

Water, water everywhere... How can we understand it?

An exploration of water using physical
models and computer simulation

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Outline

- Goals/Introduction
- Water molecules
- Many water molecules + other stuff
- Too many water molecules
- Resources



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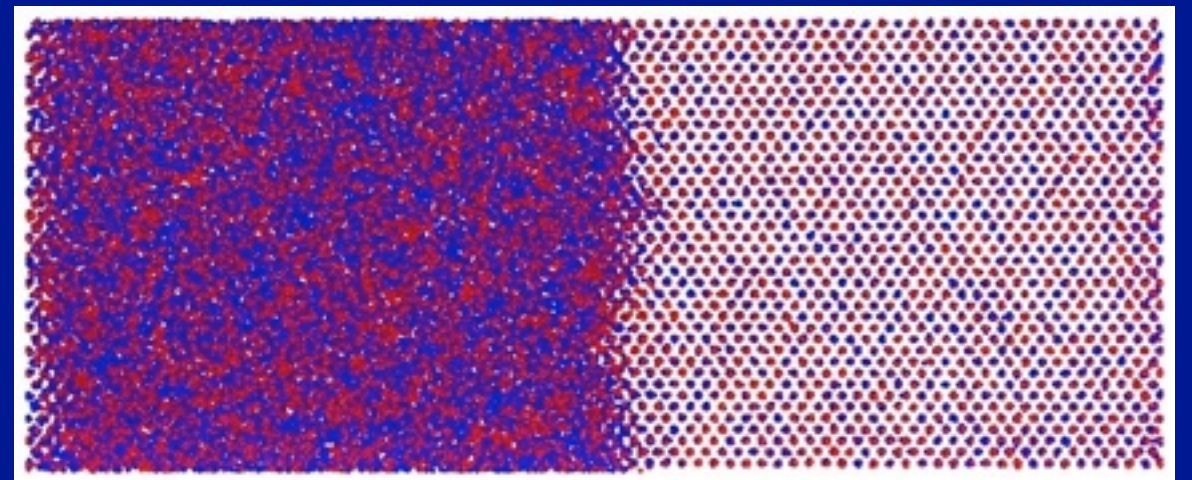
Goals

- Discuss water as something that hopefully fits into the middle-school curriculum
- Introduce materials science, and how computers can be used to complement experiments
- Examples of tools that can be used in the classroom or by advanced students



A bit of background about me...

- Materials Scientist @ NIST
- B.S. in physics, Ph.D. in materials science and engineering, worked as a programmer
- Adventure in Science organizer and mentor
- Interested in how materials behave and why, how they can be improved, and how we use(d) them
- For fun: Scottish fiddle, read mysteries and archaeology/history

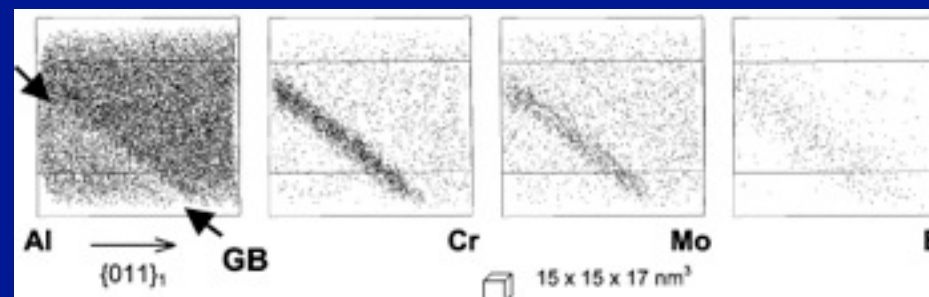


What is “Materials Science?”

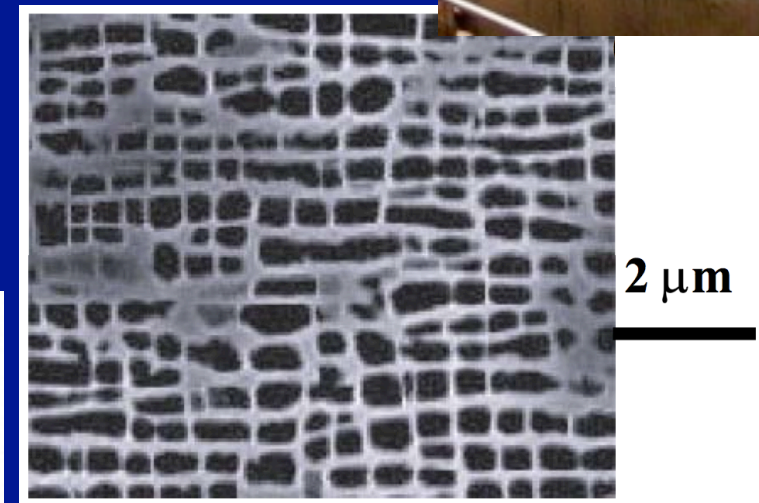
- The study of stuff
- Stuff is everything around us -- biological, metallurgical, ceramic, polymer, molecular, ...
 - and all the combinations of these things
- Overlaps with physics, chemistry, biology, metallurgy, ceramics, engineering fields
- Different from traditional chemistry in the emphasis on solids, but the lines are very blurry
- Nice introduction: NOVA series “Making Stuff” on PBS (video.pbs.org)

Application areas

- consumer products
 - electronics, plastics
- construction/infrastructure
 - concrete, steel
- transportation (e.g., jet engines)
- nanotechnology
- biomedical applications (e.g., hip replacements)



E. Cadel, et al., Acta Mat. (2002)



H.A. Calderon, et al., Microsc. Microanal. (2005)

Approaches used to study materials

- Microscopy
- X-rays
- Chemical analysis
- Thermal behavior (melting, changes in density, latent heat)
- Stretching/bending/compressing/breaking them
- Mathematical models
- Any others?

Why computer simulations and models?

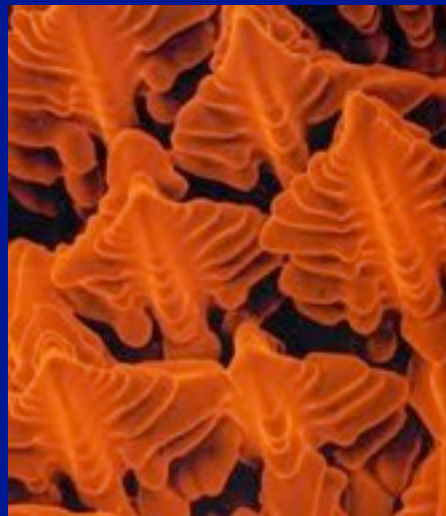
- Computer simulations and models can be used to complement and understand experiments
- They can be used to explore a wide range of variables without needing to do a separate experiment for each case
- We use them to test our understanding of physical processes. If the simulation does not agree with the experiment, we need to figure out why
- Practical applications: movies, video games, etc.
- More generally: companies rely increasingly on computers, and computer literacy is crucial for most careers

Metals and Water?

