

# Egorov Research Group

## Fall Recap

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# Transition State Theory (TST)

## Background:

- Developed to explain chemical reaction rates
- Assumes particles behave classically

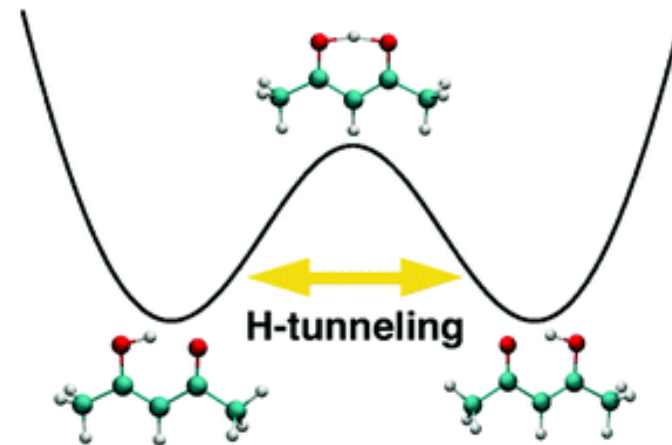
## Examples:

- Nuclear reactions
- R-H functionalization rxns in catalysis

Arbitrary Elementary Rxn.



$$rate = k [A]^a + [B]^b$$



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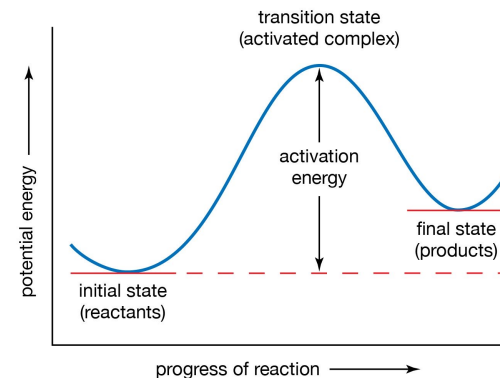
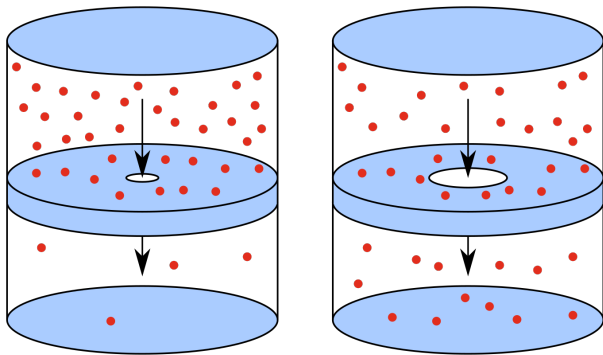
# Quantum Effusion

## Overview:

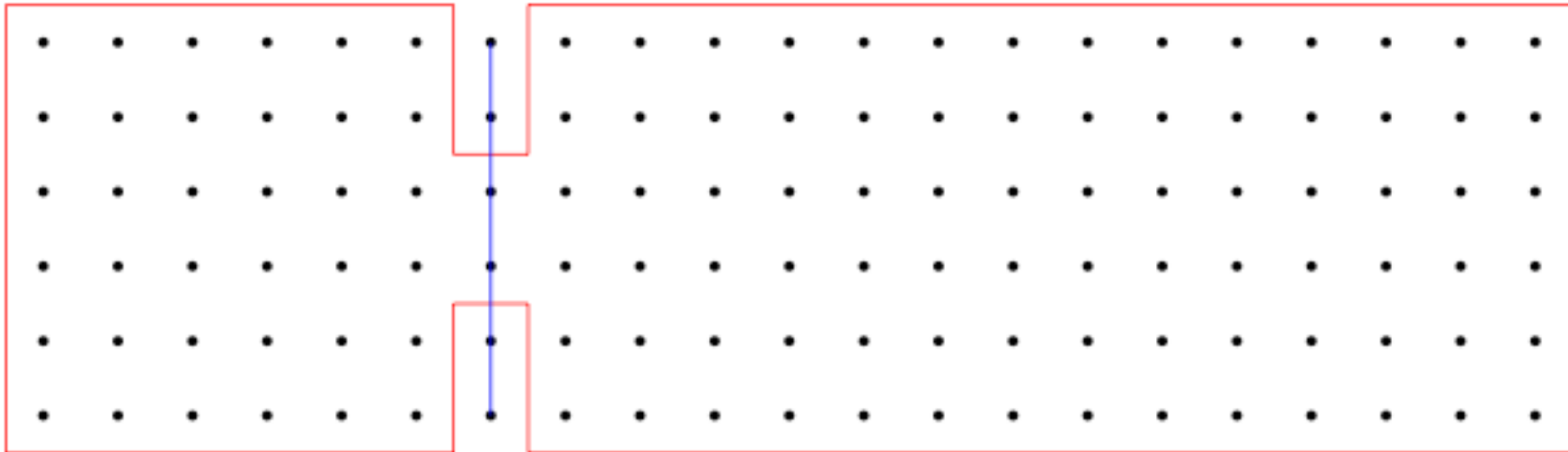
- Use modified 2D Particle-in-a-Box (P.I.B.) to model effusion → find exact thermal rate constants

## Goal:

- Compare exact results to validate ring polymer molecular dynamics (RPMD) results → Quantum Transition State Theory (QTST)

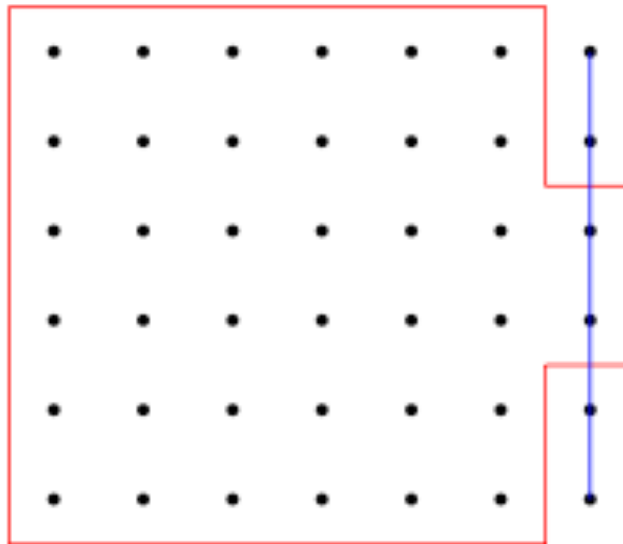


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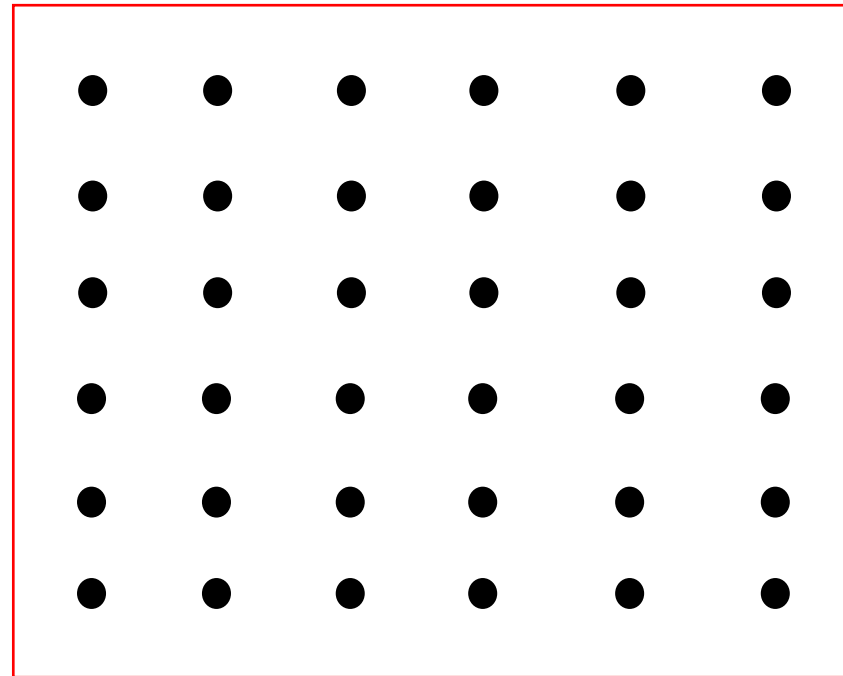


Sigurðarson, A.E. Calculation of the Quantum Mechanical Effusion Rate out of a 2D Box. BSc. Dissertation, School of Engineering and Natural Sciences University of Iceland, 2021.

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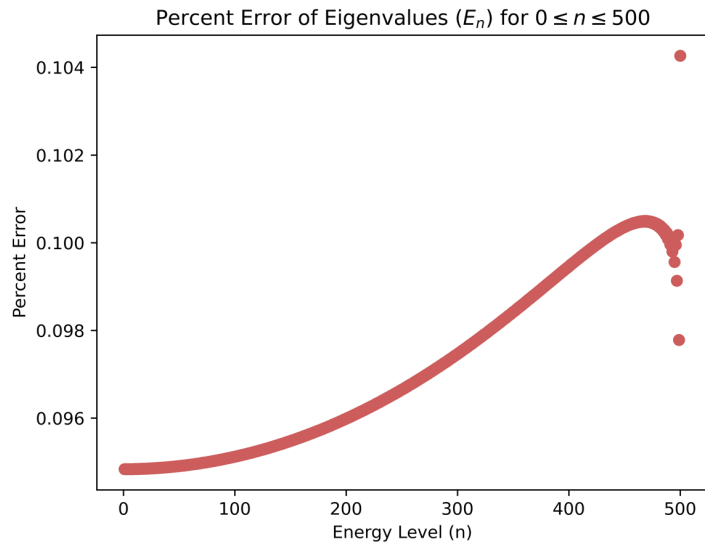
Walls  $\rightarrow \psi = 0$   
Inside the Box  $\rightarrow \psi \neq 0$

# Methods

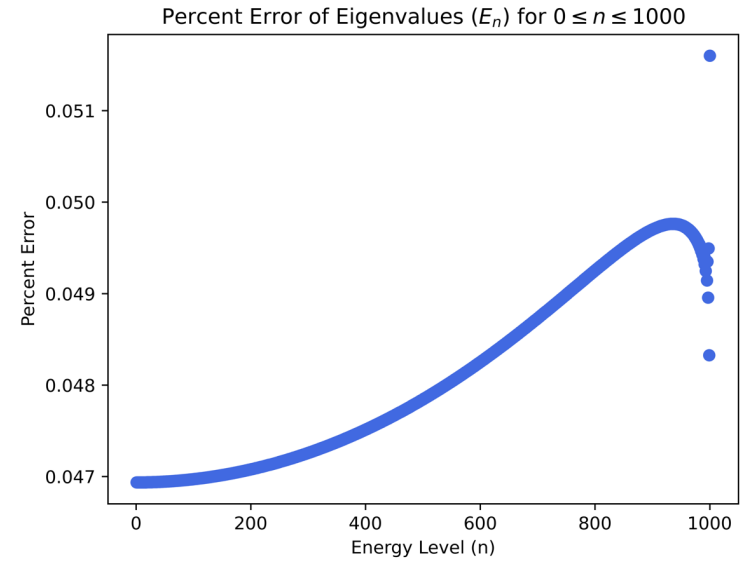
- Construct Hamiltonian Matrix
- Solve Time-Independent Schrödinger Equation ( $\hat{H}\psi = E\psi$ ) at each point in the box
- Return eigenvalues and eigenvectors

$$\left[ \bullet \quad \bullet \quad \bullet \right] \xrightarrow{\text{Apply weights}} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{-\pi^2}{3} & \frac{2}{1^2} & -\frac{2}{2^2} \\ \frac{2}{1^2} & \frac{-\pi^2}{3} & \frac{2}{1^2} \\ -\frac{2}{2^2} & \frac{2}{1^2} & \frac{-\pi^2}{3} \end{bmatrix} * -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{d^2}{dx^2}$$

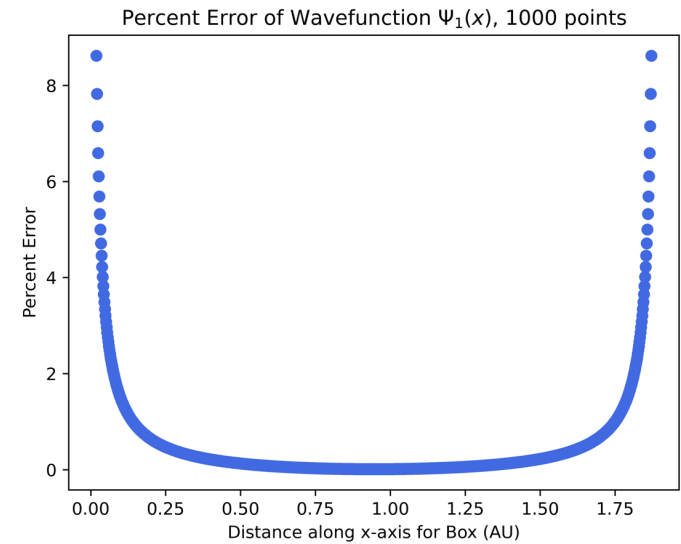
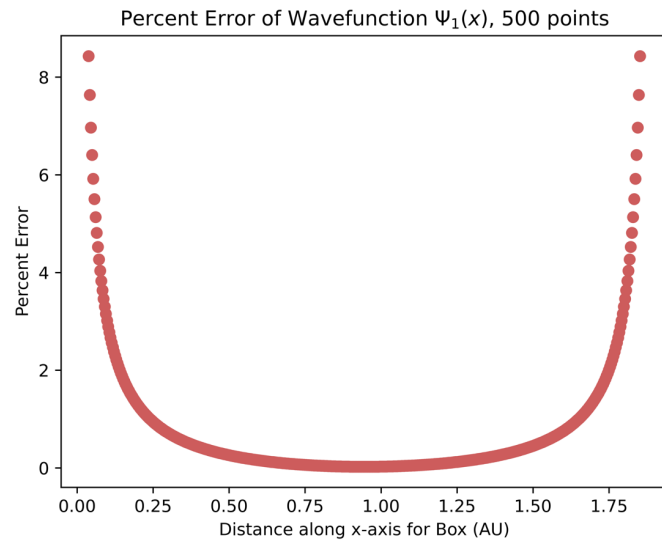
# P.I.B.in $\mathbb{R}^1$



