



OpenKIM: Streamlining the use of Interatomic Models with LAMMPS

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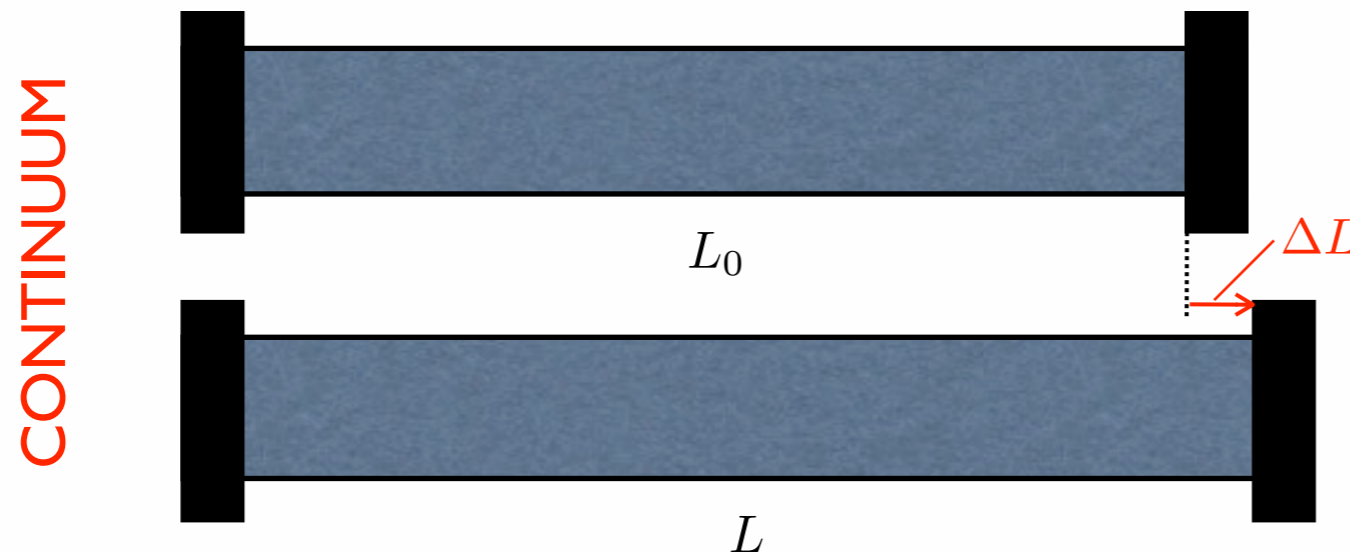


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The Promise of Atomistic and Multiscale Simulations

- ▶ Consider the simple problem of a bar in tension:

As long as the bar is not stretched too much, linear elasticity is an excellent model:



$$\epsilon = \Delta L / L_0$$

$$\sigma = E\epsilon = E \frac{\Delta L}{L_0}$$

One adjustable parameter fit to experiment (E = Young's modulus)

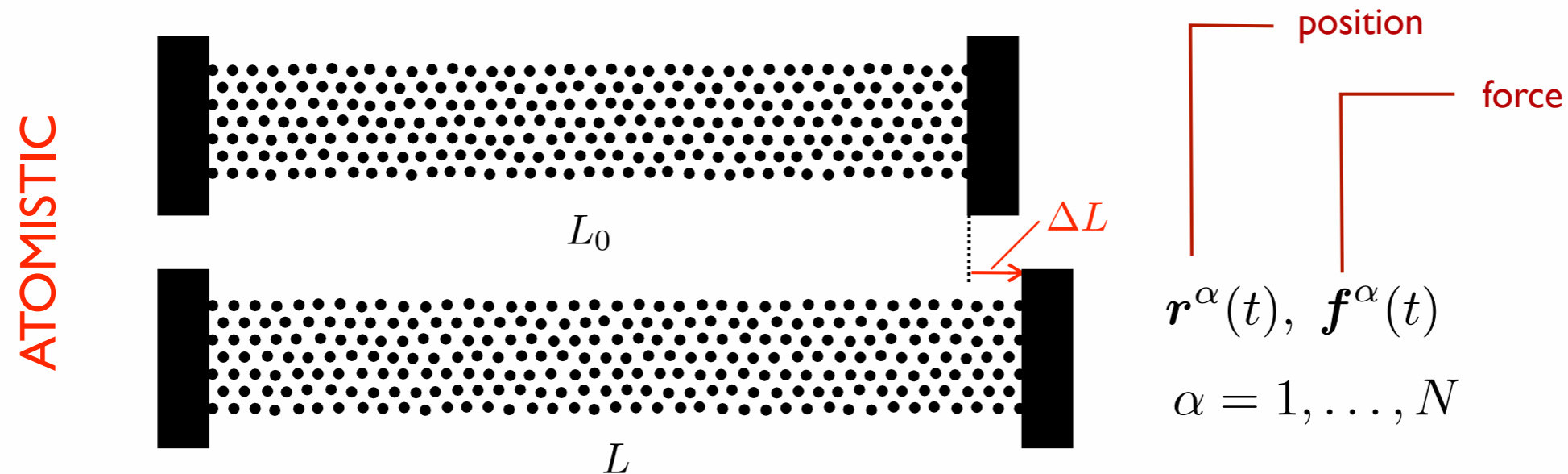
If we stretch the bar more, we could use a nonlinear elasticity theory, or a plasticity theory, or some other suitable phenomenological theory.

