

Bayesian calibration of interatomic potential models for binary alloys



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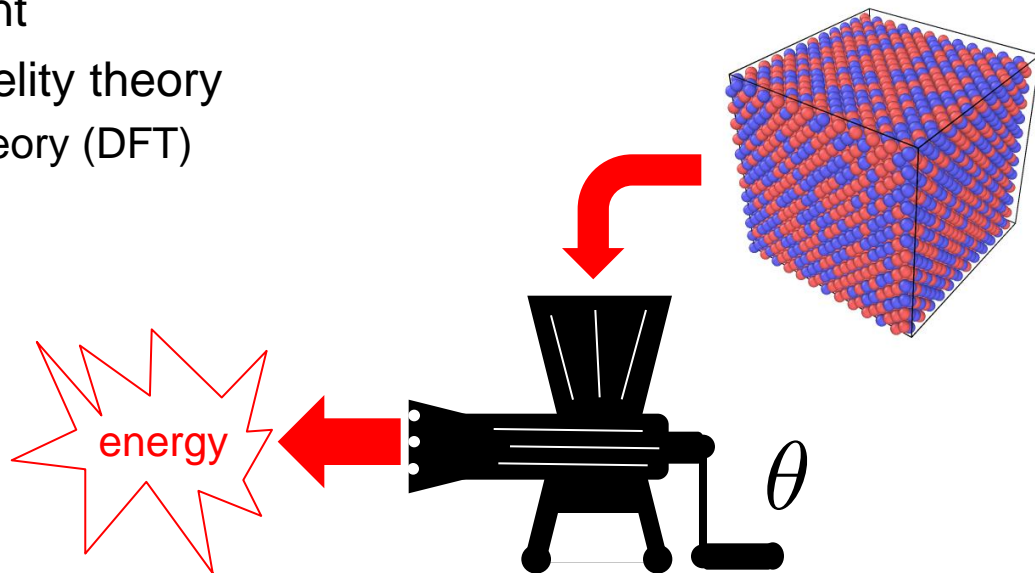


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- Interatomic potential models and UQ
- Physical model
- Bayesian calibration
- Running example – Au-Cu binary alloy systems
 - *Posterior predictive* vs. *pushforward posterior* distributions highlight the importance of **model error**.

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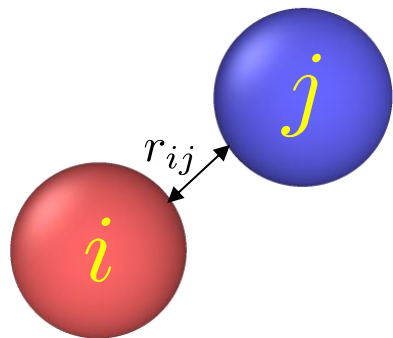
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- Reliable simulation with interatomic potentials requires quantified uncertainties*
 - for model validation and comparison
 - for prediction
 - for decision-making

*S.L. Frederiksen, K.W. Jacobsen, K.S. Brown, J.P. Sethna, Phys. Rev. Lett. 93, 165501 (2004)

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Embedded Atom Model (Finnis-Sinclair type) for systems with two element types: A and B



- atom i of type $\alpha \in \{A, B\}$
- atom j of type $\beta \in \{A, B\}$

energy at atom i

$$E_i = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j \neq i} V_{\alpha\beta}(r_{ij}) + F_{\alpha} \left(\sum_{j \neq i} \rho_{\alpha\beta}(r_{ij}) \right)$$

The equation is enclosed in a light blue rounded rectangle. Red boxes highlight $V_{\alpha\beta}$, F_{α} , and $\rho_{\alpha\beta}$. Red arrows point from these boxes to the text below.

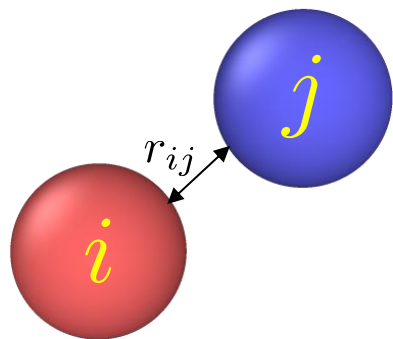
component functions could
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$$F_A \quad \rho_{AA} \quad V_{AA}$$

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extracted from
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← already fitted,
presumably valid,
no parameters ✗

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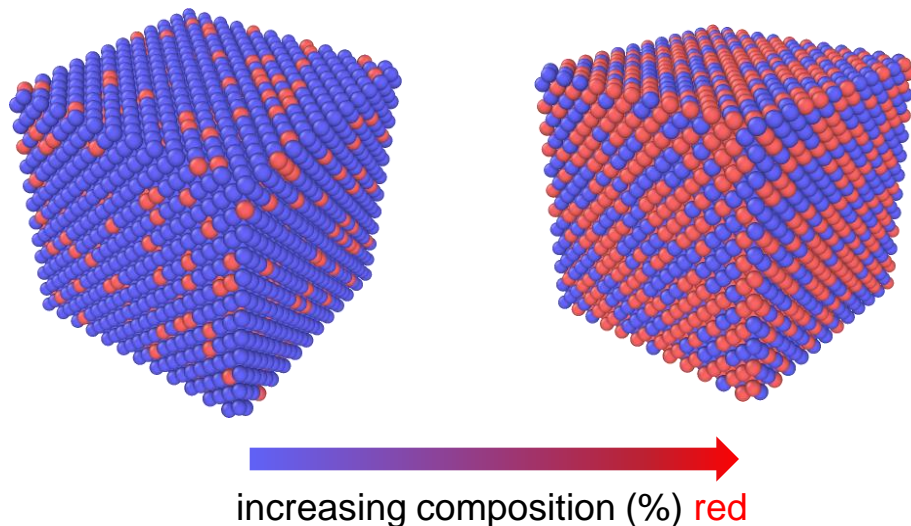
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← modeling and
fitting effort,
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Rapid **A**lloy **M**ethod for **P**roducing **A**ccurate **G**eneral **E**mpirical potentials*



- Generate DFT data for a variety of structures with compositions ranging from 0% A (100%B) to 100% A (0% B).
- Use data to fit the cross-term components of the interatomic potential

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Running example: 5-parameter potential model for Au-Cu

Interatomic potential model

$$V_{AB}(r) = D \left(e^{-2\alpha(r-r_{eq})} - 2e^{-\alpha(r-r_{eq})} \right) \quad \text{Morse pair potential}$$

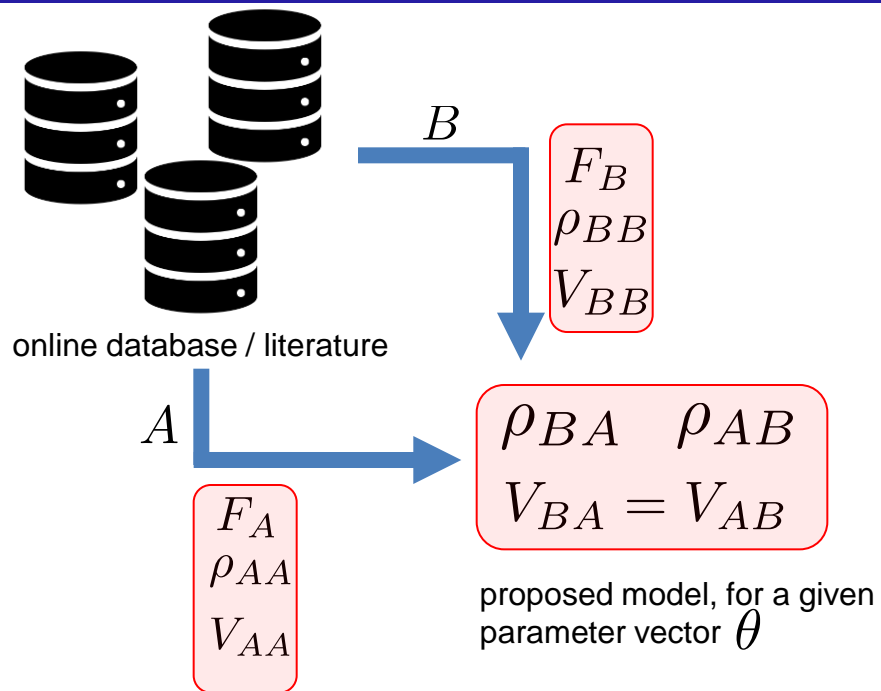
$$\rho_{BA}(r) = r^6 \left(e^{-S_A r} + 2^9 e^{-2S_A r} \right)$$

