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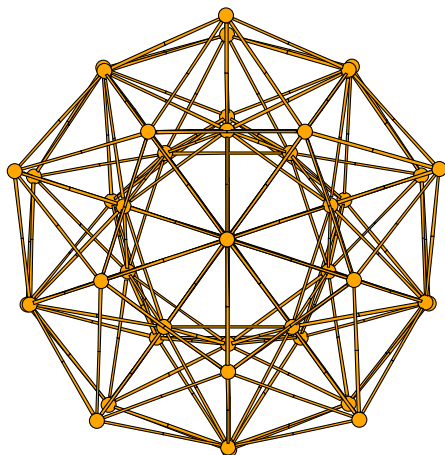
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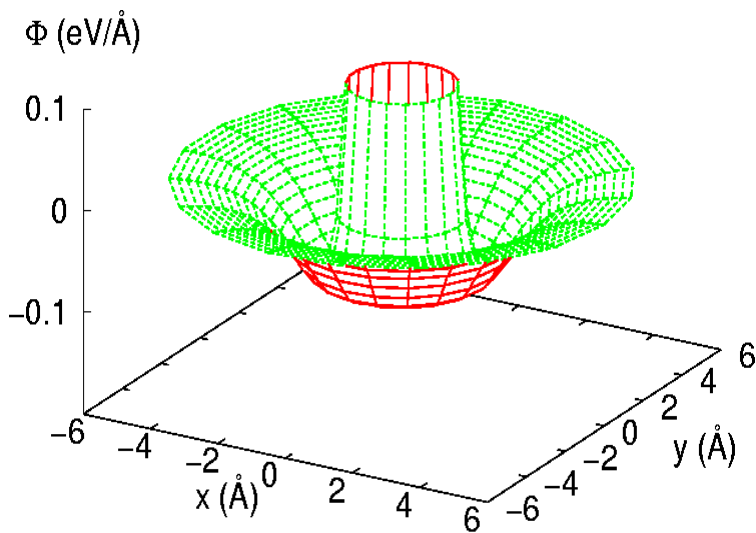
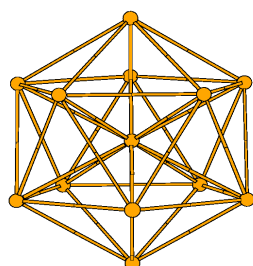
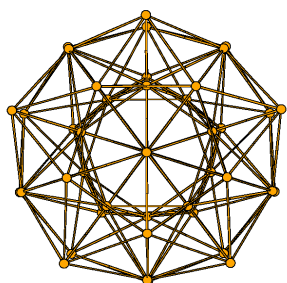
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NANOME
 MAPPING PROJECT
 Mapping the NANOWORLD
 at
 Magurele-Bucharest

We are making NANO at Magurele

(L. C. Cune)



Cune Potential

$$\Phi_{ij} = -\frac{1}{2}z_i^*z_j^*q \left(1 - \frac{2}{q|\mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{r}_j|} \right) e^{-q|\mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{r}_j|}$$

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Department of Energy, USA

Strategic Plan of Research 2005-2025

Priorities:

1 NanoSci & NanoTech (Electronization of Biology)

2 Complex Systems (Control of the Planet, Space, etc)

3 Astrophysics & Cosmology (New Nuclear Weapons)

(USA's 21st Century Nano Res & Dev Act, 2003)

Hierarchy in Size

Atoms, Molecules $<10\text{\AA}$

NanoStructures 10\AA — 1000 - 1500\AA

Micro-, Mini- (lower bound of today $\sim 900\text{\AA}$)

MesoStructures (1μ)

MacroStructures (Avogadro's number 10^{23}) - Universe Age ?

(1 nano= $10\text{\AA} = 10^{-9}\text{m}$)

Scale

Human Hair = $800\,000\text{\AA}$ (80μ)

Red blood cell = $70\,000\text{\AA}$

Virus = 1000\AA : Here starts Nano down to

Fullerene molecule = 7\AA

DNA = 20\AA (wide)

Water molecule= 3\AA

What we expect from Nano

NanoElectronics (Moore's Law)

Information & Communication (NANONISATION)

Drug Development

Water (Environment) Decontamination

Stronger and Lighter Materials

"Grey Goo" ?

New Processes, Materials

Functional Nanostructures (electronic, chemical, biological, ...)

Technological Matters

Investment: \$5b (\$2b private)

Etching Silicon Microchips (limited); Self-assembly (bottom-up)

Displays (*Se*), Paints, Batteries (*Ni*), Catalysts

Nanowires (carbon); Optical and magnetic NanoMemories

ZnO_2 (zirconia) - ceramic plastics; Al_2O_3 (aluminium oxide) - ceramic; SiO_2 (quartz) - microelectronics

Nano-*Ag* dresses wounds

Cosmetics (ZnO , TiO_2 , FeO)

A few Examples

Nano-*Au* appear red, blue or gold in stained glass and ceramics, depending on its size

TiO_2 -nanowires for (photo-) catalysis, *H*, *Li* storage (UV active, transparent)

Phosphorous algae

Proteins

Polymers

Romanian Advances

Cd/Se quantum nanowires (electrochemically, display)

Cu/Co multilayer nanowires (giant magnetoresistance)

Particulate alkali halogenides with Rare Earths (digital radiography)

3D Compact Disk of Ceramics with Rare Earths

NanoColoured optical crystals

Issues

- Health Risk, Social, Environmental, Safety, Regulatory, Ethical
- Toxicity - NanoBomb (DustClouds), Explosion
- Dangerous Materials: Quartz, Asbestos, Air Pollutants via Combustion (1mg per cubic metre of breathing air)
- Human Enhancement (Commercialisation of Science)

Physics

Large Surface (Finite-Size Effects)

Quantum Effects (optical, electrical, magnetic)

(El Conductance quanta *vs* Mech Tension quanta in nanowires)

NanoTech: Size and Shape Matters (Quantum Dots Optics~Size)

New tools: STM, AFM (NanoMetrology); MBE

Chemical Binding

Dirac (~1930) (Hartree-Fock (HF), LCAO)

1 *Ab-initio* methods (LCAO) (Pople, 1940-1998) - configuration superposition (Slater, 1929, 1930)

2 Density functional (Kohn-Sham, 1964-1998)

H_2 - molecule (James-Coolidge, 1933) - energy *vs* size (*He* - Hylleraas, 1929, Pekeris, 1958)

Quasiclassical Description

THEORY

(L. C. Cune)

- Nanostructure (one-particle) orbital

$$\psi_s = \alpha_s \varphi_s + \beta_s \Phi_s$$

(in contrast with *ab-initio* methods' φ_s only) - Mullikan (1928)

- Cores plus valence atomic-like orbitals (upper shells) $\varphi_s = \sum c_{ia}^s \chi_{ia}$

- Minimum of atomic energy $\rightarrow c_{ia}^s$

- Minimum of extended-orbital energy $\rightarrow \beta_s$

- Coupling through $\sum |c_{ia}^s|^2 = 1$ and $\alpha_s^2 + \beta_s^2 = 1$ (self-consistency; structure dependent)

- binding effective charge z_i^* for each i -th ion

- binding ionic-hole density $\rho = \sum \beta_s^2 |c_{ia}^s|^2 |\chi_{ia}|^2$, $z_i^* = \sum \beta_s^2 |c_{ia}^s|^2$: assume spherical symmetric $\sum z_i^* \delta(r - R_i)$ (more general $\rho = \sum \beta_s^2 c_{ia}^s c_{jb}^s \chi_{ia}^* \chi_{jb}$)

- s -like atoms: $z_{Na}^* = 0.44$, $z_K^* = 0.34$, $z_{Fe}^* = 0.57$ ($3d^6 4s^2$), $z_{Ag}^* = 0.19$ ($4d^{10} 5s^1$), $z_{Ba}^* = 0.34$ (quasi-classical description of heavy atoms; atomic screening)

-(magnetic momentum, structure dependent)

Binding (cohesion) Hamiltonian

$$H = \sum_{\alpha} p_{\alpha}^2 / 2m - e^2 \sum_{i\alpha} \int dR \cdot \frac{\rho_i(R)}{|R-r_{\alpha}|} + \frac{1}{2} e^2 \sum_{\alpha \neq \beta} \frac{1}{|r_{\alpha} - r_{\beta}|} +$$

$$+ \frac{1}{2} e^2 \sum_{i \neq j} \int dR dR' \cdot \frac{\rho_i(R) \rho_j(R')}{|R-R'|}$$

$$\rho_i = \sum \beta_s^2 |c_{ia}^s|^2 |\chi_{ia}|^2 \rightarrow z_i^* \delta(R - R_i)$$

Core-Electrons Equations

- (nano) structure orbitals

- solve iteratively for β_s and c_{ia}^s (corrections controlled by $a_{atom}/a_{structure}$, orbital-dependent)

- fractional β_s , theory of valence (donors, acceptors, etc)

- main role: actual atomic-like orbitals $\chi_{ia}(R)$ in upper shells

- (all for usual, relatively light, cohesion, upper shells!) (*Pd-H* problem!)

Hartree-Fock Equations (HF)

$$(p^2/2m)\Phi_s - e\varphi \cdot \Phi_s + \varepsilon_{ex}(\Phi_s) = \varepsilon\Phi_s$$

$$\varphi = e \sum_i z_i^* / |r - R_i| - e \int dr' \cdot n(r') / |r - r'|$$

$$\varepsilon_{ex} = -e^2 \int dr' \cdot 1/|r - r'| \sum_{s'} \Phi_{s'}^*(r') \Phi_{s'}(r) \cdot \Phi_s(r')$$

$$n(r) = \sum_s |\Phi_s(r)|^2, \quad n(r, r') = \sum_s \Phi_s^*(r) \Phi_s(r')$$

- eigenfunctions for ε_{ex} - plane waves

- unknowns: Φ_s and number of s (non-linear!); local changes of electron density

- s - change in electron density: no change in ε_{ex} (rigidity, non-local; Slater, 1979; Seitz, Wigner, 1934) (functional of concentration, not of density!)

