

The Platform for the Interatomic Potentials Validation

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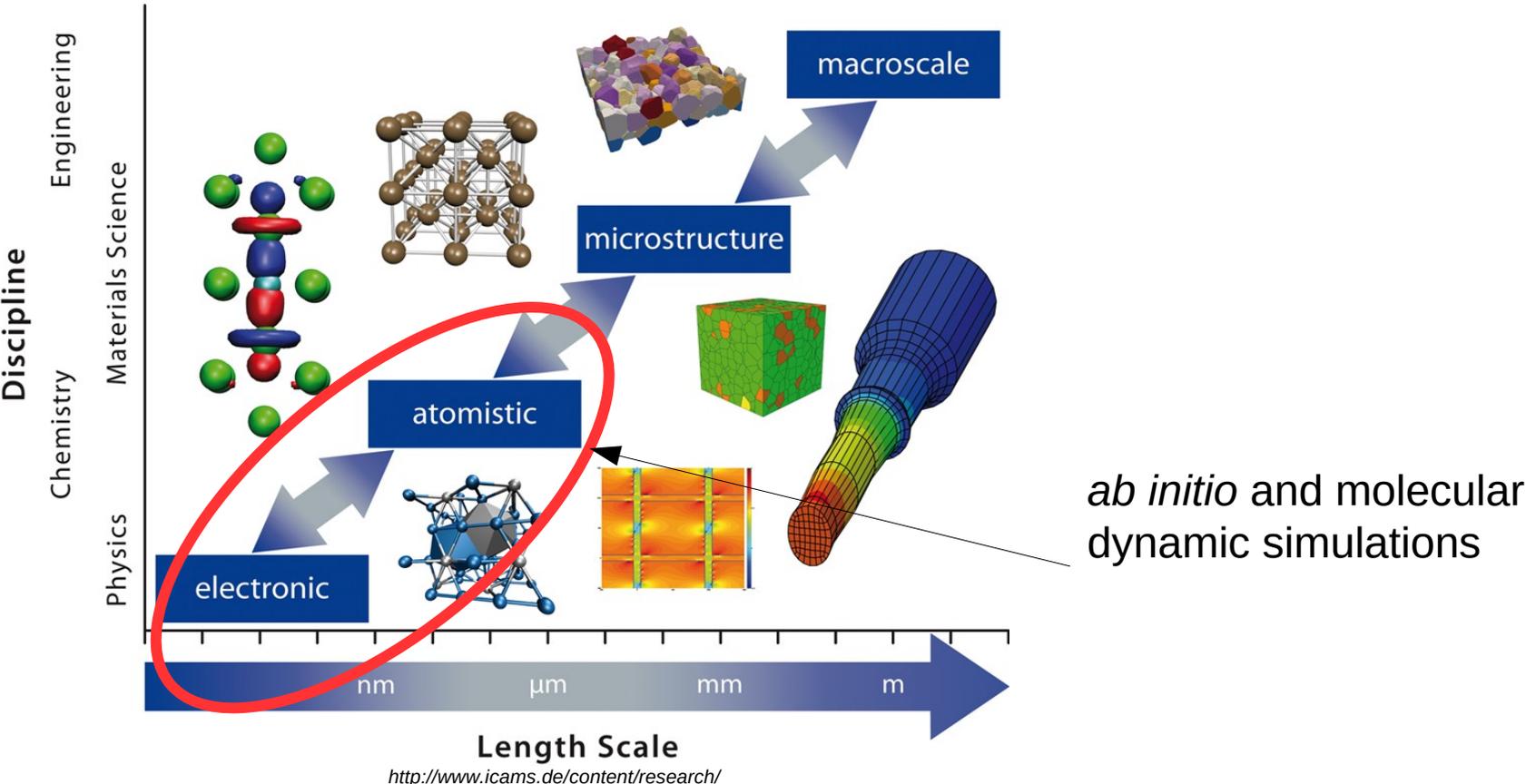
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Atomistic simulations

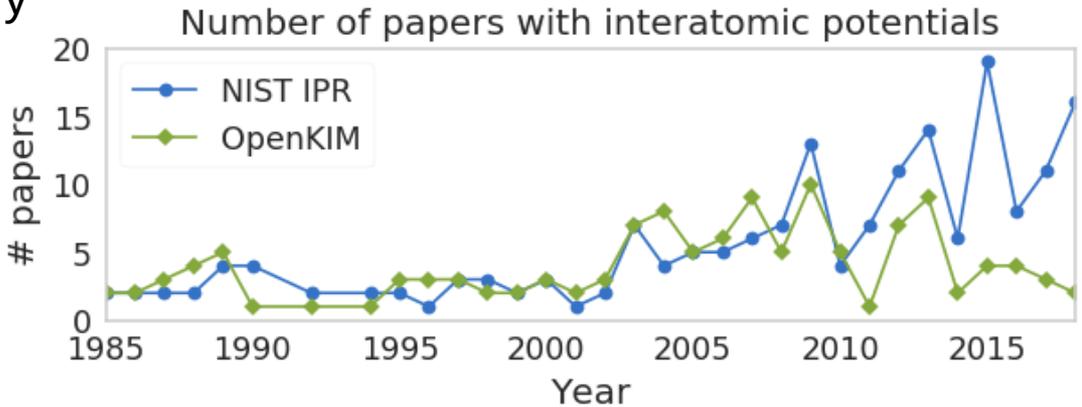


Interatomic potentials (as of 2019)

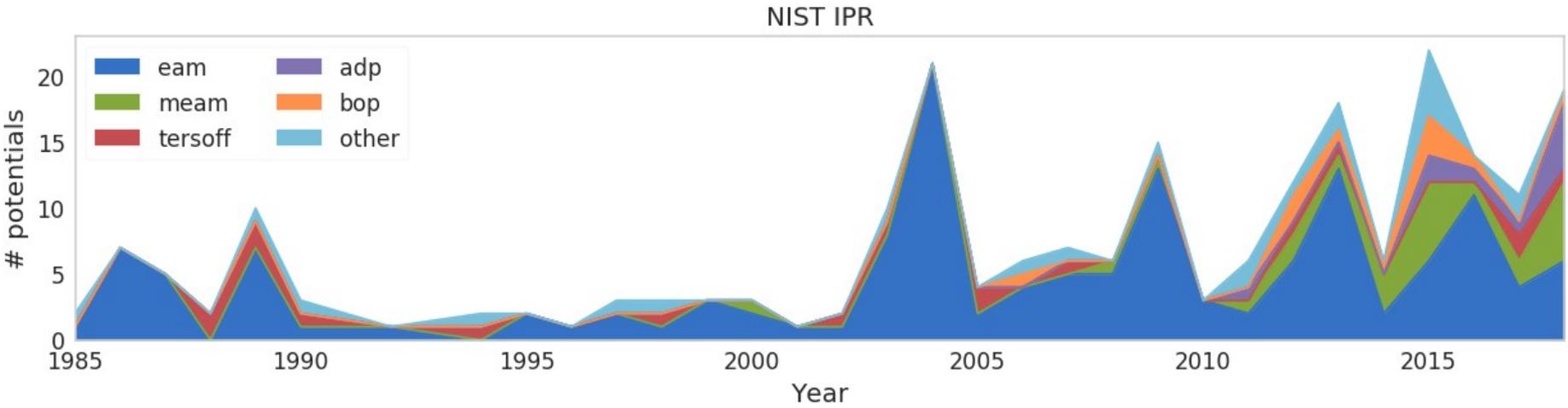
- NIST interatomic potentials repository



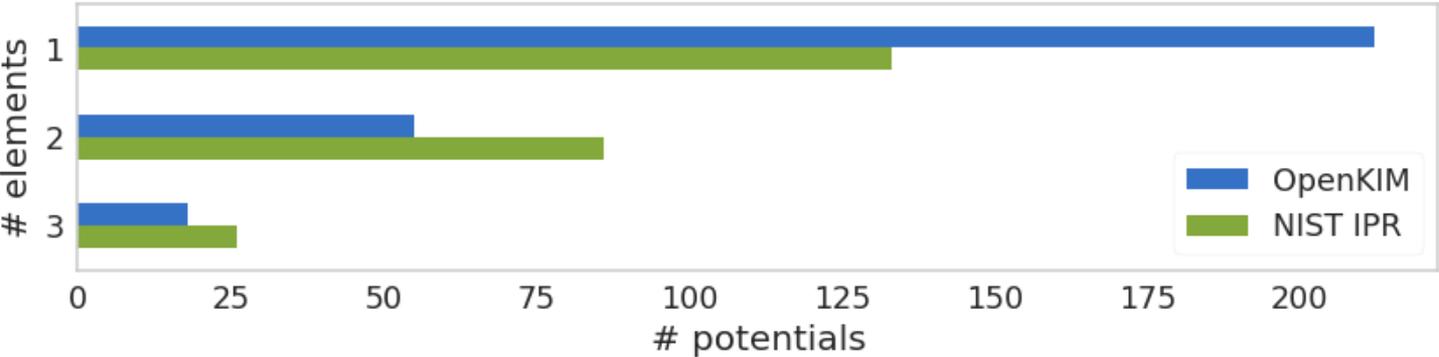
- OpenKIM



Interatomic potential types (LAMMPS pair_style)

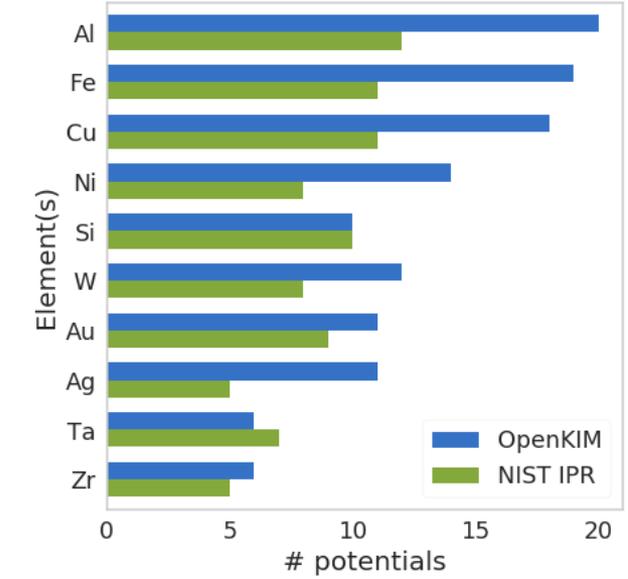


Interatomic potentials statistics (as of 2019)

