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# 基于多目标差分演化算 法进行逆向材料设计



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# 上半场

- 高通量计算及逆向材料设计的介绍

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- 逆向材料设计软件包介绍

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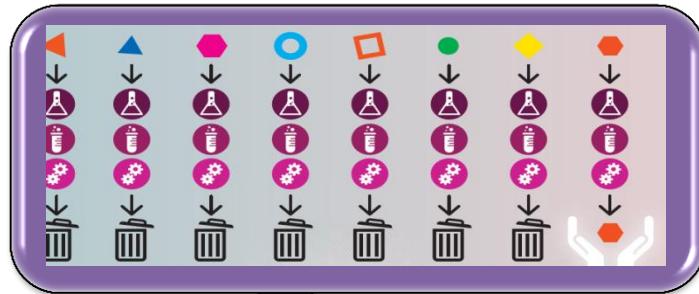
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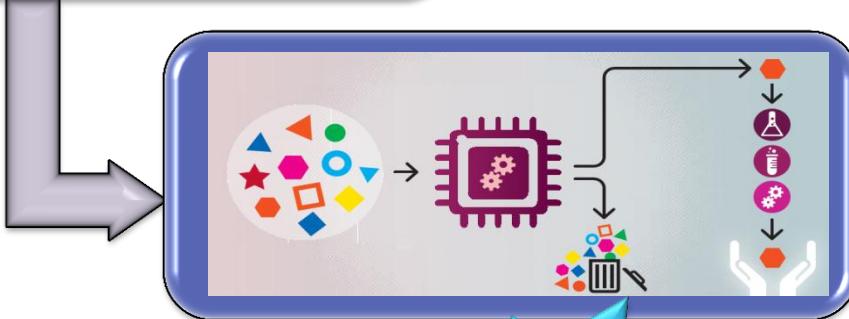
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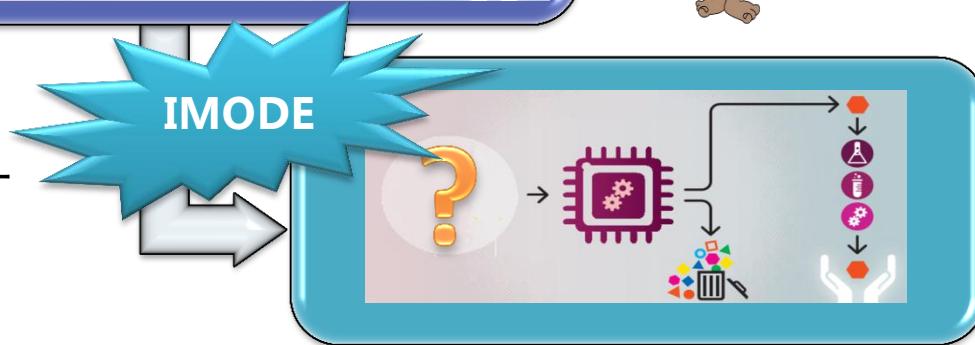
传统方法



通过理论  
计算预言  
材料性质

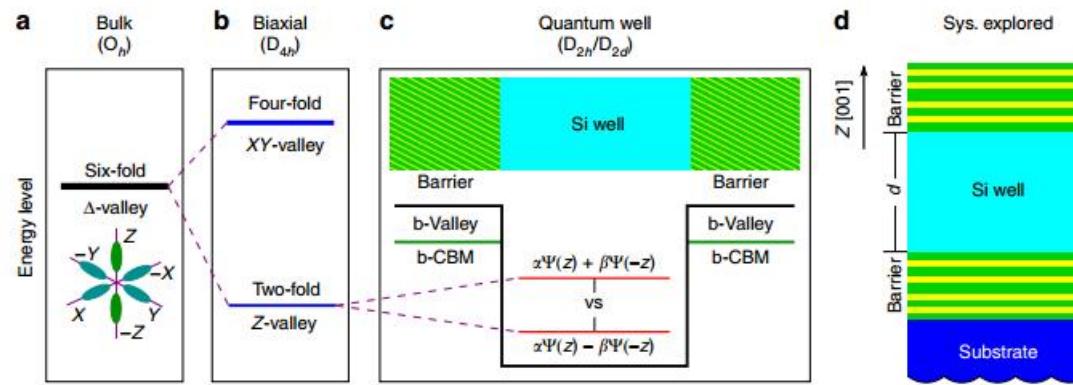
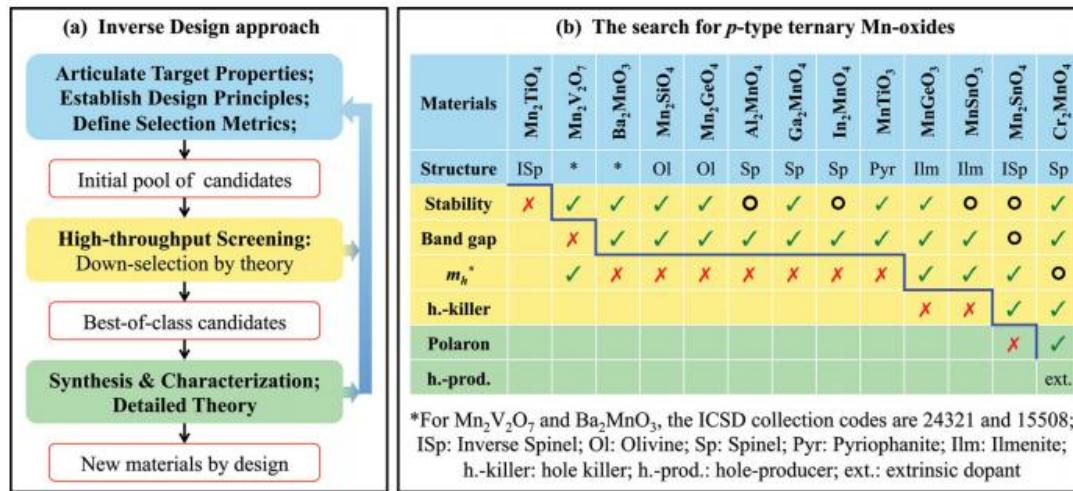


逆向材料设计



随着超级计算机以及第一性原理计算方法的发展，如果一种物质的结构明确了，那么我们可以通过计算的手段预言它的一系列性质。但是，这一过程的**逆向过程**，根据性质预言**一种物质的组成结构**，仍然是一种巨大的挑战。

# 逆向材料设计思想在计算上的实现



Zunger组首先提出了采用遗传算法对Si/Ge量子阱进行逆向材料设计，从而构建谷电子劈裂的体系。

# 背景：全球变暖

GLOBAL TEMPERATURE: 1884 to 2014

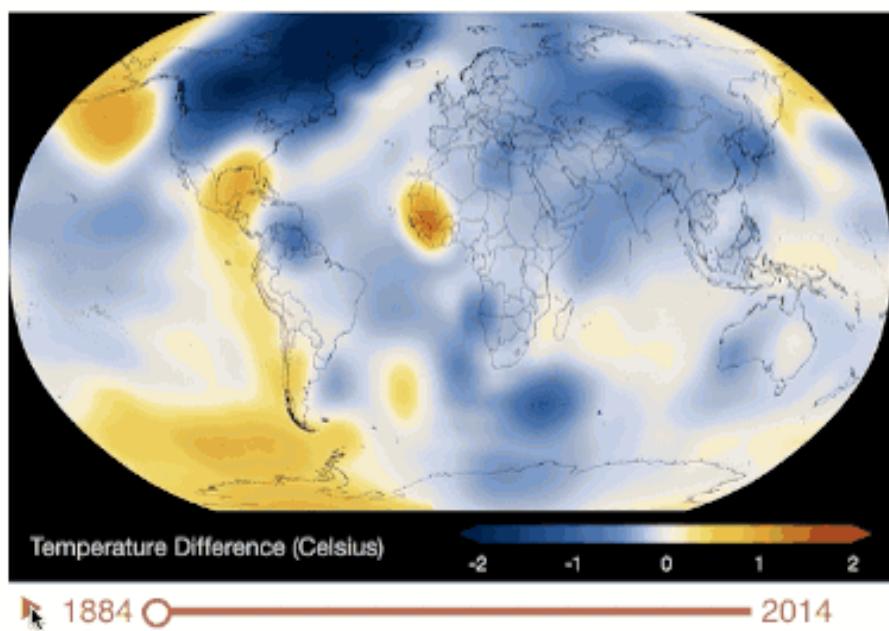
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TIME SERIES: 1884 TO 2014

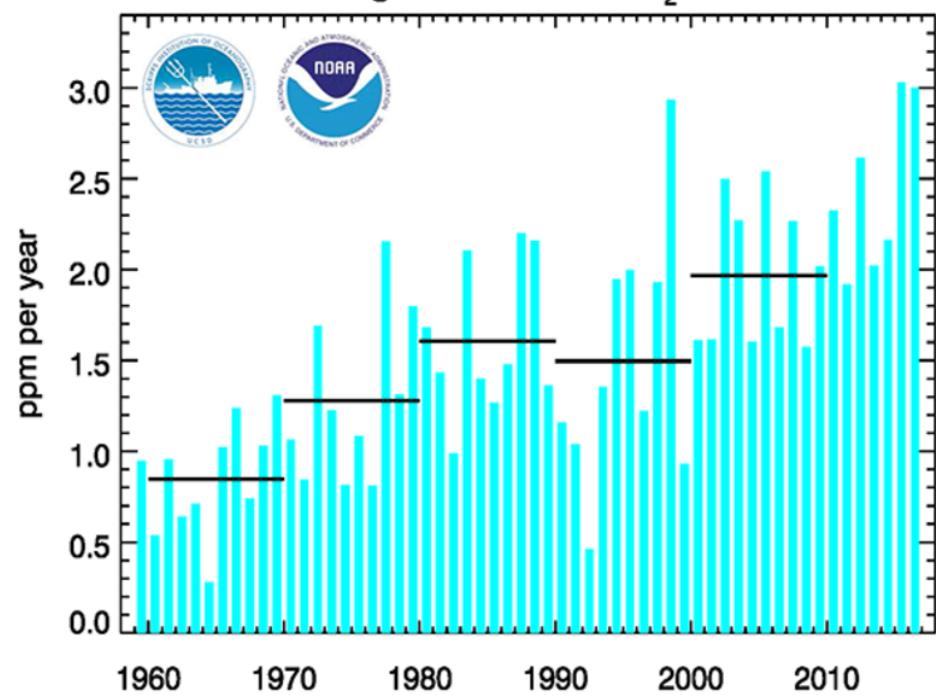
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annual mean growth rate of CO<sub>2</sub> at Mauna Loa

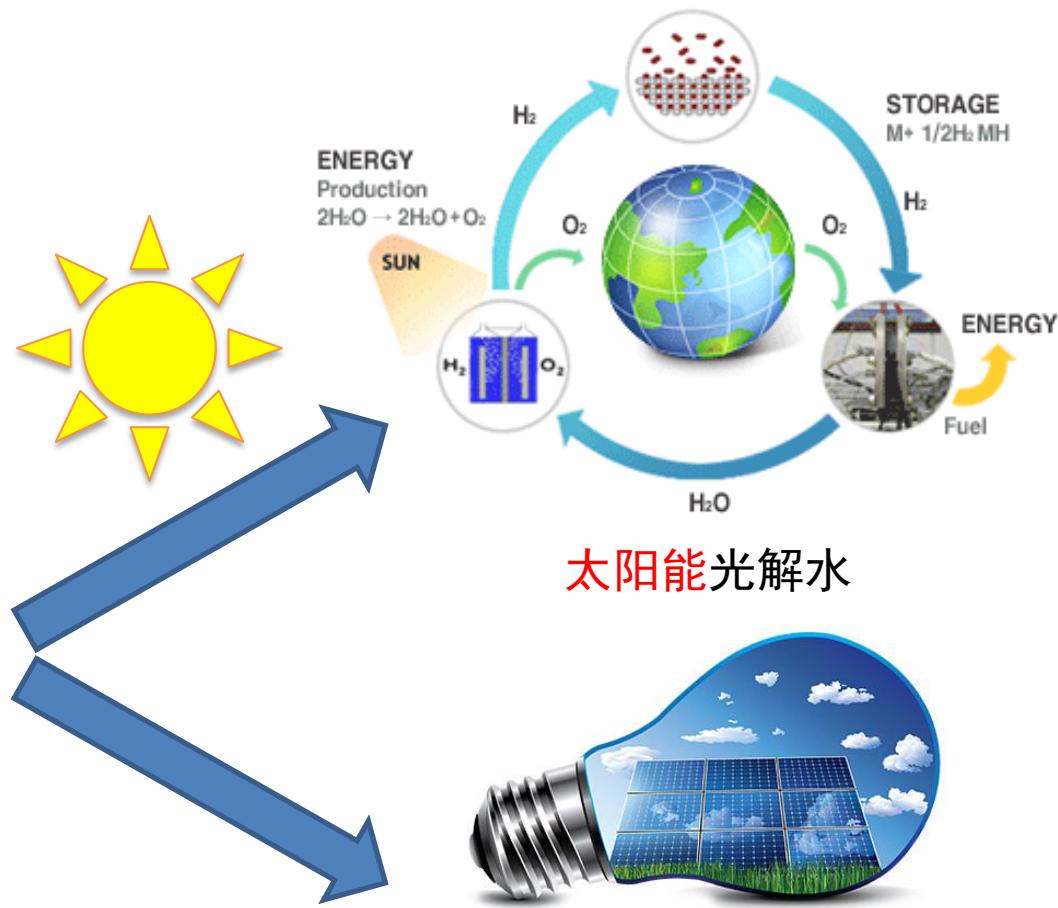


近一个世纪以来，全球温度急剧变暖，这与逐年上升的CO<sub>2</sub>排放密不可分。

至2016年大气中CO<sub>2</sub>浓度已达405 ppm，远超350 ppm的安全上限。

# 背景：能源危机

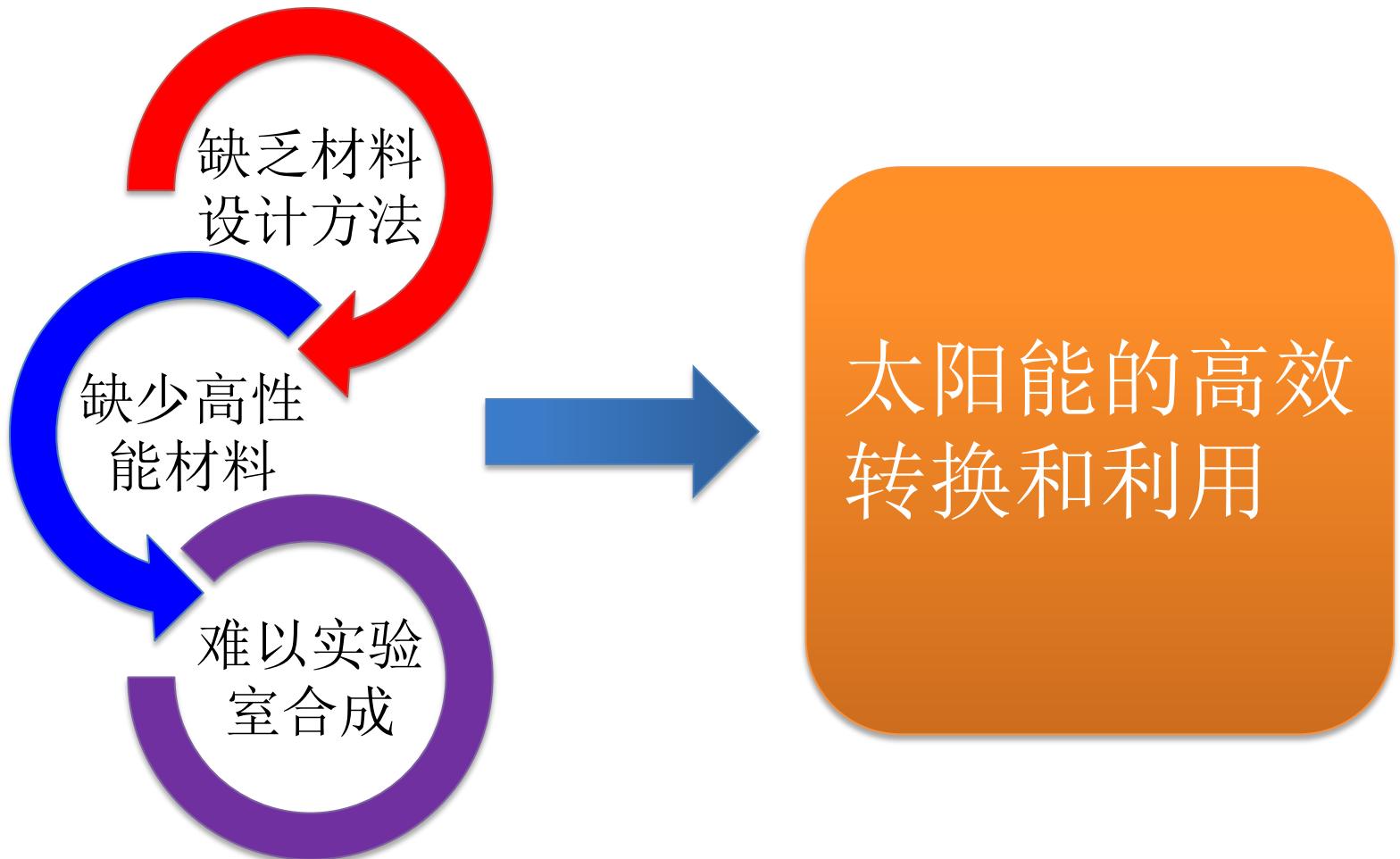
化石能源引发的环境危机



化石能源的使用是CO<sub>2</sub>过度排放的重要原因

理想替代：太阳能、氢能

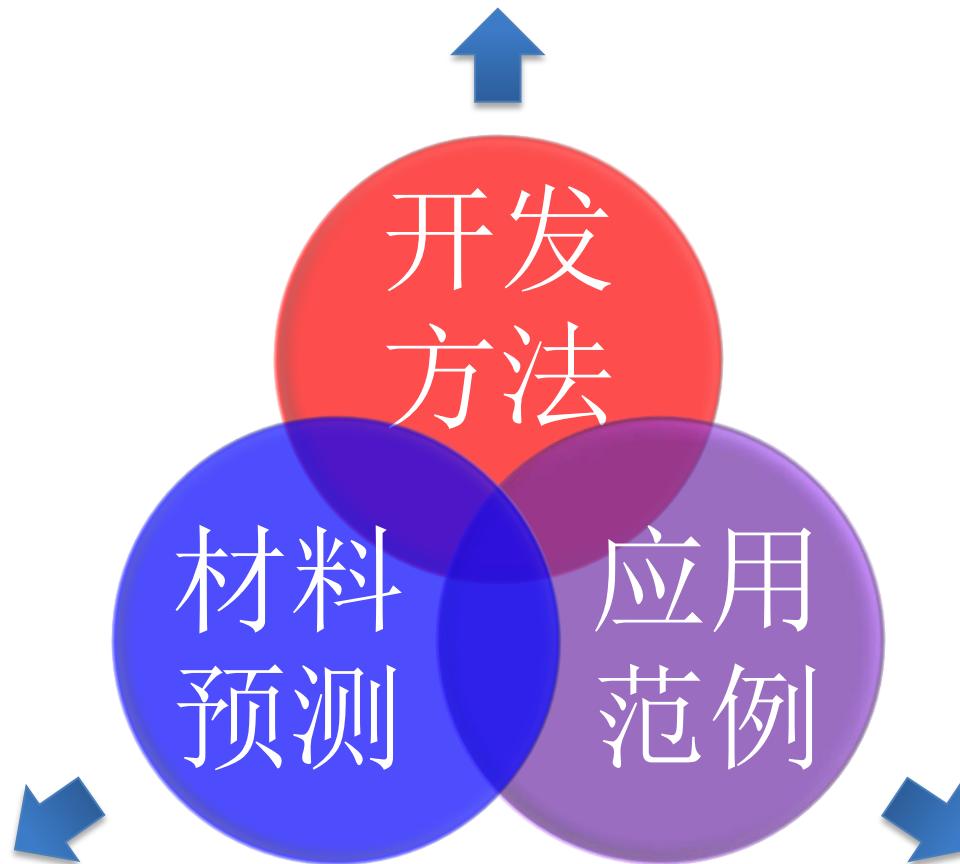
# 背景：太阳能材料的研发



长期以来**新材料设计方法**的缺乏使得我们难以系统地预言新型太阳能材料，**预言能力**的缺乏使得我们缺少对材料的合理设计，并最终影响到**太阳能真正大规模的转换与利用**。

