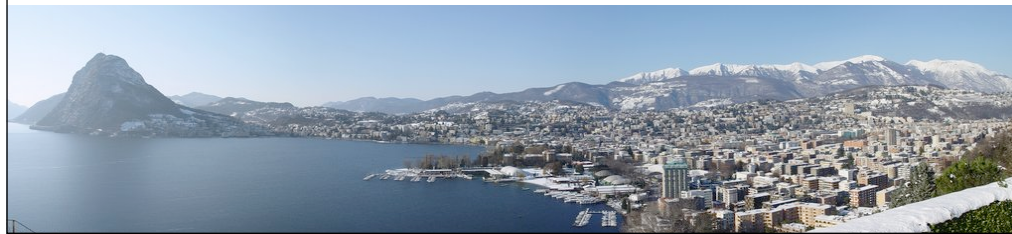


Through mountains and valleys...

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Molecular dynamics



Given a potential energy surface:

$$U(R_1, R_2, \dots, R_N)$$

The dynamics can be determined from Newton's equation:

$$M_I \ddot{R}_I = -\nabla U(R_1, R_2, \dots, R_N)$$

Newtonian dynamics and statistical mechanics

From Newtons equations

$$\dot{R} = \frac{P}{M} \qquad \dot{P} = F$$

Under the hypothesis of ergodicity

$$\langle O(P_I, R_I) \rangle = \lim_{\tau \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\tau} \int_0^\tau dt O(P_I(t), R_I(t)) = \int dP_I dR_I O(P_I, R_I) P(P_I, R_I)$$

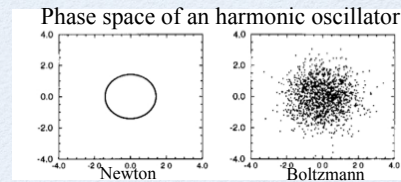
$$P(P_I, R_I) \propto \delta(H(P_I, R_I) - E) \qquad \langle K \rangle = \frac{3}{2} N k_B T$$



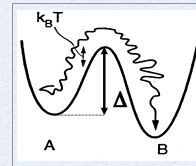
Problems with molecular



Ergodicity



Activated events



Slow diffusion



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Controlling the temperature

- From (NVE) to (NVT)

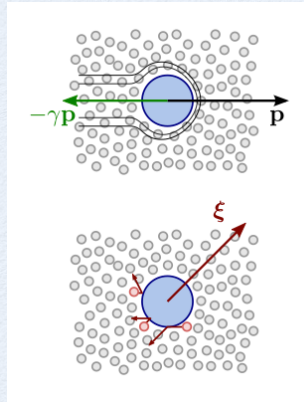
$$P(P_I, R_I) \propto \exp(-\beta H(P_I, R_I))$$

- A good thermostat should:
 - ▶ Sample the canonical distribution
 - ▶ Be ergodic
 - ▶ Be tunable
 - ▶ Not disturb the dynamics



How about Langevin dynamics?

Brownian particle



$$\dot{P} = -\gamma P + \xi$$

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Langevin equation and statmech

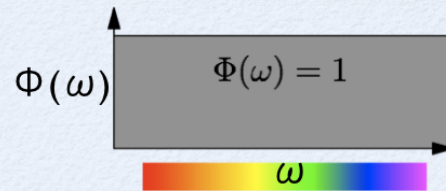
$$\dot{R}_I = \frac{P_I}{M_I}$$

$$\dot{P}_I = F_I - \gamma P_I + \sqrt{2M_I \gamma k_B T} \xi_I$$

$$\langle \xi_I(t) \xi_I(t') \rangle = \delta(t - t')$$

Canonical ensemble

$$P(P_I, R_I) \propto \exp(-\beta H(P_I, R_I))$$



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Generalized Langevin dynamics

$$\dot{\mathbf{R}} = \frac{\mathbf{P}}{M}$$

Memory function

$$\dot{\mathbf{P}} = \mathbf{F} - \int_0^t \mathbf{K}(t-t') \mathbf{P}(t') dt' + \sqrt{M k_B T} \boldsymbol{\zeta}(t)$$

$$\langle \boldsymbol{\zeta}(t) \boldsymbol{\zeta}(t') \rangle = \mathbf{K}(t-t') \longrightarrow \text{Colored noise}$$

