Using Computational Science to Address Key Challenges (from fundamental physics to real-world problems)

Two examples:

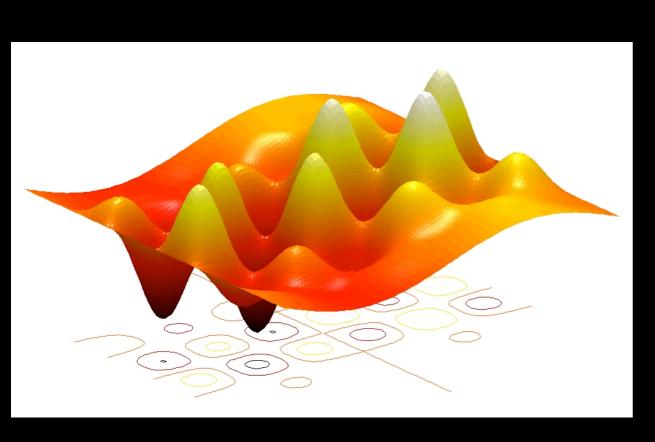
- Nano-medicine
- Materials by design

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Physics & SEAS

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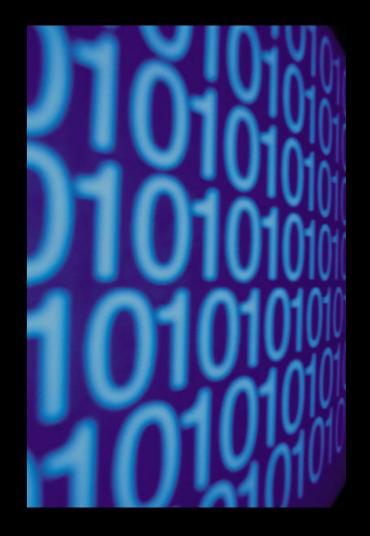
Computational Science



applied math

equations, theorems, numerics, ...





computer science

hardware, software, computing algorithms, ...

CSE is used to

- simulate
 - model
 - predict





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- manage
- analyze
- visualize

Cardiovascular Disease

Leading cause of death in the western world

- ~1/3 deaths in the US alone
- ~50% of instances occur without prior symptoms

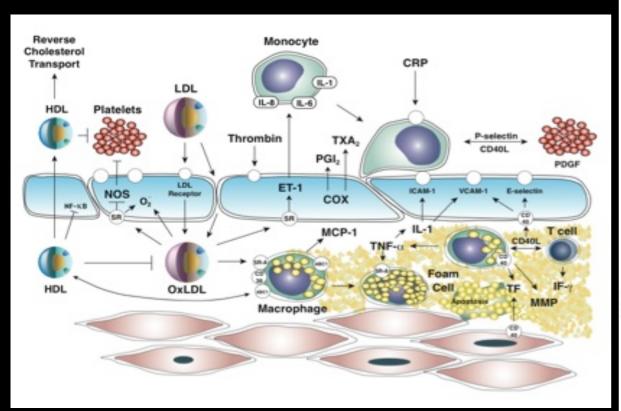
Komla Dumor was a highly acclaimed journalist who presented Focus on Africa on BBC World News, as well as being one of the lead presenters for World News' European morning segment. To the great shock and sadness of the BBC and its audience around the world, Komla died suddenly from heart attack in January 2014 at age 41.

