

Modélisation atomistique de liquides à haute température



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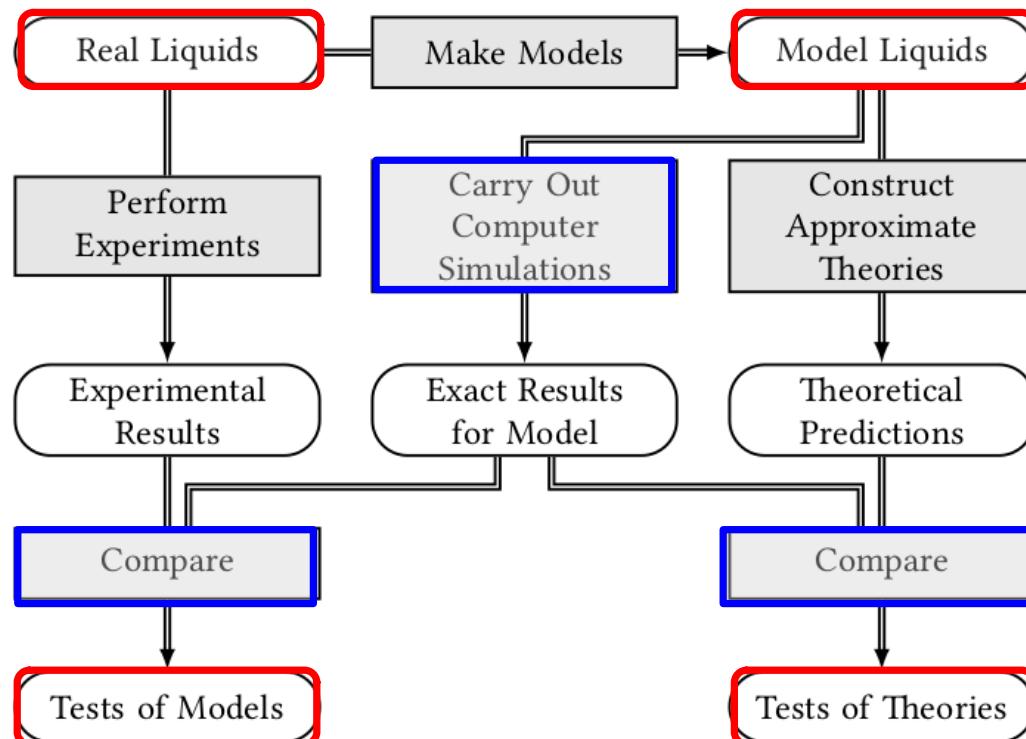
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- Modélisation atomistique:
approches, échelle de temps & longueur, complexité
- Modélisation de liquides: quelques exemples
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- Outils & moyens
 - Codes de simulation, codes d'analyse de données
 - Centres de calculs
 - Plateformes de partage de données, potentiels, exemples de calcul
- Communauté de chercheurs
 - oxydes (silicates, carbonates,), chalcogénures, liquides métalliques, liquides ioniques, ...

Computer simulations (*in silico* experiments)



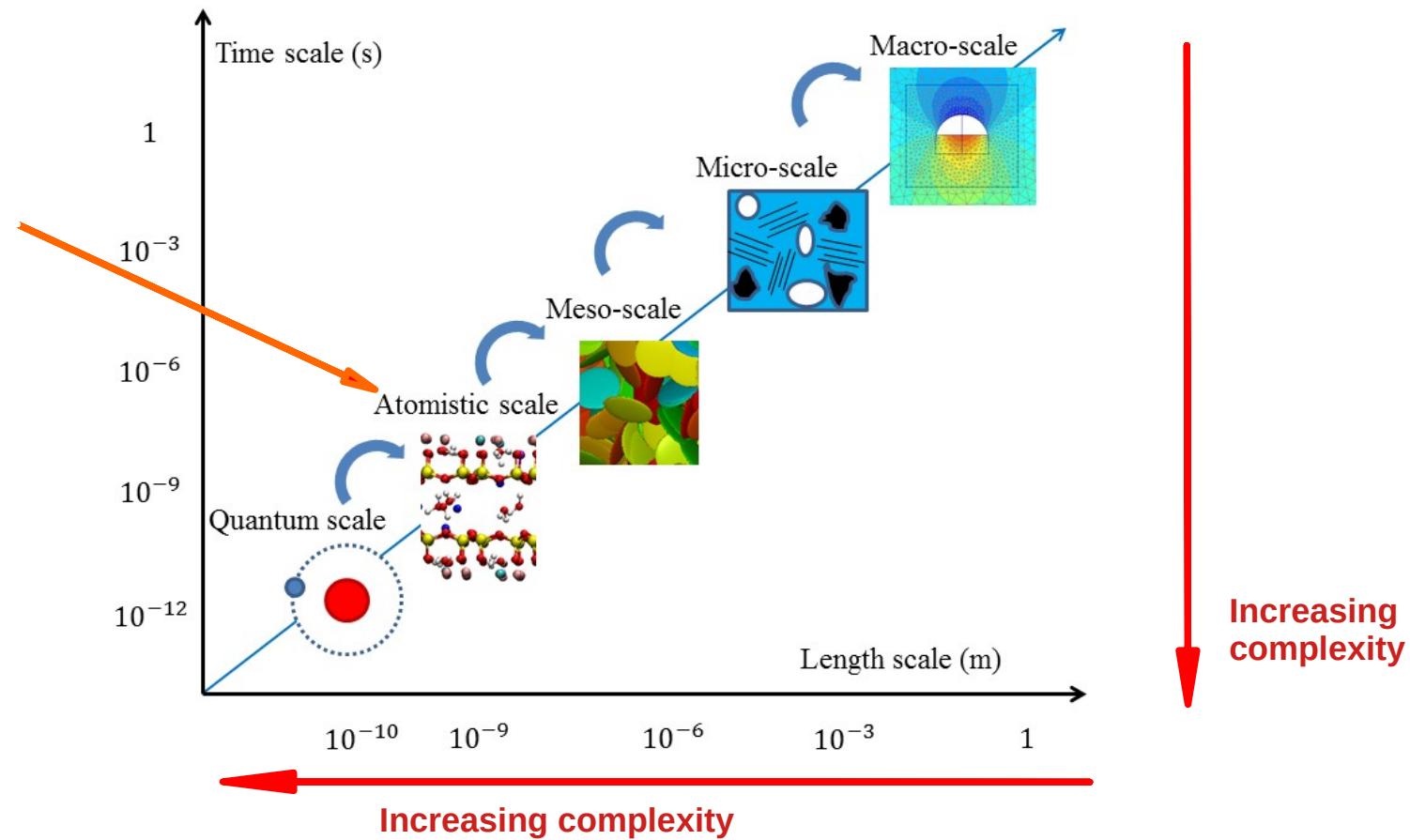
- Established **tools to study complex systems** and get insight into their properties
- Dual role, bridge between
 - **Models & experiments**
 - **Theories & models**
- Simulations fill the gaps between real **experiments** and **theories**, and between **microscopic** features and **macroscopic** behavior

Fig. 1.2 The connection between experiment, theory, and computer simulation.

