

# Teaching Physics at University by using « Open source » and « home-made » modelling tools

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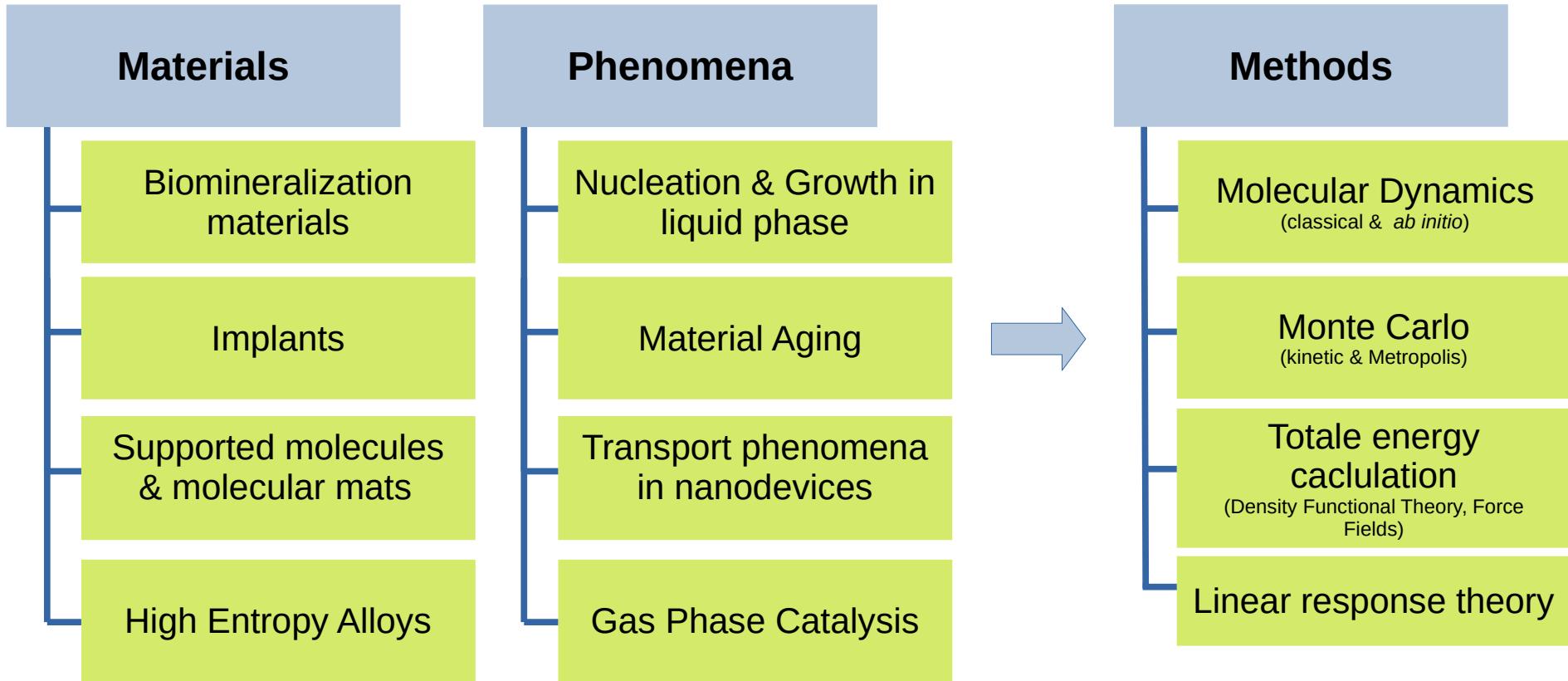
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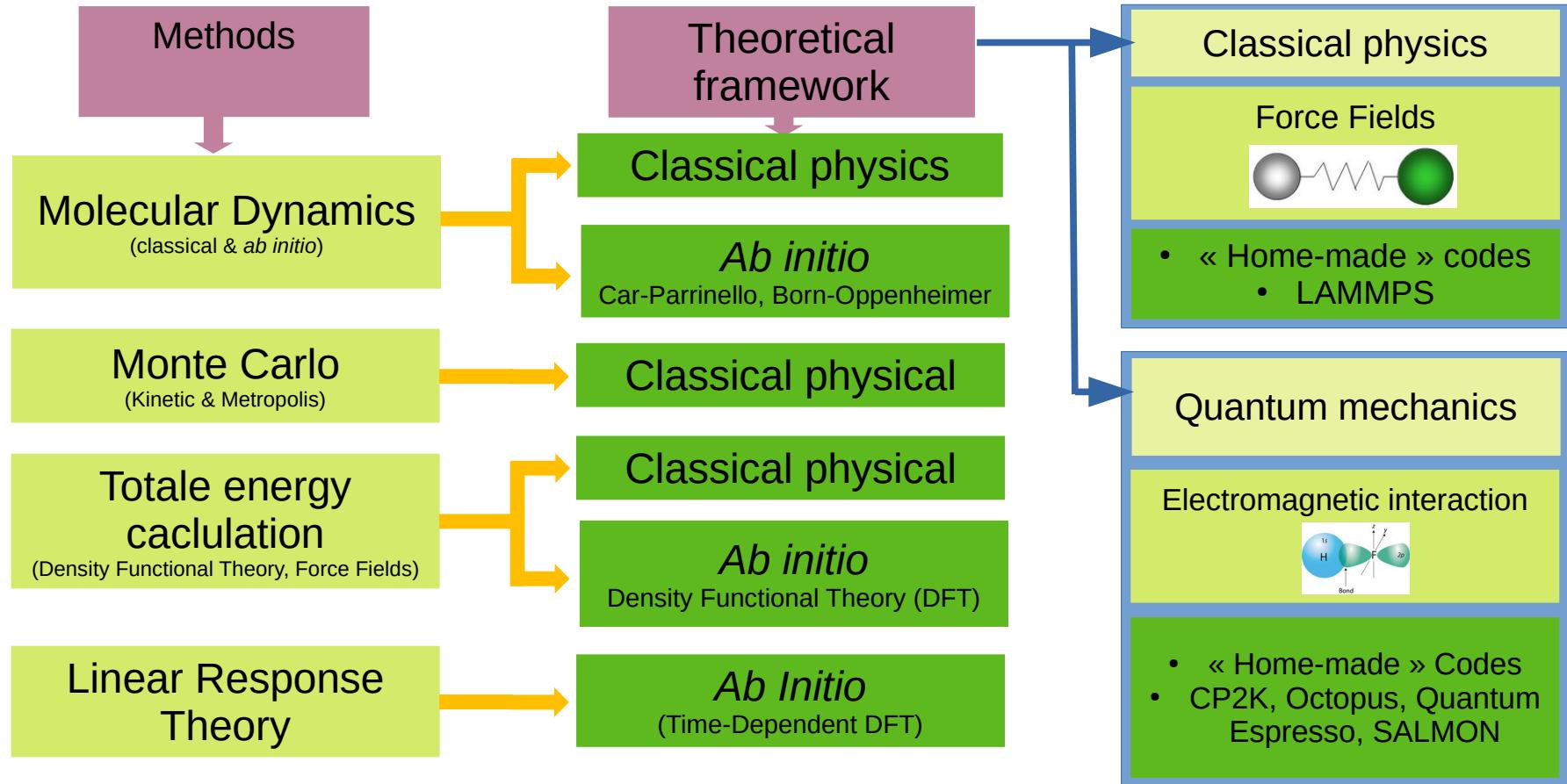
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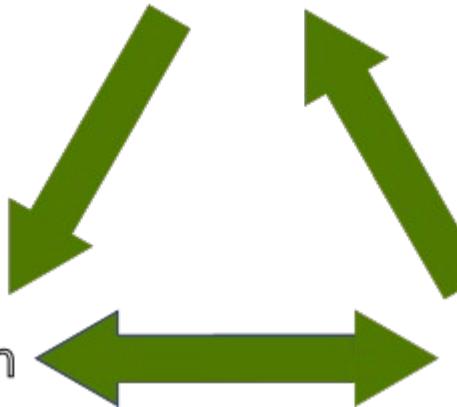
	Internship	Practical work	Lecture/Tutorial
M2	✓	✓	
M1	✓		
L3/BUP	✓	✓	✓
L2	✓		
L1			

