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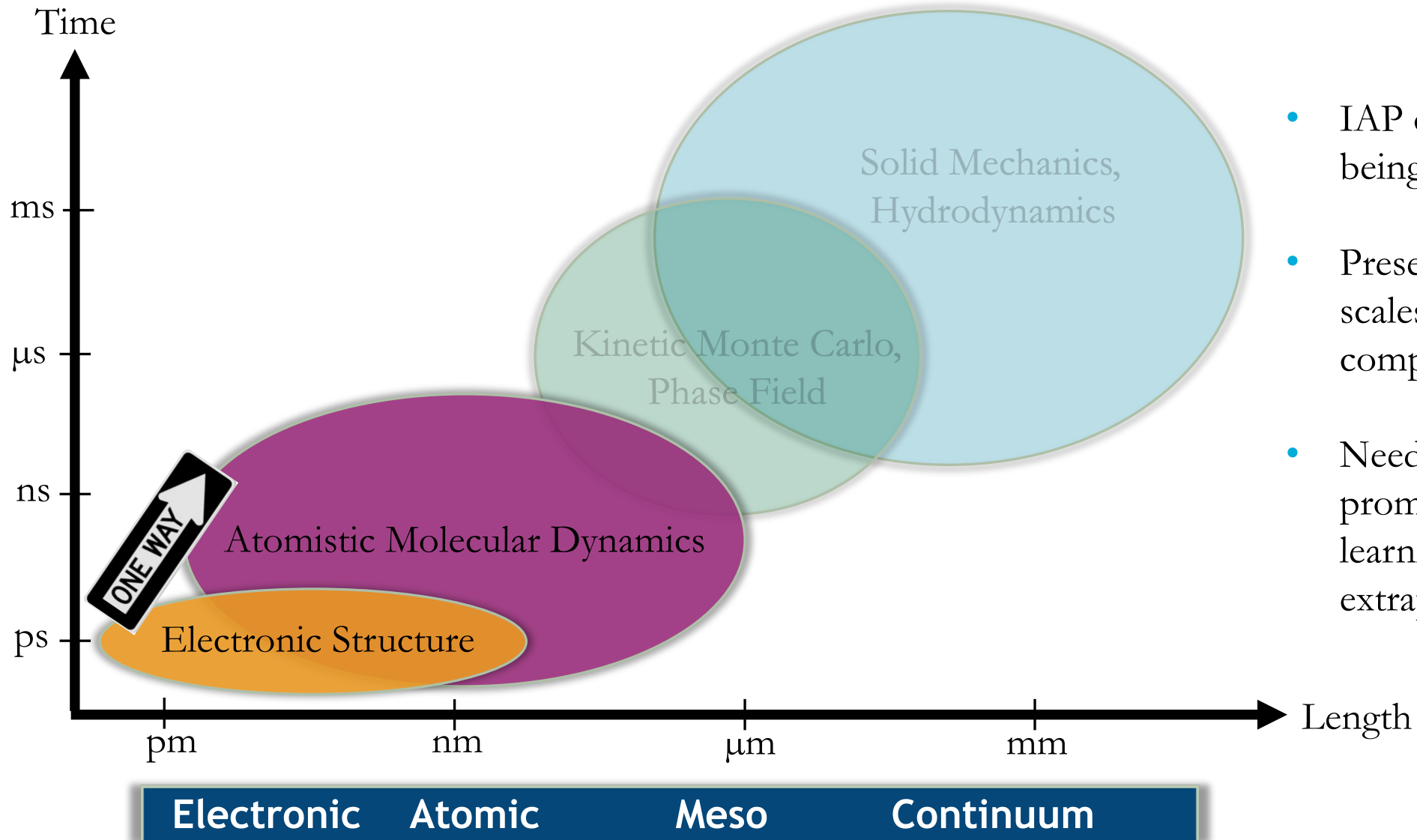
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Interatomic Potentials as Multi-Scaling

- IAP can be useful without being physically motivated

- Preserving accuracy through scales while becoming computationally efficient

- Need to be cautious of what is promised with machine learning, most of MD will be extrapolation
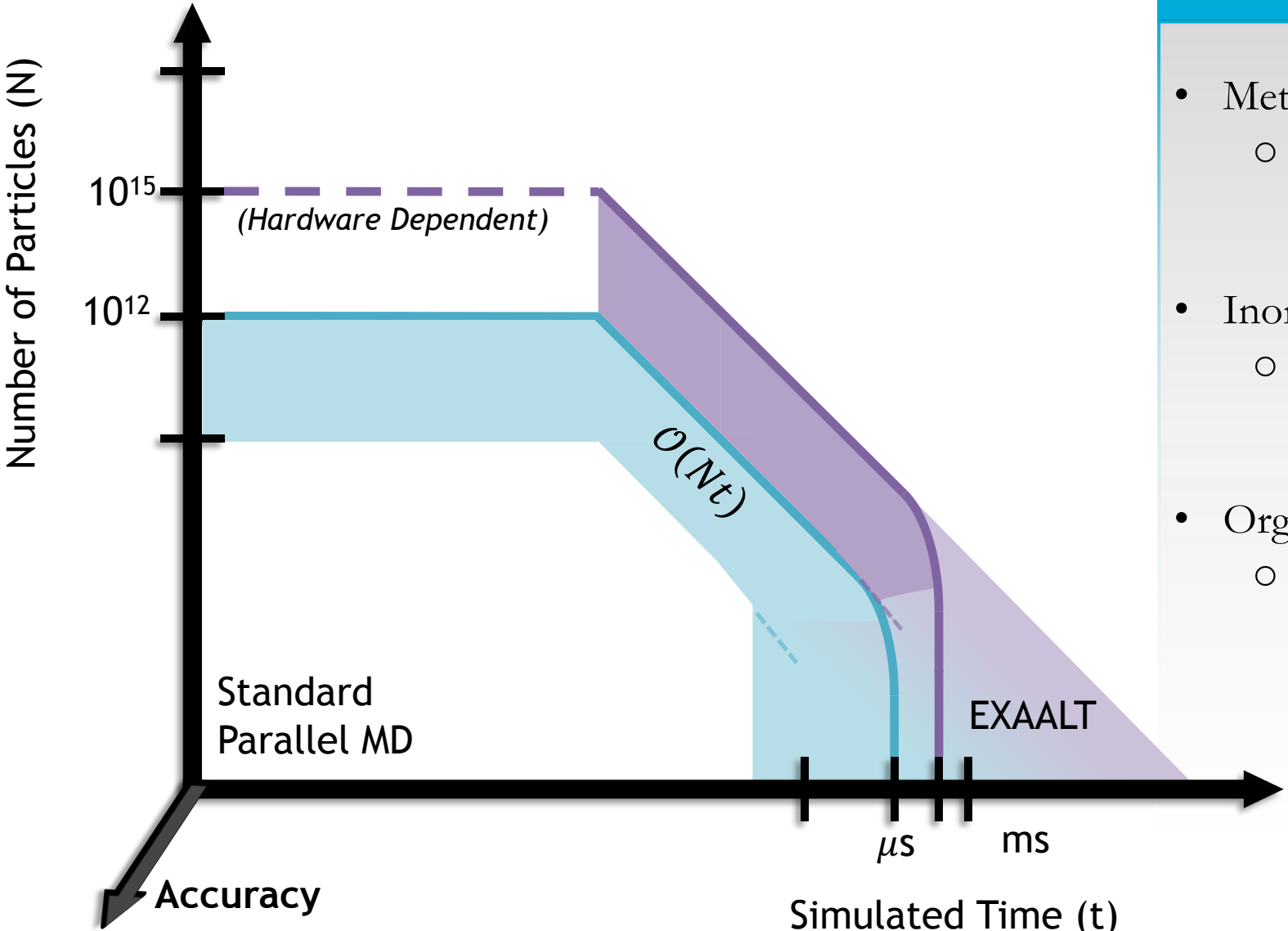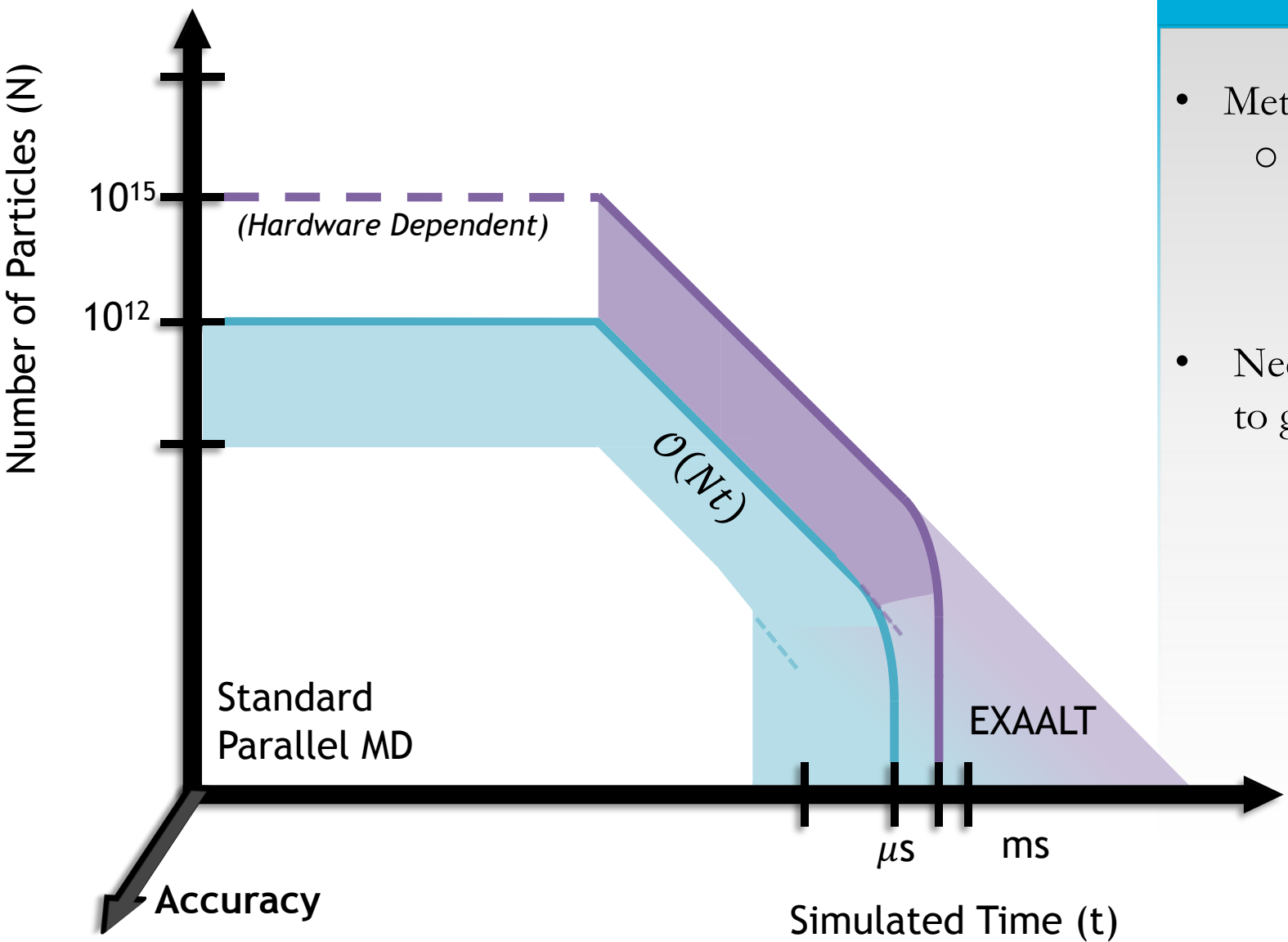
Return to the Master Plot

