nanoHUB's Sim2Ls
getting started guide for tool developers

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Make your research reproducible and your workflows and data FAIR

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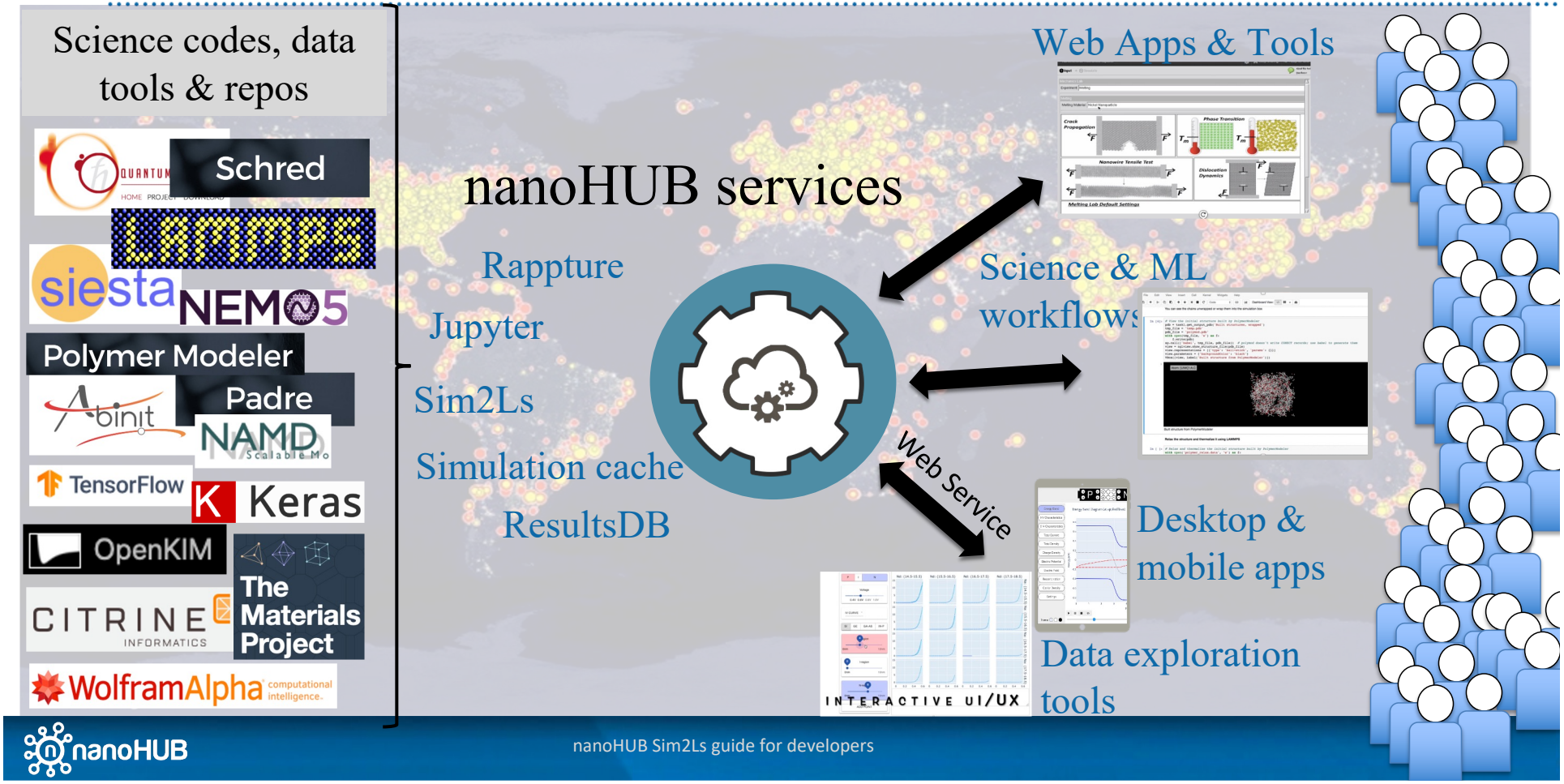
nanoHUB: online apps, tools, & data



Overview

1. Why publish tools & apps in nanoHUB?
   - Tools are publications (DOIs and indexed by Web of Science)
   - Share your work with your community (22,000+ annual sim users)
2. Various tool and app types
   - Apps, workflows, Jupyter notebooks, commercial codes, X11 GUIs
3. Sim2Ls, FAIR workflows and data
   - Develop and publish Sim2Ls
4. Developing Apps
   - Connecting Sim2Ls to Jupyter and Web Apps
5. Tool Publication process
   - Register, deploy, test, and publish
6. Development environment
   - A Unix development environment (Jupyter or Linux desktop)
7. Simulation and data as a service
   - Launching tools and querying the ResultsDB

Why Sim2Ls?

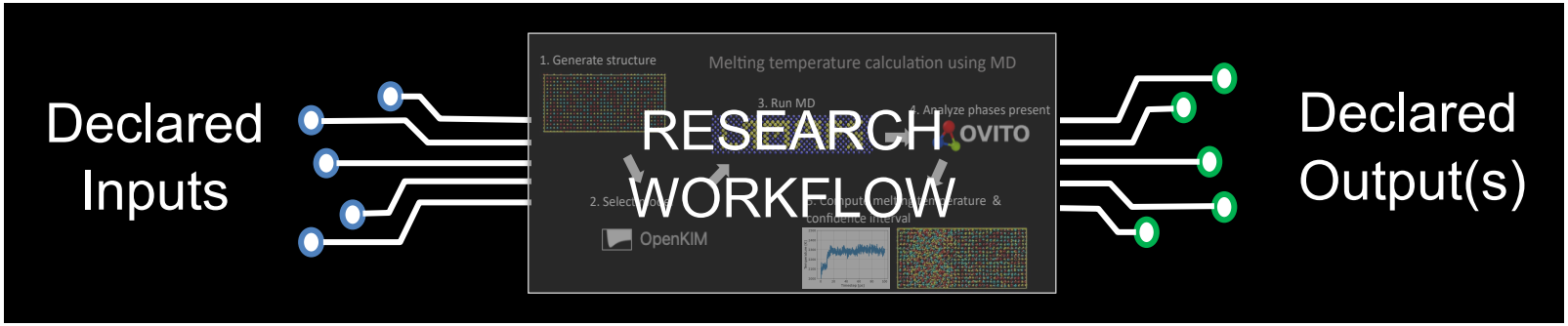
- Simulation and data analysis workflows :
  - Are complex and multi-step
  - (often) involve ad-hoc or manual steps
  - (often) only partially described in publications

- Consequently:
  - Reproducing results requires significant effort, even by experts
  - Domain experts (not computational experts) cannot benefit from these workflows
  - Scientific progress and innovation are hindered

- Workflows and the results they generate are not
  - Findable, accessible, interoperable, reusable (FAIR)
  - Reproducible

What are Sim2Ls?