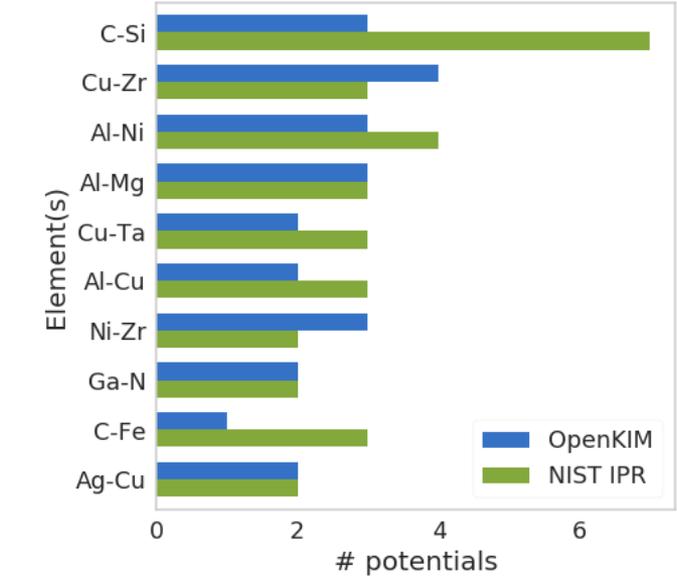


Single-specie interatomic potentials are the most common

Most frequent elements in single-species potentials



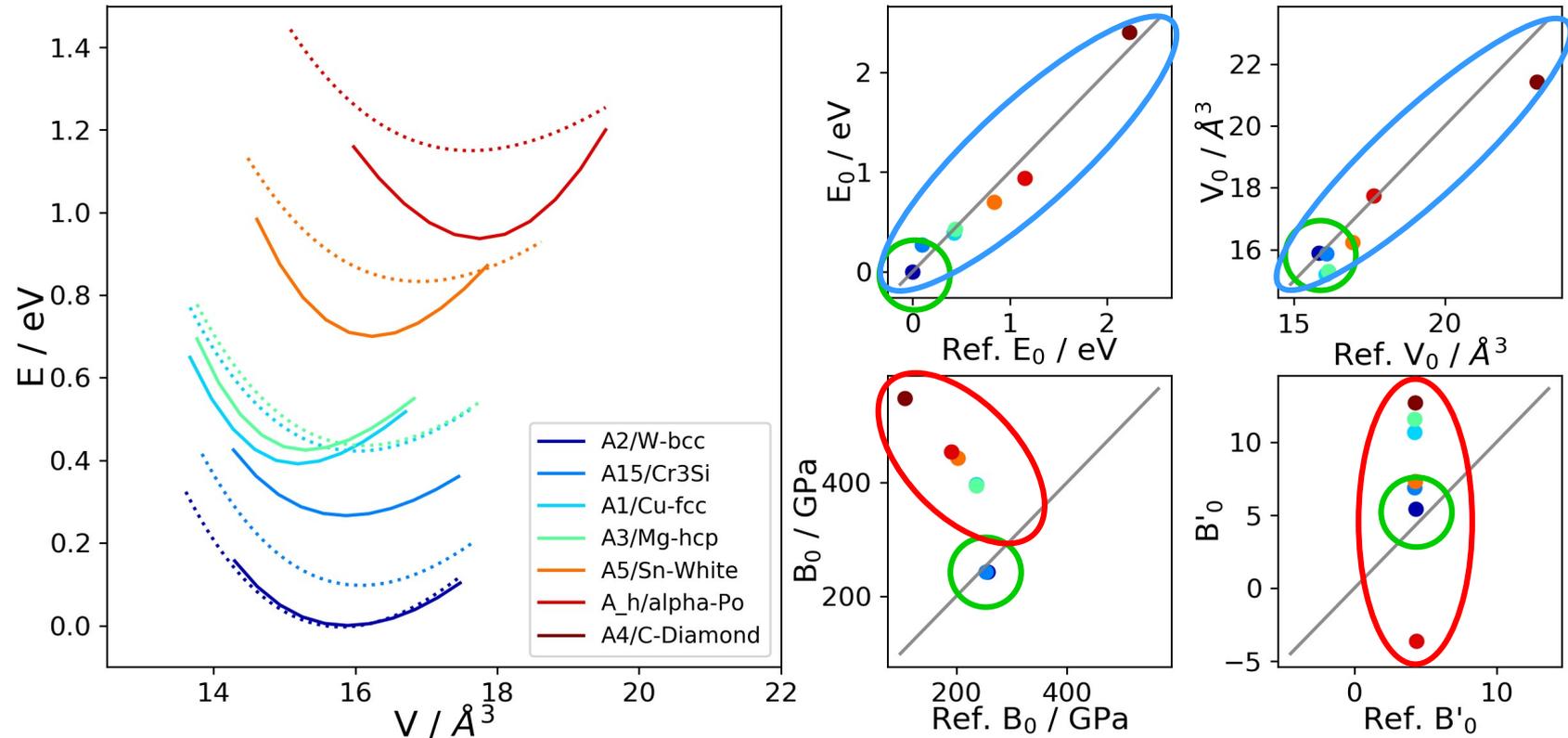
Most frequent binaries in two-species potentials



Transferability

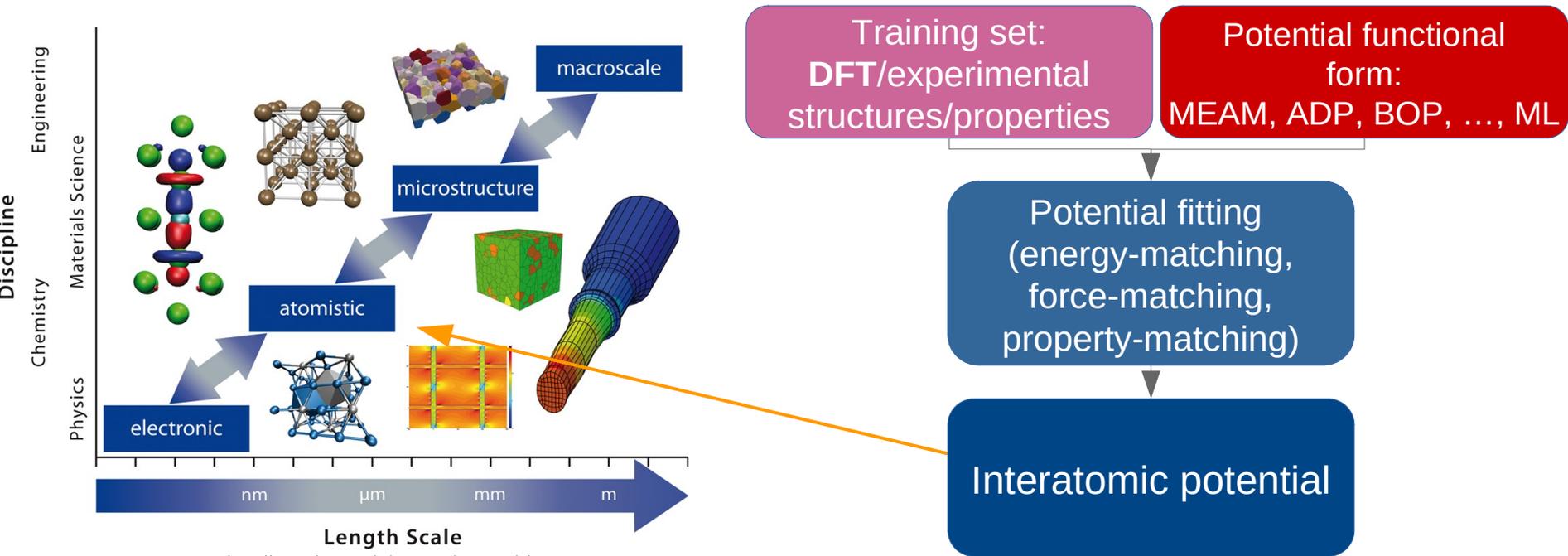
Transferability of interatomic potentials – **reliability** of calculated **properties** for structures which are **not** from potential **training set**

Example: solid line - MEAM Park for Mo [*H.Park et al. Phys. Rev. B 85, 214121*],
dotted – reference, DFT-PBE



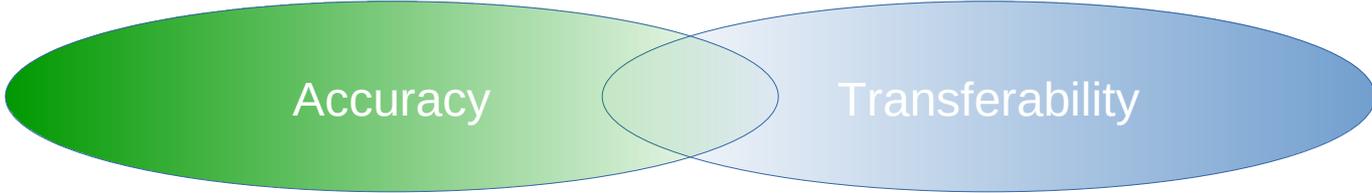
- Properties of ground-state (A2/BCC) have small error
- Level I properties (energy, volume) – good transferability
- Level II properties (B_0 , B') – bad transferability

Interatomic potentials



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How reliable are these potentials?



Transferability of interatomic potentials – **reliability** of calculations for structures and/or properties that are **not** from the **training set**

Validate by comparison to reference data

The (basic) needs of atomistic simulation community

Roles



Molecular dynamics
simulation user

- What is the best/appropriate potentials for my particular purpose ?
- What properties could I simulate (and how)?
- What would be the error of my MD simulations?