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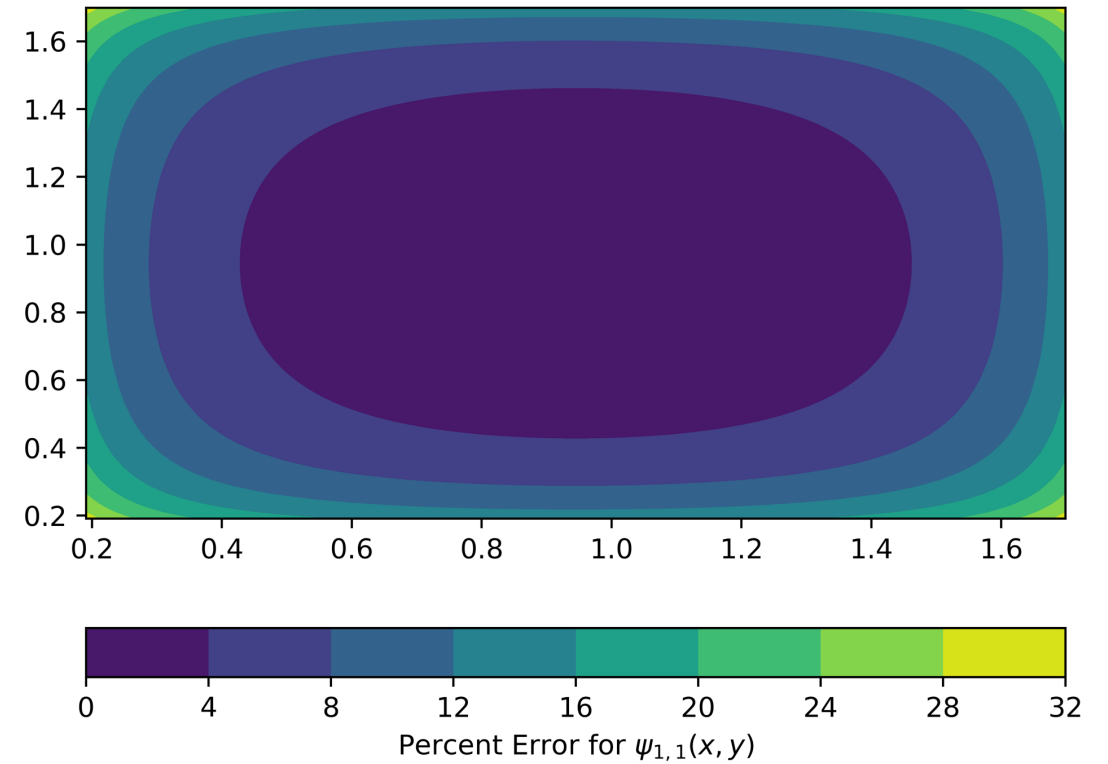
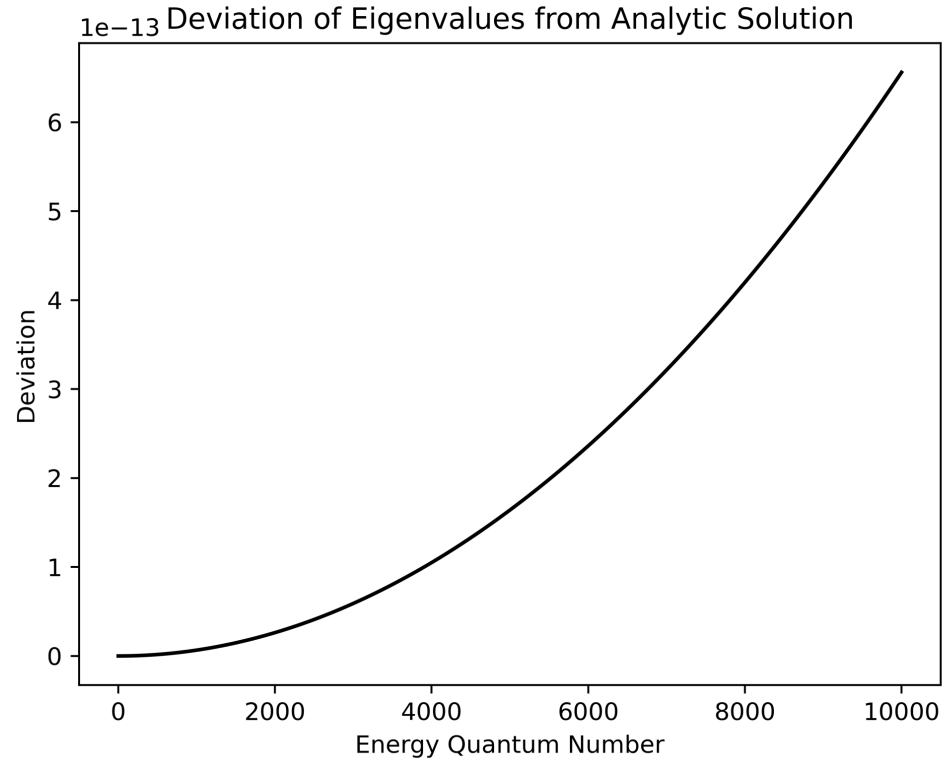


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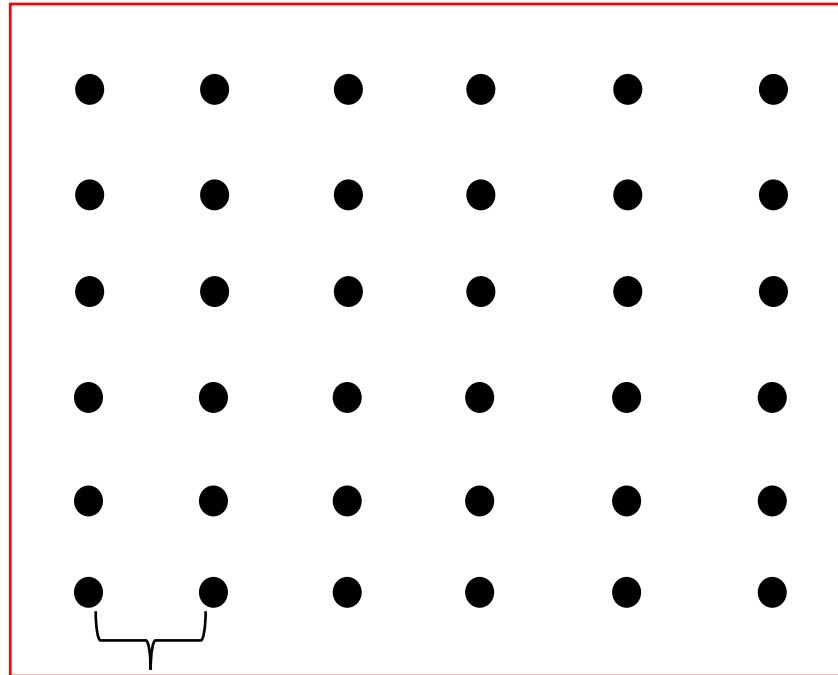




# P.I.B.in $\mathbb{R}^2$

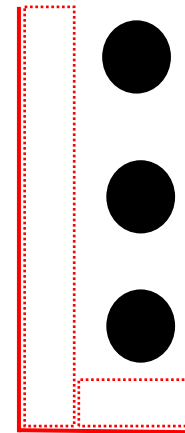
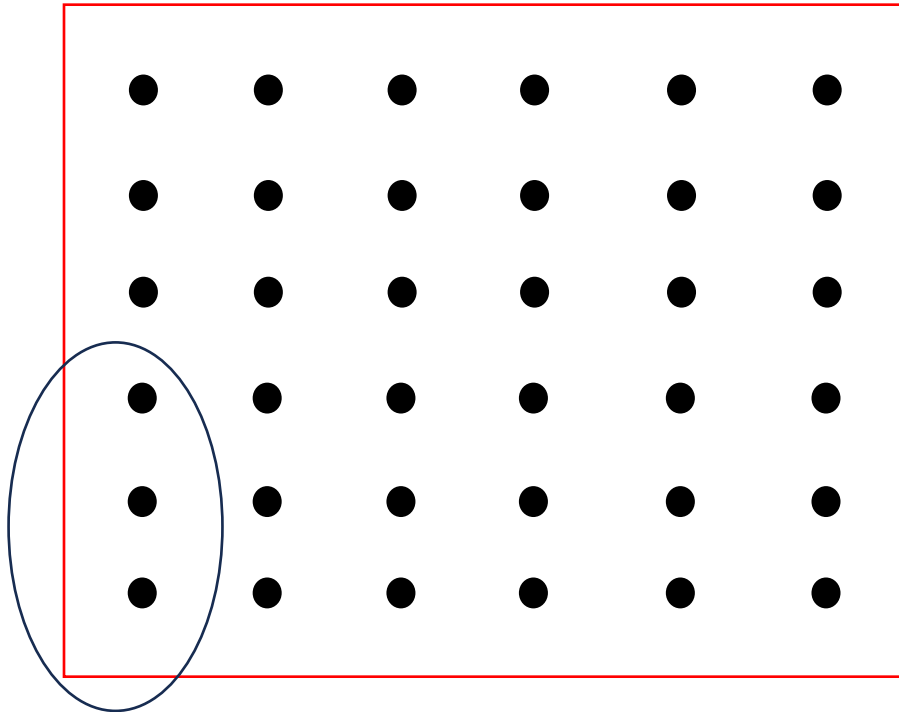


# Grid Spacing Issue

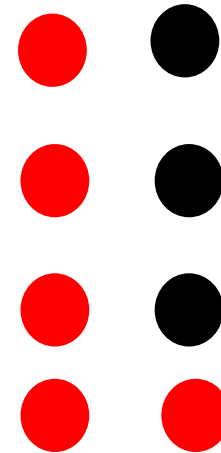


$$dx, dy = \frac{(L_{max} - L_{min})}{nx, ny \pm 1}$$

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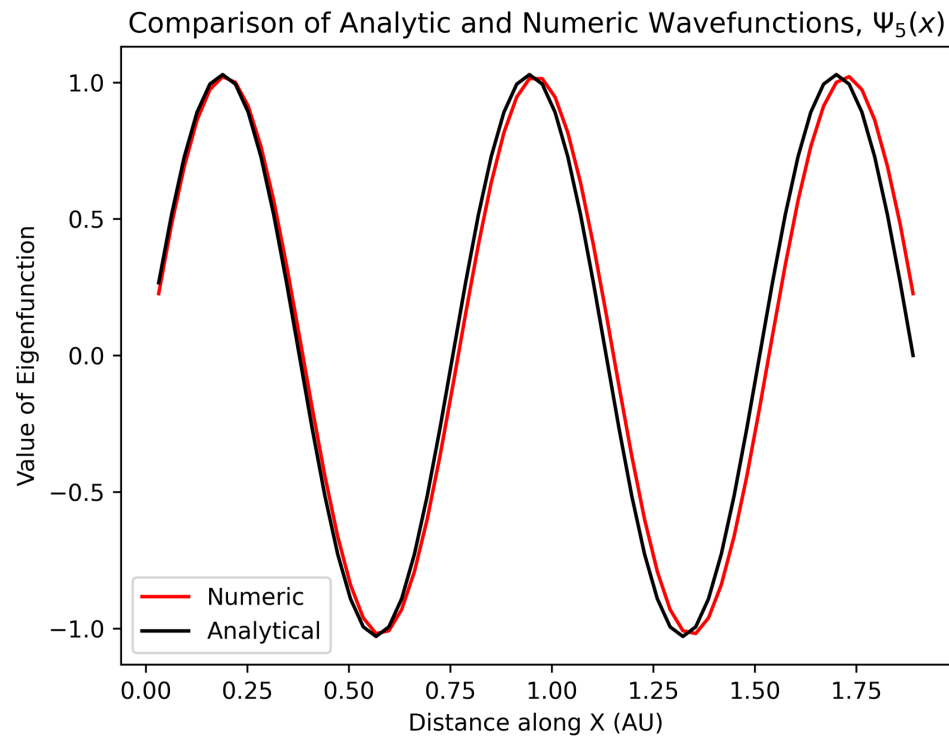


