



## Syllabus:

### **PH442: Theory and Simulation of Nanostructures** **3006**

Interatomic Potentials: Potential energy Surface, pair potential approximation; advantages and limitations, Phenomenological potentials; Buckingham, Morse, Lennard-Jones and Berker, Pseudo potentials, Many-Body potentials.

Molecular Dynamics(MD): Models for MD calculations; initial value, Isothermal equilibrium, boundaries, Nano-design and Nano-construction, solution of the equation of motion; Verlet, Gear-Predictor, and other methods, Efficient Force Field Computation; Forceredivation, List method, Cell algorithm, Scalable parallel procedure.

Characterization: Thermal stability, Material properties, wear at the Nanometer level, Mean Values and correlation functions.

Nano-Engineering: Functional Nanostructures, Nano-Machines, Nano-clusters; influence of initial conditions, temperature, crystalline structure, etc. Simulated Nano-structure transformations.

#### **Text Books:**

- 1. Nano-Engineering in Science and Technology, M. Reith.**
- 2. Computer Simulation of Liquids, M. P. Allen and D. J. Tildesley.**
- 3. Understanding Molecular Simulation, D. Frenkel and B. Smith.**
- 4. Molecular Dynamics Simulation, J. M. Haile.**



# Molecular Dynamics

## Preliminaries



## *A Brief History of MD*

- ✓ 1957, 59 **Alder-Wainwright**, introduction of basic MD
  - Of hard sphere particles.
- ✓ 1964 **Rahman**, study of liquid Ar (NVE-MD)
  - First quantitative study reported.
- ✓ 1980, 81 **Andersen, Parrinello-Rahman**
  - Constant Pressure (NPT) MD.
- ✓ 1984, 86 **Nose, Hoover**
  - Constant Temperature (NVT) MD.
- ✓ 1985 **Car-Parrinello**, *ab initio* MD
  - Based on Density Functional Theory (1960s)
    - **Hohenberg-Sham**
    - **Kohn-Sham**

## A movie

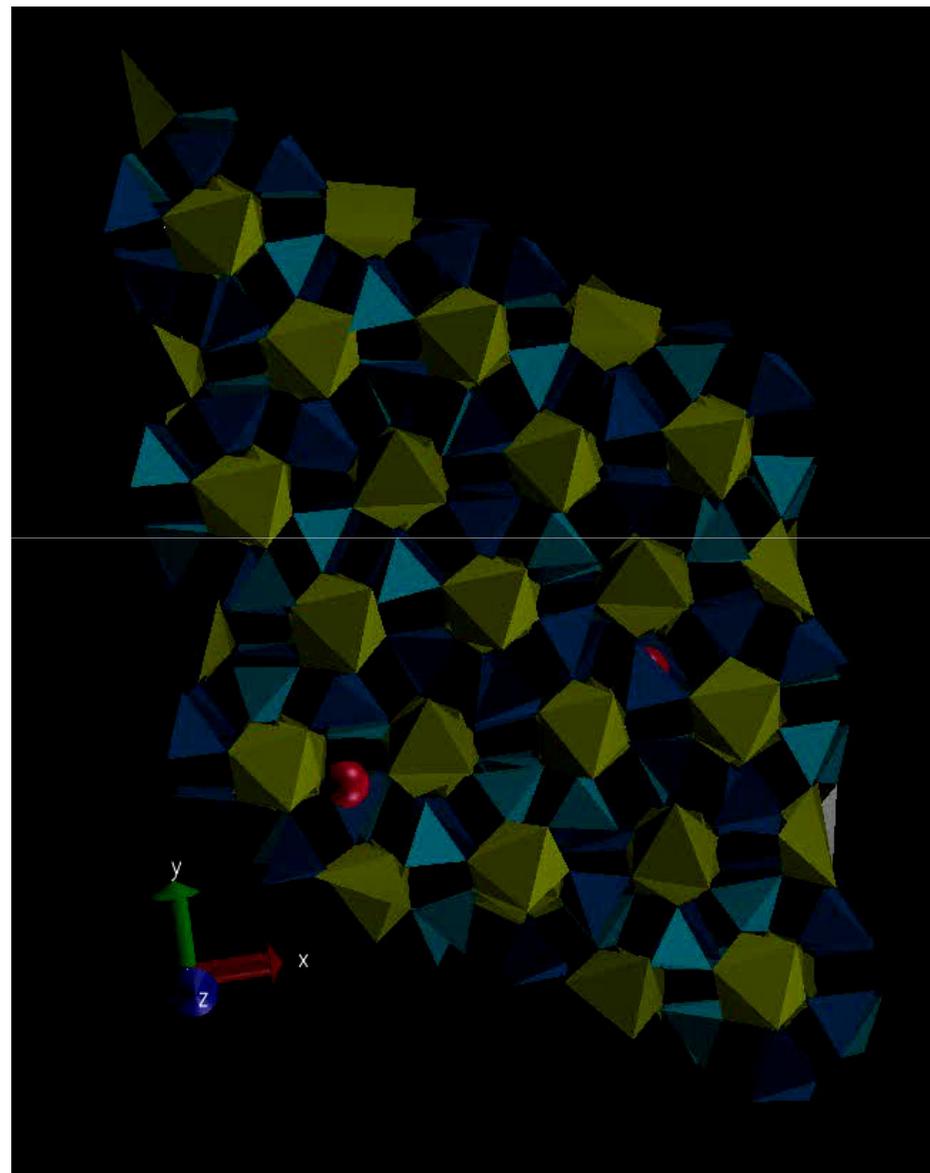
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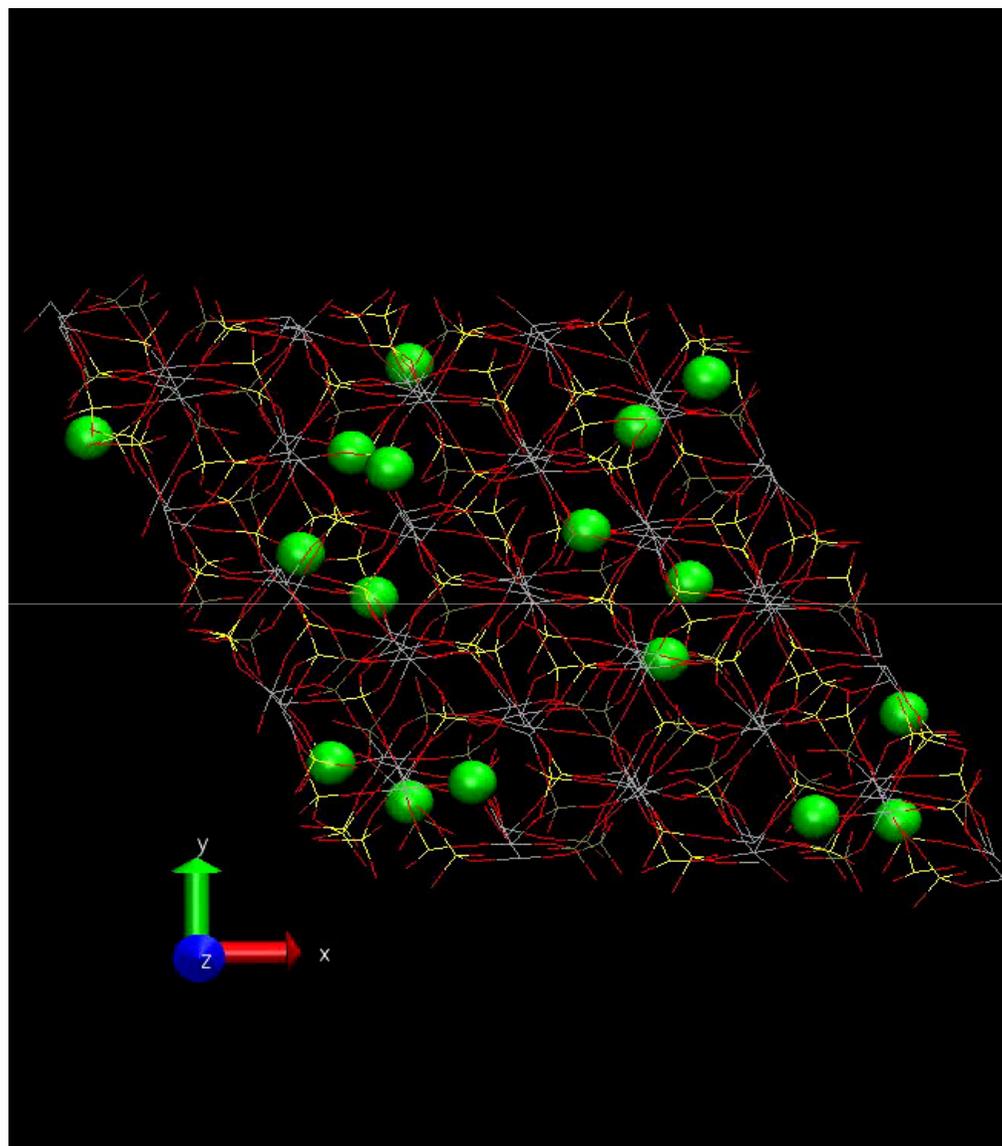


Na-SuperIonic Conductor

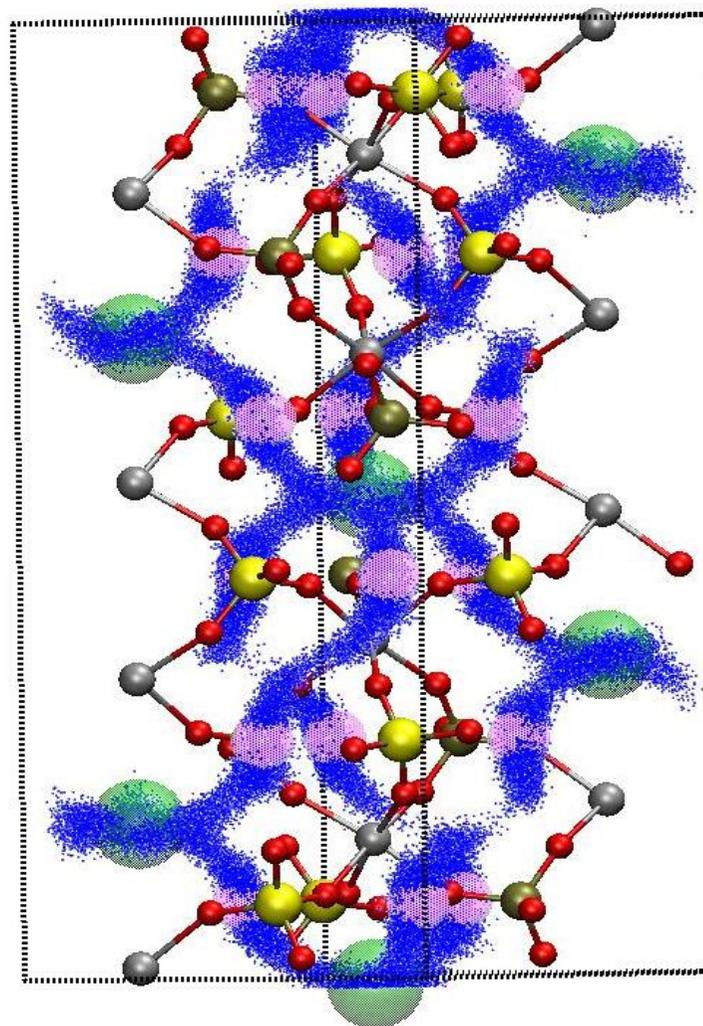
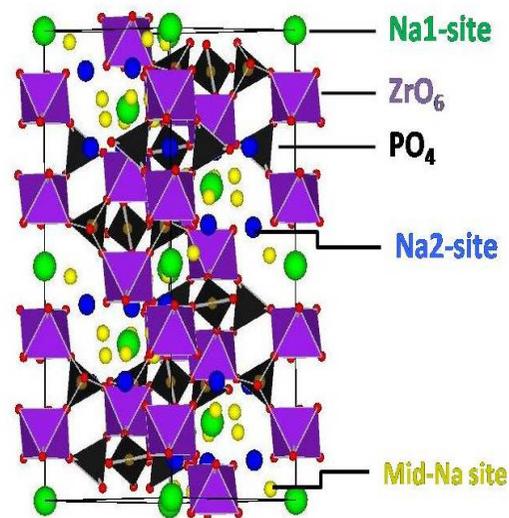
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[Zr<sub>2</sub>Si<sub>2</sub>PO<sub>12</sub>]<sup>3-</sup> matrix  
conducting electricity.

**-A promising material for  
better batteries!**





## *Ion Channel's In NASICON's*



Supriya Roy and PKP to be published.



## *Ion Channel Recognized*

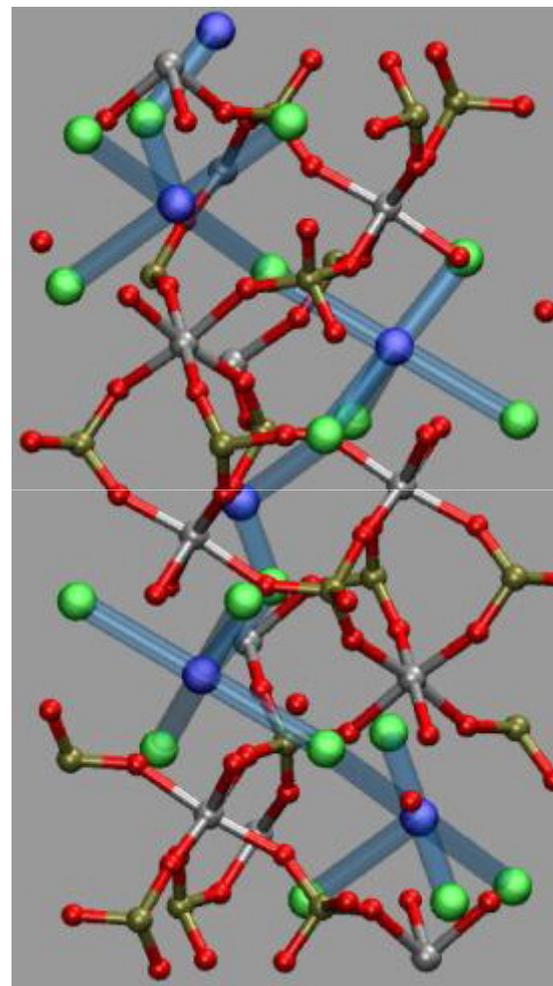
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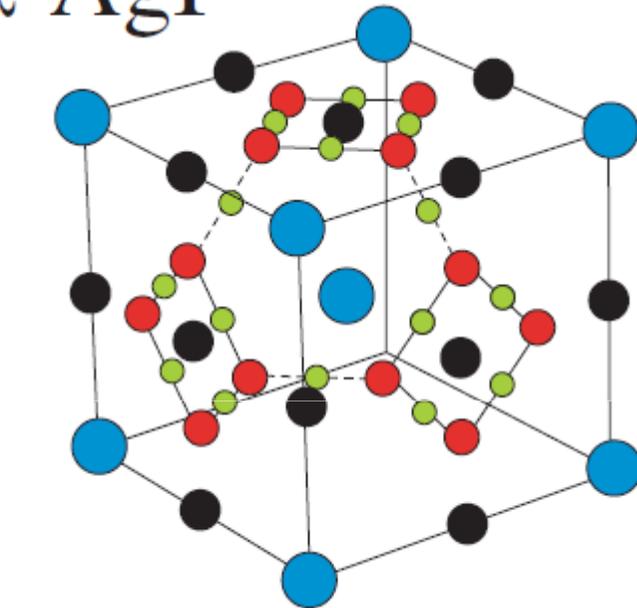
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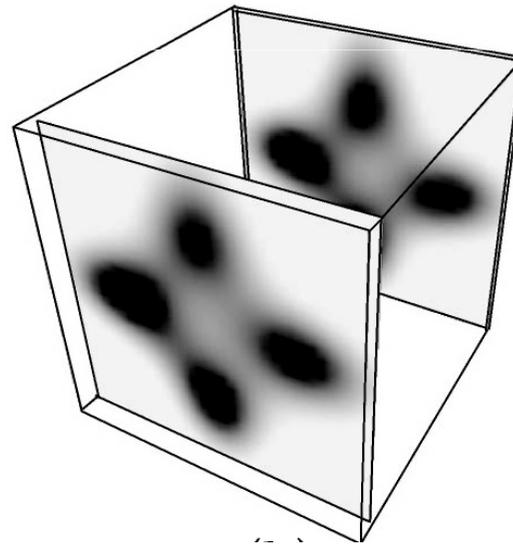


## ...Structural Properties: Site Occupancies

$\alpha$ -AgI  $T > 420$  K

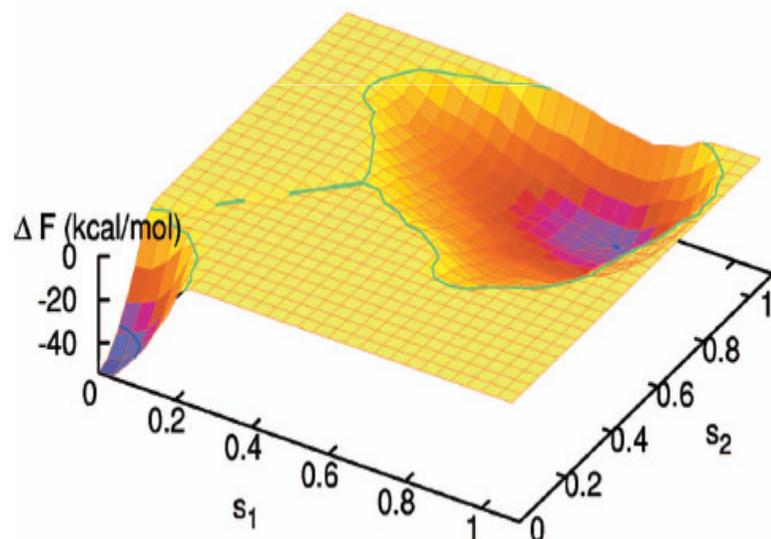
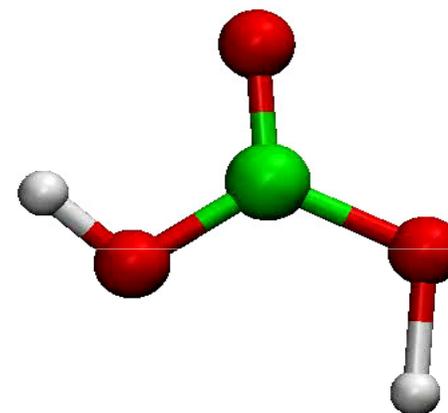
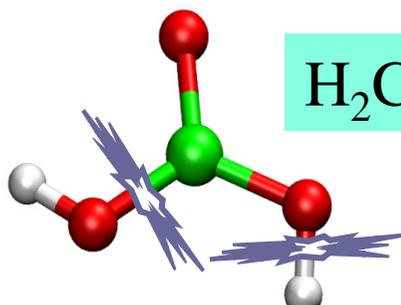


-  I<sup>-</sup> or Se<sup>2-</sup>
-  Tetrahedral interstitial sites
-  Trigonal interstitial sites
-  Octahedral interstitial sites



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## Advanced Simulation Techniques: Simulating Chemical Reaction Dissociation of $H_2CO_3$ in gas-phase

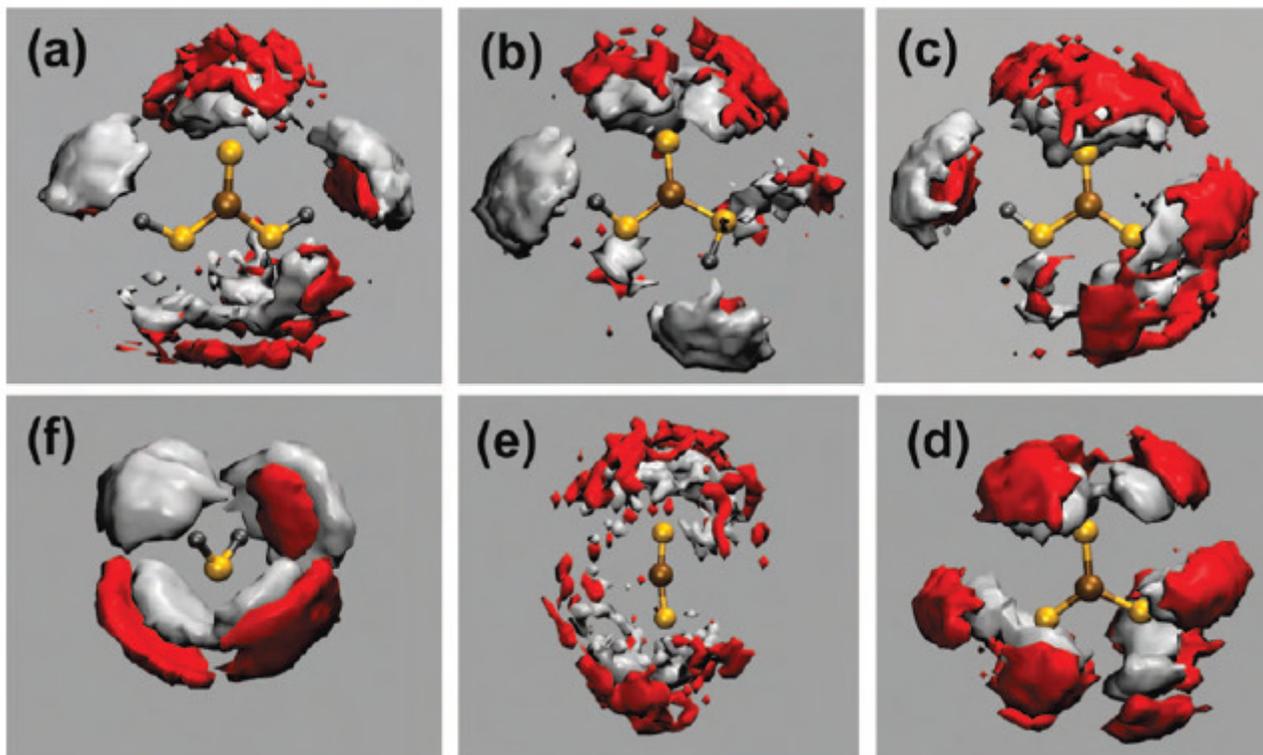


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## Advanced Simulation Techniques: Understanding local structure and reactivity; Carbonates in Solution

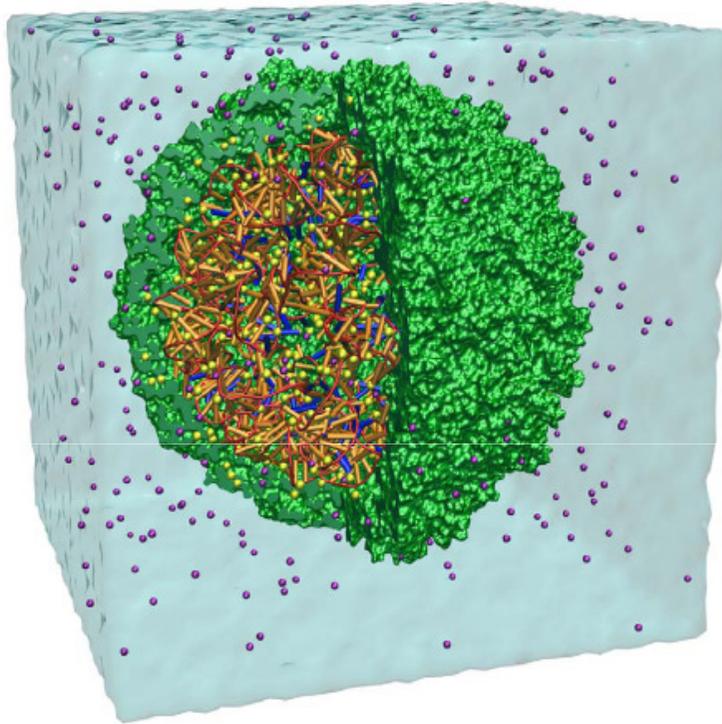


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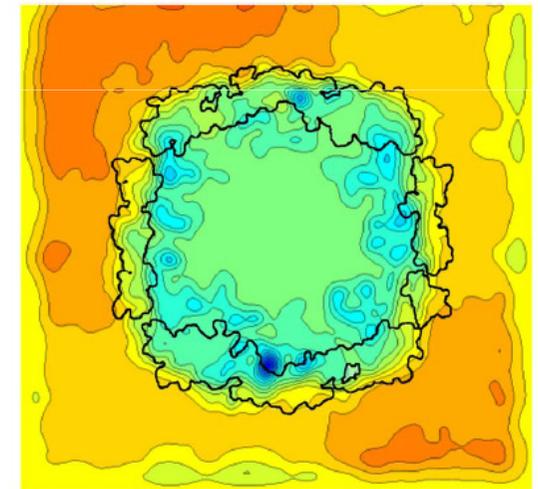
# Simulation of Life!!