Computer simulations of liquids, Allen&Tildesley (2017)

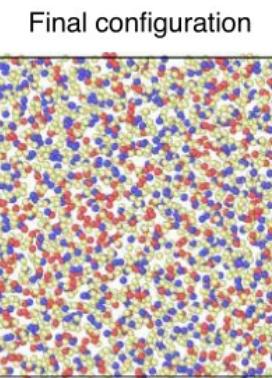
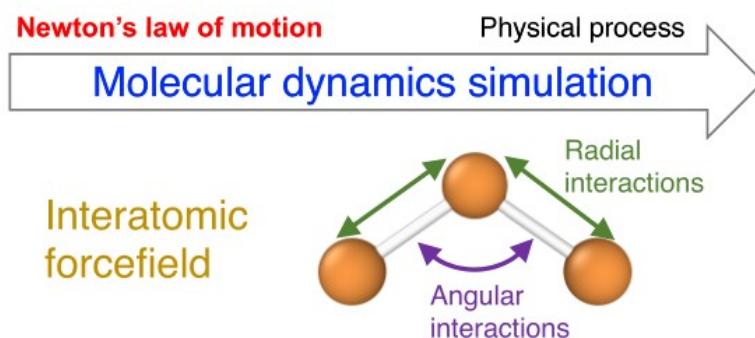
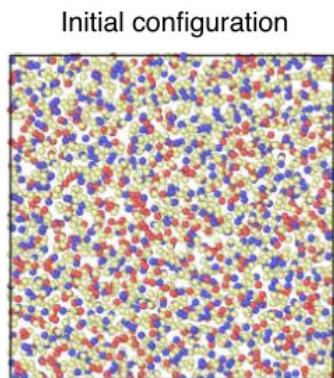
Time & length scales vs complexity

This talk

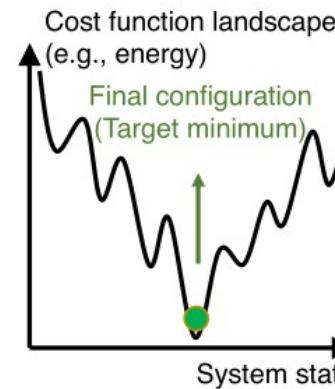
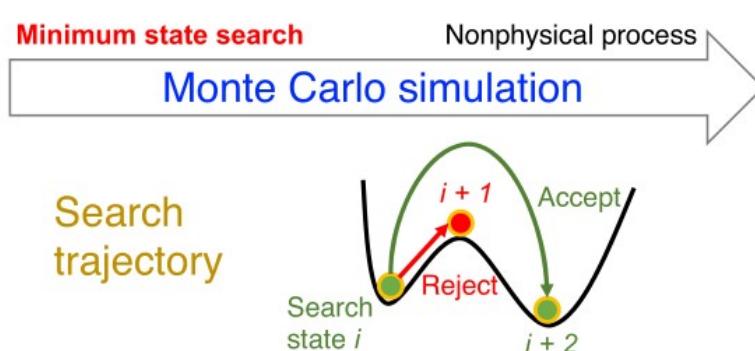
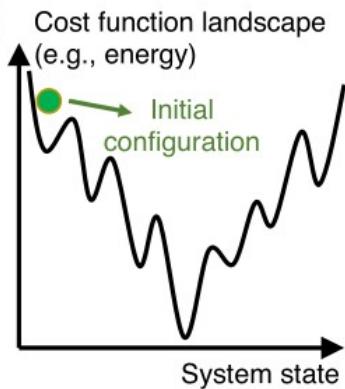


Computer simulations at atomistic level

(a)



(b)



Main ingredient:
interaction model
of the particles

2 possibilities:
classical and *ab initio* simulations

Classical vs *ab initio* approach

Classical approach

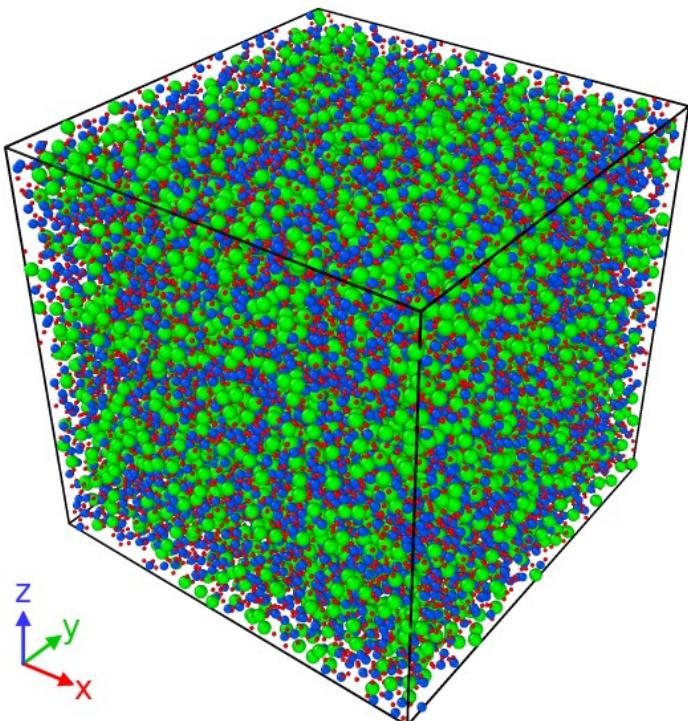
- Atoms considered as interacting point particles, electrons not explicitly taken into account
- One postulates an ansatz for the effective interatomic forces :
 - traditional potentials
 - Machine Learning potentials
- Balance between a simple and realistic description of the system under consideration

Ab initio approach

- Interatomic forces are calculated from the instantaneous positions of the ions and taking into account the first principles of quantum mechanics
- Universality (i.e. no ansatz for forces)
- It can handle relatively complex systems **but** it is computationally **(very) expensive**

Classical vs ab initio approach

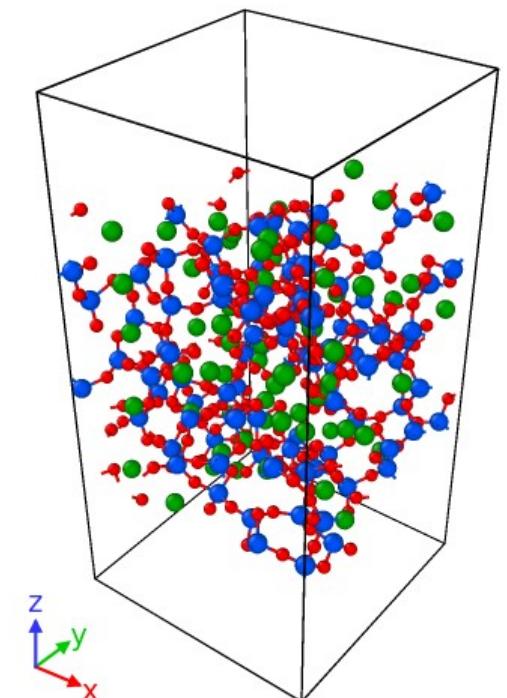
Classical MD:
600 000 atoms



Typical scales vs Approach	Classical	Ab initio
Nb of atoms	10,000 - millions	100 – 1,000
Length of the run	Nano- to μs	Tens of ps to few ns
Size of the simulation box	Nano to μm	Few nm