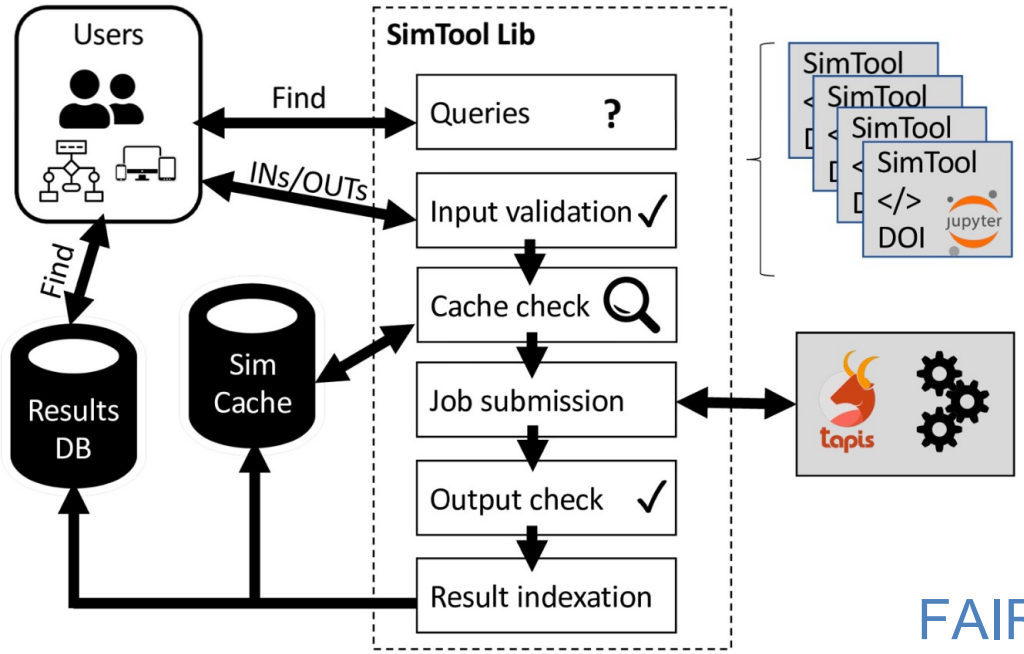
- Full end-to-end computational workflow
  - Input(s) → workflow → output(s)
  - Including all pre-processing and post-processing steps



- Simulation as a service. Launch Sim2Ls from:
  - From a GUI or App
  - From AI/ML or high-throughput workflows
  - From inside nanoHUB or outside

Hunt M, Clark S, Mejia D, Desai S, Strachan A (2022) Sim2Ls: FAIR simulation workflows and data. PLoS ONE 17(3): e0264492. https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0264492

Sim2Ls: key features

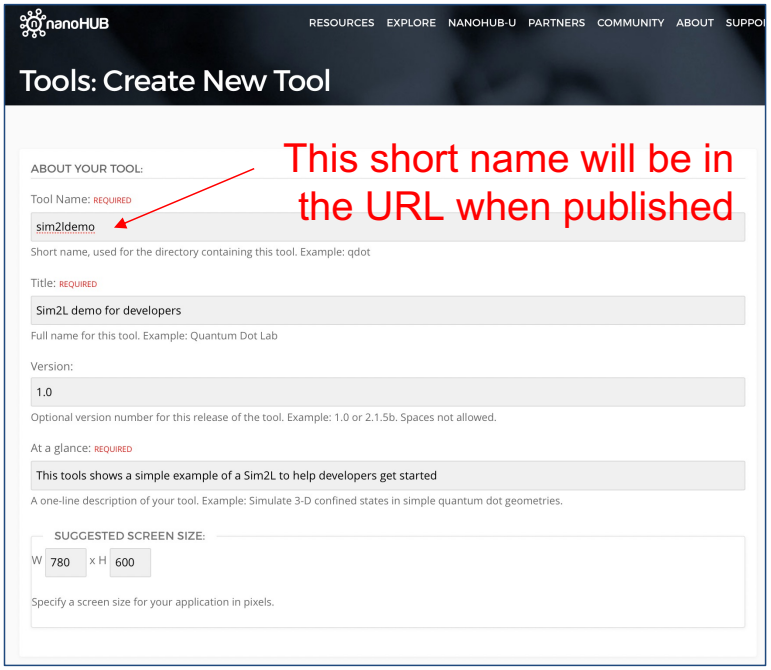


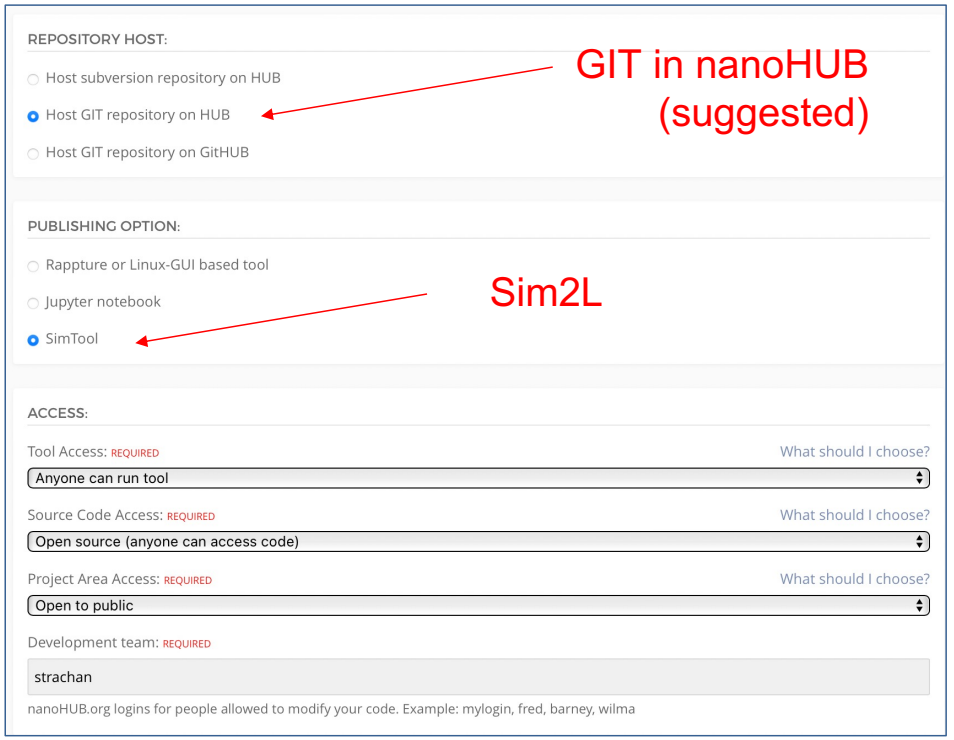
- Published Sim2Ls have DOIs and are indexed by Web Of Science
- Services (outputs) & requirements (inputs) are queryable
- Simulation are automatically stored in a cache and not re-run
- Simulation results are indexed in queryable database (ResultsDB)