Classical, Empirical Potentials

- Metals
  - EAM: Assume spherical electron density
  $$E_i = F_\alpha\left(\sum_{j \neq i} \rho_\beta(r_{ij})\right) + \frac{1}{2}\sum_{j \neq i} \phi_{\alpha\beta}(r_{ij})$$

- Inorganic
  - Stillinger-Weber: Assume 2,3-body harmonic springs

- Organic
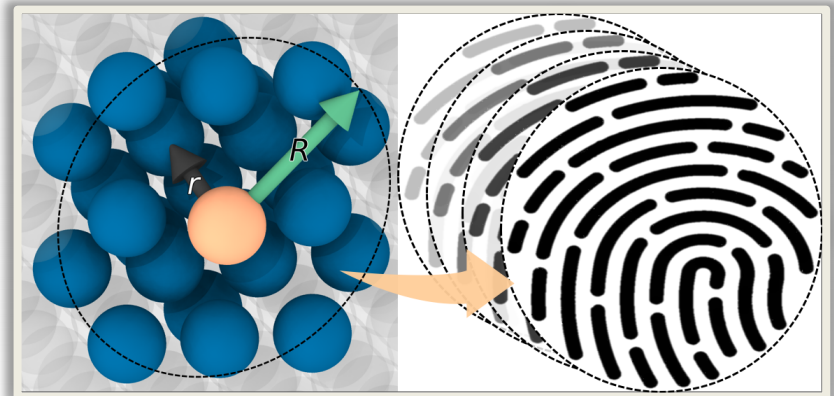 - ReaxFF: Assume covalent bonding, smooth bond-orders between all interacting atoms

Number of Particles (N)

10^{15}

(Hardware Dependent)

10^{12}

$\mathcal{O}(Nt)$

Standard
Parallel MD

EXAALT

μs   ms

Accuracy

Simulated Time (t)

Machine Learned Potentials

- Metals, Inorganic, Organic, etc.
  - Assume energy and forces are some function of local atomic neighborhood descriptors

- Needs reference data to be properly trained to get the 'right' energies and forces

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Si	2020	Neural network SNAP	UNLV, Zhu	1596	>5,000	NN
Al	2021	Predicting electron density	SNL, Ellis	91	30	NN
Fe	2021	Magnetic phase transition	SNL, Nikolov	1596	683	Quad+Spin

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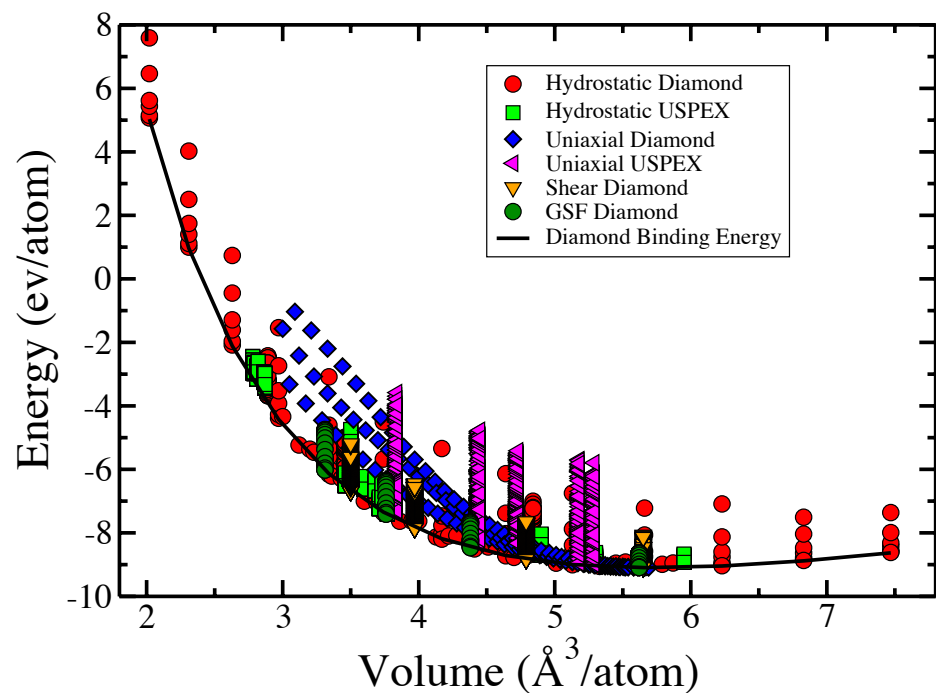**So what should you train a ML-IAP on?**   **How do you recognize failures (poor extrapolations)?**

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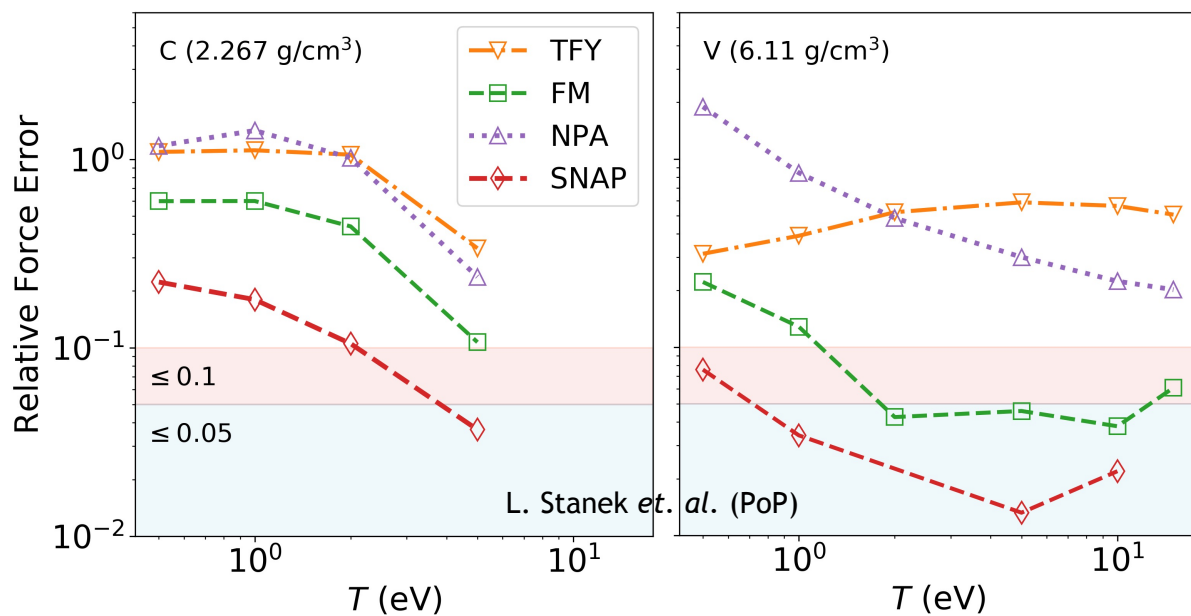# To be or Not to be Transferrable