$$\rho_{AB}(r) = r^6 \left(e^{-S_B r} + 2^9 e^{-2S_B r} \right)$$

Voter electron
densities

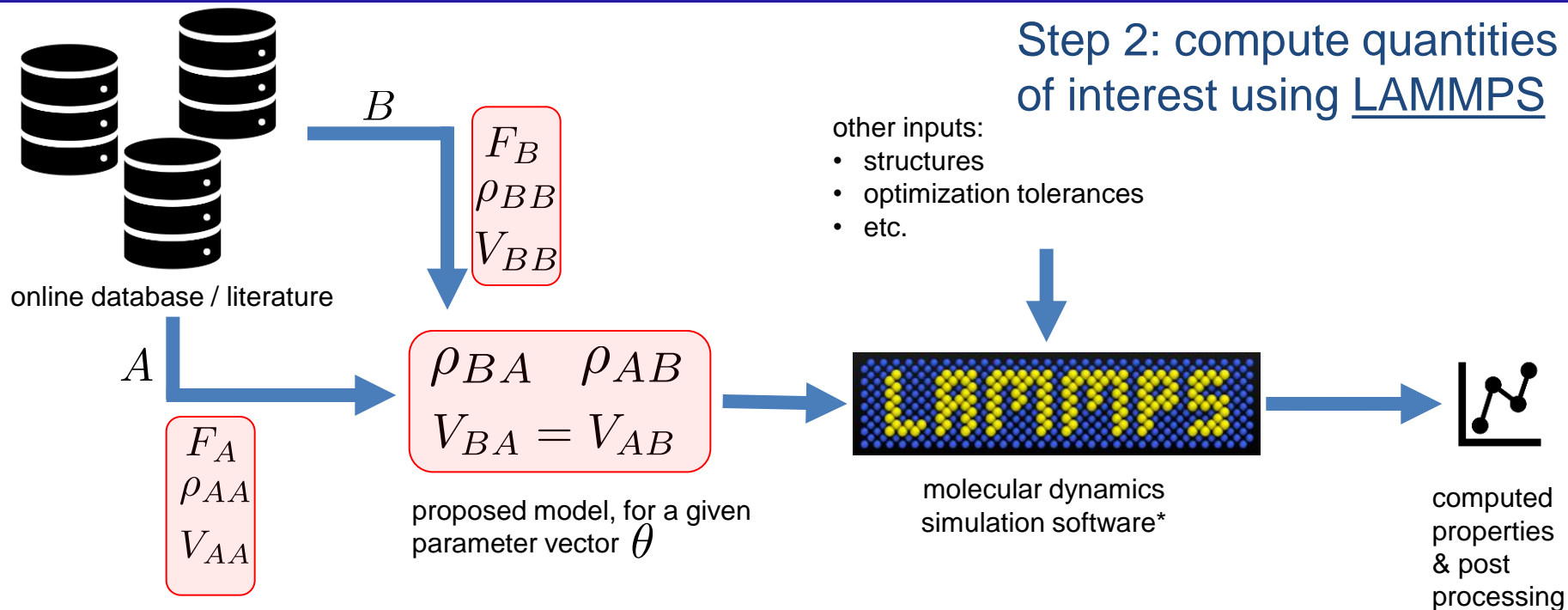
- **5** uncertain parameters: $\theta = [r_{eq}, D, \alpha, S_A, S_B]$
- **102** QOIs total
 - 17 compositions ranging from **3%** Au to **97%** Au
 - For each composition: **lattice parameter, mixing enthalpy, C11, C12, C44, bulk modulus**
- Higher-fidelity DFT data generated for each QOI
 - used for fitting the uncertain parameters

Workflow for computing QOIs



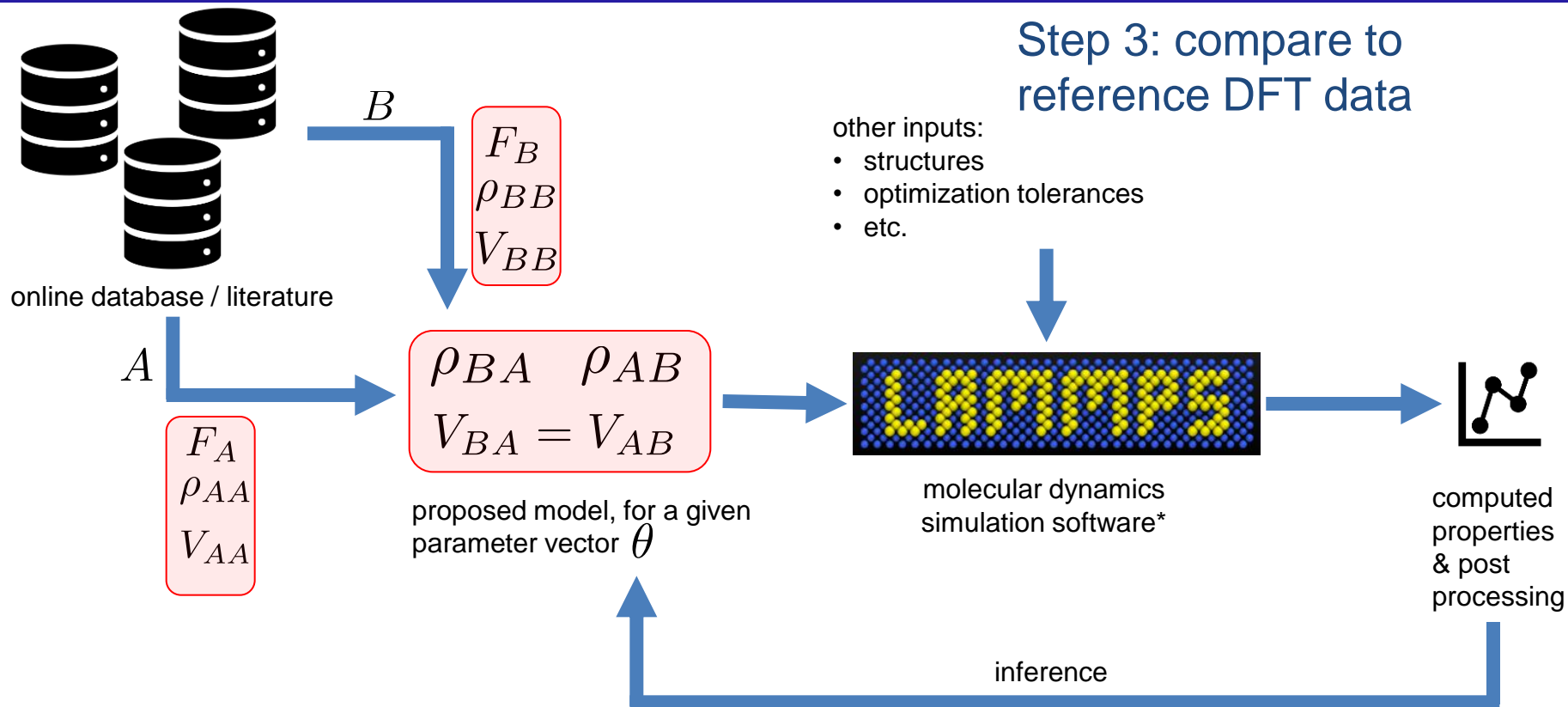
Step 1: download fitted potentials for the pure system, combine with proposed model

