

# Using the ReaxFF program

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## ReaxFF energy terms

$$E_{system} = E_{bond} + E_{lp} + E_{over} + E_{under} + E_{val} + E_{pen} + E_{coa} + E_{C2} + E_{tors} + E_{conj} + E_{H-bond} + E_{vdWaals} + E_{Coulomb}$$

- $E_{bond}$ : bond energy; attractive term, directly derived from bond orders
  - $E_{lp}$ : Lone pair energy; penalty for breaking up lone pairs in O, N
  - $E_{over}$ : Overcoordination energy: penalty for overcoordinating atoms
  - $E_{under}$ : Undercoordination energy: stabilizes undercoordinated atoms
  - $E_{val}$ : Angle strain; equilibrium angle depends on bond order central atom
  - $E_{pen}$ : Penalty for 'allene'-type molecules ( $H_2C=C=CH_2$ )
  - $E_{coa}$ : Angle conjugation; stabilizes  $-NO_2$  groups
  - $E_{C2}$ :  $C_2$  correction: destabilizes  $C=C$
  - $E_{tors}$ : Torsion energy: bond-order dependent  $V_2$ -term
  - $E_{conj}$ : Torsion conjugation: general conjugation stability
  - $E_{H-bond}$ : Hydrogen bond
  - $E_{vdWaals}$ : van der Waals: calculated between every atom
  - $E_{Coulomb}$ : Coulomb interaction: calculated between every atom; polarizable charges get updated every iteration
- General
- Special case

## ReaxFF general energy terms

$$E_{system} = E_{bond} + E_{over} + E_{val} + E_{tors} + E_{vdWaals} + E_{Coulomb} \quad \text{Covalent materials}$$

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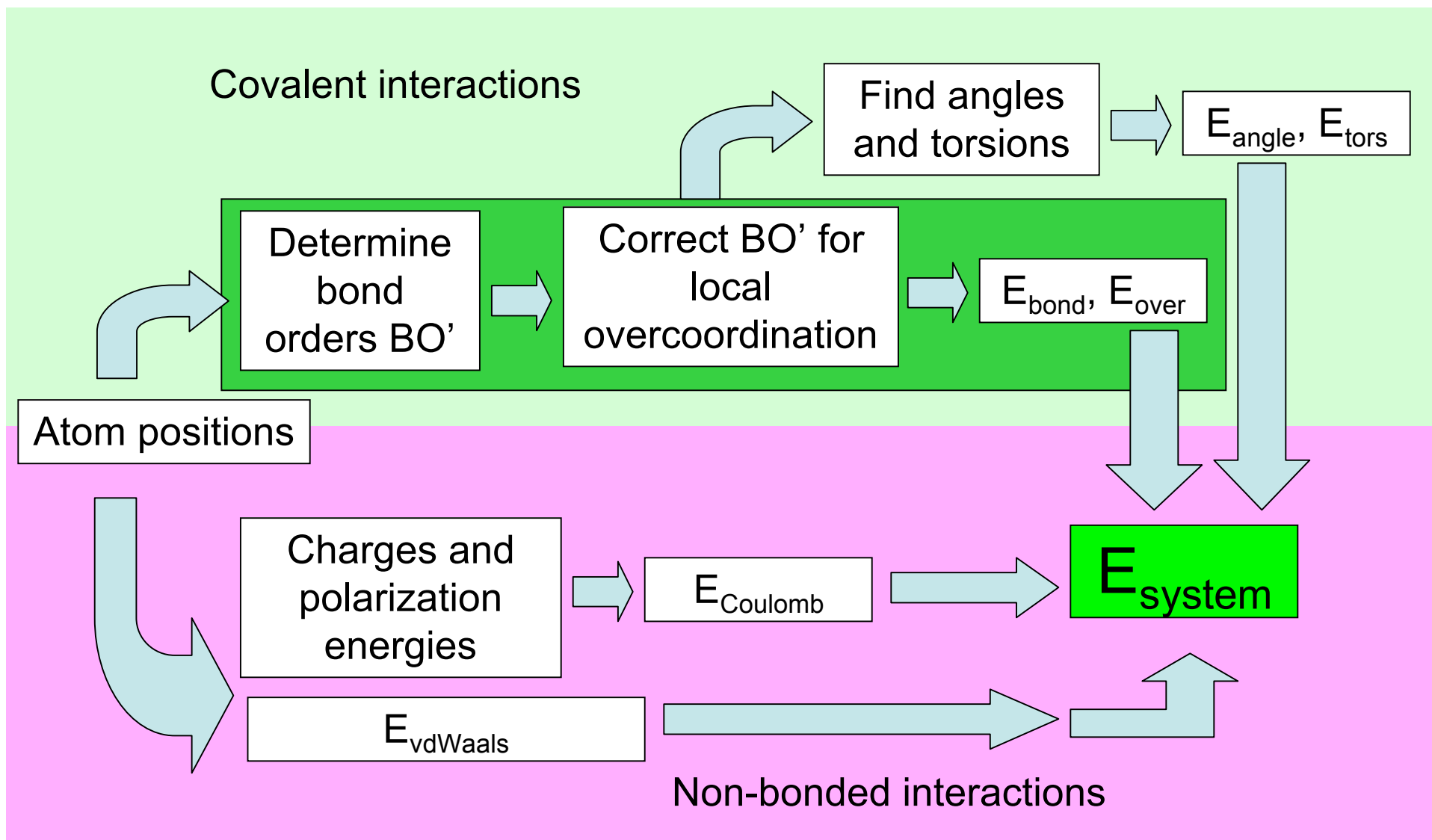
$$E_{system} = E_{bond} + E_{over} + E_{vdWaals} + E_{Coulomb} \quad \text{Metal alloys}$$

$$E_{system} = E_{bond} + E_{over} + E_{vdWaals} \quad \text{Metals}$$

$$E_{system} = E_{vdWaals} + E_{Coulomb} \quad \text{Ionic materials}$$

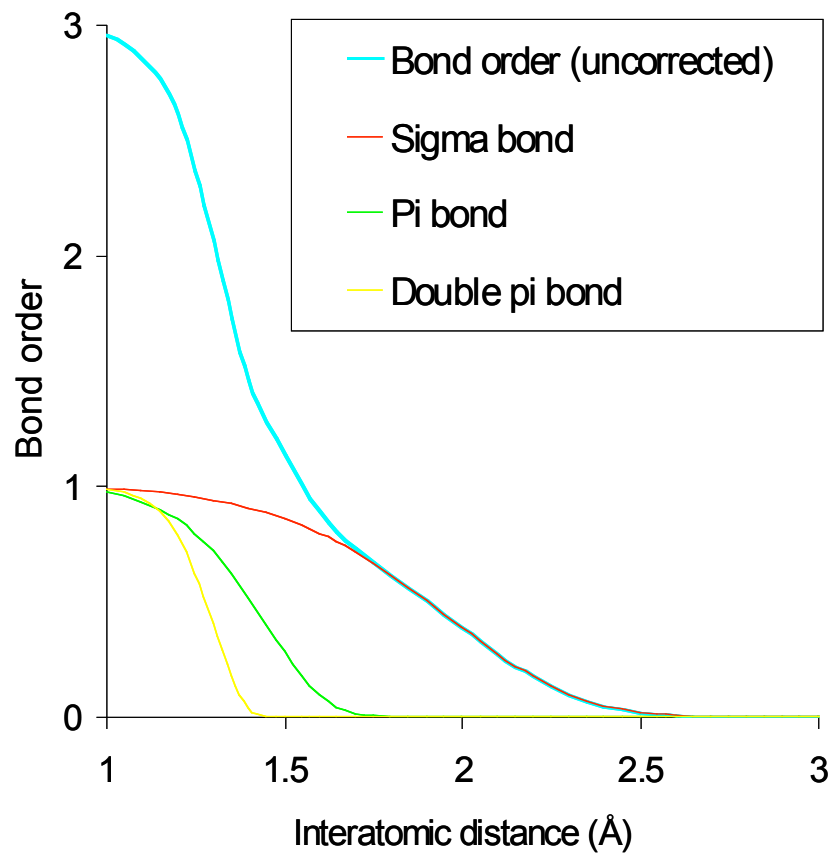
$$E_{system} = E_{vdWaals} \quad \text{Noble gases}$$

# ReaxFF flow diagram



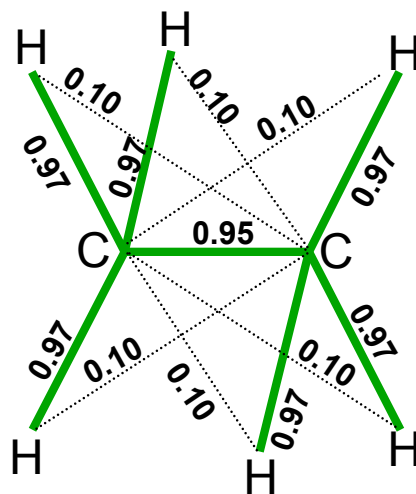
## Calculation of bond orders from interatomic distances

$$BO_{ij} = \exp \left[ p_{bo,1} \cdot \left( \frac{r_{ij}}{r_o^\sigma} \right)^{p_{bo,2}} \right] + \exp \left[ p_{bo,3} \cdot \left( \frac{r_{ij}}{r_o^\pi} \right)^{p_{bo,4}} \right] + \exp \left[ p_{bo,5} \cdot \left( \frac{r_{ij}}{r_o^{\pi\pi}} \right)^{p_{bo,6}} \right]$$



# Bond order correction

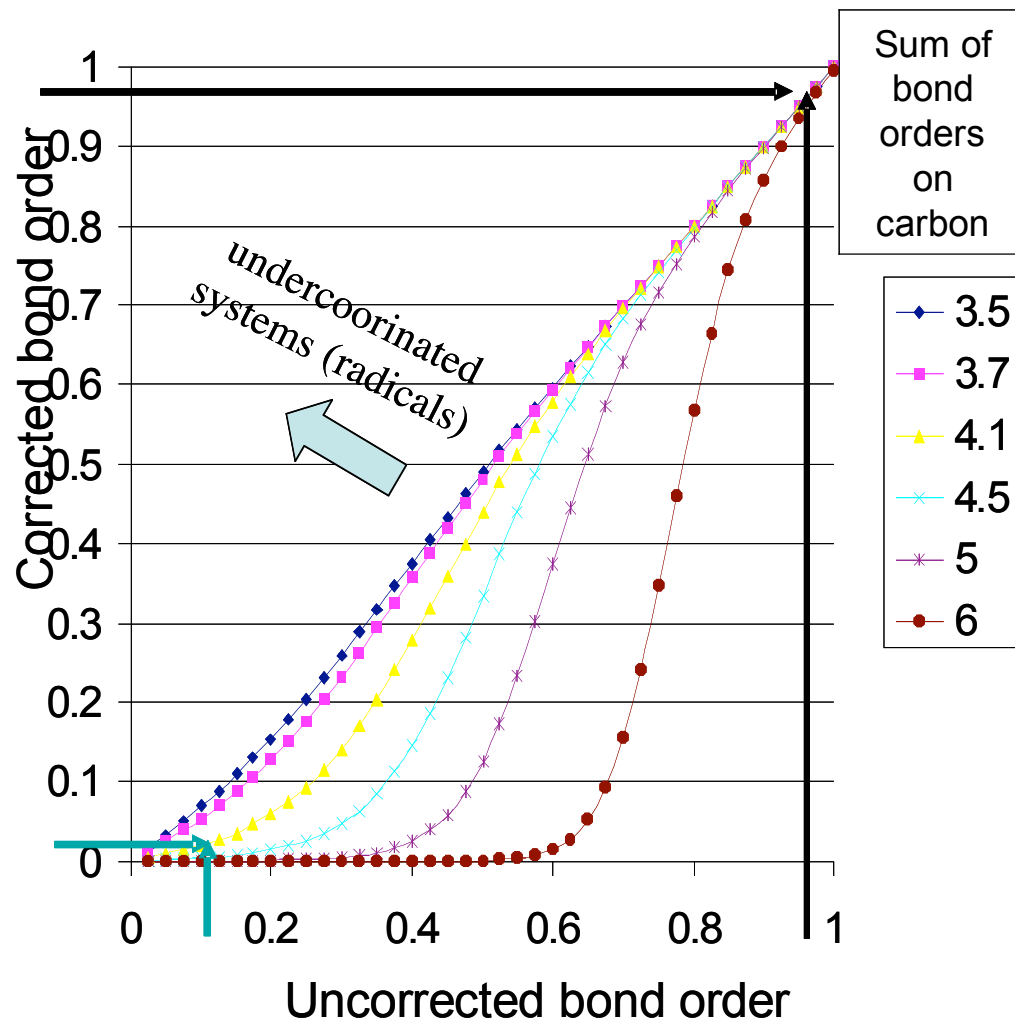
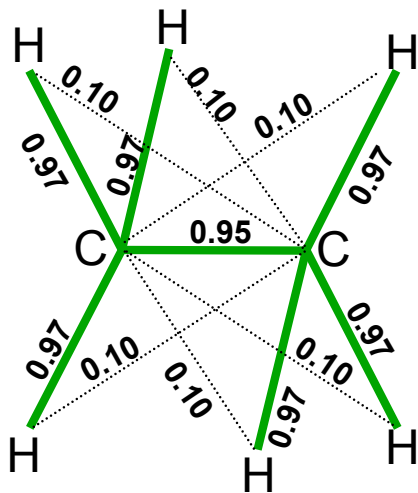
Uncorrected bond orders in ethane



$$\sum BO_C = 4.16$$

$$\sum BO_H = 1.17$$

- Unphysical; normally coordinated atoms should not have binding interactions with next-neighbours
- Puts strain on angle and overcoordination potentials
- Short-range bond orders will not capture transition states



Corrected bond orders

Uncorrected bond orders

$$BO_{ij}^{\sigma} = BO_{ij}^{\prime\sigma} \cdot f_1(\Delta_i, \Delta_j) \cdot f_4(\Delta_i, BO_{ij}^{\prime}) \cdot f_5(\Delta_j, BO_{ij}^{\prime})$$

$$BO_{ij}^{\pi} = BO_{ij}^{\prime\pi} \cdot f_1(\Delta_i, \Delta_j) \cdot f_1(\Delta_i, \Delta_j) \cdot f_4(\Delta_i, BO_{ij}^{\prime}) \cdot f_5(\Delta_j, BO_{ij}^{\prime})$$

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$$BO_{ij} = BO_{ij}^{\sigma} + BO_{ij}^{\pi} + BO_{ij}^{\pi\pi}$$

$$\Delta_i^{'boc} = -Val_i^{boc} + \sum_{j=1}^{neighbours(i)} BO_{ij}^{\prime}$$

$$f_1(\Delta_i, \Delta_j) = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \left( \frac{Val_i + f_2(\Delta_i, \Delta_j)}{Val_i + f_2(\Delta_i, \Delta_j) + f_3(\Delta_i, \Delta_j)} + \frac{Val_j + f_2(\Delta_i, \Delta_j)}{Val_j + f_2(\Delta_i, \Delta_j) + f_3(\Delta_i, \Delta_j)} \right)$$

$$f_2(\Delta_i, \Delta_j) = \exp(-p_{boc1} \cdot \Delta_i) + \exp(-p_{boc1} \cdot \Delta_j)$$

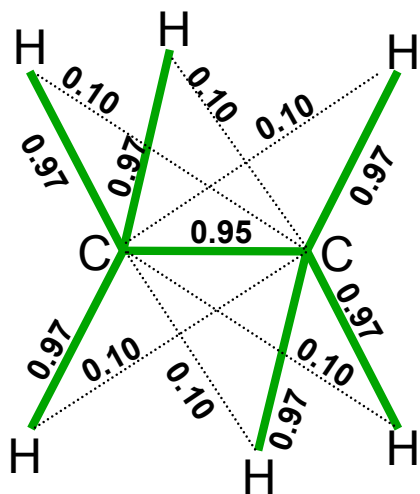
$$f_3(\Delta_i, \Delta_j) = -\frac{1}{p_{boc2}} \cdot \ln \left\{ \frac{1}{2} \cdot \left[ \exp(-p_{boc2} \cdot \Delta_i) + \exp(-p_{boc2} \cdot \Delta_j) \right] \right\}$$

$$f_4(\Delta_i, BO_{ij}^{\prime}) = \frac{1}{1 + \exp(-p_{boc3} \cdot (p_{boc4} \cdot BO_{ij}^{\prime} \cdot BO_{ij}^{\prime} - \Delta_i^{'boc}) + p_{boc5})}$$

- Normally coordinated carbon will not make weak bonds, under-coordinated carbon (radical) can make weak bonds (no correction)



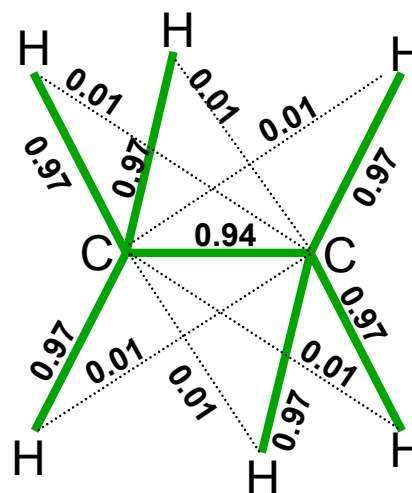
Uncorrected bond orders



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Corrected bond orders



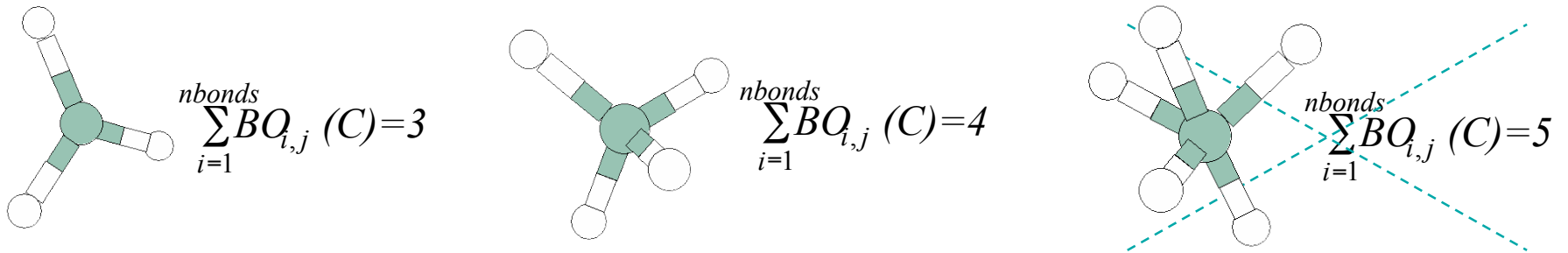
$$\sum \text{BO}_C = 3.88$$

$$\sum \text{BO}_H = 0.98$$

- Correction removes unrealistic weak bonds but leaves strong bonds intact
- Increases computational expense as bond orders become multibody interactions
- Correction only applied for covalent-systems, not for metals

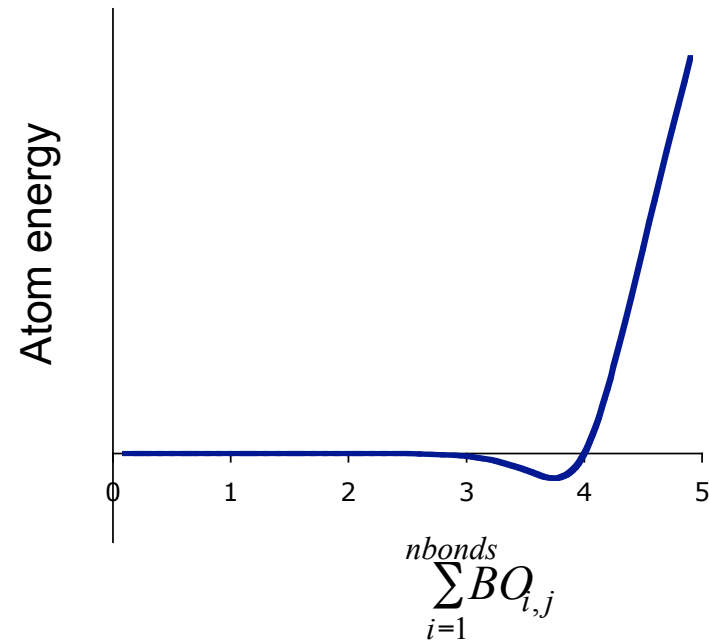
# Overcoordination

Avoid unrealistically high amounts of bond orders on atoms

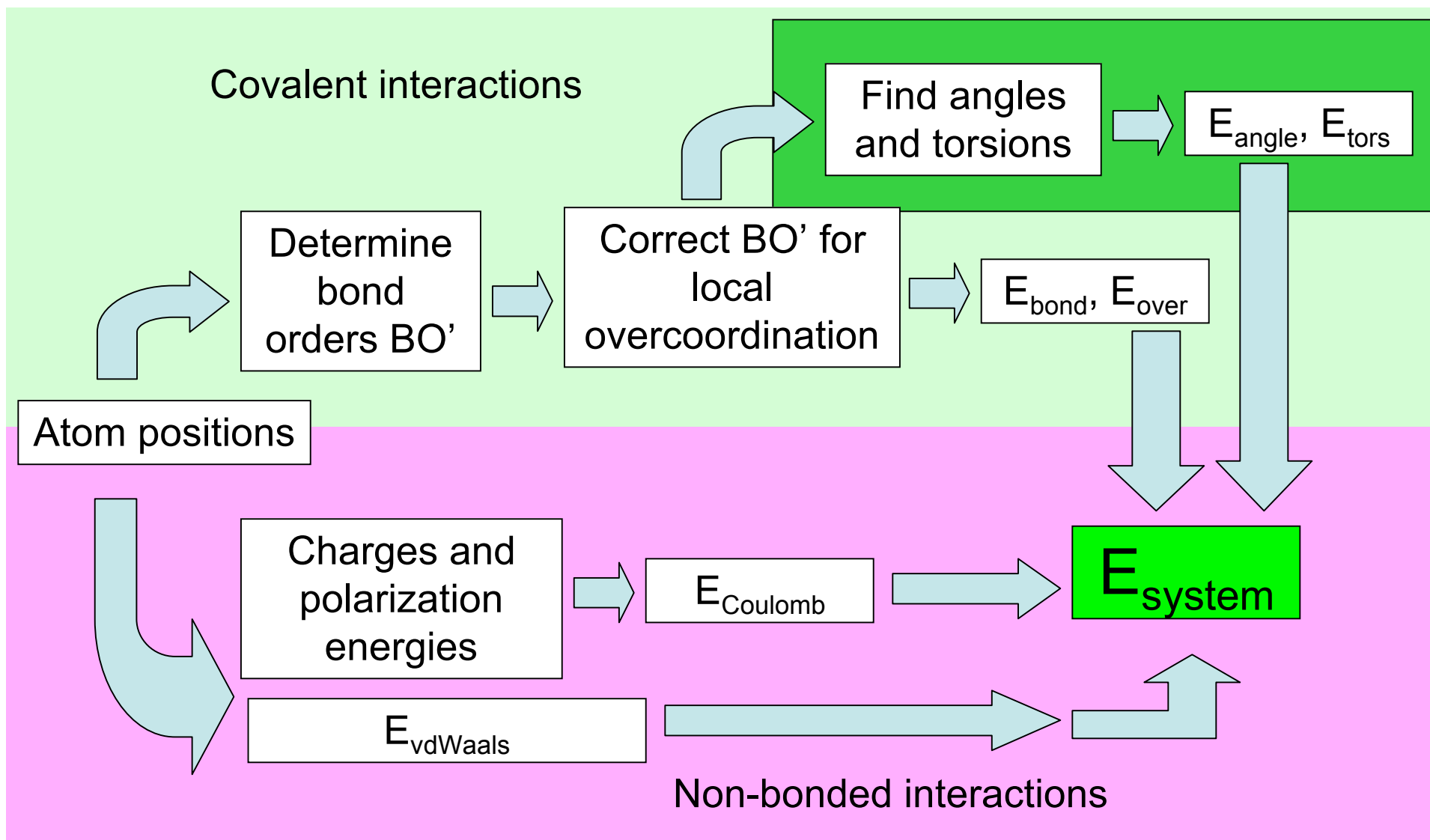


$$E_{over} = f(BO_{ij}) \cdot \Delta_i \cdot \frac{1}{1 + \exp(\lambda \cdot \Delta_i)}$$

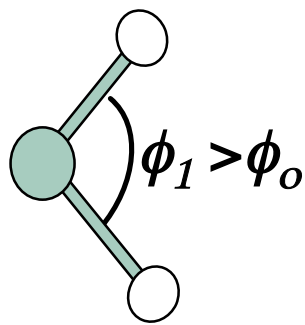
$$\Delta_i = Valency_i - \sum_{j=1}^{neighbours} BO_{ij}$$



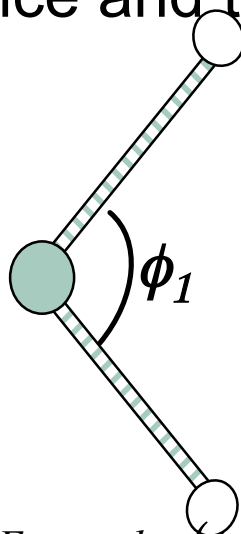
# ReaxFF flow diagram



# Valence and torsion angles

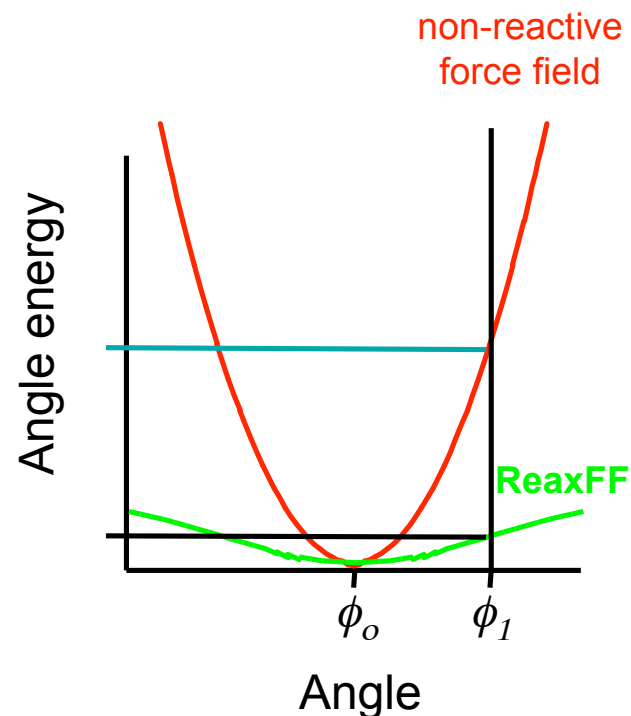


Bond orders: 1



$$E_{angle} = k_a \cdot (\phi - \phi_o)^2$$

Bond orders: 0.4



Non-reactive:  $E_{angle} = k_a \cdot (\phi - \phi_o)^2$

Reactive:  $E_{angle} = \underbrace{\left[1 - \exp(\lambda_3 \cdot BO_a^3)\right] \left[1 - \exp(\lambda_3 \cdot BO_b^3)\right]}_{\text{Bond-order dependent part}} \cdot \left\{ k_a - k_a \exp\left[-k_b \cdot (\phi - \phi_o)^2\right] \right\}$

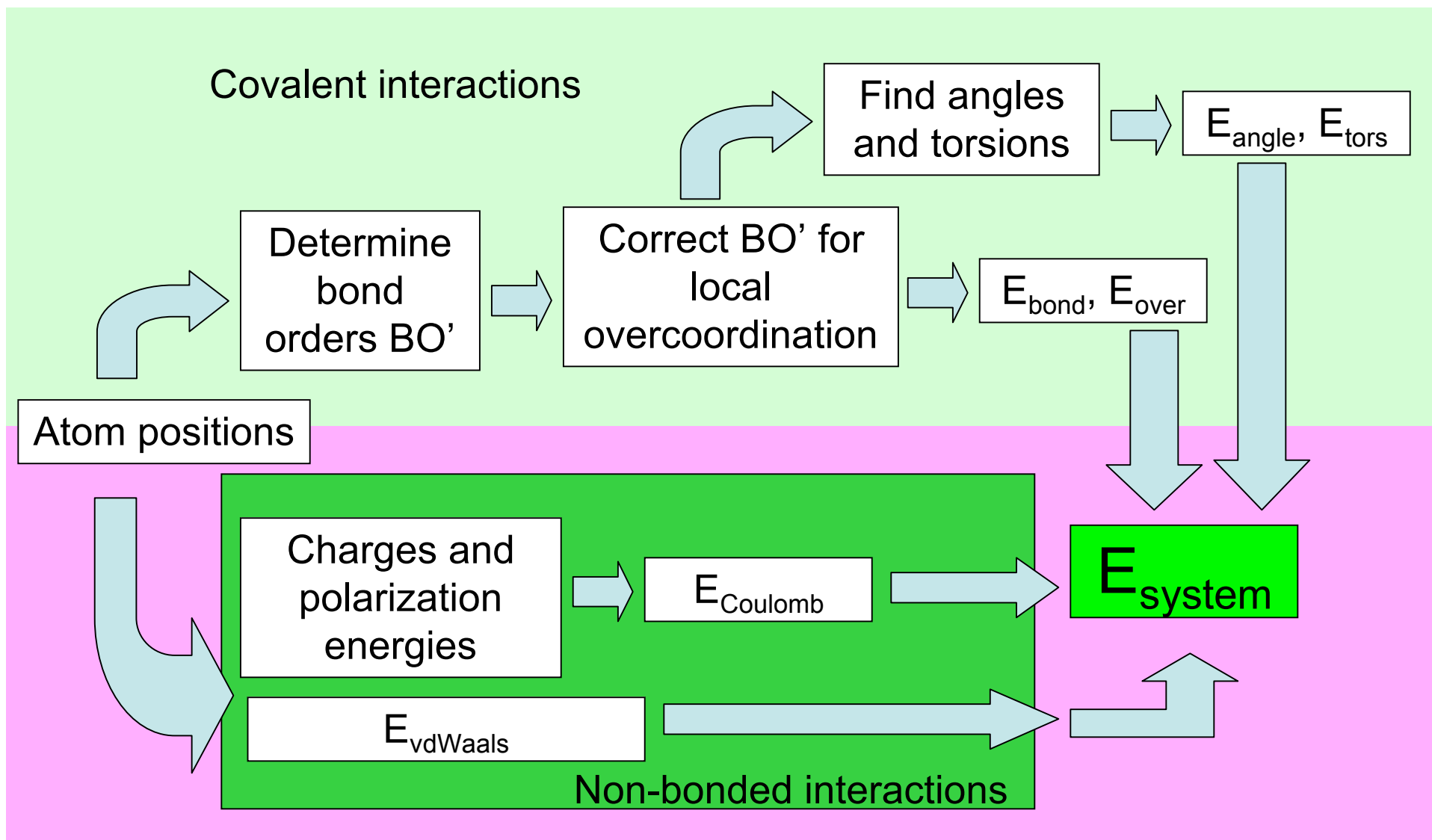
Bond-order dependent part

- Equilibrium angle is bond-order dependent
- Stronger pi-bond character increases equilibrium angle

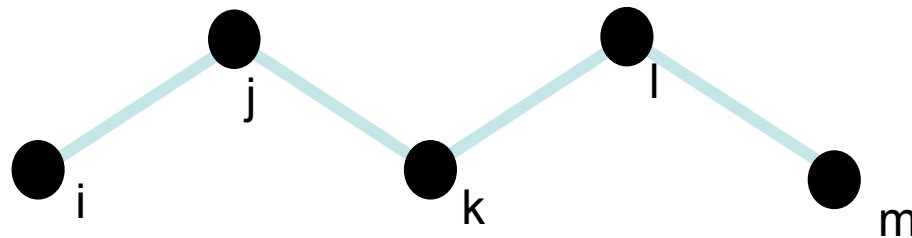
$$\phi_0(BO) = \pi - \phi_{0,0} \cdot \left\{ 1 - \exp\left[-p_{val10} \cdot (2 - f(BO_\pi))\right] \right\}$$

$BO_a$	= Bond order a
$BO_b$	= Bond order b
$\phi$	= Angle
$\phi_o$	= Equilibrium angle

# ReaxFF flow diagram



## Nonbonded interactions



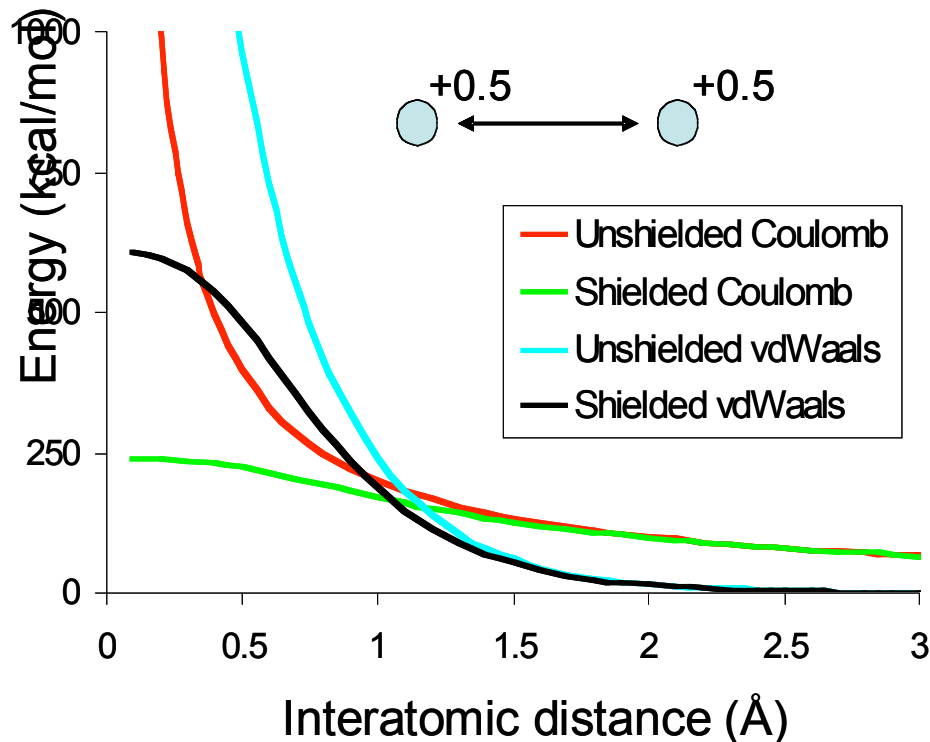
Non-reactive force field: ignore vdWaals and Coulomb interactions between atoms sharing a bond (l-j, j-k, k-l and l-m) or a valence angle (l-k, j-l and k-m).

These exception rules are very awkward when trying to describe reactions.

ReaxFF: calculate nonbonded interactions between *all* atom pairs, regardless of connectivity.

To avoid excessive repulsive/attractive nonbonded interactions at short distances both Coulomb and van der Waals interactions are shielded in ReaxFF.

