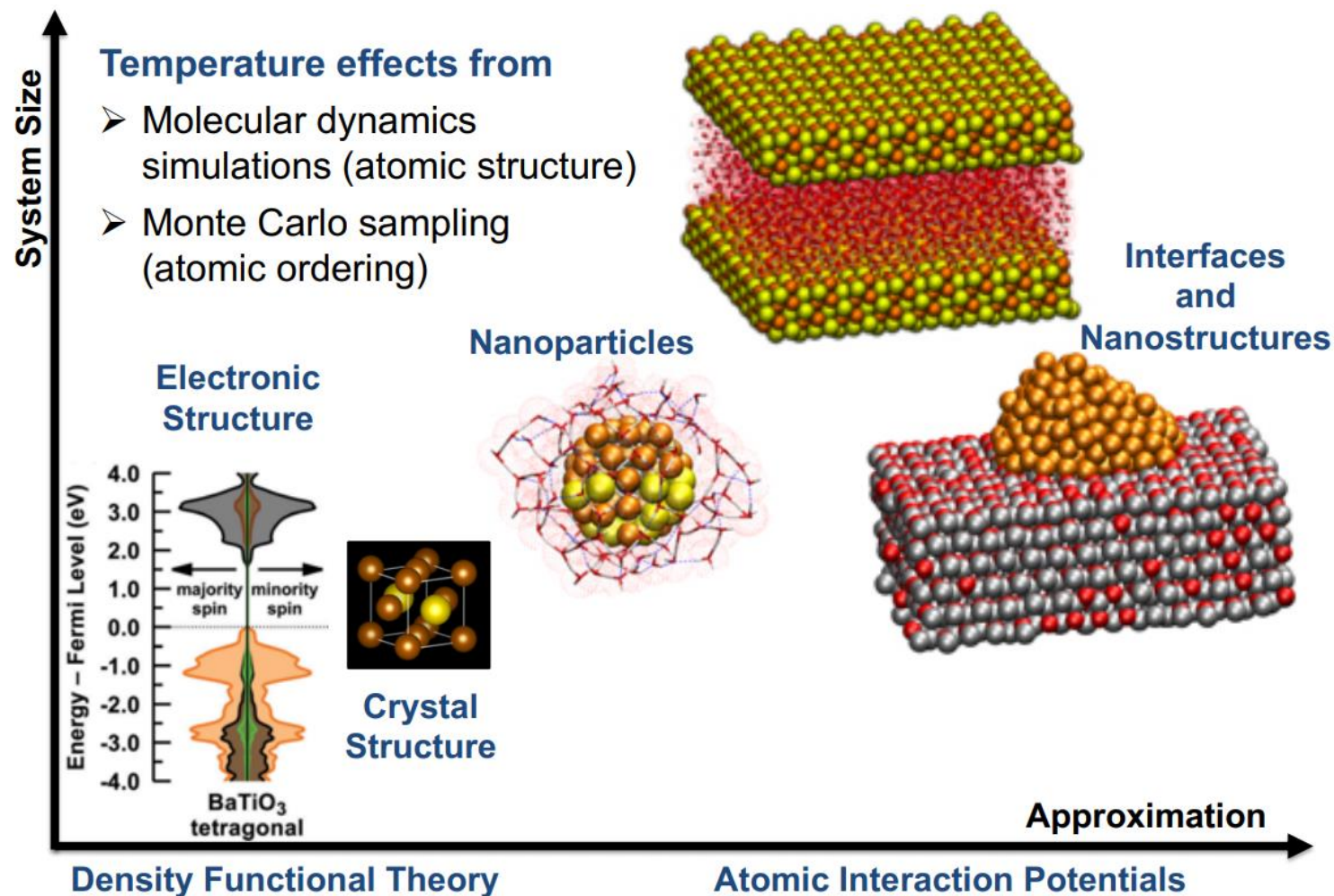


# Neural-network potentials for atomistic material simulations

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Circumvent the parametrization problem by using machine learning techniques

Instead of fitting the parameters of a predefined model to reference data, an appropriate model that is able to describe the feature-space of the input data shall be automatically determined and parametrized by the machine learning method.

Behler and Parrinello introduced one of the first machine-learning potentials which was based the artificial neural-network (1, 2).

## Advantage

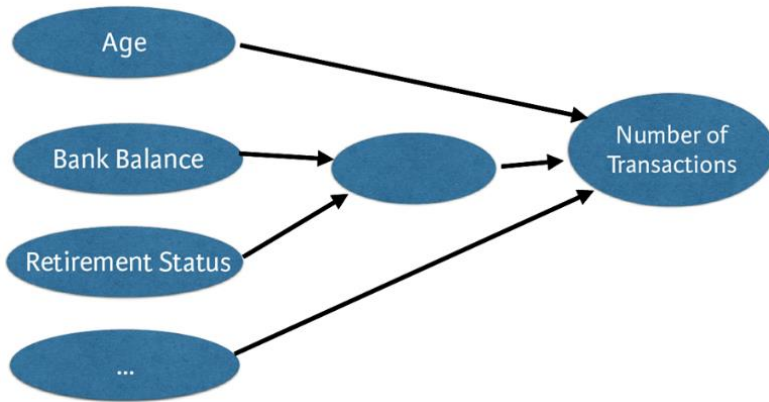
- Substitute the physical model with mathematical representations with hundreds to thousands of parameters which can be well automated with minimal human intervention.
- Reach the accuracy of DFT
- Designed potential can be applied into arbitrary structures.

## Disadvantage

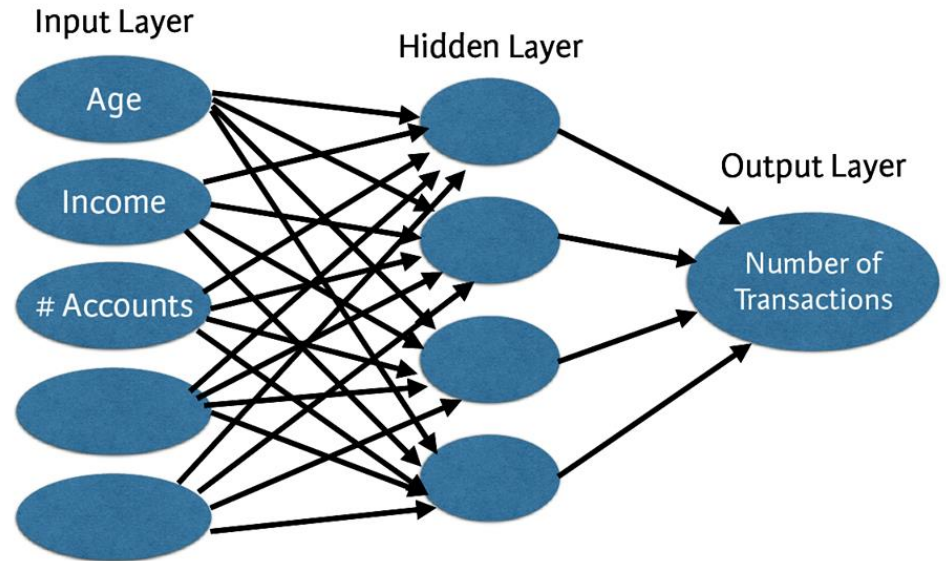
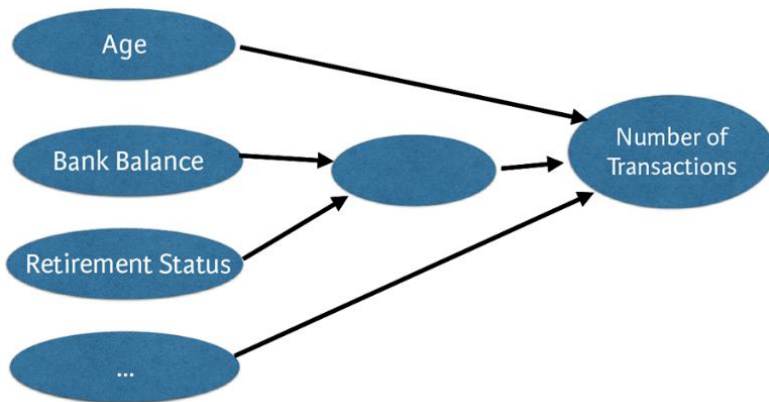
- Some physical properties can not be investigated

