

Basic Monte Carlo

(chapter 3)

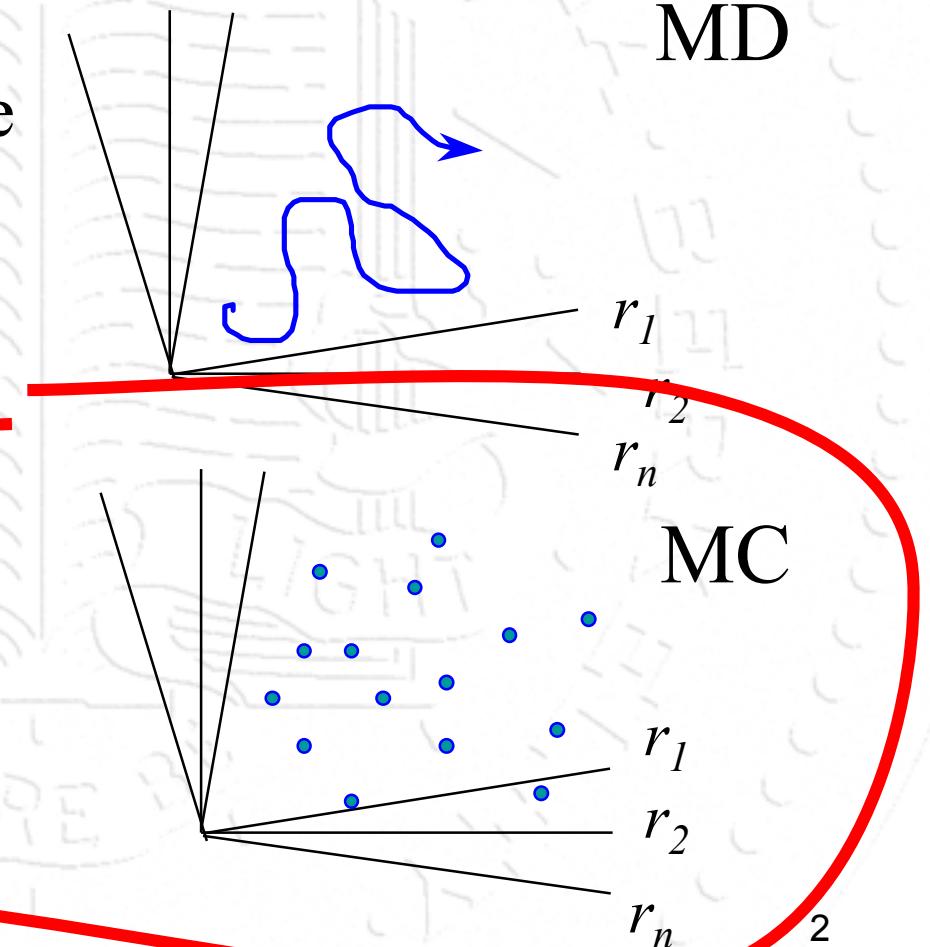
Algorithm

Detailed Balance

Other points

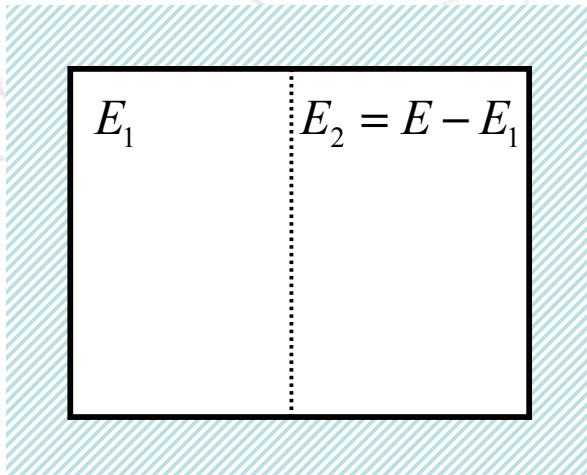
Molecular Simulations

- ◆ Molecular dynamics: solve equations of motion



- ◆ Monte Carlo: importance sampling

Does the basis assumption lead to something that is consistent with classical thermodynamics?



Systems 1 and 2 are weakly coupled such that they can exchange energy.

What will be E_1 ?

$$\Omega(E_1, E - E_1) = \Omega_1(E_1) \times \Omega_2(E - E_1)$$

BA: each configuration is equally probable; but the number of states that give an energy E_1 is not known.

$$\Omega(E_1, E - E_1) = \Omega_1(E_1) \times \Omega_2(E - E_1)$$

$$\ln \Omega(E_1, E - E_1) = \ln \Omega_1(E_1) + \ln \Omega_2(E - E_1)$$

$$\left(\frac{\partial \ln \Omega(E_1, E - E_1)}{\partial E_1} \right)_{N_1, V_1} = 0$$

Energy is conserved!
 $dE_1 = -dE_2$

$$\left(\frac{\partial \ln \Omega_1(E_1)}{\partial E_1} \right)_{N_1, V_1} + \left(\frac{\partial \ln \Omega_2(E - E_1)}{\partial E_1} \right)_{N_2, V_2} = 0$$

This can be seen as
an equilibrium
condition

$$\left(\frac{\partial \ln \Omega_1(E_1)}{\partial E_1} \right)_{N_1, V_1} = \left(\frac{\partial \ln \Omega_2(E - E_1)}{\partial E_2} \right)_{N_2, V_2}$$

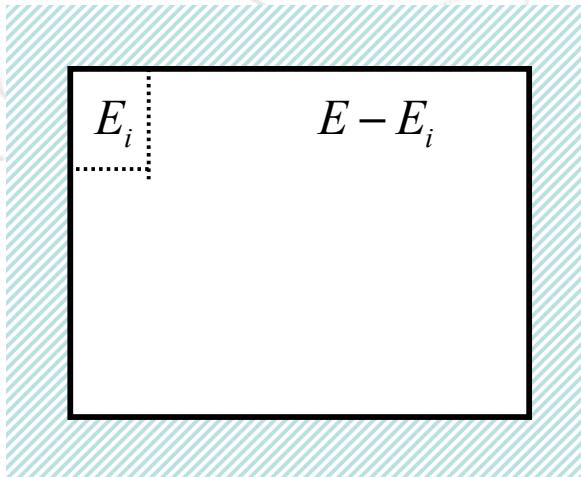
$$\beta \equiv \left(\frac{\partial \ln \Omega(E)}{\partial E} \right)_{N, V}$$

