

# materials modelling and discovery: the high-performance computing way

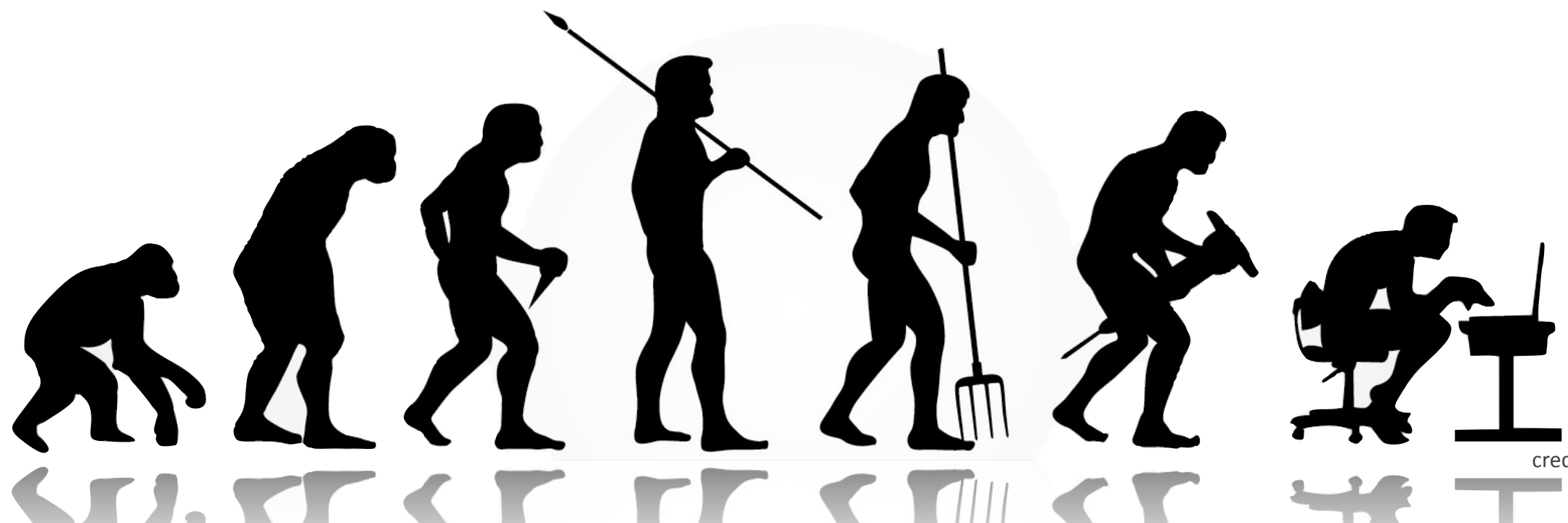
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# human ages are named after materials:

- stone
- bronze
- steel and concrete
- coal and oil
- silicon ...
- ... what next?



we need novel **materials for:**

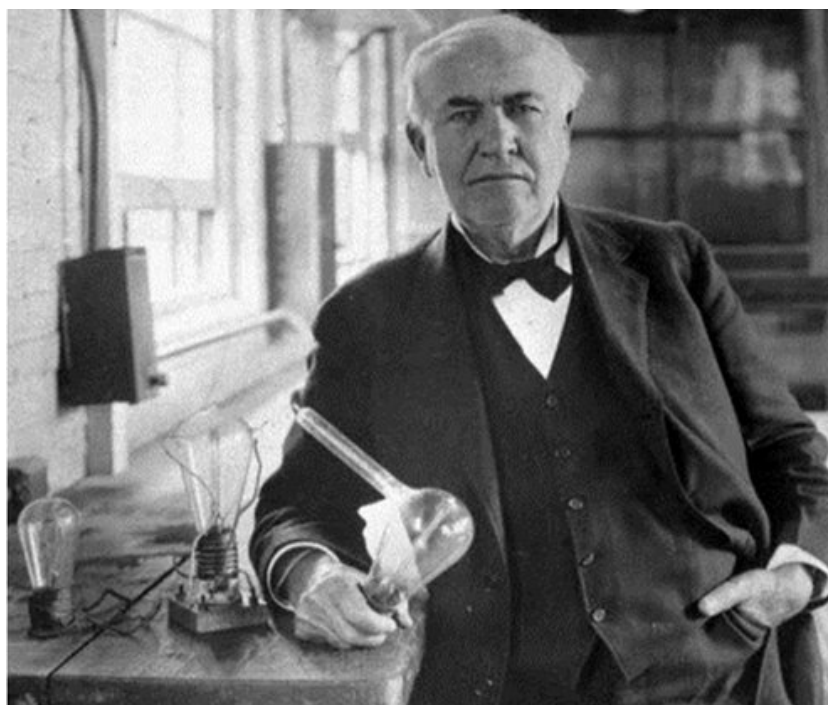
- energy harvesting, conversion, storage, efficiency
- environmental protection and reparation
- high-tech and high-value industries
- food safety and conservation
- experimental science (detectors, sensors, magnets)
- ...

