

The OpenKIM testing framework for interatomic potentials

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Open Knowledgebase of Interatomic Models (OpenKIM)

Project Objectives

- Development of an online open resource for *standardized testing* long-term *warehousing* of interatomic models (potentials and force fields) and data.
- Development of an *application programming interface (API)* standard for atomistic simulations, which will allow any interatomic model to work seamlessly with any atomistic simulation code.
- Development of a quantitative *theory of transferability* of interatomic models to provide *guidance for selecting* application-appropriate models based on rigorous criteria, and *error bounds* on results.

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KIM Overview

Repository: A user-extendible database of

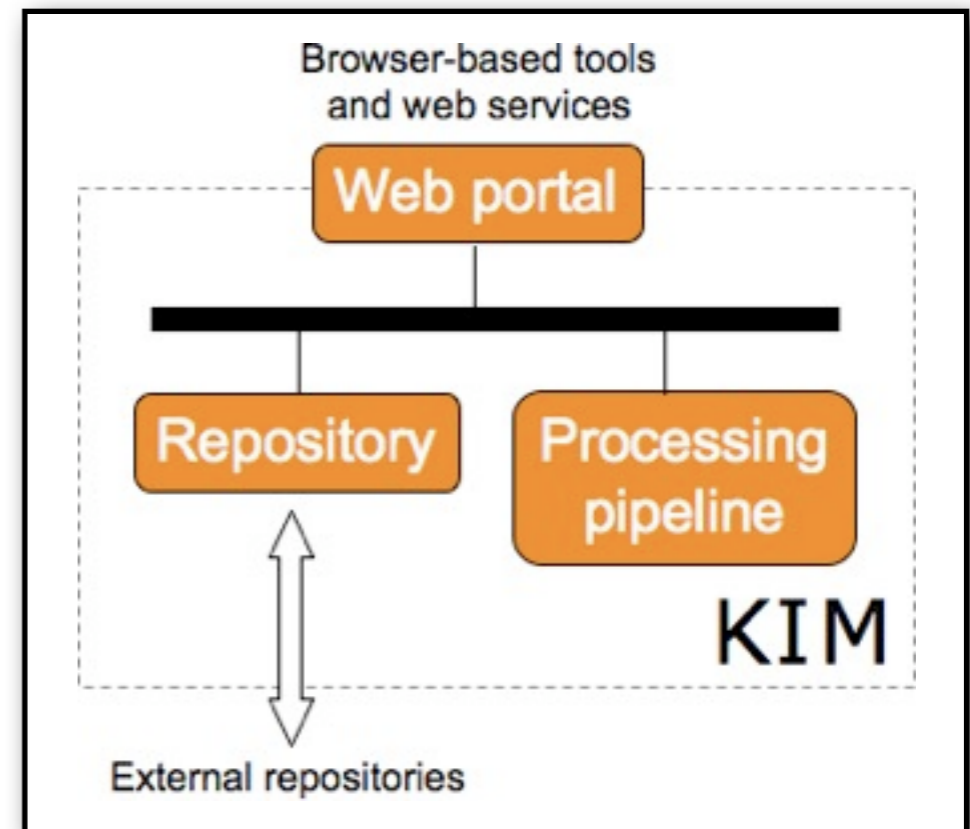
- ▶ interatomic *Models*
- ▶ standardized *Tests* (simulation codes)
- ▶ *Predictions* (results from Model-Test couplings)
- ▶ *Reference Data* (obtained from experiments and first principles calculations)

Web portal: A web interface that facilitates:

- ▶ user **upload** and **download** of Tests, Models, and Reference Data
- ▶ **searching** and querying the repository
- ▶ comparing and **visualizing** Predictions and Reference Data
- ▶ recording **user feedback**

Processing pipeline: An automatic system for generating *Predictions* by mating *Tests* and *Models* in the KIM Repository.

- ▶ puts the “knowledge” in “knowledgebase”
- ▶ employs virtual machines and cloud-based computing



KIM Philosophy on an Interatomic Model

- ▶ An **interatomic model (IM)** can be understood to mean different things.

Consider the following views of the Lennard-Jones (LJ) potential:

I. The functional form of LJ:

$$\phi(r) = 4\epsilon \left[\left(\frac{\sigma}{r} \right)^{12} - \left(\frac{\sigma}{r} \right)^6 \right]$$

II. The LJ parameter set for a given material:

Argon

$$\epsilon = 0.0104 \text{ eV}$$

$$\sigma = 3.40 \text{ \AA}$$

This is common in EAM potentials where the parameter file is considered to be *the* potential.

III. A computer implementation of the LJ potential:

```
subroutine ljpotential(r,sig,eps,func,dfunc,d2func)
implicit none

!-- Transferred variables
double precision, intent(in)  :: r, sig, eps
double precision, intent(out) :: func, dfunc, d2func

!-- Local variables
double precision rm,rm2,rm6,eos24

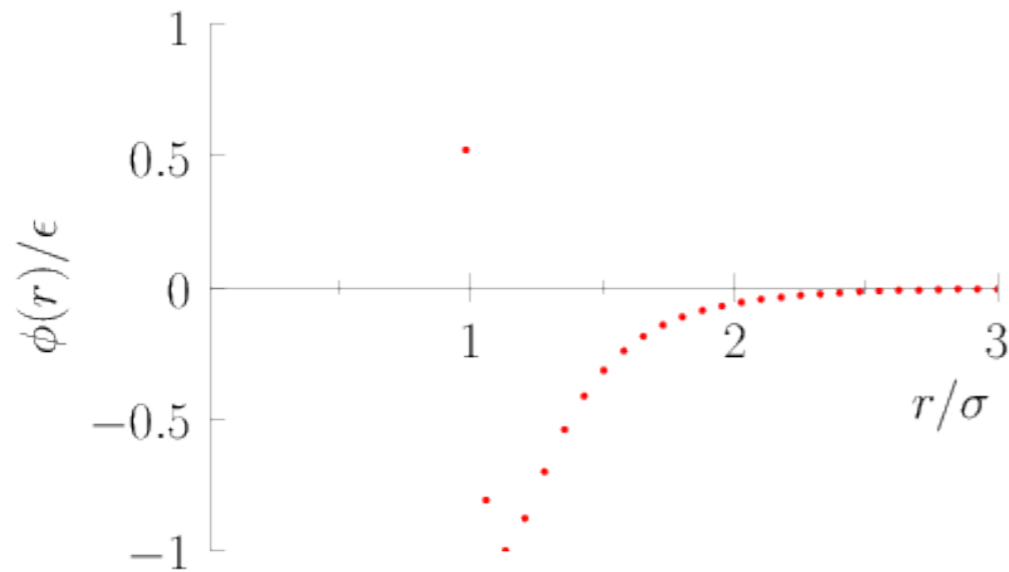
rm   = sig/r           ! sig/r
rm2  = rm*rm           ! (sig/r)^2
rm6  = rm2*rm2*rm2     ! (sig/r)^6
eos24 = 24.0*eps/sig

func   = 4.0*eps*rm6*(rm6-1.0)
dfunc  = eos24*rm*rm6*(-2.0*rm6+1.0)
d2func = (eos24/sig)*rm2*rm6*(26.0*rm6-7.0)

end subroutine ljpotential
```


Why a is a Parameter Set not enough ?

