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*Machine Learning in Atomistic Simulations for Additive
Manufacturing Alloys*

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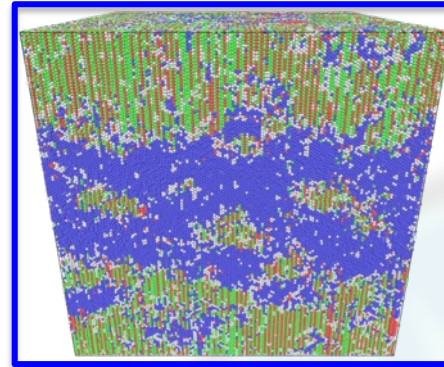


- Fundamental physics-based modeling of materials
- Atomistic simulations in additive manufacturing (AM)
- Machine learning in atomistic simulations
- Physically Informed Neural Network (PINN) interatomic potential
- Example for aluminum
- Computational implementation of PINN
- Conclusion

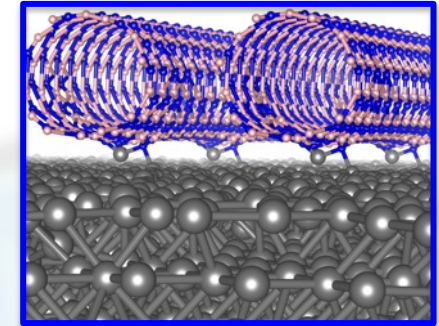
- Provides fundamental understanding of materials behavior
- Tailor materials properties to specific needs by composition and structural design
- Increases design space for advanced materials and enables new structural concepts

Atomistic Models

Phase transformation in CoNiAl SMA

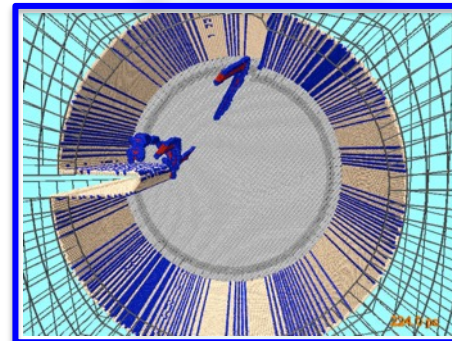


BNNT-Al metal matrix composite

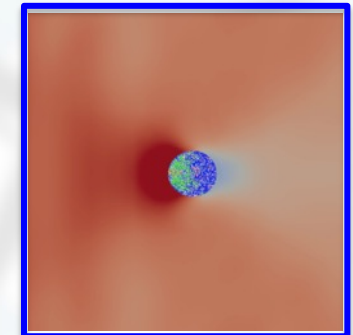


Multiscale Models

Crack tip plasticity in Al crystal



Pseudoelastic response of SMA particle under shock wave in Al matrix





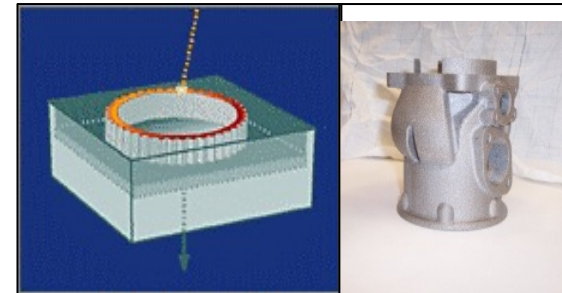
Role:

- Provides first-principles physics-based information on the highly dynamic AM processing during:
 - rapid heating and cooling (melt / solidification process)
 - strong thermal gradients (local heating)
 - high thermal stresses
- Complement other simulation methods at mesoscale by:
 - providing knowledge of microscopic mechanisms of key processes
 - obtaining material parameters not easily accessible experimentally

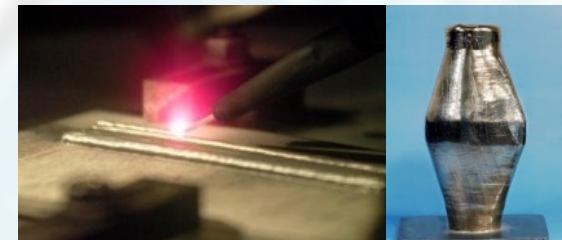
Objectives:

- Develop process parameter / microstructure relationships to guide process optimization
- Develop thermodynamics relationships to understand microstructure evolution and to guide design

