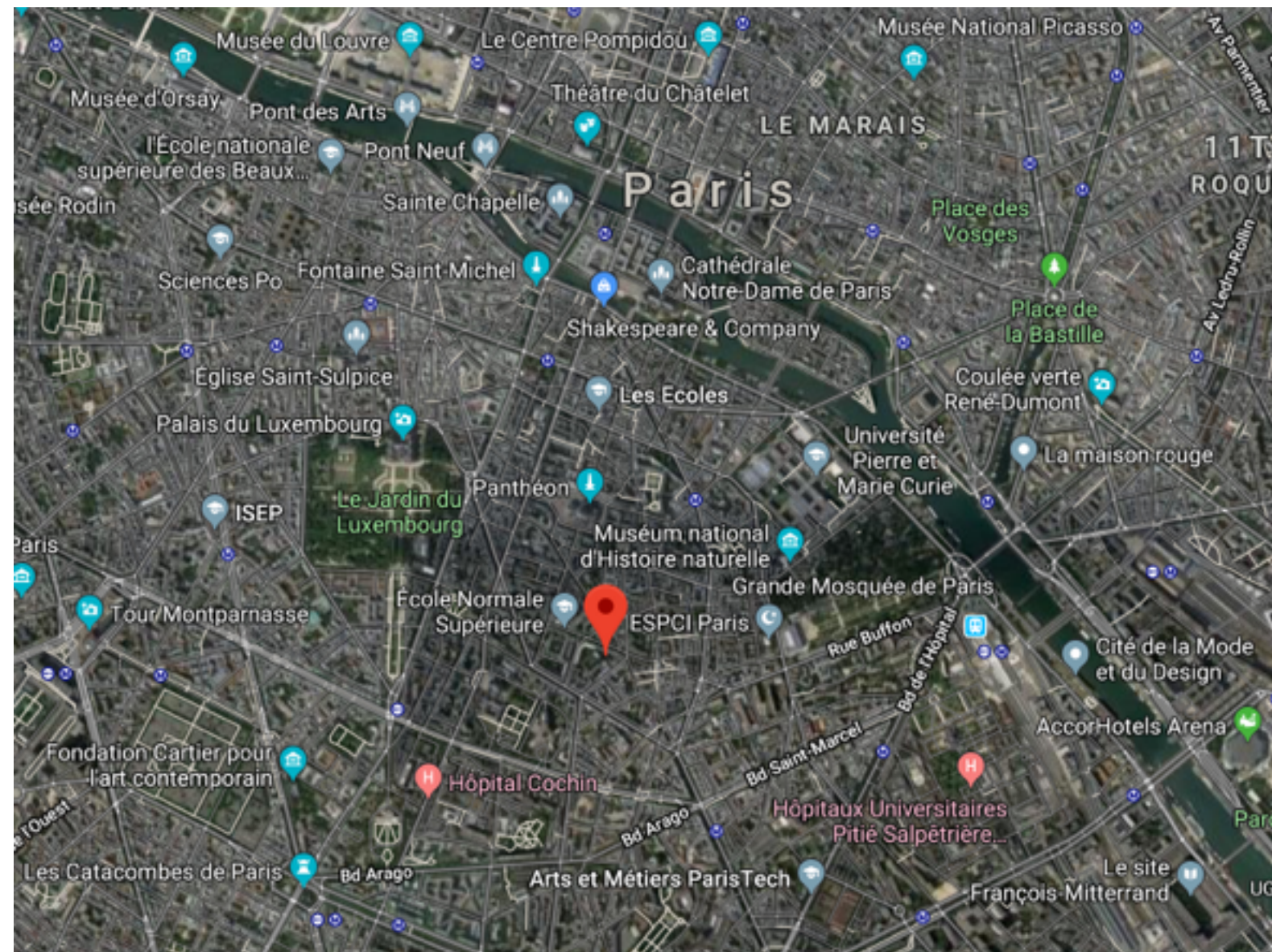


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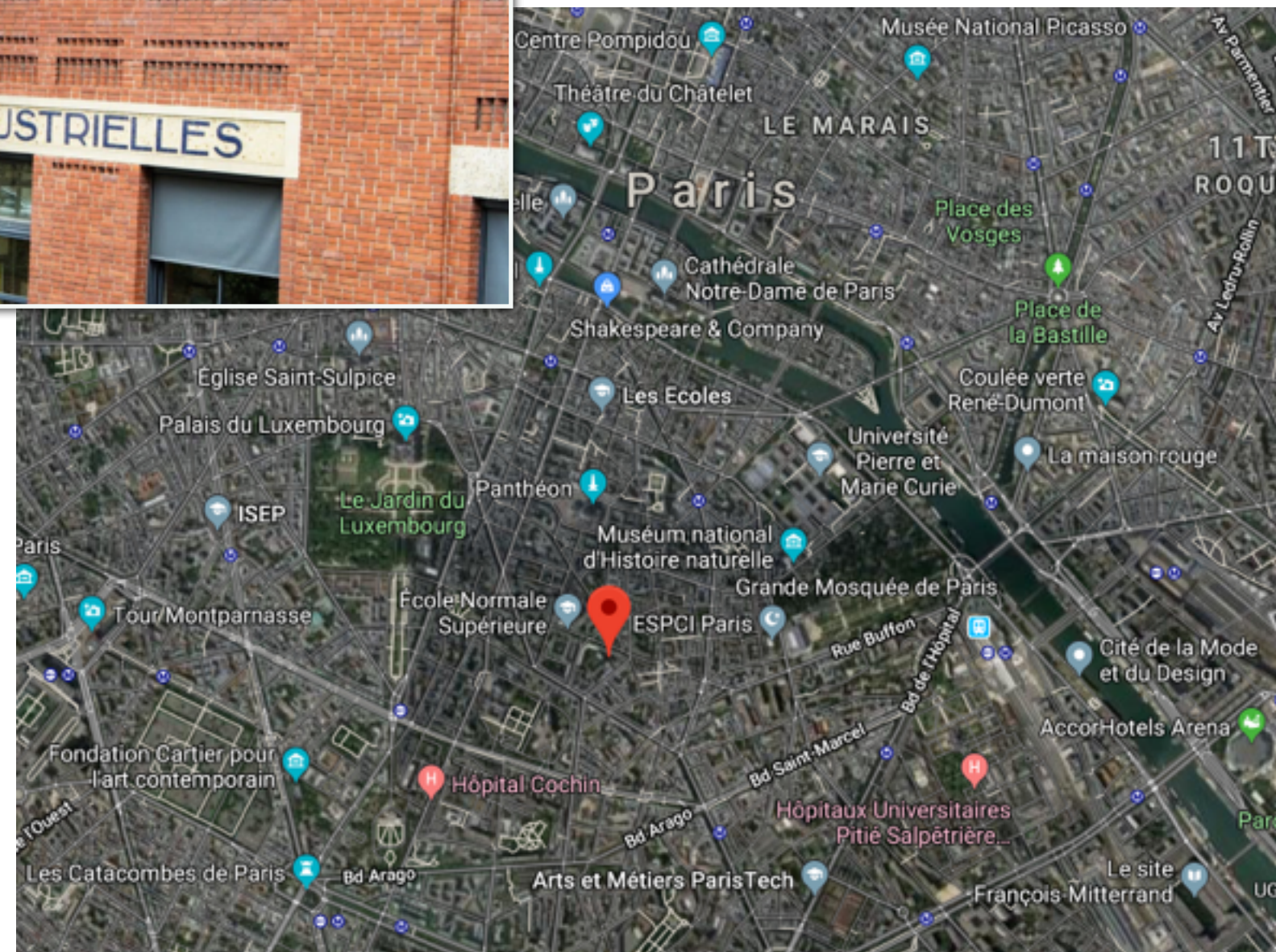


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Marie Curie



Frédéric  
Joliot-Curie



Pierre-Gilles  
de Gennes



Georges  
Charpak

**5 researchers and alumni from ESPCI Paris have been awarded the Nobel Prize:**

- Pierre and Marie Curie (Physics, 1903),
- Marie Curie - second Nobel Prize (Chemistry, 1911),
- Frédéric Joliot-Curie (Chemistry, 1935),
- Pierre-Gilles de Gennes (Physics, 1991),
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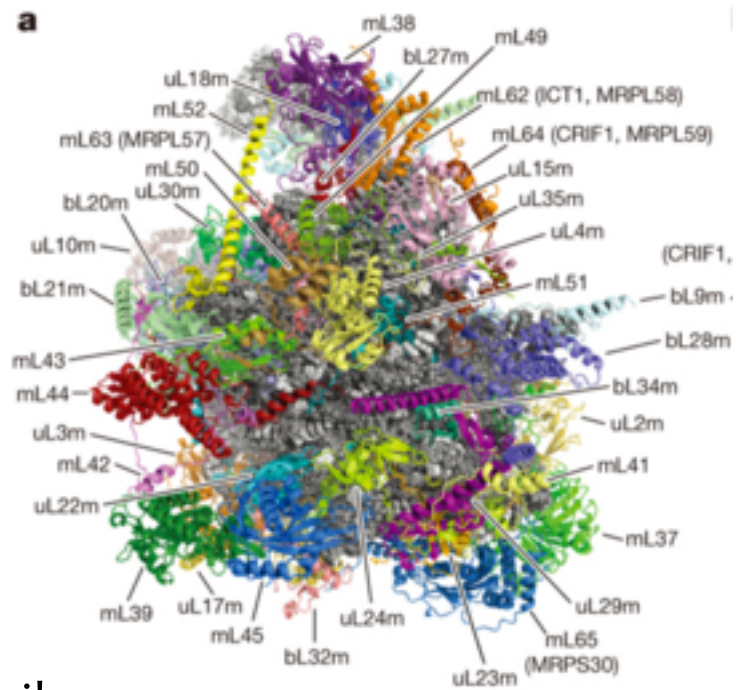
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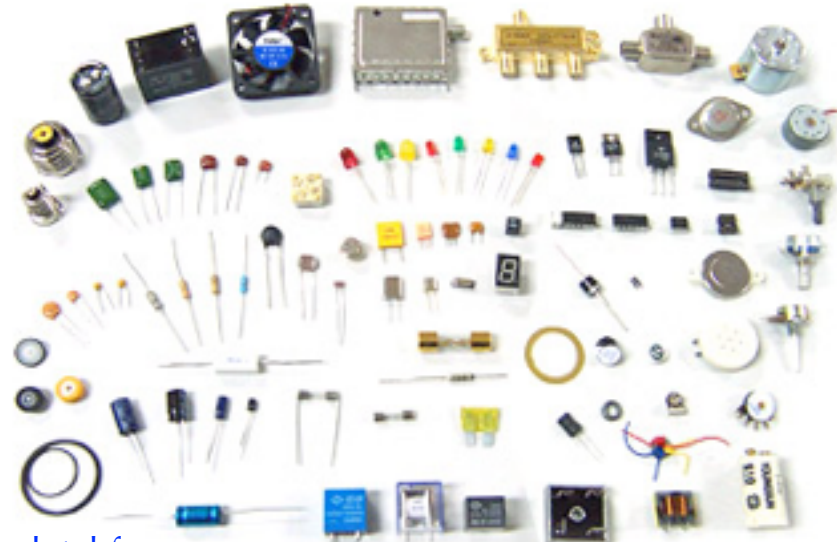




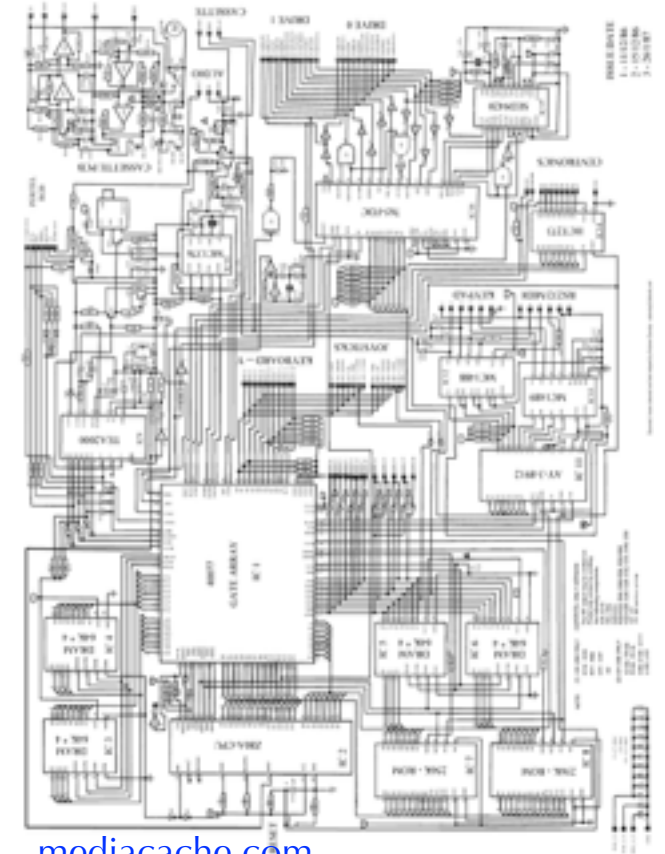
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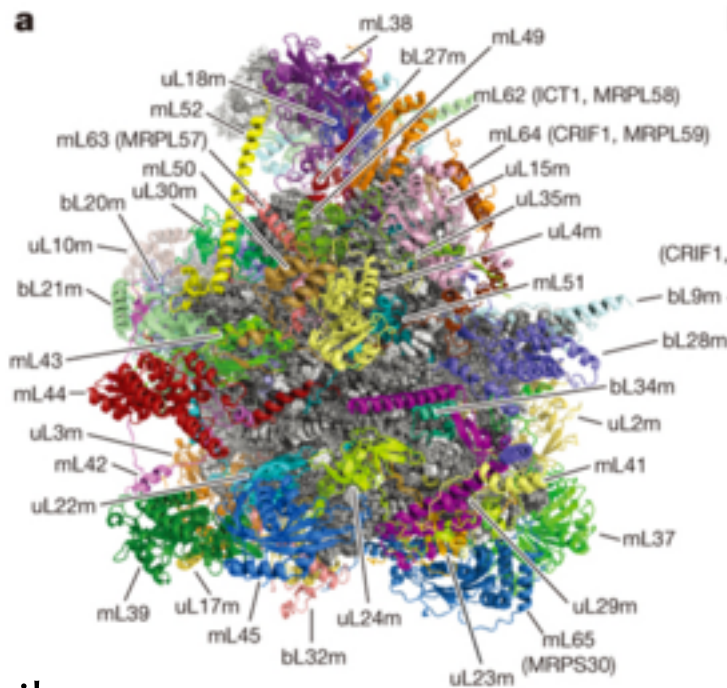