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A small dictionary

The Canonical Distribution

$$P(P, R) \propto e^{-\beta \frac{P^2}{2}} e^{-\beta U(R)}$$

The Boltzmann Distribution

$$P(R) = \frac{1}{Z} e^{-\beta U(R)}$$

$$U(R) = -\frac{1}{\beta} \log P(R)$$

The Partition Function

$$Z = \int e^{-\beta U(R)} dR$$

The Free Energy

$$F = -\frac{1}{\beta} \log Z$$

$$\beta = \frac{1}{T}$$

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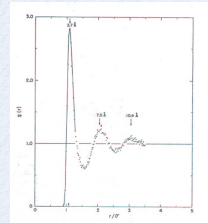
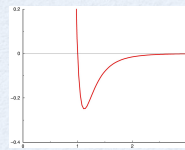
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The beginnings

Correlations in the Motion of Atoms in Liquid Argon*

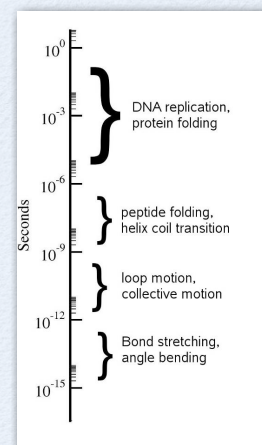
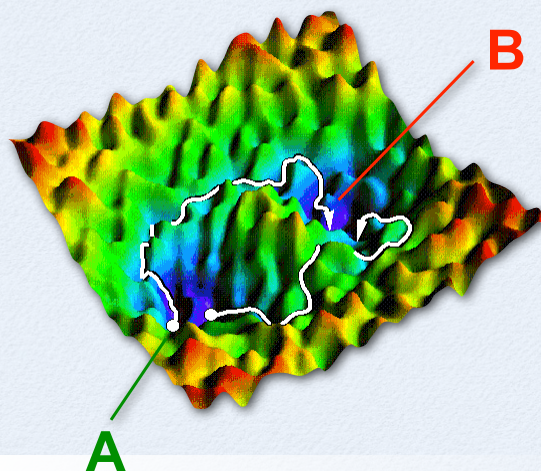
A. RAHMAN
Argonne National Laboratory, Argonne, Illinois
(Received 6 May 1964)



The potential energy surface is rough



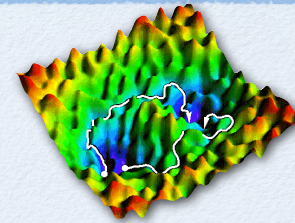
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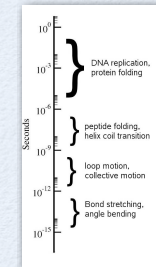
Proposed solutions to the sampling problem



* **Enhanced sampling:** Parallel Tempering, Replica Exchange, Simulated Tempering

* **Trajectory-based schemes:** NEB, Transition Path Sampling, Forward Flux, Finite Temperature String Method

* **Bias potential:** Umbrella Sampling, Local Elevation, Conformational Flooding, Adaptive Force Bias, Self-Healing Umbrella Sampling, Multicanonical MD, Wang-Landau, **Metadynamics**



Focusing on the relevant degrees of freedom

Describe the system using a small set of
collective variables $S(R)$

Explore the free energy surface rather than the
rougher potential energy surface

Laio and Parrinello, PNAS 99, 12562 (2002)

Examples of collective variables

- Distances
- Angles: bending and torsional
- Coordination numbers: between individual atoms or between different species
- Contact map
- Solvation energy
- Electric field
- Reaction path

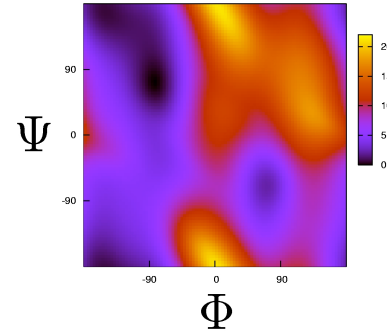
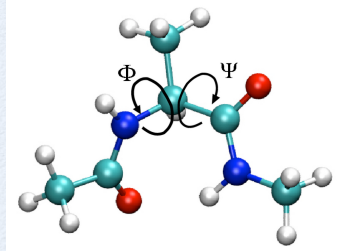
Non-linear functions of atomic coordinates $S(R)$