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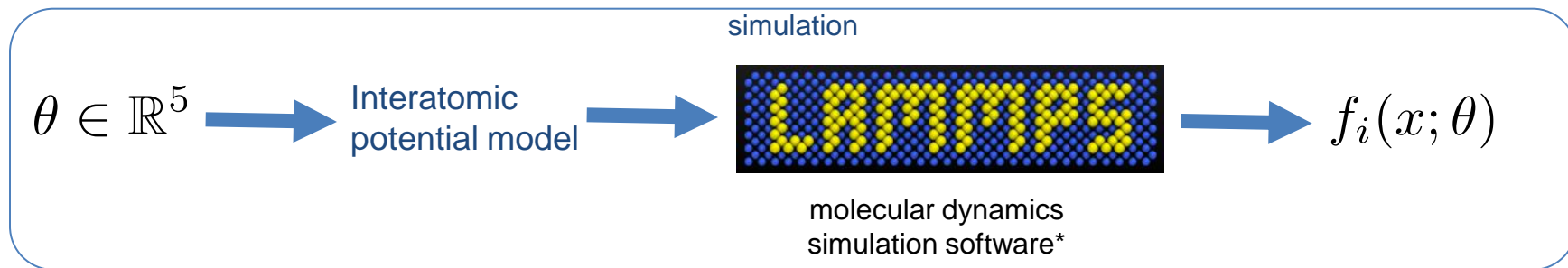
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DFT data simulation model error

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$$\epsilon_i(x) \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2 f_i(x; \theta)^2 + \tau^2) \quad i \in \{\text{mix}\}$$

★ $\lambda = [\theta, \log \sigma, \log \tau]$

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$$p(\lambda|y) = \frac{p(y|\lambda)p(\lambda)}{p(y)}$$

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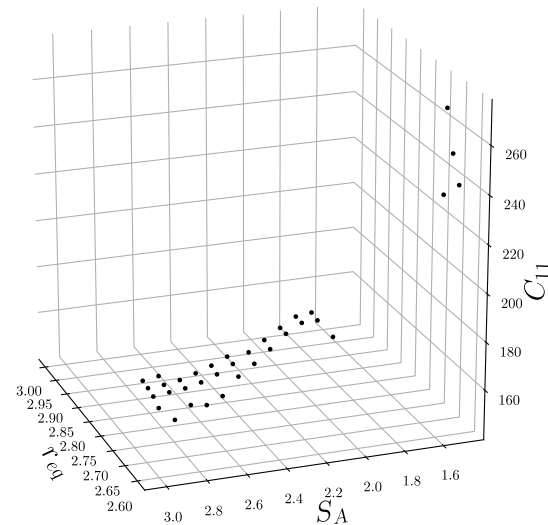
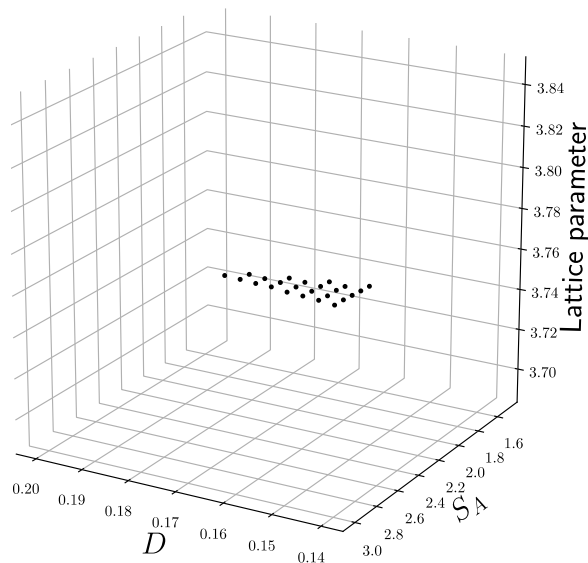
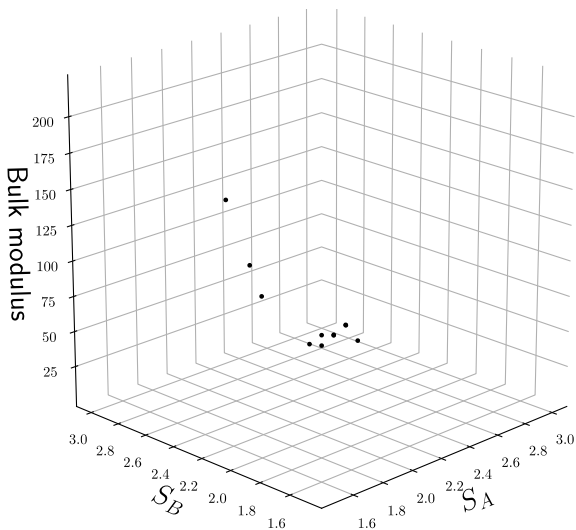
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Illustrations of challenge #2

2D slices of the
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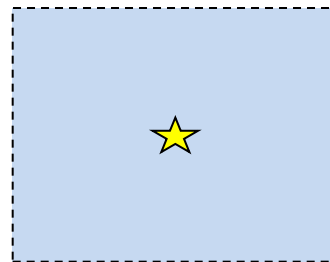
Building globally accurate
surrogate models for this
parameter-to-QoI mapping is
both challenging and inefficient.

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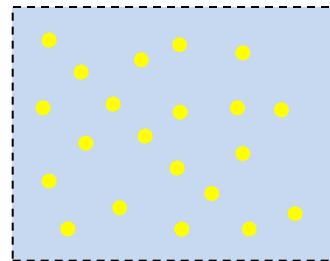
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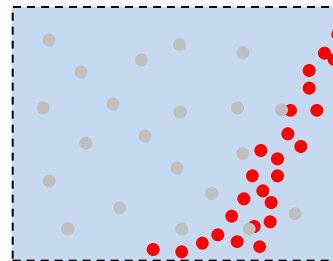


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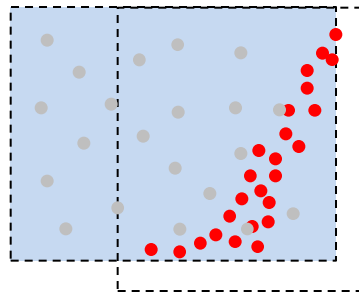
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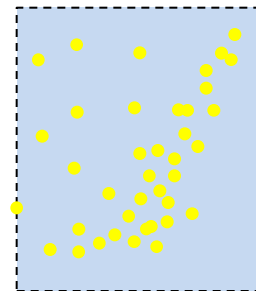
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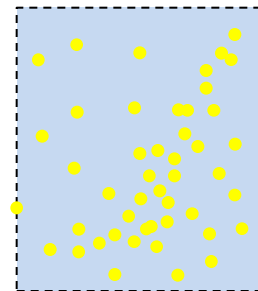


