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Physics 131

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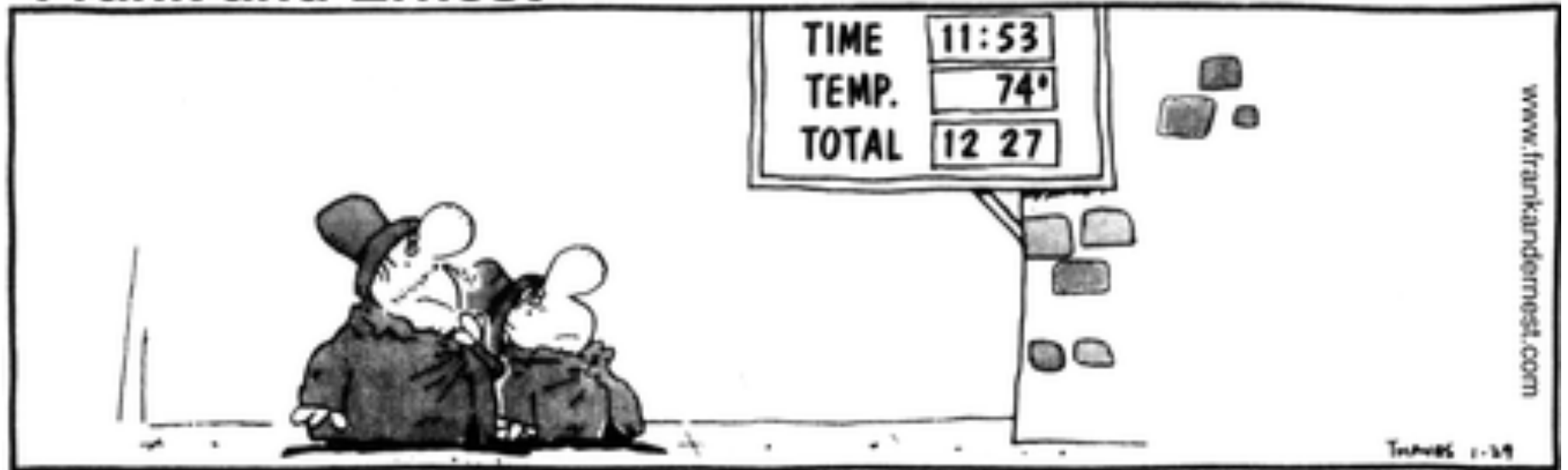
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The Equation of the Day

