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Modern Techniques in Computational and Theoretical Chemistry

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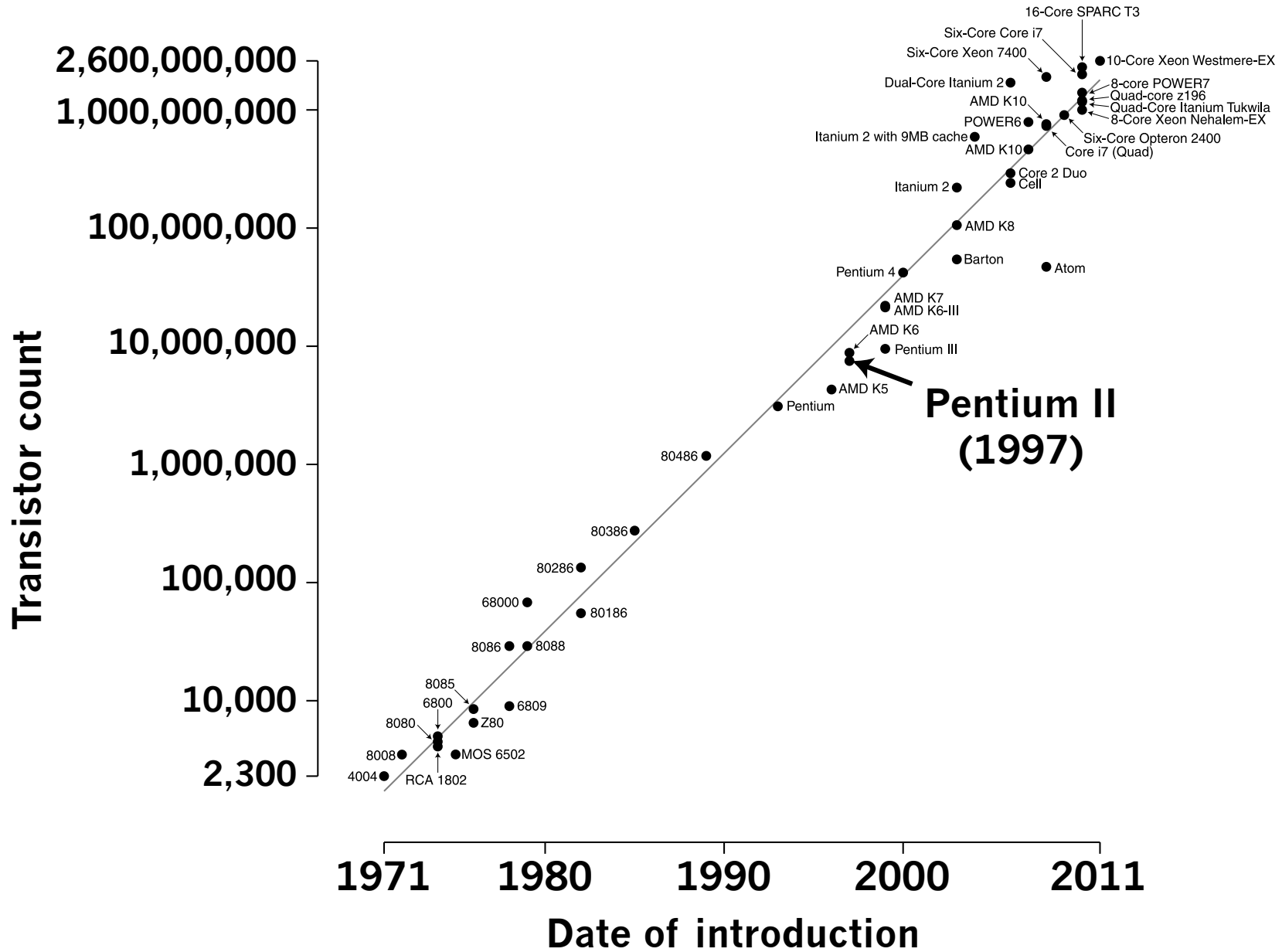
A vision for Computational Chemistry



"The underlying physical laws necessary for the mathematical theory [...] of chemistry are thus completely known,[...]. *It therefore becomes desirable that approximate practical methods of applying quantum mechanics should be developed [...].*

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Moore's law



High accuracy

$$1 \text{ cm}^{-1} = 0.0029 \text{ kcal mol}^{-1} = 0.00012 \text{ eV}$$

Water, vibrational band origins

MRCI extrapolated to the complete basis set plus core correlation, relativistic effects, Lamb shift, and Born–Oppenheimer corrections