- screening the Hartree (1928) potential φ until almost constant: plane waves as eigenfunctions almost everywhere

- slow spatial variations

Solution

Hartree (1928) - Fock (1930) energy functional - variation with respect to the s - number of states

Thomas (1927)-Fermi (1928) equations (TF):

$$\hbar^2 k_F^2 / 2m - e\varphi = 0, \quad \Delta\varphi = -4\pi e \sum_i z_i^* \delta(r - R_i) + 4\pi e n$$

$$n = k_F^3 / 3\pi^2$$

plus **LINEARIZATION!** $n \sim \varphi$

- quasiclassical approximation $n \sim \varphi^{3/2}$ - valid for $z_i^* \rightarrow \infty$, no binding (Teller, 1962)

Linearization

$$k_F^n \rightarrow \bar{k}_F^{n-1} k_F, \quad q^2 = (8/3\pi) \bar{k}_F$$

\bar{k}_F to be compared with $k_{Fav} = (1/z_0) \int n k_F = (4/3\pi^2 z_0) \int \varphi^2$; q^2 and q_{av}^2 ($z_0 = \sum_i z_i^*$)

- Poisson equation:

$$\varphi = \sum_i \frac{z_i^*}{|r - R_i|} e^{-q|r - R_i|}$$

- Thomas-Fermi screened potential

- HF energy functional (linearized):

$$E_{kin} = (27\pi^2/640) z_0 q^4, \quad E_{ex} = -(9/32) z_0 q^2$$

$$E_{pot} = -\frac{q}{4} \left\{ 3 \sum_i z_i^{*2} + \sum_{i \neq j} z_i^* z_j^* \left[1 - \frac{2}{q|R_i - R_j|} \right] e^{-q|R_i - R_j|} \right\}$$

- Variational q from $E_q = E_{kin} + E_{pot}$

Cune Potential

$$\Phi(R_i - R_j) = -\frac{q z_i^* z_j^*}{2} \left[1 - \frac{2}{q|R_i - R_j|} \right] e^{-q|R_i - R_j|}$$

repulsive $R \rightarrow 0$, attractive $R \rightarrow \infty$, minimum at $qa \sim 2.73$

Recipee

- Minimization of E_{pot} with respect to $q|R_i - R_j|$
- Minimization of $E_q = E_{kin} + E_{pot}$ with respect to q
- Atomic positions (structure); vibration spectrum
- $q \simeq 0.77 z^{*1/3}$ and $q_{av} \simeq 0.9 z^{*1/3}$; 17%
- Electronic properties - "Quantum" corrections: HF eqs with screened potential (Clemenger-Nilson approximation, finite-size effects, etc)
- Correction for q (*via* linearized electron density)
- Maximal accuracy 3% (one-particle functions; lifetime)

Full Recipee

- Start with actual atomic-like potentials and $z_i^* = 1$ (normalized)
- Minimization of E_{pot} with respect to $|R_i - R_j|$ and minimization of $E_q = E_{kin} + E_{pot}$ with respect to q separately
- Correct for $z_i^* < 1$ by a_{at}/a_{str} -controlled core-electrons eqs (convergence)
- Structure (atomic positions); vibration spectrum
- Electronic properties - "Quantum" corrections: HF eqs with screened potential
- Refine everything by one more iteration with the corrected q (*via* linearized electron density) (convergence)
- Stop: at about 3% accuracy

Applications 1: Atomic Clusters

- homo-atomic (δ - cores, at screening z_i^*)
- structure, magic forms and magic numbers (symmetry and space economy; entropy economy?)
- energy
- abundance $\ln(I_N^2/I_{N-1}I_{N+1}) = E_{N+1} + E_{N-1} - 2E_N$
- vibrations spectrum
- isomers
- quantum corrections (electronic), deformed cluster potentials, finite-size effects included (ionization potential, electron affinity, reactivity)

Electronic Properties

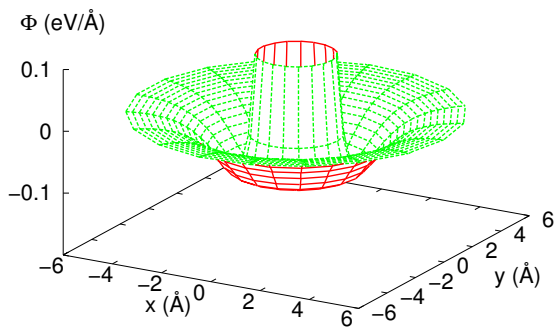
$$\varphi = \sum_i \frac{z_i^*}{|r-R_i|} e^{-q|r-R_i|}$$

$$\varphi = \frac{4\pi z^*}{a^3 q^2} (1 - F e^{-qR}) \quad , \quad F = (1 + qR) \frac{\sinh qr}{qr} \quad , \quad r < R \quad (\text{harm oscill } \omega^2 \text{ controlled by } a/R)$$

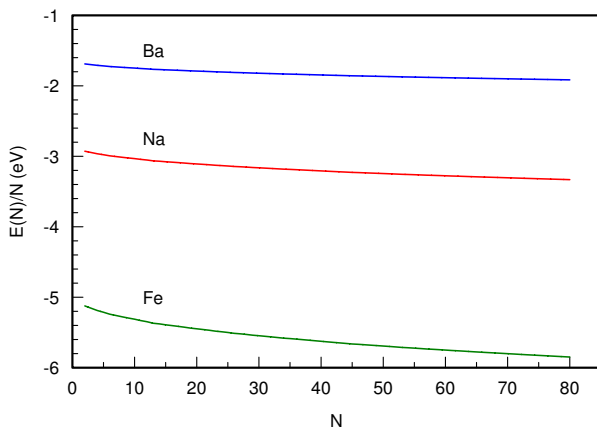
$$\varphi = \frac{4\pi z^*}{a^3 q^2} (qR \cosh qR - \sinh qR) e^{-qr} / qr \quad , \quad r > R$$

$$E_{pot} = -\frac{3}{4} q N z^{*2} \left\{ 1 - \frac{2\pi}{(aq)^3} \cdot \frac{1}{qR} \right\}$$

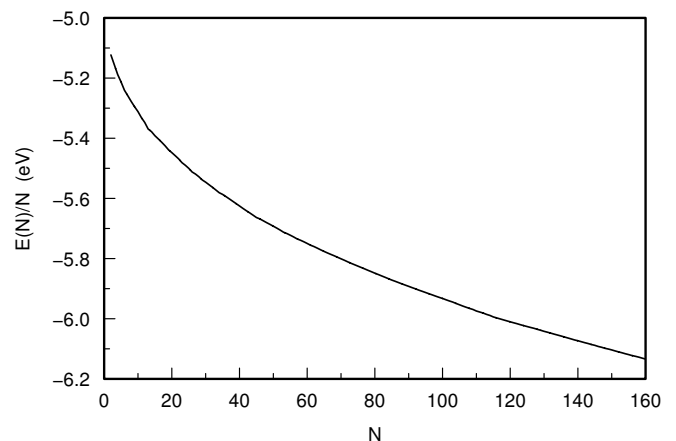
(surface tension)



