



MSE6701H Multiscale Materials Modeling and Simulation

Lecture 07

Interatomic Potentials

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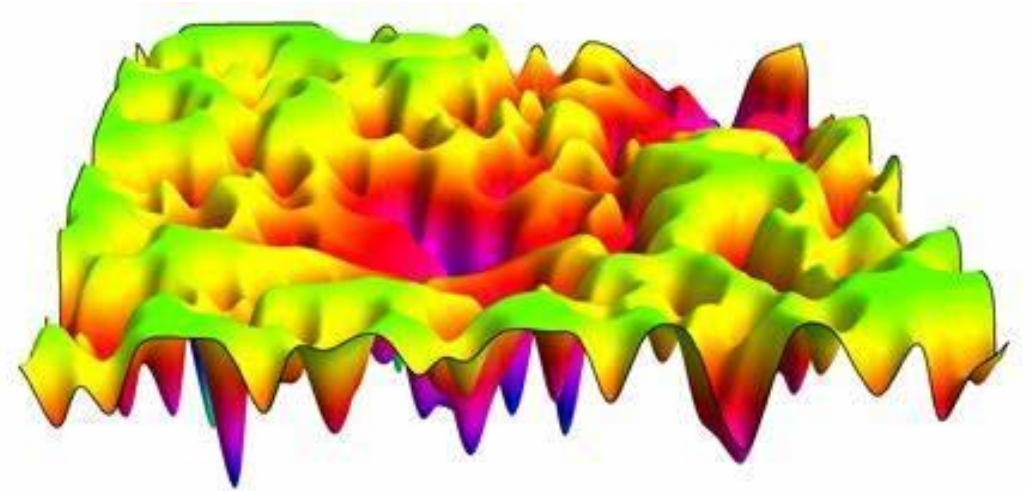
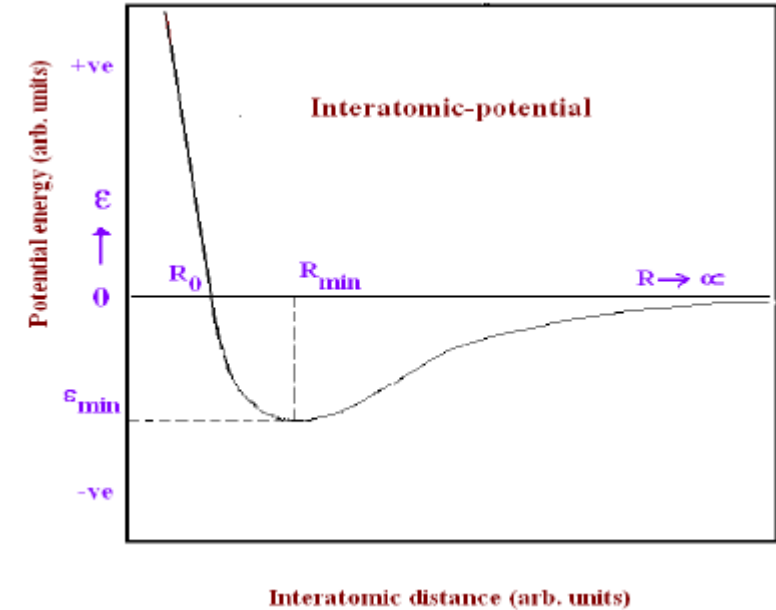
Molecular Dynamics Simulation

$$\mathbf{f} = m\mathbf{a} = m\ddot{\mathbf{r}}$$

$$U(\vec{r}_1, \vec{r}_2, \dots, \vec{r}_N)$$

$$\vec{f}_i = -\frac{\partial U}{\partial \vec{r}_i} = -\sum_{j \neq i} \frac{\partial U}{\partial r_{ij}} \frac{\partial r_{ij}}{\partial \vec{r}_i}$$

Potential is vital to MD.



Bonding in Materials

Material	Primary bonding	Minor bonding
Metals	Metallic	Covalent; physical
Ceramics	Ionic; covalent	physical
Polymer	Covalent; physical; hydrogen	
Rare gas	Physical	

Energy of a system

Total interaction energy of N interacting particles:

$$\begin{aligned}\Phi(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2, \dots, \mathbf{r}_N) &= \sum_{i=1}^N \phi_1(\mathbf{r}_i) + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j \neq i} \phi_2(\mathbf{r}_i, \mathbf{r}_j) \\ &+ \frac{1}{6} \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j \neq i} \sum_{k \neq i, j} \phi_3(\mathbf{r}_i, \mathbf{r}_j, \mathbf{r}_k) + \dots \\ &+ \frac{1}{N!} \sum_{i=1}^N \sum \dots \sum_{i_n} \phi_n(\mathbf{r}_i, \mathbf{r}_j, \dots, \mathbf{r}_n)\end{aligned}$$

Potential Energy:

$$U = \Phi - \Phi_1 = \Phi_2 + \Phi_3 + \Phi_4 + \dots + \Phi_n$$

Potential vs. Force field

Physics

Used to be a cultural divide

Chemistry

More fundamental approach

ambition is to derive
general functional forms
(at least it used to be)

Potentials represent

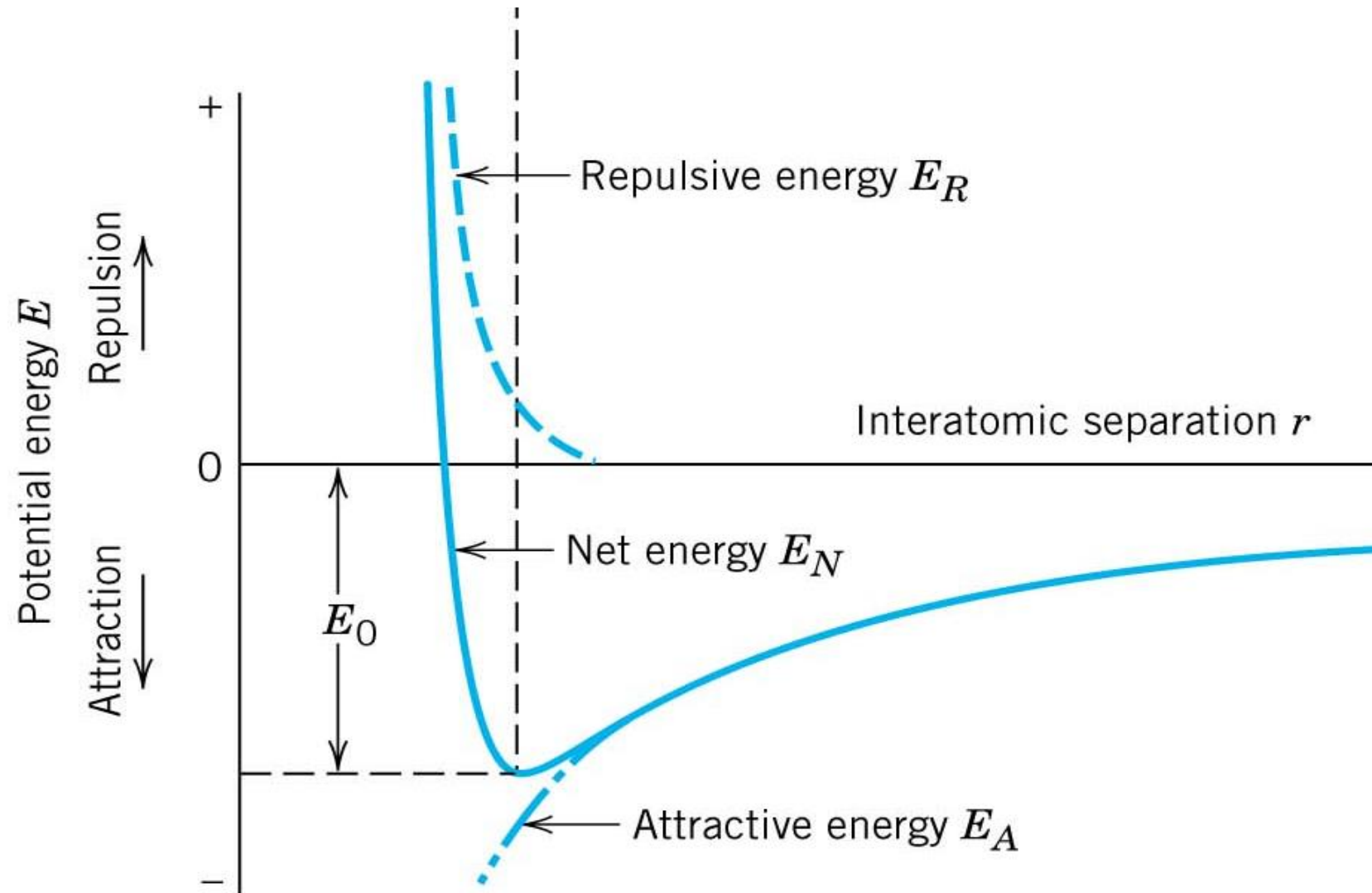
- Metallic bonding
- Covalent bonding
- Ionic bonding
- Dispersion (van-der-Waals interaction)
- ...

More pragmatic approach
make it work!

