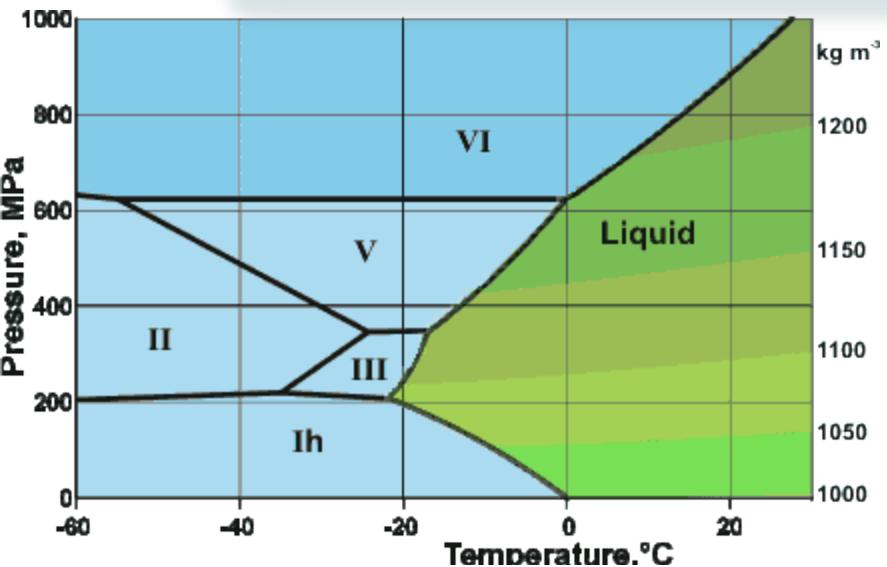


One may ask: Why a "poor" guy like you jumping into so expensive project which needs one meV/H₂O accuracy?

At that time, we are too stupid to know.....

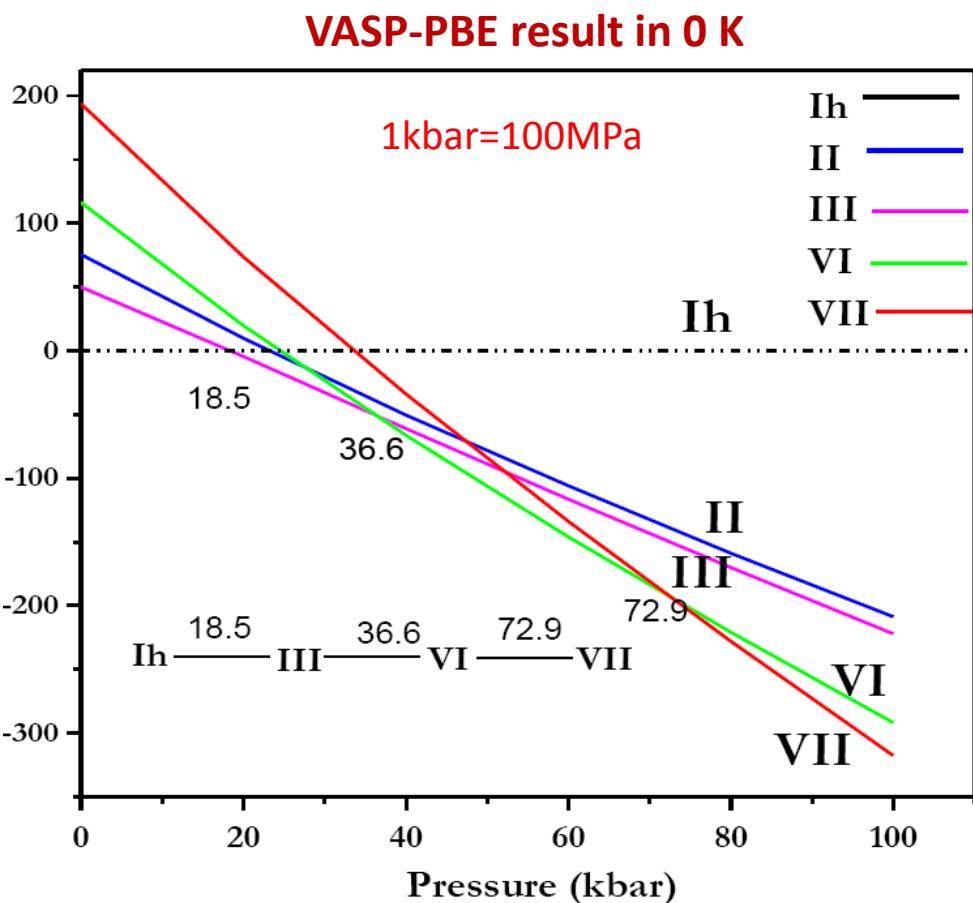
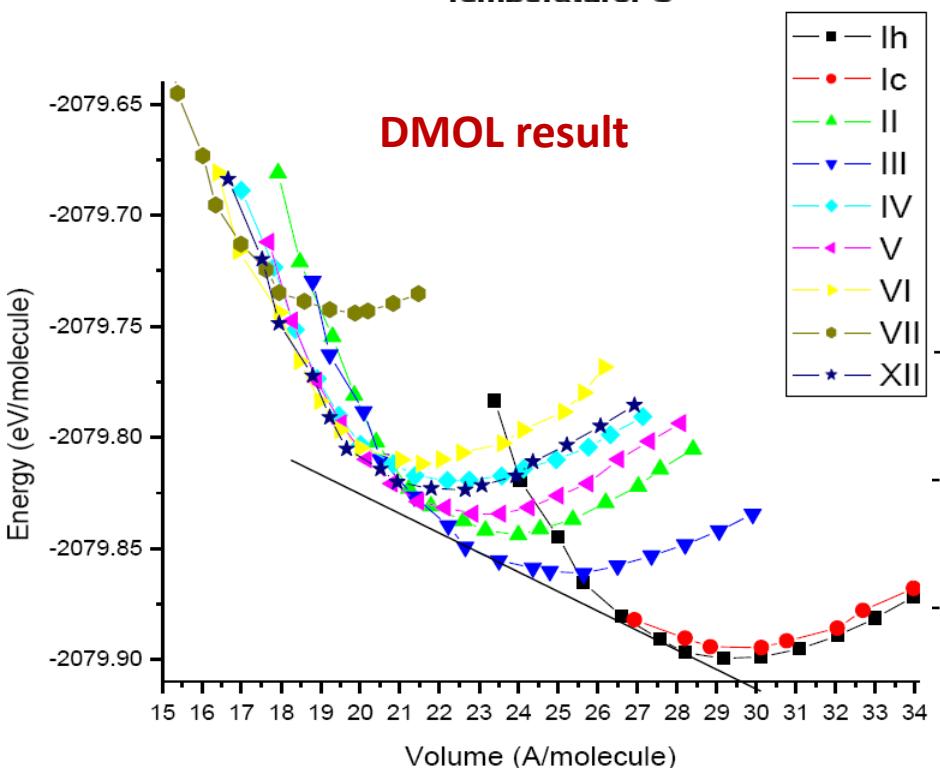


DFT calculation of Ice

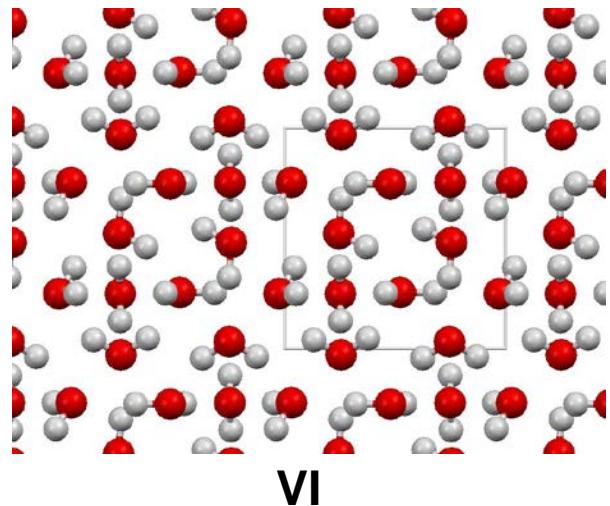
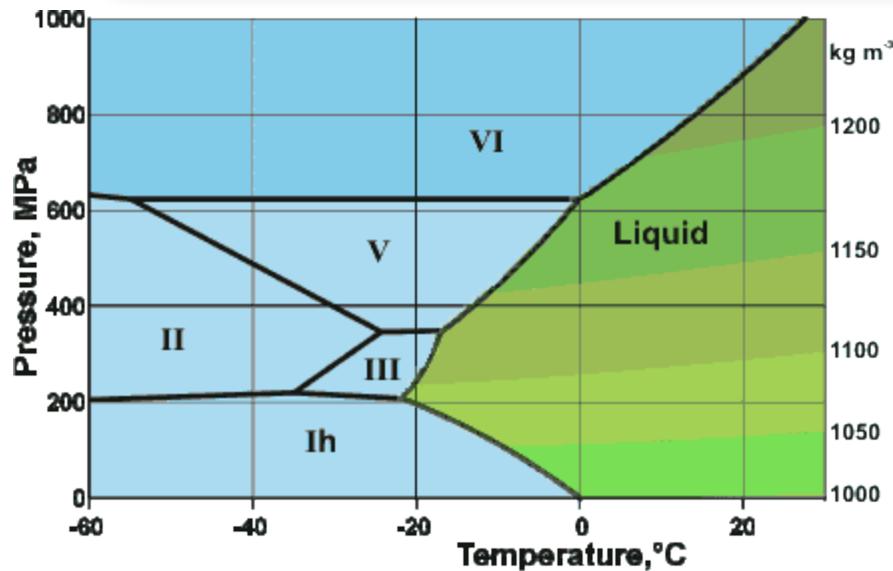


