

Coarse-graining potential-energy surfaces from ab initio data using artificial neural networks

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**Paul Dirac (1902 – 1984),
Nobel prize in physics 1933**

“The underlying physical laws necessary for the mathematical theory of a large part of physics and the whole of chemistry are thus completely known, and the difficulty is only that the exact application of these laws leads to equations much too complicated to be soluble.”

“It therefore becomes desirable that approximate practical methods of applying quantum mechanics should be developed, which can lead to an explanation of the main features of complex atomic systems without too much computation.”

P.A.M. Dirac, Proc. Roy. Soc. Lond. Ser. A 123 (1929) 714.

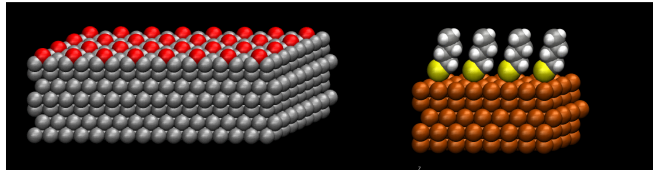
The accuracy of theoretical simulations depends critically on the reliability of the employed interatomic potentials.



Method	Atoms	Simulation Time
CI, CC, MP2, MP4, ...	10 - 100	0
Density Functional Theory	100 - 1000	100 ps
Semiempirical Methods Tight Binding	1000 - 10 000	1 ns
„Reactive Potentials“ EAM, Tersoff, ...	1000 - 100 000	10 ns
Classical Force Fields (LJ, harmonic, Coulomb)	1 000 000	1 ms

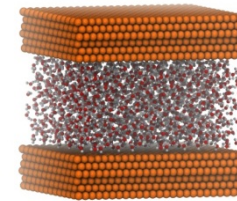
Surface Science:

- heterogeneous catalysis
- corrosion
- self-assembled monolayers



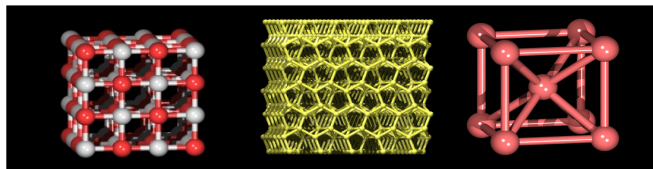
Solid-Liquid Interface:

- heterogeneous catalysis
- electrochemistry



Materials Science:

- crystal structure prediction
- phase diagrams
- properties of materials



Coordination:

- solvation of ions
- metal organic frameworks
- active sites in enzymes

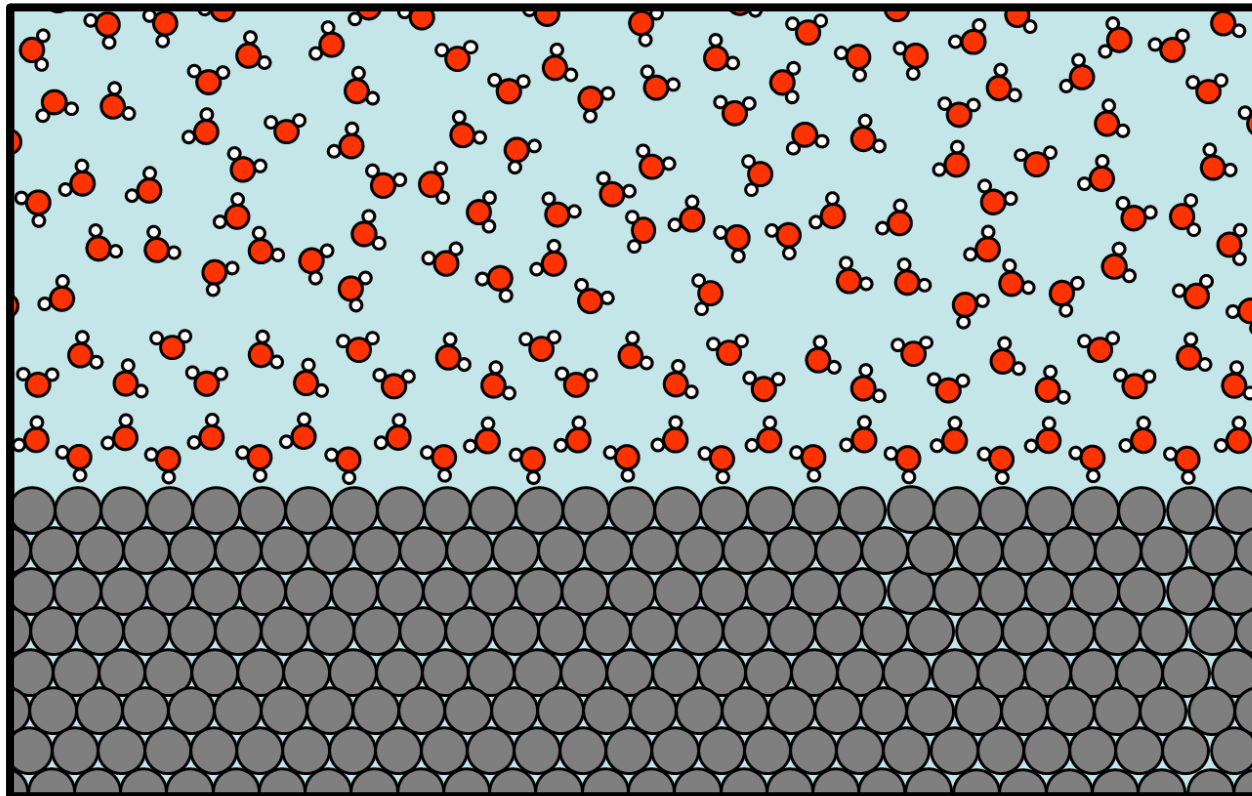
⇒ **Reliable potentials for large-scale simulations often not available!**

Definition:

- **large** ($\gg 1000$ atoms)
⇒ electronic structure calculations too costly
 - **various types of bonding**
⇒ necessary to describe simultaneously
 - covalent bonds
 - non-bonded interactions (vdW)
 - metals, delocalized electrons
 - polarization, charge transfer, electrostatics
 - **dynamics, statistics, reactivity**
 - bond making and breaking
 - complex structural rearrangements
 - sampling, free energies
- } very difficult to find a universal functional form

Potentials of *ab initio* quality are often not available!

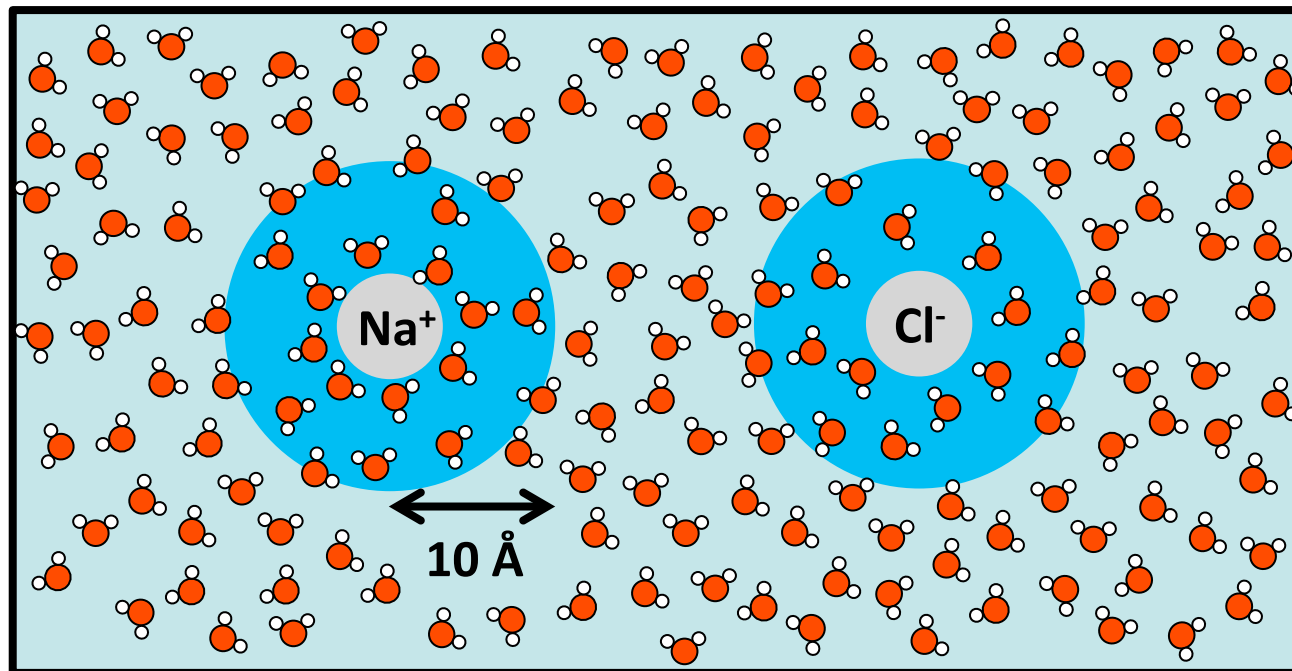
Example: Solid-Liquid Interface



Which system size is required to describe a *liquid bulk electrolyte* in contact with a metal electrode?

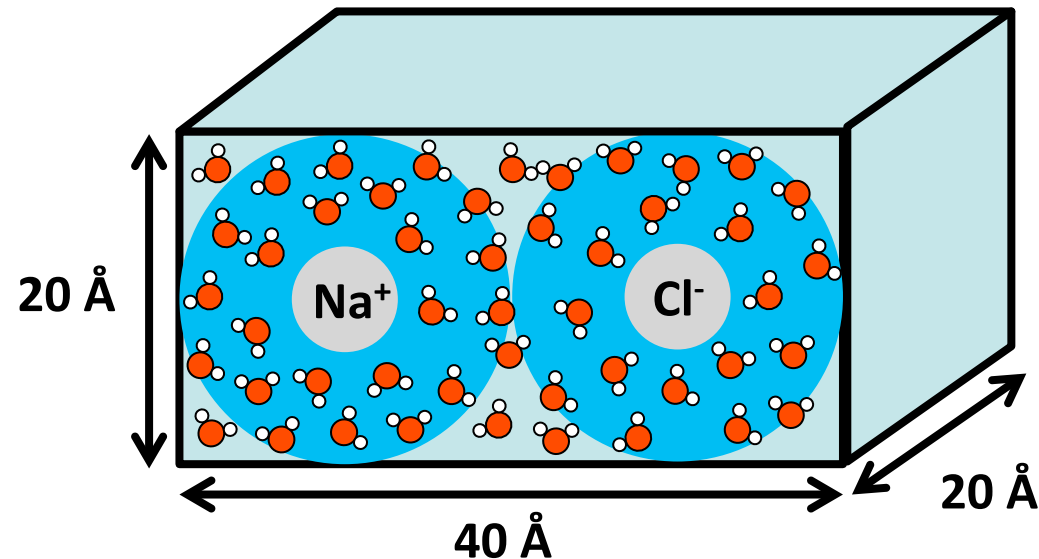
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Ions modify the water structure up to a distance of about 10 \AA .



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\Rightarrow smallest possible system for “non-overlapping”, uncorrelated solvation spheres:

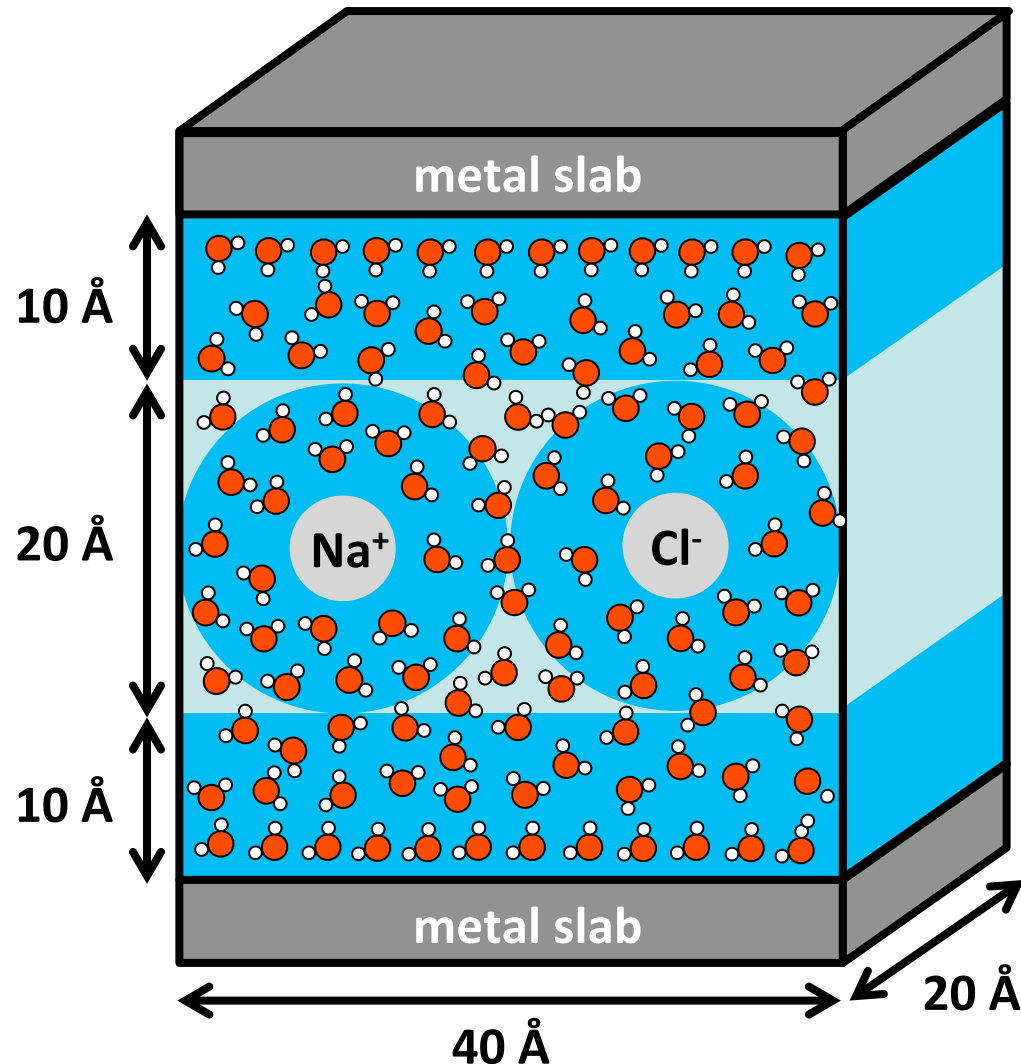


\Rightarrow volume = $40 \times 20 \times 20 \text{ \AA}^3 = 16\,000 \text{ \AA}^3$

volume of a single water molecule: $\approx 30 \text{ \AA}^3$

$\Rightarrow \approx 530$ water molecules (concentration 0.1 M)

Slab model: Surfaces modify water structure up to 10 Å.



⇒ volume = 32 000 Å³

⇒ ≈ 1060 water molecules
+ ≈ 700 metal atoms
(7 layer slab)

⇒ ≈ 3900 atoms

System size cannot be
reduced for higher
concentrations!

⇒ beyond *ab initio* MD

**Holds for any
concentration!!!**

Schrödinger equation:

$$H\Psi = E\Psi$$

Born Oppenheimer approximation \Rightarrow Electronic Schrödinger equation and Hamiltonian:

$$H_{el} = -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N \nabla_i^2 - \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{A=1}^M \frac{Z_A}{r_{iA}} + \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j>i}^N \frac{1}{r_{ij}}$$

Total Energy:

$$E_{tot} = E_{el} + \sum_{A=1}^M \sum_{B>A}^M \frac{Z_A Z_B}{R_{AB}}$$

Hamiltonian depends on

- nuclear positions R
- nuclear charges Z (chemical elements)
- system total charge Q (usually neutral)

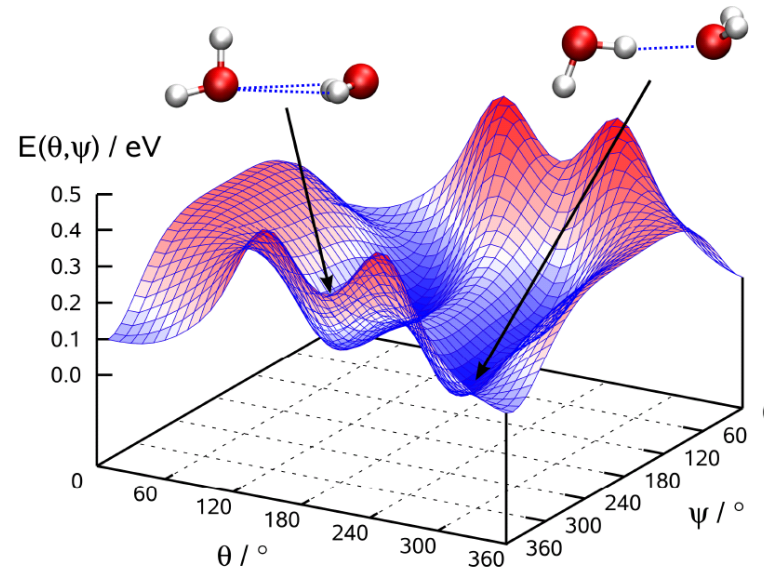
\Rightarrow Structure contains **all information required** to fully define the total energy

\Rightarrow If we knew the function $E(R,Z,Q)$ we could avoid solving the electronic structure problem explicitly again and again in MD simulations

The *Potential Energy Surface* (PES) is a high-dimensional real-valued function, which yields the total energy of the system if the atomic positions are provided in form of a suitable set of coordinates.

3N-6-dimensional \Rightarrow very complicated

Example: 2D cut of the 12-dimensional PES of the water dimer



1) **High Accuracy**

The potential should be close to *ab initio* quality.

2) **Systematic Improvements**

If the potential fails in some situation, it should be easy to improve the accuracy systematically.

3) **General Functional Form**

The potential should be applicable to all types of systems and bonding.

4) **“Reactive”**

The potential should be able to describe the breaking and making of bonds.

5) **High-Dimensional**

The potential should depend on all atomic positions in the system and include all many-body effects.

6) **Effort**

The construction of the potential should not require much human work.

7) **Transferability**

The potential should be applicable to a wide range of bonding situations.

8) **Efficiency**

The potential should be fast.

9) **Costs**

The construction of the potential should not require much CPU time.

10) **Derivatives**

Analytic derivatives must be available for the calculation of forces.

None of the presently available potentials fulfills all requirements!

⇒ Very active field of research

Construction of a functional relation between the structure and its energy

Structure

- Molecule
- Cluster
- Solid
- Slab
- ...

Structural Description: Coordinates

- Cartesian
- Internal
- Special
- ...

Total Energy Expression

- Analytic
- Many-body
- ...

Energy and Forces

Physical Approach: „Conventional“ Potentials

Typically fixed functional form \Rightarrow intrinsically **limited accuracy**

- Examples:
- Lennard-Jones potential (classical force fields)
 - Tersoff, Brenner, Stillinger Weber
- $$E_{ij} = 4\epsilon \left[\left(\frac{\sigma}{R_{ij}} \right)^{12} - \left(\frac{\sigma}{R_{ij}} \right)^6 \right]$$

Mathematical Approach:

Use of extremely flexible functions adapting to high-level reference data.

- Examples:
- Splines
 - Polynomial Fits
 - Gaussian Approximation Potentials
 - Artificial Neural Networks

Example: The AMBER force field

W.D. Cornell et al., *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **117** (1995) 5179.

$$E = \sum_{\text{bonds}} k_b (r - r_0)^2 + \sum_{\text{angles}} k_a (\alpha - \alpha_0)^2 + \sum_{\text{torsions}} \frac{1}{2} V_n [1 + \cos(n\omega - \gamma)]$$

$$+ \sum_{j=1}^{N-1} \sum_{i=j+1}^N \left\{ \epsilon_{ij} \left[\left(\frac{\sigma}{r_{ij}} \right)^{12} - 2 \left(\frac{\sigma}{r_{ij}} \right)^6 \right] + \frac{q_i q_j}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r_{ij}} \right\}$$

Advantages:

- very fast
- easy to implement

Disadvantages:

- not very accurate
- no reactivity (there are exceptions, e.g. ReaxFF)

Other Force fields:

CHARMM: B.R. Brooks et al., *J. Comp. Chem.* **4** (1983) 187.

GROMOS: W.F. van Gunsteren, H.J.C. Berendsen, *GROMOS Library Manual*, Groningen (1987).