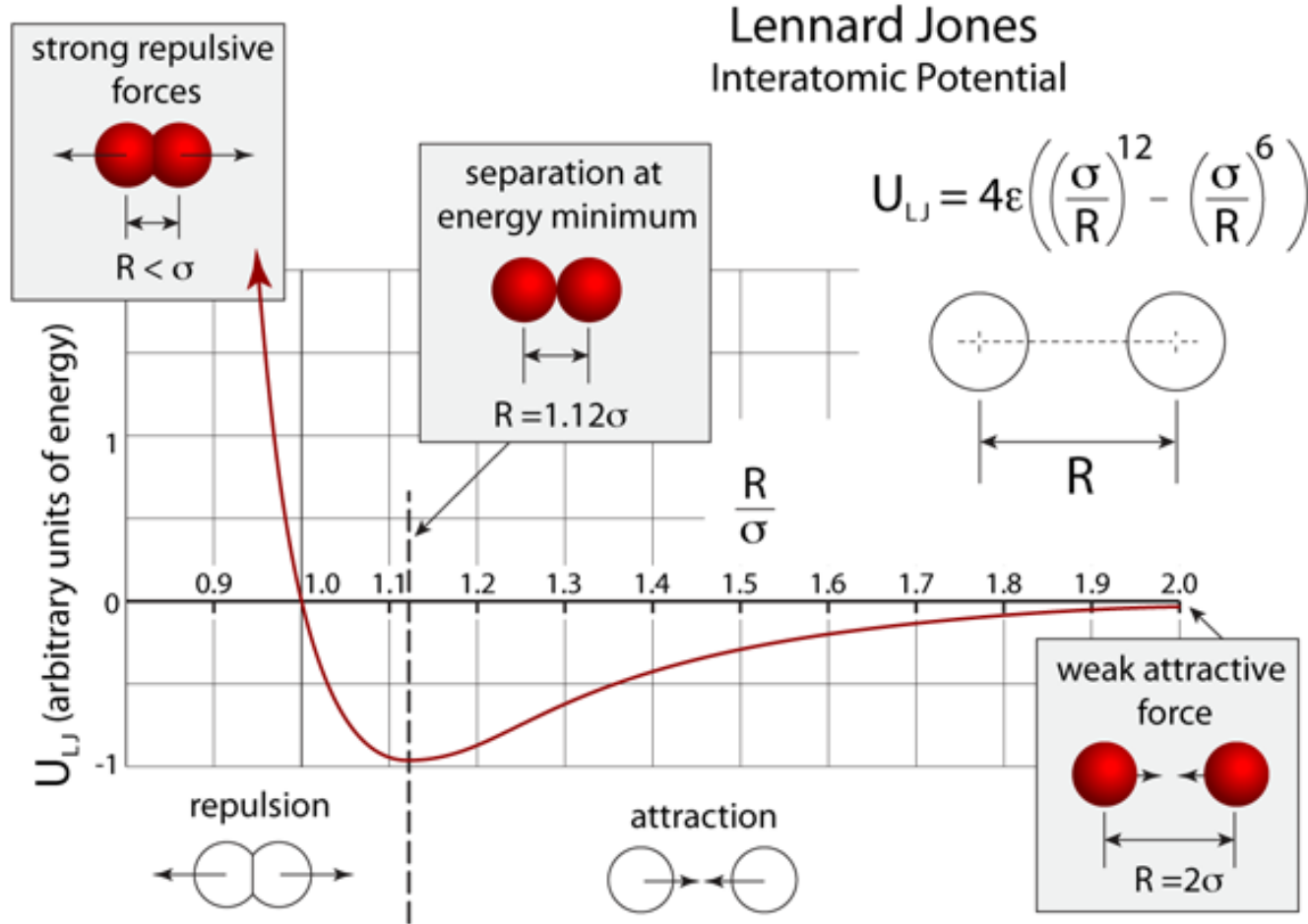
Force fields

- Non-reactive and reactive versions
- Non-bonded and bonded interactions

Pair potential



Lennard-Jones Potential



- Approximate
- Popular model pot.
- Good for rare gas
- Physical interaction

Table 5.1 Values of the Lennard-Jones parameters for the rare gases [32]

	Ne	Ar	Kr	Xe
ϵ (eV)	0.0031	0.0104	0.0140	0.0200
σ (Å)	2.74	3.40	3.65	3.98

Lennard-Jones Potential

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

- **Truncation**

$$E(r) = \begin{cases} U_{LJ}(r), & \text{if } r < r_c \\ 0, & \text{if } r \geq r_c \end{cases}$$

- **Shift**

$$E(r) = \begin{cases} U_{LJ}(r) - U_{LJ}(r_c), & \text{if } r < r_c \\ 0, & \text{if } r \geq r_c \end{cases}$$

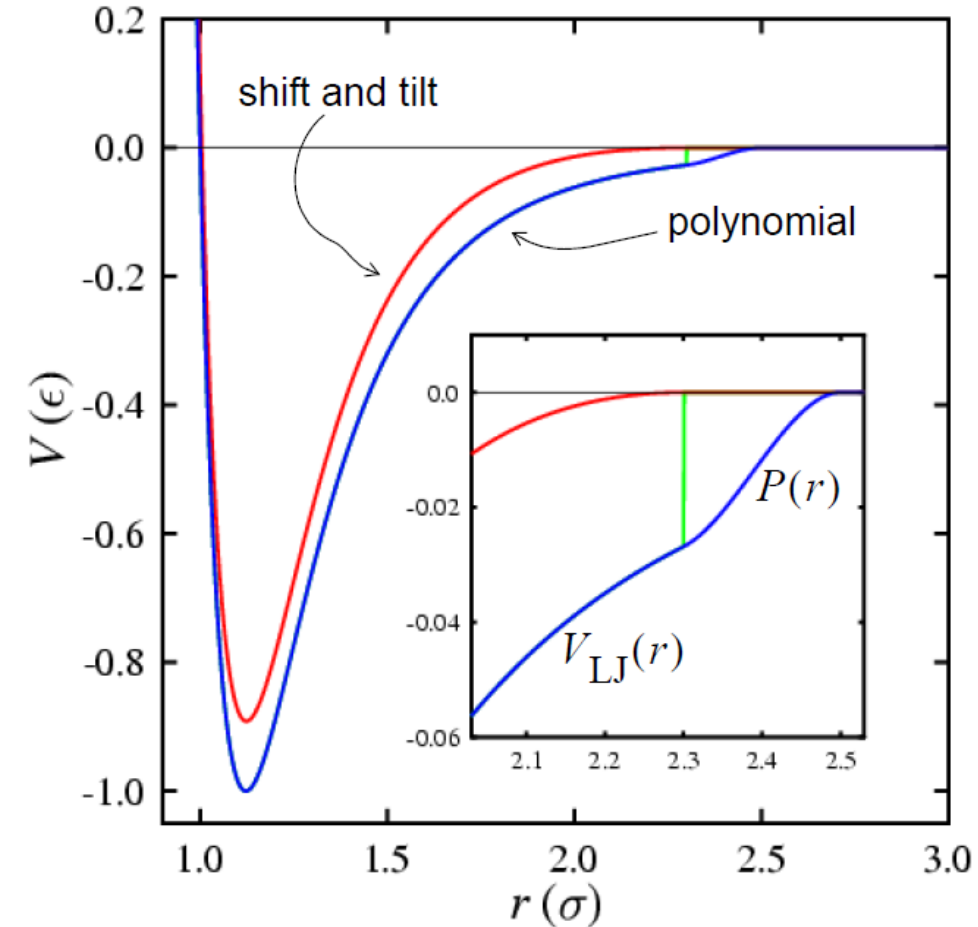
- **Shift and tilt**

$$E(r) = \begin{cases} U_{LJ}(r) - (r - r_c)U'_{LJ}(r_c) - U_{LJ}(r_c), & \text{if } r < r_c \\ 0, & \text{if } r \geq r_c \end{cases}$$

- **Tail (polynomial fit)**

$$E(r) = \begin{cases} U_{LJ}(r), & \text{if } r < r_c \\ P(r), & \text{if } r_c \leq r \leq r_c + \Delta r_c \end{cases}$$

$$P(r_c) = U_{LJ}(r_c), P'(r_c) = U'_{LJ}(r_c); P(r_c + \Delta r_c) = 0, P'(r_c + \Delta r_c) = 0.$$



Lennard-Jones Potential

Mixing rules

- Geometric

$$\begin{aligned}\epsilon_{ij} &= \sqrt{\epsilon_i \epsilon_j} \\ \sigma_{ij} &= \sqrt{\sigma_i \sigma_j}\end{aligned}$$

- Arithmetic

$$\begin{aligned}\epsilon_{ij} &= \sqrt{\epsilon_i \epsilon_j} \\ \sigma_{ij} &= \frac{1}{2}(\sigma_i + \sigma_j)\end{aligned}$$

- Sixth-power

$$\begin{aligned}\epsilon_{ij} &= \frac{2\sqrt{\epsilon_i \epsilon_j} \sigma_i^3 \sigma_j^3}{\sigma_i^6 + \sigma_j^6} \\ \sigma_{ij} &= \left(\frac{1}{2}(\sigma_i^6 + \sigma_j^6) \right)^{\frac{1}{6}}\end{aligned}$$

Other pair potentials

- **Mie**

$$E(r) = \left(\frac{n}{n-m} \right) \left(\frac{n}{m} \right)^{m/(n-m)} \varepsilon \left[\left(\frac{\sigma}{r} \right)^n - \left(\frac{\sigma}{r} \right)^m \right]$$