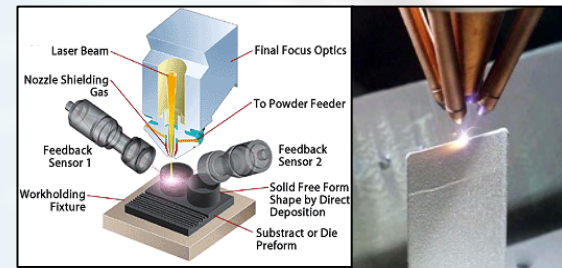
Laser Sintering/E-beam Melting



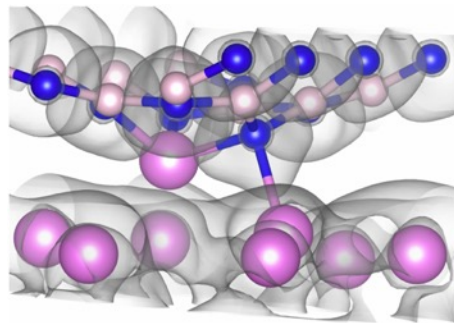
Electron Beam Freeform Fabrication



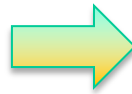
Laser Engineered Net Shaping



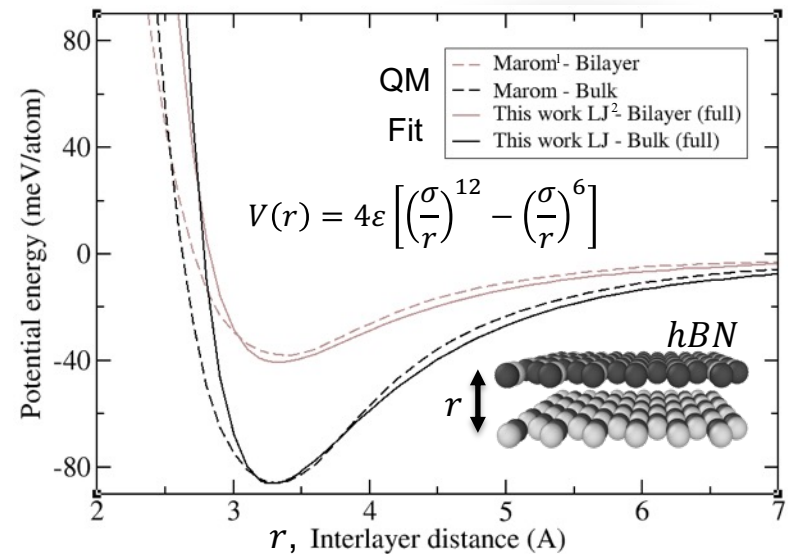
Atomic interactions governed by quantum mechanics (QM) are very complex and extremely difficult to calculate: cpu time $\sim N^{3-8}$



$$\hat{H}|\psi(t)\rangle = i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t} |\psi(t)\rangle$$



Standard approach: replace the complex QM calculations with a simplified expression with empirically fitted parameters



- Very accurate
- Generic to all known structures
- Very slow: cpu time $\sim N^{3-8}$

- Very fast: $\sim 10^{12}$ atoms
- Inaccurate
- Non-transferable (unique for each material)
- Difficult to create (expensive)

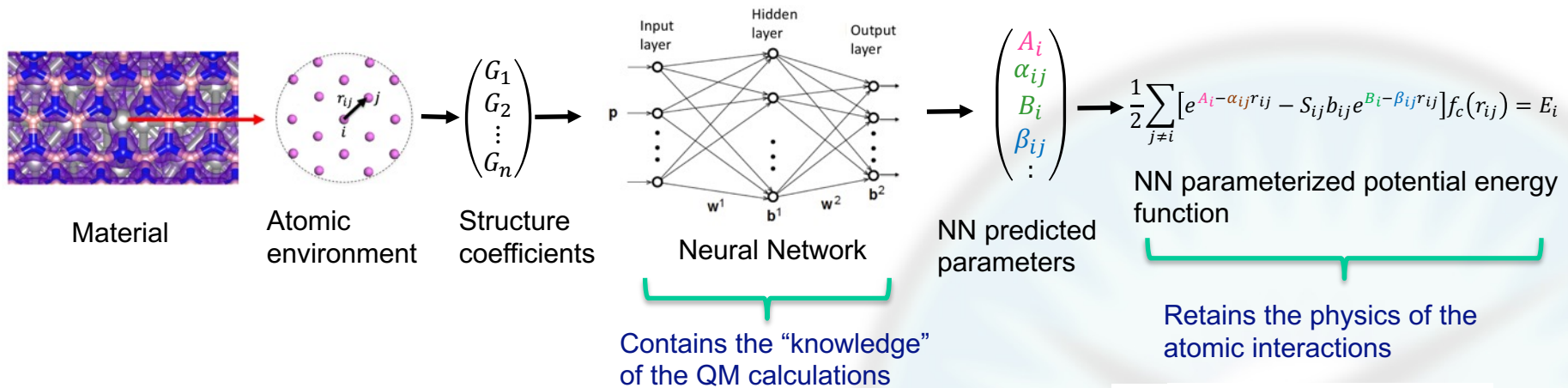
¹N. Marom et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 105 (2010) 046801.

