



OpenKIM

An Online suite of open source tools for molecular simulation of materials

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Knowledgebase of Interatomic Models (KIM)



The **Open Knowledgebase of Interatomic Models (OpenKIM)** is funded through the NSF CDS&E program (<https://OpenKIM.org>).

Project Objectives

- Development of an online open resource for *standardized testing* long-term *warehousing* of interatomic models (potentials and force fields) and data.
- Development of an *application programming interface (API)* standard for atomistic simulations, which will allow any interatomic model to work seamlessly with any atomistic simulation code.
- Development of a quantitative *theory of transferability* of interatomic models to provide *guidance for selecting* application-appropriate models based on rigorous criteria, and *error bounds* on results.

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KIM Community

- ▶ **KIM Inaugural Meeting** held in San Diego, Feb 26-27, 2011
 - 63 participants from 7 countries
 - Canada, Germany, Japan, South Korea, Sweden, UK, USA
 - Many key model developers present
 - Major MD code developers present
 - LAMMPS, IMD, GROMACS, SPaSM, DL_POLY
 - **KIM Requirements Document** defined and has been posted online:
<http://openkim.org/requirements>
 - KIM organizational structure voted on.
 - 355 registered KIM Members (August 2015)



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KIM Overview

Repository: A user-extendible database of

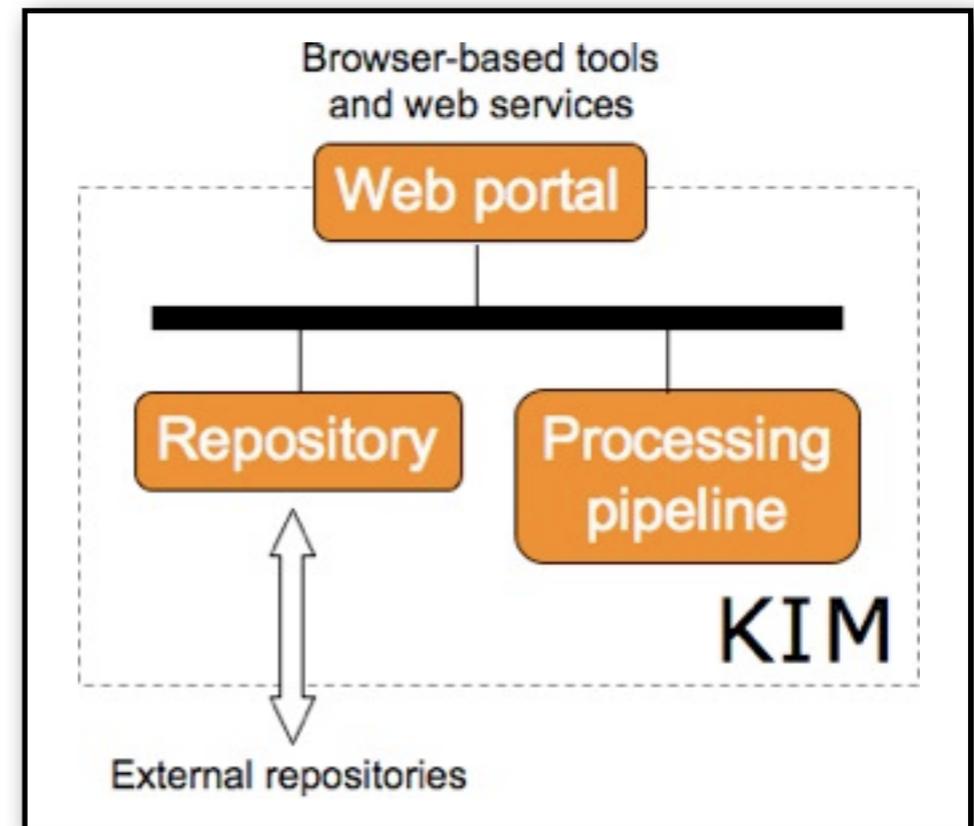
- ▶ interatomic *Models*
- ▶ standardized *Tests* (simulation codes)
- ▶ *Predictions* (results from Model-Test couplings)
- ▶ *Reference Data* (obtained from experiments and first principles calculations)

Web portal: A web interface that facilitates:

- ▶ user **upload** and **download** of Tests, Models, and Reference Data
- ▶ **searching** and querying the repository
- ▶ comparing and **visualizing** Predictions and Reference Data
- ▶ recording **user feedback**

Processing pipeline: An automatic system for generating *Predictions* by mating *Tests* and *Models* in the KIM Repository.

- ▶ puts the “knowledge” in “knowledgebase”
- ▶ employs virtual machines and cloud-based computing



What is an Interatomic Model?

- ▶ An **interatomic model (IM)** can be understood to mean different things.

Consider the following views of the Lennard-Jones (LJ) potential:

I. The functional form of LJ:

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

II. The LJ parameter set for a given material:

Argon

$$\epsilon = 0.0104 \text{ eV}$$

$$\sigma = 3.40 \text{ \AA}$$

This is common in EAM potentials where the parameter file is considered to be *the* potential.

