

# **Insightful classification of crystal structures using distance functions**

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# **TRATTORIA DEI MATERIALI**

<i>Bruschetta</i>	???
<i>Risotto con asparagi</i>	???
<i>Linguine All'arrabbiata</i>	???
<i>Gnocchi ai quattro formaggi</i>	???
<i>Melanzane alla parmigiana</i>	???

# No proper menus for materials!

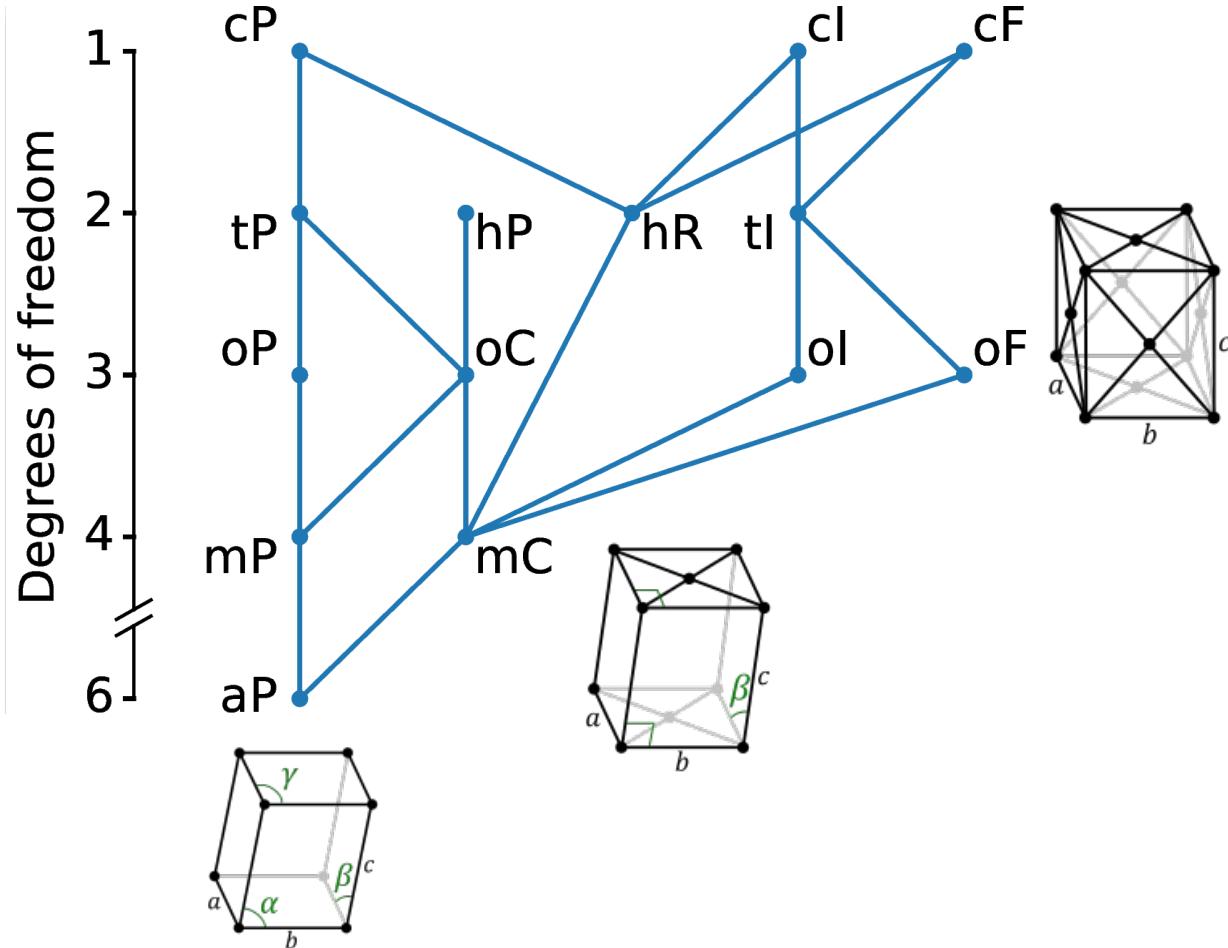
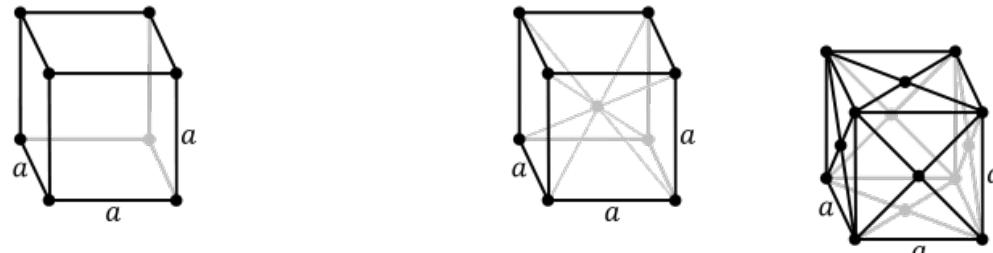
Simulate a structure. Then:

- Determine the Bravais lattice
- Find its dimensionality
- Find the primitive unit cell
- Does it have inversion symmetry?

What are the costs? Give me a menu!

# Bravais lattice classification

Given a lattice basis,  
what Bravais type is it?



# Traditional approach - tolerances

Lattice vectors:  $\vec{a}$ ,  $\vec{b}$ , and  $\vec{c}$ ,

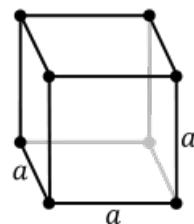
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Metric tensor:

$$\mathbf{G} = \begin{bmatrix} g_{11} & g_{12} & g_{13} \\ g_{12} & g_{22} & g_{23} \\ g_{13} & g_{23} & g_{33} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \vec{a} \cdot \vec{a} & \vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} & \vec{a} \cdot \vec{c} \\ \vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} & \vec{b} \cdot \vec{b} & \vec{b} \cdot \vec{c} \\ \vec{a} \cdot \vec{c} & \vec{b} \cdot \vec{c} & \vec{c} \cdot \vec{c} \end{bmatrix}$$

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Primitive cubic  
conditions:



$$g_{11} = g_{22} = g_{33}$$
$$g_{23} = g_{13} = g_{12} = 0$$

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Approximate fulfilment  
of conditions:

$$|g_{11} - g_{22}| \leq \epsilon \quad |g_{11} - g_{33}| \leq \epsilon \quad |g_{22} - g_{33}| \leq \epsilon$$
$$|g_{23}| \leq \epsilon \quad |g_{13}| \leq \epsilon \quad |g_{12}| \leq \epsilon$$



How should we pick tolerance?