²V. Yamakov et al., Comp. Mat. Sci. 135 (2017) 29.

Physically Informed Neural Network (PINN) Interatomic Potential



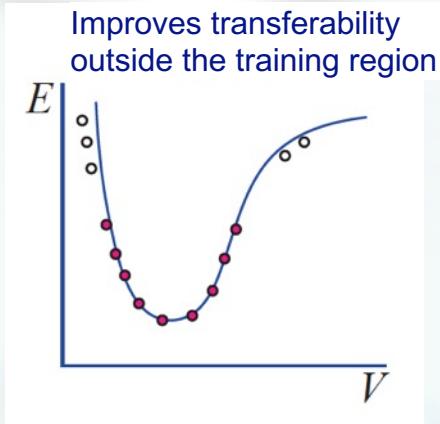
The Universal Approximation Theorem: a neural network (NN) can approximate any $f(x)$
NN universality



$$\frac{1}{2} \sum_{j \neq i} [e^{A_i - \alpha_{ij} r_{ij}} - S_{ij} b_{ij} e^{B_i - \beta_{ij} r_{ij}}] f_c(r_{ij}) = E_i$$

Retains the physics of the atomic interactions

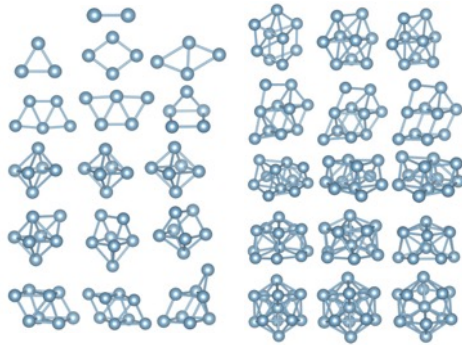
Improves transferability outside the training region



QM is replaced by a trained NN

Training Stage

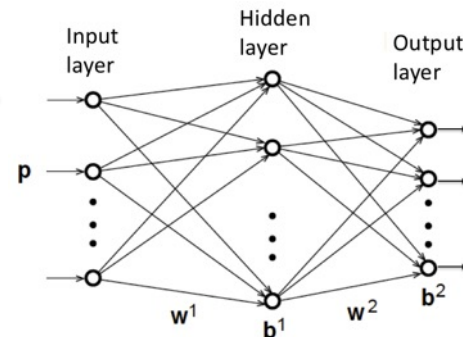
Use QM to calculate a large set of atomic structures



$$\begin{pmatrix} E_1 \\ E_2 \\ \vdots \\ E_n \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\hat{H}|\psi(t)\rangle = i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t} |\psi(t)\rangle$$

Train NN against $\{w^1, b^1, w^2, b^2, \dots\}$ to minimize the objective function, ε



$$\begin{pmatrix} A_i \\ \alpha_{ij} \\ B_i \\ \beta_{ij} \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow f(A_i, \dots, r_{ij}) = E_i$$

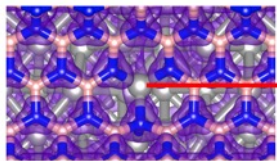
$$\varepsilon = \sum_n (\tilde{E}_i - E_i)^2$$

Objective function:

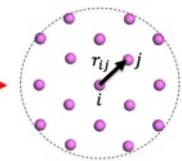
$\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$