1-4 month(s)  
1 student

2-4 hours  
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Experiment

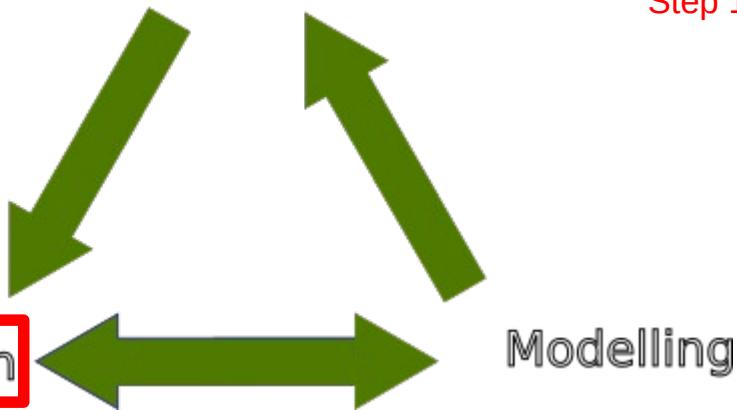


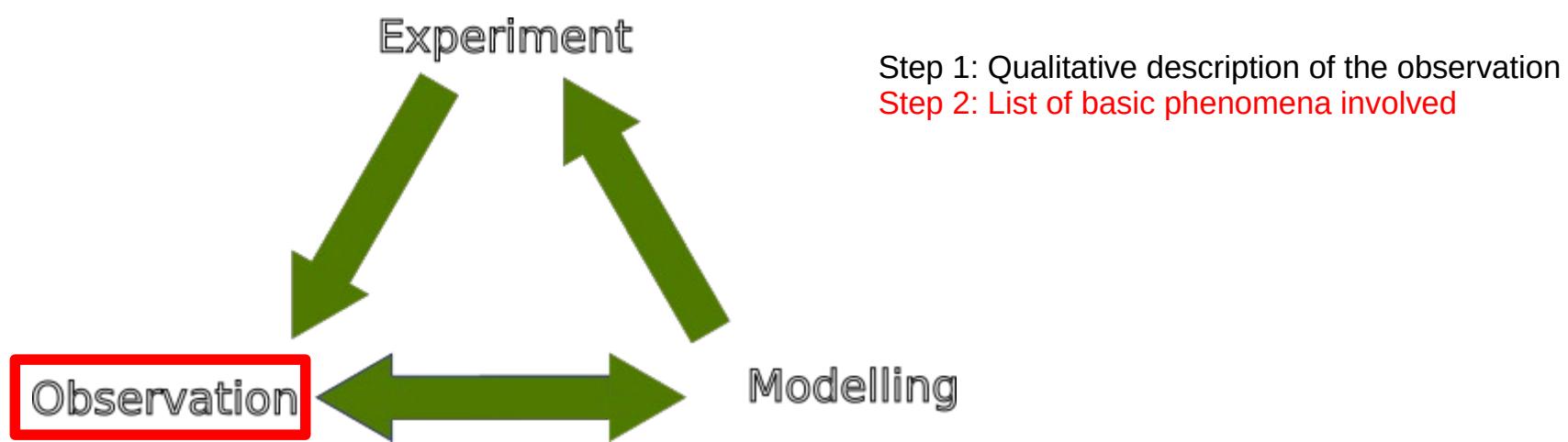
Modelling

Observation

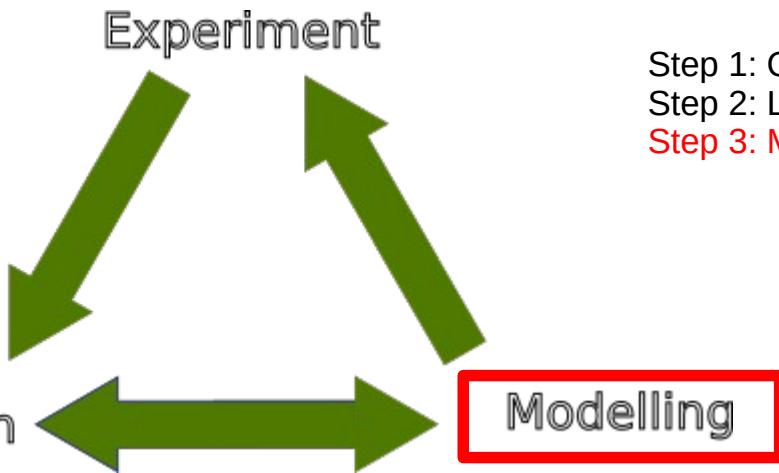
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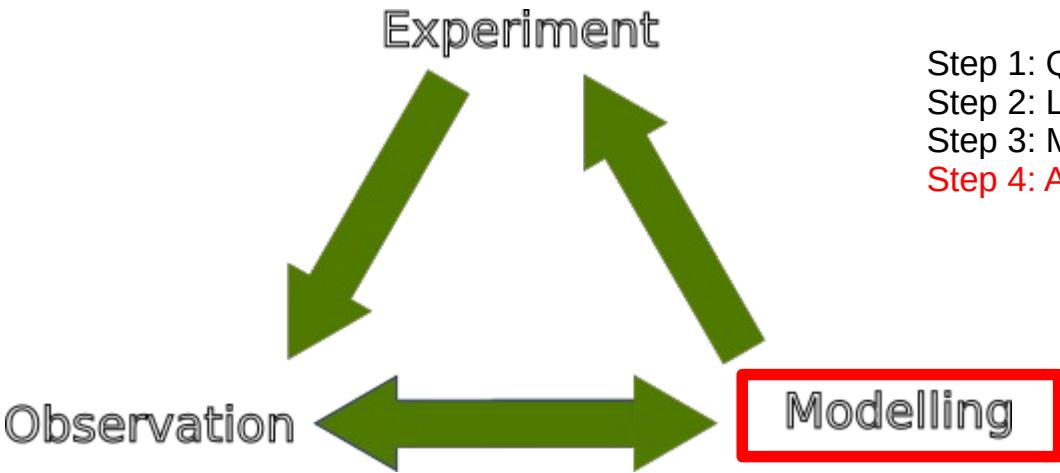