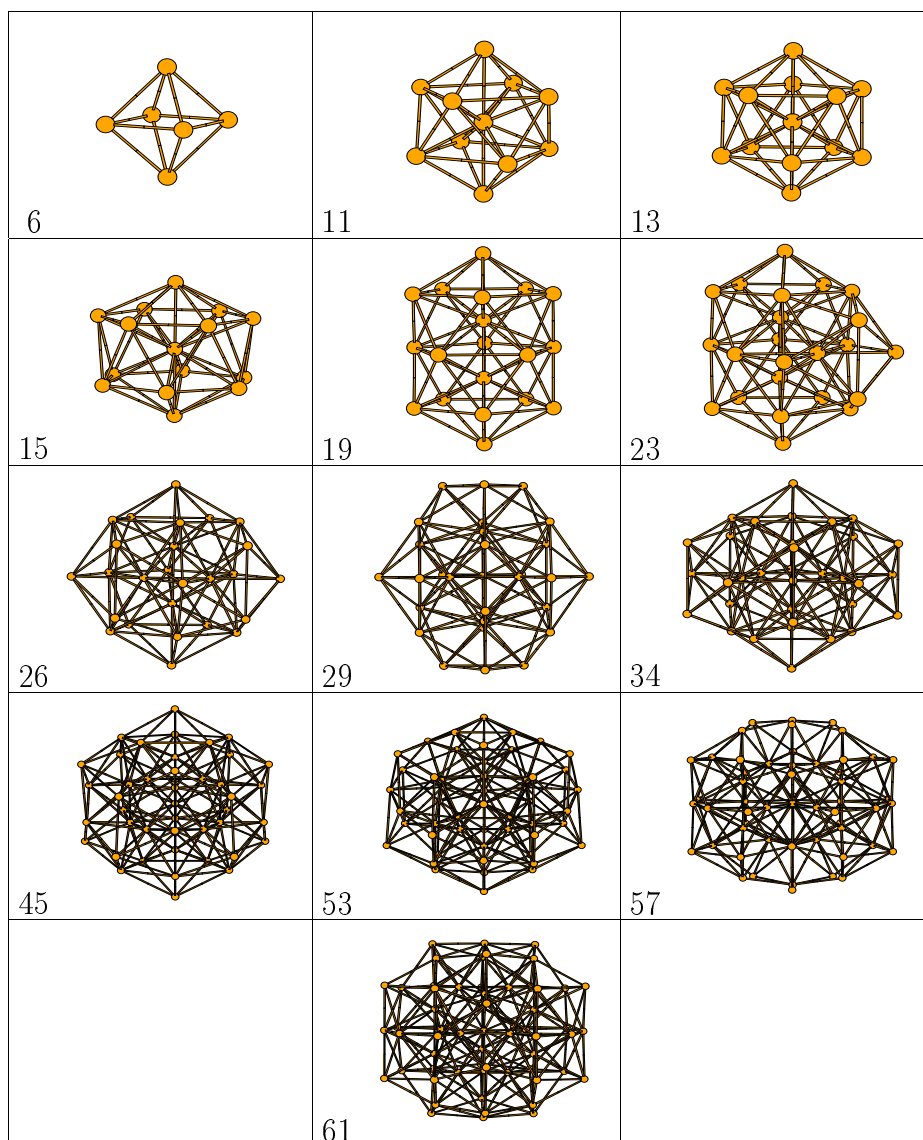
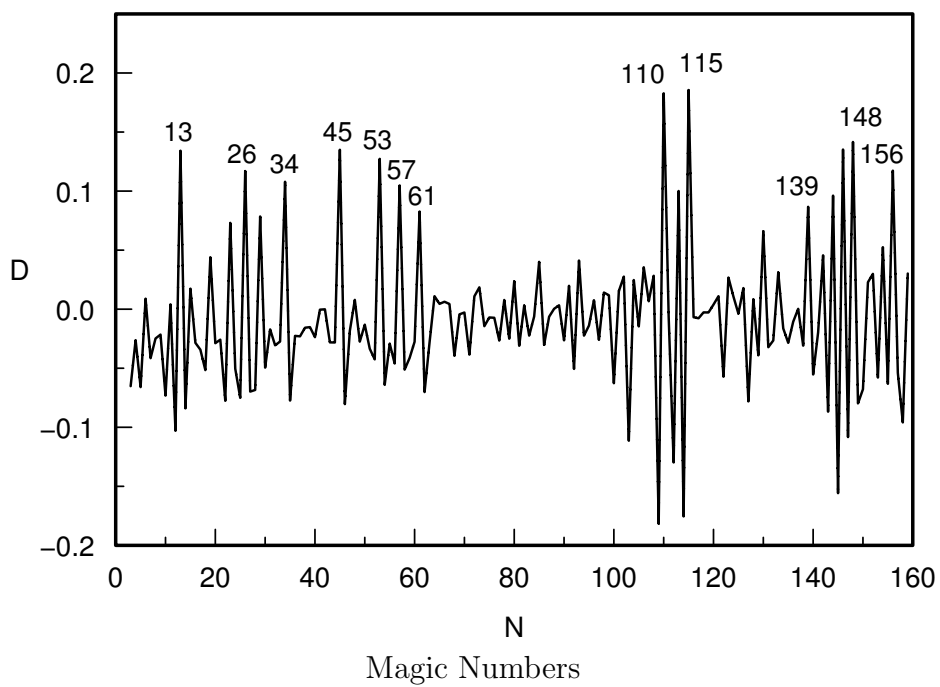
Effective inter-atomic potential



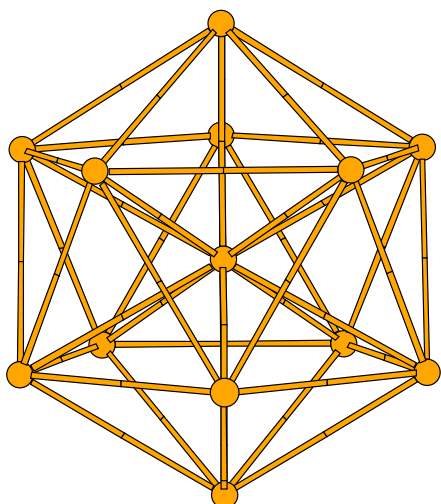
Energy per atom vs N for Ba-, Na-, and Fe-clusters (N < 80)



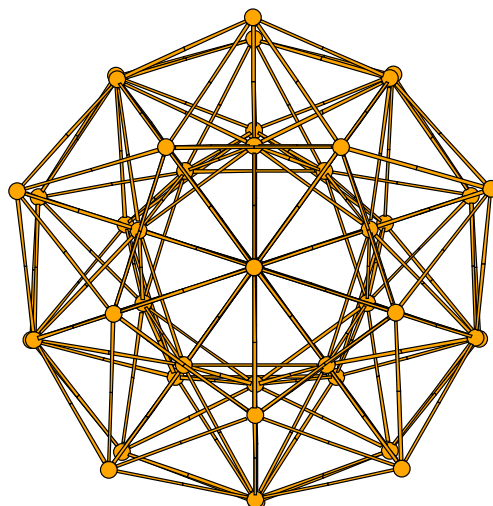
Energy per atom vs N for Fe-clusters (N < 160)



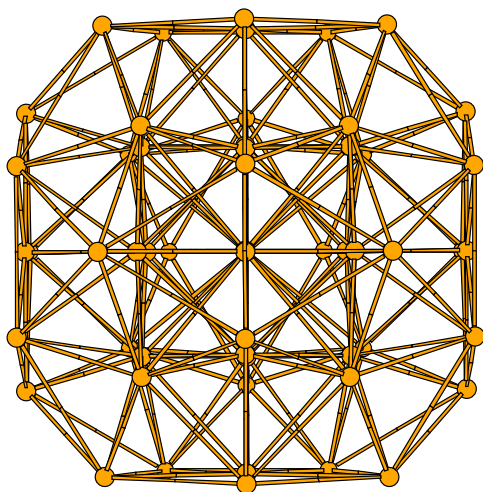
Magic homo-atomic
metallic clusters



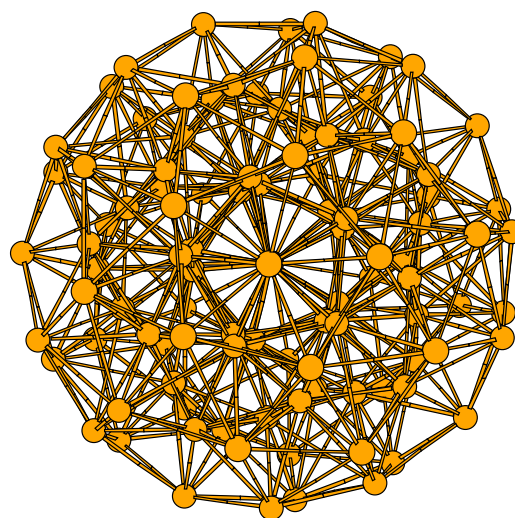
Fe_{13}



Fe_{45}

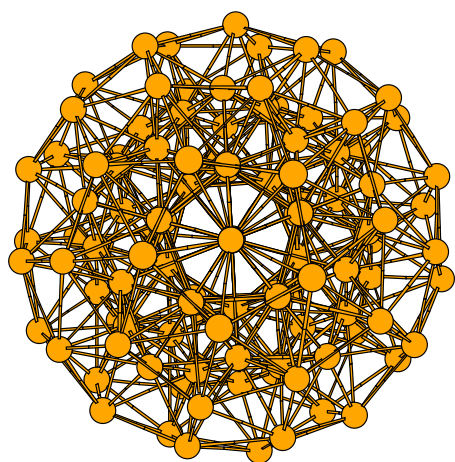
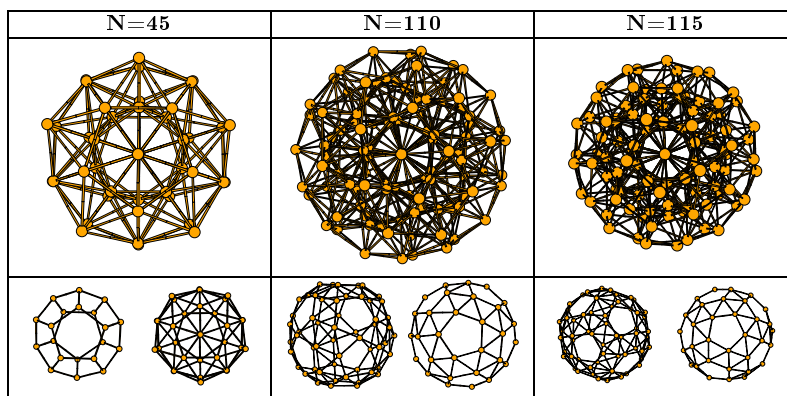


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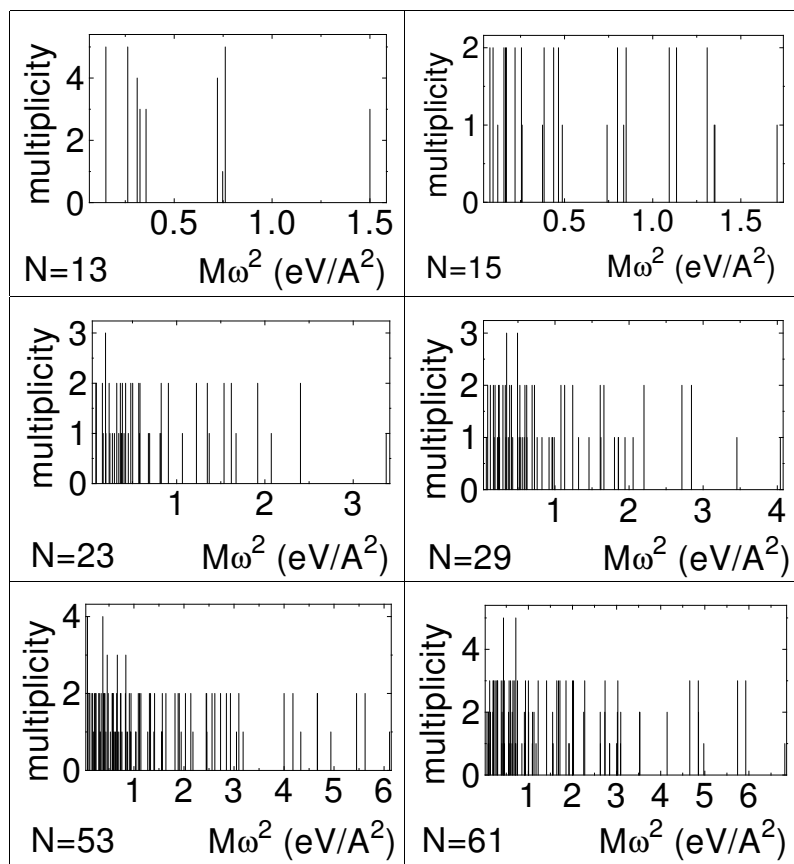