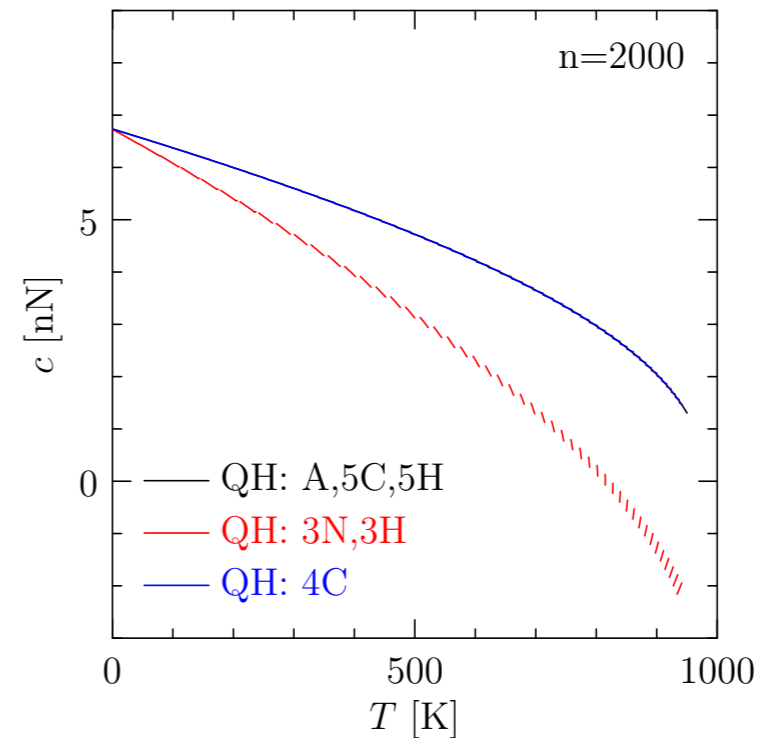
- ▶ Interatomic models are often stored as a table of discrete data points that are interpolated by the simulation code:



r_1	$\phi(r_1)$
r_2	$\phi(r_2)$
r_3	$\phi(r_3)$
...	...

- ▶ The interpolation choice (e.g. spline order) affects some results,
e.g. Quasi-harmonic estimate of the elastic constant for a 1D chain of atoms interacting via a nearest-neighbor Morse pair potential:

$$c = a \left[\phi''(a) + \frac{k_B T}{2} \frac{\phi^{(4)}(a)\phi''(a) - (\phi''(a))^2}{(\phi''(a))^2} \right]$$

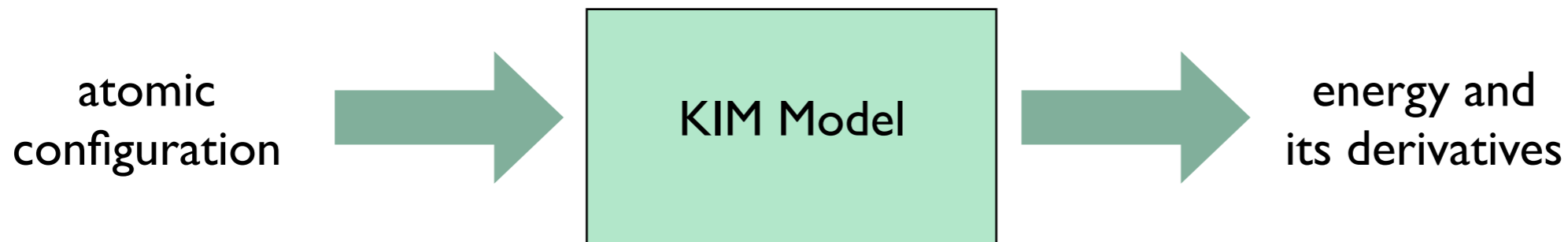


Wen et al.,
MSMSE,
23:074008 (2015)

KIM Models

► The KIM framework defines an interatomic model as follows.

- A KIM Model is an autonomous computational entity:



- KIM Models can have two forms:

1. **Stand-alone Model** for a particular functional form and parameters.

2. **Parameterized Model** that is read in by a **Model Driver**; for example:

Lennard-Jones Model Driver:

$$\phi(r) = 4\epsilon \left[\left(\frac{\sigma}{r} \right)^{12} - \left(\frac{\sigma}{r} \right)^6 \right]$$

(Computer implementation including any interpolations or other data processing.)

Material specific LJ Models:

Argon; $\epsilon_{\text{Ar}}=10.4$ meV, $\sigma_{\text{Ar}}=0.340$ nm

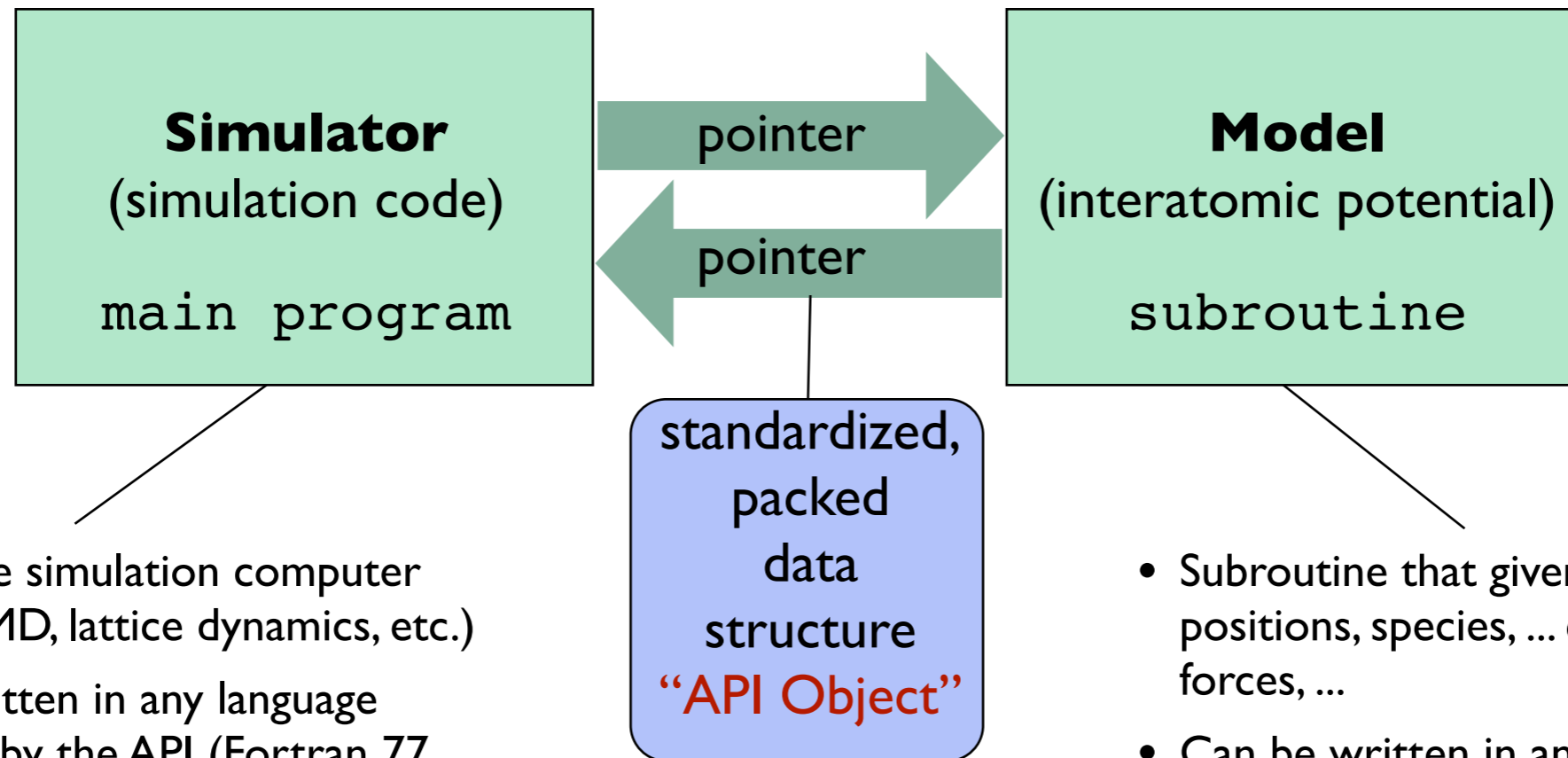
Krypton; $\epsilon_{\text{Kr}}=14.0$ meV, $\sigma_{\text{Kr}}=0.365$ nm

...