# 一. 研究背景与思路

通过开发多目标全局优化算法的程序  
IM<sup>2</sup>ODE，从而实现新型功能材料的设计



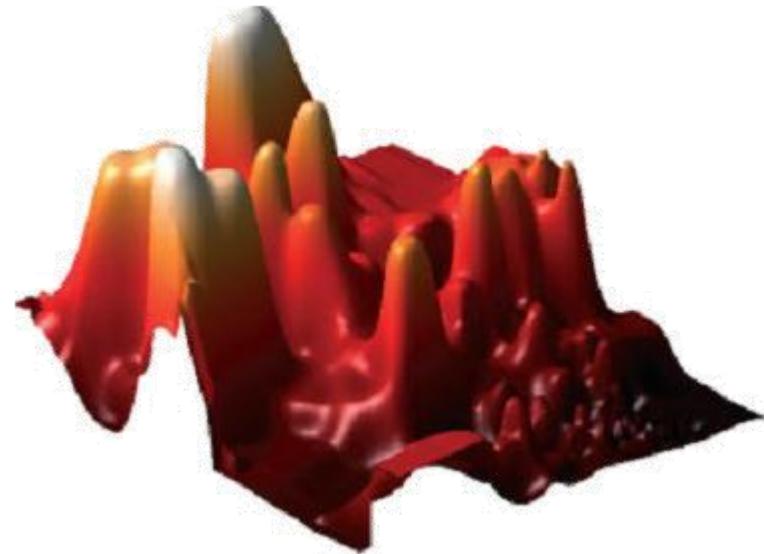
通过我们自己开发的方法，预言  
新型太阳能吸收材料

指导实验组，设计新型太阳能材  
料的组分和形貌

# 1 算法



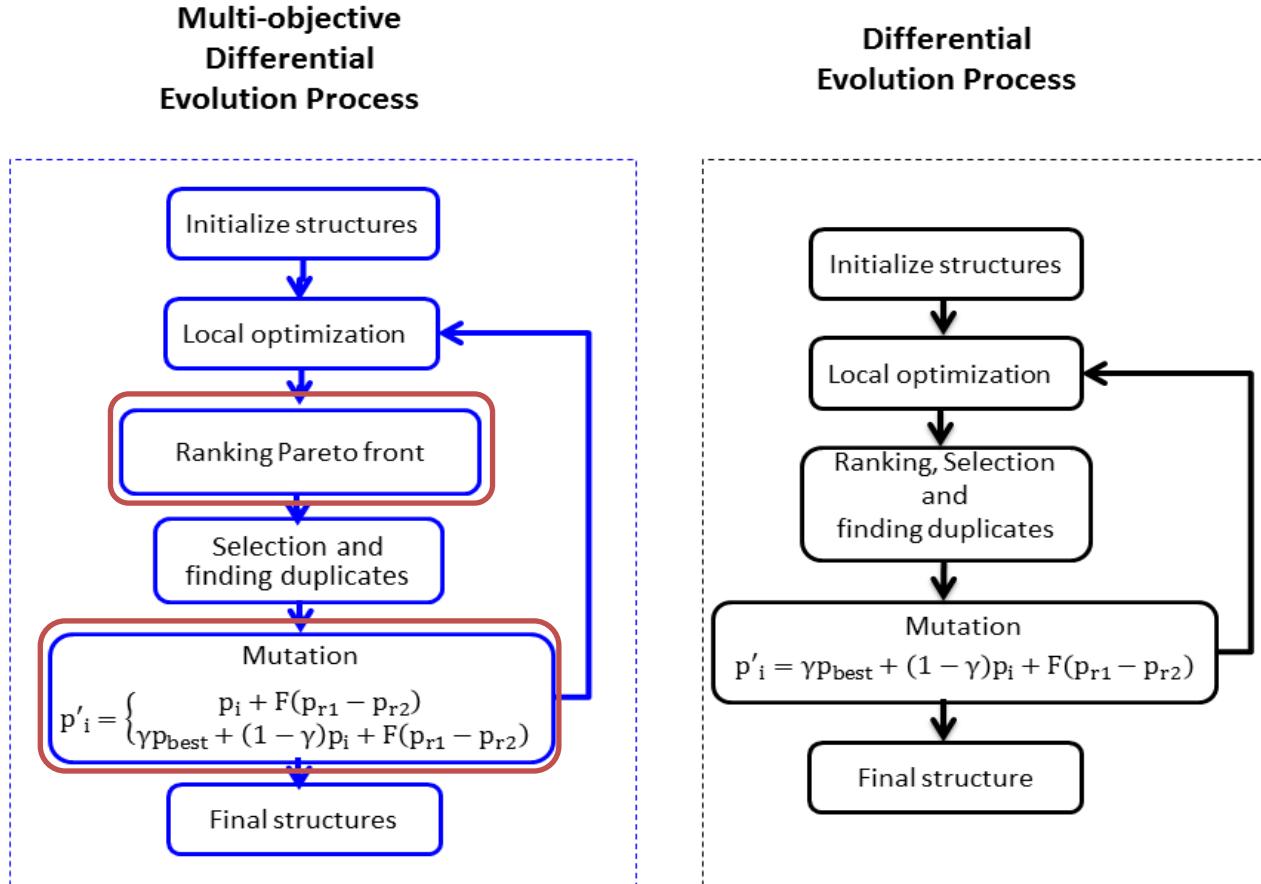
Inverse Design of Materials by Multi-Objective Differential Evolution  
基于多目标差分演化算法进行逆向材料设计



对材料的势能面进行重点采样，寻找具有特定性质的稳态或亚稳态材料

# 1 算法

## IM<sup>2</sup>ODE程序包的算法流程图

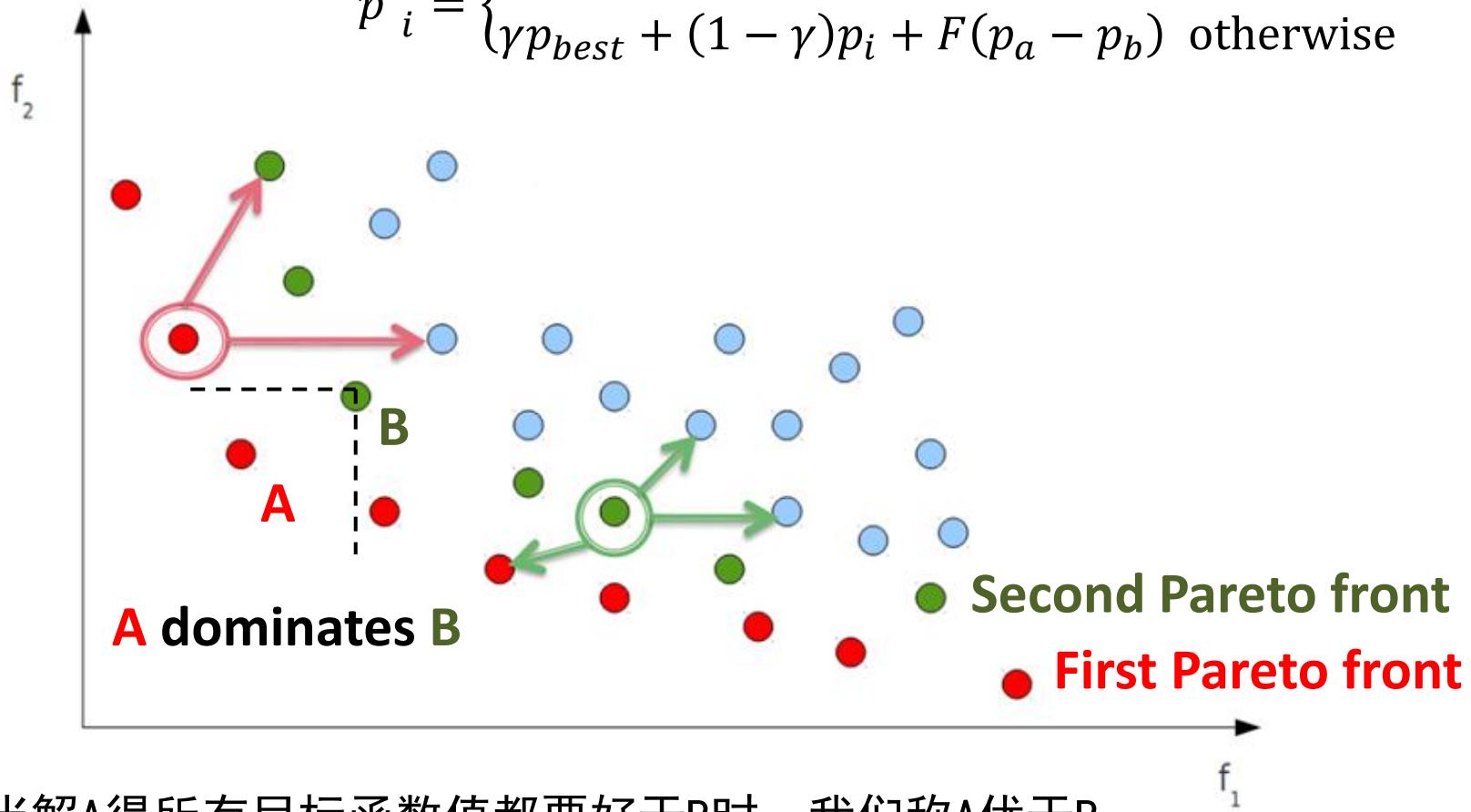


与传统的单目标差分演化算法相比，多目标的算法主要的改进在于**排序**和**变异**操作。

# 1算法

## 多目标差分算法的排序操作

$$p'_i = \begin{cases} p_i + F(p_a - p_b) & \text{if } p_i \text{ is non-dominated} \\ \gamma p_{best} + (1 - \gamma)p_i + F(p_a - p_b) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

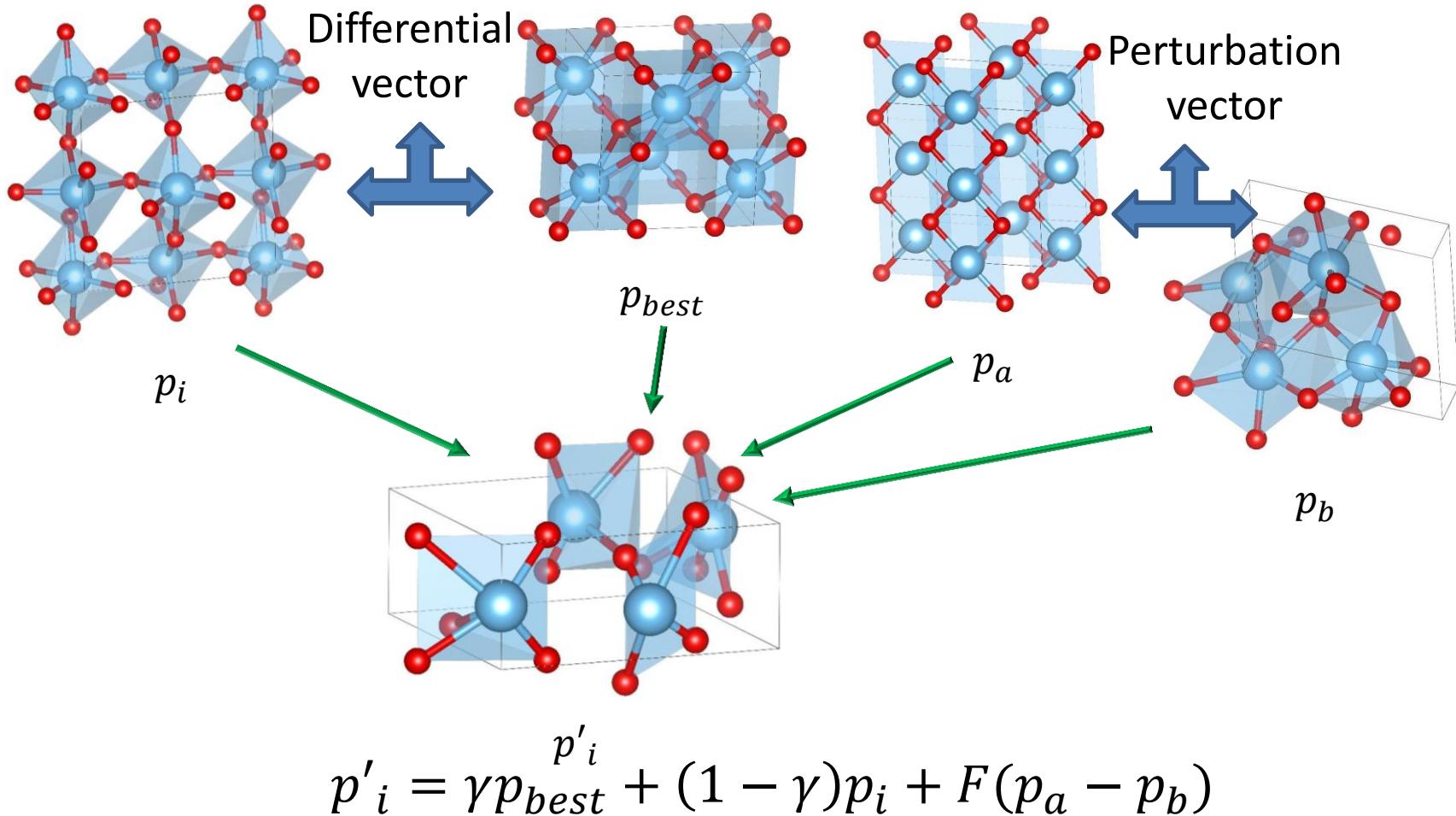


**优于**: 当解A得所有目标函数值都要好于B时， 我们称A优于B

**Pareto最优解**: 当没有其他解“优于” A时， 我们称A在Pareto最优解集中

# 1算法

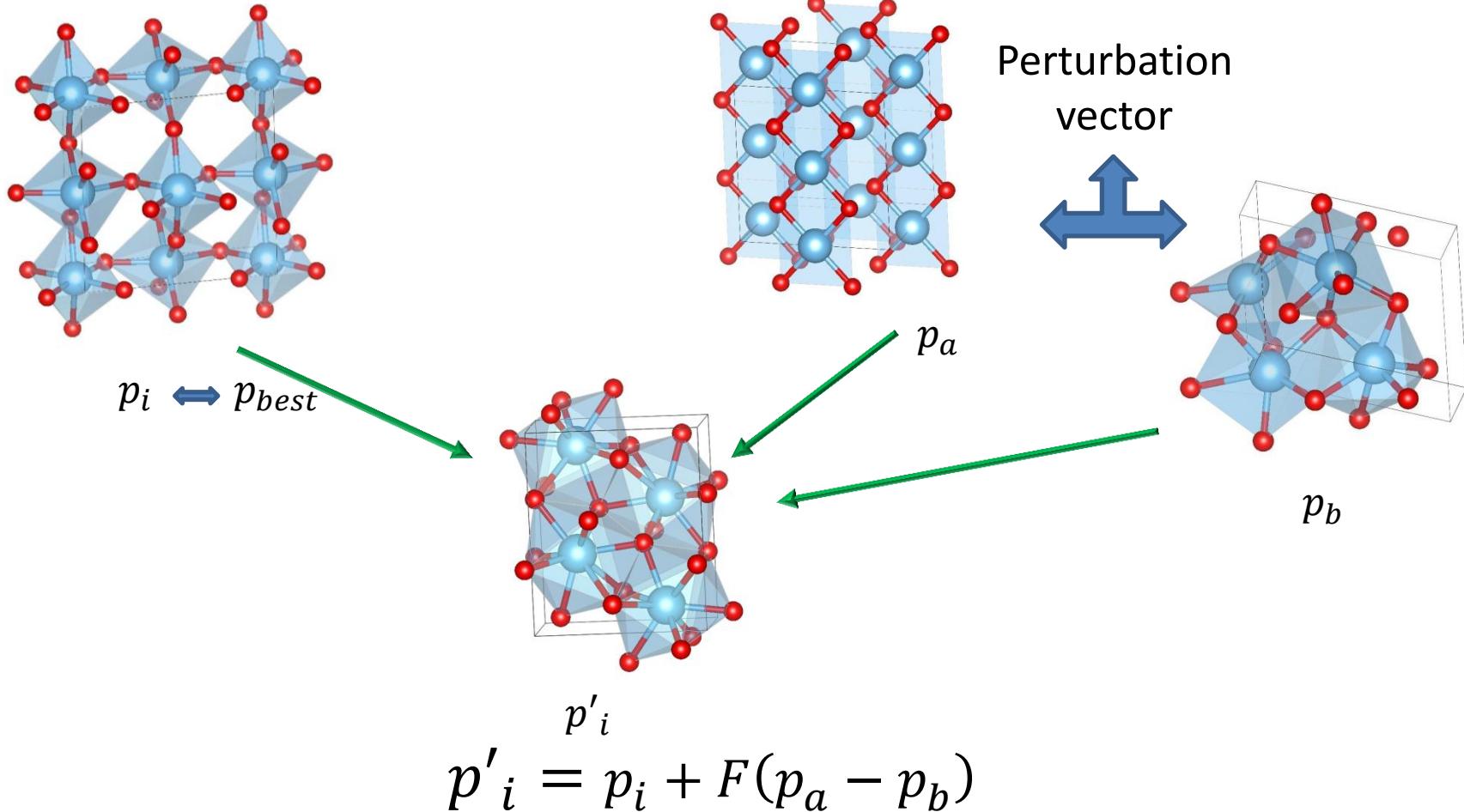
## 多目标差分算法的变异操作



对于一个不在Pareto最优解集中的解，其差分矢量由学习项和微扰项构成

# 1算法

## 多目标差分算法的变异操作



对于一个已经在Pareto最优解集中的解，其差分矢量仅由**微扰项**构成

# 2功能

## IM<sup>2</sup>ODE软件包的功能

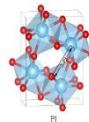
Property

Electronic  
structure

Optical  
absorption

Mechanical  
property

Structure



Crystal



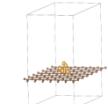
Cluster



Interface



2D



Surface



Defect

# 3技术特点

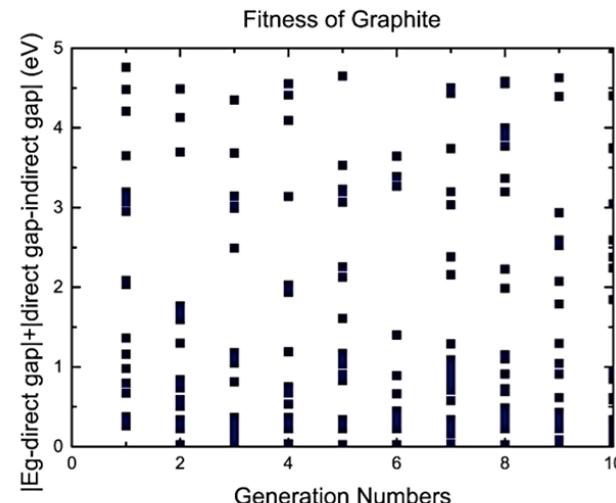
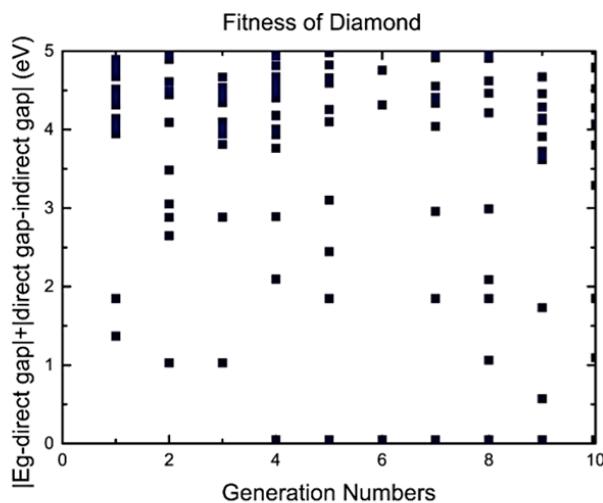
- 程序采用**模块化**的结构，便于维护和作进一步的开发
- 在产生初始的块体结构时采用**空间群优化**，有效提高采样效率
- 采用**种群并行**的策略，可以进行上千核并行的高通量材料筛选，提高效率

# 4应用案例

## 寻找具有特定带隙的材料

- design material with a target direct band gap  $E_g$   $\min z_1 = \text{total energy}$   $\min z_2 = |E_g - \text{direct gap}| + |\text{direct gap} - \text{indirect gap}|$