## Shielded vdWaaals and Coulomb interactions



$$E_{Coulomb} = C \cdot \frac{q_i \cdot q_j}{\left\{ r_{ij}^3 + \left( 1/\gamma_{ij} \right)^3 \right\}^{1/3}}$$

Shielded Coulomb  
potential

vdWaaals: Shielded Morse potential

- For metals ReaxFF only uses bond energy, overcoordination, vdWaaals and Coulomb-terms (no angle or dihedrals)
- vdWaaals and overcoordination terms serve as a density-dependent repulsive term (as used in EAM-potentials [Daw and Baskes, PRB 1984] ), allowing ReaxFF to describe bulk metals
- We have recently added an additional, repulsive Morse at very short distances and removed the vdWaaals shielding to avoid Coulomb-collapse at high energy and density

# Charge polarization

- Assign one electronegativity and hardness to each element; optimize these parameters against QM-charge distributions
- Use system geometry in solving electronegativity equilibration equations in every iteration

$$\frac{\partial E}{\partial q_1} = \chi_1 + 2q_1\eta_1 + C \cdot \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{q_j}{\left( r_{1,j}^3 + \left( \frac{1}{\gamma_{1,j}} \right)^3 \right)^{\frac{1}{3}}}$$

$$\frac{\partial E}{\partial q_2} = \chi_2 + 2q_2\eta_2 + C \cdot \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{q_j}{\left( r_{2,j}^3 + \left( \frac{1}{\gamma_{2,j}} \right)^3 \right)^{\frac{1}{3}}}$$

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$$\frac{\partial E}{\partial q_n} = \chi_n + 2q_n\eta_n + C \cdot \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{q_j}{\left( r_{n,j}^3 + \left( \frac{1}{\gamma_{n,j}} \right)^3 \right)^{\frac{1}{3}}}$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n q_i = 0$$

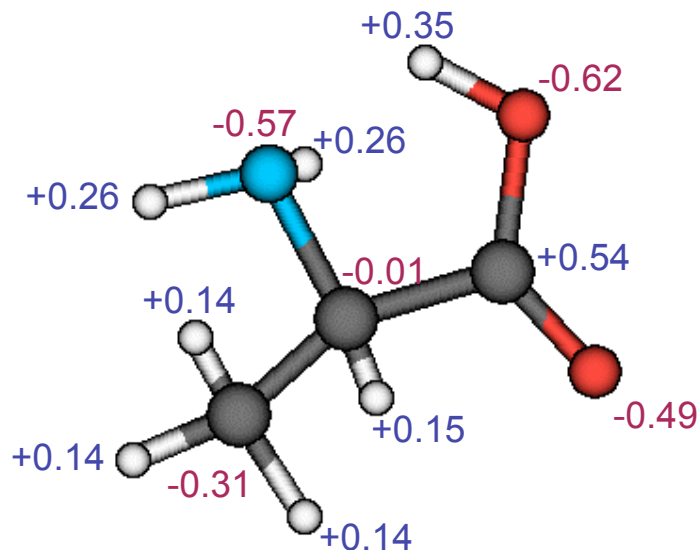
EEM-method  
(Mortier et al., JACS  
1986); shielding:  
Janssens et al.  
J.Phys.Chem. 1995.

Similar to Qeq-method  
(Rappe and Goddard, J.  
Phys. Chem. 1991) with  
empirical shielding  
correction.

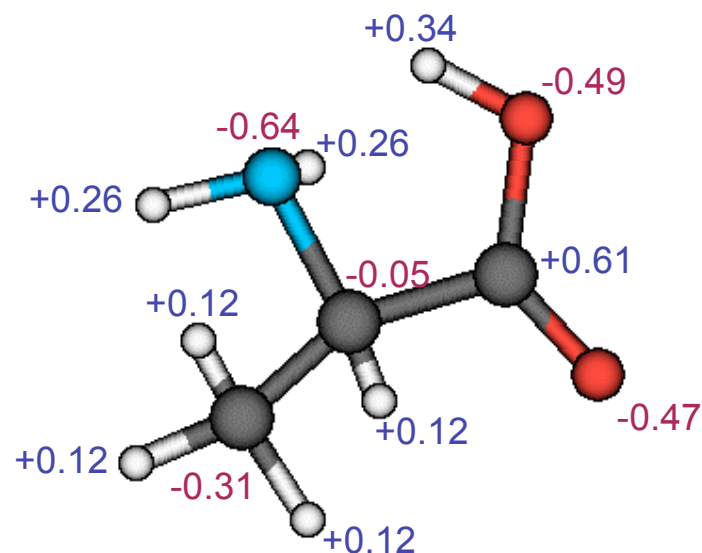
$\chi$ : atom electronegativity $\eta$ : atom hardness $\gamma$ : shielding parameter $r$ : interatomic distances $q$ : atom charge
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## ReaxFF charges



## QM Mulliken charges DFT; 6-31G\*\*

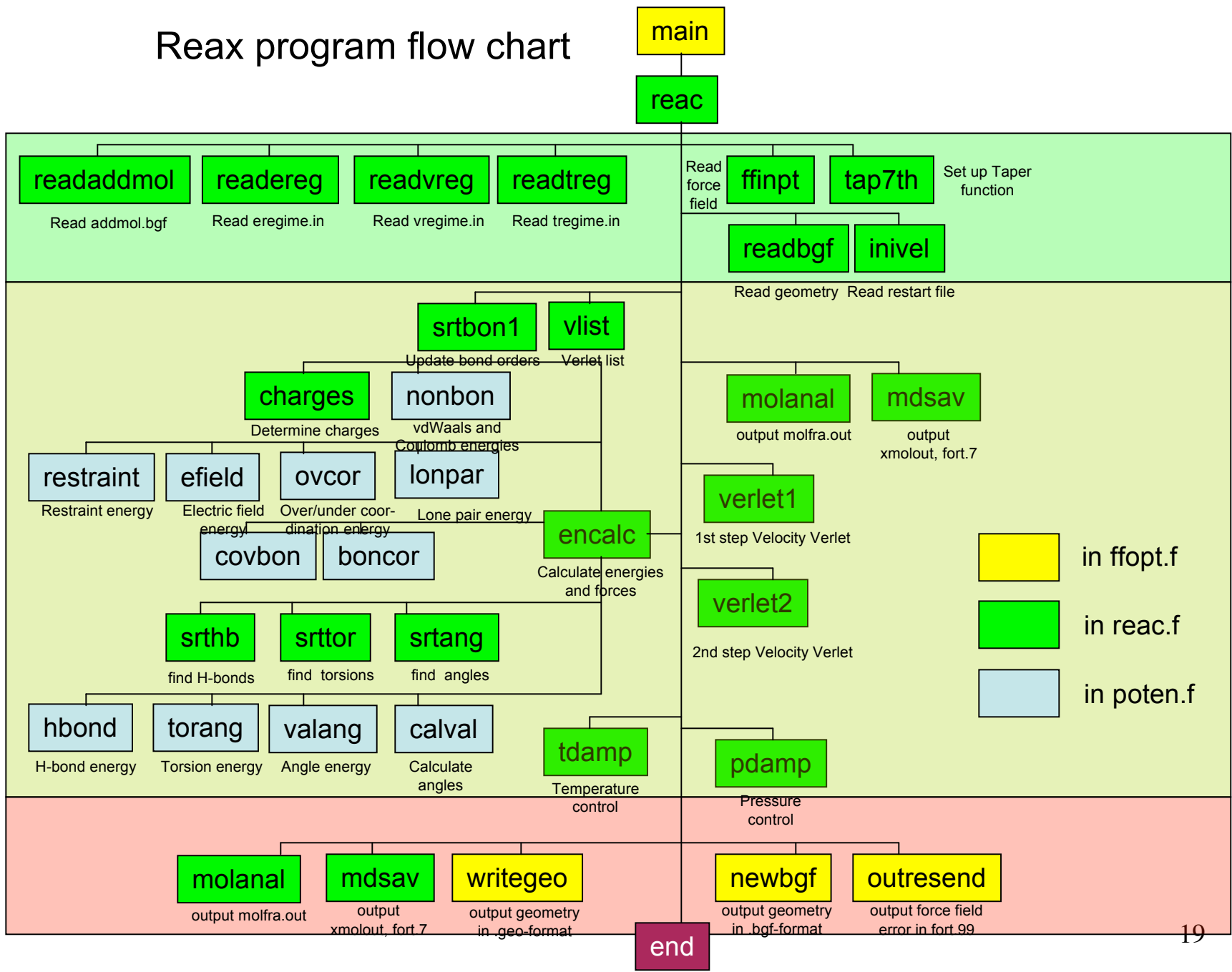


- Good reproduction of Mulliken charges (similar concepts)
- Combined with 1-2 Coulomb-interactions, this enables ReaxFF to simulate polarization effects on local chemistry
- EEM/Qeq methods work well around equilibrium; incorrect description of charge flow at high compression and dissociation (Chen and Martinez, Chem.Phys.Lett. 2006)
- Most expensive part of the reactive force field; needs to be updated every MD-step and forces sub-femtosecond steps

## ReaxFF program structure

- Written in Fortran-77
- Library independent
- Text-based interface (graphical interface is developed within CMDF)
- Installed on various computers and operating systems (Linux, Windows, Macs)
- Code divided in 6 parts:
  - reac.f (10640 lines): general MD routines
  - poten.f (3034 lines): energy equations
  - ffopt.f (1581 lines): force field optimization
  - shanno (1718 lines): energy minimization
  - vibra.f (1194 lines): vibrational frequencies
  - blas.f (613 lines): BLAS-routines
  - program parameters in cbka.blk

# Reax program flow chart



# Overview ReaxFF in- and output files

## General

### Mandatory input files

- geo (input geometry)
- control (run control parameters)
- ffield (force field parameters)
- exe (UNIX-script)

# geo-file for non-periodic system

BIOGRF version and structure identifier

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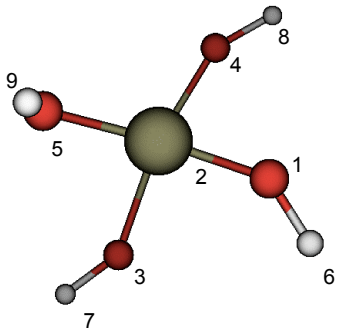
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DESCRP ZrOH4
REMARK Created by jag2bgf from file: min.out
FORMAT ATOM (a6,1x,i5,1x,a5,1x,a3,1x,a1,1x,a5,3f10.5,1x,a5,i3,i2,1x,f8.5)
HETATM 1 O 40.90831 38.41349 38.76651 O 1 1 -0.69047
HETATM 2 Zr 40.06262 39.84127 39.78197 Zr 1 1 1.45708
HETATM 3 O 41.51578 40.34790 40.99126 O 1 1 -0.69047
HETATM 4 O 38.59306 39.47050 41.01718 O 1 1 -0.69047
HETATM 5 O 39.46555 41.52856 39.00344 O 1 1 -0.69047
HETATM 6 H 41.76389 37.93562 38.81338 H 1 1 0.32620
HETATM 7 H 42.01707 41.16090 41.20659 H 1 1 0.32620
HETATM 8 H 38.50293 39.39880 41.99107 H 1 1 0.32620
HETATM 9 H 38.67137 42.09864 39.06290 H 1 1 0.32620
FORMAT CONECT (a6,12i6)
CONECT 1 2 6
CONECT 2 1 3 4 5
CONECT 3 2 7
CONECT 4 2 8
CONECT 5 2 9
CONECT 6 1
CONECT 7 3
CONECT 8 4
CONECT 9 5
UNIT ENERGY kcal
ENERGY -940.319333
END
    
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Atom types and cartesian coordinates

Ignored by Reax

Relevant to Reax

Closing line



Zr(OH)<sub>4</sub>-cluster

Ignored by Reax

Connection table and system energy (ignored by Reax)

- for non-periodic system (i.e. big periodic box)
- lines can be organised in any order
- Reax units: Å and kcal/mol

# geo-file for periodic system

XTLGRF version and structure identifier

Cell coordinates

Atom types and cartesian coordinates

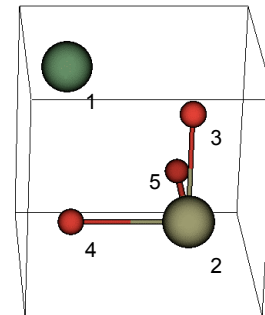
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Relevant to Reax

Closing line

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HETATM 1 Ba 0.00000 0.00000 0.00000 Ba 11 0.00000
HETATM 2 Zr 2.12226 2.12226 2.12226 Zr 11 0.00000
HETATM 3 O 2.12226 2.12226 0.00000 O 11 0.00000
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CONECT 2 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 3 3 4
CONECT 4 5 5
CONECT 3 1 1 1 1 2 2
CONECT 4 1 1 1 1 2 2
CONECT 5 1 1 1 1 2 2
UNIT ENERGY kcal
ENERGY -785.823281
END
    
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BaZrO<sub>3</sub>-crystal

Connection table and system energy (ignored by Reax) Reax can handle unit cells.

# control-file

Parameter value	Parameter name	Parameter description (ignored by Reax)
# General parameters		
1	imetho	0: Normal MD-run 1: Energy minimisation 2:MD-energy minimisation
1	igeofo	0:xyz-input geometry 1: Biograf input geometry 2: xmol-input geometry
80.000	axis1	a (for non-periodical systems)
80.000	axis2	b (for non-periodical systems)
80.000	axis3	c (for non-periodical systems)
0.0050	cutof2	BO-cutoff for valency angles and torsion angles
0.300	cutof3	BO-cutoff for bond order for graphs
3	icharg	Charges. 1:EEM 2:- 3: Shielded EEM 4: Full system EEM
25	irecon	Frequency of reading control-file
0	ixmolo	0: only x,y,z-coordinates in xmolout 1: molnr. in xmolout
# MD-parameters		
1	imdmet	MD-method. 1:Velocity Verlet+Berendsen 2:Hoover-Nose;3:NVE 4: NPT
0.250	tstep	MD-time step (fs)
0100.00	mdtemp	1st MD-temperature
2	itdmet	0: T-damp atoms 1: Energy cons 2:System 3: Mols 4: Anderson
1.0	tdamp1	1st Berendsen/Anderson temperature damping constant (fs)
0000.00	mdpres	MD-pressure (MPa)
00100.0	pdamp1	Berendsen pressure damping constant (fs)
0001000	nmdit	Number of MD-iterations
00001	ichupd	Charge update frequency
001	iout1	Output to unit 71 and unit 73
0050	iout2	Save coordinates
1	iravel	1: Random initial velocities
001000	iout6	Save velocity file
000025	irten	Frequency of removal of rotational and translational energy
# MM-parameters		
2.00000	endmm	End point criterium for MM energy minimisation
-000001	imaxmo	> 0: Maximum movement 0: Conjugate gradient < 0: MD-minimization
00100	imaxit	Maximum number of iterations
1.00050	celopt	Cell parameter change
0	icelo2	Change all cell parameters (0) or only x/y/z axis (1/2/3)
# FF-opt parameters		
0.0100	parext	Parameter optimization: extrapolation
0	icelop	0: No cell parameter optimisation 1:Cell parameter optimisation
1	igeopt	0: Always use same start geometries 1:Use latest geometries

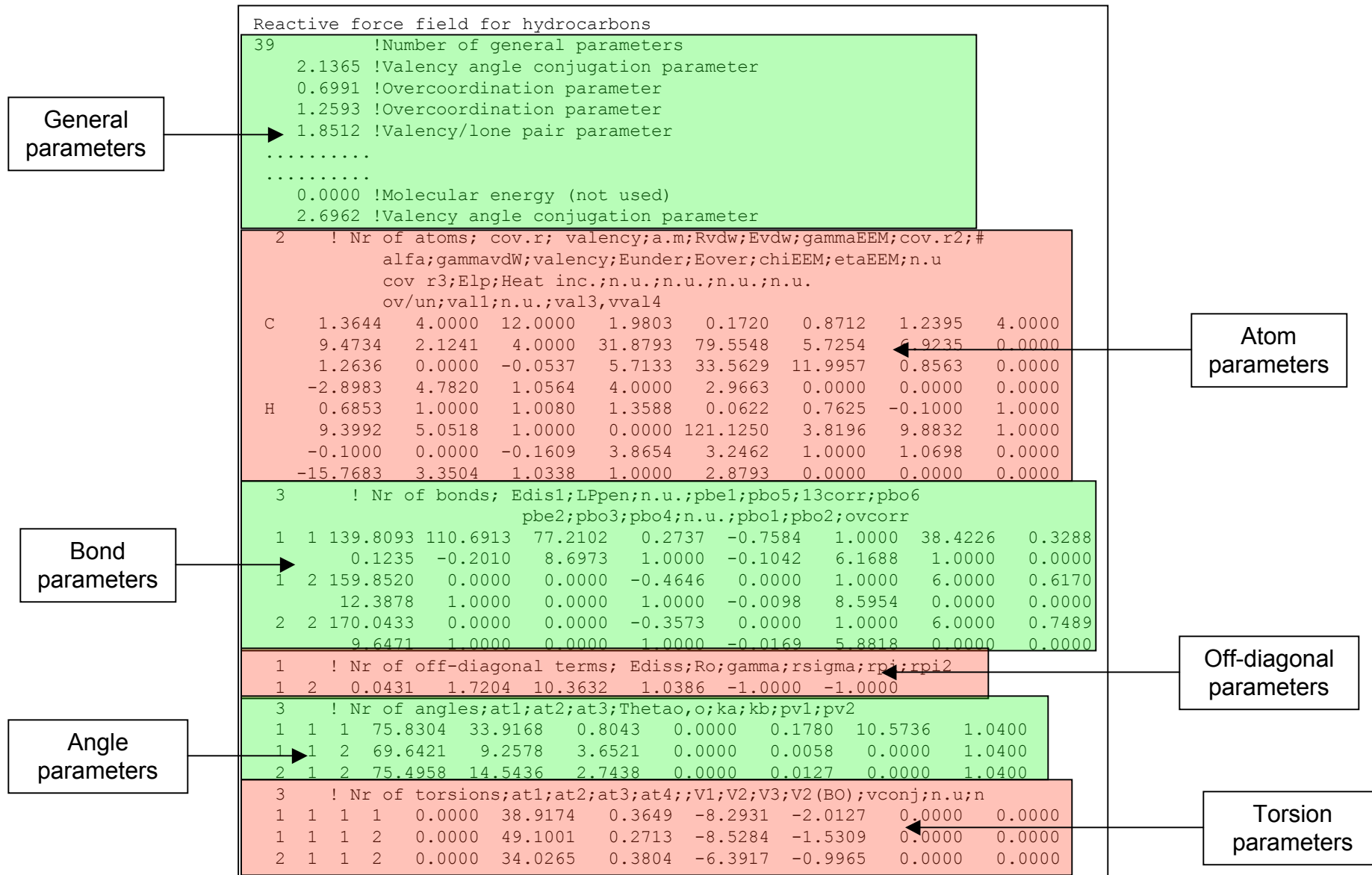
Parameter description (ignored by Reax)

Parameter value

Parameter name

- lines can be organised in any order
- left-out keywords are given default value (see Manual)
- **Beware: control-file is read during simulations**

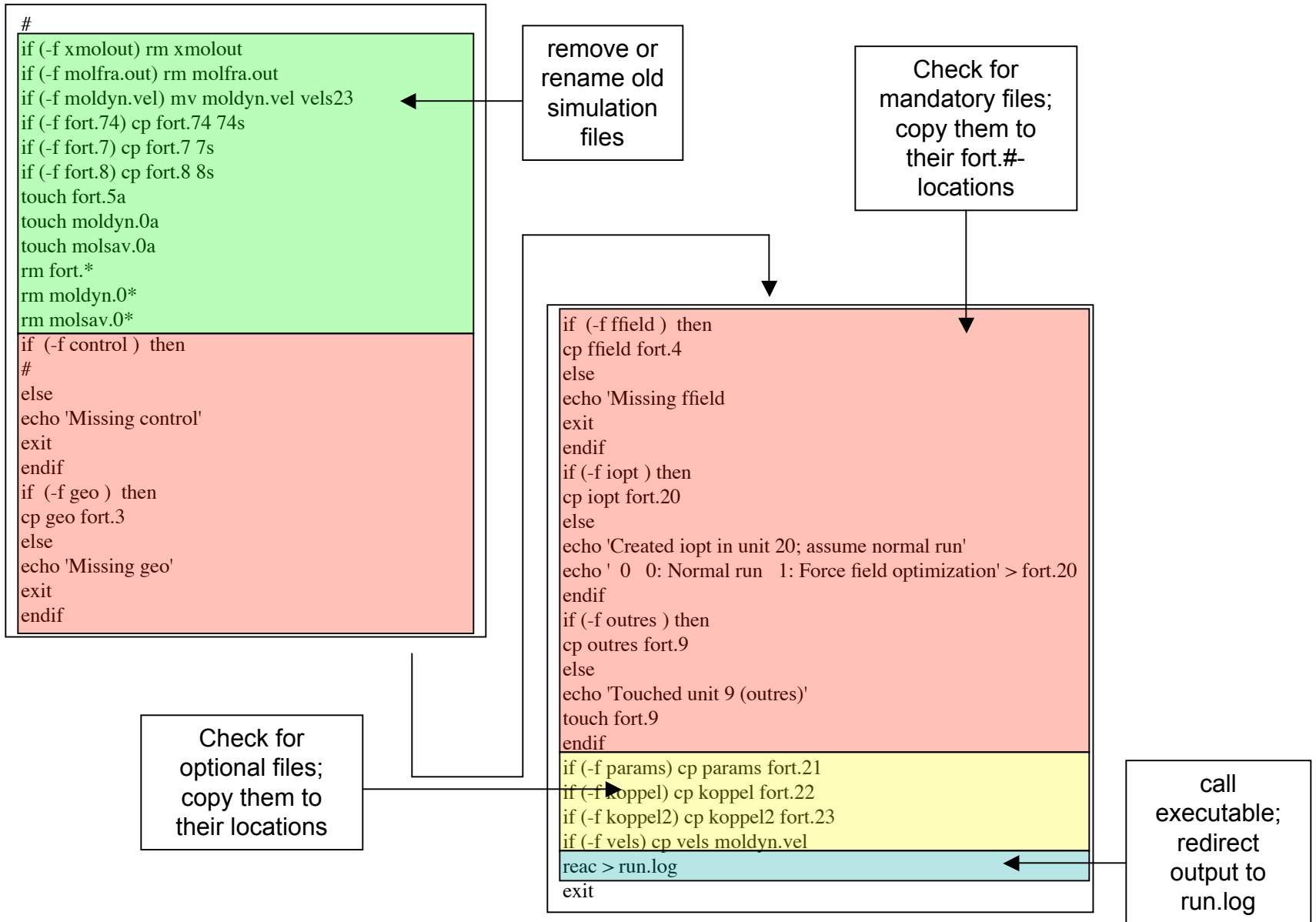
# ffield-file



- Format sensitive text-file
- Hydrocarbon force field: about 70 independent parameters



# exe-file



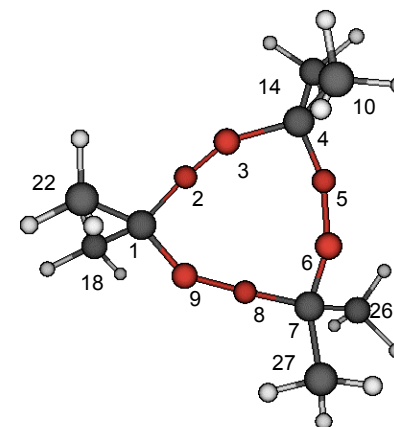
- Similar scripts available for Windows

## General output files

- Connection table (fort.7, fort.8)
- Trajectory (xmolout)
- Molecular composition (molfra.out)
- run.log (generated by exe-script)
- output geometry in .bgf (fort.90, \$DESCRP.bgf), .geo (fort.98, \$DESCRP.geo), MOPAC (output.MOP) and .pdb (output.pdb) formats

# Connection tables (fort.7, fort.8)

Atom number	Connection table	Bond orders	Number of lone pairs
33 TATP		Iteration: 1 #Bonds: 5	
1	1 2 9 18 22 0	1 1.053 1.098 0.974 0.963 0.000	4.089 0.000 0.451
2	3 1 3 0 0 0	1 1.053 0.751 0.000 0.000 0.000	1.845 2.000 -0.264
3	3 2 4 0 0 0	1 0.751 0.935 0.000 0.000 0.000	1.721 2.000 -0.274
4	1 3 5 10 14 0	1 0.935 1.133 0.959 1.002 0.000	4.031 0.000 0.448
5	3 4 6 0 0 0	1 1.133 0.578 0.000 0.000 0.000	1.752 2.000 -0.298
6	3 5 7 0 0 0	1 0.578 1.071 0.000 0.000 0.000	1.681 2.000 -0.297
7	1 6 8 26 27 0	1 1.071 1.046 1.001 0.983 0.000	4.102 0.000 0.453
8	3 7 9 0 0 0	1 1.046 0.646 0.000 0.000 0.000	1.722 2.000 -0.266
9	3 1 8 0 0 0	1 1.098 0.646 0.000 0.000 0.000	1.786 2.000 -0.302
10	1 4 11 12 13 0	1 0.959 0.971 0.981 0.978 0.000	3.898 0.000 -0.299
11	2 10 0 0 0 0	1 0.971 0.000 0.000 0.000 0.000	0.973 0.000 0.135
12	2 10 0 0 0 0	1 0.981 0.000 0.000 0.000 0.000	0.982 0.000 0.091
13	2 10 0 0 0 0	1 0.978 0.000 0.000 0.000 0.000	0.979 0.000 0.123
14	1 4 15 16 17 0	1 1.002 0.977 0.973 0.987 0.000	3.941 0.000 -0.314
15	2 14 0 0 0 0	1 0.977 0.000 0.000 0.000 0.000	0.978 0.000 0.117
16	2 14 0 0 0 0	1 0.973 0.000 0.000 0.000 0.000	0.974 0.000 0.159
17	2 14 0 0 0 0	1 0.987 0.000 0.000 0.000 0.000	0.988 0.000 0.099
18	1 1 19 20 21 0	1 0.974 0.982 0.981 0.973 0.000	3.914 0.000 -0.316
19	2 18 0 0 0 0	1 0.982 0.000 0.000 0.000 0.000	0.983 0.000 0.094
20	2 18 0 0 0 0	1 0.981 0.000 0.000 0.000 0.000	0.981 0.000 0.155
21	2 18 0 0 0 0	1 0.973 0.000 0.000 0.000 0.000	0.974 0.000 0.114
22	1 1 23 24 25 0	1 0.963 0.980 0.981 0.983 0.000	3.912 0.000 -0.312
23	2 22 0 0 0 0	1 0.980 0.000 0.000 0.000 0.000	0.983 0.000 0.149
24	2 22 0 0 0 0	1 0.981 0.000 0.000 0.000 0.000	0.985 0.000 0.087
25	2 22 0 0 0 0	1 0.983 0.000 0.000 0.000 0.000	0.984 0.000 0.143
26	1 7 28 29 30 0	1 1.001 0.975 0.967 0.985 0.000	3.932 0.000 -0.319
27	1 7 31 32 33 0	1 0.983 0.986 0.976 0.987 0.000	3.938 0.000 -0.295
28	2 26 0 0 0 0	1 0.975 0.000 0.000 0.000 0.000	0.977 0.000 0.154
29	2 26 0 0 0 0	1 0.967 0.000 0.000 0.000 0.000	0.967 0.000 0.111
30	2 26 0 0 0 0	1 0.985 0.000 0.000 0.000 0.000	0.987 0.000 0.096
31	2 27 0 0 0 0	1 0.986 0.000 0.000 0.000 0.000	0.989 0.000 0.127
32	2 27 0 0 0 0	1 0.976 0.000 0.000 0.000 0.000	0.978 0.000 0.087
33	27 0 0 0 0	1 0.987 0.000 0.000 0.000 0.000	0.989 0.000 0.162
63.9132746	12. 87.9132747	1.98401163E-06	



Atom type

Molecule number

Total bond order

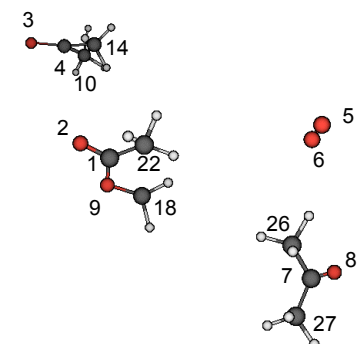
Charge

# Trajectory (xmolout)

Nr. of atoms		Iteration								
33		50000		-3263.2723	15.00	15.00	15.00	90.00	90.00	90.00
TATP										
Atom types	Cartesian coordinates	Molecule number								
C	8.03336	10.80257	4.49936	1						
O	7.06006	11.24892	5.00919	1						
O	4.56231	4.18113	9.18128	2						
C	5.82196	3.79677	9.09669	2						
O	-0.05164	-0.97661	5.55002	3						
O	-0.25853	-2.07159	5.08345	3						
C	14.91122	10.77409	0.43456	4						
O	15.79143	9.95465	0.55806	4						
O	7.88891	9.67888	3.58924	1						
C	7.08457	4.54261	9.04068	2						
H	6.82569	5.68357	9.14567	2						
H	7.76850	4.70124	9.69060	2						
H	7.54678	4.21871	8.15129	2						
C	6.52194	2.55547	8.86178	2						
H	6.06203	1.74448	8.28566	2						
H	7.35850	2.74576	8.36628	2						
H	6.61070	2.15807	10.04076	2						
C	9.10863	8.84173	3.18941	1						
H	10.04311	9.11621	3.67890	1						
H	8.96150	7.74381	3.06231	1						
H	9.36469	8.98250	2.09728	1						
C	9.25406	11.66721	4.94408	1						
H	9.64599	11.38664	5.92819	1						
H	10.23713	11.48547	4.57649	1						
H	8.73306	12.71015	5.21007	1						
C	14.32414	11.52220	-0.81138	4						
C	14.21203	11.50768	1.58922	4						
H	-0.97411	12.63100	-0.71155	4						
H	-0.04442	11.47791	-1.74049	4						
H	-1.58723	10.95248	-1.15750	4						
H	-1.79775	11.08963	1.84645	4						
H	-0.22268	11.43923	2.56322	4						
H	-0.87217	12.0255	1.43429	4						

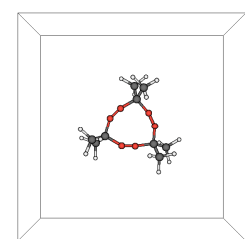
System energy

Cell parameters



O<sub>2</sub>, 2 acetone and 1 C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>5</sub>O<sub>2</sub>

xmol2ppm-script

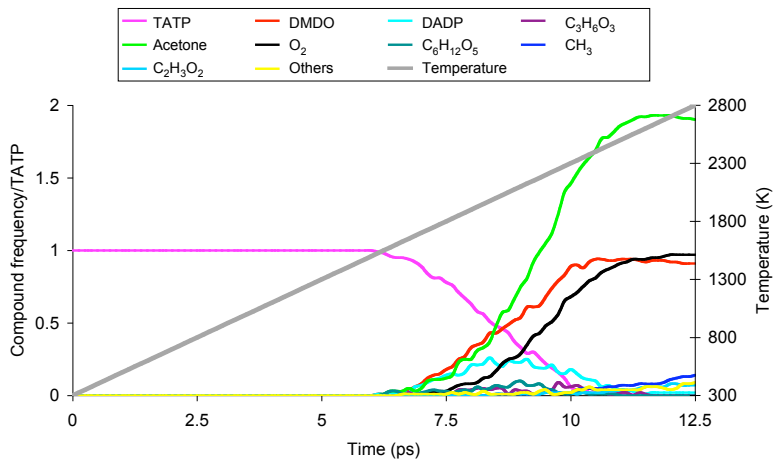
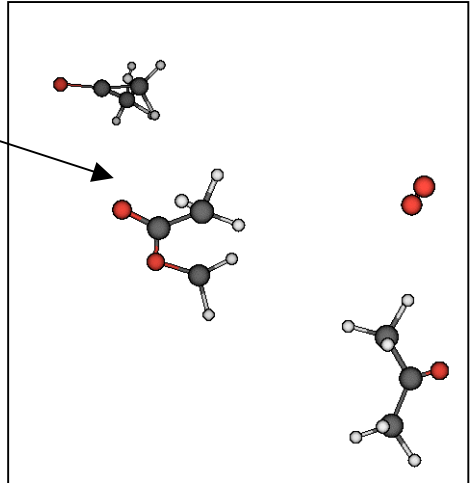
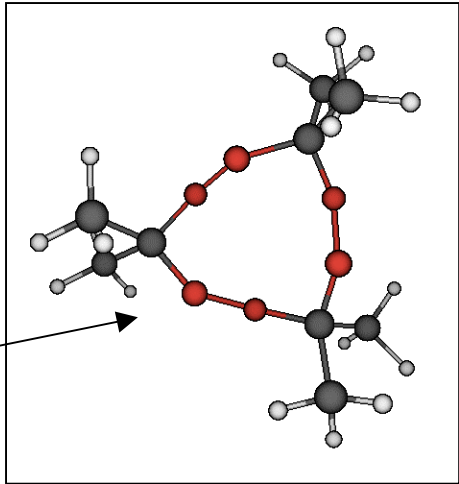


- viewable in molden, vmd, Xmol, etc.