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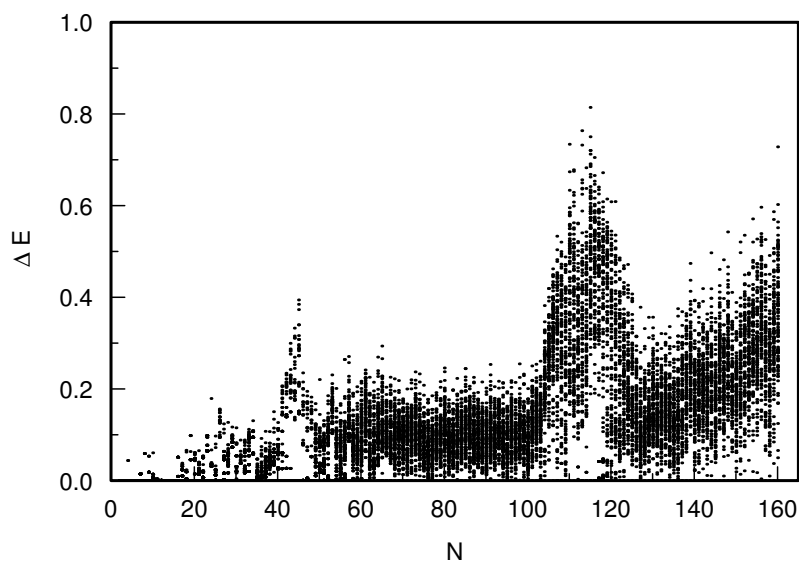
Outer atomic shells



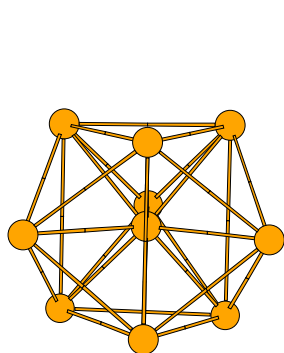
Fe_{115}



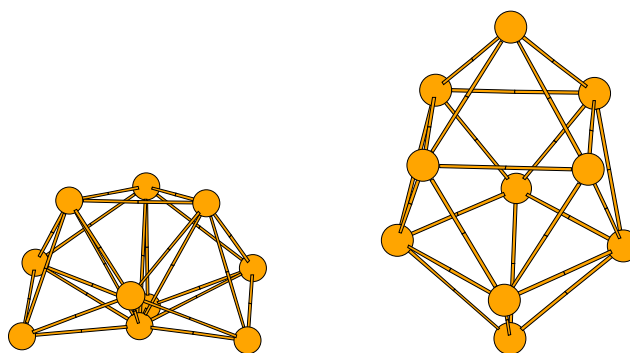
Vibration spectra for ground-state Fe-clusters



Isomers



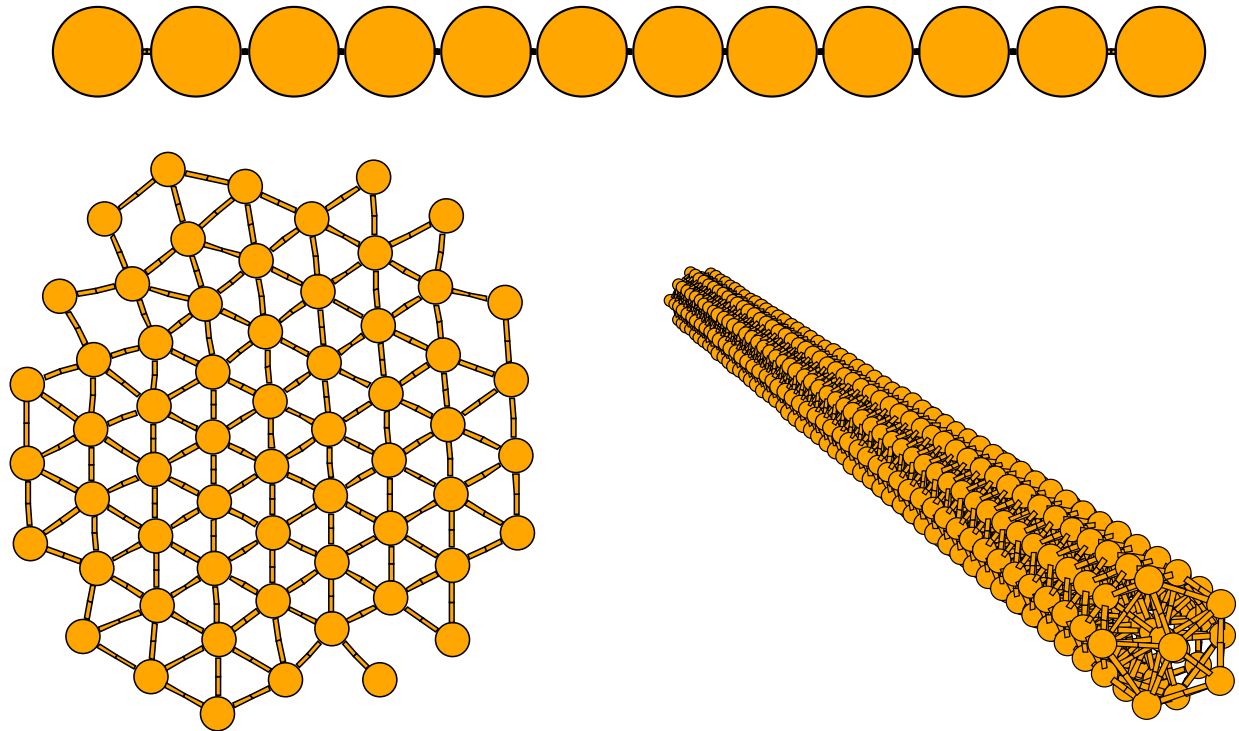
Fe₁₀ ground-state



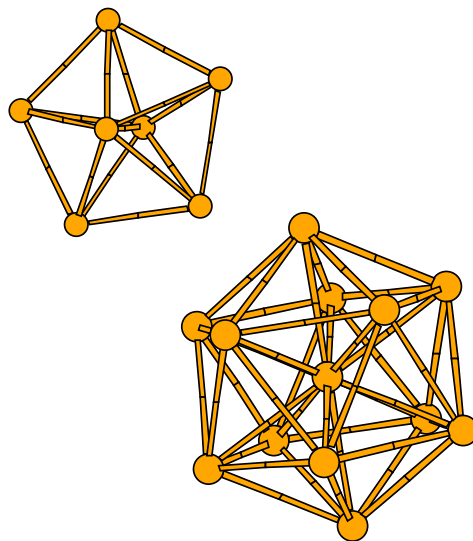
Fe₁₀ isomers

Applications 2: Exotic Structures

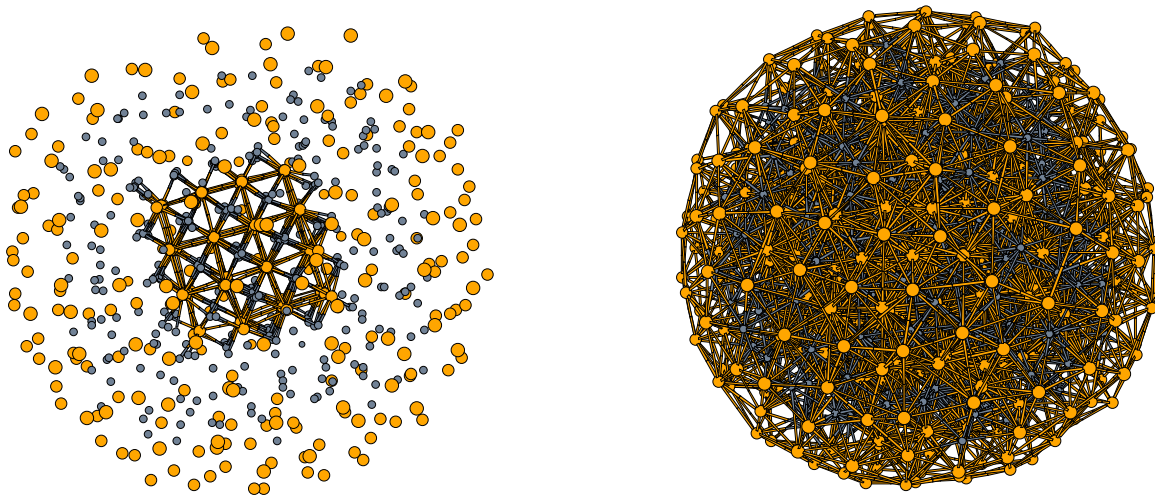
- nanowires (metallic, unstable)
- 2D atomic sheets (unstable)
- discontinuous clusters, metastability, clusters of clusters
- megaclusters
- constrained clusters