Sodium silicate $\text{Na}_2\text{O}-3\text{SiO}_2$

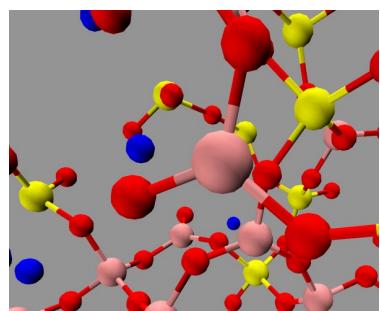
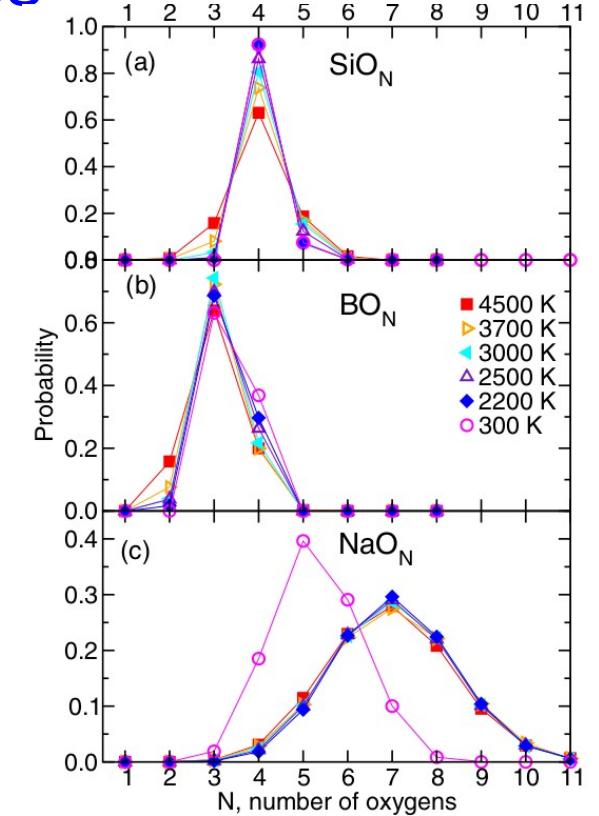
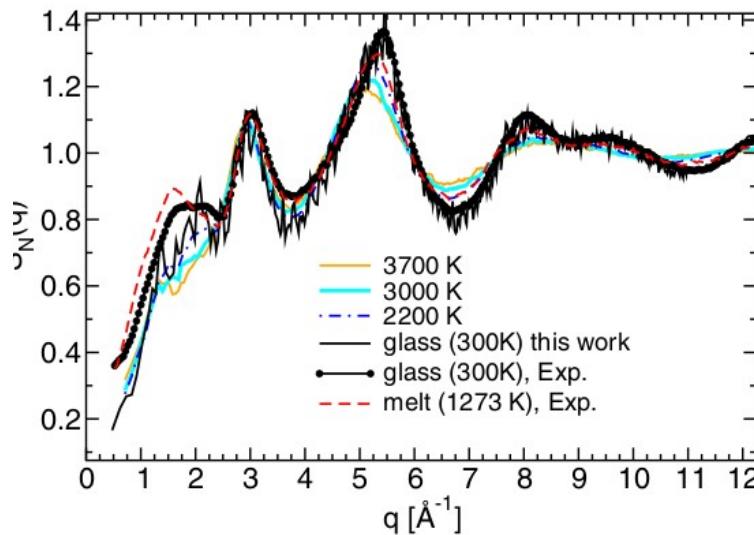
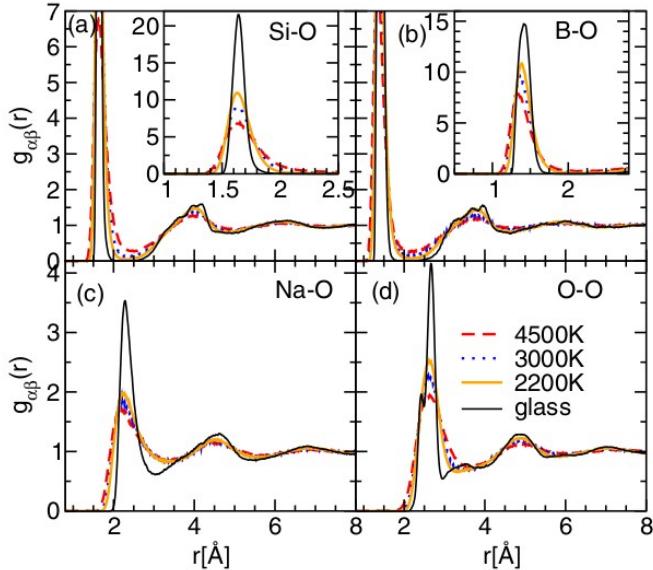
Ab initio MD:
420 atoms



Atomistic simulations of liquids: some examples

Disclaimer: choice of examples biased by my own interests and expertise.

Sodium borosilicate liquid: structural properties

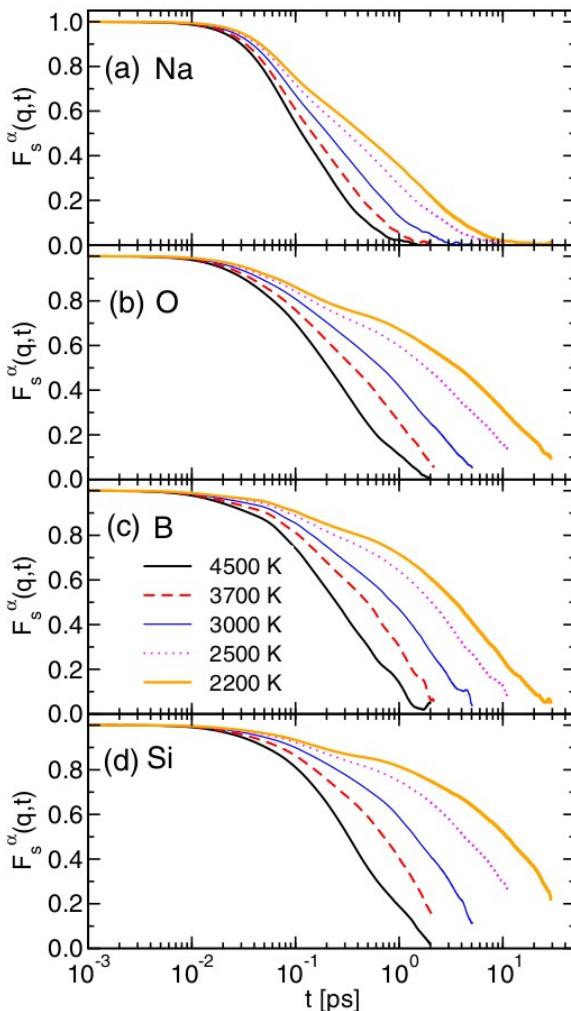


Ab initio MD study

- Si-O & Na-O correlations expected behaviour with decreasing temperature
- B-O & O-O correlations more complex behavior with decreasing temperature
- Neutron structure factor: good agreement to exp. data