# A distance function on lattices

Lattice bases:

$$\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 3} \text{ and } \mathbf{B} \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 3}$$

Linear map:

$$\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{F}\mathbf{B}$$

Deformation gradient

Polar decomposition:

$$\mathbf{U} = \sqrt{\mathbf{F}^T \mathbf{F}}$$

Stretch tensor

Strain tensor:

$$\mathbf{E} = \mathbf{U} - \mathbf{I} = \begin{bmatrix} \epsilon_{11} & \epsilon_{12} & \epsilon_{13} \\ \epsilon_{12} & \epsilon_{22} & \epsilon_{23} \\ \epsilon_{13} & \epsilon_{23} & \epsilon_{33} \end{bmatrix}$$

Distance function:

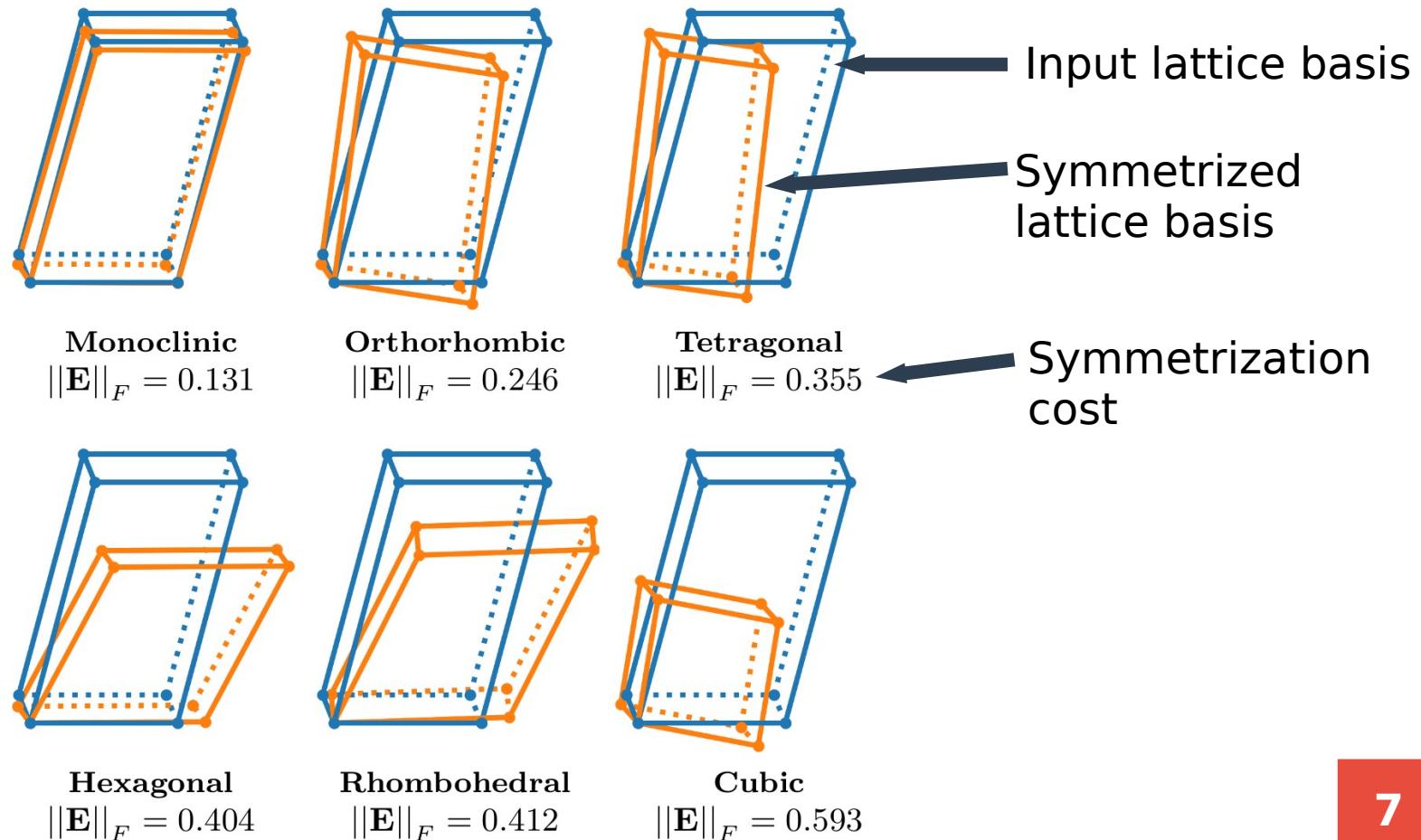
$$d(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}) = \|\mathbf{E}\|_F = \left\| \sqrt{\mathbf{B}^{-T} \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{B}^{-1}} - \mathbf{I} \right\|_F$$

# A menu for Bravais lattices

Symmetrize by minimizing distance function  $d(A, B)$

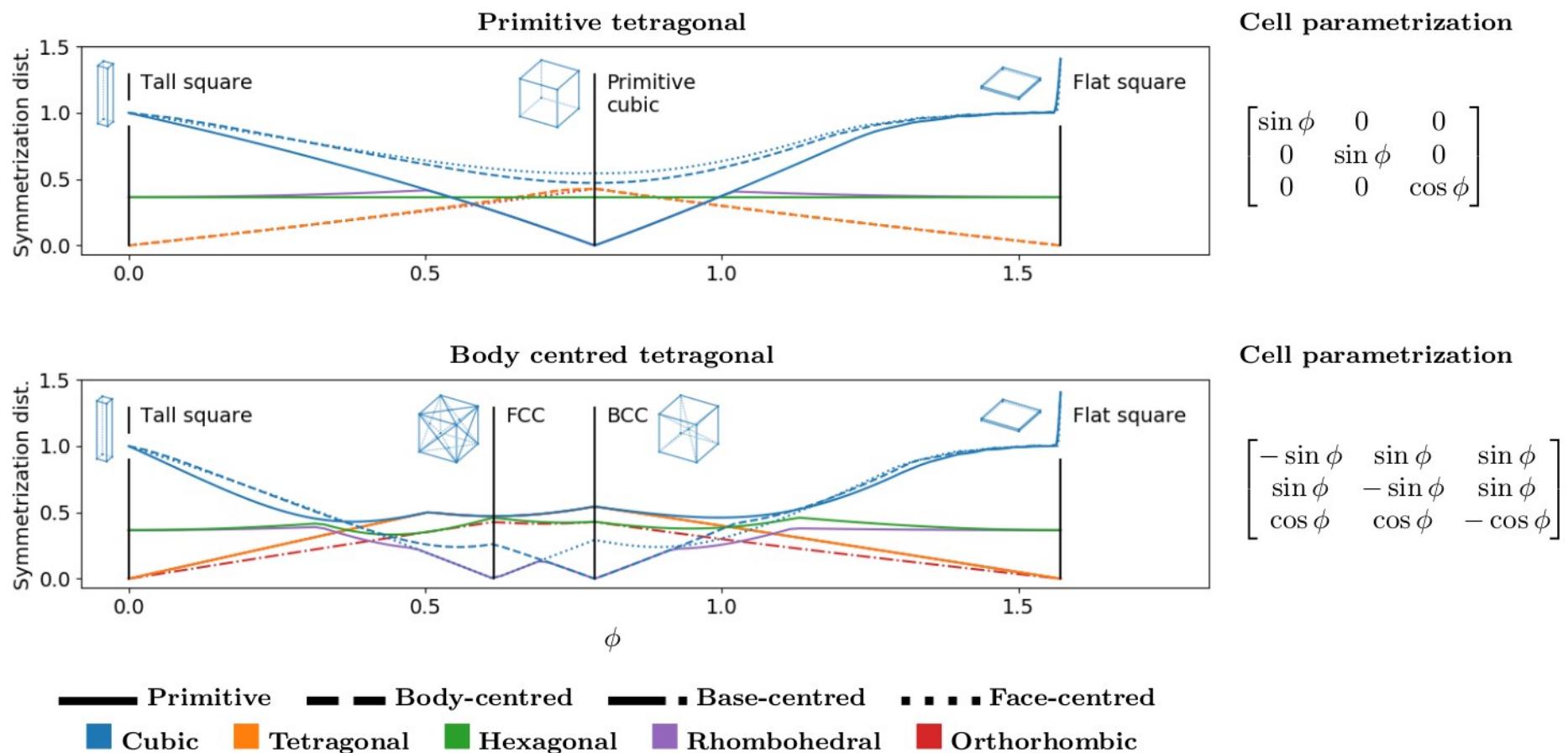
$B$  is observed lattice basis (*input*)