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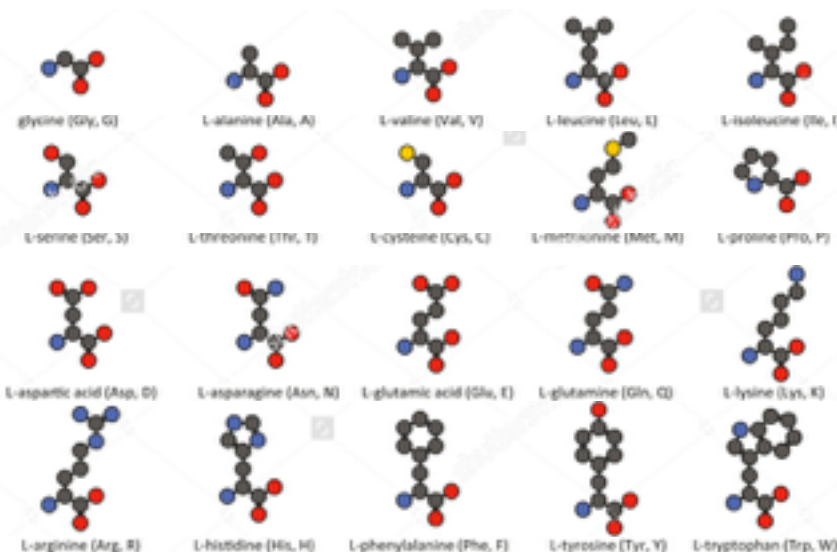
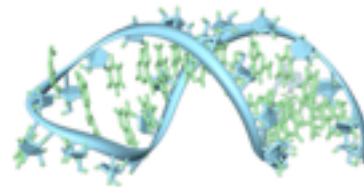
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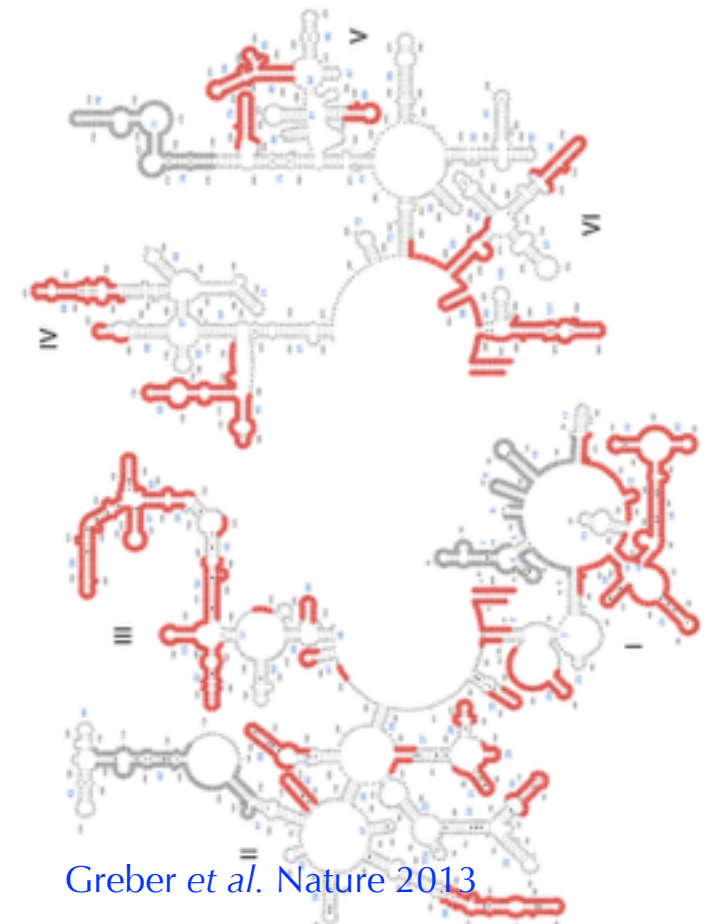
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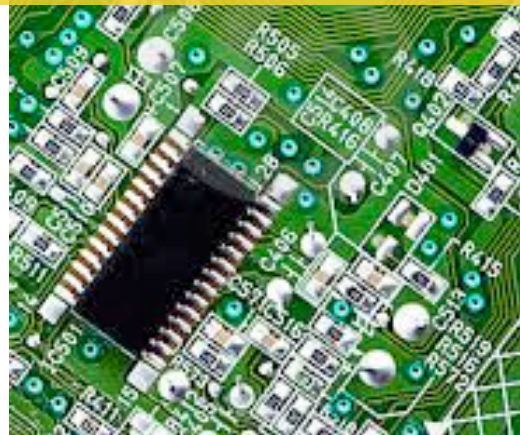


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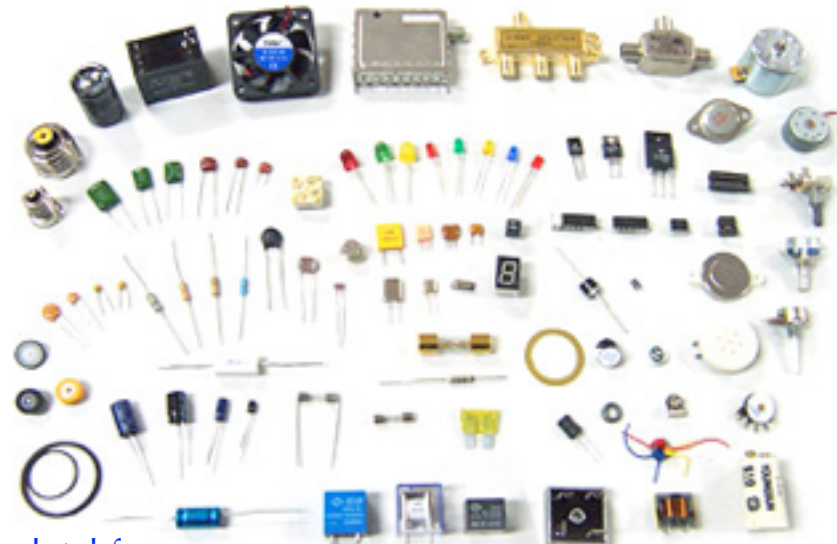


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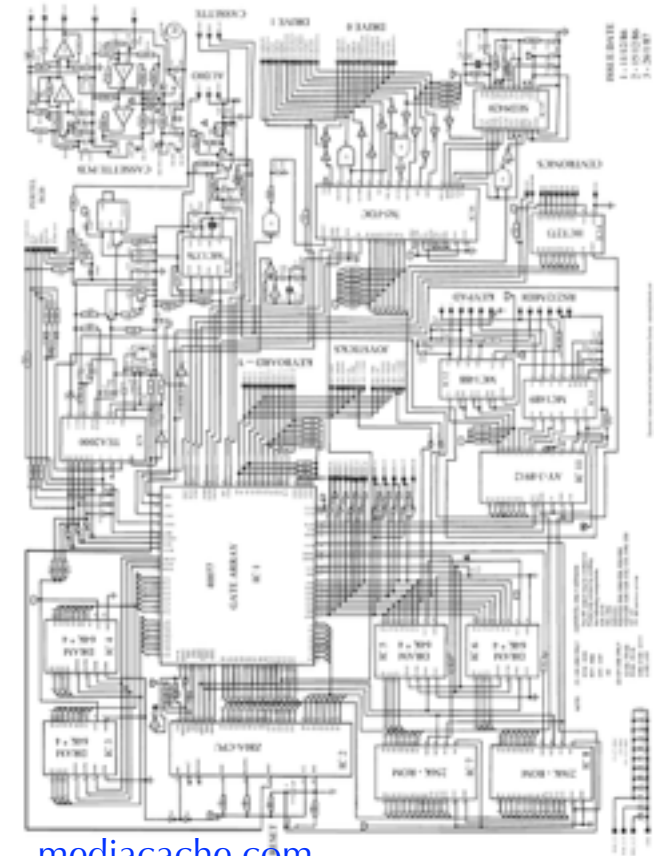
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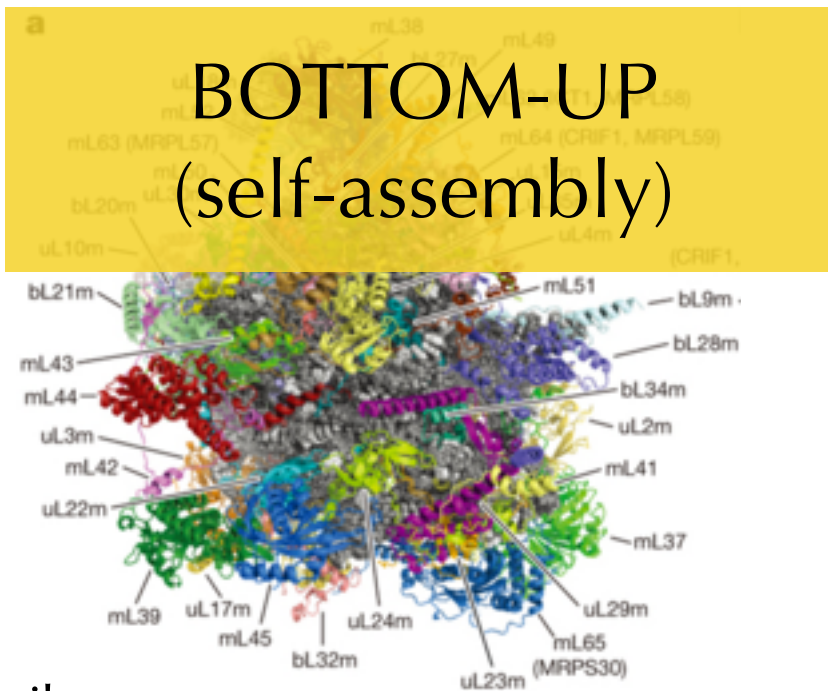
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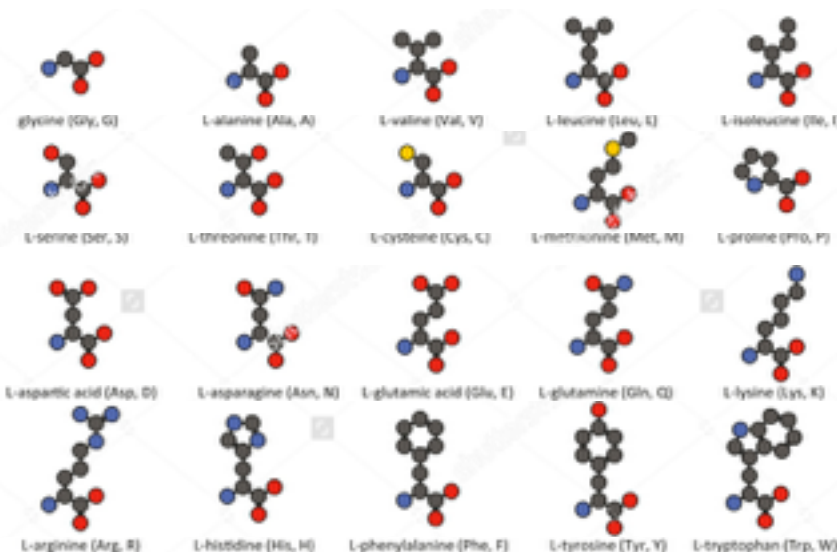
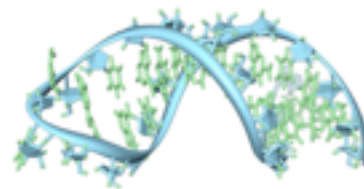
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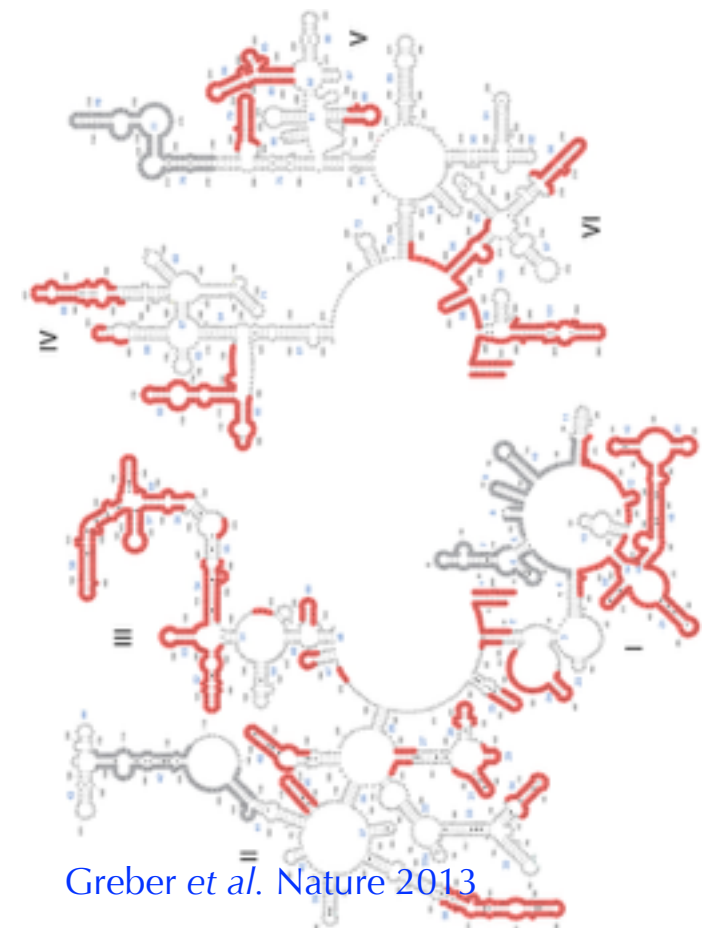
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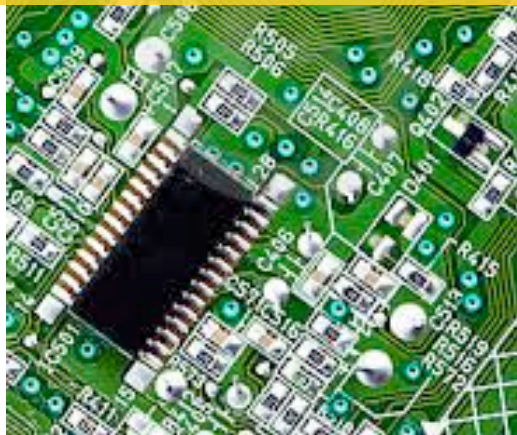


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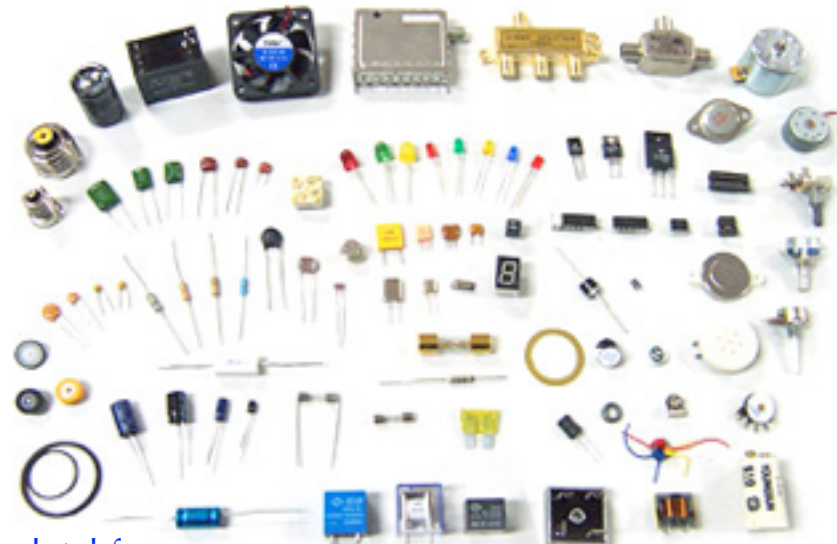