Prof. J-L Kuo's results

1. phase transition : Ih to III??
2. transition pressure is 10 times larger

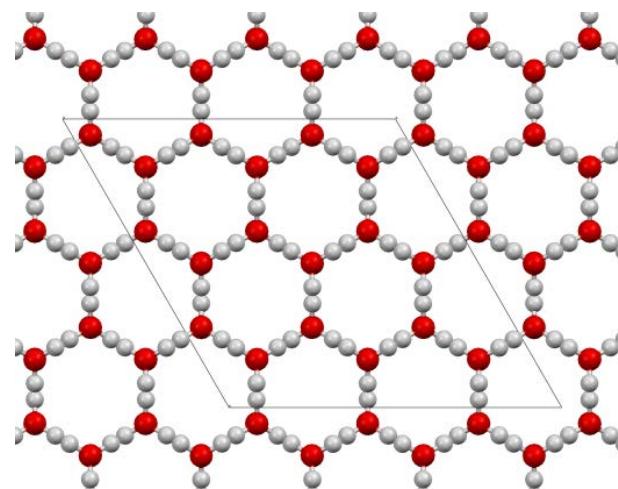


Structure of Ice



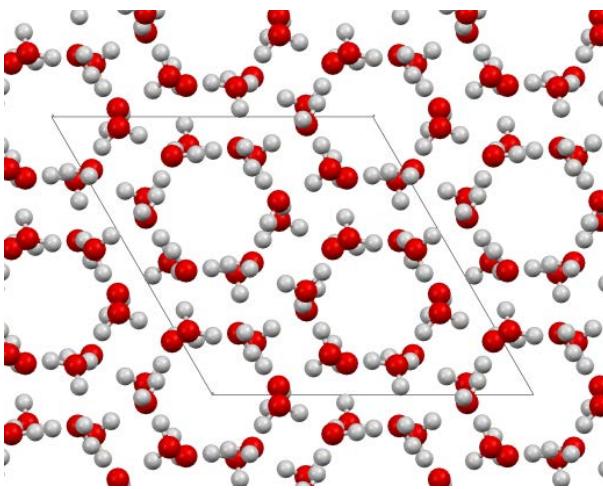
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tetragonal crystals
(Space group P42/nmc)



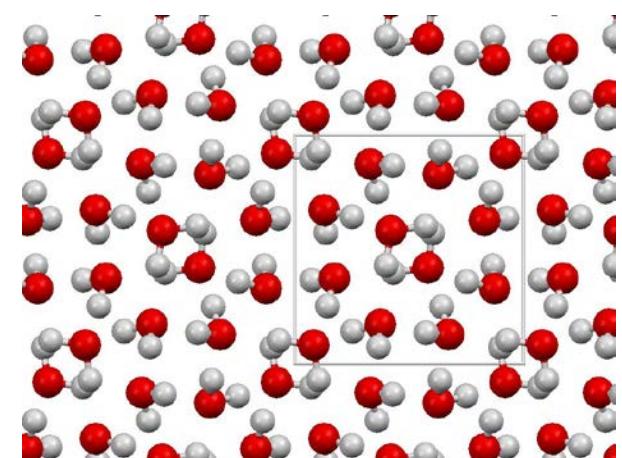
Ih

hexagonal ice
($P6_3/mmc$, symmetry D_{6h})



II-112.82

rhombohedral crystals
($R(-3)C$, symmetry S_6)

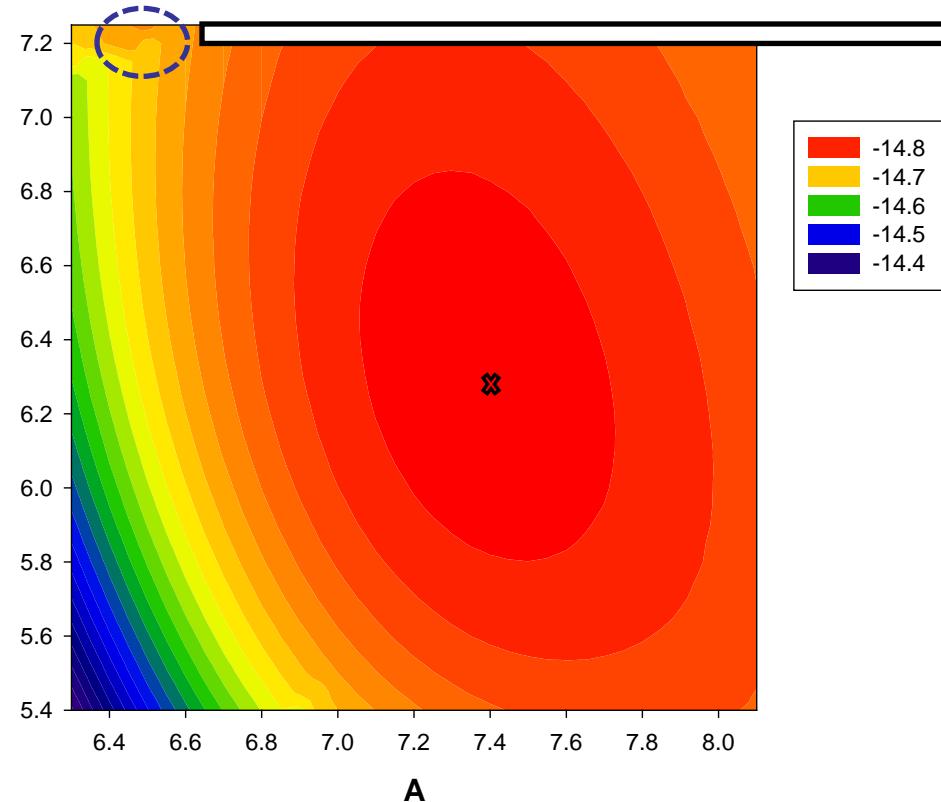


III

tetragonal crystals
(Space group $P\bar{4}_1\bar{2}_1\bar{2}$)