**... societal well being**

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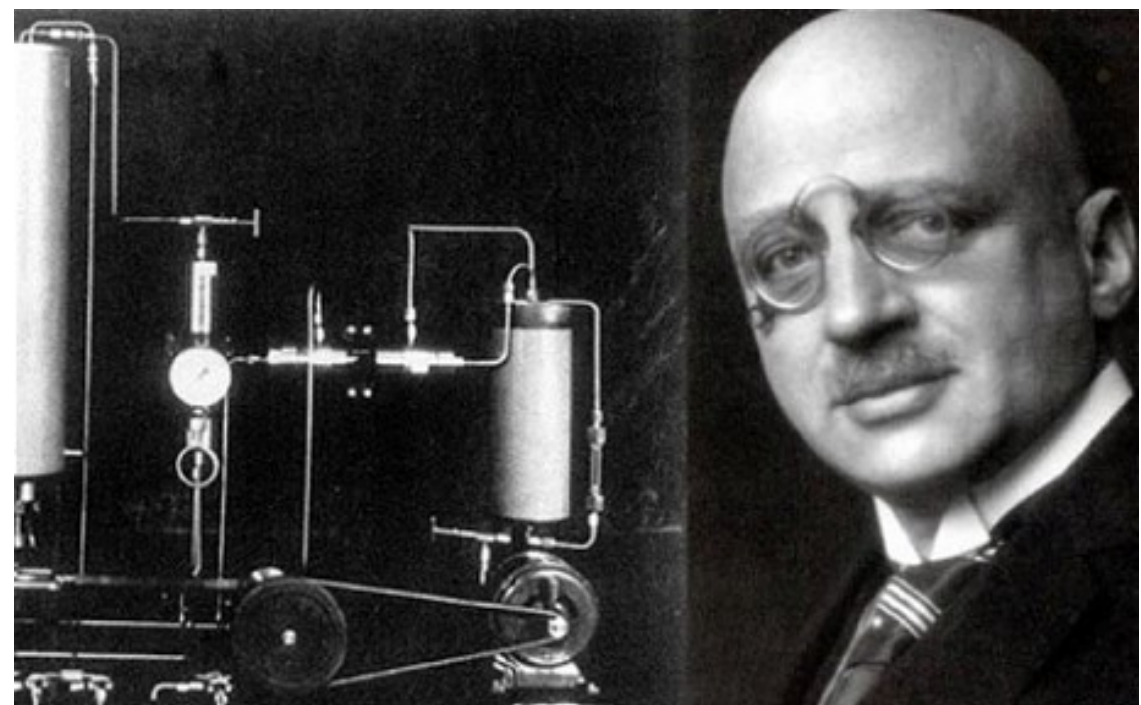
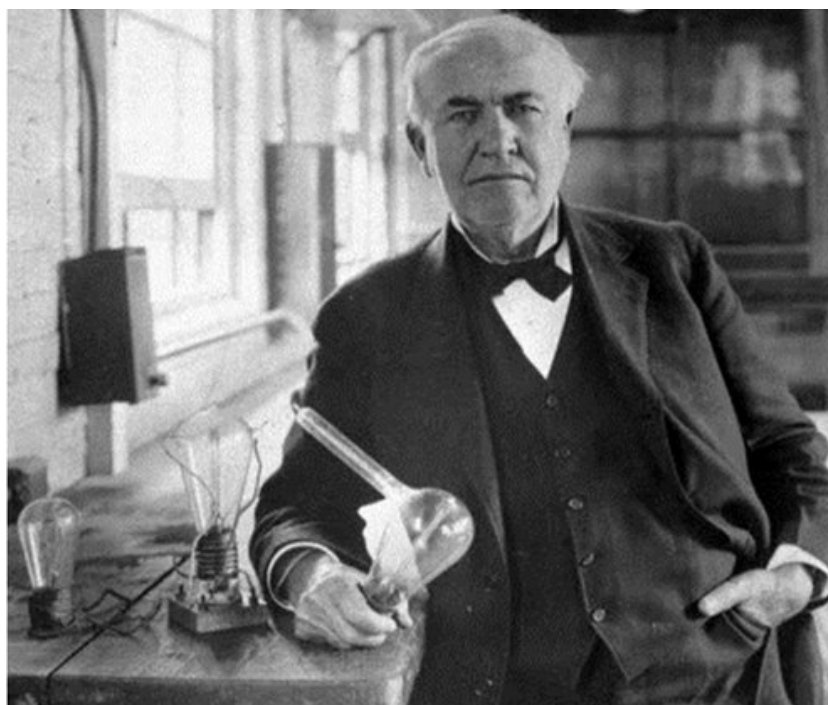
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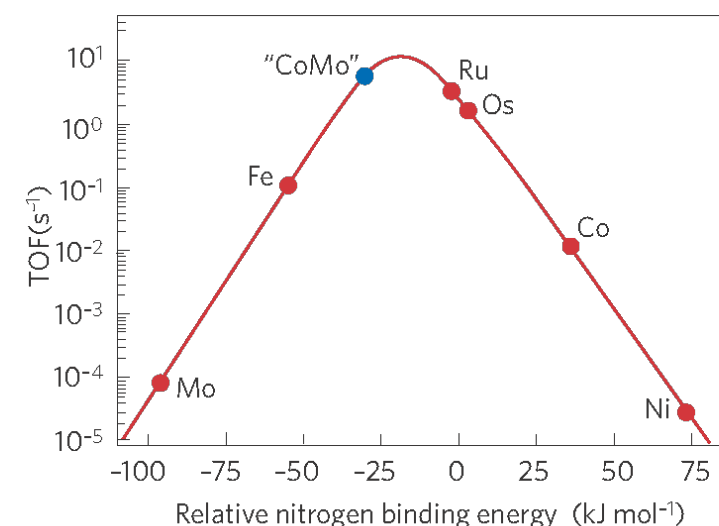
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- Using state-of-the-art quantum-mechanical numerical modelling, Nørskov showed in 2009 that CoMo is a more efficient and inexpensive catalyst



