

**First Principles Assessment on Phase Stability and Transition Mechanisms of
Designated Crystal Structures of Pristine and Janus Transition Metal
Dichalcogenides**

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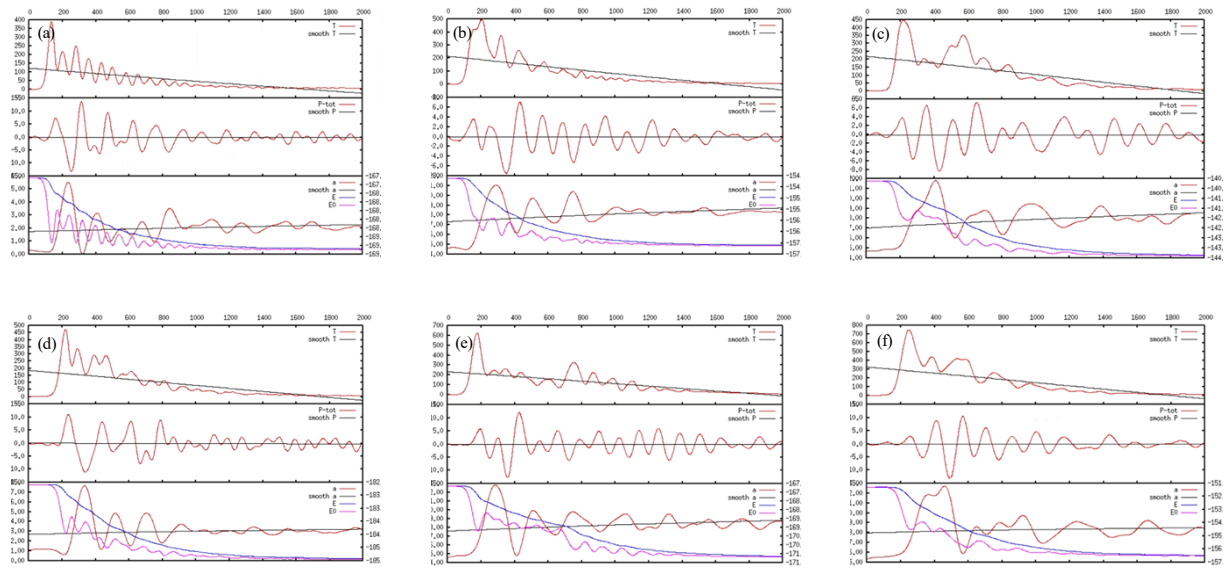