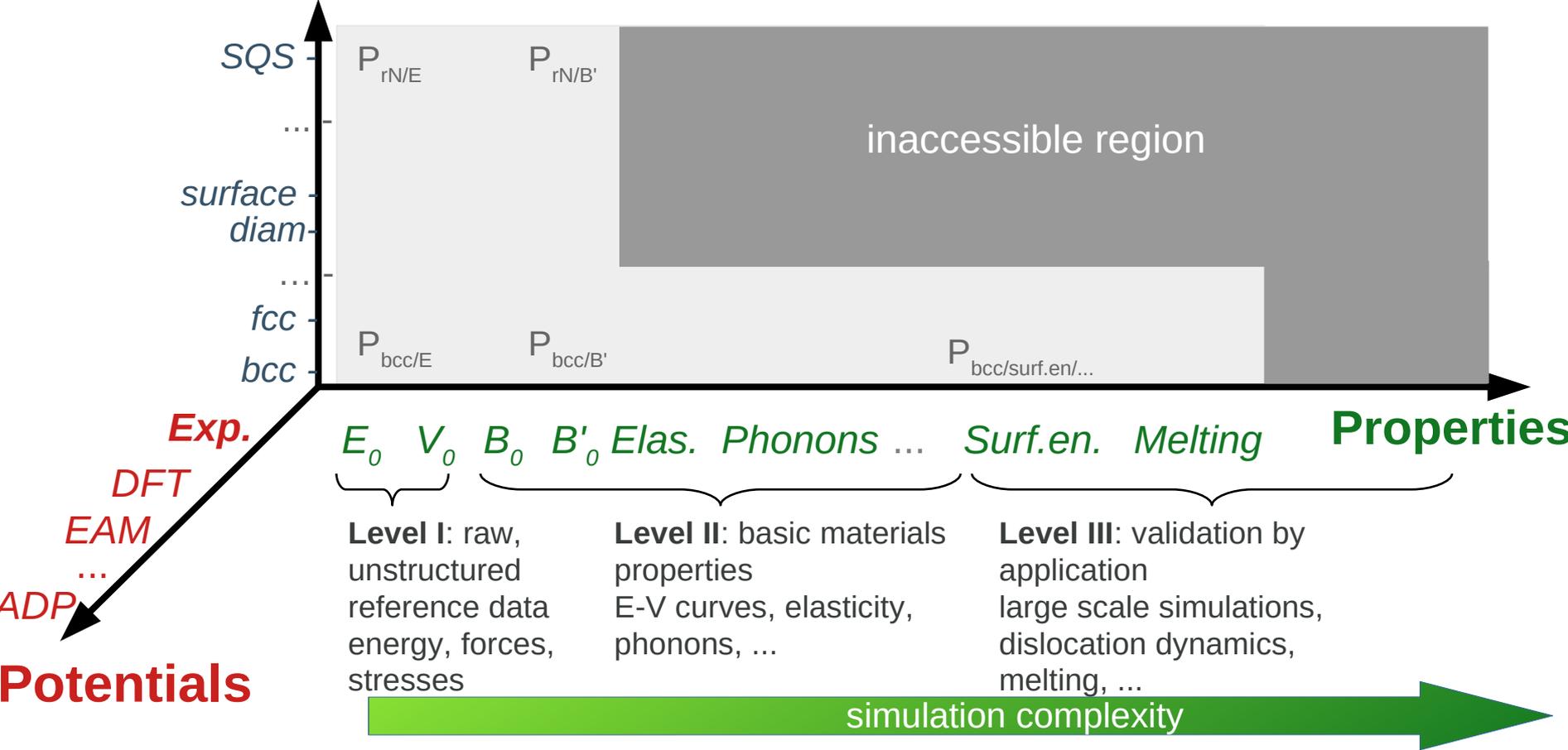
Interatomic potentials
developer

- How my new potential would perform?
- Are there standard benchmarks which I can use for my new potential?
- Is my potential better than the previous ones?

Atomistic simulations PPP-space

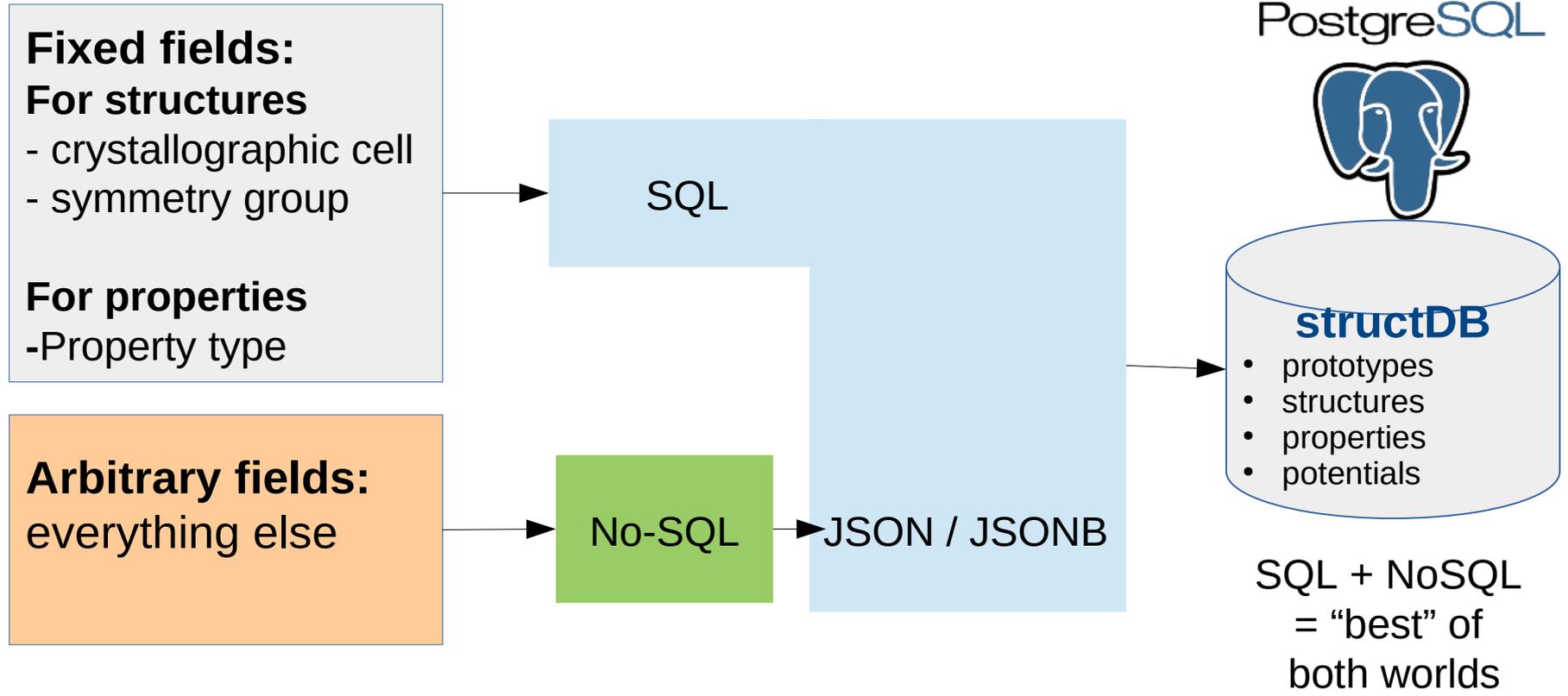
Abstract space for the “navigation” in atomistic simulations