## Satellite tobacco mosaic virus



Peter L. Freddolino,<sup>1,2,5</sup> Anton S. Arkhipov,<sup>2,3,5</sup>  
Steven B. Larson,<sup>4</sup> Alexander McPherson,<sup>4</sup>  
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Structure 14, 437–449, March 2006



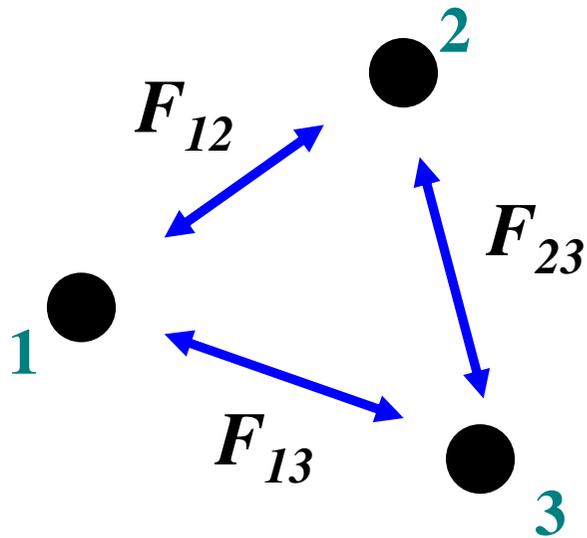
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Charge distribution around the virus





## Molecular Dynamics –The Basic Idea



$$F_i = \sum_{j \neq i} F_{ij}$$

$$F_1 = F_{12} + F_{13}$$

$$F_2 = F_{21} + F_{23}$$

$$F_3 = F_{31} + F_{32}$$

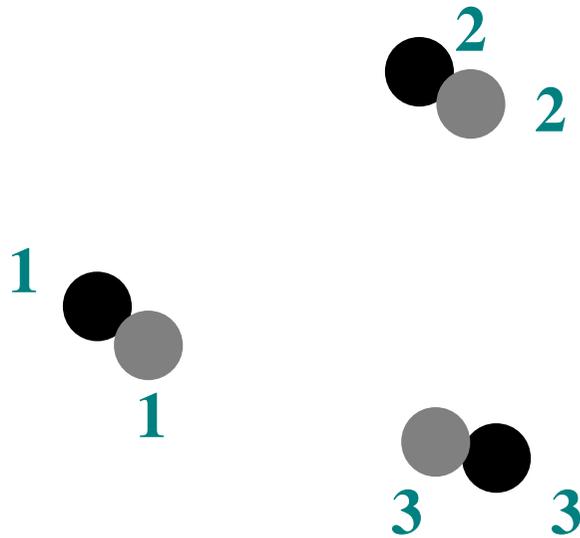
$$F_{ij} = -\nabla U_{ij}$$

*Newton's II<sup>nd</sup> Law:*

$$a_i = F_i / m_i$$



## Progress in time...



$$\underline{r(t) \longrightarrow r(t + \Delta t)}$$

$$x(t) \longrightarrow x(t + \Delta t)$$

$$y(t) \longrightarrow y(t + \Delta t)$$

$$z(t) \longrightarrow z(t + \Delta t)$$

$$\Delta t \sim 1-5 \text{ fs } (10^{-15} \text{ sec})$$

**Advance positions & velocities of each atom:**

*Taylor Expansion:*

$$v(t + \Delta t) = v(t) + \Delta t \frac{f(t)}{m}$$

$$r(t + \Delta t) = r(t) + v(t)\Delta t + \frac{f(t)}{2m}\Delta t^2$$

**too crude to  
use it as such!!**



## A good Integrator

### Verlet Scheme:

$$r(t + \Delta t) = r(t) + v(t)\Delta t + \frac{f(t)}{2m}\Delta t^2 + \frac{\Delta t^3}{3!} \ddot{r} + \mathcal{O}(\Delta t^4)$$

Newton's equations are time reversible,

$$r(t - \Delta t) = r(t) - v(t)\Delta t + \frac{f(t)}{2m}\Delta t^2 - \frac{\Delta t^3}{3!} \ddot{r} + \mathcal{O}(\Delta t^4)$$

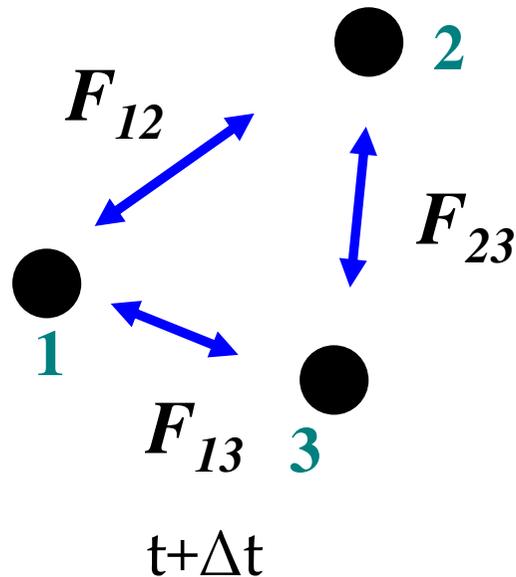
Summing the two equations,

$$r(t + \Delta t) \approx 2r(t) - r(t - \Delta t) + \frac{f(t)}{m}\Delta t^2$$

Now we have advanced our atoms to time  $t+\Delta t$  !!

Velocity of the atoms:  $v(t) = \frac{r(t + \Delta t) - r(t - \Delta t)}{2\Delta t}$

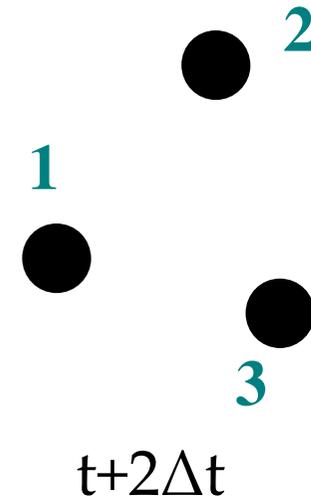
...Atoms move forward in time!



2<sup>nd</sup> MD Step

1. Calculate  $f(t + \Delta t)$
2. Update  $v(t + 2\Delta t)$
3. Update  $r(t + 2\Delta t)$

$\Delta t \sim 1-5 \text{ fs } (10^{-15} \text{ sec})$



3<sup>rd</sup> MD Step

Continue this procedure for several lakhs of Steps.  
Or as much as you can afford!

The main O/P of MD is the trajectory.



## The missing ingredient... *Forces?*

Force is the gradient of potential:  $f_x(r) = -\frac{\partial u(r)}{\partial x}$

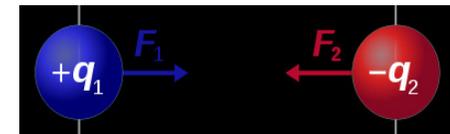
Gravitational Potential:

$$U = \frac{-Gm_1m_2}{r}$$

too weak,  
Neglect it!!

The predominant **inter-atomic forces** are Coulombic in *origin!*

$$U = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{q_1q_2}{r}$$



However, this pure monopole interaction need not be present!



## Interatomic forces for simple systems

(non-bonded interactions)

### 1. Lennard-Jones Potential:

$$u^{lj}(r) = 4\epsilon \left[ \left( \frac{\sigma}{r} \right)^{12} - \left( \frac{\sigma}{r} \right)^6 \right]$$



Instantaneous dipoles

Gives an accurate description of *inert gases*  
(Ar, Xe, Kr etc.)

### 2. Born-Mayer (Tosi-Fumi) Potential:

$$U(r_{ij}) = \frac{q_i q_j}{r_{ij}} + A_{ij} \exp(-r_{ij}/\rho_{ij}) - \frac{C_{ij}}{r_{ij}^6}$$

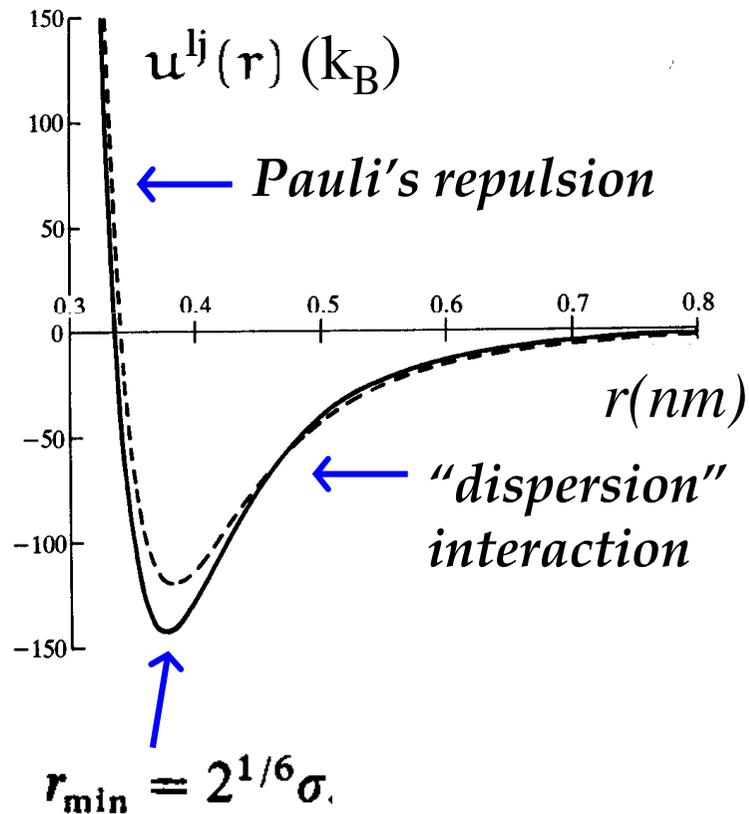
Faithful in describing *pure* ionic solids  
(NaCl, KCl, NaBr etc.)



## The Lennard-Jones Potential

$$u^{lj}(r) = 4\epsilon \left[ \left(\frac{\sigma}{r}\right)^{12} - \left(\frac{\sigma}{r}\right)^6 \right] \quad \text{for Ar: } \epsilon/k_B = 119.8 \text{ K}, \sigma = 3.405 \text{ \AA}$$

Should be known *a priori*.



$$F_{ij} = -\nabla U_{ij}$$

$$F_{ij}^x = -\frac{\partial U}{\partial x_i} = -\frac{\partial U}{\partial r_i} \frac{\partial r}{\partial x_i}$$

$$F_{ij}^x = 4\epsilon \left( \frac{12\sigma^{12}}{r^{14}} - \frac{6\sigma^6}{r^8} \right) (x_i - x_j)$$



## Length and Times of MD simulation

Typical experiment sample (**bulk**) contains  $\sim 10^{23}$  atoms!

Typical MD simulations (on a single CPU)

a) Can include 1000 – 10,000 atoms ( $\sim 20\text{-}40 \text{ \AA}$  in size)!

b) run length  $\sim 1\text{--}10 \text{ ns}$  ( $10^{-9}$  seconds)!

### Consequence of system size:

Larger fraction of atoms are on the surface, 
$$\frac{N_s}{N} = \frac{4 \pi r^2 dr \rho / m}{\frac{4}{3} \pi r^3 \rho / m} = 3 \frac{dr}{r}$$

$$\frac{N_s}{N} (\text{Expt.}) \sim 3 \frac{(3\text{\AA})}{10^8 \text{\AA}} \sim 10^{-7}$$

**Bulk system**

$$\frac{N_s}{N} (\text{MD}) \sim 3 \frac{(3\text{\AA})}{20\text{\AA}} \sim 0.45$$

**Nano-cluster**

**Surface atoms have different environment than bulk atoms!**



## The Simulation Cell

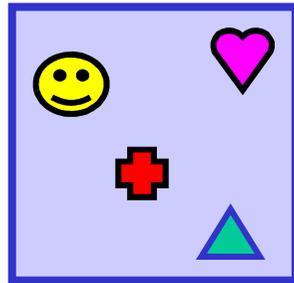
**For Bulk systems!**

Insert the atoms in a perfectly **porous** box – simulation super-cell.

If crystal structure/unit cell parameters are **unknown** (eg., liquids)

The length of the box is determined as,  $L^3 = M/D_{\text{exp}} = N \cdot m/D_{\text{exp}}$

$D_{\text{exp}}$  = Expt. density;  $m$  = At. mass;  $N$  = No. of atoms;



**L**

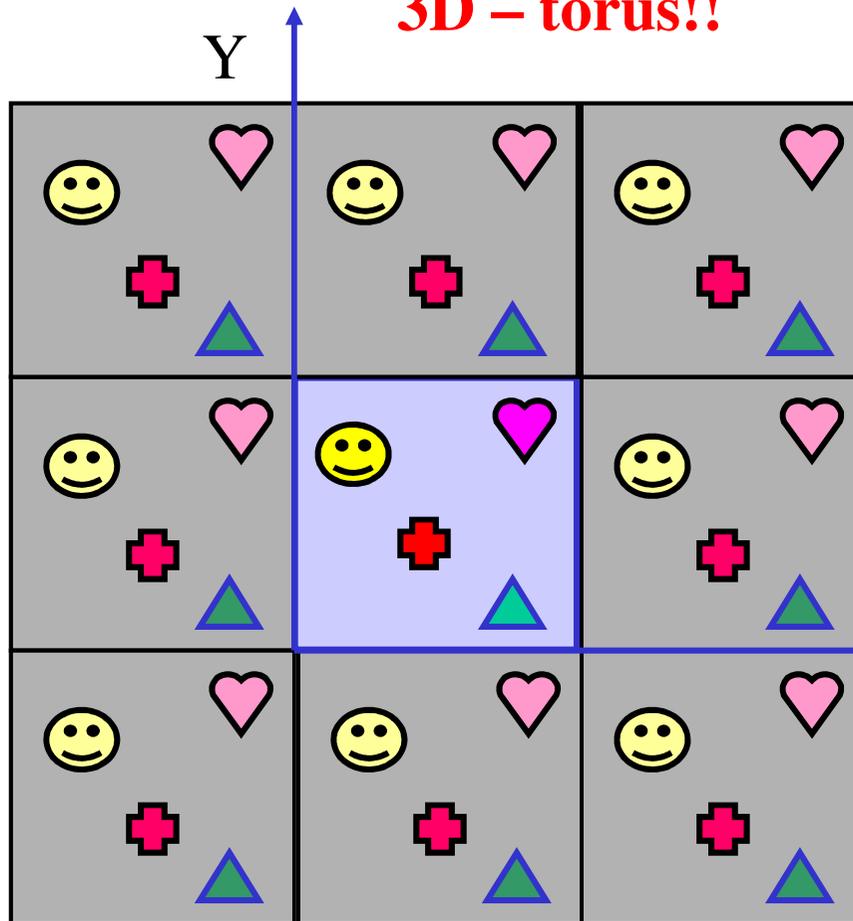
Assign positions and velocities(=0) for each atom.



## Periodic Boundary Condition For Bulk systems!

Construct Periodic Images:

3D – torus!!



In 3-D the simulation *simulation-super-cell* is surrounded by 26 **image cells**!

Image coordinates:

$$x' = x + n_1 L$$

$$y' = y + n_2 L$$

$$z' = z + n_3 L$$

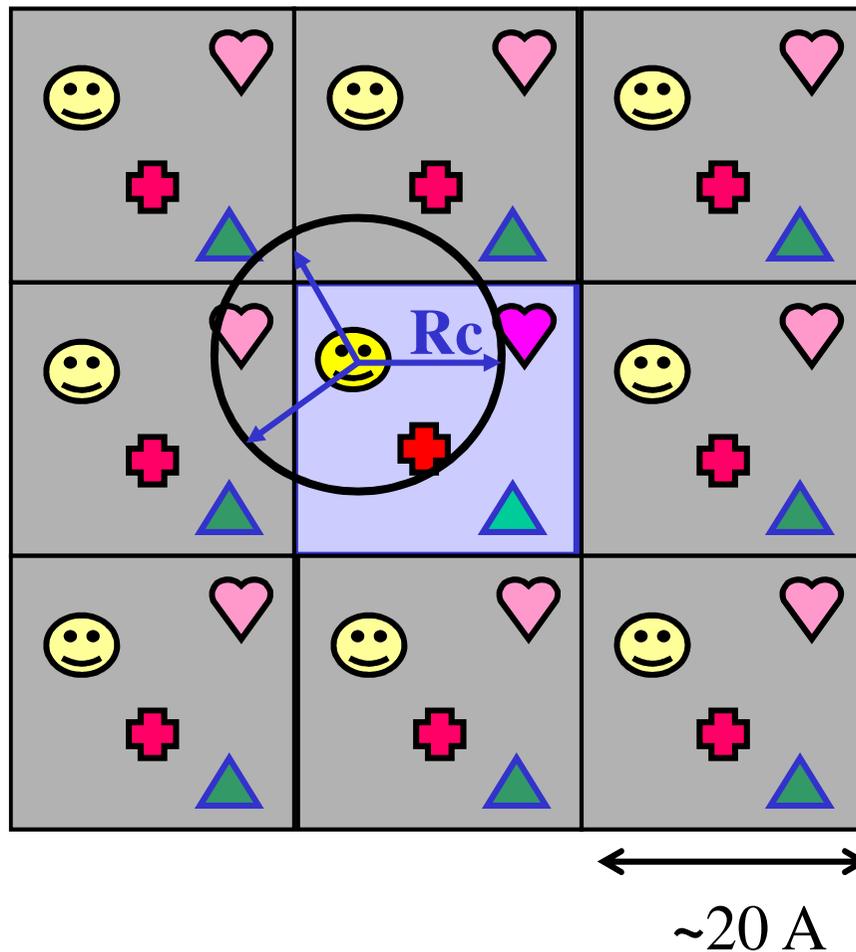
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$$n_1, n_2, n_3 \in -1, 0, 1,$$

Now, there are no surface atoms!

$$L \sim 20 \text{ \AA}$$

## Minimum Image Convention



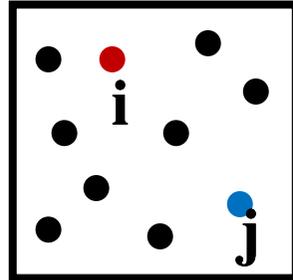
Interactions between atoms separated by a chosen cut-off distance ( $R_c$ ) or larger (ie,  $r_{ij} > R_c$ ) are neglected.

$R_c$  is chosen such that  $U(R_c) \sim 0$

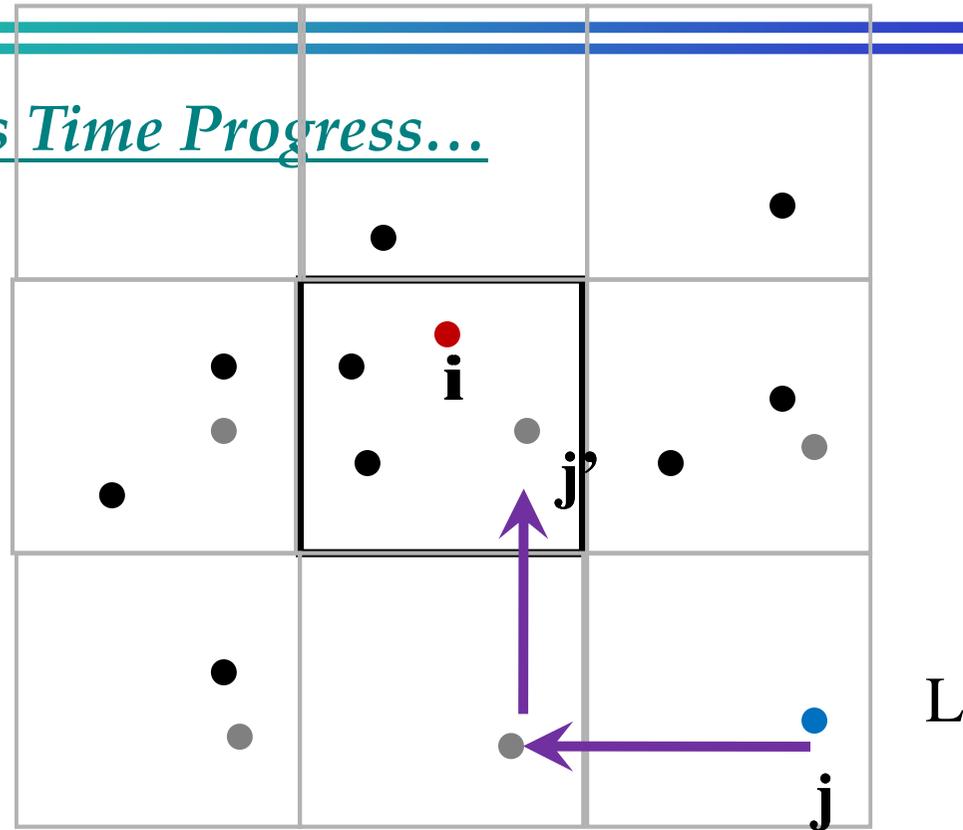
A large enough system (ie, bigger *sim.-cell*) is chosen such that  $R_c \leq L/2$ .

Thus particle  $i$  interact either with particle  $j$  or one of its images, **but not both!**

As Time Progress...



