



Maximizing High-Throughput Discovery and Machine Learning Efficiency Through Computational Workflows

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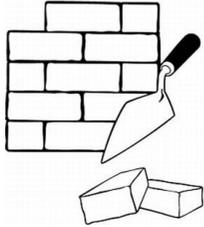
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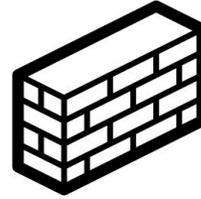


Validation of interatomic potentials



Level I

- Raw, unstructured data
- Energy, forces, stresses



Level II

- Basic material properties
- Computationally inexpensive
- Directly accessible by DFT
- Equilibrium energy/volume, bulk modulus, elastic constants



Level III

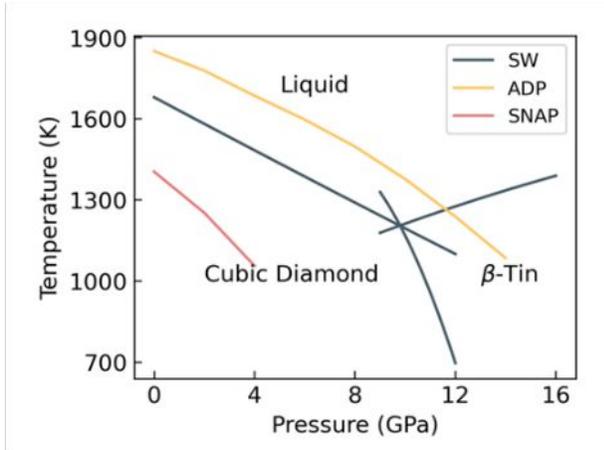
- Validation by application
- Expensive calculations
- specific heat, melting temperature, phase diagram



