

# Waste-Recycling Monte Carlo and the calculation of free energies

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# Waste-recycling Monte Carlo

Goal : reducing the statistical variance of the estimator in Markov Chain Monte Carlo techniques based on the Metropolis algorithm

How? by including information within the estimator about the states that have been sampled but rejected.

Ceperley, Chester and Kalos, Phys. Rev.1977,  
Frenkel, PNAS 2004,  
Delmas & Jourdain, J. Applied Probab. 2009.

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# Outline

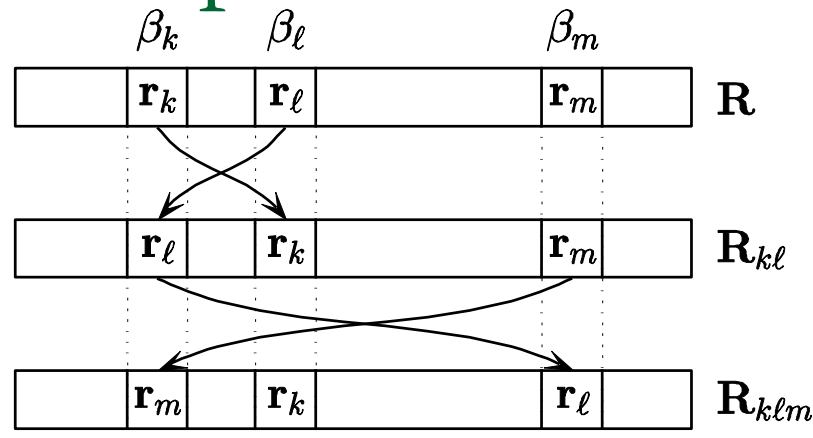
## I-Conditional expectations

- Speeding-up of parallel tempering with configuration bias (col. F. Calvo)
- Control variate problem & optimal estimator (Delmas&Jourdain)
  - Applications : Ising systems and realistic FeCr system (col. G. Adjanor)
- Free energy reconstruction from steered molecular dynamics
  - Vacancy in Iron, Structural transitions in LJ<sub>38</sub> cluster (col. C. Marinica)

## II-Posterior conditional expectations

- Combination of waste-recycling and multistate Bennett acceptance ratio method

# Parallel replica simulations



## Exchanges between replicas

monoproposal

multiproposal

$$\alpha(\mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}_{kl}) = \frac{1}{I}$$

Esselink, Loyens,  
Smit, PRE 1995

$$\alpha(\mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}_{kl}) = \frac{\rho(\mathbf{R}_{kl})}{\sum \rho(\mathbf{R}_{ki})}$$

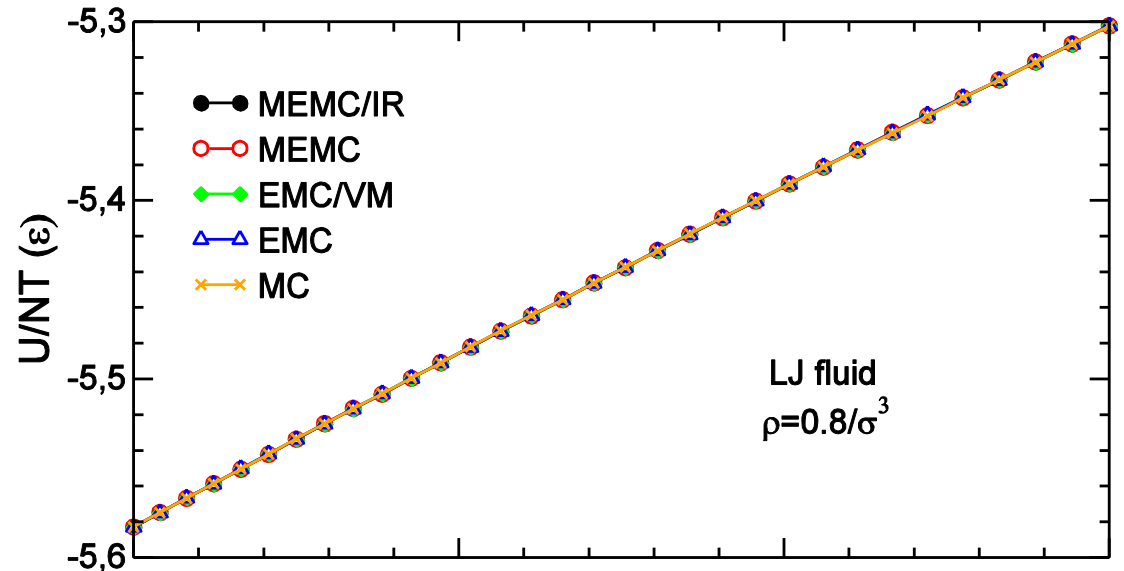
$$acc(\mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}_{kl}) = \min\left(1, \frac{\rho(\mathbf{R}_{kl})}{\rho(\mathbf{R})}\right)$$

$$acc(\mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}_{kl}) = \min\left(1, \frac{\sum \rho(\mathbf{R}_{klm})}{\sum \rho(\mathbf{R}_{kl})}\right)$$

# LJ fluid

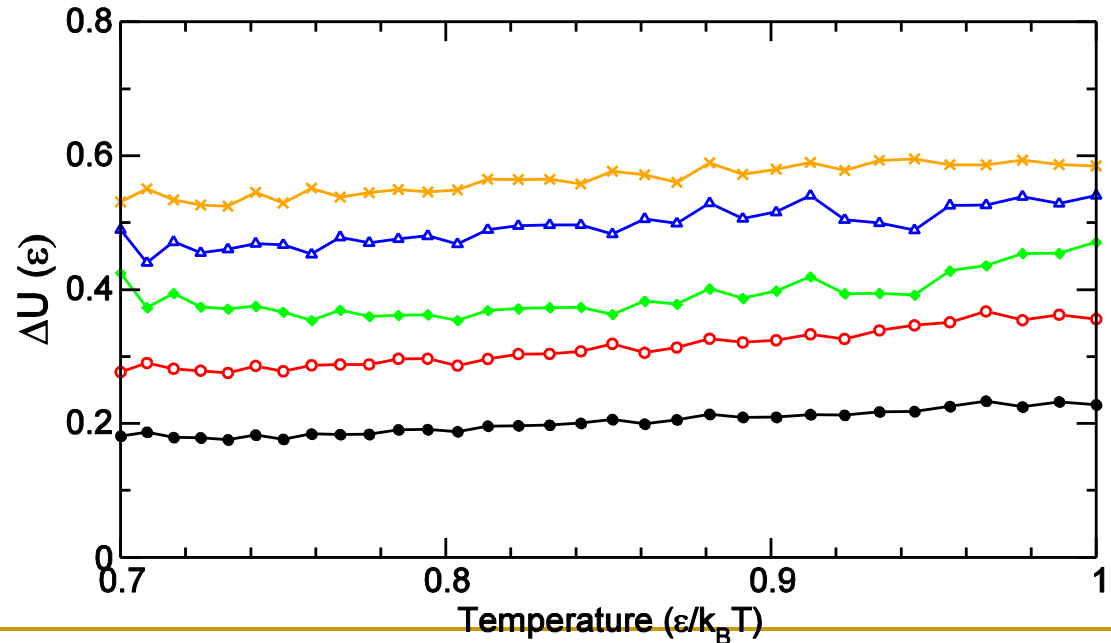
$$E_{ij}(r) = \frac{\epsilon}{4} \left( r^{-12} - r^{-6} \right)$$