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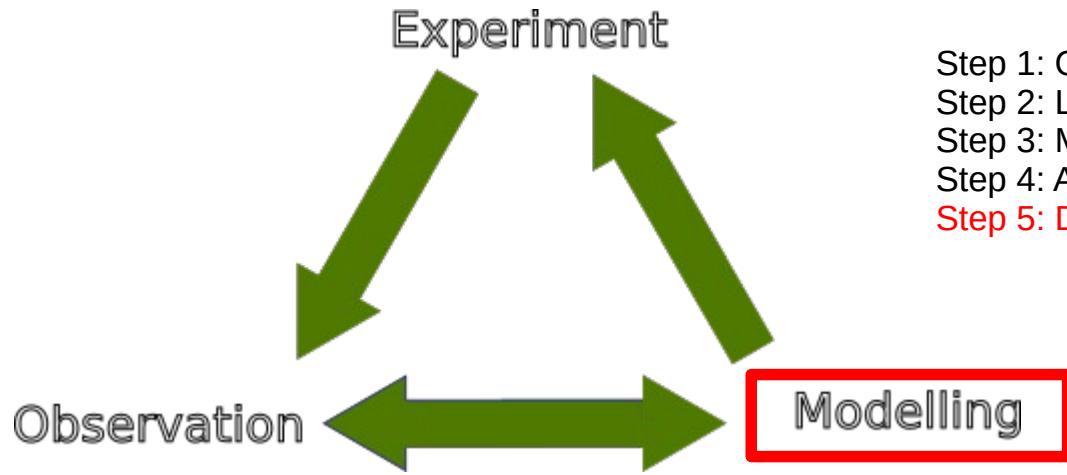
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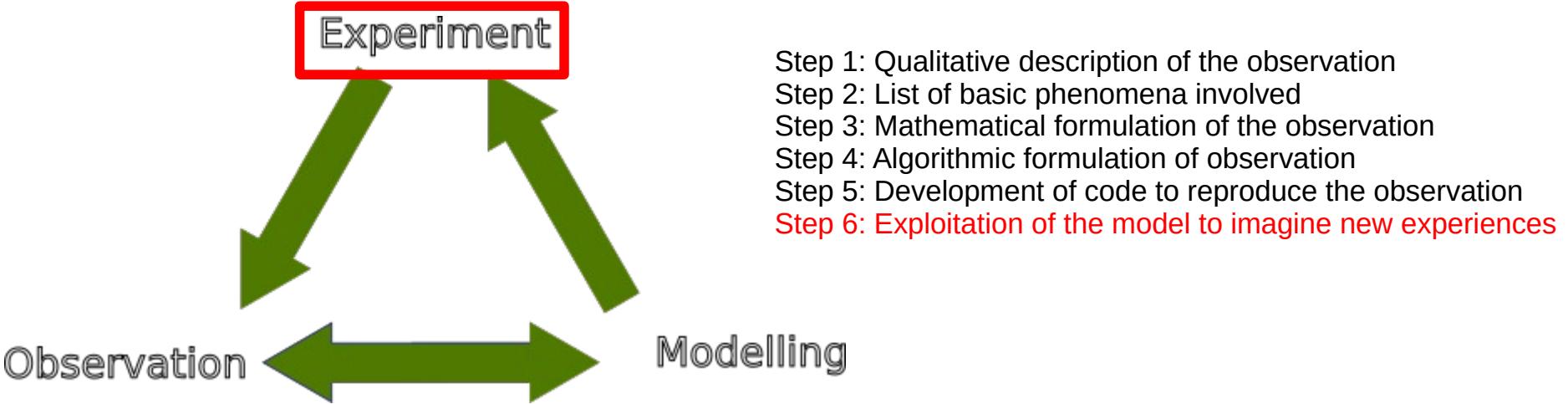
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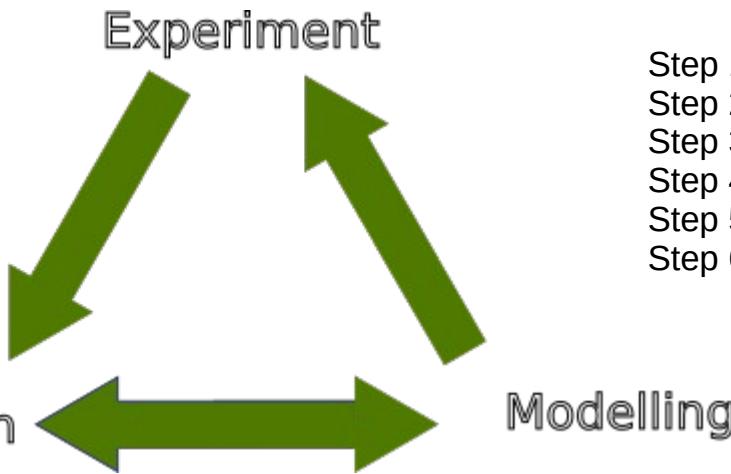
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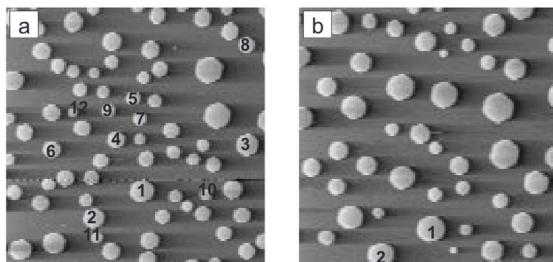