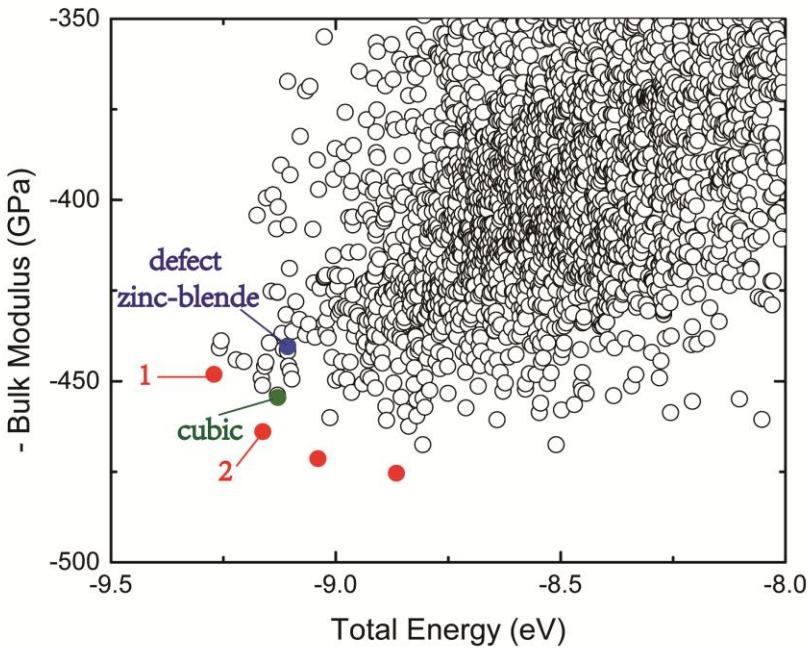
| System                         | $E_g$ (eV) | Average generation |
|--------------------------------|------------|--------------------|
| $\alpha\text{-Al}_2\text{O}_3$ | 6.4        | 2                  |
| Diamond (Carbon)               | 4.1        | 3                  |
| Graphite (Carbon)              | 0.0        | 3                  |



在种群数30的情况下，IM<sup>2</sup>ODE能在2-3代内找到具有特定带隙的碳同素异形体和Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>的晶体结构

# 4应用案例

## 寻找超硬材料



- Tested system:  $\text{C}_3\text{N}_4$
- objective functions:

$$\min z_1 = \text{total energy}$$

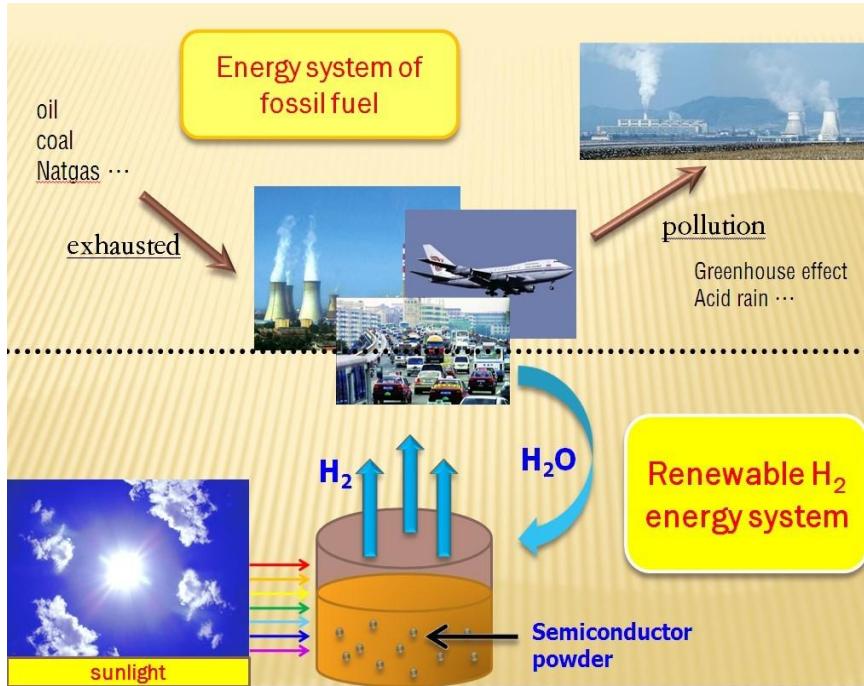
$$\min z_2 = -B = -\frac{N_c}{4} \frac{0.624 - 0.070I}{d^{3.5}}$$

|                    | Total Energy / atom (eV / atom) | B(empirical equ)(GPa) | B(ab initio)(GPa) |
|--------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| Defect zinc-blende | 0.0                             | 440.557               | 414.718           |
| cubic              | -0.022                          | 454.546               | 462.48            |
| 1                  | -0.164                          | 448.134               | 30.859            |
| 2                  | -0.055                          | 463.917               | 140.35            |

IM<sup>2</sup>ODE能够重复出经典的cubic和defect zinc-blende相的晶体结构

# 4应用案例

## 预言具有合适带隙的二氧化钛材料



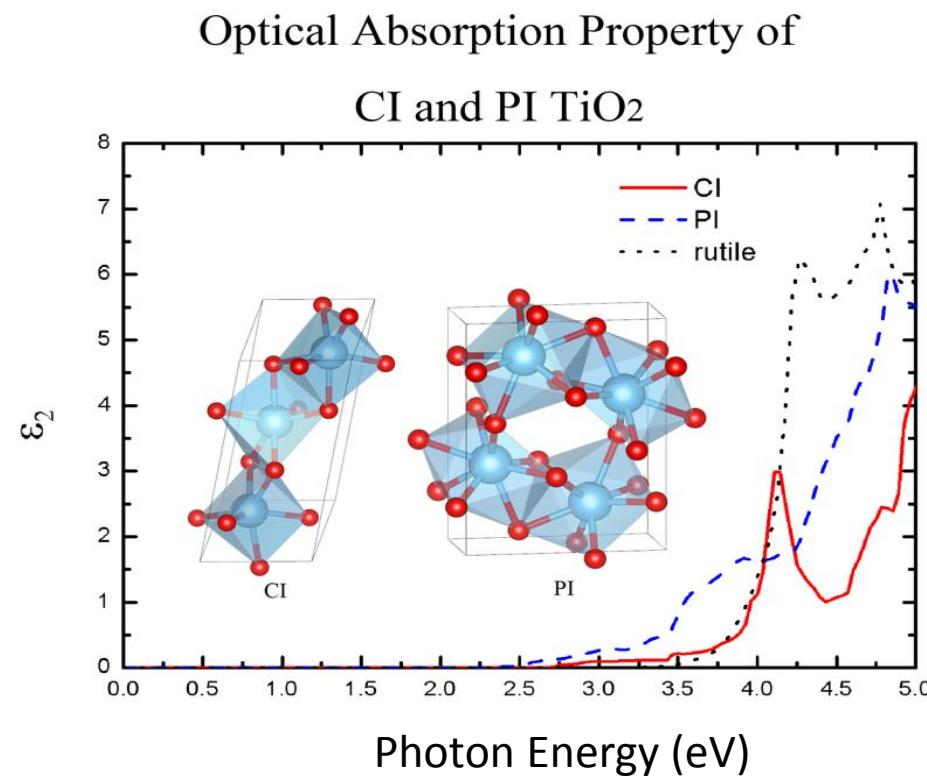
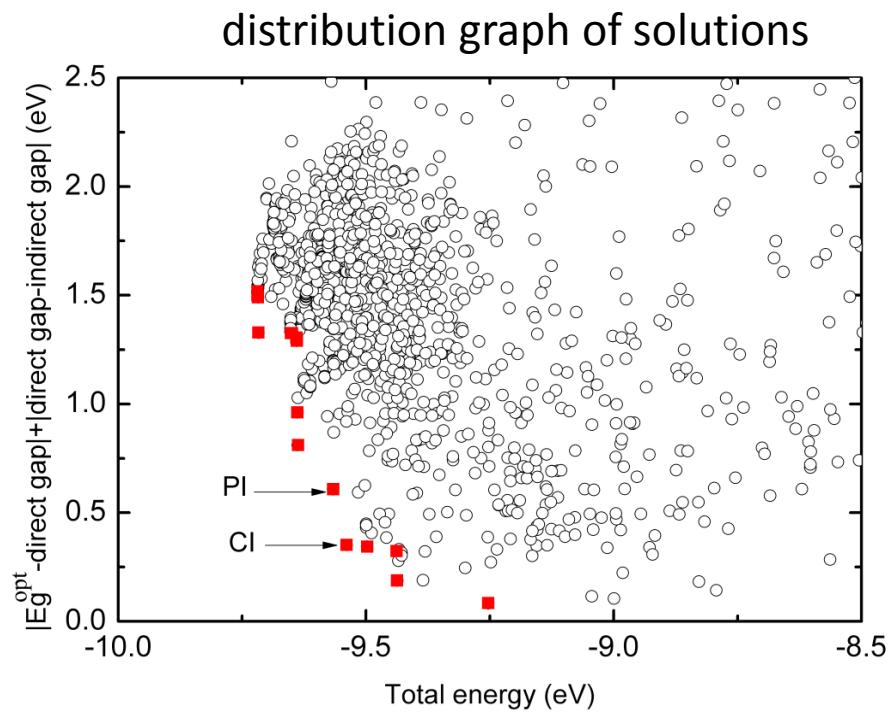
Titanium Oxide ( $\text{TiO}_2$ ):

- ✓ great potential in PEC water splitting
  - ✓ low cost, nontoxic ...
  - ✓ strong catalytic activity, high chemical stability
- Large intrinsic band, absorbs only UV

- A dopant-free  $\text{TiO}_2$  phase with a suitable band gap is highly desirable.

# 4应用案例

## 预言具有合适带隙的二氧化钛材料



IM<sup>2</sup>ODE能够设计出有着更强可见光吸收的 $\text{TiO}_2$ 相

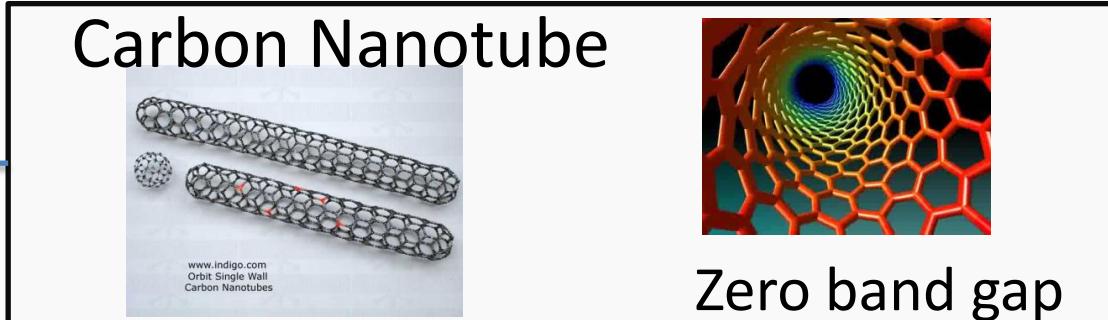
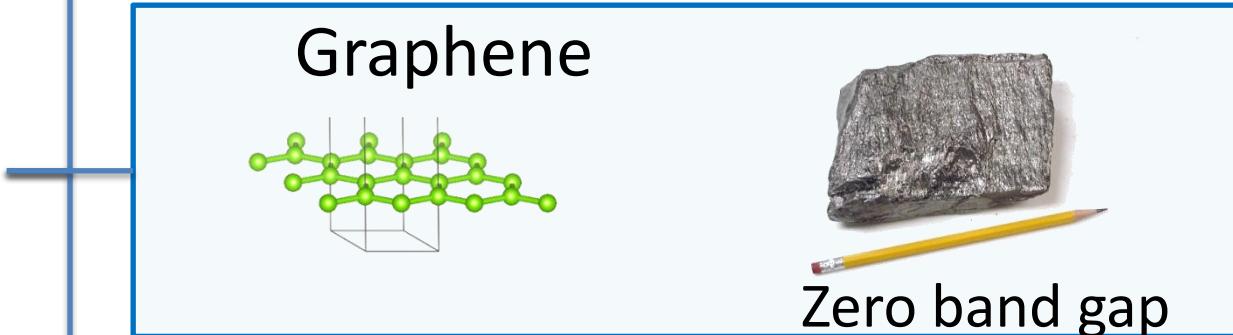
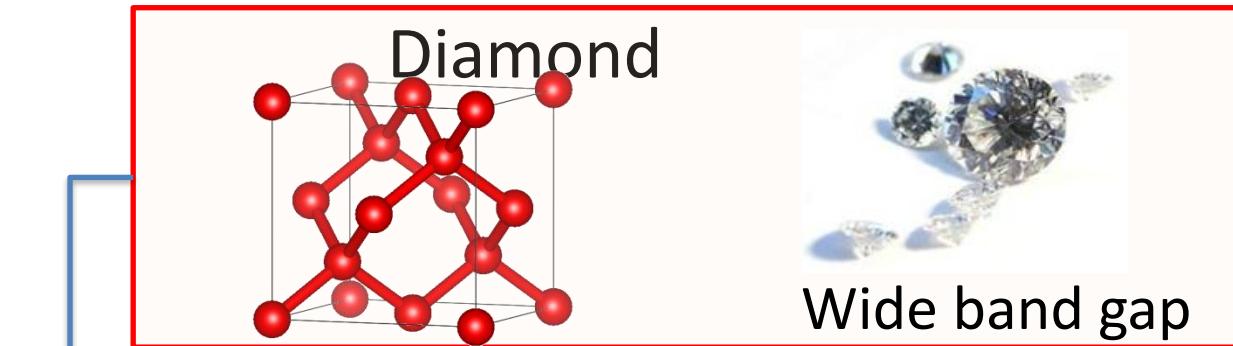
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# 4应用案例：纯碳材料的设计

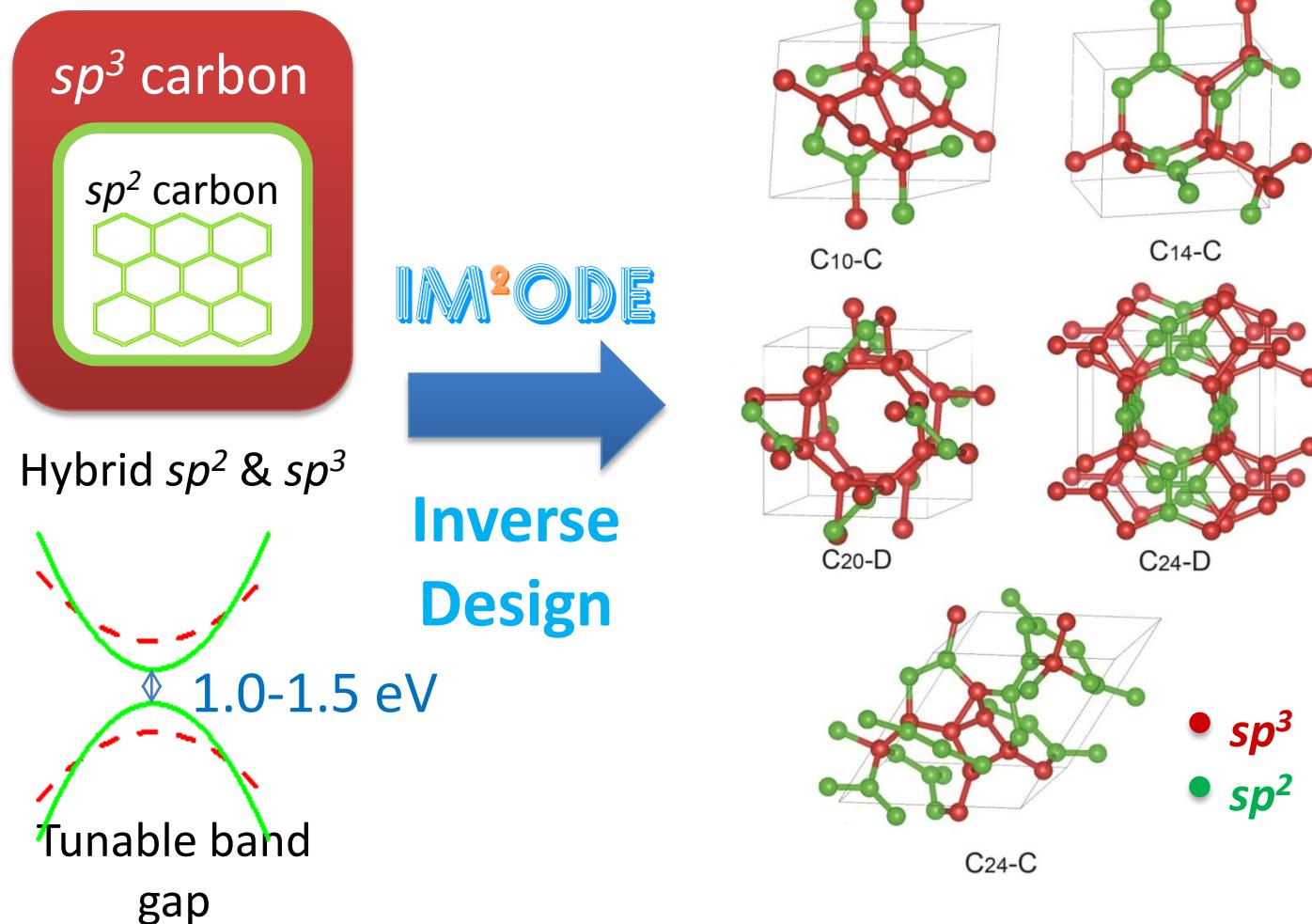
## Carbon: a Versatile Element

### Carbon Allotropes

None of them  
is suitable to  
be used as  
solar cell



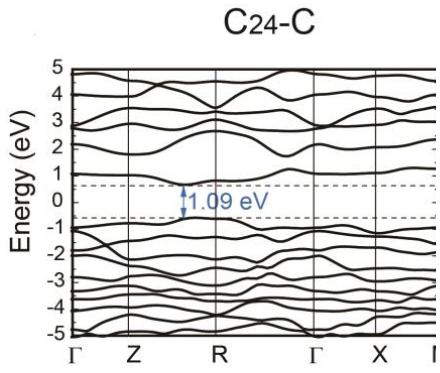
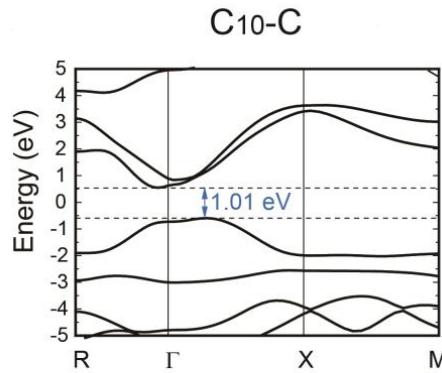
# 4应用案例：纯碳材料的设计



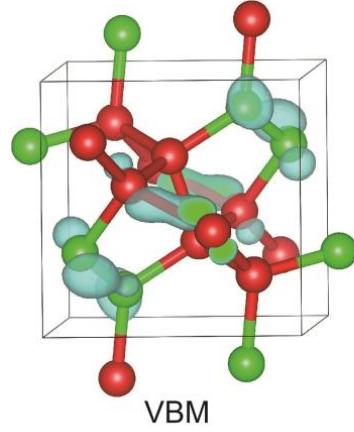
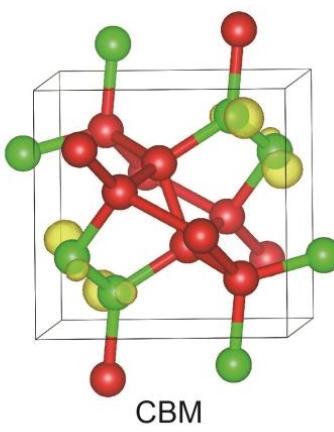
通过IM<sup>2</sup>ODE软件包的搜索，我们成功地预言了5种有混合 $sp^2$ - $sp^3$ 杂化的碳同素异形体

# 4应用案例：纯碳材料的设计

## 电子结构性质



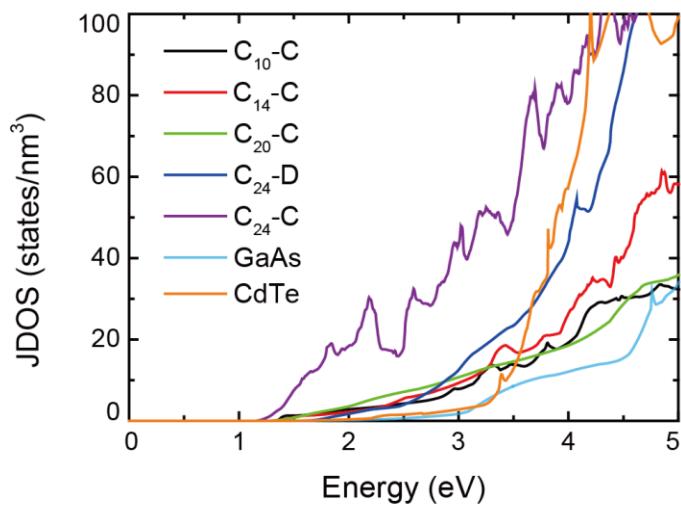
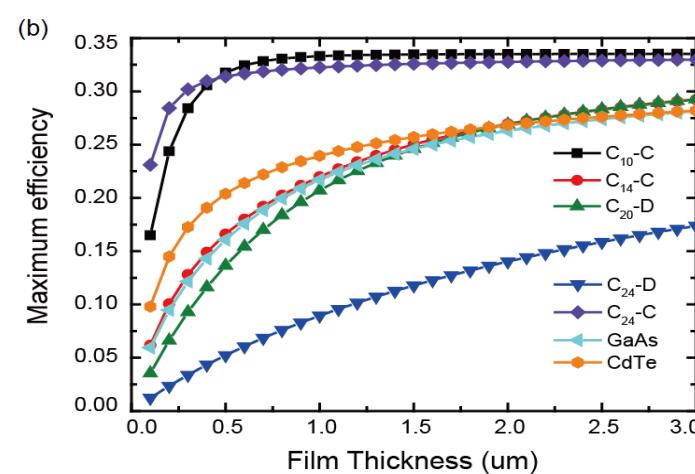
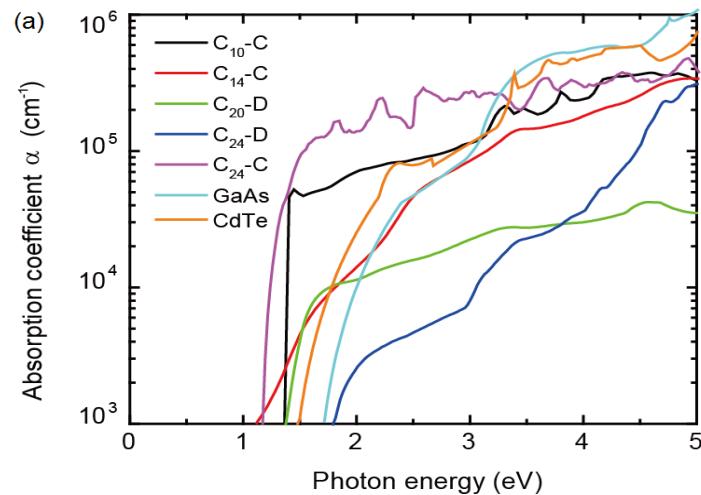
Band gap between 1.0 – 1.5 eV