FAIR workflows and data

Developing a Sim2L – Step 1: register your tool

Step 1: register your Sim2L:
https://nanohub.org/tools/create



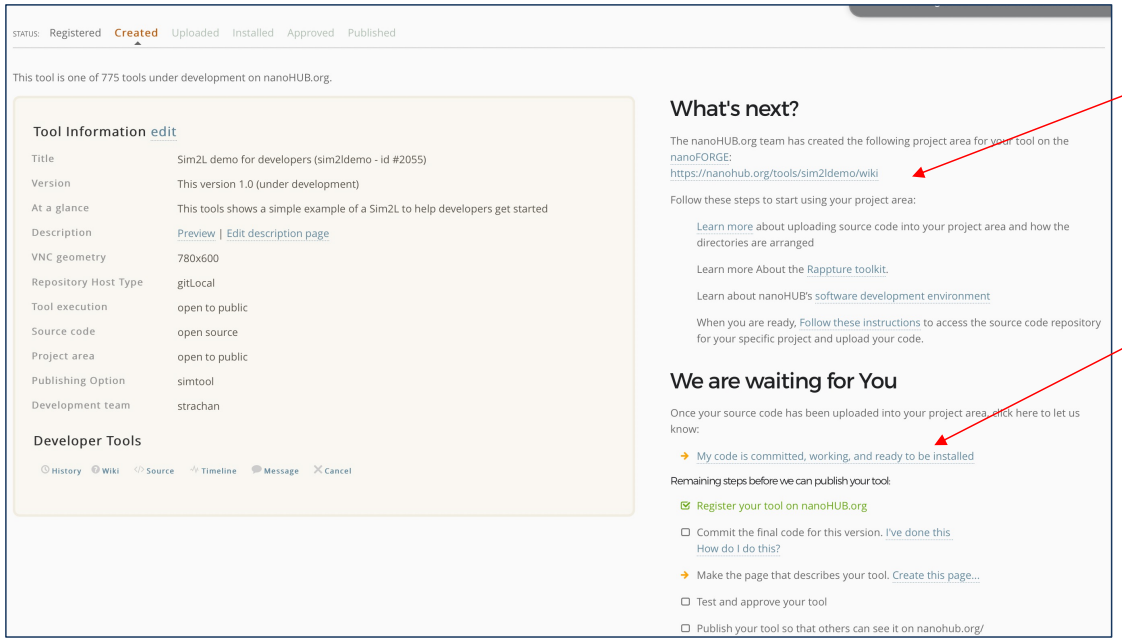


Click Register

Developing a Sim2L – Step 1: register your tool

Your tool is registered, you can start working on it

https://nanohub.org/tools/sim2ldemo/status



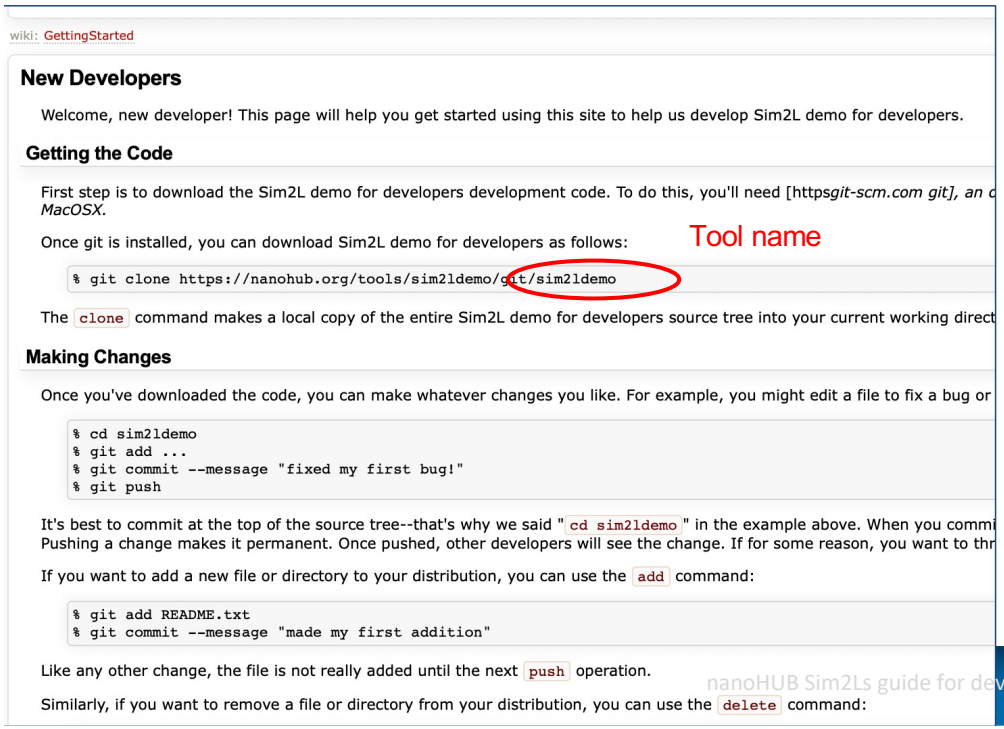
Go to the project area and start working

When you are done and committed your ready-to-test code click here (you will be able to further test it before it is deployed to the public)

Developing a Sim2L – Step 2: clone your tool's repo

Step 2: clone the git repo in your nanoHUB workspace
Instructions at: https://nanohub.org/tools/*sim2demo*/wiki (click on Getting Started)

Your tool name



wiki: GettingStarted

New Developers

Welcome, new developer! This page will help you get started using this site to help us develop Sim2L demo for developers.