But what if the unexpected occurs?

- fracture (due to defect distribution)
- phase transformations
- deformation twinning
- chemical reactions (e.g. oxidation)
- fatigue (thermal, mechanical, ...)
- strain rate effects
- boundary effects
- etc. etc. etc.

The Promise of Atomistic and Multiscale Simulations

- ▶ Atomistic and multiscale methods promise predictive modeling based on a more fundamental model of the material:



The interactions between the atoms are described using an interatomic model (IM):

$$\mathcal{V} = \mathcal{V}(\mathbf{r}^1, \dots, \mathbf{r}^N); \quad \mathbf{f}^\alpha = -\nabla_{\mathbf{r}^\alpha} \mathcal{V}$$

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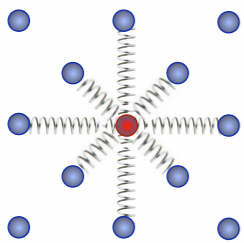
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Can the IM capture the new effect?

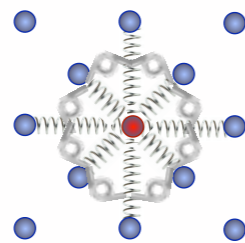
Menagerie of Interatomic Models

- ▶ Many different kinds of IMs have been developed over the years:

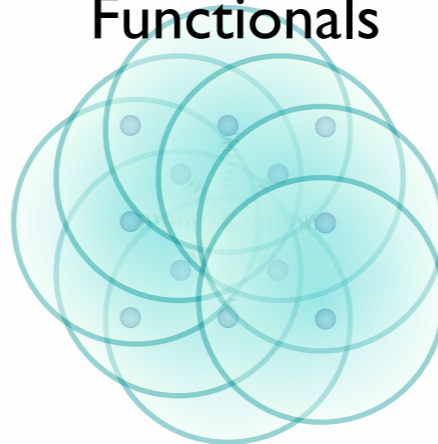
Pair Potentials



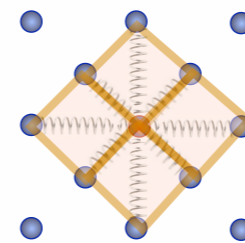
Cluster Potentials



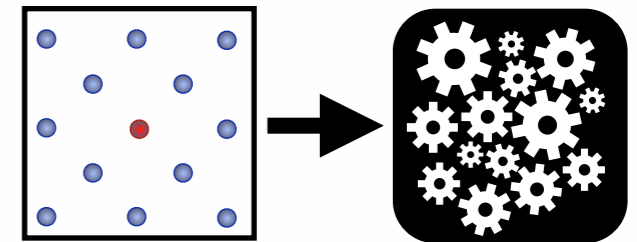
Pair/Cluster Functionals



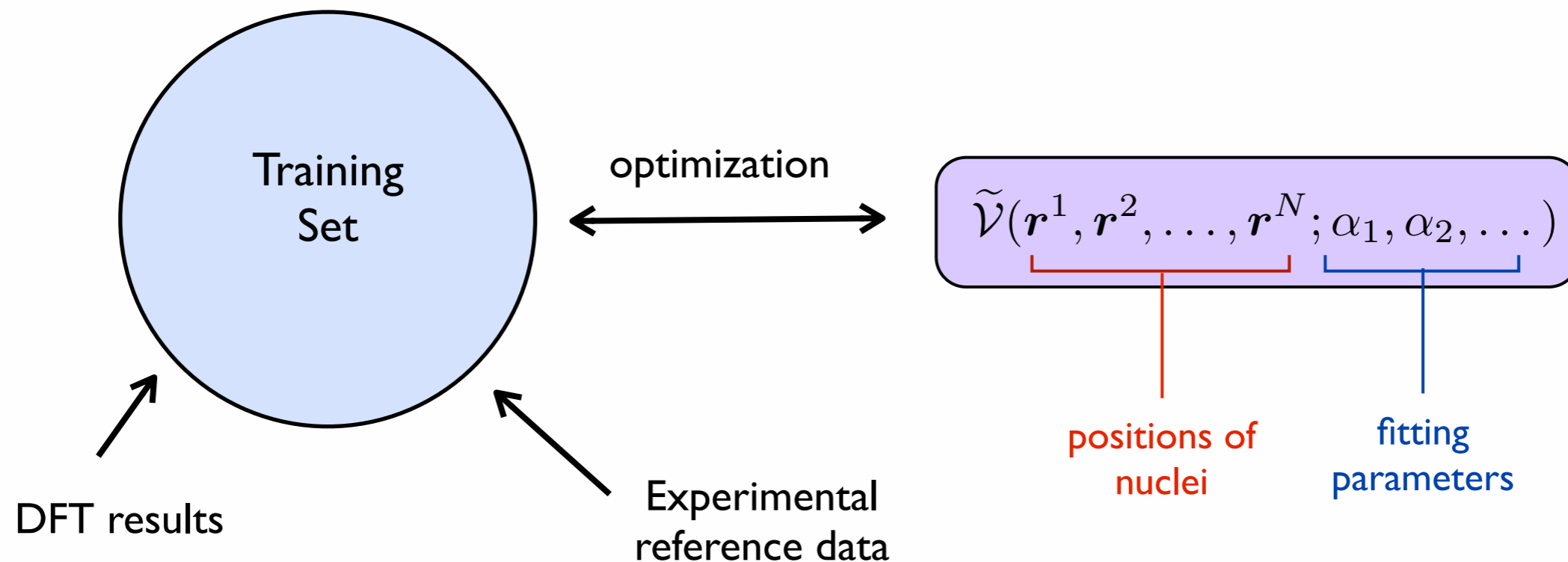
Bond-order Potentials



Machine learning Potentials



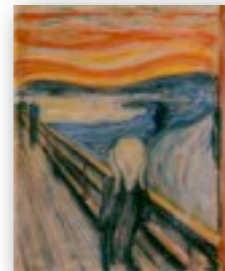
- ▶ They have a functional form (physics-based or machine learning) and are fit to a training set:



Which one should you use?

Silicon IMs since the 1980s:

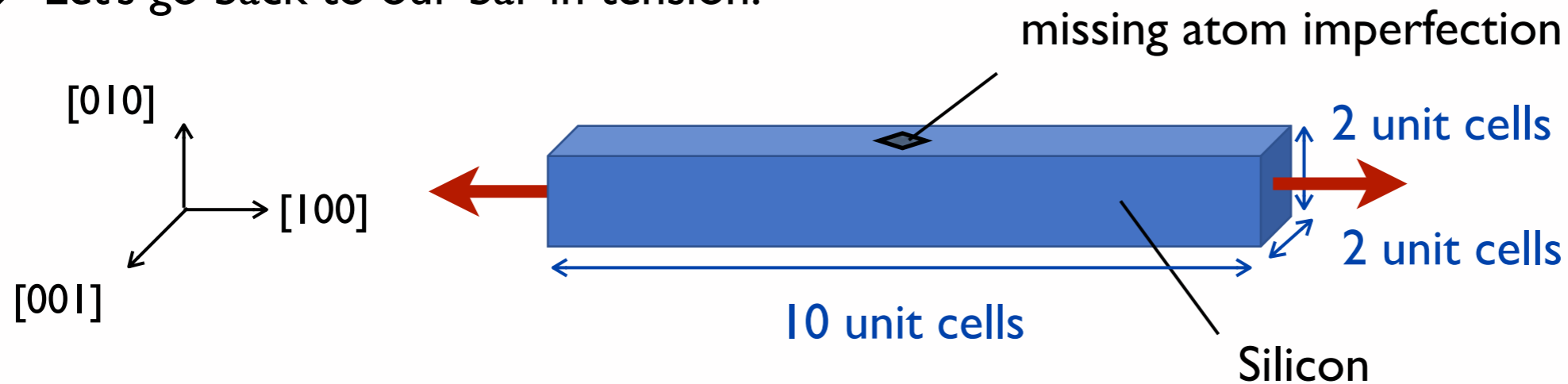
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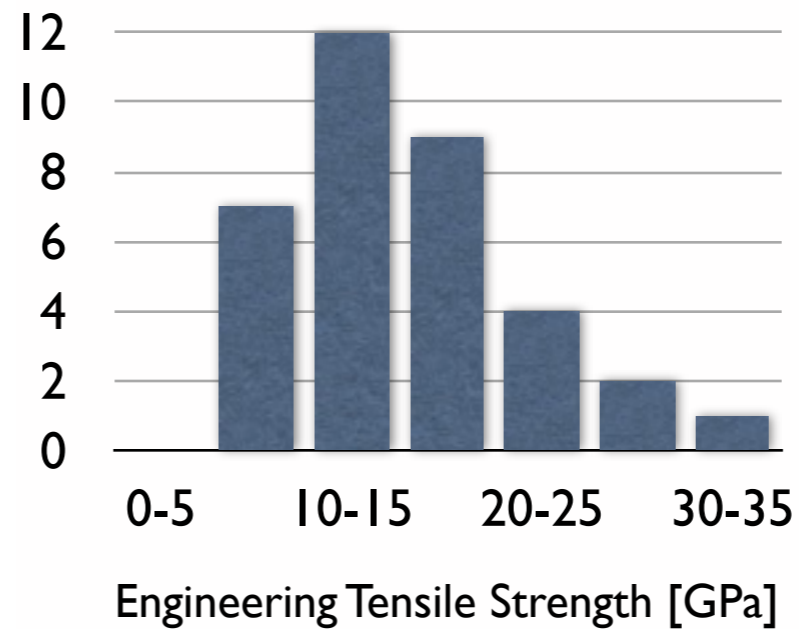
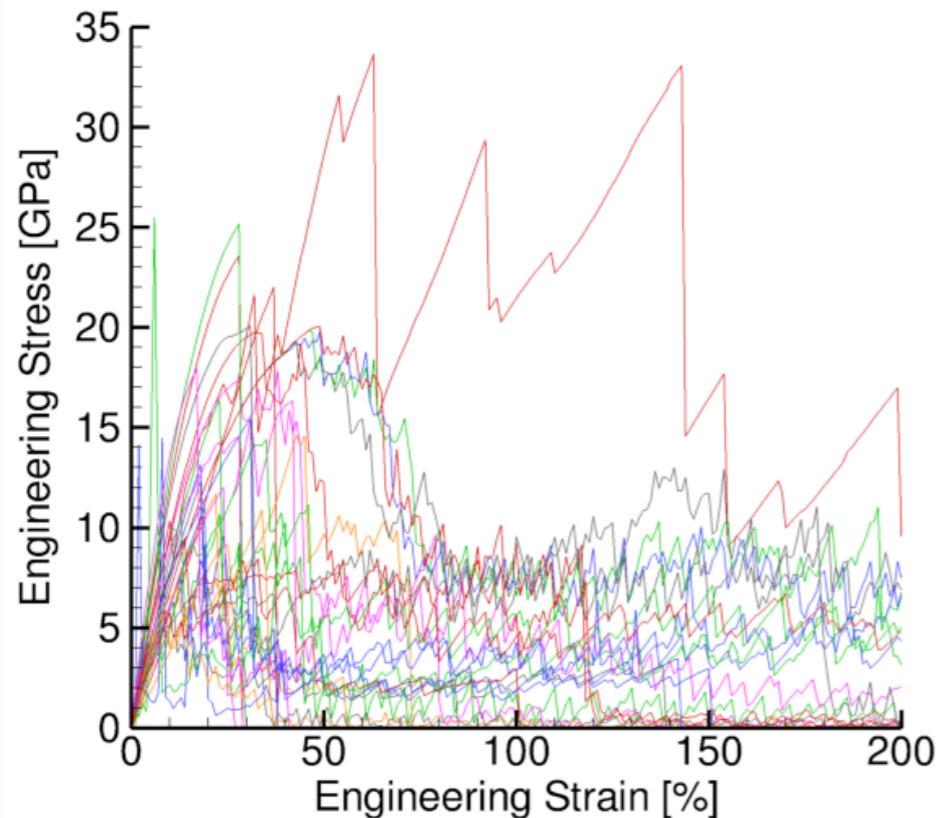
The Scream, Edvard Munch

The IM makes a difference...

- ▶ Let's go back to our bar in tension.



- ▶ Stress-strain prediction of 40 silicon models:



DFT reference: $\sigma_{id}^{100,bulk} = 27.8 \text{ GPa}$ (Dubois *et al*, 2006)

The IM makes a difference...