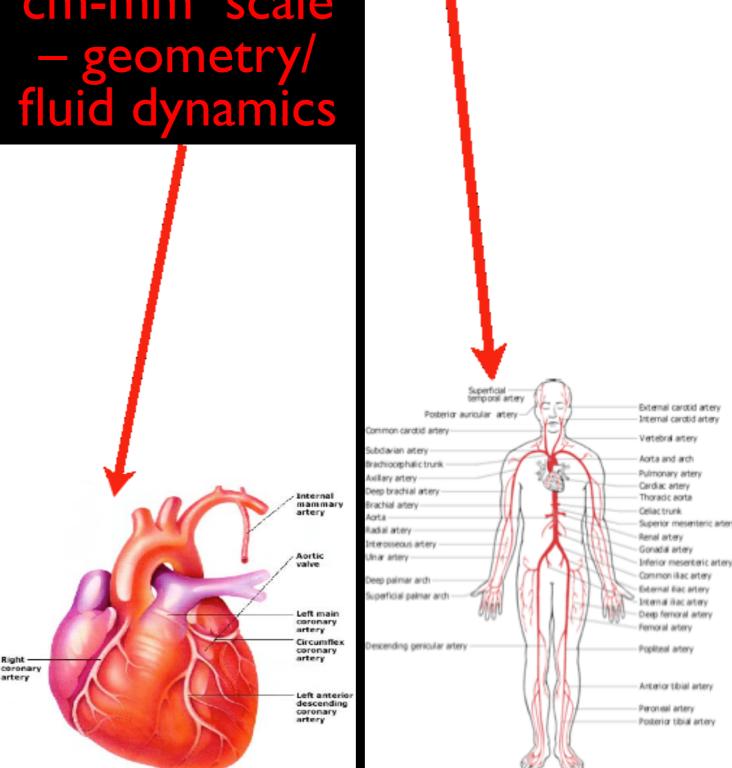
Grand Challenge: Multiscale Hemodynamics