Inference Stage

Fixed $\{w^1, b^1, w^2, b^2, \dots\}$ as trained



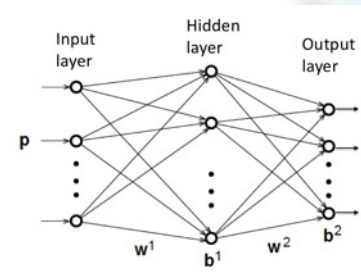
Material



Atomic environment

$$\begin{pmatrix} G_1 \\ G_2 \\ \vdots \\ G_n \end{pmatrix}$$

Structure coefficients

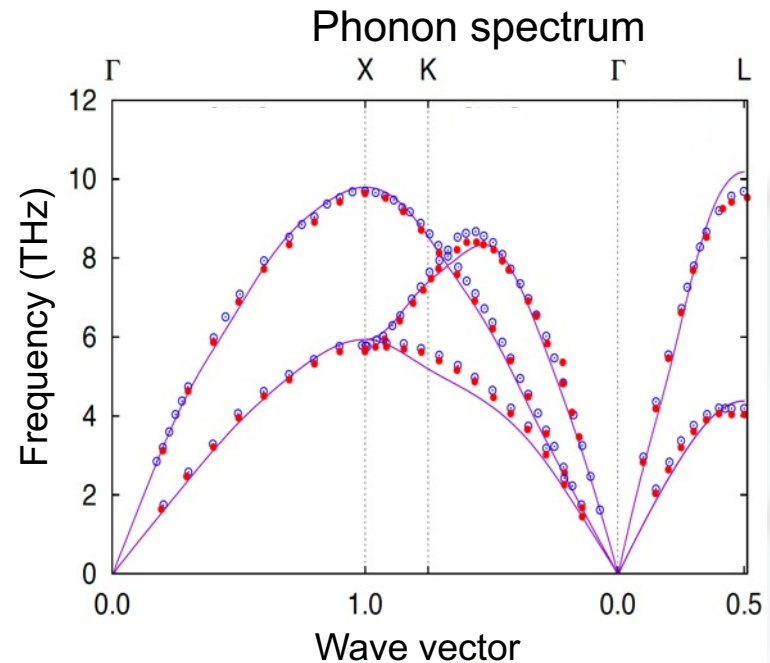
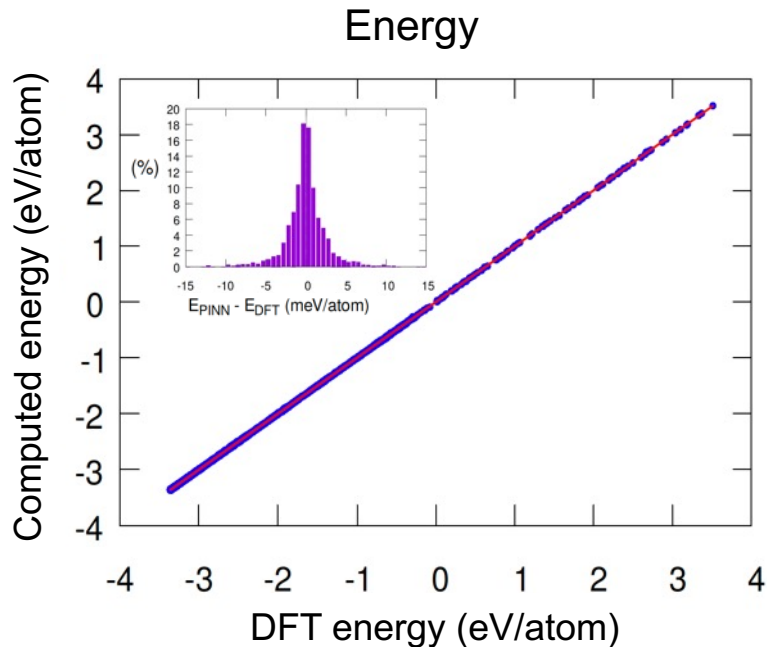


$$\begin{pmatrix} A_i \\ \alpha_{ij} \\ B_i \\ \beta_{ij} \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix}$$

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Approximate E_i of atom (i):

