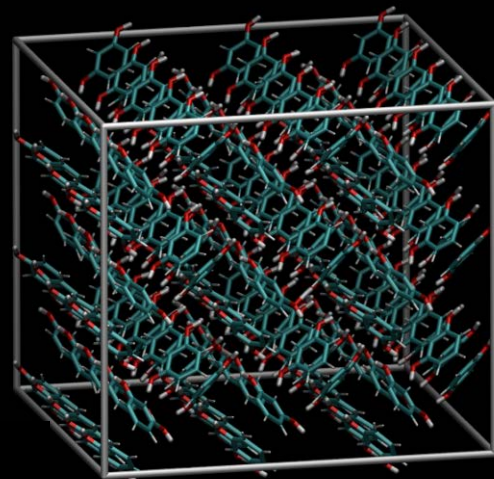
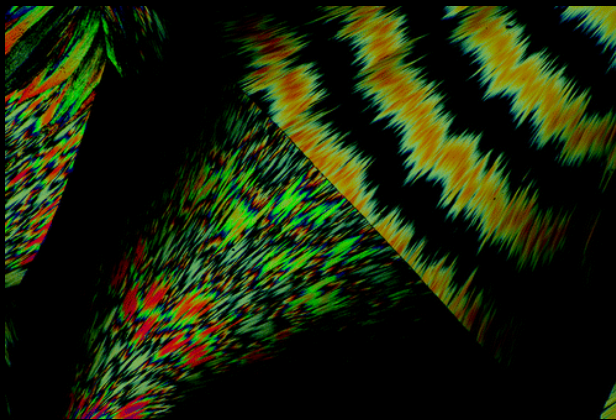
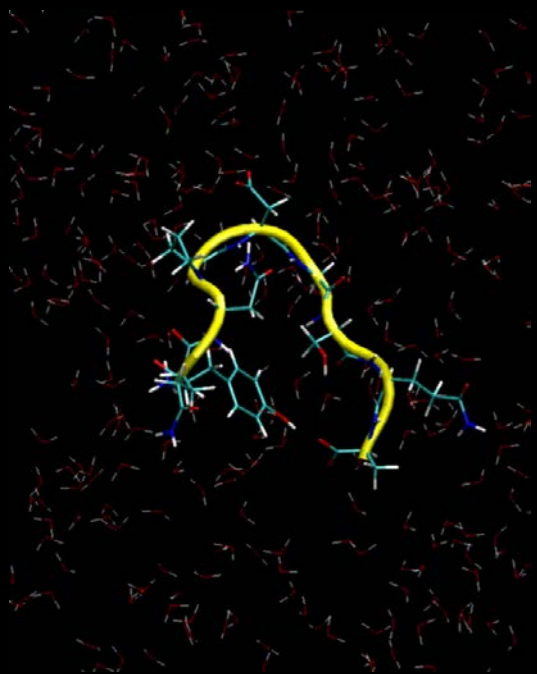


Enhanced sampling via molecular dynamics I: Targeting collective variables

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Molecular Dynamics

$$H = \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{\mathbf{p}_i^2}{2m_i} + U(\mathbf{r}_1, \dots, \mathbf{r}_N) \quad : \quad \mathbb{R}^{2dN} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$\dot{\mathbf{r}}_i = \frac{\partial H}{\partial \mathbf{p}_i} = \frac{\mathbf{p}_i}{m_i}, \quad \dot{\mathbf{p}}_i = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial \mathbf{r}_i} = -\frac{\partial U}{\partial \mathbf{r}_i} = \mathbf{F}_i(\mathbf{r}_1, \dots, \mathbf{r}_N)$$

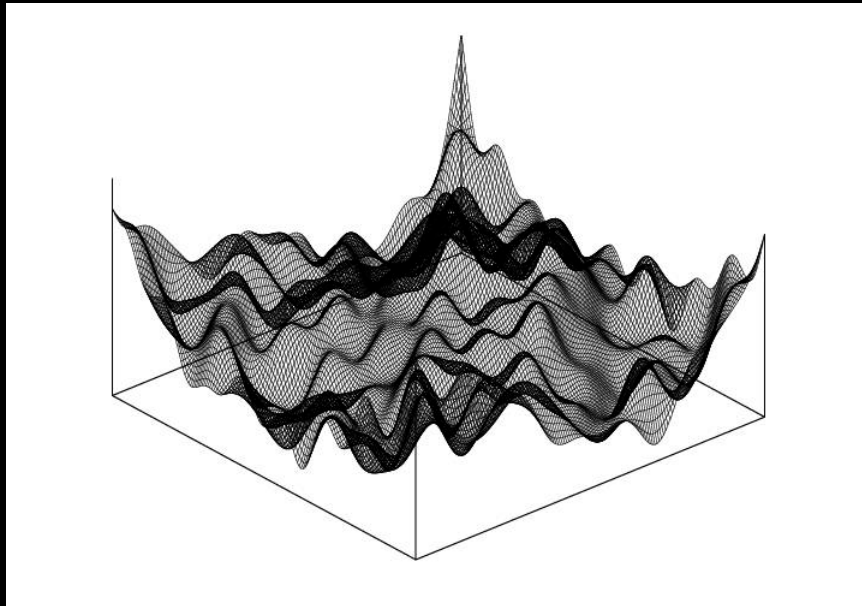
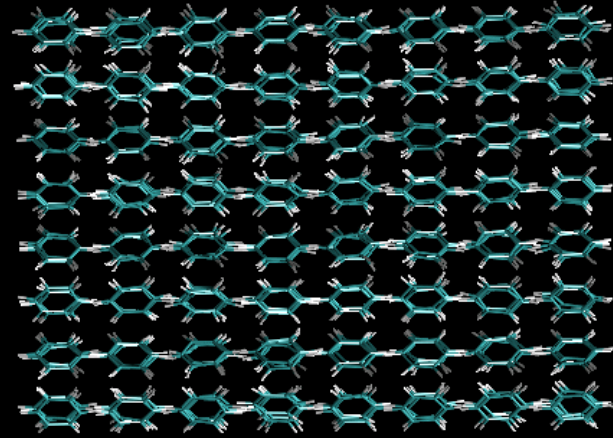
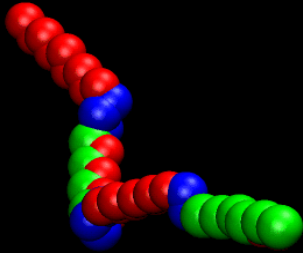
Solve subject to initial conditions:

$$(\mathbf{r}_1(0), \dots, \mathbf{r}_N(0), \mathbf{p}_1(0), \dots, \mathbf{p}_N(0)) \rightarrow (\mathbf{r}_1(t), \dots, \mathbf{r}_N(t), \mathbf{p}_1(t), \dots, \mathbf{p}_N(t))$$

Energy conservation:

$$\frac{dH}{dt} = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad H(\mathbf{r}(0), \mathbf{p}(0)) = H(\mathbf{r}(t), \mathbf{p}(t))$$
$$H(\mathbf{r}(0), \mathbf{p}(0)) \neq H(\mathbf{r}(k\Delta t), \mathbf{p}(k\Delta t))$$

Rough energy landscapes in proteins and crystals



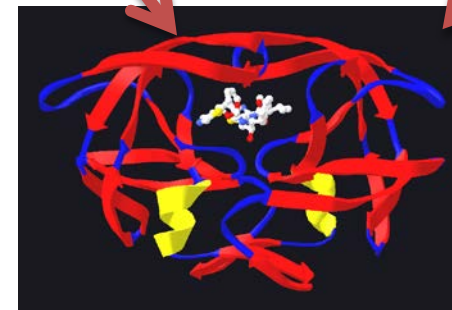
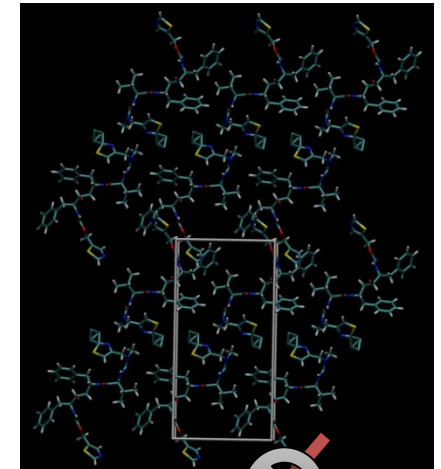
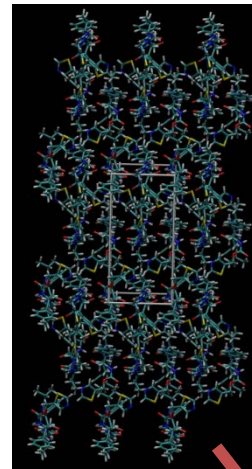
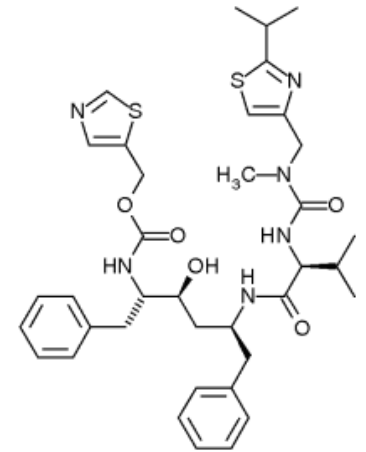
Dunitz and Scheraga
PNAS **101**, 14309 (2004)

Pharmaceutical polymorphism

Polymorphism refers to the ability of a compound to form multiple crystal structures.

Ritonavir: HIV protease inhibitor

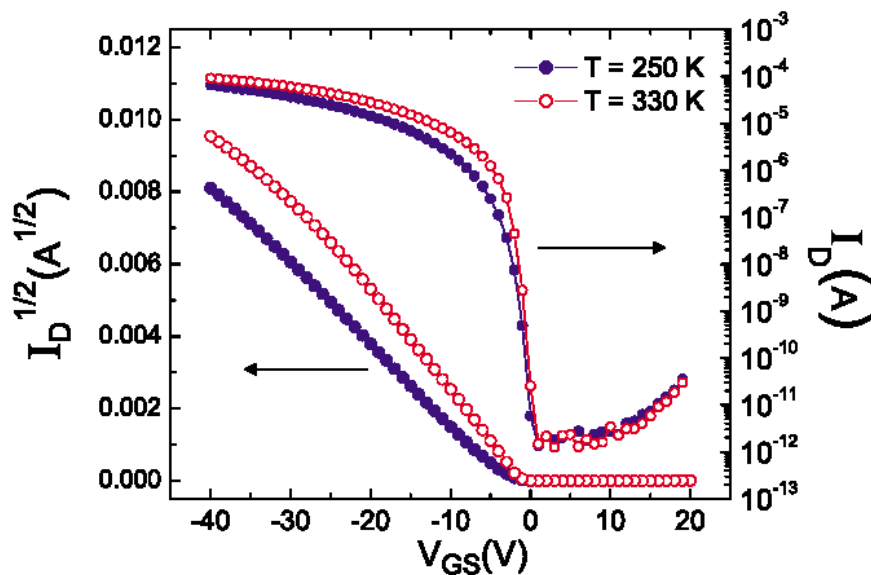
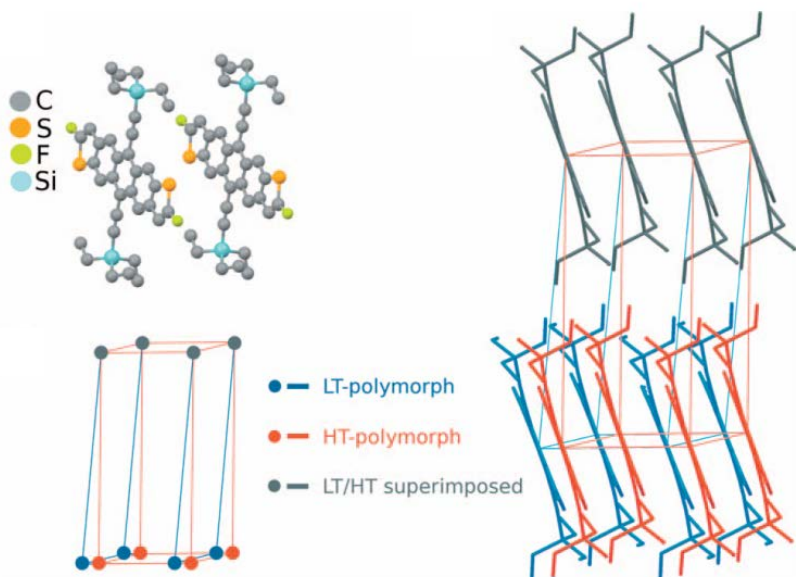
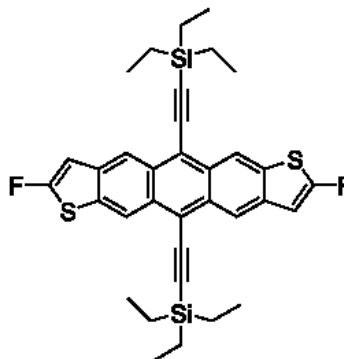
- NIH: \$3,500,000 investment
- Abbott Labs: \$200,000,000 investment
- Originally dispensed in 1996 as ordinary capsules, no refrigeration required
- Converted to lower energy (hitherto unknown) polymorph (form I to form II) on the shelf
- Form II: Poor solubility, lower bioavailability
- Required recall (1998) and reformulation as gel caps (2002).
- Even a trace of form II causes phase transformation



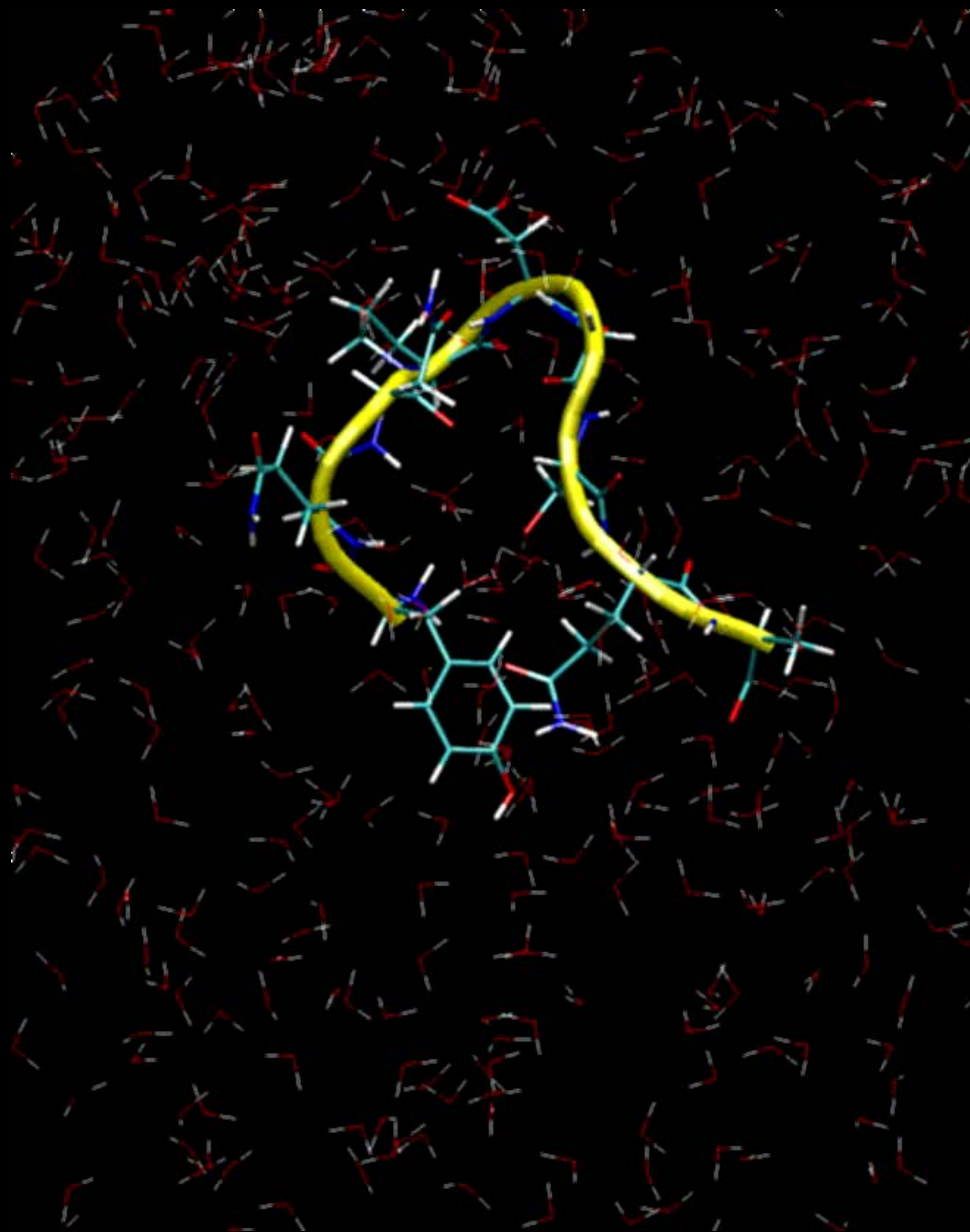
HIV-1 protease

Polymorphism in Organic Semiconductors

- Different crystal packing arrangements can affect electronic coupling between molecules.
- Properties can be affected even by small changes in the crystal structure.
- Example: Difluorinated 5,11-bis(triethylsilylethynyl)anthradithiophene (Jurcescu *et al. PRB*, 2009).