$A$  is variable lattice which respects symmetry of target Bravais type



# Varying the Bravais geometry

Calculate a vector of symmetrization distances

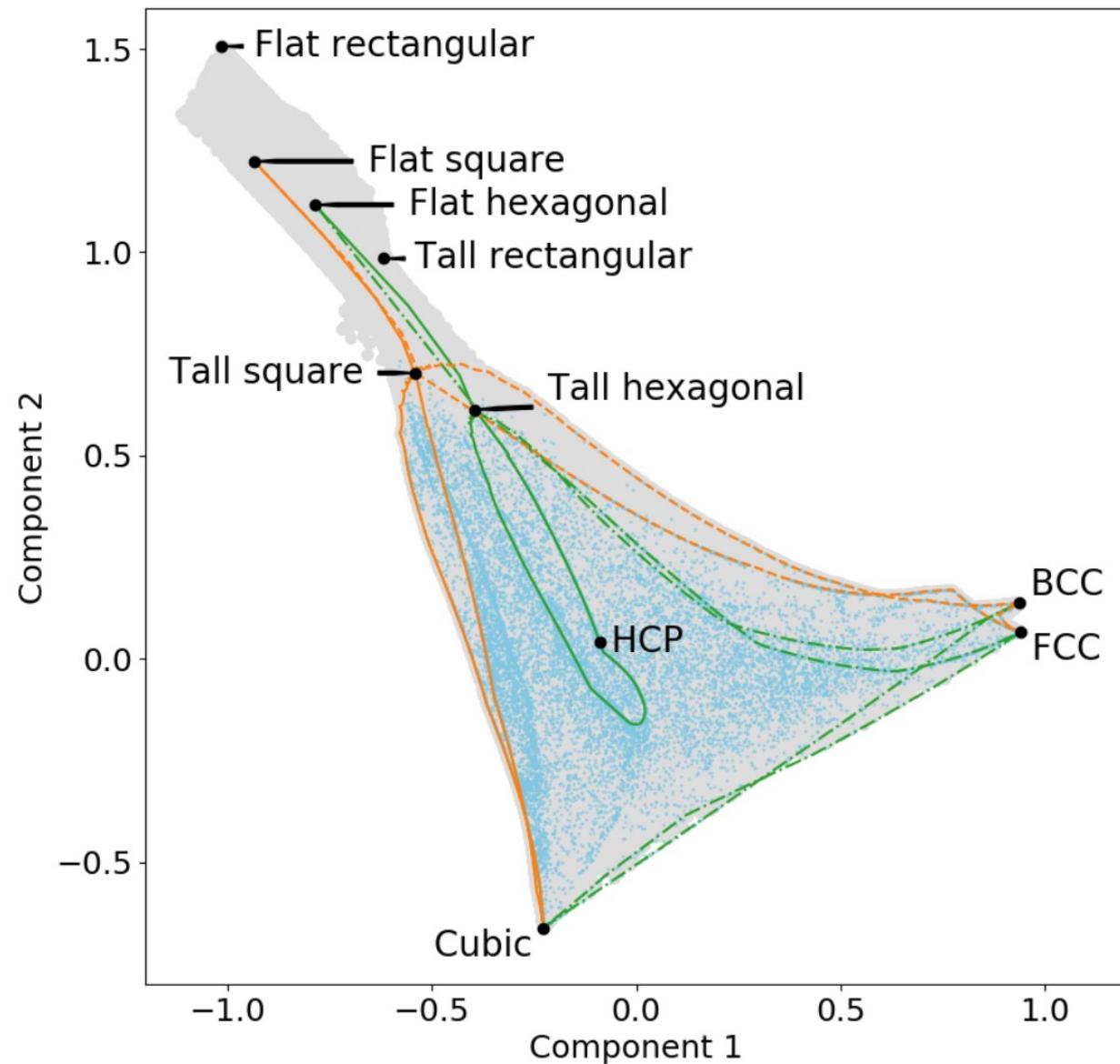


# Visualizing the Bravais lattice space

-All structures in  
Crystallography  
Open Database  
(blue dots)