(Each Model is a parameter file read in by its Model Driver.)

Portability and the KIM API Standard

- ▶ In order to maximize the portability of KIM Models, an **Application Programming Interface (API) standards** has been defined for exchanging information between simulators and models.



- Stand-alone simulation computer program (MD, lattice dynamics, etc.)
- Can be written in any language supported by the API (Fortran 77, Fortran 90, Fortran 2003, C, C++, ...)

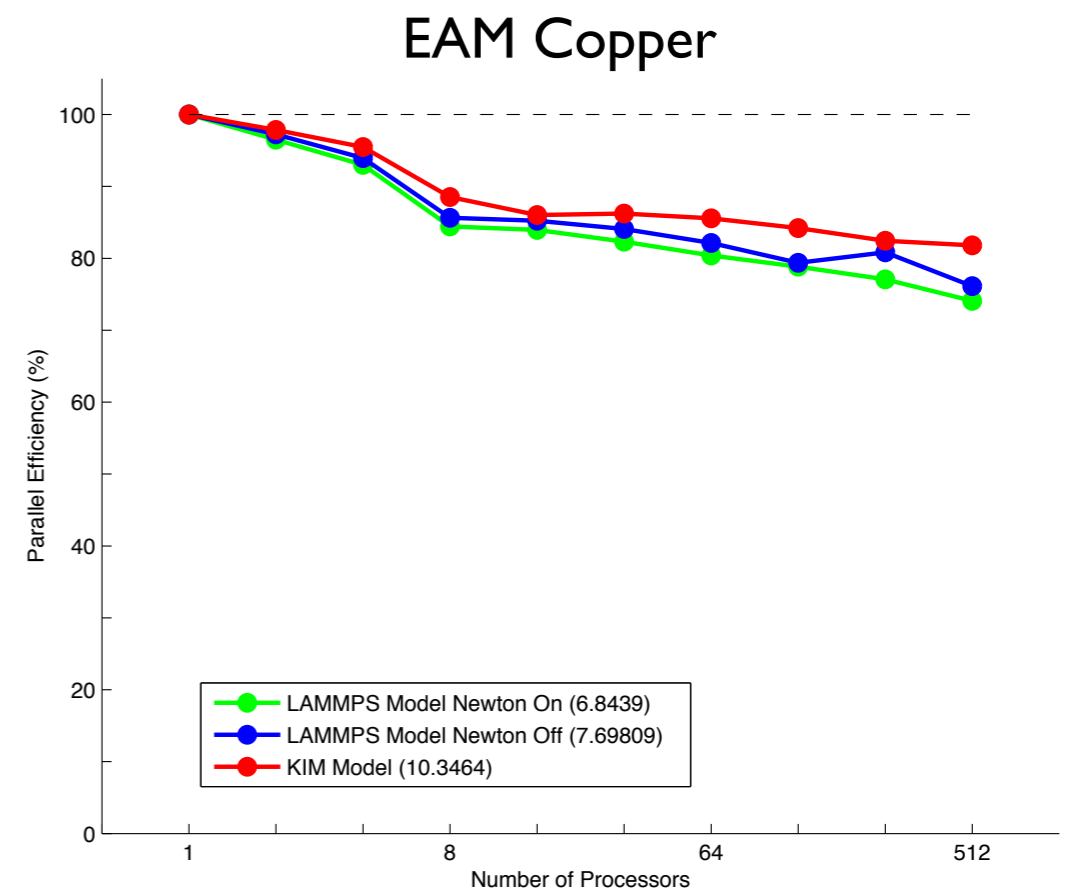
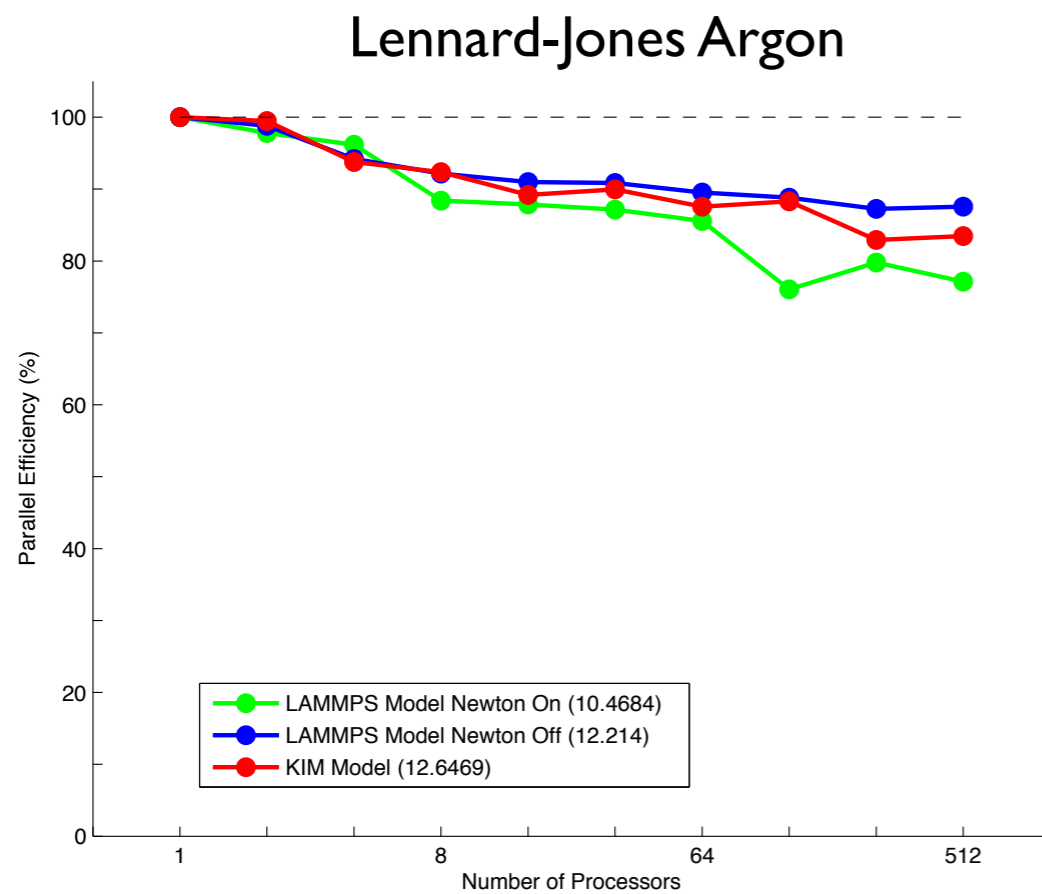
- Subroutine that given a set of atomic positions, species, ... computes energy, forces, ...
- Can be written in any language (Fortran 77, Fortran 90, Fortran 2003, C, C++, ...)

- ▶ Currently working on support for electrostatics and charge equilibration.

Efficiency of the KIM API

- ▶ The KIM API is a lightweight efficient interface.