III. A computer implementation of the LJ potential:

```
subroutine ljpotential(r,sig,eps,func,dfunc,d2func)
implicit none

!-- Transferred variables
double precision, intent(in)  :: r, sig, eps
double precision, intent(out) :: func, dfunc, d2func

!-- Local variables
double precision rm,rm2,rm6,eos24

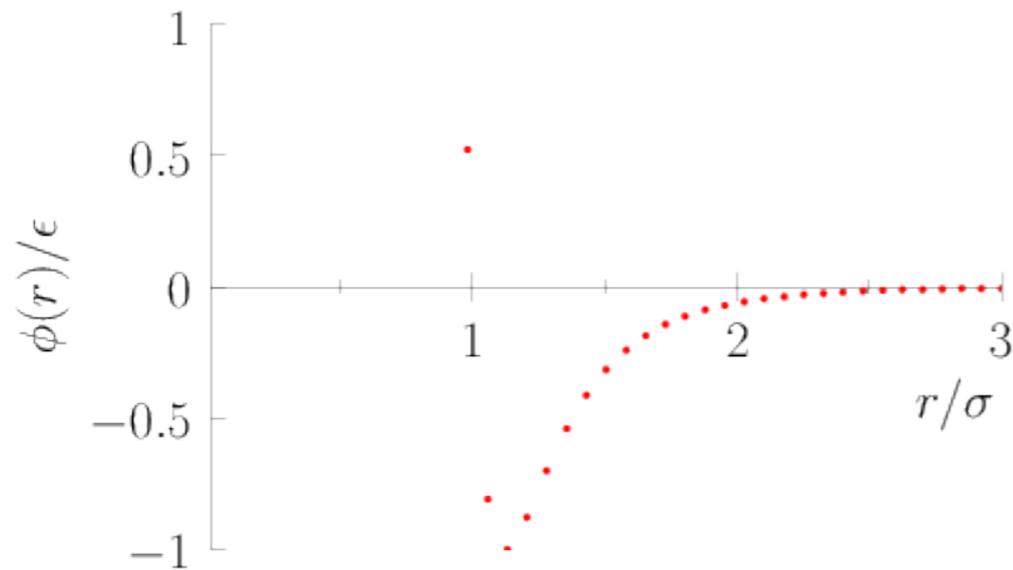
rm   = sig/r           ! sig/r
rm2  = rm*rm           ! (sig/r)^2
rm6  = rm2*rm2*rm2     ! (sig/r)^6
eos24 = 24.0*eps/sig

func   = 4.0*eps*rm6*(rm6-1.0)
dfunc  = eos24*rm*rm6*(-2.0*rm6+1.0)
d2func = (eos24/sig)*rm2*rm6*(26.0*rm6-7.0)

end subroutine ljpotential
```

Why a is a Parameter Set not enough ?

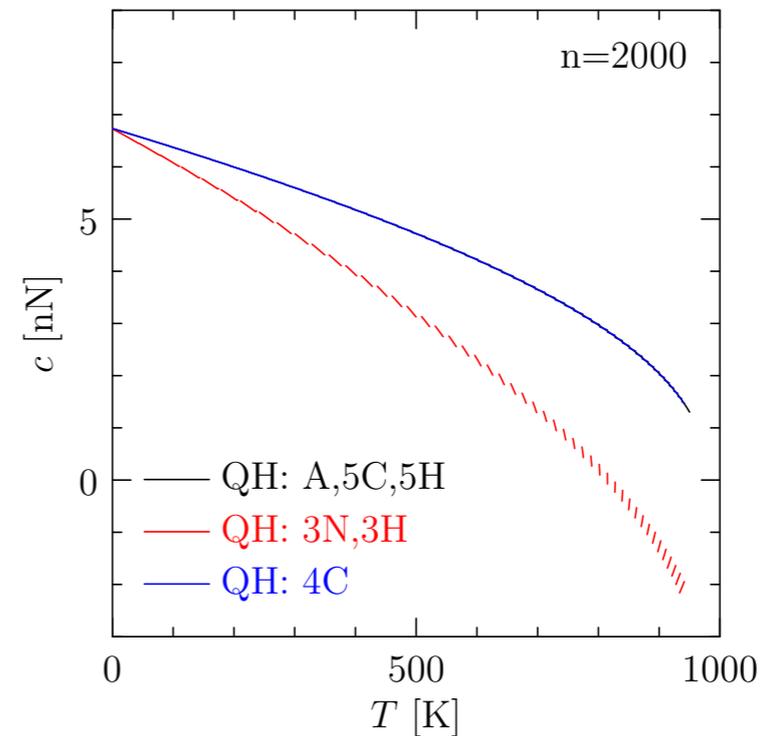
- ▶ Interatomic models are often stored as a table of discrete data points that are interpolated by the simulation code:



| | |
|-------|-------------|
| r_1 | $\phi(r_1)$ |
| r_2 | $\phi(r_2)$ |
| r_3 | $\phi(r_3)$ |
| ... | ... |

- ▶ The interpolation choice (e.g. spline order) affects some results,
e.g. Quasi-harmonic estimate of the elastic constant for a 1D chain of atoms interacting via a nearest-neighbor Morse pair potential:

$$c = a \left[\phi''(a) + \frac{k_B T}{2} \frac{\phi^{(4)}(a)\phi''(a) - (\phi''(a))^2}{(\phi''(a))^2} \right]$$



Wen et al.,
MSMSE,
in press (2015)

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| Na | Mg | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Al | Si | P | S | Cl | Ar |
| K | Ca | Sc | Ti | V | Cr | Mn | Fe | Co | Ni | Cu | Zn | Ga | Ge | As | Se | Br | Kr | | | | | | | | |
| Rb | Sr | Y | Zr | Nb | Mo | Tc | Ru | Rh | Pd | Ag | Cd | In | Sn | Sb | Te | I | Xe | | | | | | | | |
| Cs | Ba | | Hf | Ta | W | Re | Os | Ir | Pt | Au | Hg | Tl | Pb | Bi | Po | At | Rn | | | | | | | | |
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| Ac | Th | Pa | U | Np | Pu | Am | Cm | Bk | Cf | Es | Fm | Md | No | Lr | | | | | | | | | | | |