- **Buckingham**

$$E(r) = A \exp \left(-\frac{r}{\rho} \right) - \frac{C}{r^6}$$

- **Born-Mayer-Huggins**

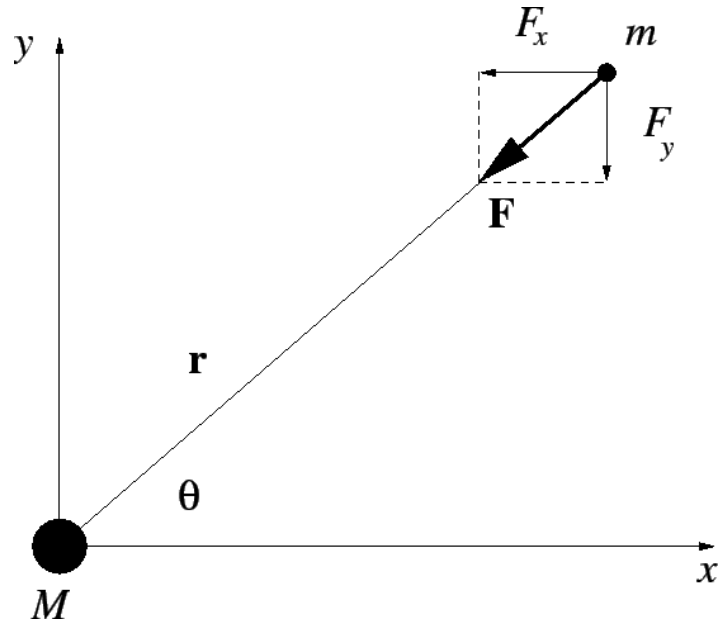
$$E(r) = A \exp \left(\frac{\sigma - r}{\rho} \right) - \frac{C}{r^6} + \frac{D}{r^8}$$

- **Morse**

$$E(r) = D_0 \left[e^{-2\alpha(r-r_0)} - 2e^{-\alpha(r-r_0)} \right]$$

Central force potential

- Interaction depends on distance only
- Always favors simple structure, e.g., FCC, BCC
- Cauchy relation: $C_{12} = C_{44}$



Material	c_{12}/c_{44}
“LJ”	1.00
Ar	1.12
Mo	1.54
Cu	1.94
Au	4.71
NaCl	0.99
Si	0.77
MgO	0.53
diamond	0.16

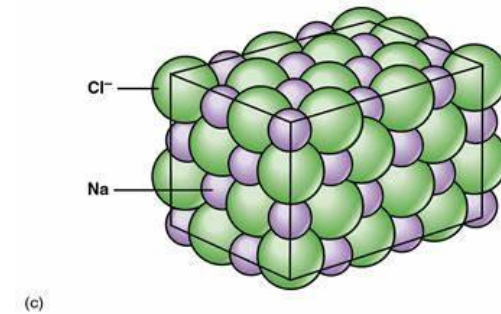
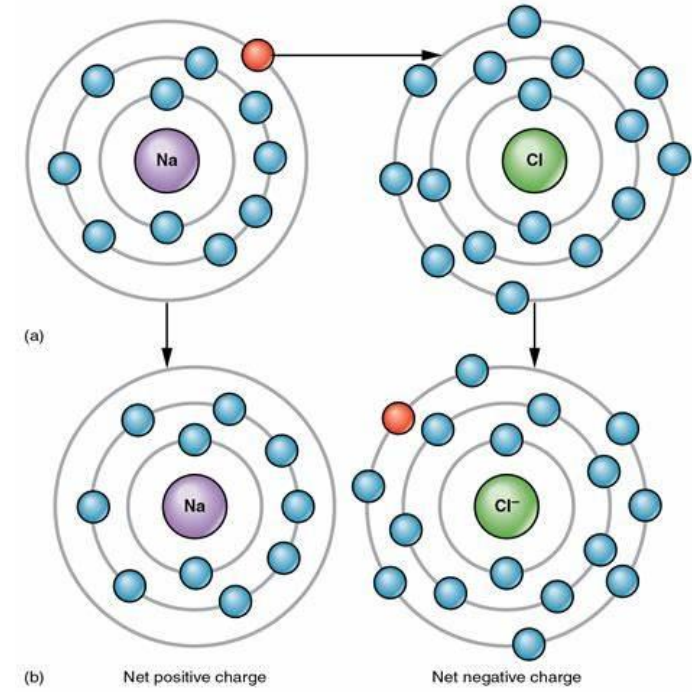
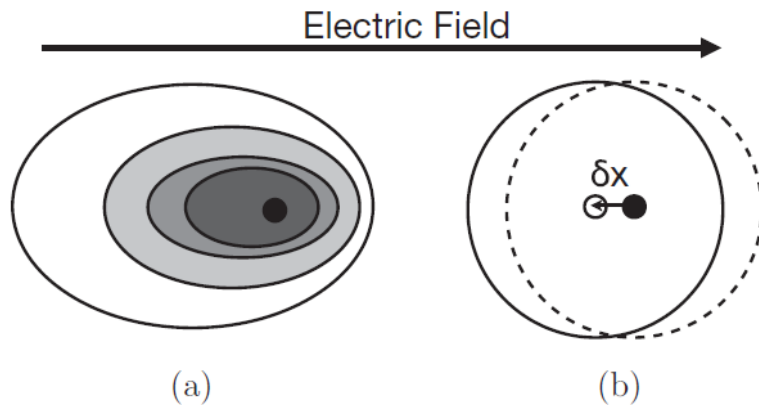
Potential for Ionic Materials

Pair + Coulombic

$$E = \sum_{i < j} \phi(r_{ij}) + k \sum_{i < j} \frac{q_i q_j}{r_{ij}}$$

$$E = \sum_{i < j} \phi(r_{ij}) + \sum_{i < j, j < k} \phi'(\theta_{jik}) + k \sum_{i < j} \frac{q_i q_j}{r_{ij}}$$

Problem: polarization



Solution: core-shell model

Potential for Metals

Embedded Atom Potential (EAM)

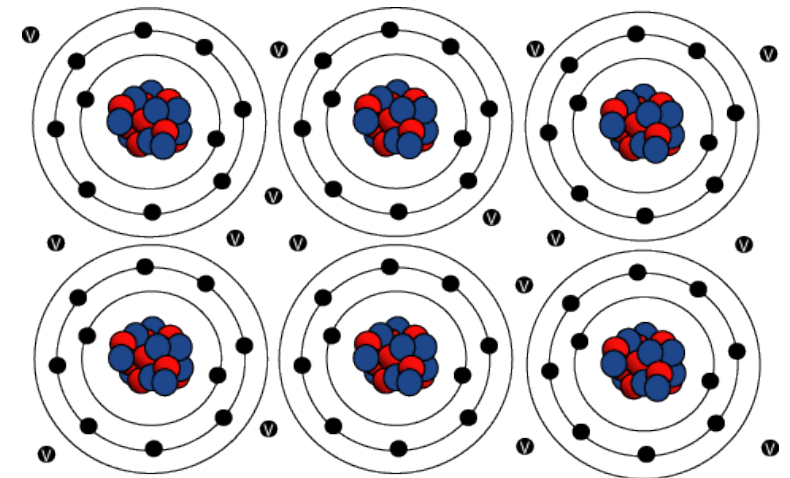
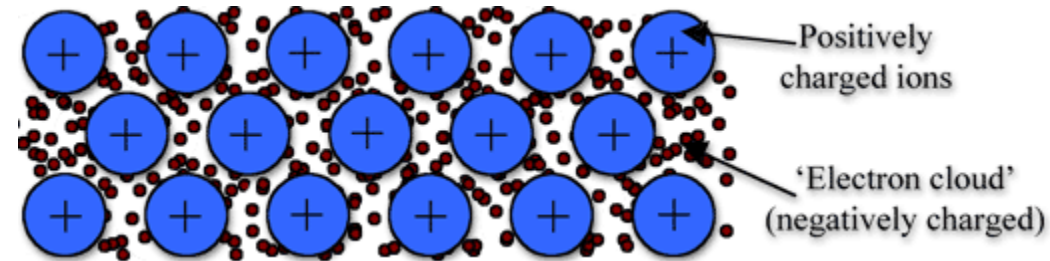
$$E_{\text{total}} = \sum_i F_i(\rho_i) + \frac{1}{2} \sum_i \sum_{j \neq i} \phi_{ij}(r_{ij})$$

$$\rho_i = \sum_{j \neq i} f_j(r_{ij}) \quad \text{Total electron density at } i.$$

$$f_j(r_{ij}) \quad \text{Electron density contributed by } j \text{ at } i.$$

$$F_i(\rho_i) \quad \text{Embedding energy for atom } i.$$

$$\phi_{ij}(r_{ij}) \quad \text{Pair interaction.}$$



Potential for Metals

Modified EAM (MEAM)

$$E_{\text{total}} = \sum_i F_i(\rho_i) + \frac{1}{2} \sum_i \sum_{j \neq i} \phi_{ij}(r_{ij})$$



$$\rho_i = \sum_{j \neq i} f_j(r_{ij}) + \sum_{j \neq i} \sum_{k > j, k \neq i} g(r_{ij}) g(r_{ik}) \psi(\cos \theta_{jik})$$