$$\beta_1 = \beta_2$$

Canonical ensemble

$1/k_B T$

Consider a small system that can exchange heat with a big reservoir



$$\ln \Omega(E - E_i) = \ln \Omega(E) - \frac{\partial \ln \Omega}{\partial E} E_i + \dots$$

$$\ln \frac{\Omega(E - E_i)}{\Omega(E)} = -\frac{E_i}{k_B T}$$

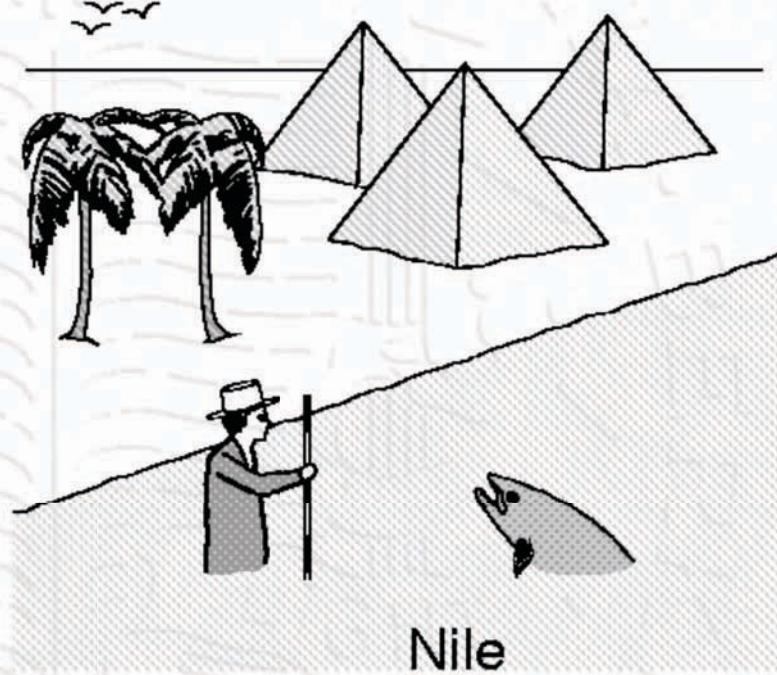
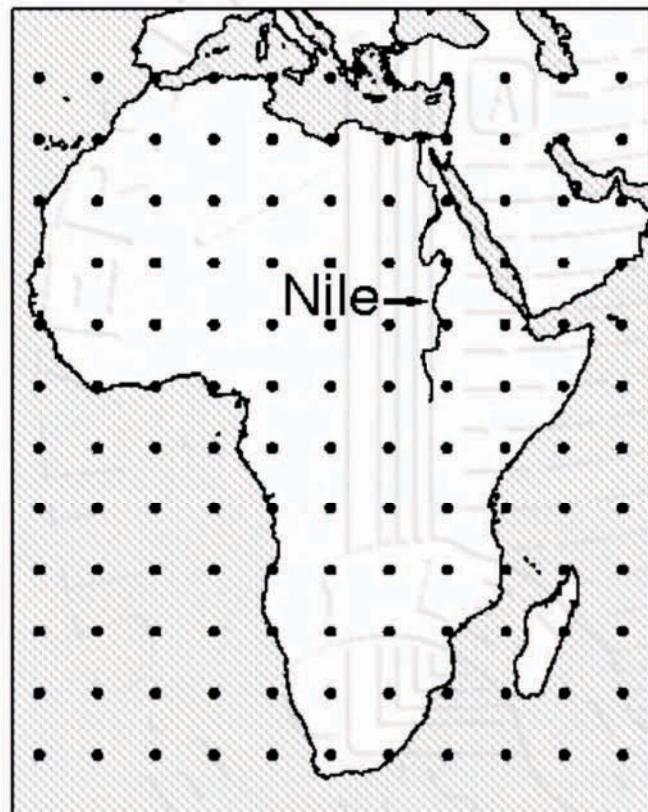
Hence, the probability to find E_i :

$$P(E_i) = \frac{\Omega(E - E_i)}{\sum_j \Omega(E - E_j)} = \frac{\exp(-E_i/k_B T)}{\sum_j \exp(-E_j/k_B T)}$$

$$P(E_i) \propto \exp(-E_i/k_B T)$$

Boltzmann distribution

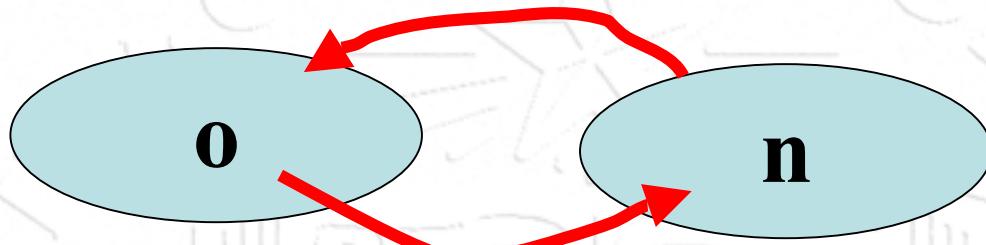
Monte Carlo simulation



Questions

- How can we prove that this scheme generates the desired distribution of configurations?
- Why make a random selection of the particle to be displaced?
- Why do we need to take the old configuration again?
- How large should we take: $\text{del}x$?