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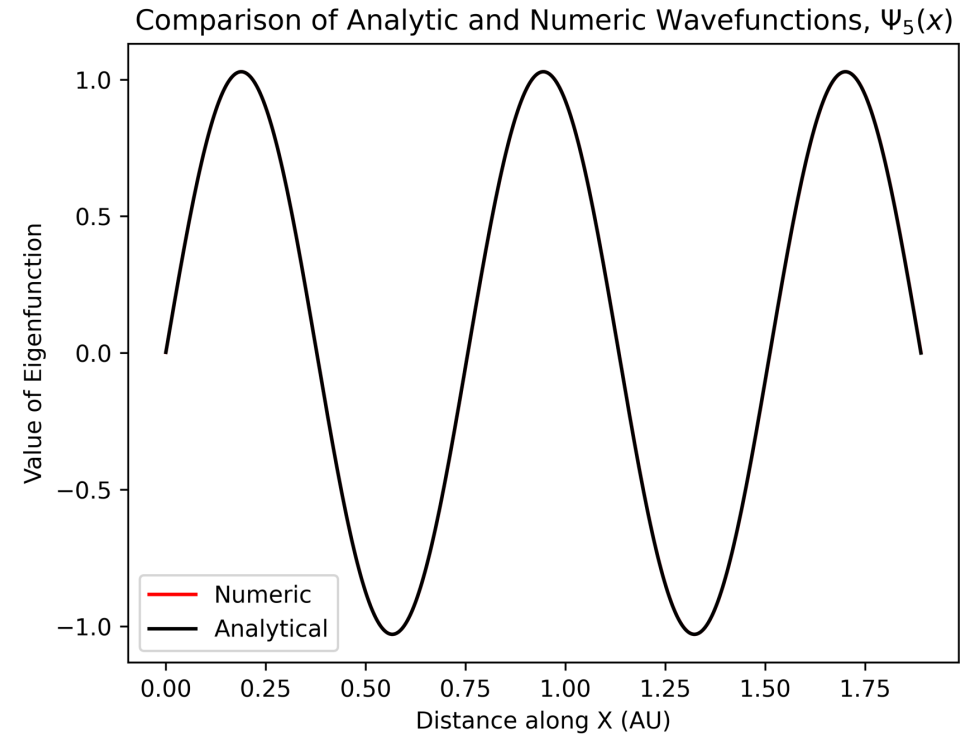


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# Increasing Points on Spacing Issue in $\mathbb{R}^1$



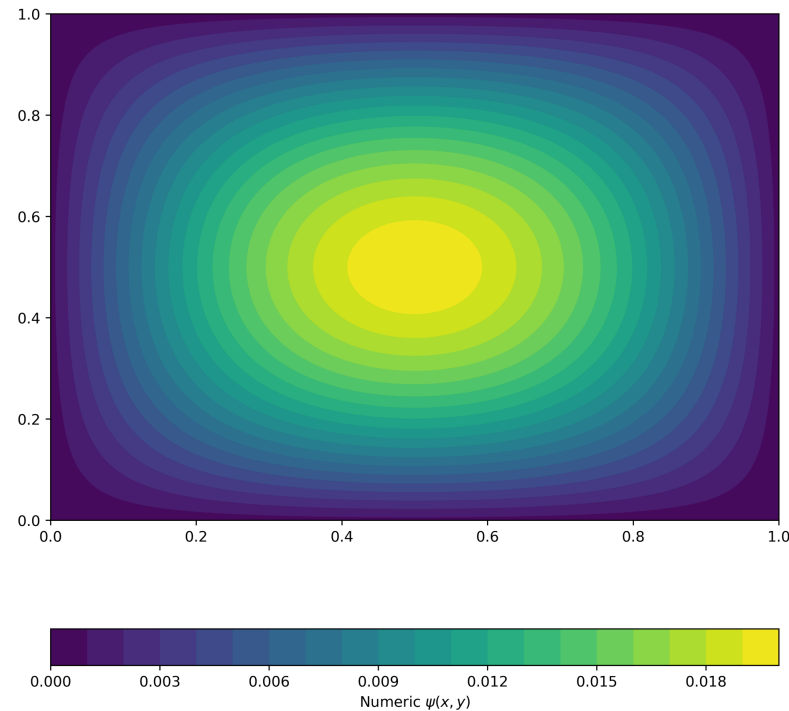
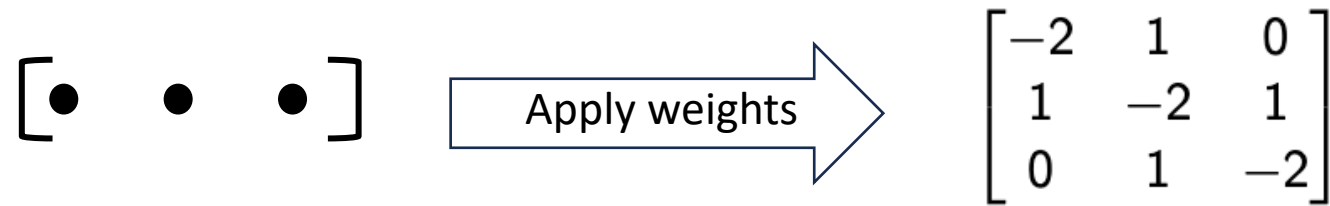
$\psi_5(x)$  where  $nx = 60$