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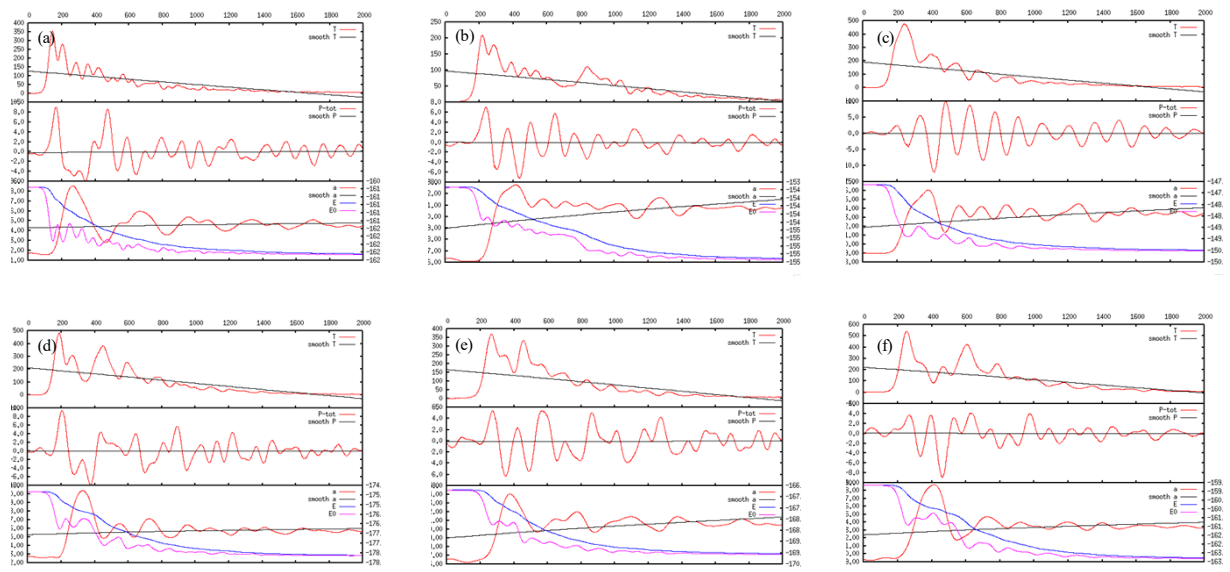
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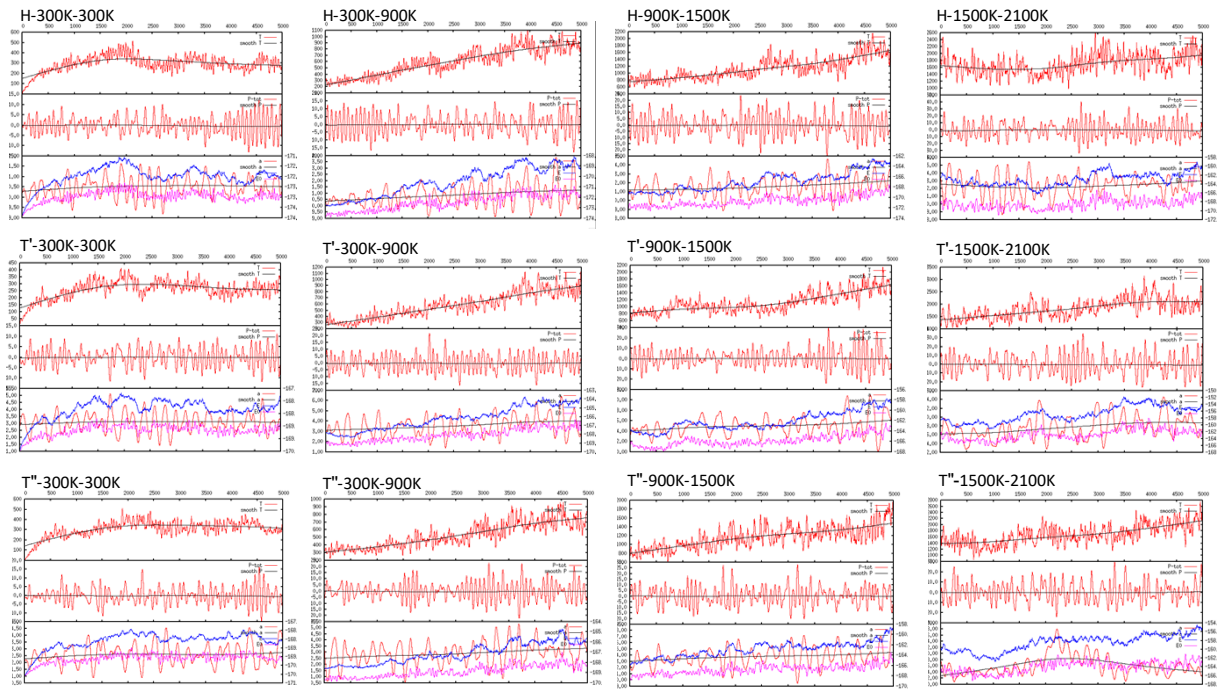
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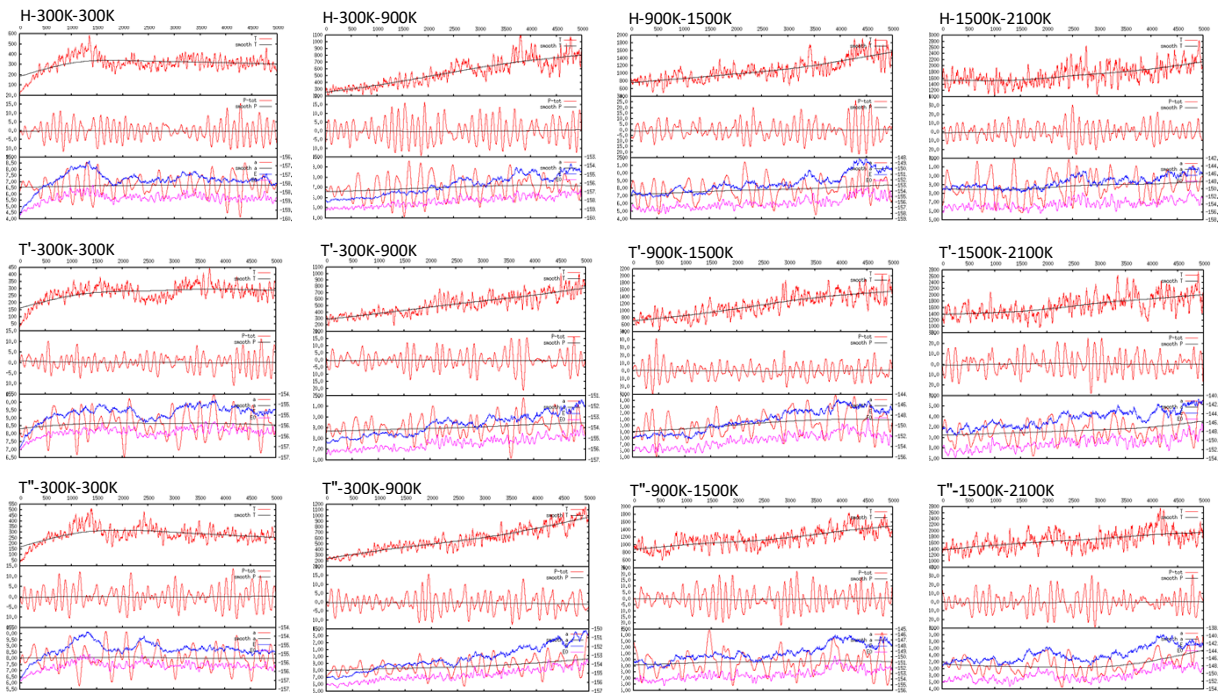
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