# Molecular composition (molfra.out)

from control-file  
(cutof3)

Bond order cutoff: 0.3000	
Iteration	Freq. Molecular formula Molecular mass
0	1 x C <sub>9</sub> H <sub>18</sub> O <sub>6</sub> 222.1380
Total number of molecules: 1	
Total number of atoms: 33	
Total system mass: 222.138	
Iteration	Freq. Molecular formula Molecular mass
50000	1 x C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>6</sub> O <sub>2</sub> 74.0460
50000	2 x C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>6</sub> O 58.0470
50000	1 x O <sub>2</sub> 31.9980
Total number of molecules: 4	
Total number of atoms: 33	
Total system mass: 222.138	



molfraanal-script

## MD-simulations

fort.71-file: system energy, temperature, pressure

Iter.	Nmol	Epot	Ekin	Etot	T(K)	Eaver(block)	Eaver(total)	Taver	Tmax	Pres(MPa)	sdev(Epot)	sdev(Eaver)	Tset	Timestep	RMSG	time	
100	1	1	-3289.58	30.87	-3258.70	313.86	-3285.68	-3285.68	273.61	314.42	0.00	1.98	0.46	300.00	0.25	1.27	25.00
200	1	1	-3292.27	33.53	-3258.74	340.84	-3289.35	-3287.51	311.66	363.83	0.00	2.40	0.72	300.00	0.25	0.80	50.00
300	1	1	-3291.21	32.31	-3258.91	328.43	-3292.49	-3289.17	341.99	381.07	0.00	1.92	1.30	300.00	0.25	0.78	75.00
400	1	1	-3290.25	31.34	-3258.91	318.59	-3290.59	-3289.53	321.80	356.10	0.00	1.60	1.59	300.00	0.25	0.58	100.00

fort.73-file: partial energies

Iter.	Ebond	Eatom	Elp	Emol	Eval	Ecoa	Ehbo	Etors	Econj	Evdw	Ecoul	Echarge	Efield
100	-4495.45	-60.25	0.00	0.00	120.61	0.00	0.00	20.07	-8.58	1236.56	-240.51	137.98	0.00
200	-4484.40	-57.58	0.00	0.00	119.76	0.00	0.00	17.21	-8.72	1223.85	-236.11	133.73	0.00
300	-4474.43	-57.39	0.00	0.00	125.02	0.00	0.00	18.30	-8.75	1208.42	-237.07	134.68	0.00
400	-4486.77	-59.36	0.00	0.00	122.69	0.00	0.00	20.88	-8.24	1221.92	-237.12	135.76	0.00

# Energy minimization

fort.57-file: system energy, RMSG, step size

rxl_r105					
Iter.	Epot	Max.move	Factor	RMSG	nfc
0	-7207.7284997876	0.000000	0.500000	13.424820	1000
1	-7214.2627018726	106.356930	1.000000	10.432679	1000
2	-7218.4317016993	76.301119	0.796025	8.851187	1000
3	-7220.9056742882	57.483475	0.508797	8.069797	1000
4	-7222.7568731781	49.947151	0.403063	7.474607	1000
5	-7224.1327904854	50.986049	0.381101	6.648365	1025
6	-7225.0426836959	51.535409	0.351192	5.885714	1025
7	-7225.6569128515	50.185090	0.302759	5.444924	1025
8	-7226.1661405040	48.261841	0.269352	5.037754	1025
9	-7226.5961136940	46.007296	0.237568	4.615682	1025
10	-7226.9431268709	43.080605	0.203818	4.349515	1050

fort.58-file: partial energies

rxl_r105											
Iter.	Eatom	Elopa	Ebond	Emol	Eval	Ecoa	Ehb	Etor	Econj	Evdw	Ecoul
0	-195.698	0.000	-9362.480	0.000	54.886	2.028	0.000	28.731	-144.496	2458.875	-64.591
1	-187.893	0.000	-9369.146	0.000	52.603	2.020	0.000	29.311	-146.823	2455.084	-64.125
2	-179.478	0.000	-9375.695	0.000	50.822	2.029	0.000	30.093	-148.833	2451.905	-63.711
3	-172.861	0.000	-9380.963	0.000	49.670	2.049	0.000	30.724	-150.273	2449.916	-63.416
4	-167.166	0.000	-9385.731	0.000	48.798	2.077	0.000	31.246	-151.442	2448.541	-63.175
5	-162.194	0.000	-9390.050	0.000	48.108	2.108	0.000	31.706	-152.403	2447.594	-62.968
6	-158.208	0.000	-9393.595	0.000	47.609	2.140	0.000	32.088	-153.096	2446.958	-62.794
7	-155.215	0.000	-9396.354	0.000	47.262	2.170	0.000	32.379	-153.545	2446.534	-62.654
8	-152.816	0.000	-9398.641	0.000	46.995	2.197	0.000	32.580	-153.866	2446.230	-62.539
9	-150.914	0.000	-9400.489	0.000	46.786	2.220	0.000	32.701	-154.106	2446.014	-62.448
10	-149.449	0.000	-9401.927	0.000	46.622	2.239	0.000	32.778	-154.286	2445.862	-62.381

# Examples

## -Single molecules:

- minimization
- MD
- cookoff

## -Periodic molecular systems:

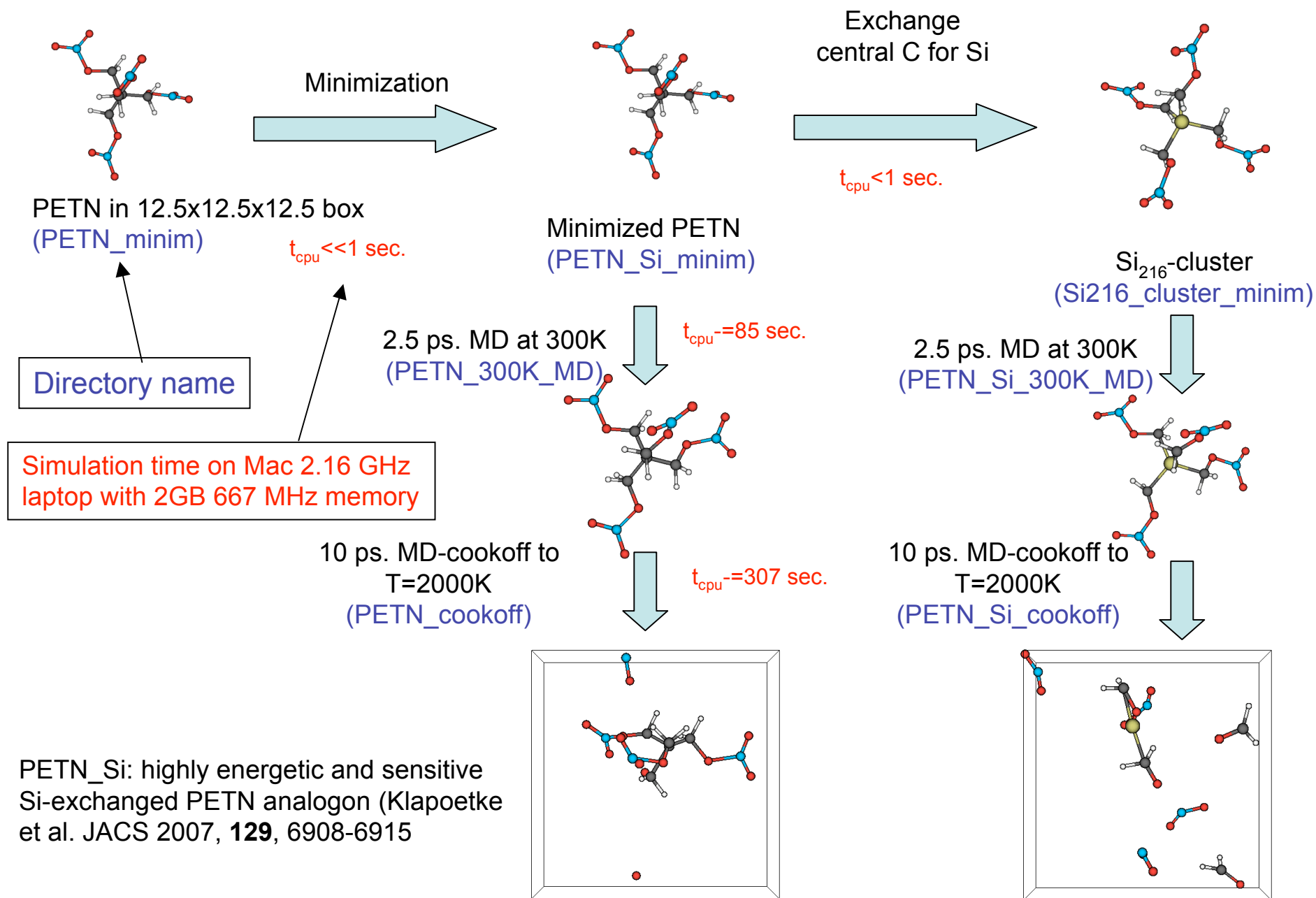
- building
- compression
- piston simulations

## -Combined molecular/condensed systems

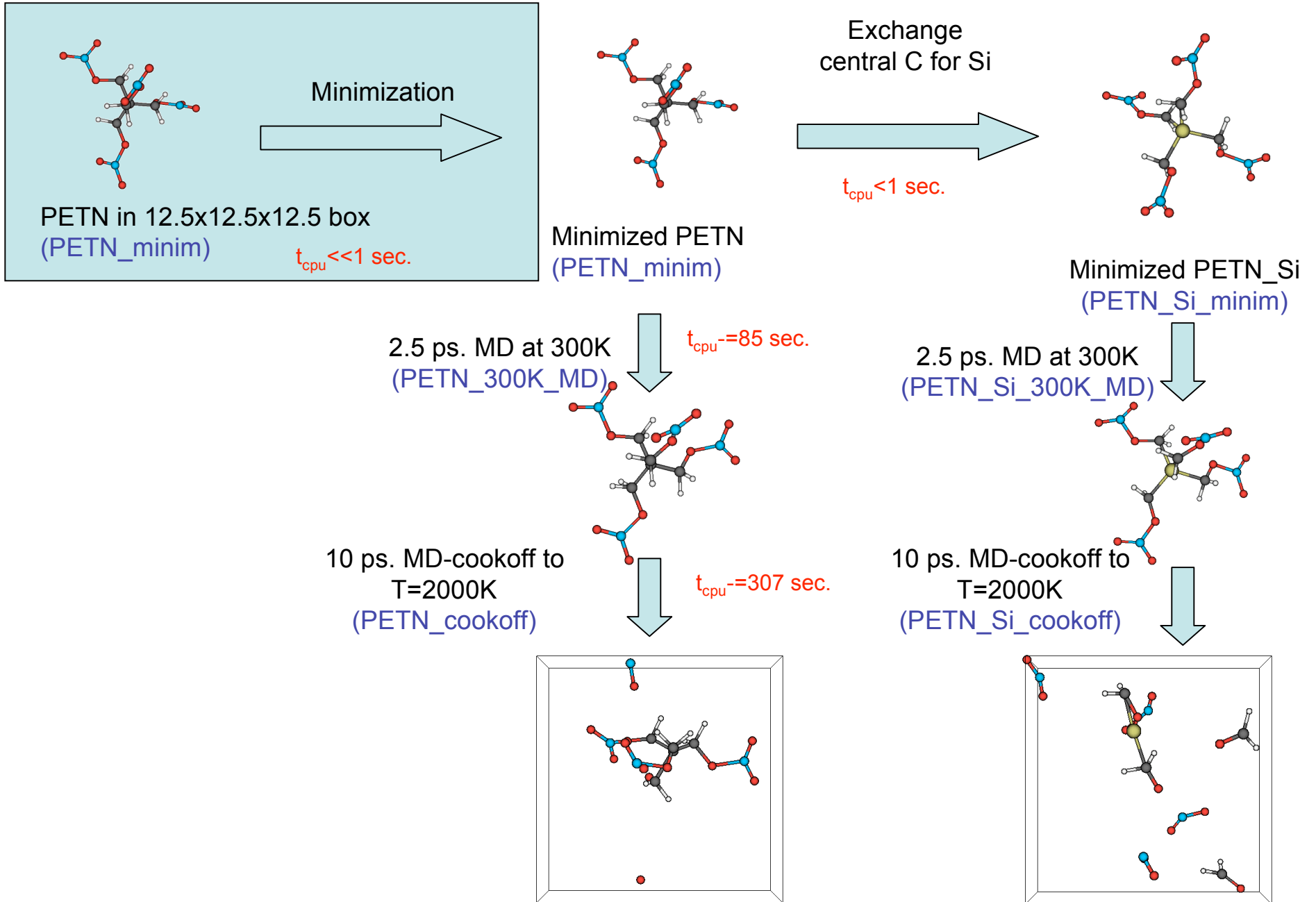
- building
- MD



# Single molecule simulations



# Single molecule simulations



# Input files

```

XTLGRF 200
DESCRP PETN
CRYSTX 12.50000 12.50000 12.50000 90.00 90.00
90.0
REMARK .bgf-file generated by xtob-script
FORMAT ATOM
(a6,1x,i5,1x,a5,1x,a3,1x,a1,1x,a5,3f10.5,1x,a5,i3,i2,1x,
HETATM 1 C 39.99909 39.99858 40.00188 C 1 1
0.0
HETATM 2 C 39.80751 40.09810 41.52432 C 1 1
0.0
HETATM 3 C 41.49125 40.11232 39.64758 C 1 1
0.0
....
....
HETATM 27 O 38.08038 36.41899 38.88316 O 1 1
0.0
HETATM 28 O 39.56796 44.75338 39.55450 O 1 1
0.0
HETATM 29 O 38.22313 43.4 O 1 1
0.0
FORMAT COMECT (16)
END
    
```

Other input files :

geo

- exe (standard)

- ffield (from [trainingsets/Si\\_PETN\\_inner](#))

```

# General parameters
1 itrans 0: do not back-translate atoms 1: back translate atoms
1 icentr 0: keep position 1: put centre of mass in centre p
1 imetho 0: Normal MD-run 1: Energy minimisation
1 igeofo 0:xyz-input geometry 1: Biograf input geometry
3 ixmolo 0: x,y,z-coordinates in xmolout 3:
x,y,z+mol.nr.+Estrain
# MM-parameters
0.50000 endmm End point criterium for MM energy minimisation
00000 imaxmo <0 MD-based >0 Steepest descent 0: Conjugate gradient
00100 imaxit Maximum number of iterations
005 iout4 Frequency of structure output during minimisation
0 iout5 1:Remove fort.57 and fort.58 files
1.00250 celopt Cell parameter change
    
```

Relevant keyword

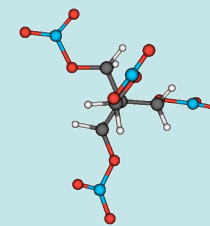
Default keyword

control

Overview force field files in [trainingsets](#):

[Al\\_no\\_inner](#): 2006 Al/nitramine potential;  
describes nitramines, Al/H//C/N/O and Si/C/O/H  
interactions

[Si\\_PETN\\_inner](#): 2008 Si\_PETN inner wall (under  
development)



Minimization

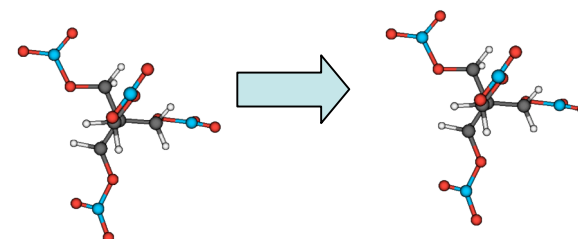


PETN in 12.5x12.5x12.5 box  
(PETN\_minim)

$t_{cpu} \ll 1 \text{ sec.}$

# Output files

Iter.	Epot	Max.move	Factor	RMSG	nfc
0	-2857.8463056624	0.000000	0.500000	23.613638	0
1	-2865.1698944757	110.682535	10.230988	8.468166	0
2	-2866.6003869710	50.580457	0.085936	6.102469	0
3	-2867.0815824671	0.002128	1.274641	2.502796	0
4	-2867.9319327036	0.001444	9.748955	3.161622	0
5	-2868.1956017389	0.002013	1.408529	2.433199	0
6	-2868.3816691278	0.005765	0.546038	3.090506	0
7	-2868.5893256912	0.006178	0.729279	2.951746	0
8	-2869.0667885032	0.002212	5.091302	1.252738	0
9	-2869.1147851940	0.000692	2.811574	1.645893	0
10	-2869.2000661672	0.004646	0.860948	2.303249	0
11	-2869.4046389150	0.001567	4.514527	2.730929	0
12	-2869.5182974881	0.005804	1.253071	1.802393	0
13	-2869.5659859295	0.001778	1.602192	1.627669	0
14	-2869.6557759388	0.001626	2.384846	1.598407	0
15	-2869.7001878832	0.001220	2.649286	1.249005	0
16	-2869.7283744473	0.002075	1.688906	0.843172	0
17	-2869.7891661797	0.000908	3.000000	1.375592	0
18	-2869.8145582051	0.000407	1.600054	0.624558	0
19	-2869.8573679648	0.001192	3.766324	1.437771	0
20	-2869.8708271492	0.001319	1.065667	0.480315	0



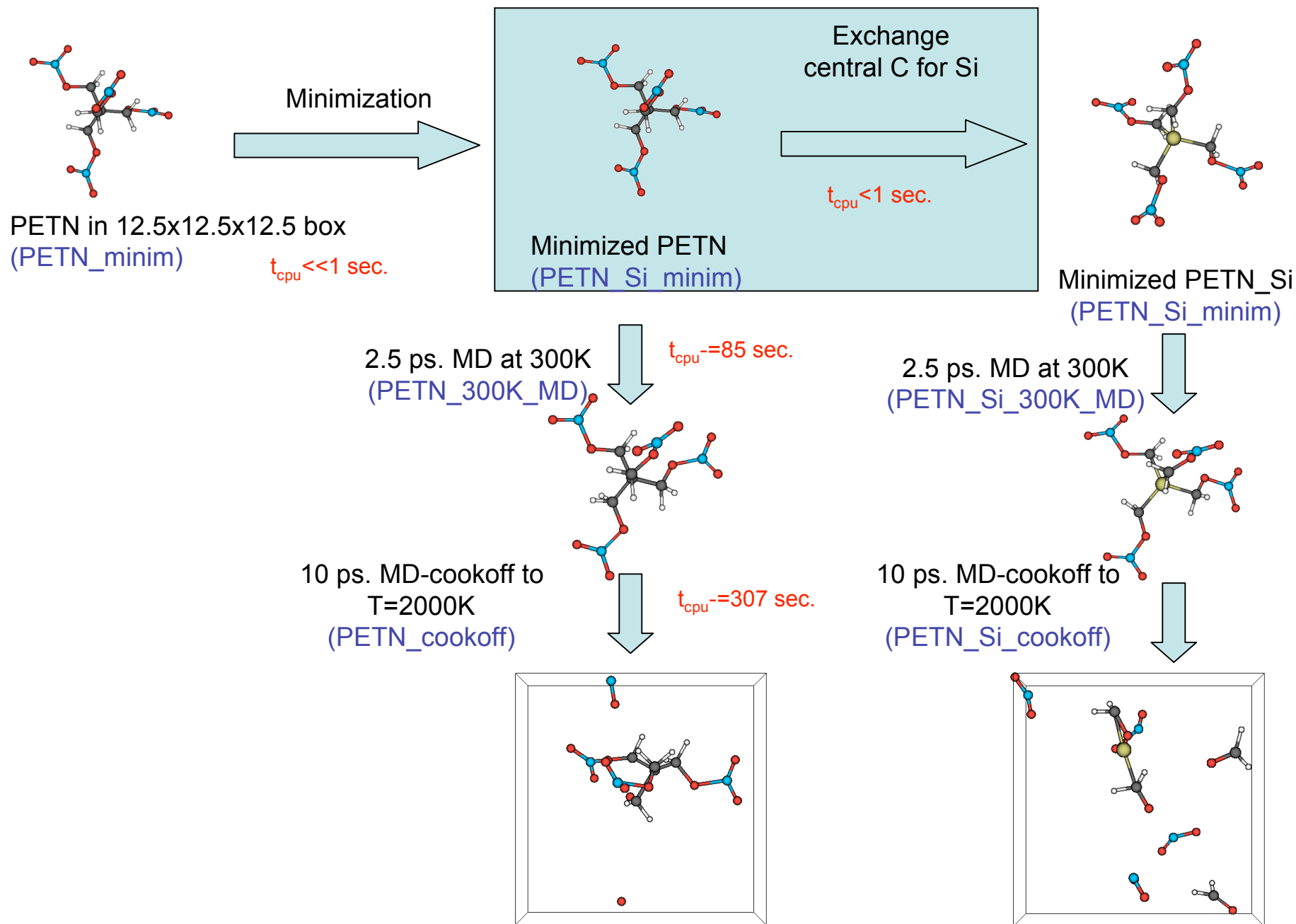
Other output files:

- fort.7, fort.8: connection table
- fort.58: partial energies
- fort.73: final partial energies
- fort.90: final geometry (.bgf)
- xmolout: .xyz coordinates
- molfra.out : system composition

Minimization report

fort.57

# Single molecule simulations

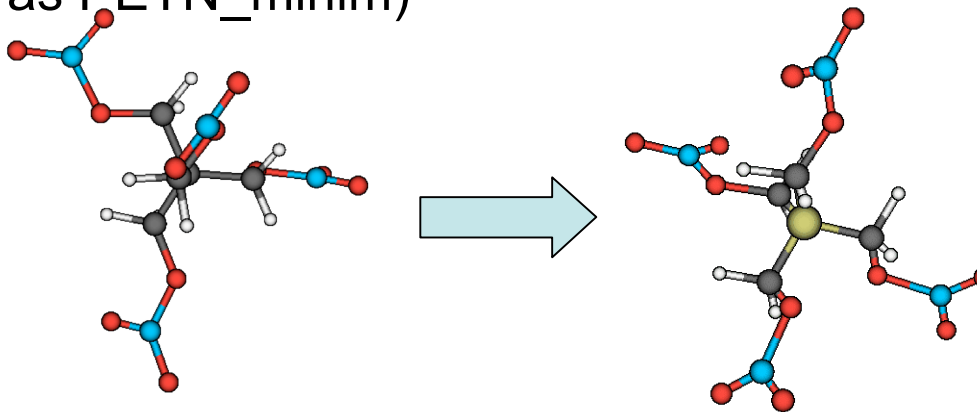


# Input files

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XTLGRF 200
DESCRP PETN_Si
REMARK .bgf-file generated by xtob-script
CRYSTX 12.50000 12.50000 12.50000 90.00000 90.00000 90.00000
FORMAT ATOM (a6,1x,i5,1x,a5,1x,a3,1x,a1,1x,a5,3f10.5,1x,a5,i3,i2,1x,f8.5)
HETATM 1 Si 6.24907 6.24824 6.25154 C 1 1 0.00000
HETATM 2 C 6.07958 6.33339 7.77969 C 1 1 0.00000
HETATM 3 C 7.73838 6.34985 5.87377 C 1 1 0.00000
HETATM 4 H 6.26187 7.41337 8.08789 H 1 1 0.00000
HETATM 5 H 8.31958 5.66348 6.57077 H 1 1 0.00000
.....
END
```

geo (fort.90 from PETN\_minim)

- Atom type 1 changed from C to Si
- Other input files : exe, ffield (standard)  
control (same as PETN\_minim)



# Output files

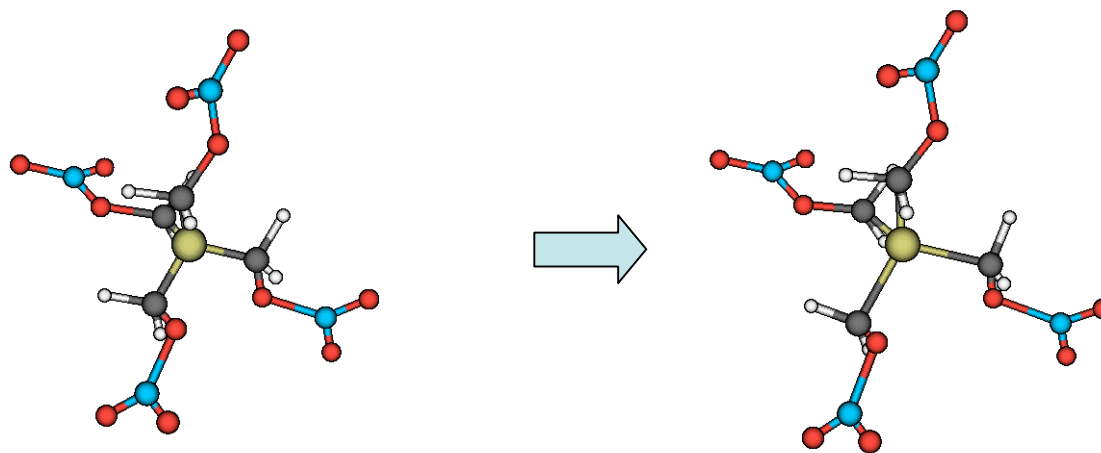
PETN_Si Iter.	Epot	Max.move	Factor	RMSG	nfc
0	-2462.2931355145	0.000000	0.500000	38.353160	0
1	-2666.9306856910	305.393709	292.100576	61.788687	0
2	-2681.4094558847	572.929938	0.184190	27.008429	0
3	-2692.4766895412	0.038345	0.514299	17.912475	0
4	-2698.9665818152	0.015245	1.712551	25.222701	0
5	-2703.7222668757	0.020338	0.874622	16.647242	0
6	-2713.6184916061	0.010284	1.930882	19.846418	0
7	-2727.3838699098	0.019505	2.762917	15.087067	0
8	-2732.5221996455	0.012268	1.906405	17.022466	0
.....					
92	-2812.4727698157	0.000681	1.779472	0.893753	0
93	-2812.5017799148	0.001306	3.035367	1.034961	0
94	-2812.5131763678	0.000677	1.760993	0.666916	0
95	-2812.5261664819	0.001902	1.041995	1.022934	0
96	-2812.5383363094	0.001257	1.976675	0.480811	0

Other output files:

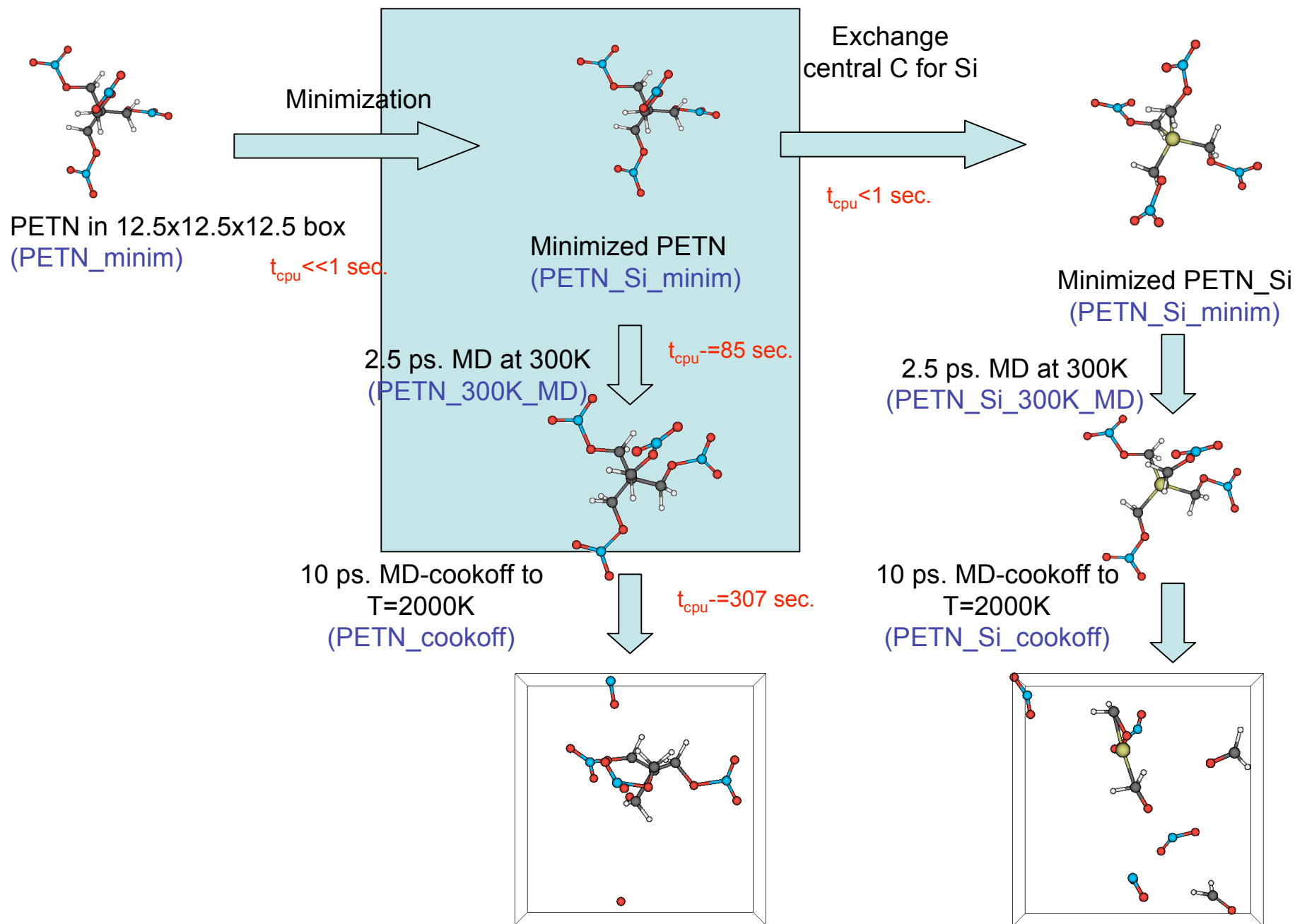
- fort.7, fort.8: connection table
- fort.58: partial energies
- fort.73: final partial energies
- fort.90: final geometry (.bgf)
- xmolout: .xyz coordinates
- molfra.out : system composition

Minimization report

fort.57



# Single molecule simulations





# Input files

```
# General parameters
  1 itrans      0: do not back-translate atoms  1: back translate atoms
  0 imetho      0: Normal MD-run 1: Energy minimisation 2:MD-energy minimisation
  1 igeofo      0:xyz-input geometry 1: Biograf input geometry 2: xmol-input geometry
  3 ixmolo      0: only x,y,z-coordinates in xmolout  3: x,y,z+mol.nr.+Estrain
# MD-parameters
  1 imdmet      MD-method. 1:NVT/Berendsen thermostat 2:do not use;3:NVE 4: NPT/Berendsen
  0.250 tstep    MD-time step (fs)
0300.00 mdtemp   MD-temperature
  2 itdmet      0: T-damp atoms 1: Energy cons 2:System 3: Mols 4: Anderson 5: Mols+2
types
  100.0 tdamp1   1st Berendsen/Anderson temperature damping constant (fs)
.....
0010000 nmdit   Number of MD-iterations
  00001 ichupd   Charge update frequency
   025 iout1     Output to unit 71 and unit 73
  0250 iout2     Save coordinates to xmolout
   0 ivels      1:Set vels and accels from moldyn.vel to zero
  00025 itrafr   Frequency of trarot-calls
   1 iout3      0: create moldyn.xxxx-files 1: do not create moldyn.xxxx-files
   1 iravel     1: Random initial velocities
  010000 iout6   Save velocity file
  000025 irten   Frequency of removal of rotational and translational energy
   0 npreit     Nr. of iterations in previous runs
  00.00 range    Range for back-translation of atoms
# MM-parameters
.....
```

**Relevant keyword**  
Default keyword

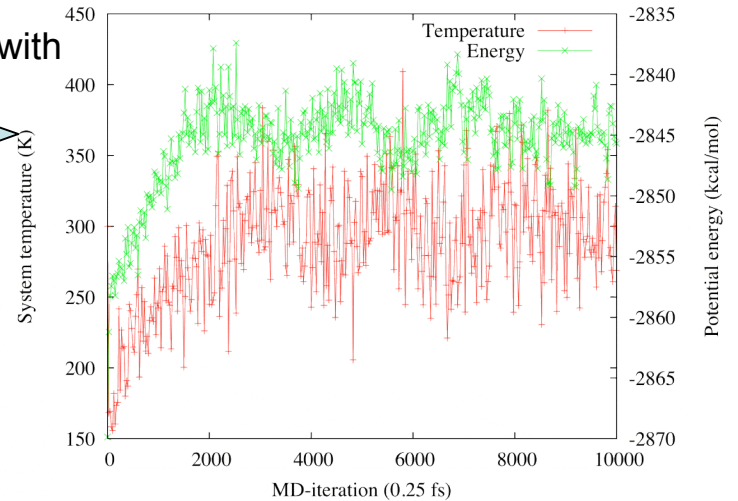
**control**

- Other input files : geo (fort.90 from PETN\_minim), exe, ffield (standard)

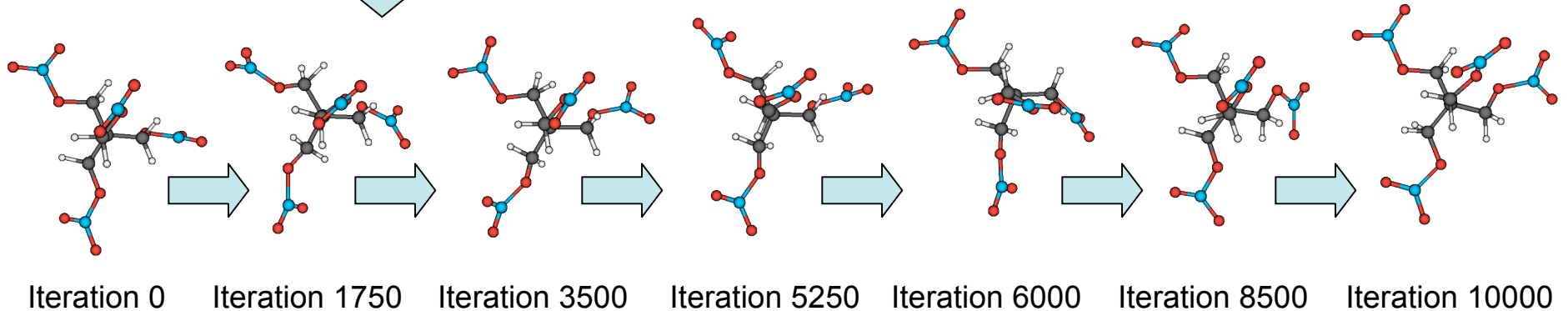
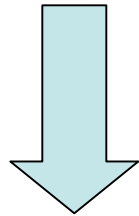
# Output files

- fort.7, fort.8: connection table
- fort.71: energy, temperature data
- fort.73: final partial energies
- fort.90: final geometry (.bgf)
- molfra.out : system composition
- summary.txt: overview system properties
- xmolout: .xyz coordinates

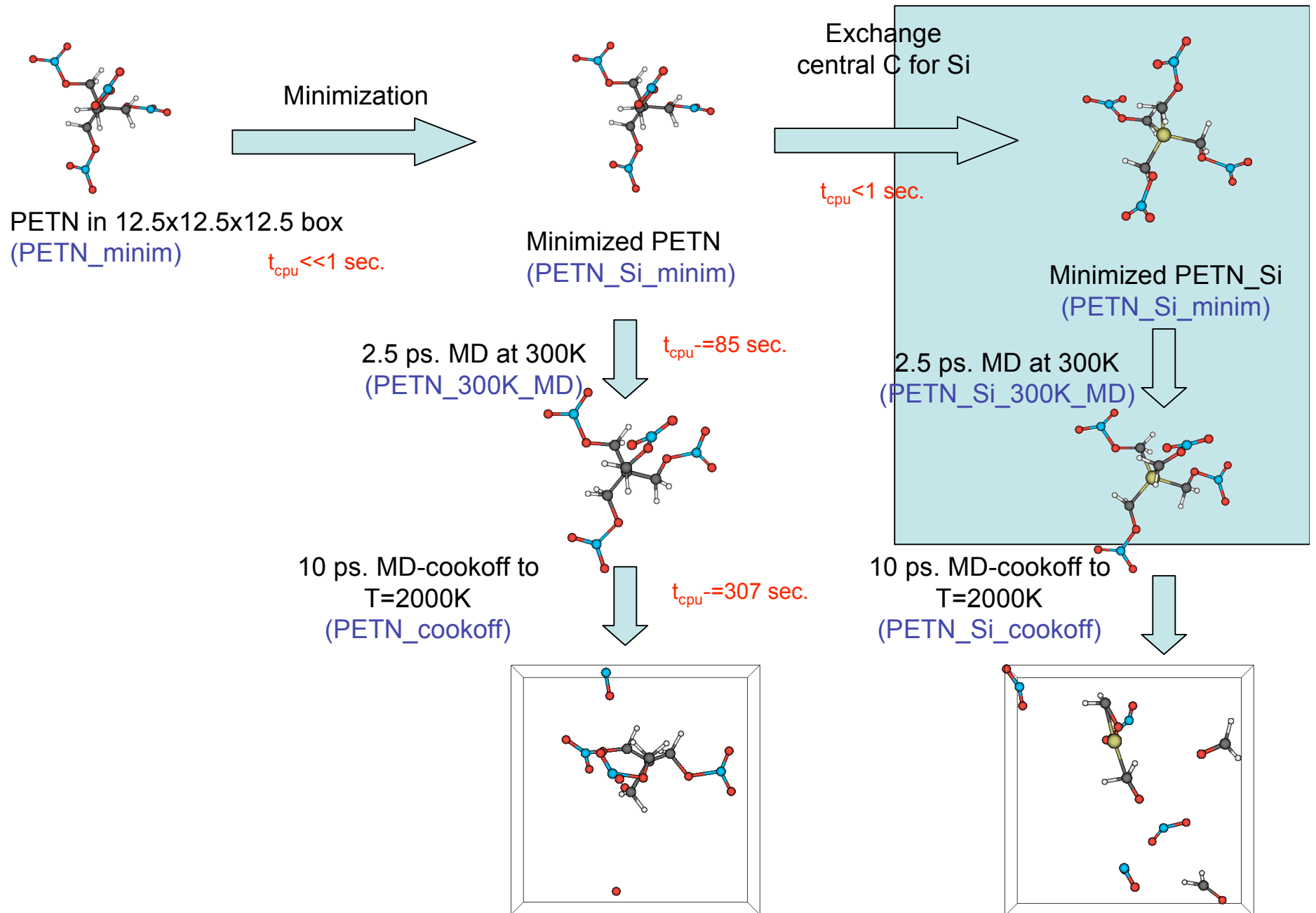
Can be visualized with  
e.g. gnuplot



Can be visualized with e.g. molder, vmd



# Single molecule simulations



# Input files

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  0 imetho      0: Normal MD-run 1: Energy minimisation 2:MD-energy minimisation
  1 igeofo      0:xyz-input geometry 1: Biograf input geometry 2: xmol-input geometry
  3 ixmolo      0: only x,y,z-coordinates in xmolout  3: x,y,z+mol.nr.+Estrain
# MD-parameters
  1 imdmet      MD-method. 1:NVT/Berendsen thermostat 2:do not use;3:NVE 4: NPT/Berendsen
  0.250 tstep    MD-time step (fs)
0300.00 mdtemp   MD-temperature
  2 itdmet      0: T-damp atoms 1: Energy cons 2:System 3: Mols 4: Anderson 5: Mols+2
types
  100.0 tdamp1   1st Berendsen/Anderson temperature damping constant (fs)
.....
0010000 nmdit    Number of MD-iterations
  00001 ichupd   Charge update frequency
   025 iout1     Output to unit 71 and unit 73
  0250 iout2     Save coordinates to xmolout
   0 ivels      1:Set vels and accels from moldyn.vel to zero
  00025 itrafr   Frequency of trarot-calls
   1 iout3      0: create moldyn.xxxx-files 1: do not create moldyn.xxxx-files
   1 iravel     1: Random initial velocities
  010000 iout6   Save velocity file
  000025 irten   Frequency of removal of rotational and translational energy
   0 npreit     Nr. of iterations in previous runs
  00.00 range    Range for back-translation of atoms
# MM-parameters
.....
```

Relevant keyword

Default keyword

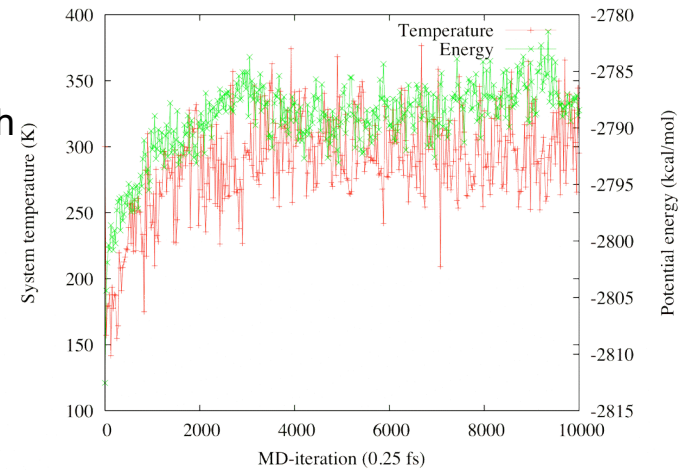
control

- Other input files : geo (fort.90 from PETN\_Si\_minim), exe, ffield (standard)

