

Otaniemi Center for Atomic-scale Materials Modeling (OCAMM)

Possibilities for academia and industry

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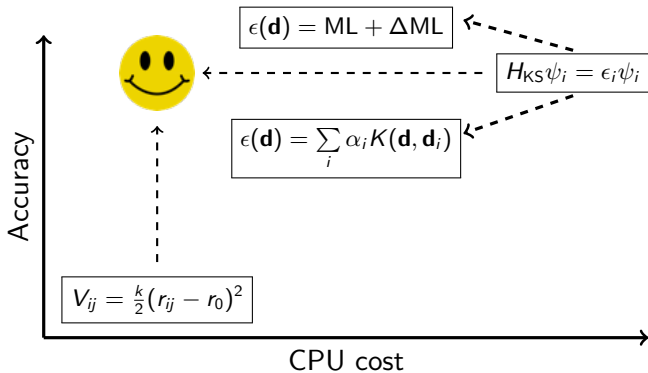
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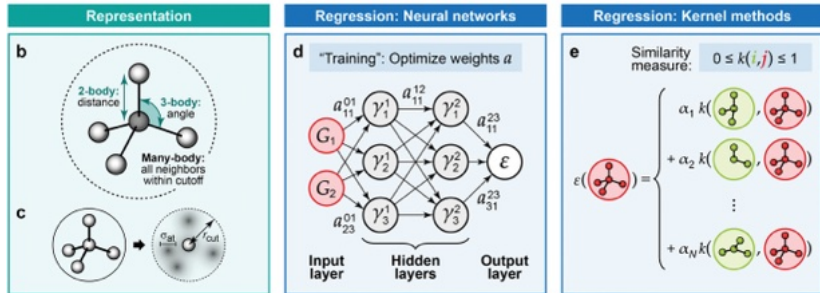
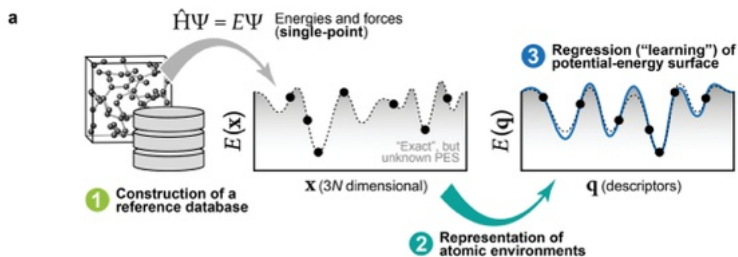


The dream: computational experimentation

- Quantum mechanical description of atomic interactions is very expensive
- “Classical” interatomic potentials are not accurate enough
- With machine-learning potentials we can improve (some) things!
- In some cases we can “fix” issues with DFT (usually Δ ML)