## Towards the computational design of solid catalysts

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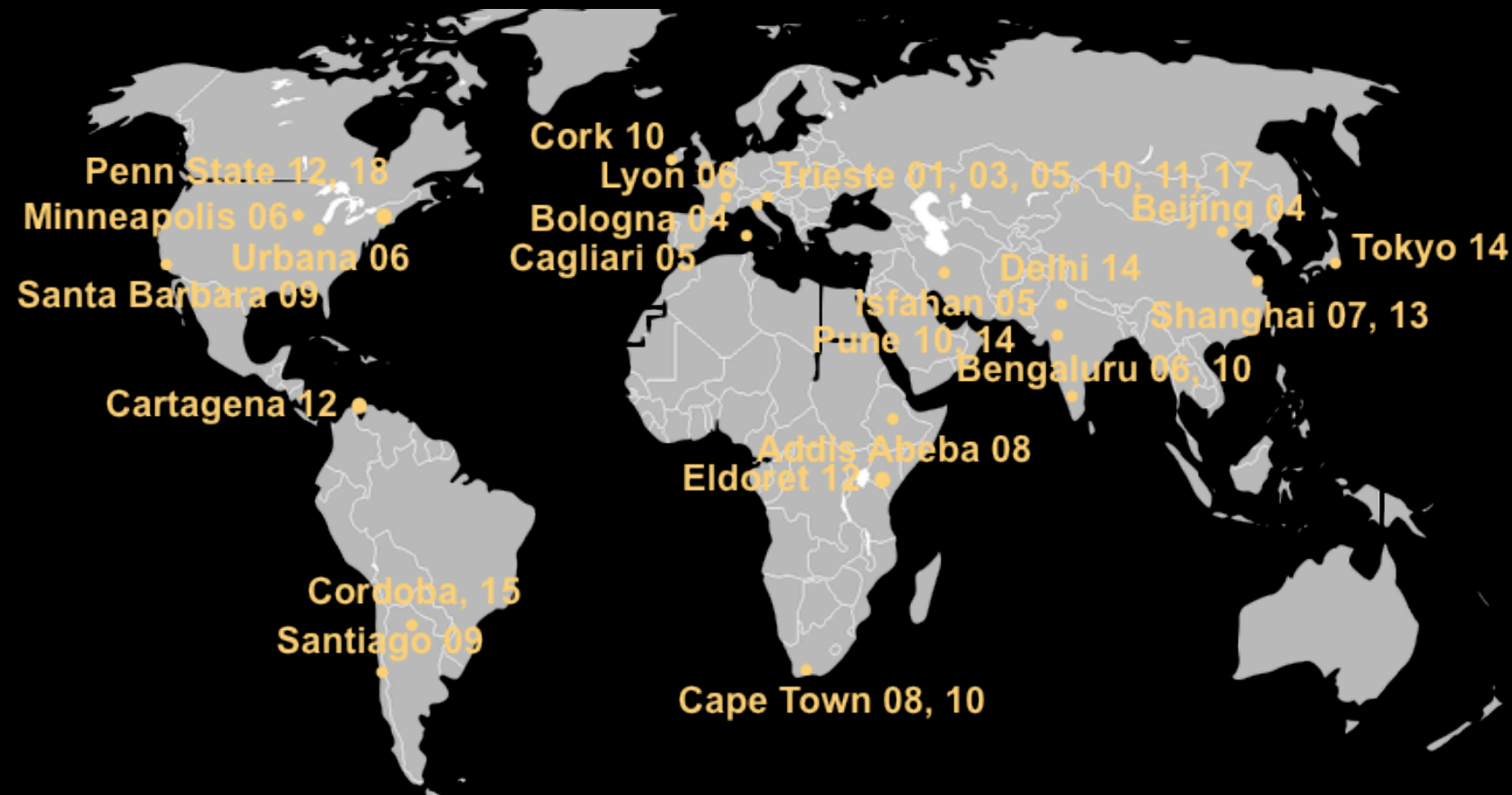
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QUANTUM ESPRESSO is *free* software that can be *freely* downloaded. Everybody is *free* to use it and welcome to contribute to its development