Free energy surface

$$P(\mathbf{S}) = \frac{\int d\mathbf{R} \delta(\mathbf{S} - \mathbf{S}(\mathbf{R})) e^{-\beta V(\mathbf{R})}}{\int d\mathbf{R} e^{-\beta V(\mathbf{R})}}$$

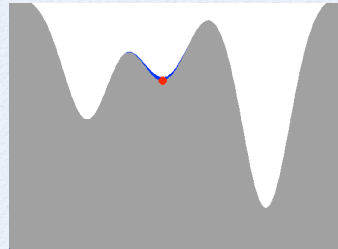
$$F(\mathbf{S}) = -k_B T \ln P(\mathbf{S})$$

A simple example: alanine dipeptide



Metadynamics

- ⊕ Wherever you go put a “small” Gaussian
- ⊕ Always move in the direction that minimizes the sum of $F(s)$ and all the Gaussian potential



$$V(S) = -F(S)$$

Laio and Parrinello, PNAS 99, 12562 (2002)

Well tempered metadynamics

$$M\ddot{R} = F(R) - \frac{\partial V(s(R), t)}{\partial R}$$

$s(R)$ is a collective coordinate

$V(s, t)$ is a time dependent bias potential

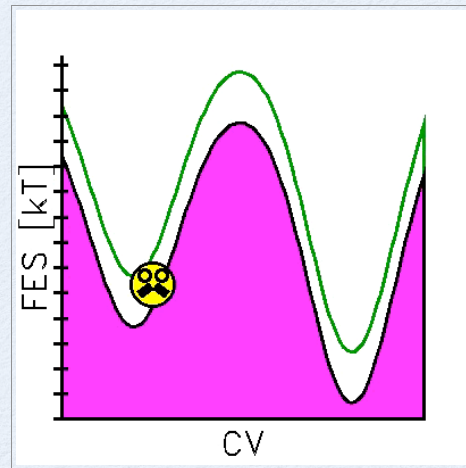
$$\dot{V}(s, t) = \omega e^{-\beta V(s, t)/(\gamma - 1)} \delta_{s, s(t)}$$

ω measures the strength of the bias potential

γ is a boosting factor

In the practice the δ is replaced by a Gaussian

Useful properties of the tempered metadynamics



It fills partially the free energy surface

$$V(s, t \rightarrow \infty) = -\left(1 - \frac{1}{\gamma}\right)F(s)$$

It enhances the fluctuations

$$P_{WTE}(s) \propto \left(P_{CE}(s)\right)^{\frac{1}{\gamma}}$$

Barducci, Bussi and Parrinello PRL (2008)

Well tempered metadynamics

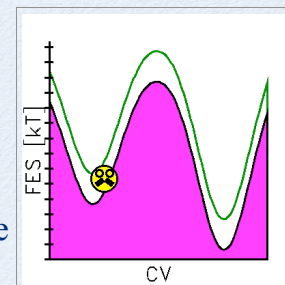
The initial Gaussian height ω_0 is rescaled during the simulation:

$$\omega = \omega_0 e^{-V(s,t)/\Delta T}$$

$T + \Delta T$ is a fictitious CV temperature

$\gamma = \frac{T + \Delta T}{T}$ is a boosting factor

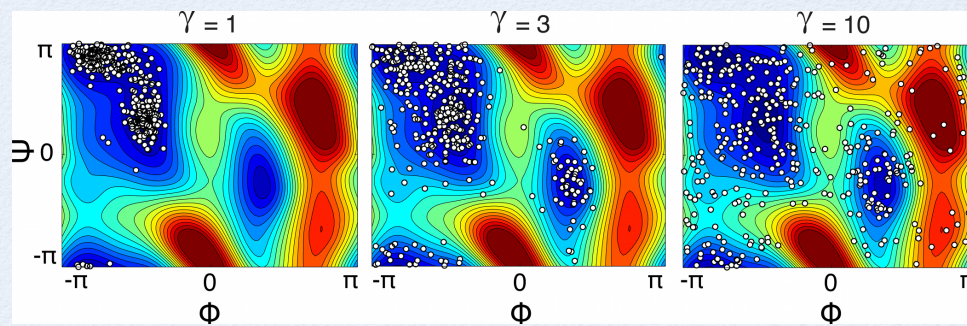
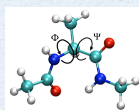
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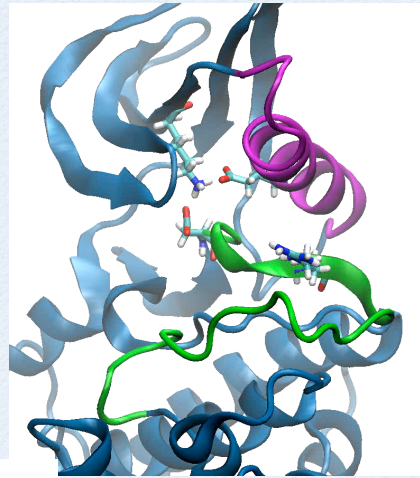
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Enhancing the fluctuations



