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# **“MACHINE LEARNING” FOR INTERATOMIC POTENTIAL: EXAMPLES AND APPLICATIONS**

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## Condensed Matter Physics: Atomistic simulations

Molecular Dynamics

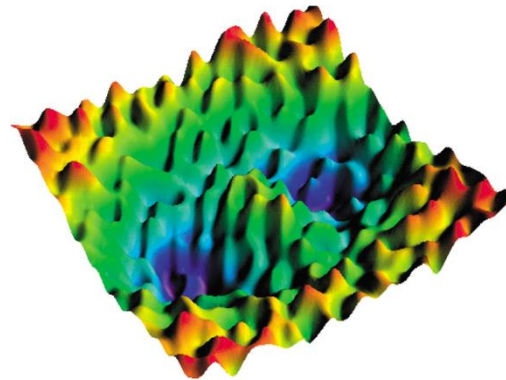
$$\langle X \rangle = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{t} \int_0^t X(t) dt$$

Monte Carlo

$$\langle X \rangle = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N X(n)$$

Trajectory

$$\bar{F}_i = m_i \gamma_i = -\nabla_i E$$



Sampling

$$P_{\text{Boltzmann}} \propto e^{-\beta E}$$

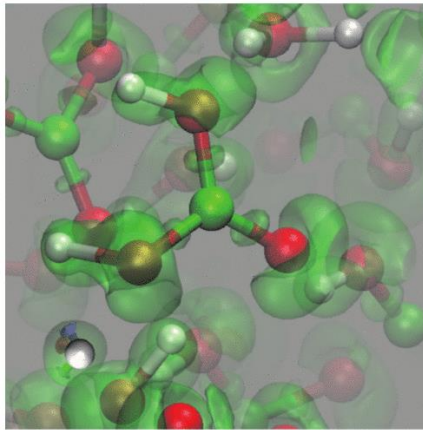
Potential energy surface

All the physics (and the chemistry)  
stands in the PES

## *ab initio MD*

no analytical form for E. The potential is computed at each timestep from quantum chemistry methods.

$$H\psi = E\psi$$



**Avantages**

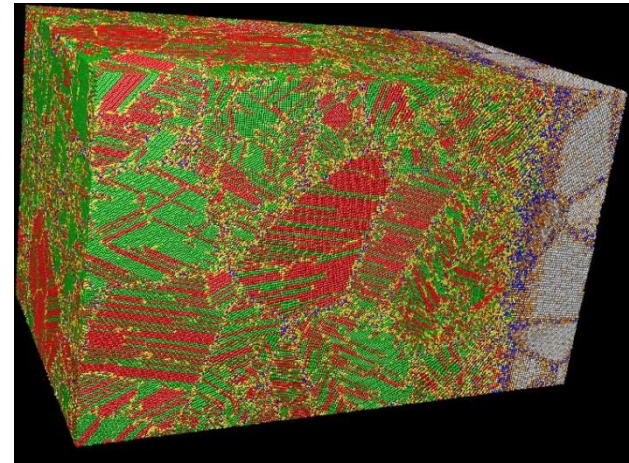
**Accuracy**

**Disadvantages**    **Scaling (space and time)**

## *Classical MD*

we postulate an analytical form of E.

$$E = f(\{\bar{r}_i\})$$



**Scaling (space and time)**

**Accuracy**  
**Transferability**

## Classical Potentials

$$E = f(\{\bar{r}_i\}) = V(\varepsilon, \alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta, \dots)$$

Analytical forms are generally physically based. Example :

Pair potential:

$$V_{LJ} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_i \sum_j 4\varepsilon \left[ \left( \frac{\sigma}{r_{ij}} \right)^{12} - \left( \frac{\sigma}{r_{ij}} \right)^6 \right]$$

**Rare gas**

Embedded Atom Method

$$V_{EAM} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_i \sum_j U(r_{ij}) + \sum_i F_i \left( \sum_j \rho(r_{ij}) \right)$$

**Metals**

Bond Order Potential

$$V_{BOP} = \sum_j f_c(r_{ij}) [V_R(r_{ij}) + \bar{B}_{ij} V_A(r_{ij})] + \sum_j V_{vdW}$$

$$B_{ij} = \left( 1 + G \sum_k f_c(r_{ik}) e^{-m(r_{ij}-r_{ik})} \right)^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$

**Chemistry**

ReaxFF

$$V_{reax} = E_{bond} + E_{vdW} + E_{coulomb} + E_{val} + E_{tors} + E_{over} + E_{under} + E_{pen} + E_{conj}$$

**All !**

## Fitting Potentials

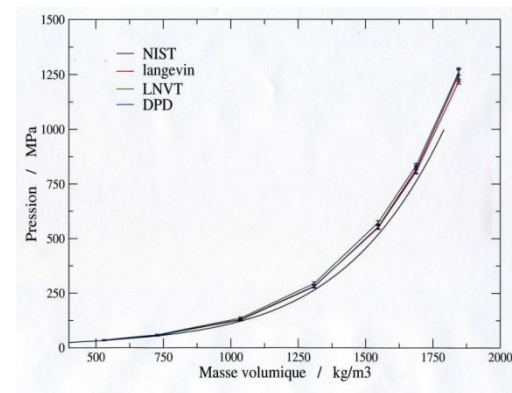
Fitting a potential reduces to minimizing a cost function relatively to a database.

The cost function defines the difference between the reference value and the computed value (MSE) :

$$C = \sum_i (E_i^{ref} - V_i)^2 \longleftrightarrow \text{accuracy}$$

Ex: fitting a LJ potential on the EOS of argon

$$V_{LJ} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_i \sum_j 4\varepsilon \left[ \left( \frac{\sigma}{r_{ij}} \right)^{12} - \left( \frac{\sigma}{r_{ij}} \right)^6 \right]$$



## Multi objective functions and the Pareto surface

Ex: Fitting Reax parameters ( $n > 600$ )

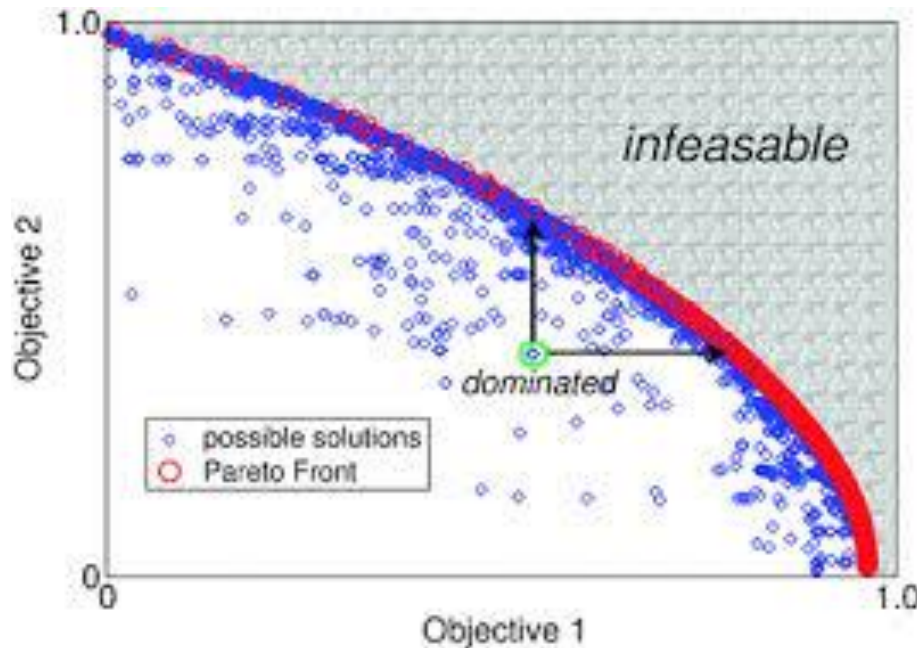
Multi objective function (noncommensurate quantities)

$$C = w_1 MSE(d_{C-C}) + w_2 MSE(\Delta H_f) + w_3 MSE(\vec{F}_i) + \dots$$

The  $\{w_i\}$  are arbitrary user-defined parameters.



Numerous “best parameters” sets

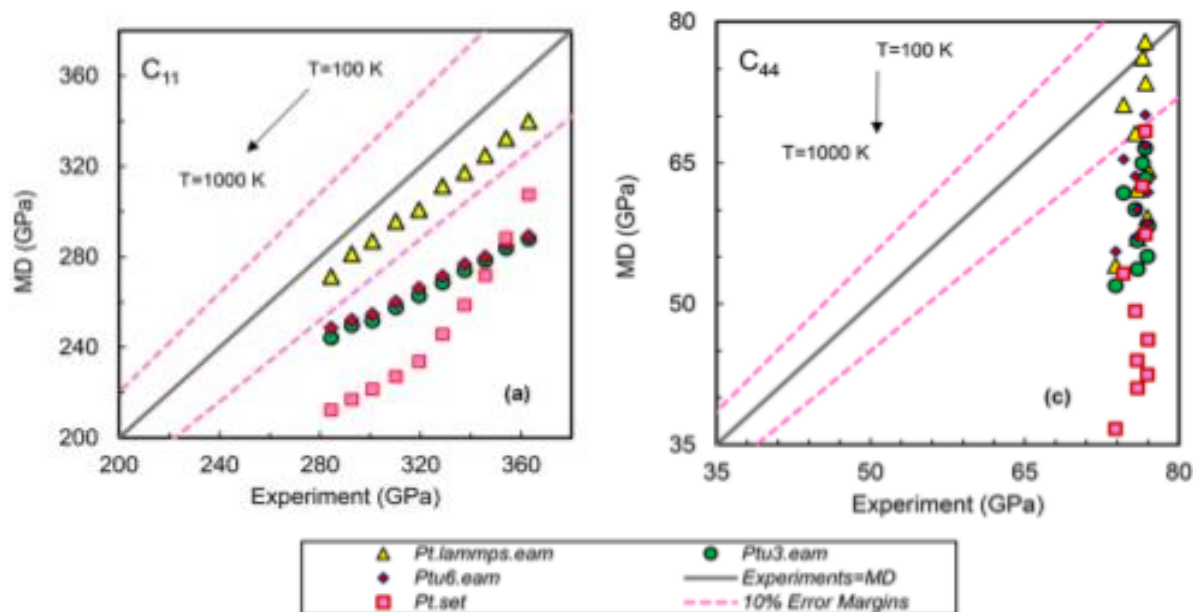


**The Pareto surface: impossible to improve one objective function without making another one worse.**

**Evaluation of transferability:** measure of robustness at conditions other than those used in the fitting process

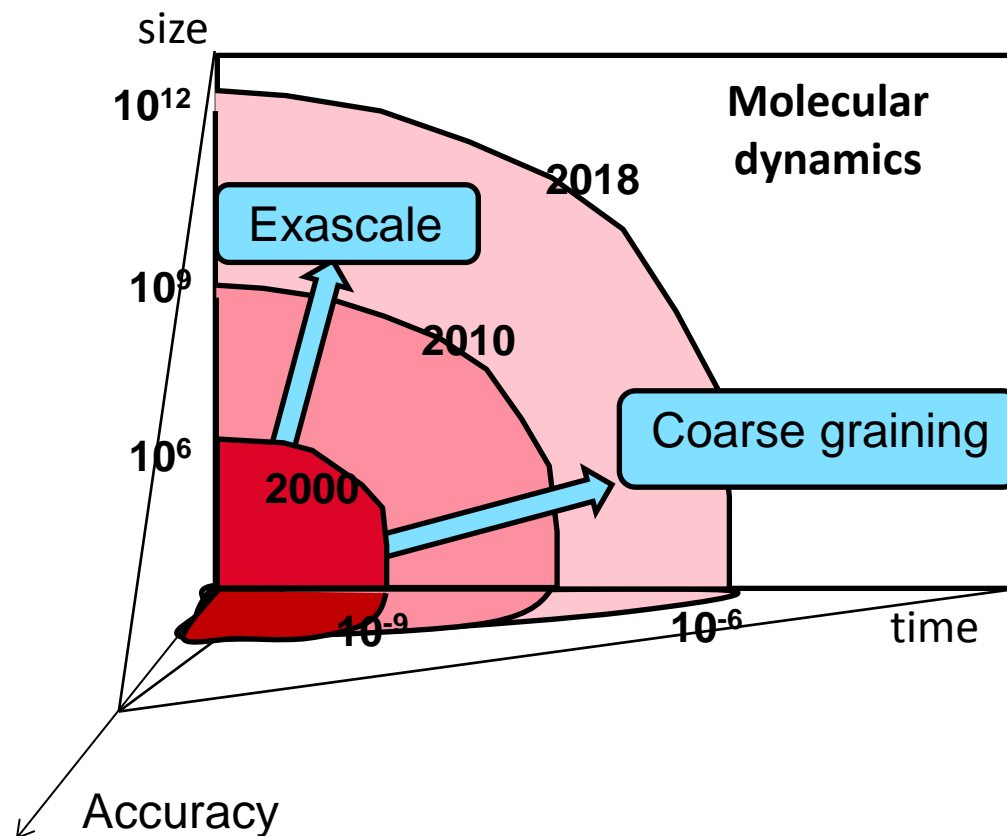
Example: EAM potential for Pt, from the NIST (National Institute of Standards and Technology) Interatomic Potentials Repository

Evaluation of elastic constant at different temperatures





Of course, size and time do matter, but the problem stands in the confidence of atomistic predictions

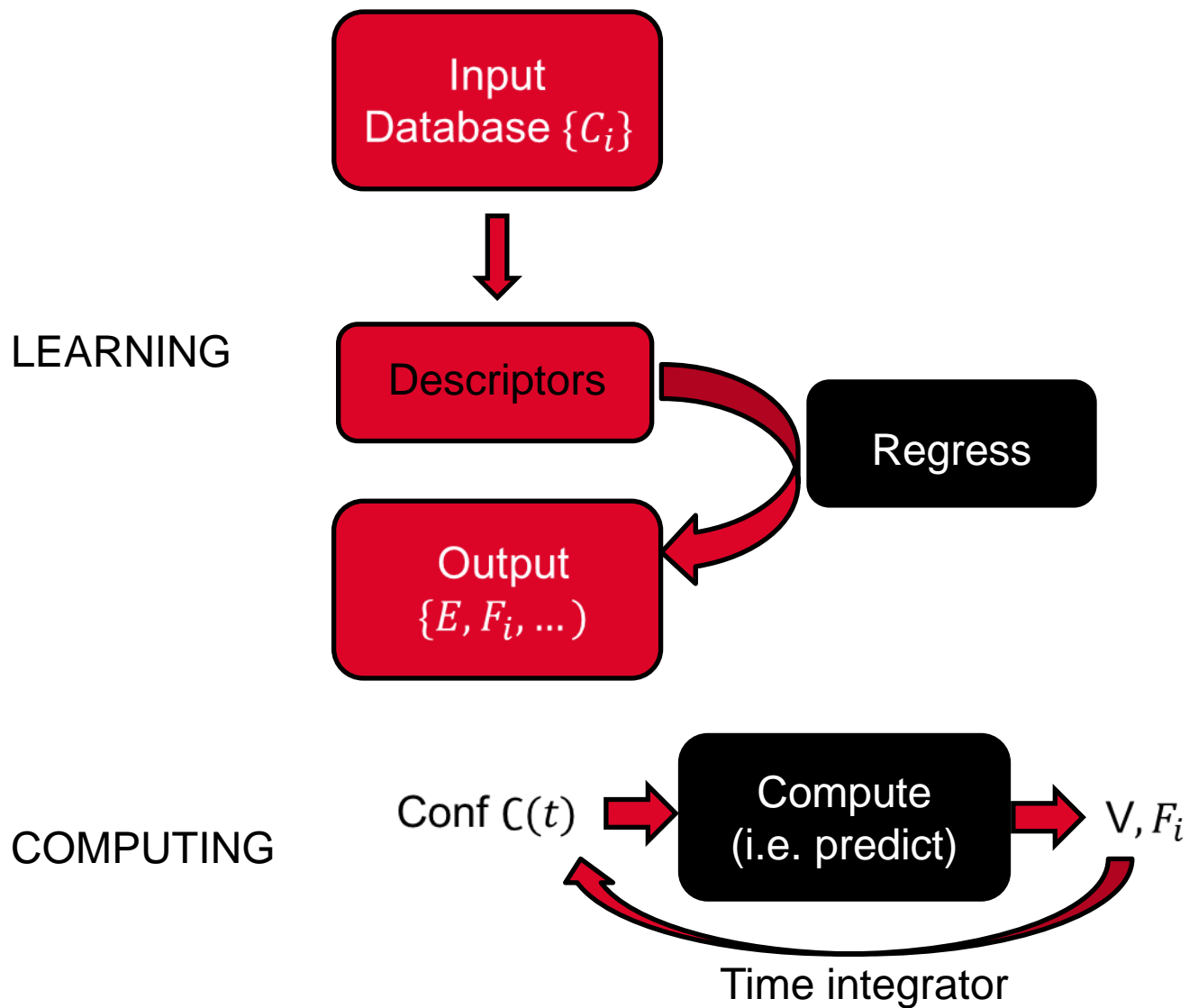


How to increase the accuracy and transferability of interaction potential ?