Getting the Code

First step is to download the Sim2L demo for developers development code. To do this, you'll need [https*git-scm.com git], an c*
MacOSX.

Once git is installed, you can download Sim2L demo for developers as follows:

Tool name

```
% git clone https://nanohub.org/tools/sim2ldemo/git/sim2ldemo
```

The `clone` command makes a local copy of the entire Sim2L demo for developers source tree into your current working direct

Making Changes

Once you've downloaded the code, you can make whatever changes you like. For example, you might edit a file to fix a bug or

```
% cd sim2ldemo
% git add ...
% git commit --message "fixed my first bug!"
% git push
```

It's best to commit at the top of the source tree--that's why we said "`cd sim2ldemo`" in the example above. When you commi
Pushing a change makes it permanent. Once pushed, other developers will see the change. If for some reason, you want to thr

If you want to add a new file or directory to your distribution, you can use the `add` command:

```
% git add README.txt
% git commit --message "made my first addition"
```

Like any other change, the file is not really added until the next `push` operation.

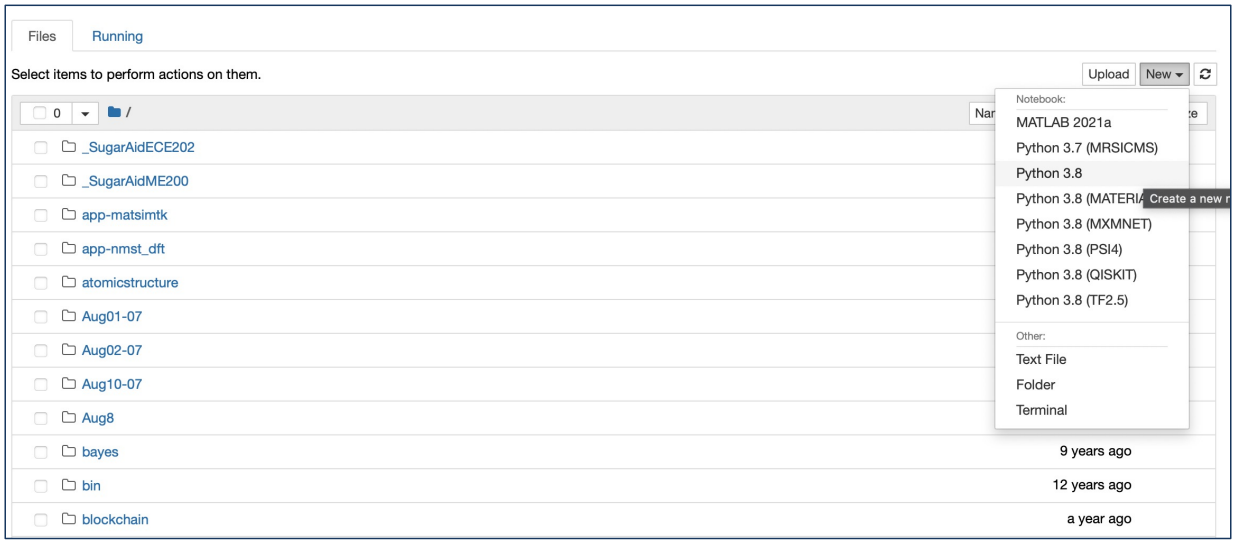
Similarly, if you want to remove a file or directory from your distribution, you can use the `delete` command:

Clone the automatically created GIT repo

Follow the instructions to make changes and commit them using GIT

Developing a Sim2L – Step 2: clone your tool's repo

Step 2: clone the git repo in your nanoHUB workspace
2.1 Launch Jupyter in nanoHUB: https://nanohub.org/tools/jupyter70