Large scale motions in kinases



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Addressing the CV problem

Combine metadynamics with other sampling methods:

- *Parallel tempering, bias exchange, multiple walkers

Find smart collective variables

- *Path variables, energy, conjugate variables ...

Discover your own CV

- *Reconnaissance metadynamics

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The energy as collective variable

$$M\ddot{\mathbf{R}} = -\frac{\partial U(\mathbf{R})}{\partial \mathbf{R}} - \frac{\partial V(U(\mathbf{R}), t)}{\partial \mathbf{R}},$$

$$\dot{V}(U, t) = -\omega e^{-\frac{V(U, t)}{k_B \Delta T}} \delta_{U, U(t)},$$

$$V(U, t \rightarrow \infty) = -\left(1 - \frac{1}{\gamma}\right) F(U)$$

$$\gamma = \frac{T + \Delta T}{T} \geq 1$$

$$F(U) = U - \frac{1}{\beta} \ln N(U)$$

$$N(U) = \int \delta(U - U(\mathbf{R})) d\mathbf{R}$$

Density of states

$$N(U) = \int d\mathbf{R} \delta(U - U(\mathbf{R}))$$

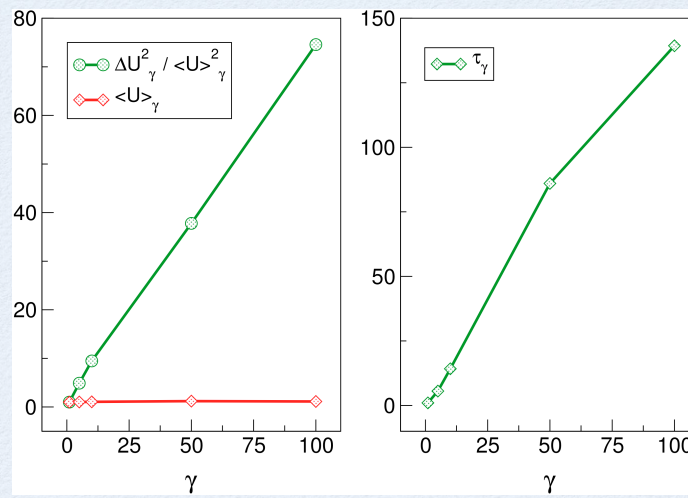
Well-tempered ensemble

$$\mathcal{Z}_\gamma = \int dU P(U)^{\frac{1}{\gamma}}$$

$$P(U) = e^{-\beta U} N(U)$$

From the canonical ($\gamma=1$) to multicanonical ($\gamma=\infty$) ensemble

Quasi critical



Why?

$$Z = \int dU e^{-\beta U} N(U) = \int dU P(U)$$

$$P(U) = e^{-\beta U} N(U) \approx C e^{-\frac{(U - \bar{U})^2}{2\Delta U^2}}$$

$$Z_\gamma = \int dU P(U)^{\frac{1}{\gamma}} \approx C^{\frac{1}{\gamma}} \int dU e^{-\frac{(U - \bar{U})^2}{2\gamma\Delta U^2}}$$

SAME AVERAGES BUT ENHANCED FLUCTUATIONS

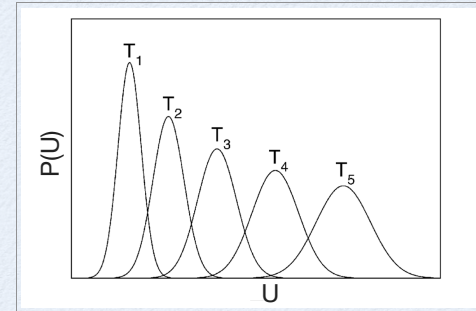
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Parallel tempering