Sequence:
YQPDGSQA

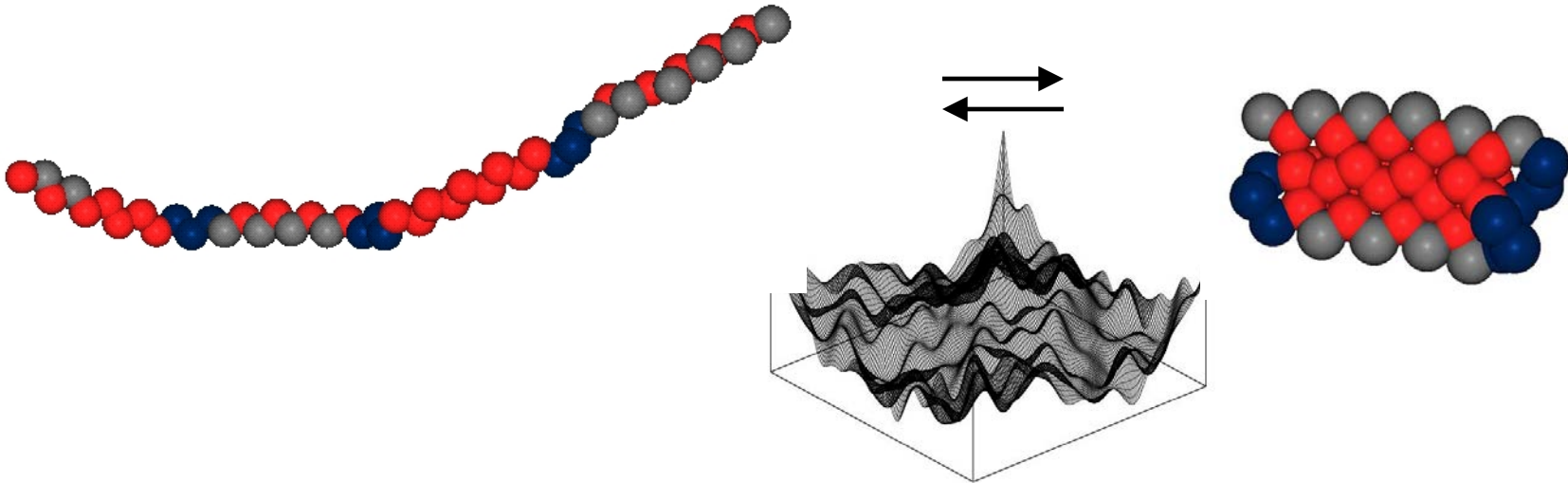


I.-C. Lin and MET
J. Phys. Chem. B
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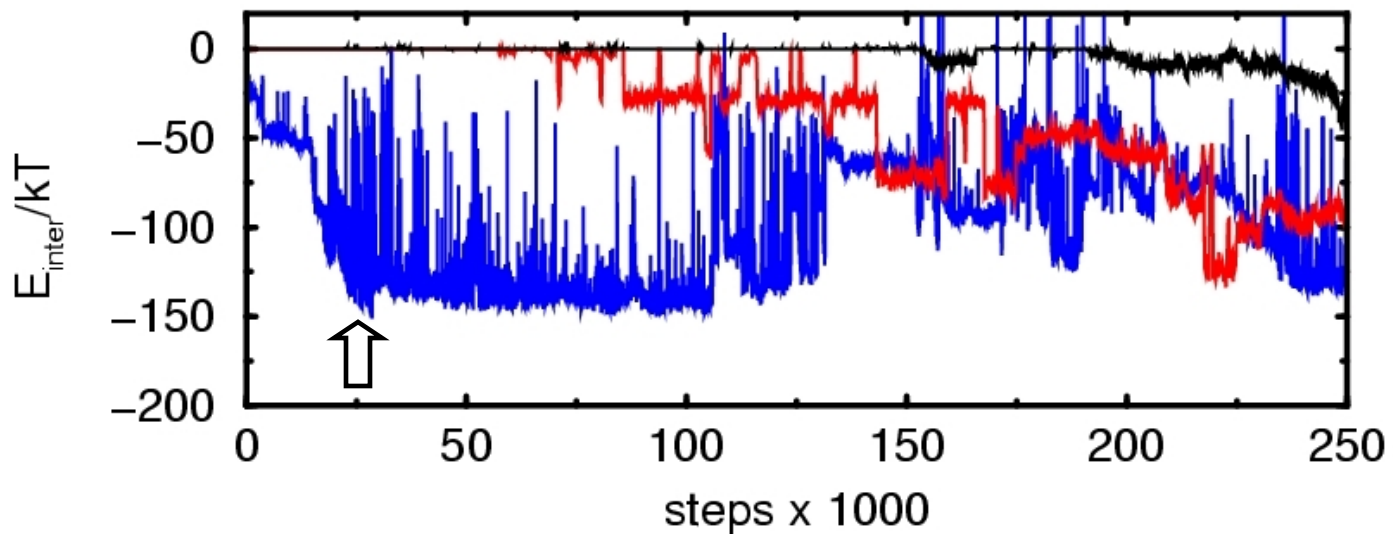
Solvent
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Side-chain
mass scaling
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Conformational equilibrium



P. Minary, MET, G. J. Martyna *SIAM J. Sci. Comput.* **30**, 2055 (2008)

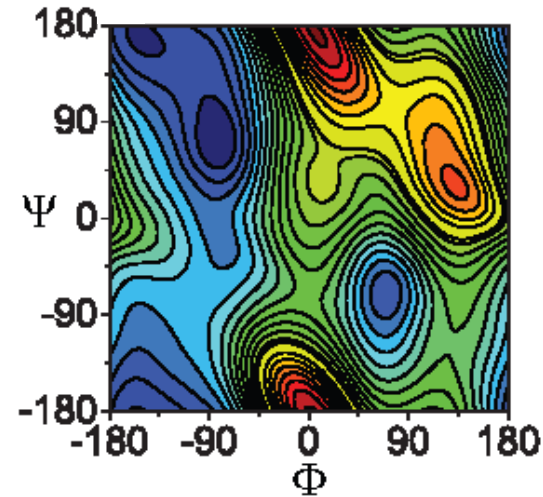
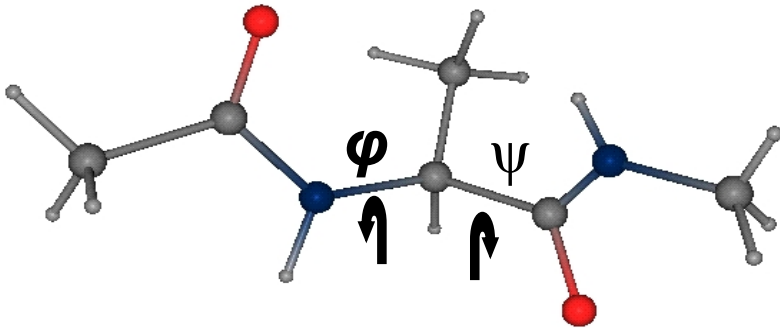


Collective variables in molecular simulation

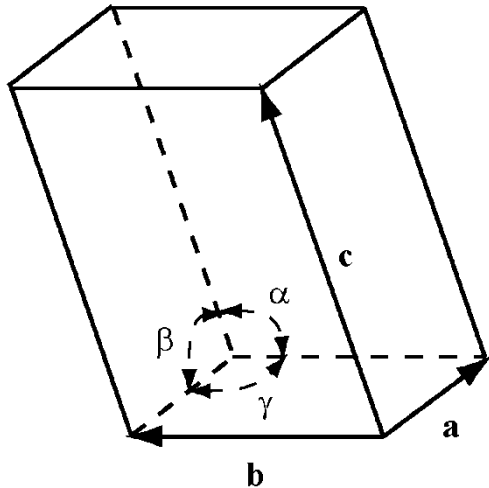
Let $\mathbf{r}_1, \dots, \mathbf{r}_N$ denote the Cartesian coordinates of N atoms in a system. Suppose n collective variables (CVs) characterize a process of interest

$$q_\alpha = q_\alpha(\mathbf{r}_1, \dots, \mathbf{r}_N) \equiv q_\alpha(\mathbf{r}) \quad \alpha = 1, \dots, n$$

Peptides:



Crystals:



$$\mathbf{h} = \begin{pmatrix} a_x & b_x & c_x \\ a_y & b_y & c_y \\ a_z & b_z & c_z \end{pmatrix}$$

(Box matrix)

Calculation of free energies in CVs

Given a classical Hamiltonian

$$H(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{r}) = \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{p}^T \mathbf{M}^{-1} \mathbf{p} + U(\mathbf{r}_1, \dots, \mathbf{r}_N)$$

and a set of $n \ll 3N$ collective variables

$$q_\alpha = q_\alpha(\mathbf{r}_1, \dots, \mathbf{r}_N) \quad \alpha = 1, \dots, n$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(s_1, \dots, s_n, T) &= \frac{1}{Z} \int d^N \mathbf{p} d^N \mathbf{r} e^{-\beta H(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{r})} \prod_{\alpha=1}^n \delta(q_\alpha(\mathbf{r}) - s_\alpha) \\ &= \left\langle \prod_{\alpha=1}^n \delta(q_\alpha(\mathbf{r}) - s_\alpha) \right\rangle \end{aligned}$$

Free-energy surface:

$$A(s_1, \dots, s_n, T) = -kT \ln P(s_1, \dots, s_n, T)$$

Thermodynamic integration in the blue moon ensemble

M. Sprik and G. Ciccotti, *J. Chem. Phys.* **109**, 7737 (1998)



Suppose we have a canonical transformation to generalized coordinates and momenta:

$$q_\alpha(\mathbf{r}), \quad \pi_\alpha = \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}_\alpha}$$

such that $q_1(\mathbf{r})$ is the reaction coordinate.

Hamiltonian:

$$H(\pi, q) = \frac{1}{2} \pi^T K(q) \pi + U(\mathbf{r}_1(q), \dots, \mathbf{r}_N(q))$$

$$K_{\alpha\beta}(q) = \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{1}{m_i} \left(\frac{\partial q_\alpha}{\partial \mathbf{r}_i} \right) \left(\frac{\partial q_\beta}{\partial \mathbf{r}_i} \right)$$

Probability distribution:

$$P(s_1, \dots, s_n) = \int d^{3N} \pi d^{3N} q e^{-\beta H(\pi, q)} \prod_{\alpha=1}^n \delta(q_\alpha - s_\alpha)$$

Thermodynamic integration in the blue moon ensemble

Free energy derivative:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial A}{\partial s_\mu} &= -\frac{1}{\beta P(s)} \frac{dP}{ds} = -\frac{1}{\beta P(s)} \int d^{3N} \pi d^{3N} q e^{-\beta H(\pi, q)} \frac{\partial}{\partial s_\mu} \prod_{\alpha=1}^n \delta(q_\alpha - s_\alpha) \\ &= \frac{1}{\left\langle \prod_{\alpha=1}^n \delta(q_\alpha - s_\alpha) \right\rangle} \left\langle \frac{\partial H}{\partial q_\mu} \prod_{\alpha=1}^n \delta(q_\alpha - s_\alpha) \right\rangle \equiv \left\langle \frac{\partial H}{\partial q_\mu} \right\rangle_s^{\text{cond}} \end{aligned}$$

If we just transform coordinate space, leaving the momenta untouched:

$$\frac{\partial A}{\partial s_\mu} = \left\langle \left[\frac{\partial U(q)}{\partial q_\mu} - k_B T \frac{\partial}{\partial q_\mu} \ln J(q) \right] \right\rangle_s^{\text{cond}}$$

Thermodynamic integration in the blue moon ensemble

Implementation via constrained MD (practical for $n = 1$):

$$\dot{\mathbf{r}}_i = \frac{\mathbf{p}_i}{m_i}, \quad \dot{\mathbf{p}}_i = -\frac{\partial U}{\partial \mathbf{r}_i} + \lambda \frac{\partial q}{\partial \mathbf{r}_i}$$

Conditional average:

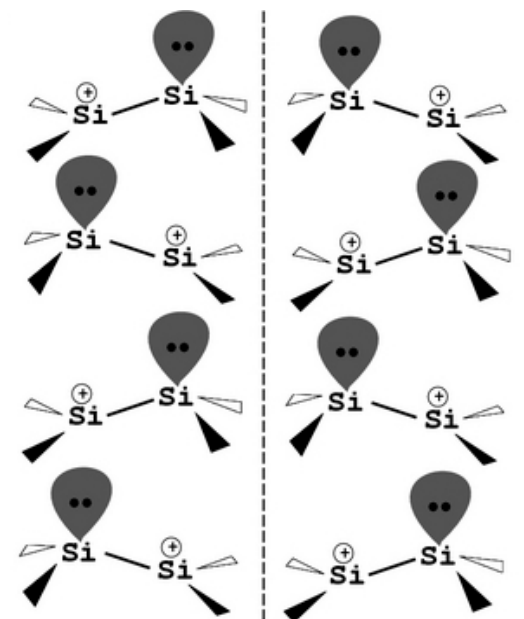
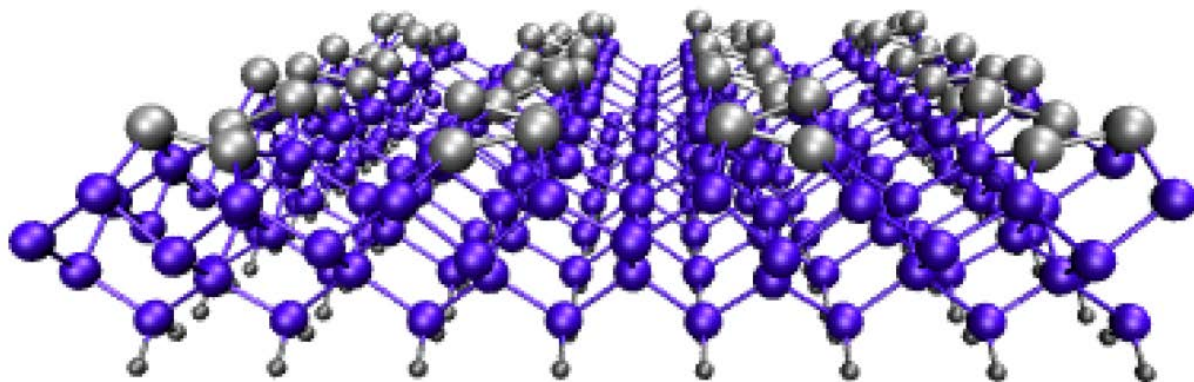
$$\langle O(\mathbf{r}) \rangle_s^{\text{cond}} = \frac{\langle z^{-1/2}(\mathbf{r}) O(\mathbf{r}) \rangle_s^{\text{constr}}}{\langle z^{-1/2}(\mathbf{r}) \rangle_s^{\text{constr}}}, \quad z(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{1}{m_i} \left(\frac{\partial q}{\partial \mathbf{r}_i} \right)^2$$

When using constraints:

$$\frac{dA}{ds} = \langle [\lambda + k_B T G] \rangle_s^{\text{cond}}, \quad G = \frac{1}{z^2(\mathbf{r})} \sum_{i,j} \frac{1}{m_i m_j} \frac{\partial q}{\partial \mathbf{r}_i} \square \frac{\partial^2 q}{\partial \mathbf{r}_i \partial \mathbf{r}_j} \square \frac{\partial q}{\partial \mathbf{r}_j}$$

Reactions on the Si(100)-2x1 Surface

- Formation of surface dimers
- Buckled dimer structure.



