### Supplementary Information

# ArcaNN: automated enhanced sampling generation of training sets for chemically reactive machine learning interatomic potentials

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## Details on the initial *ab initio* MD simulations for the $S_N 2$ reaction

The first step consisted on the preparation of the initial datasets by generating reactant structures, by *ab initio* MD simulations. In order to perform the MD simulations, we have to construct an initial structure of the system. A  $15 \text{ Å}^3$  cubic box was constructed with packmol,<sup>1</sup> containing one bromide ion, one chloromethane molecule and 38 acetonitrile molecules. An energy minimization of the system was then performed using the Amber22 software. The AMBER's built in General Forcefield (GAFF)<sup>2</sup> parameters were used for the chloromethane, the acetonitrile and the bromide ion, with the AM1-BCC charge model was used to generate atomic charges Next, the system was heated to a temperature of 300 K in the NVT ensemble for 20 ps, and then equilibrated in the NPT ensemble for 200 ps and at a pressure of 1 bar and a temperature of 300 K, both with a timestep of 2 fs. From this equilibration, 20 snapshots were extracted, with ten of them having their bromine and chlorine atoms swapped (to generate the product structures). With these initial structures, ab initio MD simulations were performed with the CP2K software<sup>3</sup> at the  $BLYP^{4,5}$  level of theory and with the D3 dispersion correction.<sup>6</sup> The DZVP-MOLOPT-SR<sup>7,8</sup> basis set was used in conjunction with the GTH pseudopotentials.<sup>9-11</sup> Each run was performed within the NVT ensemble at 300 K with a timestep of 0.5 fs for 2 ps. The temperature control was enabled by the use of a CSVR thermostat<sup>12</sup> with a time constant of  $0.1 \text{ ps}^{-1}$ .

#### Timings of the ArcaNN training

Table S1: Summary of Timings for the initial aiMD, the training, exploration, and labeling Phases for the  $S_N 2$  reaction

Phase	Hardware Used	Average Time per Cycle	Total Time
Initial aiMD	AMD EPYC 7H12	-	$26897.4  \mathrm{core.hours}$
Training	Nvidia V100 $SXM2$	$14.67  { m gpu.hours}$	190.76 gpu.hours
Exploration	Nvidia V100 $SXM2$	$59.04  { m gpu.hours}$	767.57 gpu.hours
Labeling	Intel Cascade Lake 6248	1836.79 core.hours	23878.21 core.hours

Table S2: Summary of Timings for the initial aiMD, the training, exploration, and labeling Phases for the Diels-Alder reaction

Phase	Hardware Used	Average Time per Cycle	Total Time
Initial aiMD	Cascade Lake 6248	-	1928.72 core.hours
Training	Nvidia A100 SXM4	3.58 gpu.hours	32.24 gpu.hours
Exploration	Nvidia V100 SXM2	27.81  gpu.hours	250.33 gpu.hours
Labeling	Intel Cascade Lake 6248	297.56 core.hours	2380.45 core.hours

User-provided tree folder structure



Figure S1: Example of the tree folder structure used by ArcaNN.

#### Machine JSON user file used by ArcaNN

```
{
    "myHPCkeyword1":
    {
        "hostname": "myHPC1",
        "walltime_format": "hours",
        "job_scheduler": "slurm",
        "launch_command": "sbatch",
        "max_jobs" : 200,
        "max_array_size" : 500,
        "mykeyword1": {
             "project_name": "myproject",
            "allocation_name": "myallocationcpu",
            "arch_name": "cpu",
            "arch_type": "cpu",
            "partition": "mypartitioncpu",
            "subpartition": null,
             "qos": {"mypartitioncpu1": 72000, "mypartitioncpu2": 360000},
             "valid_for":
             → ["labeling", "freezing", "compressing", "exploration", "test", "training"],
             "default":
                 ["labeling", "freezing", "compressing", "exploration", "test", "training"]
             \hookrightarrow
        }
    }
}
```

Figure S2: Example of a machine.json file for configuring HPC resources in ArcaNN.

#### JSON control files written by ArcaNN

```
{
    "user_machine_keyword_train": "a100",
    "use_initial_datasets": true,
    "use_extra_datasets": false,
    "job_walltime_train_h": 6.093055555555556,
    "mean_s_per_step": 0.044764725,
    "start_lr": 0.001,
    "stop_lr": 1e-06,
    "decay_rate": 0.9172759353897796,
    "decay_steps": 5000,
    "numb_steps": 400000,
    "training_datasets": ["init_1", "init_2", "SYSTEM_A_001", "SYSTEM_B_002"],
    "trained_count": 27196,
    "initial_count": 27131,
    "added_auto_count": 65,
    "extra_count": 0,
    "is_prepared": true,
    "is_launched": true,
    "is_checked": true,
}
```

Figure S3: A pruned control training JSON file.

```
{
    "user_machine_keyword_exp": "v100",
    "deepmd_model_version": 2.1,
    "nnp_count": 3,
    "systems_auto": {
        "SYSTEM_A": {
            "nb_steps": 320000,
            "print_every_x_steps": 3200,
            "nb_atm": 790,
            "exploration_type": "lammps",
            "traj_count": 2,
            "temperature_K": 298.15,
            "timestep_ps": 0.0005,
            "previous_start": true,
            "print_interval_mult": 0.01,
            "max_exp_time_ps": 400,
            "completed_count": 6,
            "mean_s_per_step": 0.00742796354166666665,
            "max_candidates": 50,
            "sigma_low": 0.2,
            "sigma_high": 0.7,
            "sigma_high_limit": 1.0,
            "ignore_first_x_ps": 0.5,
            "mean_deviation_max_f": 0.121574085066666667,
            "total_count": 600,
            "candidates_count": 13,
            "rejected_count": 0,
            "selected_count": 13,
            "discarded_count": 0
        }
    },
    "is_locked": true,
    "is_launched": true,
    "is_checked": true,
    "is_deviated": true,
    "is_extracted": true,
    "nb_sim": 156
```