Example for Aluminum: Crystalline Phase



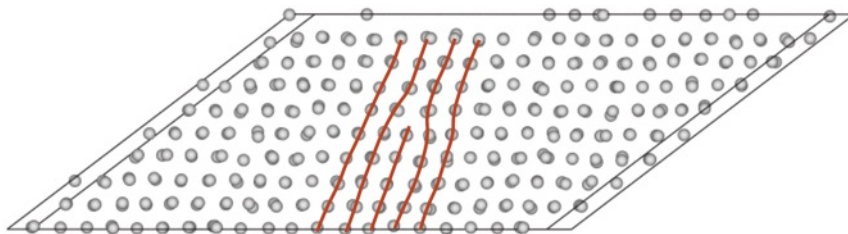
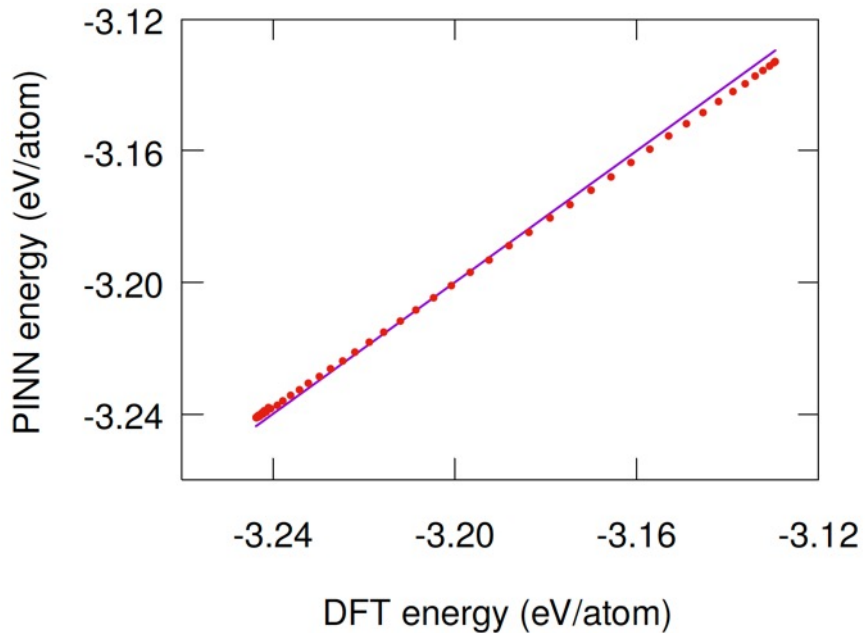
DFT – Density Functional Theory calculations

NN architecture: 40x16x16x8 -> 1064 fitting coefficients

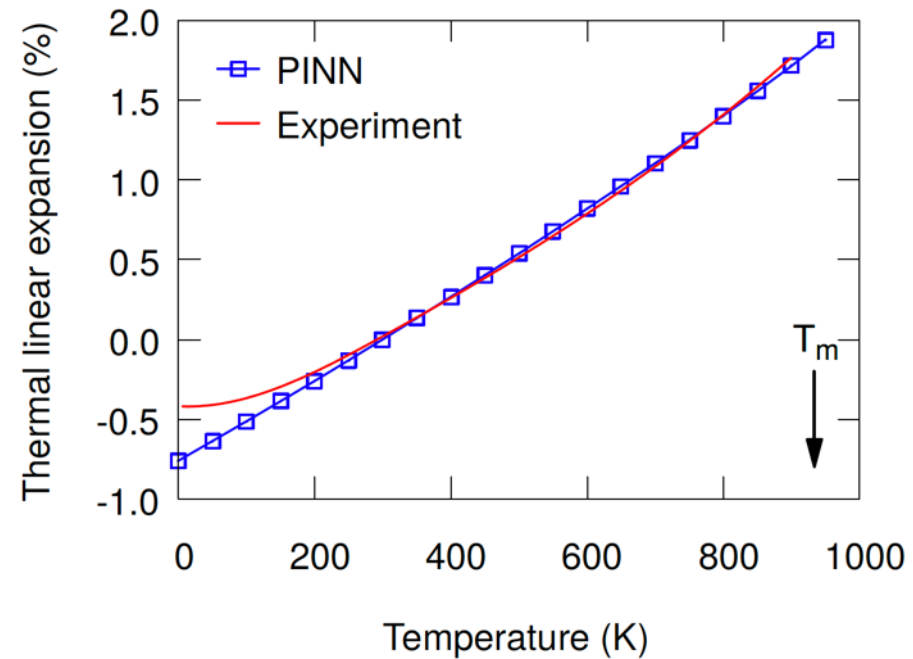
Training set: 36,490 supercells of 2 to 79 atoms

Example for Aluminum: Defect Structures

Edge dislocation

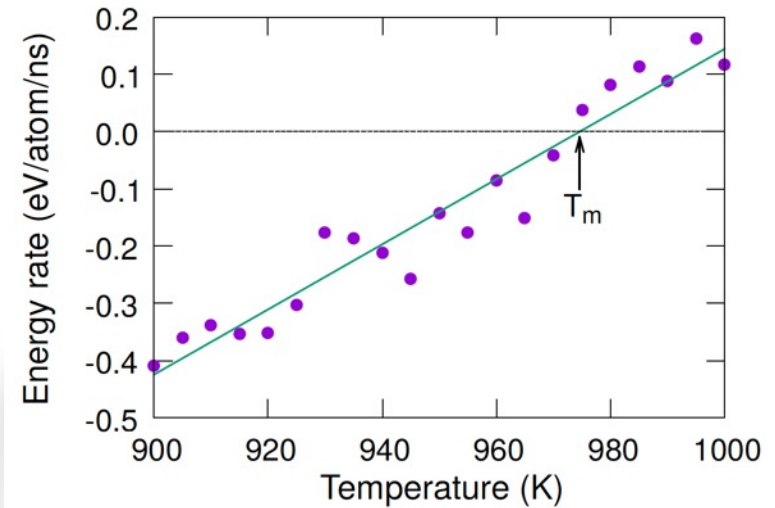
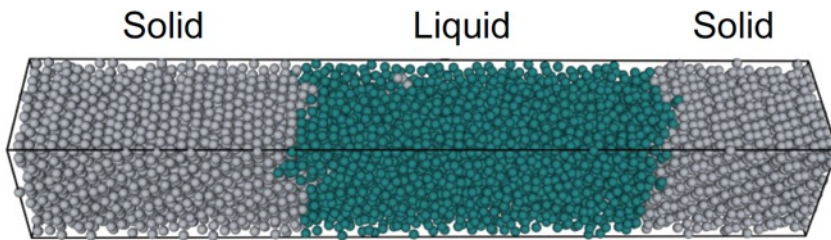