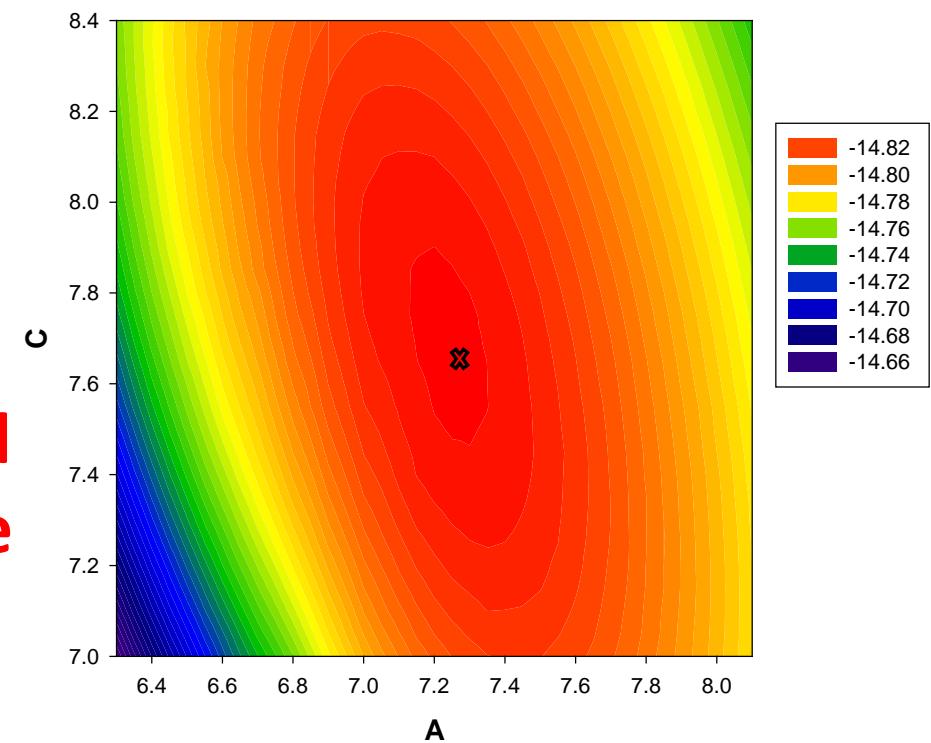
PES of Ice II

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relax volume

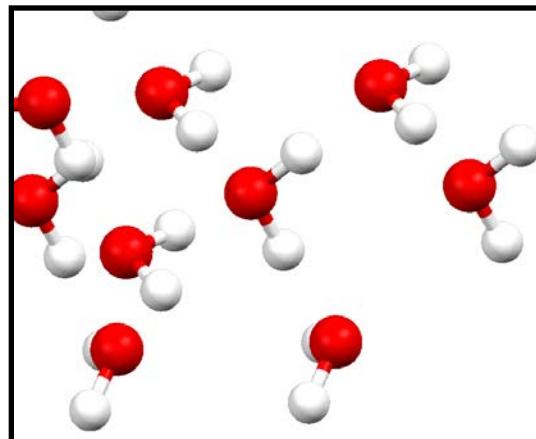
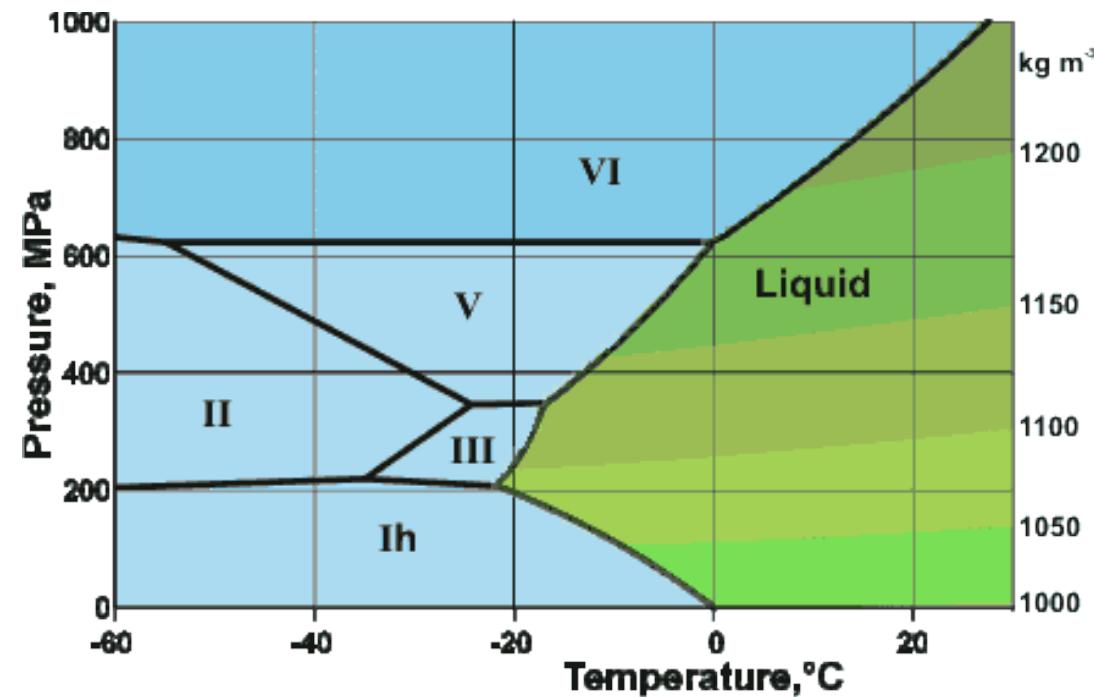
II-109°



We are lucky enough to find one new phase, but can one find structural minimums in a more natural way?

AIRSS Application

Bulk system : ICE II

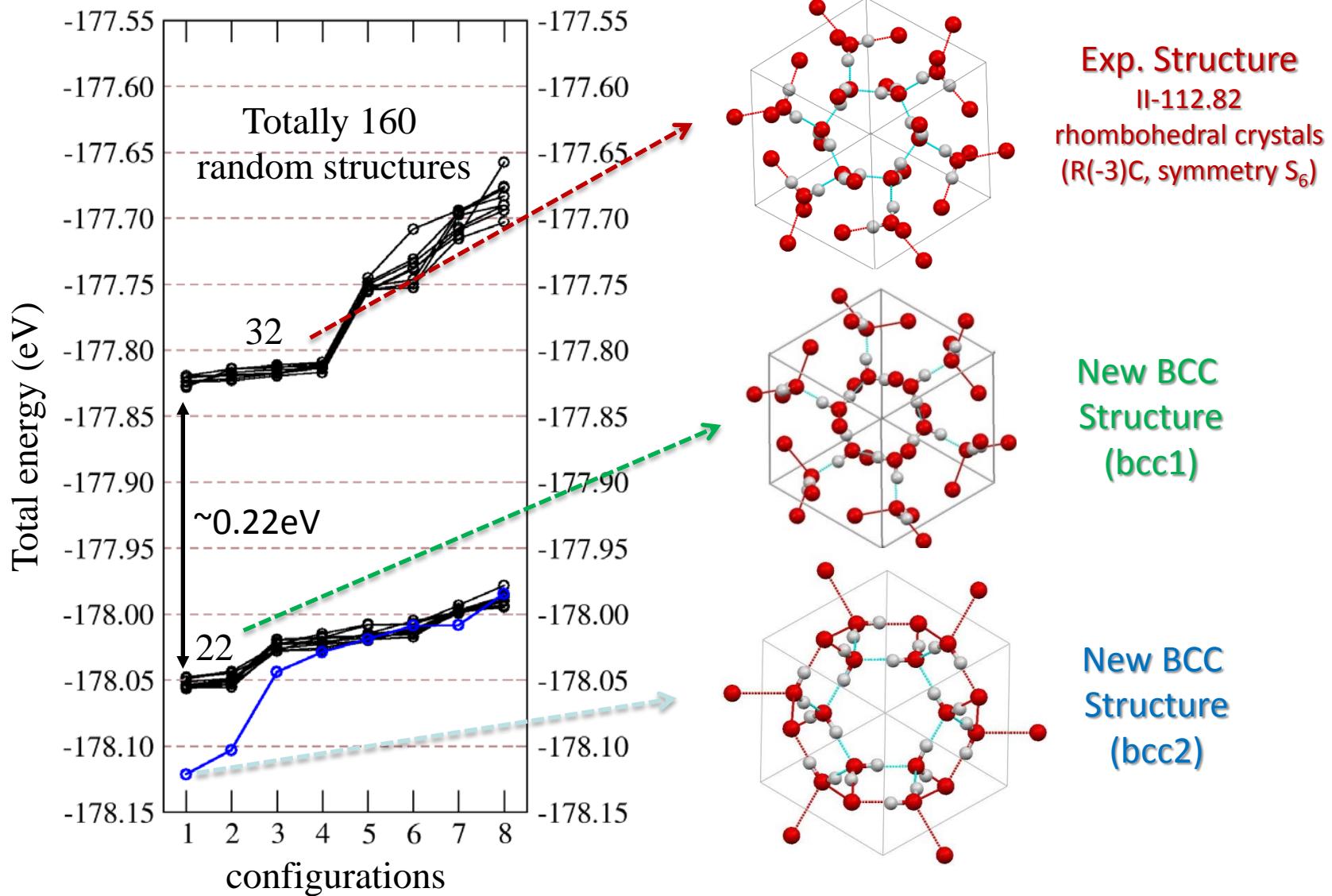


AIRSS Process

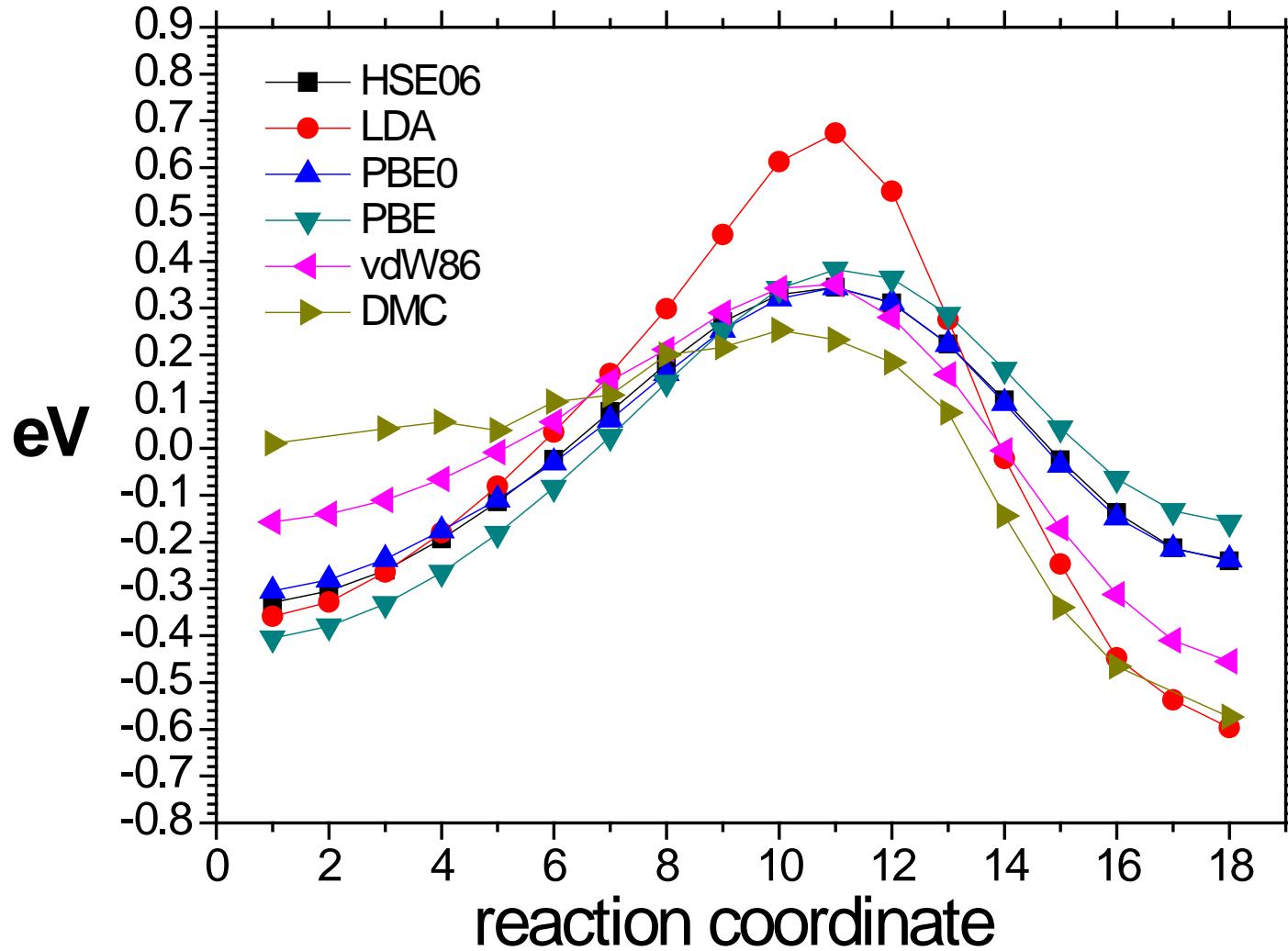
- Random generation of O atom positions and put constraints :
 - specific symmetry
 - Ice rule
 - the distance between oxygen atoms is sensible.
- Random generation of H atom positions and put constraints :
 - Ice rule
 - the distance between O and H atoms is sensible
- DFT calculation