$t = 0$



$t = 10 \text{ pico-sec}$        $L$

Force between  $i$  &  $j$ : 
$$F_{ij}^x = 4\epsilon \left( \frac{12\sigma^{12}}{r_{ij}^{14}} - \frac{6\sigma^6}{r_{ij}^8} \right) (x_i - x_j)$$

**How to find the distance to the image of  $j$  that is nearest to  $i$  ?**



## The three lines of code...

Define,

$$dx = x(j) - x(i)$$

$$dy = y(j) - y(i)$$

$$dz = z(j) - z(i)$$

$$dx = dx - L*ANINT(dx/L)$$

$$dy = dy - L*ANINT(dy/L)$$

$$dz = dz - L*ANINT(dz/L)$$

FORTRAN 77/90/95

$$ANINT(3.49) = 3$$

$$ANINT(1.51) = 2$$

$$ANINT(-3.51) = -4$$

$$ANINT(-11.39) = -11.0$$

$$F_{ij}^x = 4\epsilon \left( \frac{12\sigma^{12}}{r_{ij}^{14}} - \frac{6\sigma^6}{r_{ij}^8} \right) (x_i - x_j)$$

$$rij\_2 = (dx**2 + dy**2 + dz**2)$$

$$rij\_8 = rij\_2**4$$

$$rij\_14 = rij\_2**7$$



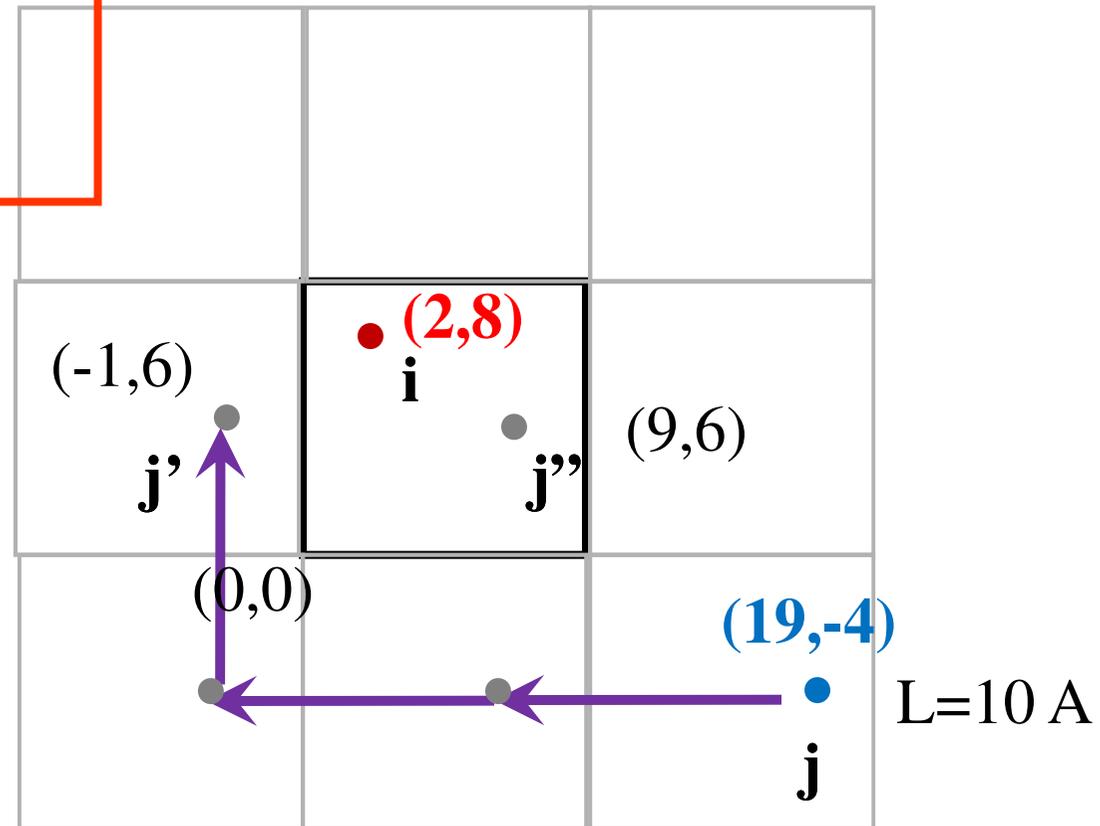
## ...demonstration

$$dx = dx - L * \text{AINT}(dx/L)$$

$$dy = dy - L * \text{AINT}(dy/L)$$

$$x' = x + n_1 L$$

$$y' = y + n_2 L$$



$$L=10 \text{ A}$$

$$x_i - x_j = (2 - 19) - 10 * \text{AINT}\{(2 - 19)/10\} = -17 - (-10 * 2) = 3$$

$$y_i - y_j = (8 + 4) - 10 * \text{AINT}\{12/10\} = 12 - (10 * 1) = 2$$



## *The structure of a simple MD code*

```
program md
```

```
  call init
```

```
  t=0
```

```
  do while (t.lt.tmax)
```

```
    call force(f,en)
```

```
    call integrate(f,en)
```

```
    t=t+delt
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```
    call sample
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```
  enddo
```

```
  stop
```

```
end
```

simple MD program

initialization

MD loop

determine the forces

integrate equations of motion

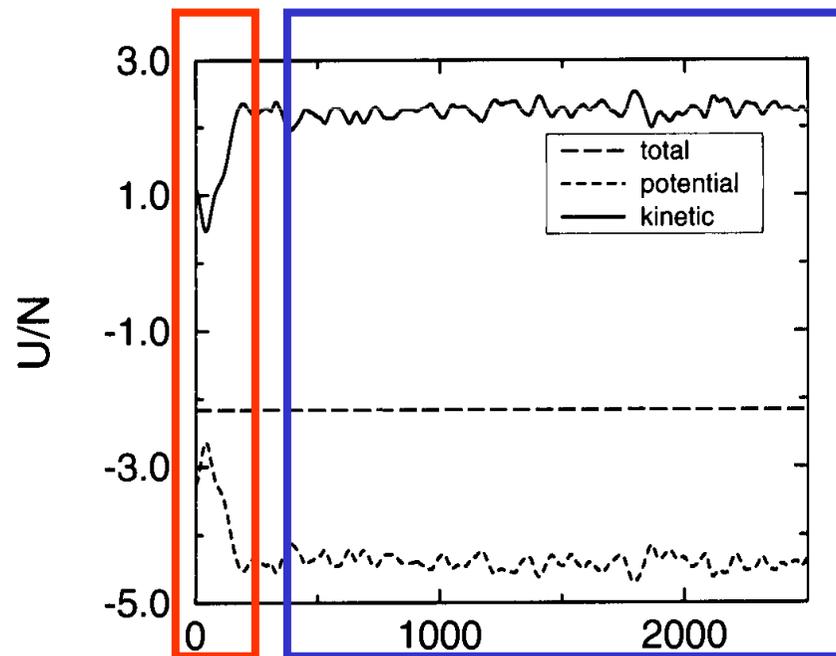
sample averages



## Remarks on Statistical Ensemble

There is no energy coming in Or going out of our system of atoms:  
**micro-canonical (NVE) ensemble.**

Thus the **total energy (E)** and **total linear momentum** of the system should be conserved – through out our simulation!



**Transient phase**

**Equilibrated state**

$$K = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N m_i v_i^2 \quad (\text{fluctuates})$$

$$E = K + U \quad \text{remain const.}$$

$$U = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N U_i \quad (\text{fluctuates})$$



## Remarks on Energy

- Energy conservation,

$$\frac{\Delta E}{E} / ps \sim 10^{-6} / ps$$

-good check on your code!

-time integrator!

-on time step ( $\Delta t$ ) used!

- Start from the expt. crystal structure if available.
- Else? Start from good guess! (like, in bio-systems, polymers, liquids)

- And, perform an **energy minimization!**

(Routines available in standard packages.

Or, do an MD with constant velocity scaling.)

- **Reaching a well equilibrated structure (from a random structure) can be very very costly!**
- Fluctuation of  $U(t)$  about a mean helps to identify equilibrated system.



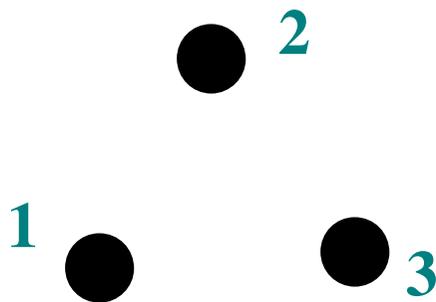
## Calculating Temperature

Equipartition theorem:  $\frac{3}{2} NkT(t) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_i^N m_i v_i^2$

**Instantaneous** temperature:  $T(t) = \frac{1}{3Nk} \sum_i^N m_i v_i^2$

Average temperature :  $\langle T \rangle = \frac{1}{M} \sum_{m=1}^M T(t_m)$

M – no. of MD steps performed



Even if we start with  $v_i = 0$ , the system picks up non-zero  $v$  (hence **some T**) as time progress!

This **some T(!)** need not be what we want!

**So how do we control T?**



## Controlling the Temperature ?

### Velocity rescaling:

Actual temp. at some instant. 
$$T = \frac{1}{3Nk} \sum_i^N m_i v_i^2$$

If  $T$  is out side the fluctuation window around  $T_r$ :  $T_r - \Delta T < T > T_r + \Delta T$

Then **scale** all velocities: 
$$v_r = \left( \frac{T_r}{T} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} v$$

This instantly bring the  $T = T_r$  !

However to sustain the temp. around  $T_r$  we will need to do this procedure several times at intervals.

This phase of the simulation is **should not** be used for averaging!



## Calculating thermodynamic quantities

Average Energy,  $\langle U \rangle = \frac{1}{M} \sum_{i=1}^M U_i$

Average Pressure,  $\langle P \rangle = \frac{Nk_B T}{V} + \frac{1}{3V} \sum_{i=1}^N \langle \vec{r}_i \cdot \vec{f}_i \rangle$

Heat Capacity,  $C_v$ :  $\frac{[\langle T^2 \rangle - \langle T \rangle^2]}{\langle T \rangle^2} = \frac{2}{3N} \left( 1 - \frac{3k_B}{2C_v} \right)$

## Reduced Units

- Length (m)  Å
- Mass (kg)  *a m u*
- ~~Time (s)~~ Energy  eV
- Charge (C)  e<sup>-</sup>
- Temperature (K)  K
- Mole (mol)  mol
- Luminous Intensity (candela)

## Hand-On-Session: 1 (Today! 2-4 pm)

Name your codes as "loginid\_xy.c".

Name the output files of the code as "loginid\_xy.out".

Have your **name, rollno, date of the session, and title of the assignment** as the first four lines of your code.

You may bring with you programming books.

- **Assignment a)**

Title: Generation of FCC lattice

Make 4x4x4 unit cells of the FCC lattice of Argon. Unit cell parameters 5.26 Å (angstrom).

- **Assignment b)**

Title: Calculation of total potential energy

Argon atoms interact through Lennard-Jones potential with  $\epsilon = 119.8 \text{ kB}$  (kB - Boltzmann constant). Convert  $\epsilon$  to eV before using it in the code (electron Volts).  $\sigma = 3.4 \text{ angstrom}$ .

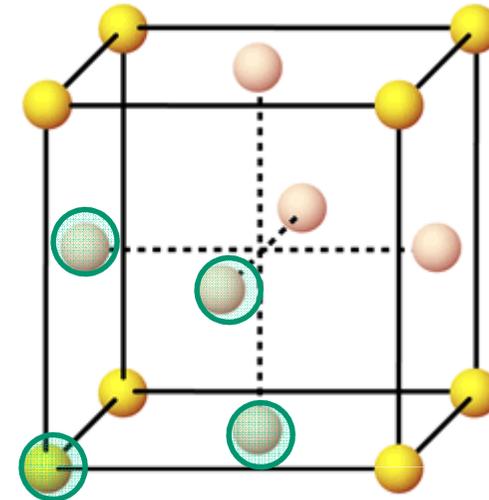
Read the positions of the Ar atoms from the output of a) and calculate the total potential energy of the system (without any periodic boundary conditions or cut of distances imposed).

## Lab session -I

!Generation of coordinates of FCC lattice (4x4x4 unit cells)

```
program fcc
implicit none
integer::i,j,k, n =4  ! No of unit cells
real::a=5.26
open(unit=1,file="fcc.dat")

do i = 0, n - 1
do j = 0, n - 1
do k = 0, n - 1
    write(1,*)  $i*a + 0.0, j*a + 0.0, k*a + 0.0$ 
    write(1,*)  $i*a + a/2, j*a + a/2, k*a + 0.0$ 
    write(1,*)  $i*a + 0.0, j*a + a/2, k*a + a/2$ 
    write(1,*)  $i*a + a/2, j*a + 0.0, k*a + a/2$ 
end do
end do
end do
end program fcc
```



**!Potential Energy of fcc lattice (4x4x4 unit cells )**

**allocate(x(no\_atom),y(no\_atom),z(no\_atom))**

**sigma6 = sigma\*\*6;    sigma12 = sigma6\*\*2;    eps4 = 4\* eps;**

**pot\_en =0.0**

**do i=1,no\_atom-1**

**do j=i+1,no\_atom**

**dx = x(i) - x(j) ; dy = y(i) - y(j); dz= z(i)-z(j);**

**r2=dx\*\*2+dy\*\*2+dz\*\*2**

**r6= r2\*r2\*r2**

**r12= r6 \* r6**

**fact= eps4\*(sigma12/r12 - sigma6/r6)**

**pot\_en = pot\_en + fact**

**end do**

**end do**

**print\*,'potential energy=',pot\_en**



## Integrating Equations of Motion

### Verlet Scheme:

$$r(t + \Delta t) = r(t) + v(t)\Delta t + \frac{f(t)}{2m}\Delta t^2 + \frac{\Delta t^3}{3!} \ddot{r} + \mathcal{O}(\Delta t^4)$$

Newton's equations are time reversible,

$$r(t - \Delta t) = r(t) - v(t)\Delta t + \frac{f(t)}{2m}\Delta t^2 - \frac{\Delta t^3}{3!} \ddot{r} + \mathcal{O}(\Delta t^4)$$

Summing the two equations,

$$r(t + \Delta t) \approx 2r(t) - r(t - \Delta t) + \frac{f(t)}{m}\Delta t^2$$

Now we have advanced our atoms to time  $t + \Delta t$  !!

Velocity of the atoms:  $v(t) = \frac{r(t + \Delta t) - r(t - \Delta t)}{2\Delta t}$



## Controlling the Temperature

### Velocity scaling:

Actual temp. at some instant. 
$$T = \frac{1}{3Nk} \sum_i^N m_i v_i^2$$

If T is out side the fluctuation window around  $T_r$ :  $T_r - \Delta T < T > T_r + \Delta T$

Then **scale** all velocities: 
$$v_r = \left( \frac{T_r}{T} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} v$$

**Though Good and simple algorithm,  
Verlet Algorithm does not involve velocities explicitly!  
- Not convenient in implementing velocity scaling!**

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## “Velocity Verlet” Scheme

Calculate the positions at  $t + \delta t$

$$\mathbf{r}(t + \delta t) = \mathbf{r}(t) + \delta t \mathbf{v}(t) + \frac{1}{2} \delta t^2 \mathbf{a}(t)$$

Advance velocities by half-time step,  $\frac{1}{2} \delta t$

$$\mathbf{v}(t + \frac{1}{2} \delta t) = \mathbf{v}(t) + \frac{1}{2} \delta t \mathbf{a}(t)$$

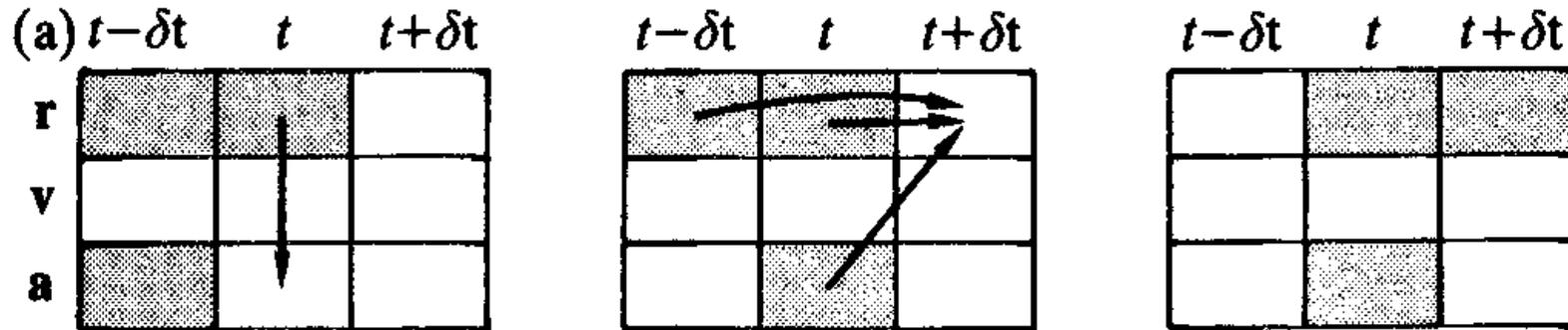
**Calculate Forces**

Complete the velocity-move,

$$\mathbf{v}(t + \delta t) = \mathbf{v}(t + \frac{1}{2} \delta t) + \frac{1}{2} \delta t \mathbf{a}(t + \delta t)$$

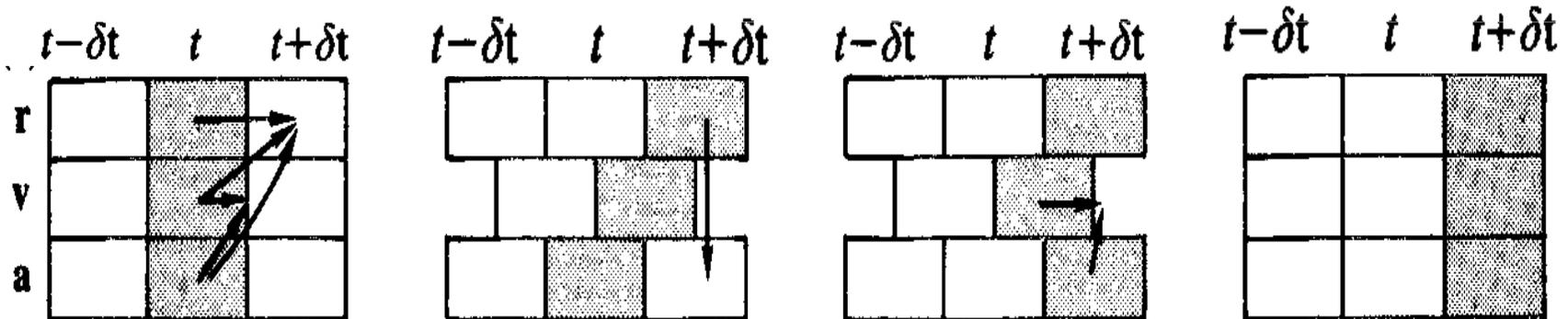
As **good** as the Verlet scheme in terms of numerical quality – energy conservation, storage (3N –words) etc., but **has the advantage of having velocities explicitly in the equations.**

## Verlet scheme



$$\mathbf{r}(t + \Delta t) \approx 2\mathbf{r}(t) - \mathbf{r}(t - \Delta t) + \frac{\mathbf{f}(t)}{m} \Delta t^2$$

## Velocity-Verlet scheme



$$\mathbf{r}(t + \delta t) = \mathbf{r}(t) + \delta t \mathbf{v}(t) + \frac{1}{2} \delta t^2 \mathbf{a}(t)$$

$$\mathbf{v}(t + \frac{1}{2} \delta t) = \mathbf{v}(t) + \frac{1}{2} \delta t \mathbf{a}(t)$$

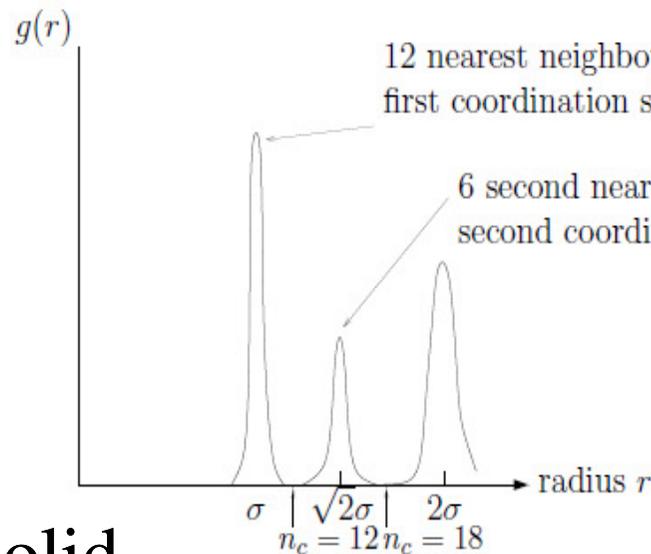
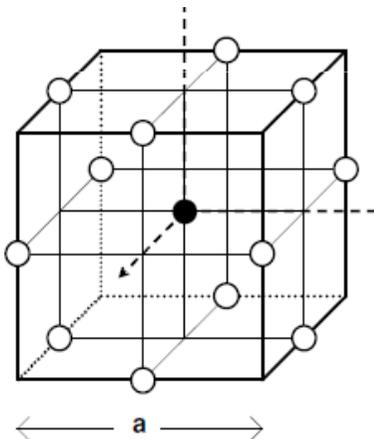
CALL FORCE

$$\mathbf{v}(t + \delta t) = \mathbf{v}(t + \frac{1}{2} \delta t) + \frac{1}{2} \delta t \mathbf{a}(t + \delta t)$$

# Structural Characterization

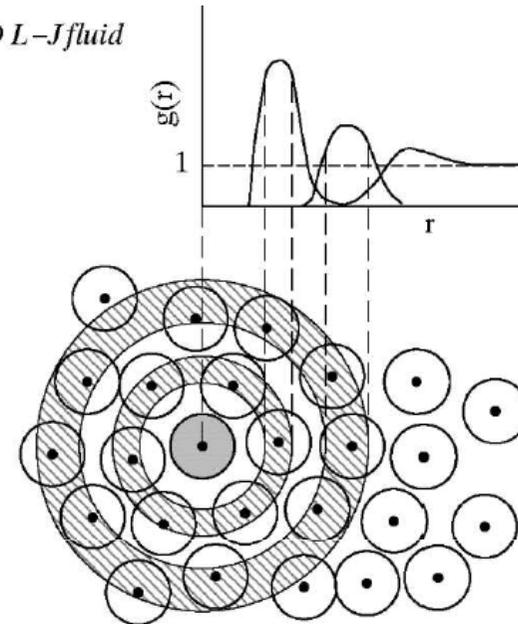
## Radial Distribution Function (RDF)/ $g(r)$

$$g(r) = \frac{V}{4\pi r^2 \Delta r N^2} \sum_i n_i(r, \Delta r)$$



Rdf of fcc-solid

2D L-J fluid

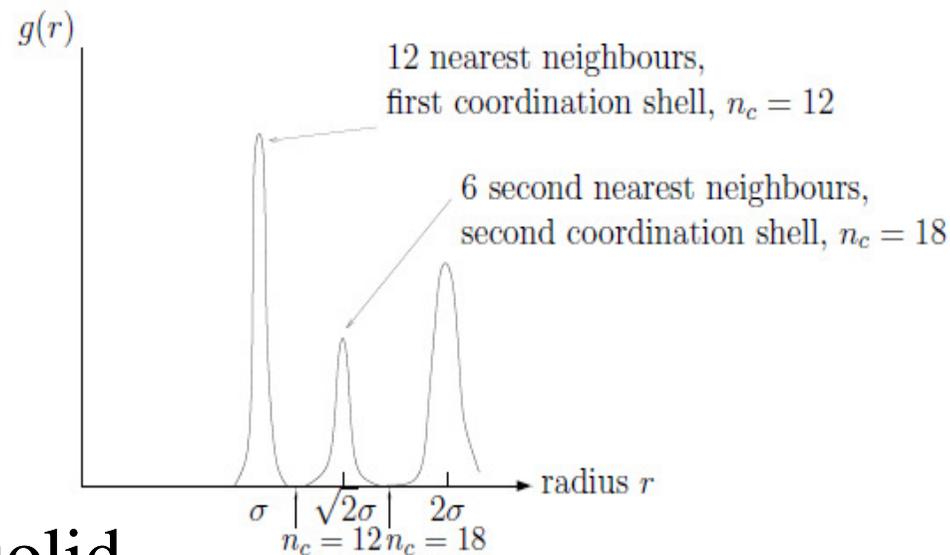




## Structural Characterization

### Running Coordination Number $C(r)$

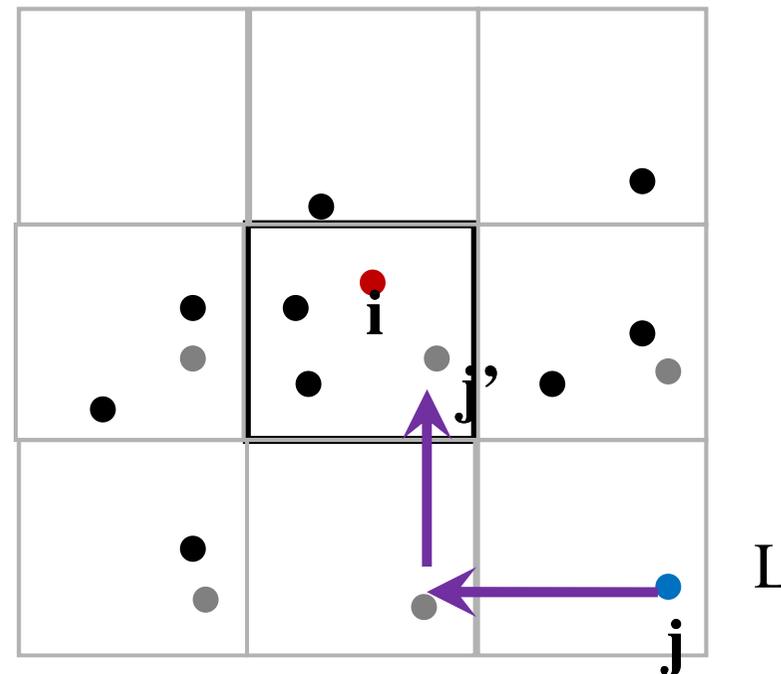
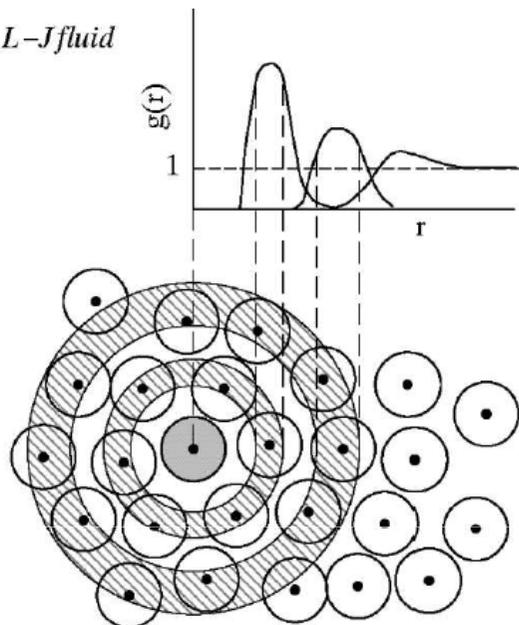
$$C(r) = \frac{4\pi N}{V} \int_0^r s^2 g(s) ds$$



Rdf of fcc-solid

## Calculation of RDF and RCN

2D L-J fluid



The same PBC as that used for MD should be used in  $g(r)$  calculation!

$$dx = x(j) - x(i)$$

$$dy = y(j) - y(i)$$

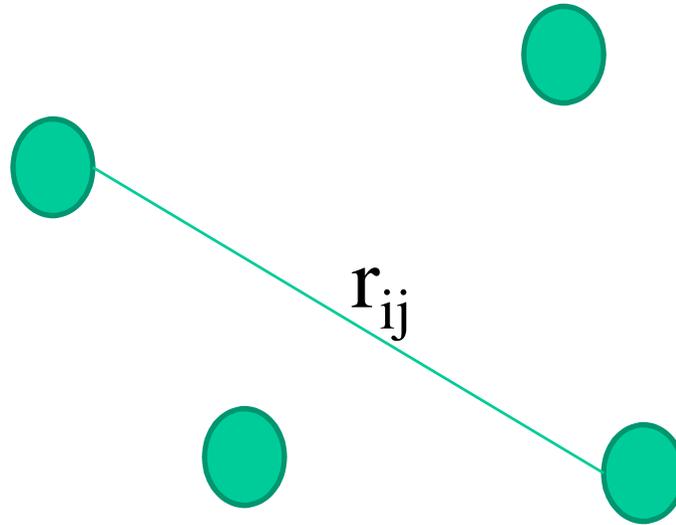
$$dz = z(j) - z(i)$$

$$dx = dx - L * \text{ANINT}(dx/L)$$

$$dy = dy - L * \text{ANINT}(dy/L)$$

$$dz = dz - L * \text{ANINT}(dz/L)$$

$$r2 = dx**2 + dy**2 + dz**2$$



binsize  $\sim$  0.02 - 0.1

$$k = \mathbf{INT}(r_{ij}/\text{binsize})$$

$$\text{rdf}(k) = \text{rdf}(k) + 1$$

## Hands-On-Session –II (23/1/12) Time 2-4pm

Complete the assignments of Lab Session-I.

