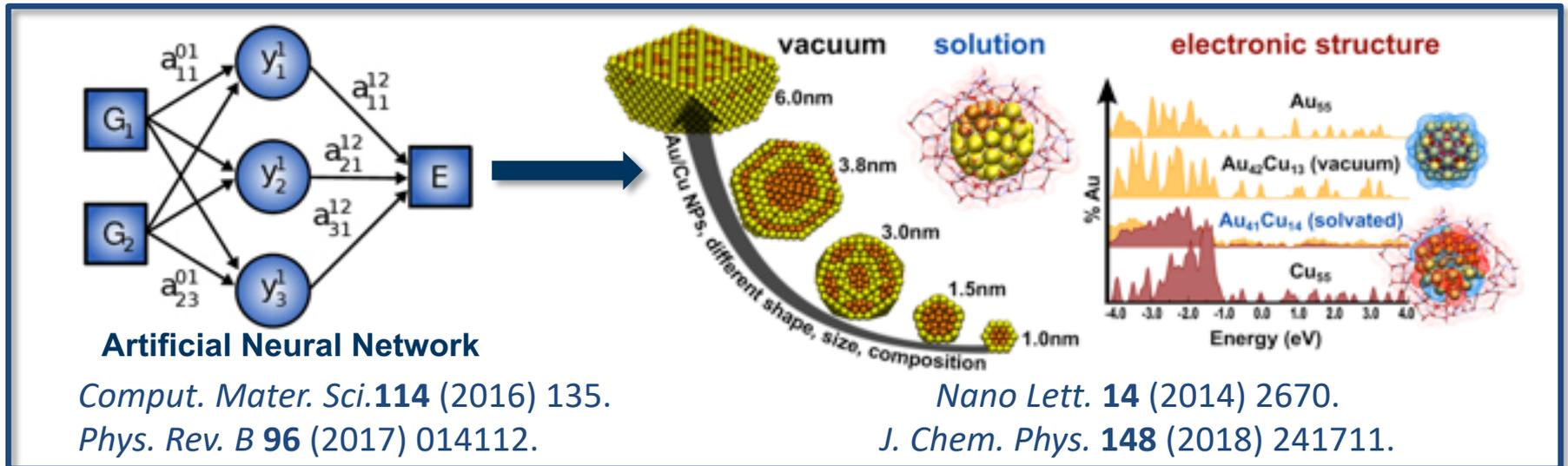


Development of Efficient and Accurate MLPs for the Simulations of Complex Materials

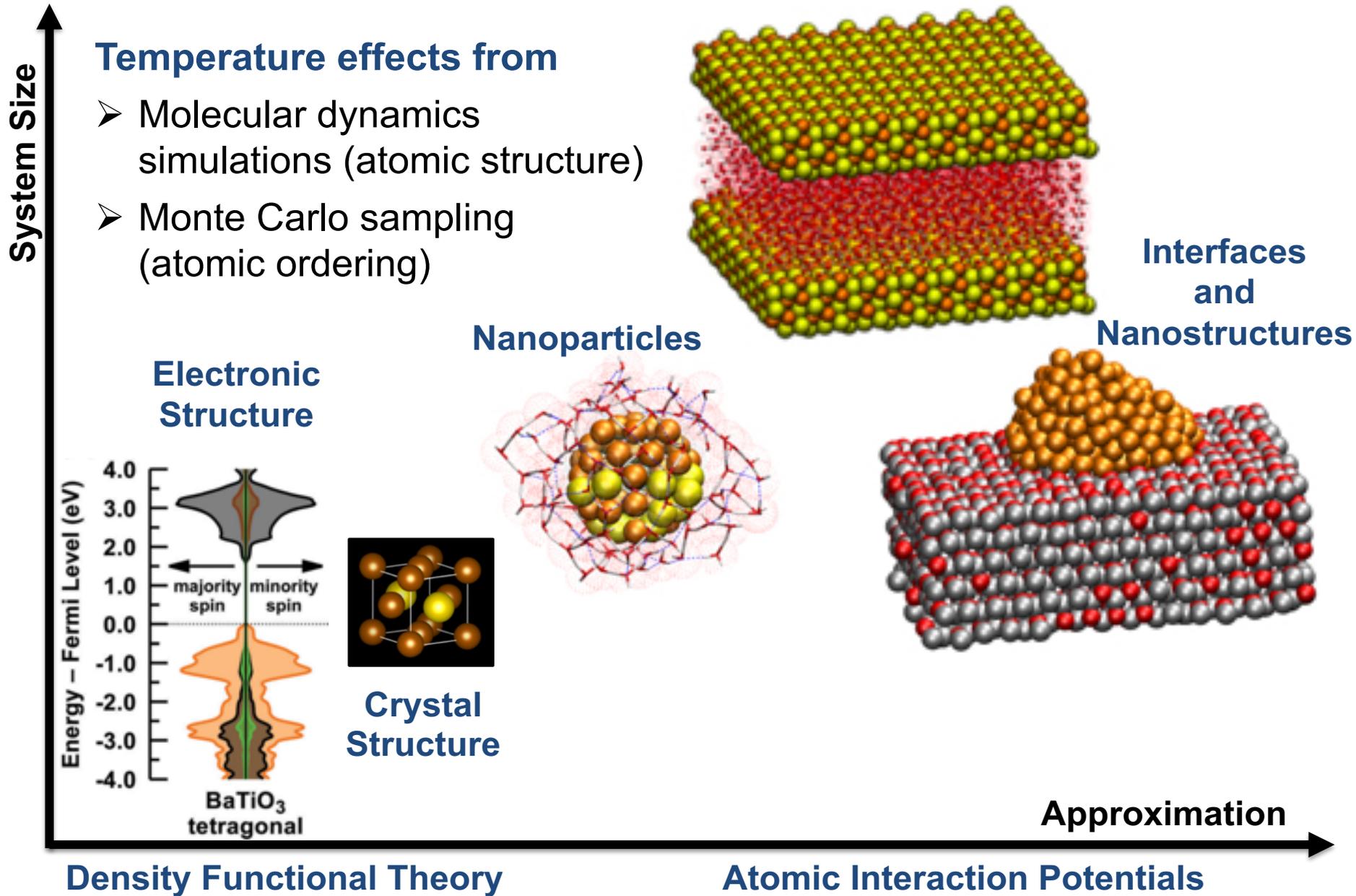


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Computational Methods and Length Scales



Complex Systems: Challenging for Simulation

Electrochemical Interfaces:

Necessary to describe

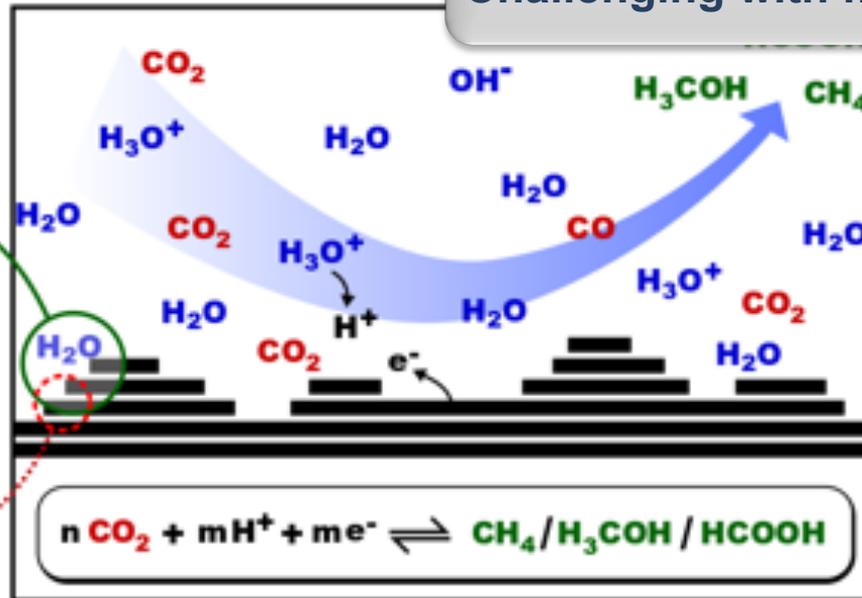
- ⇒ Breaking and making of bonds
- ⇒ Molecules in gas phase, liquids, solids, and interfaces
- ⇒ Non-ideal surfaces with various kinds of defects
- ⇒ Possibly solvent effects and effect of electric field

No Classical Molecular Potentials

Realistic length scales:
Challenging with first principles

Solid-Liquid Interface

Complex Interfaces



Potentials for Materials

- **Empirical Potentials:**

- ⊕ Efficient
- ⊖ Simple functional form / usually not reactive
- ⊖ Transferability problem

- ***Ab initio* (First Principle) MD Potentials:**

- ⊕ General + Predictive
- ⊕ Reactive \Rightarrow proton transfer (chemical reactions)
- ⊖ No unique combination of, e.g., xc functional + vdW correction
- ⊖ Computationally demanding

Accelerating Simulations with Machine Learning

State of atomistic simulations

- First-principles methods to compute accurate energies and atomic forces
 - accurate but computationally expensive
- Empirical atomic interaction potentials
 - computationally efficient but only reliable for specific applications

Can machine learning help?

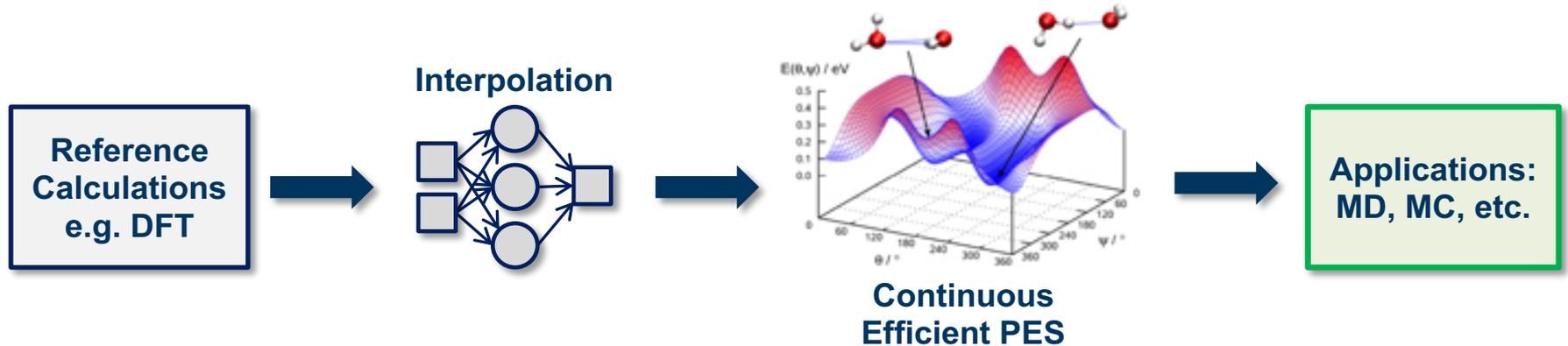
Idea: Train *efficient* machine-learning model to reproduce first-principles results

→ Need **descriptor** of atomic structure as input.

- Model for energy & forces: machine-learning potential
- All kind of structure-property relationships: classification, interpolation

Potentials for Materials

- Potentials Based on *Ab Initio* Calculations:



⊕ Accurate + Efficient

Reactive → depends on approach

- Our Approach:

- Artificial neural networks for interpolation

⇒ **Very accurate**

- Not based on many-body expansion of the PES, no bonds/angles need to be specified

⇒ **Reactive + Full-dimensional**

Machine-Learning Potentials:

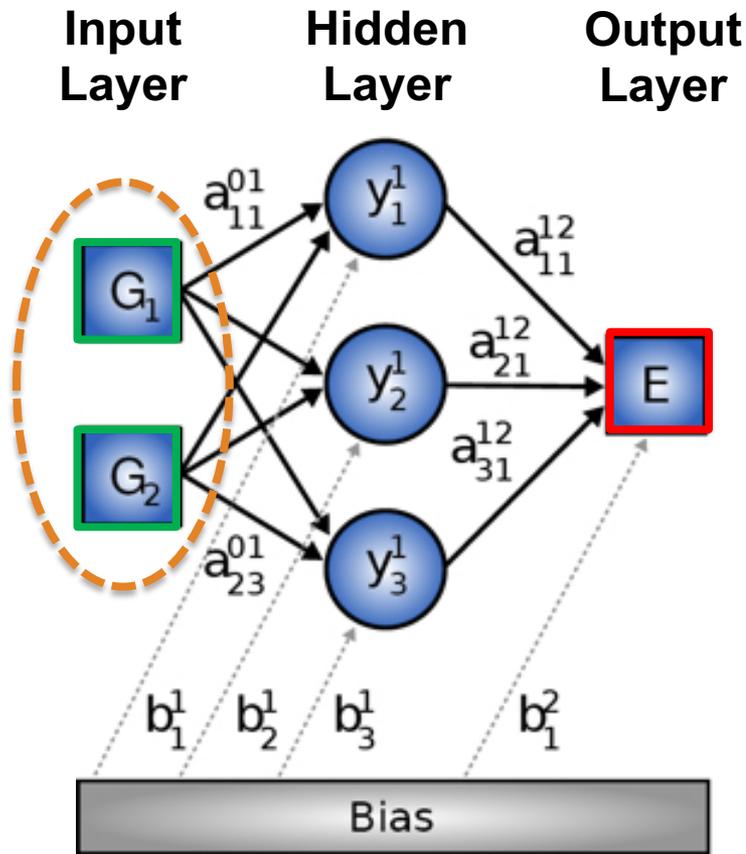
Direct application of ML to MC/MD simulations

Artificial Neural Networks for Regression

- ANNs can approximate arbitrary continuous functions
- *Universal Approximation Theorem*
 - G. Cybenko, *Math. Control Signals Syst.* **2** (1989) 303–314.
 - K. Hornik, *Neural Netw.* **4** (1991) 251–257.
 - B. Hanin (2017) *arXiv* 1708.02691.
- Ideal for the approximation of high-dimensional functions
- Our approach: Use ANNs to approximate the potential energy surface

Machine Learning for Atomic Structures

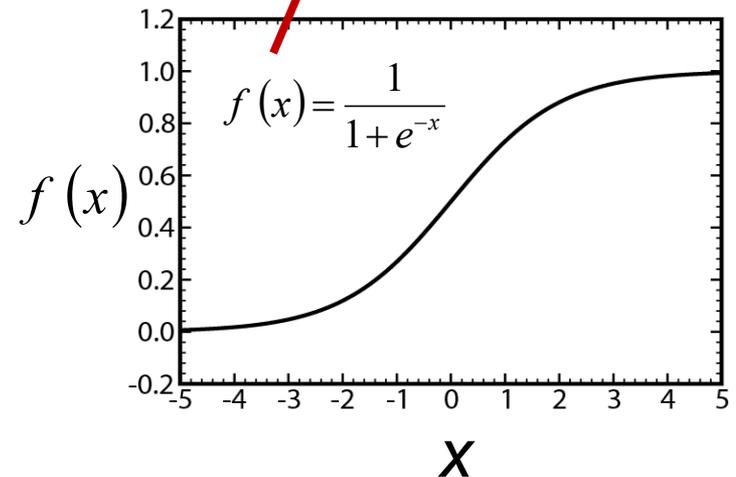
Small Example for a Feed-Forward Neural Network



Total Energy Expression

$$E = f_1^2 \left(b_1^2 + \sum_{j=1}^3 a_{j1}^{12} \cdot f_j^1 \left(b_j^1 + \sum_{i=1}^2 G_i \cdot a_{ij}^{01} \right) \right)$$

Activation Functions

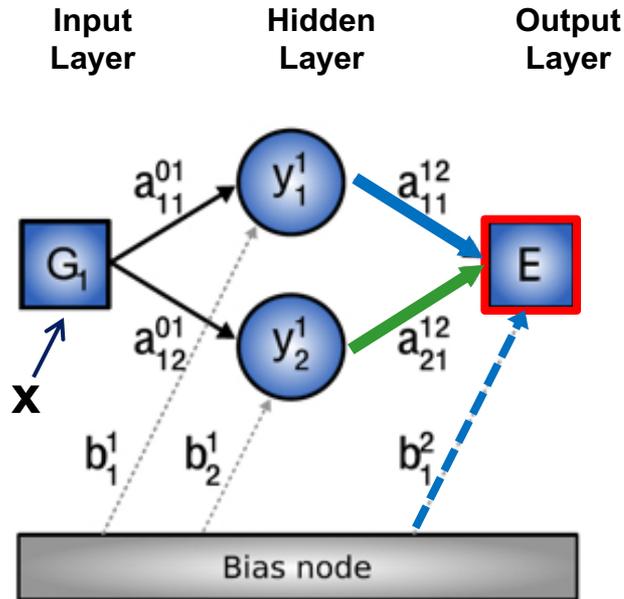


⇒ Can fit arbitrary functions

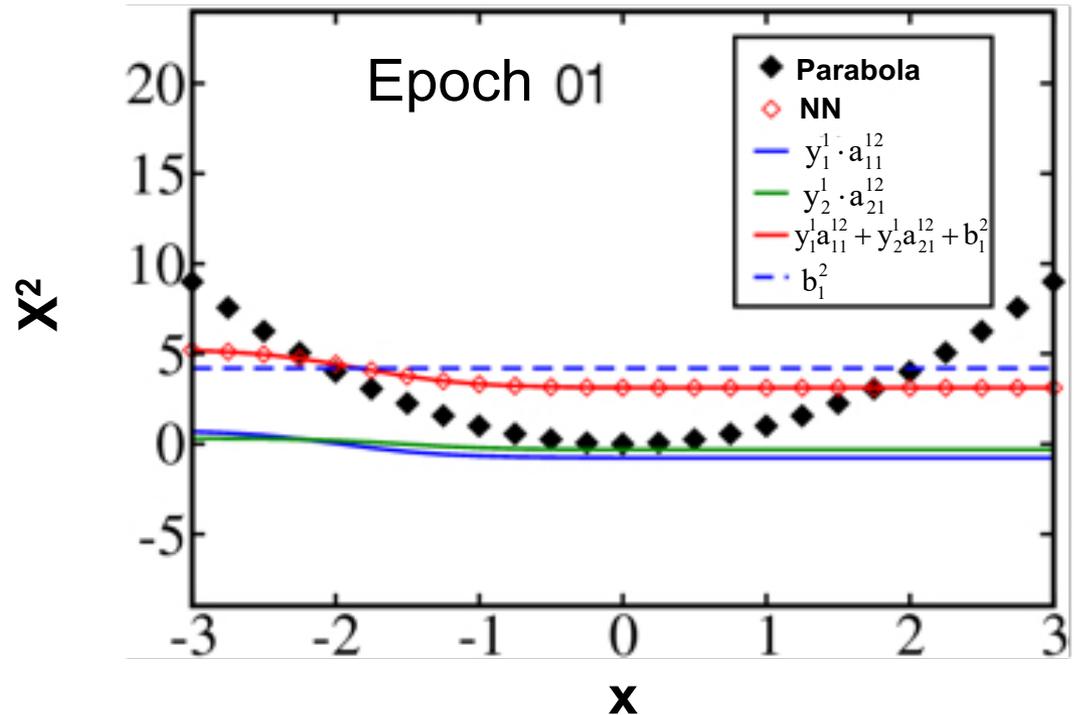
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 S. Lorenz, A. Groß, and M. Scheffler, *Chem. Phys. Lett.* 395 (2004) 210.