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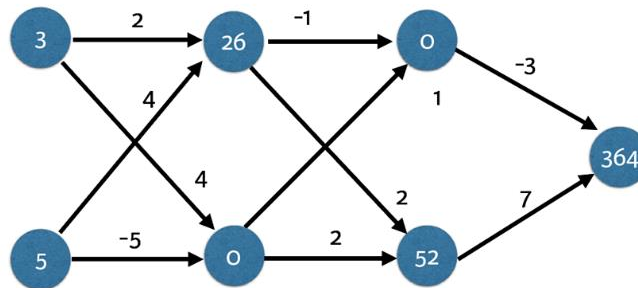
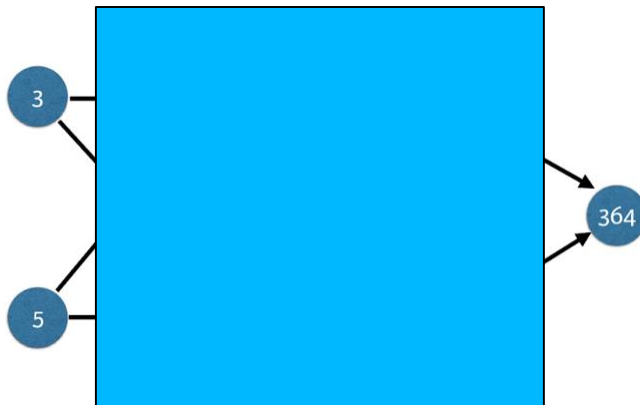
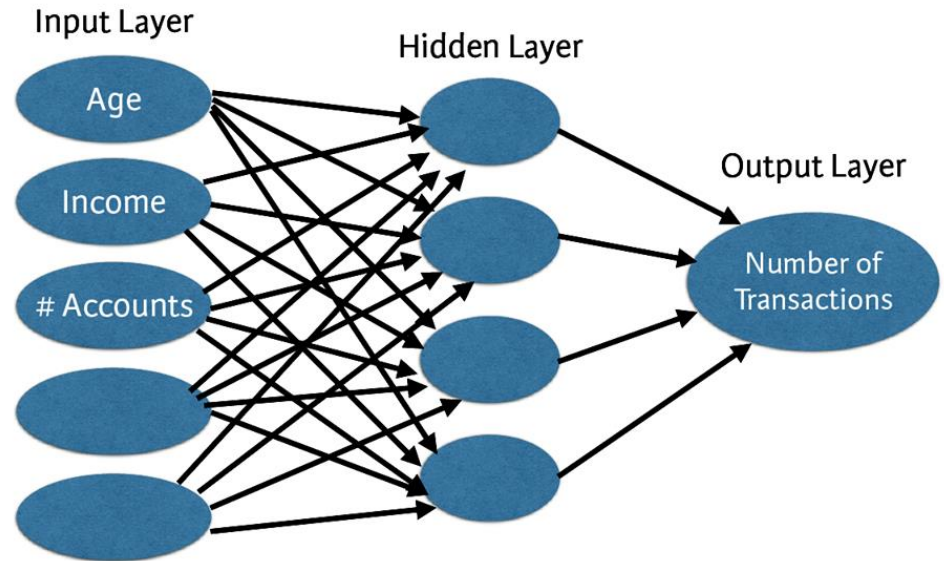
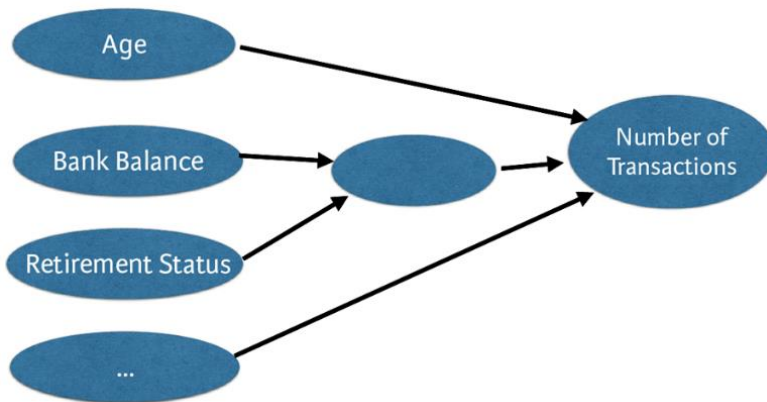


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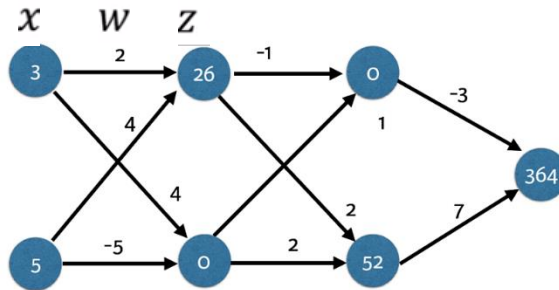




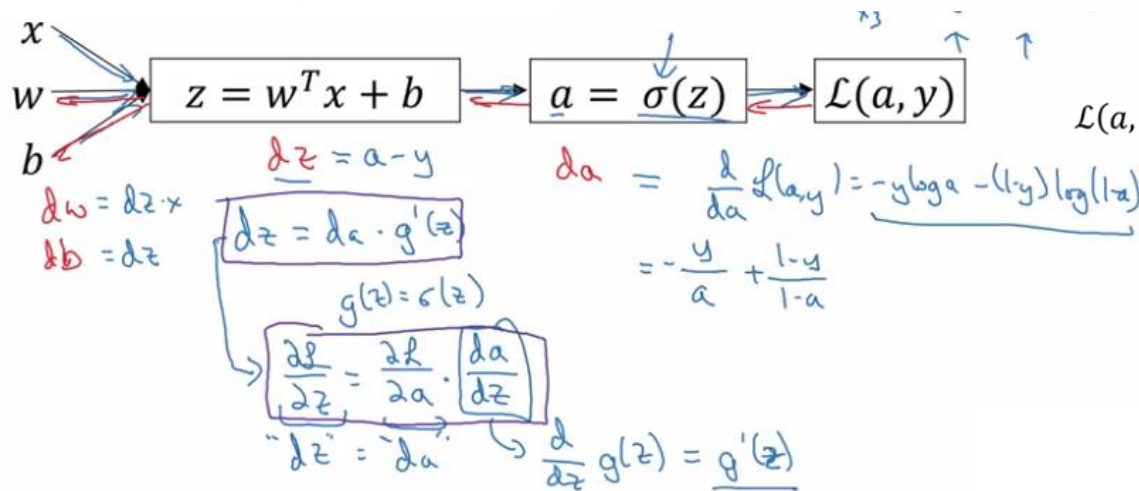
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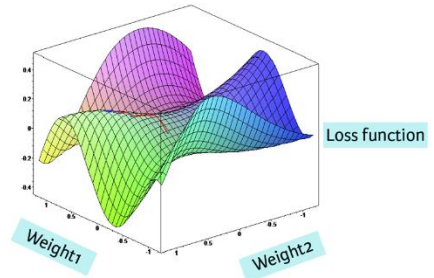
# Logistic regression: Binary classification



Calculate with ReLU Activation Function

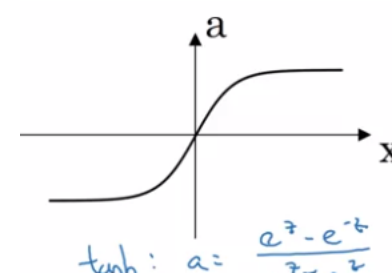
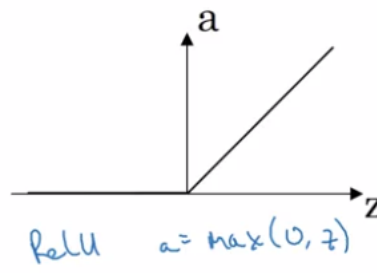
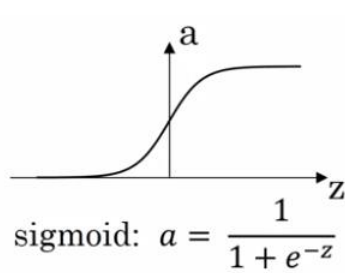


## Loss function



$$\mathcal{L}(a, y) = -(y \log(a) + (1 - y) \log(1 - a))$$

## • Activation function:



## Forward propagation

$$\begin{aligned} Z^{[1]} &= W^{[1]}X + b^{[1]} \\ A^{[1]} &= g^{[1]}(Z^{[1]}) \\ Z^{[2]} &= W^{[2]}A^{[1]} + b^{[2]} \\ A^{[2]} &= g^{[2]}(Z^{[2]}) \\ &\vdots \\ A^{[L]} &= g^{[L]}(Z^{[L]}) = \hat{Y} \end{aligned}$$

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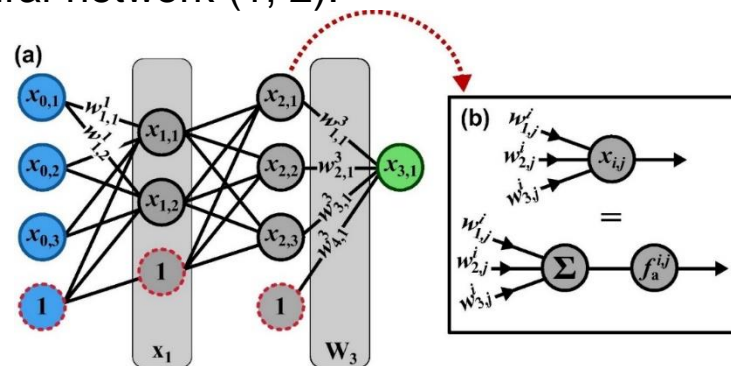
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$$\begin{aligned} w_1 &:= w_1 - \alpha \underline{dw_1} \\ w_2 &:= w_2 - \alpha \underline{dw_2} \\ b &:= b - \alpha \underline{db} \end{aligned}$$

# Multilayer perceptron (MPL) artificial neural network

- One of the first machine-learning potentials was introduced by Behler and Parrinello that was based the artificial neural-network (1, 2).

- 3-2-3-1 architecture



- Value in  $i$ -th layer

$$\mathbf{x}_i(\mathbf{x}_{i-1}) = f_a^i(\mathbf{W}_i \mathbf{x}_{i-1}) \quad \text{with} \quad i = 1, \dots, (N-1),$$

- Expression of above structure

$$\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_0; \{\mathbf{W}_i\}) = f_a^3 \left\{ \mathbf{W}_3 f_a^2 \left[ \mathbf{W}_2 f_a^1 (\mathbf{W}_1 \mathbf{x}_0) \right] \right\} = \mathbf{x}_3.$$

- Error for each reference sample  $n$

$$e_n(\mathbf{x}_{0,n}, \mathbf{y}_n; \{\mathbf{W}_\ell\}) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_{0,n}; \{\mathbf{W}_\ell\}) - \mathbf{y}_n$$

- Optimization process:

Minimization of error function

$$\{\mathbf{W}_\ell^{\text{opt}}\} = \arg \min_{\{\mathbf{W}_\ell\}} \mathcal{E}(\{\mathbf{W}_\ell\}) \quad \text{with} \quad \mathcal{E}(\{\mathbf{W}_\ell\}) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_n^{\text{samples}} e_n^2,$$

$$\nabla \mathcal{E} = \mathbf{J}^T \mathbf{e} \quad \text{with} \quad (\mathbf{J})_{\alpha n} = \frac{\partial \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_{0,n})}{\partial w_\alpha} \quad \text{and} \quad (\mathbf{e})_n = e_n$$

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1. Gradient descent:

$$\mathbf{w}^{(I+1)} = \mathbf{w}^{(I)} + \Delta \mathbf{w}^{\text{GD},(I+1)} \quad \text{with} \quad \Delta \mathbf{w}^{\text{GD},(I+1)} = -\gamma \nabla \mathcal{E},$$

2. Limited-memory BFGS (L-BFGS):  
BFGS: Broyden–Fletcher–Goldfarb–Shanno  
method

$$\Delta \mathbf{w}^{\text{QN},(I+1)} = -(\mathbf{H}^{(I)})^{-1} \nabla \mathcal{E}^{(I)},$$