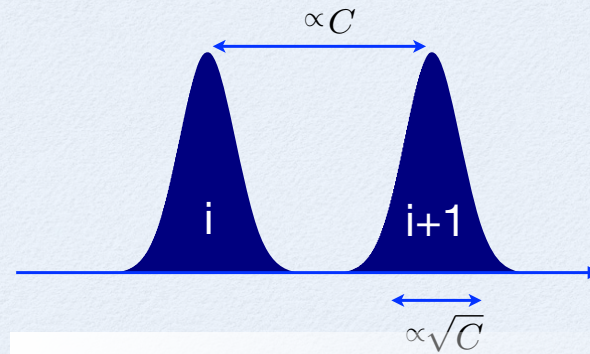
- * N replicas at different T_i
- * Avoid colder replica to get trapped in local energy minima
- * Exchange configurations with a Metropolis criteria:



$$p(i \rightarrow j) = \min \{1, e^{\Delta}\}$$
$$\Delta = (\beta_i - \beta_j)(U(R_i) - U(R_j))$$

Overlap necessary

$$U_i = \langle U \rangle_{\beta_i} \pm \sqrt{\langle \Delta U^2 \rangle_{\beta_i}} = \langle U \rangle_{\beta_i} \pm \sqrt{-\frac{\partial \langle U \rangle_{\beta}}{\partial \beta}}$$



* Number of replicas grows as the square root of the specific heat

Combining PT and WT

- * Enhance sampling in the conjugate variables: T and E

Zheng, Chen, Yang PNAS (2009)

- * The acceptance should be modified to take into account the bias potential:

Bussi, Gervasio, Laio, Parrinello JACS (2006)

which gives:

$$\Delta = \frac{(\beta_i - \beta_j)(U(\mathbf{R}_i) - U(\mathbf{R}_j))}{\gamma}$$

**Amplified
fluctuations**

γ -reduction

Round-trip time as a measure of efficiency



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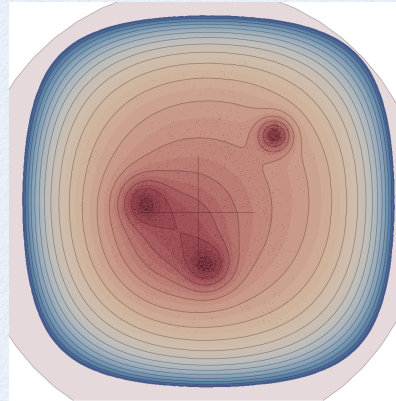
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- *Path variables, energy, ...

Find out your CV

- ***Reconnaissance metadynamics**

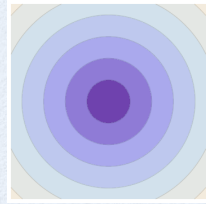
Gaussian mixtures



- M. E. Tipping and C. M. Bishop "Mixtures of probabilistic principal component analysers" Neural Computation 11 pp 443-482 (1999)
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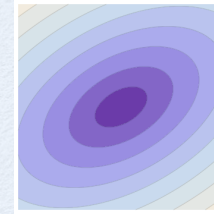
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CV's from partitions



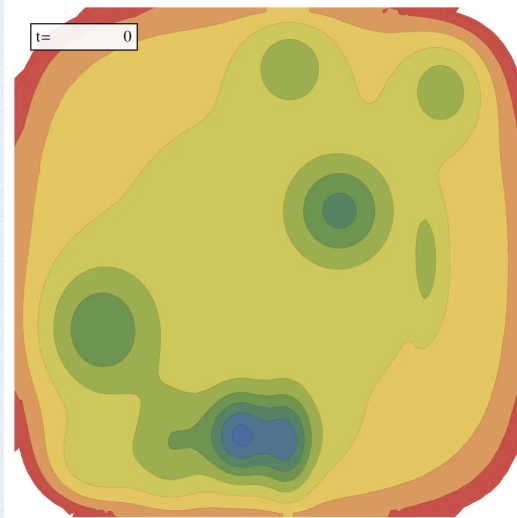
$$R(s) = |s - \mu|$$

$$R(s) = \sqrt{(s - \mu)C^{-1}(s - \mu)}$$



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Reconnaissance metadynamics



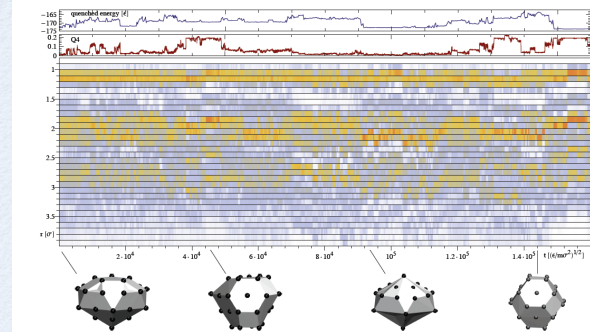
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A Lennard-Jones cluster (38 atoms)