- “You study metals. What does that have to do with water?”
- Water and many metals share certain basic properties, so understanding one can provide insight into the other

- Example:

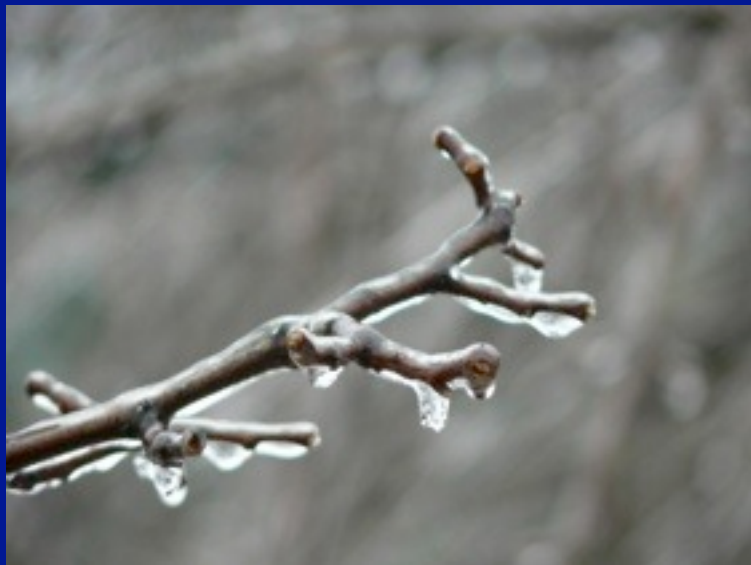
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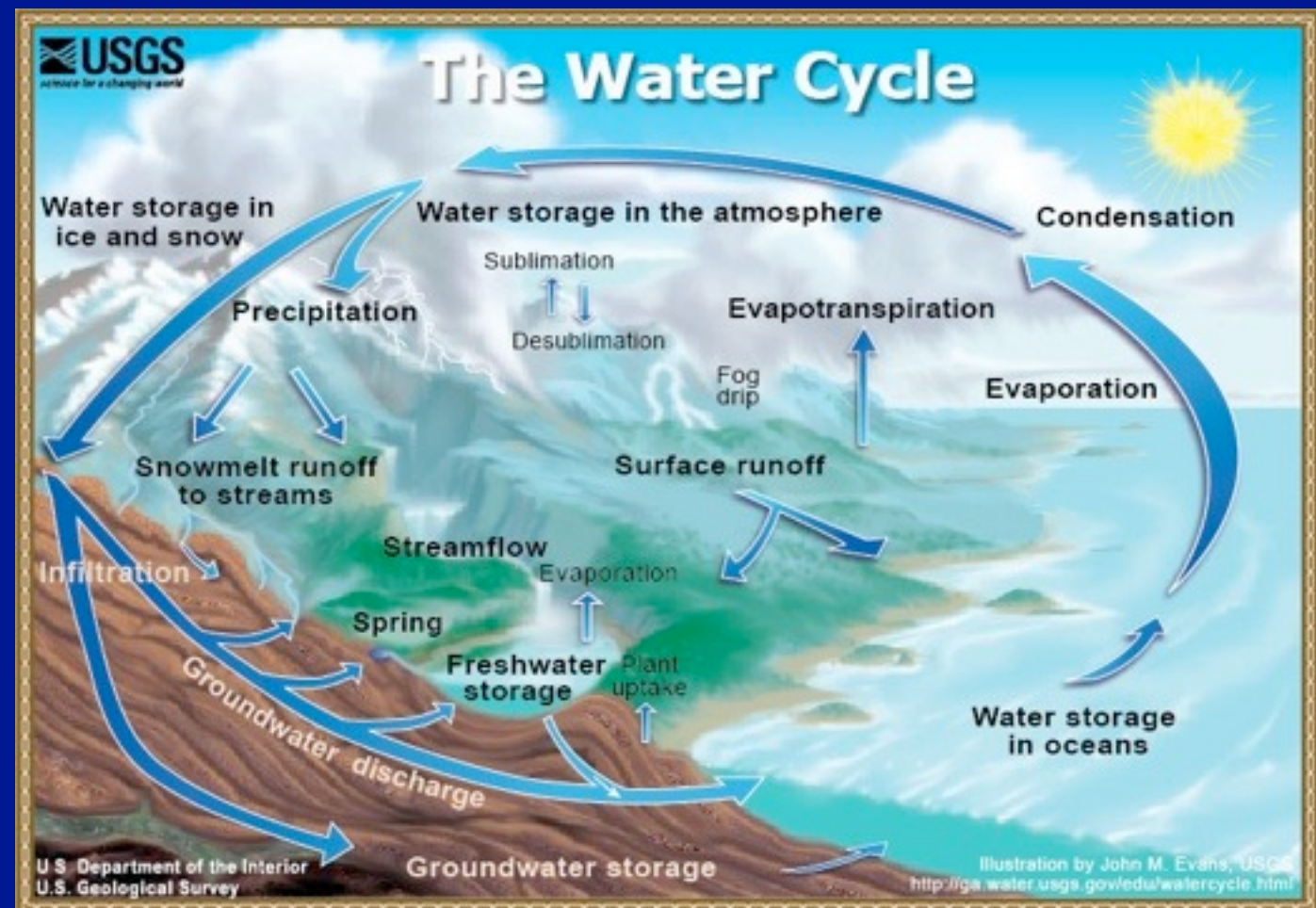
- However, many things are very different (crystal structure, chemical bonding, melting temperatures, strength, etc.), so they can't be treated exactly the same.

Why is water important?

- Crucial for most life
- Drinking supplies
- Cooling for manufacturing, combustion, etc.
- Medium for many reactions (industrial, medical, etc., applications)



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What are properties of water?

- Solid water (ice) floats. Usually.
- What consequences does that have for ecosystems?
- liquid from 32 F (0 C) to 212 (100 C) if pure and at sea level
- Polar molecule
- “Universal solvent”