$\psi_5(x)$  where  $nx = 600$

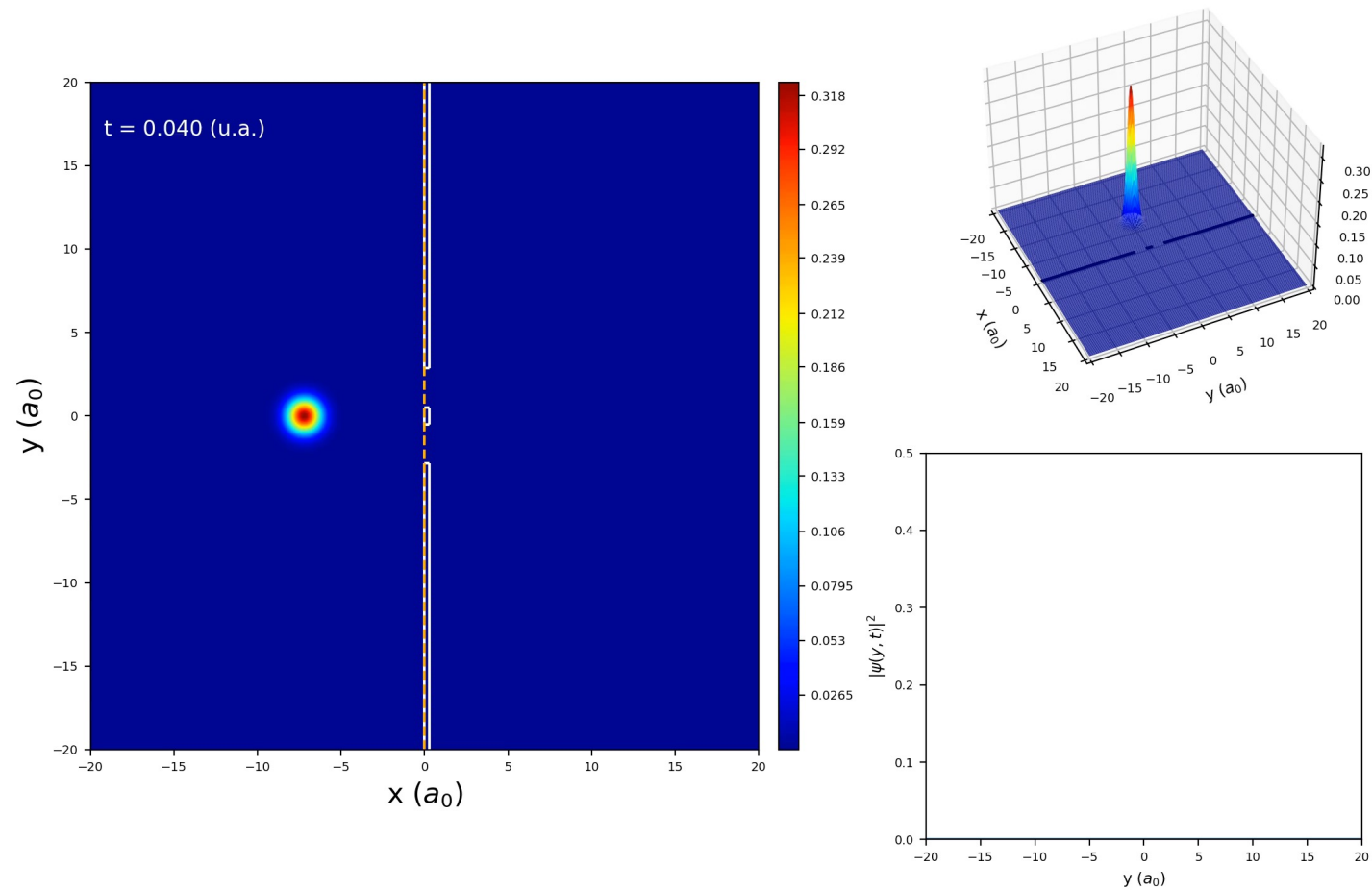
# Future Avenues

- Consider alternative population of Hamiltonian

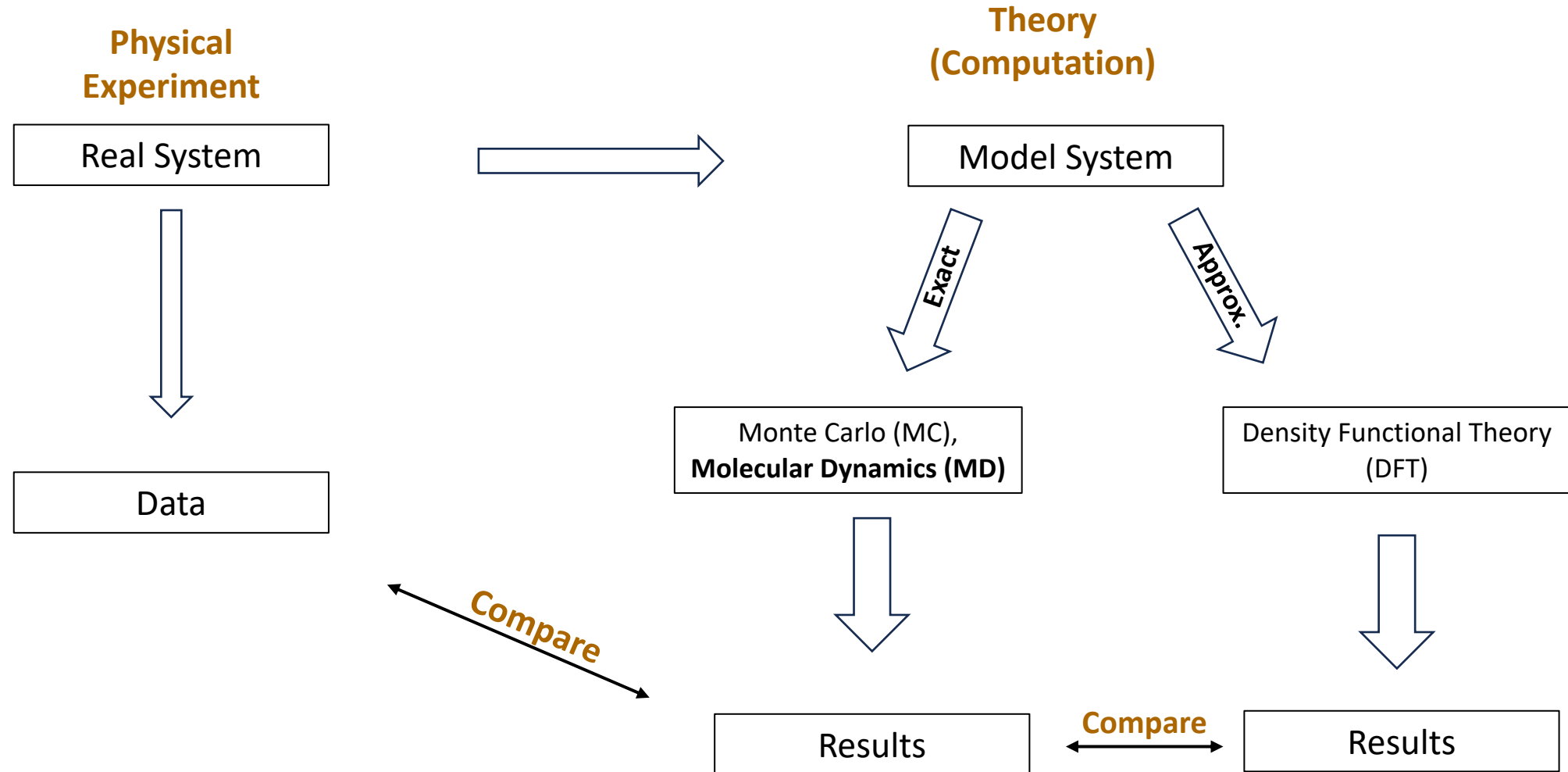


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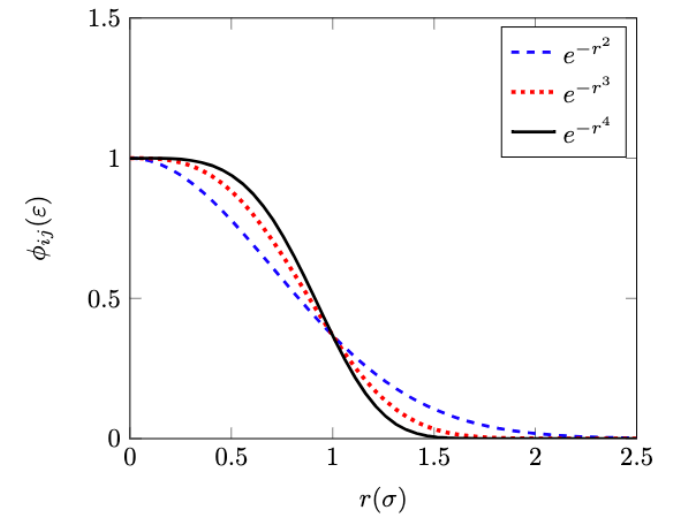
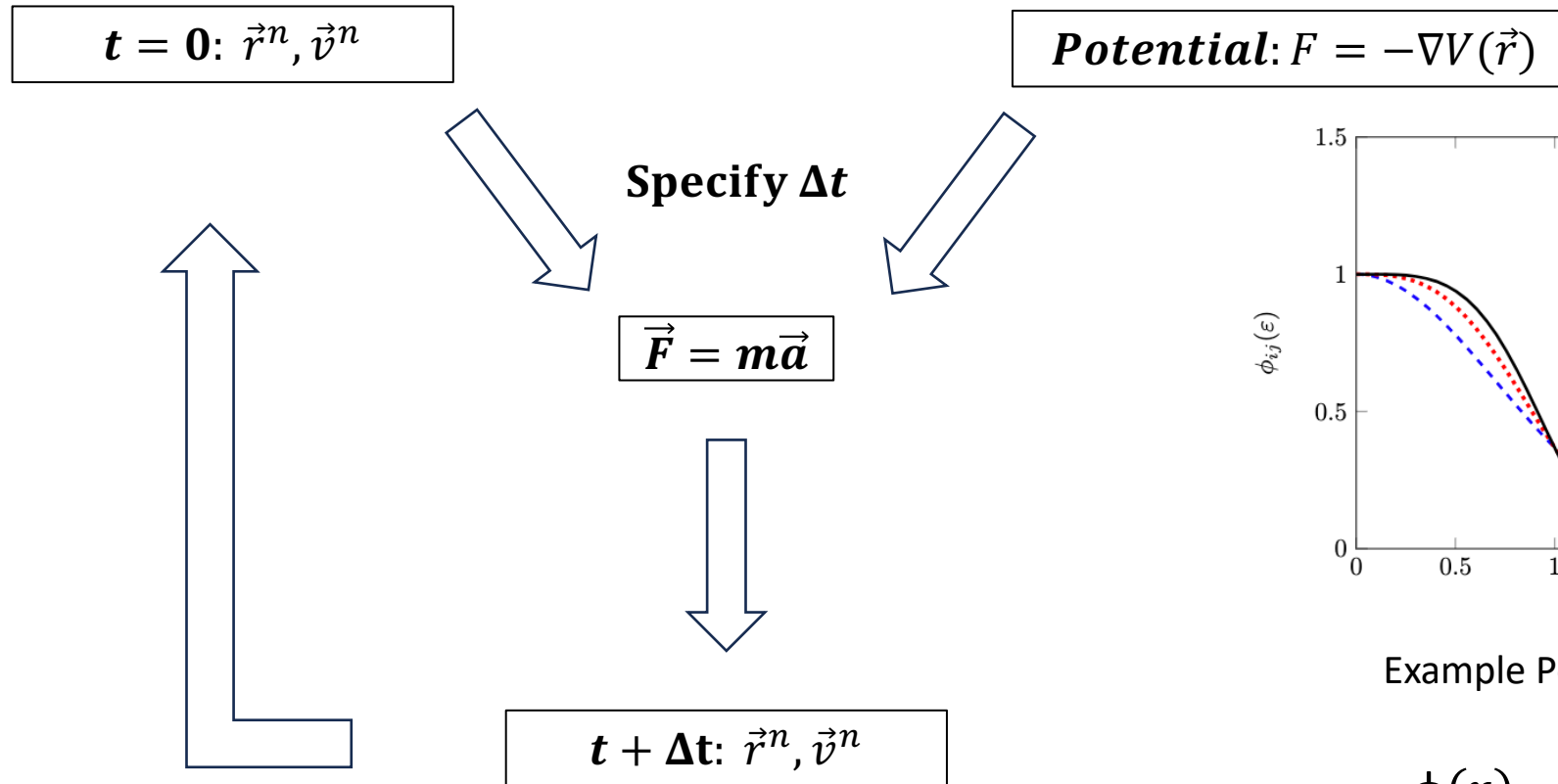
- Wavepacket Diffraction



# “Experiment” in Stat Mech



# Molecular Dynamics Schematic



Example Potential (GEM-n)

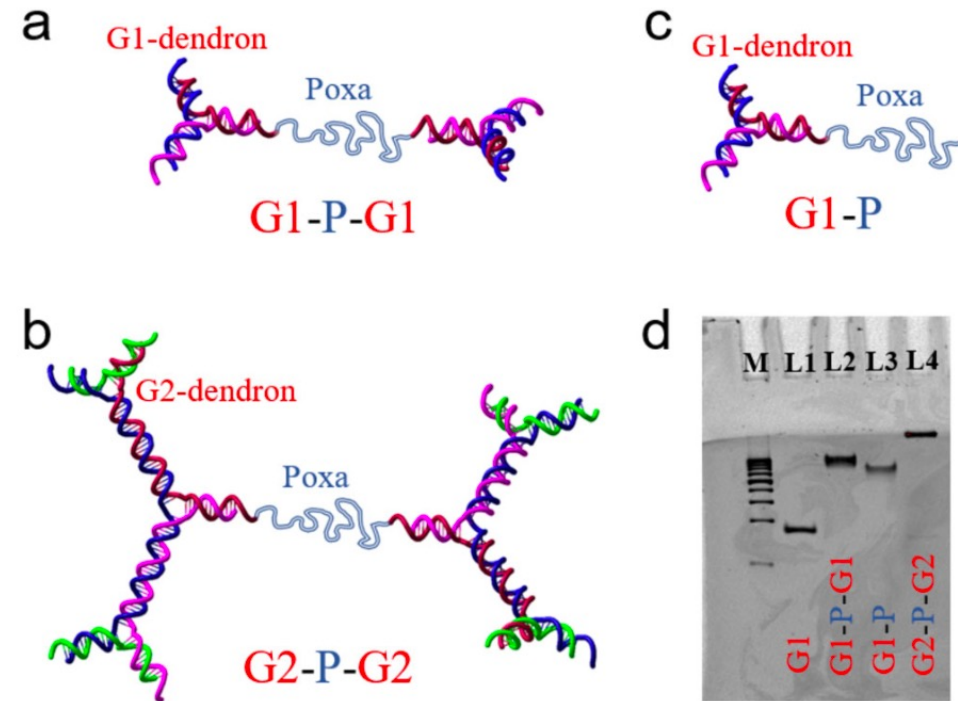
$$\phi(r) = \epsilon_{ij} e^{-\left(\frac{r}{\sigma_{ij}}\right)^n}$$



# Cluster Crystals

## Experimental Results

- Confirmed by experiment to exist
- Self-assembling structure
- Dendrimers can be used to improve efficiency of drug molecules among other features



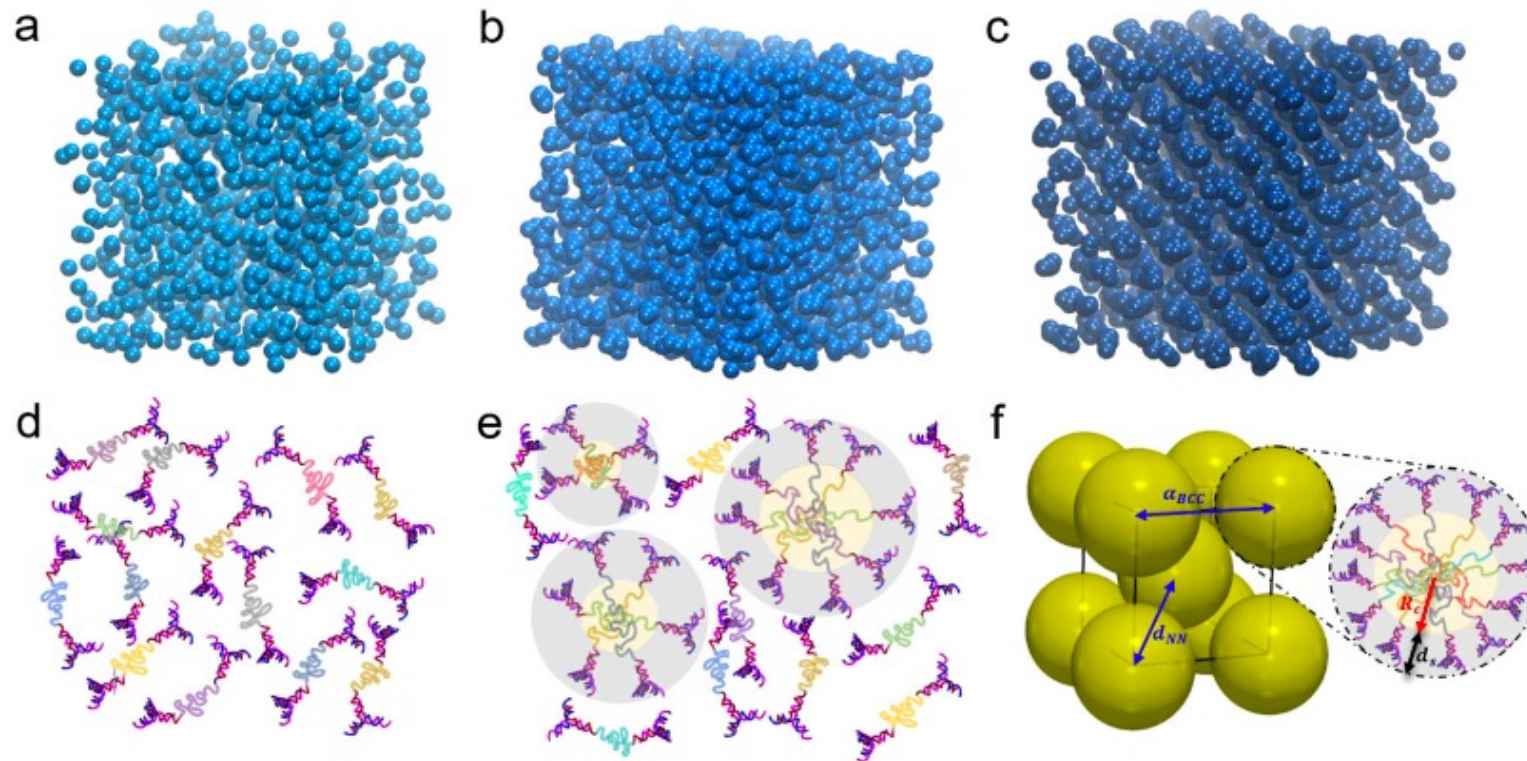
**Fig. 1 Schematics and characterization of the tethered all-DNA dendrons.**

**a** First generation of dendritic-linear-dendritic triblock (G1-P-G1). **b** Second generation of dendritic-linear-dendritic triblock (G2-P-G2). **c** First generation of dendritic-linear diblock (G1-P). **d** Non-denaturing polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis (PAGE) analysis. 10% PAGE: Lane M contains 50 base-pair (bp) DNA markers. Lanes 1–4 contain G1, G1-P-G1, G1-P, and G2-P-G2, respectively.

# Cluster Crystals

**Coarse-Graining** → model particles as a sphere

- Main consideration is the physics



# GEM-n

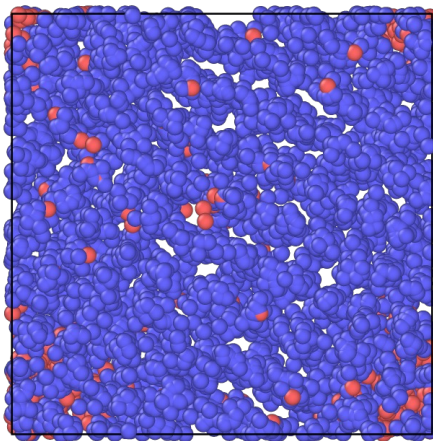
Explore interactive potential defined by:

$$\phi_{ij}(r) = \varepsilon_{ij} e^{-\left(\frac{r}{\sigma_{ij}}\right)^n}$$

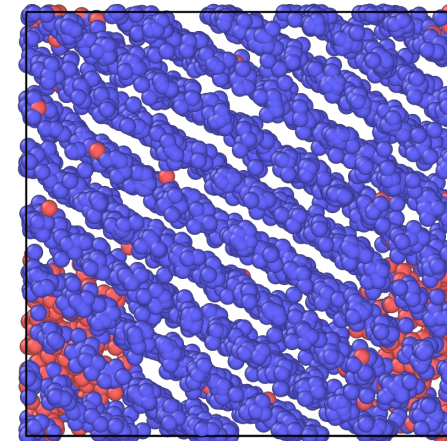
$n \leq 2$ : No Crystallization

$n > 2$ : Crystallization

- Only repulsive interactions



Simulation



# GEM-n Overview

1

GEM-2, GEM-4 Two Particle Types

- Compare to published results

S. D. Overduin and C. N. Likos 2009 EPL 85 26003.

$$\begin{aligned}\phi_{1,1}(r) &= \varepsilon_{1,1} e^{-\left(\frac{r}{\sigma_{1,1}}\right)^{n_{1,1}}} \\ \phi_{1,2}(r) &= \varepsilon_{1,2} e^{-\left(\frac{r}{\sigma_{1,2}}\right)^{n_{1,2}}} \\ \phi_{2,2}(r) &= \varepsilon_{2,2} e^{-\left(\frac{r}{\sigma_{2,2}}\right)^{n_{2,2}}}\end{aligned}$$

2

GEM-4 Single Particle Type

- Compare to Collaborator's thesis

Mladek, B.M. Exotic phenomena in the phase behaviour of soft matter systems. Ph.D. Dissertation, Vienna University of Technology, 2007.

$$\phi_{1,1}(r) = \varepsilon_{1,1} e^{-\left(\frac{r}{\sigma_{1,1}}\right)^{n_{1,1}}}$$