Prototypes/Structures

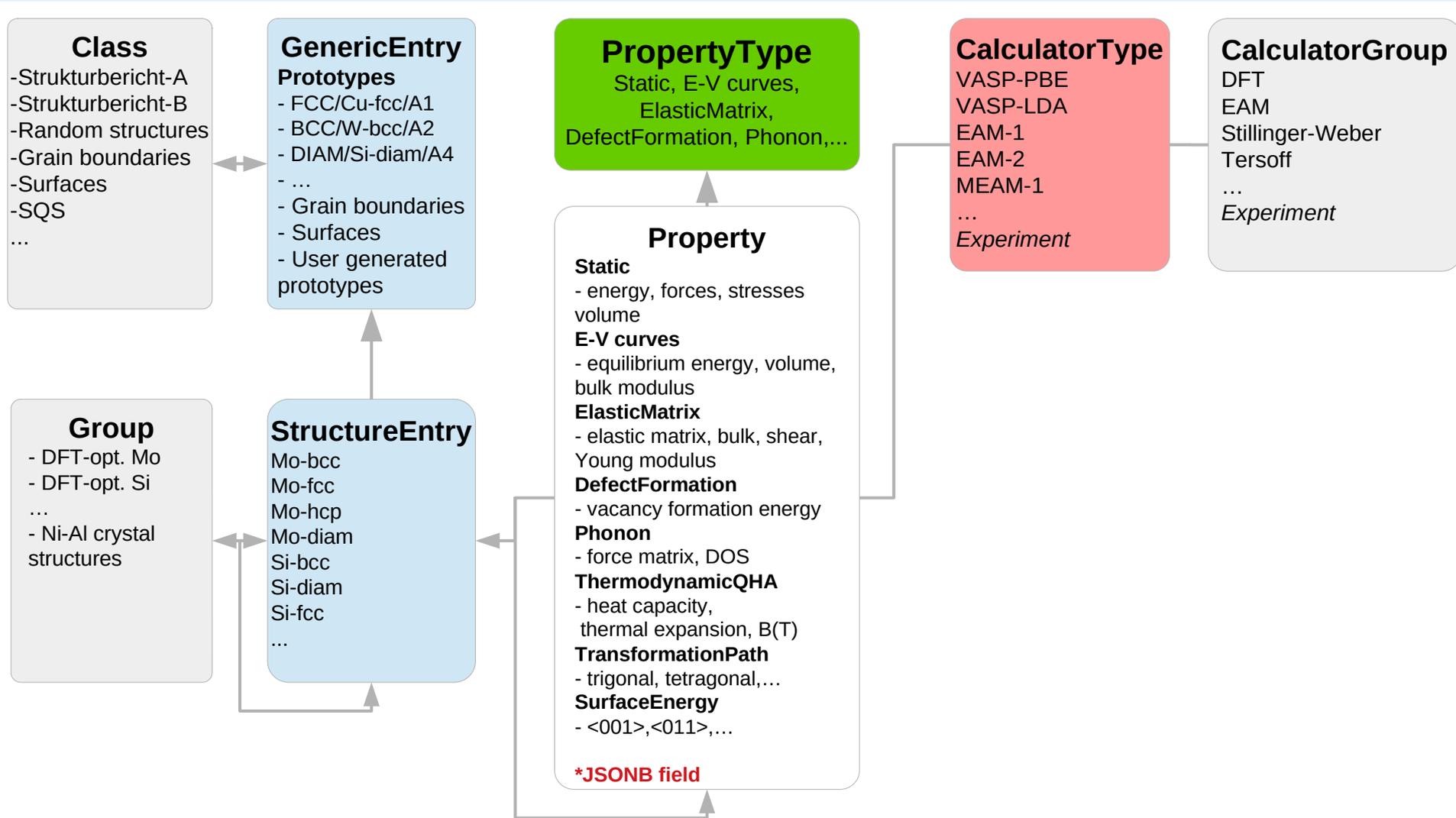


Data types of atomistic simulations

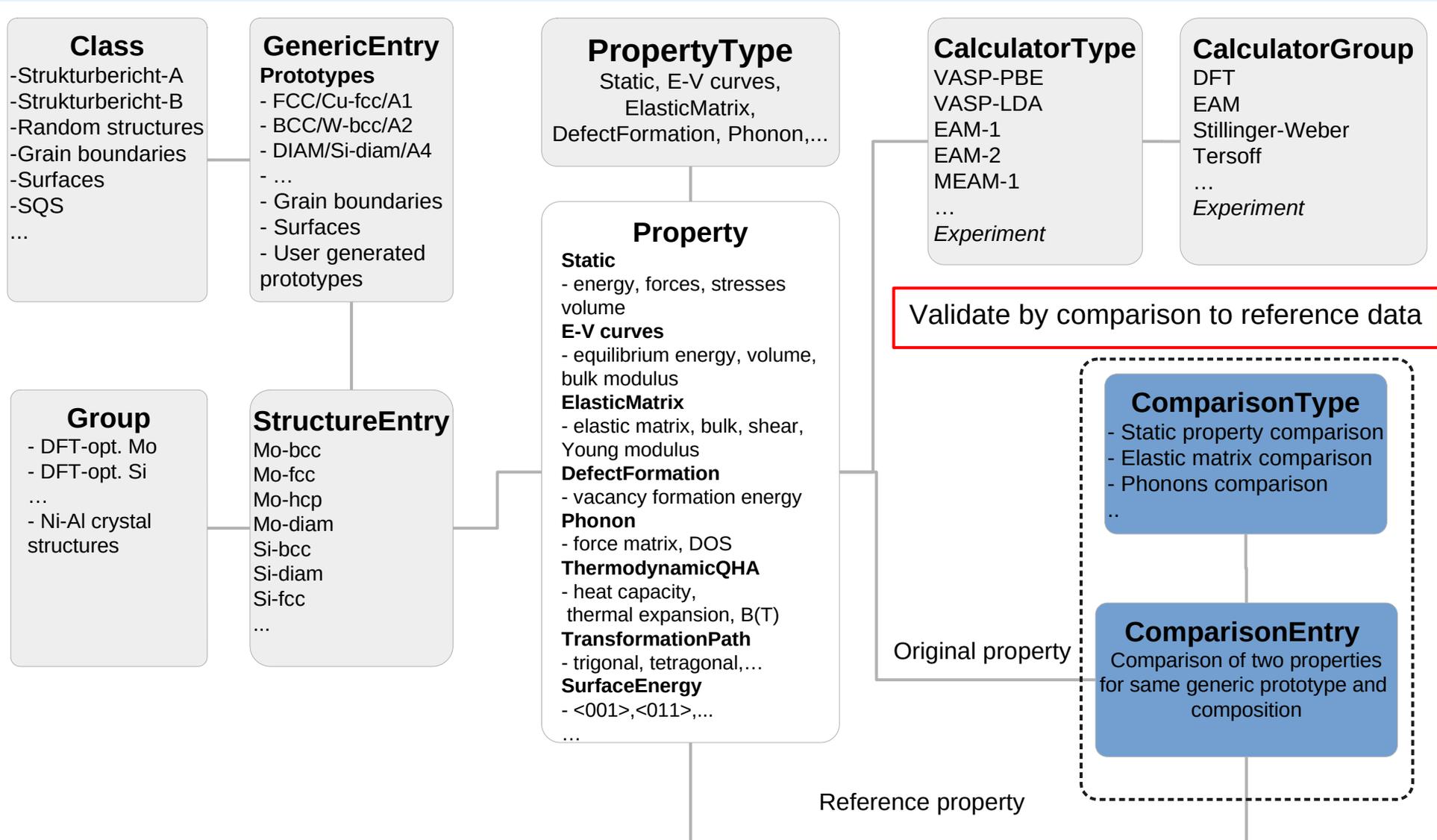
- **Atomic structures:** crystallographic cell, symmetry group, atomic coordinates, composition, etc...
- **Basic data:** energies, forces, volumes, etc...
- **Featured data:** elasticity, defect formation energy, phonon DOS, Cv, Cp, thermal expansion, transformation paths, etc...



Database design

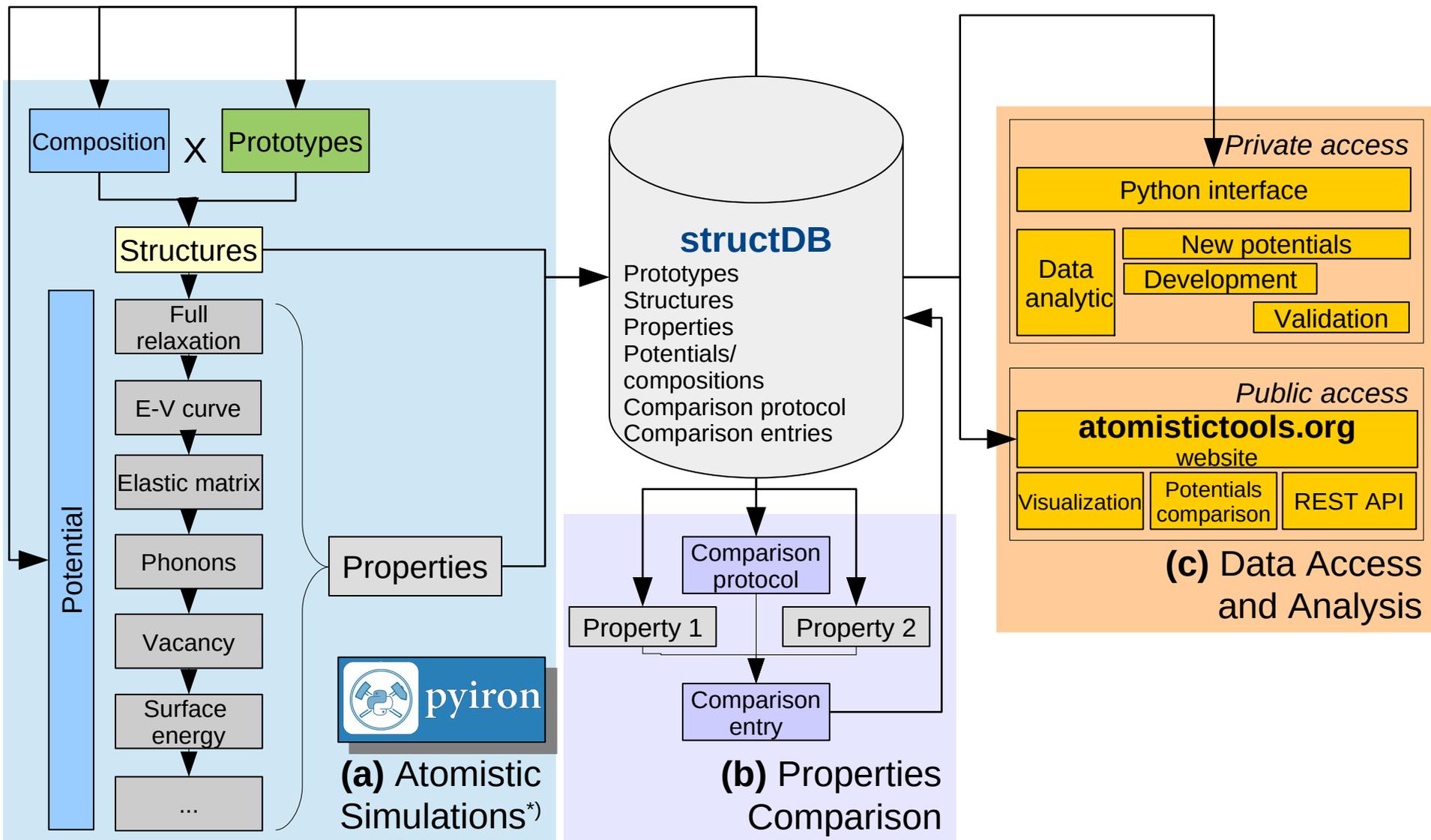


Data management: structDB



Interatomic potentials validation

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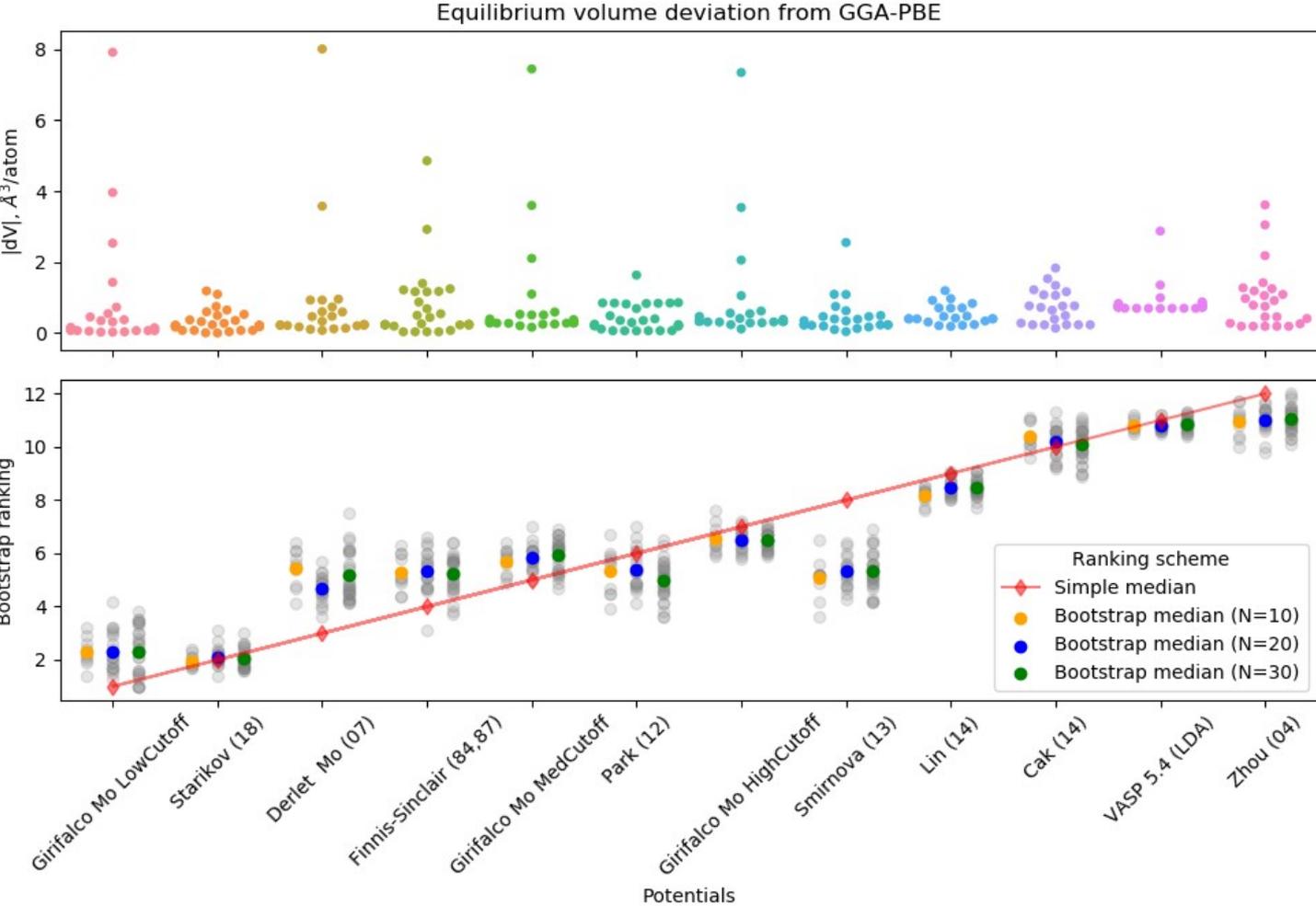