LAMMPS benchmark results (scaled size with 32,000 atoms per core)



KIM-Compliant Codes

Asap



DL_POLY

GULP

IMD




libAtoms + QUIP



Example: Using KIM Models with LAMMPS

- ▶ Using KIM Models with LAMMPS is straightforward:
 - Install the KIM API from source or using binary packages (packages available for Ubuntu, CentOS, Fedora, OpenSUSE, others in development).
 - Precede LAMMPS installation with “make yes-kim”
 - Add the KIM Models that you want to use. (Binary packages have option to add all models.)
 - Replace native potential with pair style KIM and KIM ID



```
pair_style      eam/alloy
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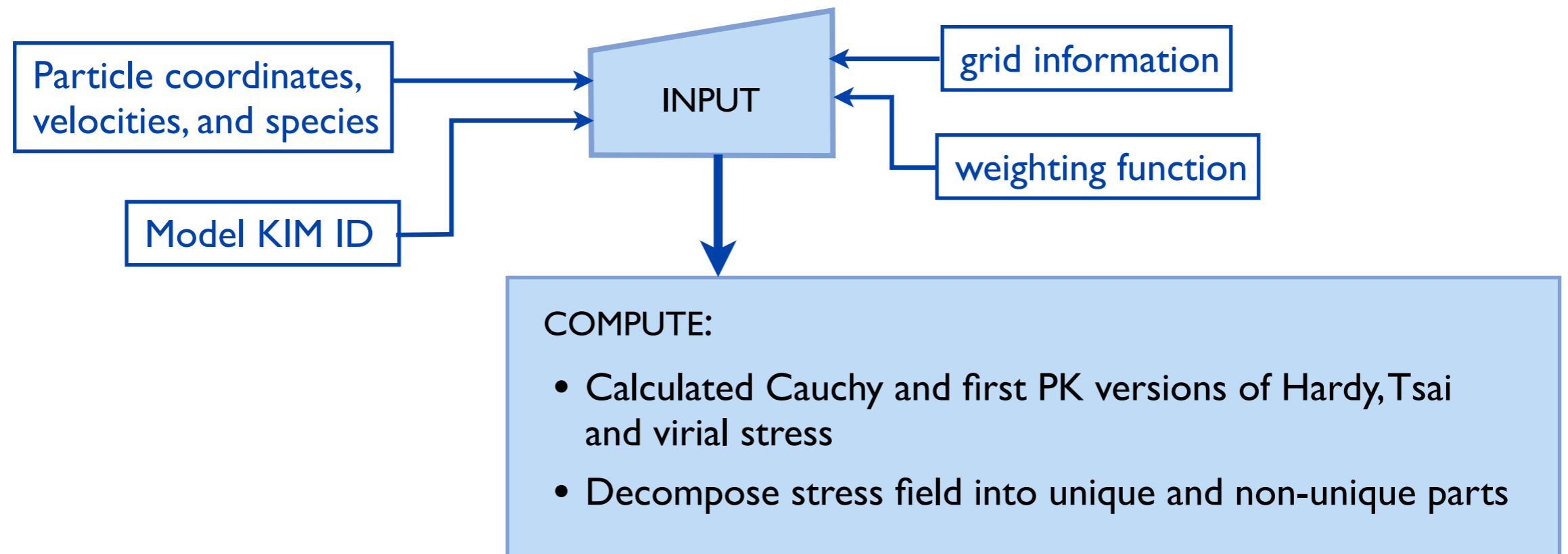
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pair_style      kim LAMMPSvirial EAM_Dynamo_Ercolessi_Adams_Al__MO_123629422045_001
pair_coeff      * * Al
mass            1 26.98
```

- Run as usual

For more info, see http://lammps.sandia.gov/doc/pair_kim.html

MDStressLab (<http://mdstresslab.org>)

- ▶ **MDStressLab** is a program for computing stress fields from MD simulation results

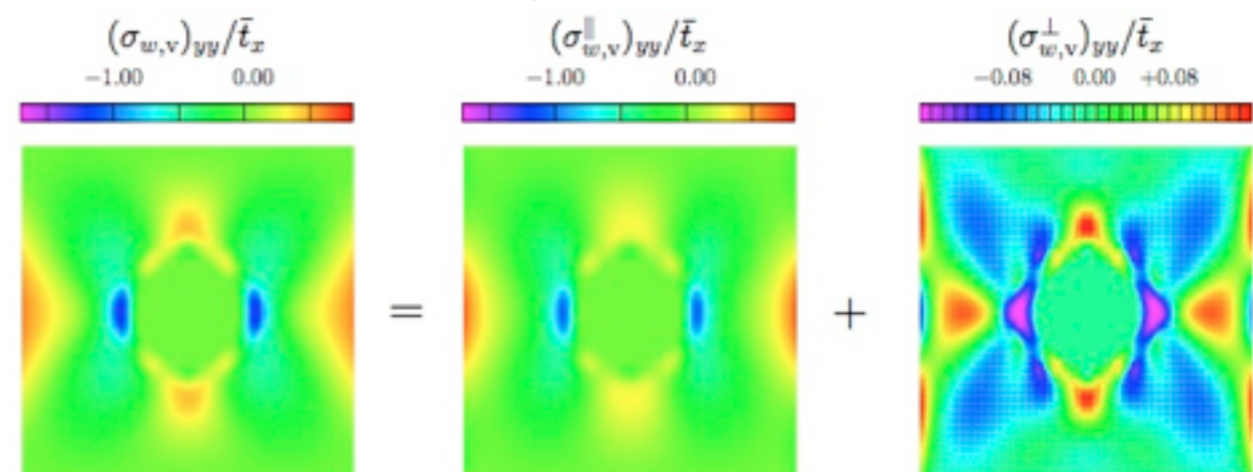


Reference:

N. C. Admal and E. B. Tadmor,
J. Elast., 100:63, 2010

Available at

<http://mdstresslab.org>



Model Verification Checks

- ▶ All KIM Models are subjected to Verification Checks when uploaded to openkim.org.

Mandatory

- Species supported as stated;
- Unit conversion handled correctly;
- Domain decomposition handled correctly;
- ...

Consistency

- Numerical derivative check of forces, virial, hessian, ...
- Translational and rotational invariance;
- ...

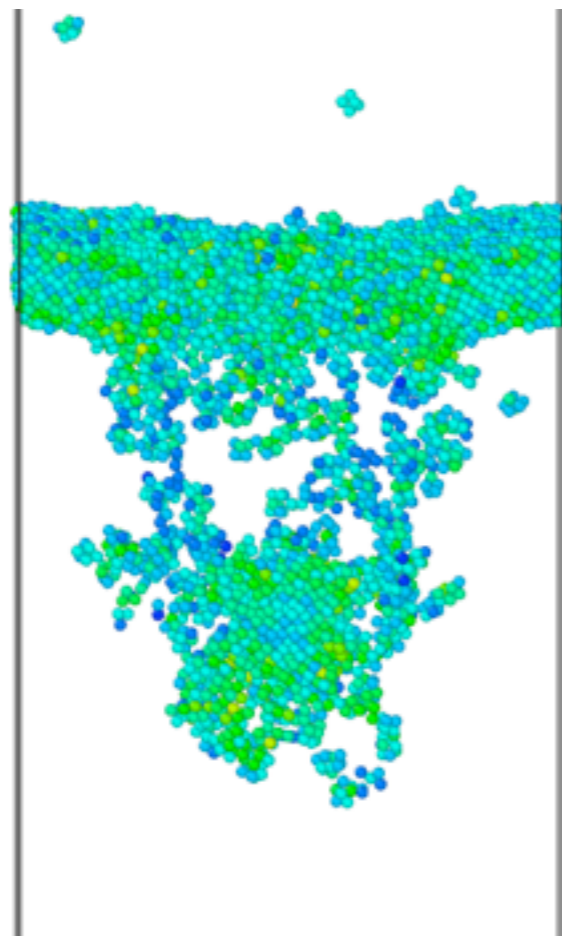
Informational

- Smooth energy, forces, etc. at cutoff;
- Inversion symmetry;
- Coding issues: Dependence on optimization, memory leaks, etc.
- ...