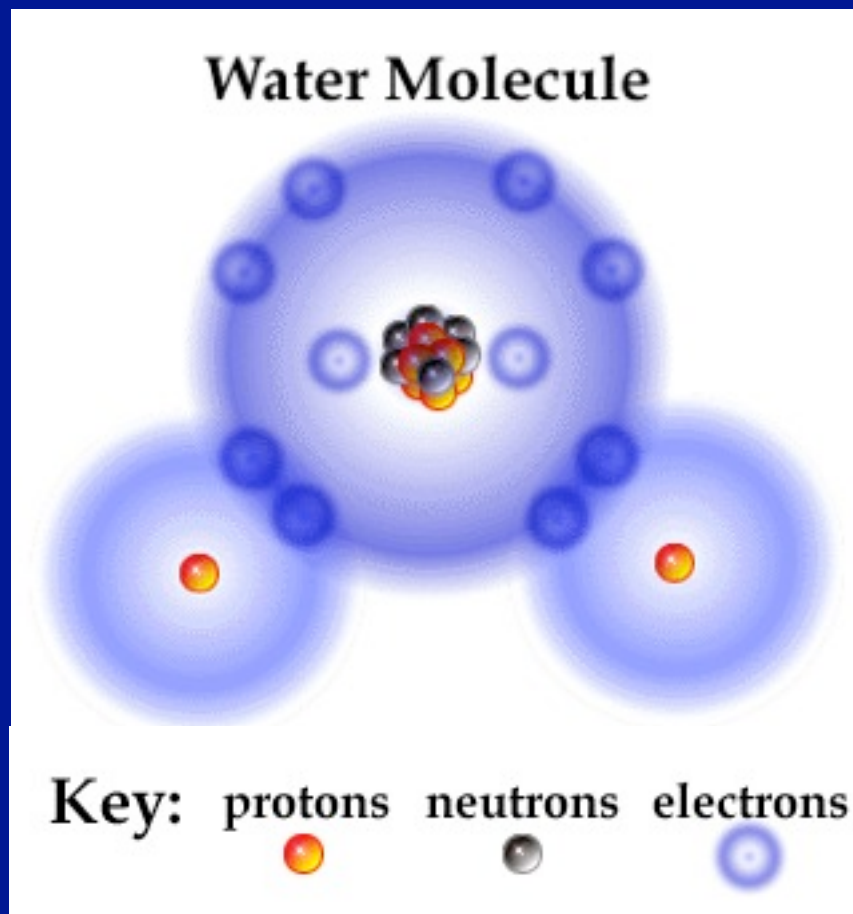
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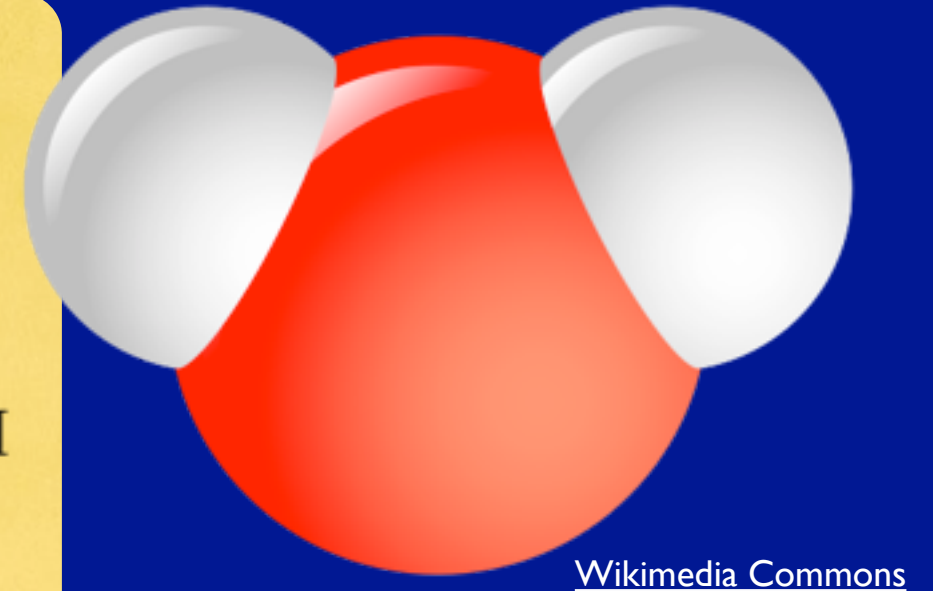
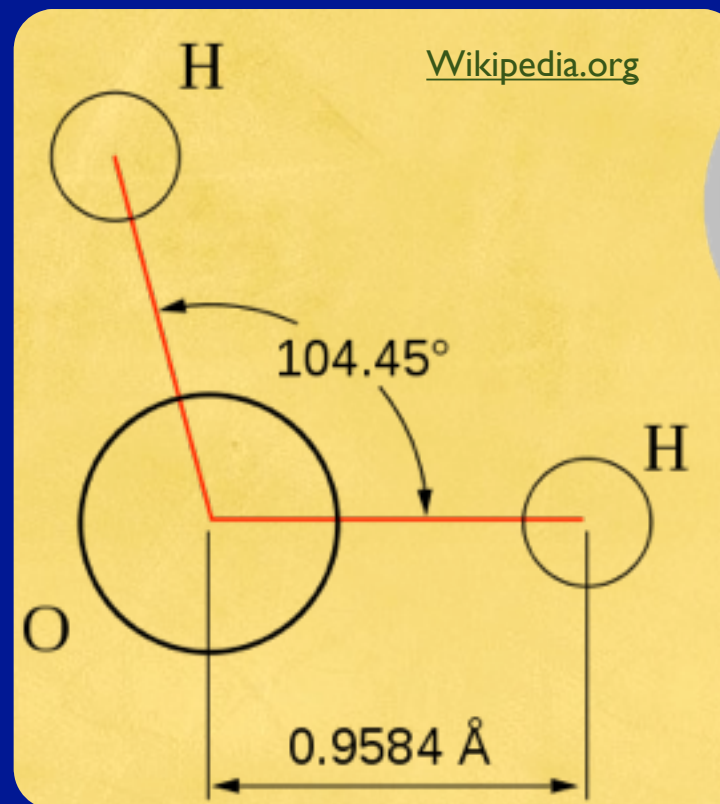
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Water is weird.

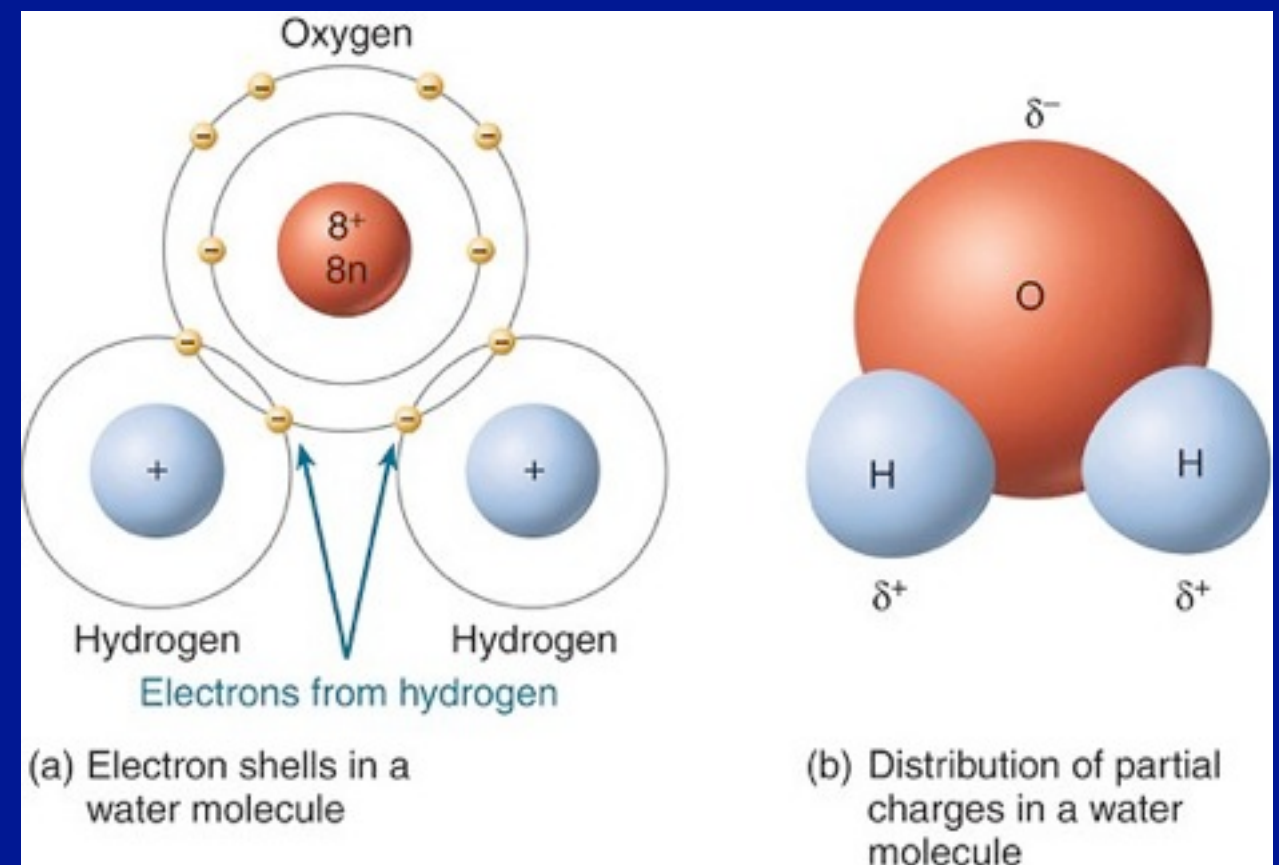
Molecules of H₂O



<http://www.brooklyn.cuny.edu/bc/ahp/SDgraphics/PSgraphics/SD.PS.LG.Water.html>



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NASA

Water Kit

- Build your own water molecules with the kit from 3-D Molecular Designs
- 12 water molecules (24 white H + 12 red O), 1 Na (blue), 1 Cl (green)
- <http://www.3dmoleculardesigns.com>
- Basic lesson plans:
 - http://www.3dmoleculardesigns.com/Water_Kit_Basic_Lesson_Plans.pdf
- Additional Resources:
 - <http://www.3dmoleculardesigns.com/resources.php#water>




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Recent news

WebMO 10.1 is now available for [free download](#)!

WebMO 10.1 [Pro](#) and [Enterprise](#) have a variety of additional features and is available for [purchase](#).

WebMO can now be installed on [Windows](#), [Mac](#), and [Unix](#) servers!



January 25, 2011

WebMO Demo Server

The [WebMO Demo Server](#) is now up and running! Log in as follows:

Username: **guest**
Password: **guest**

Job Time Limit: Because the WebMO Demo Server is a shared resource, jobs are limited to one minute (60 seconds) of CPU time!