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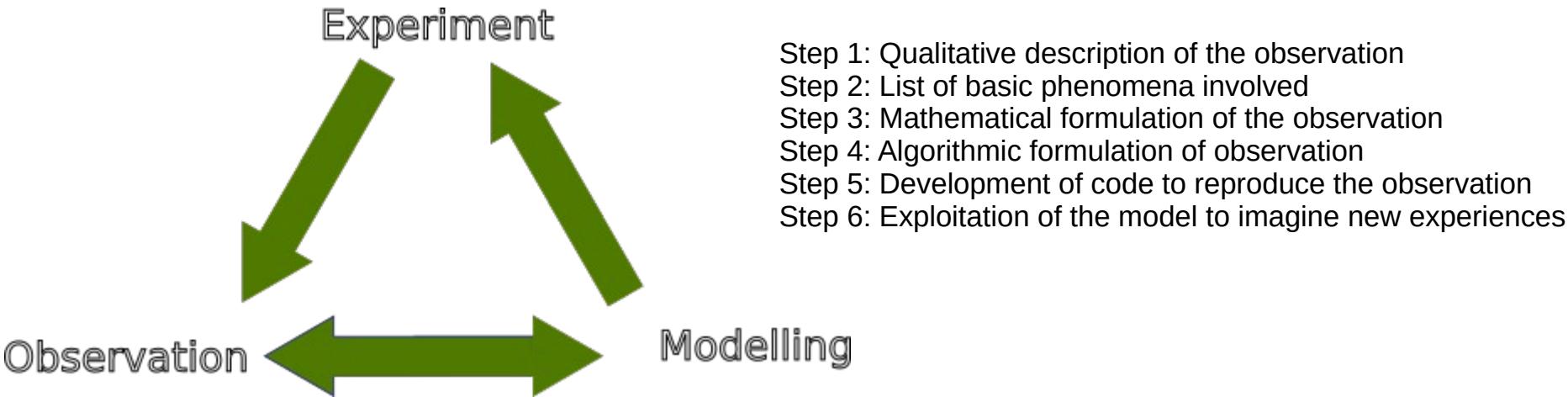
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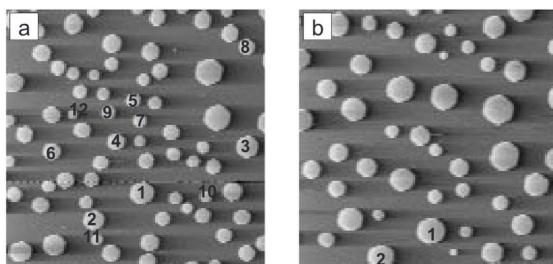
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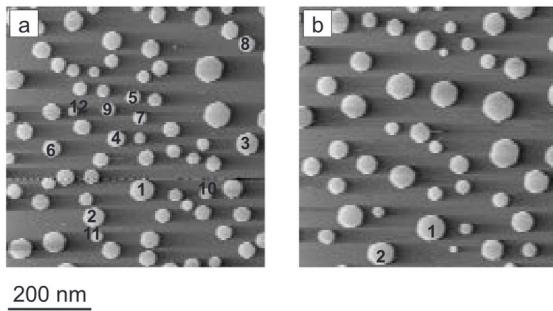
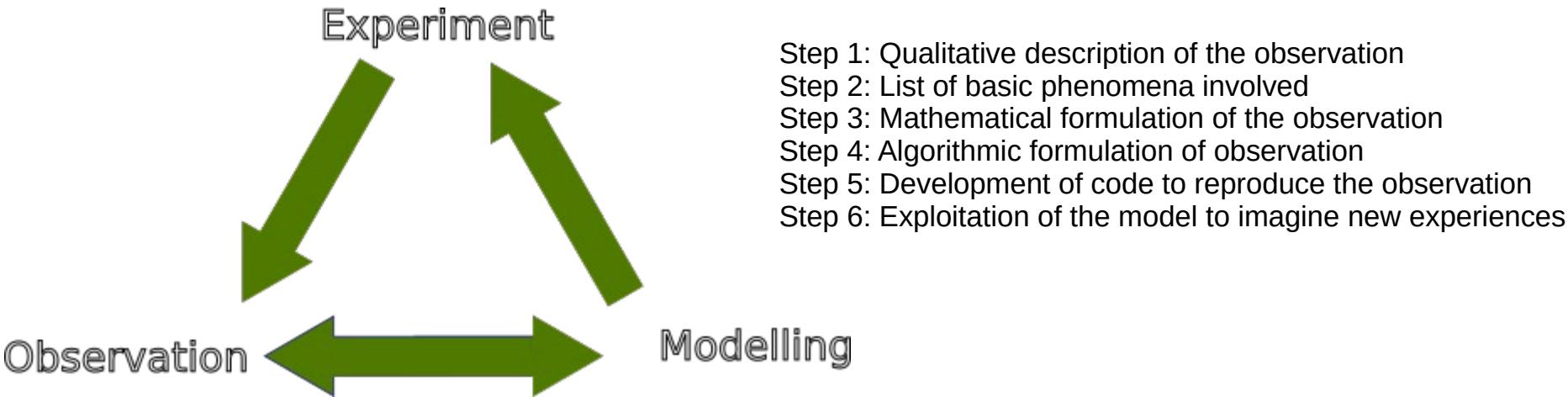