Exotic structures



Two weakly interacting metallic clusters



An 855-atoms bit of metal with a bcc-core

Applications 3: Heavy Atoms

- Experimental $E = -16Z^{7/3}\text{eV}$ (empirical)
- TF model $E = -20.8Z^{7/3} + 13.6Z^2(b) - 5.98(7.3)Z^{5/3}(ex) + \dots$ (Schwinger, 1980, 1981)
- $Z \rightarrow \infty$ (no-binding, classical atoms)
- Linearized TF $\rightarrow -11.78Z^{7/3} - 4.56Z^{7/3} = -16.34Z^{7/3} (-4.53Z^{5/3} \text{ or } -5.52Z^{5/3} \dots)$
- Quantum corrections
- (Virial theorem); molecules (statistics because linearization)

Applications 4: Universal Solid

- $E = Aq^4/4(kin) - Bq + q \sum_{i \neq j} F(qr_{ij}) (pot) + E_{ex}$
- $F = \frac{1}{2q}\Phi$, $\Phi = -\frac{qz_i^*z_j^*}{2}(1 - 2/qr_{ij})e^{-qr_{ij}}$
- continuum approximation $E = -0.43Nz^{*7/3} - 0.17Nz^{*5/3}$
- Wigner universal metal; energy bands; universal solid
- compressibility ($aq = const, \delta a \sim \delta q$), sound waves $v_s(z^*)$; thermodynamics
- δq (δn), $\delta R_i \rightarrow$ vibrations ($\delta R_i \delta R_j$), el-phonon int ($\delta n \delta R_i$), el-el residual int ($\delta n \delta n$) (plasmons lifetime)
- plasmons (fractional occupancy)
- electrons: excitations (quasi-particles), $m^* = m(1 + 0.39z^{*1/3})$, lifetime, etc, all by the self-consistent potential φ
- polarizability and diamagnetic susceptibility (δn changes in energy); response in general

Applications 5: Surfaces

- Self-consistent electron potential

$$\varphi = \sum_i \frac{z_i^*}{|r - R_i|} e^{-q|r-R_i|}$$

- Continuum half-space (semi-infinite) solid

$$\varphi = \frac{4\pi z^*}{q^2 a^3} \left(1 - \frac{1}{2} e^{qx}\right), \quad x < 0; \quad \varphi = \frac{2\pi z^*}{q^2 a^3} e^{-qx}, \quad x > 0$$

$(q = 0.77z^{*1/3}, \quad aq = 2.73)$

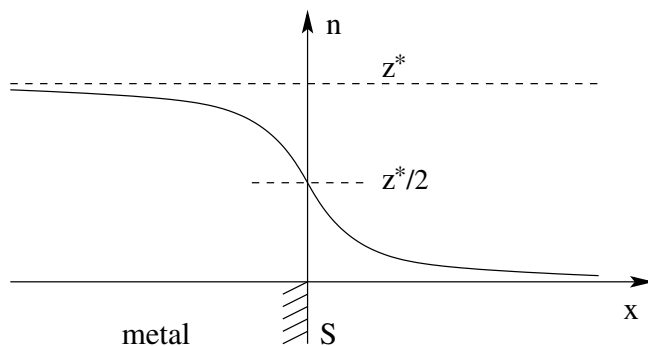
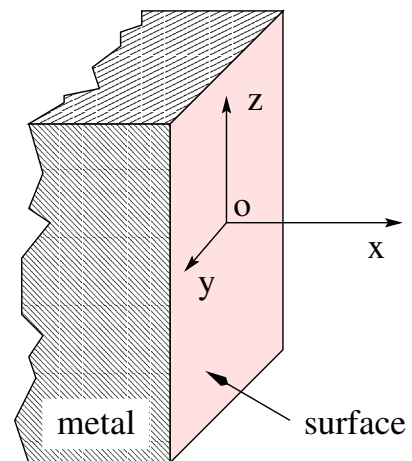
- surface double layer; electrons overspill (Bardeen, transistor, 1947)
- work function φ (semi-empirical); boundary effects (finite-size quasiparticles lifetime)

- Potential energy

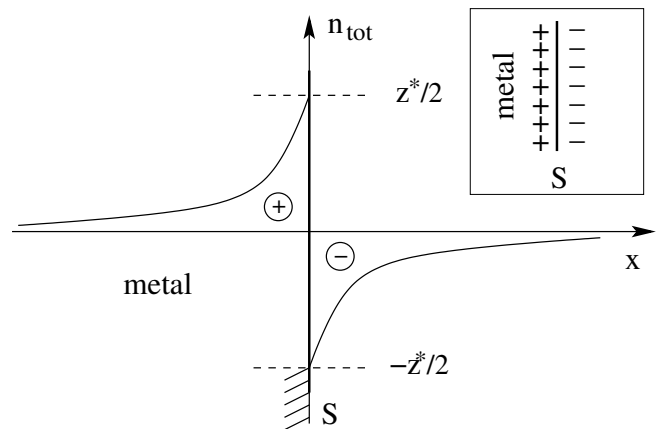
$$E_{pot} = -\frac{3}{4}q \sum_i z_i^{*2} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i \neq j} \Phi(R_{ij})$$

$$\Phi(R_{ij}) = -\frac{1}{2} q z_i^* z_j^* \sum \left(1 - \frac{2}{q|R_i - R_j|}\right) e^{-q|R_i - R_j|}$$

- Semi-infinite continuum: surface energy, surface tension (solid breaking energy)



Electron density



Charge distribution

Applications 6: Clusters Deposited on Surfaces, Contacts, Junctions and Interfaces

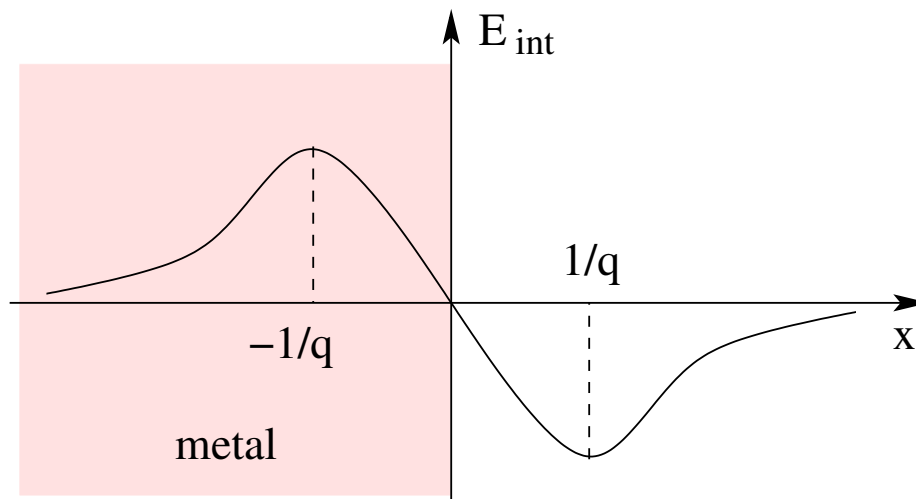
- Solid (surface) + clusters

$$E_{pot} = E_s - \frac{3}{4}q \sum_i z_i^{*2} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i \neq j} \Phi(R_{ij}) - \frac{\pi z^*}{qa^3} \sum_i z_i^* X_i e^{-q|X_i|}$$

- Cluster-surface interaction energy

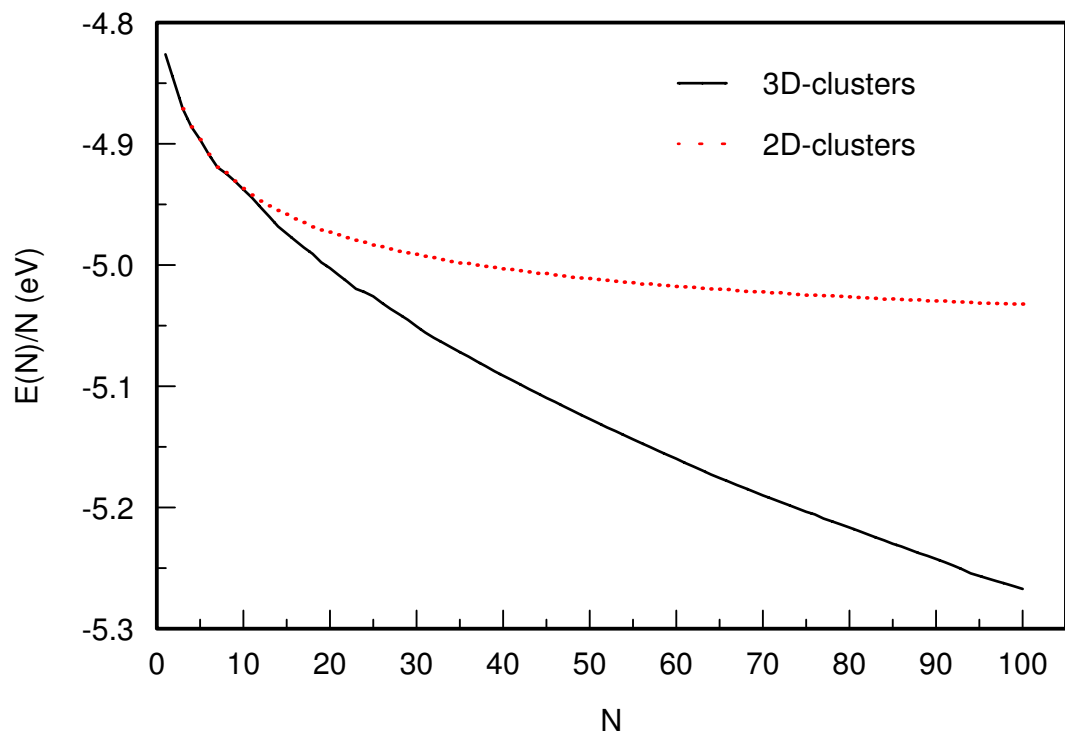
$$E_{int} = -\frac{\pi z^*}{qa^3} \sum_i z_i^* X_i e^{-q|X_i|}$$