}

Figure S4: A pruned control exploration JSON file.

```
{
    "labeling_program": "cp2k",
    "user_machine_keyword_label": "cpu",
    "systems_auto": {
        "SYSTEM_A": {
            "walltime_first_job_h": 0.5,
            "walltime_second_job_h": 0.5,
            "nb_nodes": 1,
            "nb_mpi_per_node": 10,
            "nb_threads_per_mpi": 1,
            "candidates_count": 5,
            "disturbed_candidates_count": 0,
            "timings_s": [382.494399999999, 598.353],
            "candidates_skipped_count": 0,
        },
        "total_to_label": 126,
        "launch_all_jobs": true,
        "is_locked": true,
        "is_launched": true,
        "is_checked": true,
        "is_extracted": true
    }
}
```

Figure S5: A pruned control labeling JSON file.

```
{
    "user_machine_keyword_test": "v100",
    "job_email": "",
    "job_walltime_h": 2.0,
    "is_compressed": true,
    "deepmd_model_version": 2.1,
    "graph_1_002_compressed": {
        "SYSTEM_A": {
            "energy_rmse": 0.3445179,
            "energy_rmse_per_atom": 0.0004360987,
            "force_rmse": 0.0486603,
            "virial_rmse": 11.81919,
            "virial_rmse_per_atom": 0.014961,
            "number_of_test_data": 2.0,
            "trained": true
        },
    }
}
```

Figure S6: A pruned control testing JSON file.

Evolution of the candidate and rejected structures with exploration time per reactive exploration iteration for the  $S_N 2$  reaction



Figure S7: Percentage of candidate structures (solid blue line), rejected structures (solid orange line), and total exploration time (dashed green line) for each reactive exploration step, with the associated training dataset name in parentheses.

# Validation of the R5 (production) NNP for the $S_N2$ reaction

In Figure S8, we report the component-wise force RMSE and the maximum component-wise force error along  $\delta d$  on the test dataset.



Figure S8: For three generation of NNPs, aiMD (blue), NR7 (orange) and R5 (green): (A) the component-wise force RMSE along  $\delta d$  on the test dataset. (B) the maximum component-wise force error along  $\delta d$  on the test dataset.

In Figure S9, we report the probability density of the component-wise force errors and the probability density of the magnitude per atom force errors on the training and test datasets for the last (*R*5) reactive cycle. The RMSE on component-wise forces for training dataset is equal to  $0.028 \text{ eV} \cdot \text{Å}^{-1}$  and for test dataset is equal to  $0.026 \text{ eV} \cdot \text{Å}^{-1}$ , while the RMSE on the magnitude per atom force errors for training dataset is equal to  $0.048 \text{ eV} \cdot \text{Å}^{-1}$  and for test dataset is equal to  $0.048 \text{ eV} \cdot \text{Å}^{-1}$  and for test dataset is equal to  $0.048 \text{ eV} \cdot \text{Å}^{-1}$ .



Figure S9: (A) Probability density of the magnitude of per-atom force errors on the training dataset and the test dataset. (B) Probability density of the component-wise force errors on the training dataset and the test dataset.

Free energy profiles and CV for the NR2 and NR3 NNPs for the  $S_N2$  reaction



Figure S10: Free energy surface obtained from the Umbrella Sampling simulations (black) and the average value of the collective variables (as well as the 95% confidence interval in shaded color); (A) with the NNP trained on the NR2 dataset. (B) with the NNP trained on the NR3 dataset.

# Validation of the R8 (production) NNP for the Diels-Alder reaction

In Figure S11, we report the probability density of the magnitude per atom force errors on the training and test datasets for the last (*R*8) reactive cycle. The RMSE on component-wise forces for training dataset is equal to  $0.070 \text{ eV} \cdot \text{\AA}^{-1}$  and for test dataset is equal to  $0.071 \text{ eV} \cdot \text{\AA}^{-1}$  (see Figure 7C), while the RMSE on the magnitude per atom force errors for training dataset is equal to  $0.122 \text{ eV} \cdot \text{\AA}^{-1}$  and for test dataset is equal to  $0.123 \text{ eV} \cdot \text{\AA}^{-1}$ .



Figure S11: Probability density of the magnitude of per-atom force errors on the training dataset and the test dataset.

In Figure S12, we report the component-wise force RMSE and the maximum componentwise force error along  $\bar{d}$  on the test dataset.



Figure S12: (A) the component-wise force RMSE along  $\delta d$  on the test dataset for the R8 NNP. (B) the maximum component-wise force error along  $\delta d$  on the test dataset for the R8 NNP.

Joint density distribution of the two main distances for the Diels-Alder reaction



Figure S13: Joint density distribution of the distance  $d_1$  and the distance  $d_2$ , with the dotted line representing  $d_1 = d_2$ , in the Umbrella Sampling simulations.

Joint density distribution of the two main distances in each important training dataset for the  $S_N 2$  reaction



Figure S14: Joint density distribution of the distance  $d_{C-Cl}$  and the distance  $d_{C-Br}$ , with the dotted line representing  $\delta d = 0$  Å of the structures; (A) in the aiMD dataset. (B) in the NR7 dataset. (C) in the R5 dataset. (D) in the test dataset.

OPES 1D free energy profile and CV from the R5 NNP for the  $S_N2$  reaction



Figure S15: Free energy surface obtained from the OPES simulation (with the NNP trainined on the R5 dataset) (black) and the average value of the collective variables (as well as the 95% confidence interval in shaded color)

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