Thermal expansion



Excellent agreement with defect structures and thermal expansion

Melting temperature



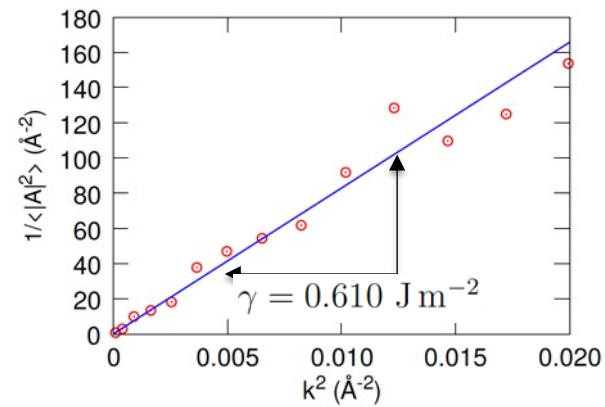
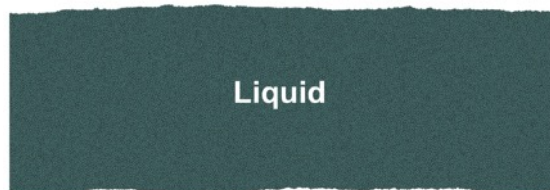
$$T_{m(NN)} = 975 \text{ K}$$

$$T_{m(experiment)} = 933 \text{ K}$$

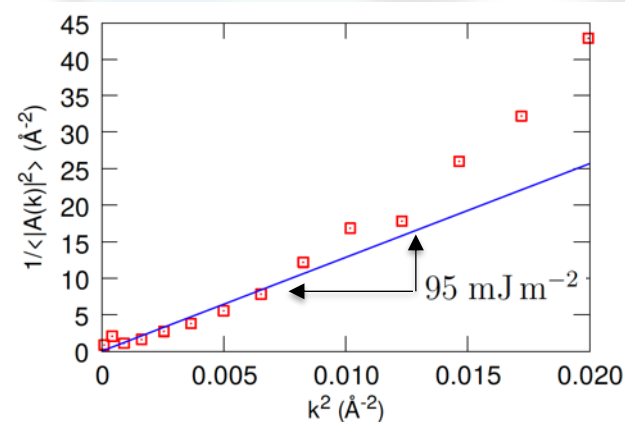
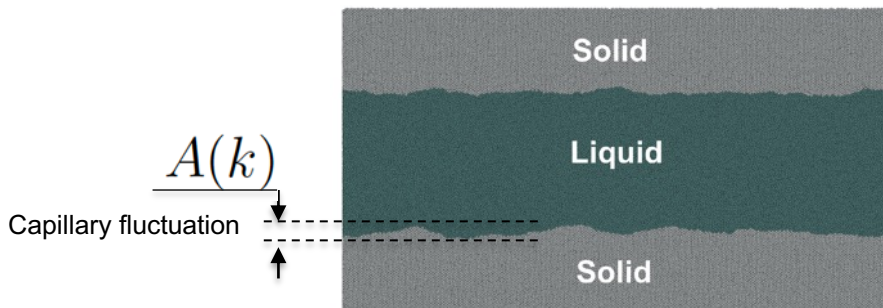
Surface and liquid-solid interface energies

Capillary fluctuation method: $\langle |A(k)|^2 \rangle = \frac{k_B T}{lw(\gamma + \gamma'') k^2}$