^{*)} calculations are done with *pyiron*

Robust comparison of properties error distributions

Problem: Stability and robustness of potentials comparison wrt. outliers and incomplete sampling

Solution: Bootstrapping of error distributions → averaging → robust continuous ranking



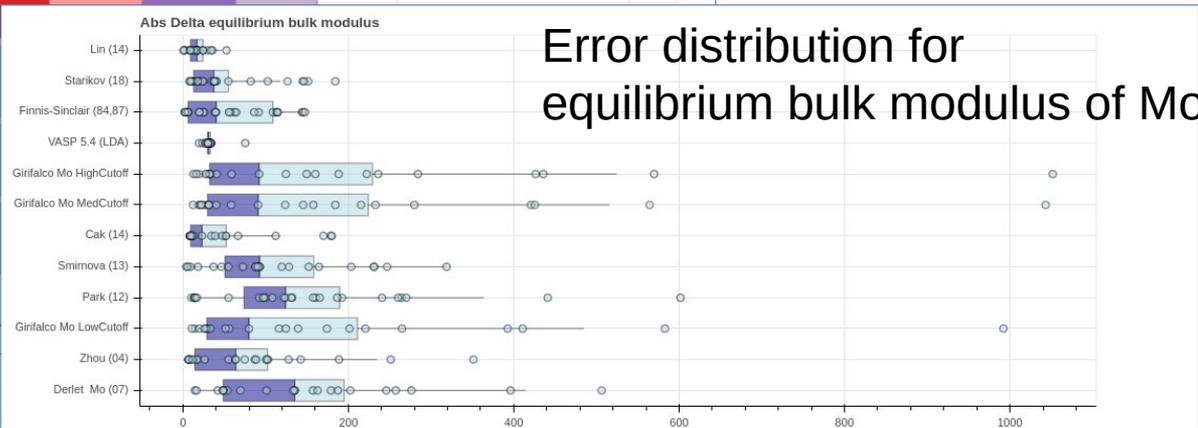
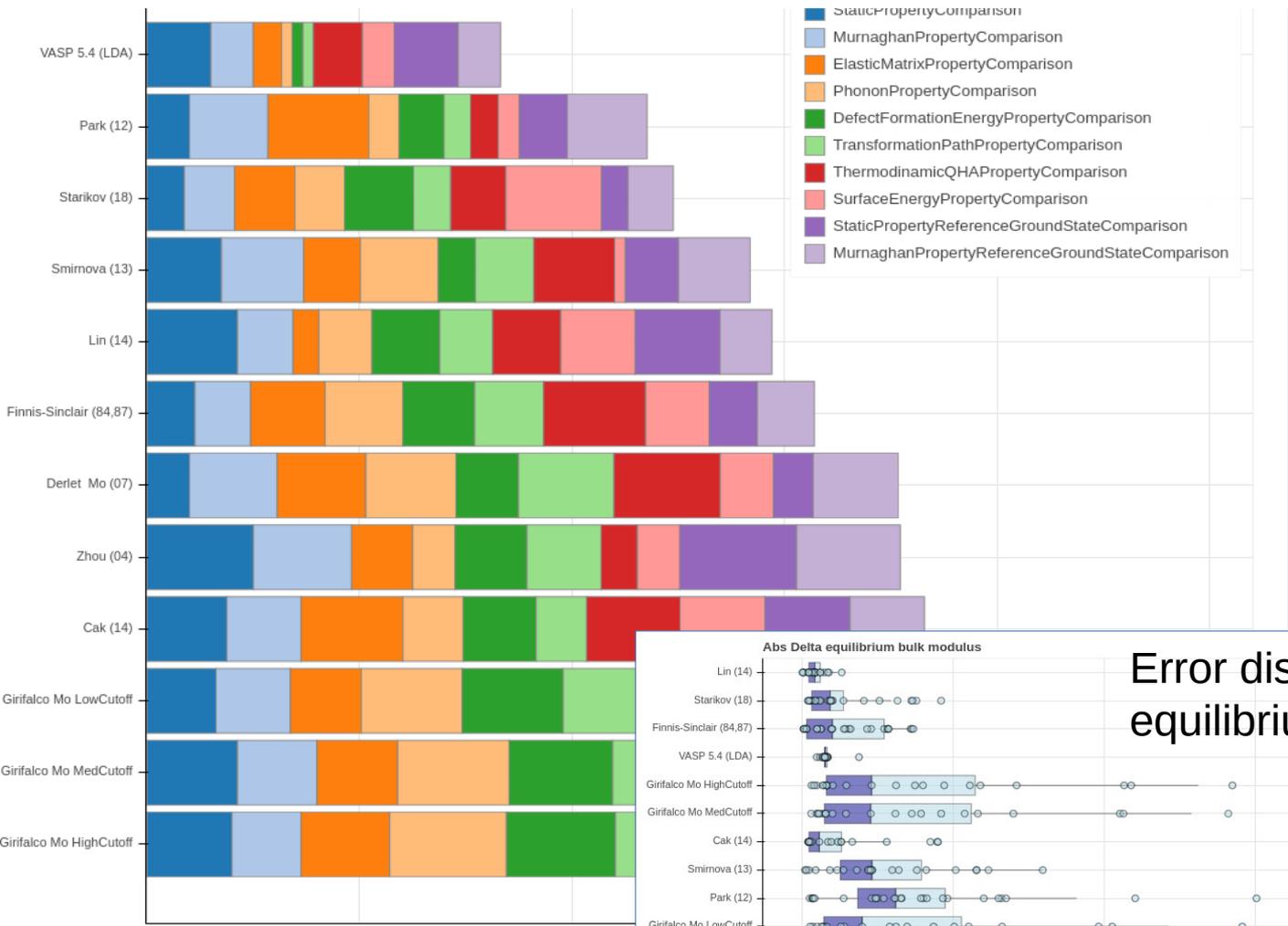
Points - errors for different crystal prototypes (up to 29 points for the Strukturbericht A group)

- Bootstrap error distributions 10, 20 and 30 times
- Convergence of the bootstrap ranking
- “Continuous” average rank



Atomistictools.org demo

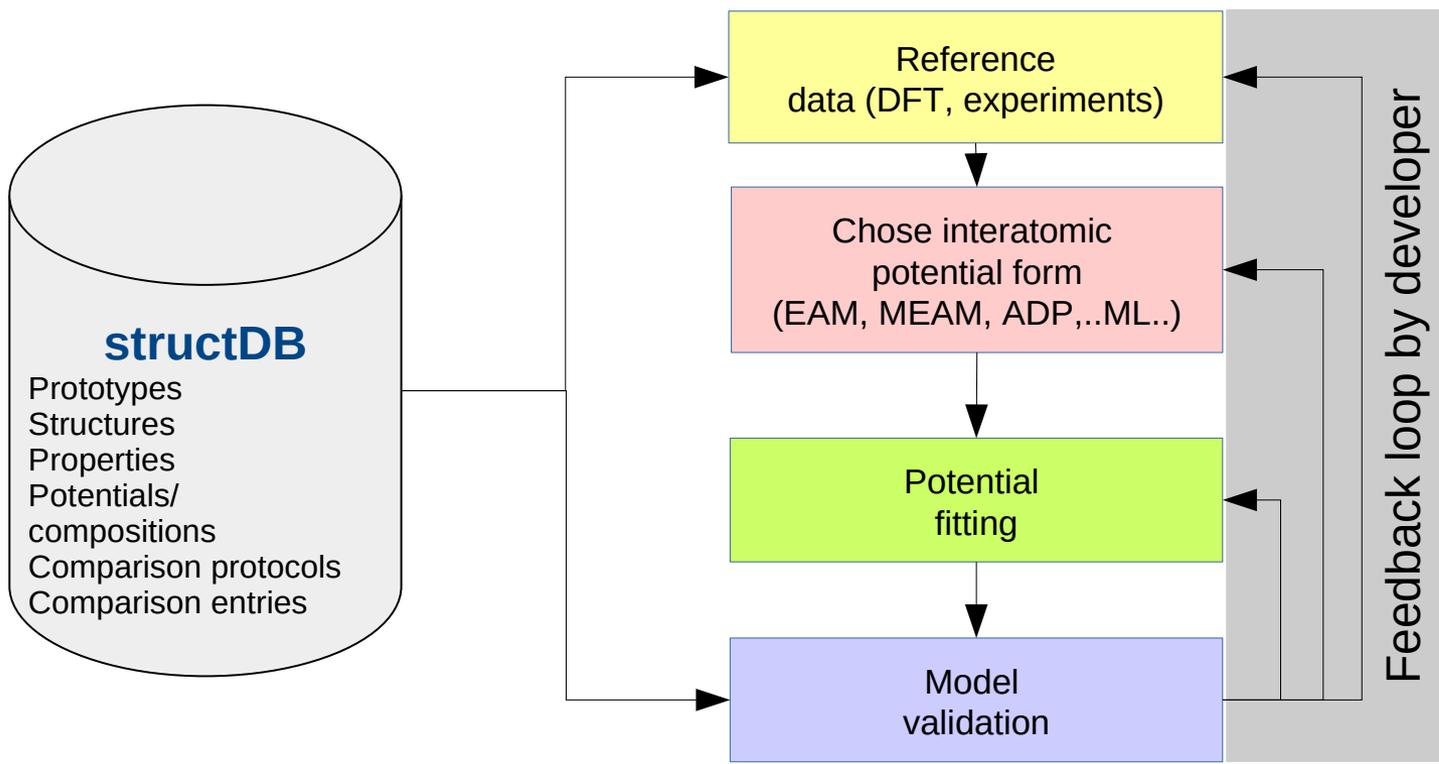
Interatomic potentials performance in comparison wrt. DFT-PBE for Mo