Model	σ_{UTS}	Profile at 200% strain		Model	σ_{UTS}	Profile at 200% strain	
GAP	6.2			m-Tersoff-K	14.4		
BH	6.3			MEAM-JGH	14.5		
ADP	7.0			WR	14.6		
MEAM-DLH	8.4			m-Tersoff-P	15.4		
EDIP	9.4			PPM	16.3		
Gong	9.5			Tersoff-EA-II	17.8		
KP	10.7			MFF	17.9		
Tersoff-T2	10.9			Tersoff-T3	19.2		
SW-ZXH-I	11.0			Tersoff-ZBL	20.0		
SW-LH-GGA	12.0			SRS	22.0		
SW	12.3			SW-BHS	25.2		
EDIP-JMS	13.0			GWZBL	25.5		
SW-BHT	13.1			KDS	33.7		

OpenKIM

 The **Open Knowledgebase of Interatomic Models (OpenKIM)** addresses IM challenges:








IM version tracking and citation

- **Curated repository of interatomic models (IMs)** (potentials and force fields) with comprehensive provenance and version control.
- **Digital Object Identifiers (DOIs)** issued to all archived IMs by OpenKIM via DataCite.



Reliable IMs that integrate with researcher codes and workflows.

- IMs archived in <https://openkim.org> conform to an **Application Programming Interface (API)** that allows them to work in plug-and-play fashion with major simulators.

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- **Source and binary distribution framework** for easy installation and use of the KIM API and KIM IMs with conforming simulators.



Testing IM predictions and bug detection to help with IM selection.

- **Standardized testing framework** for archived IMs including their predictions for material properties and checks on their coding integrity.
- **Web-based query system** to obtain IM predictions for any computed properties.

KIM Testing Framework

- ▶ All KIM IMs are subjected to Verification Checks (VCs) for coding integrity

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

- Continuity, smooth cutoff;
- Inversion symmetry;
- Coding issues: memory leaks, optimization dependence, ...
- ...

- ▶ All KIM IMs are run against all compatible KIM Tests to compute material properties:

Bulk

- cohesive energy
- elastic constants
- lattice constants
- phonon spectrum
- thermal conductivity
- thermal expansion
- ..

Wall

- antiphase boundary
- gamma surface
- grain boundary structure
- stacking fault energy
- surface energy
- surface structure
- ...

Line

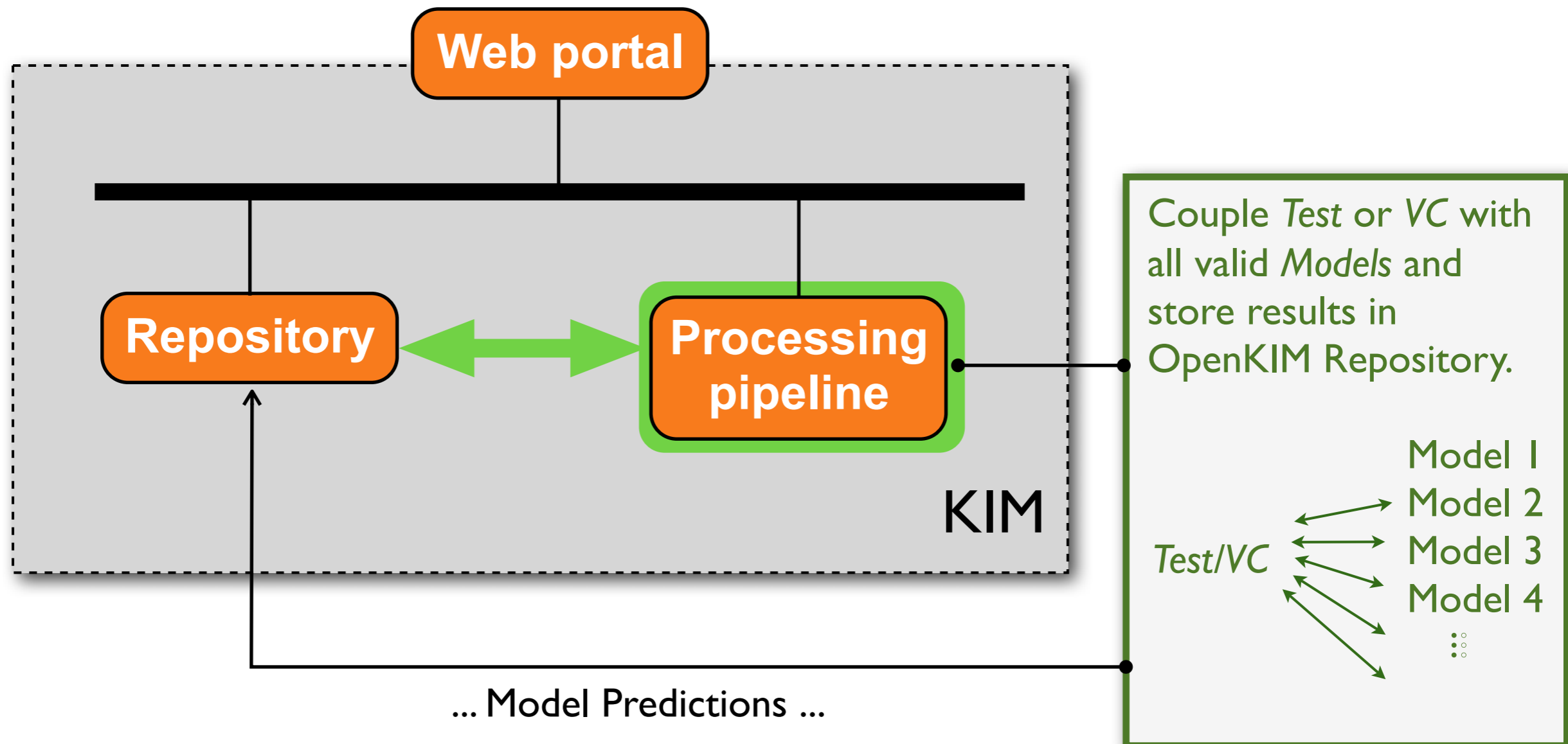
- dislocation core structure
- dislocation core energy
- Peierls barrier
- ...