Standard Neural Network

Training the Neural Network:



Parabola: x^2



$$E_{NN} = a_{21}^{12} f^1(b_2^1 + G_1 \cdot a_{12}^{01}) + a_{11}^{12} f^1(b_1^1 + G_1 \cdot a_{11}^{01}) + b_1^2$$

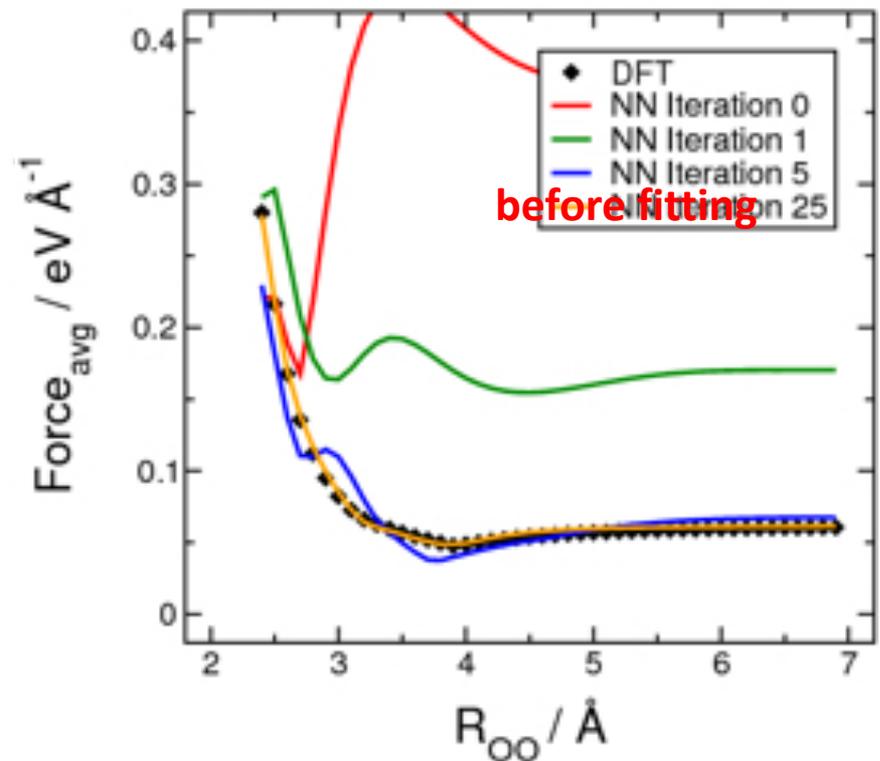
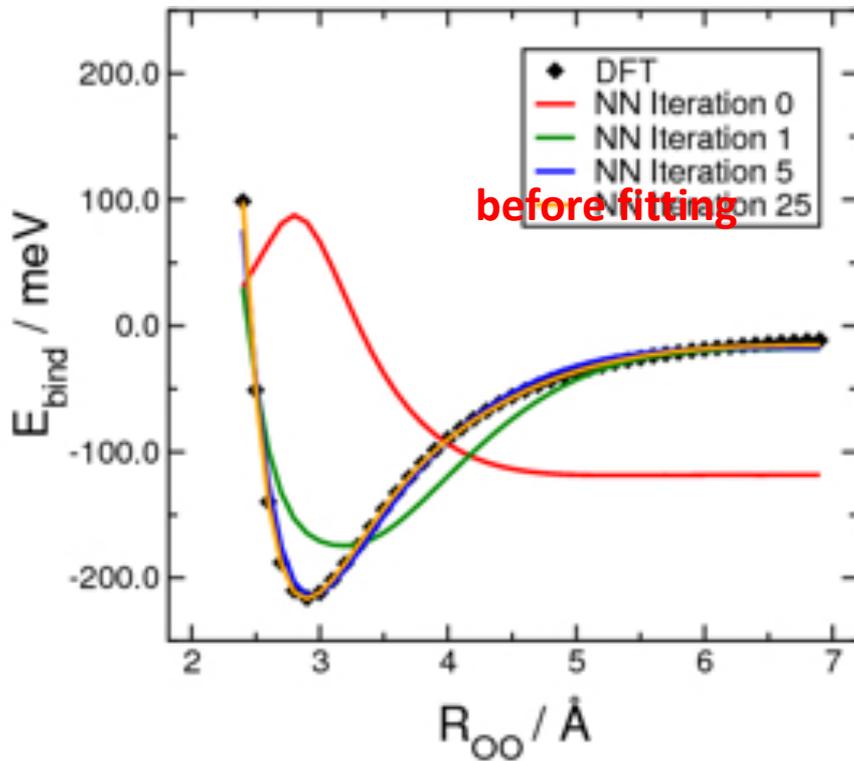
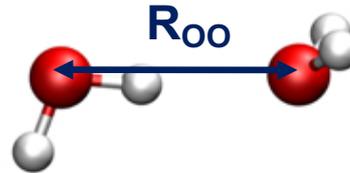
➤ The NN can learn the functional form of the PES

Training the Neural Network

- Minimize error function for energy (and forces)

- Example:

1D cut of water dimer PES



⇒ The NN can learn the functional form of the PES

Conventional ANNs are not Transferable

- ANNs have a fix input dimension
- If the input is atomic coordinates, the ANN can only be used for one specific number of atoms
- Hence, the ANNs are not transferable to atomic structures with different numbers of atoms

→ NOT a replacement for interatomic potentials

Conventional ANNs do not Exhibit Physical Invariants

- ANNs are not automatically invariant with respect to translation & rotation of the atomic structure
- ANNs are not invariant with respect to the exchange of two equivalent atoms

→ NOT a replacement for interatomic potentials

The Behler-Parrinello Approach: Invariant ANN Potentials

1. The total energy is the sum of atomic energies

$$E_{\text{tot}} = \sum_i^{\text{atoms}} E_i$$

2. ANNs represent the atomic energies E_i
3. The input for the ANNs are invariant representations of the local atomic environment

→ **Suitable replacement for interatomic potentials**

J. Behler, and M. Parrinello, *Phys. Rev. Lett.* 98, (2007) 146401.

Universal Atomic Energy Function

Decomposition of the total structural energy into atomic contributions

$$E(\sigma) = \sum_i^{\text{atoms}} E_i(\sigma)$$

Total energy of structure σ Energy of the i -th atom in structure σ

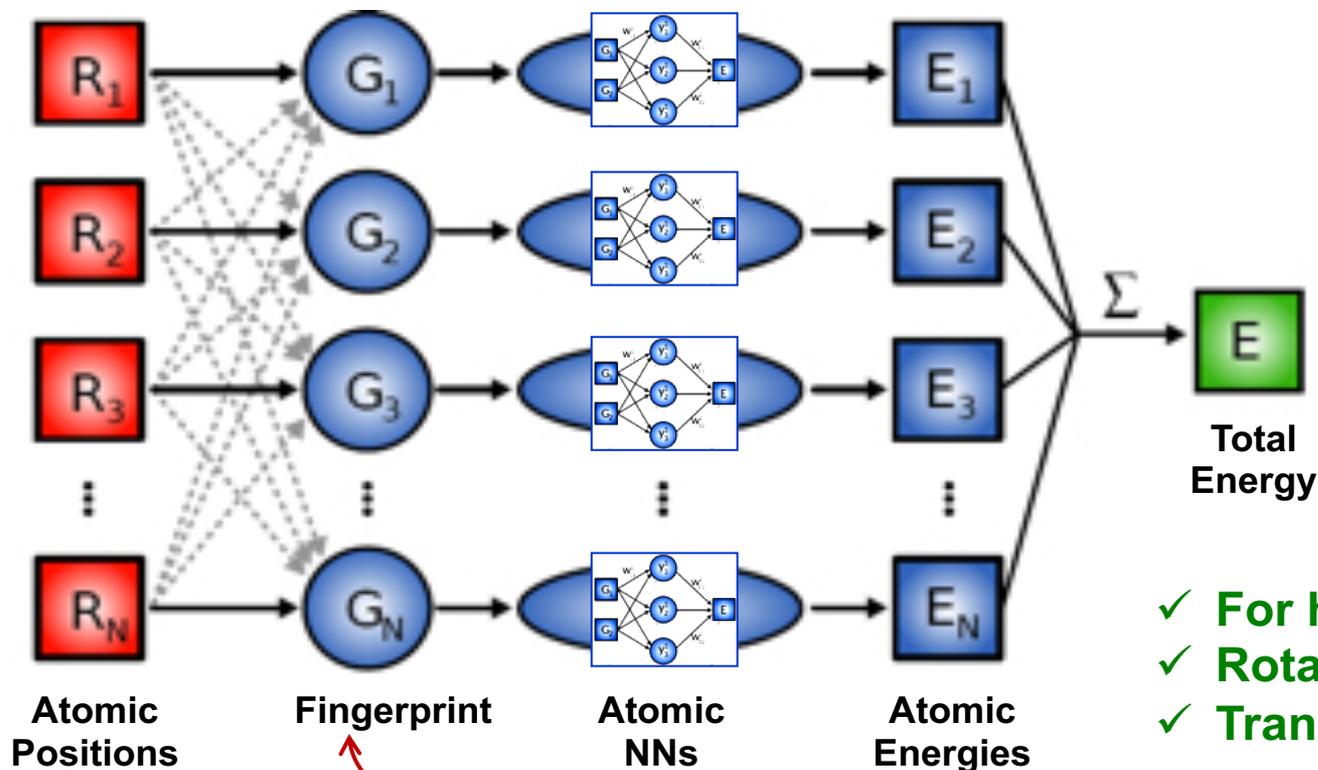
In embedded atom models (EAM) the atomic energy is

$$E_i(\sigma) = F_\alpha \left(\sum_{i \neq j} \rho_\beta(R_{ij}) \right) + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i \neq j} \phi_{\alpha\beta}(R_{ij})$$

Embedding function Contribution to charge density Pair potential

- Physically motivated functional form, but not flexible. No dependence on bond angles. The model is **not appropriate for every structure/chemical species**.
- **Use machine learning to determine universal atomic energy function**

High-Dimensional Neural Network



Set of many-body functions that describes the local environment of each atom "structural fingerprint": a radius of 6-8 Å

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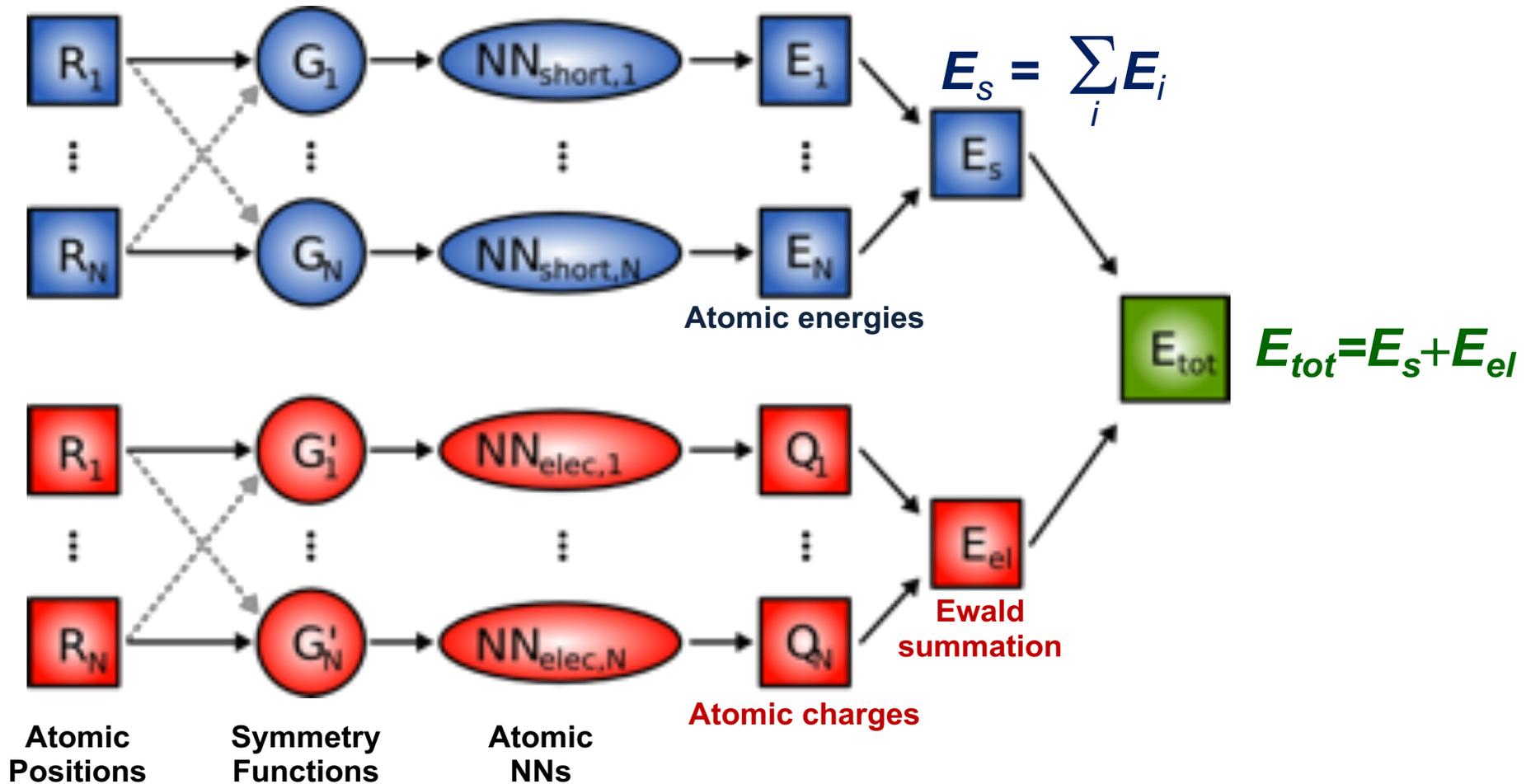
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Short-Range and Long-Range Energy

- In systems with multiple chemical species, electrostatic interactions may become important
- Electrostatic interactions are **long-ranged**
- Cannot (strictly) decompose the electrostatic energy into atomic contributions
- However, the charge can be calculated
→ no unique way, but consistent recipes
- **Train a separate high-dimensional ANN for the atomic charges**

Extension to Multicomponent Systems

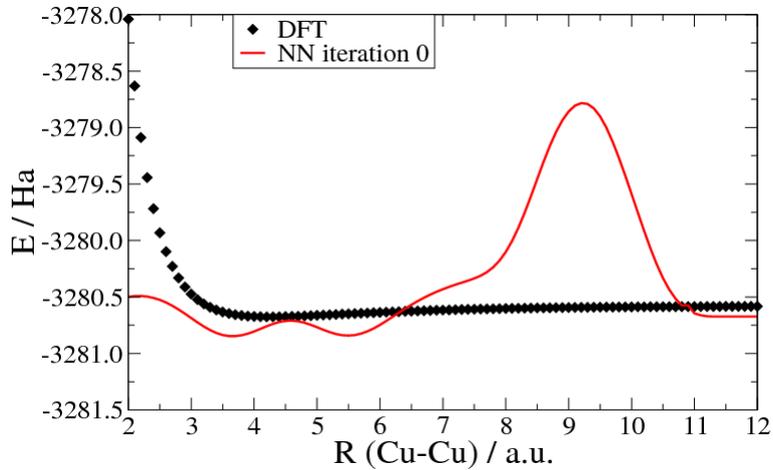


Extension to Multicomponent Systems

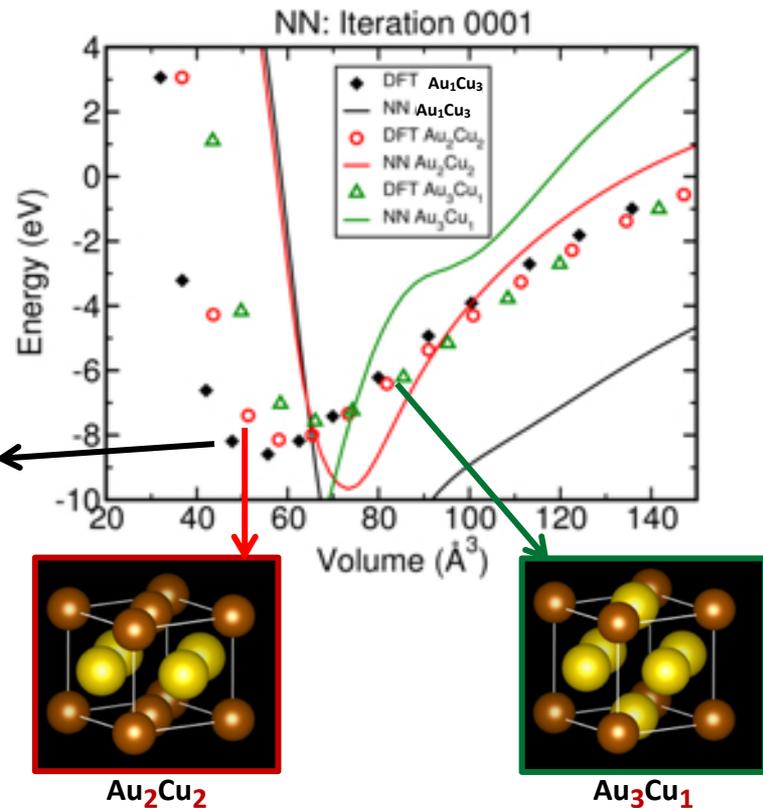
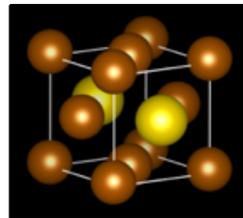
- In practice: electrostatic interactions are screened in condensed phases
- **Slightly longer-ranged potentials can often capture the effective electrostatic interactions (e.g., using 8 - 15 Å instead of 6 Å)**
- Confirmed for many different oxide materials

Neural Network Fitting

Example: Copper Dimer

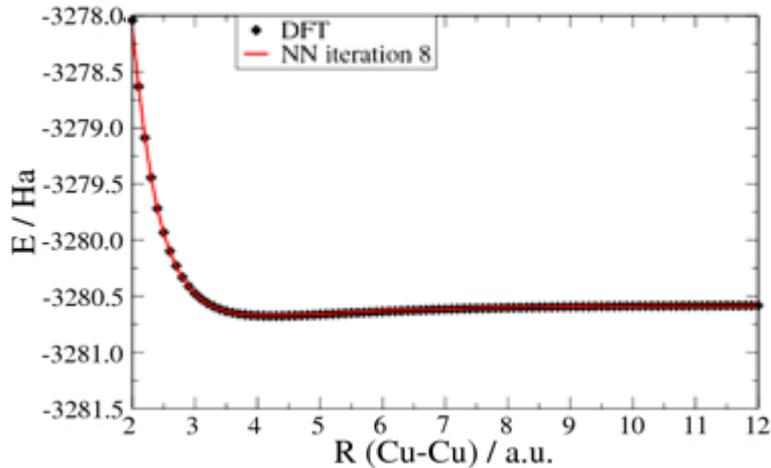


“Before fitting”
Random parameters

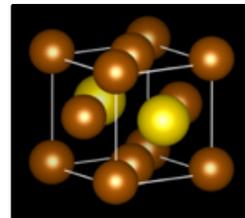
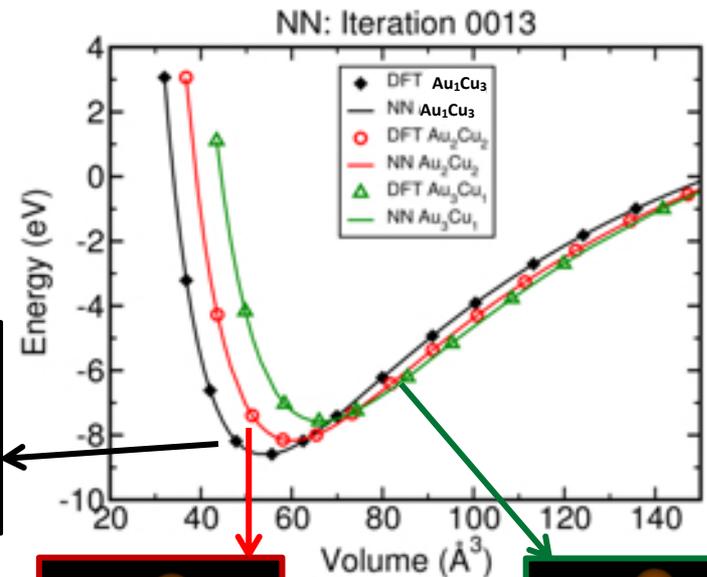


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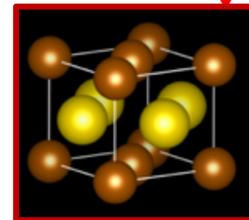
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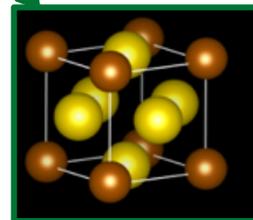
High-Dimensional: Au_xCu_y Crystal Structures



Au_1Cu_3



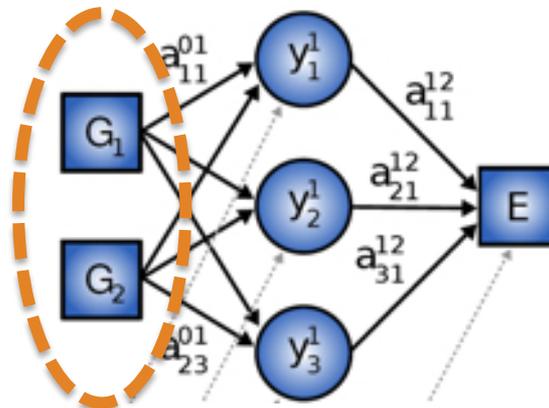
Au_2Cu_2



Au_3Cu_1

⇒ **Conclusion:**
NNs can establish a functional relationship between the structure and its energy

Descriptors of the Local Structural Environment



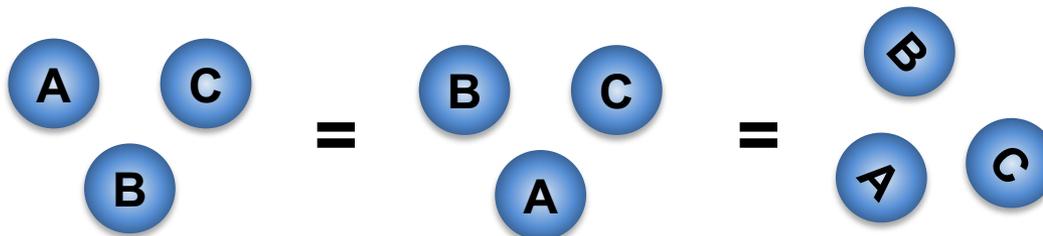
Properties of the Atomic Energy

$$E(\sigma) = \sum_i^{\text{atoms}} E_i(\sigma)$$

Like the structural energy, the atomic energy is invariant with respect to

- Exchange of equivalent atoms (order of counting) and
- Translation/rotation of the entire structure.