[Click here for index of Models](#)

KIM Models (<https://openkim.org>)

Cu

| Extended KIM ID | Title |
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| EAM_Dynamo_Ackland_Tichy_Cu__MO_179025990738_001 | Finnis Sinclair potential for Cu |
| EAM_Dynamo_Bonny_Pasianot_FeCuNi__MO_469343973171_001 | FeCuNi potential to model reactor pressure vessel steels |
| EAM_Dynamo_Cai_Ye_AlCu__MO_942551040047_001 | EAM potential for Al-Cu binary system |
| EAM_Dynamo_Foiles_Baskes_Universal3_Cu__MO_666348409573_000 | Third universal Cu potential of Foiles, Baskes, and Daw; obtained from LAMMPS |
| EAM_Dynamo_Hoyt_Garvin_PbCu__MO_119135752160_001 | Embedded Atom Method parametrization of the Pb-Cu system |
| EAM_Dynamo_Mendeleev_King_Cu__MO_748636486270_001 | FS potential for Cu |
| EAM_Dynamo_Mendeleev_Kramer_Cu__MO_945691923444_001 | FS/EAM potential for Cu |
| EAM_Dynamo_Mendeleev_Kramer_CuZr__MO_600021860456_001 | FS potential for Cu-Zr |
| EAM_Dynamo_Mendeleev_Sorlet_CuZr__MO_120596890176_001 | FS potential for Cu-Zr |
| EAM_Dynamo_Mishin_Mehl_Cu__MO_346334655118_001 | EAM Cu Potential |
| EAM_Dynamo_Onat_Durukanoglu_CuNi__MO_552013490703_001 | An optimized EAM potential for Cu-Ni alloys |
| EAM_Dynamo_Williams_Mishin_CuAg__MO_128703483589_001 | EAM alloy potential for the Cu-Ag system. |
| EAM_Dynamo_Wu_Trinkle_CuAg__MO_270337113239_001 | EAM potential for Cu/Ag(111) Surface Diffusion. |
| EAM_Dynamo_Zhou_Johnson_Cu__MO_127245782811_001 | EAM alloy potential set table, compatible with LAMMPS |
| EAM_Johnson_NearestNeighbor_Cu__MO_887933271505_001 | This is an analytical NN EAM model for Cu by Johnson. |
| EMT_Asap_MetalGlass_CuMgZr__MO_655725647552_002 | Effective Medium Theory potential for CuMg and CuZr alloys, in particular metallic glasses. |
| EMT_Asap_Standard_Jacobsen_Stoltze_Norskov_AlAgAuCuNiPdPt__MO_118428466217_002 | Standard Effective Medium Theory potential for face-centered cubic metals as implemented in ASE/Asap. |
| MEAM_2NN_Fe_to_Ga__MO_145522277939_001 | Model parameterization of 2NN MEAM model |
| Pair_Morse_Modified_MacDonaldMacDonald_Cu__MO_034823476734_000 | Modified Morse pair potential for copper due to MacDonald and MacDonald |
| Pair_Morse_Shifted_GirifalcoWeizer_HighCutoff_Cu__MO_151002396060_001 | This is a Cu Morse Model Parameterization by Girifalco and Weizer using a high accuracy cutoff distance. |
| Pair_Morse_Shifted_GirifalcoWeizer_LowCutoff_Cu__MO_673777079812_001 | This is a Cu Morse Model Parameterization by Girifalco and Weizer using a low accuracy cutoff distance. |
| Pair_Morse_Shifted_GirifalcoWeizer_MedCutoff_Cu__MO_173787283511_001 | This is a Cu Morse Model Parameterization by Girifalco and Weizer using a medium accuracy cutoff distance. |

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EAM_Dynamo_Mishin_Mehl_Cu_MO_346334655118_001

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| KIM Item Type | Parameterized Model using Model Driver EAM_Dynamo_MD_120291908751_001 |
| Species | Cu |
| Description | EAM Cu potential fit to experimental and first-principles data |
| Disclaimer | |
| Source Citations | Y. Mishin, M.J. Mehl, D.A. Papaconstantopoulos, A.F. Voter, and J.D. Kress, "Structural stability and lattice defects in copper: Ab initio, tight-binding, and embedded-atom calculations," Phys. Rev. B, 63, 224106 (2001). |
| Programming Language(s) | N/A |
| Link to NIST | http://www.ctcms.nist.gov/potentials/Cu.html |

Unique archival KIM ID for citation in papers

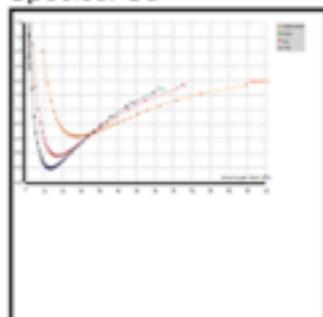
Scientific reference for the potential.

Visualizers (in-page)

Cohesive Energy Graph

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Species: Cu



Click on any thumbnail to get a full size image.

Visualization of various properties computed within KIM system to help select the appropriate potential for the application.

Citing KIM Models

► Example of citing a KIM Model:

In this case, the large compressive stress resulted in an Yttria-stabilized zirconia phase with cubic symmetry. Due to the large system size needed to accurately model the process of oxygen migration, the dipole-based empirical potential of Umeno *et. al* [1] archived in OpenKIM [2-4] was employed.