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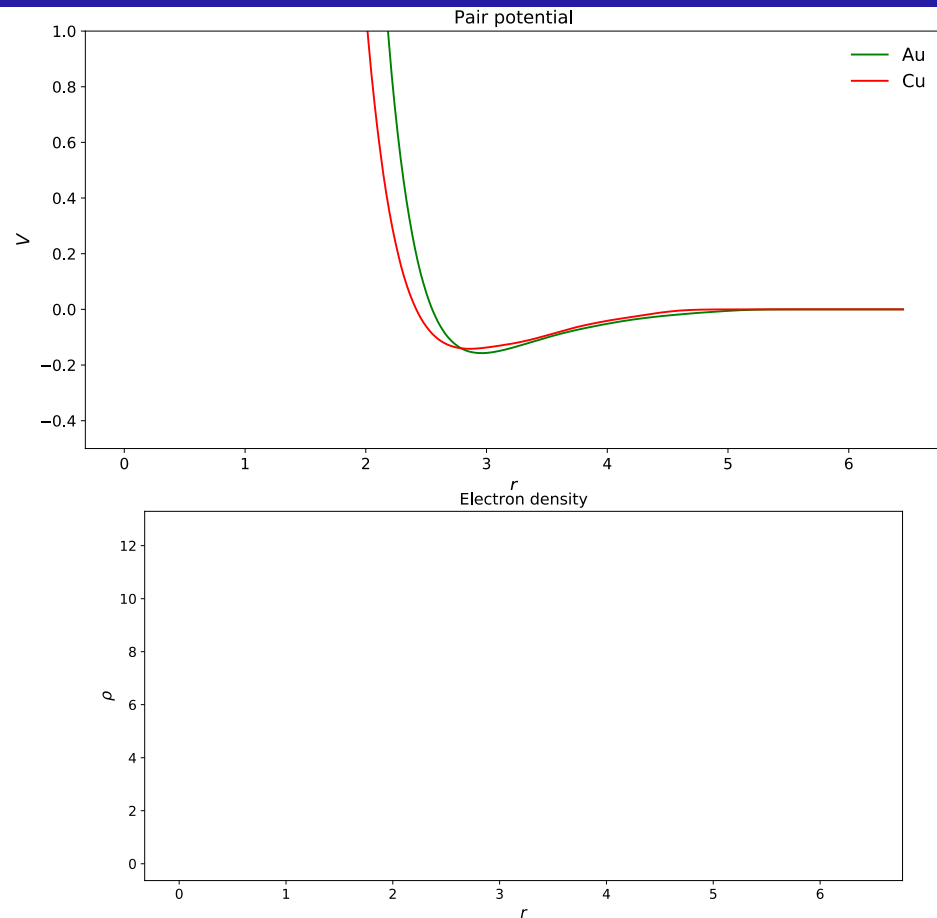
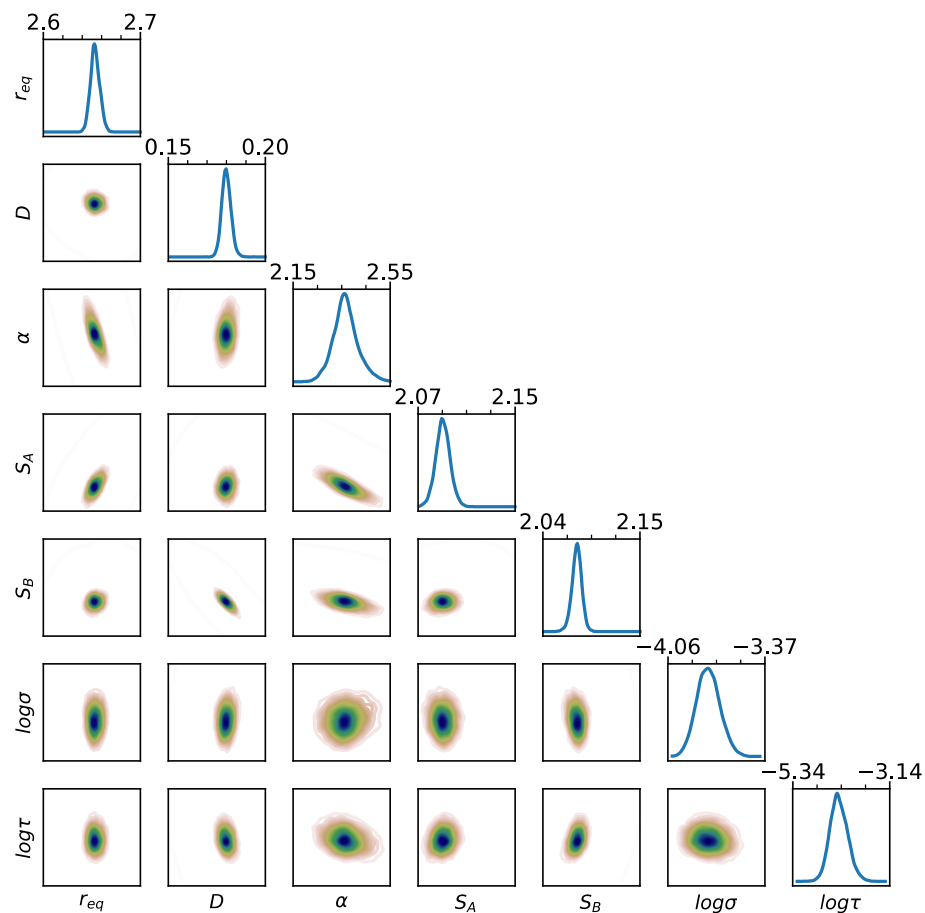
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Return of the running example: Au-Cu system

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- MCMC algorithm: Adaptive Metropolis

*X. W. Zhou, R. A. Johnson, H. N. G. Wadley, Phys. Rev. B, 69, 144113 (2004)

Results: posterior marginals



Predictive uncertainty

$$\overset{\text{DFT data}}{y_i(x)} = \overset{\text{physical model}}{f_i(x; \theta)} + \overset{\text{model error}}{\epsilon_i(x)}$$

Posterior
predictive

$$p(\lambda|y)$$

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physical model +
model error

