

Path Integral Monte Carlo Simulations of Dense Plasmas



Outline

1. **Juno mission** in orbit around **Jupiter**
2. Transport properties of **solid** and **liquid silicates**
3. **Path integral Monte Carlo** simulation method
4. Application of **CH plastic ablator** materials
5. Application to warm, dense **silicon**

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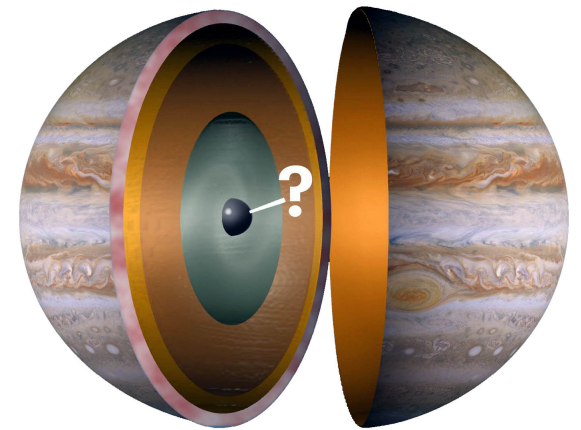
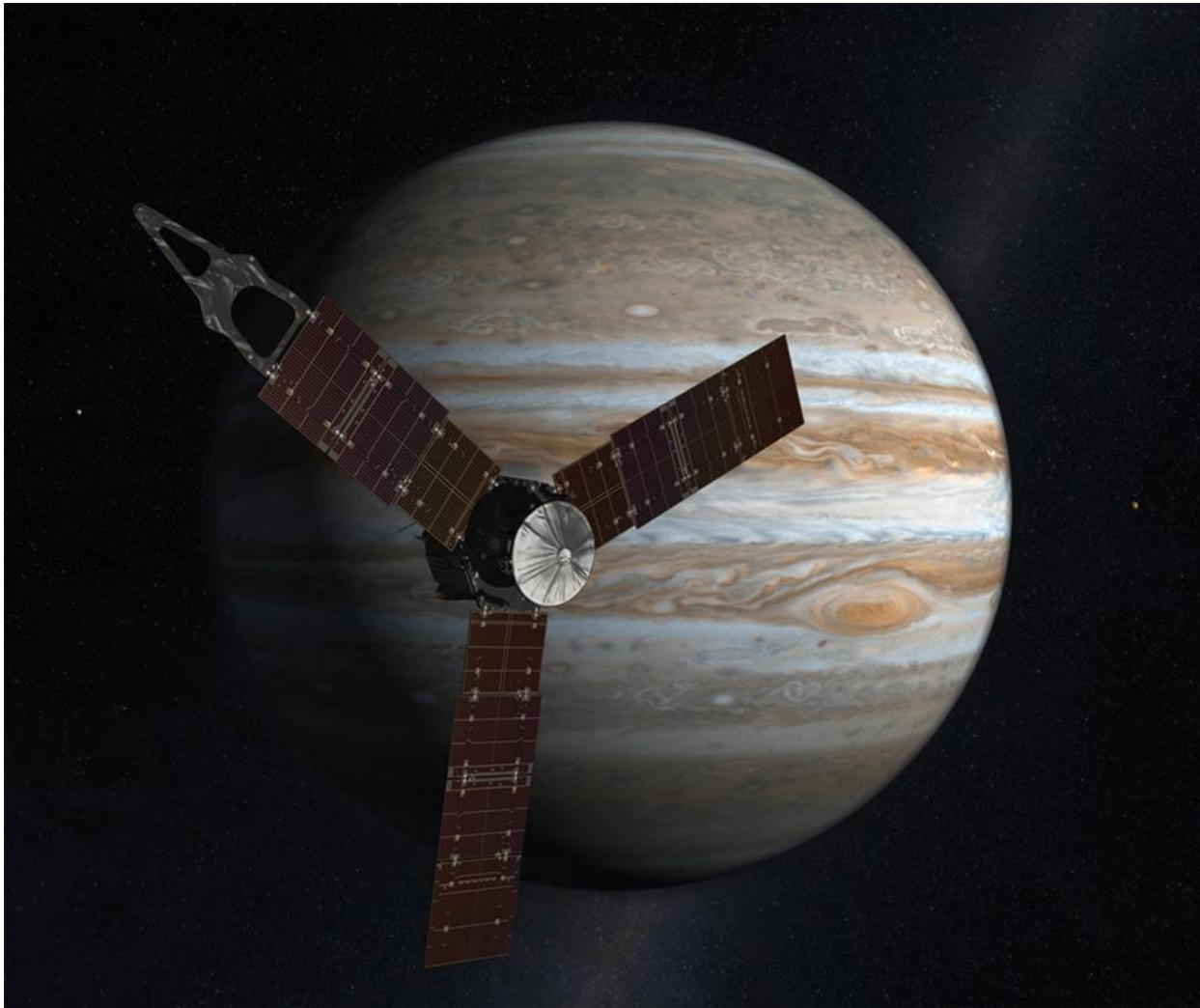


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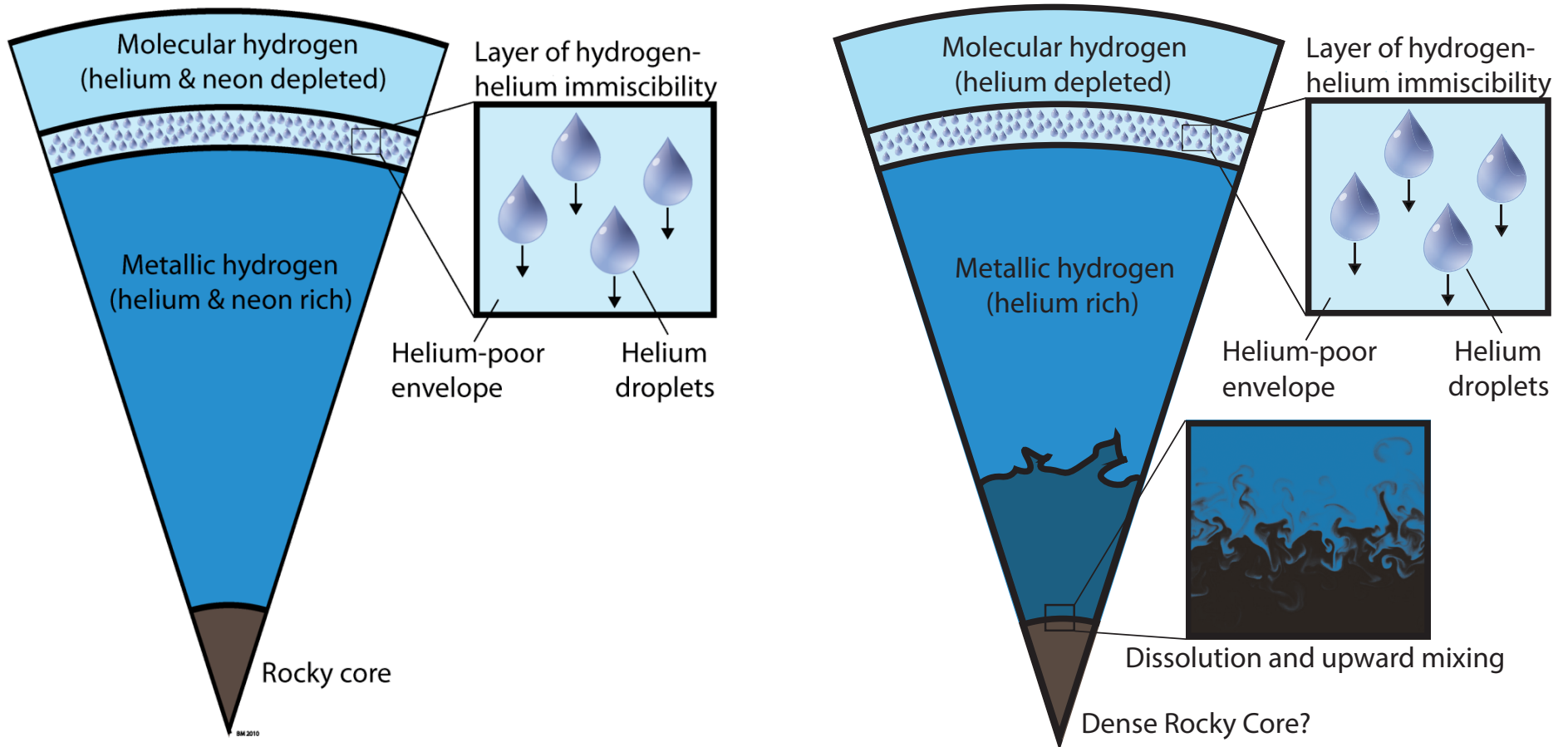
NASA Mission Juno visits Planet Jupiter