Si (100) -2x1

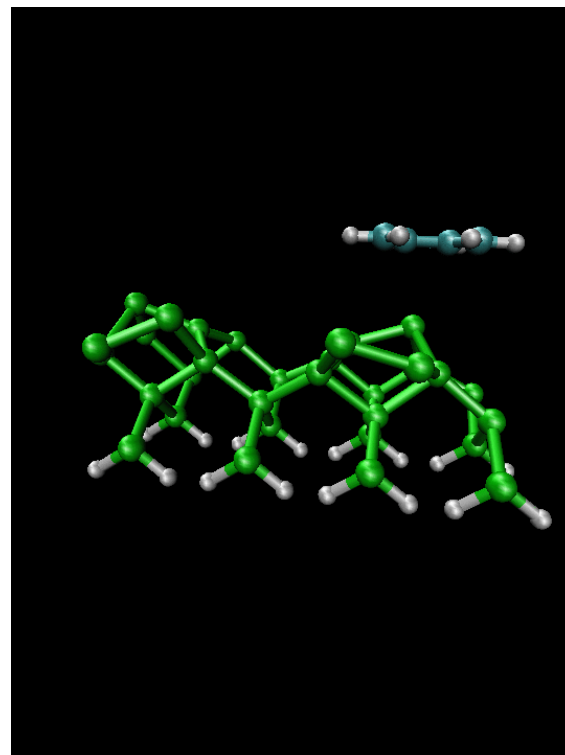
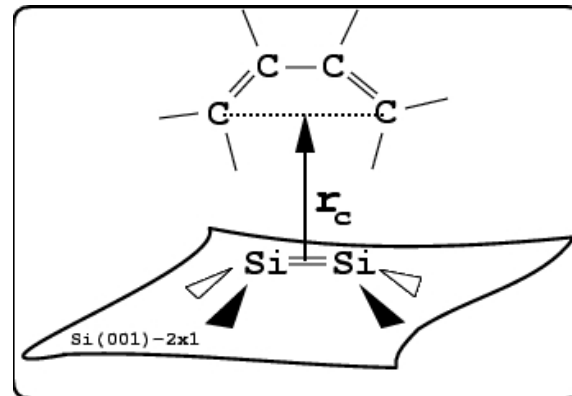
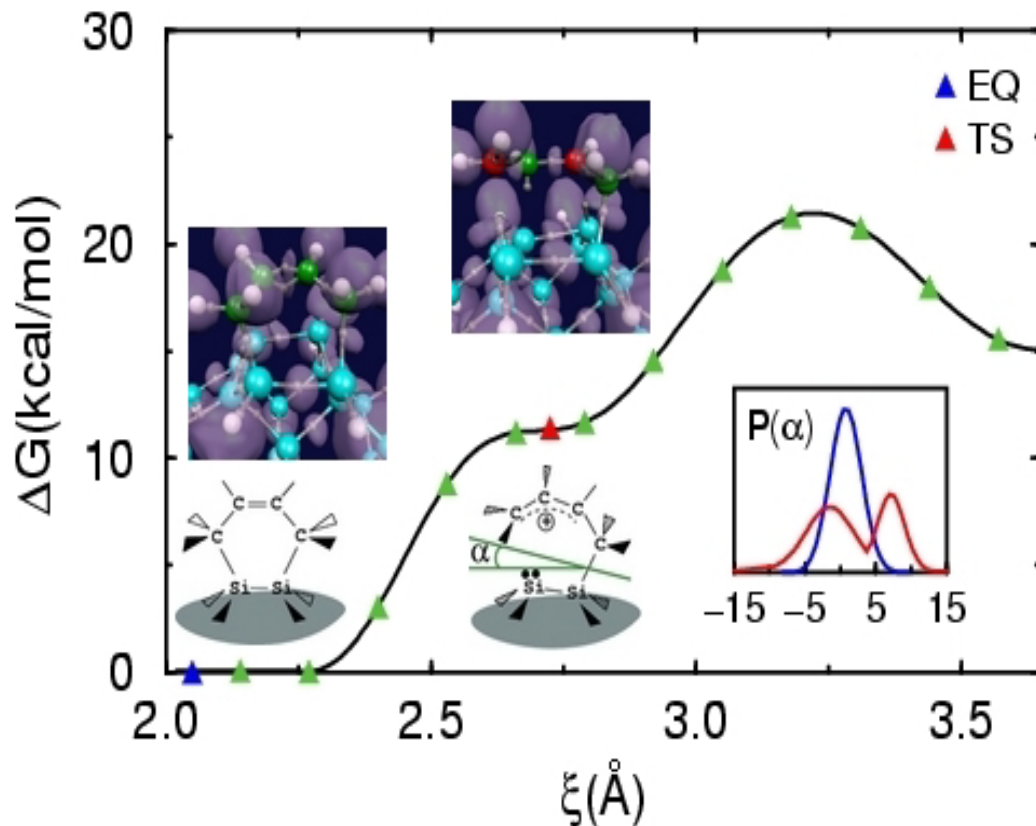
C(4x2)

Free energy profile of [4+2] reaction

P. Minary and MET *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* (Comm.) **126**, 13920 (2004)

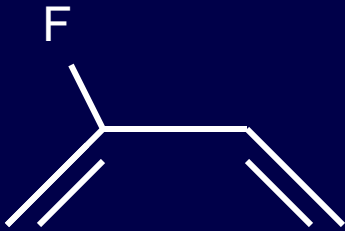
$$\xi = \left| \frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{R}_{\text{Si}_1} + \mathbf{R}_{\text{Si}_2}) - \frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{R}_{\text{C}_1} + \mathbf{R}_{\text{C}_4}) \right|$$

$$\Delta G(\xi) = \int_{\xi_0}^{\xi} d\xi' \left\langle \frac{\partial H}{\partial \xi'} \right\rangle_{\text{cond}}$$



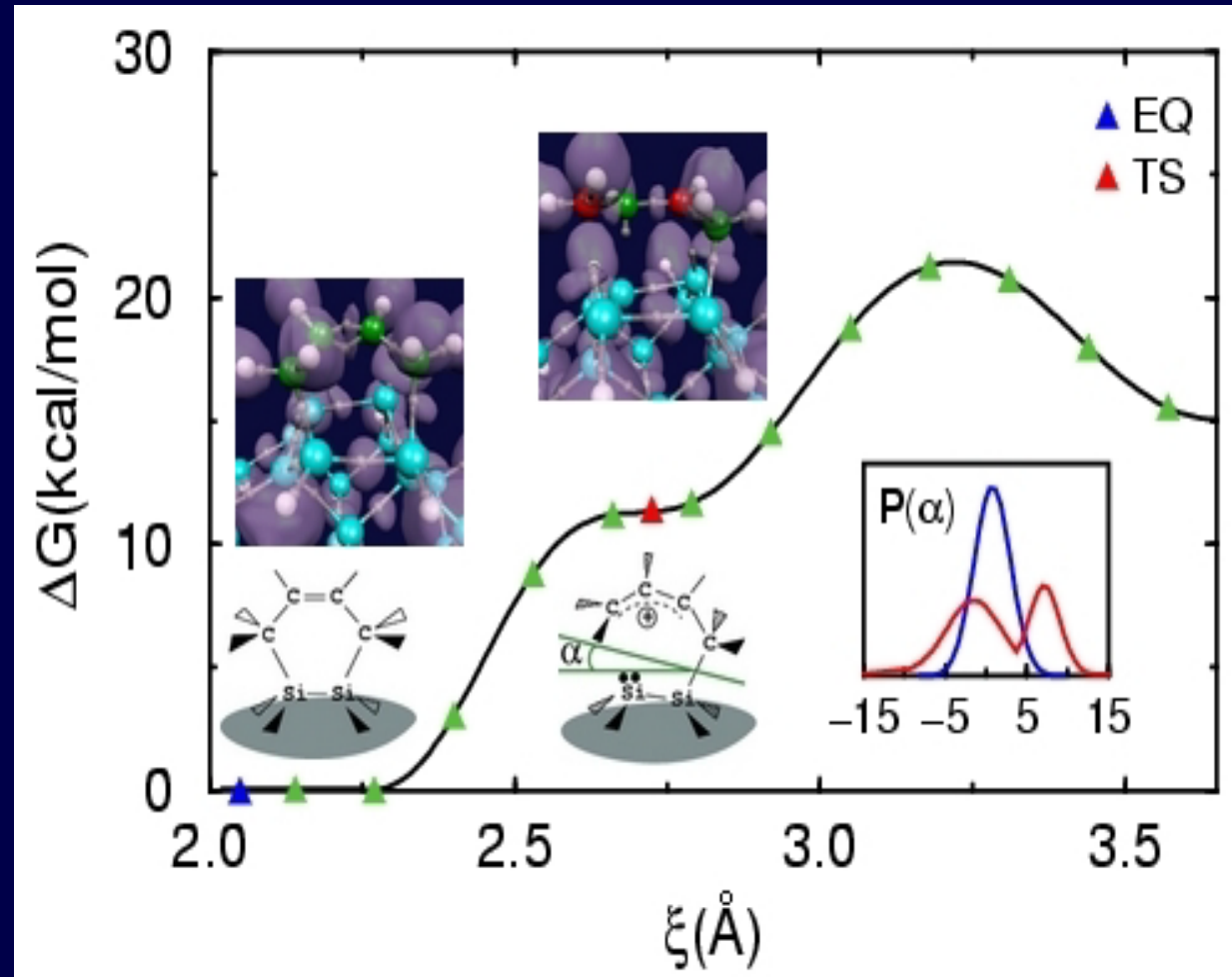
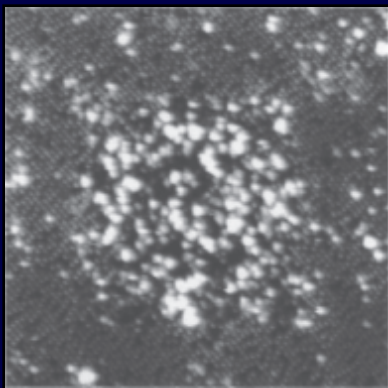
Comparing free energy for fluorinated 1,3-butadiene

Goal: Design a molecule with a lower free energy barrier for the “retro” Diels-Alder reaction.



Minary, Iftimie, MET
Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. (2005).

Surface patterning via
STM tip



Wolkow and coworkers

Adiabatic free-energy dynamics (AFED)

L. Rosso and MET *Mol. Simulat.* **28**, 91 (2002); L. Rosso, P. Minary, Z. Zhu, MET *J. Chem. Phys.* **116**, 4389 (2002)

In a transformation to generalized coordinates:

$$q_\alpha = q_\alpha(\mathbf{r}_1, \dots, \mathbf{r}_N) \quad \alpha = 1, \dots, 3N \quad ; \quad \mathbf{r}_i = \mathbf{r}_i(q_1, \dots, q_{3N})$$

Suppose first n are of particular interest.

$$\begin{aligned} P(s_1, \dots, s_n) &= \int d^N \mathbf{p} d^N \mathbf{r} e^{-\beta H(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{r})} \prod_{\alpha=1}^n \delta(q_\alpha(\mathbf{r}) - s_\alpha) \\ &= \int d^N \mathbf{p} d^{3N} q e^{-\beta \tilde{H}(\mathbf{p}, q)} \prod_{\alpha=1}^n \delta(q_\alpha - s_\alpha) \end{aligned}$$

$$H = \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{p}^T M^{-1} \mathbf{p} + U(\mathbf{r}) \quad \tilde{H} = \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{p}^T M^{-1} \mathbf{p} + U(\mathbf{r}(q)) - kT \ln J(q)$$

Adiabatic and temperature conditions: $m_{1, \dots, n} \gg m_{n+1, \dots, 3N}$ $T_s \gg T$

Free-energy surface:

$$A(s_1, \dots, s_n, T) = -kT_s \ln P_{\text{adb}}(s_1, \dots, s_n)$$

Free energies via adiabatic free energy dynamics (JCP 2002, Mol. Sim. 2002)

Free energy surface: Given a general interaction potential $U(\mathbf{r}_1, \dots, \mathbf{r}_N)$

$$A(q_1, \dots, q_n) = -kT \ln \int d^N \mathbf{r} e^{-\beta U(\mathbf{r}_1, \dots, \mathbf{r}_N)} \prod_{\alpha=1}^n \delta(q_\alpha(\mathbf{r}) - q_\alpha)$$

Equations of motion in generalized coordinates:

$$m_\alpha \ddot{q}_\alpha = -\frac{\partial \tilde{U}}{\partial q_\alpha} + \text{Heat Bath}(T_s), \quad i = 1, \dots, n$$
$$m_\alpha \ddot{q}_\alpha = -\frac{\partial \tilde{U}}{\partial q_\alpha} + \text{Heat Bath}(T), \quad i = n + 1, \dots, 3N$$

Generalized potential: $\tilde{U}(q) = U(\mathbf{r}(q)) - kT \ln J(q)$

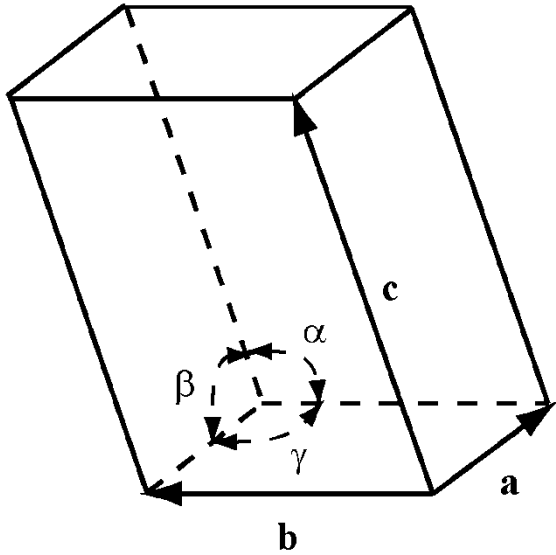
Adiabatic and temperature acceleration conditions:

$$m_{1, \dots, n} \square m_{n+1, \dots, 3N}, \quad T_s \square T$$

In this limit,

$$m_\alpha \ddot{q}_\alpha = -\frac{\partial}{\partial q_\alpha} A(q_1, \dots, q_n) + \text{Heat Bath}(T_s), \quad i = 1, \dots, n$$

Crystal-AFED [T. Q. Yu and MET *Phys. Rev. Lett.* (2011)]



$$\mathbf{h} = \begin{pmatrix} a_x & b_x & c_x \\ a_y & b_y & c_y \\ a_z & b_z & c_z \end{pmatrix}$$

$$V = \mathbf{a} \cdot (\mathbf{b} \times \mathbf{c}) = \det(\mathbf{h})$$

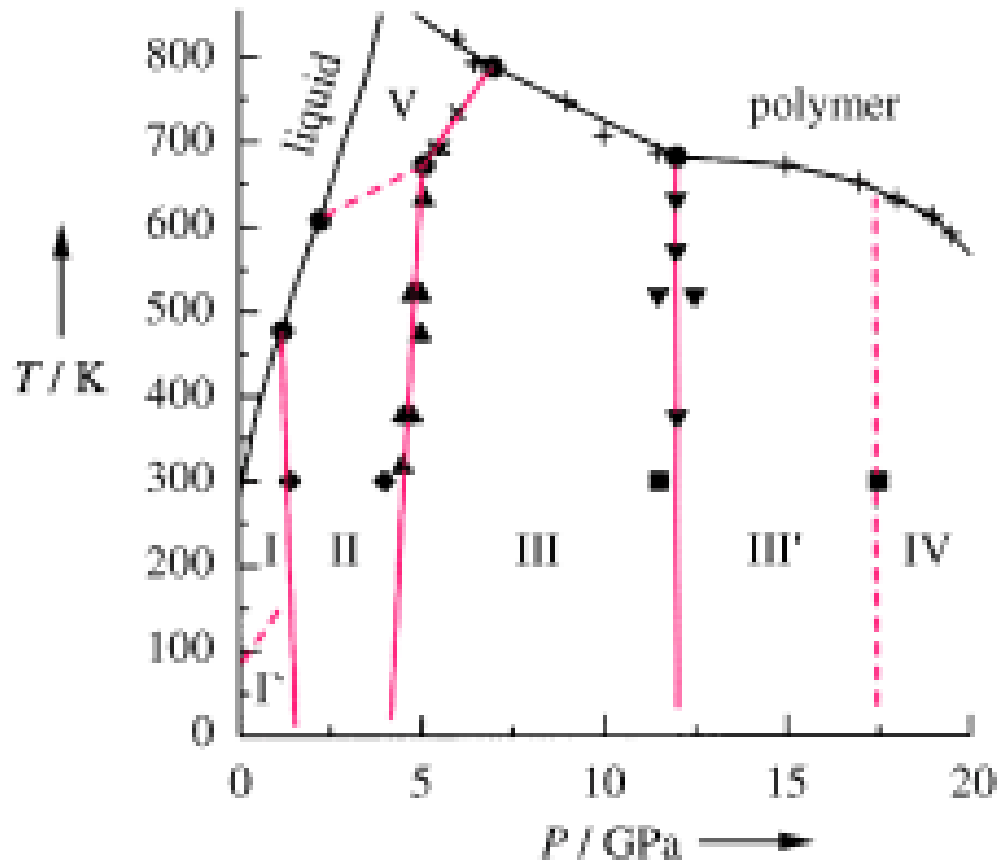
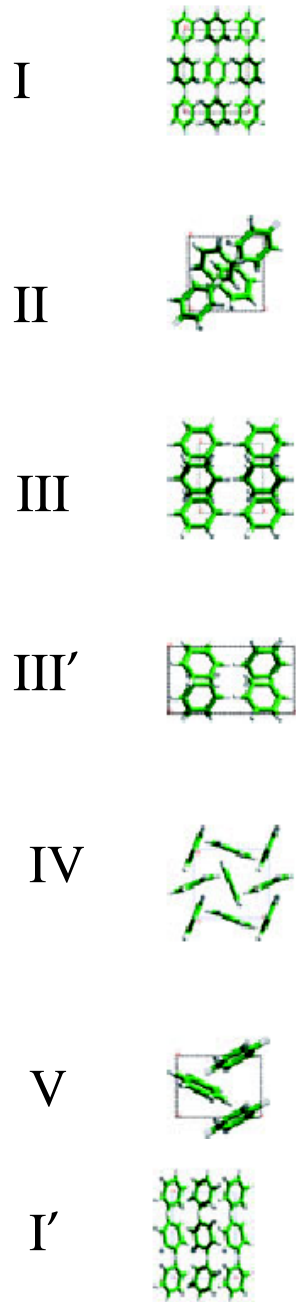
$$\dot{\mathbf{r}}_i = \frac{\mathbf{p}_i}{m_i} + \frac{\mathbf{p}_g}{W} \mathbf{r}_i, \quad \dot{\mathbf{p}}_i = \mathbf{F}_i - \frac{\mathbf{p}_g}{W} \mathbf{p}_i - \frac{1}{N_f} \frac{\text{Tr}[\mathbf{p}_g]}{W} \mathbf{p}_i + \text{heat bath}(T)$$