3

Dimer System

- Novel

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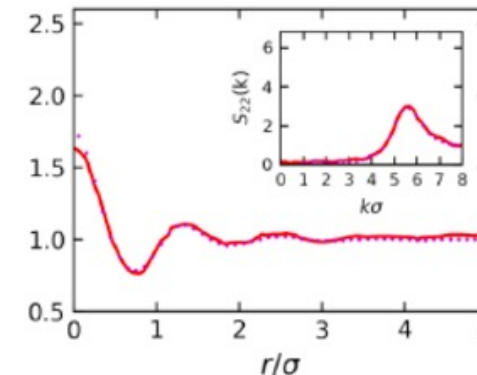
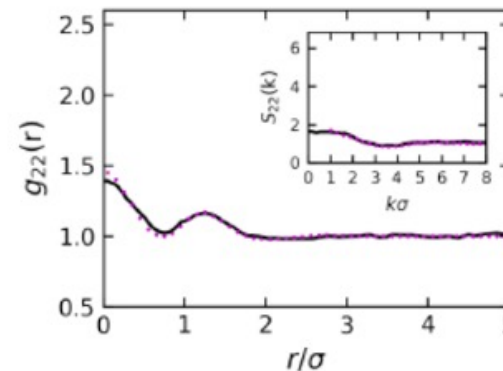
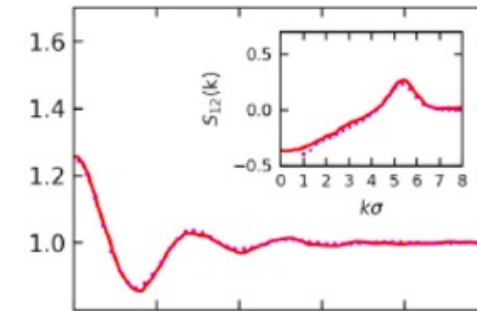
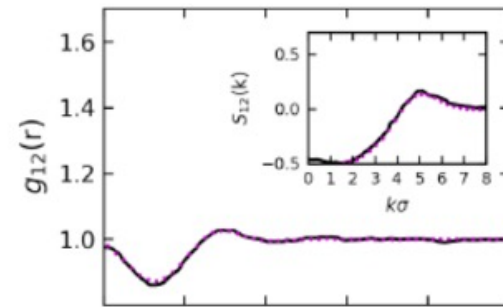
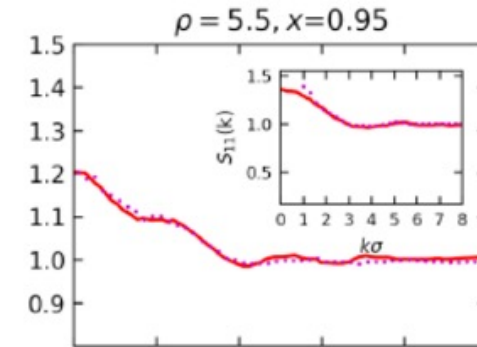
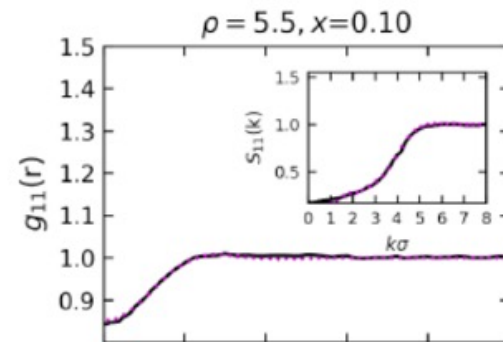
**\* {N, V, T} Ensemble  
for All \***

# DFT/MD GEM-2,GEM-4 Comparison: $\frac{k_B T}{\varepsilon} = 1.0$

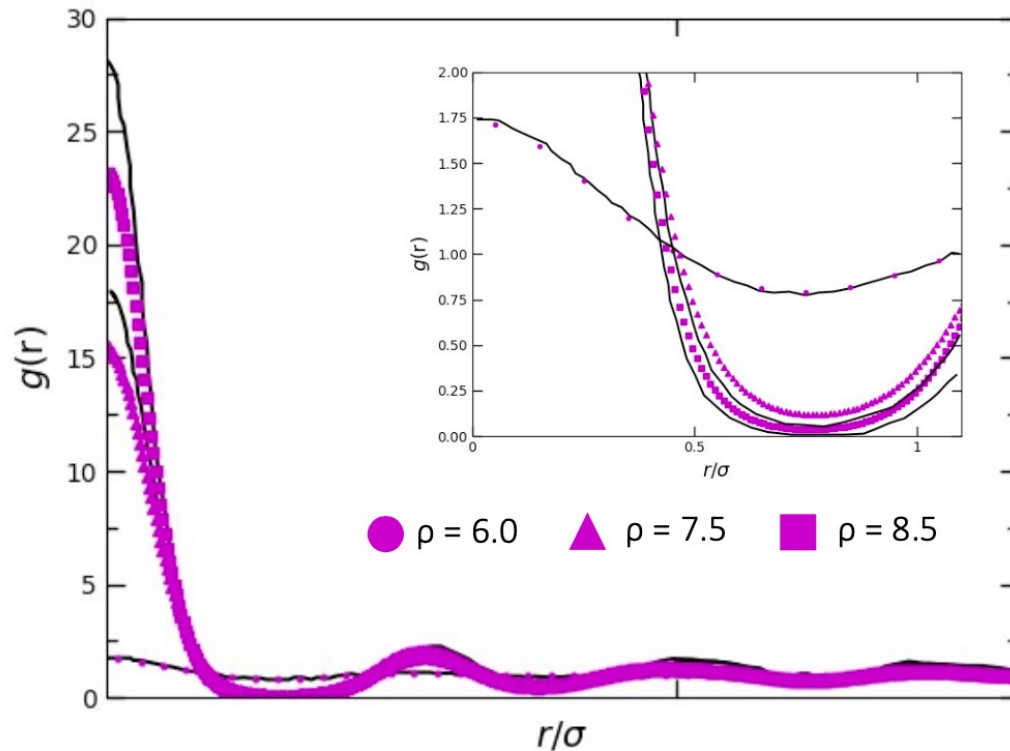
$$\phi_{1,1}(r) = \varepsilon e^{-\left(\frac{r}{\sigma}\right)^2}$$

$$\phi_{1,2}(r) = \varepsilon e^{-\left(\frac{r}{1.07\sigma}\right)^3}$$

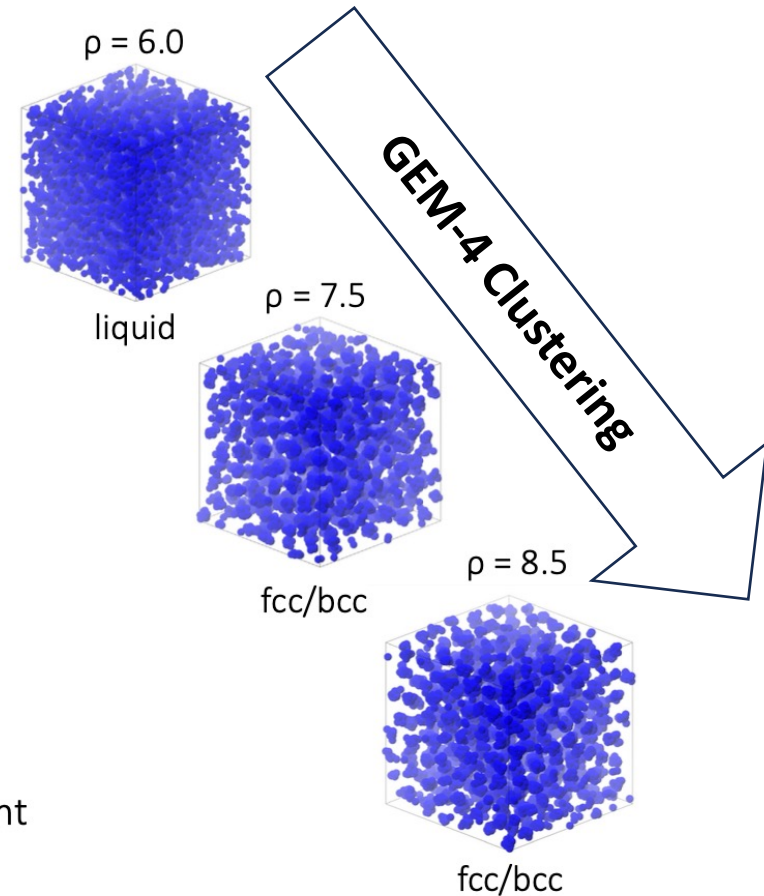
$$\phi_{2,2}(r) = \varepsilon e^{-\left(\frac{r}{\sigma}\right)^4}$$



# MC/MD GEM-4 Comparison: $\frac{k_B T}{\varepsilon} = 1.1$

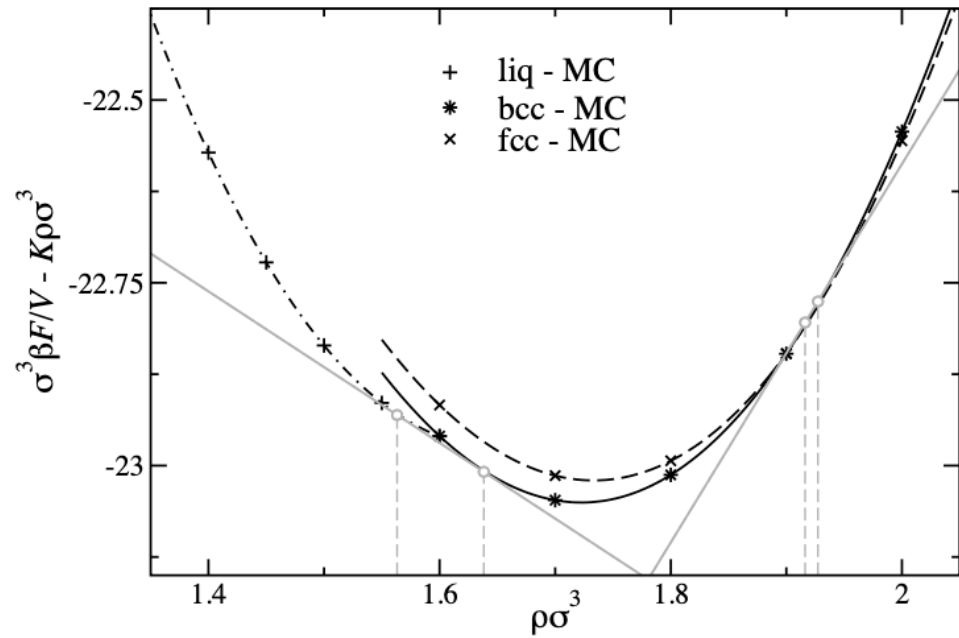


MC-MD data shows **adequate corroboration** for single component GEM(4) particles; **this is particularly true as  $r$  increases.**