Detailed balance



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NVT-ensemble

$$N(n) \propto \exp[-\beta U(n)]$$

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Mathematical

Transition probability:

$$\pi(o \rightarrow n) = \alpha(o \rightarrow n) \times \text{acc}(o \rightarrow n)$$

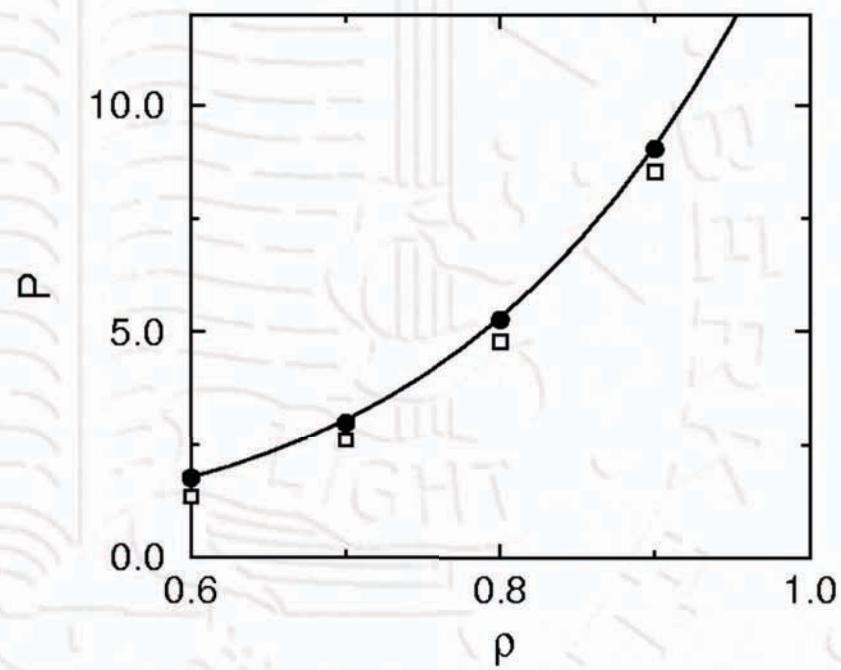
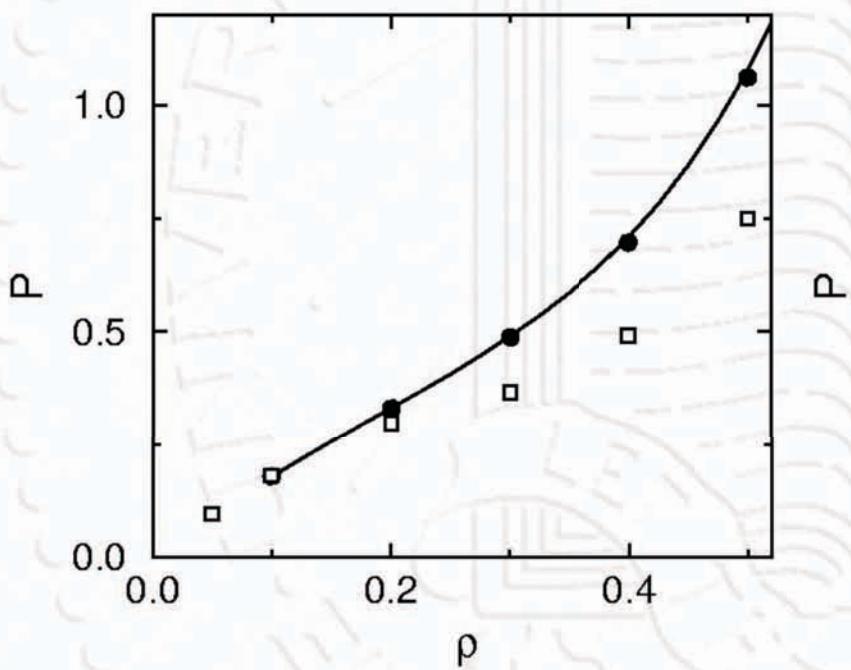
$$\sum_n \pi(o \rightarrow n) = 1$$

Probability to accept the old configuration:

$$\pi(o \rightarrow o) = 1 - \sum_{n \neq o} \pi(o \rightarrow n)$$

$\neq 0$

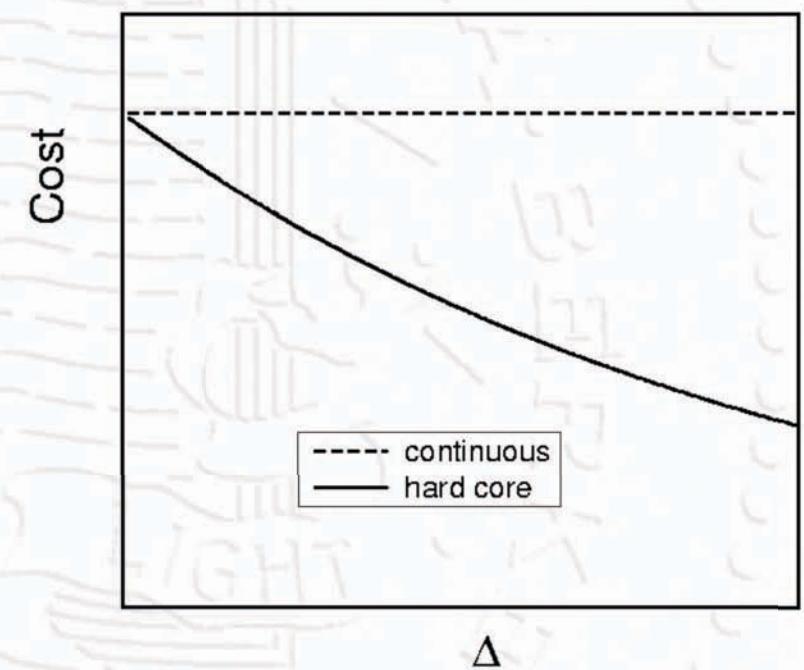
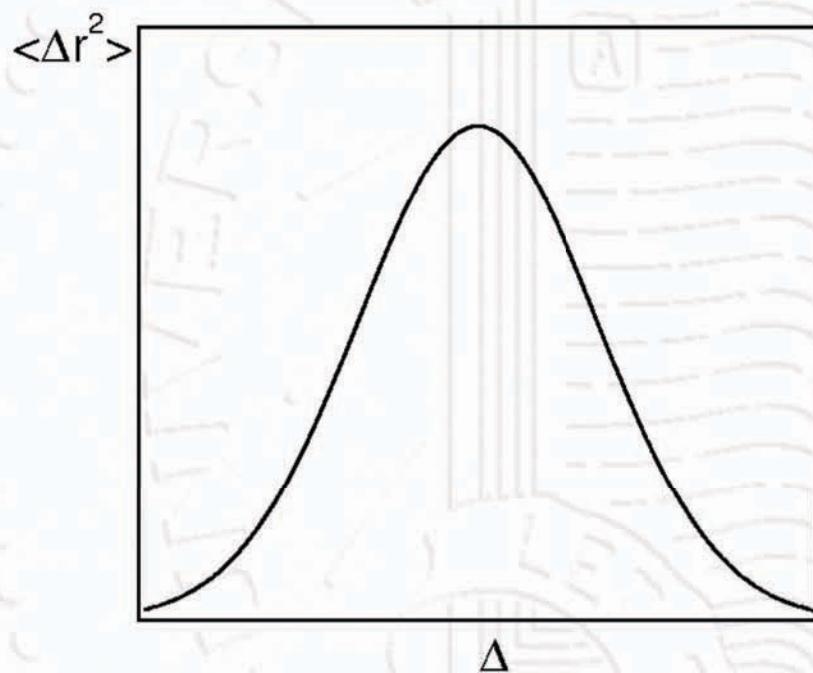
Keeping old configuration?