$$U(r^N) = \sum_{i>j} E_{ij}(r)$$



Colluza, Frenkel  
PhysChemPhys 2005

Athenes, Calvo  
PhysChemPhys 2008

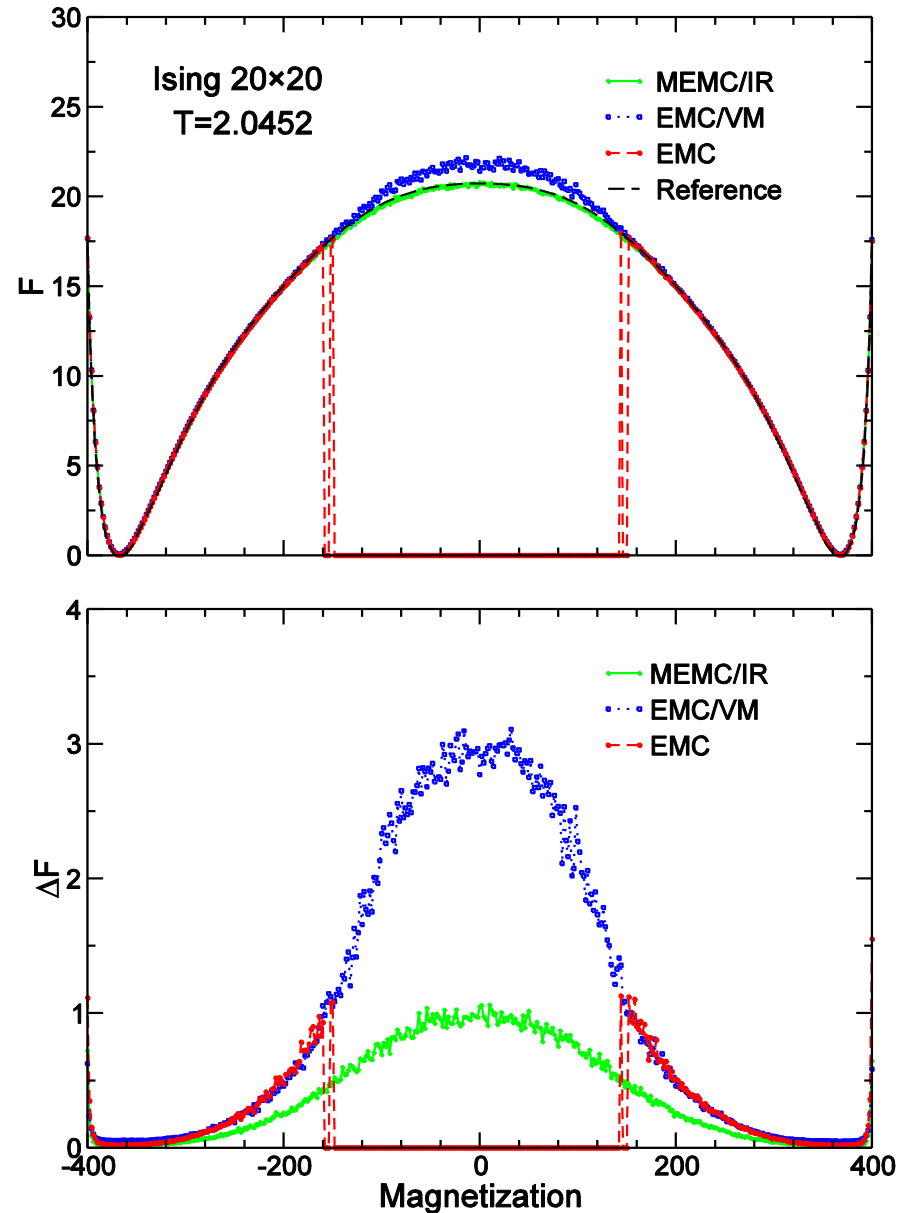


# Ferromagnetic system

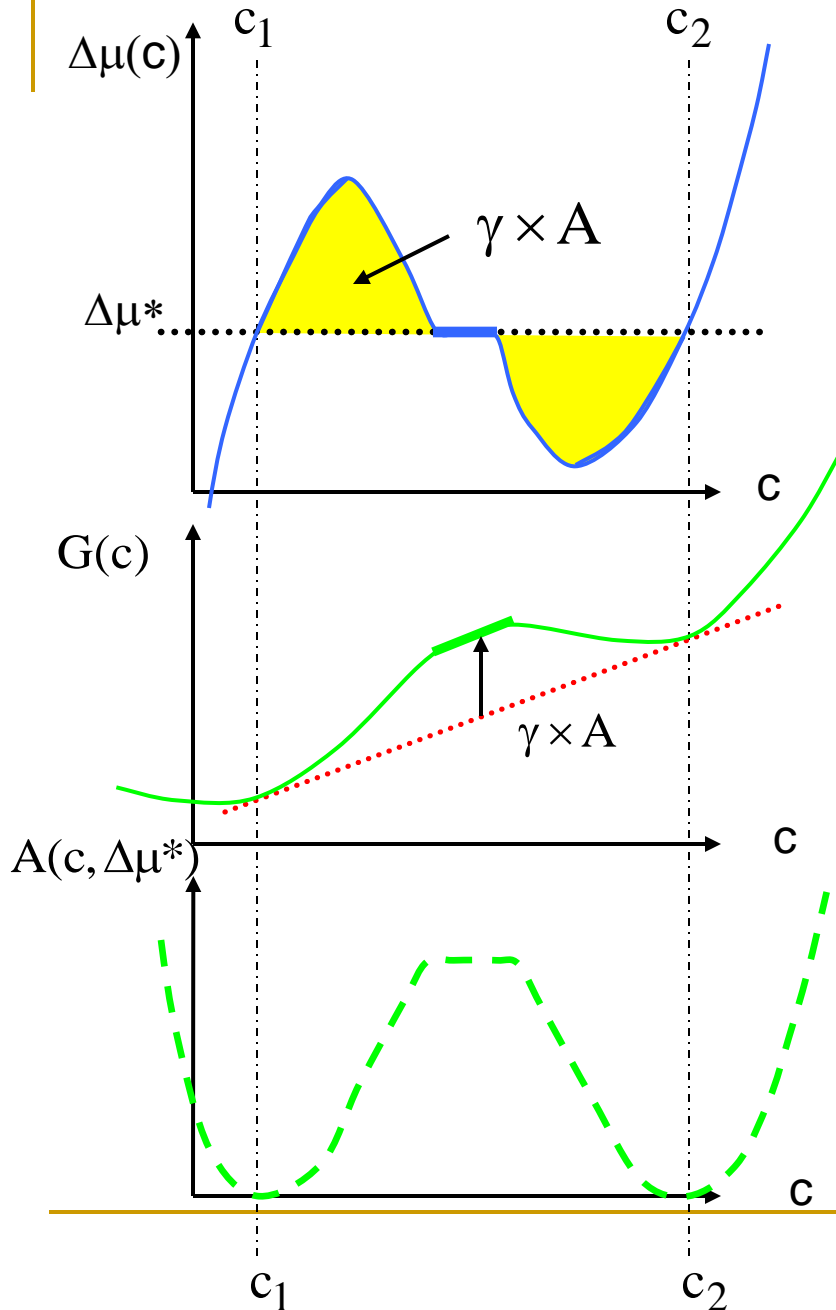
$$E_{ij}(\uparrow\uparrow) = E_{ij}(\downarrow\downarrow) < E_{ij}(\uparrow\downarrow)$$

$$F(M) = -kT \ln p(M)$$

$$p(M_i) = \langle h_{M_i \pm \Delta M_i} \rangle$$



# Maxwell construction



$$\frac{\partial G(c)}{\partial c} = \Delta\mu(c)$$

$$\int_{c_1}^{c_2} (\Delta\mu(c) - \Delta\mu^*) dc = 0$$

$\Leftrightarrow$

$$G(c_2) - G(c_1) = (c_2 - c_1) \Delta\mu^*$$

$$A(c, \Delta\mu^*) = -kT \ln \sum_{\text{conf}} h_c(\text{conf})$$

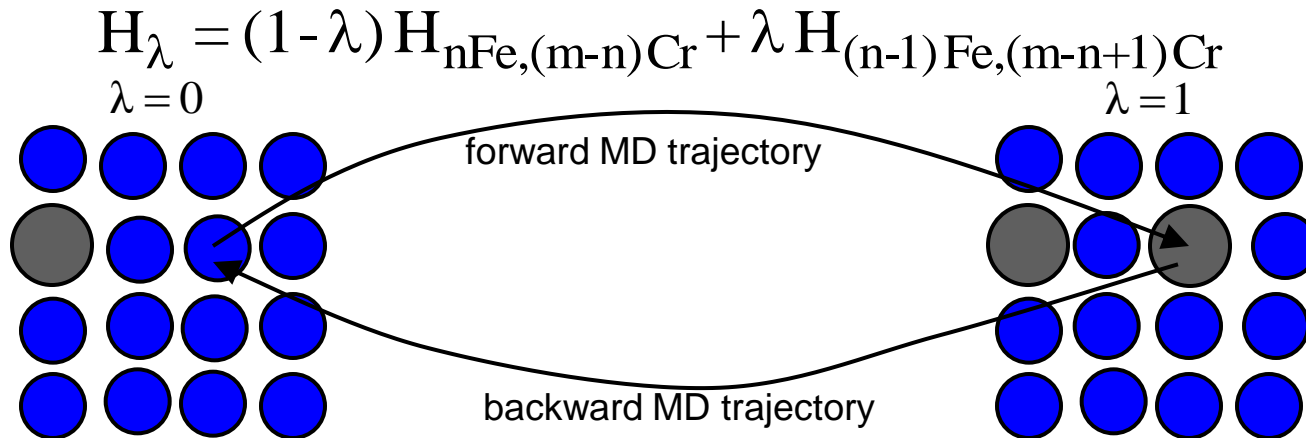
$$h_c(\text{conf}) = \delta \left( \frac{N^{\text{Cr}}}{N^{\text{Cr}} + N^{\text{Fe}}} - c \right)$$

# Estimation of chemical potential differences

Gradual transmutation of a Fe atom into Cr atom

Reference system 0:  $n\text{Fe} - (m-n)\text{Cr}$

Target system 1:  $(n-1)\text{Fe} - (m-n+1)\text{Cr}$

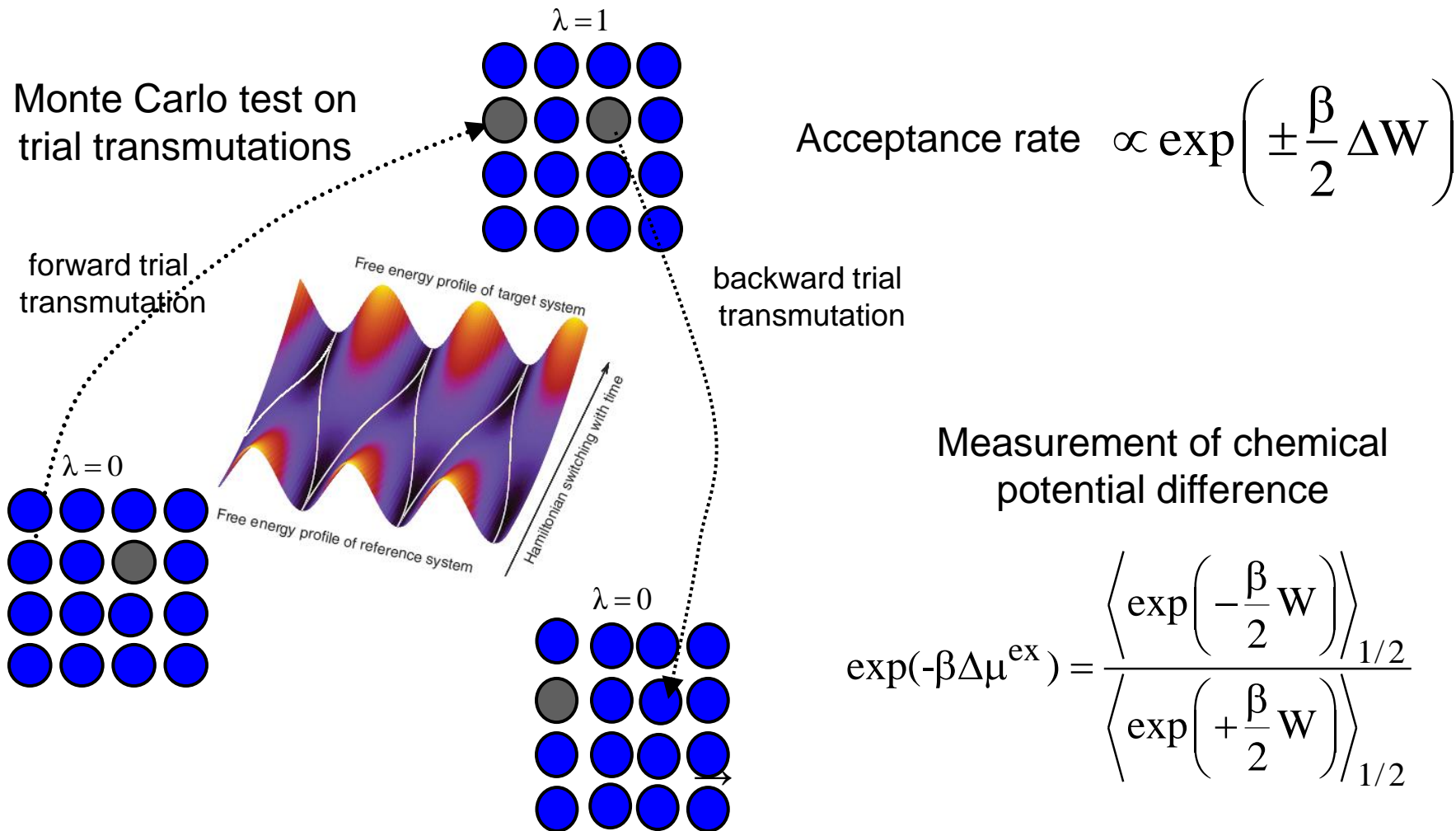


$$\exp(-\beta\Delta\mu^{\text{ex}}) = \exp(-\beta\Delta G) = \langle \exp(-\beta W) \rangle_{0 \rightarrow 1} = \frac{1}{\langle \exp(+\beta W) \rangle_{1 \rightarrow 0}}$$