-PCA projection of  
distance vectors

-Distance function  
aids understanding



# Using the auguste module

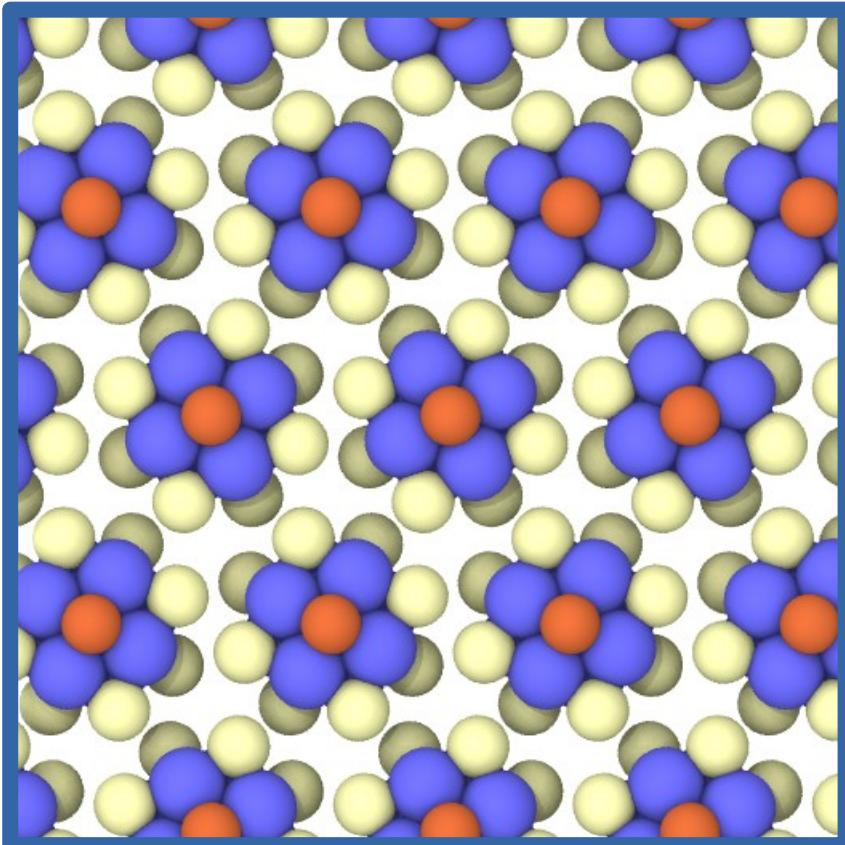
```
pmla@laptop: pip install --user auguste
pmla@laptop: python3
>>> import numpy as np
>>> import auguste
>>> cell = np.diag([10, 11, 30])
>>> auguste.symmetrize_lattice(cell, "tetragonal")
(0.06726727939963138, array([[10.45248869, 0.           , 0.           ,
                               [ 0.           , 10.45248869, 0.           ],
                               [ 0.           , 0.           , 30.         ]]))
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>>> auguste.calculate_vector(cell)
array([0.           , 0.           , 0.           , 0.           , 0.06726728,
       0.17328325, 0.18304468, 0.06726728, 0.18486719, 0.39230133,
       0.37133982, 0.63619127, 0.75280573, 0.75781598])
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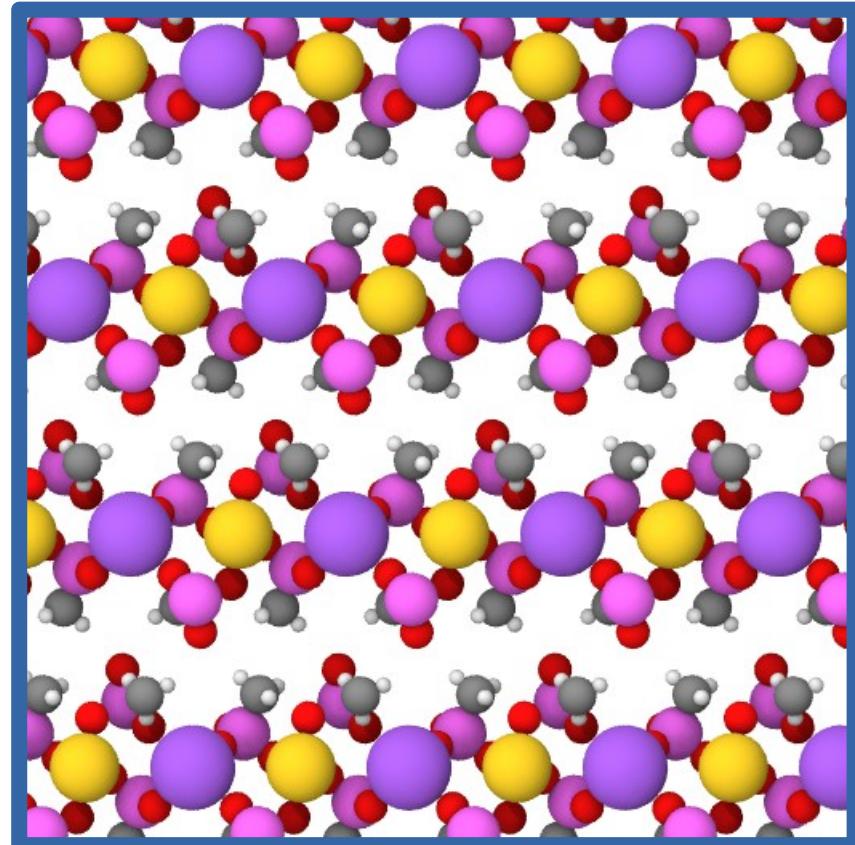
# Material Dimensionality

Finding low-dimensional structures in bulk systems

$\text{SiTa}_4\text{Te}_4$

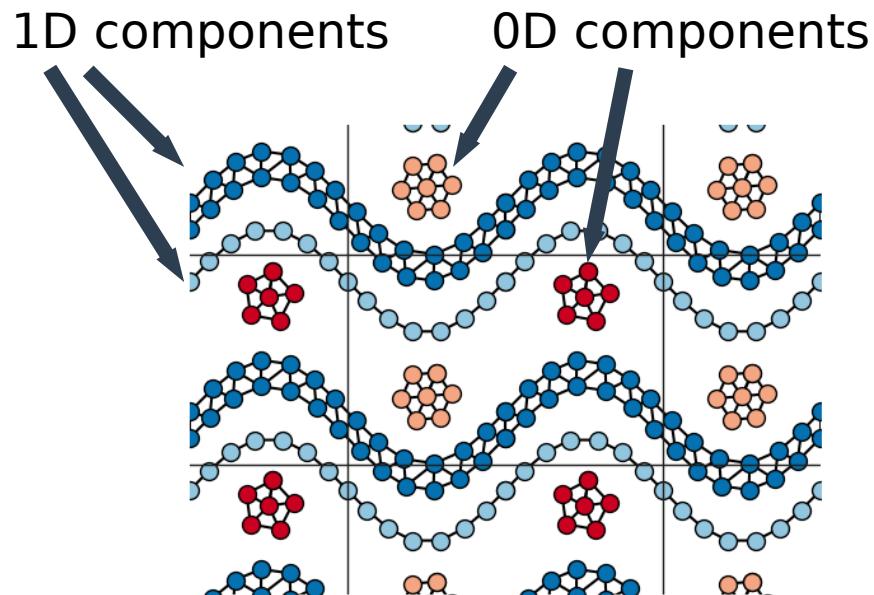


$\text{Na}(\text{Au}(\text{CH}_3\text{SO}_3)_4)$

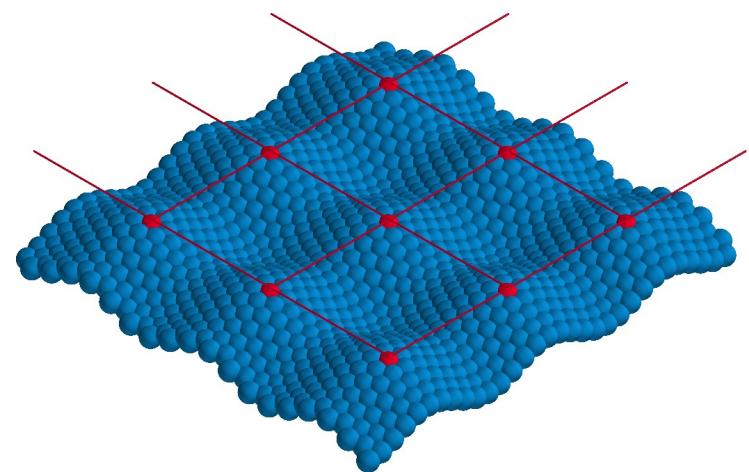


# Defining Dimensionality

Identify dimensionality of connected components



Dimensionality is determined by rank of vector space spanned by periodic images



# Defining a bond

Bonding criterion of Ashton *et al.*:

$$d_{ij} < k(r_i^{\text{cov}} + r_j^{\text{cov}})$$