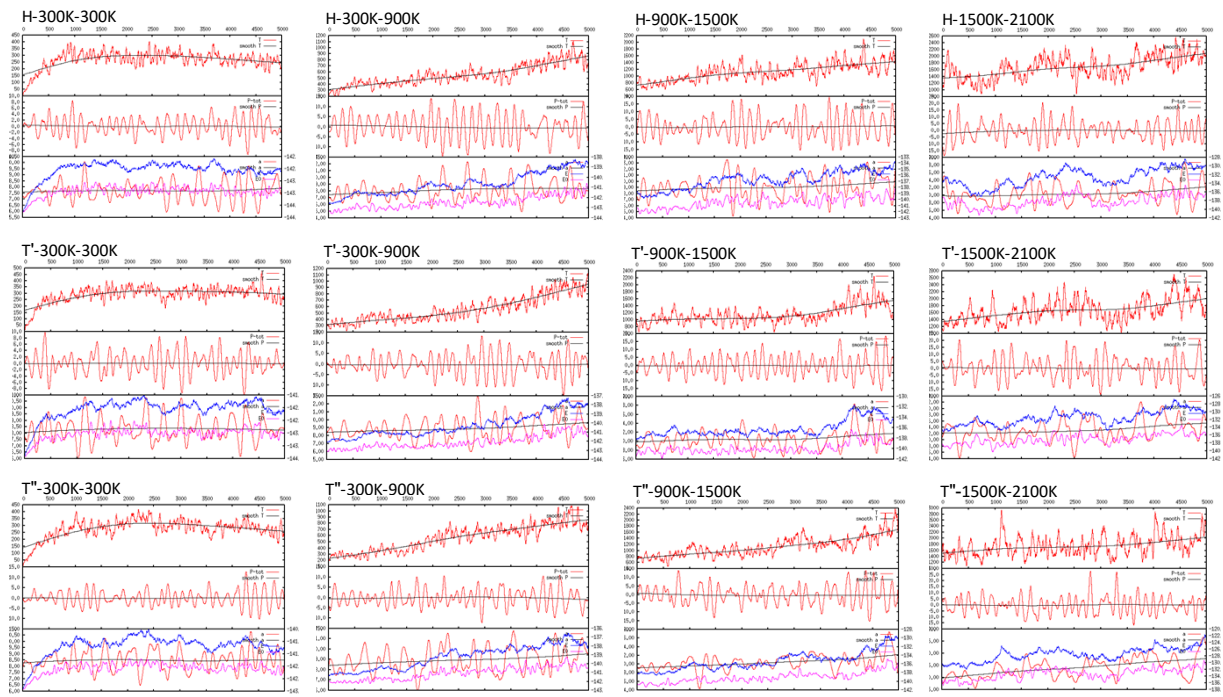
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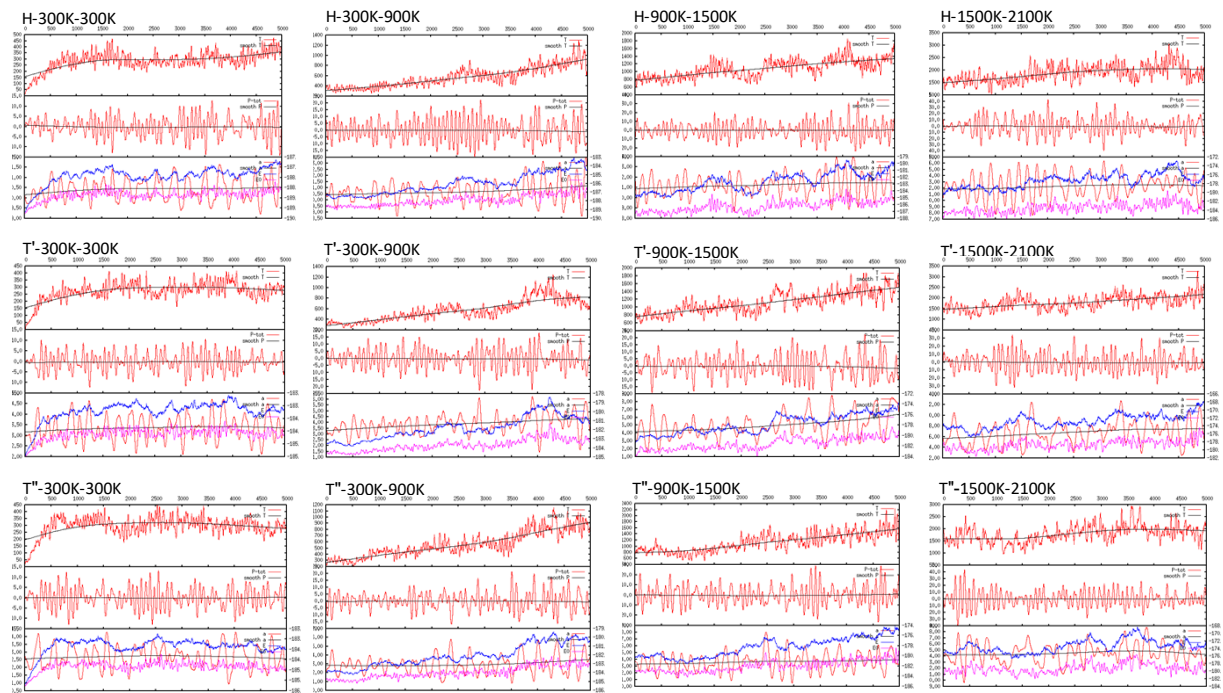
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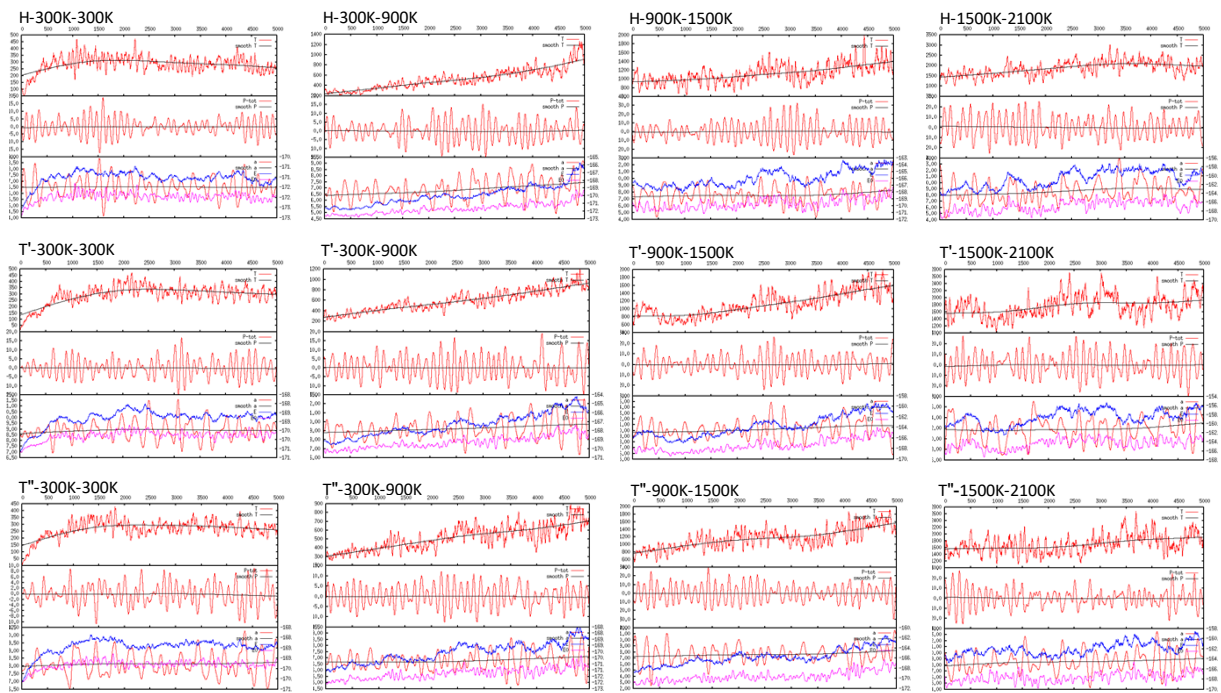
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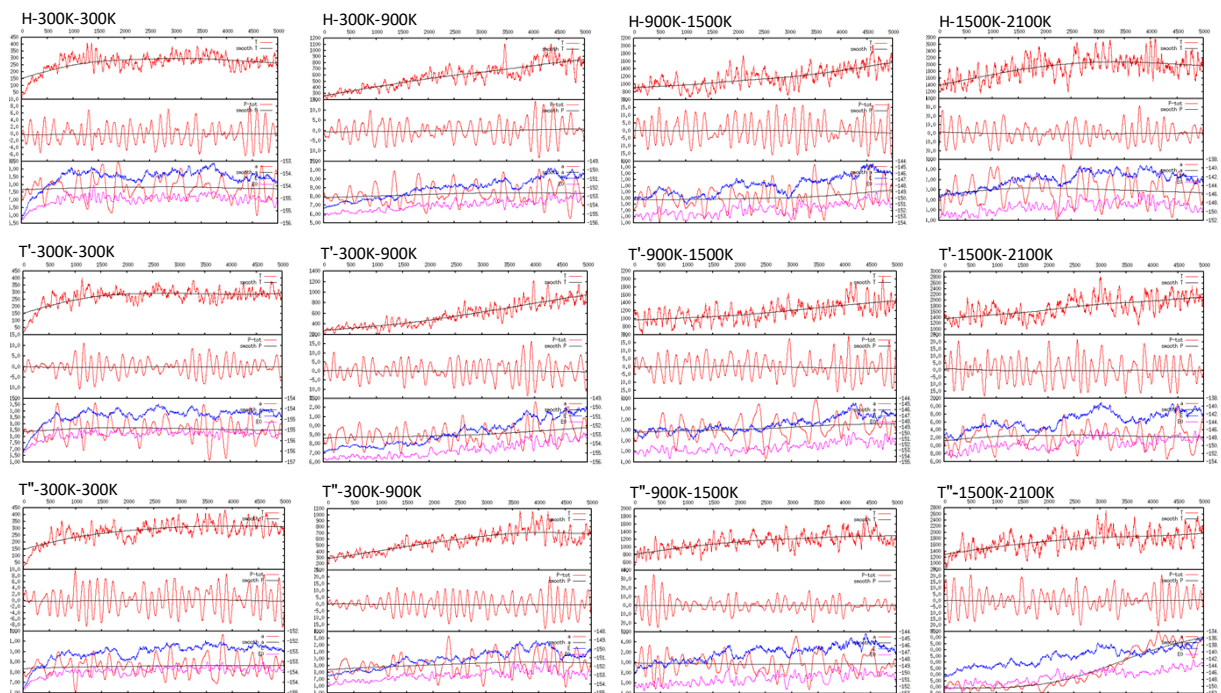