J. Tersoff, *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **56** (1986) 632.

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Idea: Morse potential-like expression with environment-dependent bond strength parameter (bond order dependence)

$$E = \sum_i E_i = \frac{1}{2} \sum_i \sum_{j \neq i} E_{ij}$$

equivalent: atomic or pair energy formulation

$$E_{ij} = f_{cut}(R_{ij}) \left[A \cdot e^{-\lambda_1 R_{ij}} - B_{ij} e^{-\lambda_2 R_{ij}} \right] \quad (\text{Morse potential: } \lambda_1 = 2\lambda_2)$$

$$B_{ij} = B_0 e^{-z_{ij}/b} \quad \text{bond order term, } z_{ij} \text{ is complicated function of bonding environment, } b \text{ determines decay of bond strength}$$

reactive, but difficult to apply to multicomponent systems

**One of the standard potentials in materials science!
Difficult to parameterize and not very accurate!**

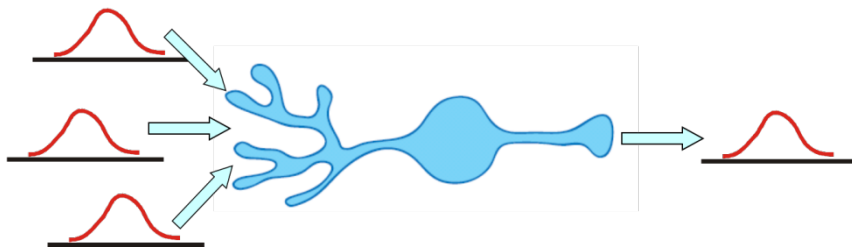
Neural Network Potentials

Neural Networks (NN)

“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 systems** do.”

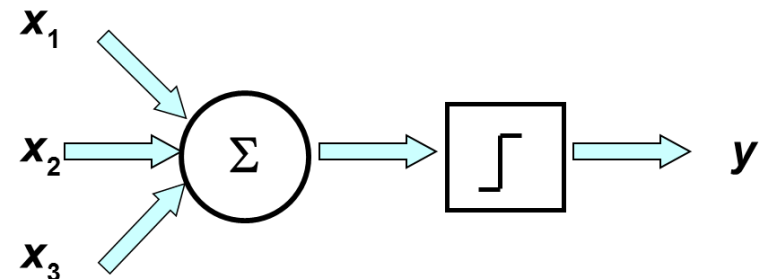
T. Kohonen, *Neural Networks* 1, 3 (1988).

“Bio-Neurons”



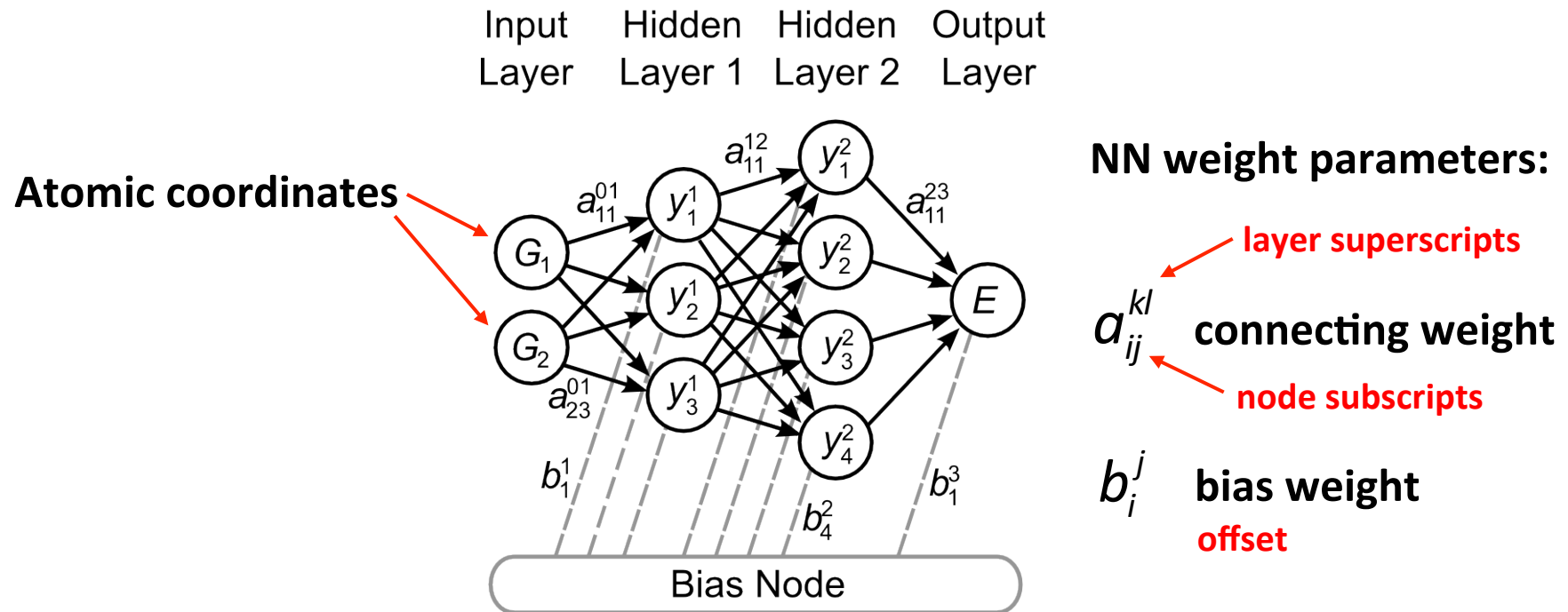
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Artificial Neuron



⇒ artificial NNs mimic the signal processing in the nervous system

Small example for a 2D feed-forward Neural Network:

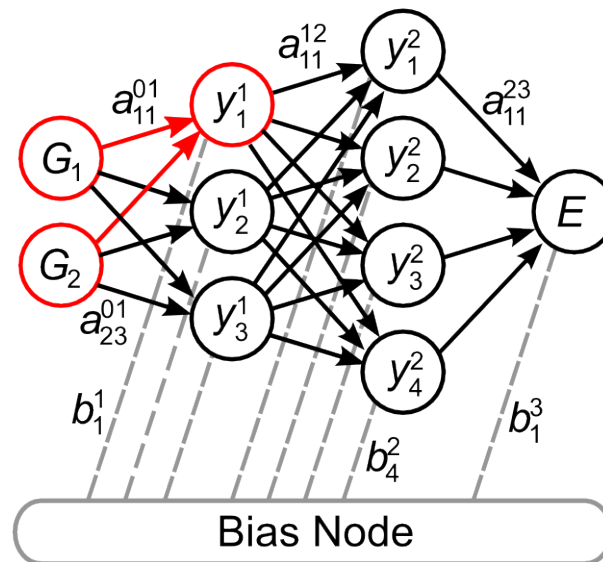


Functional form:

$$E = f_1^3 \left(b_1^3 + \sum_{k=1}^4 a_{k1}^{23} \cdot f_k^2 \left(b_k^2 + \sum_{j=1}^3 a_{jk}^{12} \cdot f_j^1 \left(b_j^1 + \sum_{i=1}^2 a_{ij}^{01} \cdot G_i \right) \right) \right)$$

Step 1: Linear combination of input values

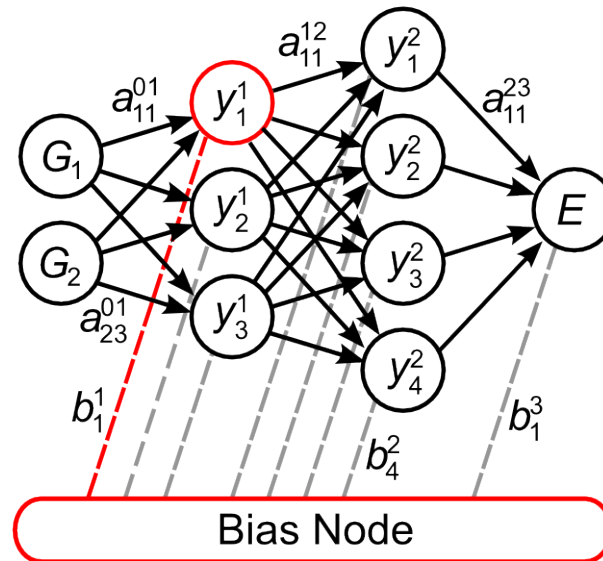
Input Layer Hidden Layer 1 Hidden Layer 2 Output Layer



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Step 2: Adding bias weight

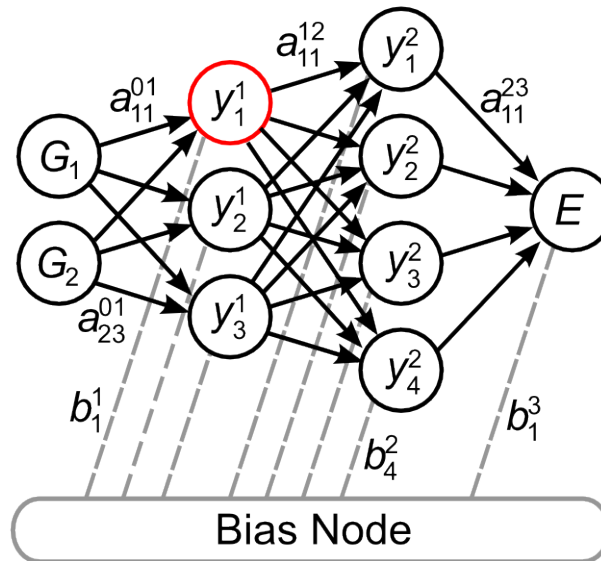
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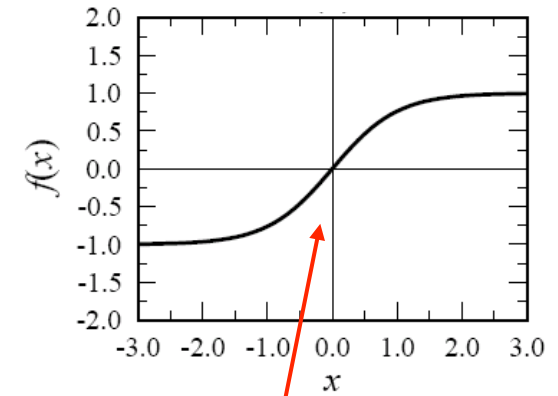
Step 3: Apply Activation Function

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Activation Function

$$y = \tanh(x)$$

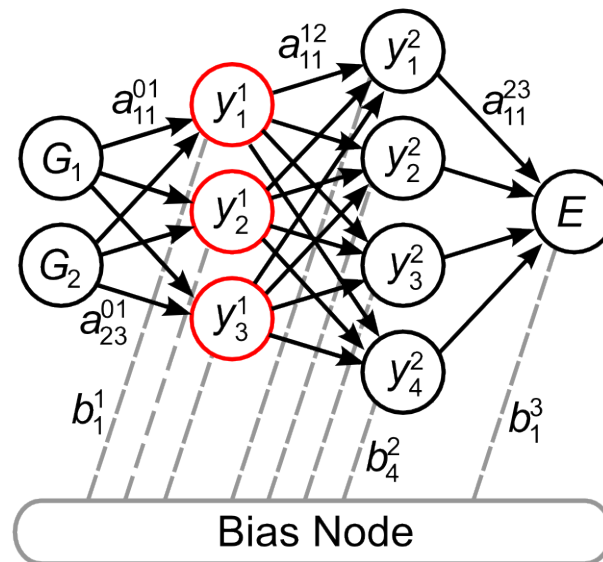


nonlinear

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Step 4: Calculate all nodes in hidden layer 1 in the same way

Input Layer Hidden Layer 1 Hidden Layer 2 Output Layer

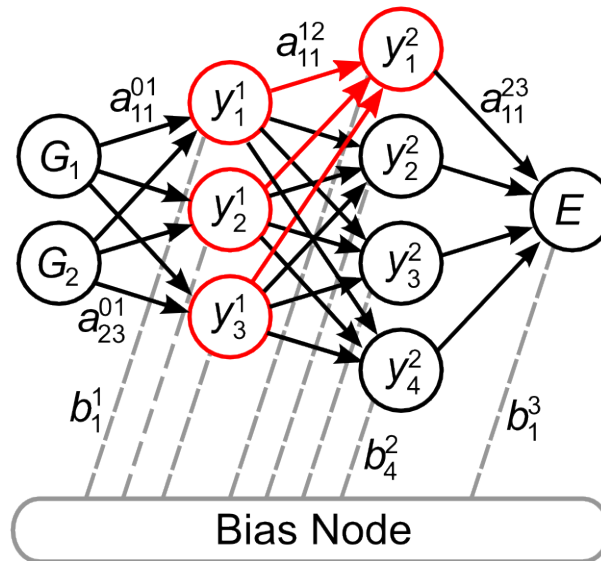


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Step 5: Calculate all nodes in hidden layer 2 in the same way

- linear combination
- add bias weight
- activation functions

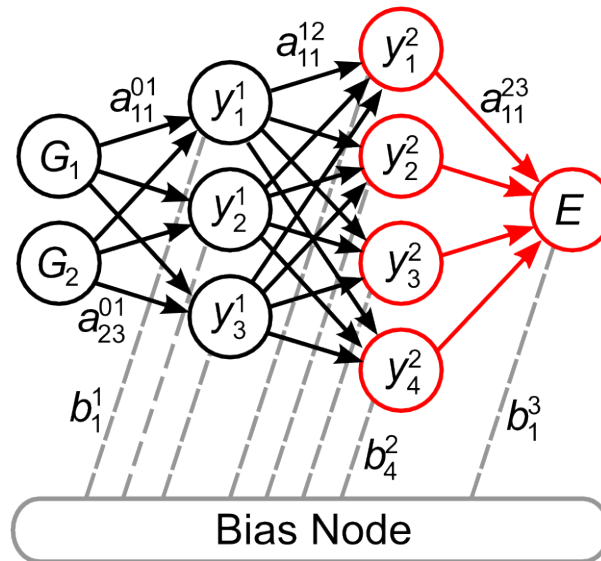
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Step 6: Calculate output node

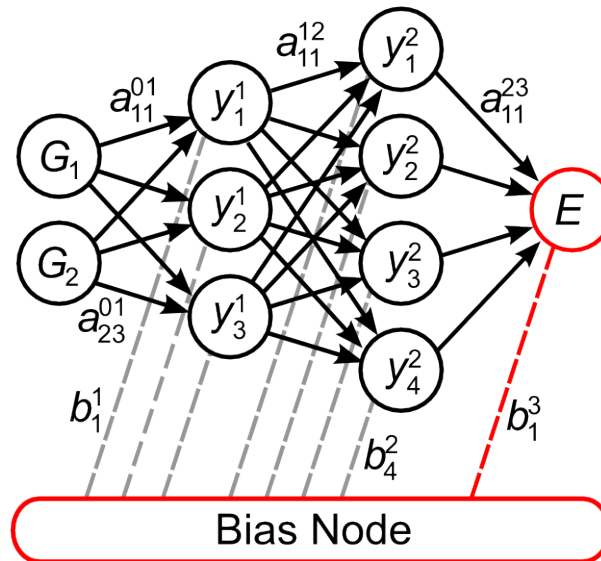
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Step 7: Add bias weight at output node

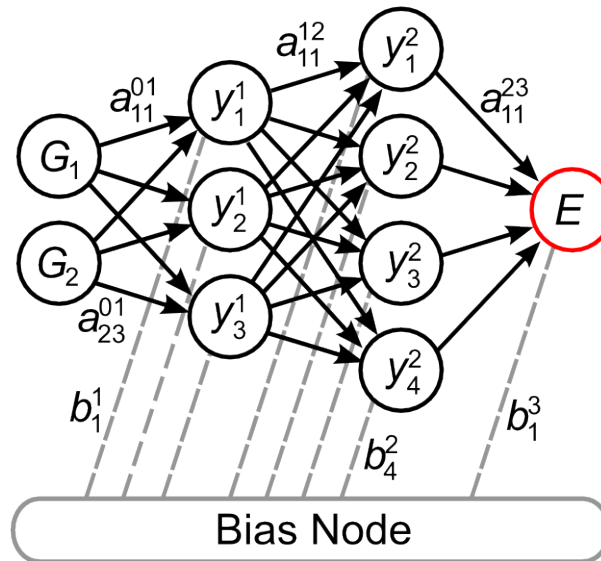
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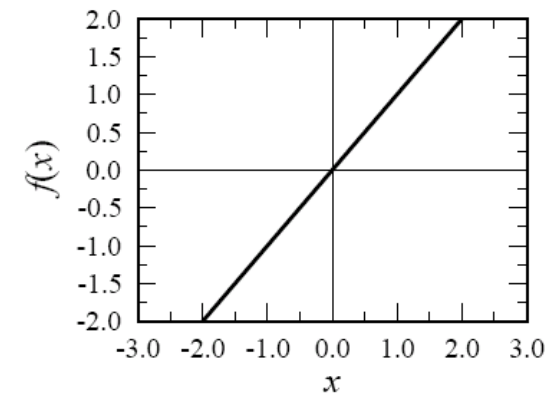
Step 8: Apply linear activation function at output node

Input Layer Hidden Layer 1 Hidden Layer 2 Output Layer



**Output node:
Activation function**

$$y = x$$

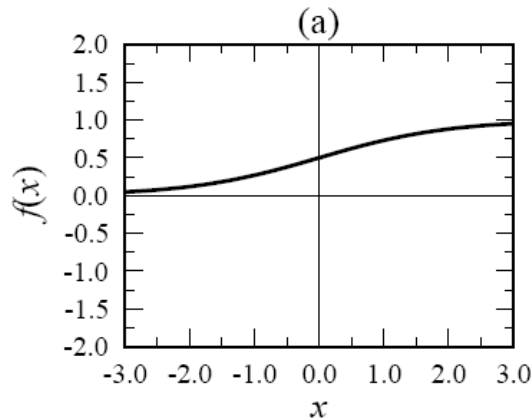


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Activation functions enable the representation of **general nonlinear functions**.

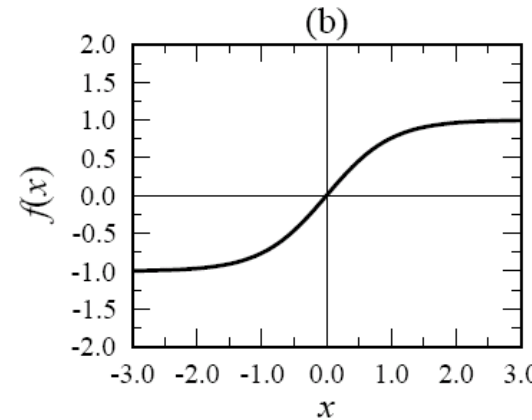
**sigmoid
function**

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



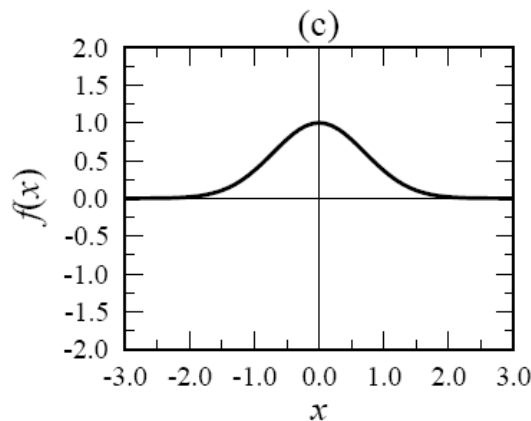
**hyperbolic
tangent**

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



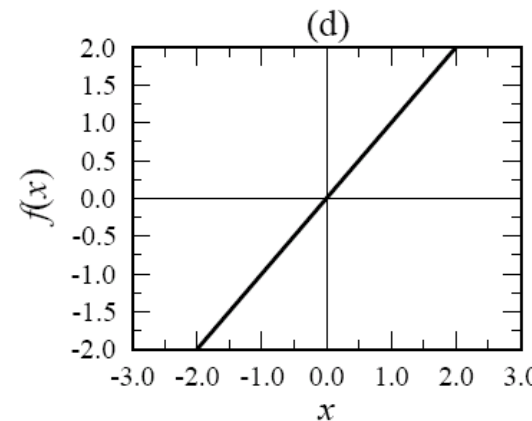
**Gaussian
function**

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



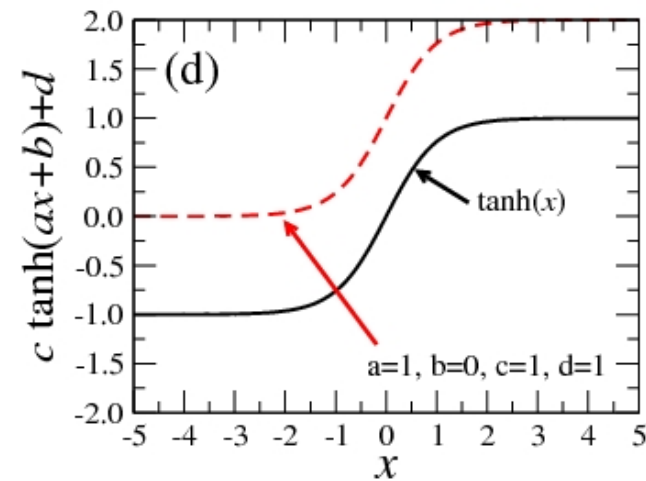
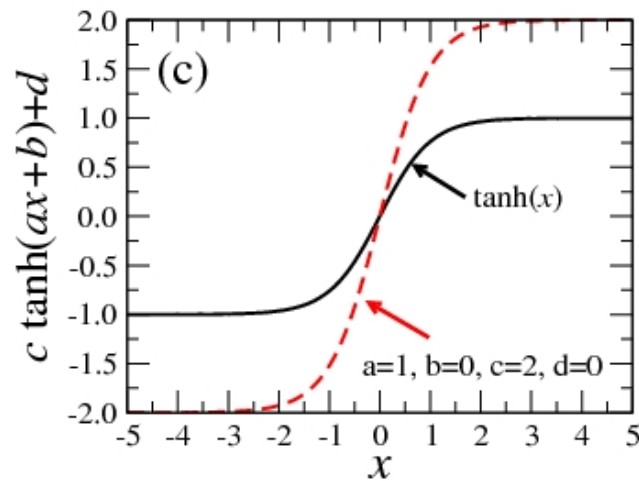
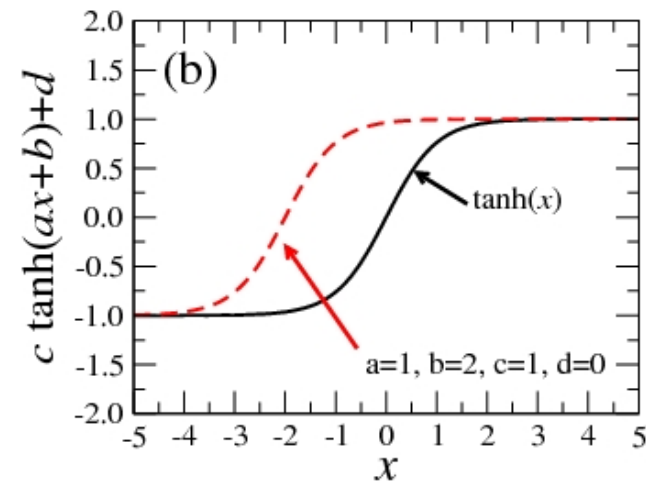
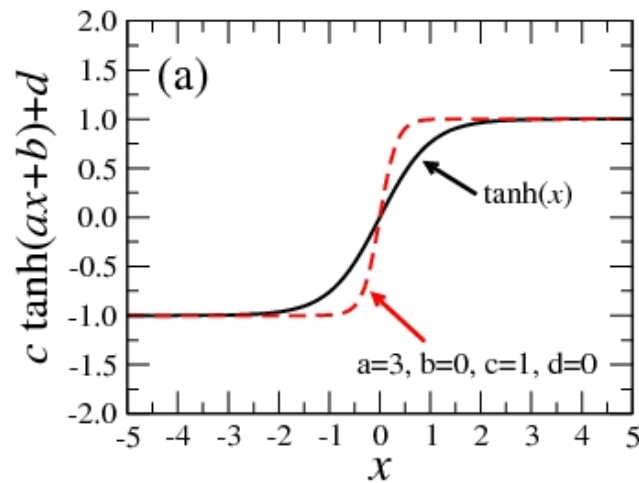
**linear
function**