distance between atoms  $i$  and  $j$

covalent radii

scaling parameter

The diagram illustrates the bonding criterion equation. It shows the equation  $d_{ij} < k(r_i^{\text{cov}} + r_j^{\text{cov}})$ . Three annotations with arrows point to specific parts of the equation: one arrow from the text 'distance between atoms  $i$  and  $j$ ' points to the term  $d_{ij}$ ; another arrow from the text 'covalent radii' points to the terms  $r_i^{\text{cov}}$  and  $r_j^{\text{cov}}$ ; and a third arrow from the text 'scaling parameter' points to the term  $k$ .

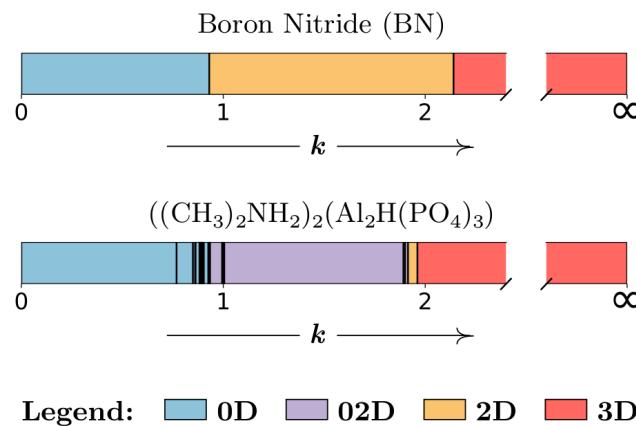
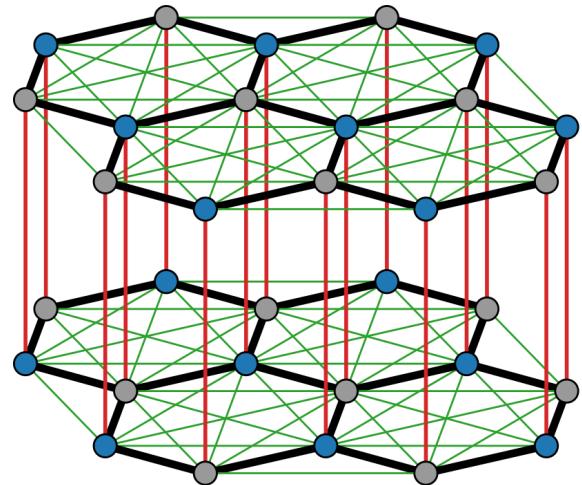
How should we select  $k$ ?

$k=0$  No atoms are bonded.  
Each atom is its own 0D component.

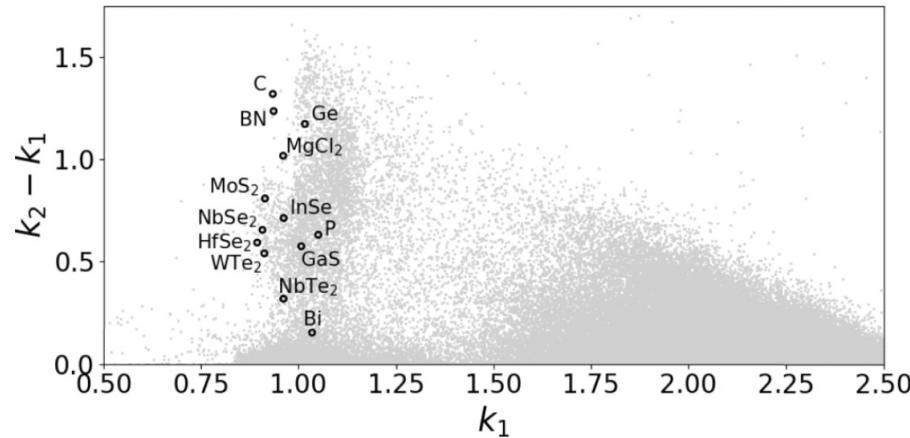
$k=\infty$  All atoms are bonded.  
Structure is a single 3D component.

# Barcodes

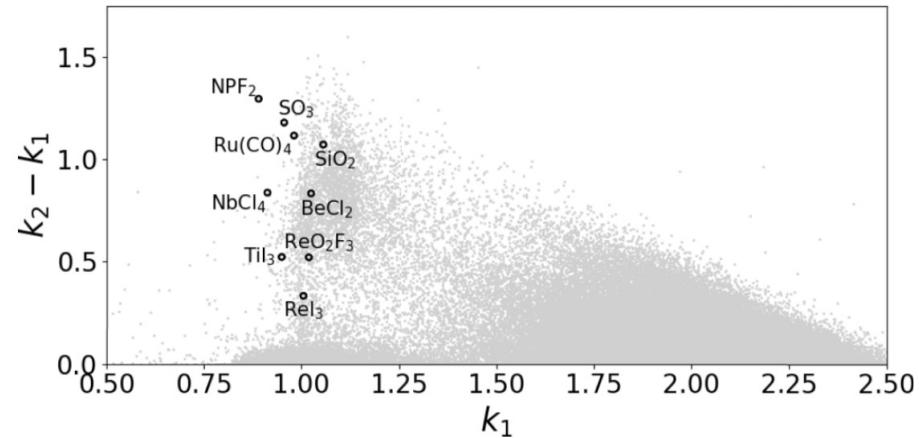
Dimensionality changes at discrete  $k$ -values:



2D  $k$ -intervals



1D  $k$ -intervals



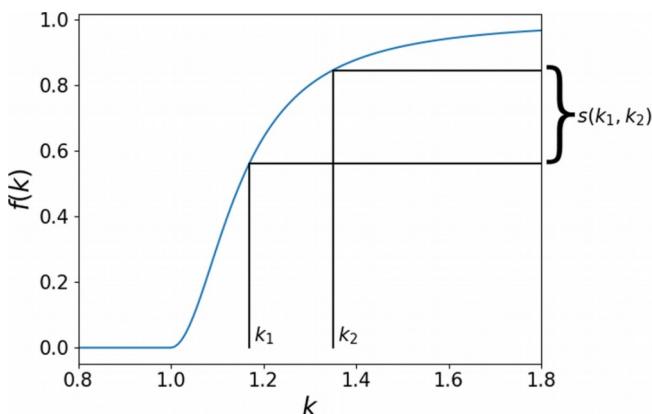
# Dimensionality scoring parameter

Define a score on k-intervals:

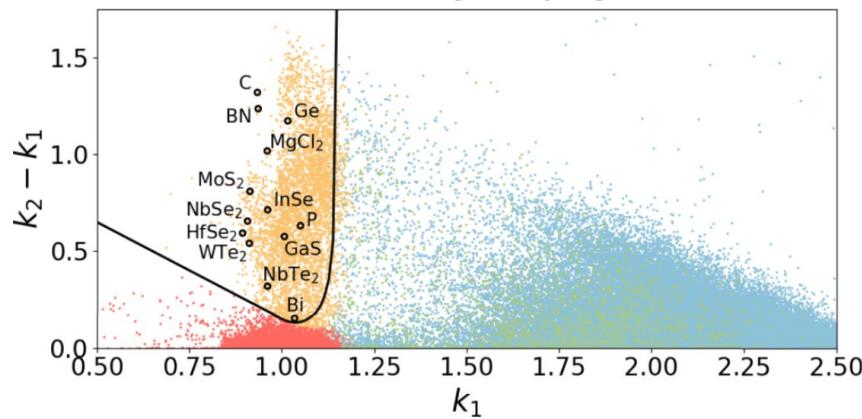
$$s(k_1, k_2) = f(k_2) - f(k_1)$$

$$f(x) = \frac{c \times \max(0, x - 1)^2}{1 + c \times \max(0, x - 1)^2}$$

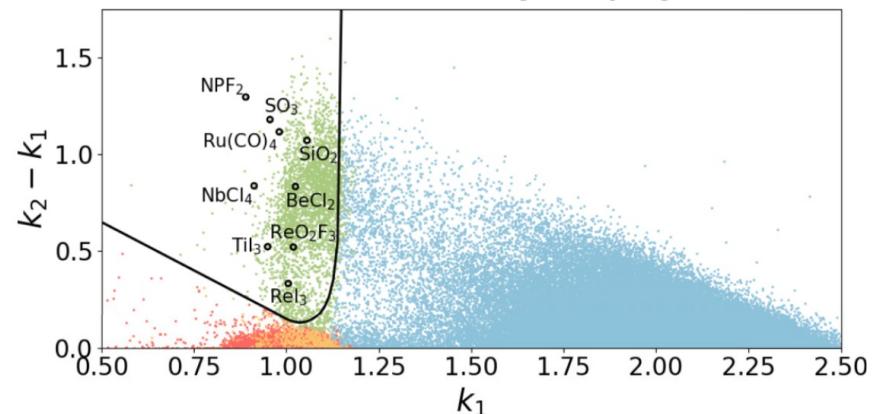
$$c = 1/0.15^2$$



2D  $k$ -intervals



1D  $k$ -intervals



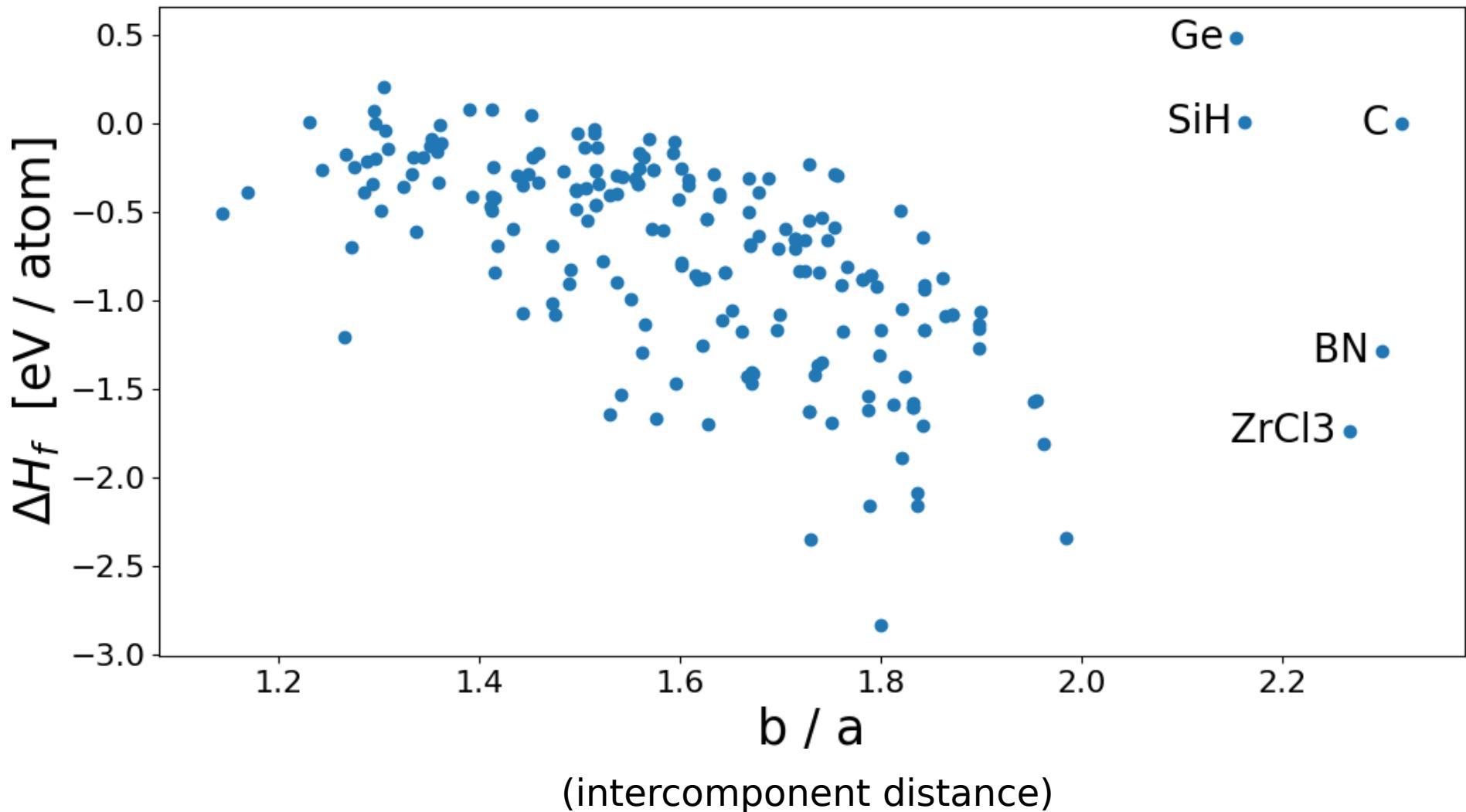
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# The ASE dimensionality module