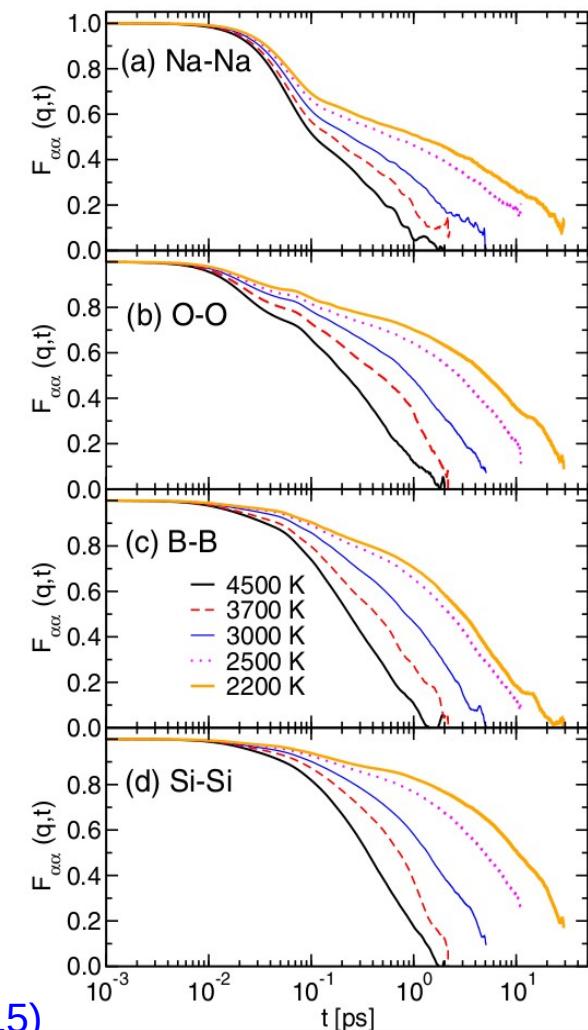
Pedesseau, Ispas, Kob, Phys.Rev B 91 (2015)

Sodium borosilicate liquid: dynamical properties



Intermediate scattering functions: incoherent vs coherent

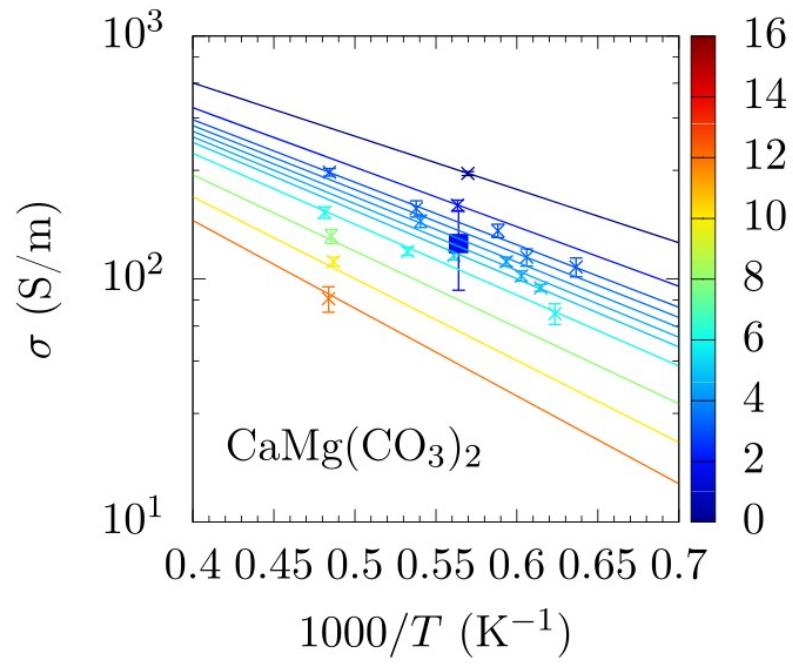
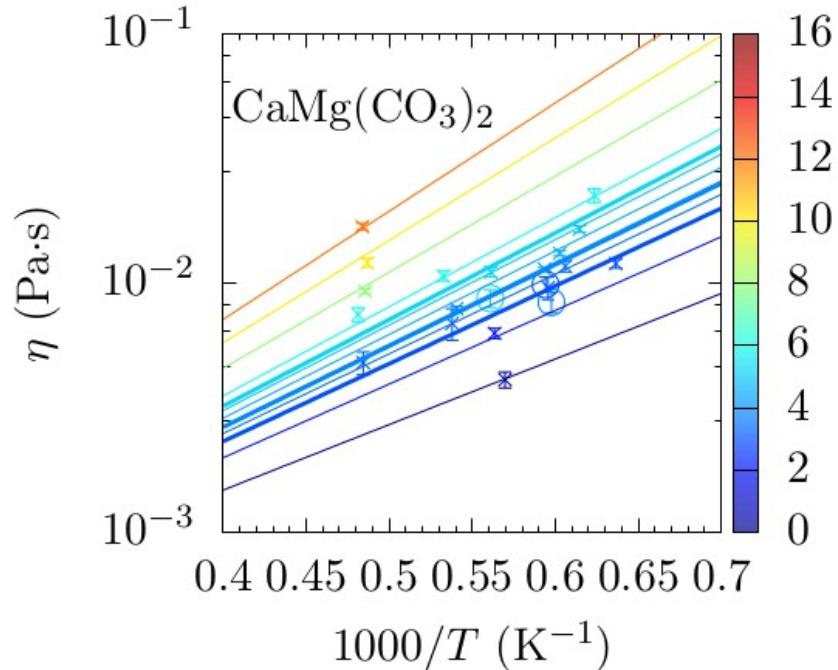
- Quick relaxation at high temperature (exponential decay & no species dependence)
- Two-step decay at lower temperatures
- Very similar correlators for Si, O & B (shape and relaxation time)
- Different trend for Na: “special sites” (once a site is vacated it is quickly occupied by another Na)
- Time scale to decorrelate of the “special sites” is the time needed by the matrix to rearrange



Pedesseau, Ispas, Kob, Phys.Rev B 91 (2015)

Molten carbonates: transport properties

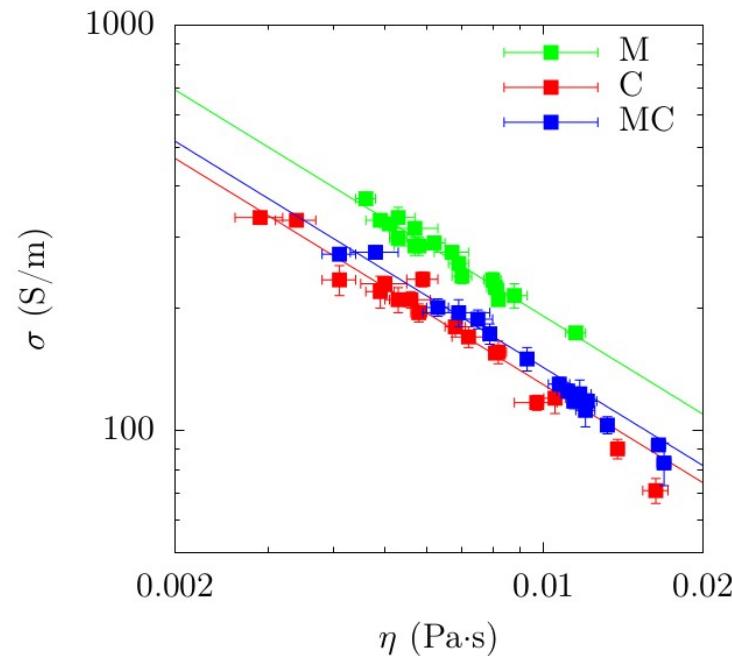
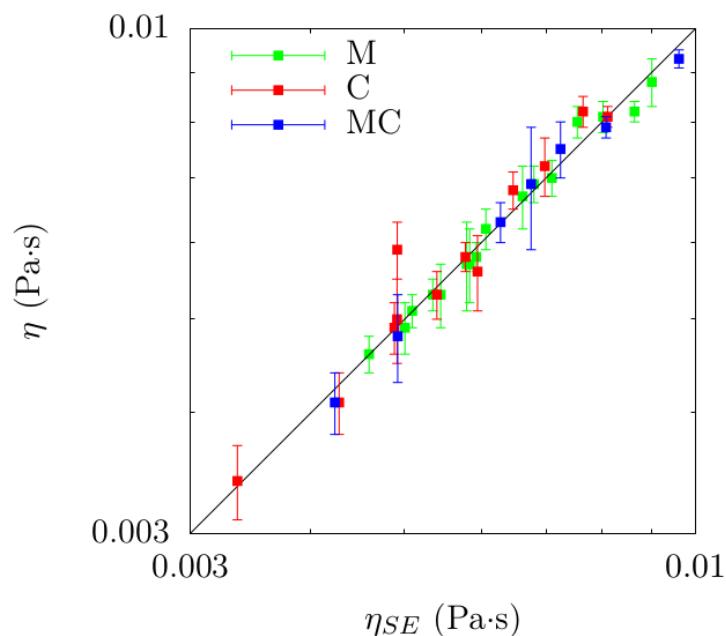
Classical MD simulations, pair potential



