

# *Transition path sampling and analysis of complex activated (bio)molecular processes*

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# Outline

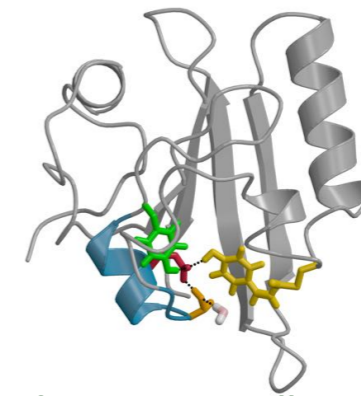
- Introduction
- Rare events

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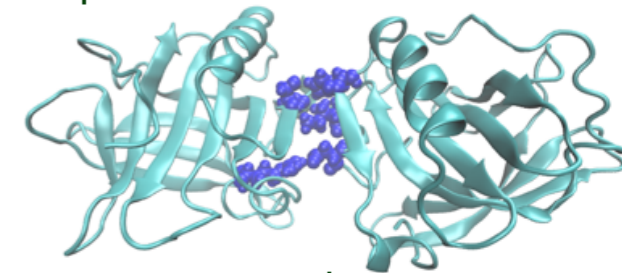
- Transition Path Sampling
- Committor & Reaction coordinate analysis
- Rate constants with transition interface sampling
- reaction networks with multiple state TPS/TIS
- advanced developments & machine learning
- OPS software

## part 2:

- imposing kinetic constraints
- path reweighting with Maximum Caliber
- conclusions



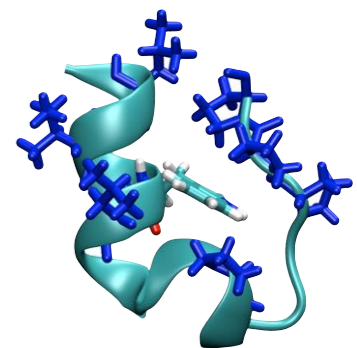
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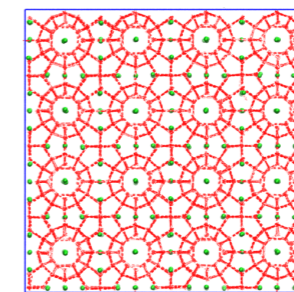
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DNA base pair rotation



Trp cage folding



gas hydrate formation

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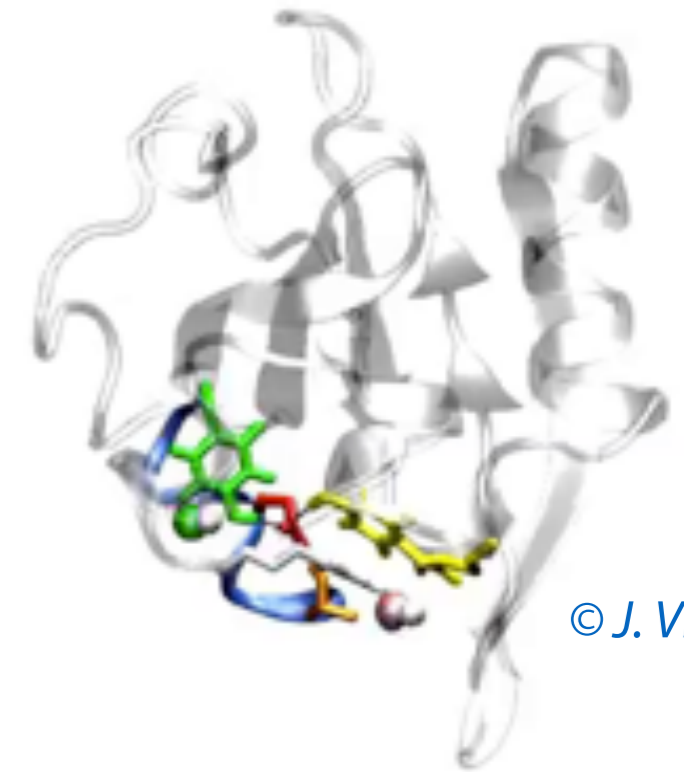
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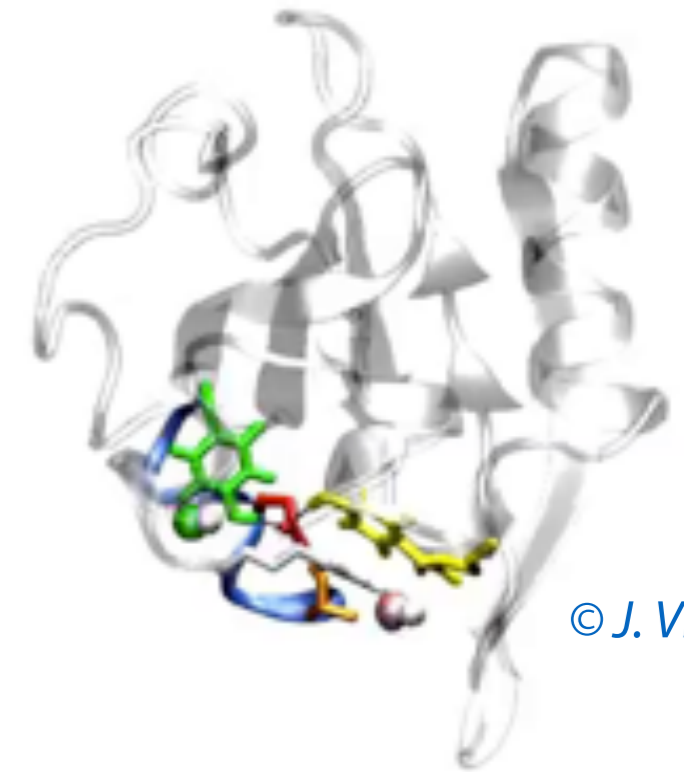
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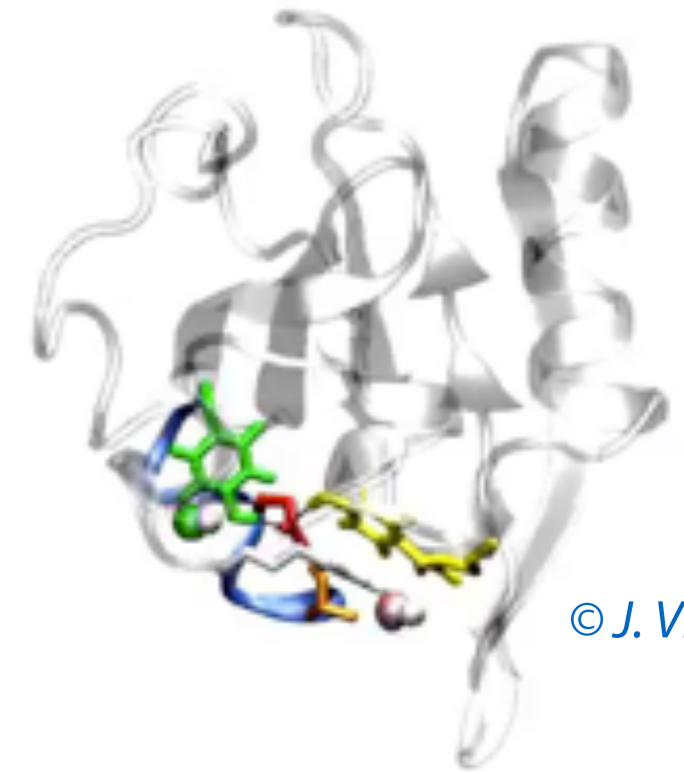
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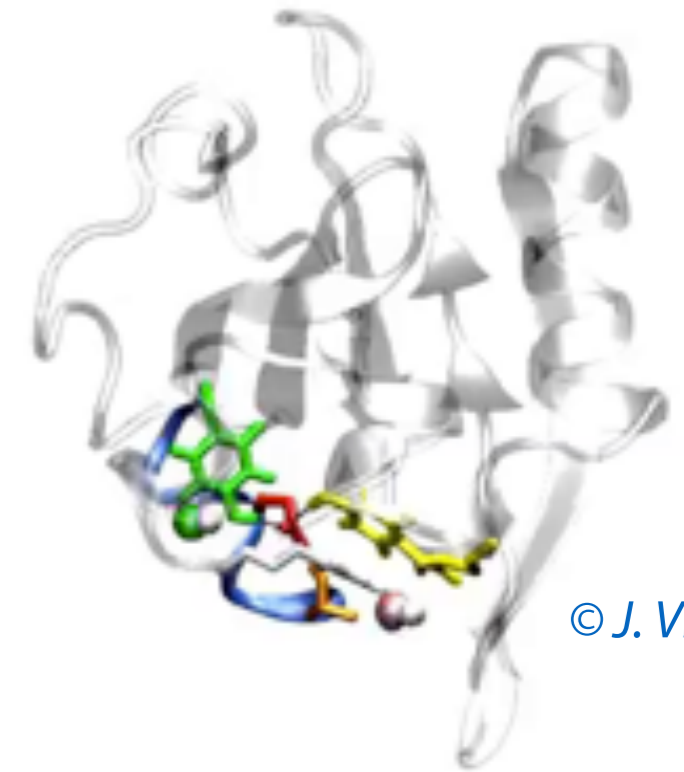
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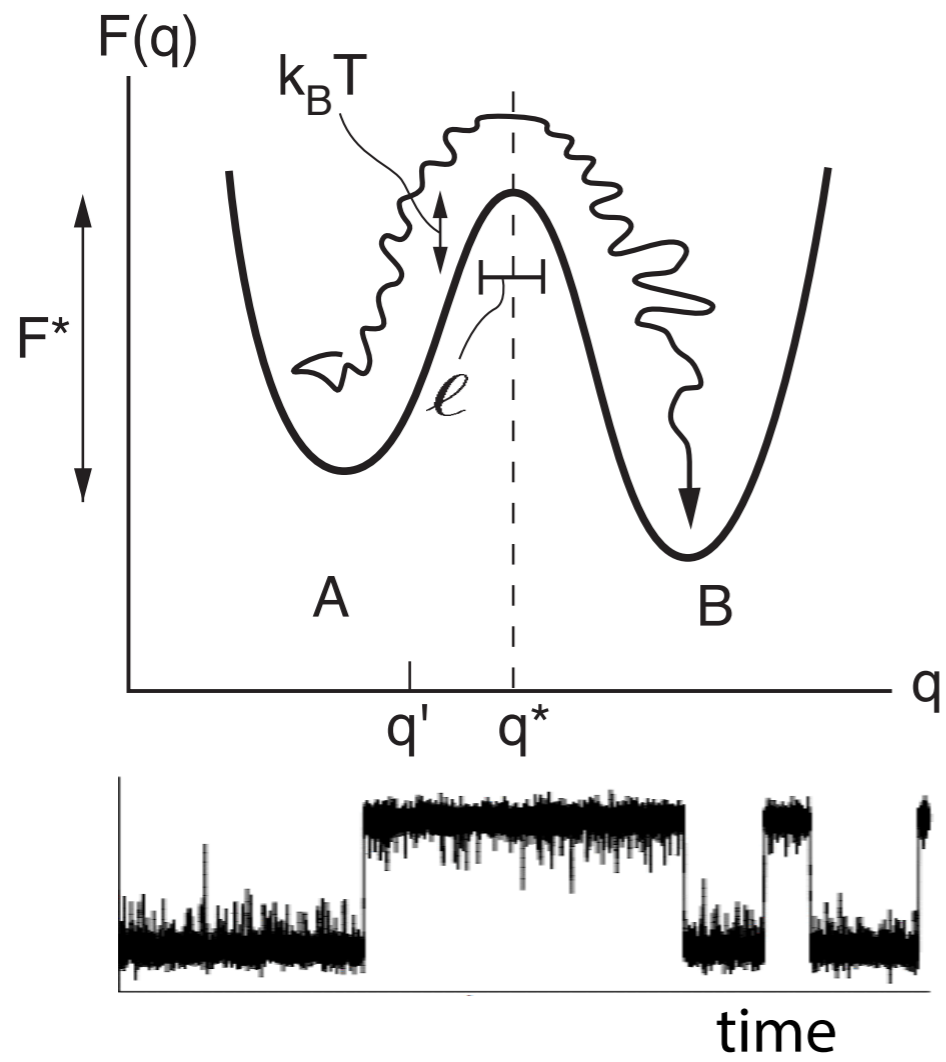
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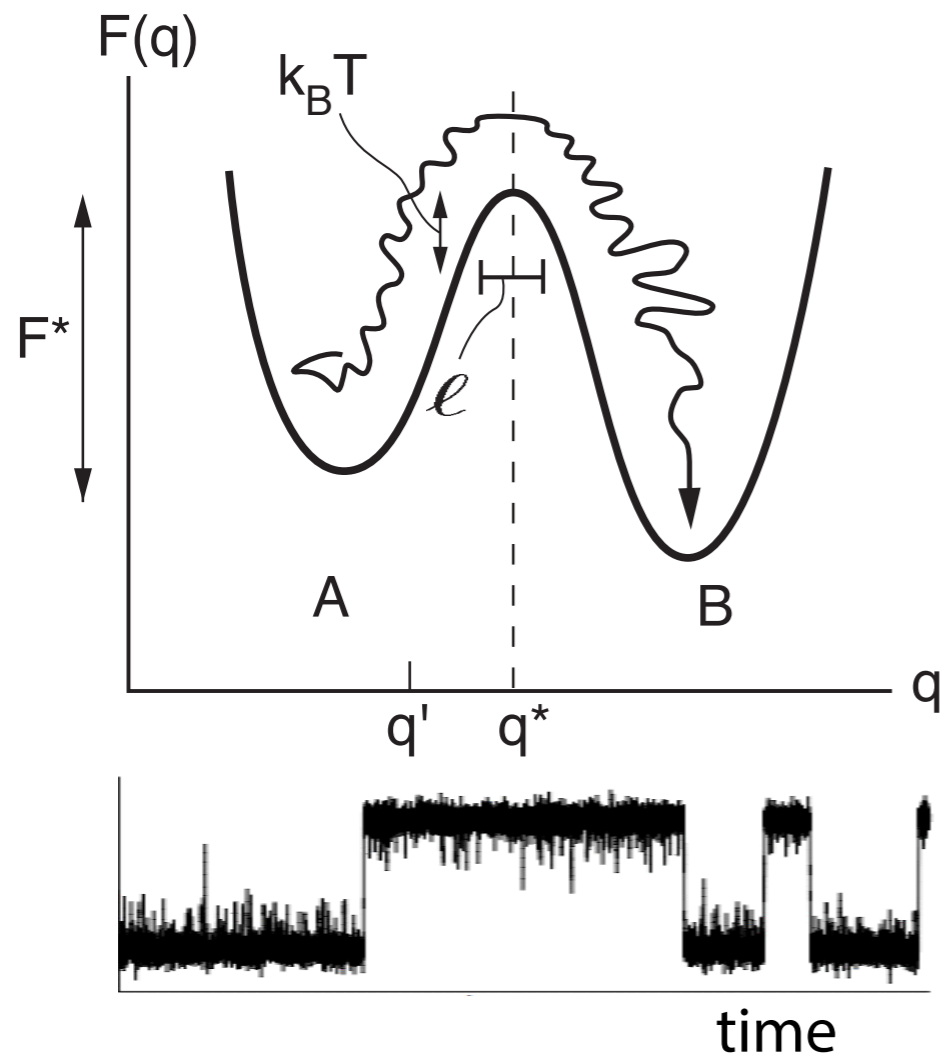
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**current MD limited to sub-millisecond, most activated events much longer**

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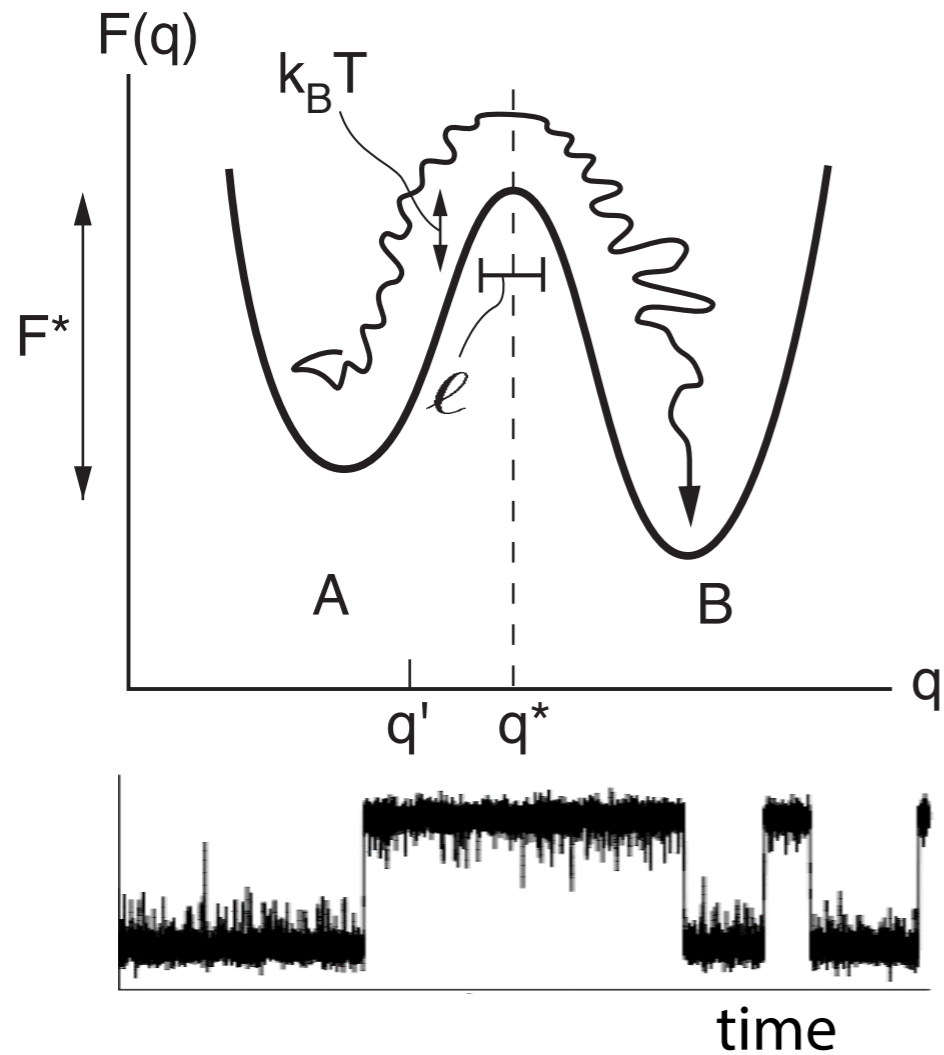
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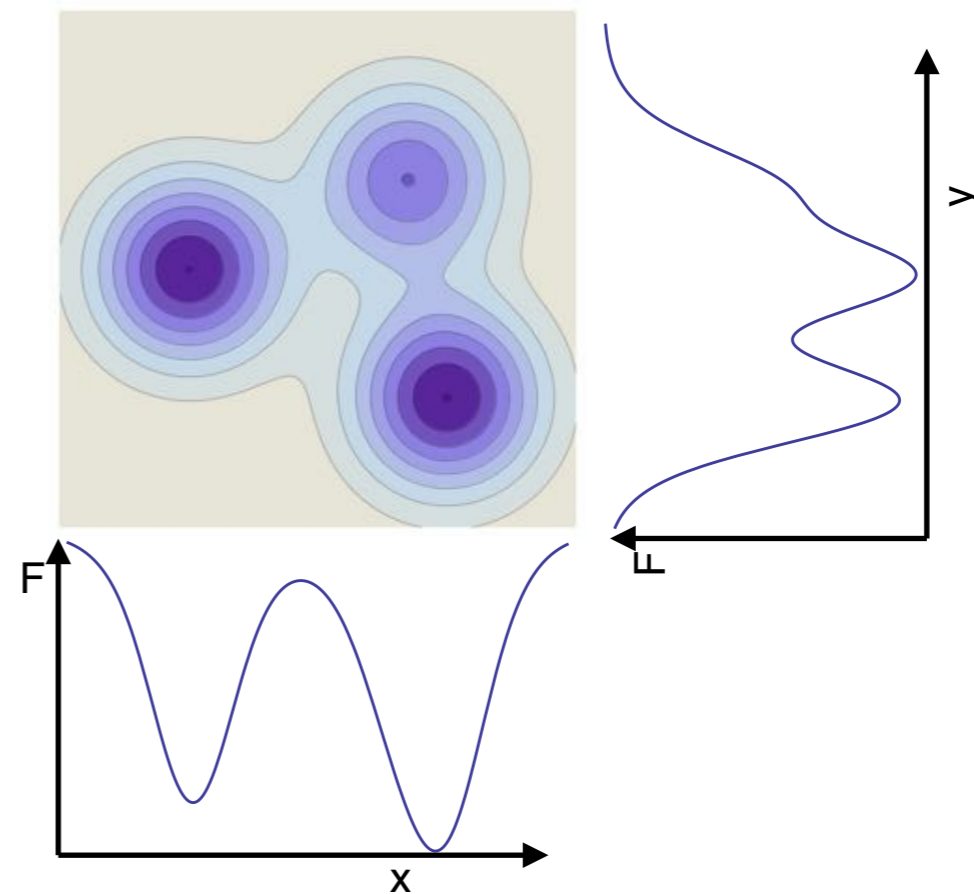
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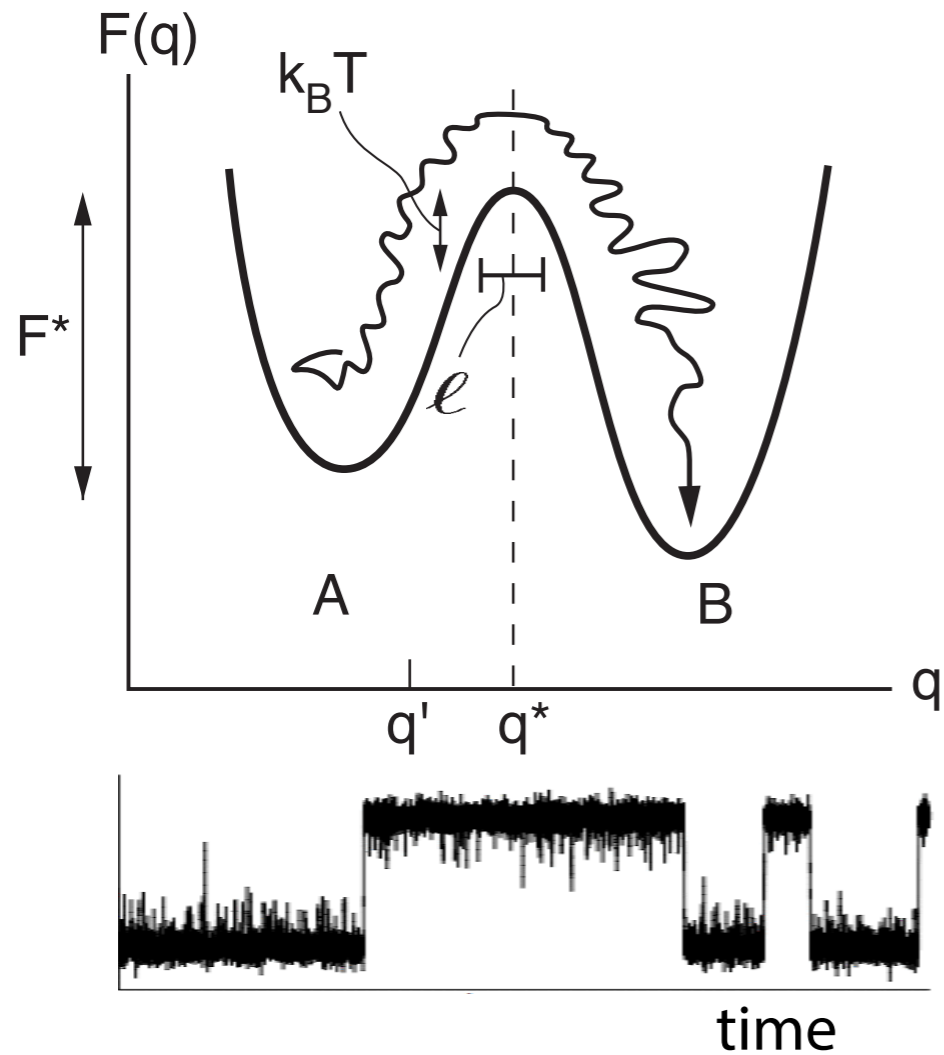
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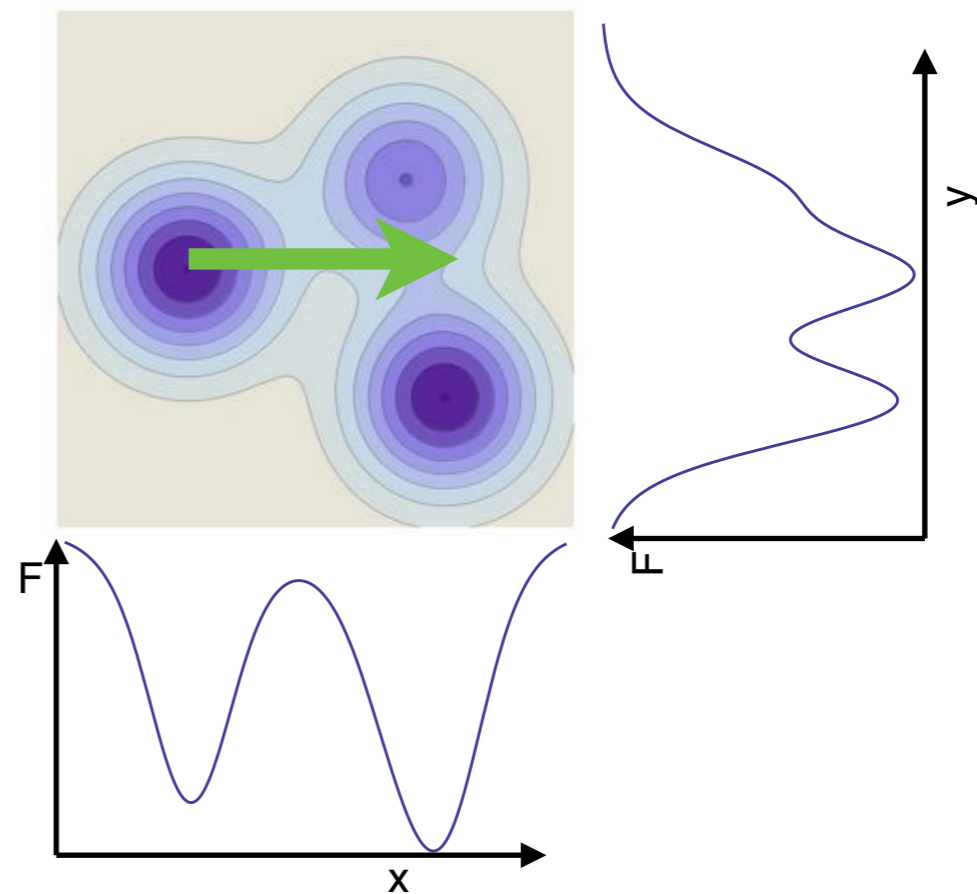
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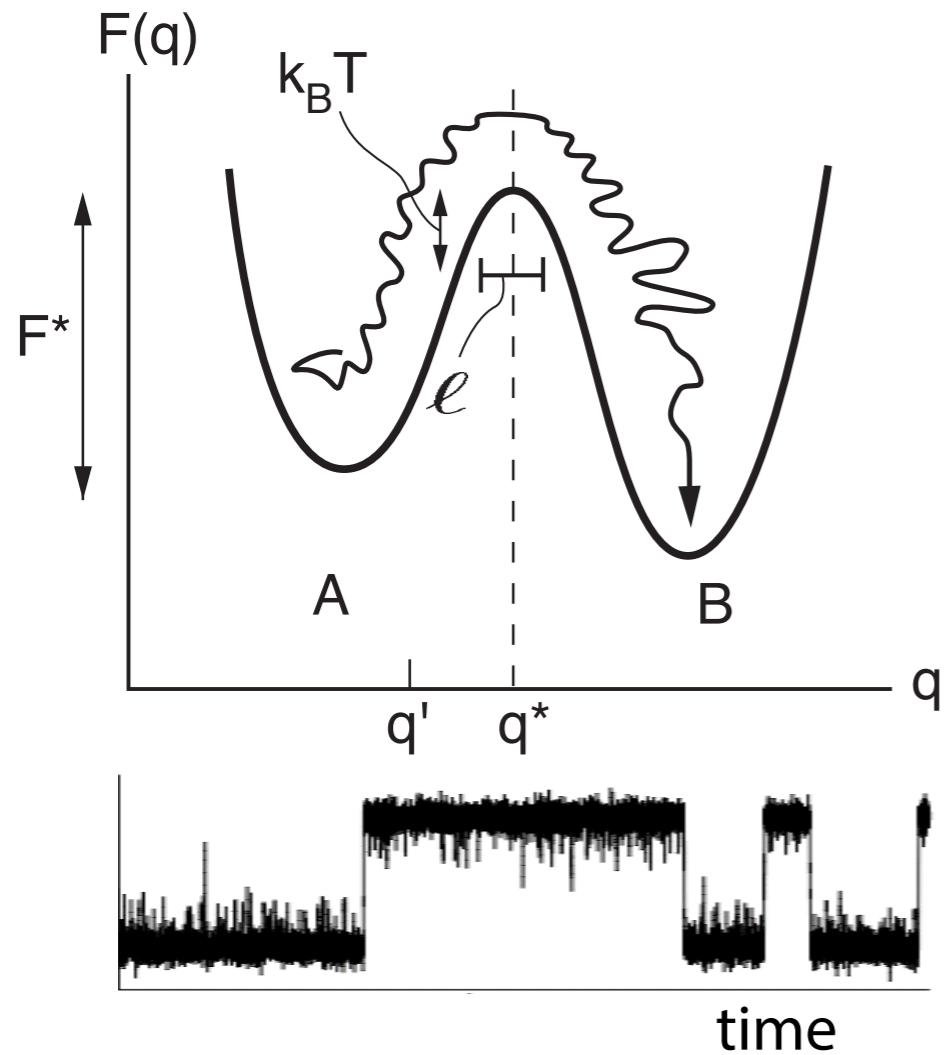
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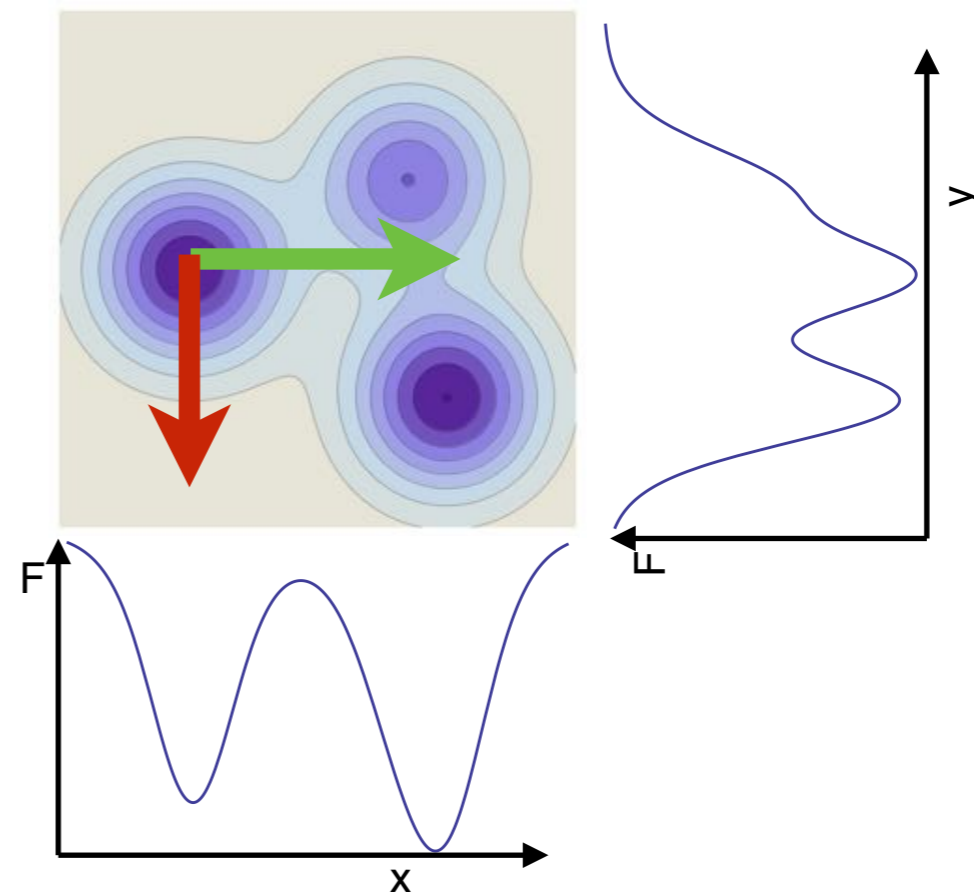
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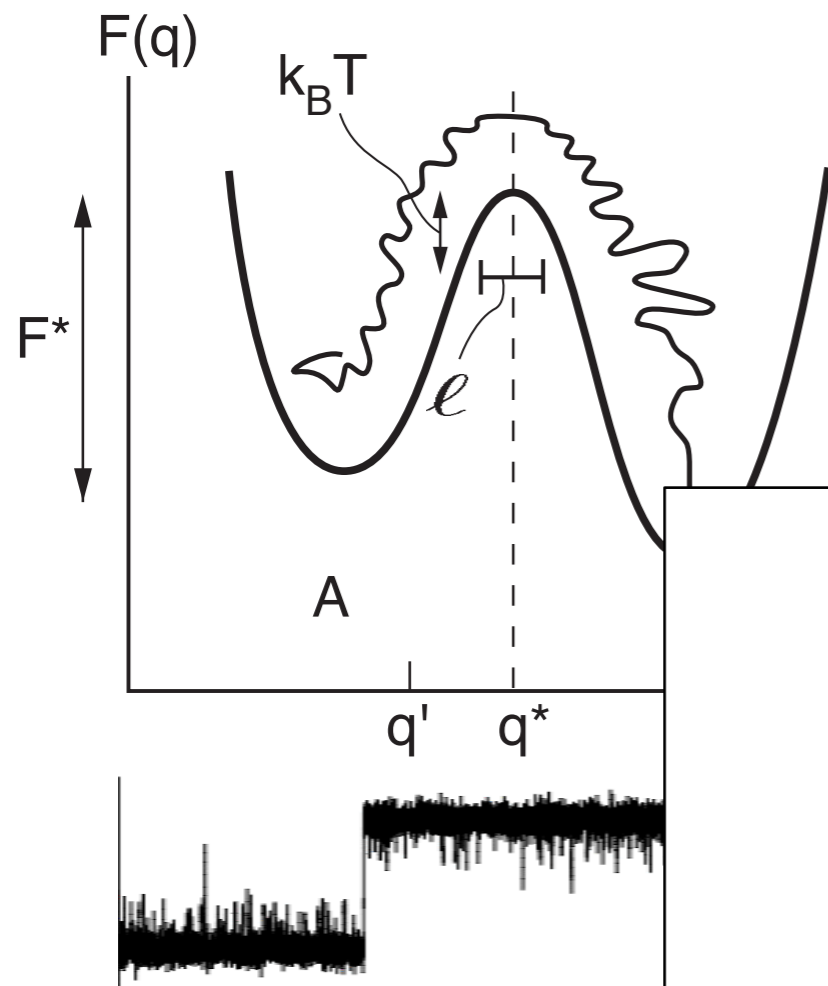
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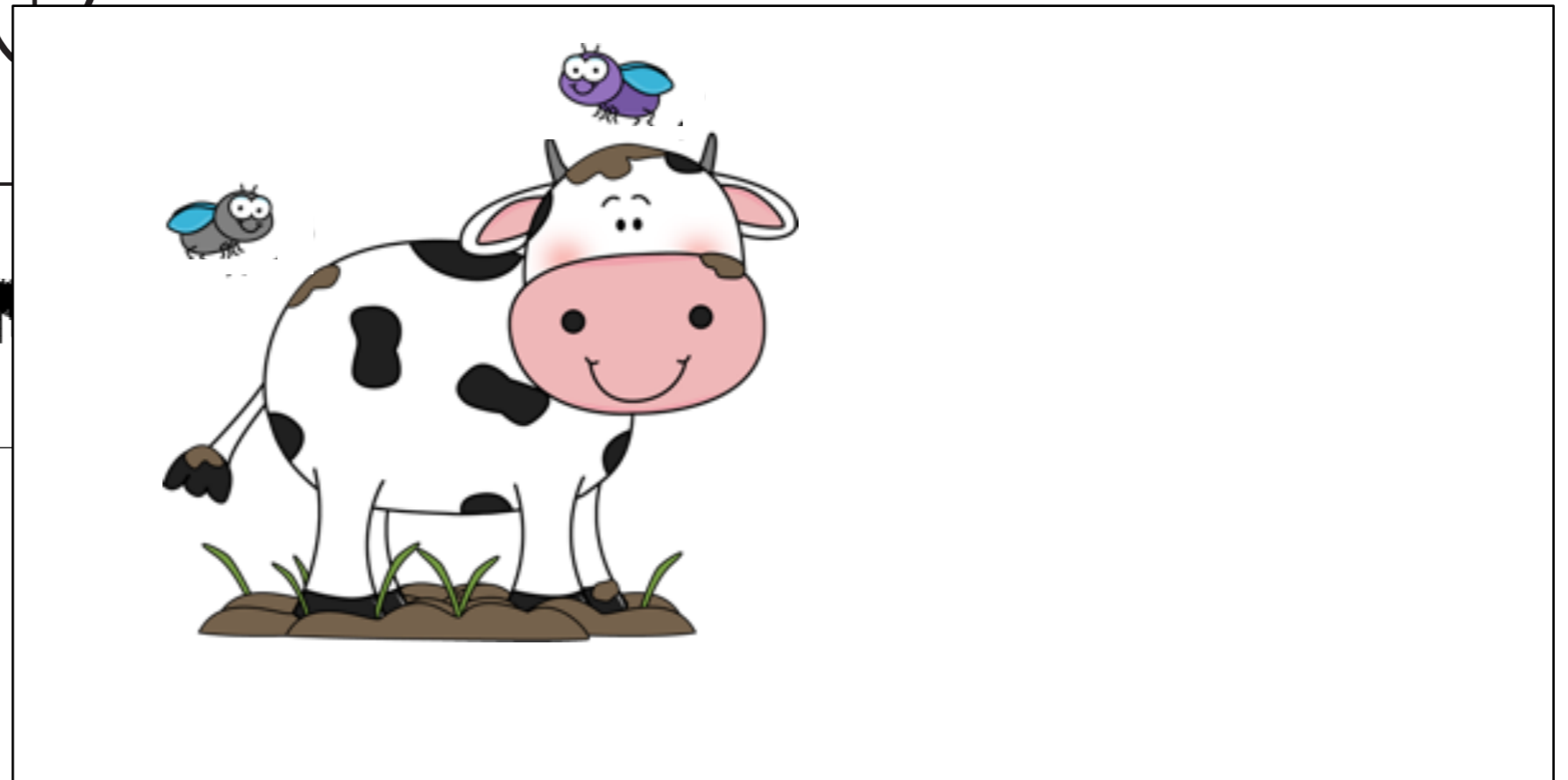
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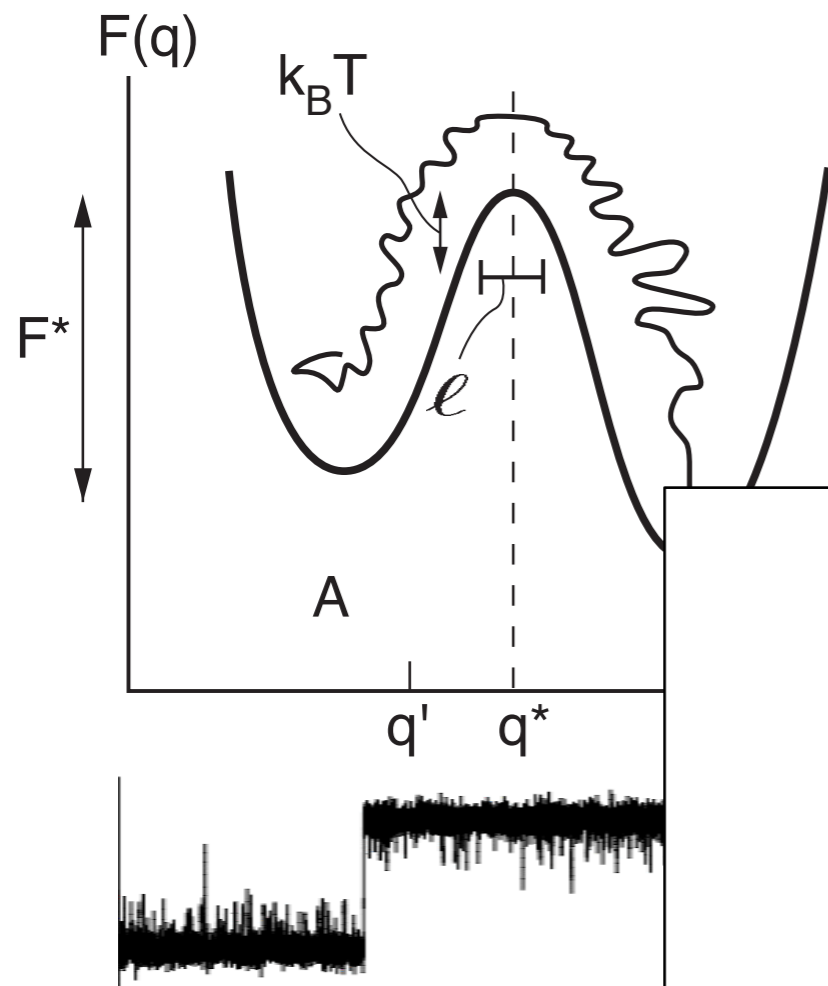
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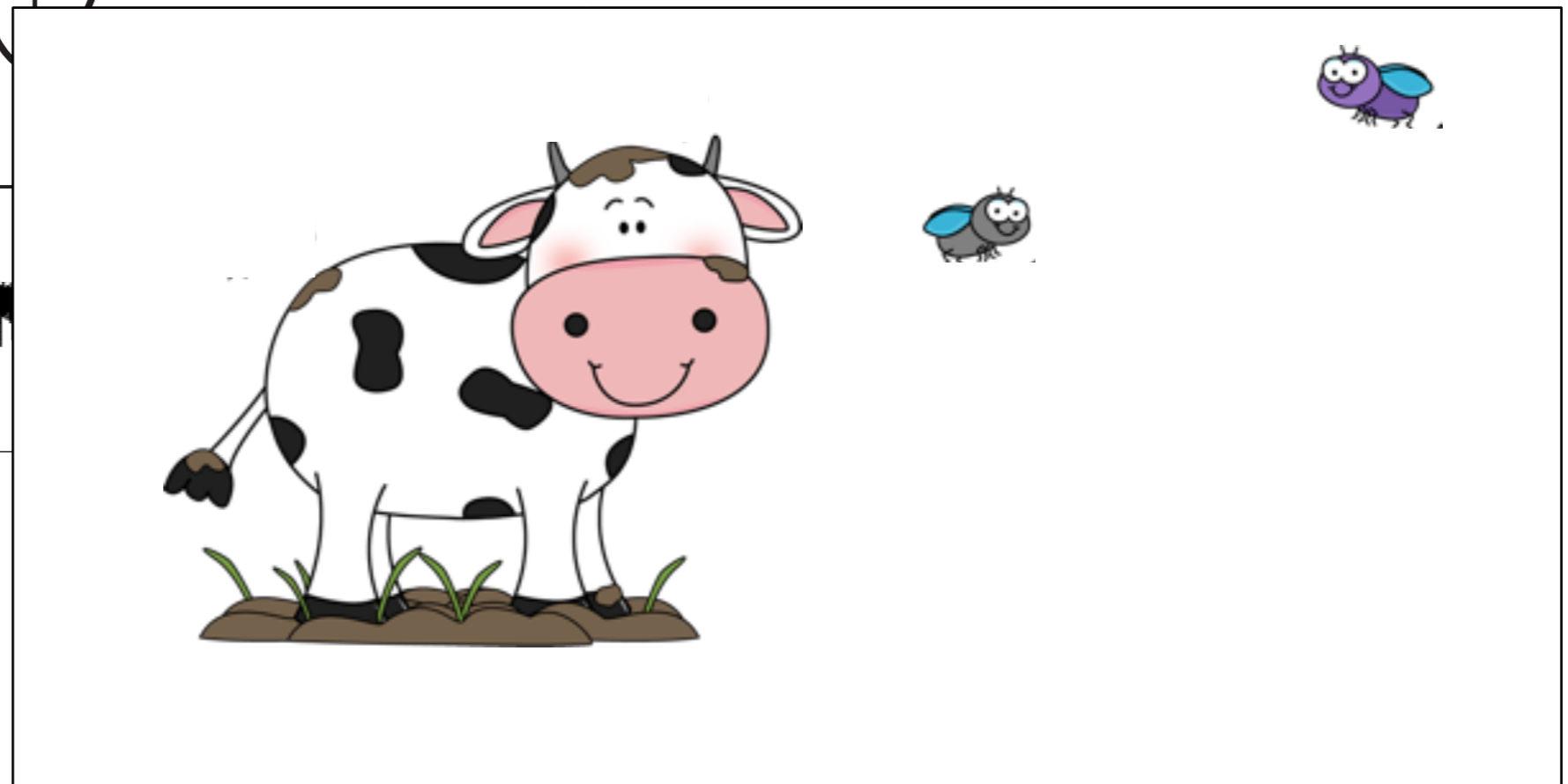
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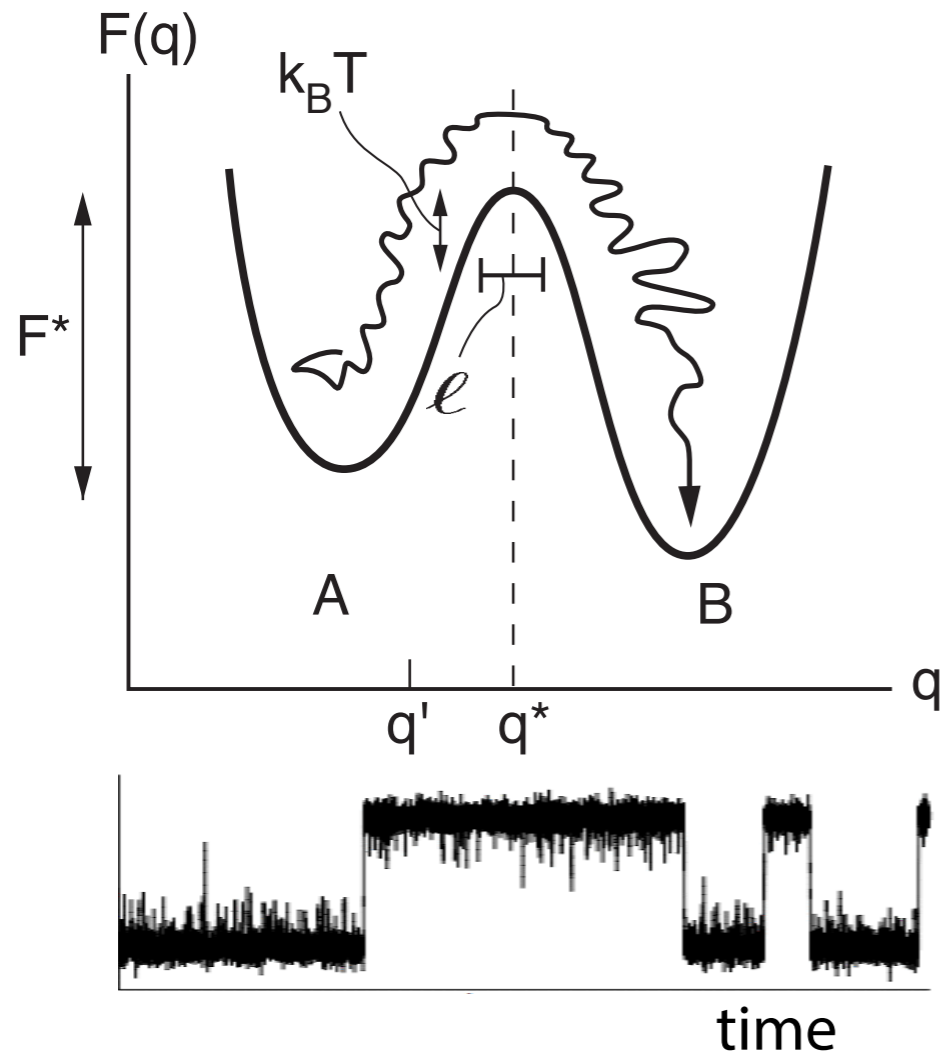
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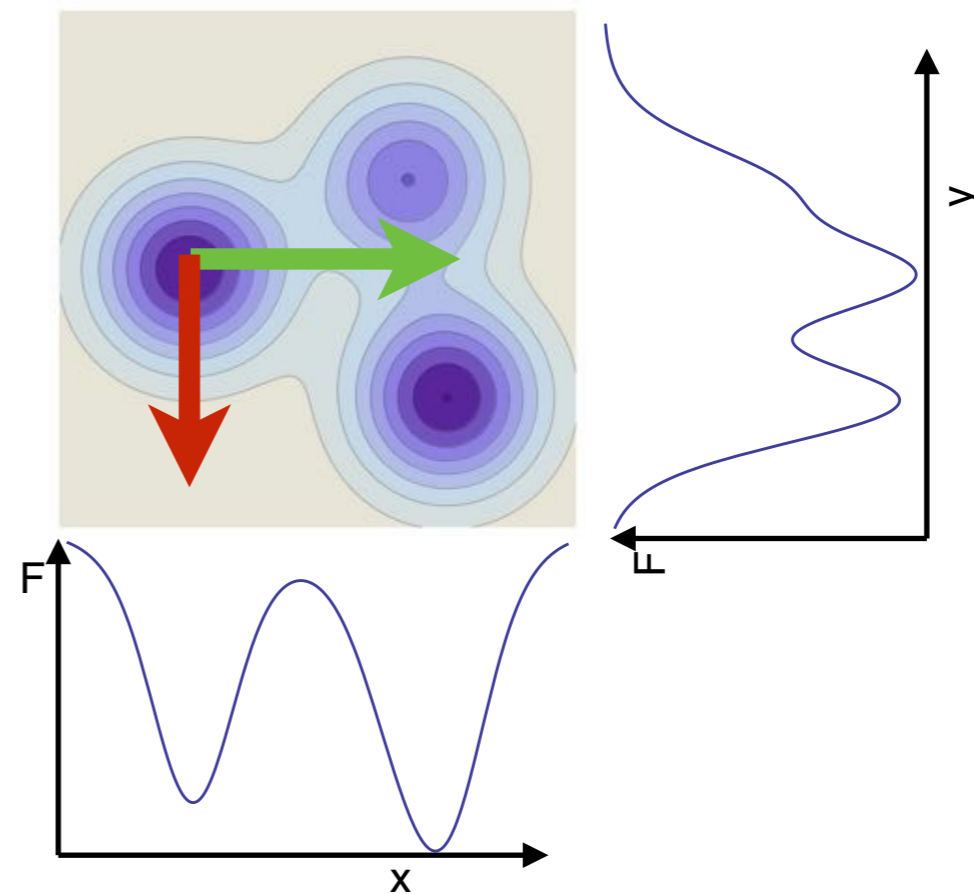
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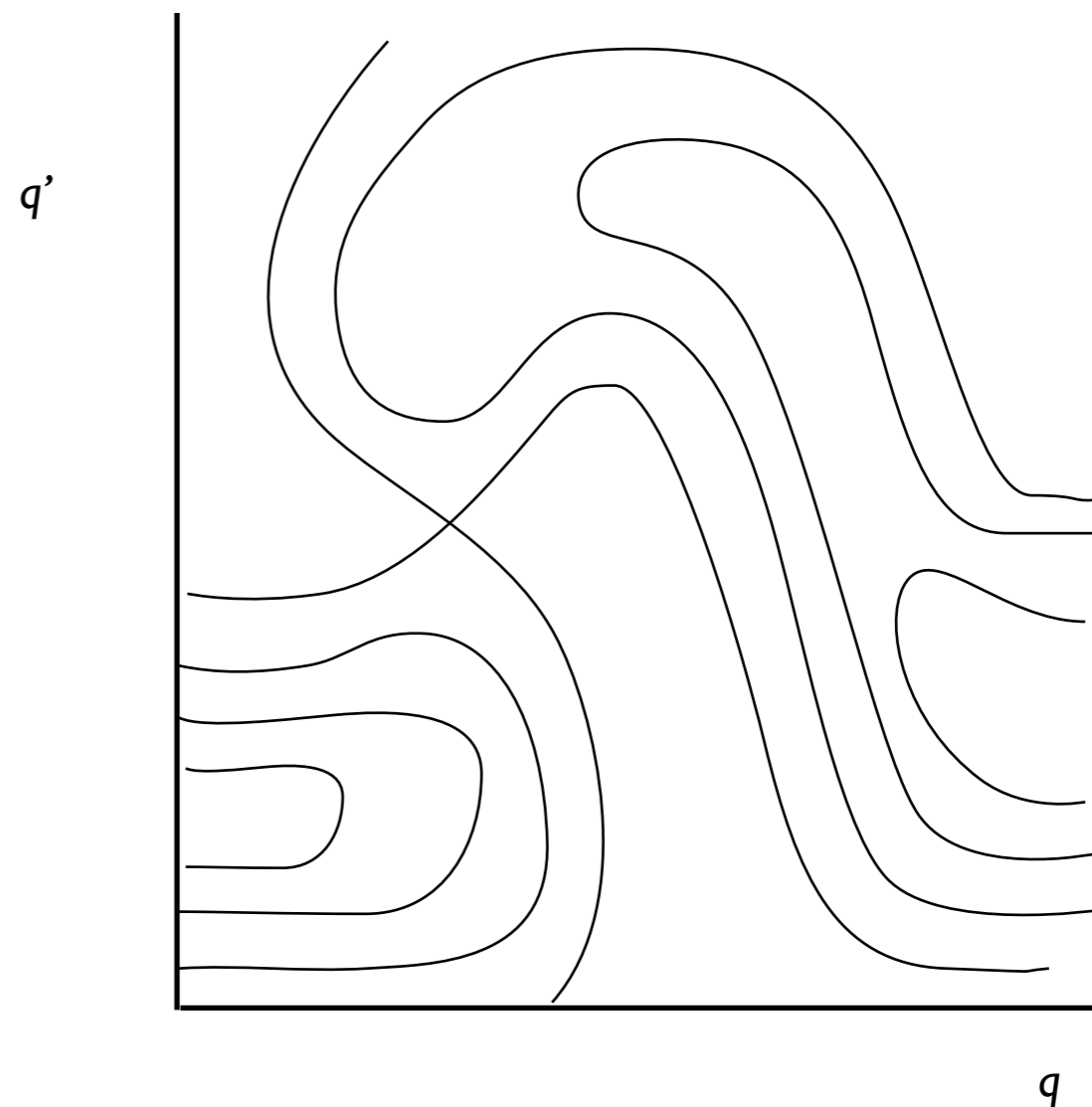
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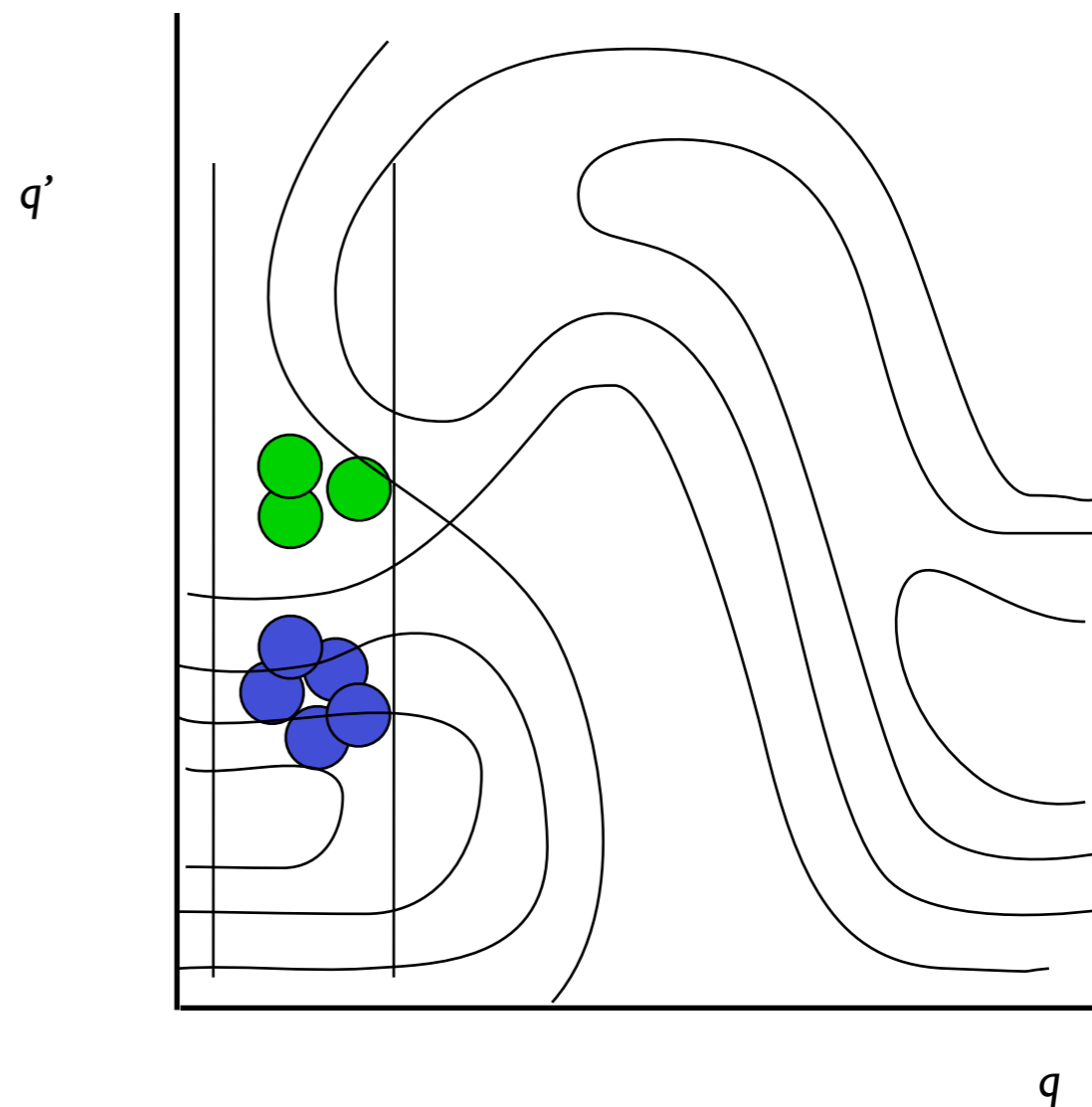




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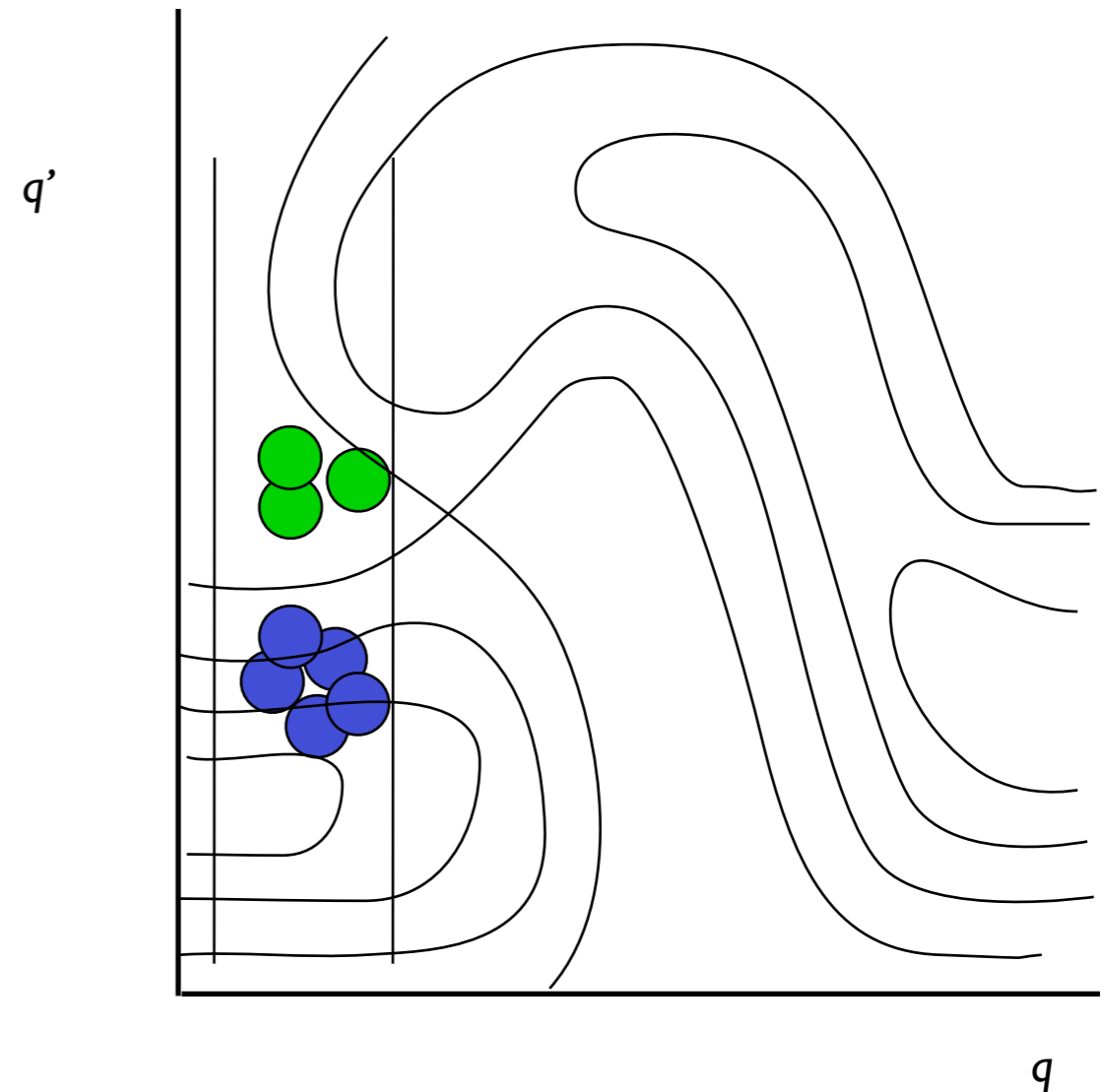
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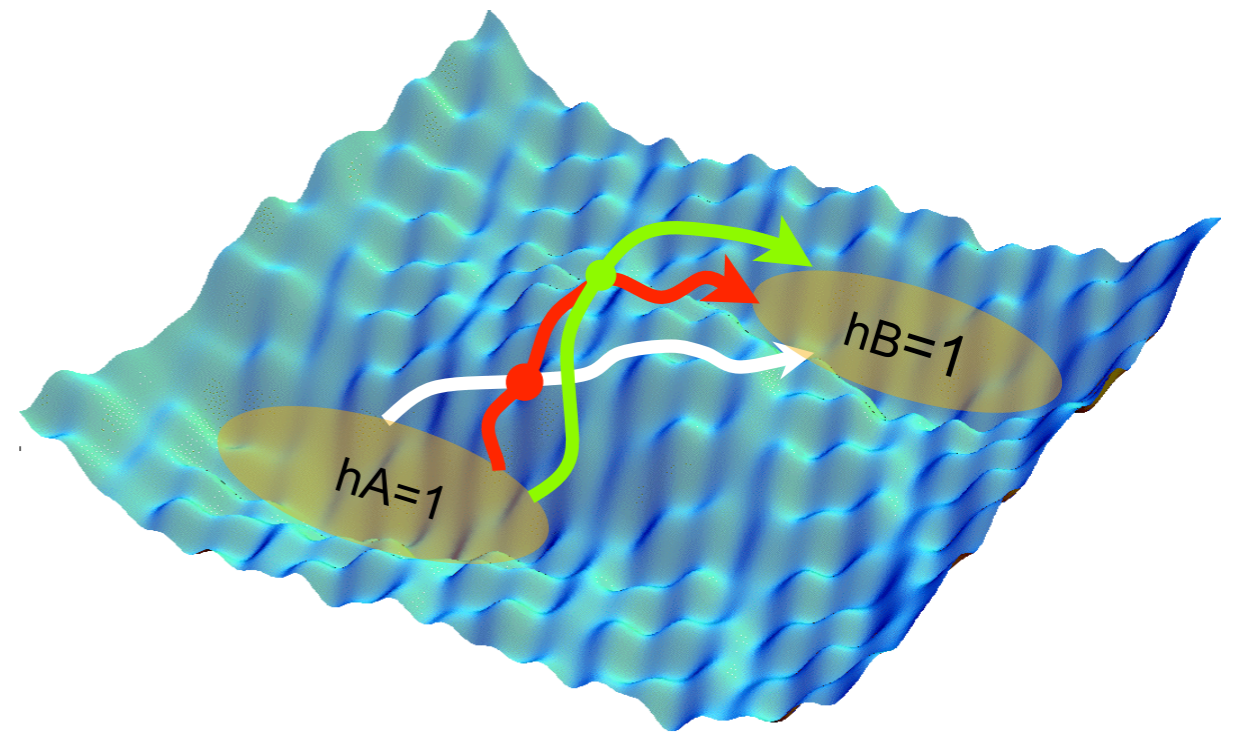
Need for methods that create pathways without prior knowledge of the RC:

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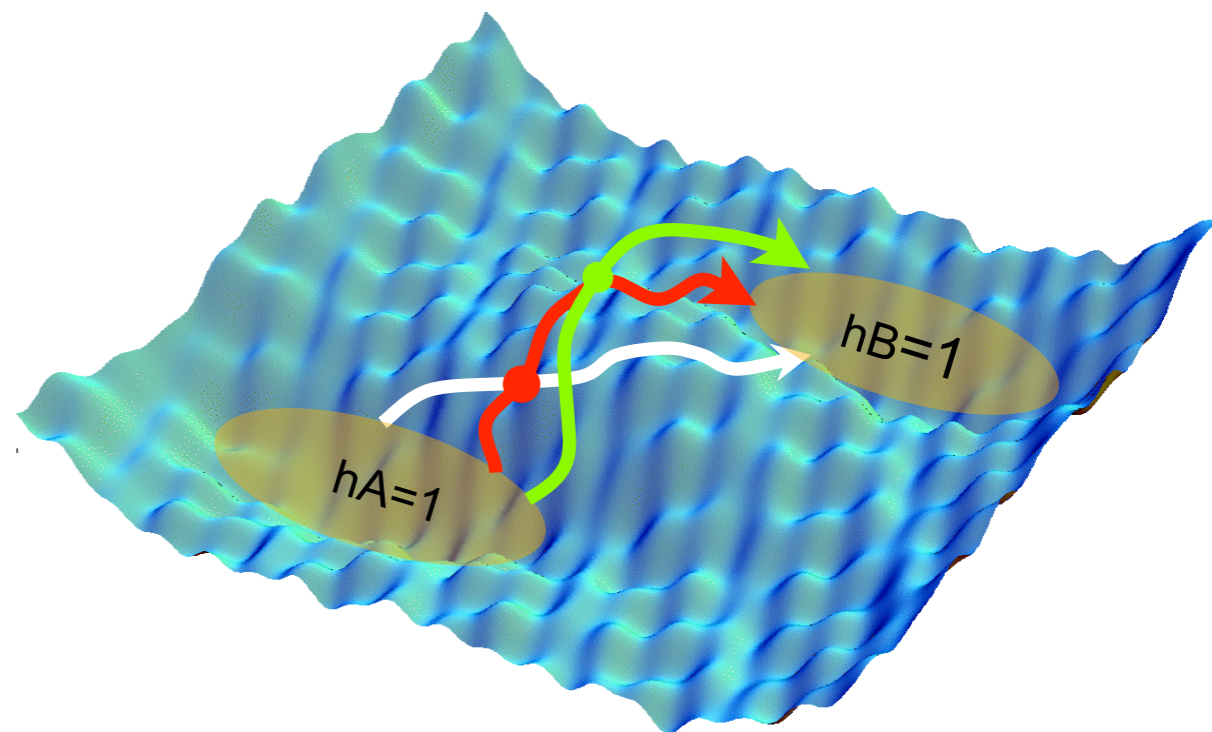
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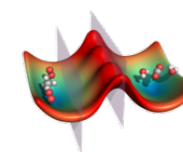
- TPS philosophy: Path ensembles → mechanism → kinetics → Free Energy

- TPS gives exponential speed up w.r.t to rare event time scale
- **advantages:** unbiased dynamics, exact rates, independence of CVs

- Advanced Software Packages available



OpenPathSampling



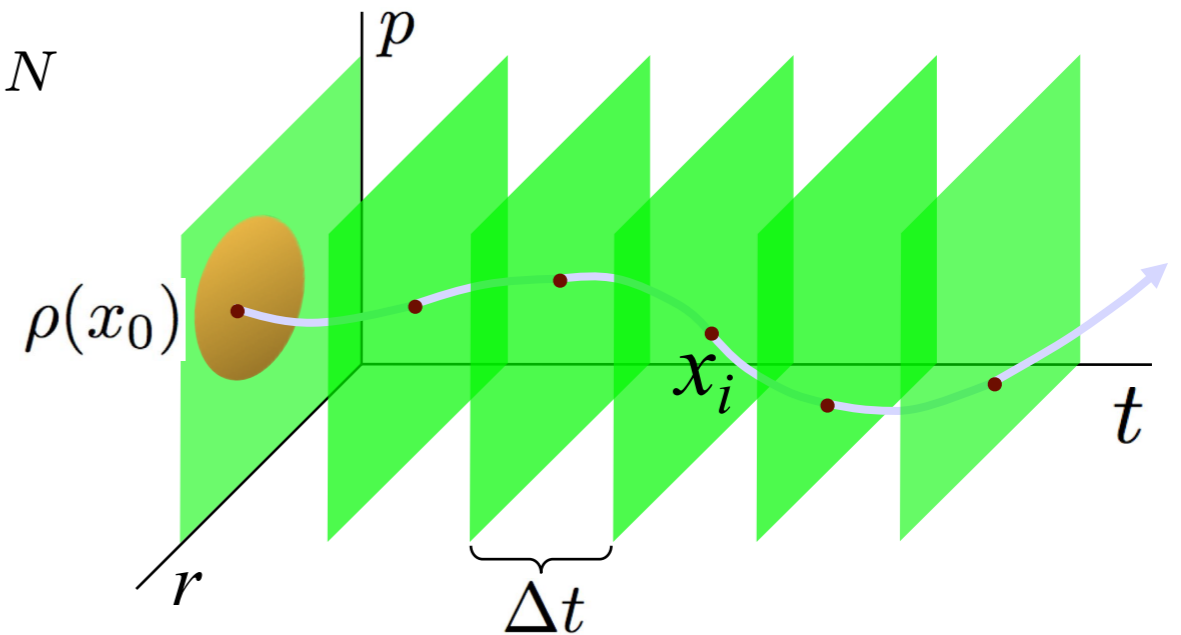
PyRETIS  
— rare events in Python

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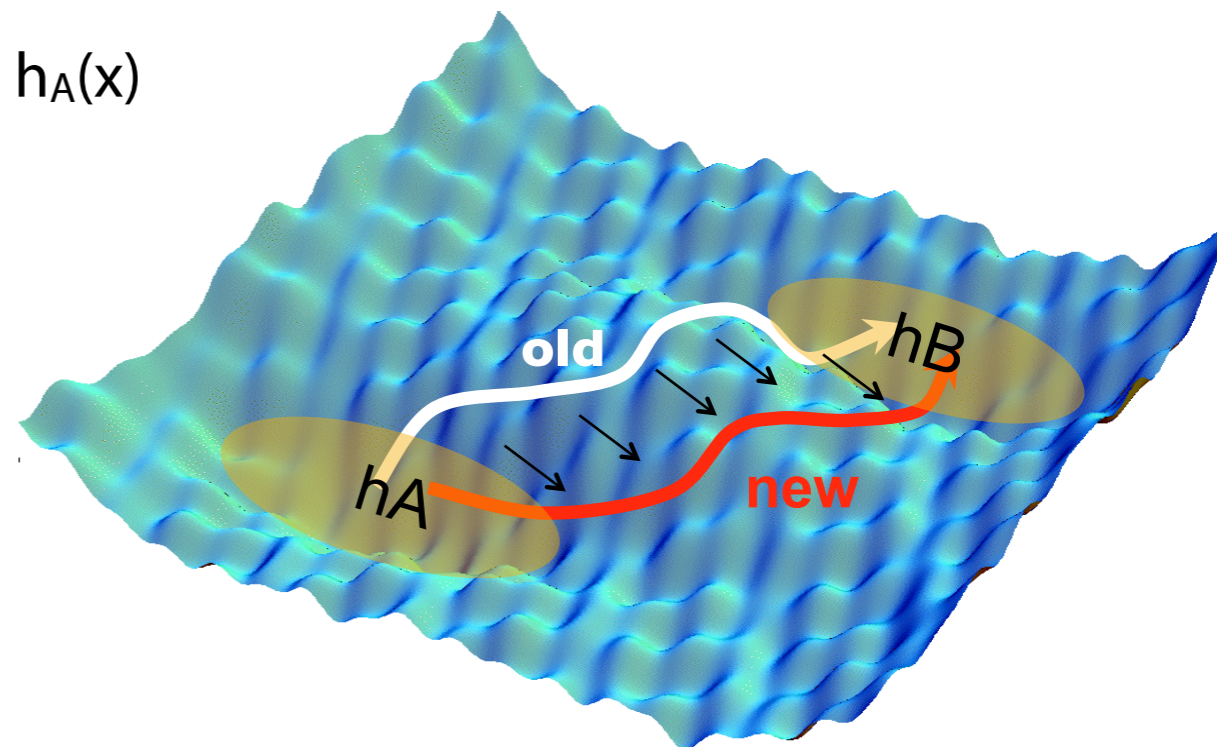
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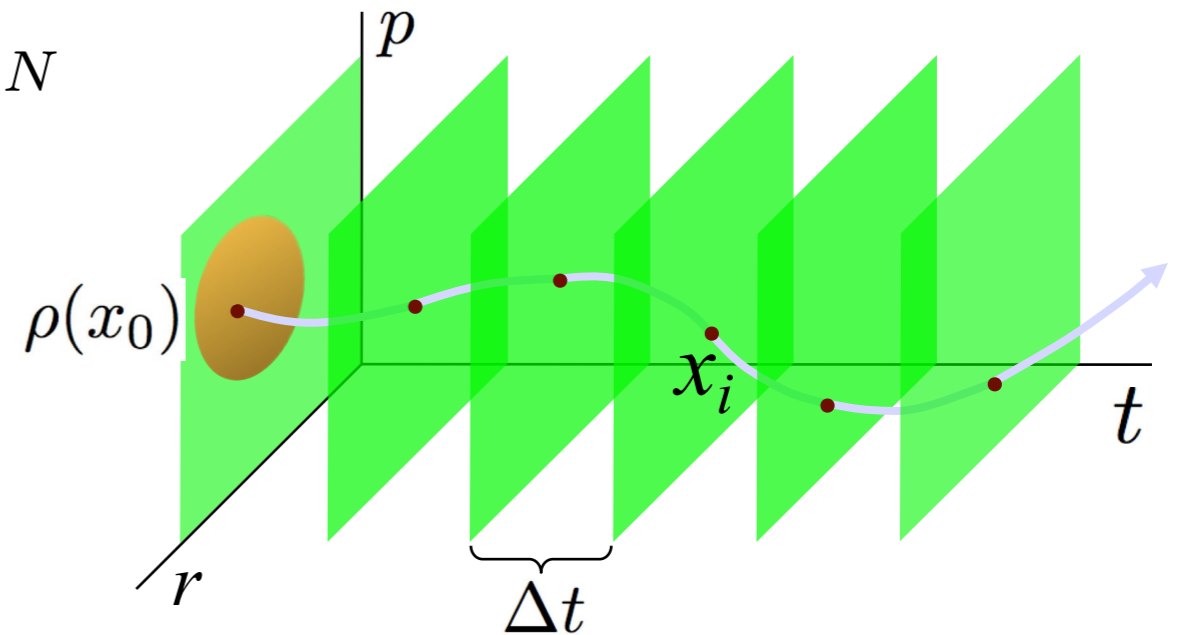
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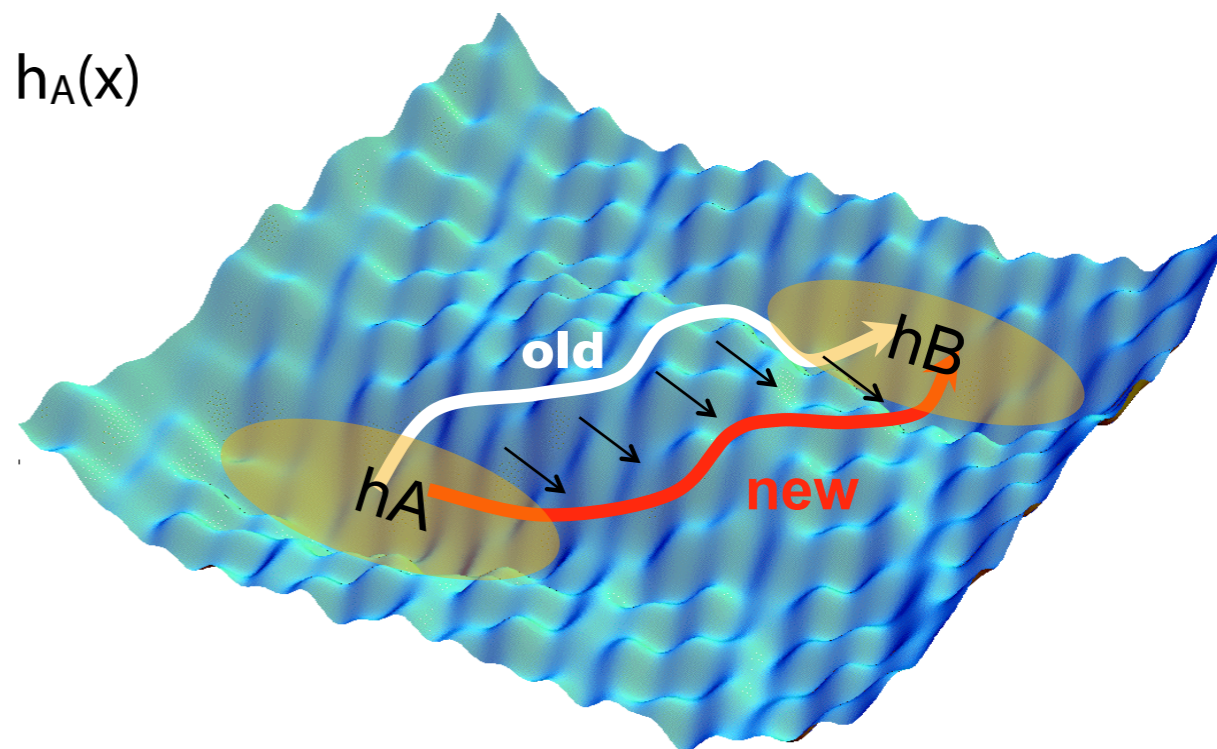
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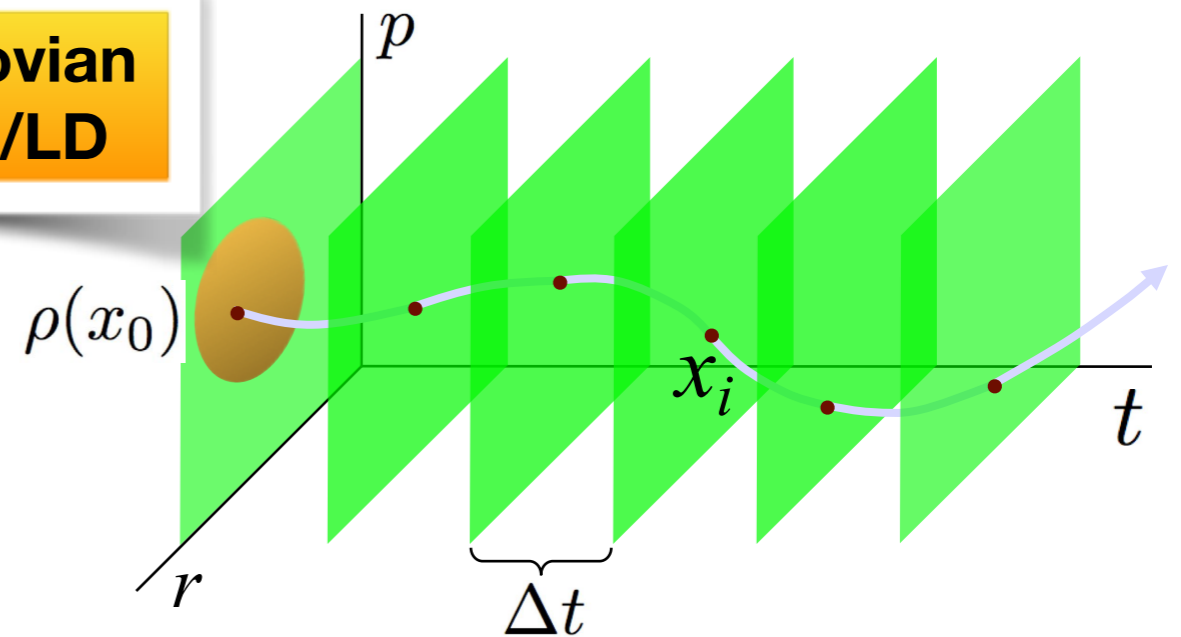
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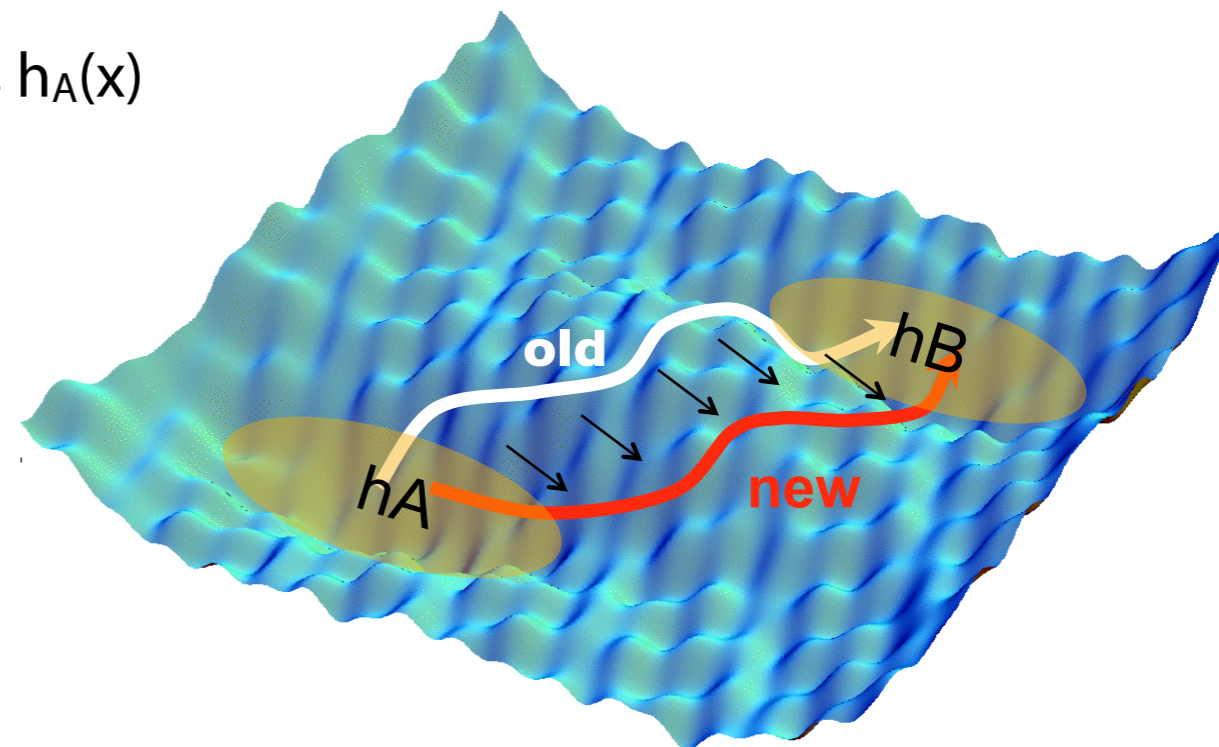