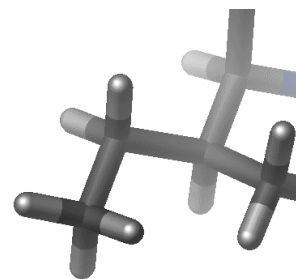
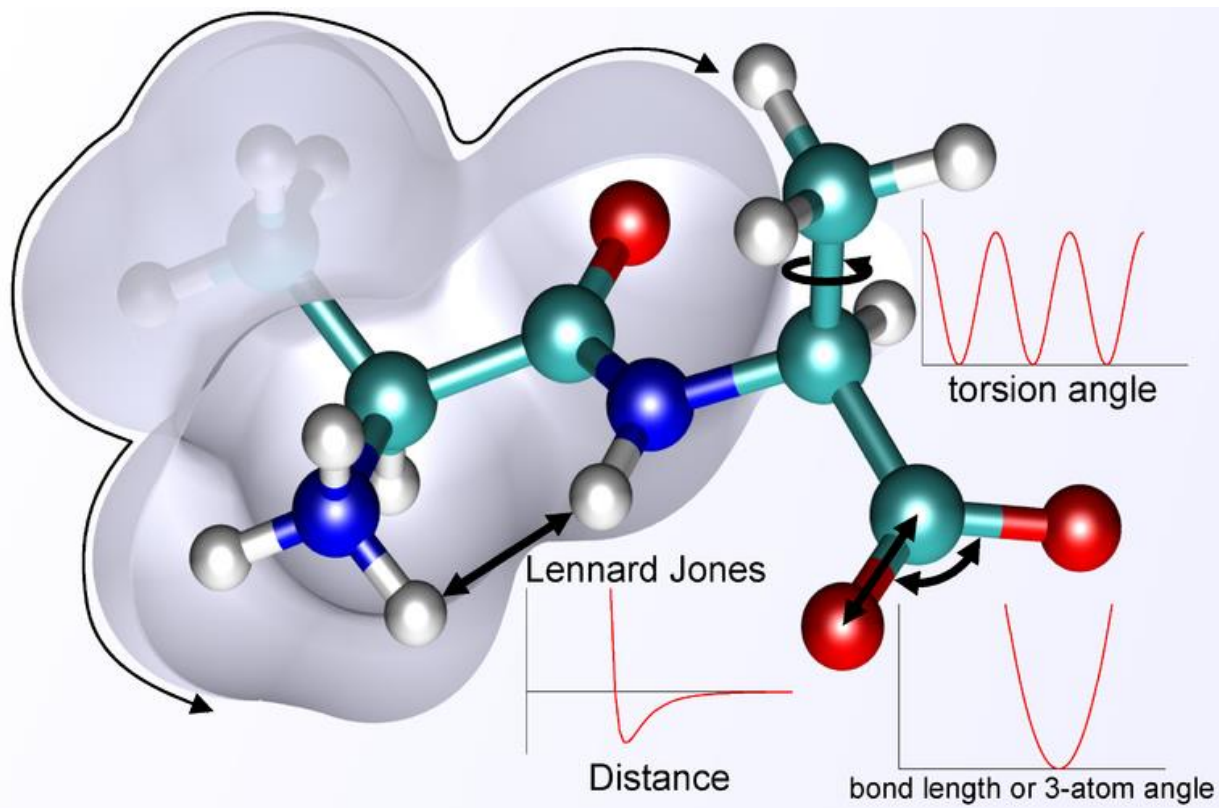
Using Rose function to construct the embedding function

$$E(a^*) = -E_{\text{coh}} f(a^*)$$

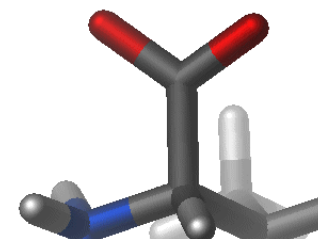
$$f(a^*) = (1 + a^*) e^{-a^*}$$

$$a^* = \left(\frac{a}{a_0} - 1 \right) \left(\frac{E_{\text{coh}}}{9B\Omega} \right)^{-1/2}$$

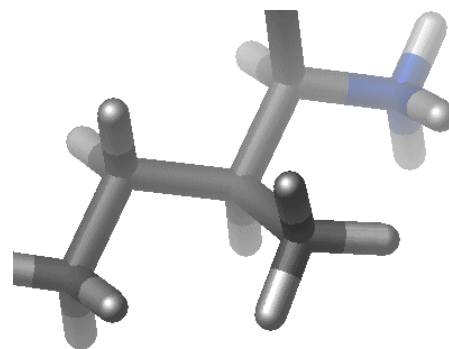
Potential for polymers (Force fields)



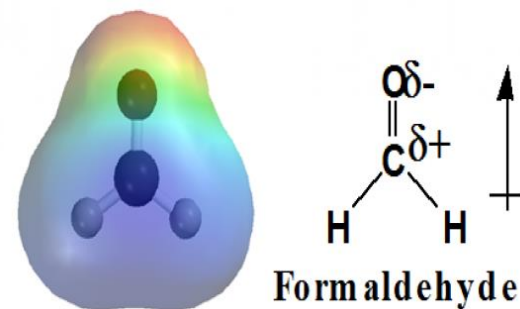
Bond length stretching



Bond angle bending



Dihedral torsion



Partial charges

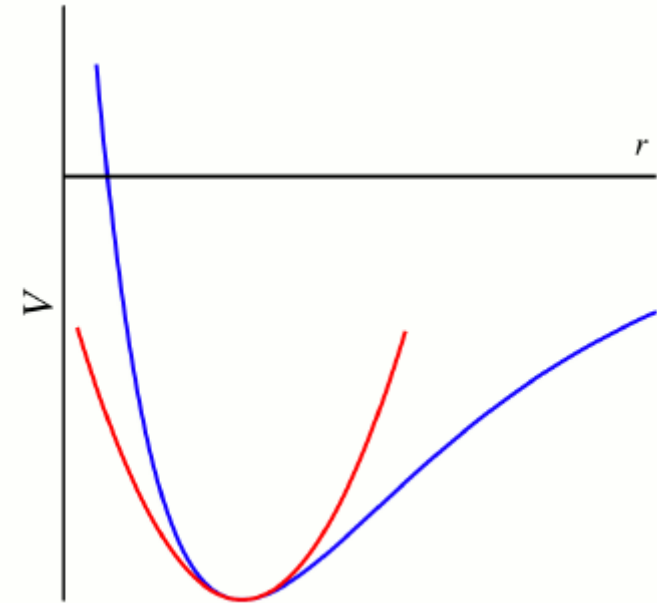
$$E_{\text{total}} = \sum_{\text{bonds}} \phi_b(r) + \sum_{\text{angles}} \phi_\theta(\theta) + \sum_{\text{dihedrals}} \phi_\psi(\psi) + \sum_{i < j} U_{LJ}(r_{ij}) + k \sum_{i < j} \frac{q_i q_j}{r_{ij}} + \dots$$

Potential for polymers

Bond stretch

$$E_{bond} = \sum_{bonds} \frac{1}{2} k_b (b - b_0)^2$$

$$E_{bond} = \sum_{bonds} K_2 (b - b_0)^2 + K_3 (b - b_0)^3 + K_4 (b - b_0)^4$$



Morse potential, enable breaking at infinite distance

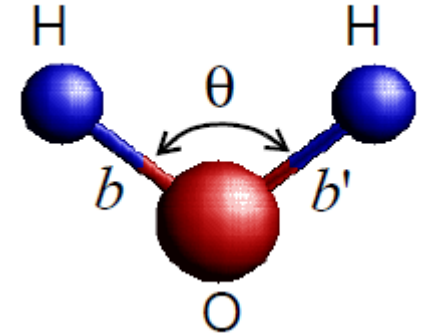
$$E_{bond} = \sum_{bonds} D_b \left\{ 1 - e^{-a(b - b_0)} \right\}^2 = \sum_{bonds} D_b \left\{ e^{-2a(b - b_0)} - 2e^{-a(b - b_0)} + 1 \right\}$$

Potential for polymers

Bond bending

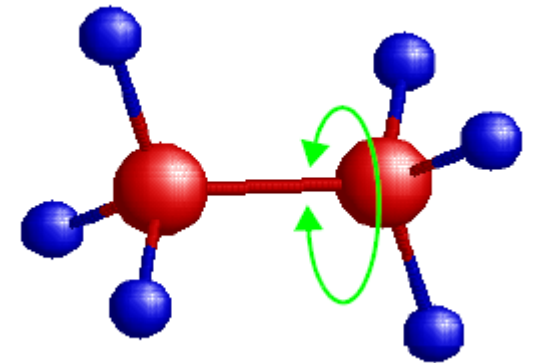
$$E_{\text{angle}} = \sum_{\text{angles}} \frac{1}{2} H_{\theta} (\theta - \theta_0)^2,$$

$$E_{\text{angle}} = \sum_{\text{angles}} H_2 (\theta - \theta_0)^2 + H_3 (\theta - \theta_0)^3$$



Bond torsion

$$E_{\text{torsion}} = V_1 (1 + \cos(\phi)) + V_2 (1 + \cos(2\phi)) + V_3 (1 + \cos(3\phi))$$