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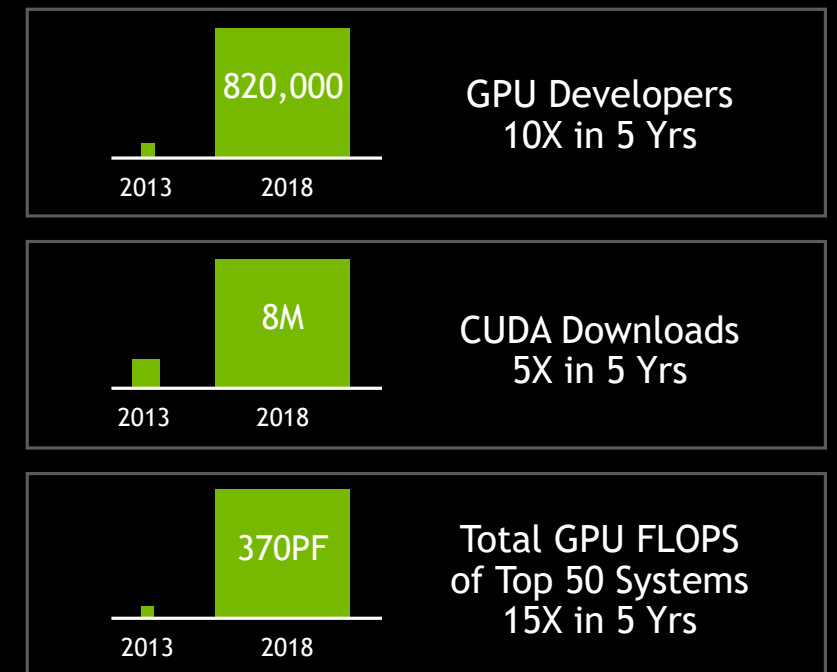
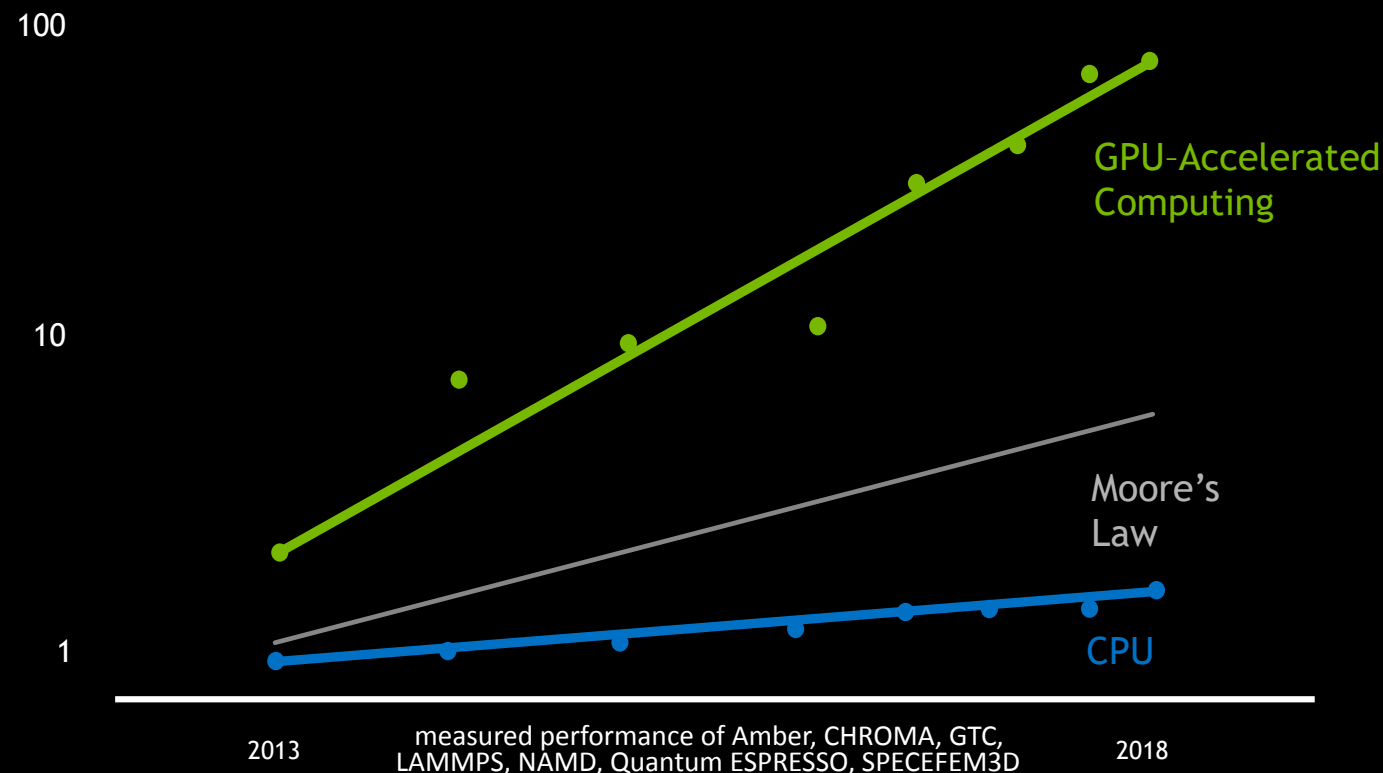
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# towards the exascale

*“NVIDIA Is So Far Ahead of the Curve”*

—The Inquirer



For 30 years, the dynamics of Moore's law held true. But CPU performance scaling has slowed. GPU computing is defining a new, supercharged law. It starts with a highly specialized parallel processor called the GPU and continues through system design, system software, algorithms, and all the way through optimized applications. The world is jumping on board.