- Two interacting semi-infinite solids: surface energy
- Clusters deposited on surfaces (*Fe* on *Na*): energy, magic forms and numbers, isomers
- monolayers, multilayers
- diffusion: contacts, junctions, interfaces

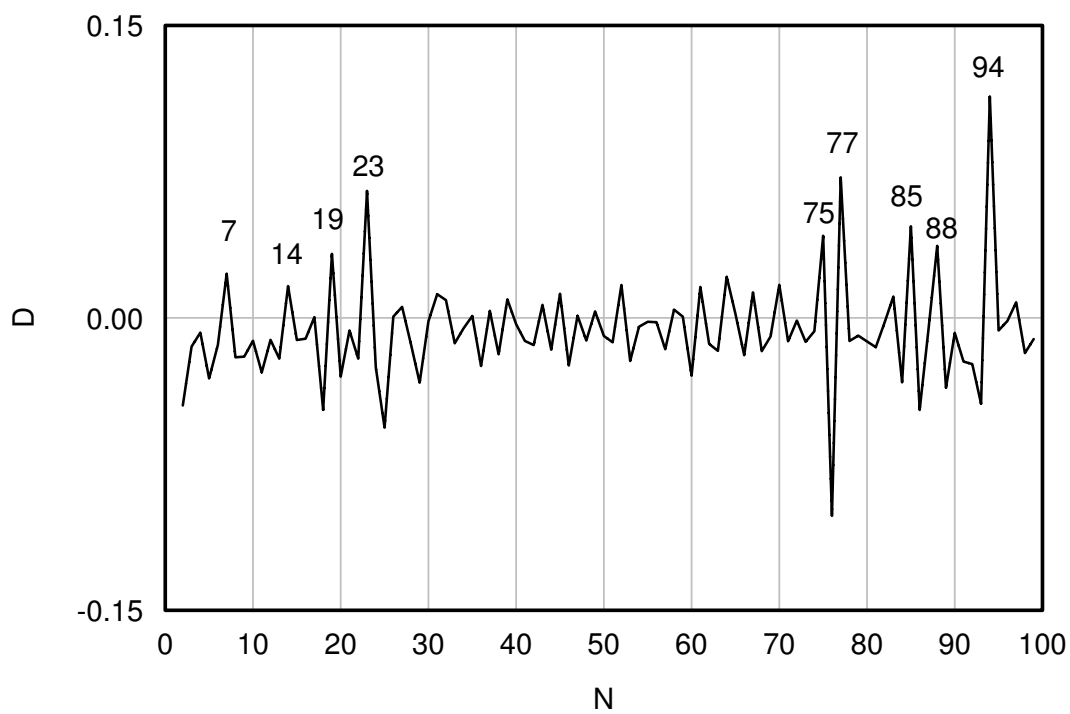


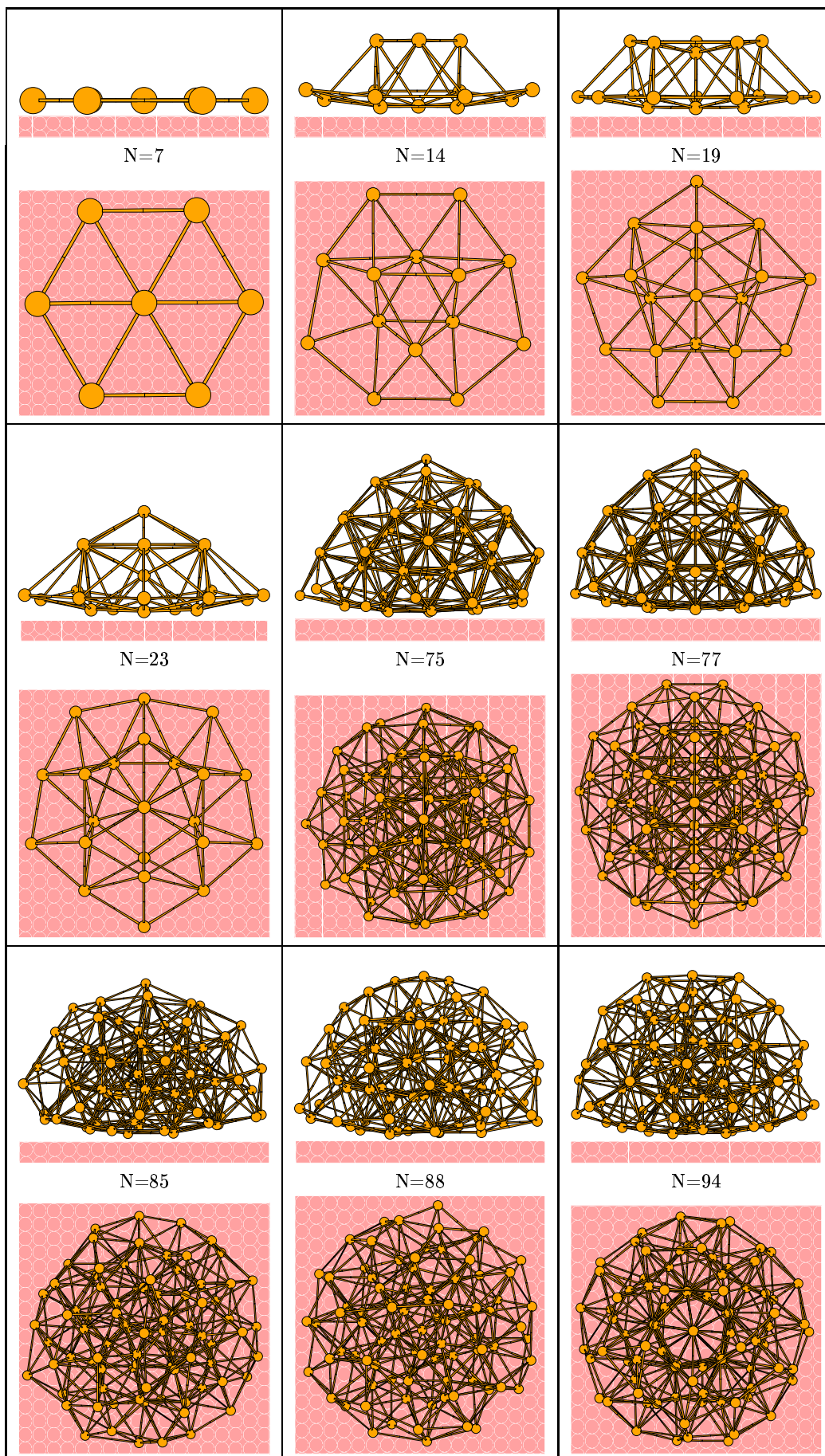
Atom-surface interaction

Binding energy

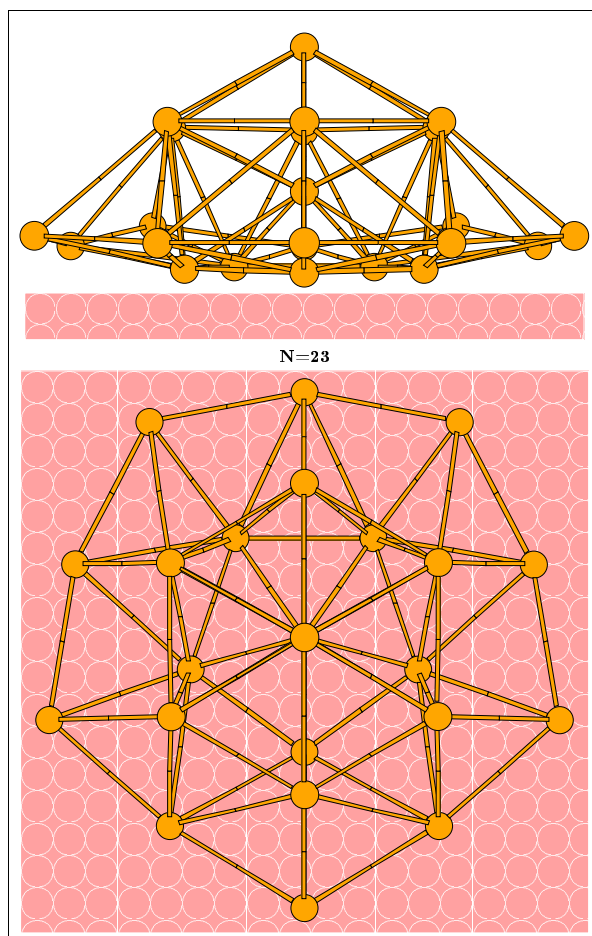