C. Jarzynski PRL (1997), G. E. Crooks, J. Stat. Phys. (1998)



# Exploration of alloy configurations: path sampling



# Metropolis estimator

$$J_N^0(f) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N f_n \approx \langle f \rangle \quad f_n = \exp\left(\pm \frac{\beta}{2} W_n\right)$$

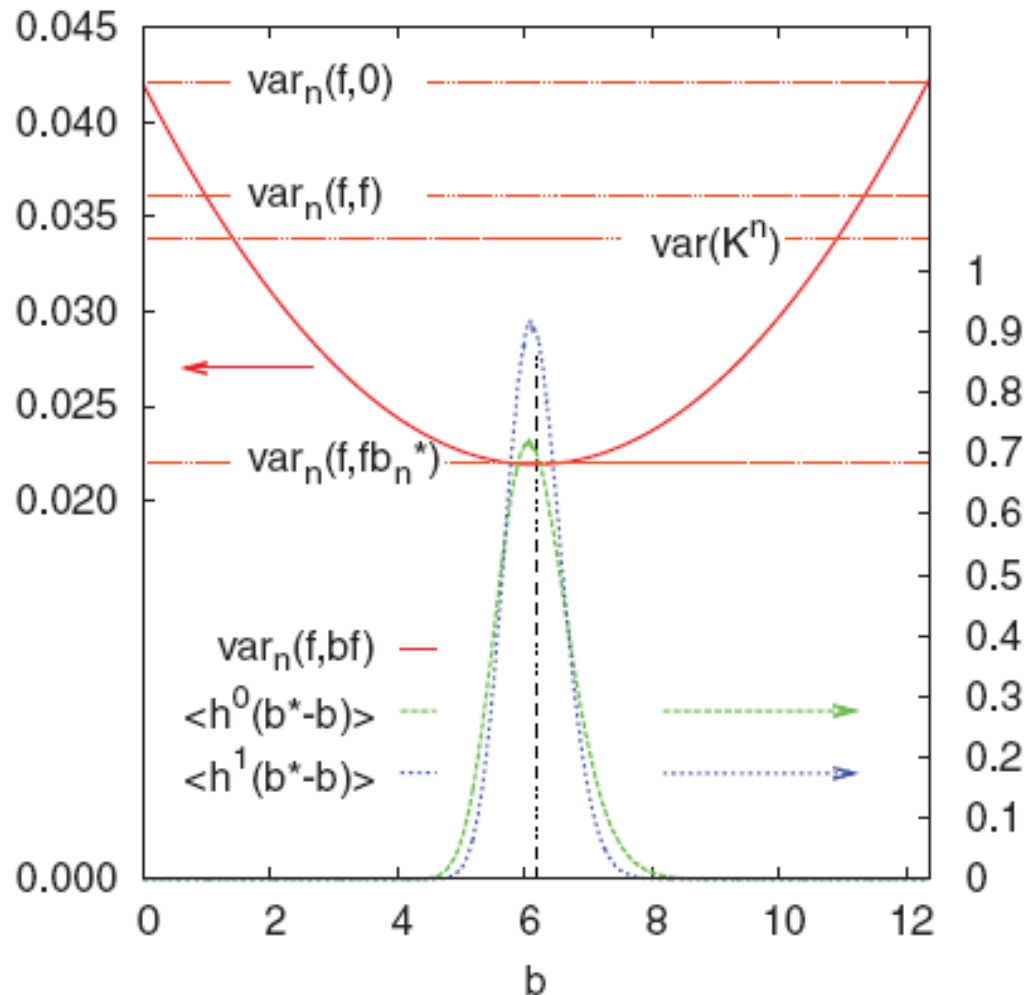
# Waste-recycling estimator (Frenkel, PNAS 2004)

$$J_N^{\text{WR}}(f) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N f_n (1 - p_n^{\text{acc}}) + \tilde{f}_n p_n^{\text{acc}} \quad \tilde{f}_n = \exp\left(\pm \frac{\beta}{2} \tilde{W}_n\right)$$

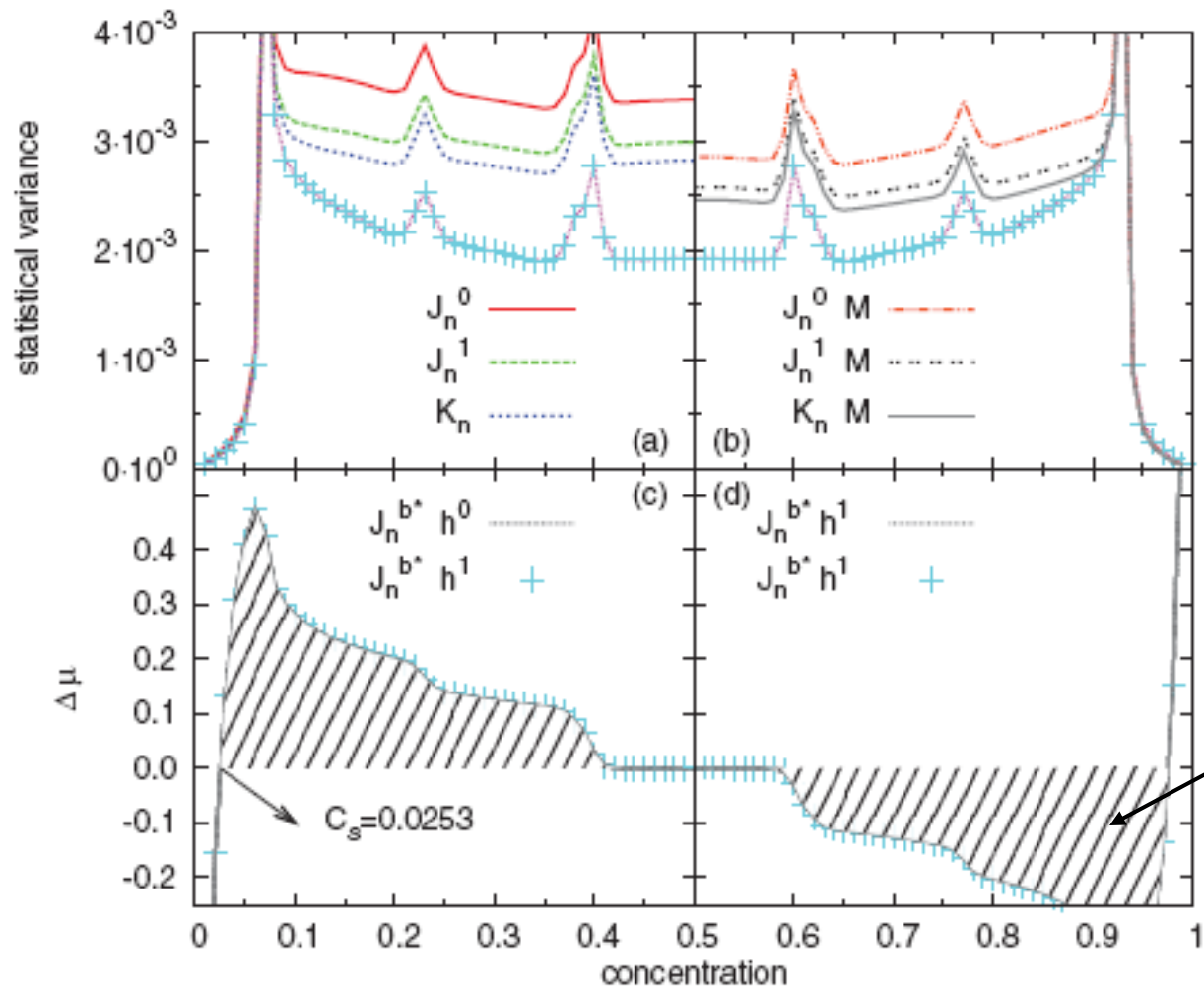
# Optimal estimator (Delmas & Jourdain, J. Appl. Probab. 2009)

$$J_N^{b^*}(f) = (1 - b^*) J_N^0(f) + b^* J_N^1(f) \quad b^* = 1/\text{corr}(f_n, f_{n+1})$$

# Assesment of optimal estimator in a BCC Ising-like binary system



# Statistical variances and chemical potentials

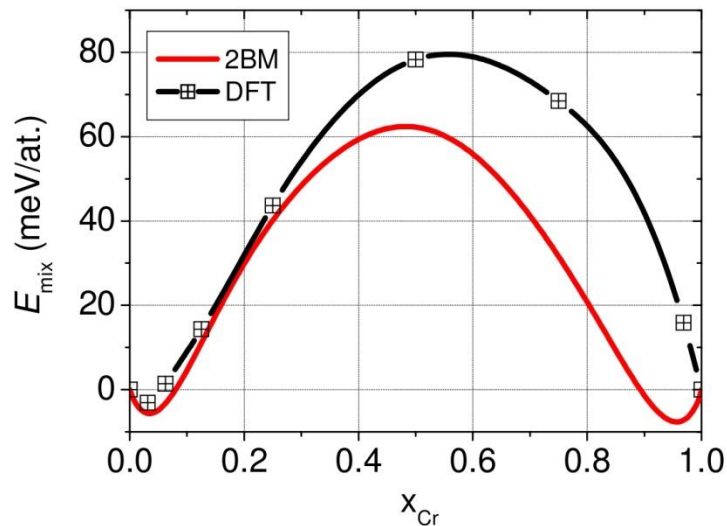
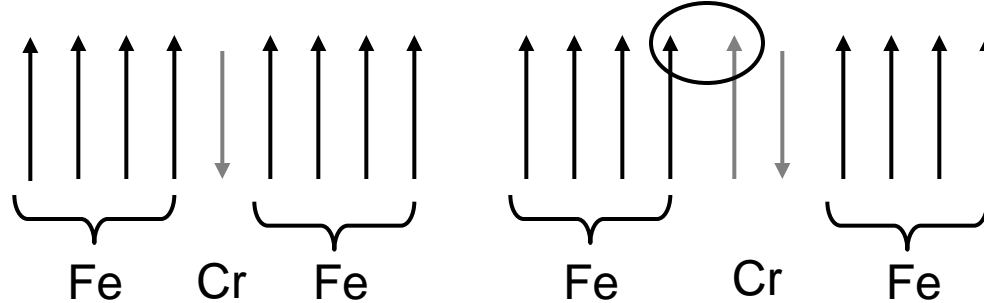


$$\gamma \times A$$

# Empirical potential used:

two-band model (2BM) (P. Olsson et al. Phys. Rev. B 2005)