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Pushforward
posterior*

$$p(\theta|y)$$

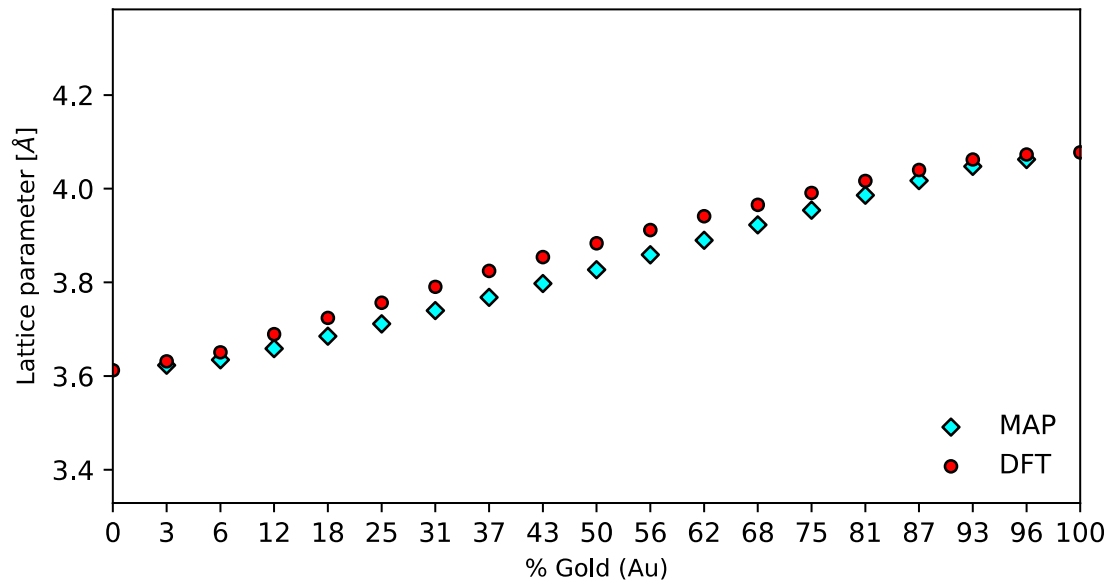
physical model

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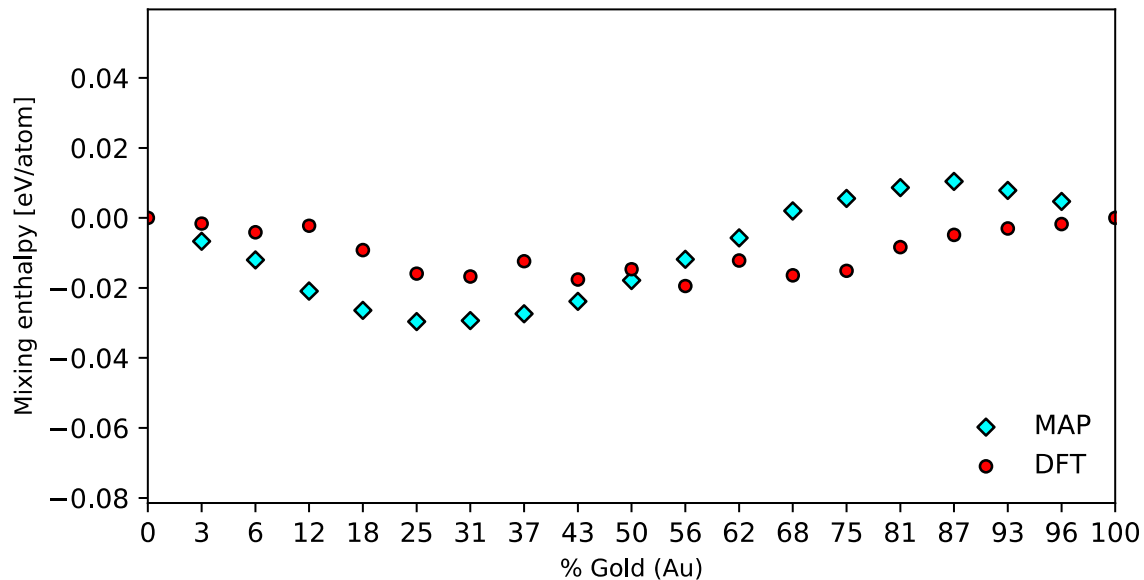
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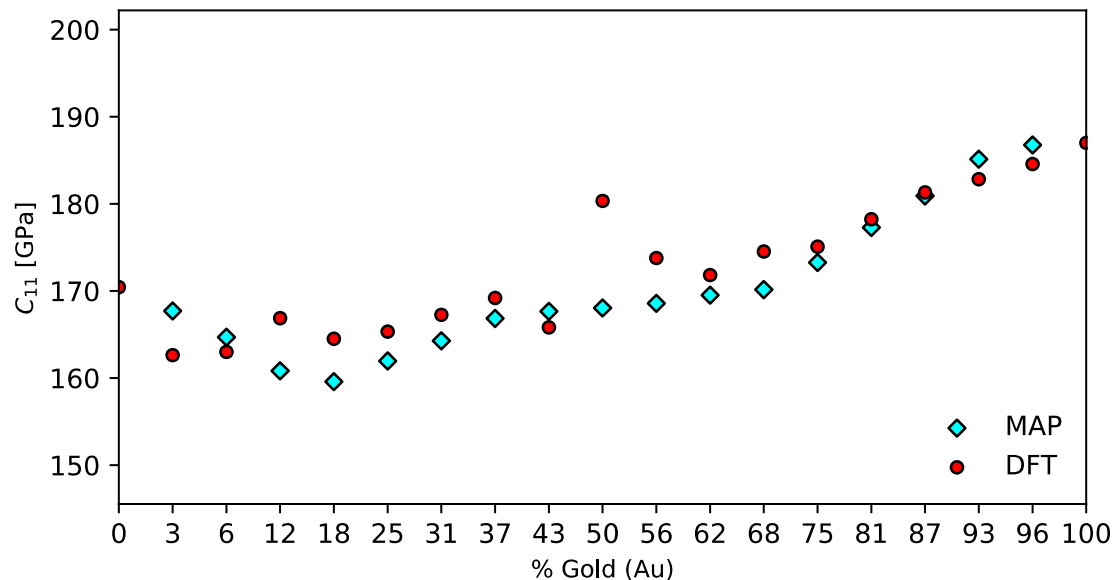
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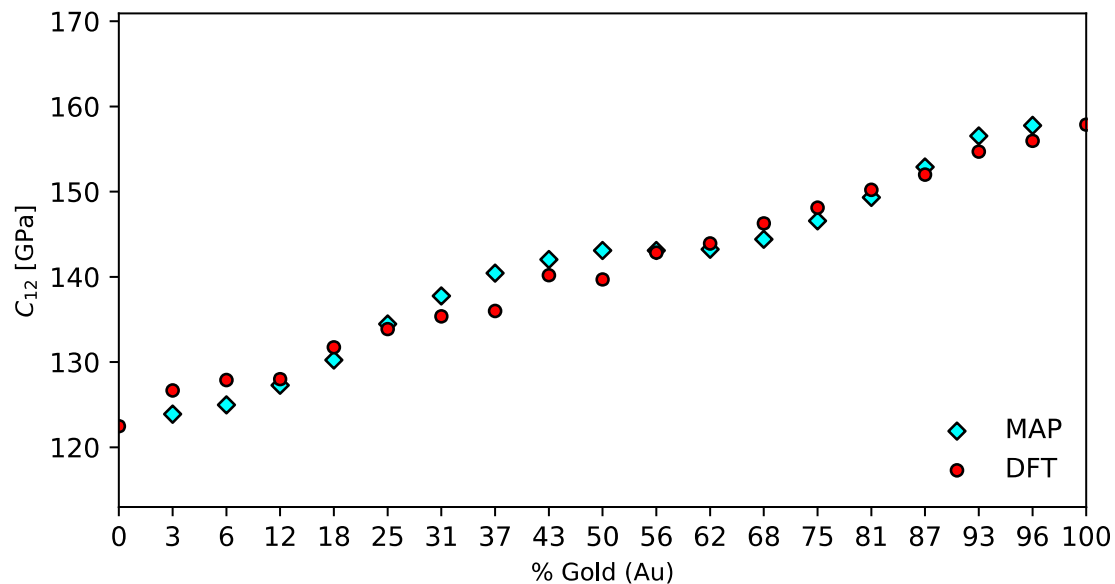
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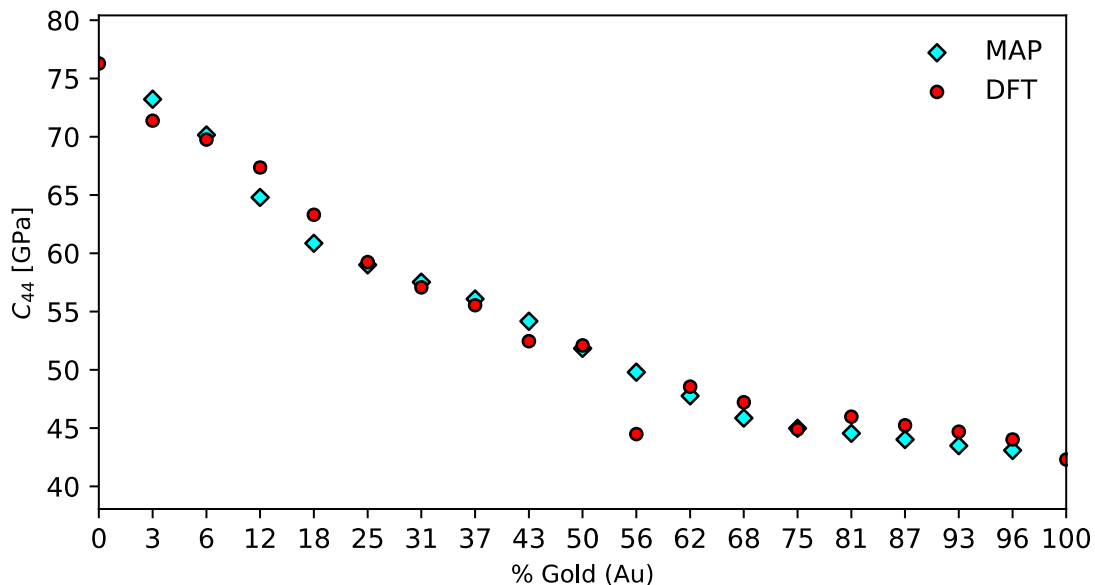
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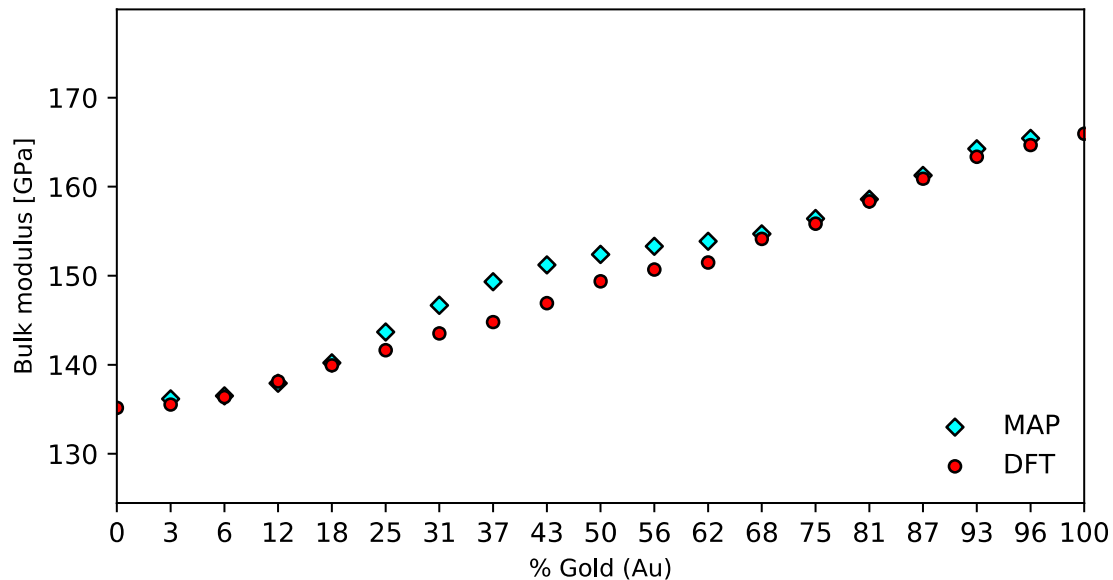
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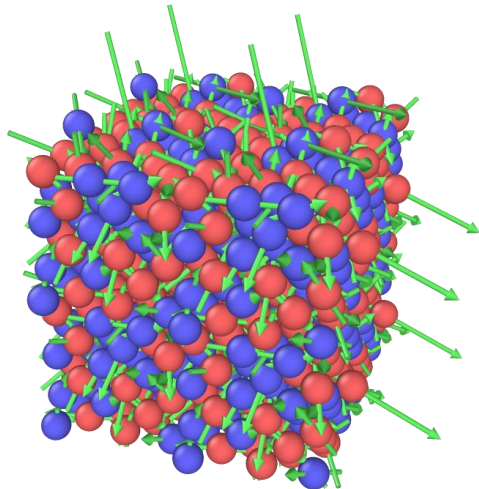


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Challenge for prediction

Examining force predictions



Forces are a QoI not included in the calibration, and hence may be used to assess the calibrated potential through comparison with DFT.