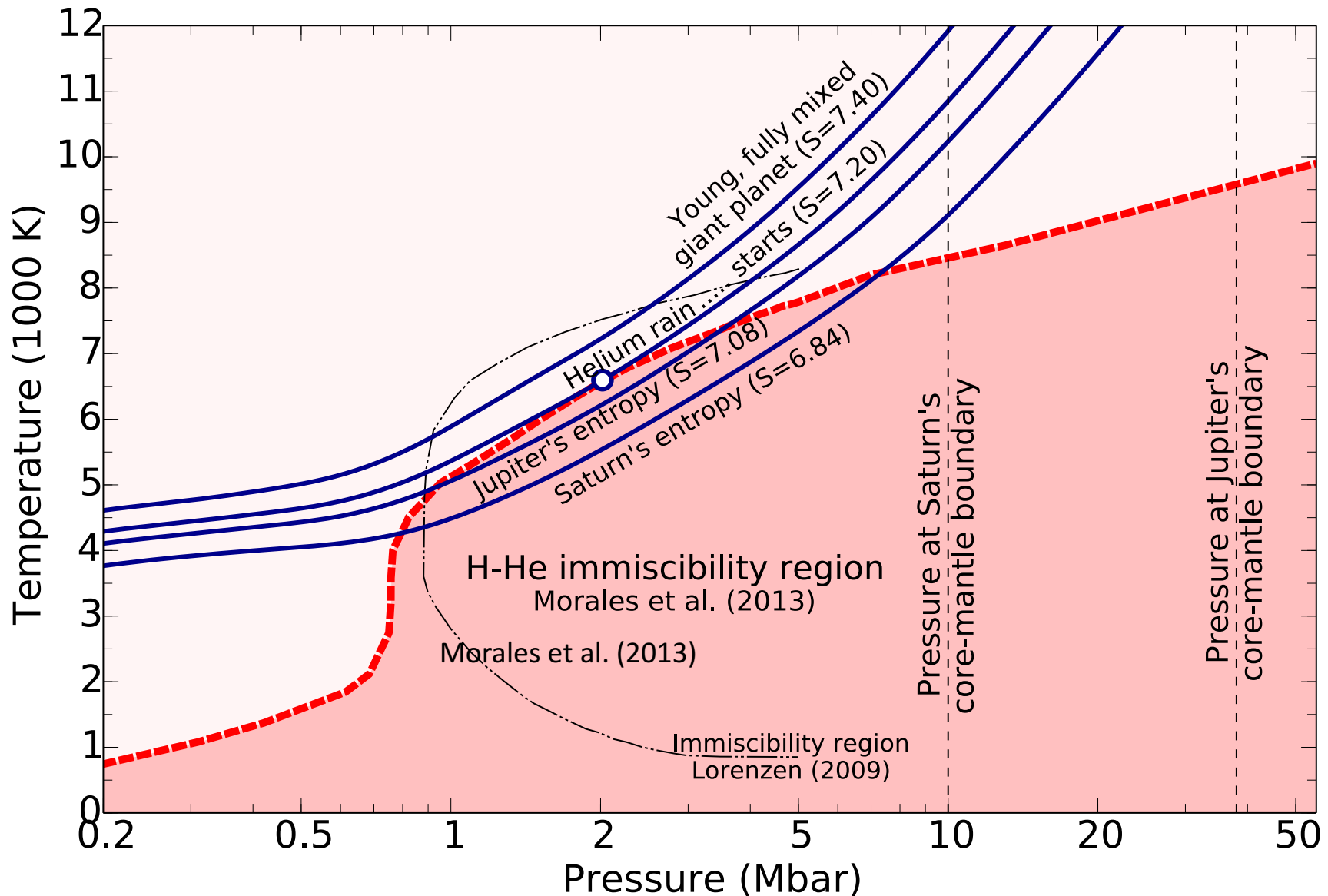




Two possible Jupiter Interior Models with a sharp and a dilute cores



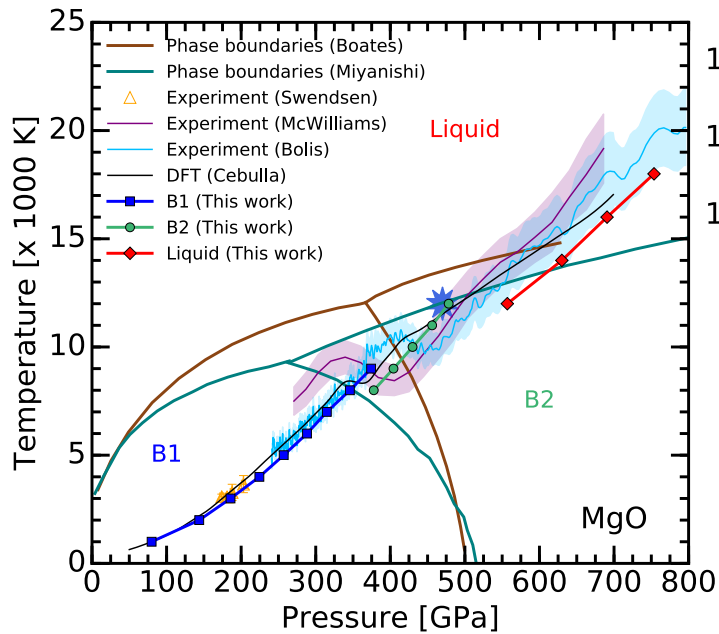
Giant Planet Adiabats and hydrogen-helium immiscibility



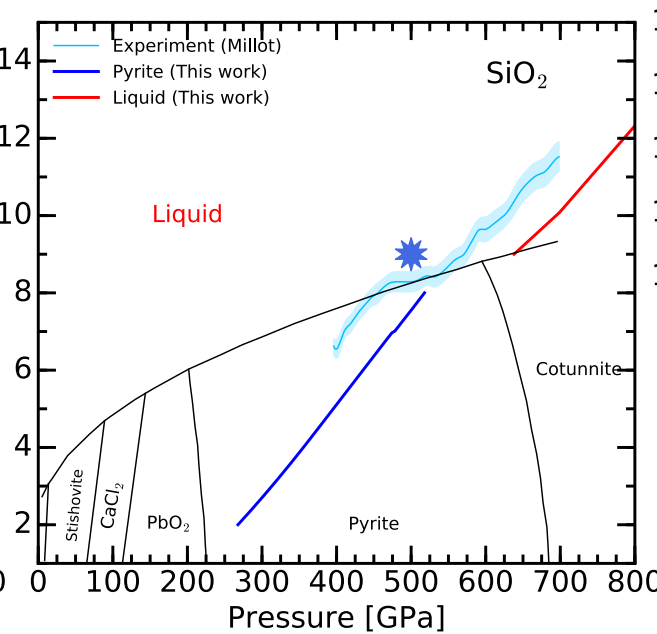
II. Solid and Liquid Silicates

Solid and Liquid Silicates at Super-Earth Interior Conditions

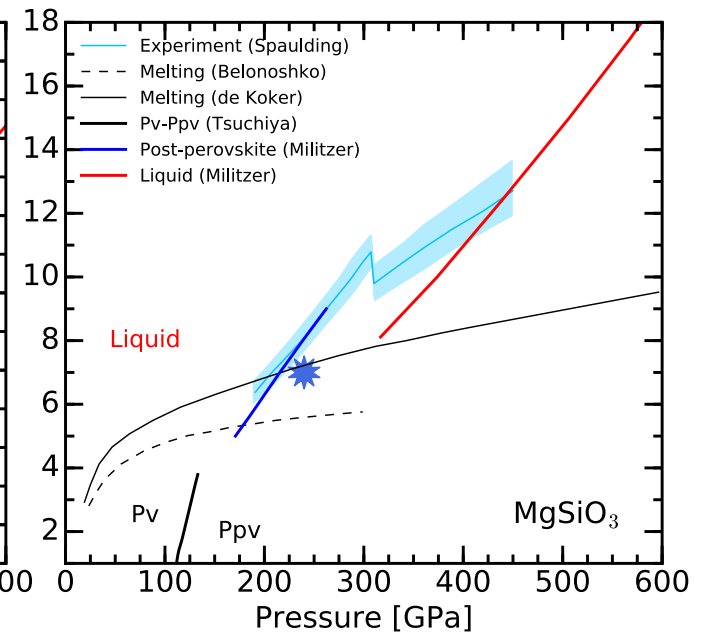
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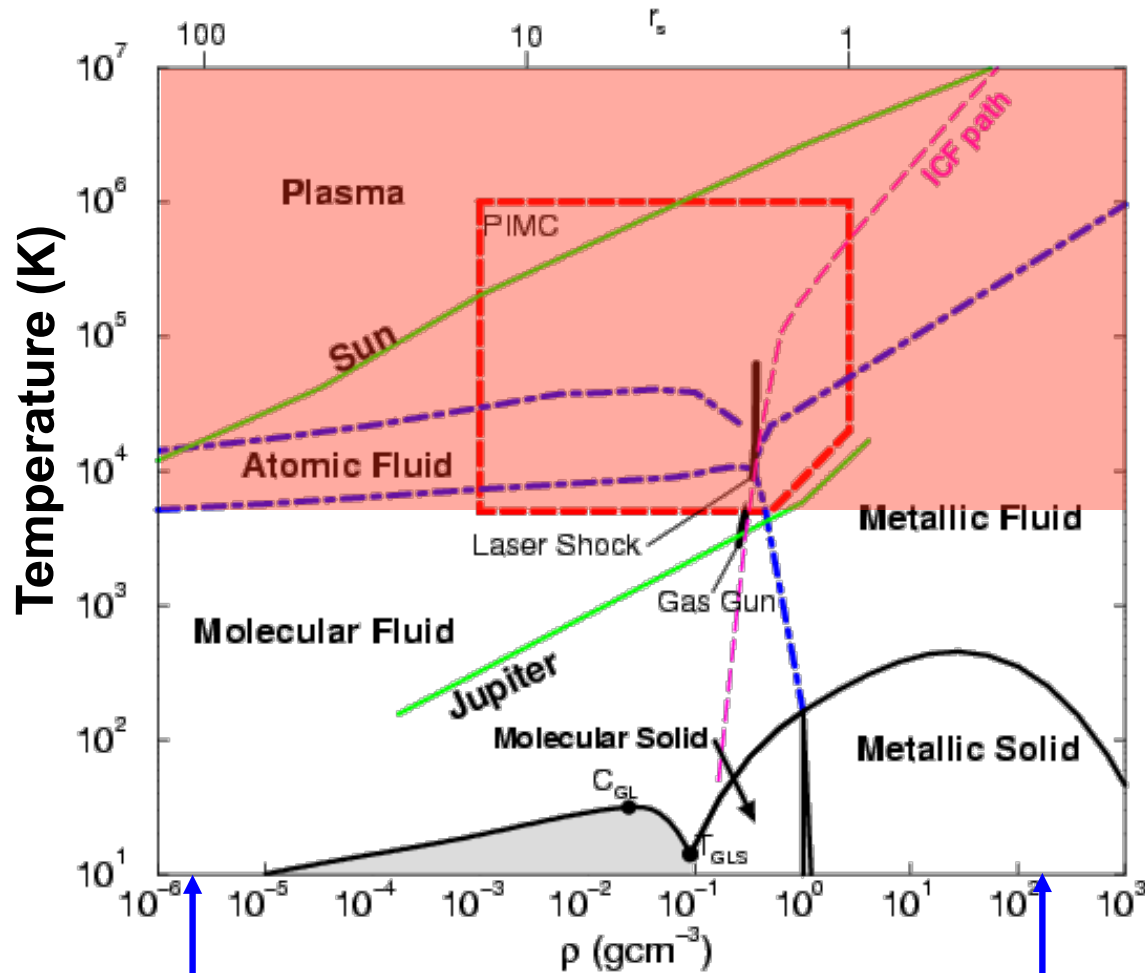


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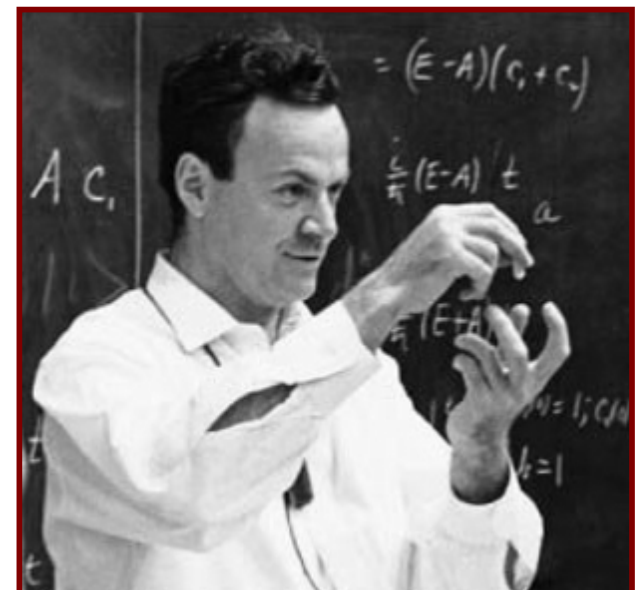
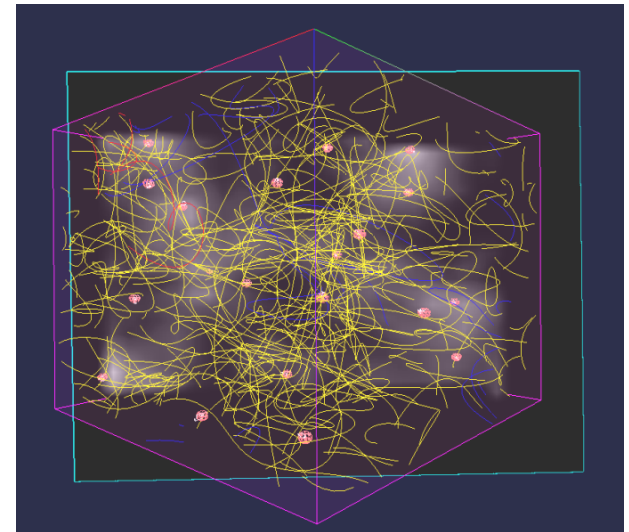
***III. Path Integral
Monte Carlo***