Machine Learning Potential

# OUTLINE



## Database

- Elements, transferability
- Representation (interpolation vs extrapolation)
- Sparsification

## Elements: C configurations of N atoms

- Total energy
- Forces on each atom
- Total virial



- 1 data
  - 3 N data
  - 6 data
- / configuration

The database control the predictive capacities of the potential: one potential only knows what it has learnt !

(very) large systems are envisioned but reference data (ab initio) are available only for small systems

Reference data should be representative

- Unit cell deformation → EOS and elasticity
- Supercell → phonons
- Surface unit cell → surface energy
- $\gamma$ -surface → screw dislocation
- ...

## Example: database for Tungsten

GAP <sub>1</sub> : $N = 2000$ $M = 2000$	<i>Elastic constants</i>		←	MC <sup>a</sup> (slice sampling) in the lattice space 2000 × primitive unit cell temperature: 300 K
GAP <sub>2</sub> : $N = 9680$ $M = 4000$	GAP <sub>1</sub> +	<i>Phonon spectrum</i>	←	MD <sup>a</sup> with no defects 60 × 128 at. unit cell temperatures: 300, 1000 K, volumes: ground state, ±1%
GAP <sub>3</sub> : $N = 33420$ $M = 6000$	GAP <sub>2</sub> +	<i>Vacancy formation</i>	←	MD <sup>a</sup> of isolated monovacancy 400 × 53 at., 20 × 127 at. unit cell temperatures: 300, 1000 K, volumes: ground state, ±1%
GAP <sub>4</sub> : $N = 109776$ $M = 9000$	GAP <sub>3</sub> +	<i>Surface energy</i>	←	MD <sup>a</sup> of (100), (110), (111), (112) surfaces 180 × 12 at. unit cell temperature: 300 K, volume: ground state
		<i>Dislocation structure</i>	←	MD <sup>a</sup> of (110), (112) gamma surfaces 6183 × 12 at. unit cell temperature: 300 K, volumes: ground state, ±1%
GAP <sub>5</sub> : $N = 145026$ $M = 10000$	GAP <sub>4</sub> +	<i>Dislocation-vacancy interaction</i>	←	MD <sup>a</sup> of monovacancy in (110), (112) gamma surfaces 750 × 47 at. unit cell temperature: 300 K, volume: ground state
GAP <sub>6</sub> : $N = 158526$ $M = 10000$	GAP <sub>5</sub> +	<i>Peierls barrier</i>	←	MD <sup>b</sup> of $\frac{1}{2}\langle 111 \rangle$ dislocation quadrupole 100 × 135 at. unit cell temperatures: 300, 1000 K, volume: ground state

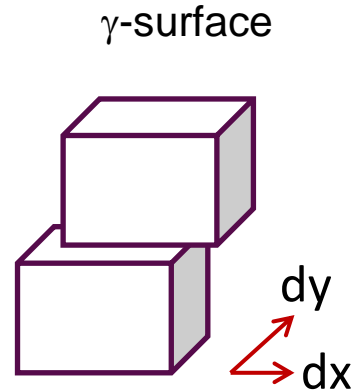
## Example : GAP potential for Tungsten

Database	Computational cost <sup>a</sup> (ms/atom)	Elastic constants <sup>b</sup> (GPa)	Phonon spectrum <sup>b</sup> (THz)	Vacancy formation <sup>c</sup> (eV)	Surface energy <sup>b</sup> (eV/Å <sup>2</sup> )	Dislocation structure <sup>d</sup> (Å <sup>-1</sup> )	Dislocation-vacancy binding energy (eV)	Peierls barrier (eV/b)
GAP <sub>1</sub> : 2000 × primitive unit cell with varying lattice vectors	24.70	0.623	0.583	2.855	0.1452	0.0008		
GAP <sub>2</sub> : GAP <sub>1</sub> + 60 × 128-atom unit cell	51.05	0.608	0.146	1.414	0.1522	0.0006		
GAP <sub>3</sub> : GAP <sub>2</sub> + vacancy in: 400 × 53-atom unit cell, 20 × 127-atom unit cell	63.65	0.716	0.142	0.018	0.0941	0.0004		
GAP <sub>4</sub> : GAP <sub>3</sub> + (100), (110), (111), (112) surfaces 180 × 12-atom unit cell (110), (112) γ surfaces 6183 × 12-atom unit cell	86.99	0.581	0.138	0.005	0.0001	0.0002	-0.960	0.108
GAP <sub>5</sub> : GAP <sub>4</sub> + vacancy in: (110), (112) γ surface 750 × 47-atom unit cell	93.86	0.865	0.126	0.011	0.0001	0.0002	-0.774	0.154
GAP <sub>6</sub> : GAP <sub>5</sub> + $\frac{1}{2}\langle 111 \rangle$ dislocation quadrupole 100 × 135-atom unit cell	93.33	0.748	0.129	0.015	0.0001	0.0001	-0.794	0.112

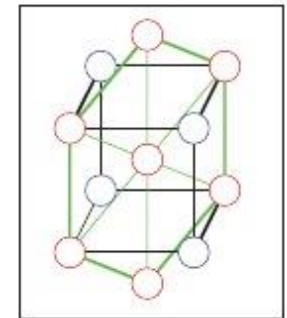
## Numerical potential for the bcc-hcp transition in Iron

### Database

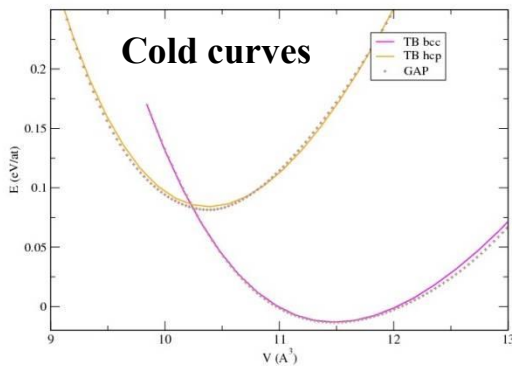
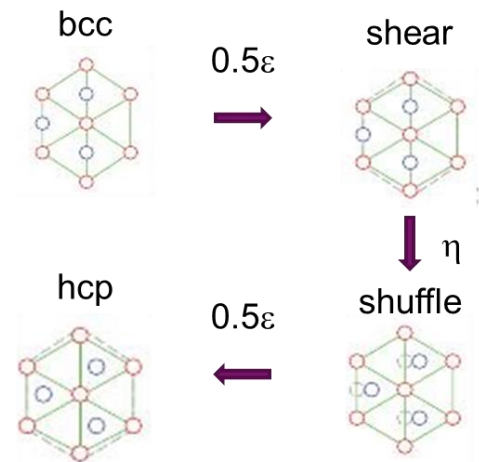
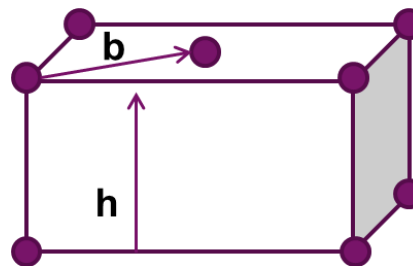
- BCC
  - ✓ 100 confs MC / 1000
  - ✓ 24 confs deformations / 42
  - ✓ 60 confs  $\gamma$ -surface/100
- HCP
  - ✓ 20 confs cold curve / 20
  - ✓ 100 confs MC / 1000
  - ✓ 24 confs deformations / 42
  - ✓ 60 confs  $\gamma$ -surface/100
- BCC-HCP
  - ✓ 20 confs in  $\epsilon$
  - ✓ 20 confs in  $\eta$



### bcc-hcp transition

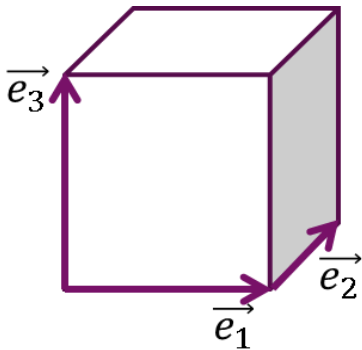


Large deformation path  
along dense planes



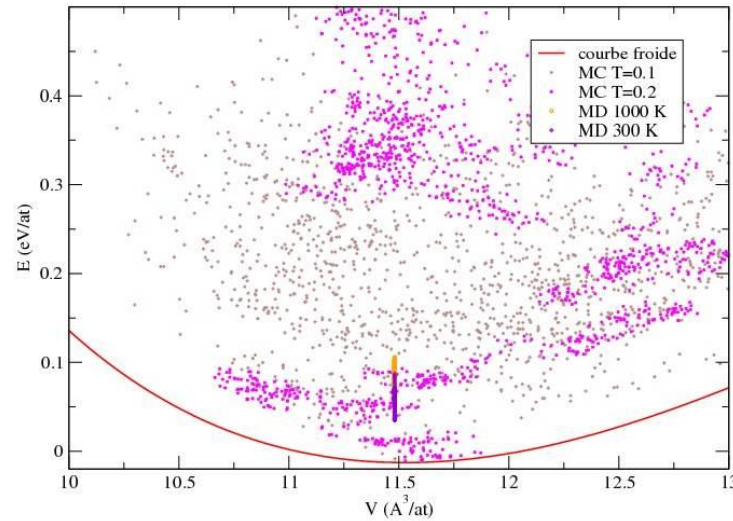
**Transferability:** predictive capacity within the envelope defined by the database (interpolation)

Monte Carlo in parameter space (a,b,c,α,β,γ)



Random deformation of the unitary cell with acceptance probability :

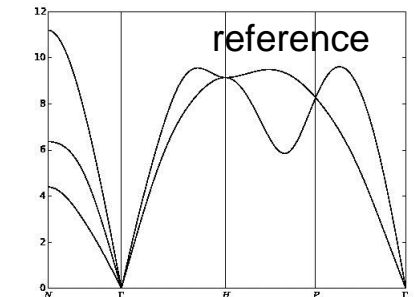
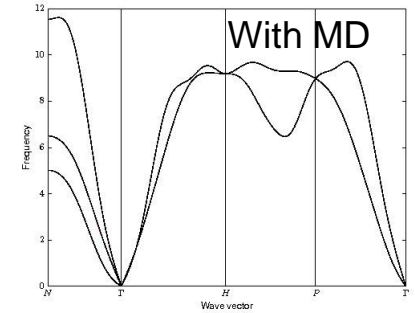
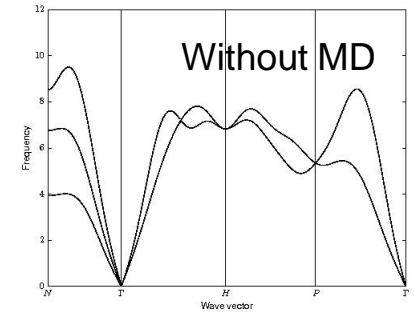
$$e^{-\frac{\Delta E}{kT}}$$



10 % → learning

90 % → testing

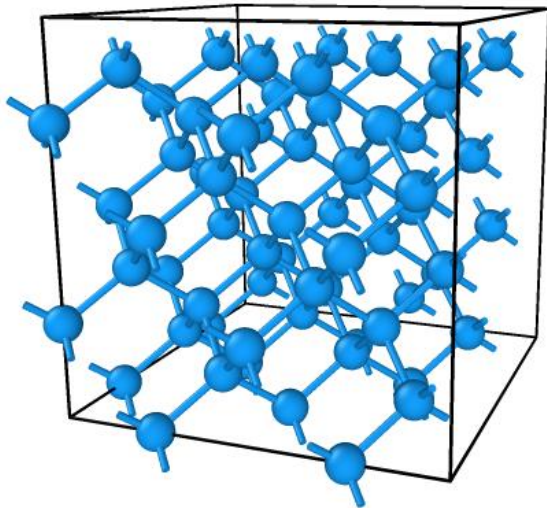
Phonon spectrum



Extended database ↔ Increased transferability

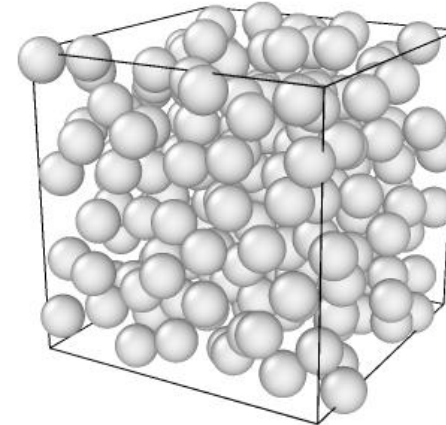


## Ge database



### Diamond cubic phase

Volumetric deformation  
Shear deformation  
Normal deformation



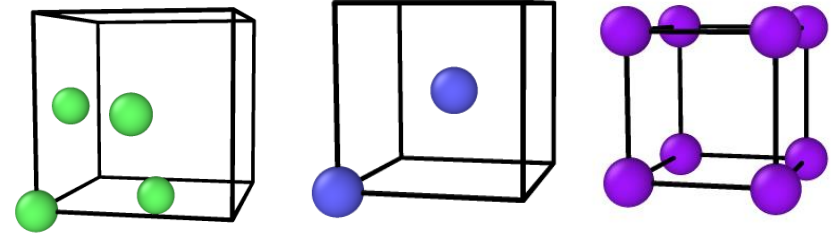
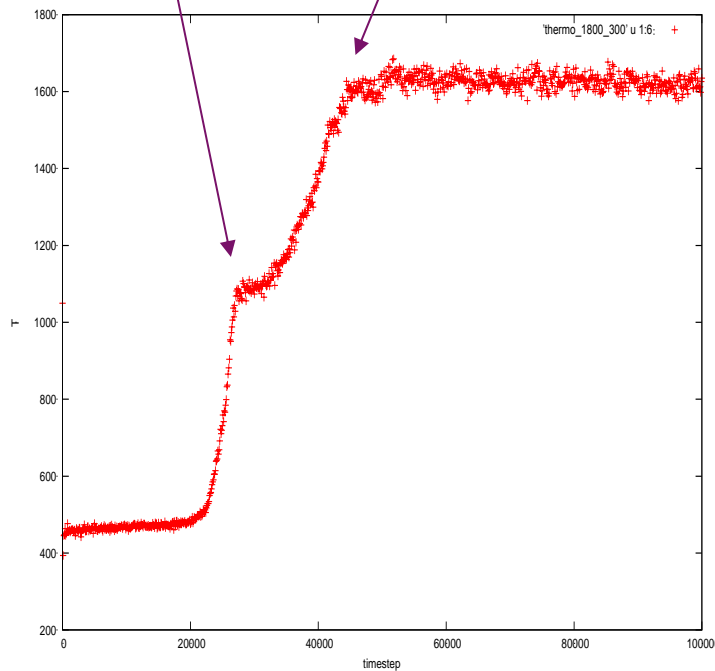
### Liquid phase

Ab initio simulations @ 1500 K, 3000 K

Get a very good potential for diamond and liquid, but not for the melting temperature.