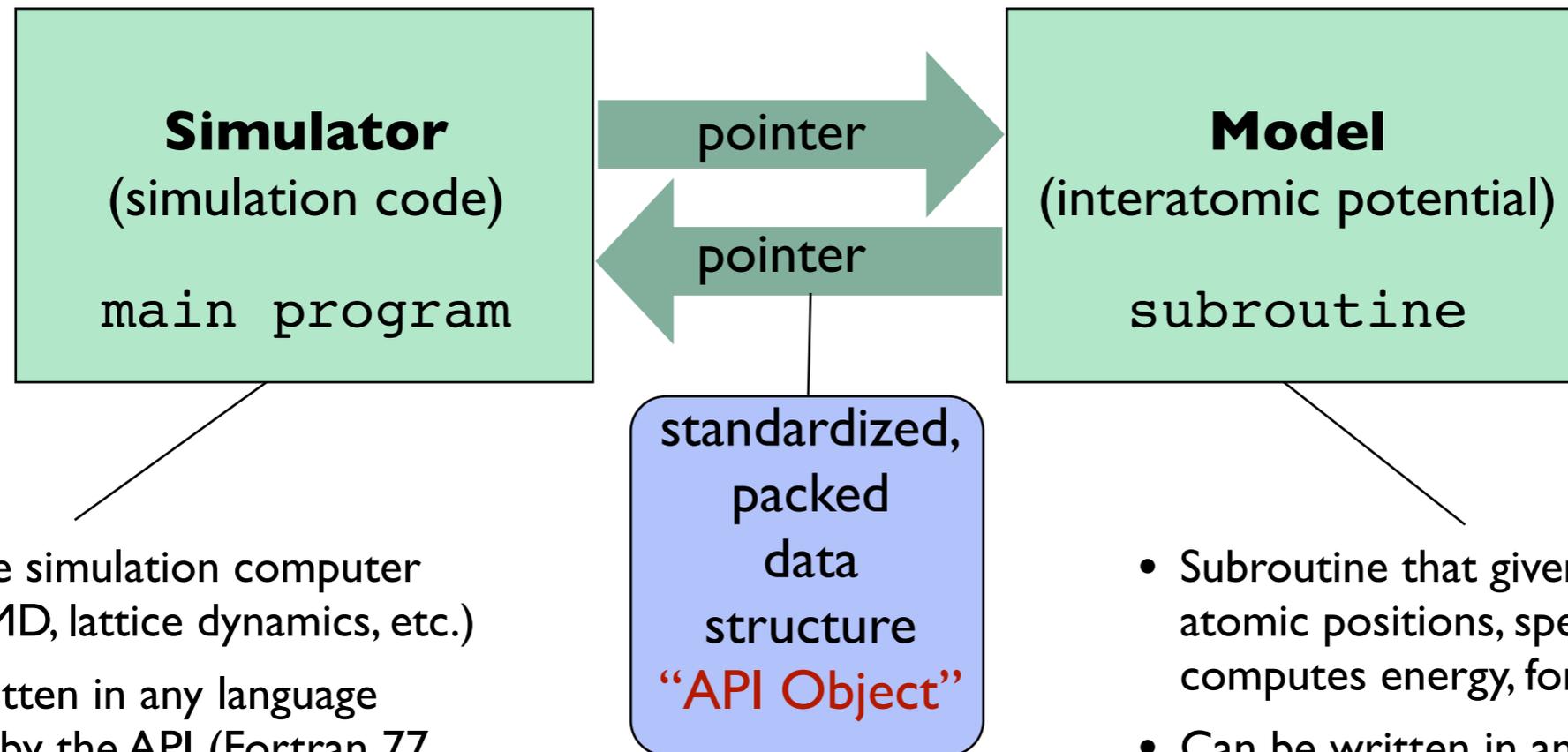
References

1. Y. Umeno, A. M. Iskandarov, A. Kubo and J. M. Albina, “Atomistic Modeling and Ab Initio Calculations of Yttria-Stabilized Zirconia”, ECS Transactions 57-1 (2013) pp.2799-2809.
2. Y. Umeno, “Dipole model potential optimized for YSZ (Yttria-stabilized zirconia).”
https://openkim.org/cite/MO_394669891912_000
3. E. B. Tadmor, R. S. Elliott, J. P. Sethna, R. E. Miller and C. A. Becker, “The Potential of Atomistic Simulations and the Knowledgebase of Interatomic Models” *JOM*, **63**, 17 (2011).
4. Future publication about the KIM API will be featured here.

The ability to cite a KIM ID and have access to the archived Model makes it possible to reproduce atomistic simulations.

Portability and the KIM API Standard

- ▶ In order to maximize the portability of KIM Models, an **Application Programming Interface (API) standards** has been defined for exchanging information between simulators and models.



- Stand-alone simulation computer program (MD, lattice dynamics, etc.)
- Can be written in any language supported by the API (Fortran 77, Fortran 90, C, C++, ...)