Two funnels
one large and entropic
one narrow and enthalpic

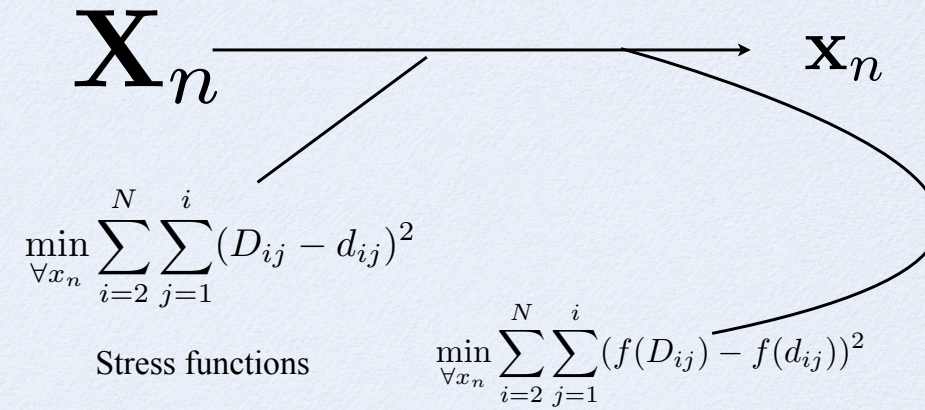
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A ligand finds its target

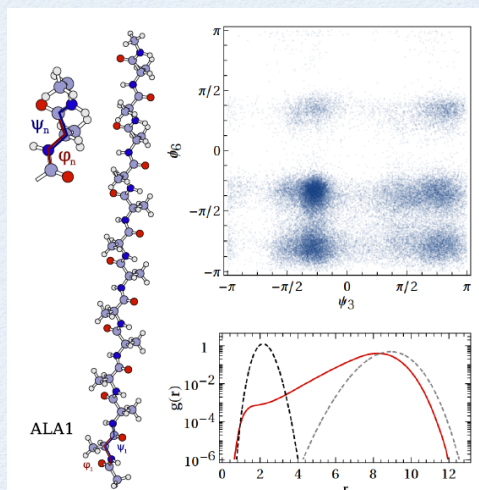


Dimensional reduction

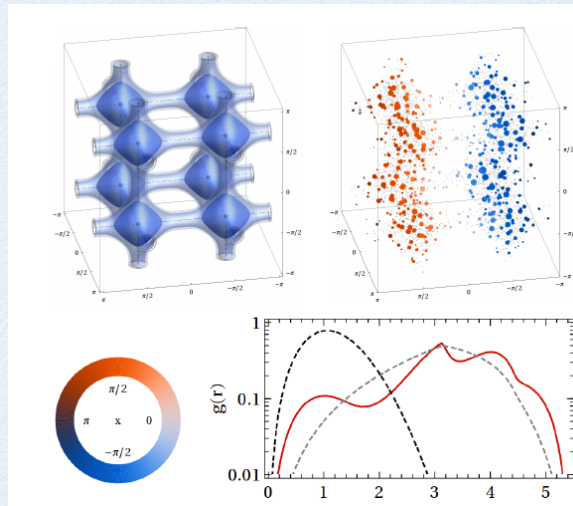
In order to perform metadynamics we have to project the CV in a space of lower dimension



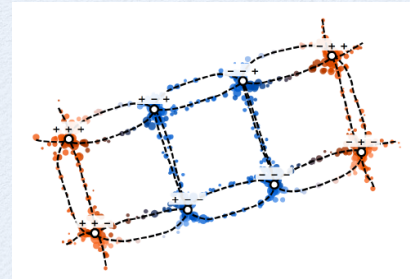
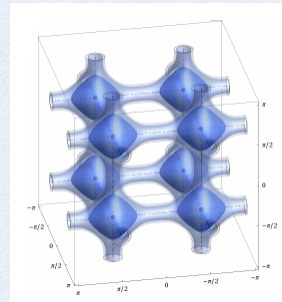
Which dimensional reduction?