Java Requirements for WebMO

WebMO requires a web browser to support Java 2, LiveConnect, and Cascading Style Sheet technology.

- Windows 9X/ME/NT/2000/XP/Vista:** WebMO works with Internet Explorer, Firefox, and other browsers. Sun's Java engine version 1.4 or higher is required.
- Mac OS X:** WebMO works with Safari, Firefox, and other browsers on OS X 10.3 and higher. Java 1.4.2 or higher is required (available from Apple as a System Update). Some browser versions require a plug-in to enable LiveConnect (available from SourceForge.net). Instructions for pre-10.3 are linked below.
- Unix/Linux:** WebMO works with Firefox and other browsers. Sun's java engine and a plug-in are required.

See [WebMO supported web browsers](#) for details and Java installation instructions.

Tutorial

Useful tutorial

WebMO Login

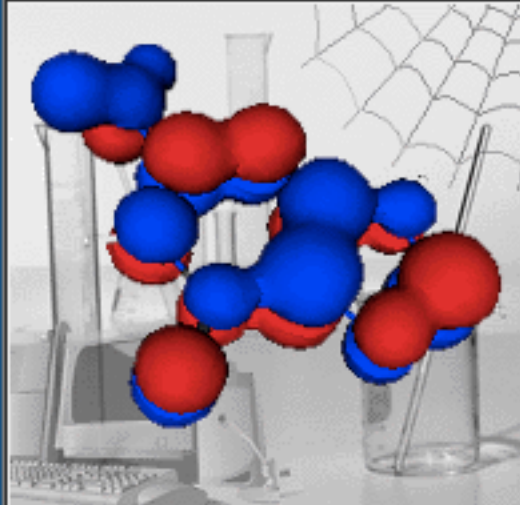
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
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To make a water molecule in WebMO

- Choose “New Job”
- Under “Build”, select “O”
- Click somewhere in the middle. A red oxygen atom will appear.
- Under “Clean-Up”, select “Comprehensive -- idealized”. Hydrogens (white) will be added at the correct angle.
- Click on the right arrow in the bottom right corner to continue.

(Lost? There is a tutorial on www.webmo.net/demo/index)

Build Molecule

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Progress

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• Build molecule

Build a new molecule using the WebMO editor, or [import](#) an existing molecule from a file. Additionally, you can [export](#) the molecule to a variety of file formats.

• Choose engine

• Job options

• Submit job

Editor help

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Build Mode – O (click = add atom; drag = add bond; click & drag = add atom & bond; letter = change atom)

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Import Molecule

Export Molecule

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Choose Computational Engine

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Choose the desired computational engine from those installed.

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• Submit job

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<input type="radio"/> Tinker	Molecular mechanics calculations

Select Server

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Tradeoffs: the most accurate calculations are generally the most expensive (time, resources). The question is often, “what is the minimum accuracy I need to answer my question?”

Ab initio = you tell it which atom types to use, and it will treat the electrons (charge) realistically. It is the most accurate, but it is also expensive, limiting the number of atoms in a calculation.

Semi-empirical = an approximation that still treats individual atoms/molecules but is less accurate than “ab initio.” It is faster. This allows calculations with larger numbers of molecules.

Configure Mopac Job Options

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Configure Mopac Job Options

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Configure options for the selected job and computational engine.

- Submit job

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Job Options

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Notes

Job Name

H2O

Calculation

Geometry Optimization

Theory

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Other calculation options include:

- Molecular Energy
- Vibrational Frequencies
- Thermochemistry
- Molecular Orbitals

There are also lots of options under the tabs.

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WebMO Job Manager

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WebMO Job Manager

When the status says "Complete", click the "Name" (H2O)

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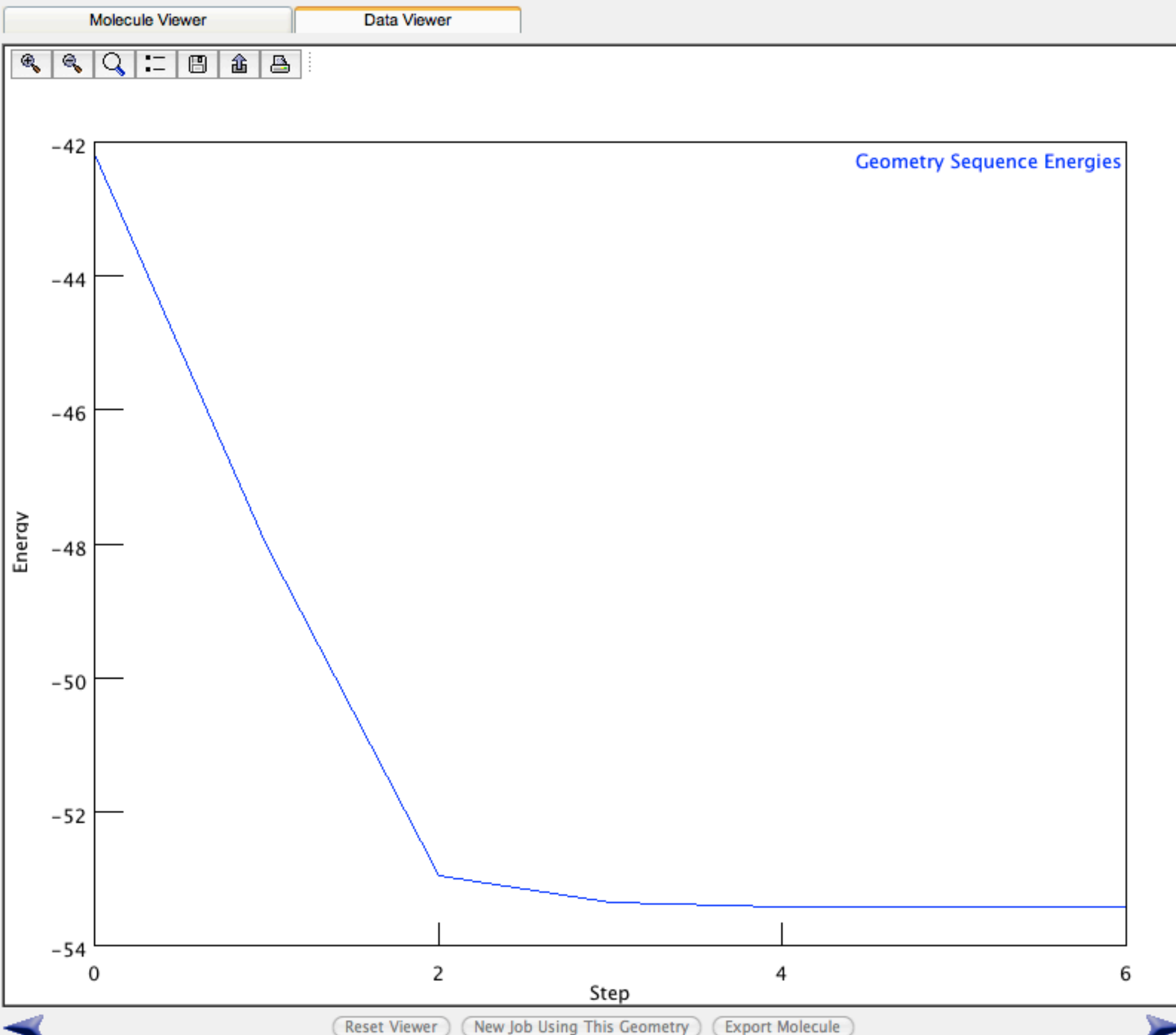
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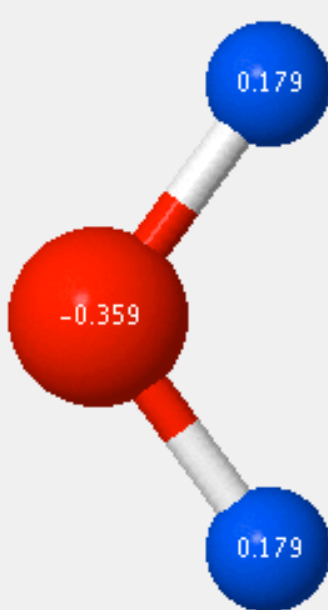
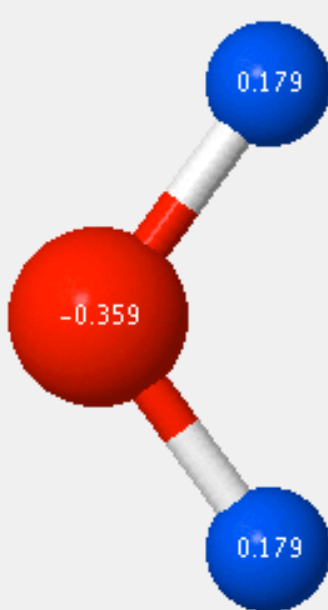
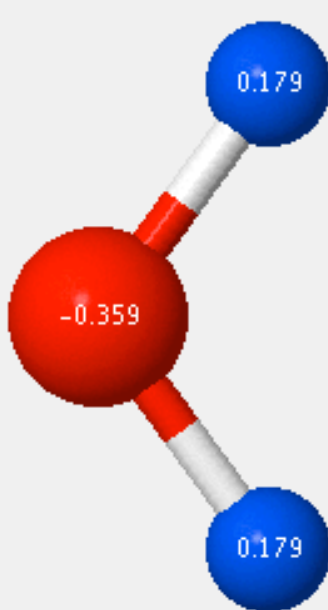