Surface tension, γ



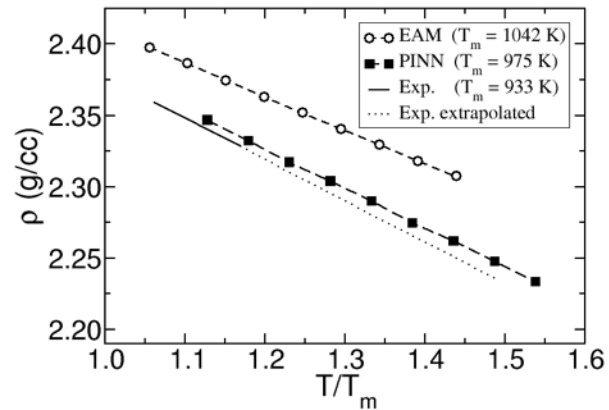
Liquid-solid interface energy



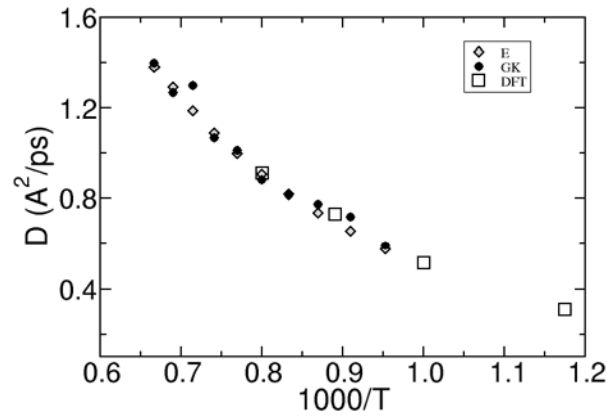
Example for Aluminum: Melt Properties



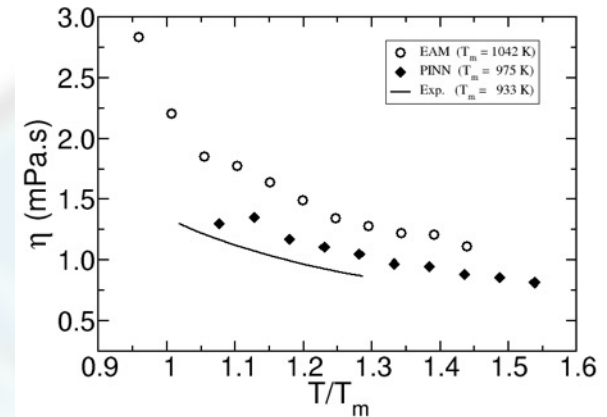
Density



Diffusion



Viscosity



EAM – Embedded Atom Method (Empirical) potential
PINN – Physically Informed Neural Network potential

Einstein:
$$D = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2t} \frac{1}{3N} \left\langle \sum_{i=1}^N [\vec{r}_i(t) - \vec{r}_i(0)]^2 \right\rangle$$

Green-Kubo:
$$D = \frac{1}{3N} \int_0^\infty \left\langle \sum_{i=1}^N \vec{v}_i(t) * \vec{v}_i(0) \right\rangle dt$$

$$\eta_{xy} = \frac{1}{Vk_B T} \int_0^\infty \langle P_{xy}(t) P_{xy}(0) \rangle dt; \quad P_{xy}(t) = \frac{d\Psi_{xy,i}(t)}{dt}$$

DFT: N. Jakse & A. Pasturel, Scientific Reports 3 (2013) 3135.

Exploring the recent advancements in supercomputer architectures

- PINN calculations are computationally highly demanding: $\sim 3,000,000$ floating point operations per atom
- High Performance Computing (HPC) implementation is strongly required
- ParaGrandMC code developed at NASA and NIA provides massively parallel computational platform for PINN (<https://software.nasa.gov/software/LAR-19893-1>)

NASA/LaRC midrange supercomputing K-cluster



Computational Implementation of PINN



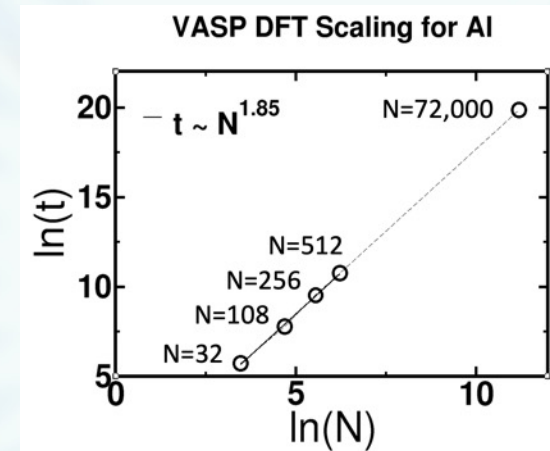
Test example on an aluminum crystal for 100 molecular dynamics (MD) time steps