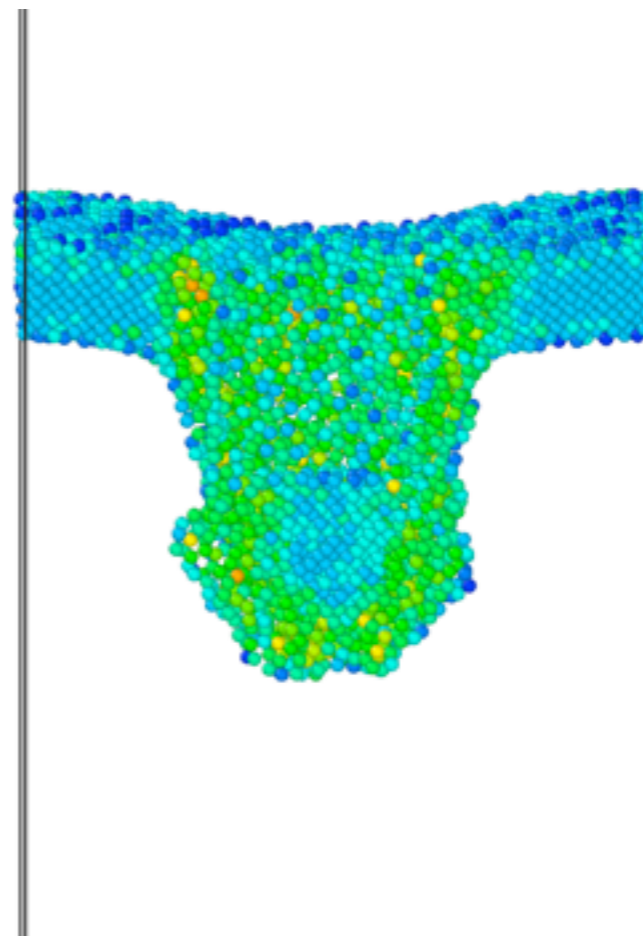
A Simulation is only as good as the Potential

- ▶ The predictive capability of an atomistic simulation is dependent on the fidelity of the interatomic model.

Example: Projectile impacting silicon plate



Tersoff



Stillinger-Weber

KIM Tests

Test: A computer program that when coupled with a suitable Model generates one or more Predictions, each of which is associated with a specific KIM Property.

- *Test Types*

- *Test* (stand-alone test limited to a single case, or a parameter set to a driver)
- *Test Driver + Parameter Set* (can work with multiple conditions)

A Test can be a program or an input file to an installed Simulator (e.g. LAMMPS)

- What constitutes a KIM Property?

- An “ideal” physical property without reference to the algorithmic details of how it is computed (e.g. “melting temperature” as opposed to a specific approach for getting it).
- A “canonical property”, i.e. a basic atomistic property to which Models are often fitted and from which larger-scale behavior might be inferred.

Bulk

- lattice constants
- cohesive energy
- elastic constants
- phonon spectrum
- ..

Wall

- surface energy
- surface structure
- gamma surface
- grain boundary structure
- ...
- Line**
- dislocation core structure

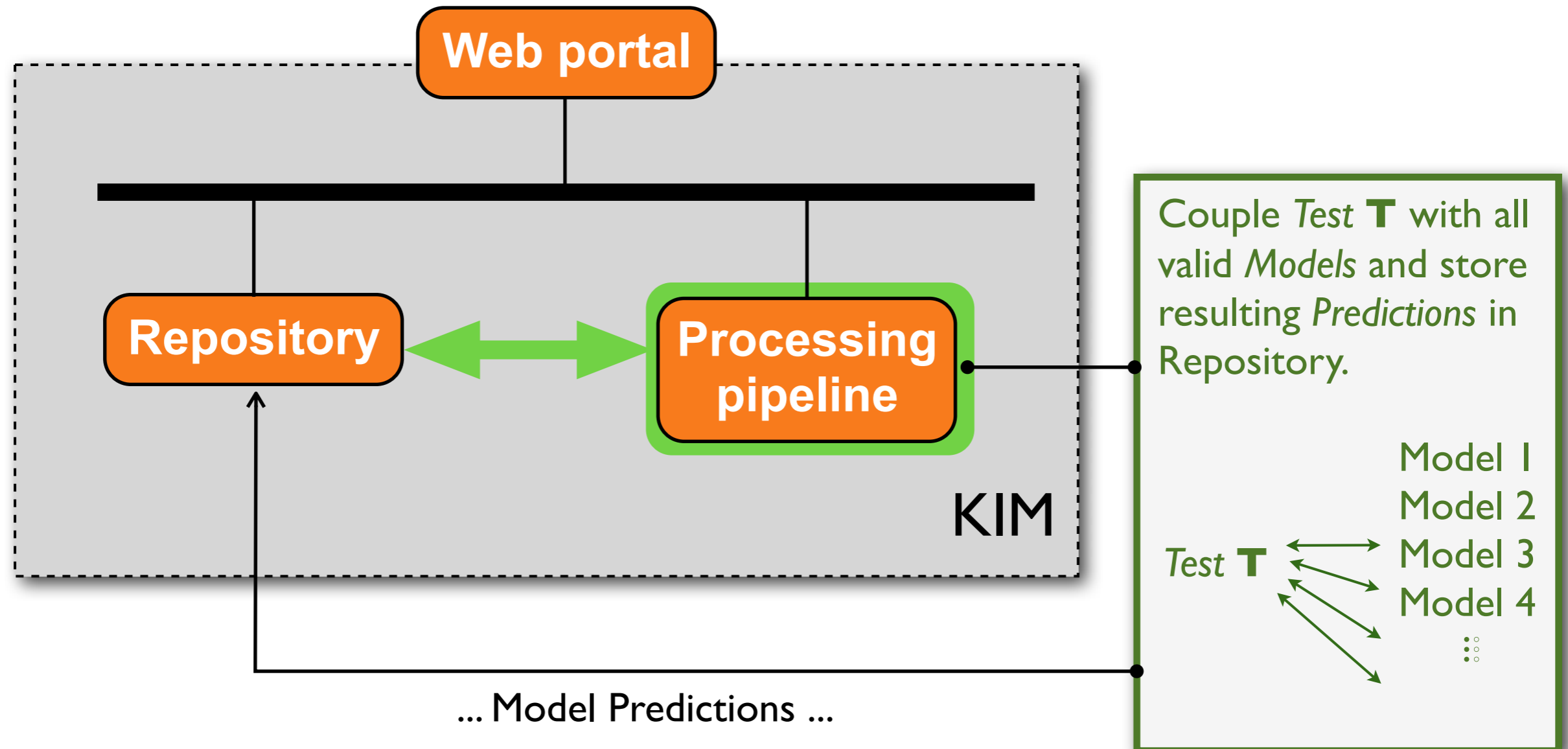
- dislocation core energy
- Peierls barrier
- ...

Point

- vacancy formation energy
- vacancy migration barrier
- ...