AI-driven “golden age” in atomistic materials modeling



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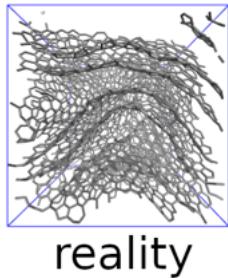
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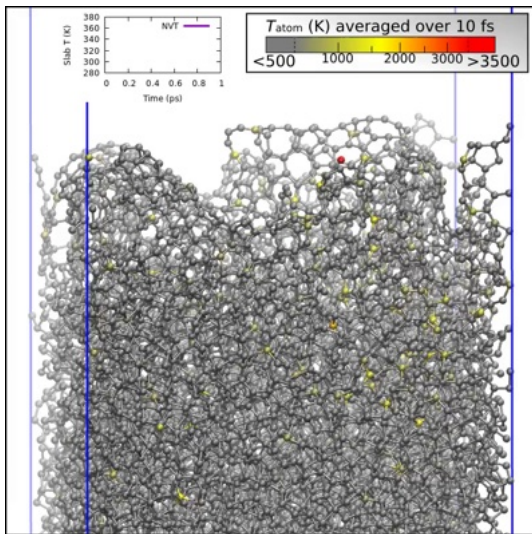
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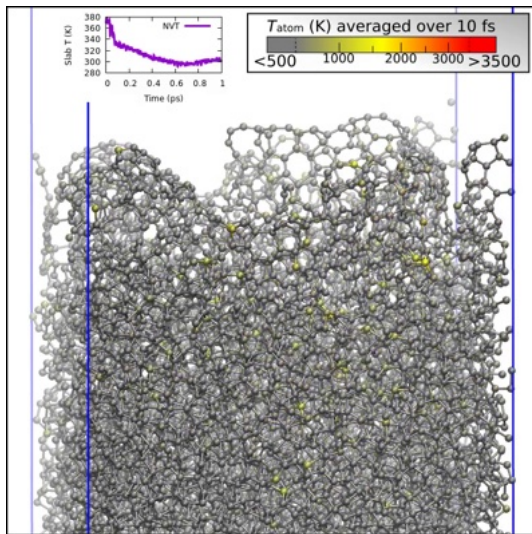
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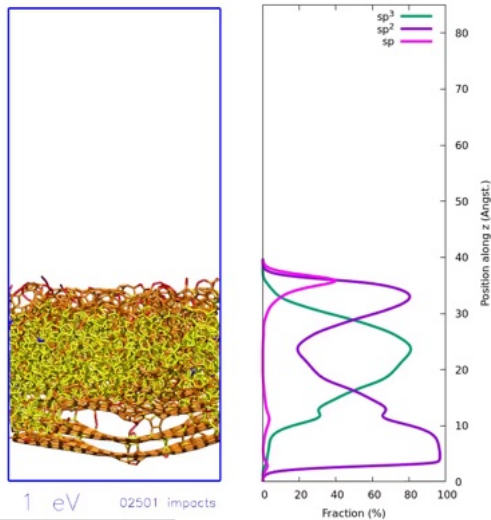
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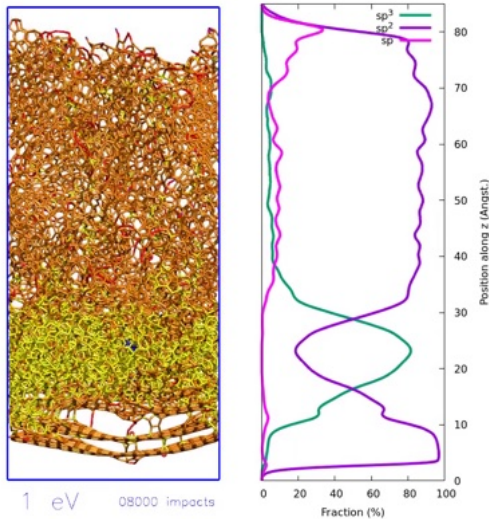
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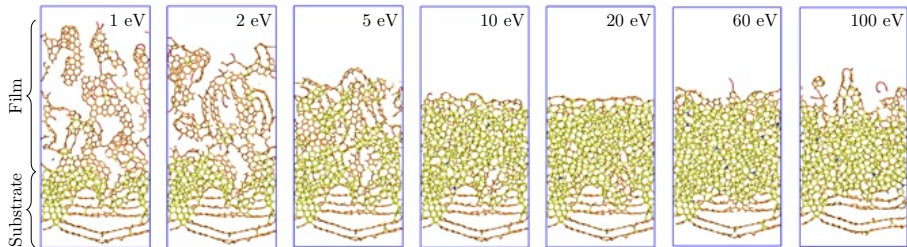
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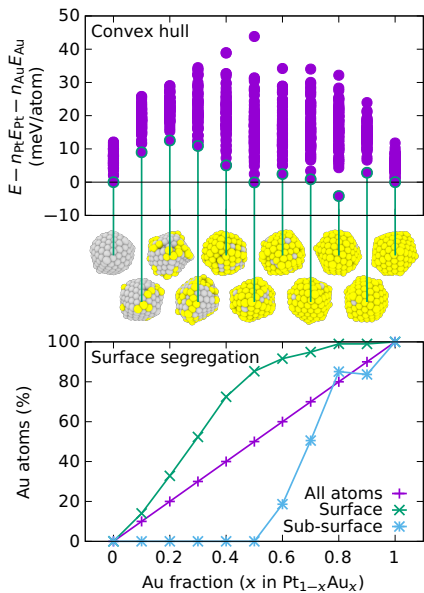