Point

- vacancy formation energy
- vacancy migration barrier

Interacting with KIM

Uploading new KIM Test/VC to the OpenKIM Repository



Models on openkim.org

The screenshot shows the OpenKIM website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the OpenKIM logo and links for Getting Started, About, Download/Upload, Browse, Support, and a user profile for 'tadmor'. Below the navigation bar, a large heading reads 'Welcome to the Knowledgebase of Interatomic Models!'. A paragraph of text describes OpenKIM as an online framework for making molecular simulations reliable, reproducible, and portable. To the right of this text is a quote: 'All models are wrong but some are useful.' by George E. P. Box. Below the text, there are navigation tabs for 'Models' and 'Tests', and a blue button labeled 'Contribute a Model or Data'. The main section is titled 'Models' and includes a sub-heading: 'Click on an element to find interatomic models for that species. You can narrow the selection to models that support multiple species after you click.' Below this is a periodic table where the element 'Cu' (Copper) is highlighted with a black circle. The periodic table is color-coded: blue for alkali and alkaline earth metals, red for transition metals, orange for main group elements, and green for lanthanides and actinides.

OpenKIM

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Welcome to the Knowledgebase of Interatomic Models!

OpenKIM is an online framework for making molecular simulations reliable, reproducible, and portable. Computer implementations of interatomic models are archived in OpenKIM, verified for coding integrity, and tested by computing their predictions for a variety of material properties. Models conforming to the KIM *application programming interface* (API) work seamlessly with major simulation codes that have adopted the KIM API standard.

"All models are wrong but some are useful."
— George E. P. Box

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Models

Click on an element to find interatomic models for that species. You can narrow the selection to models that support multiple species after you click.

H	Sp																	He
Li	Be										B	C	N	O	F	Ne		
Na	Mg										Al	Si	P	S	Cl	Ar		
K	Ca	Sc	Ti	V	Cr	Mn	Fe	Co	Ni	Cu	Zn	Ga	Ge	As	Se	Br	Kr	
Rb	Sr	Y	Zr	Nb	Mo	Tc	Ru	Rh	Pd	Ag	Cd	In	Sn	Sb	Te	I	Xe	
Cs	Ba		Hf	Ta	W	Re	Os	Ir	Pt	Au	Hg	Tl	Pb	Bi	Po	At	Rn	
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Cu