Interacting with KIM

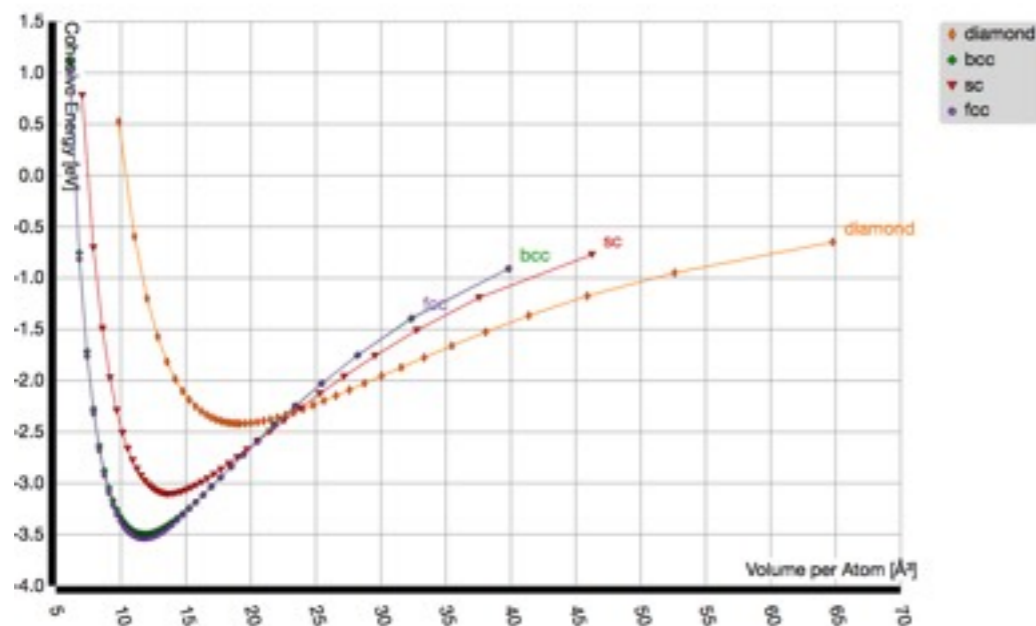
Uploading new KIM Test to the OpenKIM Repository



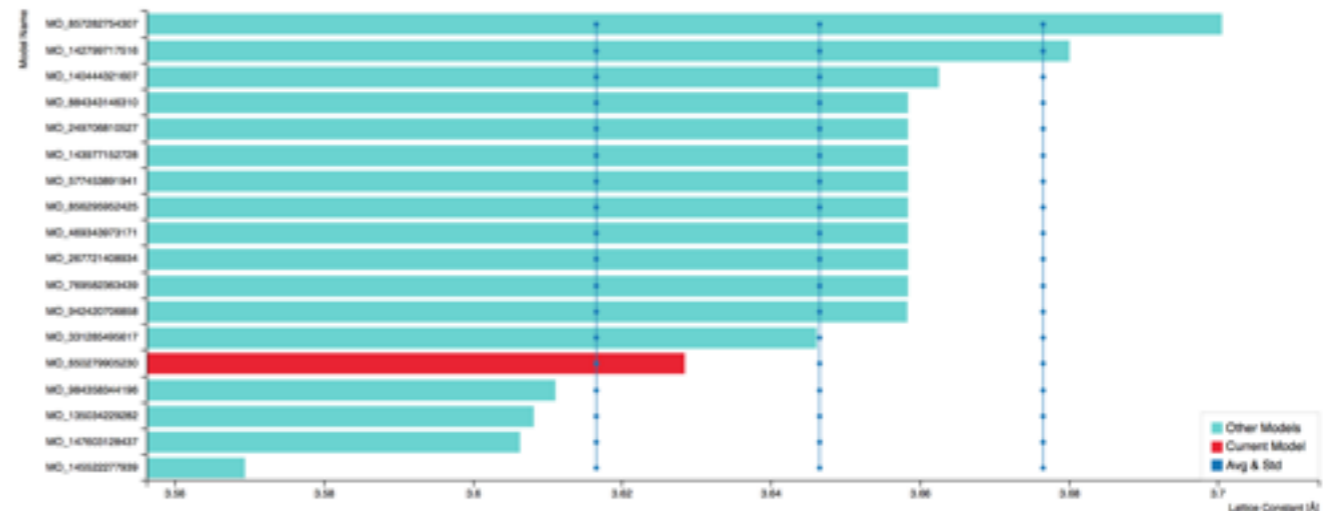
KIM Visualization

- ▶ KIM Visualizers are designed to display/analyze Test results (i.e. Property Instances) and are displayed on Model pages.

Cohesive energy curve



FCC Lattice Constant



KIM Visualizers work by

- querying openkim.org to obtain desired Test results (see <https://query.openkim.org/>)
- plotting the results using Javascript libraries and templates developed in KIM

Follow the tutorials to adapt a visualizer to your own needs

KIM Models (<https://openkim.org>)

- ▶ KIM Models are archived on the OpenKIM website <https://openkim.org> :

OpenKIM

Member Login

New to KIM? [Click Here](#) [Learn More](#)

Welcome to the Knowledgebase of Interatomic Models!

OpenKIM is an online suite of open source tools for molecular simulation of materials. These tools help to make molecular simulation more accessible and more reliable. Within OpenKIM, you will find an online resource for standardized testing and long-term warehousing of interatomic models and data, and an application programming interface (API) standard for coupling atomistic simulation codes and interatomic potential subroutines.

Models

How do atoms interact? KIM Models (interatomic potentials and force fields) are software packages for describing atomic interactions that can be used with a variety of simulation codes, including LAMMPS, DL_POLY, IMD, ASE and GULP, that are compatible with the KIM API standard.

[Get interatomic potentials](#)

Properties

What do the models predict? KIM Properties are standardized definitions for material properties uploaded by the materials research community. Predictions of KIM Models for these properties are stored in the OpenKIM Repository and can be viewed, visualized, and compared with first principles and experimental reference data.

[Get model predictions](#)

Tests

How are properties computed? KIM Tests are robust, standardized calculations (stand-alone computer code or input files to supported simulators), uploaded by the materials research community, that couple with KIM Models to make predictions for well-defined material properties.

[Get property simulators](#)

Participate

What can I do? KIM is an international standards organization for molecular simulations. We invite you to learn more, join as a member, contribute content (Models, Tests, Reference Data and Visualizers), help define standard material properties, contribute to API code development, and help document!

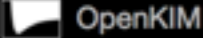
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Metrics

Model Drivers	17
Models	171
External Models	2
Test Drivers	11
Tests	2,108
Reference Data	1,418

EMM_Dynamo_Onat_Durukanoglu_CuNi_MO_592013496703_001
cohesive-energy-graph

KIM Models (<https://openkim.org>)

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KIM Models

Click on an element in the periodic table for which you need an interatomic model.

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[Click here for index of Models](#)

KIM Models (<https://openkim.org>)