$$\dot{\mathbf{h}} = \frac{\mathbf{p}_g \mathbf{h}}{W}, \quad \dot{\mathbf{p}}_g = \det(\mathbf{h}) (\mathbf{P}^{(\text{int})} - P\mathbf{I}) + \frac{1}{N_f} \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{\mathbf{p}_i^2}{m_i} \mathbf{I} + \text{heat bath}(T_h)$$

$$\text{Large } W, \quad T_h \ll T$$

“Phase diagram” of benzene

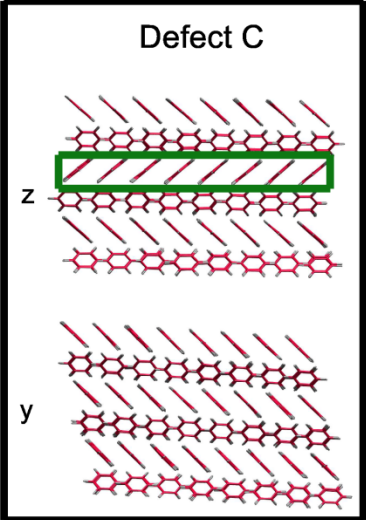
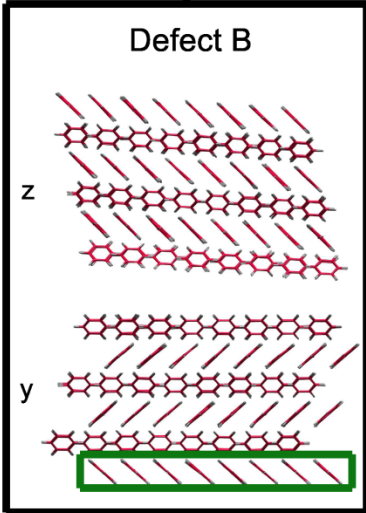
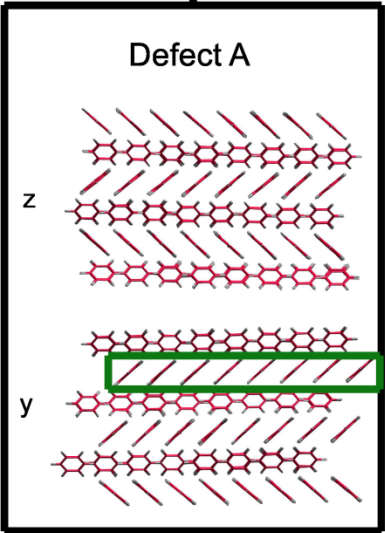
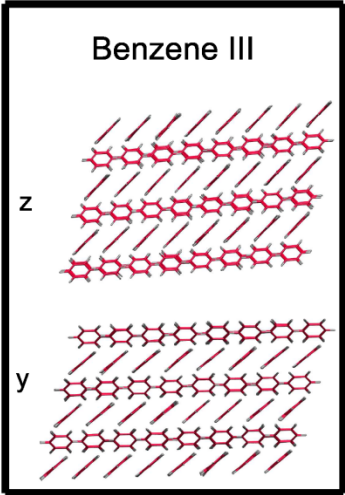
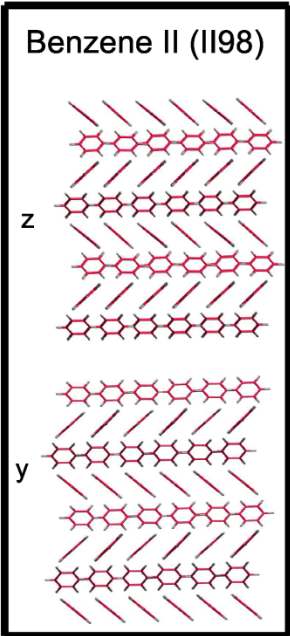
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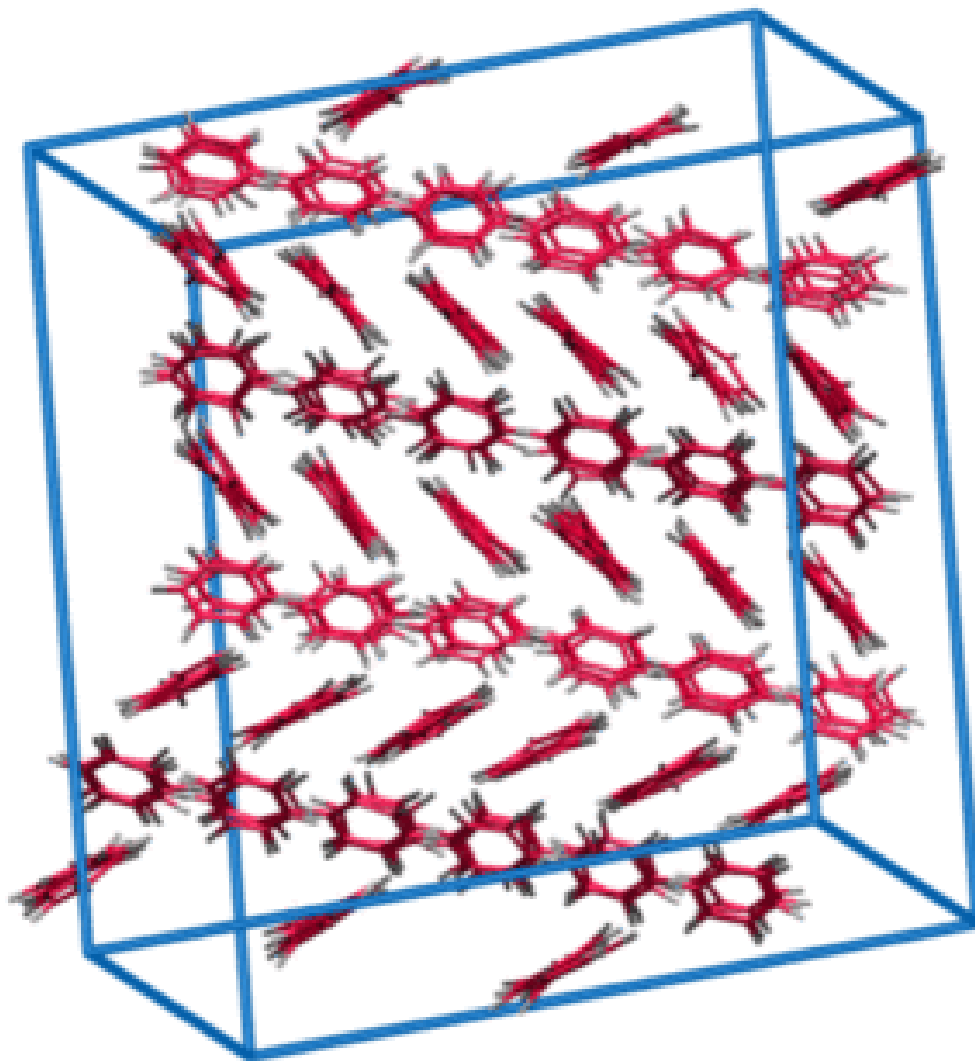


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I, II, III, III', IV known from X-ray and Raman scattering

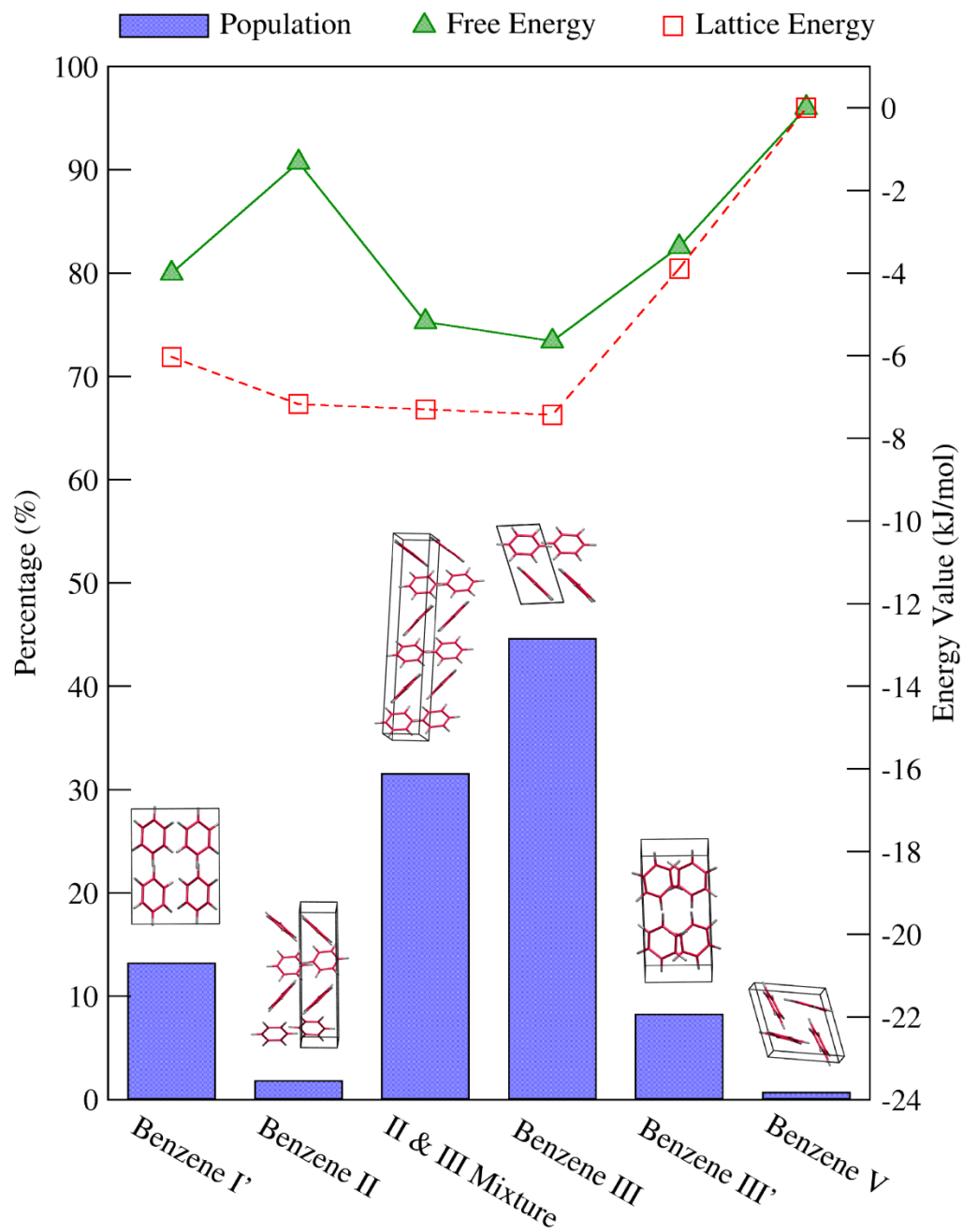
I' and V more speculative





GROMOS FF, $T = 100$ K, $T_h = 32,000 - 40,000$ K

$N = 216$ ($3 \times 3 \times 3$), $P = 2$ GPa, Total run time = 500 ps, 5 ns



Driven Adiabatic Free Energy Dynamics (d-AFED)

L. Rosso, P. Minary, Z. Zhu, MET *J. Chem. Phys.* **116**, 4389 (2002)

Margliano and Vanden-Eijnden, *Chem. Phys. Lett.* **426**, 168 (2006)

J. B. Abrams and MET, *J. Phys. Chem. B* **112**, 14752 (2008)

Suppose n collective variables characterize a free energy landscape of interest

$$q_\alpha = q_\alpha(\mathbf{r}_1, \dots, \mathbf{r}_N) \quad \alpha = 1, \dots, n$$

Canonical probability distribution:

$$P(s_1, \dots, s_n) = \int d^N \mathbf{p} d^N \mathbf{r} e^{-\beta H(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{r})} \prod_{\alpha=1}^n \delta(q_\alpha(\mathbf{r}) - s_\alpha)$$

Write δ -functions as product of Gaussians:

$$P(s_1, \dots, s_n) = \lim_{\{\kappa_\alpha \rightarrow \infty\}} \int d^N \mathbf{p} d^N \mathbf{r} e^{-\beta H(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{r})} \prod_{\alpha=1}^n \left(\frac{\beta \kappa_\alpha}{2\pi} \right)^{1/2} \exp \left[-\frac{\beta \kappa_\alpha}{2} (q_\alpha(\mathbf{r}) - s_\alpha)^2 \right]$$

Introduce uncoupled Gaussian integrations:

$$P_{\{\kappa\}}(s_1, \dots, s_n) = C_{\{\kappa\}} \int d^N \mathbf{p} d^N \mathbf{r} d^n p_s \exp \left\{ -\beta \left[H(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{r}) + \sum_{\alpha=1}^n \frac{p_{s_\alpha}^2}{2m_\alpha} + \sum_{\alpha=1}^n \frac{\kappa_\alpha}{2} (q_\alpha(\mathbf{r}) - s_\alpha)^2 \right] \right\}$$

Effective Hamiltonian:

$$\mathcal{H}(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{r}, s, p_s) = H(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{r}) + \sum_{\alpha=1}^n \frac{p_{s_\alpha}^2}{2m_\alpha} + \sum_{\alpha=1}^n \frac{\kappa_\alpha}{2} (q_\alpha(\mathbf{r}) - s_\alpha)^2$$

Driven Adiabatic Free Energy Dynamics (d-AFED)

Introduce high temperature $T_s \square T$ for extended variables and high masses $m_\alpha \square m_i$

Adiabatically decoupled equations of motion:

$$m_i \ddot{\mathbf{r}}_i = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial \mathbf{r}_i} + \sum_{\alpha} \kappa_{\alpha} (s_{\alpha} - q_{\alpha}(\mathbf{r})) \frac{\partial q_{\alpha}}{\partial \mathbf{r}_i} + \text{heat bath}(T)$$