EAM potential reproducing  $\alpha$  and  $\alpha'$  phases



(Olsson et al. 2005, Phys. Rev. B)

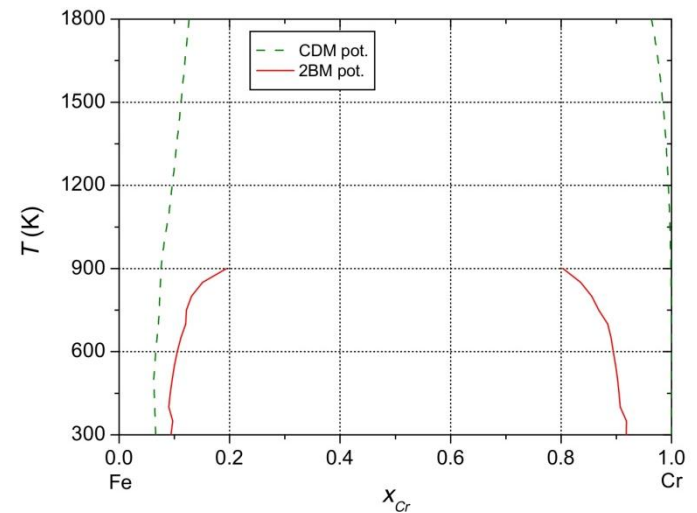
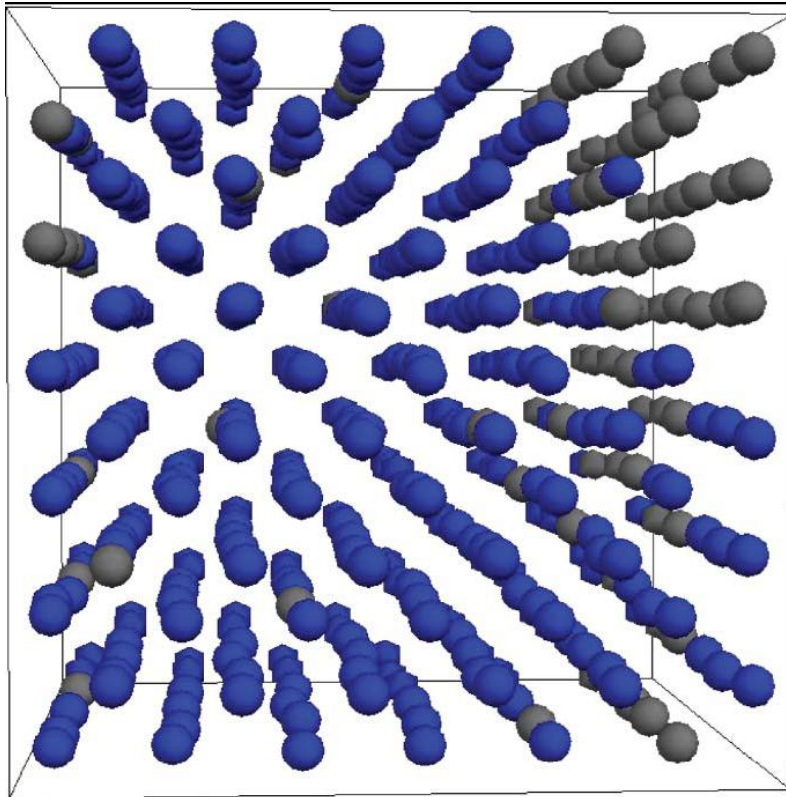


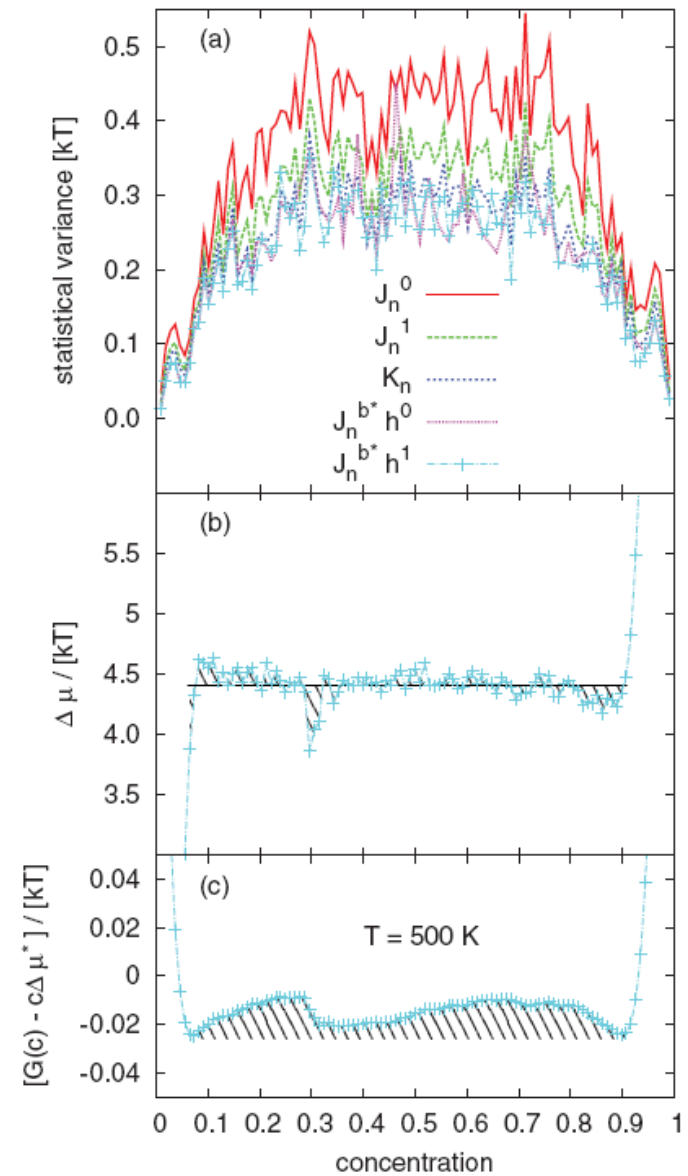
fig :G. Bonny et al., J. Nucl. Mat. 2008)