m scale – boundary conditions

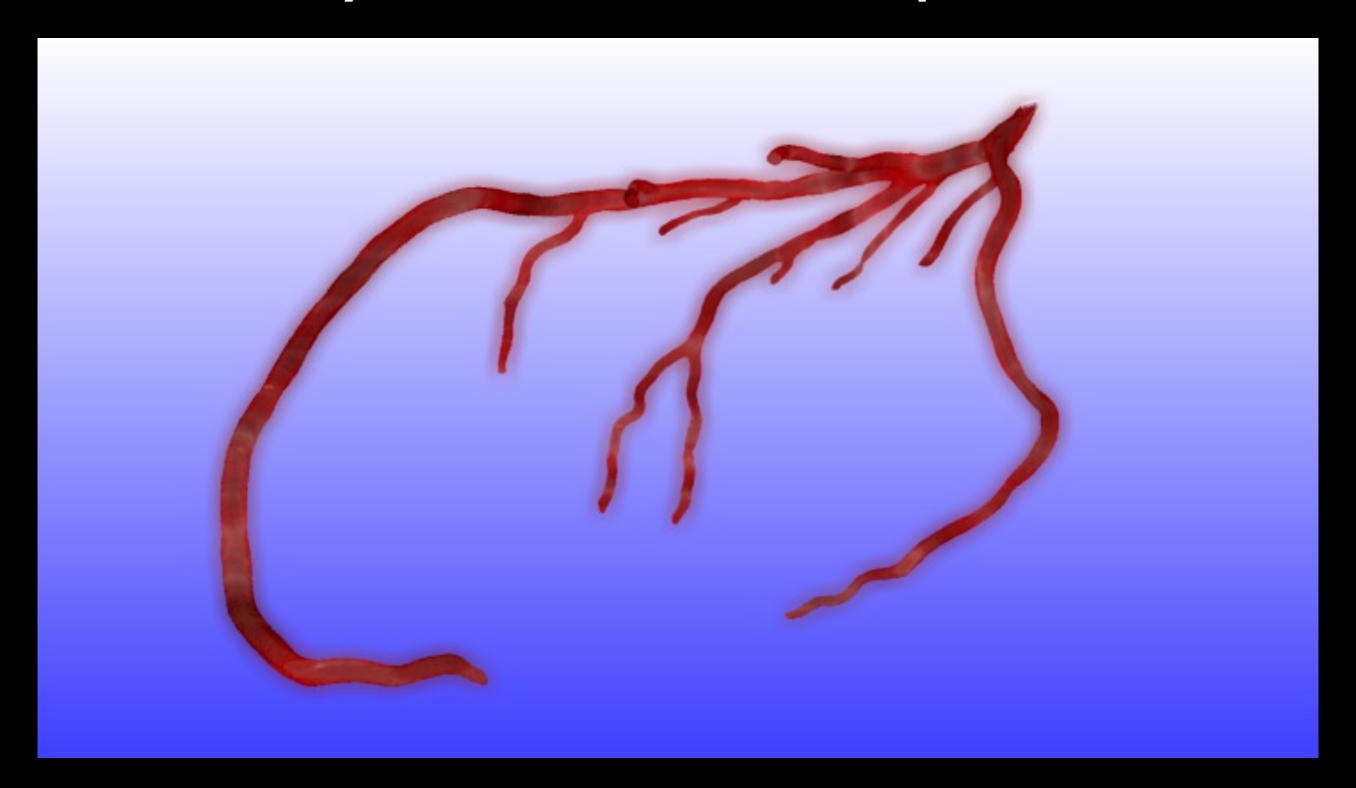
cm-mm scale

μm-nm scale biochemistry



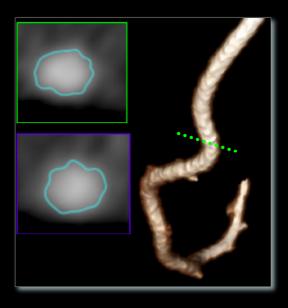


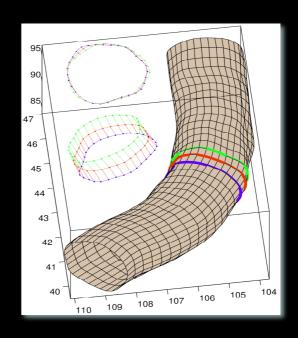
Full artery simulation: real patient data

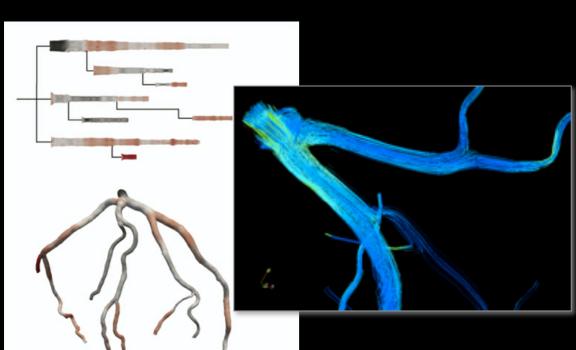




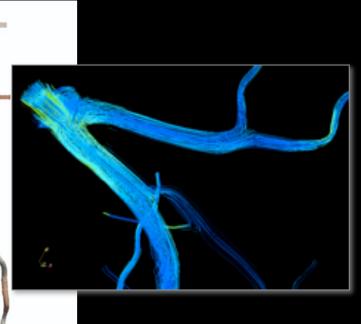








Borkin et al. IEEE Transactions on Visualization and Computer Graphics, 2011



Output visualization



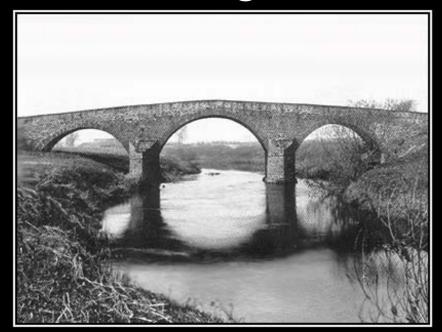


Materials: Yesterday (cm - m)

Locomotives



Bridges



Automobiles

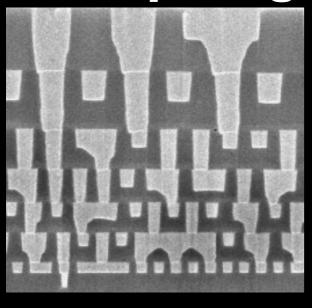


Buildings



Materials: Today

Computing



Transportation



- Unconventional materials used
 - Compound metal
 - Composite structure
 - Alkaline battery