**(Demonstrate running the code and the Pot. Energy obtained)**

**Make a new copy of your Pot. Energy Program &  
Name it “loginid\_2a.c” (retain your older version!!)**

1. Read the fcc (4x4x4) positions ( $x, y, z$  -*already generated*)
2. Impose PBC & Minimum Image Convention
3. Calculate Pot. Energy  $U$  for different cutoff distances ( $R_c$ );  
(Find  $U$  for  $R_c=4.0$  to  $10 \text{ \AA}$  in steps of  $0.5 \text{ \AA}$  )

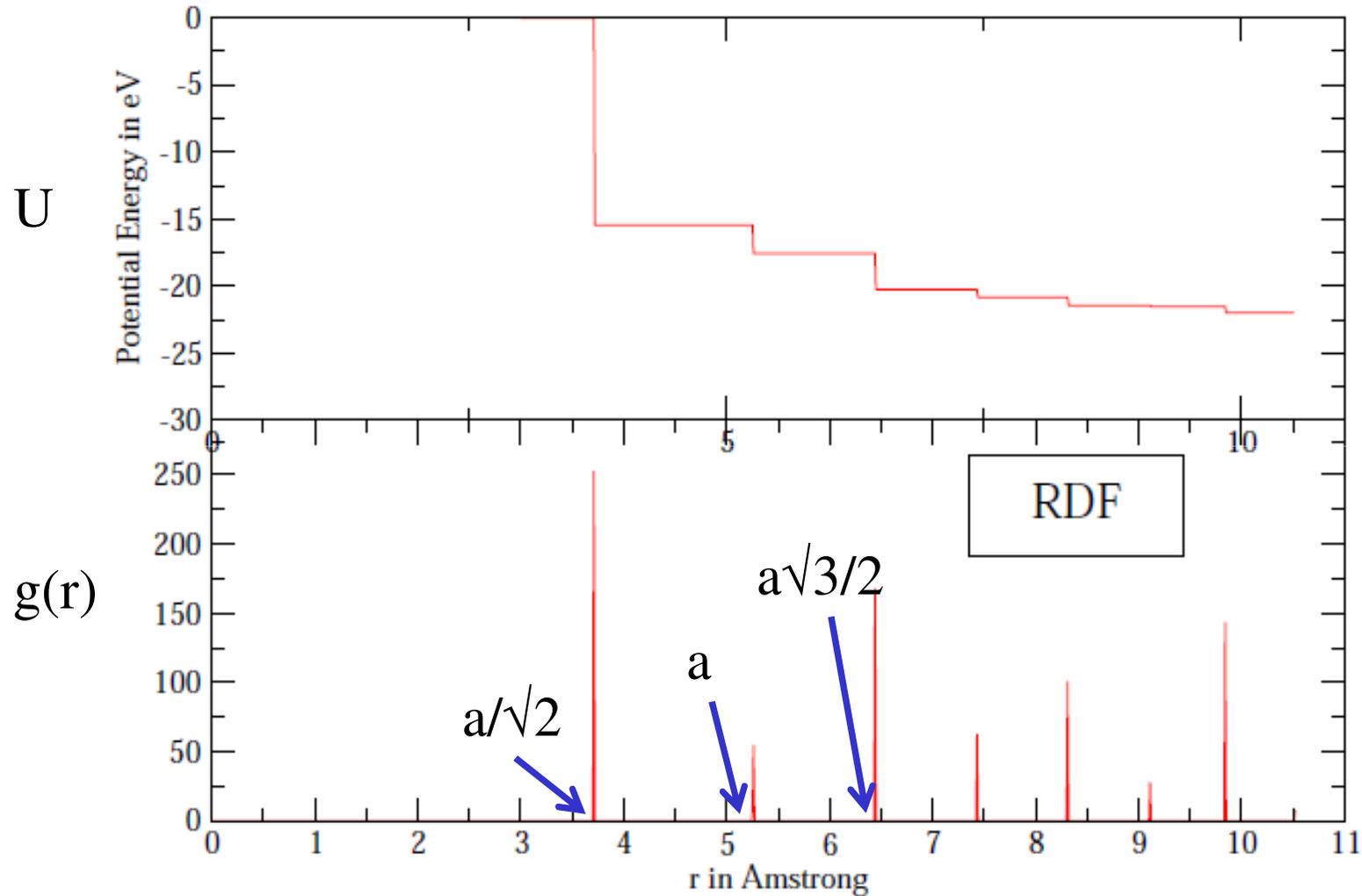
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*Do not use internet!*

Potential Energy Vs rcut

FCC lattice + PBC

Correlated to RDF



1. Steps in U coincide with the g(r)!
2. U converges to as r increases.

## **Hands-On-session –III on Monday 30/01/12 Time 2-4pm**

**Complete the assignments of Lab Session-I & II.**

**Make a new copy of your Pot. Energy Program & name it “loginid\_3.c”  
(retain your older version!!)**

1. Read the fcc (4x4x4) positions (*x, y, z -already generated*)
2. Use a **fixed** cut\_off distance of 10 Å.
3. Impose PBC & Minimum Image Convention
4. Modify the code to calculate the forces on each atom due to the rest.

**Please be prepared with the force expression between a pair of atoms for the Lennard-Jones Potential. Note that force being a vector need be dealt with component wise.**

*Bring Your Notebooks/C/Fortran- books;  
Strictly do not open internet/ email accounts!*

## Initialization of Velocities (Random)

$$T = \frac{1}{3Nk} \sum_i^N m_i v_i^2$$

$$K.E = \left\langle \frac{1}{2} \sum_i^N m_i v_i^2 \right\rangle = \frac{3}{2} N k T$$

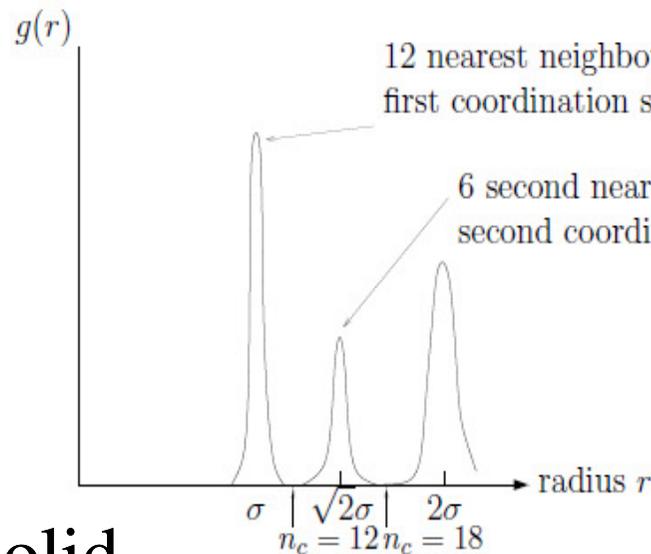
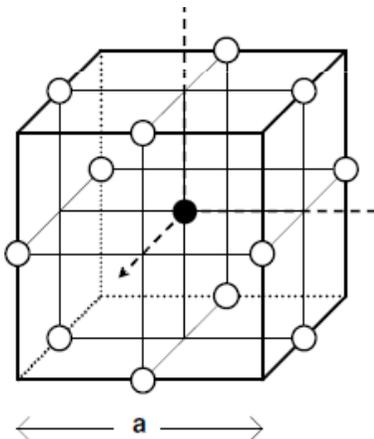
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sumv=0
sumv2=0
do i=1,npart
  v(i)=(ranf()-0.5) ← Uniform random No (0-1)
  sumv=sumv+v(i)
  sumv2=sumv2+v(i)**2
enddo
sumv=sumv/npart
sumv2=sumv2/npart
fs=sqrt(3*temp/sumv2)
do i=1,npart
  v(i)=(v(i)-sumv)*fs
enddo
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# Structural Characterization

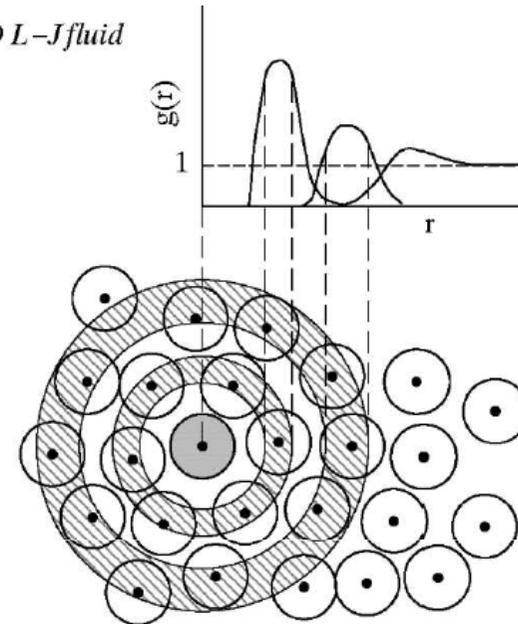
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Rdf of fcc-solid

2D L-J fluid



## “Tail” Correction to Potential Energy!

$$u^{lj}(r) = 4\epsilon \left[ \left(\frac{\sigma}{r}\right)^{12} - \left(\frac{\sigma}{r}\right)^6 \right]$$

$$u^{\text{tail}} \equiv (N/2) \int_{r_c}^{\infty} dr 4\pi r^2 \rho(r) u(r)$$

for  $r \geq r_c$ .

assuming  $\rho(r)$  is equal to the average number density  $\rho$ .

$$\begin{aligned} u^{\text{tail}} &= \frac{N}{2} 4\pi\rho \int_{r_c}^{\infty} dr r^2 u(r) \\ &= \frac{N}{2} 16\pi\rho\epsilon \int_{r_c}^{\infty} dr r^2 \left[ \left(\frac{\sigma}{r}\right)^{12} - \left(\frac{\sigma}{r}\right)^6 \right] \\ &= N \frac{8}{3} \pi\rho\epsilon\sigma^3 \left[ \frac{1}{3} \left(\frac{\sigma}{r_c}\right)^9 - \left(\frac{\sigma}{r_c}\right)^3 \right]. \end{aligned}$$

## Initialization of Velocities (Random)

*!cmvx,cmvy,cmvz=0; sumvvsq=0; rand(3)*

do i=1,n

Call Random\_Number(rand)

$v_x(i) = (\text{rand}(1) - 0.5);$

$v_y(i) = (\text{rand}(2) - 0.5);$

$v_z(i) = (\text{rand}(3) - 0.5);$

$cmvx = cmvx + v_x(i);$

$cmvy = cmvy + v_y(i);$

!For Centre of mass velocity

$cmvz = cmvz + v_z(i);$

$sumvvsq = sumvvsq + v_x(i)**2 + v_y(i)**2 + v_z(i)**2$

enddo

$cmvx = cmvx/n; cmvy = cmvy/n; cmvz = cmvz/n;$

*! cmvx~0 cmvy ~ 0 cmvz ~0*

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do i=1,n
  vx(i) = vx(i) -cmvx;
  vy(i) = vy(i) -cmvy;
  vz(i) = vz(i) -cmvz;
enddo

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$$\frac{3}{2} N k T = \frac{1}{2} \sum_i^N m_i v_i^2 \quad \longrightarrow \quad T = \frac{m}{3 N k} \sum_i^N v_i^2$$

Then **scale** all velocities:  $v_r = \left( \frac{T_r}{T} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} v$

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fact = SQRT(3*n*kB* Tr / (m*sumvsq))
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do i=1,n
  vx(i) = vx(i)*fact;
  vy(i) = vy(i)*fact;
  vz(i) = vz(i)*fact;
enddo

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## Dynamical Properties: Diffusion Coefficient

Fick's Law:  $\vec{j}(\vec{r}, t) = -D\nabla\rho(\vec{r}, t)$

Continuity Eq.:  $\partial\rho(\vec{r}, t)/\partial t + \nabla \cdot \vec{j}(\vec{r}, t) = 0$

Diffusion Eq.:  $\partial\rho(\vec{r}, t)/\partial t = D\nabla^2\rho(\vec{r}, t)$

Einstein's relation:  $D = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{6t} \langle |\mathbf{r}(t) - \mathbf{r}(0)|^2 \rangle$  ← *Nr.* MSD

Nernst-Einstein's relation:  $\sigma = Nq^2 D / fk_B T$

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## Dynamical Properties: Diffusion Coefficient

Fick's Law:  $\mathbf{j} = -D\nabla c$

$\mathbf{j}(r, t)$  - flux

$c(r, t)$  - concentration

$D$  - self diffusivity  
(diff. coefficient)

Continuity Eq.:  $\frac{\partial c(r, t)}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot \mathbf{j}(r, t) = 0.$

Diffusion Eq.:  $\frac{\partial c(r, t)}{\partial t} - D\nabla^2 c(r, t) = 0$

boundary condition  $c(\mathbf{r}, 0) = \delta(\mathbf{r})$

( $\delta(\mathbf{r})$  is the Dirac delta function)

$$c(\mathbf{r}, t) = \frac{1}{(4\pi Dt)^{d/2}} \exp\left(-\frac{r^2}{4Dt}\right)$$

$$\frac{\partial c(\mathbf{r}, t)}{\partial t} - D\nabla^2 c(\mathbf{r}, t) = 0$$

by  $r^2$  and integrating over all space

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int d\mathbf{r} r^2 c(\mathbf{r}, t) = D \int d\mathbf{r} r^2 \nabla^2 c(\mathbf{r}, t)$$



$$\frac{\partial \langle r^2(t) \rangle}{\partial t} = 2dD \quad (\text{Einstein's relation})$$



$$\int d\mathbf{r} c(\mathbf{r}, t) = 1$$

Prob. Interpretation  
of  $c(\mathbf{r}, t)$

**Einstein**

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial \langle r^2(t) \rangle}{\partial t} &= D \int d\mathbf{r} r^2 \nabla^2 c(\mathbf{r}, t) \\ &= D \int d\mathbf{r} \nabla \cdot (r^2 \nabla c(\mathbf{r}, t)) - D \int d\mathbf{r} \nabla r^2 \cdot \nabla c(\mathbf{r}, t) \\ &= D \int d\mathbf{S} (r^2 \nabla c(\mathbf{r}, t)) - 2D \int d\mathbf{r} \mathbf{r} \cdot \nabla c(\mathbf{r}, t) \\ &= 0 - 2D \int d\mathbf{r} (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{r} c(\mathbf{r}, t)) + 2D \int d\mathbf{r} (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{r}) c(\mathbf{r}, t) \\ &= 0 + 2dD \int d\mathbf{r} c(\mathbf{r}, t) \\ &= 2dD.\end{aligned}$$

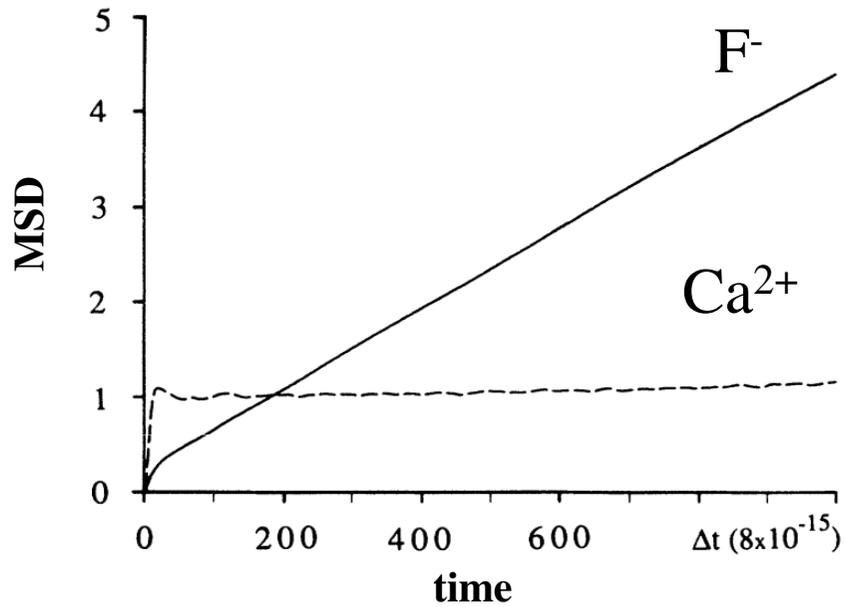
$$\frac{\partial \langle r^2(t) \rangle}{\partial t} = 2dD$$

Einstein's relation:  $D = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{6t} \langle |\mathbf{r}(t) - \mathbf{r}(0)|^2 \rangle$   *Nr.* M.S.D

**(M. S. D – Mean Squared Displacement)**

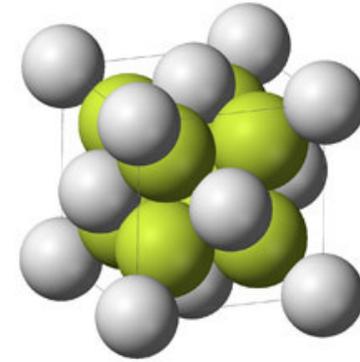
Nernst-Einstein's relation:  $\sigma = Nq^2 D / fk_B T$

## ...Diffusion Coefficient: CaF<sub>2</sub>

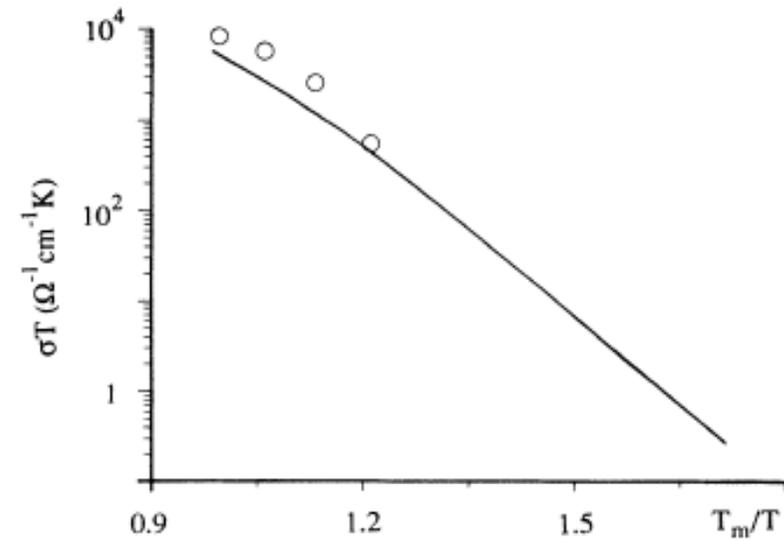


$$\sigma = Nq^2 D / fk_B T$$

PRB, 43, 3180, 1991.



CaF<sub>2</sub>



In 1-Dimension

$$2D = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\partial \langle x^2(t) \rangle}{\partial t}$$

$$D = \int_0^{\infty} d\tau \langle v_x(\tau) v_x(0) \rangle$$

$\langle v_x(\tau) v_x(0) \rangle$  - Velocity auto correlation fn.



## ...Dynamical Properties: Vibrational Spectrum

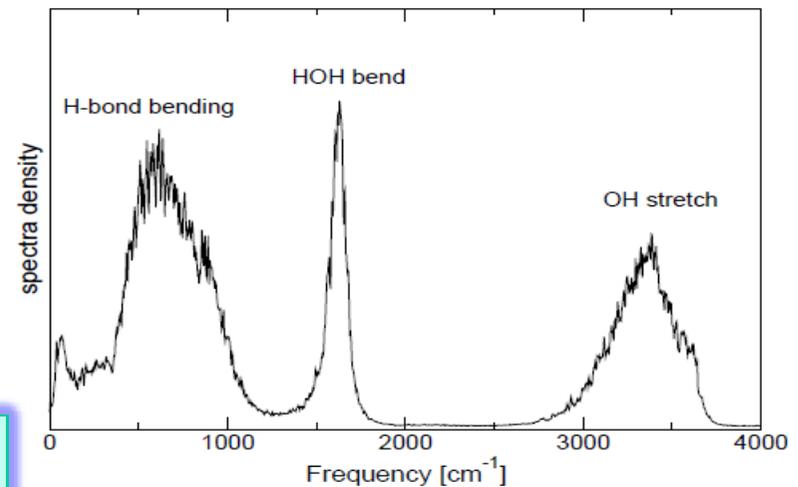
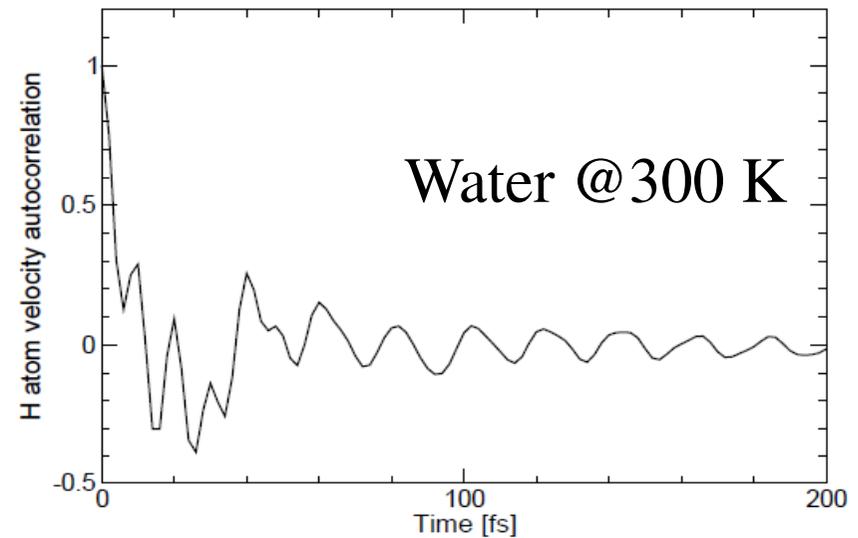
Velocity Autocorrelation  
Spectrum,

$$C_{VV}(\tau) = \langle \mathbf{v}_i(\tau) \mathbf{v}_i(0) \rangle$$

Power Spectrum,

$$C_{VV}(\omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\tau e^{-i\omega\tau} C_{VV}(\tau)$$

Helps interpreting IR spectrum.