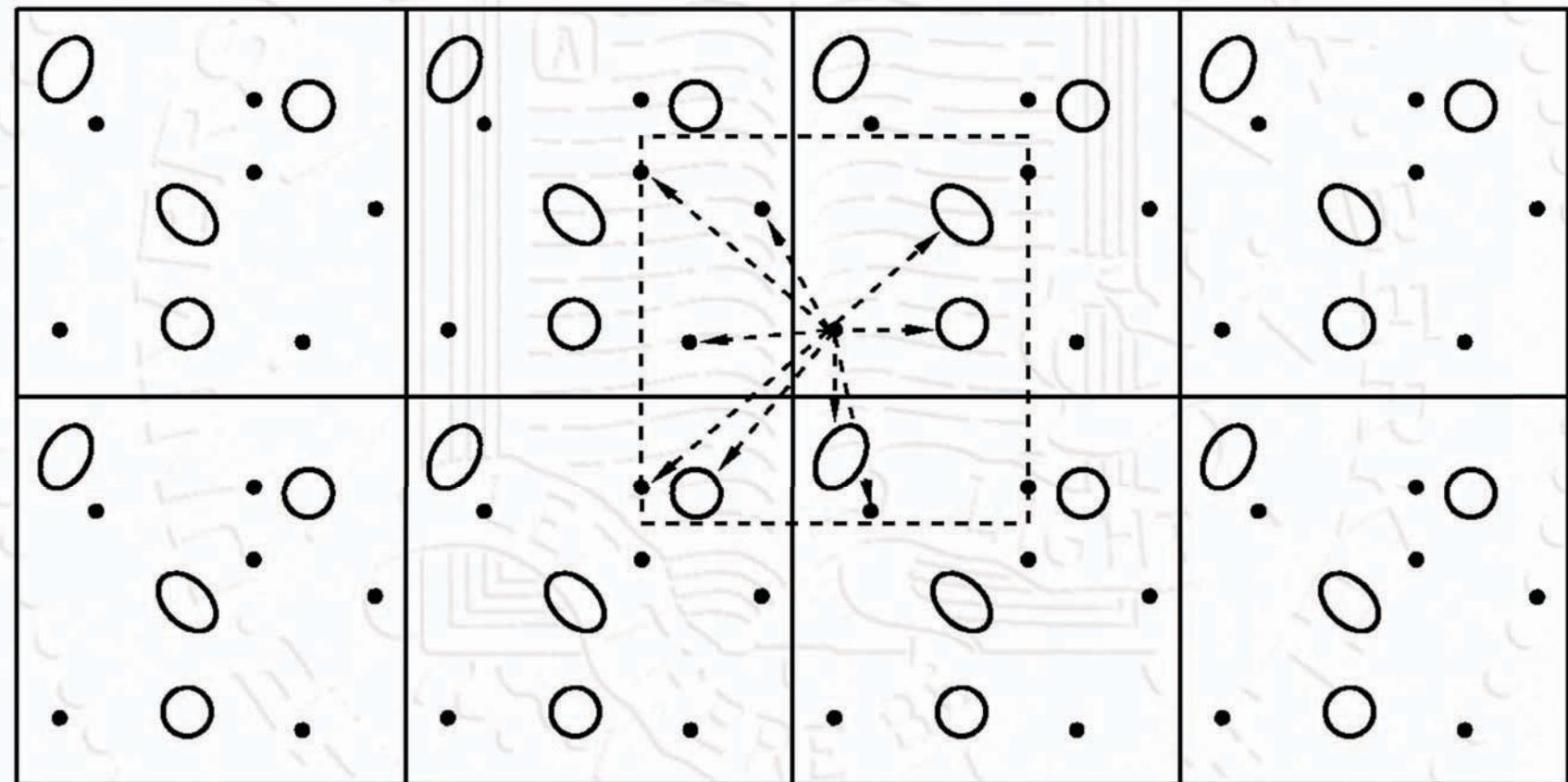
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Not too small, not too big!