Interatomic potentials development

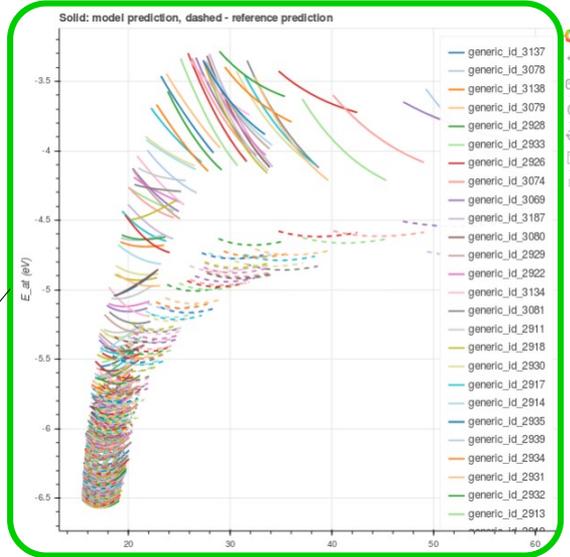
with Alberto Ferrari and Sergei Starikov

Interatomic potentials development process

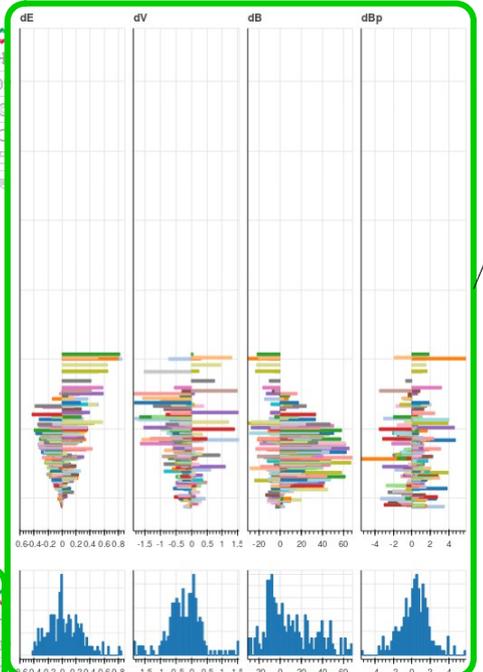


Bond order potential for Ti (by Alberto Ferrari)

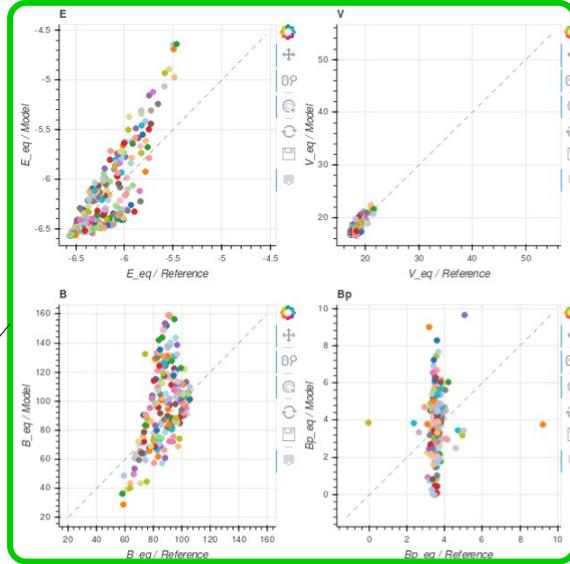
Work environment screenshot



E-V curves for ~200 random structures



Error distributions for diff. properties



Potential-vs-DFT properties pairplots

#	Stats	Mean	Std.	Min	Max
0	dE	0.191467948456...	0.160001832851...	0.001084865303...	0.8543508699
1	dV	0.45570448278...	0.424010841633...	0.001288255078...	1.8683717418
2	dB	19.06055198150...	16.38544426729...	0.019944958006...	68.707641602
3	dBp	1.253239861371...	1.057479813722...	0.006307481397...	5.8291087496

Potential quality metrics

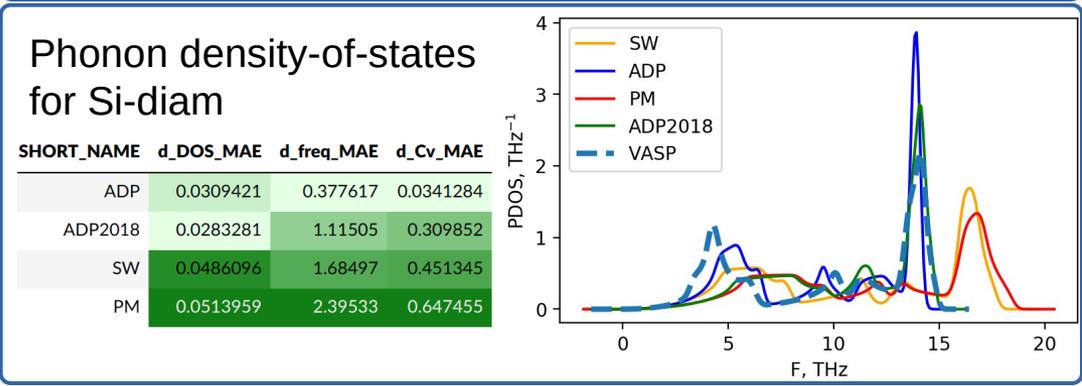
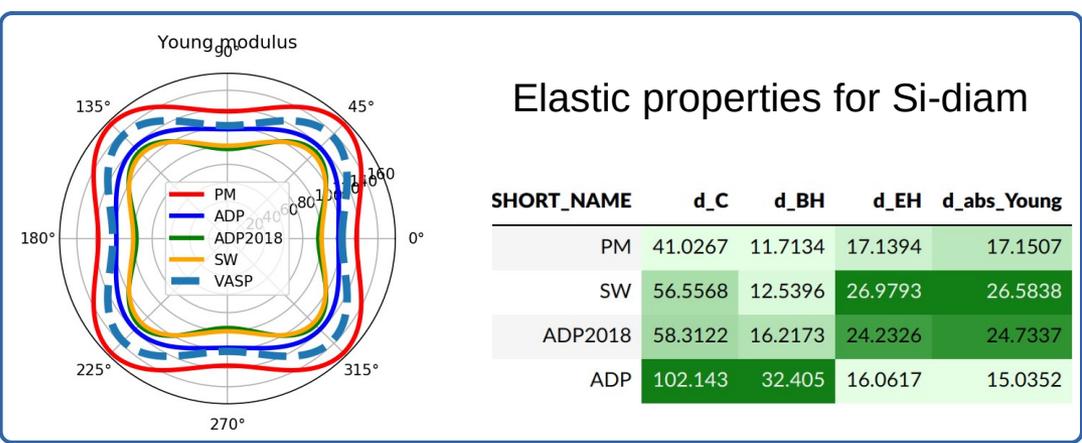
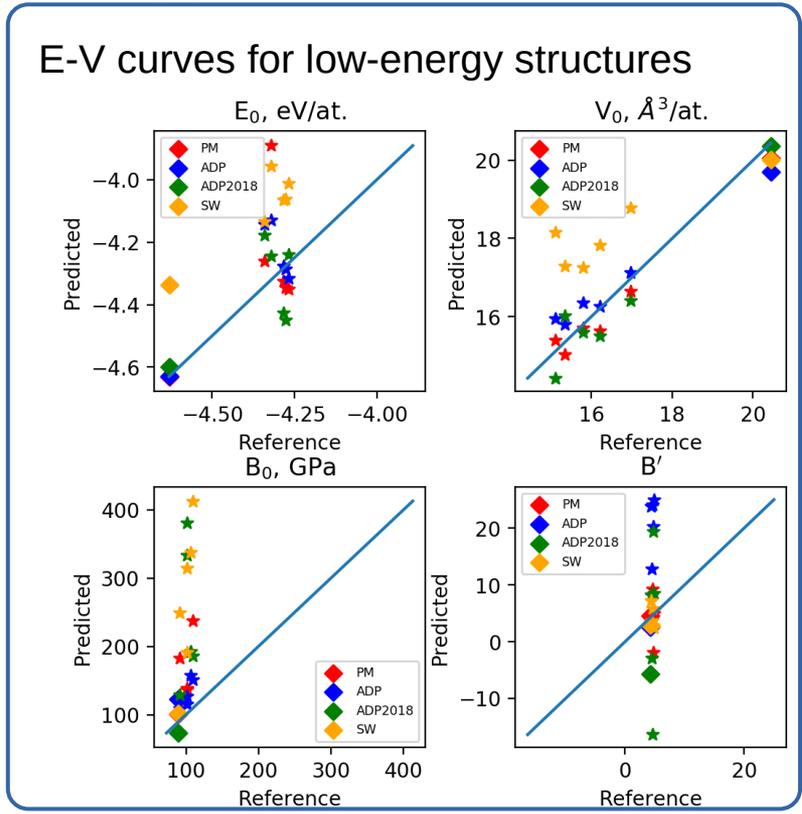
#	names	E_mod	E_ref	dE	V_mod	V_ref	dV	B_mod	B_ref	dB	Bp_mod	Bp_ref	dBp
0	gen...	-6.5...	-6.5...	-0.0...	17...	17...	-0.1...	101...	105...	-4.2...	4.8...	3.4...	1.4
1	gen...	-6.5...	-6.5...	-0.0...	16...	17...	-0.2...	109...	105...	4.2...	6.9...	3.4...	3.5
2	gen...	-6.5...	-6.5...	-0.0...	17...	17...	-0.0...	105...	104...	1.0...	5.0...	3.4...	1.5
3	gen...	-6.5...	-6.5...	-0.0...	17...	17...	-0.1...	99...	103...	-4.3...	4.0...	3.4...	0.5
4	gen...	-6.5...	-6.5...	-0.0...	17...	17...	-0.0...	100...	104...	-3.7...	2.8...	3.4...	-0.5
5	gen...	-6.5...	-6.5...	-0.0...	17...	17...	-0.0...	104...	104...	0.8...	4.7...	3.3...	1.3
6	gen...	-6.5...	-6.5...	-0.0...	17...	17...	-0.0...	100...	103...	-3.2...	0.4...	3.4...	-2.9
7	gen...	-6.5...	-6.5...	0.0...	17...	17...	0.2...	98...	100...	-2.4...	3.0...	4.0...	-1.0
8	gen...	-6.5...	-6.5...	-0.0...	17...	17...	0.1...	101...	98...	2.4...	2.4...	3.1...	-0.7
9	gen...	-6.5...	-6.5...	-0.0...	17...	17...	-0.0...	95...	103...	-8.3...	2.6...	3.4...	-0.7
10	gen...	-6.5...	-6.5...	-0.0...	17...	17...	0.0...	105...	103...	1.4...	0.8...	3.3...	-2.5
11	gen...	-6.5...	-6.5...	-0.0...	17...	17...	0.0...	99...	103...	-3.6...	2.2...	3.4...	-1.2
12	gen...	-6.5...	-6.5...	-0.0...	17...	17...	0.0...	95...	102...	-6.3...	2.4...	3.4...	-0.9
13	gen...	-6.5...	-6.5...	0.0...	17...	17...	0.3...	91...	103...	-12...	1.9...	3.4...	-1.4