AIRSS Application

Bulk system : ICE-II



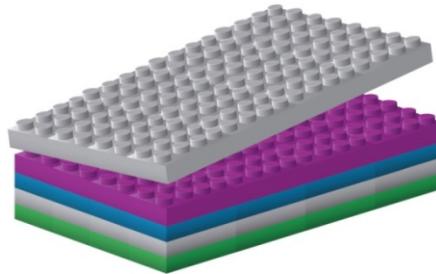
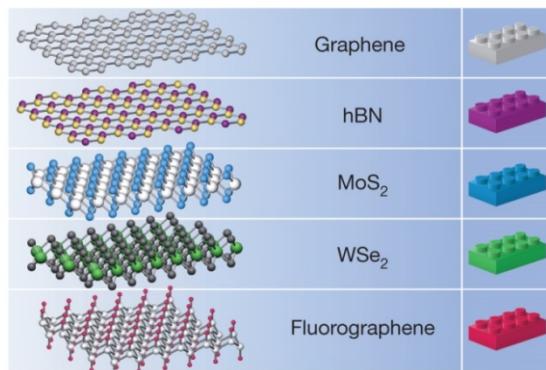
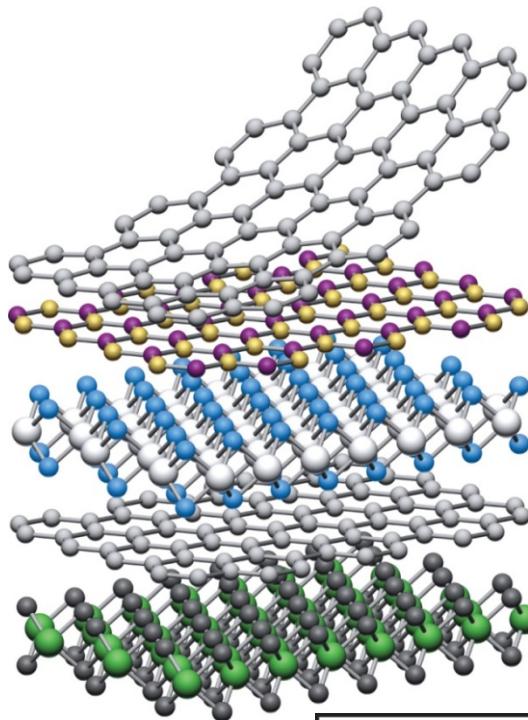
ICE II to bcc phase transition barrier



Finite size effect of QMC needs to be checked !

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van der Waals heterostructures