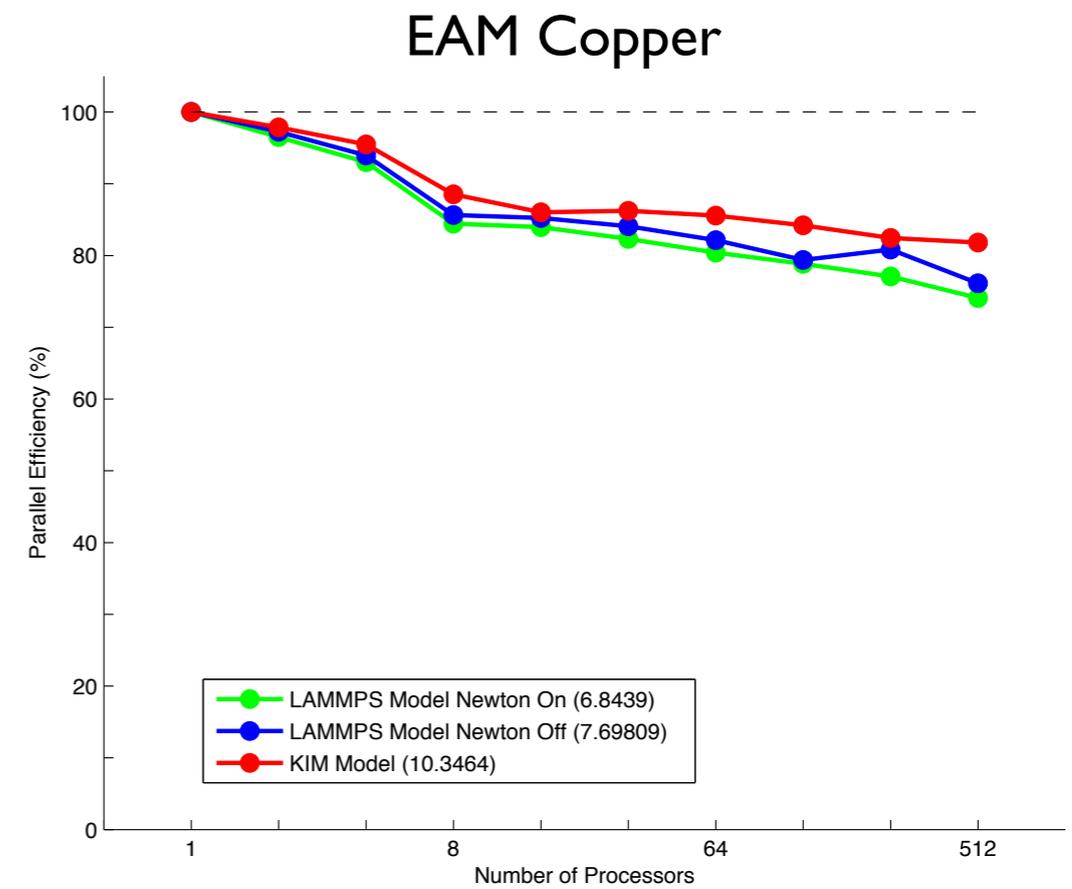
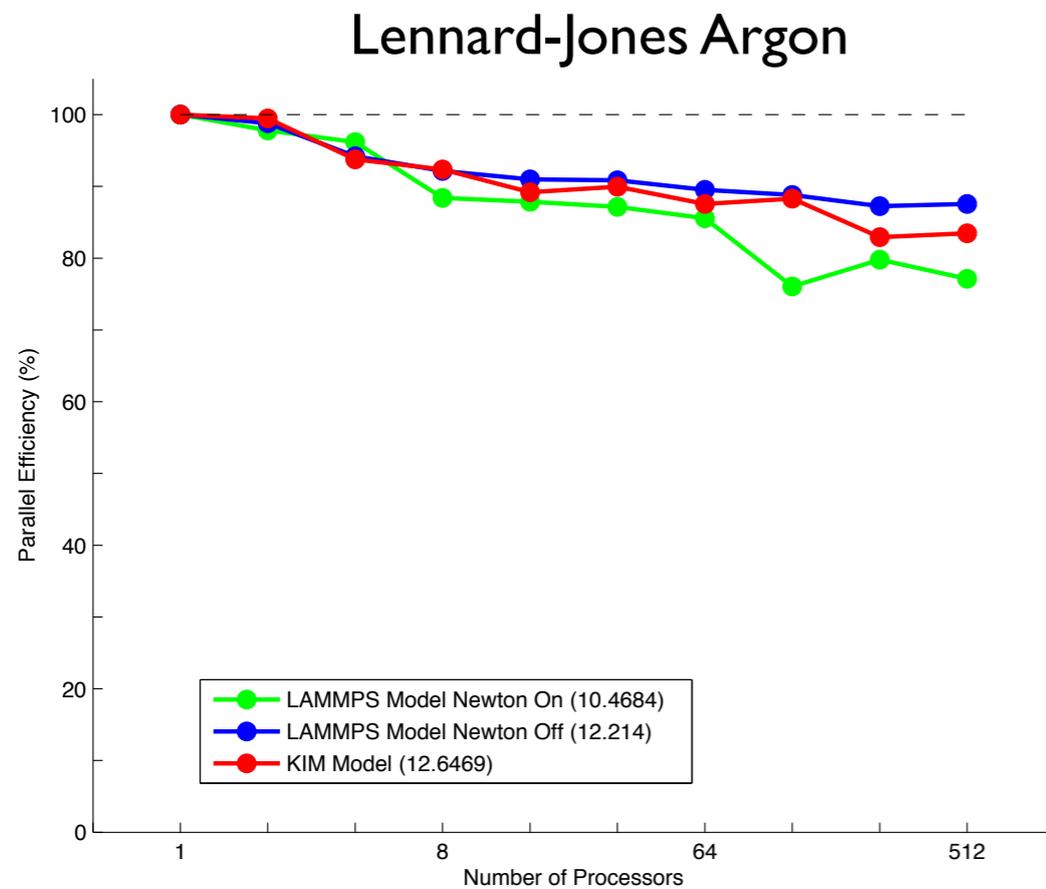
- Subroutine that given a set of atomic positions, species, ... computes energy, forces, ...
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- ▶ Currently working on support for electrostatics and charge equilibration.