Optical dipole transition between the  $\pi$  and  $\pi^*$  states is allowed

# 4应用案例：纯碳材料的设计

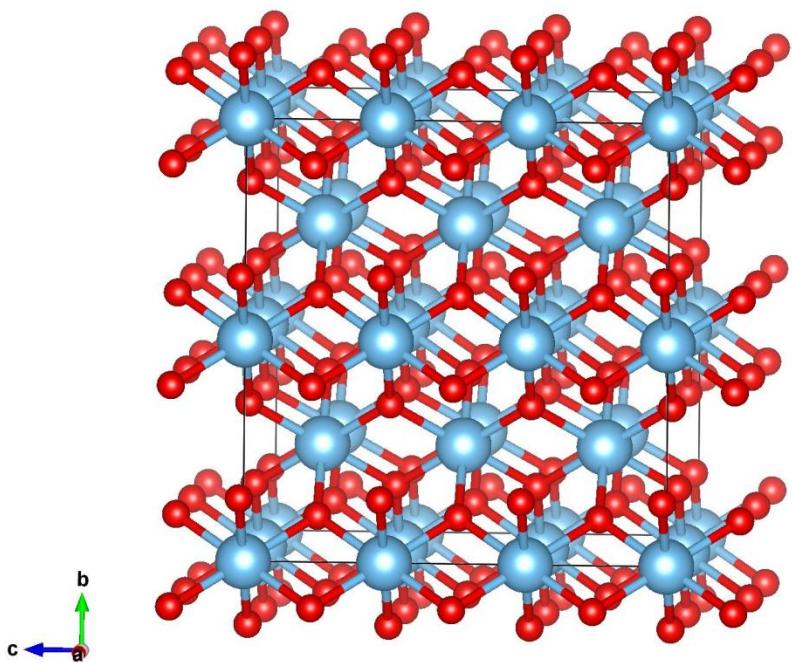
## 光学性质



C<sub>10</sub>-C和C<sub>24</sub>-C在3 μm厚时，预测的转化效率可以高达33.5%和32.9%

# 4应用案例：多样的体系

## 体系1：块体材料测试案例



System: TiO<sub>2</sub>(rutile)

Ti: 16, O: 32

Optimized by GULP

Structures generated according to  
space group

IM<sup>2</sup>ODE

1000 structure generated

50 rutile

Hit rate: 5%

CALYPSO

3250 structure generated

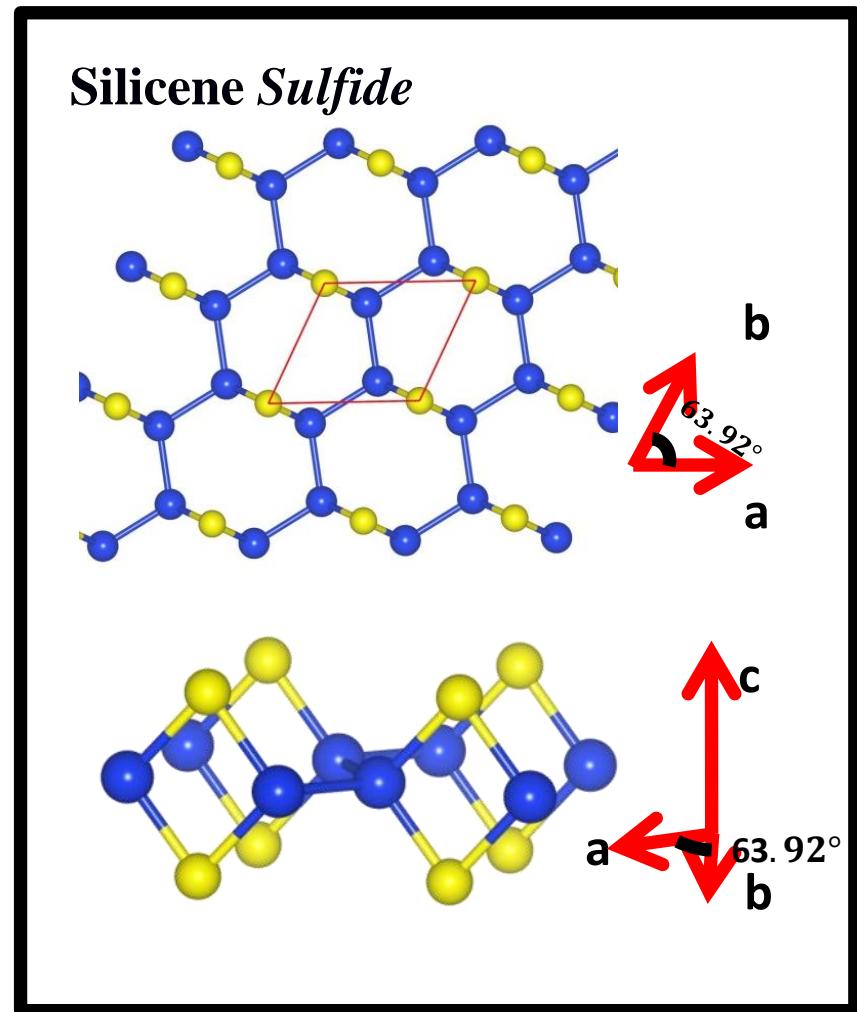
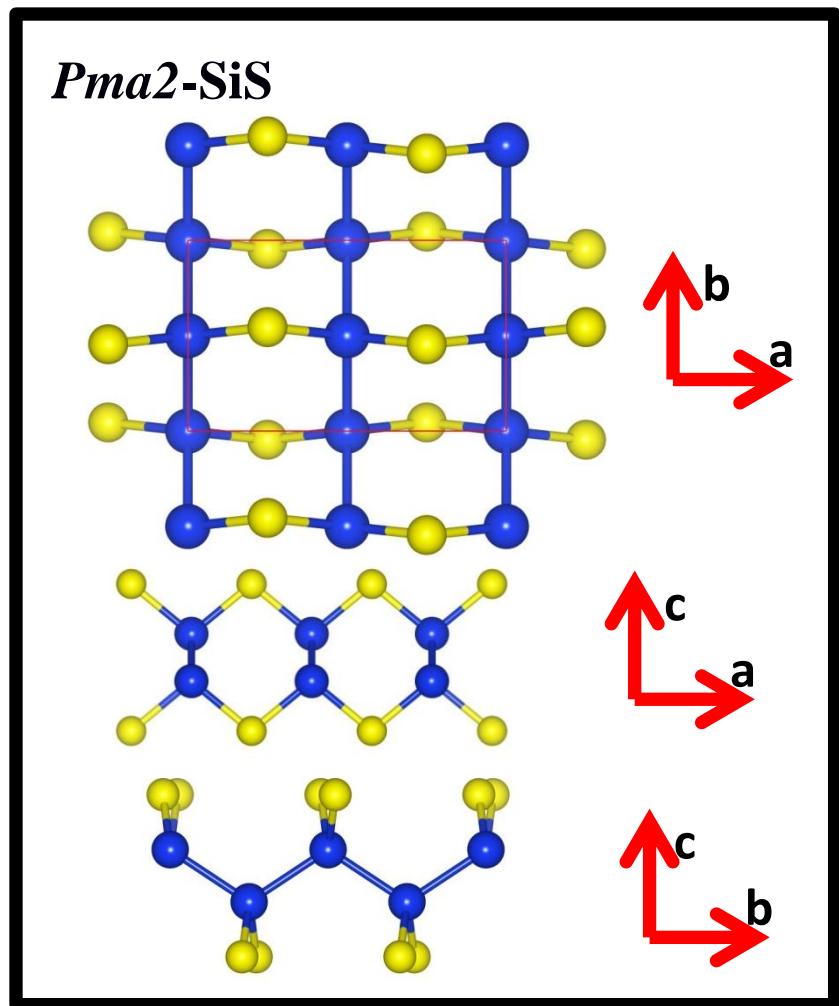
203 rutile

Hit rate: 6.2%

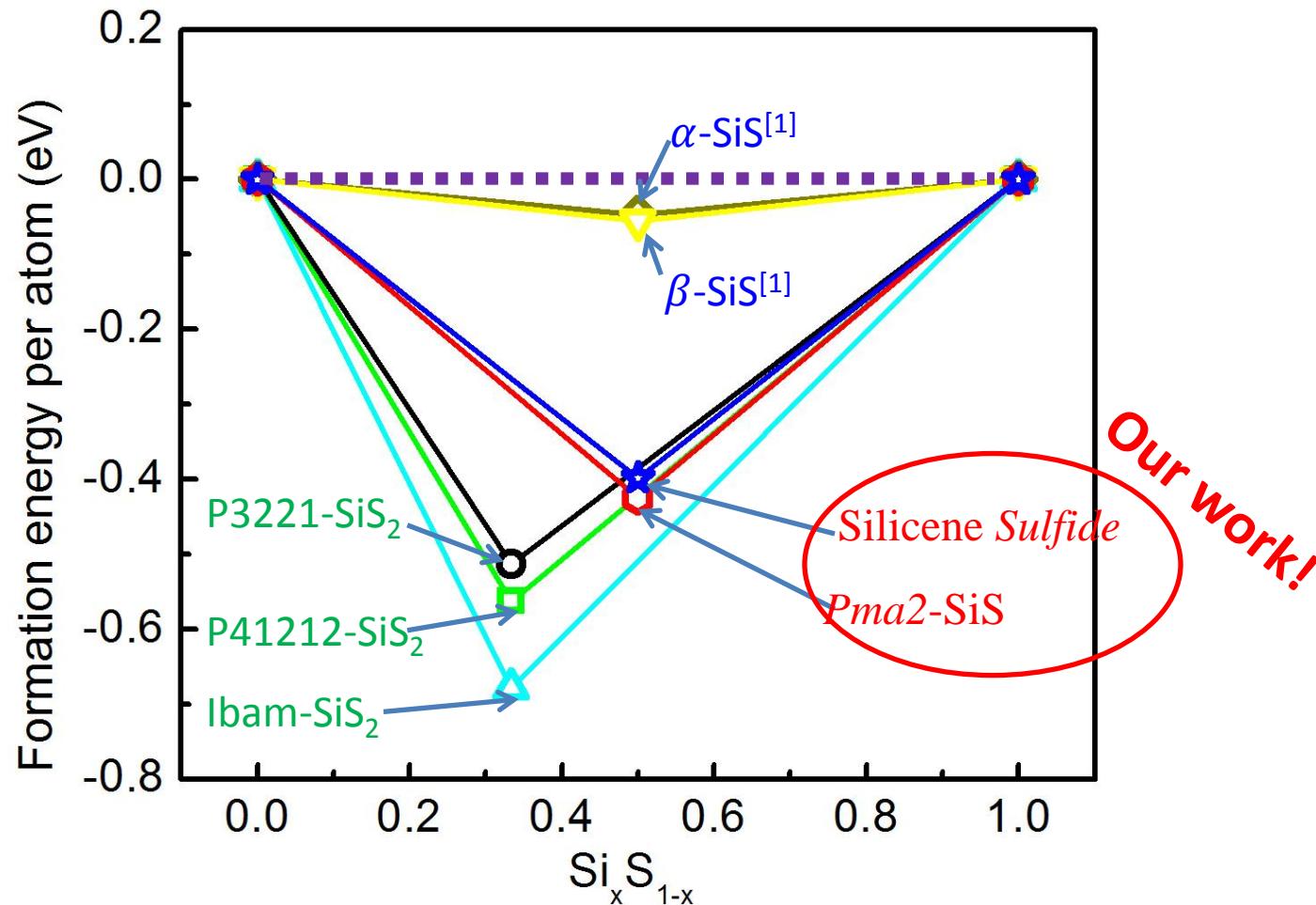
在初始结构采用空间群优化的情况下，IM<sup>2</sup>ODE的百次命中率与CALYPSO相仿

# The lowest energy structures of 4应用案例 systems

## 体系2：二维材料测试案例

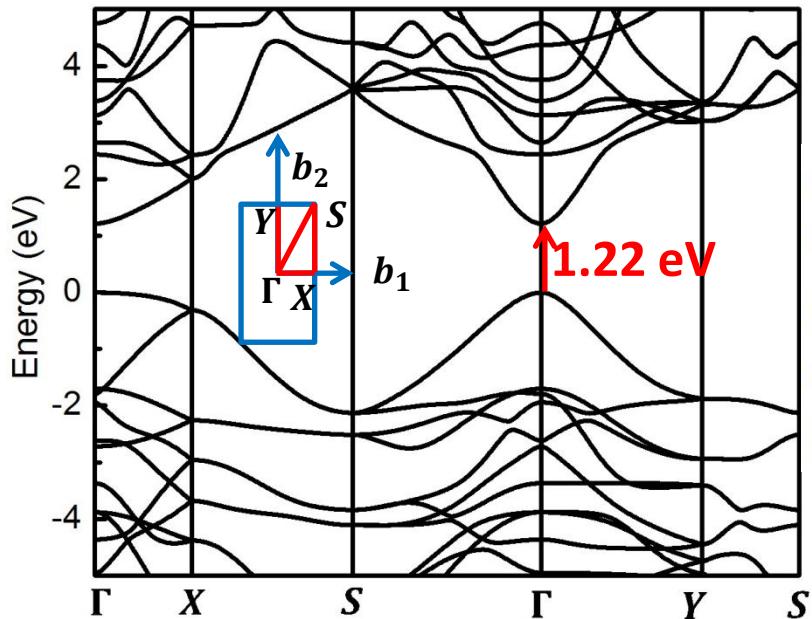


# Formation energy diagram of $\text{Si}_x\text{S}_{1-x}$

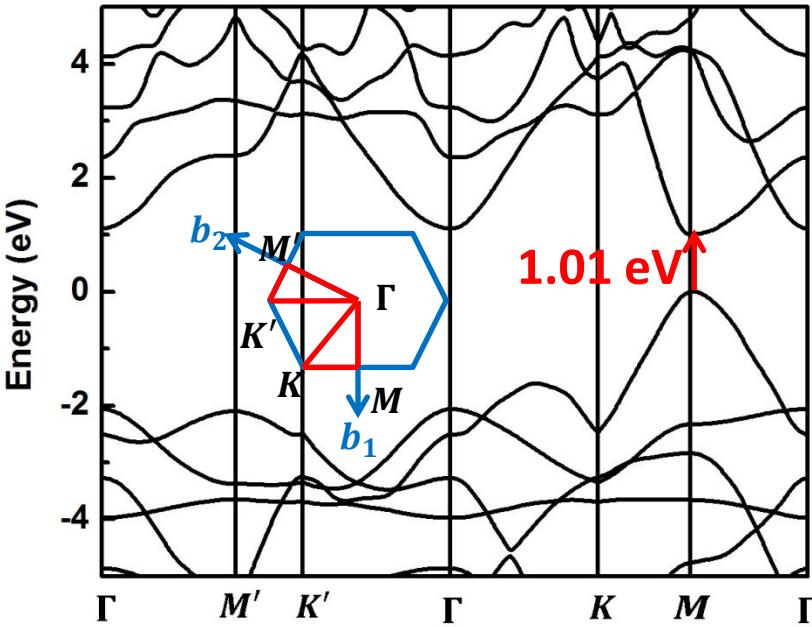
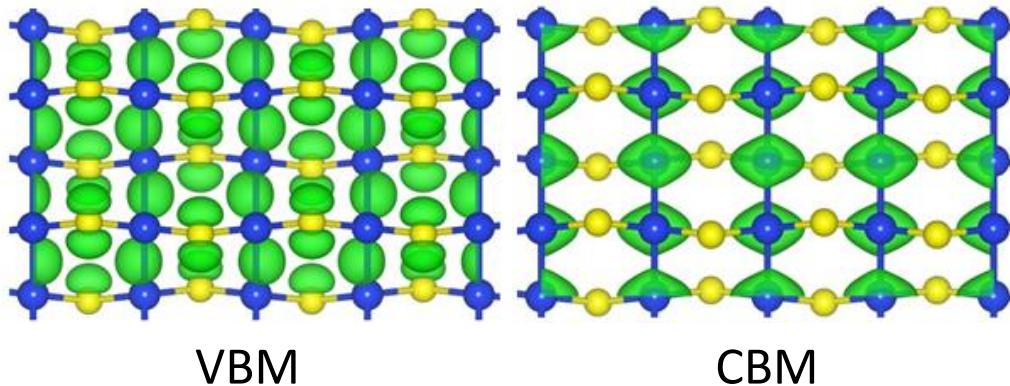


- [1] Zhu, Z.; Guan, J.; Liu D.; Tománek, D. *ACS Nano* **2015**, 9, 8284–8290
- $\text{SiS}_2$  structures are all 3D, obtained from open data base.
- Formation energy is referenced to 3D Si bulk and  $\text{S}_8$  molecule.