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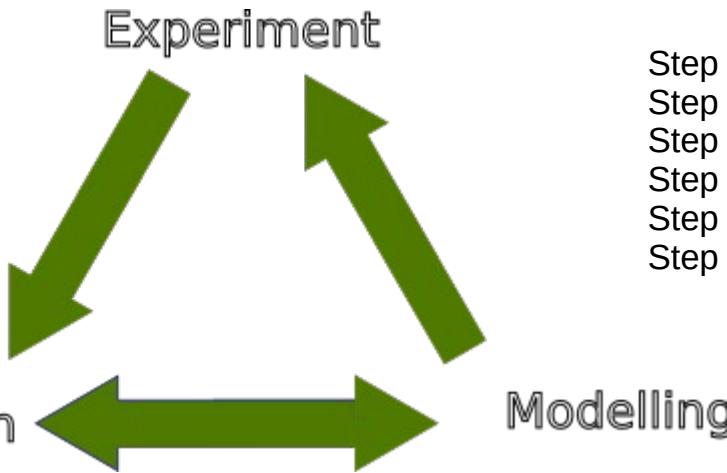
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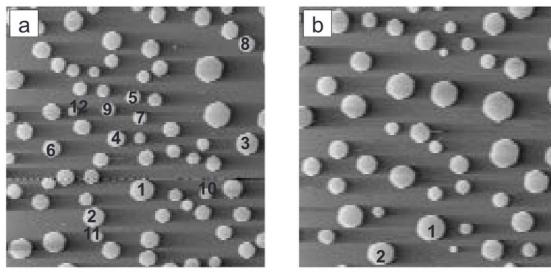
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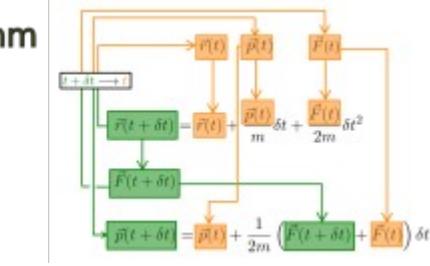
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**Computational science: Velocity-Verlet algorithm**