Melting of Ge  
diamond

Melting of Ge  
hexagonal



## Metastable phases

Volumetric deformation for FCC,  
BCC, Simple cubic and A5 phases

## Hot crystal

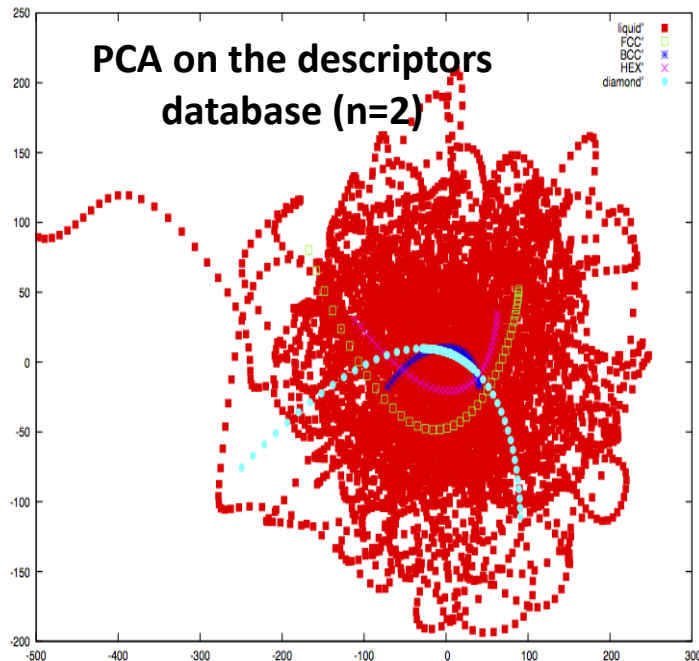
Ab initio simulations @ 800 K, 1000 K



Better agreement on the melting temperature

## Representation: database for Ge

Each cartesian configurations is transformed in a feature space where atomic environment are represented by descriptors (here 55 Bispectrum components)



Results are less separable.

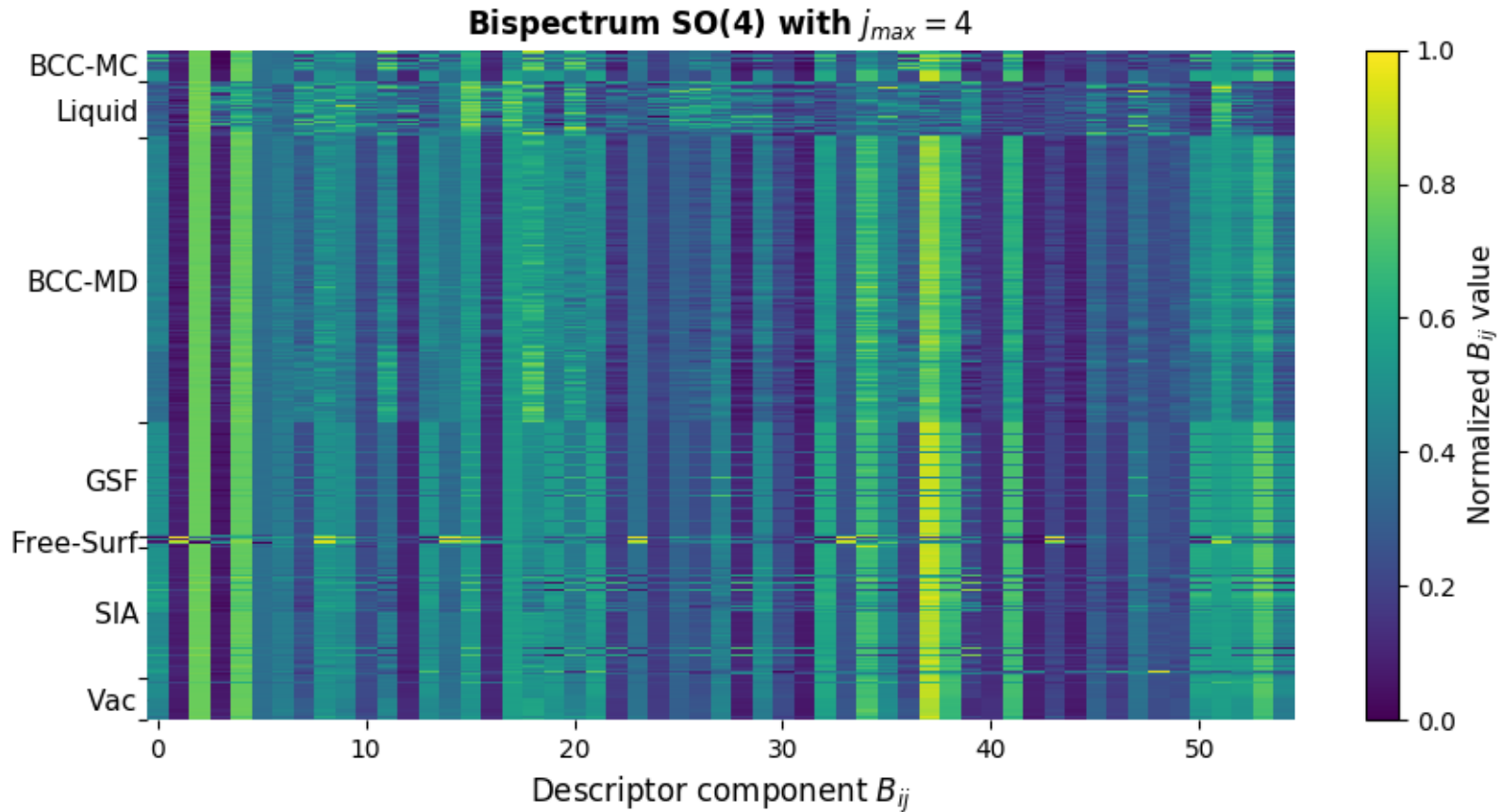
Non parametric regression methods are usually successful in interpolation, but can be awful in extrapolation. The representation of the database could serve as a first diagnostic to prevent extrapolation.

Representation of the database



Interpolation vs extrapolation

## Representation: database for Fe



➔ Sparse matrix

**Sparsification:** reduce the size of the database ( $D \times N$  matrix)

**Random sparsification** : randomly delete configurations from the database until the desired size is achieved.

**SVD:** compute the entropy of the matrix.  
Normalized spectrum (for  $k$  non-zero eigenvalues):

$$V_j = \frac{u_j^2}{\sum_{i=1}^k u_i^2}$$

Compute the entropy of the matrix as: 
$$S(A) = -\frac{1}{\log k} \sum_{j=1}^k V_j \log V_j$$

Then compute the entropy of the matrix  $A^{-i}$

Sort the configuration by entropy, and delete the smaller contributors.

**CUR decomposition:** decomposition of  $A = CUR$ , where  $C$  is composed of columns of  $A$  and  $R$  of lines. Use SVD to obtain a statistical weight associated to each column, used as delete probability.

**Max variance:**

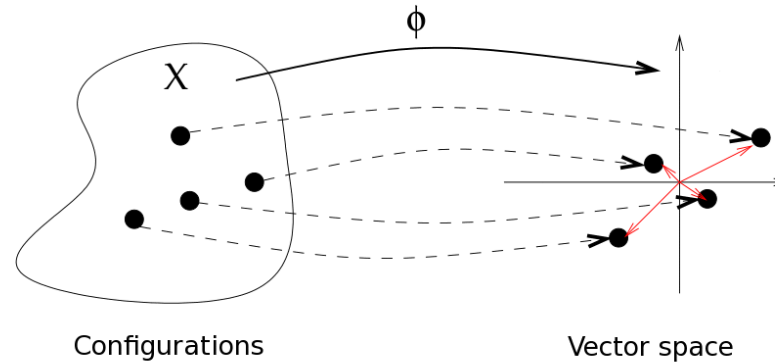
- Start with a very small database  $a \in A$
- Compute the distance between each elements of  $a$  and  $C_i \in A$
- Select the most distant element  $C_k$  and add it to  $a$

The richer the database the better the potential

BUT

- Elements should be selected with a “physically” relevant criterion
- Adding distinct elements increases the transferability of the potential but decreases its accuracy
- Representation of the database: identify relevant (separated) domains, control extrapolation.
- Scaling of the potential with the size of the database: optimize the ratio information/size

Cartesian space



N atoms  
(1 environment)

3N Degrees of freedom



One vector  $\Phi(C)$

Constant dimension

But physics imposes some invariance on the energy: translation, permutation, rotation

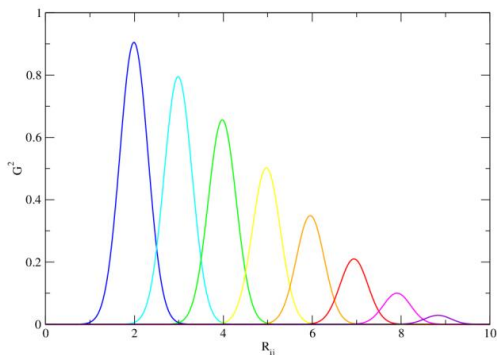
$\Phi(C)$  should have these invariances

- Symmetry functions
- Matrices
- Spectral expansions
- Graphs
- ...

## Example 1 : Symmetry functions

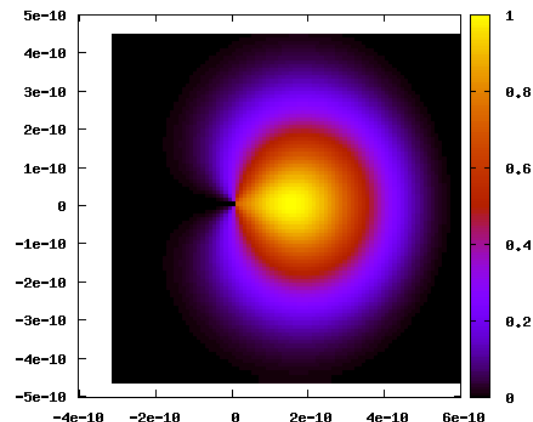
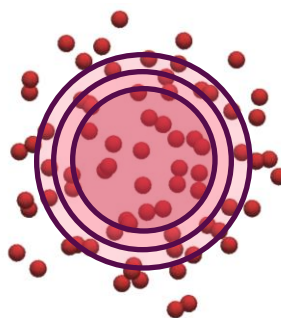
Radial symmetry functions

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



Angular symmetry functions

$$G_i^4 = 2^{1-\zeta} \sum_{j,k \neq j} (1 + \lambda \cos \theta_{ijk})^\zeta e^{-\eta(R_{ij}^2 + R_{ik}^2 + R_{jk}^2)} f_c(R_{ij}) f_c(R_{ik}) f_c(R_{jk})$$



$$D = \begin{pmatrix} G_1^2 \\ G_2^2 \\ \dots \\ G_n^4 \end{pmatrix}$$

Comparison of configurations




Comparison of descriptors vectors

Problem: ambiguity of representations



## Example 2 : Gram matrix, coulomb matrix

Weyl theorem (1939)  a configuration can be represented by the scalar products of its radial vectors.

Gram (or Weyl) matrix  
(symmetric) :

$$G = \begin{pmatrix} r_1 r_1 & \cdots & r_1 r_N \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ r_N r_1 & \cdots & r_N r_N \end{pmatrix}$$

Over complete  
descriptor

G is invariant by rotation and reflection, but not by permutation

To retain permutation invariance, one can retain the spectrum of this matrix (but it is then under complete)

The coulomb matrix can be seen as an entrywise non linear transformation of the Weyl matrix

$$M_{ij} = \begin{cases} 0.5Z_i^2 & \text{if } i = j \\ \frac{Z_i Z_j}{\|r_i - r_j\|} \end{cases}$$

Similarity measure:

$$D(M, M') = \sqrt{\sum_i |\varepsilon_i - \varepsilon'_i|^2}$$

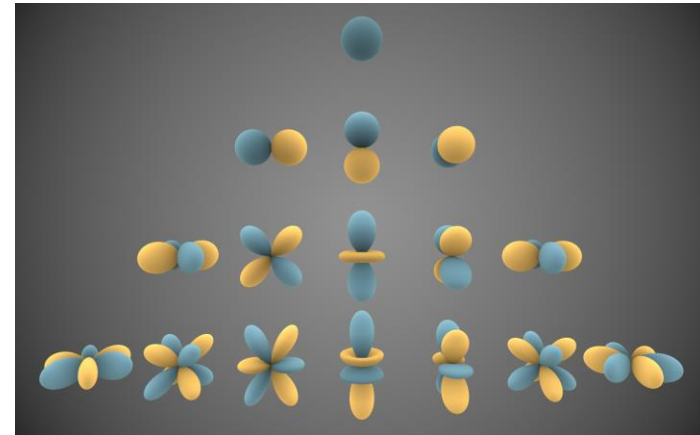
$\varepsilon_i$  are the ordered eigenvalues of M.

D has the correct invariances but remains under complete, and the ordering of its eigenvalues hinders regularity (problem for derivative)

## Example 3 : Spherical power spectrum

Expansion of the density function on a basis of spherical harmonics and radial functions.

$$\rho_i(r) = \sum_j \sum_{l,m} c_{nlm}^{(i)j} g_n(r) Y_{lm}(\hat{r})$$



It can be shown that the product  $p_{nn'l} = c_{nlm}^\dagger c_{n'lm}$  is rotational invariant

spherical power  
spectrum

$$p_{nn'l} = \sqrt{\frac{8\pi^2}{2l+1}} \sum_m c_{nlm}^\dagger c_{n'lm}$$

## Example 4 : SO4 bispectrum

Density of neighbor atoms at location  $r$  relative to a central atom  $i$

$\omega_j$  are dimensionless weight chosen to distinguish atoms of different types

$$\rho_i(r) = \delta(r) + \sum_{r_j < R_{cut}} f_c(r_j) \omega_j \delta(r - r_j)$$

The radial coordinate  $r$  is mapped on to a third angular coordinate  $\theta_0 = \theta_0^{max} r / R_{cut}$ . Each neighbor position  $(r, \theta, \phi)$  is mapped to  $(\theta_0, \phi, \theta)$ , a point on the unit 3-sphere.

The natural basis for functions on the 3-sphere is formed by the 4D hyperspherical harmonics  $U_{m,m'}^j(\theta_0, \theta, \phi)$ , defined for  $j = 0, 1/2, 1, \dots$  and  $m, m' = -j, -j+1, \dots, j-1, j$ .

The density function defined on the 3-sphere can then be expanded using 4D hyperspherical harmonics:

$$\rho(r) = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=-j}^j \sum_{m'=-j}^j u_{m,m'}^j U_{m,m'}^j(\theta_0, \phi, \theta)$$

Because the neighbor density is a weighted sum of  $\delta$ -functions, each expansion coefficient is a sum over discrete values of the corresponding basis function evaluated at each neighbor position :

$$u_{m,m'}^j = U_{m,m'}^j(0) + \sum_{r_j < R_{cut}} f_c(r_j) \omega_j U_{m,m'}^j(\theta_0, \phi, \theta)$$

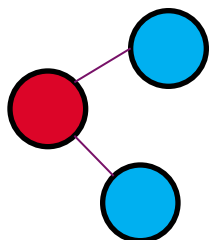
The bispectrum components are formed as the scalar triple products of the expansion coefficients (to insure rotational invariances)

$$B_{j_1, j_2, j} = \sum_{m, m'} u_{m, m'}^j \sum_{\substack{m_1, m'_1 \\ m_2, m'_2}}^{j, m, m'} H_{j, m_2, m'_2}^{j, m_1, m'_1} u_{m_1, m'_1}^{j_1} u_{m_2, m'_2}^{j_2}$$

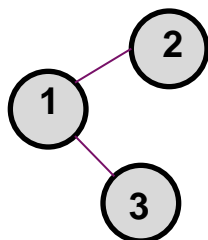
$H_{j, m_2, m'_2}^{j, m_1, m'_1}$  : Clebsch-Gordan coupling coefficients for the hyperspherical harmonics

## Example 5 : Graphs

Molecule



Graph



Adjacent matrix

$$\begin{matrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{matrix}$$

Graphs are translational and rotational invariant

Laplacian of a weighted graph

$$L = \begin{matrix} -w_{ij} \\ \sum_j w_{ij} \text{ if } (i = j) \\ 0 \text{ otherwise} \end{matrix}$$

*The spectrum of the Laplacian (and adjacency) matrix is a graph invariant, that is, it is invariant to permutations in the indices of the vertices.*

A weight graph built with  $\|r_i - r_j\|^2$  leads to an adjacency matrix close to Weyl's one. Its spectrum has the required invariances.