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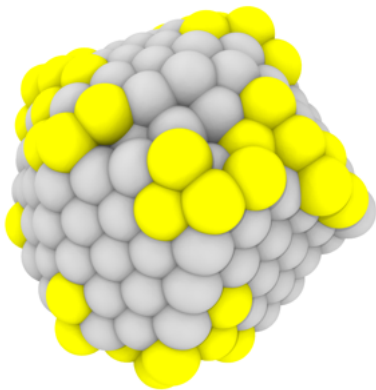
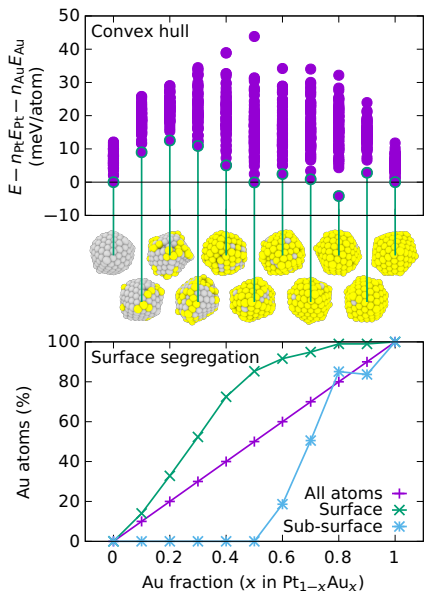


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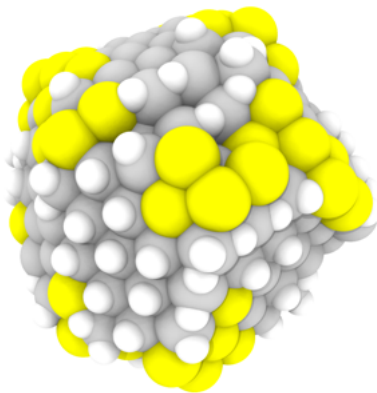
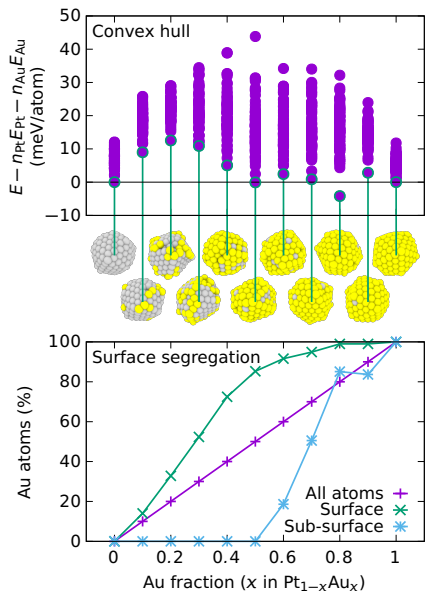
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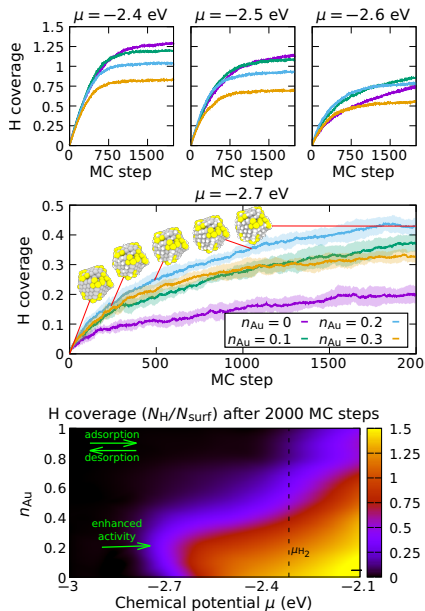
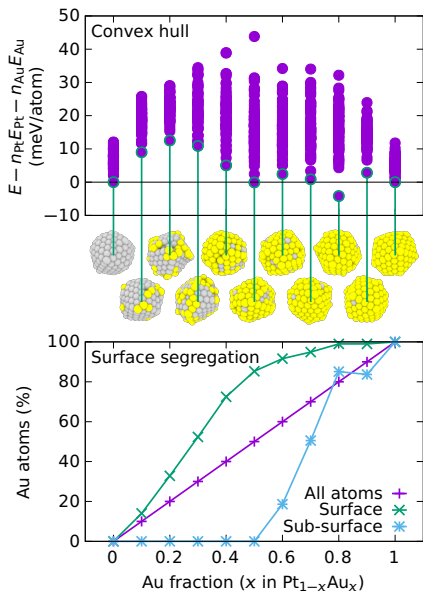
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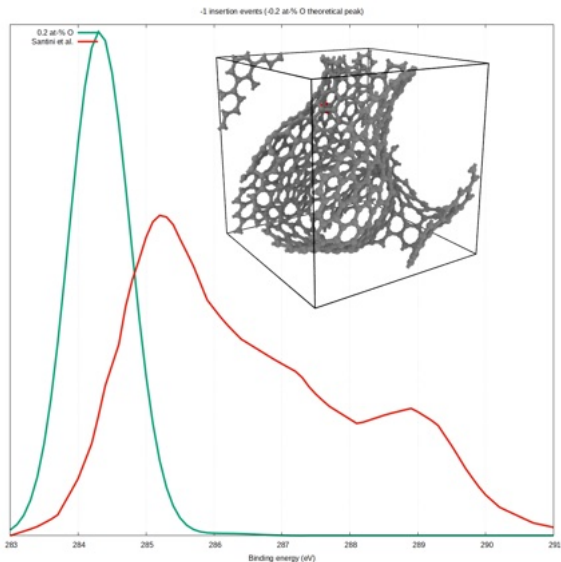
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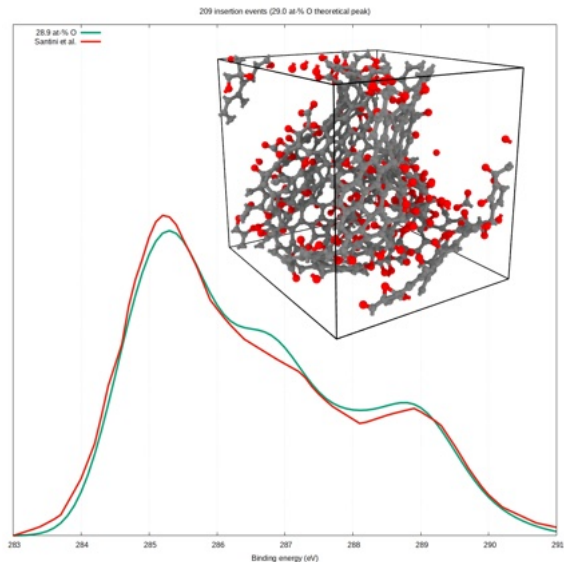
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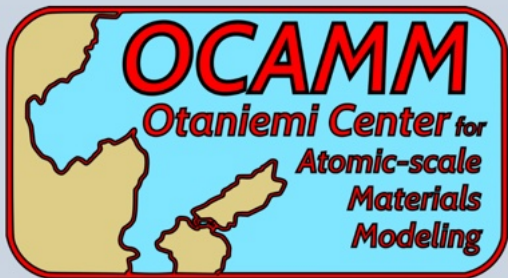