$$f(x) = x$$



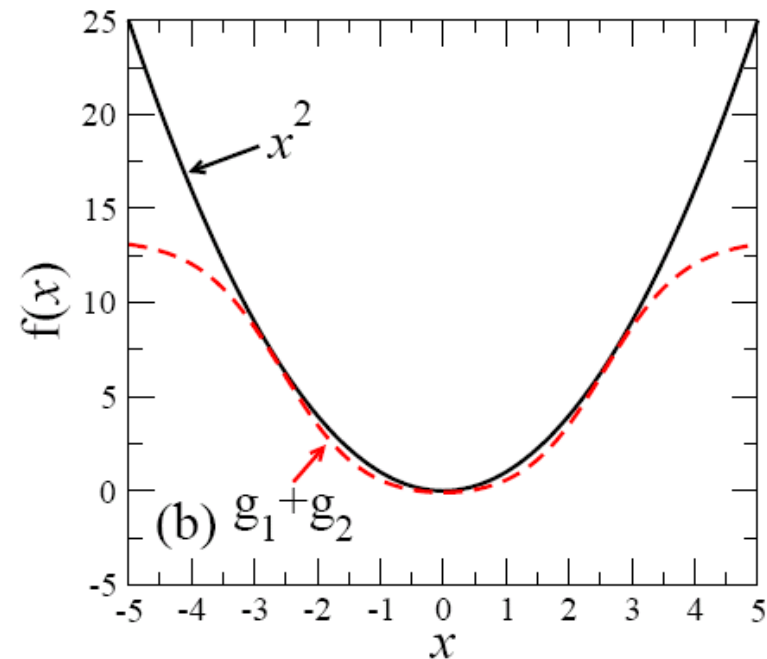
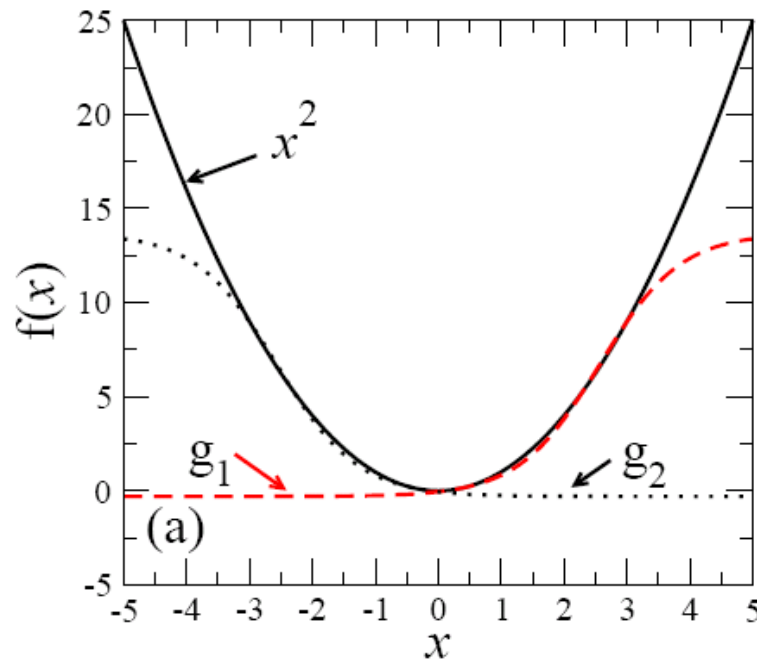
- converge for very small and very large arguments
- have a nonlinear shape for intermediate values

Basic functional element of the NN: $f(x) = c \cdot \tanh(ax + b) + d$



⇒ very simple but flexible

Goal: Represent potential of the 1D harmonic oscillator in the interval $[-3, 3]$



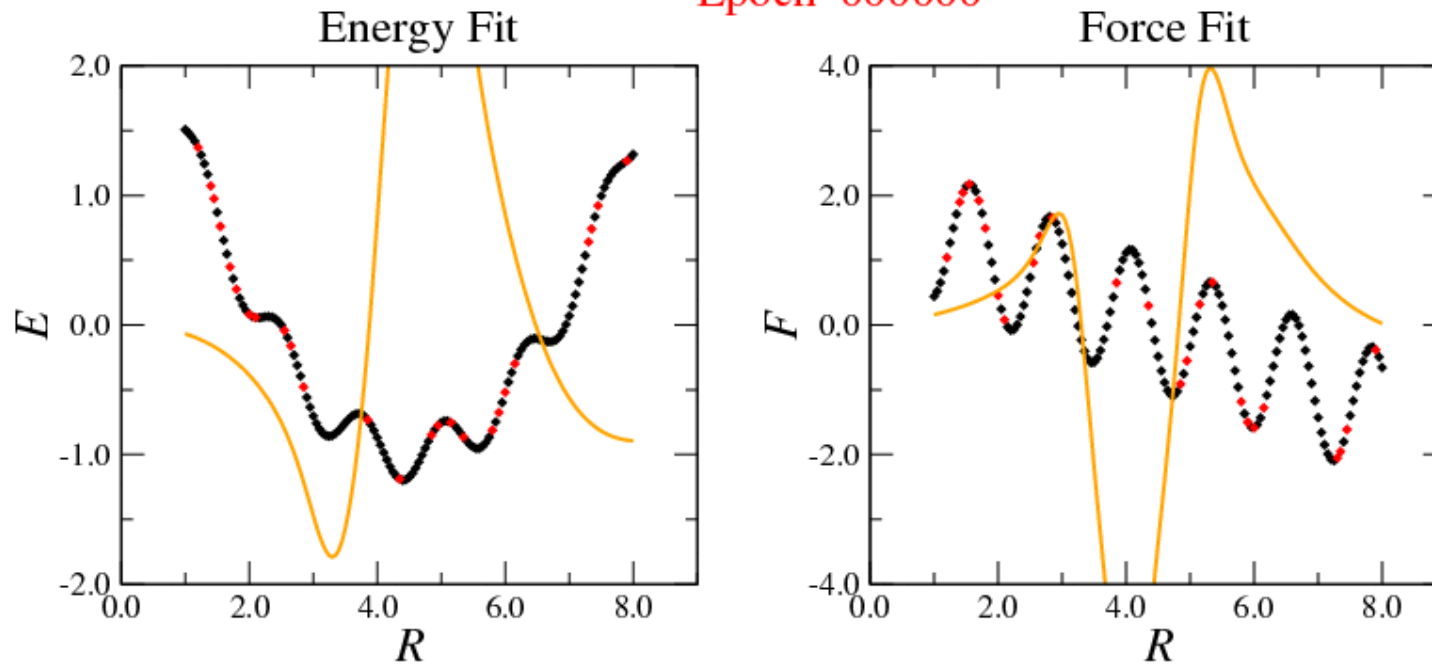
- just two activation functions provide a good approximation
- further improvement possible by adding more functions

Representation of a 1-dimensional model potential function:

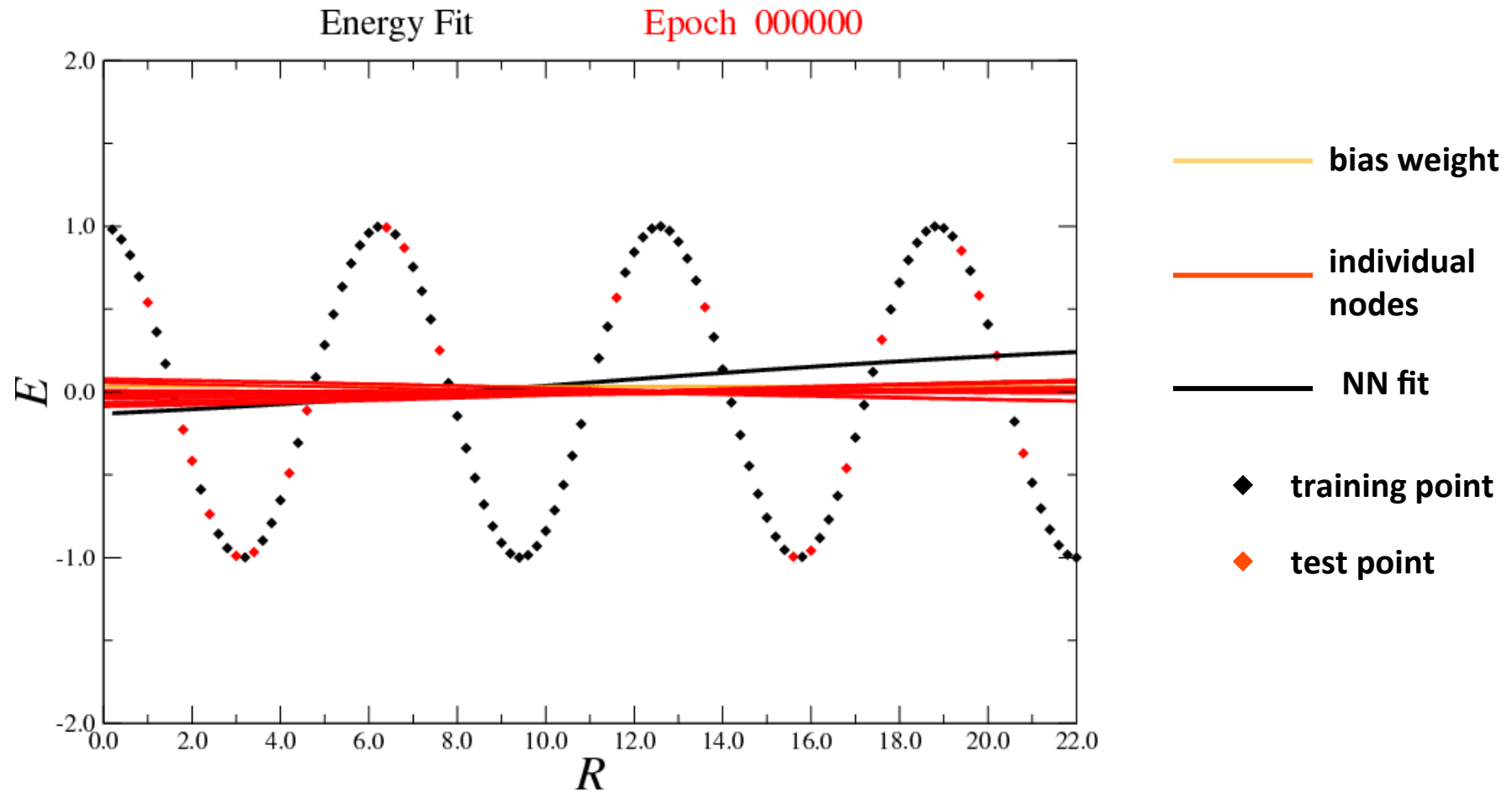
$$E(R) = \frac{1}{5} \left(\cos(5R) + (R - 4.5)^2 \right) - 1$$

- ◆ training point
- ◆ test point
- NN

Epoch 000000



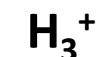
NN based on initial random weight parameters!



NN architecture: 1-14-1 tl

Neural Network Potentials for Small Molecules:

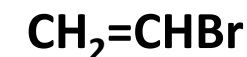
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S. Manzhos, and T. Carrington, Jr., *J. Chem. Phys.* **125**, 084109 (2006).



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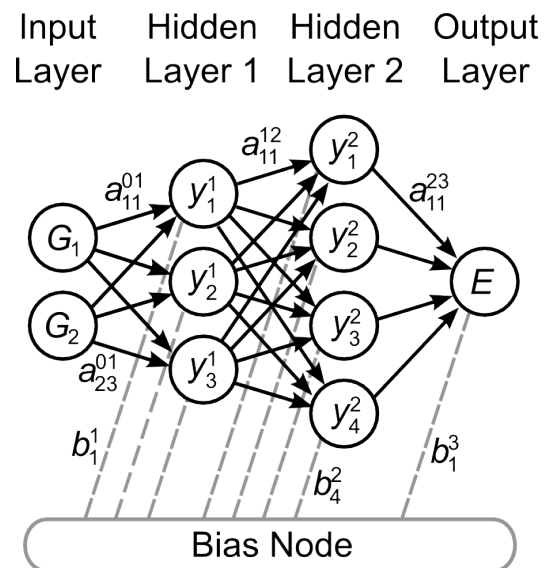
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High-Dimensional Neural Network Potentials

Is it possible to use Neural Network potentials to construct high-dimensional potential energy surfaces?

Conceptual problems for a direct application of Neural Networks to large systems:



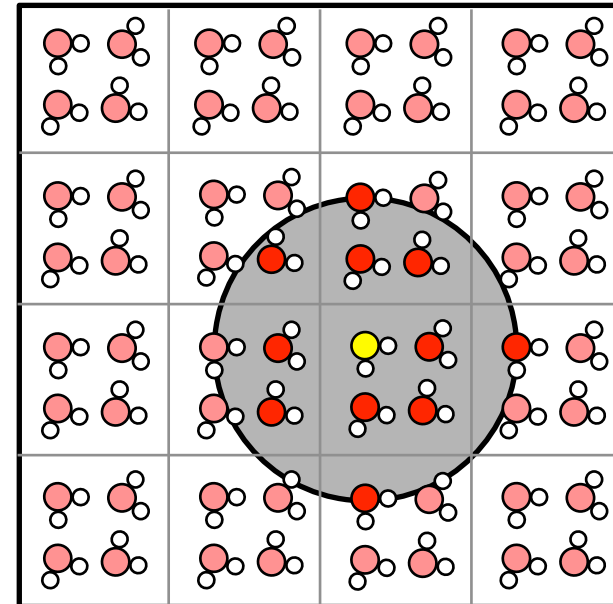
- limited number of dimensions (up to ≈ 12)
- permutation symmetry of the system is not included (exchange of atoms changes the energy)
- energy generally depends on rotation and translation
- potential is valid only for a given system size

⇒ A new Neural Network scheme is required to deal with high-dimensional systems

Total energy represented as a sum of atomic energies E_i :

$$E = \sum_i E_i$$

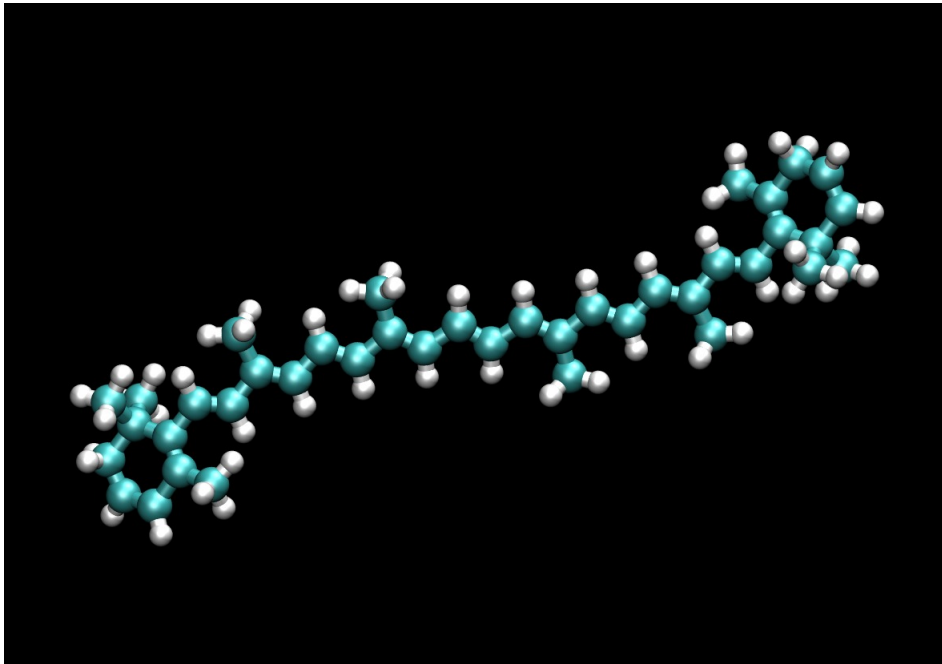
- separate NN for each atom
- E_i depend on chemical environment
- environments defined by sufficiently large cutoff $R_c \approx 6 \text{ \AA} - 10 \text{ \AA}$
- chemical environment is described by many-body „symmetry functions“



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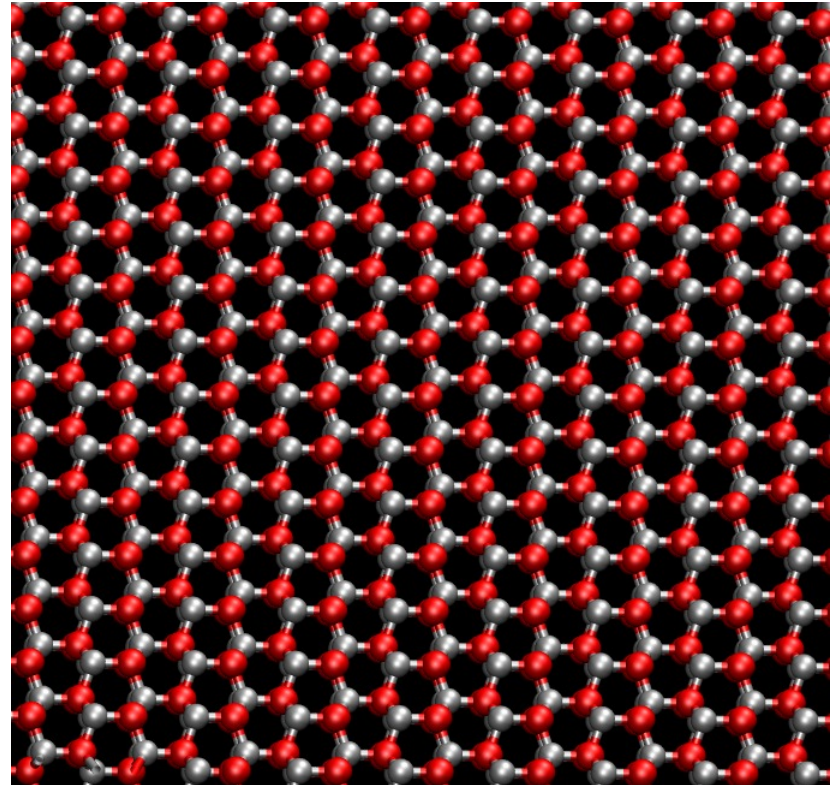
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Molecular Case:



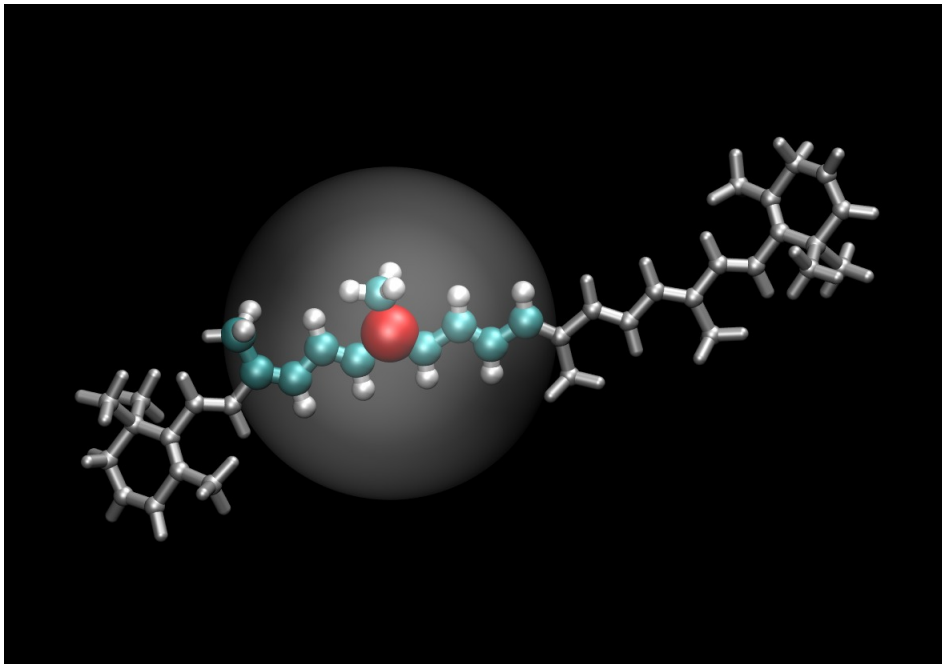
β -carotene

Periodic Case:



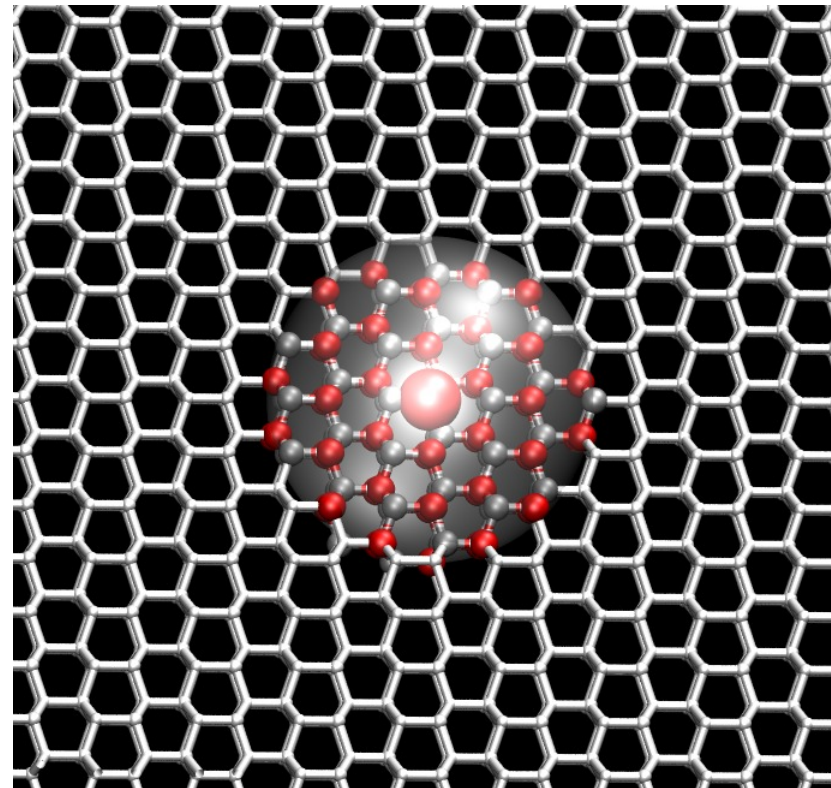
zinc oxide (wurtzite structure)

Molecular Case:



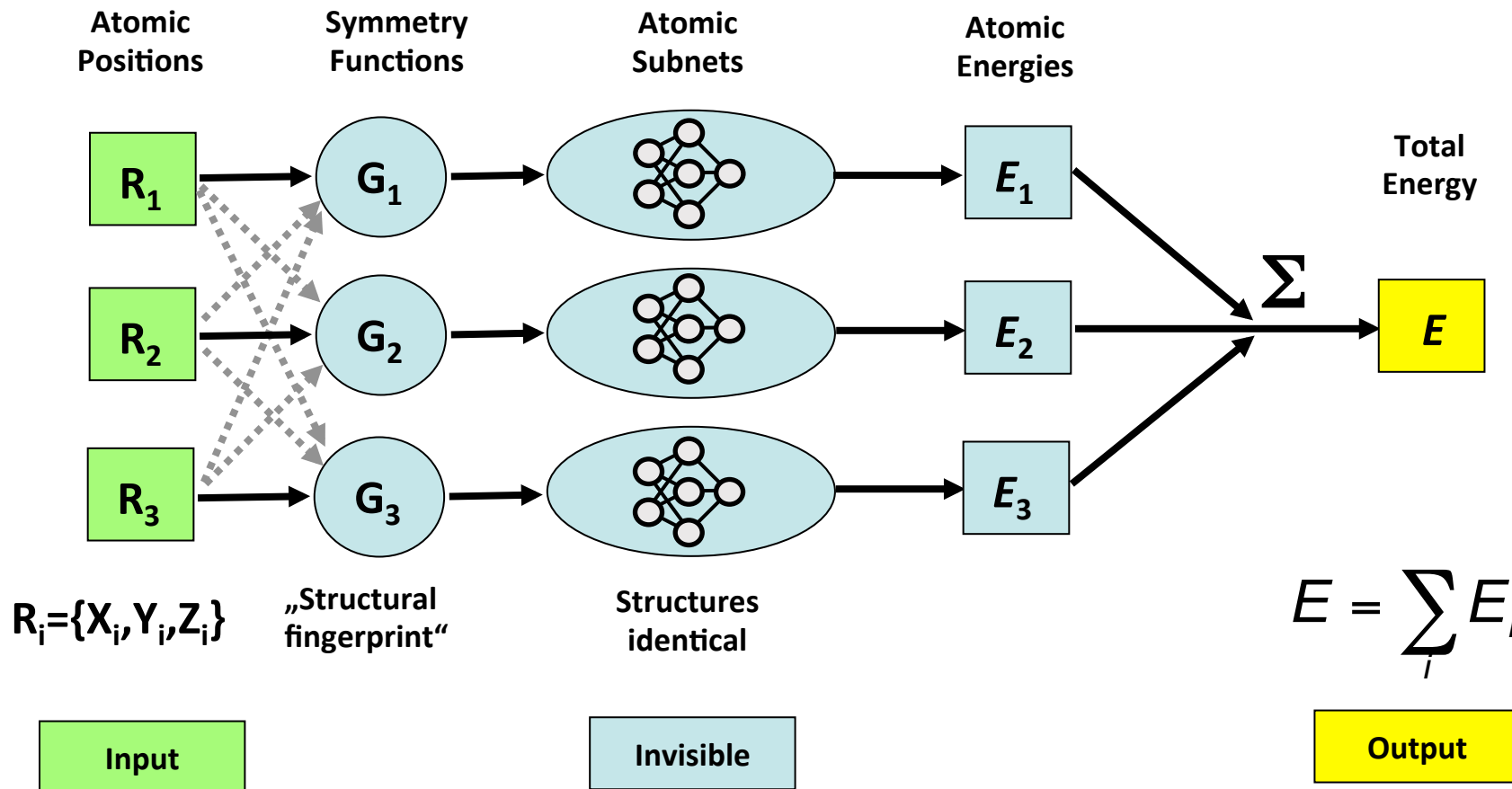
β -carotene

Periodic Case:



zinc oxide (wurtzite structure)

Example: 3-Atom System



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

J. Behler, R. Martoňák, D. Donadio, and M. Parrinello, *Phys. Status Solidi (b)* **245** (2008) 2618.

Problem: Interactions are not necessarily short-ranged

Example: Multicomponent-systems: oxides, water

- significant charge-transfer
- long-ranged electrostatic interactions must be included
- modification of the Neural Network scheme is needed

Generalized total energy expression:

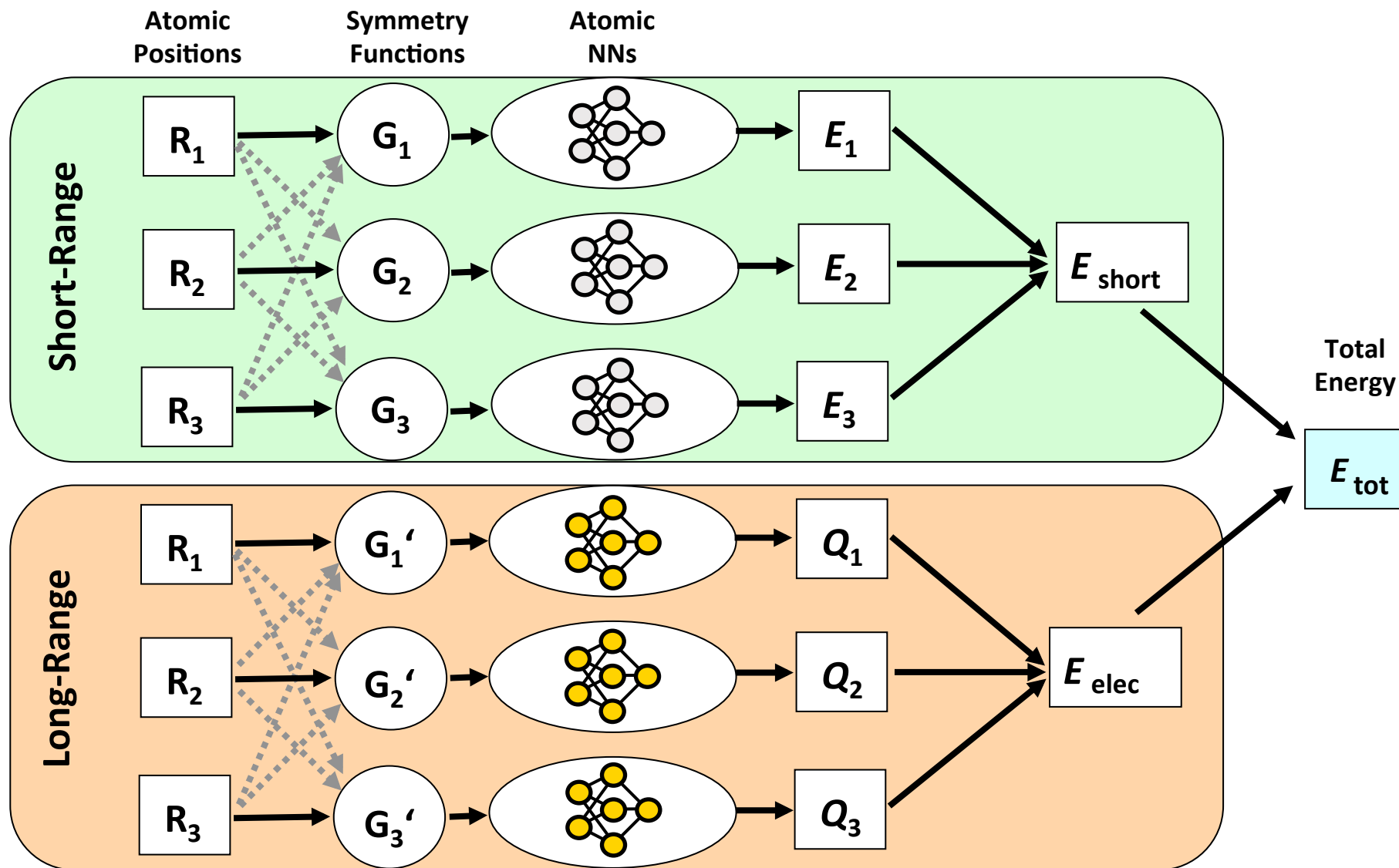
$$E_{tot} = E_{short} + E_{elec}$$

“Short-range” part:
atomic energy contributions
depending on local environment

Long-range part:
atomic charges
depending on local environment

- electrostatic interactions are not truncated
- standard methods (Ewald sum) can be used
- Neural Network potential applicable to general systems

N. Artrith, T. Morawietz, and J. Behler, *Phys. Rev. B* **83** (2011) 153101.



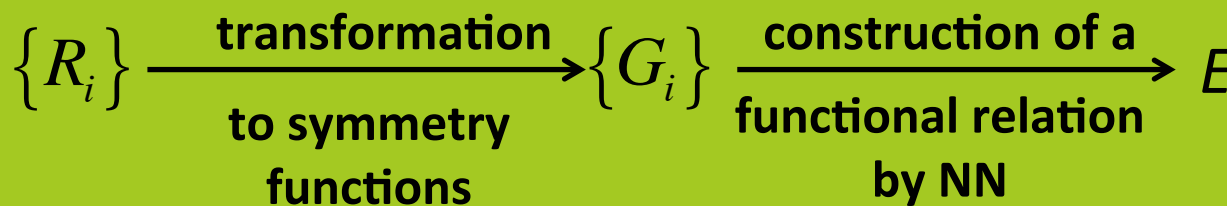
Symmetry Functions

Starting Point: Atomic Structure (Cartesian Coordinates)

Goal: Vector of coordinates $\{G_i\}$ (symmetry functions) with the properties:

- structural description
- translational and rotational invariance
- atomic permutation symmetry included
- number independent of coordination
- zero value and derivative at cutoff radius
- continuous in value and slope

Two-Step Approach

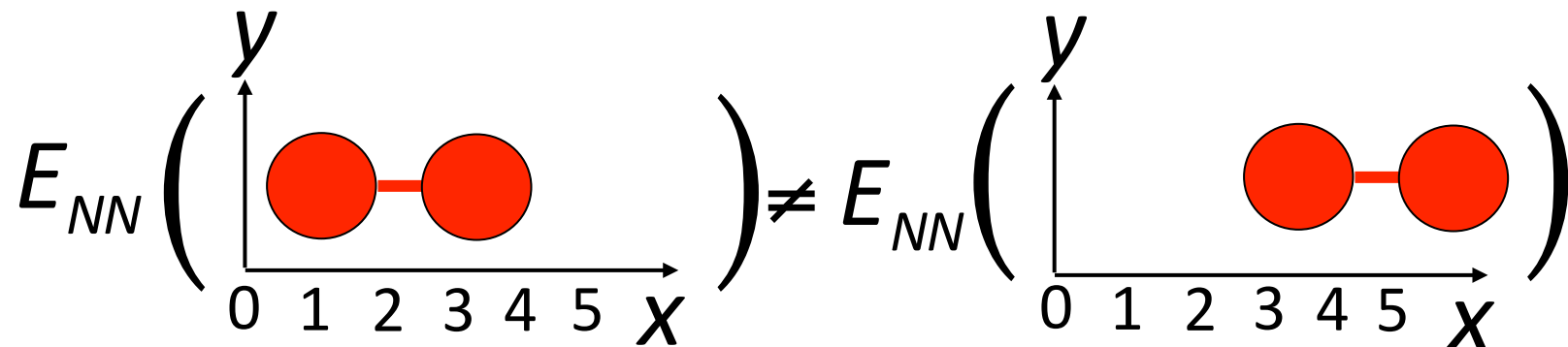


Problem 1: Cartesian Coordinates

- Neural Networks just process numbers
- absolute values of Cartesian coordinate have no meaning
- only relative atomic positions are important

⇒ Cartesian coordinates cannot be used

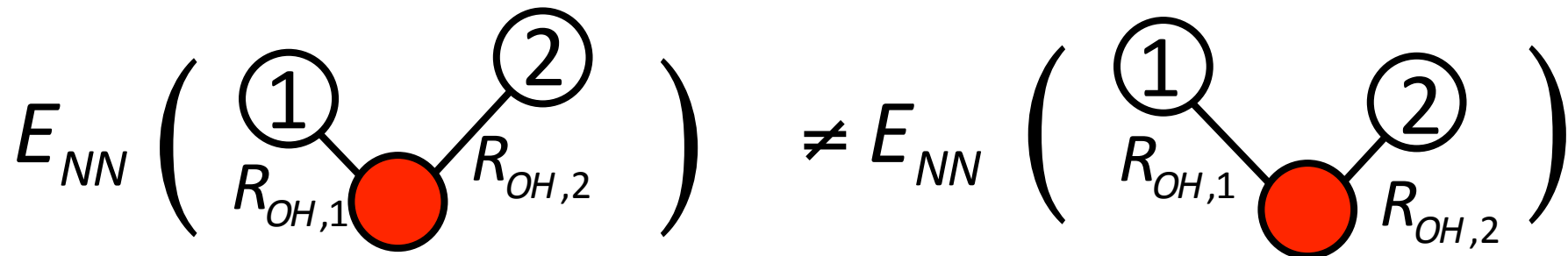
Example:



Solution: Use internal coordinates („bond lengths“, angles)

Problem 2: Permutation Symmetry

Example: Water monomer at finite temperature



⇒ Both molecules have a different set of coordinate values

Solution: Symmetrization step

⇒ invariant with respect to order of H atoms

$$G_1 = (R_{OH,1} + R_{OH,2})^2 \quad G_3 = R_{HH}$$

$$G_2 = (R_{OH,1} - R_{OH,2})^2$$

⇒ Now exchanging both H-atoms does not change the NN input vector

Problem 3: Internal Coordinates

- symmetrization is limited to very small molecules ($\approx 4-5$ atoms)
- internal coordinates are not unique
- number of coordinates depends on system size

\Rightarrow not applicable to large systems

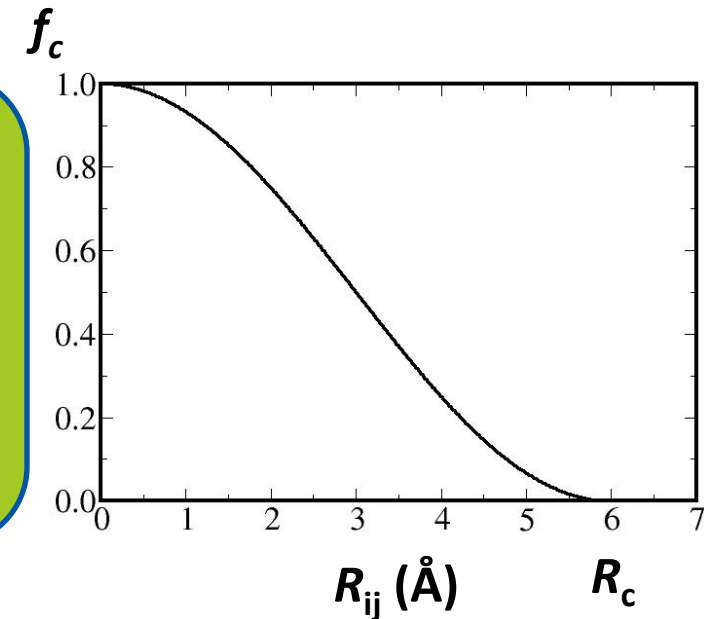
Solution: Local Motifs and Many-Body Symmetry Functions

- describe only close (chemically interacting) atoms
 \Rightarrow cutoff
- use many-body functions depending on all neighbors
 \Rightarrow independent of number of neighbors
- translationally and rotationally invariant like internal coordinates
- continuous in value and slope
 \Rightarrow forces

Cutoff Function

- decays to zero in value and slope at R_c
- reflects decreasing chemical interaction
- central component of all symmetry functions
- R_c is increased until potential converges

$$f_c(R_{ij}) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2} \left[\cos\left(\frac{\pi R_{ij}}{R_c}\right) + 1 \right] & \text{for } R_{ij} < R_c \\ 0 & \text{for } R_{ij} > R_c \end{cases}$$