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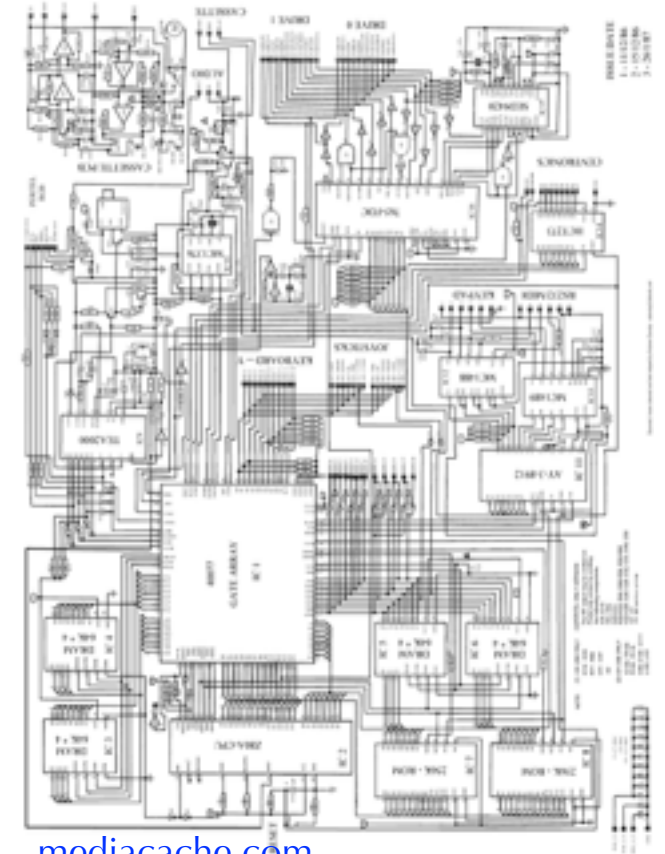
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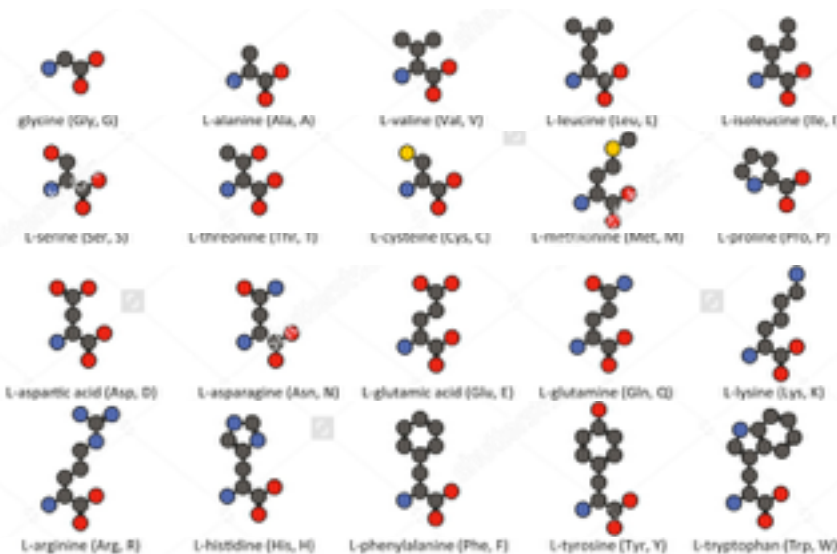
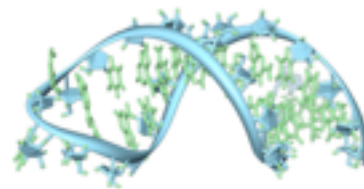
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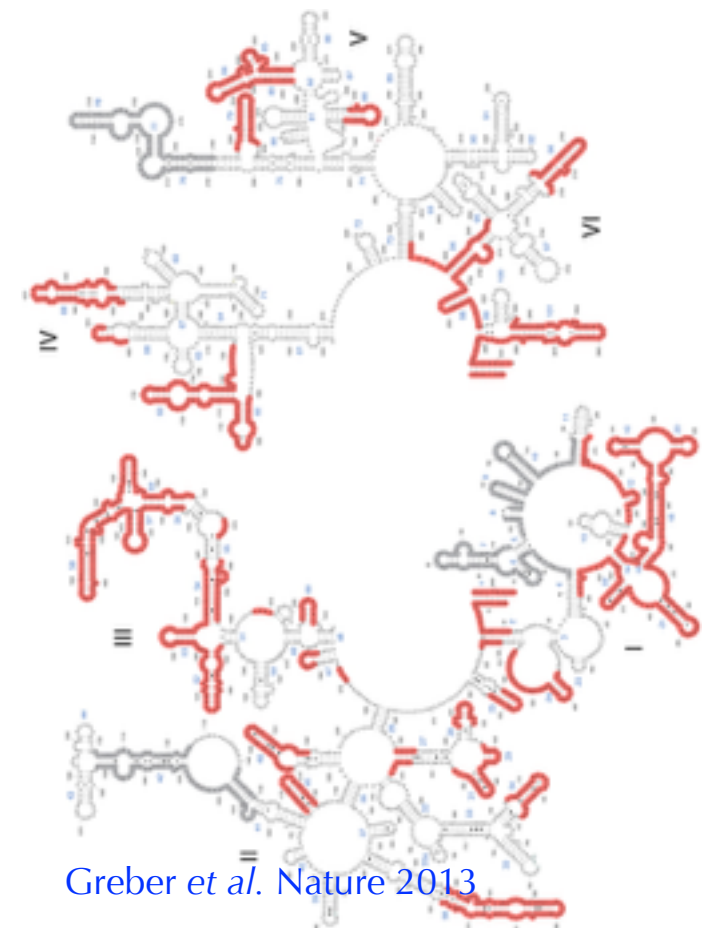
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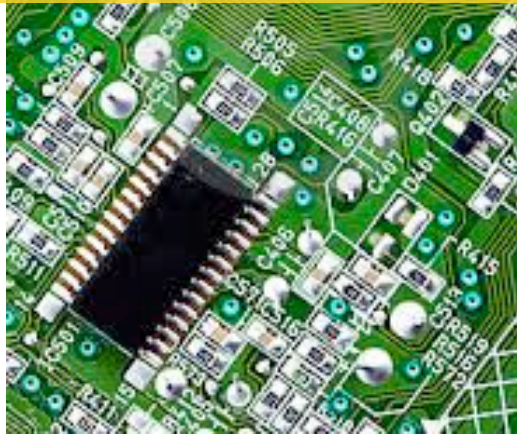


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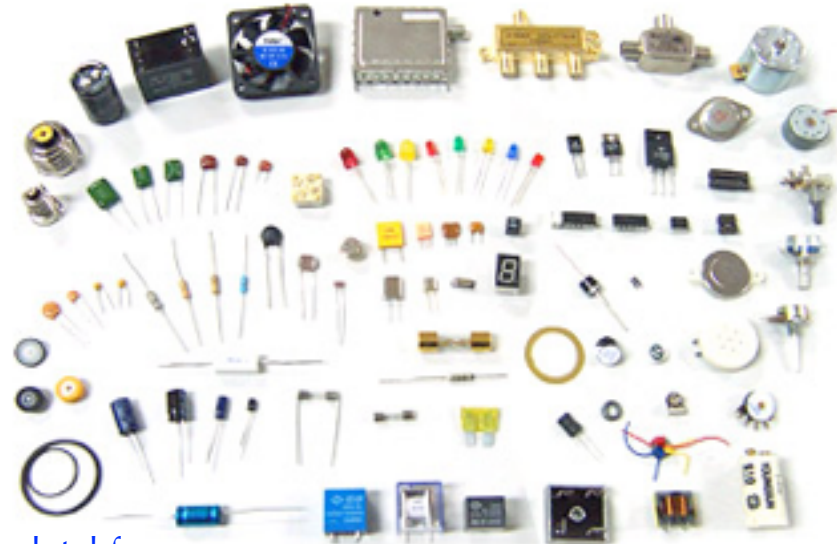


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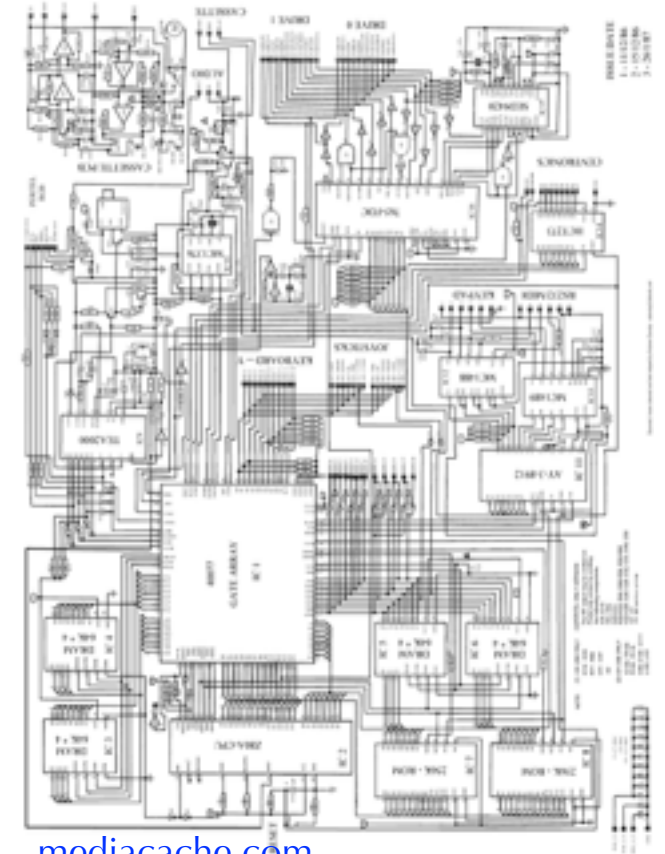
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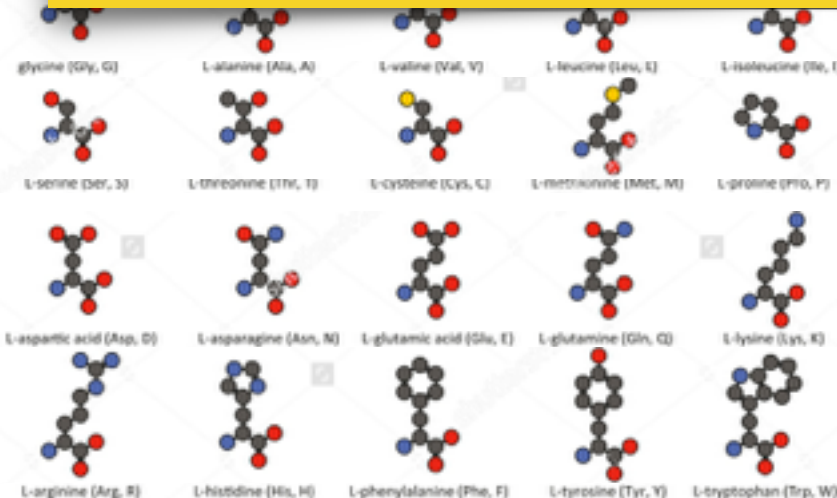
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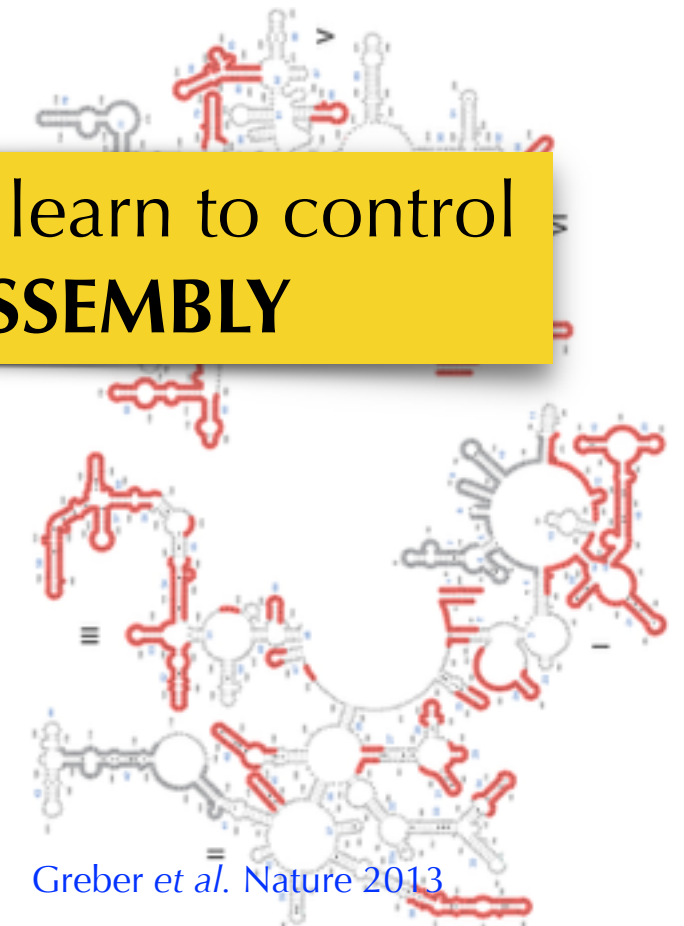
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Important to understand and learn to control  
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# Self-Assembly on Macro scale

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**A research lab at MIT inventing self-assembly and programmable material technologies.**





# Memories in a Jar



# What are memories for me?

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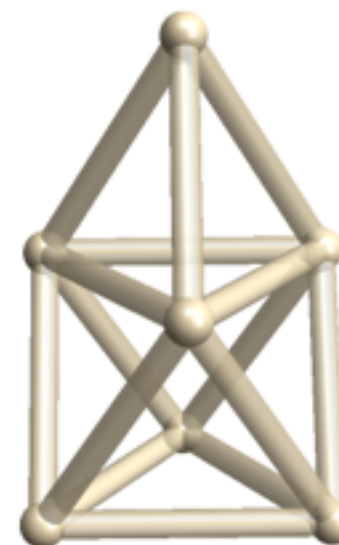
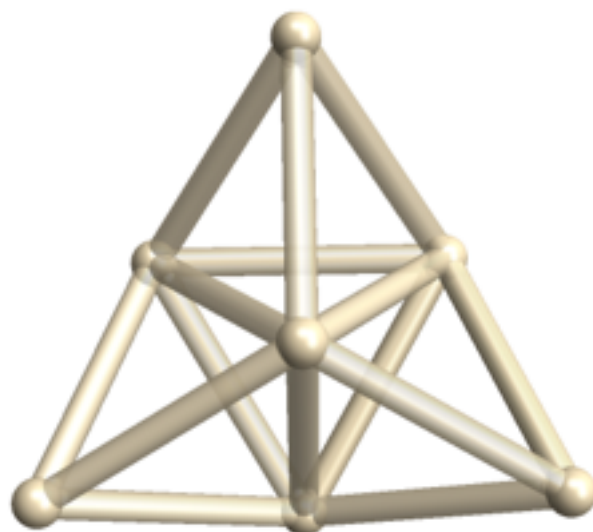
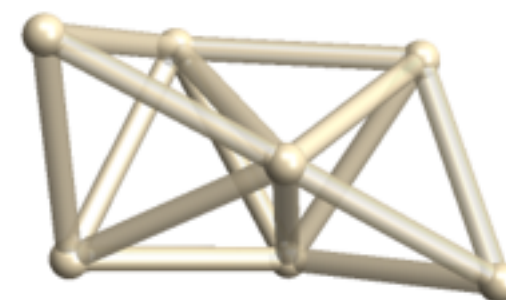
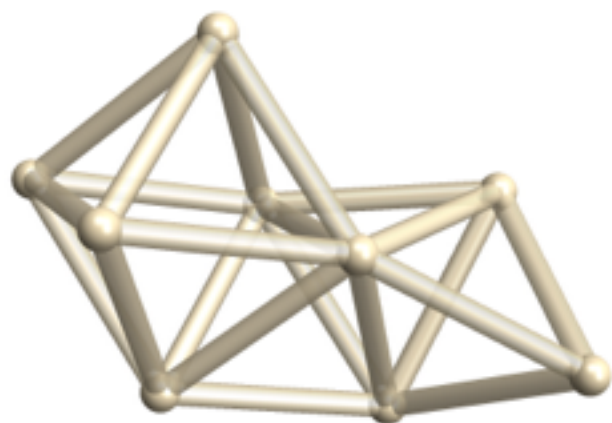
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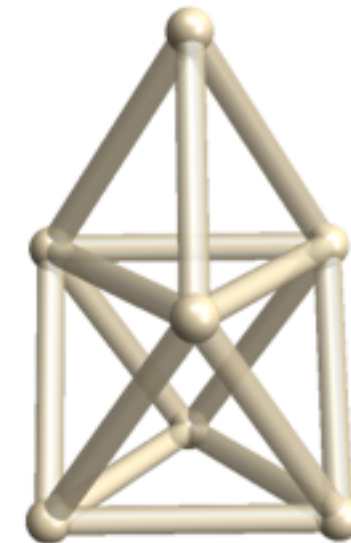
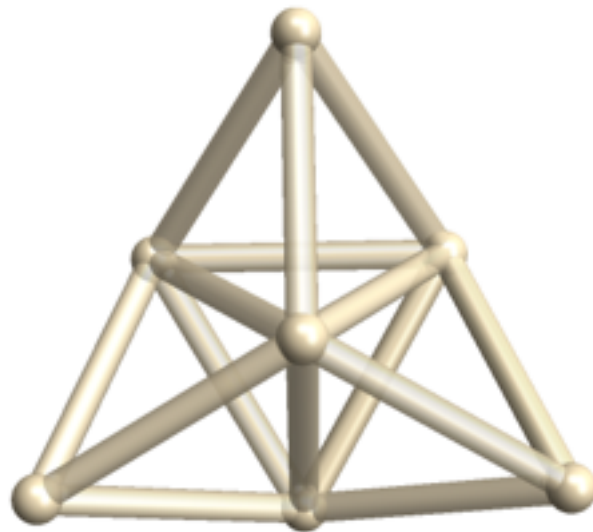
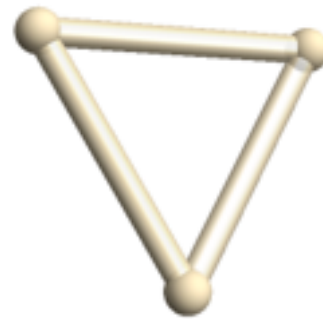
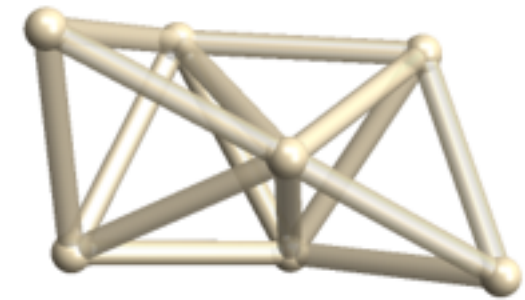
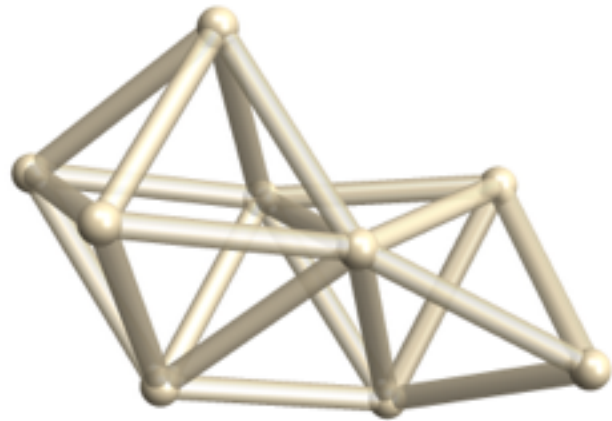