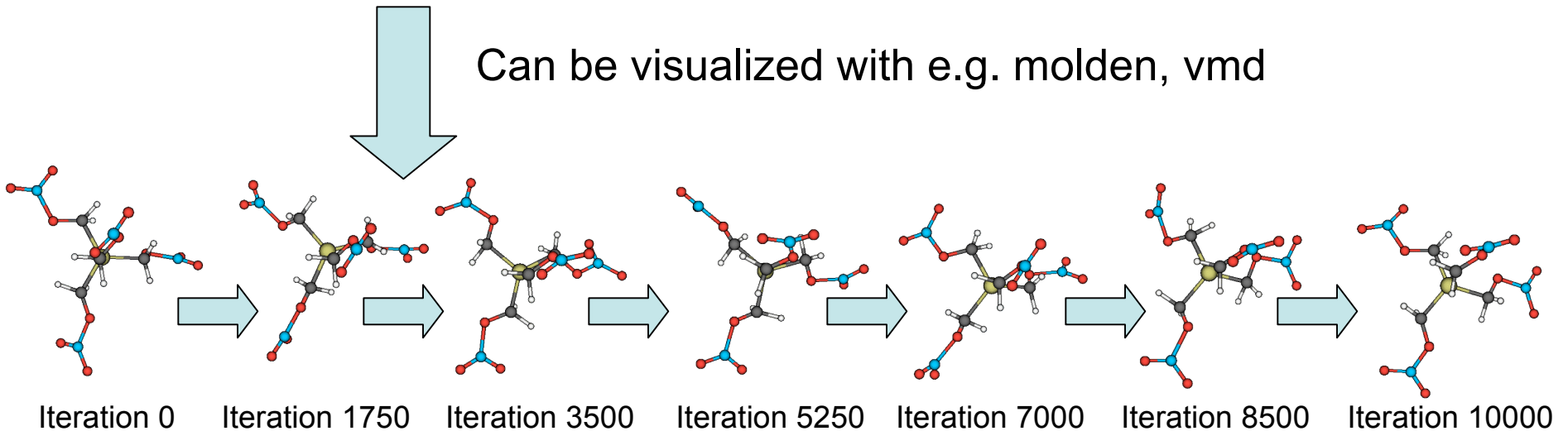
# Output files

- fort.7, fort.8: connection table
- fort.71: energy, temperature data
- fort.73: final partial energies
- fort.90: final geometry (.bgf)
- molfra.out : system composition
- moldyn.vel, molsav.####: restart-files
- summary.txt: overview system properties
- xmolout: .xyz coordinates

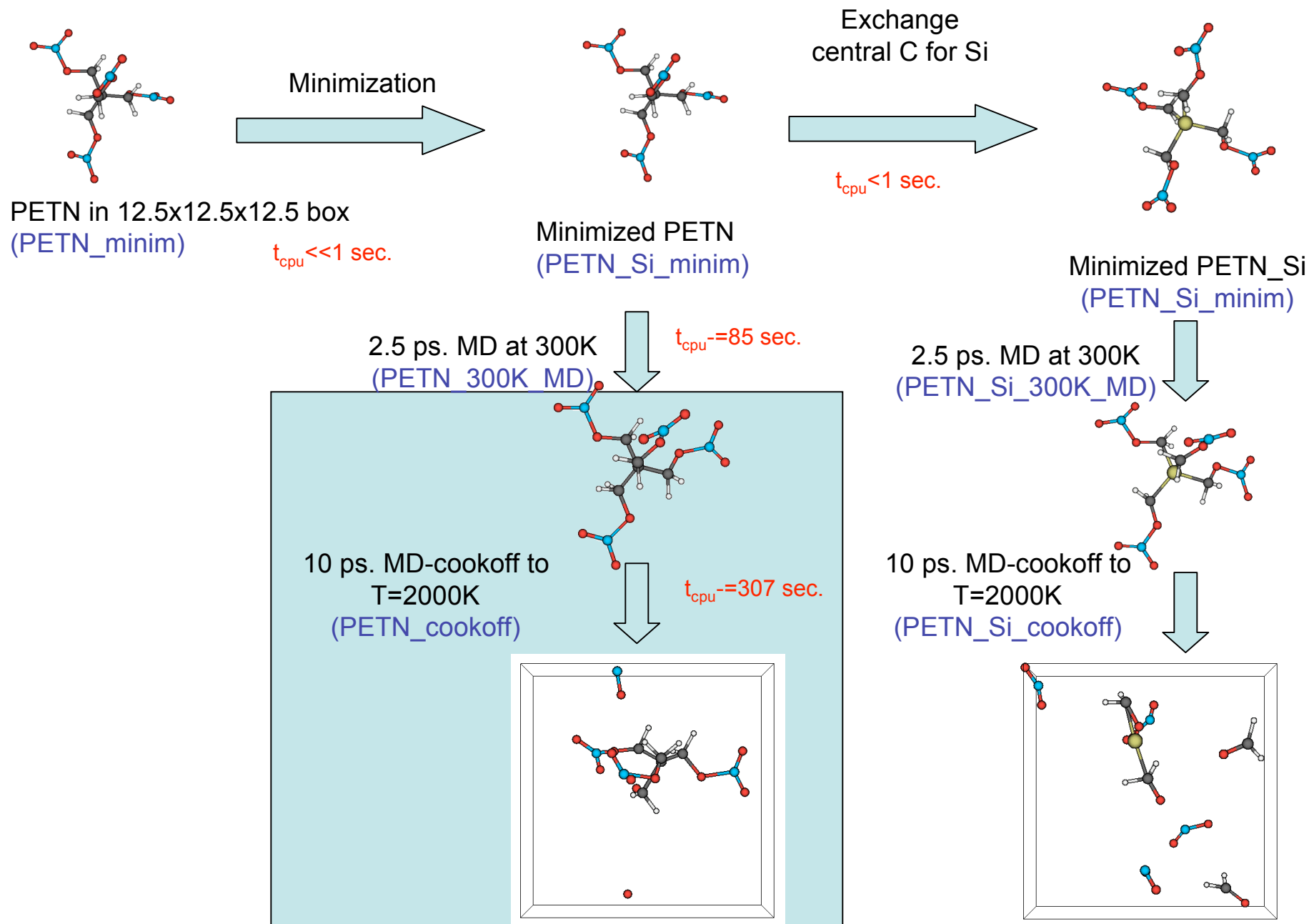
Can be visualized with  
e.g. gnuplot



Can be visualized with e.g. molder, vmd

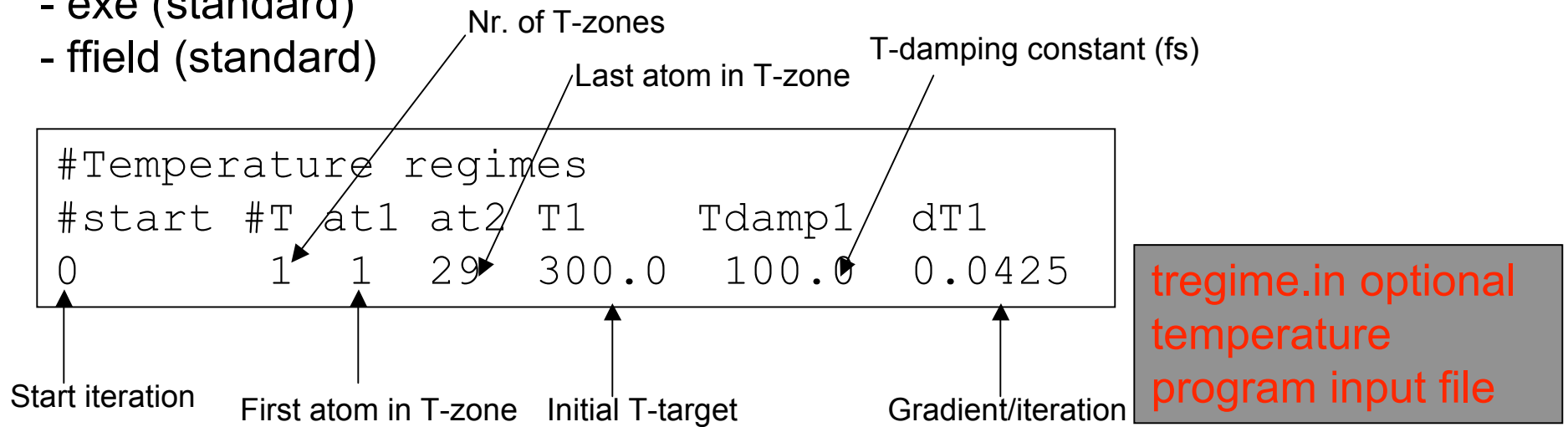


# Single molecule simulations



# Input files

- tregime.in-file;
- control-file (mdstep=40000, other keywords from PETN\_300K\_MD)
- vels-restart file (copied from moldyn.vel from PETN\_300K\_MD)
- geo (copied from fort.90 from PETN\_300K\_MD)
- exe (standard)
- ffield (standard)



$T_{\text{target}}(\text{iteration } 0) = 300\text{K}$   
 $T_{\text{target}}(\text{iteration } 40000) = 2000\text{K}$

Hierarchy: tregime.in-file overrides control-file

# Input files (continued)

Lattice parameters:

12.50000000 12.50000000 12.50000000  
90.00000000 90.00000000 90.00000000

29 Atom coordinates (Angstrom):

0.615034599999870E+01 0.659324034446023E+01 0.595007781398092E+01 C  
0.612350096557127E+01 0.641983339984488E+01 0.751632941088376E+01 C  
0.759742589175836E+01 0.696800009368264E+01 0.542286334421500E+01 C

.....

Atom velocities (Angstrom/s):

-0.555828196028097E+13 0.695401305107819E+13 -0.318609333550996E+13  
-0.321240017571219E+13 -0.808393568242614E+13 0.682465227335288E+12  
-0.235622402461510E+13 0.517918158076648E+13 -0.266985471476337E+12

.....

Atom accelerations (Angstrom/s\*\*2):

-0.860829435640501E+27 0.107864527094631E+28 0.110716570831586E+27  
0.324220055530896E+27 0.205818454355825E+28 0.901854732802793E+27  
0.205346886550601E+27 0.221825415740372E+28 0.236391224644222E+27

.....

Previous atom accelerations:

0.000000000000000E+00 0.000000000000000E+00 0.000000000000000E+00  
0.000000000000000E+00 0.000000000000000E+00 0.000000000000000E+00  
0.000000000000000E+00 0.000000000000000E+00 0.000000000000000E+00

.....

MD-temperature (K):

0.268748592153720E+03

Connections, bond orders and lone pairs:

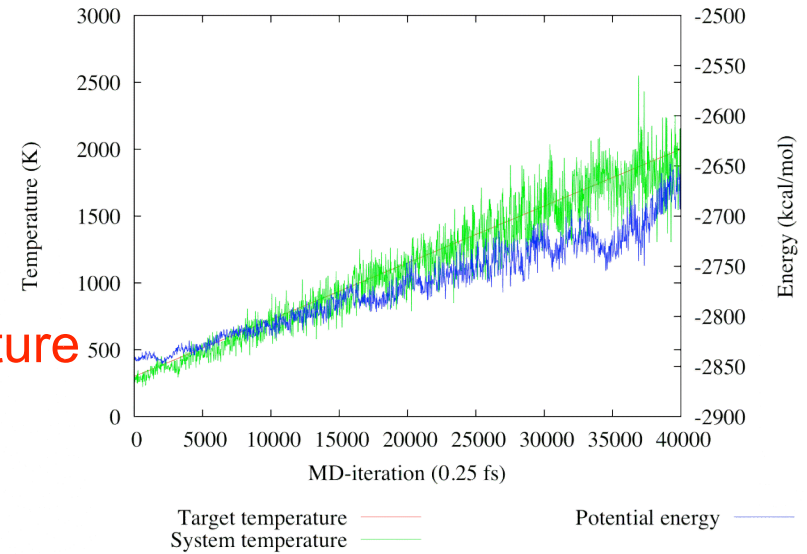
vels optional restart  
file

Hierarchy: vels overrides geo (beware !); geo overrides control-file



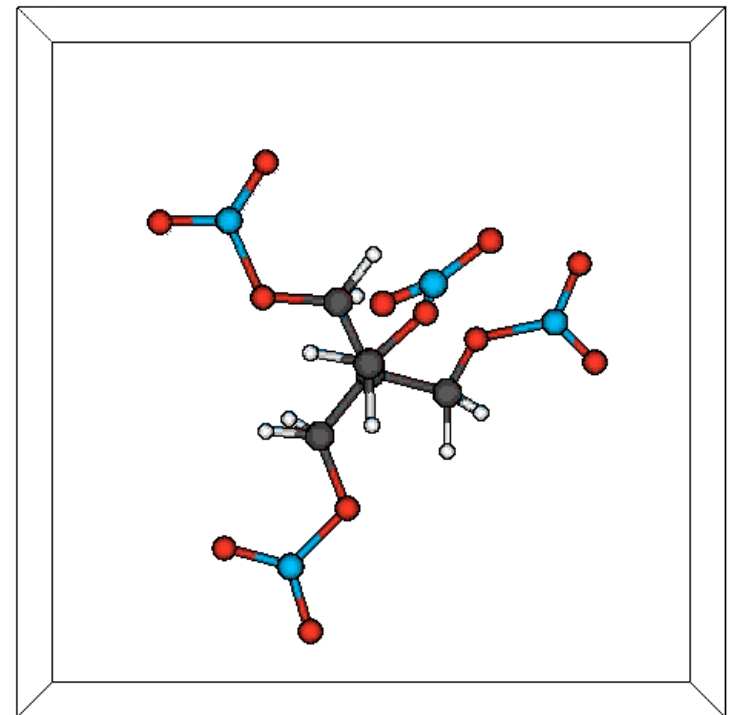
# Output files

- fort.7, fort.8: connection table
- fort.71: energy, temperature data
- fort.73: final partial energies
- **fort.75: overview target and system temperature**
- fort.90: final geometry (.bgf)
- molfra.out : system composition
- moldyn.vel, molsav.####: restart-files
- summary.txt: overview system properties
- xmolout: .xyz coordinates

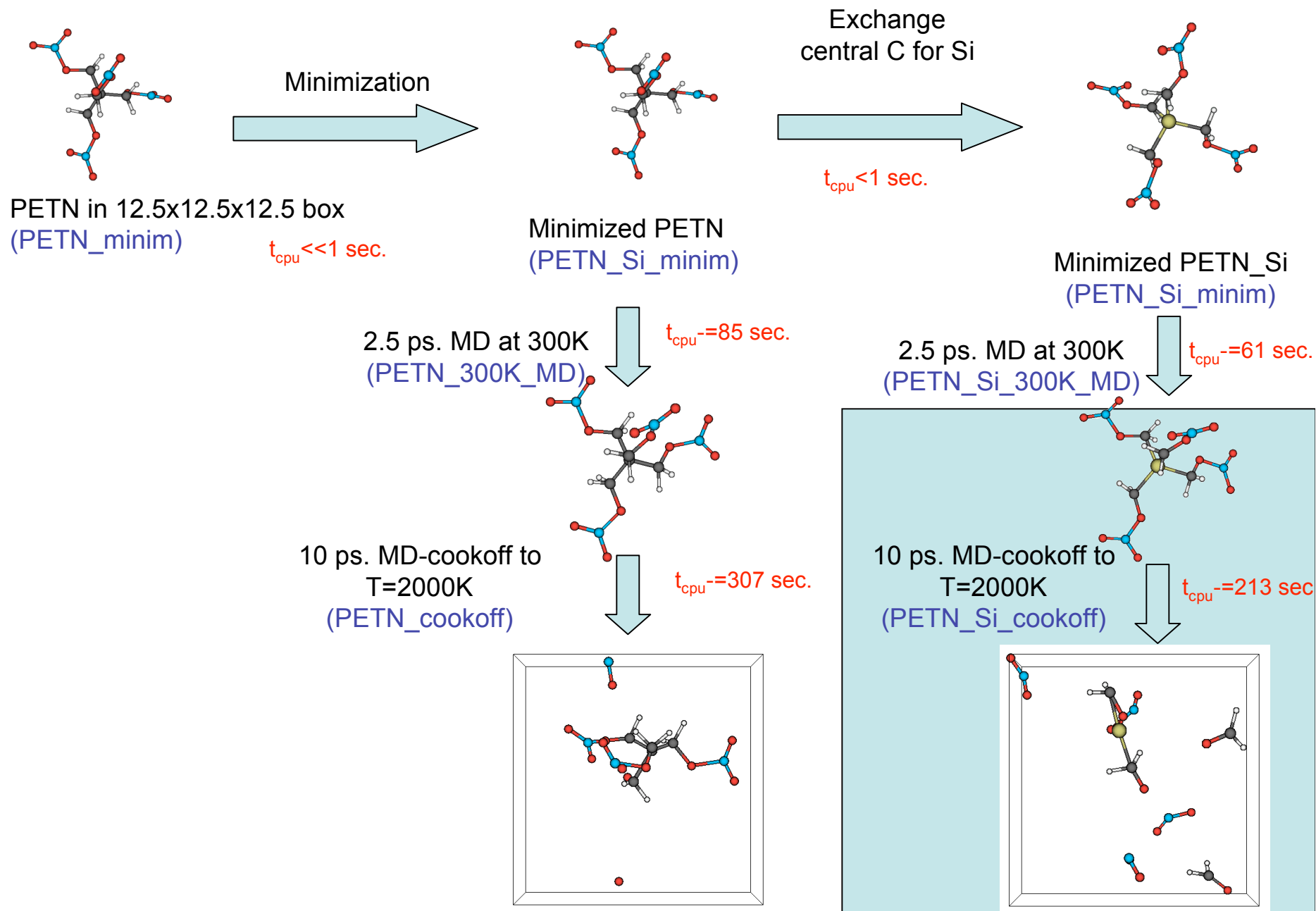


```
Bond order cutoff:0.3000
Iteration Freq. Molecular formula      Molecular mass
   0    1 x C5H8O12N4                 316.0520
Total number of molecules: 1
Total number of atoms: 29
Total system mass: 316.052
.....
.....
Iteration Freq. Molecular formula      Molecular mass
40000  1 x C5H8O10N3                 270.0540
40000  1 x O2N                       45.9980
Total number of molecules: 2
Total number of atoms: 29
Total system mass: 316.052
```

molfra.out

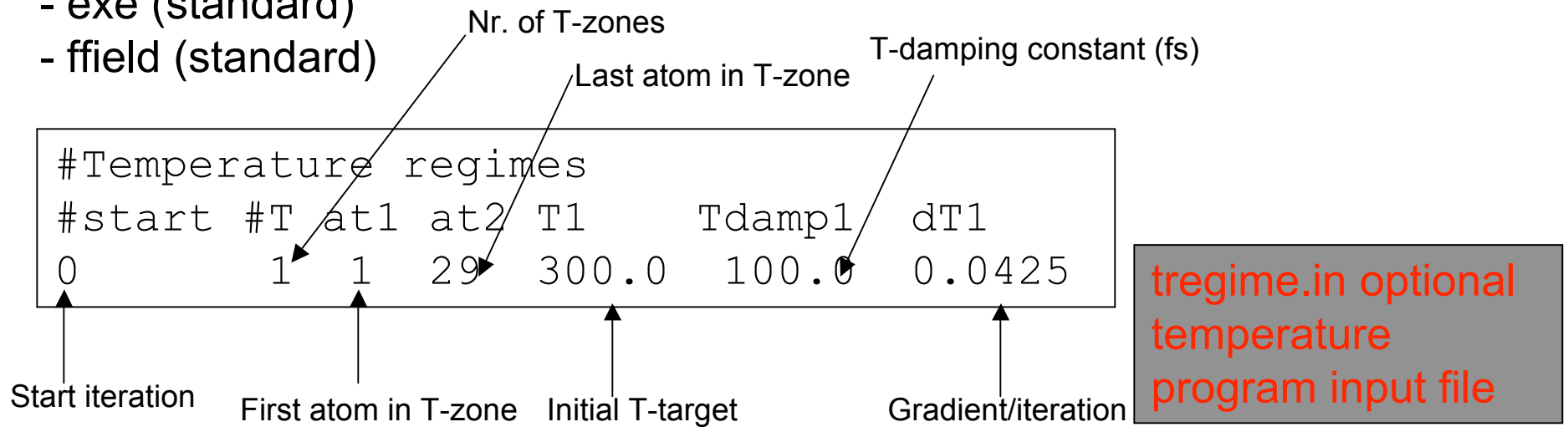


# Single molecule simulations



# Input files

- tregime.in-file
- control-file (mdstep=40000, other keywords from PETN\_Si\_300K\_MD)
- vels-restart file (copied from moldyn.vel from PETN\_Si\_300K\_MD)
- geo (copied from fort.90 from PETN\_300K\_MD)
- exe (standard)
- ffield (standard)

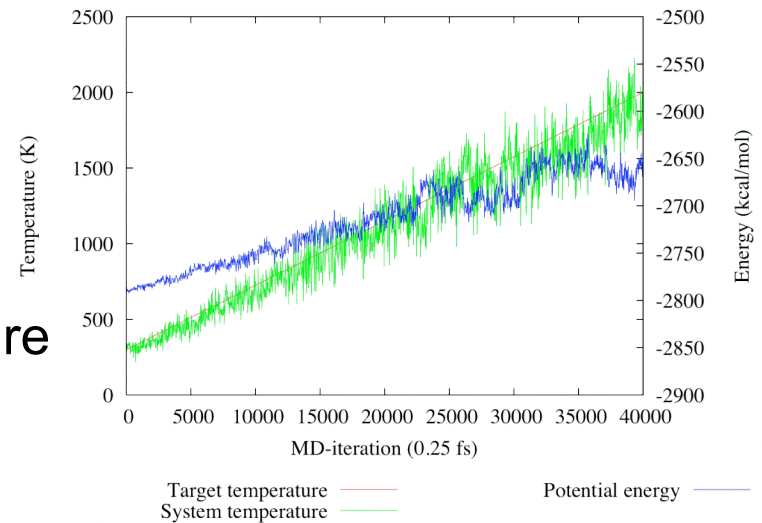


$$T_{\text{target}}(\text{iteration } 0) = 300\text{K}$$
$$T_{\text{target}}(\text{iteration } 40000) = 2000\text{K}$$

Hierarchy: tregime.in-file overrides control-file

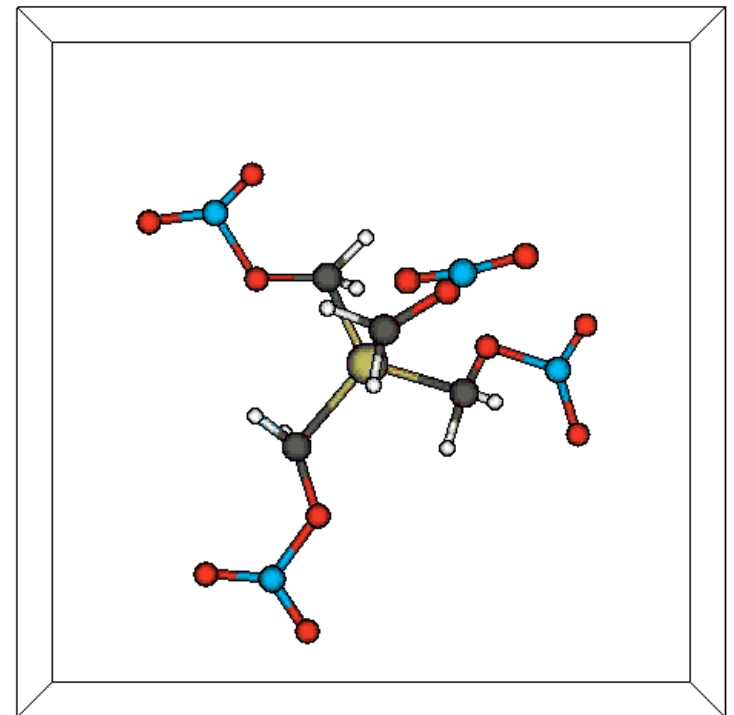
# Output files

- fort.7, fort.8: connection table
- fort.71: energy, temperature data
- fort.73: final partial energies
- fort.75: overview target and system temperature
- fort.90: final geometry (.bgf)
- molfra.out : system composition
- moldyn.vel, molsav.####: restart-files
- summary.txt: overview system properties
- xmolout: .xyz coordinates

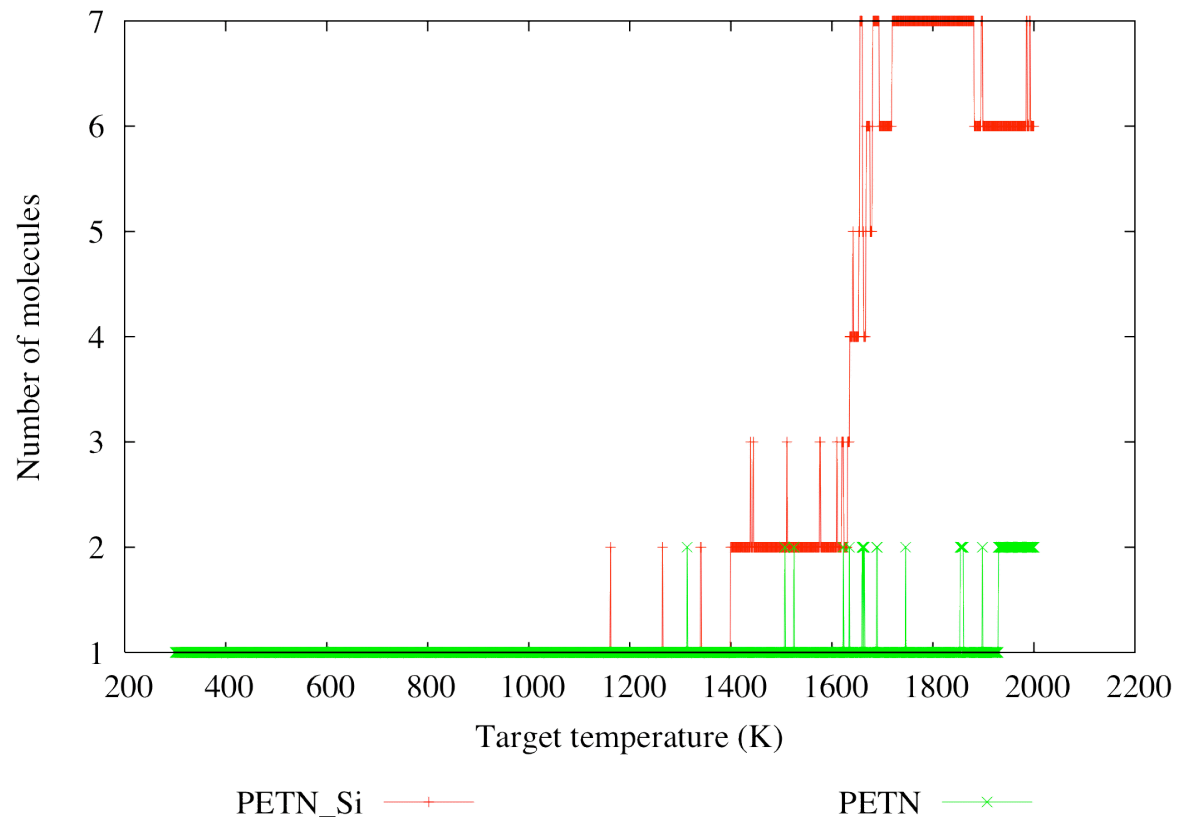


```
Bond order cutoff:0.3000
Iteration Freq. Molecular formula      Molecular mass
   0    1 x C4H8O12N4Si                332.1120
Total number of molecules: 1
Total number of atoms: 29
Total system mass: 332.112
.....
.....
Iteration Freq. Molecular formula      Molecular mass
40000  1 x C2H4O4NSi                   134.0880
40000  3 x O2N                          45.9980
40000  2 x CH2O                          30.0150
Total number of molecules: 6
Total number of atoms: 29
Total system mass: 332.112
```

molfra.out



# Comparison PETN and PETN\_Si



- PETN\_Si is substantially more sensitive than PETN; this agrees with experimental findings from the Klapoetke-group (JACS 2007, **129**, 6908-6915)

# Examples

## -Single molecules:

- minimization
- MD
- cookoff

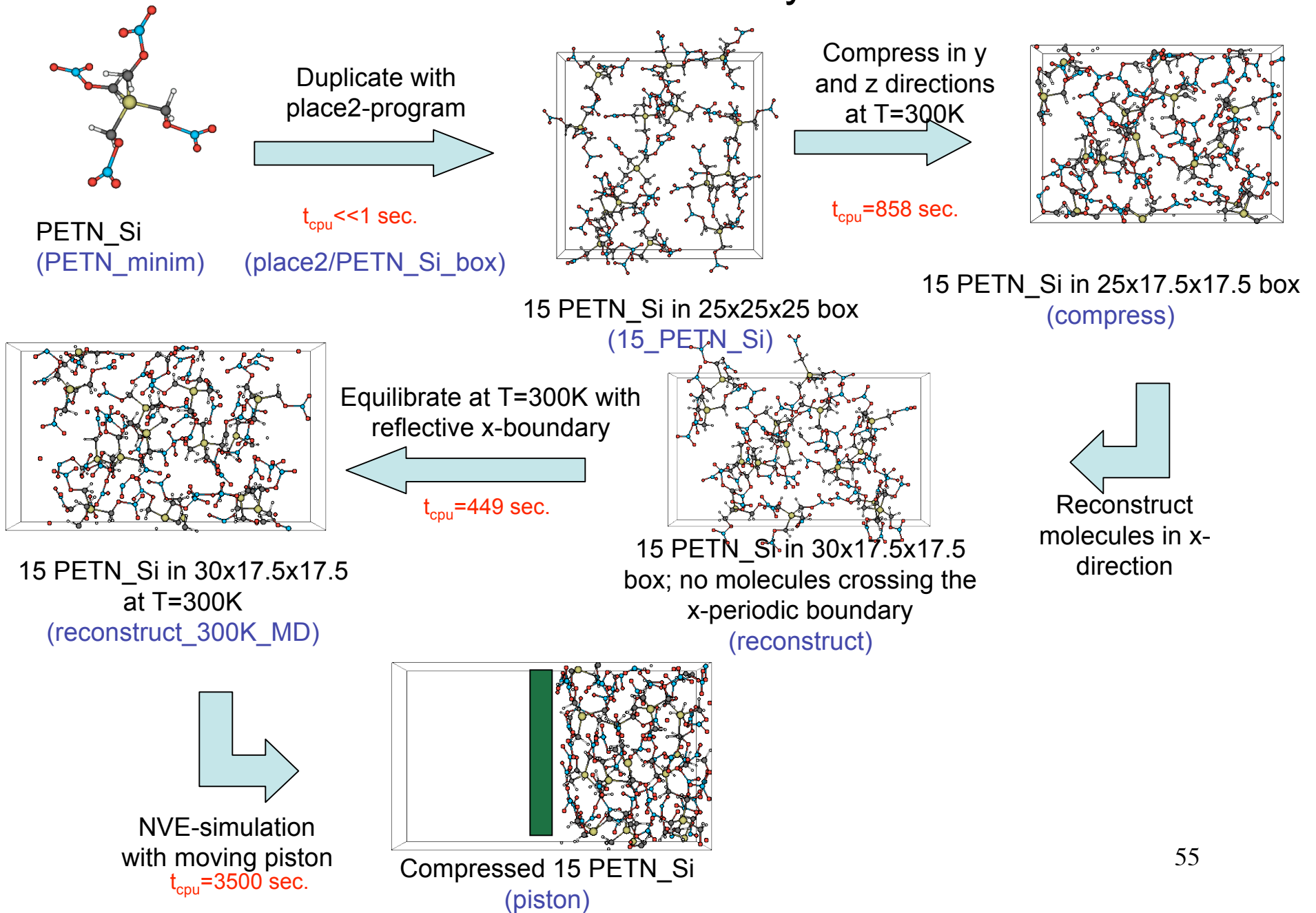
## -Periodic molecular systems:

- building
- compression
- piston simulations

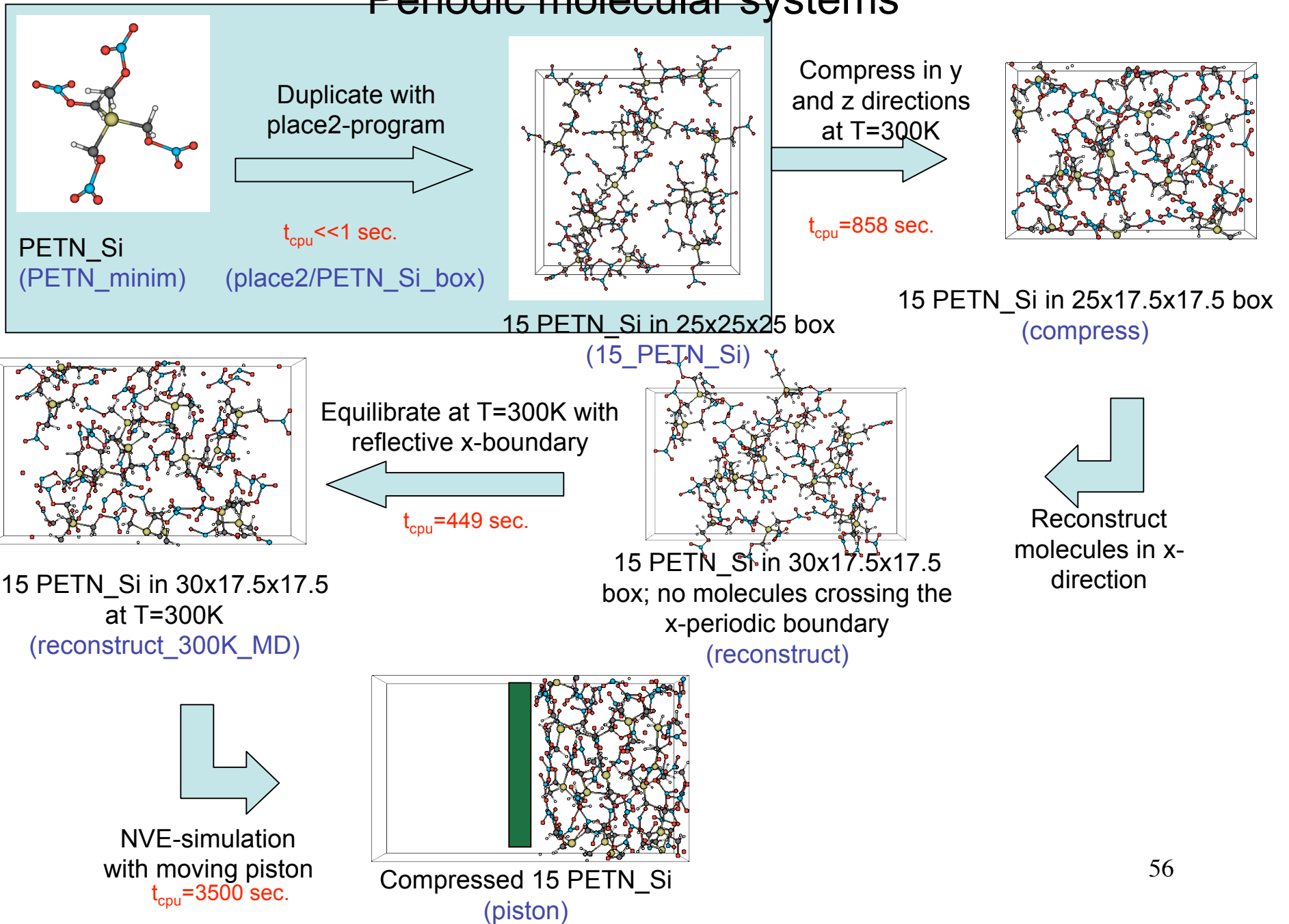
## -Combined molecular/condensed systems