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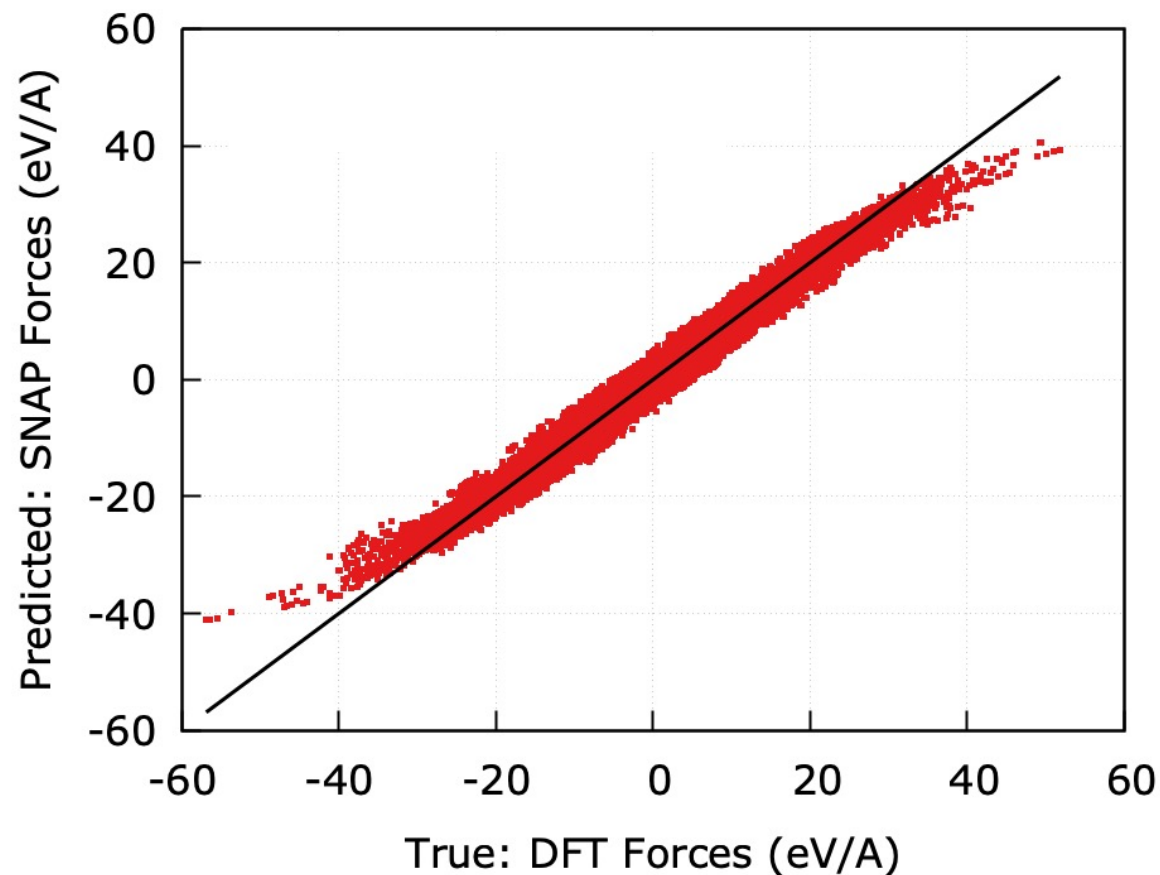

J. Willman *et. al.* (In Prep)

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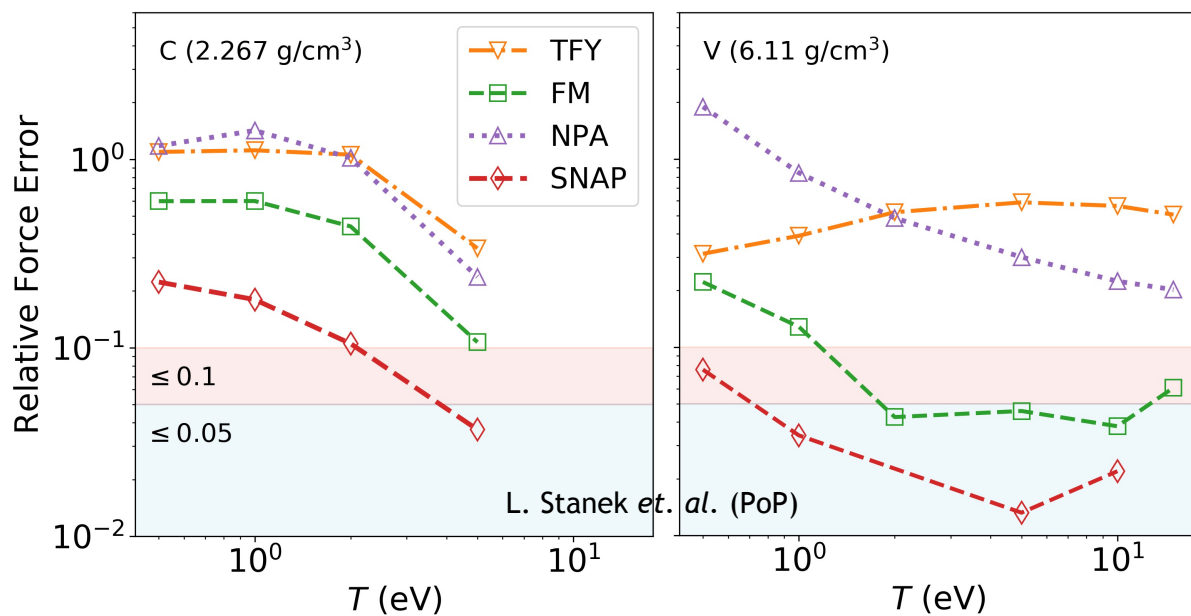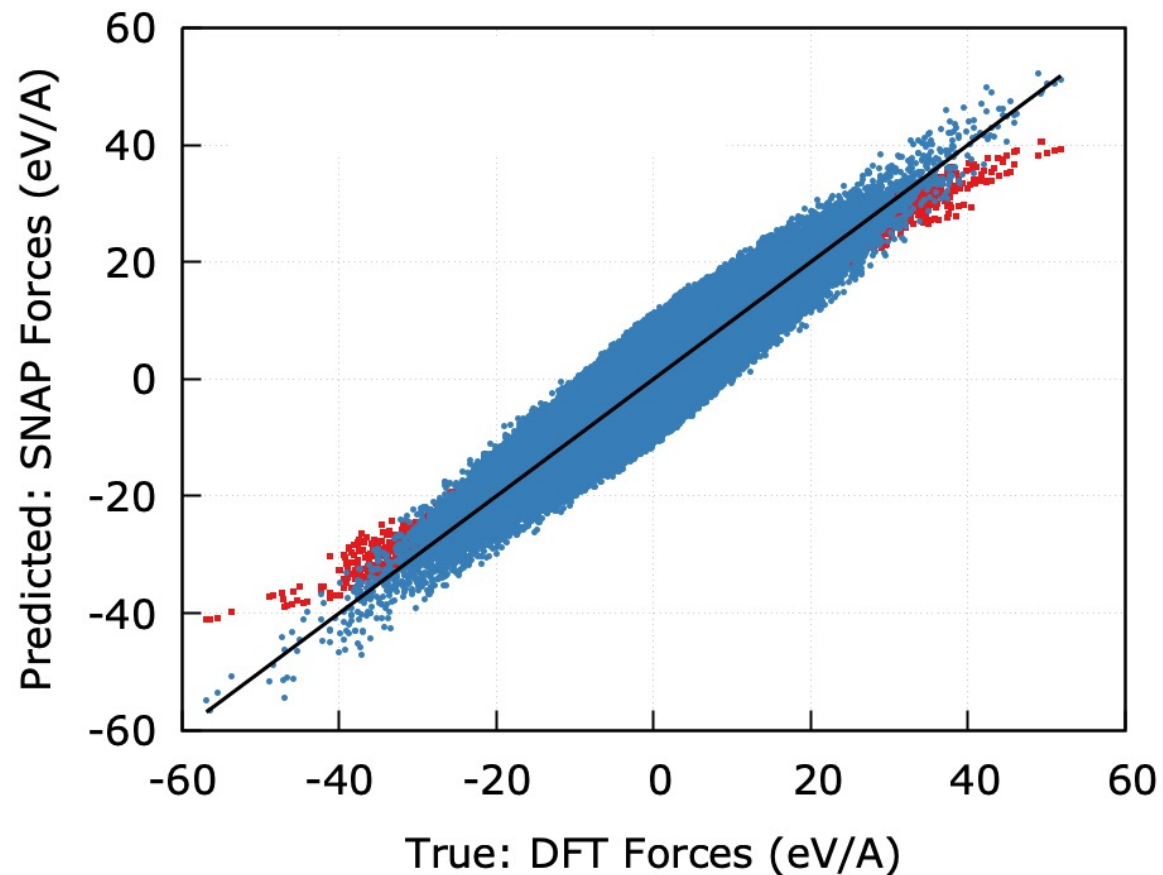
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L. Stanek *et. al.* (PoP)