1) Path integral Monte Carlo for $T > 100000\text{K}$

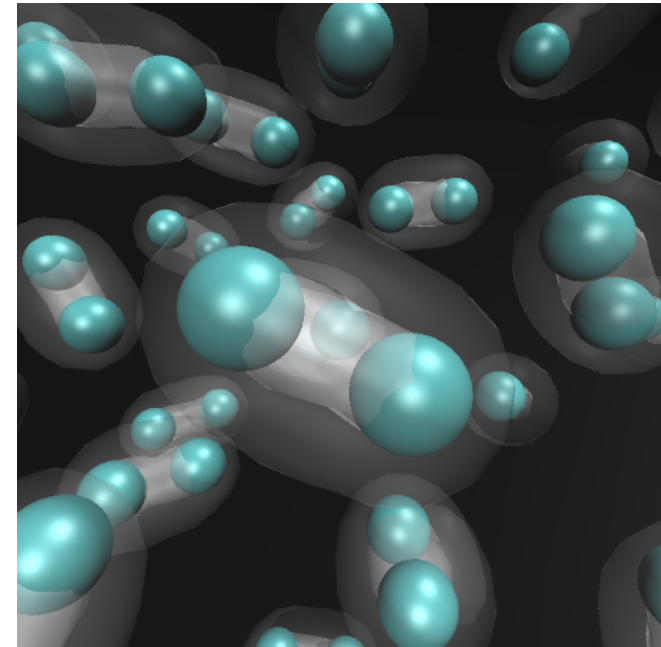
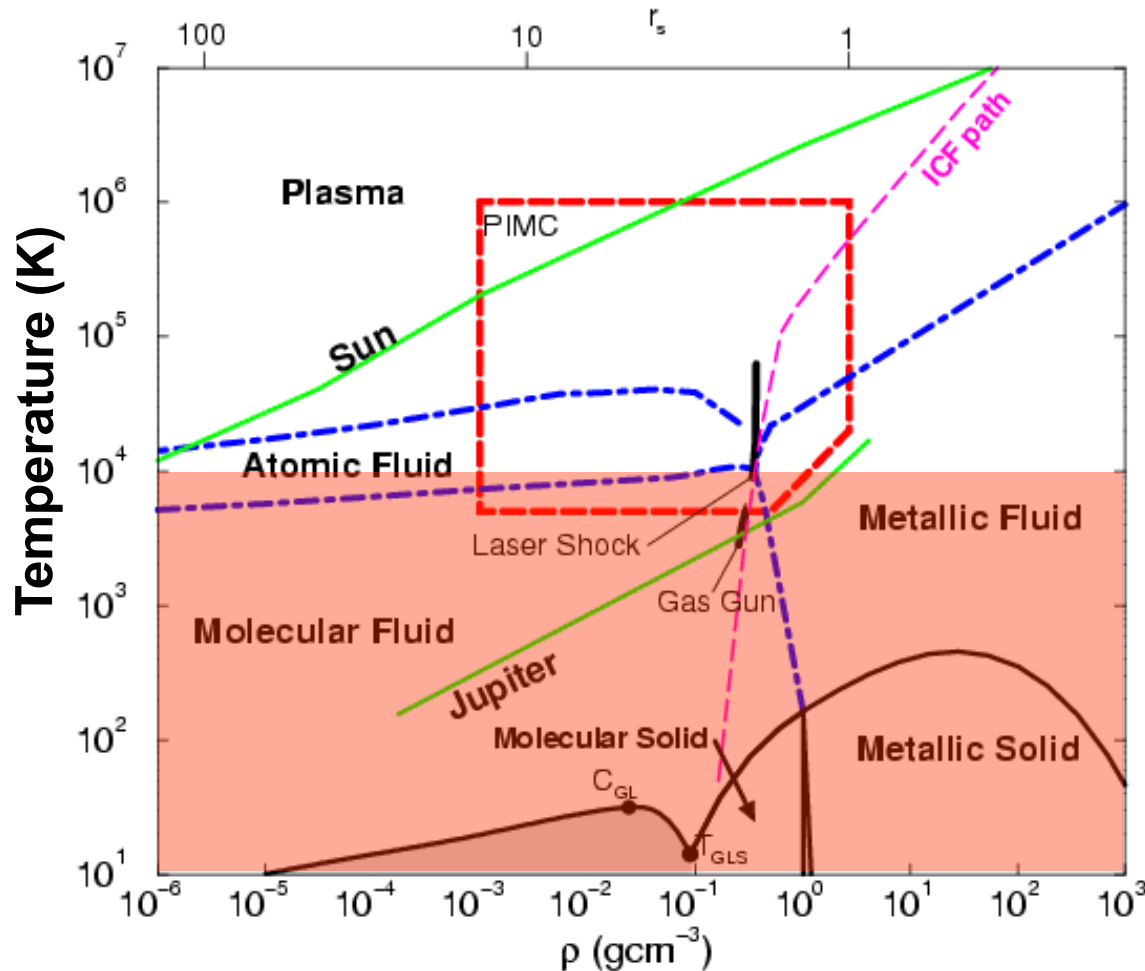


$n = 10^{18} \text{ cm}^{-3}$

$n = 10^{26} \text{ cm}^{-3}$



- 1) Path integral Monte Carlo for $T > 5000\text{K}$
- 2) Density functional molecular dynamics below



Born-Oppenheimer approx.
MD with classical nuclei:

$$\mathbf{F} = m \mathbf{a}$$

Forces derived DFT with
electrons in the instantaneous
ground state.

Canonical Ensembles:

| Classical | Quantum |
|-----------|---------|
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Boltzmann factor

$$e^{-E / k_B T}$$

Density matrix

$$\hat{\rho} = e^{-\beta \hat{H}}$$

$$\rho(R, R', \beta) = \langle R | e^{-\beta \hat{H}} | R' \rangle$$

$$\rho(R, R', \beta) = \sum_s e^{-\beta E_s} \Psi_s^*(R) \Psi_s(R')$$

Thermodynamic averages:

$$Z_{cl} = \sum_s e^{-\beta E_s}$$

$$Z_Q = Tr[\hat{\rho}] = \int dR \langle R | e^{-\beta \hat{H}} | R \rangle$$

$$\langle \hat{O} \rangle = \frac{Tr[\hat{O} \hat{\rho}]}{Tr[\hat{\rho}]}$$

Step 1 towards the path integral

Matrix squaring property of the density matrix

Matrix squaring in operator notation:

$$\hat{\rho} = e^{-\beta\hat{H}} = \left(e^{-(\beta/2)\hat{H}} \right) \left(e^{-(\beta/2)\hat{H}} \right), \quad \beta = \frac{1}{k_B T}$$

Matrix squaring in real-space notation:

$$\langle R | \hat{\rho} | R' \rangle = \int dR_1 \langle R | e^{-(\beta/2)\hat{H}} | R_1 \rangle \langle R_1 | e^{-(\beta/2)\hat{H}} | R' \rangle$$

Matrix squaring in matrix notation:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dots & R' & \dots \\ R & \ddots & \vdots \\ \dots & \dots & \dots \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \dots & R_1 & \dots \\ R & \ddots & \vdots \\ \dots & \dots & \dots \end{bmatrix} * \begin{bmatrix} \dots & R' & \dots \\ R_1 & \ddots & \vdots \\ \dots & \dots & \dots \end{bmatrix}$$

Repeat the matrix squaring step

Matrix squaring in operator notation:

$$\hat{\rho} = e^{-\beta\hat{H}} = \left(e^{-(\beta/4)\hat{H}} \right)^4, \quad \beta = \frac{1}{k_B T}$$

Matrix squaring in real-space notation:

$$\langle R | \hat{\rho} | R' \rangle = \int dR_1 \int dR_2 \int dR_3 \langle R | e^{-(\beta/4)\hat{H}} | R_1 \rangle \langle R_1 | e^{-(\beta/4)\hat{H}} | R_2 \rangle \langle R_2 | e^{-(\beta/4)\hat{H}} | R_3 \rangle \langle R_3 | e^{-(\beta/4)\hat{H}} | R' \rangle$$

Path Integrals in Imaginary Time

Simplest form for the paths' action: primitive approx.

Density matrix: $\hat{\rho} = e^{-\beta\hat{H}} = \left(e^{-\tau\hat{H}} \right)^M, \quad \beta = \frac{1}{k_B T}, \quad \tau = \frac{\beta}{M}$

$$\langle \hat{O} \rangle = \frac{\text{Tr}[\hat{O}\hat{\rho}]}{\text{Tr}[\hat{\rho}]}$$

Trotter break-up:

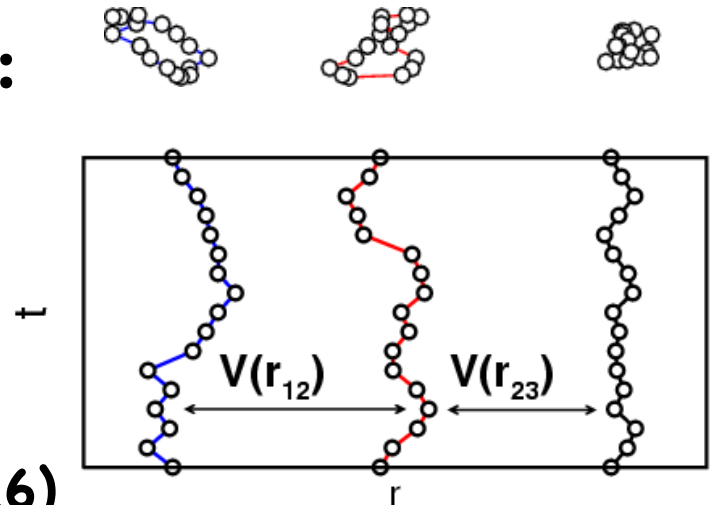
$$\langle R | \hat{\rho} | R' \rangle = \langle R | (e^{-\tau\hat{H}})^M | R' \rangle = \int dR_1 \dots \int dR_{M-1} \langle R | e^{-\tau\hat{H}} | R_1 \rangle \langle R_1 | e^{-\tau\hat{H}} | R_2 \rangle \dots \langle R_{M-1} | e^{-\tau\hat{H}} | R' \rangle$$

Trotter formula: $e^{-\beta(\hat{T}+\hat{V})} = \lim_{M \rightarrow \infty} \left[e^{-\tau\hat{T}} e^{-\tau\hat{V}} \right]^M$