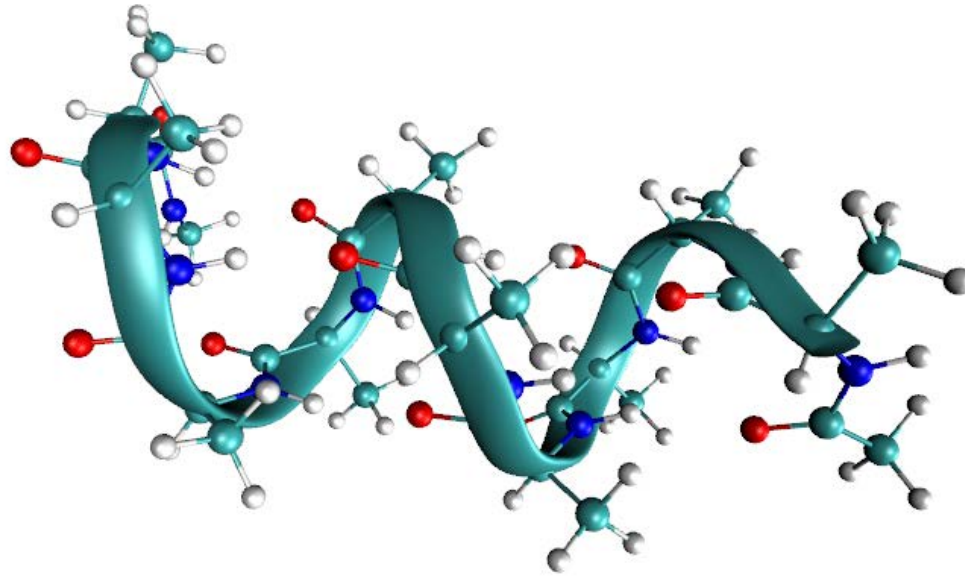
$$m_{\alpha} \ddot{s}_{\alpha} = -\kappa_{\alpha} (s_{\alpha} - q_{\alpha}(\mathbf{r})) + \text{heat bath}(T_s)$$

Under adiabatic conditions, we generate a distribution $P_{\text{adb}}^{(\{\kappa\})}(s_1, \dots, s_n, T_s, T)$

$$P_{\text{adb}}^{(\{\kappa\})}(s_1, \dots, s_n, T_s, T) = \tilde{C}_{\{\kappa\}} \int d^n p e^{-\beta_s \sum_{\alpha} \frac{p_{\alpha}^2}{2m_{\alpha}}} \left[P_{\{\kappa\}}(s_1, \dots, s_n, T) \right]^{T/T_s}$$

$$\lim_{\{\kappa \rightarrow \infty\}} \left[-kT_s \ln P_{\text{adb}}^{(\{\kappa\})}(s_1, \dots, s_n, T_s) \right] = A(s_1, \dots, s_n, T)$$

Alanine Decamer (gas phase)



Force field:

CHARMM22

20 CVs:

All (φ, ψ) pairs

CV Temperature:

$T_s = 900$ K

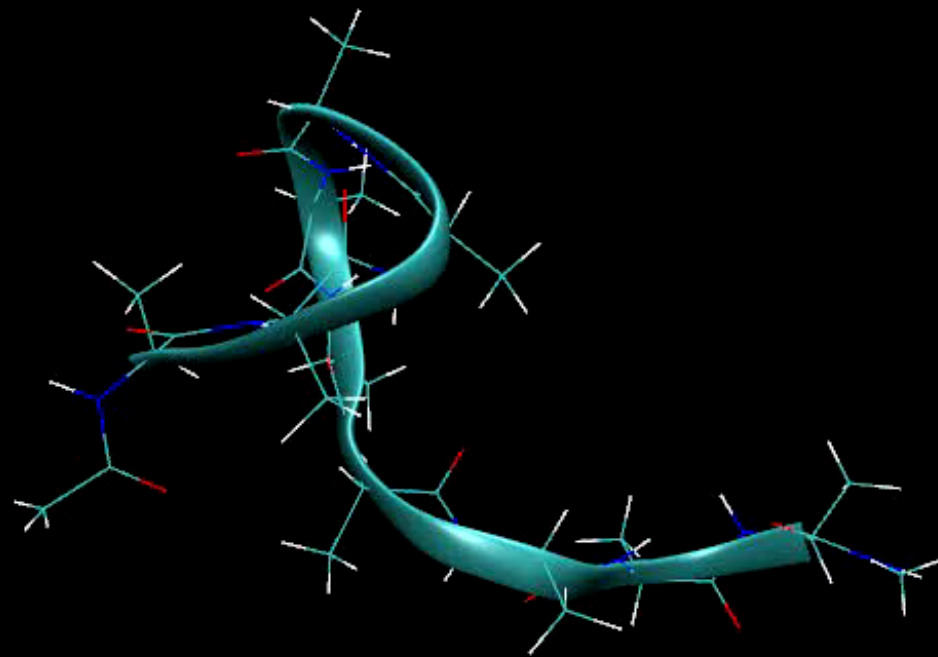
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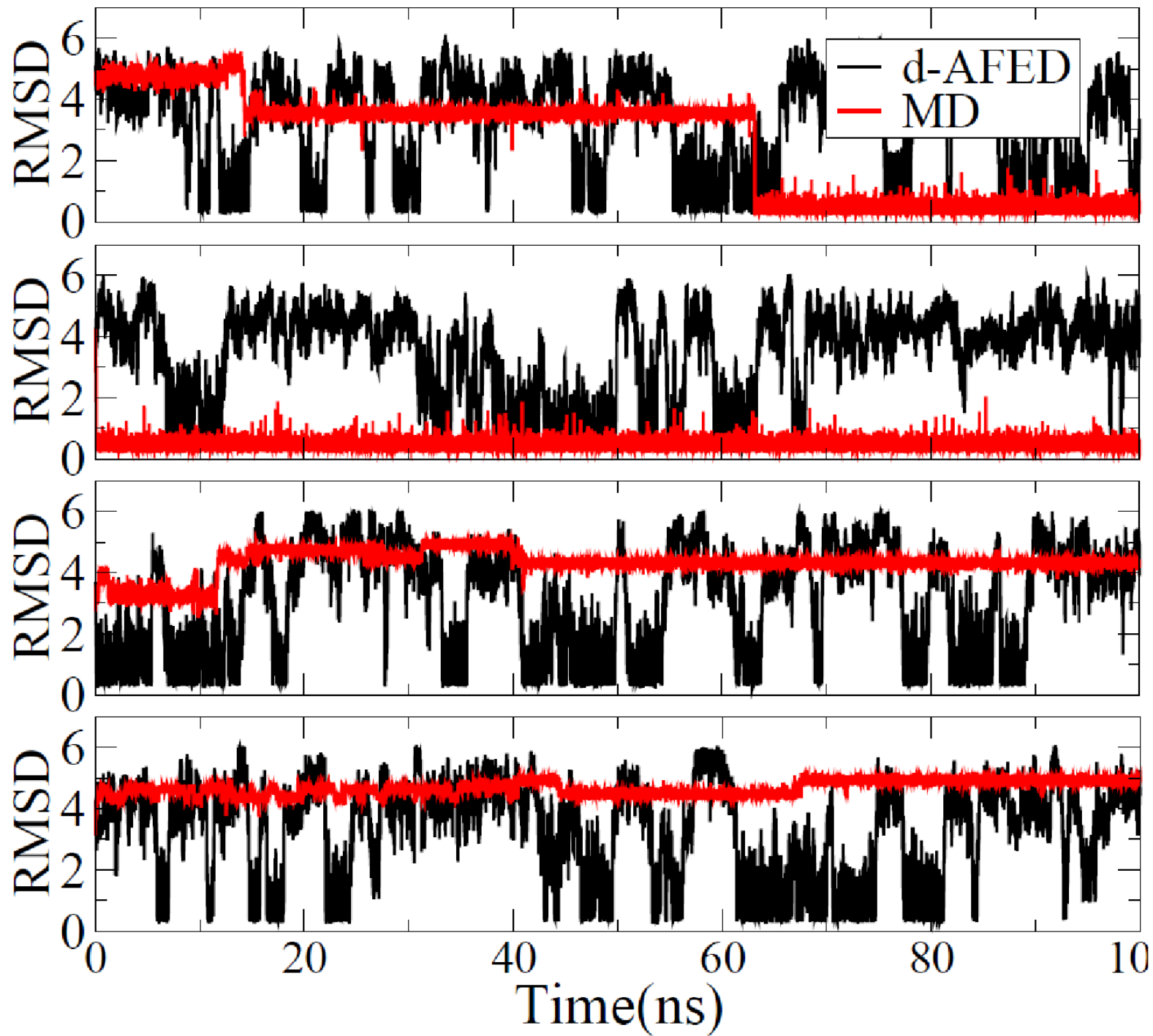
$T = 300$ K

CV mass:

$m_{(\psi, \varphi)} = 600m_H$

Harmonic coupling: 300.5 kcal/mol/rad²





Metadynamics

A. Laio and M. Parrinello, *PNAS* **99**, 12562 (2002)

Suppose we have n reaction coordinates or collective variables $q_\alpha(\mathbf{r})$, $\alpha=1,\dots,n$ of interest, and we wish to generate the multidimensional free energy hypersurface

$$P(s_1, \dots, s_n) = \left\langle \prod_{\alpha=1}^n \delta(q_\alpha(\mathbf{r}) - s_\alpha) \right\rangle \approx \left\langle \prod_{\alpha=1}^n C_\alpha \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2\sigma_\alpha^2} (q_\alpha(\mathbf{r}) - s_\alpha)^2 \right] \right\rangle$$

$$A(s_1, \dots, s_n) = -k_B T \ln P(s_1, \dots, s_n)$$

Ergodic hypothesis:

$$\langle O(\mathbf{r}) \rangle = \lim_{\tau \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\tau} \int_0^\tau O(\mathbf{r}(t)) dt$$

Applying to probability distribution:

$$P(s_1, \dots, s_n) = \lim_{\tau \rightarrow \infty} \lim_{\{\sigma\} \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\tau} \int_0^\tau \prod_{\alpha=1}^n C_\alpha e^{-(q_\alpha(\mathbf{r}(t)) - s_\alpha)^2 / 2\sigma_\alpha^2} dt$$

Metadynamics

Write time integral in discrete form:

$$P(s_1, \dots, s_n) \approx \frac{1}{M} \sum_{k=0}^{M-1} \prod_{\alpha=1}^n C_{\alpha} e^{-\left(q_{\alpha}(\mathbf{r}(k\Delta t)) - s_{\alpha}\right)^2 / 2\sigma_{\alpha}^2}$$

Consider a bias potential of the form

$$U_G(q_1(\mathbf{r}), \dots, q_n(\mathbf{r}), t) = \sum_{t=\tau_G, 2\tau_G, \dots} \prod_{\alpha=1}^n W_{\alpha} e^{-\left(q_{\alpha}(\mathbf{r}) - q_{\alpha}(\mathbf{r}_G(t))\right)^2 / 2\sigma_{\alpha}^2}$$

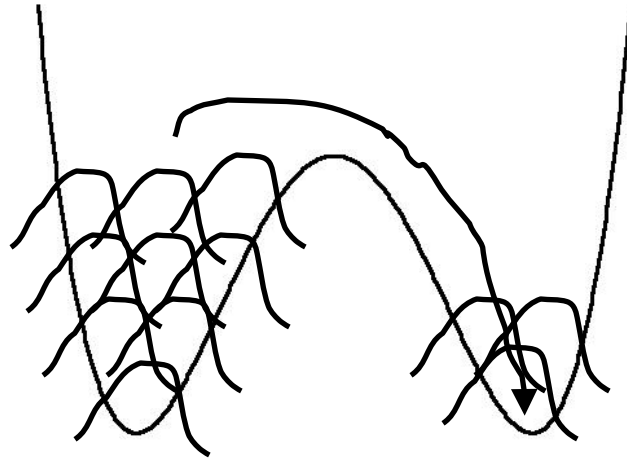
$\mathbf{r}_G(t)$ is the evolution of positions under the action of a potential $U + U_G$.

Free energy hypersurface:

$$A(s_1, \dots, s_n) = -\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} U_G(s_1, \dots, s_n, t)$$

Metadynamics

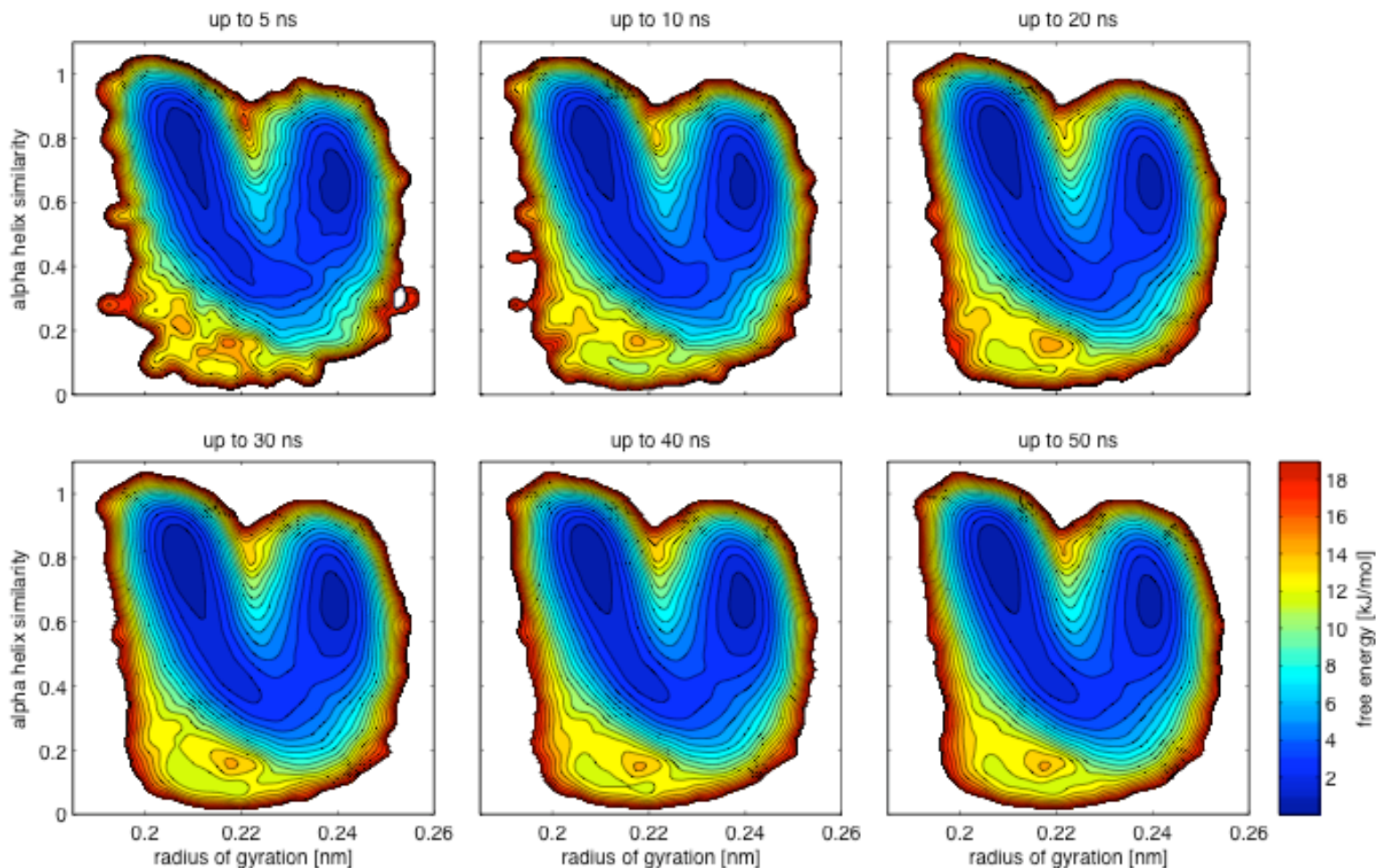
Metadynamics:
(Laio and Parrinello, *PNAS*)
Time-dependent
potential periodically
adds Gaussians.