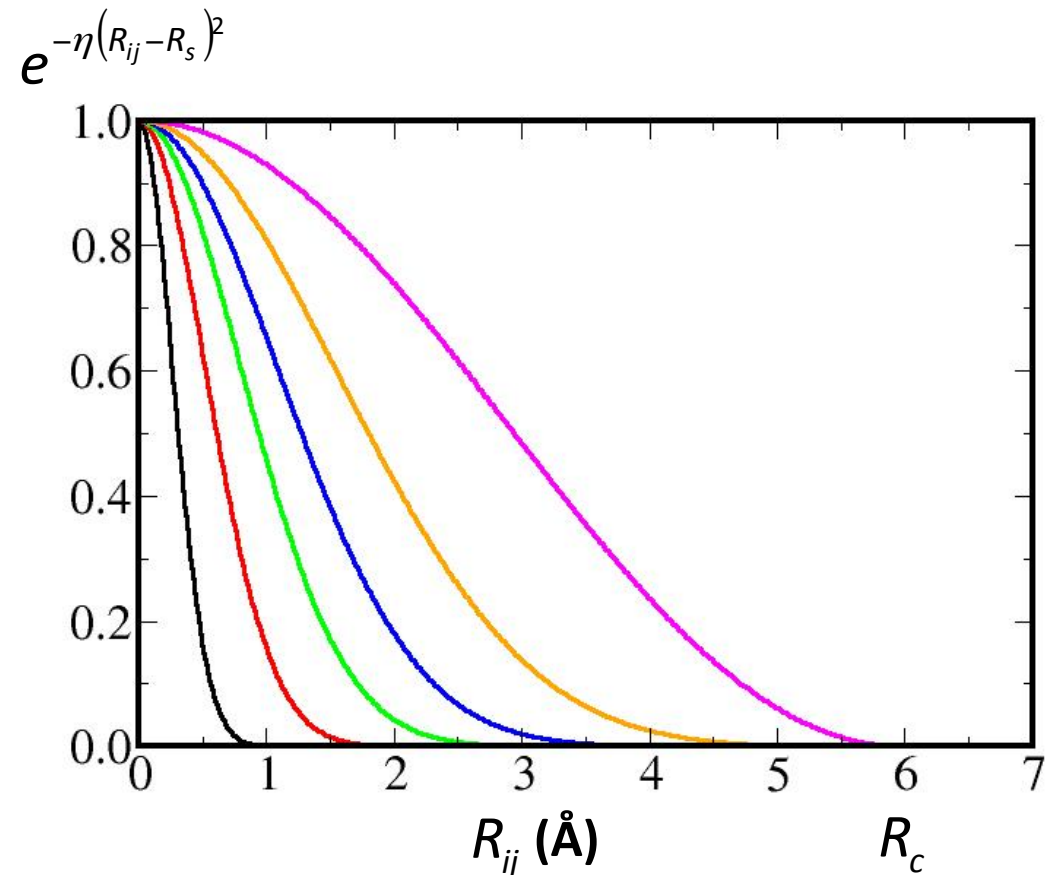


Typical cutoff radius: $R_c = 6 - 8 \text{\AA}$

- decay with increasing distance \Rightarrow Gaussians
- summation over all neighbors
- many-body term, interpretation as coordination number
- one-to-one correspondence between function value and R_{ij}

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

Set of radial functions:
„Radial Fingerprint“



Crystal Structure Prediction

„One of the continuing scandals in the physical sciences is that it remains in general impossible to predict the structure of even the simplest crystalline solids from a knowledge of their chemical composition.“

J. Maddox, *Nature* **335** (1988) 201. (editor of *Nature* 1966-73 and 1980-1995)

Challenges in Crystal Structure Prediction:

Identification of Candidate Structures

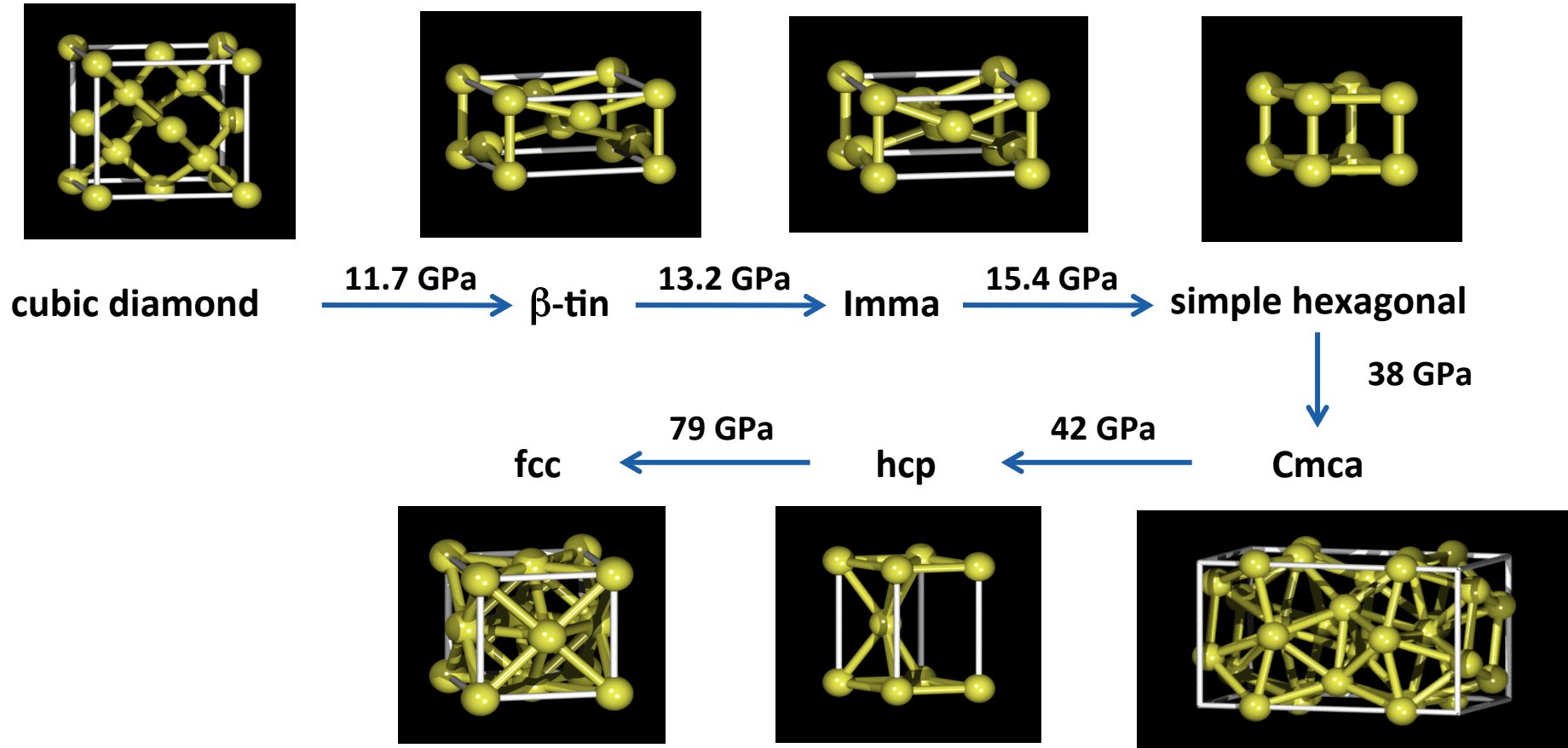
- experiment
- chemical intuition
- molecular dynamics
- genetic algorithms
- metadynamics

Investigation of the Stability

- fast empirical potentials for first evaluation ⇒ often unreliable
- DFT ⇒ too expensive

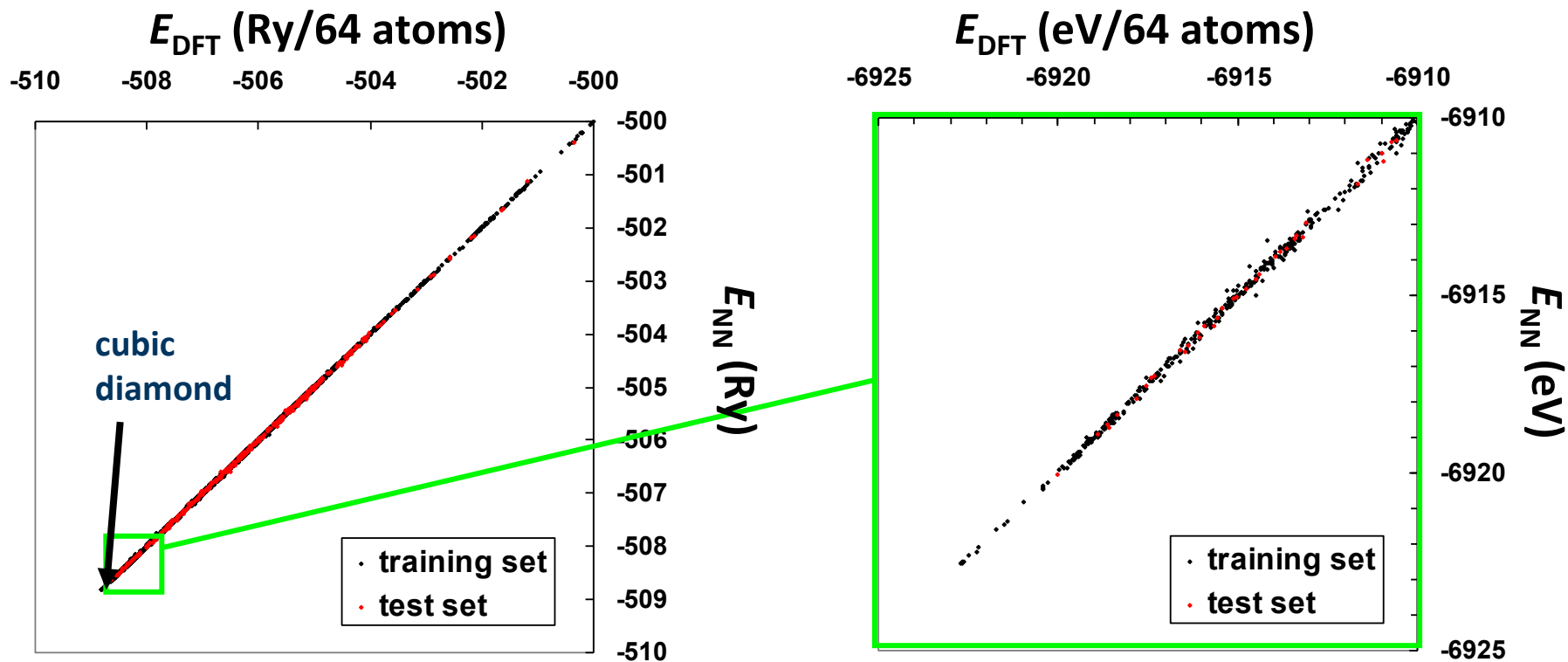
⇒ Can we use a Neural Network potential?

High-Pressure Phase Diagram of Silicon

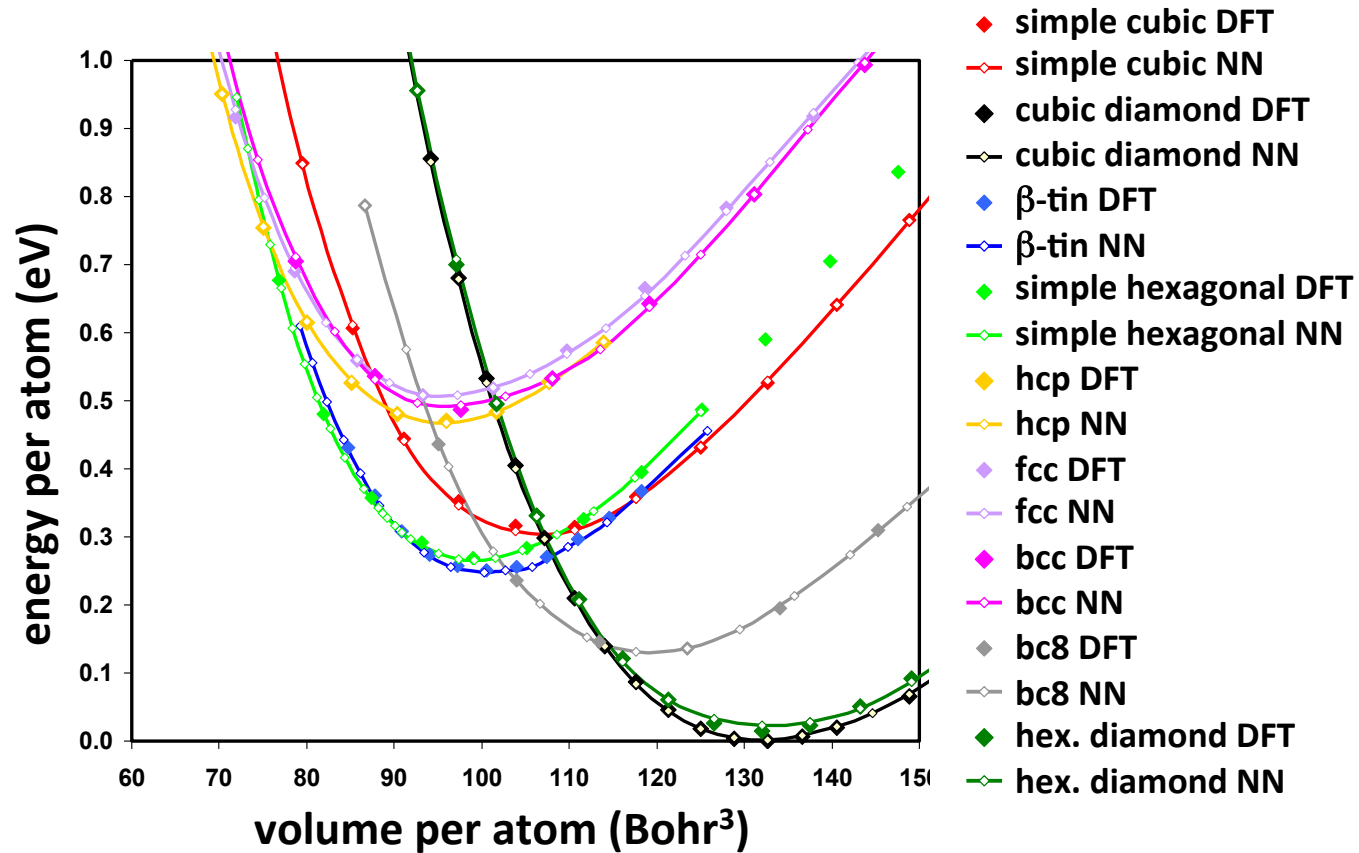


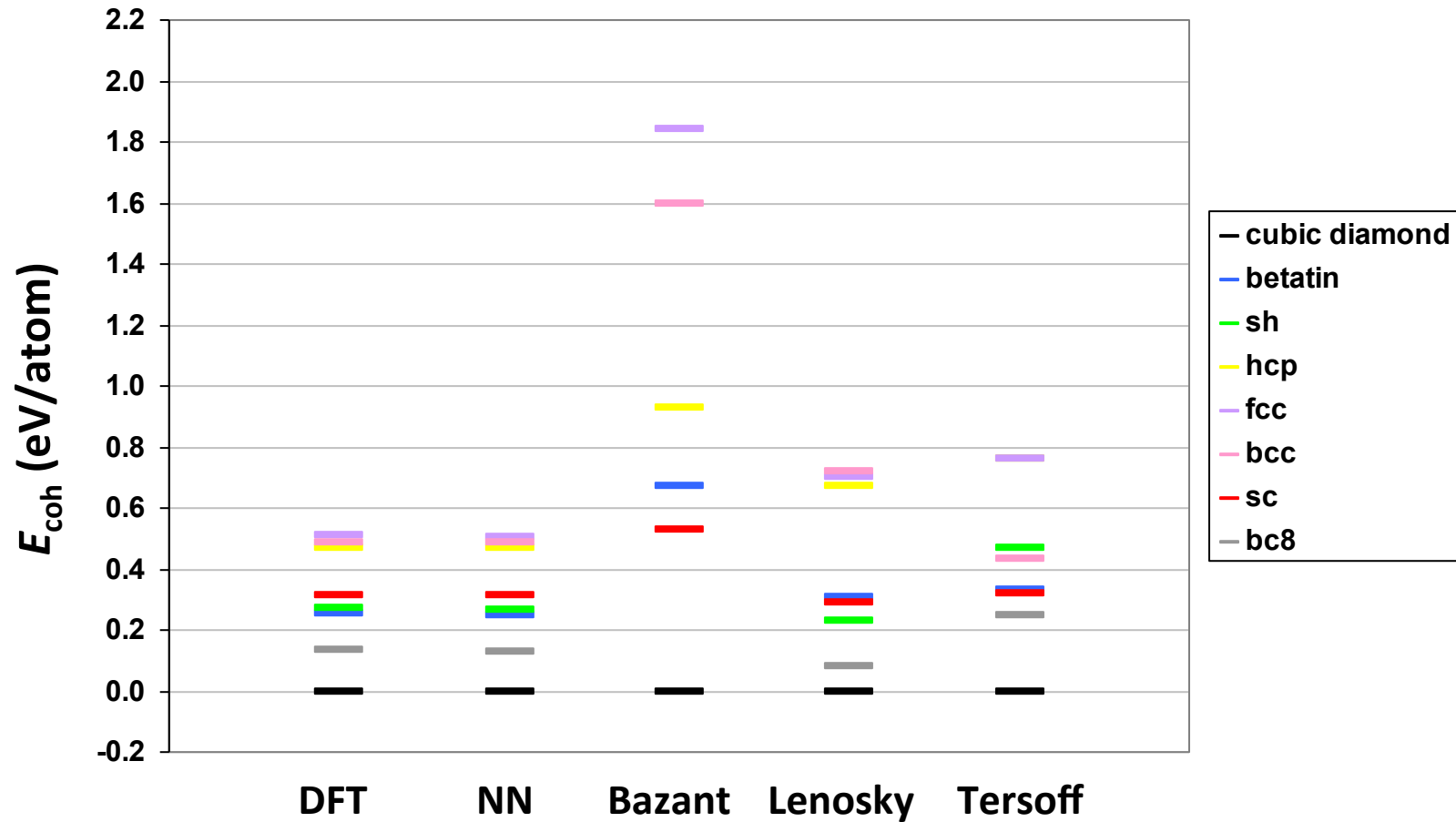
⇒ Challenging model system to test potentials

Review: A. Mujica, A. Rubio, A. Muñoz, and R.J. Needs, *Rev. Mod. Phys.* **75** (2003) 863.



<u>Accuracy</u>			
	Points:	RMSE (meV/atom):	MAD (meV/atom):
Training set	17144	5	4
Test set	1907	6	5



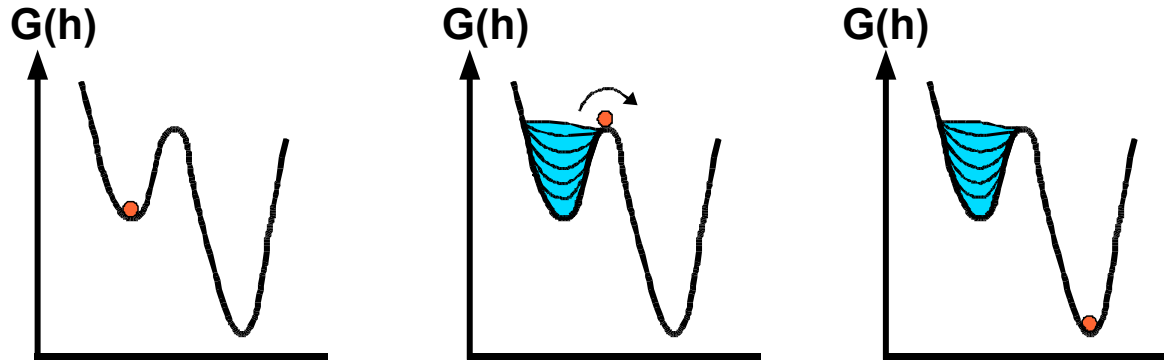


M.Z. Bazant, and E. Kaxiras, *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **77** (1996) 4370.

T.J. Lenosky et al., *Model. Simul. Mater. Sci. Eng.* **8** (2000) 825.

Implementation: S. Goedecker, *Comp. Phys. Comm.* **148** (2002) 124.