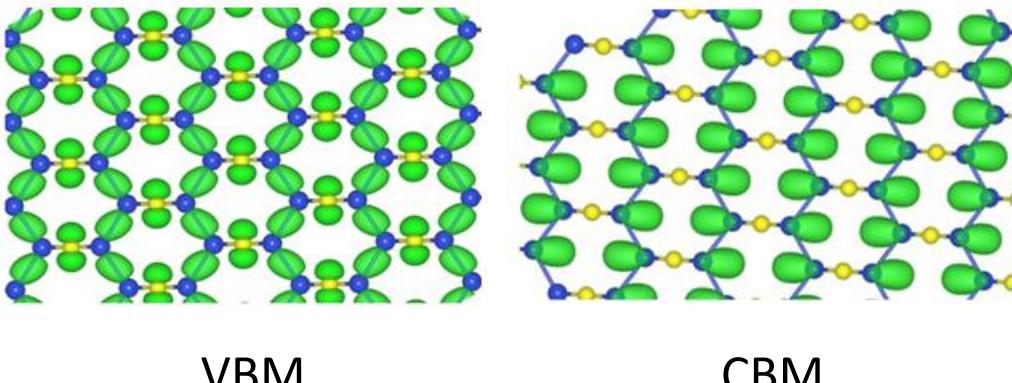
# Band structures and DOS



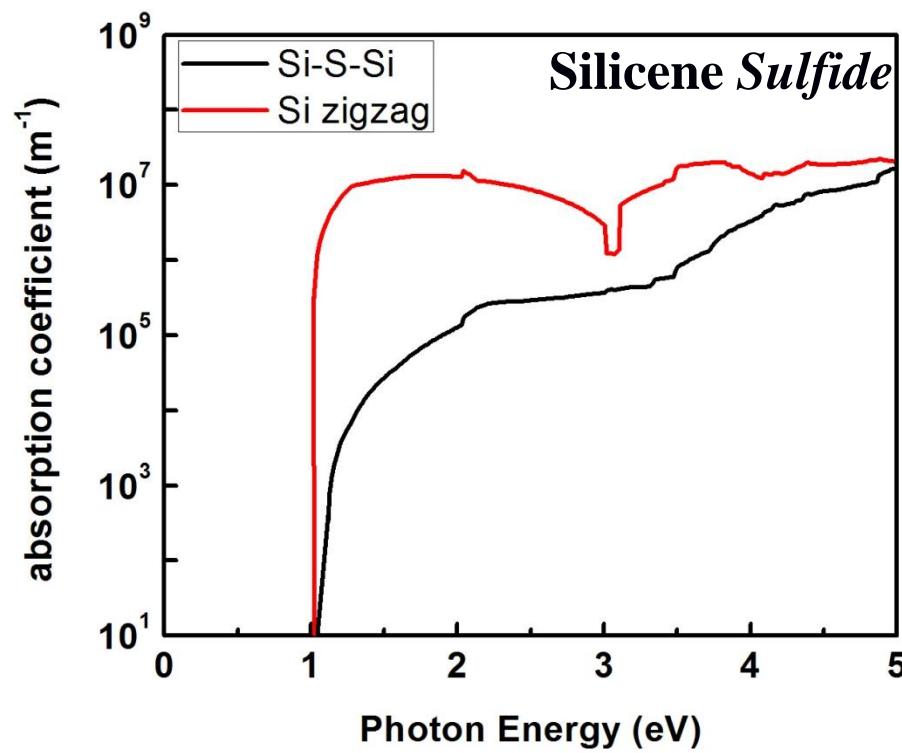
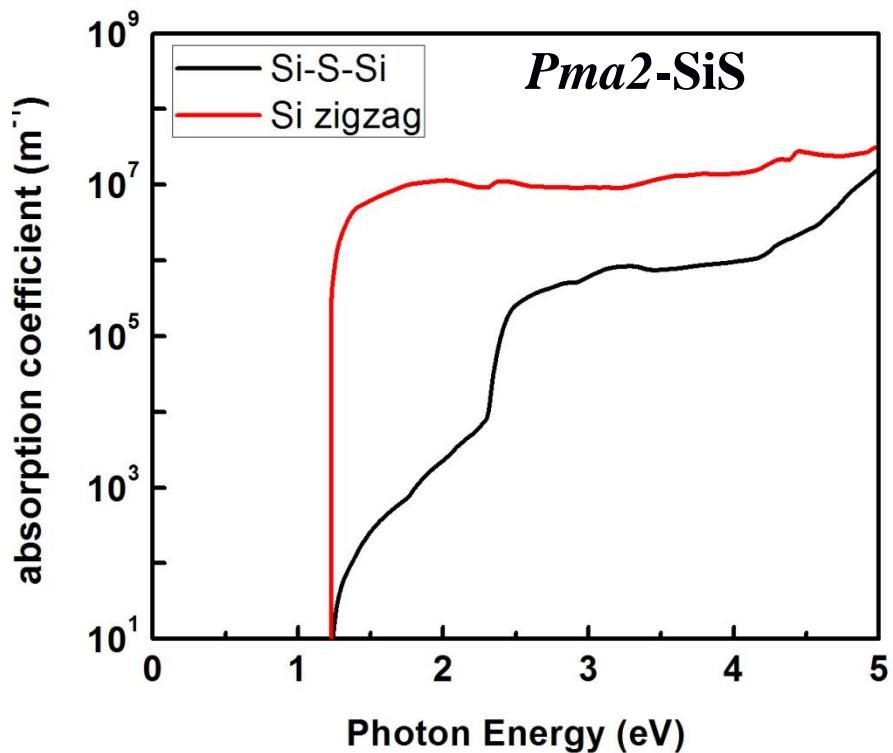
*Pma<sub>2</sub>-SiS*



*Silicene Sulfide*

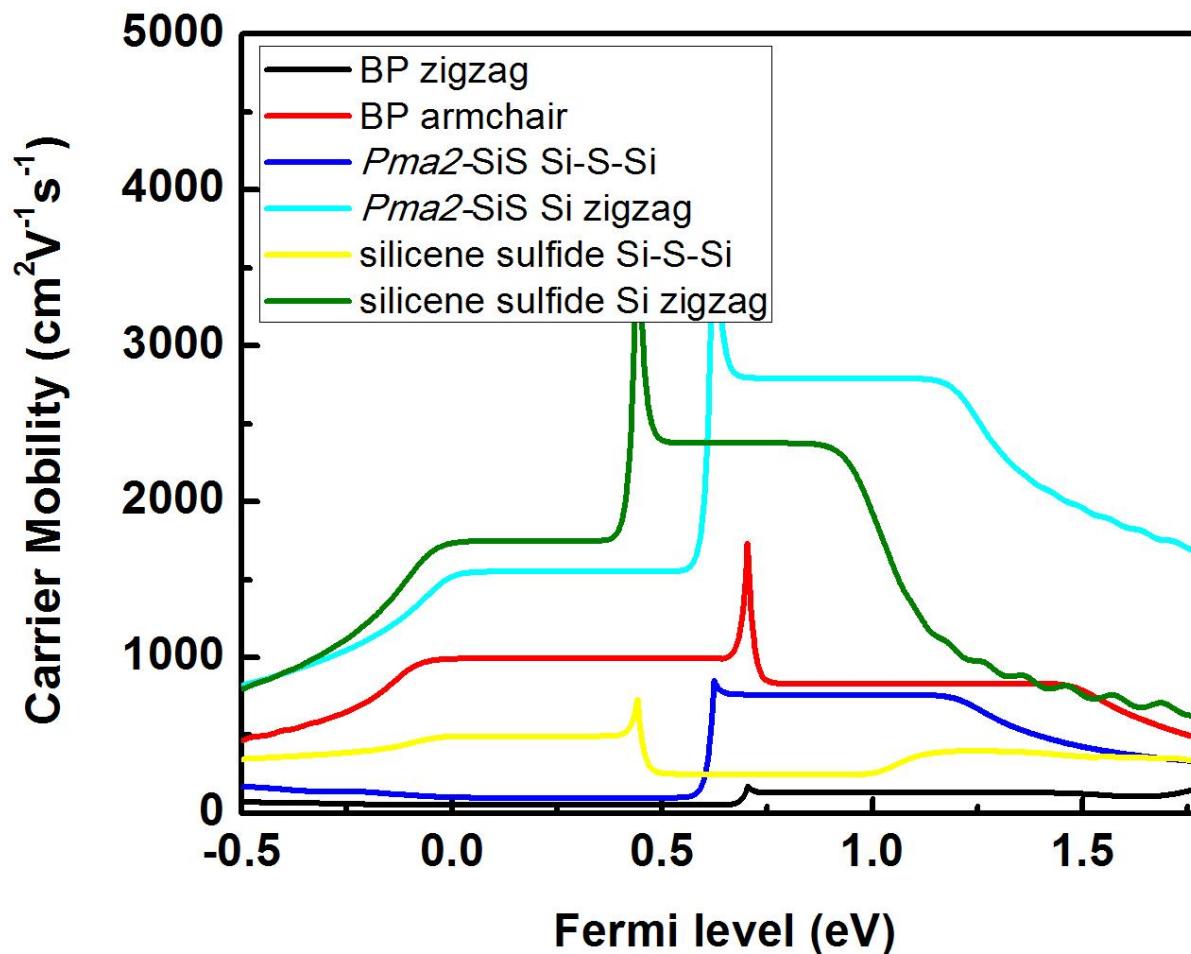


# Optical properties



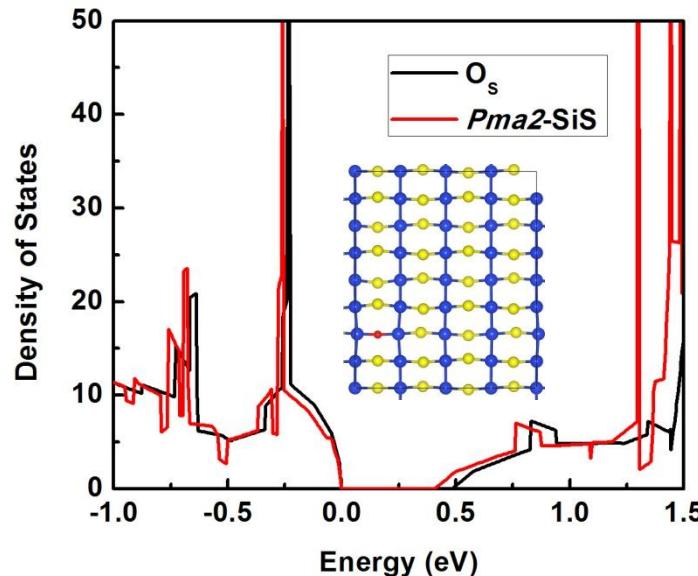
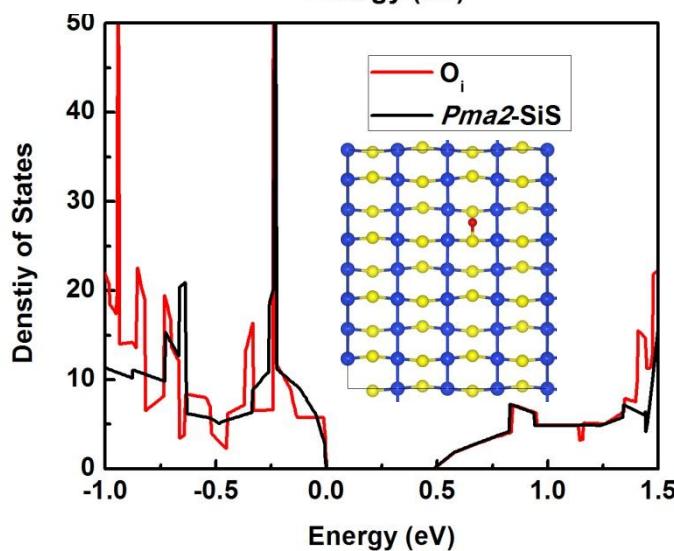
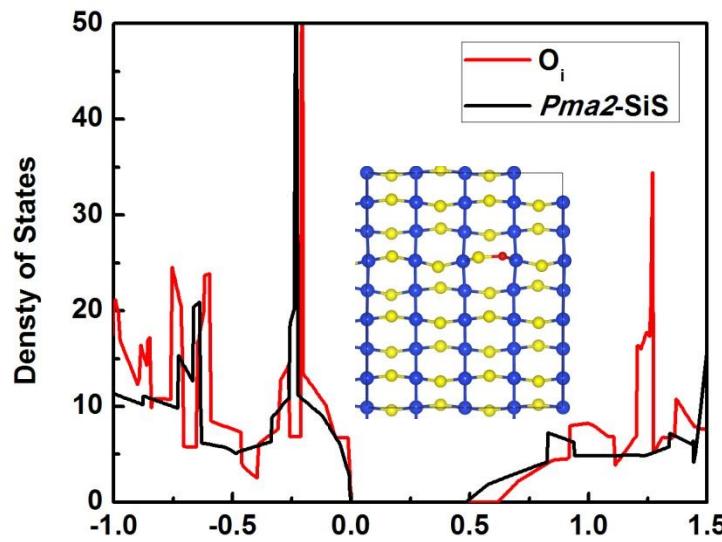
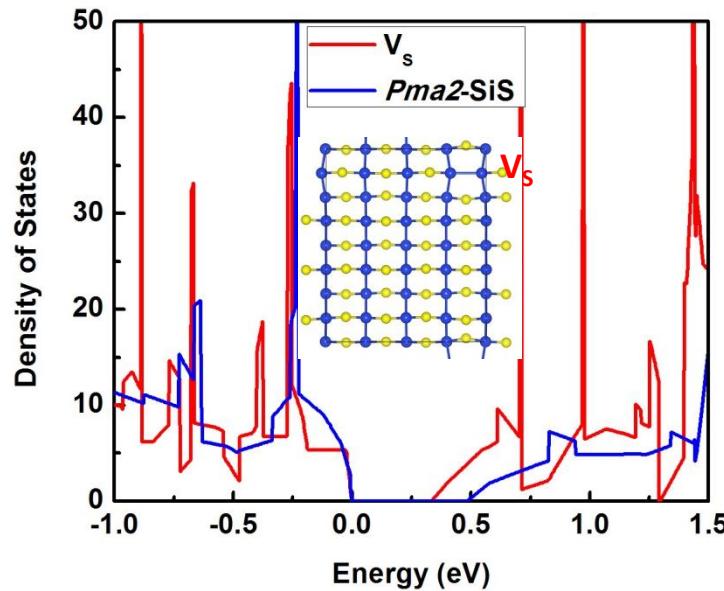
Both *Pma2-SiS* and *Silicene Sulfide* have direct bandgaps which can allow optical transitions at band edges and have values close to the optimal requirement for solar cell applications.

# High carrier mobility in SiS in comparison with phosphorene



- Mobility  $\mu = \frac{\sigma}{e*n}$ ,  $\sigma$  is conductivity,  $e$  is elemental charge, and  $n$  is carrier density.
- Both  $\sigma$  and  $n$  are functions of electron potentials or Fermi levels, so is  $\mu$ .
- The VBM of each material is set as zero Fermi energy.
- Our SiS systems have high carrier mobility and are suitable for FETs.

# Good defect properties of SiS: no gap states, air stability



- S vacancy has no deep gap states;
- O-related defects have no deep gap states.

# 4应用案例

## 体系3：搜索表面测试案例

System:  $\text{TiO}_2$  (anatase[101])

Substrate:

Ti: 12; O: 24

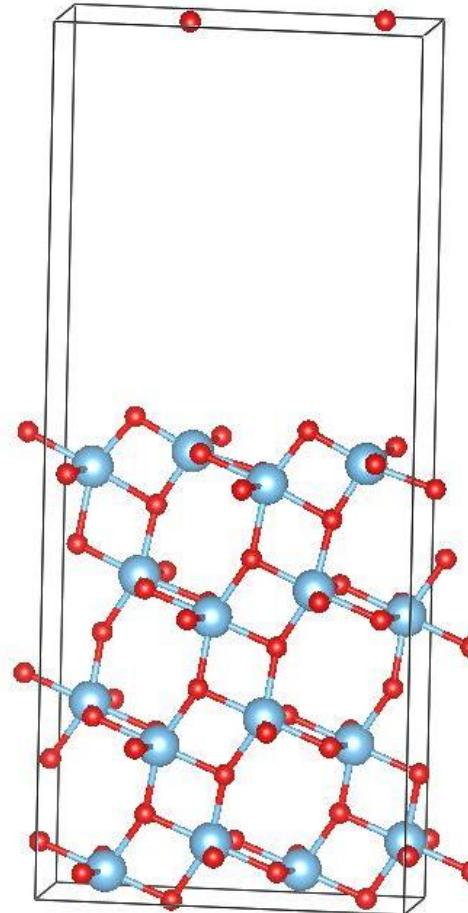
Surface:

Ti: 4, O: 8

4 Ti atom and 8 O atoms  
for global optimization

Perfect surface could be  
found in an average of 3  
generation

IM<sup>2</sup>ODE能够在种群数是30的情况下，平均3代把完整的表面重复出来



# 4应用案例

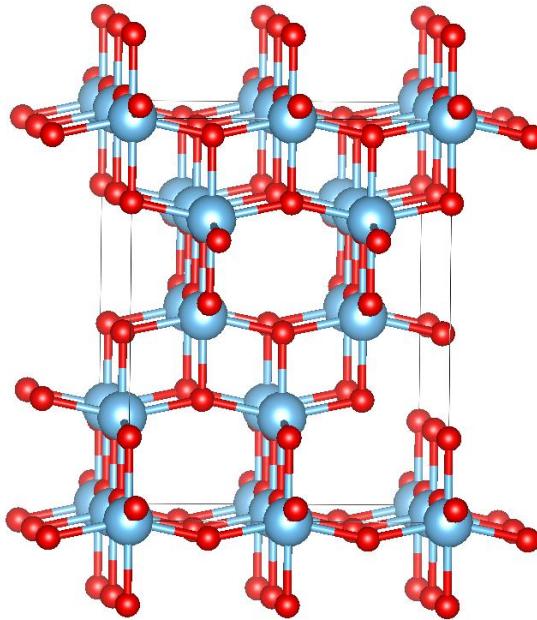
## 体系4：搜索复杂缺陷测试案例

System: Defect of  $\text{TiO}_2$   
(anatase)

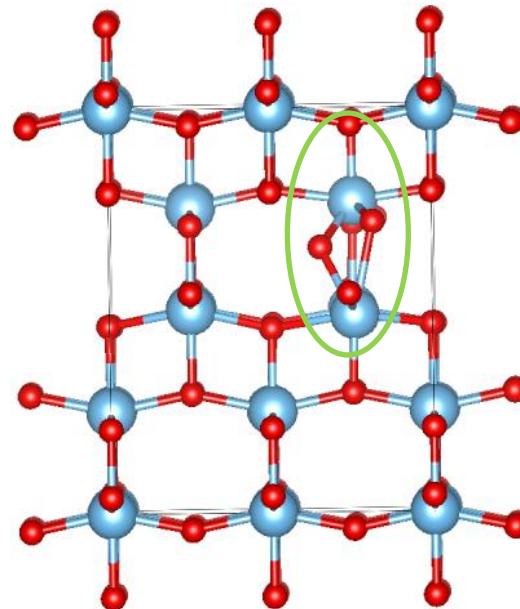
Ti: 16; O: 32

1 Ti atom and 6 atoms for  
global optimization

NELECT = 256, perfect structure



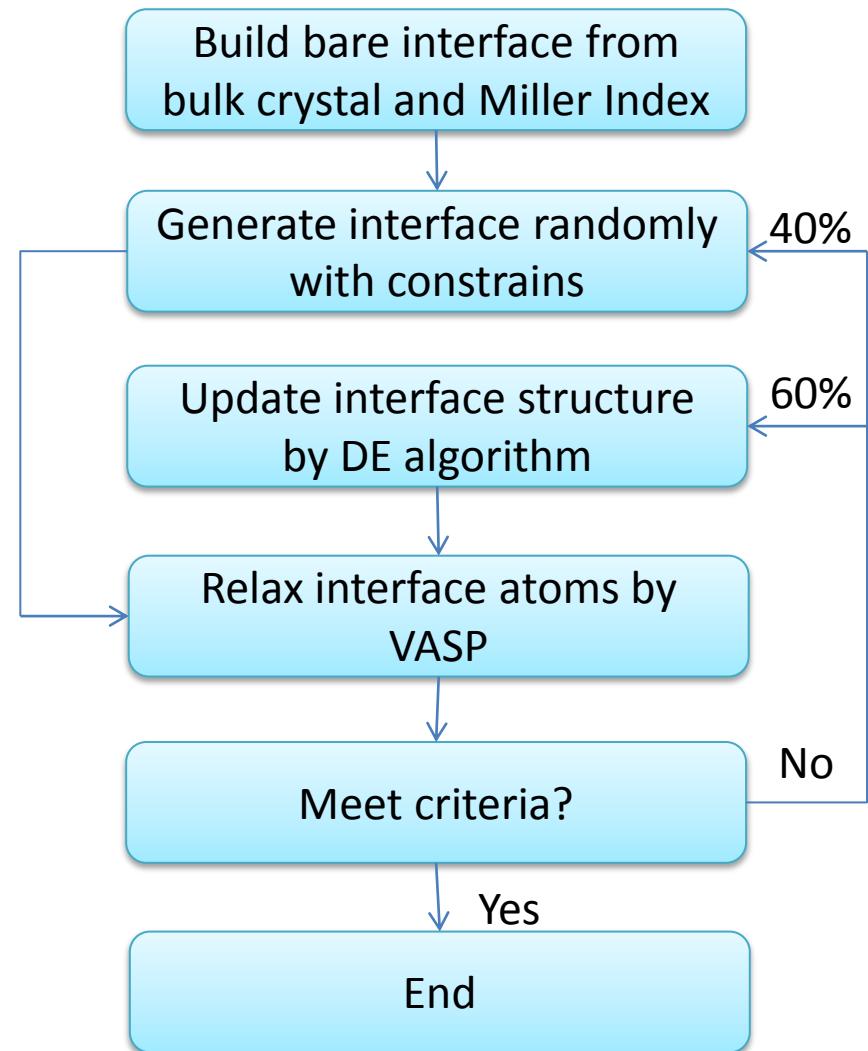
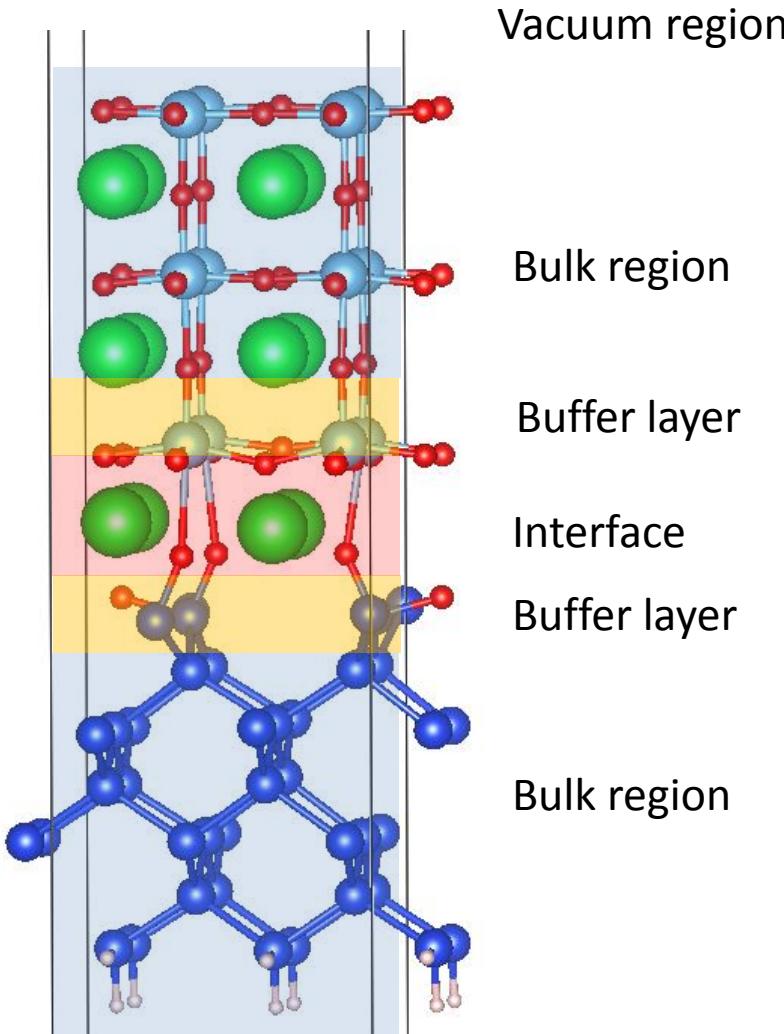
NELECT = 254, O atoms tends to be closer