Direct 1:1 comparison to DFT

N=500 100 MDS	EAM 16 cores	PINN 16 cores	DFT 32 nodes
Time, t	0.39 s	35 s	46,688 s
t/t _{EAM}	1	89	119,107

Larger scale beyond DFT capabilities

N=72,000 100 MDS	EAM	PINN	DFT 32 nodes extrapolated
16 cores	3.5 s (1)	528 s (151)	13.5 years
16 cores + V100	-	115 s (33)	-

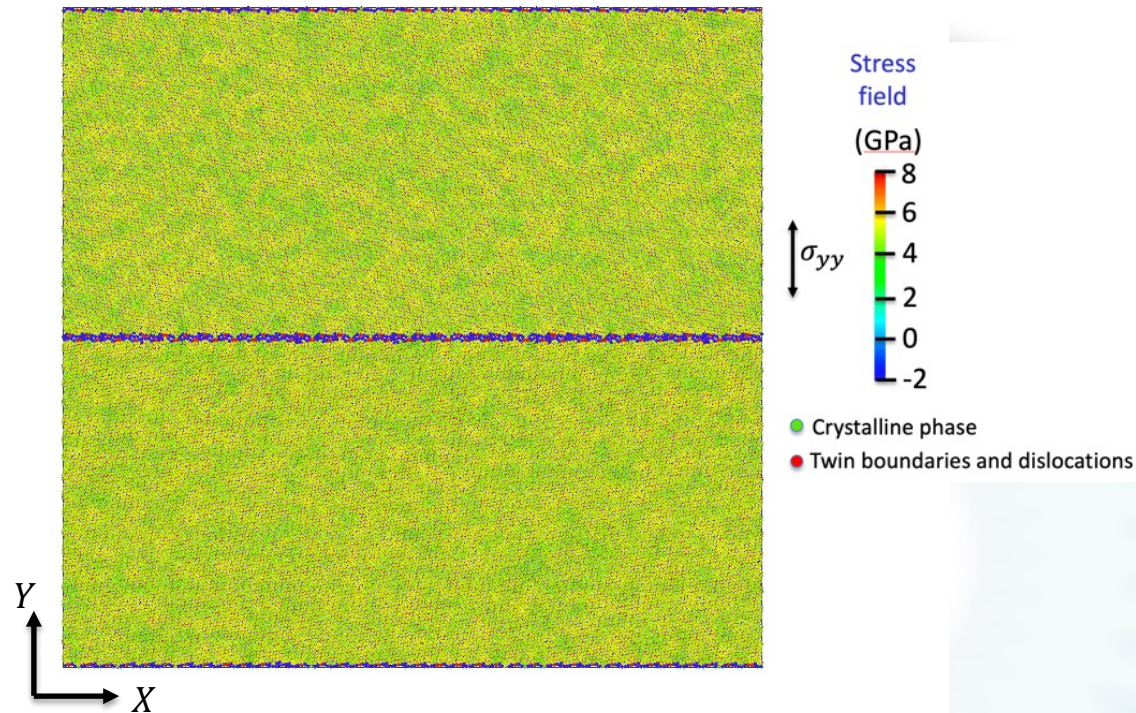


Simulation of a central crack nucleation along a grain boundary in aluminum using PINN potential

Crack growth simulation with DFT precision

433,000 atoms; 24 ps MD simulation
(12,000 MD time steps)
4 MPI nodes using (10 Skylake 6148
CPUs + V100 GPU) / node
14 cpu hours

ParaGrandMC code developed at NASA and NIA
(<https://software.nasa.gov/software/LAR-19893-1>)





- Atomistic simulations provide fundamental understanding of materials behavior and help design new advanced materials
- Machine learning in atomistic simulations reproduces atomic forces with quantum mechanics precision at orders of magnitude lower computational cost
- Applied in additive manufacturing NN-based interatomic potential can accurately predict solid phase and melt properties of metallic alloys to guide process optimization
- Other PINN potentials under development for:
 - Additive Manufacturing: Ti, Ti-Al, Ti-Al-V (Ti-6Al-4V aerospace alloy) – NASA/LaRC
 - Semiconductor industry: Si, Si-C – GMU, NIST
 - Other: Ta, Cu-Ta – in collaboration with GMU

- NASA Transformational Tools and Technologies (T3) Project
- High-End Computing Capability Project – NASA Advanced Supercomputing Division: Gabriele Jost and Daniel Kokron
- NASA/LaRC midrange supercomputing K-cluster
- Cooperative agreement NNL09AA00A with the National Institute of Aerospace