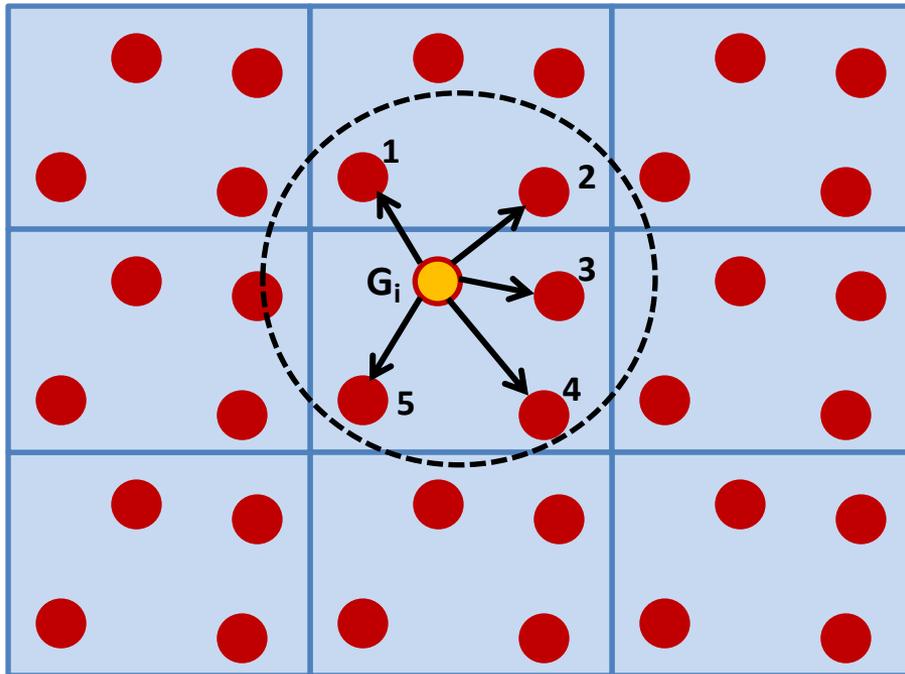
Any (machine-learning) model must obey these invariants.



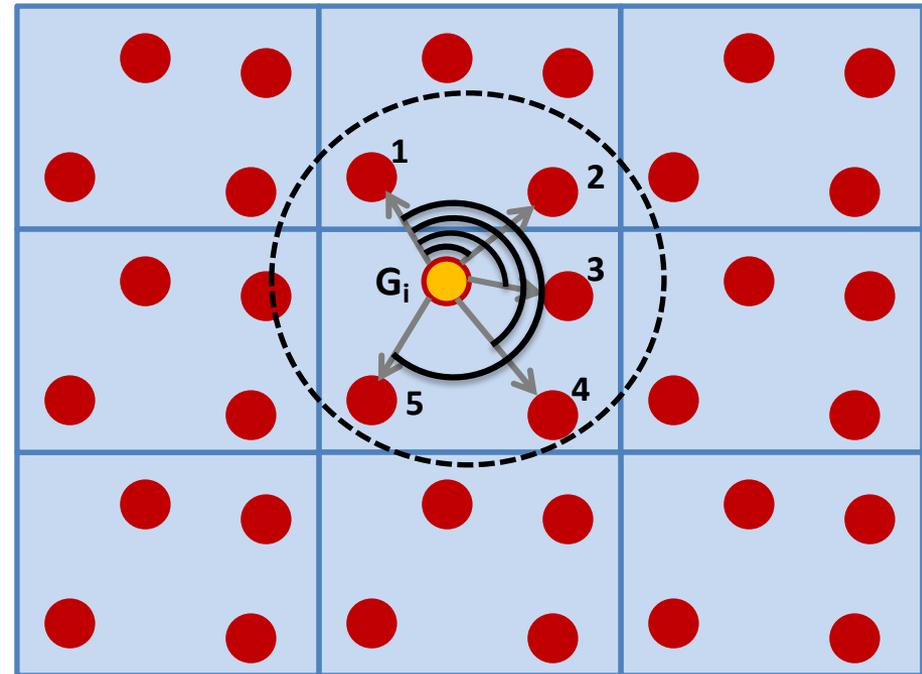
Radial & Angular Distribution Functions

Approach: Use the radial and angular distribution of atoms and atom types as descriptor.

Atomic Radial Distribution Function



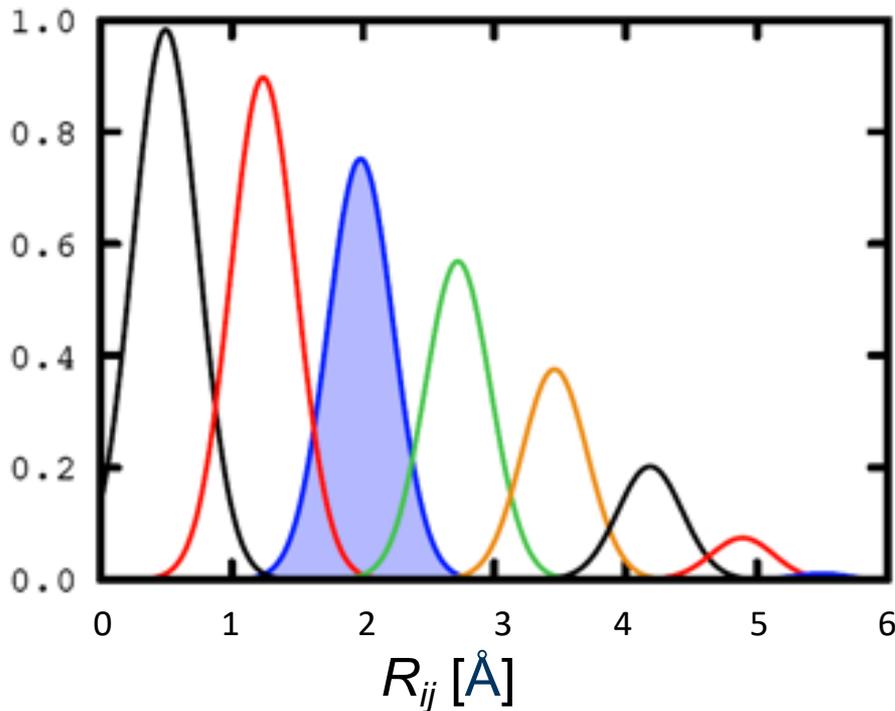
Atomic Angular Distribution Function



Behler-Parrinello Symmetry Functions

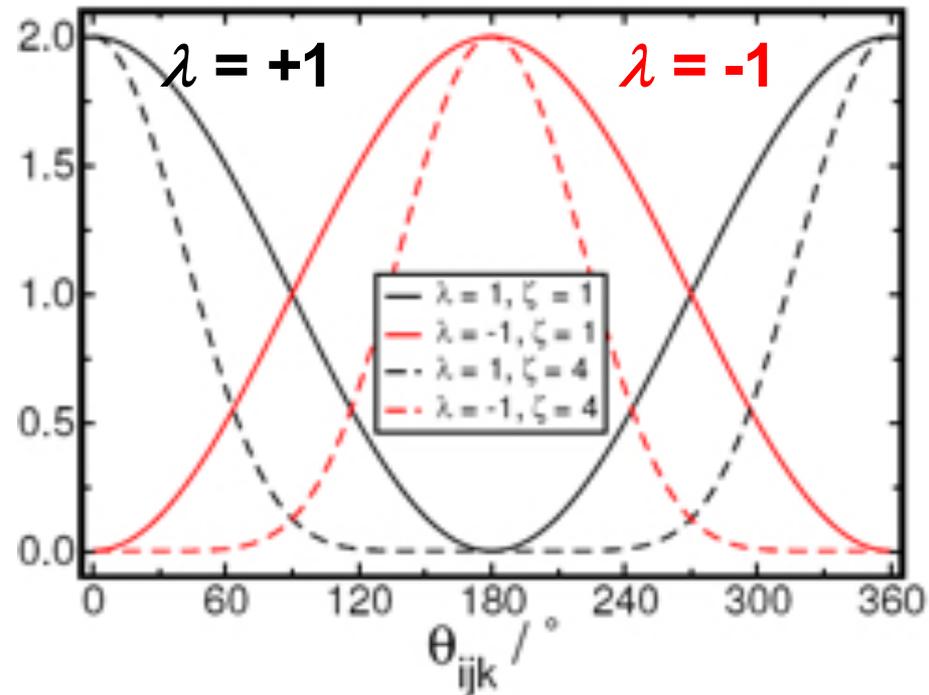
Radial symmetry functions

$$G_i^2 = \sum_j e^{-\eta(R_{ij}-R_s)^2} \cdot f_c(R_{ij})$$



Angular symmetry functions

$$G_i = 2^{1-\zeta} \sum_i \sum_k \left[(1 + \lambda \cdot \cos \theta_{ijk})^\zeta \cdot e^{-\eta(R_{ij}^2 + R_{ik}^2 + R_{jk}^2)} \cdot f_c(R_{ij}) \cdot f_c(R_{ik}) \cdot f_c(R_{jk}) \right]$$



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Challenge: Multicomponent Materials

Behler- Parrinello (BP) uses parameters for all possible combinations of species.

Example BP descriptor for 3 atomic species A, B, and C (potential for species A):

- Radial: A-A, A-B, A-C → factor of N
 - Angular: A-A-A, A-A-B, A-A-C, A-B-B, A-B-C, A-C-C → factor of $O(N^2)$
- **Descriptor size scales with $N(N+1)/2$ where N is the number of species**

Quadratic scaling!

Very challenging to construct MLPs with more than 4 atomic species using BP descriptor.

ML does not Require Complete Descriptors

BP functions are **not complete in the structural space** but are suitable for the construction of ANN potentials.

Machine-learning techniques are useful when only incomplete descriptors are available!

- The descriptor does not have to distinguish between all possible sets of 3-D coordinates. It is sufficient to distinguish between relevant atomic arrangements.
 - Similarly, not all chemical combinations occur in real materials. There is no need for a complete descriptor of the chemical space!
- **Construct a simple, incomplete yet refinable descriptor of the local atomic structure $\{R\}$ and chemistry $\{t\}$**

Descriptor for Many Species: Structure $\{R\}$ and Chemistry $\{t\}$

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Descriptor to Describe Structure $\{R\}$

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Structure $\{R\}$: Expansion of RDF and ADF

Expansion of radial (bond length) and angular (bond angle) distribution functions

Pairs $\text{RDF}_i(r) = \sum_{j \neq i} \delta(r - R_{ij}) f_c(R_{ij})$

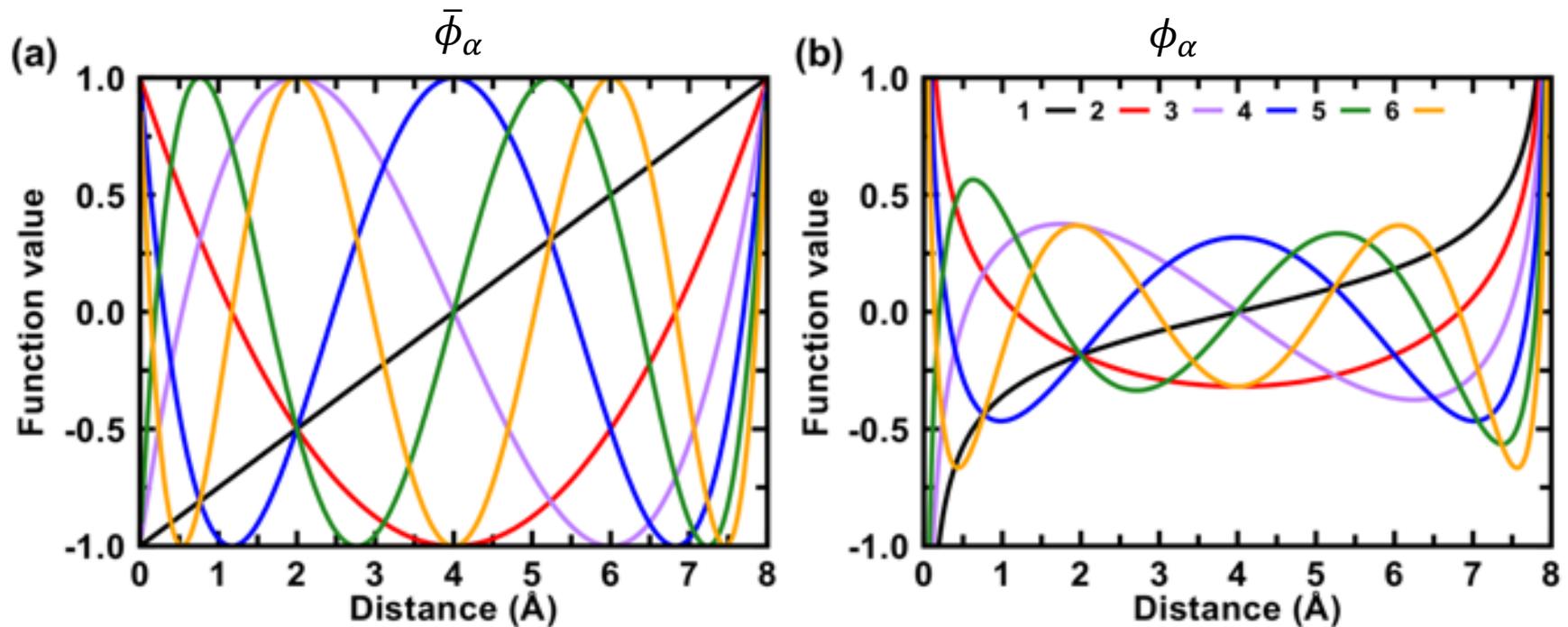
Triplets $\text{ADF}_i(\theta) = \sum_{j, k \neq i} \delta(\theta - \theta_{ijk}) f_c(R_{ij}) f_c(R_{ik})$

in an orthonormal basis set $\{\phi\}$ (**we use Chebyshev polynomials for their faster convergence properties compared to Fourier series**).

$$\text{RDF}_i(r) = \sum_{\alpha} c_{\alpha}^{(2)} \phi_{\alpha}(r) \text{ for } 0 \leq r \leq R_c \quad \text{ADF}_i(\theta) = \sum_{\alpha} c_{\alpha}^{(3)} \phi_{\alpha}(\theta) \text{ for } 0 \leq \theta \leq \pi$$

Both RDF and ADF are invariant wrt. rotation, translation, and exchange of equivalent atoms, so the coefficients $\{c_{\alpha}\}$ can be used as descriptor.

Visualization of the Chebyshev Polynomials

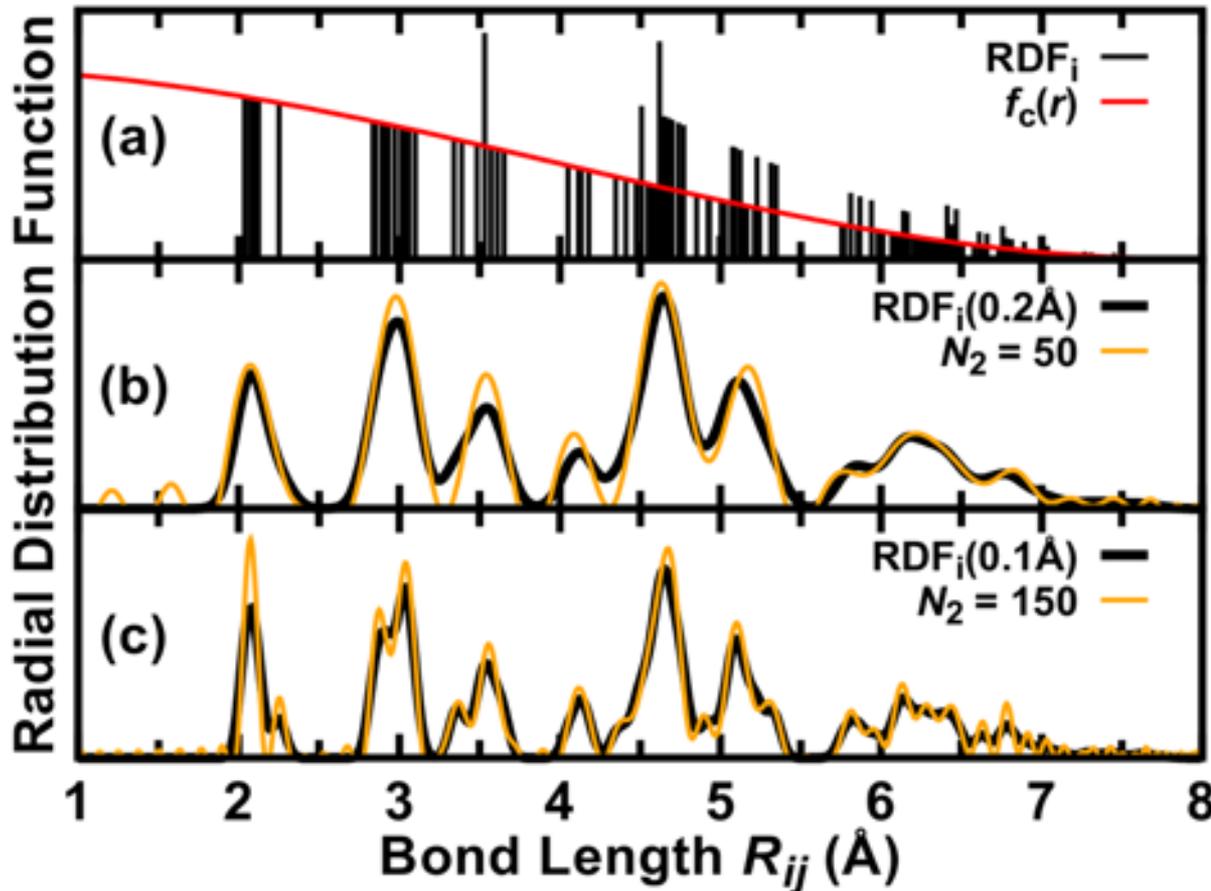


(a) Basis functions (i.e., rescaled Chebyshev polynomials) up to order $\alpha = 6$ for a cutoff radius $R_c = 8.0$ Å. The polynomial of order $\alpha = 0$ is constant 1 and not shown. **(b)** The corresponding basis functions are only needed for the reconstruction of the RDF or ADF.