Periodic boundary conditions



Lennard Jones potentials

- The Lennard-Jones potential

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

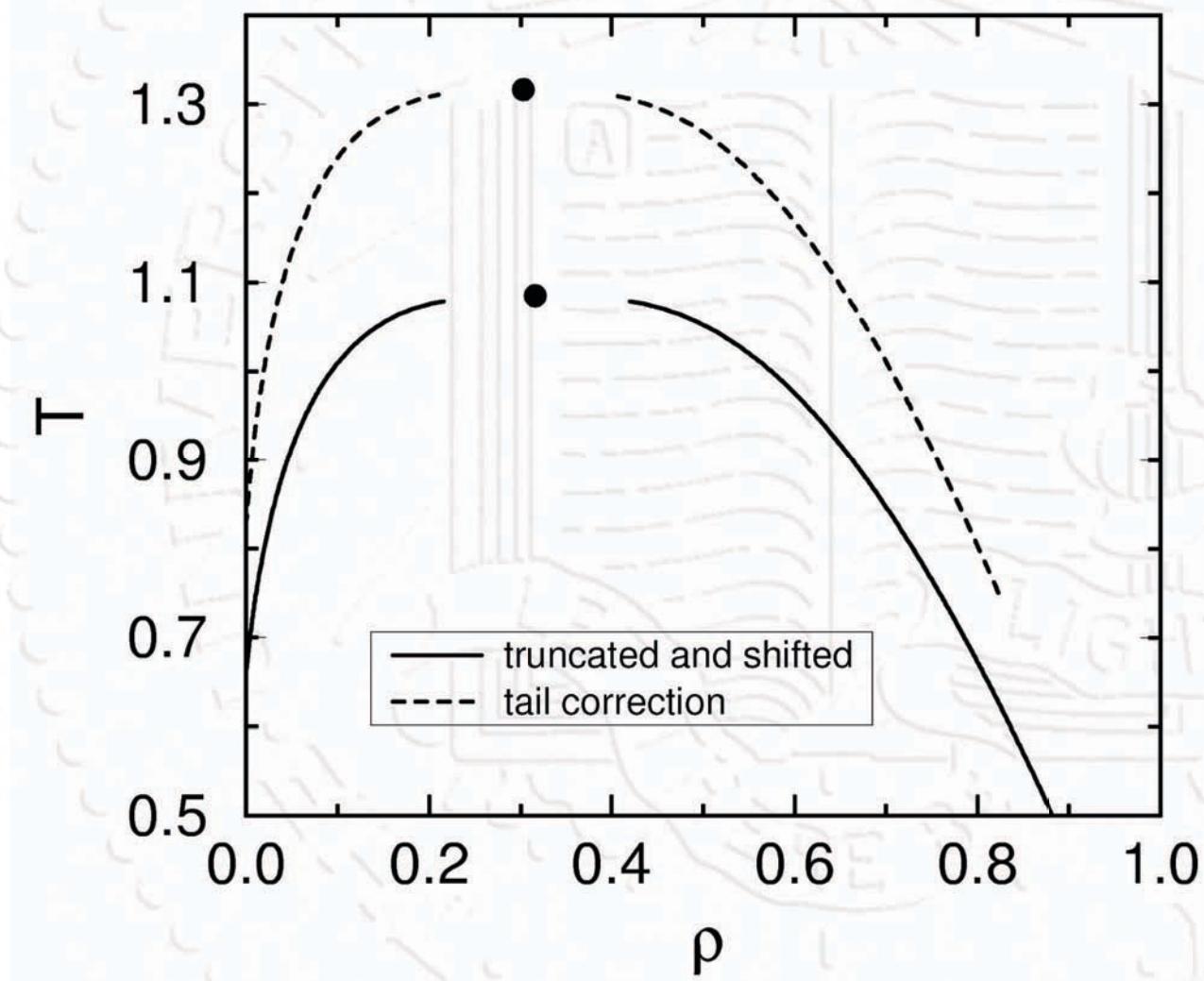
- The truncated Lennard-Jones potential

$$u(r) = \begin{cases} u^{LJ}(r) & r \leq r_c \\ 0 & r > r_c \end{cases}$$

- The truncated and shifted Lennard-Jones potential

$$u(r) = \begin{cases} u^{LJ}(r) - u^{LJ}(r_c) & r \leq r_c \\ 0 & r > r_c \end{cases}$$

Phase diagrams of Lennard Jones fluids



Non-Boltzmann sampling

$$\langle A \rangle_{NVT_1} = \frac{1}{Q_{NVT_1}} \frac{1}{\Lambda^{3N} N!} \int d\mathbf{r}^N A(\mathbf{r}^N) \exp[-\beta_1 U(\mathbf{r}^N)]$$

$$= \frac{\int d\mathbf{r}^N A(\mathbf{r}^N) \exp[-\beta_1 U(\mathbf{r}^N)]}{\int d\mathbf{r}^N \exp[-\beta_1 U(\mathbf{r}^N)]}$$

Why are we not using this?

T_1 is arbitrary!

$$= \frac{\int d\mathbf{r}^N A(\mathbf{r}^N) \exp[-\beta_1 U(\mathbf{r}^N)]}{\int d\mathbf{r}^N \exp[\beta_2 U(\mathbf{r}^N) - \beta_2 U(\mathbf{r}^N)]}$$