Tutorial 3

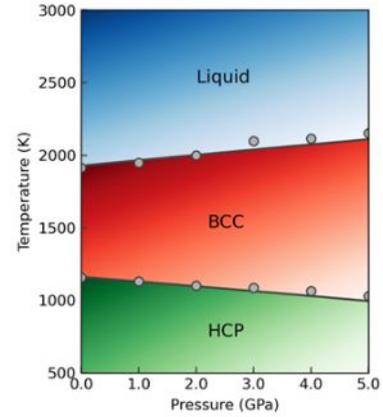


Calculated phase diagrams

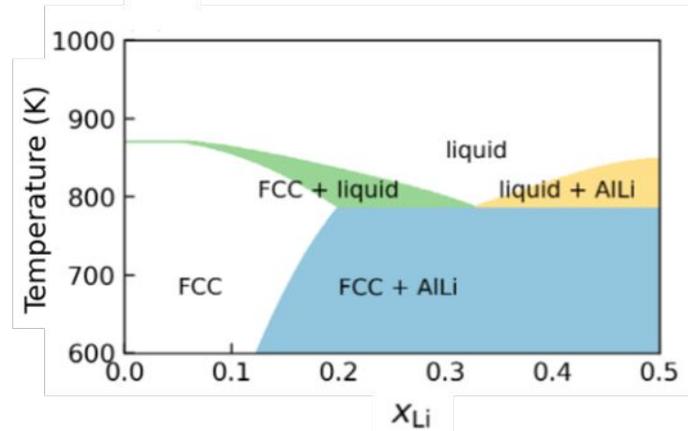


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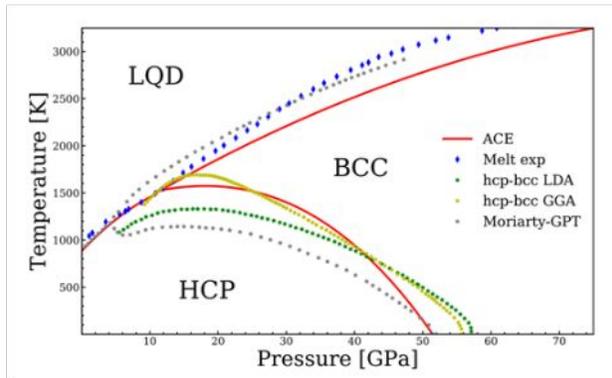
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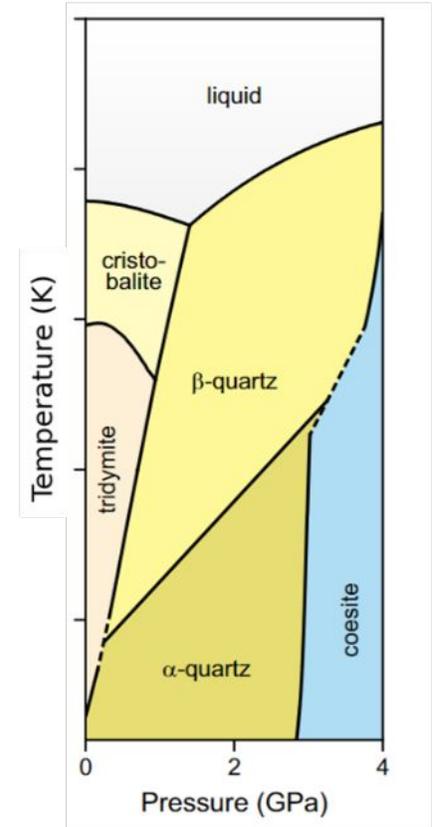
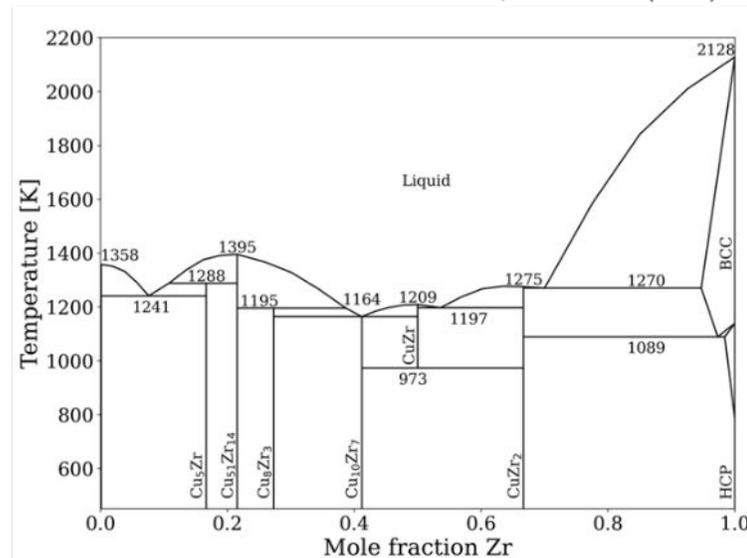
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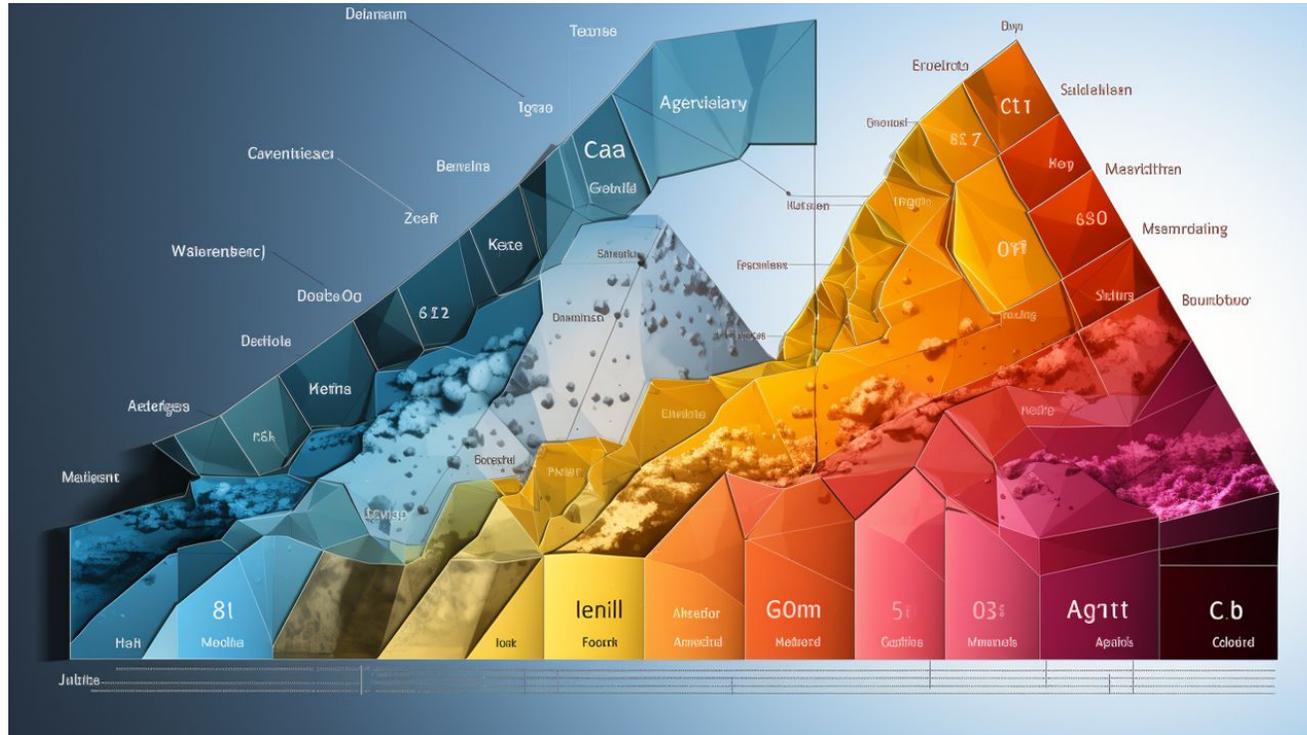
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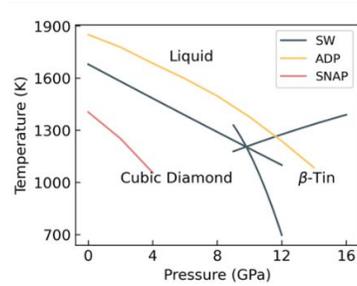
Or just use AI