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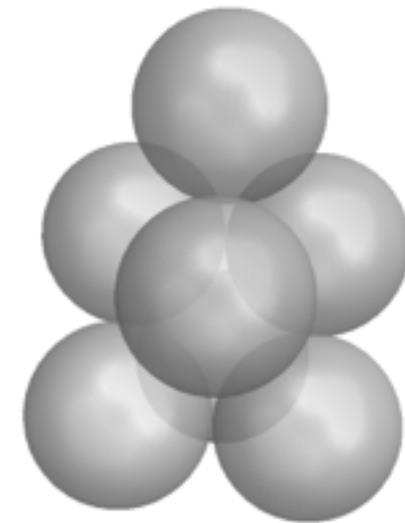
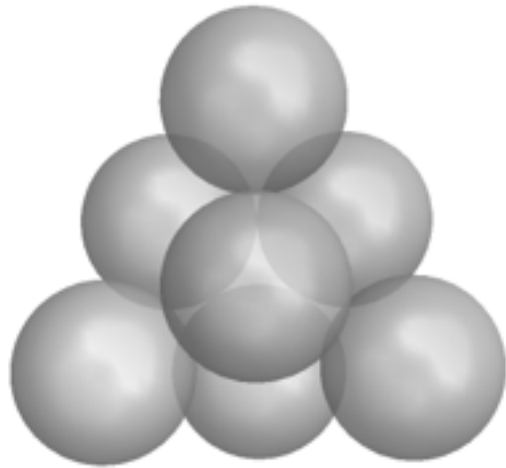
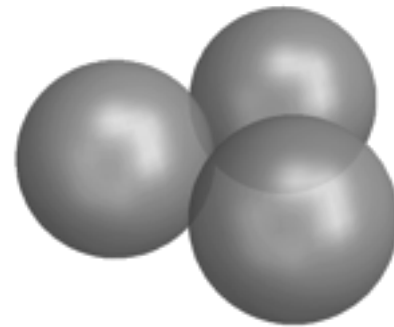
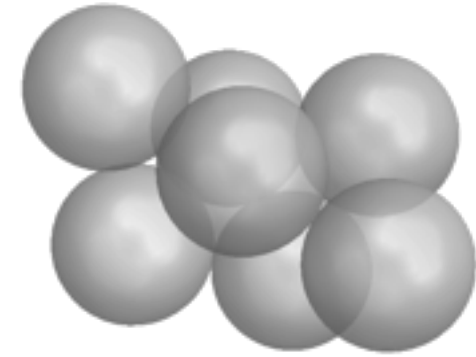
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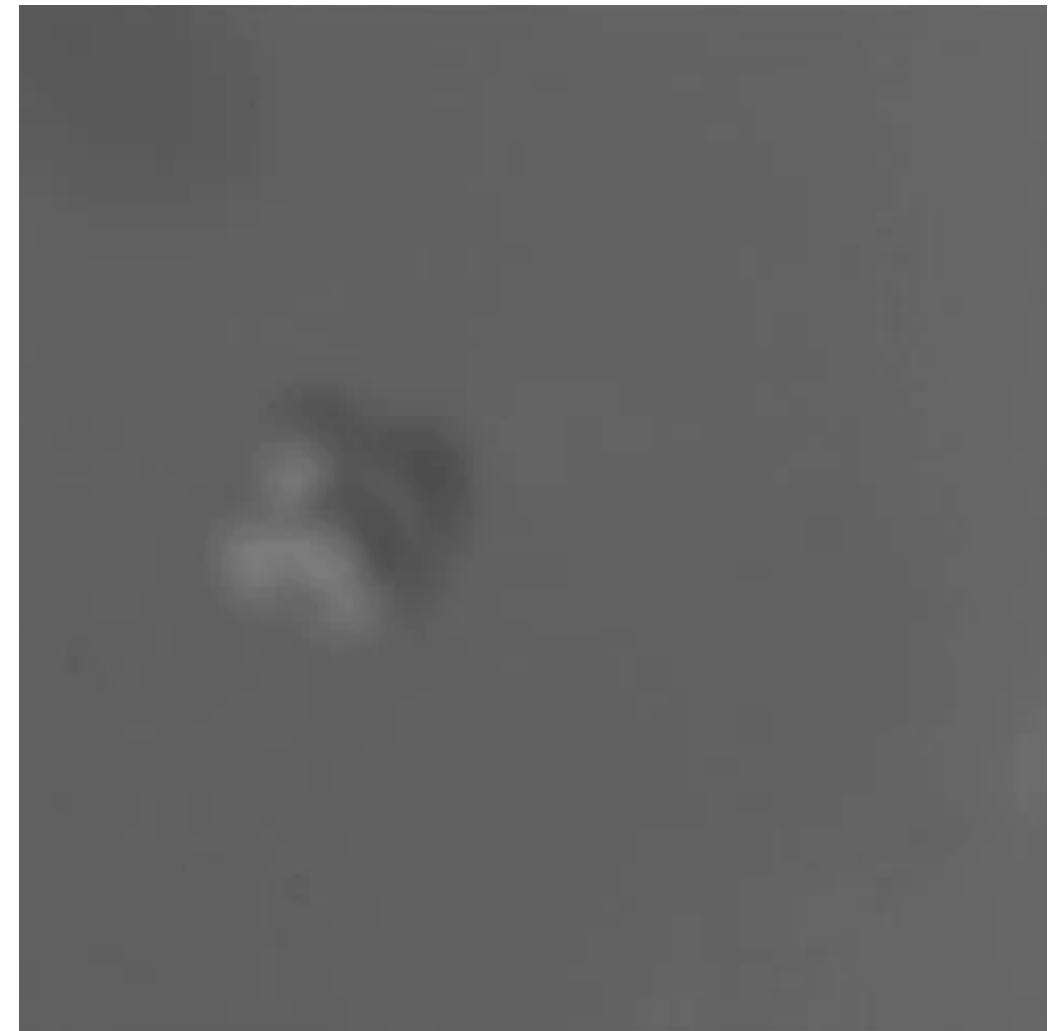
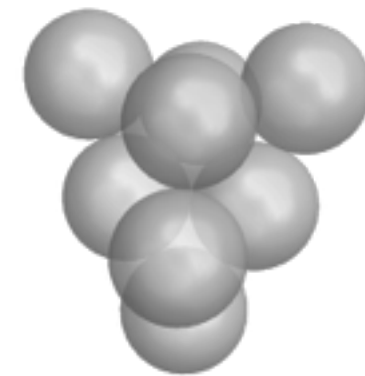
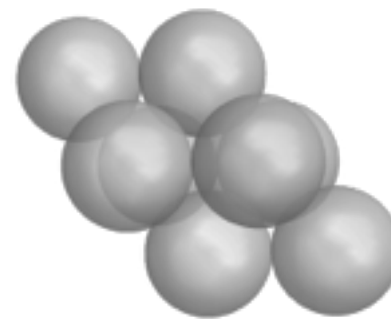
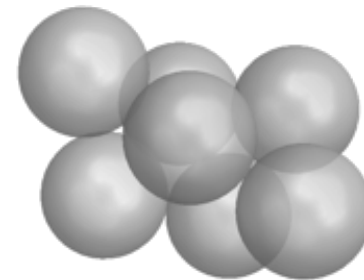
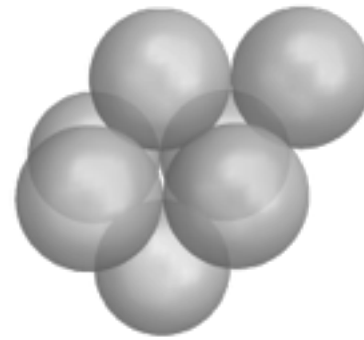
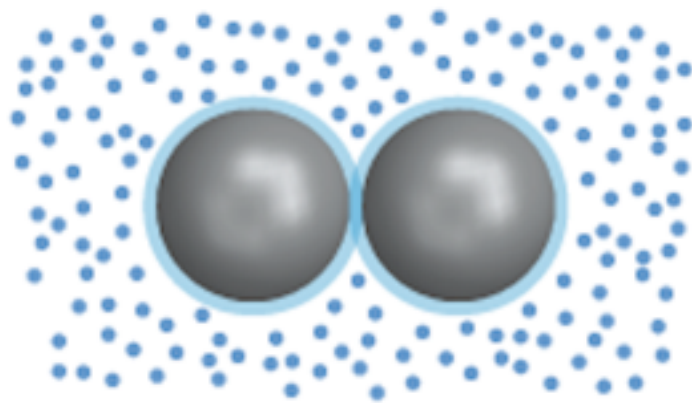




# Small sphere clusters

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depletion interactions



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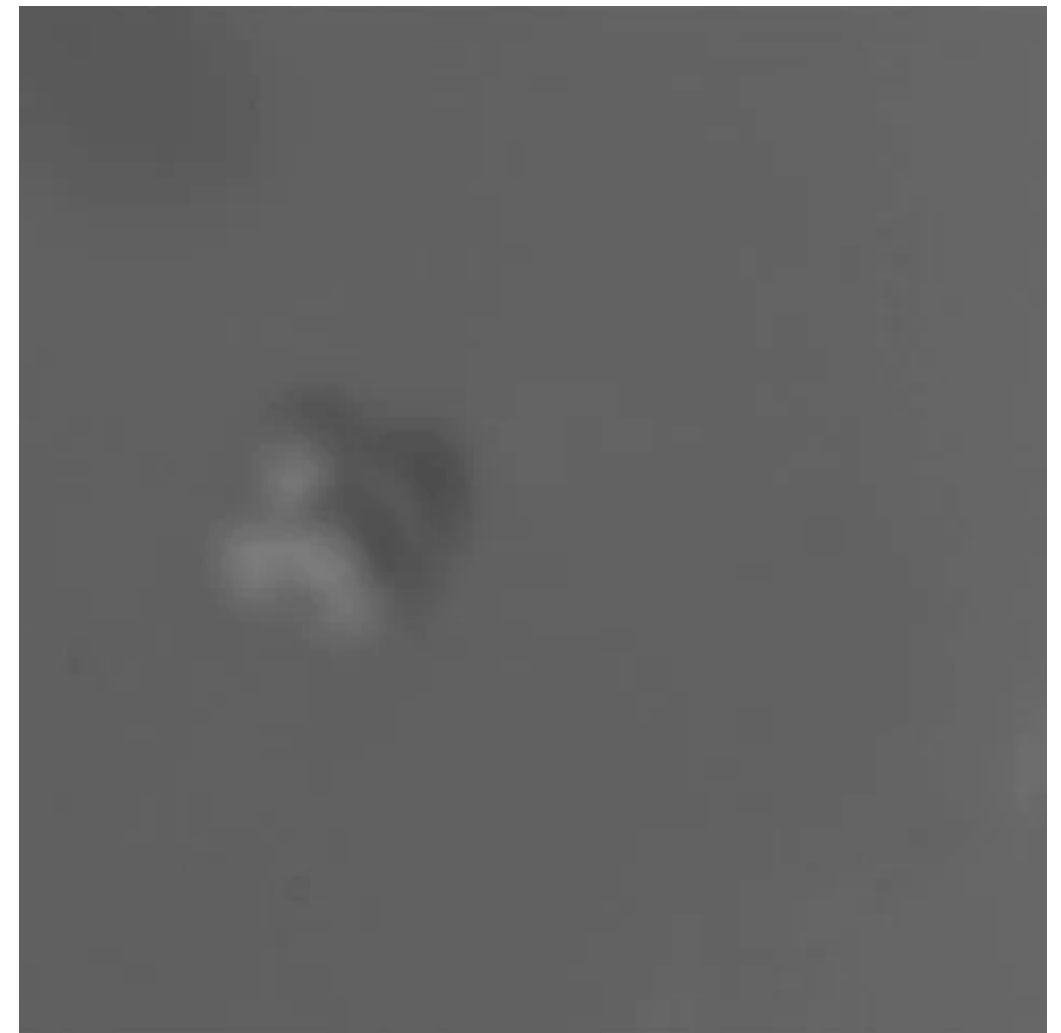
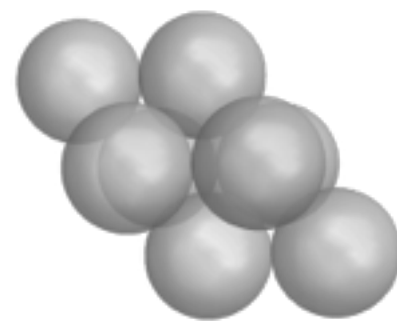
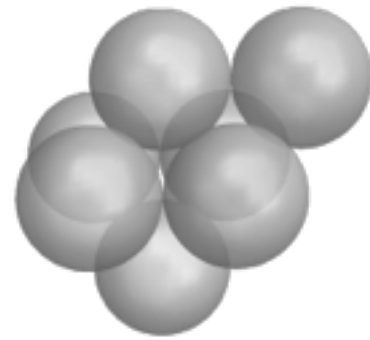
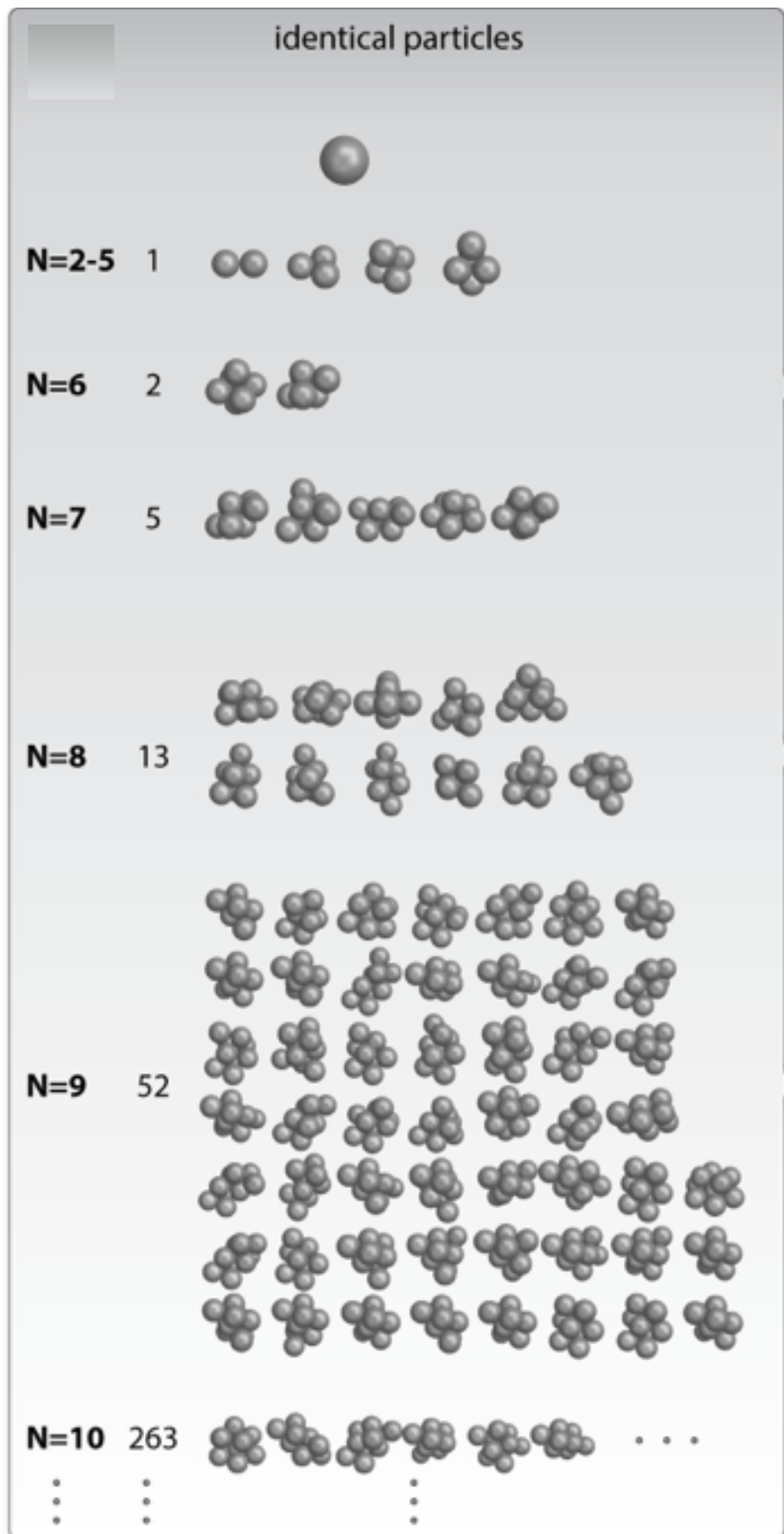
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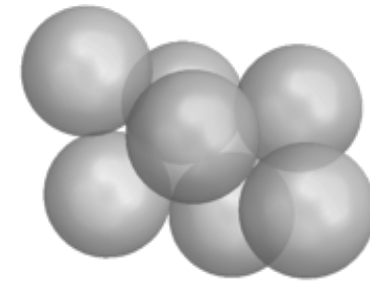
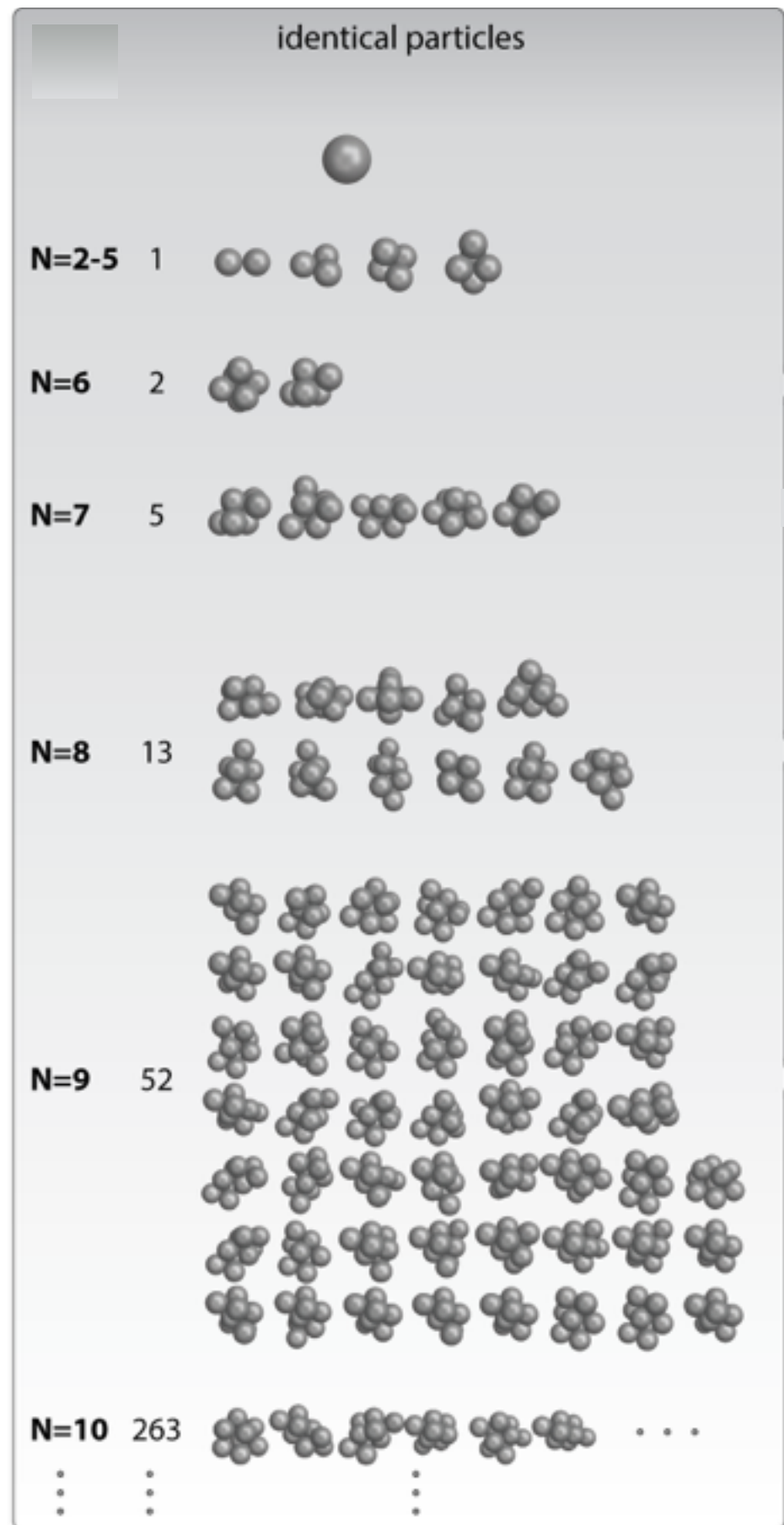