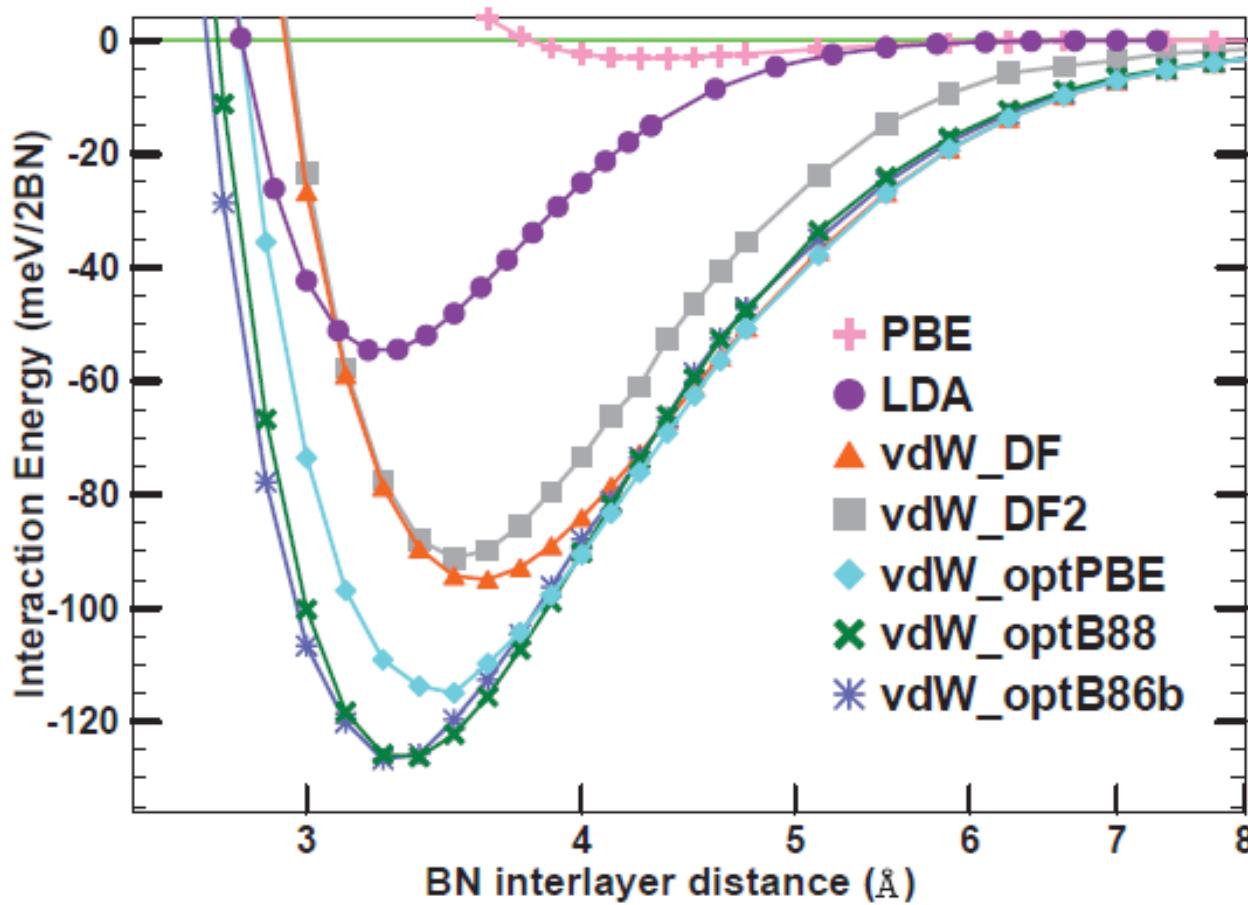


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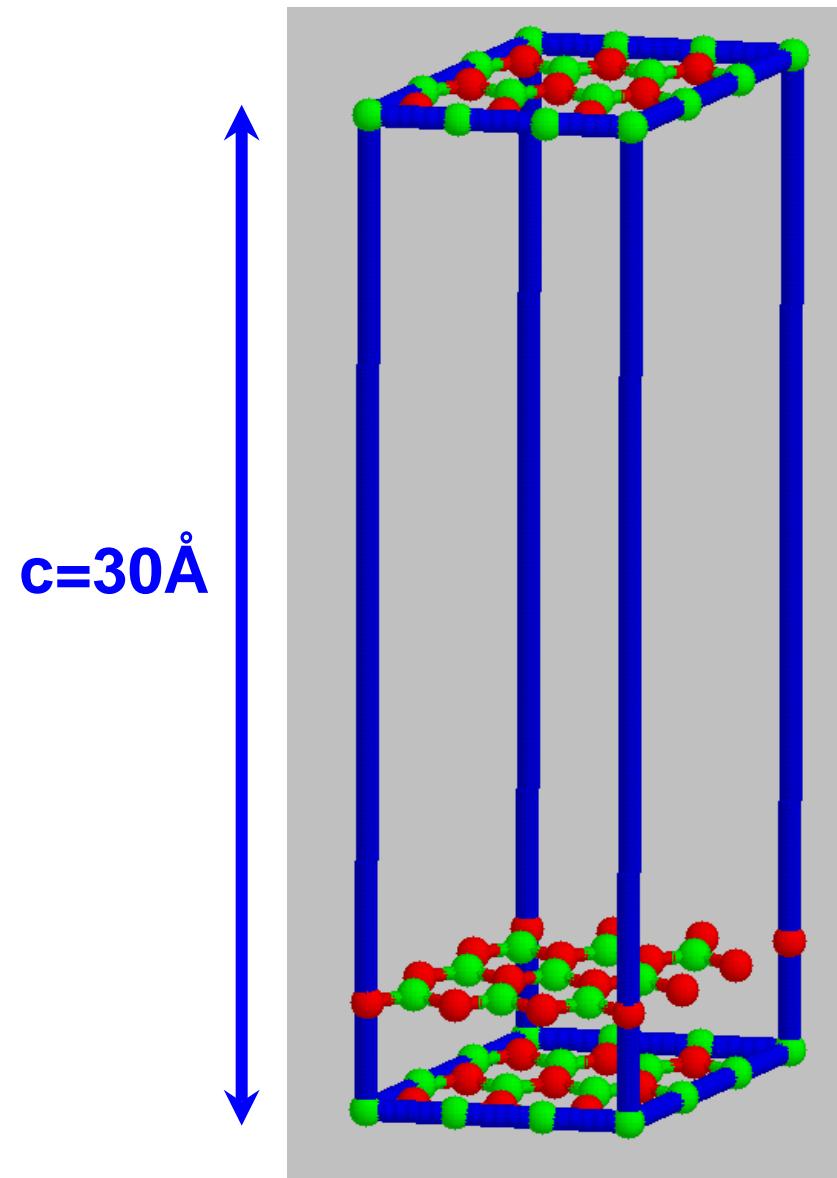
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2D chalcogenides	Graphene MoS ₂ , WS ₂ , MoSe ₂ , WSe ₂	Semiconducting dichalcogenides: MoTe ₂ , WTe ₂ , ZrS ₂ , ZrSe ₂ and so on		Metallic dichalcogenides: NbSe ₂ , NbS ₂ , TaS ₂ , TiS ₂ , NiSe ₂ and so on	Layered semiconductors: GaSe, GaTe, InSe, Bi ₂ Se ₃ and so on
2D oxides	Micas, BSCCO	MoO ₃ , WO ₃	Perovskite-type: LaNb ₂ O ₇ , (Ca,Sr) ₂ Nb ₃ O ₁₀ , Bi ₄ Ti ₃ O ₁₂ , Ca ₂ Ta ₂ TiO ₁₀ and so on	Hydroxides: Ni(OH) ₂ , Eu(OH) ₂ and so on	Others