## GPU-accelerated Quantum ESPRESSO (QE-GPU)

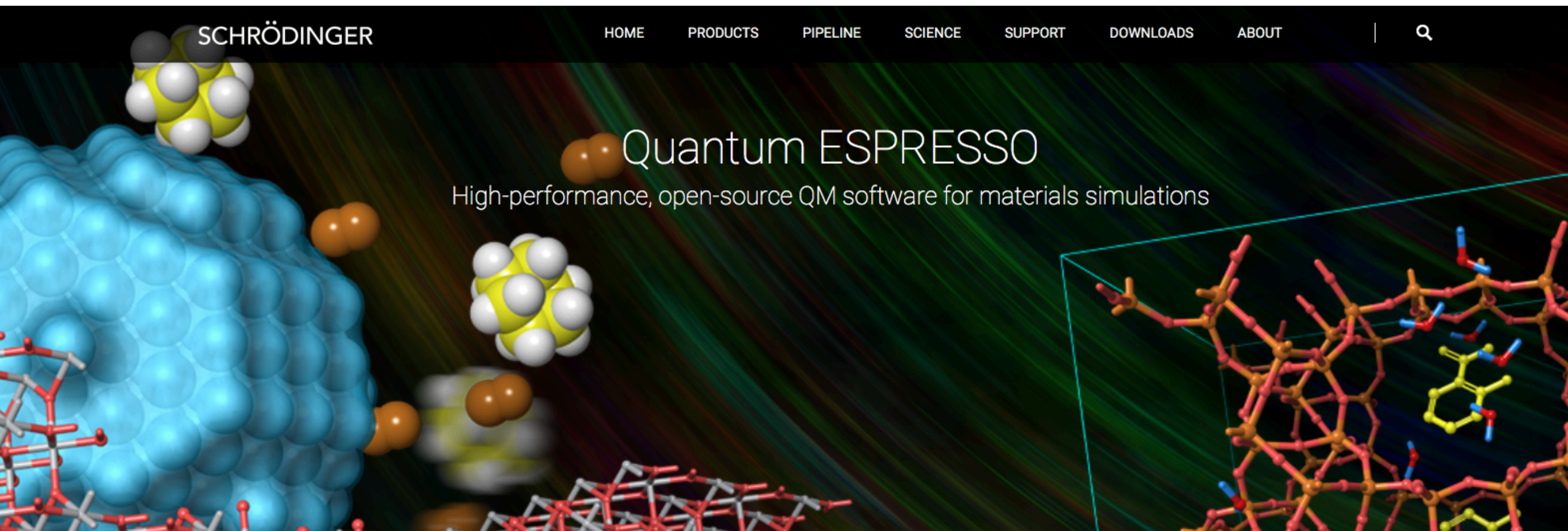
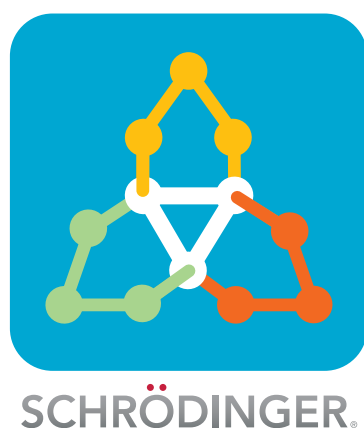
available @GitHub

This is an open-source custom version of Quantum ESPRESSO with embedded GPU support based on CUDA FORTRAN. This product has been made possible thanks to the effort of the NVIDIA HPC Software and Benchmarks Group. This



# QUANTUM ESPRESSO goes to the market

**Schrödinger Inc.** and the **Quantum ESPRESSO Foundation** announce an on-going development collaboration to integrate the QUANTUM ESPRESSO materials simulation program into the Schrödinger modelling suite



# MAX Materials design at the eXascale

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