## Hands-On-Session –IV (13/2/12) Time 2-4pm

**Demonstrate the lab assignments of sessions-I, II, III.**

Make a new copy of your Force Calculation Program &  
Name it “**loginid\_4a.c**” (retain your older version!!)

1. Read the fcc (4x4x4) positions ( $x, y, z$  -*already generated*)  
*Keep (0, 0, 0) particle displaced at (-0.2, 0.3, 0.5).*
2. Impose PBC & Minimum Image Convention (Rcut = 10A)
3. Use the forces to integrate the equations of motion using  
“velocity Verlet” algorithm. Use time step,  $dt = 1$  fs.  
mass- that of argon. (**Workout the unit system!!!**)  
Perform 100 MD steps.

*Bring Your Notebooks/C/Fortran- books;*

*Do not use internet!*

## Reduced Units

- Length (m)  $\longrightarrow$  Å
- Mass (kg)  $\longrightarrow$  *a m u*
- Time (s) / Energy  $\longrightarrow$  eV
- Charge (C)  $\longrightarrow$   $e^-$
- Temperature (K)  $\longrightarrow$  K
- Mole (mol)  $\longrightarrow$  mol
- ~~Luminous Intensity (candela)~~

**time step = 1 fs = ??** (In reduced units)

Mid-Sem: 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb 2012 (10-12pm)

**Bring Your Calculators.**

Questions are based on NVE-MD of bulk Systems.

**Total marks: 30 (6 x 5 marks)**



## Interatomic forces for simple systems

(non-bonded interactions)

### 1. Lennard-Jones Potential:

$$u^{lj}(r) = 4\epsilon \left[ \left( \frac{\sigma}{r} \right)^{12} - \left( \frac{\sigma}{r} \right)^6 \right]$$



Instantaneous dipoles

Gives an accurate description of *inert gases*  
(Ar, Xe, Kr etc.)

### 2. Born-Mayer (Tosi-Fumi) Potential:

$$U(r_{ij}) = \frac{q_i q_j}{r_{ij}} + A_{ij} \exp(-r_{ij}/\rho_{ij}) - \frac{C_{ij}}{r_{ij}^6}$$

Faithful in describing *pure* ionic solids  
(NaCl, KCl, NaBr etc.)

## Issues with Coulombic Forces

(Ewald Summation technique)

$$\mathcal{U}_{\text{Coul}} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N q_i \phi(\mathbf{r}_i)$$

$$\phi(\mathbf{r}_i) = \sum_{j,n}' \frac{q_j}{|\mathbf{r}_{ij} + \mathbf{nL}|}$$

~~Minimum Image Convention~~

This sum is only Conditionally Convergent!

## “Tail” Correction to Potential Energy!

$$u^{lj}(r) = 4\epsilon \left[ \left(\frac{\sigma}{r}\right)^{12} - \left(\frac{\sigma}{r}\right)^6 \right]$$

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for  $r \geq r_c$ .

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## Remarks on Interatomic Forces

- Development of good force fields (FF) can be a tough task!

FF's are developed by **empirical methods** or **ab-initio** calculations.

- FF assume that electronic clouds around the nucleus of atoms is intact irrespective of the environment around the atom!

This can be a poor assumption for highly polarizable atoms/ions!

Solution?

Develop a shell model of atoms/ions!

Or DFT-based *ab-initio* (Car-Parrinello) MD calculations !



## Comments on Classical MD



Very powerful in studying a variety of **physical phenomena** and under several external conditions (T & P).

Extensively employed to understand Physical processes at **atomic resolution**

Phase Transitions,

Diffusion and transport properties,

Local structural and short-time relaxation of

- ✓ crystalline and amorphous solids
- ✓ liquids
- ✓ solid-fluid interfaces
- ✓ nano-clusters

And, serves a very useful bridge between experiment and theory!



Not useful in the study of electronic properties!

Not powerful enough to describe chemical reactions!

## **Hands-On-Session –V (05/03/12) Time 2-4pm**

**Complete the lab assignments of sessions-IV.**

(Perform 1000 MD steps; with the particle positions, Potential Energy and Total Energy written at intervals of 10 MD steps; and demonstrate energy conservation.)

Use the positions to calculate the Radial Distribution Function (averaged over all particles and over 100 MD steps.)

Compare the same with the RDF of the static-FCC lattice.

*Bring Your Notebooks/C/Fortran- books;*

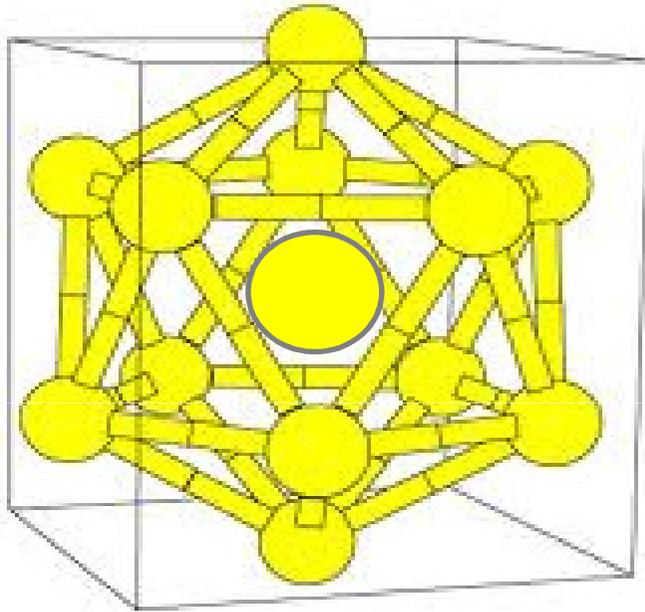
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## Translational & Rotational corrections (from last class)

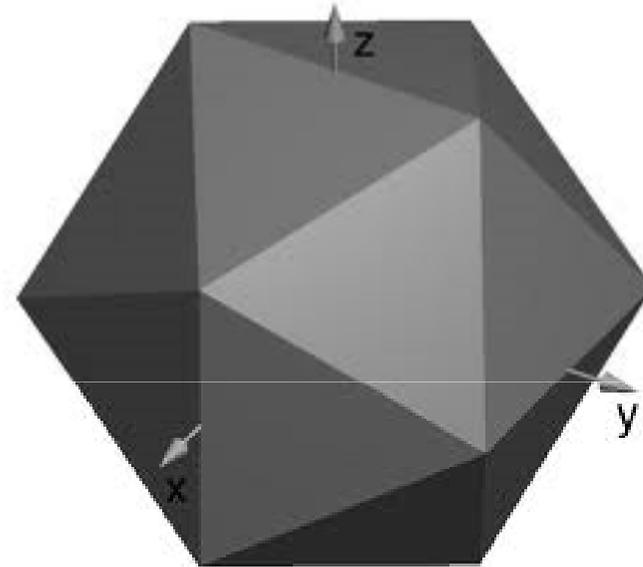
$$T = \frac{2}{(3N - 6)} \frac{\overline{E}_{\text{kin}}}{k}$$

3 –translational and 3- overall-rotational DOF are to be subtracted.

## Ar clusters: Structure



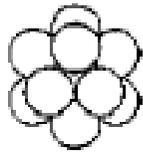
**Ar<sub>13</sub> Cluster**



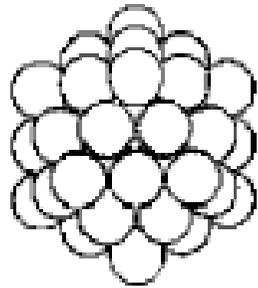
**Icosahedron**

**Typically, clusters stabilize in different structures than their bulk counterparts.**

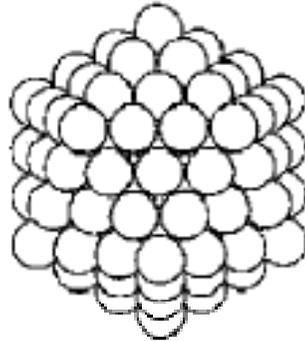
## Ar cluster Magic Numbers



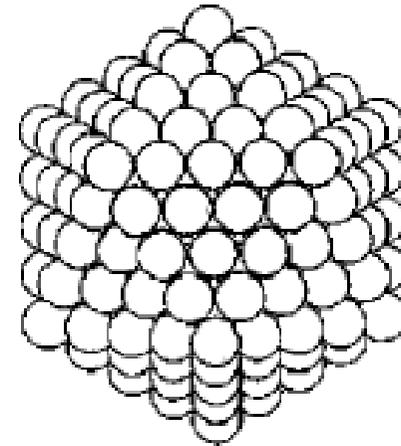
**Ar<sub>13</sub>**



**Ar<sub>55</sub>**



**Ar<sub>147</sub>**

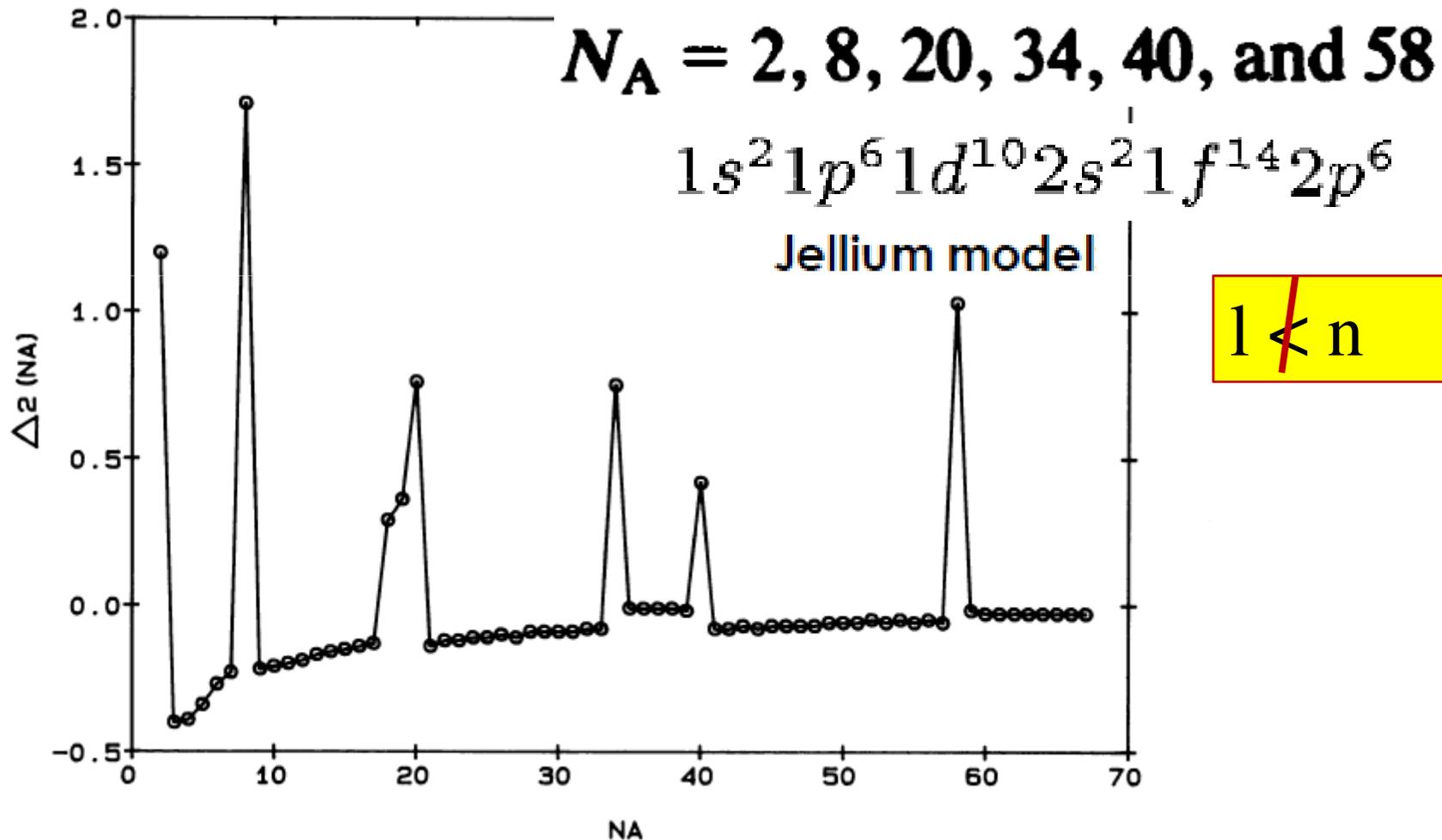


**Ar<sub>309</sub>**

Stability depends on completion of icosahedral shells.

## Magic numbers of Na clusters

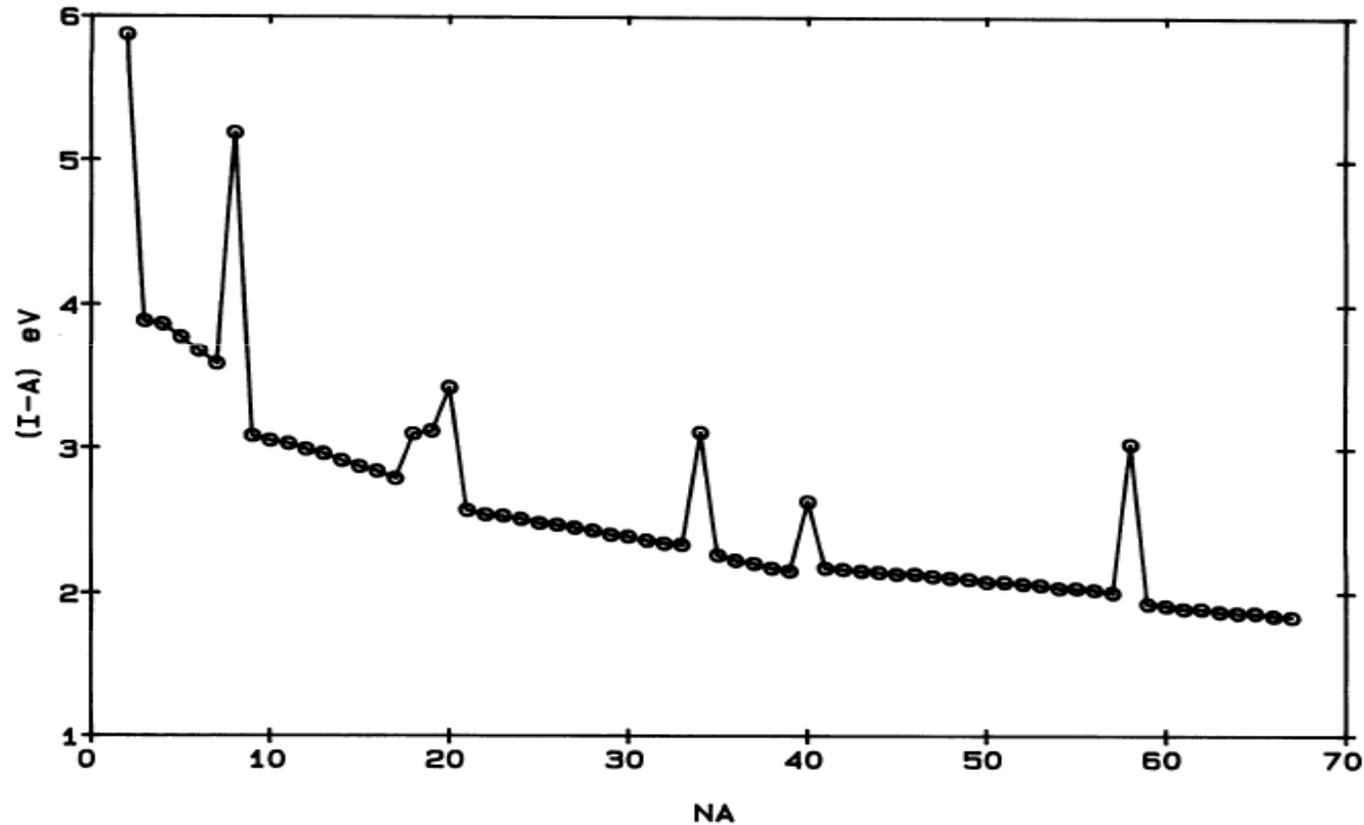
$$\Delta_2(N_A) = E(N_A + 1) + E(N_A - 1) - 2E(N_A)$$



## Stability of Na clusters?

Chemical Hardness,  $\eta = \frac{I - A}{2}$

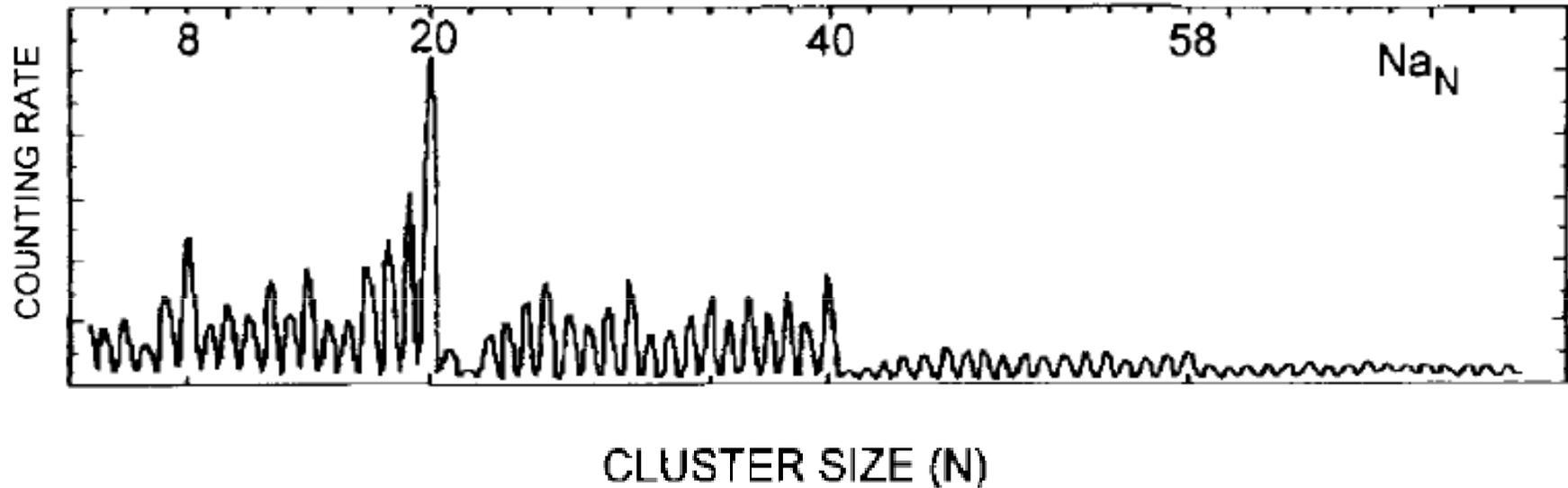
I- Ionization potential;  
A-electron affinity



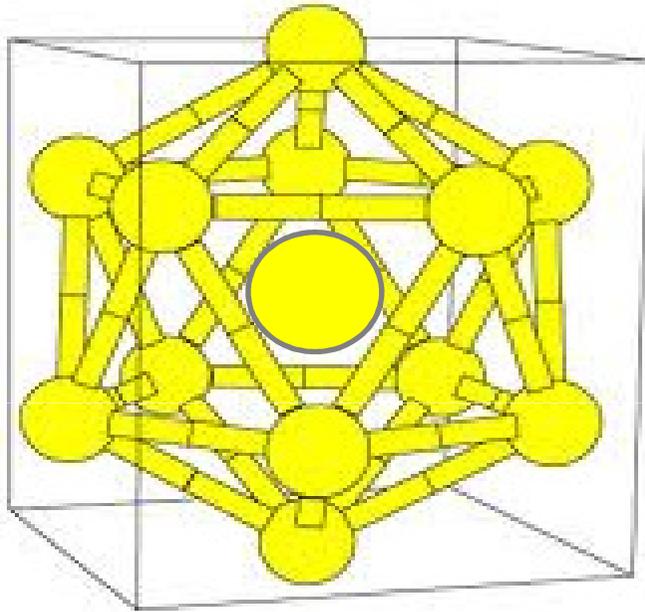
Chemical hardness (I-A) versus number of atoms (N<sub>A</sub>) for lithium clusters.