The interaction energy of two BN films

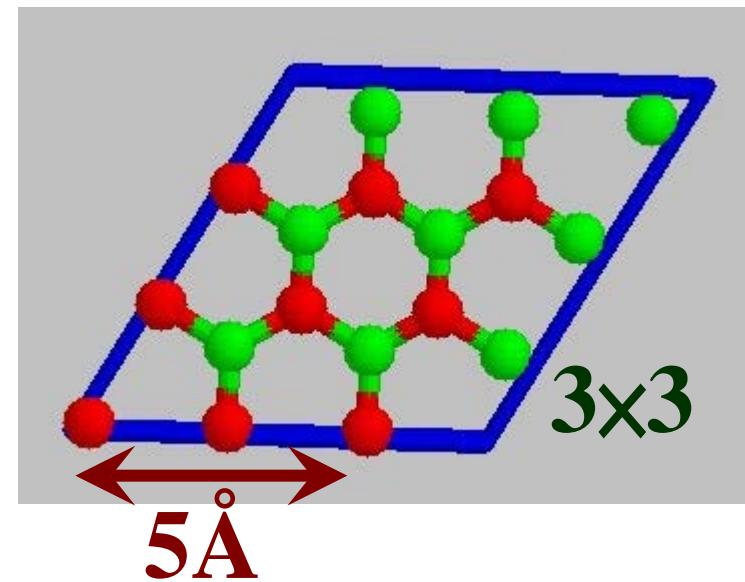


More reliable method is needed: QMC

BN bilayer : supercell structure



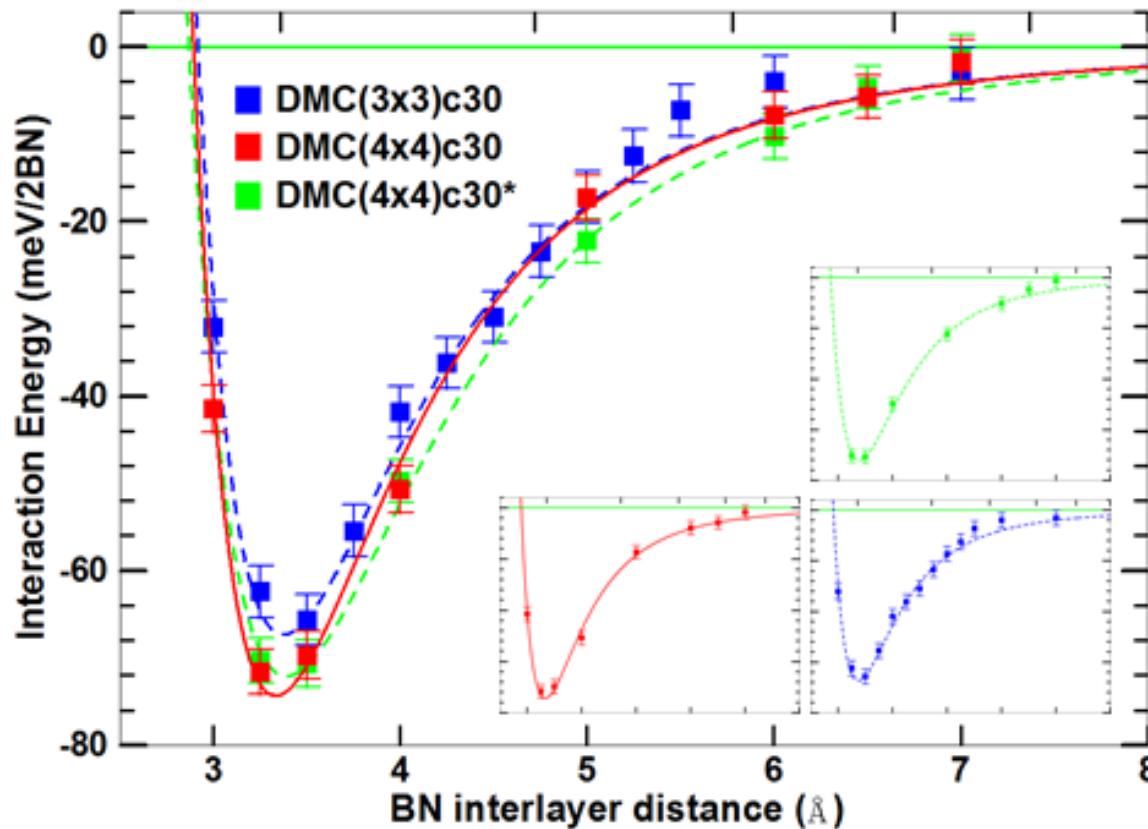
AA' stacking
Lateral : 3×3 , 4×4

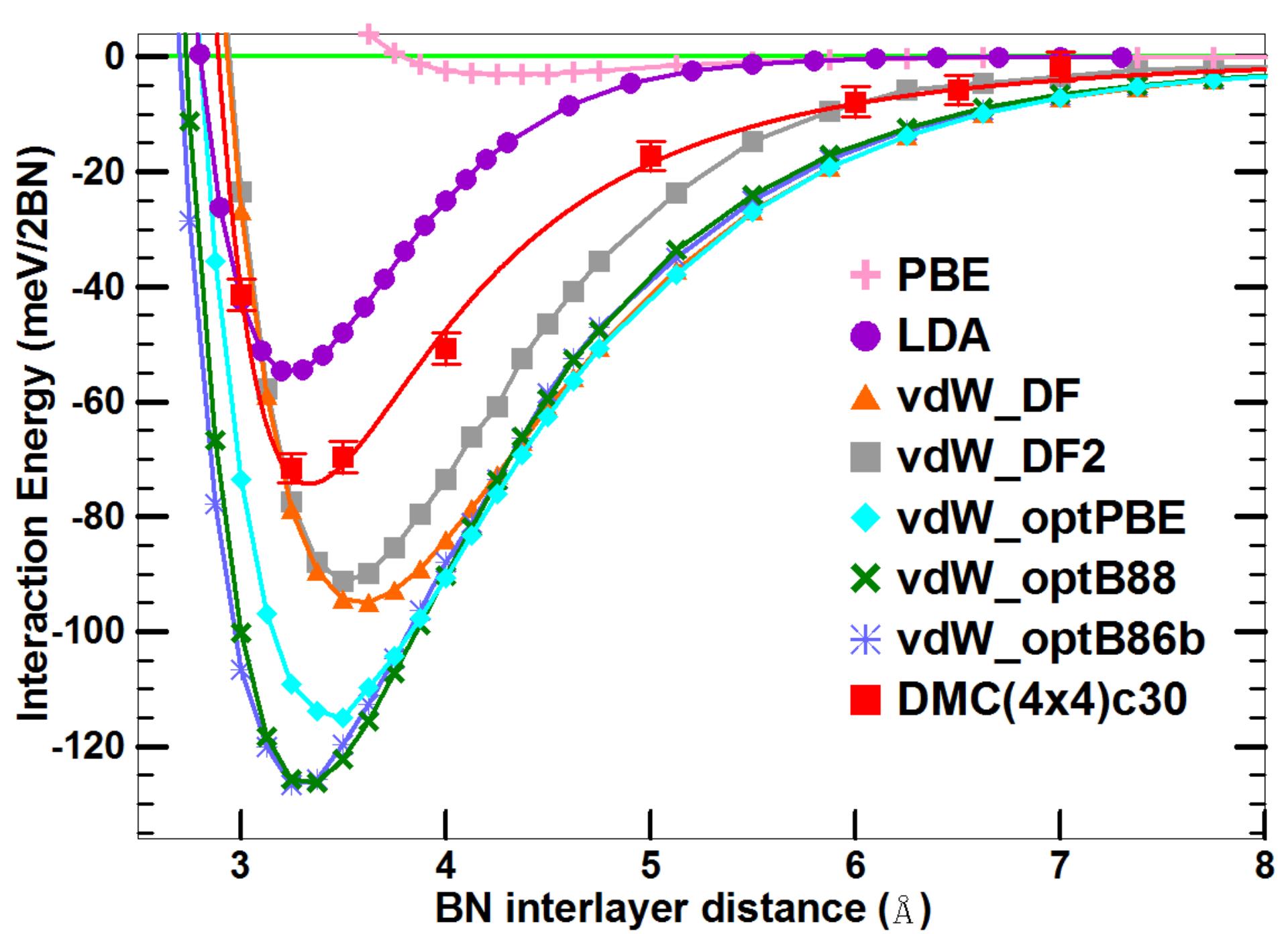


d : bilayer distance

Interaction curve: DMC

$\sigma < 2.5 \text{ meV}/2BN$
(total E ~ -700 eV/2BN)
CPU > 5 million core-hours

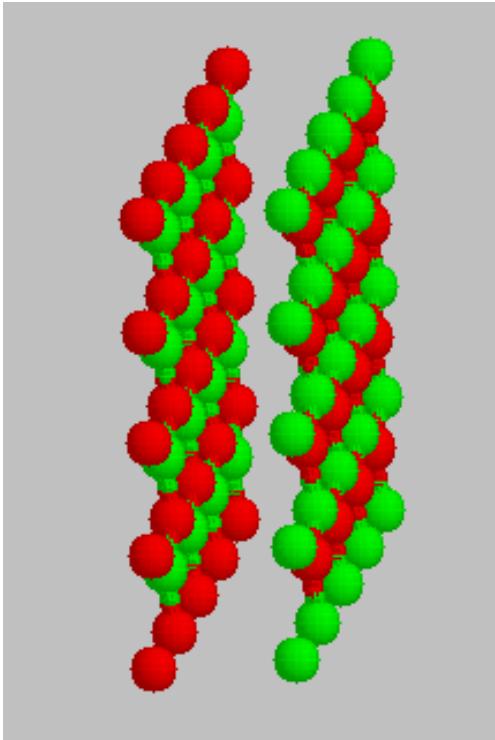




2D systems

$$E_{vdW} \approx -\frac{C_6}{r^6} \text{ for finite objects}$$

$$E_{vdW} \approx -\frac{C_4}{r^4} \text{ for infinite parallel insulating sheets}$$



$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{dxdy}{\left(\sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + d^2}\right)^6} \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{rdrd\theta}{(r^2 + d^2)^3} = \frac{1}{d^4} \end{aligned}$$