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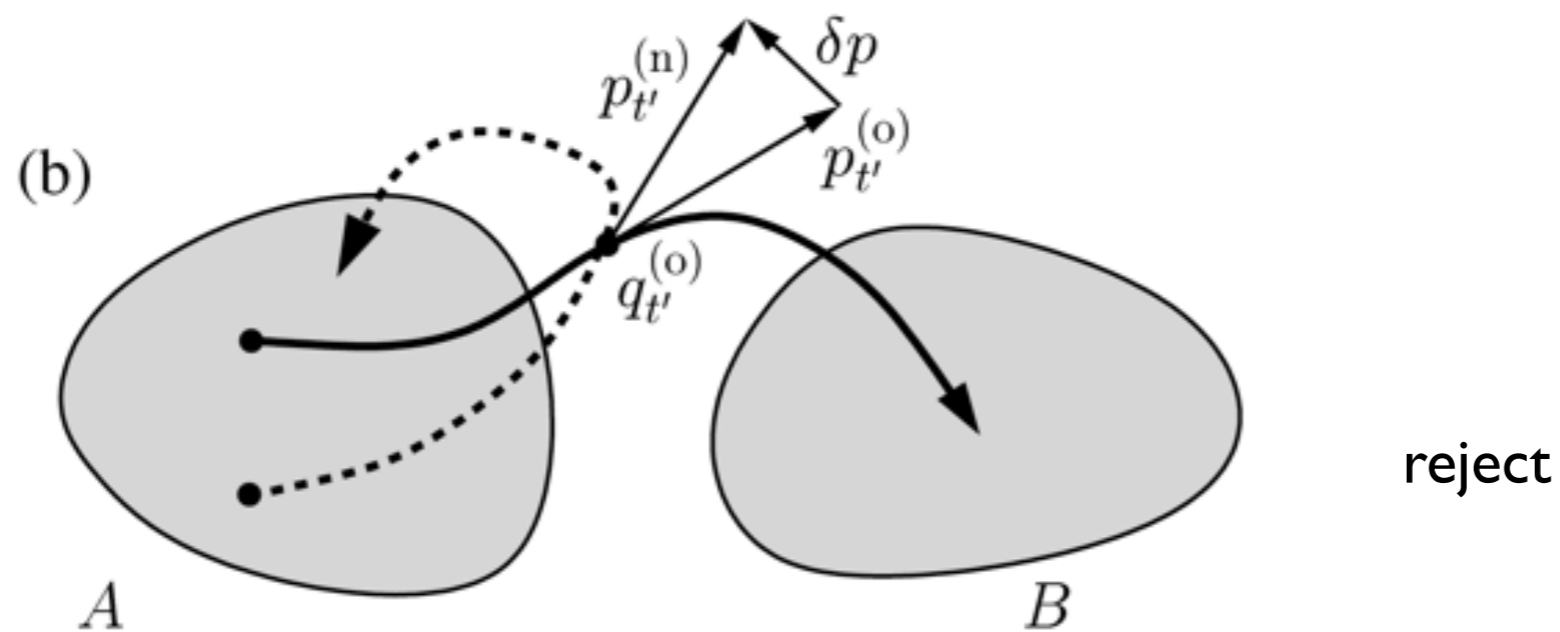
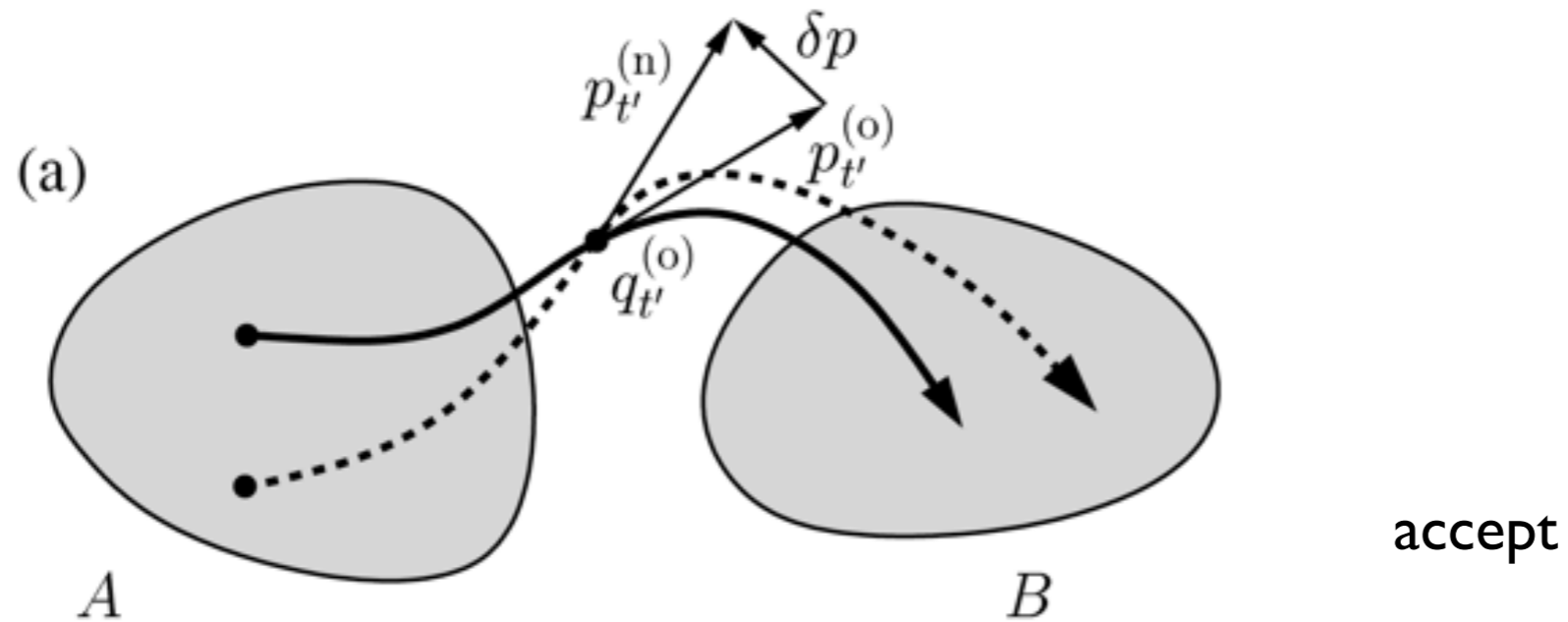
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forward MD shot
backward MD shot

$\bar{p}(x \rightarrow y) = p(\bar{x} \rightarrow \bar{y})$  backward in time by momenta reversal  $\bar{x} = \{r, -p\}$  for  $x = \{r, p\}$

assuming symmetric generation probability

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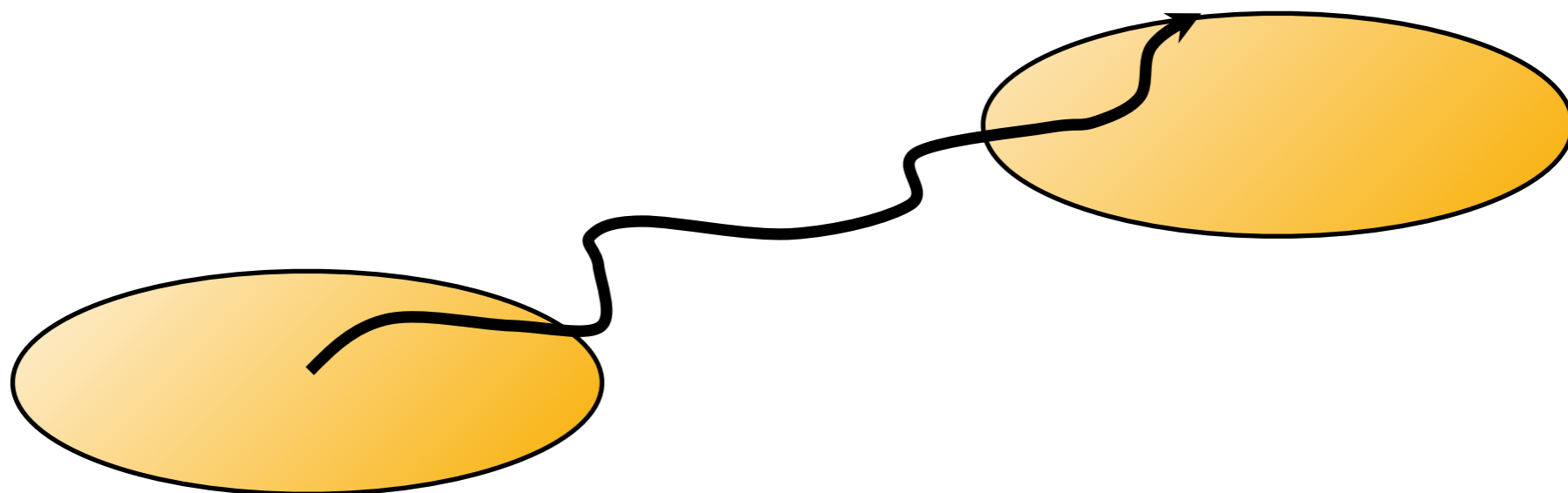
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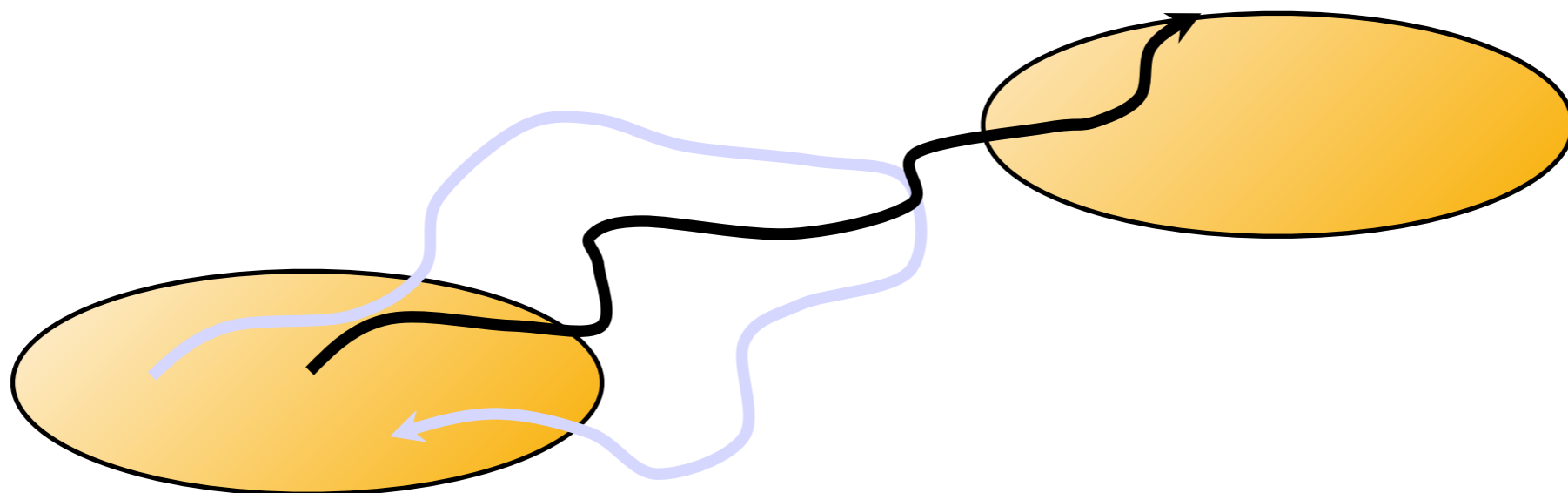
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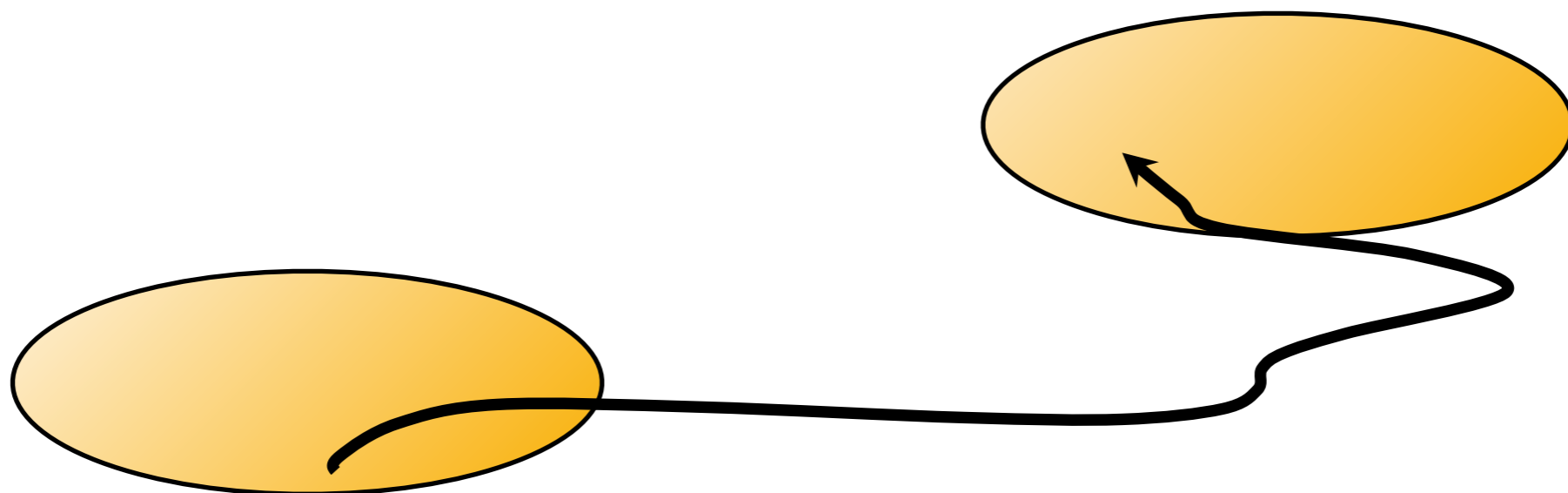
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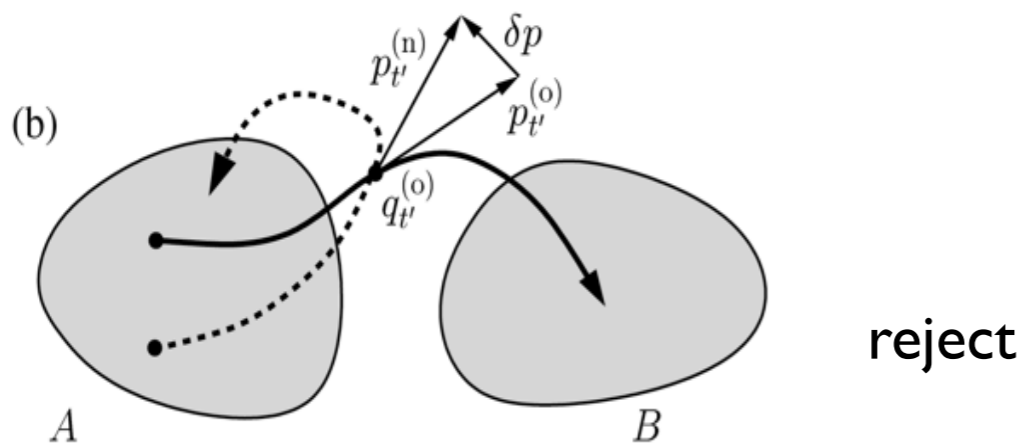
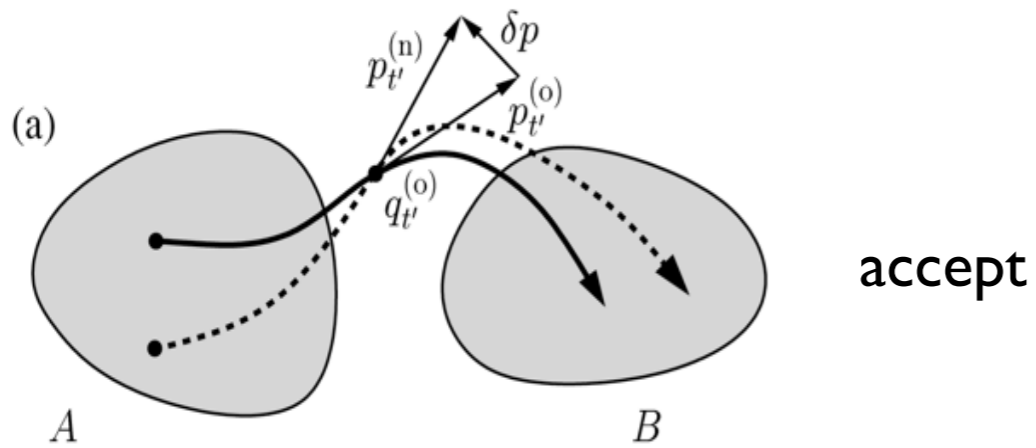


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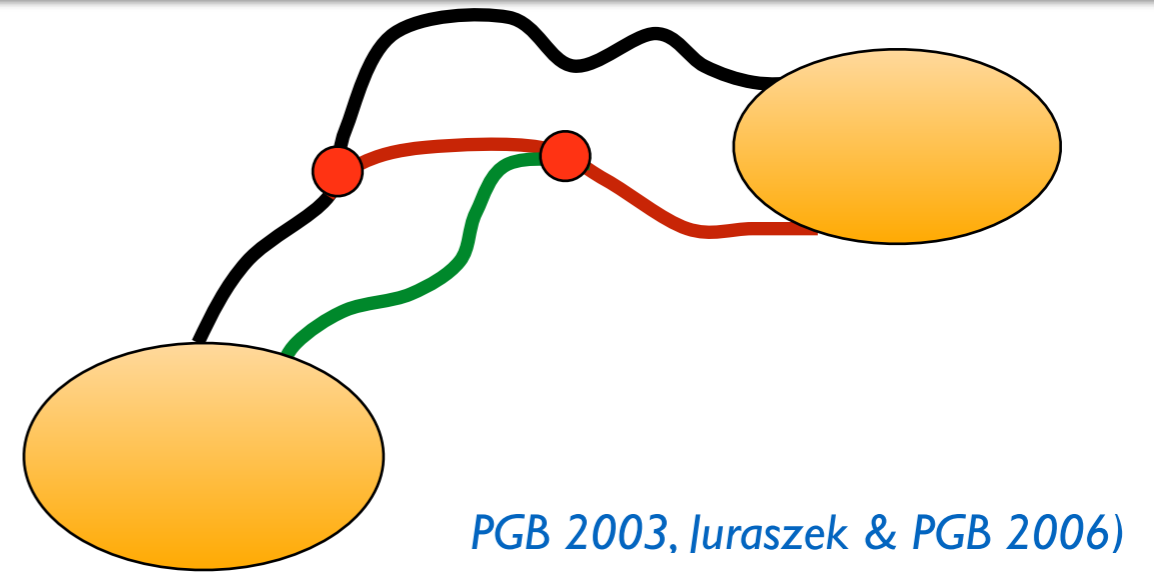
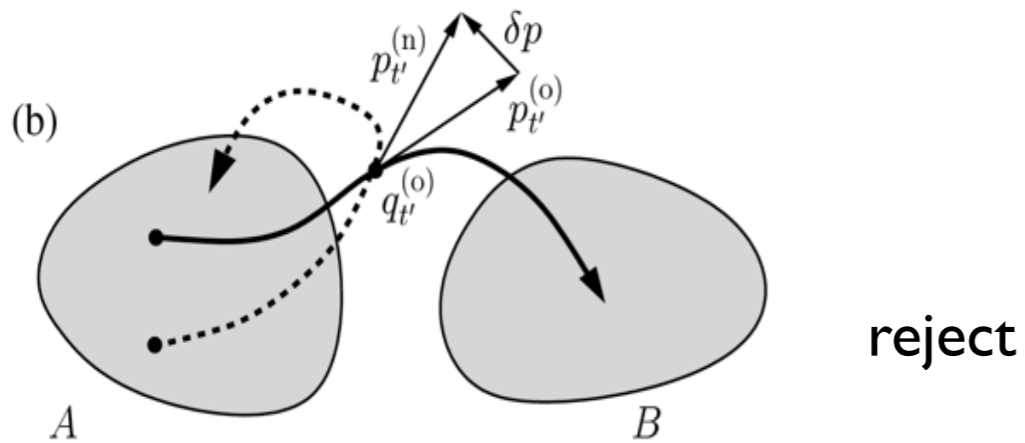
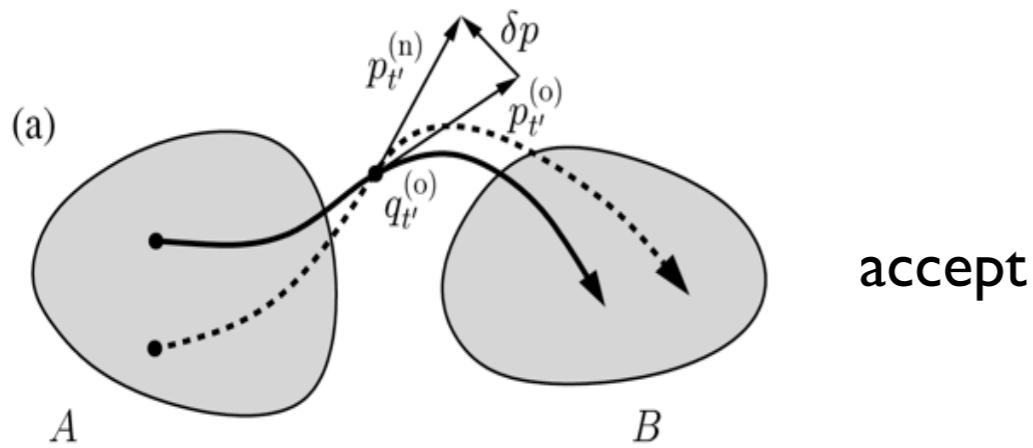


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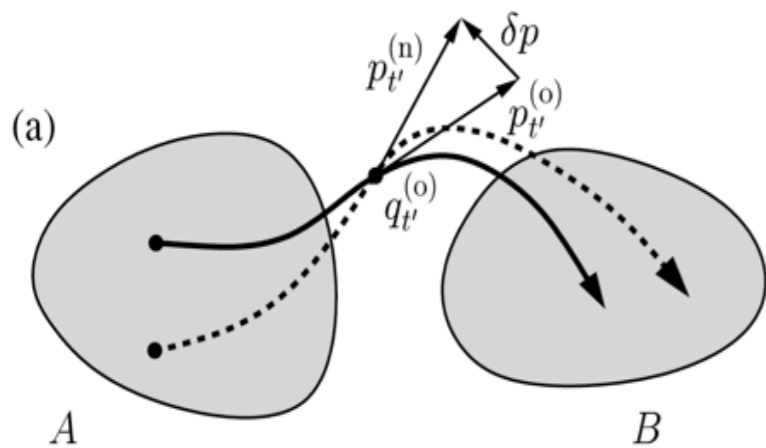
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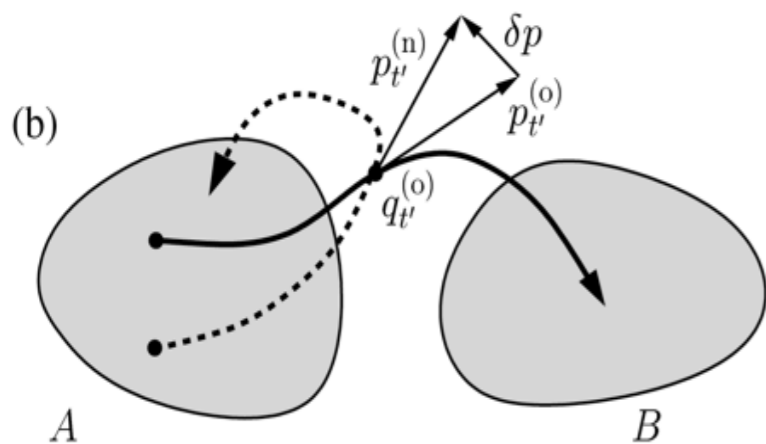
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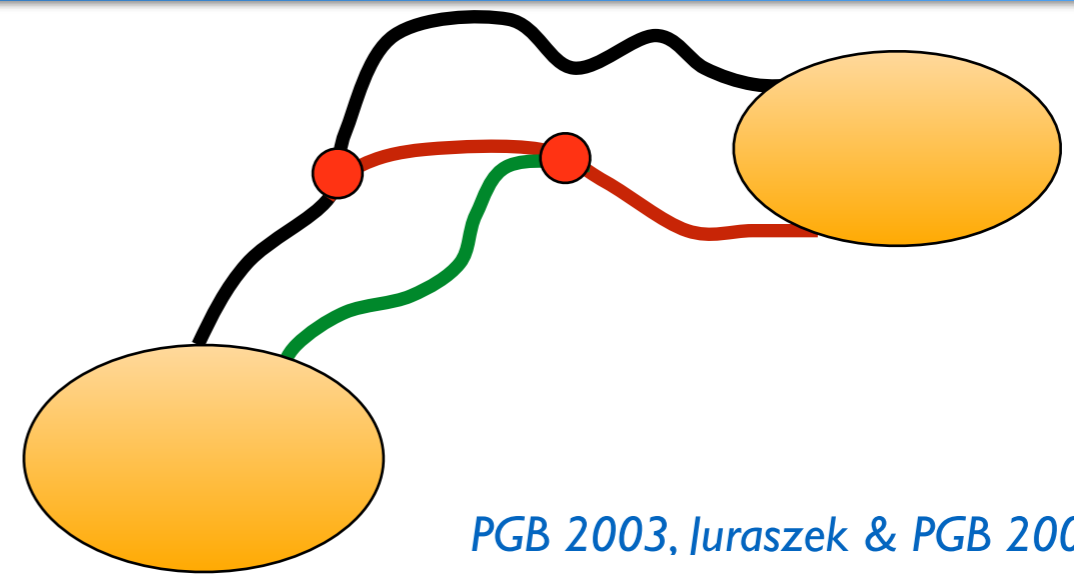
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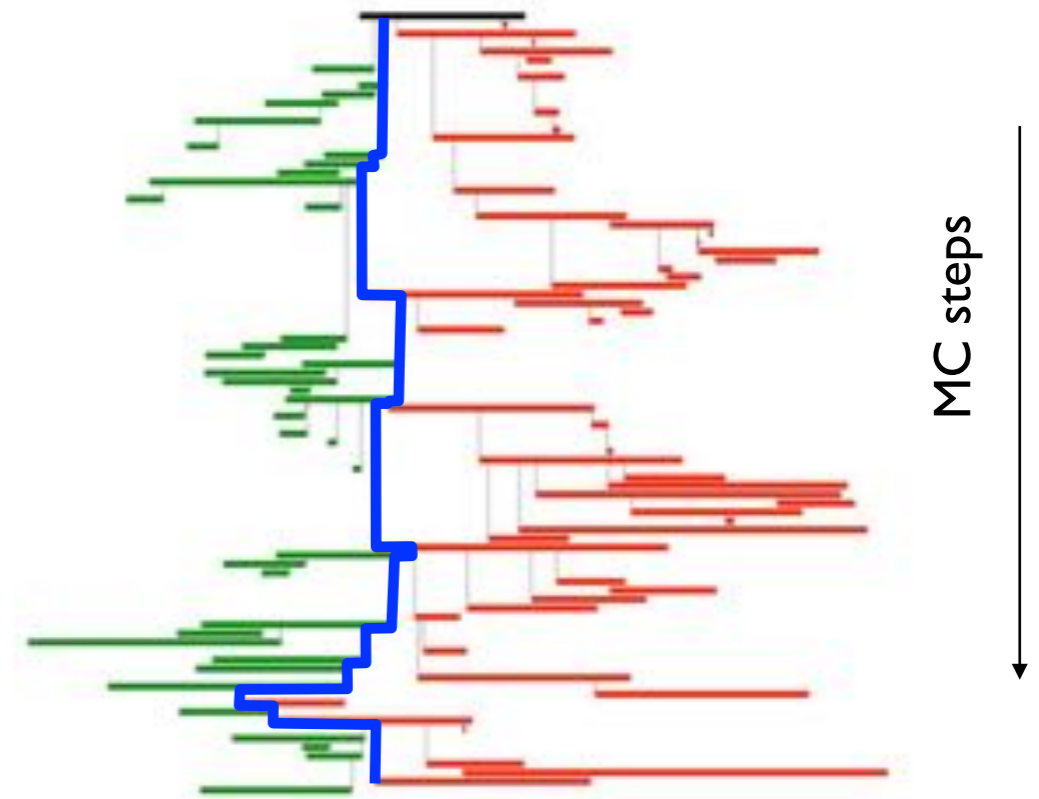
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PGB 2003, Juraszek & PGB 2006)

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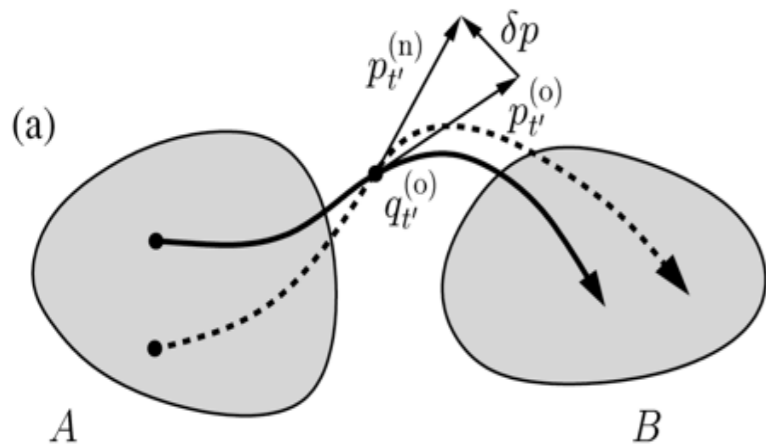
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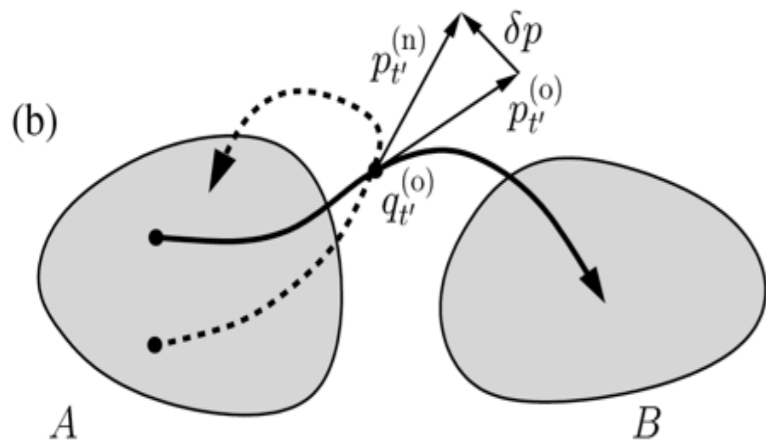
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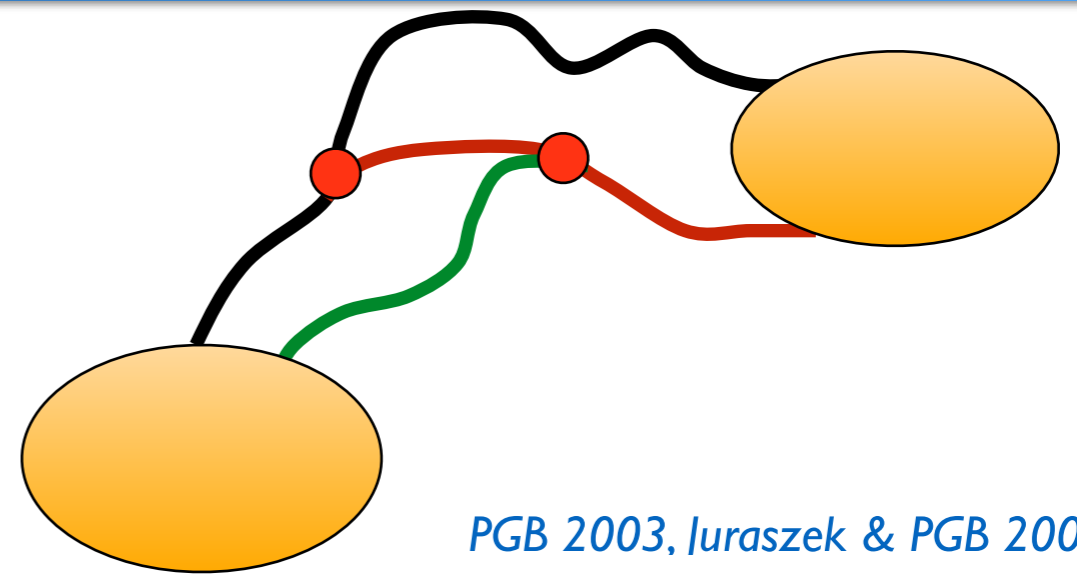
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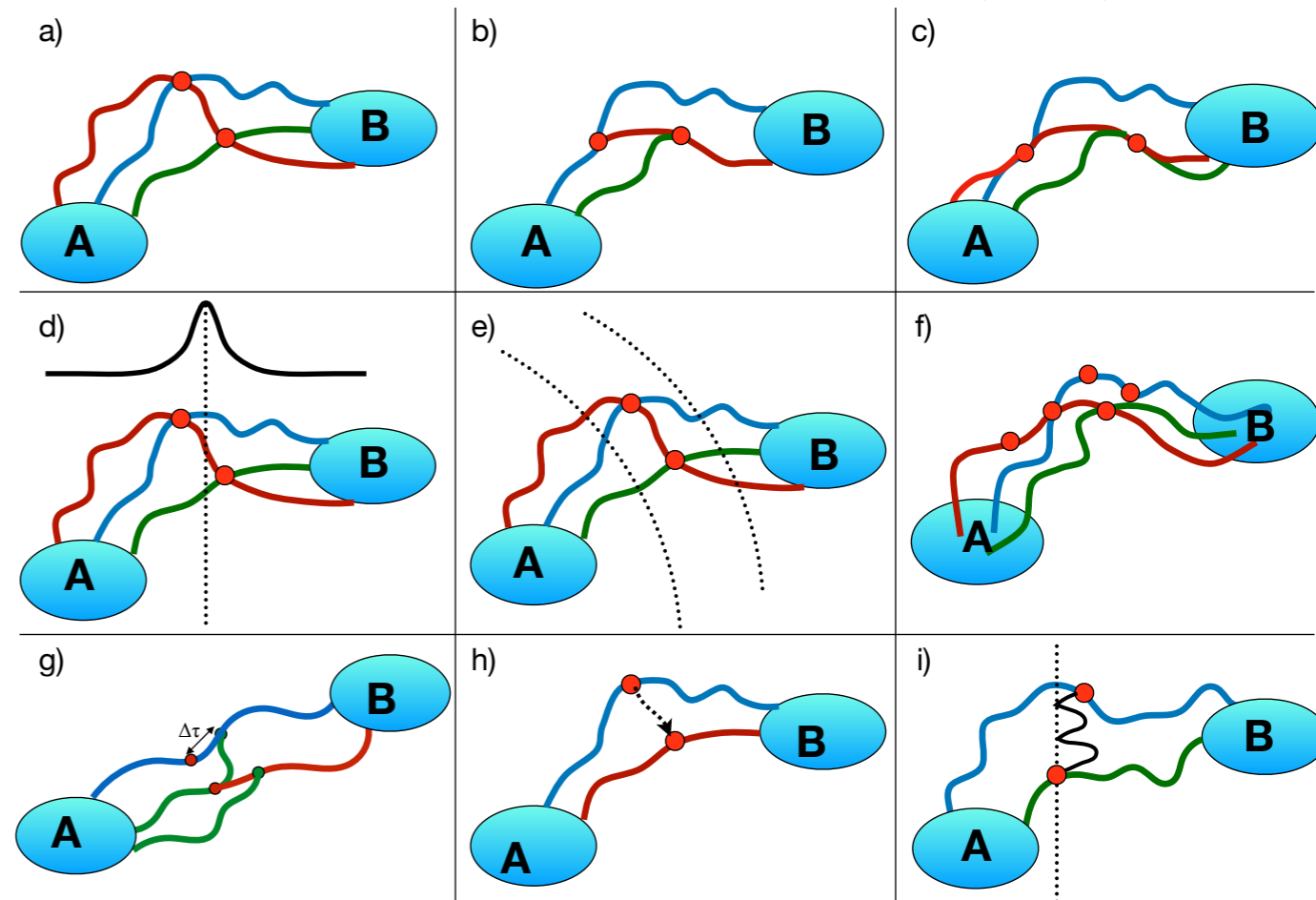
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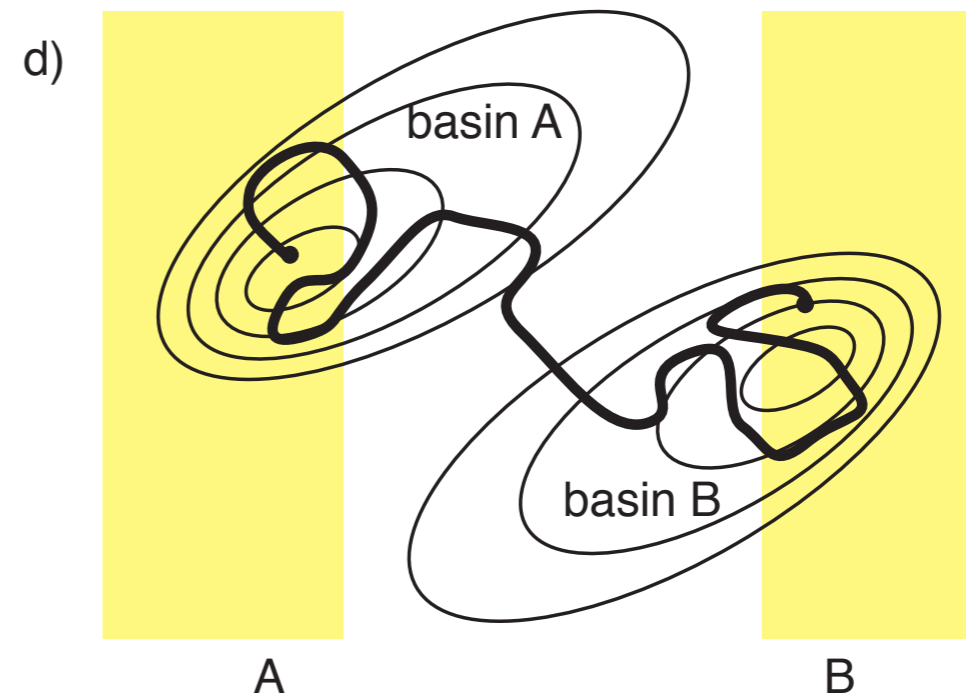
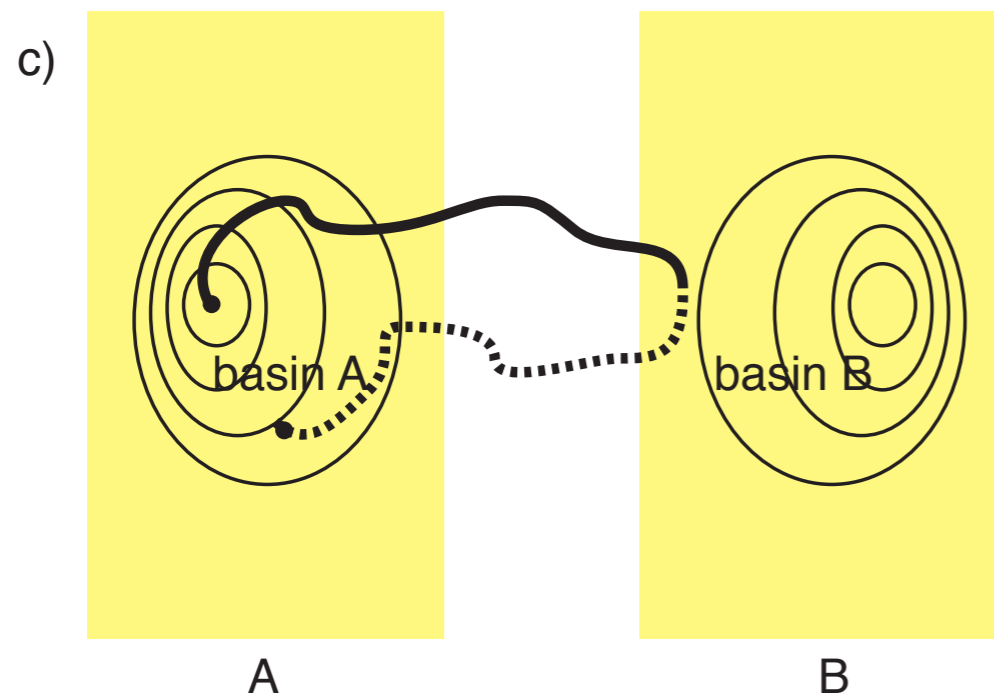
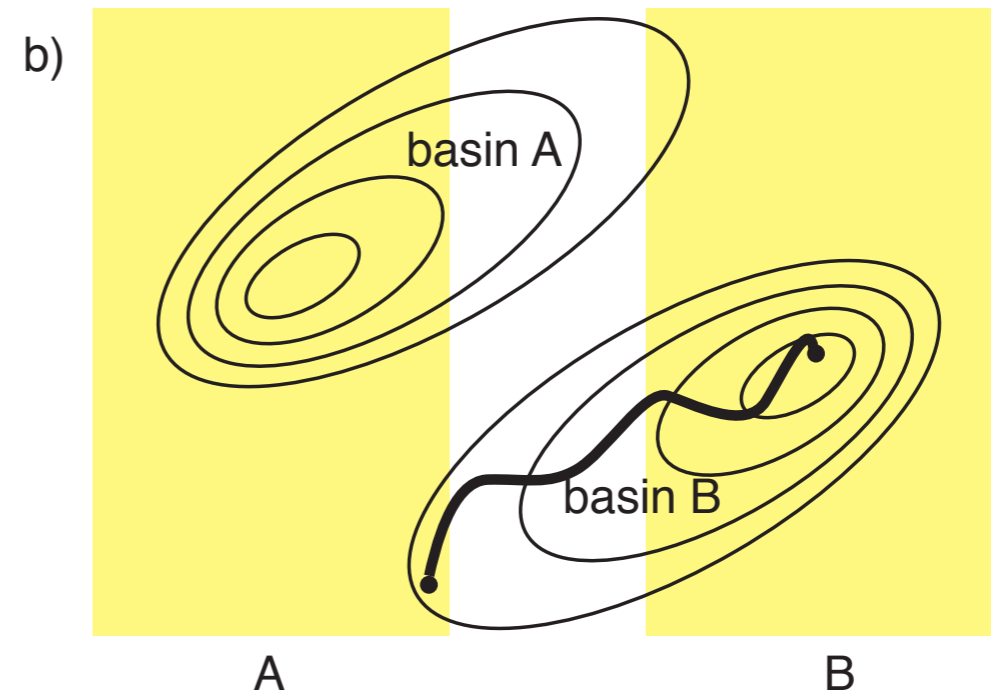
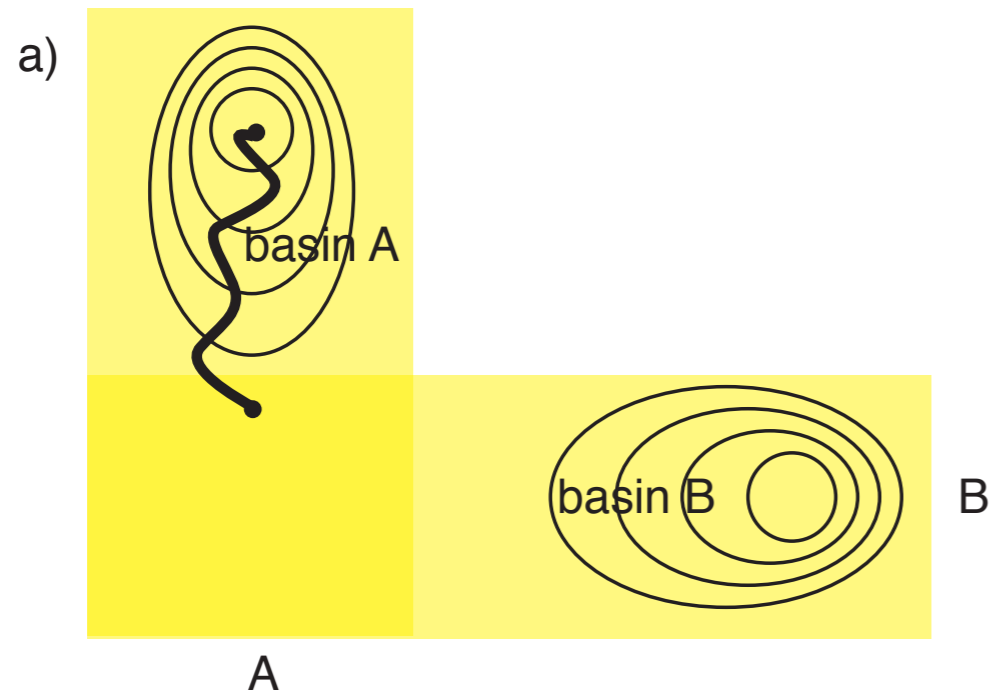


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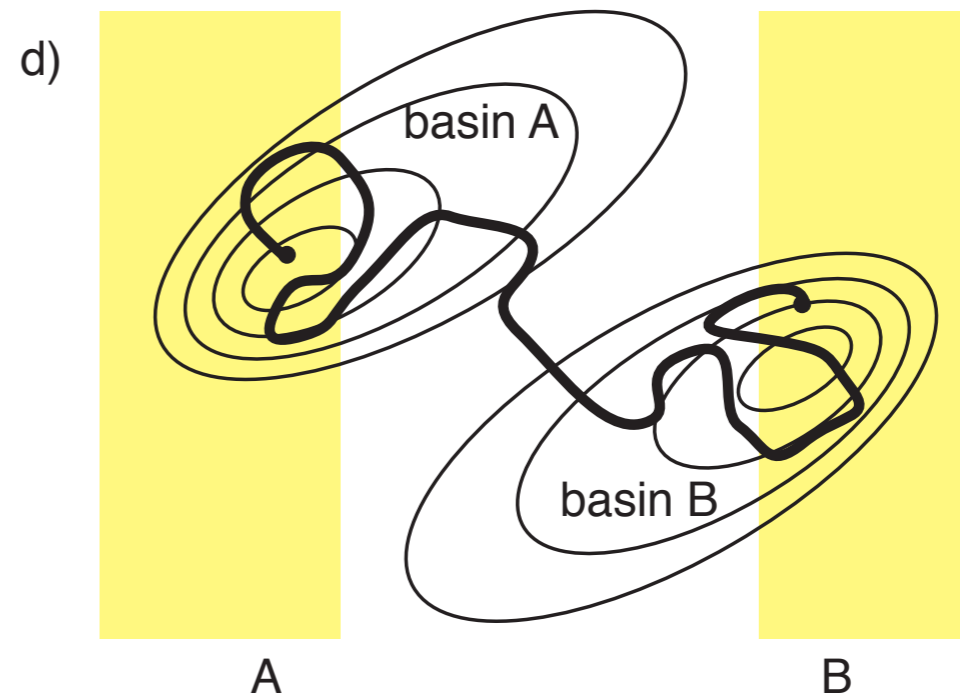
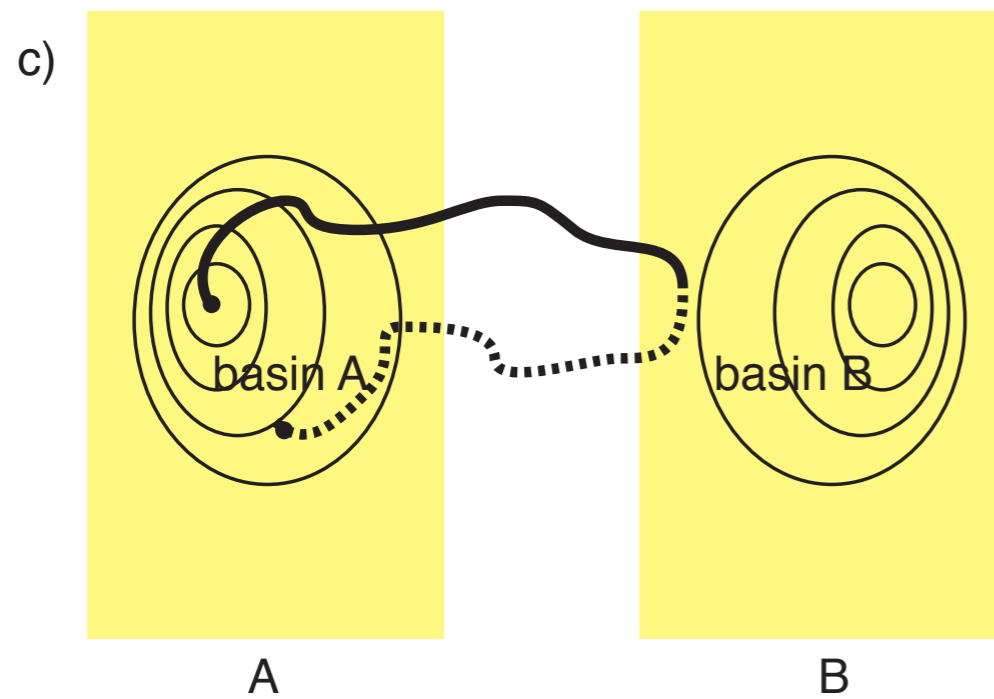
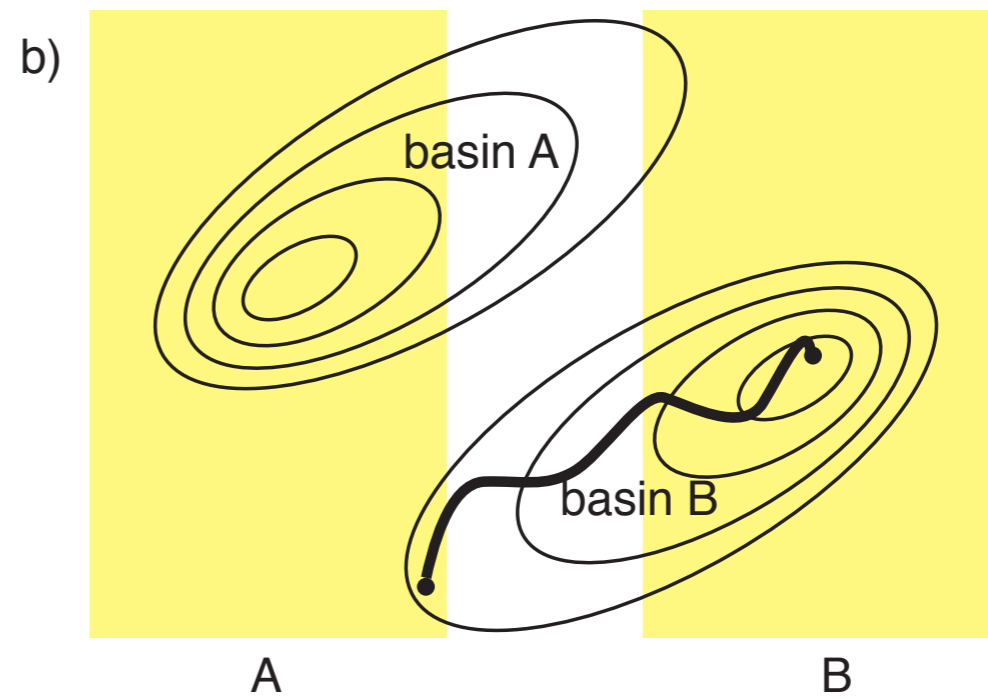
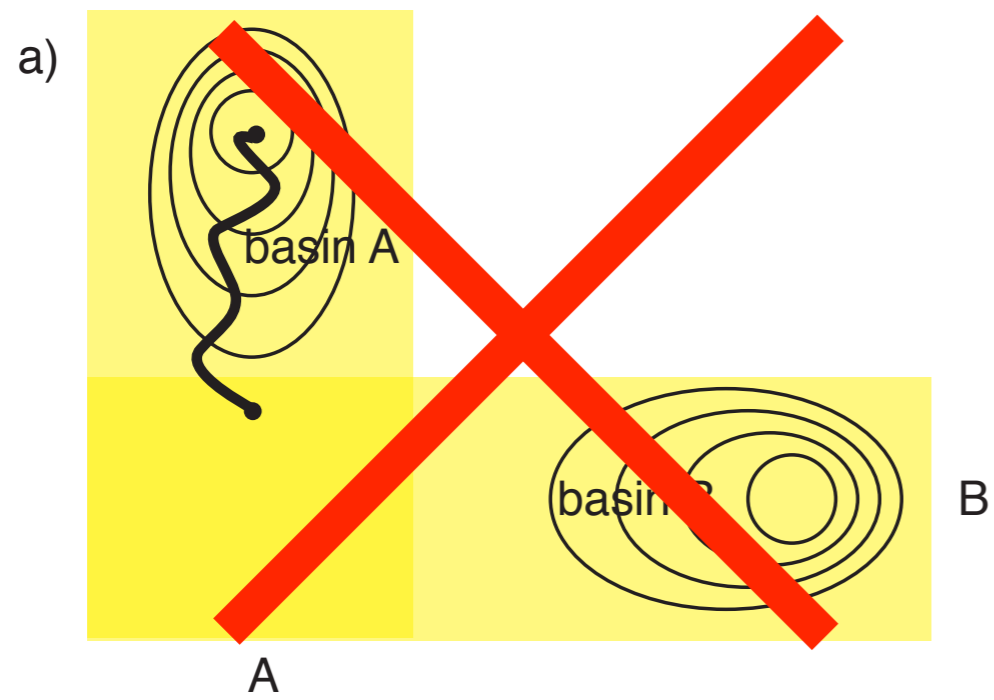
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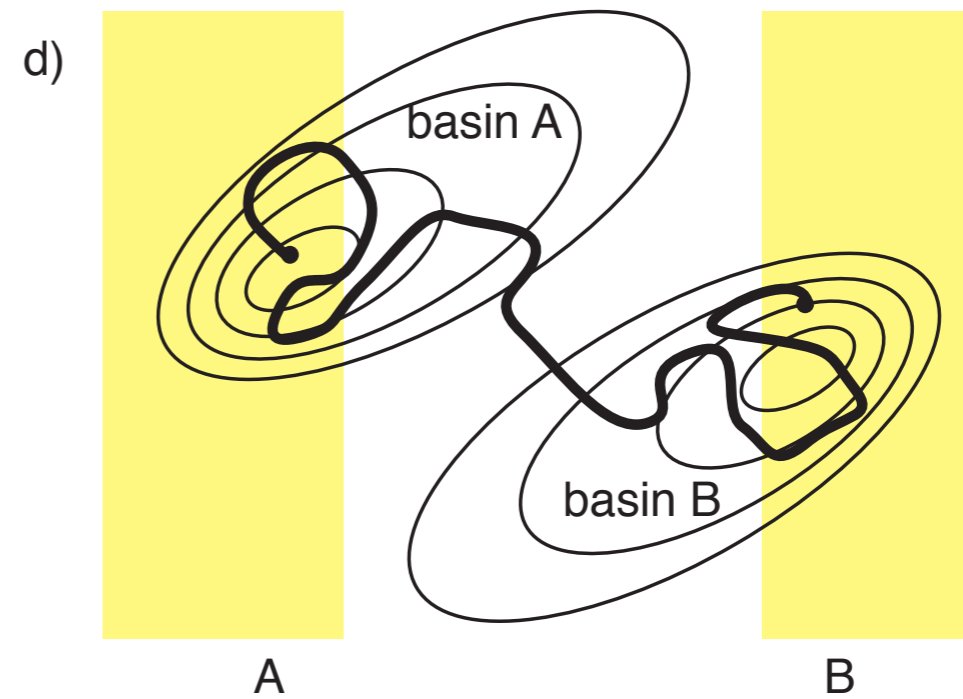
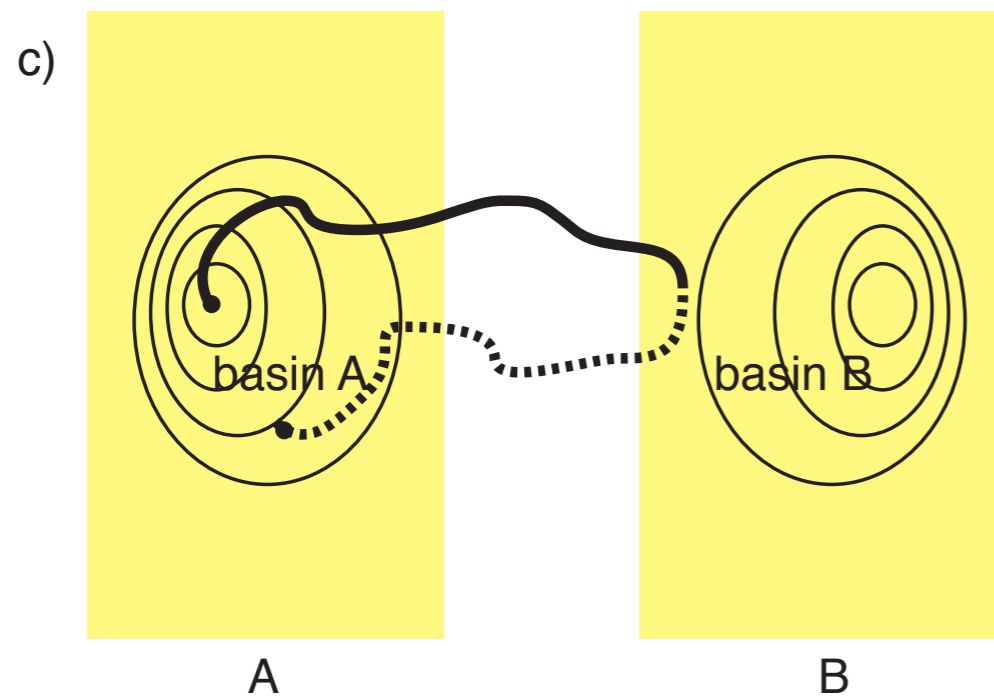
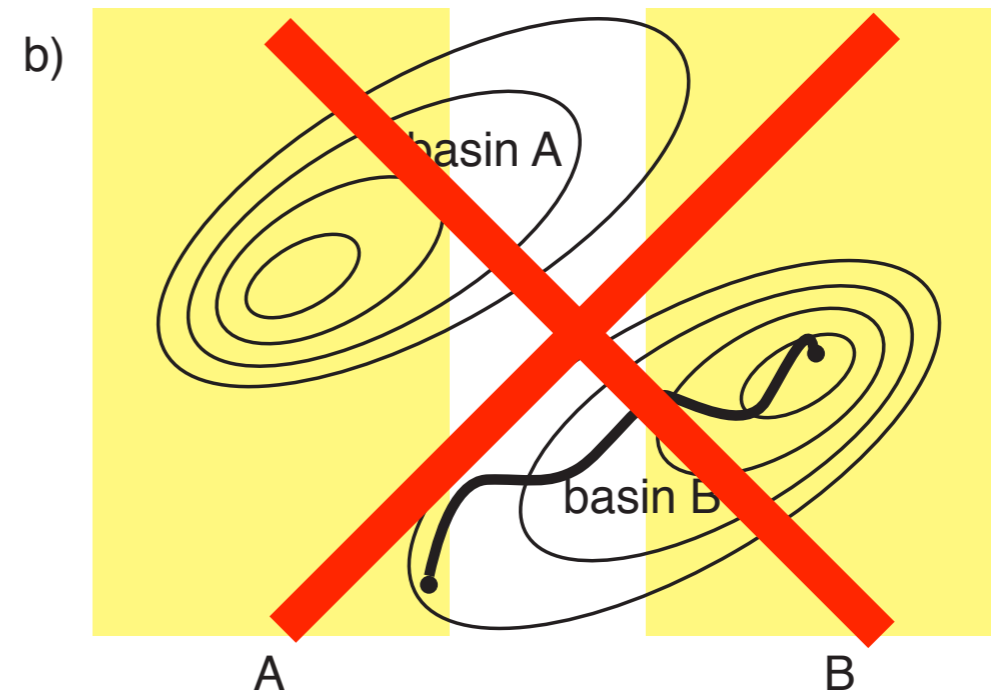
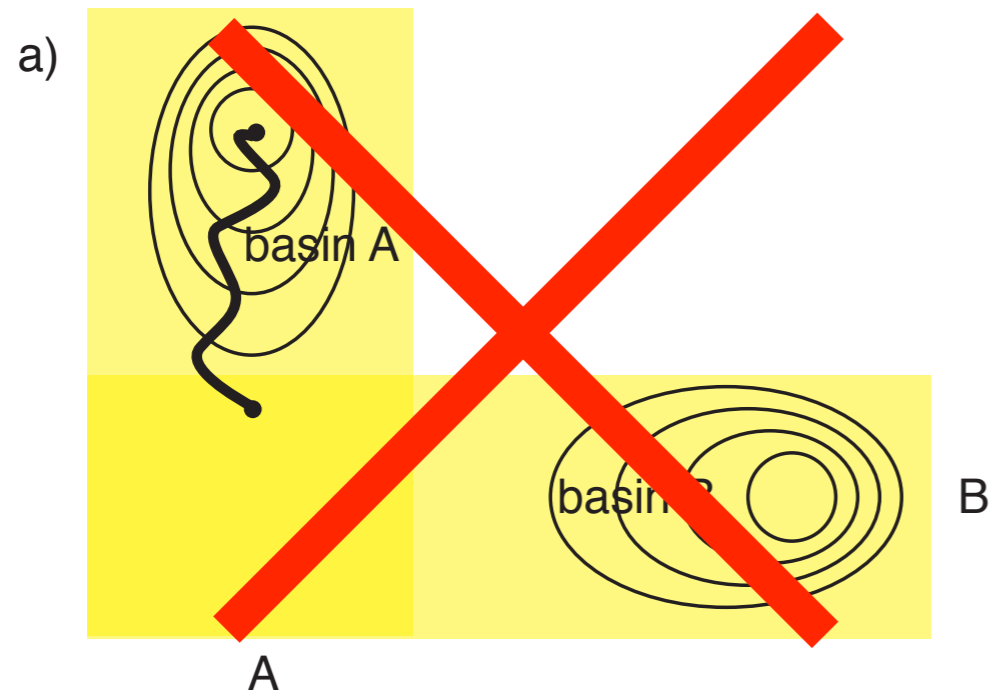
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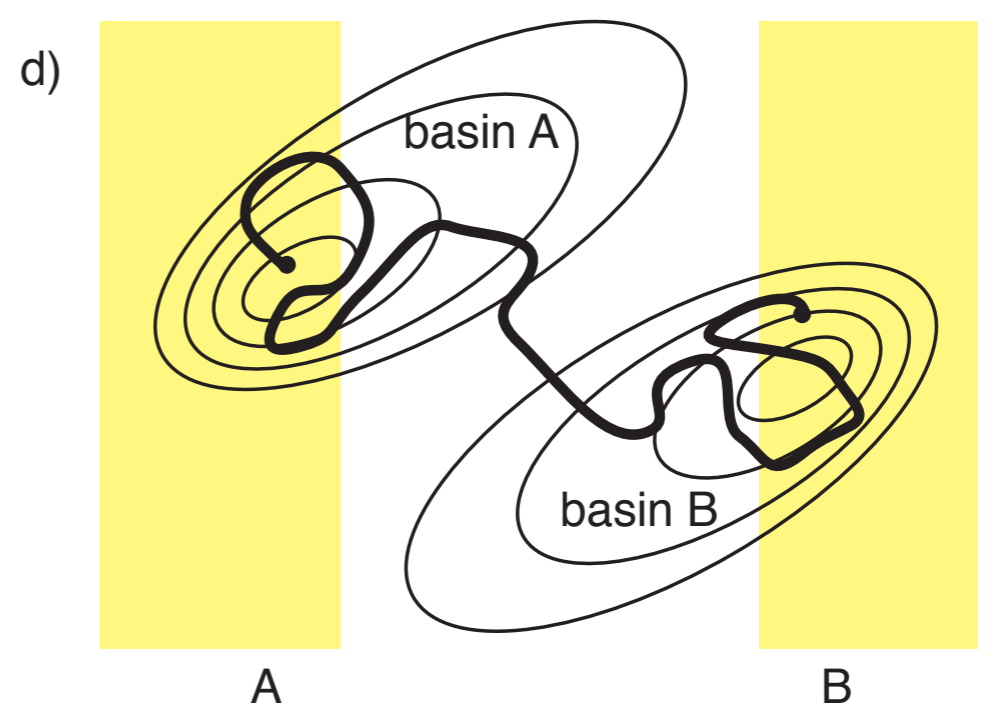
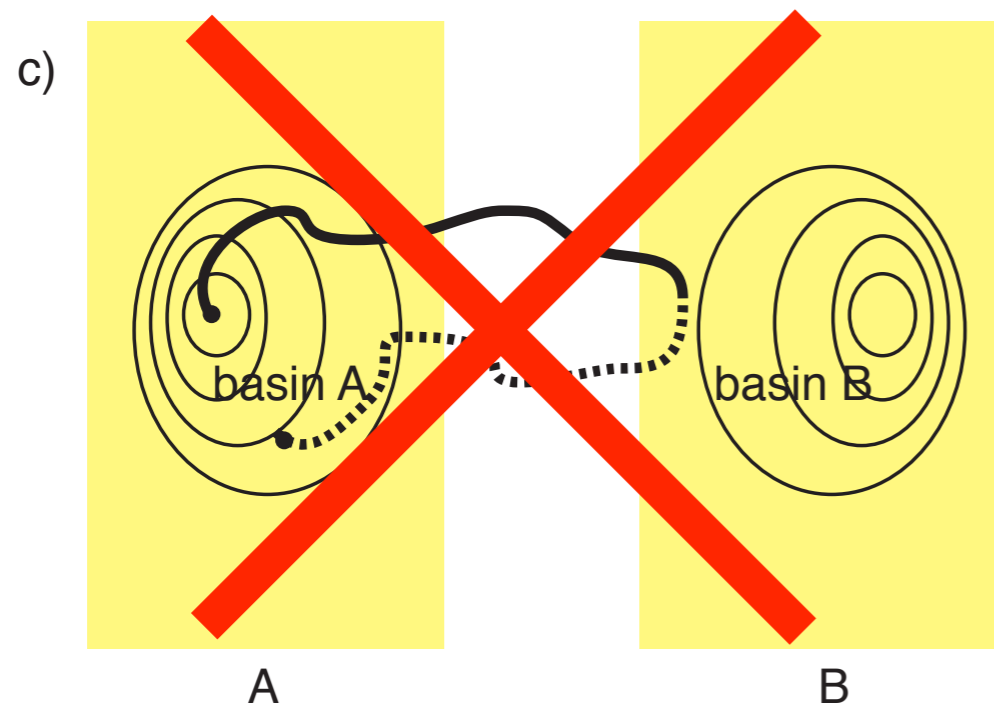
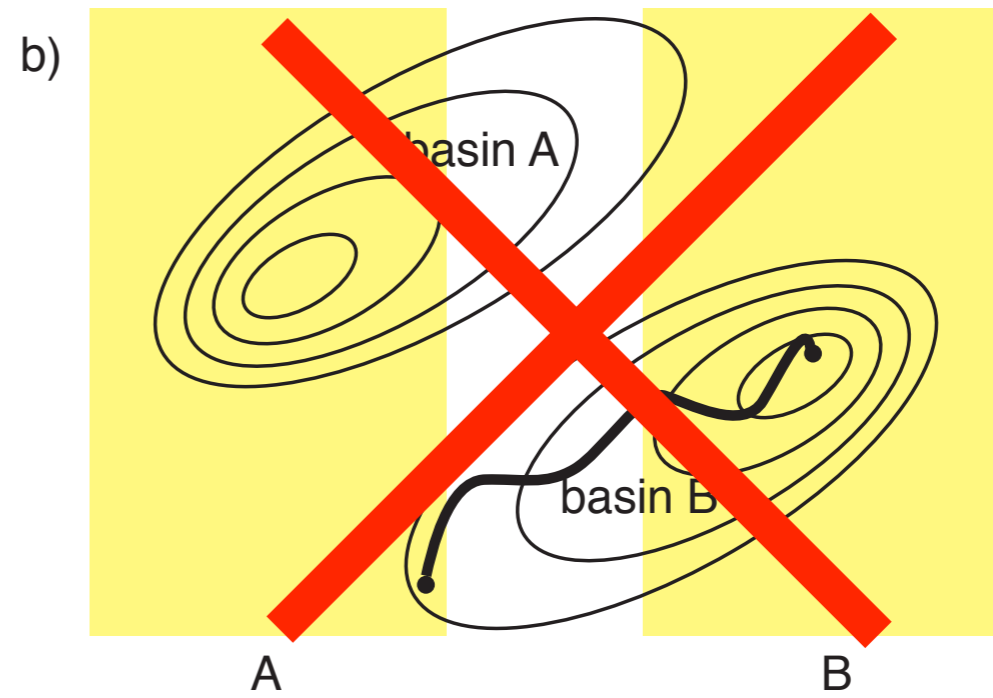
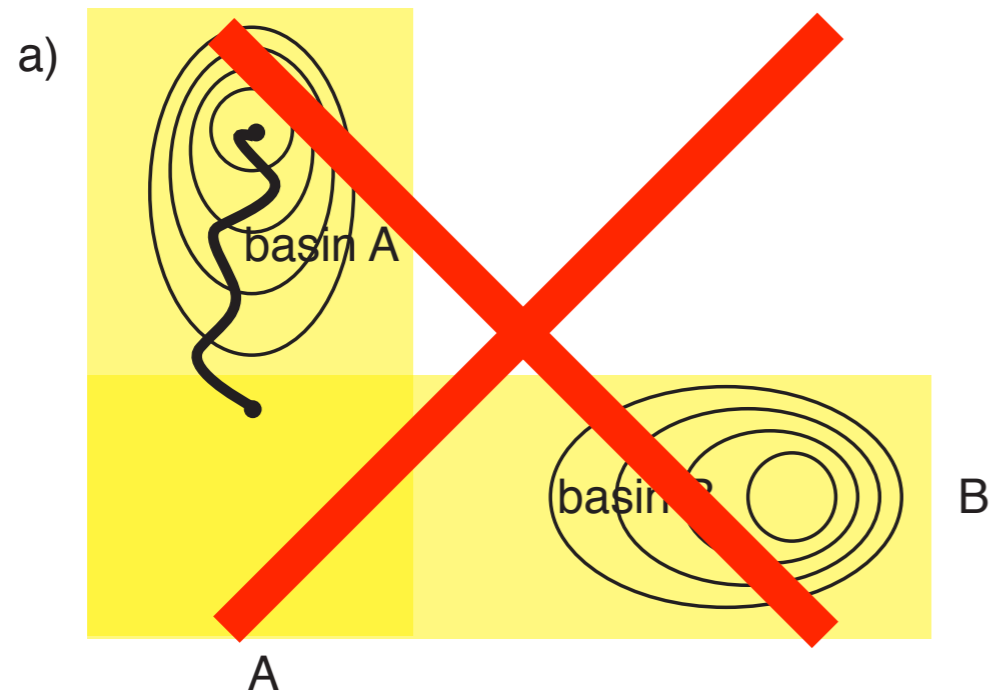
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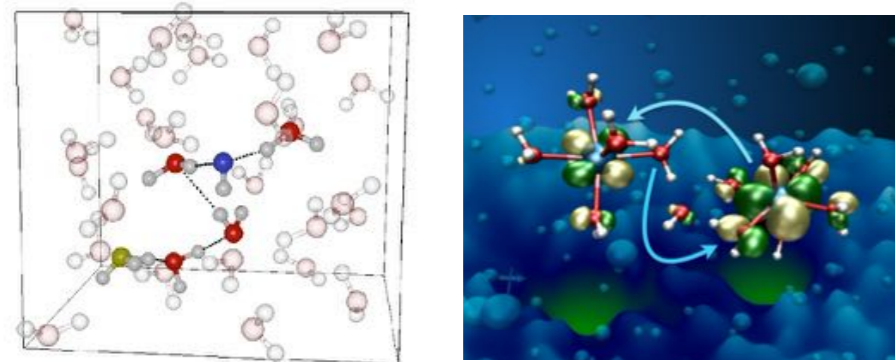


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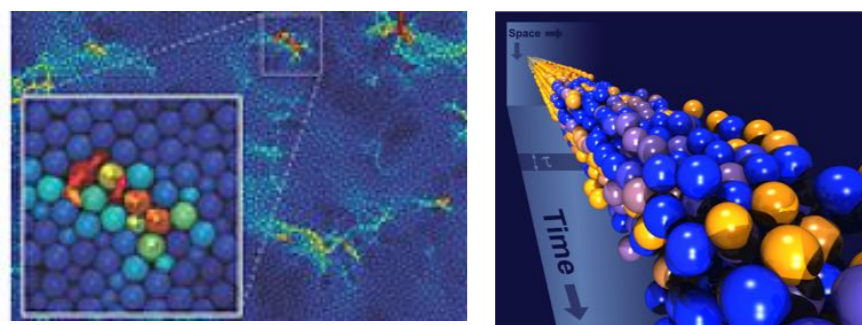
# Selected TPS applications

## Chemical reactions in solution



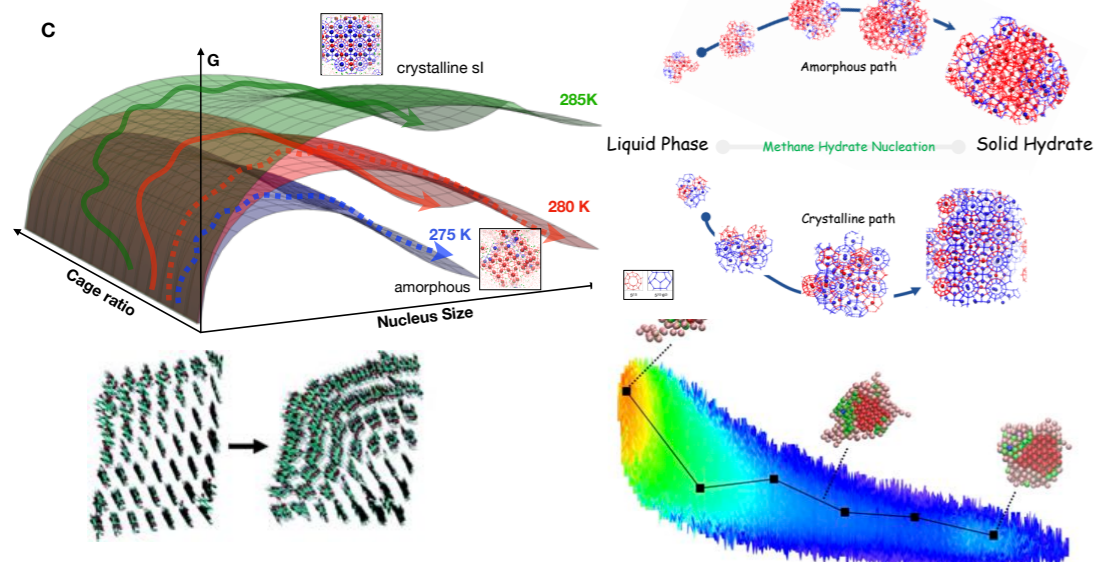
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## Glasses



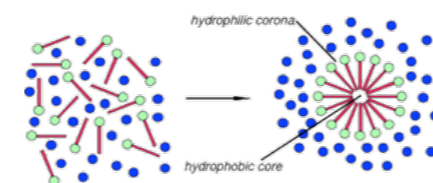
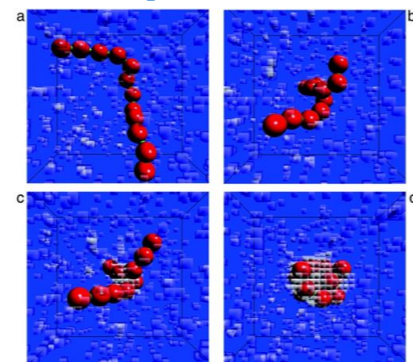
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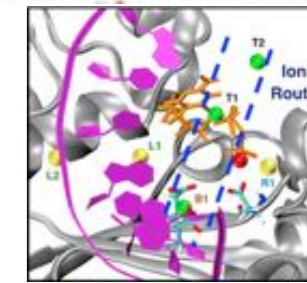
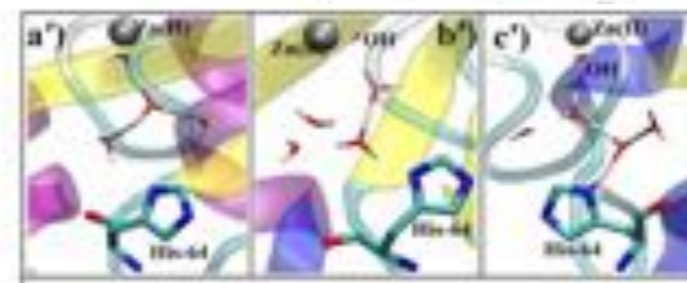
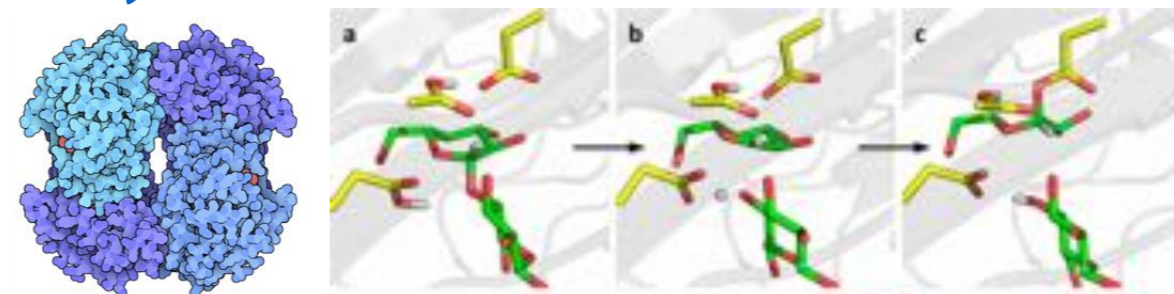
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## Microphases



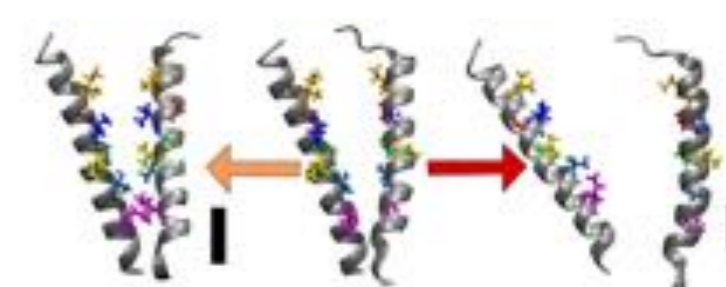
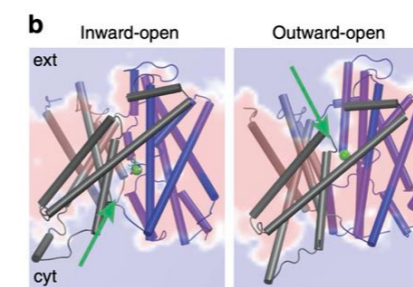
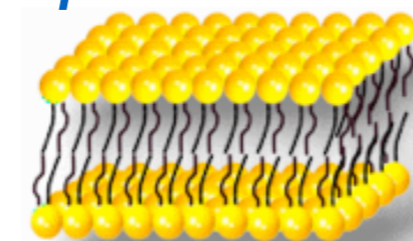
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## Enzymatic reactions



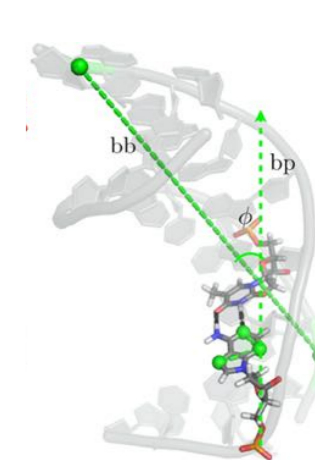
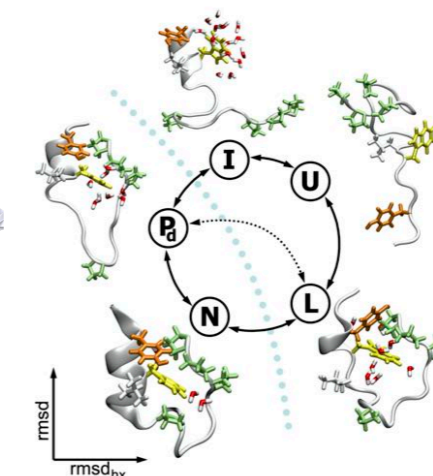
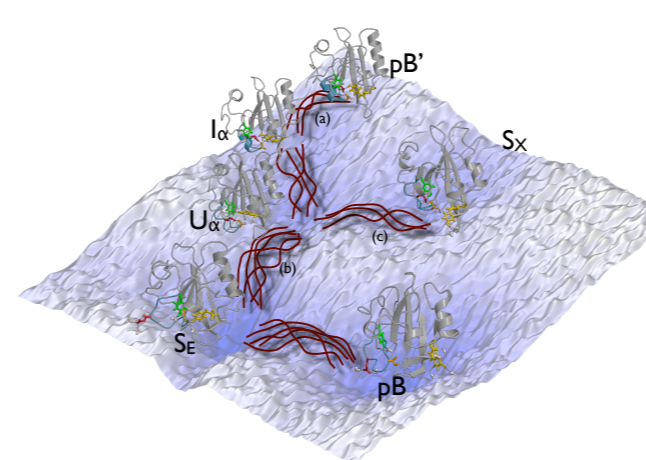
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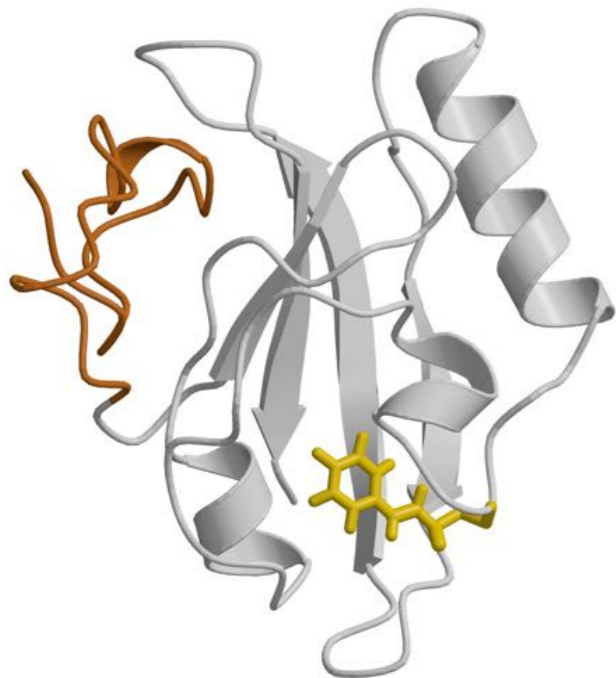
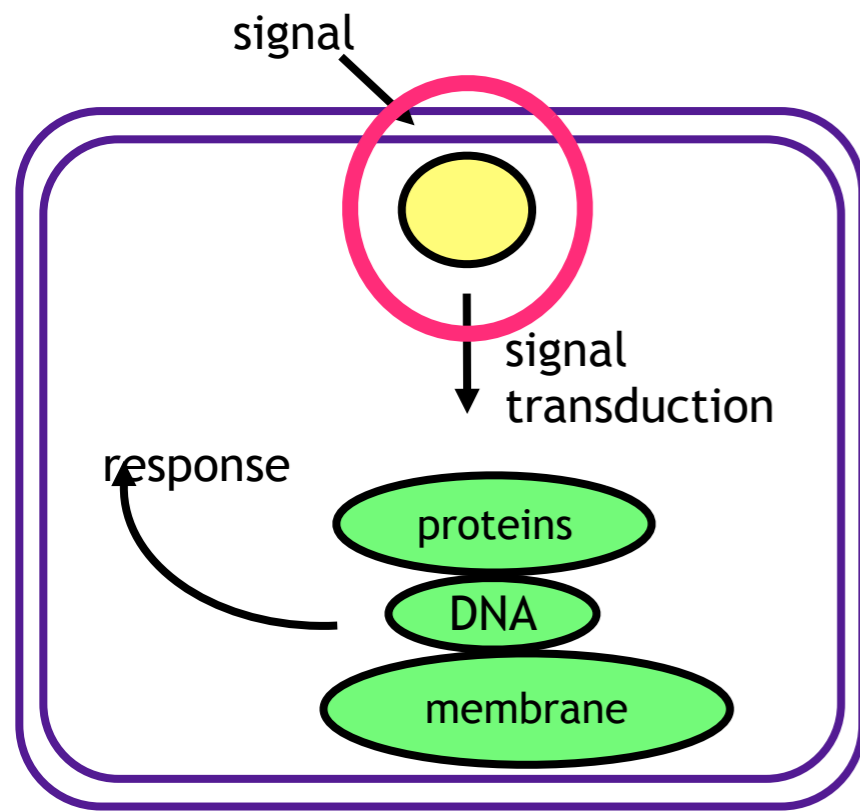
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## Biomolecular conformational change