Polyansky *et al. Science* **299**, 539 (2003)

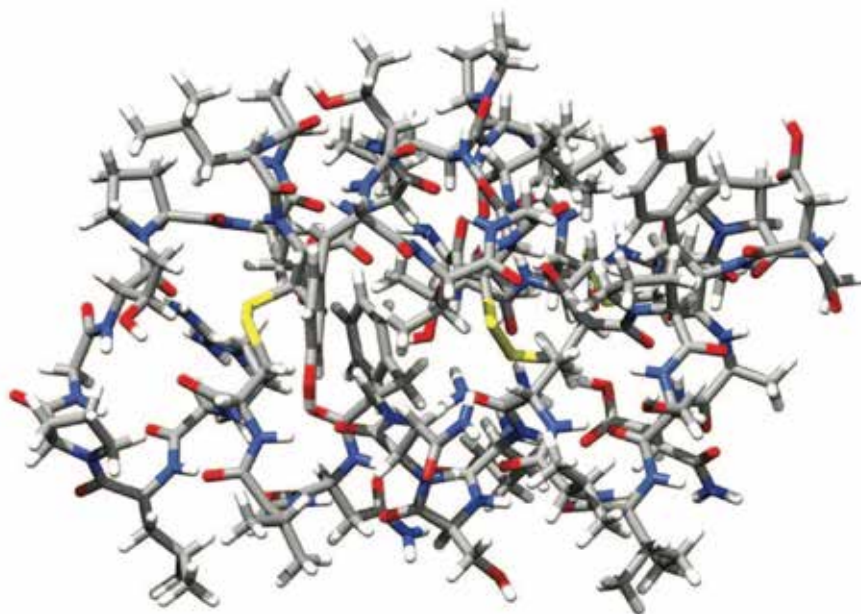
State	Observed (cm ⁻¹)	Error (cm ⁻¹)
(010)	1,594.74	-0.32
(020)	3,151.63	-0.56
(030)	4,666.78	-0.78
(040)	6,134.01	-1.06
(050)	7,542.43	-1.41
(101)	7,249.81	0.60
(201)	10,613.35	1.23
All		1.90

Large molecules

Crambin DLPNO-CCSD(T)

644 atoms, 1818 correlated electrons

Riplinger *et al. J. Chem. Phys.* **139**, 134101 (2013)



Course info

- Lectures:
 - Power Point and whiteboard (take notes)
 - Interactive learning (get used to the idea of asking and be asked to answer questions)
 - Quizzes
 - End of class assessment
- Problems sets (which will contain programming projects)
- Programming Projects
 - Learn Python by completing the Python tutorial <http://www.codecademy.com/tracks/python>
 - Harmonic vibrational frequencies
 - Hartree–Fock theory
- Computational project
 - Download a copy of Orca from <http://cec.mpg.de/forum/>
 - Pick a project related to your research area
 - Geometry optimization, transition states, and vibrational analysis
 - Vibrational energy levels and excited states
- Get a copy of the syllabus

Python

- Get started today! Download python (www.python.org)
- From a linux, mac terminal
<http://docs.python.org/2/tutorial/interpreter.html>
- Windows terminal
<http://docs.python.org/2/faq/windows>
- Codecademy Tutorial
- Day 1
 - 1. Python Syntax
 - 2. Tip Calculator
 - 3. Strings & Console Output
- Day 2
 - 5. Conditionals & Control Flow
 - 7. Functions
 - 9. Lists & Dictionaries
- Day 3
 - 12. Lists and Functions
 - 14. Loops
- Day 4
 - 17. Advanced Topics in Python
 - 21. File Input/Output

Exponentiation

Excellent!

But all that math can be done on a calculator, so why use Python? Because you can combine math with other data types (e.g. **booleans**) and commands to create useful programs. Calculators just stick to numbers!

Now let's work with exponents.

You can calculate the 2 to the power of 3 (2^3) like this:

```
2 ** 3 # 8
```

Instructions

Use exponents to set `eggs` equal to `100`. You can use any two numbers that will do this.

[Stuck? Get a hint!](#)

script.py

```
1 #Set eggs equal to 100 using exponentiation on line 3!  
2  
3 eggs = 10 ** 2  
4  
5 print eggs
```

```
100  
None
```

Way to go!

Start Next Lesson