Gas-phase CHARMM27 alanine dipeptide: d-AFED (Ts = 350 K)

$$R_G = \sqrt{\frac{1}{N_b} \sum_{i=1}^{N_b} \left(\mathbf{r}_i - \frac{1}{N_b} \sum_{j=1}^{N_b} \mathbf{r}_j \right)^2}$$

$$N_H = \sum_{i=1}^{N_O} \sum_{j=1}^{N_N} \frac{1 - \left(|\mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{r}_j| / d_0 \right)^6}{1 - \left(|\mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{r}_j| / d_0 \right)^{12}}$$



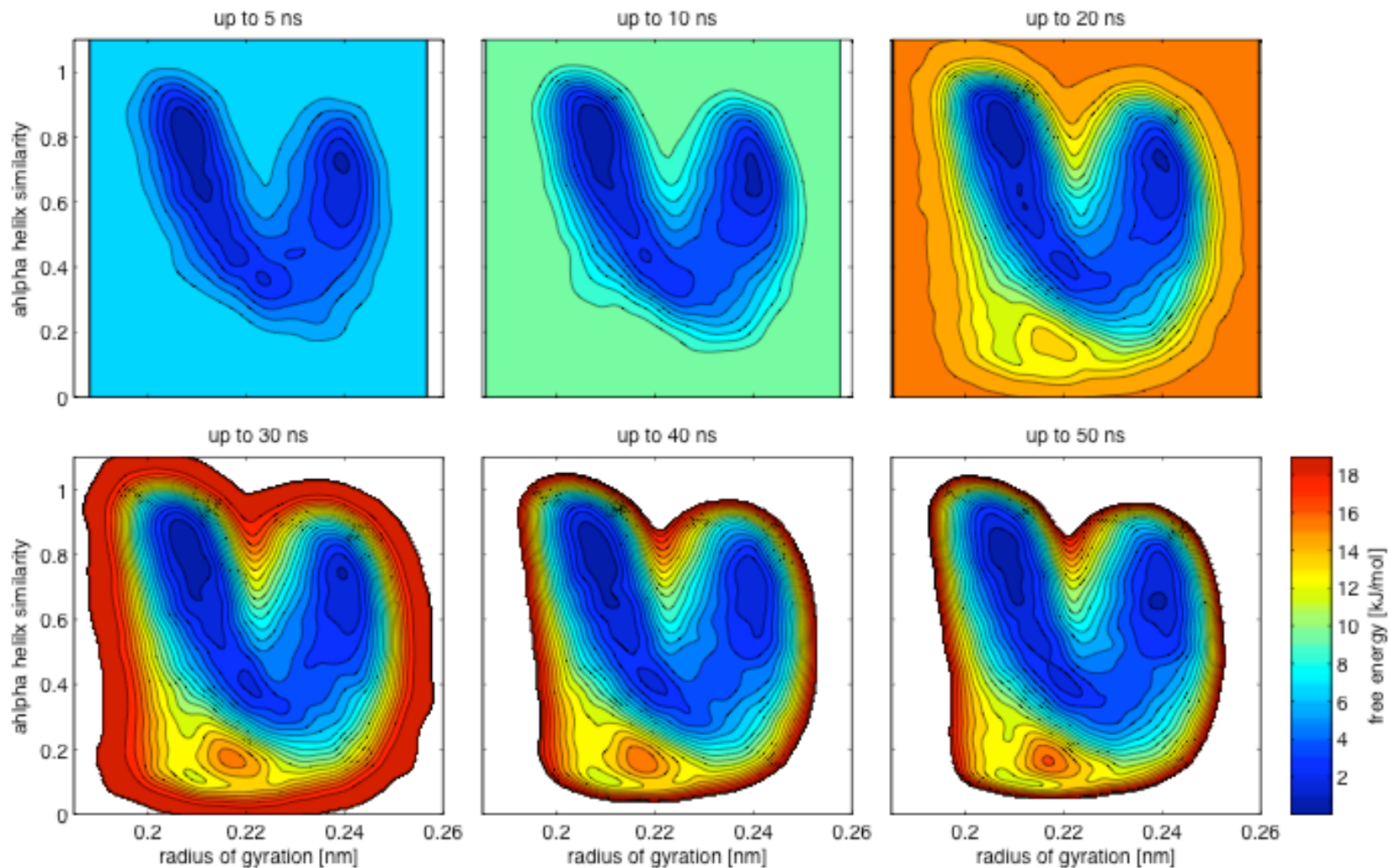
Gas-phase CHARMM27 alanine dipeptide: Metadynamics

$\text{Sigma}(R_{\text{gyr}}) = 0.002 \text{ nm}$

$\text{Sigma}(N_{\text{H}}) = 0.03$

Hill height = 0.05 kJ/mol

Deposition rate = 1/ps



Adiabatic conditions on $\{s, p_s\}$: $T_s \square T$, $m_\alpha \gg m$

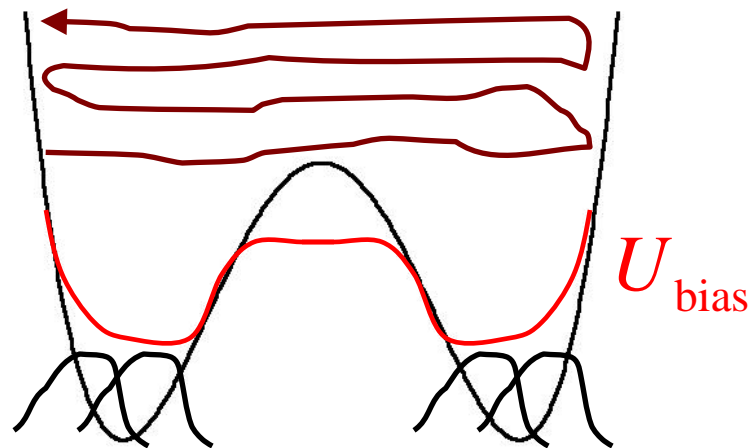
d-AFED with a bias potential

M. Chen, M. Cuendet, and MET *J. Chem. Phys.* **137**, 024102 (2012)

Suppose a bias potential $U_{\text{bias}}(s_1, \dots, s_n)$ is applied in the extended phase space.

Apply metadynamics-like bias in the extended-variable space:

$$U_{\text{bias}}(s) = \sum_i A e^{-\sum_{\alpha} \|s_{\alpha} - s_{\alpha}(t_i)\|^2 / 2\sigma^2}$$



Effective Hamiltonian:

$$H(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{r}, s, p_s) = H(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{r}) + \sum_{\alpha=1}^n \frac{p_{s_{\alpha}}^2}{2m_{\alpha}} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\alpha=1}^n \kappa_{\alpha} (q_{\alpha}(\mathbf{r}) - s_{\alpha})^2 + U_{\text{bias}}(s)$$

Important limits:

When $T_s = T$, reduces to metadynamics in an extended space.

When $A = 0$, reduces to standard TAMD/d-AFED

Using the free energy gradient

Free energy surface:

$$A_{\{\kappa\}}(s_1, \dots, s_n) = -kT_s \ln P_{\text{adb}}^{\{\kappa\}}(s_1, \dots, s_n) - U_{\text{bias}}(s_1, \dots, s_n)$$

If the space of CVs is not too large, then we can employ free energy gradients:

$$F_\alpha(s_1, \dots, s_n) = -\frac{\partial A}{\partial s_\alpha} = \left\langle \kappa_\alpha (q_\alpha(\mathbf{r}) - s_\alpha) \right\rangle$$

Manifestly independent of T_s and can be shown to be independent of bias.

Free energy reconstruction:

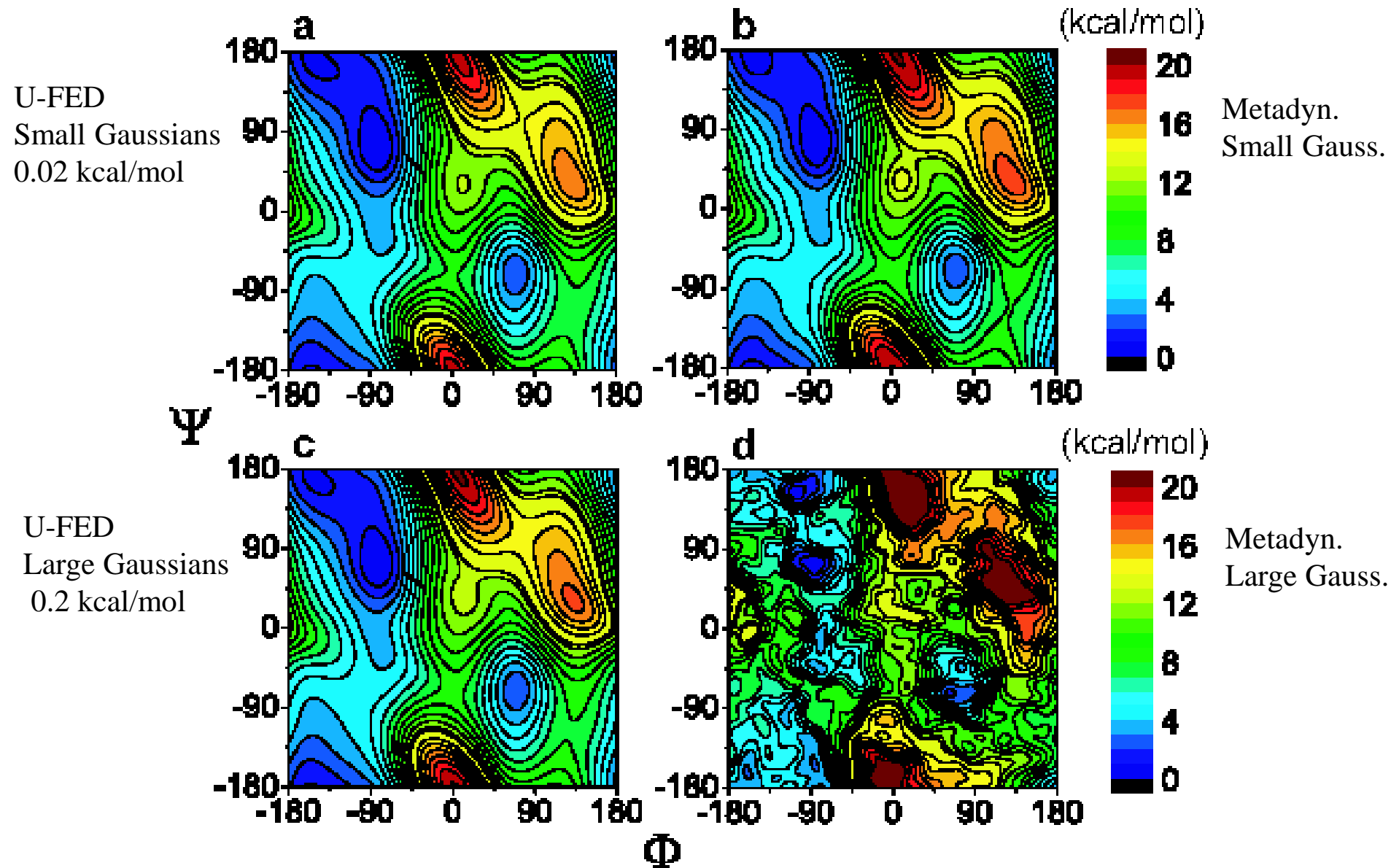
1. Expand free energy in a basis set: $A(\{s\}) = \sum_i C_i \psi_i(\{s\})$
2. Minimize gradient expansion on a grid:

$$f(\{C\}) = \sum_k \sum_\alpha \left| \partial_\alpha A(\{s^{(k)}\}) + F_\alpha(\{s^{(k)}\}) \right|^2$$

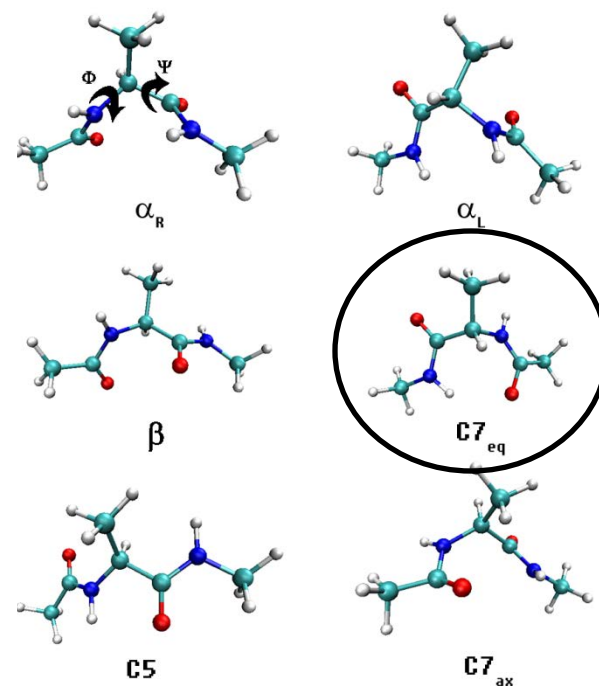
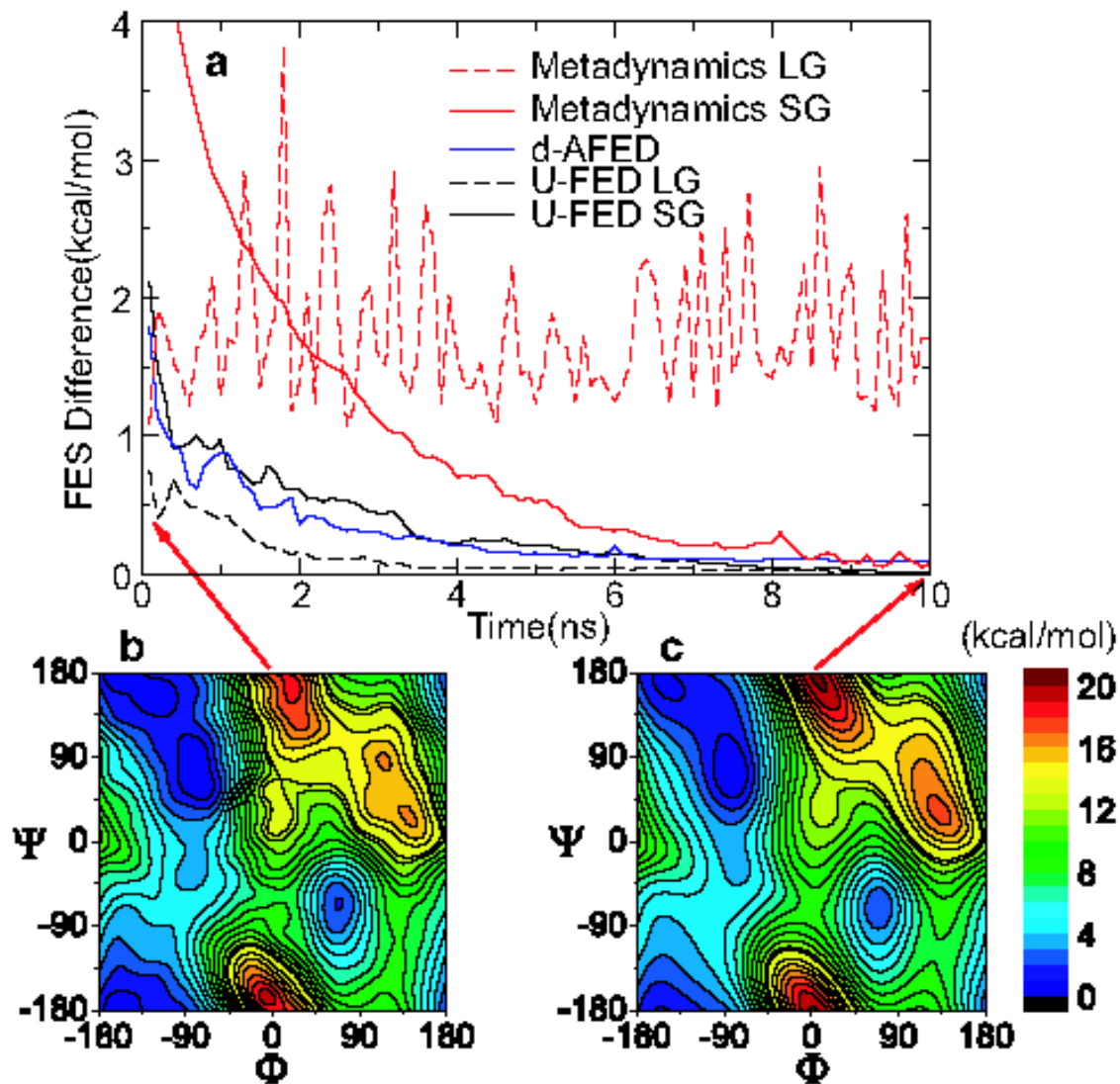
3. Gives a set of linear equations

Overall scheme: Adiabatic dynamics, high T_s , gradients, bias – termed U-FED (unified FED).
[see, also, L. Maragliano and E. Vanden-Eijnden *J. Chem. Phys.* **128**, 184110 (2008)]

Ramachandran Surfaces of alanine-dipeptide in gas phase



Convergence of the FES for gas-phase alanine dipeptide

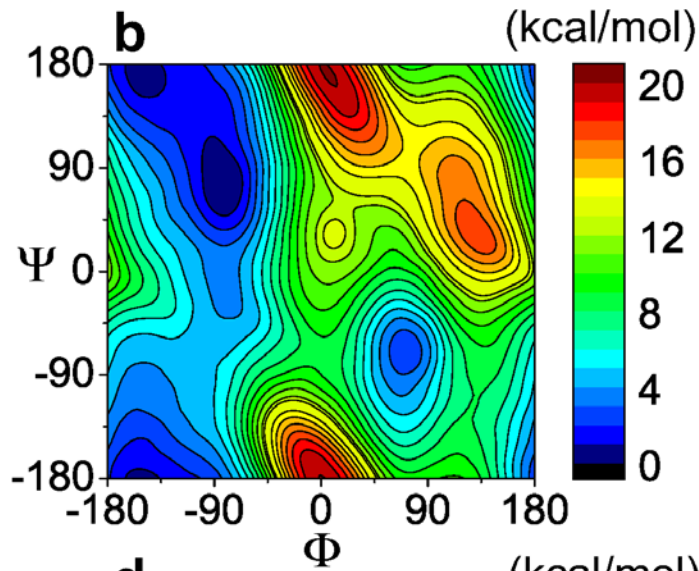
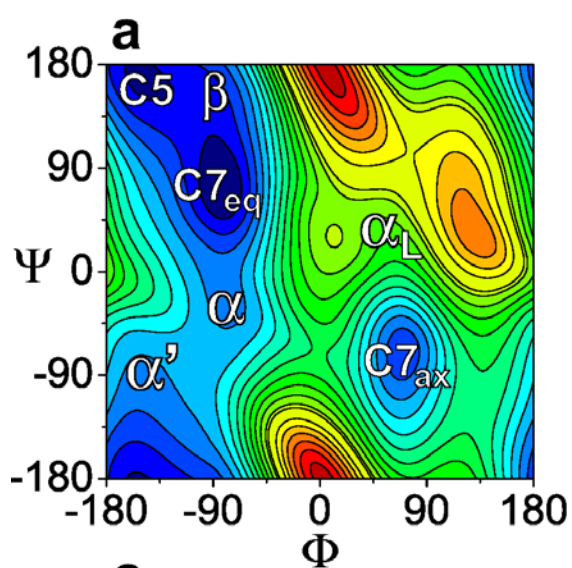


Biased d-AFED 500 ps Large Gauss.