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more than  $10^6$  for  $N=14$

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# Small sphere clusters - how do we make only one memory assemble?



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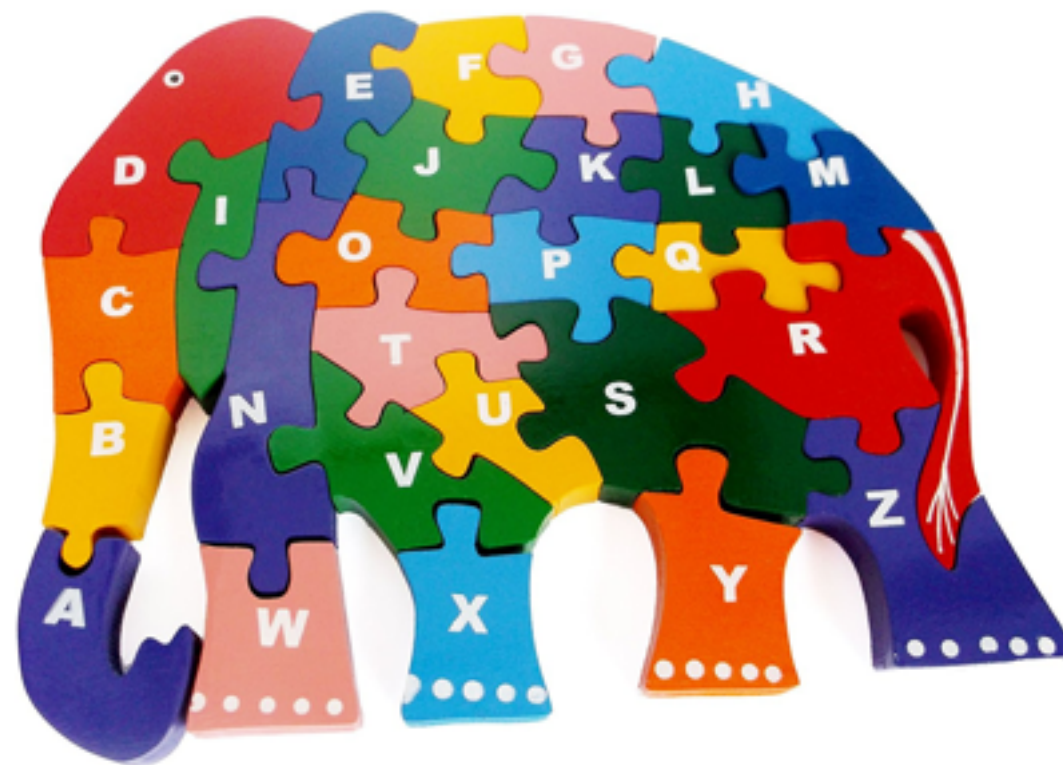
Answer - make puzzle pieces!

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# How to make puzzle pieces with spheres?

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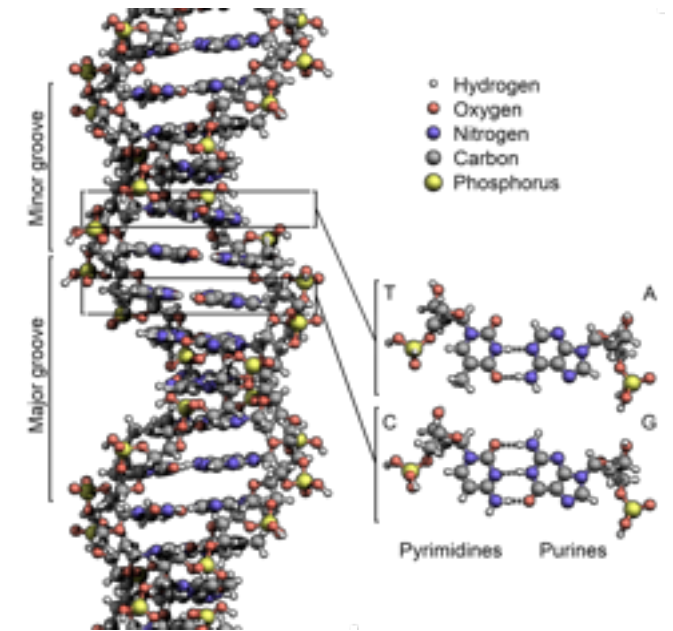
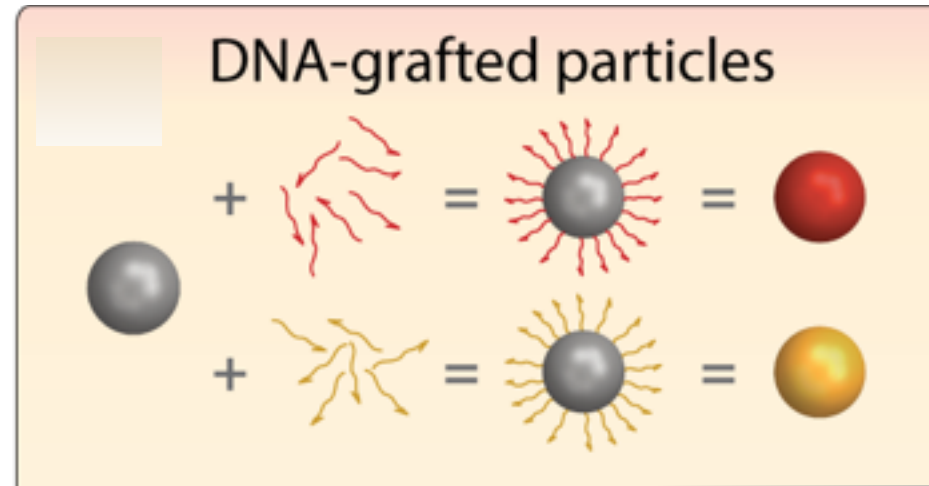
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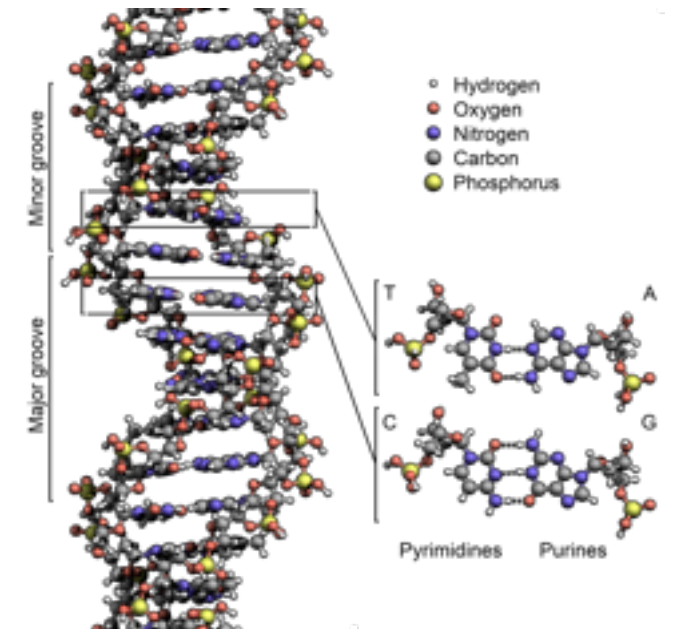
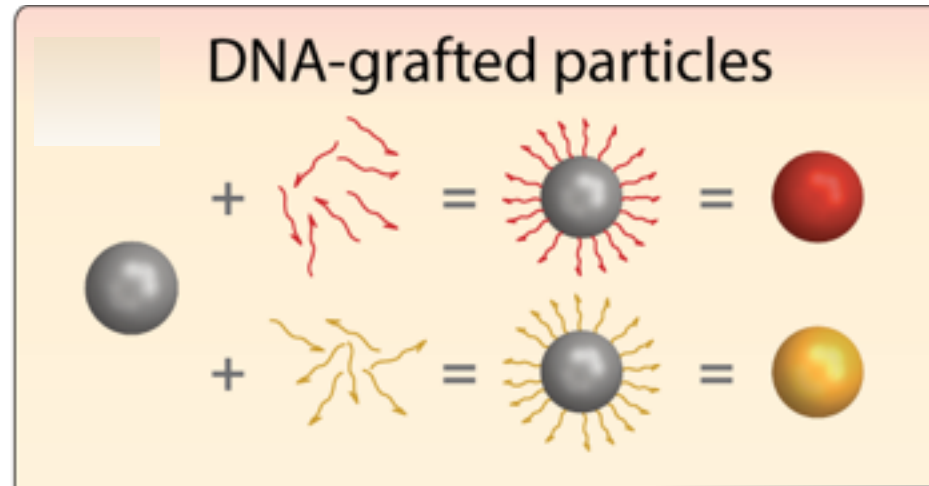


## DESIGNING OUR PARTS



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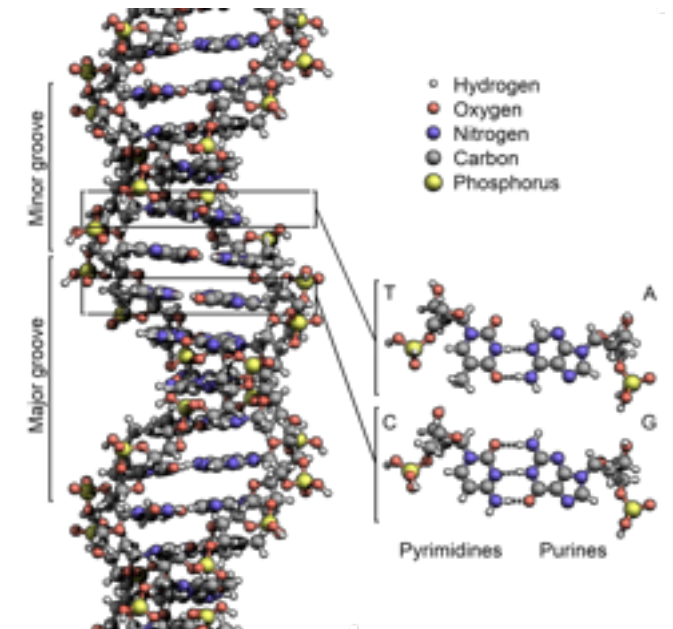
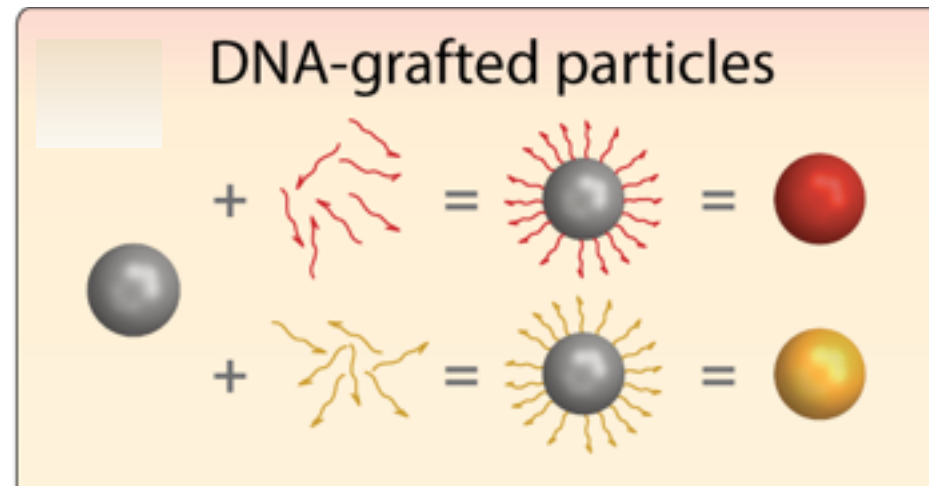




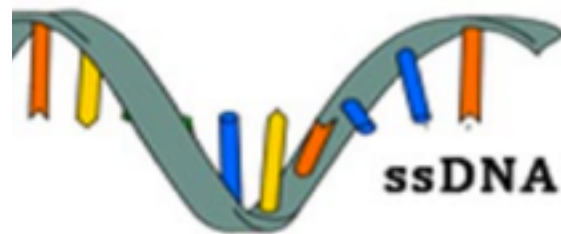
# The power of DNA - huge number of possible puzzle pieces



## DESIGNING OUR PARTS



AATTCCGGAA



TTAAGGCCTT

length of DNA strand = **11** bases

each base can be one of **four** types A, T, C or G

—> **2,097,152** different types of puzzle pieces!