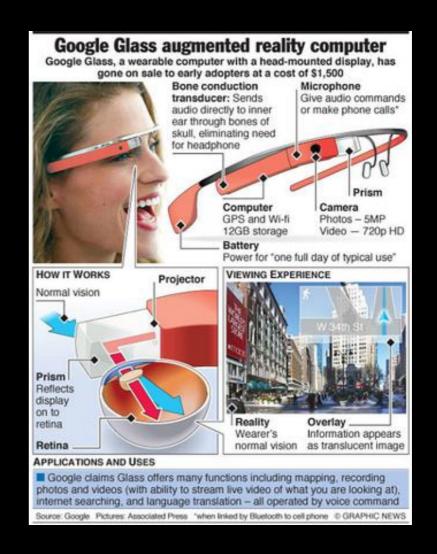


Materials: Tomorrow (nm)

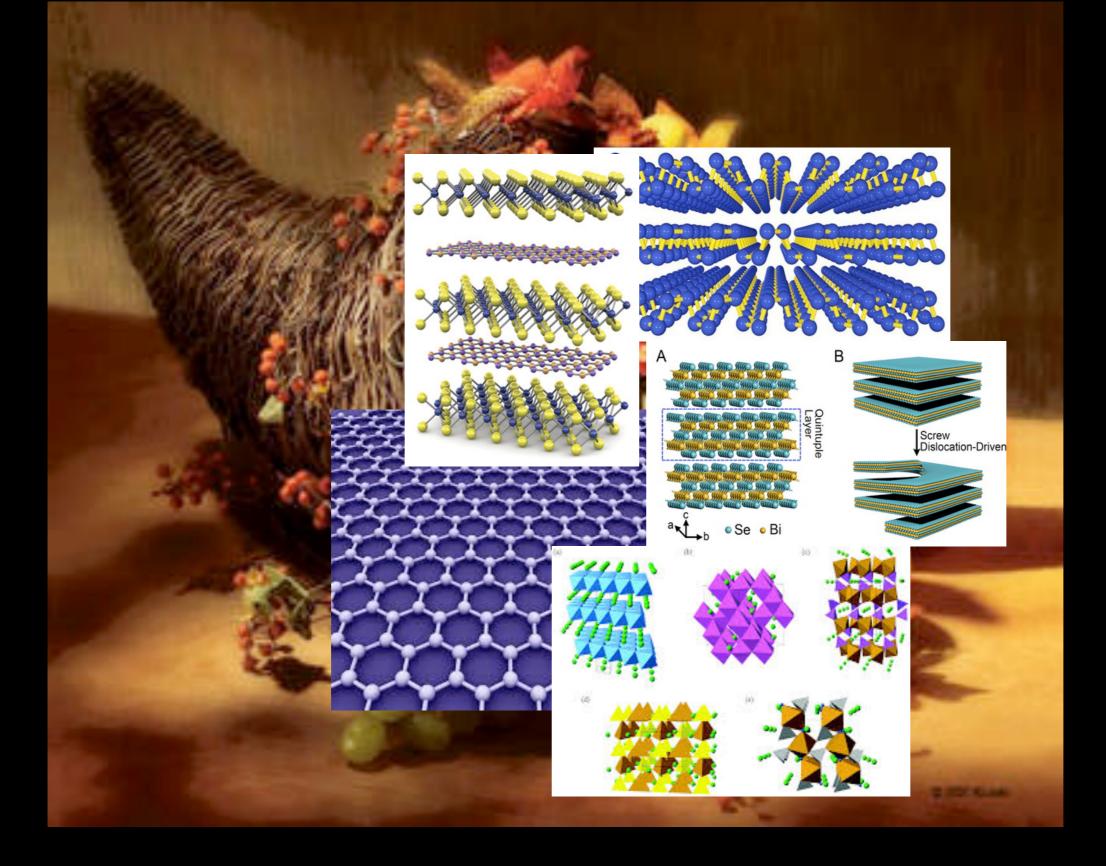
Smart Phone