- building
- MD

# Periodic molecular systems



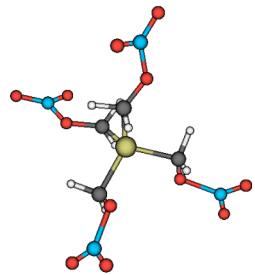
# Periodic molecular systems



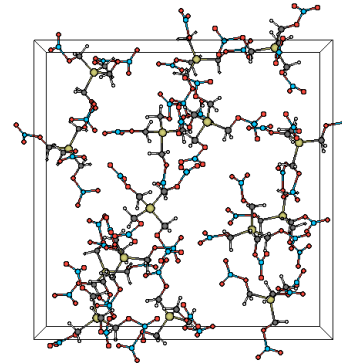


# Duplicating molecules with the place2-program

Input-files for place2: - geo (last xmolout-frame from PETN\_Si\_minim)  
- control-file for place2 (see below)



PETN-Si



15 PETN-Si in 25x25x25 box;  $\rho=0.529$  kg/dm<sup>3</sup>

```
15      ! Number of duplicates molecule to be put in periodic box
25.00000 ! Unit cell parameter a1 of periodic box (Angstrom)
25.00000 ! Unit cell parameter b1 of periodic box (Angstrom)
25.00000 ! Unit cell parameter c1 of periodic box (Angstrom)
90.00   ! Unit cell parameter alpha of periodic box
90.00   ! Unit cell parameter beta of periodic box
90.00   ! Unit cell parameter gamma of periodic box
2.25    ! Minimum distance between molecules allowed (Angstrom)
0       ! Read in (1) from geo2 set of molecules (cartesian coordinate)
1       ! (0) leave geo2-structure where it is (1) put geo2-structure in centre box (2) put geo2-structure at origin
50000   ! Number of non-succesful random placement steps allowed; aft
1553    ! Seed for random generator
```

control-file for  
place2

- Run the place2-program (./place2 &)
- Follow progress in run.log; if placing takes to long kill program and change input parameters
- Output file: output.xyz; convert to .bgf with xtob:

**Place2 cannot generate high-density systems.**

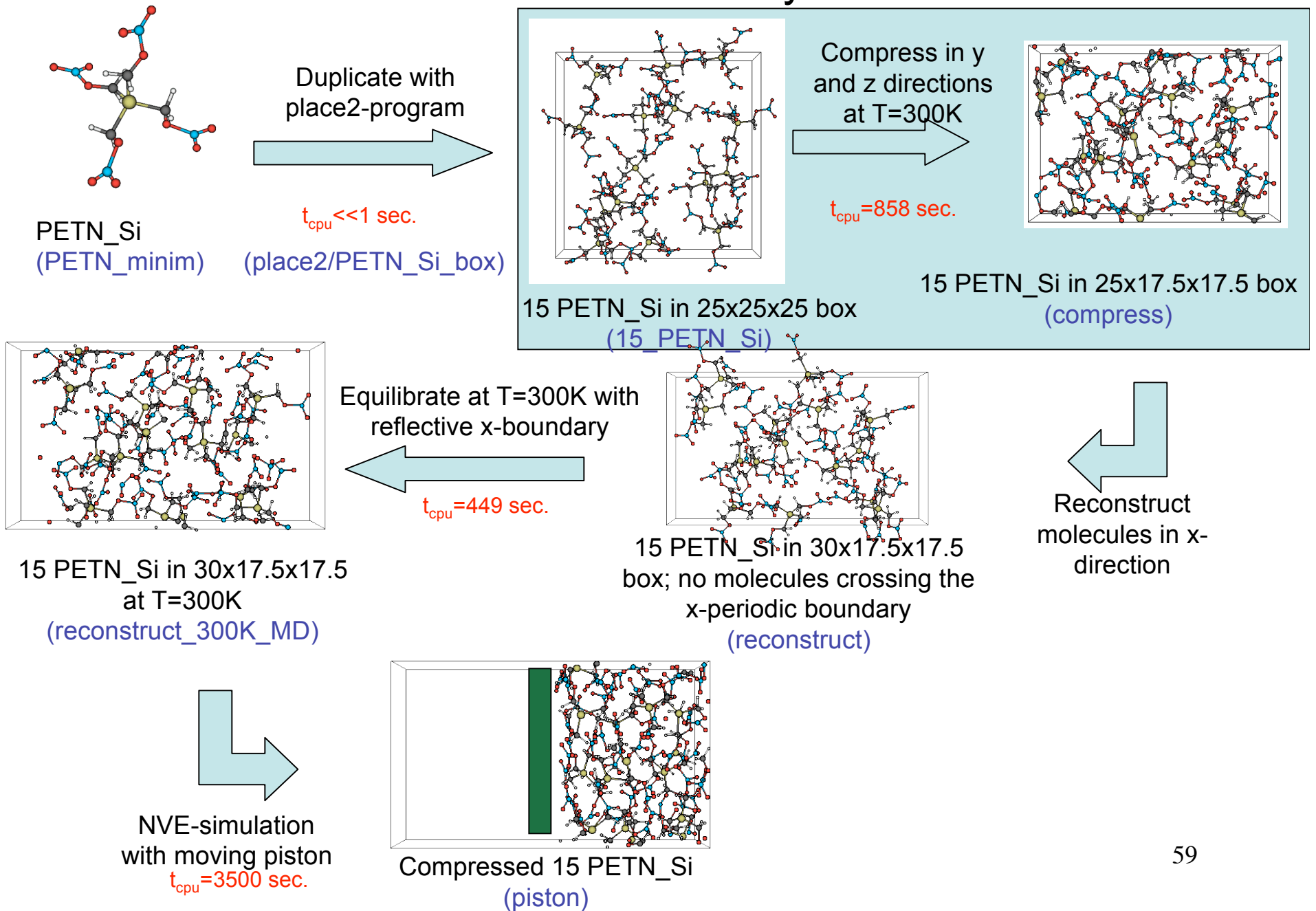
# Converting .xyz to .bgf with xtob-script

```
>xtob
  Input file in .xyz-format ?
output.xyz
  Do you want to input cell parameters (y/n) ?
y
  x y z dimensions periodic box in Angstrom
25.0 25.0 25.0
  a b c angles periodic box in degrees
90.0 90.0 90.0
  Choose an option:
  0: do not sort
  1: sort by x-coordinate
  2: sort by y-coordinate
  3: sort by z-coordinate
  Which option (0-3)
0
STOP Normal end of program; output .bgf-file in fort,15 statement executed
>
```

Red text: program response

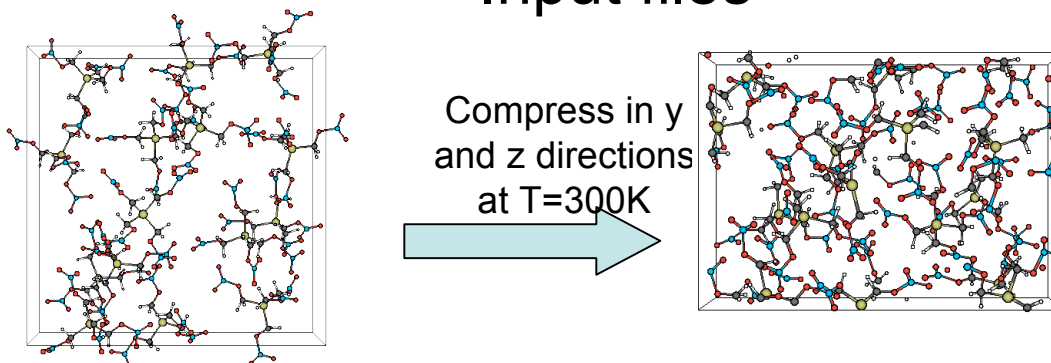
- Add system name to DESCRP-line (15\_PETN\_Si)
- Energy minimize the system; directory 15\_PETN\_Si

# Periodic molecular systems



# Compressing the system with the vregime.in

## Input files



```
#Volume regimes
#start #V type1 change/it rescale type 2 change/it rescale
0000 2 b -0.003 y c -0.003 y
2500 2 b 0.000 y c 0.000 y
```

vregime.in  
optional  
volume  
control

Iterations 0-2500: take b- and c-cell parameters from 25 Å to 17.5 Å (-0.003 Å/iteration)  
Iterations 2500-5000: equilibrate the system at its new density (1.08 kg/dm<sup>3</sup>)

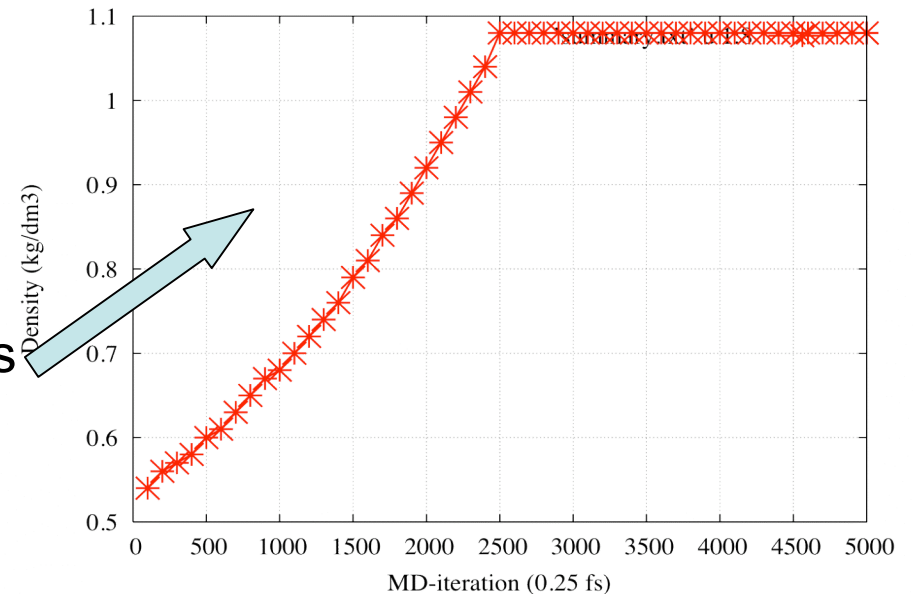
Other input files:

- exe,ffield (standard)
- geo (fort.90 from [15\\_PETN\\_Si](#))
- control: defines 300K MD-simulation for 5000 iterations

# Compressing the system with the vregime.in

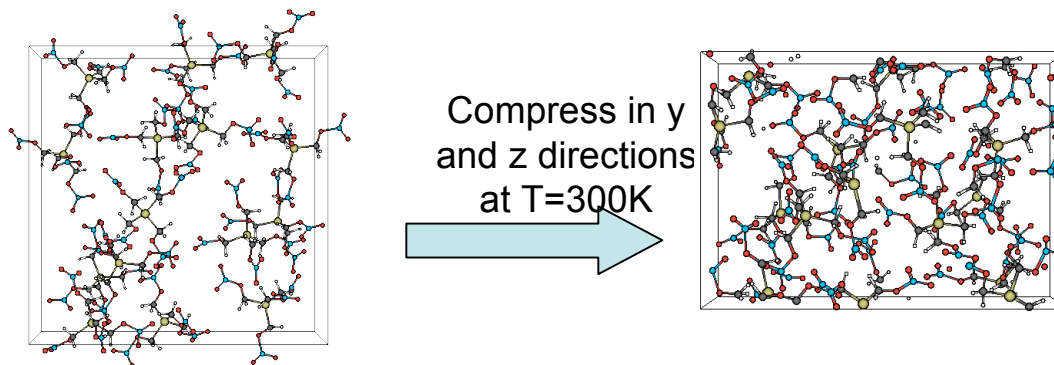
## Output files

- fort.7, fort.8: connection table
- fort.71: energy, temperature data
- fort.73: final partial energies
- **fort.77: overview volume control**
- fort.90: final geometry (.bgf)
- molfra.out : system composition
- moldyn.vel, molsav.####: restart-files
- summary.txt: overview system properties
- xmolout: .xyz coordinates

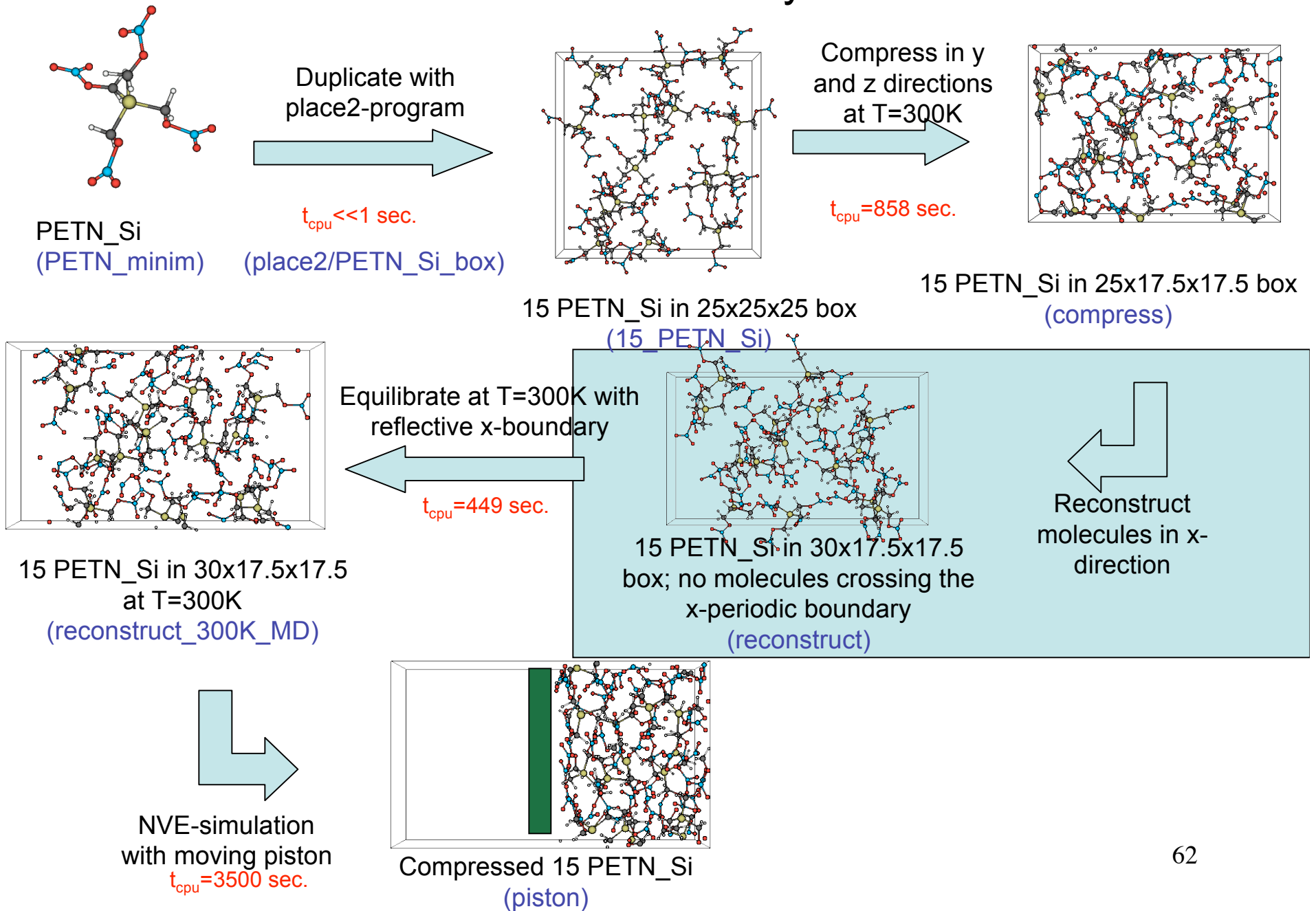


Iterations 0-2500: take b- and c-cell parameters from 25 Å to 17.5 Å (-0.003 Å/iteration)

Iterations 2500-5000: equilibrate the system at its new density (1.08 kg/dm<sup>3</sup>)



# Periodic molecular systems



# Preparing for the piston: 1) reconstruct molecules

- Take last frame from xmolout-file from [compress/output](#)

435									
15_PETN_Si	5000	-42157.54	25.00	17.50	17.50	90.00	90.00	90.00	
Si	13.04657	0.56991	2.33189	1		6.30329			
C	14.71106	0.55136	3.60987	1		-10.54045			
.....									
O	22.15322	7.17524	5.35443	15		12.58712			
O	19.96420	7.04840	5.29522	15		8.30073			

xmolout

Molecule number  
(ixmolo=3, control-file)

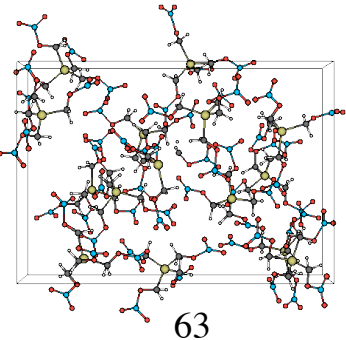
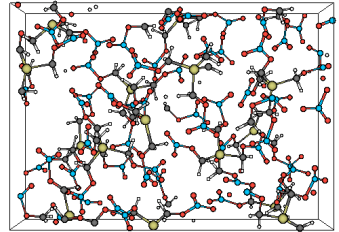
Strain energy

- Molecules cross all cell boundaries
- Need to clear these boundaries to introduce the piston

- Reconstruct the molecules using the xmolplaceback-script

```
> xmolplaceback
  Input file (xyz-format) ?
xmolout
  Cell parameters from input file (y/n) ?
y
  No offset (0);offset in x/y/z direction (1/2/3)
0
  Leave molecules (0); re-construct molecules (1)
1
  Which column holds molecule information (default 5) ?
5
  Normal end of program; output in fort.51
  Number of molecule reconstruction iterations: 2
> mv fort.51 xmolout_placedback
```

Red text: program response

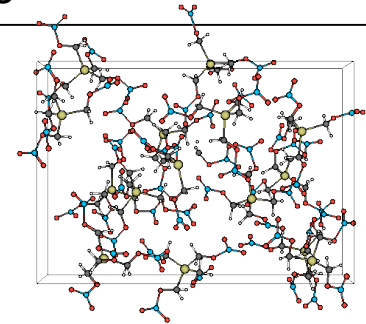


## Preparing for the piston: 2) translate molecules

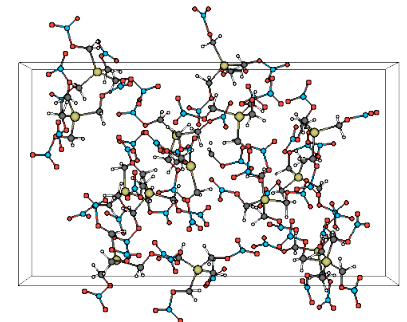
Shift all x-coordinates to remove all negative x-coordinates; extend a-axis by the same amount using xmolplaceback-script; this gives a 30 x 17.5 x 17.5 box with no molecules crossing the x-periodic boundary

```
> xmolplaceback
  Input file (xyz-format) ?
xmolout_placedback
  Cell parameters from input file (y/n) ?
n
  x y z dimensions periodic box
30 17.5 17.5
  a b c angles periodic box
90 90 90
  No offset (0);offset in x/y/z direction (1/2/3)
1
  Offset value
5.0
  Leave molecules (0); re-construct molecules (1)
1
  Which column holds molecule information (default 5) ?
5
  Normal end of program; output in fort.51
  Number of molecule reconstruction iterations: 2
> mv fort.51 xmolout_placedback_shifted
```

- Molecules are reconstructed  
- Some atoms have negative x-coordinates; need to shift these to positive



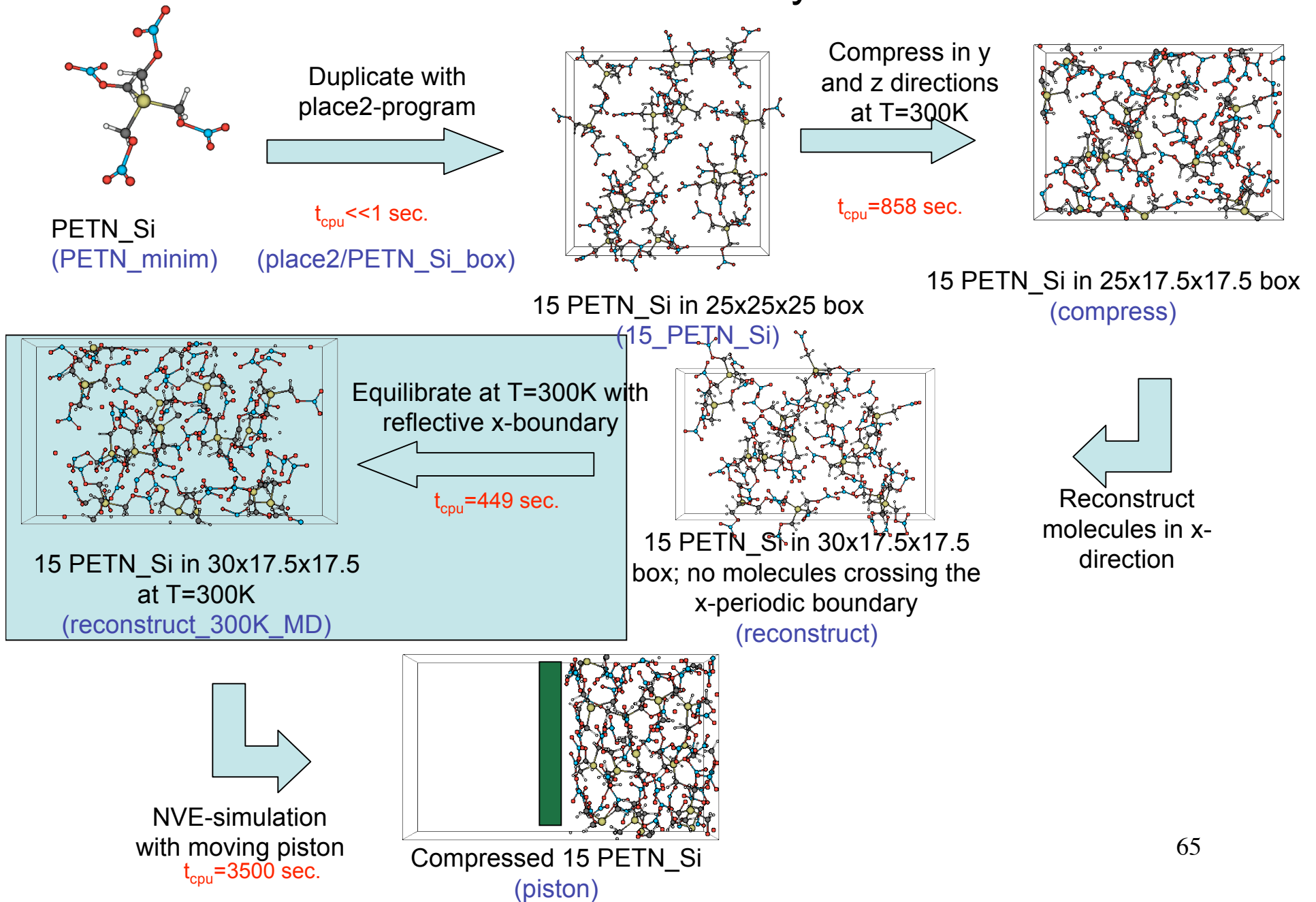
Red text: program response



- convert xmolplacedback\_shifted to .bgf-input file using xtob



# Periodic molecular systems

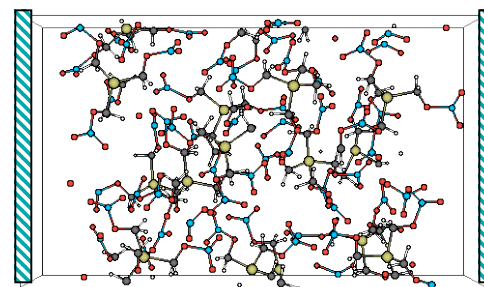


# Equilibrate reconstructed system with reflective x-boundary

## Input files

```
# General parameters
  1 ireflx      1: reflective boundary in x-direction
  1 itrans      1: back translate atoms
  1 icentr
  0 imetho      0: Normal MD-run 1: Energy minimisation
  1 igeofo      0:xyz-input geometry 1: Biograf input
.....
  3 ixmolo      3: x,y,z+mol.nr.+Estrain
# MD-parameters
  1 imdmet      MD-method. 1:NVT/Berendsen thermostat
  0.250 tstep   MD-time step (fs)
  0300.00 mdtemp MD-temperature
  0000.00 tincr  Increase/decrease temperature
  2 itdmet      0: T-damp atoms 1: Energy cons 2:System
  100.0 tdamp1  1st Berendsen/Anderson temperature damping
  0000.00 mdpres MD-pressure (MPa)
  0002500 nmddit Number of MD-iterations
  00001 ichupd  Charge update frequency
  010 iout1     Output to unit 71 and unit 73
  0100 iout2    Save coordinates
.....
  1 iravel      1: Random initial velocities
  001000 iout6  Save velocity file
  000025 irten  Frequency of removal
  0 npreit      Nr. of iterations in previous runs
  00.00 range   Range for back-translation of atoms
# MM-parameters
.....
```

- We should avoid molecules to drift back across the x-boundary during the simulation
- By using a reflective instead of a transparent x-boundary we avoid atoms hopping across
- y and z boundaries can be normally transparent



control

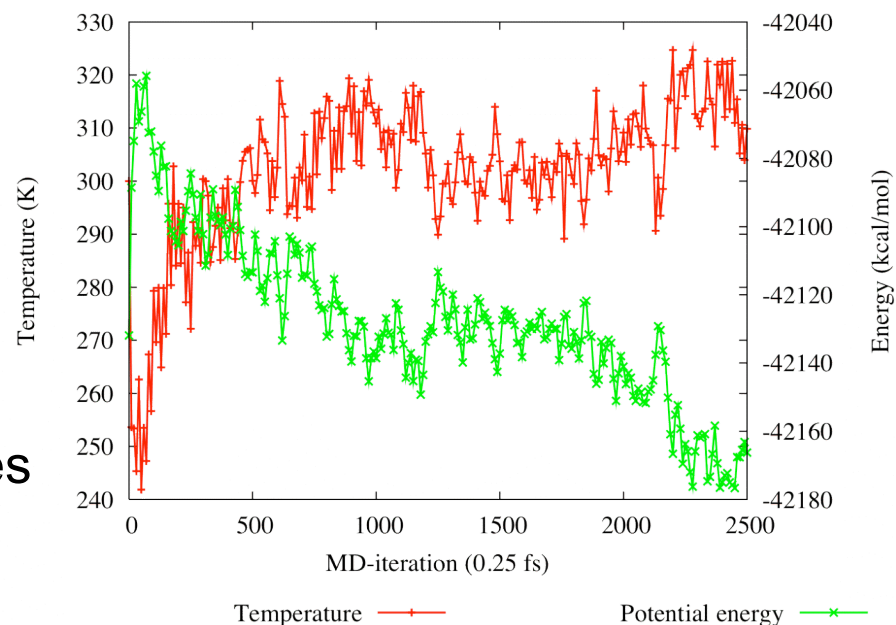
Other input files:

- exe, ffield (standard)
- geo (fort.15 from [reconstruct](#))

# Equilibrate reconstructed system with reflective x-boundary

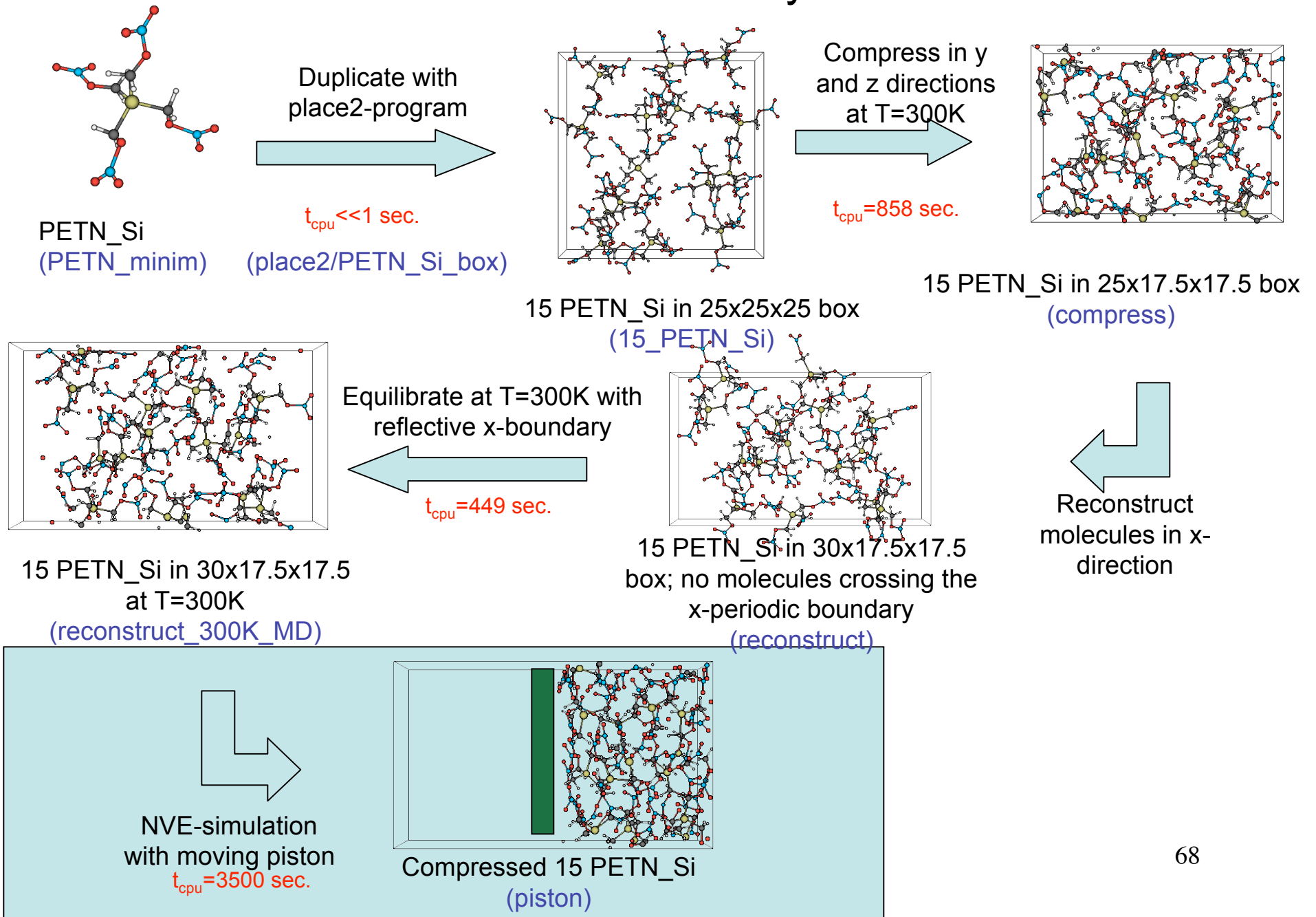
## Output files

- fort.7, fort.8: connection table
- fort.71: energy, temperature data
- fort.73: final partial energies
- fort.90: final geometry (.bgf)
- molfra.out : system composition
- moldyn.vel, molsav.####: restart-files
- summary.txt: overview system properties
- xmolout: .xyz coordinates



- Temperature has equilibrated, energy not completely converged.

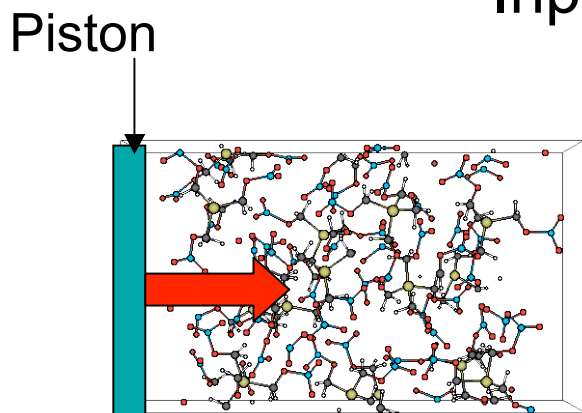
# Periodic molecular systems



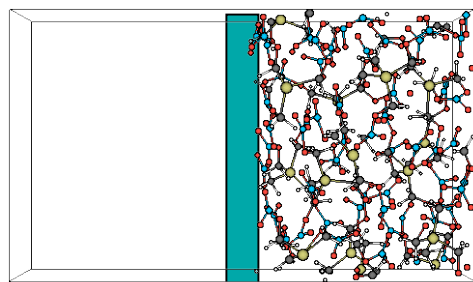
# NVE-simulation with piston

## Input files

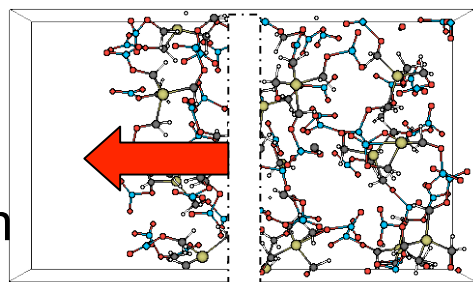
Iteration 0



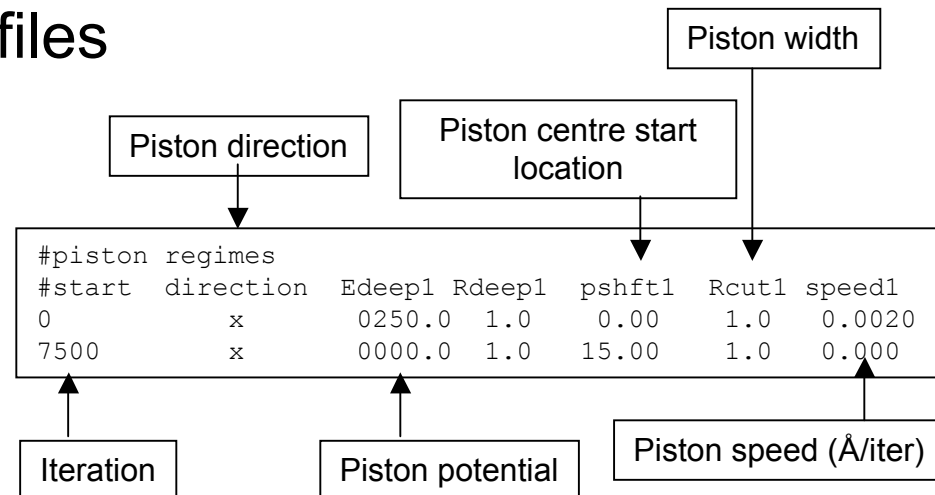
Iteration 7500



Iterations 7500-20000: piston removed; system expands



x=0    x=15.00    x=30



- Need to retain reflective x-boundary
- NVE simulation: allow system to heat up naturally

**piston.in**  
optional piston definitions

```

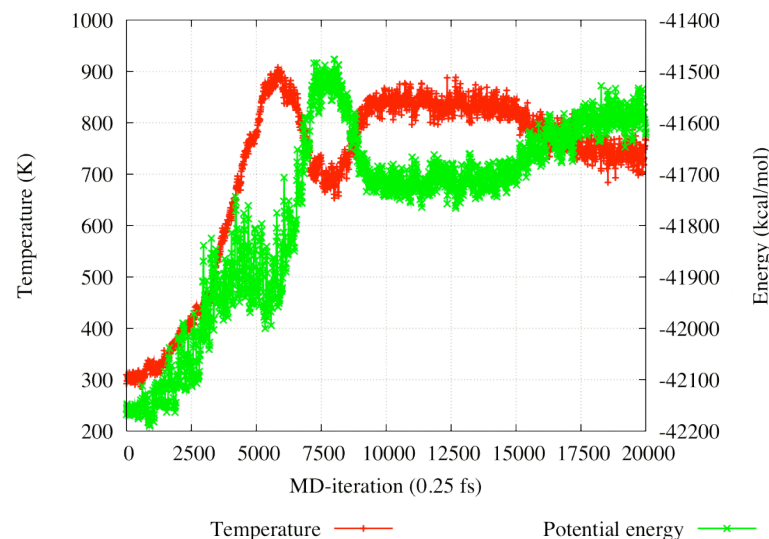
# General parameters
1 ireflx      1: reflective boundary
              in x-direction
.....
# MD-parameters
3 imdmet     MD-method. 3:NVE
0.250 tstep  MD-time step (fs)
.....
0020000 nmdit Number of MD-iterations
.....
    
```