Extended KIM ID	Title
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EAM_Dynamo_AdamsFolles_1989Universal6_Cu_MO_145873824897_000	EAM potential (LAMMPS cubic hermite tabulation) for Cu (Universal6) developed by Adams and Folles (1989) v000
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EAM_NN_Johnson_1988_Cu_MO_887933271505_002	EAM Potential (analytical nearest-neighbor) for Cu developed by Johnson (1988) v002
EMT_Asap_MetalGlass_BaileyschiotzJacobsen_2004_CuMg_MO_228059236215_001	EMT potential for Cu-Mg metallic glasses developed by Bailey, Schiotz, and Jacobsen (2004) v000
EMT_Asap_MetalGlass_CuMgZr_MO_655725647552_002	Effective Medium Theory potential for CuMg and CuZr alloys, in particular metallic glasses.
EMT_Asap_MetalGlass_PaduraruKenoufiBailey_2007_CuZr_MO_987541074959_001	EMT potential for Cu-Zr metallic glasses developed by Paduraru et al. (2007) v000
EMT_Asap_Standard_JacobsenStoltzeNorskov_1996_AlAgAuCuNiPdPt_MO_115316750986_001	EMT potential for Al, Ni, Cu, Pd, Ag, Pt and Au developed by Jacobsen, Stoltze, and Norskov (1996) v000
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LJ_ElliottAkerson_2015_Universal_MO_959249795837_003	Efficient 'universal' shifted Lennard-Jones model for all KIM API supported species developed by Elliott and Akerson (2015) v003
MEAM_2NN_Fe_to_Ga_MO_145522277939_001	Model parameterization of 2NN MEAM model
Morse_Shifted_GirifalcoWeizer_1959HighCutoff_Cu_MO_151002396060_002	Morse potential (shifted) for Cu by Girifalco and Weizer (1959) using a high-accuracy cutoff distance v002
Morse_Shifted_GirifalcoWeizer_1959LowCutoff_Cu_MO_673777079812_002	Morse potential (shifted) for Cu by Girifalco and Weizer (1959) using a low-accuracy cutoff distance v002
Morse_Shifted_GirifalcoWeizer_1959MedCutoff_Cu_MO_173787283511_002	Morse potential (shifted) for Cu by Girifalco and Weizer (1959) using a medium-accuracy cutoff distance v002
Pair_Morse_Modified_MacDonaldMacDonald_Cu_MO_034823476734_000	Modified Morse pair potential for copper due to MacDonald and MacDonald

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EAM_NN_Johnson_1988_Cu_MO_887933271505_002

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Grade	Name	Category	Brief Description	Full Results	Aux File(s)
P ⓘ	vc-species-supported-as-stated	mandatory	The model supports all species it claims to support; see full description .	Results	Files
P ⓘ	vc-periodicity-support	mandatory	Periodic boundary conditions are handled correctly; see full description .	Results	Files
P ⓘ	vc-permutation-symmetry	mandatory	Total energy and forces are unchanged when swapping atoms of the same species; see full description .	Results	Files
A ⓘ	vc-forces-numerical-derivative	consistency	Forces computed by the model agree with numerical derivatives of the energy; see full description .	Results	Files
F ⓘ	vc-dimer-continuity-c1	informational	The energy versus separation relation of a pair of atoms is C1 continuous (i.e. the function and its first derivative are continuous); see full description .	Results	Files
P ⓘ	vc-objectivity	informational	Total energy is unchanged and forces transform correctly under rigid-body translation and rotation; see full description .	Results	Files
P ⓘ	vc-inversion-symmetry	informational	Total energy is unchanged and forces change sign when inverting a configuration through the origin; see full description .	Results	Files
P ⓘ	vc-memory-leak	informational	The model code does not have memory leaks (i.e. it releases all allocated memory at the end); see full description .	Results	Files
P ⓘ	vc-thread-safe	mandatory	The model returns the same energy and forces when computed in serial and when using parallel threads for a set of configurations. Note that this is not a guarantee of thread safety; see full description .	Results	Files

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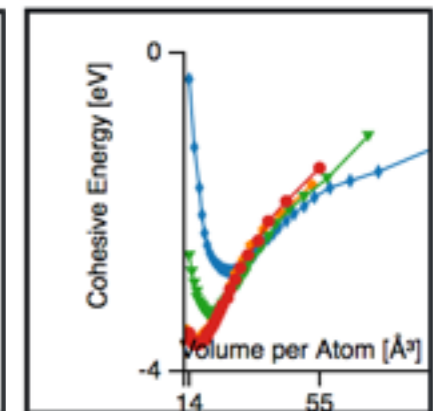
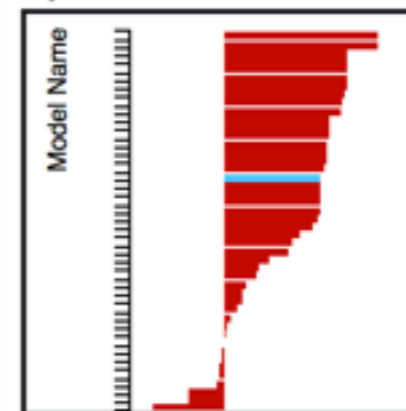
Tests