CDM potential : A. Caro et al

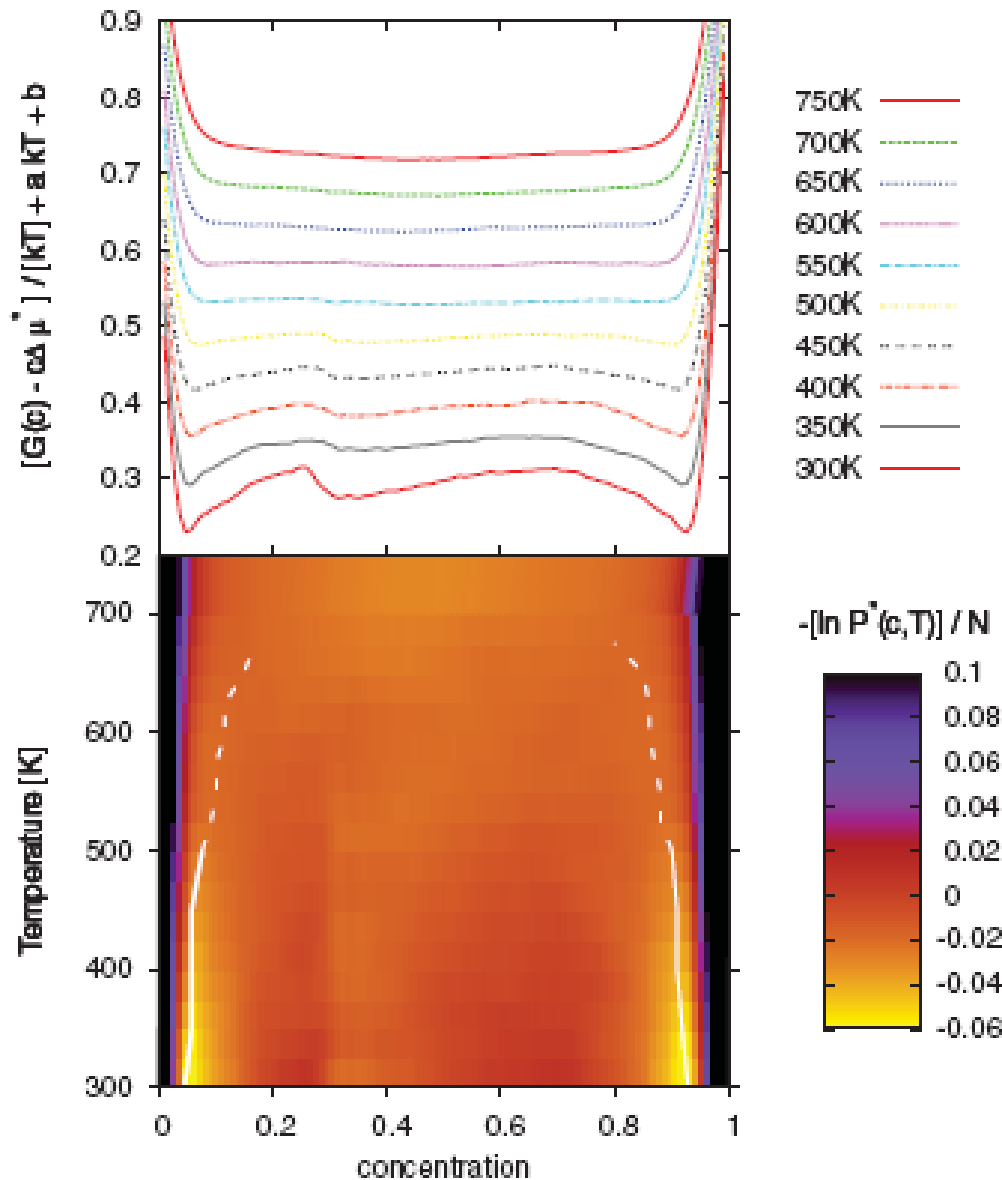
# Calculations in FeCr



432 atoms



# Equilibrium phase diagram of FeCr

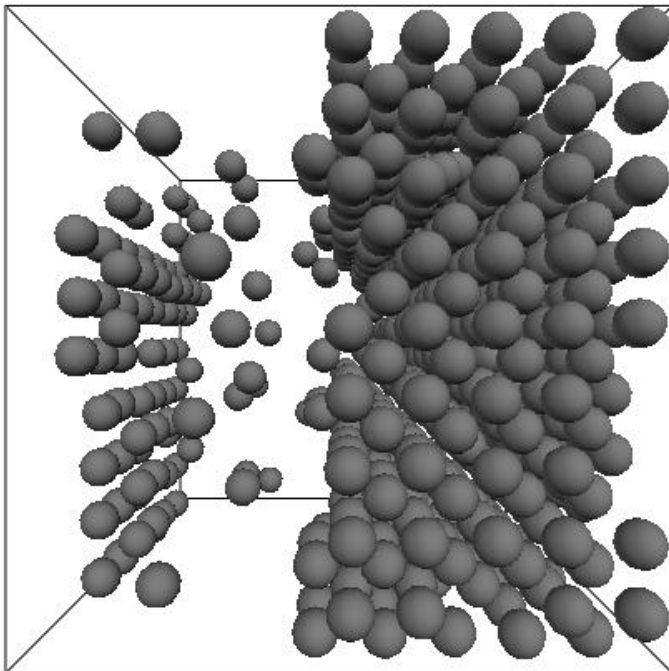
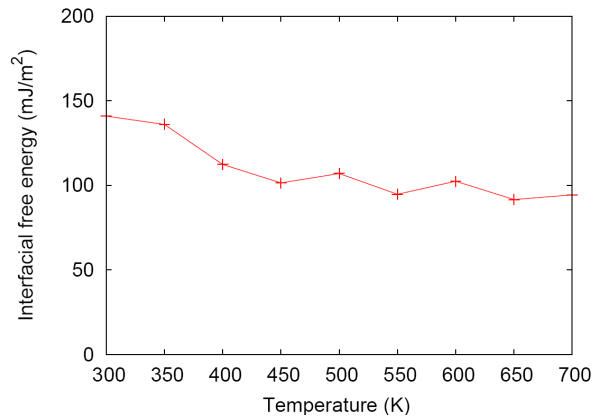


432 atoms:  
Strong finite size  
effects

G. Adjanor, et al.  
J. Chem. Phys. 2011

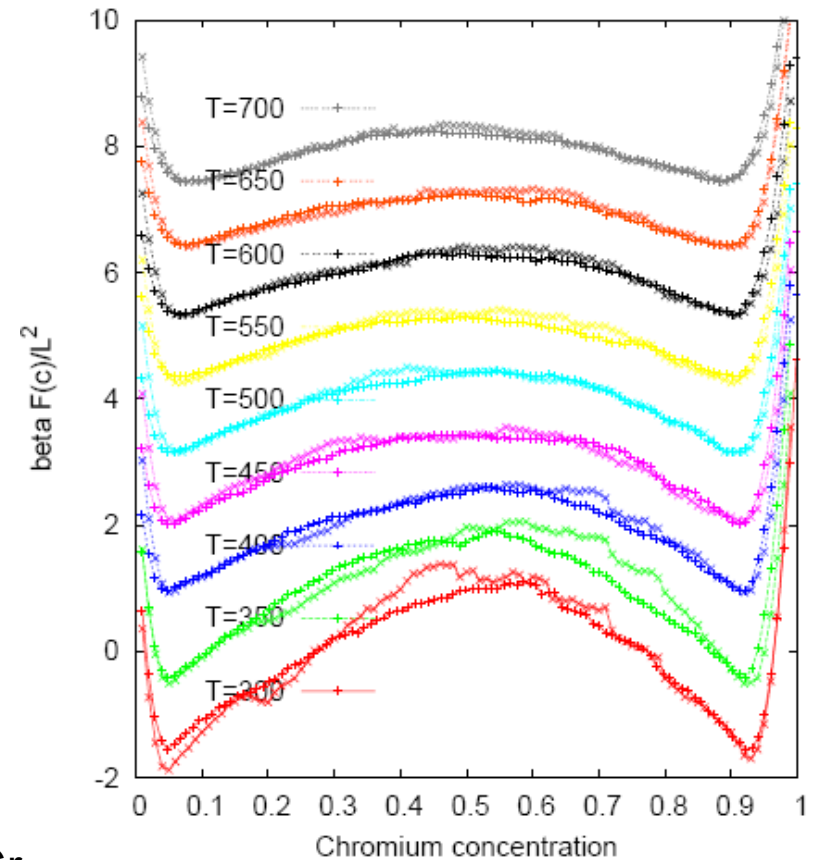
# Interfacial free energy

$\gamma$



51at.% Cr  
1456 atoms  
T=300K

1456 & 2000 atoms



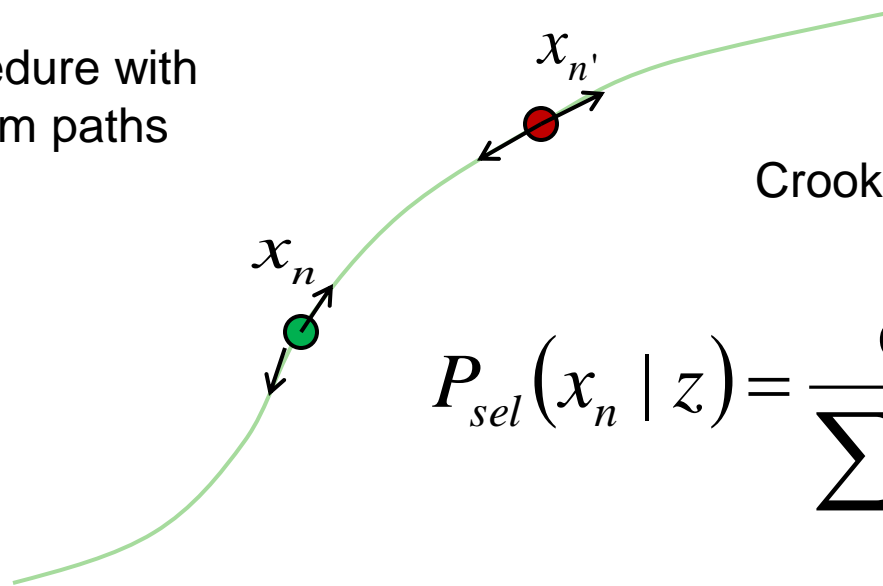
CDM potential  
B. Sadigh & P. Erhart,  
cond-mat.mtrl-sci 2011



# Waste-recycling & steered molecular dynamics

$$P_{sel}(x_n | z)P_{cond}(z | x_{n'})P(x_{n'}) = P_{sel}(x_{n'} | z)P_{cond}(z | x_n)P(x_n)$$

Shooting procedure with  
nonequilibrium paths



Crooks work theorem

$$P_{sel}(x_n | z) = \frac{\exp[-\beta W_n]}{\sum_{\ell}^N \exp[-\beta W_{\ell}]}$$

# Summary of Monte Carlo algorithm

## 1. Run the following sampler

1. Proposed states in generated nonequilibrium path
2. Select new state using posterior conditional probability

## 2. Evaluate average with estimator

$$\langle A \rangle = \frac{1}{M} \sum_{m=1}^M \frac{\sum_{n=0}^N A(r_{n|m}) \exp[-\beta W_{n|m}]}{\sum_{n=0}^N \exp[-\beta W_{n|m}]}$$

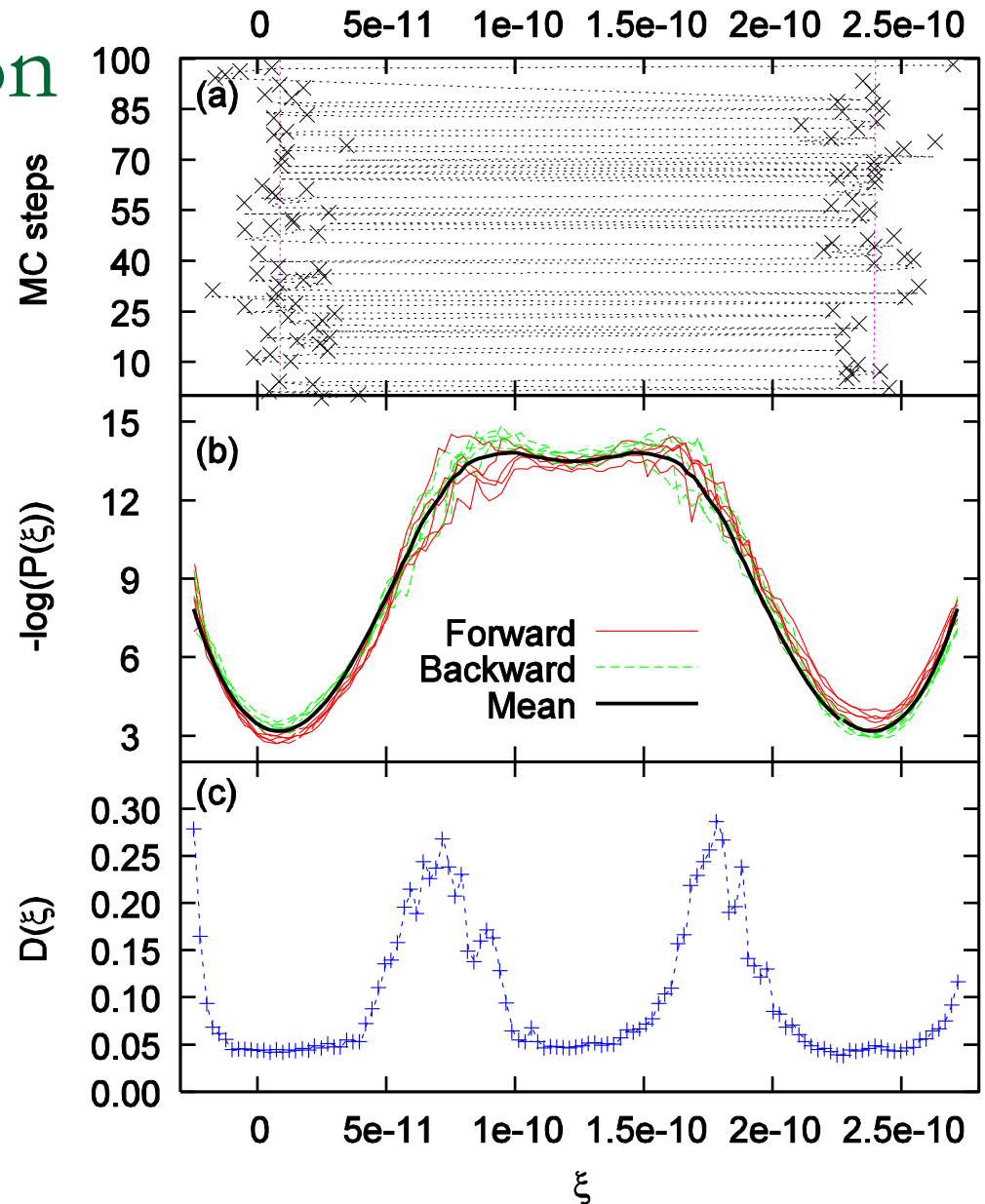
# Vacancy migration in $\alpha$ -Fe

- Mendeleev potential
- $\alpha$ -Fe structure (bcc)
- Single additional steering variable
- Harmonic spring on nearest vacancy neighbor