Path integral and primitive action S :

$$\langle R | \hat{\rho} | R' \rangle = \oint_{R \rightarrow R'} dR_t e^{-S[R_t]}$$

$$S[R_t] = \sum_{i=1}^M \frac{(R_{i+1} - R_i)^2}{4\lambda\tau} + \frac{\tau}{2} \left[V(R_i) + V(R_{i+1}) \right]$$



Pair action: Militzer, Comp. Phys. Comm. (2016)

Bosonic and Fermionic Path Integrals

Bosonic density matrix:
Sum over all symmetric eigenstates.

$$\rho_B(R, R', \beta) = \sum_i e^{-\beta E_i} \Psi_S^{[i]*}(R) \Psi_S^{[i]}(R')$$

Project out the symmetric states:

$$\rho_B(R, R', \beta) = \sum_P (+1)^P \rho_D(R, PR', \beta)$$

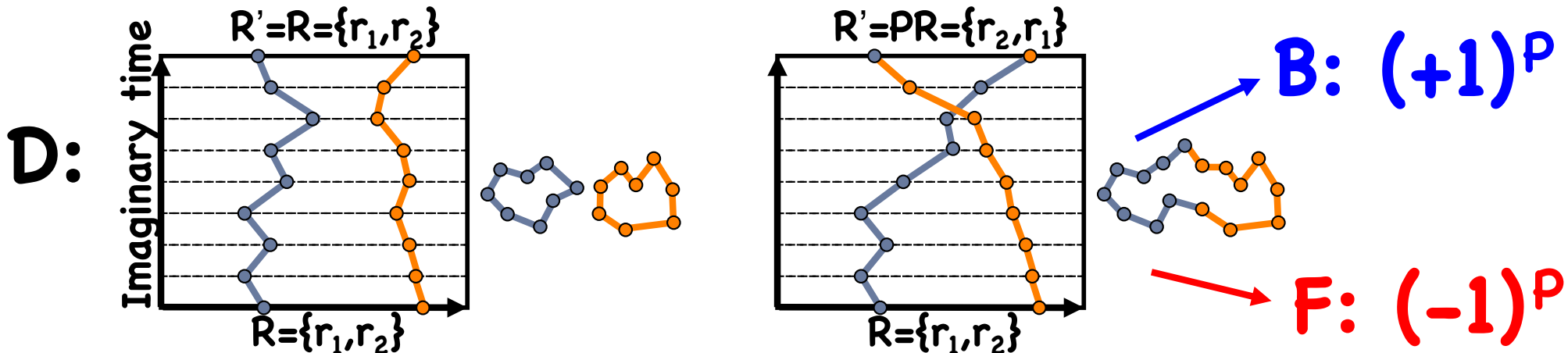
Fermionic density matrix:
Sum over all antisymmetric eigenstates.

$$\rho_F(R, R', \beta) = \sum_i e^{-\beta E_i} \Psi_{AS}^{[i]*}(R) \Psi_{AS}^{[i]}(R')$$

Project out the antisymmetric states:

$$\rho_F(R, R', \beta) = \sum_P (-1)^P \rho_D(R, PR', \beta)$$

$$\langle R | \hat{\rho}_{F/B} | R' \rangle = \sum_P (\pm 1)^P \int dR_1 \dots \int dR_{M-1} \langle R | e^{-\tau \hat{H}} | R_1 \rangle \dots \langle R_{M-1} | e^{-\tau \hat{H}} | PR' \rangle$$



Based on Groundbreaking PIMC work started at LLNL

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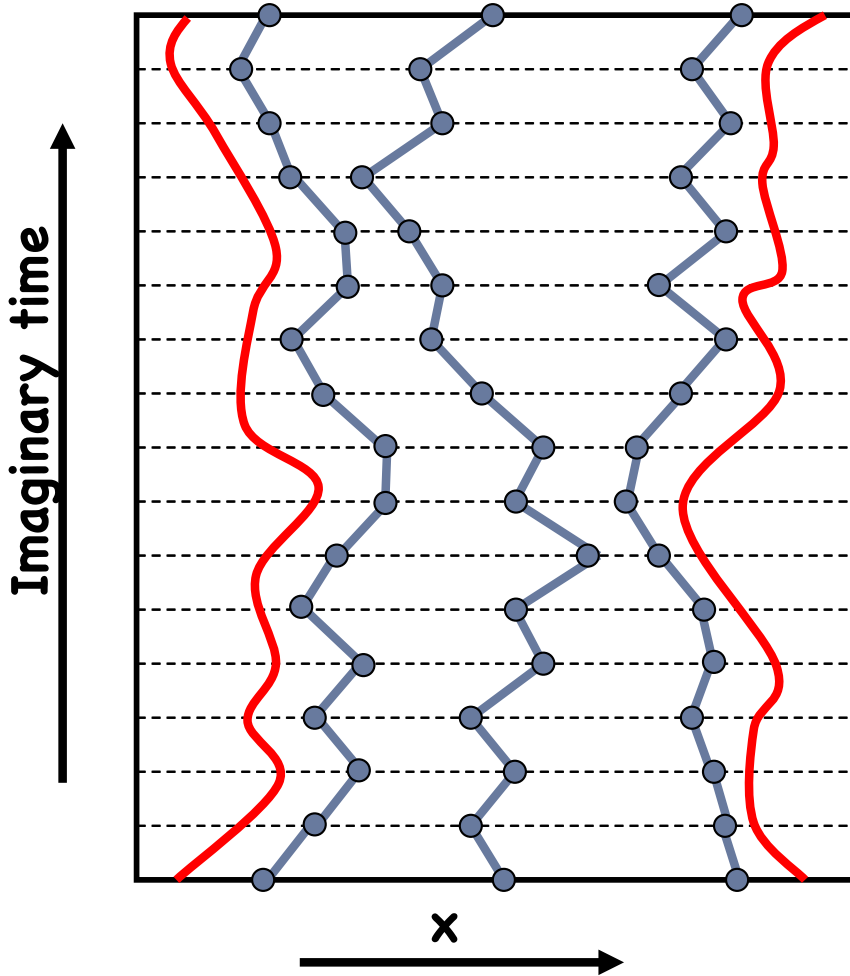
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Equation of State of the Hydrogen Plasma by Path Integral Monte Carlo Simulation

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Restricted PIMC for fermions: How is the restriction applied?



Construct a **fermionic trial density matrix** in form of a Slater determinant of single-particle density matrices:

$$\rho_T(R, R', \beta) = \begin{vmatrix} \rho(r_1, r'_1, \beta) & \cdots & \rho(r_1, r'_N, \beta) \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \rho(r_N, r'_1, \beta) & \cdots & \rho(r_N, r'_N, \beta) \end{vmatrix}$$

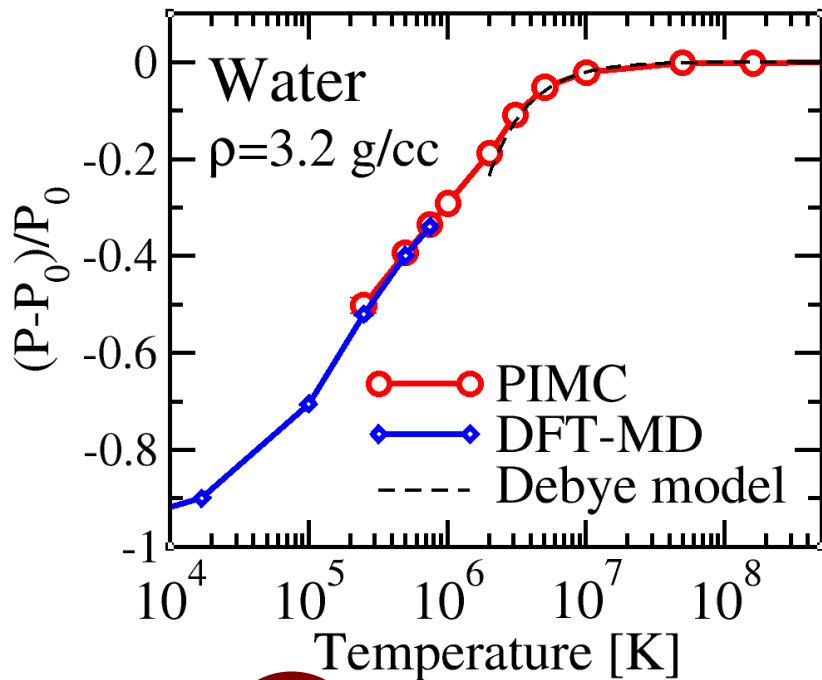
Enforce the following nodal condition for all time slices along the paths:

$$\rho_T[R(t), R(0), t] > 0$$

This 3N-dimensional conditions eliminates all negative and some positive contribution to the path → Solves the fermion sign problem approx.

Free-particle nodes:
$$\rho_0^{[1]}(r, r'; \beta) = \sum_k e^{-\beta E_k} \Psi_k(r) \Psi_k^*(r')$$

New Path Integral Monte Carlo Simulations of Heavier Elements Aid Fusion Capsule Design