Descriptor is Systematically Refinable

The resolution of the descriptor is determined by the expansion order.

Example convergence for the radial distribution function ($\text{Li}_2\text{MnNiO}_4$):



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Descriptor for Many Species: Chemistry $\{t\}$

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Chemistry $\{t\}$: Second Set of Coefficients

To describe the local chemistry, we include a species-dependent weight:

$$\text{Pairs} \quad \{t\}\text{RDF}_i(r) = \sum_{j \neq i} \delta(r - R_{ij}) f_c(R_{ij}) w_{t_j}$$

$$\text{Triplets} \quad \{t\}\text{ADF}_i(\theta) = \sum_{j,k \neq i} \delta(\theta - \theta_{ijk}) f_c(R_{ij}) f_c(R_{ik}) w_{t_j} w_{t_k}$$

So that the expansion coefficients become

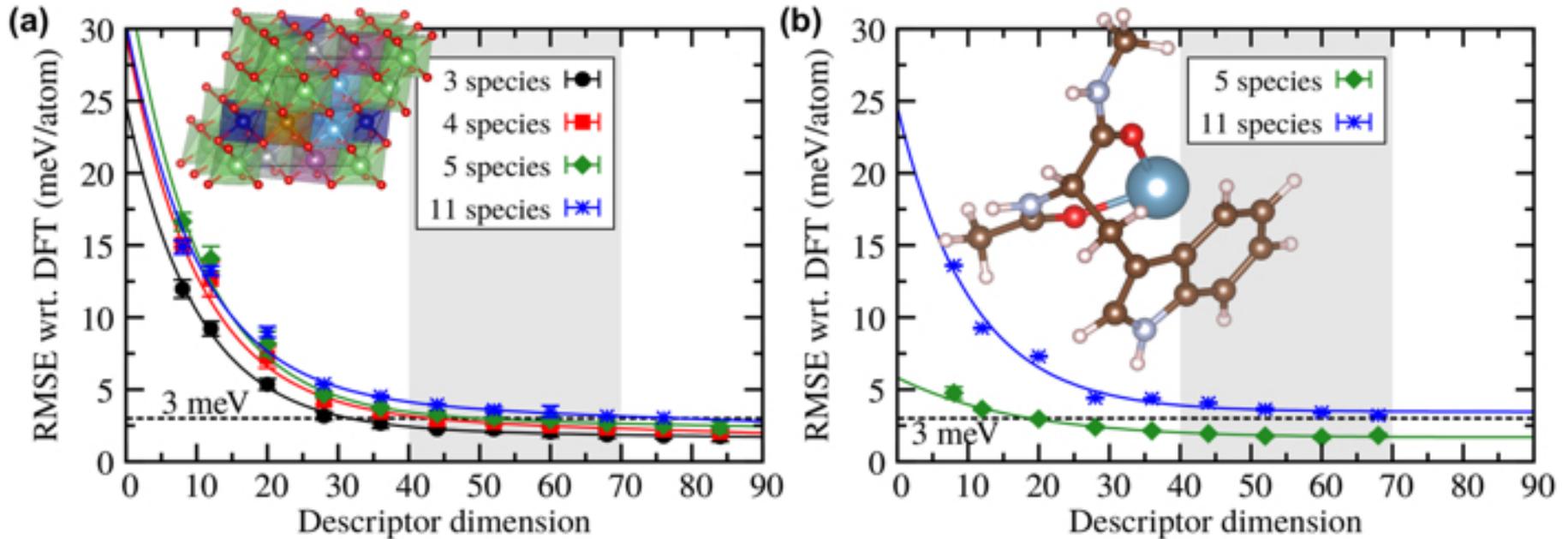
$$\{t\}c_\alpha^{(2)} = \sum_{j \neq i} \bar{\phi}_\alpha(R_{ij}) f_c(R_{ij}) w_{t_j} \quad \{t\}c_\alpha^{(3)} = \sum_{j,k \neq i} \bar{\phi}_\alpha(\theta_{ijk}) f_c(R_{ij}) f_c(R_{ik}) w_{t_j} w_{t_k}$$

The descriptor of the local chemistry is then

$$\{t\}\hat{\sigma}_i^{R_c} = \begin{pmatrix} \{t\}c_0^{(2)} \\ \{t\}c_1^{(2)} \\ \vdots \\ \{t\}c_0^{(3)} \\ \{t\}c_1^{(3)} \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix}$$

The Same Descriptor Size is Optimal for 3-11 Species

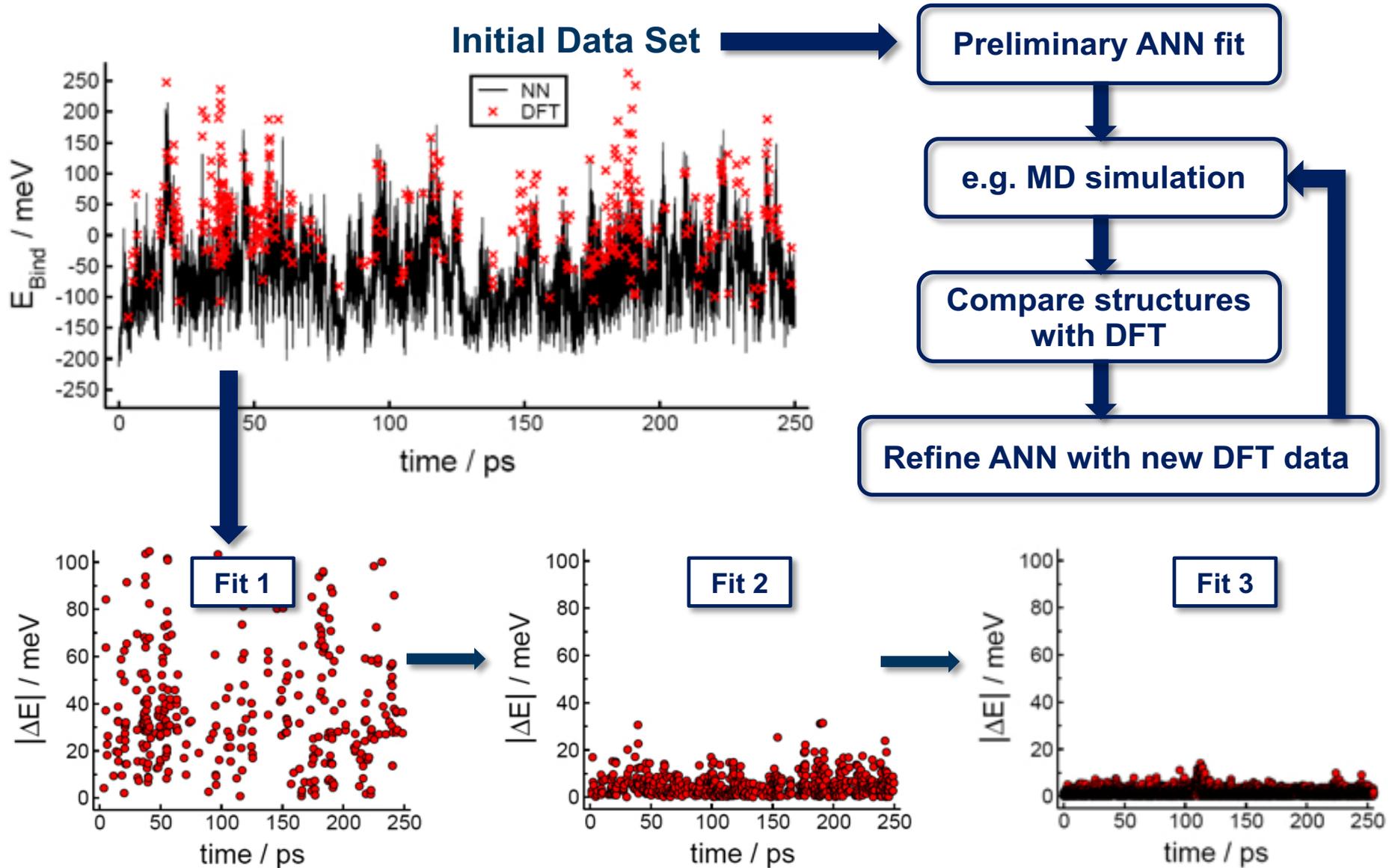
The combined descriptor is appropriate for Li-TM oxides and amino acid complexes with **11 chemical species**. The size of the descriptor is constant.



The RMSE was evaluated after 3000 training iterations for 3-5 species and after 5000 iterations for 11 species.

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Systematic Construction of the Training Set

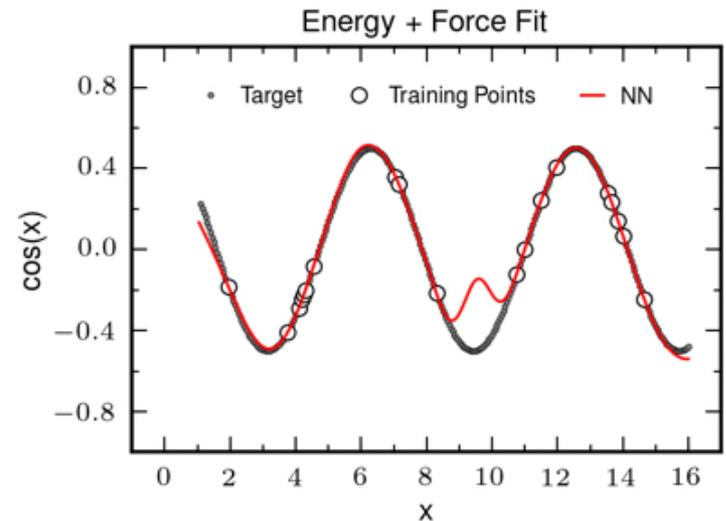
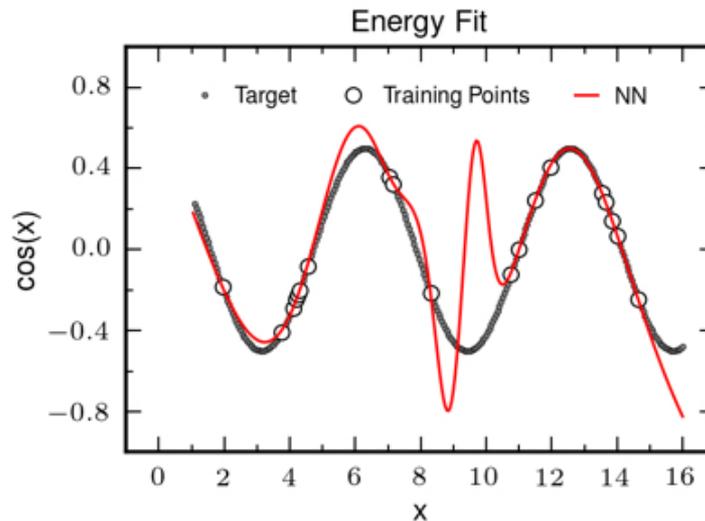


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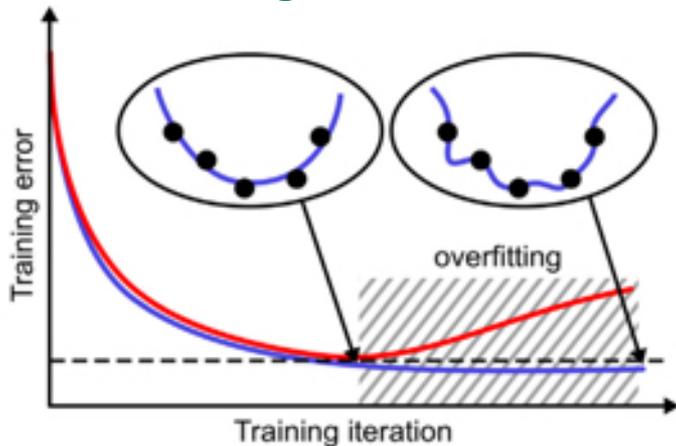
Caution: Overfitting and Extrapolation

Overfitting:

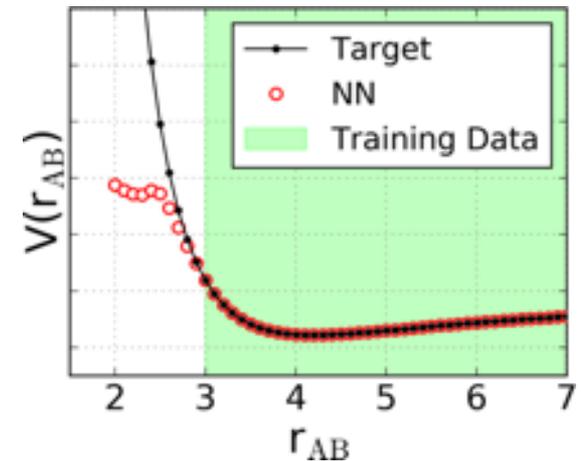


➤ Solutions:

- * Early stopping
- * Use gradient info



Extrapolation:



■ Solutions:

- * Carefully sample repulsive regions
- * Output "extrapolation warnings" during MD

Summary of Part I – Theory of ANN Potentials

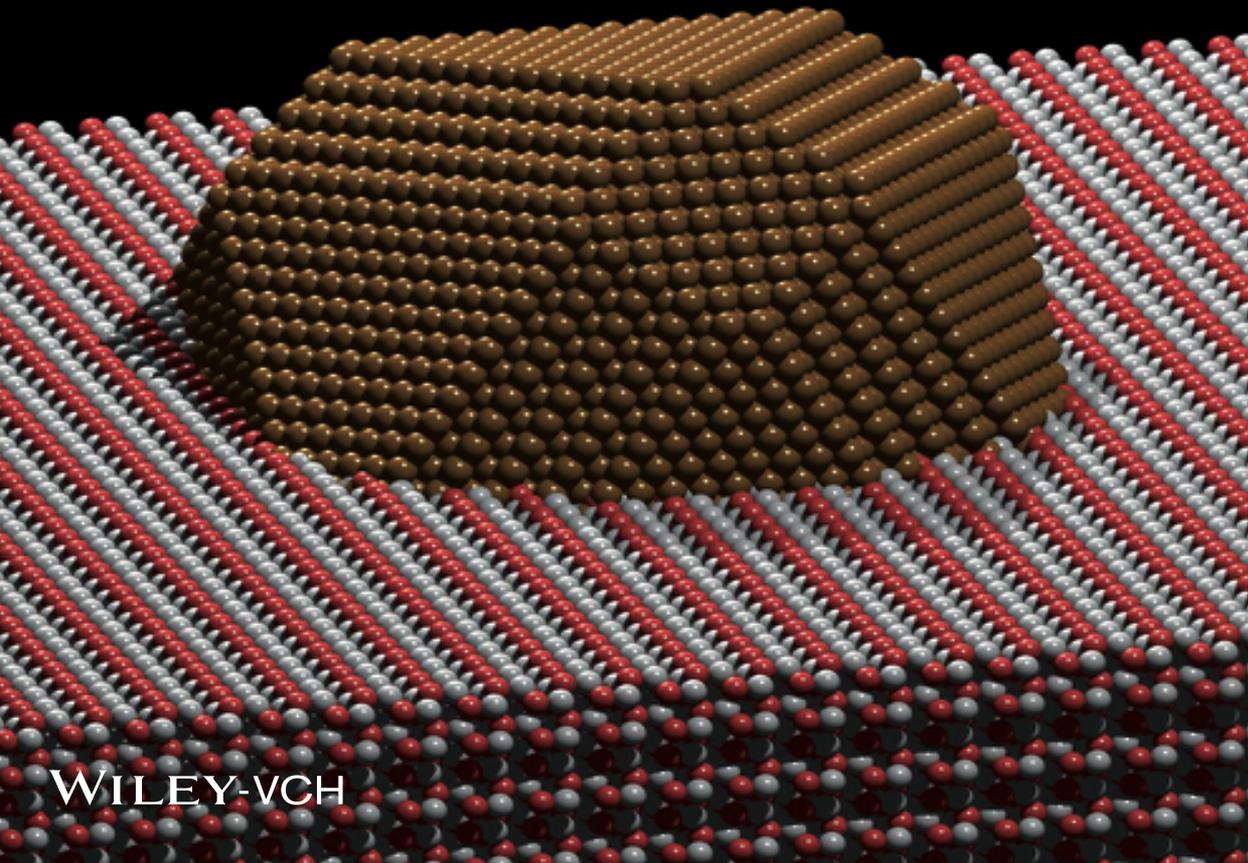
- ANN potentials are interatomic potentials based on artificial neural networks
- The ANNs represent atomic energies as function of the local atomic environment
- Input of the ANNs are invariant descriptors (feature vectors) of the local atomic environment
- Construction/training is done by iterative sampling of the relevant structure and composition space

Part II
Complex Inorganic Materials
for Energy Applications

Feature Article

Neural network potentials for metals and oxides
– First applications to copper clusters at zinc oxide

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Neural Network Potential for Copper

Training of the ANN potential

DFT code: FHI-aims (PBE) [a]

Cu Structures:

- Bulk: **15,400**
- Clusters : **8,400**
- Surfaces : **13,800**

RuNNer code [b]

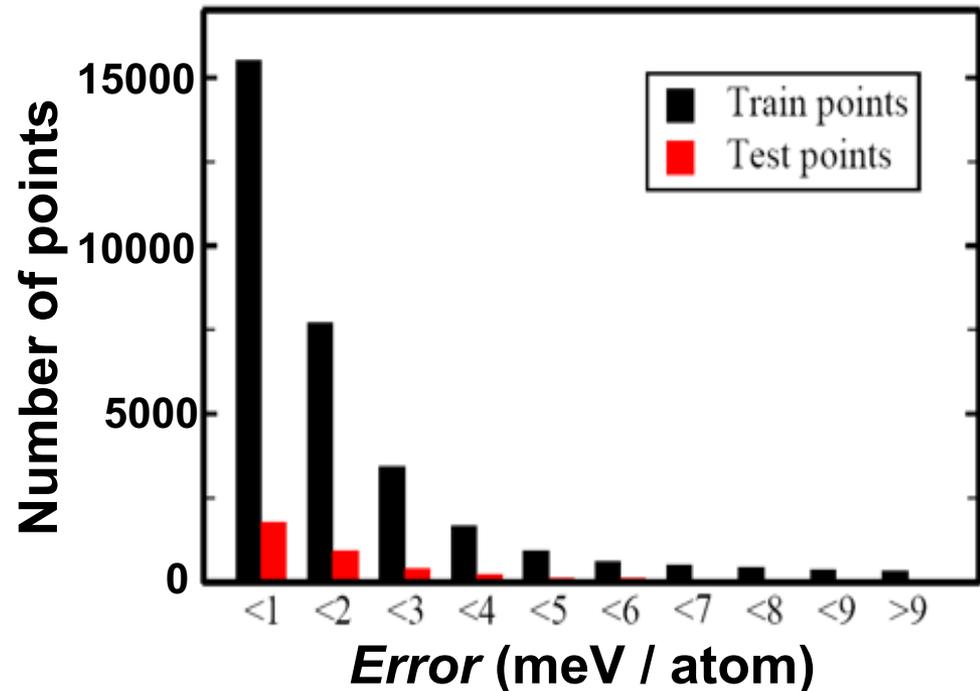
Fitting points: **32,000**

RMSEs E_{total} = **0.0036** eV/atom
Forces = **0.0415** eV/Bohr

Testing points: **3,600**

RMSEs E_{total} = **0.0034** eV/atom
Forces = **0.0416** eV/Bohr

Training data: 2 - 100 atoms



[a] V. Blum et al., *Comp. Phys. Comm.* 180, (2009) 2175 - 2196.