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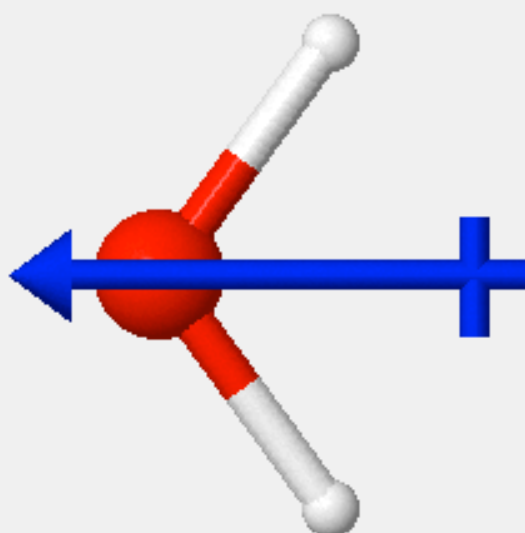
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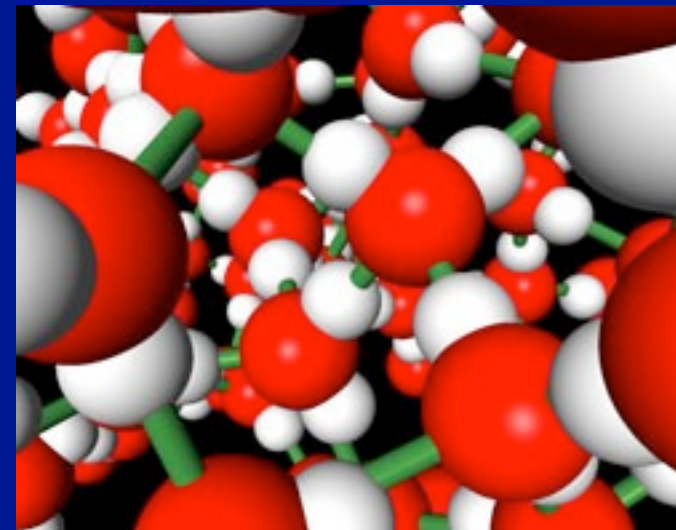
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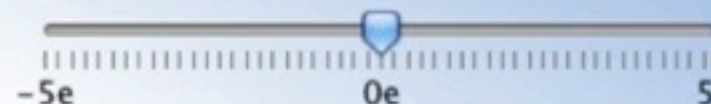
- Molecular simulation can be used to look at groups of water molecules and their interactions with other ions/molecules.



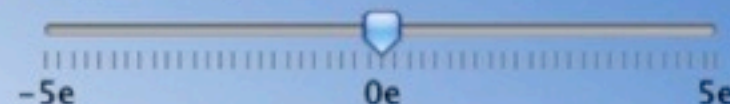
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Formation of Water Shells Around Ions

Charge on the purple ion



Charge on the green ion

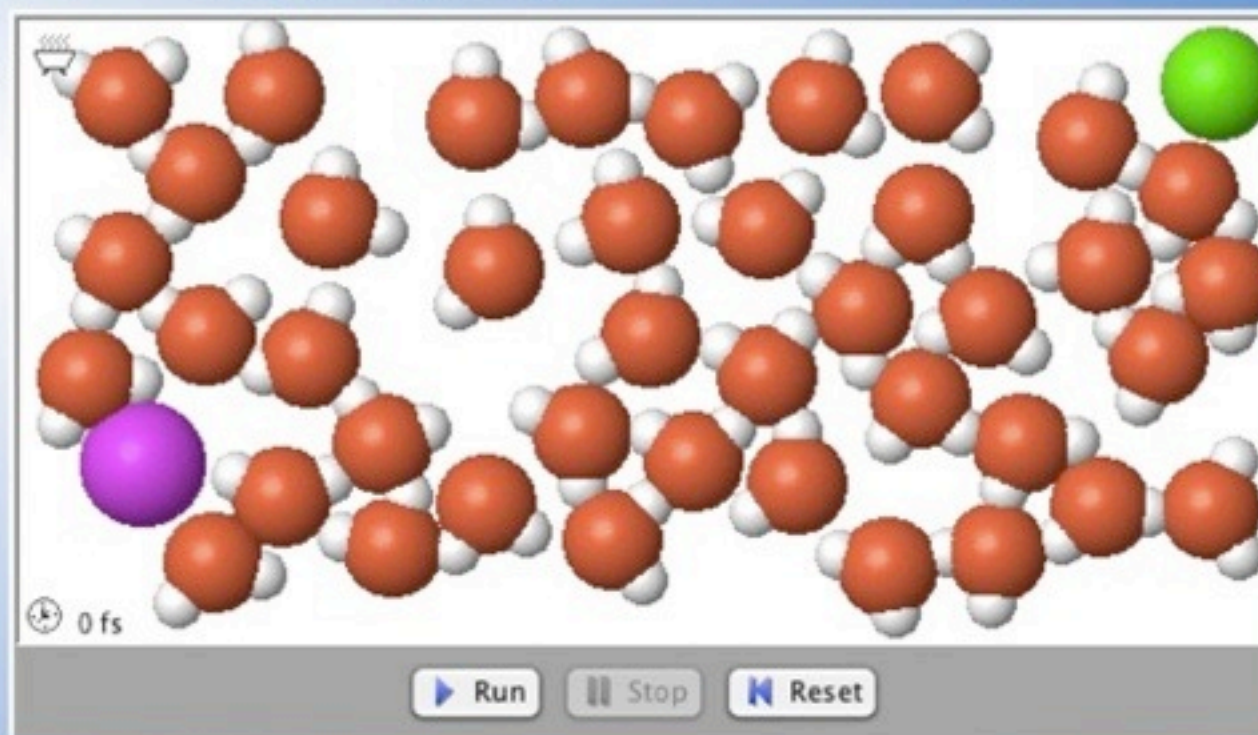
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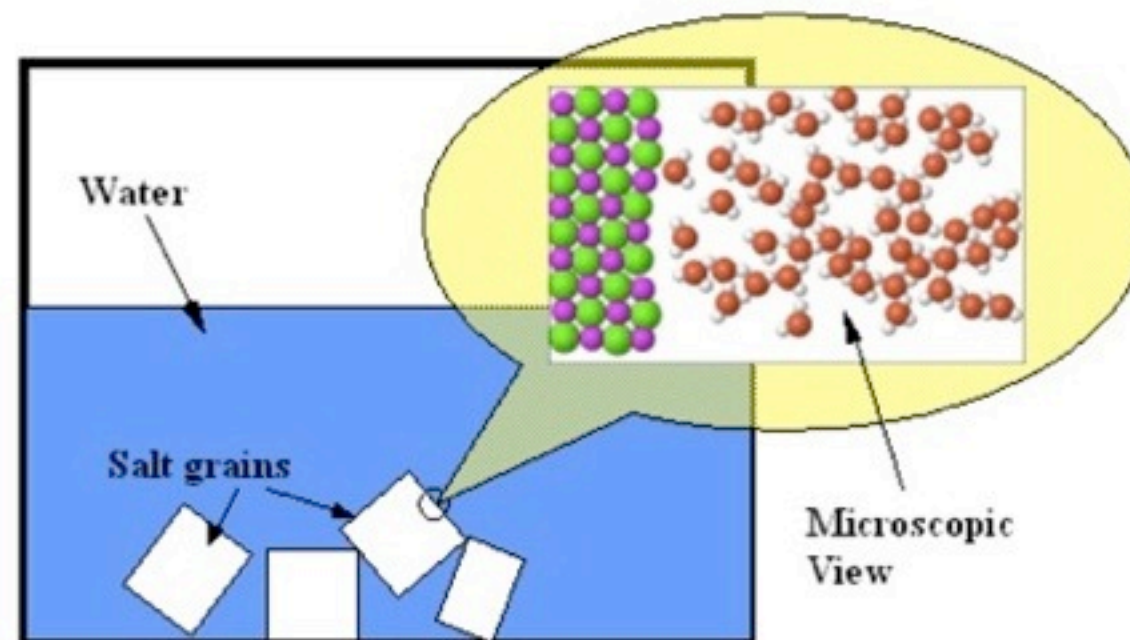
Water is a great solvent, but all substances that water can dissolve must be either polar or ionic (either positively or negatively charged). The polar water molecules attract charged particles and push out non-charged particles. Water is attracted to itself, to other polar molecules, ionic substances, and to polar substances.