Start a terminal and/or a python kernel

Developing a Sim2L – Step 3: work on your tool

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```
strachan@nanohub_2092293_14:~$ git clone https://nanohub.org/tools/sim2ldemo/git/sim2ldemo
Cloning into 'sim2ldemo'...
remote: Counting objects: 12, done.
remote: Compressing objects: 100% (8/8), done.
remote: Total 12 (delta 1), reused 0 (delta 0)
Unpacking objects: 100% (12/12), done.
strachan@nanohub_2092293_14:~$ cd sim2ldemo/
strachan@nanohub_2092293_14:~/sim2ldemo$
```

Clone and check out the directory structure and template files

Two key files are created:

- `simtool/sim2ldemo.ipynb` (actual Sim2L workflow)
- `sim2ldemoExample.ipynb` (execution notebook to invoke the Sim2L)

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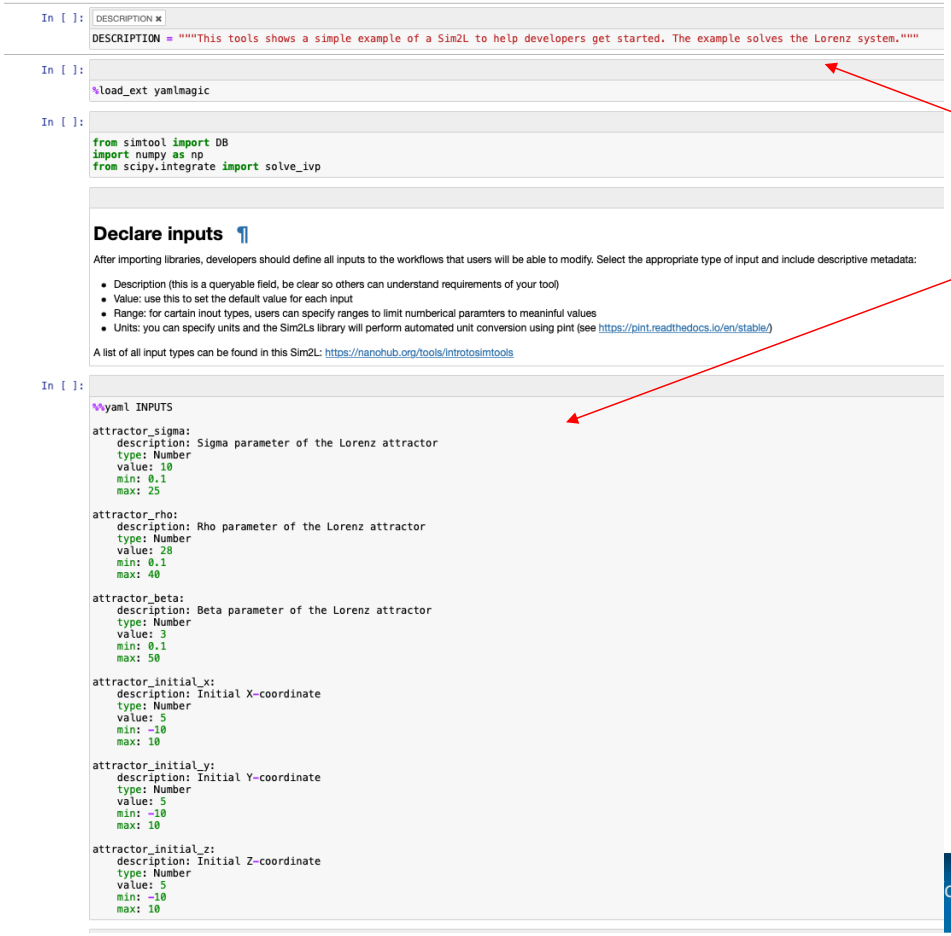
```
strachan@nanohub_2092293_14:~/sim2ldemo$ ls -ltr
total 8
-rw-r--r-- 1 strachan public  205 Oct 10 12:44 README.md
drwxr-xr-x 2 strachan public   27 Oct 10 12:44 bin
drwxr-xr-x 2 strachan public   27 Oct 10 12:44 data
drwxr-xr-x 2 strachan public   27 Oct 10 12:44 doc
drwxr-xr-x 2 strachan public   27 Oct 10 12:44 examples
drwxr-xr-x 2 strachan public   28 Oct 10 12:44 middleware
-rw-r--r-- 1 strachan public 1773 Oct 10 12:44 sim2ldemoExample.ipynb
drwxr-xr-x 2 strachan public   54 Oct 10 12:44 simtool
drwxr-xr-x 2 strachan public   30 Oct 10 12:44 src
strachan@nanohub_2092293_14:~/sim2ldemo$ ls -ltr simtool/
total 4
-rw-r--r-- 1 strachan public 3087 Oct 10 12:44 sim2ldemo.ipynb
strachan@nanohub_2092293_14:~/sim2ldemo$
```

Developing a Sim2L – Step 3: Sim2L notebook (part 1)



In [ ]:
```
DESCRIPTION = """This tools shows a simple example of a Sim2L to help developers get started. The example solves the Lorenz system."""
```

In [ ]:
```
%load_ext yamlmagic
```

In [ ]:
```
from simtool import DB
import numpy as np
from scipy.integrate import solve_ivp
```

Declare inputs ¶

After importing libraries, developers should define all inputs to the workflows that users will be able to modify. Select the appropriate type of input and include descriptive metadata:

- Description (this is a queryable field, be clear so others can understand requirements of your tool)
- Value: use this to set the default value for each input
- Range: for cartain inout types, users can specify ranges to limit numberical paramters to meaninful values
- Units: you can specify units and the Sim2Ls library will perform automated unit conversion using pint (see https://pint.readthedocs.io/en/stable/)

A list of all input types can be found in this Sim2L: https://nanohub.org/tools/introtosimtools

In [ ]:
```
%%yaml INPUTS

attractor_sigma:
    description: Sigma parameter of the Lorenz attractor
    type: Number
    value: 10
    min: 0.1
    max: 25

attractor_rho:
    description: Rho parameter of the Lorenz attractor
    type: Number
    value: 28
    min: 0.1
    max: 40

attractor_beta:
    description: Beta parameter of the Lorenz attractor
    type: Number
    value: 3
    min: 0.1
    max: 50

attractor_initial_x:
    description: Initial X-coordinate
    type: Number
    value: 5
    min: -10
    max: 10

attractor_initial_y:
    description: Initial Y-coordinate
    type: Number
    value: 5
    min: -10
    max: 10

attractor_initial_z:
    description: Initial Z-coordinate
    type: Number
    value: 5
    min: -10
    max: 10
```

Sim2L template in the `simtool/` folder

1. A description is required and queryable

2. Declare all inputs (include descriptions and units if applicable)
(Possible input types:
`Boolean, Integer, Number, Array, Text, Choice, List, Dictionary, Image, and Element`)

Check out
https://nanohub.org/tools/introtosimtools
for examples of all input types

Developing a Sim2L – Step 3: Sim2L notebook (part 2)

Declare outputs

Explicitly declare all outputs for your Sim2Ls. These will be indexed (together with the inputs) in nanoHUB's ResultsDB

```
%%yaml OUTPUTS

attractor_x_trajectory:
    type: Array
    description: Trajectory over time in X

attractor_y_trajectory:
    type: Array
    description: Trajectory over time in Y

attractor_z_trajectory:
    type: Array
    description: Trajectory over time in Z
```

Parameterize Sim2L

The cell below needs to be included and tagged "parameters"

parameters ✖

```
# The paramters cell should have the code below. This enables the Sim2Ls library to "inject" the selected paramters

from simtool import getValidatedInputs

defaultInputs = getValidatedInputs(INPUTS)
if defaultInputs:
    globals().update(defaultInputs)
```

```
#hard coded paramters
tmax = 200
num_steps = 20000
```

FILES ✖

```
EXTRA_FILES = []
```

Write your workflow

…

3. Declare all outputs (include descriptions)
(Same types as inputs)

4. This cell is used to inject the parameters when the Sim2L is invoked (leave it as is)

5. Write your workflow connecting inputs to outputs

6. Assign output variables by creating a database object

Assign output variables

Initialize the output variables using the DB command Use db.save to assign values to ALL your output variables

```
db = DB(OUTPUTS)
```

```
db.save('attractor_x_trajectory', x_traj)
db.save('attractor_y_trajectory', y_traj)
db.save('attractor_z_trajectory', z_traj)
```

Developing a Sim2L – Step 3: execution notebook (Part 1)

This is the file that will be launched when the tool is run in nanoHUB
This notebook should set inputs, invoke the Sim2L itself, display outputs

Several options:

- A plain notebook that sets inputs and displays outputs
- A GUI (using widgets), see https://ipywidgets.readthedocs.io/en/stable/
- An AI/ML or high throughput workflow that launches the Sim2L as needed

Developing a Sim2L – Step 3: execution notebook (Part 2)