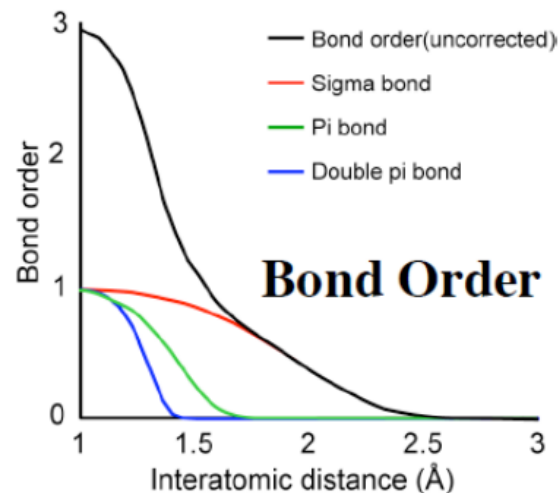


Reactive Force Fields

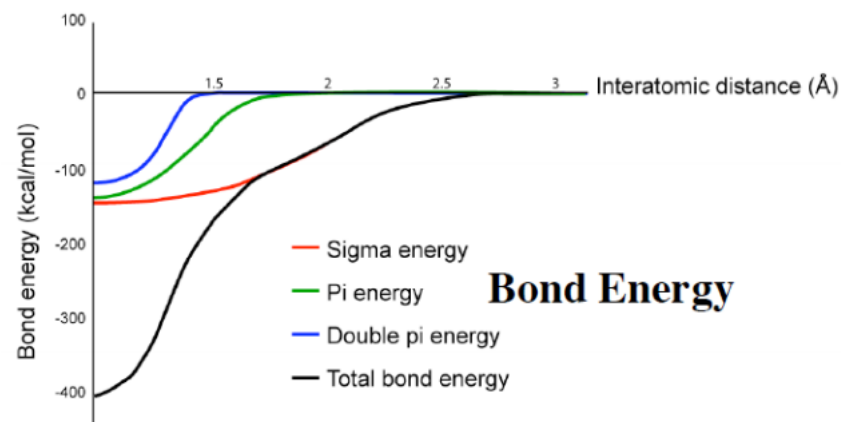
A bond-order/distance relationship

$$BO'_{ij} = \exp \left[p_{bo,1} \cdot \left(\frac{r_{ij}}{r_o^\sigma} \right)^{p_{bo,2}} \right] + \exp \left[p_{bo,3} \cdot \left(\frac{r_{ij}}{r_o^\pi} \right)^{p_{bo,4}} \right] + \exp \left[p_{bo,5} \cdot \left(\frac{r_{ij}}{r_o^{\pi\pi}} \right)^{p_{bo,6}} \right]$$

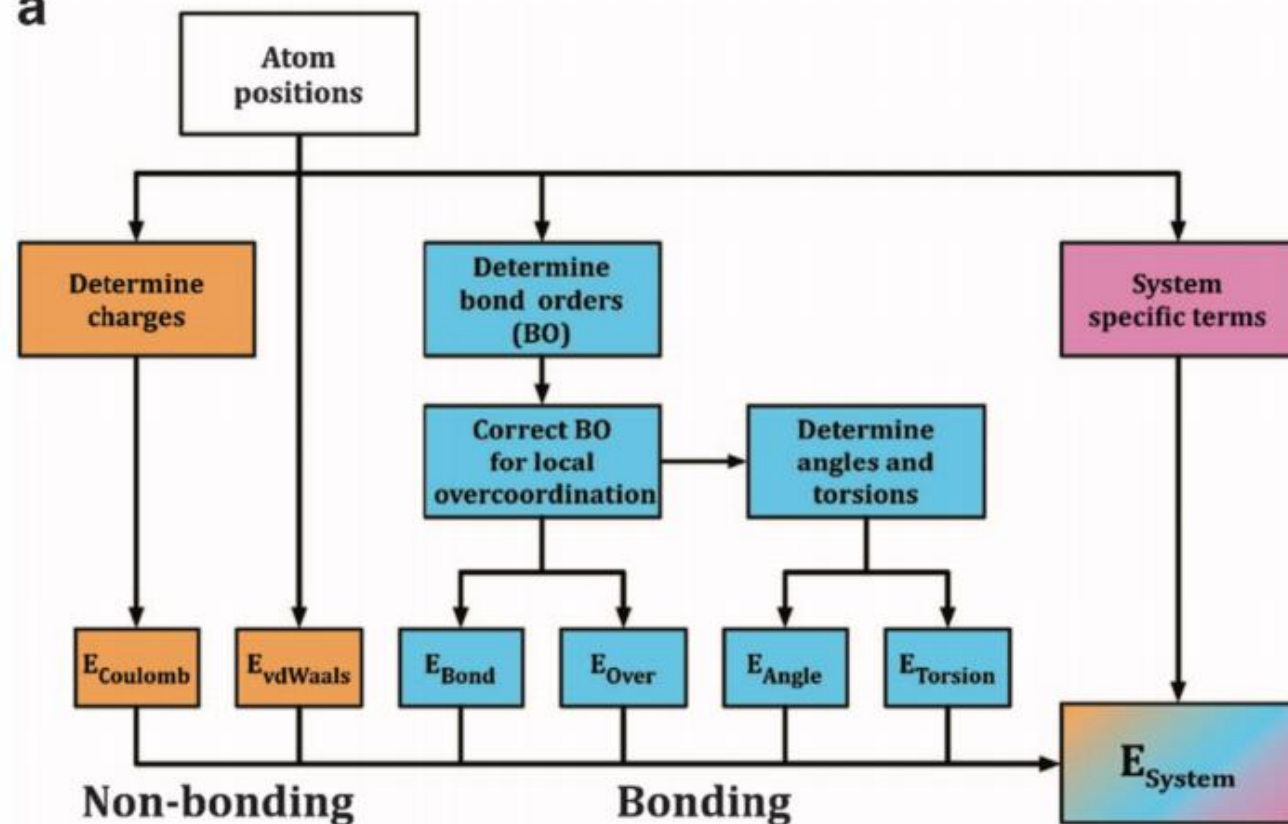
C-C bond order



$$E_{bond} = -D_e^\sigma \cdot BO_{ij}^\sigma \cdot f(BO_{ij}^\sigma) - D_e^\pi \cdot BO_{ij}^\pi - D_e^{\pi\pi} \cdot BO_{ij}^{\pi\pi}$$



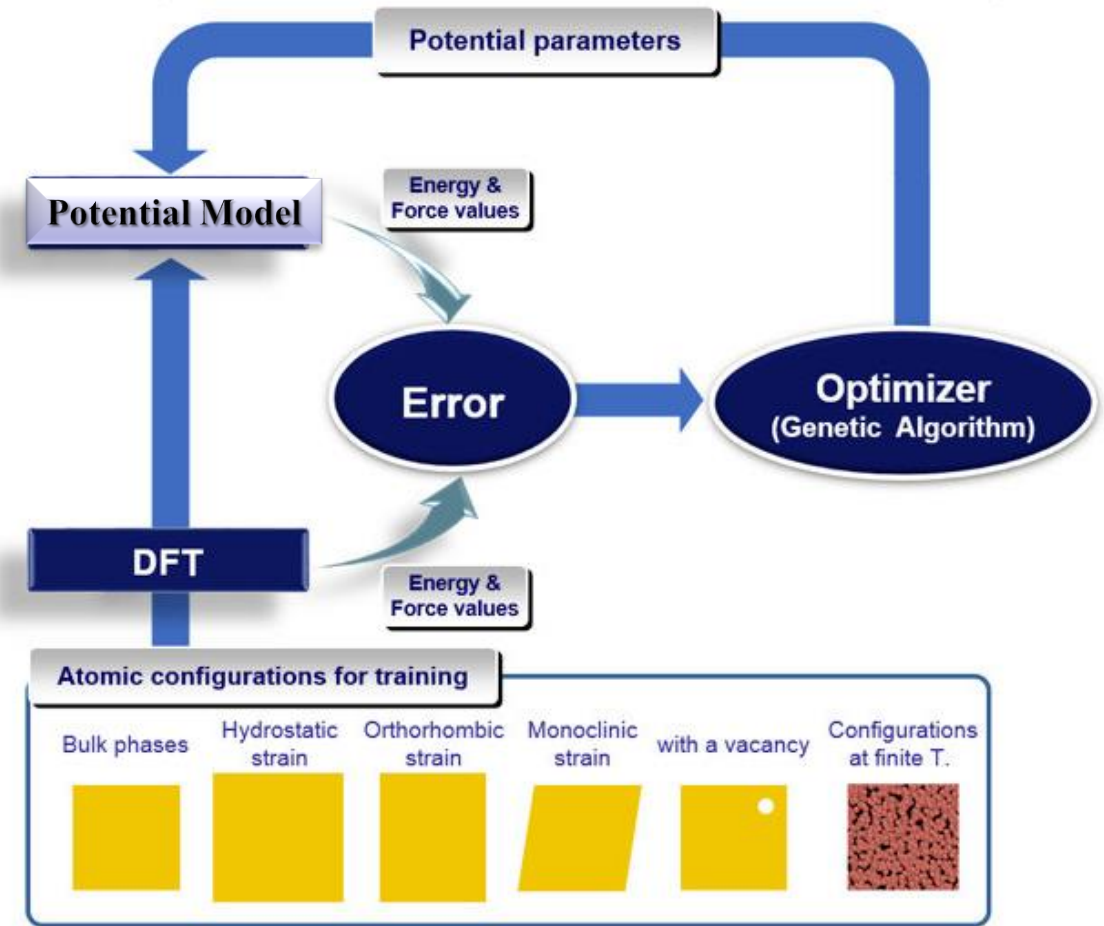
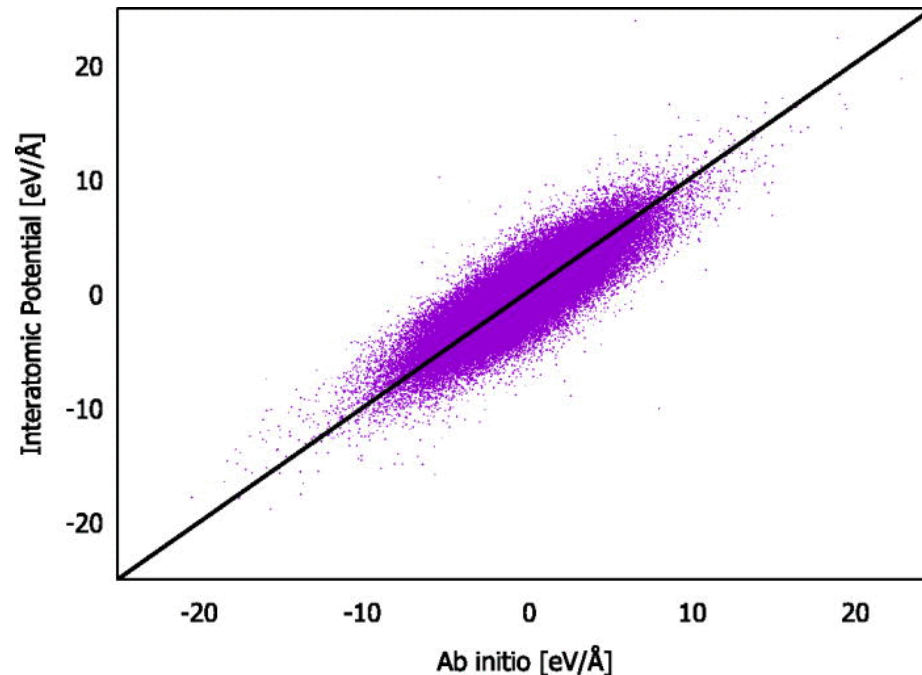
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*Senftle, Thomas, et al. *npj Computational Materials* 2 (2016).