In solution, water molecules form a "shell" around ions. This model illustrates how ions solvated by water molecules move. Note, however, **this 2D model does not depict the real shell structure, which in reality is 3D.**

Dissolving Salt in Water

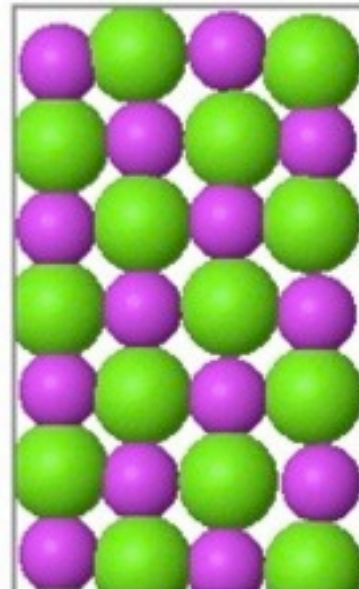
Key concept: solubility. The simulation demonstrates that dissolution occurs because the electrostatic interactions between water and salt ions compete with the electrostatic interactions among the salt ions themselves and therefore cause the structure of ionic crystal to fall apart.



Run the model first. You should see that the salt crystal does not change shape. Then use the following button to add water to the salt crystal:

Add water

Use the following button to return to the starting salt crystal:

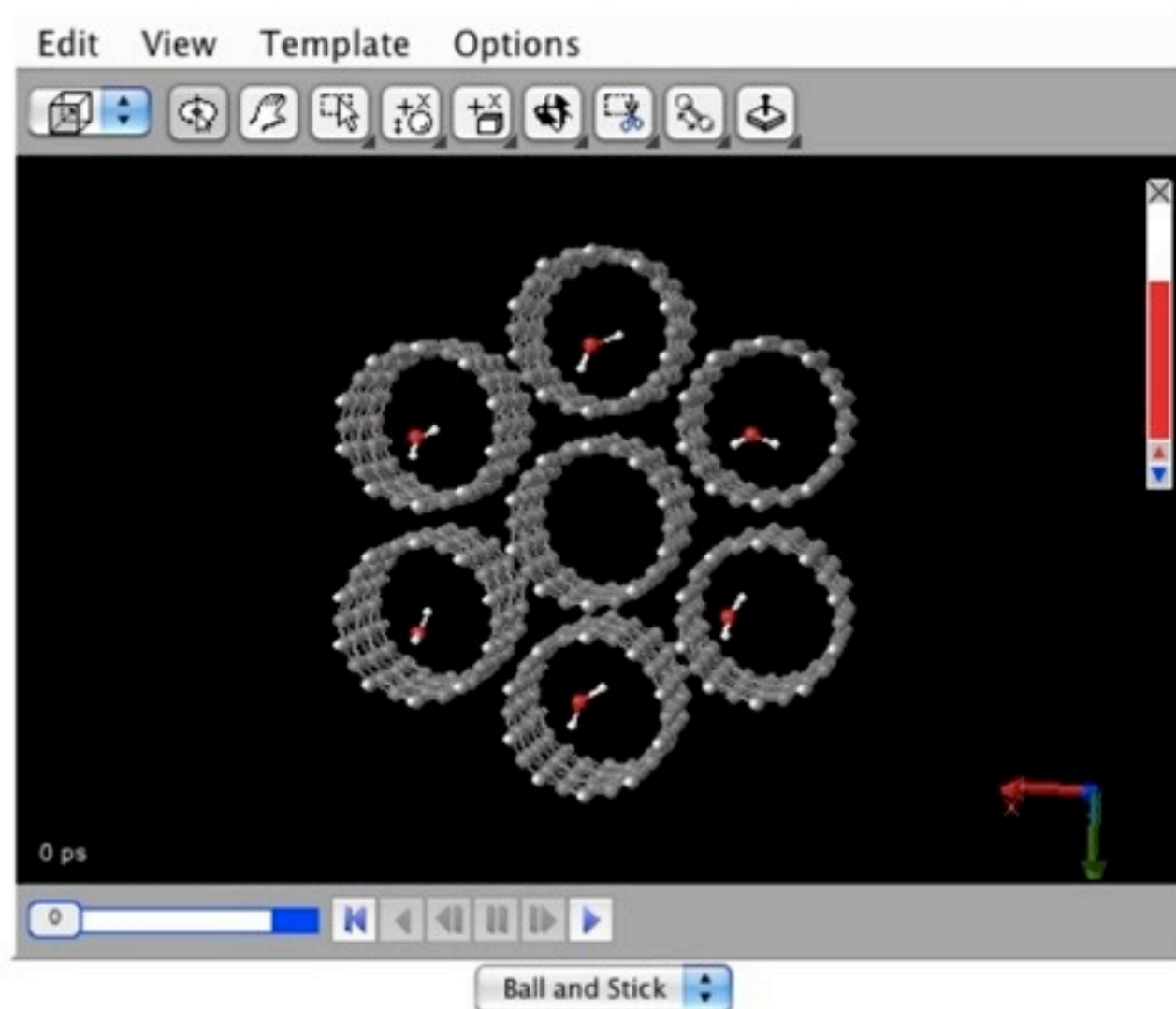


A race of water molecules through a cluster of carbon nanotubes

<http://mw2.concord.org/public/student/nano/waterrace.html>

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A race of water molecules through a cluster of carbon nanotubes



Note about this model: This model has 998 atoms, just 2 atoms under the current limit we set (1000). It has 1342 radial bonds, 2386 angular bonds and 910 torsional bonds. If we had taken into account of the calculations for all the atoms and bonds, it would have been so slow that it will probably take a few hours to simulation 100 picoseconds. To simplify the simulation, we fix the seven nanotubes all together and let only the water molecules move. We think this is a good approximation, because nanotubes must be rigid in real world applications so that they can remain stable.