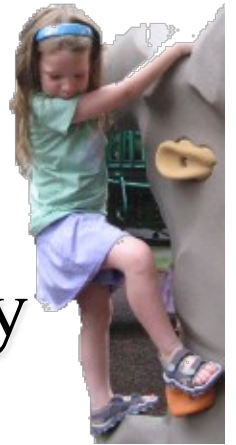
Force from potential energy

$$F = -\frac{dU}{dx}$$

$$\vec{F} = -\vec{\nabla}U$$



Foothold ideas: Forces from PE



- For conservative forces, PE can be defined by

$$\vec{F} \cdot \Delta\vec{r} = -\Delta U$$

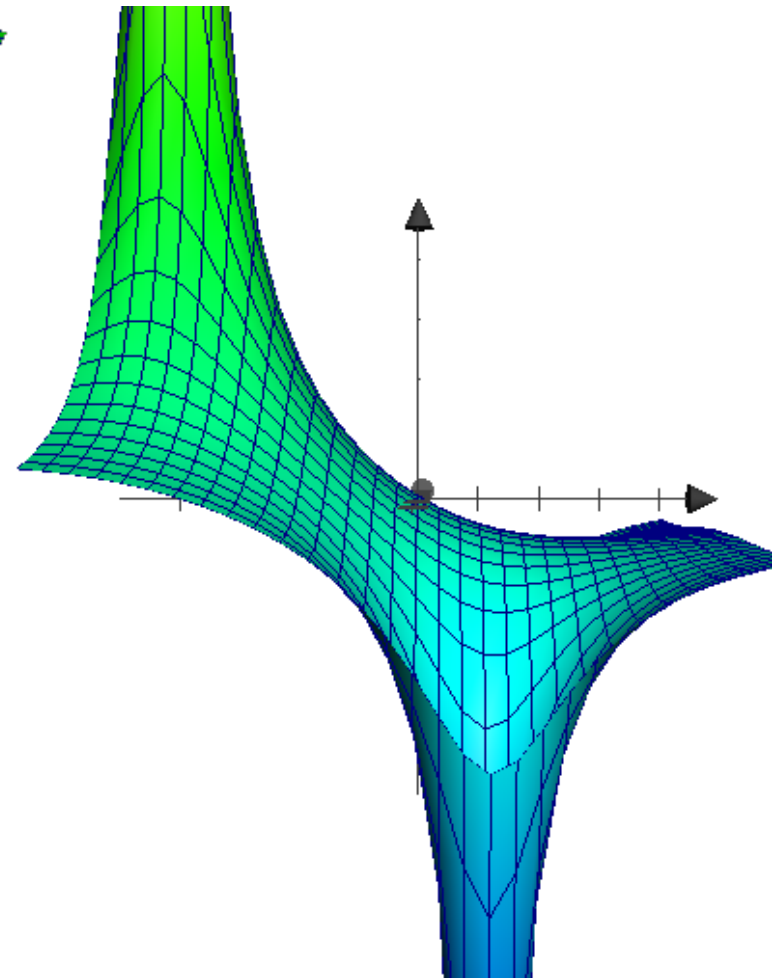
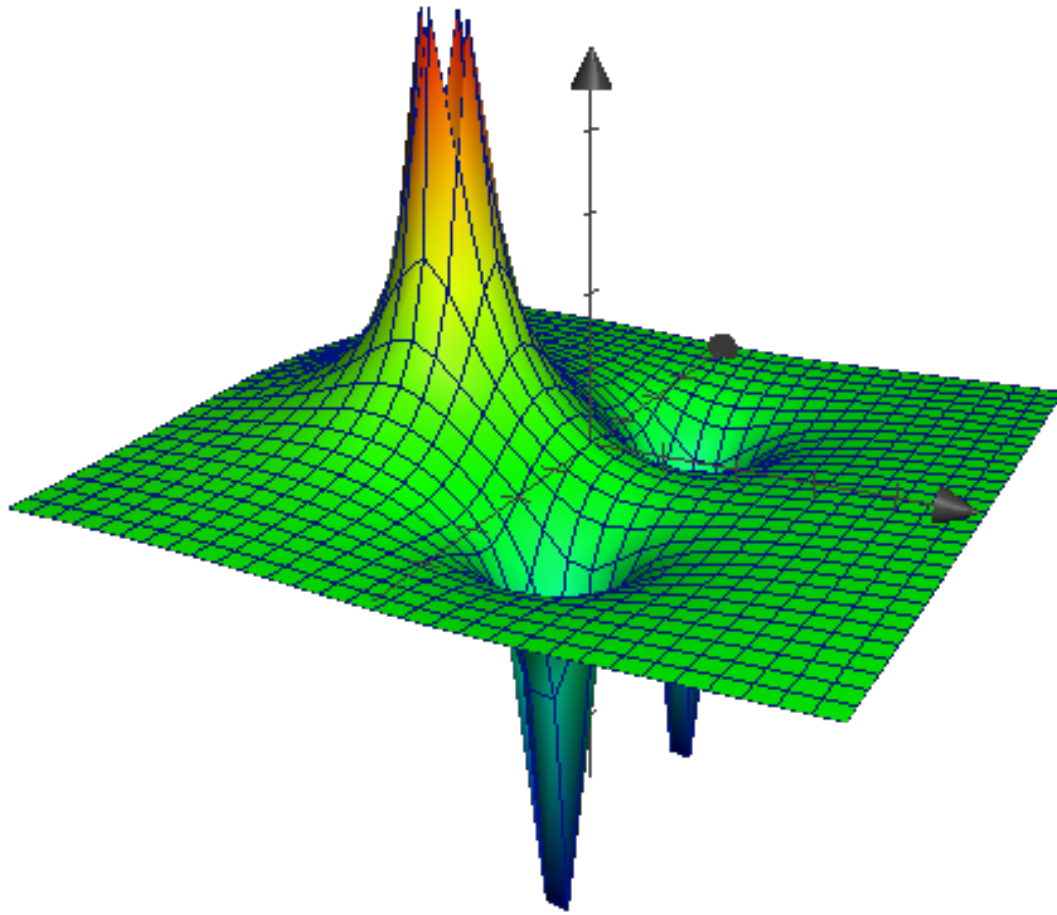
- If you know U , the force can be gotten from it via

$$F_{\parallel}^{type} = -\frac{\Delta U_{type}}{\Delta r} = -\frac{dU_{type}}{dr}$$

- In more than 1D need to use the *gradient*

$$\vec{F}^{type} = -\left(\frac{\partial U_{type}}{\partial x} \hat{i} + \frac{\partial U_{type}}{\partial y} \hat{j} + \frac{\partial U_{type}}{\partial z} \hat{k} \right) = -\vec{\nabla} U_{type}$$

- The force always points down the PE hill.