ICF Hohlräum



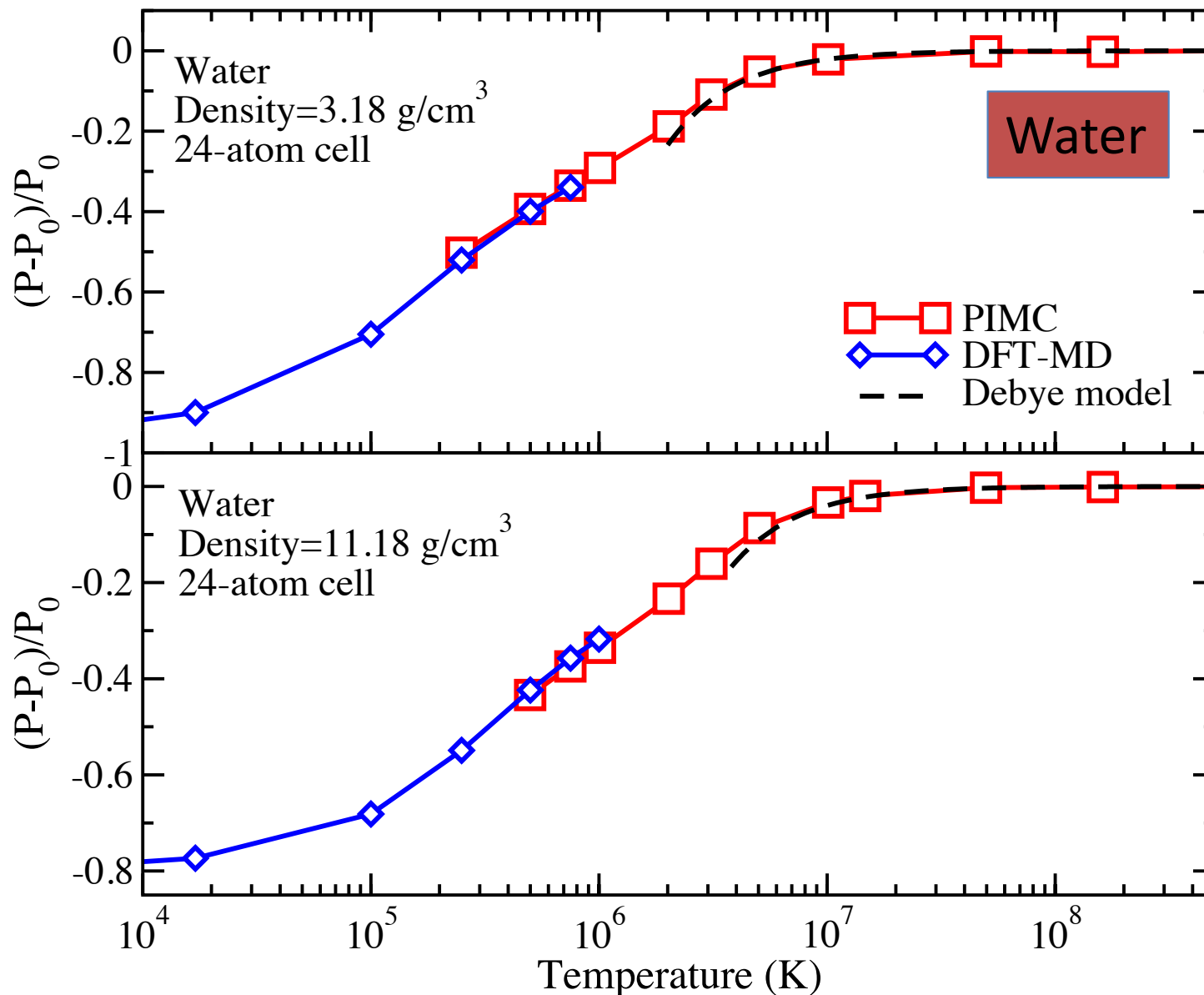
ICF Capsule



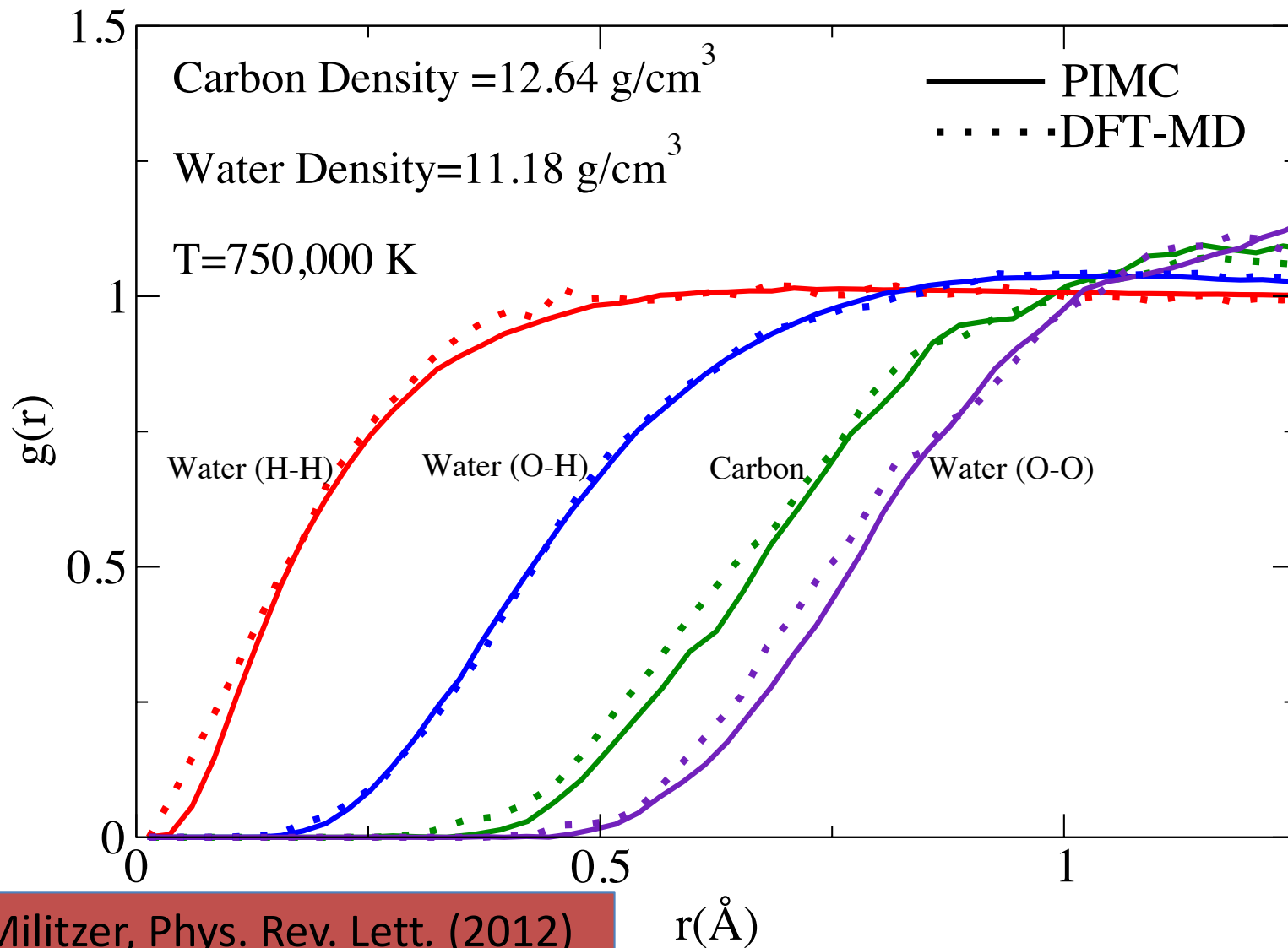
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| 1 | 1 H | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 2 He | | | | | | | |
| 2 | 3 Li | 4 Be | | | | | | | | | | | 5 B | 6 C | 7 N | 8 O | 9 F | 10 Ne | | | | | | | |
| 3 | 11 Na | 12 Mg | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 13 Al | 14 Si | 15 P | 16 S | 17 Cl | 18 Ar |
| 4 | 19 K | 20 Ca | 21 Sc | 22 Ti | 23 V | 24 Cr | 25 Mn | 26 Fe | 27 Co | 28 Ni | 29 Cu | 30 Zn | 31 Ga | 32 Ge | 33 As | 34 Se | 35 Br | 36 Kr | | | | | | | |
| 5 | 37 Rb | 38 Sr | 39 Y | 40 Zr | 41 Nb | 42 Mo | 43 Tc | 44 Ru | 45 Rh | 46 Pd | 47 Ag | 48 Cd | 49 In | 50 Sn | 51 Sb | 52 Te | 53 I | 54 Xe | | | | | | | |

Water

First Path Integral Monte Carlo Simulations for Heavier Elements Fill this Gap in Temperature



Path Integral Monte Carlo and DFT-MD are in very good agreement



Silicon

Path Integral Monte Carlo with localized nodal surfaces and application to silicon plasmas

How the nodes are enforced:

$$\rho_F(\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{R}'; \beta) = \frac{1}{N!} \sum_{\mathcal{P}} (-1)^{\mathcal{P}} \int d\mathbf{R}_t e^{-S[\mathbf{R}_t]}_{\mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathcal{P}\mathbf{R}', \rho_T > 0}$$

Nodes are a Slater determinant:

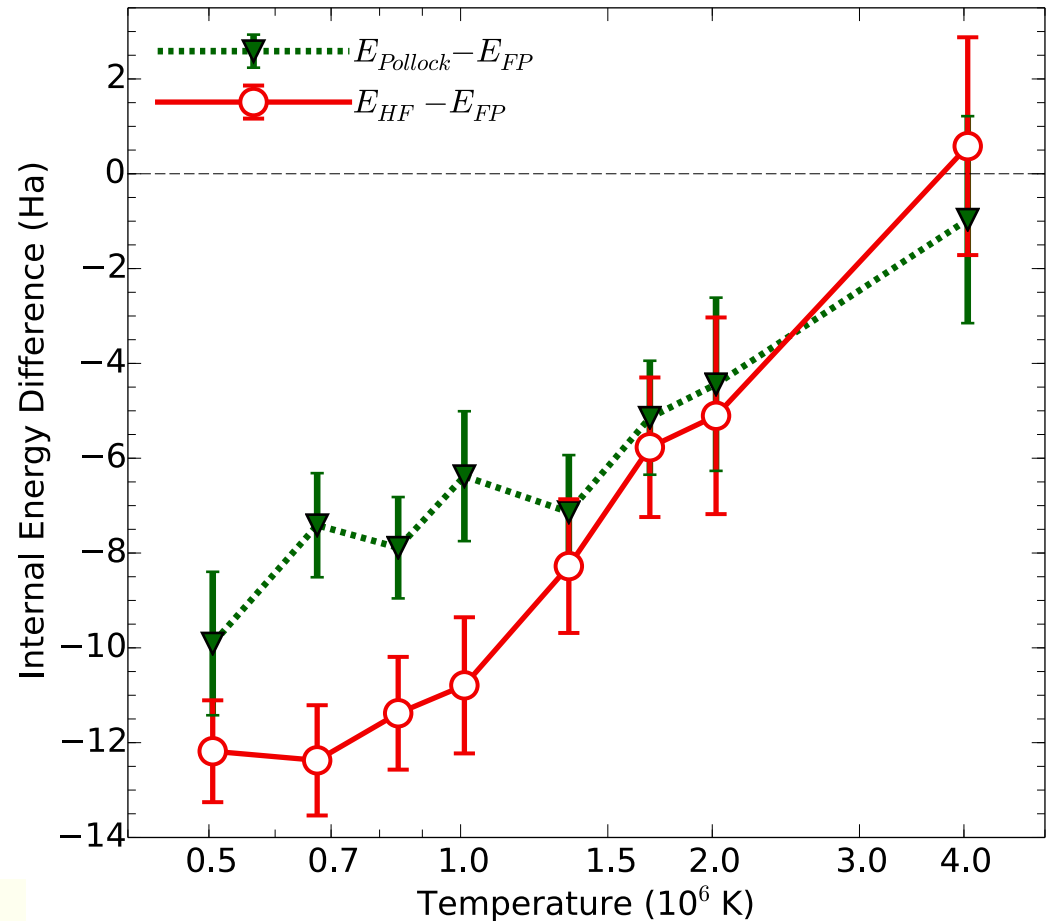
$$\rho_T(\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{R}'; \beta) = \left| \left| \rho^{[1]}(r_i, r'_j; \beta) \right| \right|_{ij}$$

Before we used only free-particle orbitals (plane waves):