- Smooth dependence (Arrhenius like) with respect to T and P
- Non-negligible effect of the composition
- Insights into magmatic processes implying carbonatitic melts

Desmaele, Sator, Vuilleumier, Guillot, J. Chem Phys 150 (2019)

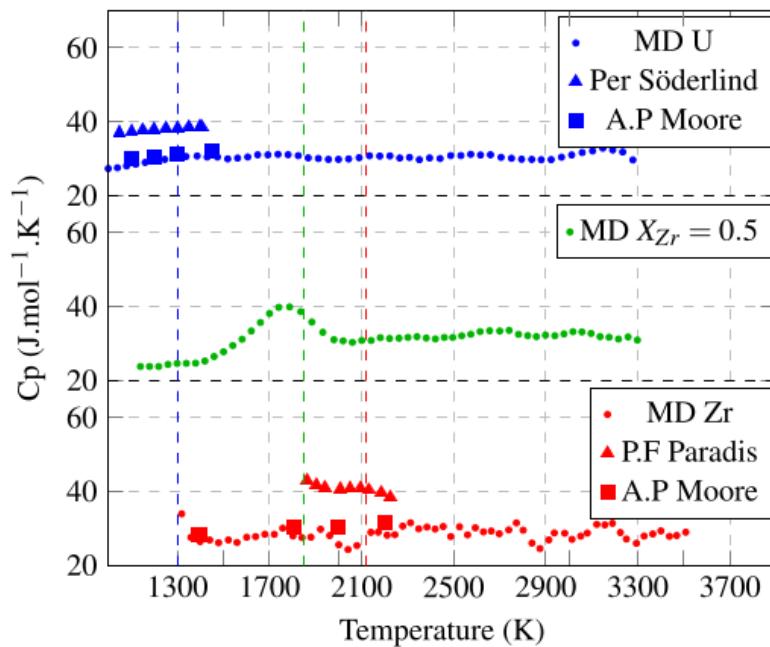
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- Testing the reliability of the phenomenological equations (here Stokes-Einstein)
- Identification of empirical relationship between viscosity and thermal conductivity

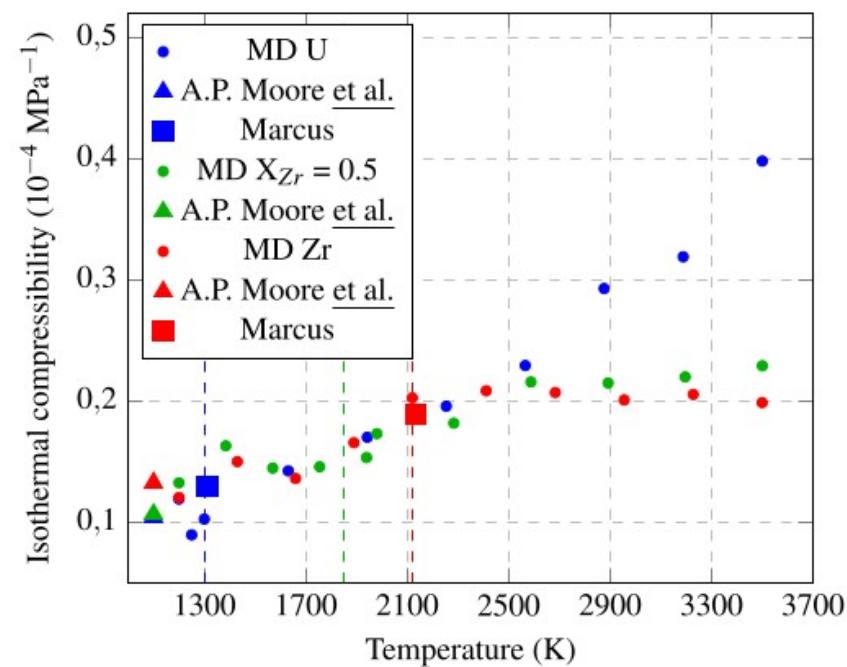
Liquid (U,Zr) mixture: thermophysical properties

Classical MD simulations, MEAM potential



Heat capacity:

- pure U and Zr equal to $\sim 3R$ for both solid and liquid phase
- (U, Zr) mixture: different trend

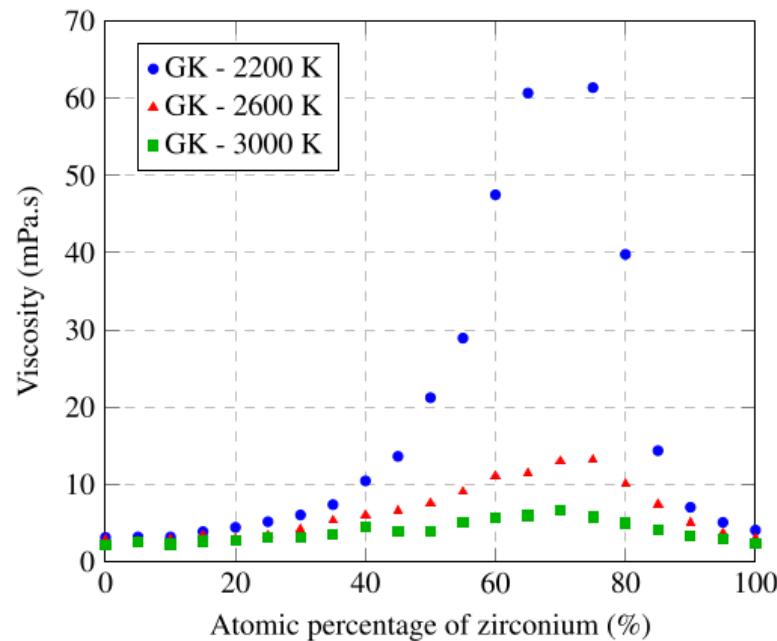
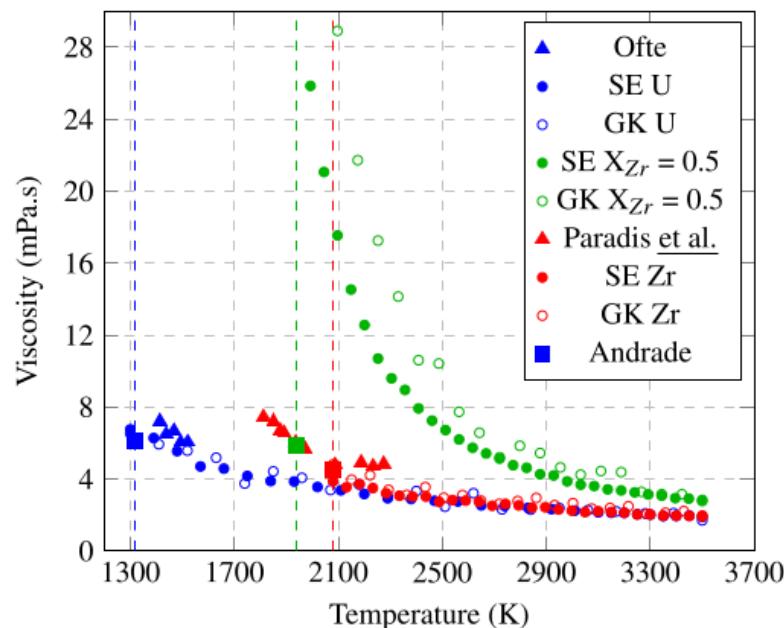