Efficiency of the KIM API

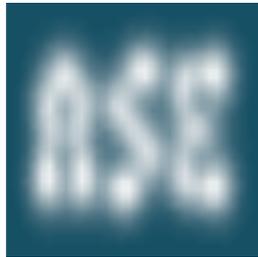
- ▶ The KIM API is a lightweight efficient interface.

LAMMPS benchmark results (scaled size with 32,000 atoms per core)



KIM-Compliant Codes

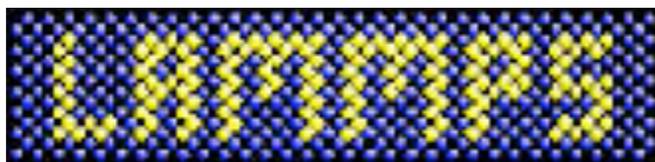
Asap



DL_POLY

GULP

IMD



libAtoms + QUIP



LAMMPS

- ▶ Using KIM Models with **LAMMPS** is straightforward:
 - Install the KIM API (packages available for Ubuntu, others in development)
 - Precede LAMMPS installation with “make yes-kim”
 - Add the KIM Models that you want to use. (Ubuntu package has option to add all models.)
 - Replace native potential with pair style KIM and KIM ID

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pair_style      eam/alloy
pair_coeff      * * Al_ercolessiAdams.alloy Al
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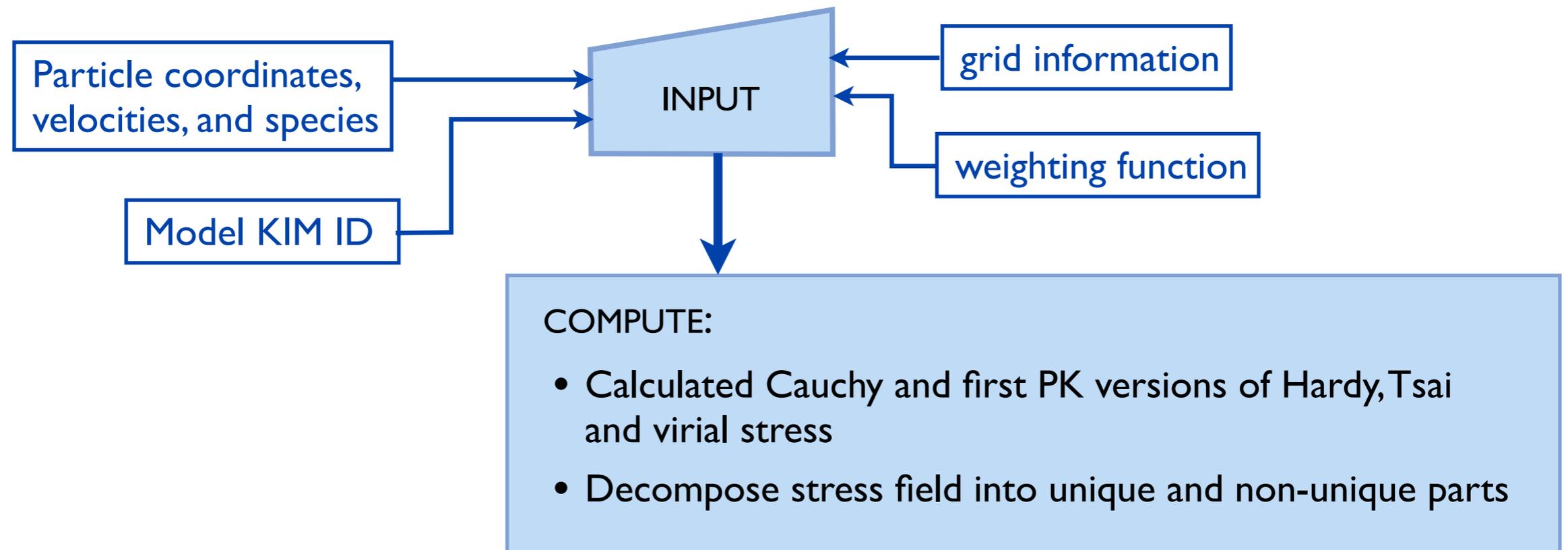
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pair_style      kim LAMMPSvirial EAM_Dynamo_Ercolessi_Adams_Al__MO_123629422045_001
pair_coeff      * * Al
mass           1 26.98
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- Run as usual

For more info, see http://lammps.sandia.gov/doc/pair_kim.html

MDStressLab (<http://mdstresslab.org>)

- **MDStressLab** is a program for computing stress fields from MD simulation results