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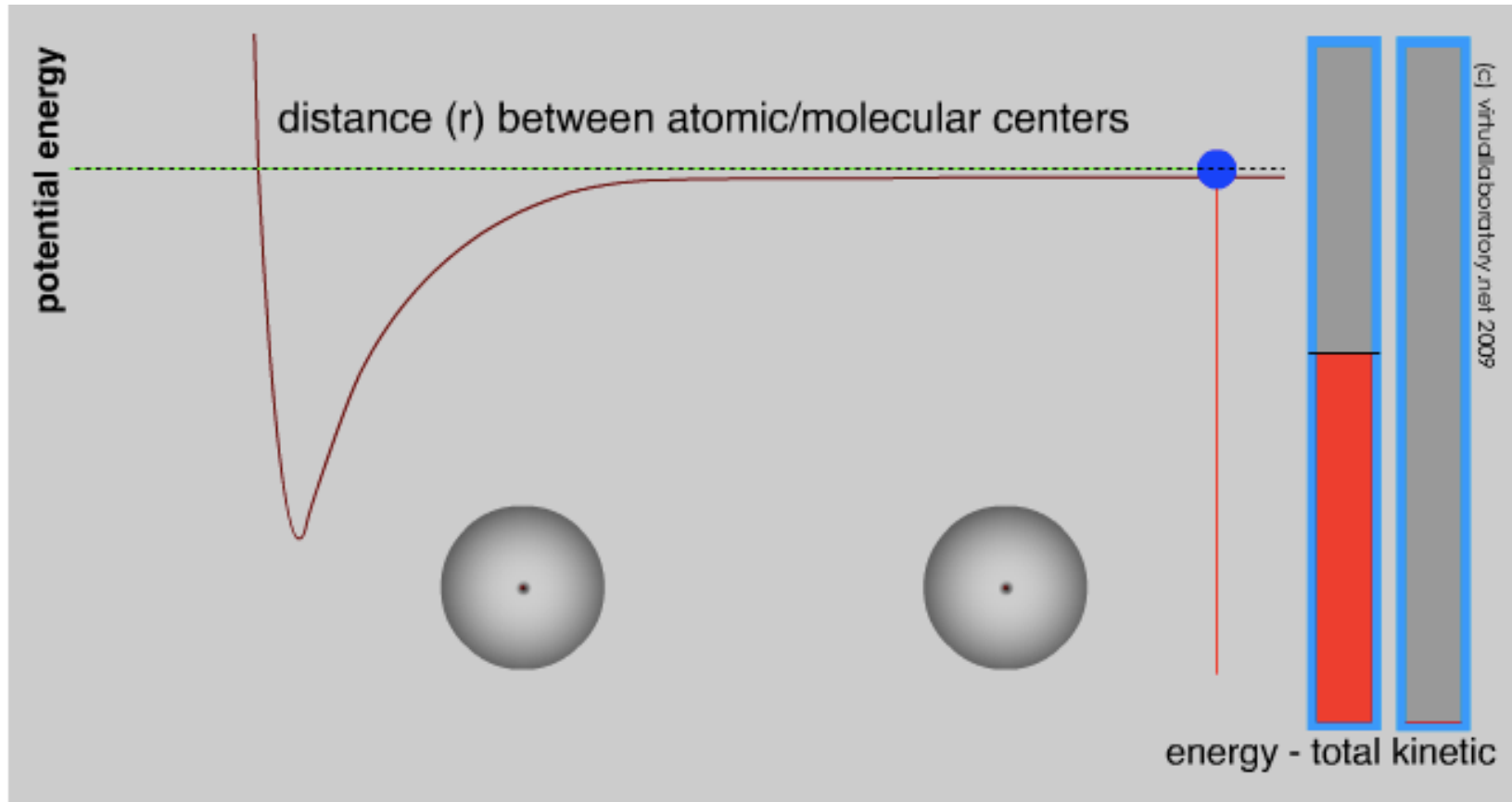
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Moving to molecules