## Why python?

- easier to use than C++ or FORTRAN

*numpy.linalg.eigh*

*numpy.linalg.solve(a, b)*

Lapack

```
/* Solve systems of linear equations  $Ax = b$  with the
   factored matrix, replacing  $b$  with solutions */
dgbtrs('N', N, kl, ku, nrhs, A, lda, ipiv, b,
       ldb, &info);
```

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```
### Definition of the object "Atom"
class Atom:
    def __init__(self,r,p,mass=1):
        self.r=r
        self.p=p
        self.F=[0.0,0.0]
        self.Fold=[0.0,0.0]
        self.m=mass
        self.x=[r[0]]
        self.y=[r[1]]

### Method for moving atoms

def move(self,dt,L):
    for i in range(2):
        # Verlet algorithm
        self.r[i]=self.r[i]+self.p[i]*dt/self.m+0.5*self.F[i]*(dt**2)/self.m
        # if the atom reaches the boundaries of the box
        if self.r[i] < 0.0:
            self.r[i]=-self.r[i]
            self.p[i]=-self.p[i]
        if self.r[i] > L:
            self.r[i]=2*L-self.r[i]
            self.p[i]=-self.p[i]
        self.x=numpy.append(self.x,self.r[0])
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def linear_momentum(self,dt):
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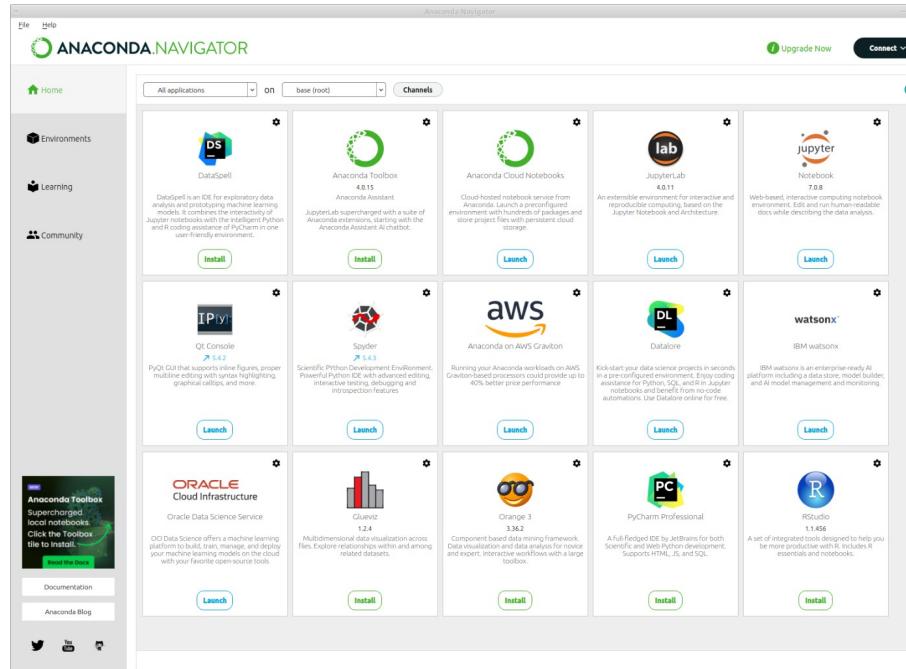
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- a wide range of IDE (Integrated Development Environment) (spyder, jupyter, etc.)