```
>>> from ase.io import read
>>> from ase.geometry.dimensionality import analyze_dimensionality
>>> atoms = read("2016170.cif")
>>> intervals = analyze_dimensionality(atoms)
>>> intervals[0]
Kinterval(dimtype='2D',
           score=0.983,
           a=0.931,
           b=2.141,
           h=(0, 0, 2, 0),
           components=array([0, 1, 1, 0]),
           cdim={0: 2, 1: 2})
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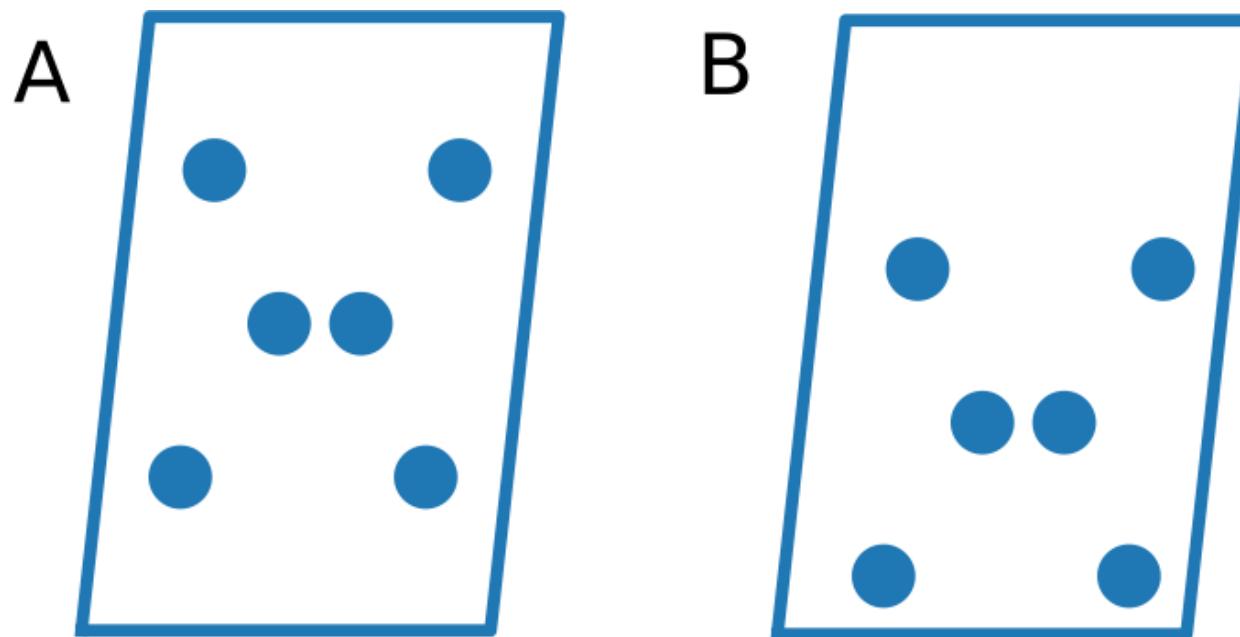
# Structure-property correlations



Tolerances don't give this type of information!

# Crystal structure analysis

When are two *crystals* identical?