# Experimental evidence: Mass spectrometric data

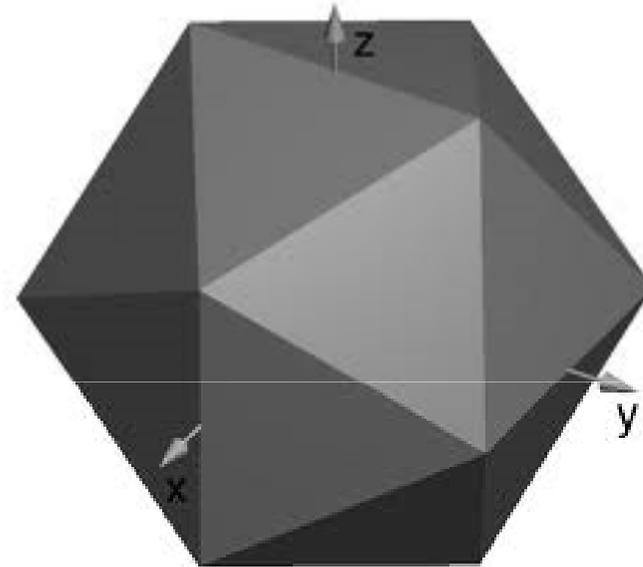
For Na cluster



## Ar clusters: Structure



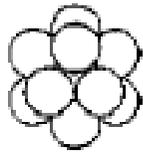
**Ar<sub>13</sub> Cluster**



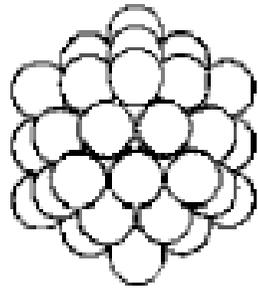
**Icosahedron**

**Typically, clusters stabilize in different structures than their bulk counterparts.**

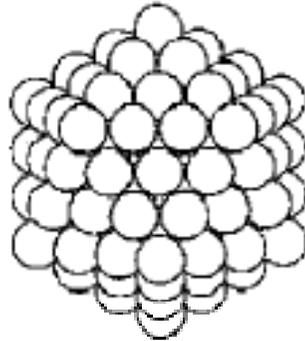
## Ar cluster Magic Numbers



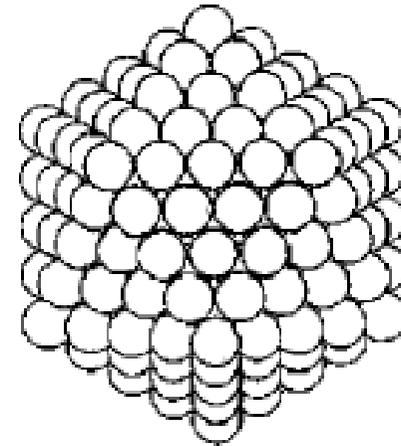
**Ar<sub>13</sub>**



**Ar<sub>55</sub>**



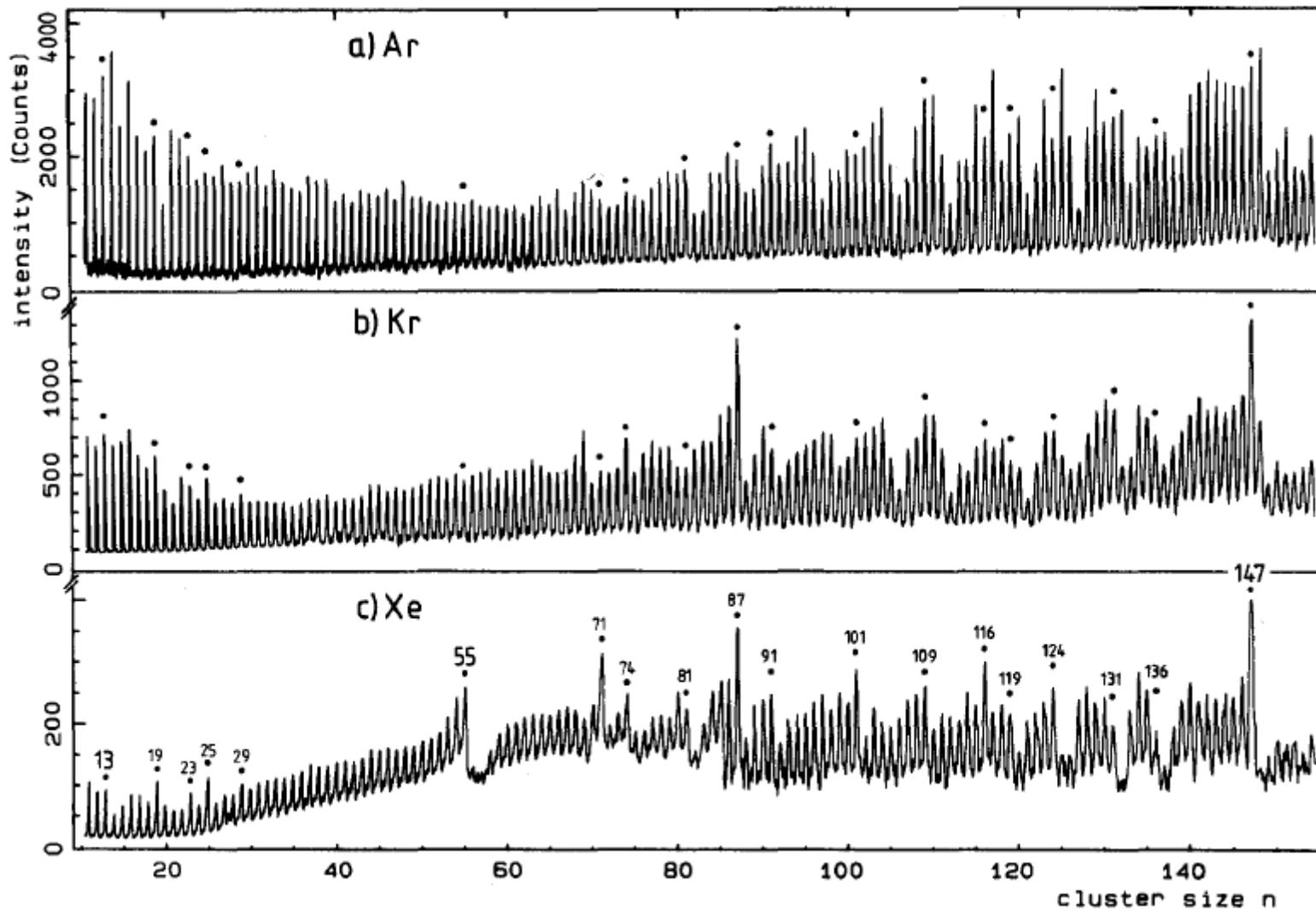
**Ar<sub>147</sub>**



**Ar<sub>309</sub>**

Stability depends on completion of icosahedral shells.

# Experimental evidence for magic clusters: Mass spectrometric data for Inert gas clusters

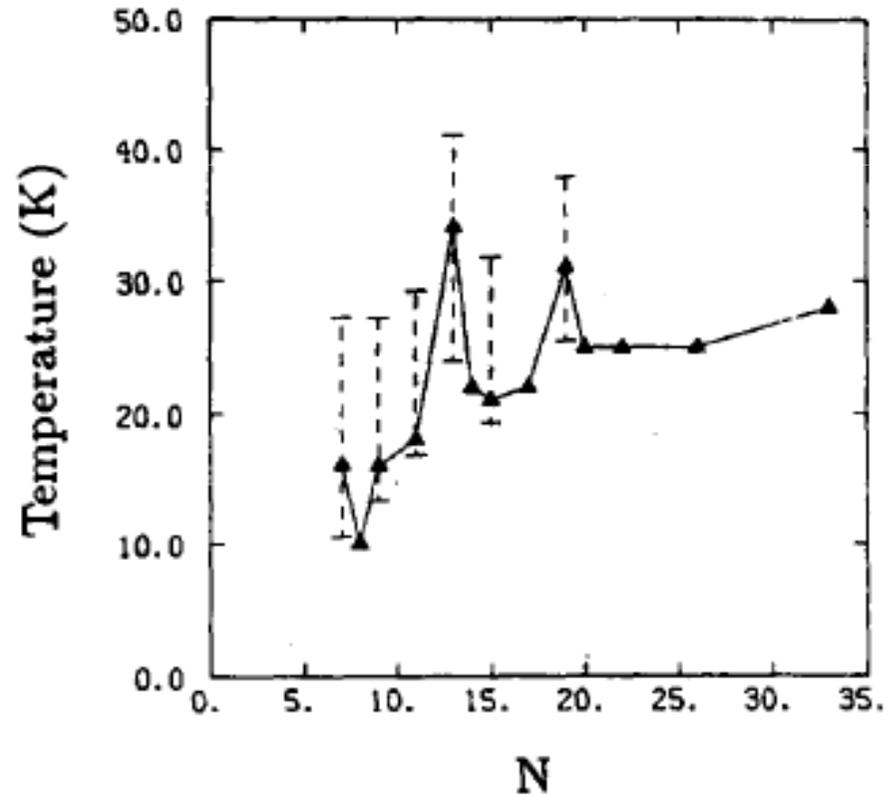
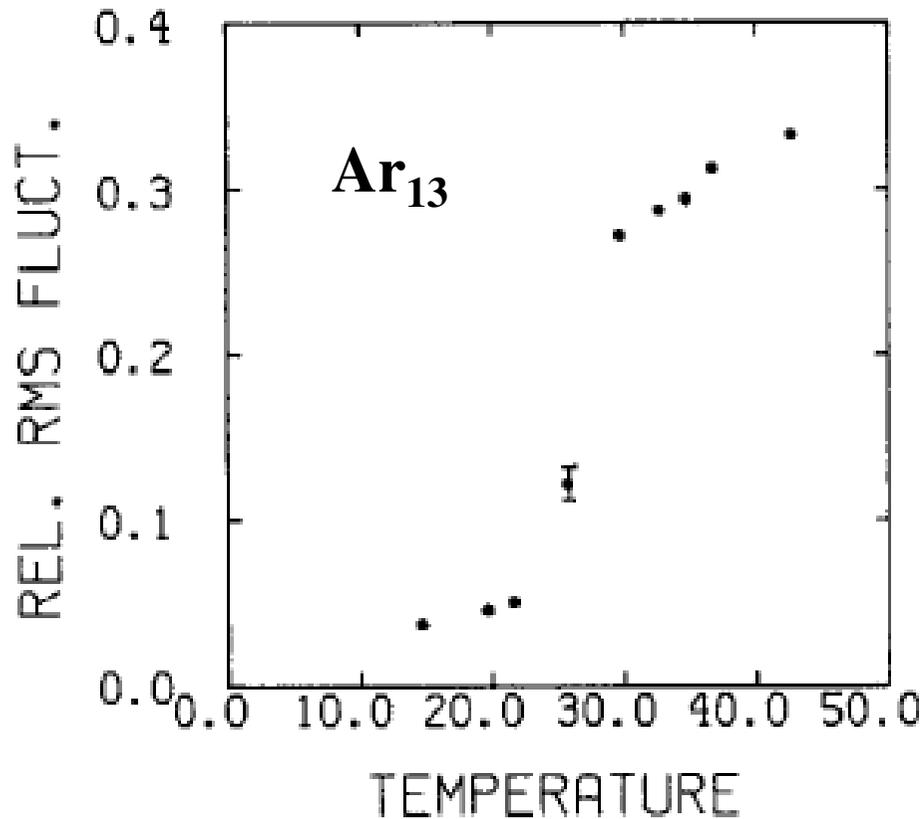


# Solid – Liquid transition of Ar clusters

RMS bond length fluctuation,

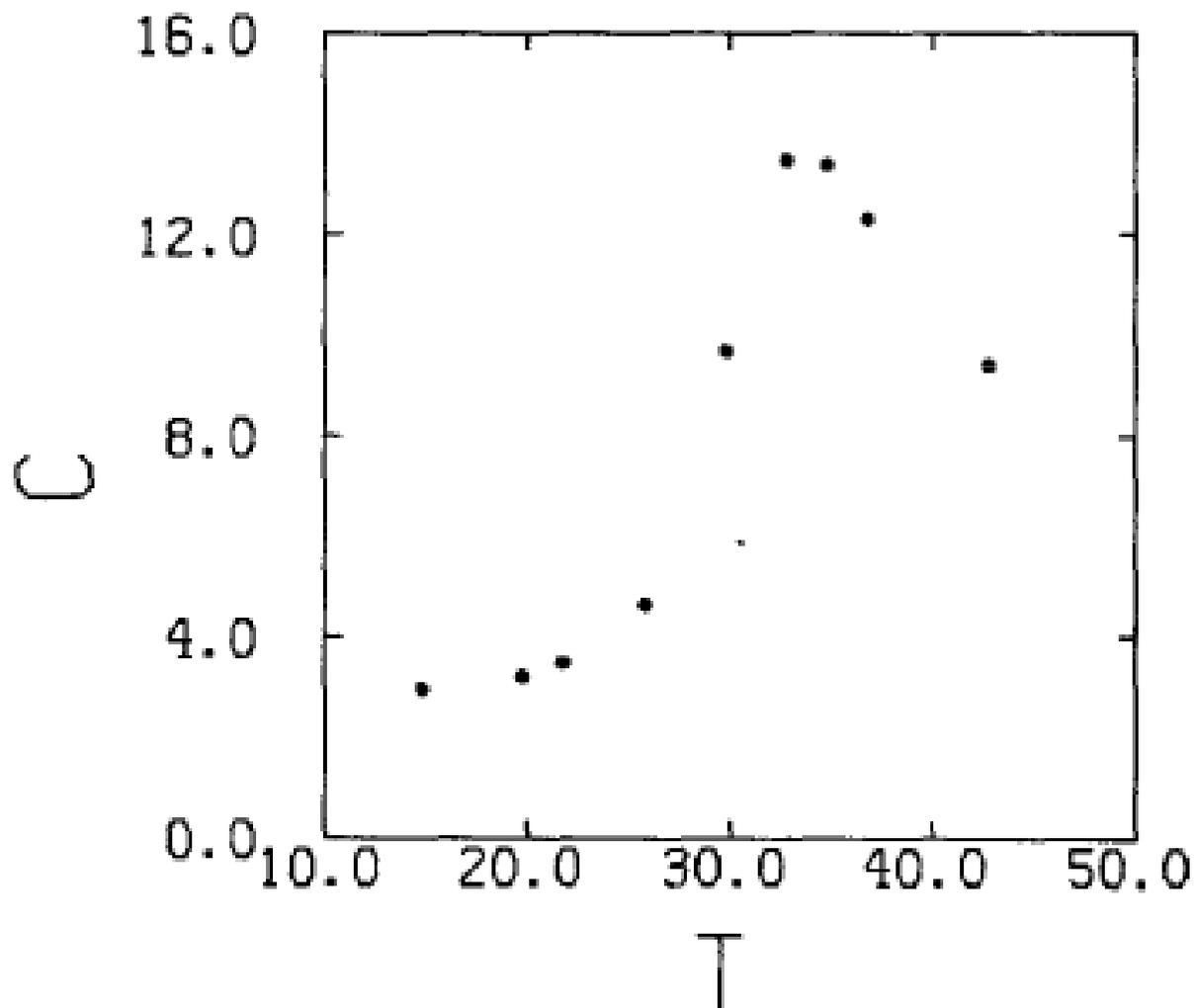
(Lindemann Criterion)

$$\delta = \frac{2}{N(N-1)} \sum_{i < j} \frac{(\langle r_{ij}^2 \rangle - \langle r_{ij} \rangle^2)^{1/2}}{\langle r_{ij} \rangle}$$

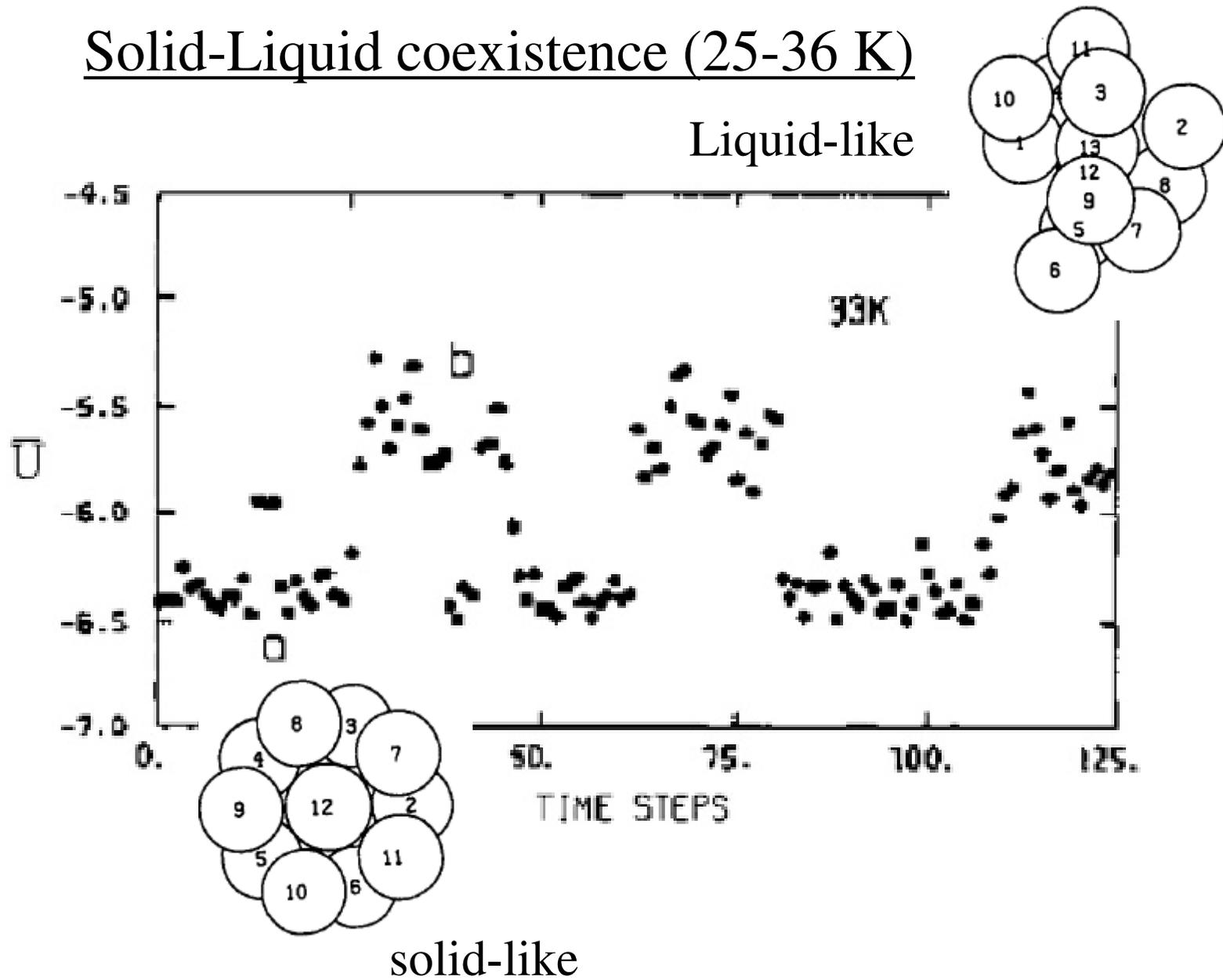


# Solid – Liquid transition of Ar clusters

## Heat Capacity Vs Temperature

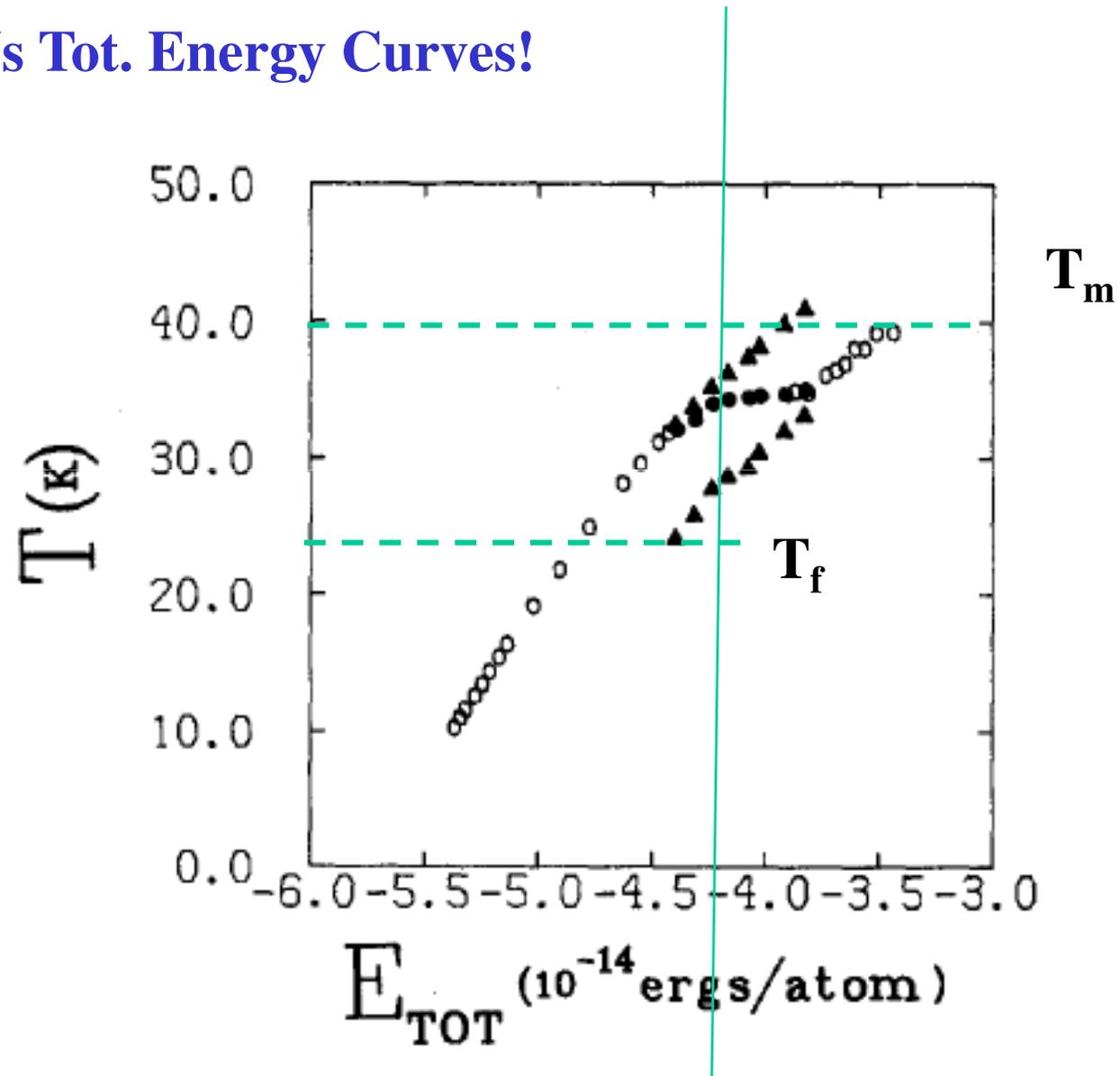


# Solid-Liquid coexistence (25-36 K)

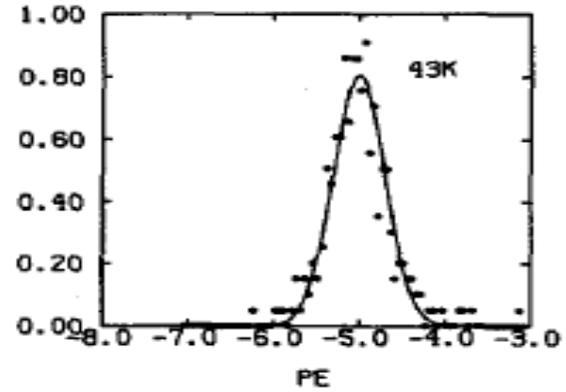
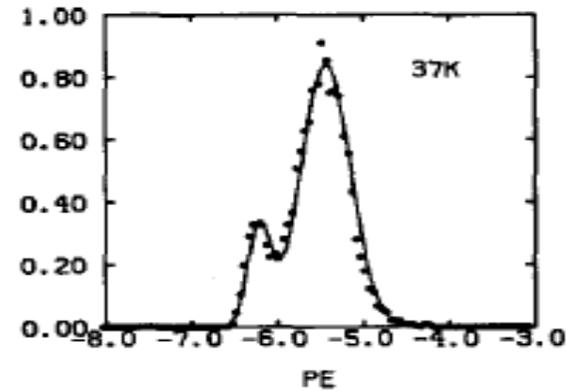
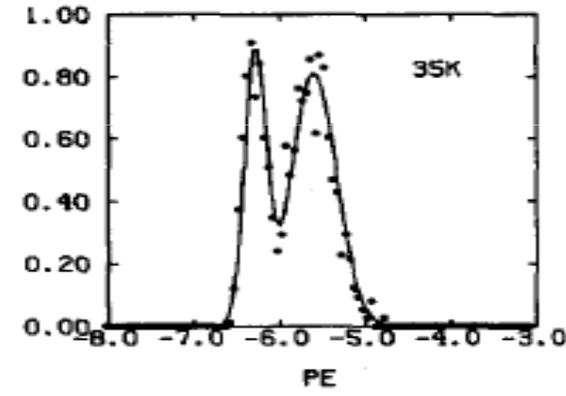
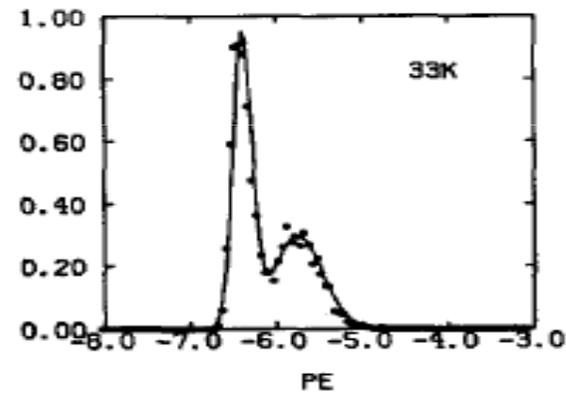
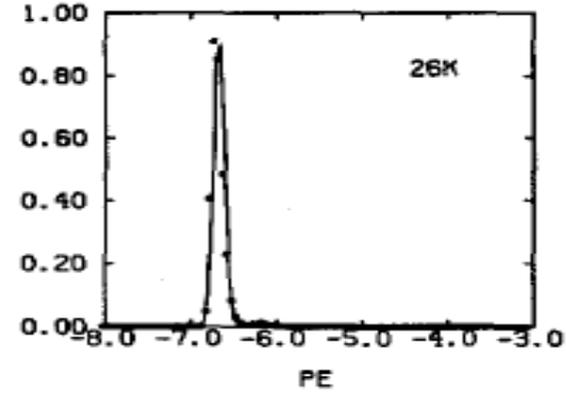
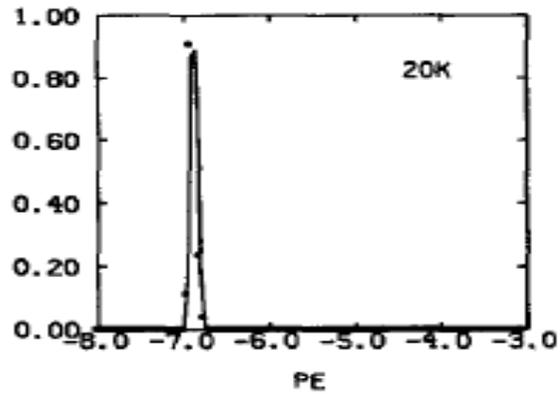


# Solid – Liquid transition of Ar clusters

Temp. Vs Tot. Energy Curves!