Hessian matrix

3. Levenberg-Marquardt (LM)

$$\Delta \mathbf{w}^{\text{LM},(I+1)} = -(\mathbf{J}^{T,(I)} \mathbf{J}^{(I)} + \lambda \mathbf{I})^{-1} \mathbf{J}^{T,(I)} \mathbf{e}^{(I)},$$

Jacobian matrix

- Activation functions

linear function

$$f_a^1(x) = x,$$

hyperbolic tangent

$$f_a^2(x) = \tanh(x) = \frac{1-e^{-2x}}{1+e^{-2x}},$$

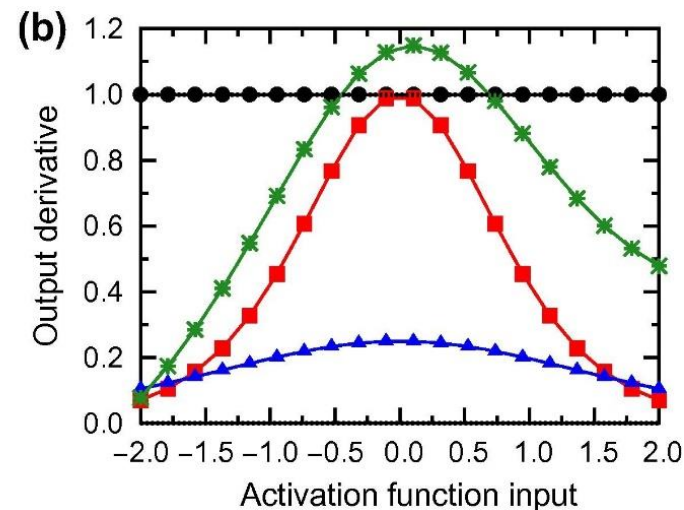
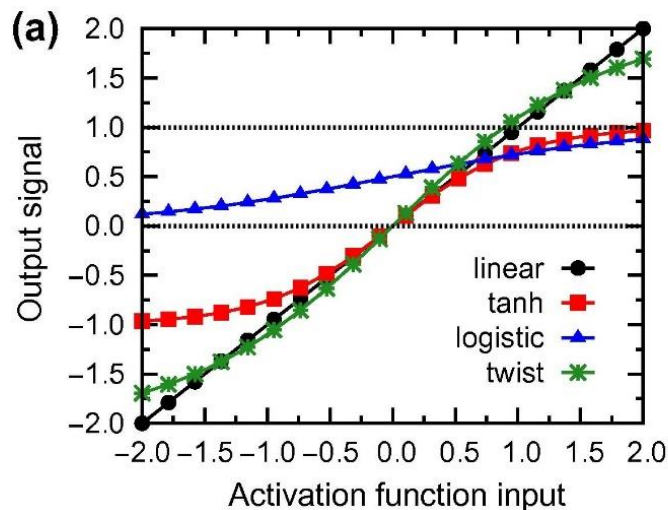
logistic function

$$f_a^3(x) = \frac{1}{1+e^{-x}}, \quad \text{and}$$

tanh with linear twisting

$$f_a^4(x) = 1.7159 \tanh\left(\frac{2}{3}x\right) + ax,$$

- Activation function and its derivatives





- Early approaches used the Cartesian atomic coordinates for the atomic configurations of  $\sigma = \{R_i\}$  as input to represent the structural energy  $E(\sigma)$ .

$$E(\sigma) \approx E^{ANN}(\sigma) = N(\{R_i\})$$

- Problem: the number of ANN input nodes depended on the number of atoms in the structure, resulting specialized potentials that were not transferable to different number of atoms.
- New methods overcome this problem by partitioning the total energy into atomic contributions

$$E(\sigma) = \sum_i^{atoms} E_i(\sigma) \approx \sum_i^{atoms} E_i(\sigma_i)$$

Where  $\sigma_i \subset \sigma$  only depends on the coordinates of atoms within a cutoff radius  $R$  around atom  $i$ .  $\sigma_i$  shows the local structure around atom  $i$ . machine learning methods derive a model for the **atomic energy** instead of the **total structure energy**.

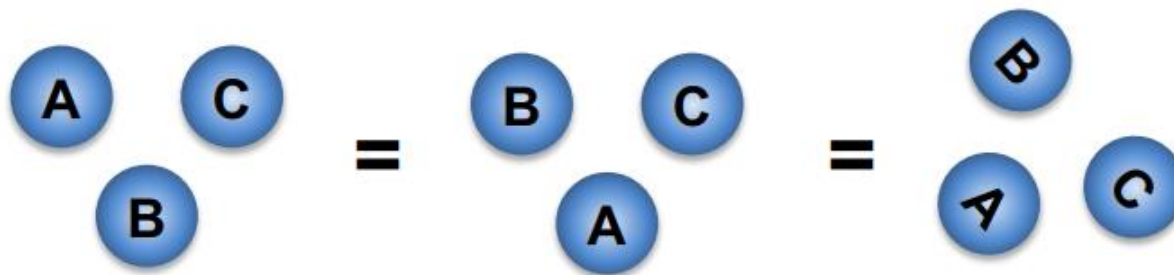
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- The atomic energy  $\sigma_i$  has to be invariant with respect to:

Exchange of equivalent atoms (order of counting)

Translation/ rotation of the entire structure

Therefore, we transform the Cartesian coordinates to invariant coordinates by introducing the **fingerprint functions** with  $\tilde{\sigma}_i = \tau(\sigma_i)$

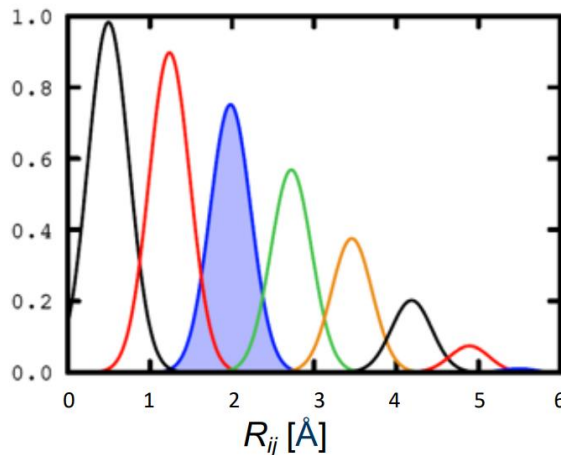




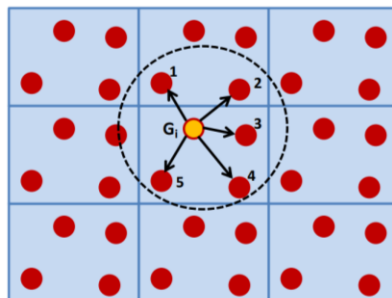
- Invariant bases set of radial and angular symmetry functions were introduced by Behler and Parrinello (BP):

## Radial symmetry functions

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

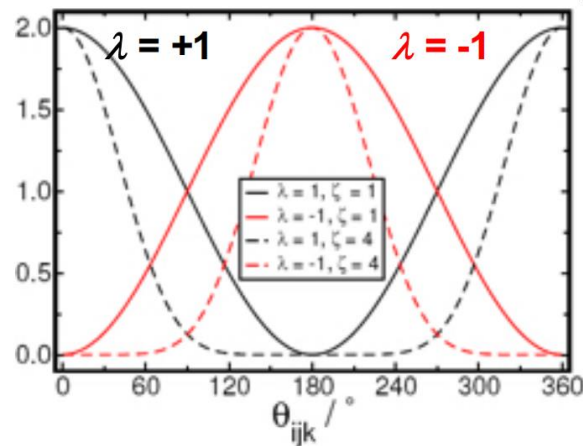


Atomic Radial Distribution Function

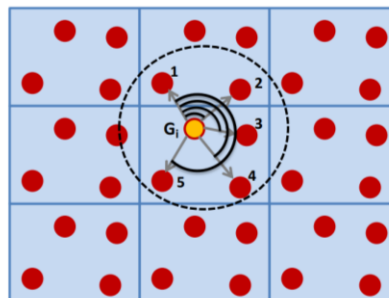


## Angular symmetry functions

$$G_i = 2^{1-\zeta} \sum_j \sum_k \left[ (1 + \lambda \cdot \cos \theta_{ijk})^\zeta \cdot e^{-\eta(R_{ij}^2 + R_{ik}^2 + R_{jk}^2)} \cdot f_c(R_{ij}) \cdot f_c(R_{ik}) \cdot f_c(R_{jk}) \right]$$



Atomic Angular Distribution Function

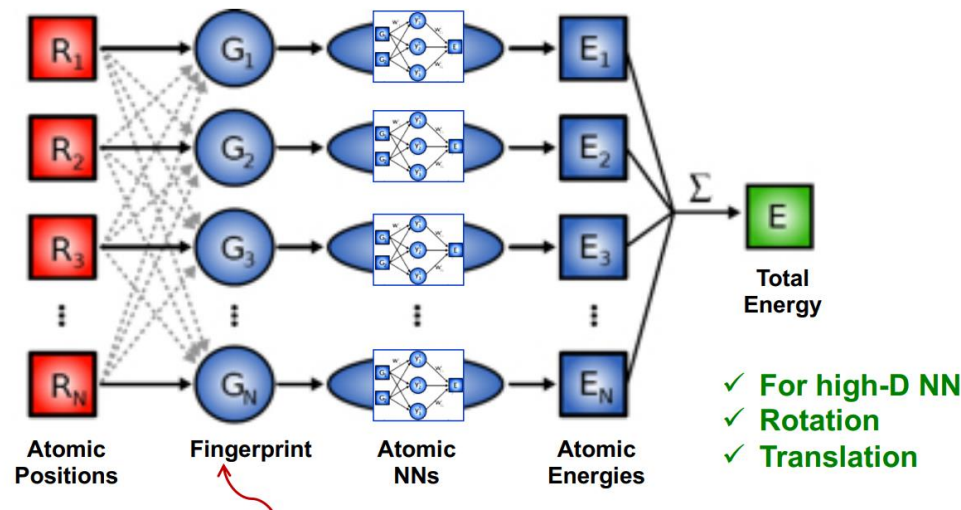


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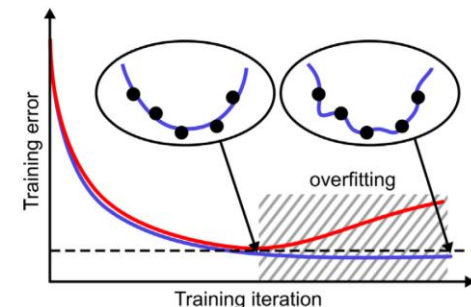
- Partitioning of the total energy into atomic contribution introduces an additional layer of complexity into the ANNs
- Training ANN potentials has to occur simultaneously for all atoms in structure