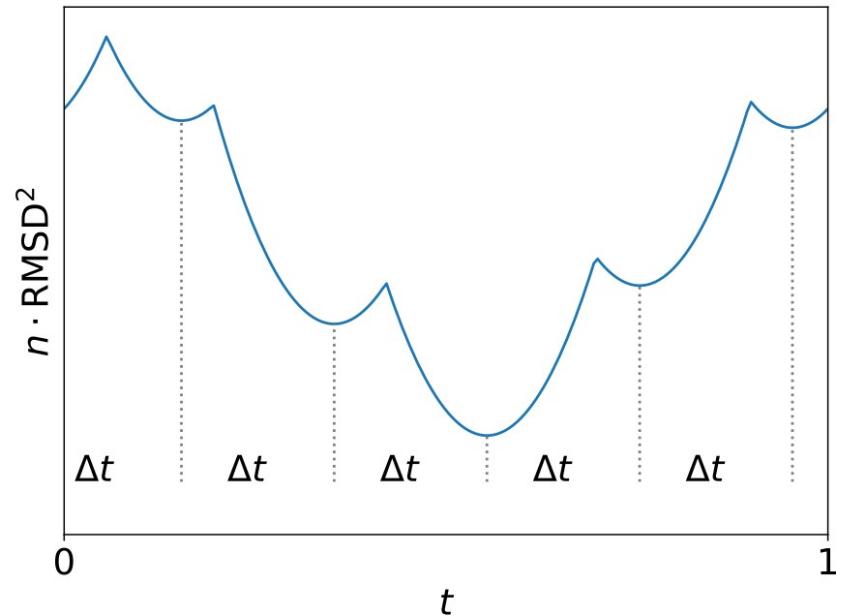
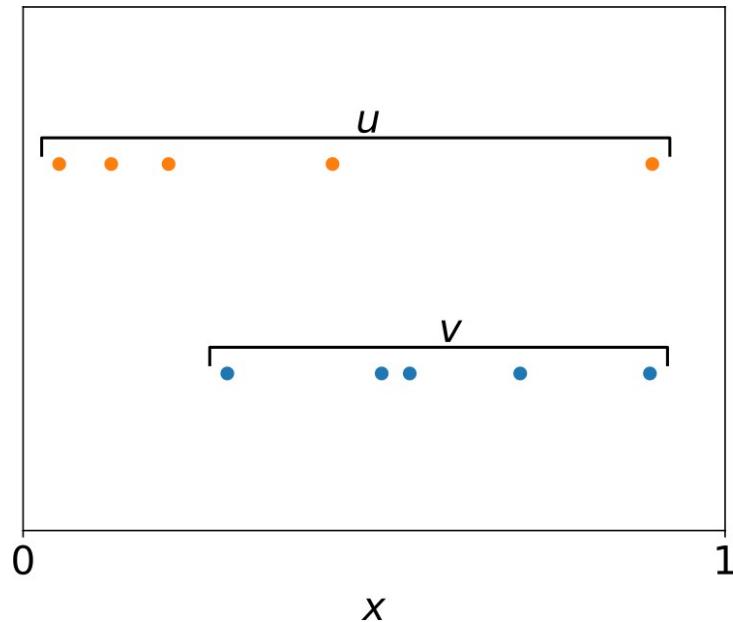


Traditional approach – tolerances!

Can we make a menu?

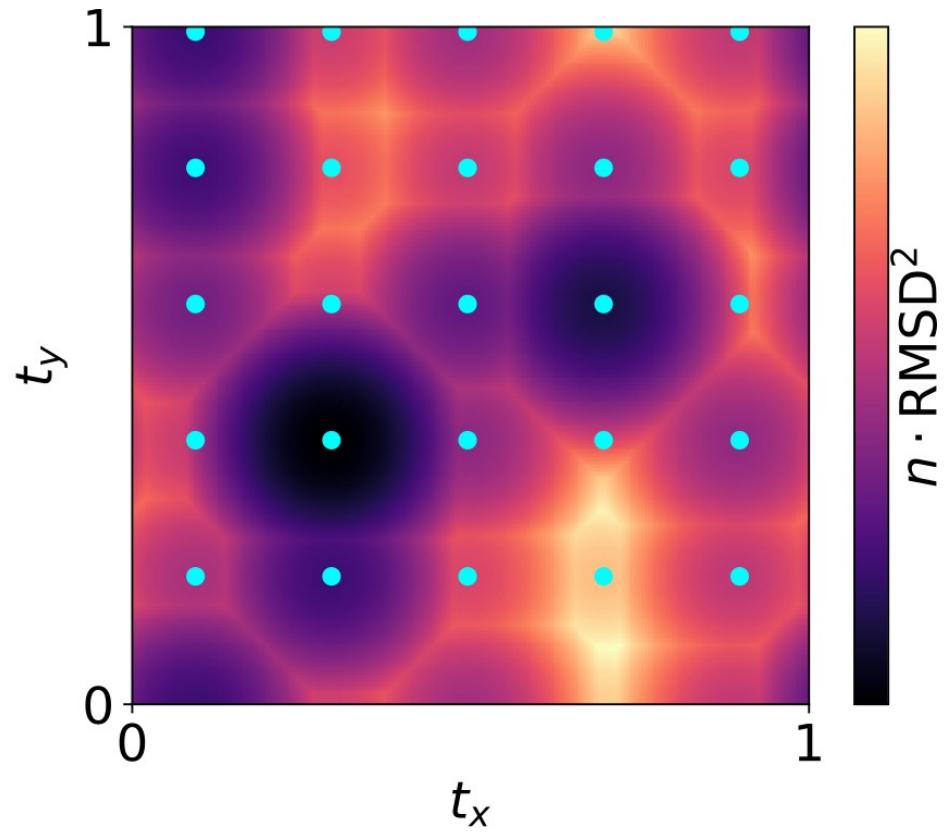
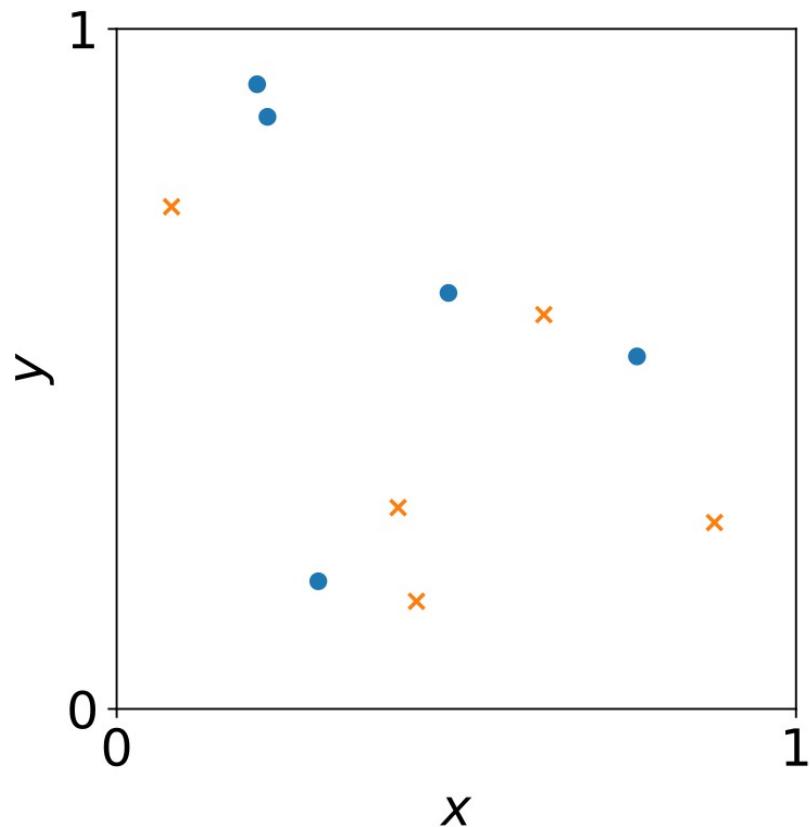
# A distance function on crystals

$$\text{RMSD}(\mathbf{M}, \vec{t}) = \sqrt{\frac{1}{n} \sum_{(\vec{u}, \vec{v}) \in \mathbf{M}} \|\vec{u} + \vec{t} - \vec{v}\|^2}$$