Biased d-AFED 10 ns Large Gauss.

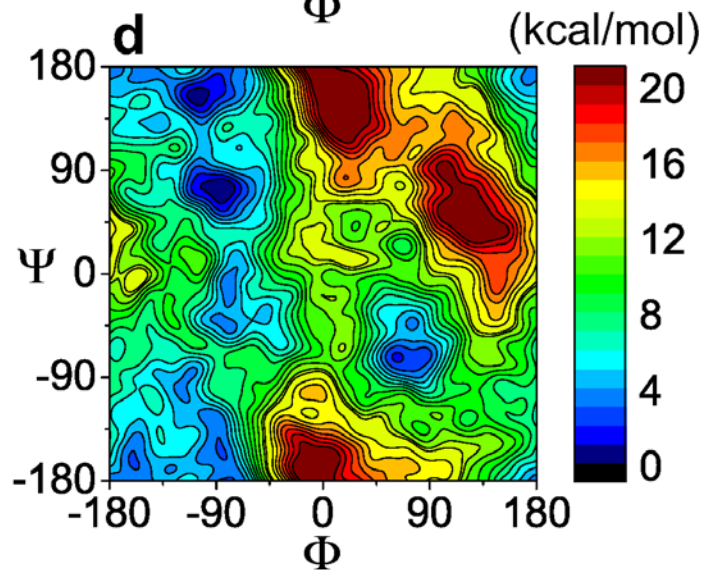
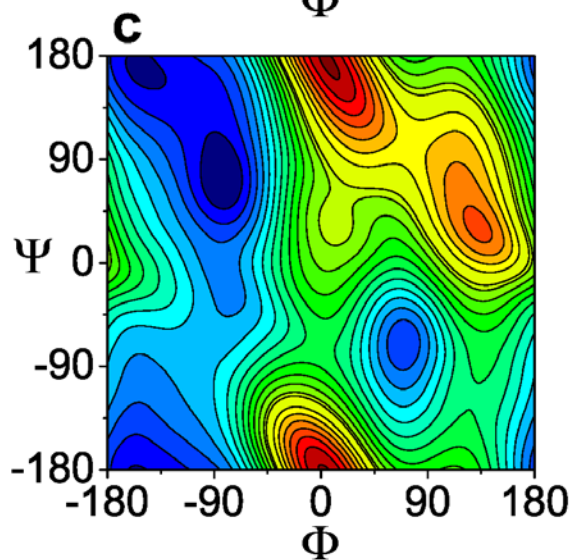
Convergence of FESs for alanine dipeptide in solution

U-FED
Small Gaussians
0.02 kcal/mol

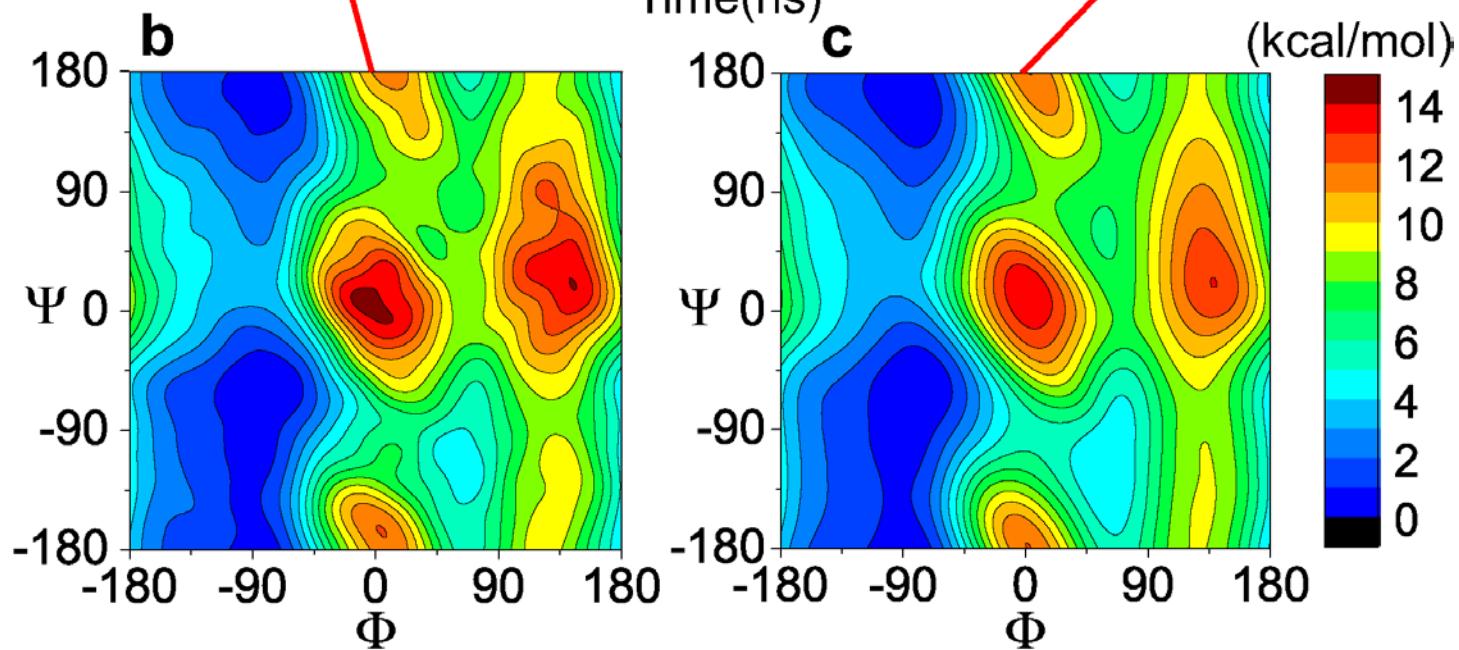
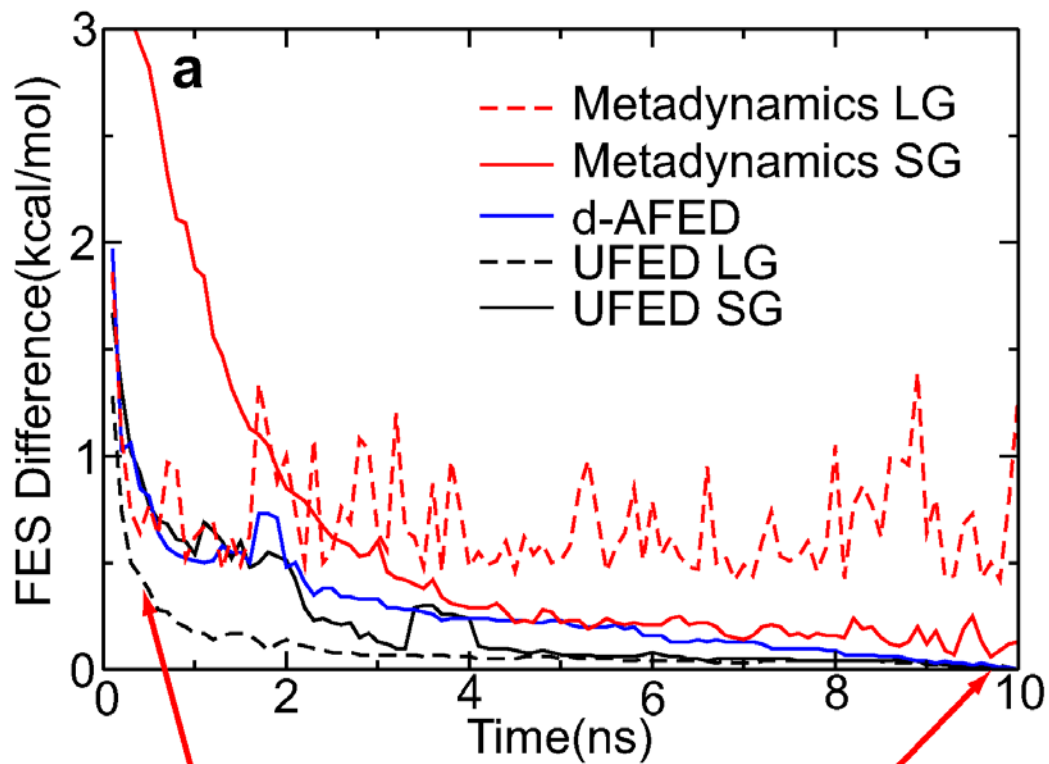


Metadyn.
Small Gauss.

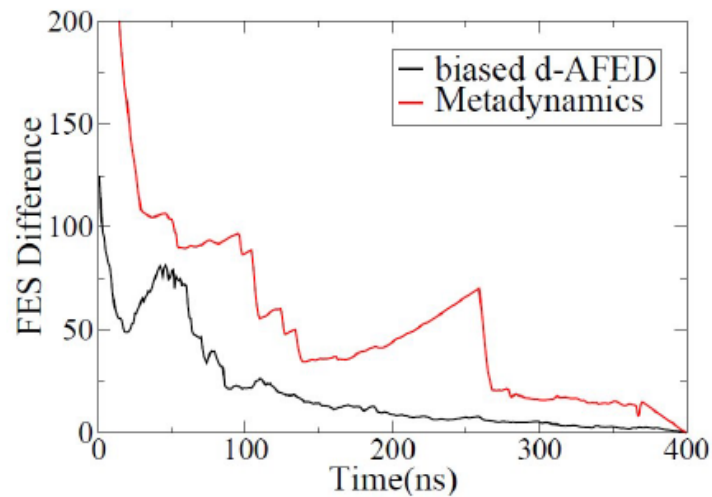
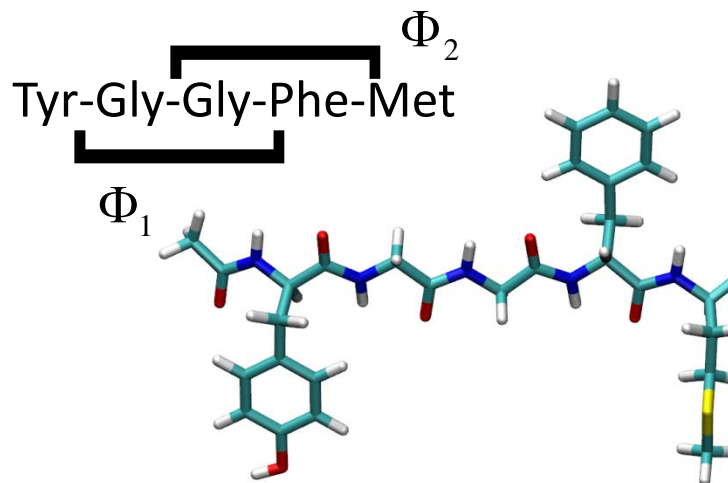
U-FED
Large Gaussians
0.2 kcal/mol



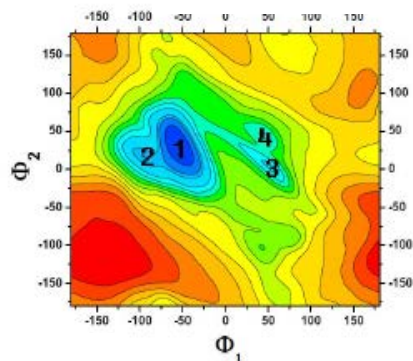
Metadyn.
Large Gauss.



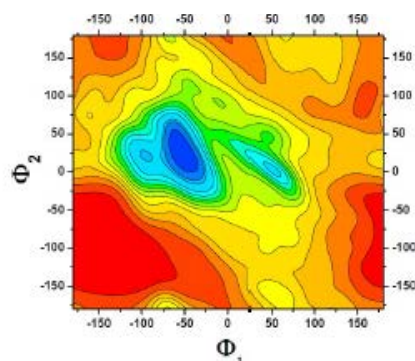
Met-enkephalin



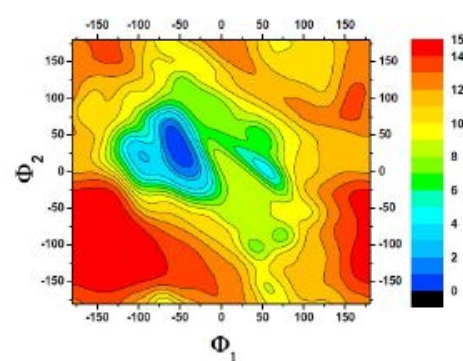
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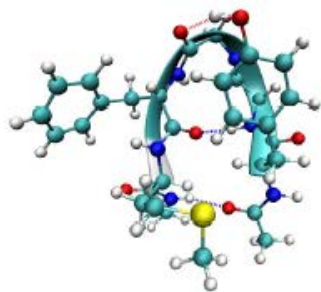
Biased d-AFED