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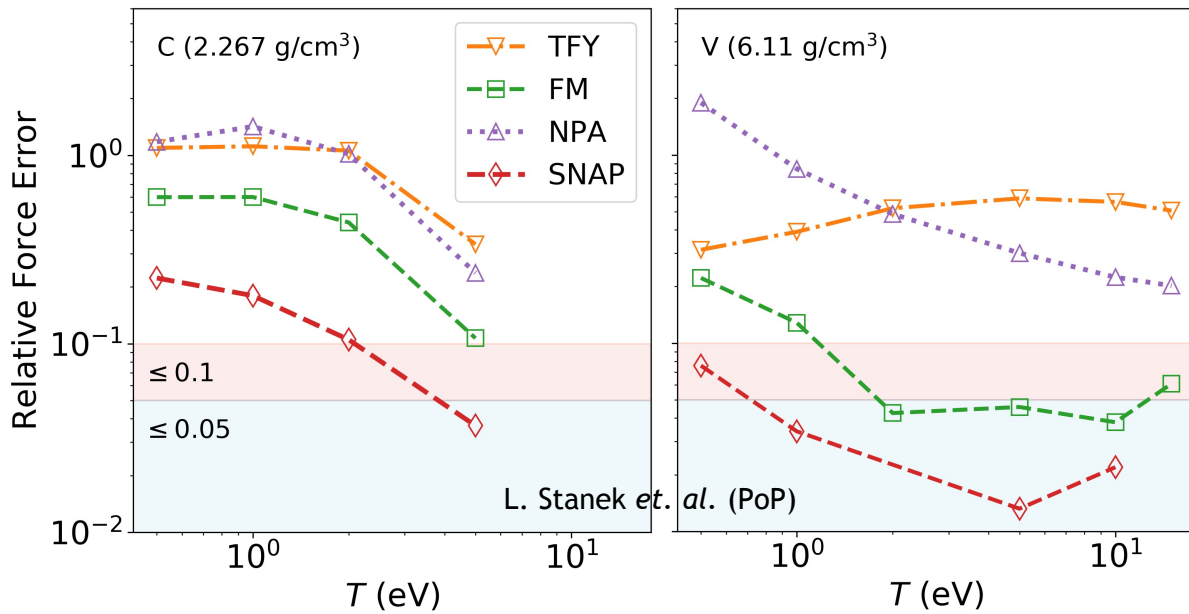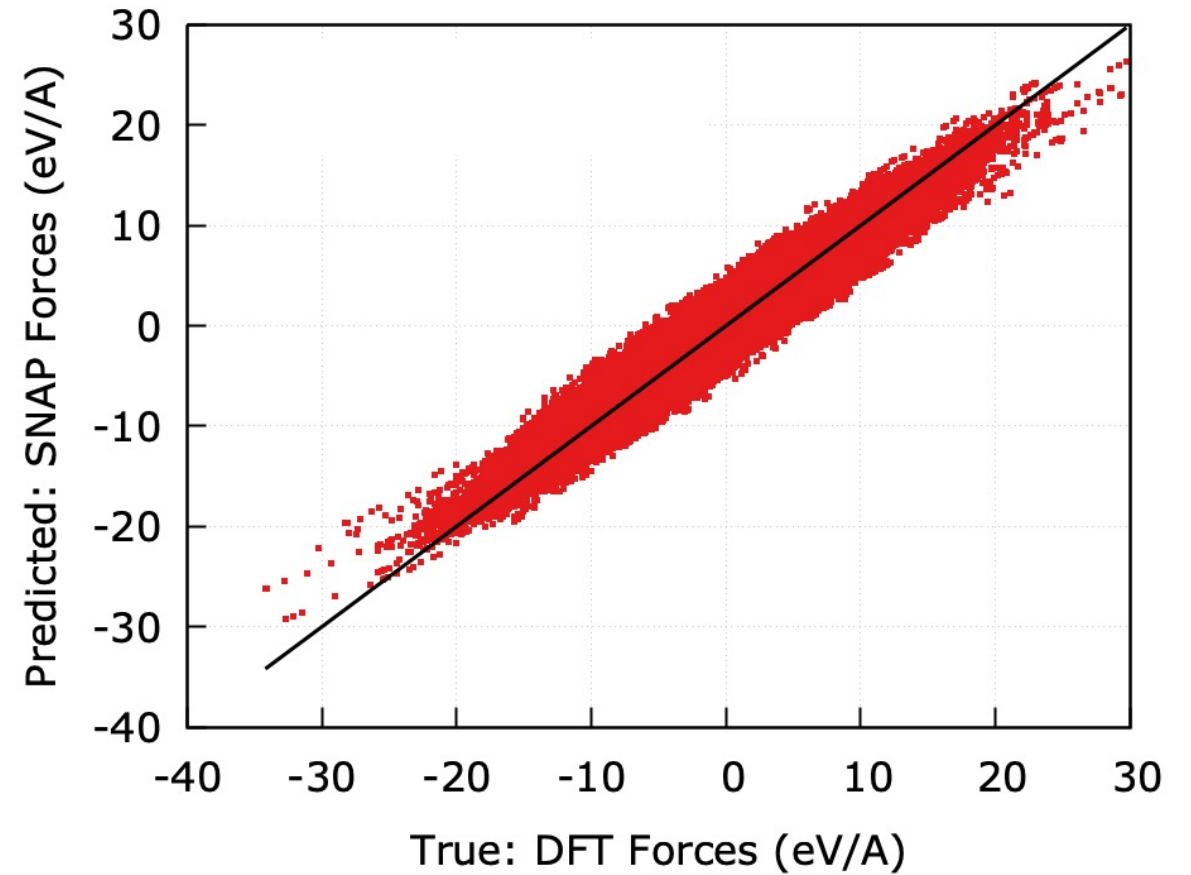- Is pressure, temperature, composition a proper definition of training space of ML-IAP?