- Training process is monitored by the root mean squared error (RMSE) and mean absolute error (MAE)

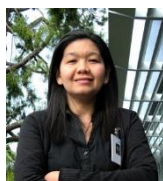
$$\text{RMSE} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{N} \sum_{\sigma}^{\text{structures}} [E^{\text{ANN}}(\sigma) - E_{\text{ref}}^{\sigma}]^2},$$

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## Implementation details: the aenet code

- The high-dimensional ANN potential approach is implemented in the *Atomic Energy Network* (**aenet**) software package [1,2]
- **aenet** is a modern Fortran and C code
- **aenet** provides tools for both the **construction** and **application** of ANN potentials



N. Artrith



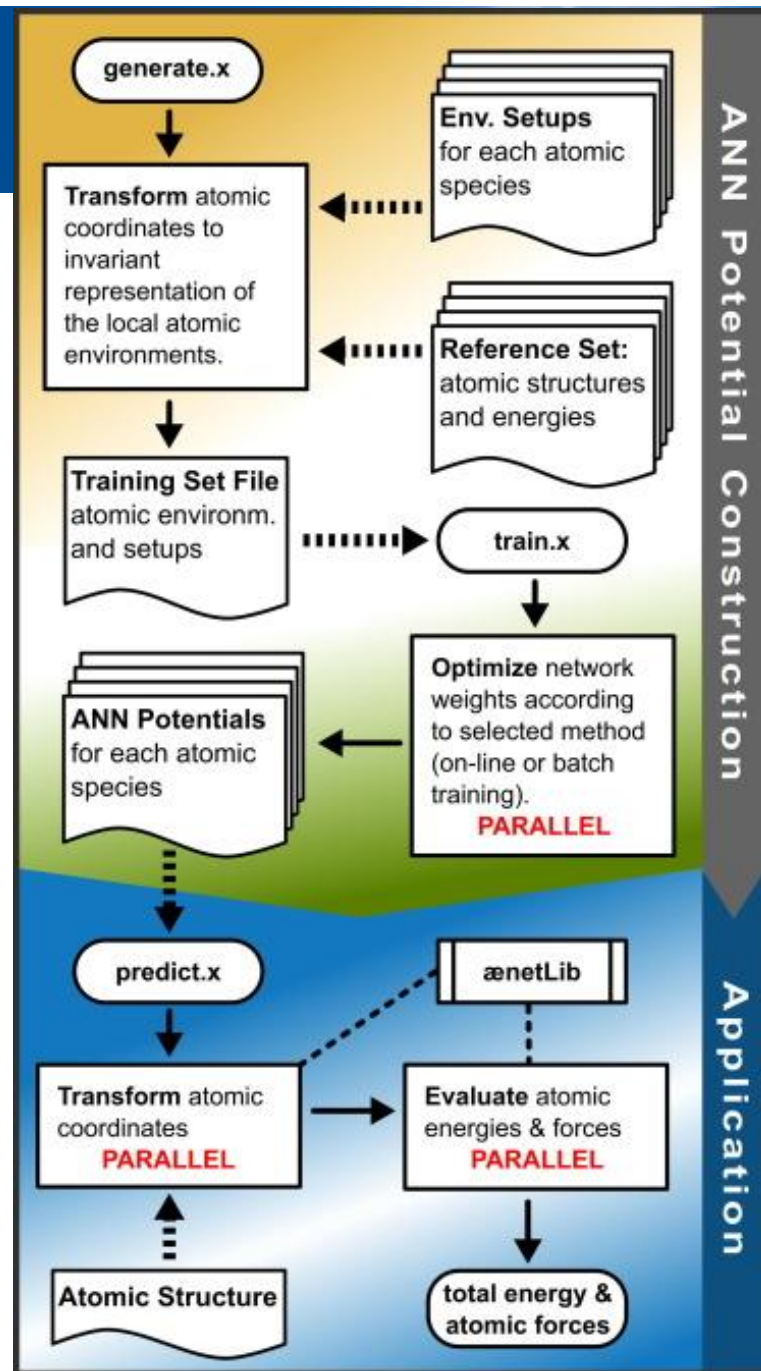
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RunNER Code

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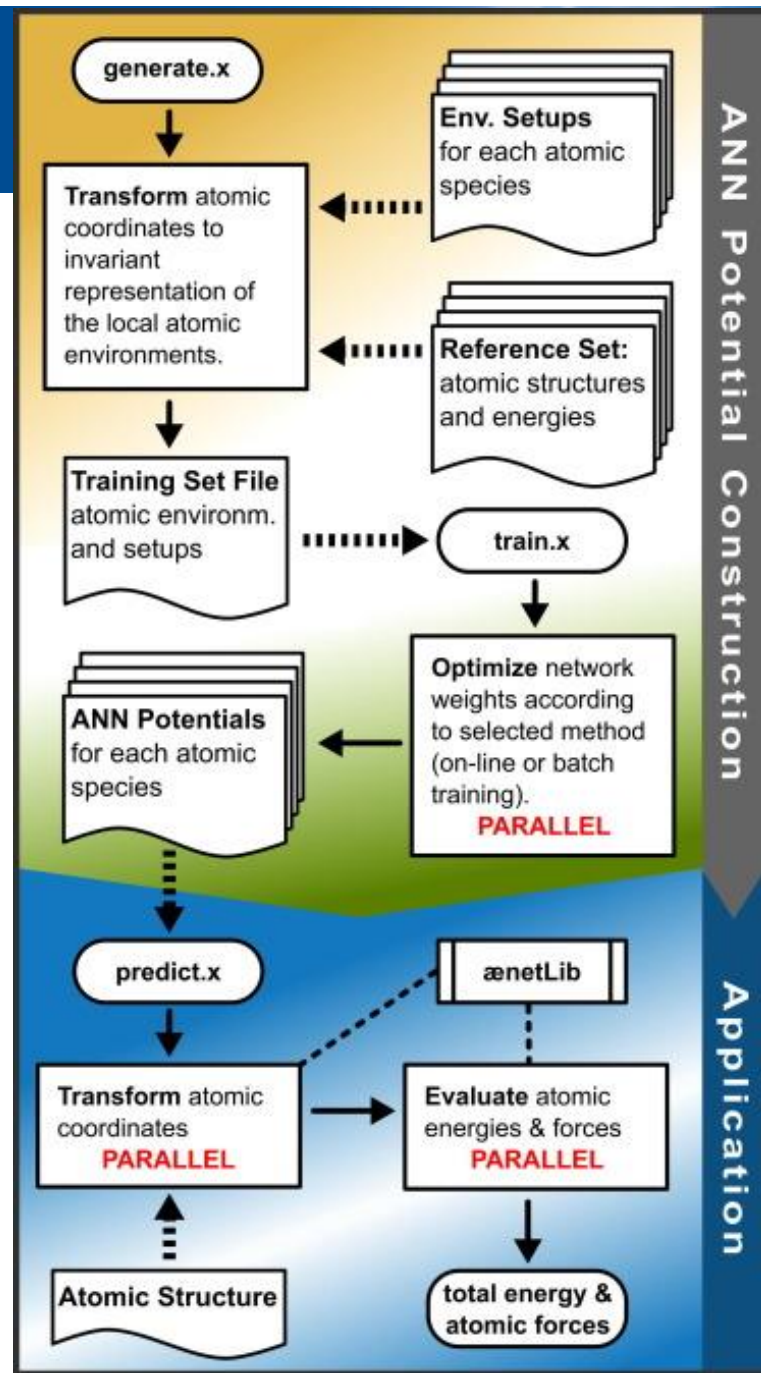
1. Selection of suitable reference structure and the computation of their energy (by DFT) with the XFS format.

2. Transformation of Cartesian coordinates of the structures to the invariant, atom-centered bases (generate.x)

### • Training:

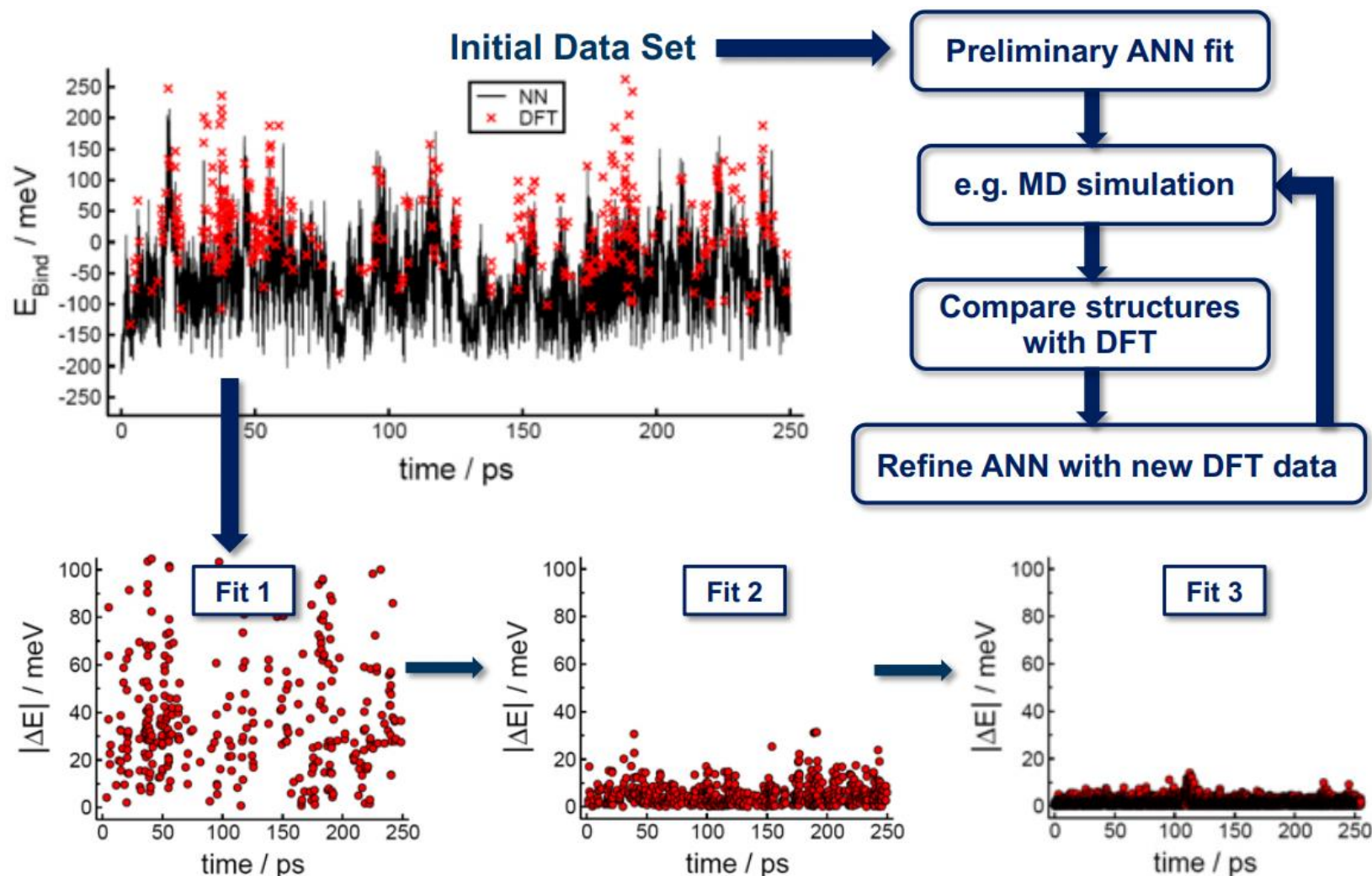
1. Specify ANN architectures for all chemical species
2. Define activation function of each hidden layer