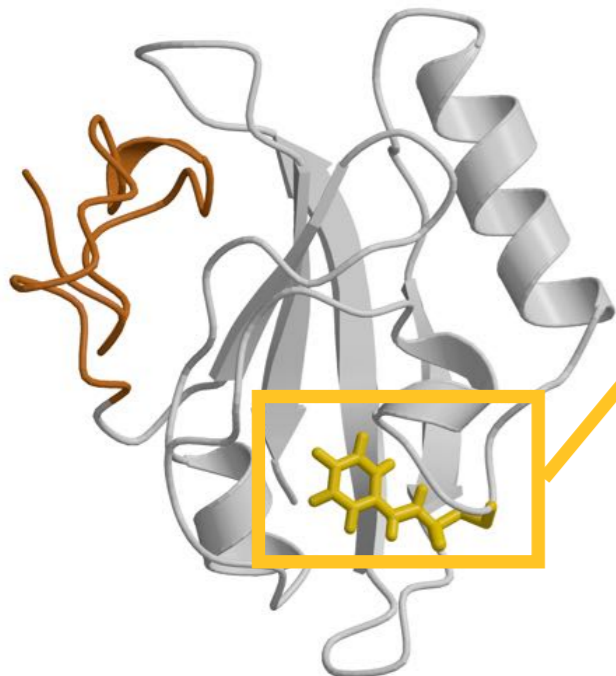
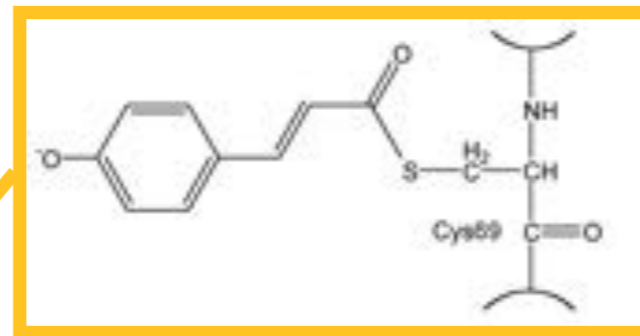
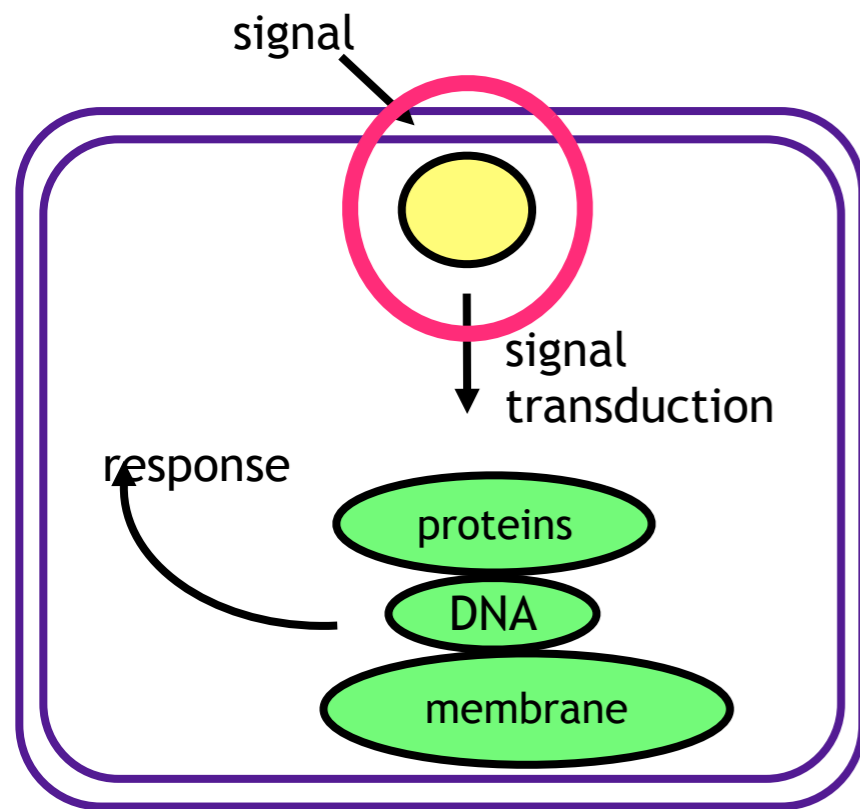
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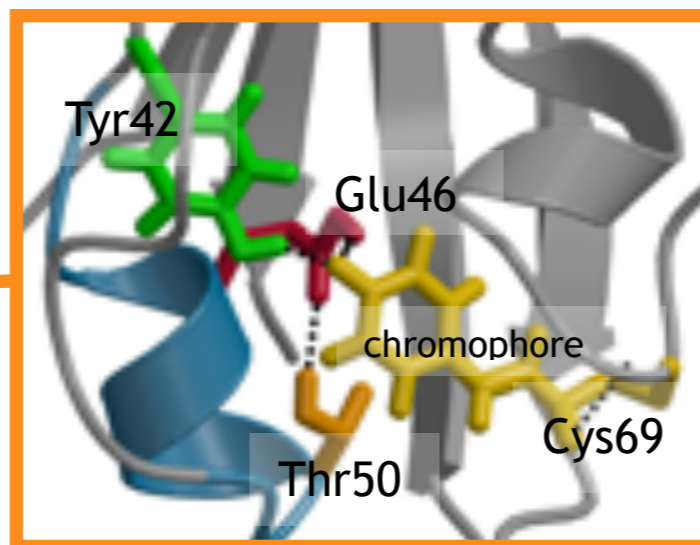
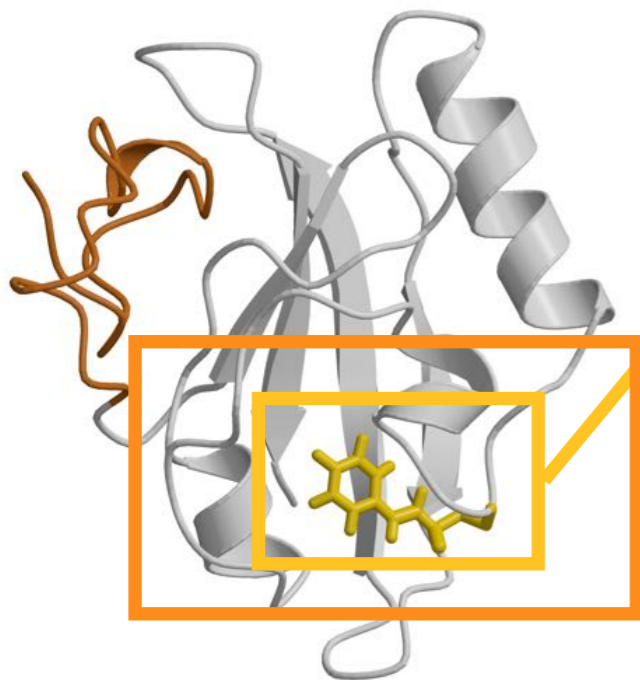
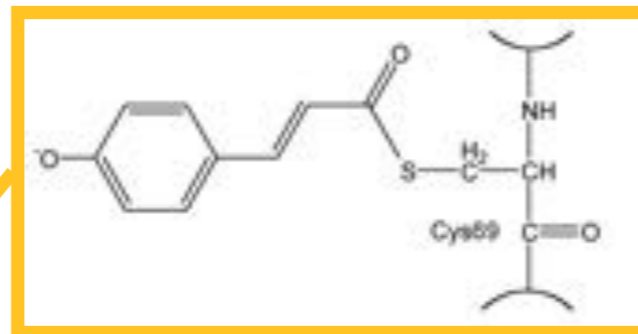
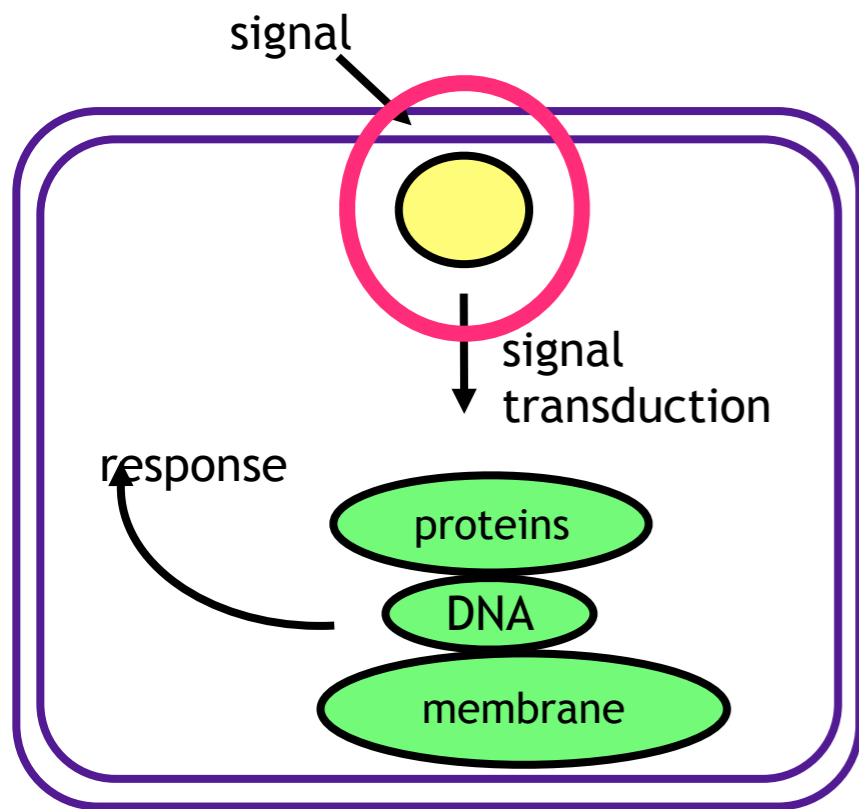
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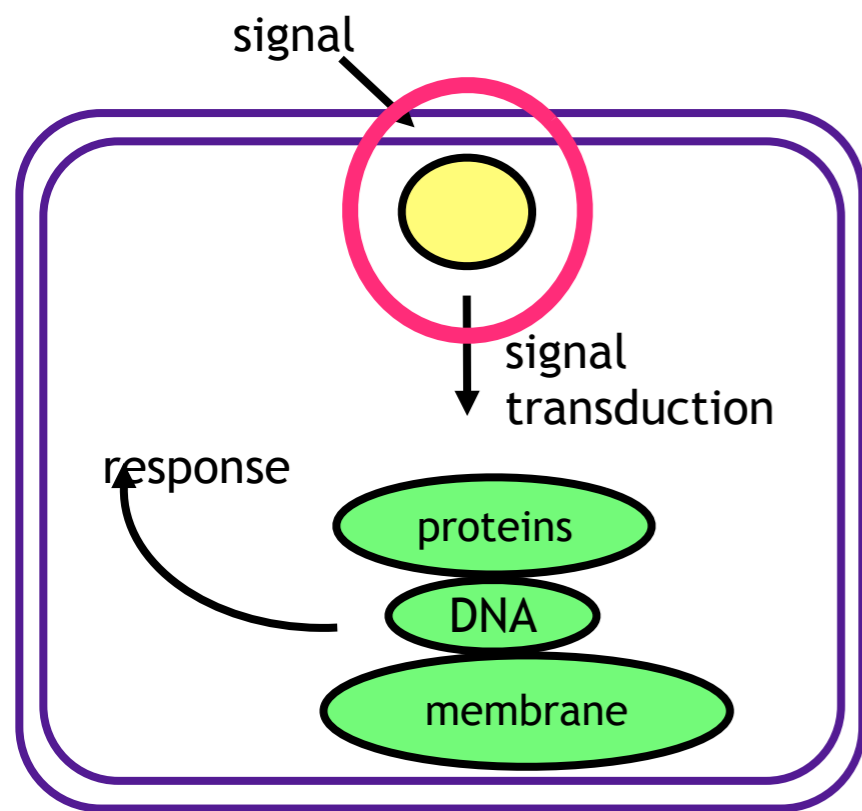


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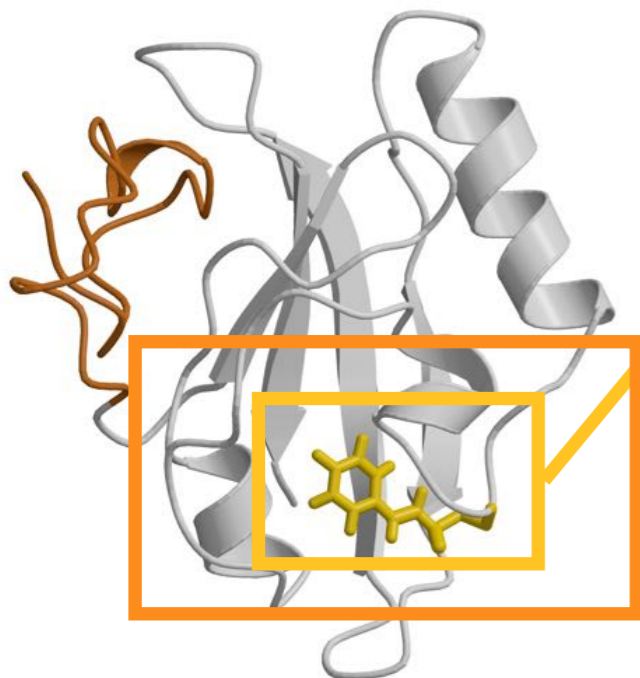
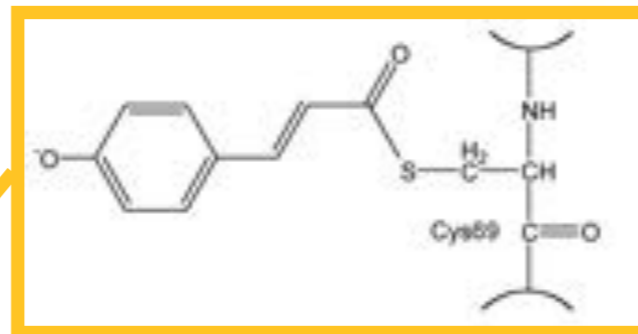
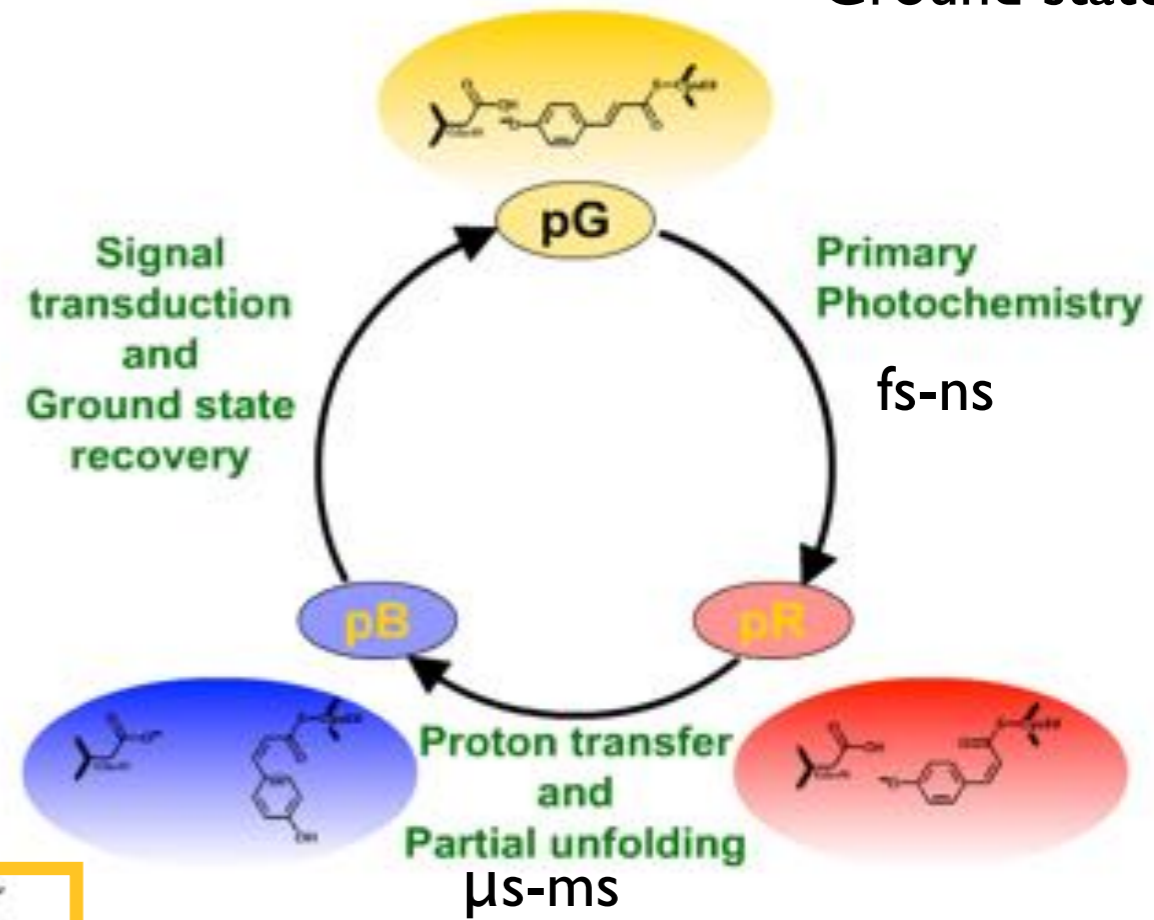


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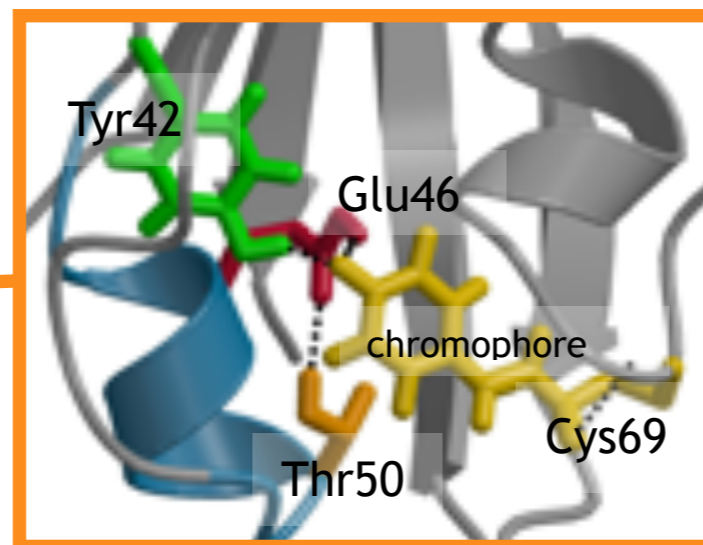
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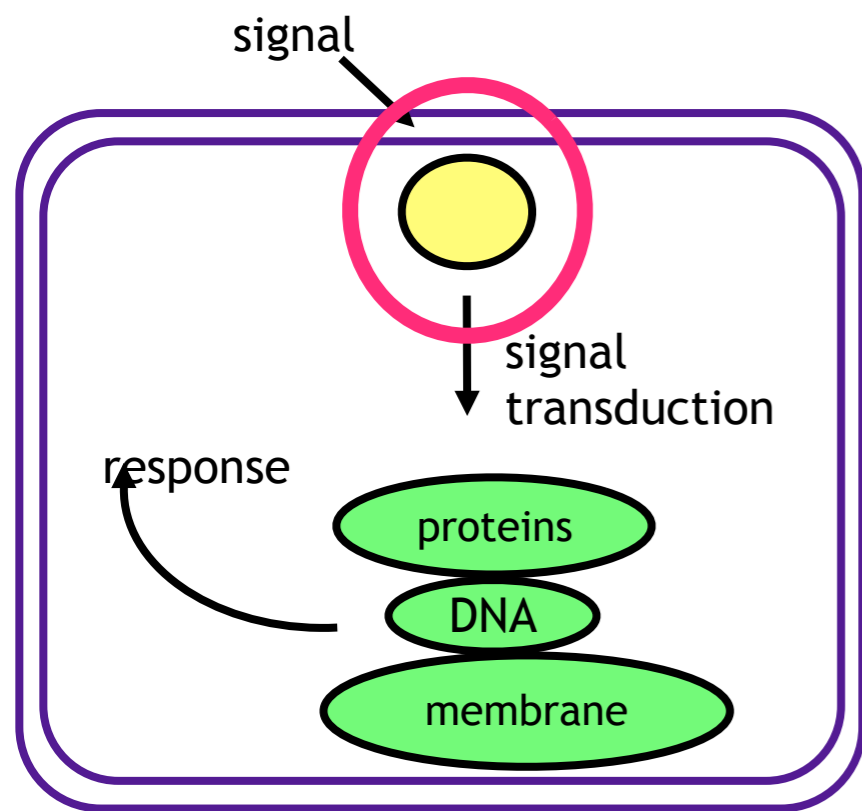


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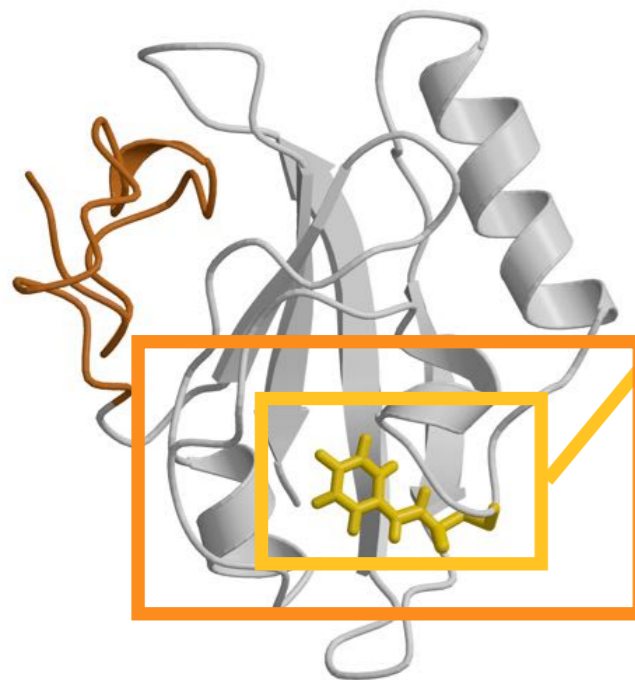
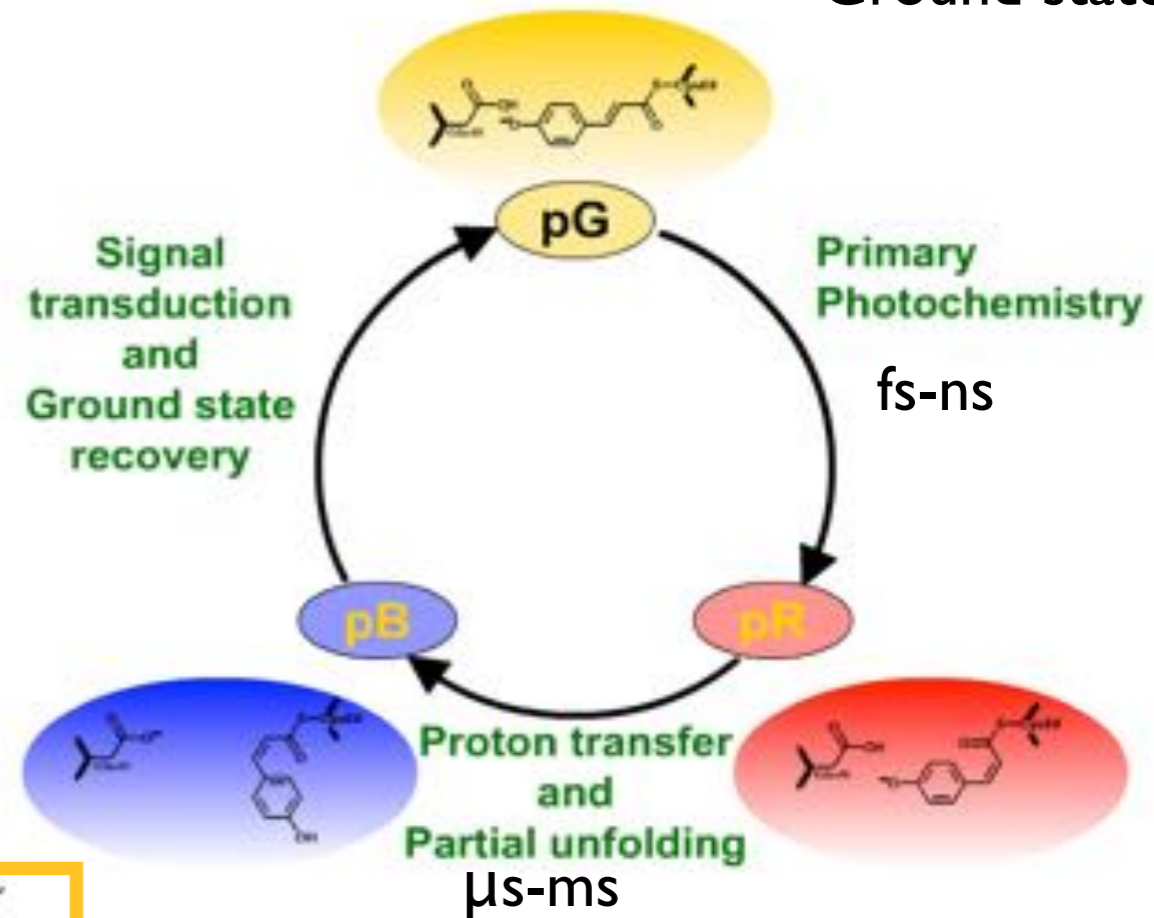


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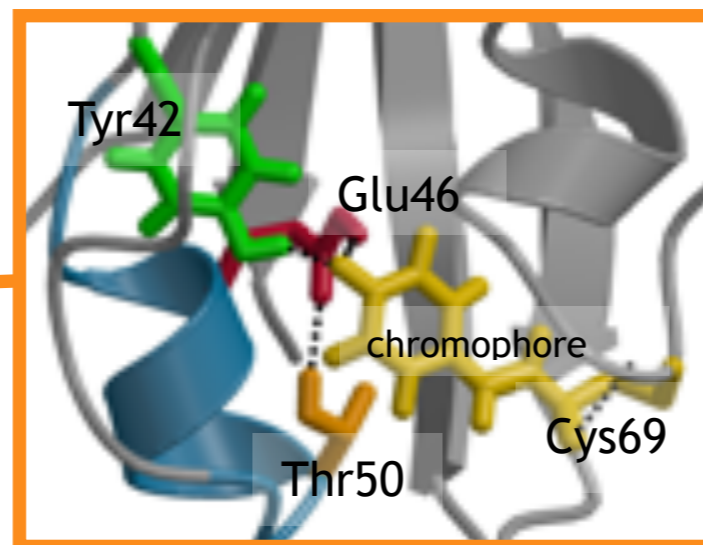
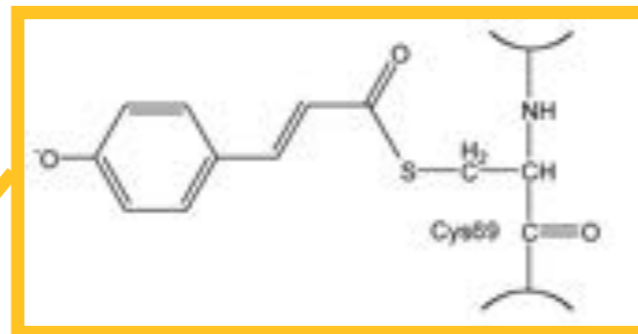
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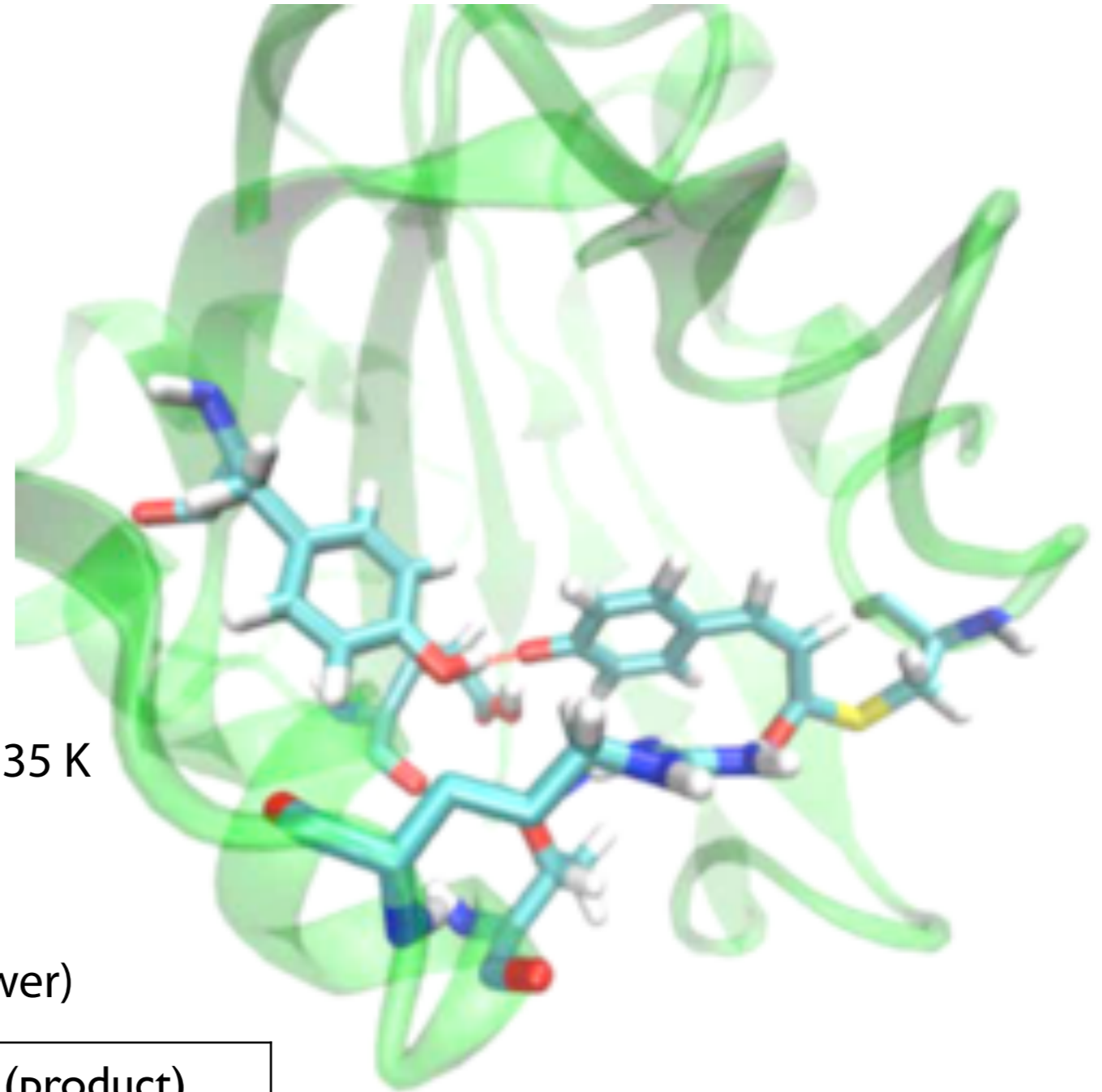
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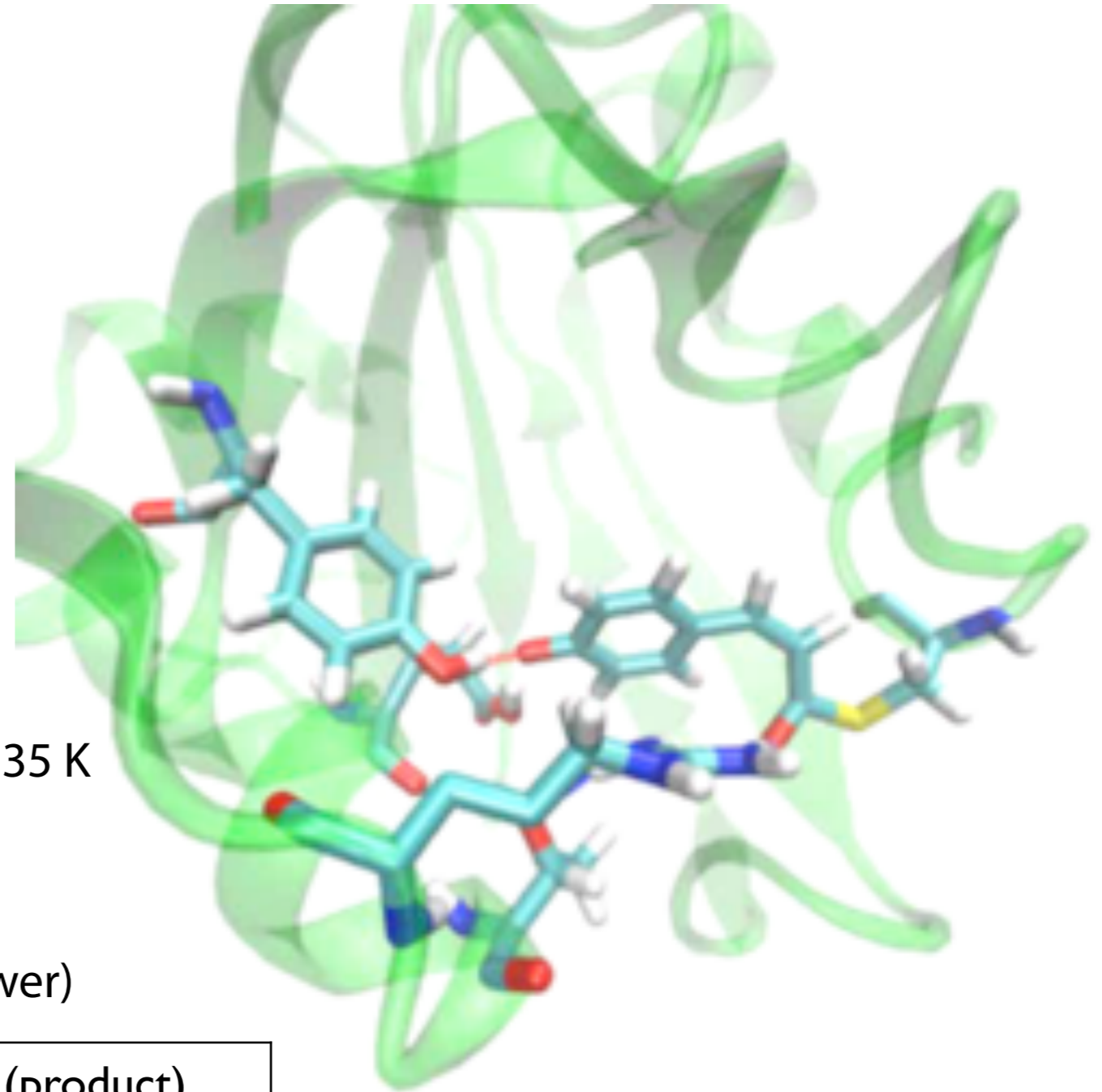
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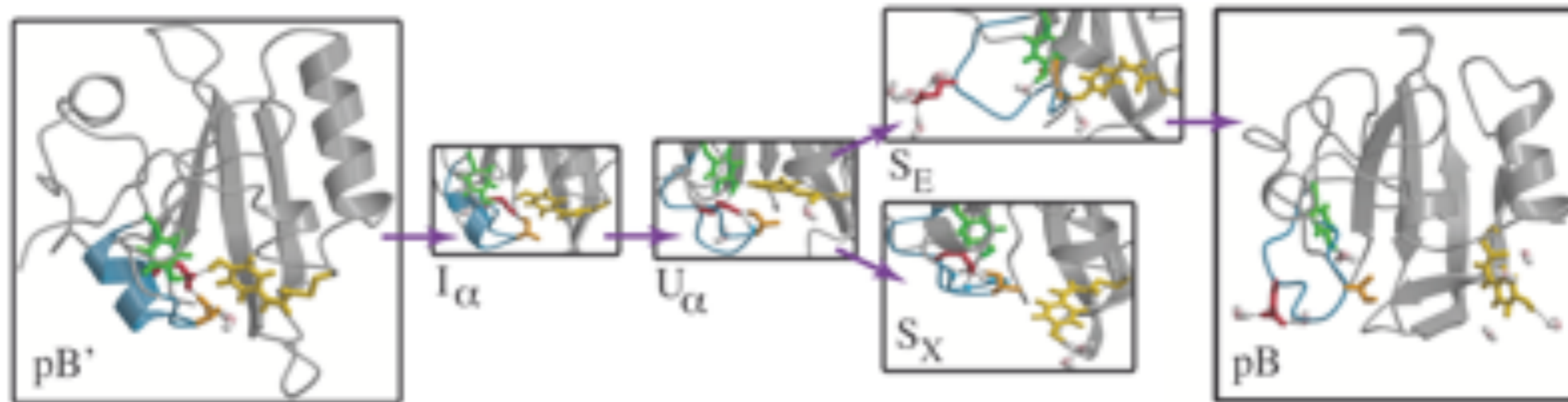
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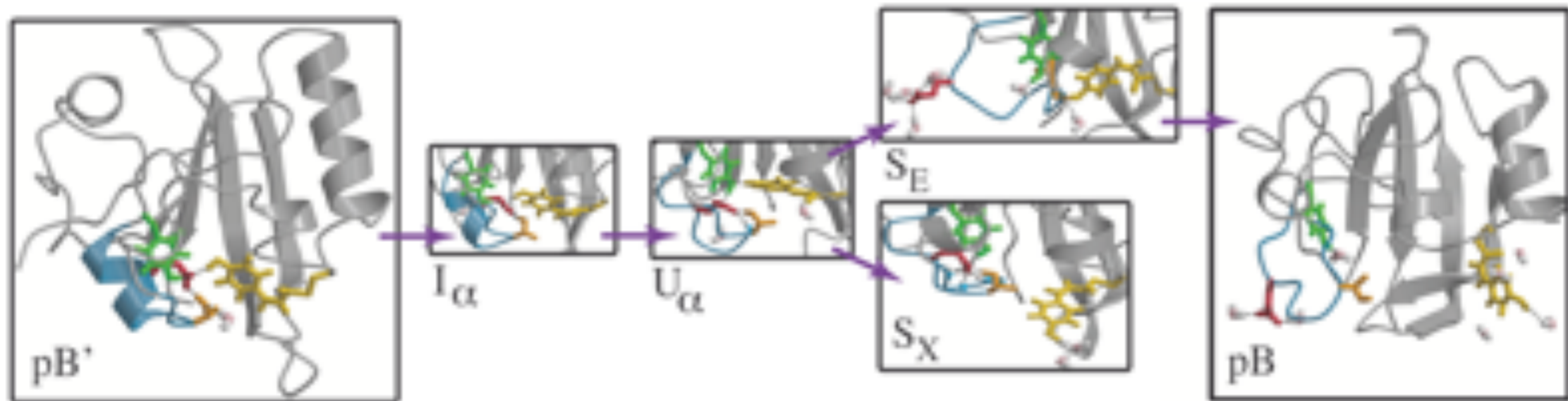
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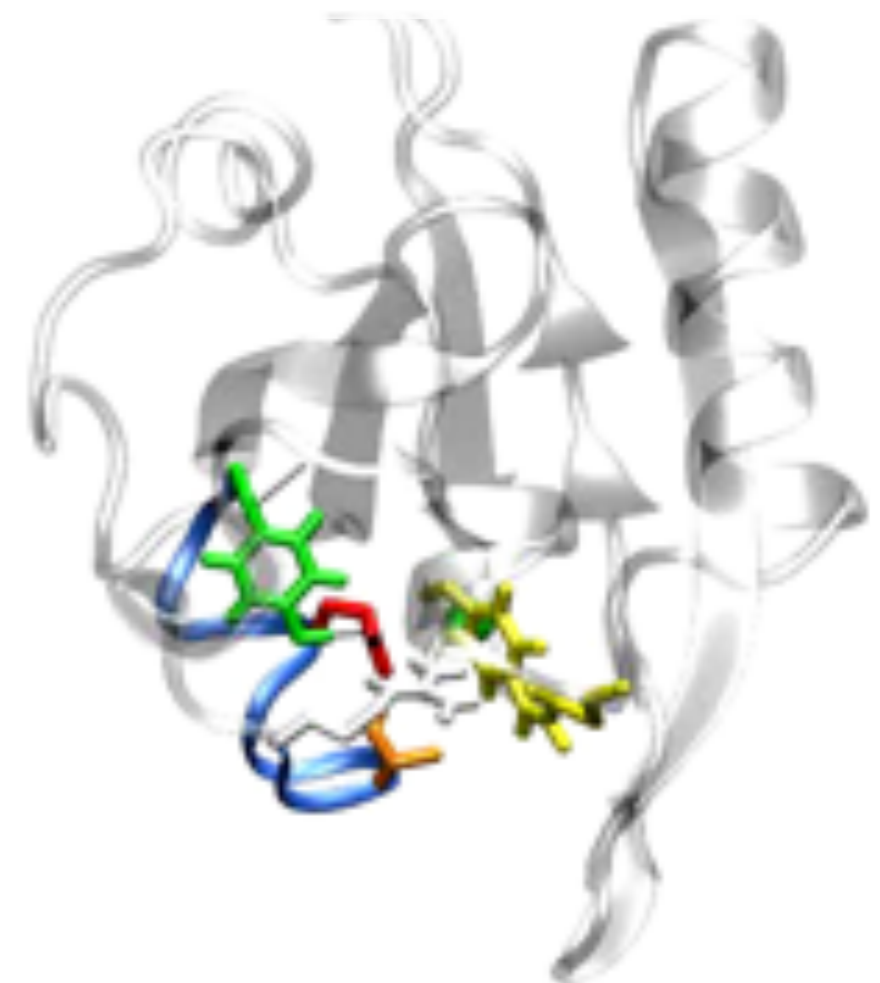
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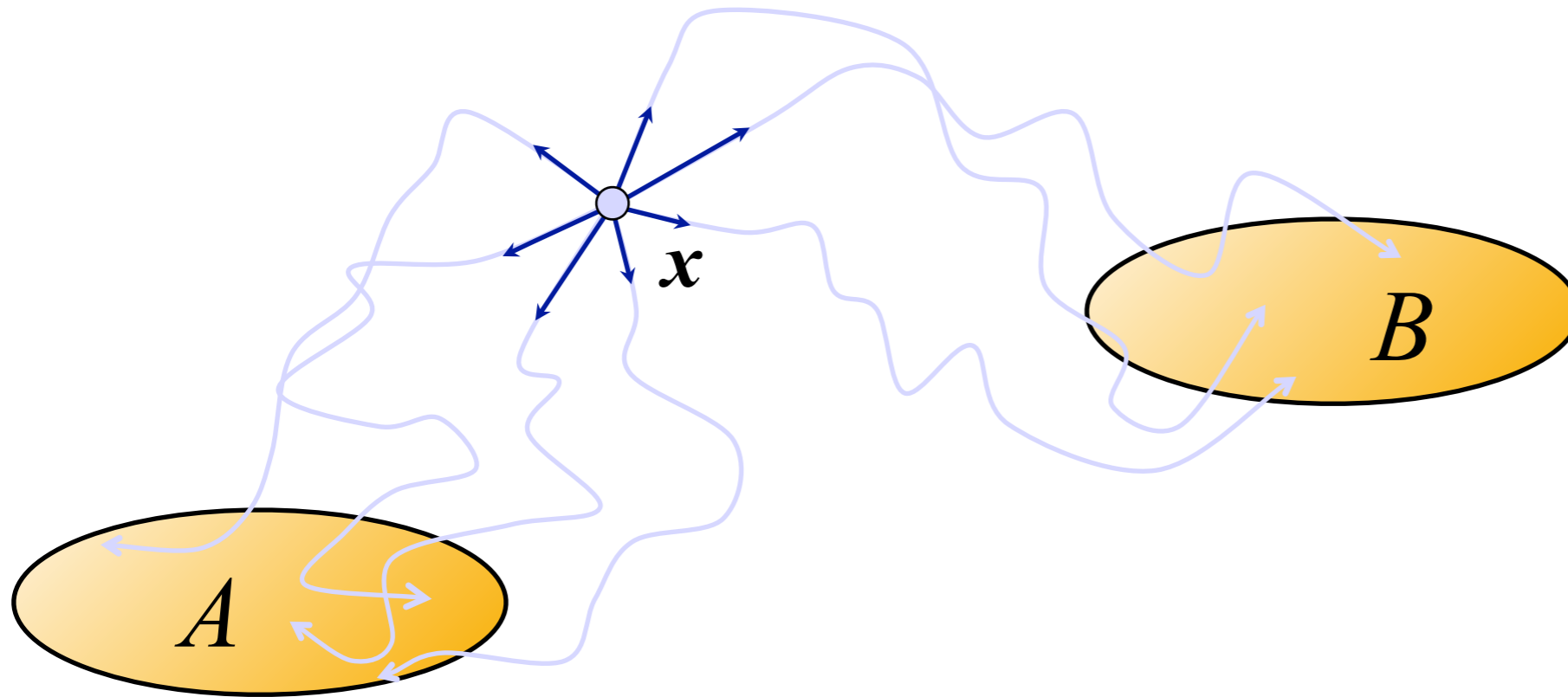
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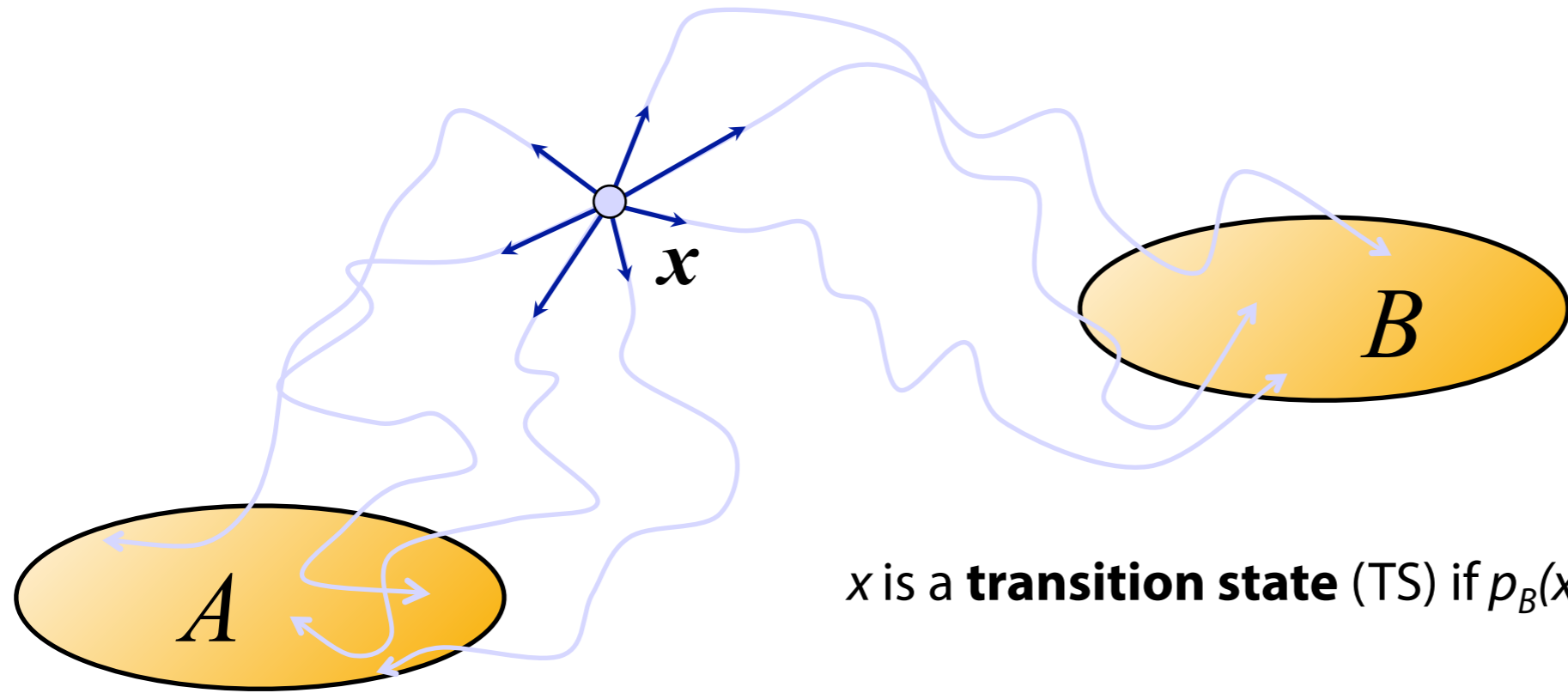
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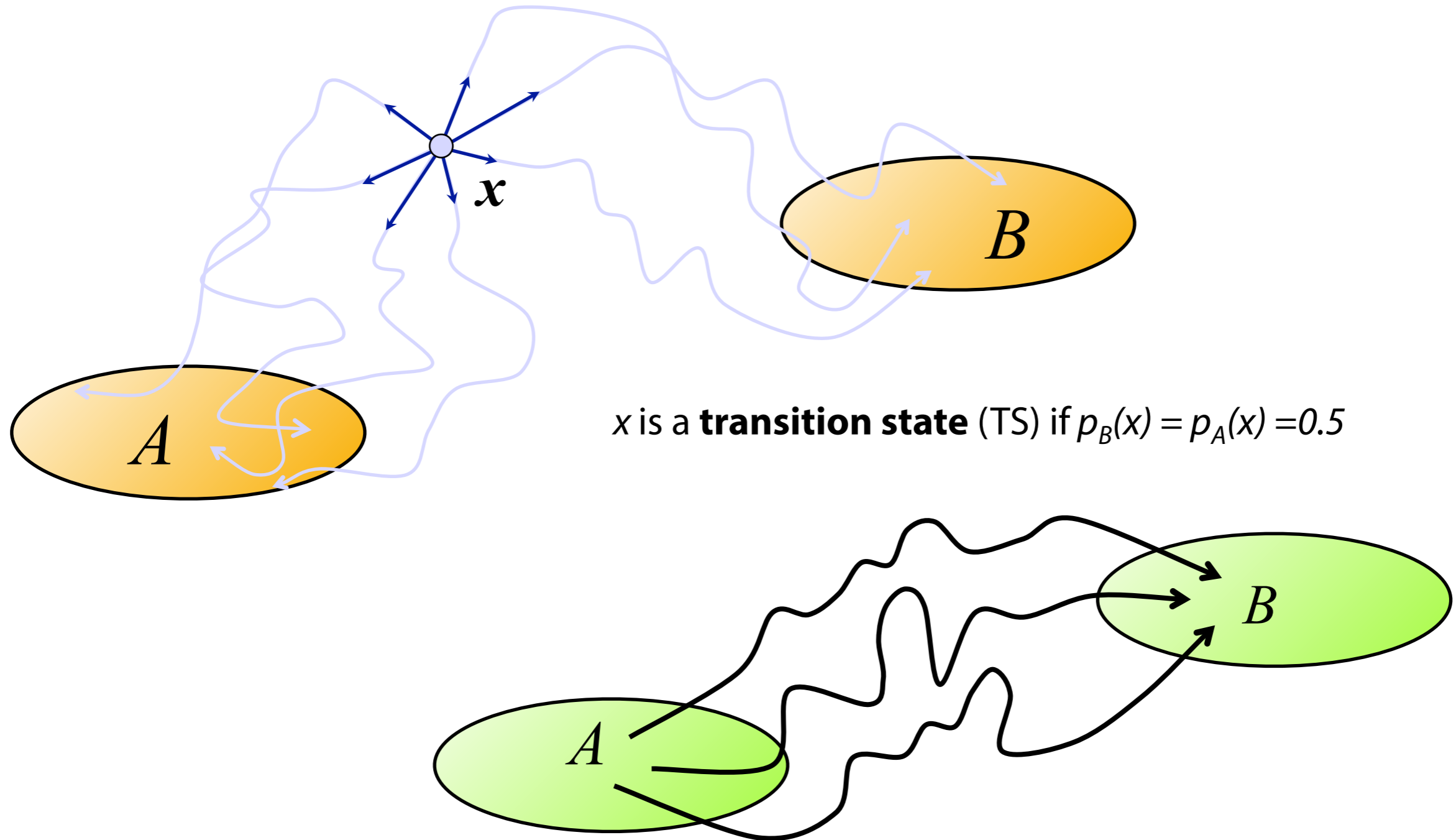


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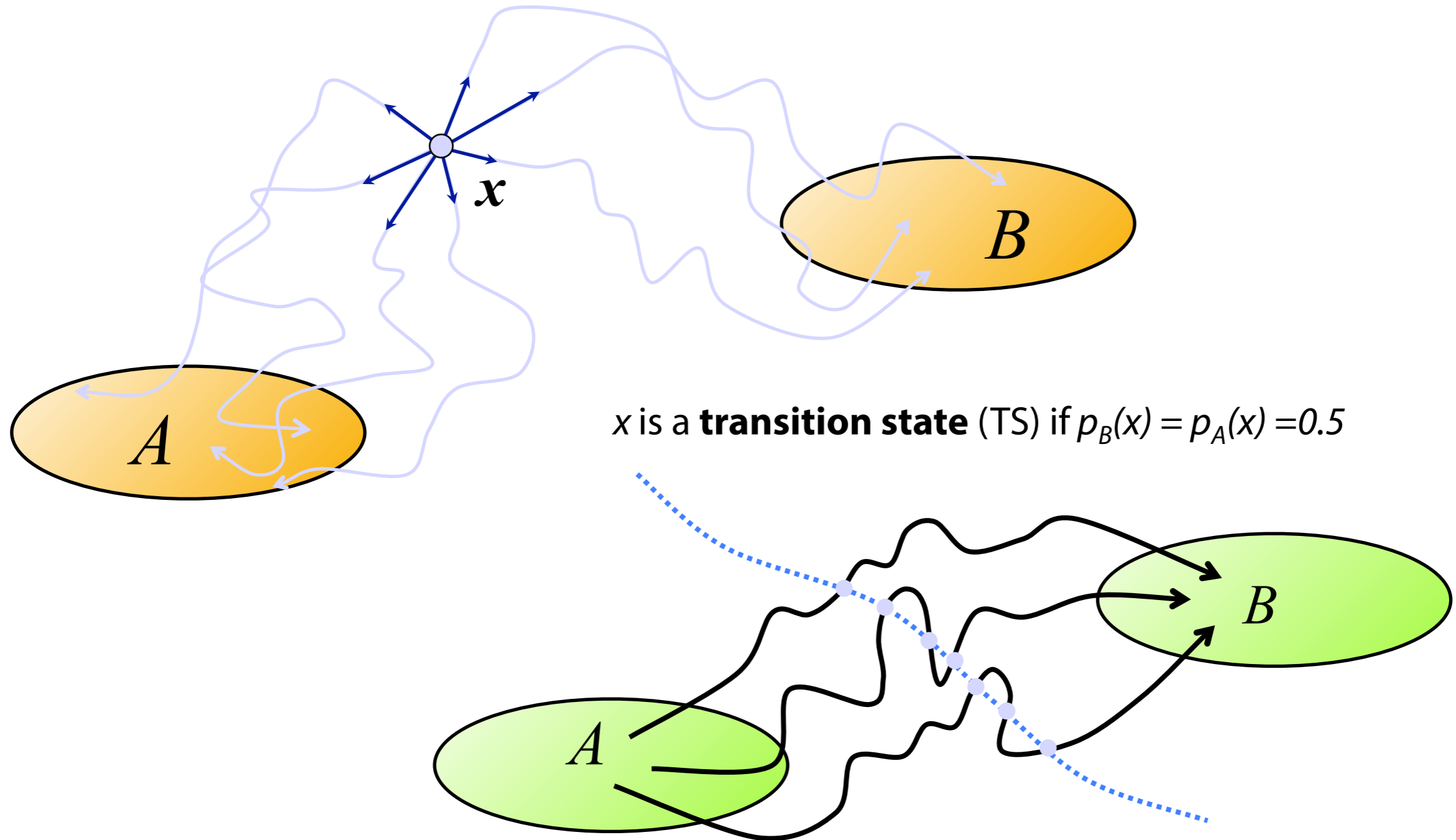
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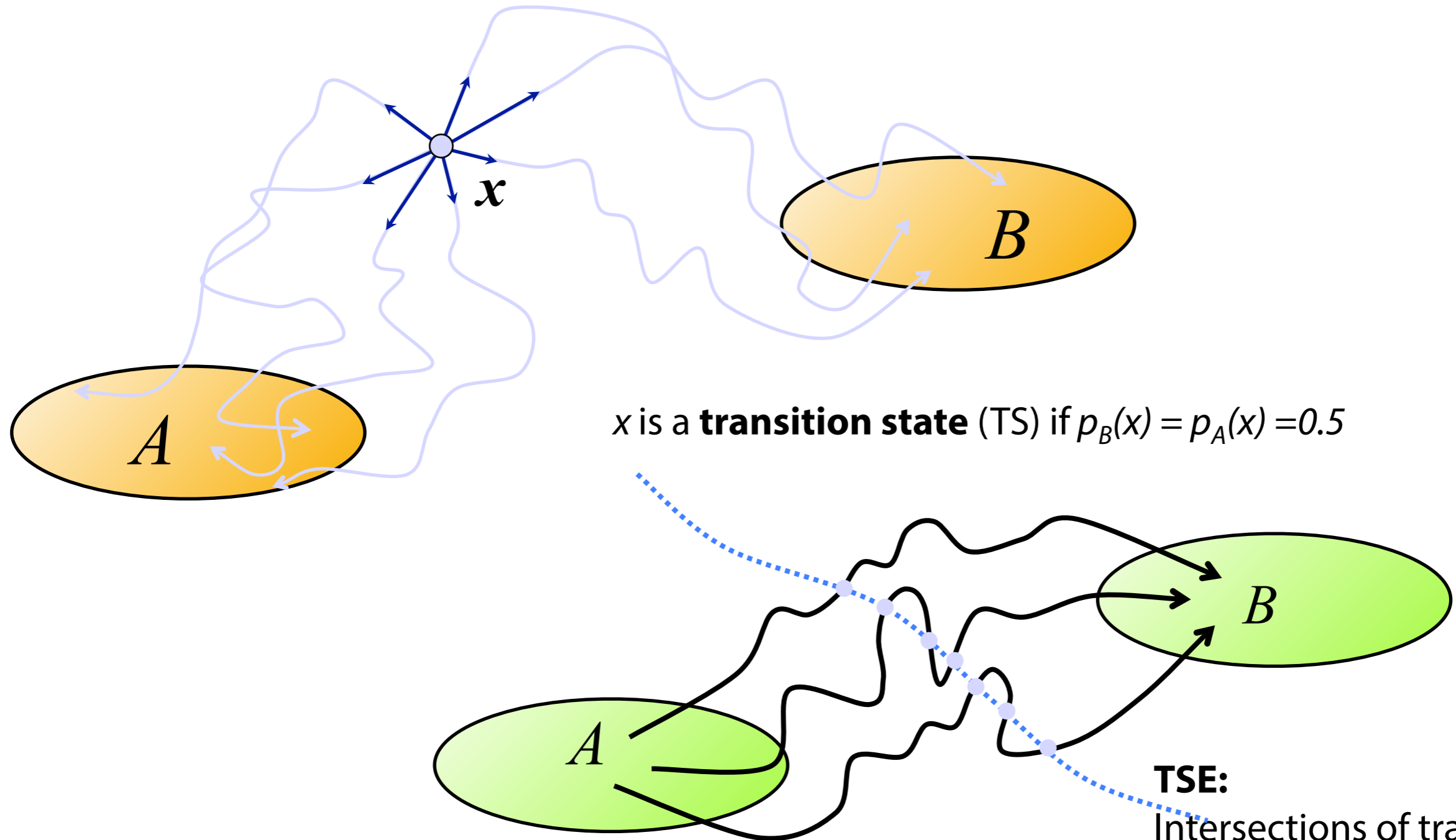
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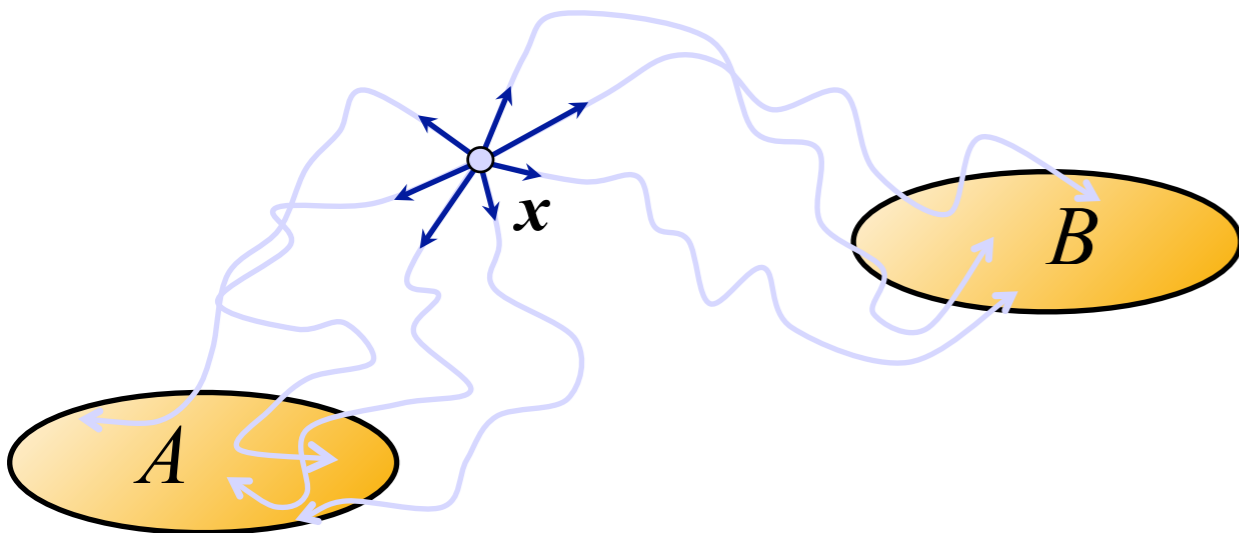
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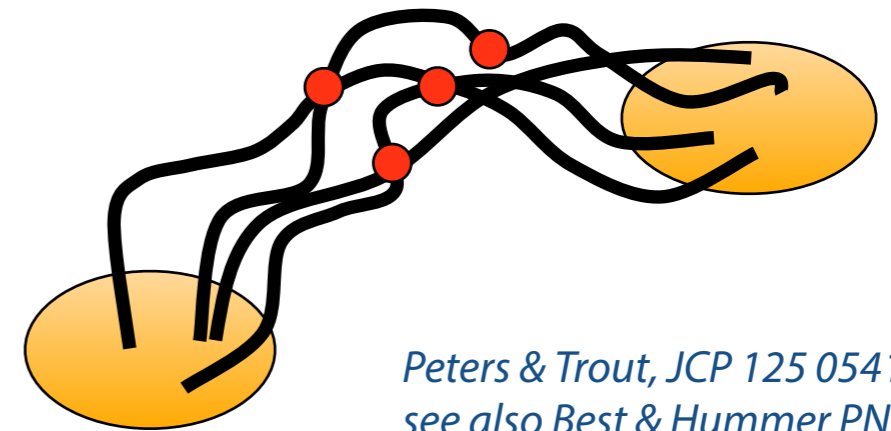
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**TSE:**  
Intersections of transition  
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# Reaction coordinate analysis



- Committed  $p_B(x)$  is THE reaction coordinate
- Committed is high dimensional function; difficult to gain physical insight
- **dimensionality reduction**: find best low dimensional order parameter combination that best represents committed



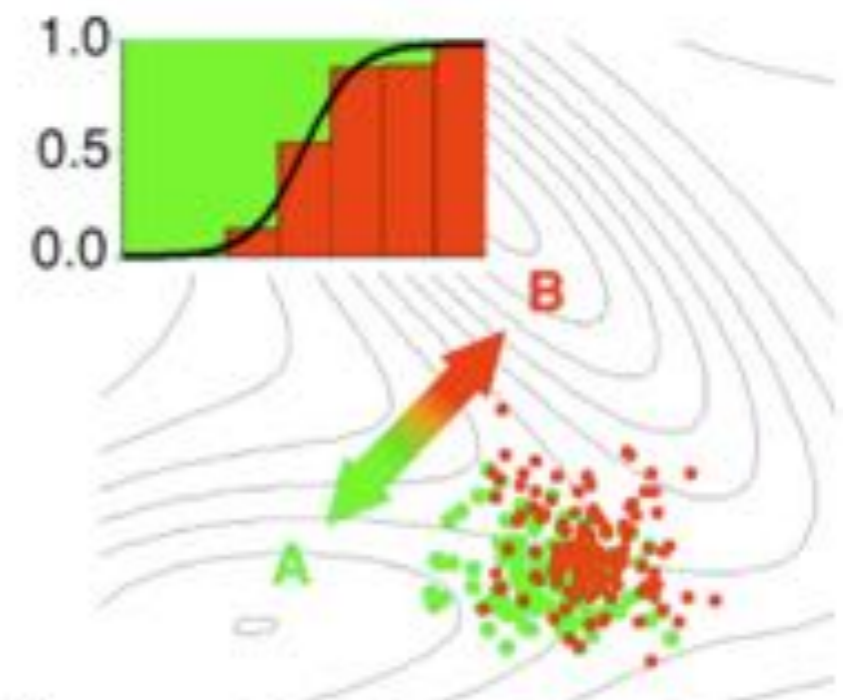
*Peters & Trout, JCP 125 054108(2006)  
see also Best & Hummer PNAS (2005)*

- Interpret each TPS shot as a committed attempt.  
Use info to optimise reaction coordinate model  $r(q_1, q_2, \dots)$

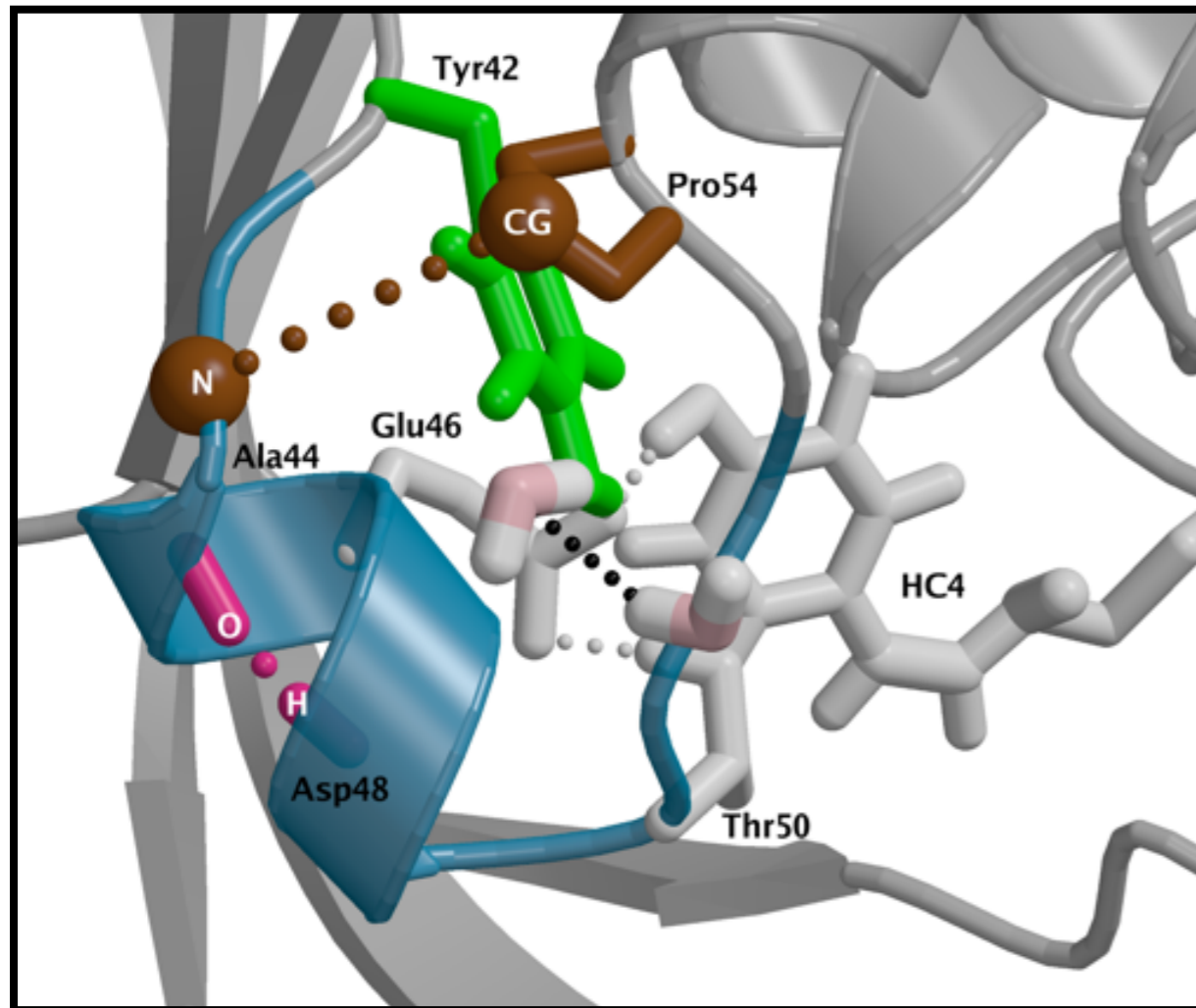
- Likelihood maximisation of predicted committed model

$$L(\alpha) = \prod_{i=1}^{N_B} p_B(r(q(\mathbf{x}_i^{(B)}))) \prod_{i=1}^{N_A} (1 - p_B(r(q(\mathbf{x}_i^{(B)}))))$$

- **result**: best model for the data given



# Reaction coordinate of helix<sub>α3</sub> unfolding



Reaction coordinate by likelihood maximization (*Peters & Trout, JCP 2006*)

Order Parameters involved (out of 78):

$\text{RMSD}_\alpha$

nwY42 : water molecules around Tyr42

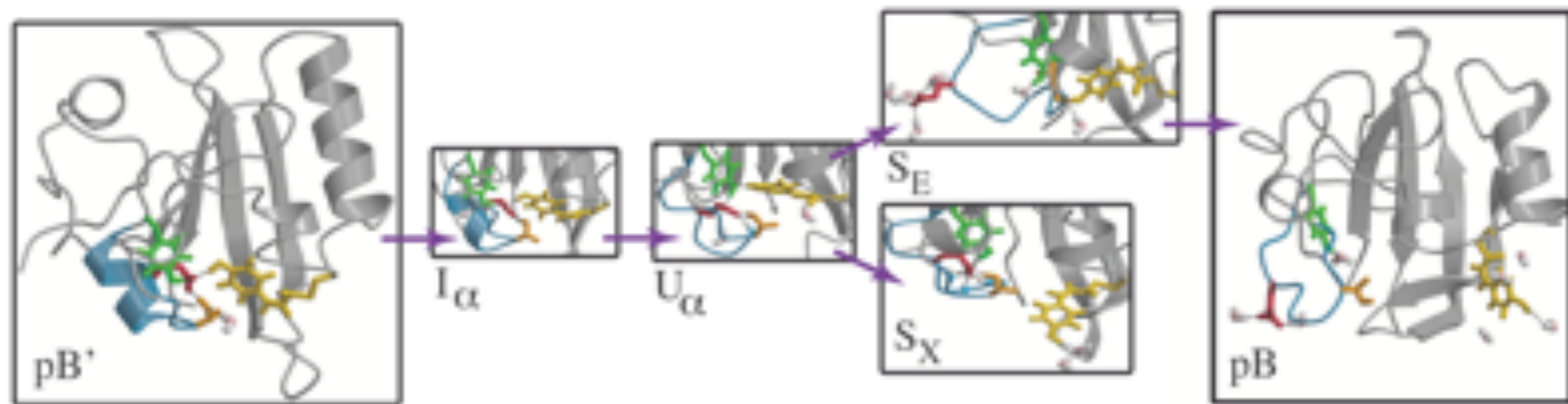
dPA : distance Ala44(N) - Pro54(C $\gamma$ )

dhb2 : distance Ala44(O) - Asp48(H)

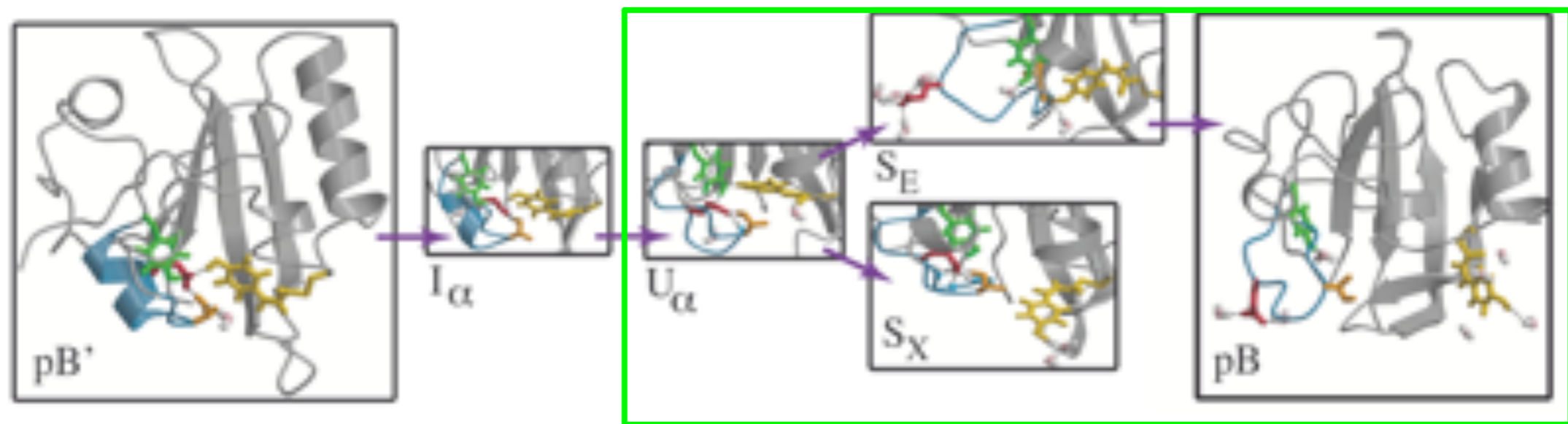
$\delta L_{\min} = 4.17$

n	ln L	RC
1	-2117	$3.89 - 29.10 \times \text{rmsd}\alpha$
2	-2098	$3.88 - 26.35 \times \text{rmsd}\alpha - 0.19 \times \text{nwY42}$
3	-2085	$5.11 - 16.81 \times \text{rmsd}\alpha - 4.68 \times \text{dhb2} - 2.55 \times \text{dPA}$

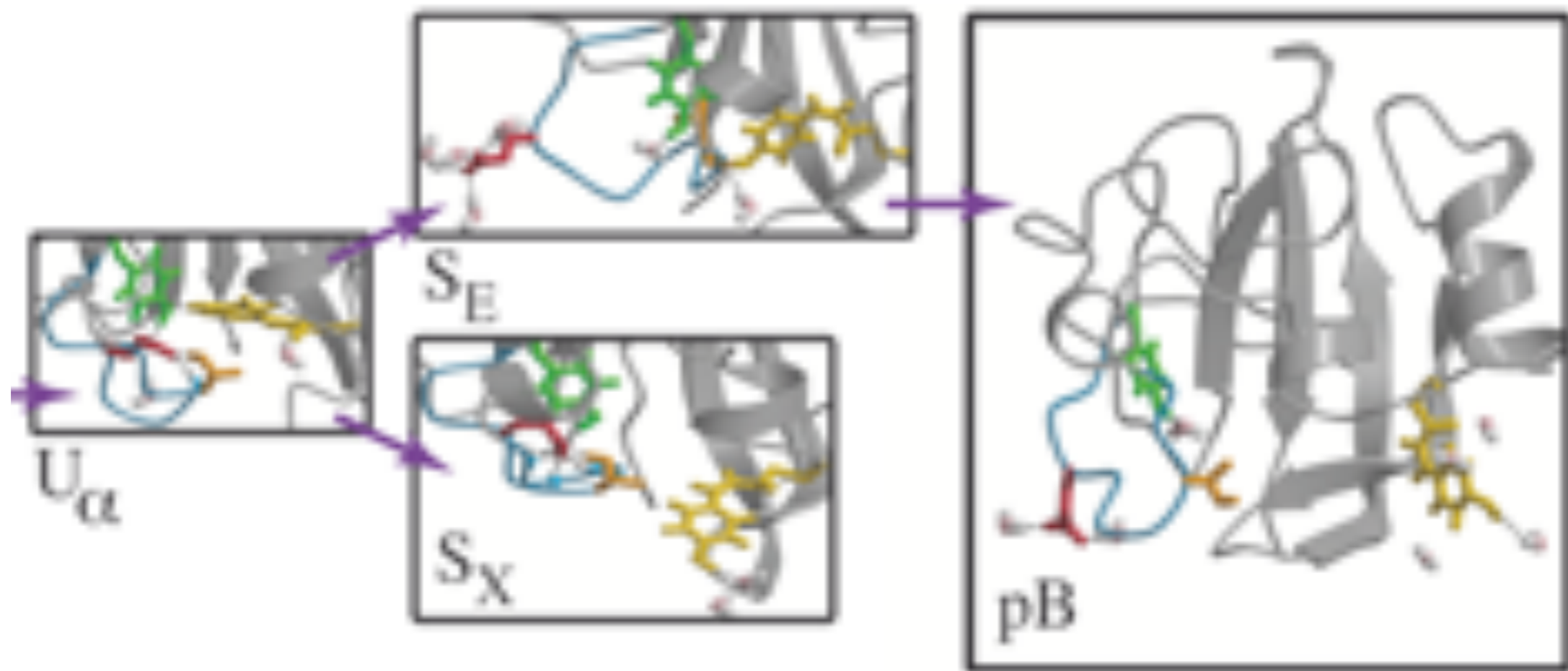
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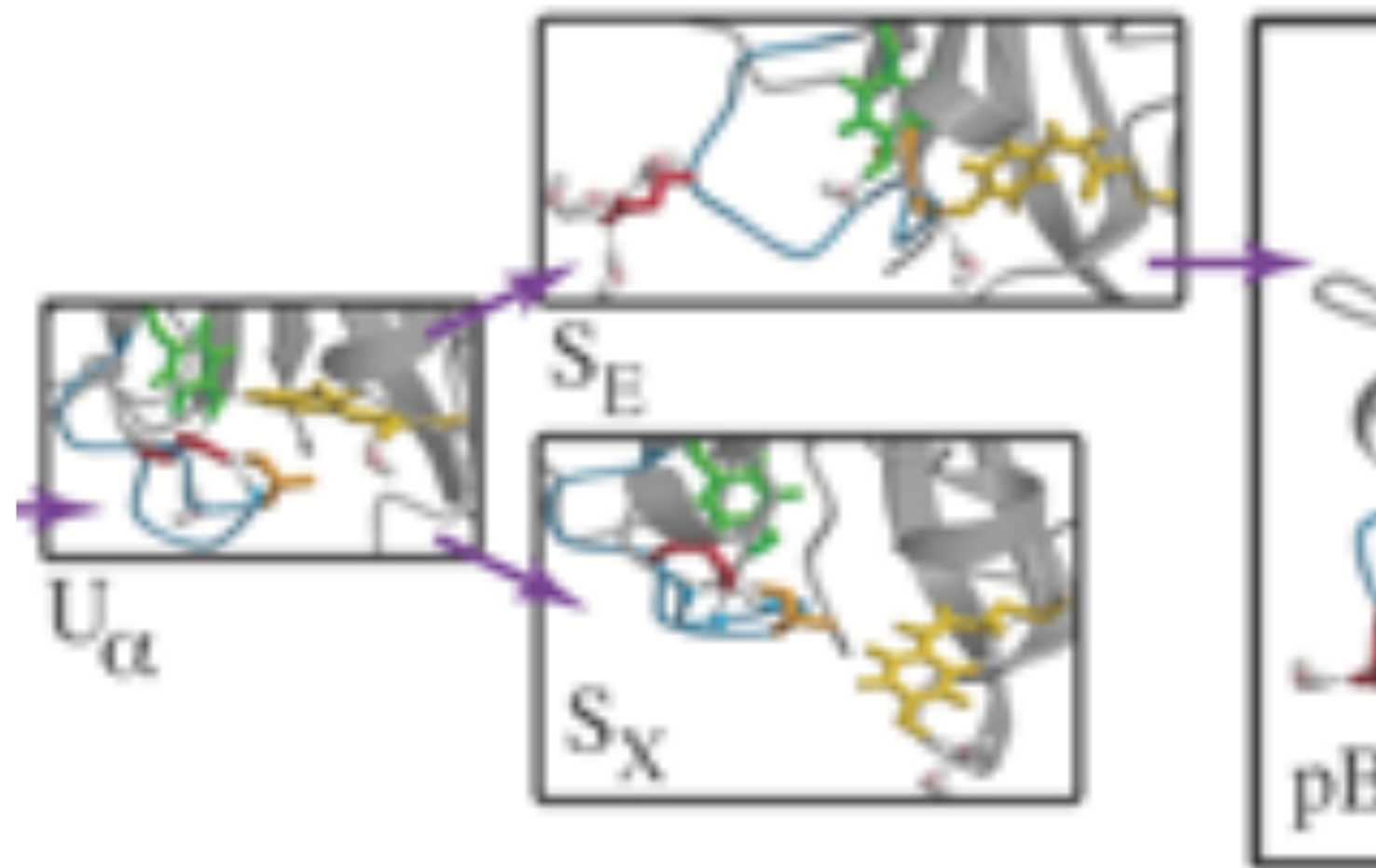


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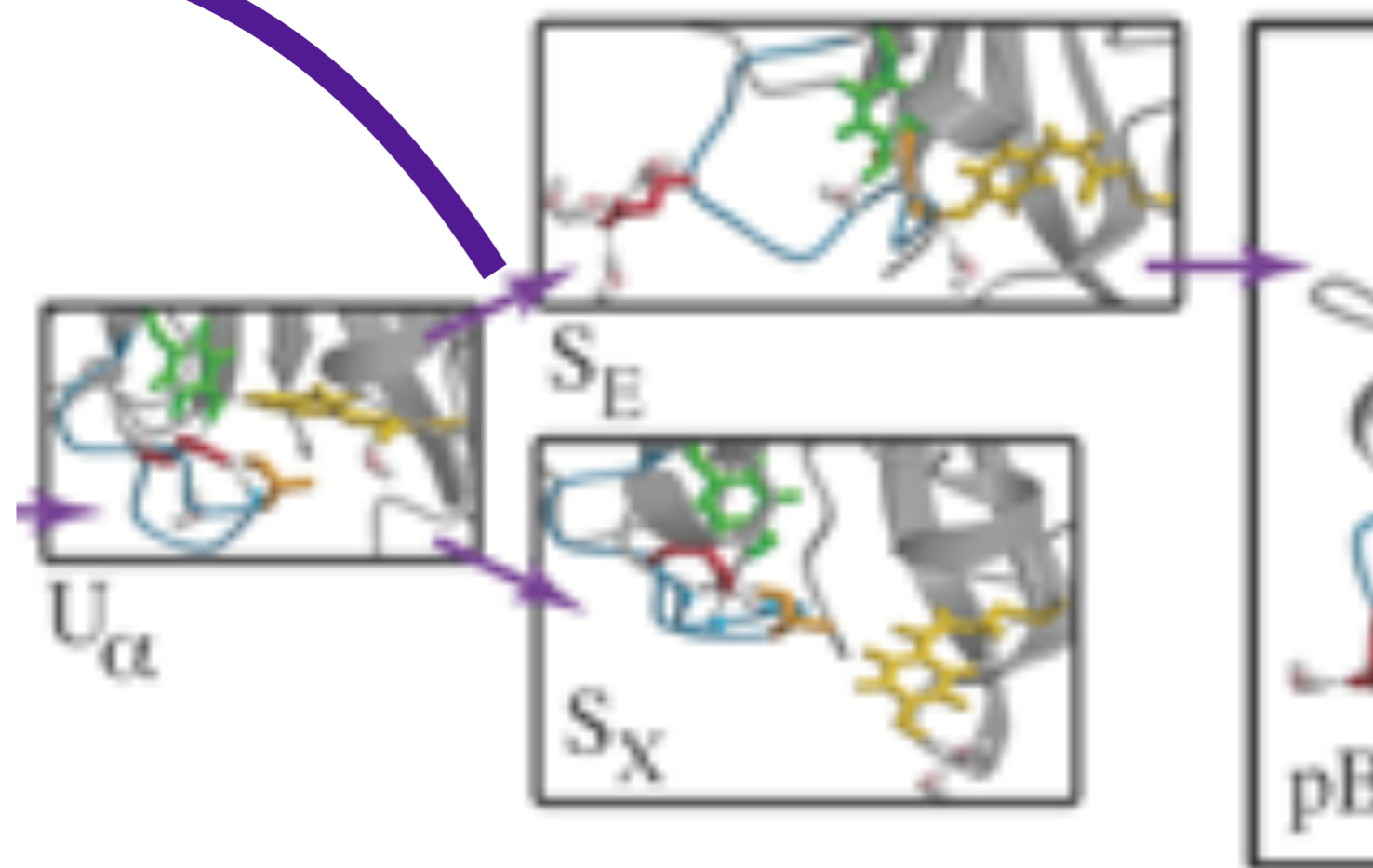
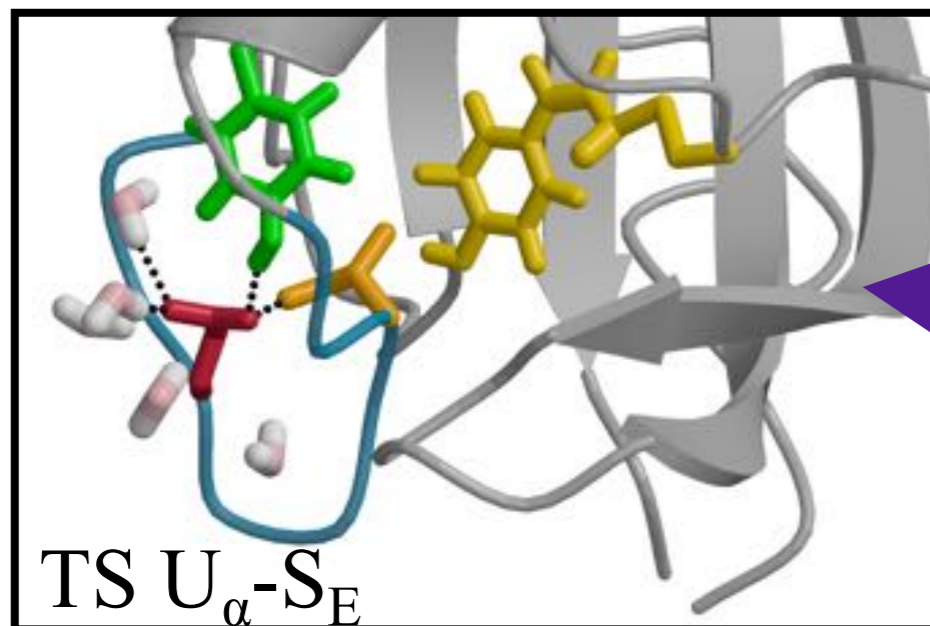