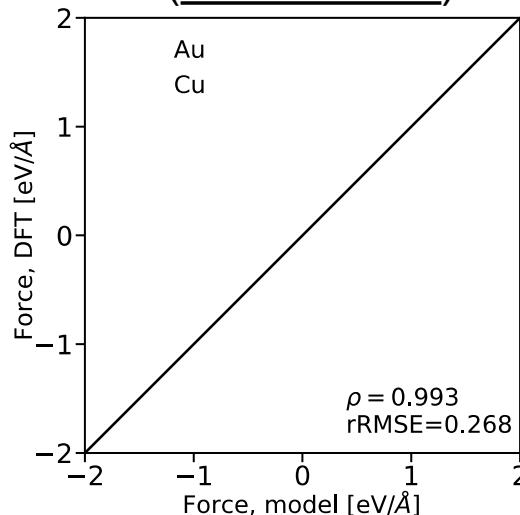
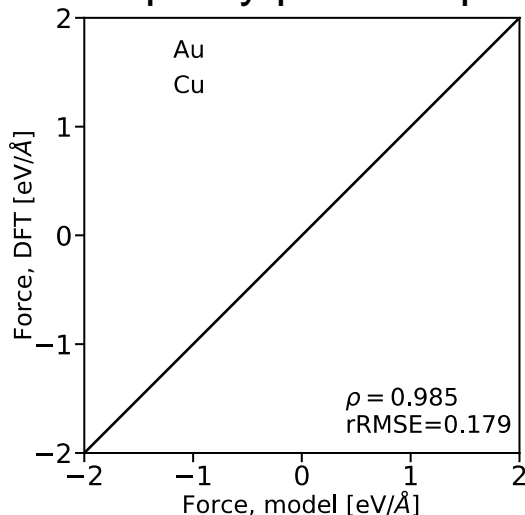
Predictions are of the **PFP**-type and based on the marginal posterior $p(\theta|y)$:

- no sensible mechanism for transferring our **additive model error** from the calibration QoIs to force predictions
- **UQ perspective**: previous calibration results suggest that the predictive uncertainties will be underestimated and overconfident

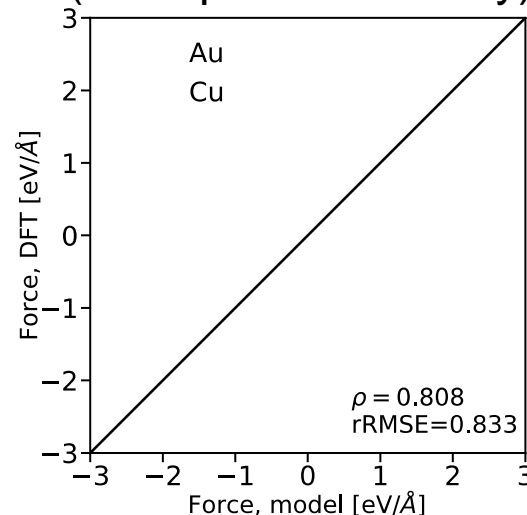
Force prediction are lacking

- force vectors are predicted for each atom in a 108-atom system
- for a given parameter, we aggregate the force outputs and compare them to DFT

parity plots for pure elements (benchmarks)

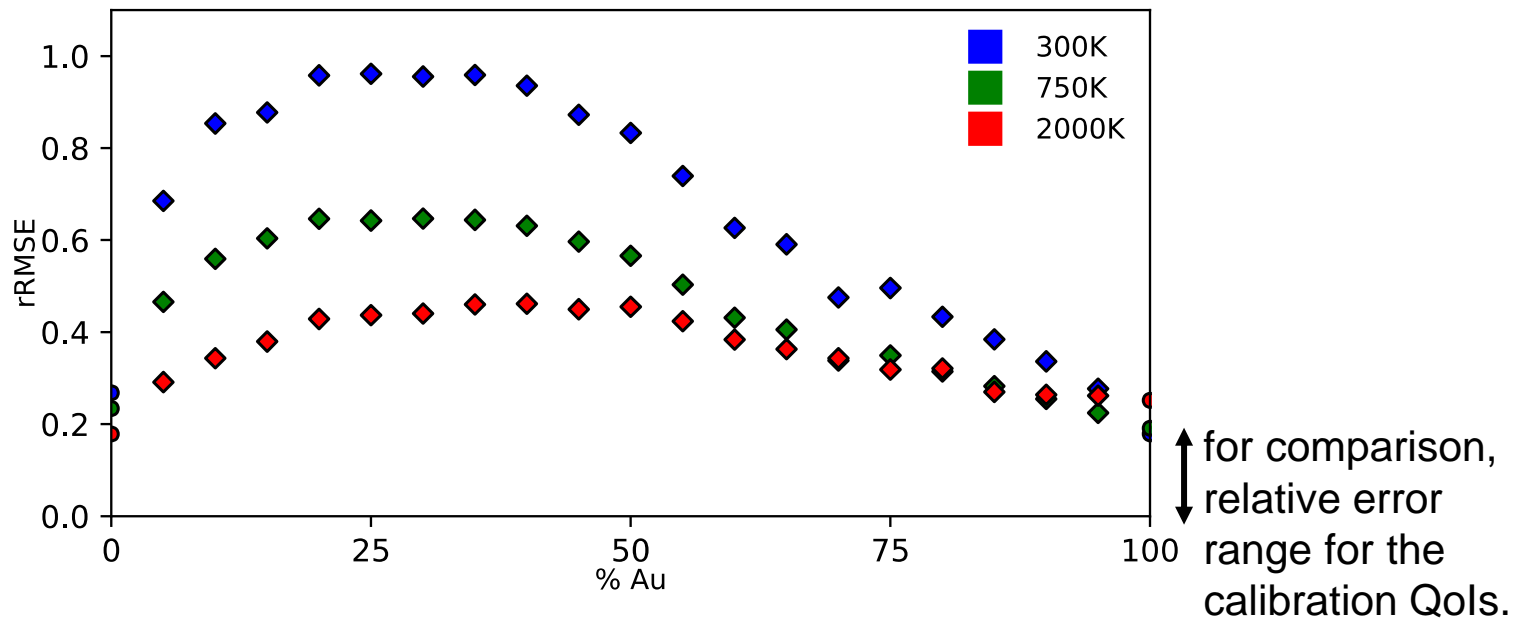


parity plot for 50%-50%
composition
(MAP parameter only)



error metrics: correlation coefficient, normalized RMSE.

Pushforward posterior distributions of one error metric:



The calibrated potential model is not predictive of forces.

These results motivate the **inclusion of force data** in the calibration Qols.

Summary

- Investigated RAMPAGE potential model for Au-Cu systems
- Implemented a sequential strategy for Bayesian calibration
 - iterative inference steps with locally constructed gaussian processes
 - guided by an expensive physical model
- Highlighted the role of **model error** in calibration and prediction
 - e.g., differences between PFPs and PPDs.
 - results motivate the inclusion of **embedded forms of model error** that can be more readily transferred to other prediction settings (such as forces).
- Predictive assessments exposed key limitations of the model
 - inadequate force predictions motivate inclusion of force data in training.