```
# Import the sim2L library and other auxiliary packages
from simtool import findInstalledSimToolNotebooks, searchForSimTool
from simtool import getSimToolInputs, getSimToolOutputs, Run

import pandas as pd
import numpy as np
import os
import ipywidgets as widgets
import plotly.graph_objects as go

import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
```

Find the Sim2L you want to run & explore its inputs & outputs

```
#### SimTool Inputs and Outputs ###
# Sim2L Instance
demo = searchForSimTool("sim2ldemo")

# # Creating Inputs Object
inputs = getSimToolInputs(demo)
print(inputs)

# # Printing Expected Outputs
outputs = getSimToolOutputs(demo)
print(outputs)
```

Parameterize the Sim2L

- Default values will be used for inputs not explicitly specified
- Note that the Sim2Ls library checks that all inputs fall within the range established by the developer
- Sim2Ls also checks and converts units

```
inputs.attractor_beta.value = 8/3
inputs.attractor_rho.value = 28
inputs.attractor_sigma.value = 10

inputs.attractor_initial_x.value = 0
inputs.attractor_initial_y.value = 1
inputs.attractor_initial_z.value = 1.05
```

Run the Sim2L

- The simulation cache will be checked and your run either executed or pulled from the cache

```
r = Run(demo, inputs)
r.getResultSummary()
```

1. Identify the Sim2L you want to execute
   The tool can be published or under development

2. Check inputs and outputs
   Get a list of all inputs and outputs

3. Set parameters
   The Sim2Ls library checks that parameters fall within the ranges established by the developer

4. Run the Sim2L

Developing a Sim2L – Step 3: execution notebook (Part 2)

Analyze/visualize your results

```
def plot_attractor(x_traj, y_traj, z_traj):

    trace = go.Scatter3d(x=x_traj, y=y_traj, z=z_traj, mode='lines+markers', marker=dict(color=list(range(len(x_traj))), cmin = 0, cmax = len(x_traj), colorscale='RdBu', size=1))
    fig = go.FigureWidget(data=[trace])
    fig.update_layout(width=600, height=600)

    fig.show()

x_t = np.array(r.read('attractor_x_trajectory'))
y_t = np.array(r.read('attractor_y_trajectory'))
z_t = np.array(r.read('attractor_z_trajectory'))

plot_attractor(x_t, y_t, z_t)
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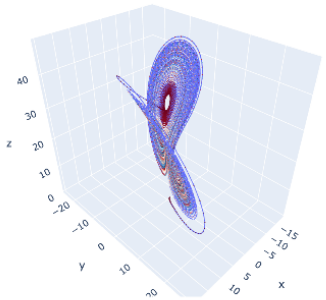
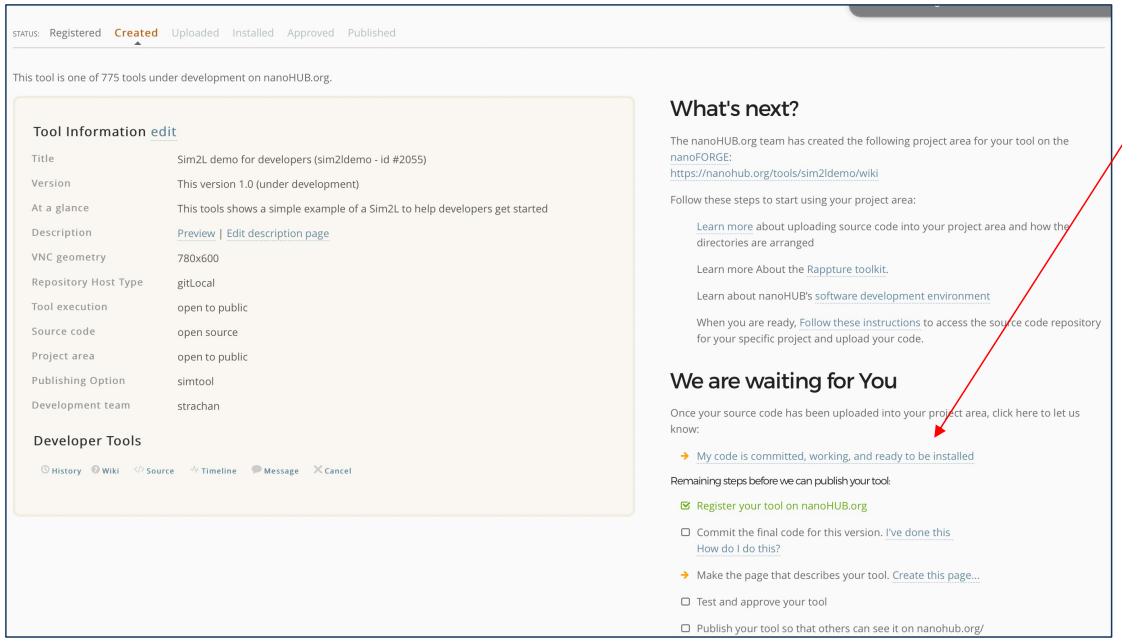