Angular dependent potential potential for Si - validation (by Sergei Starikov)

Independent validation of the new potential for Si wrt. reference DFT data (VASP) and comparison with existing potentials

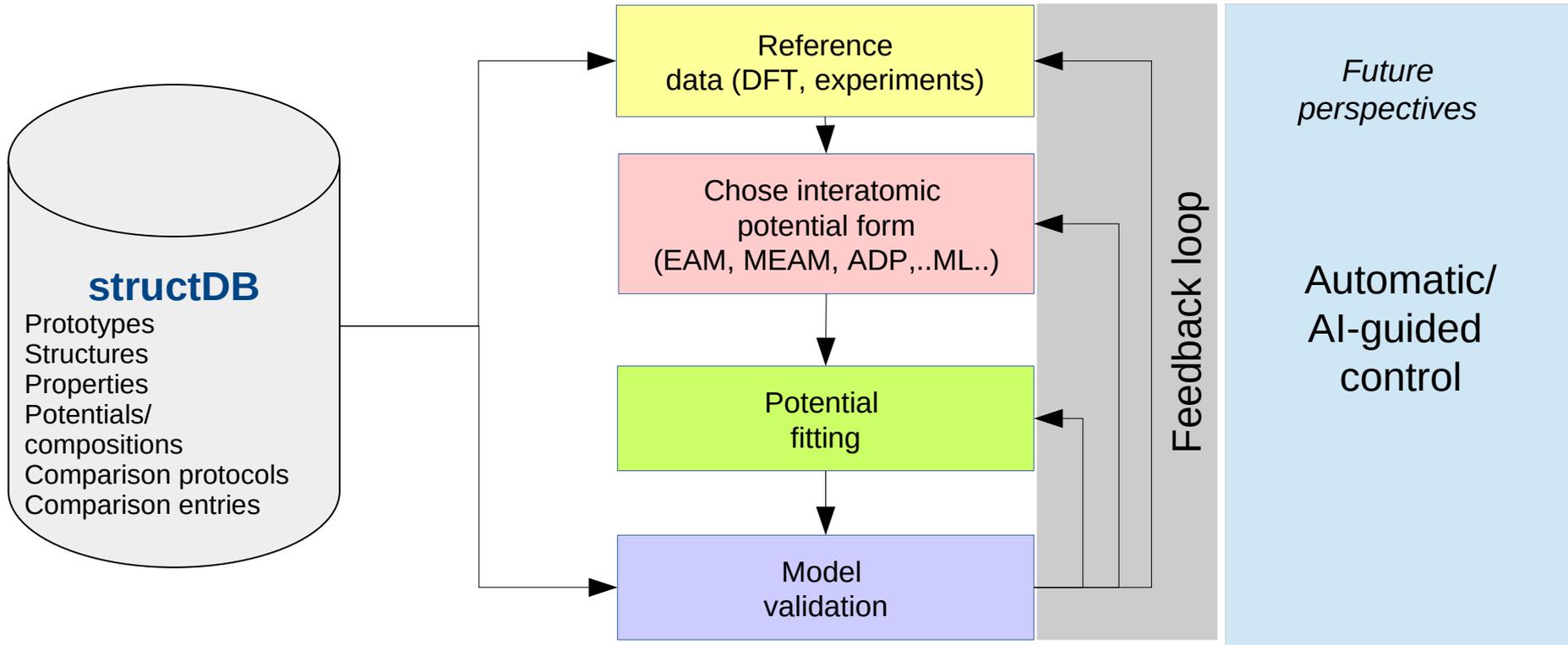
New potential:
ADP2018: ADP Starikov 2018

Existing potentials:
PM: 2017—Purja-Pun-G-P-Mishin-Y--Si
ADP: ADP_Starikov_2017
SW: Three_Body_Stillinger_Weber_Si_MO_405512056662_003



Interatomic potentials development - future perspectives

Automatic/ML/AL/AI-guided fitting procedure based on the potentials quality metric



Use ML/AI to create physical models

Future perspectives: distributed resources

Future perspectives: use-cases and roles

Atomistic simulations distributed resources
(NIST IPR, OpenKIM, atomistictools.org, ...)

Web interface, REST-API, API

- **Interatomic potentials (IP)**
- **Models validation**
- **Protocols validation**



Molecular dynamics simulation user

- **Provide new IP**
- **Get test protocols for new IP**
- **Get reference data for fitting and validation**



Interatomic potentials developer

Provide new data, validation tests, resources, protocols, etc.

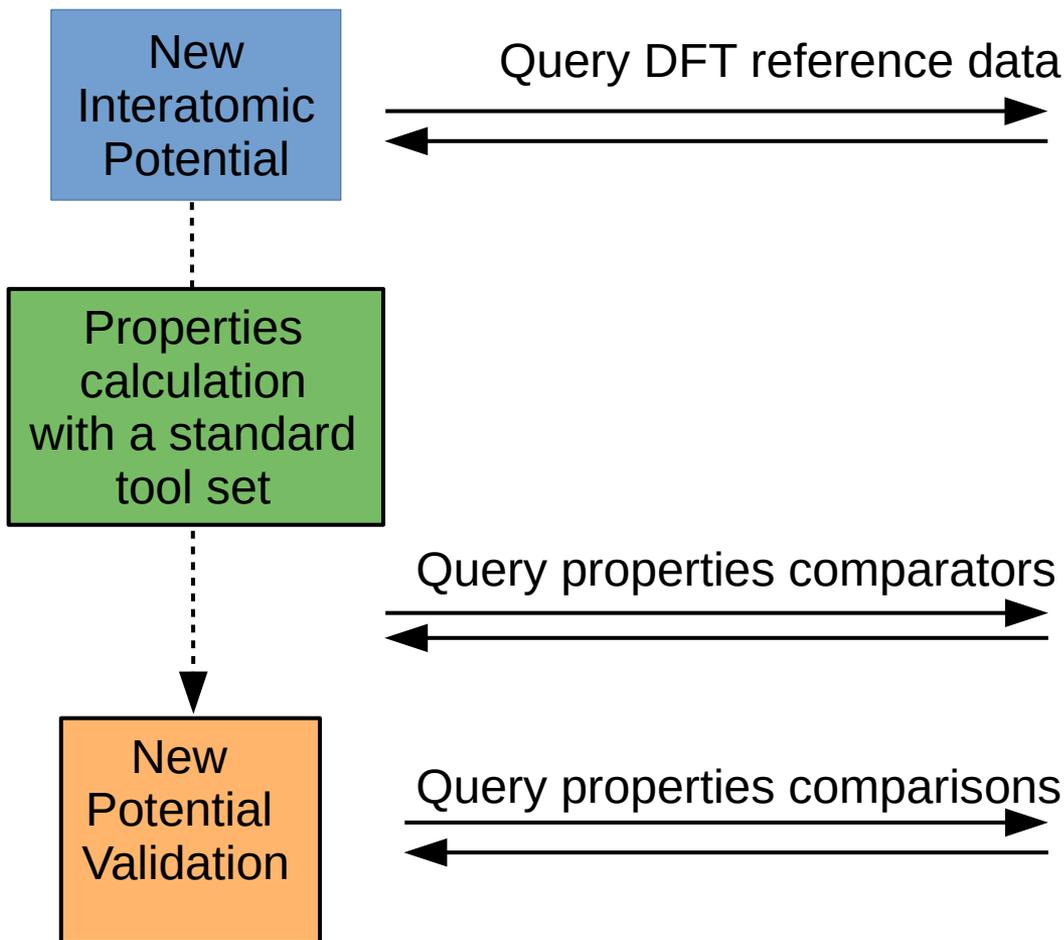


New Interatomic Potentials Data Provider

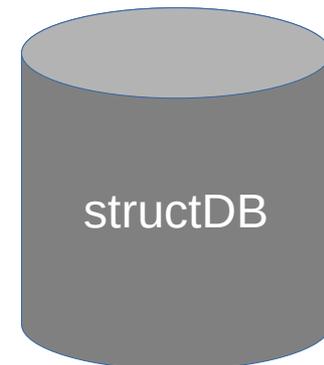
REST API use scenario: new potential validation



Interatomic potentials developer



REST API (atomistictools.org)



structDB

REST API interface (proof-of-concept)

Provide functionality for querying the interatomic potentials validation database without direct connection to database (via WEB)

- Crystal prototypes (generic)

```
generics=db_rester.query_generic(prototype_strukturbericht="A2")
```

- Structures

```
structures=db_rester.query_structure(prototype_strukturbericht="A2",  
calculator_name="VASP%PBE%",  
structure_composition="Mo%")
```

- Computed properties (i.e. reference DFT data)

```
reference_data=db_rester.query_property(property_type_name="murnaghan",  
structure_composition="Si%",  
prototype_strukturbericht="%",  
calculator_name="VASP%PBE%")
```