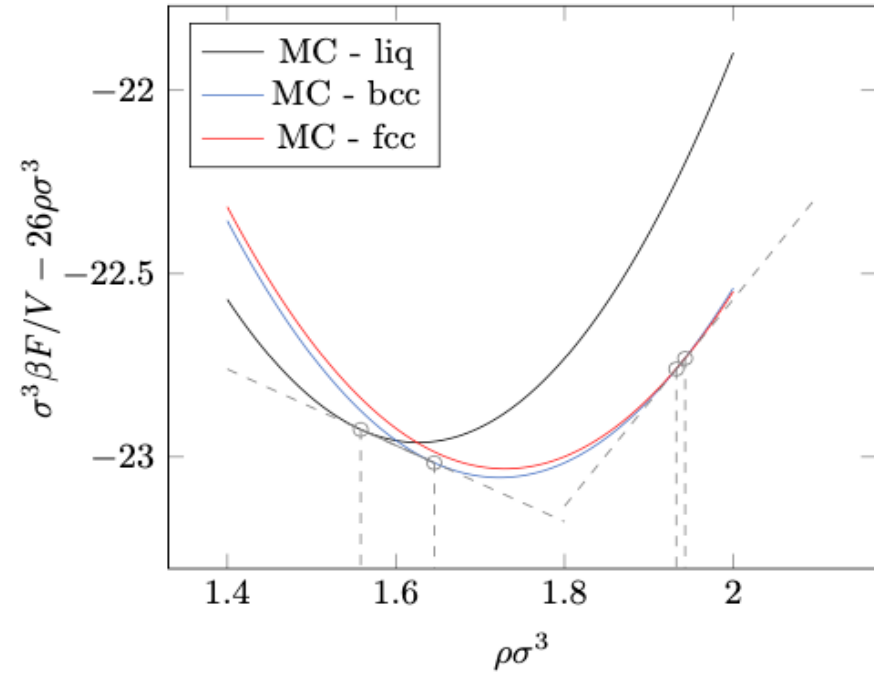


$$\phi_{1,1}(r) = \varepsilon e^{-\left(\frac{r}{\sigma}\right)^4}$$

# Coexistence Recreation: $\frac{k_B T}{\varepsilon} = 0.2$

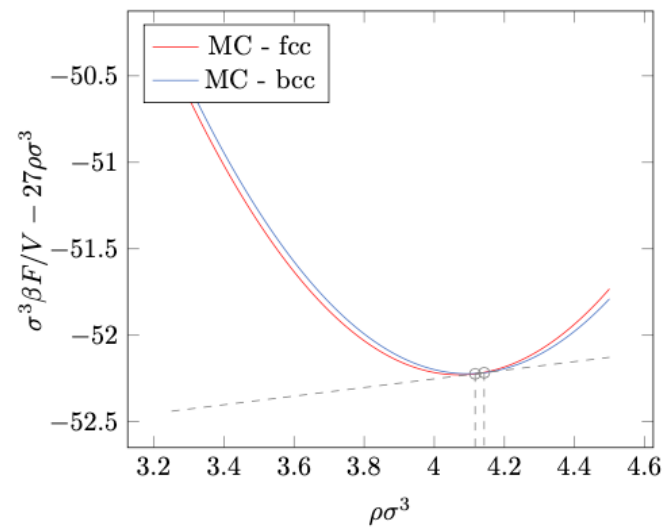
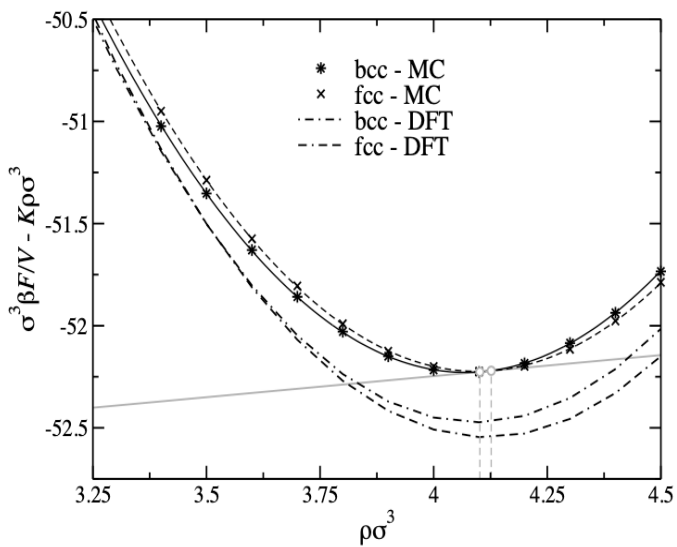
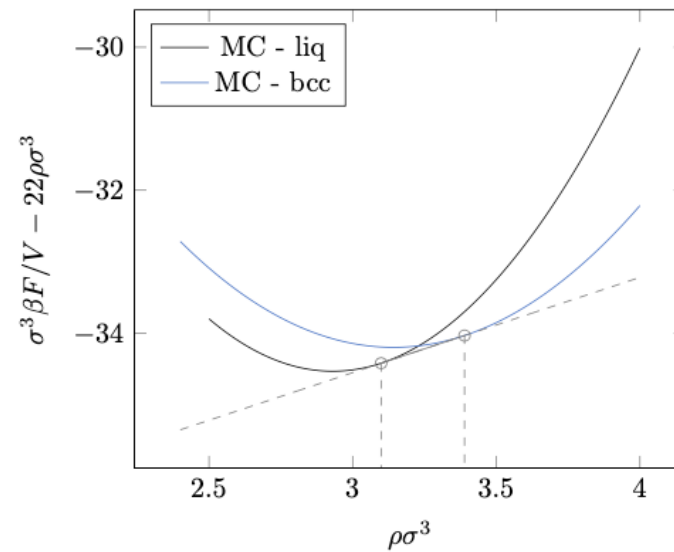
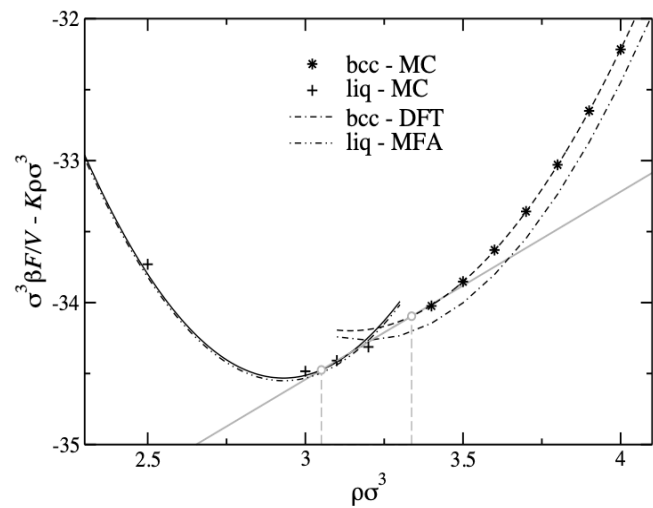


Original



Recreation

# Coexistence Recreation: $\frac{k_B T}{\varepsilon} = 0.5$



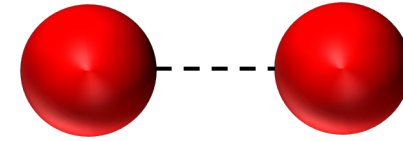
Originals

Recreations

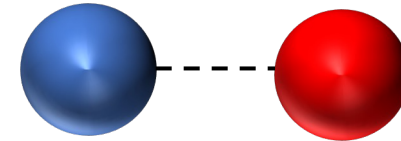


# Dimers

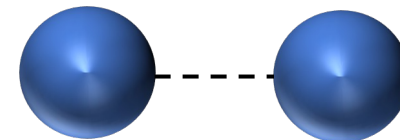
**GEM-2:**  $\phi_{1,1}(r) = \varepsilon_{1,1} e^{-\left(\frac{r}{\sigma_{1,1}}\right)^n}$



**GEM-2,4:**  $\phi_{1,2}(r) = \varepsilon_{1,2} e^{-\left(\frac{r}{\sigma_{1,2}}\right)^n}$

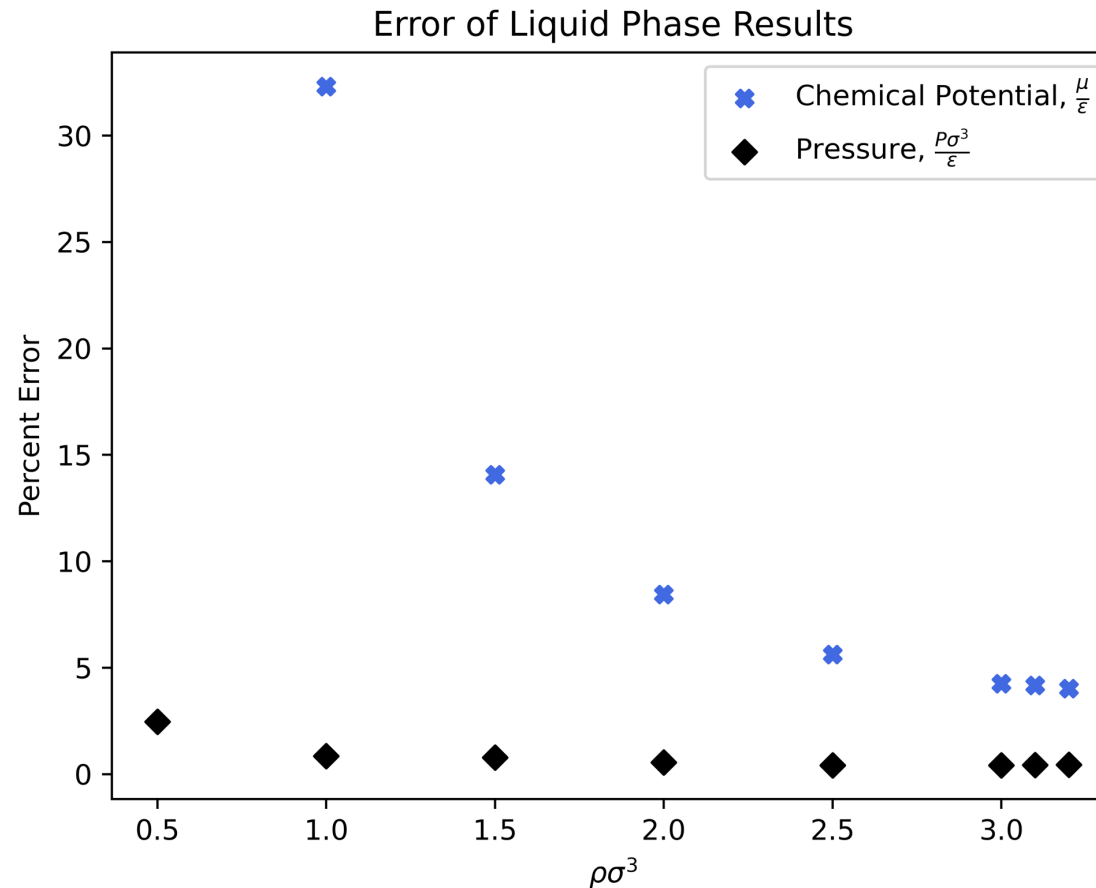


**GEM-4:**  $\phi_{2,2}(r) = \varepsilon_{2,2} e^{-\left(\frac{r}{\sigma_{2,2}}\right)^n}$



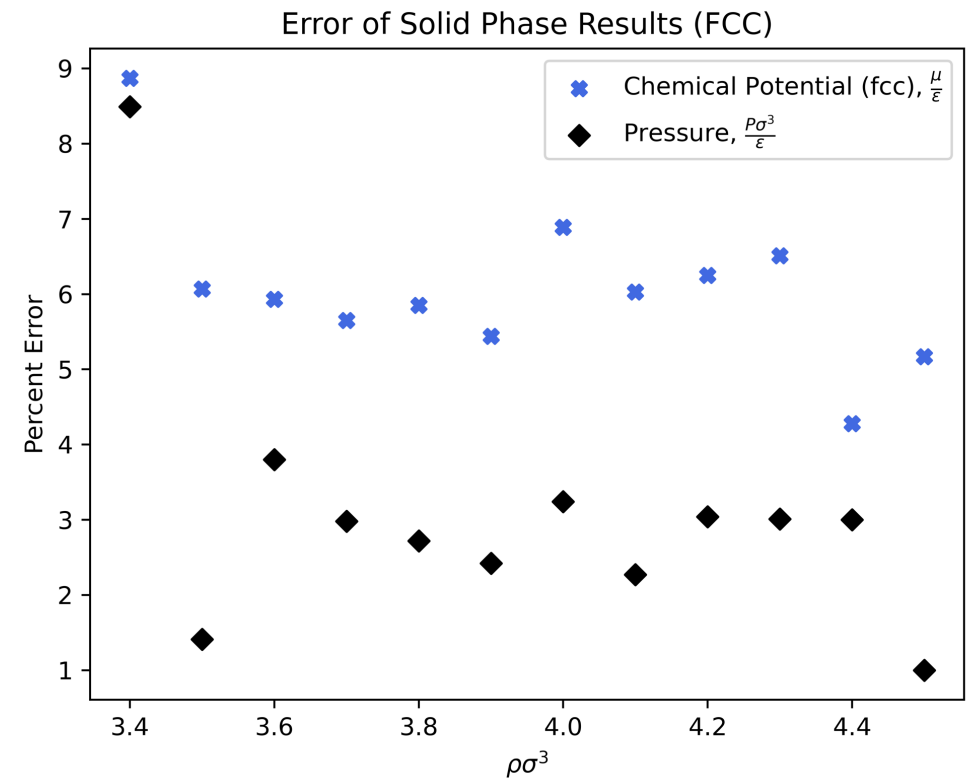
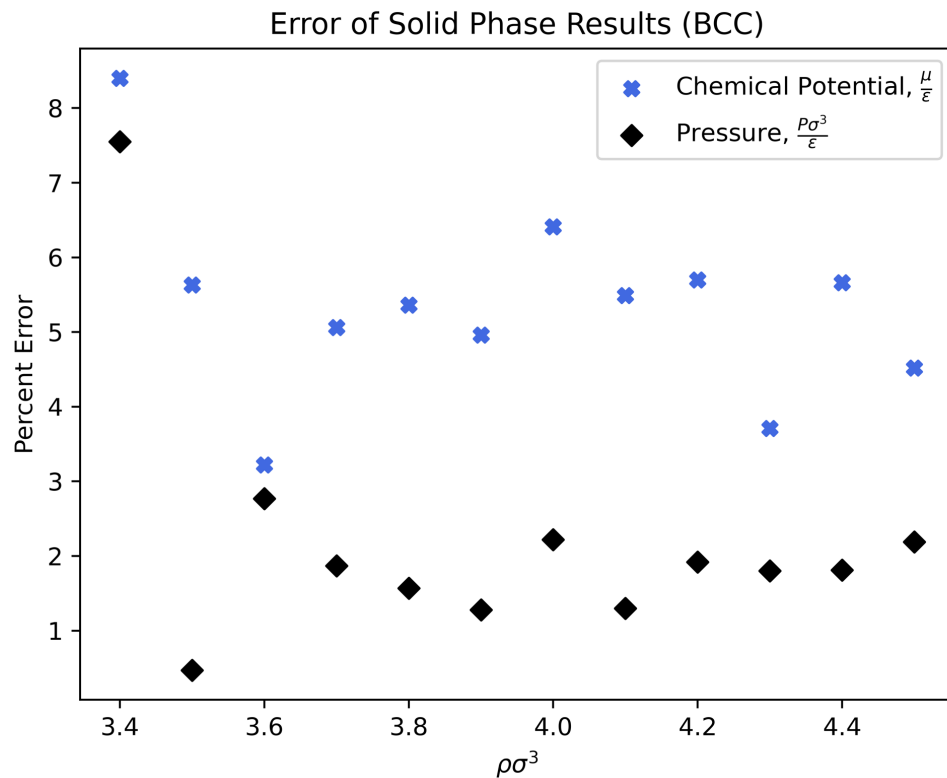
# Dimer vs. GEM-4

Test Dimer system where  $\epsilon_{2,2}$  and  $\epsilon_{2,4} = 0$ ;  $\frac{k_B T}{\epsilon} = 0.5$