Cu

Extended KIM ID	Title
EAM_Dynamo_Ackland_Tichy_Cu__MO_179025990738_001	Finnis Sinclair potential for Cu
EAM_Dynamo_Bonny_Pasianot_FeCuNi__MO_469343973171_001	FeCuNi potential to model reactor pressure vessel steels
EAM_Dynamo_Cai_Ye_AlCu__MO_942551040047_001	EAM potential for Al-Cu binary system
EAM_Dynamo_Foiles_Baskes_Universal3_Cu__MO_666348409573_000	Third universal Cu potential of Foiles, Baskes, and Daw; obtained from LAMMPS
EAM_Dynamo_Hoyt_Garvin_PbCu__MO_119135752160_001	Embedded Atom Method parametrization of the Pb-Cu system
EAM_Dynamo_Mendeleev_King_Cu__MO_748636486270_001	FS potential for Cu
EAM_Dynamo_Mendeleev_Kramer_Cu__MO_945691923444_001	FS/EAM potential for Cu
EAM_Dynamo_Mendeleev_Kramer_CuZr__MO_600021860456_001	FS potential for Cu-Zr
EAM_Dynamo_Mendeleev_Sorlet_CuZr__MO_120596890176_001	FS potential for Cu-Zr
EAM_Dynamo_Mishin_Mehl_Cu__MO_346334655118_001	EAM Cu Potential
EAM_Dynamo_Onat_Durukanoglu_CuNi__MO_552013490703_001	An optimized EAM potential for Cu-Ni alloys
EAM_Dynamo_Williams_Mishin_CuAg__MO_128703483589_001	EAM alloy potential for the Cu-Ag system.
EAM_Dynamo_Wu_Trinkle_CuAg__MO_270337113239_001	EAM potential for Cu/Ag(111) Surface Diffusion.
EAM_Dynamo_Zhou_Johnson_Cu__MO_127245782811_001	EAM alloy potential set table, compatible with LAMMPS
EAM_Johnson_NearestNeighbor_Cu__MO_887933271505_001	This is an analytical NN EAM model for Cu by Johnson.
EMT_Asap_MetalGlass_CuMgZr__MO_655725647552_002	Effective Medium Theory potential for CuMg and CuZr alloys, in particular metallic glasses.
EMT_Asap_Standard_Jacobsen_Stoltze_Norskov_AlAgAuCuNiPdPt__MO_118428466217_002	Standard Effective Medium Theory potential for face-centered cubic metals as implemented in ASE/Asap.
MEAM_2NN_Fe_to_Ga__MO_145522277939_001	Model parameterization of 2NN MEAM model
Pair_Morse_Modified_MacDonaldMacDonald_Cu__MO_034823476734_000	Modified Morse pair potential for copper due to MacDonald and MacDonald
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KIM Models (<https://openkim.org>)

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KIM Item Type ⓘ	Parameterized Model using Model Driver EAM_Dynamo_MD_120291908751_002
Contributor	ymishin
Maintainer	ymishin
Author	Yuri Mishin
Publication Year	2016
Species ⓘ	Cu
Description ⓘ	EAM Cu potential fit to experimental and first-principles data
Disclaimer ⓘ	
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Programming Language(s) ⓘ	N/A
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Unique archival KIM ID for citation in papers

Scientific reference for the potential.


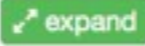
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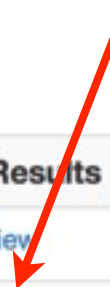
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Tests



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ElasticConstantsCubic_sc_Cu__TE_319353354686_002	 expand	Q view	1635

Full results page.



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KIM Models (<https://openkim.org>)

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○ Tests

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ElasticConstantsCubic_sc_Cu__TE_319353354686_002	↘ collapse	Q view	1635

instance-id: 1
Isothermal elastic constants for a cubic crystal at constant temperature and stress
(For more information, see the property definition [elastic-constants-isothermal-cubic-crystal-npt](#))

Crystal type = ["sc"]

a = 2.3928461 angstrom
Species = ["Cu"]
Basis atom coordinates = [[0.0 0.0 0.0]]

Temperature = 0 K
Cauchy stress = [0 0 0 0 0] GPa

c11 = 321.391497278 GPa
c12 = 24.9933292762 GPa
c44 = -19.950592869 GPa

Elastic constants (note that c44 is negative indicating the sc structure is unstable).

KIM Models (<https://openkim.org>)

Visualizers (in-page)

Cohesive Energy Graph

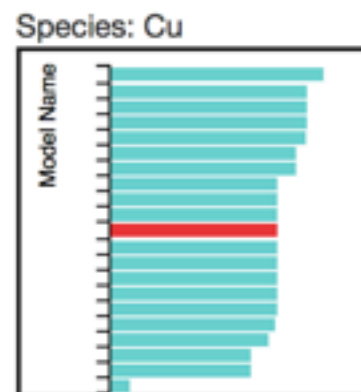
This graph shows the cohesive energy versus volume-per-atom for the current model for four mono-atomic cubic phases (body-centered cubic (bcc), face-centered cubic (fcc), simple cubic (sc), and diamond). The curve with the lowest minimum is the ground state of the crystal if stable. (The crystal structure is enforced in these calculations, so the phase may not be stable.) Graphs are generated for each species supported by the model.



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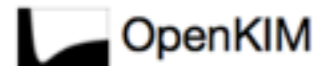
FCC Lattice Constant

This bar chart plot shows the mono-atomic face-centered cubic (fcc) lattice constant predicted by the current model (shown in red) compared with the predictions for all other models in the OpenKIM Repository that support the species. The vertical bars show the average and standard deviation (one sigma) bounds for all model predictions. Graphs are generated for each species supported by the model.