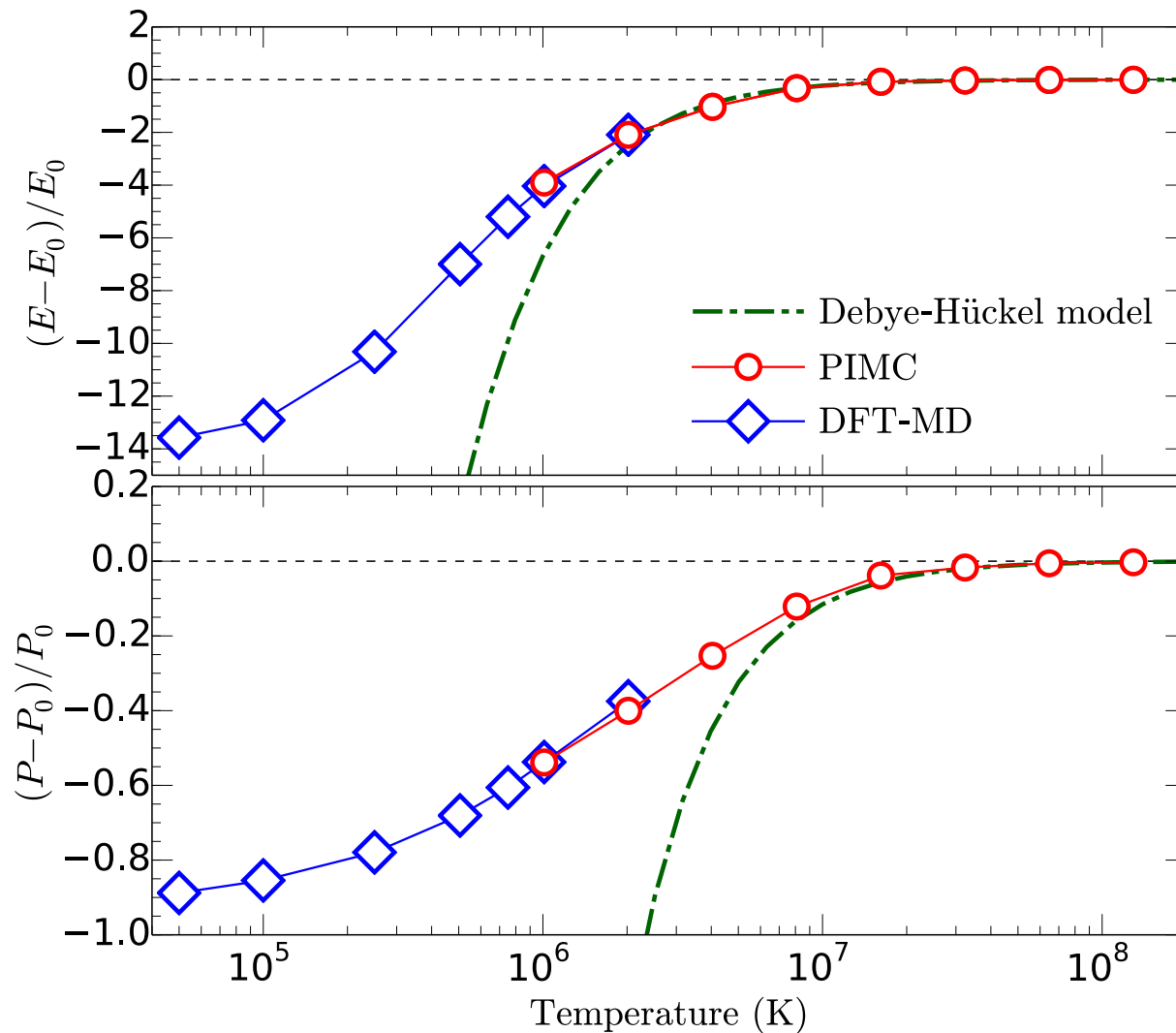
$$\rho_0^{[1]}(r, r'; \beta) = \sum_k e^{-\beta E_k} \Psi_k(r) \Psi_k^*(r')$$

New idea: Add Hartree-Fock orbitals

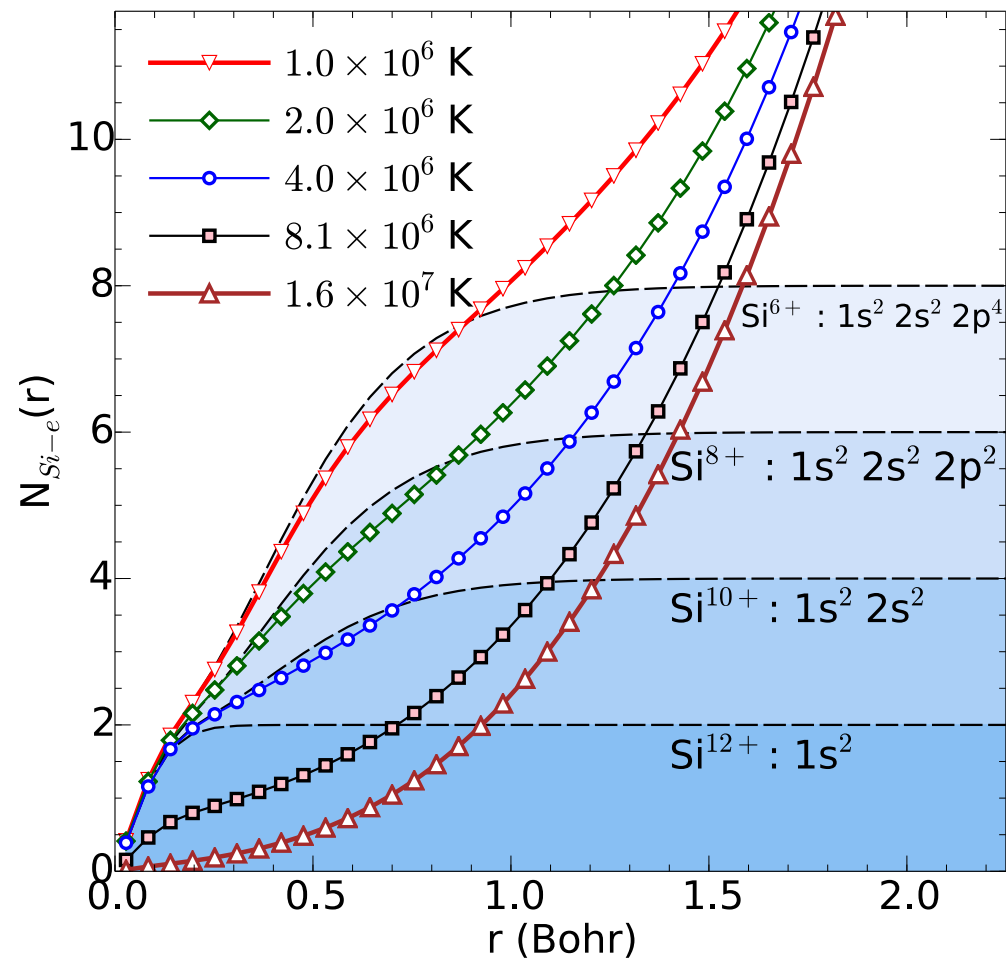
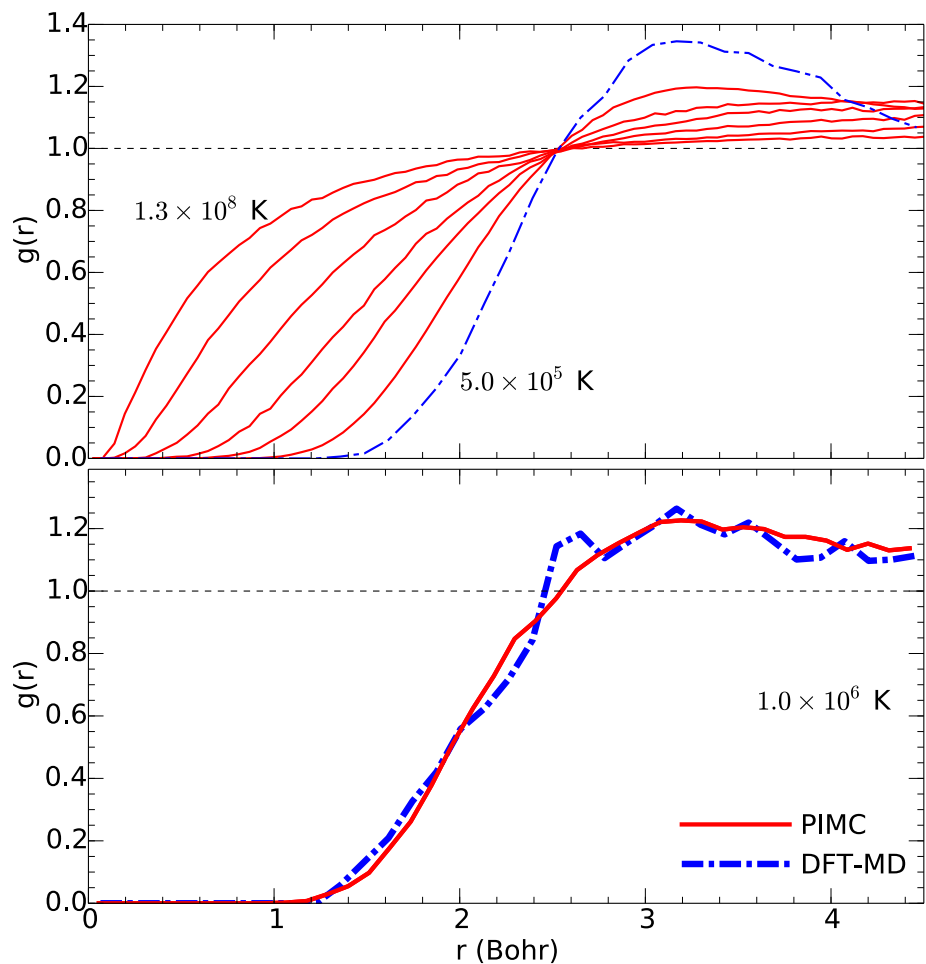
$$\rho^{[1]}(r, r', \beta) = \sum_{I=1}^N \sum_{s=0}^n e^{-\beta E_s} \Psi_s(r - R_I) \Psi_s^*(r' - R_I)$$

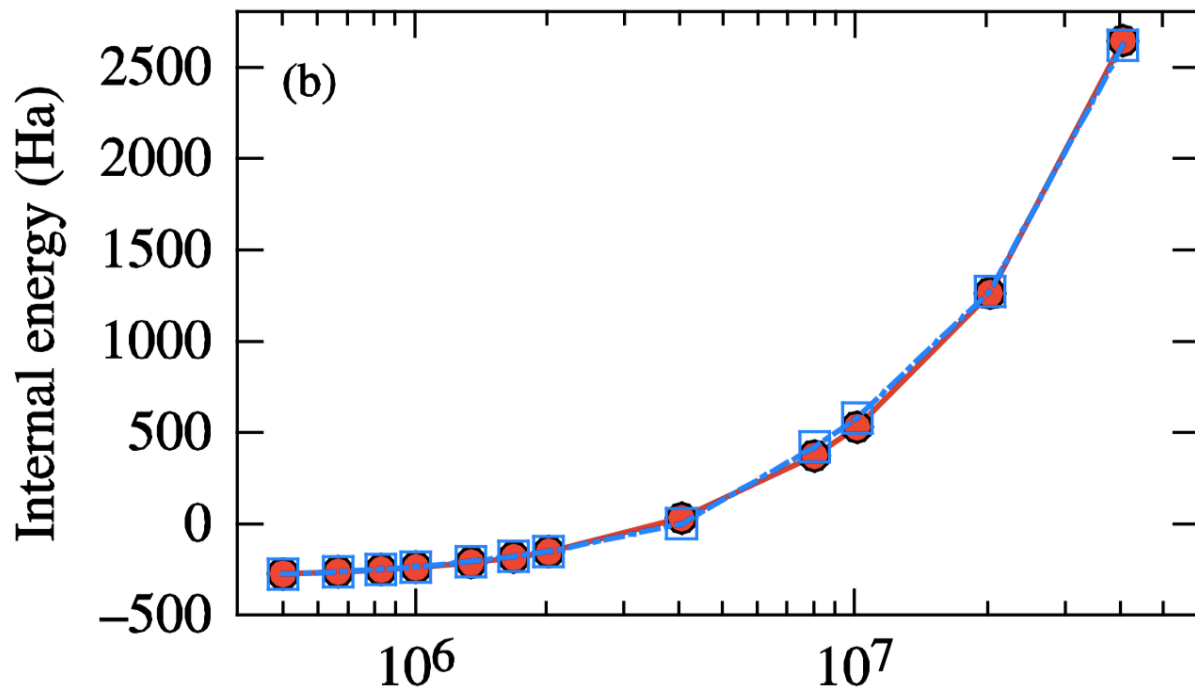


Silicon: Energy and Pressure Comparison of Path Integral Monte Carlo and Kohn-Sham DFT