Al-Li phase diagram, as rendered by Midjourney, a generative AI program

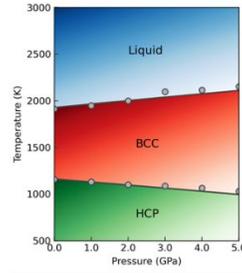


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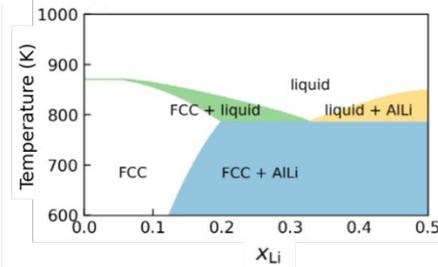


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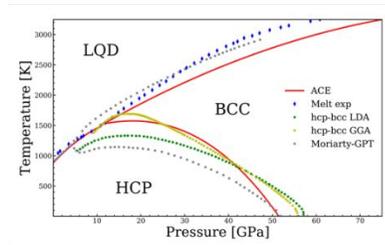


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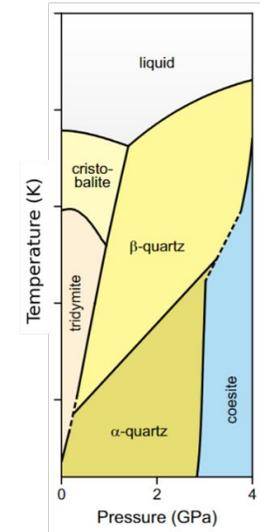
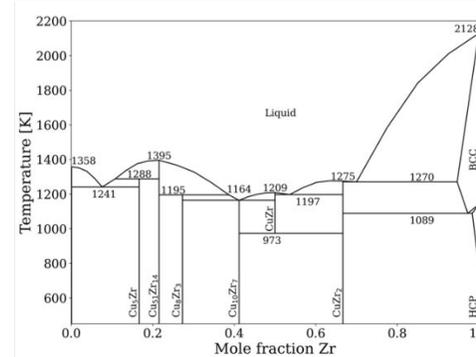
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A larger number of calculations are needed...
How do we ensure that they are reproducible?