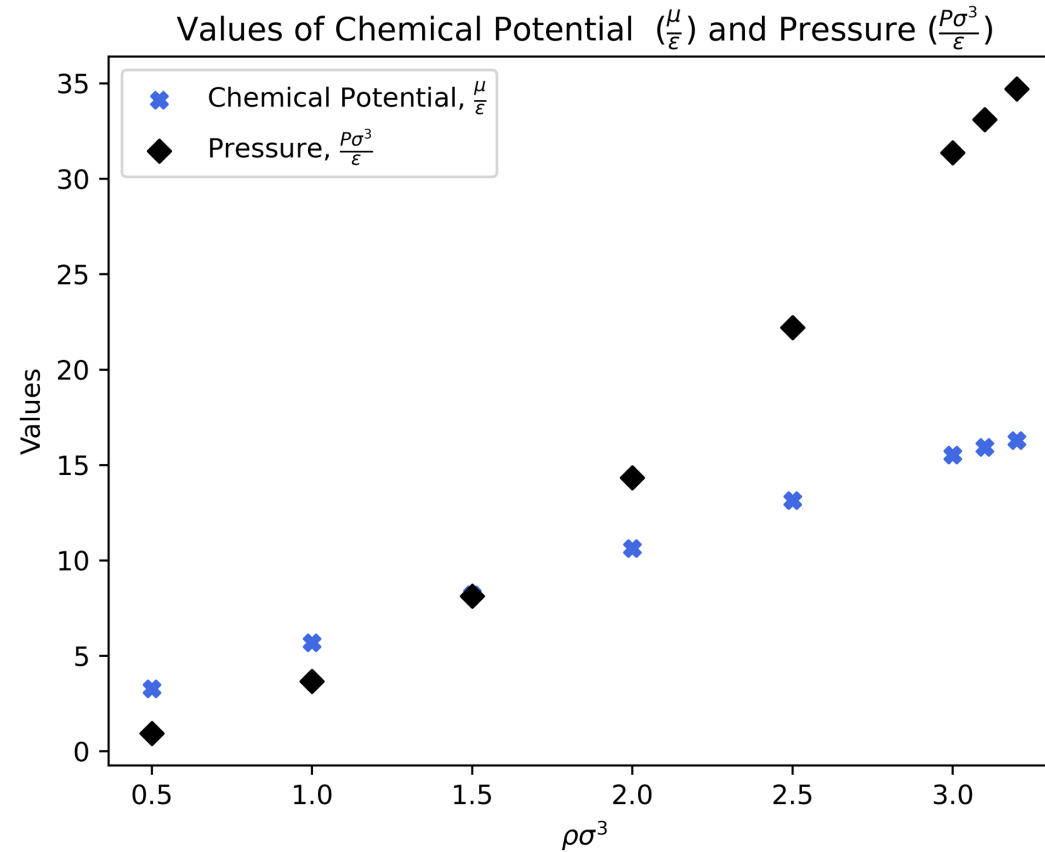
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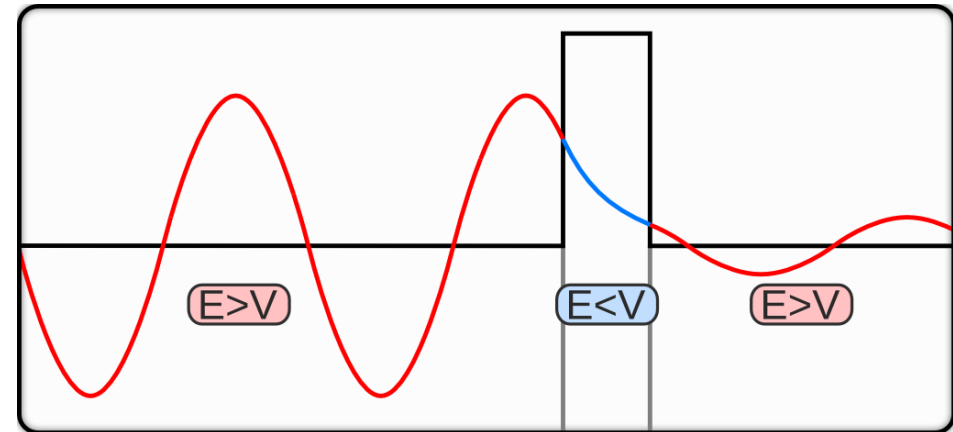
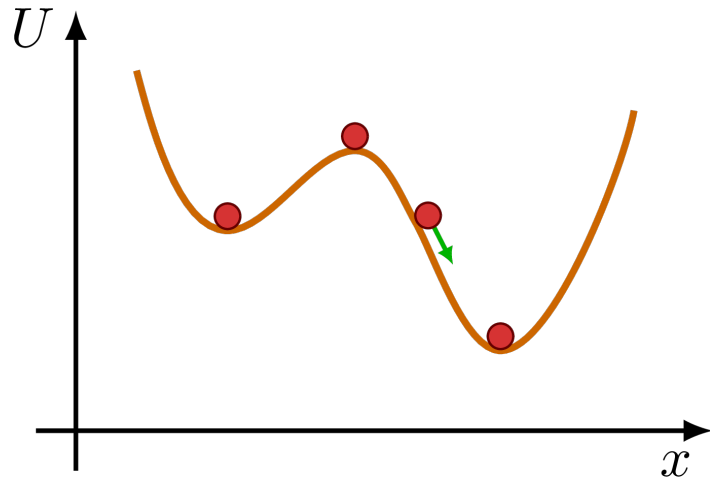
## Dimer system where $\epsilon_{2,2}$ and $\epsilon_{2,4} \neq 0$



**Thank You!**  
**Any Questions?**

# Tunneling and Zero Point Energy

## Tunneling:



## Zero Point Energy:

$$E_n = \frac{\hbar^2 \pi^2}{8ml^2} \rightarrow \Delta x \Delta p \approx \hbar \rightarrow \Delta x \sim l \rightarrow \Delta p \sim \frac{\hbar}{l} \rightarrow E_{min} = \frac{\Delta p^2}{2m} \neq 0$$

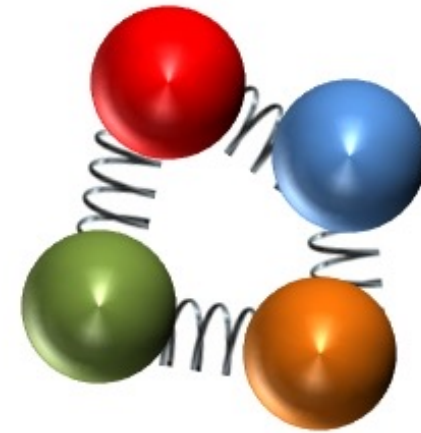
# RPMD

## Quantum Mechanical Path Integral

### Classical Mechanics



Classical Particle



Ring Polymer

# RPMD

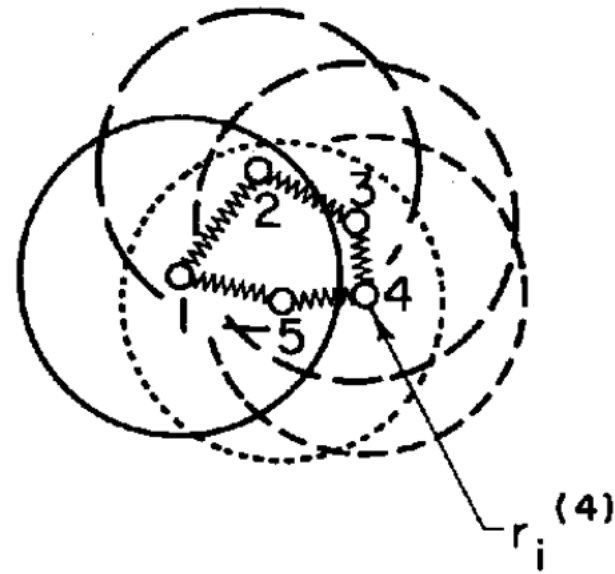
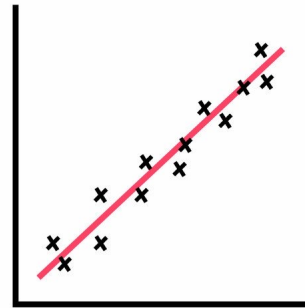


FIG. 1. A molecule in the classical isomorphism with  $P = 5$ , and the meaning of the coordinates  $\mathbf{r}_i^{(t)}$ . The numbered small circles represent the locations of the  $i$ th atom at the  $P$  different states (points on a quantum path). Equivalently, the numbers label the  $P$  distinguishable atoms in the  $i$ th molecule of the isomorphic classical fluid. The large circles represent schematically the interaction spheres associated with the different atoms. The wavy lines depict the harmonic springs whose Boltzmann factors are proportional to the single particle  $\rho_0(\mathbf{r}_i^{(t)}, \mathbf{r}_i^{(t+1)}; \beta/P) = E(|\mathbf{r}_i^{(t)} - \mathbf{r}_i^{(t+1)}|; \beta/P)$ .

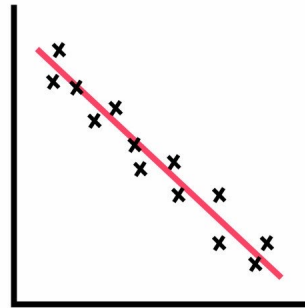


# Correlation Functions

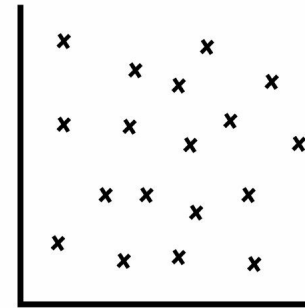
- Describes a statistical relationship between quantities



Positive  
Correlation



Negative  
Correlation



No  
Correlation

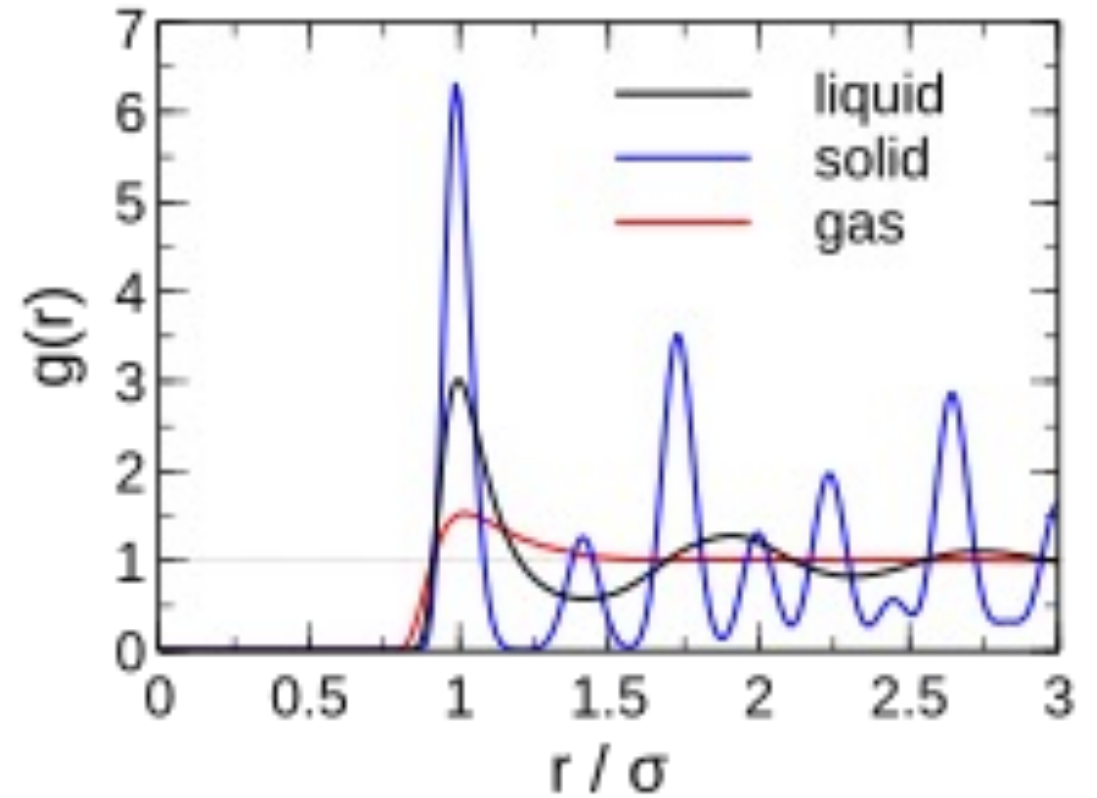
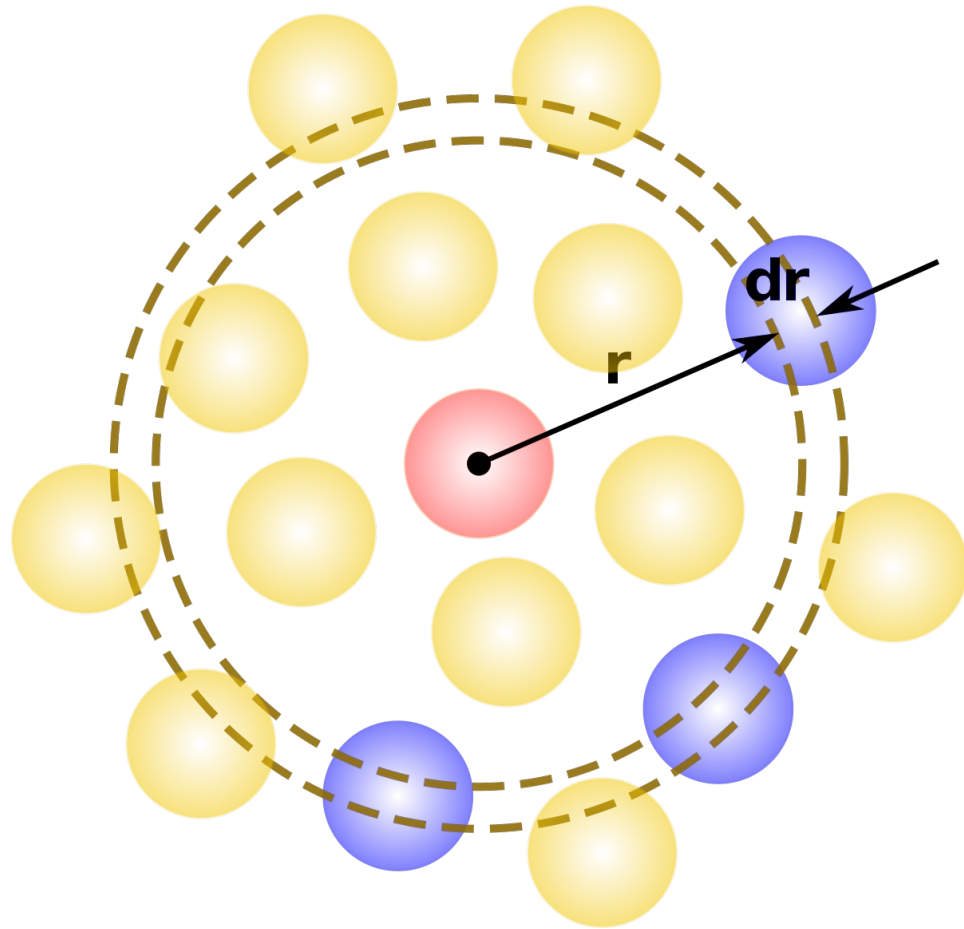
# Kinetics with Correlation Functions