Questions : accuracy vs CPU: mixing descriptors ?

Example:

$$D = G_2 \oplus B$$

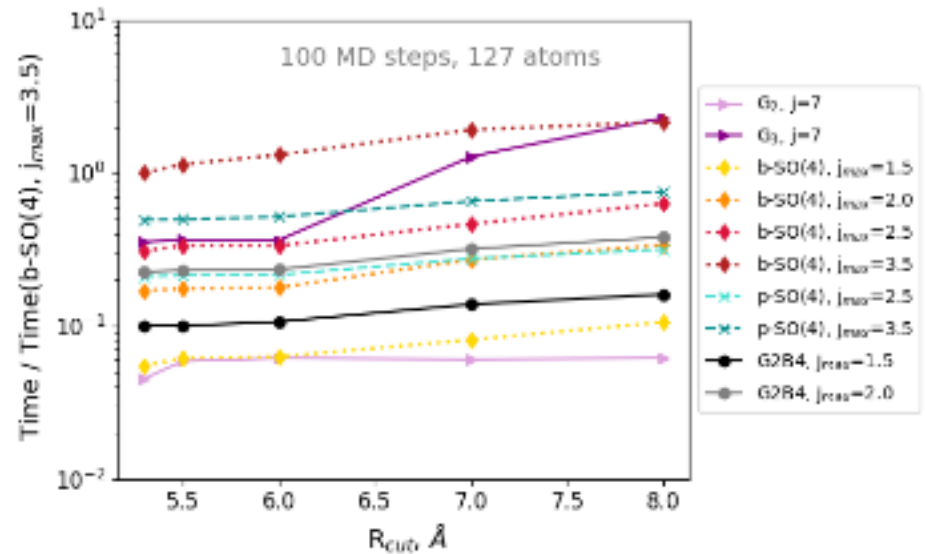
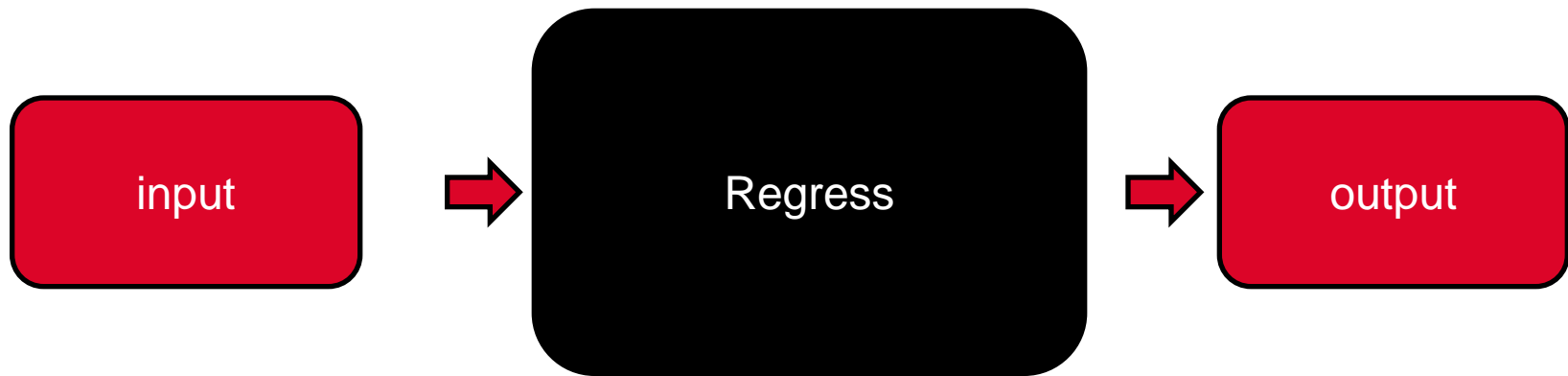


Figure 1: Computational cost of the atomic descriptors (on a single Intel Broadwell core) normalized by that of bispectrum SO(4) with  $j_{max}=3.5$  and  $R_{cut}=5$  as a function of the cutoff distance  $R_{cut}$ . The timings do not comprise evaluation of the nearest neighbor environment, *i.e.* it is independent of the employed neighbor list algorithm.

Perspective/questions :

- Coarse grained descriptor ?
- Hybrid descriptor (adding invariant force field data into the descriptor) ?
- ....

# REGRESSION METHOD



Ensemble of  
vectors of  
dimension  $D$

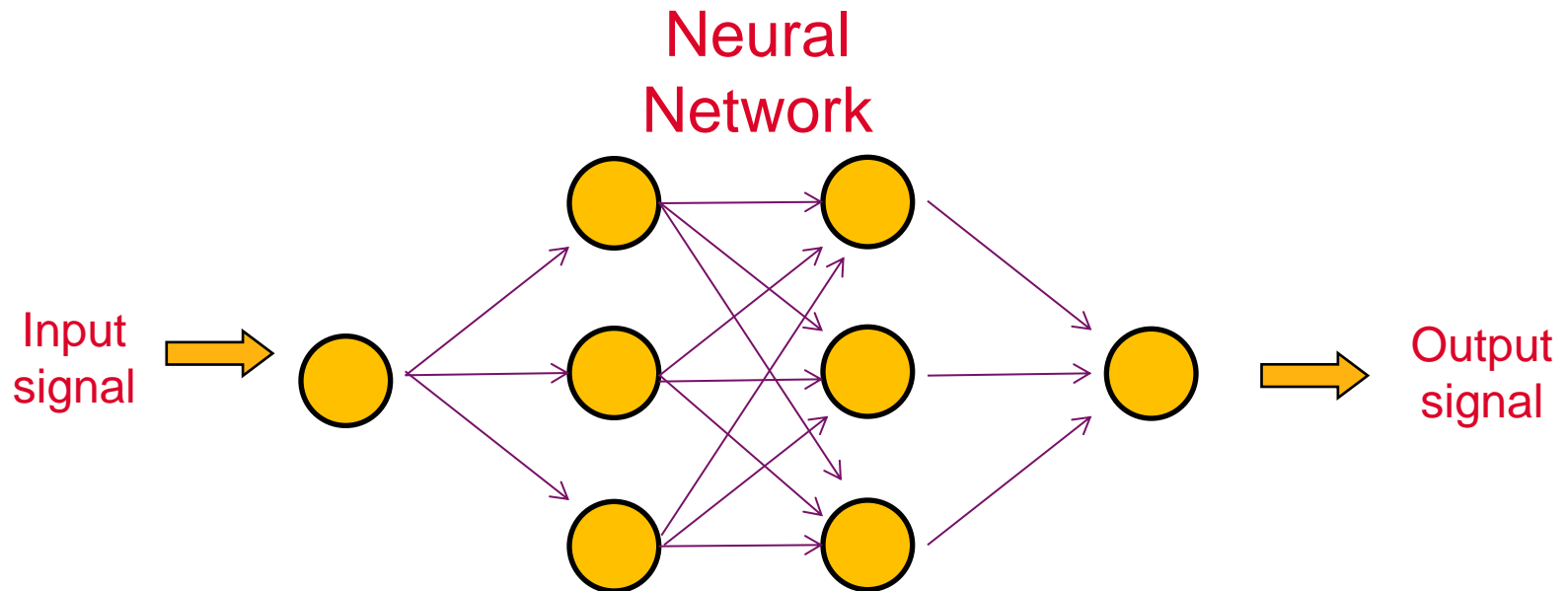
- Neural network
- Kernel method
- linear

- energy
- forces
- virial

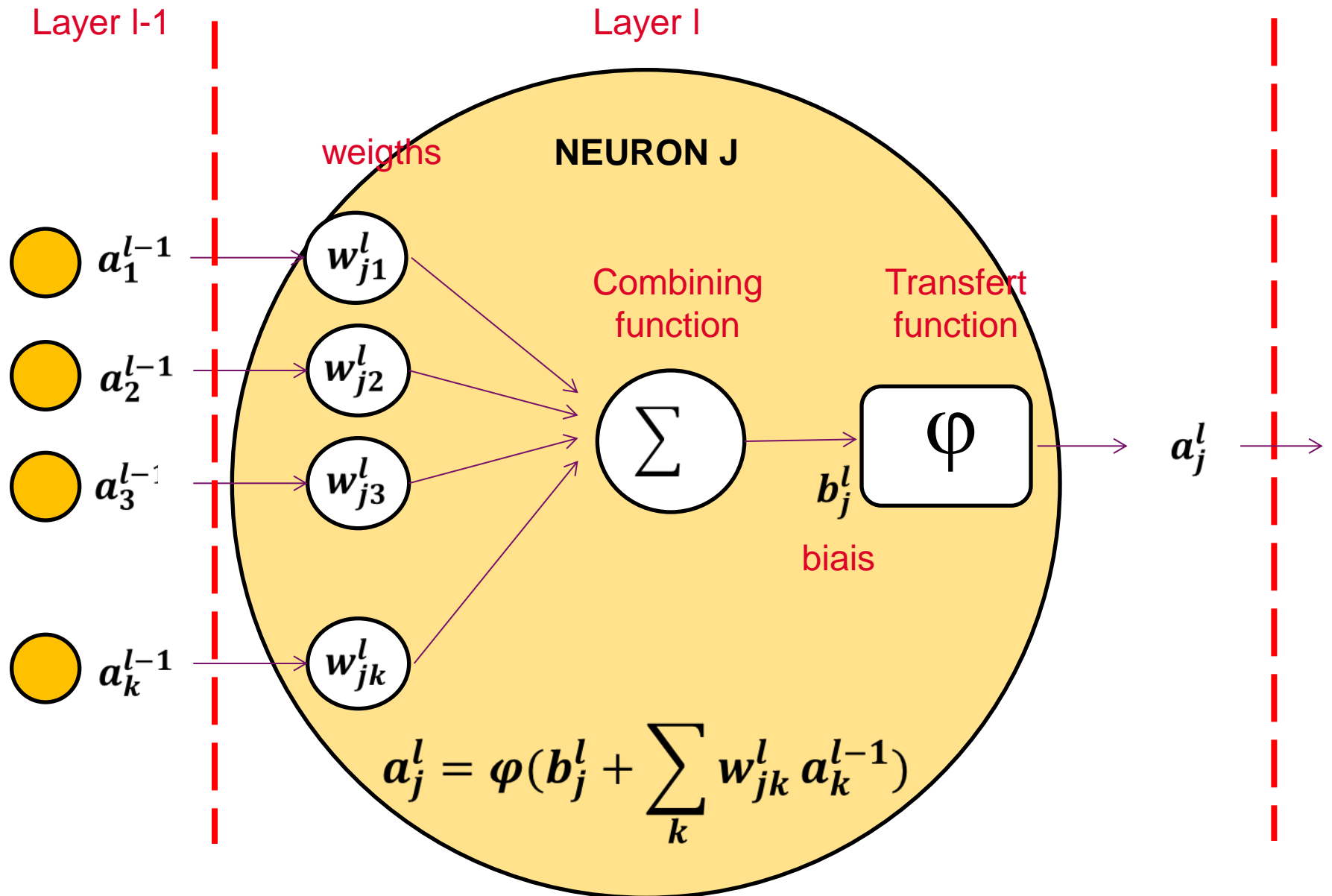


# NEURAL NETWORK

Artificial neural networks are massively parallel interconnected networks of simple (usually adaptive) elements and their hierarchical organizations which are intended to interact with the objects of the real world in the same way as biological nervous system do.



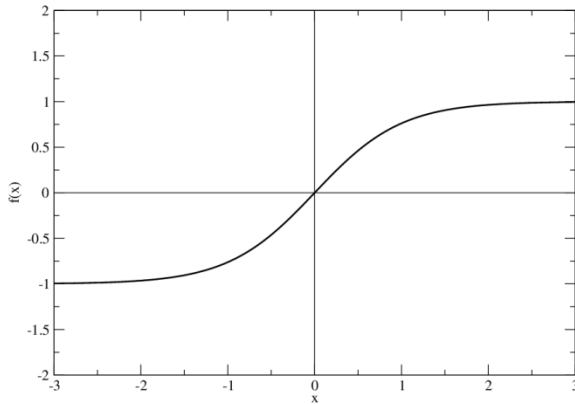
# NEURAL NETWORK



Transfert function guarantees the non linear behavior of the NN

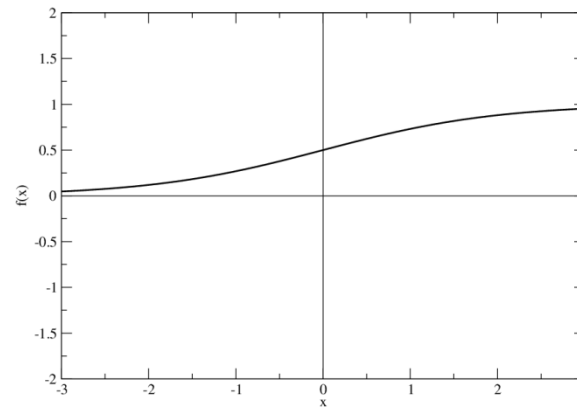
Hyperbolic tangent

$$f(x) = \tanh(x)$$



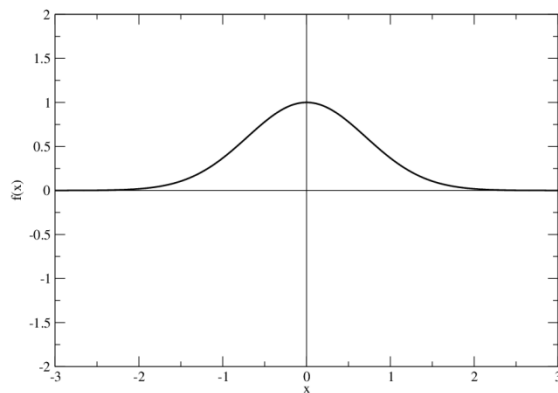
Sigmoid

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-x}}$$



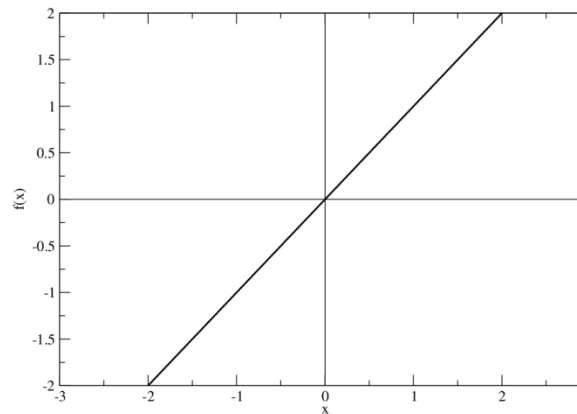
Gaussian

$$f(x) = e^{-\eta x^2}$$



linear

$$f(x) = x$$



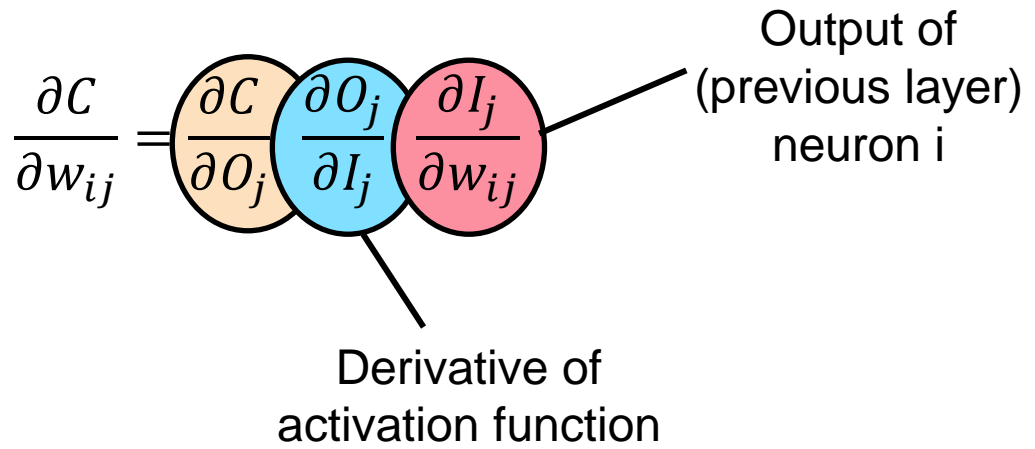
## LEARNING: BACKPROPAGATION

For each input (i.e. each configuration of the training database) a forward pass over the NN leads to the output  $y$ . The cost function is generally defined as :

$$C = \frac{1}{2} \sum_i (E - y)^2$$

We want to minimize the cost function relatively to the parameters of the NN, i.e. to compute  $\frac{\partial C}{\partial w_{ij}}$