J. Tersoff, *Phys. Rev. B* **38** (1988) 9902.



Evolution of the system:

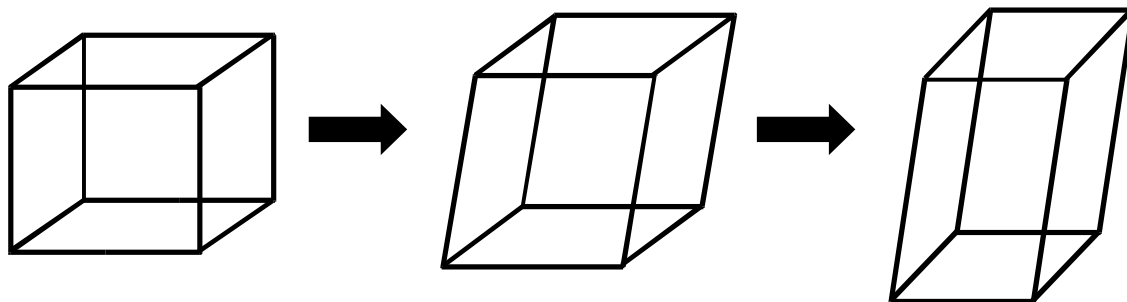
$$\mathbf{h}^{t+1} = \mathbf{h}^t + \delta h \frac{\mathbf{F}}{|\mathbf{F}|}$$

Thermodynamic force:

$$F_i = -\frac{\partial G}{\partial h_i} \quad \text{with} \quad -\frac{\partial G}{\partial h_{ij}} = V \left[\mathbf{h}^{-1} (-\sigma - p\mathbf{I}) \right]_{ji}$$

Force of time-dependent potential:

$$F_i \rightarrow F_i - \frac{\partial}{\partial h_i} \sum_{t' < t} W e^{-\frac{|\mathbf{h} - \mathbf{h}^{t'}|^2}{2\delta h^2}}$$

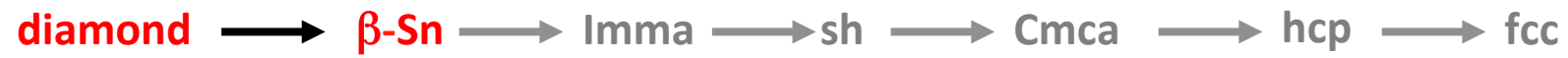


Collective Variables:

$$\mathbf{h} = \begin{pmatrix} a_x & b_x & c_x \\ 0 & b_y & c_y \\ 0 & 0 & c_z \end{pmatrix}$$

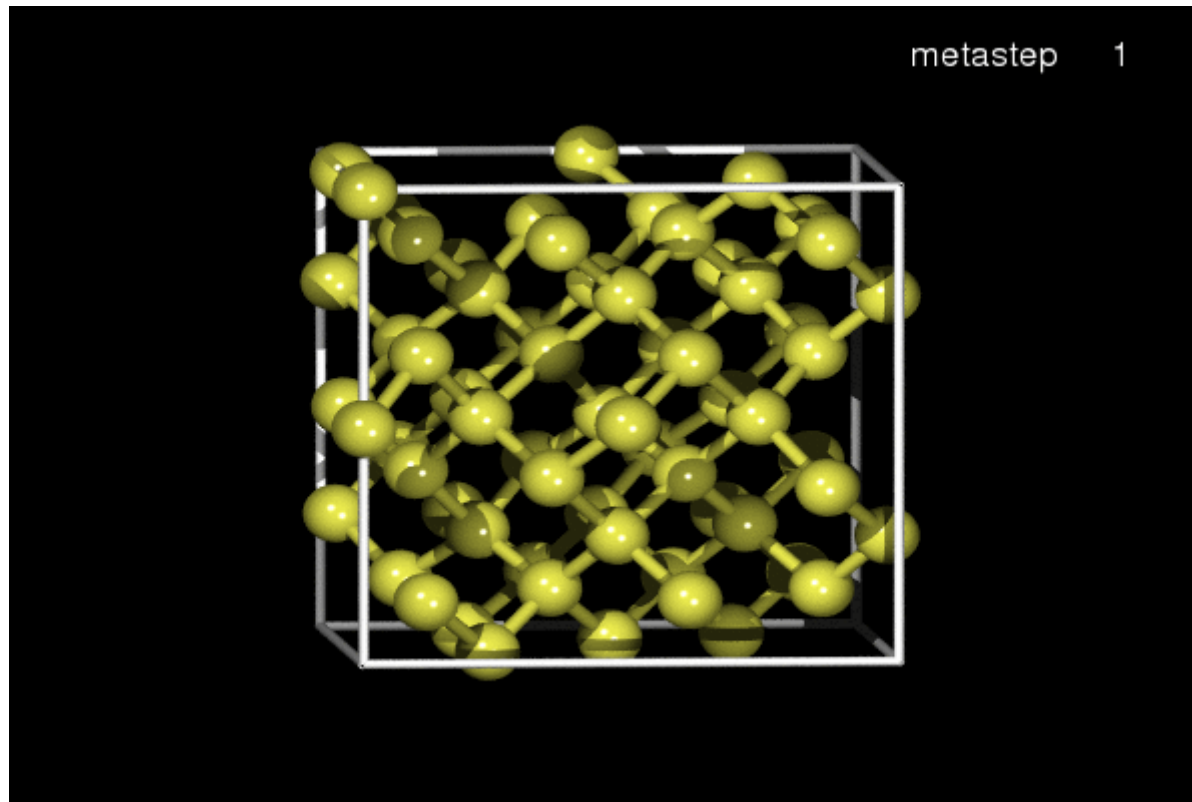
A. Laio, and M. Parrinello, *Proc. Nat. Acad. Sci.* **99** (2002) 12562.

R. Martoňák, A. Laio, and M. Parrinello, *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **90** (2003) 75503.



$T = 300$ K, $p = 12$ GPa

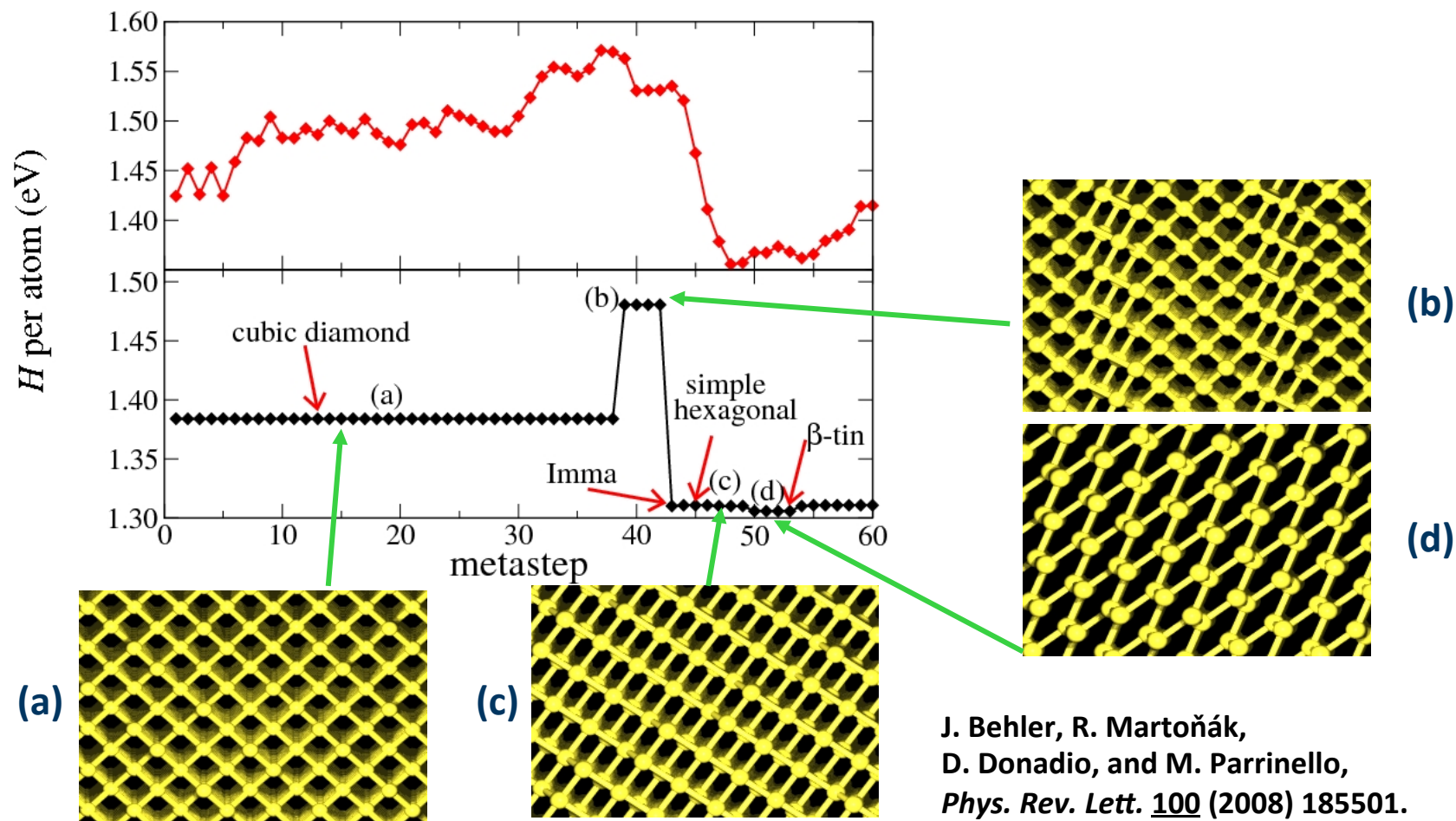
Movie contains the final frame of each metastep





$T = 300$ K, $p = 12$ GPa

Enthalpy barrier ≈ 0.1 eV/atom



- NN potential describes phase stabilities with DFT quality
- NN efficiency allows predictive simulations

Computational costs DFT:

A metadynamics run takes about 100 metasteps, and each step includes a MD run of about 2 ps.

⇒ 200 000 energy and force evaluations per metadynamics run

⇒ ≈ **200 CPU years per simulation**

⇒ ≈ **20 000 CPU years per phase diagram**

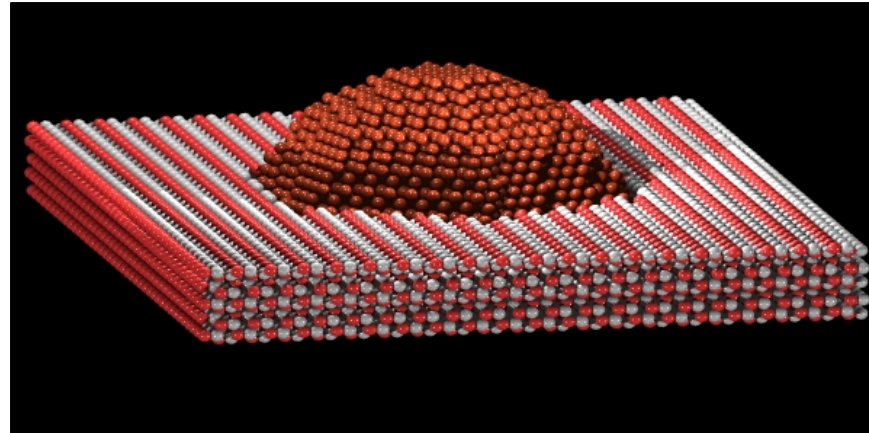
Computational costs NN:

- Construction of the NN PES: ≈ 20 CPU years
- Metadynamics simulations: ≈ 1 CPU day per simulation
⇒ ≈ **20 CPU years for full phase diagram**

Heterogeneous Catalysis

Theory: Required System Size

> 20 000 atoms



Copper clusters contain 5 000 - 50 000 atoms (+ oxide support needed)
⇒ too large for DFT

- Key questions:
- shape of the cluster
 - chemical composition of the subsystems
 - surface structure, reactive sites
 - processes at the Cu/ZnO interface, alloy formation?

Are Neural Network Potentials applicable to metal surfaces?

Data Set for Copper:

	Training	Test
Bulk	13,903	1,545
Slabs	12,483	1,413
Clusters	7,577	842
Total	33,963	3,800

⇒ 617,475 atomic environments

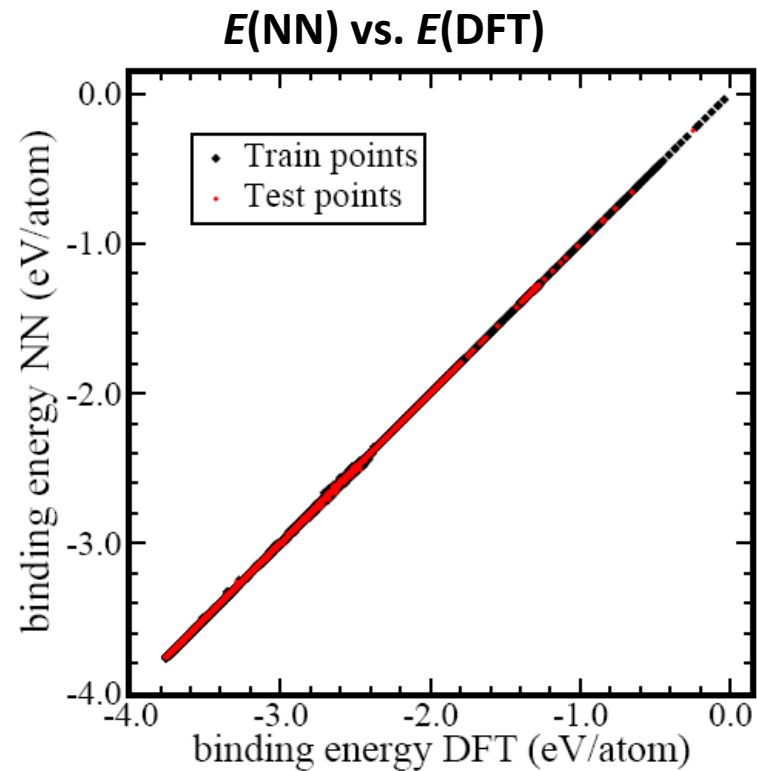
⇒ 1,852,425 pieces of information

RMSEs:

	E (eV/atom)	F (eV/Bohr)
Training	0.0036	0.0428
Test	0.0039	0.0420

DFT Code: FHI-aims, PBE XC

V. Blum *et al.*, *Comp. Phys. Comm.* **180** (2009) 2175.

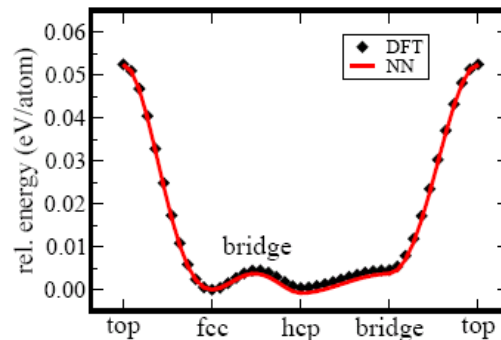
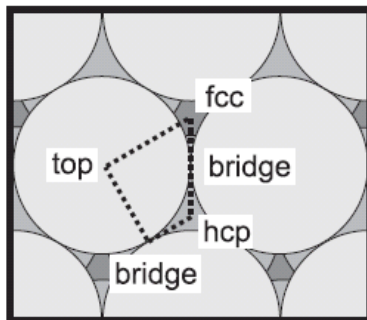


NN architecture: 51-30-30-1 *tt*

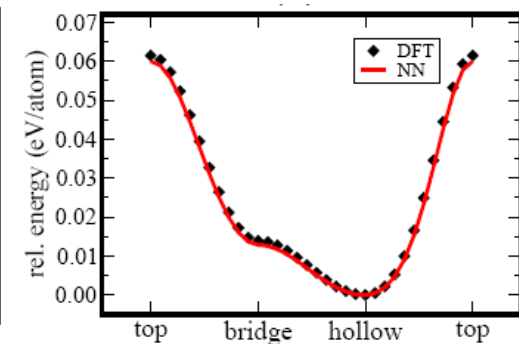
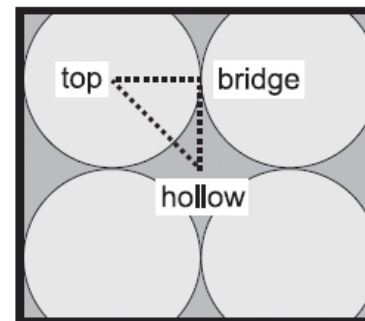
Bulk Copper:

Structure	E_{coh} eV/atom		Lattice parameters Å		B GPa	
	DFT	NN	DFT	NN	DFT	NN
fcc	3.763	3.756	a=3.630	a=3.630	140	138
bcc	3.719	3.716	a=2.885	a=2.887	137	135
sc	3.281	3.282	a=2.407	a=2.407	103	108
hcp	3.740	3.740	a=4.862 c/a=1.63	a=4.856 c/a=1.63	-	-

Cu(111):

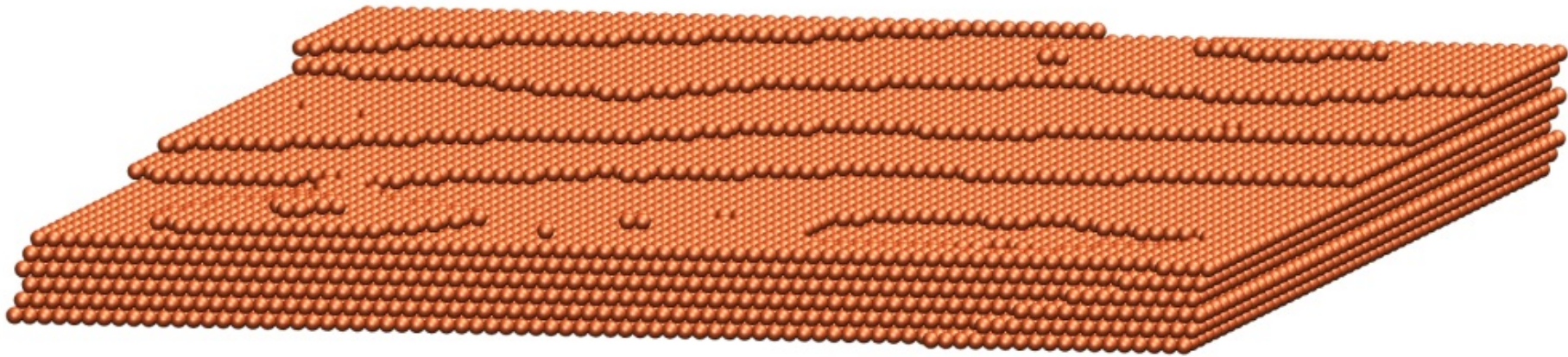


Cu(100):



N. Artrith and J. Behler, *Phys. Rev. B* **85** (2012) 045439.

Model of a “real” surface with steps, kinks, and adatoms ($\approx 29\,000$ atoms).



DFT \Rightarrow impossible

NN $\Rightarrow \approx 2$ mins (single core)

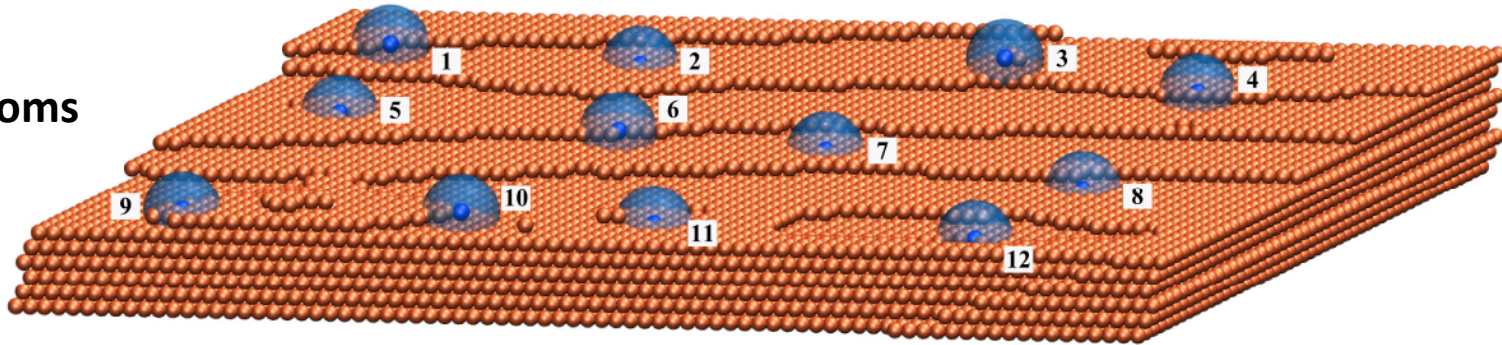
\Rightarrow NN potentials can be used to study systems of this size.

How do we know if the potential is correct?