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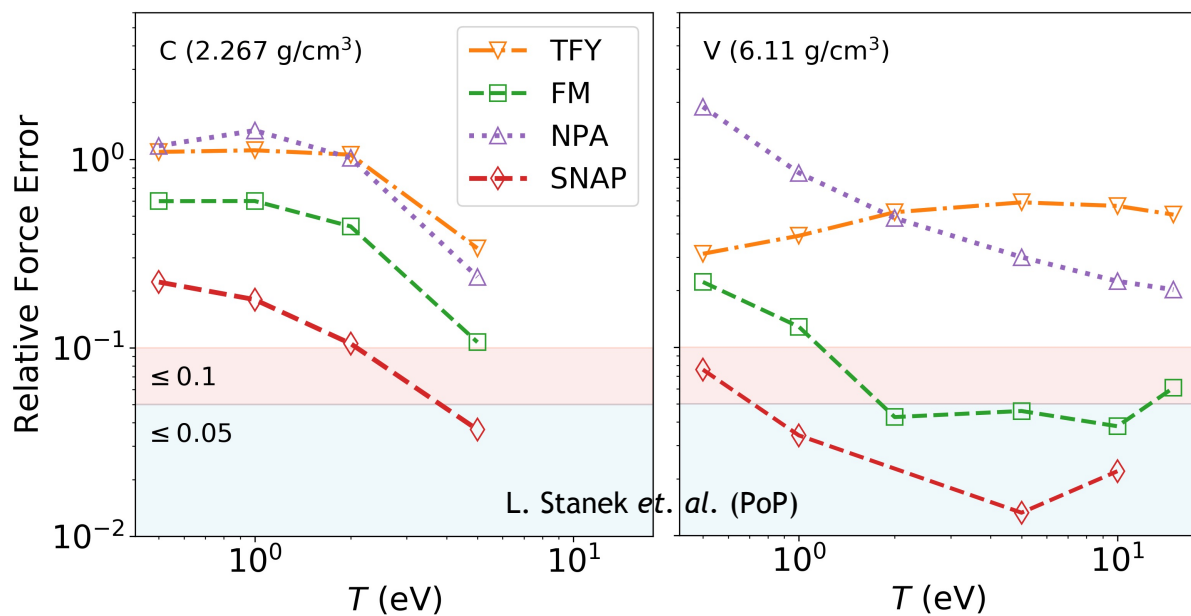
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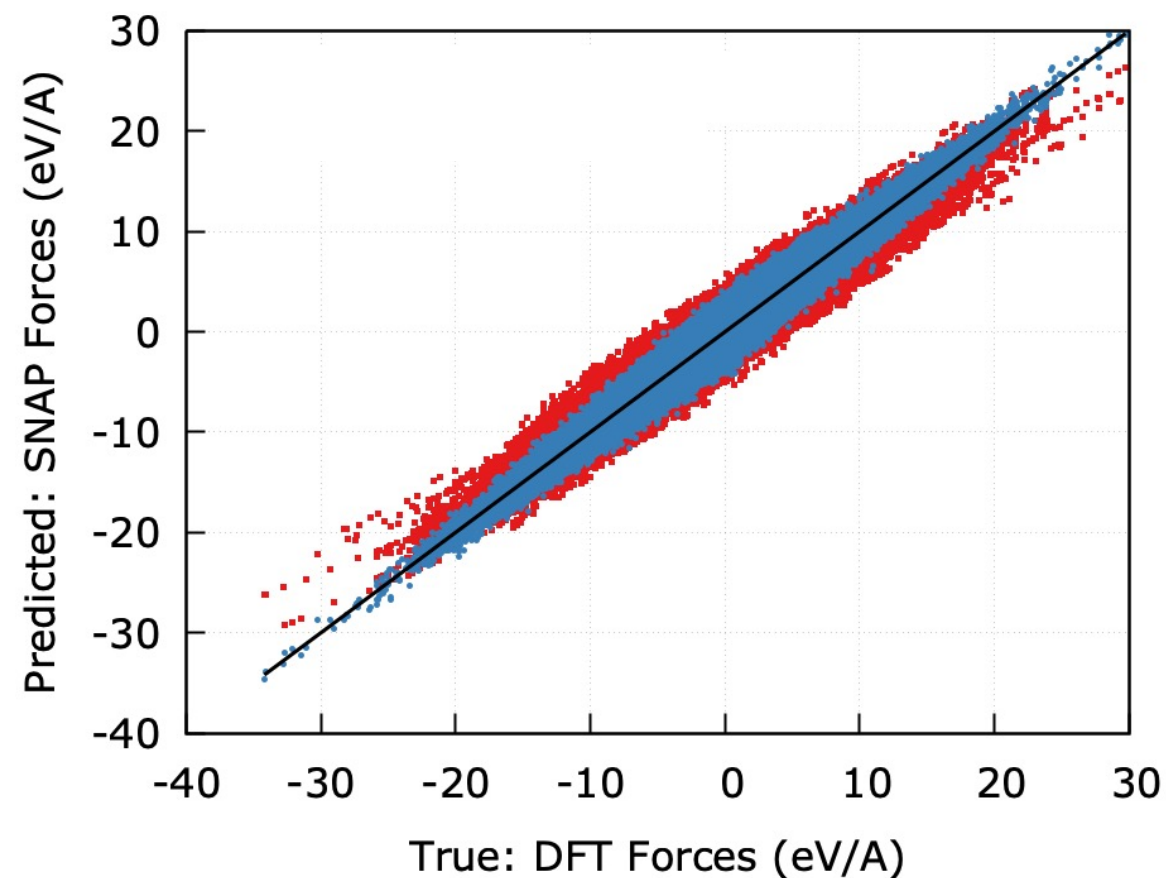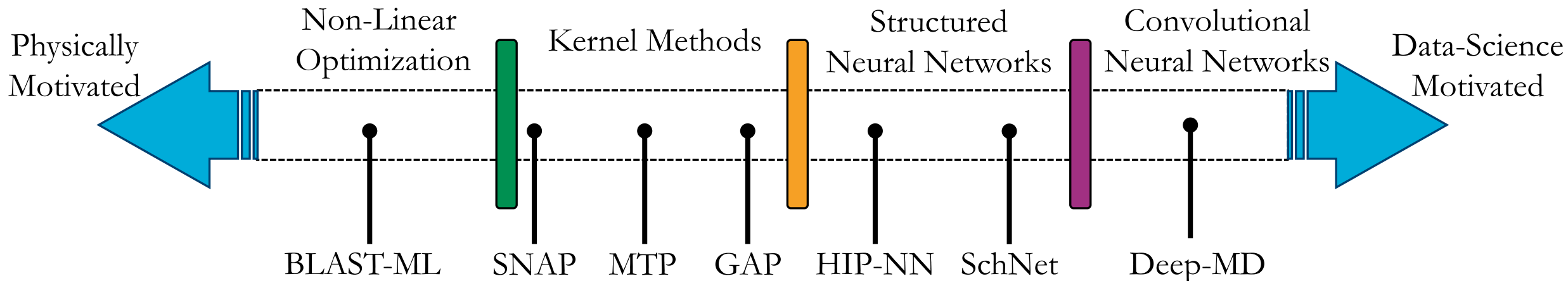# To be or Not to be Transferrable

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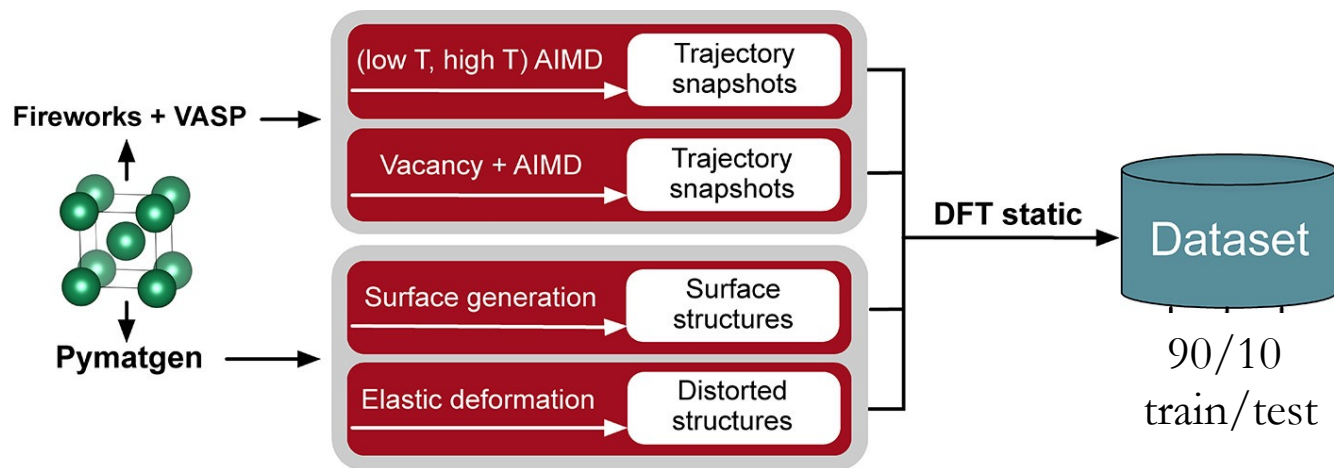
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Environment of Machine Learning Techniques

Physically Motivated

Data-Science Motivated

Non-Linear Optimization

Kernel Methods

Structured Neural Networks

Convolutional Neural Networks

BLAST-ML SNAP MTP GAP HIP-NN SchNet Deep-MD

https://github.com/materialsvirtuallab/mlearn

Fireworks + VASP

Pymatgen

(low T, high T) AIMD → Trajectory snapshots

Vacancy + AIMD → Trajectory snapshots

Surface generation → Surface structures

Elastic deformation → Distorted structures

DFT static → Dataset

90/10 train/test

^ Credit to Y. Zou, X. Li, C. Chen and S.P. Ong
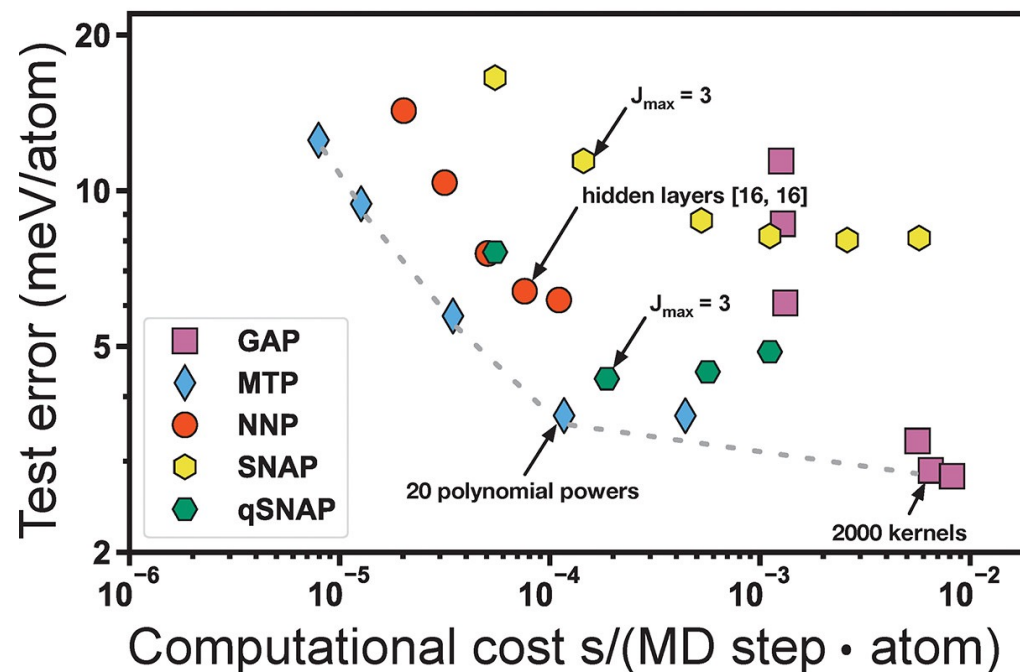
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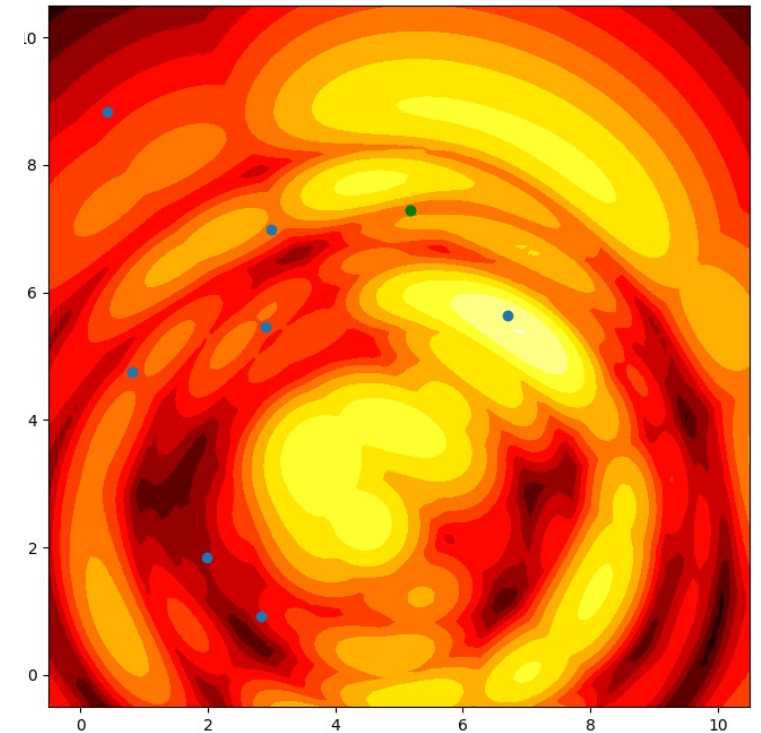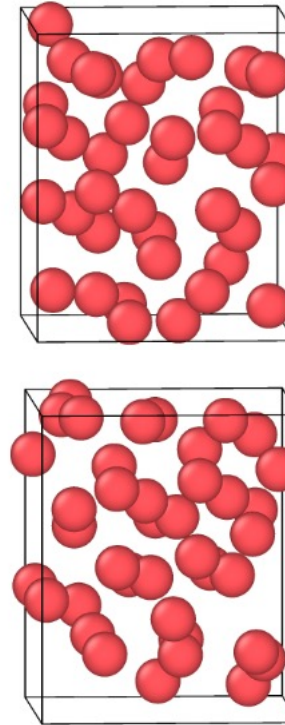2000 kernels