# Bimodal distribution of U



# Structure of (KCl)<sub>32</sub>

## Born-mayer potential

$$\Phi = \sum_{i < j} \Phi_{ij} = \sum_{i < j} \left[ \frac{q_i q_j}{r_{ij}} + A_{ij} \exp(-r_{ij}/\rho) \right]$$

$$A_{++} = 1555.21 \text{ eV}$$

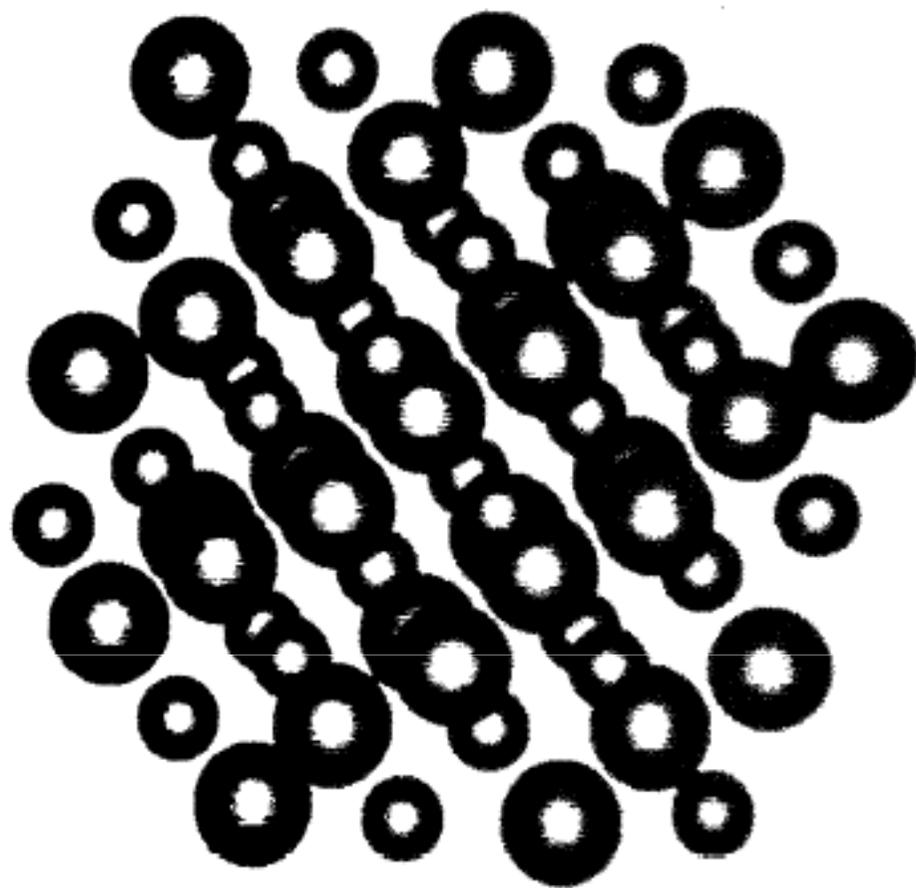
$$A_{+-} = 1786.91 \text{ eV}$$

$$A_{--} = 1924.80 \text{ eV}$$

$$\rho \text{ (0.337 \AA)}$$

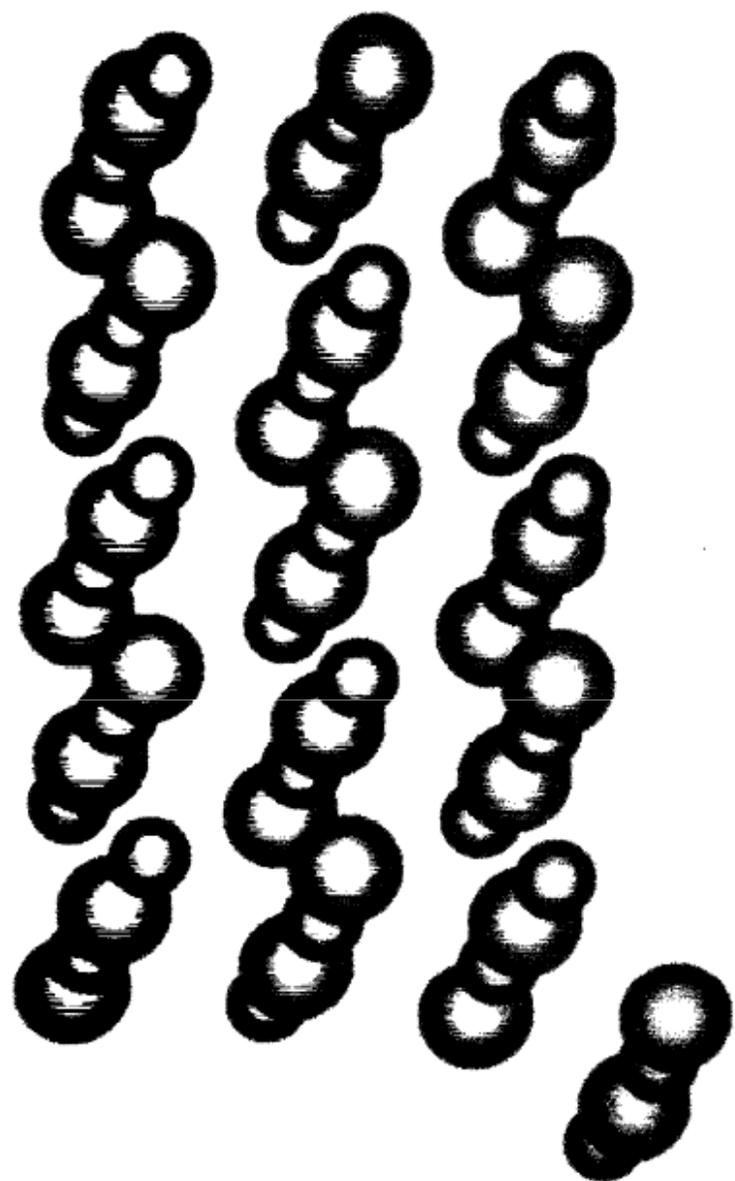
time step of  $3 \times 10^{-15}$

$1.5 \times 10^6$  time steps

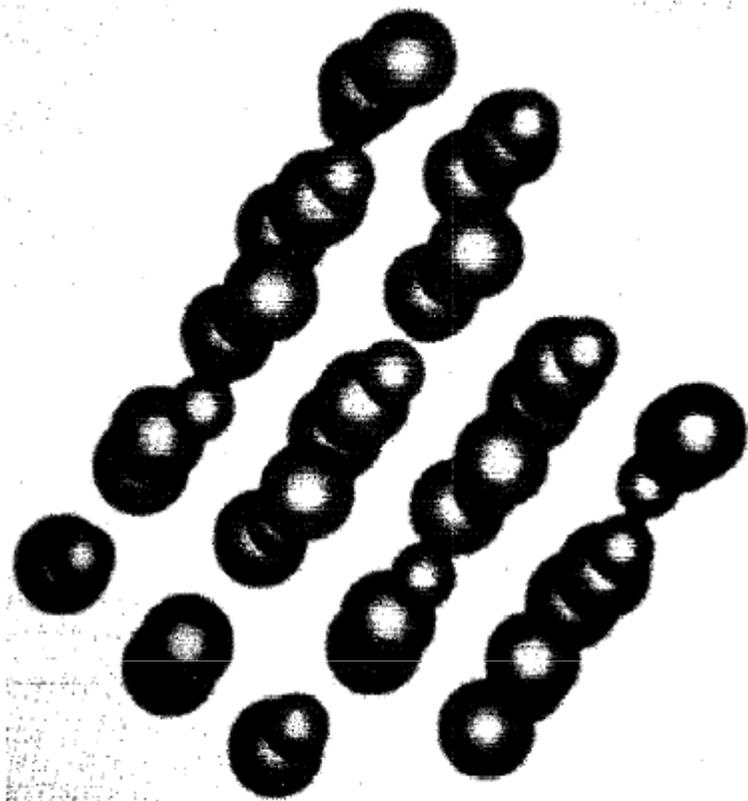


(a)

$$\phi = -3.3703 \text{ eV/ion,}$$

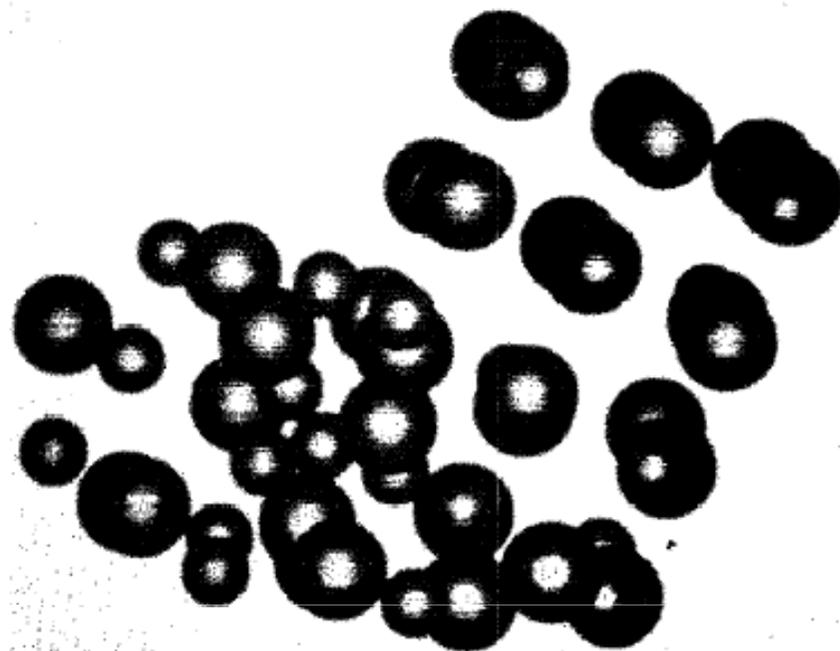


$$\phi = -3.3534 \text{ eV/ion,}$$



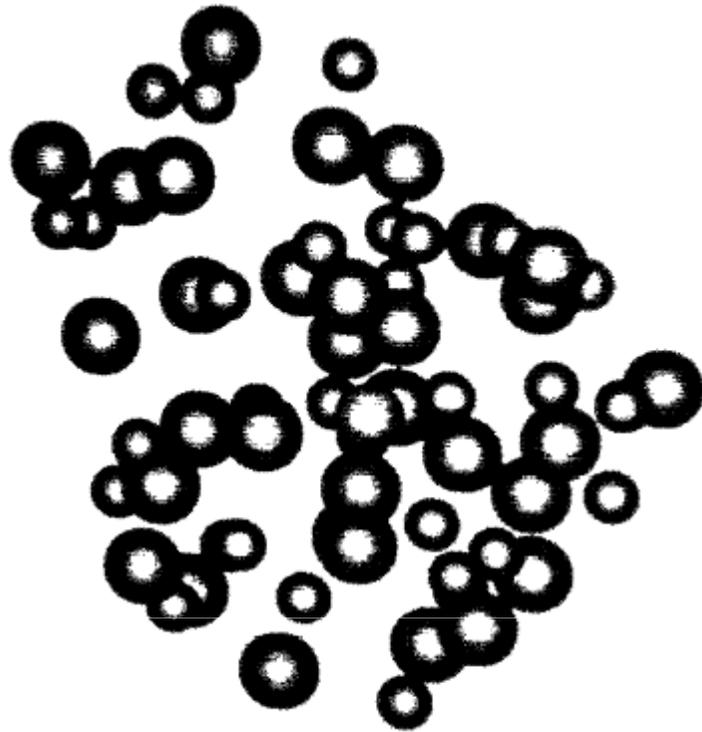
(c)

$$\phi = -3.3465 \text{ eV/ion,}$$



(d)

$$\phi = -3.3254 \text{ eV/ion}$$



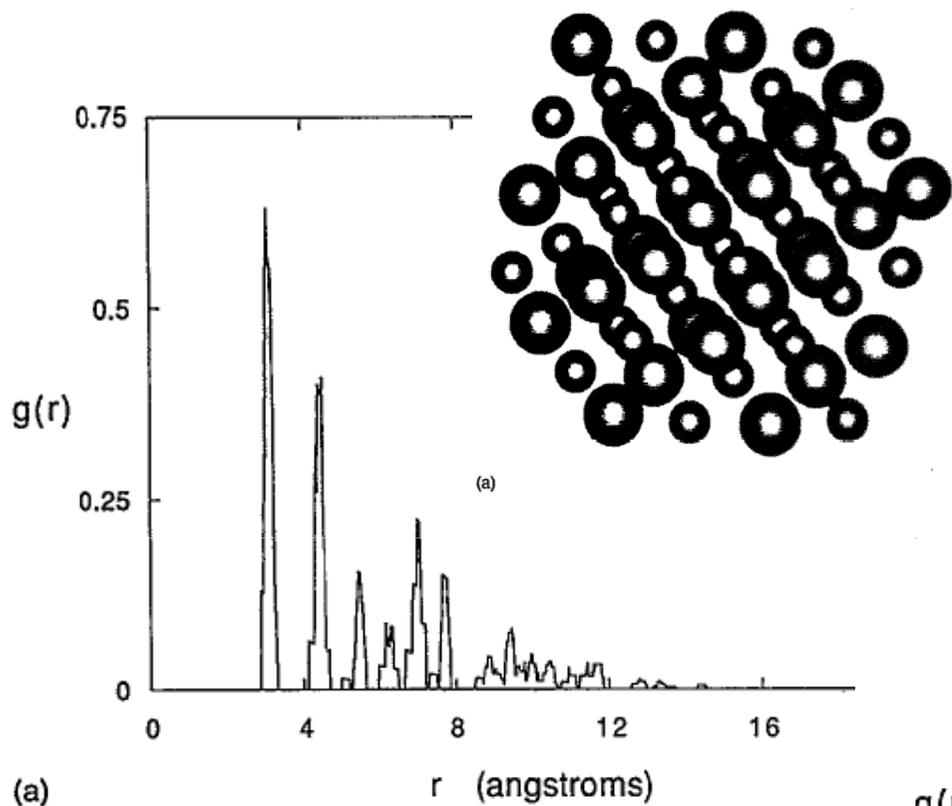
$$\phi = -3.2993 \text{ eV/ion}$$

## Quenching & Steepest Descend - methods

$$\frac{dr}{dt} = -\nabla\Phi(r)$$

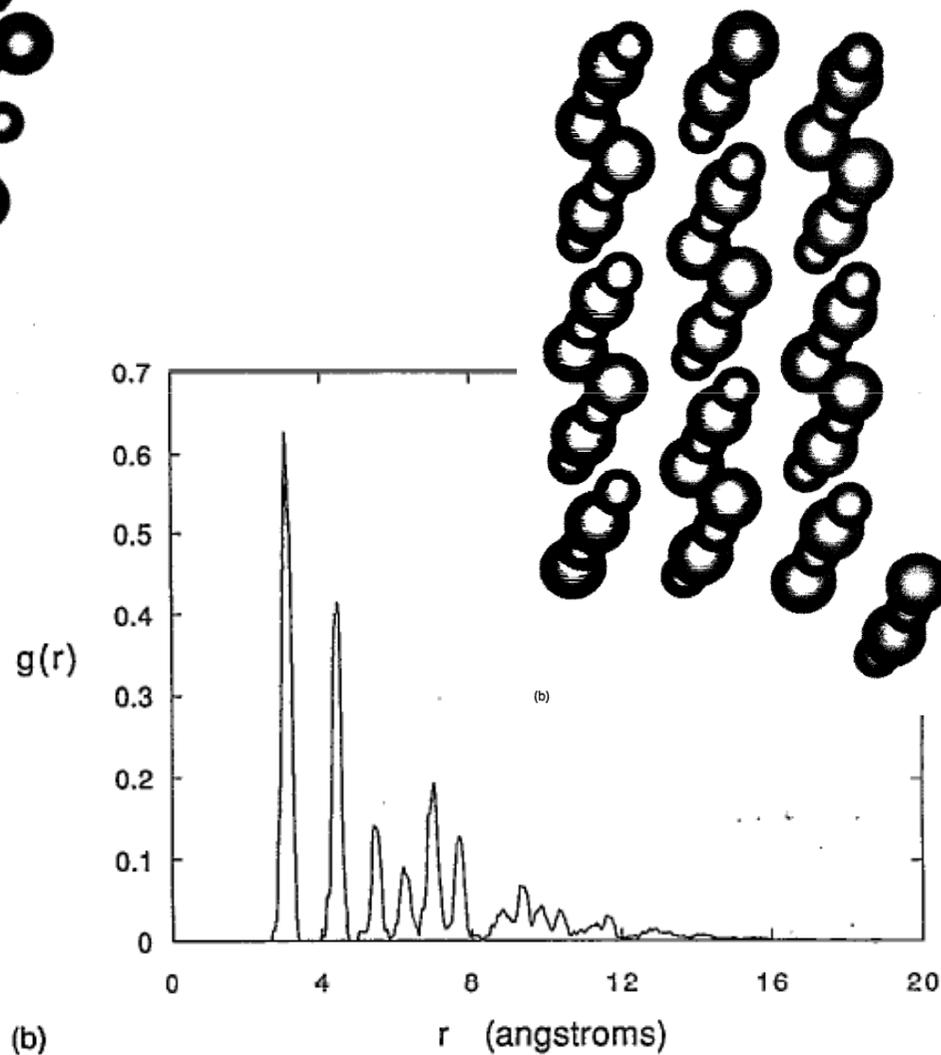
These are all stable (solid) structures corresponding to “**local minima**” of the multi-dimensional Pot. Energy surface.