Current status in atomistic materials modeling

- Current “explosion” in the field (methods & applications)
- Finnish HPC capabilities are very high (world-class resources)
- Finnish academia has a reasonably strong materials modeling community (although less than, e.g., Denmark & Sweden)
- My experience with industry & academic experimentalists in Finland: they are very skeptical about computational methods for materials modeling
- Adoption of atomistic modeling much lower than UK & USA
- Finnish corporations are smaller, i.e., more risk aversion (“play safe”)
- Codes and methods are not (yet) “user-friendly”: needs expert support
- OCAMM wants to bridge the gap between simulation experts and industry/experiment

What's the OCAMM initiative?

- Stands for Otaniemi Center for Atomic-scale Materials Modeling
- Take advantage of the long tradition in atomistic materials modeling in Otaniemi area (Aalto and CSC)
- Bring others on board (VTT, GTK?)
- A hub to coordinate the activities in atomistic materials modeling: research, education and innovation, including software development and optimization (e.g., enable GPU readiness)
- Increase the presence of simulation in predominantly experimental (academic) projects
- Gateway for industry. We will help you:
 - Assess the relevance of materials simulation for your innovation problem
 - Find relevant experts among OCAMM partners
 - Facilitate cooperation via simplified and centralized procedures (e.g., pro forma contracts)
- Assist in the incorporation of simulation WPs to funding proposals (AKA, EU, BF, etc.)
- We're getting started: currently raising awareness, securing funding, and organizing events



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The Otaniemi Center for Atomic-scale Materials Modeling (OCAMM) has begun its journey. Expect news about events and activities in the next weeks and months, while we come to full cruise ...

Upcoming Events

NOV 6 November - 10 November

6 Machine Learning Interatomic Potential School for Young & Early Career Researchers

NOV 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

13 Seminar by Prof. Rocio Mercado on artificial intelligence in biomolecular modeling

MAR 10:00 am - 11:00 am

11 Seminar by Dr. Janine George on automation and workflows in atomistic simulation

MAR 12 March 2024 - 14 March 2024

12 LOBSTER School 2024

MAR 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

18 Seminar by Prof. Volker Deringer on machine-learning-based simulation of carbon materials

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