**control**

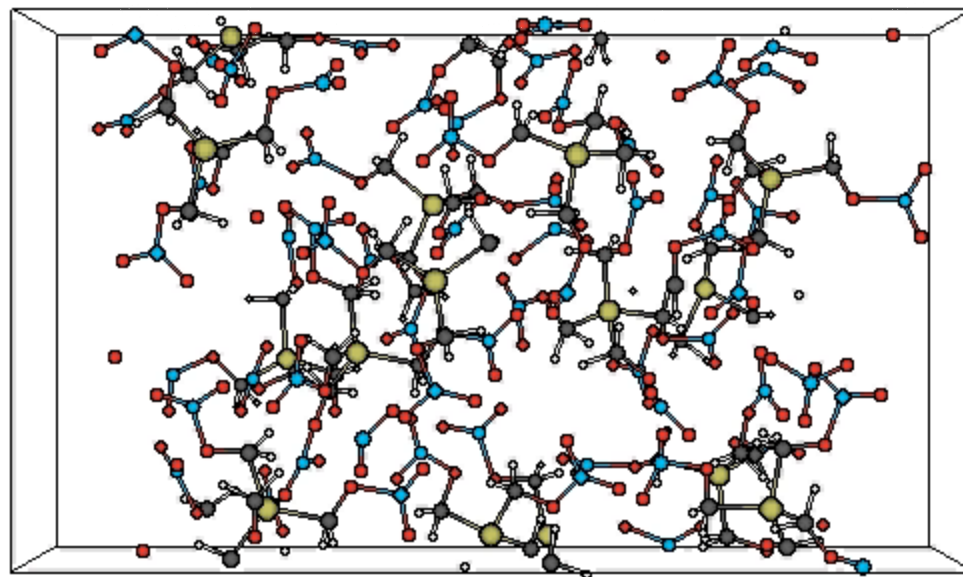
# NVE-simulation with piston

## Output files

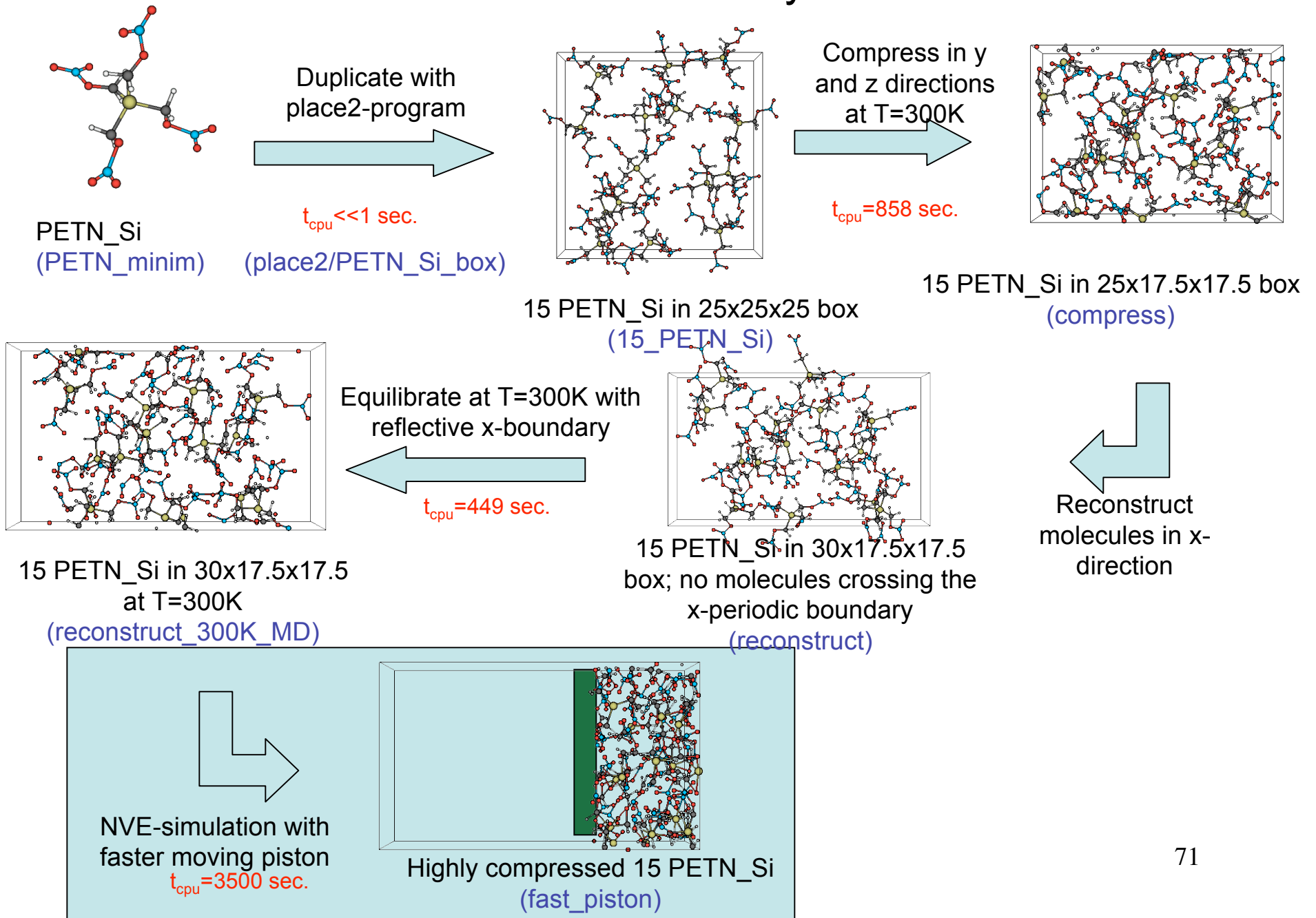
- fort.7, fort.8: connection table
- fort.71: energy, temperature data
- fort.73: final partial energies
- **fort.79: overview piston statistics**
- fort.90: final geometry (.bgf)
- molfra.out : system composition
- moldyn.vel, molsav.####: restart-files
- summary.txt: overview system properties
- xmolout: .xyz coordinates



- Potential energy reaches maximum at iteration 7500 (max compression)
- Energy release between iterations 7500-12500
- Reflective wave interference increases energy after iteration 15000
- No reactions

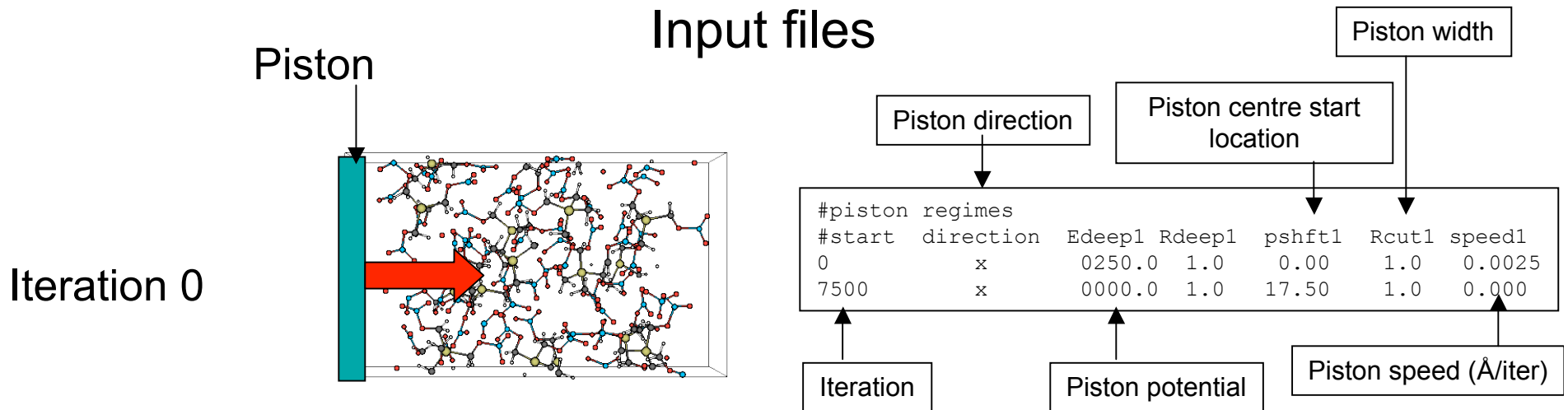


# Periodic molecular systems

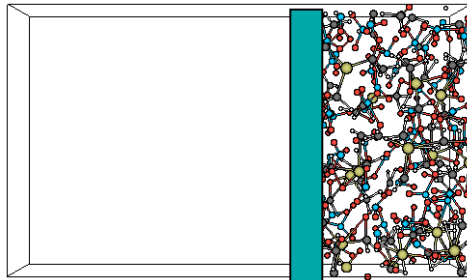


# NVE-simulation with faster piston

## Input files



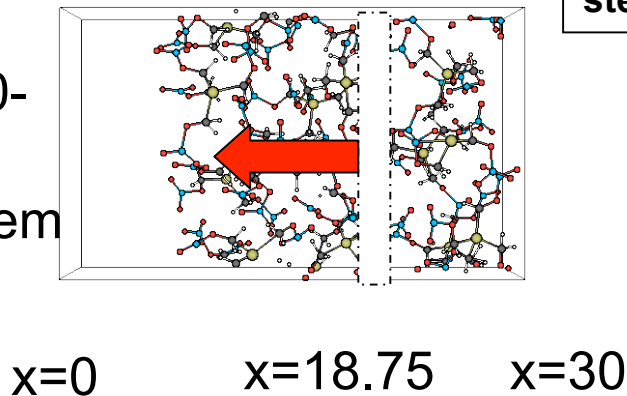
Iteration 7500



- Need to retain reflective x-boundary
- NVE simulation: allow system to heat up naturally
- **Temperature will get >2000K; need smaller time step**

**piston.in**  
optional piston definitions

Iterations 7500-20000: piston removed; system expands



```

# General parameters
1 ireflx      1: reflective boundary
               in x-direction
.....
# MD-parameters
3 imdmet      MD-method. 3:NVE
0.100 tstep    MD-time step (fs)
.....
0020000 nmdit  Number of MD-iterations
.....
72
    
```

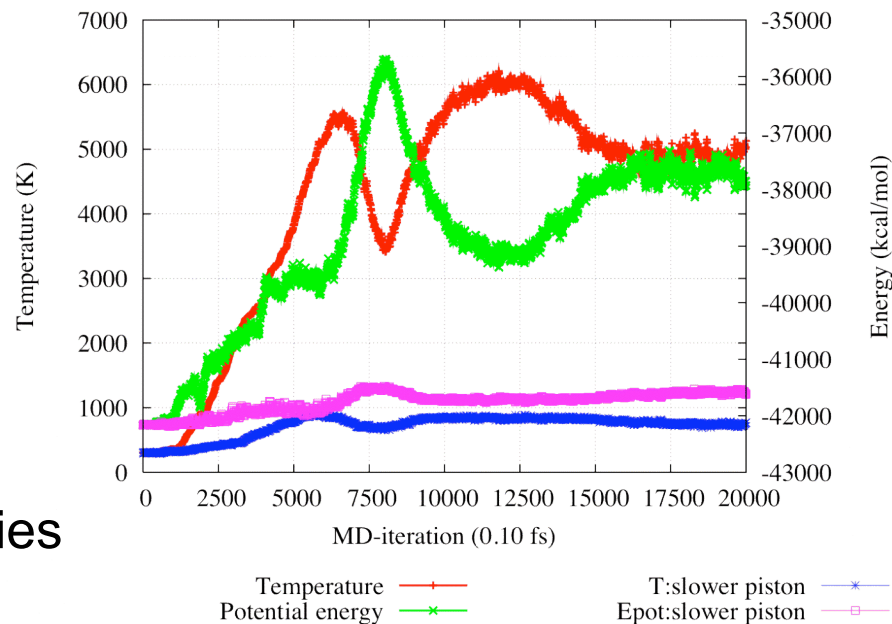
**control**



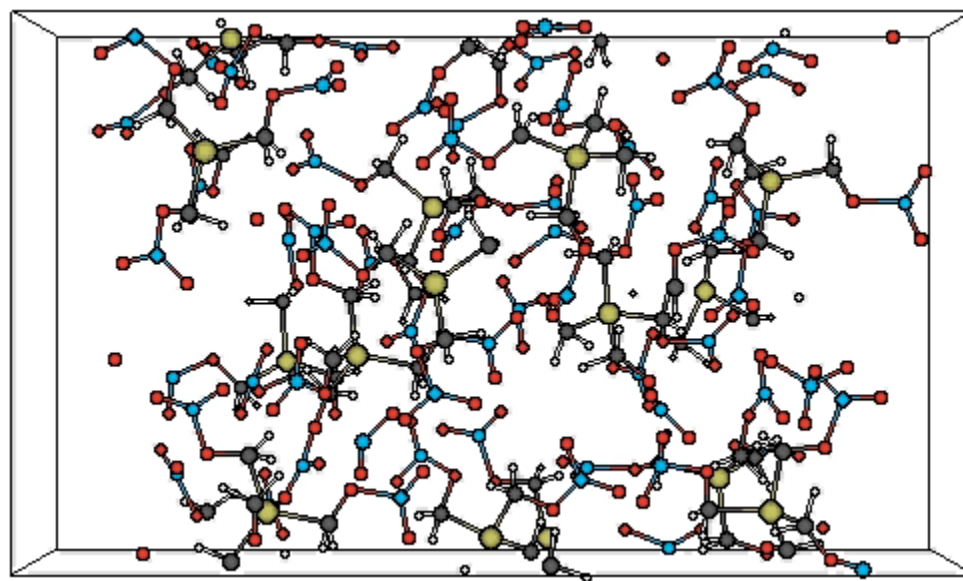
# NVE-simulation with faster piston

## Output files

- fort.7, fort.8: connection table
- fort.71: energy, temperature data
- fort.73: final partial energies
- **fort.79: overview piston statistics**
- fort.90: final geometry (.bgf)
- molfra.out : system composition
- moldyn.vel, molsav.####: restart-files
- summary.txt: overview system properties
- xmolout: .xyz coordinates



- Potential energy reaches maximum at iteration 7500 (max compression)
- Energy release between iterations 7500-12500
- Reflective wave interference increases energy after iteration 15000
- Substantial amount of reactions



# NVE-simulation with faster piston

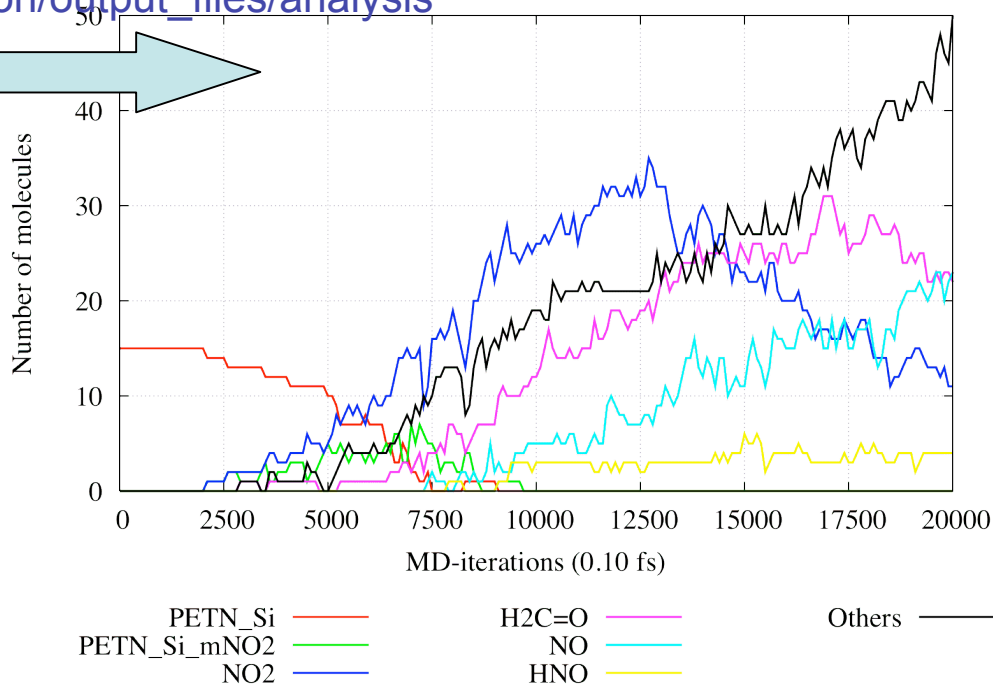
## Plotting molecule fragments

molfraanal-script

fast\_piston/output\_files/analysis

```

Bond order cutoff:0.3000
Iteration Freq. Molecular formula      Molecular mass
  0 15 x C4H8O12N4Si                 332.1120
Total number of molecules:      15
Total number of atoms:          435
Total system mass: 4981.680000000000
Iteration Freq. Molecular formula      Molecular mass
 100 15 x C4H8O12N4Si                 332.1120
Total number of molecules:      15
Total number of atoms:          435
Total system mass: 4981.680000000000
Iteration Freq. Molecular formula      Molecular mass
 200 15 x C4H8O12N4Si                 332.1120
Total number of molecules:      15
Total number of atoms:          435
Total system mass: 4981.680000000000
.....
Iteration Freq. Molecular formula      Molecular mass
20000 1 x CH3O5Si2                    151.1390
20000 3 x CO2                          43.9980
20000 1 x C2H3O6NSi                    165.0780
20000 4 x HON                           31.0070
20000 1 x HO3N                          63.0050
20000 23 x ON                           29.9990
20000 4 x HO2N                          47.0060
20000 22 x CH2O                         30.0150
20000 1 x CH2O2Si                       74.0740
20000 1 x C4H8O10N2Si2                  300.1740
20000 5 x O2                            31.9980
20000 1 x C2H4O2Si                      88.0900
20000 11 x O2N                          45.9980.....
.....
20000 1 x CH2O3N                        76.0130
20000 1 x CON                           41.9990
20000 1 x CO3                           59.9970
20000 1 x CH2O2N                        60.0140
20000 1 x CO                             27.9990
20000 1 x H                              1.0080
20000 2 x O                              15.9990
Total number of molecules:      110
Total number of atoms:          435
Total system mass: 4981.680000000000
    
```



molfra.out: molecular fragment information

```

> molfraanal
Input file (probably molfra.out) ?
molfra.out
Cutoff for compound frequency ?
5
STOP Normal end of program statement executed
    
```

- Output files (fr1.dat, mass1.dat) can be directly plotted

# Examples

## -Single molecules:

- minimization
- MD
- cookoff

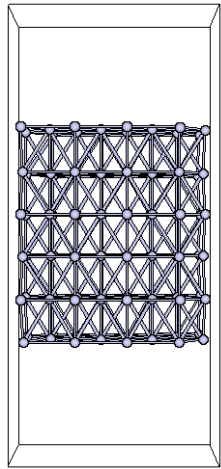
## -Periodic molecular systems:

- building
- compression
- piston simulations

## -Combined molecular/condensed systems

- building
- MD

# Combined molecular/condensed systems



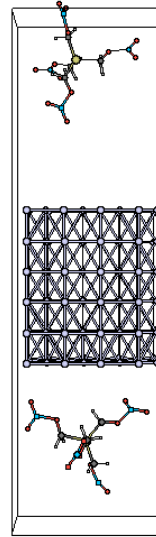
Al111-surface in  
11.48x25x9.94 box

Add 2 PETN\_Si  
with place2



$t_{\text{cpu}} \ll 1 \text{ sec.}$

(place2/Al\_surface\_PETN)

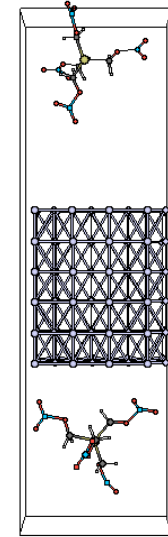


2 PETN\_Si with Al[111] in 11.48x40x9.94 box  
(Al111\_2PETN\_Si\_minim)

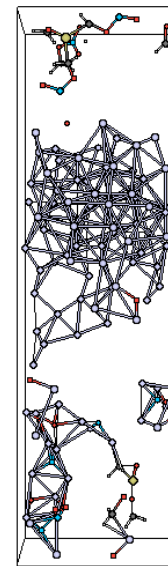
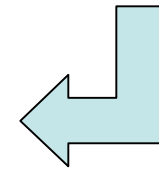
Energy minimize



$t_{\text{cpu}} = 12 \text{ sec.}$

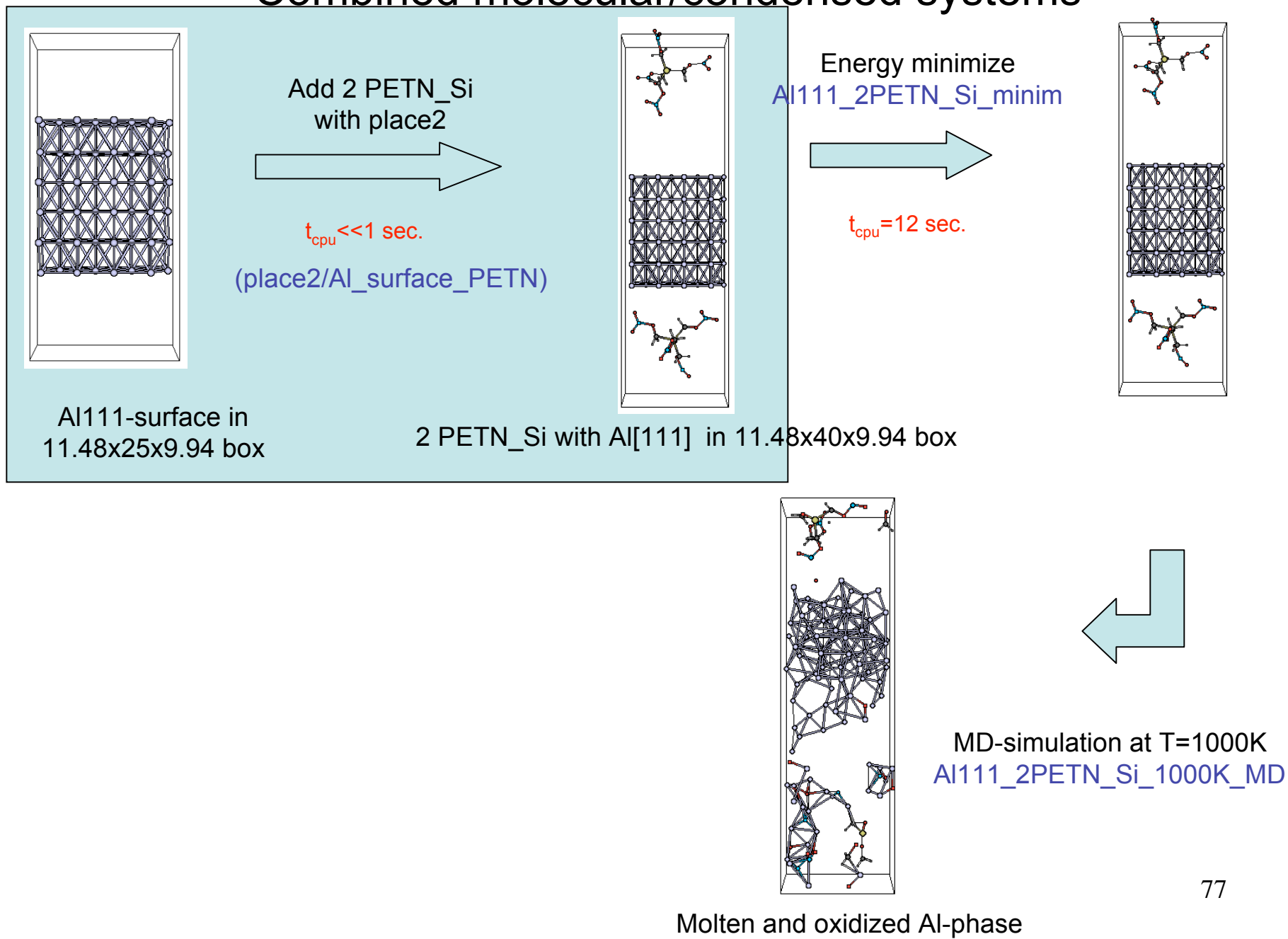


MD-simulation at T=1000K  
Al111\_2PETN\_Si\_1000K\_MD



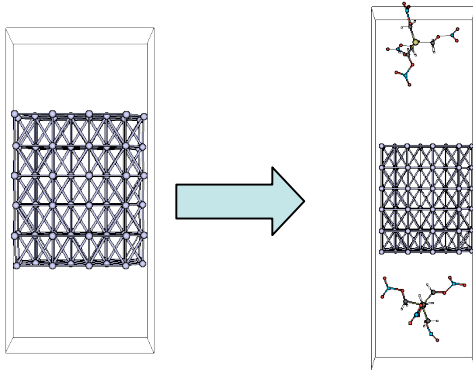
Molten and oxidized Al-phase

# Combined molecular/condensed systems



# Adding molecules with the place2-program

- Input-files for place2:
- geo (last xmolout-frame from PETN\_Si\_minim)
  - geo2 (.xyz-structure with Al[111] surface)
  - control-file for place2 (see below)



Al-111 surface

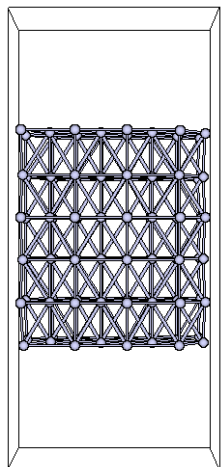
Al-111 surface with 2 PETN\_Si

```
2          ! Number of duplicates molecule to be put in periodic box
11.48000   ! Unit cell parameter a1 of periodic box (Angstrom)
40.00000   ! Unit cell parameter b1 of periodic box (Angstrom)
9.94000    ! Unit cell parameter c1 of periodic box (Angstrom)
90.00      ! Unit cell parameter alfa of periodic box
90.00      ! Unit cell parameter beta of periodic box
90.00      ! Unit cell parameter gamma of periodic box
3.00       ! Minimum distance between molecules allowed (Angstrom)
1          ! Read in (1) from geo2 set of molecules (cartesian coordinate)
1          ! (1) put geo2-structure in centre box
50000      ! Number of non-succesful random placement steps allowed; aft
1553      ! Seed for random generator
```

control-file for  
place2

- Run the place2-program (./place2 &)
- Follow progress in run.log; if placing takes to long kill program and change input parameters
- Output file: output.xyz; convert to .bgf with xtob:

# Combined molecular/condensed systems



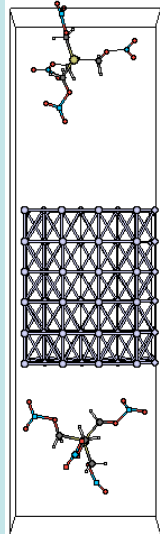
Al111-surface in  
11.48x25x9.94 box

Add 2 PETN\_Si  
with place2



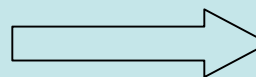
$t_{\text{cpu}} \ll 1 \text{ sec.}$

(place2/Al\_surface\_PETN)

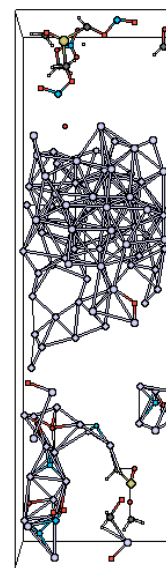
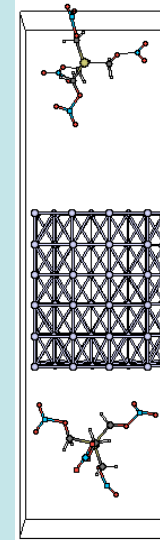


2 PETN\_Si with Al[111] in 11.48x40x9.94 box

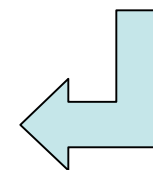
Energy minimize  
Al111\_2PETN\_Si\_minim



$t_{\text{cpu}} = 12 \text{ sec.}$



Molten and oxidized Al-phase



MD-simulation at T=1000K  
Al111\_2PETN\_Si\_1000K\_MD

# Input files

- exe (standard)
- control (standard)
- geo (fort.15 from [place2/Al\\_surface\\_PETN](#))
- **ffield** (from [trainingsets/Al\\_no\\_inner](#))

Overview force field files in [trainingsets](#):

[Al\\_no\\_inner](#): 2006 Al/nitramine potential;  
describes nitramines, Al/H//C/N/O and Si/C/O/H  
interactions

[Si\\_PETN\\_inner](#): 2008 Si\_PETN inner wall (under  
development)



# Output files

Al111_2PETN_Si					
Iter.	Epot	Max.move	Factor	RMSG	nfc
0	-13466.5179186069	0.000000	0.500000	16.248083	0
1	-13478.4152551214	124.519814	8.284203	3.681996	0
2	-13481.3487254877	27.456306	0.112894	5.146173	0
3	-13487.7889777370	0.003283	5.982329	3.226126	0
4	-13488.9190466175	0.004498	1.426257	2.671802	0
5	-13493.0767197127	0.006679	4.350999	4.572713	0
6	-13495.7438630840	0.011106	1.800558	2.573608	0
7	-13496.6648441713	0.008690	0.866185	2.239404	0
8	-13497.8647262538	0.005993	2.154784	2.497644	0
9	-13498.5990084313	0.005683	1.631781	1.664182	0
10	-13498.9317308337	0.004304	1.112152	1.485149	0
.....					
38	-13518.0302882877	0.013764	1.674598	1.046043	0
39	-13518.1958614259	0.005974	1.877127	1.078181	0
40	-13518.5516823865	0.006998	2.333051	1.545835	0
41	-13518.8329564707	0.008684	1.489127	1.237245	0
42	-13519.1629438779	0.007401	2.186980	1.429959	0
43	-13519.4234414821	0.009701	1.656464	1.308842	0
44	-13519.6499359918	0.010981	1.253426	0.981372	0

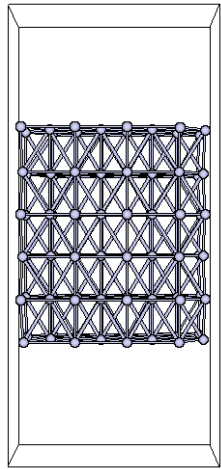
## Other output files:

- fort.7, fort.8: connection table
- fort.58: partial energies
- fort.73: final partial energies
- fort.90: final geometry (.bgf)
- xmolout: .xyz coordinates
- molfra.out : system composition

Minimization report

fort.57

# Combined molecular/condensed systems



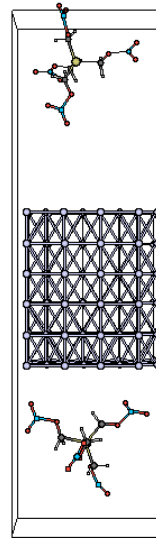
Al111-surface in  
11.48x25x9.94 box

Add 2 PETN\_Si  
with place2



$t_{\text{cpu}} \ll 1 \text{ sec.}$

(place2/Al\_surface\_PETN)

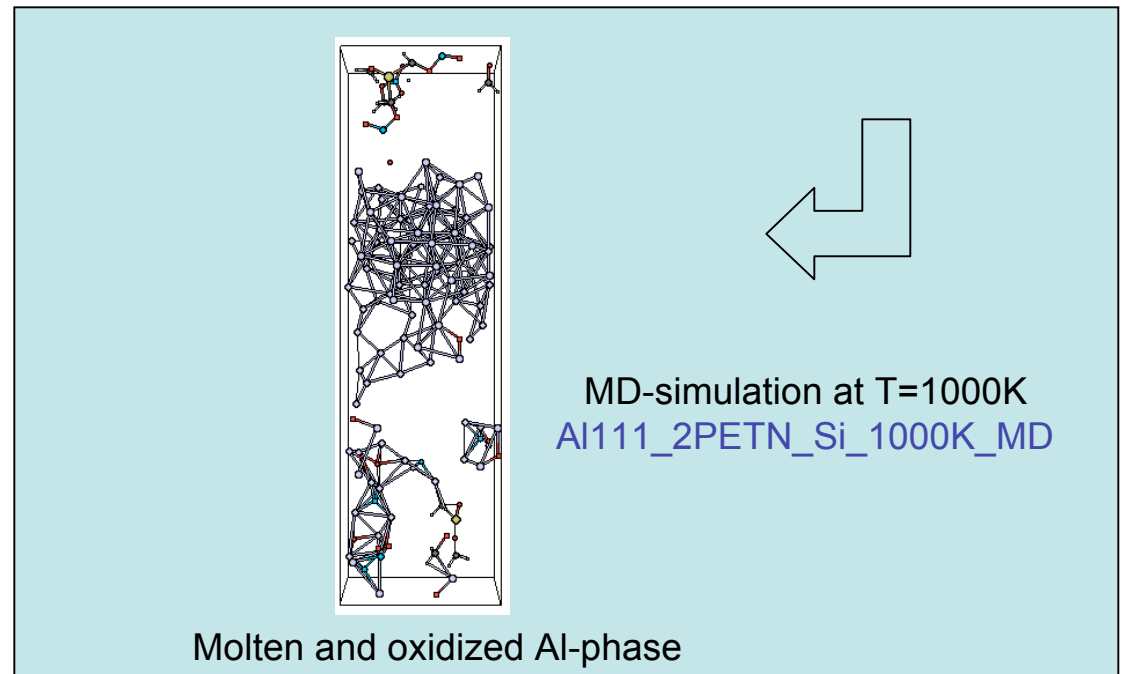
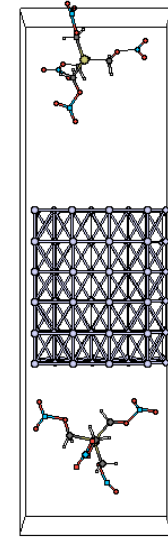


2 PETN\_Si with Al[111] in 11.48x40x9.94 box

Energy minimize  
Al111\_2PETN\_Si\_minim



$t_{\text{cpu}} = 12 \text{ sec.}$

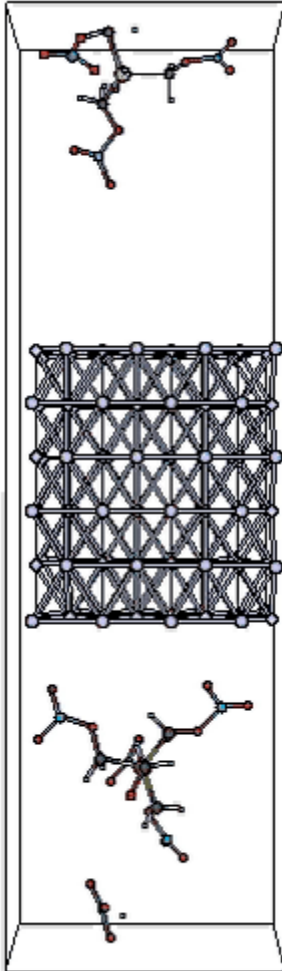


# Input files

- exe (standard)
- control (standard)
- geo (fort.90 from [Al111\\_2PETN\\_Si\\_minim](#))
- **ffield** (from [trainingsets/Al\\_no\\_inner](#))

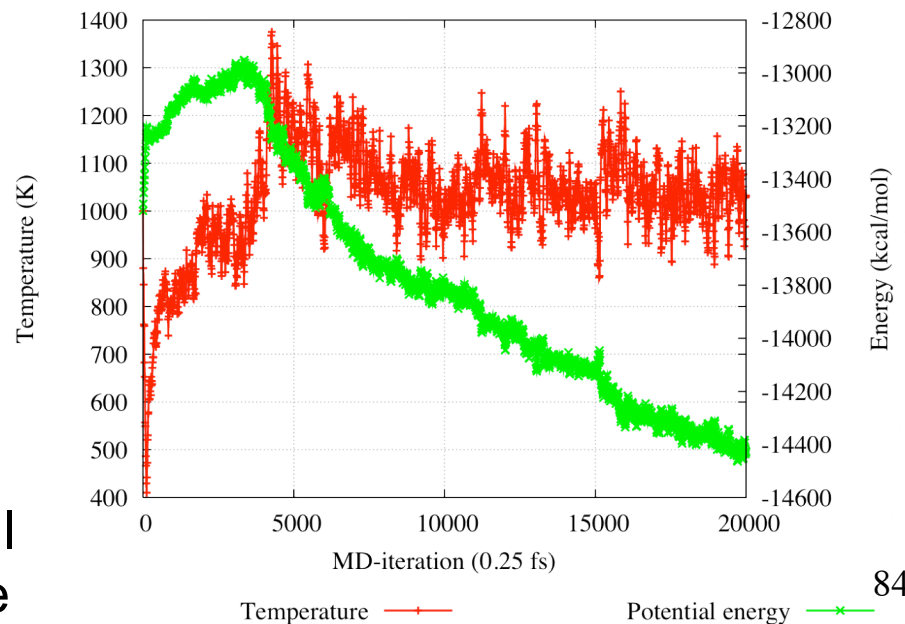
```
# General parameters
  1 itrans      0: do not back-translate atoms  1: back translate atoms
  1 icentr      0: keep position    1: put centre of mass in centre periodic cell
  0 imetho      0: Normal MD-run 1: Energy minimisation 2:MD-energy minimisation
  1 igeofo      0:xyz-input geometry 1: Biograf input geometry 2: xmol-input geometry
.....
  3 ixmolo      0: only x,y,z-coordinates in xmolout  3: x,y,z+mol.nr.+Estrain
# MD-parameters
  1 imdmet      MD-method. 1:NVT/Berendsen thermostat
  0.250 tstep    MD-time step (fs)
1000.00 mdtemp   MD-temperature
  2 itdmet      0: T-damp atoms 1: Energy cons 2:System
  100.0 tdamp1   1st Berendsen/Anderson temperature damping constant (fs)
.....
0020000 nmdit    Number of MD-iterations
  00001 ichupd   Charge update frequency
   010 iout1     Output to unit 71 and unit 73
  0100 iout2     Save coordinates
   0 ivels       1:Set vels and accels from moldyn.vel to zero
  00025 itrafr   Frequency of trarot-calls
   1 iout3       0: create moldyn.xxxx-files 1: do not create moldyn.xxxx-files
   1 iravel      1: Random initial velocities
  002500 iout6   Save velocity file
  000025 irten   Frequency of removal of rotational and translational energy
   0 npreit      Nr. of iterations in previous runs
  00.00 range    Range for back-translation of atoms
# MM-parameters
.....
```