Apply the chain rule:



$$\frac{\partial C}{\partial O_j} = \sum_l \left( \frac{\partial C}{\partial O_l} \frac{\partial O_l}{\partial I_l} \frac{\partial I_l}{\partial O_j} \right) = \sum_l \left( \frac{\partial C}{\partial O_l} \frac{\partial O_l}{\partial I_l} w_{jl} \right)$$

Recursion relation = backpropagation

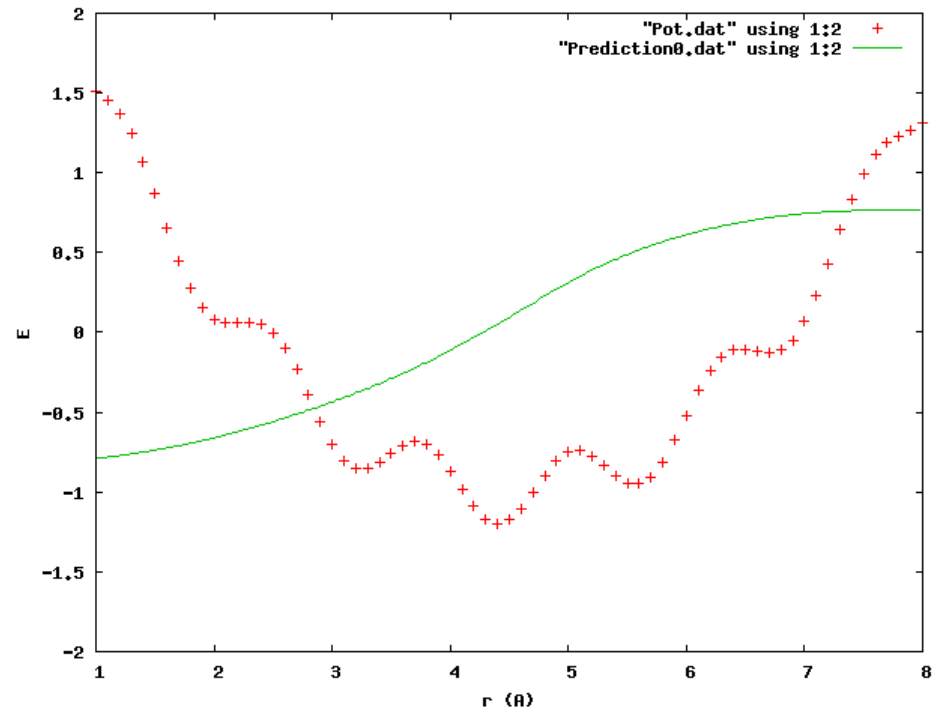
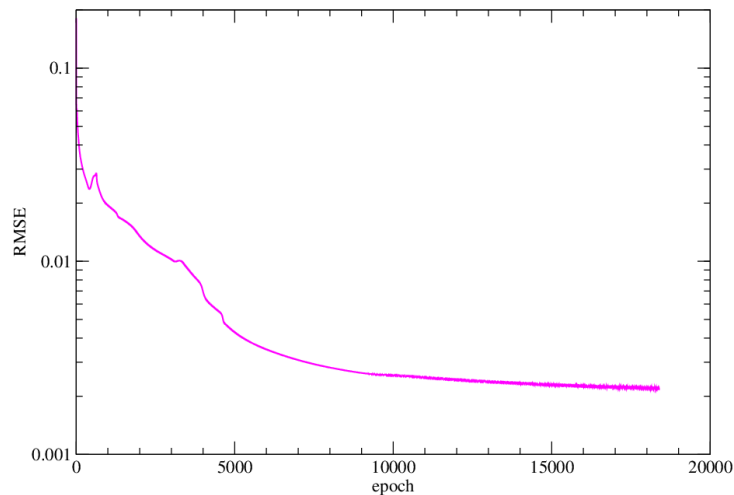
## NN: A 1D EXAMPLE

$$E = \frac{\cos(5R) + (R - 4.5)^2}{5} - 1$$

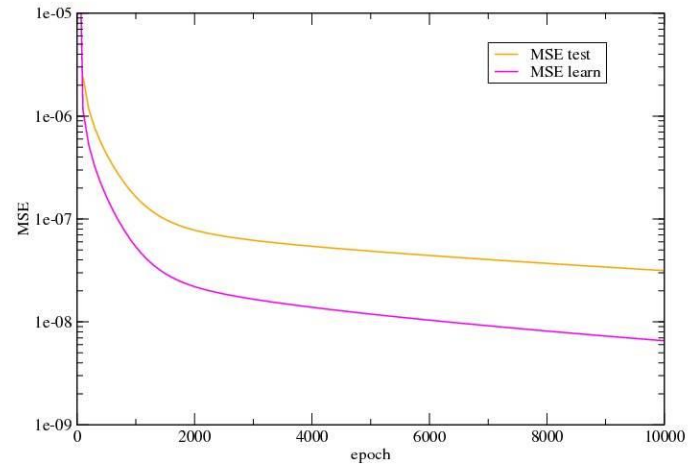
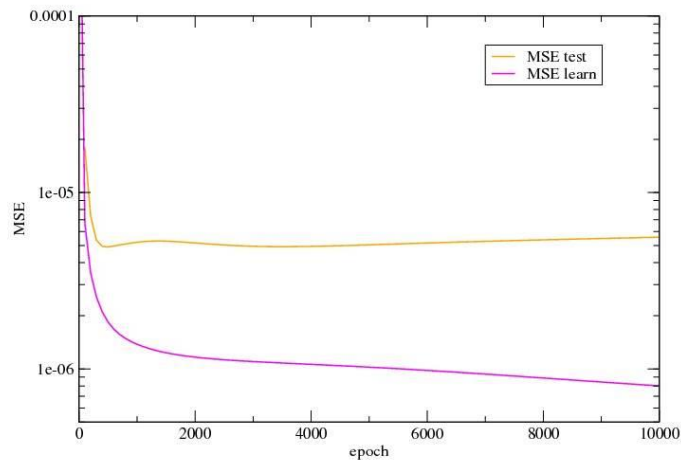
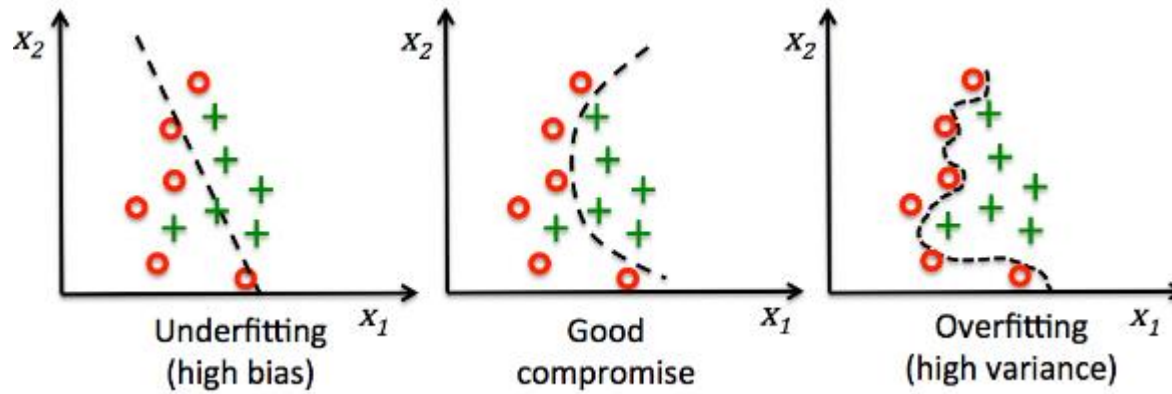
Network: S-25H-25H-L

Learning sample: 70

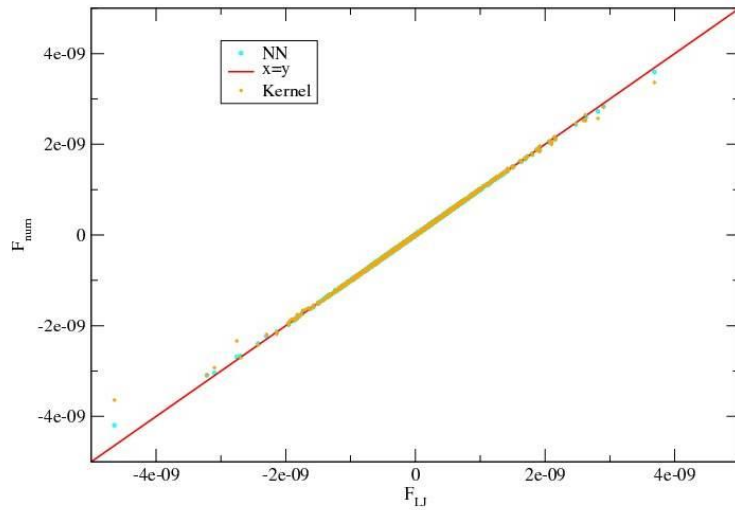
Testing sample: 300



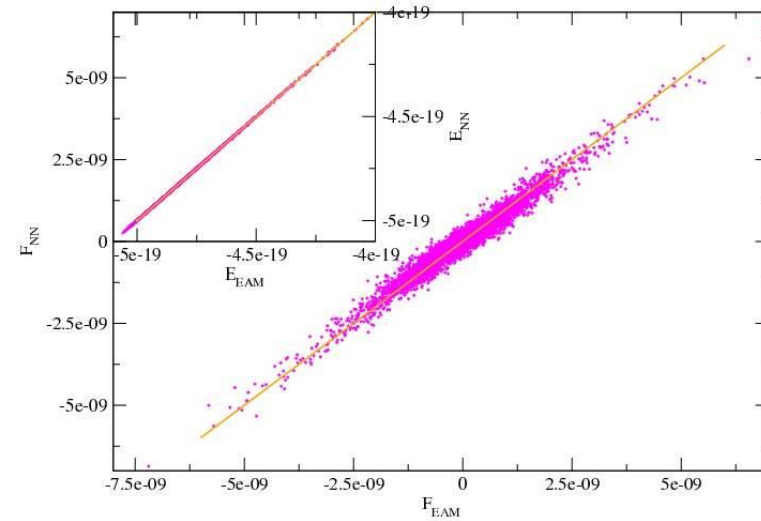
## Risk: under and overfitting



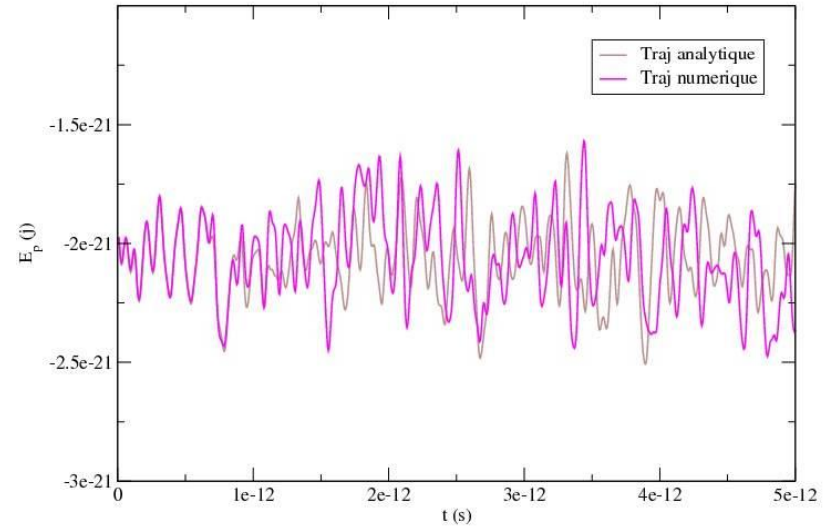
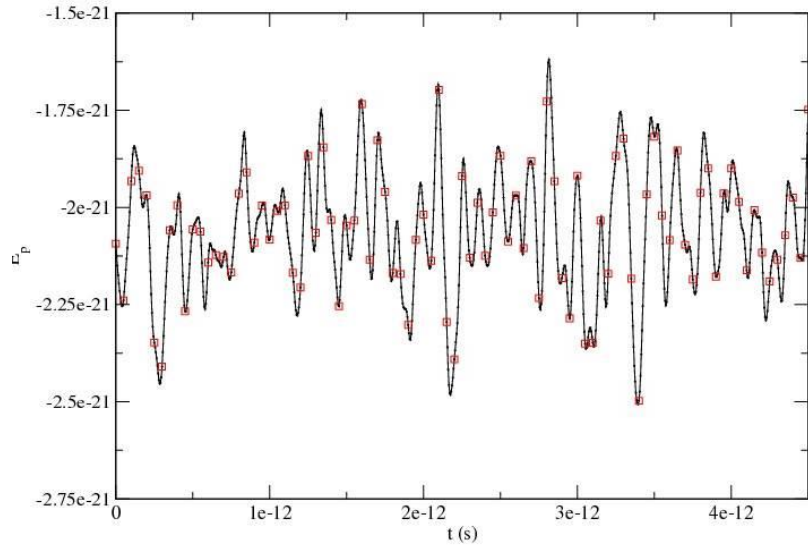
LJ potential