Potential Fitting

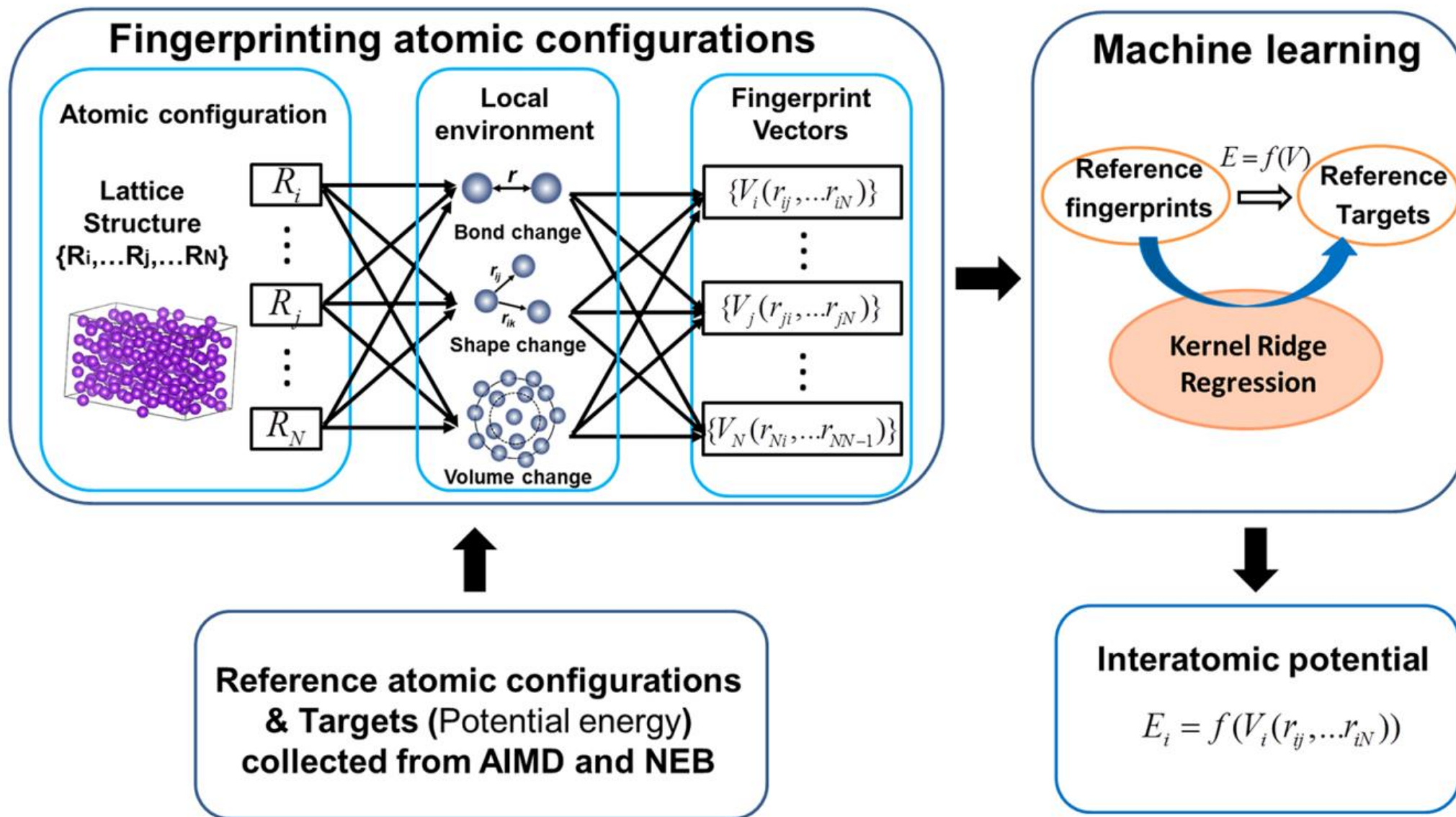
Physical property	Atom-level property
Crystal structure	Balance of atomic forces.
Cohesive energy	Potential energy at the equilibrium atom positions
Elastic constants $c_{\rho\sigma}$	Long-wavelength acoustic vibrations Elastic distortions of unit cell.
Equation of state $P(V)$	Compression or expansion of material
Neutron scattering	Phonon $\omega(\mathbf{k})$ in the Brillouin zone.



$$Error = \sum_i \sum_j \sum_k \sum_l w_{ijkl} \frac{|p_{ijkl}^{\text{pot}} - p_{ijkl}^{\text{ref}}|^2}{\Delta_i}$$

property
configuration
run
atom

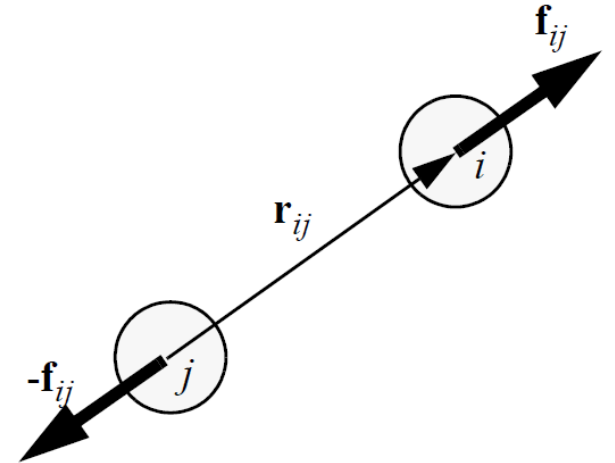
Machine learning empirical potentials



Force Evaluation (pair potential)

Total energy $U = \frac{1}{2} \sum_i \sum_{j \neq i} \phi(r_{ij})$

Distance $\mathbf{r}_{ij} = \mathbf{r}_j - \mathbf{r}_i = x_{ij}\mathbf{x} + y_{ij}\mathbf{y} + z_{ij}\mathbf{z}$
 $x_{ij} = x_j - x_i$



Force $\mathbf{f}_i = f_{x_i} \cdot \mathbf{x} + f_{y_i} \cdot \mathbf{y} + f_{z_i} \cdot \mathbf{z}$