## Importing libraries

- to perform mathematical and scientific calculations

```
[1]: import numpy
```

- To draw curves

```
[2]: from matplotlib import pyplot
```

- generate random numbers needed to initialize the velocities of the atoms

```
[3]: import random
```

## Interatomic interaction

Lennard-Jones

$$V_{LJ}(r_{ij}) = 4\epsilon \left( \left( \frac{\sigma}{r_{ij}} \right)^{12} - \left( \frac{\sigma}{r_{ij}} \right)^6 \right)$$

Potential energy of the crystal:

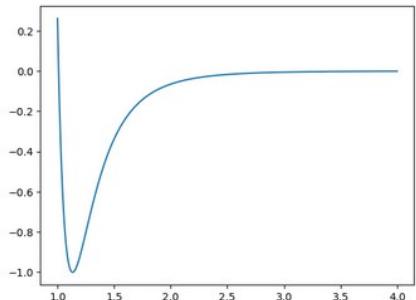
$$E_{\text{pot}} = \sum_{i=1}^{N-1} \sum_{j=i+1}^N V_{LJ}(r_{ij})$$

```
[4]: eps=1000.0
sig=0.25

sig=1.01
eps=1.0

def V(r,eps=eps,sig=sig):
    return 4*eps*((sig/r)**12-(sig/r)**6)
def gradV(r,rx,eps=eps,sig=sig):
    return (-24*eps*rx*(2*(sig/r)**12-(sig/r)**6)/r**2)

r=np.linspace(1.0,4.0,1000)
fig = pyplot.figure()
ax = fig.add_subplot(111)
pyplot.plot(r,V(r))
#ax.set_xlim(0,4.0)
#ax.set_ylim(-0.00001,0.00005)
#pyplot.legend()
pyplot.show()
```



## Definition of objects

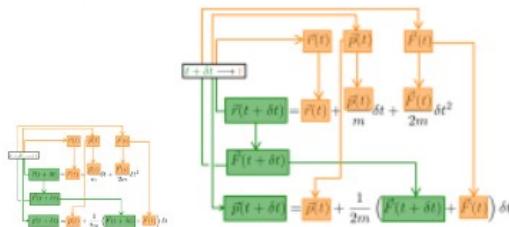
### "Atom" object

The move() method moves an atom using a Velocity-Verlet algorithm.

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```

## "Crystal" object

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```
[7]: class Crystal:
    def __init__(self):
        self.atoms=numpy.array([])
        self.Epot=0.0
        self.Ek=0.0

    # Method adding atoms into crystal

    def add_atom(self,r=numpy.array([0.0,0.0]),p=numpy.array([0.0,0.0]),mass=1.0):
        self.atoms=numpy.append(self.atoms,Atom(r,p,mass=mass))

    def rij(self,i,j):
        rx=self.atoms[i].r[0]-self.atoms[j].r[0]
        ry=self.atoms[j].r[1]-self.atoms[i].r[1]
        rij=numpy.sqrt(rx*rx+ry*ry)
        return rx,ry,rij

    def force(self):
        n_atoms=len(self.atoms)
        self.Epot=0.0
        self.Ek=0.0
        for atm in self.atoms:
            atm.Fold[0]=atm.F[0]
            atm.Fold[1]=atm.F[1]
            atm.F[0]=0.0
            atm.F[1]=0.0
        for i in range(n_atoms-1):
            for j in range(i+1,n_atoms):
                rx,ry,rij=self.rij(i,j)
                self.atoms[i].F[0]=self.atoms[i].F[0]+gradV(rij,rx)
                self.atoms[i].F[1]=self.atoms[i].F[1]+gradV(rij,ry)
                self.atoms[j].F[0]=self.atoms[j].F[0]-gradV(rij,rx)
                self.atoms[j].F[1]=self.atoms[j].F[1]-gradV(rij,ry)
                self.Epot=self.Epot+V(rij)
```

## Buiding of a 2D "Crystal" of 5 atoms

```
[8]: L=10.0          # Size of the box in meter
m=00.0          # mass of the atoms in kg
velocity=1.0      # km/h           # vitesse de 5 km/h <=> 1.4 m/s <=> p=83 kg.m/s
pini=m*(velocity*1e3/3600) # linear momentum
```

Positions of the atoms

```
[9]: positions=numpy.array([ [L/2,L/2],[L/4,L/4],[3*L/4,L/4],[L/4,3*L/4],[3*L/4,3*L/4] ])
```

## Building the initial crystal "Ag"