# Output files



- fort.7, fort.8: connection table
- fort.71: energy, temperature data
- fort.73: final partial energies
- fort.90: final geometry (.bgf)
- molfra.out : system composition
- moldyn.vel, molsav.####: restart-files
- summary.txt: overview system properties
- xmolout: .xyz coordinates

- Al-surface melts and becomes oxidizes; PETN\_Si molecules fall apart; substantial energy release



## Additional ReaxFF features

- Multiple thermostats
- Cell volume manipulation
- Electric field
- Distance, angle and torsion restraints
- Adding new molecules during MD-simulation

## Multiple thermostats

tregime.in

#Temperature regimes

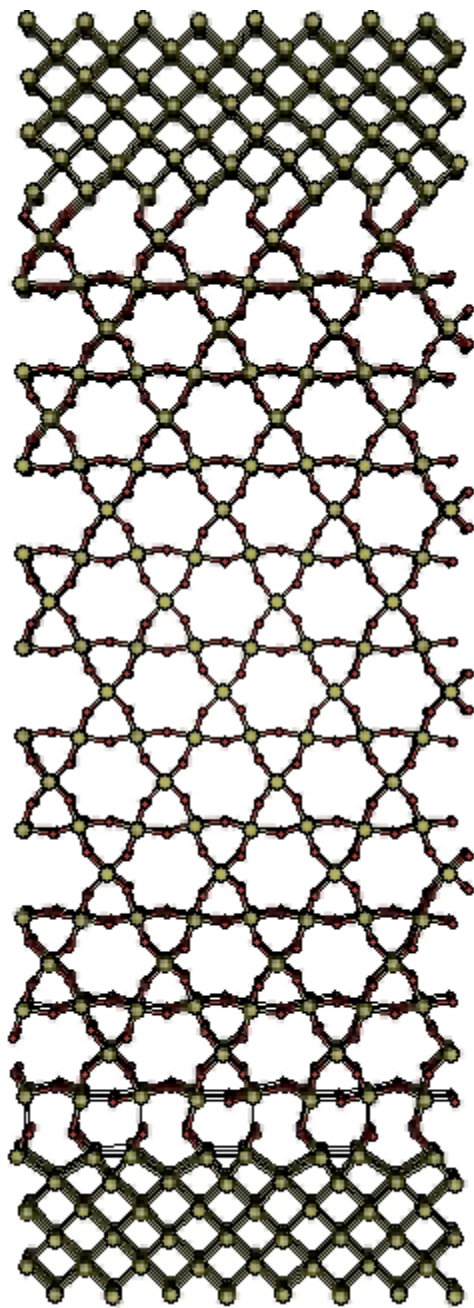
#start	#T	at1	at2	T1	Tdam1	dT1	at3	at4	T2	Tdam2	dT2
0	2	1	152	200.0	50.0	0.29	153	256	100.0	2.5	0.00
20000	2	1	152	6000.0	50.0	-0.29	153	256	100.0	2.5	0.00
40000	2	1	152	200.0	50.0	0.00	153	256	100.0	2.5	0.00

Nr. of  
temperature  
zones in program

Start iteration of  
temperature  
program

First temperature zone  
(first atom, last atom,  
temperature (K),  
temperature damping  
constant (fs),  
temperature  
increase/iteration

Second temperature  
zone (first atom, last  
atom, temperature (K),  
temperature damping  
constant (fs),  
temperature  
increase/iteration



## Multiple thermostats

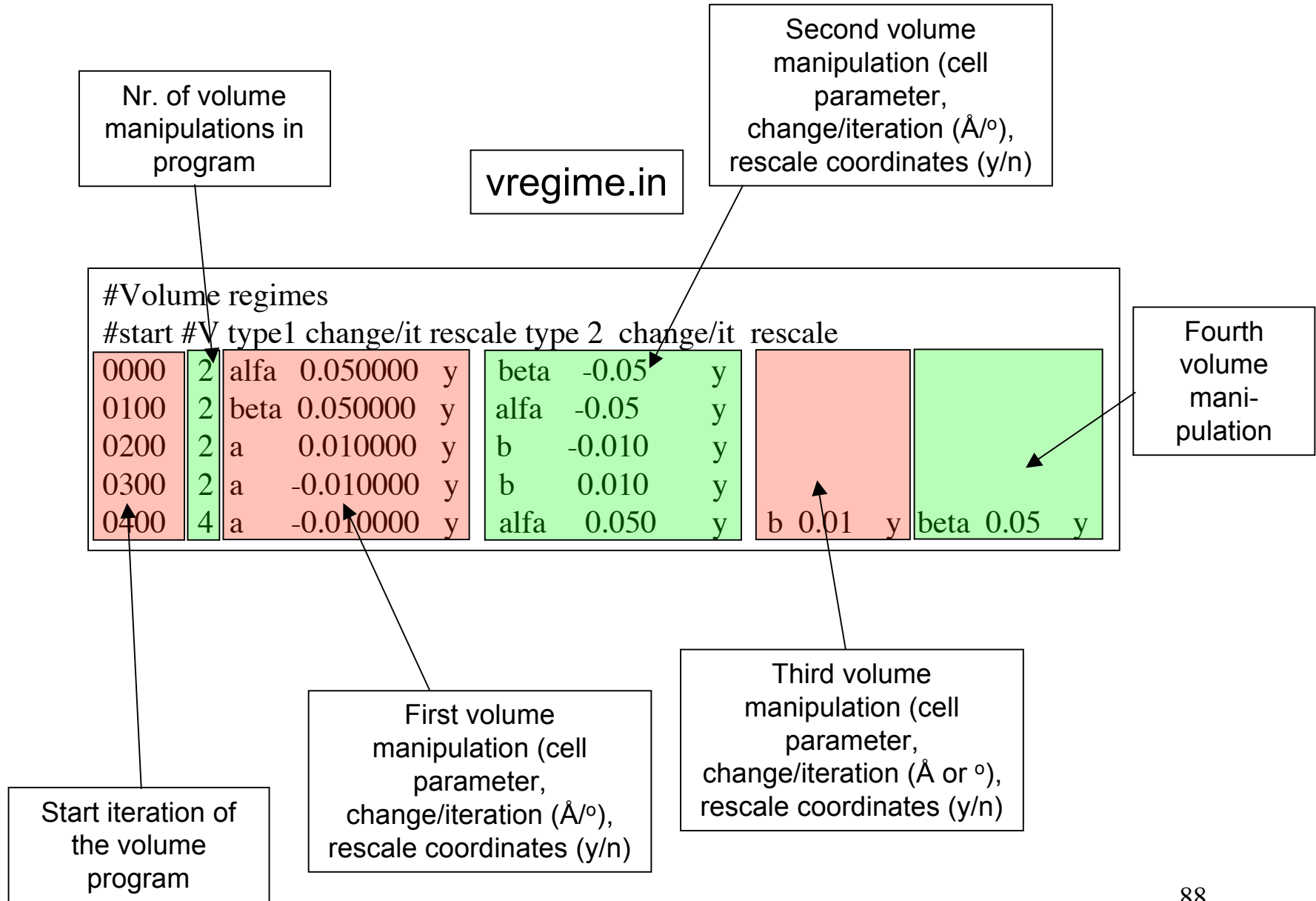
Example: Si/SiO<sub>2</sub> interface

To generate an amorphous SiO<sub>2</sub>/Si(alpha) 2 temperature zones are defined:

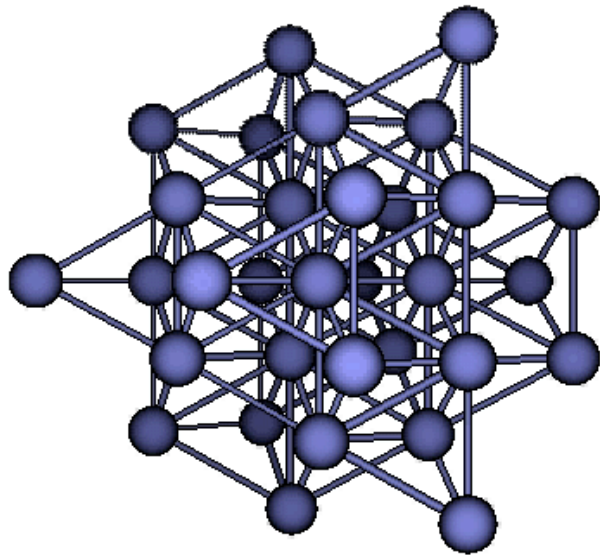
- 1) Si-phase: keep at 100K
- 2) SiO<sub>2</sub>-phase: heatup from 200K to 6000K in 20,000 steps; keep at 6000K for 20,000 steps; cool back down to 200K in 20,000 steps

#Temperature regimes											
#start	#T	at1	at2	T1	Tdam1	dT1	at3	at4	T2	Tdam2	dT2
0	2	1	152	200.0	50.0	0.29	153	256	100.0	2.5	0.00
20000	2	1	152	6000.0	50.0	-0.29	153	256	100.0	2.5	0.00
40000	2	1	152	200.0	50.0	0.00	153	256	100.0	2.5	0.00

# Cell volume manipulation

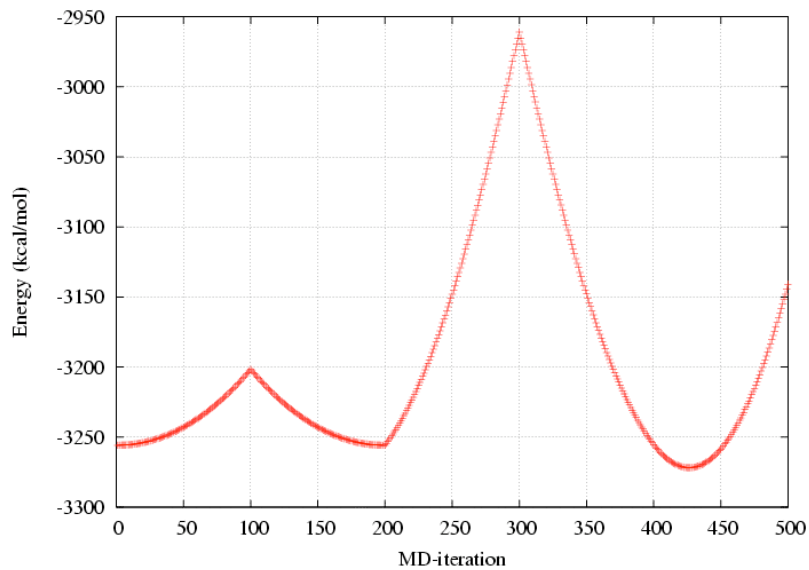






Example: 32 atom Co-fcc supercell

- vregime.in enables ReaxFF to determine the energy effects related to periodic cell distortion



#Volume regimes

#start #V type1 change/it rescale type 2 change/it rescale

0000	2	alfa	0.050000	y	beta	-0.05	y				
0100	2	beta	0.050000	y	alfa	-0.05	y				
0200	2	a	0.010000	y	b	-0.010	y				
0300	2	a	-0.010000	y	b	0.010	y				
0400	4	a	-0.010000	y	alfa	0.050	y	b 0.01	y	beta 0.05	y

# Electric field manipulation

Nr. of electric field imposed in program  
eregime.in

#Electric field regimes			
#start	#V	direction	Magnitude(V/Angstrom)
0000	1	x	0.010000
1000	1	x	-0.010000
2000	1	y	0.010000
3000	1	y	-0.010000
4000	2	x	-0.010000
5000	2	x	0.010000

y	-0.0100
y	0.0100

Start iteration of the electric field program

First electric field (direction, magnitude (V/Å))

Second electric field (direction, magnitude (V/Å))

## Distance, angle and torsion restraints

geo-file with permanent, non-sliding bond restraint

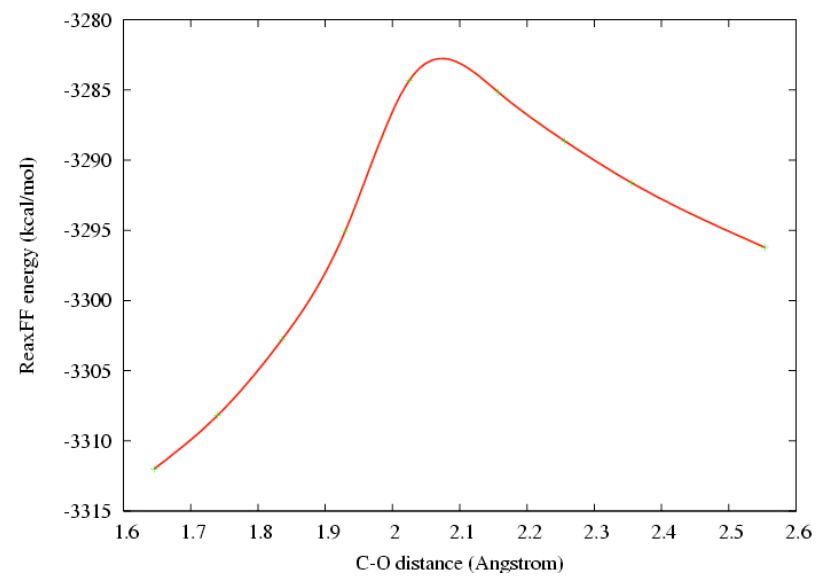
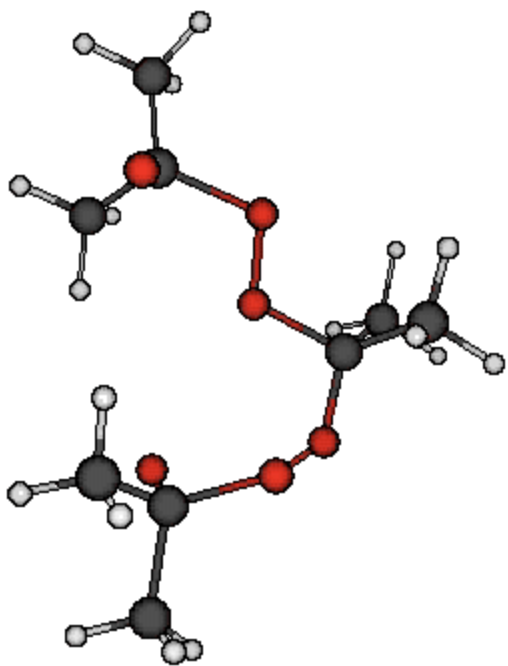
```

BIOGRF 200
DESCRP TATP_TS2_1
REMARK
#           At1 At2 R12  Force1 Force2
BOND RESTRAINT  9 10 1.6500 2500.00 1.0000
FORMAT ATOM (a6,1x,i5,1x,a5,1x,a3,1x,a1,1x,a5,3f10.5,1x,a5,i3,i2,1x,f8.5)
HETATM  1 C           41.60848 39.67456 37.39565  C  1 1 0.00000
HETATM  2 C           41.46109 40.16349 38.86493  C  1 1 0.00000
HETATM  3 C           42.87453 39.74506 39.36694  C  1 1 0.00000
HETATM  4 O           40.31900 39.45925 39.67087  O  1 1 0.00000
HETATM  5 O           40.37896 38.11569 39.58336  O  1 1 0.00000
HETATM  6 C           39.10337 37.50562 40.43856  C  1 1 0.00000
HETATM  7 C           38.78025 36.03359 39.92279  C  1 1 0.00000
HETATM  8 O           41.14857 41.52361 38.95930  O  1 1 0.00000
.....
.....
END
    
```

Distance restraint information  
(atoms,  $R_{ij}$ ,  $p_{res1}$ ,  $p_{res2}$ )

$$E_{res} = p_{res1} \cdot \left\{ 1 - \exp \left[ p_{res2} \cdot \left( r_{ij} - R_{ij}^{res} \right)^2 \right] \right\}$$

- Similar format for angle and torsion restraint
- ReaxFF can also define a restraint between centres-of-mass for groups of atoms



## geo-file with programmed sliding restraints

```

XTLGRF 200
DESCRP Ethene_Pt_1
RUTYPE NORMAL RUN
CRYSTX 11.29520 25.00000 9.78120 90.00000 90.00000 90.00000
#      At1 At2 R12  Force1 Force2 dR12/dIter(MD) Start (MD) End (MD)
BOND RESTRAINT 3 38 3.1000 1000.00 1.0000 -0.0003200 0 5000
BOND RESTRAINT 2 3 1.1000 1000.00 1.0000 0.0005000 3000 5000
BOND RESTRAINT 2 3 2.1000 0000.00 1.0000 0.0002500 5000 10000
BOND RESTRAINT 3 38 1.5000 0250.00 1.0000 0.0004000 7500 10000
BOND RESTRAINT 3 16 3.1000 1000.00 1.0000 -0.0003200 5000 10000
BOND RESTRAINT 3 16 1.5000 0250.00 0.2500 0.0004000 12500 15000
BOND RESTRAINT 3 17 3.7000 1000.00 1.0000 -0.0004400 10000 15000
BOND RESTRAINT 3 26 3.9000 1000.00 1.0000 -0.0004600 15000 20000
BOND RESTRAINT 1 3 3.0000 1000.00 1.0000 -0.0003800 20000 25000
BOND RESTRAINT 17 3 2.0000 0250.00 0.2500 0.0002000 20000 25000
BOND RESTRAINT 26 3 2.0000 0250.00 0.2500 0.0002000 20000 25000
BOND RESTRAINT 1 31 2.5000 1000.00 1.0000 0.0015000 25000 26000
BOND RESTRAINT 2 4 1.1000 0250.00 1.0000 0.0003500 26000 28500
FORMAT ATOM (a6,1x,i5,1x,a5,1x,a3,1x,a1,1x,a5,3f10.5,1x,a5,i3,i2,1x,f8.5)
HETATM 1 C 5.32771 16.43303 6.19999 C 1 1 0.00000
HETATM 2 C 5.70462 16.41203 4.79278 C 1 1 0.00000
HETATM 3 H 4.98171 15.85375 4.18962 H 1 1 0.00000
HETATM 4 H 6.51890 15.68332 4.61650 H 1 1 0.00000
HETATM 5 H 4.60169 15.63429 6.40317 H 1 1 0.00000
HETATM 6 H 6.16647 16.03195 6.81934 H 1 1 0.00000
.....
.....
END
    
```

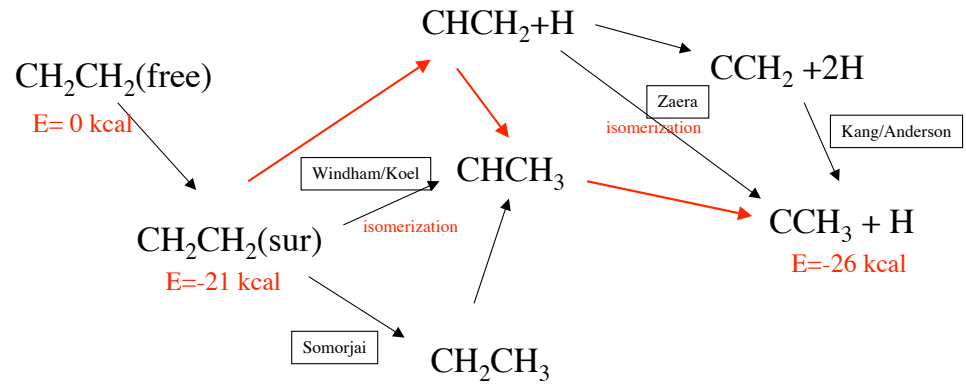
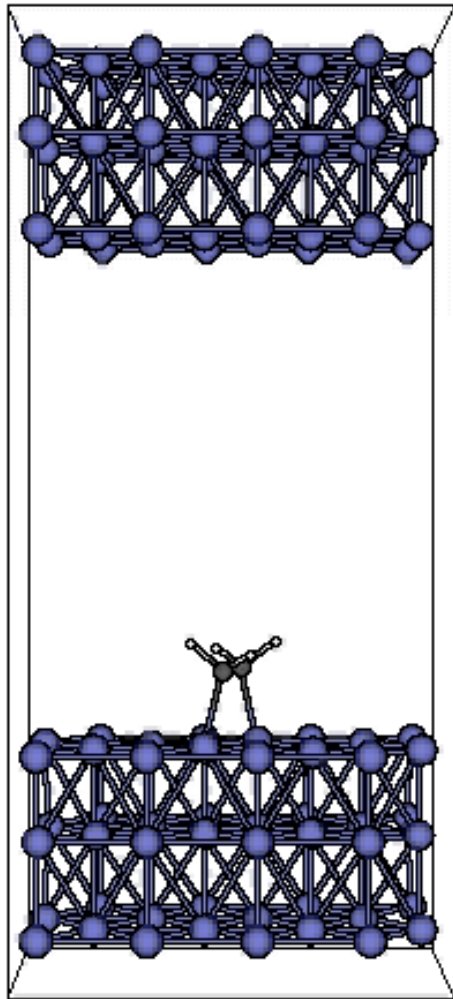
Distance restraint  
information  
(atoms,  $R_{ij}$ ,  $p_{res1}$ ,  
 $p_{res2}$ )

Change in  $R_{ij}$ /MD  
iteration

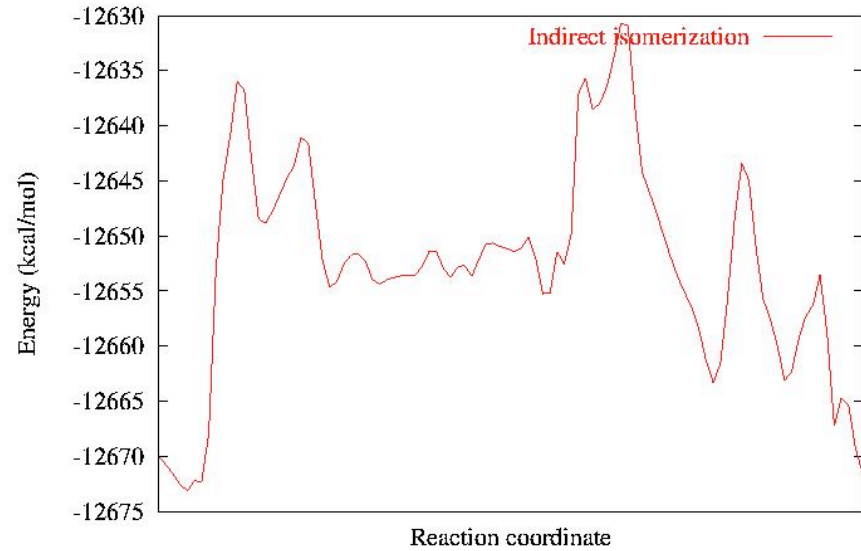
Start/end MD  
iteration for this  
restraint

- Only available for MD-simulation

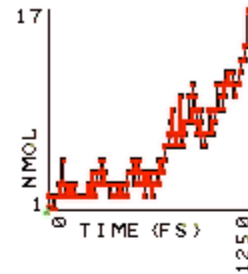
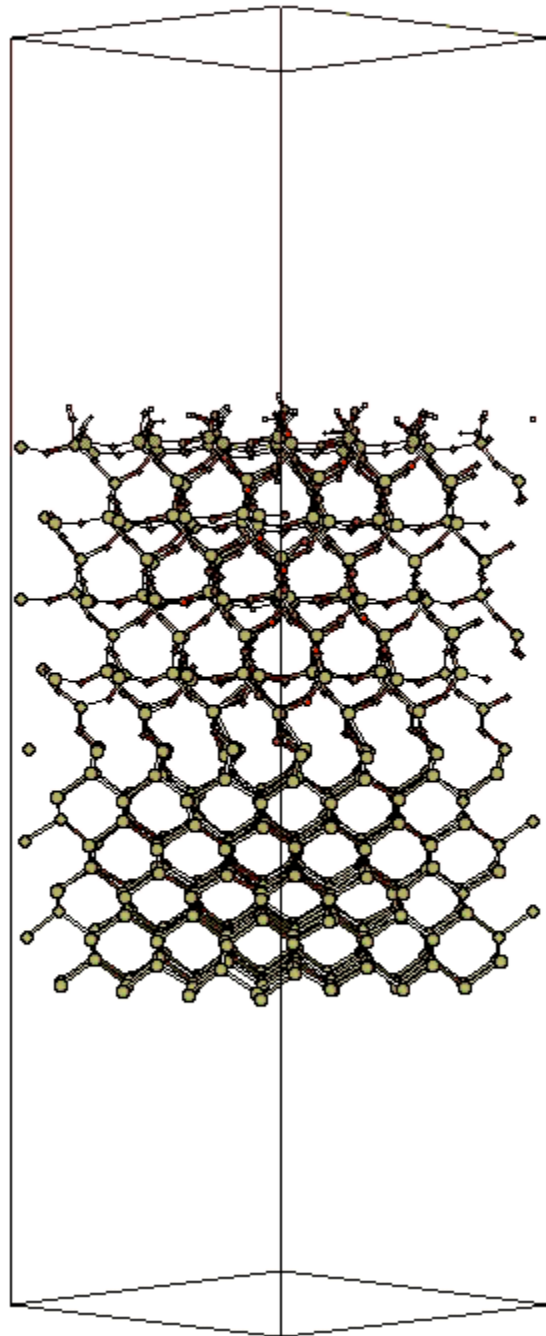
# ReaxFF MD-simulation using sliding bond restraints to drive reactions



Ethylene  $\rightarrow$  CHCH<sub>3</sub> conversion on Pt(111) surface  
 ReaxFF minimization with restraints to drive reaction



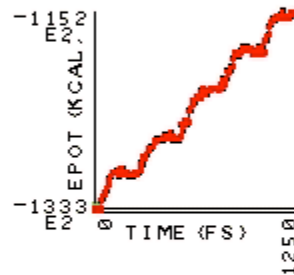
# Adding molecules during an MD-simulation



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BIOGRF 200
DESCRP Si_atom
FREQADD 100
VELADD 2
STARTX -9000.0
STARTY 60.0
STARTZ -9000.0
ADDIST 3.0
NATTEMPT 050
TADDMOL 250.0
FORMAT ATOM (a6,1x,i5,1x,a5,1x,a3,1x,a1,1x,a5,3f10.5,1x,a5,i3,i2,1x,f8.5)
HETATM 1 Si 0.00000 0.00000 0.00000 Si 1 3 0.00000
END
    
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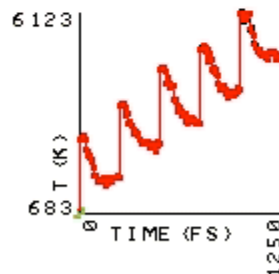
addmol.bgf



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Atom velocities (Angstrom/s):
0.676920600871422E+13 -0.4000000000000001E+15 0.685204179579294E+03
    
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addmol.vel



- Copied moldyn.vel from earlier 600K-equilibration run to vels
- Other input files : exe, control, geo, ffield

## Force field development for Si/SiO systems

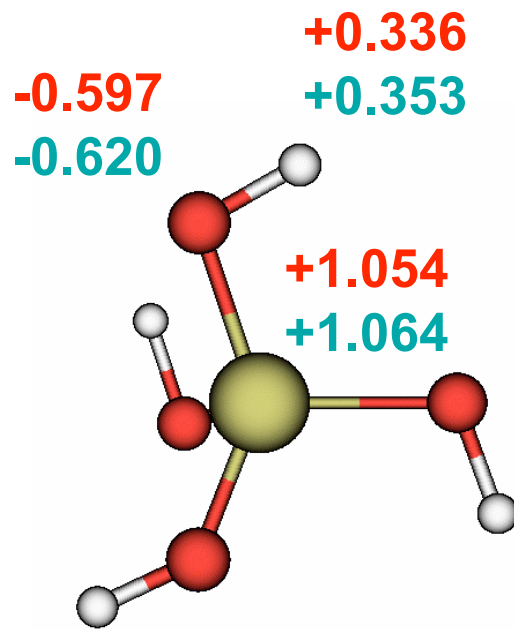
$$E_{system} = E_{bond} + E_{over} + E_{val} + \cancel{E_{tors}} + E_{vdWaals} + E_{Coulomb} \quad \text{Covalent materials}$$

- $E_{bond}$ : bond energy; attractive term, directly derived from bond orders
  - $E_{over}$ : Overcoordination energy: penalty for overcoordinating atoms
  - $E_{val}$ : Angle strain; equilibrium angle depends on bond order central atom
  - $E_{tors}$ : Torsion energy: bond-order dependent  $V_2$ -term
  - $E_{vdWaals}$ : van der Waals: calculated between every atom
  - $E_{Coulomb}$ : Coulomb interaction: calculated between every atom
- Concept: build a QM-based database (training set) that describes reactive and non-reactive aspects of the material and optimize ReaxFF to reproduce these QM-data.
- Bigger (more extensive) training sets yield more transferable force fields (but longer development time!)
  - Things to include in training sets: charges, bond dissociation, angle bending, under/overcoordination, key reactions with transition states, equations of state

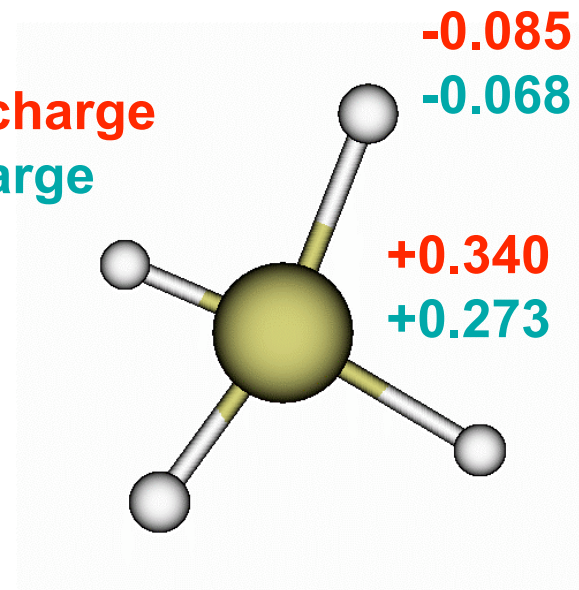


# Charges

- Fit atom electronegativities and hardnesses to QM-based charge distributions

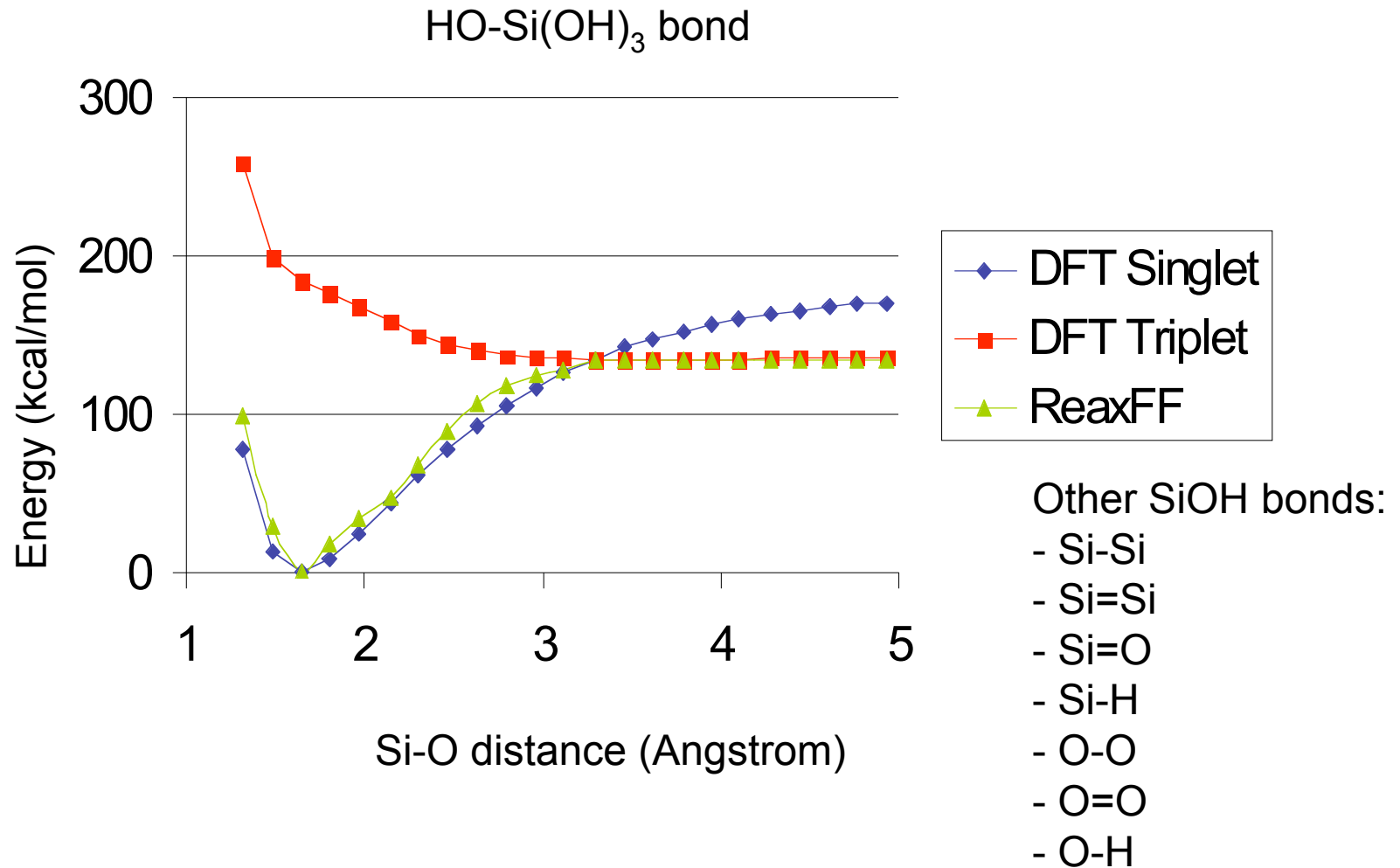


QM/Mulliken charge  
ReaxFF charge



$$E_{system} = E_{bond} + E_{over} + E_{val} + E_{vdWaal} + E_{Coulomb}$$

# Bond energy

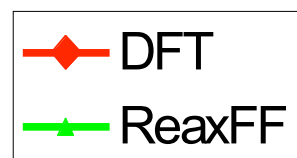
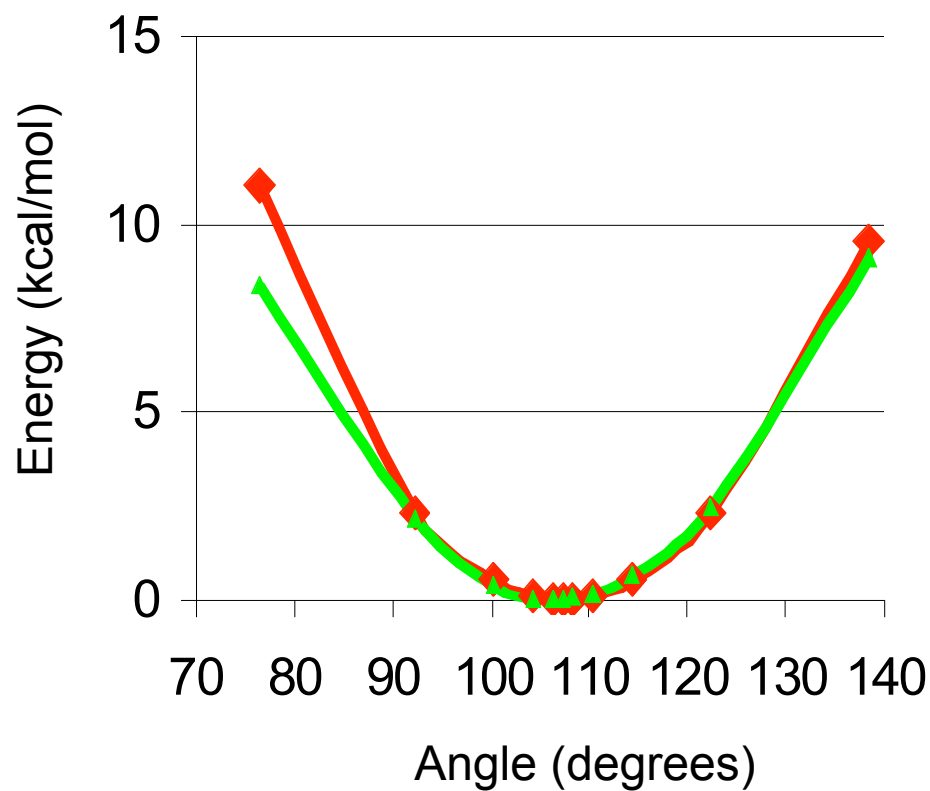