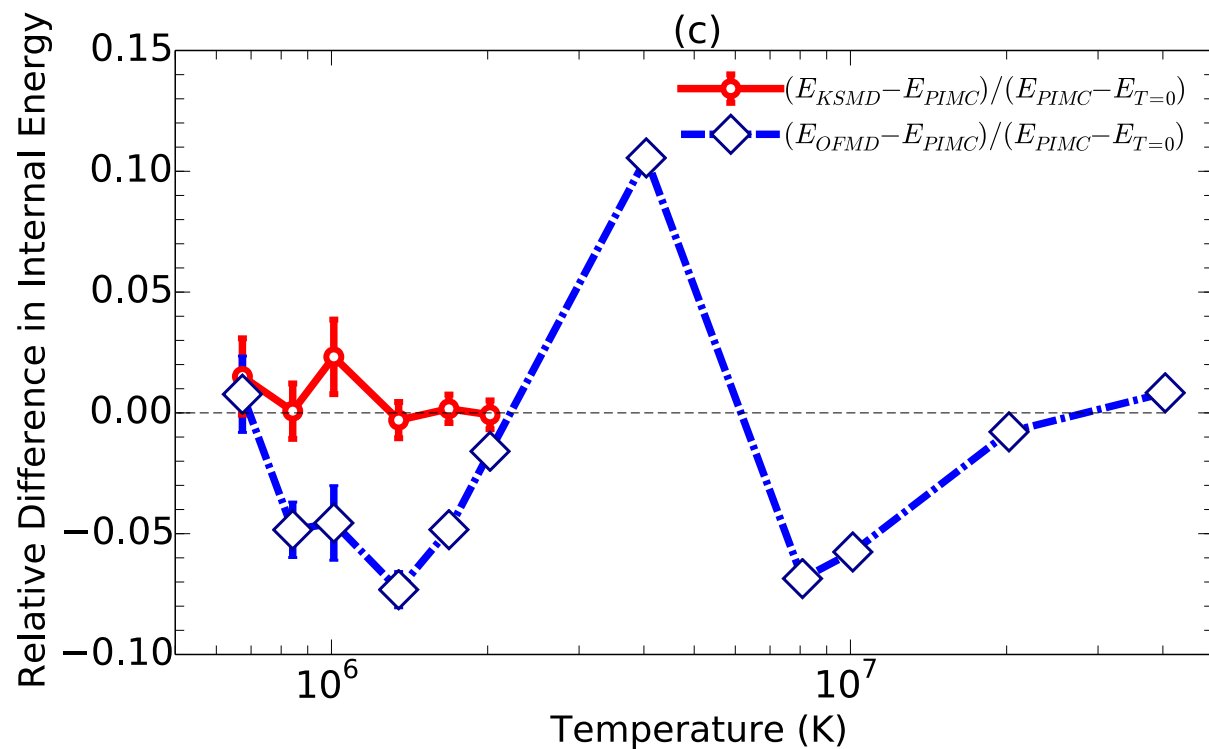


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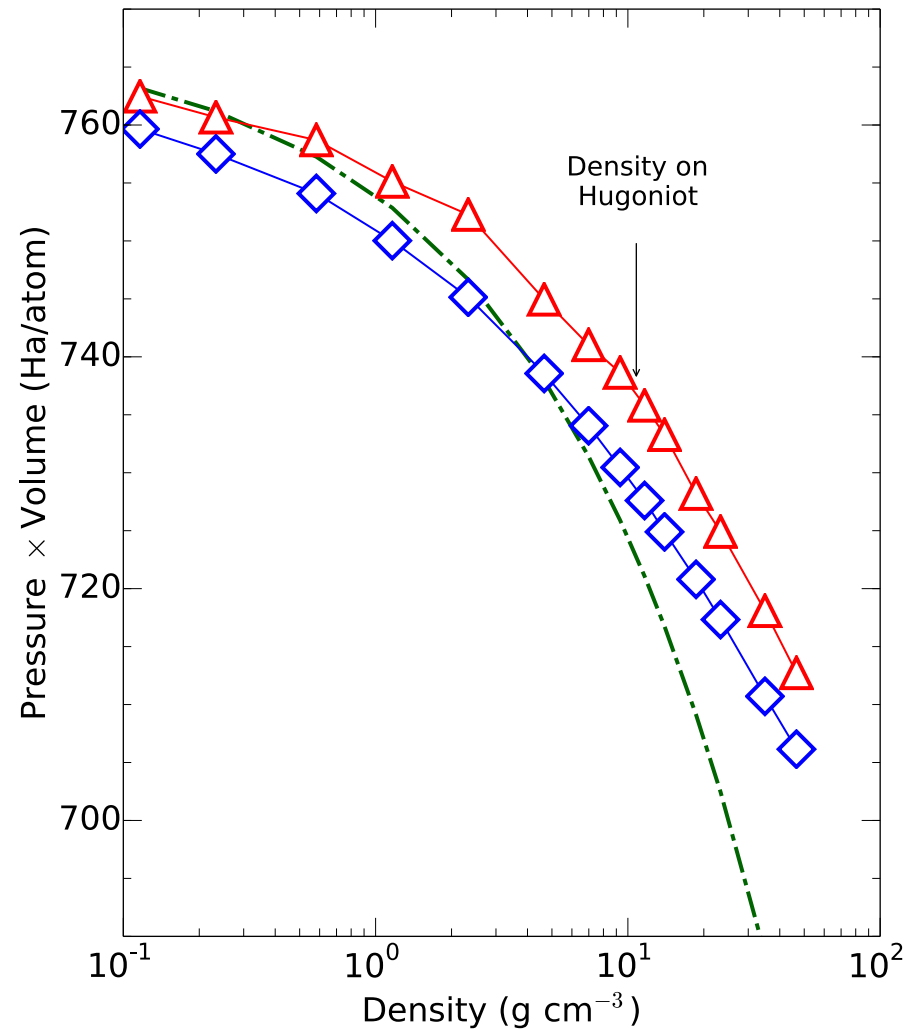
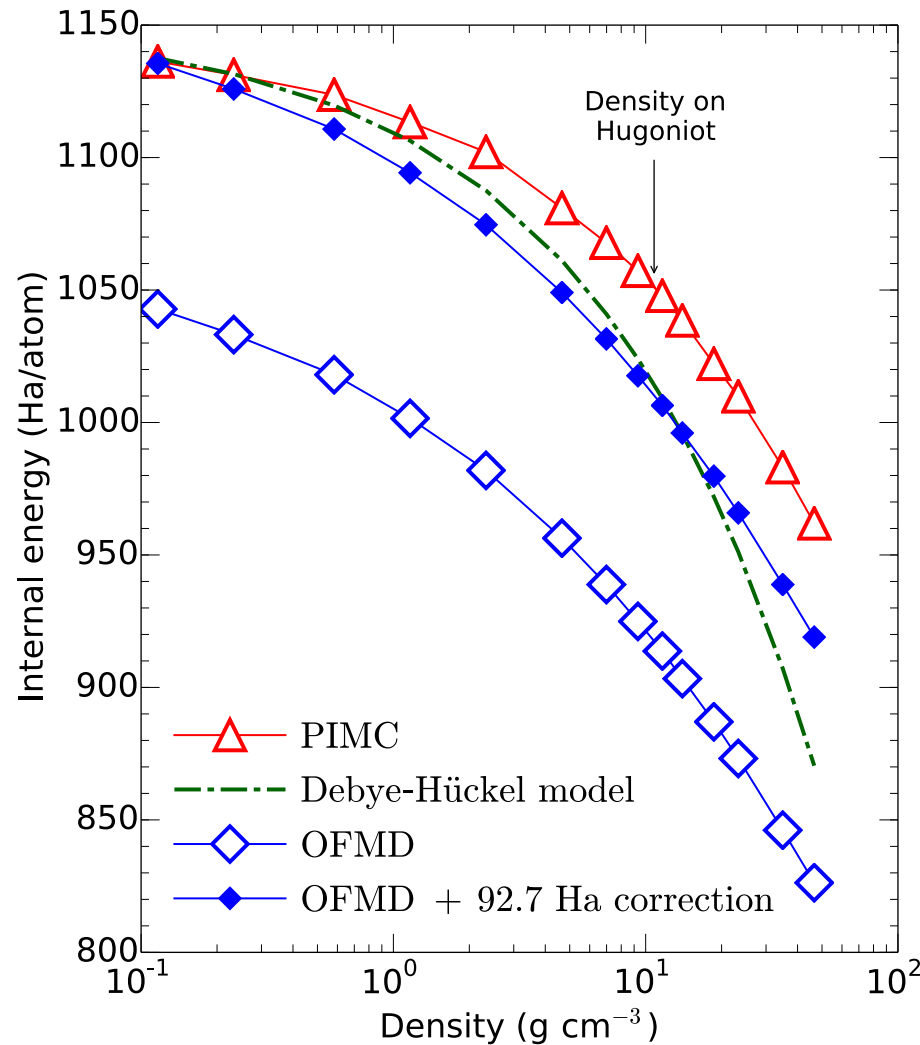