Smart Glass

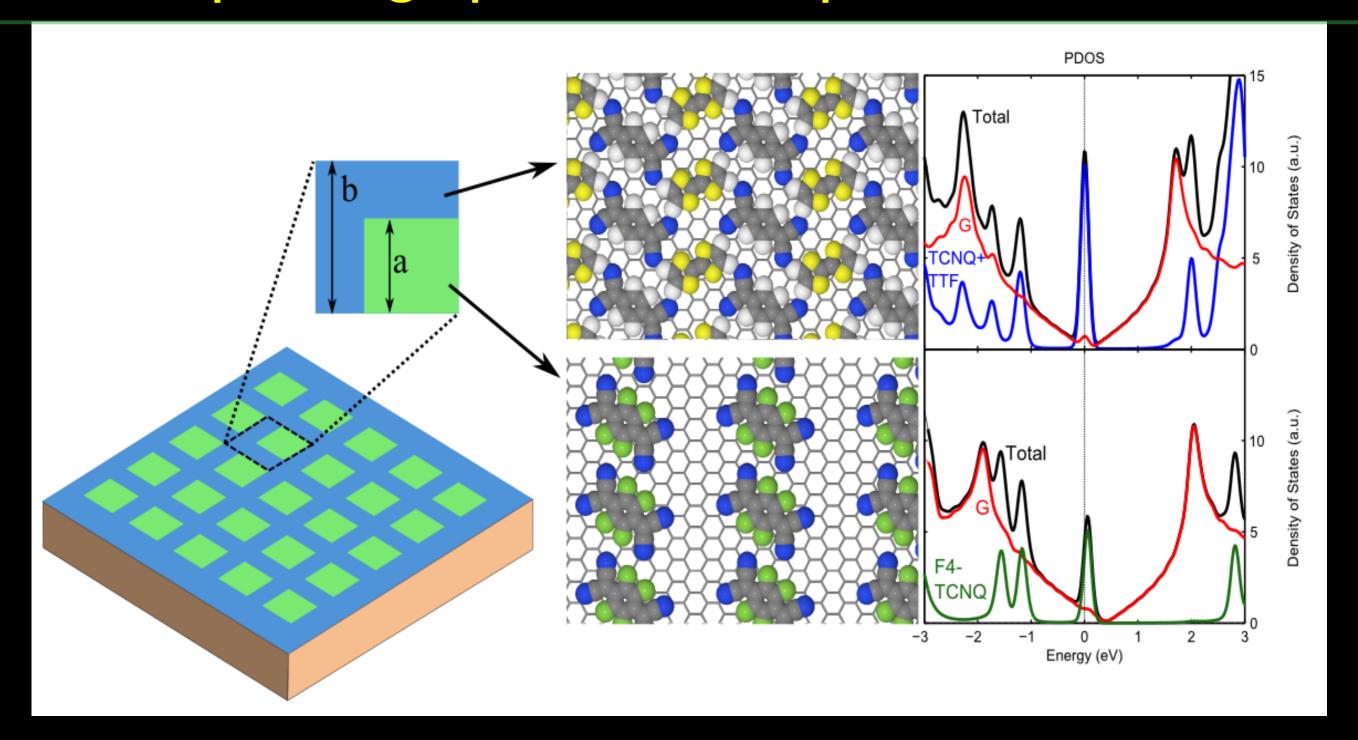


Properties and structures by design: Materials Genome Initiative (Obama, 2013)