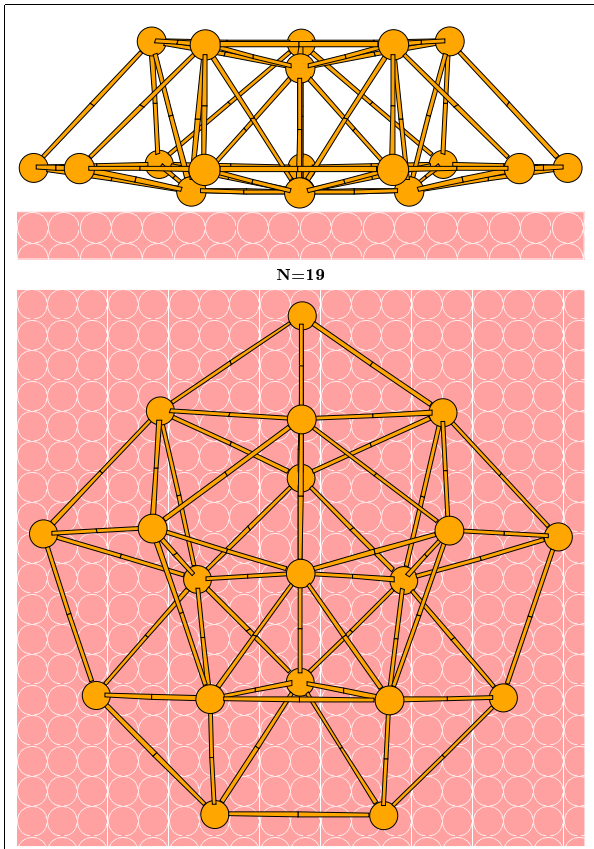
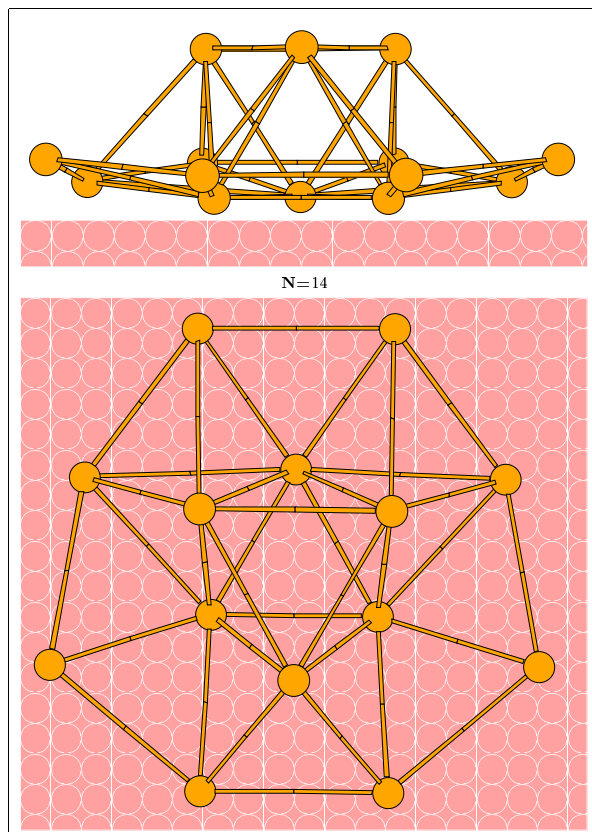
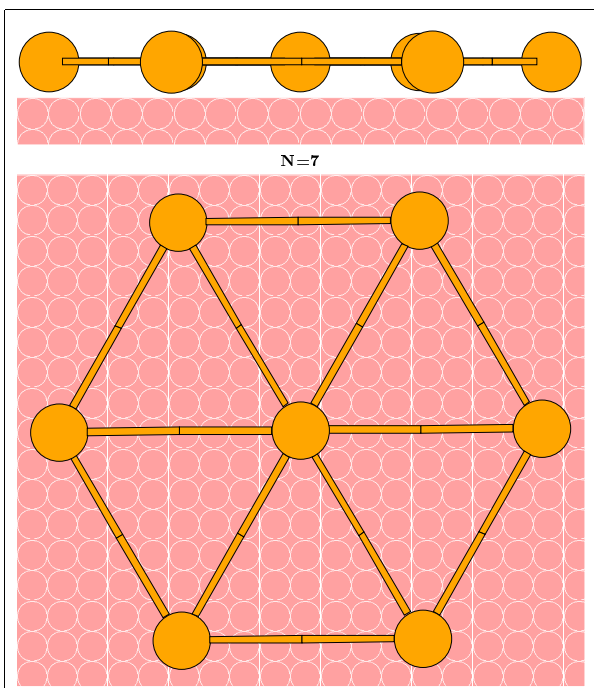


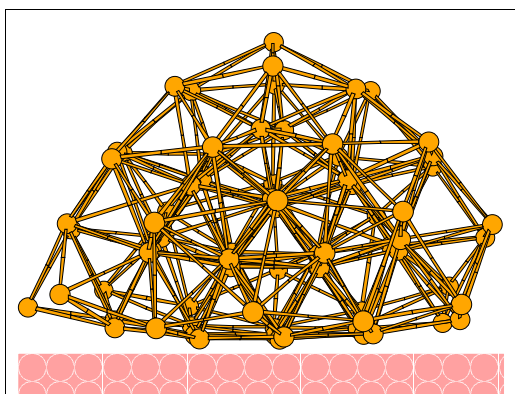
Magic numbers



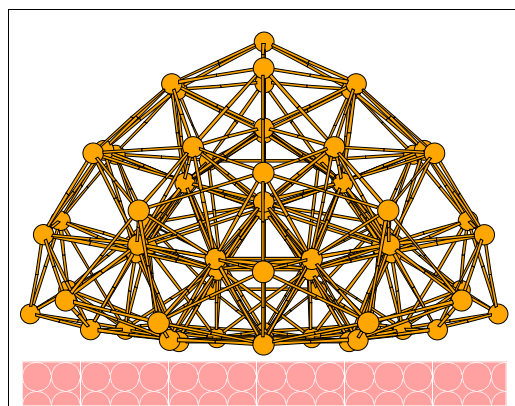
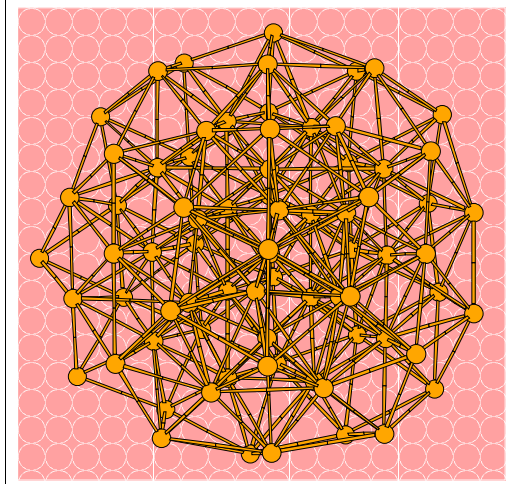


Magic clusters deposited on a surface

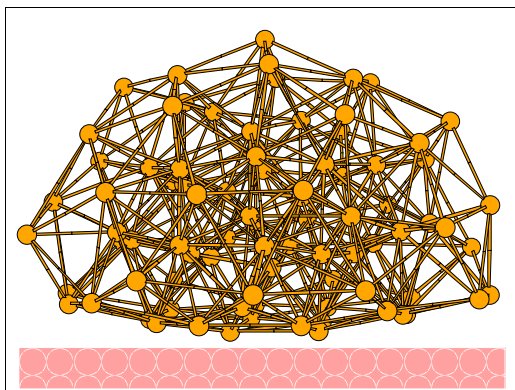
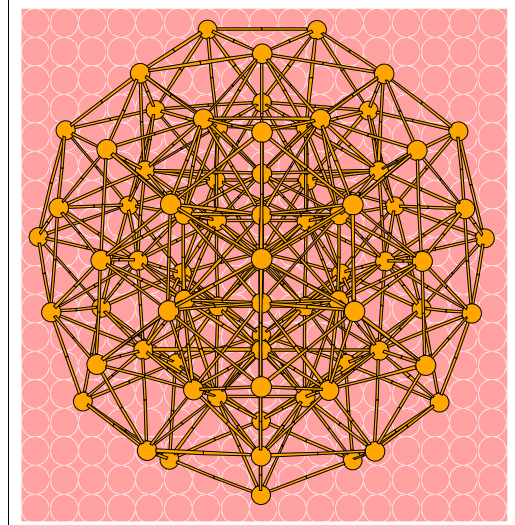