$$h_{\xi} = \frac{\sum_{n=0}^N h_{\xi}(\xi_n) \exp[-\beta W_n]}{\sum_{n=0}^N \exp[-\beta W_n]}$$

$$P(\xi) = \langle h_{\xi} \rangle$$

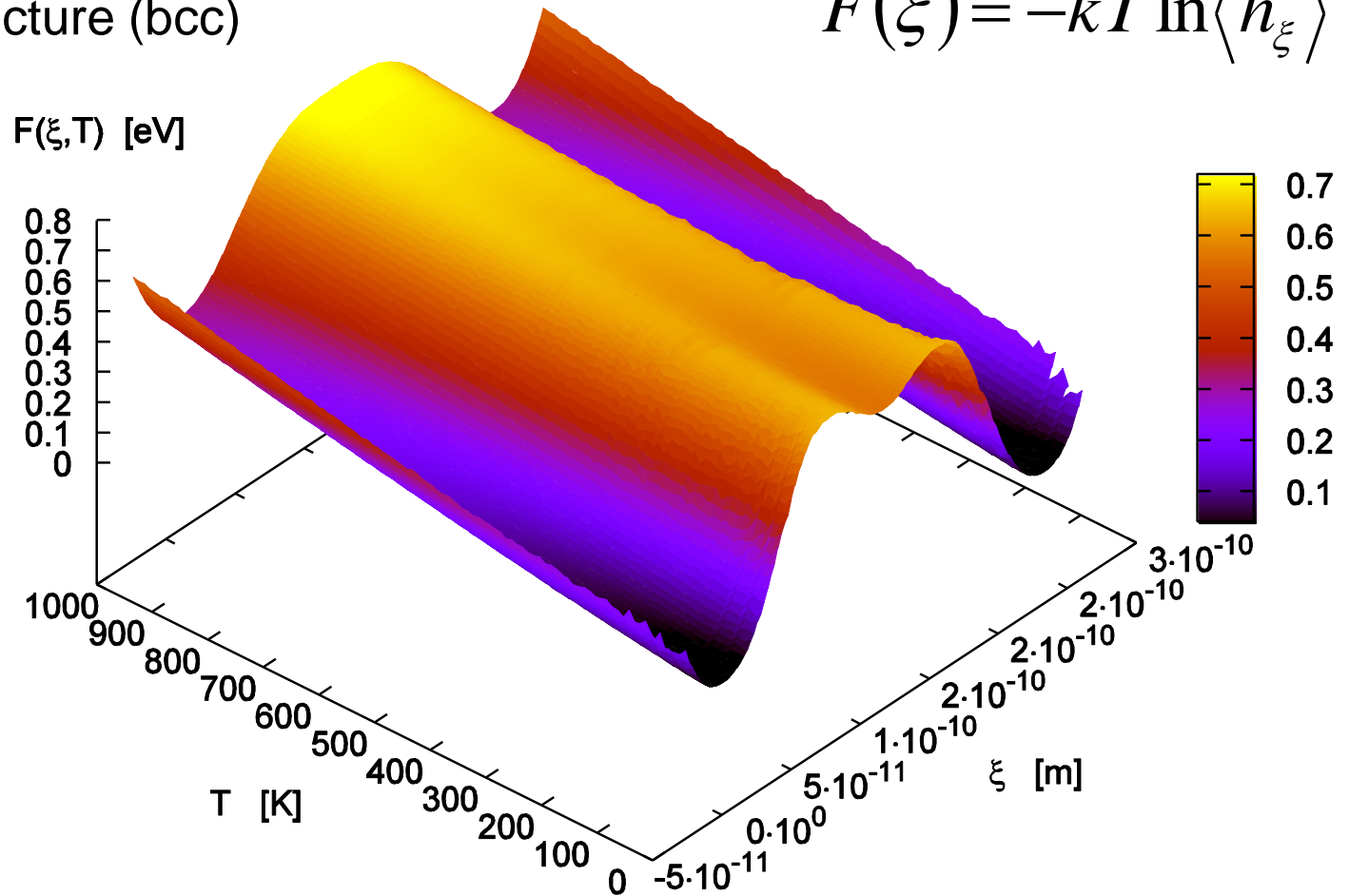
$$D(\xi) = -\langle \ln h_{\xi} \rangle$$



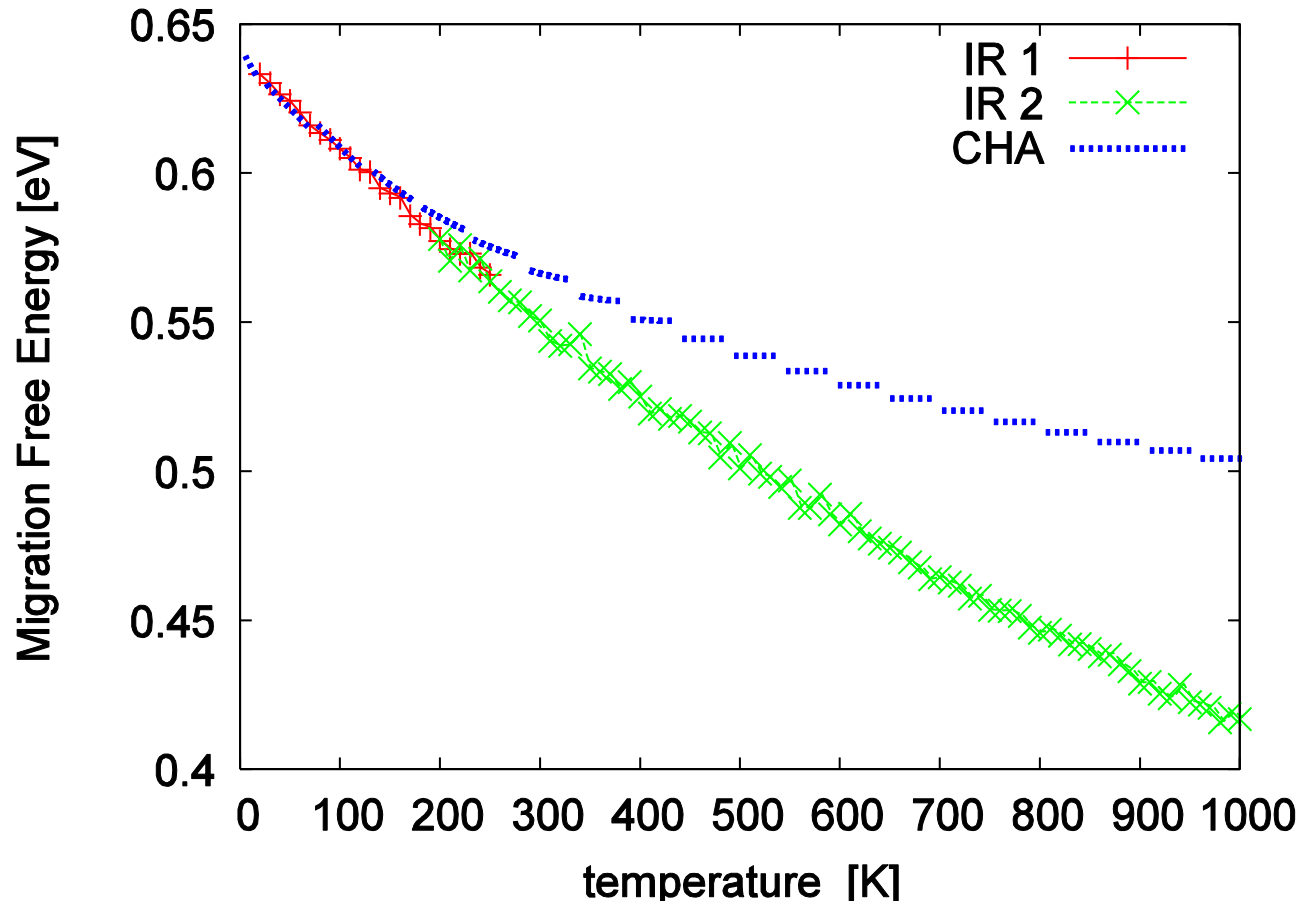
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$$F(\xi) = -kT \ln \langle h_{\xi} \rangle$$



# Comparison with classical harmonic approximation



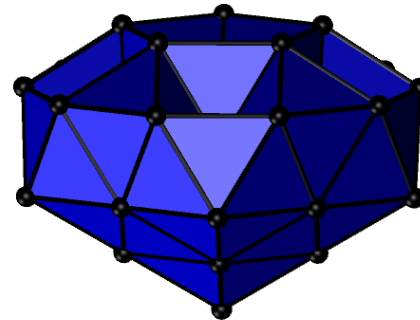
# Intermezzo: the 38-atom cluster « LJ<sub>38</sub> »

liquid structures  
(desordered)

orientational order  
parameter  $Q_4$   
 $4 \cdot 10^{-2} \leq Q_4 \leq 9 \cdot 10^{-2}$

$T_{\text{melt}}=0.17$   
(reduced units)

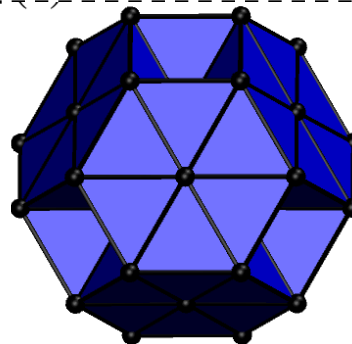
incomplete  
icosahedron  
(fivefold symmetry)  
 $E=-173,252 \text{ } \varepsilon$  [r.u.]