Apply ANN potentials for MD or MC simulations





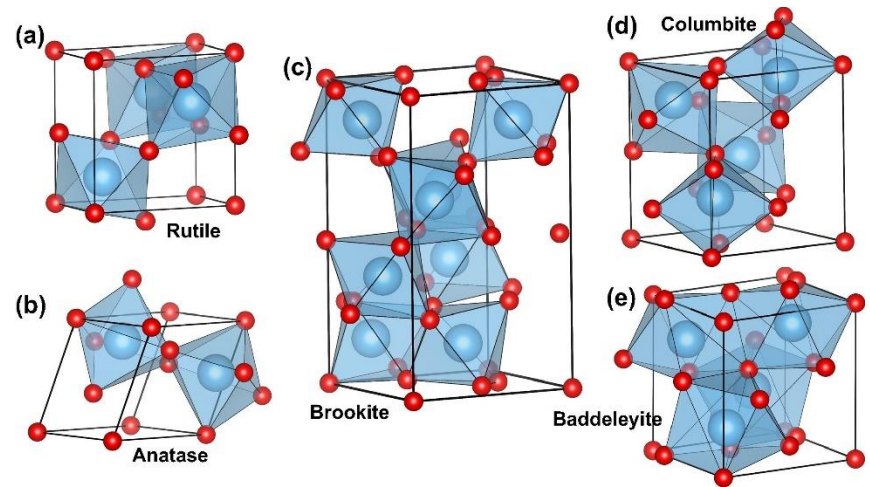
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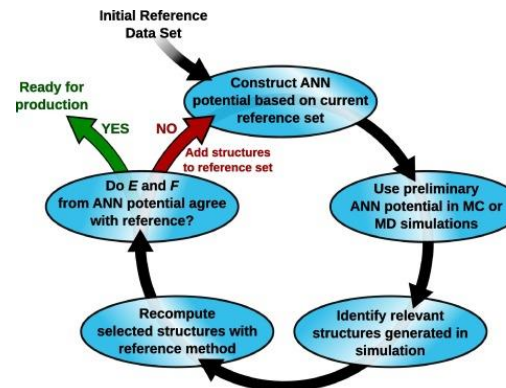
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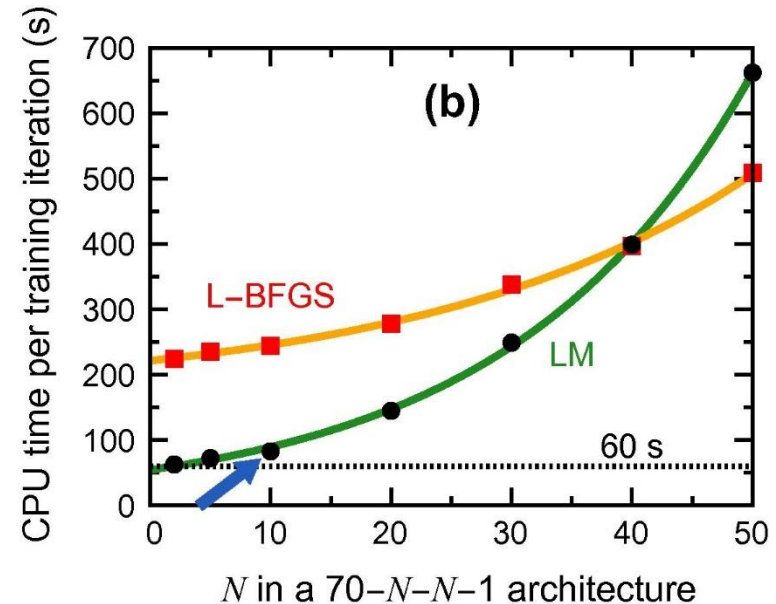
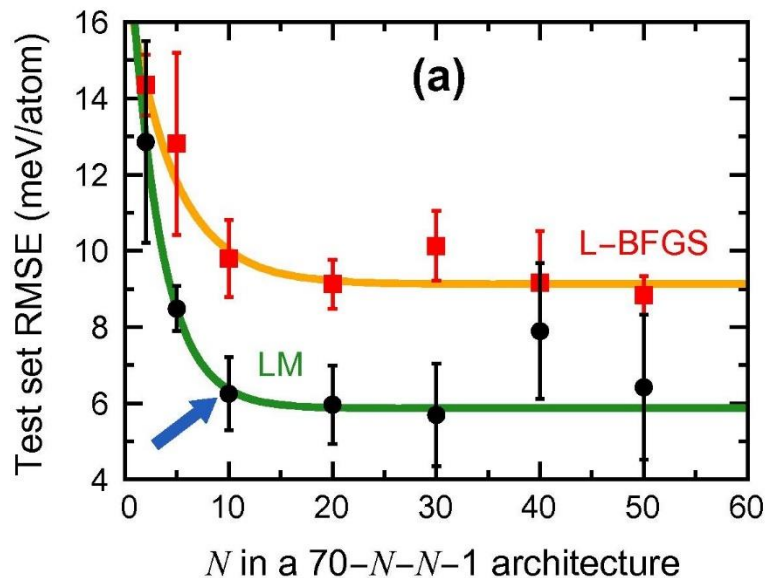
- An initial set of reference structures for potential construction was generated by **distorting rutile, anatase and brookite** structures in three different ways:
- 10 % variation of lattice constants
- Tilting the crystal cell by monoclinic strain
- Tensile strain and stretch in one dimension
- Primary ANN potentials were generated by previous dataset, then were used to generate additional reference structures by short MD simulations

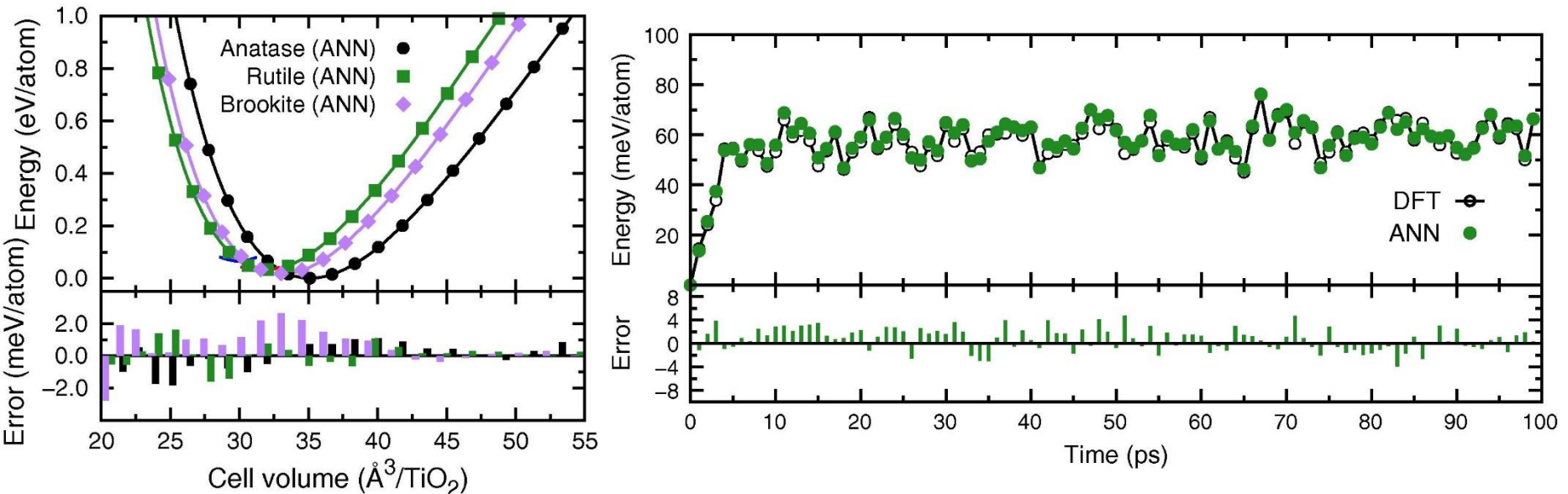


7694 structures



- Identify the balance between model complexity and transferability
- Too few model parameters: we can not fit to reference structures
- Too many model parameters: long time for training, overfitting, reduce transferability
- Simulations of 64 cores
- Optimized architecture: 70-10-10-1