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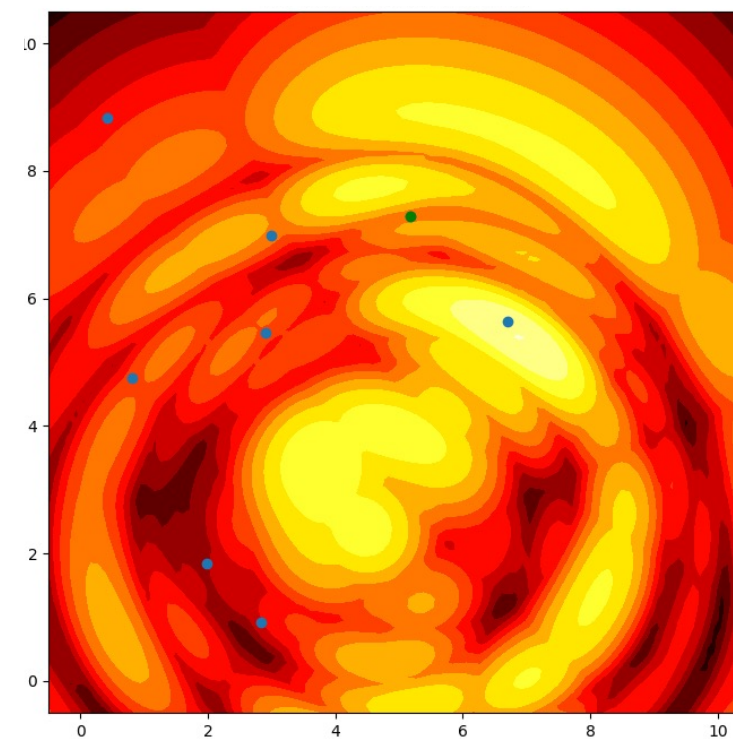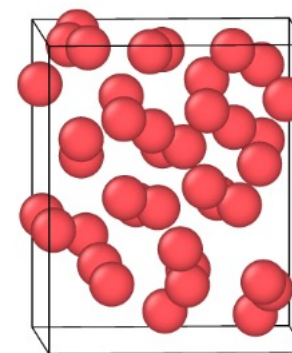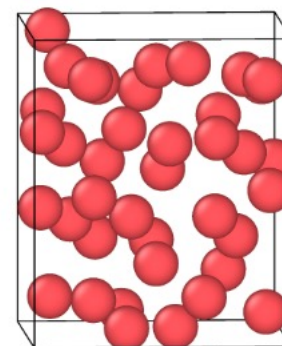- Finding configs is fast and scalable

J. Chem. Phys. 153, 094110 (2020)

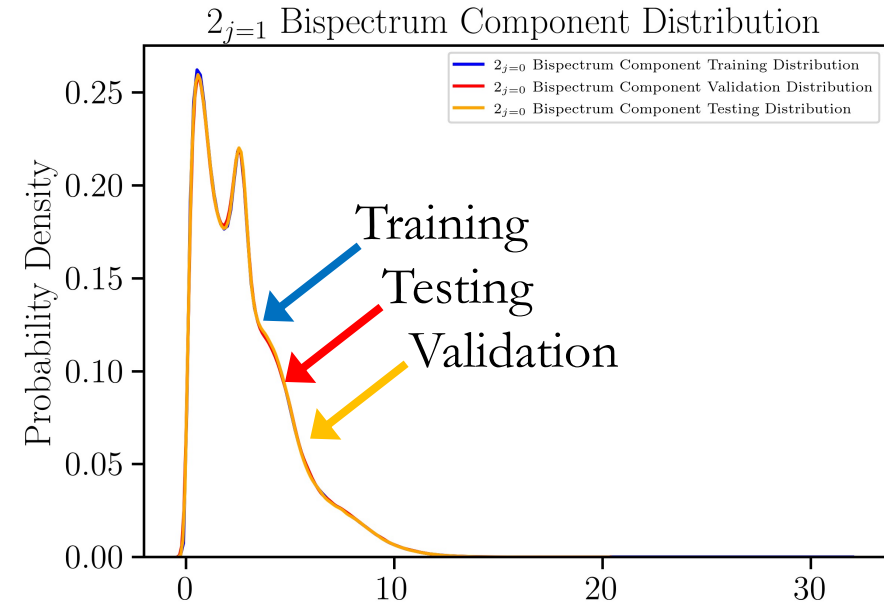$$V(x) = -H(x, y) \pm S(x)$$

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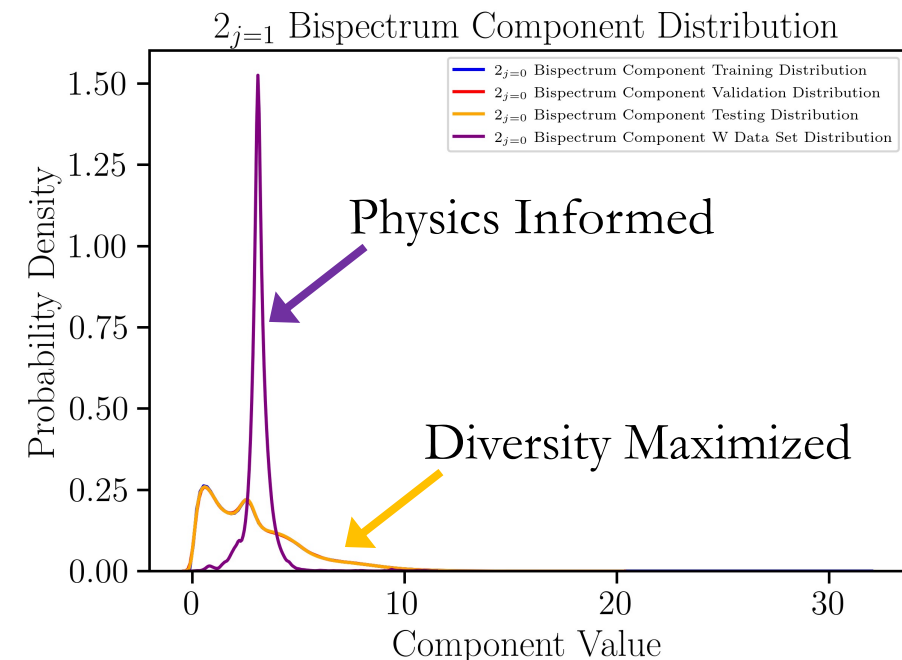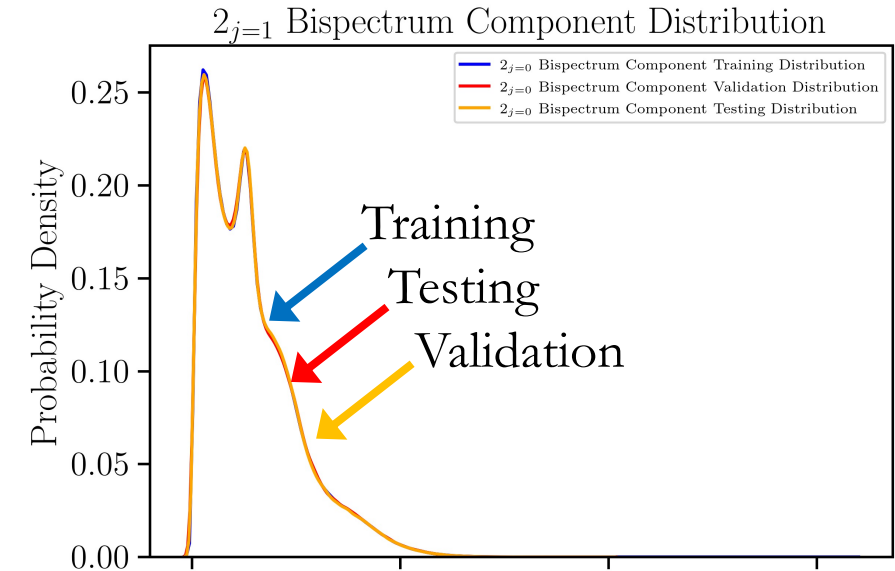Validation