$Q_4=4 \cdot 10^{-2}$

$T_{\text{ss}}=0.12$

truncated  
octahedron  
(fcc symmetry)  
 $E=-173.928 \text{ } \varepsilon$  [r.u.]



$Q_4=0.19$

$\rightarrow \Lambda(Q_4) ?$

$T \downarrow$

# Autonomous steering with two additional coordinates

$$\xi_1(\mathbf{r}) = Q_4(\mathbf{r}) \rightarrow \xi_1^{add}$$

TAMD, (Eric Vanden-Eijden)

$$\xi_2(\mathbf{r}) = E(\mathbf{r}) \rightarrow \xi_2^{add}$$

$$\ddot{\xi}_j^{add} = -\frac{\mu_j}{m_j} \left( \frac{\partial E_\kappa}{\partial \xi_j^{add}} + \eta_j \dot{\xi}_j^{add} \right) + b_j \sqrt{2 \frac{\mu_j}{m_j} \eta_j kT}$$

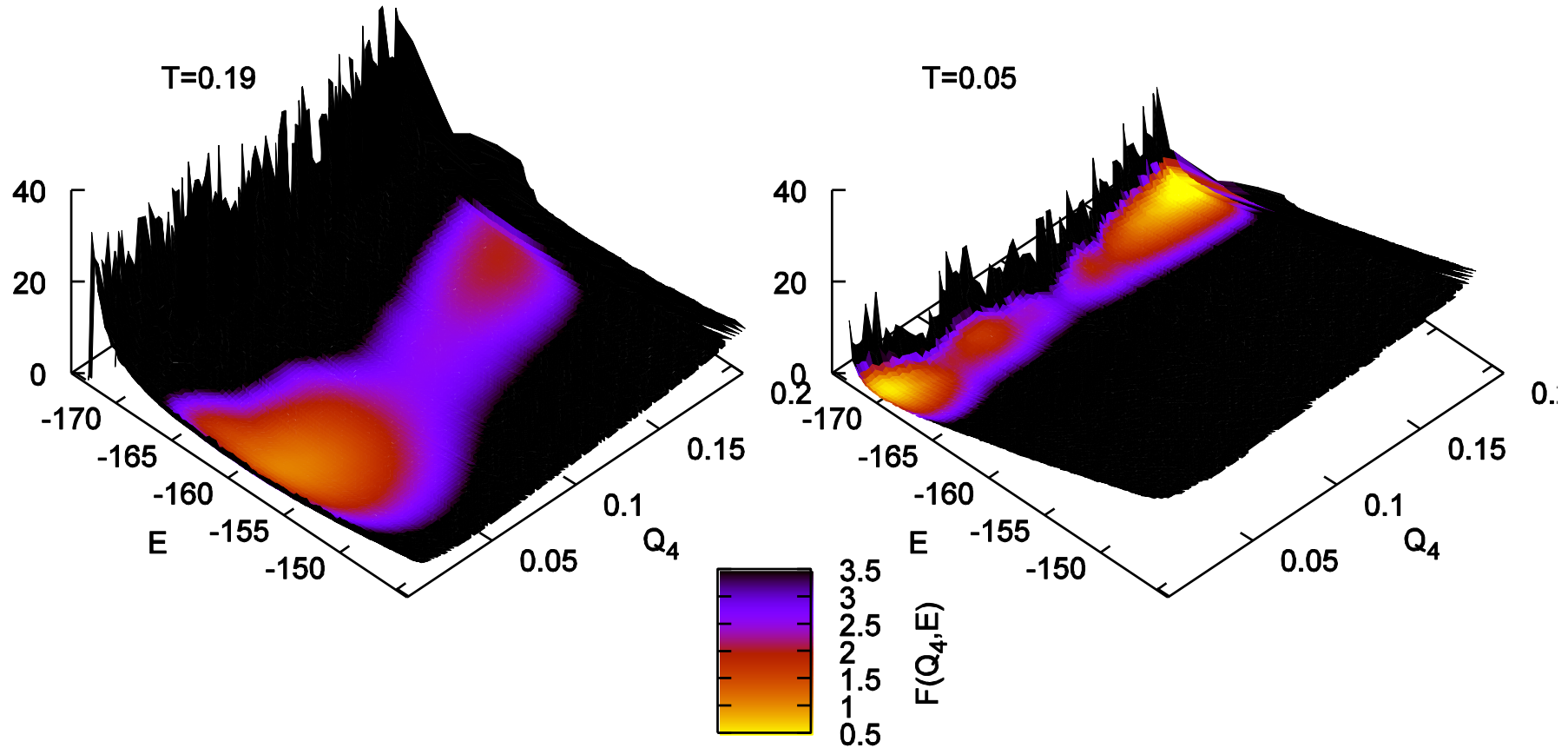
$$W(z) = \sum_j \int_0^\tau (1 - \mu_j) \partial_{\xi_j^{add}} E_\kappa(\mathbf{r}, \xi^{add}) dt$$

$\mu_j = 0$       Non-autonomous steering

$0 < \mu_j < 1$       Autonomous steering out of equilibrium

$\mu_j = 1$       Equilibrium case

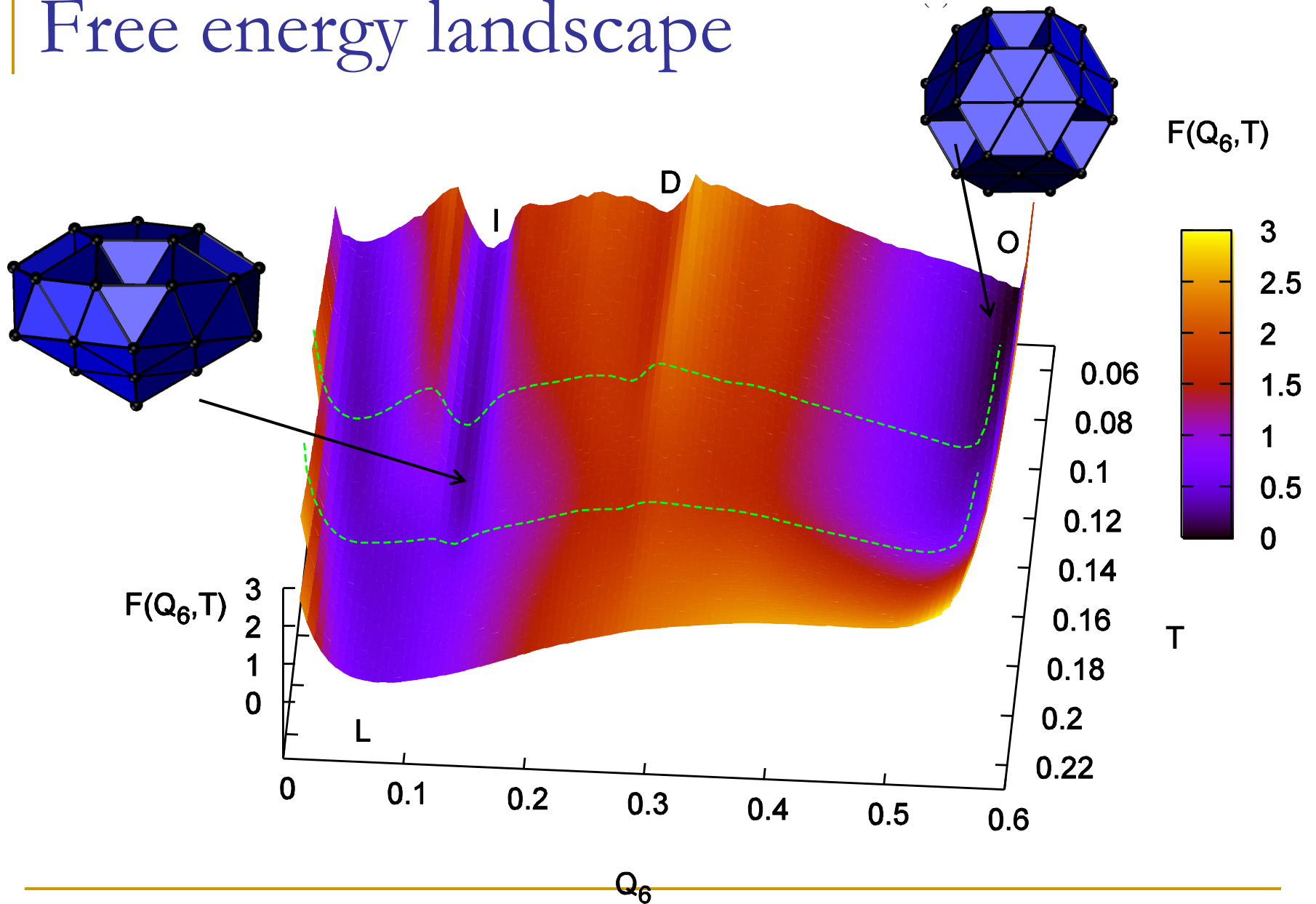
# Free energy contour plot $F_T(E, Q_4) = -kT \ln p(E, Q_4)$



$$p(E, Q_4) = \frac{1}{M} \sum_m \frac{\sum_n h_{E, Q_4}(r_{mn}) \exp[-\beta W_{mn}]}{\sum_n \exp[-\beta W_{mn}]}$$