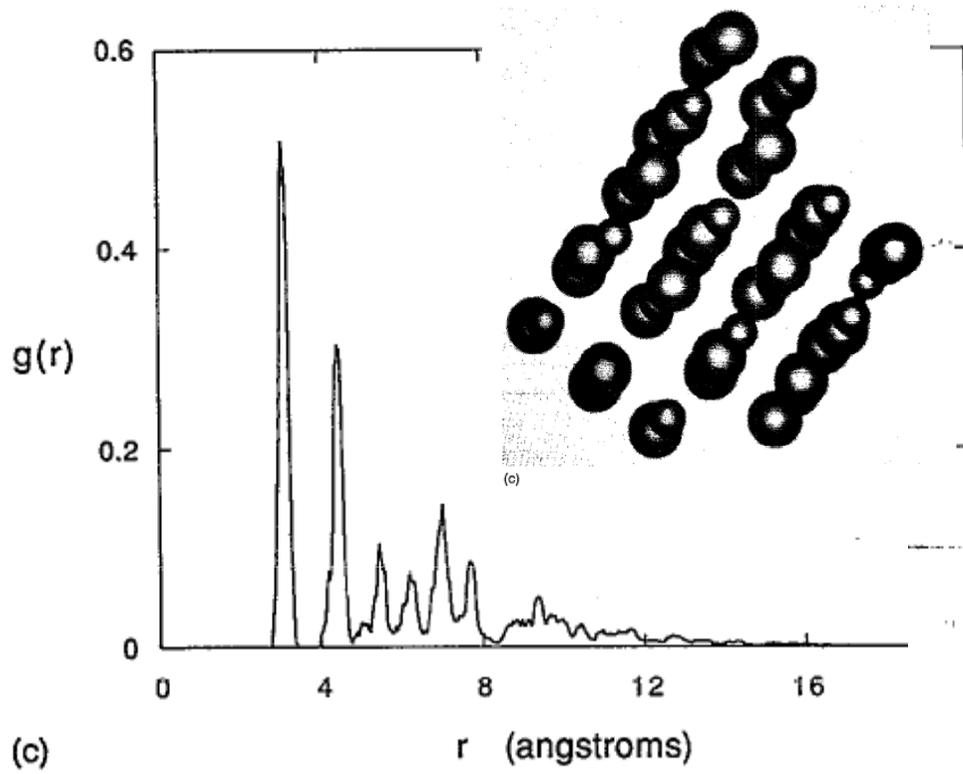
# RDFs of Quenched Structures



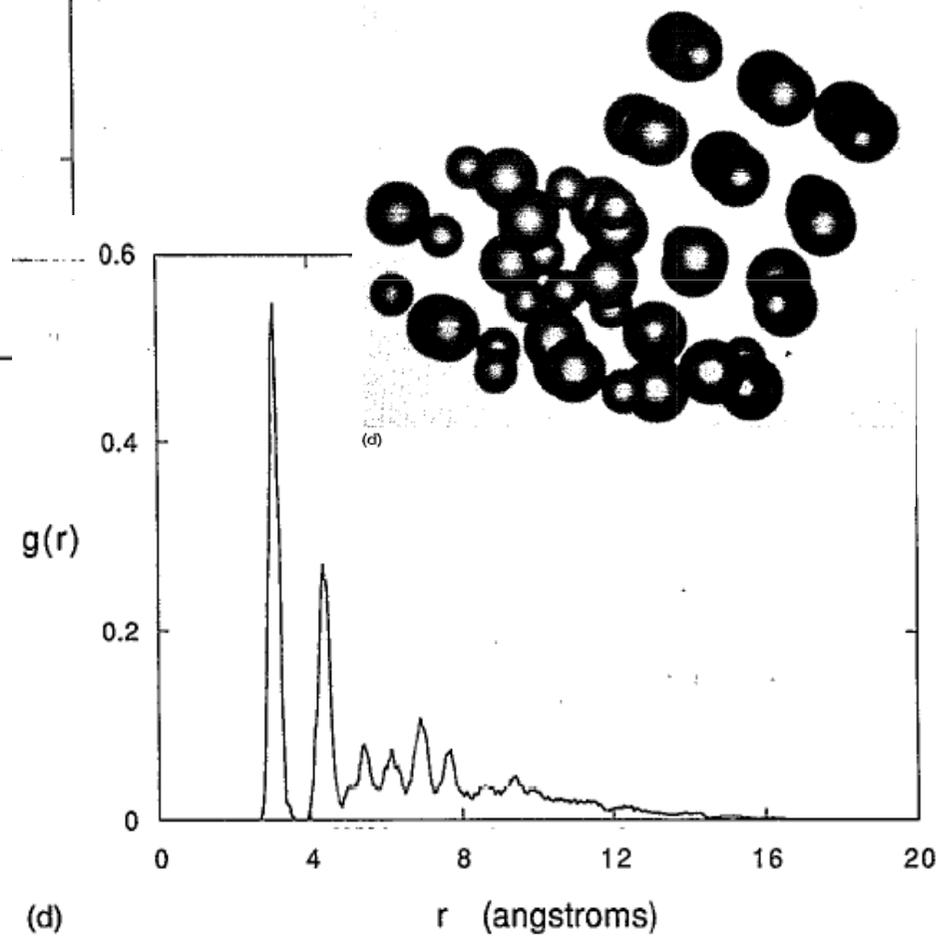
**ground-state structure**

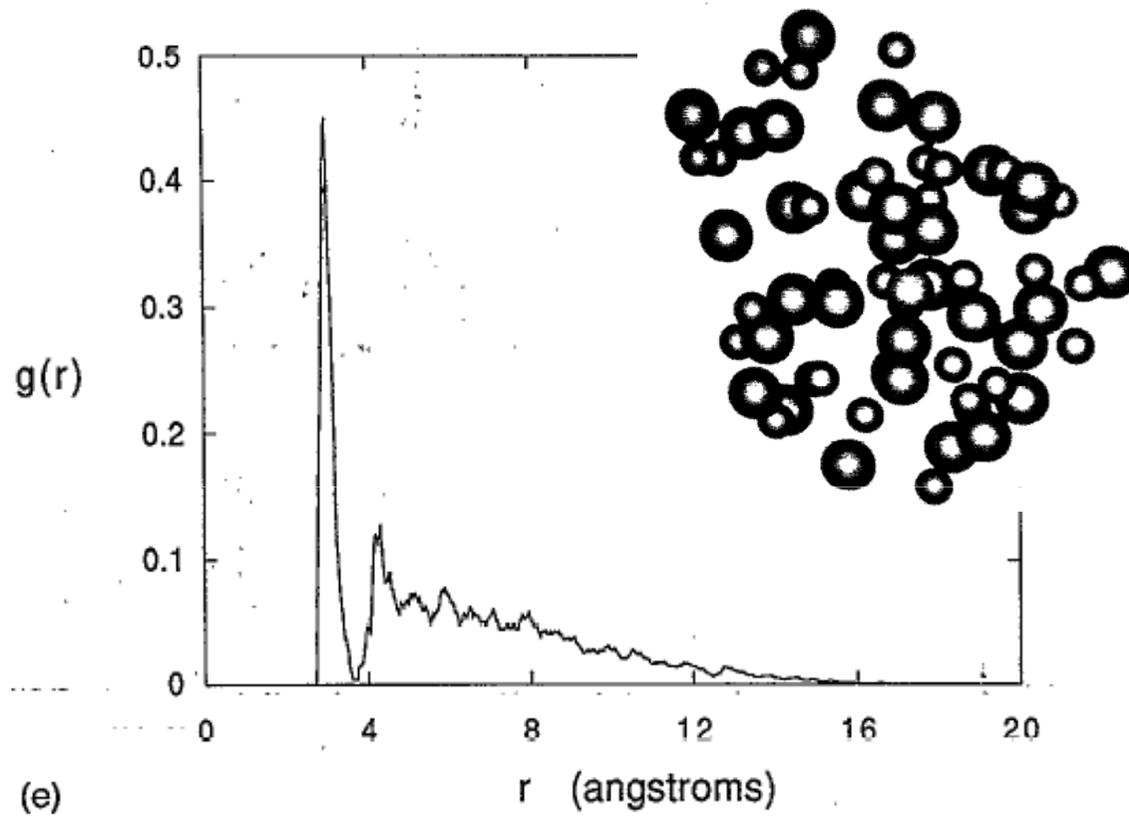
1<sup>st</sup> excited state





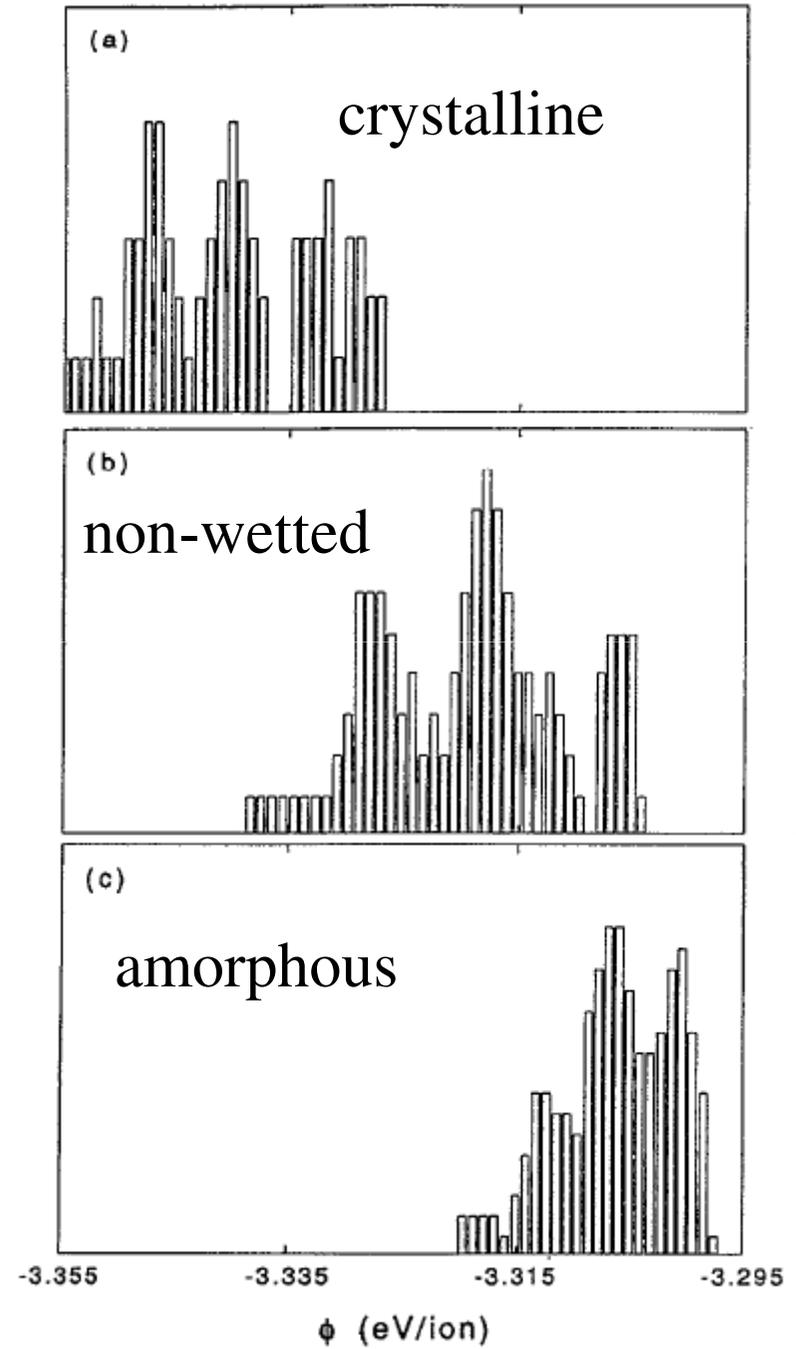
“non-wetted” structure





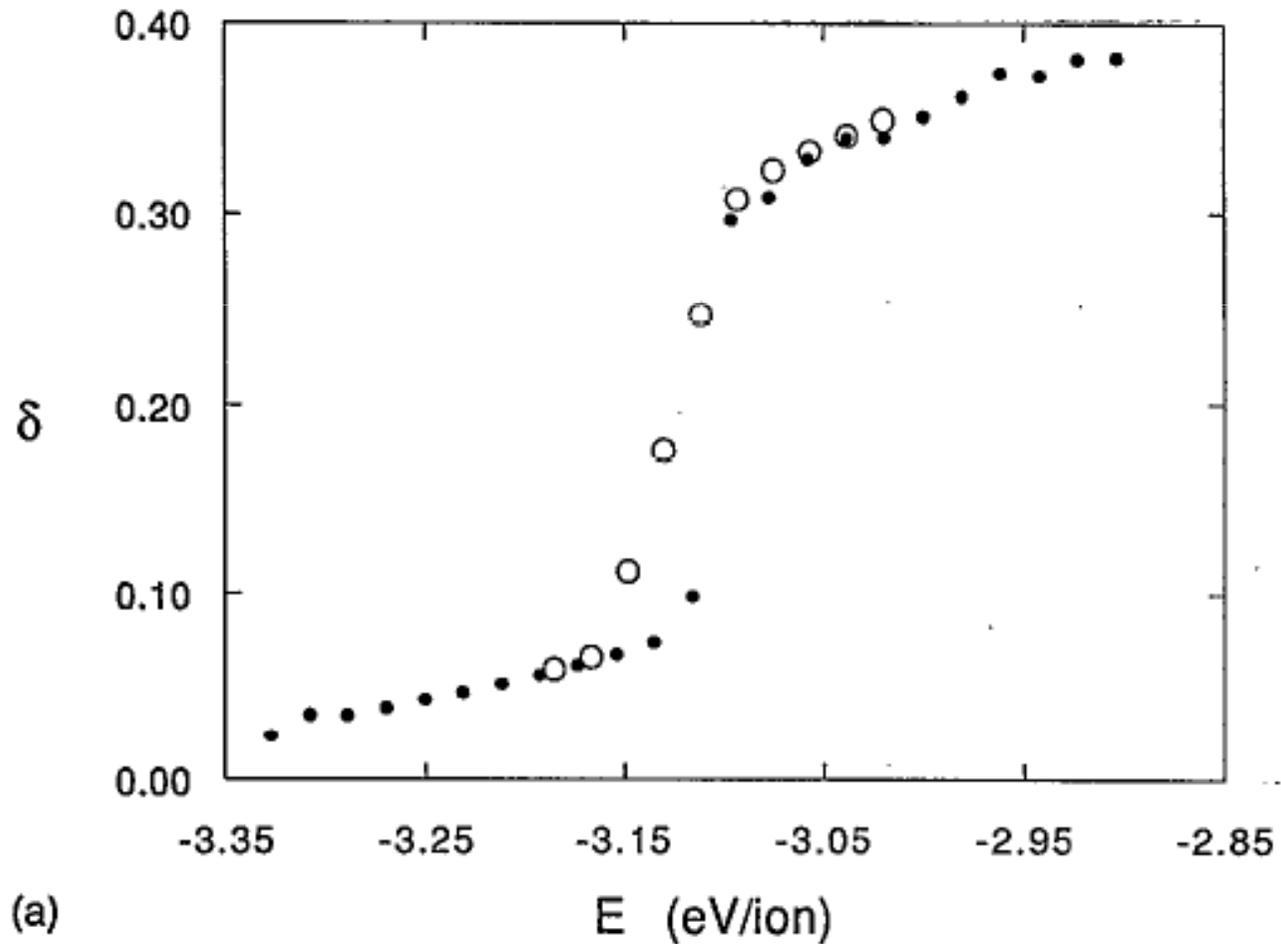
**Amorphous/glassy phase**

# Statistics of quenched structures



RMS bond length fluctuation,

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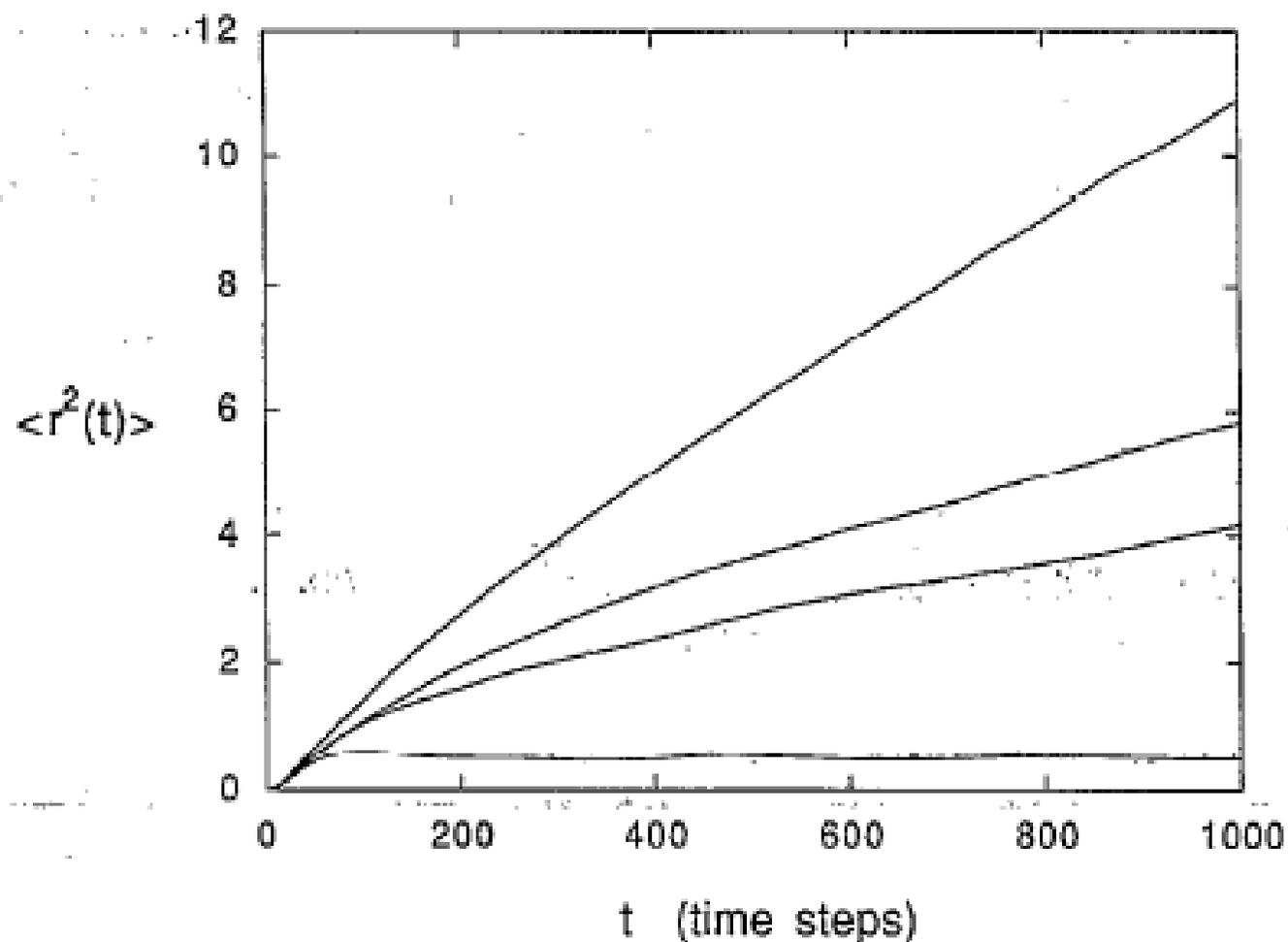


FIG. 6. Mean square displacement for  $(KCl)_{32}$  at four energies; labeling from bottom to top,  $E = -3.20$  eV/ion (solidlike),  $E = -3.115$  eV/ion (melting region),  $E = -3.107$  eV/ion (cold liquidlike) and  $E = -3.05$  eV/ion (liquidlike).

Velocity Autocorrelation  
Spectrum,

$$C_{vv}(\tau) = \langle \mathbf{v}_i(\tau) \mathbf{v}_i(0) \rangle$$

Power Spectrum,

$$c_{VV}(\omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\tau e^{-i\omega\tau} C_{vv}(\tau)$$

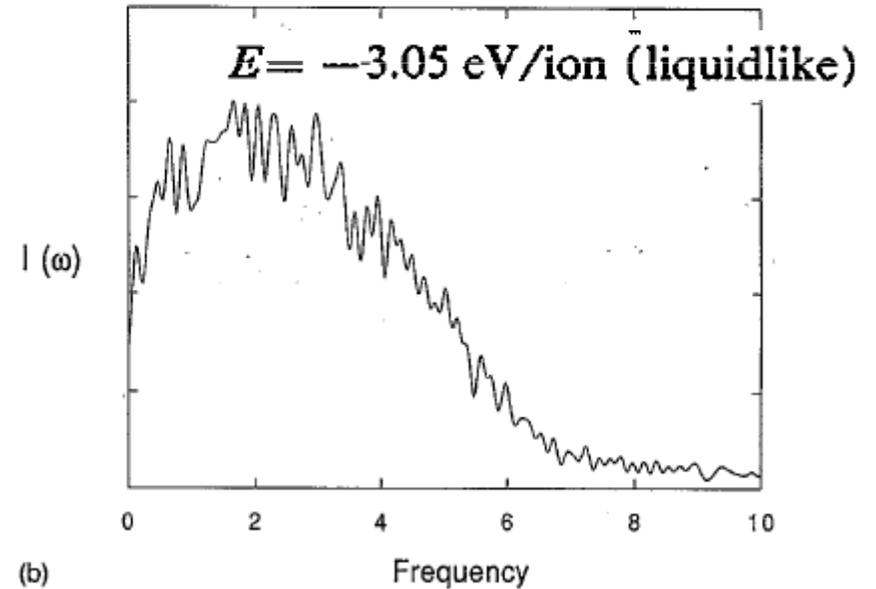
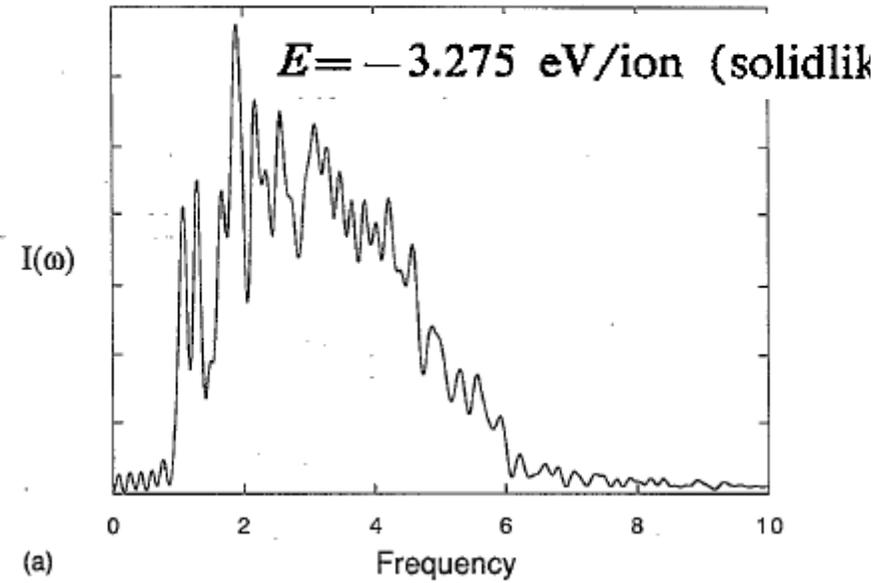


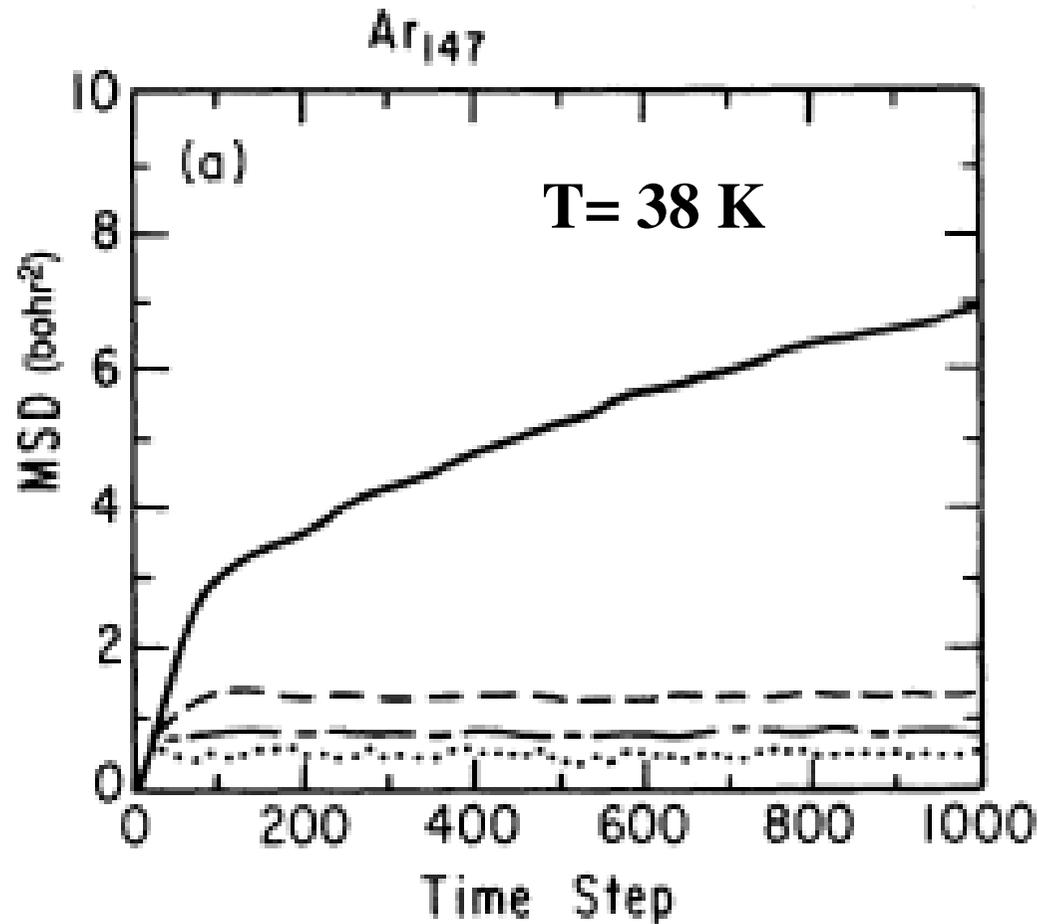
FIG. 7. Power spectra (a)  $E = -3.275$  eV/ion (solidlike) and (b)  $E = -3.05$  eV/ion (liquidlike). The units on the vertical scale are arbitrary and the frequency units on the horizontal scale are  $10^{12} \text{ s}^{-1}$ .

TABLE I. Representative self-diffusion constants  $D$ . The numbers for bulk KCl were calculated using Eq. (1) in Ref. 63 and the values for  $(\text{KCl})_4$  were taken from Ref. 24.

	Temperature (K)	$D$ ( $10^5 \text{ cm}^2/\text{s}$ )	Melting temperature (K)
Bulk KCl	1193	9.4 <sup>a</sup>	1049
$(\text{KCl})_{32}$	894	13.9	~750
$(\text{KCl})_4$	1109	0.61	~700

<sup>a</sup>Average of the individual cation and anion self-diffusion constants.

## Solid-Liquid Transition: $\text{Ar}_{147}$ vs $(\text{KCl})_{32}$

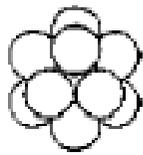


“Surface melting”  
Inner core remains solid.

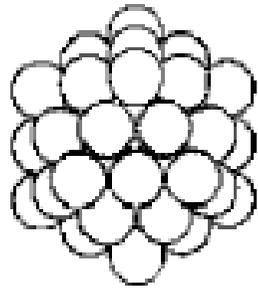
“wetting” phenomenon !  
(in  $\text{Ar}_{147}$ )

FIG. 4. Layer-by-layer mean-square displacements of atoms in  $\text{Ar}_{147}$  at two temperatures. The curves, top to bottom outermost, then successive layers moving inward. ~~Upper panel, 38.0,~~

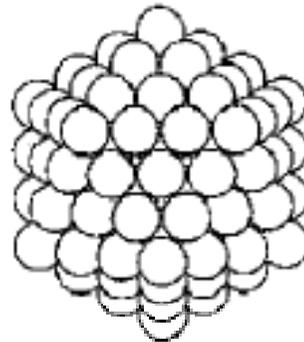
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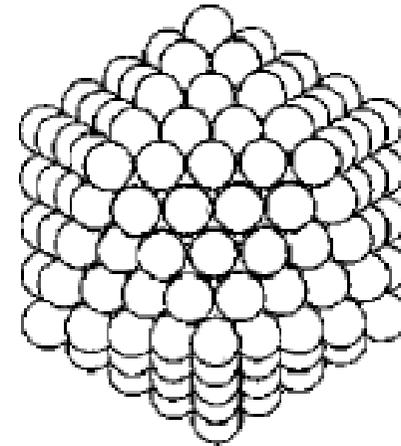
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## Solid-Liquid Transition in $(\text{KCl})_{32}$

- ❑ No evidence for a “**dynamical**” solid-liquid co-existence (like in  $\text{Ar}_{13}$ ) is observed. *But still a possibility!*
- ❑ A crystal-like form co-existing simultaneously with a disordered structure is observed near the transition.
- ❑ However this transition is “**non-wetting**” in nature. (the melted portion does not cover the solid portion uniformly).