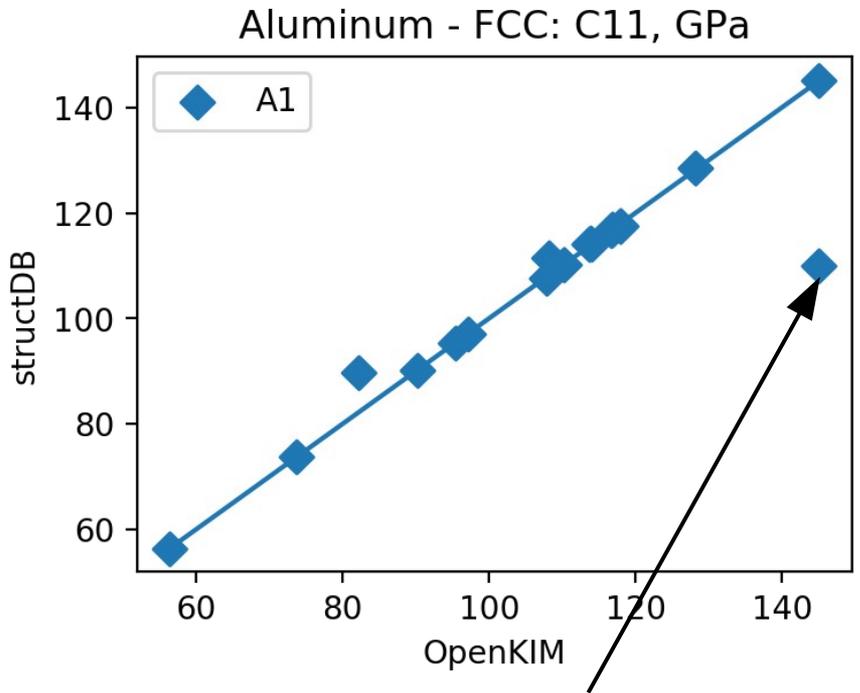
- Properties comparison protocol (comparator)

```
comparator=db_rester.query_comparator(property_type_name="phonons")
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Data consistency? (open question)

Distributed query to OpenKIM & atomistictools.org*

Query elastic constants of fcc aluminum

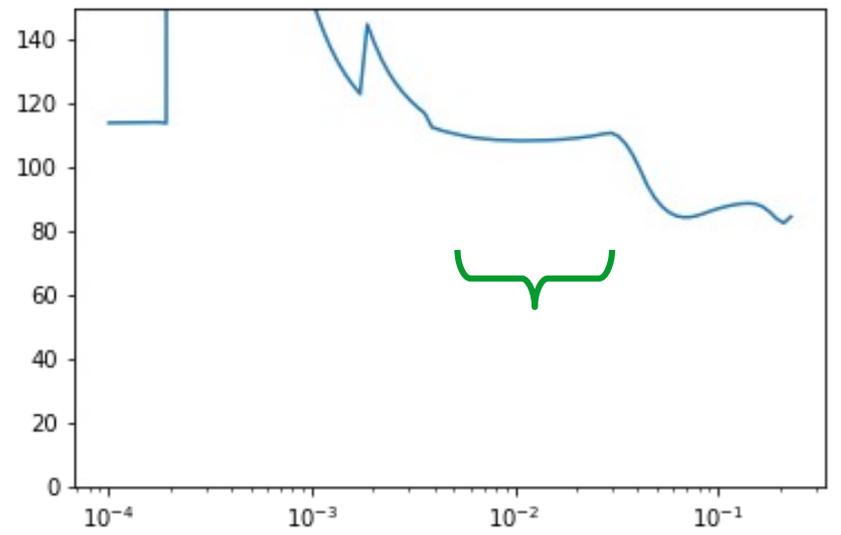


EAM_Dynamo_ZhouJohnsonWadley_2004_Al

- OpenKIM uses small strain range (~1e-8) and numerical derivatives
- Numerical noise of the model implementation
- Instability of properties computational protocol

Each property calculation protocol has its “hyperparameters”, i.e. strain range, number of points, fit order for elastic matrix calculations

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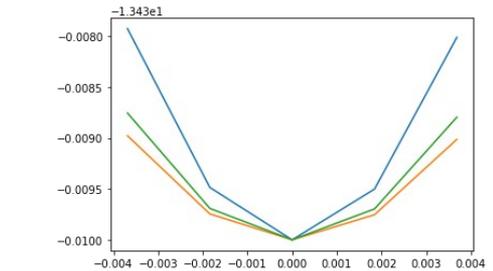
Strain range: 10^{-5} - $2 \cdot 10^{-1}$

*) proof-of-concept

Properties calculation hyper-parameters

Example: elastic matrix property via energy-strain curves

```
ElasticMatrixCalculator(  
    num_of_point=5,  
    eps_range=0.005,  
    fit_order=2,  
    optimize_deformed_structure=True,  
    fmax=0.005)
```



“hyper-parameters”

- Physically-inspired suggestions (max **num_of_point**, min **eps_range**, min **f_max**) not always correct, due to numerical noise, etc.
- Sensitivity analysis should be done for each parameter and property type:
 - vary hyperparameters combinatorially
 - compute property
 - find “safety spot” in hyper-parameter space (stable predictions)
- Does this “spot” is transferable to another potentials types and elements?

Properties calculation hyperparameters

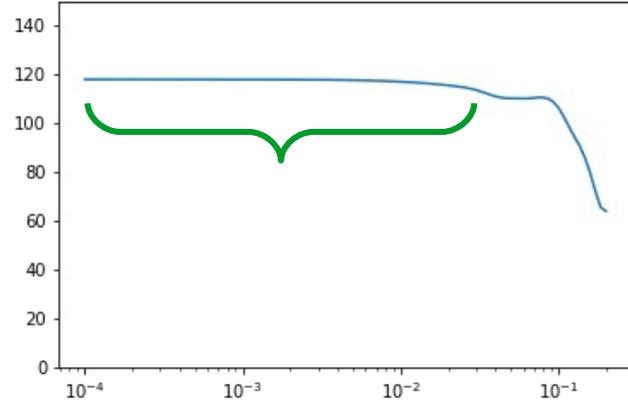
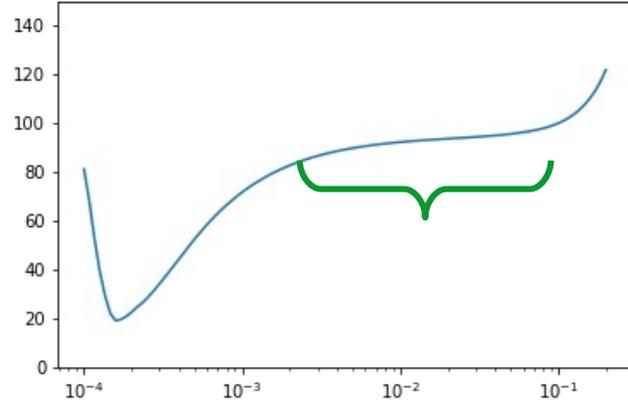
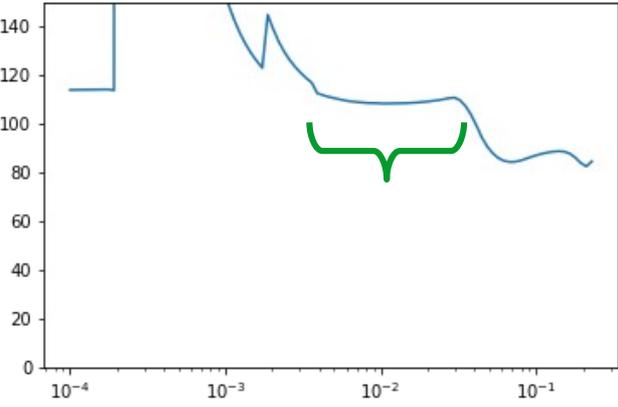
Each property calculation protocol has its “hyperparameters”.
Ex.: Elastic matrix calculation: strain range, number of points, fit order, ...

Aluminum-fcc: C11 constant

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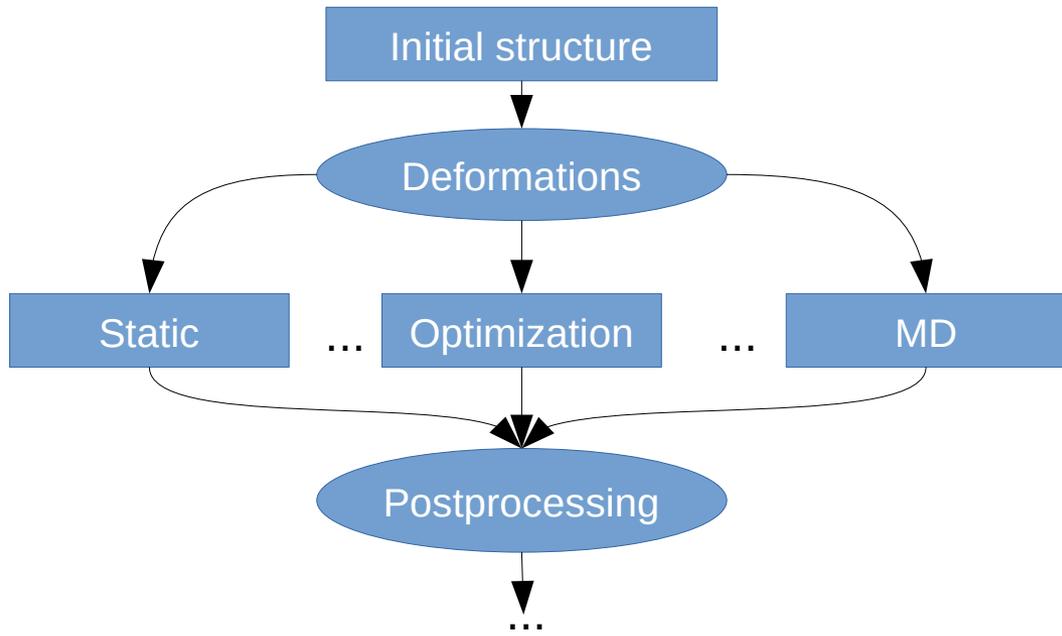
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There are an overlapping of “safety-spots” of hyperparameters for properties calculations for different potentials and elements

Generalization of properties calculation protocols

1. Properties calculation protocols are mostly general:

- Initial structure(s)
- Deformations (optional)
- perform
 - Static calculation
 - Optimization
 - Molecular Dynamic
- Post-processing
- ... repeat (optional)



2. Different execution “backends/engines”:

- ASE, Fireworks/Atomate, AiiDA, AFLOW, pyiron, Atomman, ...

Separation between **protocol** and **computation engine(s)** is needed for unification!

- Unified “**language**” to describe the **atomic properties** calculation protocol
- Mapping to different execution “backends”
- Way to achieve interoperability between data producers and data storage
- **Standardize** atomistic simulations

Concluding remarks

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- Interatomic potentials validation by high-throughput **properties comparison (transferability)**
- Common protocols & tests for interatomic potentials validation and DFT
- Testing of publicly available potentials:
 - **OpenKIM** & **NIST** potentials repositories
- Potential comparison as a service for community:
 - **atomistictools.org** (testing stage, password: “**icams**”)
- Comparison wrt. reference data: usually DFT (VASP 5.4 PBE) or experiment (Pearson Crystallographic Database, Landolt-Boernstein, ...)
- REST API with compatible interfaces for unified queries

Further development

- Production stage of **atomistictools.org** (for unaries)
- Increase the amount of properties & comparison metrics
- Sampling strategies for binaries and ternaries compounds
- Data analysis of the potentials transferability, identification of the key metrics
- Testing for ML potentials

Thank you for attention