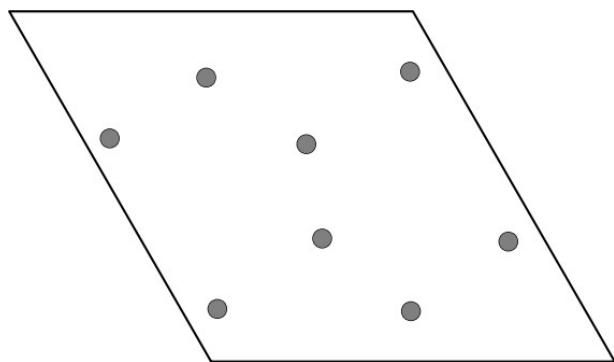
# Calculating the RMSD

General case: Aurenhammer diagram with  $n^d$  basins



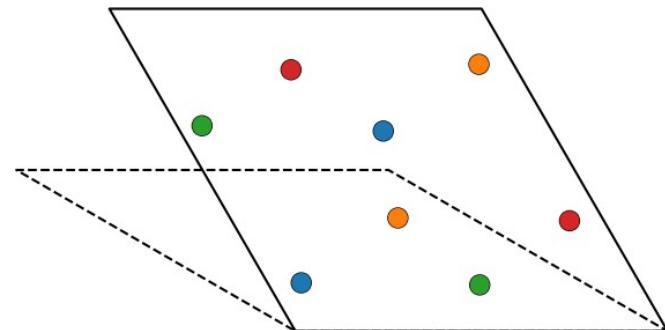
# Crystal reduction

Graphene + perturbations

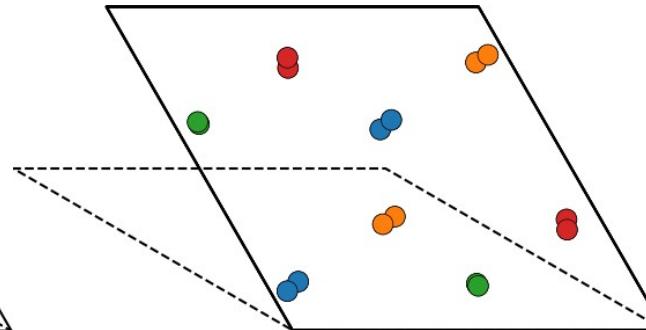


1<sup>st</sup> reduction  
RMSD: 0.124

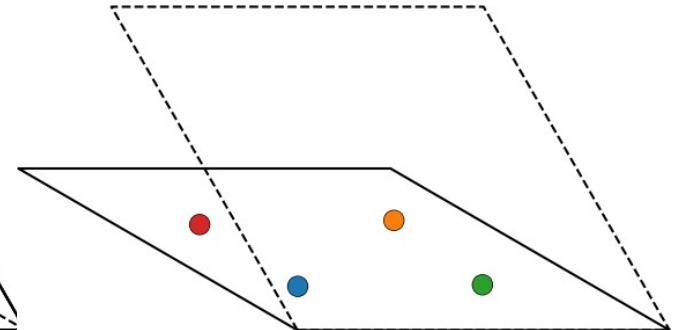
1. Group atoms



2. Apply translational symmetry

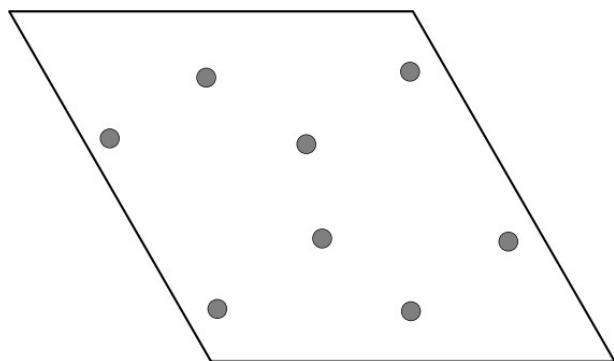


3. Calculate average positions



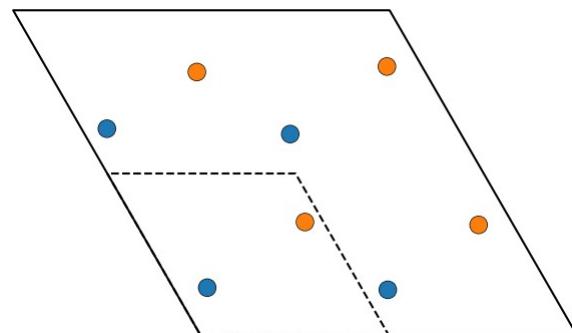
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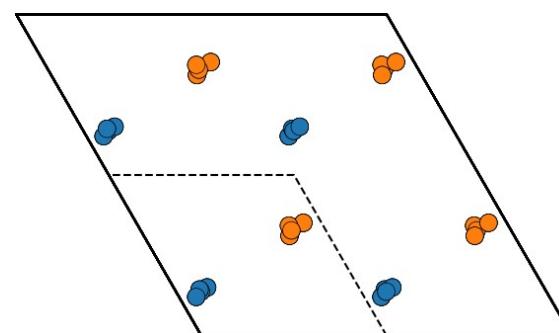


2<sup>nd</sup> reduction  
RMSD: 0.146

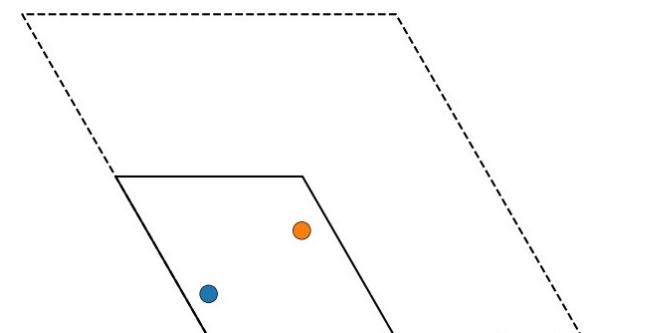
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# The rmsd module

```
>>> from ase.geometry.rmsd import find_crystal_reductions
>>> atoms = read("2016170.cif")
>>> result = find_crystal_reductions(atoms)
>>> result[0]
ReducedCrystal(rmsd=0.124,
                 factor=2,
                 atoms=Atoms(...),
                 components=array([0, 1, 2, 1, 0, 2]))
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In branch crystal-reduction (not merged)

# Conclusion

Guessing costs is tedious.

Menus are good.

A good distance function provides many benefits.

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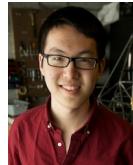


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