5. Get results, analyze, and visualize

Publishing a Sim2L

When you are done, just let the nanoHUB team know

https://nanohub.org/tools/sim2ldemo/status



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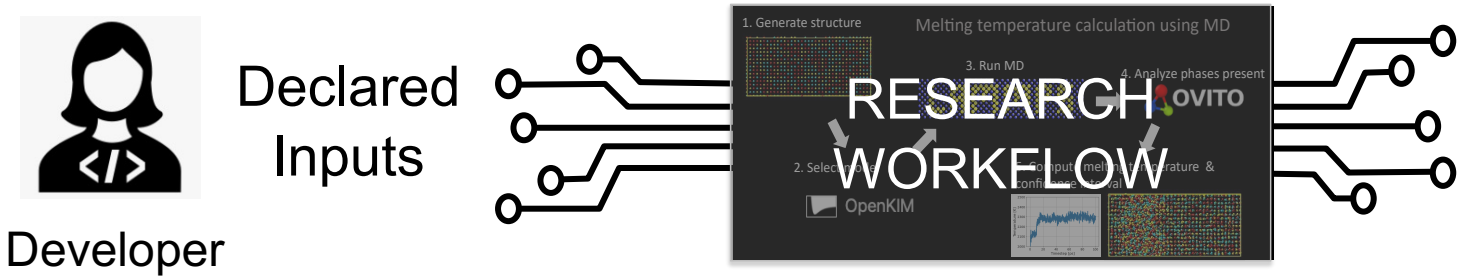
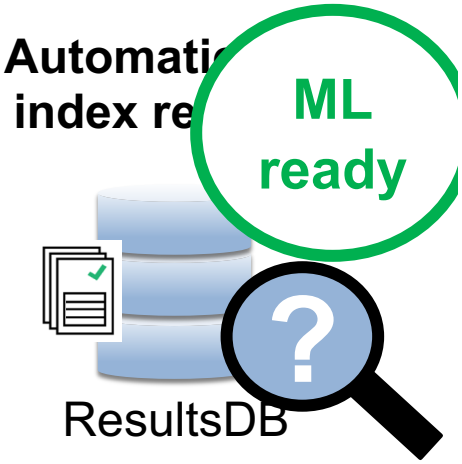
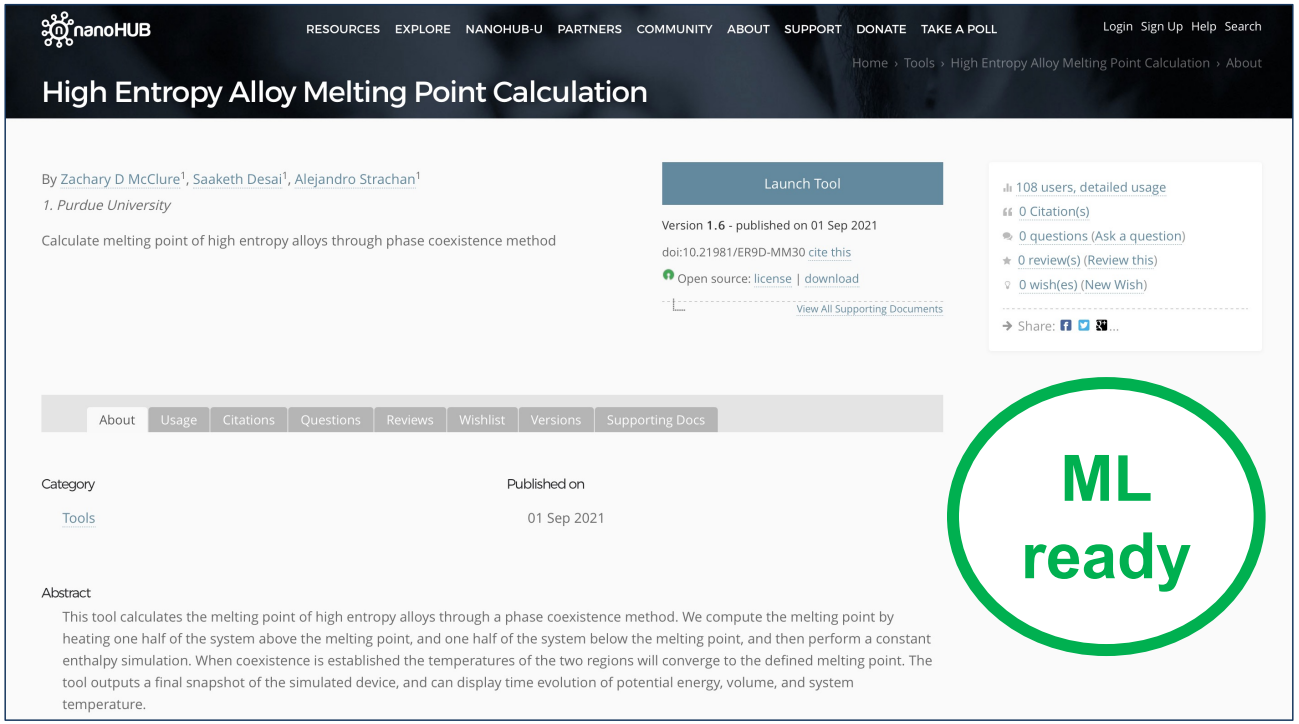
The nanoHUB team will stage the tool and you will be able to test it and make changes if needed before publication

Workflow and data are FAIR and ML-ready





Sim2L example: MD simulations of melting temperature



Inputs:

- Alloy composition
- Simulation details

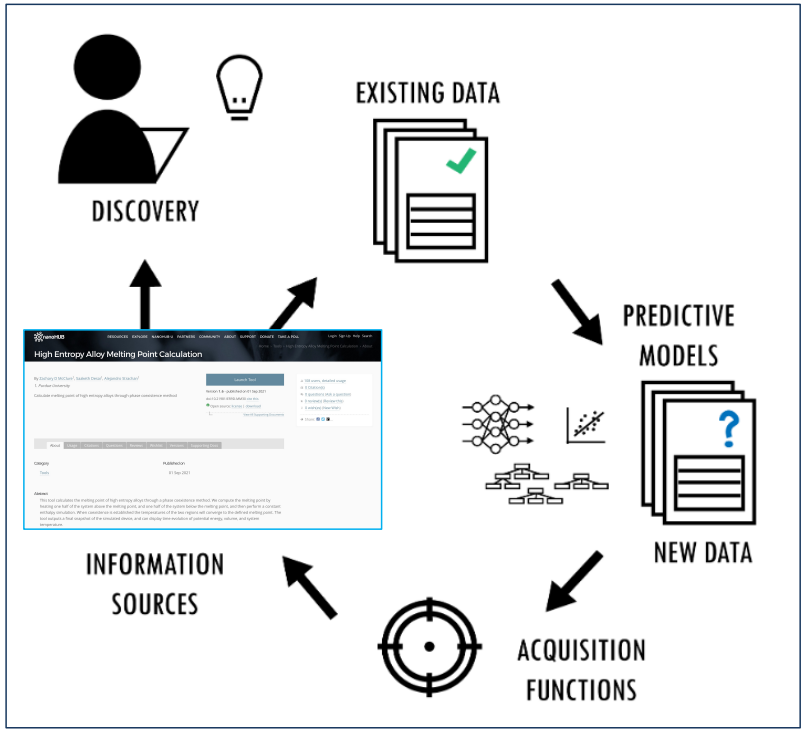
Outputs:

- Convergence
- Predicted melting temp
- Confidence interval

https://nanohub.org/tools/meltheas

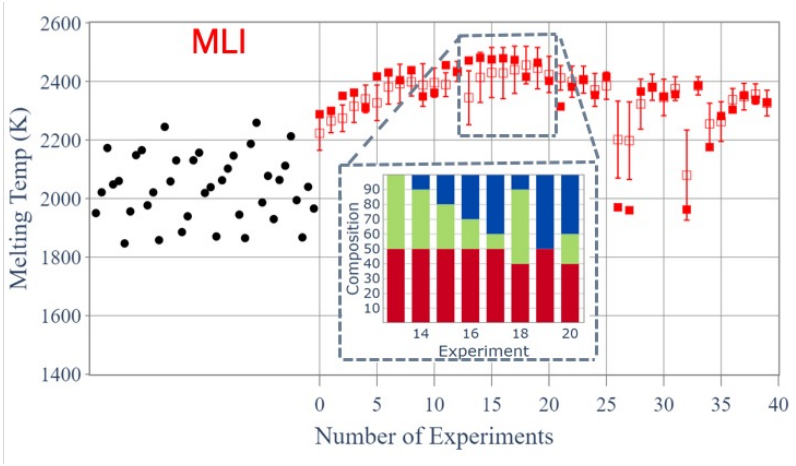
Sim2L example: launching a Sim2L from an AI/ML workflow

Autonomous ML workflow driving physics-based sims



Find a high-entropy alloy with the highest melting temperature

~15 simulations out of 544



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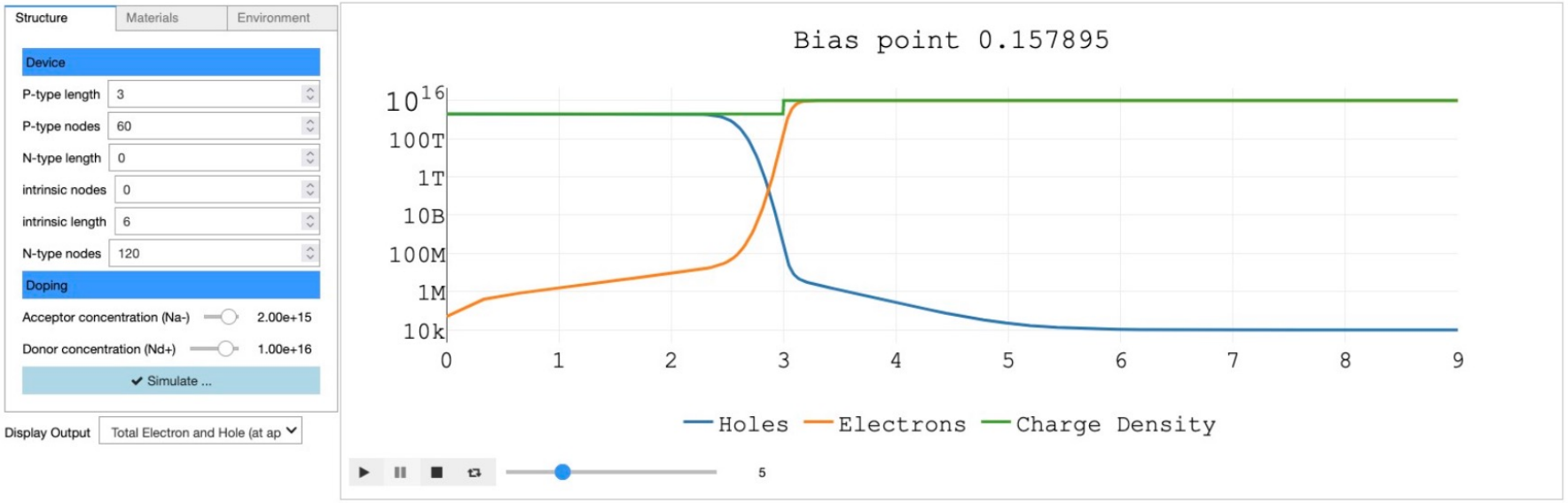
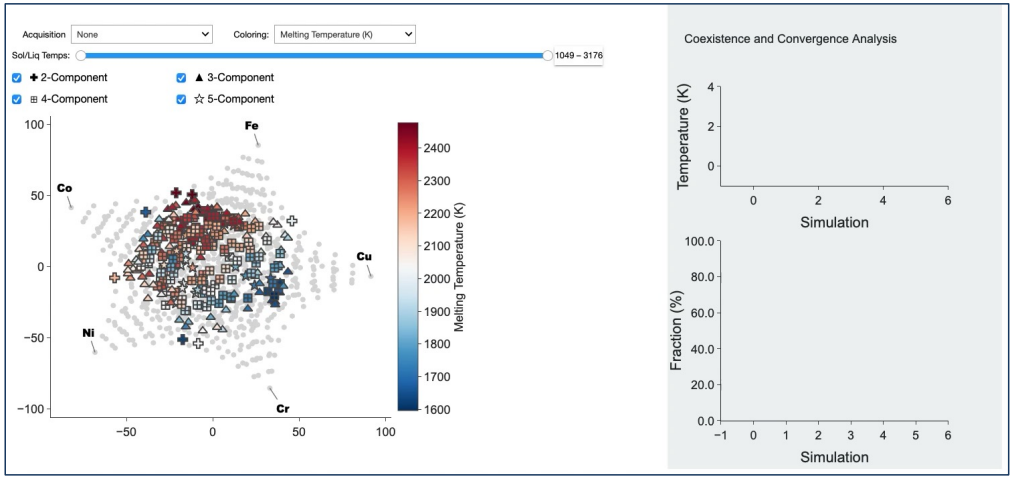
Sim2L example: an App running a Sim2L



https://nanohub.org/tools/st4pnjunction

Exploring the ResultsDB

Every successful Sim2L run from published tools is indexed in the ResultsDB



This App explores the runs of the meltHEAs Sim2L

Temperatures are plotted in a 2D representation of the 5-element space

nanoHUB.org/tools/meltdashboard

Panel on the right shows the individual results for each alloy

Documentation on the ResultsDB available at:
https://nanohub.org/developer/api/endpoint/dbexplorer

Additional resources

- Sim2Ls: FAIR simulation workflows and data Martin Hunt, Steven Clark, Daniel Mejia, Saaketh Desai, Alejandro Strachan. PLOS ONE. 2022 Mar 10;17(3):e0264492. https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0264492
- Documentation: https://simtool.readthedocs.io/en/stable/
- Additional information with hands-on information: https://youtu.be/7KHwJdJwtxc