Long-Range behavior : $D^{-4.5}$

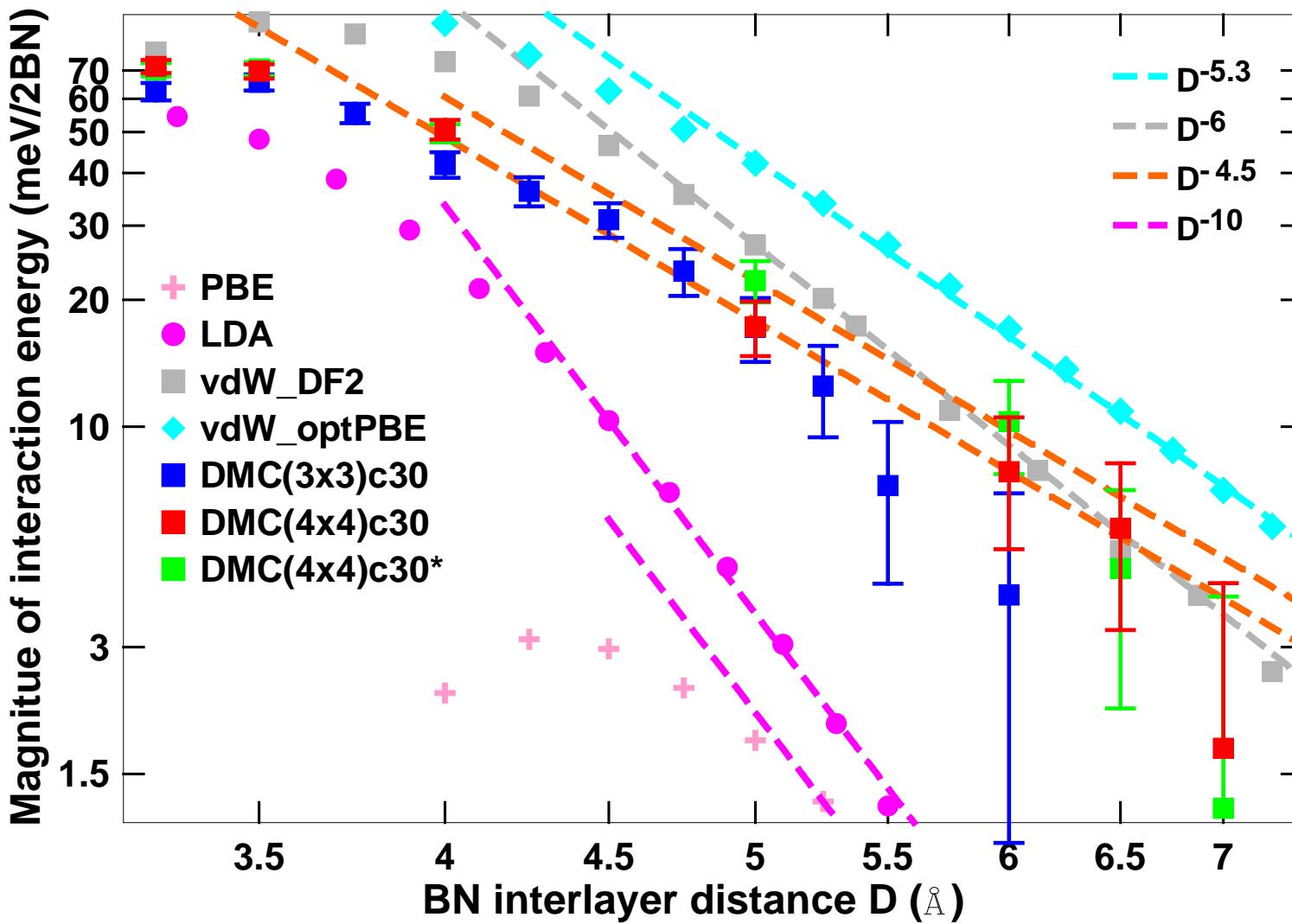
$D^{-5.3}$ vdW_optPBE

D^{-6} vdW_DF2

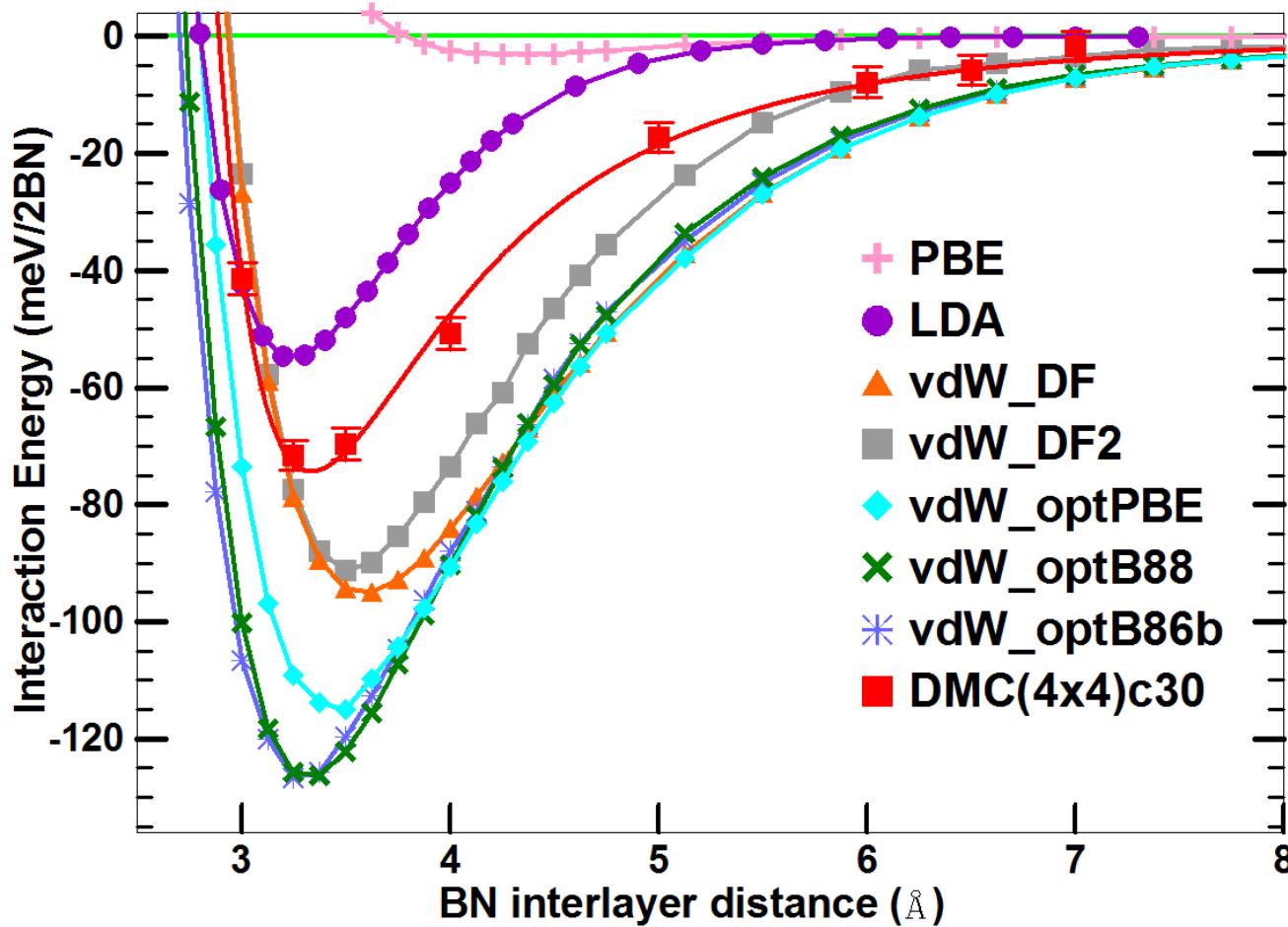
$D^{-4.5}$ DMC

D^{-10} LDA

D^{-10} PBE

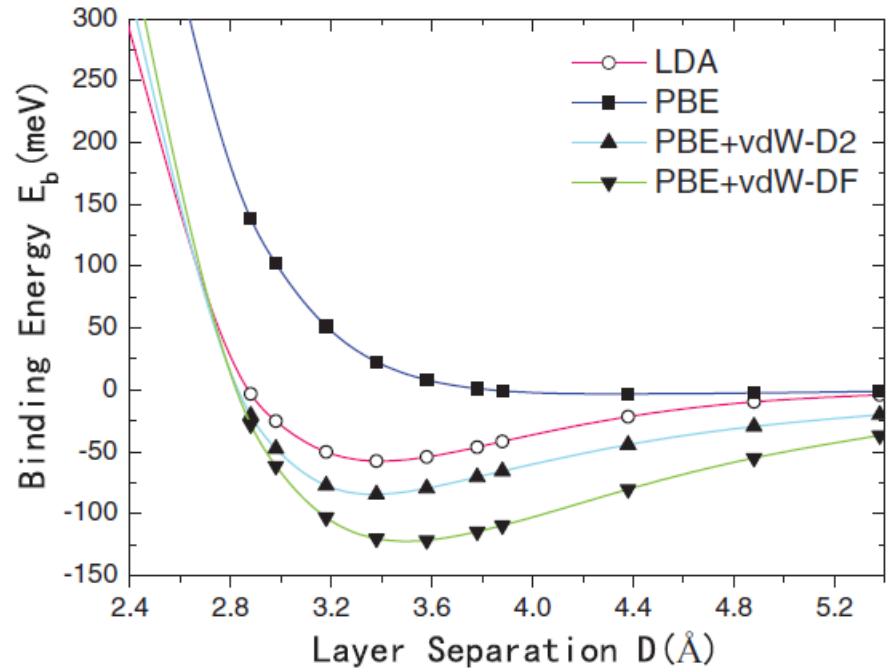
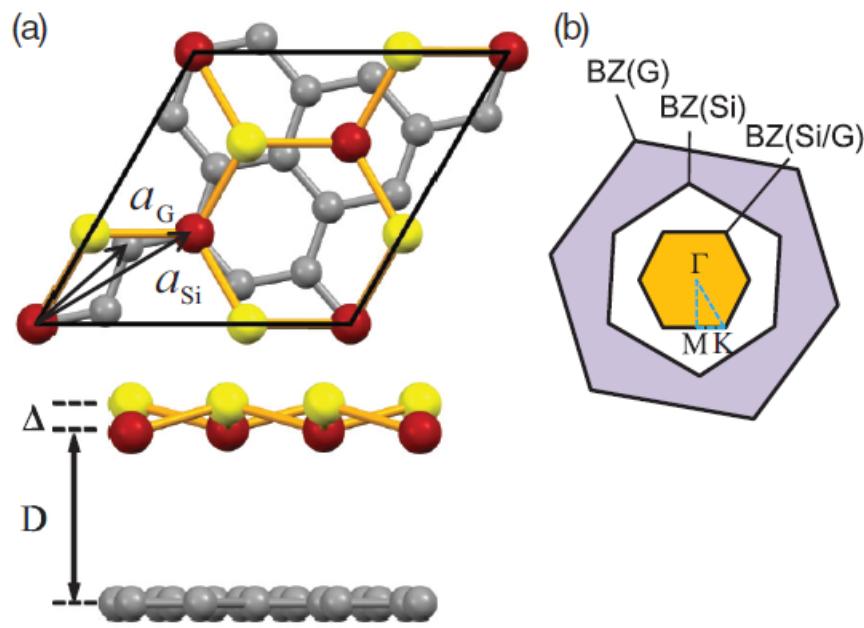


The interaction energy of two BN films



Can Van der Waals functionals accounts for Binding Energy of 2D Layer Materials such as graphene, BN flim, Silicene, MoS₂?

The binding energy of silicene and graphene



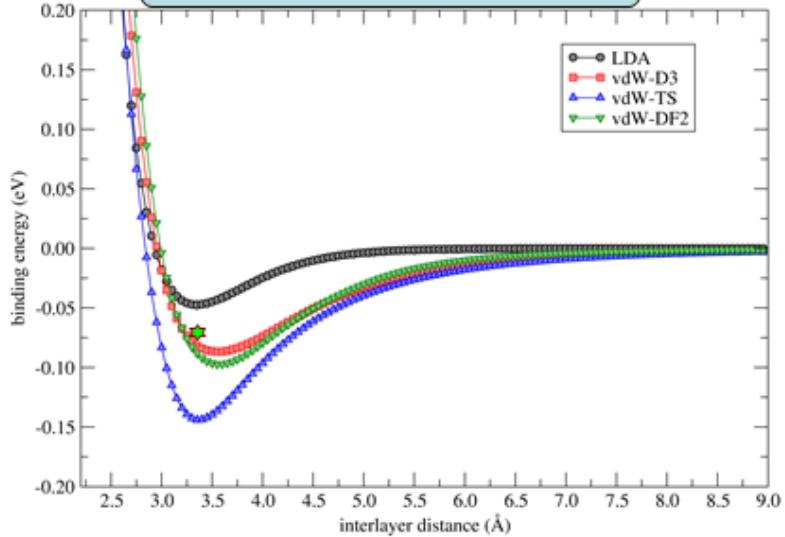
Consider Morie Patterns with small lattice mismatch of hetero bilayer structures !
Silicene($\sqrt{3} \times \sqrt{3}$) / Graphene($\sqrt{7} \times \sqrt{7}$)

DMC (# of lines to discard)

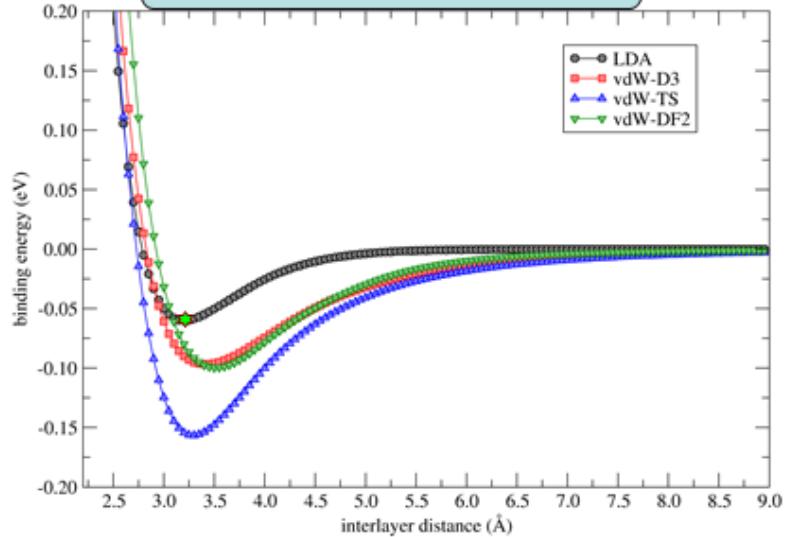
binding energy (meV)	20000	30000	40000	50000	60000	70000
Gra / Gra K441	66	66	67	67	69	71
BN / Gra K441 (B-Top)	61	61	61	62	63	61
Si($\sqrt{3}$) / Gra($\sqrt{7}$) S221	343	334	337	346	343	342
Si($\sqrt{3}$) / BN($\sqrt{7}$) S221	286	289	291	289	302	297
MoS ₂ / MoS ₂ S331	68	67	71	73	72	72
MoS ₂ ($\sqrt{7}$) / Gra($\sqrt{12}$)	831	849	912	911	989	982
MoSe ₂ ($\sqrt{7}$) / BN($\sqrt{12}$)	663	674	700	724	698	706