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# Valence angle bending

## 1. Individual valence angles

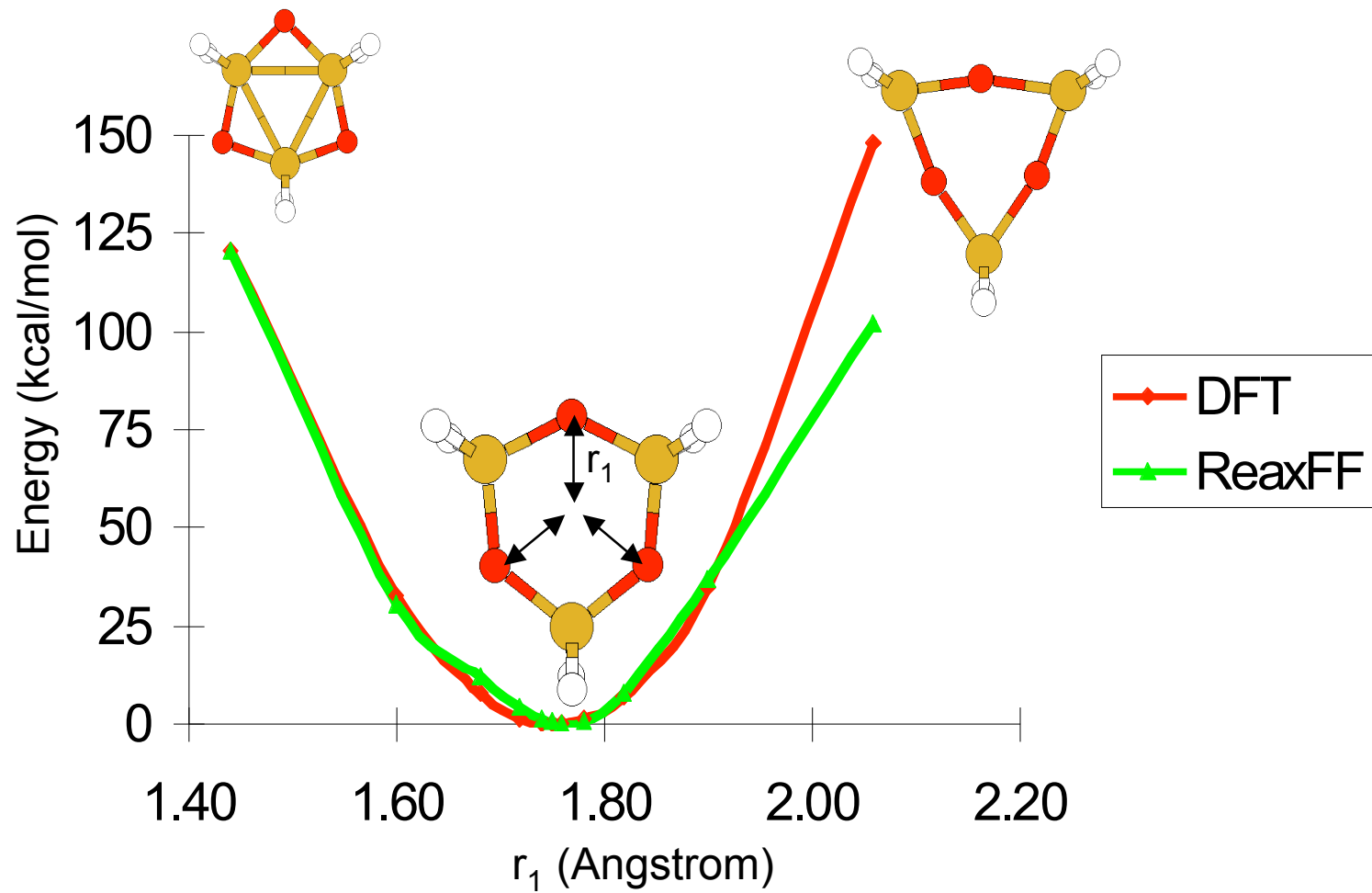
H<sub>3</sub>Si-SiH<sub>2</sub>-OH angle



Other SiOH angles:

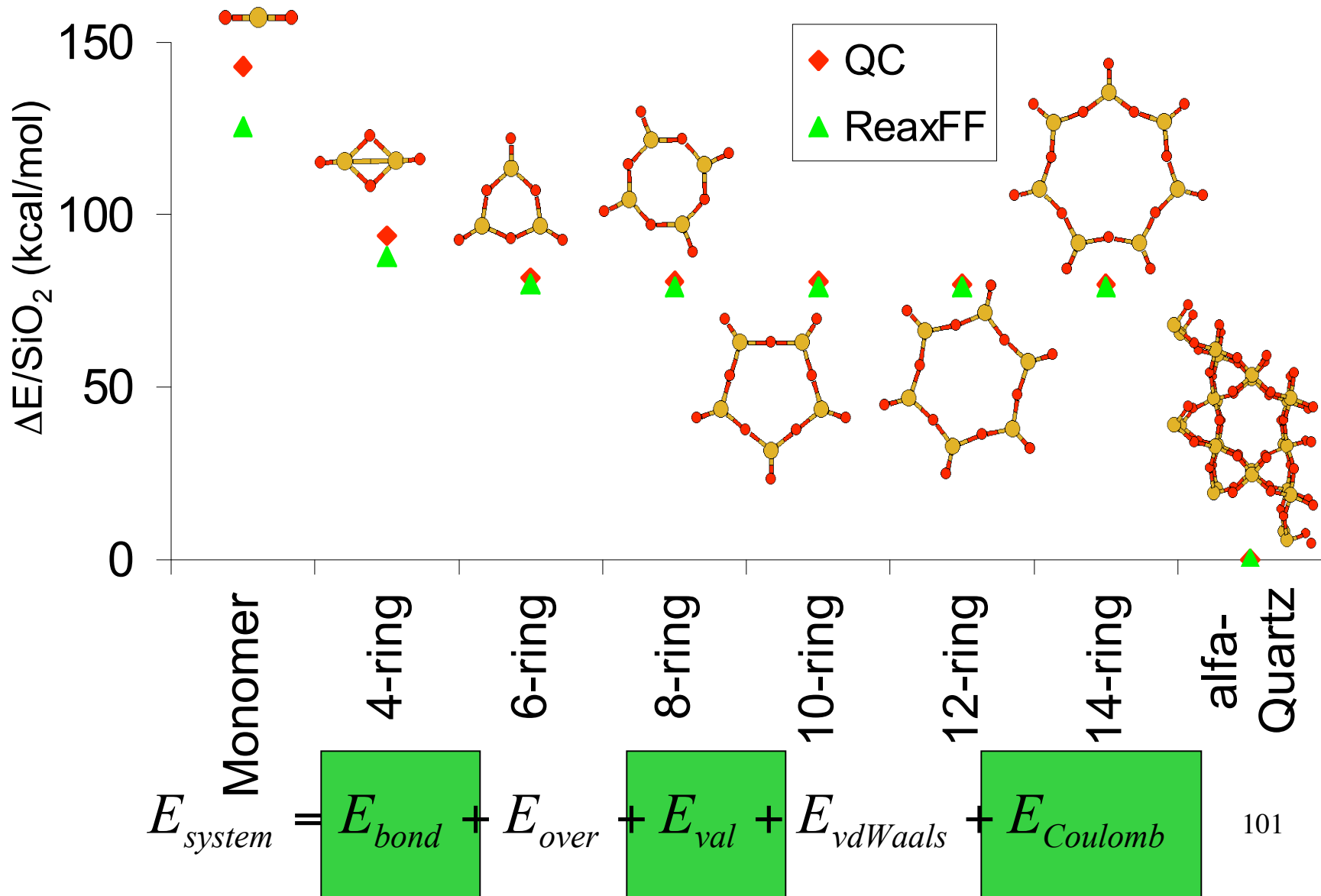
- Si-Si-Si
- Si-O-Si
- Si-Si-H
- Si-O-H
- O-Si-H
- Si-Si-H
- H-Si-H
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- O-O-O
- Si-O-O
- O-O-H

## Valence angle bending 2. Ring deformation

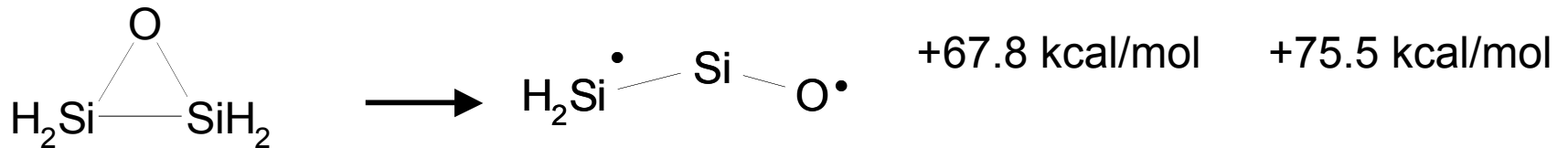
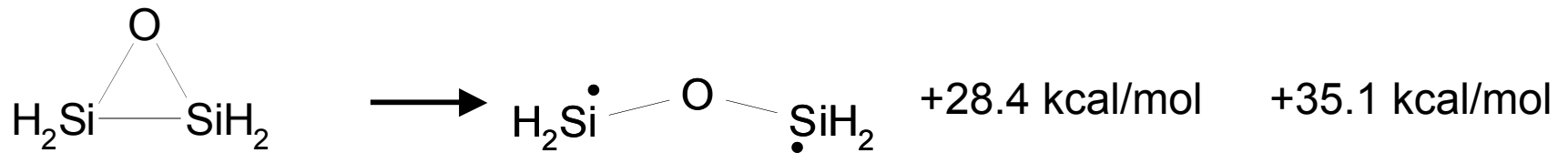
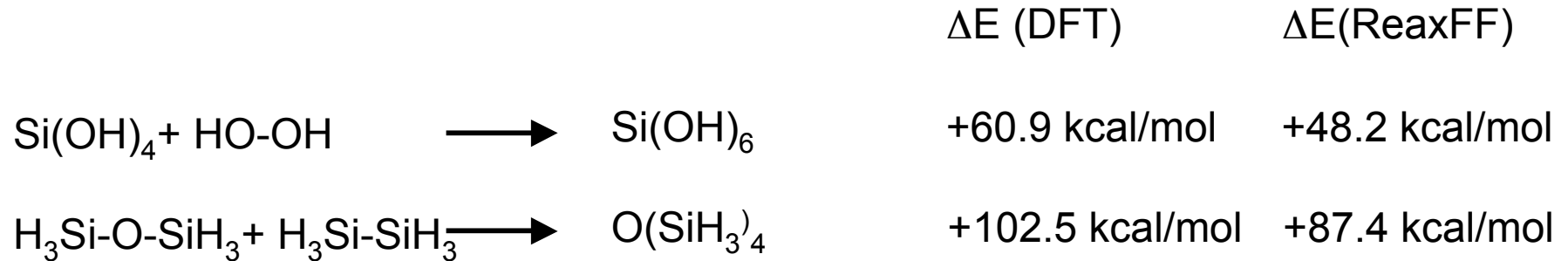


# Valence angle bending

## 3. Ring size/ring strain

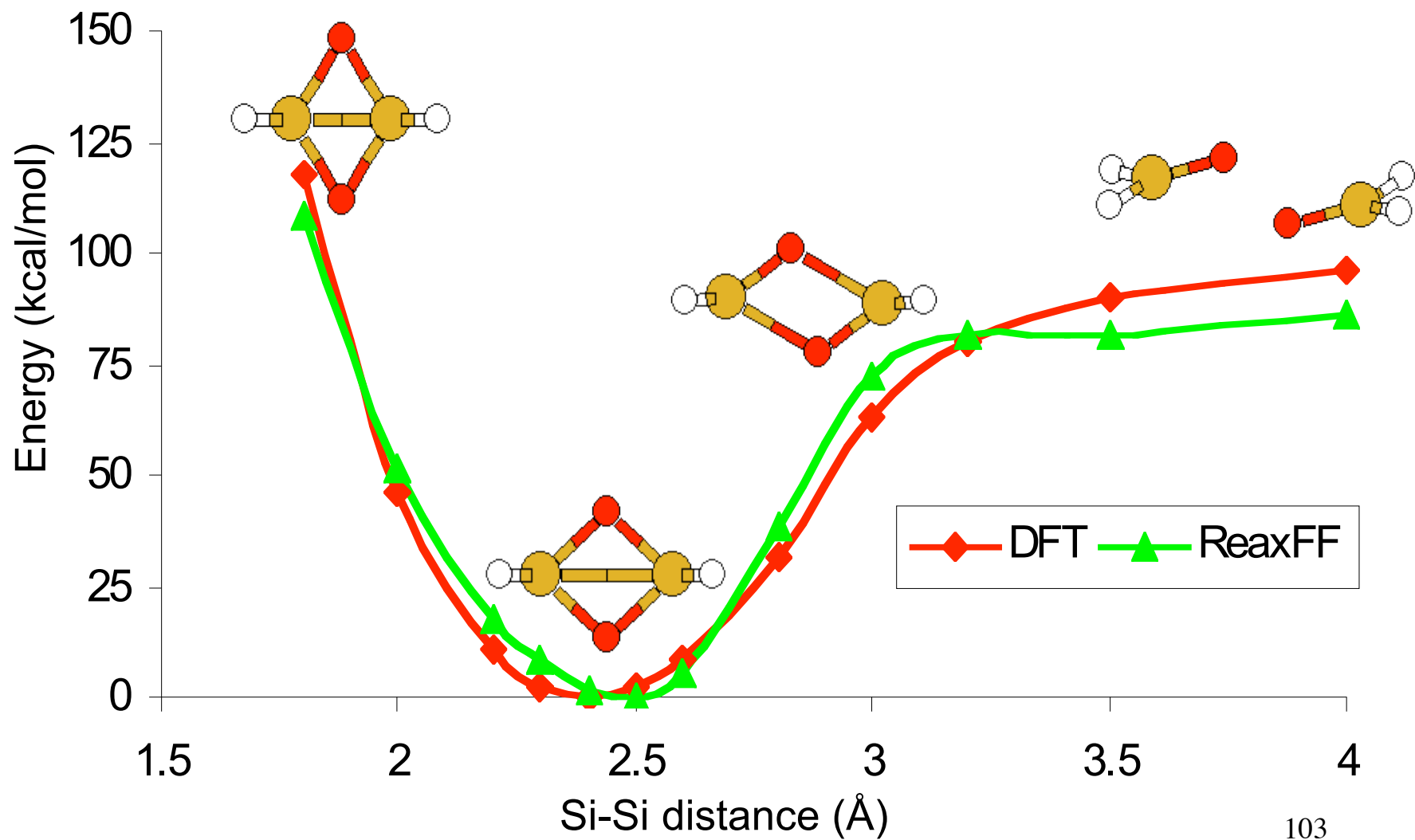


# Over/undercoordination



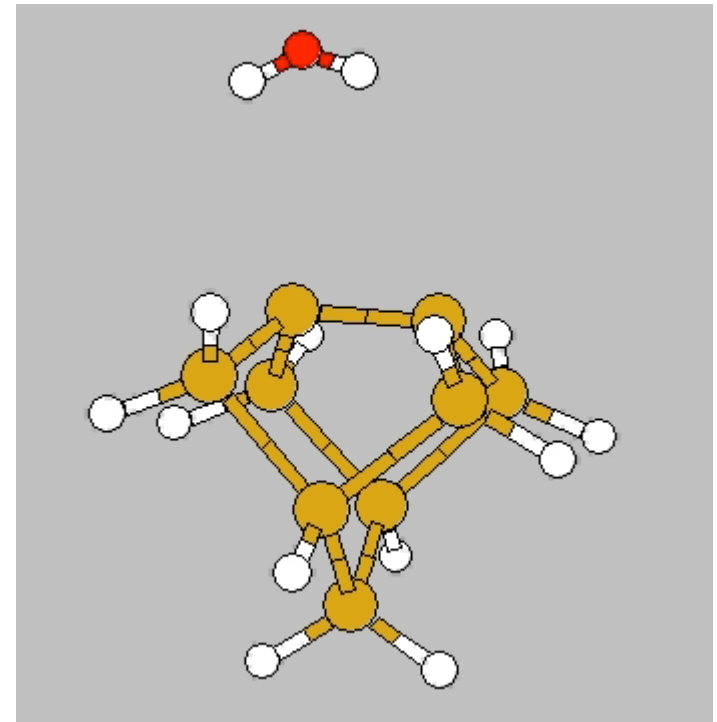
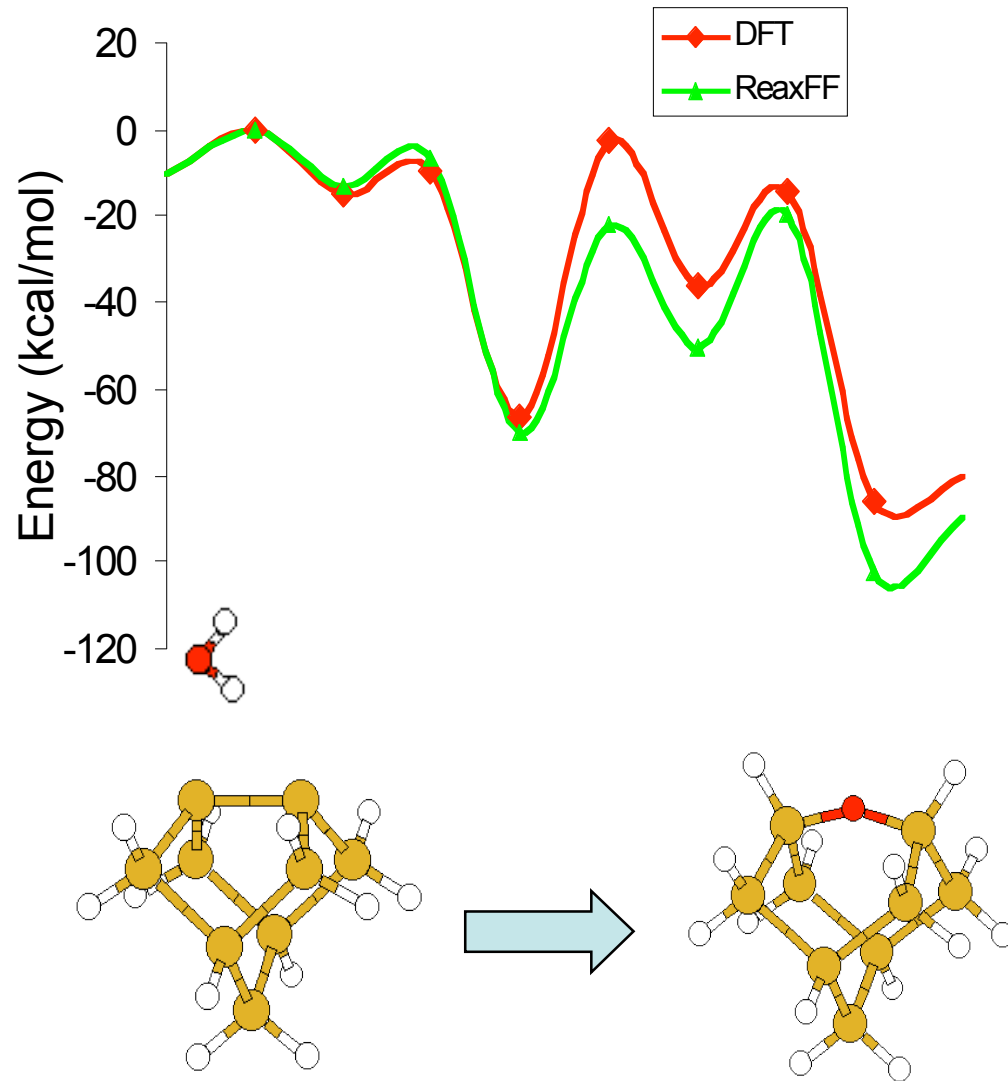
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# Reactions



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## 2. H<sub>2</sub>O- incorporation in a Si-cluster



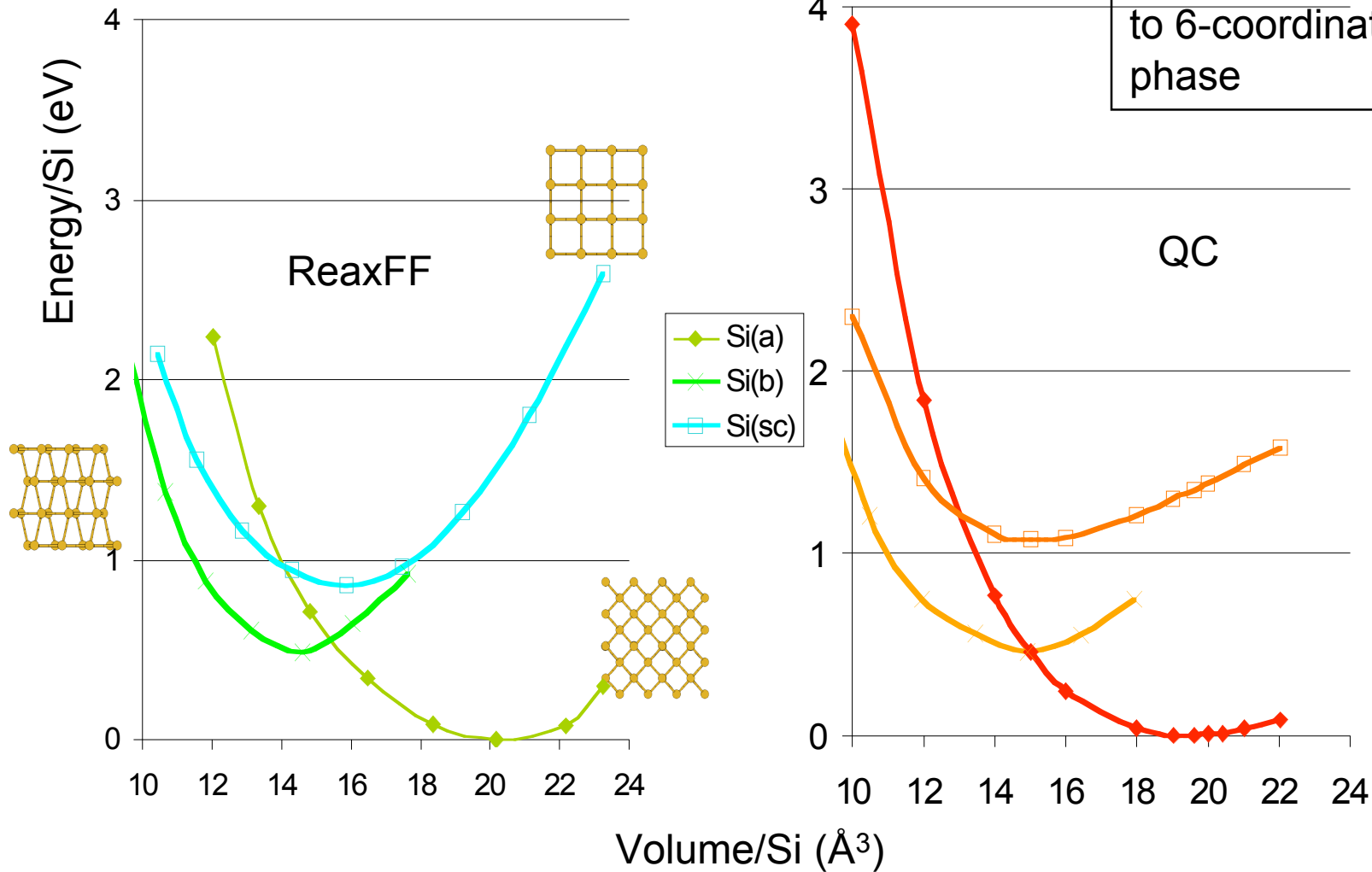
- Reactive force field can be used to simulate the entire reaction pathway



# Equations of state crystals

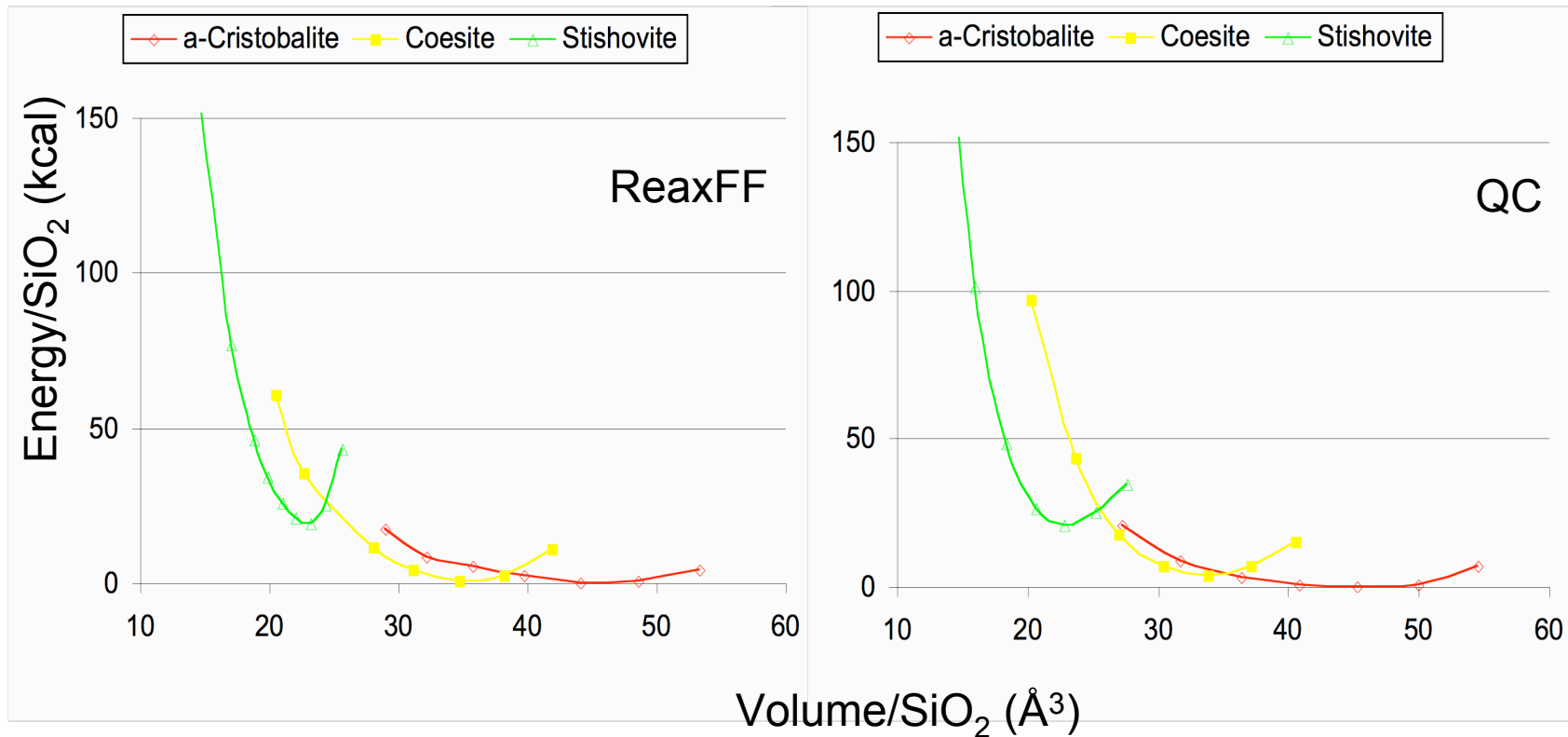
## 1. All-Si crystals

- Force field recognizes high-pressure transition from 4-coordinated ( $\alpha$ ) to 6-coordinated ( $\beta$ ) phase



# Compression/expansion crystals

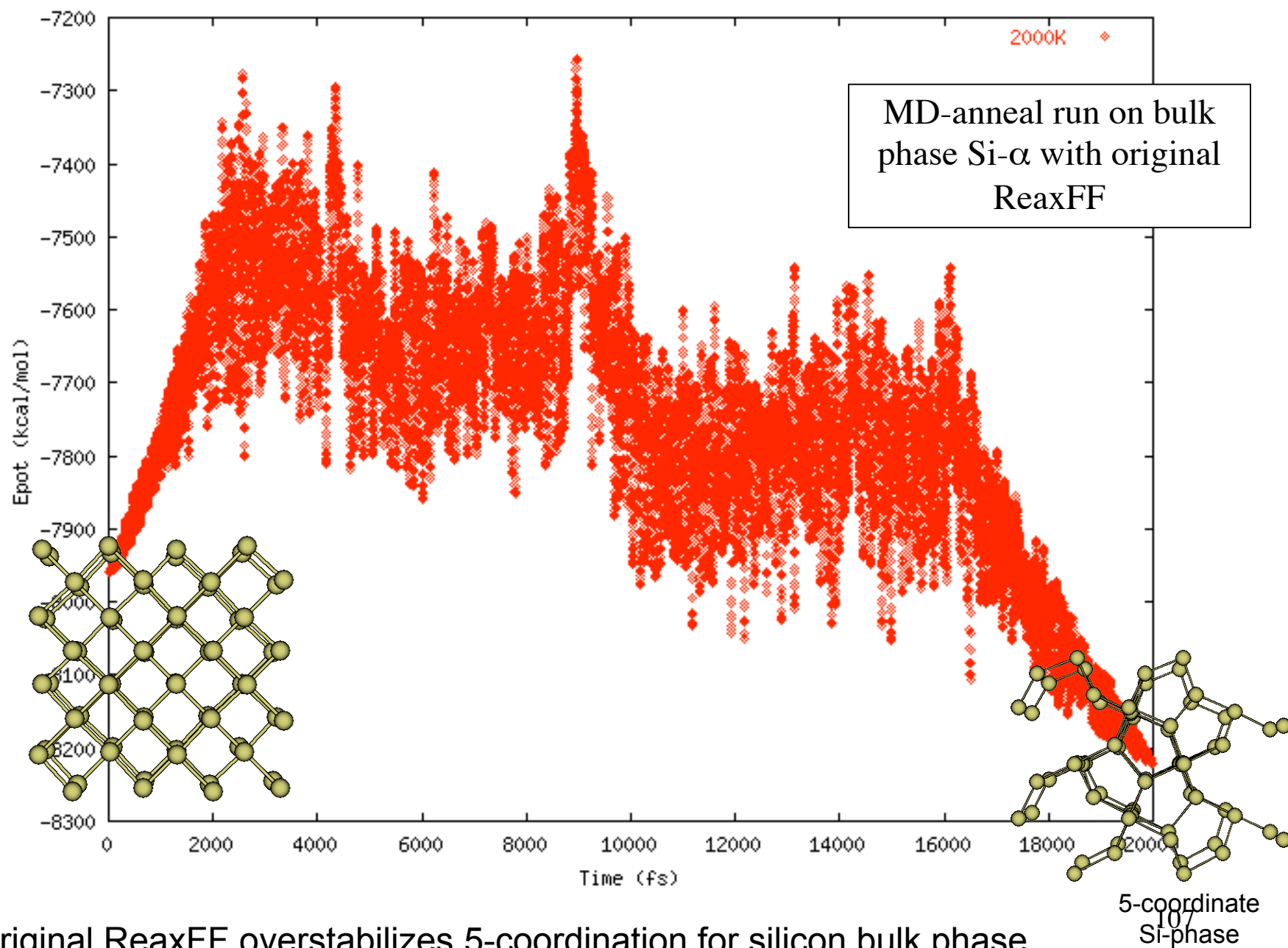
## 2. Silicon oxide crystals



- ReaxFF reproduces the QC-data for both the clusters as well as the condensed phases.

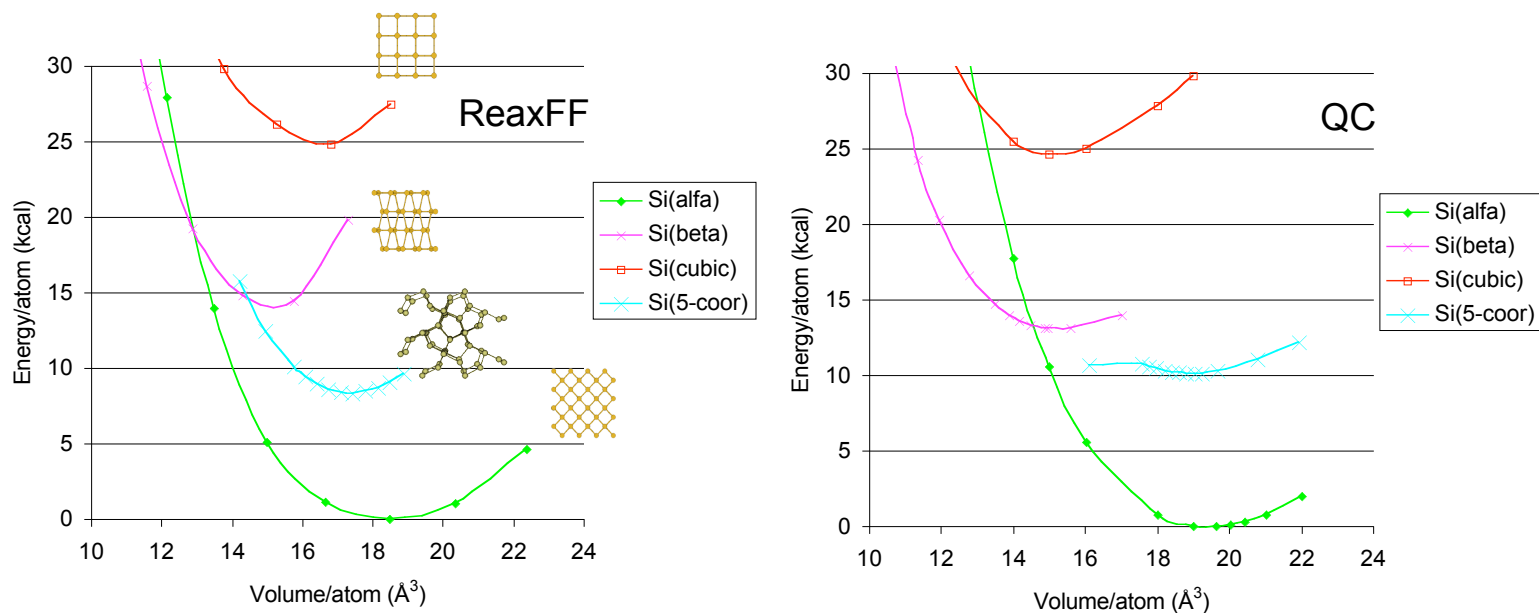
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## Correcting a 'finished' ReaxFF force field



- Original ReaxFF overstabilizes 5-coordination for silicon bulk phase

## Re-optimize ReaxFF with equation of state for 5-coordinate Si-phase



- Re-optimized ReaxFF gets proper stability for 5-coordinate Si-phase
- 5-coordinate phase is more stable than 6-coordinate Si( $\beta$ ) !
- 5-coordinate Si might be important in amorphous Si

# MD-anneal run on bulk phase Si- $\alpha$ with ReaxFF