# Free energy landscape



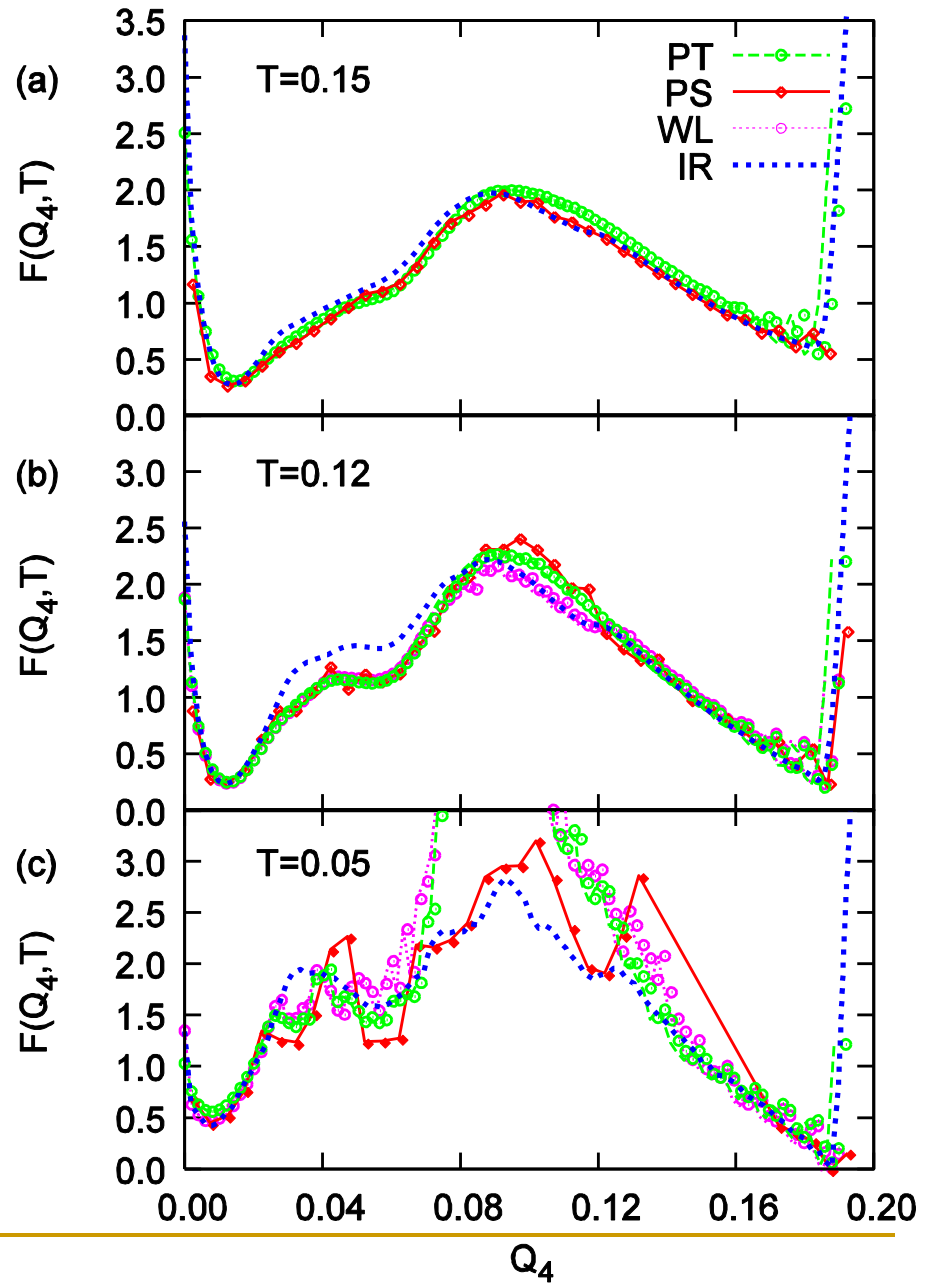
# Comparative study (a)

**PT** : Parallel tempering

**PS** : Path sampling

**WL** : Wang Landau

**IR** : Mutiple State Estimator



# Reformulation of conditional expectations

$$\begin{aligned}\langle O \rangle_\alpha &= \int O(z) P^\alpha(z) dz & P^\alpha(z) &\propto \exp[-s_\alpha(z)] \\ &= \int O(z) P_{\text{cond}}^\alpha(\zeta|z) P^\alpha(z) dz d\zeta \\ &= \int \sum_{\ell=1}^L O(z_\ell) P_{\text{sel}}^\alpha(z_\ell|\zeta) P_{\text{marg}}^\alpha(\zeta) d\zeta\end{aligned}$$

$$P_{\text{marg}}^\alpha(\zeta) \propto \exp[-S_\alpha(\zeta)]$$

$$\bar{O}_\alpha = \sum_{\ell=1}^L O(z_\ell) P_{\text{sel}}^\alpha(z_\ell|\zeta)$$

# Waste-recycling & multi-state Bennett acceptance ratio method

$$B_{\alpha}(O) = \sum_{m=1}^M \frac{O^m \exp\left[\hat{f}_{\alpha} - s_{\alpha}(z)\right]}{\sum_{k=1}^K \exp\left[\hat{f}_{\theta(k)} - s_{\theta(k)}(z)\right]}$$

$$B_{\alpha}^{WR}(O) = \sum_{m=1}^M \frac{\bar{O}_{\alpha}^m \exp\left[\hat{f}_{\alpha} - S_{\alpha}(\zeta)\right]}{\sum_{k=1}^K \exp\left[\hat{f}_{\theta(k)} - S_{\theta(k)}(\zeta)\right]}$$

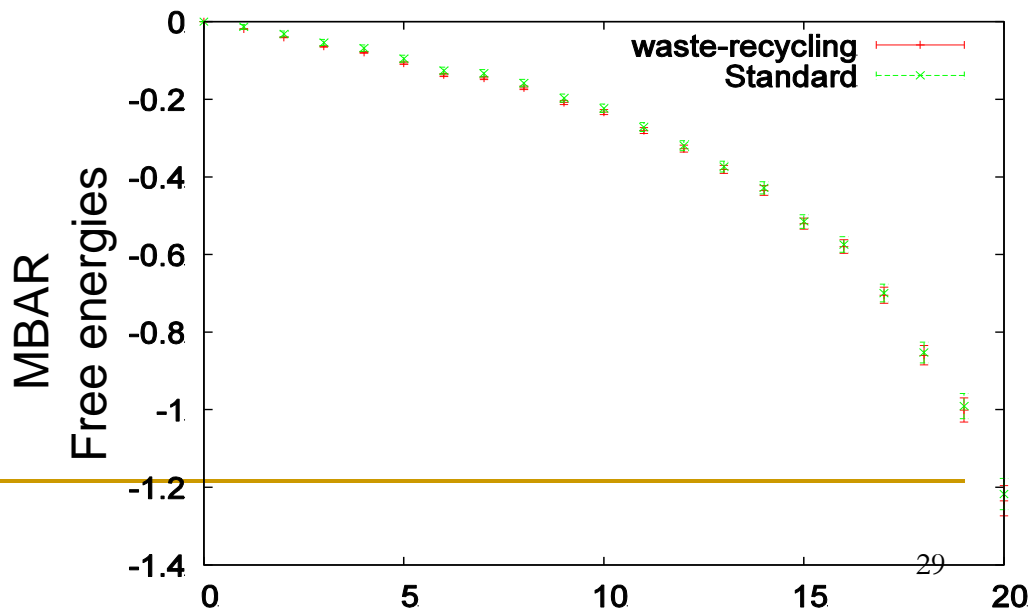
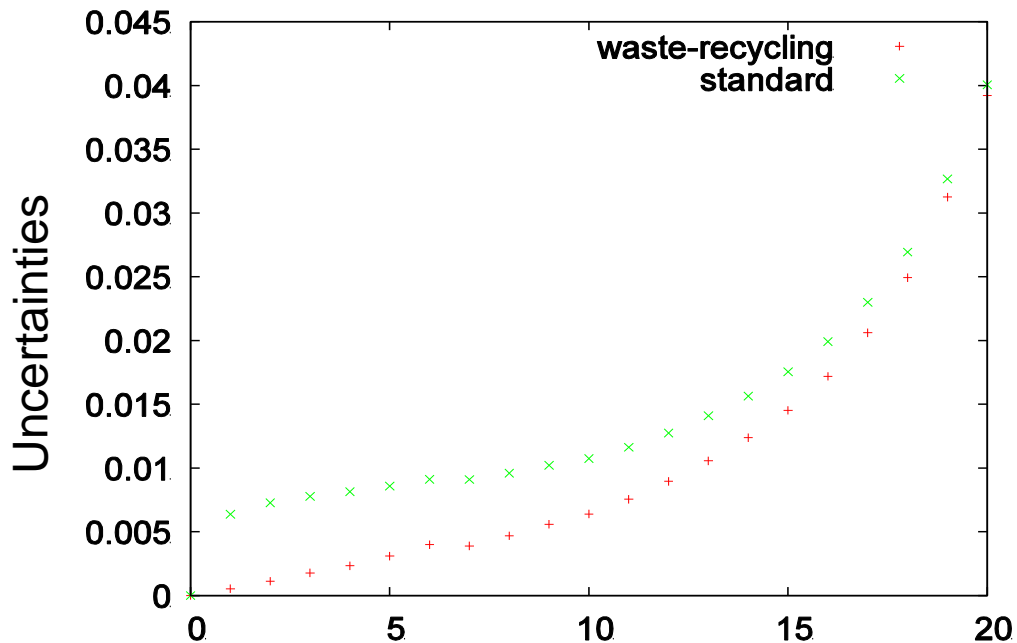
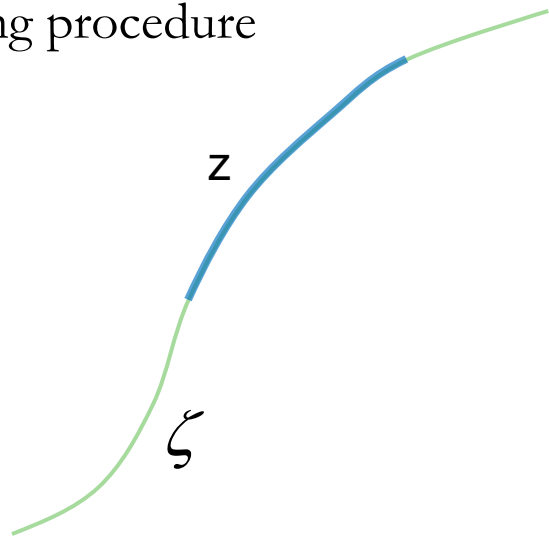
$$\bar{O}_{\alpha} = \sum_{\ell=1}^L O(z_{\ell}) P_{sel}^{\alpha}(z_{\ell} | \zeta)$$

# WR & MBAR

Transition path sampling simulations

Bias depends on eigenvalues of jacobian matrix

Shifting procedure



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# Summary

Two points of view to see waste-recycling estimators

1. Information of the unselected states is retrieved using a conditional expectation.
2. Information is inferred from the posterior likelihood of states (paths) in the set of generated states (paths).

First approach is more general

- can be used in combination with existing methods
- rigorous mathematical analysis (Delmas and Jourdain)

Second approach can be used in combination with post-processing tools (MBAR). Open question: is variance reduction guaranteed?

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