

• Objective:

- » Calculate strain in nanostructures using atomistic valence-force-field (VFF) models
- » Zincblende or Wurtzite lattices

• Results / Impact:

- » Fast-converging solver that uses exact derivatives
- » Models easily switchable in input deck
- » Improved anharmonic model: both physical validity and numerical convergence

• Approach:

- » Energy functional minimization using Newton's method applied to gradient.
- » Models for energy functional:
 - Harmonic Keating
 - Anharmonic Keating
 - Zunger
 - Paul