DFT-LDA optimized geometry is used in DMC calculation

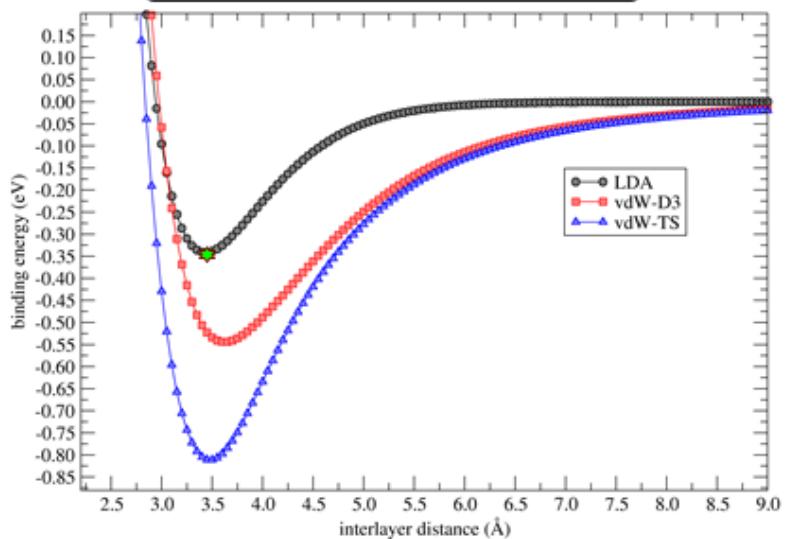
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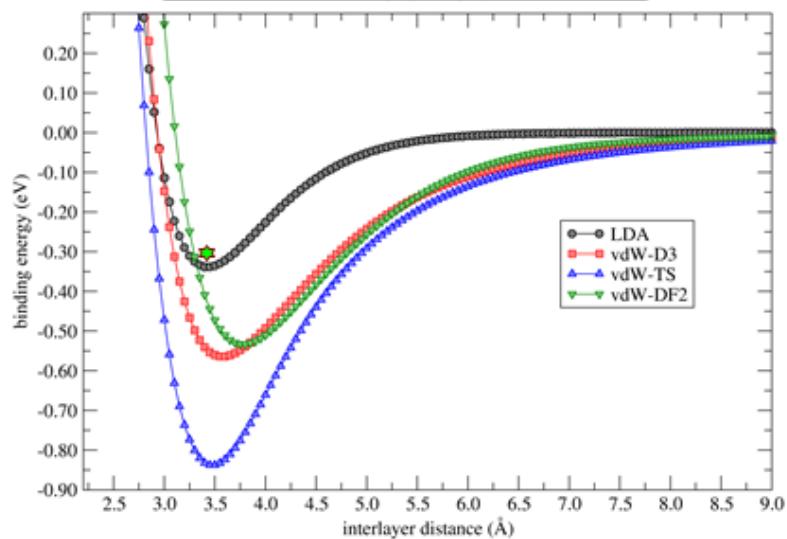
BN/Graphene



Silicene/Graphene



Silicene/BN



binding energy (meV)	VASP (LDA)	VASP (vdW_DF)	VASP (vdW_DF2)	VASP (vdW_optB86b)	CASTEP (LDA)	DMC 70000
Gra / Gra K441	47	97	95	127	53	71
BN / BN K441	55	95	91	127	49	71
BN / Gra K441 (B-Top)	60	99	98	136	60	61
Si($\sqrt{3}$) / Gra($\sqrt{7}$) S221	344	543	547	748	339	342
Si($\sqrt{3}$) / BN($\sqrt{7}$) S221	339	537	529	735	334	297

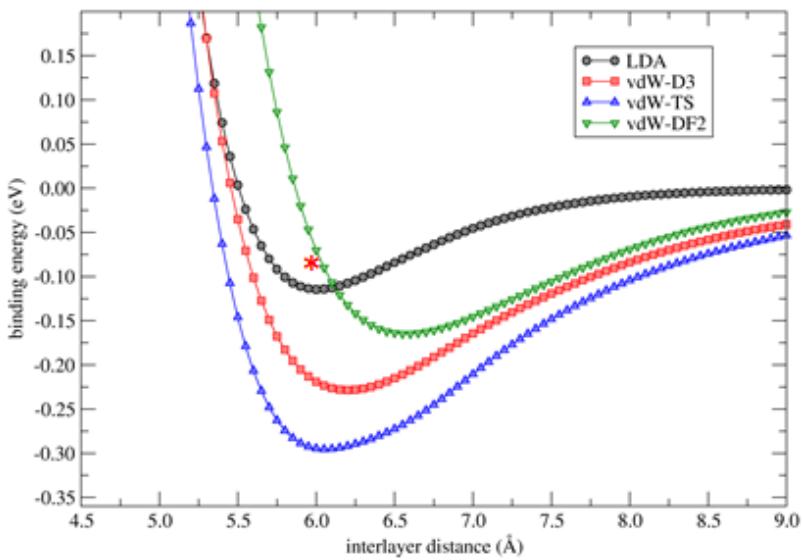
S221 means using Monkhorst-Pack 2x2x1 kpoint grids

K441 means using Gamma centered 4x4x1 kpoint grids

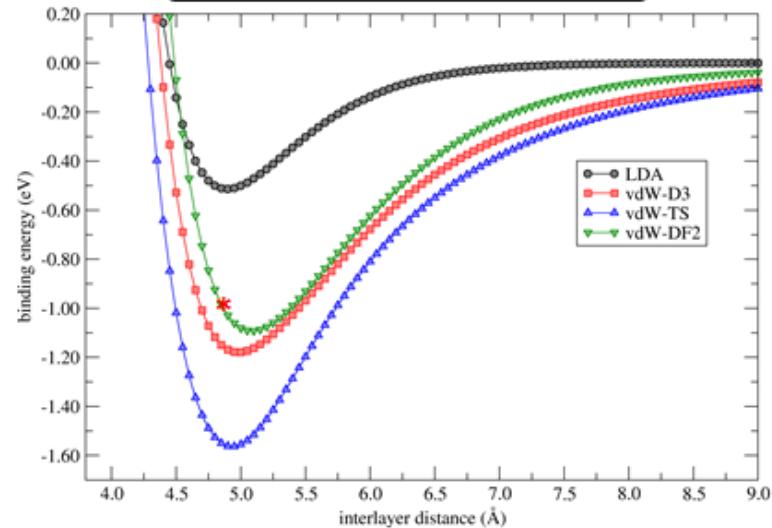
DFT-LDA optimized geometry is used in DMC calculation

1. *DMC shows a little trend that LDA might have done a reasonable job !*
2. *Currently available Van der Waals functionals might not account for Binding Energy of 2D Layer Materials !*
3. *Doing a curve for each system is perhaps necessary !*

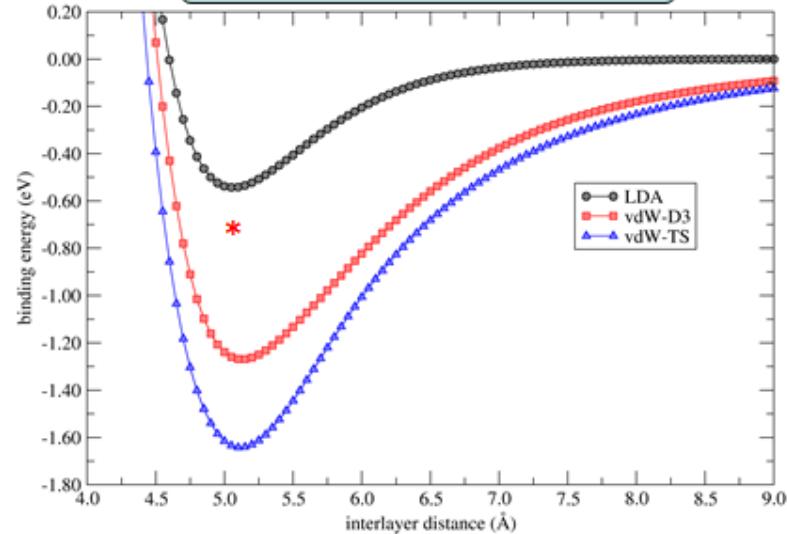
MoS₂/MoS₂



MoS₂/Grapene



MoSe₂/BN



After burning out more than one million core hours, the only thing that we learn is we need at least ten million core hours to gain a little more understanding! It is too early to say..... !

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