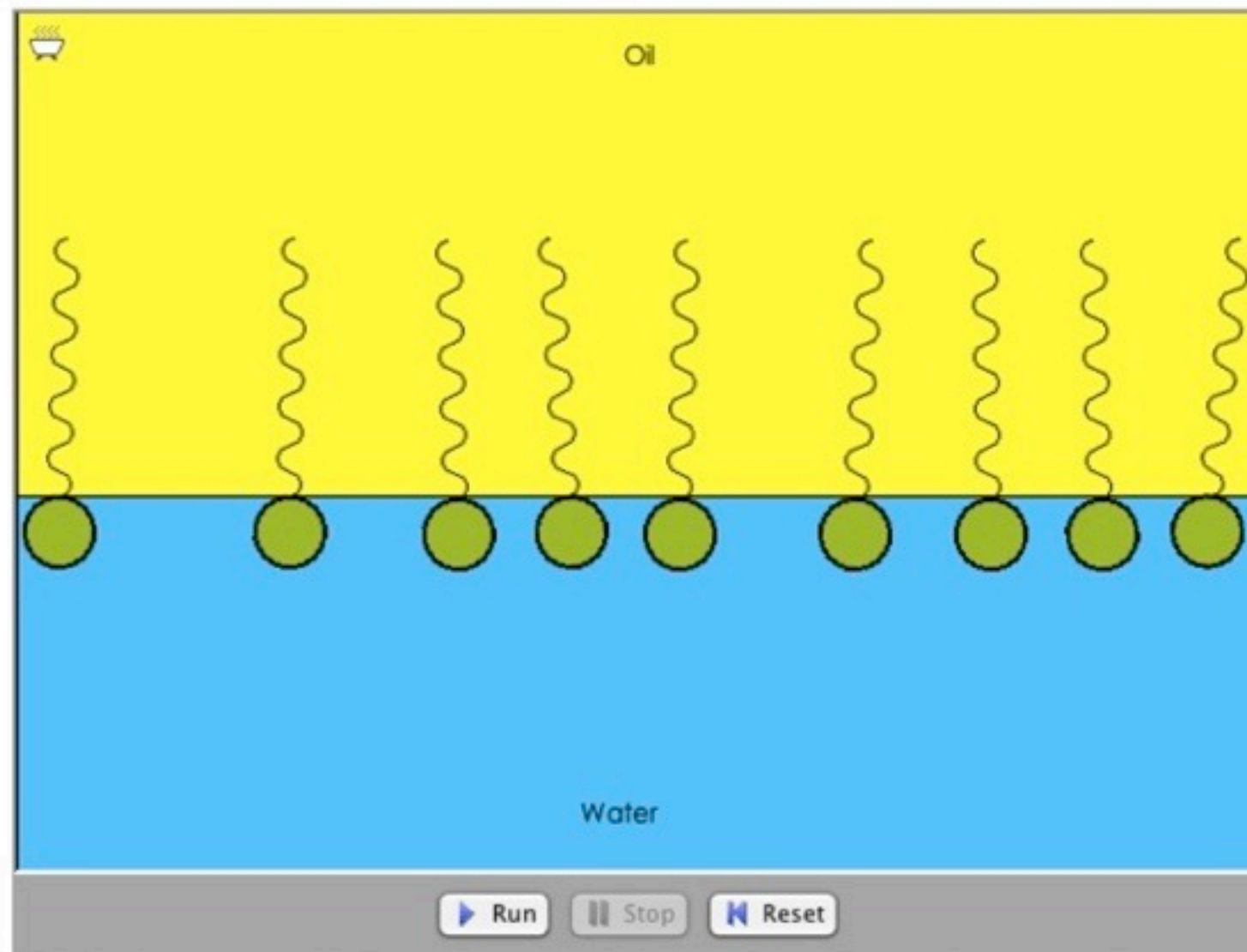
Although the nanotubes are fixed, their interactions with the water molecules are still calculated. Therefore, such a simplification can be thought of as water molecules moving in the static force fields formed by the carbon atoms of the nanotubes.

Lipid molecules form a monolayer at an oil-water interface

<http://mw2.concord.org/public/student/biomodels/monolayer.html>

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Lipid molecules form a monolayer at an oil-water interface



Use the "Flip" button to switch the environment and observe how lipid molecules respond to the change. You may also try dragging the molecules away from the interface line and see how they reform a monolayer. Note: You have to stop the simulation in order to drag the molecules.

Flip

Take a snapshot

Molecular Workbench
<http://mw.concord.org>

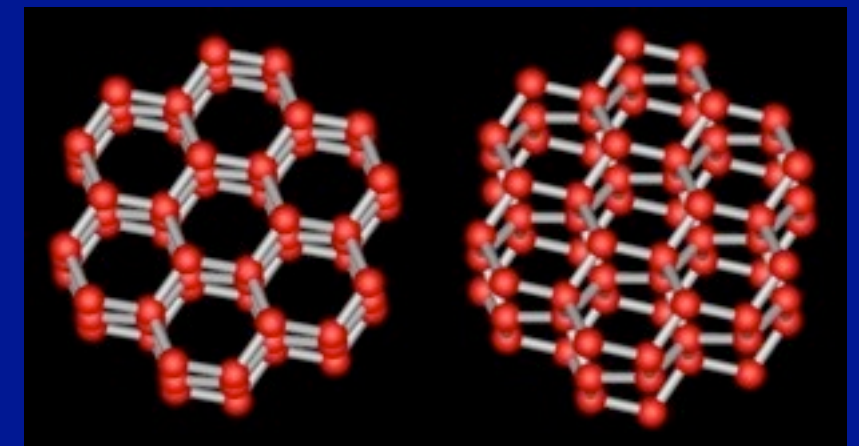
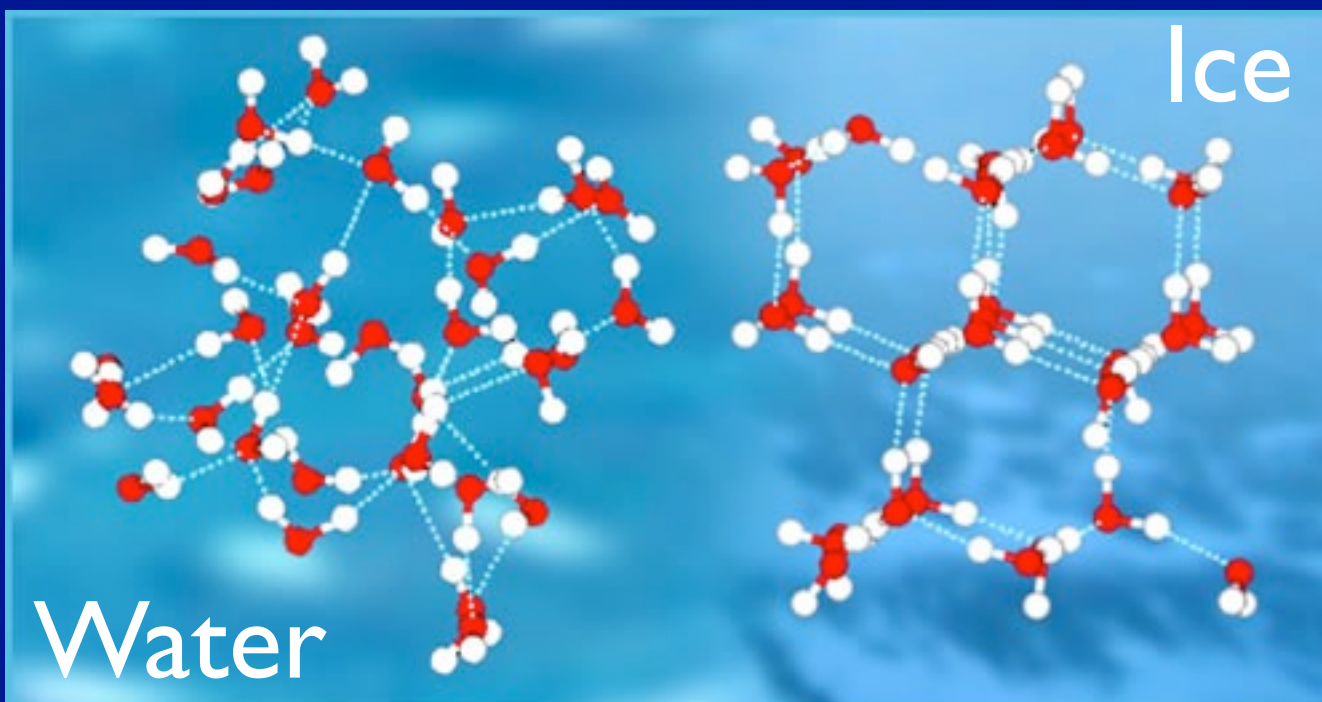
Snowflakes



- We are fascinated by snowflakes
 - are no two really alike?
- But, it is not well understood exactly how they form or what controls their shapes
- Applications: understanding effects of pollution, antifreeze (ice cream, cellular damage)
- Great website: snowcrystals.com

What happens to make a snowflake?