Flux: Number of particles per unit time through a point,  $x = s$

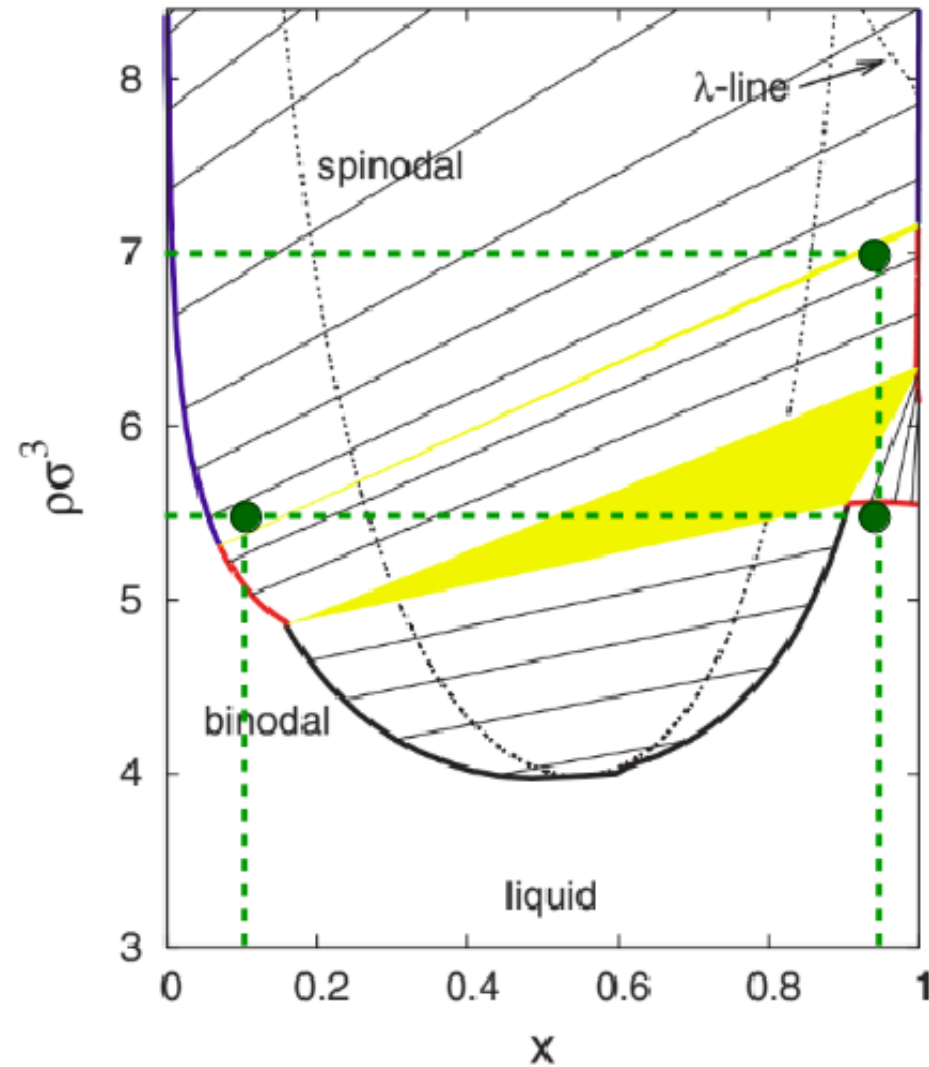
$$\hat{F}(s) = -\frac{i\hbar}{2m} \left\{ \delta(x - s) \frac{d}{dx} + \frac{d}{dx} \delta(x - s) \right\}$$

$$j(s, t) \equiv \langle \psi | \hat{F}(s) | \psi \rangle = -\frac{i\hbar}{2m} \left\{ \psi(s, t)^* \frac{\partial \psi(s, t)}{\partial s} - \frac{\partial \psi(s, t)^*}{\partial s} \psi(s, t) \right\}$$

# Radial Distribution Function, $g(r)$



# Likos Phase Diagram



# Langevin Dynamics

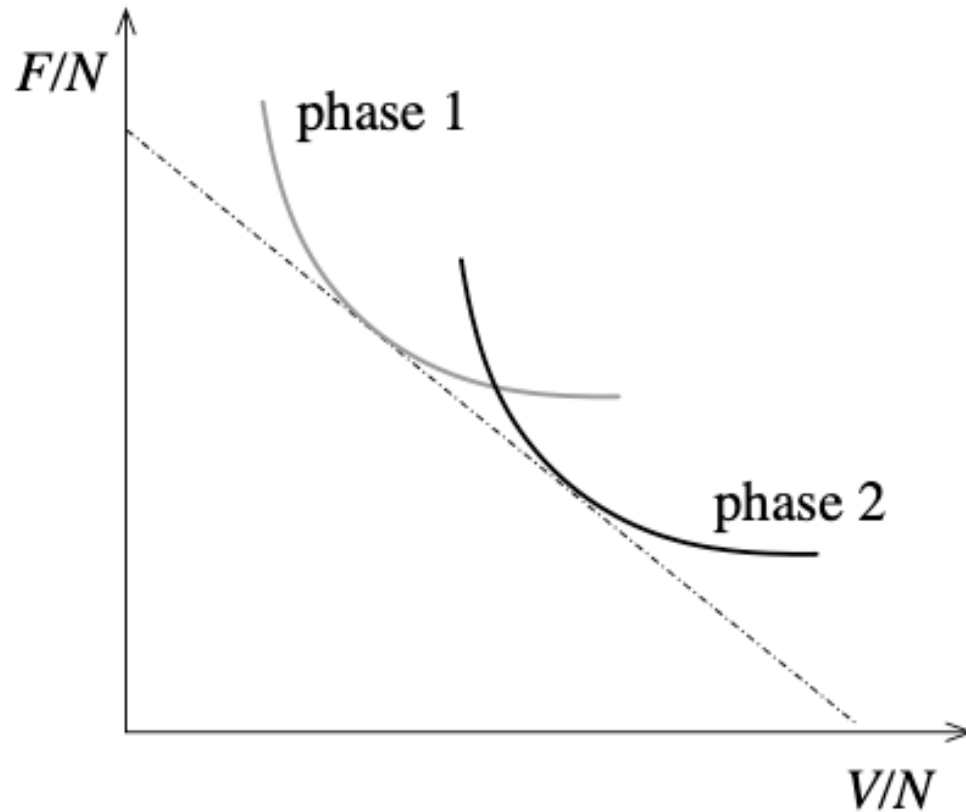
Langevin thermostat maintains temperature by modifying Newton's Eqns. of motion

$$\dot{p}_i = -\nabla F_i - \xi_i p_i + F(t) \begin{cases} V(x) = \text{Potential} \\ F(t) \equiv \text{random force} \\ \xi \equiv \text{friction constant} \end{cases}$$

$$\dot{r}_i = \frac{p_i}{m_i}$$

$$\sigma_i^2 = 2 m_i \gamma_i k_B T / \Delta t$$

# Common Tangent Construction



$$P_1 = P_2 \rightarrow P = -\left(\frac{\partial F}{\partial V}\right) \rightarrow \text{Equal Slopes}$$

$$\mu = \frac{F}{N} + \frac{PV}{N}$$

$$\mu_1 = \mu_2 \rightarrow \text{Equal Intercept}$$

# Coexistence

**Determine coexistence by the following:**

$$0 = \mu_c = \frac{F(\mu_c) + P(\mu_c) - \mu(\mu_c)N}{N_c}$$

$\mu_c$  is the work necessary to introduce a new lattice site

- All other quantities are constrained by  $\mu_c$  leading to the expression above (Note:  $\{N, V, T\}$  Ensemble)

**Methods of Acquisition:**

- Density Functional Theory (DFT)  $\rightarrow F(\mu_c)$
- Widom Insertion  $\rightarrow \mu(\mu_c)$
- LAMMPS logfile  $\rightarrow P(\mu_c)$

# Mladek Phase Diagram

$k_B T/\epsilon$	structure	$\rho\sigma^3$	$n_c$	$\beta F/N$	$\mu/\epsilon$	$P\sigma^3/\epsilon$	
0.5	liquid	0.5		-0.259	1.18	0.66	
		1.0		2.143	3.34	2.26	
		1.5		4.343	5.39	4.83	
		2.0		6.451	7.39	8.32	
		2.5		8.508	9.34	12.70	
		3.0		10.505	11.18	17.78	
		3.1		10.900	11.51	18.80	
		3.2		11.277	11.81	19.75	
		bcc	3.4	6.900	11.993	11.75	19.54
			3.5	7.096	12.328	12.00	20.42
			3.6	7.300	12.658	12.26	21.34
			3.7	7.492	12.984	12.52	22.31
			3.8	7.692	13.308	12.79	23.32
			3.9	7.892	13.628	13.05	24.33
			4.0	8.100	13.946	13.31	25.37
4.1	8.300		14.262	13.59	26.44		
4.2	8.492		14.575	13.86	27.60		
4.3	8.688		14.887	14.13	28.76		
fcc	4.4	8.896	15.196	14.39	29.89		
	4.5	9.088	15.503	14.67	31.11		
	5.0	10.072	17.020	16.02	37.51		
	3.4	7.004	12.015	11.70	19.37		
	3.5	7.207	12.346	11.95	20.23		
	3.6	7.410	12.674	12.20	21.13		
	3.7	7.613	12.999	12.45	22.07		
	3.8	7.813	13.318	12.73	23.06		
	3.9	8.020	13.635	12.99	24.06		
	4.0	8.219	13.950	13.25	25.12		
4.1	8.418	14.263	13.52	26.19			
4.2	8.621	14.572	13.79	27.30			
4.3	8.824	14.880	14.05	28.42			
4.4	9.031	15.187	14.32	29.55			
4.5	9.230	15.492	14.58	30.72			

Table C.2: MC results for the cluster size  $n_c$ , free energy  $F$ , chemical potential  $\mu$  and pressure  $P$  at fixed temperature  $k_B T = 0.5$  for various densities and structures in equilibrium (i.e.,  $\mu_c = 0$ ). Error estimates in the various values are as follows:  $n_c : \pm 0.005$ ,  $\beta F/N : \pm 0.001$ ,  $\mu/\epsilon : \pm 0.02$ ,  $P\sigma^3/\epsilon : \pm 0.01$

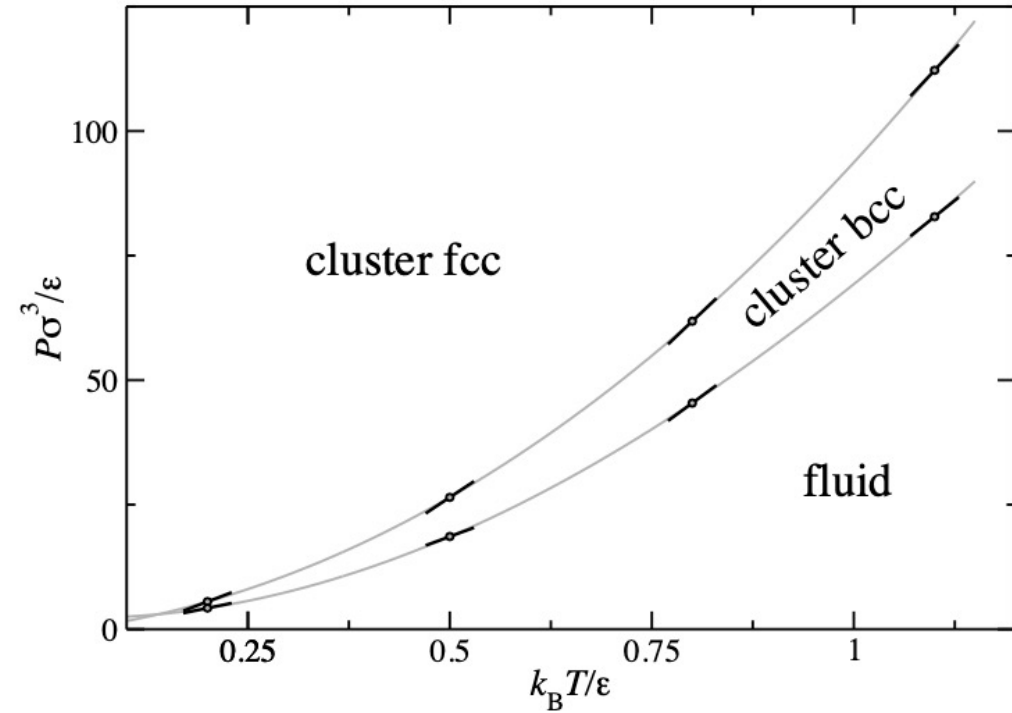


Figure 7.53:  $P$ - $T$  phase diagram (points) as obtained from MC simulations with the corresponding Clausius-Clapeyron tangents (black segments) to the coexistence curve. The grey lines interpolate the simulation data and are guides to the eye. Their intersection point indicates a triple point at  $k_B T/\epsilon \approx 0.15$ .