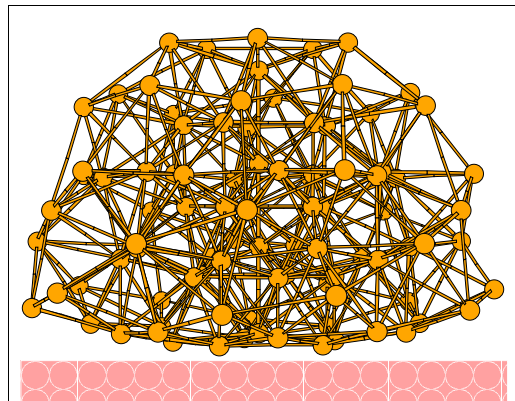
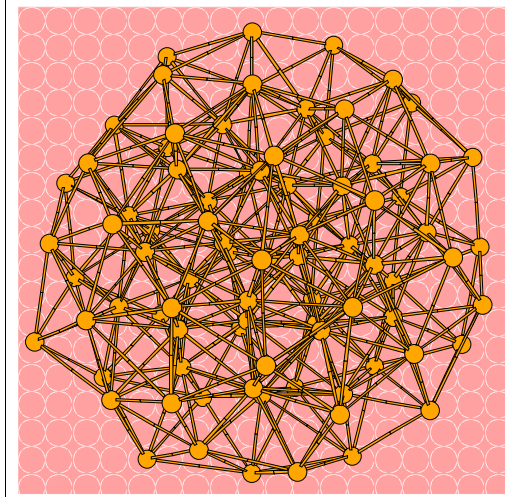
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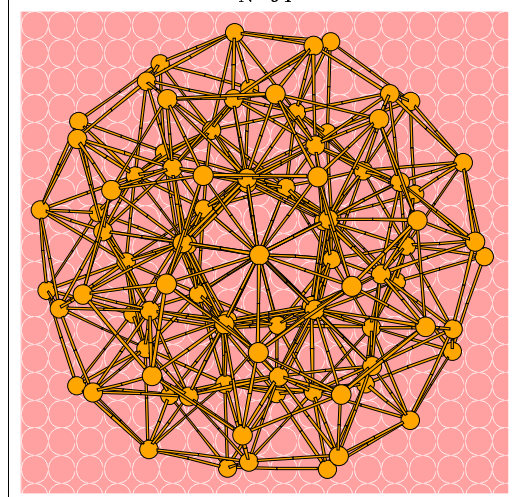
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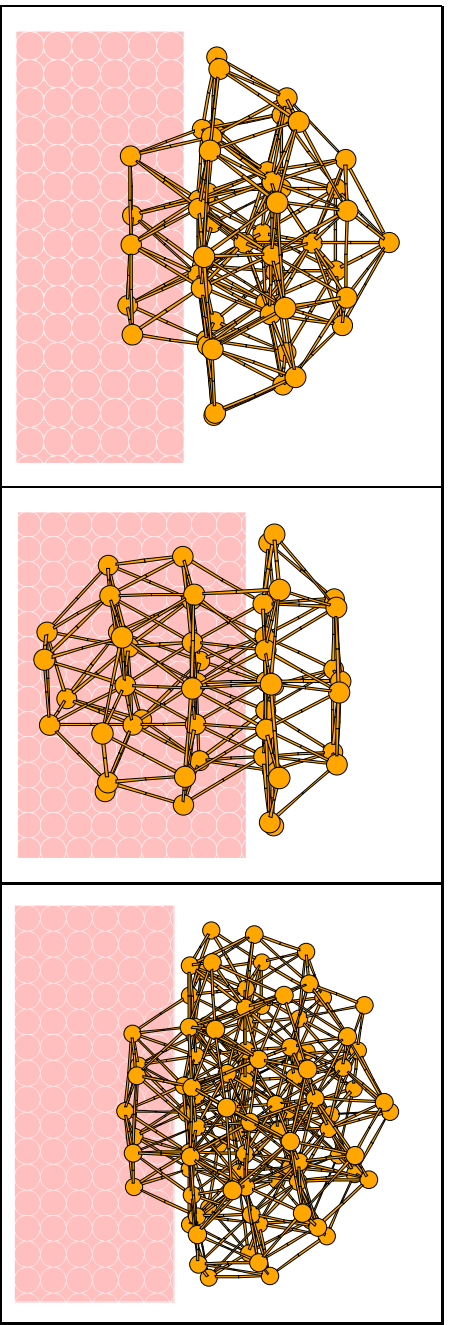
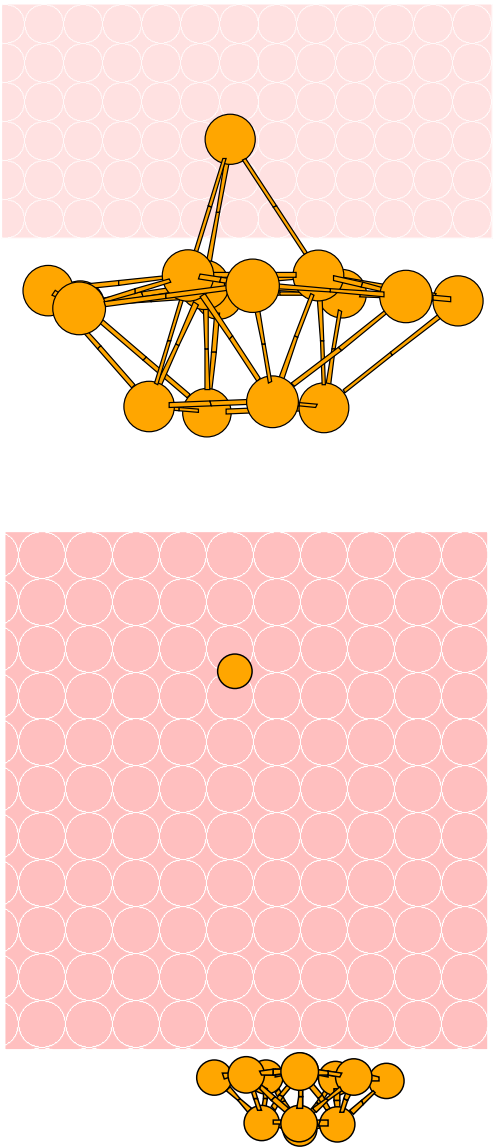


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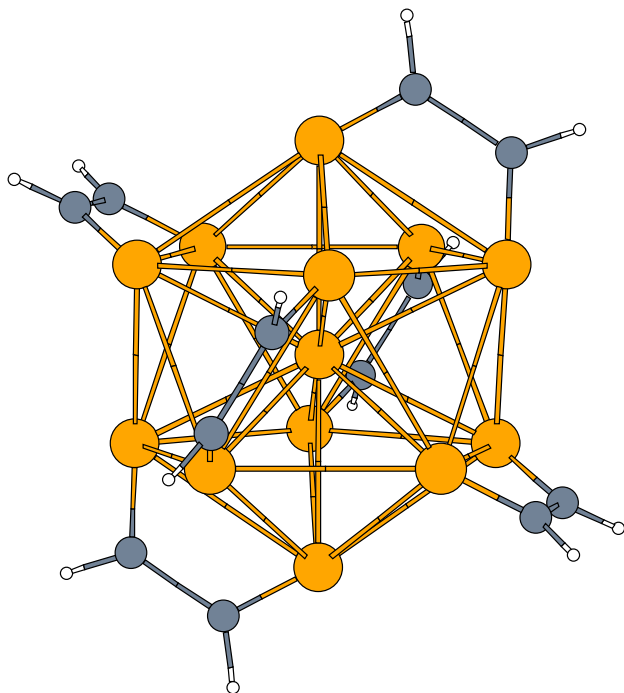


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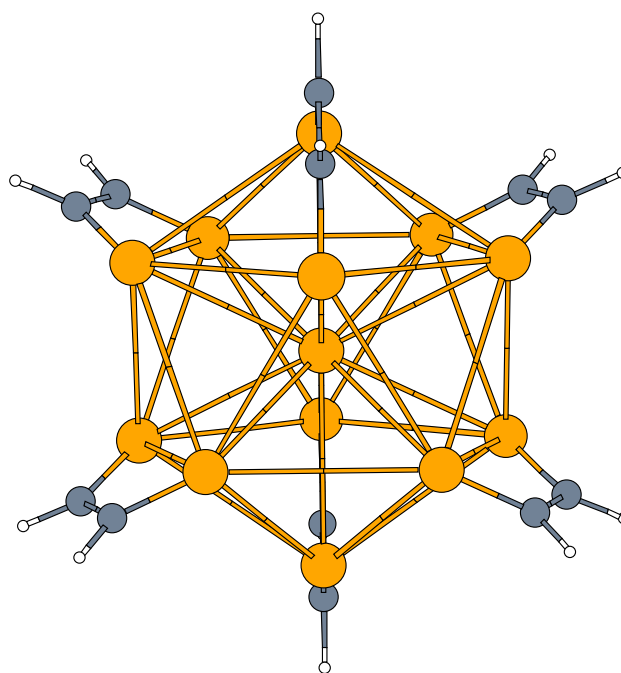
Applications 7: $Fe_{13}(C_2H_2)_6$

(Huysken & Morjan, 2003)

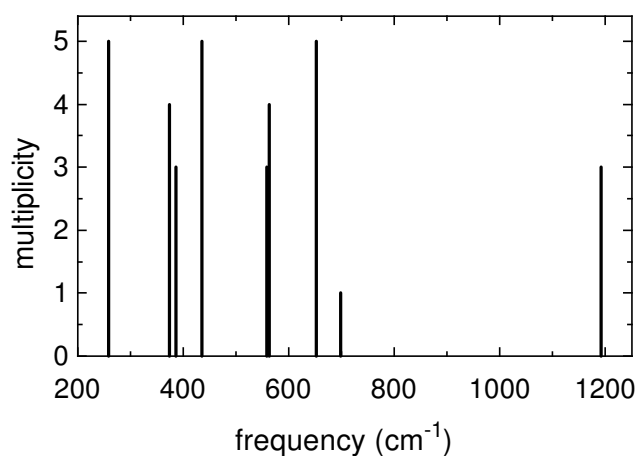
- Fe - core
- C_2H_2 - ethylene clasps
- core energy, structure and vibration spectra



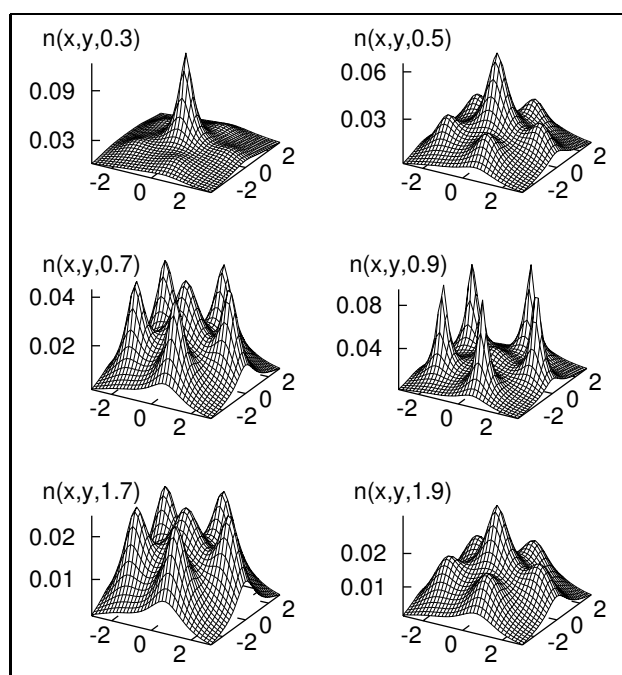
Ground-state



Isomer



Vibration spectrum



Electron density