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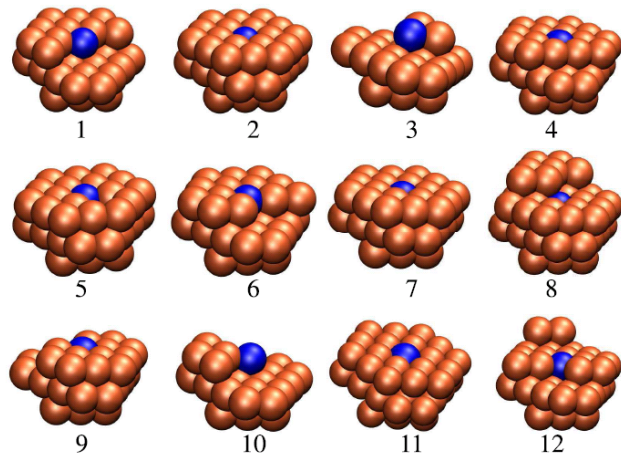
A "Real" Copper Surface:

29 000 atoms

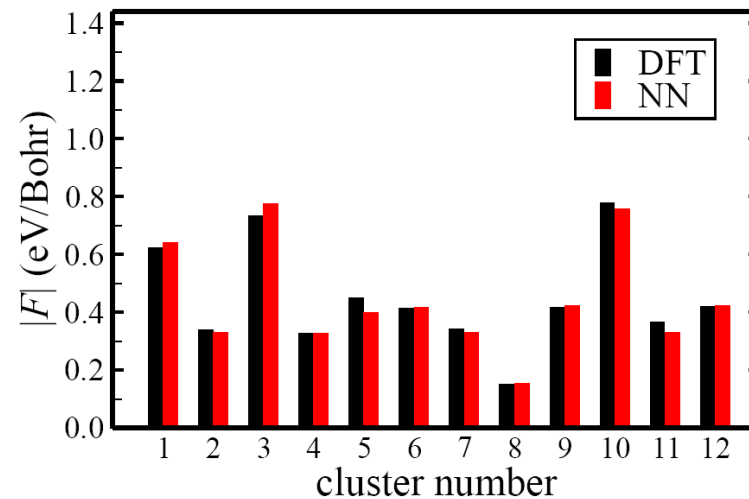


We need local properties related to the potential energy surface \Rightarrow forces

Clusters:



Forces at central atoms in clusters:



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Crystal Structures of Zinc Oxide

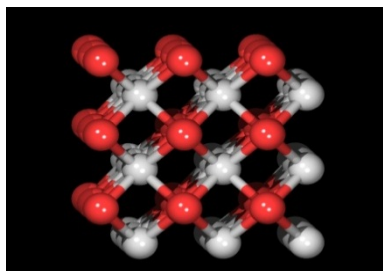
Training points: **35 000**

RMSEs Energy = **0.002** eV/atom
 Charges = **0.009** e /atom
 Forces = **0.162** eV/Bohr

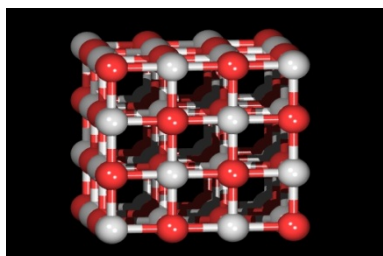
Testing points: **3 800**

RMSEs Energy = **0.003** eV/atom
 Charges = **0.009** e /atom
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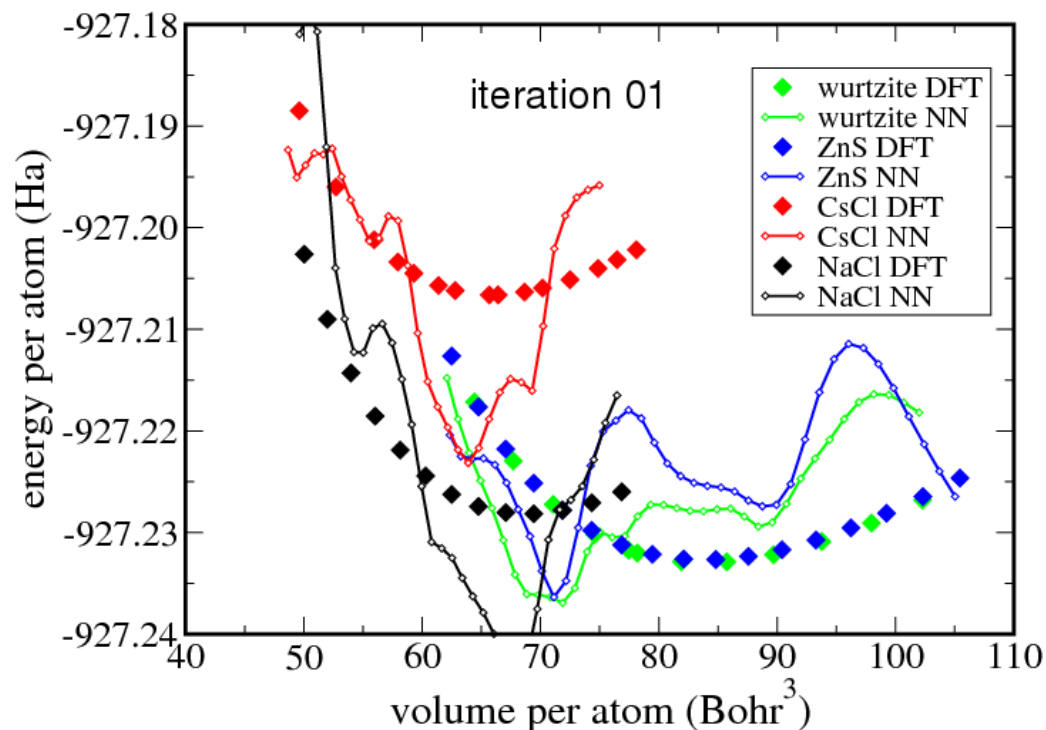
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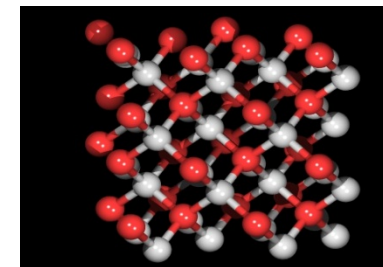
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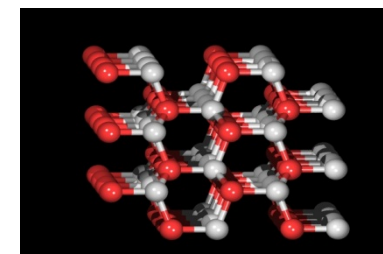
Iterative Optimization:



zinc blende

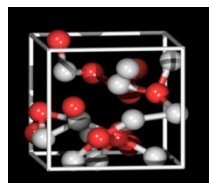


wurtzite

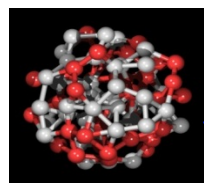
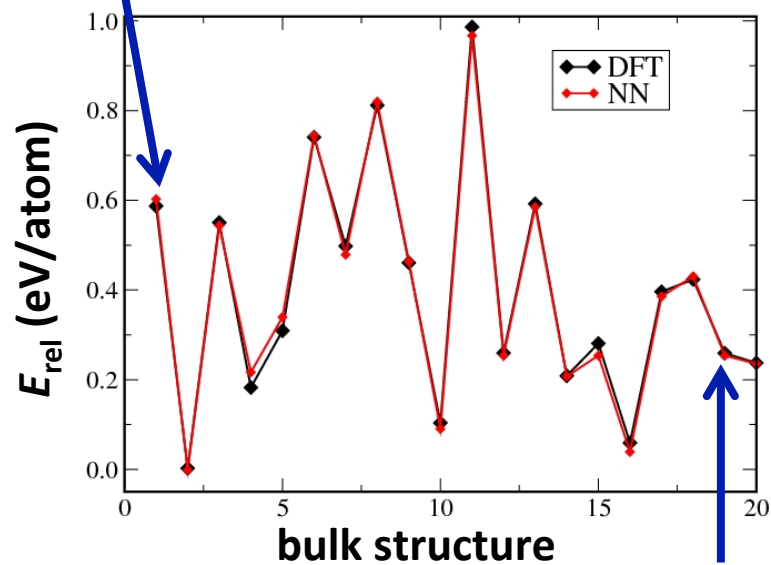


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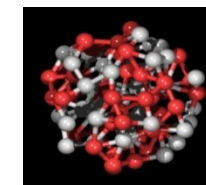
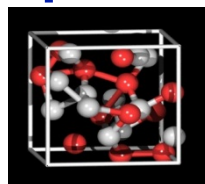
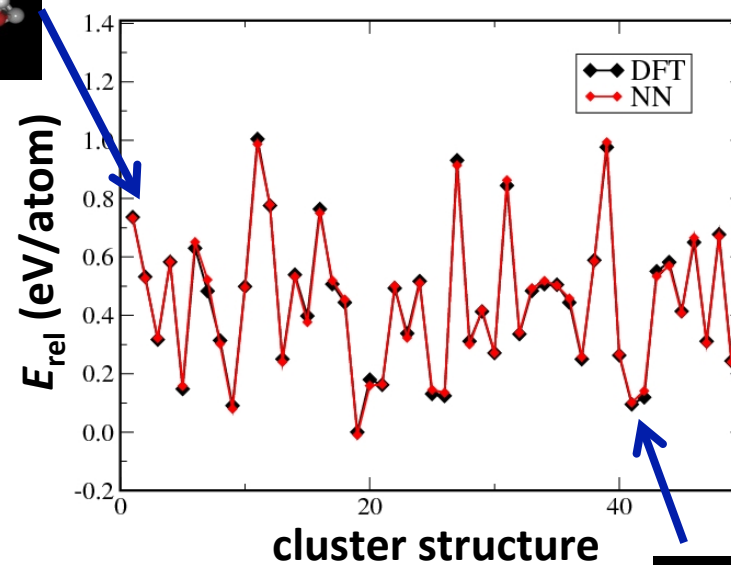
Comparison DFT - NN:



Bulk: $Zn_{12}O_{12}$



Clusters: $Zn_{40}O_{40}$



Neural Network Performance:

Example: 1000 atom system: 10 s CPU time on standard-PC (energy + forces)

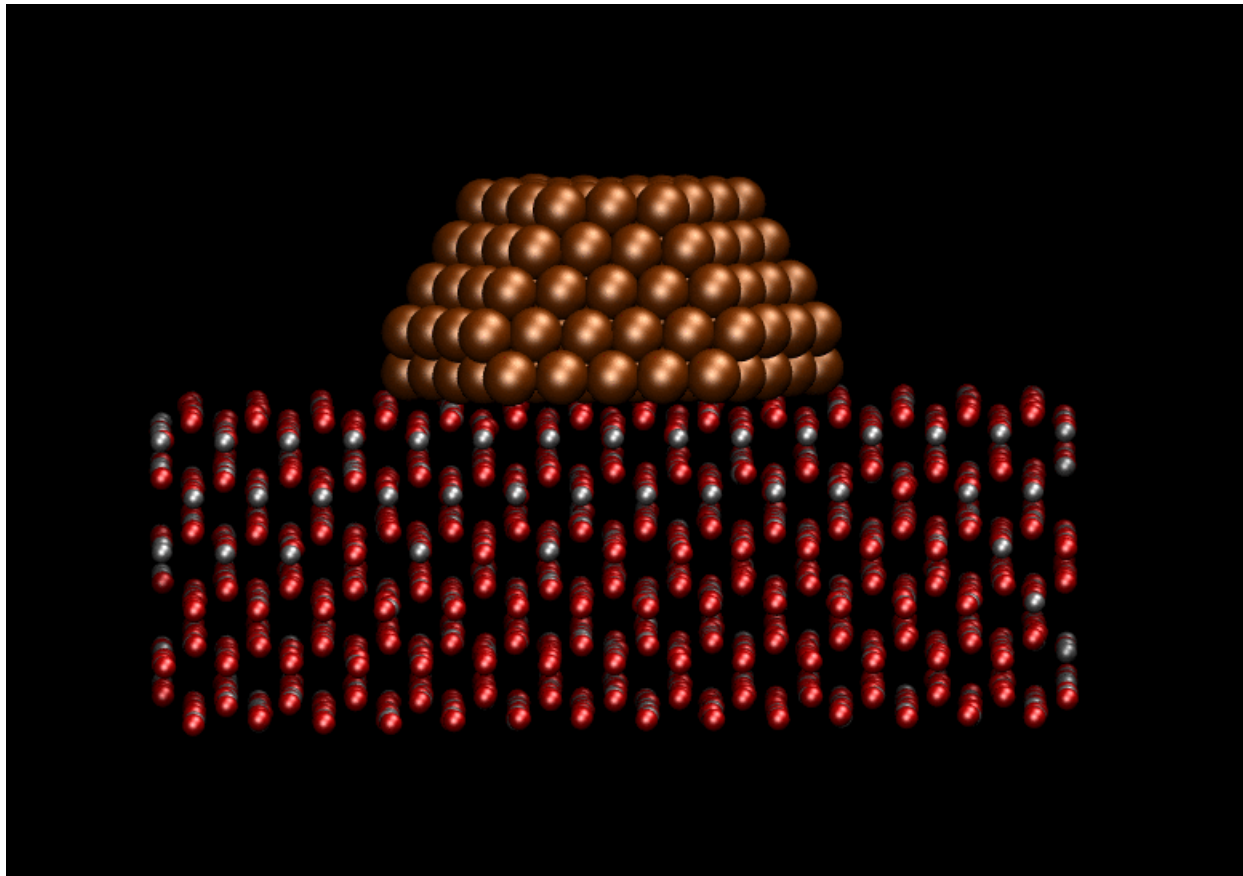
From monocomponent and binary systems to CuZnO:

System	Structures	Energy eV / atom		Force eV / Bohr	
		train	test	train	test
copper	40 000	0.004	0.004	0.043	0.042
ZnO	40 000	0.002	0.003	0.161	0.162
CuZnO	100 000	0.005	0.005	0.094	0.089

Ternary NN architecture: 156-15-15-15-1

- ⇒ NN potential for **ternary system has the same quality** as for pure Cu or ZnO!
- ⇒ Limit of NNs has not yet been reached

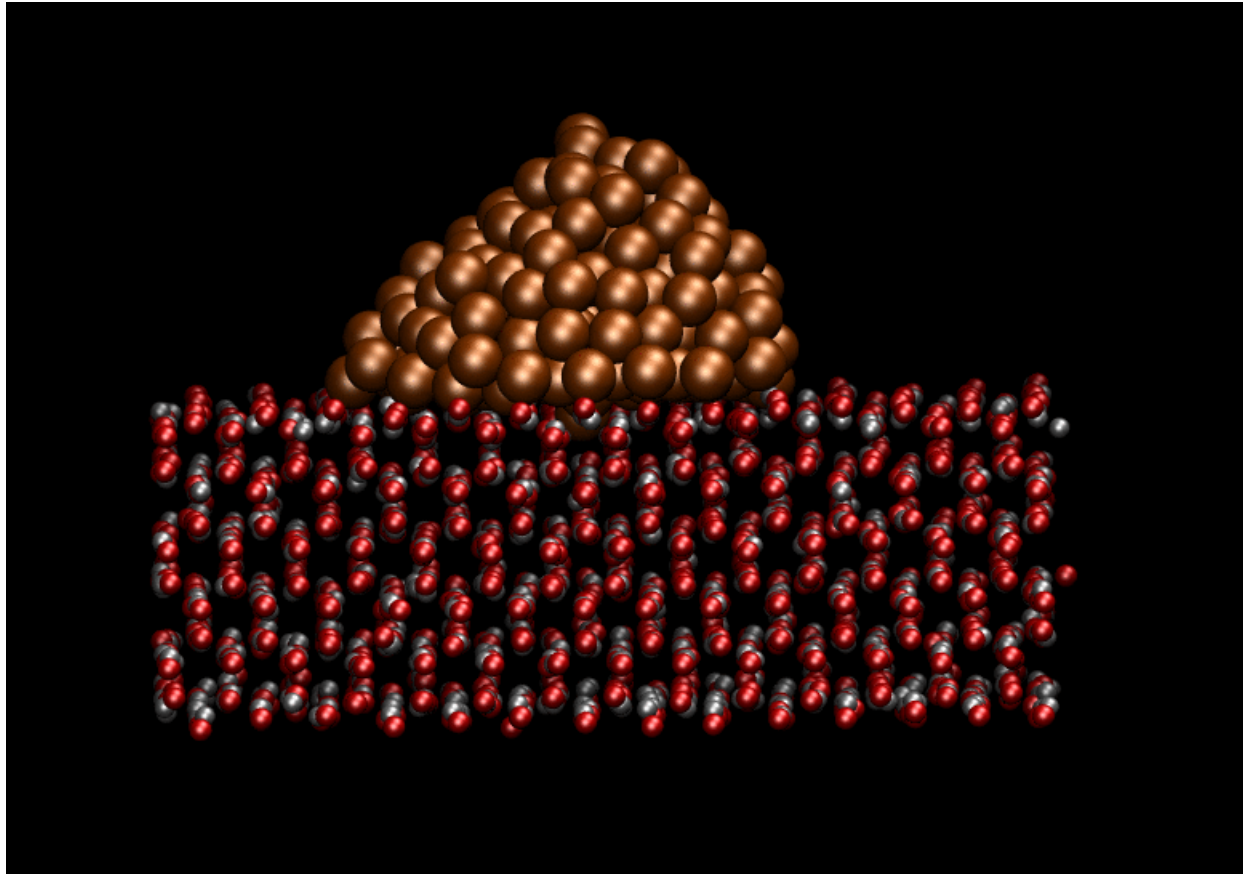
Cu(111)/ZnO(10-10)



233 copper atoms

1344 ZnO formula units

⇒ 2921 atoms

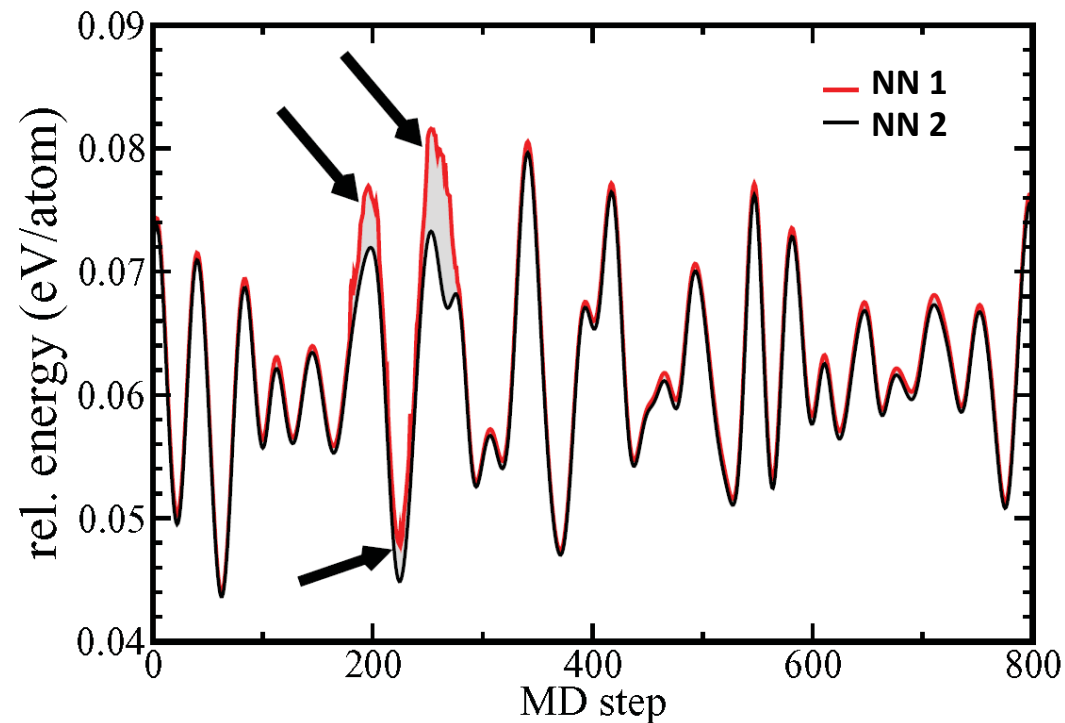


⇒ MD simulations allow to improve the potential systematically

Neural Network Potentials must be reliable for structures **NOT** included in the training set.