ElasticConstantsCubic__TD_011862047401_004

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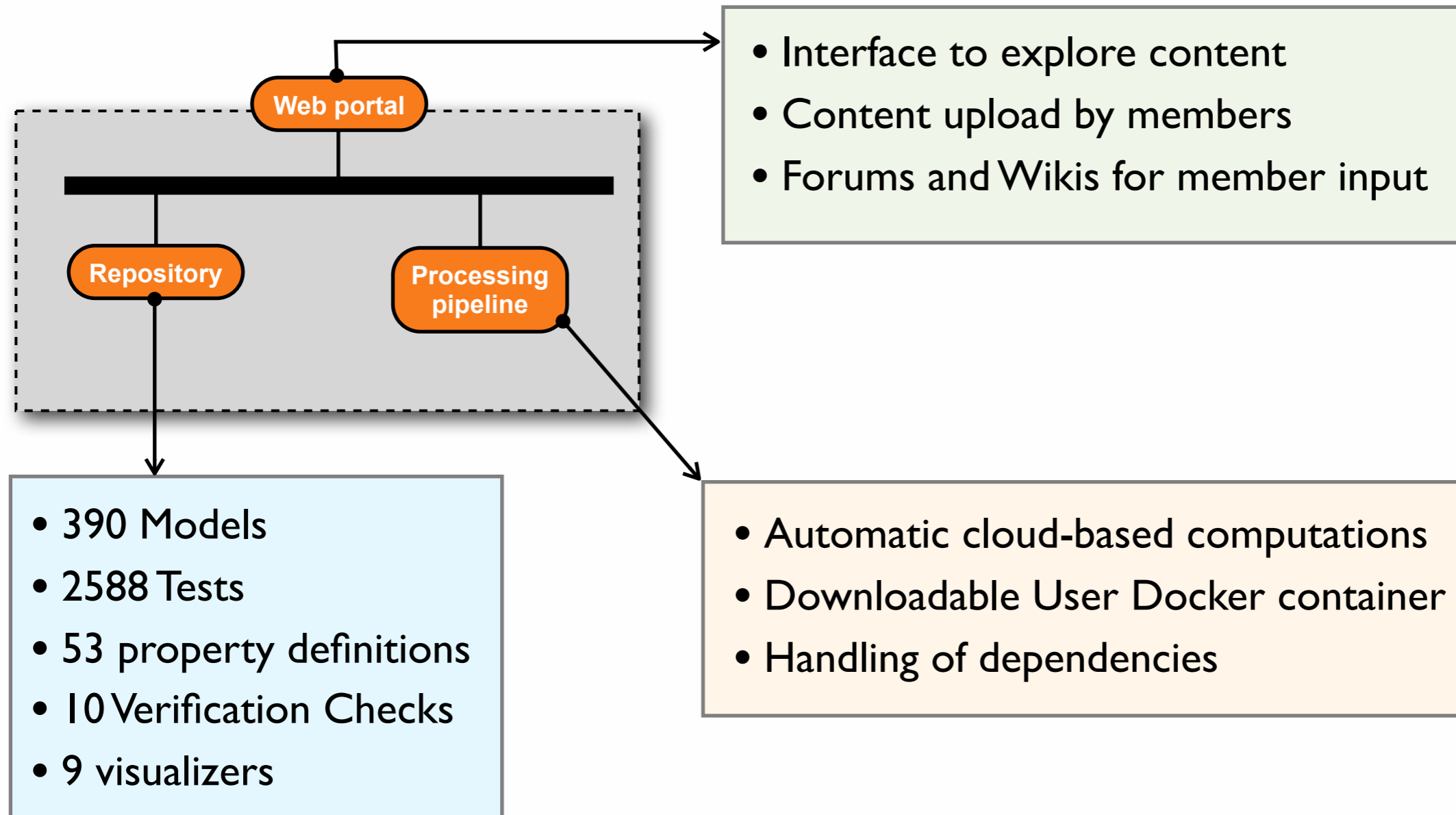
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diamond ↗ Expand	EAM_NN_Johnson_1988_Cu__MO_887933271505_002	5.450421601530001	2.4241832490740016	N/A	N/A	N/A
fcc ↗ Expand	EAM_NN_Johnson_1988_Cu__MO_887933271505_002	3.61472985148	3.540000123312368	184.172808464	115.324864335	68.8519693905
sc ↗ Expand	EAM_NN_Johnson_1988_Cu__MO_887933271505_002	2.3724498152700004	3.263473577969841	270.847253148	24.4996165814	-17.5854303931



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Software supporting KIM API:





LAMMPS ALL-IN-KIM CAMPAIGN

GOAL: Gather into OpenKIM all interatomic potentials used in publications that cite the LAMMPS project