EAM potential

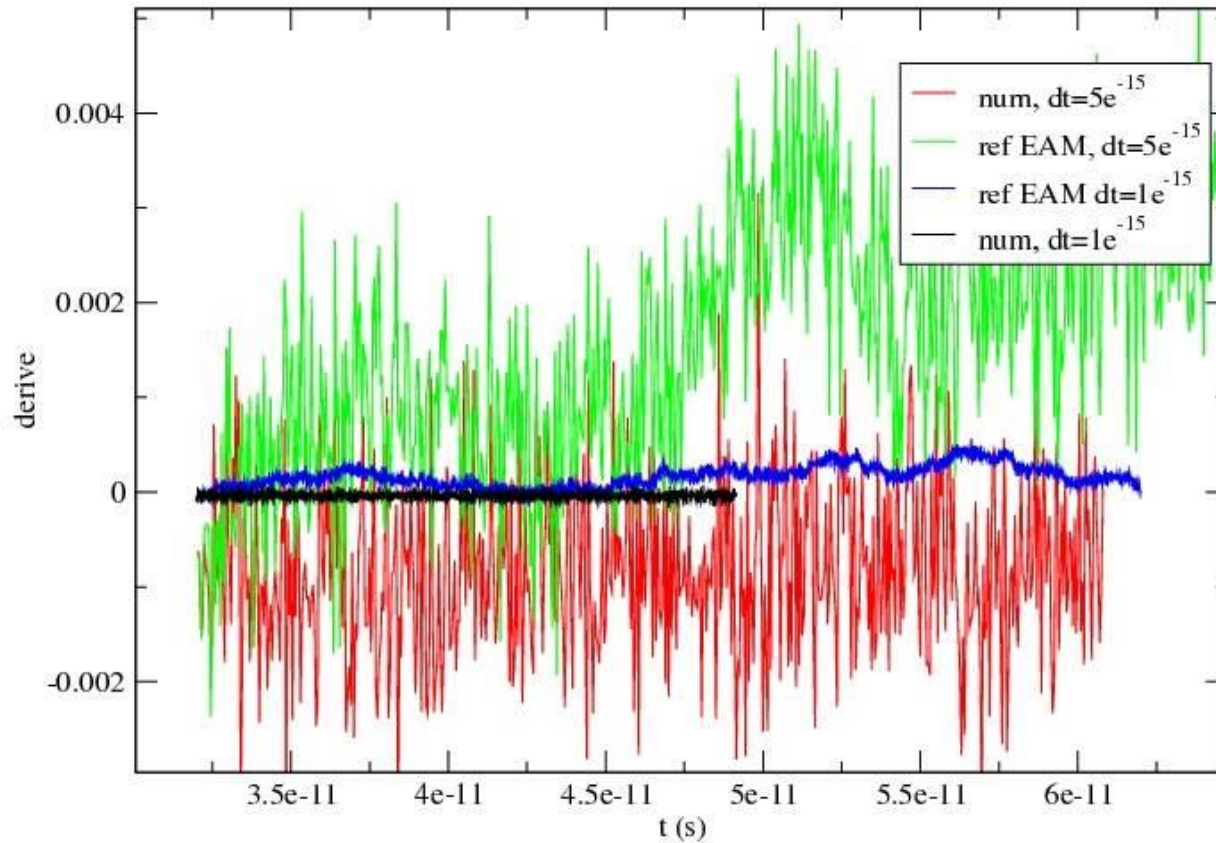


## Validation in molecular dynamics





## Validation: energy conservation

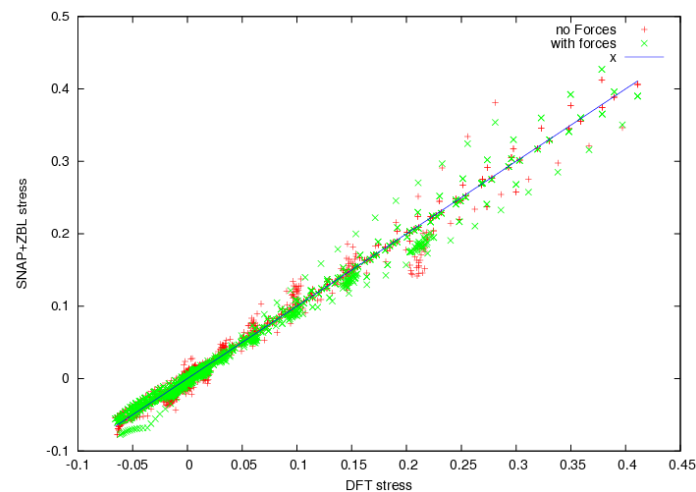
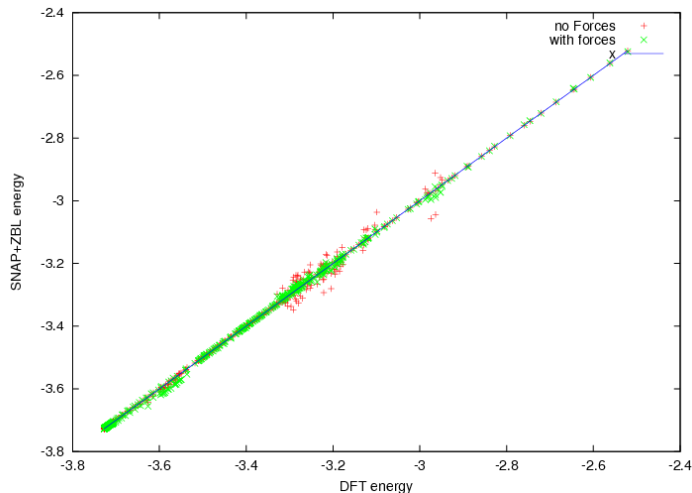
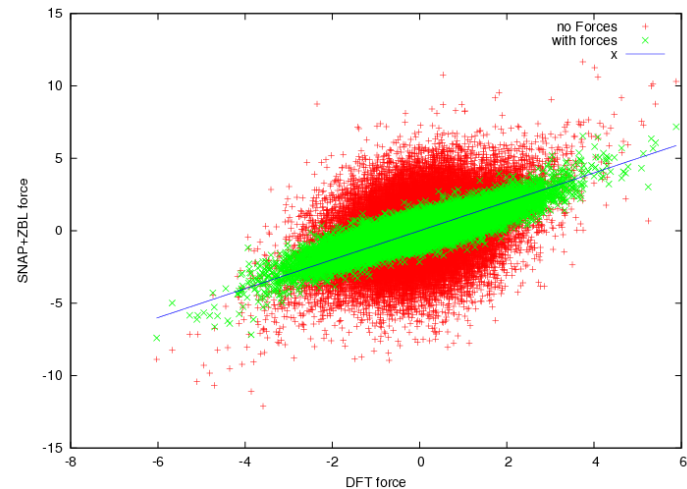


## Characteristics:

- numerically stable
- efficient parallelization
- compatible GPU ...

## Questions :

- **fitting on forces** ? No backpropagation for derivatives, optimization in large dimensions ?
- control of the error in prediction : interpolation vs extrapolation (see database)



Building an approximation of  $f$  from a database  $(x_i, y_i)$

Kernel estimation: 
$$f(x) = \sum_i \alpha_i K(x, x_i)$$

A similarity measure  $K$  defines an approximation space  $H$



Defining a distance between configuration



use a kernel method

For a new  $x$ , we want to choose  $y$  such that  $(x, y)$  be similar to the elements of the database. For the similarity measure we take  $K(x, x')$ .

K is a similarity measure between  $x$  and  $x'$ : it measures the correlation

Ingredient for RKHS :

- Kernel K
- Reproducing Kernel Hilbert Space  $\mathcal{H}$
- Database  $(x_i, y_i)^n$ ,  $y_i = f(x_i)$

We define  $J(f)$  as a cost to minimize:

$$J(\hat{f}) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (\hat{f}(x_i) - y_i)^2 + \lambda \|\hat{f}\|_{\mathcal{H}}$$

Representer theorem: the minimum of  $J(\hat{f})_{\hat{f} \in \mathcal{H}}$  can be written as :

$$f(x) = \sum_i \alpha_i K(x, x_i) \quad \text{with} \quad \alpha = (K + n\lambda I)^{-1} y$$

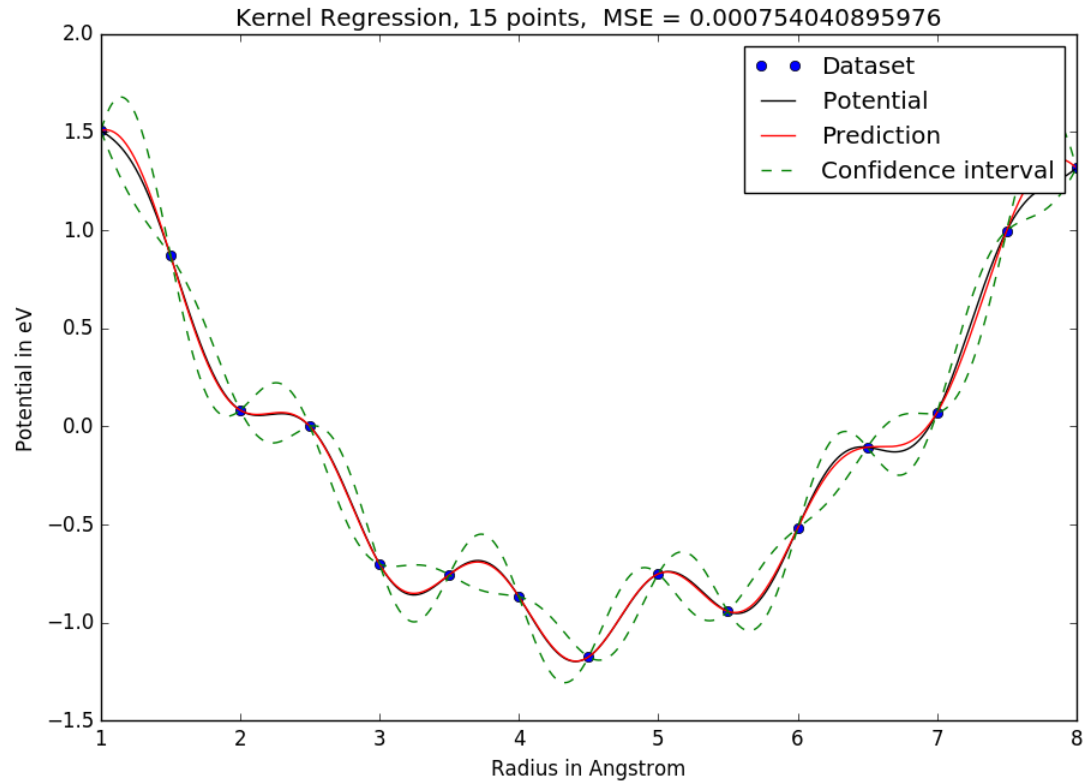
*Note: the CPU scales with the number of elements in the database*

A bayesian approach allows to compute the variance associated with the prediction

$$\sigma^2(x) = \sigma_0^2 - v^T K^{-1} v$$

Example  $f(x) = \frac{\cos 5x + (x-4.5)^2}{5} - 1$

$$v = \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ \dots \\ K(x, x_i) \\ \dots \\ v_n \end{pmatrix}$$



Bypassing the use of descriptor: SOAP

The key point in fitting a PES is the similarity measure  $K(C_1, C_2)$



$K(C_1, C_2)$  should have proper invariances, and smoothness

Similarity:

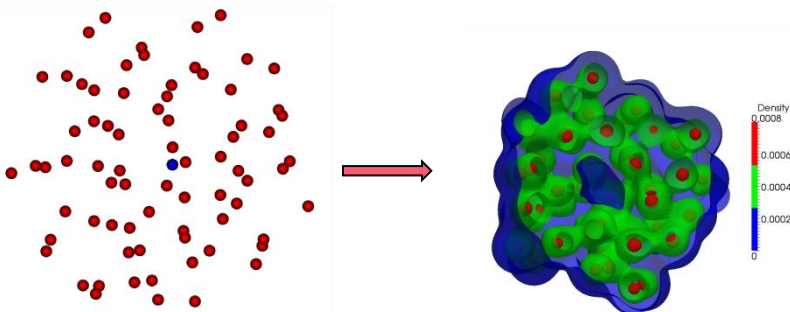
$$S(\rho_1, \rho_2) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \rho_1(\mathbf{r}) \rho_2(\mathbf{r}) d\mathbf{r}$$

Rotationally invariant kernel:

$$k(\rho_1, \rho_2) = \int |S(\rho_1, \hat{R}\rho_2)|^n d\hat{R}$$

Expansion of the neighbor density:

$$\rho(r) = \sum_i e^{-\alpha|r-r_i|^2} = \sum_i \sum_{l,m} c_{l,m}(r) Y_{l,m}(\hat{r})$$



SOAP kernel:

$$\mathbf{K}(\rho_1, \rho_2) = \left( \frac{k(\rho_1, \rho_2)}{\sqrt{k(\rho_1, \rho_1)k(\rho_2, \rho_2)}} \right)^\xi$$

## Functional Representation of Atomic Configuration

$$d_2(C_1, C_2)^2 = \|\rho_1 - \rho_2\|_{L^2}^2 = \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} (\rho_1 - \rho_2)^2$$

$$\text{Similarity: } S(\rho_1, \rho_2) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \rho_1 \rho_2$$

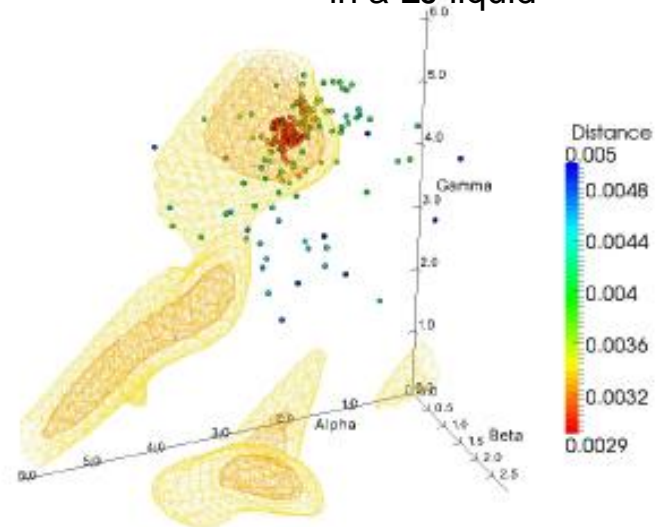
$$\text{Distance between 2 configurations: } \|\rho_1 - \rho_2\|_{L^2}^2 = S(\rho_1, \rho_1) - 2S(\rho_1, \rho_2) + S(\rho_2, \rho_2)$$

### Gaussian case

$$S(\rho_1, \rho_2) = \frac{8(\pi\sigma^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}}{n_1 n_2} \sum_{i=1}^{n_1} \sum_{j=1}^{n_2} \exp\left(-\frac{(q_i - q'_j)^2}{4\sigma^2}\right)$$

Finding the best rotation: simulated annealing in the space defined by the rotation angles vs systematic exploration. The minimum corresponds to the shortest distance

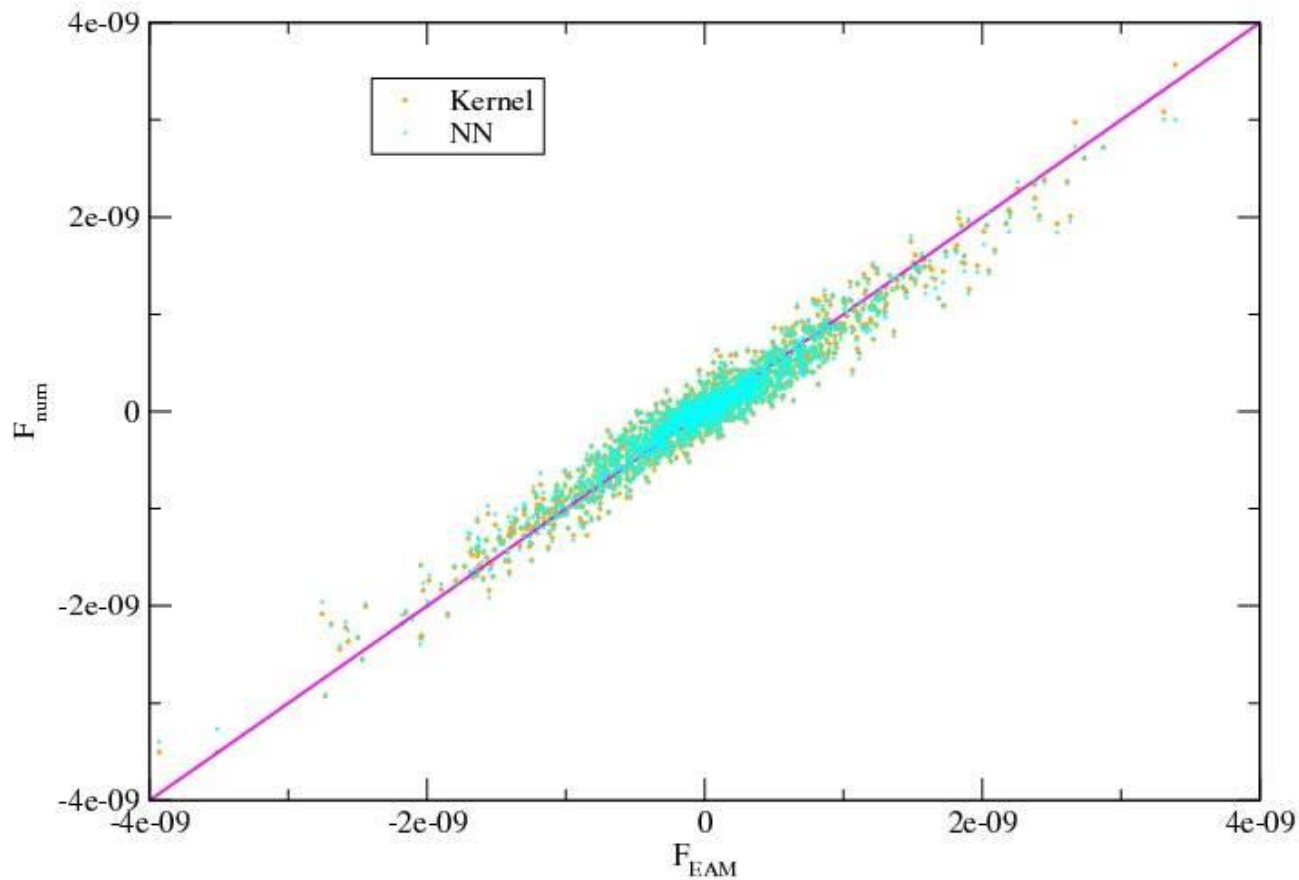
Distance between 2 configurations in a LJ liquid