[b] J. Behler, RuNNer – A Neural Network Code for High-Dimensional PESs, Ruhr-University Bochum

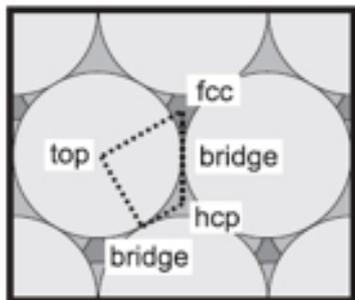
Low-Index Copper Surfaces

Surface Energies (fcc):

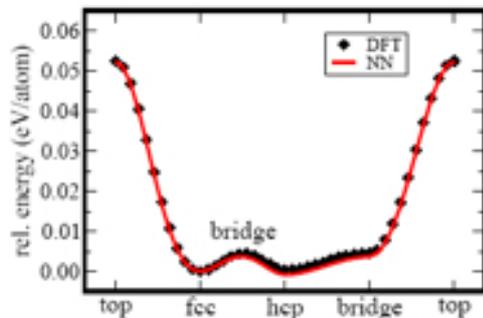
Surface	DFT (meV/Å ²)	NN (meV/Å ²)
Cu(111)	93.16	92.74
Cu(100)	100.53	100.99
Cu(110)	102.39	103.92
Cu(110)mr	109.93	111.69

Energy Profile for Cu Adatom Diffusion:

Cu(111)

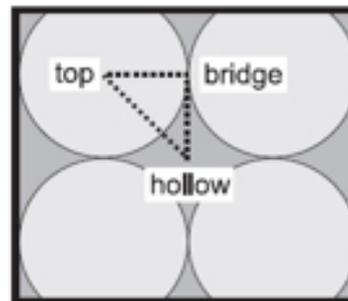


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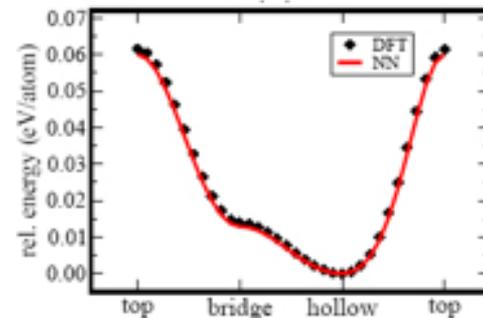


Energy profile

Cu(100)



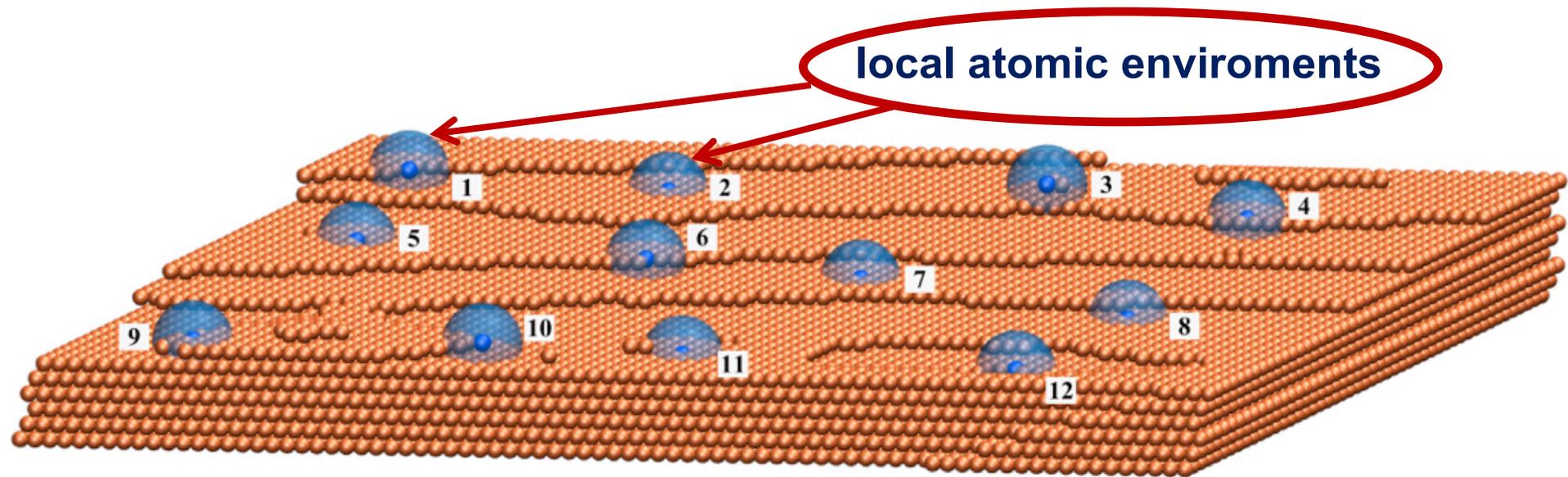
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Energy profile

Cu(111): Complex Realistic Model

Model of a real surface with steps, kinks, and adatoms (29,443 atoms).



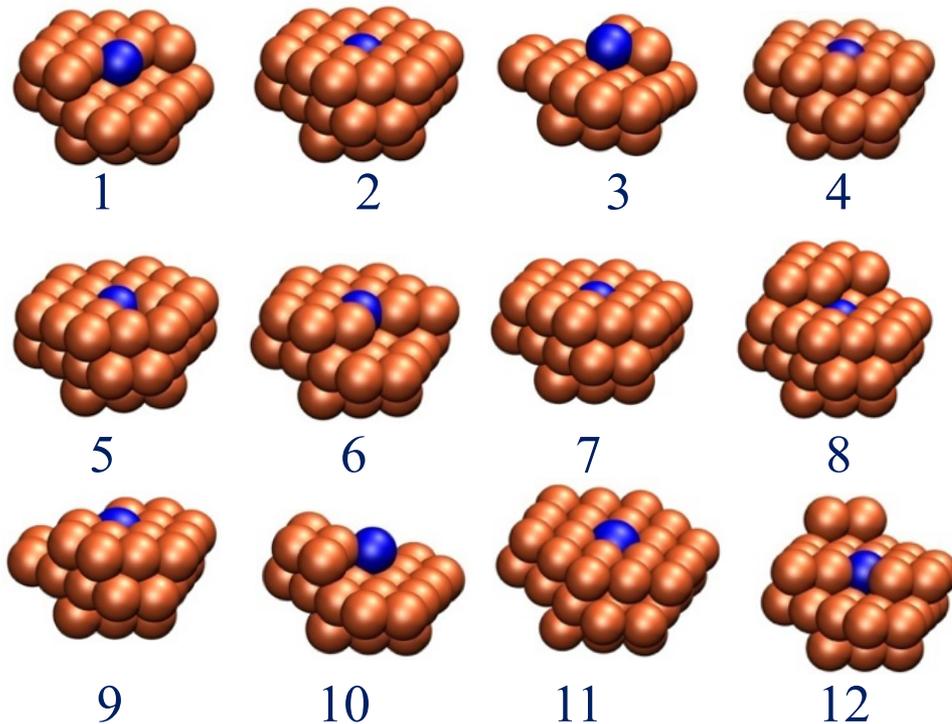
DFT \Rightarrow impossible

NN $\Rightarrow \approx$ few minutes (1 core)

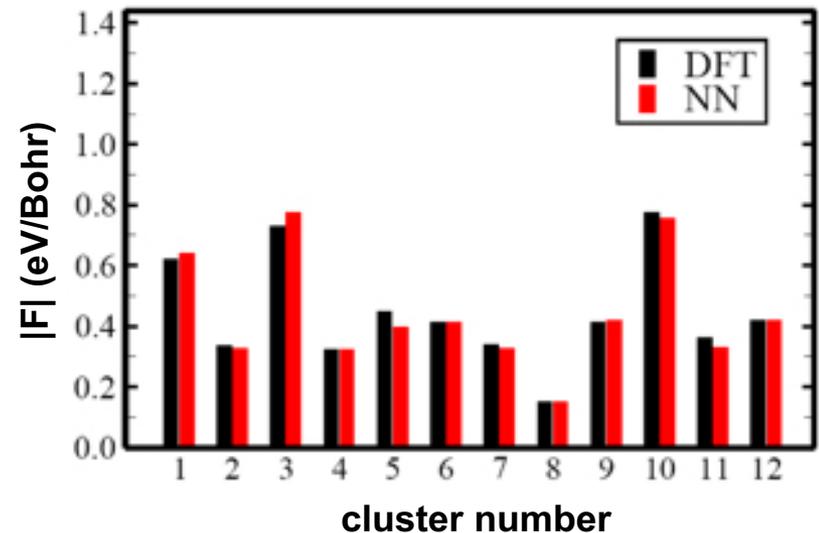
\Rightarrow NN potentials can be used to study systems of this size.

Checking the Accuracy for Large Systems

Comparison of the DFT and neural network (NN) forces acting on the central atoms of clusters cut from the slab.



Forces:



⇒ Very good agreement
⇒ NN PES is reliable

Cu@ZnO Catalyst for Methanol Synthesis

ANN-MD Simulation: Slab model ~8,000 atoms: NVT, MD at 1000 K

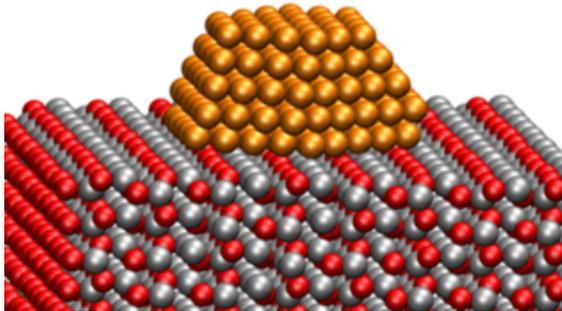
Training and testing sets for the ANN potential:

Cu/Zn/O structures: (e.g. ideal, vacancies, defects)

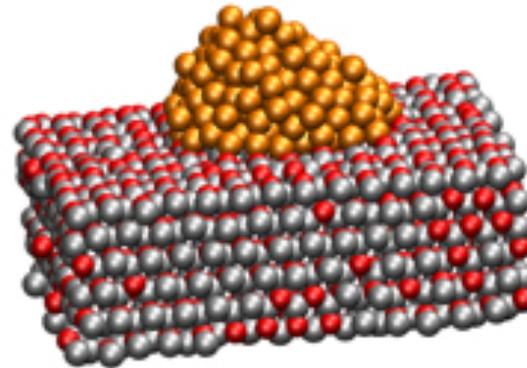
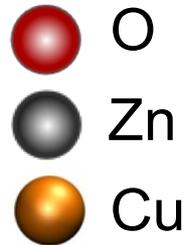
~100,000 structures (90% train, 10% test)

RMSEs E_{total} : **0.005** eV/atom

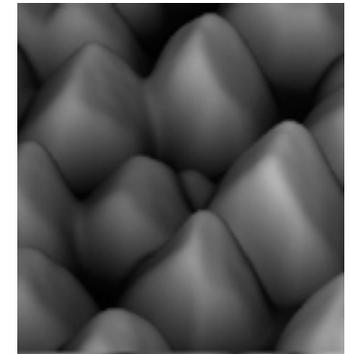
Forces: **0.090** eV/Bohr



Initial configuration/
MD movie



Configuration at 300 ps



STM image of
Cu@ZnO(1010), T= 290 K

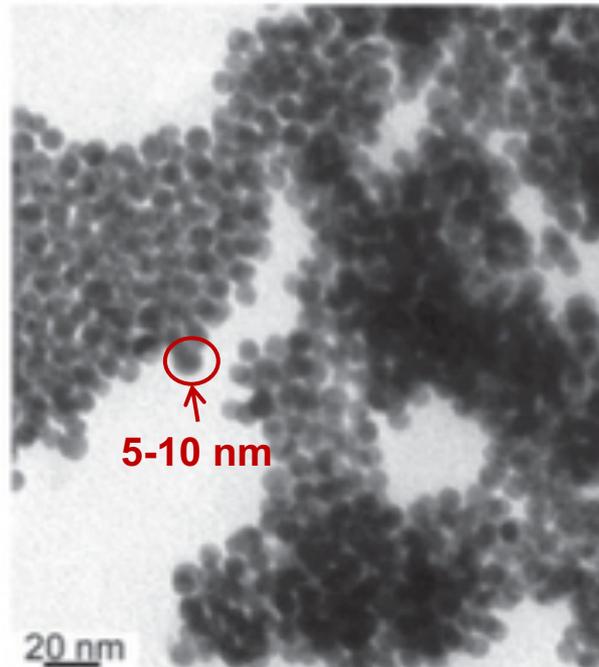
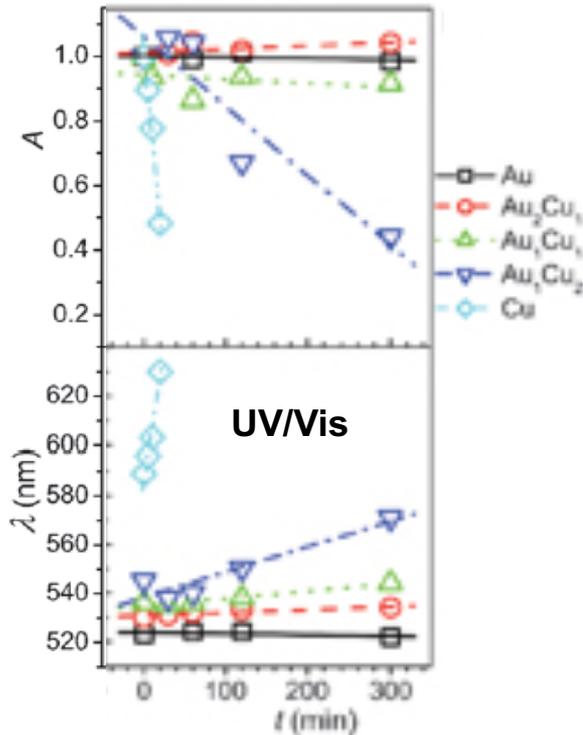
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- ANN potentials allow to simulate structural models with thousands of atoms while providing high accuracy close to the reference method

ANN Potential: Cu/Au/O/H System

Au/Cu is an efficient and stable catalyst for the ORR and CO₂ reduction



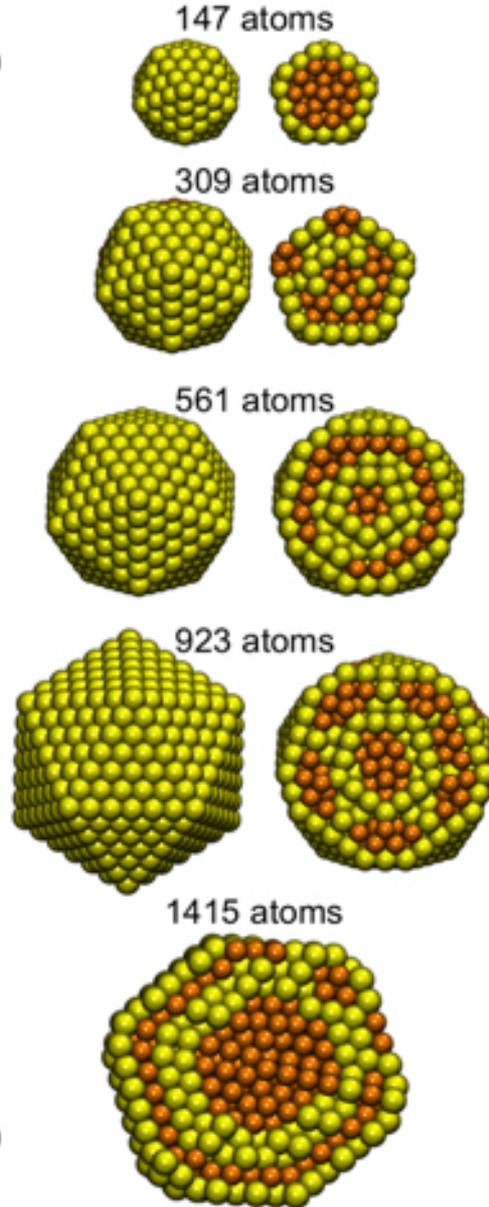
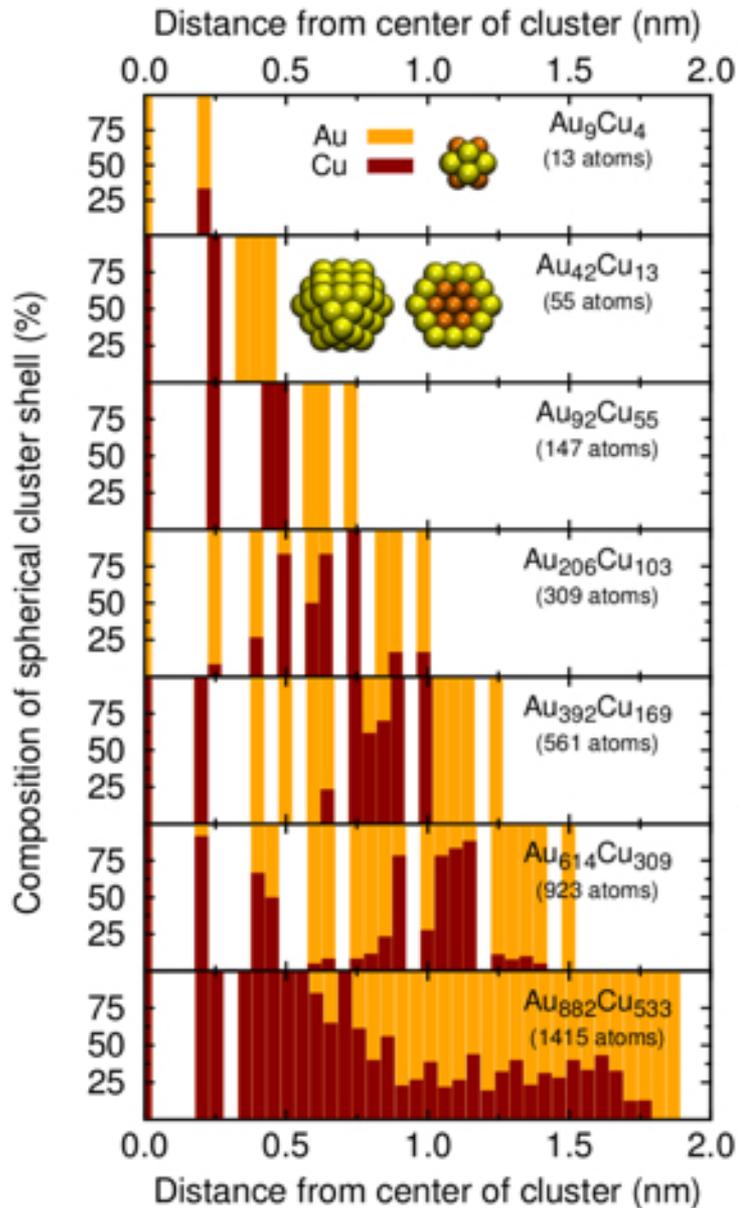
TEM: Au₁Cu₁ NPs after oxidation

Shao-Horn,
Hamad-Schifferli, et. al,
Chem. Commun,
48, (2012) 5626.

Oxidation rates of Au_xCu_y NPs: depend on composition,
where k_A and k_λ exhibited a trend of **Au₂Cu₁ < Au < Au₁Cu₁ < Au₁Cu₂ < Cu**

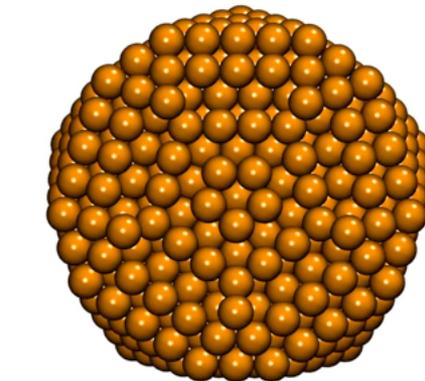
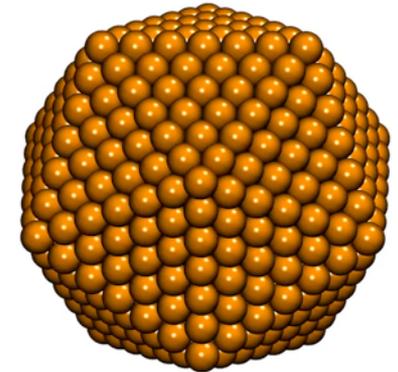
➤ How can we identify relevant compositions and (surface) structures?