IM<sup>2</sup>ODE能够只对块体中指定的部分原子做全局优化

# 4应用案例

## 体系5：搜索界面的测试案例 program chart



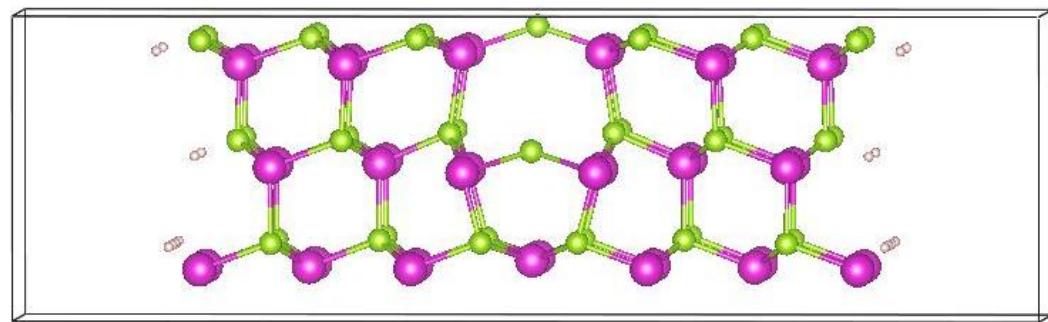
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## 体系6：搜索界面的测试案例

System: CdSe

Substrate:

Cd: 36; Se: 36

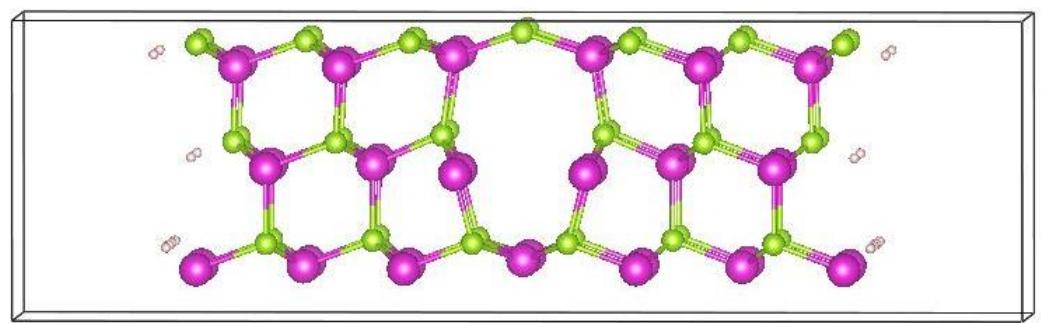


Grain boundary:

Cd: 2, Se: 2

2 Cd atom and 2 Se atoms  
for global optimization

Stable and meta-stable  
structures could be found  
in **3** generations



IM<sup>2</sup>ODE能够在种群数是30的情况下，平均**3代**把能量最低的结构搜索出来

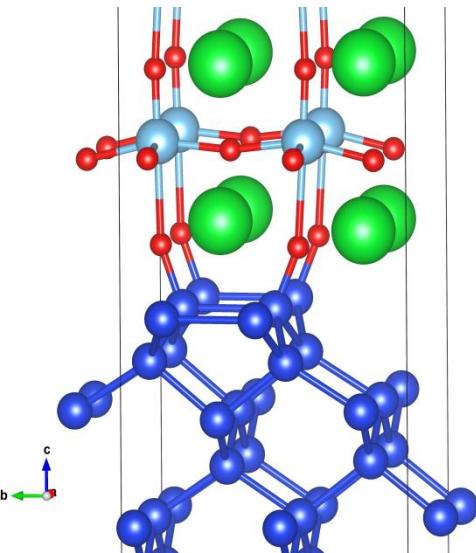
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## 体系4：搜索界面的测试案例 Interface of STO-Si

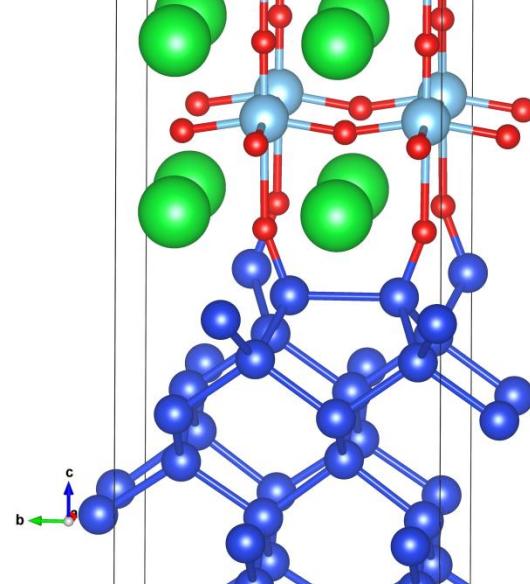
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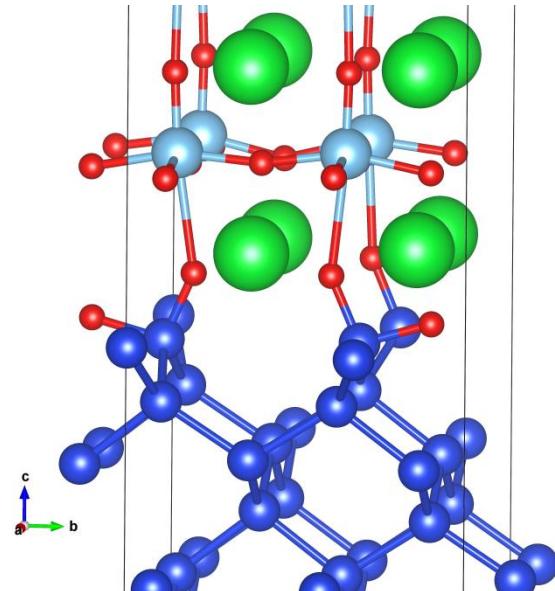
IM<sup>2</sup>ODE



0 eV



-0.272 eV



-0.478 eV

IM<sup>2</sup>ODE能够搜索到比传统的Si–SrO面能量更低的结构

# 5已取得成果

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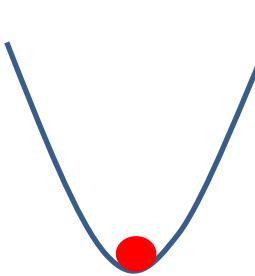
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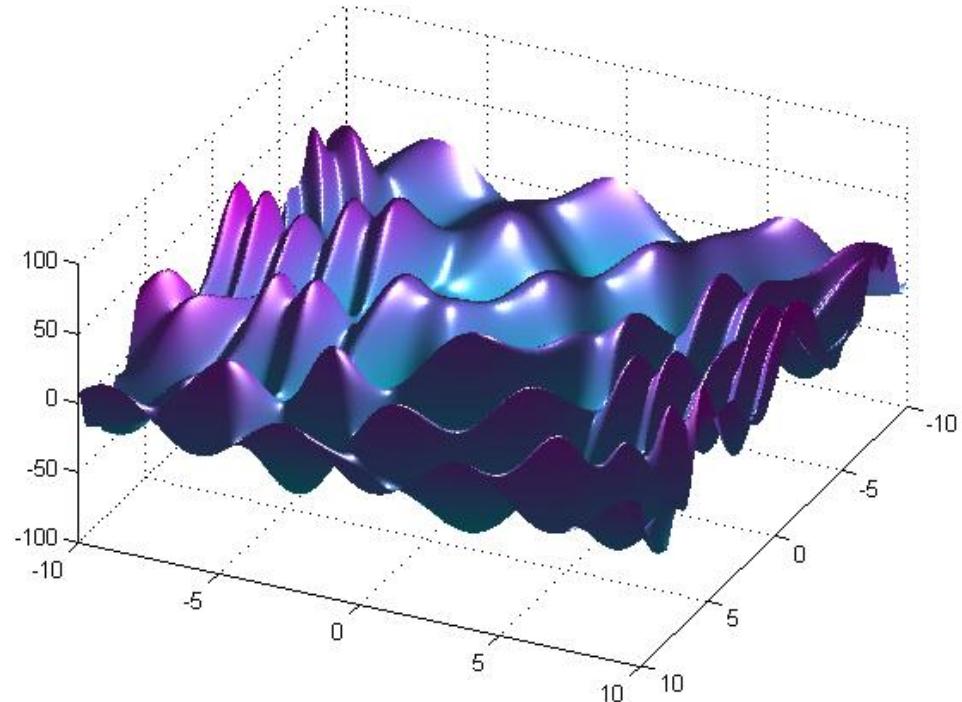
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# 未来的展望



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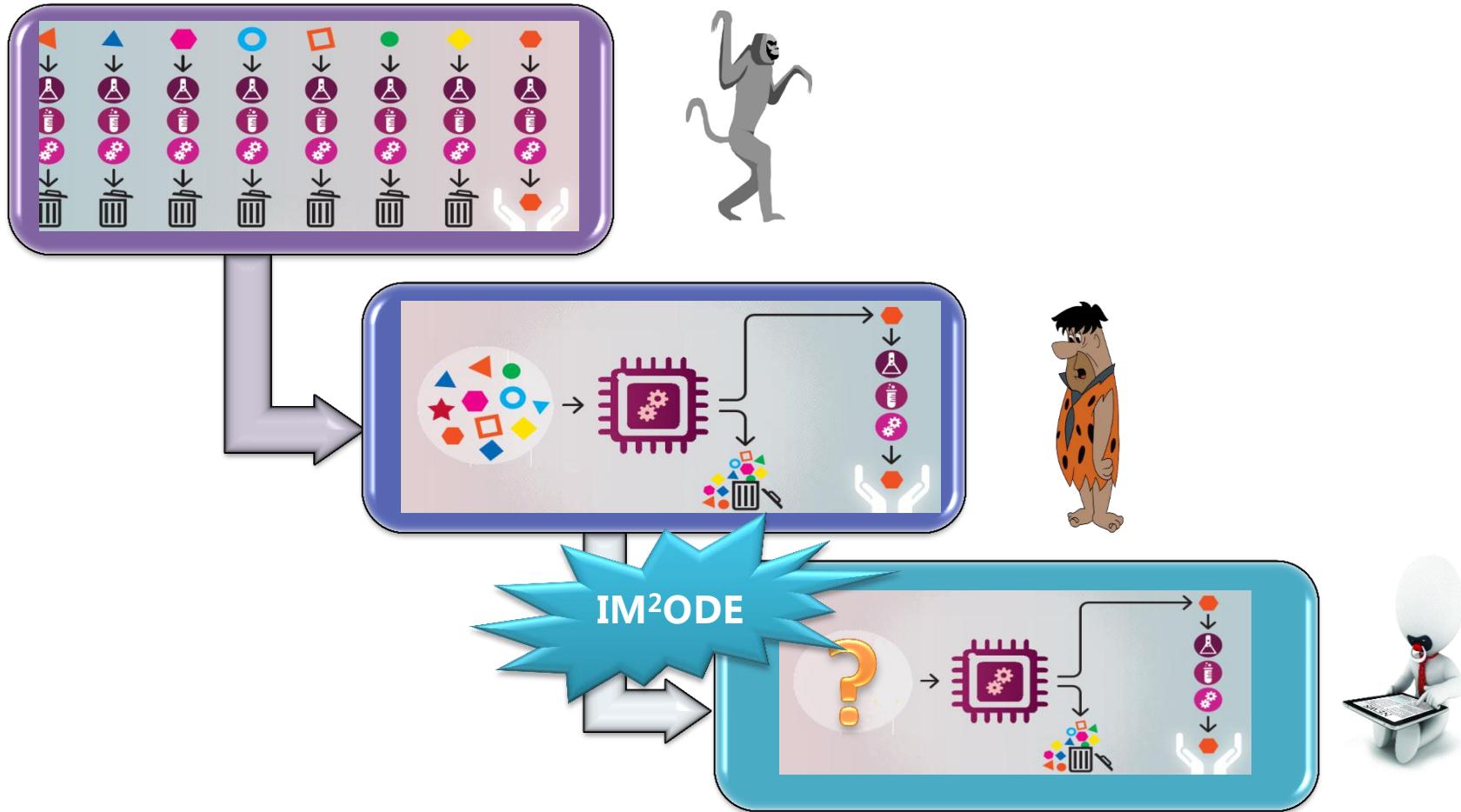
# 6结论

- 我们开发了一款逆向材料设计的软件包IM<sup>2</sup>ODE，可以根据所需的性质来设计材料。
- IMODE采用**多目标全局优化算法**，具有很好的普适性。
- 我们给出了在不同体系中的应用案例，来说明IMODE的**普适和高效**。



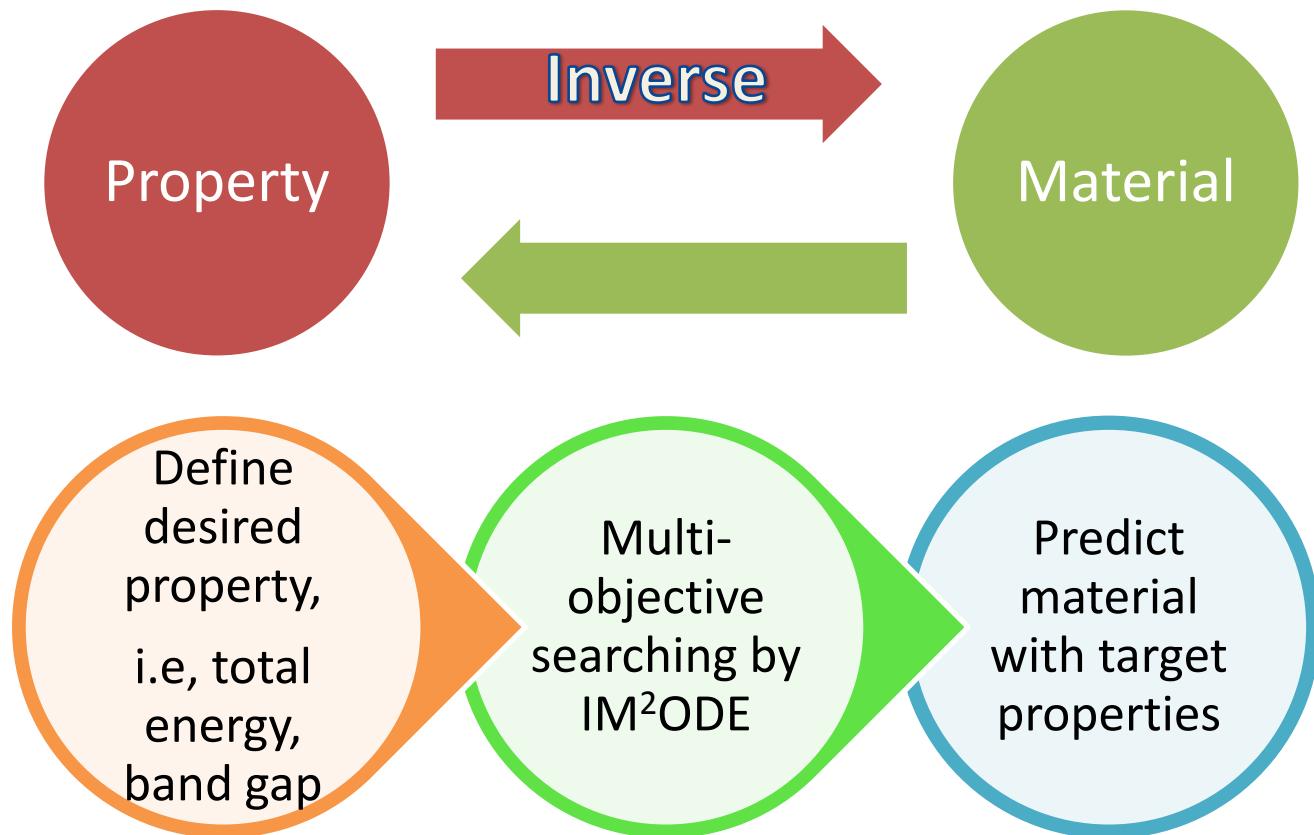
**Thank you!**

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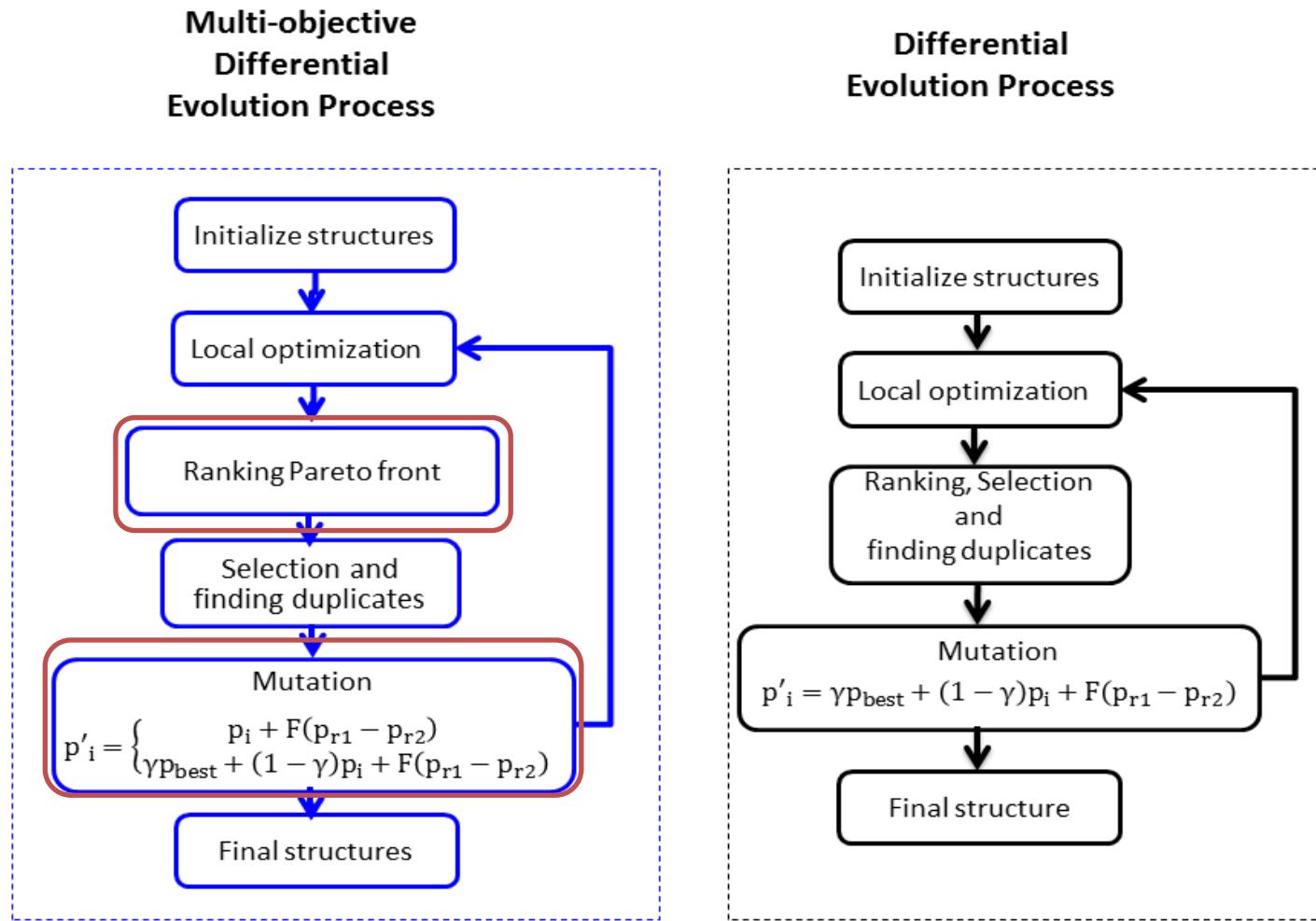