Published might not mean reproducible

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[L Ward](#), [A Agrawal](#), [A Choudhary](#), [C Wolverton](#)

npj Computational Materials, 2016 • nature.com

Abstract

A very active area of materials research is to devise methods that use machine learning to automatically extract predictive models from existing materials data. While prior examples have demonstrated successful models for some applications, many more applications exist where machine learning can make a strong impact. To enable faster development of machine-learning-based models for such applications, we have created a framework capable of being applied to a broad range of materials data. Our method works by using a

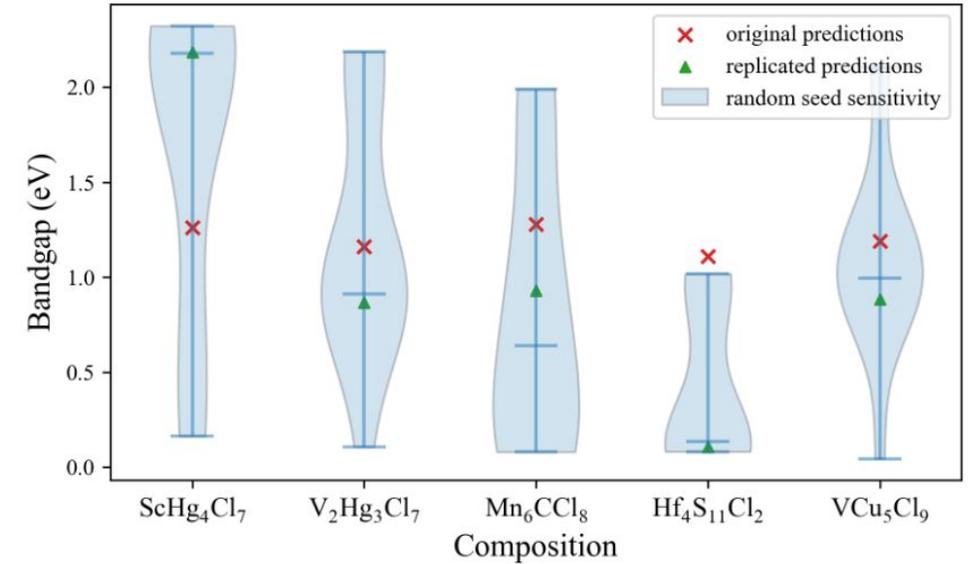
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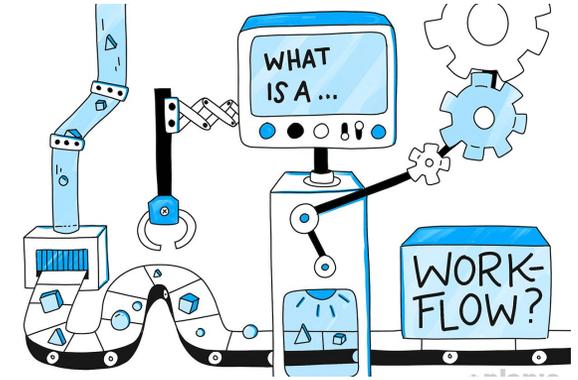
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- Sequential code organization: which steps in what order?
- Reporting computational dependencies and versioning

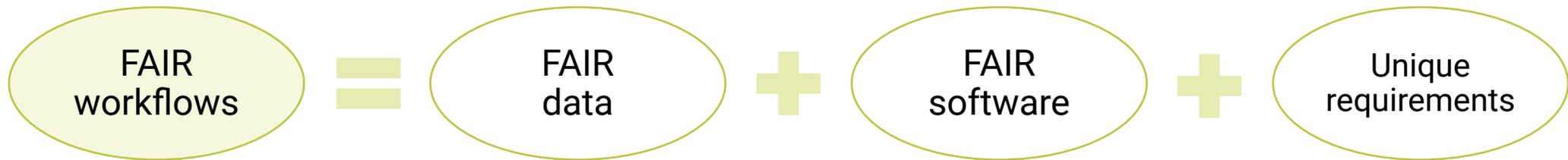


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- Computational workflows are enablers of automated data processing.



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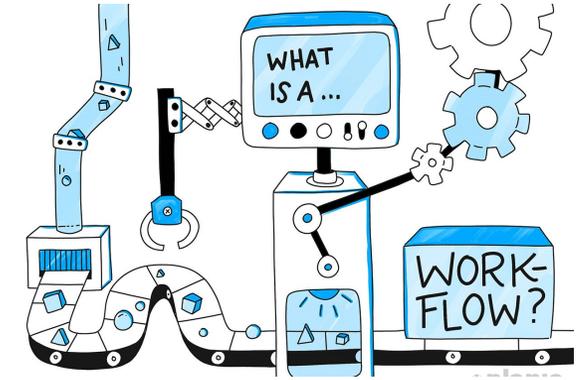
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