```
[10]: Ag=Crystal()
```

```
[11]: for r in positions:
    px=pini*(random.random()-.5)
    py=pini*(random.random()-.5)
    Ag.add_atom(r,p=[px,py],mass=m)
```

## Computing initial forces

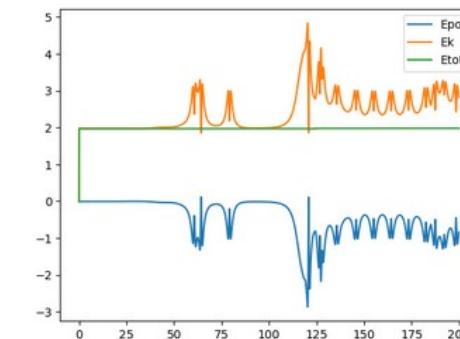
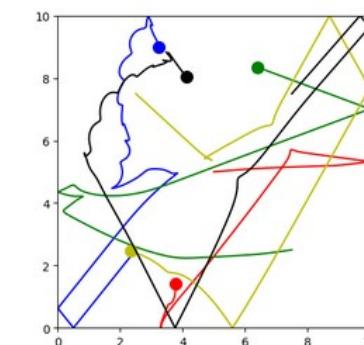
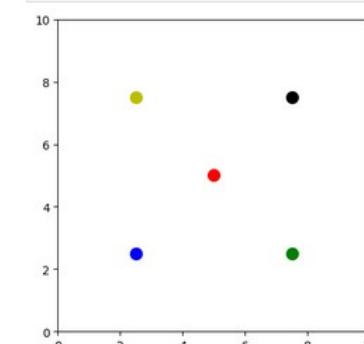
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[12]: Ag.force()
dt=.025
Epot=numpy.array([Ag.Epot])
Ek=numpy.array([Ag.Ek])
Etot=numpy.array([Ag.Epot+Ag.Ek])
temps=numpy.array([0,0])
```

## Simulation of the movement of the atoms

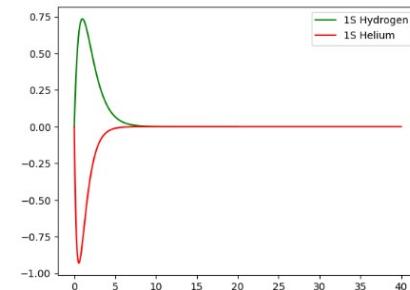
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[13]: number_total_of_steps=8000
tref=number_total_of_steps-1
for nstep in range(number_total_of_steps):
    for atm in Ag.atoms:
        atm.move(dt,L)
    Ag.force()

    for atm in Ag.atoms:
        atm.linear_momentum(dt)
    Ag.EK=Ag.EK+.5*(atm.p[0]**2+atm.p[1]**2)/atm.m
    Epot=numpy.append(Epot,Ag.Epot)
    Ek=numpy.append(EK,Ag.EK)
    Etot=numpy.append(Etot,Ag.Epot+Ag.EK)
    temps=numpy.append(temps,(nstep+1)*dt)
    if nstep%tref == 0:
        display(Ag.atoms)

#display(Cu.atoms)
fig = pyplot.figure()
ax = fig.add_subplot()
pyplot.plot(temps,Epot,label="Epot")
pyplot.plot(temps,EK,label="EK")
pyplot.plot(temps,Etot,label="Etot")
pyplot.legend()
pyplot.show()
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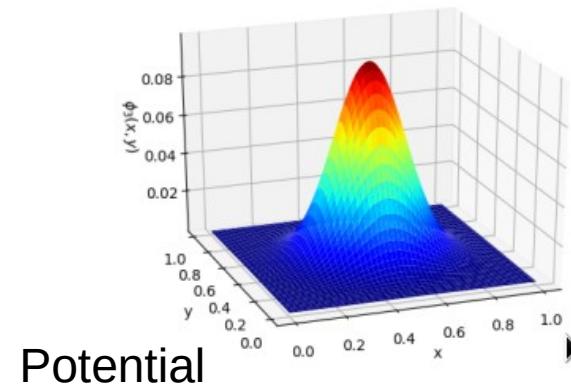
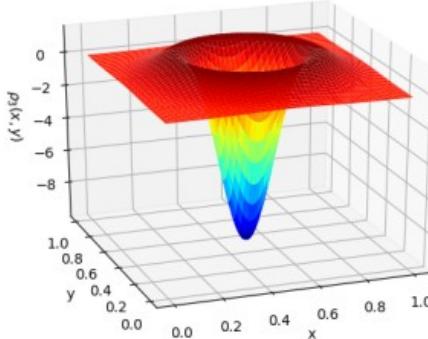
- Solving the one dimensional Schrödinger equation of the hydrogen and helium atom using the finite elements method



- Modelling of metallic nanoalloys at the atomic scale : chemical order/disorder transition
- Solving 2D Poisson equation by using Finite Difference Method

$$\nabla^2 \phi(\mathbf{r}) = -\frac{\rho(\mathbf{r})}{\varepsilon_0}.$$

Source



Potential