➡ Too costly for MD applications

Comparison kernel-NN for EAM  
potential database (descriptor:  
symmetry functions)

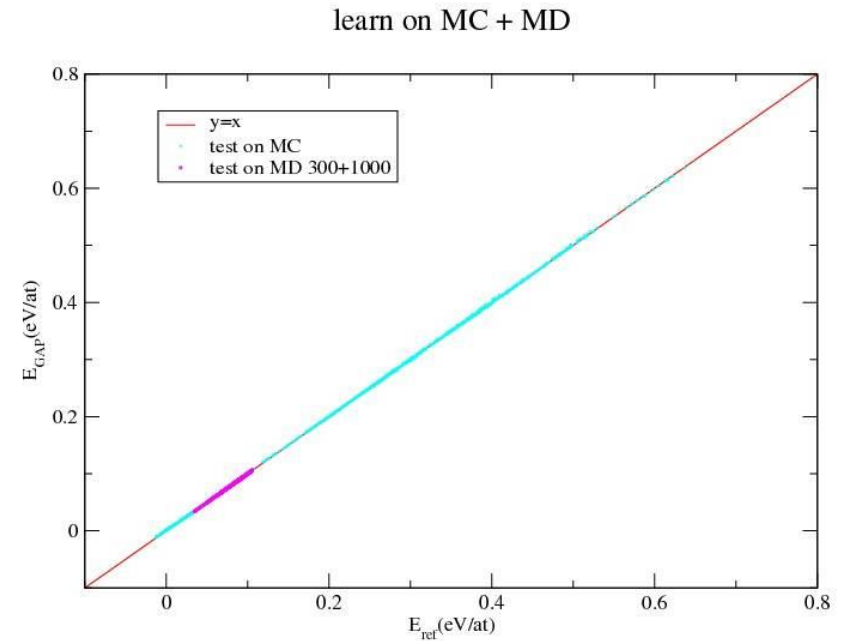
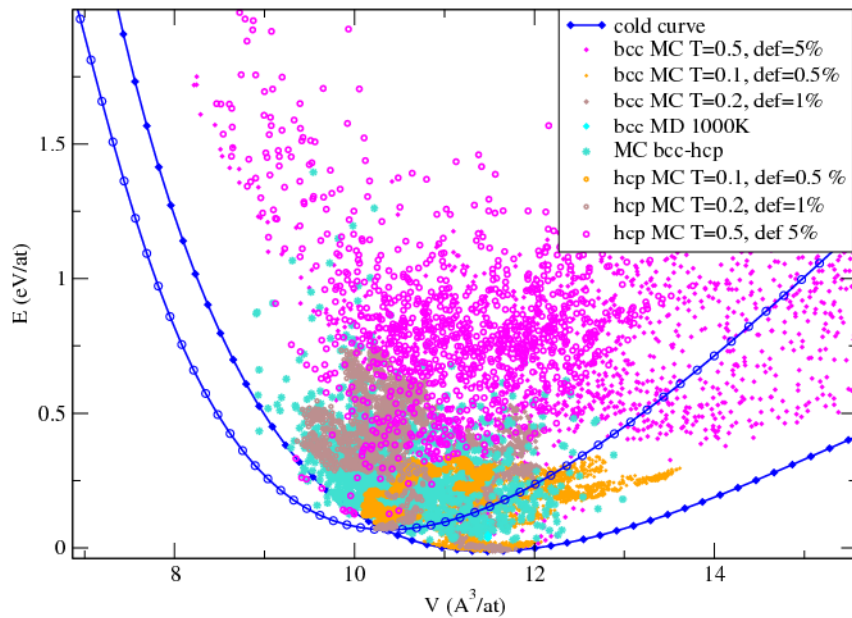
Kernel function:  
$$k(x, y) = e^{-\frac{(x-y)^2}{2\sigma^2}}$$



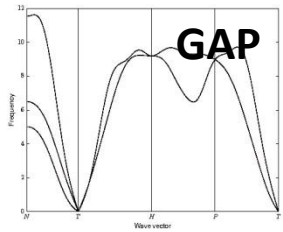
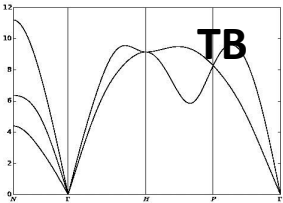


Iron : there is no classical potential that describes both plasticity and phase transition

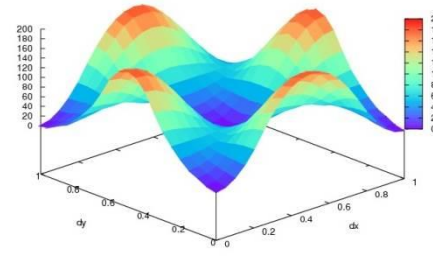
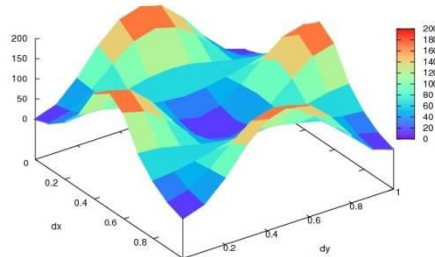
SOAP kernel



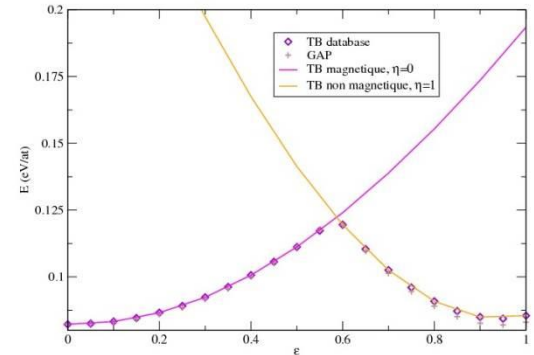
## Numerical potential for the bcc-hcp transition in Iron



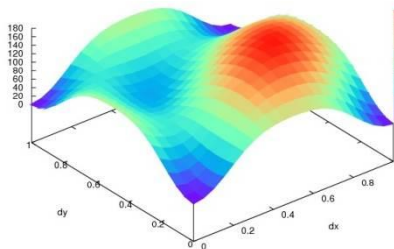
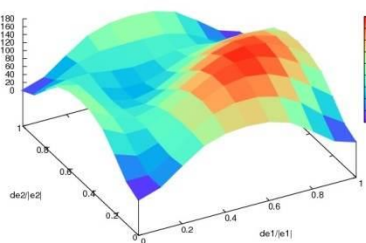
	$C_{11}$	$C_{12}$	$C_{44}$	
ref	259.8	154.2	141.7	bcc
Pot Num	226.1	138.3	143.4	



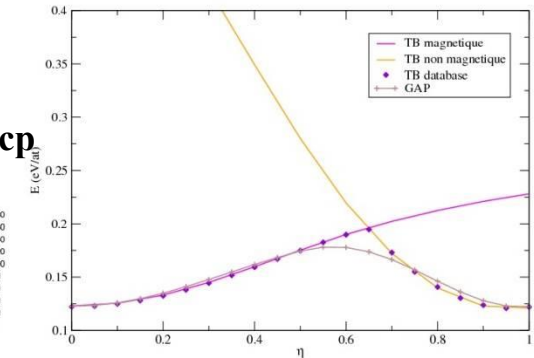
### bcc-hcp transition



	$C_{11}$	$C_{12}$	$C_{33}$	$C_{44}$	$C_{66}$
ref	611.6	149.5	566.4	200.9	231.1
Pot Num	646.8	159.7	593.5	206.8	243.6



### hcp



SNAP POTENTIAL: descriptor : Bispectrum SO4 ( $B_k$ )

atom energy  $E_i = \beta_0 + \sum_{k=1}^K \beta_k B_k^i$

total energy  $E_{tot} = N\beta_0 + \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{k=1}^K \beta_k B_k^i = N\beta_0 + \sum_{k=1}^K \beta_k \sum_{i=1}^N B_k^i$

force  $F_i = -\beta \cdot \sum_{j=1}^N \frac{d\mathbf{B}^j}{dr_i}$

virial  $W = -\beta \cdot \sum_{i=1}^N r_i \otimes \sum_{j=1}^N \frac{d\mathbf{B}^j}{dr_i}$

## FITTING SNAP POTENTIAL

For each configuration in the database, we want:

$$1 \quad E_{SNAP} = N\beta_0 + \sum_{k=1} \beta_k \sum_{i=1}^N B_k^i = E^{DFT}$$

$$\vdots$$

$$3N \quad \mathbf{F}_{SNAP}^i = - \sum_{k=1} \beta_k \sum_{j=1}^N \frac{d\mathbf{B}^j}{dr_i} = \mathbf{F}_i^{DFT}$$

$$\vdots$$

$$6 \quad \mathbf{W}_{SNAP} = - \sum_{k=1} \beta_k \sum_{i=1}^N \mathbf{r}_i \otimes \sum_{j=1}^N \frac{d\mathbf{B}^j}{dr_i} = \mathbf{W}^{DFT}$$

# LINEAR REGRESSION

Set of linear equations:

$$\begin{pmatrix} N & \dots & \sum_{j=1}^N B^j \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & -\sum_{j=1}^N \frac{dB^j}{dr_i^\alpha} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & -\sum_{i=1}^N r_i^\beta \sum_{j=1}^N \frac{dB^j}{dr_i^\alpha} \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} \beta_0 \\ \boldsymbol{\beta} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} E^{DFT} \\ \vdots \\ F_{i,\alpha}^{DFT} \\ \vdots \\ W_{\alpha,\beta}^{DFT} \end{pmatrix}$$



$$A \cdot \boldsymbol{\beta} = \mathbf{y}$$

**FITTING SNAP POTENTIAL**

The matrix equation is solved for  $\boldsymbol{\beta}$  using QR factorization (no inversion).

## FITTING SNAP POTENTIAL

**'Pure' SNAP**

$$E_{snap} = E_{DFT}$$

Linear regress the  $\beta_k$  coefficients to fit reference values (i.e. snap does all the job) :

**'reference' + SNAP**

$$E_{snap} = E_{DFT} - E_{REF}$$

Use a reference potential (for example 2 body) to account for the main part of the energy and forces, then linear regress the  $\beta_k$  coefficients to fit the difference between DFT and reference potential values. The reference potential stabilizes the dynamic.

$$\mathbf{y} = \begin{pmatrix} E^{DFT} - E^{ref} \\ \vdots \\ F_{i,\alpha}^{DFT} - F_{i,\alpha}^{ref} \\ \vdots \\ W_{\alpha,\beta}^{DFT} - W_{\alpha,\beta}^{ref} \end{pmatrix}$$

# LINEAR REGRESSION

## FITTING A PURE SNAP POTENTIAL FOR Ge

- Build the **A** matrix = bispectrum coefficients
- Build the **y** vector = DFT – reference potential values
- Solve the **A** · **β** = **y** equation for **β**. The coefficients **β** are the SNAP coefficients.



This works nicely (not an optimization problem), but results are not optimum due to differences in the nature of the reference points (Esolid vs Eliquid vs Ssolid vs Fliquid...)  
Use weights as hyper parameters of the model

In practice the database is splitted into groups (crystal, liquid, metastable) with associated weights (for E,F,W). The weighted matrix equation is solved in the same way, and the weightvector is optimized.

$$\omega \cdot A \cdot \beta = \omega \cdot y$$

Use of a differential evolution algorithm to optimize the weights.

## DIFFERENTIAL EVOLUTION

Goal : minimize a function  $f$  relatively to its parameters  $\{x\}$ . No need of gradient evaluation

- Start with a population of sets of parameters  $\{x\}_i$
- Each set of the population is mutated as:

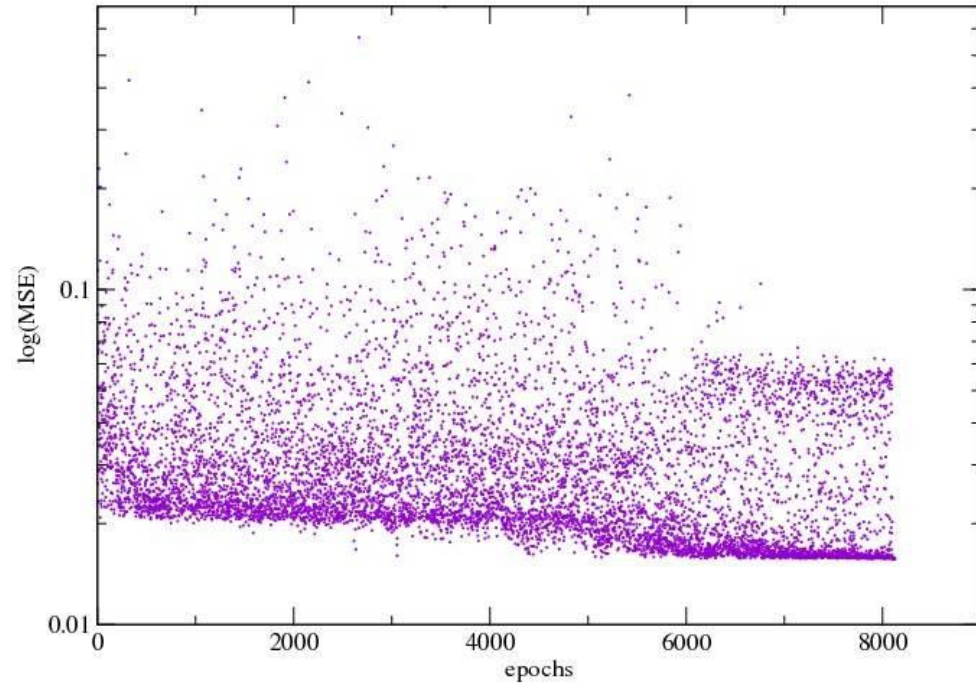
$$\{x\}_{i,mutant} = \{x\}_{best} + (\{x\}_j - \{x\}_k)$$

- Each parameter of the mutant replace the original one with a recombination probability (given as an input)
- The fitness (i.e. cost function) is evaluated for the new candidate. The new candidate replaces the old one if better.



## Differential evolution

Optimization of 6 weights for a snap potential on Iron

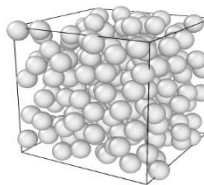
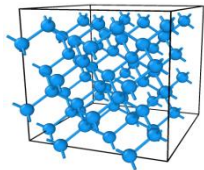


Questions: Efficient optimization method in more dimensions ?