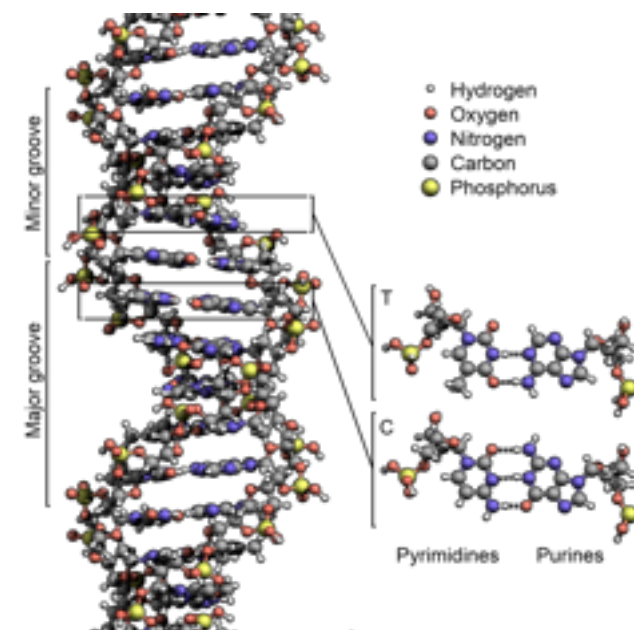
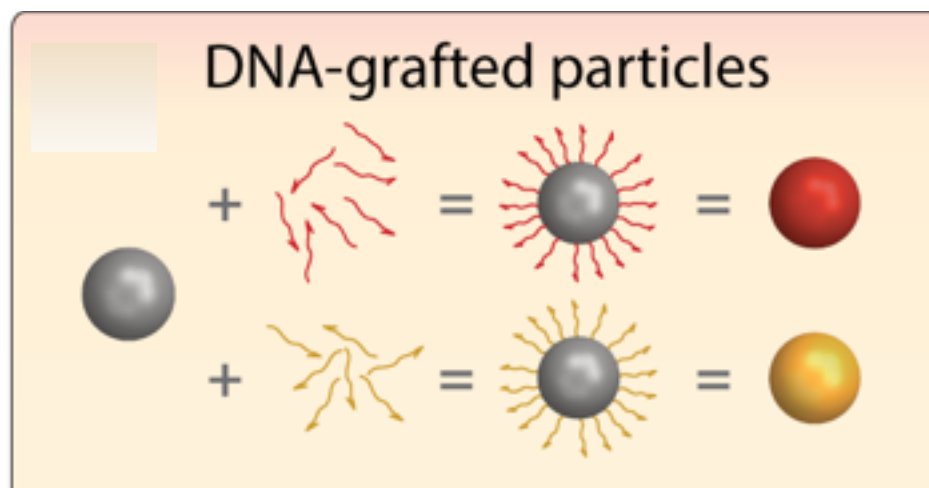
**much much more than what regular chemistry can give us!**

# Blueprint for our cluster

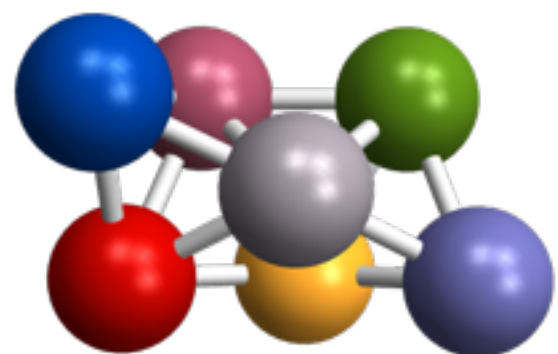


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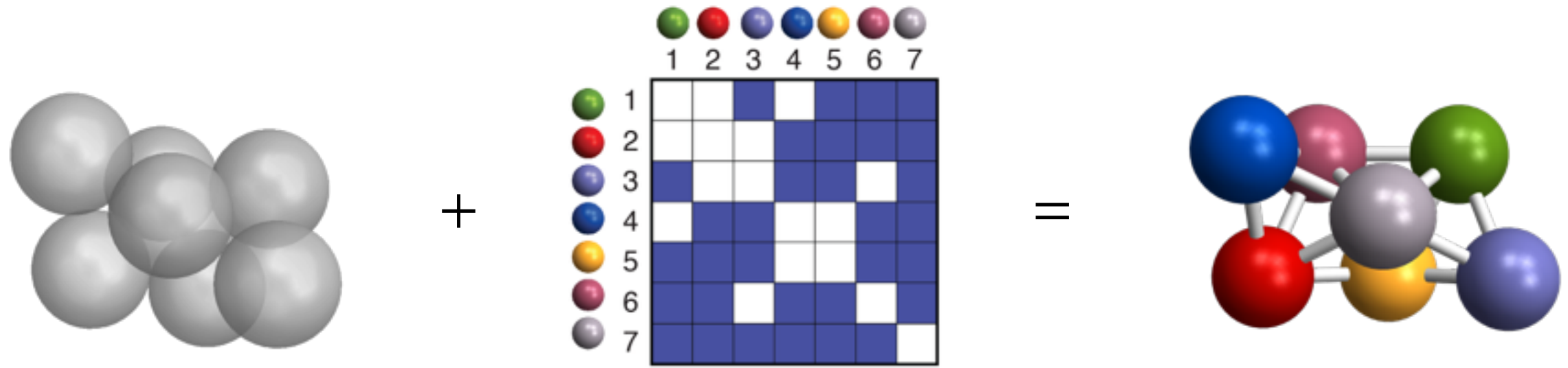


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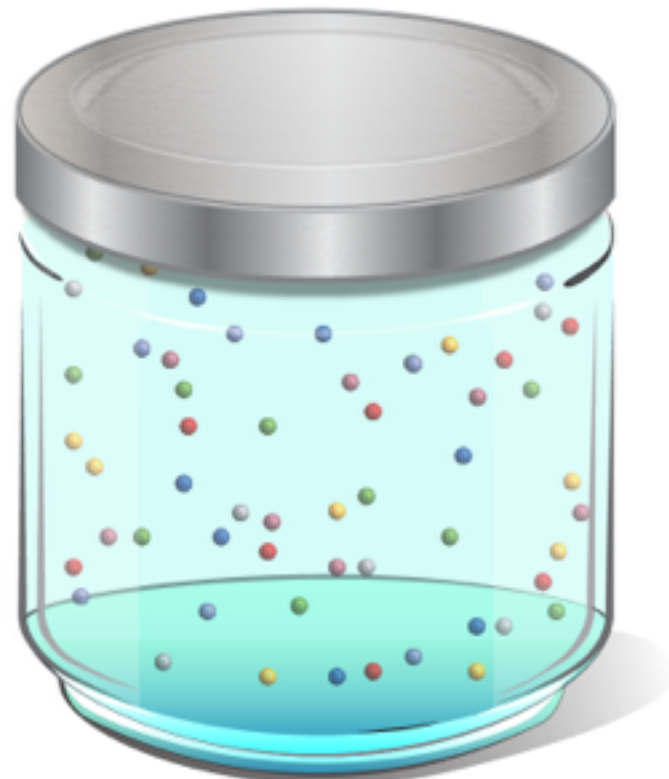
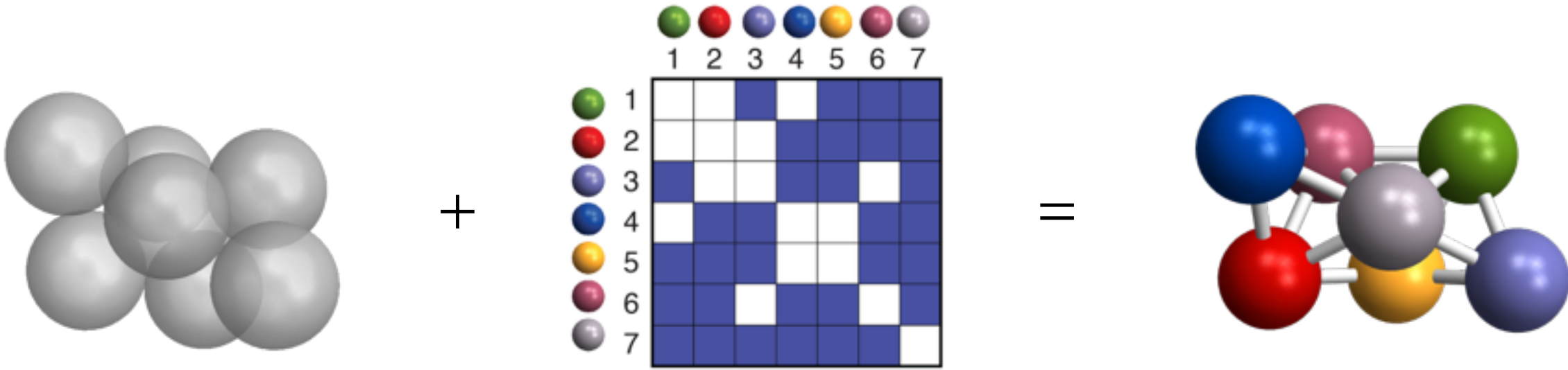


# Memory in a Jar

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# Memory in a Jar - what can go wrong?