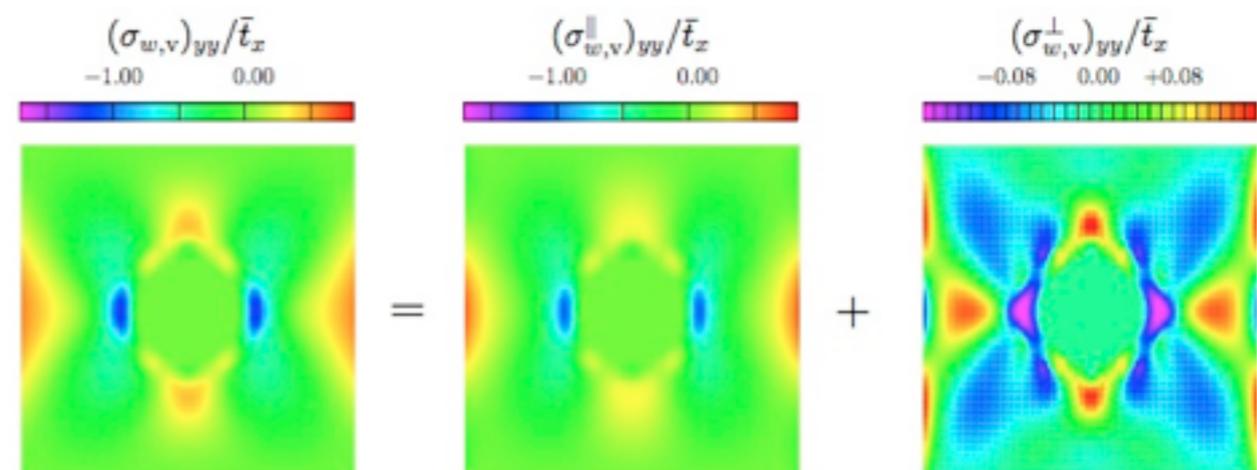


Reference:

N. C. Admal and E. B. Tadmor,
J. Elast., 100:63, 2010

Available at

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Property Table

[Periodic Table of KIM Tests](#)

Property Table



| BULK | CLUSTER | WALL | LINE | POINT |
|---------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|------|--------------------------|
| 2D crystals | cluster energy and forces | stacking energy | | vacancy formation energy |
| cohesive energy | | surface energy | | |
| crystal structure | | | | |
| elastic constant | | | | |
| melting temperature | | | | |

Testing Model Predictions (<https://openkim.org>)

The screenshot shows the OpenKIM website interface. A modal window titled "BULK → cohesive energy" is open, listing several test categories. The first category, "cohesive-energy-relation-cubic-crystal", is highlighted with a red border. The background shows the "KIM Tests" section with a "Property Table" button and a "Periodic Table of KIM Tests" link. Below the modal, a grid of test categories is visible, including "2D crystals", "cluster energy and forces", "stacking energy", "vacancy formation energy", "cohesive energy", and "surface energy".

OpenKIM

KIM Tests

Click on a category in the properties table

Property Table Periodic Table of KIM Tests

Property Table

BULK → cohesive energy

- **cohesive-energy-relation-cubic-crystal**
Cohesive energy versus lattice constant relation for a cubic crystal at zero absolute temperature. Lattice constants are taken to correspond to the conventional cubic unit cell. Moreover, note that here the cohesive energy is defined as the *negative* of the potential energy per atom.
- **cohesive-free-energy-cubic-crystal**
Cohesive free energy of a cubic crystal at a given temperature under stress-free boundary conditions.
- **cohesive-free-energy-hexagonal-crystal**
Cohesive free energy of a hexagonal crystal at a given temperature under stress-free boundary conditions.
- **cohesive-potential-energy-cubic-crystal**
Cohesive energy (negative of the potential energy per atom) of a cubic crystal at zero temperature under stress-free boundary conditions.
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|-----------------|---------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| 2D crystals | cluster energy and forces | stacking energy | vacancy formation energy |
| cohesive energy | | surface energy | |

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Tests for cohesive-energy-relation-cubic-crystal

By Species By Test Driver Alphabetical

Link to Property Definition: [cohesive-energy-relation-cubic-crystal](#)

Ag

| Test ID | Test Title |
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| CohesiveEnergyVsLatticeConstant_bcc_Ag__TE_776768886429_001 | Cohesive energy versus lattice constant curve for bcc Silver |
| CohesiveEnergyVsLatticeConstant_diamond_Ag__TE_267703329770_001 | Cohesive energy versus lattice constant curve for diamond Silver |
| CohesiveEnergyVsLatticeConstant_fcc_Ag__TE_295388173914_001 | Cohesive energy versus lattice constant curve for fcc Silver |
| CohesiveEnergyVsLatticeConstant_sc_Ag__TE_229146981356_001 | Cohesive energy versus lattice constant curve for sc Silver |

Al

| Test ID | Test Title |
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| CohesiveEnergyVsLatticeConstant_bcc_Al__TE_320860761056_001 | Cohesive energy versus lattice constant curve for bcc Aluminum |
| CohesiveEnergyVsLatticeConstant_diamond_Al__TE_024193005713_001 | Cohesive energy versus lattice constant curve for diamond Aluminum |
| CohesiveEnergyVsLatticeConstant_fcc_Al__TE_380539271142_001 | Cohesive energy versus lattice constant curve for fcc Aluminum |
| CohesiveEnergyVsLatticeConstant_sc_Al__TE_549565909158_001 | Cohesive energy versus lattice constant curve for sc Aluminum |

Visualizers

- ▶ You can also see Test results through user uploadable visualizers on the Model Pages:

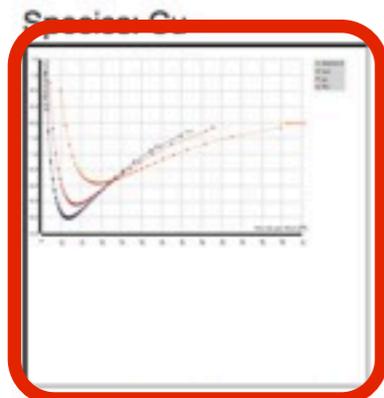
Model page for EAM_Dynamo_Mishin_Mehl_Cu__MO_346334655118_001