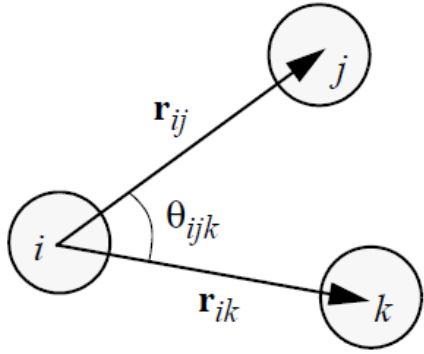
$$f_{x_i} = -\frac{\partial U}{\partial x_i} = -\sum_{j \neq i} \left. \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial r} \right|_{r=r_{ij}} \frac{dr_{ij}}{dx_i} = -\sum_{j \neq i} \phi'(r_{ij}) \frac{x_{ij}}{r_{ij}}$$

$$\mathbf{f}_i = -\sum_{j \neq i} \phi'(r_{ij}) \frac{\mathbf{r}_{ij}}{r_{ij}}$$

Force Evaluation (pair potential)

```
for (i = 0; i < N; ++i) f[i] = 0.;
for (i = 0; i < N-1; ++i){
  for (j = i+1; j < N; ++j){
    xij = x[j][0] - x[i][0]; yij = x[j][1] - x[i][1]; zij = x[j][2] - x[i][2];
    Apply_PBC(xij, yij, zij);
    rij = sqrt(xij*xij + yij*yij + zij*zij);
    if (rij < Rcut){
      dp = - partial_phi(rij);
      fij = dp / rij * xij;
      f[i] += fij;    f[j] -= fij;
    }
  }
}
```


Force Evaluation (angular term)



LAMMPS cosine/squared angle style

$$\cos \theta_{ijk} = \frac{\mathbf{r}_{ij} \cdot \mathbf{r}_{ik}}{r_{ij} r_{ik}}$$

$$E = K (\cos \theta - \cos \theta_0)^2$$

$$\mathbf{f}_i = -\frac{\partial E}{\partial \mathbf{r}_i} = -\frac{\partial E}{\partial \cos \theta} \frac{d \cos \theta}{d \mathbf{r}_i}$$

$$\frac{d \cos \theta_{ijk}}{d \mathbf{r}_i} = \left[\frac{\cos \theta}{r_{ij}^2} - \frac{1}{r_{ij} r_{ik}} \right] \mathbf{r}_{ij} + \left[\frac{\cos \theta}{r_{ik}^2} - \frac{1}{r_{ij} r_{ik}} \right] \mathbf{r}_{ik}$$

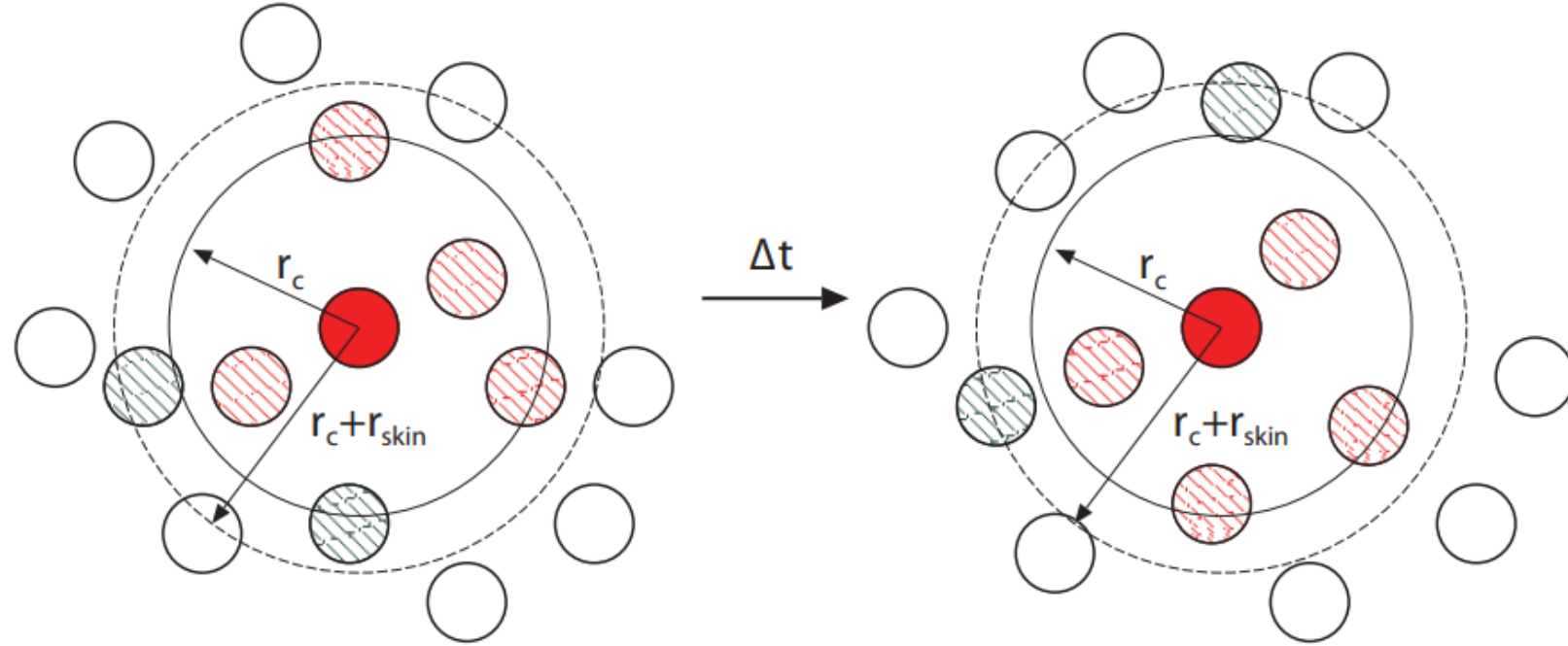
Neighbor list

```
for (i = 0; i < N-1; ++i){  
  for (j = i+1; j < N; ++j){  
    ....  
  }  
}}
```

$O(N^2)$

```
for (i = 0; i < N; ++i){  
  for (jj = 0; jj < num_nei[i]; ++jj){  
    j = neighbor[i][jj];  
    ....  
  }  
}}
```

$O(N)$



Long range interaction

$$E_{Coulombic}(r) = \frac{kq_iq_j}{r}$$

Ewald sum method

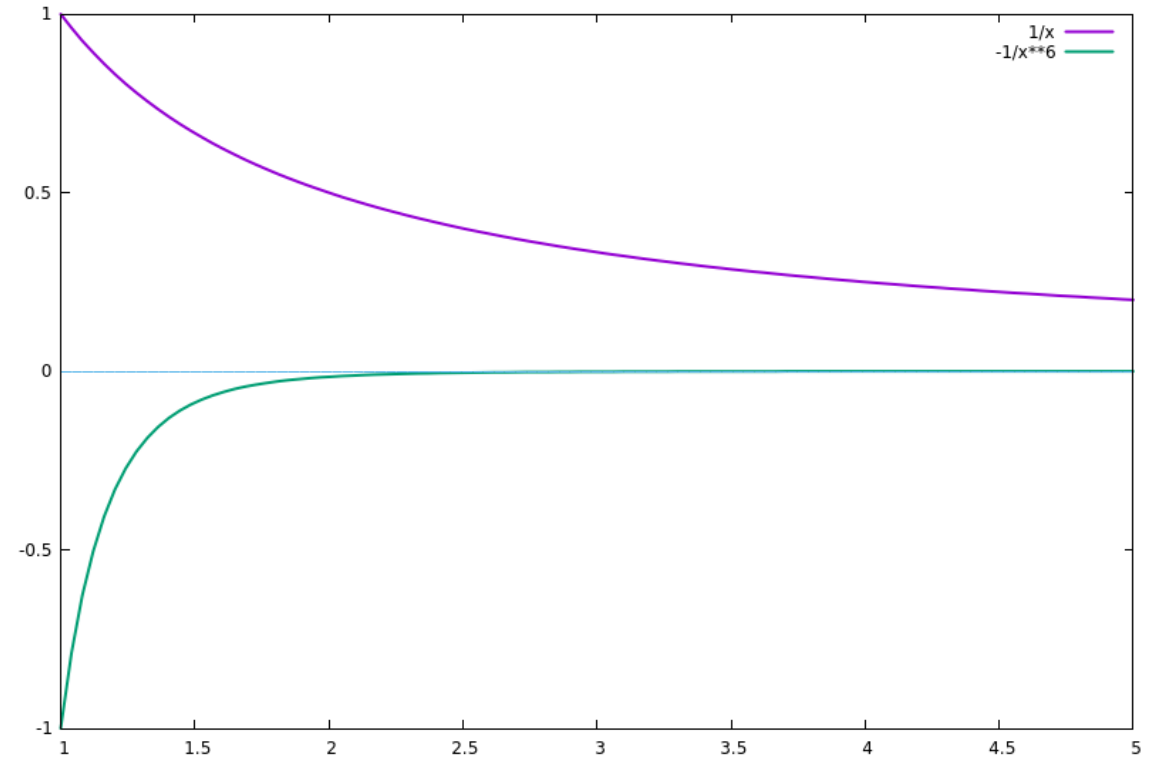
$$U = U^{(r)} + U^{(k)} + U^{(self)} + U^{(dipolar)}$$

$$U^{(r)} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_i^N \sum_j^N \sum_{\mathbf{n} \in \mathbb{Z}^3} q_i q_j \frac{\text{erfc}(\alpha |\mathbf{r}_{ij} + \mathbf{n}L|)}{|\mathbf{r}_{ij} + \mathbf{n}L|}$$

$$U^{(k)} = \frac{1}{2L^3} \sum_{\mathbf{k} \in \mathbb{K}^3, \mathbf{k} \neq 0} \frac{4\pi}{k^2} \exp(-k^2/4\alpha^2) \sum_i^N \sum_j^N q_i q_j \exp(-i\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{r}_{ij})$$

$$U^{(self)} = -\frac{\alpha}{\sqrt{\pi}} \sum_i^N q_i^2$$

$$U^{(dipolar)} = \frac{2\pi}{(1 + 2\epsilon')L^3} \left(\sum_i^N q_i r_i \right)^2$$