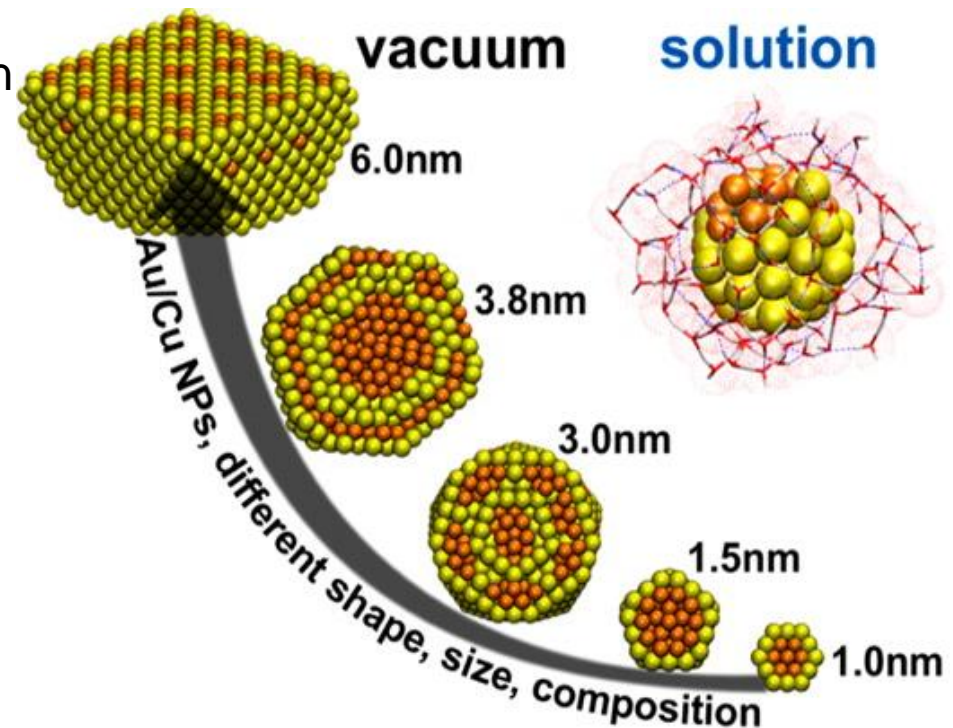




- Energy as function of the cell volume
- MD simulation of anatase (162 atoms) at 500 K.
- Compare the corresponding energy every 1000<sup>th</sup> MD simulation with DFT
- Error less than 4 meV/atom

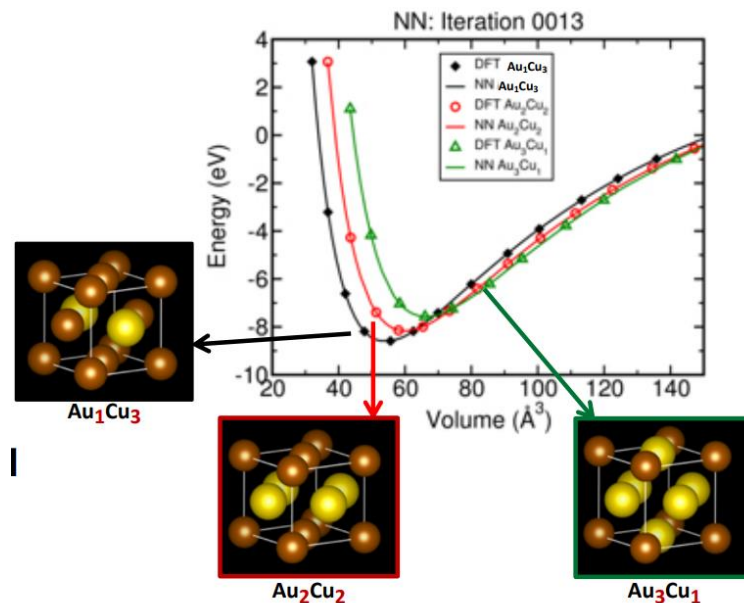
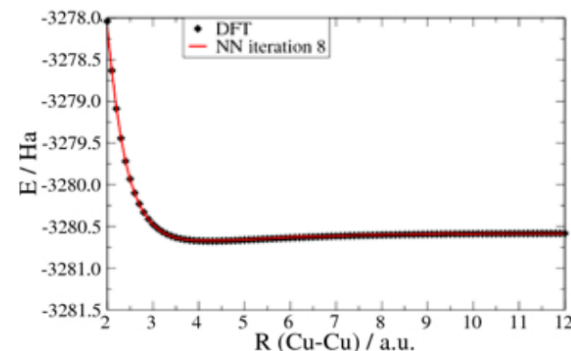


- Gold/Copper nanoparticle is a promising candidate for CO<sub>2</sub> reduction reaction.
- Activity of the nanoparticles depends on the particle size and surface composition.
- Aqueous solvents can change the surface structure of nanoparticle
- Explicit water molecule on the surface is necessary to reproduce the experimental results



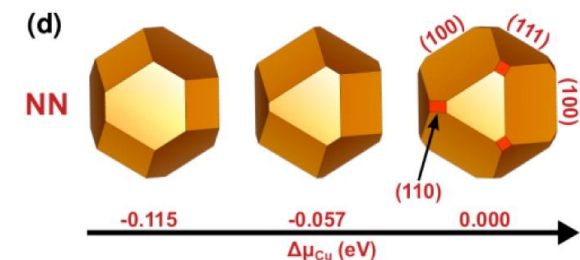
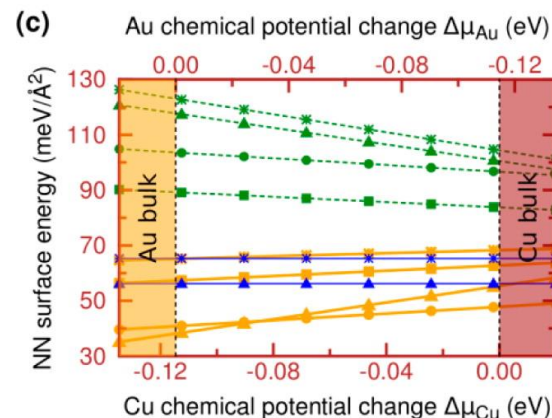
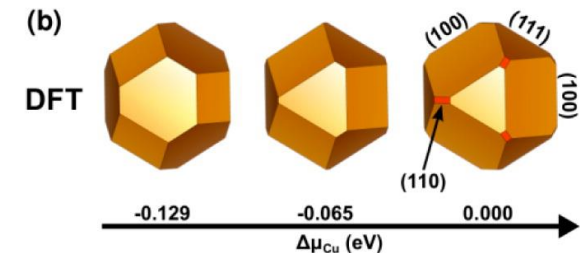
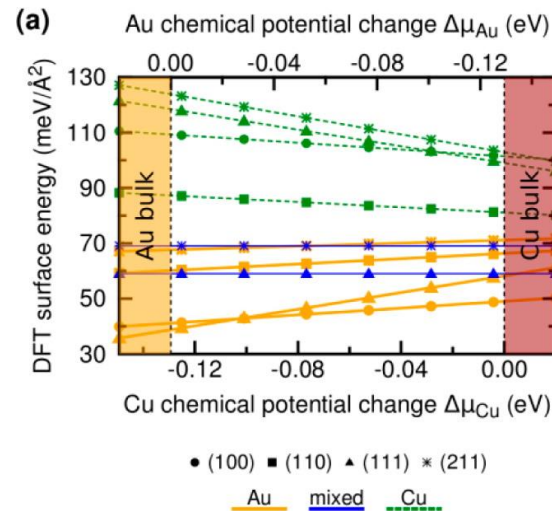
- DFT reference data set comprising energies of 10000 structures (including bulk, slab, atomic cluster and molecules)
- ANN architecture: 148-5-5-1
- Bulk composition:  $\text{Au}_1\text{Cu}_3$ ,  $\text{Au}_2\text{Cu}_2$ ,  $\text{Au}_3\text{Cu}_1$
- 4000 atom require 56 s on a single node

## Example: Copper Dimer



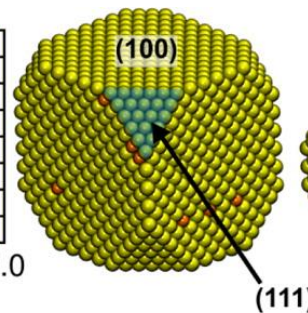
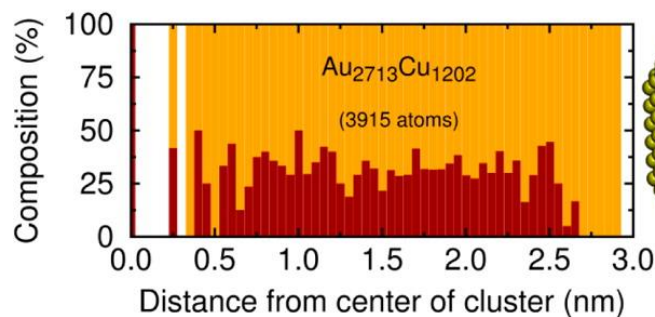
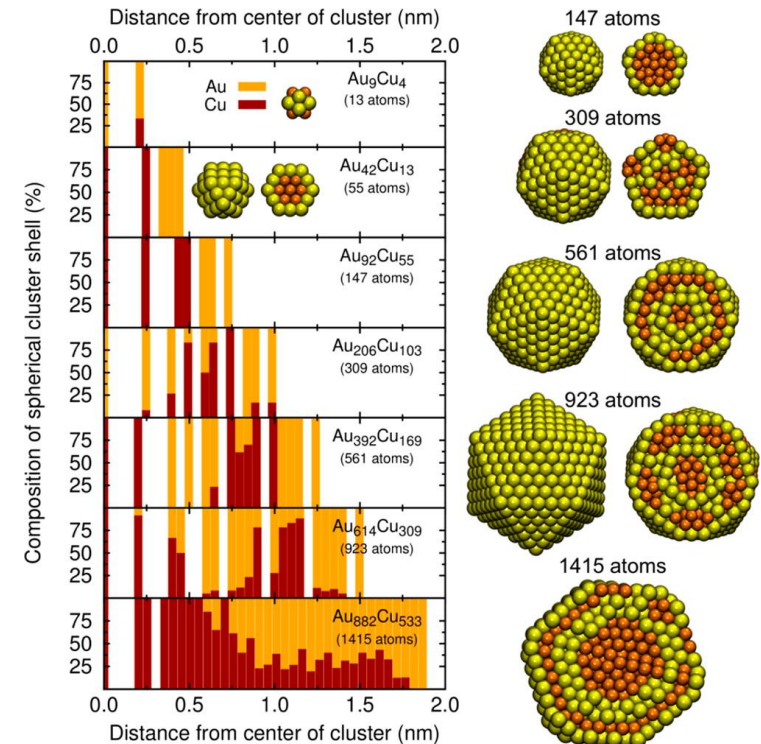
# Wulff construction by DFT and ANN:

- The gold-terminated (100) and (111) surface are the most stable over entire potential energy.
- Problem: experimental particle size is around 2-4nm (300-1500 atoms)



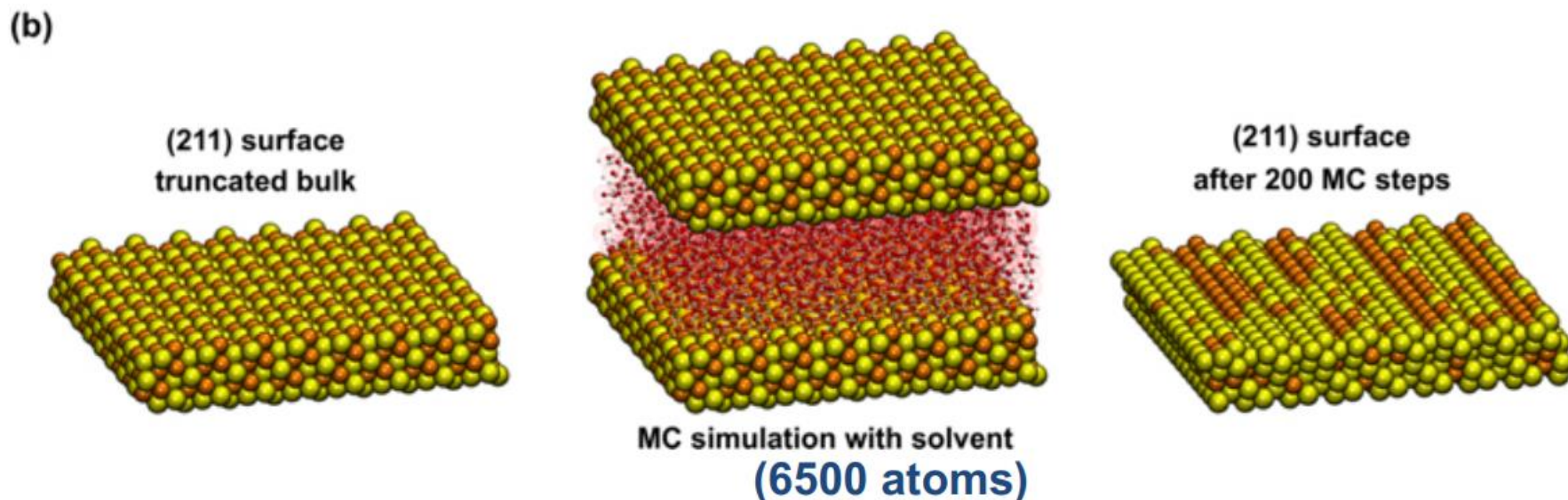
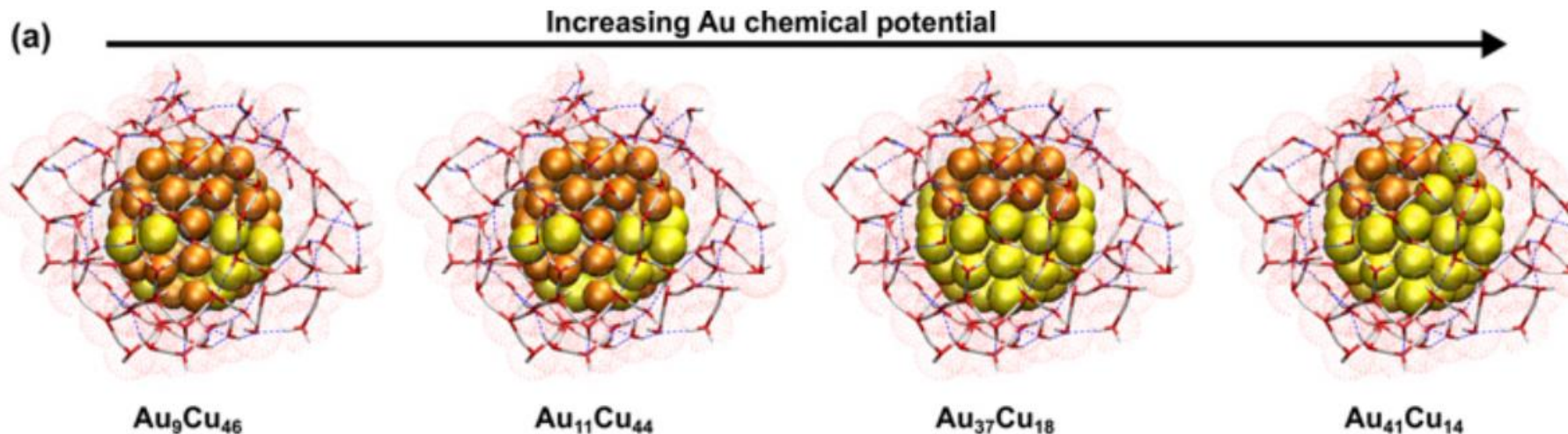
# Thermodynamic equilibrium with MC simulations

- Monte-Carlo simulation by using NN potential.
- Ground state of compositions at  $T=300$  K
- Problem: experimental particle size is around 2-4nm (300-1500 atoms)
- No core-shell morphology for 6 nm particle





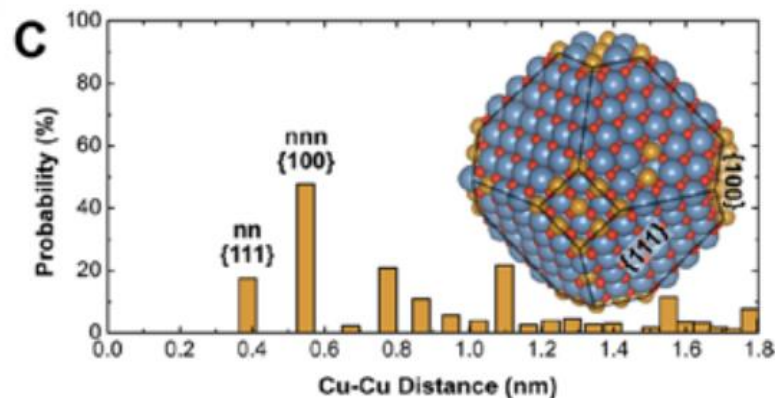
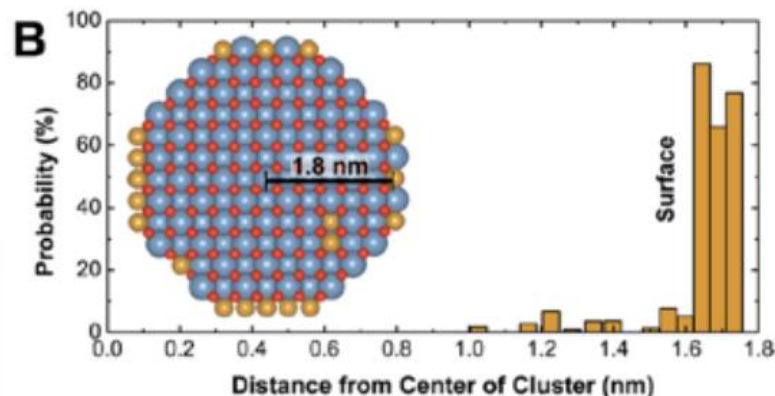
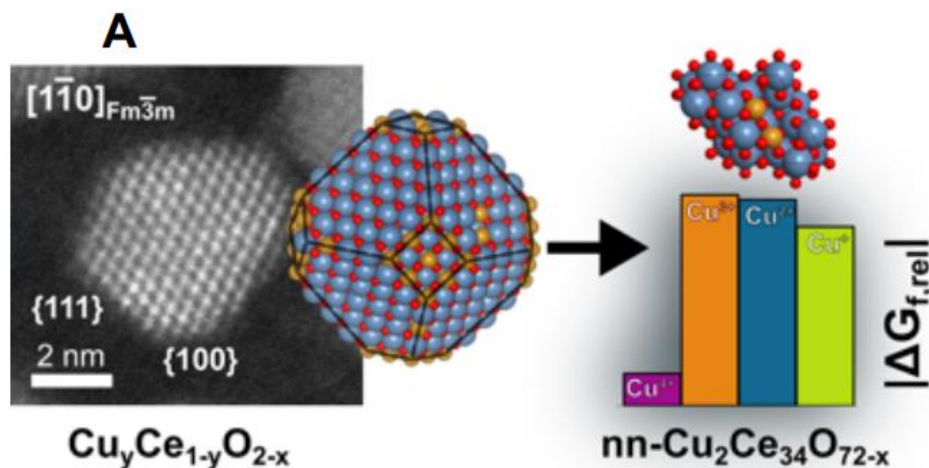
# Influence of water on the surface structure



# CuO/CeO<sub>2</sub> catalyst for CO oxidation

## Cu Distribution in the particles

- MC simulations of a 3.5 nm (~1,300 atoms, Cu<sub>54</sub>Ce<sub>405</sub>O<sub>834</sub>): Cu is most stable near surface
- Cu adsorption on (100) surface and on edges favorable