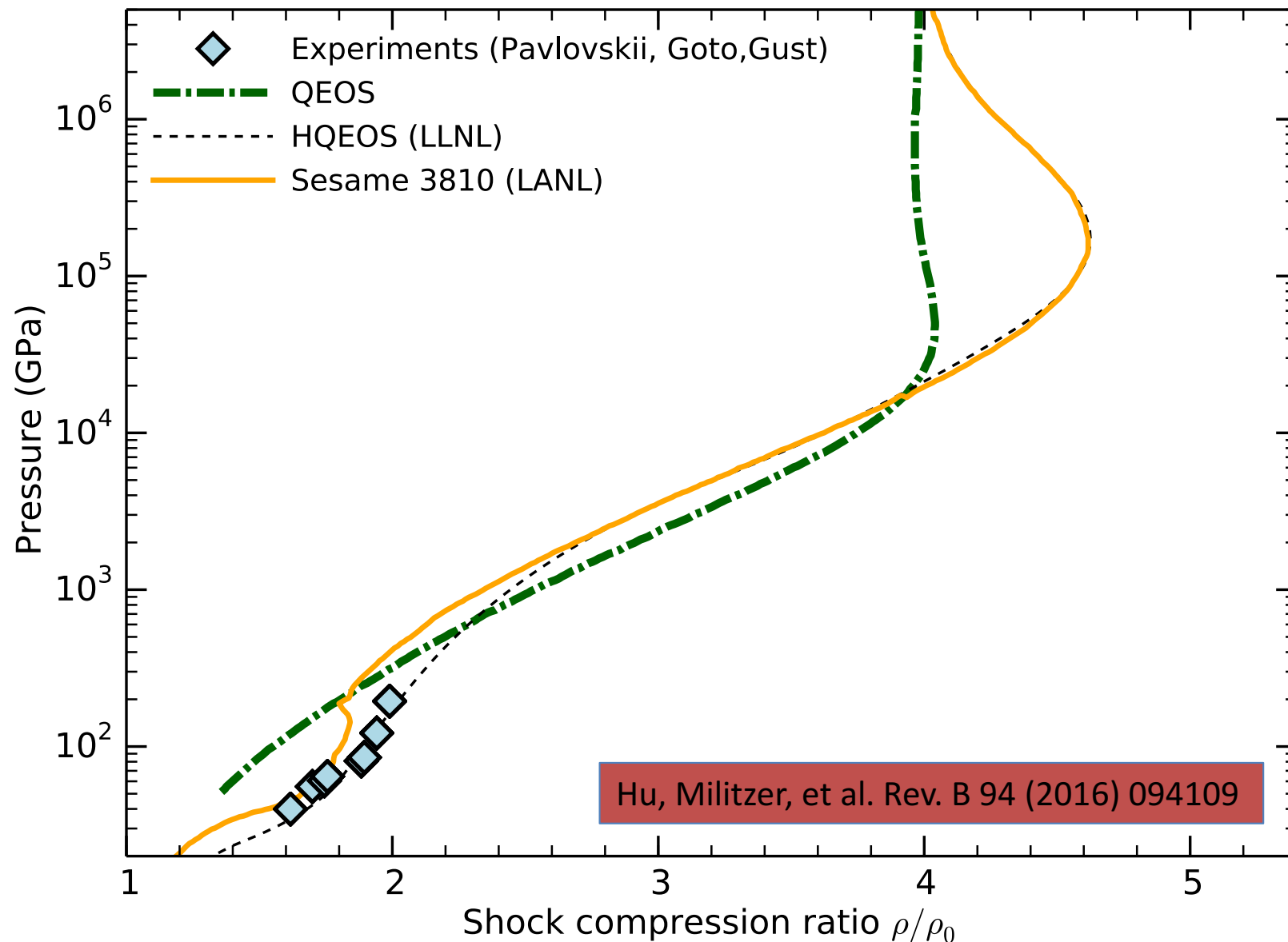
Energy of isolated silicon atom: Path Integral Monte Carlo and Orbital-Free DFT



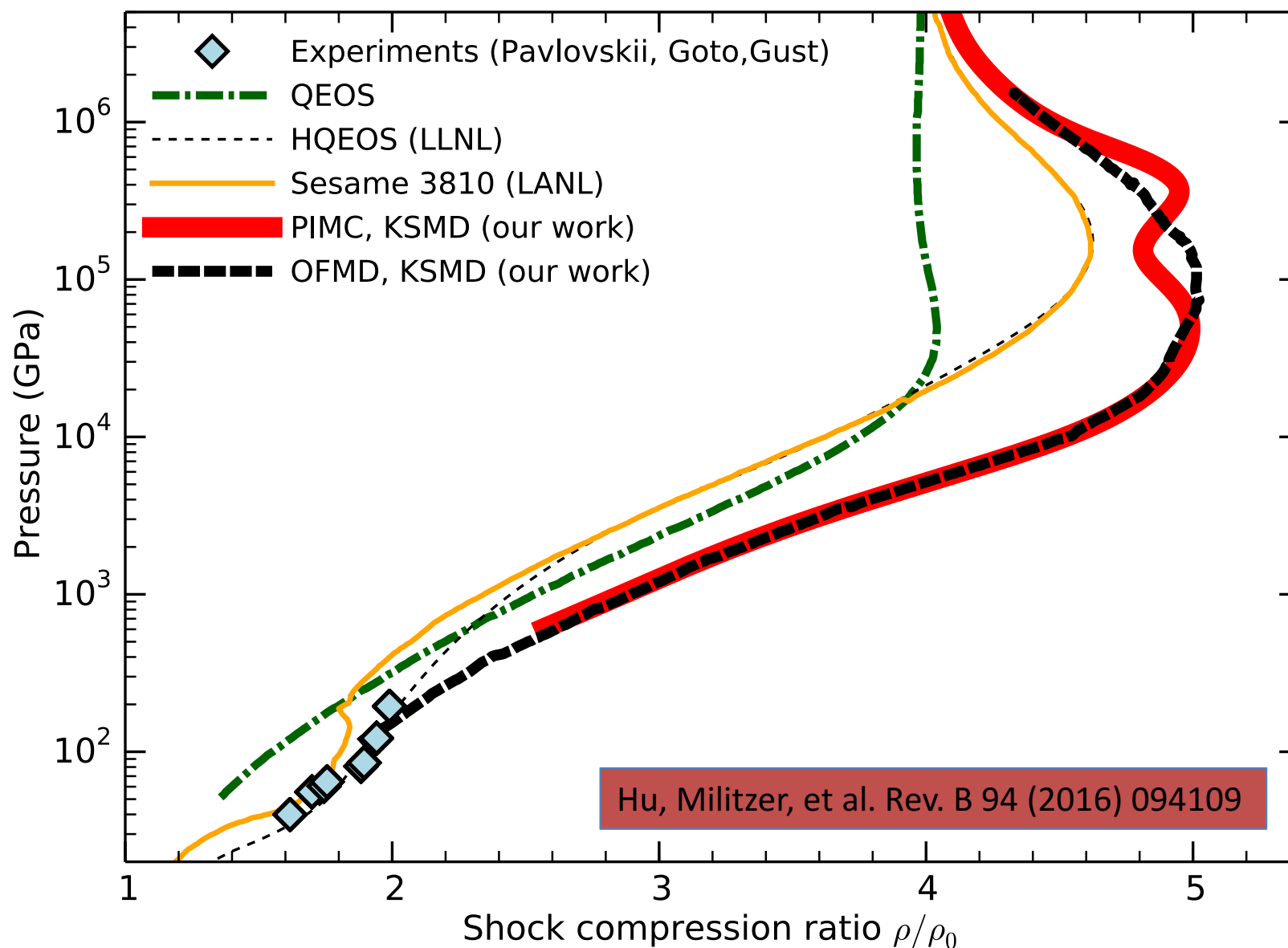
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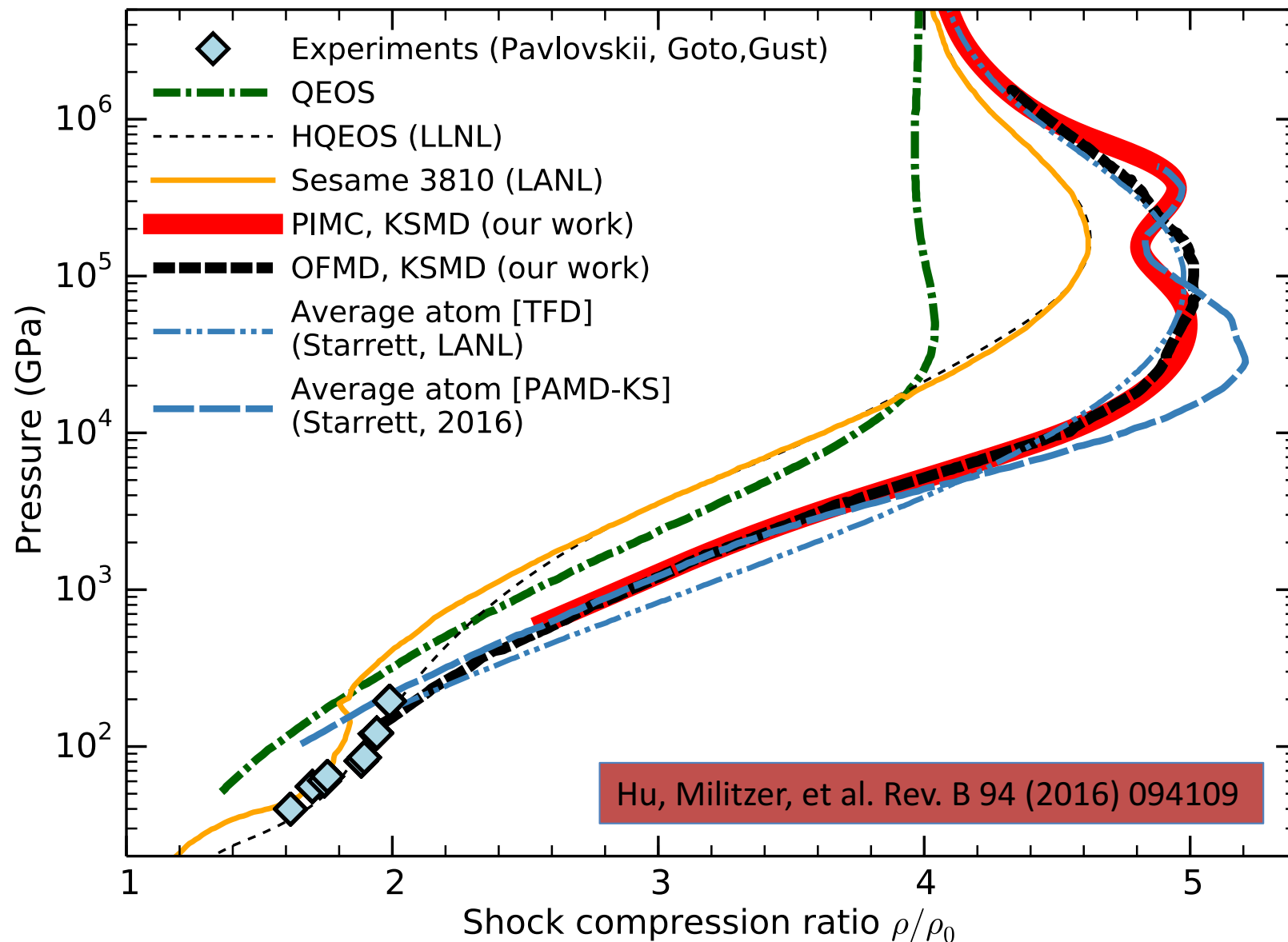
Silicon Hugoniot Curve: Experiments and **Semi-analytical EOS** models



Silicon Hugoniot Curve: Path Integral Monte Carlo, Orbital-Free DFT



Silicon Hugoniot Curve: Average-Atom models



Conclusions

- **For elements from hydrogen to through silicon**, the energy, pressure, and $g(r)$ functions computed with PIMC and KS-DFT agree well at 2×10^6 K.
- Internal energy agrees to better than 5 Ha/atom; pressure to 2%.
- So far, we could not detect any problem with the zero-temperature exchange-correlation functionals.
- We will provide more EOS data to improve **orbit-free methods**.
- **Second row elements**: More comparison between simulations and experiments
- Extending PIMC to **third row elements**.

The End