Isothermal compressibility:

- Liquid phase: different trends
- difference not currently accounted for in nuclear accident scenario codes

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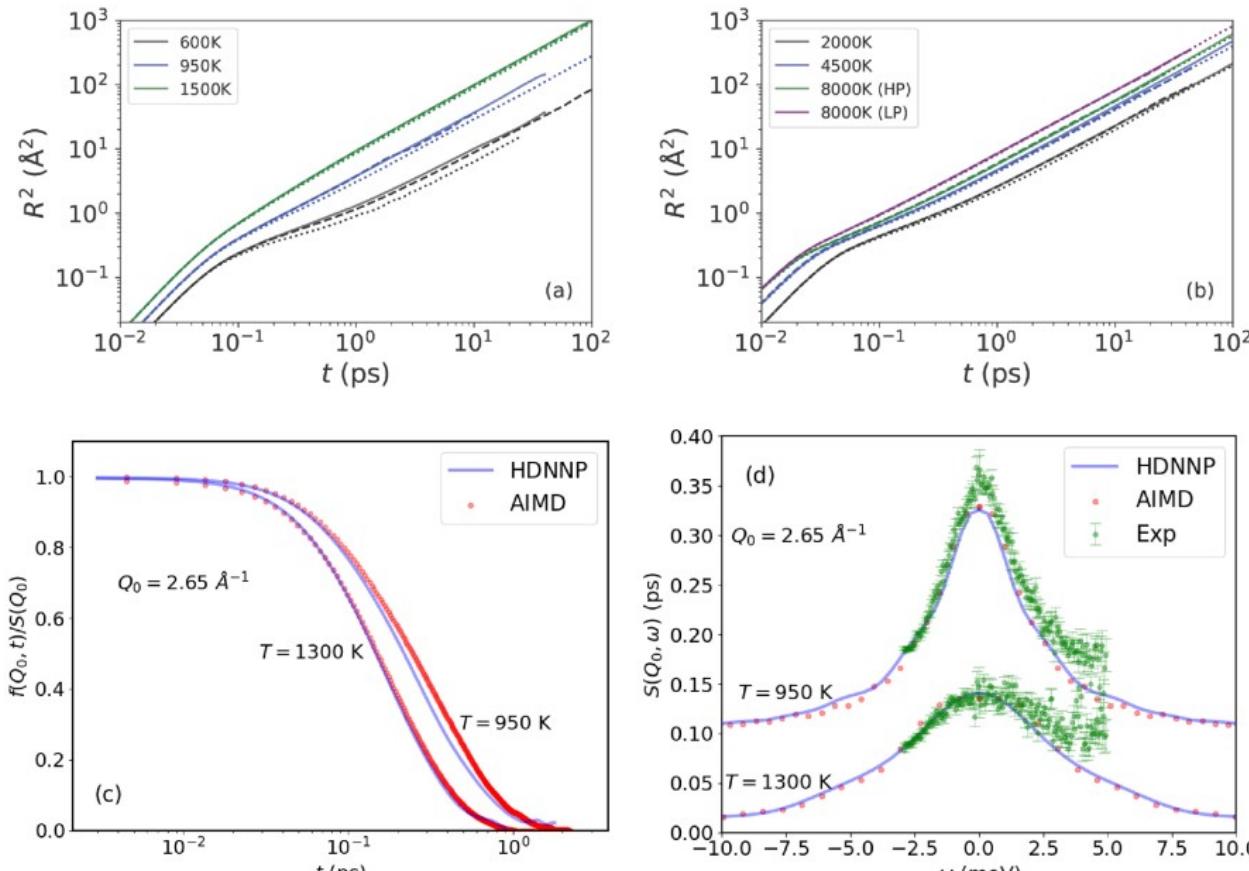
Viscosity:

- Pure U and Zr: phenomenological models work
- Breakdown of Stokes-Einstein relation for (U, Zr) mixture

- Large increase of the viscosity at intermediate (U, Zr) composition
- May have important consequences for large-scale nuclear accident scenario simulations

Tranchida, Nicaud, Beeler, Bourasseau J. Chem Phys 160 (2024)

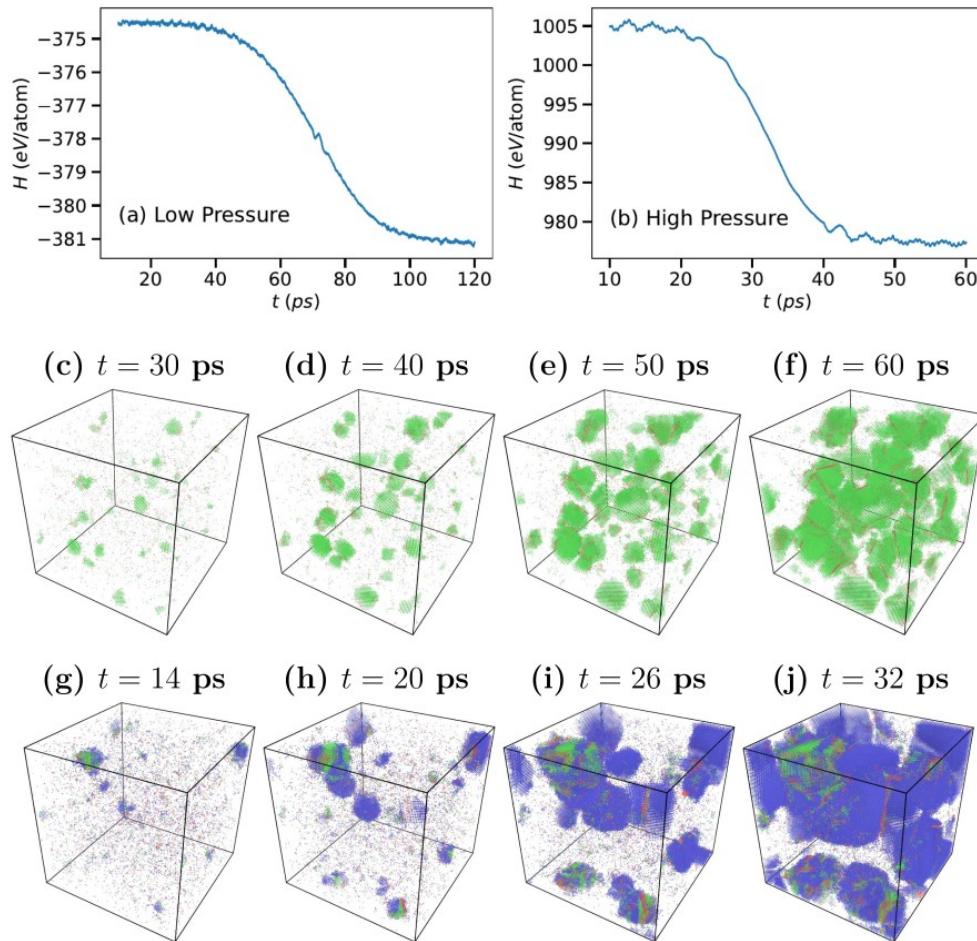
Machine learning (ML) interatomic potentials for Al: application to solidification