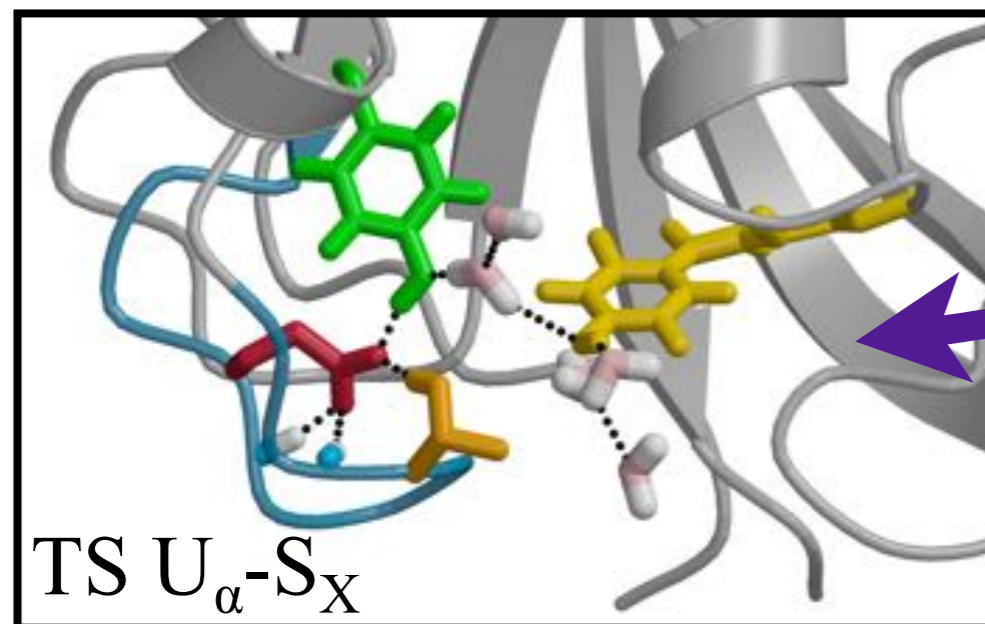
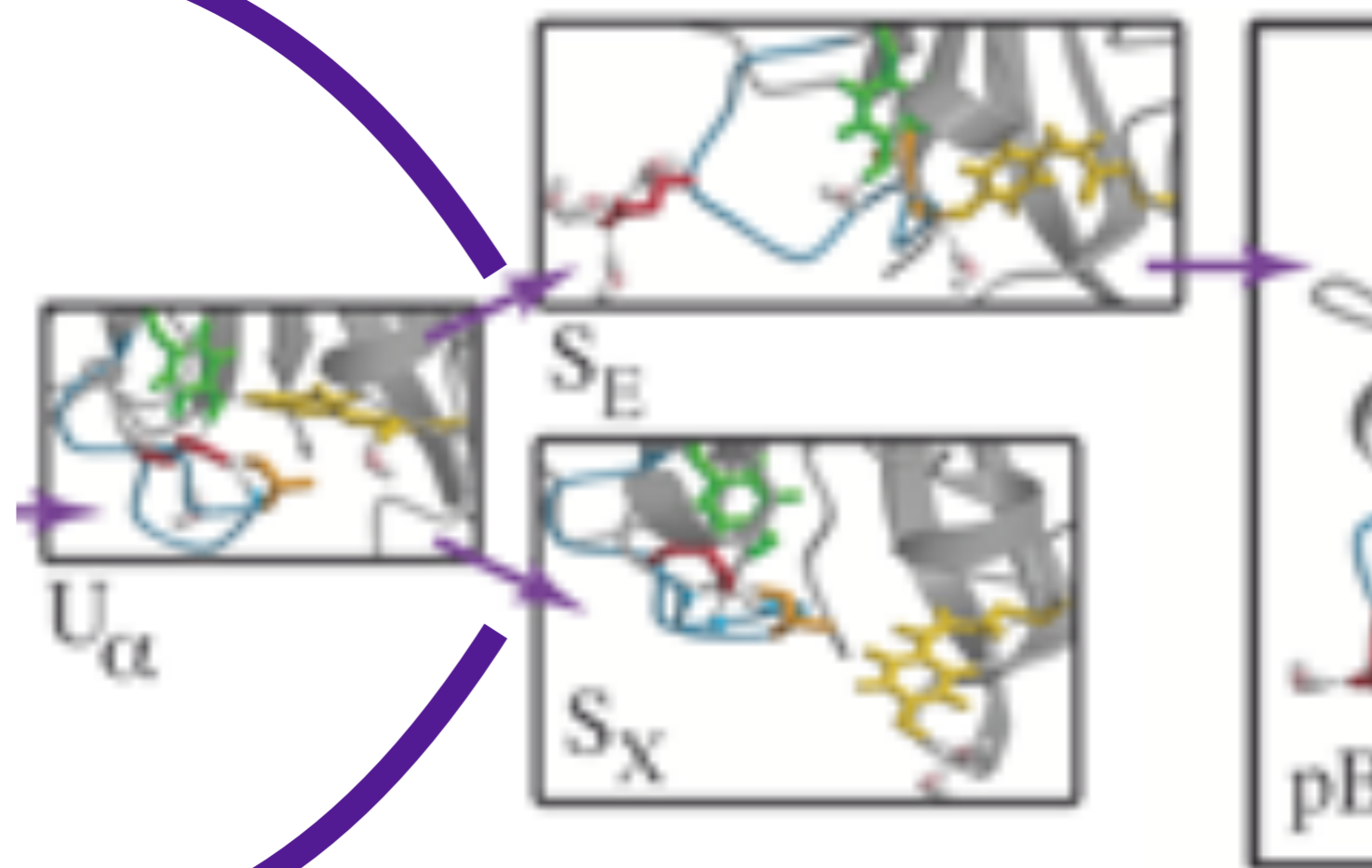
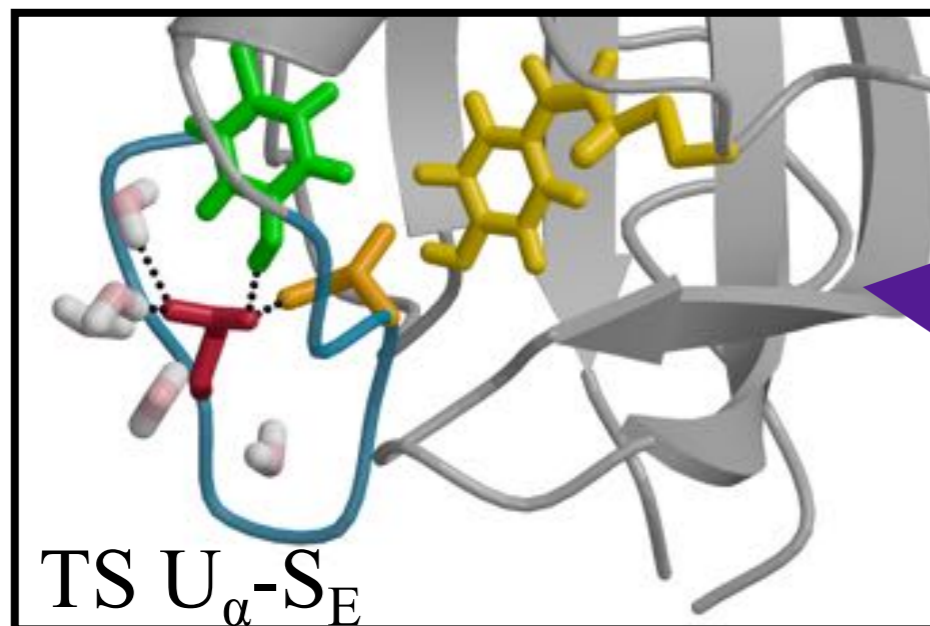
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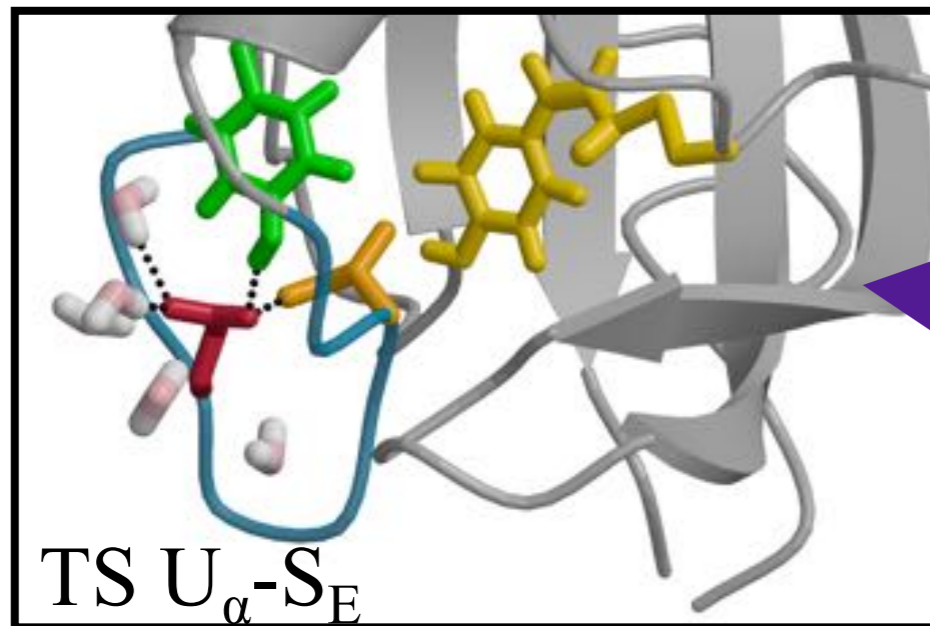
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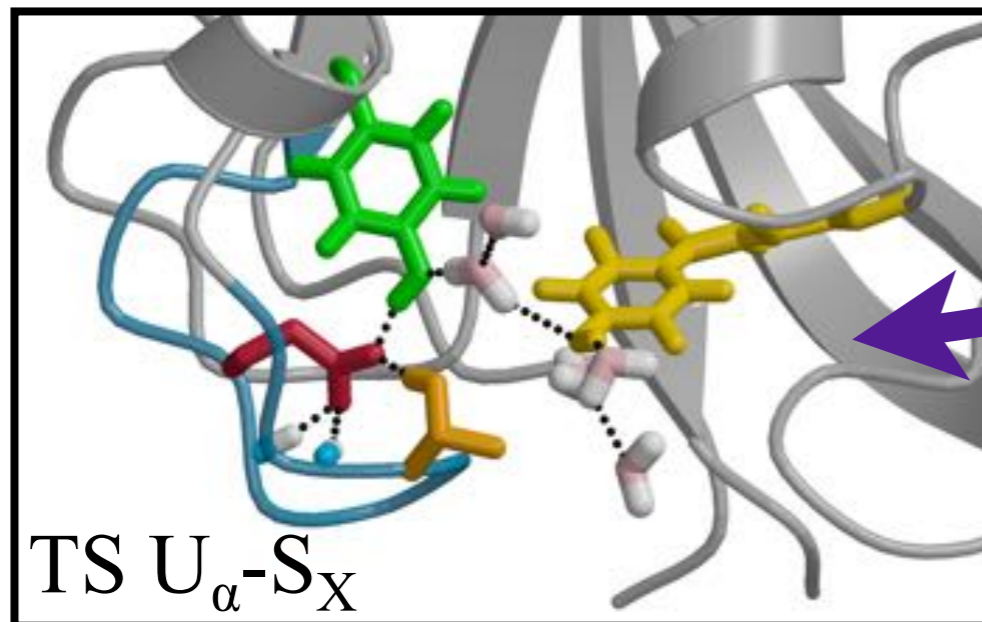
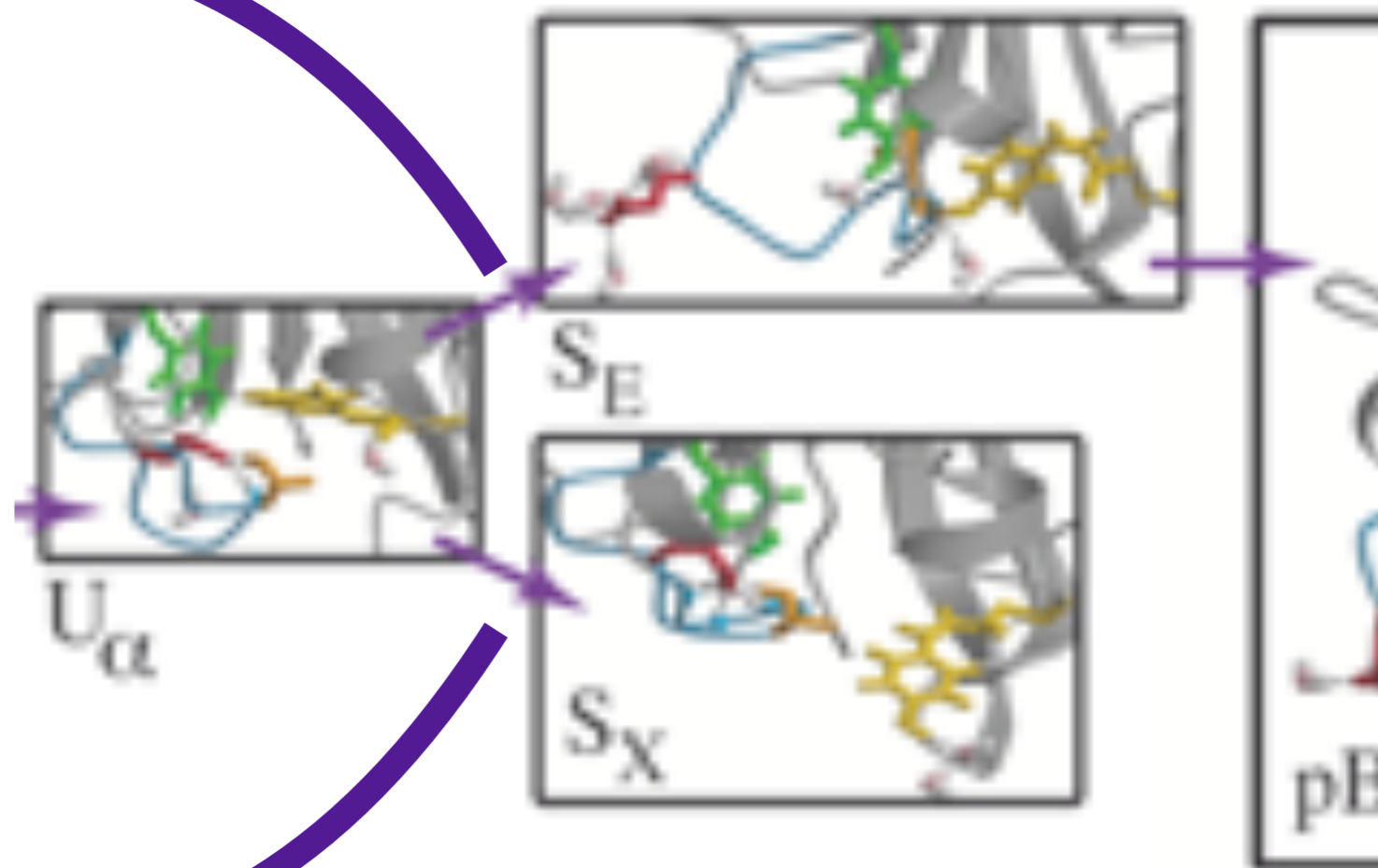
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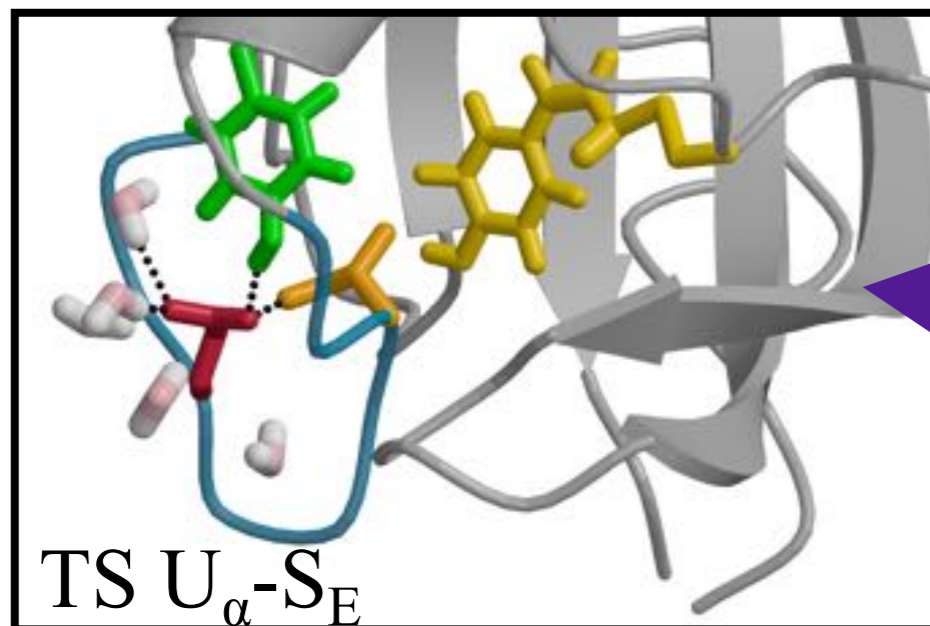
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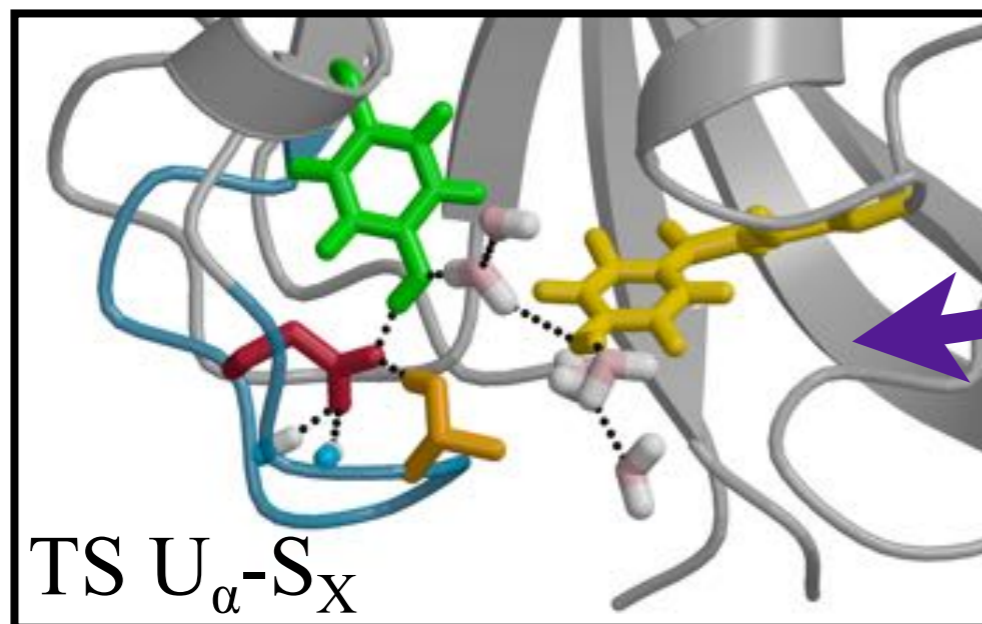
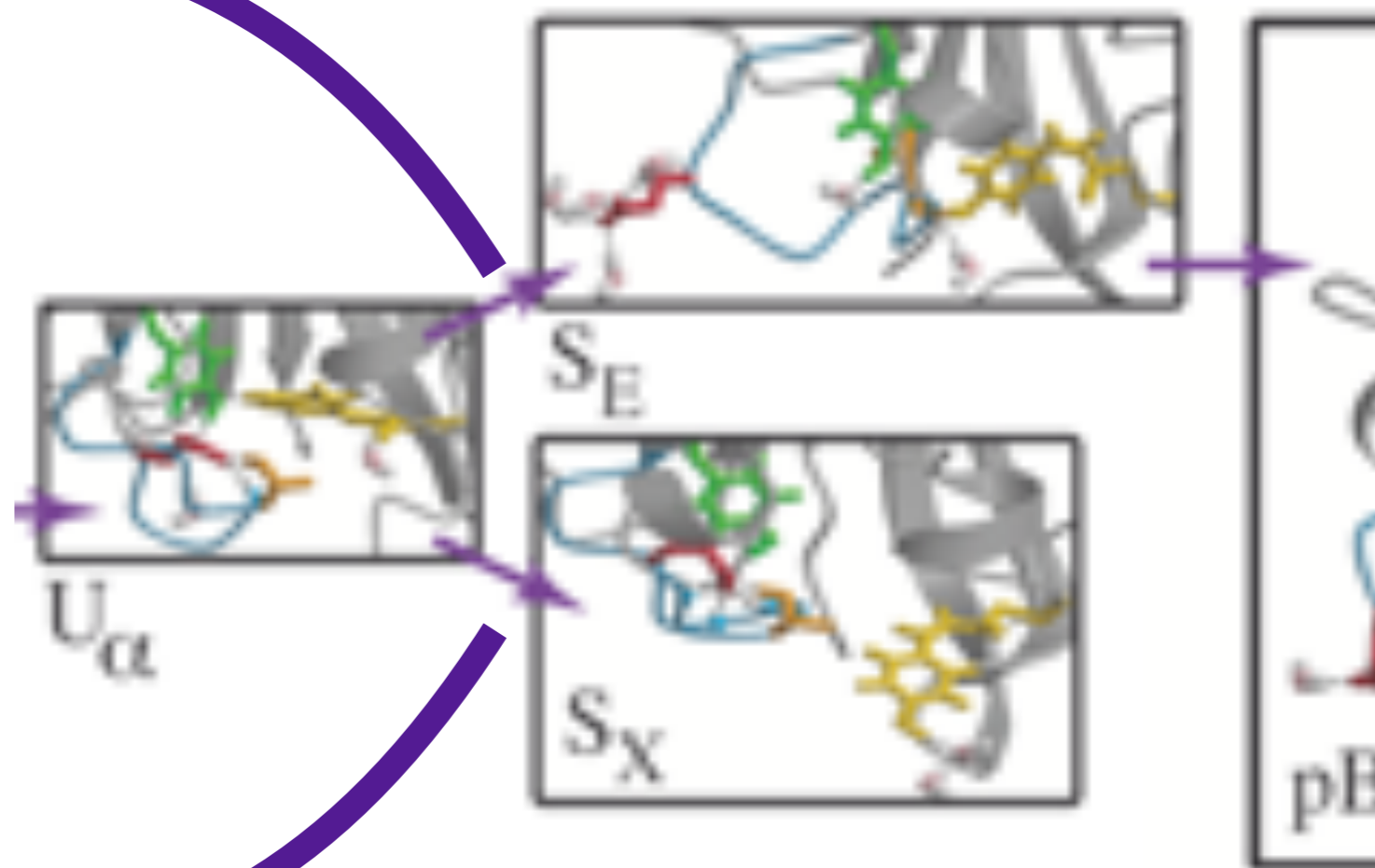
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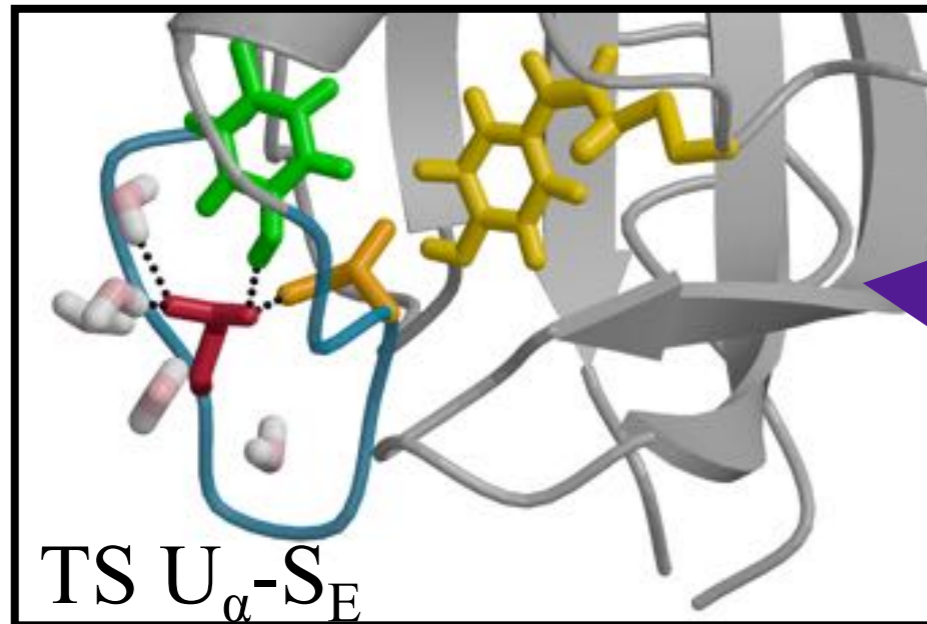


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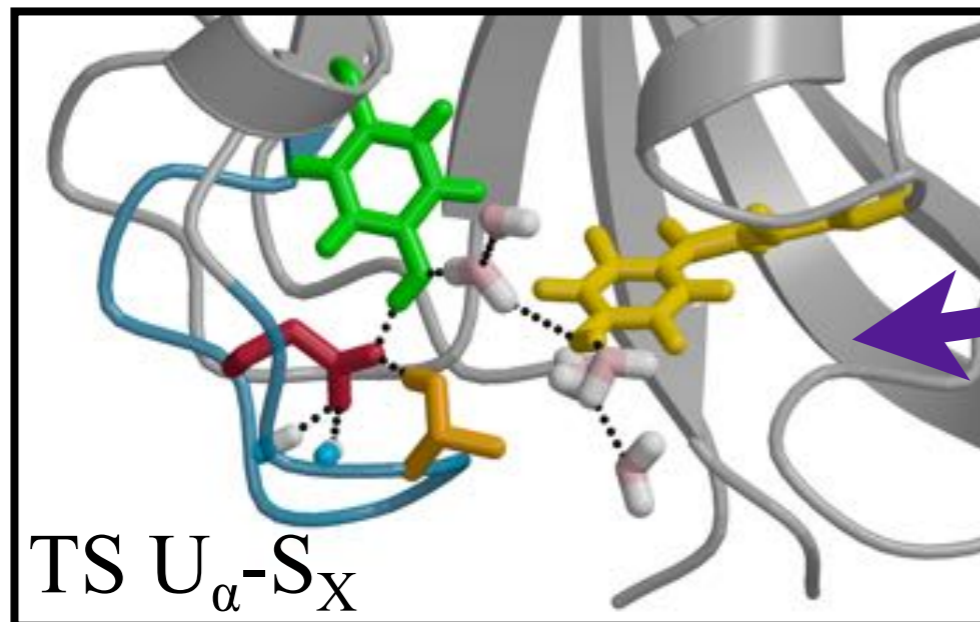
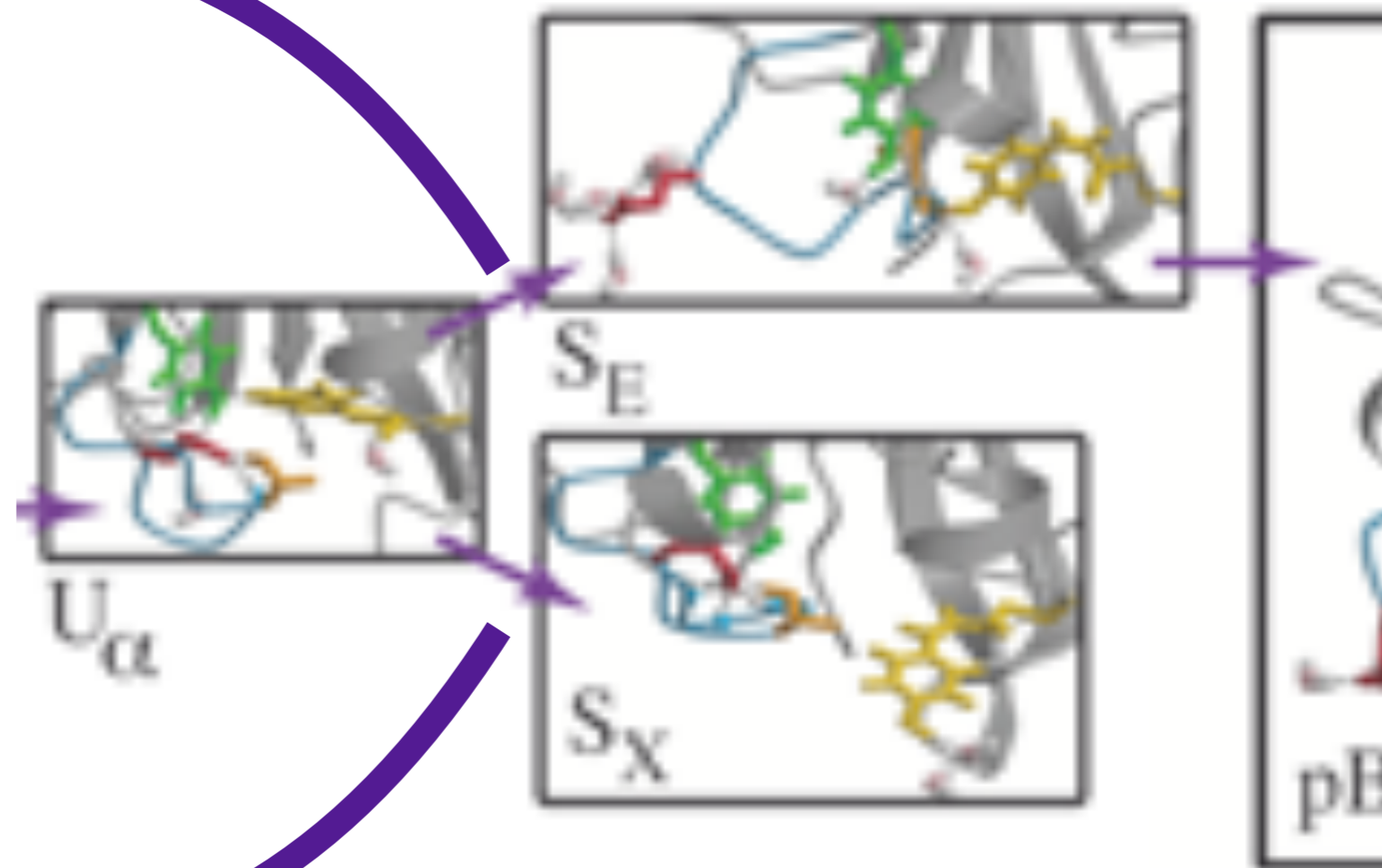
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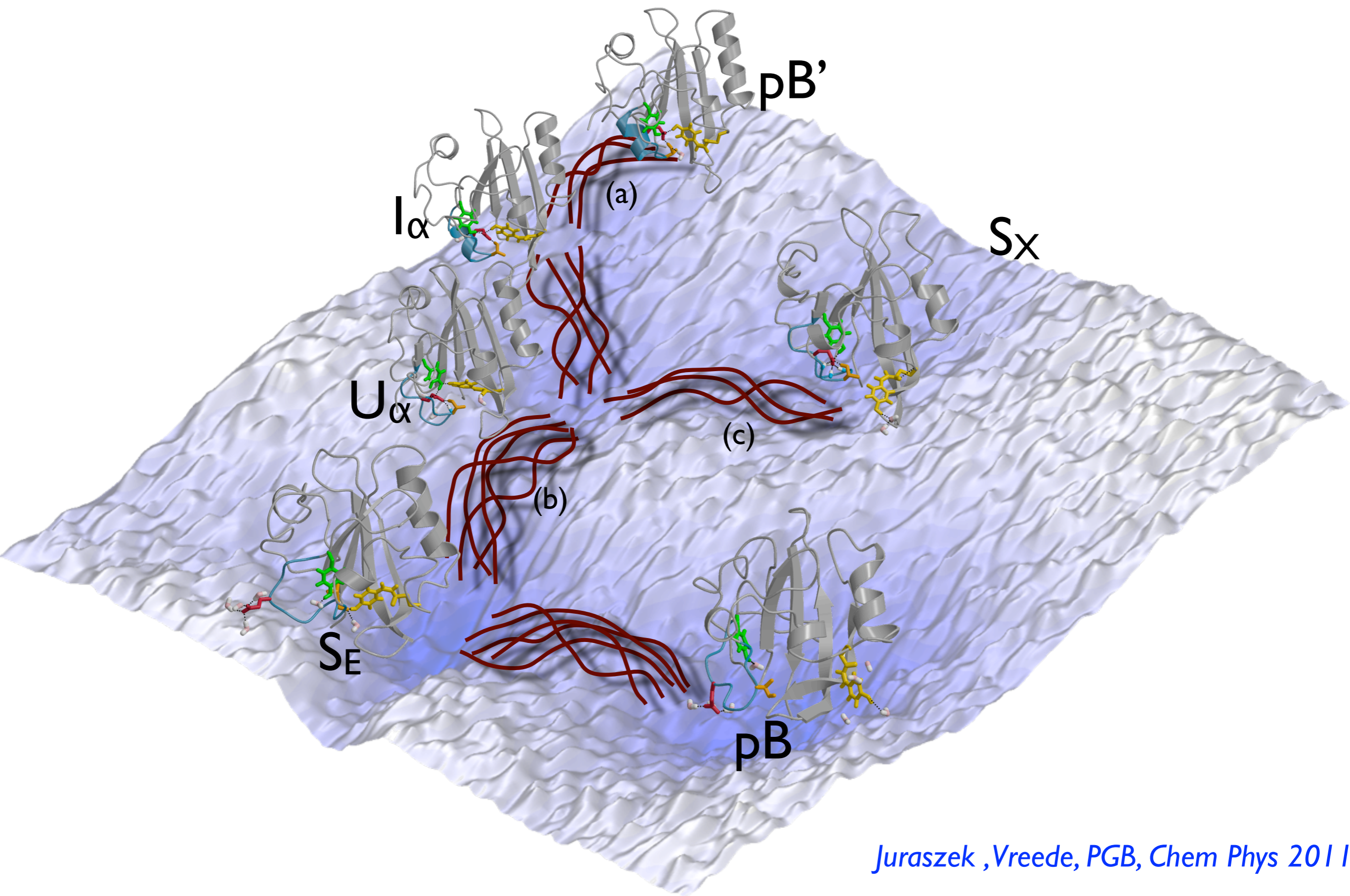


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rate limiting step  $16 \text{ k}_B\text{T}$ :  $k \approx 1 \text{ ms}^{-1}$

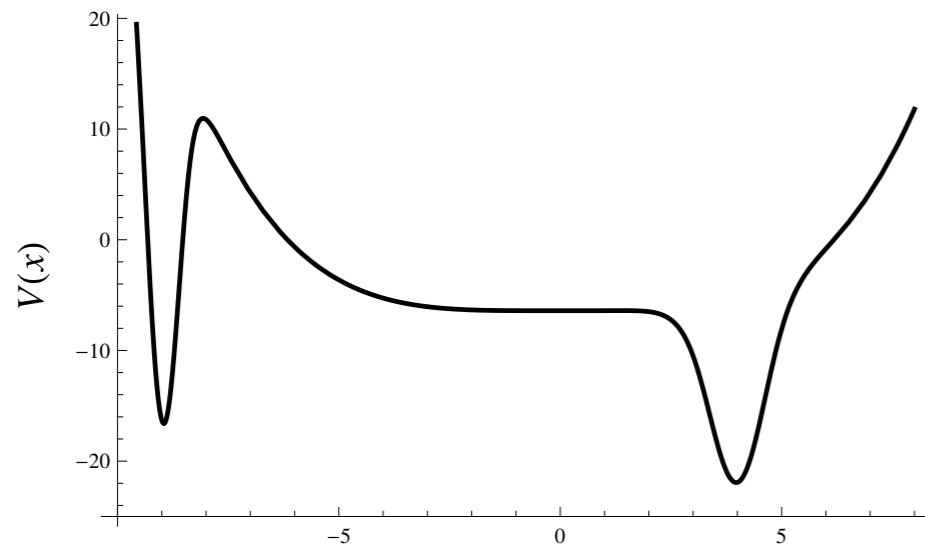


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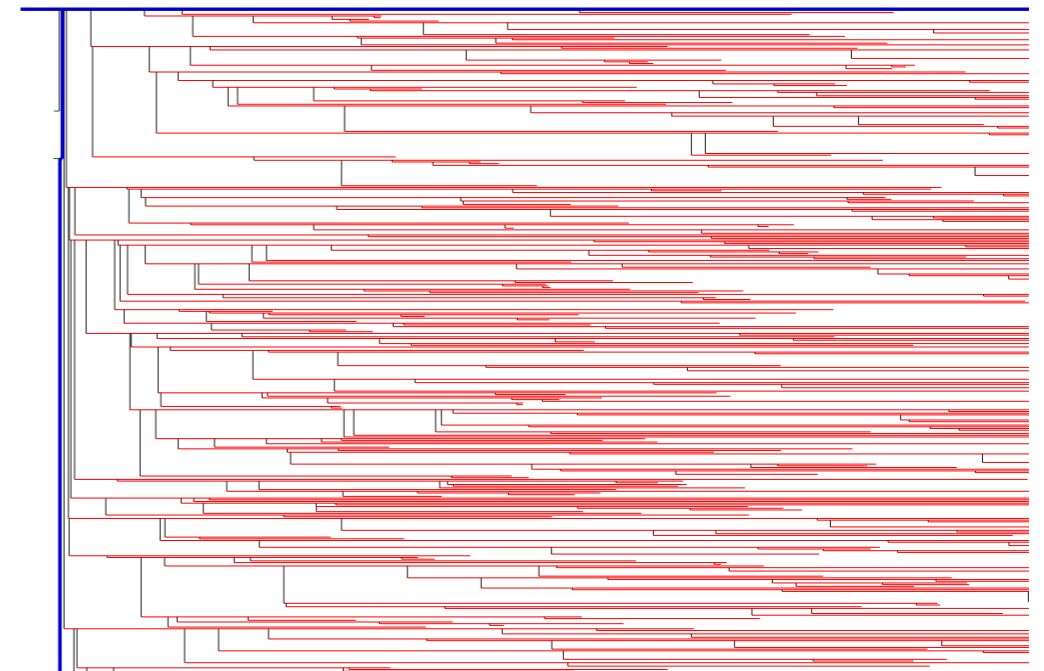


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- uniform one way shoot has bad decorrelation



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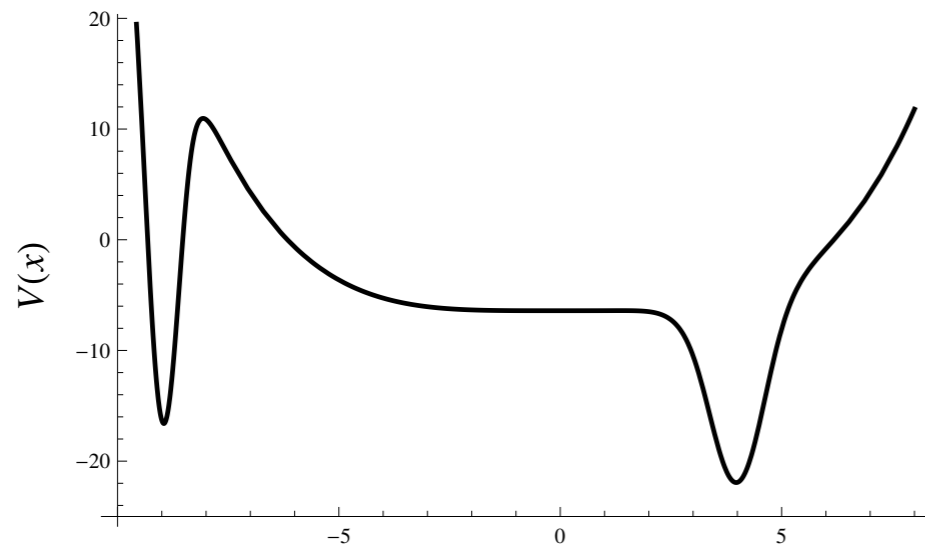


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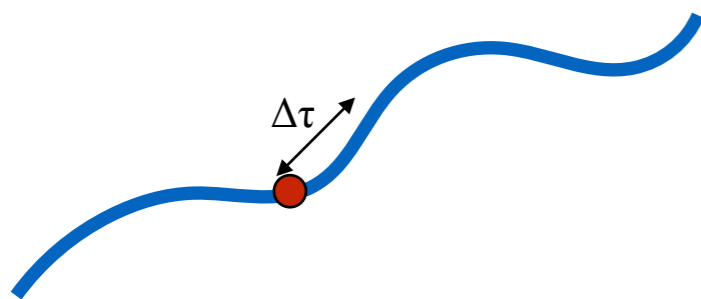


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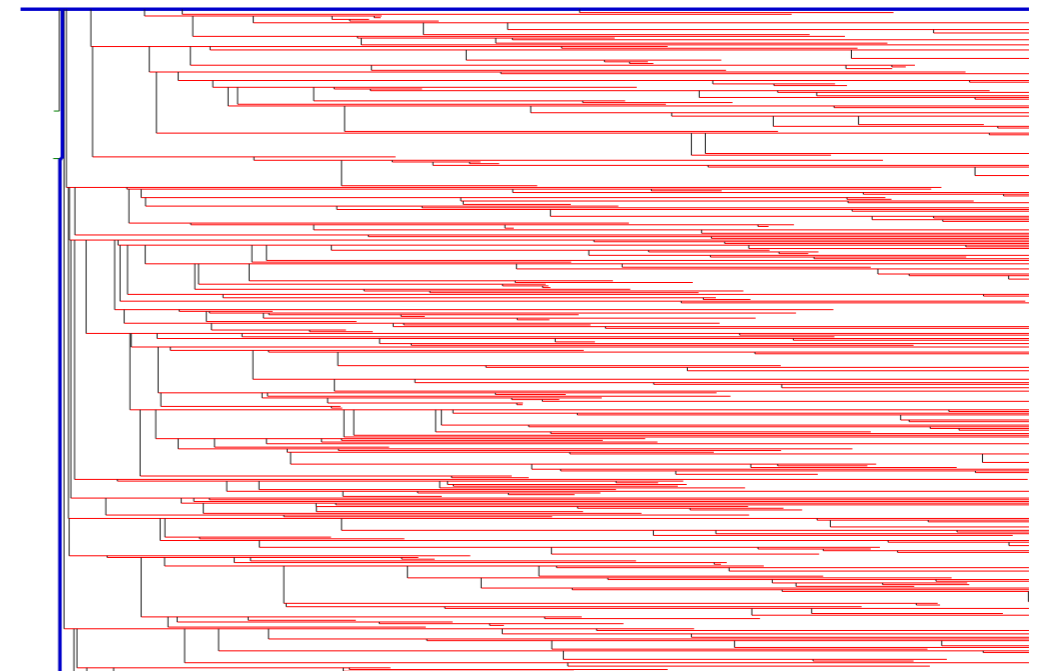
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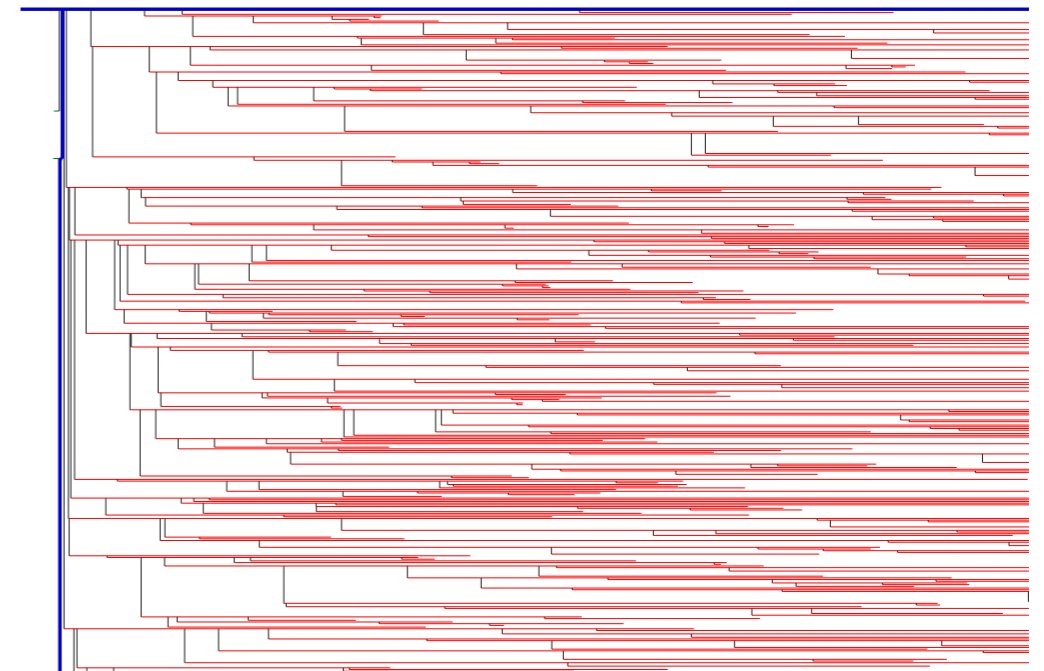
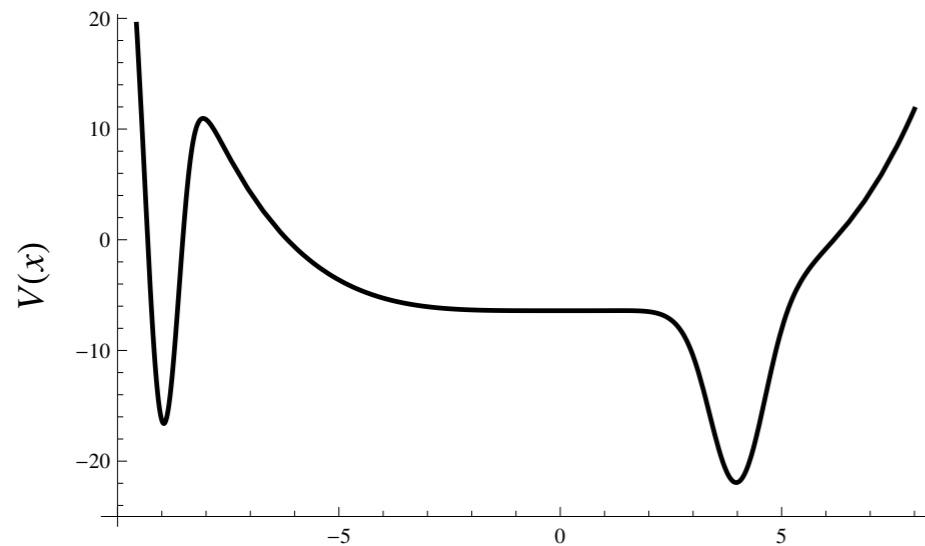
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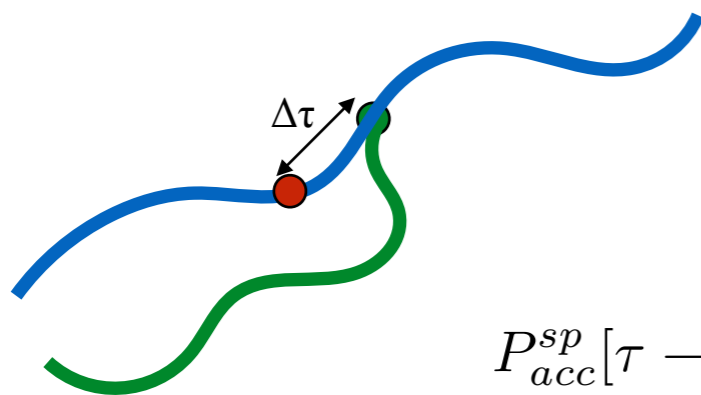
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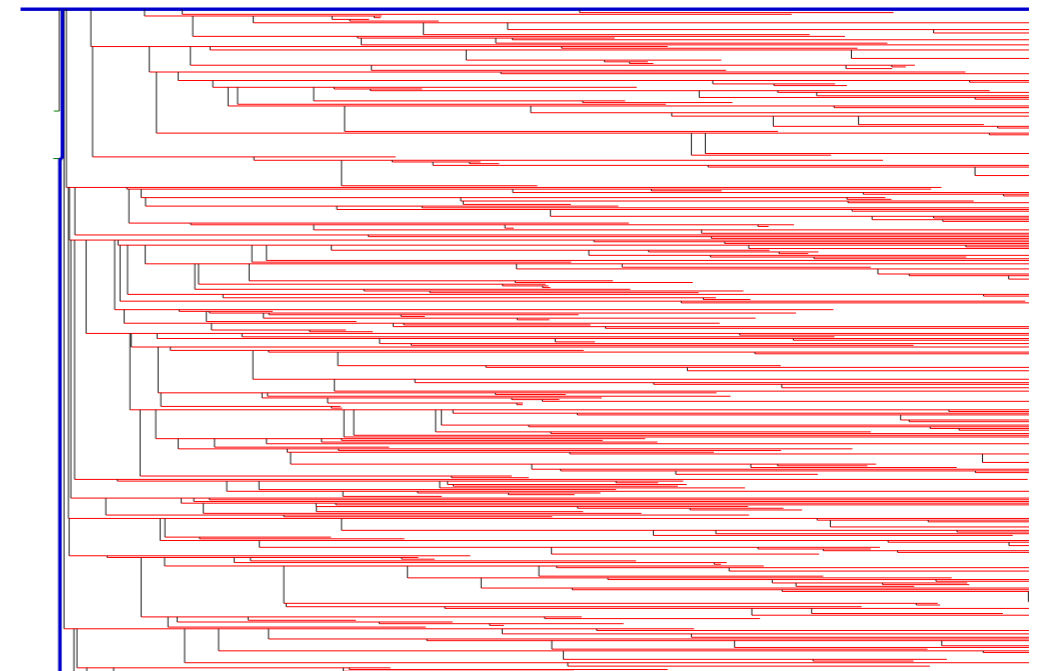
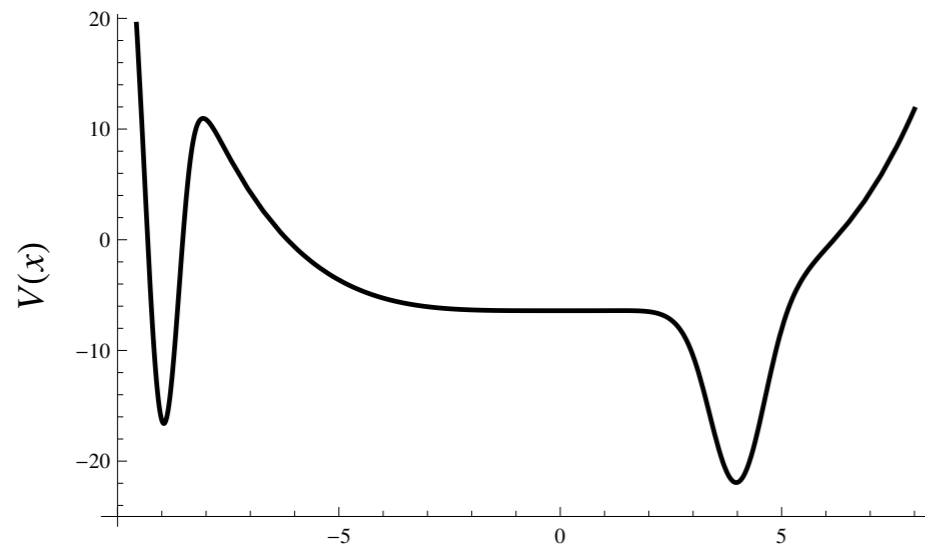
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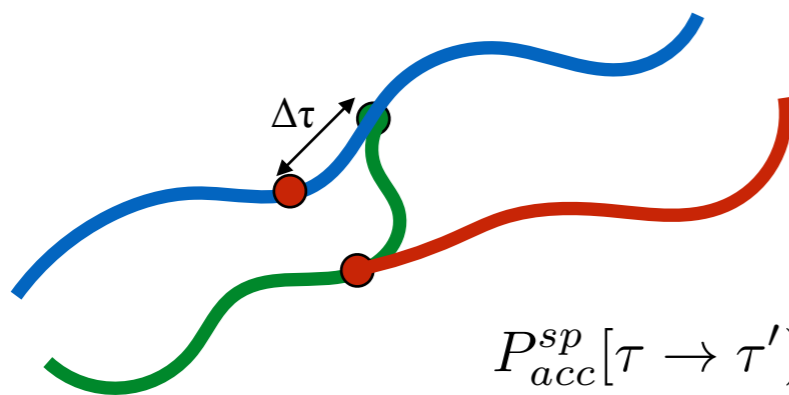
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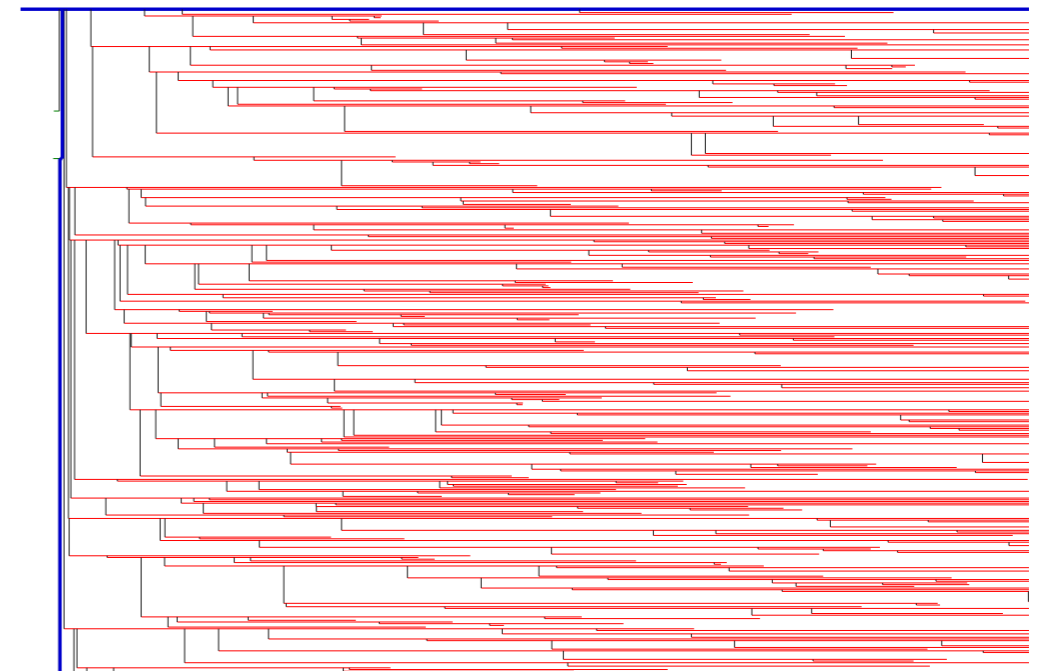
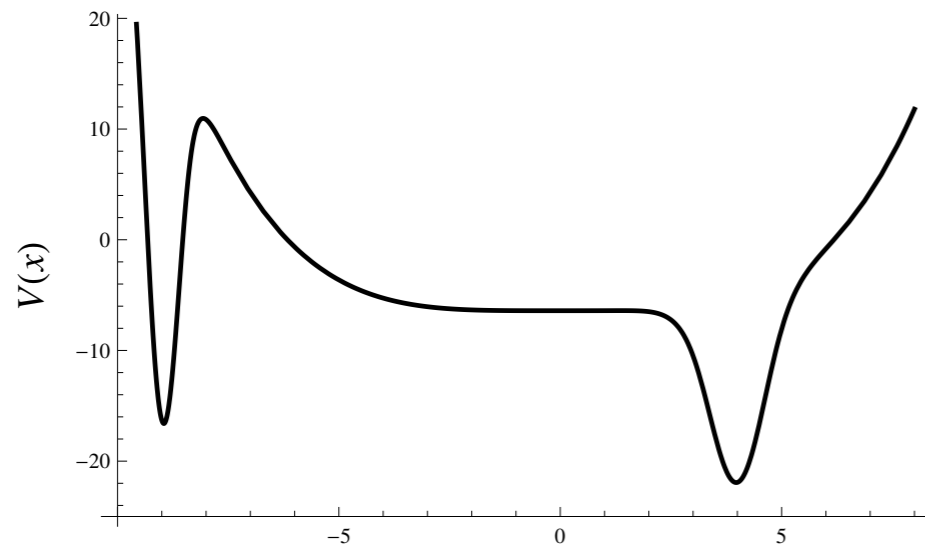
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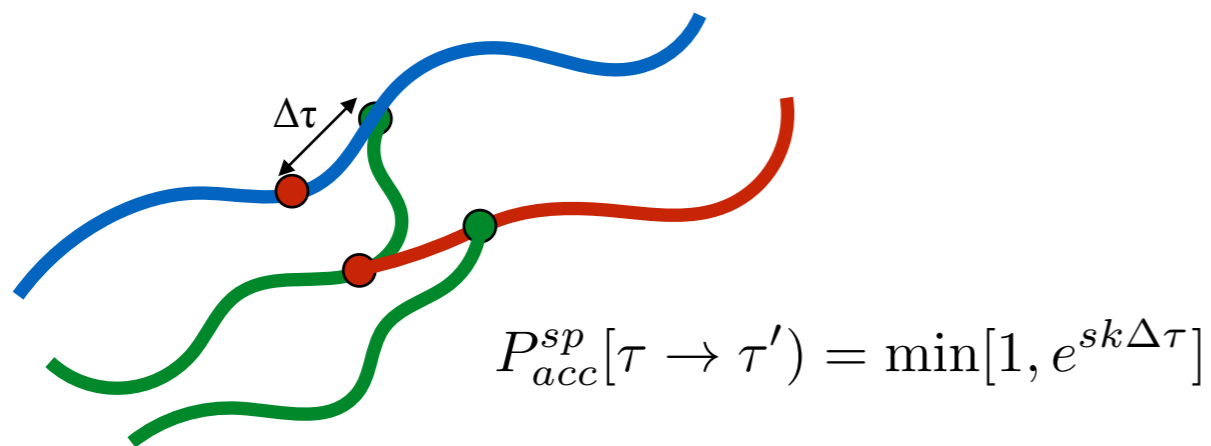
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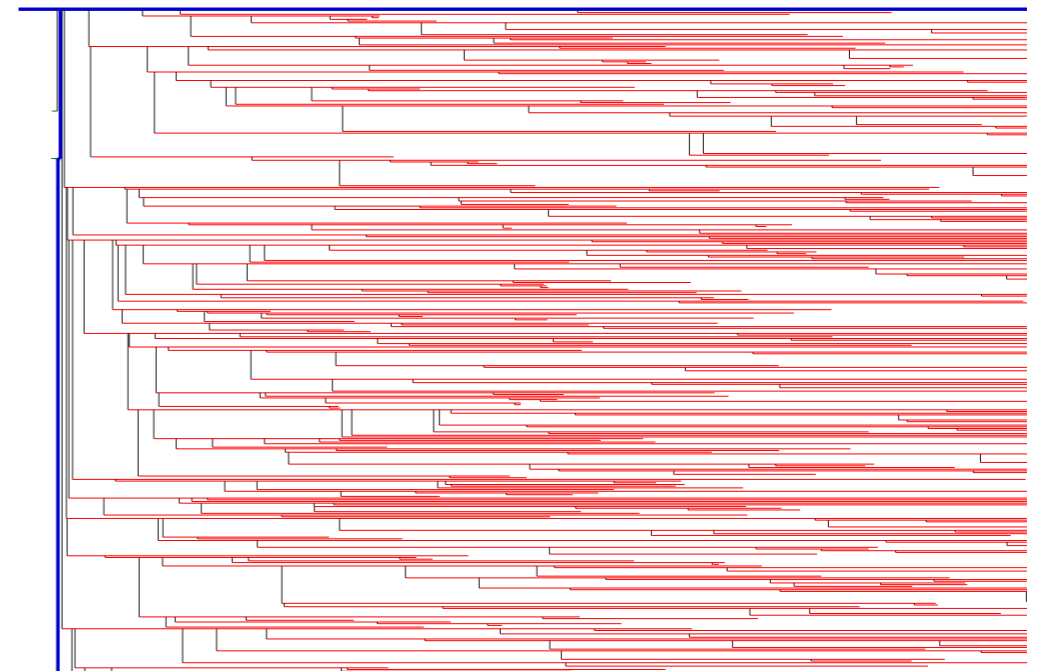
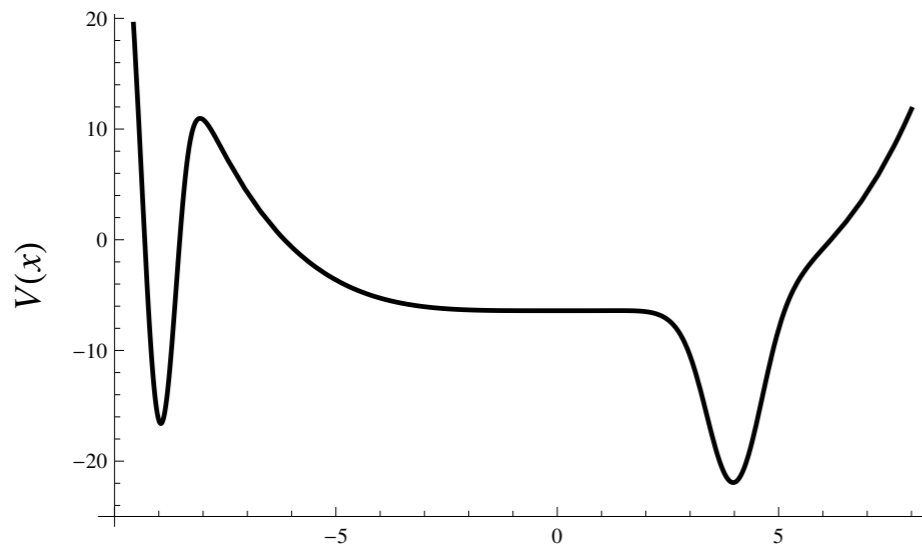
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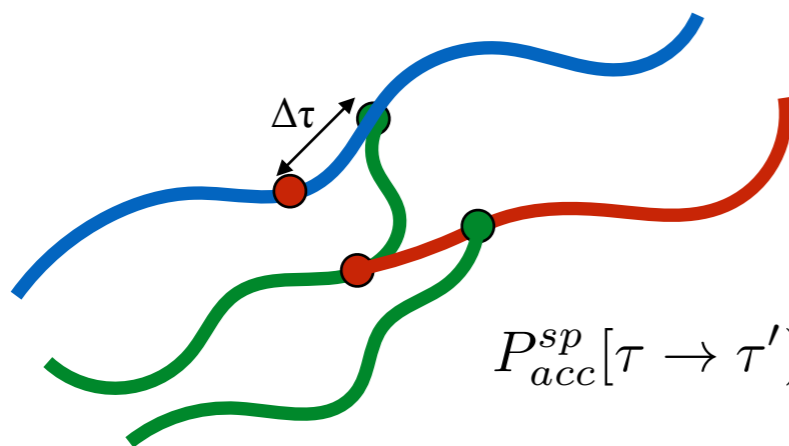
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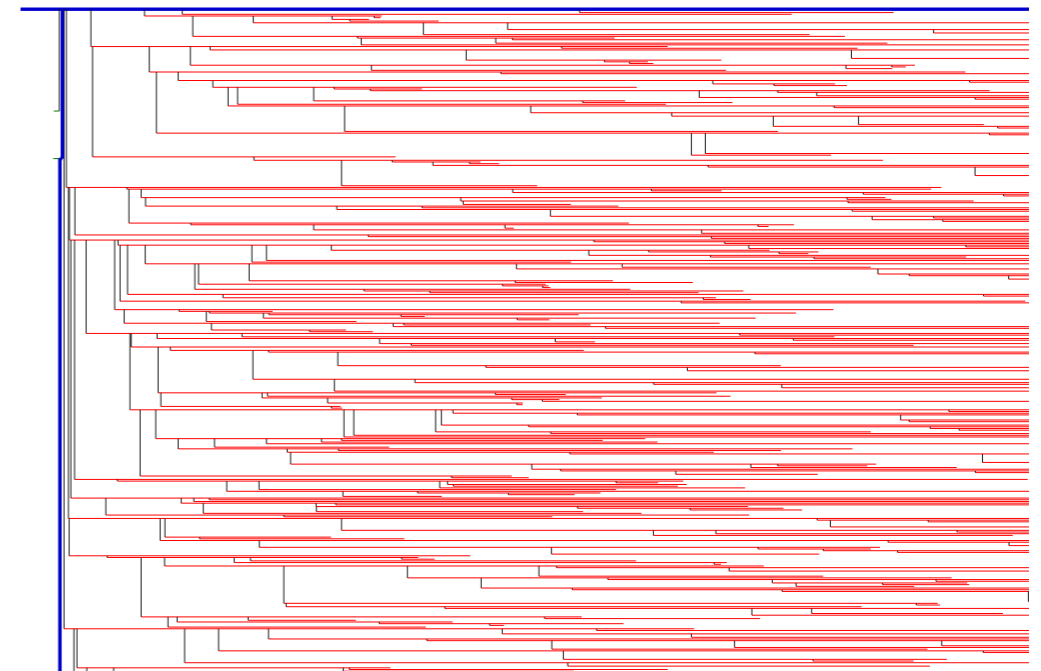
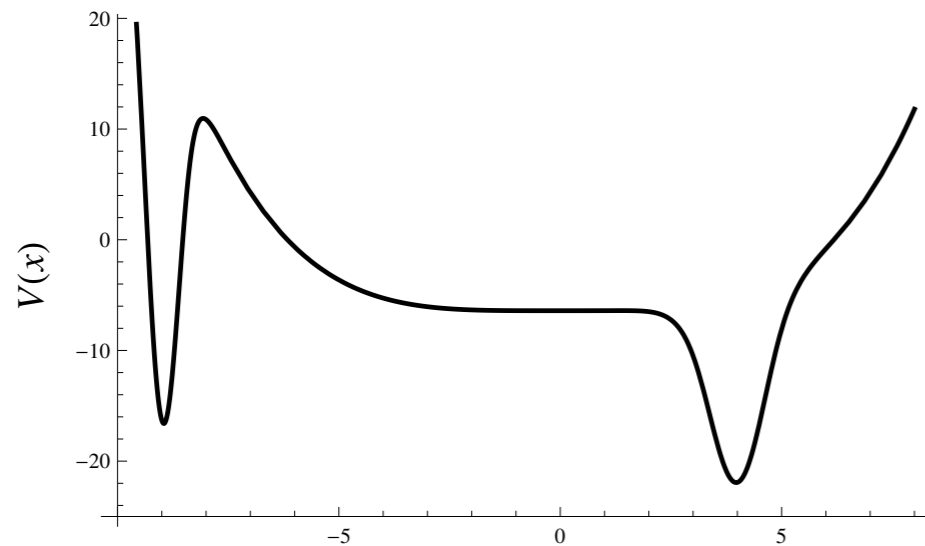
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$$p_{sel}(\tau) = c \exp(sk\tau)$$

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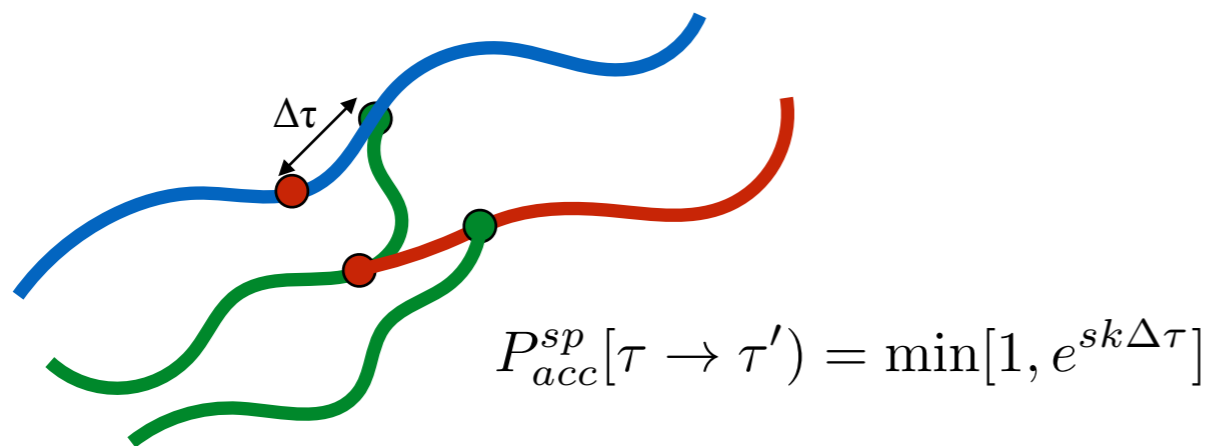
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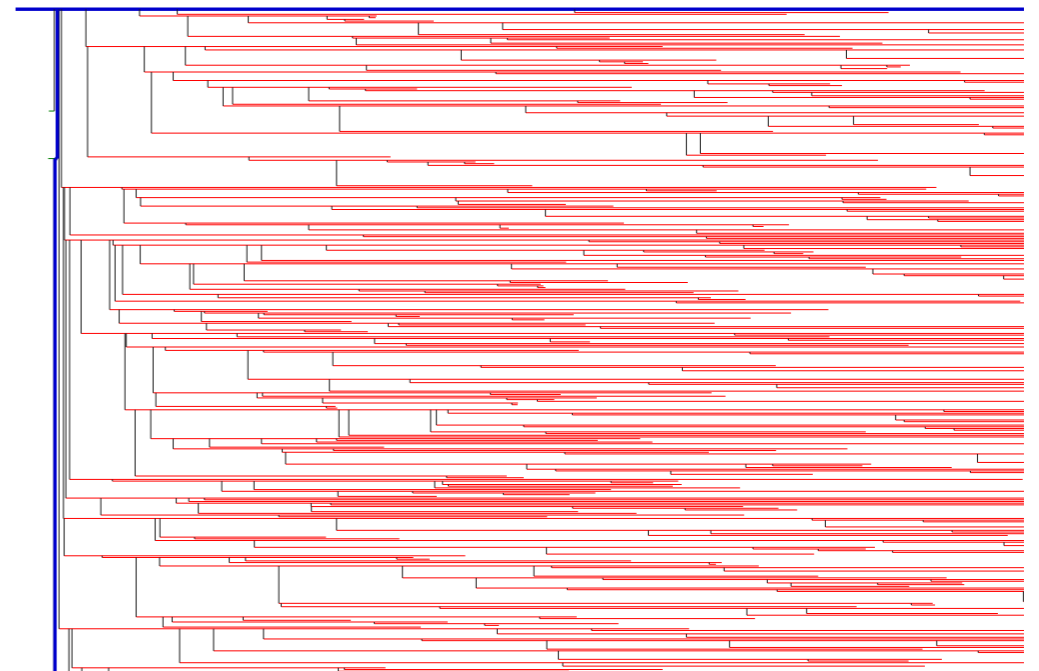
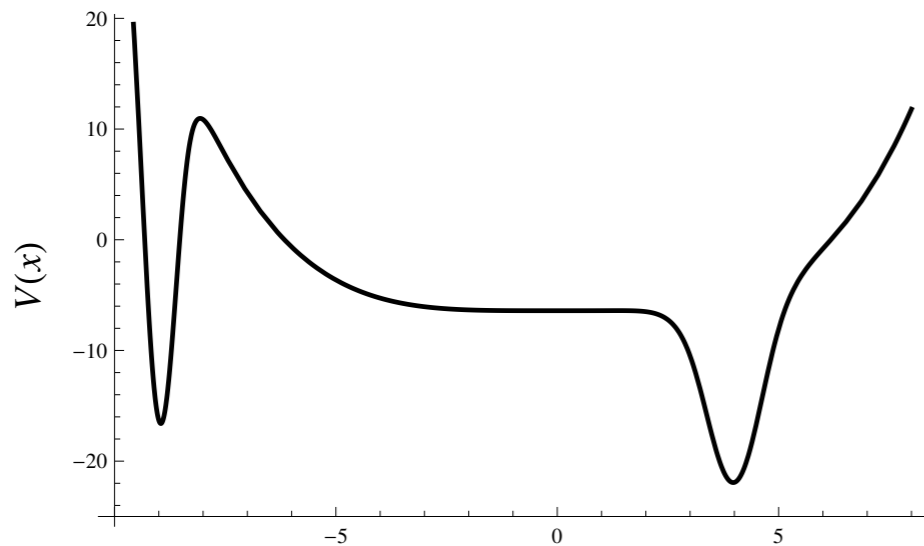
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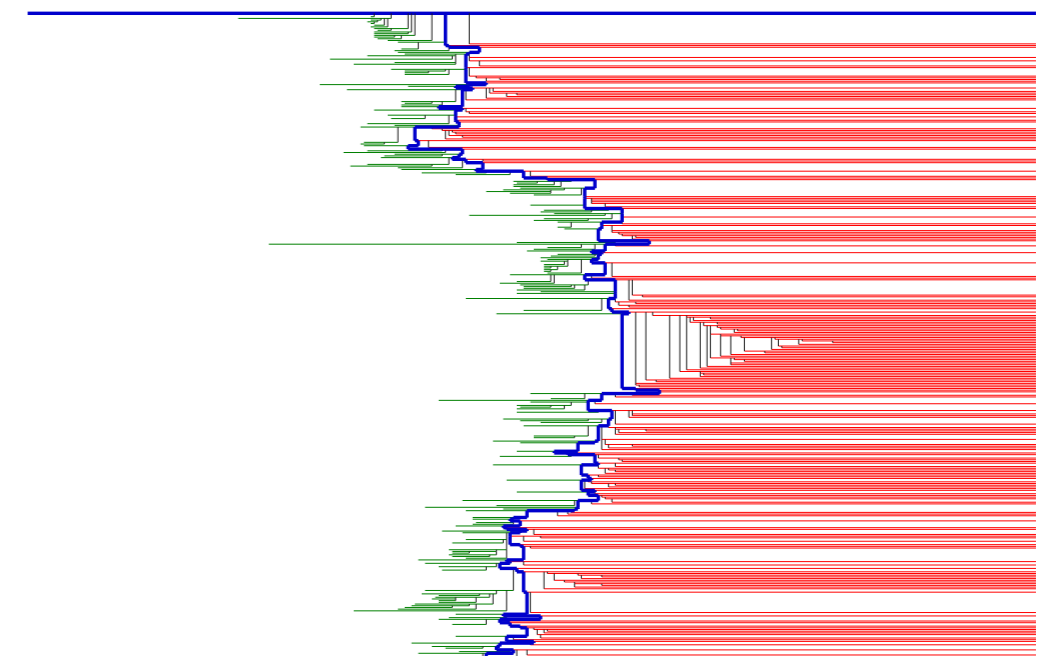
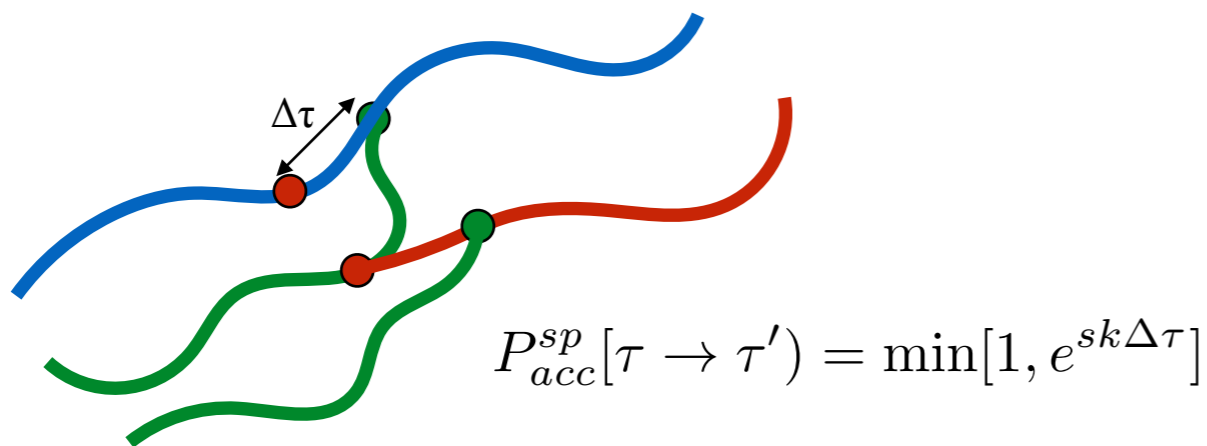
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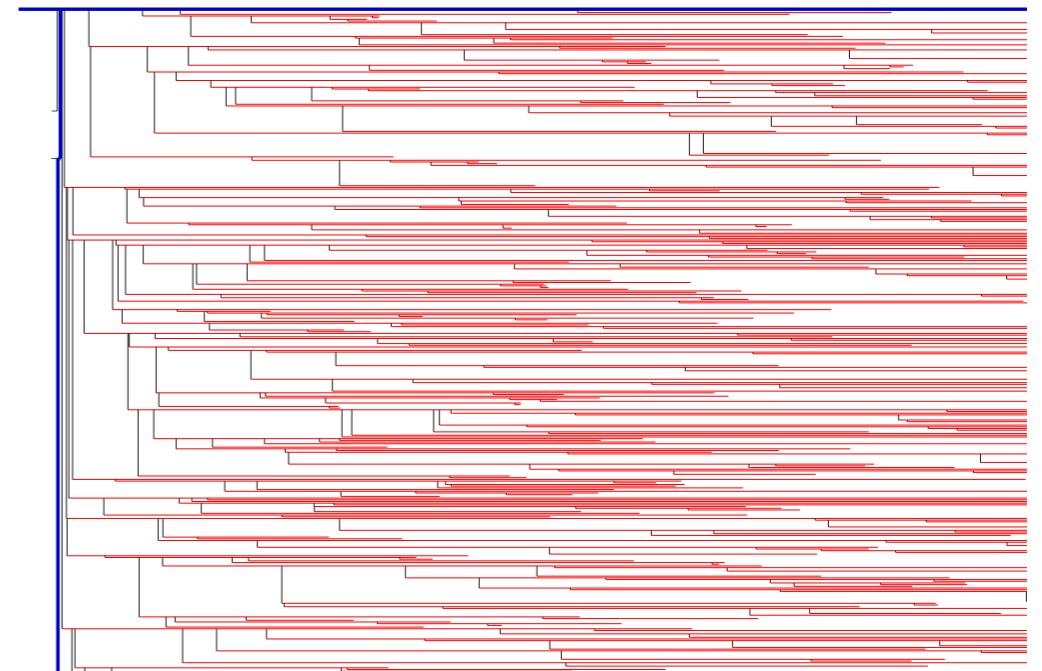
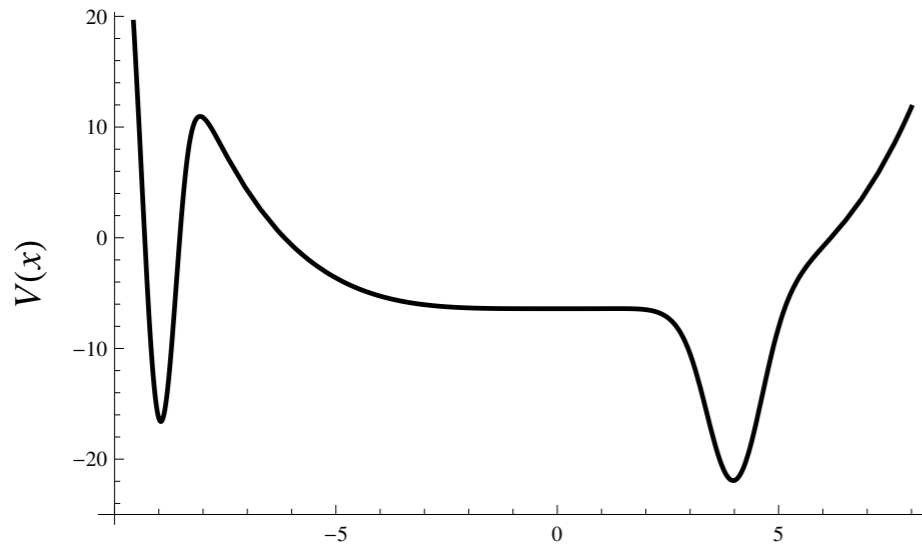
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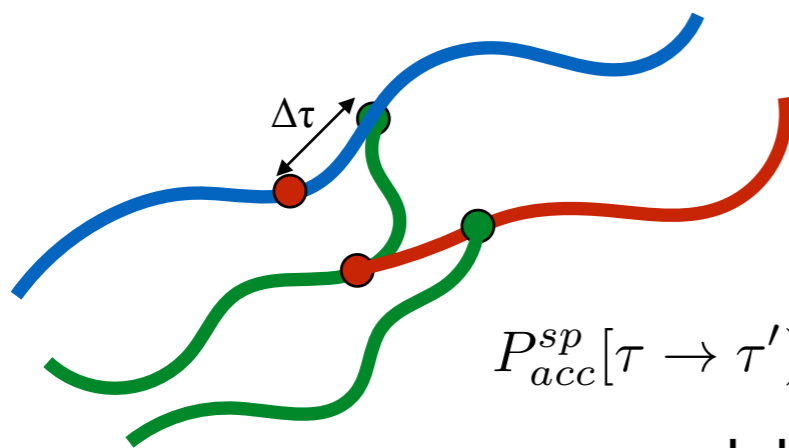
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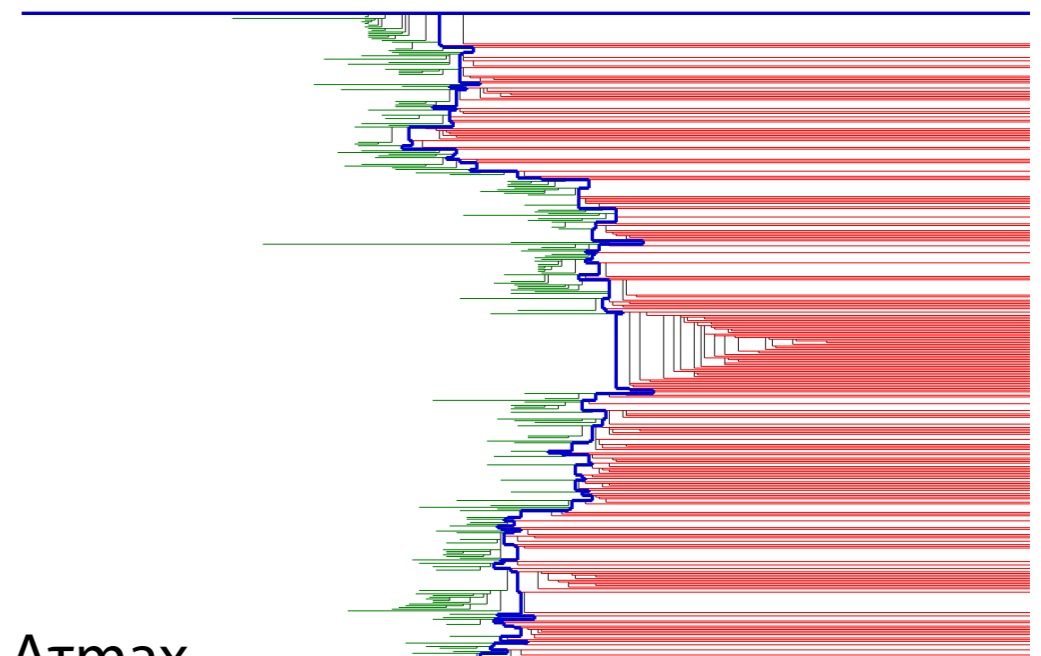
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pro: much better decorrelation

con: need optimisation of  $k$  and  $\Delta\tau_{max}$



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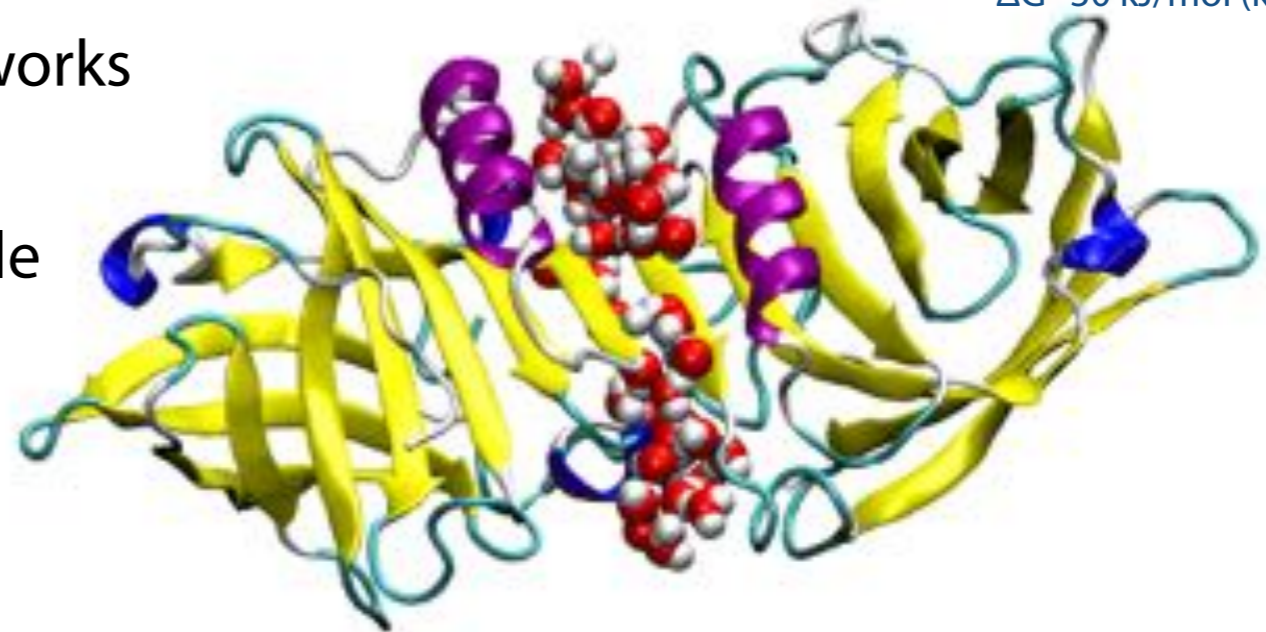
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 $\Delta G \sim 30$  kJ/mol ( $k_{\text{off}} < 0.1$  s<sup>-1</sup>)