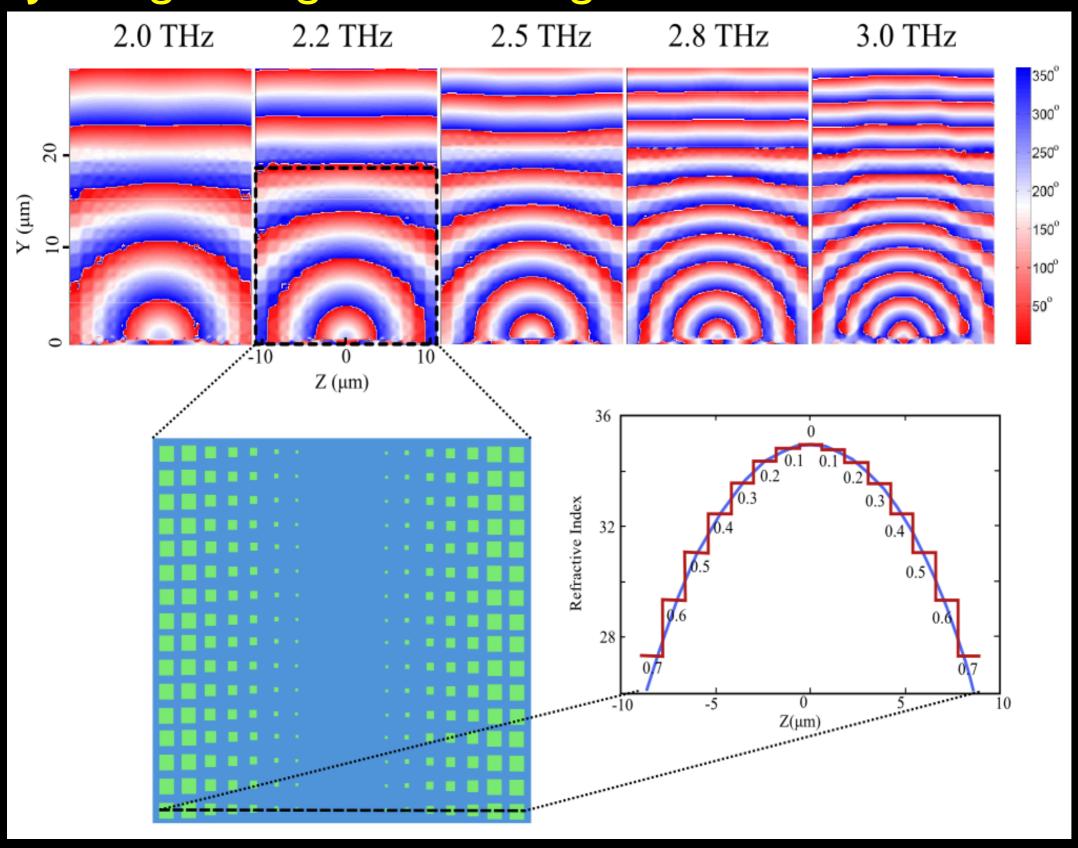
cornucopia (cornu copiae: Latin, "horn of plenty") of new materials (2D): best way to combine them?