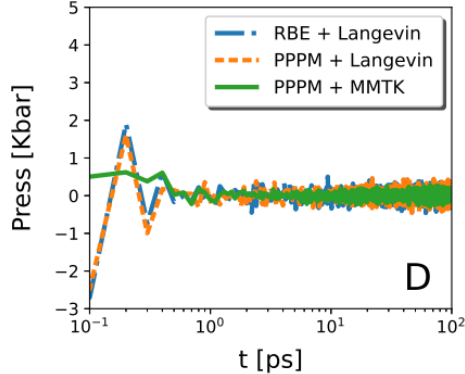
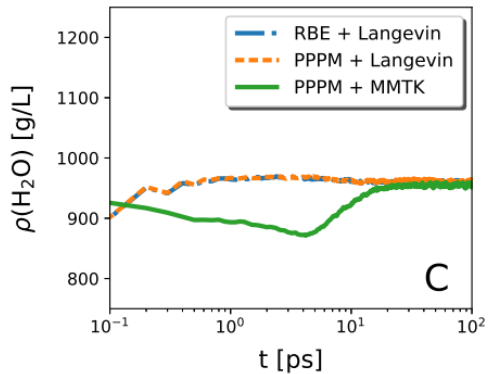
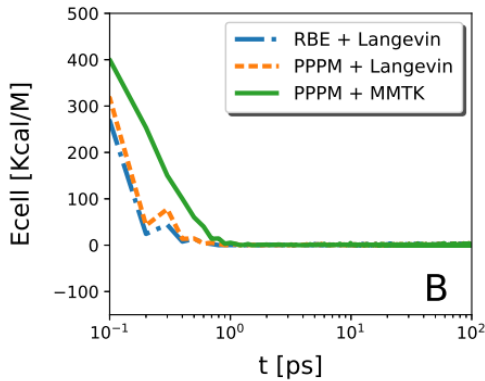
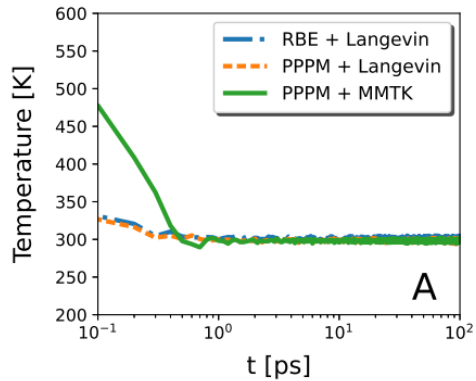
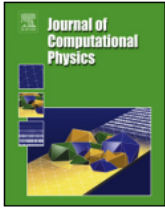
- Ewald summation
- Field multipole method
- Particle-Particle/Particle-Mesh

Random Batch Ewald

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Random Batch Methods (RBM) for interacting particle systems

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A random batch Ewald method for charged particles in the isothermal-isobaric ensemble

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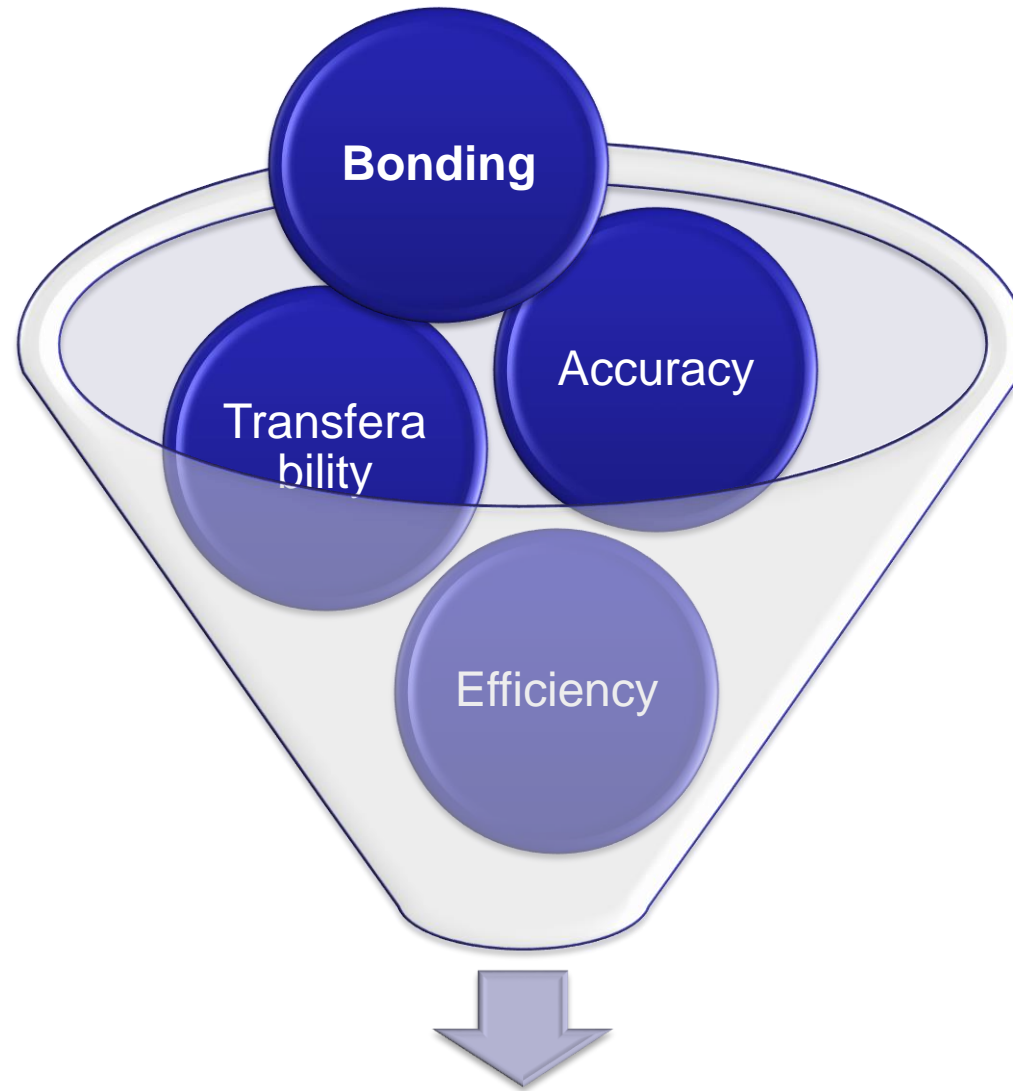
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	Number of CPU Cores							
	100		500		1000		2000	
	Kspace	Total	Kspace	Total	Kspace	Total	Kspace	Total
RBE P=200	2.20e-4	1.92e-3	8.27e-5	5.96e-4	5.87e-5	4.30e-4	4.76e-5	3.77e-4
RBE P=500	4.92e-4	2.19e-3	1.75e-4	7.24e-4	1.20e-4	4.99e-4	8.71e-5	4.16e-4
PPPM	6.83e-4	2.38e-3	5.83e-4	1.16e-3	7.82e-4	1.22e-3	9.88e-4	1.32e-3

Summary on Empirical Potentials

Potentials	Metals	Semi-conductors	Ionic Materials	Polymers	Noble Gases	Dimers
Lennard Jones					√	
Buckingham					√	
Morse						√
EAM	√					
MEAM, ADP	√	√				
Stillinger-Weber		√				
Amber/CHARMM				√		
Buckingham + Coulumb			√			
Core-Shell			√			
ReaxFF	√	√	√	√	√	√
Machine Learning	√	√	√	√	√	√

Potential Selection

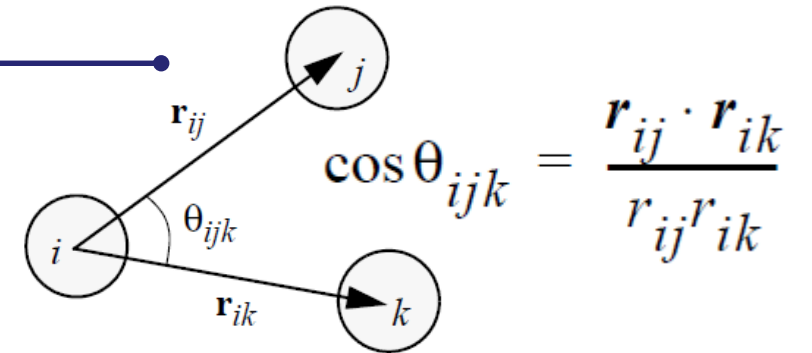


Empirical Potential

Homework

- ① For a three body interaction described by

$$E = K(\cos \theta - \cos \theta_0)^2$$



derive the expression for the force on atom i, j , and k , respectively.

- ② Extend your previous code on 1D harmonic chain into 3D FCC LJ case.
- Same programming language as last homework;
 - 2D array needed to store the positions, velocities, forces, ...

● Due: Nov. 24, 2021

Next Lecture:

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