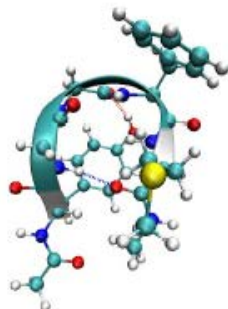
Metadynamics



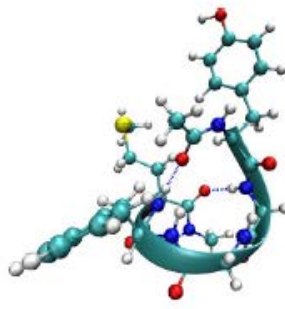
Metadynamics
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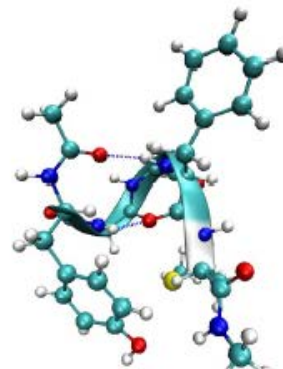
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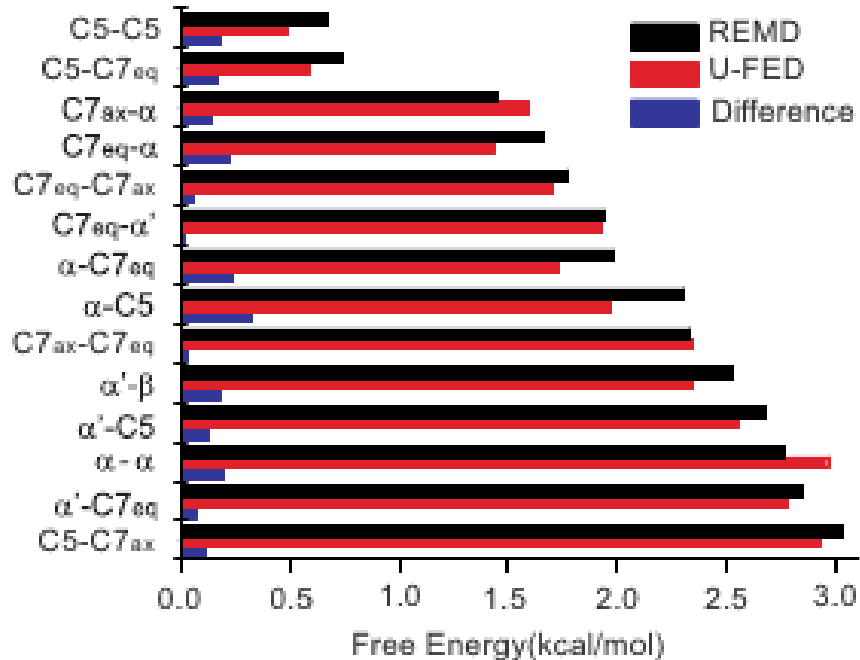
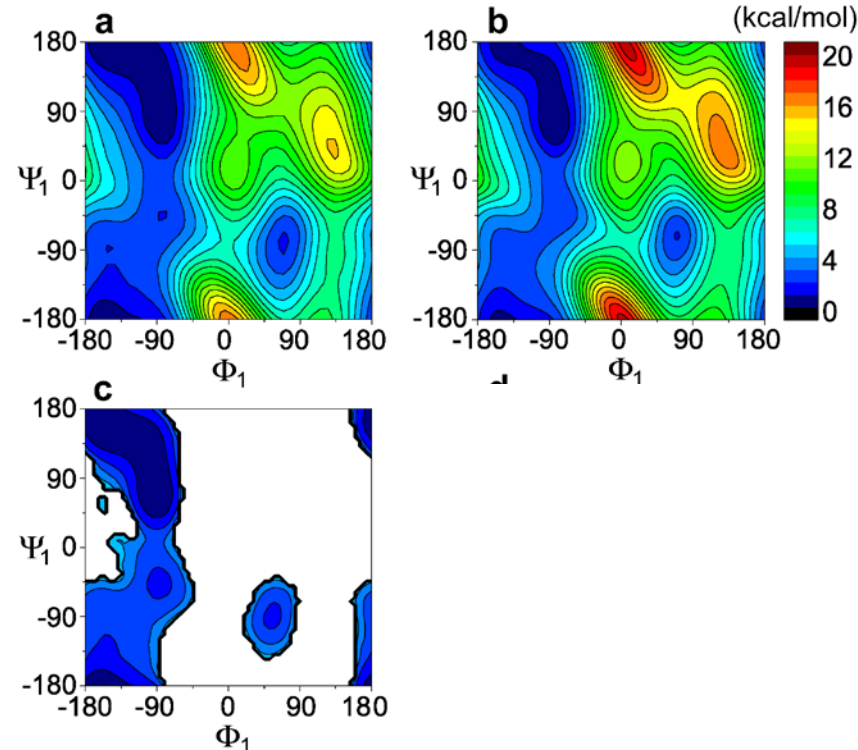
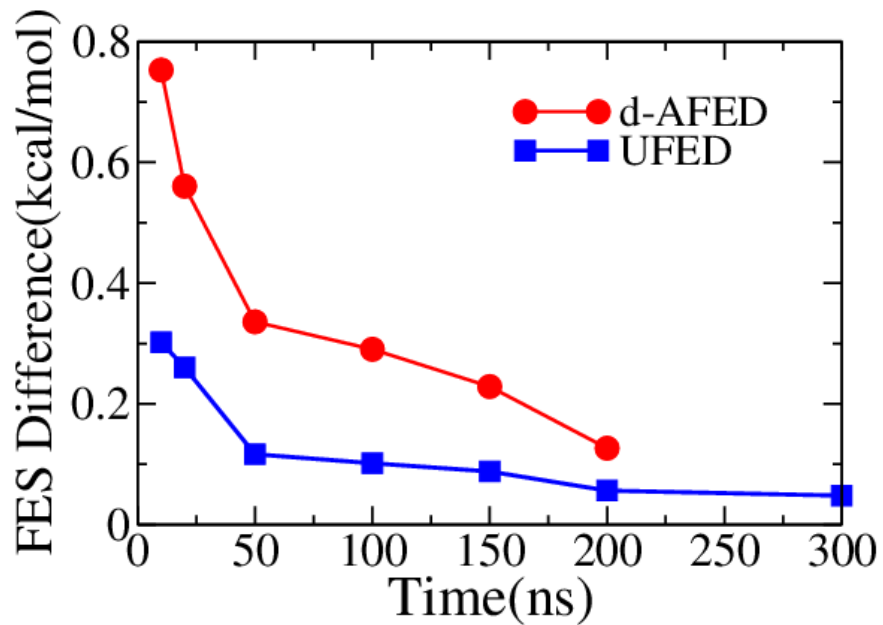
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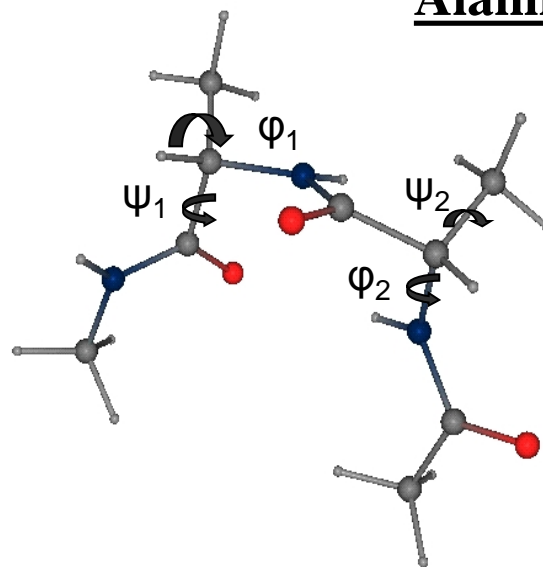
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Alanine tripeptide



Well-tempered metadynamics

Bonomi *et al.* *Phys. Rev. Lett.* (2008); *J. Comp. Chem.* (2009)

Consider the metadynamics bias potential in the form:

$$U_G(q_1(\mathbf{r}), \dots, q_n(\mathbf{r}), t, T, \Delta T) = \sum_{t=\tau_G, 2\tau_G, \dots} \prod_{\alpha=1}^n W_\alpha(t) e^{-(q_\alpha(\mathbf{r}) - q_\alpha(\mathbf{r}_G(t)))^2 / 2\sigma_\alpha^2}$$

where the Gaussian heights are scaled according to:

$$W_\alpha(t) = W_\alpha(0) e^{-U_G(s_1, \dots, s_n, t) / k_B \Delta T}$$

where ΔT is a temperature different from T .

Free energy generated is:

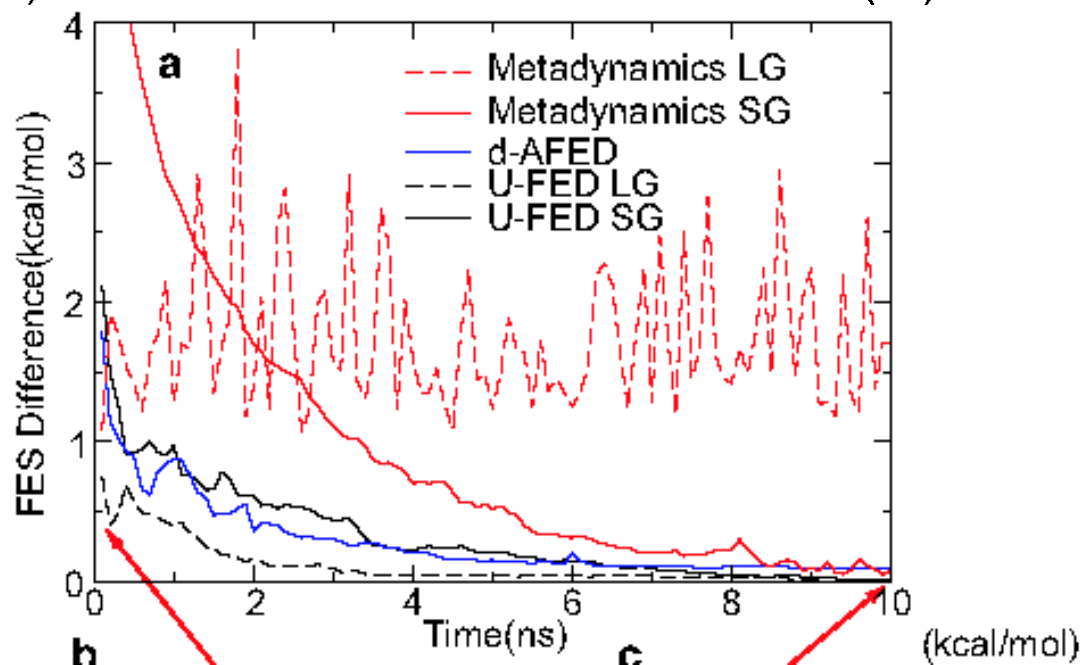
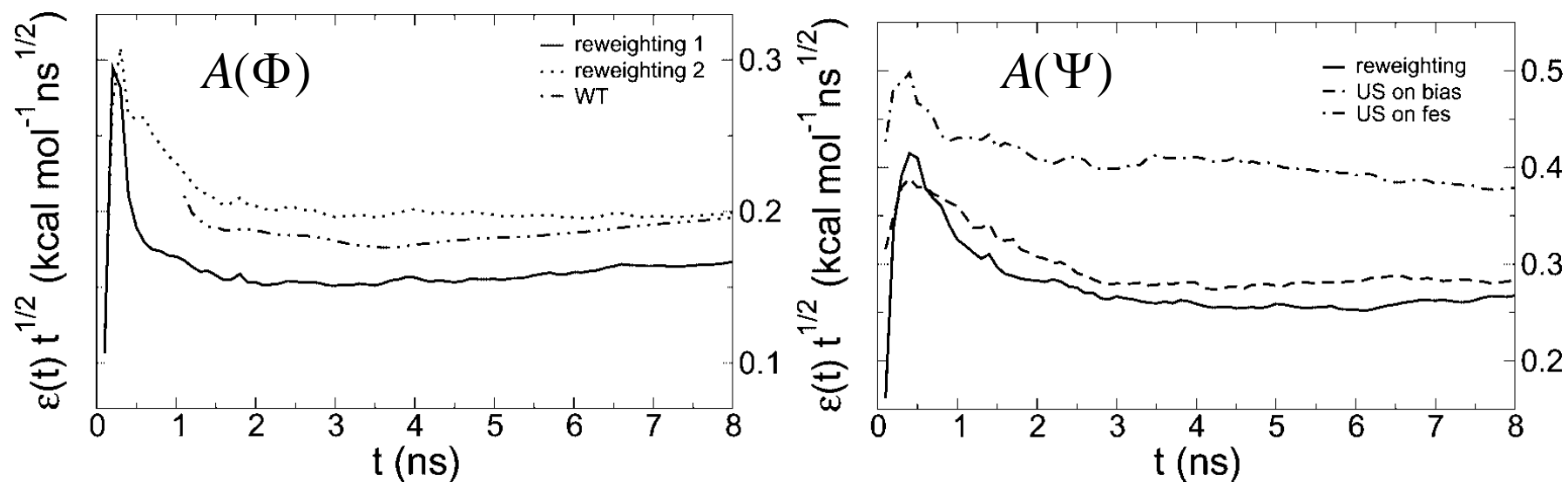
$$A(s_1, \dots, s_n, T) = -\frac{T + \Delta T}{\Delta T} \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} U_G(s_1, \dots, s_n, t, T, \Delta T)$$

Compare to d-AFED/TAMD free energy:

$$A(s_1, \dots, s_n, T) = -k_B T_s \ln P_{\text{adb}}(s_1, \dots, s_n, T, T_s)$$

Convergence of gas-phase alanine dipeptide

$$T + \Delta T = 6T = 1800 K$$



Sampling path variables

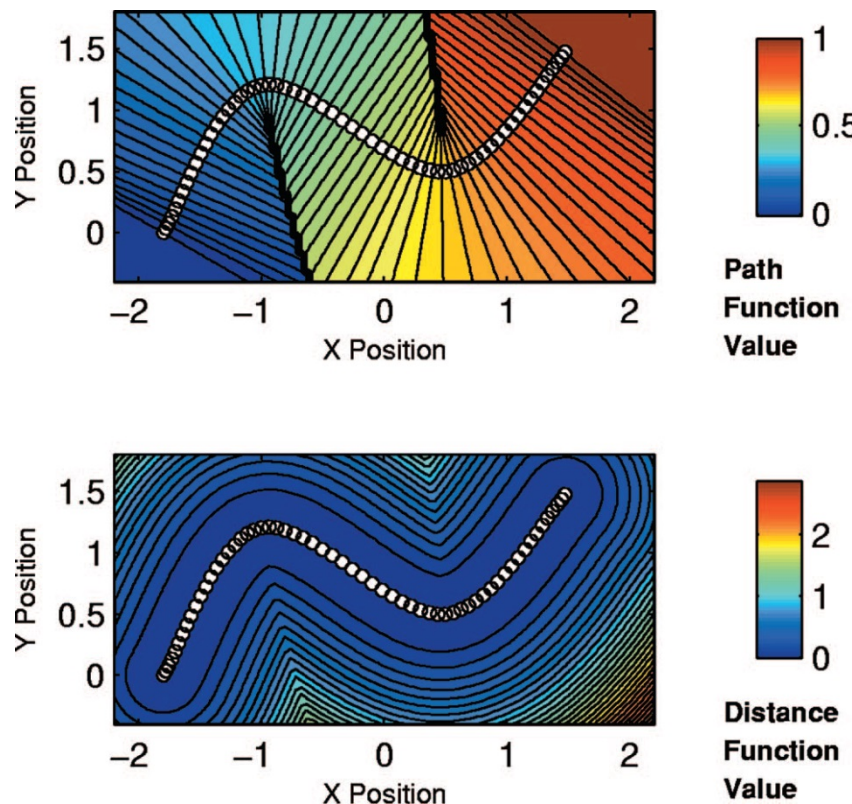
Branduardi et al. *J. Chem. Phys.* (2007)

Consider the two collective variables:

$$q_1(\mathbf{r}) = N^{-1}(\mathbf{r}) \sum_{k=1}^P k e^{-\lambda D(\mathbf{R}_k, \mathbf{r})} \equiv S(\mathbf{r})$$

$$q_2(\mathbf{r}) = -\frac{1}{\lambda} \ln N(\mathbf{r}) \equiv Z(\mathbf{r})$$

$$N(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_{k=1}^P e^{-\lambda D(\mathbf{R}_k, \mathbf{r})}$$



$D(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}')$ = Distance metric between configurations \mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}'

$\mathbf{R}_1, \dots, \mathbf{R}_P$ is a set of reference structures along a path.

Example: Alanine decamer

Margul, Cuendet, MET (in preparation)

Use path variable with $P = 2$ to predict free energy difference between α -helix and β -hairpin. Enhance sampling of $S(\mathbf{r})$ with a harmonic restraint $Z(\mathbf{r})$:

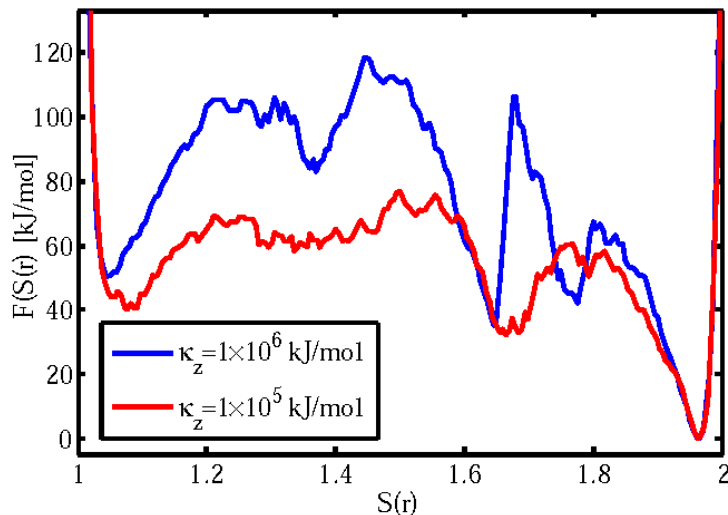
$$V_z(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{1}{2} \kappa_z Z^2(\mathbf{r})$$

Other parameters :

$T_s = 500$ K, $\kappa_s = 10^6$ kJ/mol, $m_s = 10^6$ amu

Gaussian height = 1.0 kJ/mol, $\sigma = 0.01$

Gaussian deposit rate = 2500 steps



$\Delta A \approx 46.5$ kJ/mol