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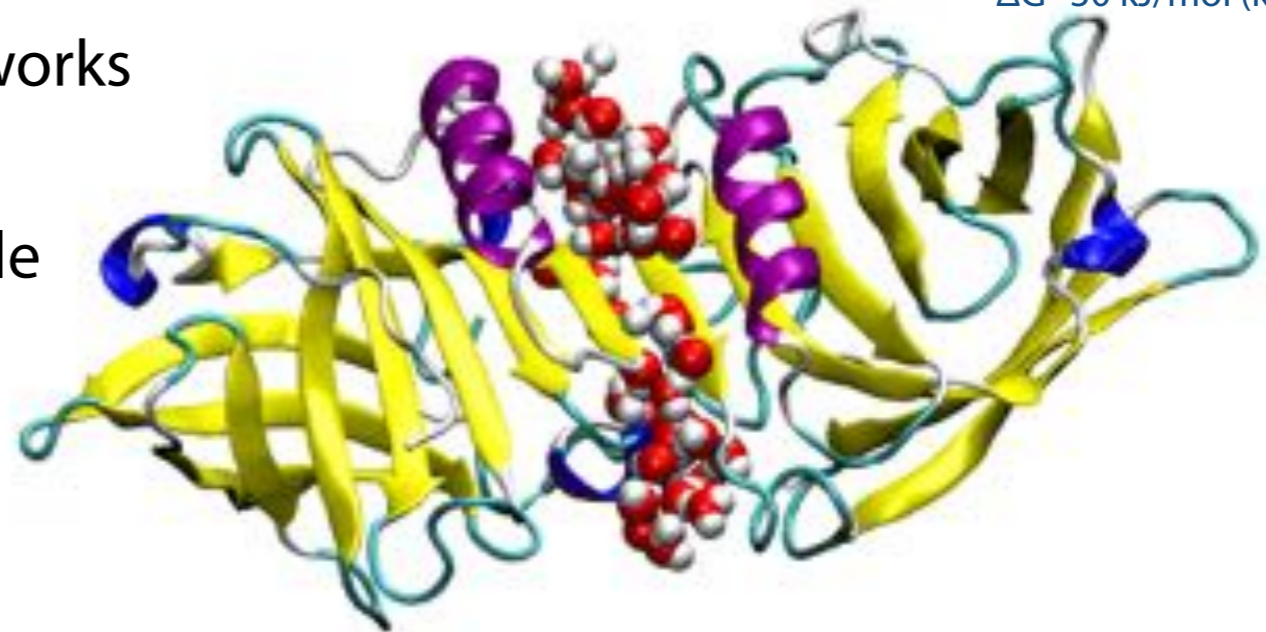
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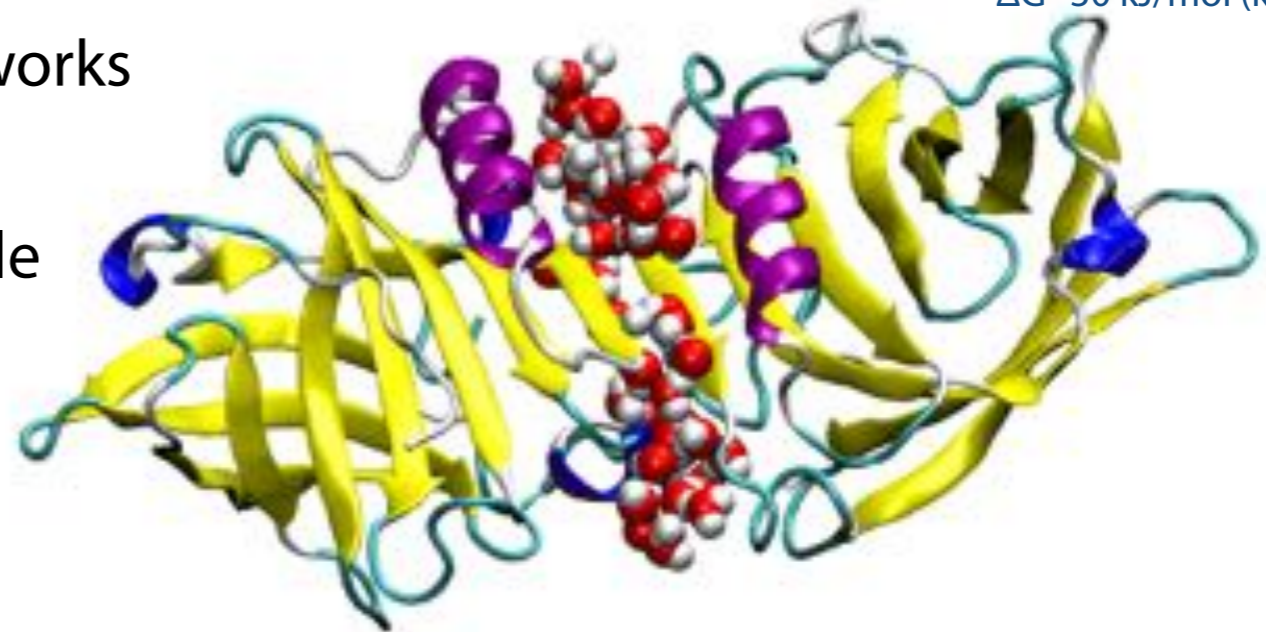
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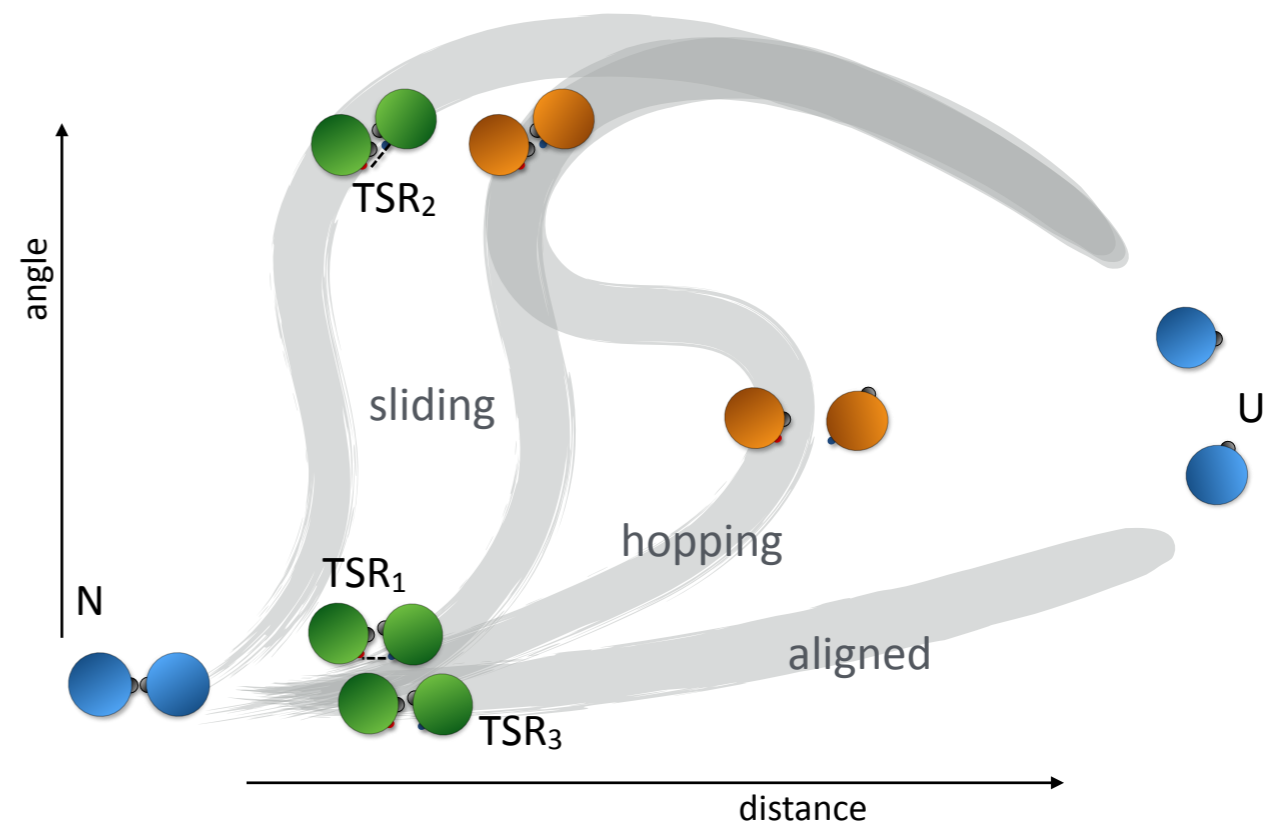
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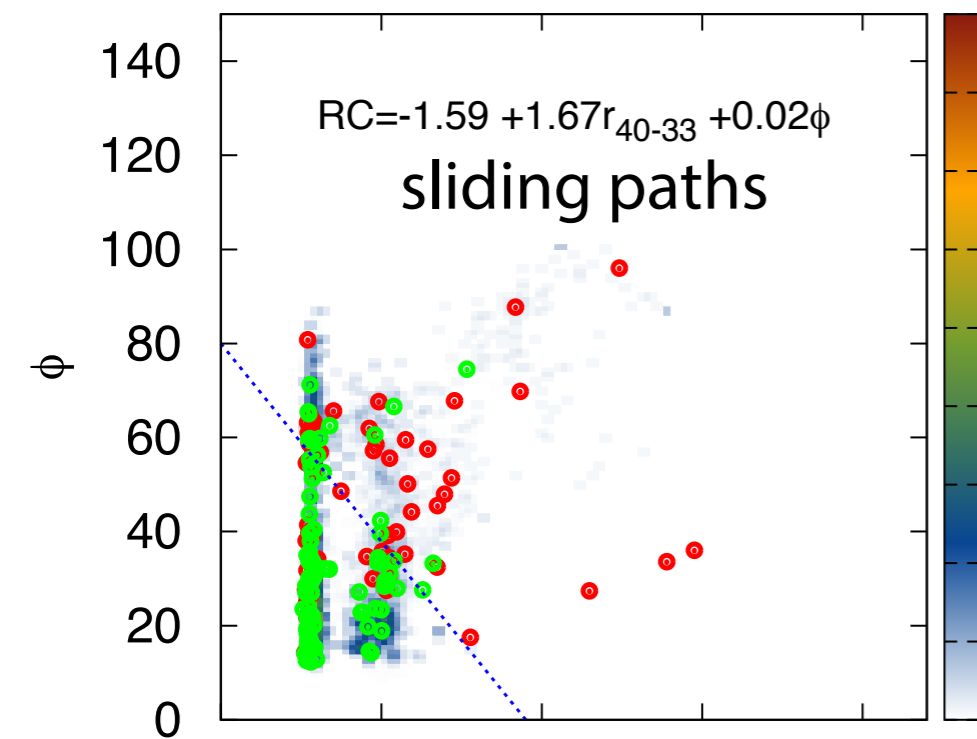
After sampling 100's of trajectories

we find several mechanisms

how do we understand molecular  
nature of the mechanism  
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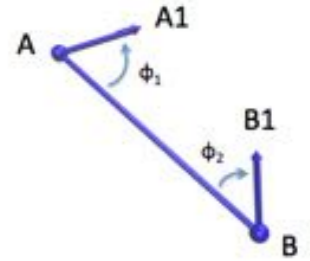
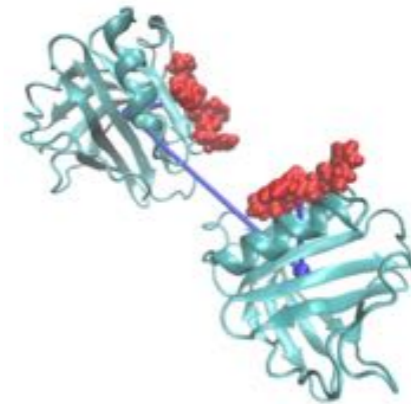


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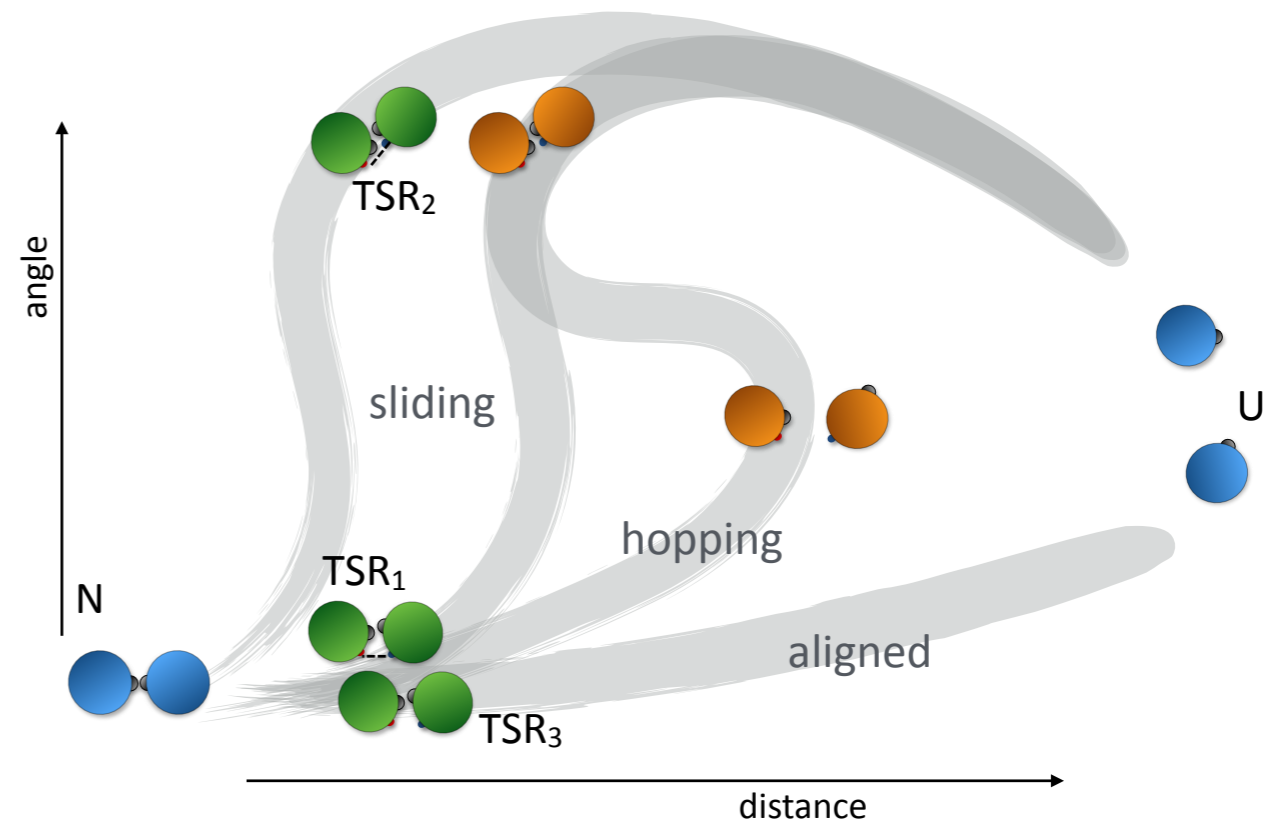
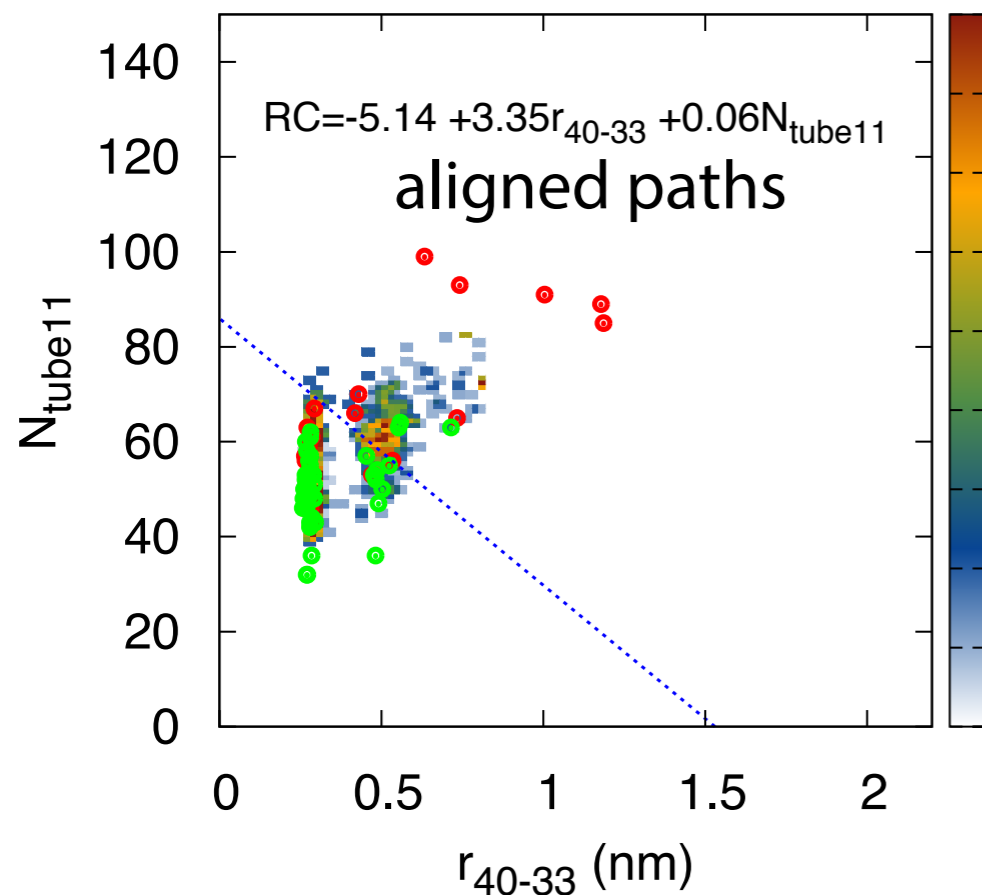
important ingredients sliding paths:

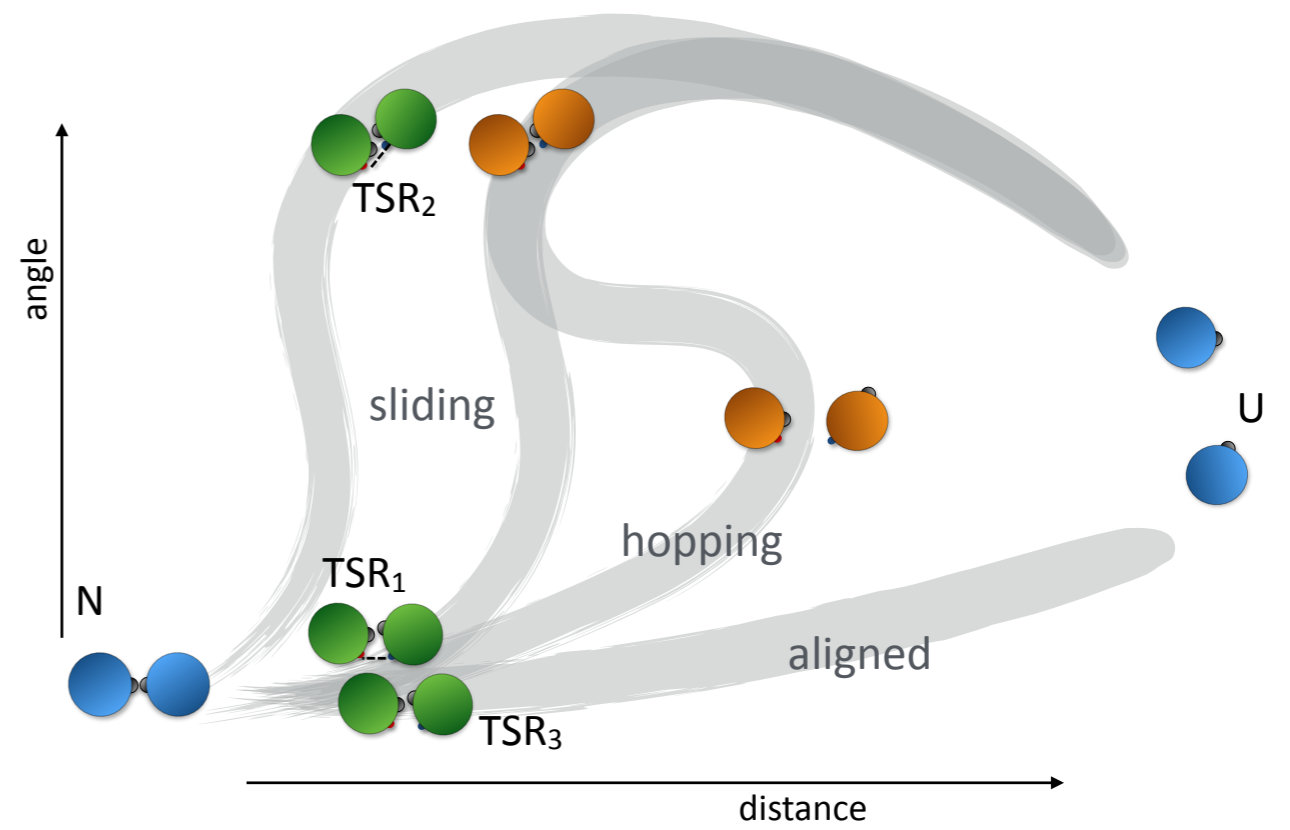
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- angle phi

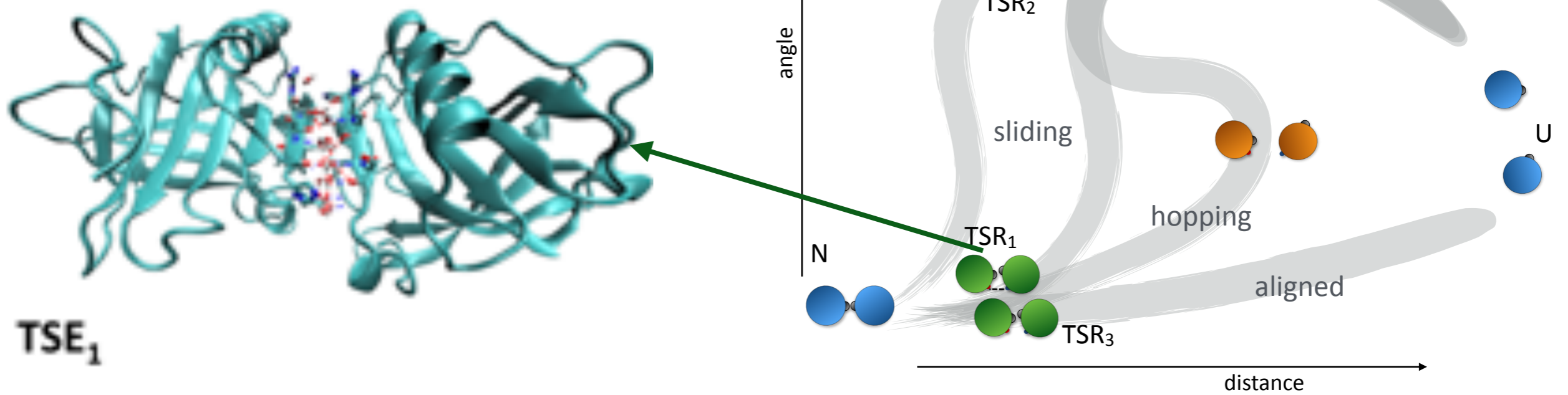


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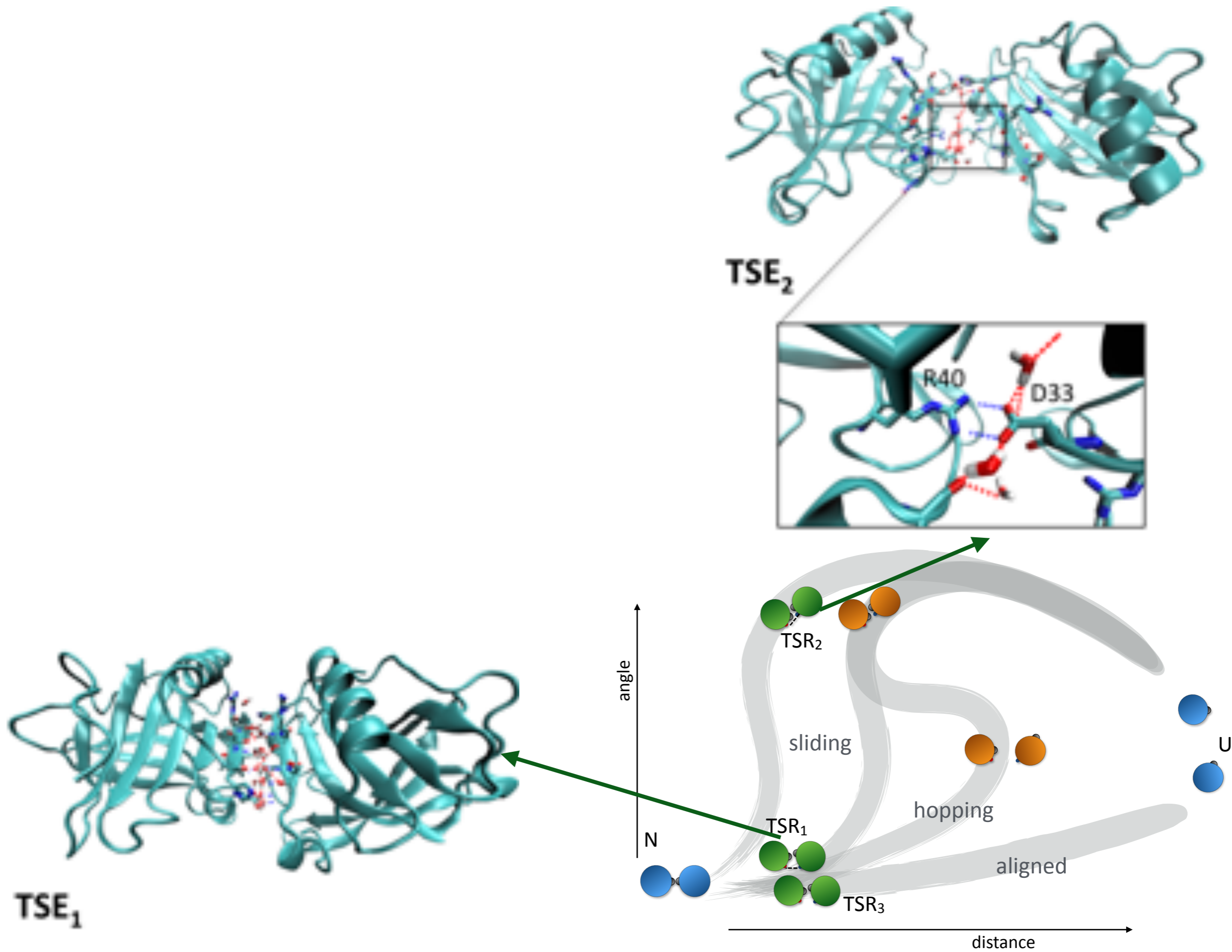
- salt bridge
- number of waters between proteins

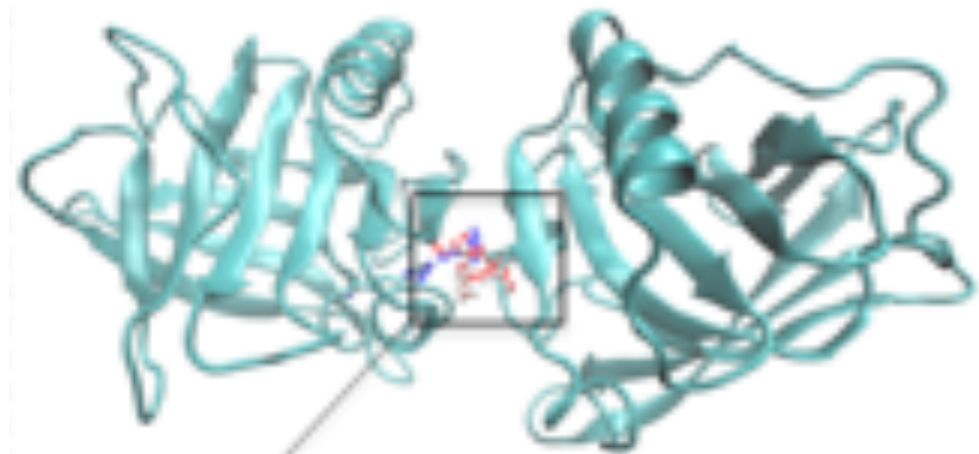




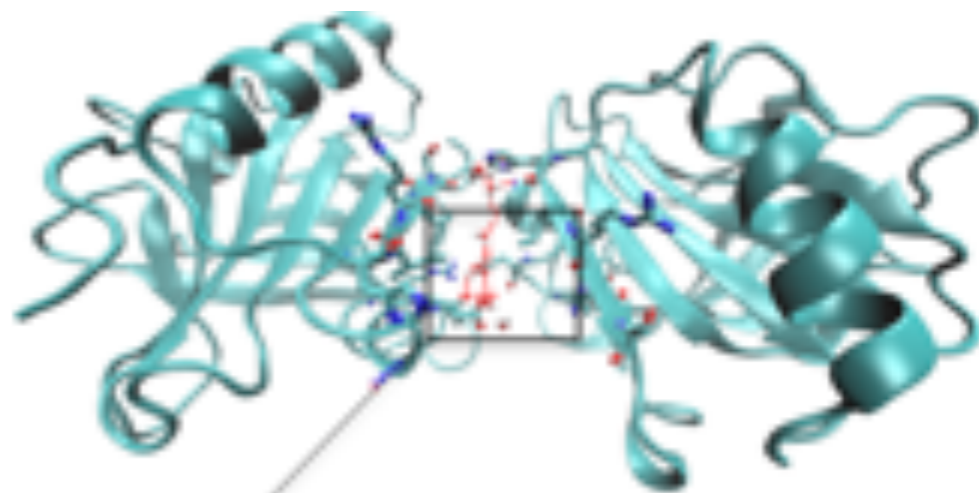


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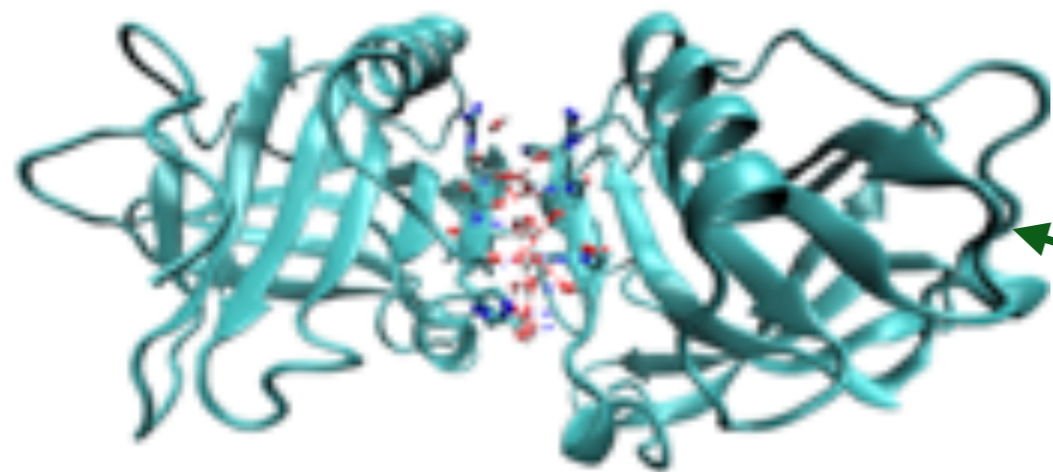
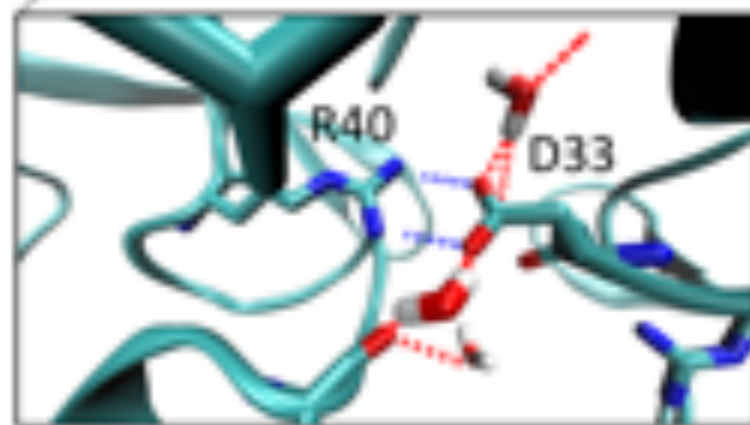
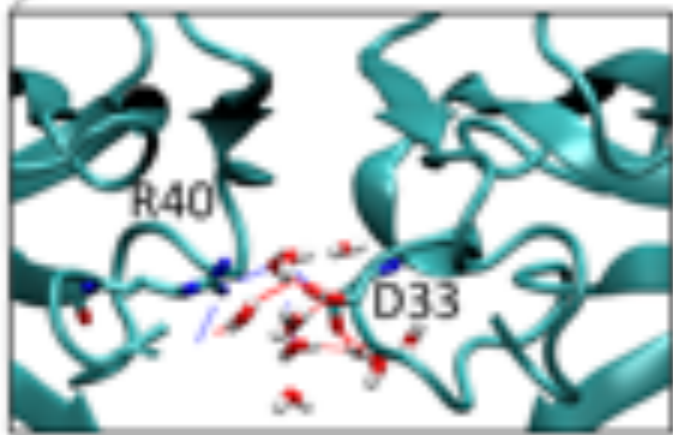




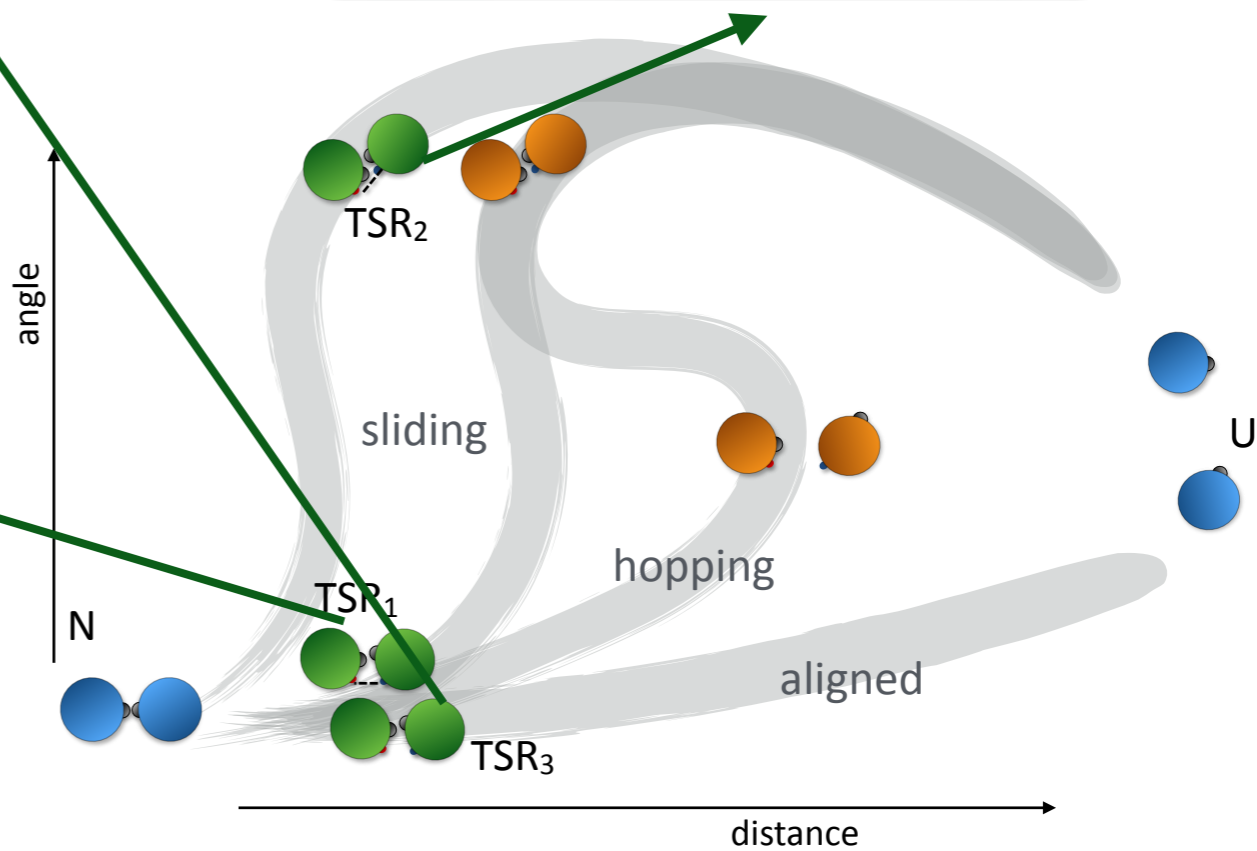
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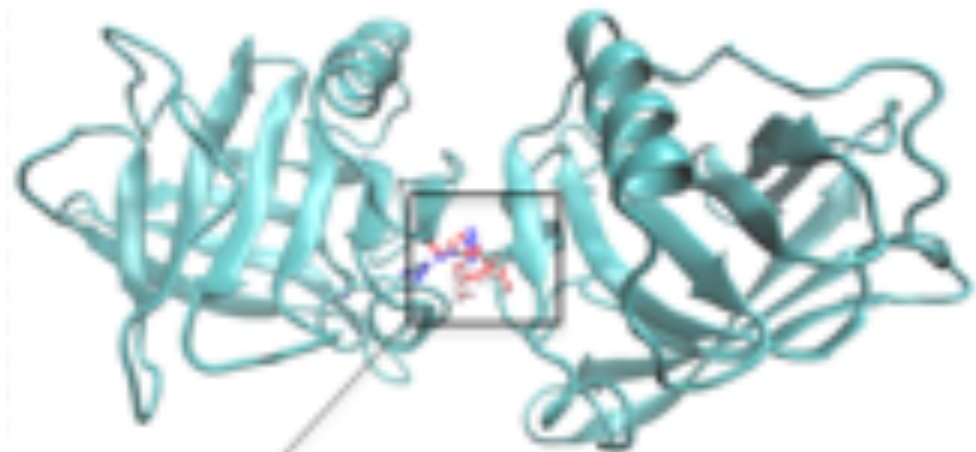
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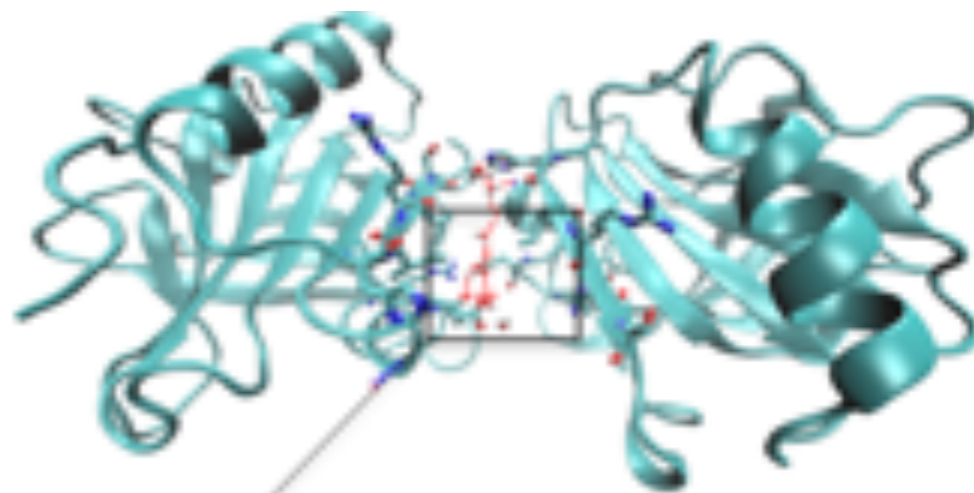
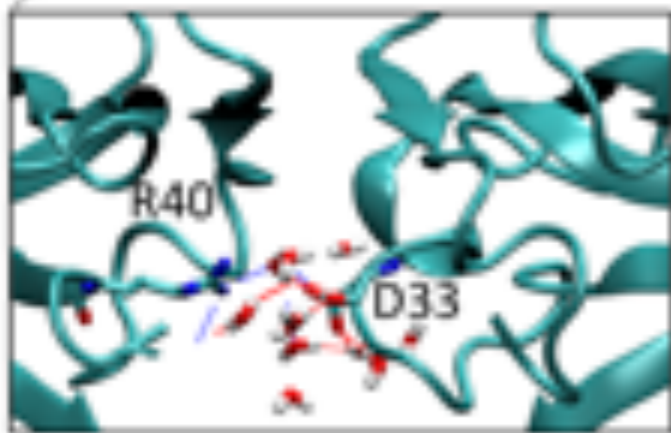
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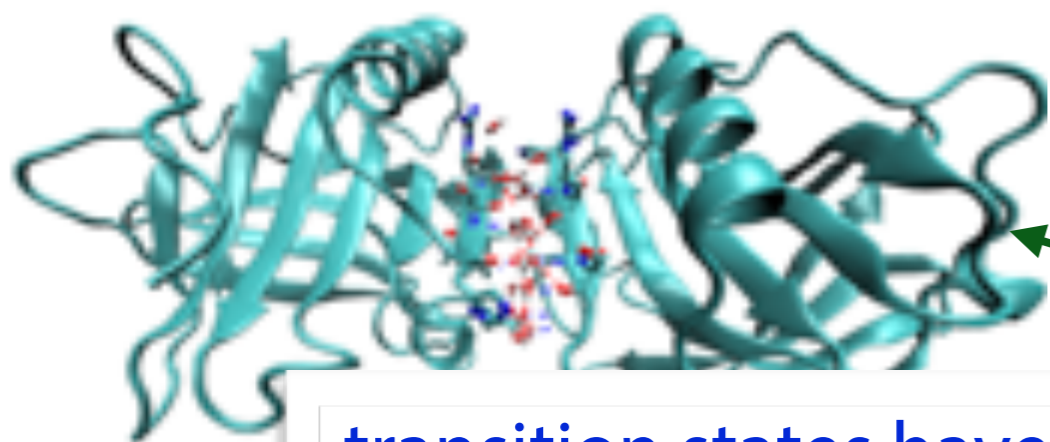
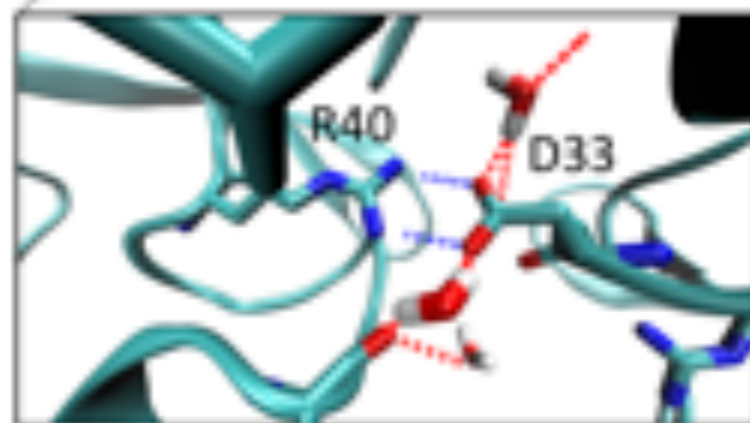




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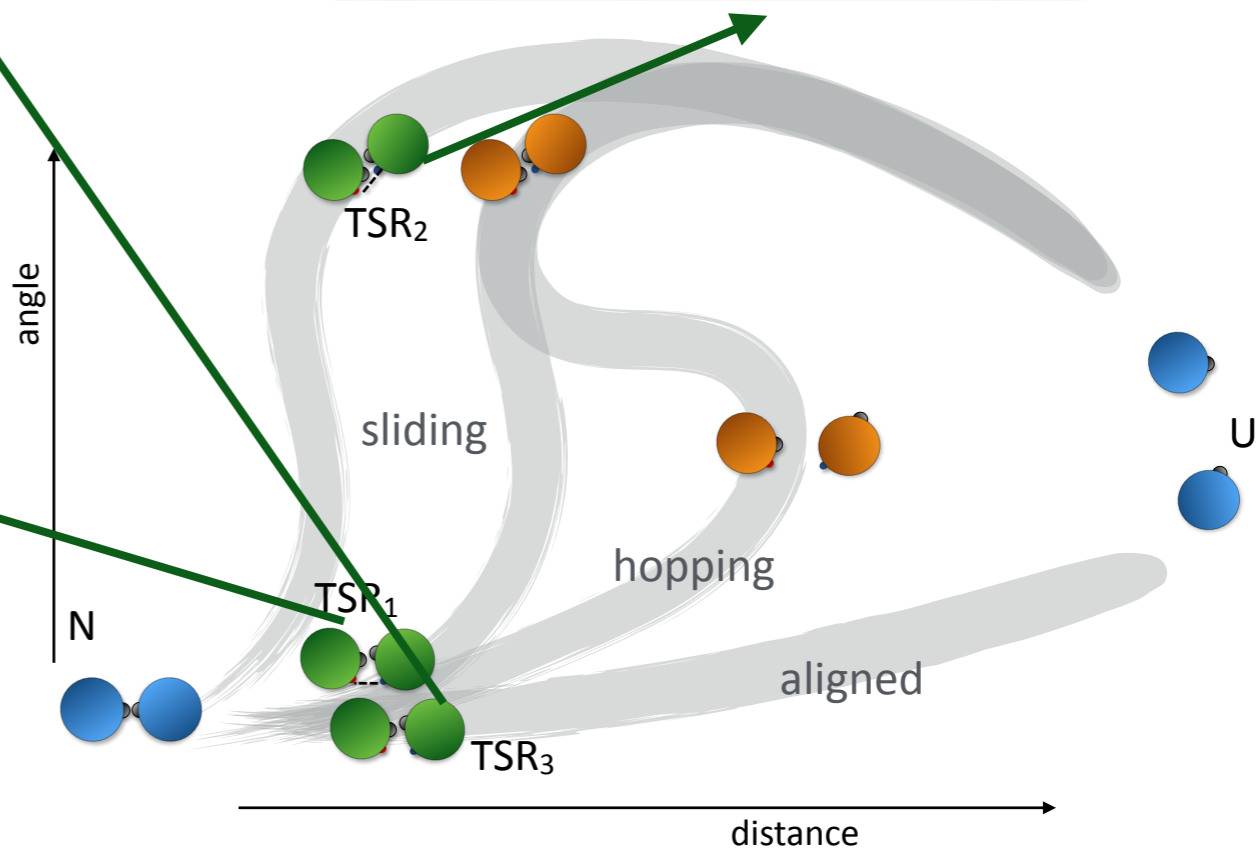


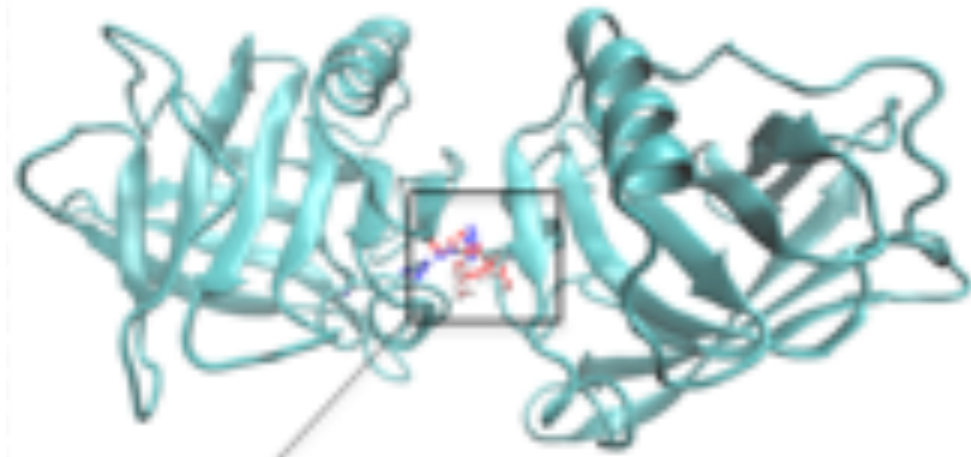
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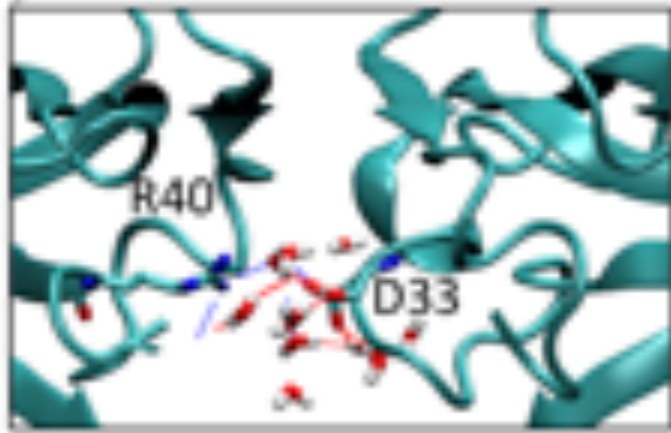
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transition states have  
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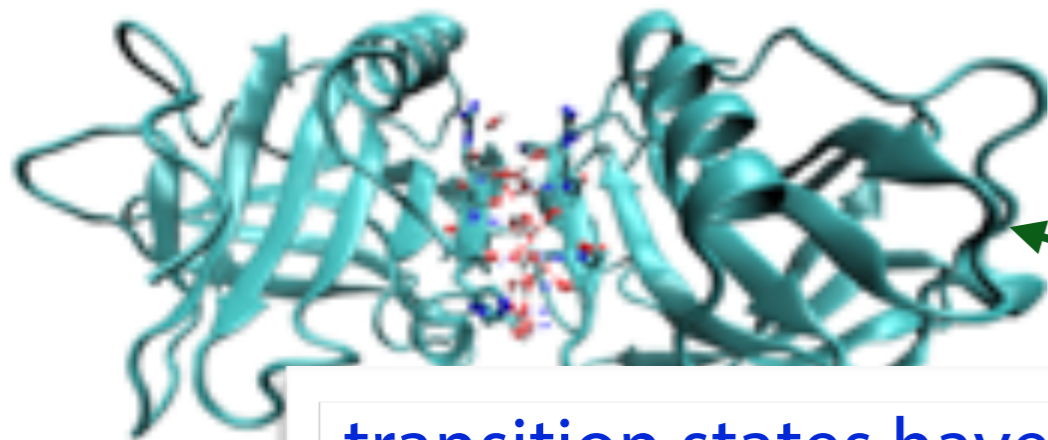
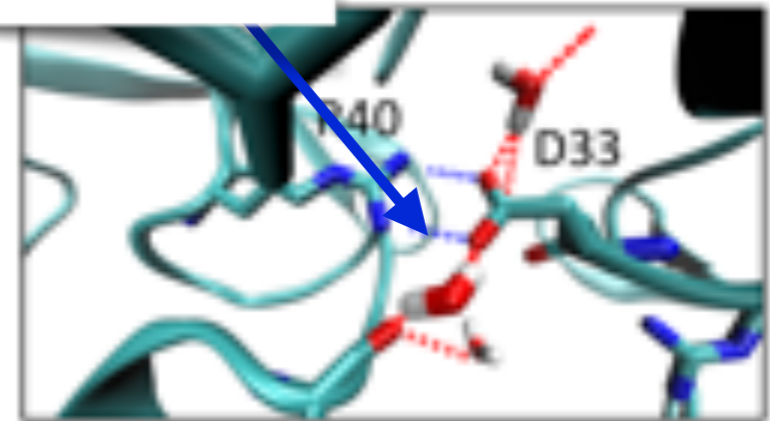
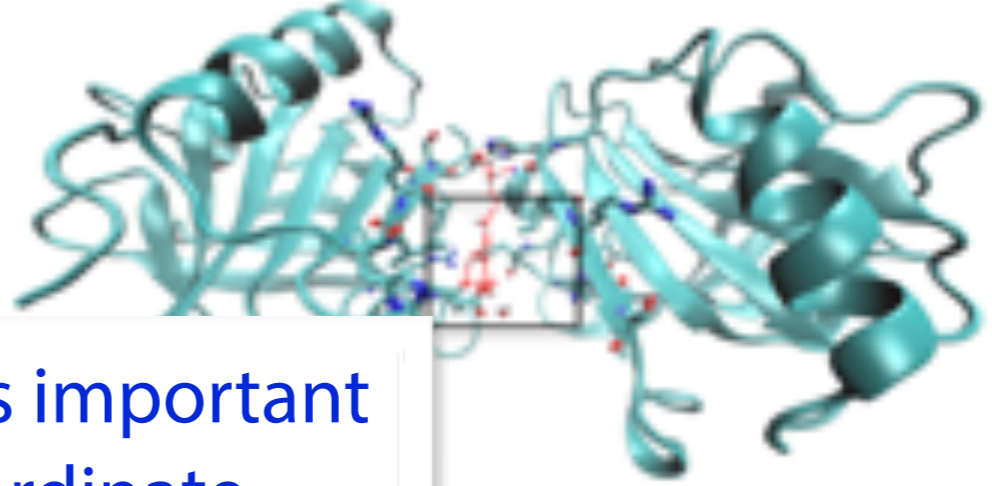




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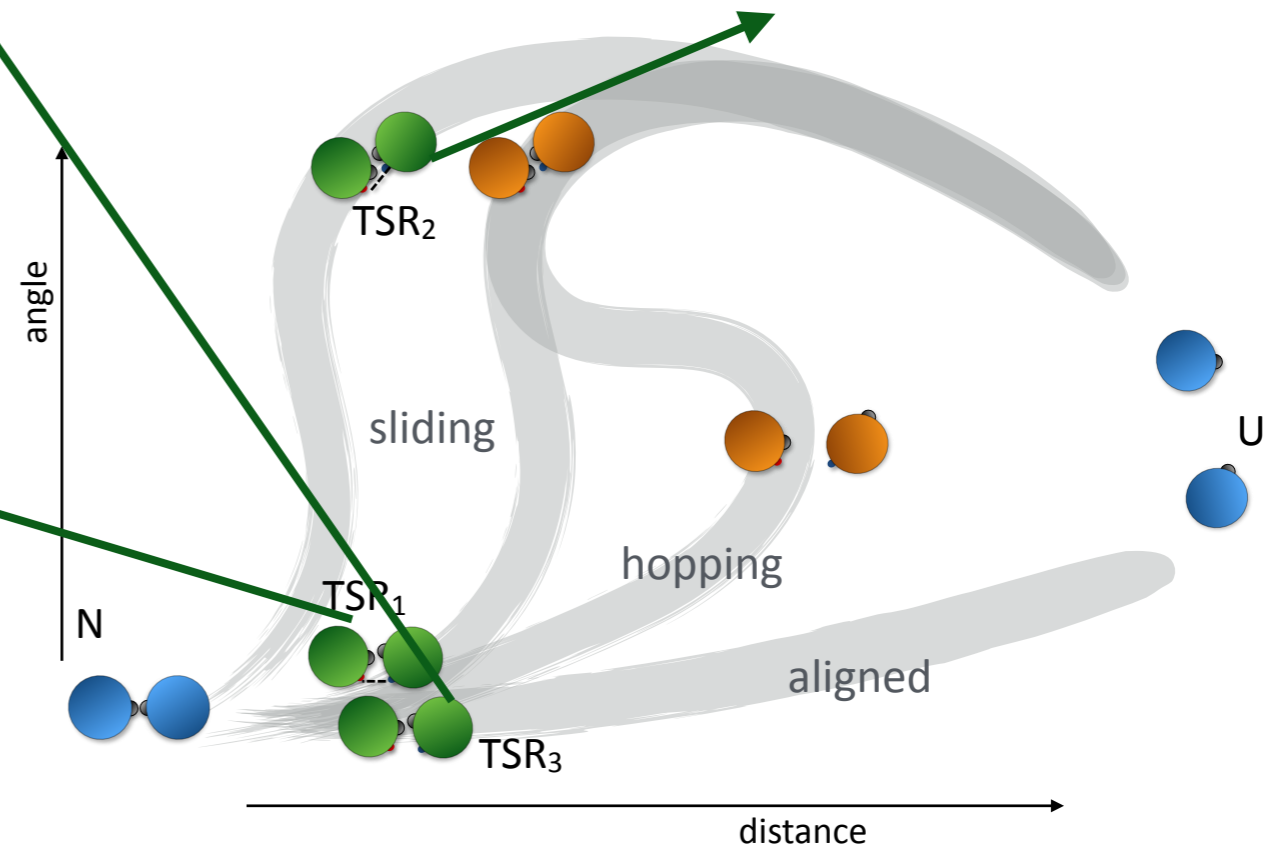


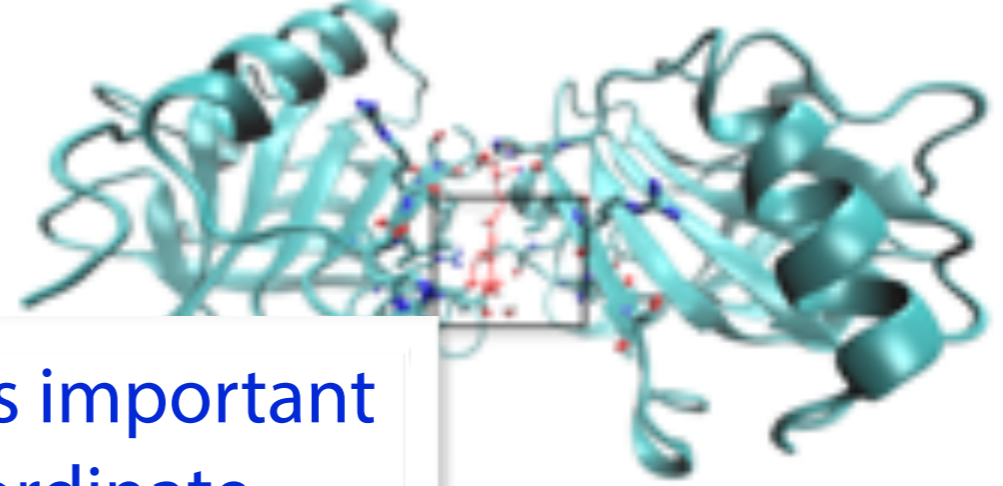
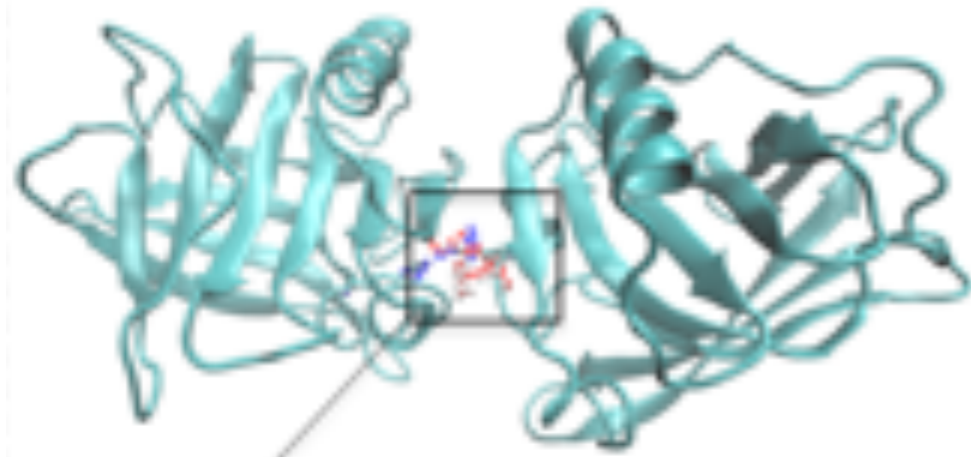
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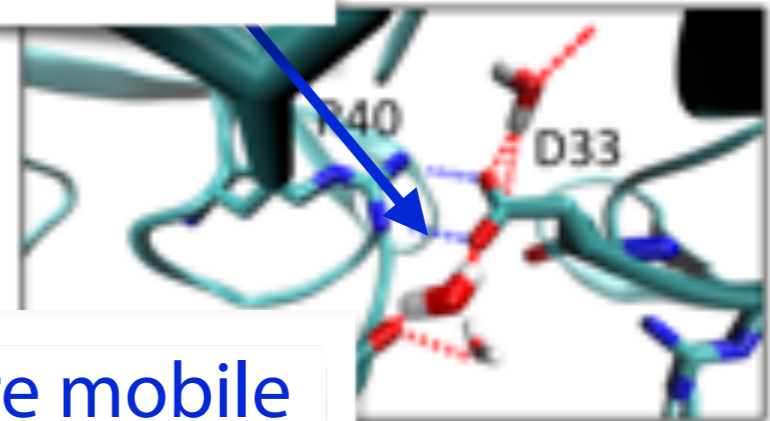
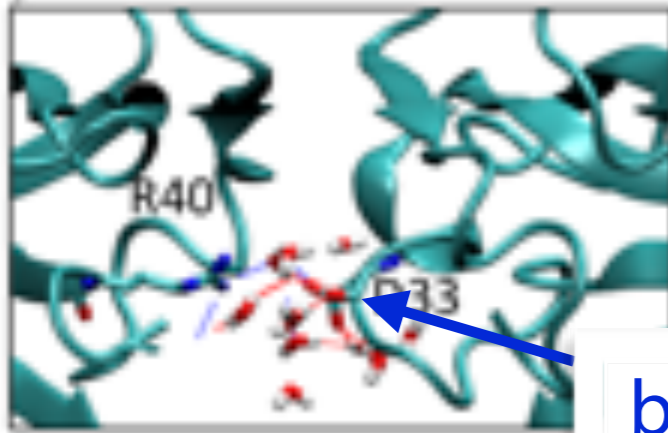
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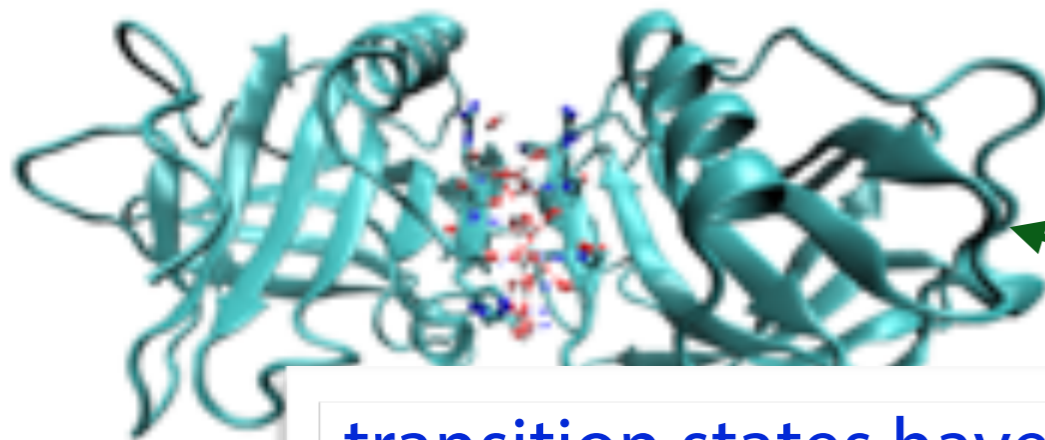


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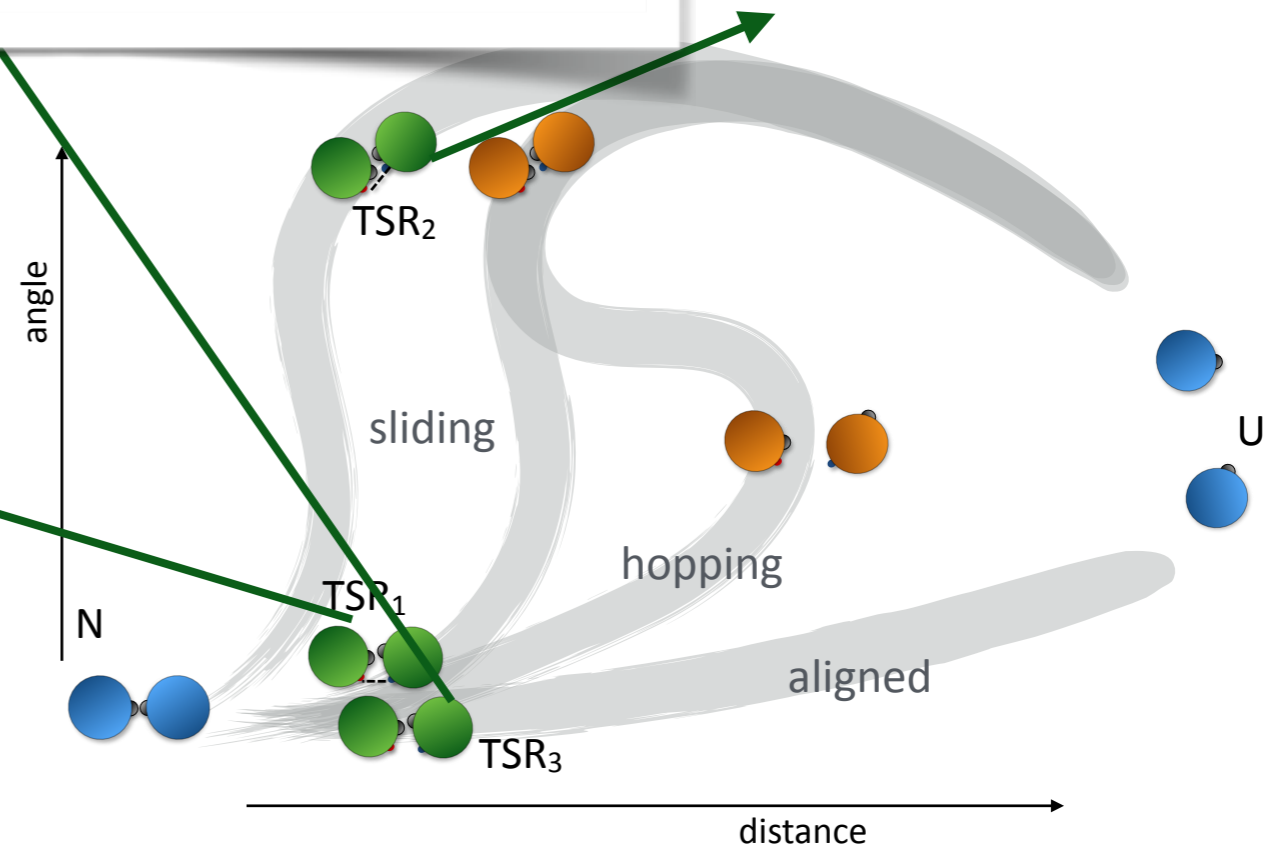


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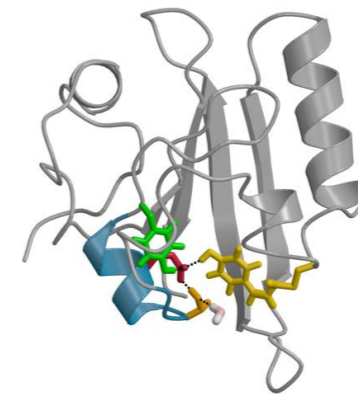
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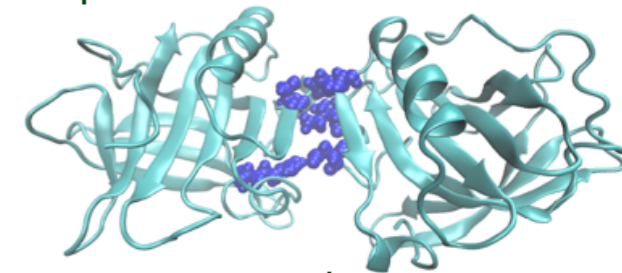
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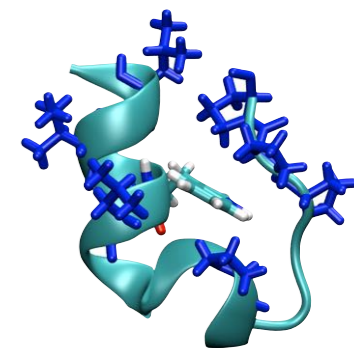
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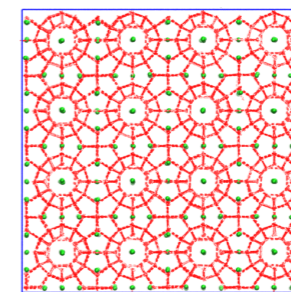
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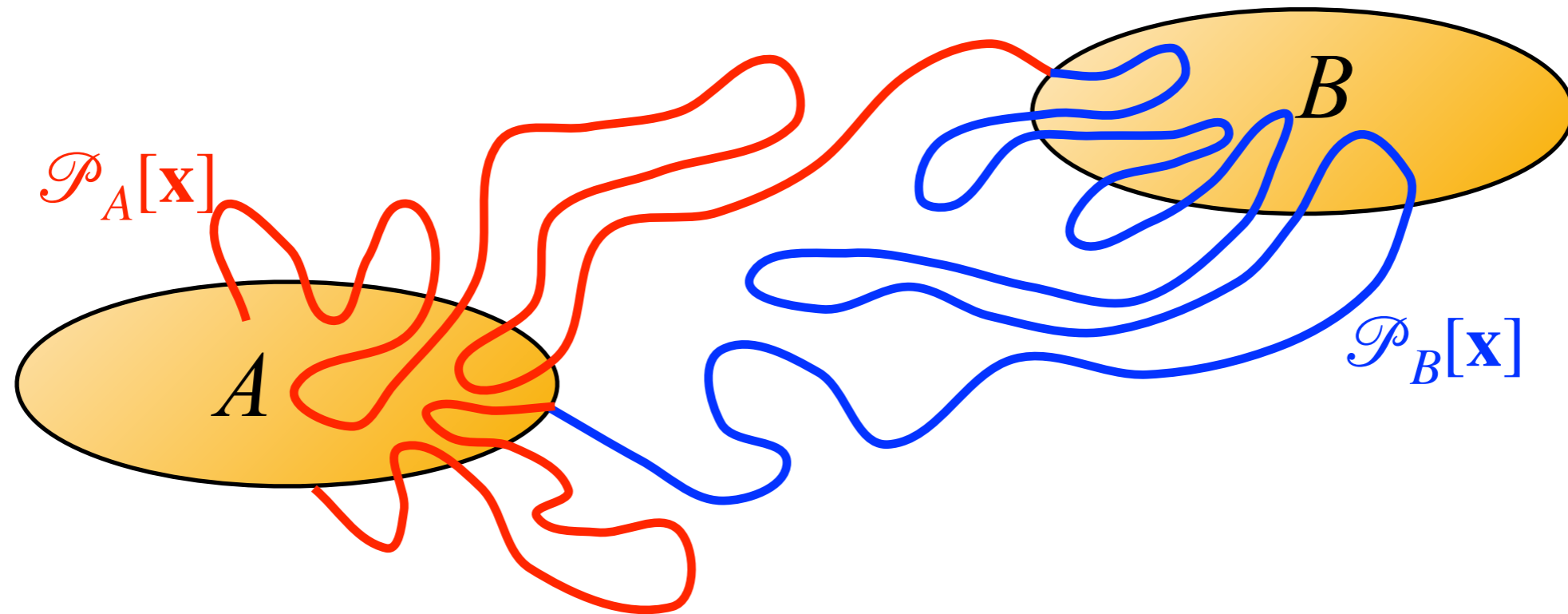


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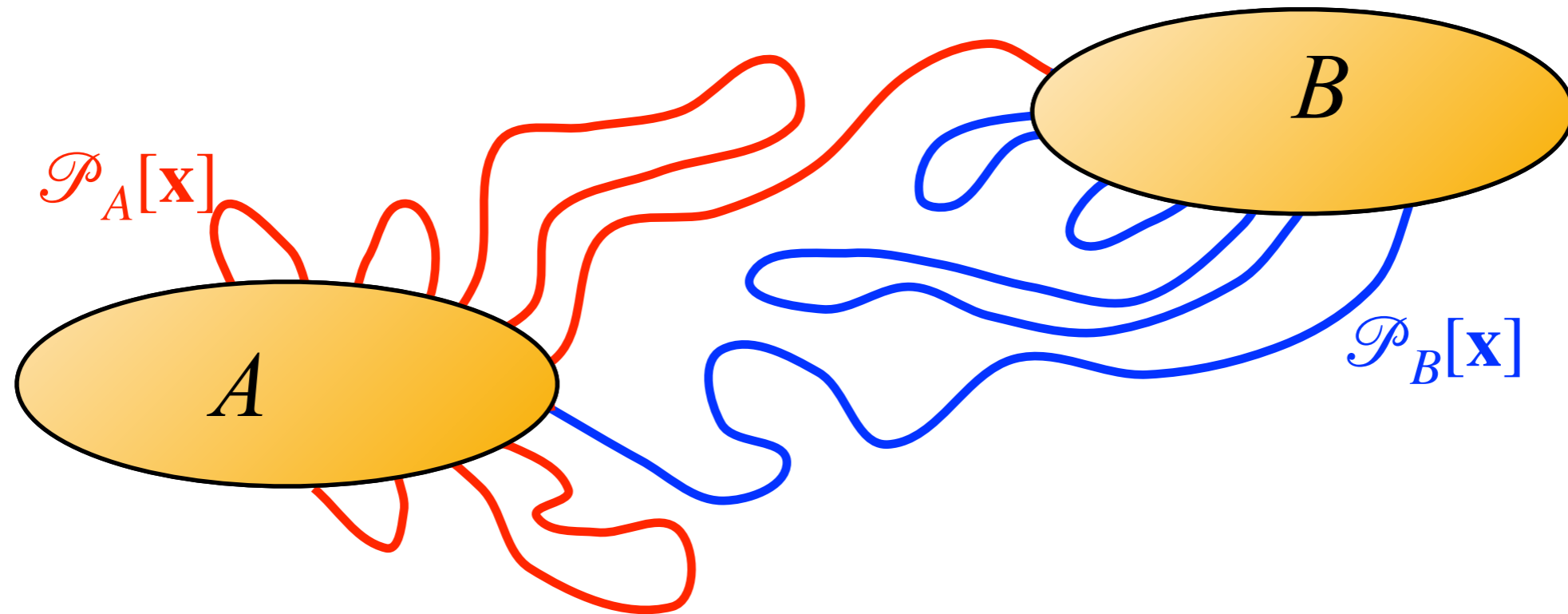
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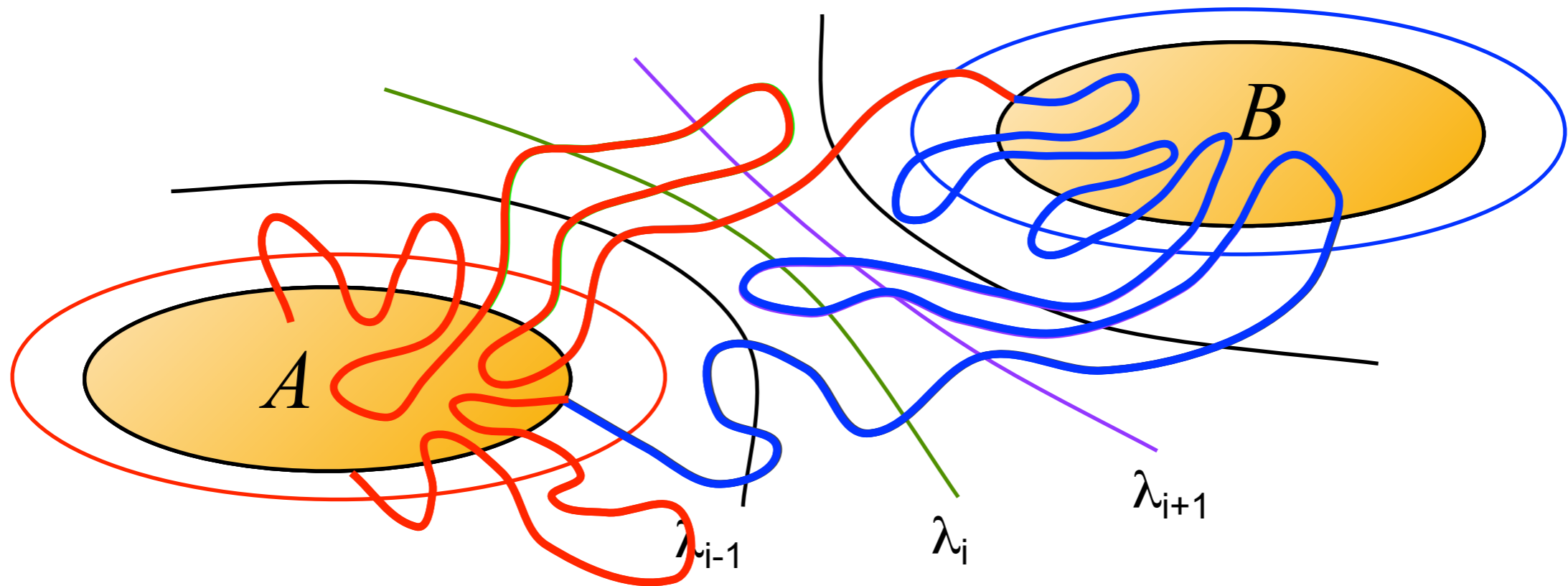
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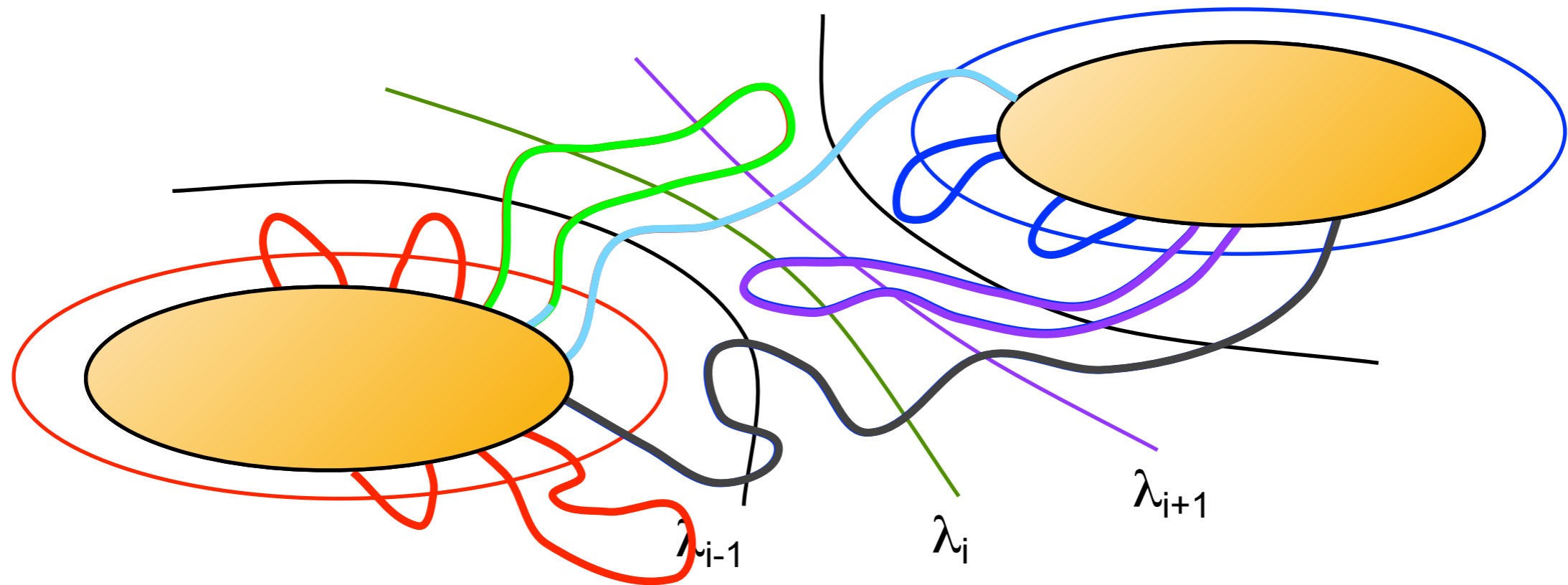
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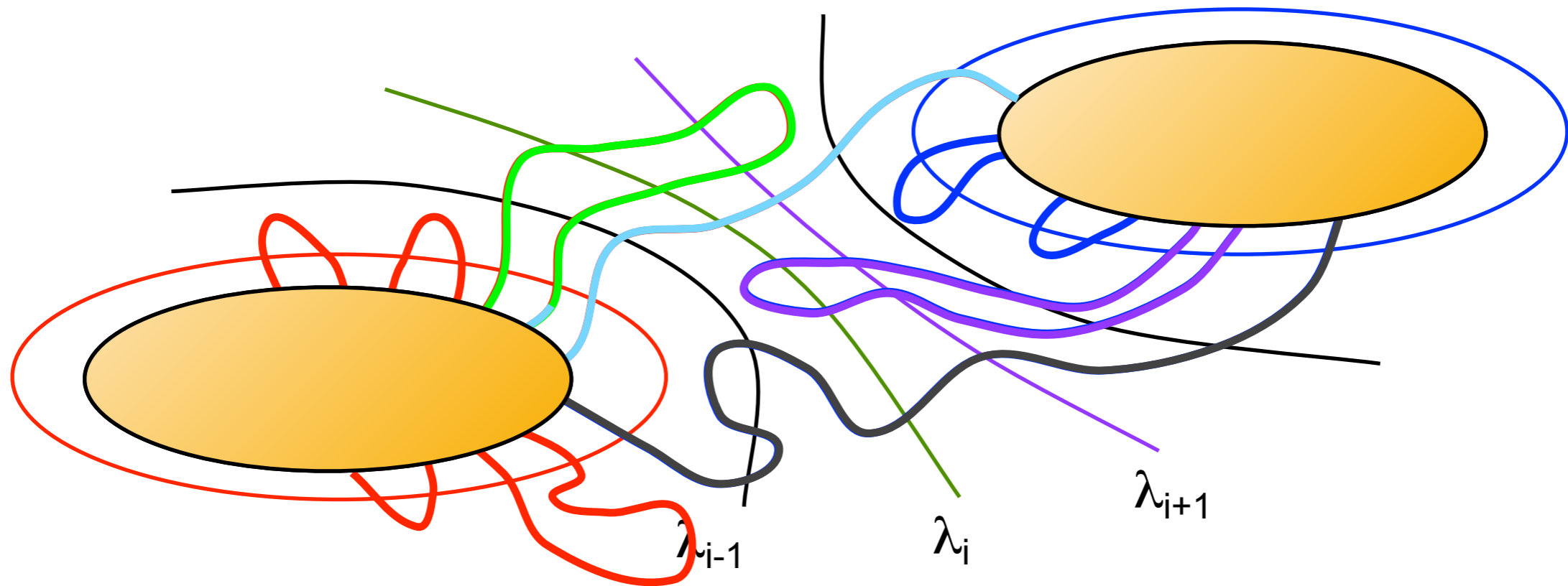