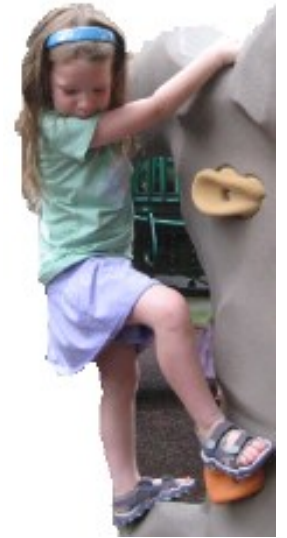
- Apply our Newtonian framework and results to atoms and molecules.
- See what goes over directly, what we have to add.
- Can we integrate what we know about atoms and molecules from chemistry with the physics we have learned?

Molecular forces

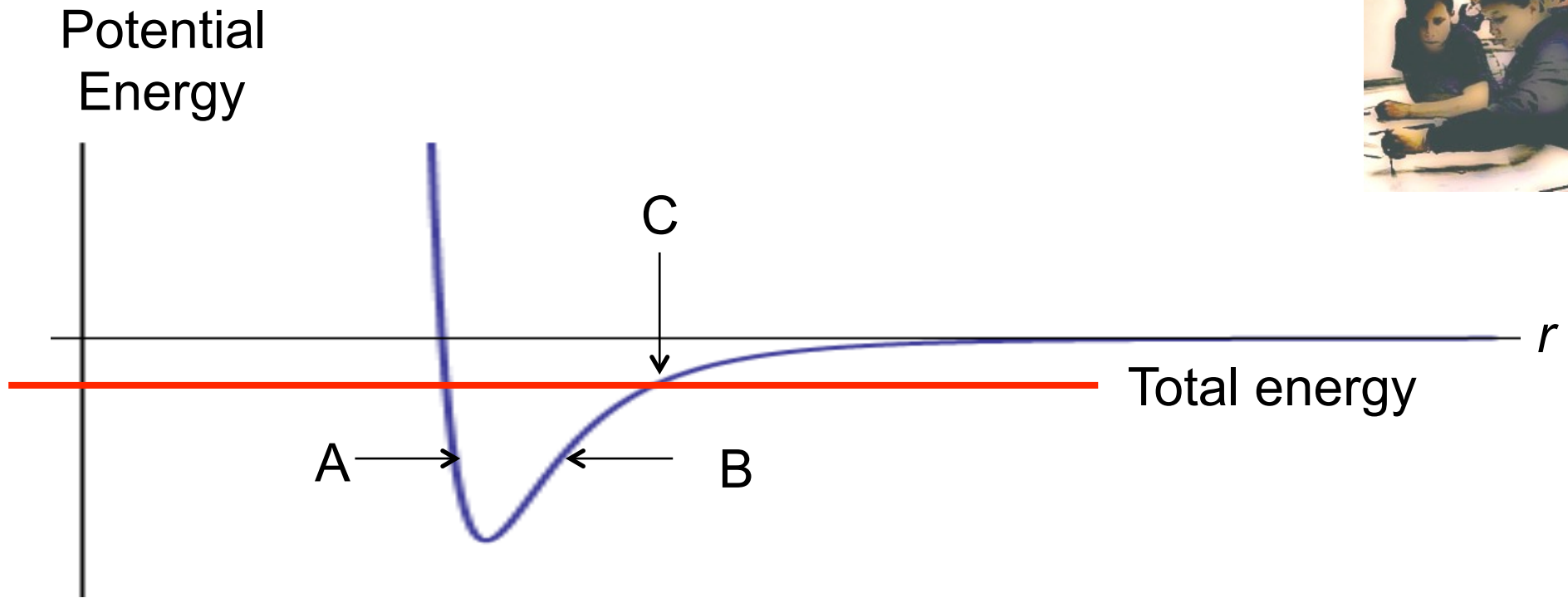


<http://besocratic.colorado.edu/CLUE-Chemistry/activities/LondonDispersionForce/1.2-interactions-0.html>

Foothold ideas: Bound states



- When two objects attract, they may form a *bound state* – that is, they may stick together.
- If you have to do positive work to pull them apart in order to get to a separated state with $KE = 0$, then the original state was in a state with negative energy.



What is the **velocity** and **force** at point A,B,C Consider both magnitude and direction! (Draw a diagram in your notes and put arrows to indicate the directions.)