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Extra slides

Simulation workflow

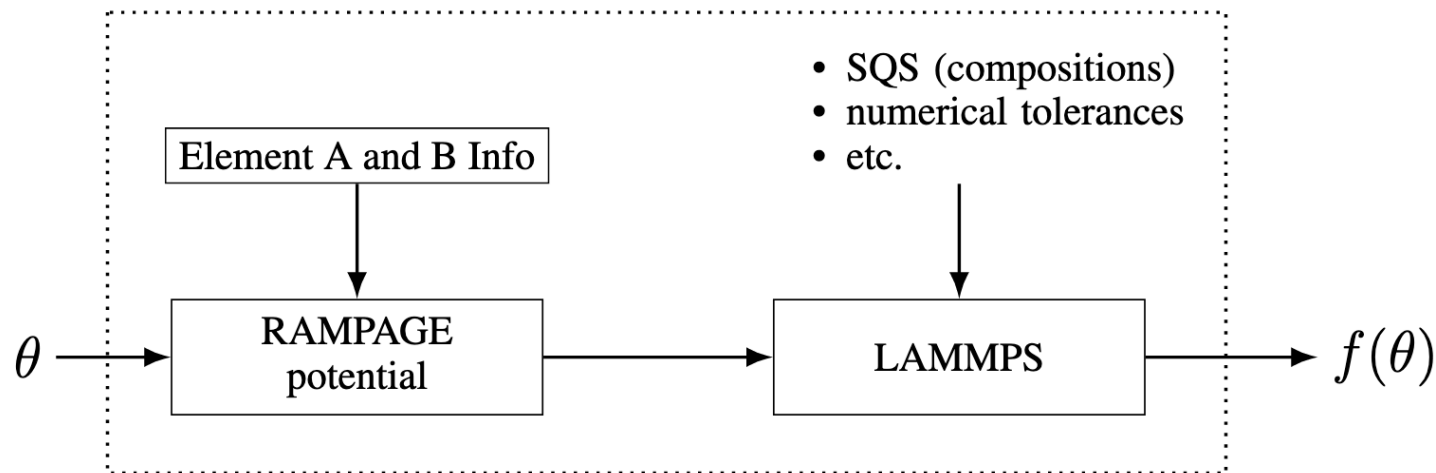
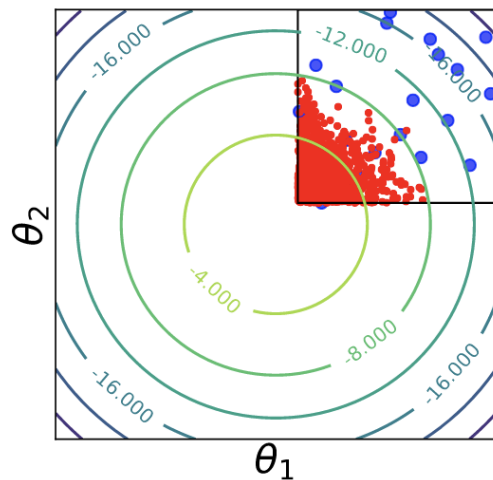
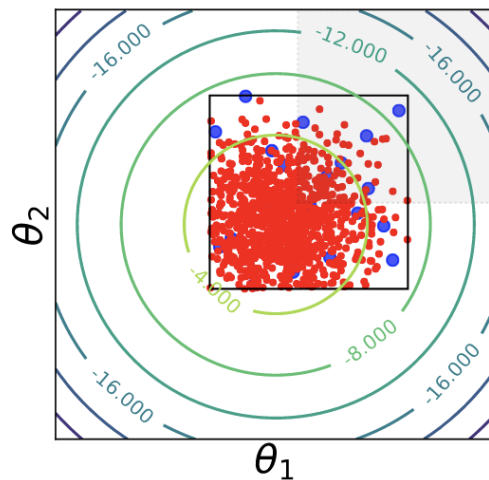


Figure 1: Simulation workflow for a generic binary system. Here, θ represents the input parameter vector for the examined IAP, and $f(\theta)$ the vector of output QoI values.

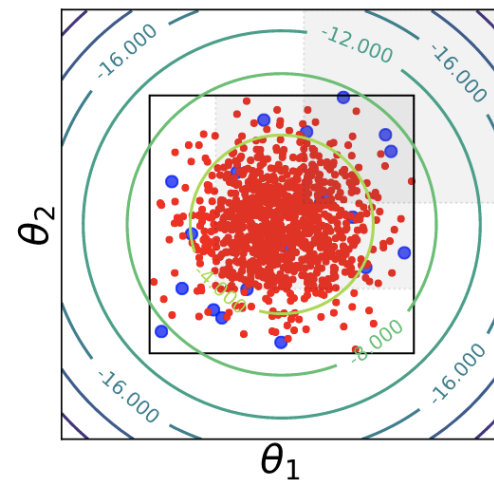
Inference strategy



(a)



(b)



(c)

Figure 3: Toy example illustrating the movement of \mathcal{H} during the inference strategy.

Forces workflow

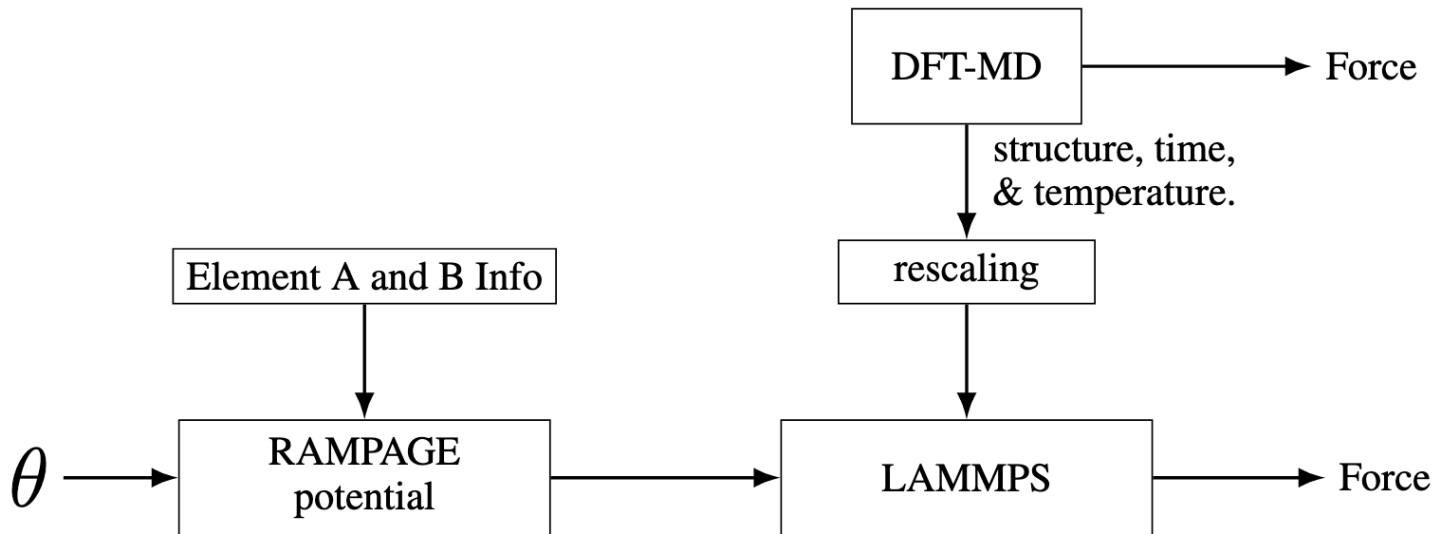


Figure 12: Molecular dynamics simulation workflow for computing forces.