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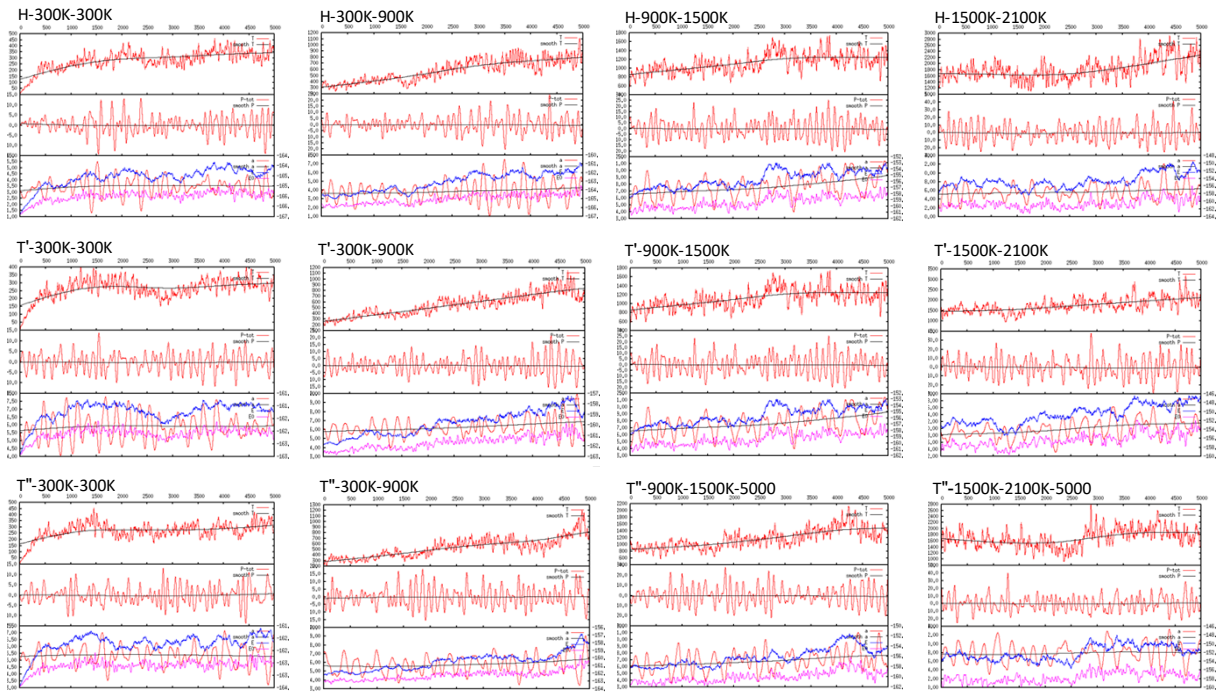
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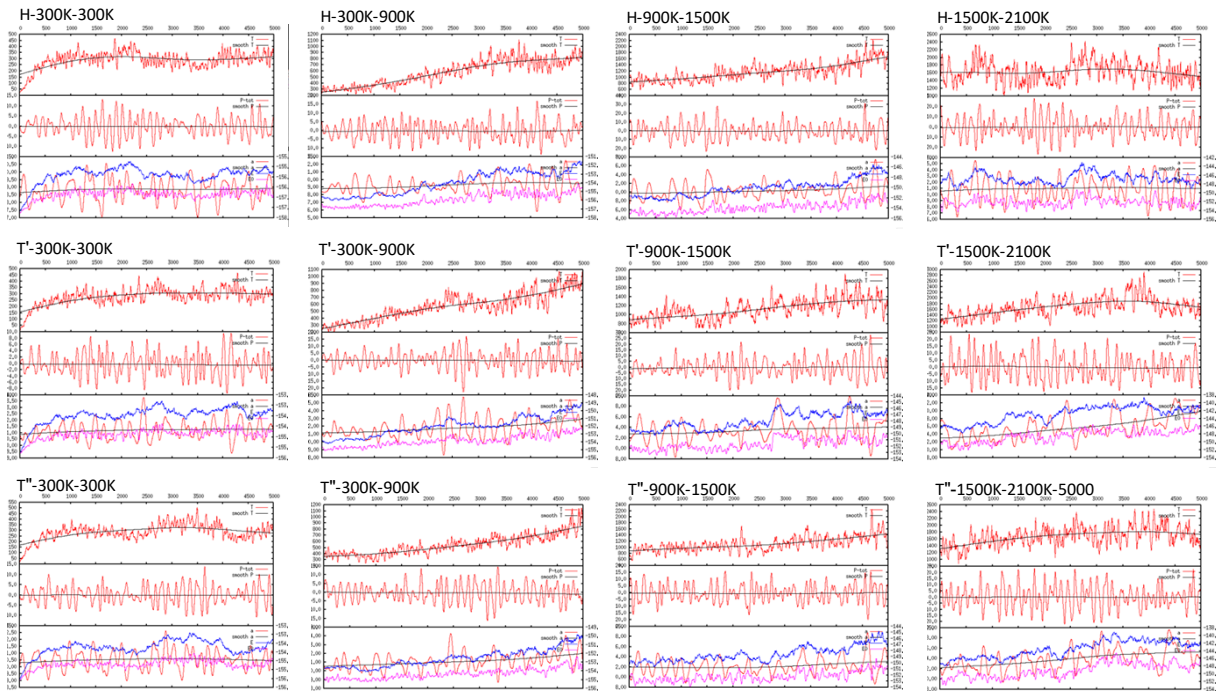
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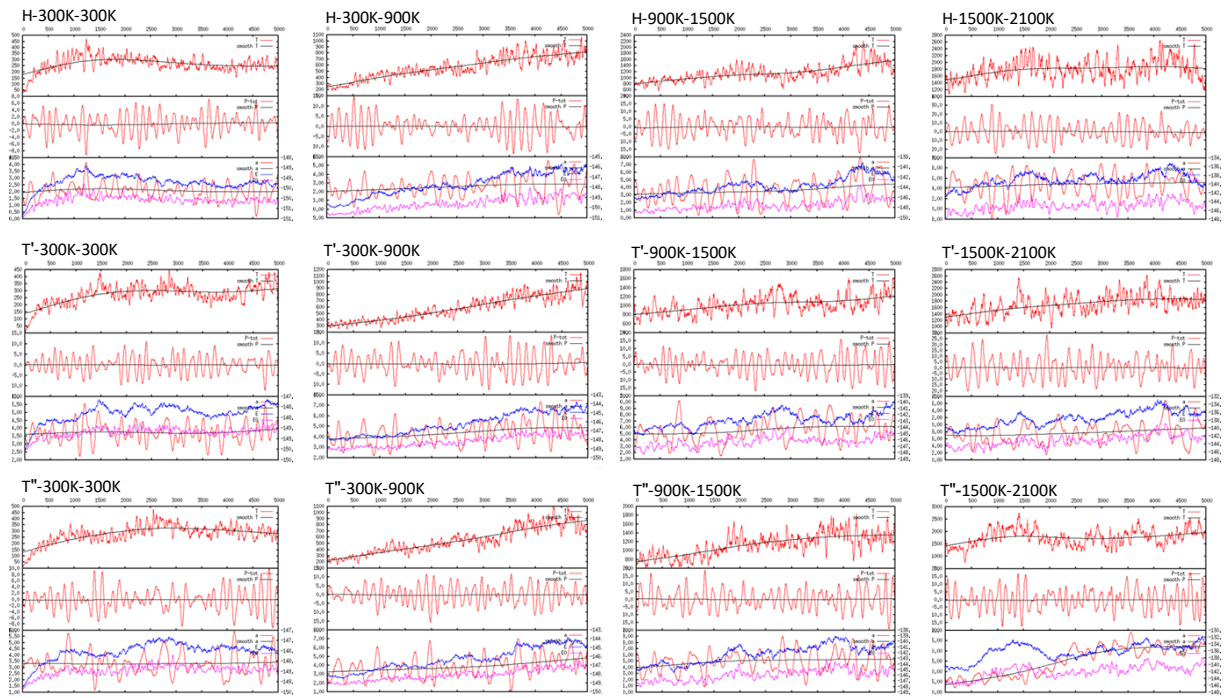