Proposed graphene-based plasmonic device

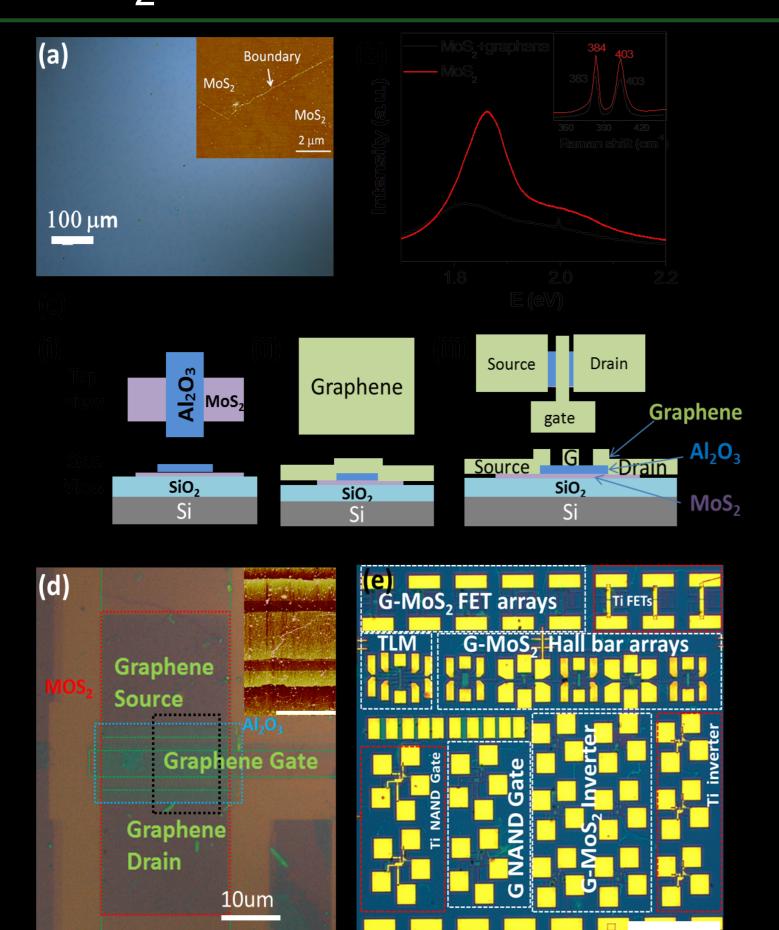


F4-TCNQ (blue area) and TCNQ+TTF (green area). Projected DOS shows effects of **doping** and the added molecular signature to the total DOS due to the molecule-graphene interactions.

Selfoc lens: collimating EM waves Jierong Cheng, Wei Li Wang, H.M., E.K. NanoLetters 2013

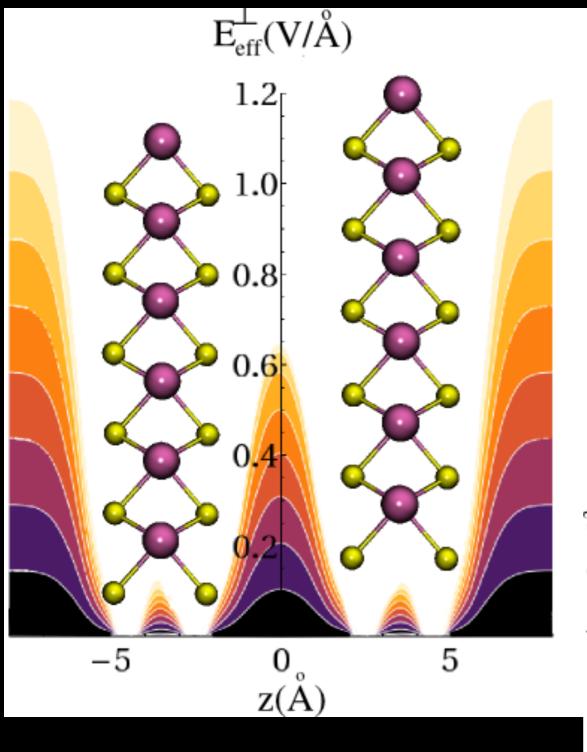


MoS₂-based Electronics: barriers to contacts

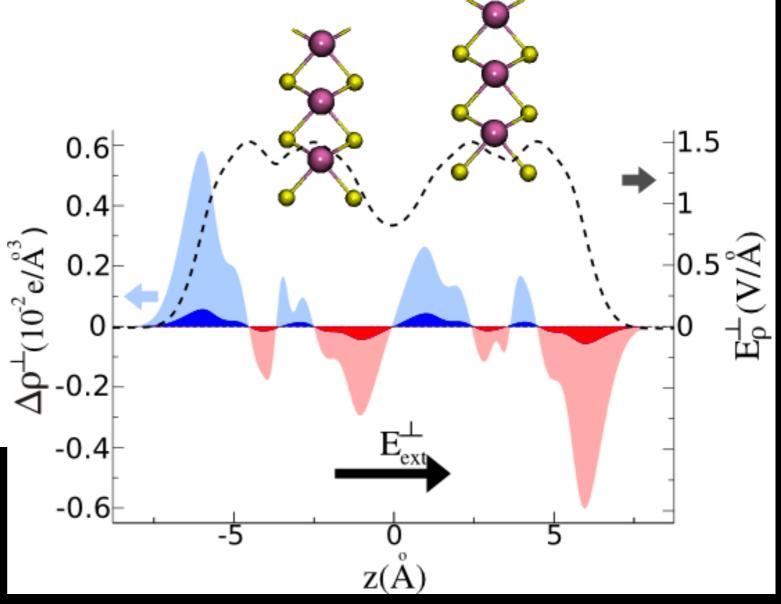


Tomas Palacios group (MIT) Lili Yu et al., NanoLetters 2014

Shielding effects due to polarizability of MoS₂ layer



The polarization charge and the response field depend on external field



The country that out-computes will be the one that out-competes.