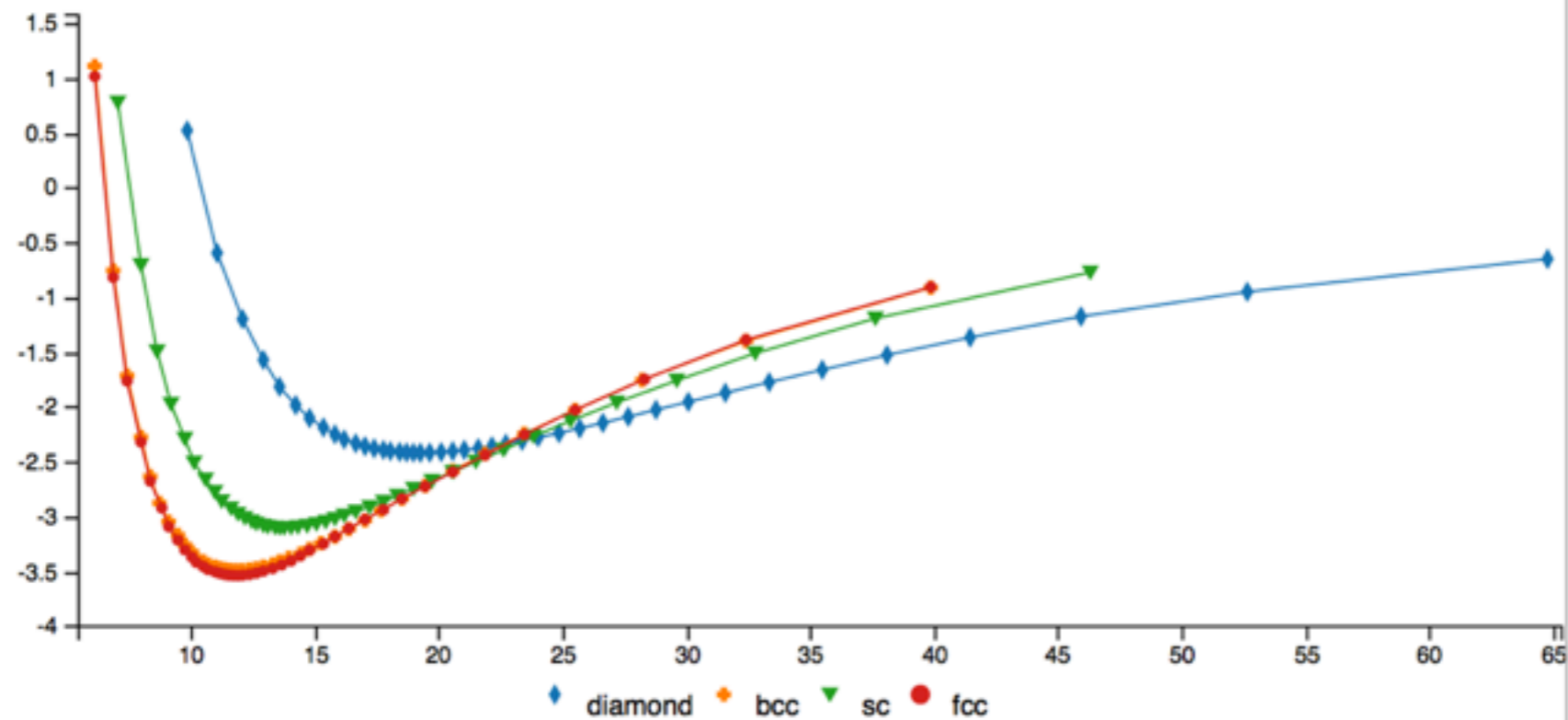
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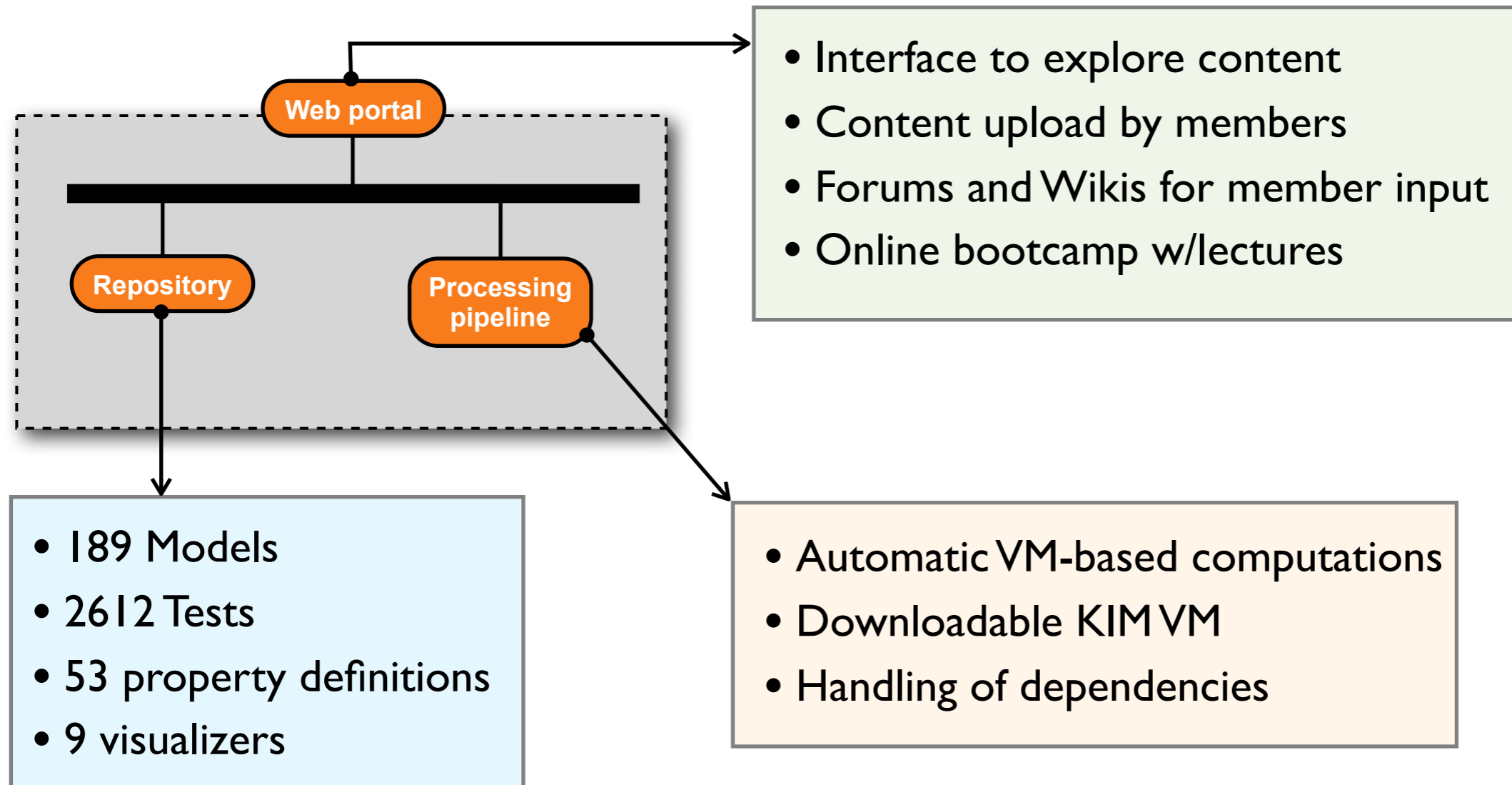


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Species: Cu

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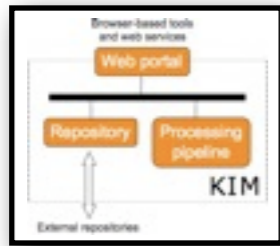
Current Status (August 1, 2017)



Software supporting KIM API:

ASAP, ASE, DL_POLY, GULP, IMD, LAMMPS, libAtoms/QUIP, nanoHUB, Potfit, Quasicontinuum, VirtualFab, MDStressLab

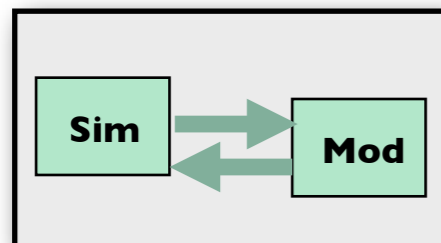
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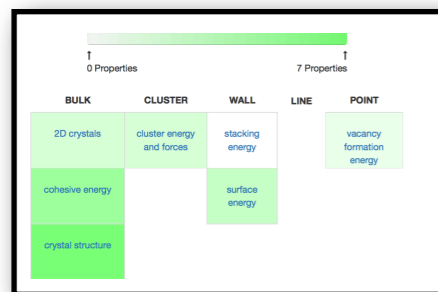
KIM provides **archival** permanent storage of interatomic models, tests, and reference data with known provenance.

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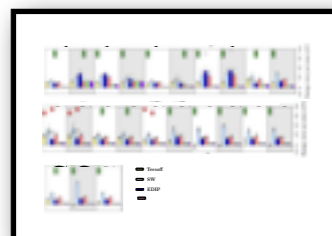
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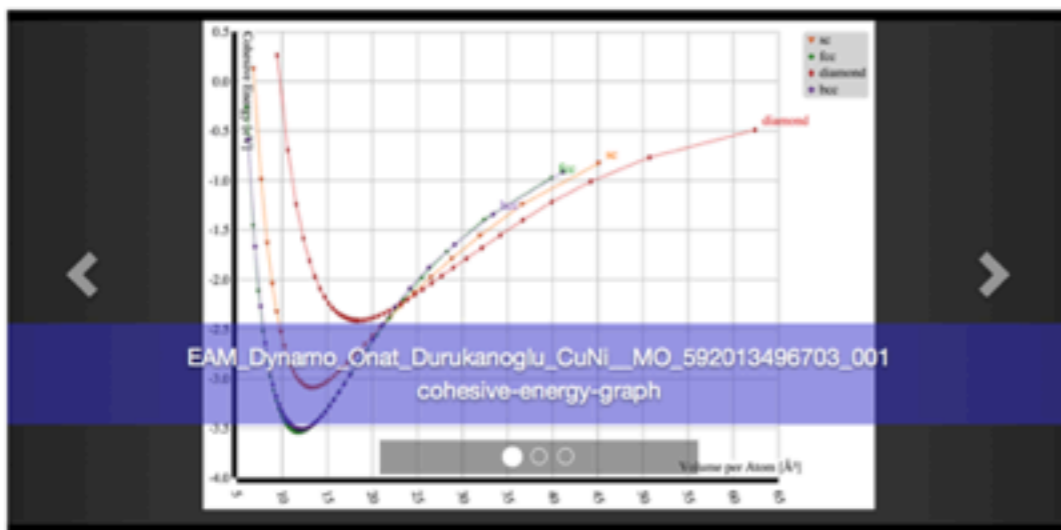
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