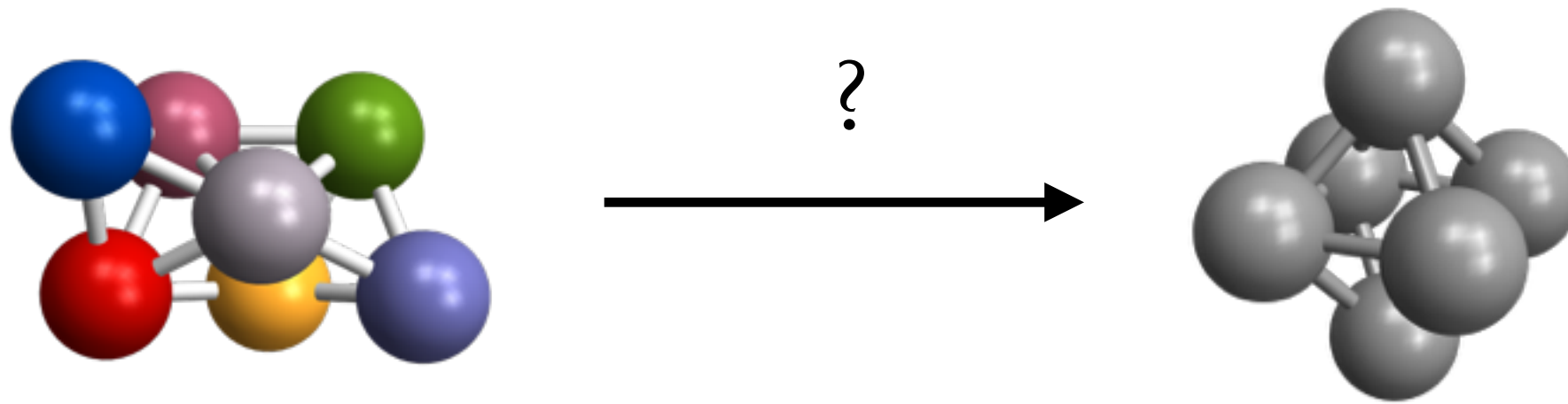
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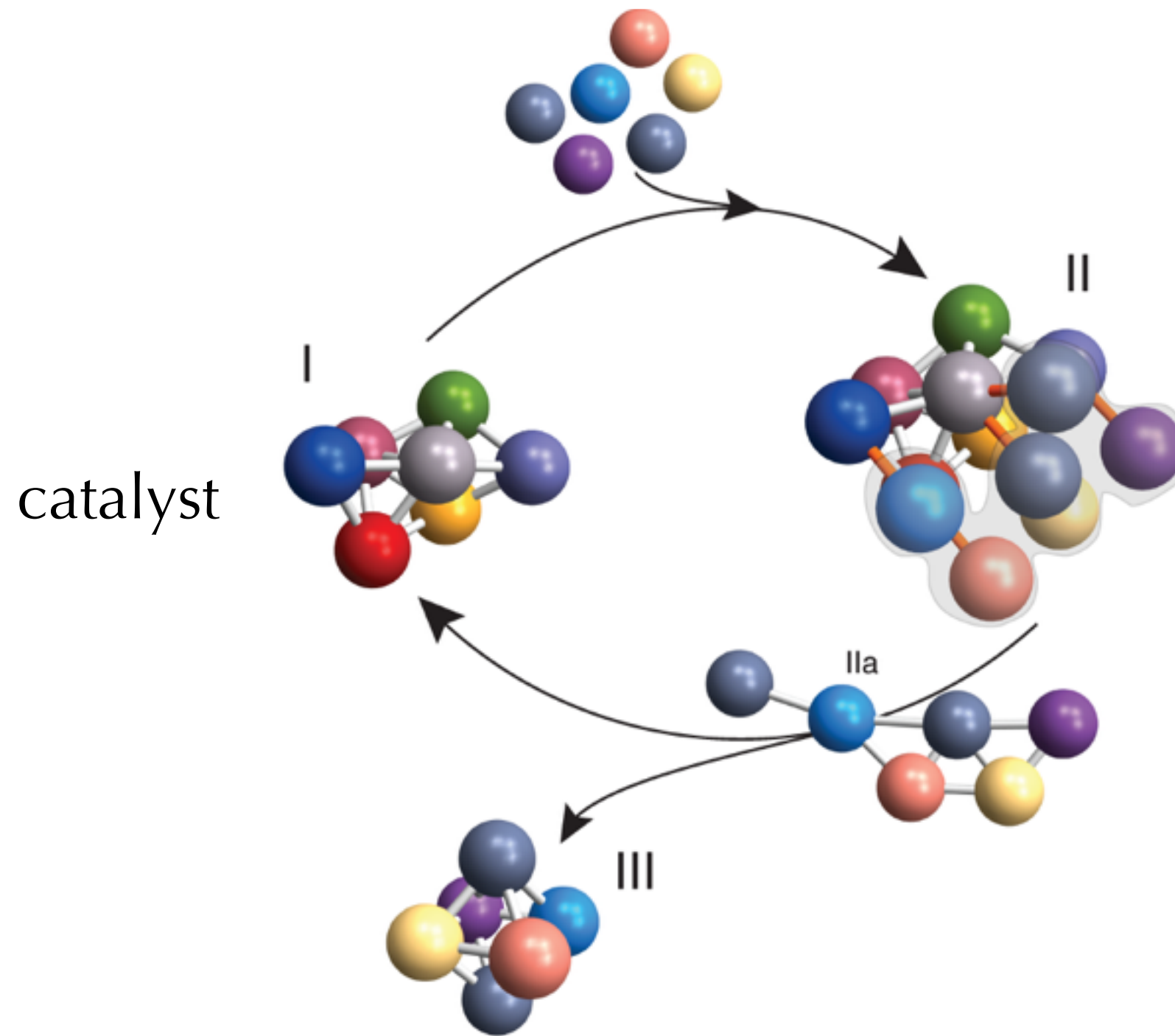
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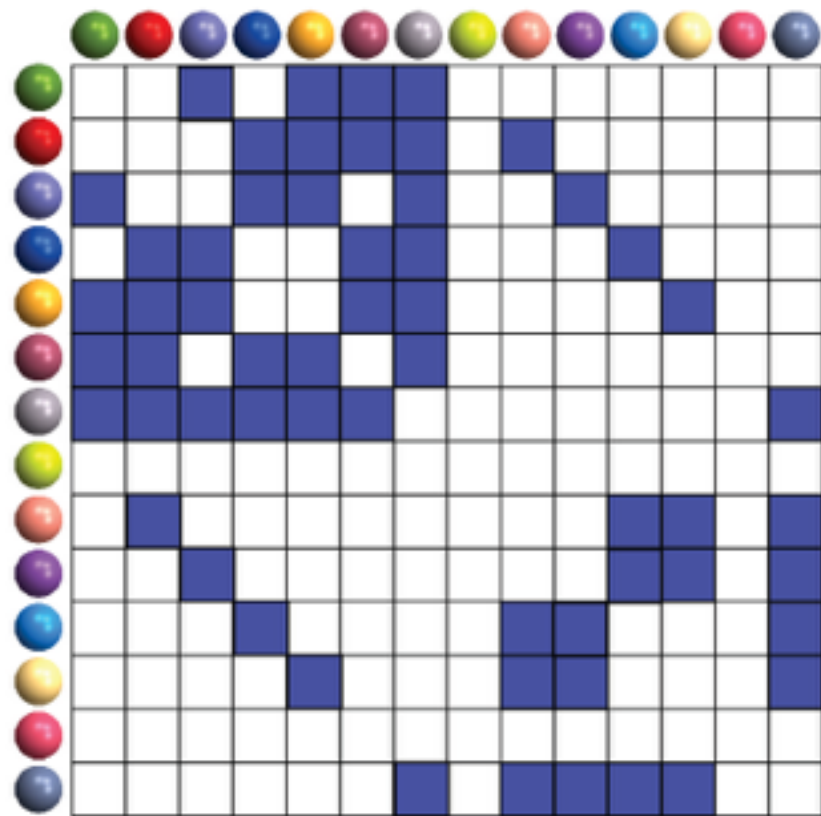
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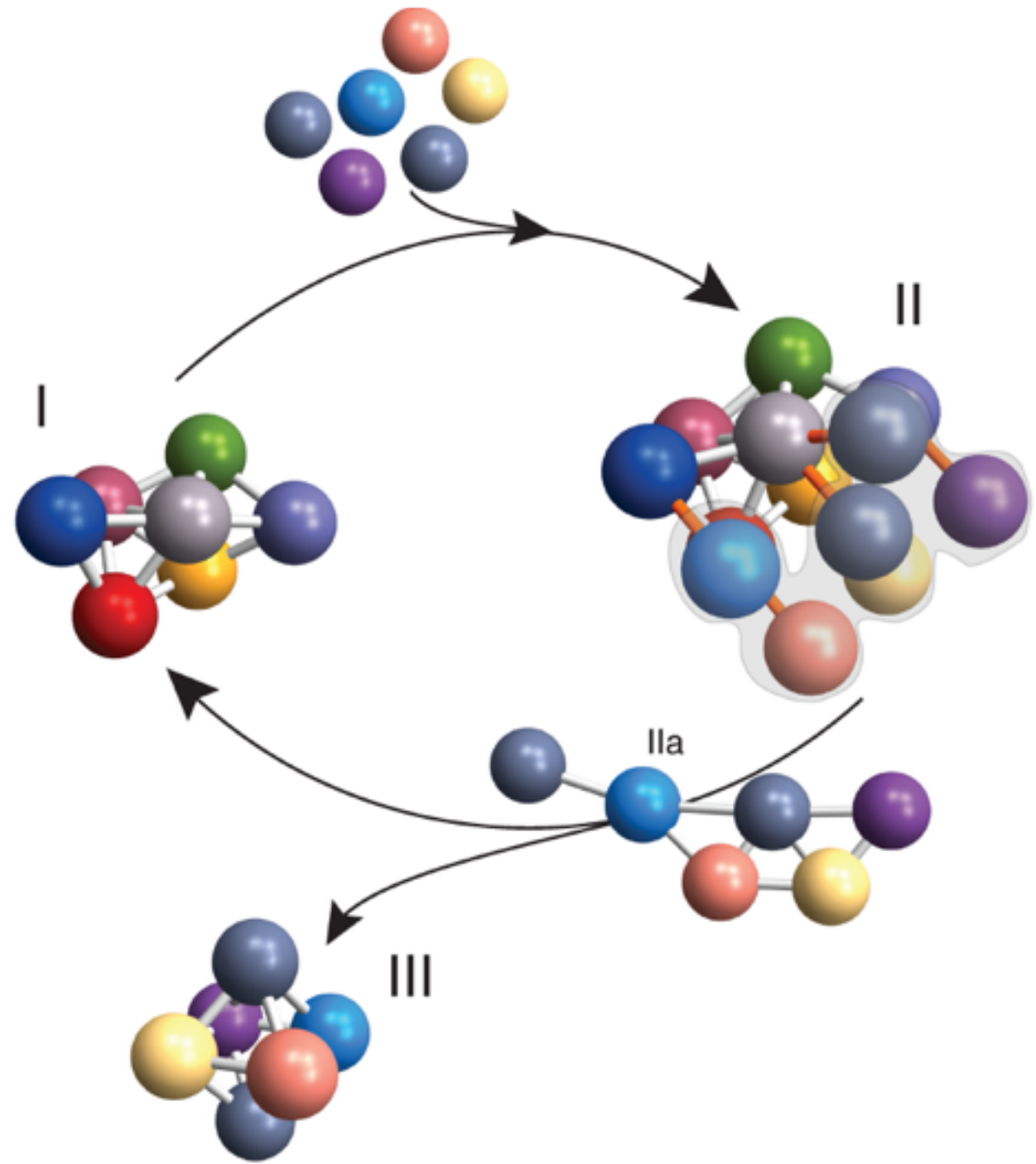
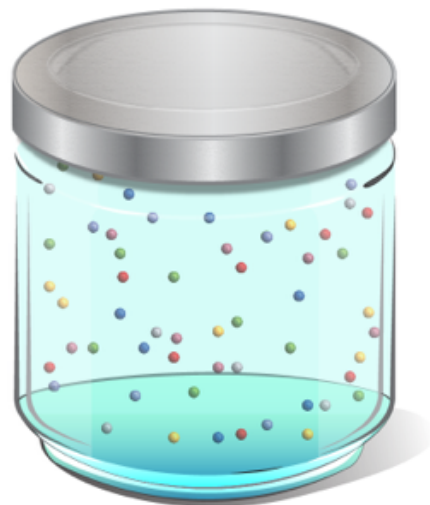


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blueprint



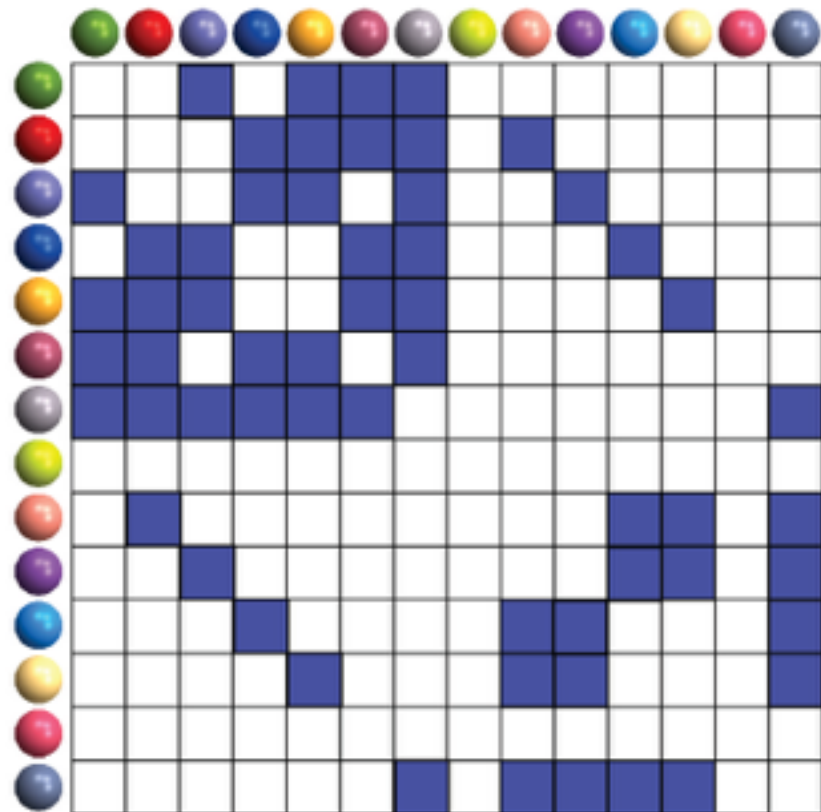
very diluted system  
filled with  
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# Simulations: can we remember our structure?