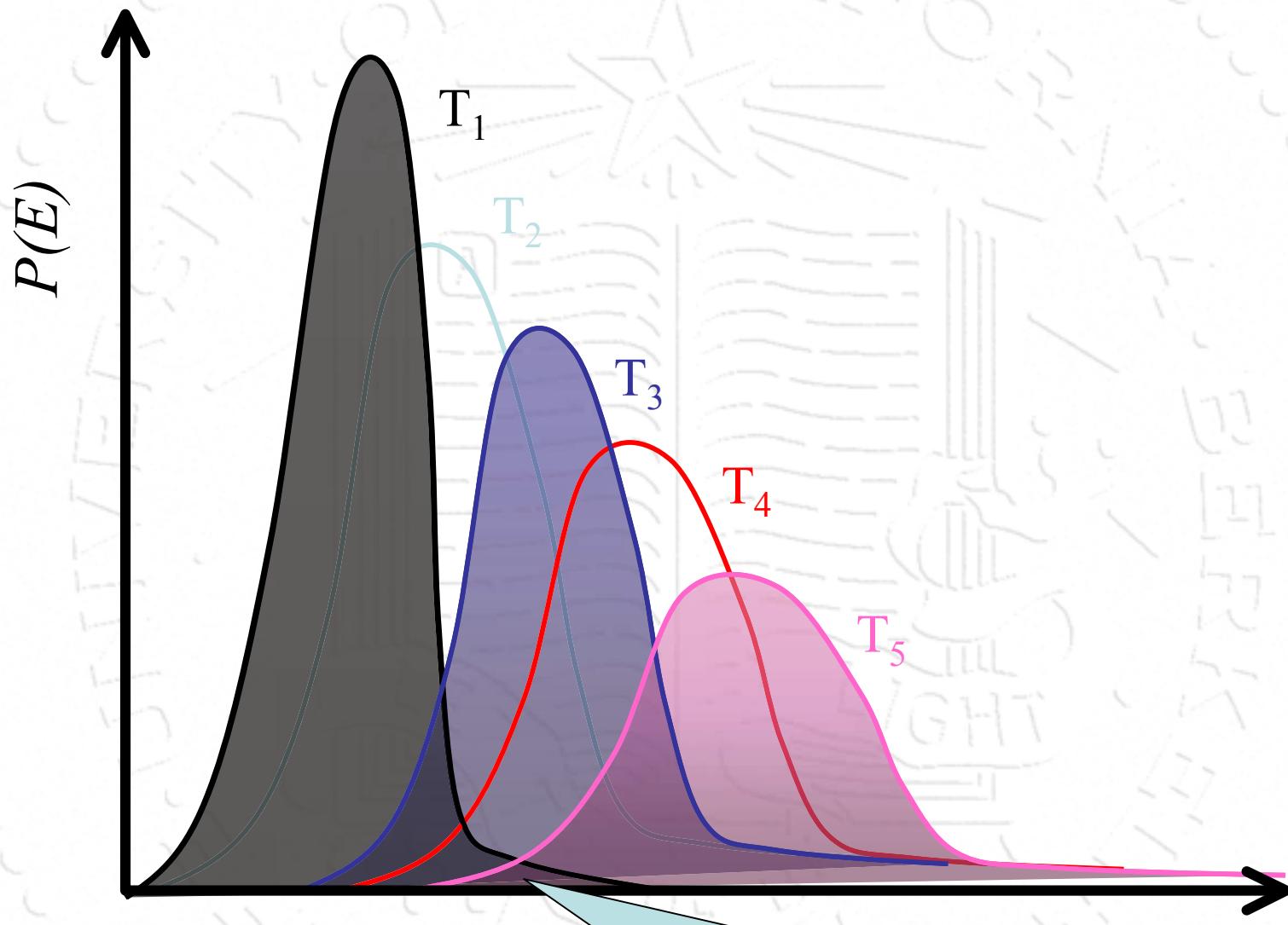
We only need

a *single*
simulation!

We perform a simulation at $T=T_2$
and

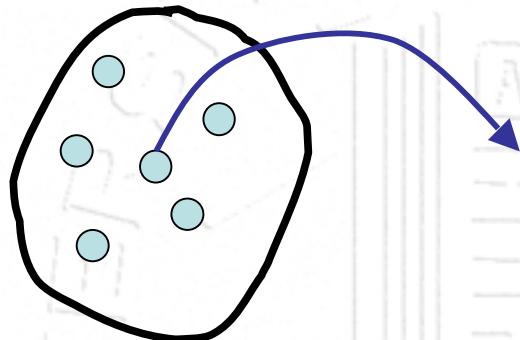
we determine A at $T=T_1$

$$= \frac{\langle A \exp[(\beta_2 - \beta_1)U] \rangle_{NVT_2}}{\langle \exp[(\beta_2 - \beta_1)U] \rangle_{NVT_2}}$$



Overlap becomes very small

How to do *parallel* Monte Carlo



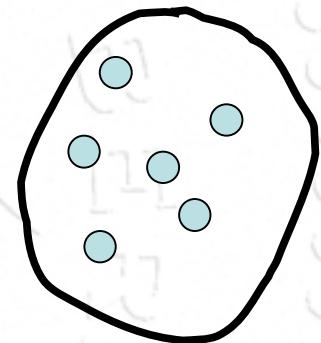
- Is it possible to do Monte Carlo in parallel
 - Monte Carlo is sequential!
 - We first have to know the result of the current move before we can continue!

Parallel Monte Carlo

Algorithm (**WRONG**):

1. Generate k trial configurations in parallel
2. Select out of these the one with the lowest energy

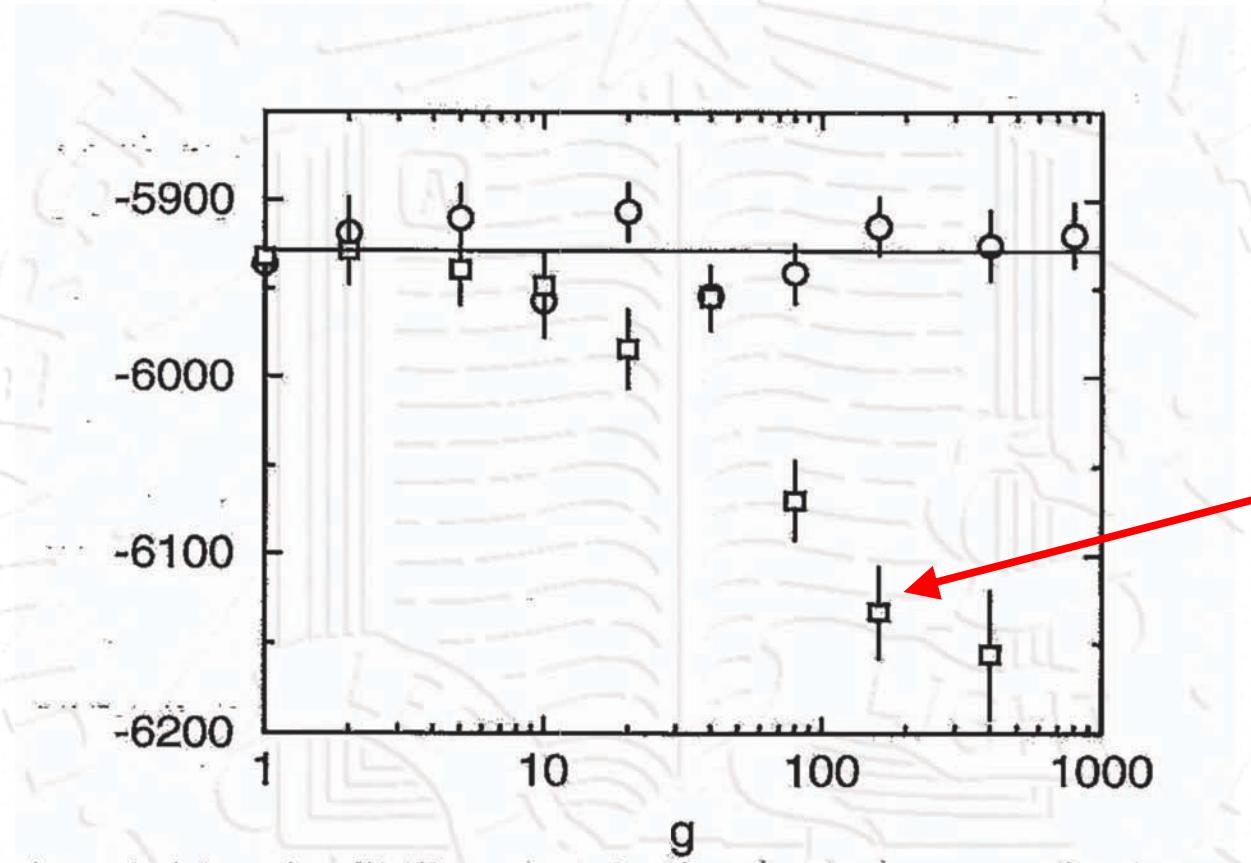
$$P(n) = \frac{\exp[-\beta(U_n)]}{\sum_{j=1}^g \exp[-\beta(U_j)]}$$



3. Accept and reject using normal Monte Carlo rule:

$$\text{acc}(o \rightarrow n) = \exp[-\beta(U_n - U_o)]$$

Conventional acceptance rule



Conventional acceptance rules leads to a *bias*

Detailed balance!