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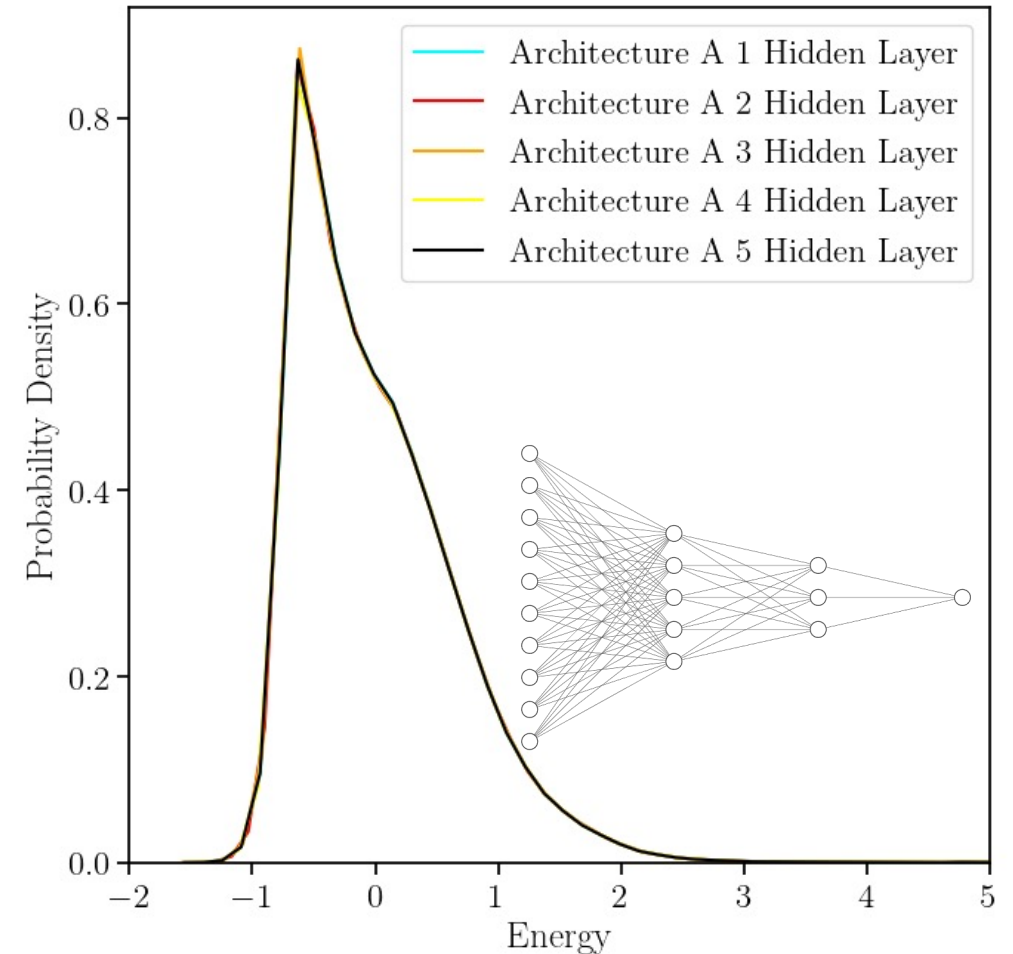
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Physics Informed
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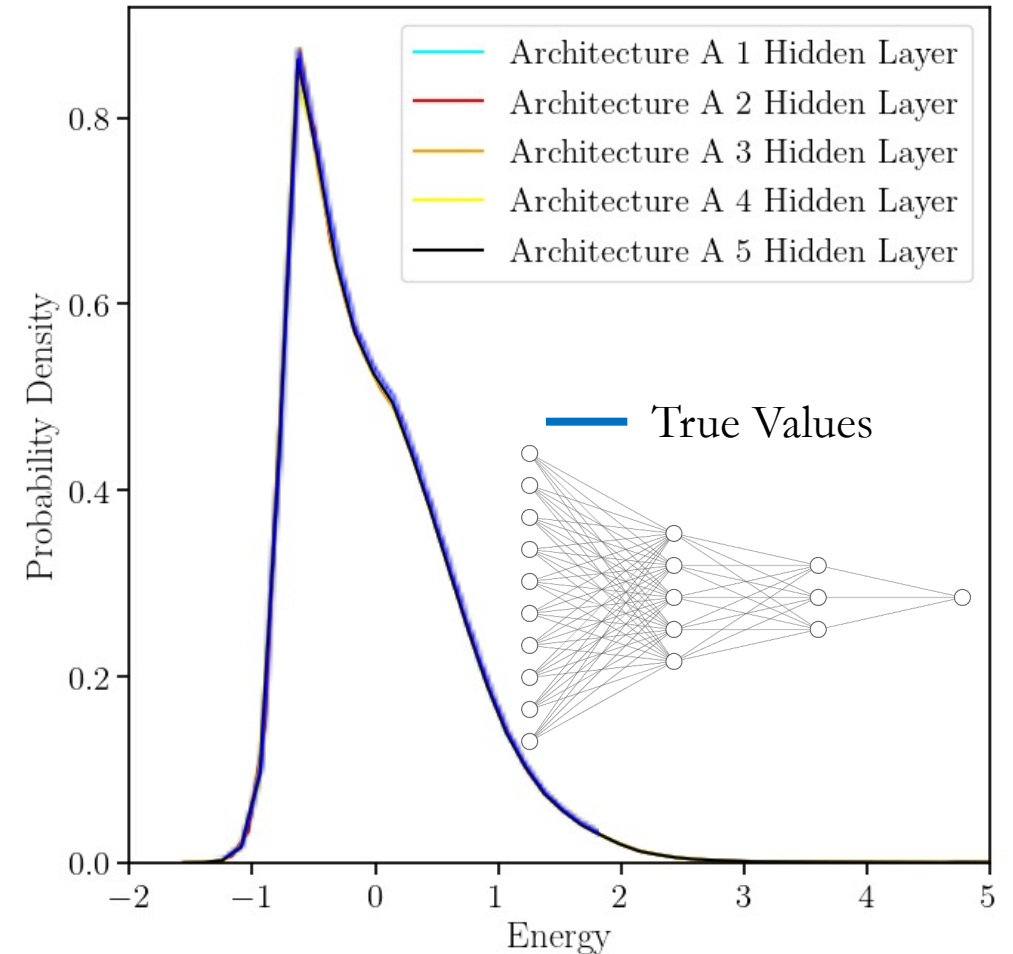
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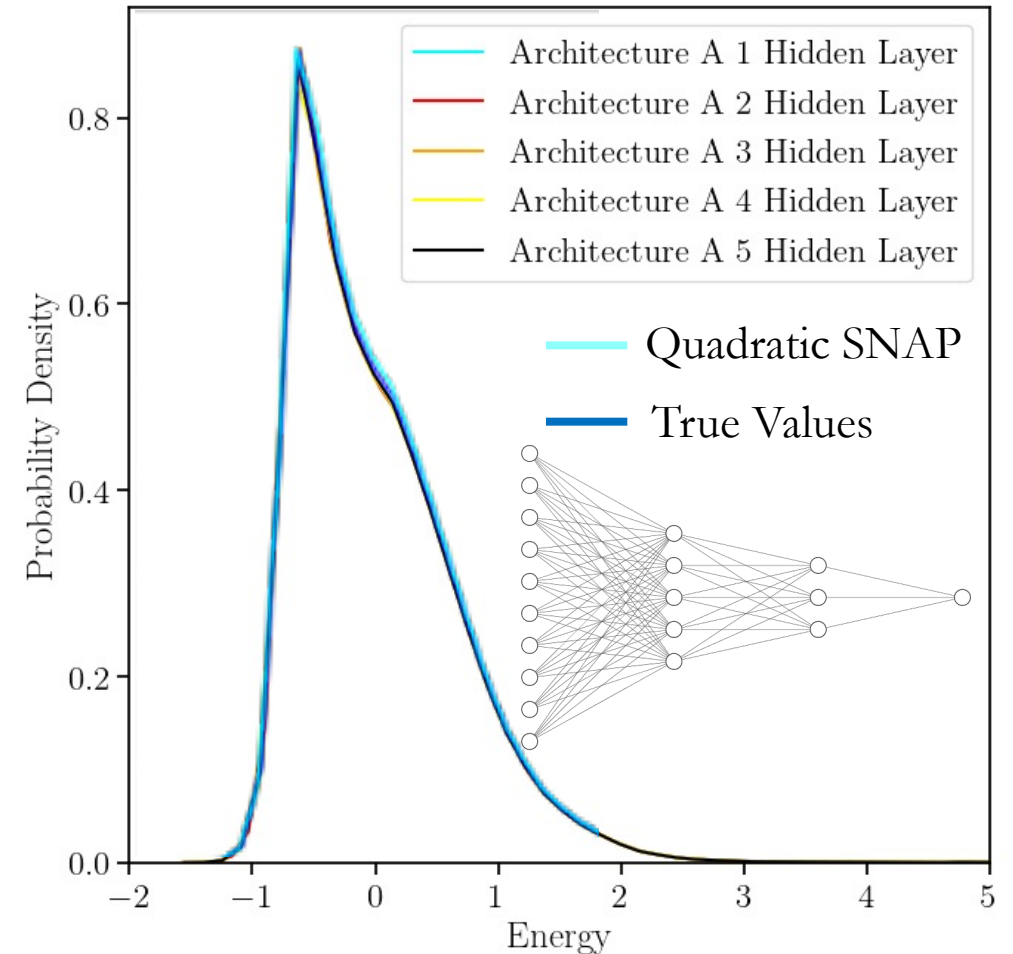
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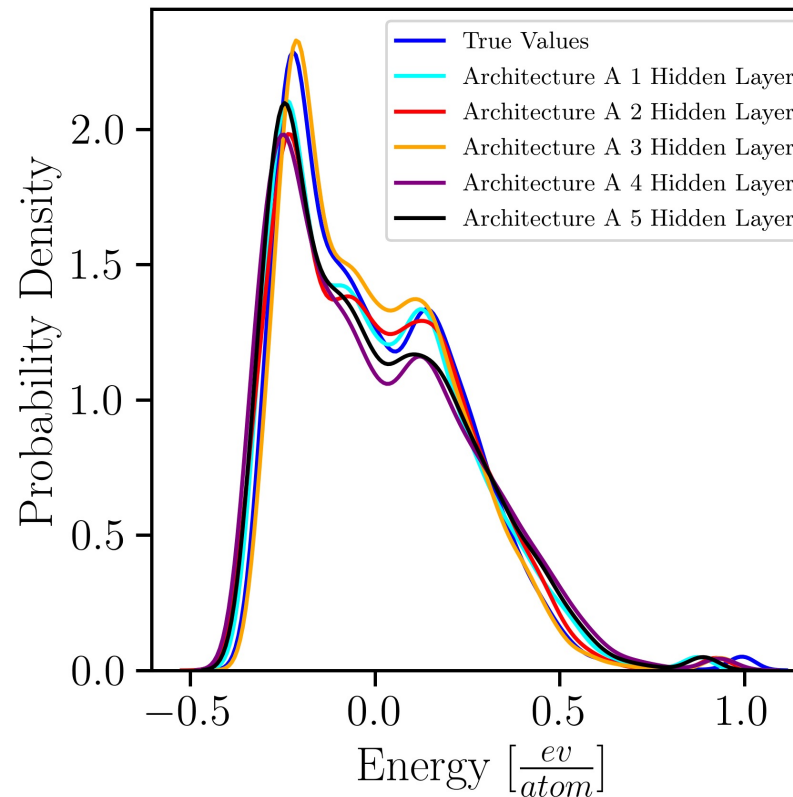