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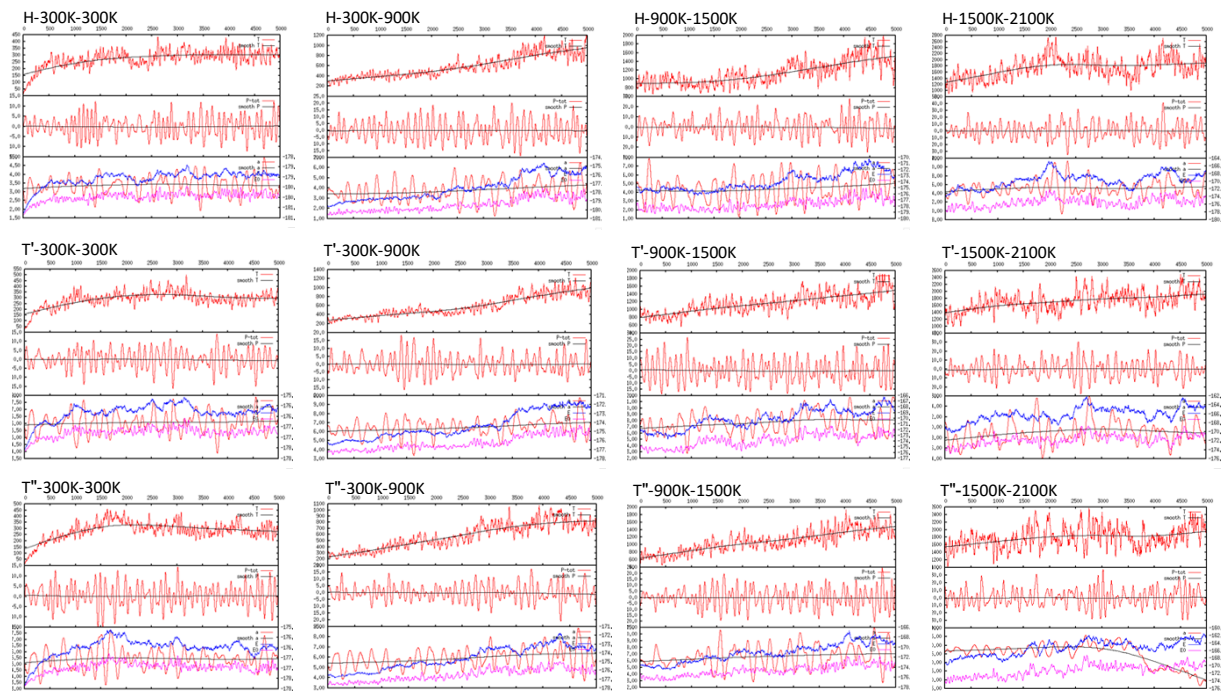
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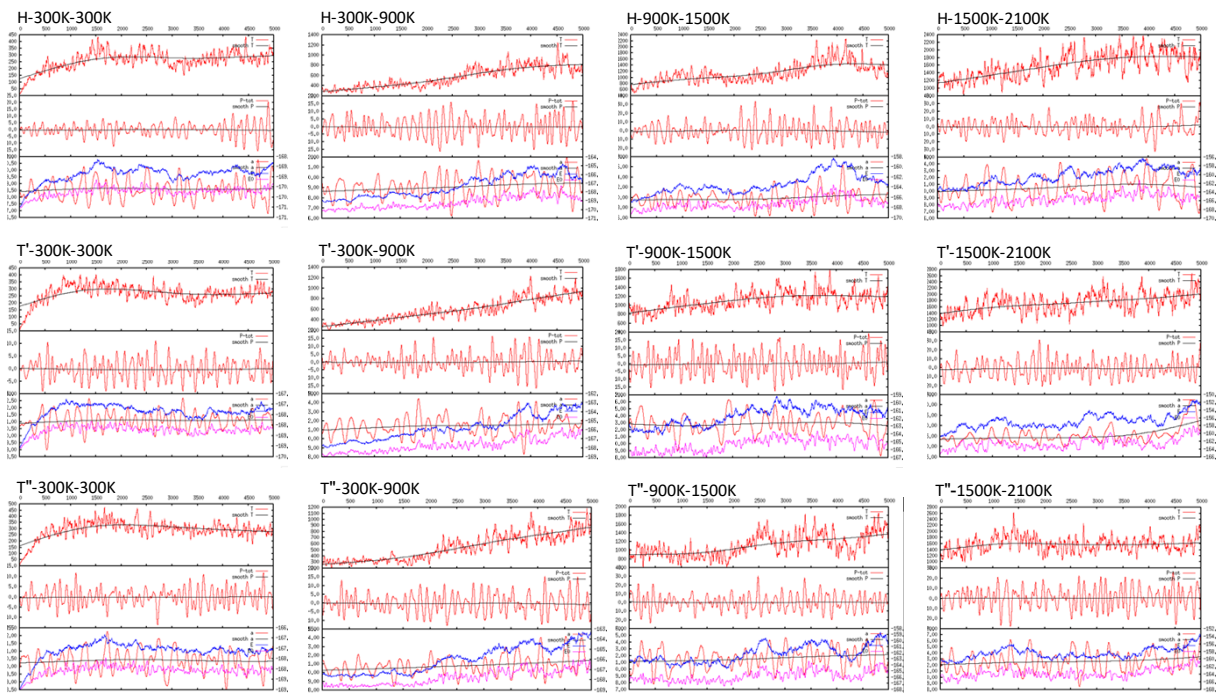
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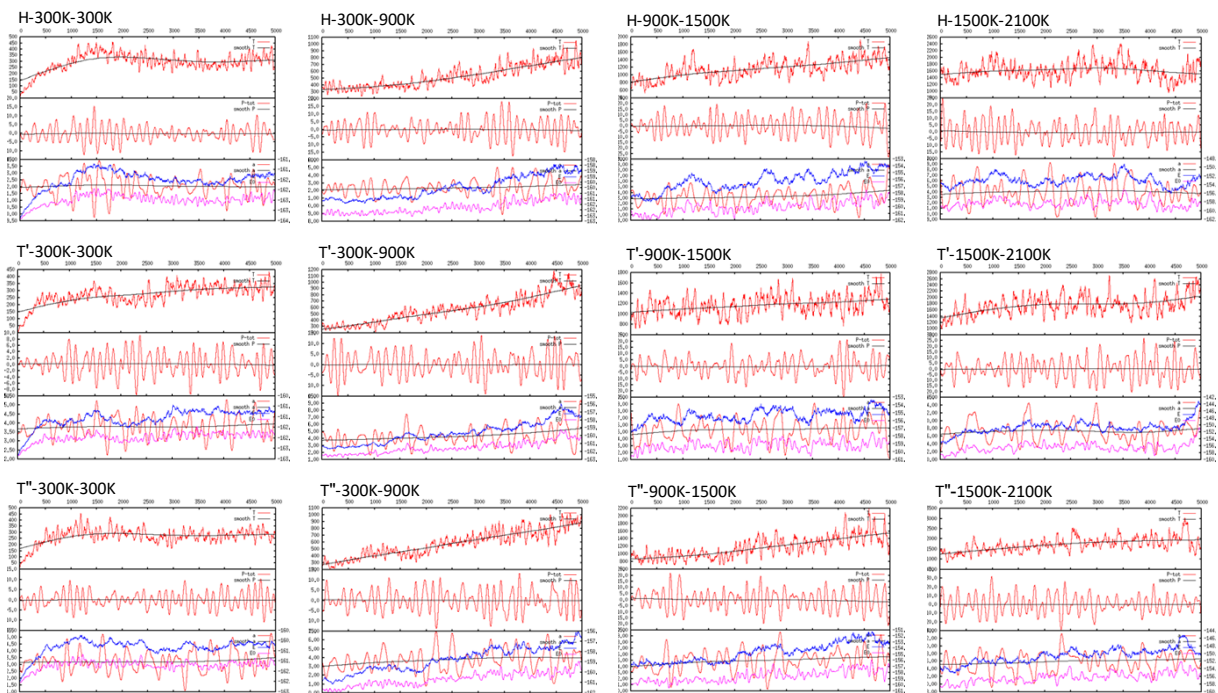