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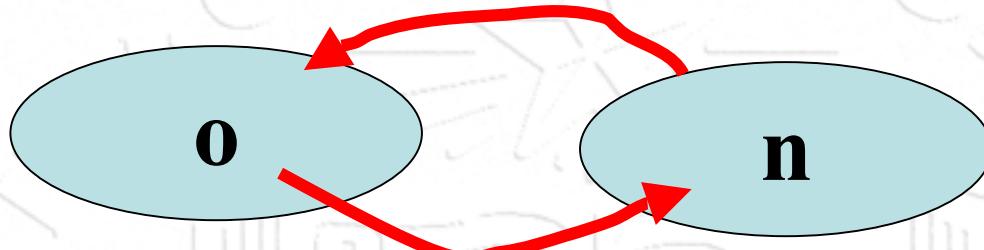
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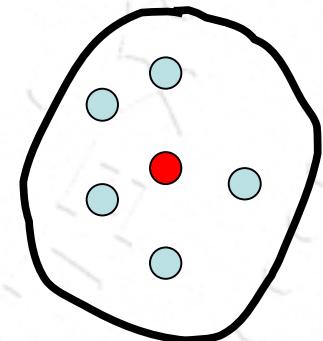
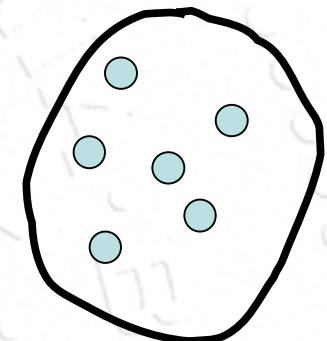
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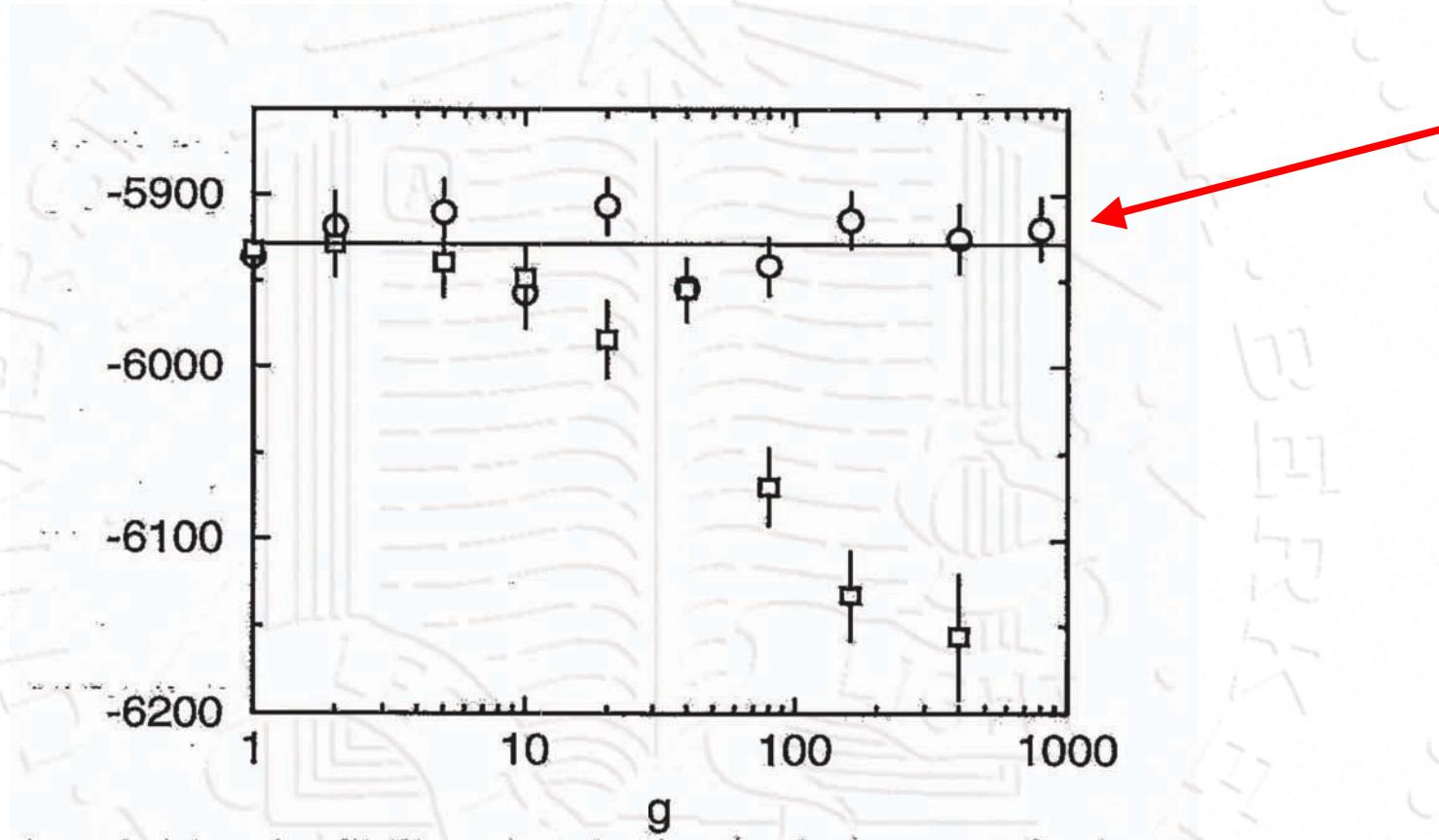


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Modified acceptance rule



Modified acceptance rule remove the *bias* exactly!

But is there not a problem ...?



Detailed balance

We imposed detailed balance.