Optimized Compositions and Ordering of Au/Cu: MC



MC Annealing (movies):
T = 5,000-300 K

Cluster 923 atoms

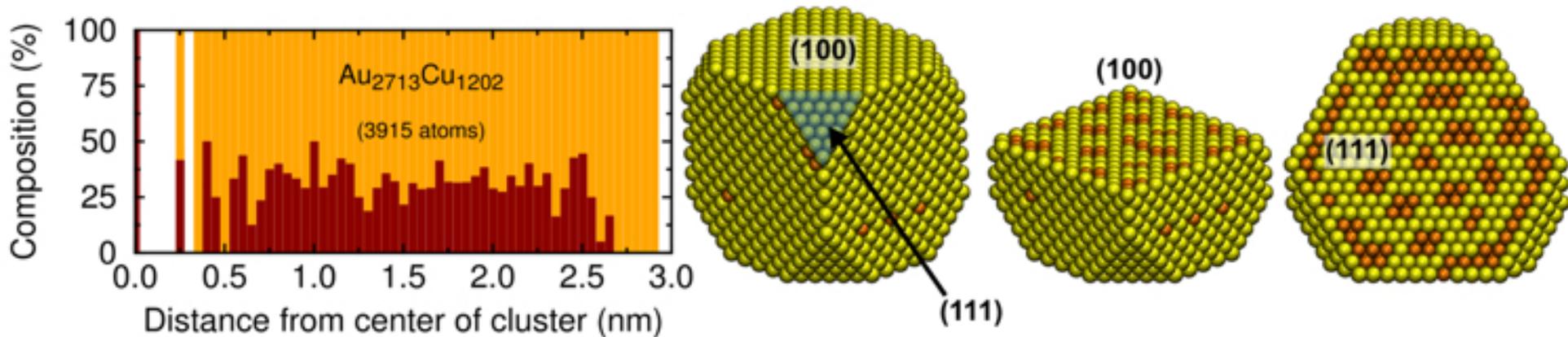


**Cross-section
 Cluster 923 atoms**

Optimized Compositions and Ordering of NPs: 3,915 atoms

MC Annealing: T= 5,000-300 K

⇒ **Composition of Au/Cu NP (~6 nm) and cut-through in (100) and (111) directions**

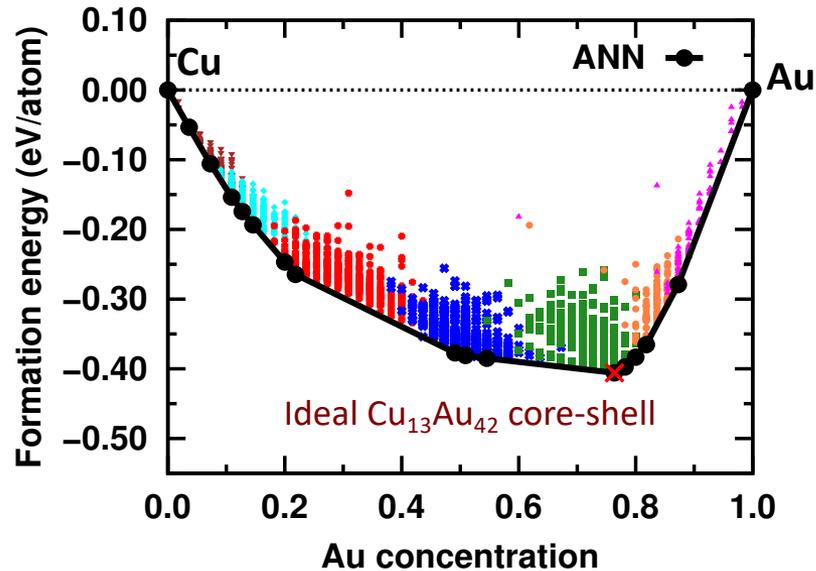


- ⇒ **No longer a core-shell morphology**
- ⇒ **Outer layer of the NP is gold-terminated (as expected from the surface-energy)**
- ⇒ **Interior bulk Au and Cu atoms form a solid solution**

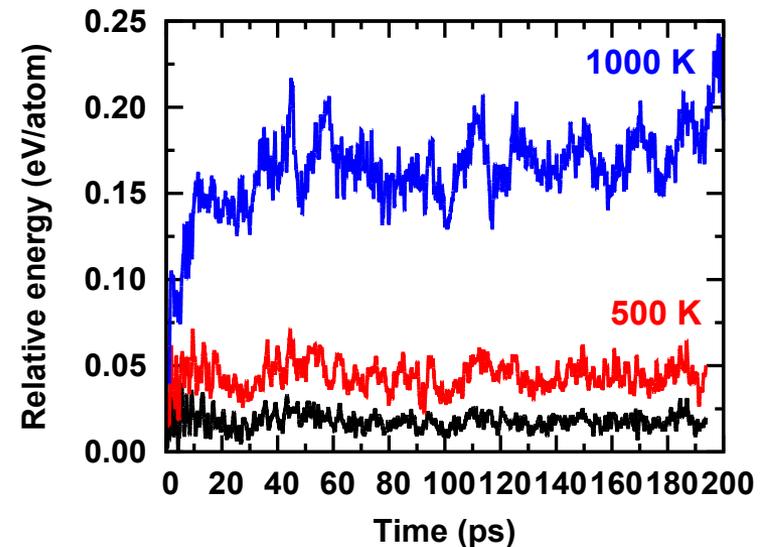
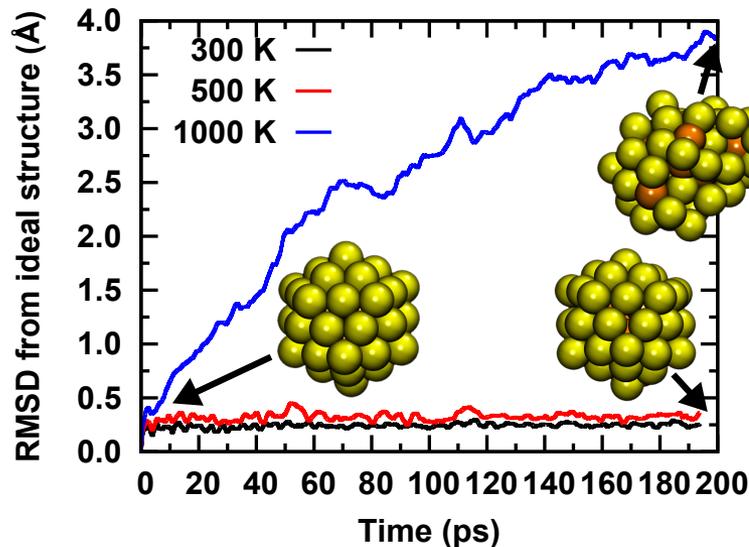
CPU time/structure: 147 atoms
NN << DFT : 10^4
DFT : 3.0 hours (16 cores)
NN : < 1 second (1 core)

CPU time/structure: 3,915 atoms
DFT : Very difficult
NN : 59 seconds (1 core)

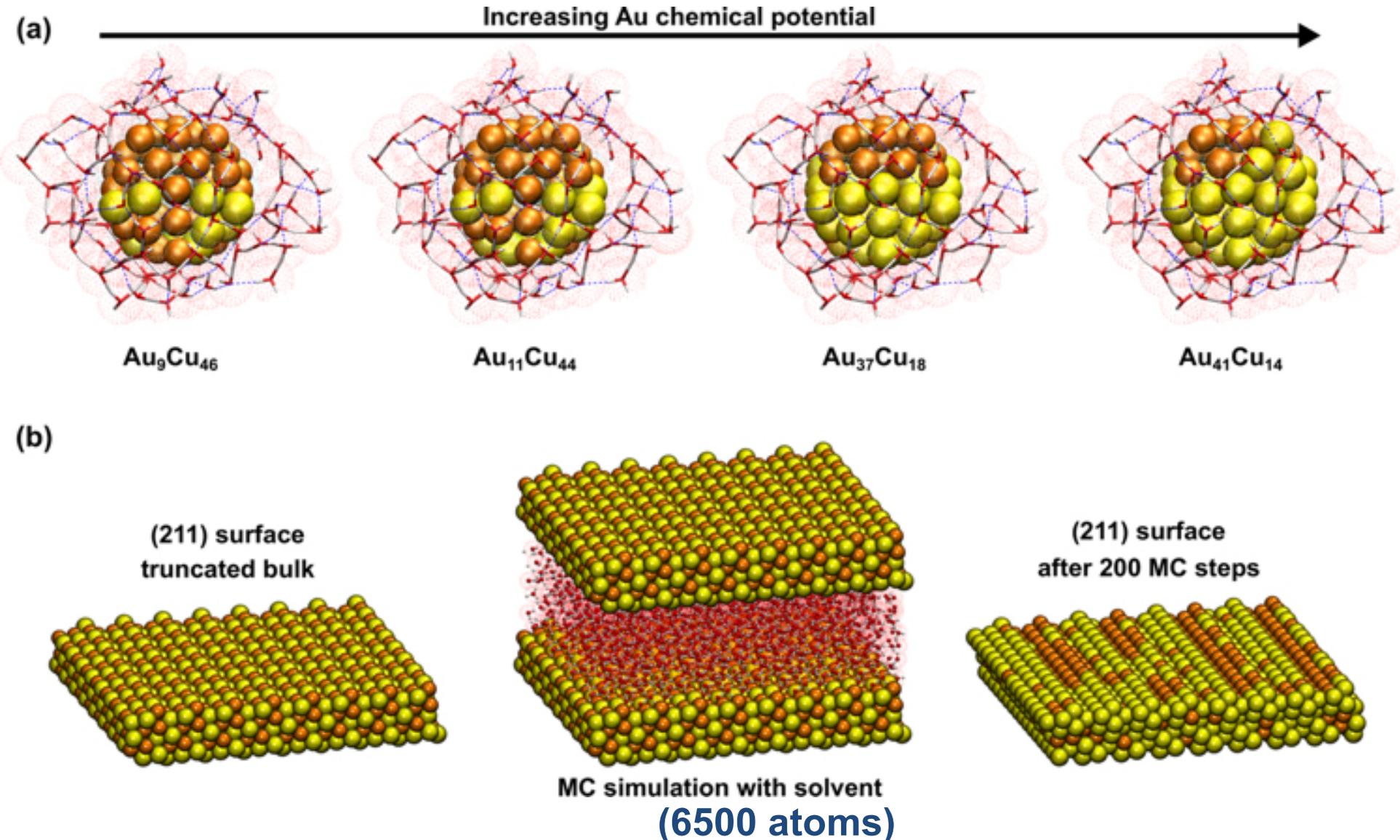
Formation Energies of 55-Atom Cluster and Thermal Stability



- Grand canonical MD
- Stable configurations: derived from core-shell structure
- At 1000K: cluster melts
- 300K & 500K: below melting point



55-Atom Cluster in Water and (211) Surface Slab



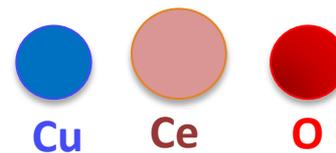
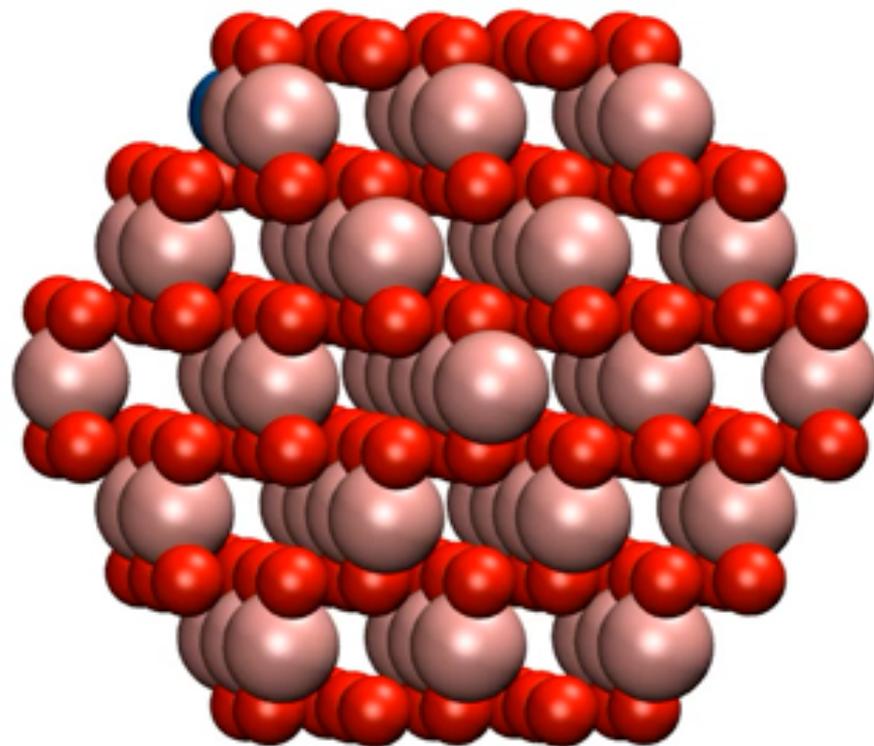
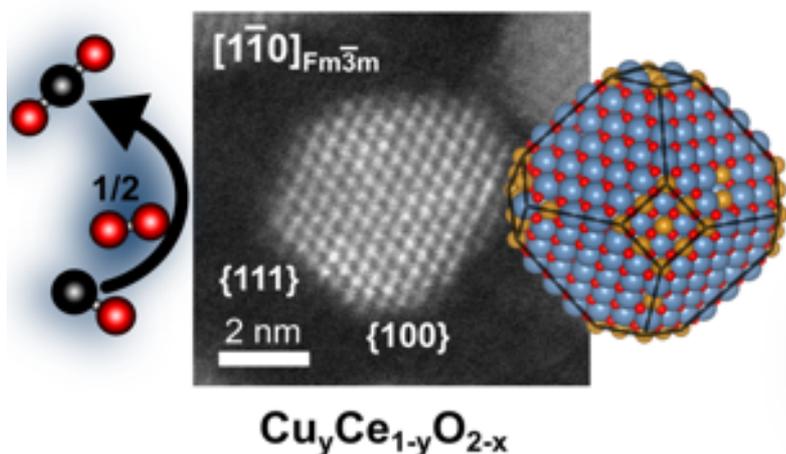
Specialized ML Potentials for Assisting DFT Calculations

- Often, a general ML potential is not necessary
- ML potential for specific structure space sufficient for accelerated sampling

Active Site in CuO/CeO₂ for CO Oxidation

Cu Distribution in the particles

- MC simulations of a 3.5 nm (~1,300 atoms, Cu₅₄Ce₄₀₅O₈₃₄): Cu is most stable near surface
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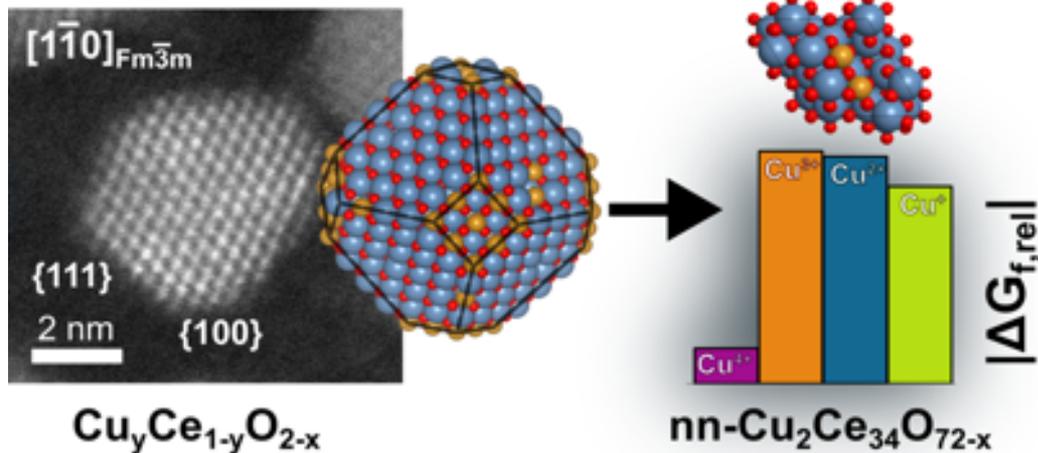


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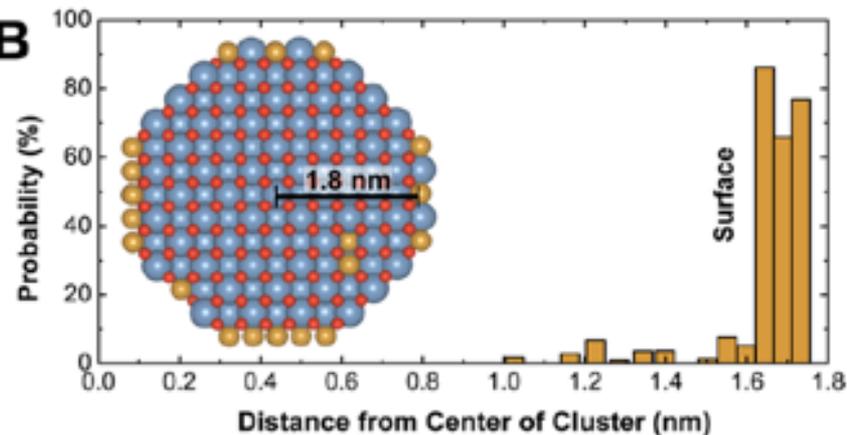
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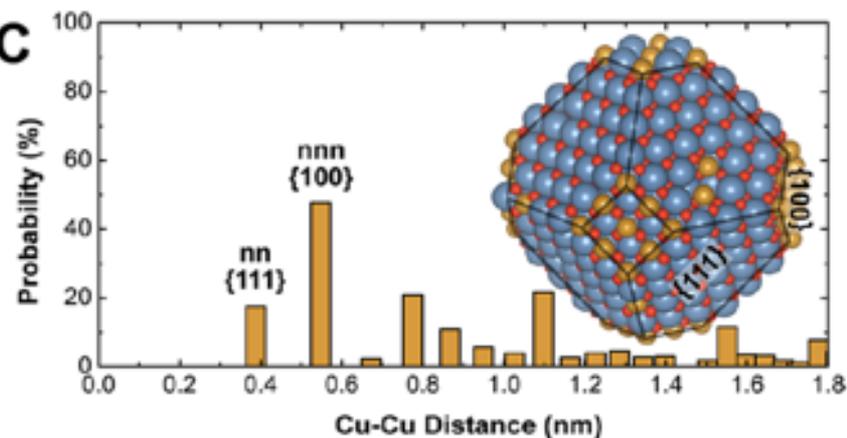
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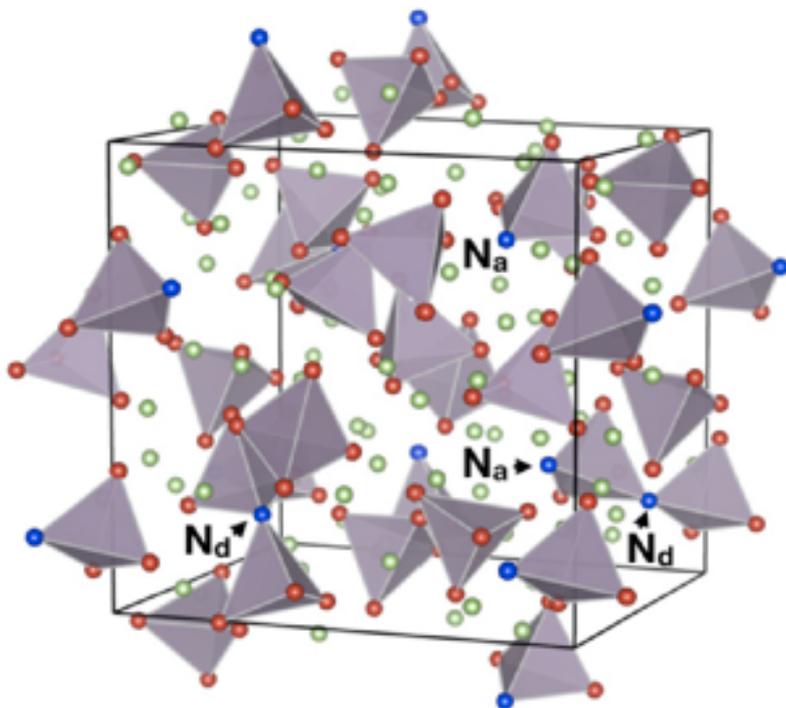