A simple model

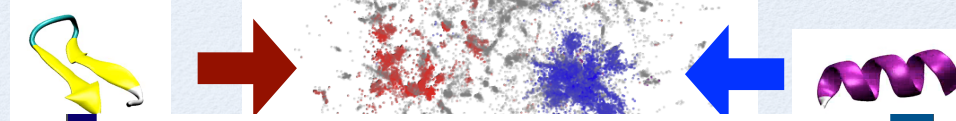


The sketch map projection



Dimensional reduction the isolucine case

The multidimensional
CVs are mapped into a
two dimensional
manifold (Sketch Map)



The social network (of protein conformations)

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Proteins possess thousands of degrees of freedom, and yet, they can rapidly and reliably find their way into well-defined folded configurations (1). In the cell, these folded proteins carry out highly specific motions

dimensionality of a dataset (the location of large land masses on the Earth) is reduced from three (their location in 3D space) to two (coordinates on a flat, rectangular sheet of paper). In constructing his projection in 1569, Gerardus Mercator

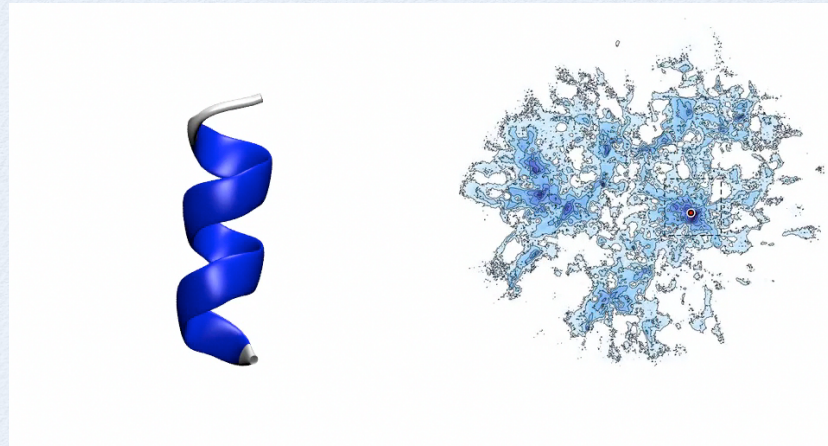


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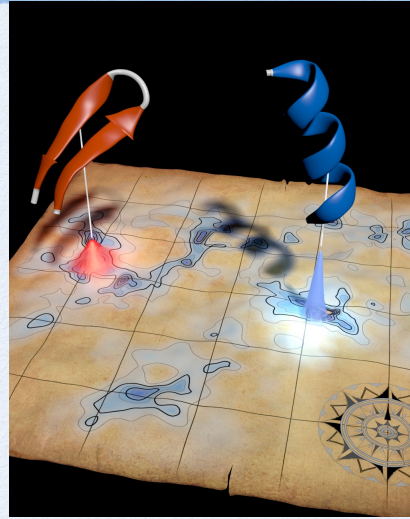
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Exploring a rough landscape



The free-energy surface

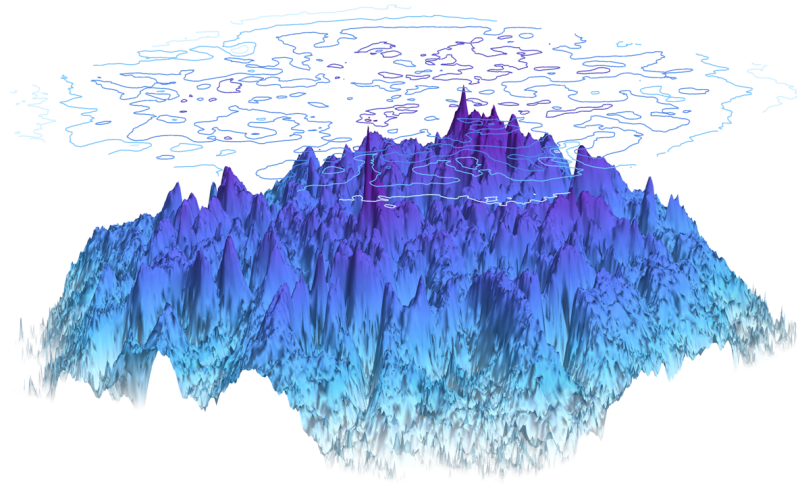


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