# LINEAR REGRESSION

## WORKFLOW

### DFT database

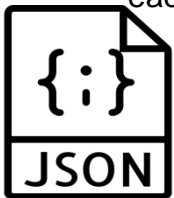


**LAMMPS**

Compute bispectrum coefficients and derivatives



Extract DFT energy, stress and forces  
Run LAMMPS, parse outputs



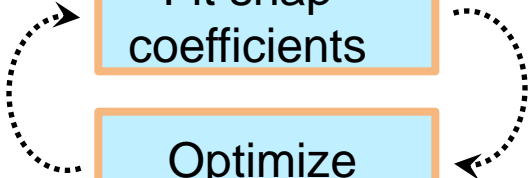
One JSON file for each configuration

Build matrices  
Regression  
Differential evolution



Fit snap coefficients

Optimize weights



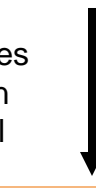
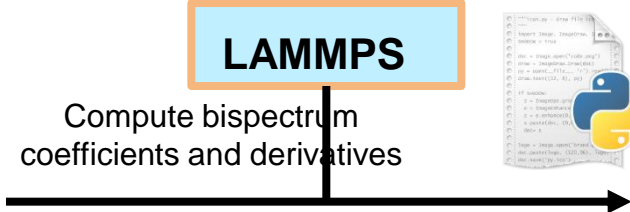
Change cutoff

Evaluate potential

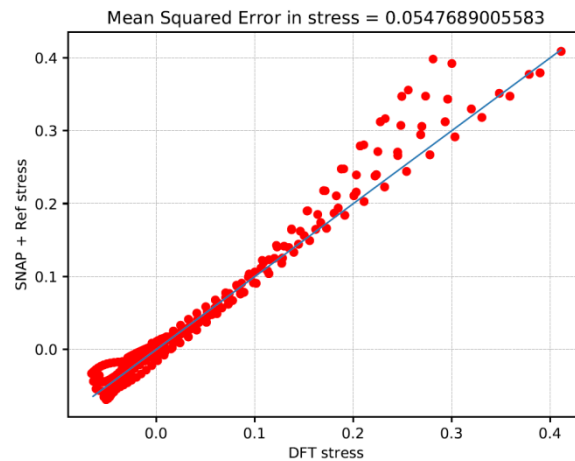
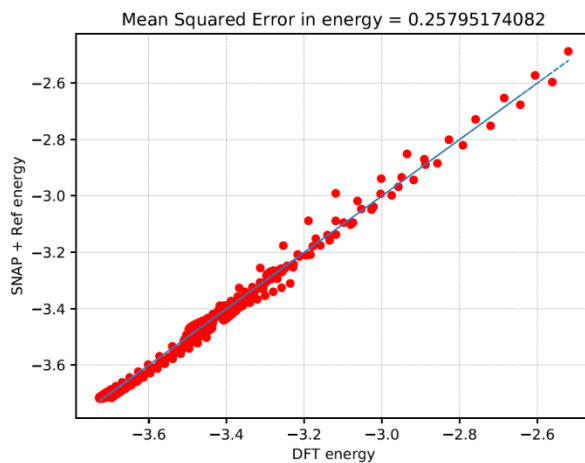
Training report



Evaluation report



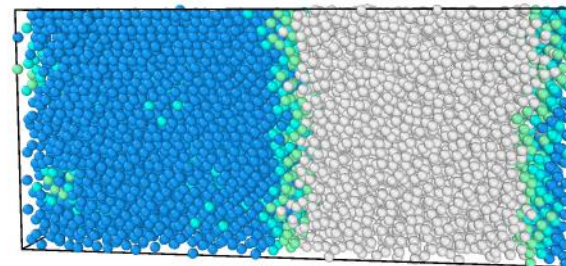
## SNAP Ge (best potential so far)



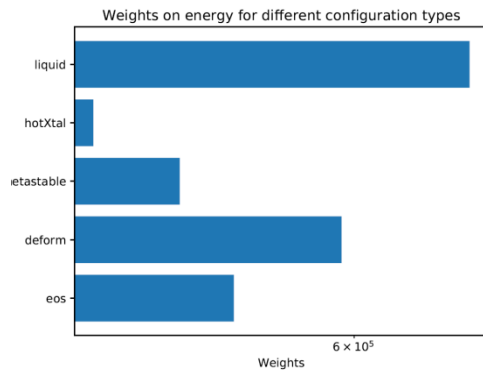
Method	Vacancy formation energy (eV)
DFT	2.33
Tersoff	3.72
SNAP	1.64

Method	Surface energy (111) (eV/Å <sup>2</sup> )
DFT	0.07
Tersoff	0.205
SNAP	0.076

Coexistence melting point calculation  
 SNAP melting point ~ 700 K  
 Tersoff melting point ~ 2560 K



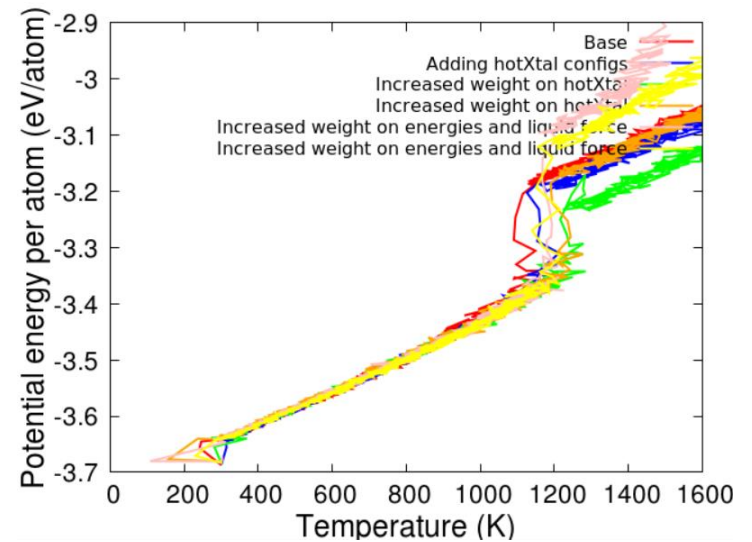
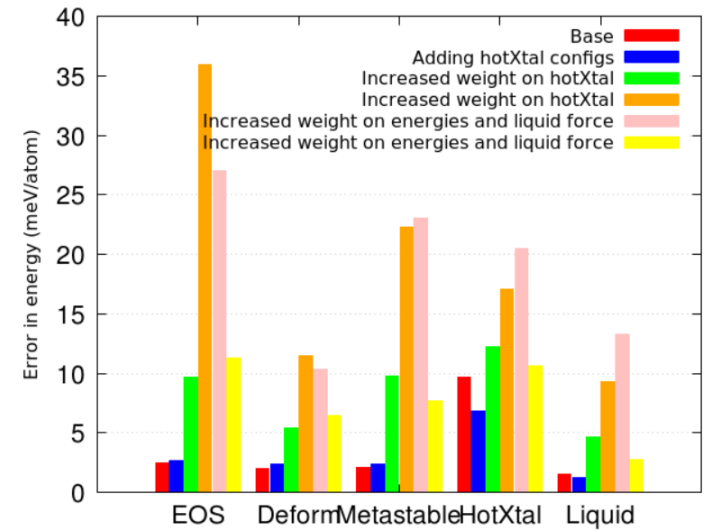
# LINEAR REGRESSION



“adjusting/optimizing” the weights



Infinity of different potentials



- Accuracy versus transferability ?
- Infinity of potential (database, weights): rationalization of the choice (use Pareto ?).
- 2 step process: learning and computing

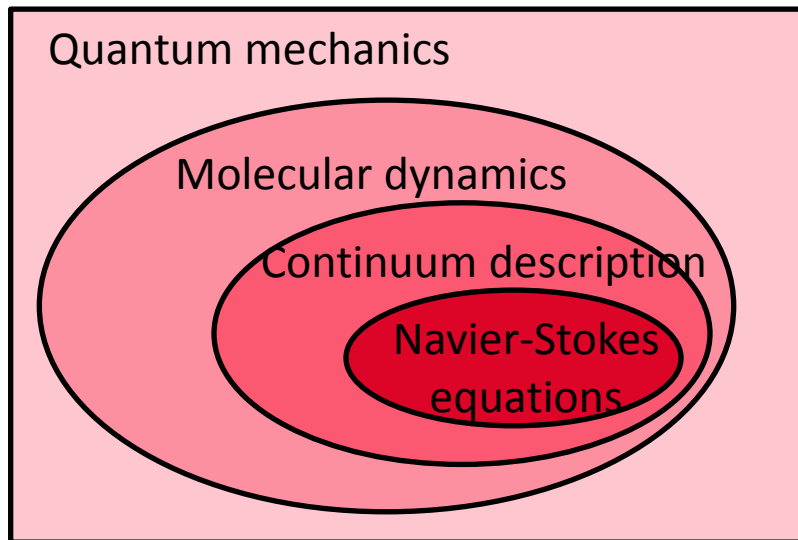
Can we mix the 2 (on the fly or active learning) ? How can we integrate a “memory” in regression method without redoing all the learning job (pre-conditioned learning)

- Control the error of the prediction for dynamic
- Can we integrate the invariance into the regression method – so we could use simpler descriptors

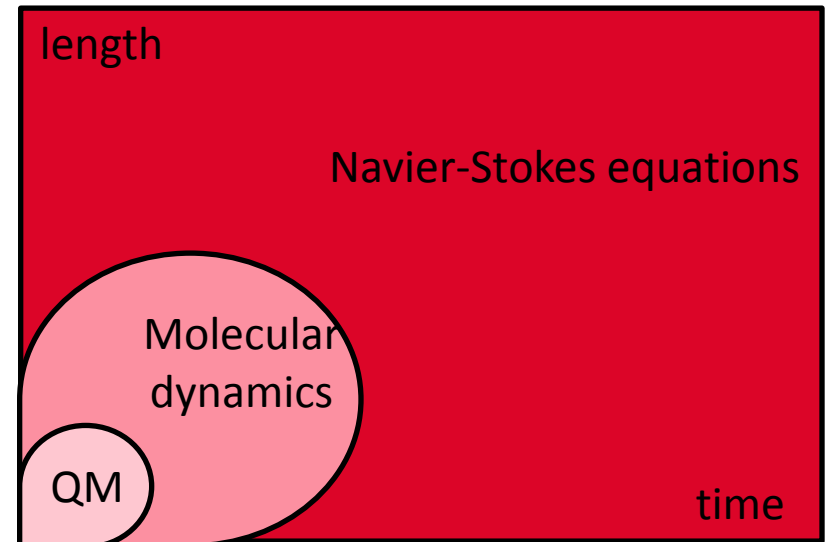
# Thank you !



Venn diagram illustrating the hierarchy of frameworks for describing a fluid, in terms of their **theoretical validity in parameter space**



Venn diagram illustrating the hierarchy of frameworks for describing a fluid, in terms of their **space-time domain of applicability**



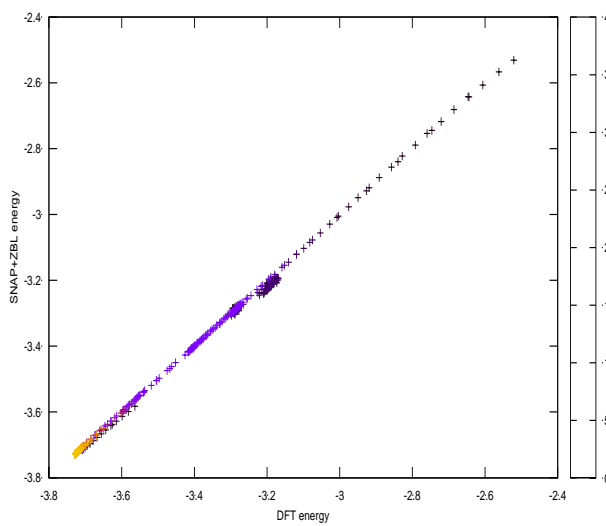
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# LINEAR REGRESSION

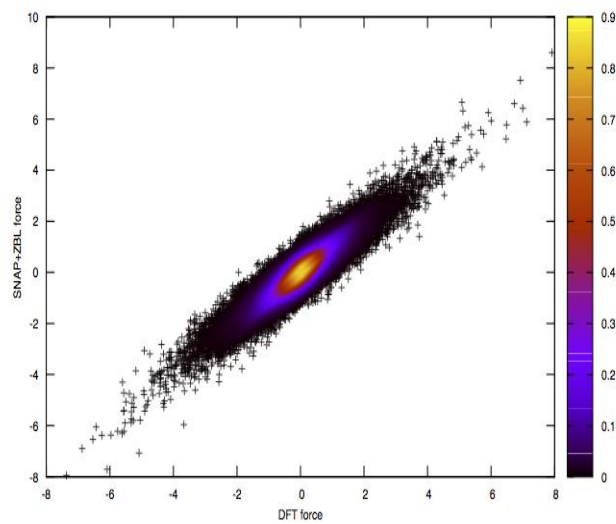
## Ge ZBL+SNAP POTENTIAL

### Correlations

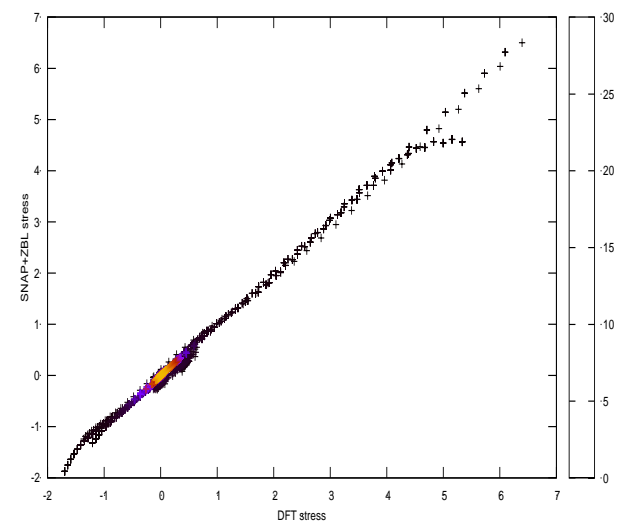
#### Energy



#### Force



#### Stress

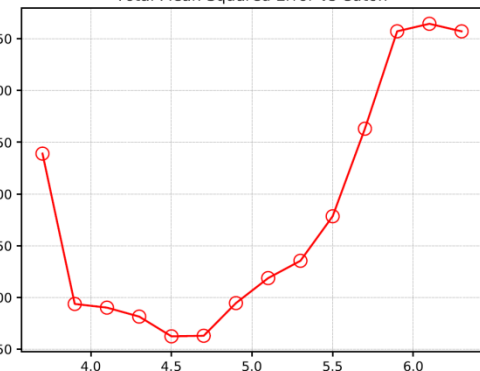




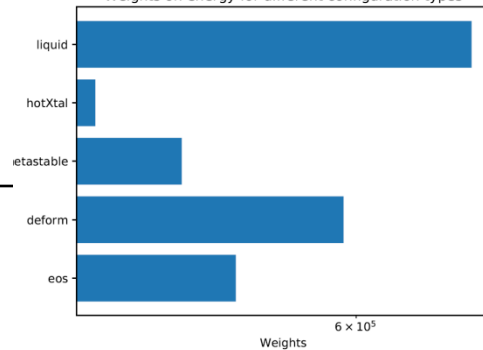
# LINEAR REGRESSION

Configuration type	$N_{\text{configs}}$	$N_{\text{atoms}}$	Mean absolute error for this category	Bounds and weight in objective function	Weight after optimization	Error reported in Molybdenum SNAP
			Energy (8.9 meV/atom)	Force (0.30 eV/Å)	Stress (0.89 GPa)	
Diamond EOS	41	8	(1e4, 1e6, 500) [573513] <b>(9.63 meV/atom)</b>	-		(1e2, 1e5, 1) [53797] <b>(0.61 GPa)</b>
Diamond Deform	246	8	(1e4, 1e6, 500) [597205] <b>(5.45 meV/atom)</b>	(1e2, 1e4, 1) [4125] <b>(0.17 eV/Å)</b>		(1e2, 1e5, 1) [6920] <b>(0.16 GPa)</b>
BCC, FCC, SC EOS	164	2/4/1/4	(1e4, 1e6, 500) [561968] <b>(9.81 meV/atom)</b>	-		(1e2, 1e5, 1) [41018] <b>(2.5 GPa)</b>
Diamond @ 800K	100	216	(1e4, 1e6, 500) [544007] <b>(12.25 meV/atom)</b>	(1e2, 1e4, 100) [9637] <b>(0.12 eV/Å)</b>		(1e2, 1e5, 100) [61534] <b>(0.27 GPa)</b>
Diamond @ 1000K	100	216	(1e4, 1e6, 500) [544007]	(1e2, 1e4, 100) [9637]		(1e2, 1e5, 100) [61534] <b>(0.27 GPa)</b>

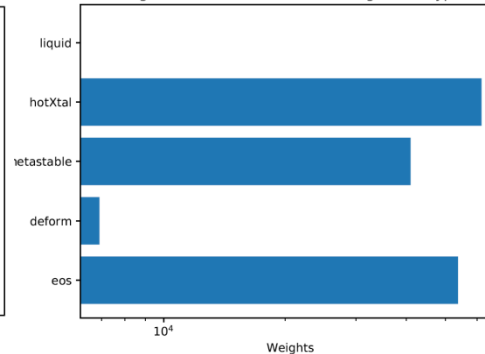
Total Mean Squared Error vs Cutoff



Weights on energy for different configuration types



Weights on stress for different configuration types



Weights on force for different configuration types