- phase transition when liquid freezes into solid
- seed with crystal growth as water droplets attach
- different faces have different energy (generally, systems want to minimize the energy)
- What are the effects of temperature? solute? freezing rate? other variables?



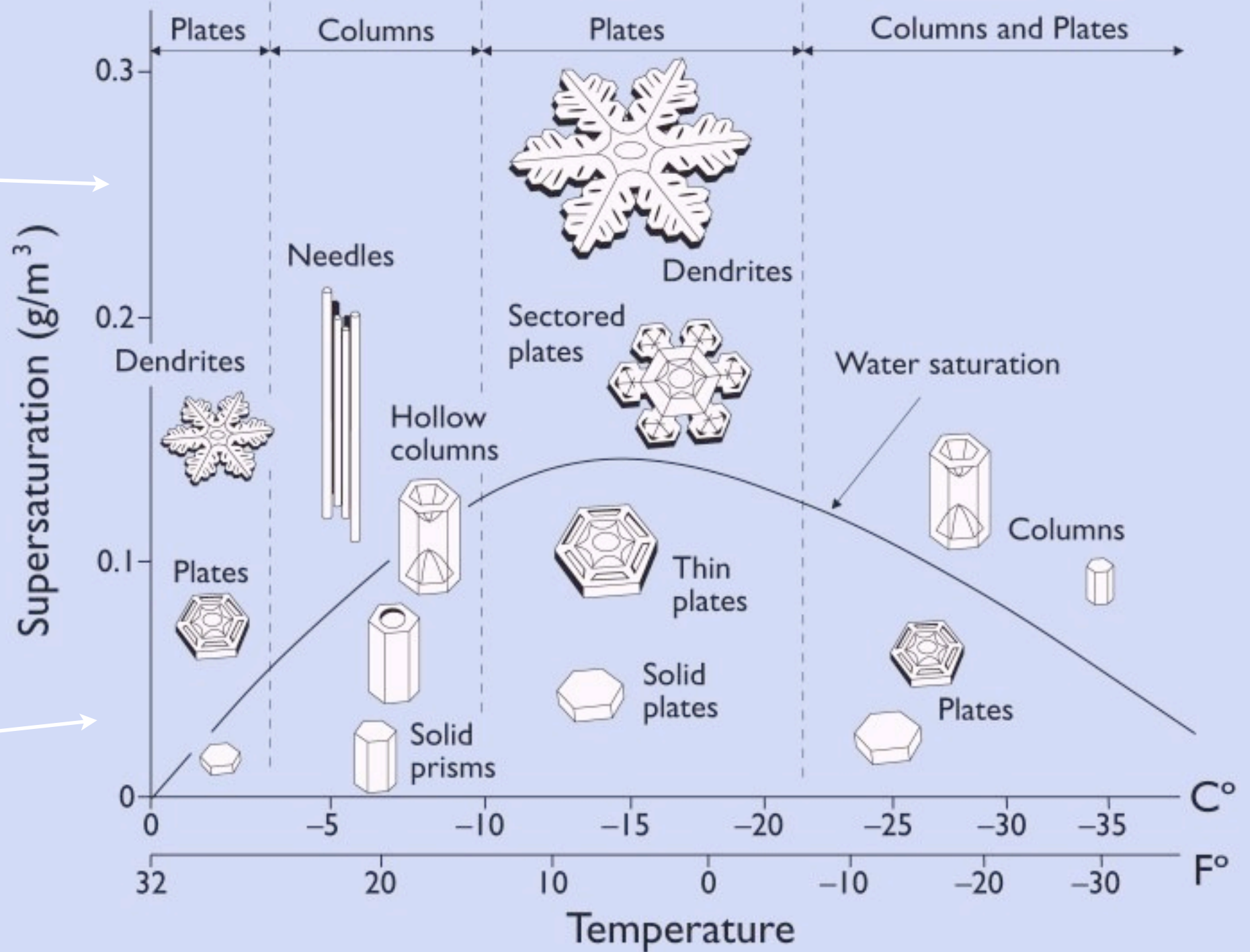
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Lawrence Berkeley Laboratory

Snowflake morphologies

Wetter

Drier



www.its.caltech.edu/~atomic/snowcrystals/primer/morphologydiagram.jpg

Snowflakes

Experiment (photo)



Kenneth G. Libbrecht, Caltech

Computer simulation



David Griffeaths, U.Wisc.; Antoine Clappier



David Griffeaths, U.Wisc, <http://psoup.math.wisc.edu/Snowfakes>

We can model many of the processes:

Virtual Kinetics of Materials
Laboratory: Dendritic Growth
<https://nanohub.org/tools/vkmlggs>

Mouse over each parameter name to see a description

See what happens when you change:
Enthalpy of Melting
Fold symmetry
Anisotropy Strength

These equations describe how the dendrite grows.

Don't worry about the details.
They are an example of the kinds of problem that is hard for humans to solve, but for which computers are great.

nanoHUB.org – Resources: Tools: Virtual Kinetics of Materials Laboratory: Dendritic Growth: Session: 354764 "Virtual Kinetics of Materials Laboratory: Dendritic Growth"

https://nanohub.org/tools/vkmlggs/session/354764

Physical Parameters Numerical Parameters

Size of Simulation Cell: 8

Enthalpy of Melting: 1

Thermal Diffusivity: 2.25

Gradient Energy Coefficient: 0.015

Fold Symmetry: 6

Anisotropy Strength: 0.02

Undercooling: .5

Phase Change Coefficient: 0.0003

Kappa 1: 0.9

Kappa 2: 20

Seed Size and Position

Seed Radius: 0.2

Seed Angle: 0.0

X Position: 0.5

Y Position: 0.5

This program iteratively solves the following kinetic equation for the phase variable and the heat conduction below it simultaneously.

$$\tau_\phi \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t} = \nabla \cdot [D \nabla \phi + A \nabla \xi] + \phi(1 - \phi)m(\phi, T)$$

$$\frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = D_T \nabla^2 T + H \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t}$$

The two kinetic equations above rely on the following definitions:

$$m(\phi, T) = \phi - \frac{1}{2} - \frac{\kappa_1}{\pi} \arctan(\kappa_2 T)$$

Simulate

Result: Movie of Solidification

Solidified Fraction

Time = 0.33350

2 results Parameters... Clear

Simulation = #2

Anisotropy Strength = 0.02

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VKML : Dendritic Growth V0.1

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Result:

About this tool
Questions?

Solidified Fraction

Time = 0.33350

Options...

2 results Parameters... Clear

Simulation = #1

Anisotropy Strength = 0.5

Additional resources

- Model kits:
 - <http://3dmolecular designs.com>
- Snowflakes:
 - snowcrystals.com
 - <http://psoup.math.wisc.edu/3dMovies/3dMovies.htm>
- Lots of great simulation tools:
 - <http://mw.concord.org/modeler/showcase/index.html>

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