But there are many sets of trial orientations that $o \rightarrow n$

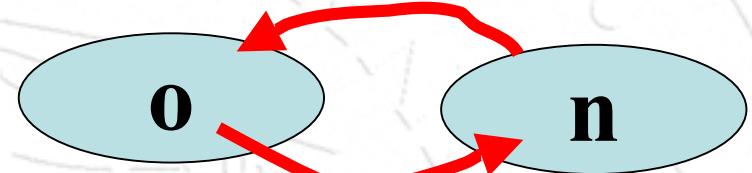
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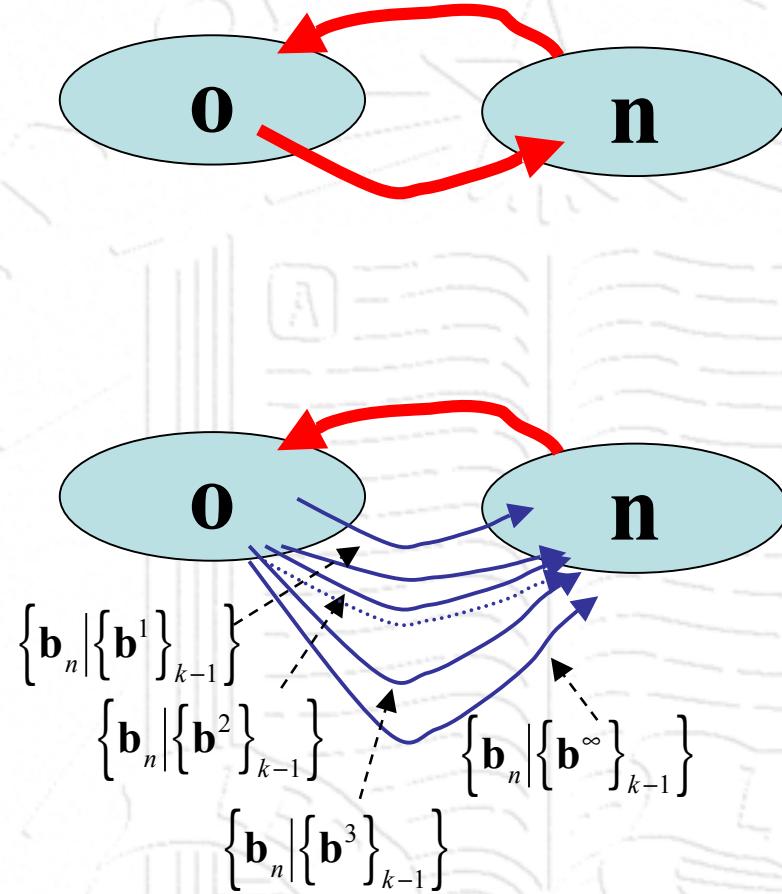
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$$\{\mathbf{b}_n | \mathbf{b}_1, \mathbf{b}_2, \mathbf{b}_3, \dots, \mathbf{b}_k\} = \{\mathbf{b}_n | \{\mathbf{b}\}_{k-1}\}$$

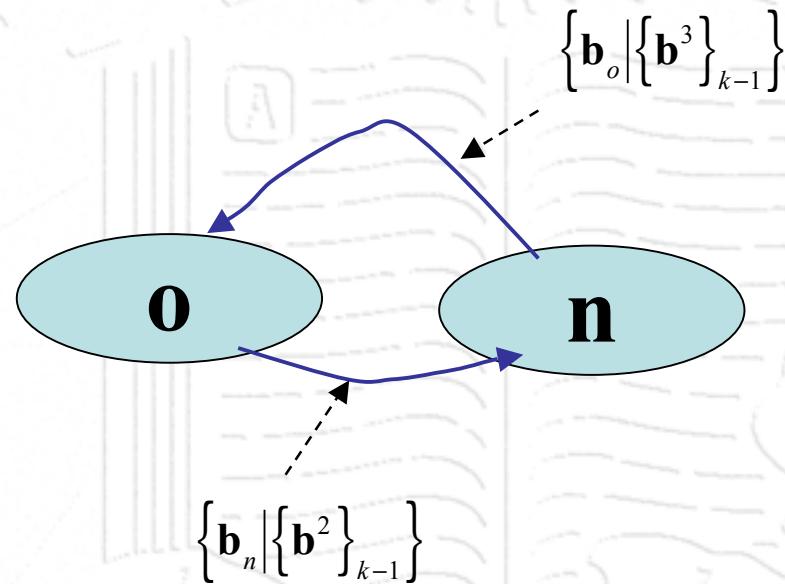
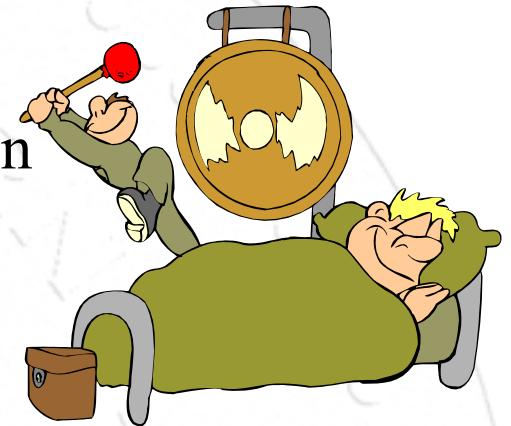
$$\{\mathbf{b}_o | \mathbf{b}_1, \mathbf{b}_2, \mathbf{b}_3, \dots, \mathbf{b}_k\} = \{\mathbf{b}_o | \{\mathbf{b}\}_{k-1}\}$$



Detail balance: summation over **all possible** path from o to n

$$K(o \rightarrow n) = K(n \rightarrow o)$$

Super-detailed balance: detailed balance should hold for any two sets of paths that connect o and n and n and o



$$K(o \rightarrow n | \{b\}_{k-1}) = K(n \rightarrow o | \{b'\}_{k-1})$$

Super detailed balance!

Detailed balance?

Summation over all
possible paths

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$$K(o \rightarrow n) - K(n \rightarrow o) = \sum_{\{\mathbf{b}\}_{k-1}} K(o \rightarrow n | \{\mathbf{b}\}_{k-1}) - \sum_{\{\mathbf{b}'\}_{k-1}} K(n \rightarrow o | \{\mathbf{b}'\}_{k-1})$$

Super detailed
balance

$$K(o \rightarrow n | \{\mathbf{b}\}_{k-1}) = K(n \rightarrow o | \{\mathbf{b}'\}_{k-1})$$

Every single term in the first
summation is equal to
any term in the second

$$K(o \rightarrow n) - K(n \rightarrow o) = 0$$