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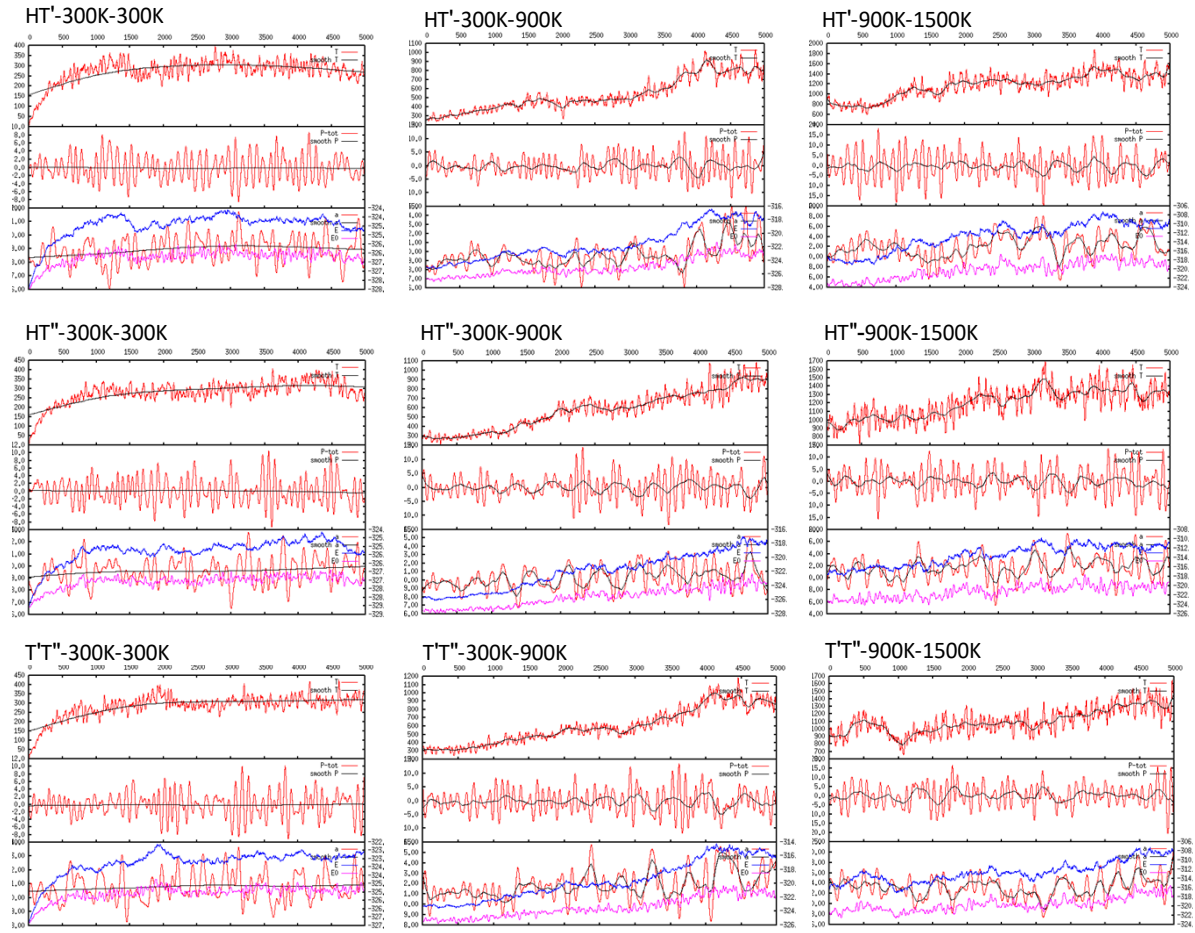
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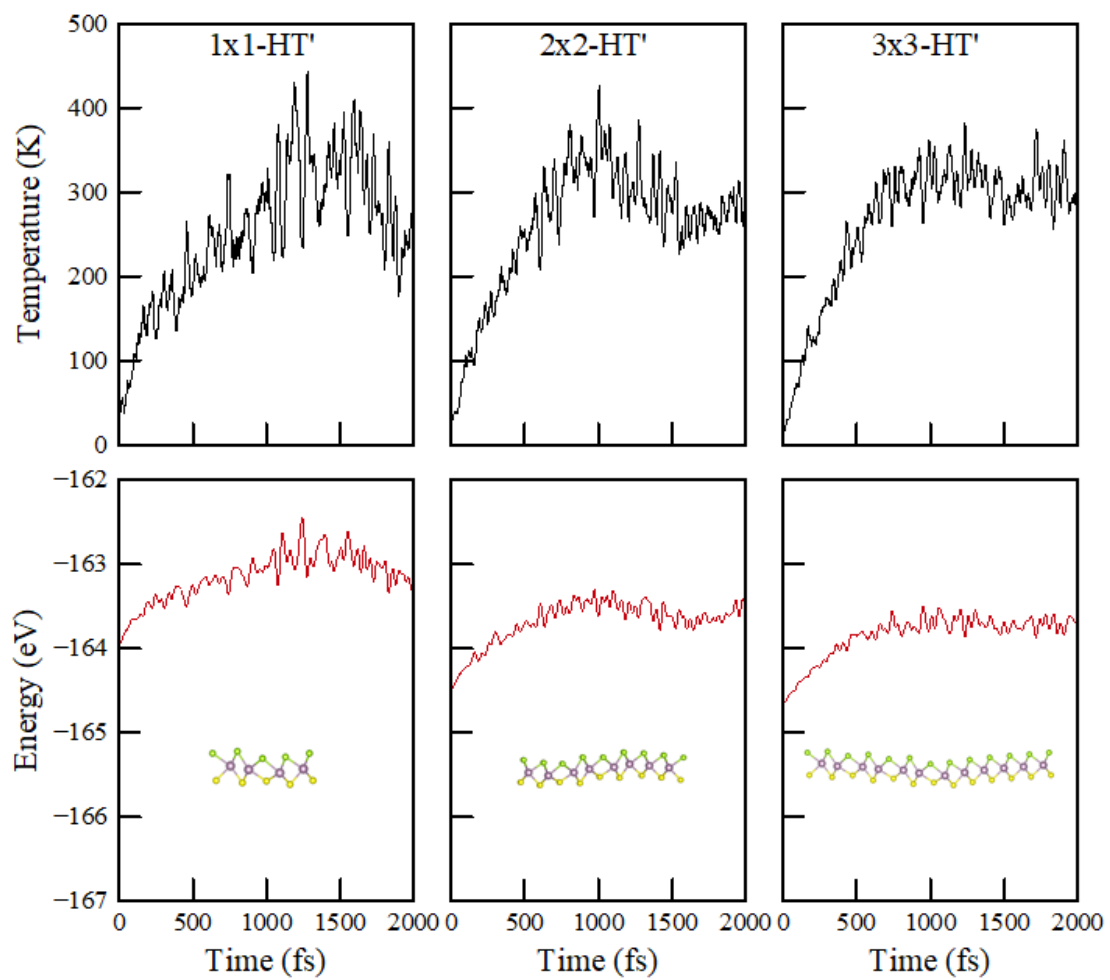
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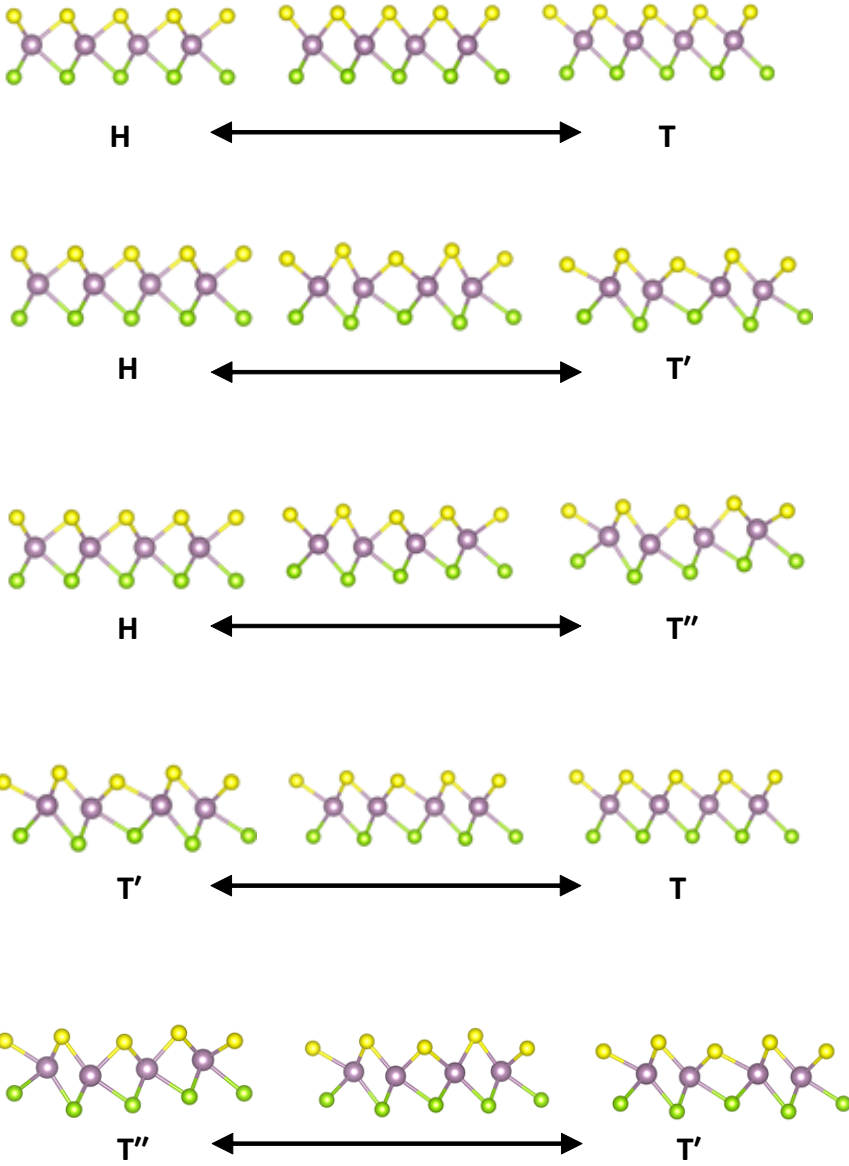