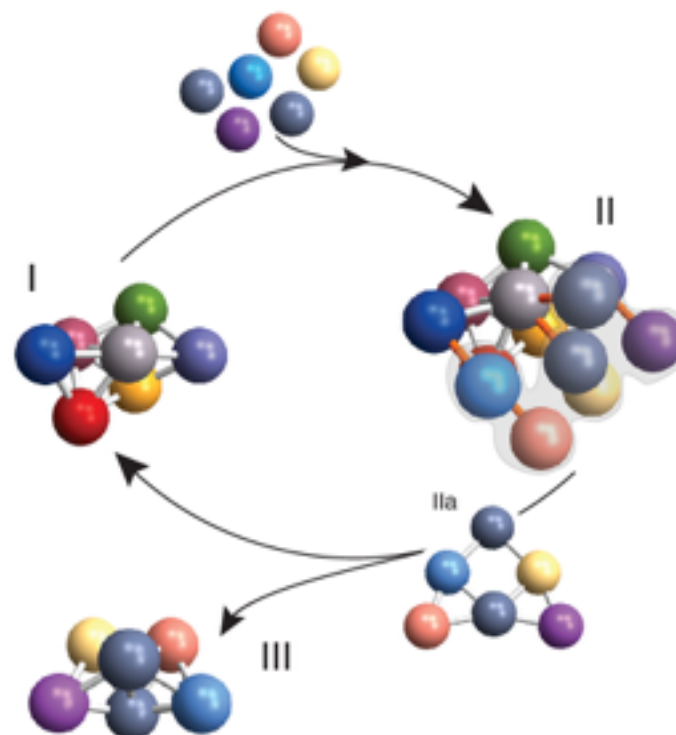
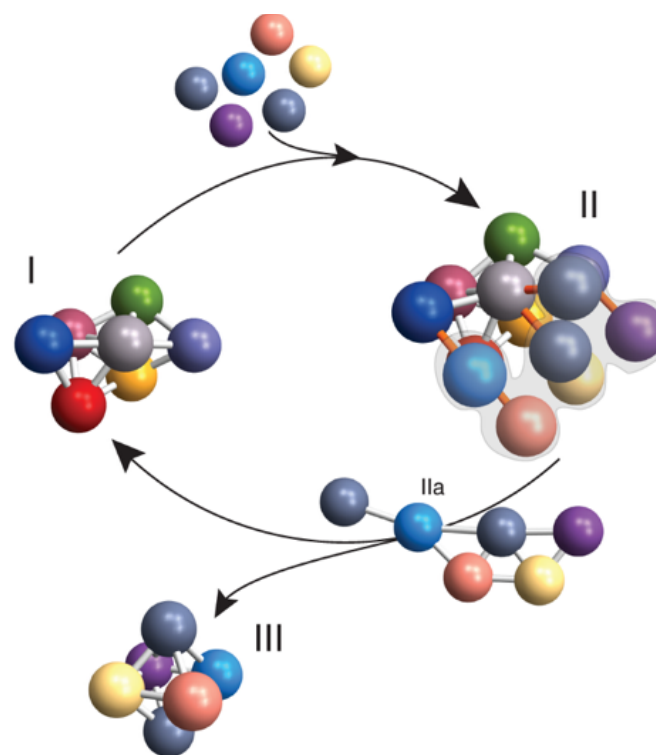
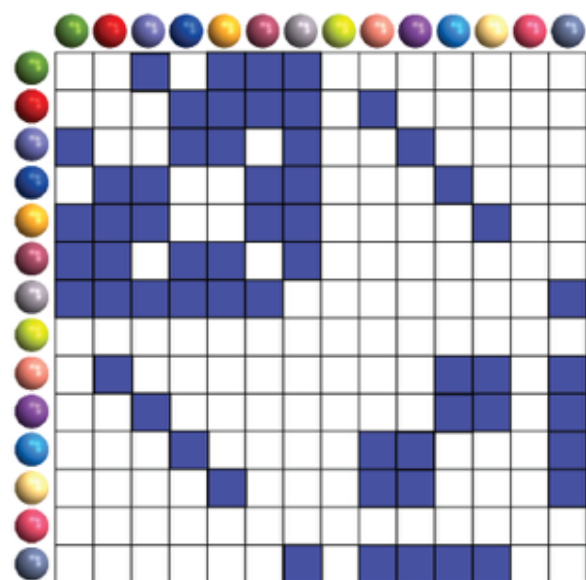
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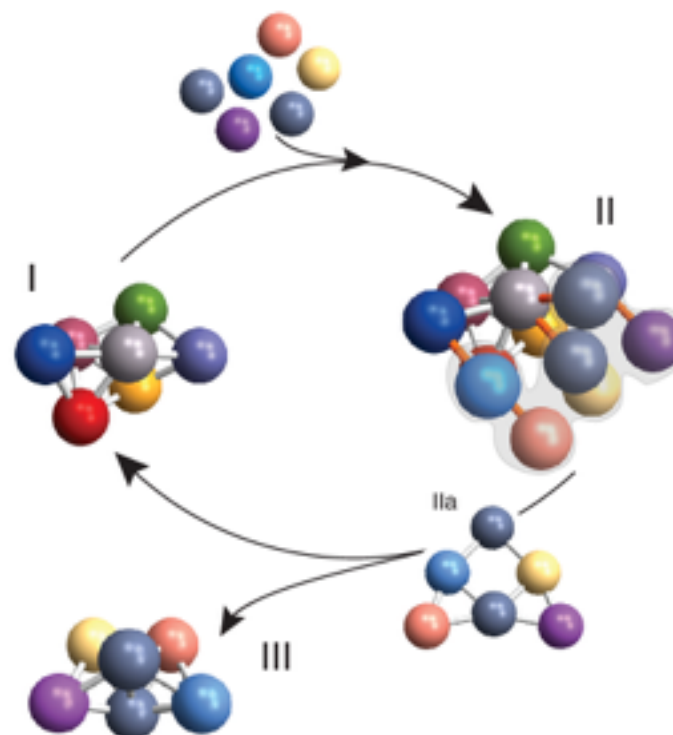
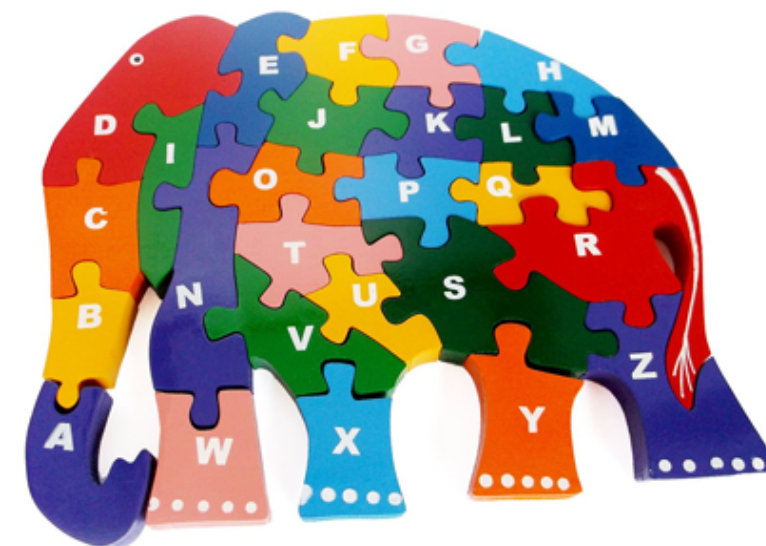
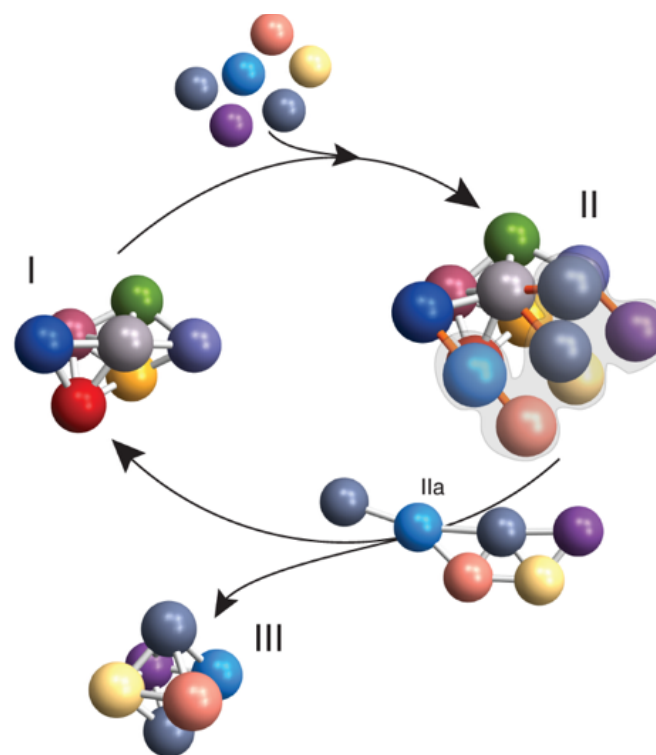
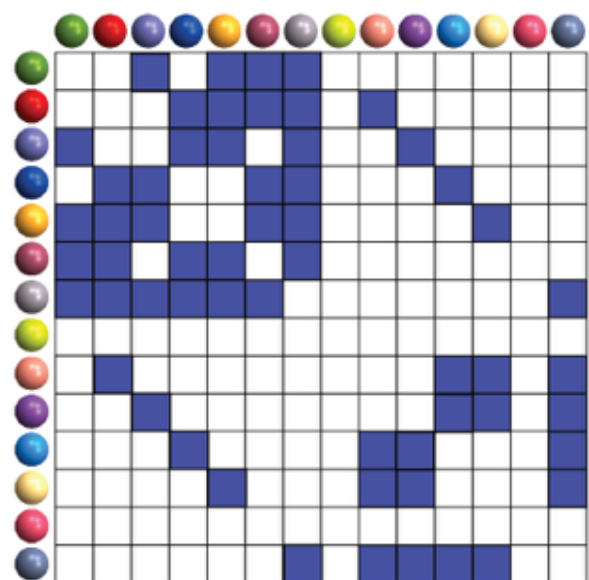
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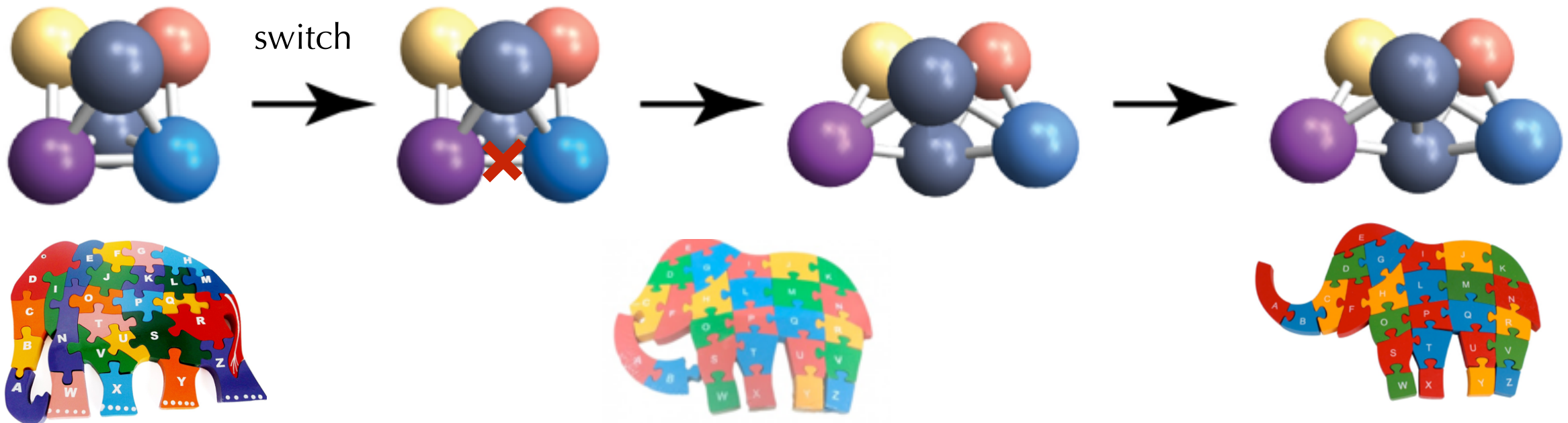
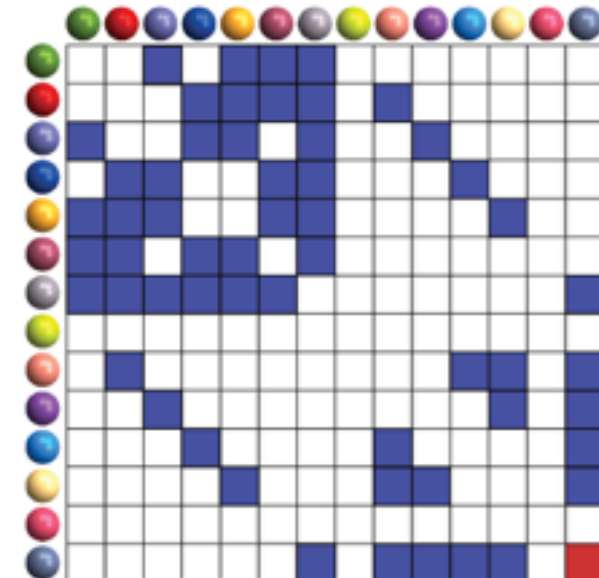
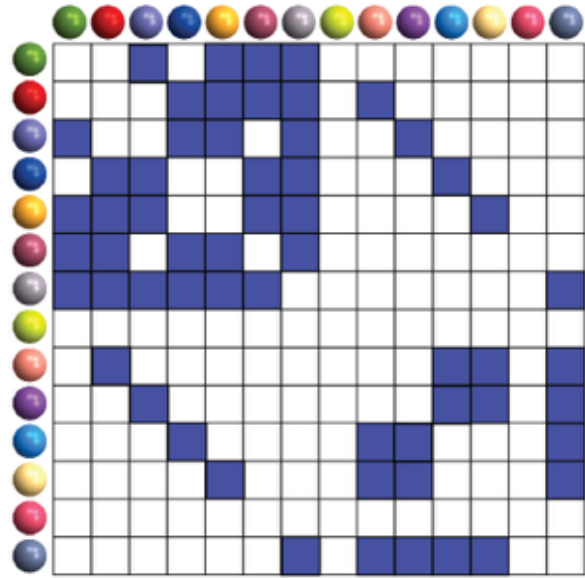


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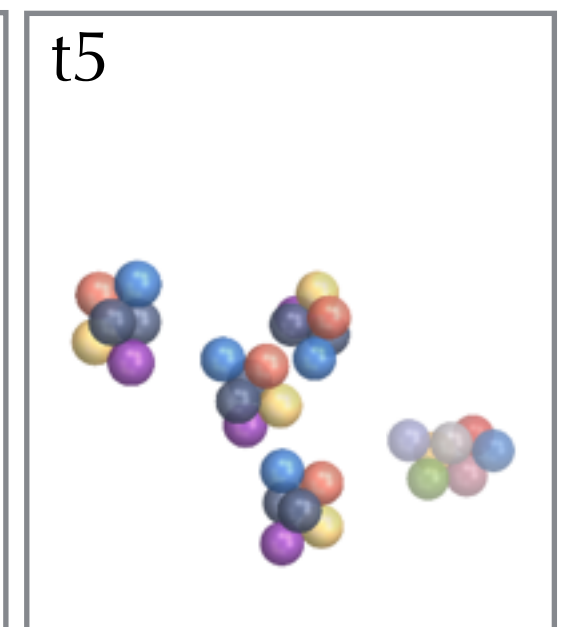
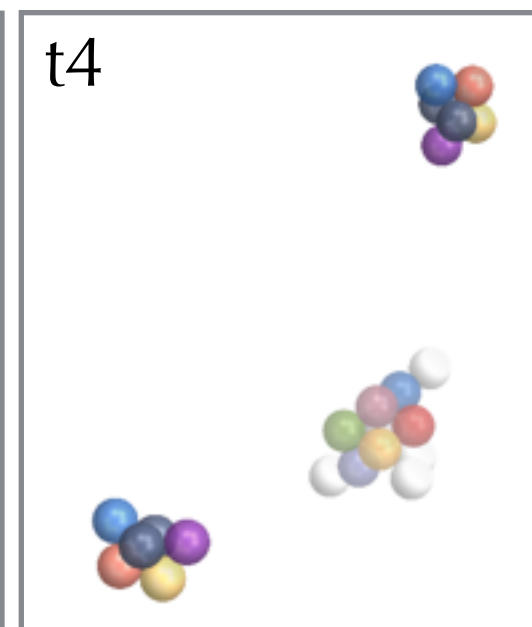
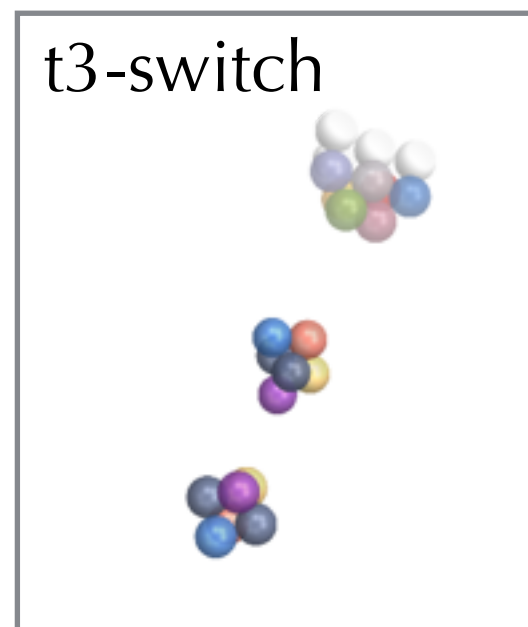
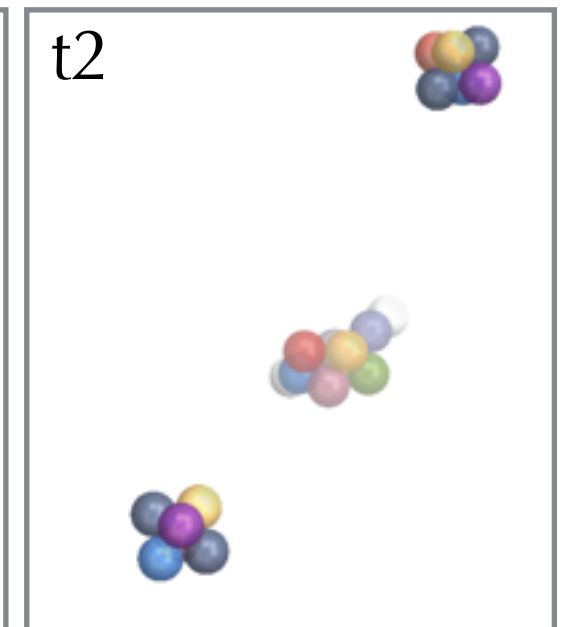
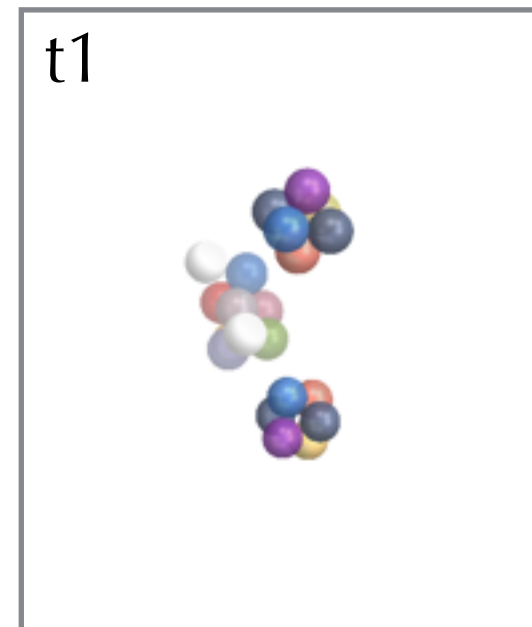
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# Simulations: from one memory to another

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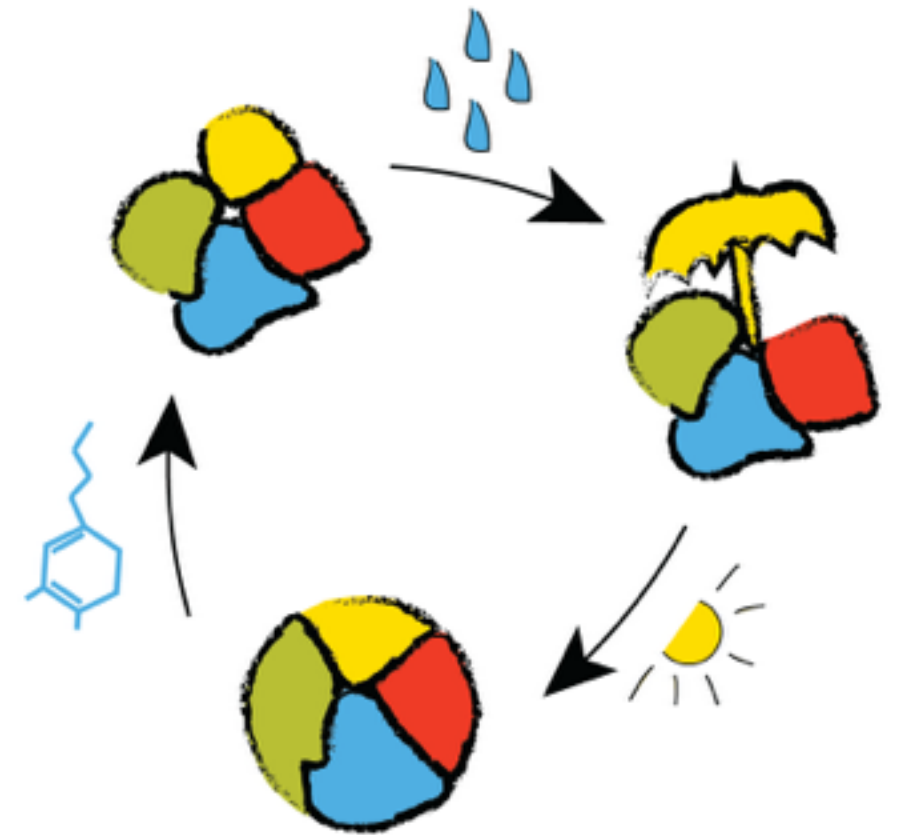


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**Use spontaneous assembly to make complex materials**

**Nature inspired design crucial**

**Realizable in experiment (almost)**



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