Cu-Cu pair distribution

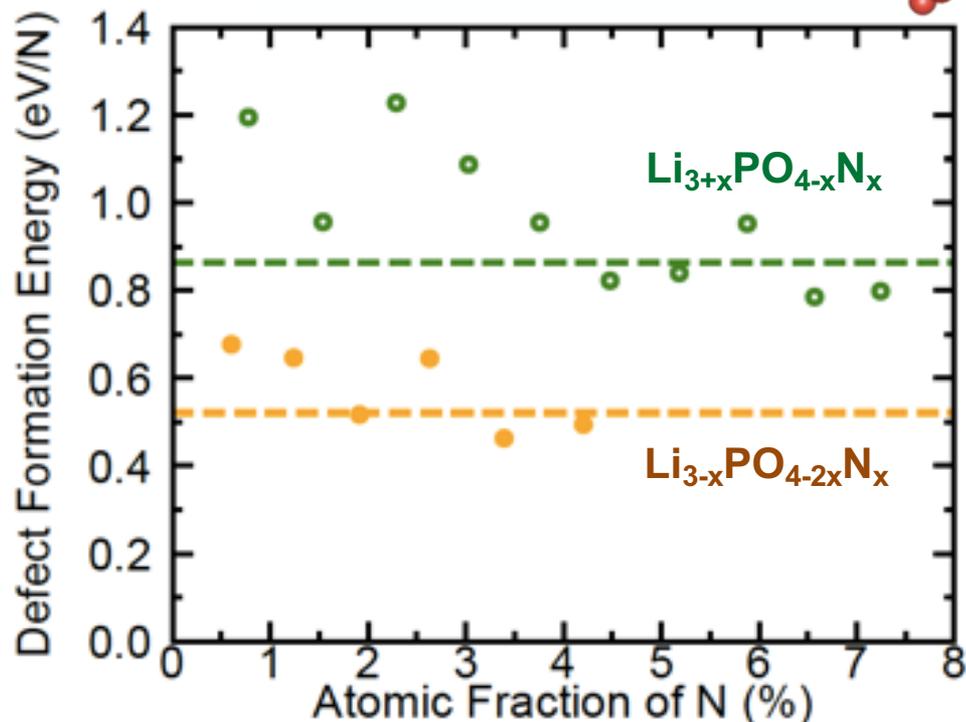
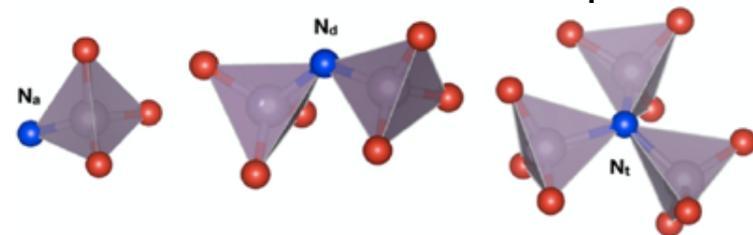
- Cu clustering: Cu-Cu pair distribution
- Combined probability that either the nearest neighbor (nn) or next-nearest neighbor (nnn) site of a Cu defect is also a Cu defect is around 70%

MLP: Application to Amorphous LiPON

- Genetic Algorithm with MLP:
- Amorphous N doped Li_3PO_4 : **Solid Electrolyte Material for Li-ion batteries**
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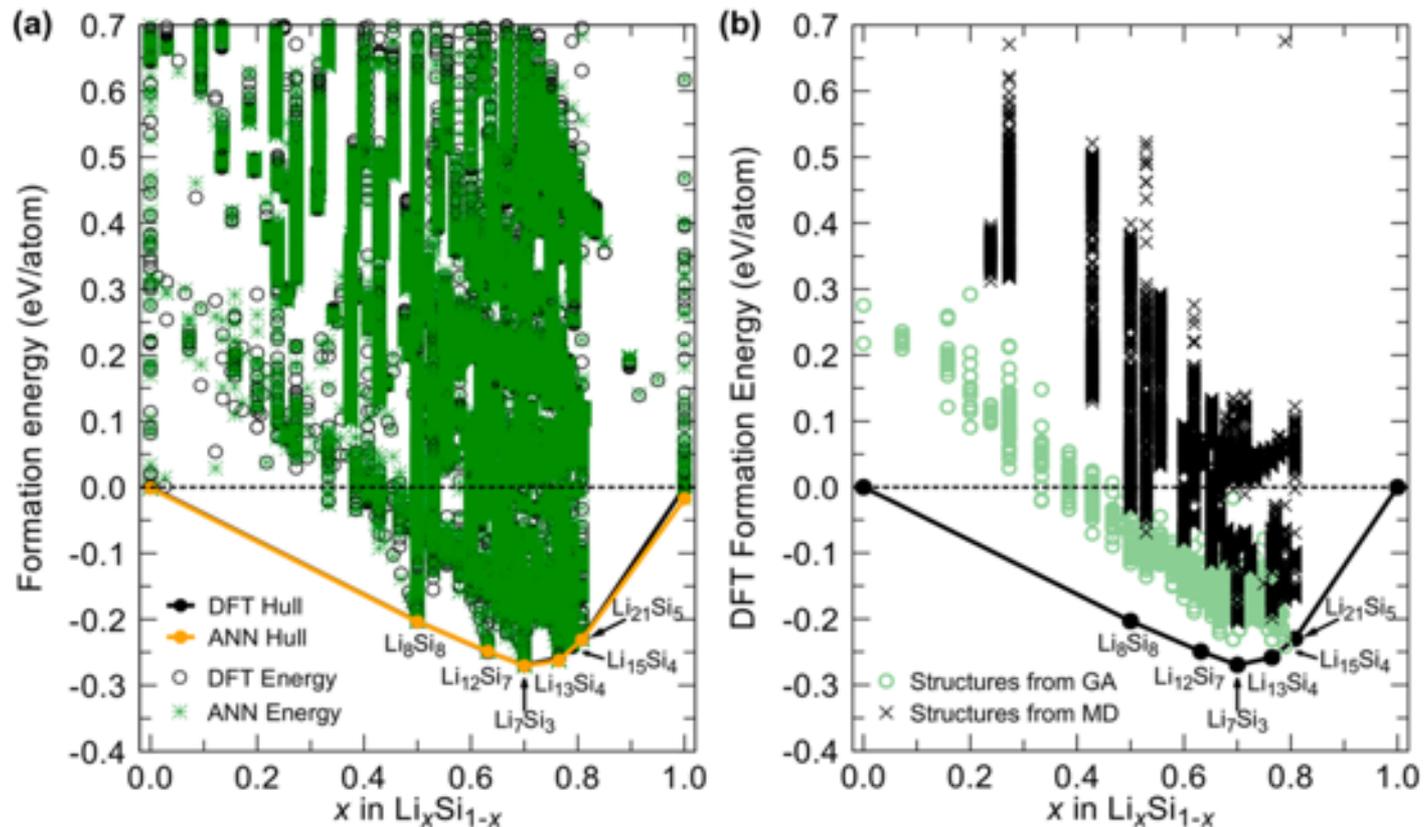
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	at. % N	# N_a	# N_d	ρ		D
				computed		
$\text{Li}_{2.69}\text{PO}_{3.38}\text{N}_{0.31}$	4	1	4	2.04	LiPON	5×10^{-10}
$\text{Li}_{2.94}\text{PO}_{3.50}\text{N}_{0.31}$	4	2	3	2.33		7×10^{-10}
$\text{Li}_{3.31}\text{PO}_{3.69}\text{N}_{0.31}$	4	3	2	2.30		3×10^{-12}
$\text{Li}_{3.38}\text{PO}_{3.62}\text{N}_{0.38}$	5	6	0	2.31		2×10^{-12}
				experimental		
$\text{Li}_{2.7}\text{PO}_{3.9}^1$	0				LiPO	
$\text{Li}_{2.9}\text{PO}_4^{49,50}$	0					6×10^{-13}
$\text{Li}_{3.1}\text{PO}_{3.8}\text{N}_{0.16}^4$	2					
$\text{Li}_{3.3}\text{PO}_{3.8}\text{N}_{0.22}^4$	3					
$\text{Li}_{2.9}\text{PO}_{3.3}\text{N}_{0.46}^4$	6					

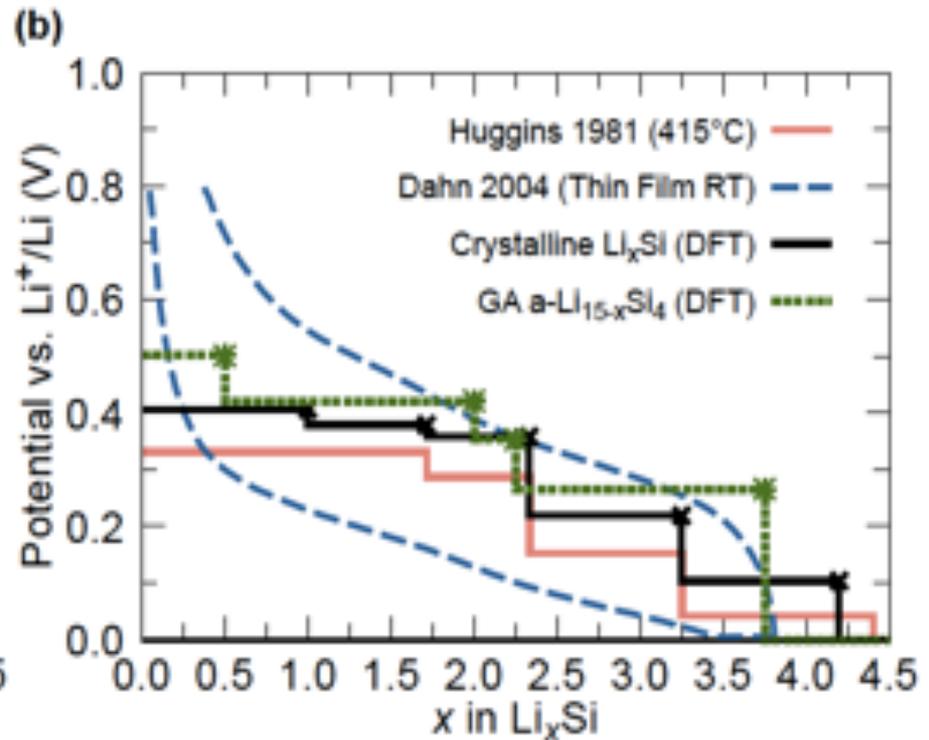
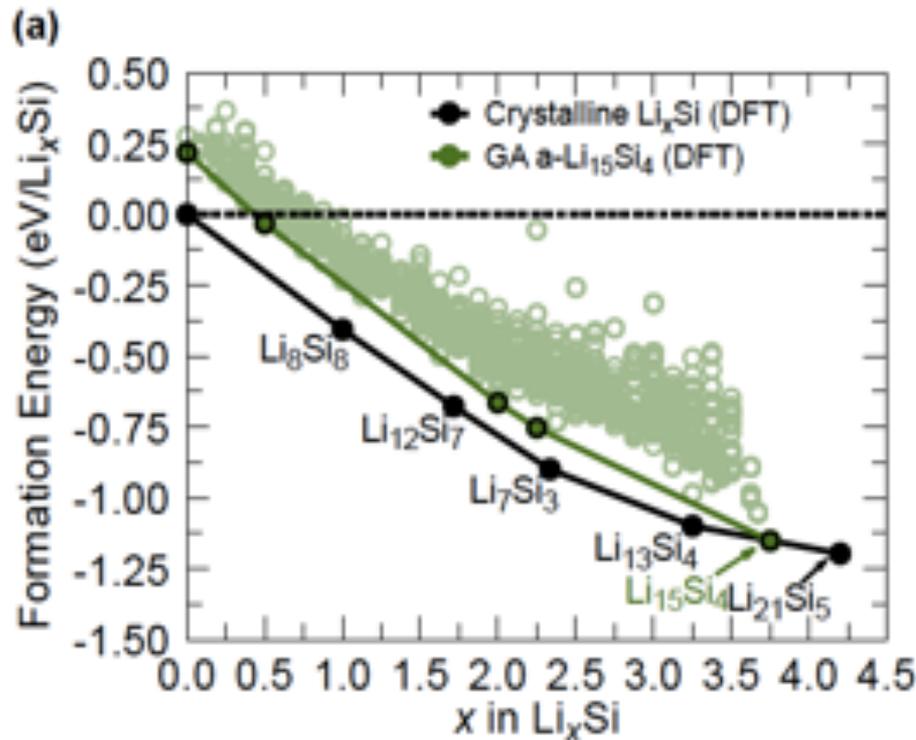
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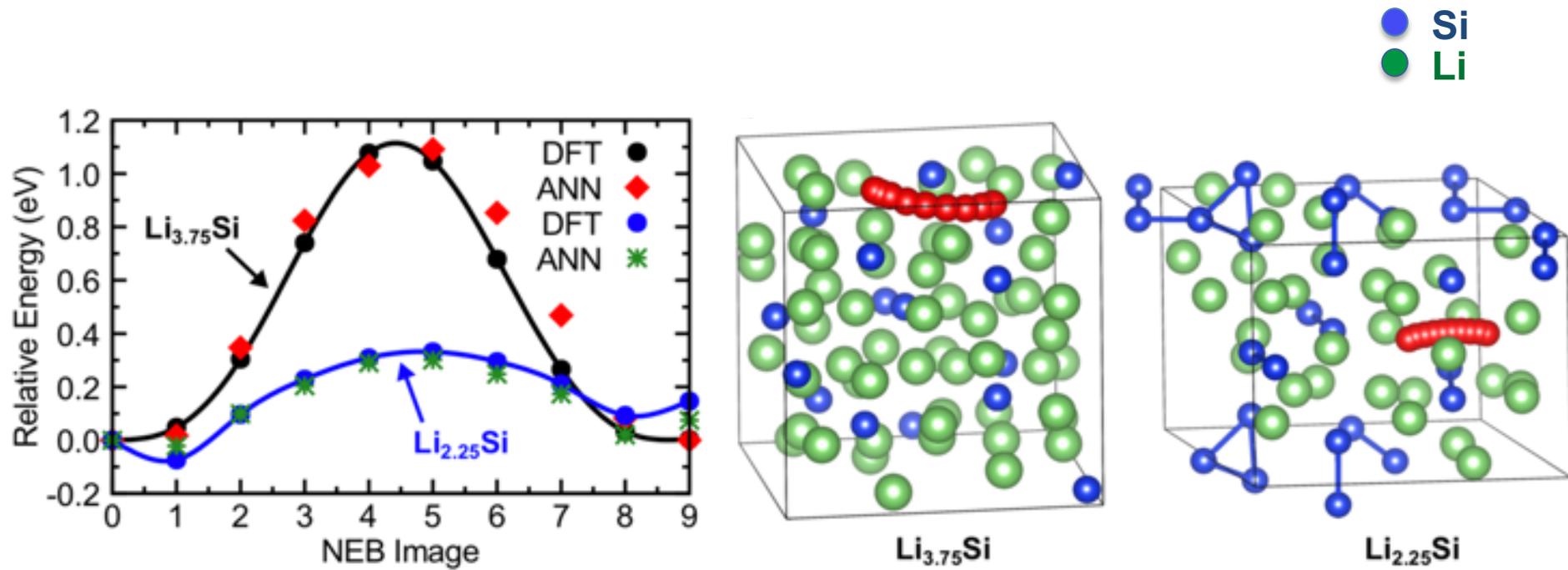
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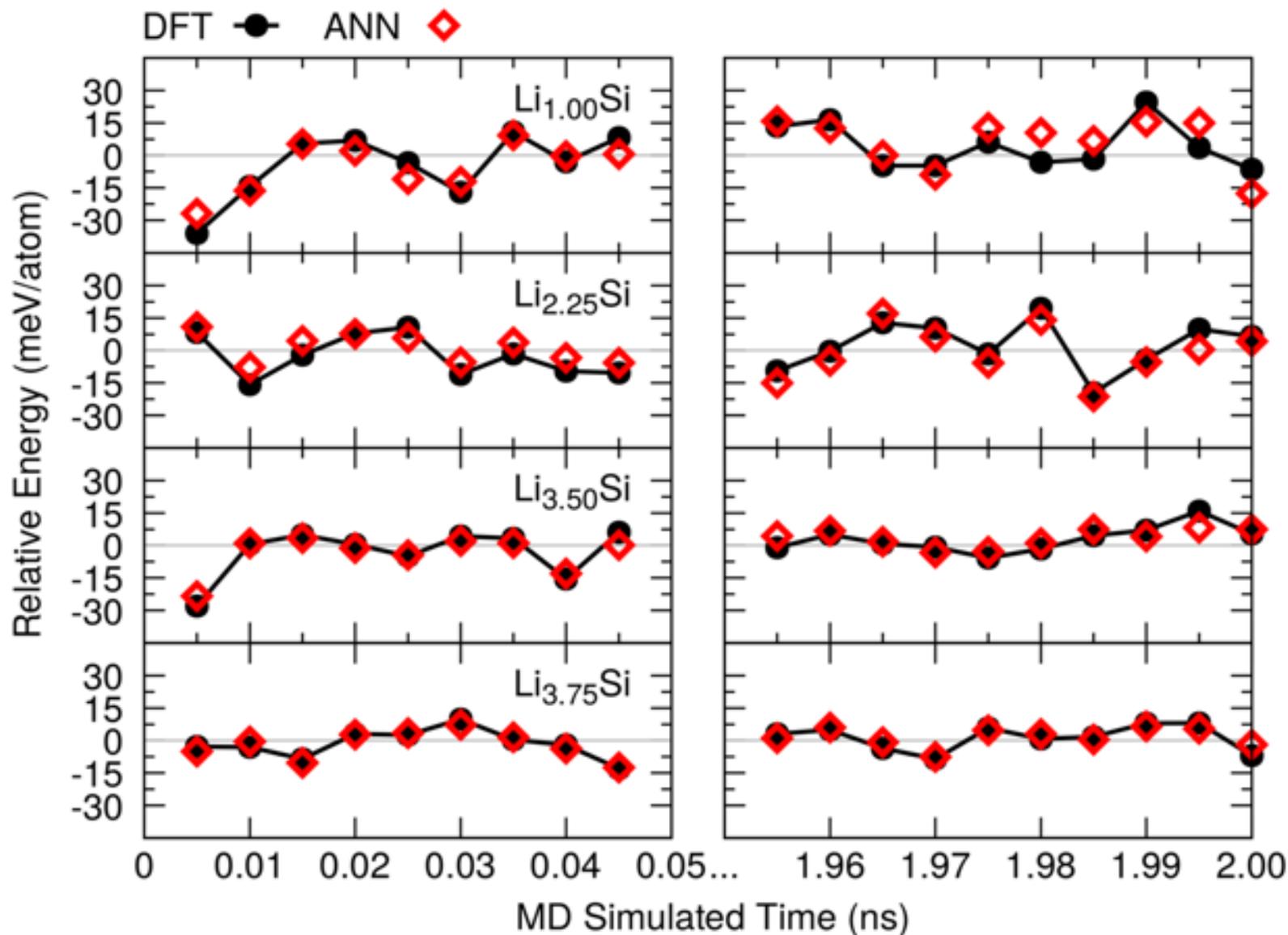
A General Machine Learning Potential for LiSi