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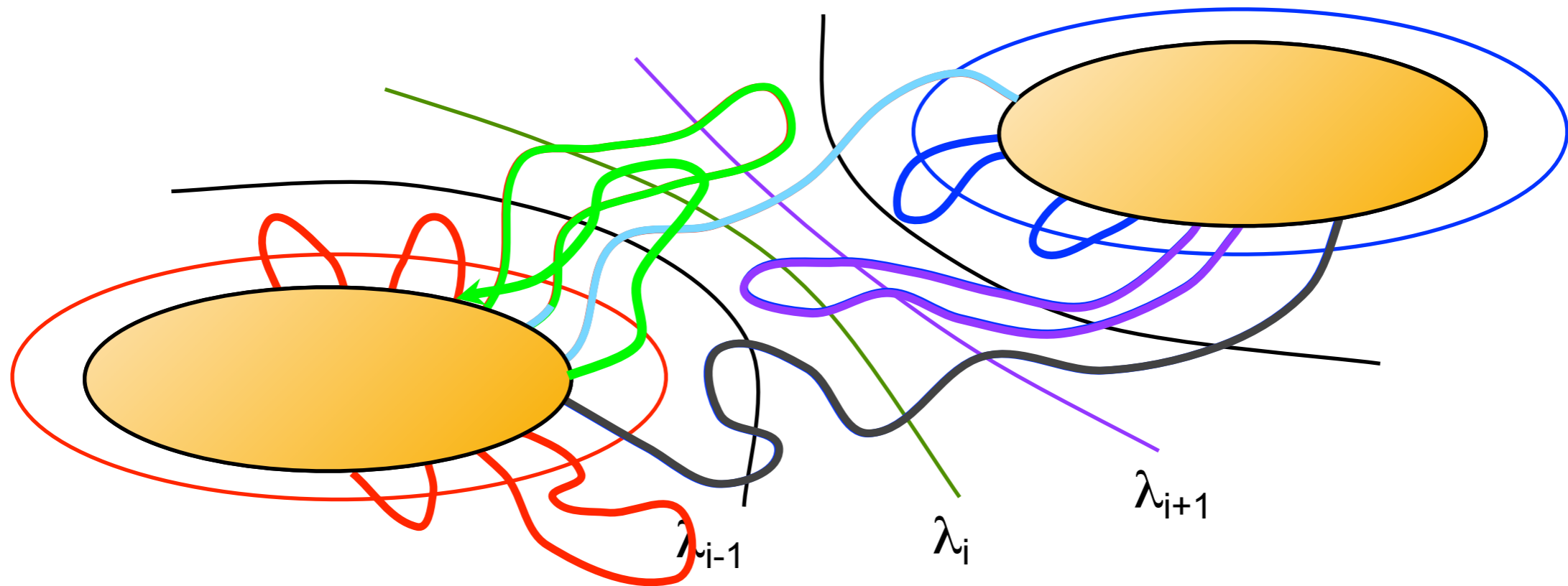
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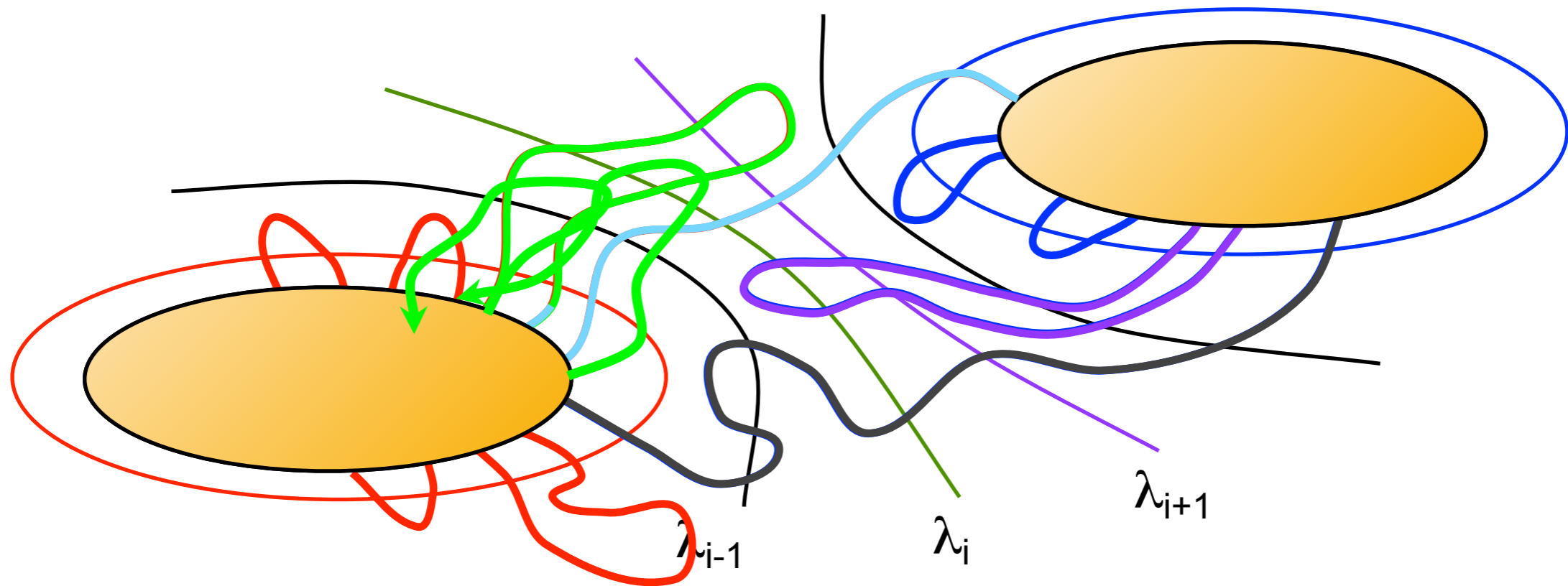
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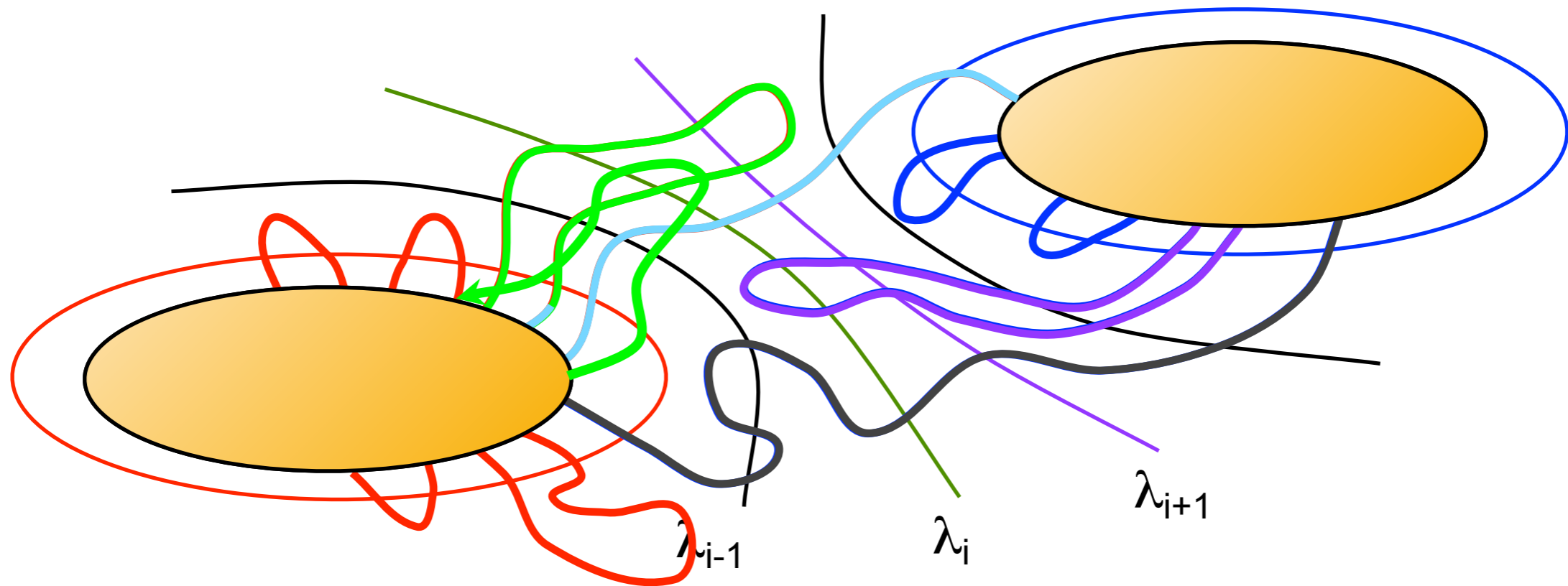
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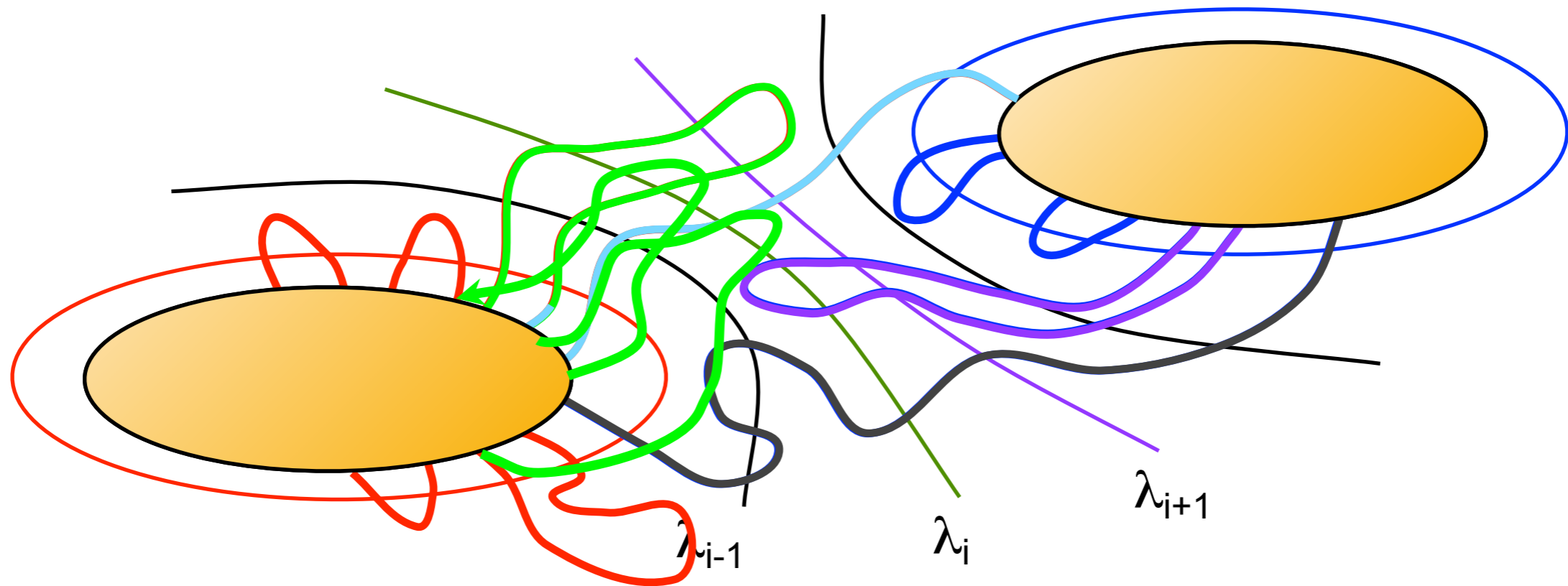
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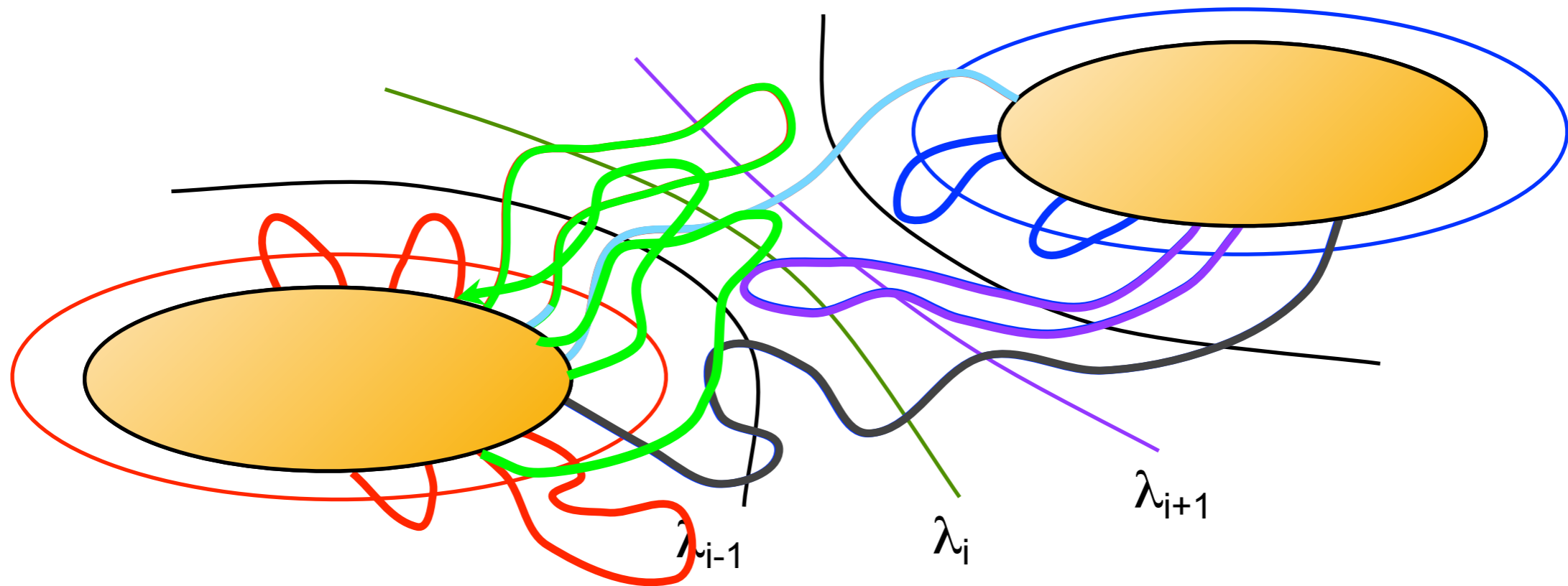
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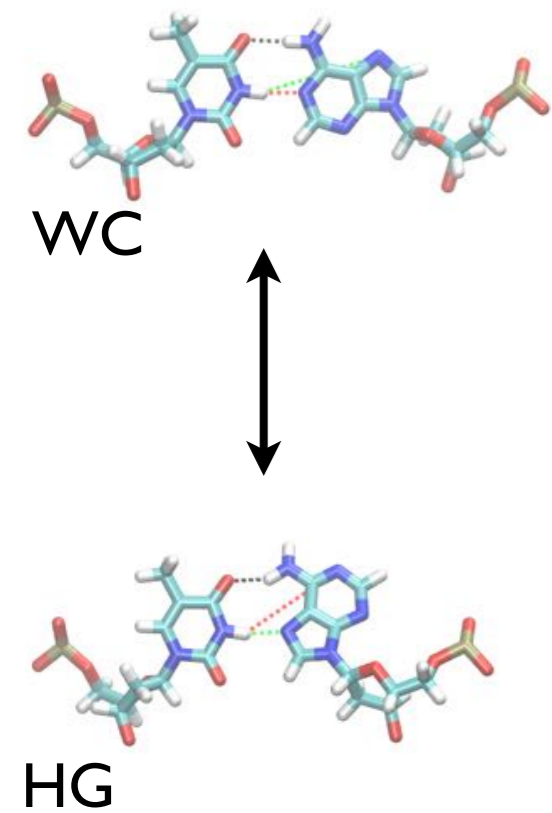
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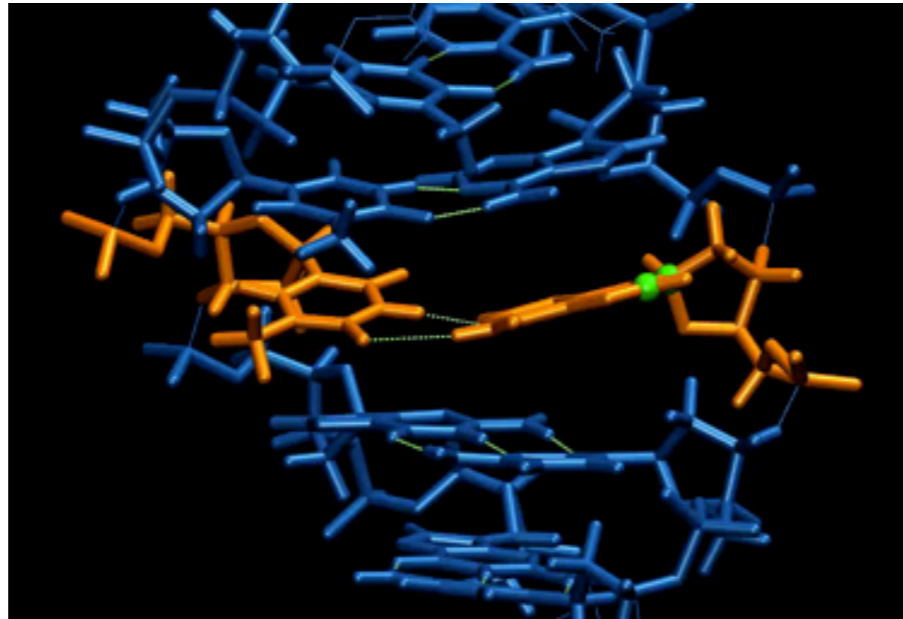
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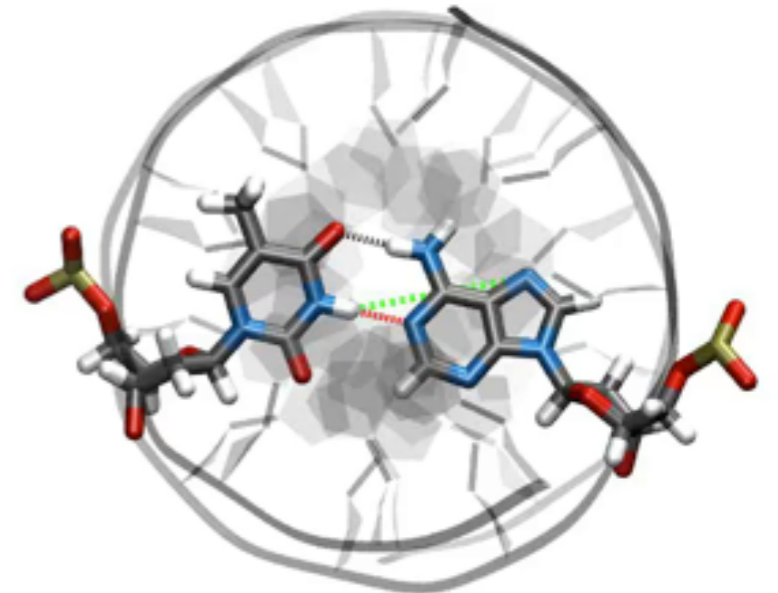


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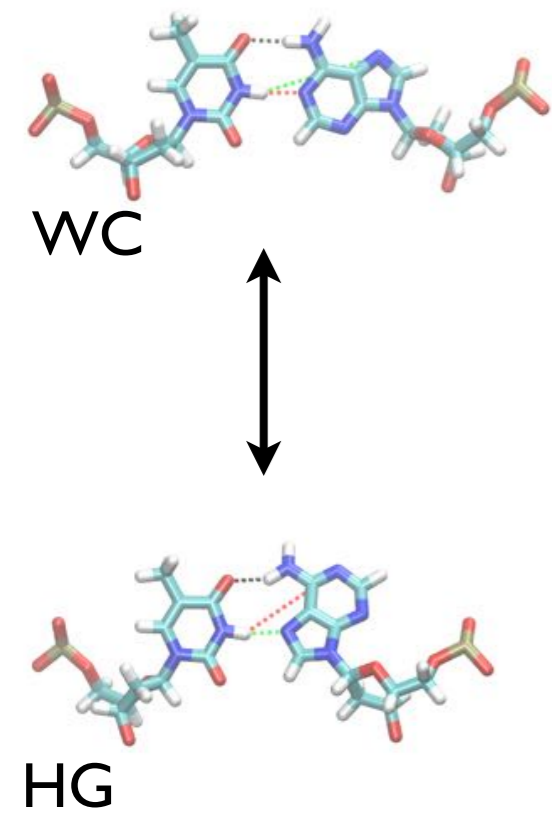
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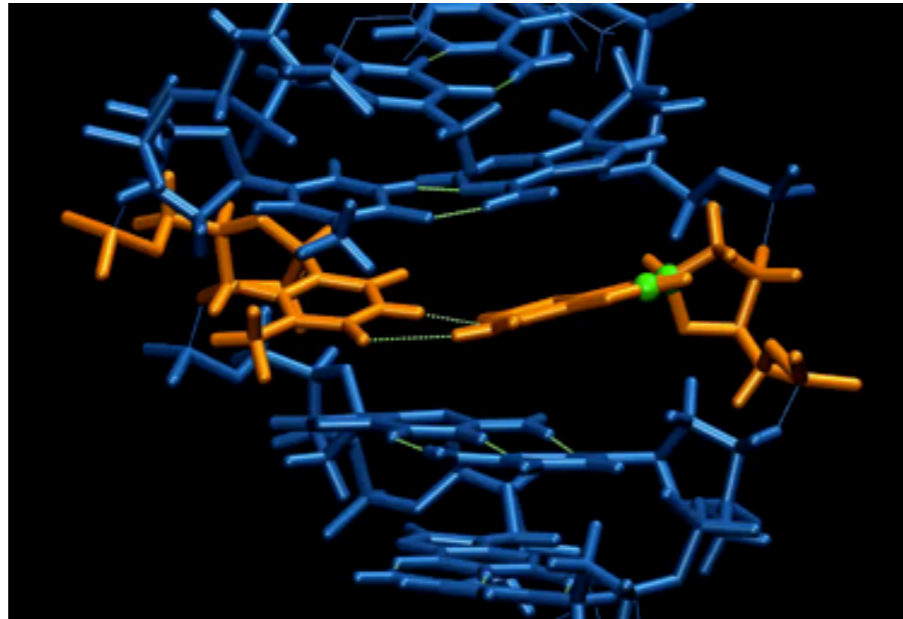


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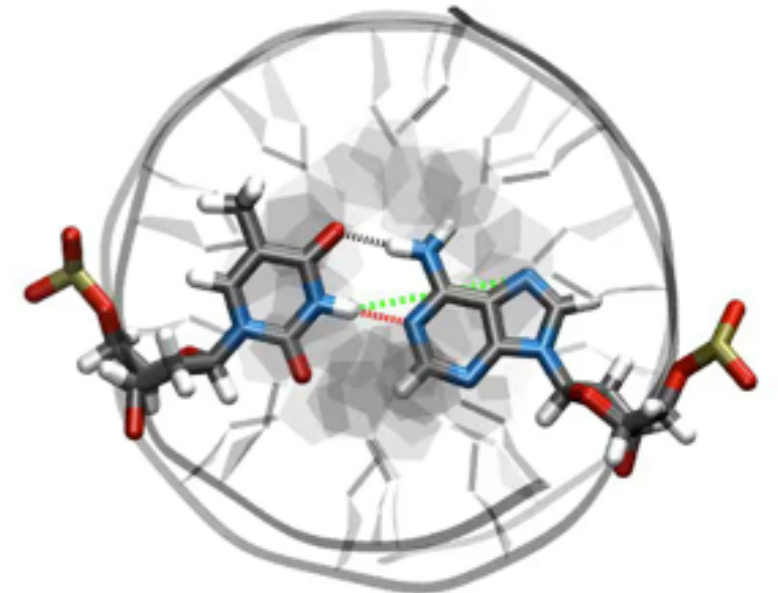


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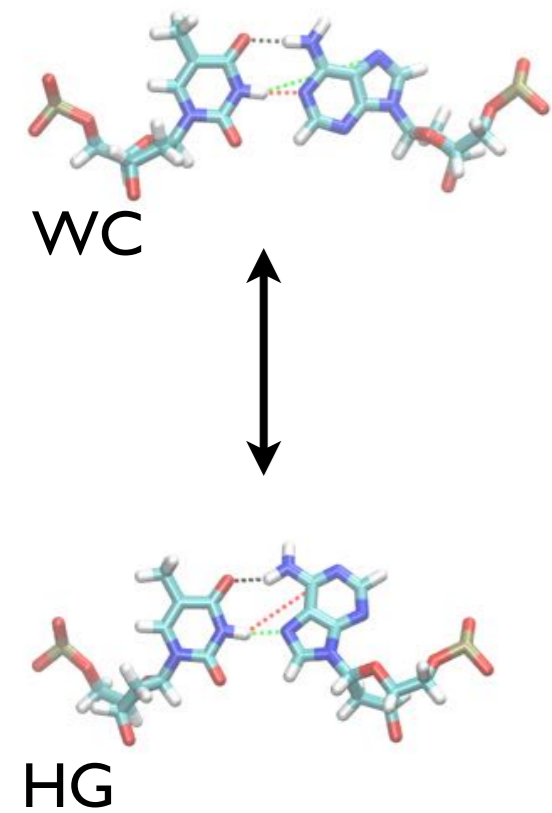
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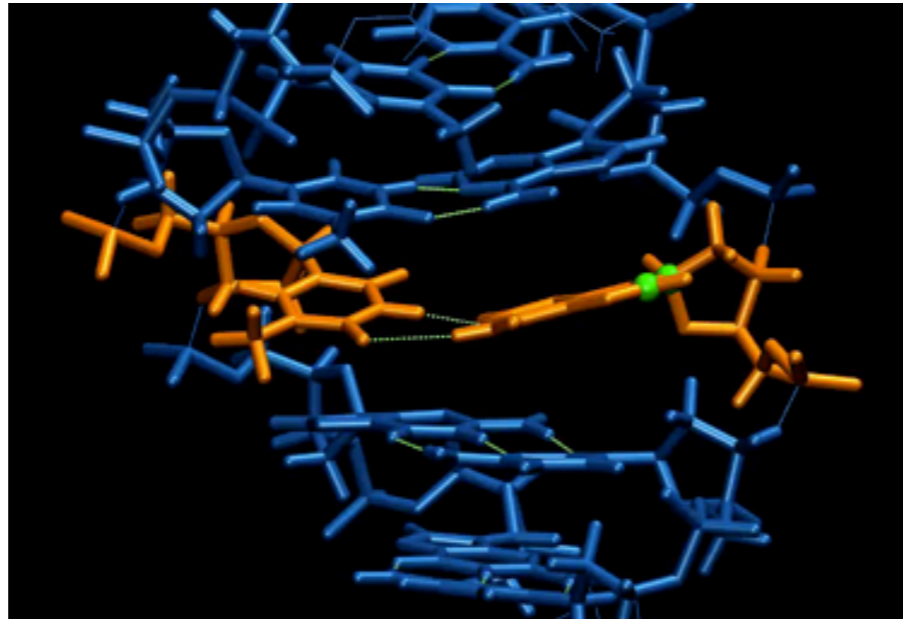
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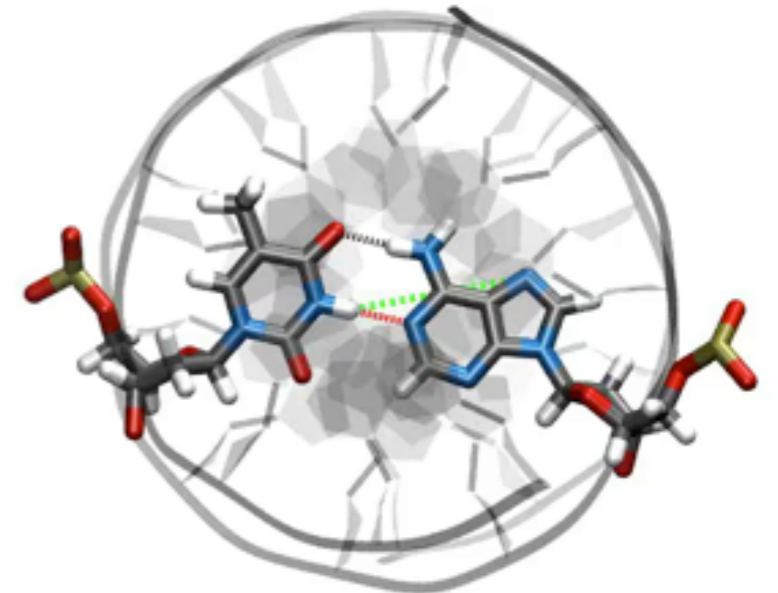


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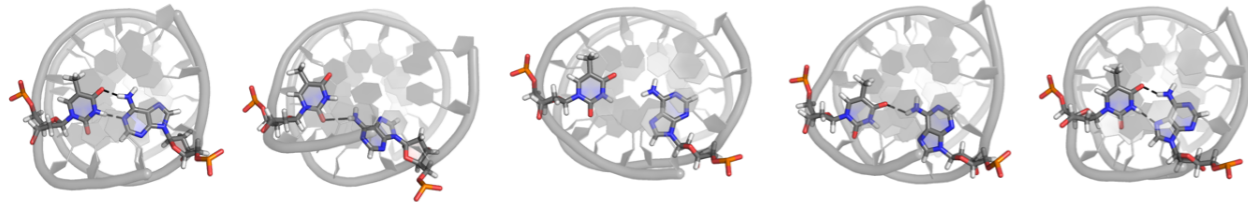


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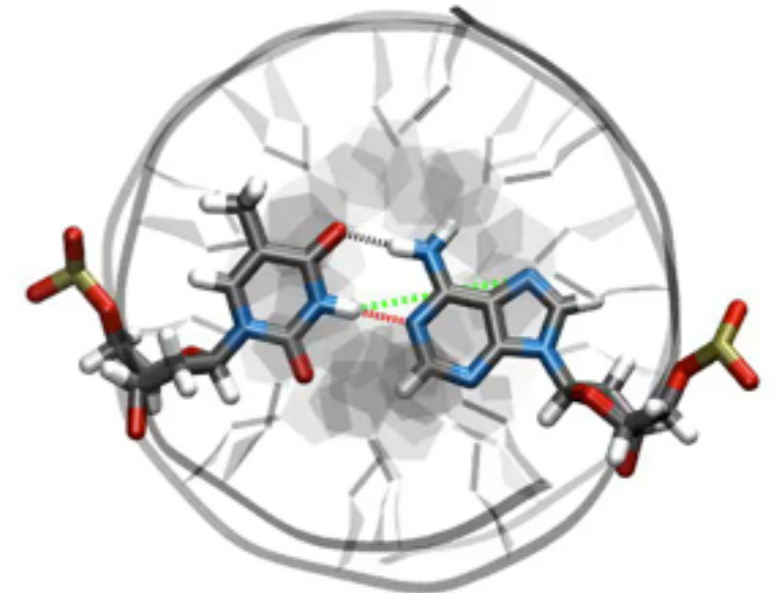
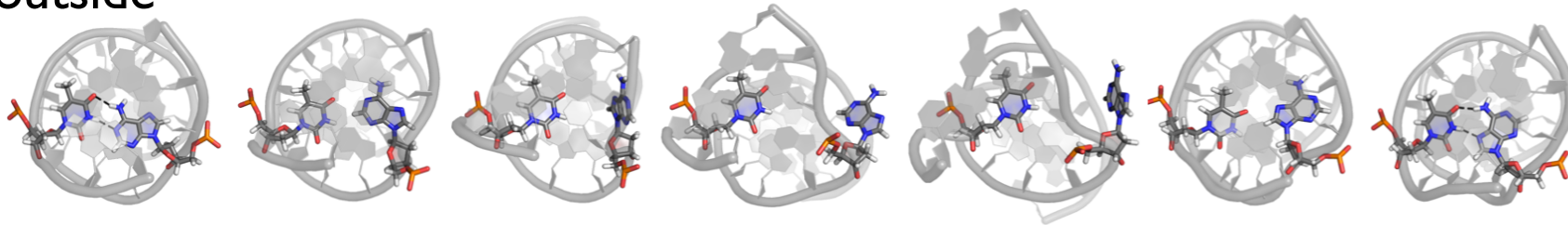
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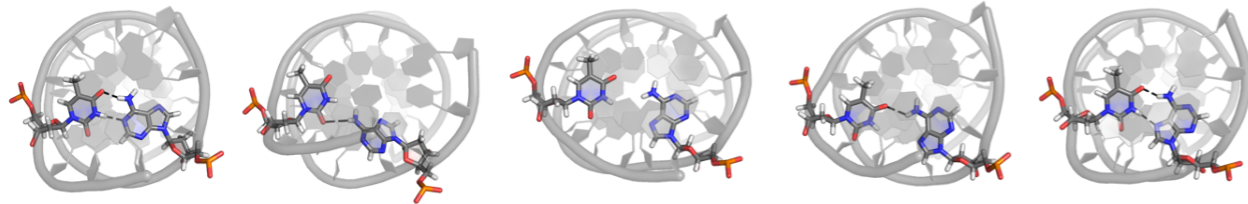


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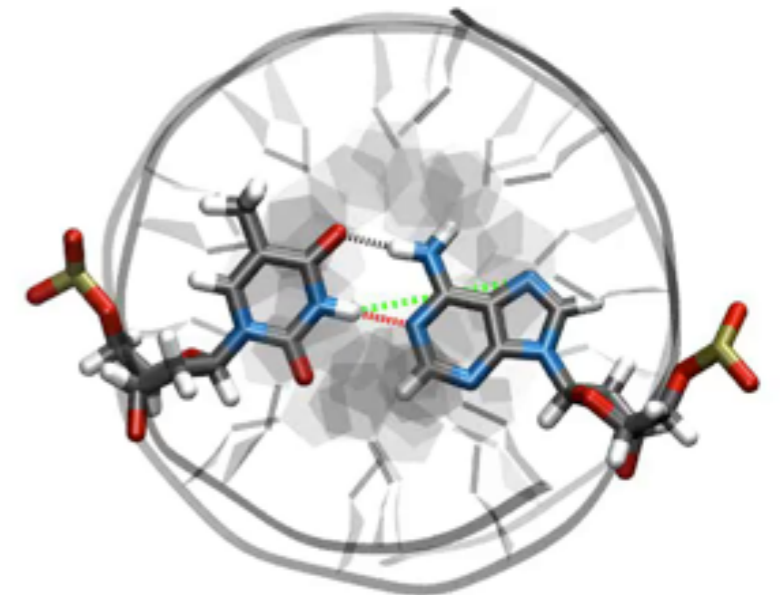
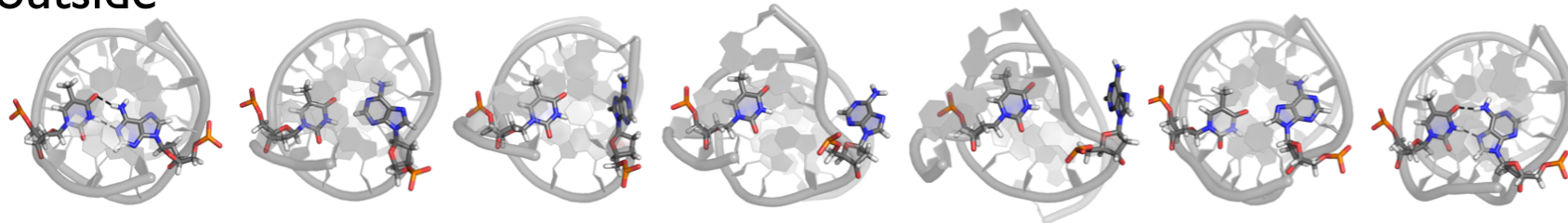
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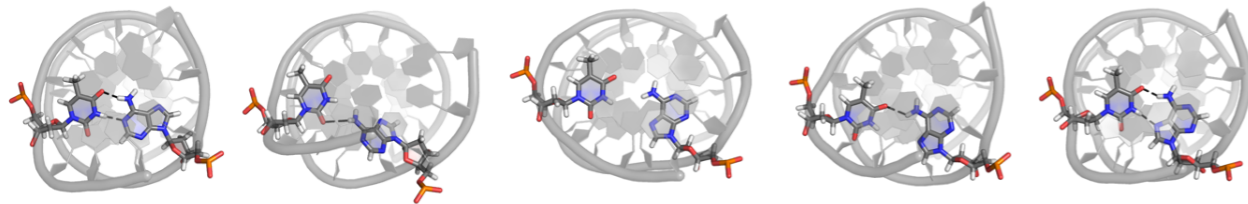
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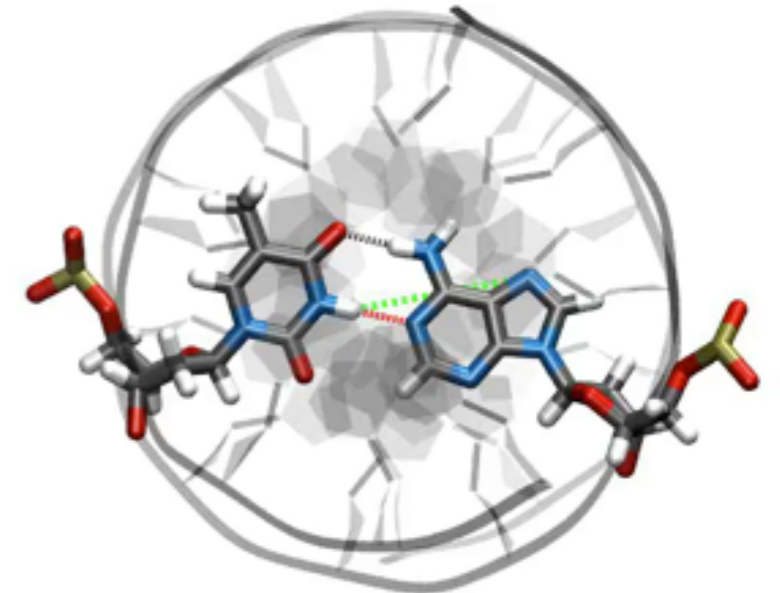
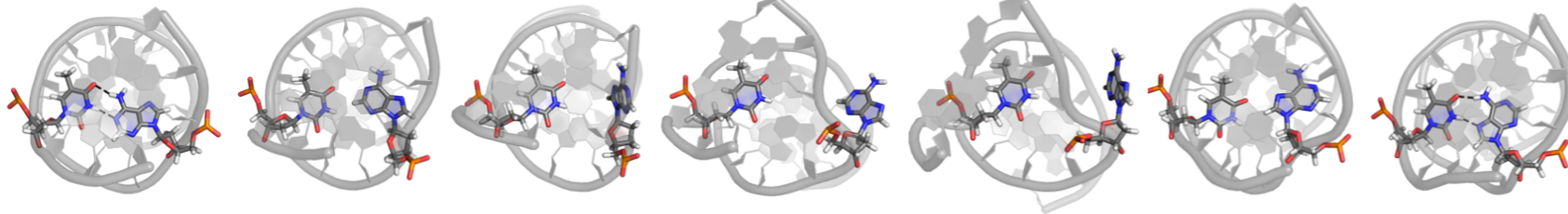
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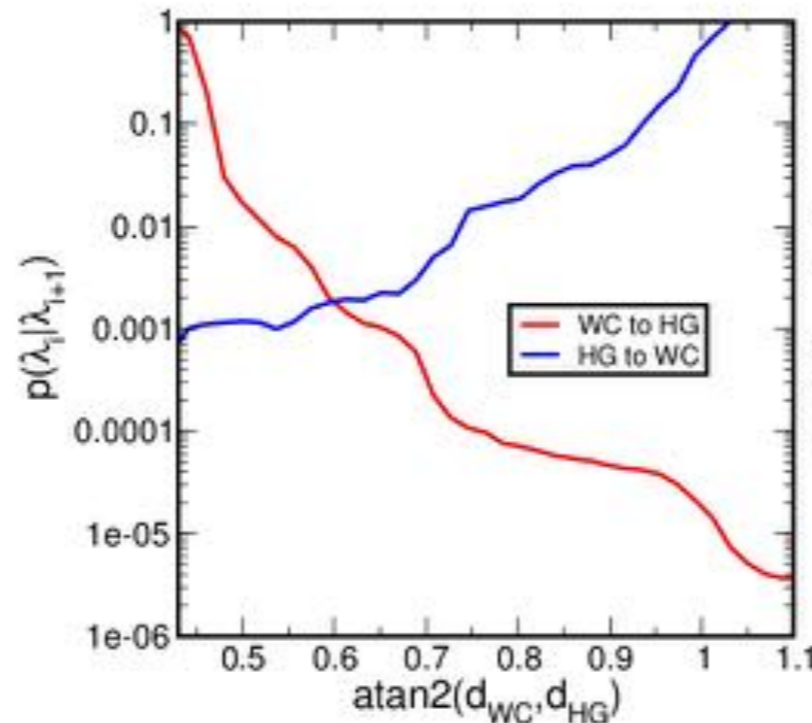
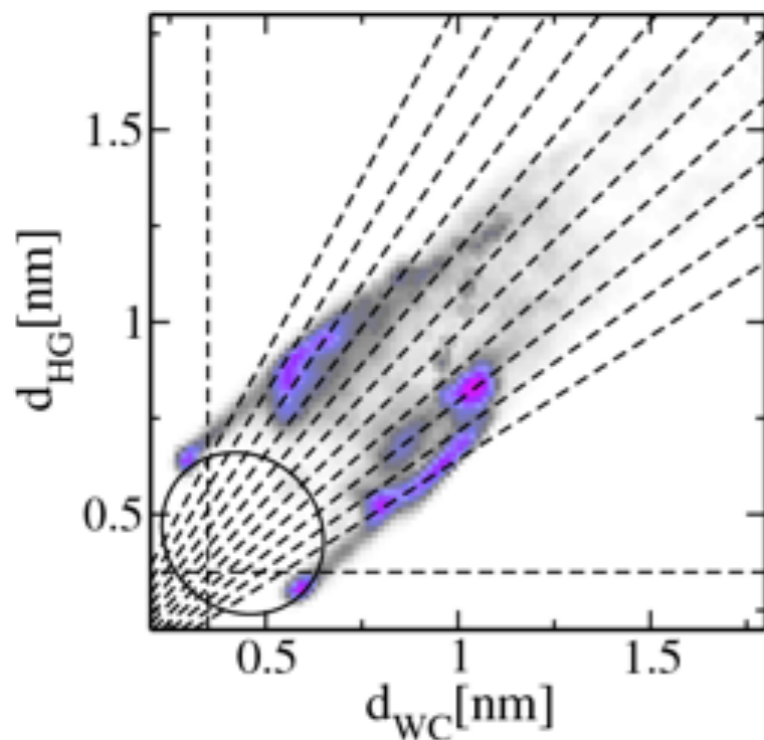


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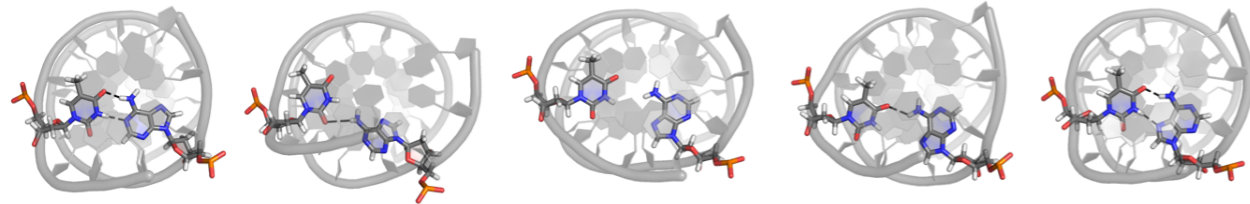
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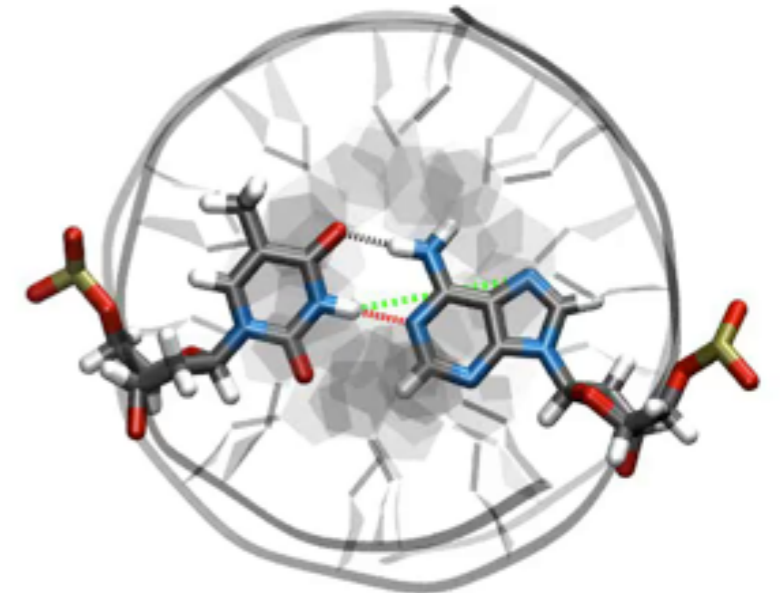
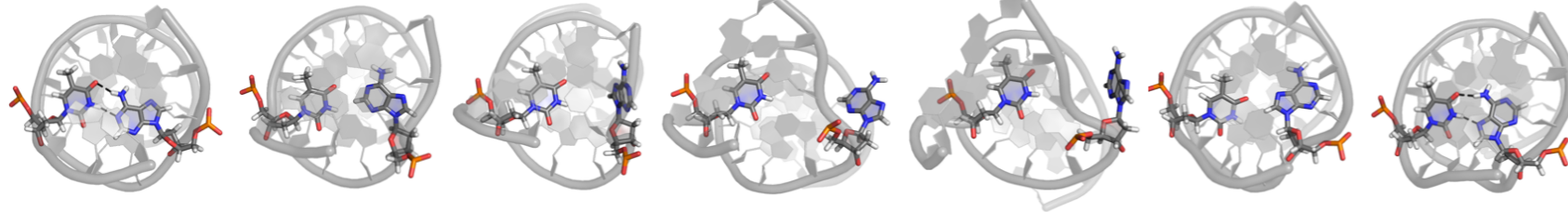
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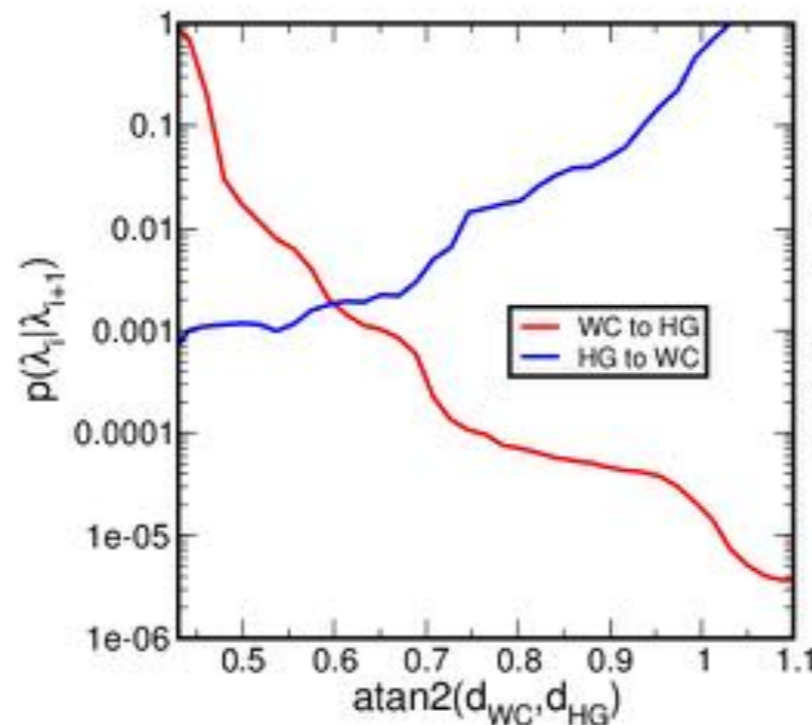
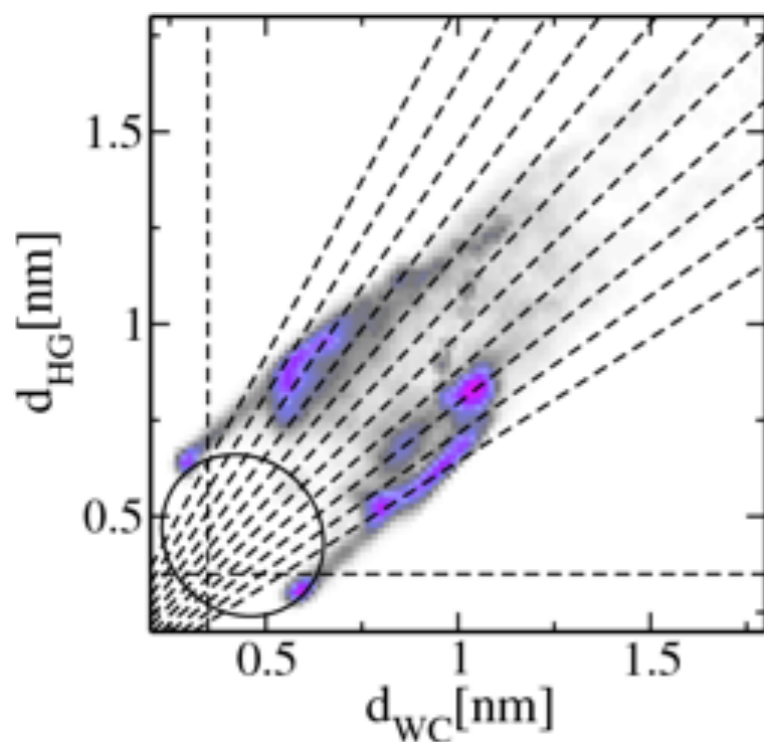
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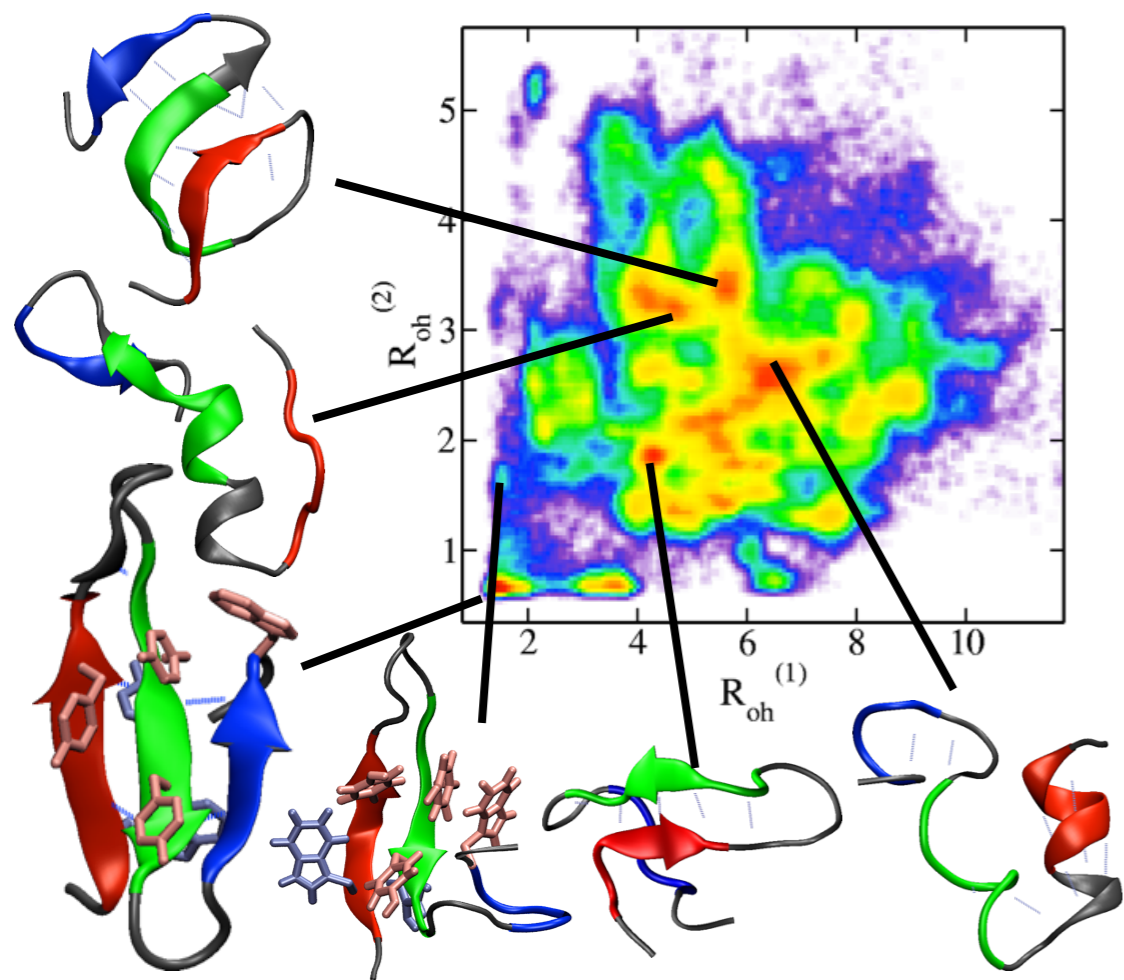
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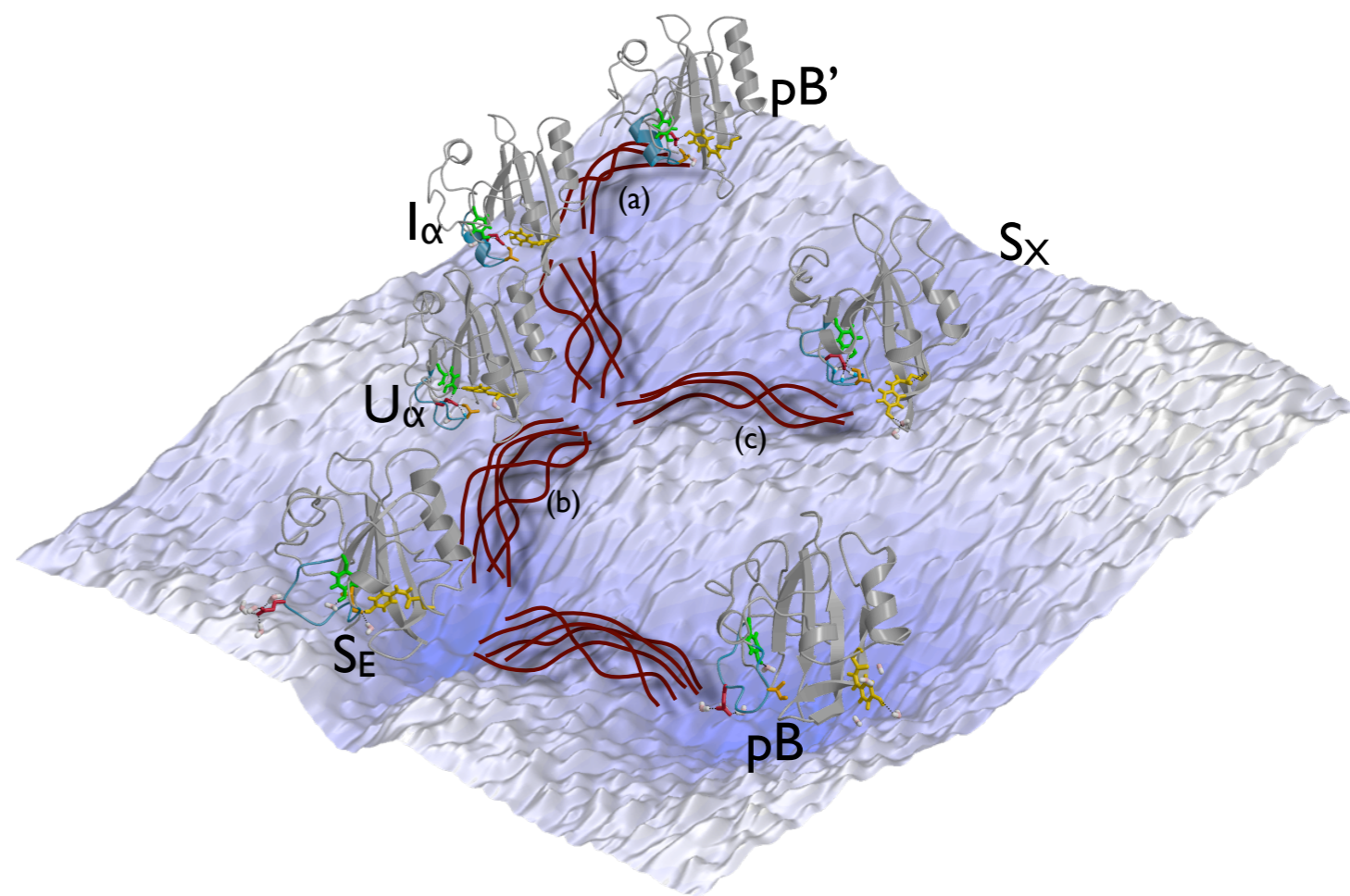


# Sampling complex free energy landscapes



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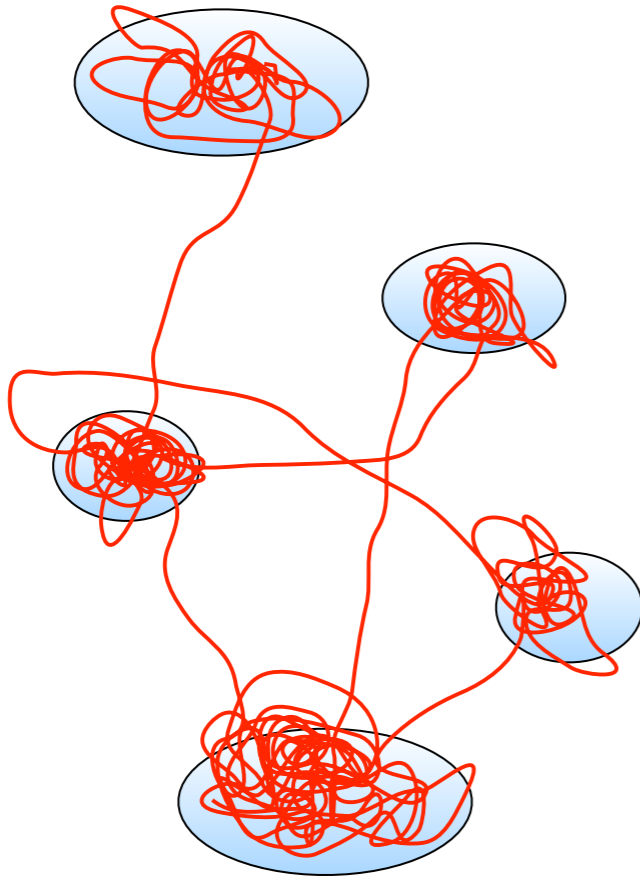


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# Markov state model

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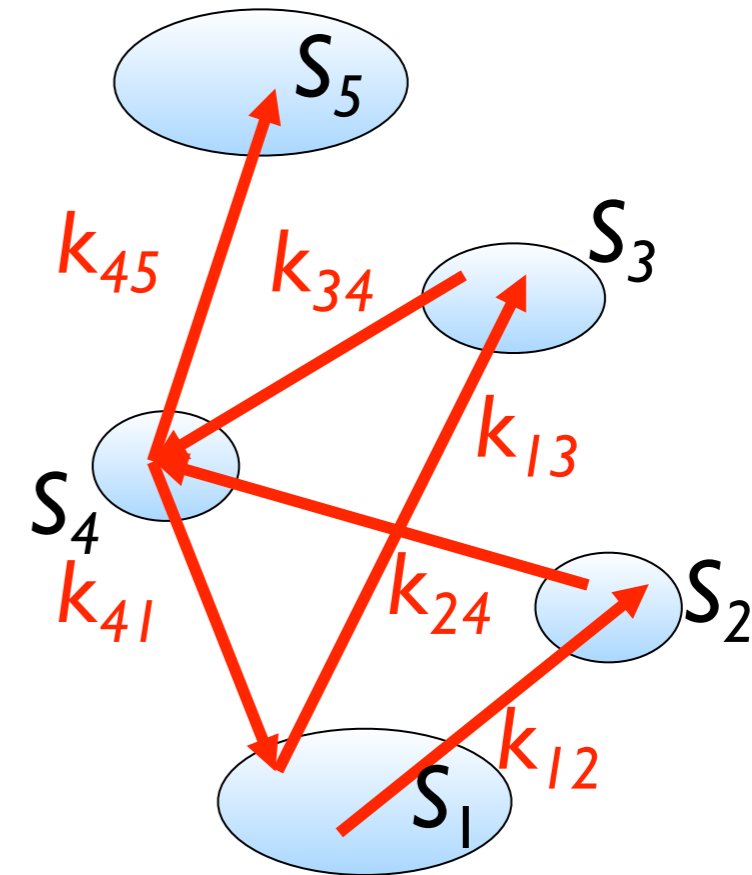


integrate equations of motion

time step  $\Delta t \approx \text{fs}$

See also work of Noe, Chodera, Pande, etc

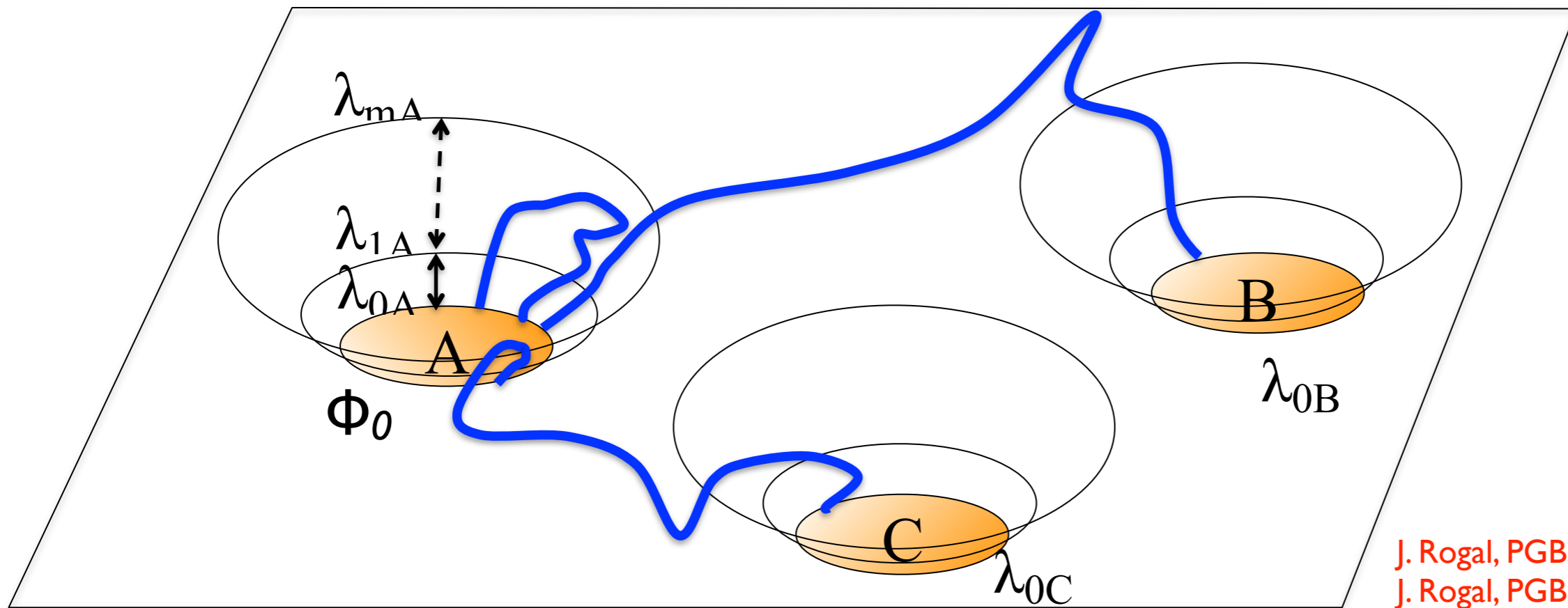
coarse grained trajectory



$$\frac{dp_i(t)}{dt} = \sum_{j \neq i} k_{ji} p_j(t) - \sum_{j \neq i} k_{ij} p_i(t)$$

master equation,  
solve analytically or by KMC  
time step set by rates

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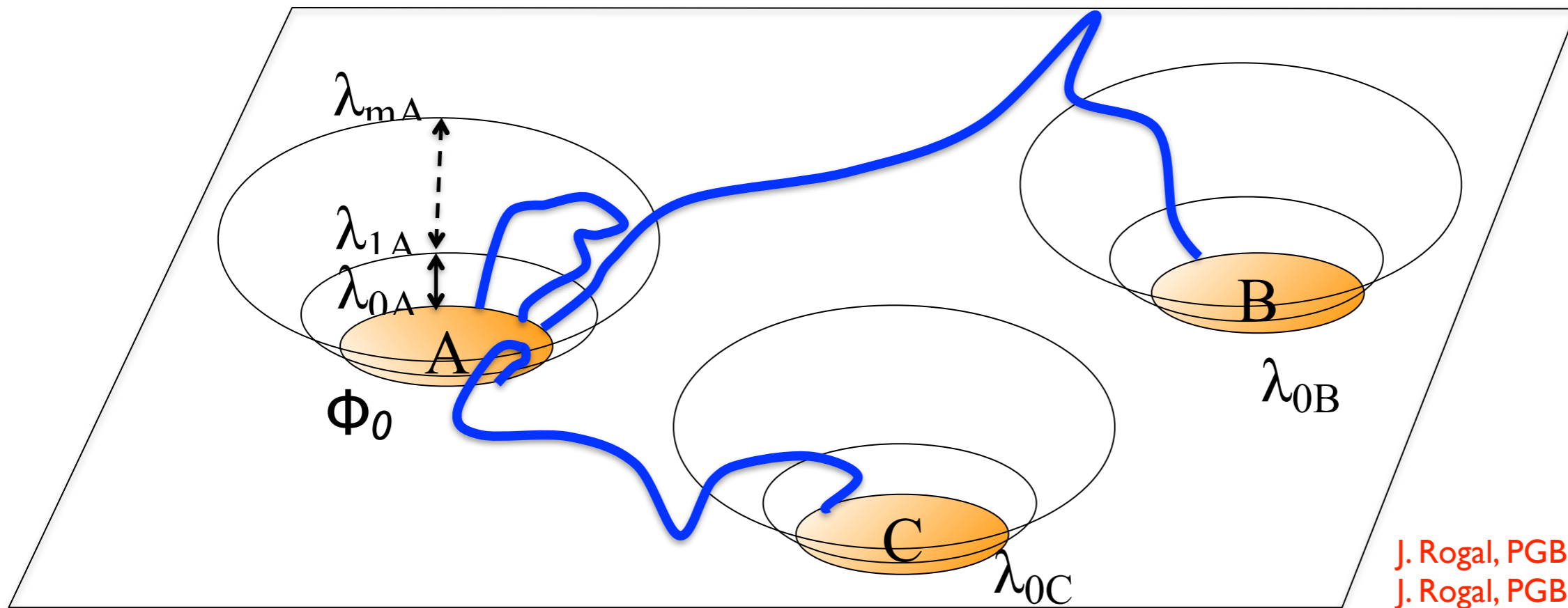


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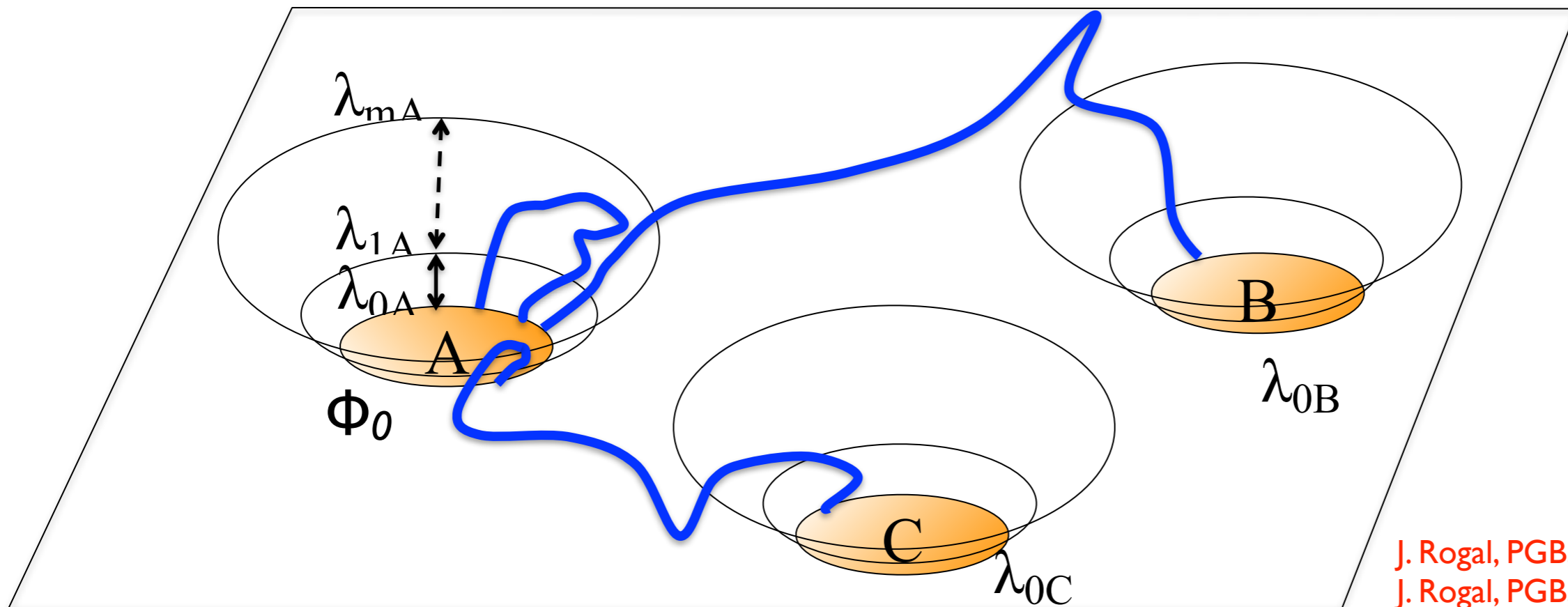


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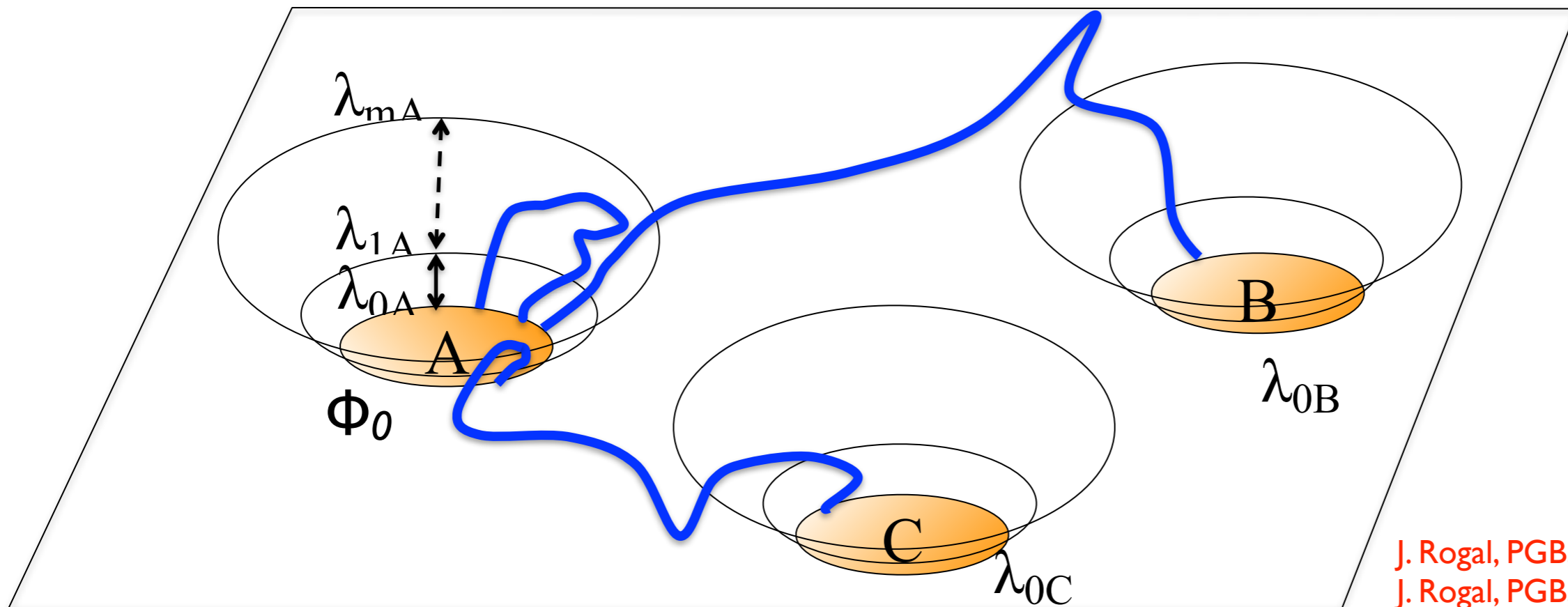
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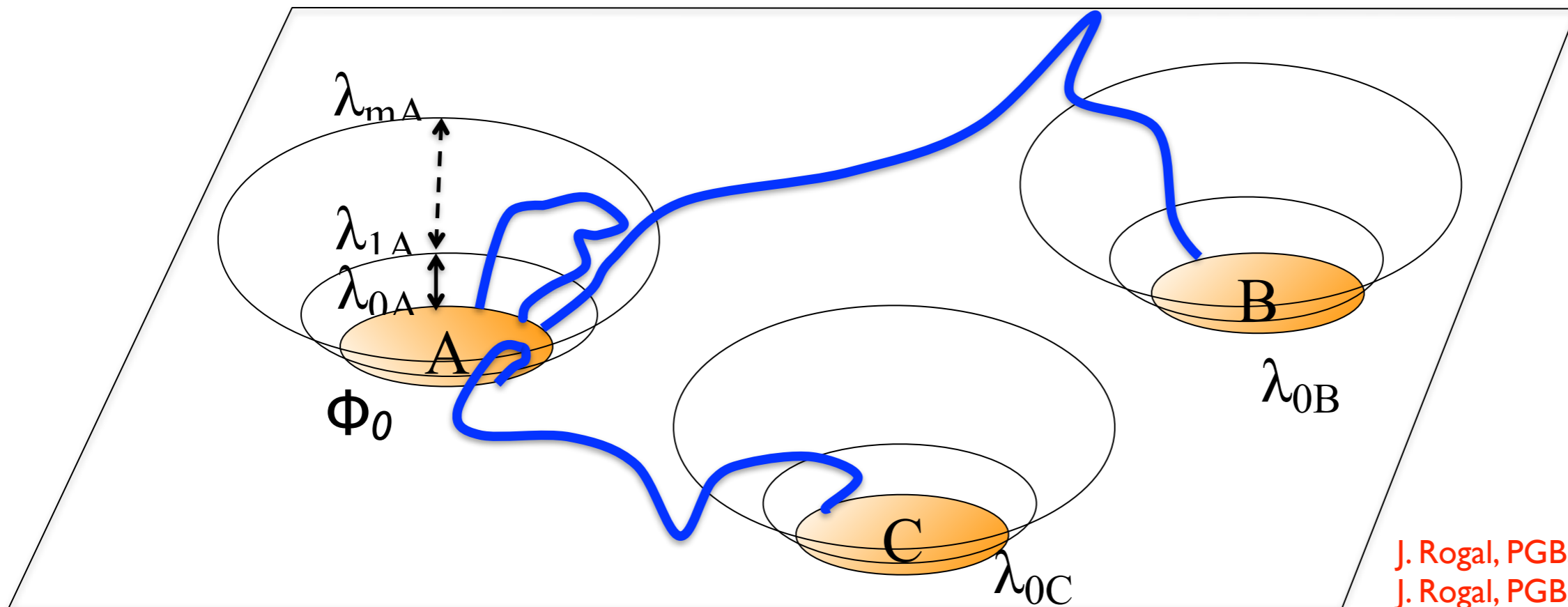
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# Multiple state transition interface sampling



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$P_A(\lambda_{(s+1)A} | \lambda_{(s+1)A})$  = probability path crossing  $s$  for first time after leaving A reaches  $s+1$  before A

$$k_{Ai} = \underbrace{\frac{\langle \phi_{\lambda_{m_A}} \rangle}{\langle h_A \rangle}}_{\text{TIS:}} \cdot \underbrace{P_A(\lambda_{0i} | \lambda_{m_A})}_{\text{MSTIS:}}$$

TIS:

$$\frac{\langle \phi_A \rangle}{\langle h_A \rangle} \prod_{s=0}^{m-1} P_A(\lambda_{(s+1)A} | \lambda_{sA})$$

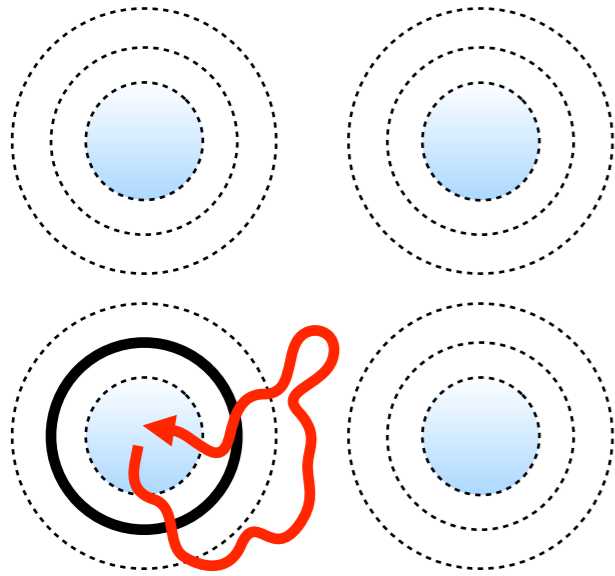
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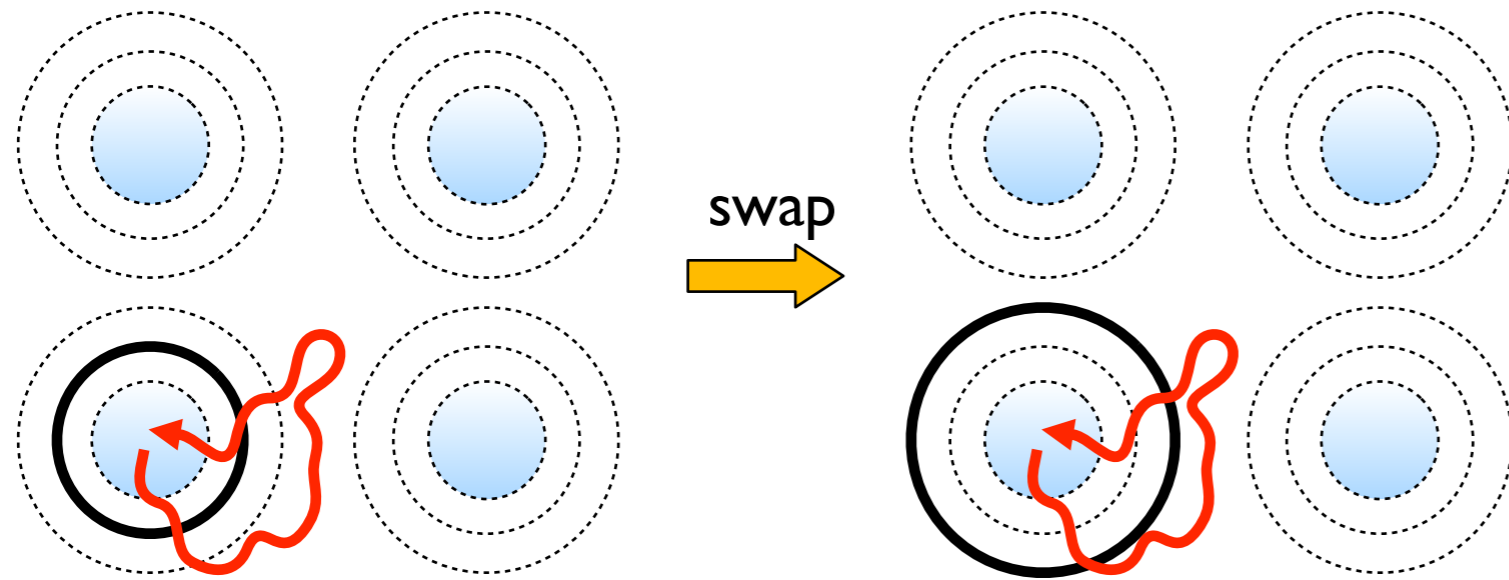
rates can be used in Markov state model  $\frac{dp_i(t)}{dt} = \sum_{j \neq i} k_{ji} p_j(t) - \sum_{j \neq i} k_{ij} p_i(t)$

# Single replica MSTIS

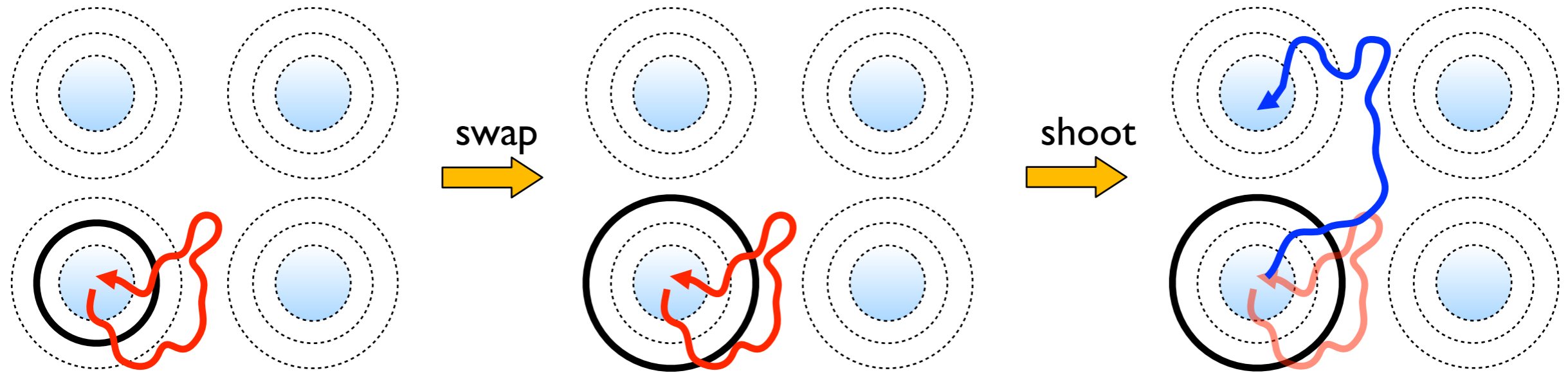
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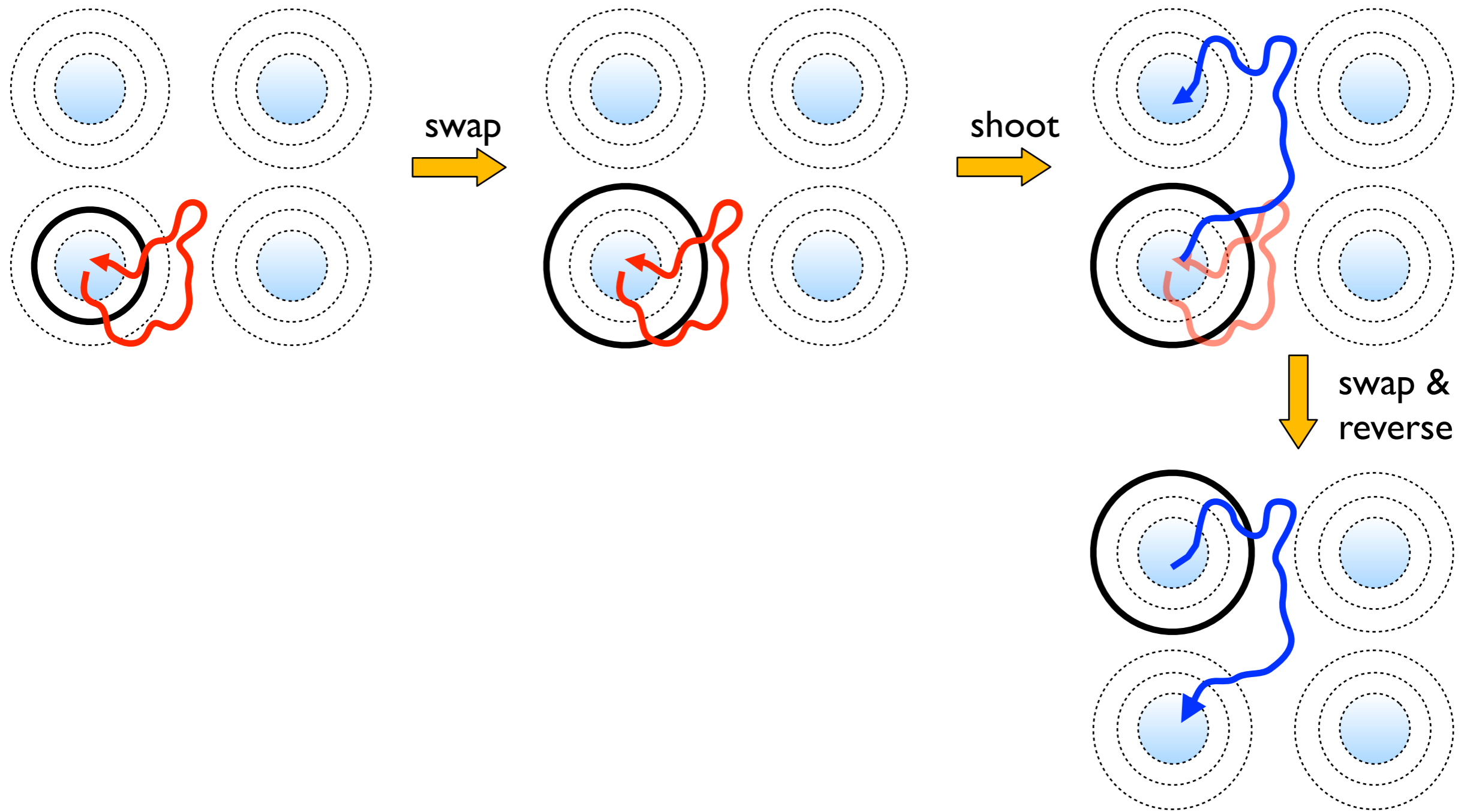


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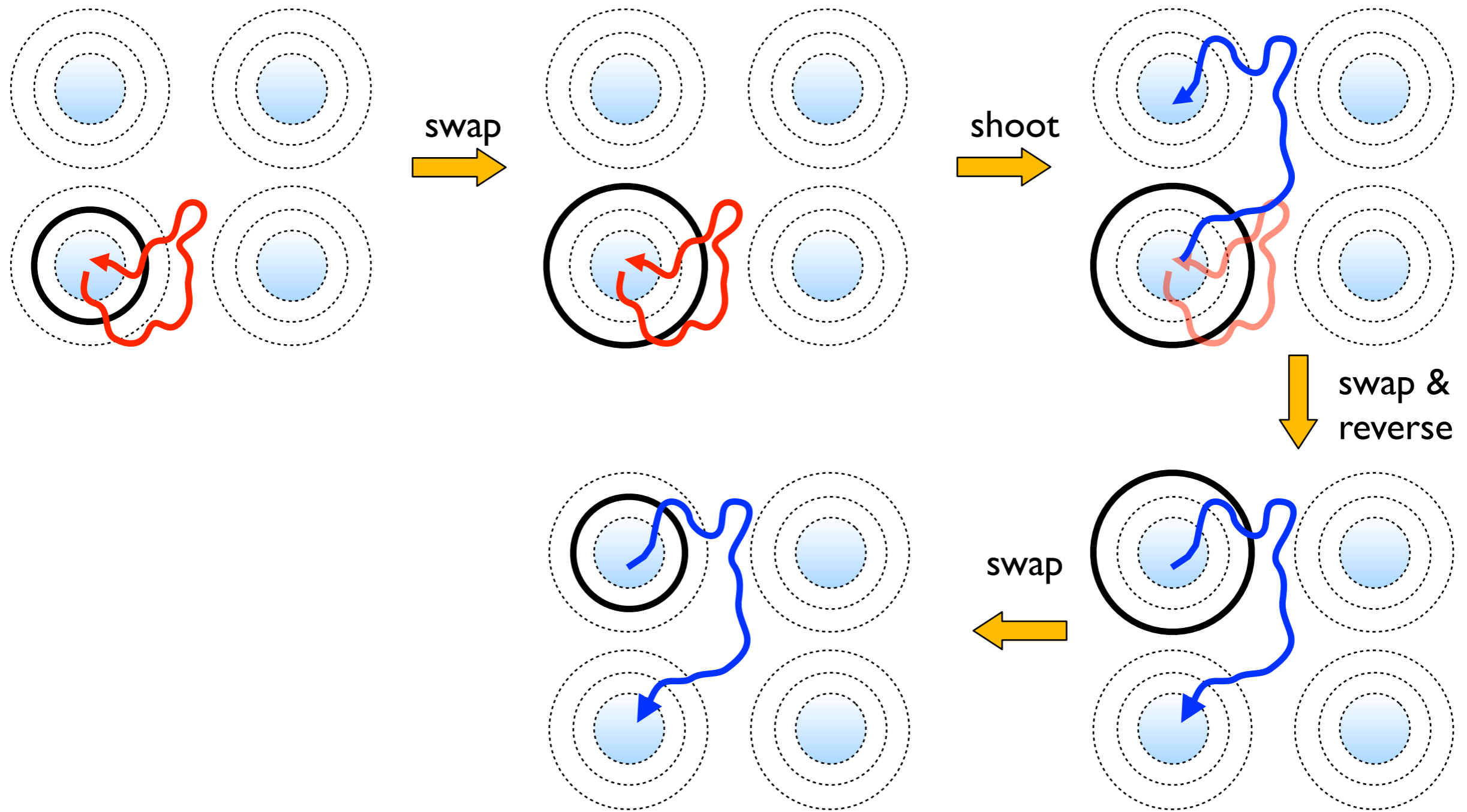