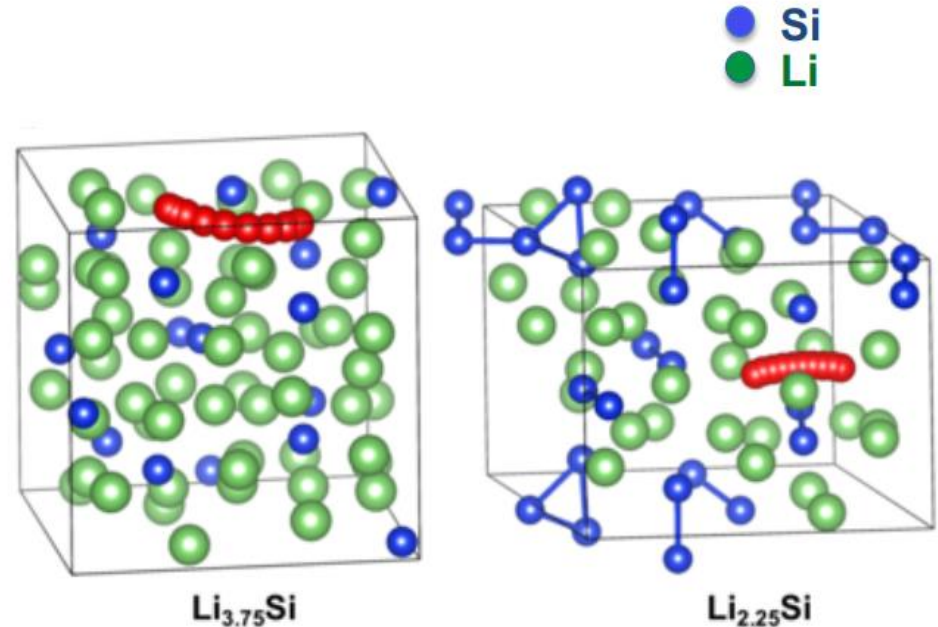
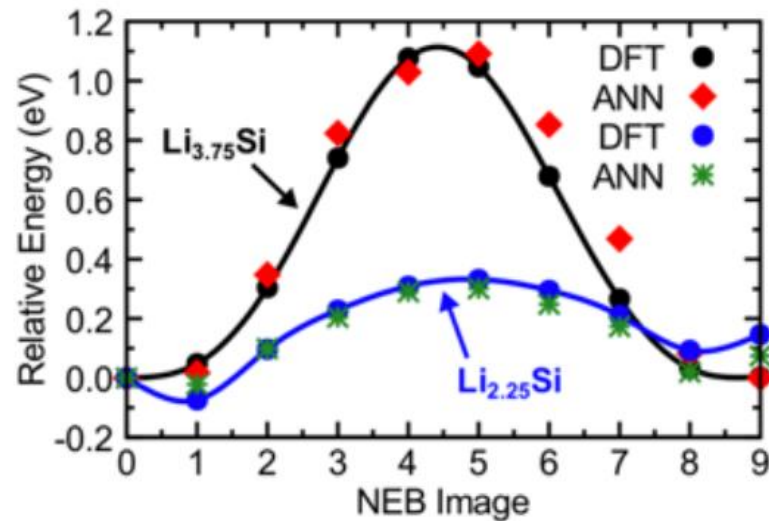


## Cu-Cu pair distribution

- Cu clustering: Cu-Cu pair distribution
- Combined probability that either the nearest neighbor (nn) or next-nearest neighbor (nnn) site of a Cu defect is also a Cu defect is around 70%



# The LiSi ANN Potential is Accurate for Diffusion



- Structures not in training set
- Tested many different diffusion pathways in different alloy compositions

**ANN-MD Simulation:** Slab model ~8,000 atoms: NVT, MD at 1000 K

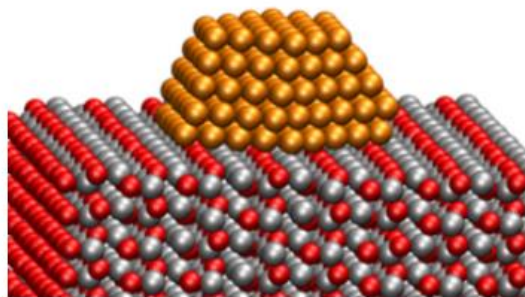
**Training and testing sets for the ANN potential:**

**Cu/Zn/O structures:** (e.g. ideal, vacancies, defects)

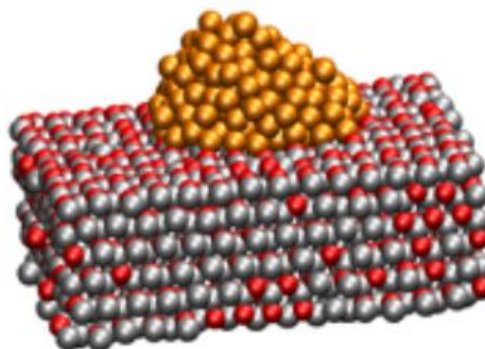
**~100,000** structures (90% train, 10% test)

RMSEs  $E_{\text{total}}$  : **0.005** eV/atom

Forces: **0.090** eV/Bohr

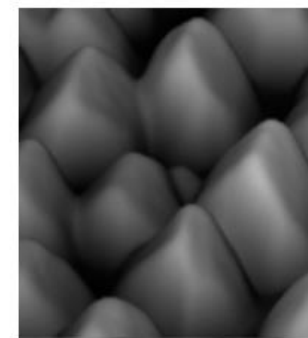


Initial configuration/  
MD movie



Configuration at 300 ps

N. Artrith, B. Hiller, J. Behler  
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STM image of  
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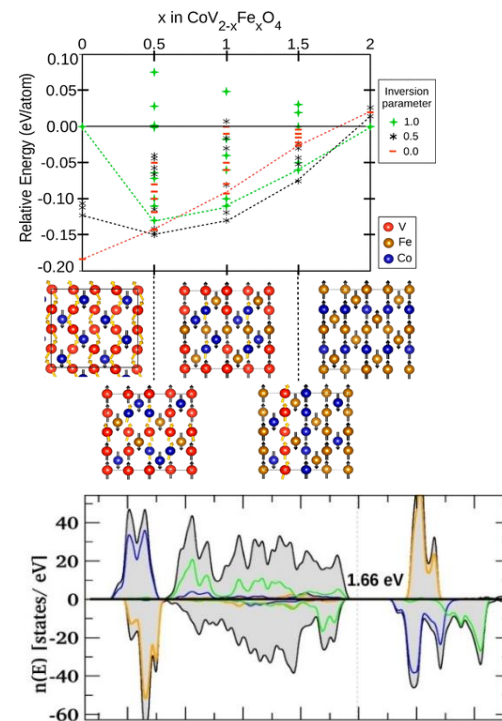
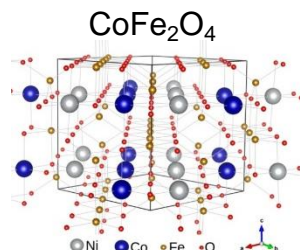
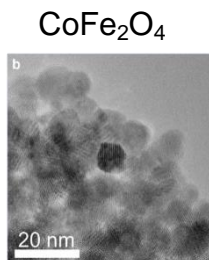
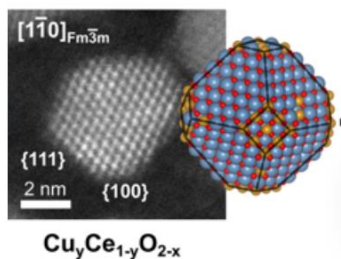
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- ANN potentials allow to simulate structural models with thousands of atoms while providing high accuracy close to the reference method

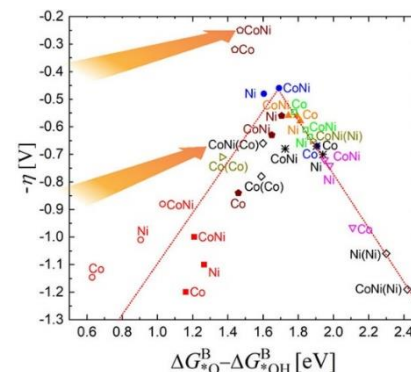
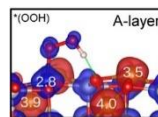
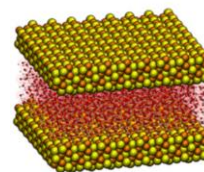


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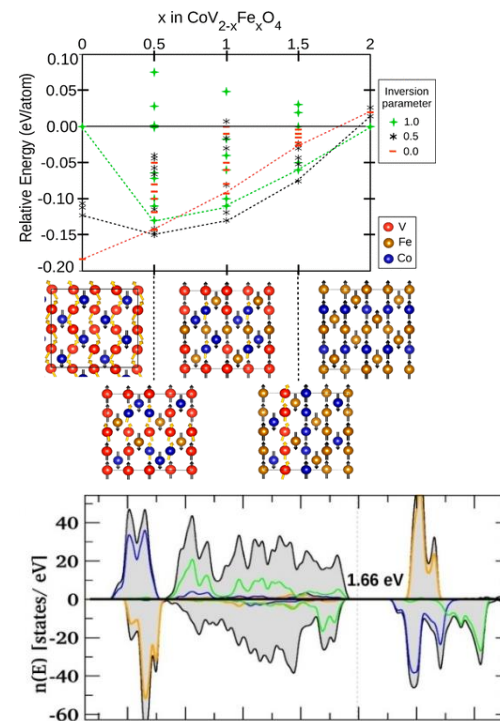
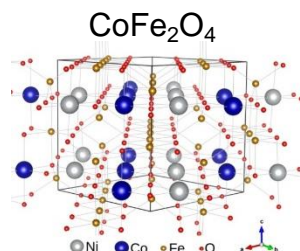
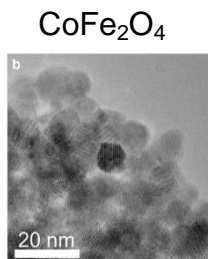
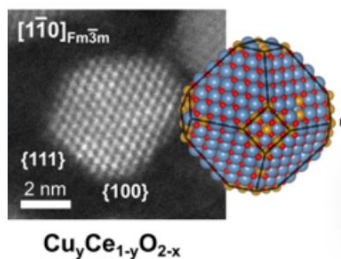


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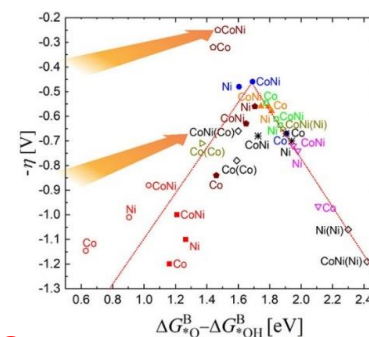
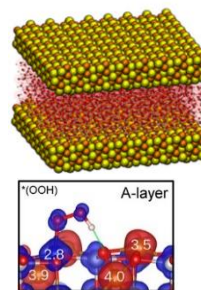


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