Jakse et al. J. Phys.: Condens. Matter 35 (2023)

- **Diffusion:** ML potential reproduces the ab initio trends for all temperatures and pressures
- **Intermediate scattering function:** good agreement of ML results to AIMD ones
- Good match of the calculated dynamic structure factors (ML & ab initio) to exp. Data
- Predictive character of the ML potential for states not included in the training

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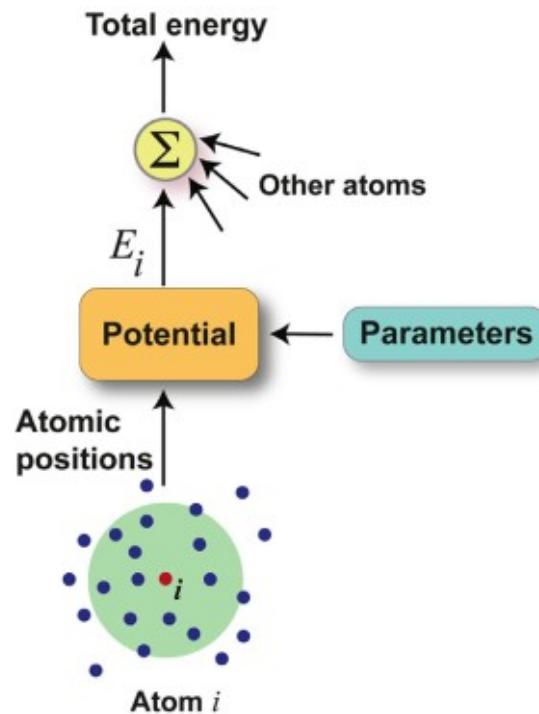
- Investigation of the homogeneous crystal nucleation on large scales with an ab initio accuracy
- A single step nucleation, with an emerging fcc ordering and hcp stacking fault defects
- A single step nucleation pathway with bcc nuclei observed at high pressure.

Machine learning interatomic potentials for materials

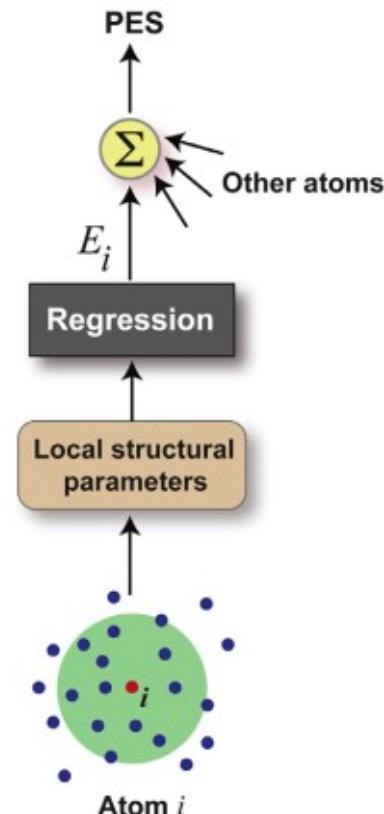
	Potential type		
	Traditional	ML	Physically-informed ML
Physical foundation	Strong	None	Strong
Number of fitting parameters	~ 10	$\gtrsim 10^3$	$\gtrsim 10^3$
Computational speed	Very high	Slower ^a	Slower ^a
Reference database	Small	Large	Large
Accuracy (interpolation)	Limited	~ 1 meV/atom	~ 1 meV/atom
Transferability (extrapolation)	Reasonable	Poor	Reasonable
Reliance on human expertise	Strong	Weaker ^b	Weaker ^b
Extension to chemistries	Challenge	Challenge	Challenge
Specific to class of materials?	Yes	No	No
Systematically improvable?	No	Yes	Yes

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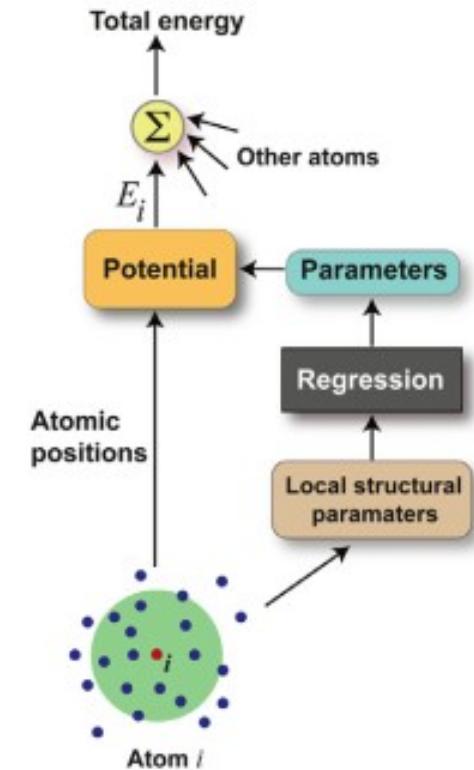
Traditional potentials



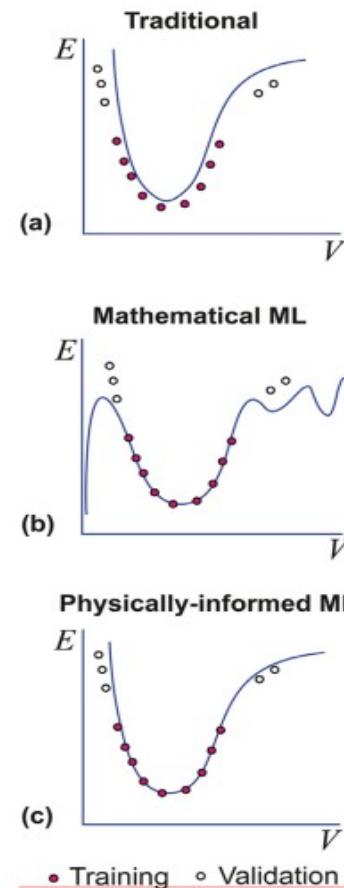
ML potentials



Physically informed ML potentials



Machine learning interatomic potentials for materials



Accuracy and transferability:

Predictions of the energy-volume (E - V) relation compared to DFT calculations

Codes utilisés

Approche ab initio: VASP, CP2K, CPMD, Quantum Espresso, Abinit,

Approche classique: LAMMPS, DL_POLY,

Codes spécifiques:

Analyse des données: logiciel Ovito, code maison rendus publiques, LAMMPS

Moyens de calcul

National: GENCI (Grand Equipement National de Calcul Intensif)

- 2 appels à projets/an + accès dynamiques
- 3 centres: IDRIS (Orsay), CINES (Montpellier), TGCC (Bruyères Le Châtel)

Mésocentres: e.g. CALMIP (Toulouse), Méso@LR (Montpellier), Lyon, Grenoble, Paris, Nantes, Strasbourg,

Cluster locaux: laboratoire ou équipe

Projet PRACE: accès aux centres HPC européens (Juelich, Barcelona, ...)