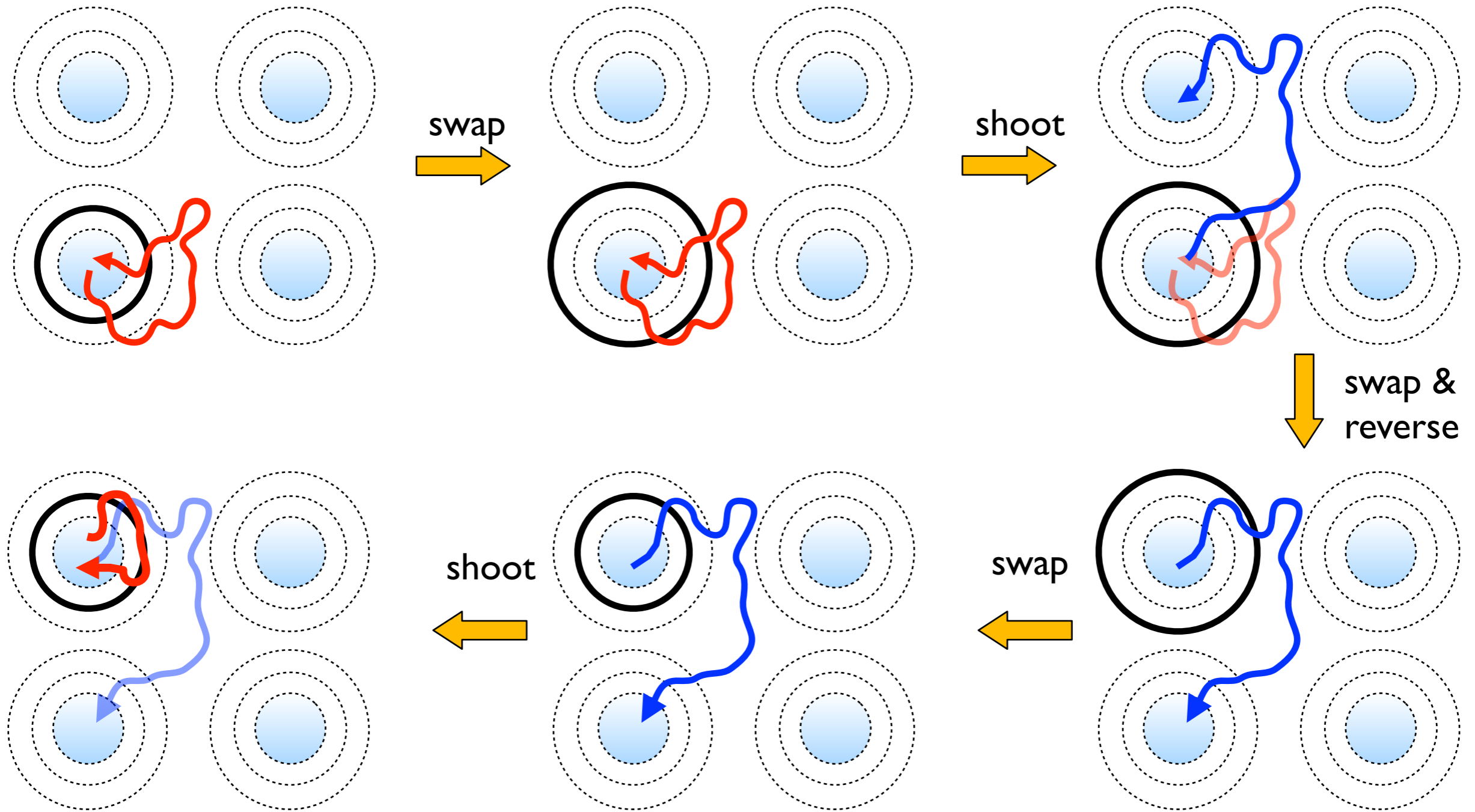
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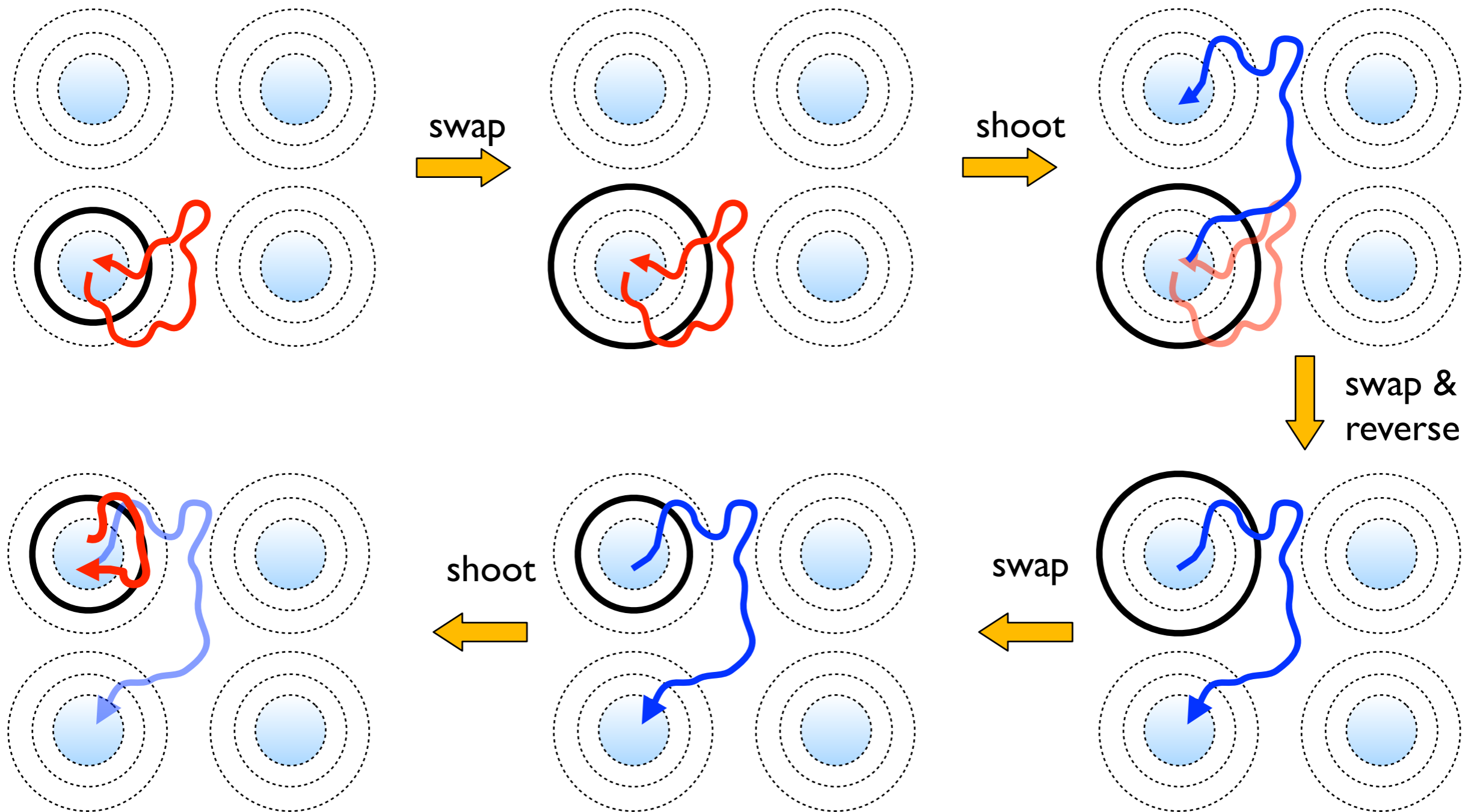
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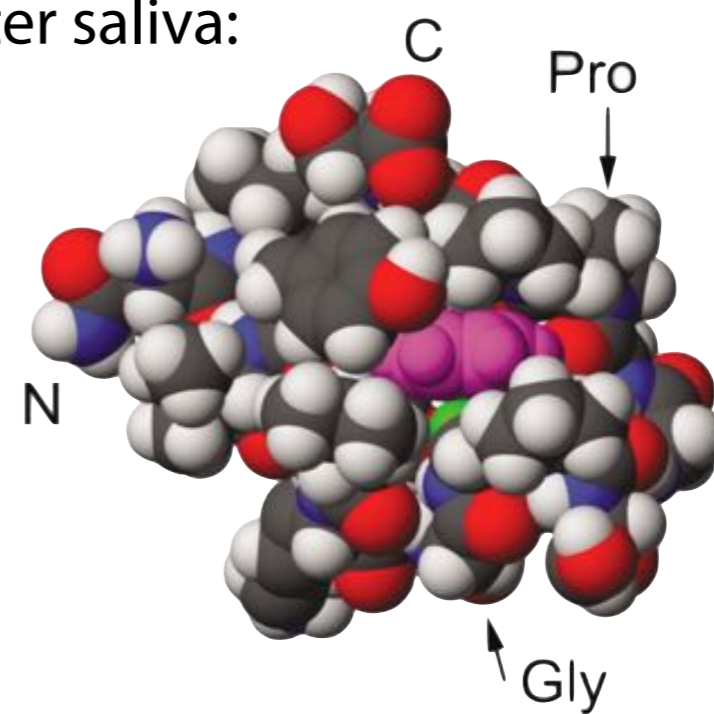
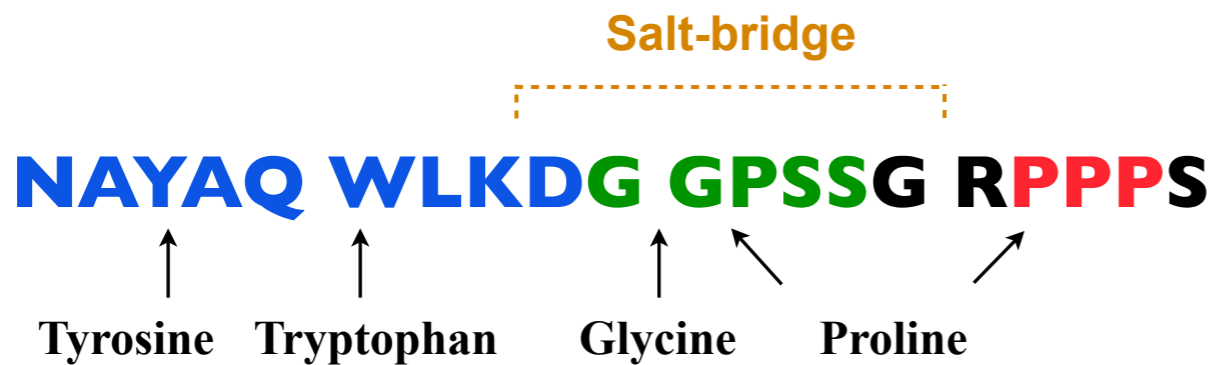


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Problem: interfaces close to stable states will be favored  
Solution: bias with e.g. Wang Landau scheme

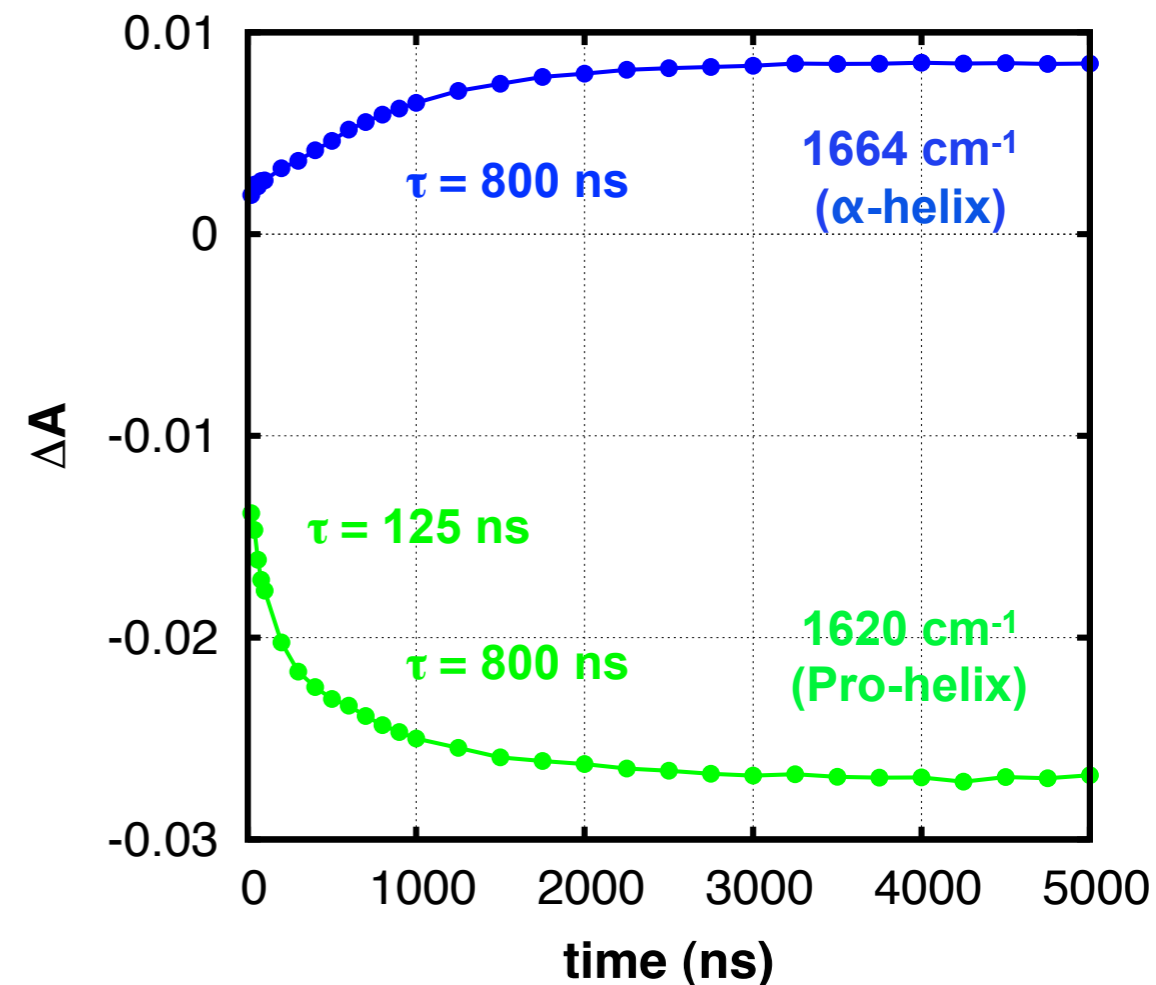
- 20-residue fragment obtained from Gila monster saliva:  
 **$\alpha$ -helix,  $3_{10}$ -helix, polyproline helix**



Neidigh & al., Nature Struct.Biol. **9**, 425 (2002)

- Folds on the microsecond timescale
- 2-state folder, experimental rate  $4 \mu\text{s}$
- T-jump vibrational spectroscopy (IR) shows bi-exponential relaxation kinetics  
 $\Rightarrow$  (un)folding involves an intermediate state
- timescales for different temperature,  $T=300 \text{ K}$   
 $\tau_1=150 \text{ ns}$ ,  $t_2=2.2 \mu\text{s}$

H. Meuzelaar, K. A. Marino, A. Huerta-Viga, M. R. Panman, L.E. J. Smeenk, A.J. Kettelarij, J.H. van Maarseveen, P. Timmerman, PGB, and S. Woutersen  
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# Kinetics from MSTIS rate matrix

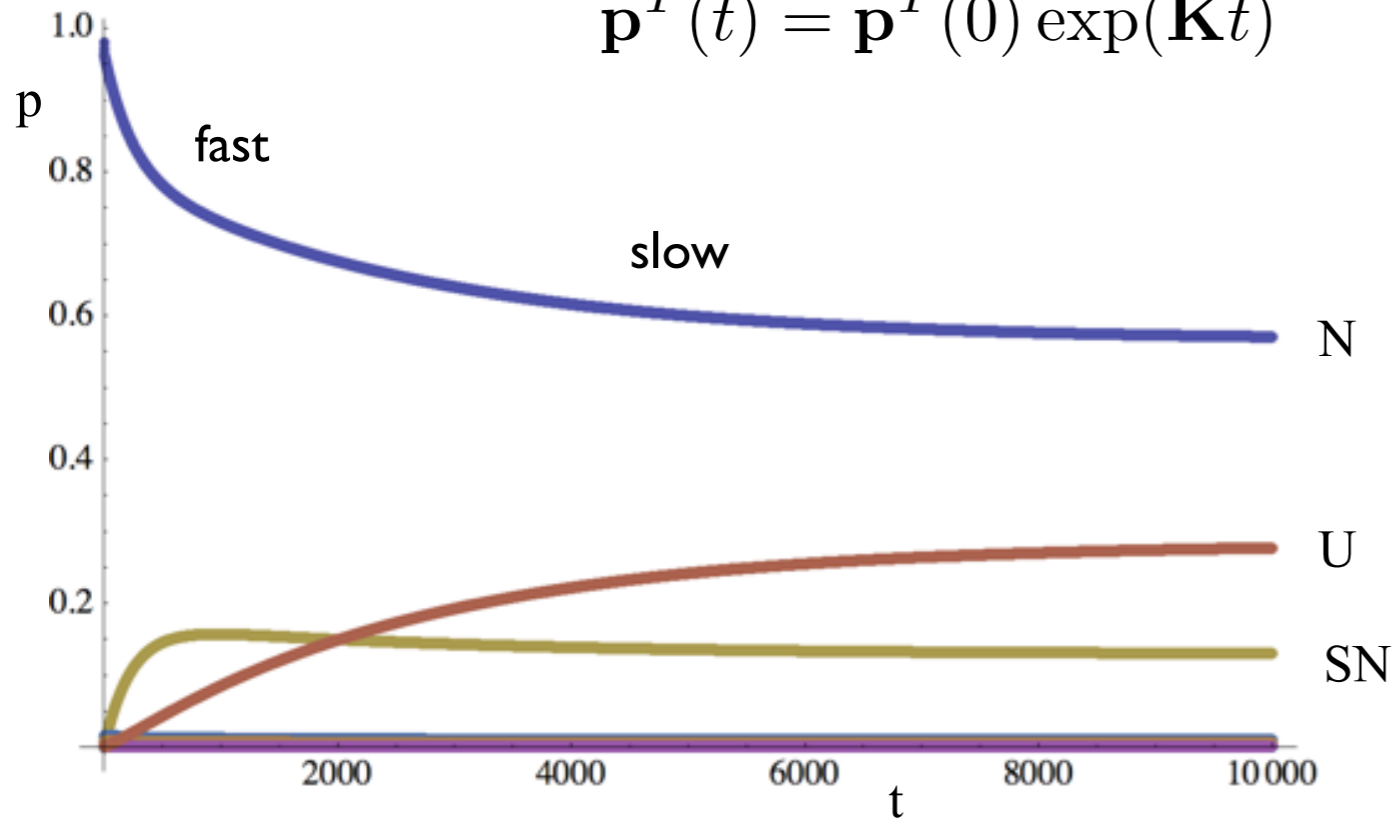
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PN	$6.68 \times 10^{-1}$	—	$6.73 \times 10^{-4}$	$3.66 \times 10^{-4}$	$8.61 \times 10^{-3}$	$3.48 \times 10^{-3}$	$2.21 \times 10^{-3}$		$7.16 \times 10^{-5}$		$2.02 \times 10^{-4}$		$1.70 \times 10^{-3}$	$4.92 \times 10^{-5}$
SN	$1.18 \times 10^{-3}$	$1.91 \times 10^{-5}$	—	$4.48 \times 10^{-6}$	$2.88 \times 10^{-4}$	$8.16 \times 10^{-4}$	$2.85 \times 10^{-5}$	$8.81 \times 10^{-4}$		$2.55 \times 10^{-5}$	$1.10 \times 10^{-4}$	$2.58 \times 10^{-8}$	$1.05 \times 10^{-3}$	$2.26 \times 10^{-4}$
Mg	$4.47 \times 10^{-1}$	$1.97 \times 10^{-3}$	$8.50 \times 10^{-4}$	—	$3.45 \times 10^{-1}$		$8.25 \times 10^{-2}$		$3.57 \times 10^{-5}$			$2.37 \times 10^{-6}$	$1.49 \times 10^{-3}$	
meta	$7.65 \times 10^{-1}$	$2.24 \times 10^{-3}$	$2.64 \times 10^{-3}$	$1.67 \times 10^{-2}$	—	$3.68 \times 10^{-3}$	$7.85 \times 10^{-3}$	$2.19 \times 10^{-5}$	$3.42 \times 10^{-4}$		$1.50 \times 10^{-4}$	$8.59 \times 10^{-7}$	$1.07 \times 10^{-3}$	$9.01 \times 10^{-5}$
Pd	$4.87 \times 10^{-1}$	$1.78 \times 10^{-3}$	$1.47 \times 10^{-2}$		$7.22 \times 10^{-3}$	—	$8.42 \times 10^{-5}$	$1.01 \times 10^{-4}$		$1.61 \times 10^{-4}$	$1.46 \times 10^{-4}$	$2.56 \times 10^{-6}$	$4.79 \times 10^{-3}$	$8.32 \times 10^{-5}$
LN	$1.01 \times 10^{-1}$	$5.16 \times 10^{-4}$	$2.35 \times 10^{-4}$	$3.59 \times 10^{-3}$	$7.06 \times 10^{-3}$	$3.85 \times 10^{-5}$	—	$6.35 \times 10^{-4}$	$2.16 \times 10^{-3}$		$6.42 \times 10^{-5}$	$7.31 \times 10^{-6}$		$5.52 \times 10^{-4}$
LSN			$3.23 \times 10^{-2}$		$8.77 \times 10^{-5}$	$2.06 \times 10^{-4}$	$2.83 \times 10^{-3}$	—		$3.68 \times 10^{-3}$	$9.89 \times 10^{-5}$	$3.96 \times 10^{-7}$	$1.41 \times 10^{-3}$	$1.08 \times 10^{-3}$
Lm	$6.05 \times 10^{-2}$	$2.34 \times 10^{-4}$		$2.17 \times 10^{-5}$	$4.29 \times 10^{-3}$		$3.02 \times 10^{-2}$		—			$2.71 \times 10^{-6}$		
Lo			$2.27 \times 10^{-3}$			$7.98 \times 10^{-4}$		$8.95 \times 10^{-3}$		—	$4.04 \times 10^{-4}$	$1.74 \times 10^{-6}$	$5.14 \times 10^{-2}$	$8.69 \times 10^{-3}$
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W	$1.00 \times 10^{-2}$		$2.42 \times 10^{-4}$	$1.17 \times 10^{-4}$	$8.77 \times 10^{-4}$	$1.33 \times 10^{-3}$	$8.30 \times 10^{-3}$	$1.01 \times 10^{-4}$	$2.21 \times 10^{-4}$	$1.83 \times 10^{-4}$	$1.41 \times 10^{-4}$	—	$1.05 \times 10^{-5}$	$1.97 \times 10^{-1}$
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U	$8.42 \times 10^{-5}$	$9.92 \times 10^{-7}$	$1.60 \times 10^{-4}$		$6.98 \times 10^{-6}$	$3.28 \times 10^{-6}$	$4.75 \times 10^{-5}$	$2.09 \times 10^{-5}$		$6.91 \times 10^{-5}$	$1.84 \times 10^{-5}$	$1.50 \times 10^{-5}$	$1.04 \times 10^{-4}$	—

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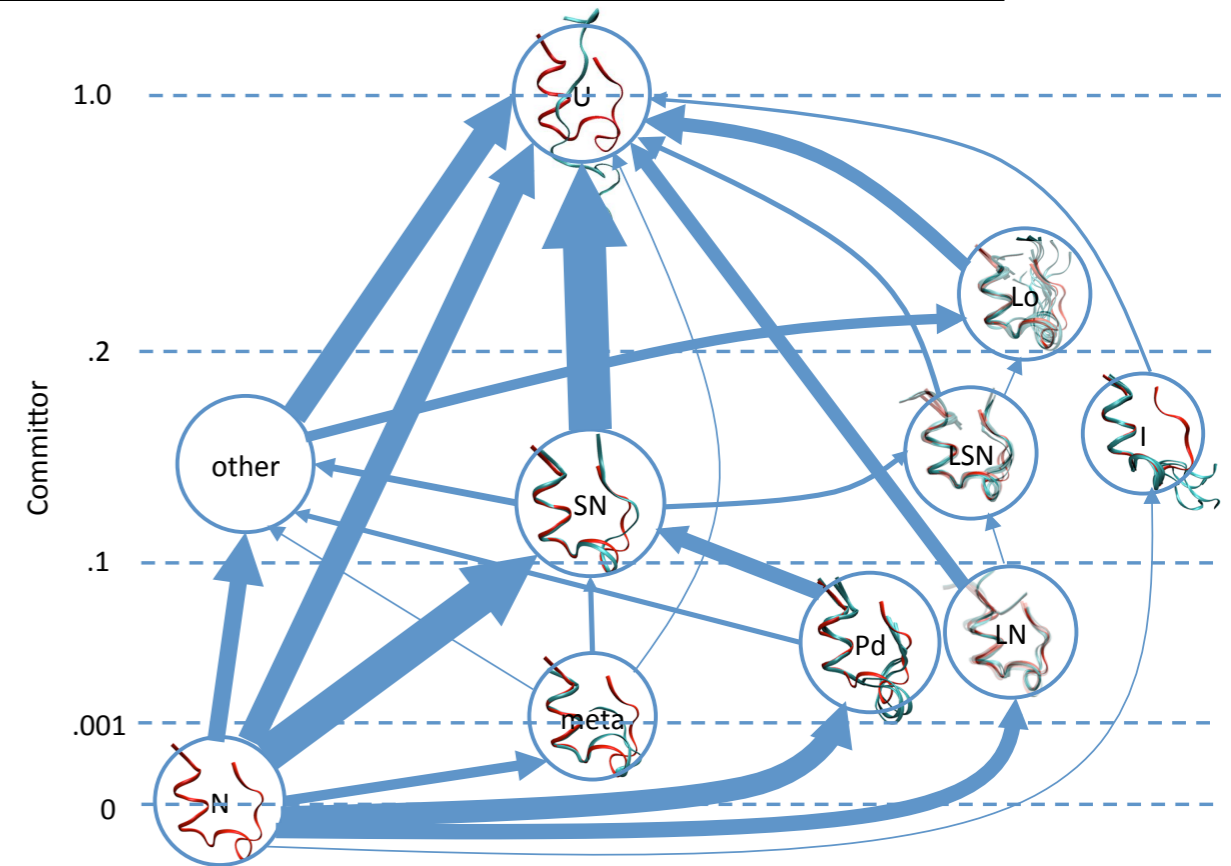
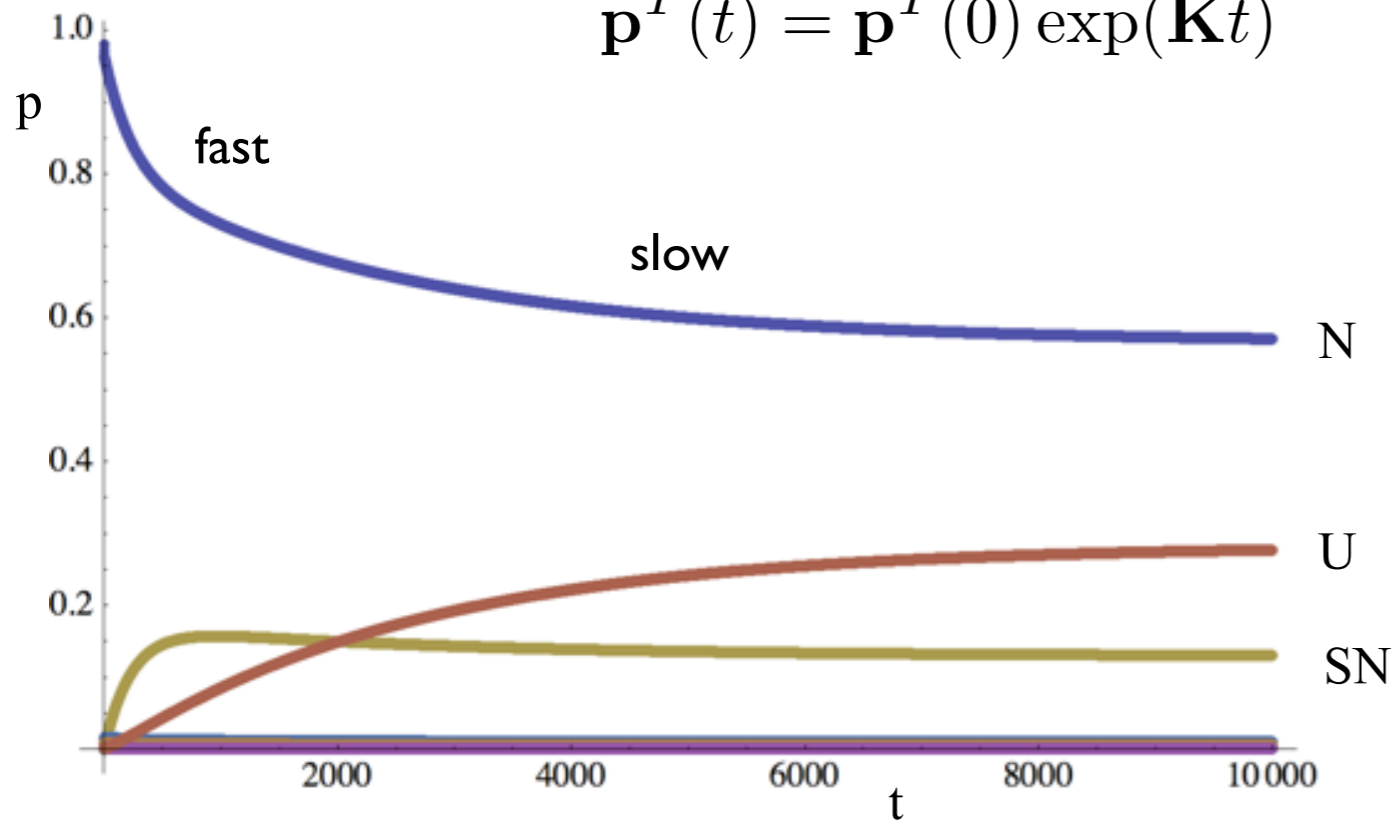


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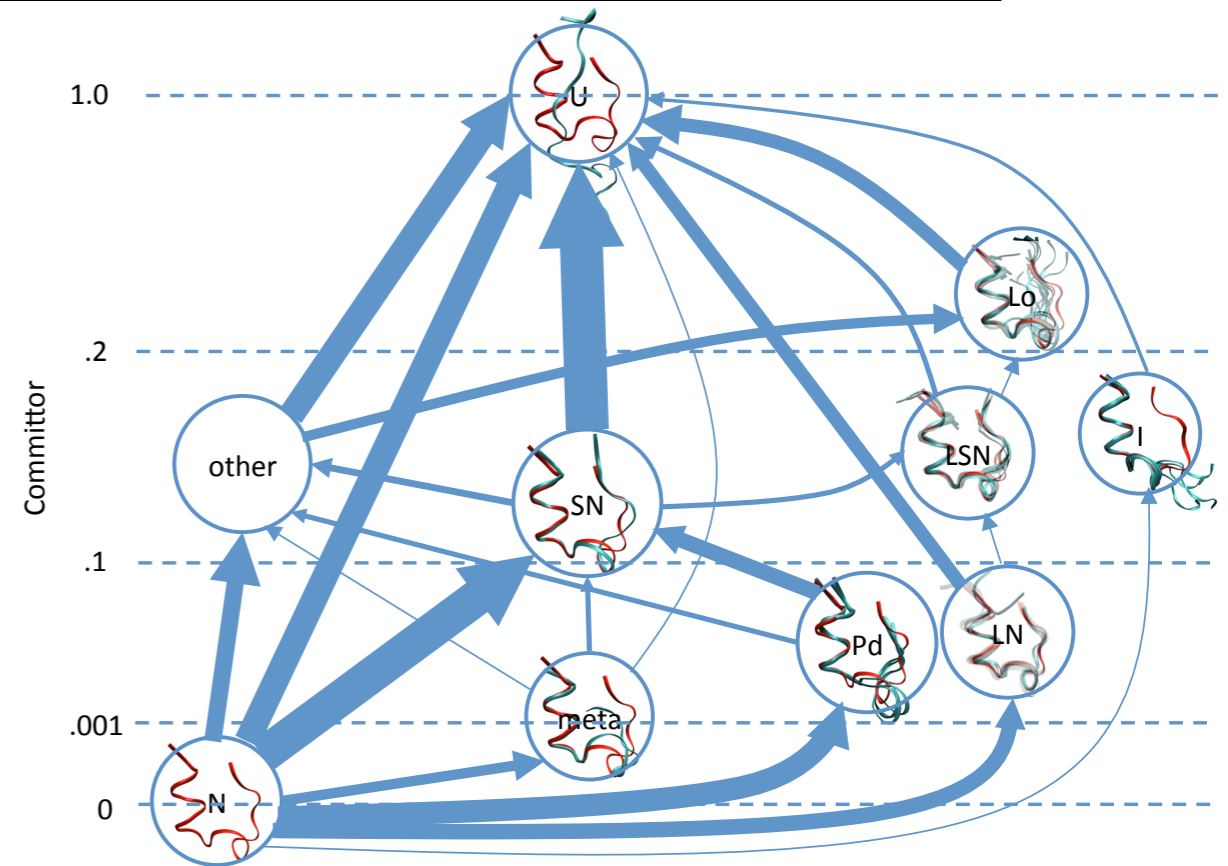
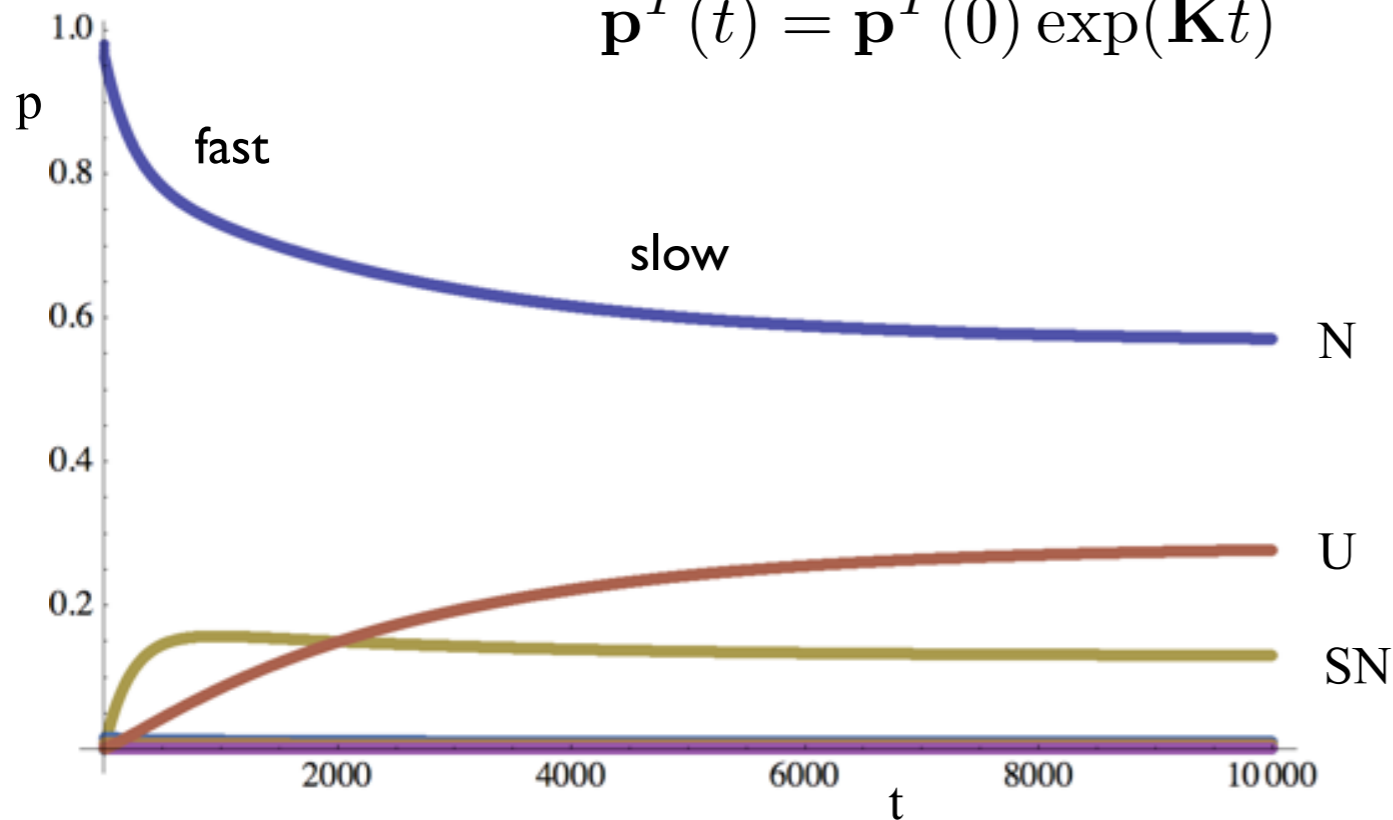
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Lm	$6.05 \times 10^{-2}$	$2.34 \times 10^{-4}$		$2.17 \times 10^{-5}$	$4.29 \times 10^{-3}$		$3.02 \times 10^{-2}$		—			$2.71 \times 10^{-6}$		
Lo			$2.27 \times 10^{-3}$			$7.98 \times 10^{-4}$		$8.95 \times 10^{-3}$		—	$4.04 \times 10^{-4}$	$1.74 \times 10^{-6}$	$5.14 \times 10^{-2}$	$8.69 \times 10^{-3}$
I	$1.27 \times 10^{-2}$	$1.44 \times 10^{-3}$	$2.76 \times 10^{-2}$		$4.10 \times 10^{-3}$	$2.04 \times 10^{-3}$	$1.95 \times 10^{-3}$	$6.74 \times 10^{-4}$		$1.13 \times 10^{-3}$	—	$3.77 \times 10^{-6}$	$1.25 \times 10^{-2}$	$6.50 \times 10^{-3}$
W	$1.00 \times 10^{-2}$		$2.42 \times 10^{-4}$	$1.17 \times 10^{-4}$	$8.77 \times 10^{-4}$	$1.33 \times 10^{-3}$	$8.30 \times 10^{-3}$	$1.01 \times 10^{-4}$	$2.21 \times 10^{-4}$	$1.83 \times 10^{-4}$	$1.41 \times 10^{-4}$		$1.05 \times 10^{-5}$	$1.97 \times 10^{-1}$
other	$9.16 \times 10^{-3}$	$9.63 \times 10^{-4}$	$2.10 \times 10^{-2}$	$1.57 \times 10^{-4}$	$2.34 \times 10^{-3}$	$5.31 \times 10^{-3}$		$7.65 \times 10^{-4}$		$1.15 \times 10^{-2}$	$1.00 \times 10^{-3}$	$2.24 \times 10^{-8}$		$2.94 \times 10^{-3}$
U	$8.42 \times 10^{-5}$	$9.92 \times 10^{-7}$	$1.60 \times 10^{-4}$		$6.98 \times 10^{-6}$	$3.28 \times 10^{-6}$	$4.75 \times 10^{-5}$	$2.09 \times 10^{-5}$		$6.91 \times 10^{-5}$	$1.84 \times 10^{-5}$	$1.50 \times 10^{-5}$	$1.04 \times 10^{-4}$	—

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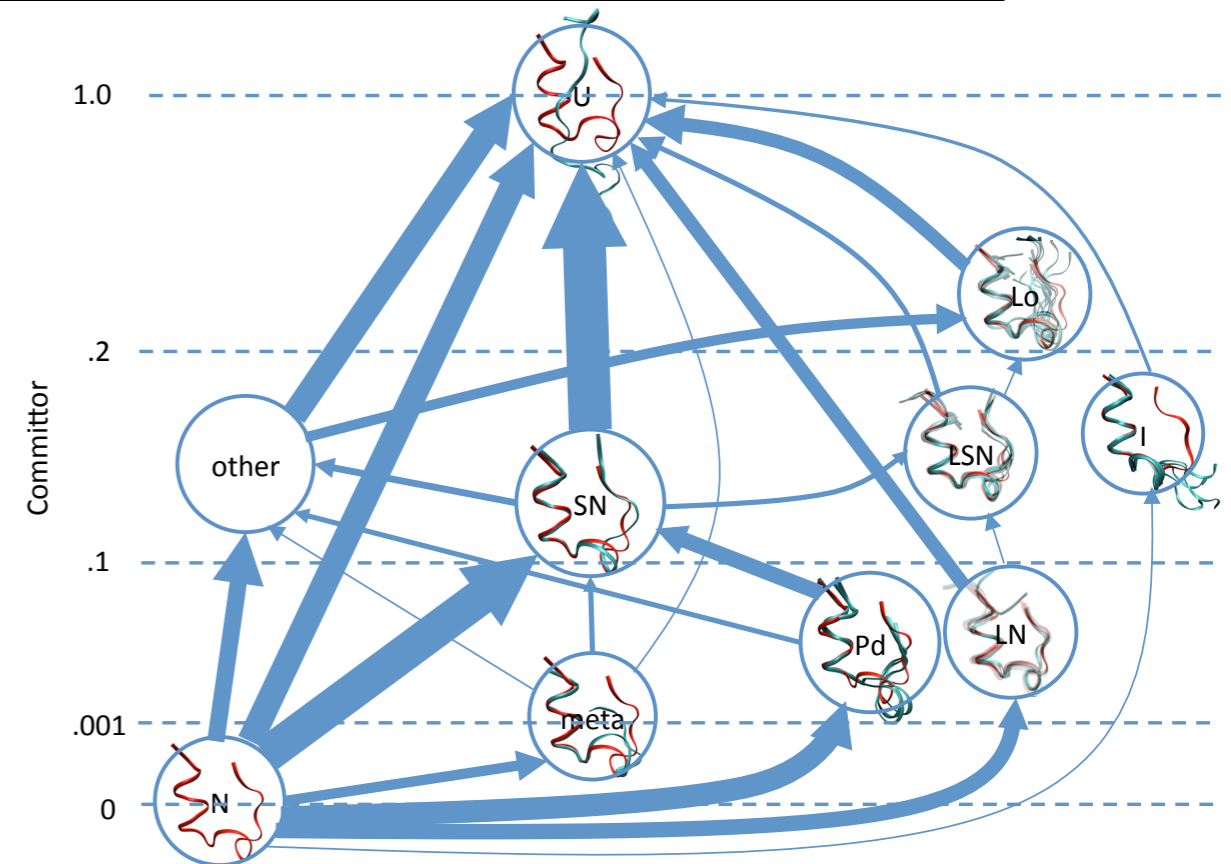
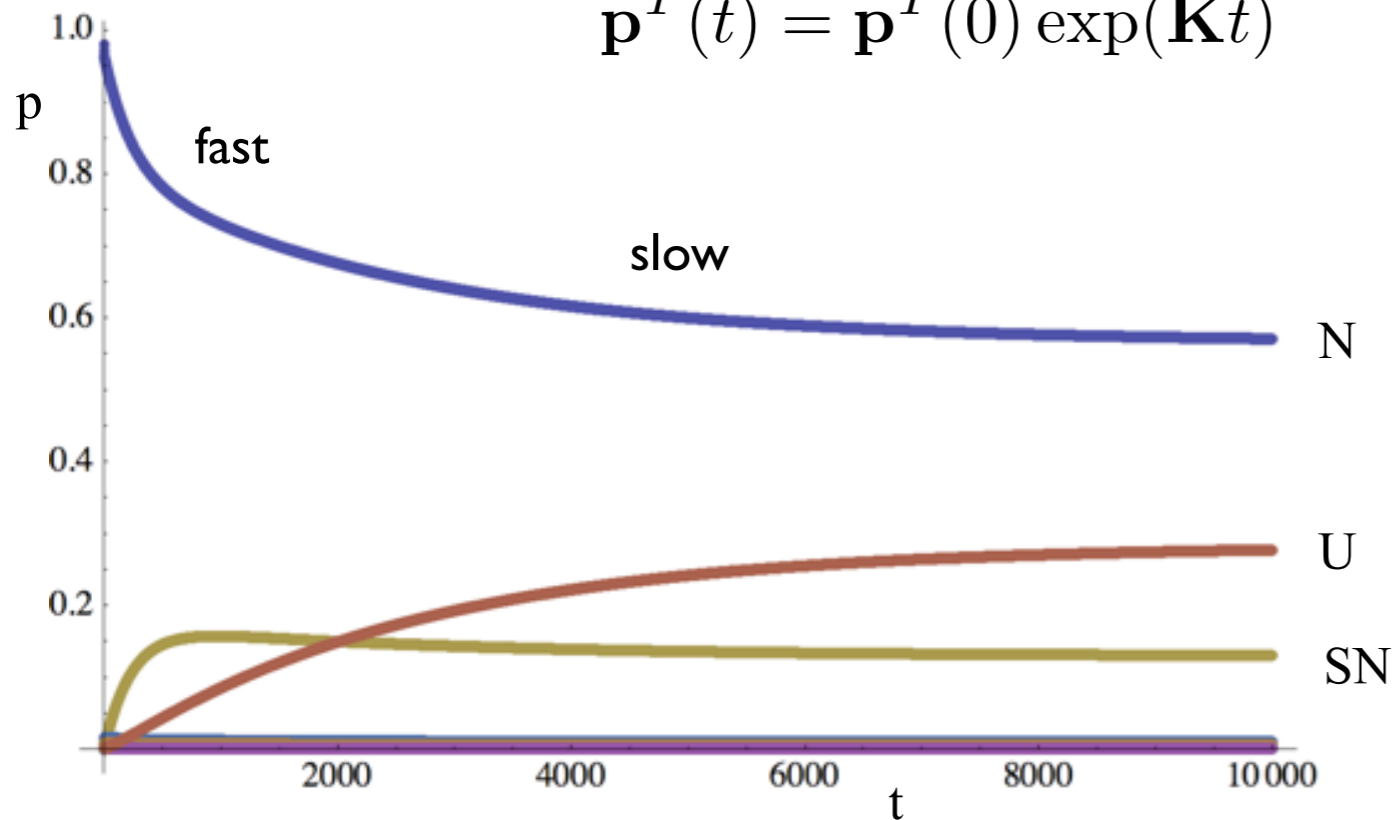
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# Kinetics from MSTIS rate matrix

	N	PN	SN	Mg	meta	Pd	LN	LSN	Lm	Lo	I	W	other state	U
N	—	$3.75 \times 10^{-3}$	$2.33 \times 10^{-4}$	$4.67 \times 10^{-4}$	$1.65 \times 10^{-2}$	$5.35 \times 10^{-3}$	$2.43 \times 10^{-3}$		$1.04 \times 10^{-4}$		$1.00 \times 10^{-5}$	$2.12 \times 10^{-7}$	$9.08 \times 10^{-5}$	$2.35 \times 10^{-5}$
PN	$6.68 \times 10^{-1}$	—	$6.73 \times 10^{-4}$	$3.66 \times 10^{-4}$	$8.61 \times 10^{-3}$	$3.48 \times 10^{-3}$	$2.21 \times 10^{-3}$		$7.16 \times 10^{-5}$		$2.02 \times 10^{-4}$		$1.70 \times 10^{-3}$	$4.92 \times 10^{-5}$
SN	$1.18 \times 10^{-3}$	$1.91 \times 10^{-5}$	—	$4.48 \times 10^{-6}$	$2.88 \times 10^{-4}$	$8.16 \times 10^{-4}$	$2.85 \times 10^{-5}$	$8.81 \times 10^{-4}$		$2.55 \times 10^{-5}$	$1.10 \times 10^{-4}$	$2.58 \times 10^{-8}$	$1.05 \times 10^{-3}$	$2.26 \times 10^{-4}$
Mg	$4.47 \times 10^{-1}$	$1.97 \times 10^{-3}$	$8.50 \times 10^{-4}$	—	$3.45 \times 10^{-1}$		$8.25 \times 10^{-2}$		$3.57 \times 10^{-5}$			$2.37 \times 10^{-6}$	$1.49 \times 10^{-3}$	
meta	$7.65 \times 10^{-1}$	$2.24 \times 10^{-3}$	$2.64 \times 10^{-3}$	$1.67 \times 10^{-2}$	—	$3.68 \times 10^{-3}$	$7.85 \times 10^{-3}$	$2.19 \times 10^{-5}$	$3.42 \times 10^{-4}$		$1.50 \times 10^{-4}$	$8.59 \times 10^{-7}$	$1.07 \times 10^{-3}$	$9.01 \times 10^{-5}$
Pd	$4.87 \times 10^{-1}$	$1.78 \times 10^{-3}$	$1.47 \times 10^{-2}$		$7.22 \times 10^{-3}$	—	$8.42 \times 10^{-5}$	$1.01 \times 10^{-4}$		$1.61 \times 10^{-4}$	$1.46 \times 10^{-4}$	$2.56 \times 10^{-6}$	$4.79 \times 10^{-3}$	$8.32 \times 10^{-5}$
LN	$1.01 \times 10^{-1}$	$5.16 \times 10^{-4}$	$2.35 \times 10^{-4}$	$3.59 \times 10^{-3}$	$7.06 \times 10^{-3}$	$3.85 \times 10^{-5}$	—	$6.35 \times 10^{-4}$	$2.16 \times 10^{-3}$		$6.42 \times 10^{-5}$	$7.31 \times 10^{-6}$		$5.52 \times 10^{-4}$
LSN			$3.23 \times 10^{-2}$		$8.77 \times 10^{-5}$	$2.06 \times 10^{-4}$	$2.83 \times 10^{-3}$	—		$3.68 \times 10^{-3}$	$9.89 \times 10^{-5}$	$3.96 \times 10^{-7}$	$1.41 \times 10^{-3}$	$1.08 \times 10^{-3}$
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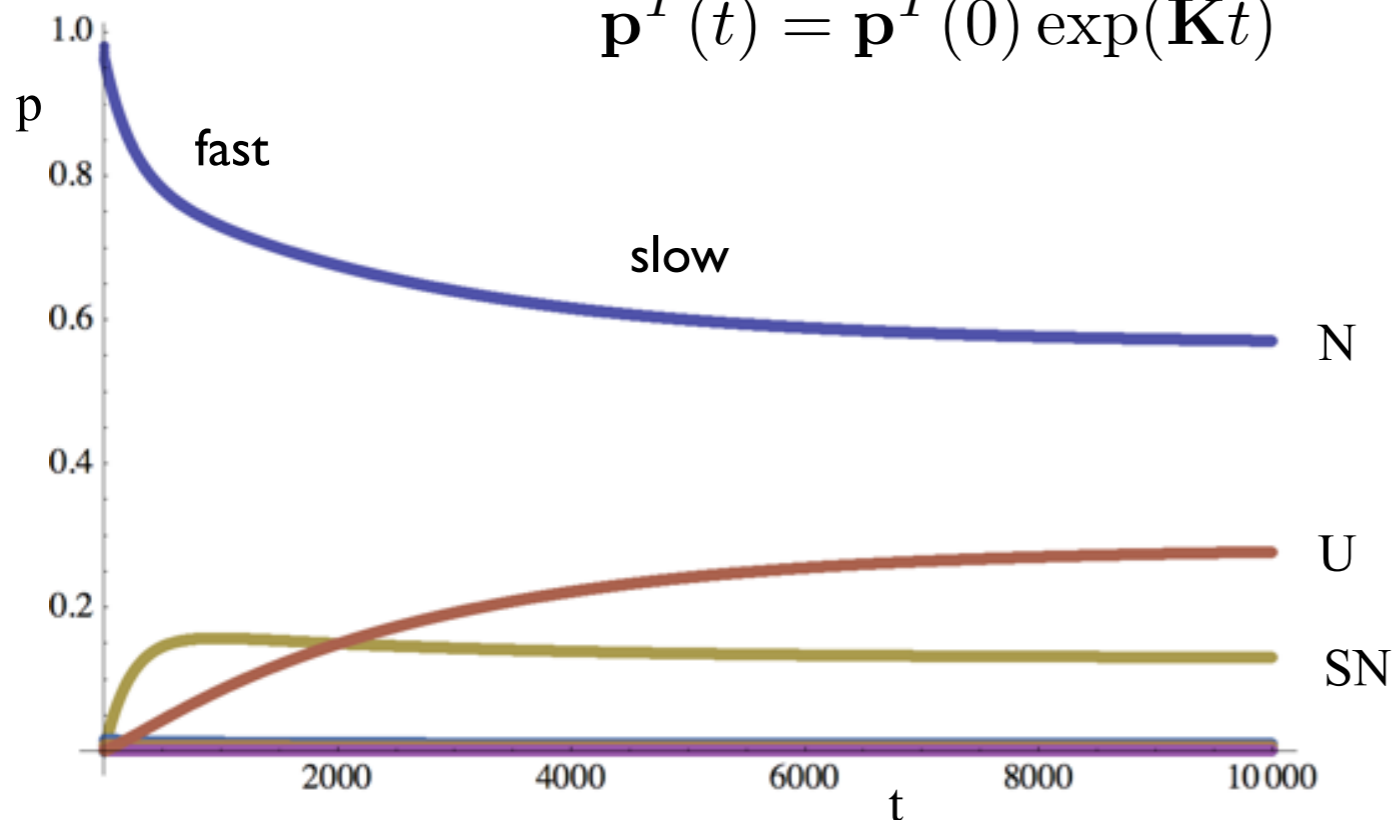
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PN	$6.68 \times 10^{-1}$	—	$6.73 \times 10^{-4}$	$3.66 \times 10^{-4}$	$8.61 \times 10^{-3}$	$3.48 \times 10^{-3}$	$2.21 \times 10^{-3}$	—	$7.16 \times 10^{-5}$	—	$2.02 \times 10^{-4}$	—	$1.70 \times 10^{-3}$	$4.92 \times 10^{-5}$
SN	$1.18 \times 10^{-3}$	$1.91 \times 10^{-5}$	—	$4.48 \times 10^{-6}$	$2.88 \times 10^{-4}$	$8.16 \times 10^{-4}$	$2.85 \times 10^{-5}$	$8.81 \times 10^{-4}$	—	$2.55 \times 10^{-5}$	$1.10 \times 10^{-4}$	$2.58 \times 10^{-8}$	$1.05 \times 10^{-3}$	$2.26 \times 10^{-4}$
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meta	$7.65 \times 10^{-1}$	$2.24 \times 10^{-3}$	$2.64 \times 10^{-3}$	$1.67 \times 10^{-2}$	—	$3.68 \times 10^{-3}$	$7.85 \times 10^{-3}$	$2.19 \times 10^{-5}$	$3.42 \times 10^{-4}$	—	$1.50 \times 10^{-4}$	$8.59 \times 10^{-7}$	$1.07 \times 10^{-3}$	$9.01 \times 10^{-5}$
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LSN	—	—	$3.23 \times 10^{-2}$	—	$8.77 \times 10^{-5}$	$2.06 \times 10^{-4}$	$2.83 \times 10^{-3}$	—	—	$3.68 \times 10^{-3}$	$9.89 \times 10^{-5}$	$3.96 \times 10^{-7}$	$1.41 \times 10^{-3}$	$1.08 \times 10^{-3}$
Lm	$6.05 \times 10^{-2}$	$2.34 \times 10^{-4}$	—	$2.17 \times 10^{-5}$	$4.29 \times 10^{-3}$	—	$3.02 \times 10^{-2}$	—	—	—	—	$2.71 \times 10^{-6}$	—	—
Lo	—	—	$2.27 \times 10^{-3}$	—	—	$7.98 \times 10^{-4}$	—	$8.95 \times 10^{-3}$	—	—	$4.04 \times 10^{-4}$	$1.74 \times 10^{-6}$	$5.14 \times 10^{-2}$	$8.69 \times 10^{-3}$
I	$1.27 \times 10^{-2}$	$1.44 \times 10^{-3}$	$2.76 \times 10^{-2}$	—	$4.10 \times 10^{-3}$	$2.04 \times 10^{-3}$	$1.95 \times 10^{-3}$	$6.74 \times 10^{-4}$	—	$1.13 \times 10^{-3}$	—	$3.77 \times 10^{-6}$	$1.25 \times 10^{-2}$	$6.50 \times 10^{-3}$
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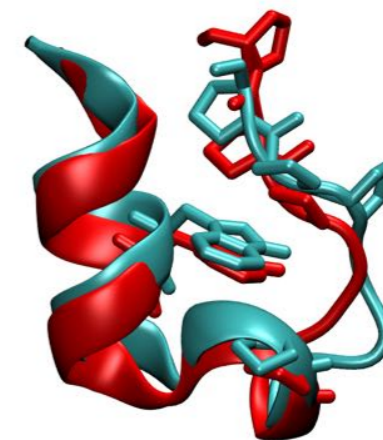
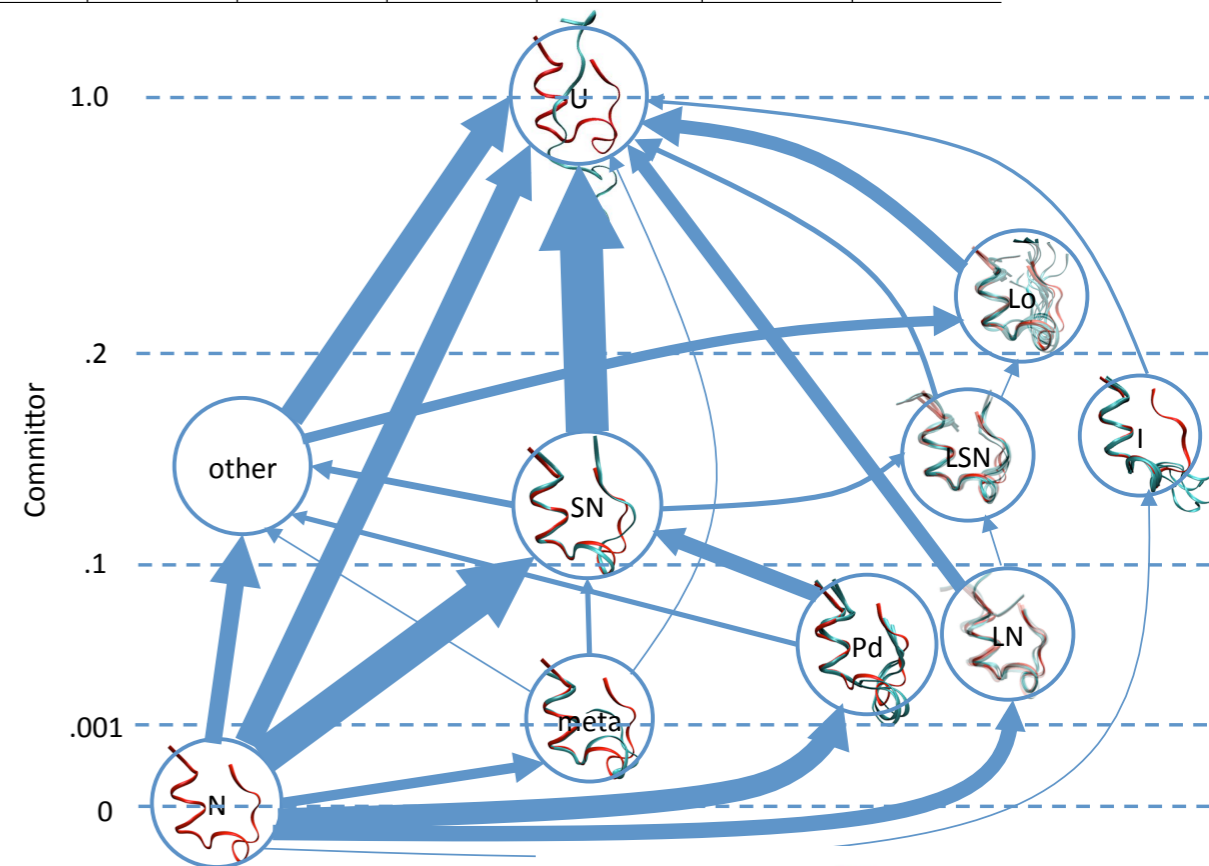
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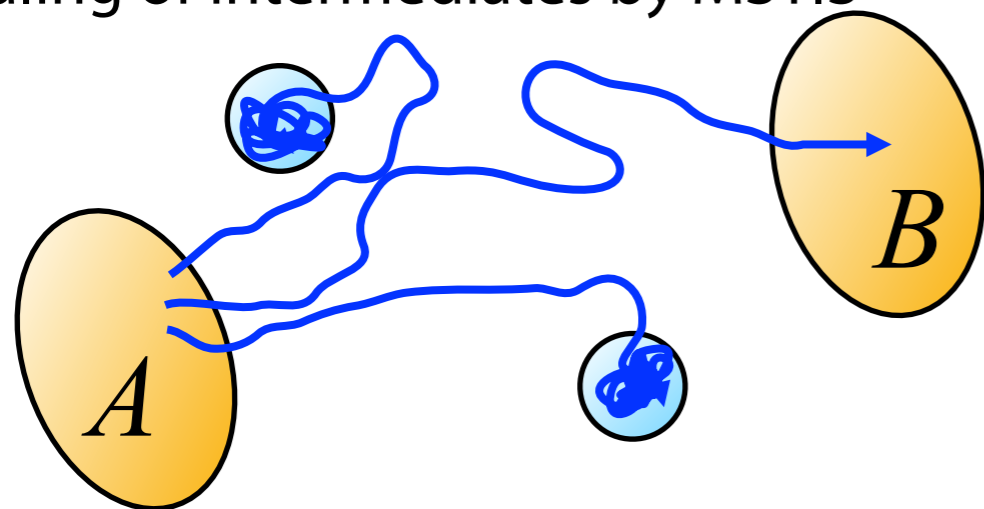
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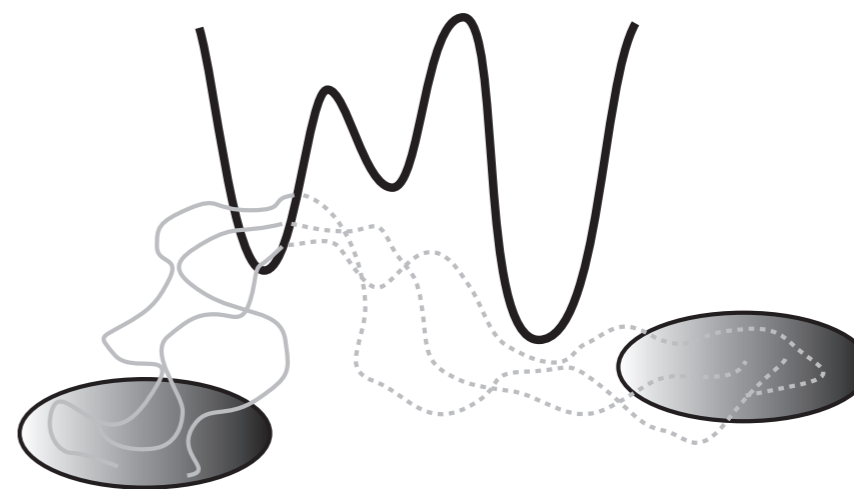
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## Handling of intermediates by MSTIS



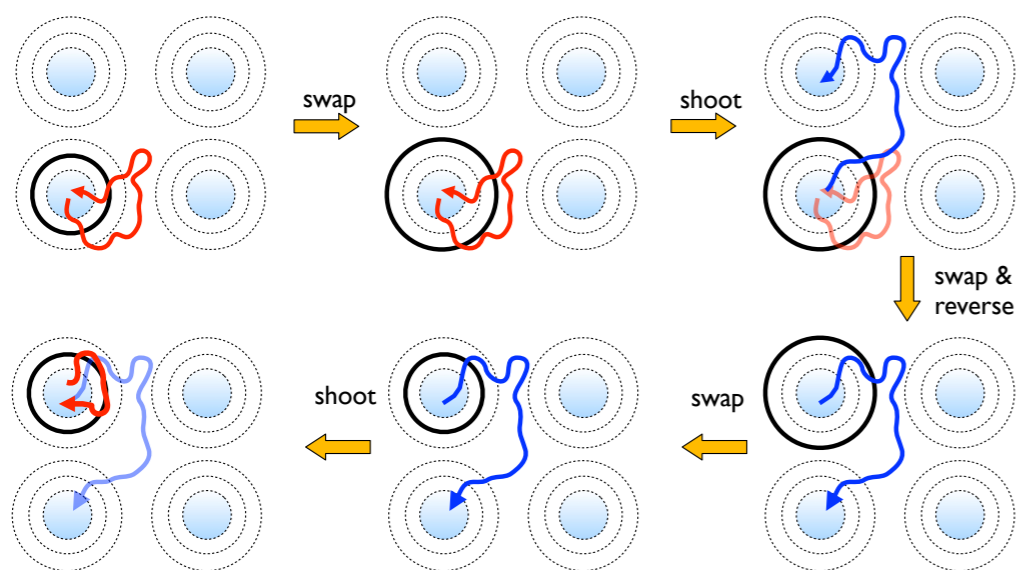
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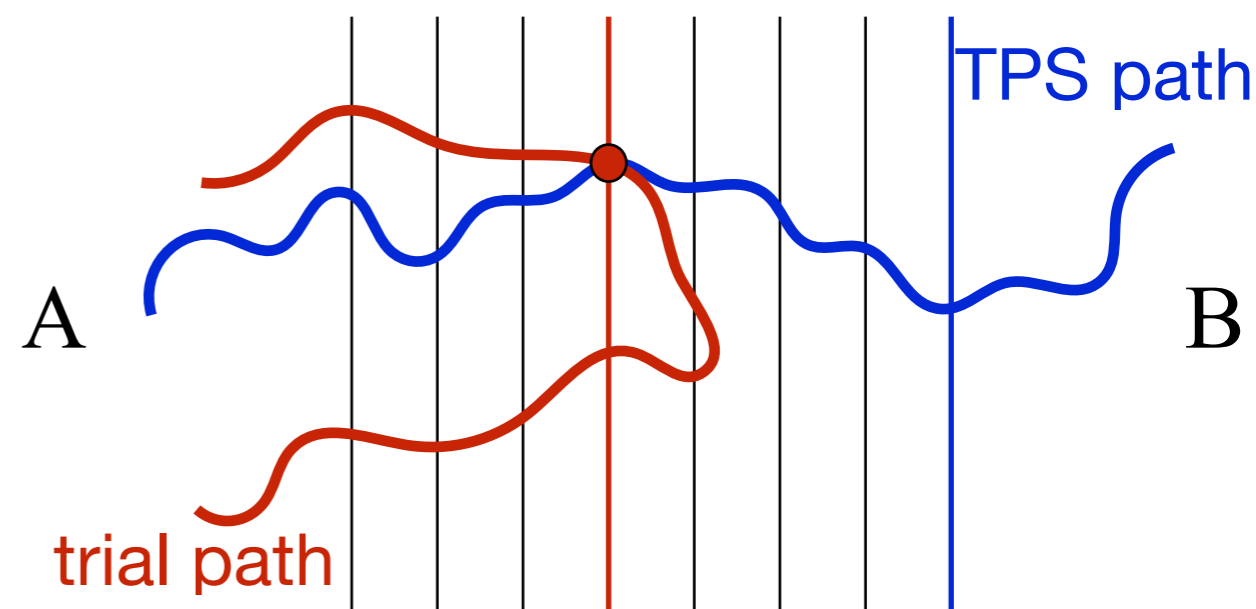
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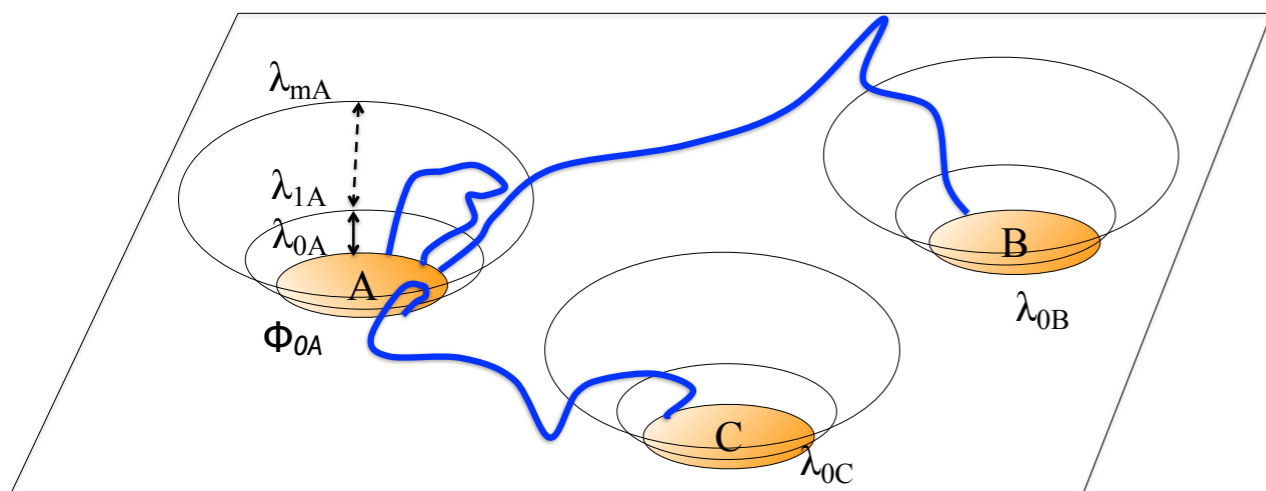


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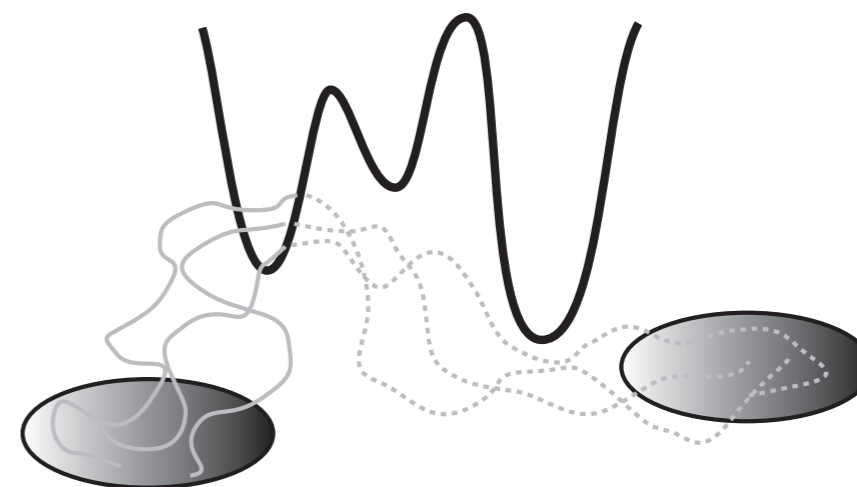
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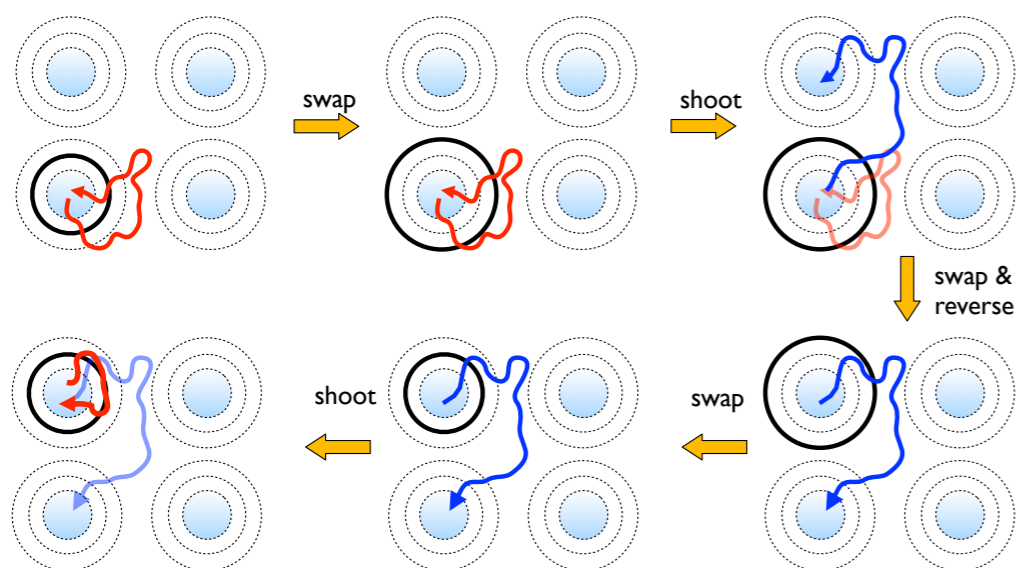
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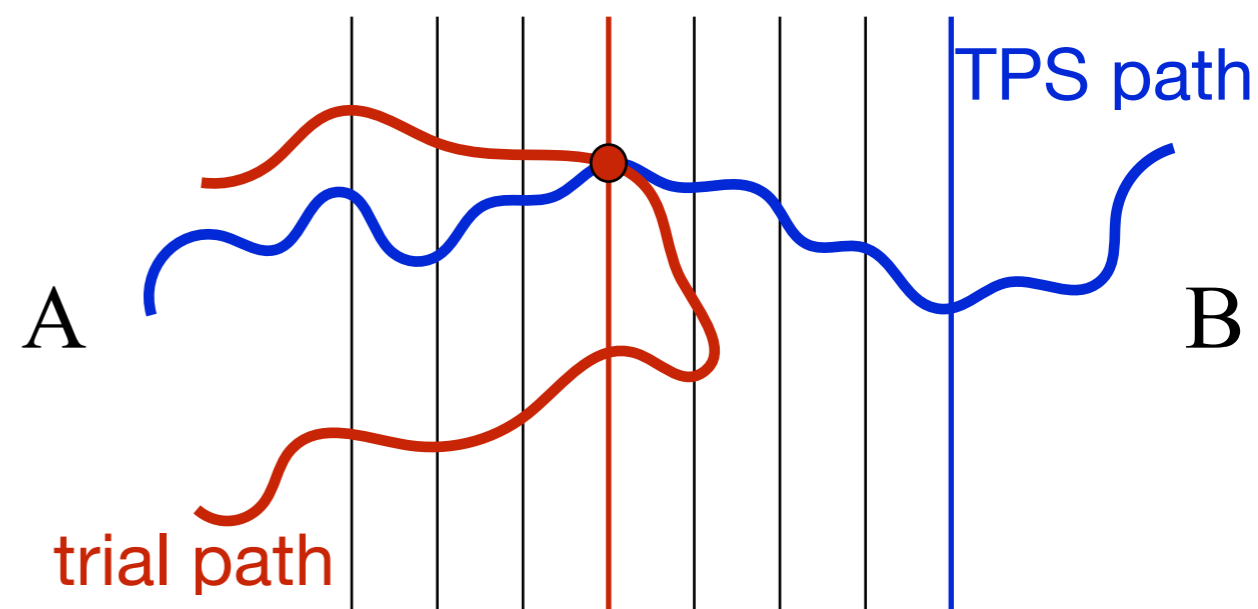
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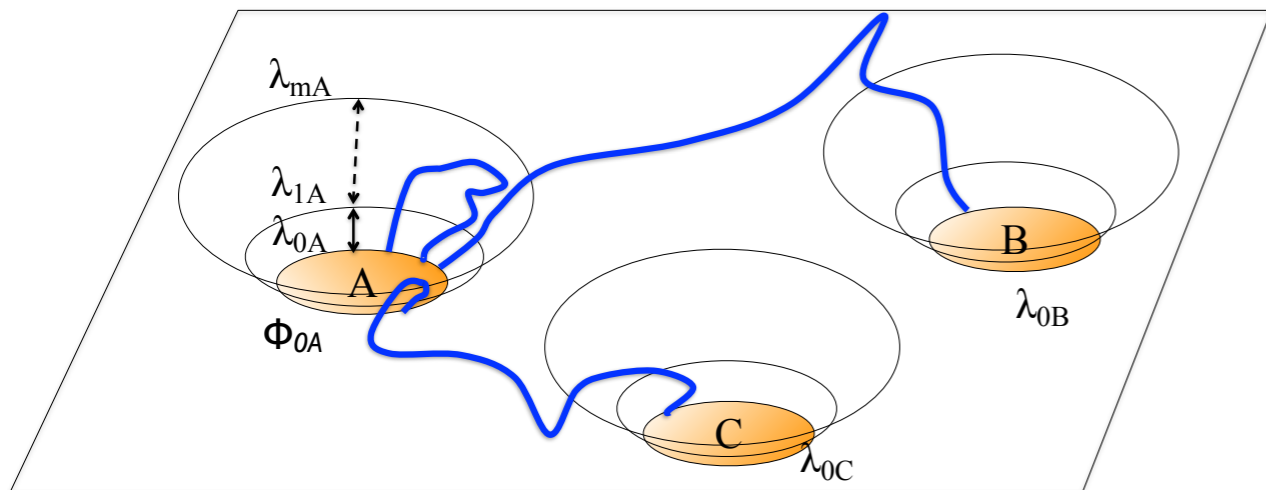


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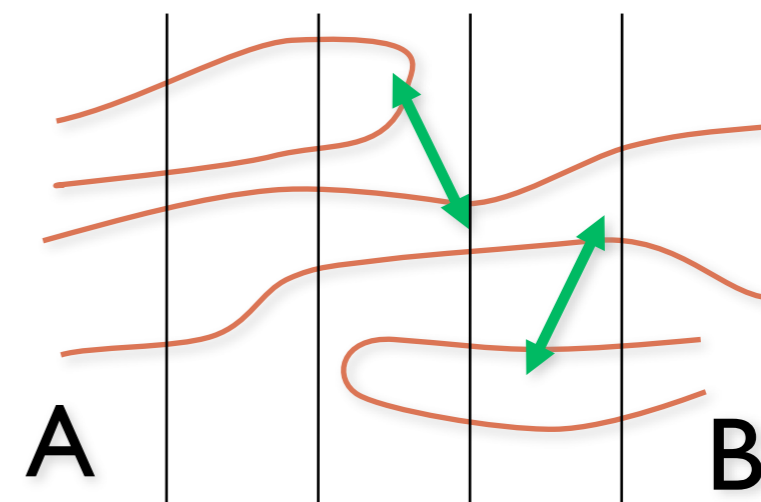
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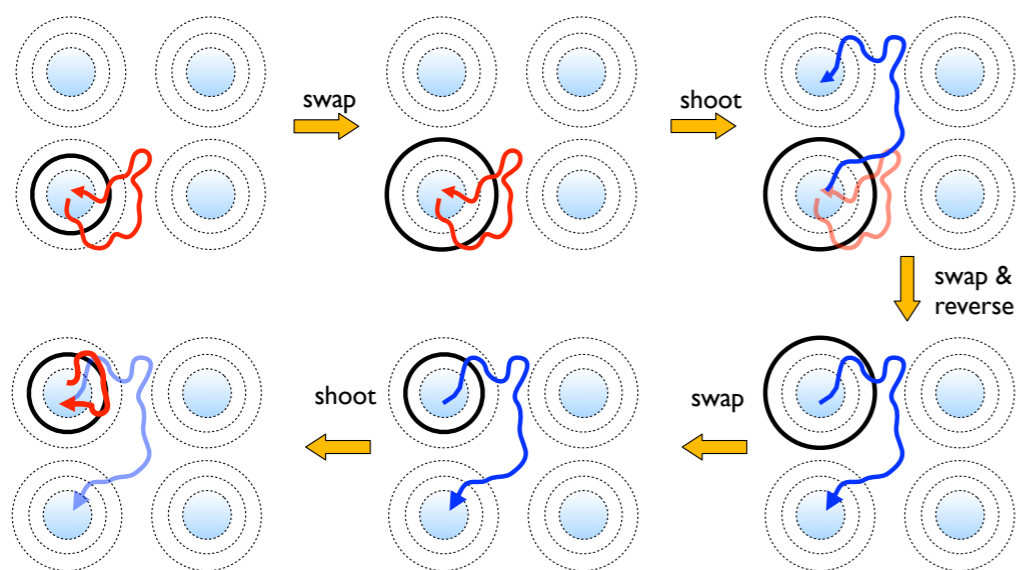
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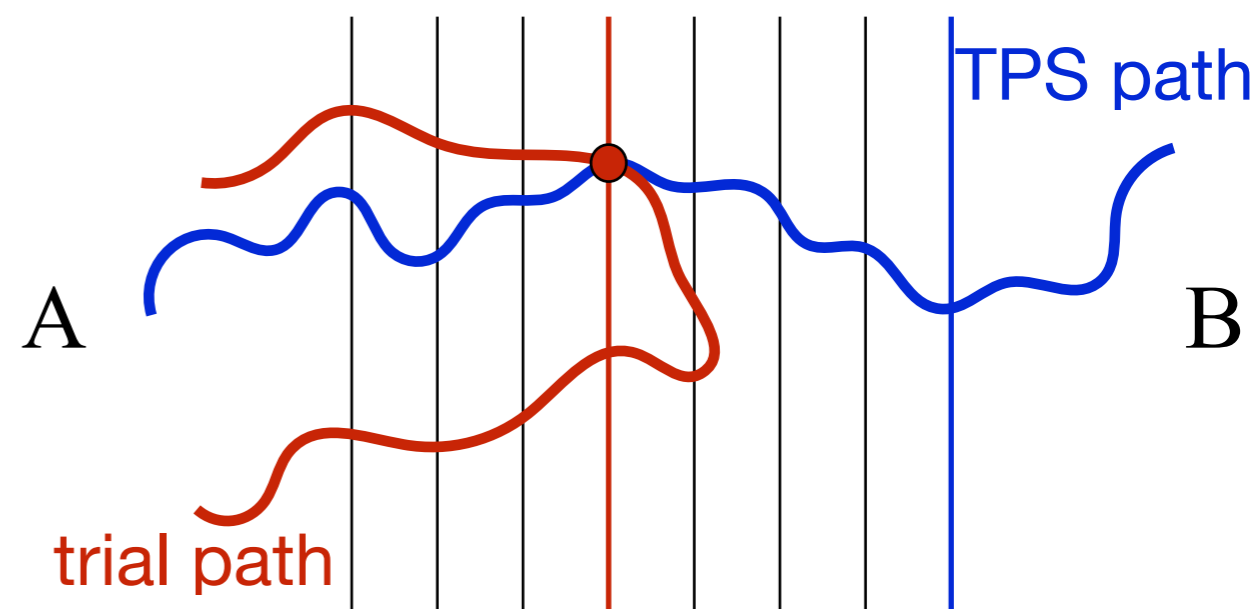
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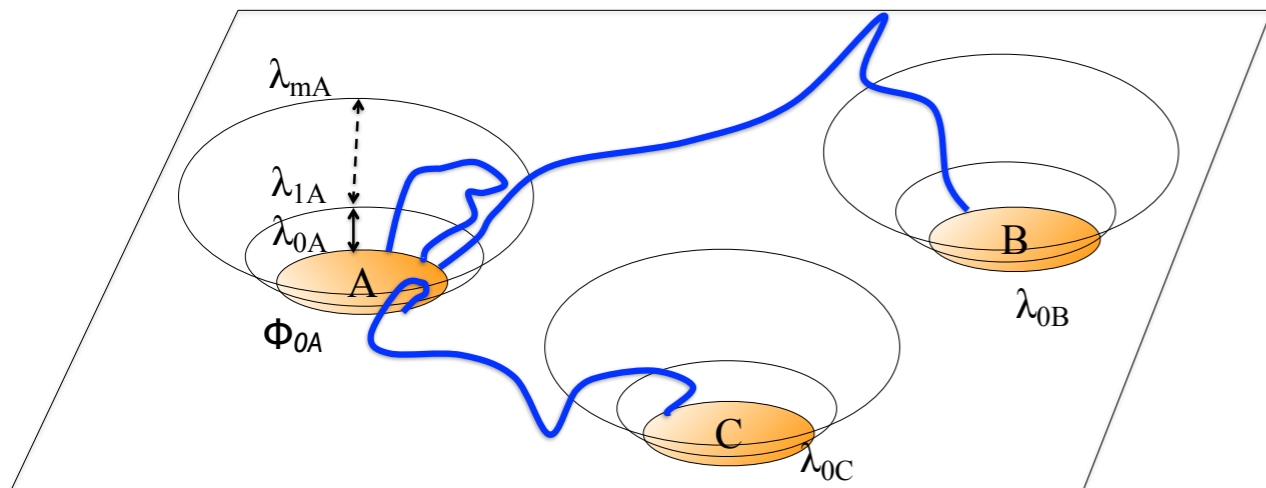


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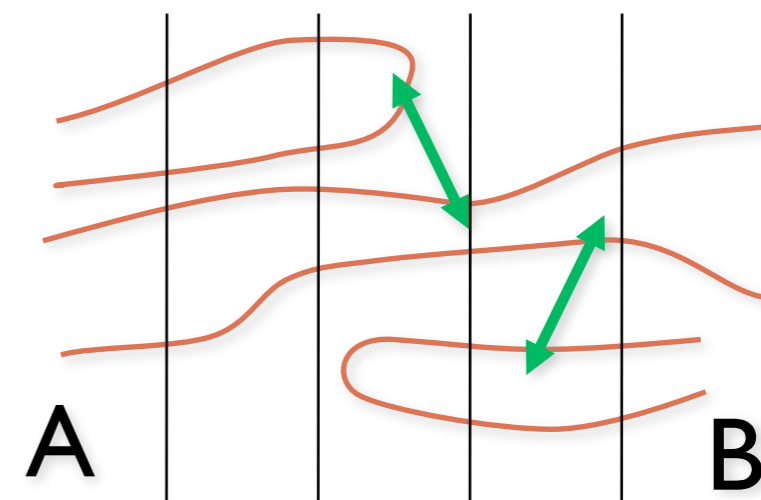
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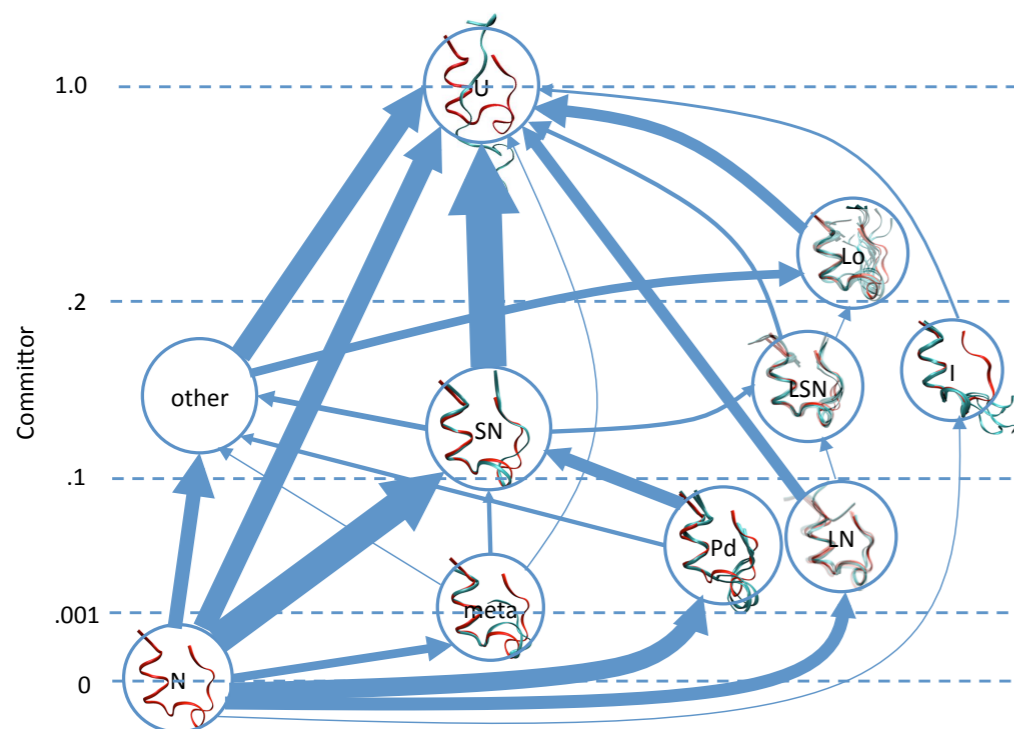
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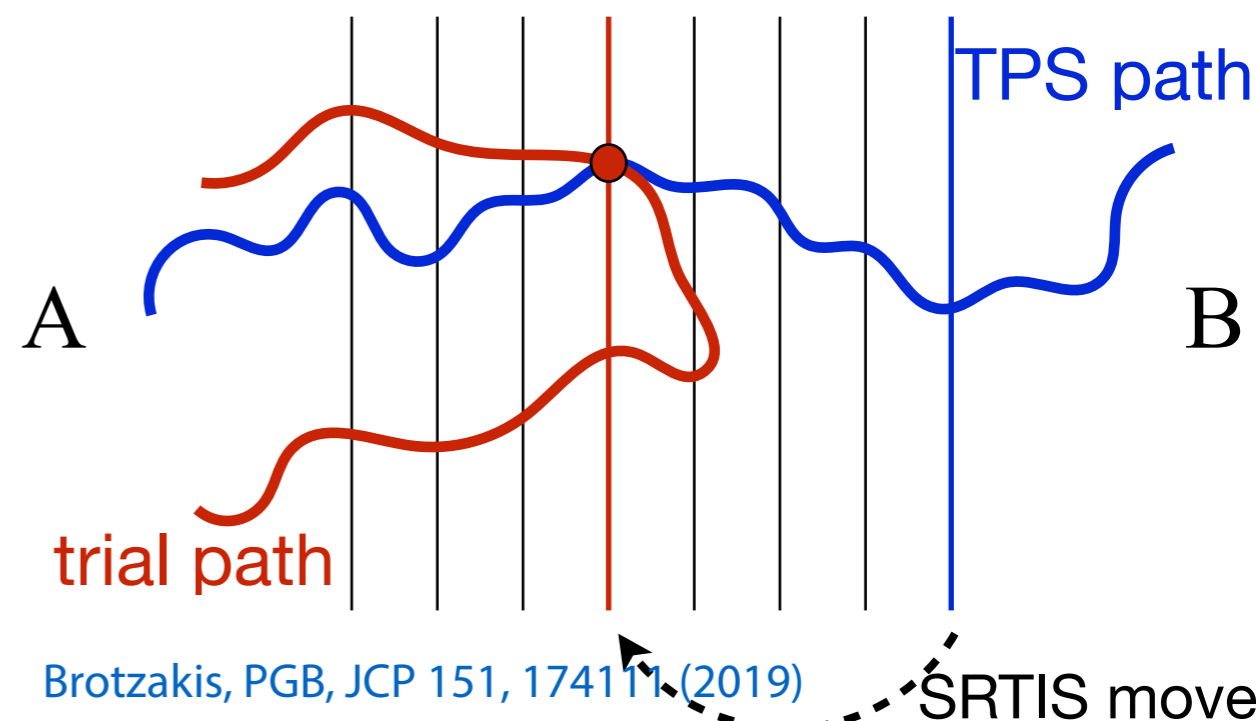