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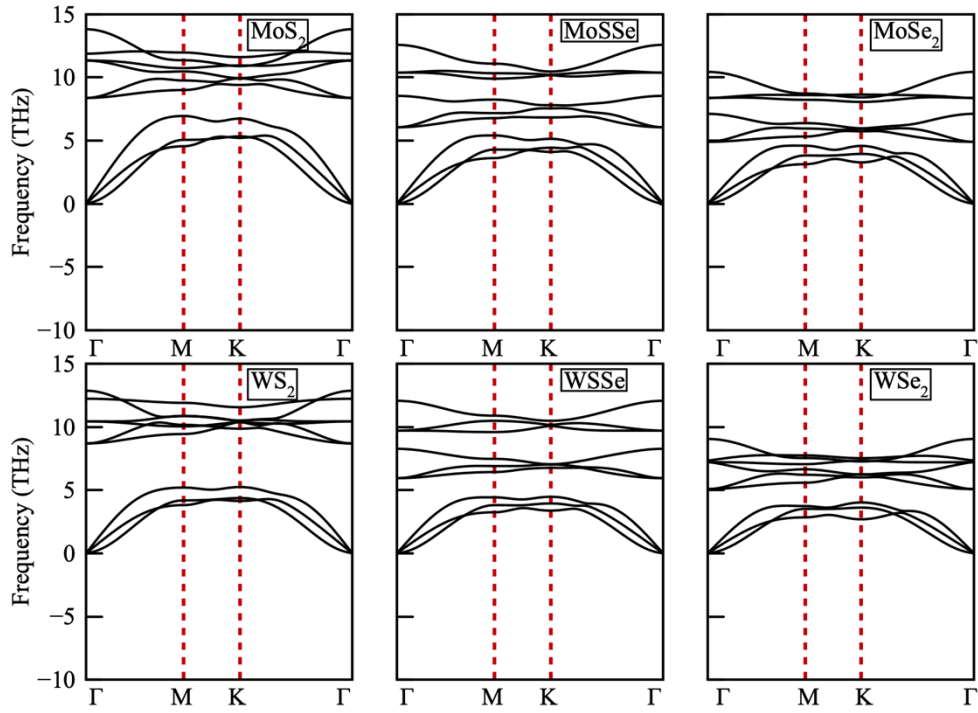
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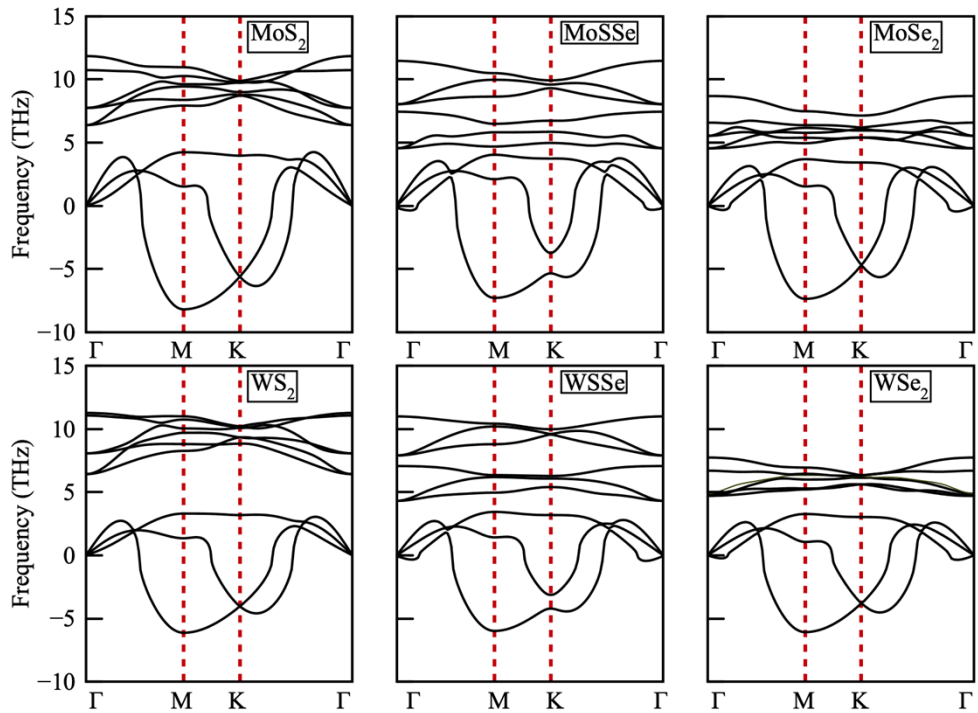


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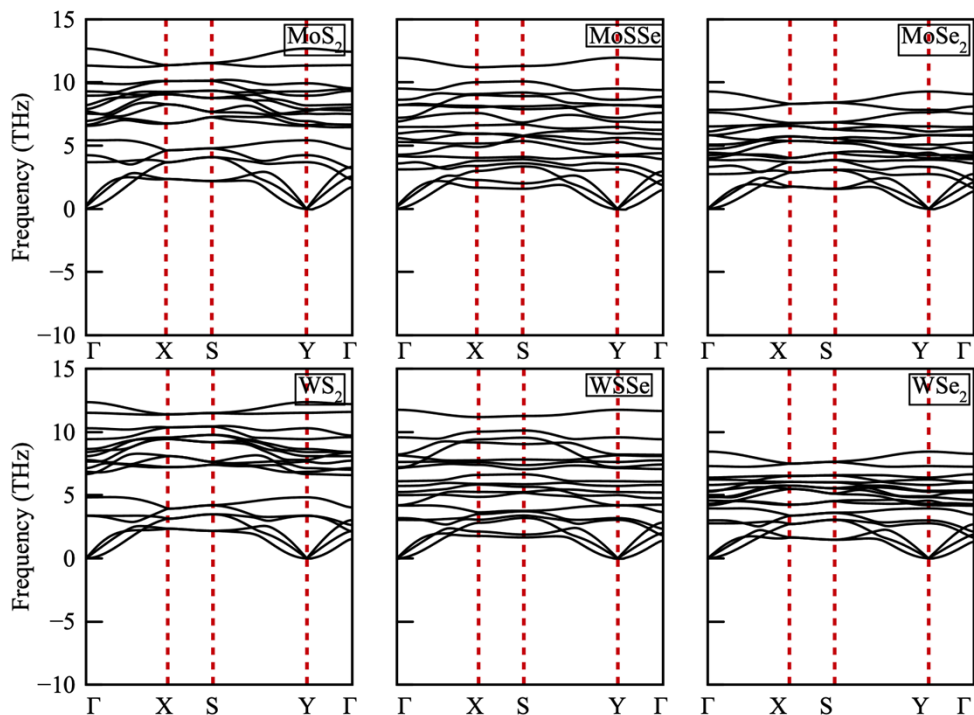