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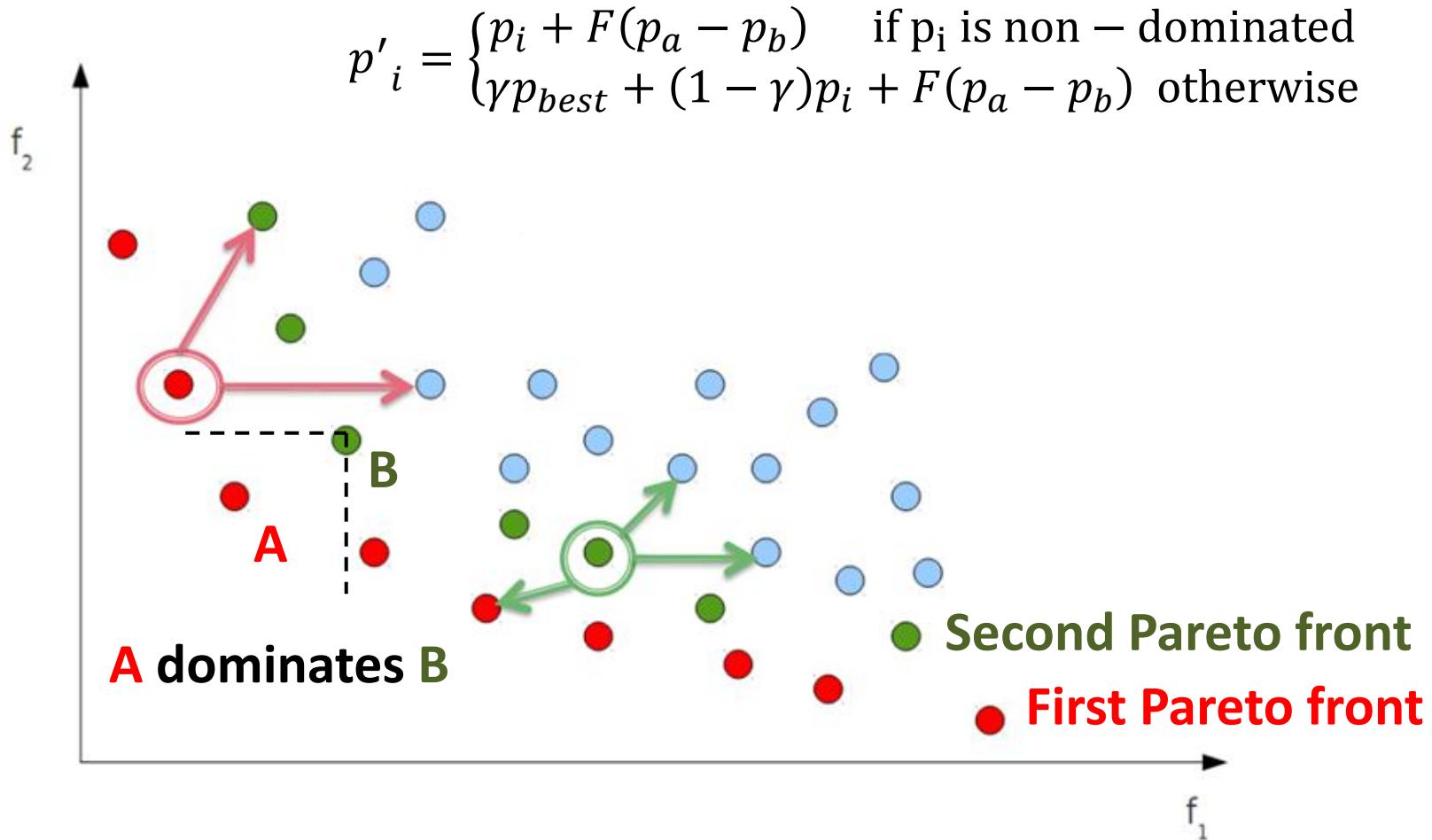
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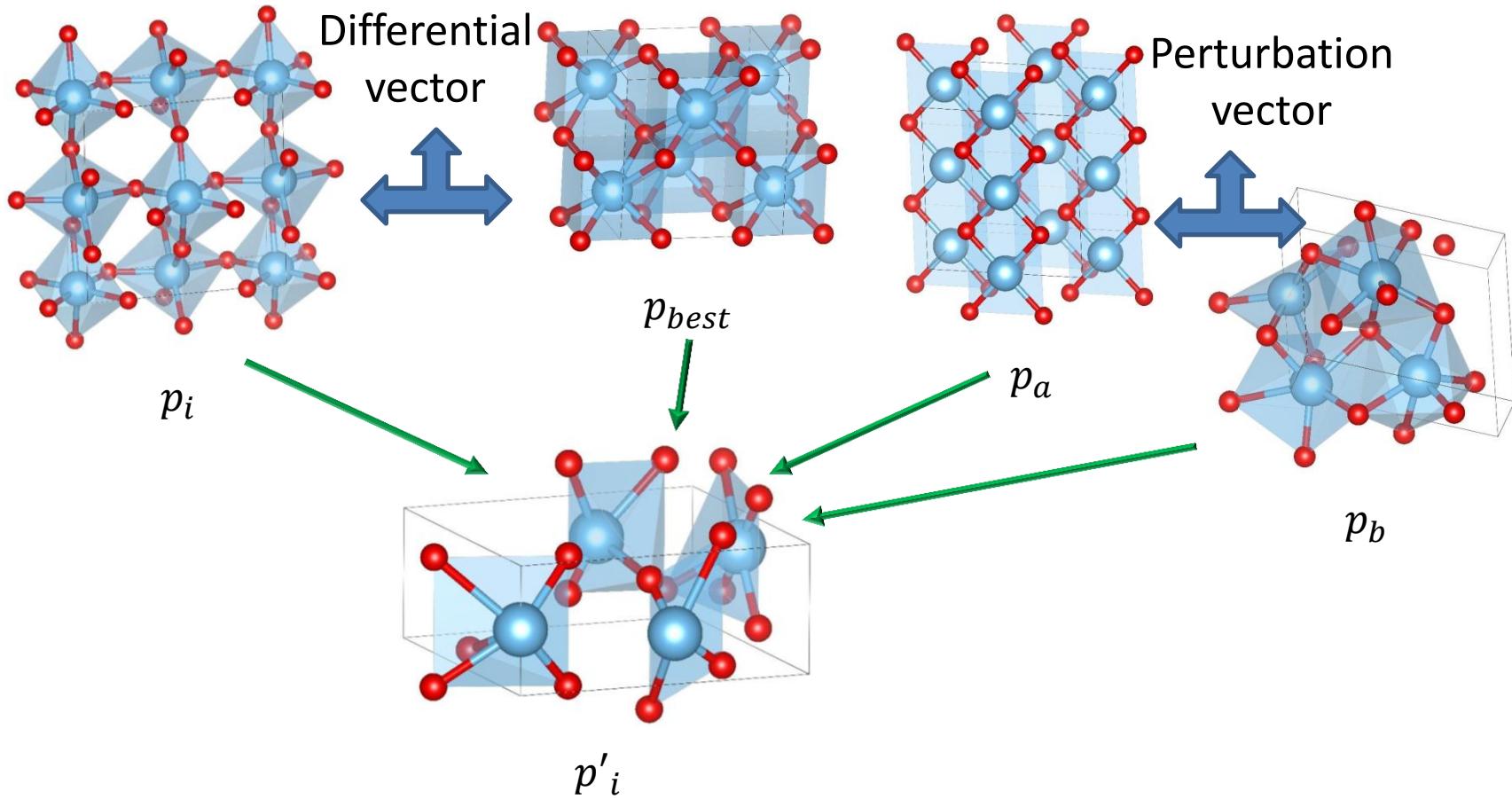
# Flow Chart of IM<sup>2</sup>ODE



# Multi-Objective Differential Evolution

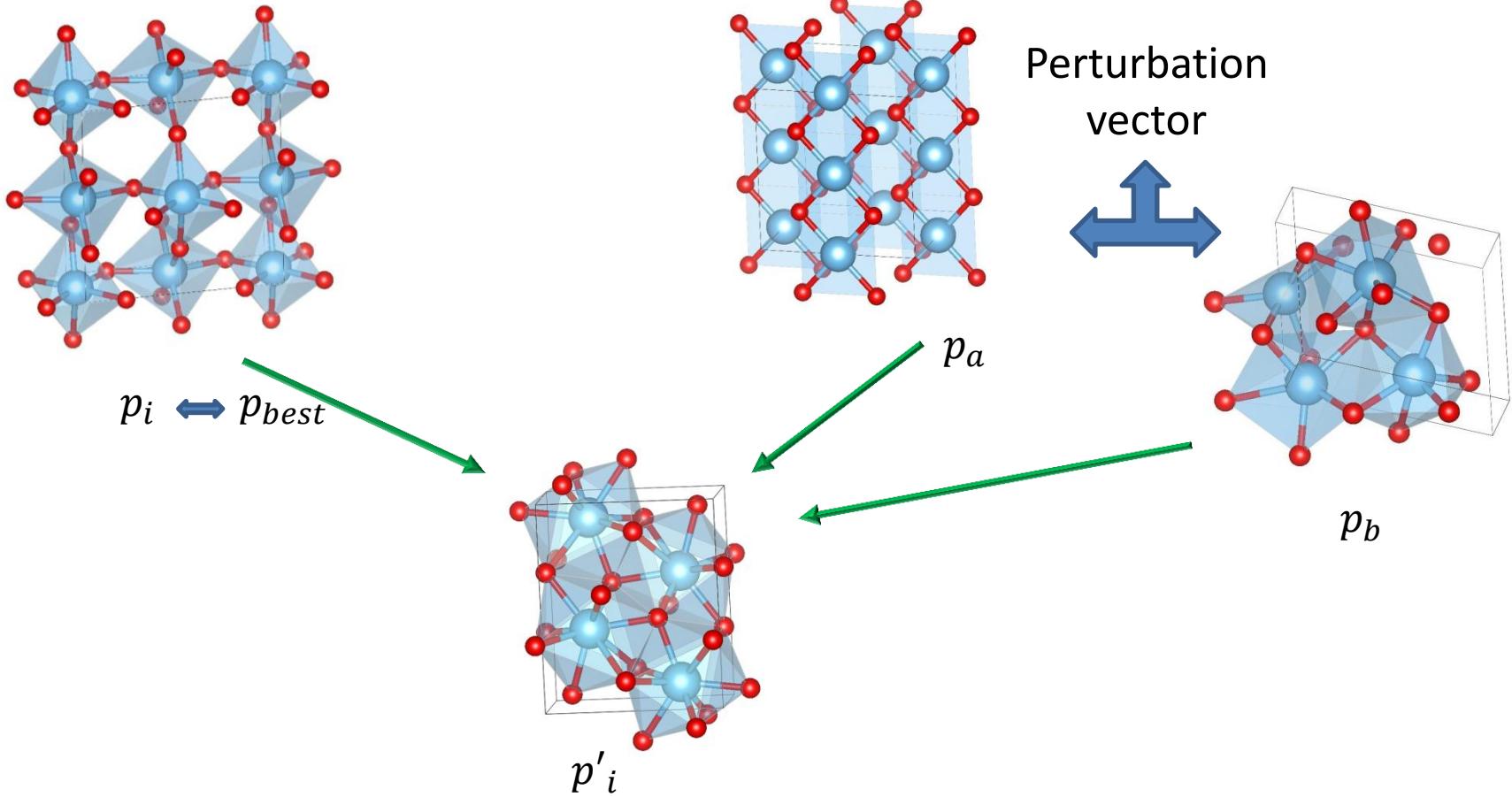


# Mutation Operation (dominated)



$$p'_i = \gamma p_{best} + (1 - \gamma)p_i + F(p_a - p_b)$$

# Mutation Operation (non-dominated)



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$$p'_i = p_i + F(p_a - p_b)$$

Flow Chart

# Capability of IM<sup>2</sup>ODE

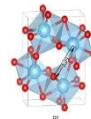
Property

Electronic  
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Optical  
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Mechanical  
property

Structure



Crystal



2D



Cluster



Surface

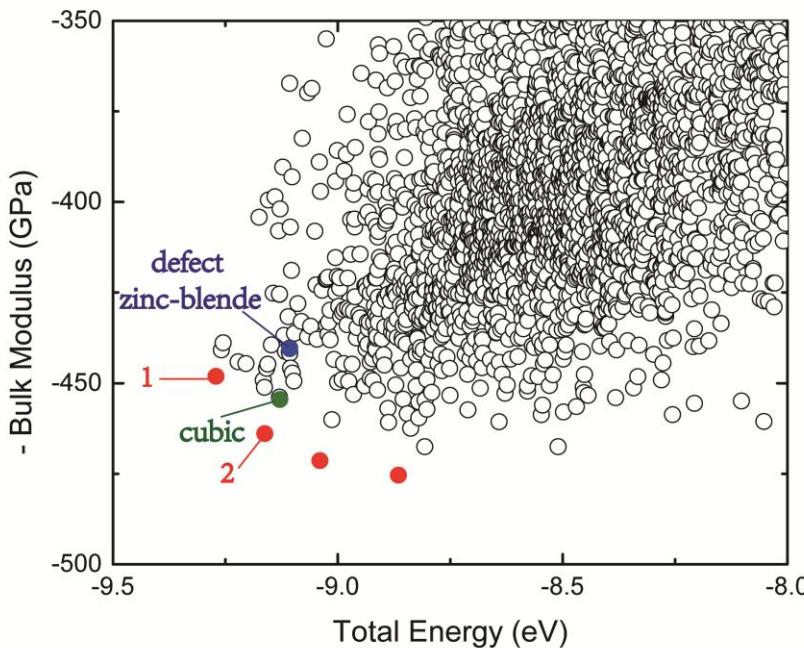


Interface



Defect

# Find Materials with Large Bulk Modulus



- Tested system:  $\text{C}_3\text{N}_4$
- objective functions:

$$\min z_1 = \text{total energy}$$

$$\min z_2 = -B = -\frac{N_c}{4} \frac{0.624 - 0.070I}{d^{3.5}}$$

|                    | Total Energy / atom (eV / atom) | B(empirical equ)(GPa) | B(ab initio)(GPa) |
|--------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| Defect zinc-blende | 0.0                             | 440.557               | 414.718           |
| cubic              | -0.022                          | 454.546               | 462.48            |
| 1                  | -0.164                          | 448.134               | 30.859            |
| 2                  | -0.055                          | 463.917               | 140.35            |

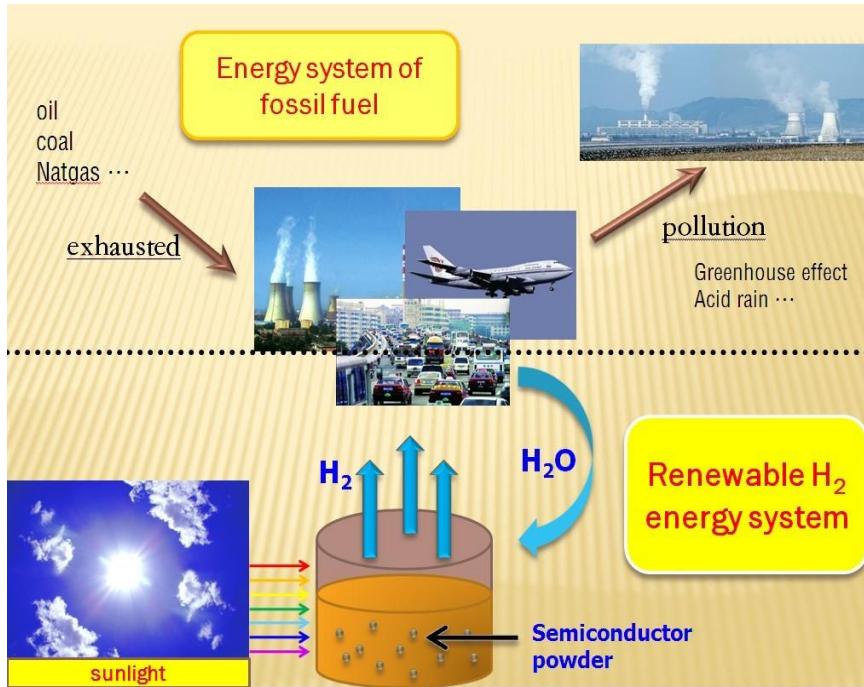
# Find Materials with Desired Band Gap

- design material with a target direct band gap  $E_g$   $\min z_1 = \text{total energy}$   $\min z_2 = |E_g - \text{direct gap}| + |\text{direct gap} - \text{indirect gap}|$

| System                         | $E_g$ (eV) | Average generation |
|--------------------------------|------------|--------------------|
| $\alpha\text{-Al}_2\text{O}_3$ | 6.4        | 2                  |
| Diamond (Carbon)               | 4.1        | 3                  |
| Graphite (Carbon)              | 0.0        | 3                  |

- **design material with a target direct band gap  $E_g$**

# Motivation to Design $\text{TiO}_2$ with better Optical property



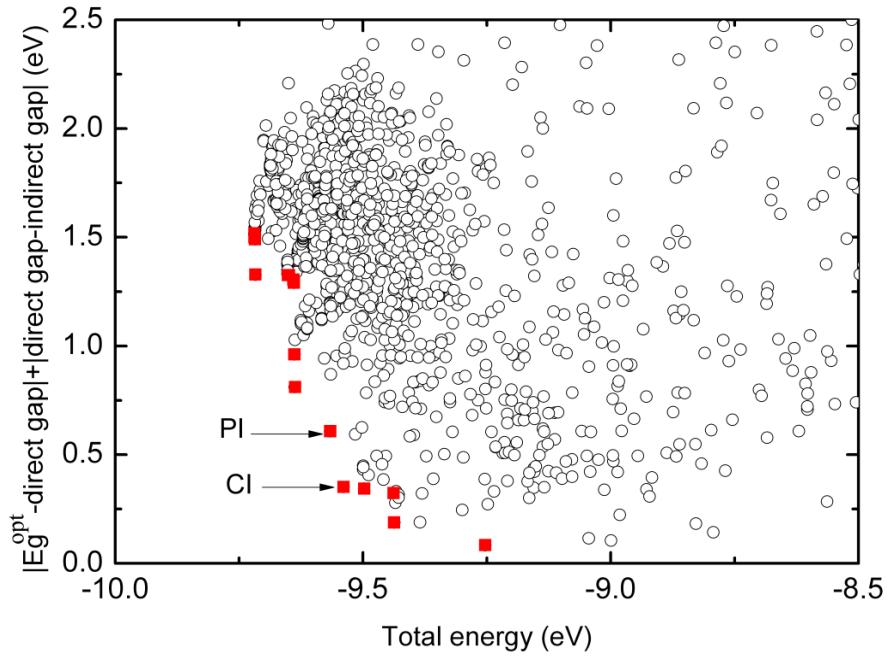
Titanium Oxide ( $\text{TiO}_2$ ):

- ✓ great potential in PEC water splitting
  - ✓ low cost, nontoxic ...
  - ✓ strong catalytic activity, high chemical stability
- Large intrinsic band, absorbs only UV

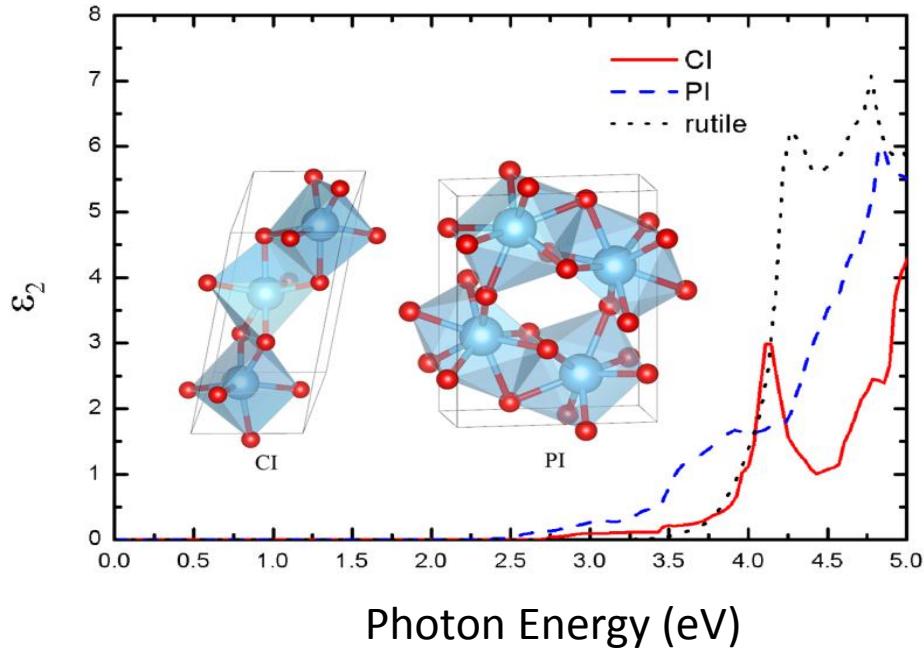
- A dopant-free  $\text{TiO}_2$  phase with a suitable band gap is highly desirable.