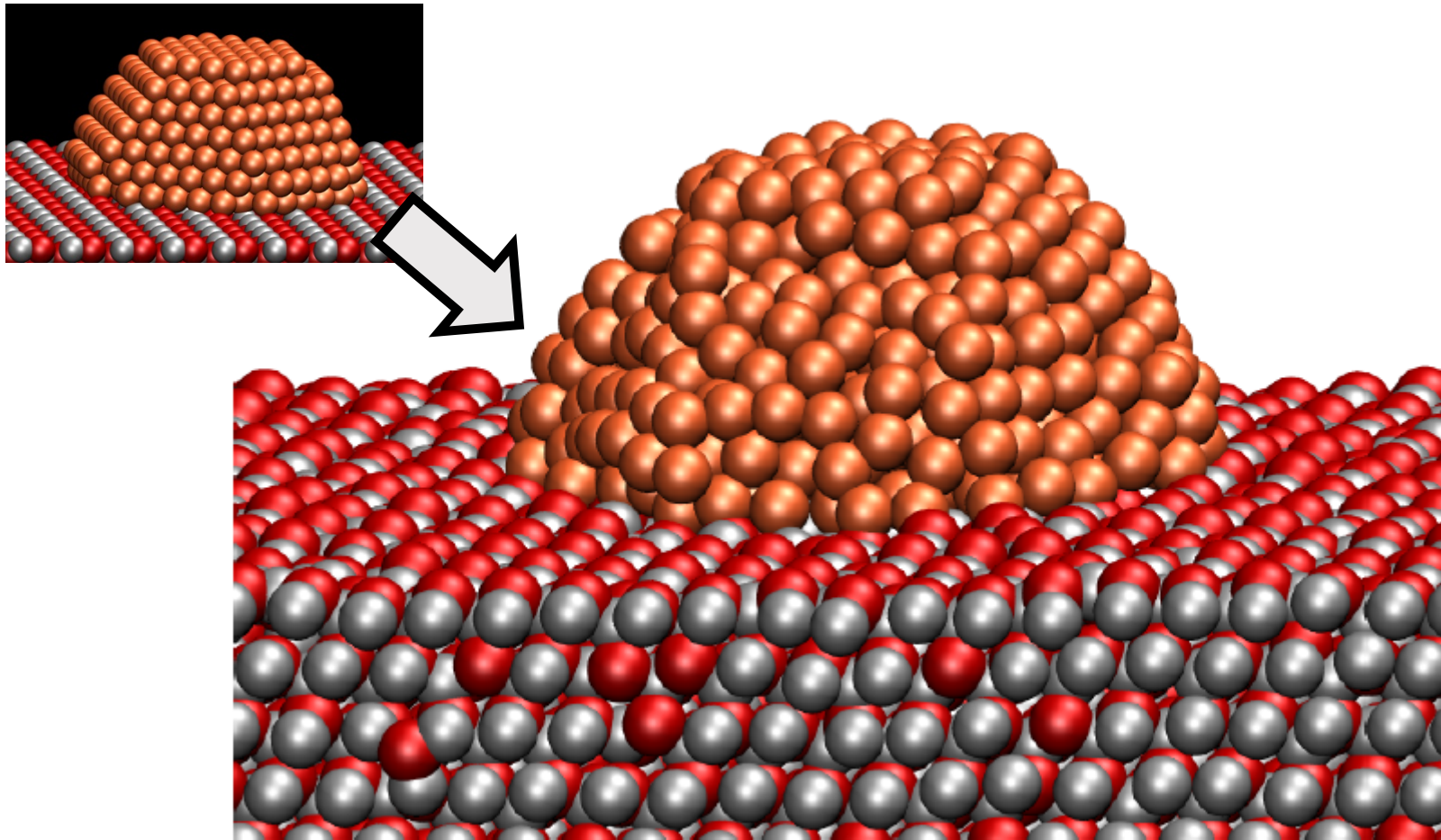
1. Independent test set not used for training

2. Systematic identification of missing parts of configuration space



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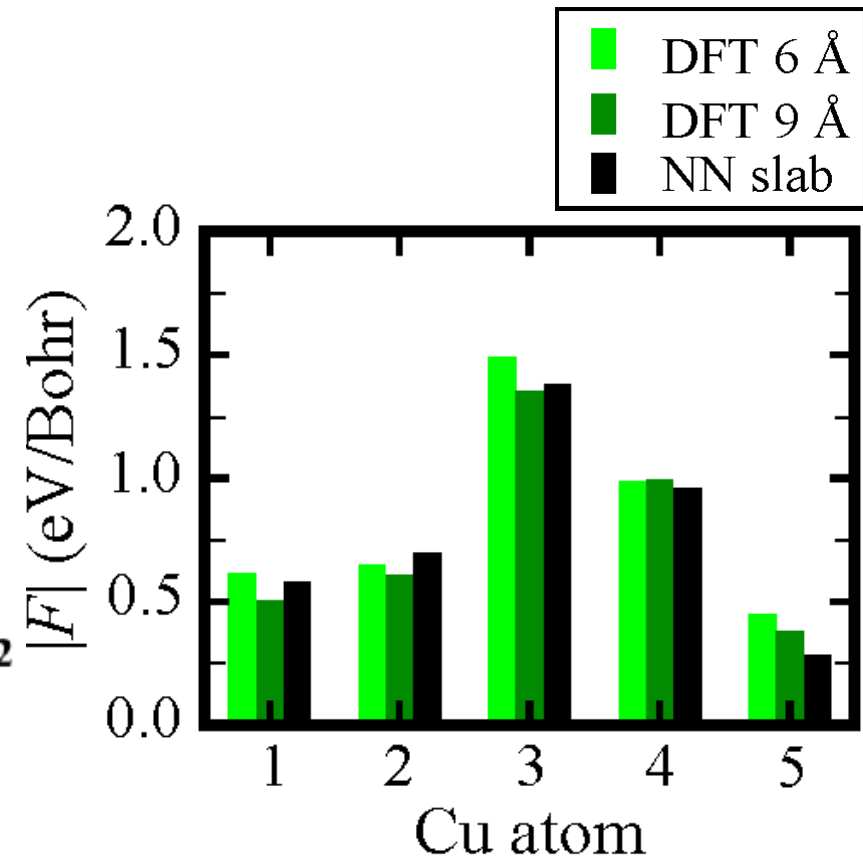
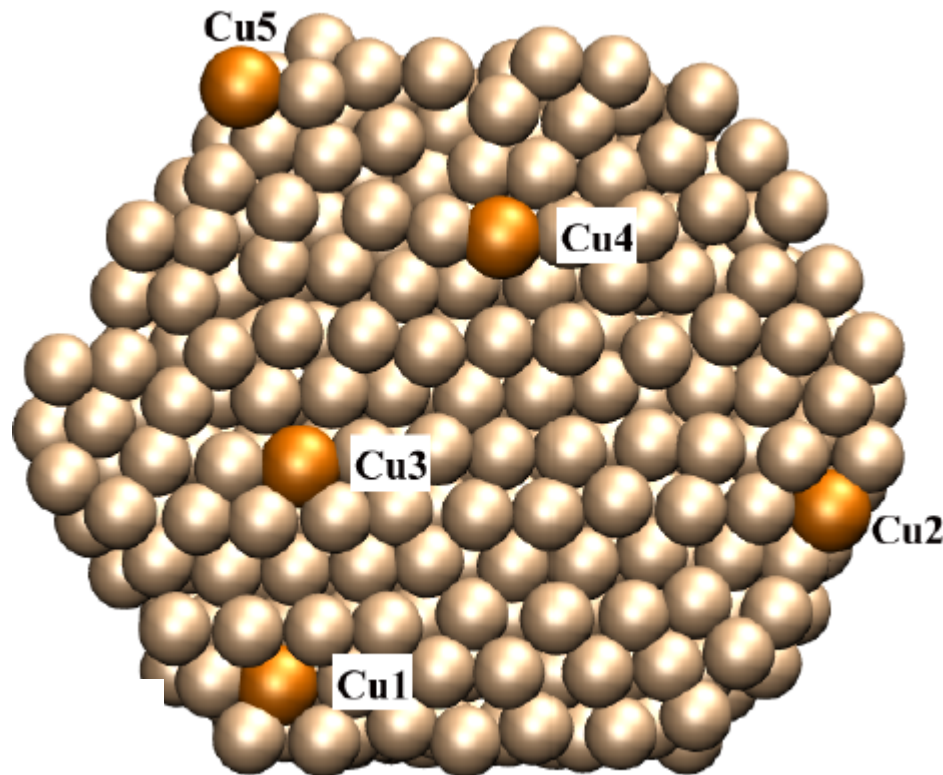
Random Snapshot from MD Simulation at 1000 K



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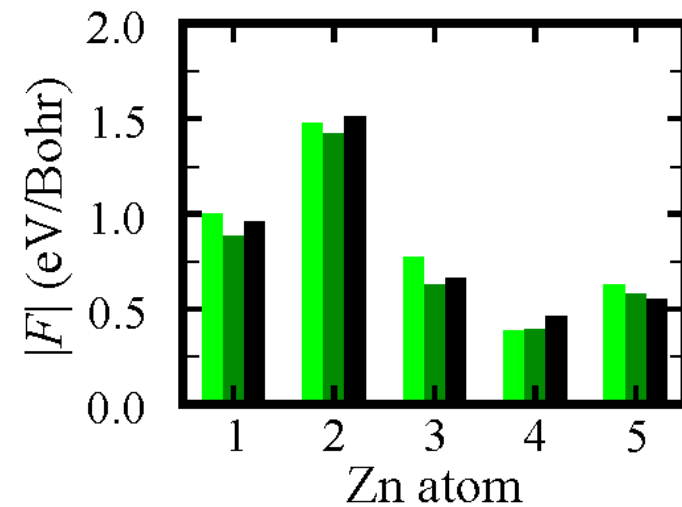
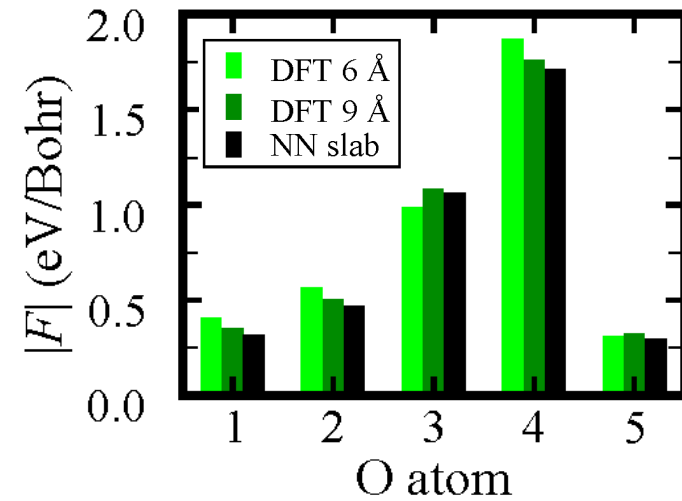
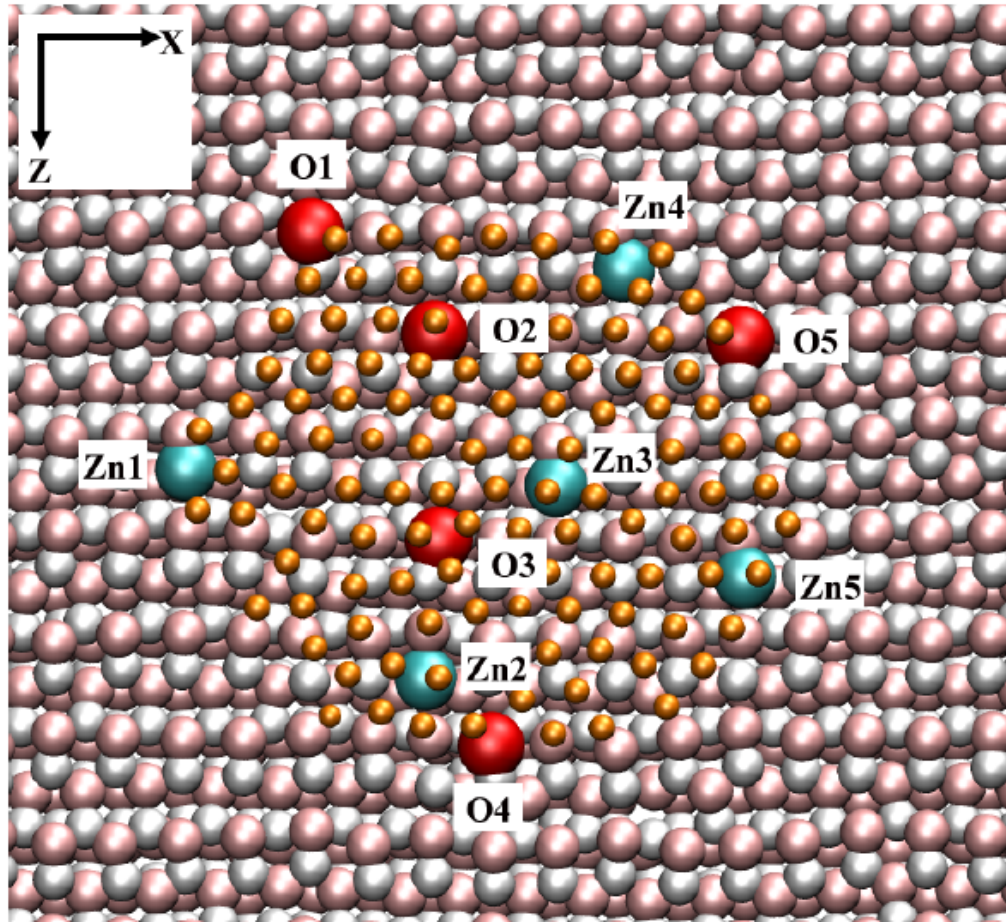
Forces at Selected Copper Atoms of the Interface

Bottom View:

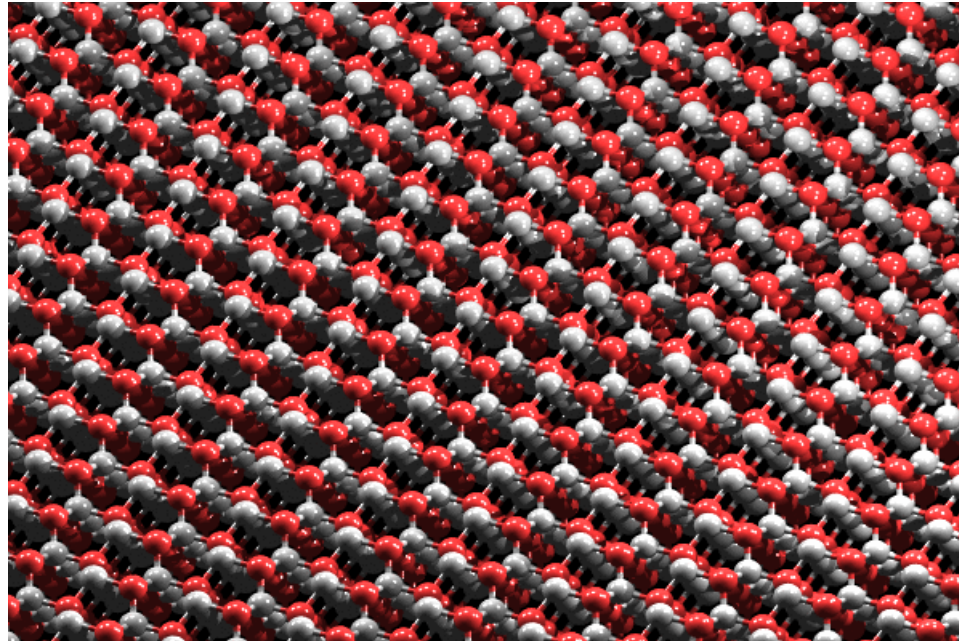


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Forces at Selected Zinc and Oxygen Atoms at the Interface

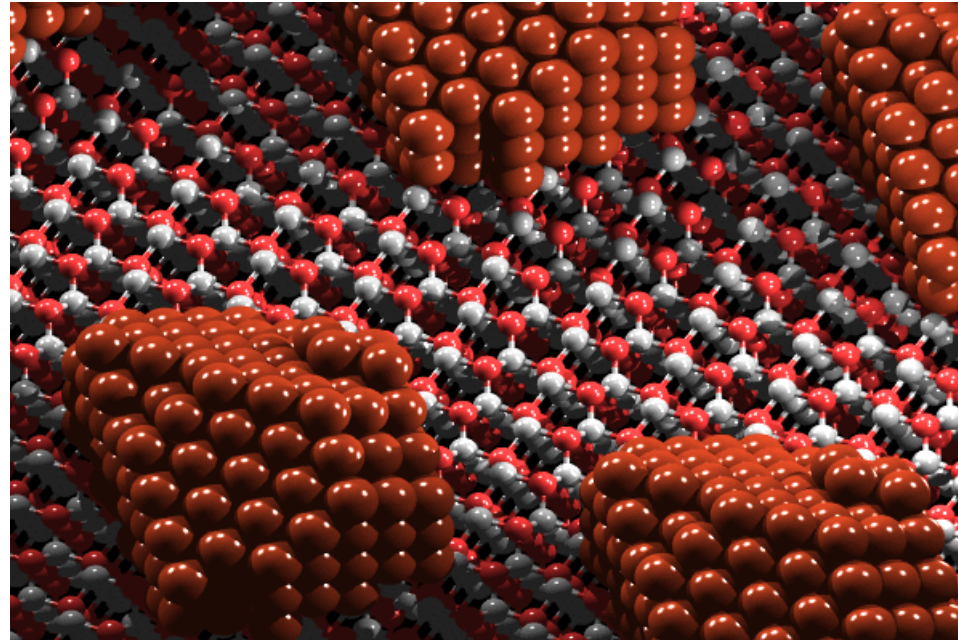


Preliminary Monte Carlo results:



- (5 x 10) ZnO(1 0 -1 0) supercell, 6 layers \Rightarrow 600 atoms
- growth of 200 Cu atoms
- 1000 Metropolis equilibration steps per added Cu atom

Preliminary Monte Carlo results:



⇒ cluster shape close to Wulff constructions

Next steps: lattice-free simulations

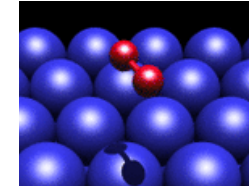
Summary

Neural Networks

- **explanation of oxygen sticking at Al(111)**

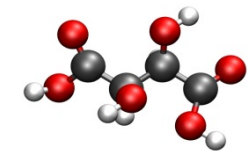
with K. Reuter, S. Lorenz, M. Scheffler, A. Groß, C. Carbogno

PRL 94 (2005) 036104; *PRB* 75 (2007) 115409; *PRB* 77 (2008) 115421; *PRL* 101 (2008) 096104; *PRB* 81 (2010) 035410.



- **neural network potential for tartaric acid**

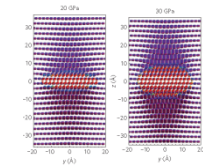
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- **nucleation mechanism for the graphite-to-diamond phase transition**

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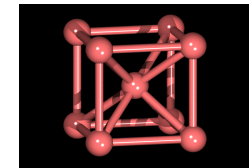
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- **melting of sodium**

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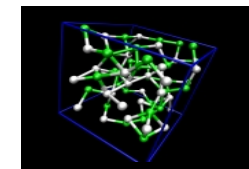
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- **working mechanism of phase change materials (GeTe)**

with G. Sosso and M. Bernasconi

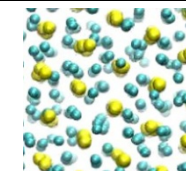
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- **solid-liquid hybrid phase of high-chalcocite (Cu₂S)**

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In preparation (2013).



Advantages of Neural Network Potentials

- provide very **accurate energies** (error ≈ 5 meV/atom)
- only atomic positions needed \Rightarrow **“reactive”**
- **fast** (100 atoms per second per core)
- can be combined with any electronic structure method
- **universal** functional form, no system-specific terms
 \Rightarrow applicable to solids, molecules and surfaces
- **systematic** improvement possible

Disadvantages of Neural Network Potentials

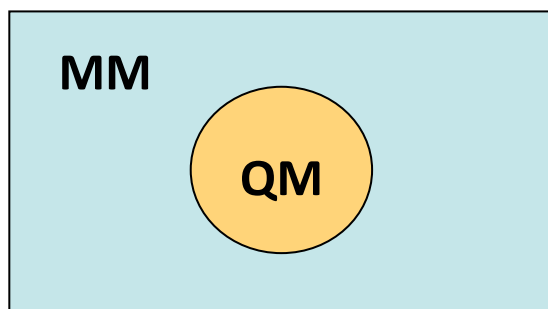
- large training sets needed \Rightarrow **costly**
- currently **restricted** to 3-4 chemical elements
- “non-physical” (unbiased) functional form,
 \Rightarrow **limited extrapolation** capabilities
 \Rightarrow construction and application needs to be done with care



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If reactive part of the system is not localized:

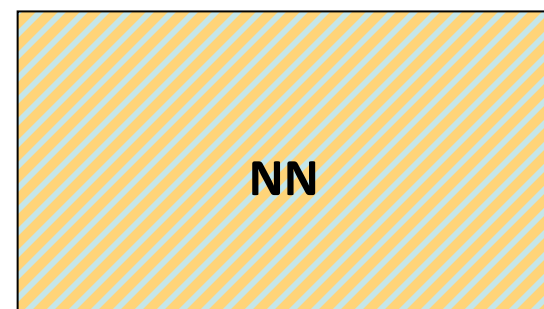
Localized reactions: QM/MM



Example:

- enzymes

Delocalized reactions: NN



Example:

- structural phase transitions
- chemistry at surfaces and interfaces

If very different types of bonding are present and system is large:

Example:

- self-assembled monolayers of organic molecules at metal surfaces

Other Machine Learning Techniques

A.P. Bartok, M.C. Payne, R. Kondor, G. Csanyi, *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **104** (2010) 136403.

HDNNs
(Behler and Parrinello 2007)

GAPs
(Bartok et al. 2010)

Similarities:

Accuracy:	very high	very high
Cutoff:	yes	yes
Fixed Form:	no	no
Reactions:	yes	yes
Symmetry:	both: rotational, translational and permutational invariance	
Speed:	the same (about 100 atoms per second and core in 2010)	

Differences:

Structural Description:	symmetry functions	4D spherical harmonics
Energy Expression:	atomic NNs	Gaussians

Some examples:

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and many others ...

Representing energies and potential-energy surfaces by machine learning techniques is a rapidly advancing field.

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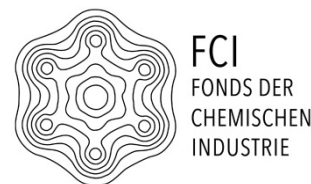
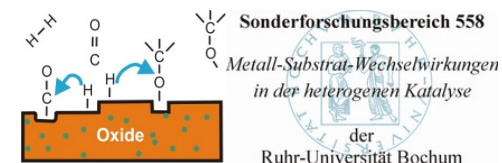
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