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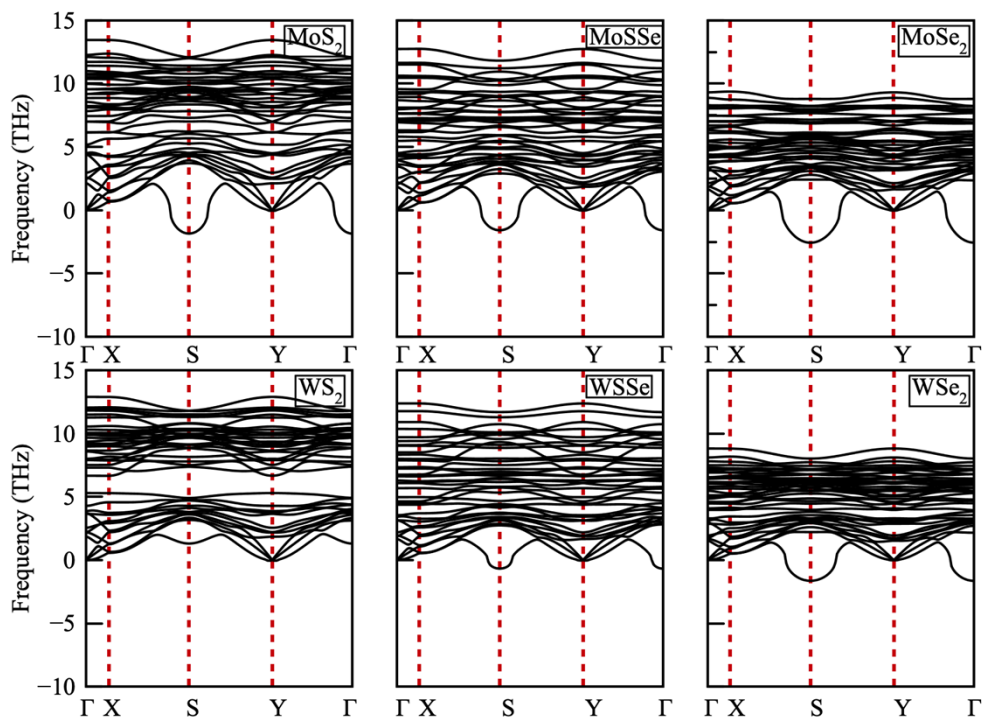


Table 1) Relative energy values of mixed HT' phases of MoSSe for different merging configurations.

	1x1	2x2	3x3
a	-163.40	-164.21	-164.49
b	-163.93	-164.48	-164.65
c	-163.93	-162.95	-163.67
d	-163.40	-163.19	-164.03