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◦ Visualizers (in-page)

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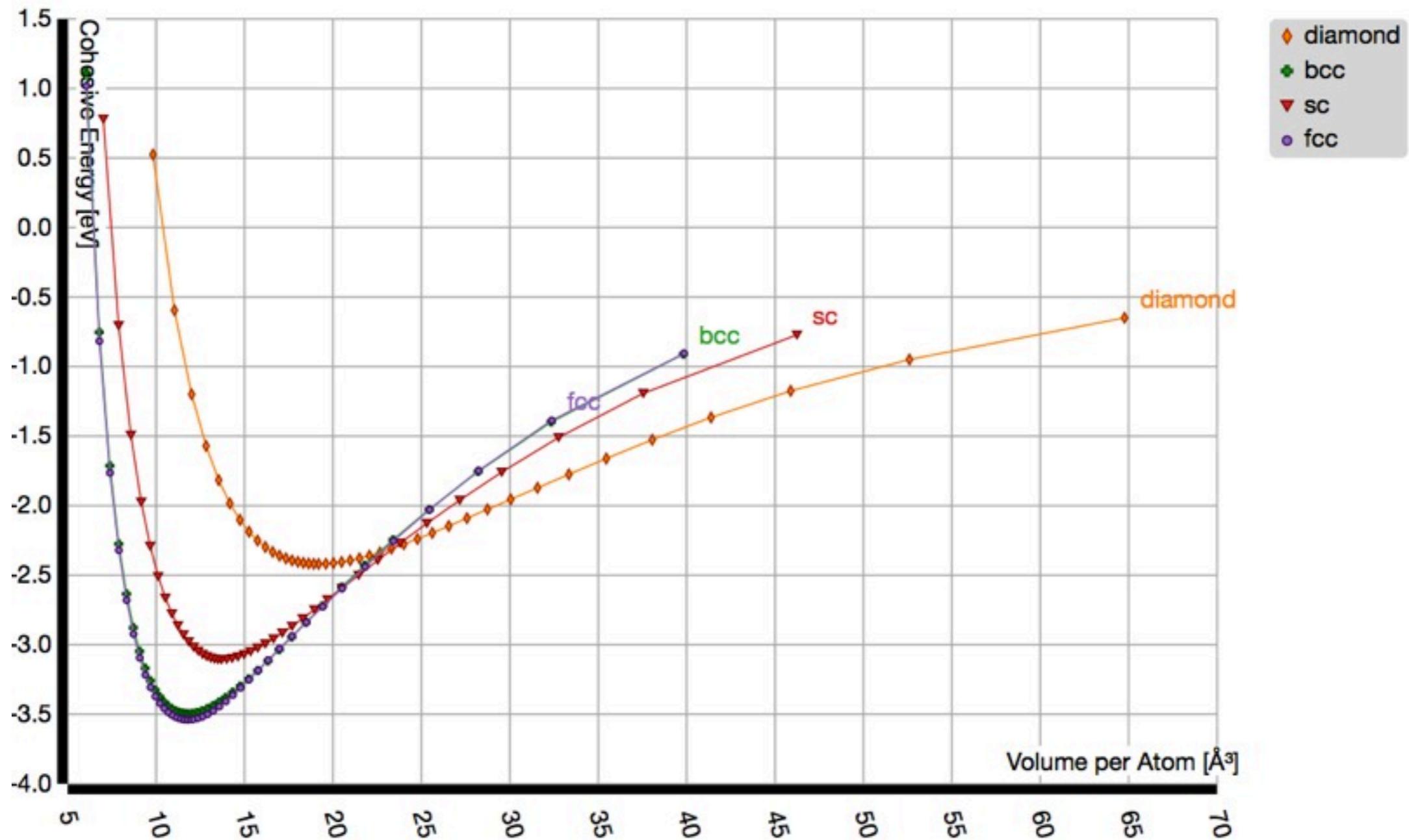


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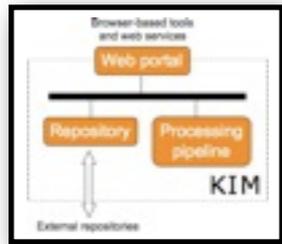
Visualizers

Model: EAM_Dynamo_Mishin_Mehl_Cu__MO_346334655118_001

Species: Cu



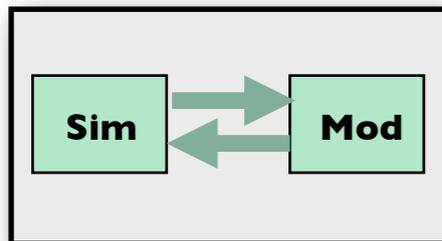
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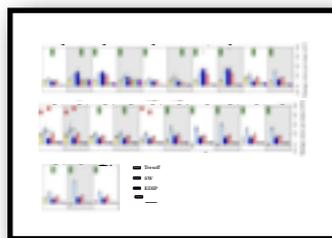
KIM provides **archival** permanent storage of interatomic models, tests, and reference data with known provenance.

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All KIM content is **citable** with unique permanent identifiers. This makes it possible to reproduce simulation results in the future.



Models stored in the OpenKIM Repository are **portable** as they conform to an API that allows them to run seamlessly with any KIM-compliant simulation code.



Transferability is quantified through exhaustive testing using KIM Tests uploaded by users for properties of interest.

Come to **breakout session**:

- Learn more about Testing framework and how to contribute Tests
- How to select the appropriate model for a given application (RATE)
- Discuss future of KIM and your wish list for the project