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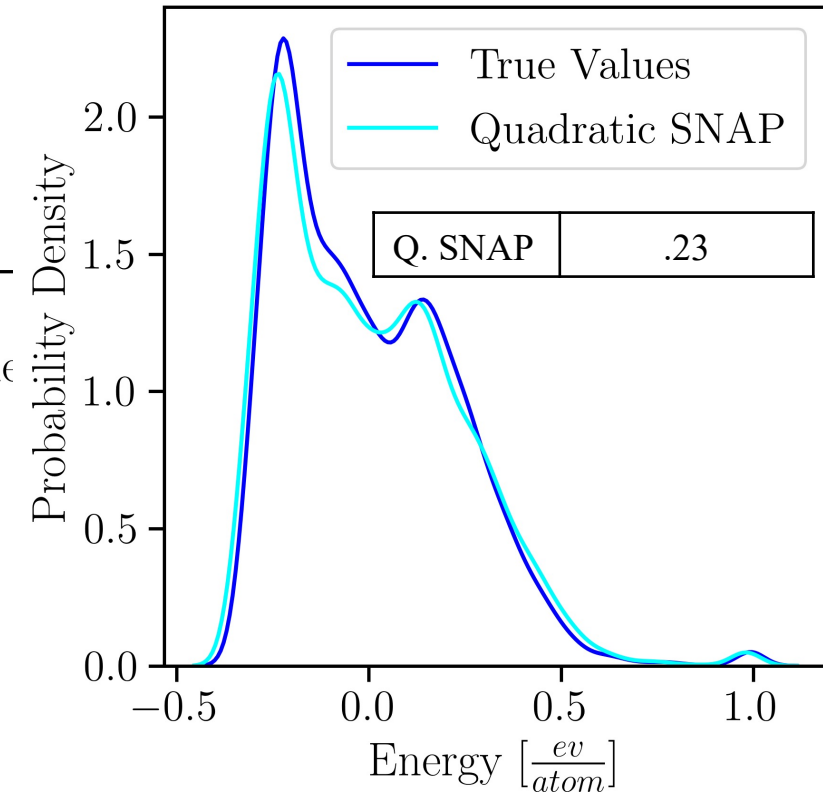| Arch.	RMSE $[\frac{ev}{atom}]$
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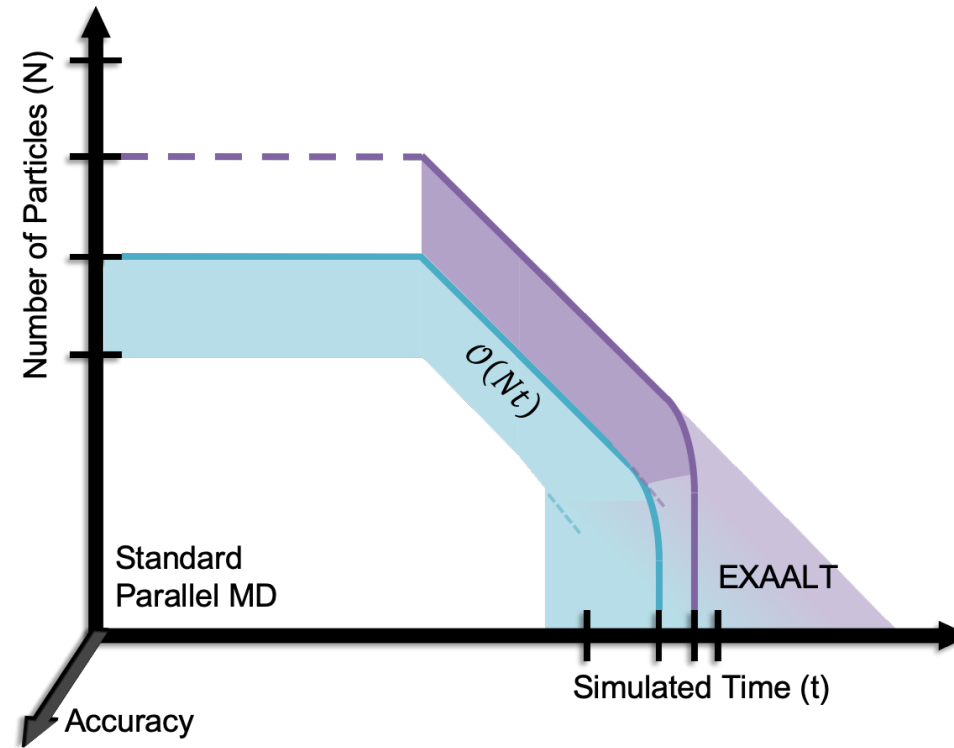
- Data-driven interatomic potentials (SNAP, SNAP-NN) allow for MD predictions of challenging material problems.

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Impressive Particle Method Examples

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Uses of ParSplice/EXAALT

Defect evolution in fusion materials (w. Luis Sandoval, Blas Uberuaga, Art Voter). Up to 100,000 cores, ~10,000 atoms on ms [Sci. Rep. 7, 2522 (2017)]

Jogs in nickel (w. Lauren Smith, Tom Swinburne, Dallas Trinkle), ~1000 cores, ~10,000 atoms, tens of ms

Cation defect evolution in pyrochlores (w. Romain Perriot, Blas Uberuaga, Art Voter), ~200 cores, ~1000 atoms, tens of ms [Nature Comm., 8, 681 (2017)]

Shape evolution of metallic nanoparticles (w. Rao Huang, Art Voter). ~1000 cores, ~100 atoms, ms [JCP 147, 152717 (2017). JMR (in press)]

https://gitlab.com/exaalt

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