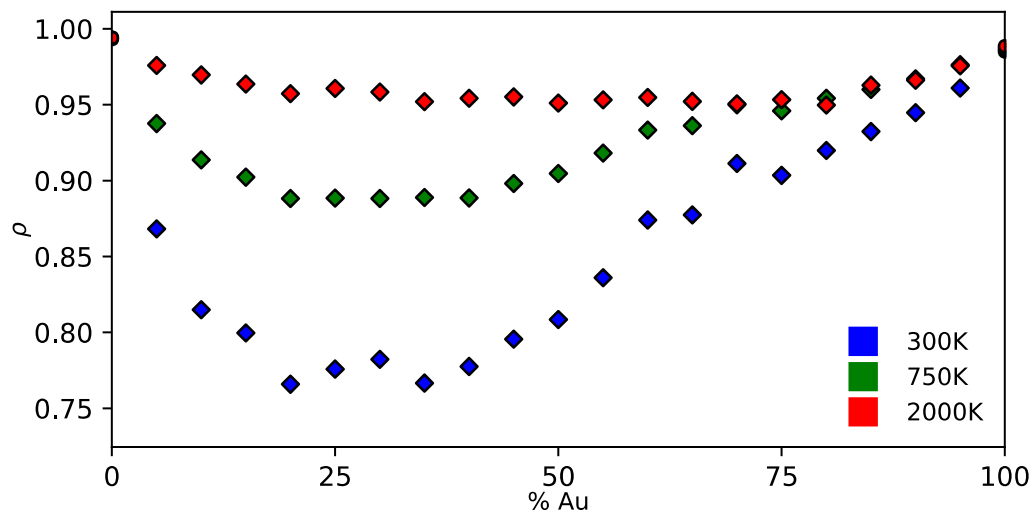
Force error metrics

$$\begin{aligned}\rho &= \frac{\sum_{j \in \mathcal{J}} \left(F_j^{\text{model}} - \bar{F}^{\text{model}} \right) \left(F_j^{\text{DFT}} - \bar{F}^{\text{DFT}} \right)}{\sqrt{\sum_{j \in \mathcal{J}} \left(F_j^{\text{model}} - \bar{F}^{\text{model}} \right)^2} \sqrt{\sum_{j \in \mathcal{J}} \left(F_j^{\text{DFT}} - \bar{F}^{\text{DFT}} \right)^2}} \\ \text{RMSE} &= \sqrt{\frac{1}{|\mathcal{J}|} \sum_{j \in \mathcal{J}} \left(F_j^{\text{model}} - F_j^{\text{DFT}} \right)^2} \\ \text{rRMSE} &= \frac{\text{RMSE}}{\sqrt{\frac{1}{|\mathcal{J}|} \sum_{j \in \mathcal{J}} \left(F_j^{\text{DFT}} \right)^2}},\end{aligned}\tag{16}$$

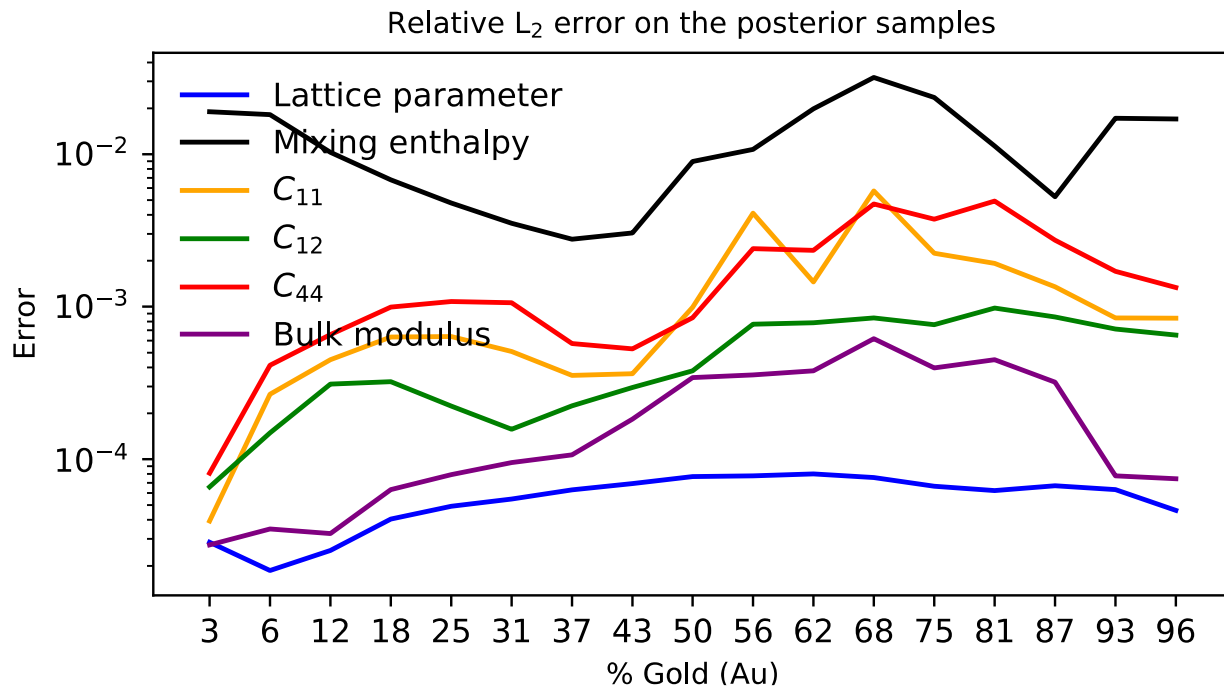
where all summations are taken over time steps, atoms, and components, and

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{F} &= \frac{1}{|\mathcal{J}|} \sum_{j \in \mathcal{J}} F_j \\ \mathcal{J} &= \{(t, a, c) : t \in \text{time}, a \in \text{atoms}, c \in \{x, y, z\}\}.\end{aligned}\tag{17}$$

PFPs for correlation coefficients (forces)

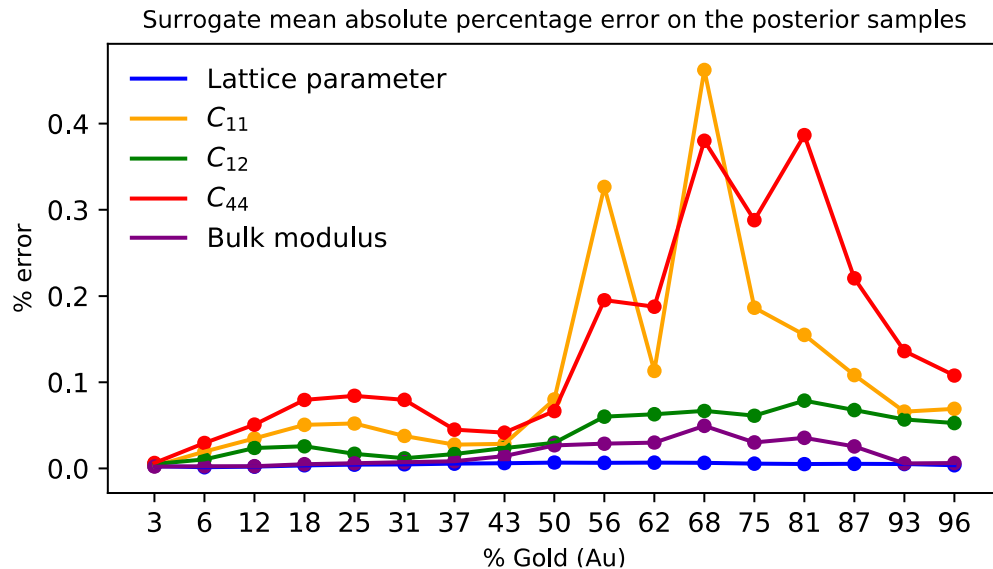


Surrogate modeling error



$$\frac{\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^m (y_{\text{Surr}}(\theta_i) - y_{\text{LAMMPS}}(\theta_i))^2}}{\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^m y_{\text{LAMMPS}}(\theta_i)^2}}$$

Surrogate modeling error



Thursday, April 14

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Quantifying **Predictive Uncertainty** with Physics-Informed Machine Learning - Part II of III

8:10 AM - 10:10 AM

Room: Augusta F - 7th Floor

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Uncertainty quantification plays a central role in verifying and validating computational models and enabling predictive science. Due to the high computational cost in modeling and simulation, it is desirable to replace the underlying physics model with **data-driven surrogate models**. However, such data-driven approaches do not capture critical properties and physics. This minisymposium focuses on the research and development of physics-informed, physics-constrained, and **physics-guided data-driven surrogate models that also enable uncertainty quantification**. We cordially invite researchers to submit work that involves or is related to computationally efficient, reliable, accurate, physics-informed, physics-constrained, physics-guided, and data- and domain-informed surrogate models and methods with an emphasis on uncertainty quantification