Miscellaneous

- **FAIRmat: Findable, Accessible, Interoperable, Re-usable**

A data infrastructure for condensed-matter physics and the chemical physics of solids www.fairmat-nfdi.eu/fairmat



- **OpenKIM** - a curated repository of interatomic potentials openkim.org



- ML potential repositories: see [Mishin, Acta Materialia 214 \(2021\)](#)

- **MATSCI.org**: is a community forum for the discussion of anything materials science, with a focus on computational materials science research



- **CECAM** www.cecam.org



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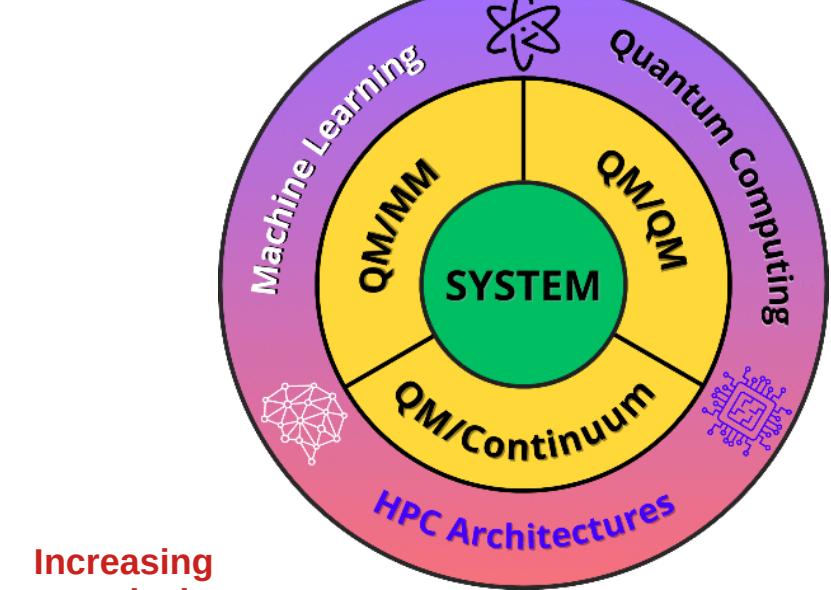
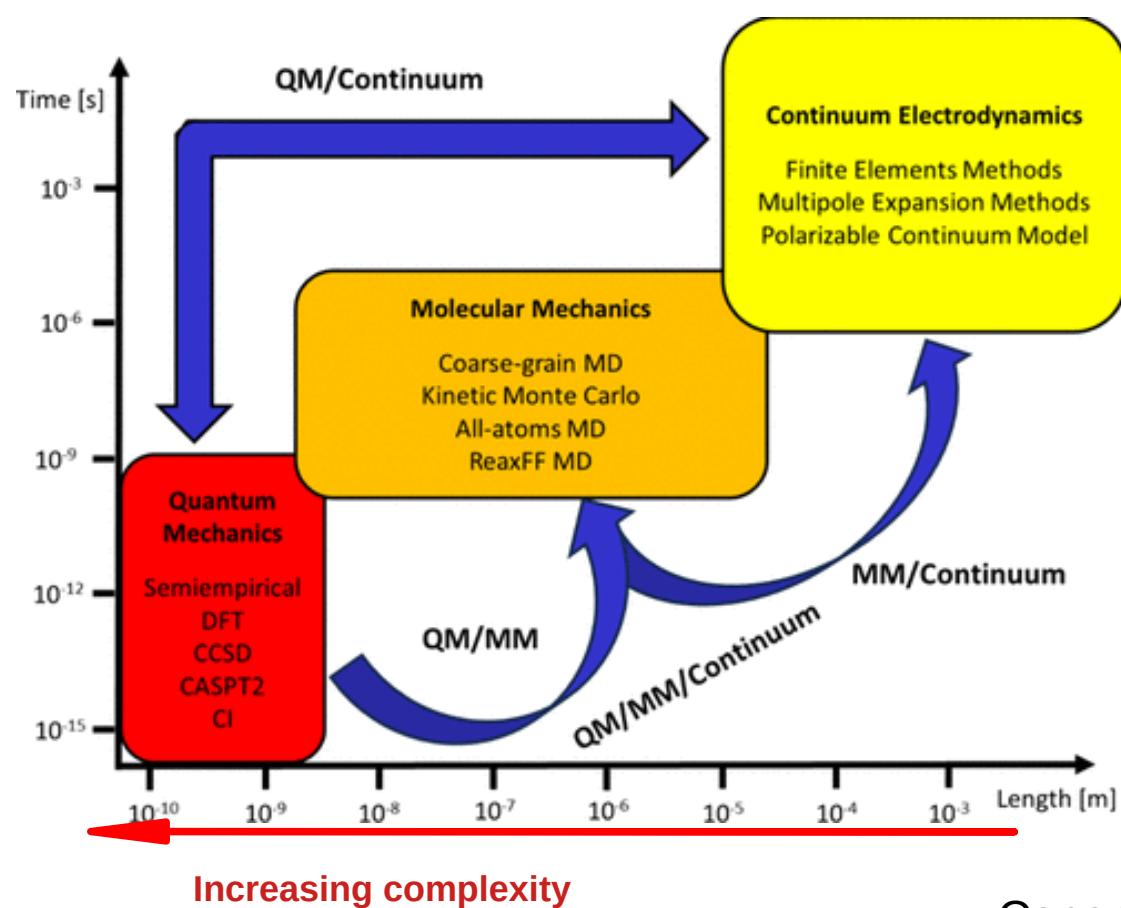
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- Thiosilicate & sélenosilicate:
 - M Micoulaut (Paris)
- Géopolymètres:
 - R Dupuis, R Pellenq (Montpellier), A Poulesquen (CEA Marcoule)
- Géochimie:
 - M Meheut, M. Benoit (Toulouse), R. Caracas (Paris)
- Combustibles fondus:
 - E. Bourasseau, J. Tranchida, J Bouchet (CEA Cadarache)
- Séparations des actinides en phase liquide:
 - D. Guillaumont, D. Moreno Martinez, P. Guilbaud (CEA Marcoule)

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- Systèmes similaires (liquides moléculaires):
 - A. France-Lanord, M Saitta, F Pietrucci, G. Ferlat, A. Seitsonen, R. Vuilleumier (Paris), C. Millet (Nancy), JM Leyssale (Bordeaux),
- Spectroscopie vibrationnelle des liquides:
 - M-P Gaigeot (Evry), D. Laage (Paris)
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Back to time and length scales vs methods and their coupling



Increasing complexity

Merci pour votre attention!

Help: compléter & corriger la liste des chercheurs/groupes travaillant sur la modélisation de liquide en France