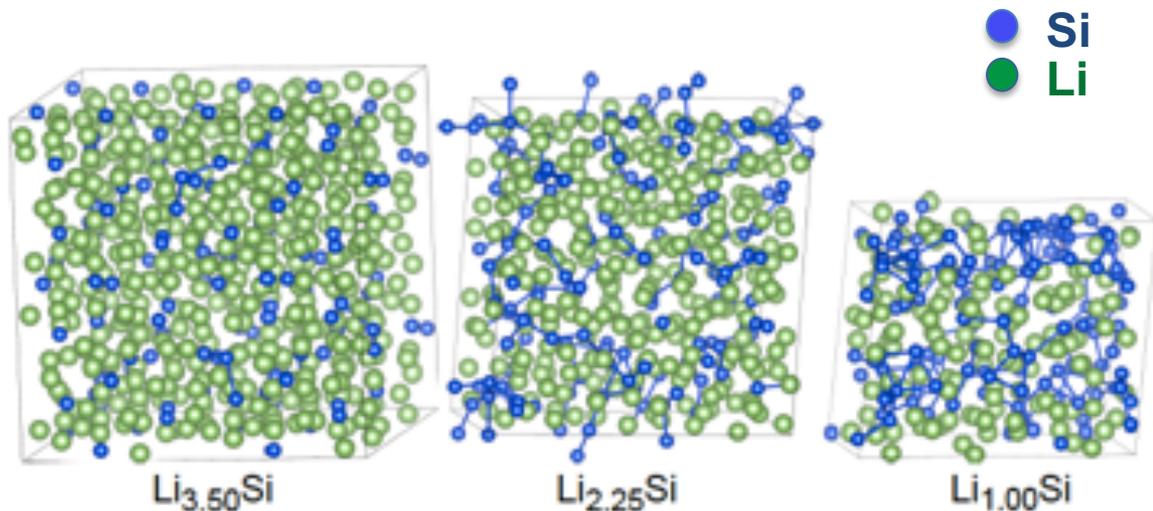
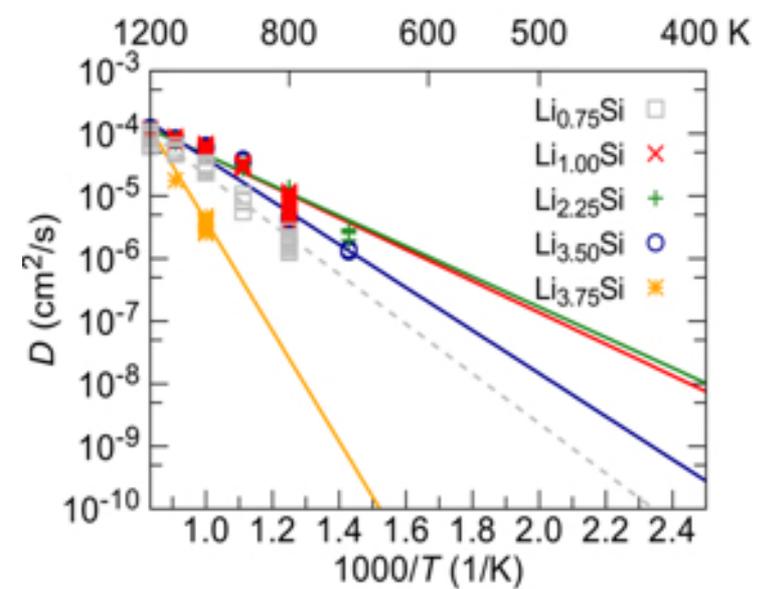
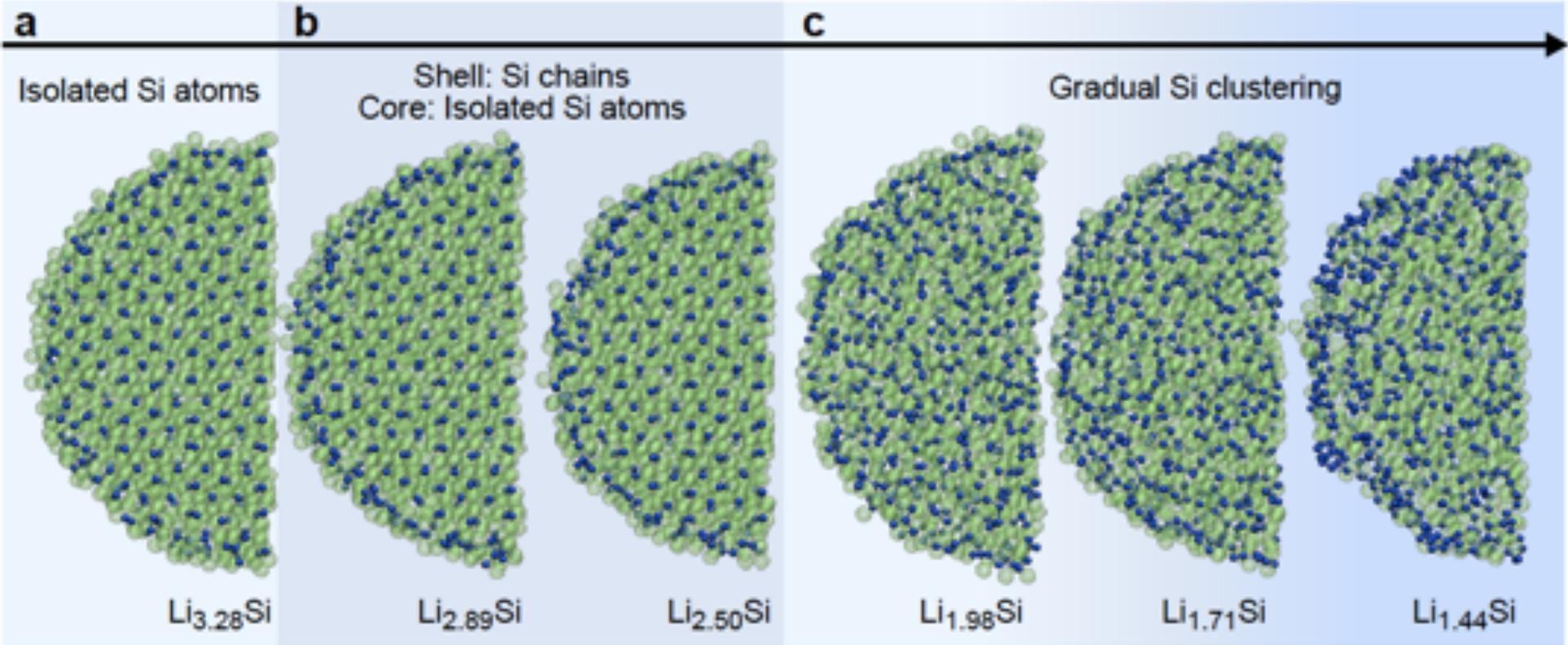
The LiSi ANN Potential is Accurate for Diffusion



- Structures not in training set
- Tested many different diffusion pathways in different alloy compositions

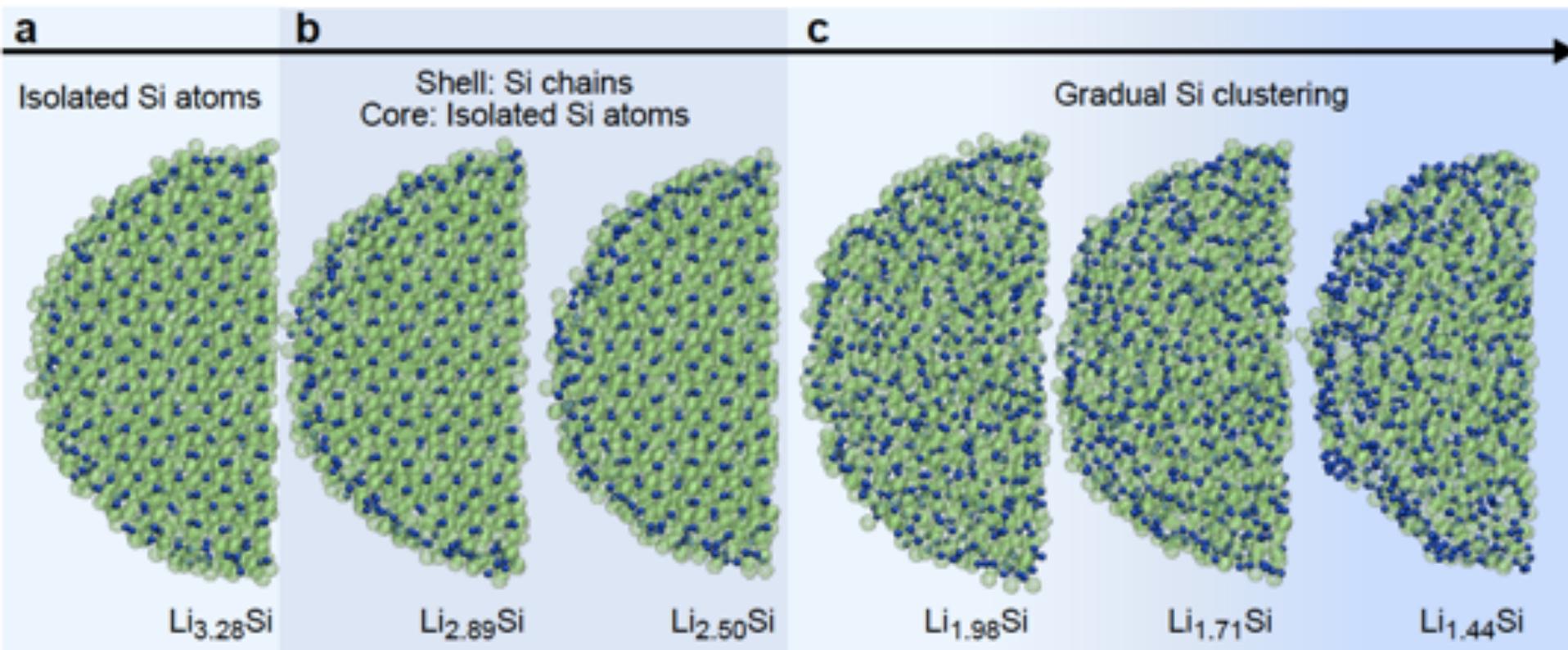
And it is Accurate for Long MD Trajectories





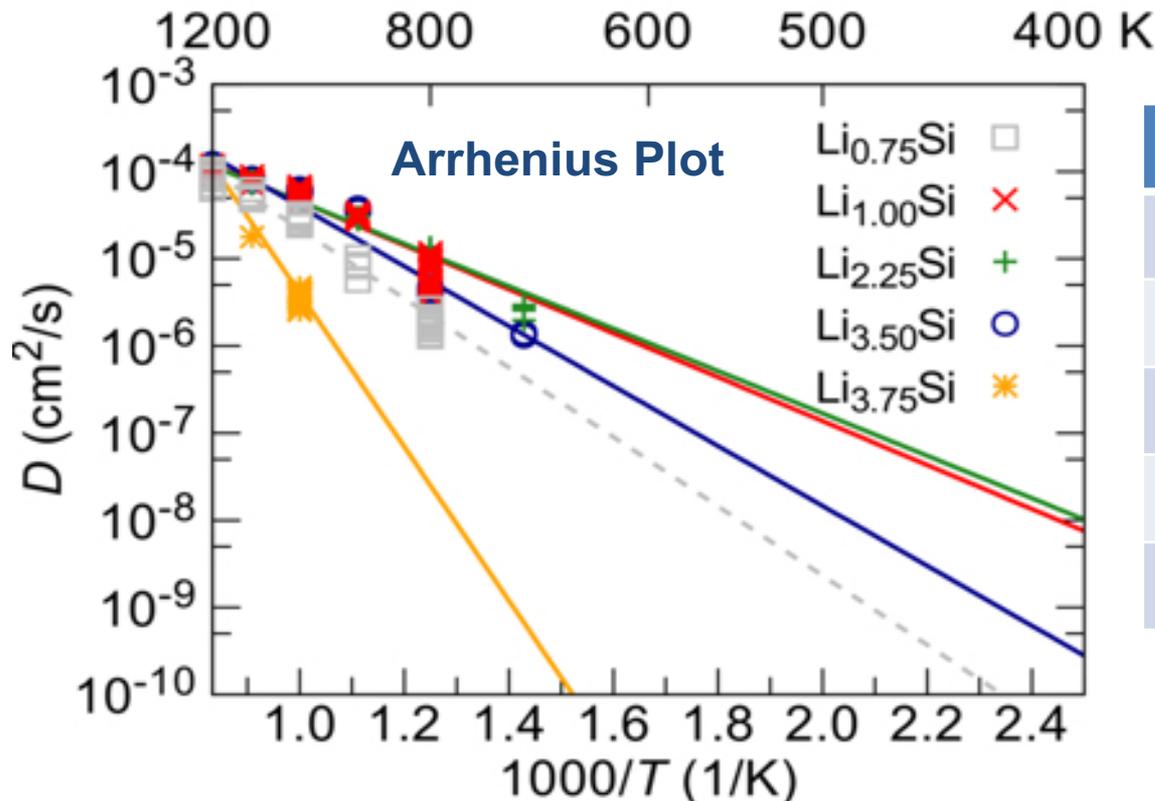
NP Delithiation ($d \approx 8\text{nm}$) Shows Si Clustering

- MD simulations, over **4 ns at 500 K** at each composition, based on nanoparticle (NP) structures with **$\sim 12,000$ atoms**.
- For composition within the two-phase region a core-shell structure is most stable: in the nanoparticle bulk Si atoms are isolated and near the surface Si is clustered into short Si chains.
- Further Li extraction results in Si clustering throughout the entire NP.



ANN MD: The Li Diffusivity Varies with Li Content

- MD simulations (5 ns) of $\text{Li}_{480-x}\text{Si}_{128}$ structures using the ANN potential show that structures with Si clusters (Li_xSi with $1.0 \leq x \leq 2.25$) exhibit the highest Li diffusivities with $D \approx 5\text{-}10 \times 10^{-11} \text{ cm}^2\text{s}^{-1}$.
- Isolated Si atoms ($\text{Li}_{3.50}\text{Si}$ and $\text{Li}_{3.75}\text{Si}$) and structures in which Si forms three-dimensional networks (Li_xSi with $x < 1.0$) exhibit much lower diffusivities of $D < 5 \times 10^{-13} \text{ cm}^2\text{s}^{-1}$.



x_{Li}	E_a (eV)	D (cm^2s^{-1})
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ANN MD: The Li Diffusivity Varies with Li Content

Experimental References

D (cm ² /s)	Method	Reference
10^{-10}	EIS	[1]
10^{-12}	CV, EIS, GITT	[2]
10^{-14}	EIS, PITT	[3]
10^{-14} – 10^{-13}	PITT	[4]

ANN Results

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Summary Part II – ANN Potentials in Applications

- **ANN potentials are a versatile tool for the modeling of complex materials** such as amorphous alloys and non-ideal oxides
- With new improved structure descriptors, the method can now be used with **compositions with more than 10 chemical species**
- Training accurate ANN potentials for general applications may require large reference libraries (>10,000 structures), but **often specialized potentials for smaller configuration spaces are sufficient** if combined with DFT



Outlook

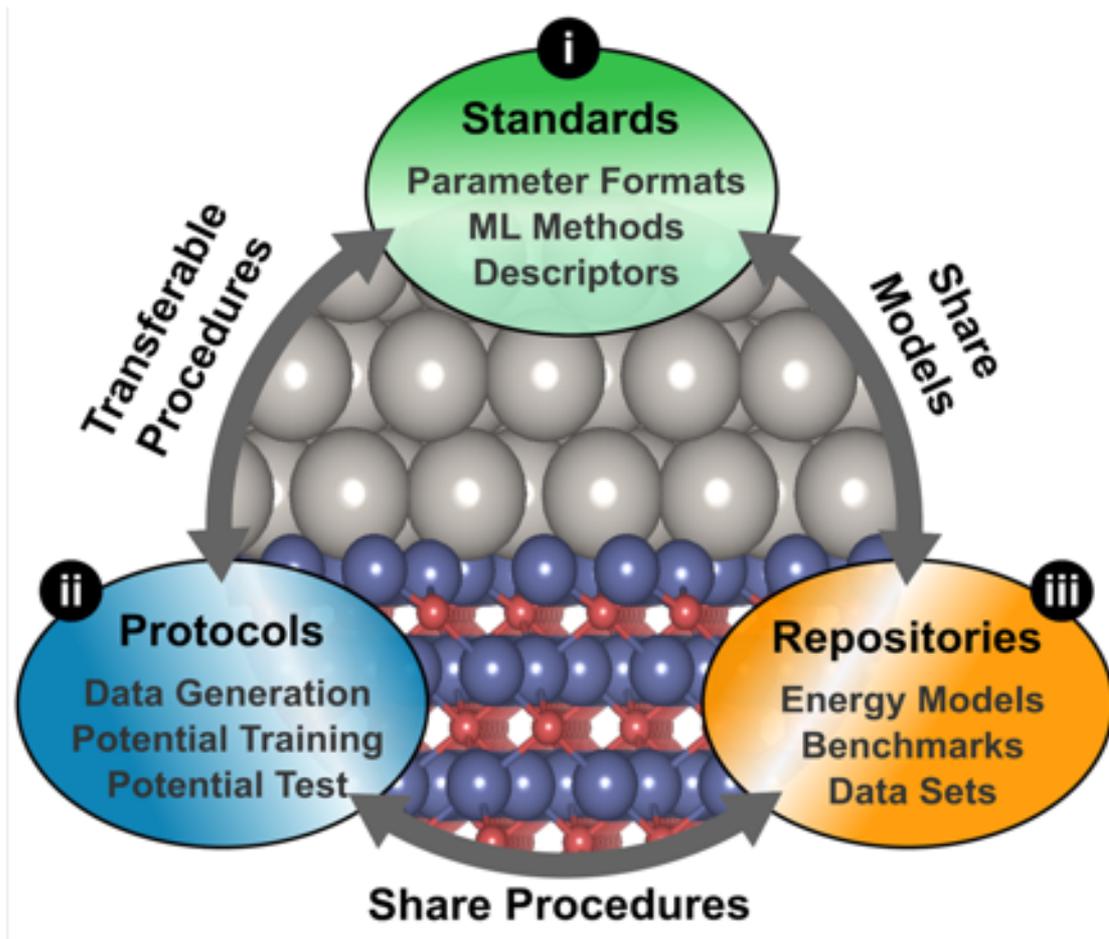
- **More systematic tests needed** to understand for which materials and applications the MLP method is successful
- Now that several implementations exist, we should have **a transferable format for ANN potentials** (collaborate on standardized format)
- How to **sample large chemical and configuration spaces** in the most efficient way?
- Including a **physically motivated baseline** could reduce the size of the reference library needed

Outlook

Some more steps required for ANN potentials to become a standard tool (like other potentials):

- **Interfaces with standard simulation software** are needed
 - aenet interfaces in development:
ASE, Tinker, DL_POLY, LAMMPS, PIMD
- Implementations have to become compatible so that ANN potentials can be shared
- **Model construction (training) has to be made easier**
- **ANN potential parameter formats should be standardized**

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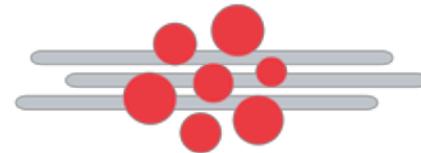
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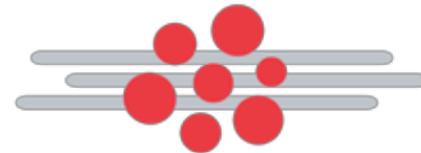
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