# Predicting New $\text{TiO}_2$ Phases with Low Band Gaps

distribution graph of solutions



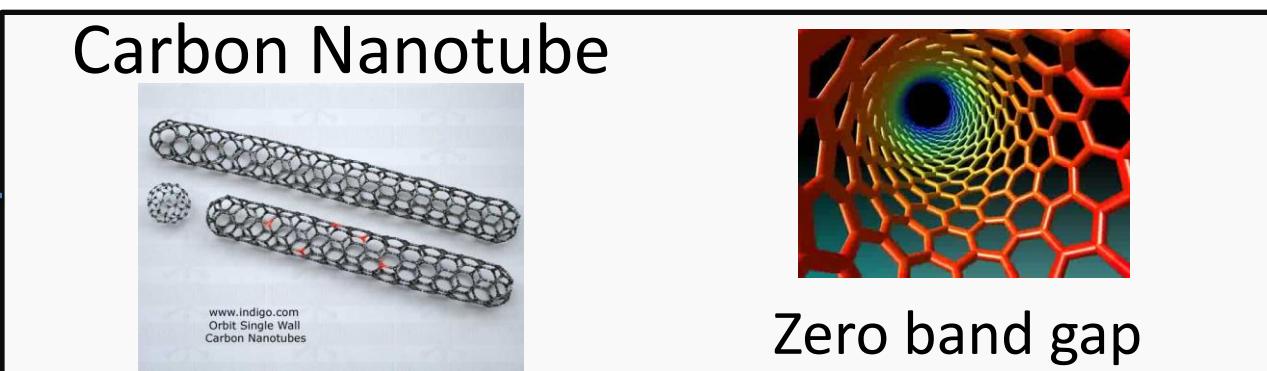
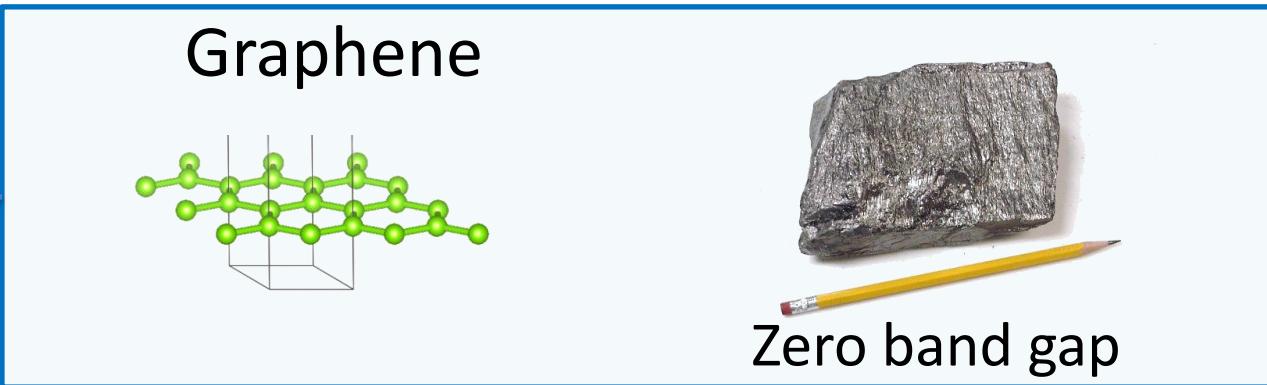
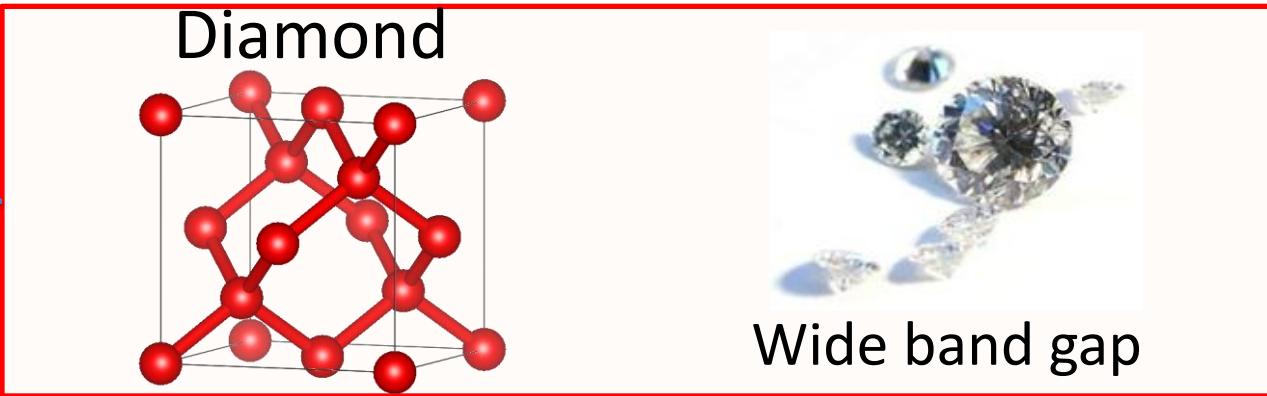
Optical Absorption Property of  
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# Carbon: a Versatile Element

## Carbon Allotropes

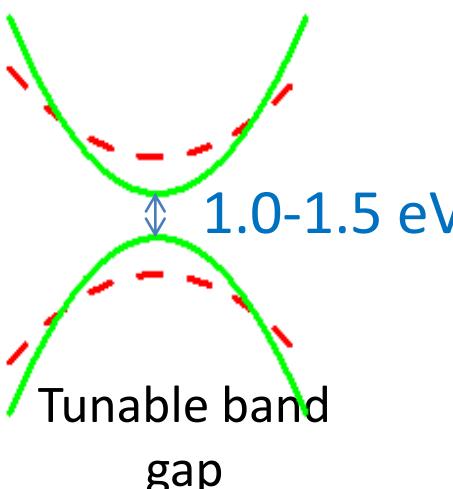
None of them is suitable to be used as solar cell



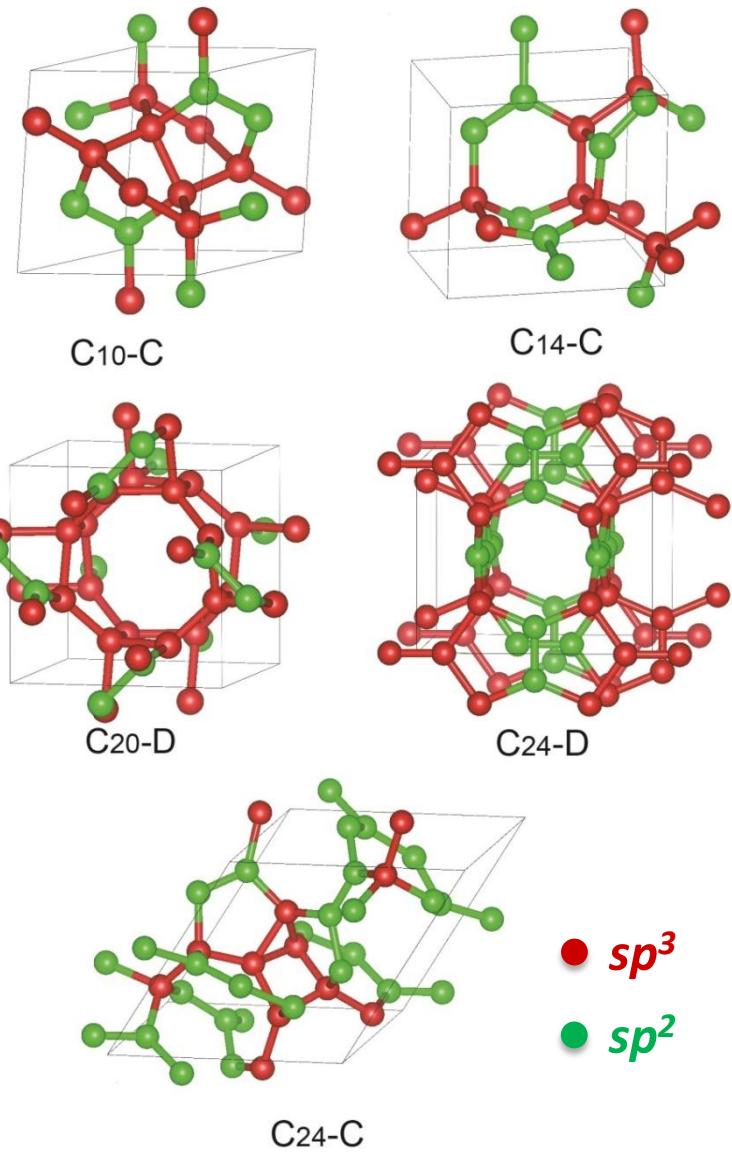
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Hybrid  $sp^2$  &  $sp^3$

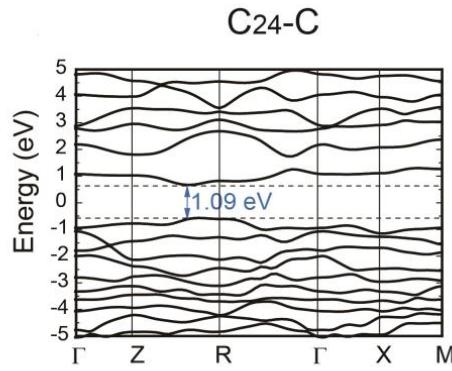
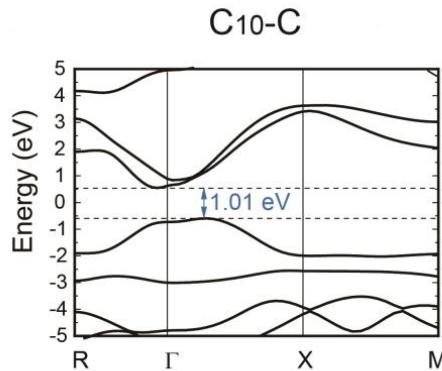


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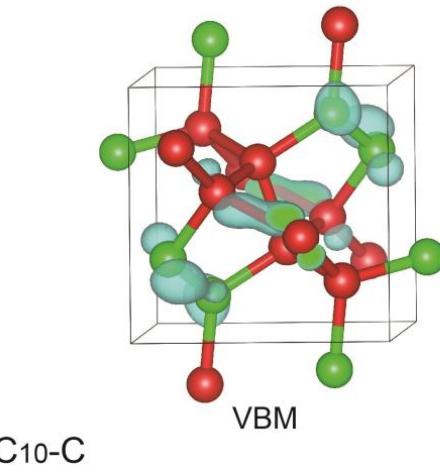
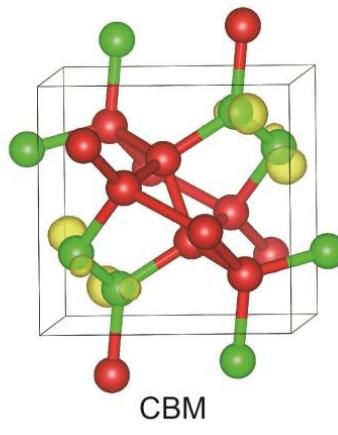


# High efficiency solar cell absorber

## Electronic structure

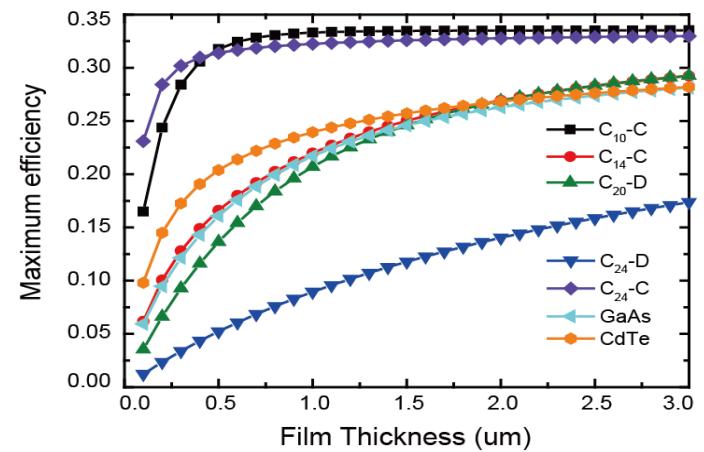
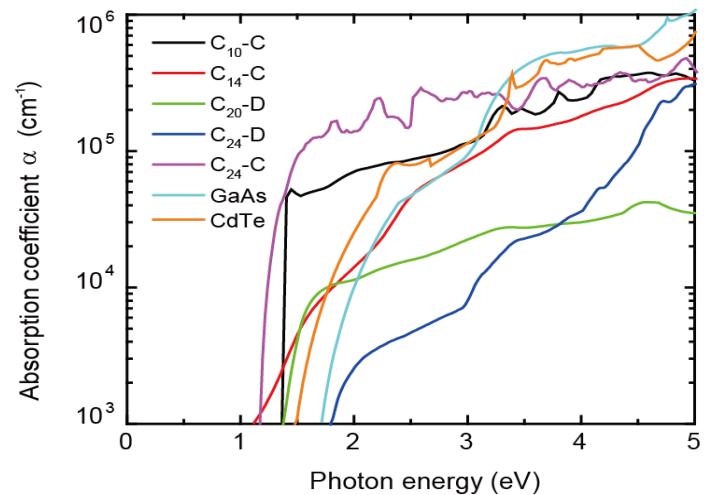


Band gap between 1.0 – 1.5 eV



Optical dipole transition between the  $\pi$  and  $\pi^*$  states is allowed

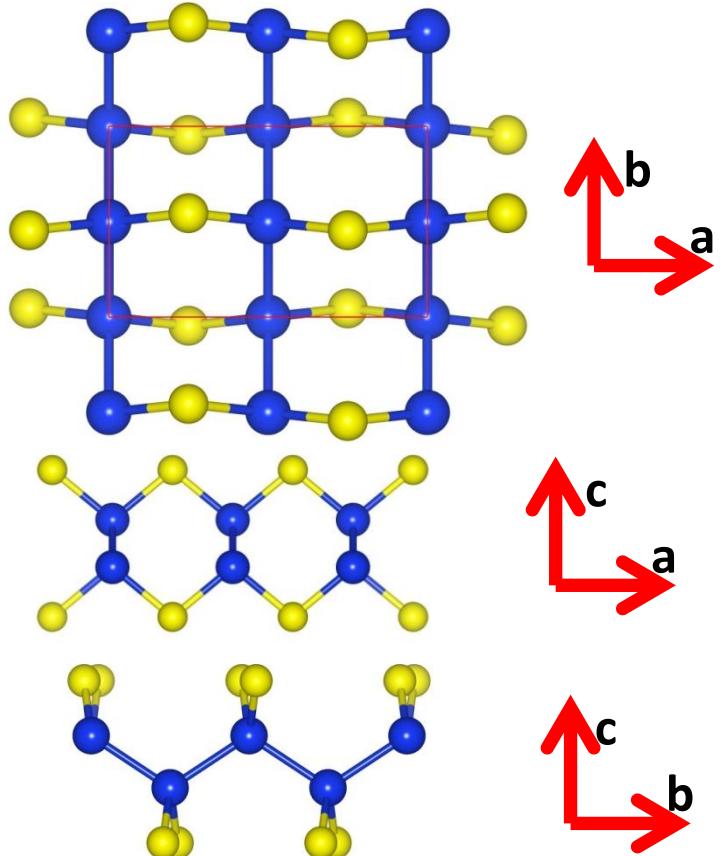
## Optical property



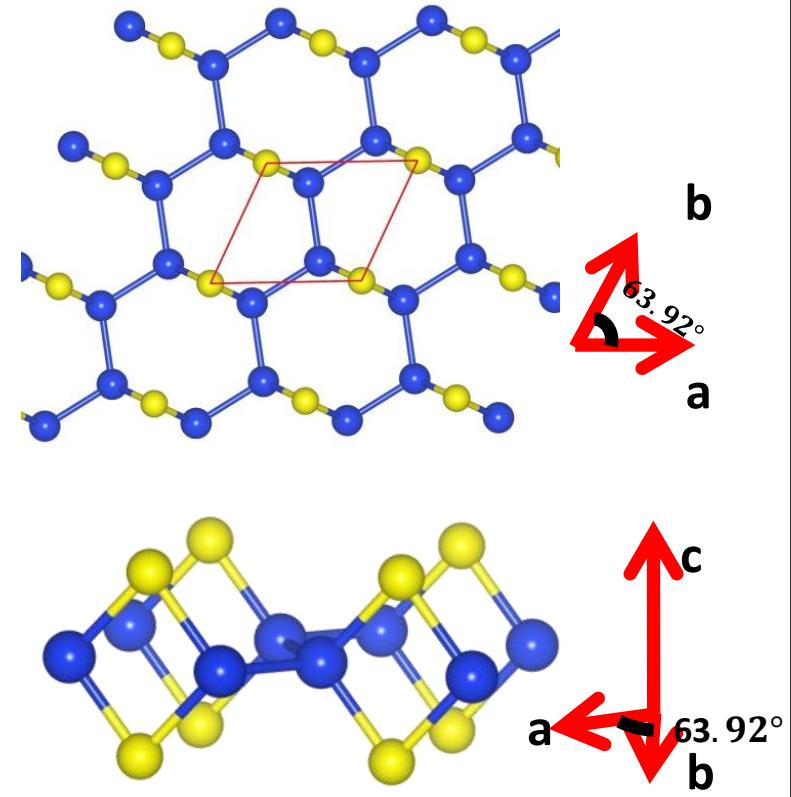
Large light absorption coefficients and high efficiencies

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*Pma2*-SiS



Silicene Sulfide



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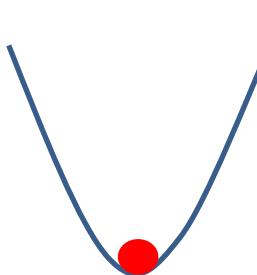
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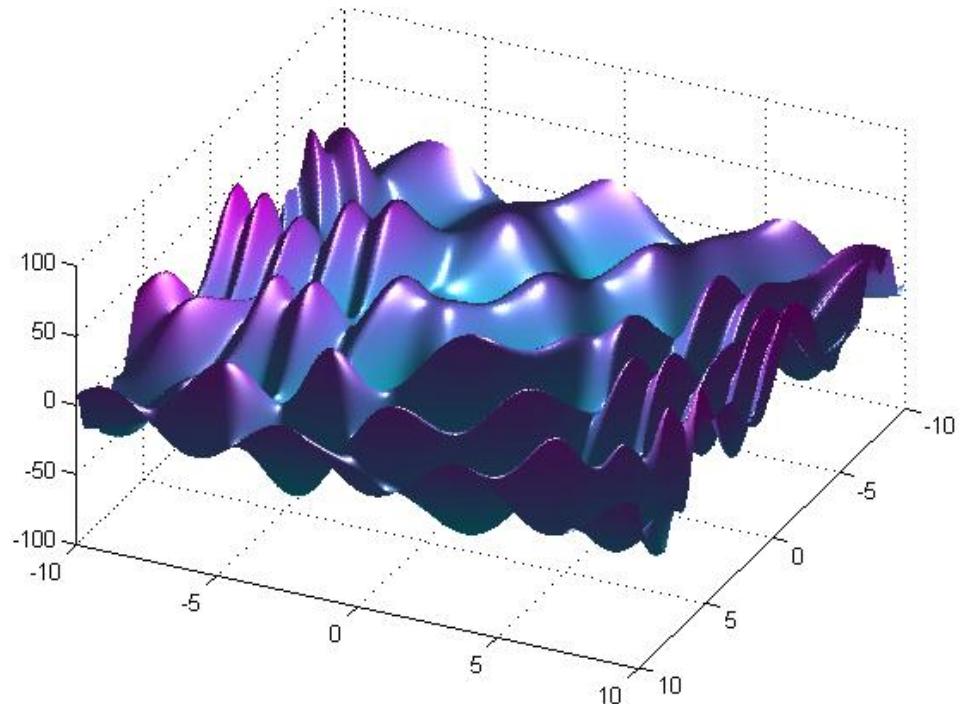
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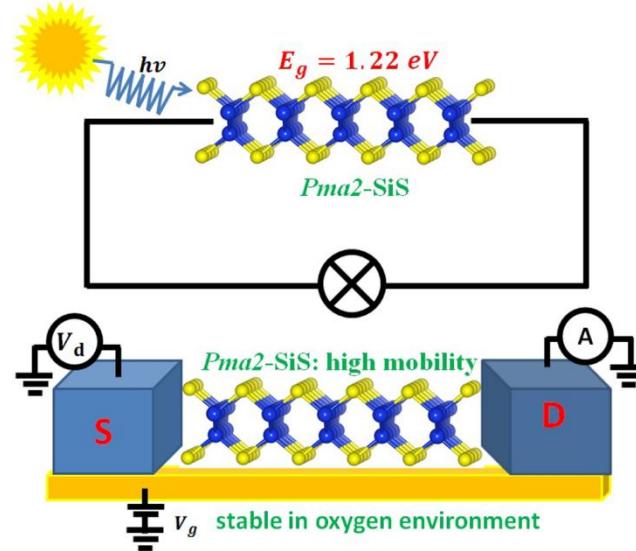
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