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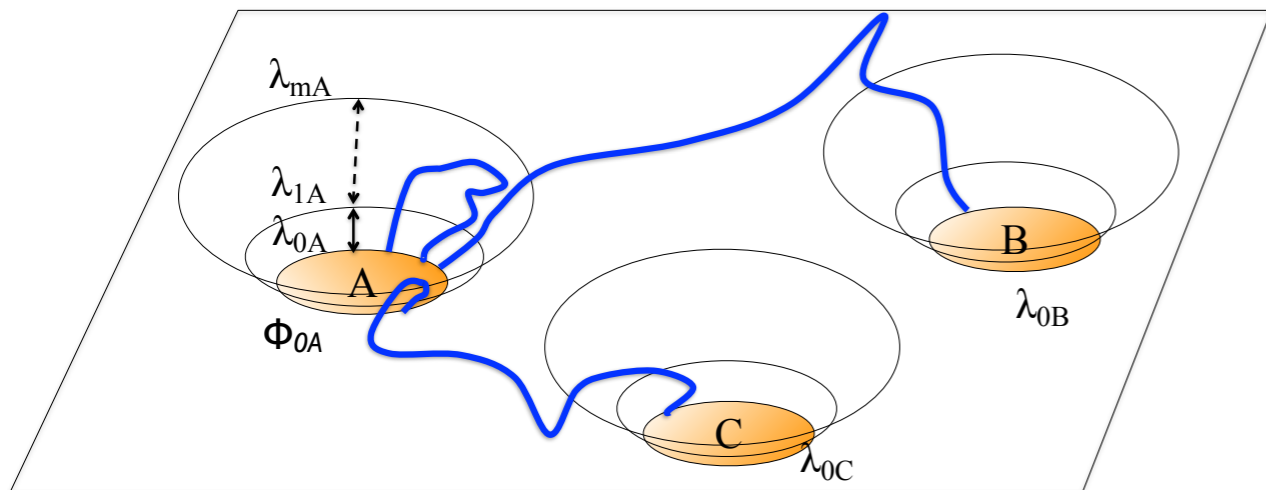


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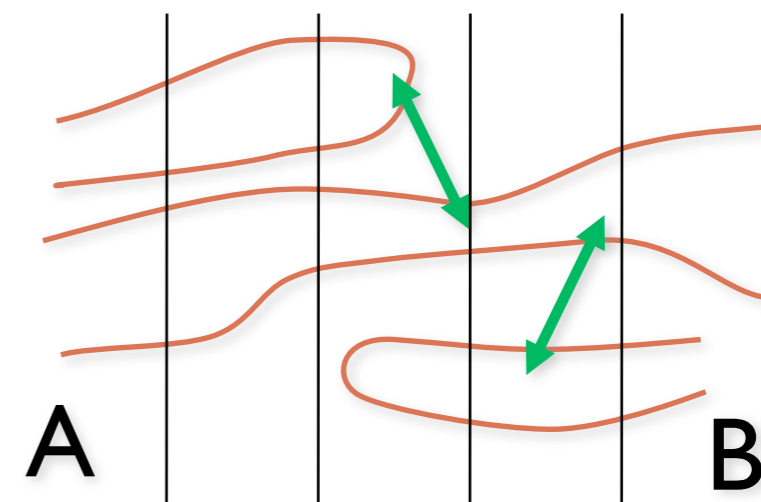
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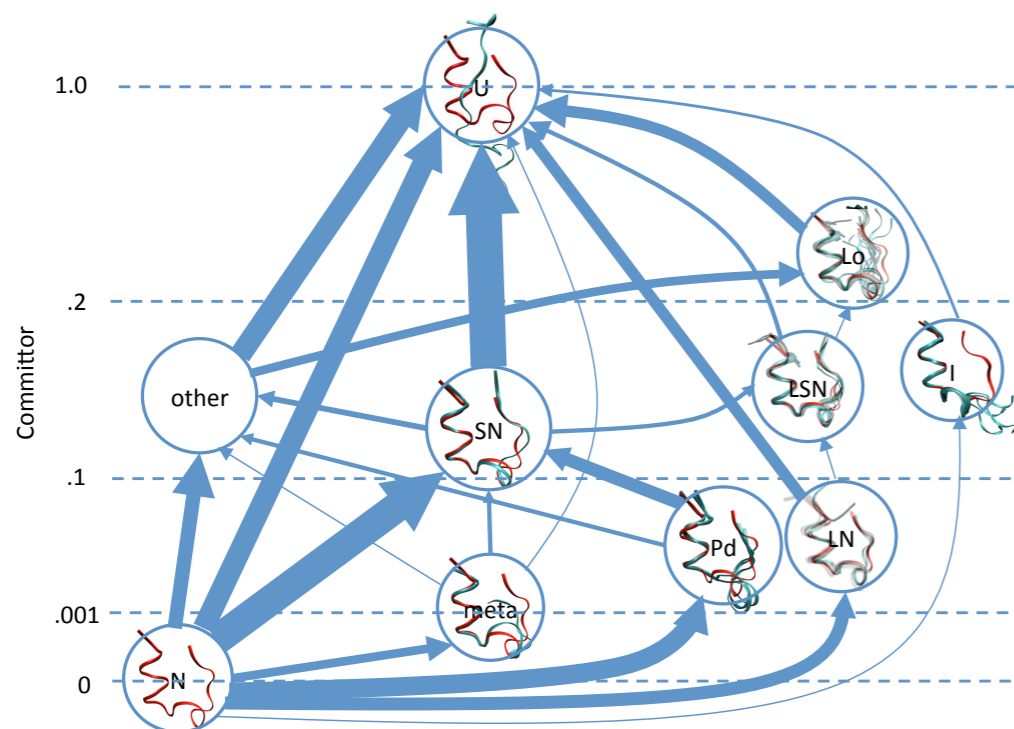
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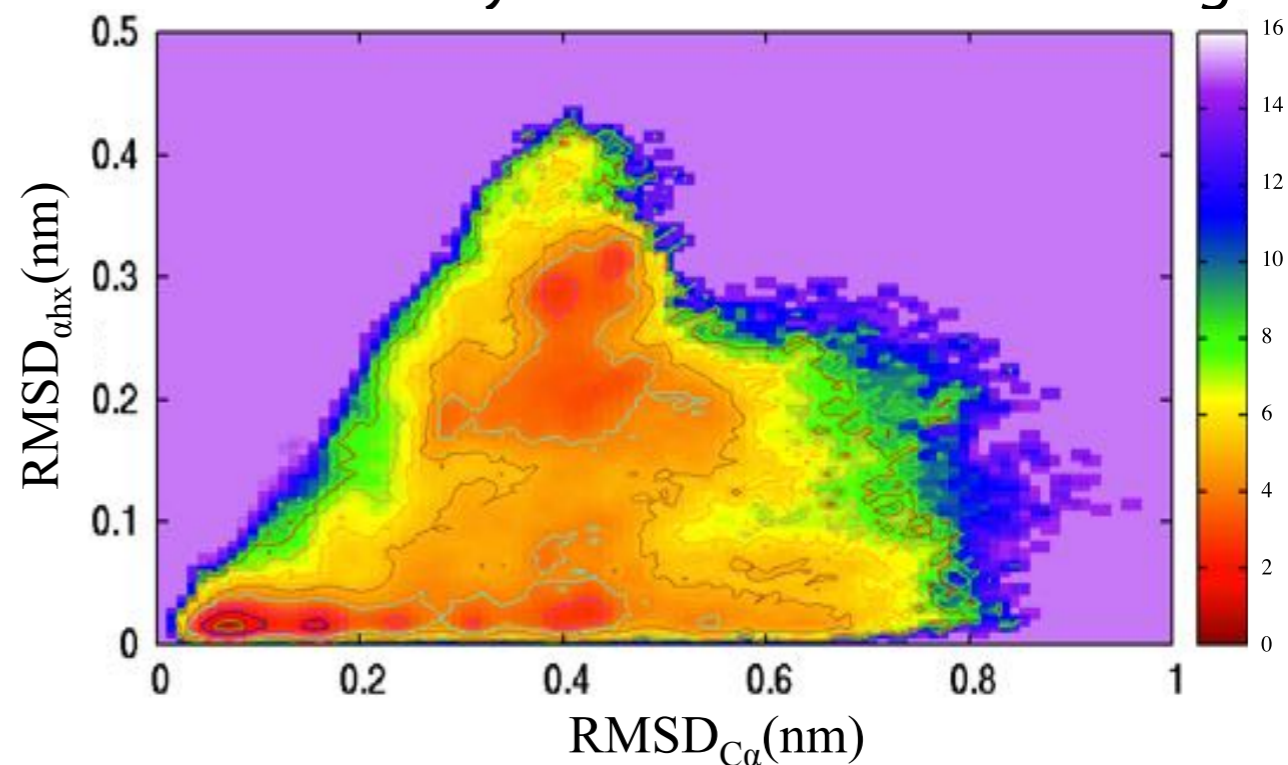


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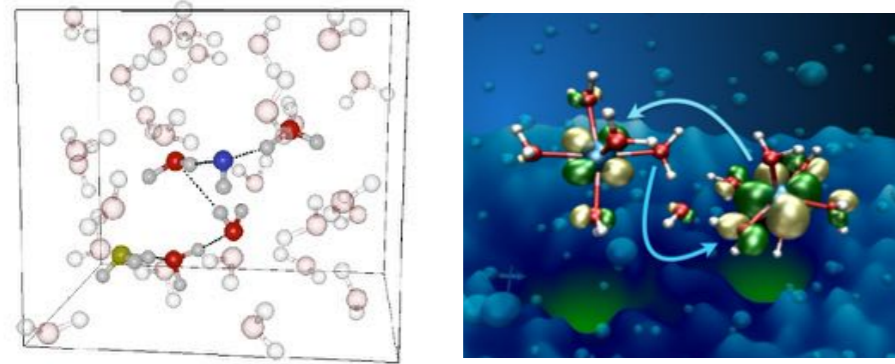


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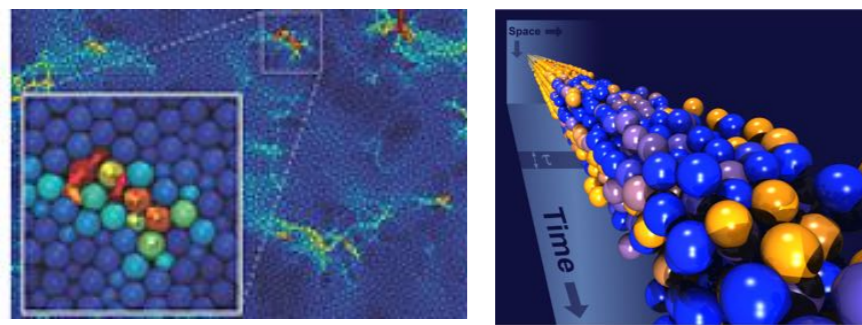
# Selected TPS applications

## Chemical reactions in solution



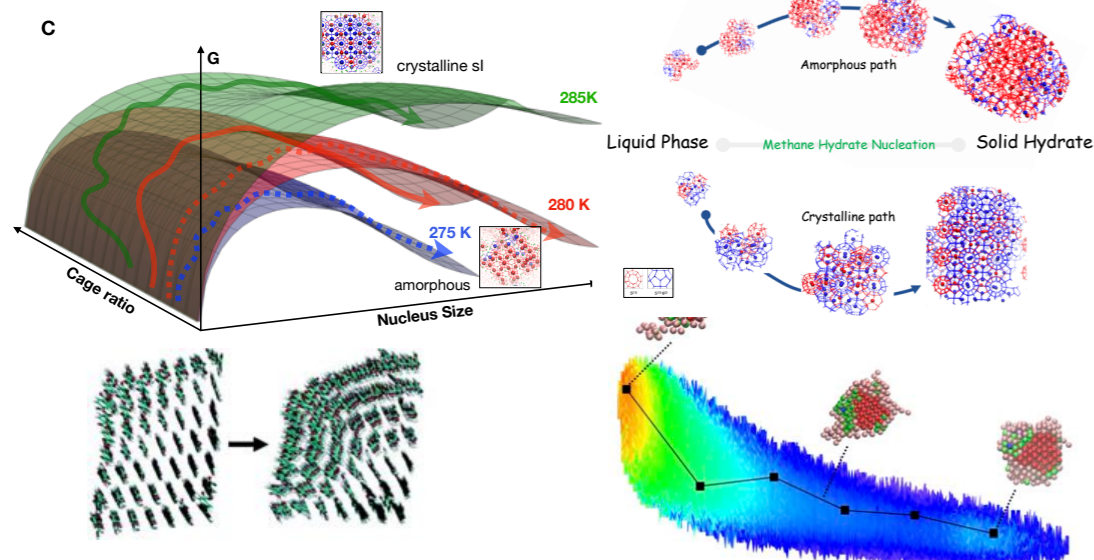
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## Glasses



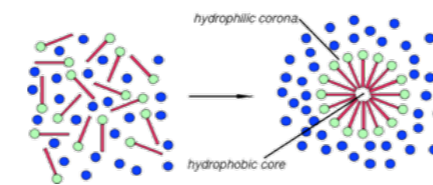
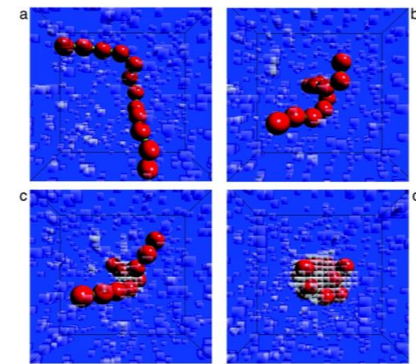
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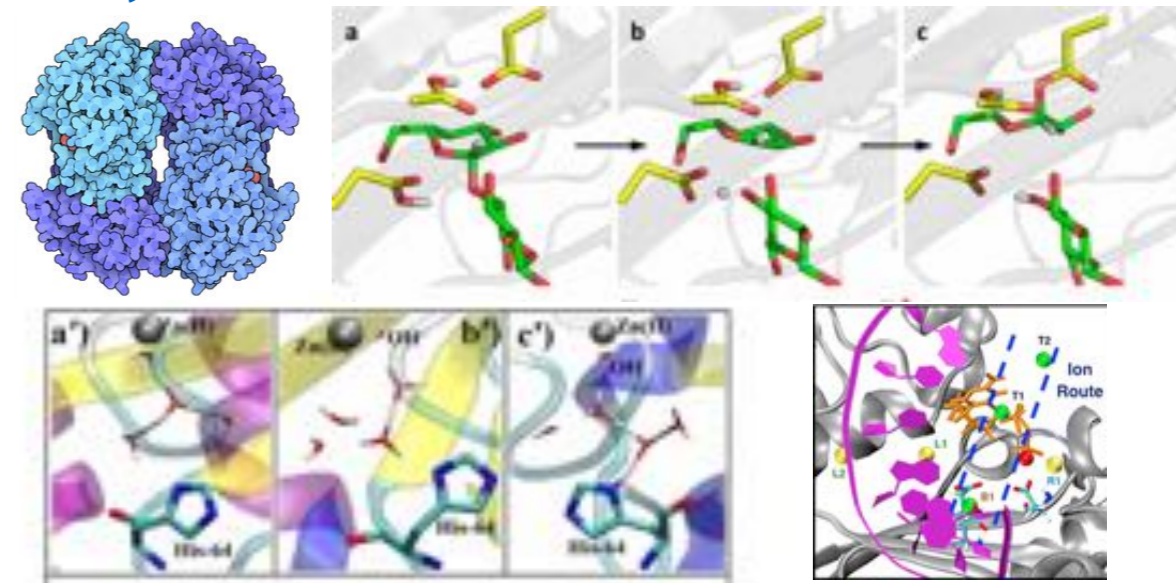
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## Microphases



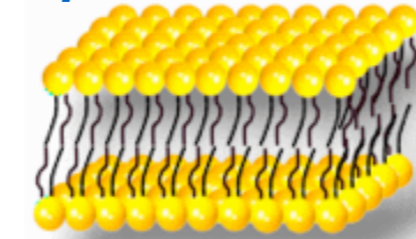
Ten Wolde et al PNAS 2002; Pool & PGB JCP 2007

## Enzymatic reactions



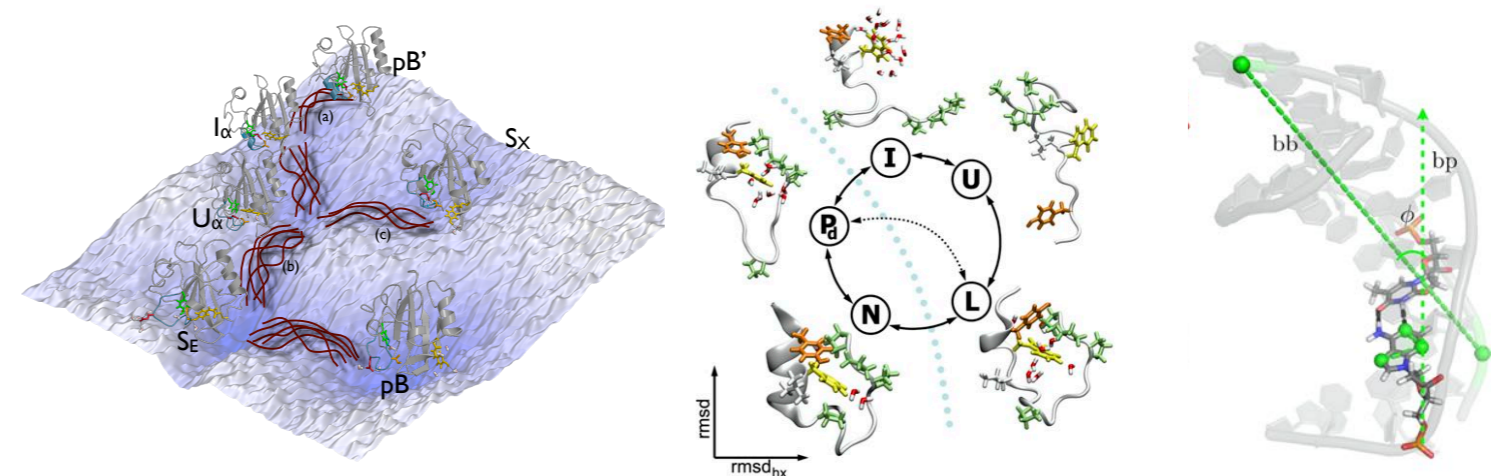
Basner et Schwarz, JACS 2005; Knott et al, JACS 2013; Li et al JACS 2014; Paul and Taraphder, ChemPhysChem 2020; Silveira et al, JPCB 2021;....

## Lipid membranes



Marti & Csajka 2004; Okazaki et al Nat Comm. 2019 . Domanski, et al PLOS Comput. Biol. 2020; .....

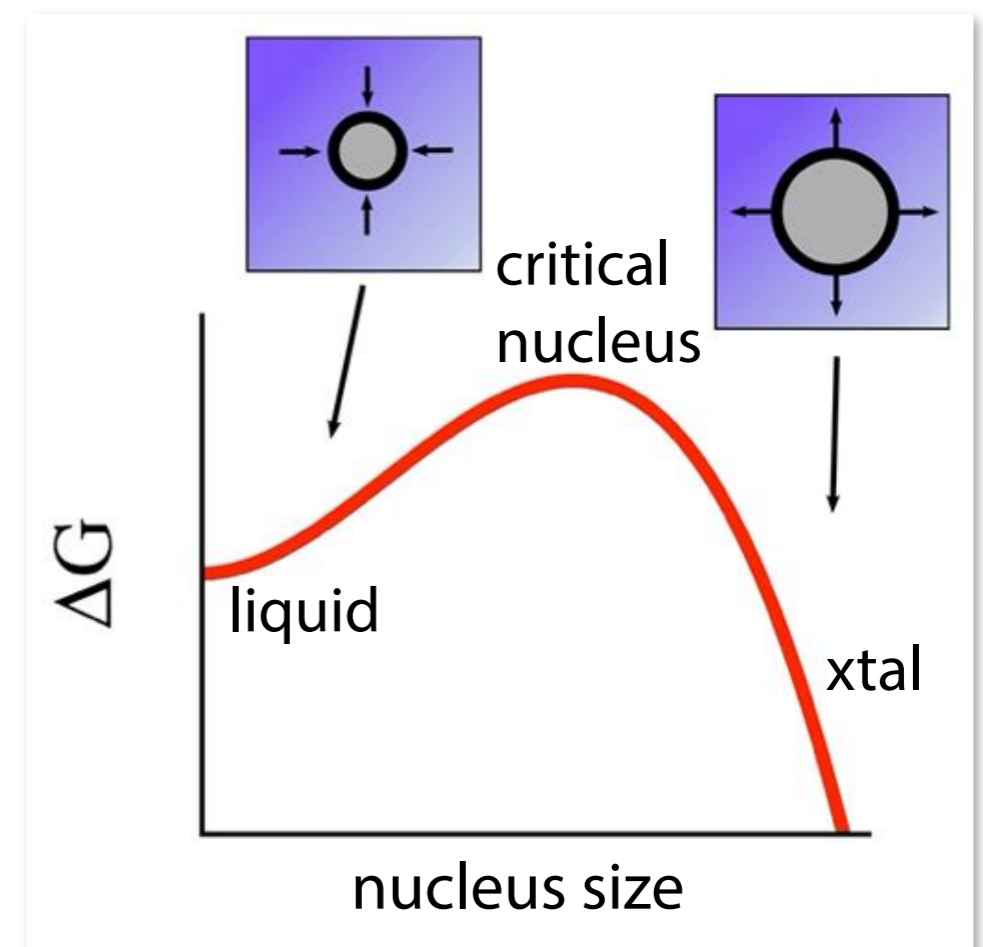
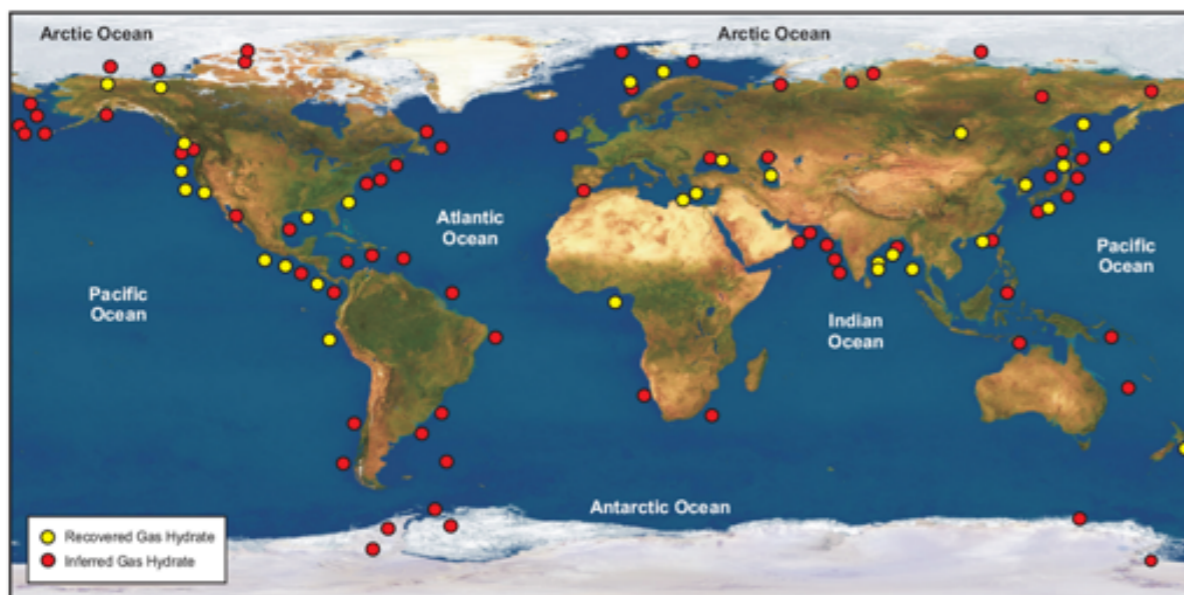
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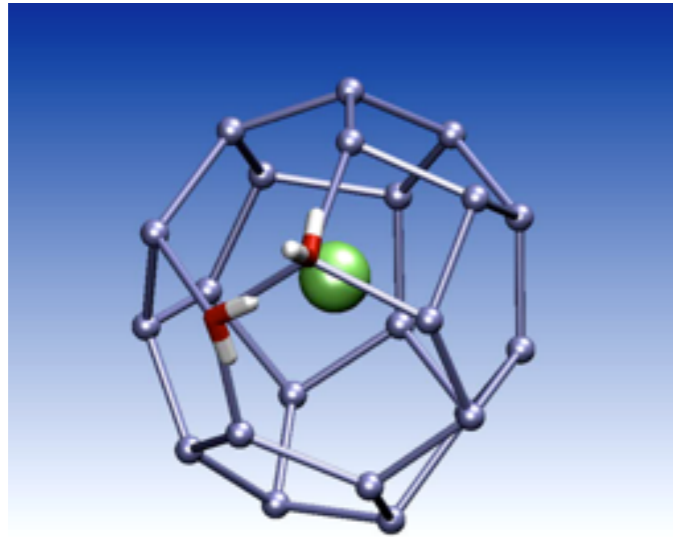
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# Gas hydrate nucleation

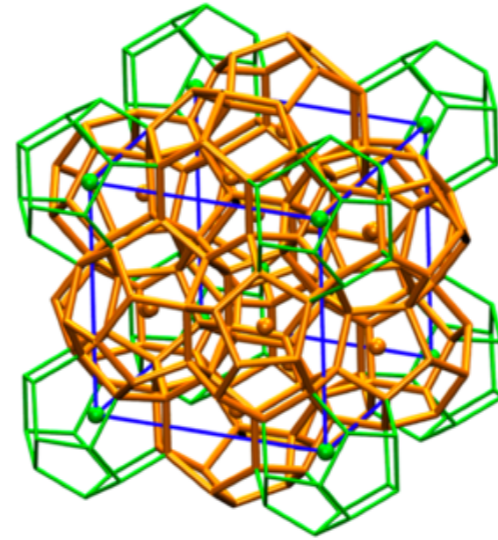
- Gas hydrates provide
  - large repository of natural gas
  - possibility for CO<sub>2</sub> sequestration
  - problem in pipes
- How do hydrates nucleate?
- Methane hydrate nucleation hypothesis
  - amorphous critical nucleus
  - transforms into crystalline form
- experimental testing difficult: simulations



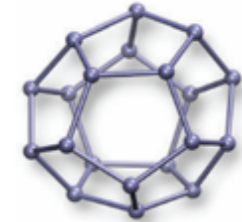
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single methane cage

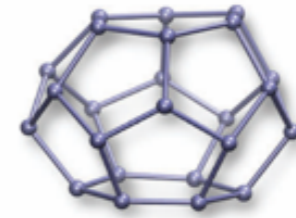


SI Unit Cell Crystal



$5^{12}$

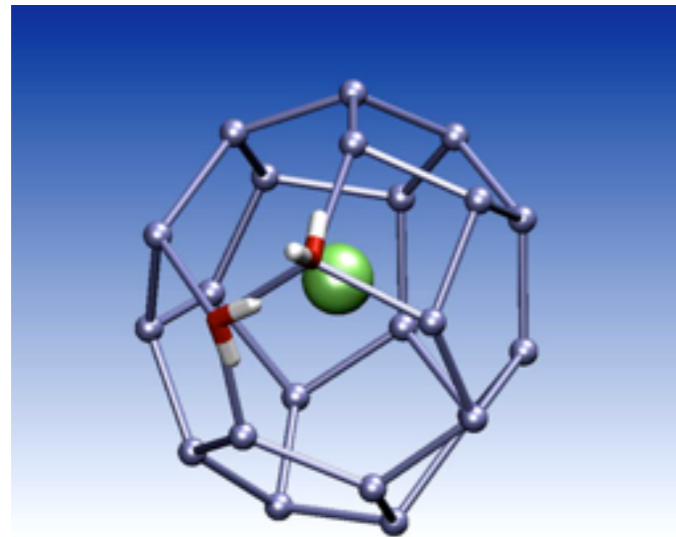
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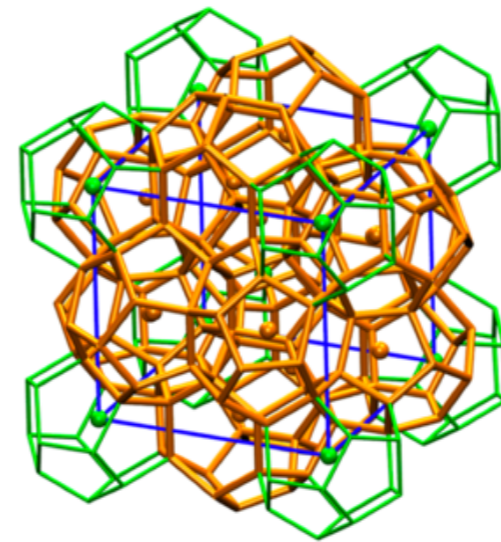
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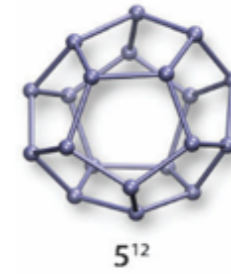
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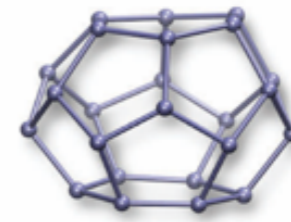
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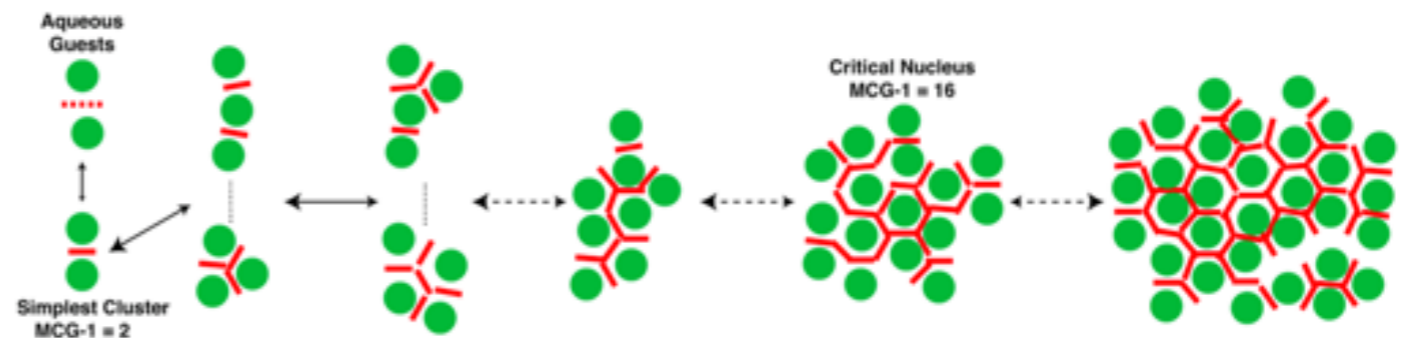


Big Cage

we focus on two families of order parameters

## SIZE: MCG

(Mutually Coordinated Guests)

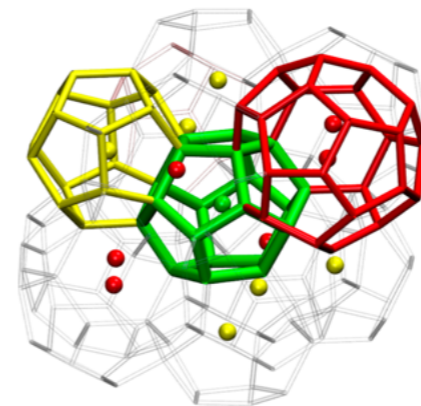


*Barnes et. al (2014)*

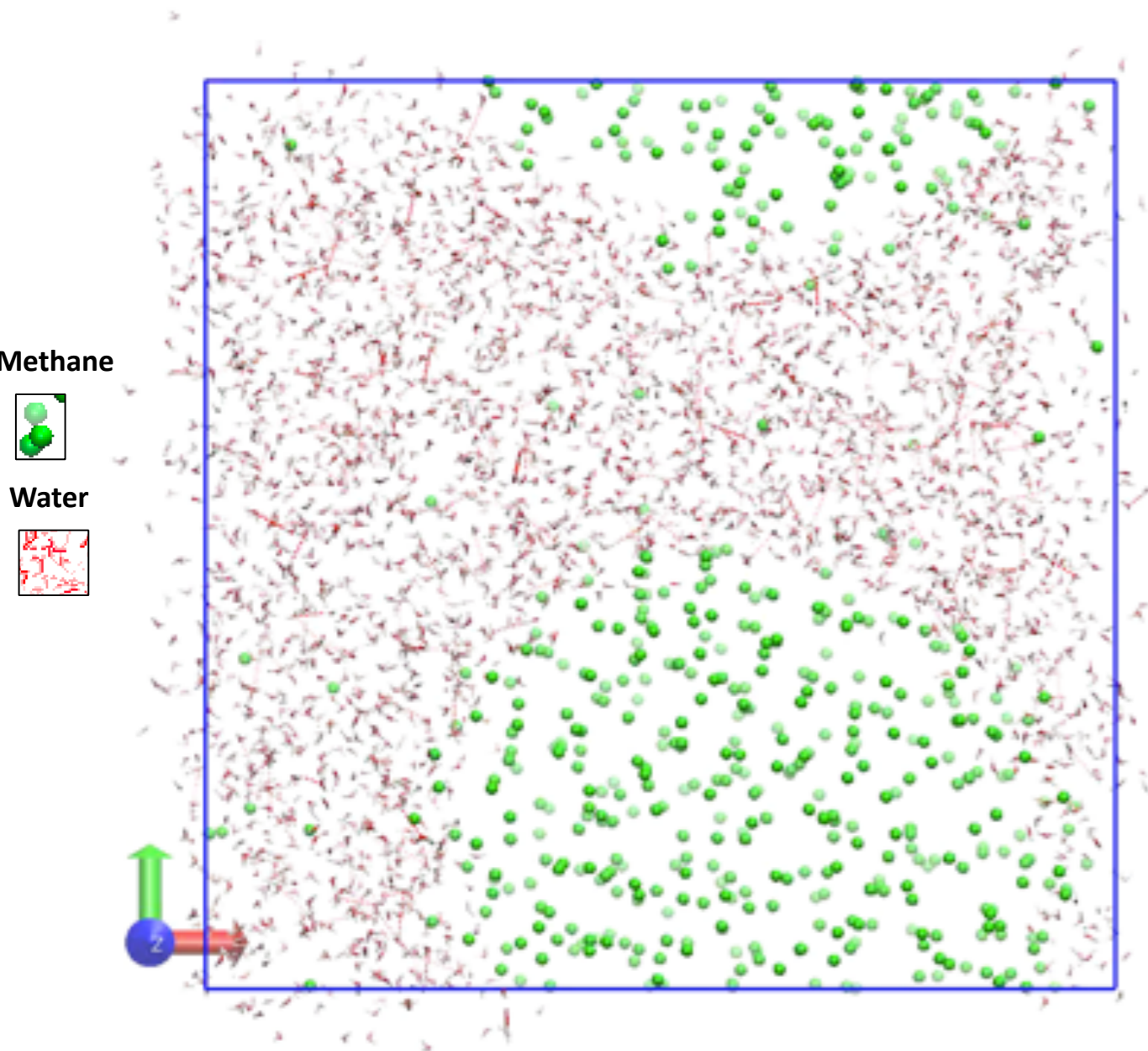
## SHAPE: Cage type Identification

Cluster Analysis using MCG

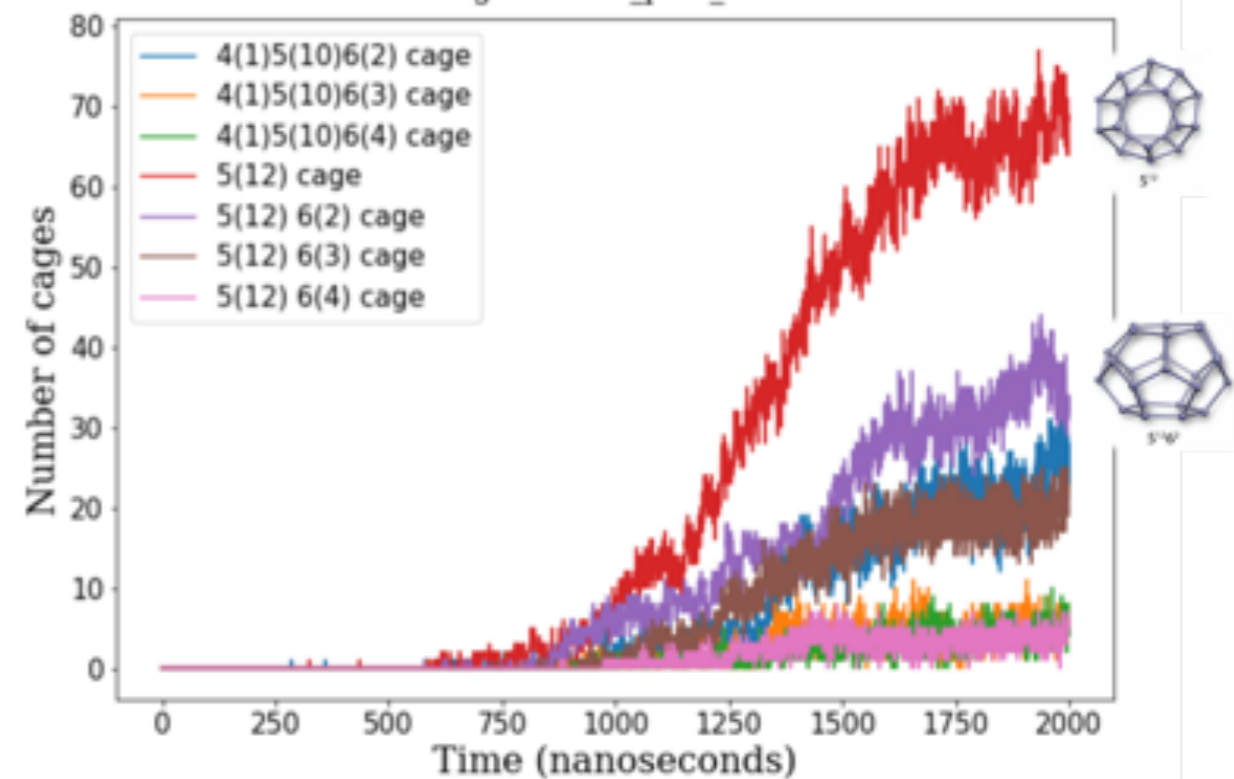
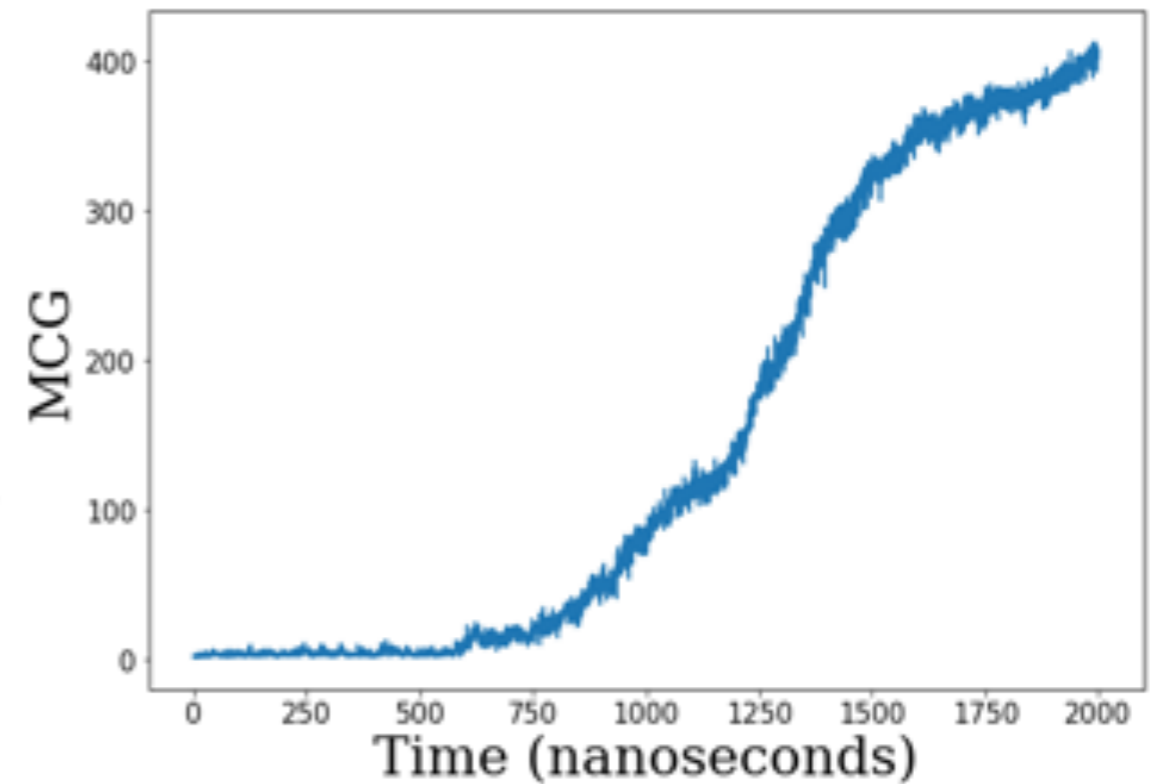
Cage Ratio  $5^{12}6^2/5^{12} = 3$  for pure SI crystal  
smaller than 1 for amorphous solids



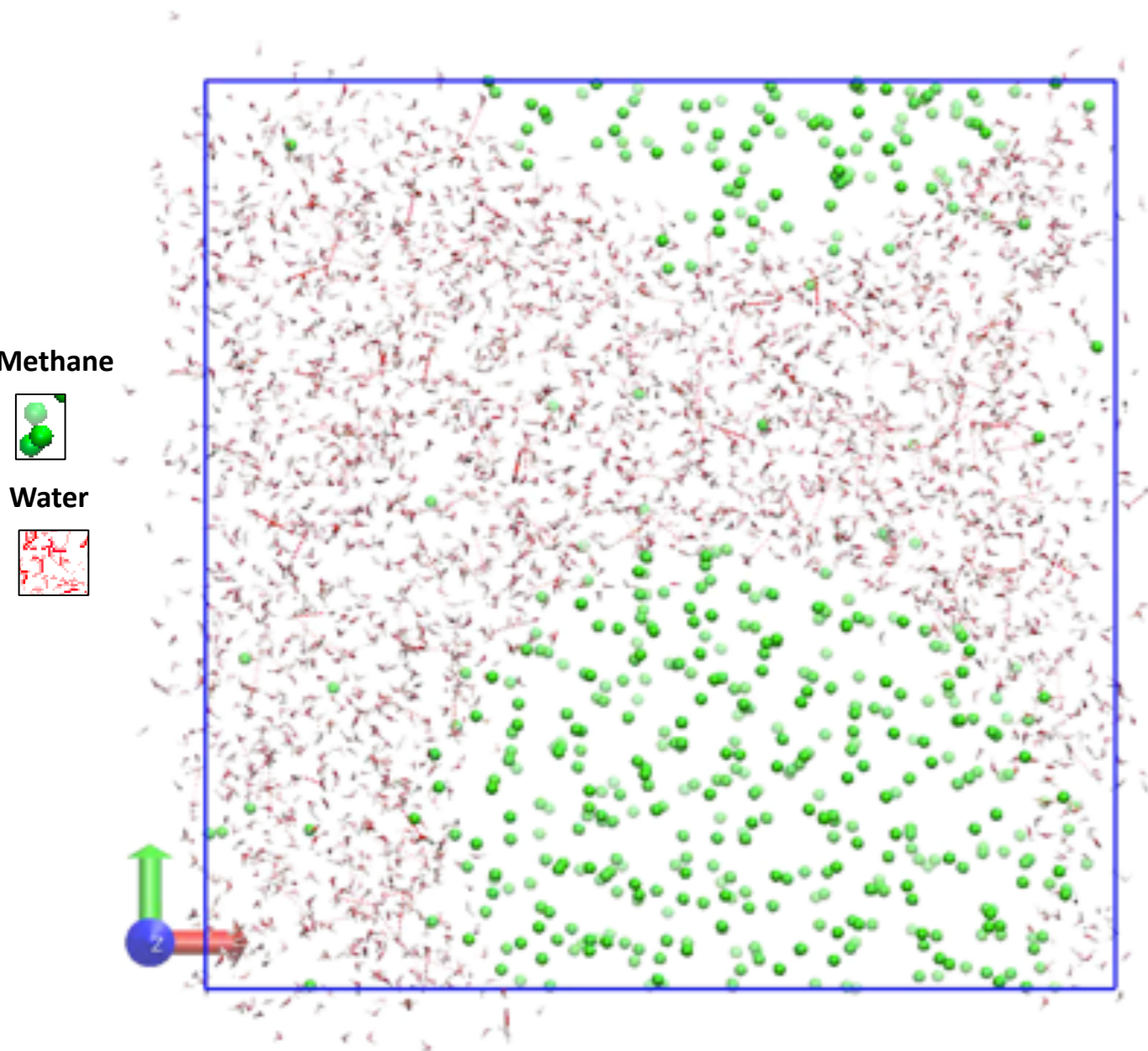
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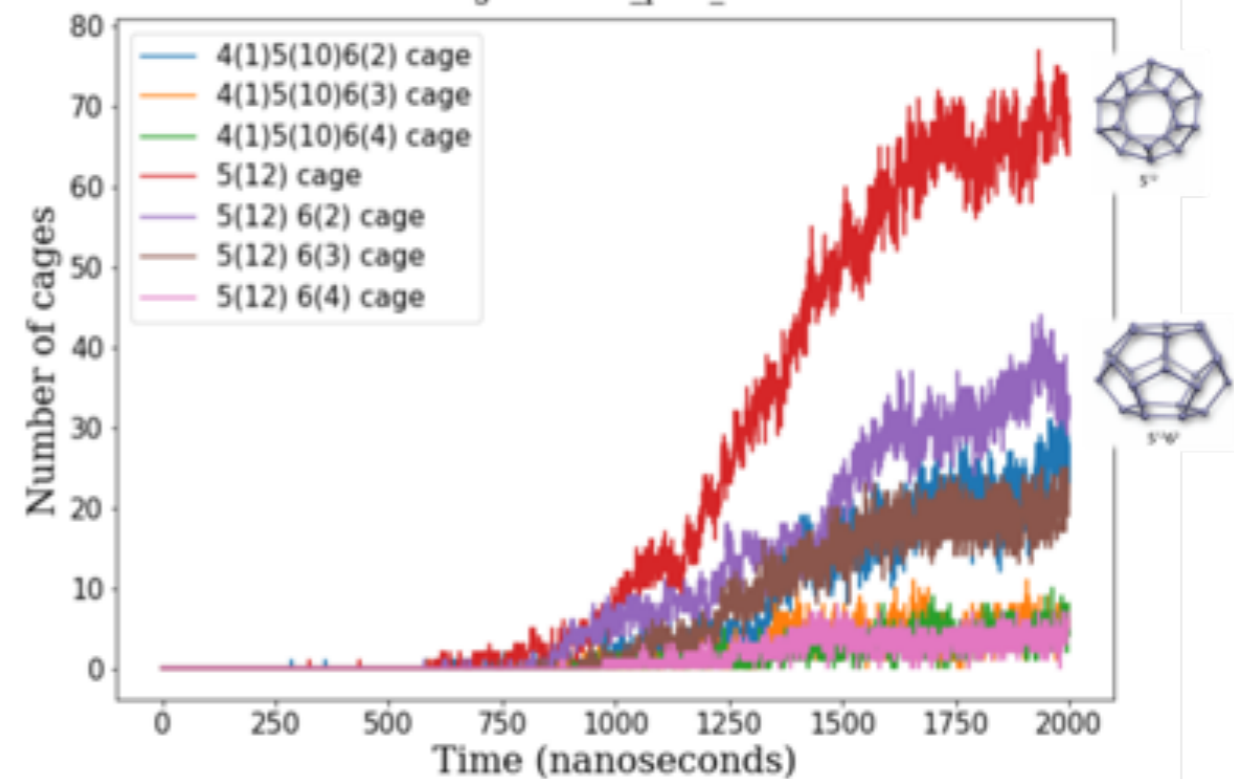
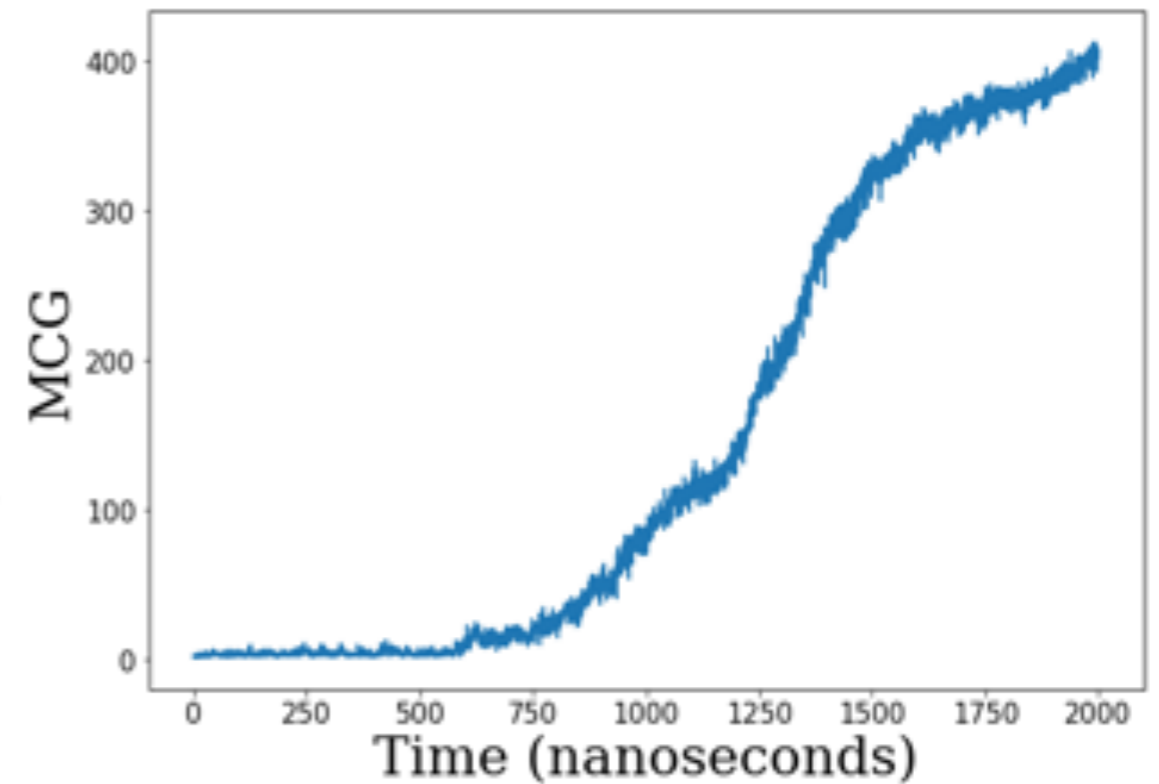
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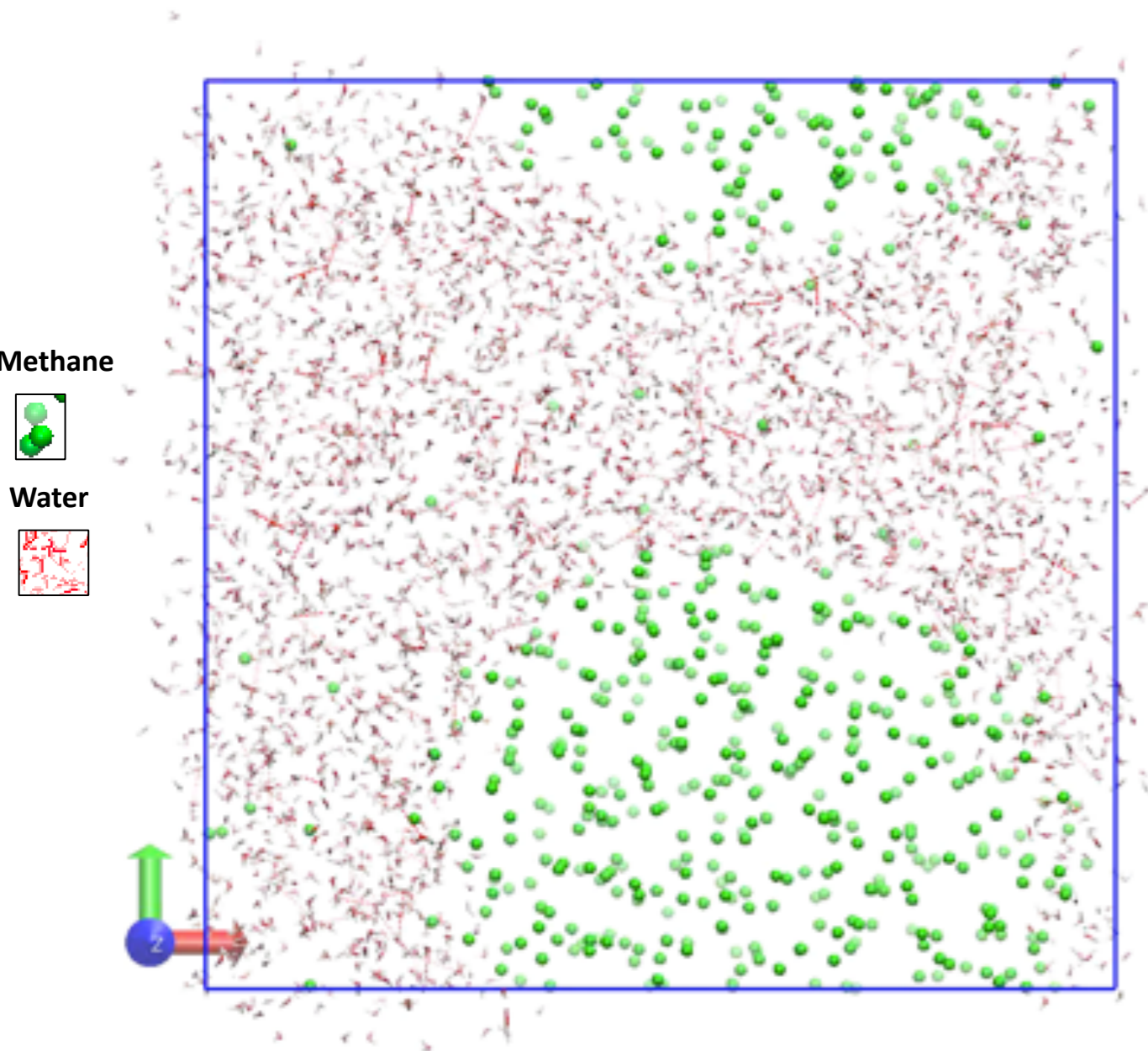
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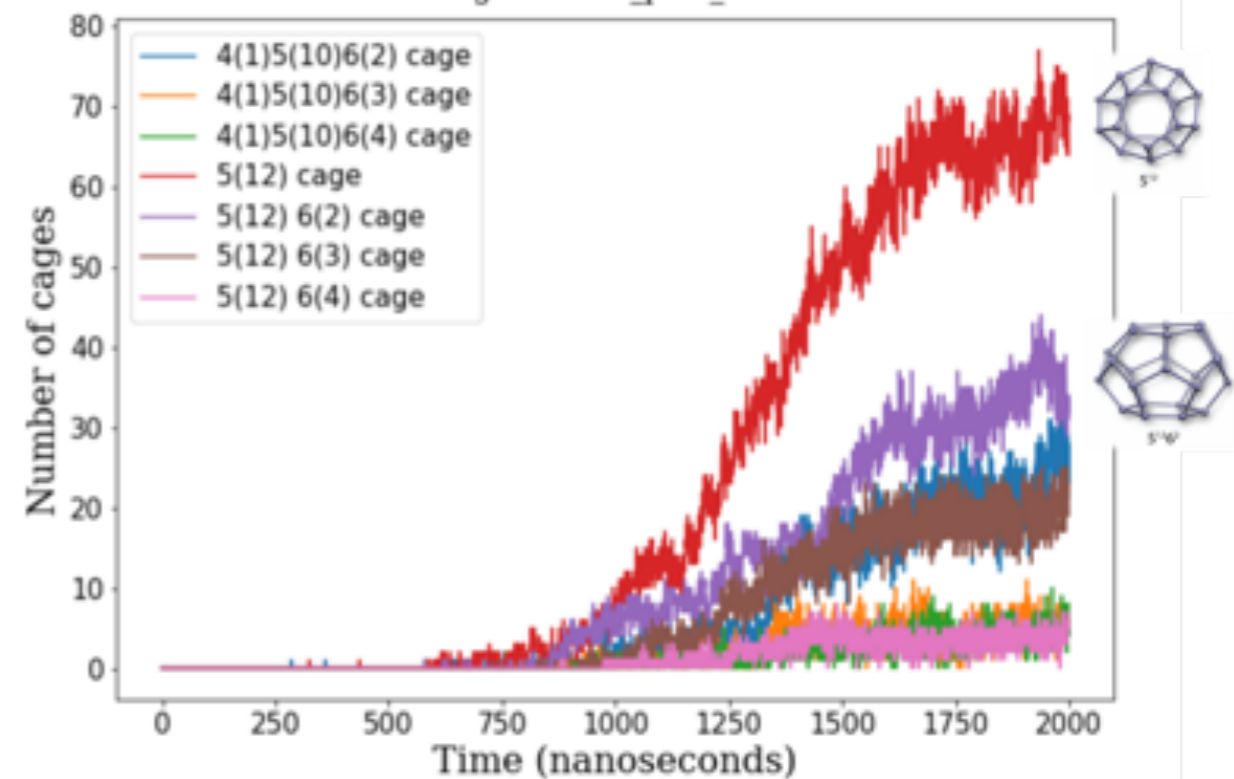
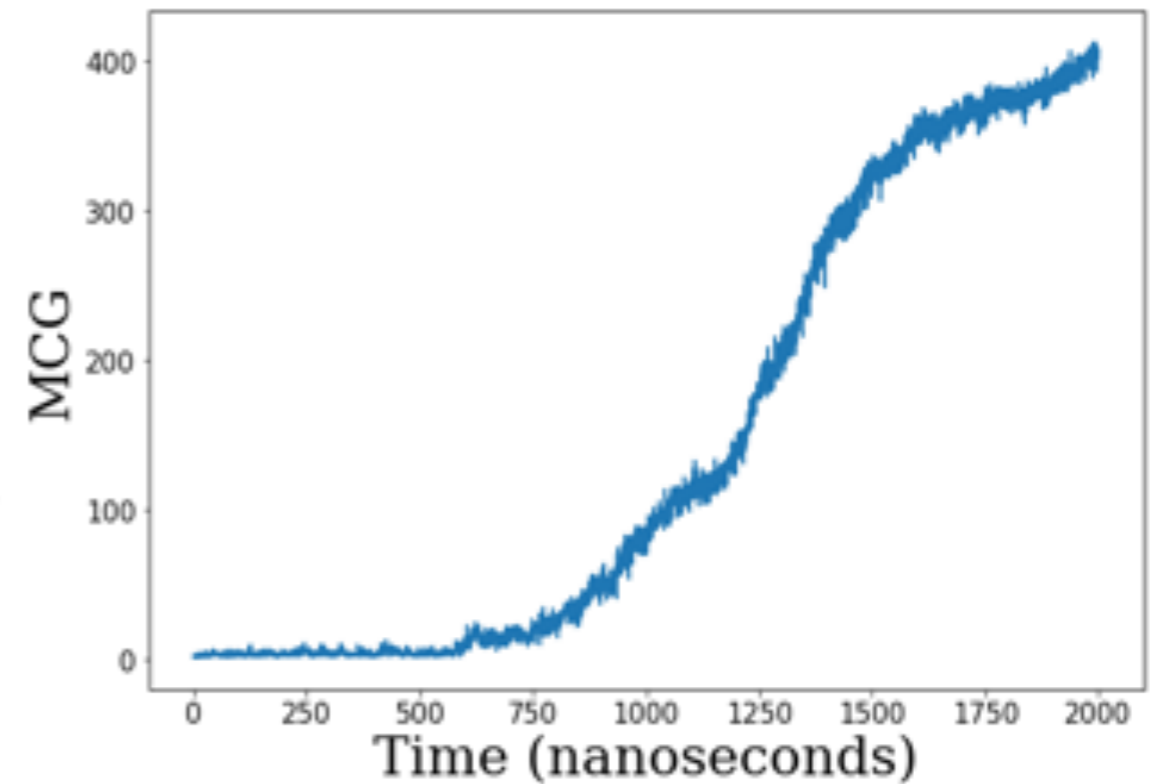
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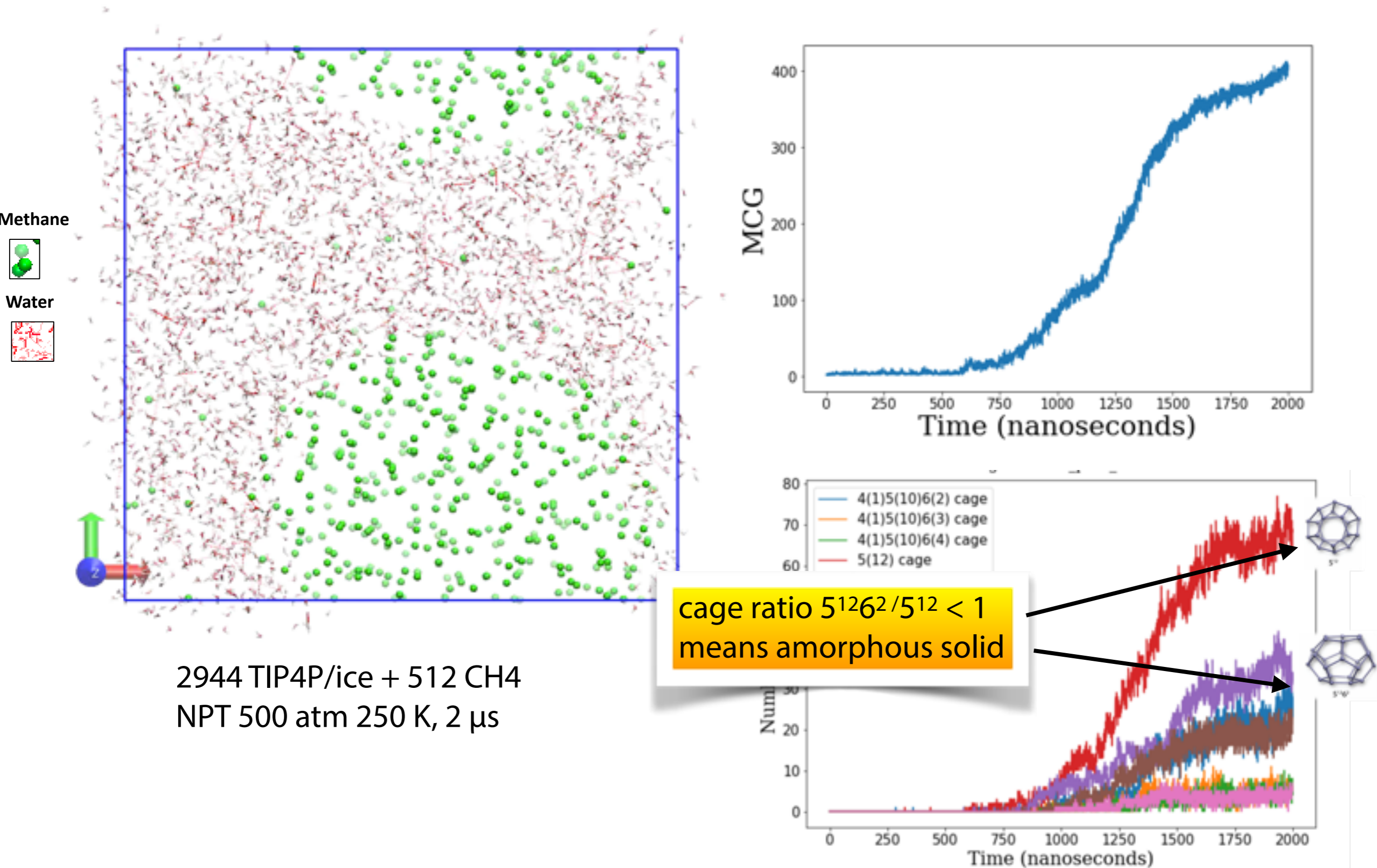
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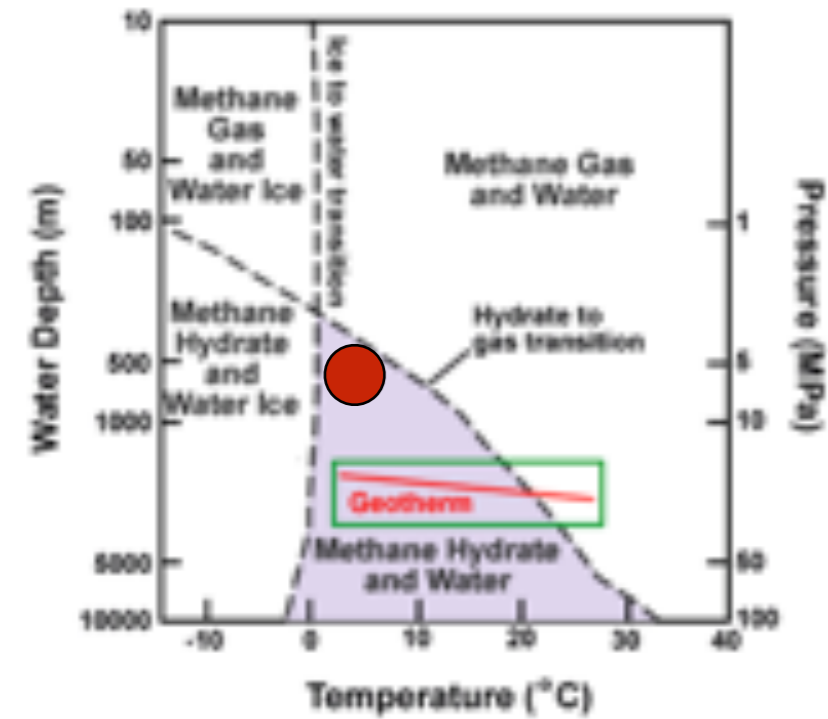


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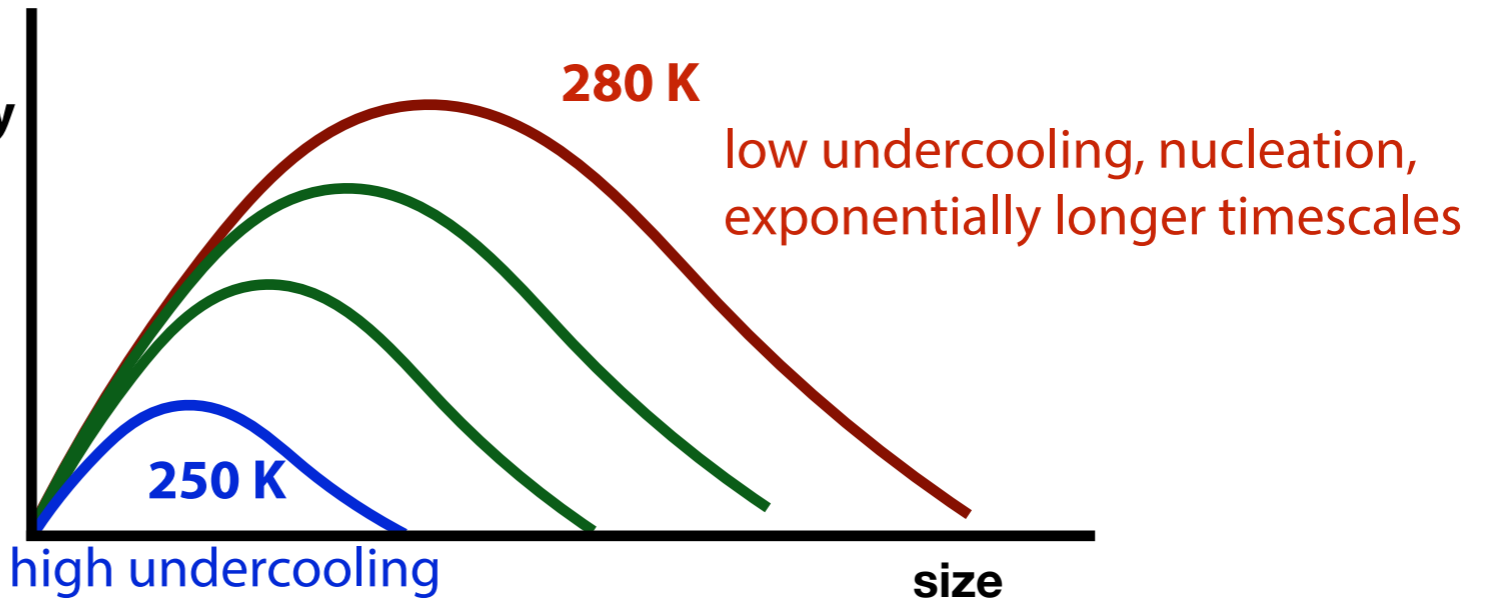




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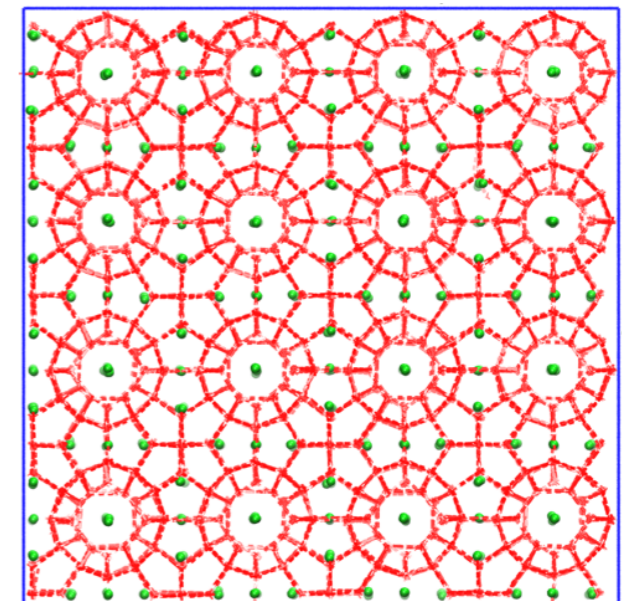
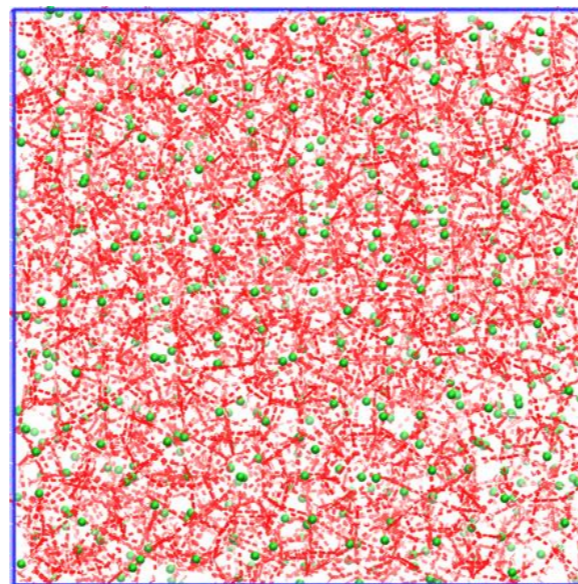
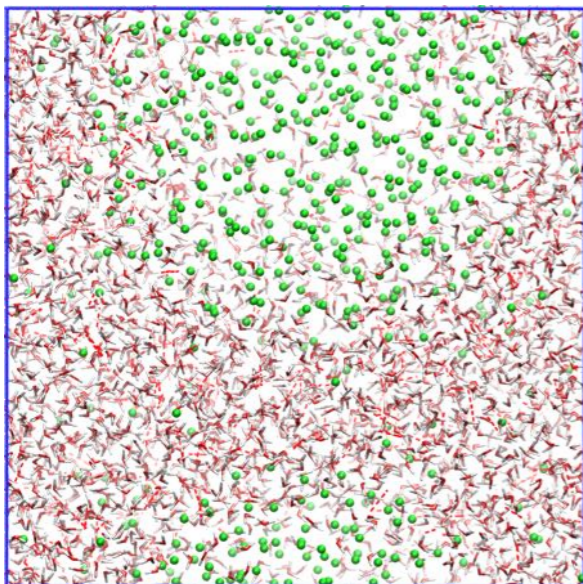
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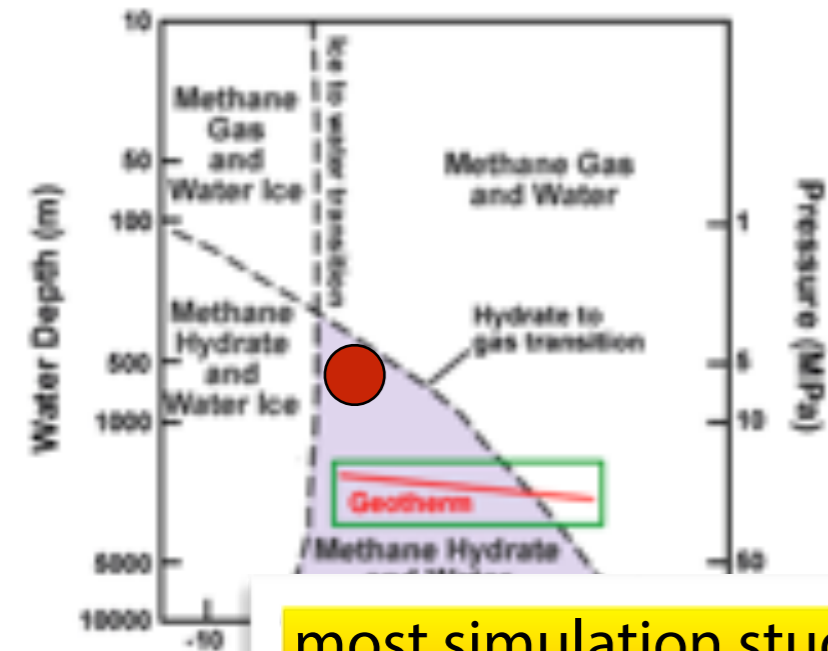
Liquid

Amorphous Solid

Crystalline Solid

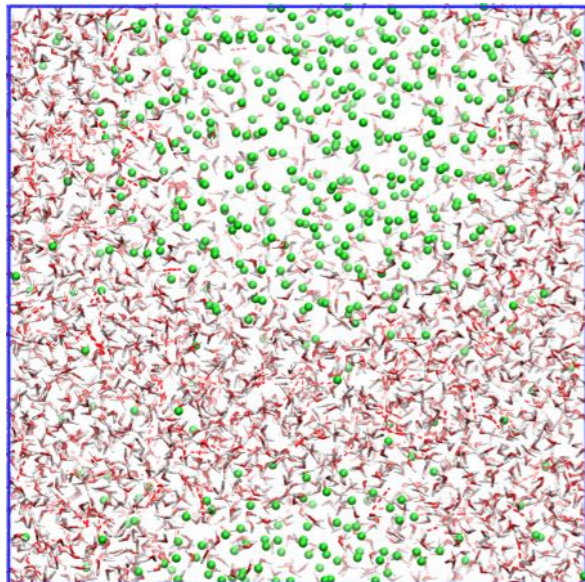


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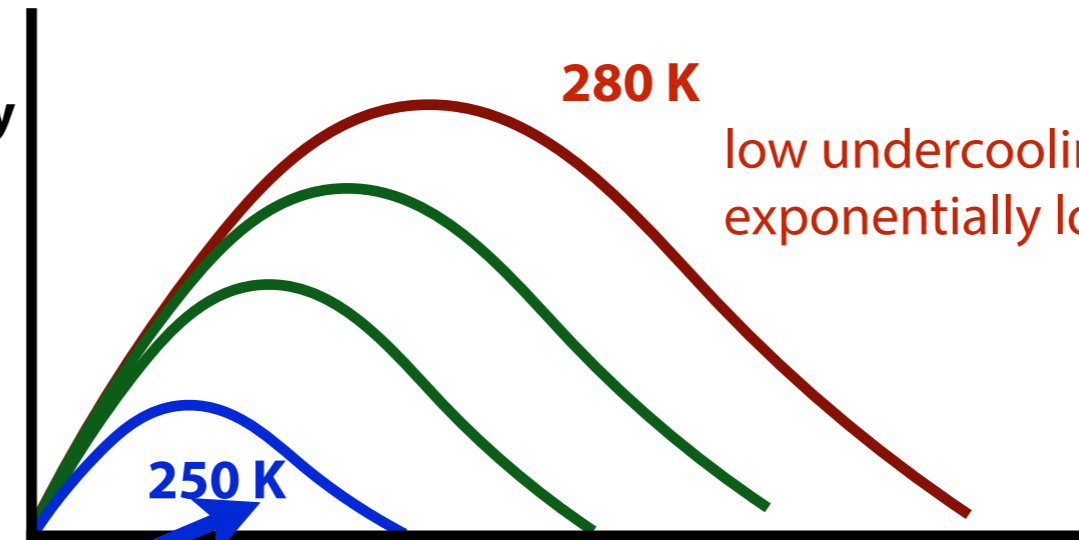


most simulation studies are over here

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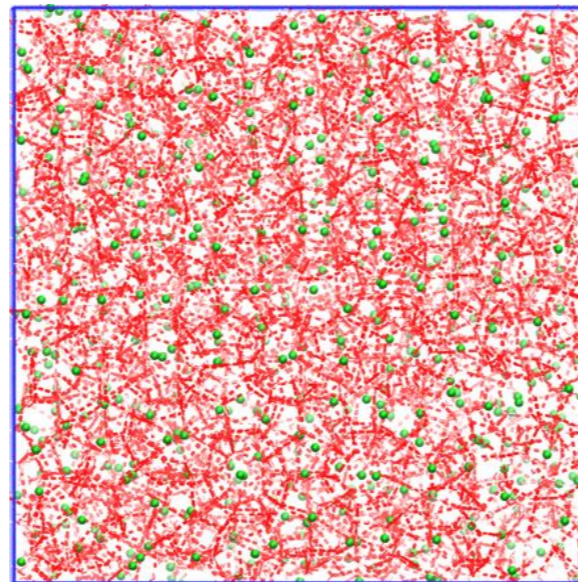


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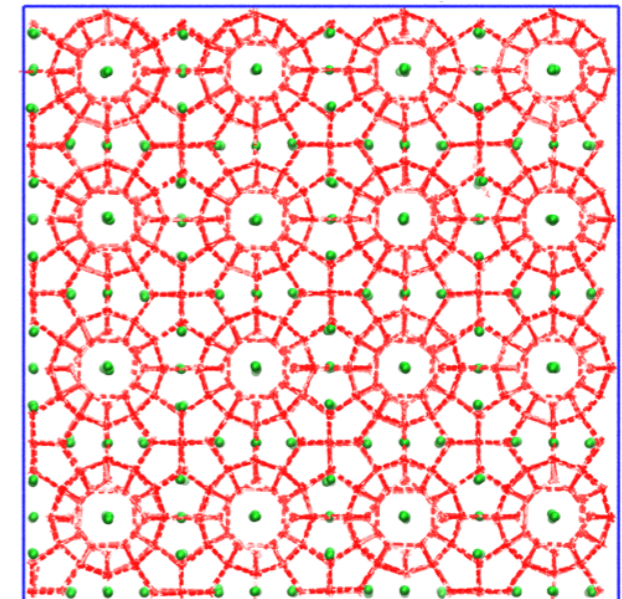


high undercooling spontaneous

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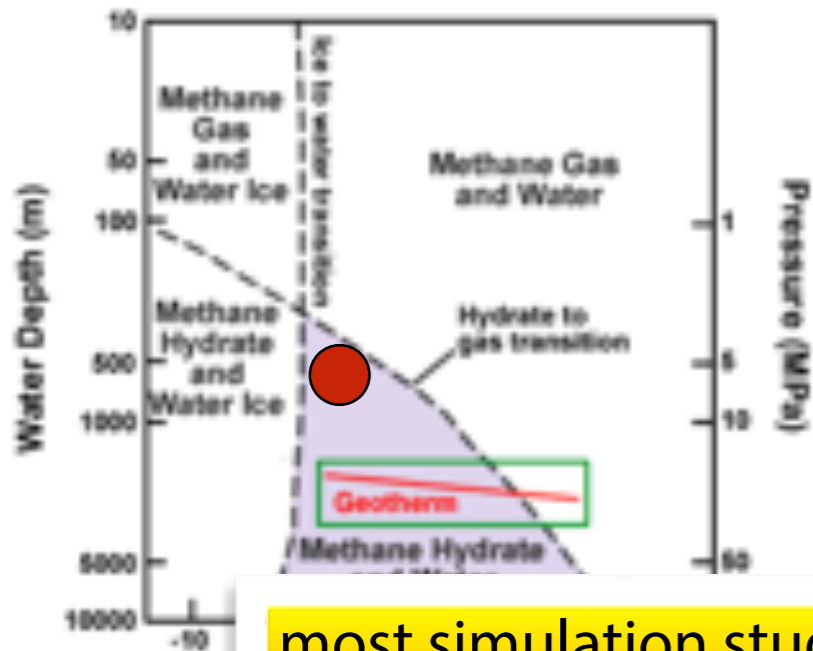


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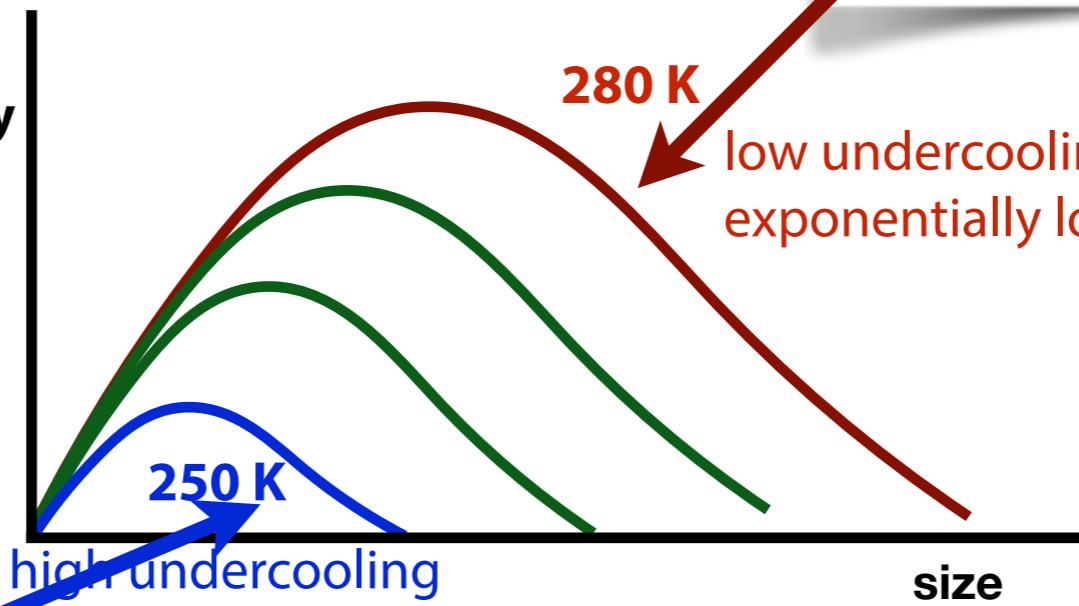
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experimentally relevant  
TPS required



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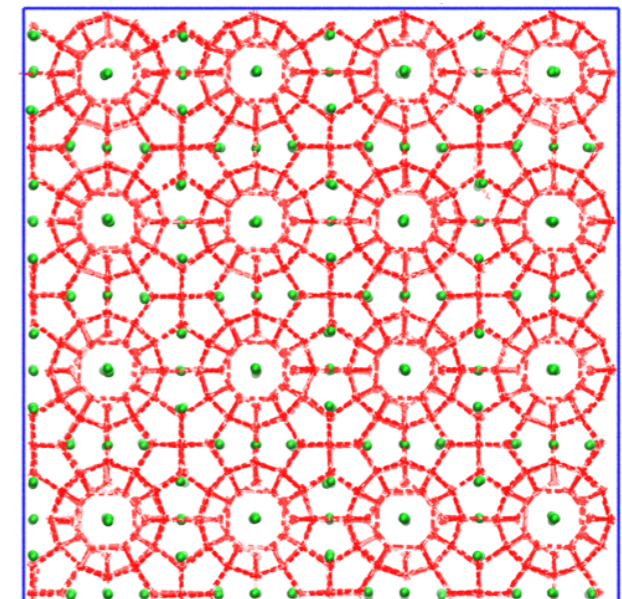
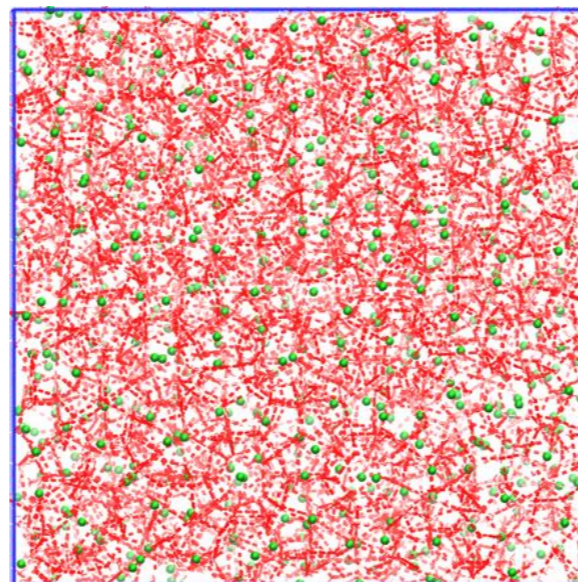
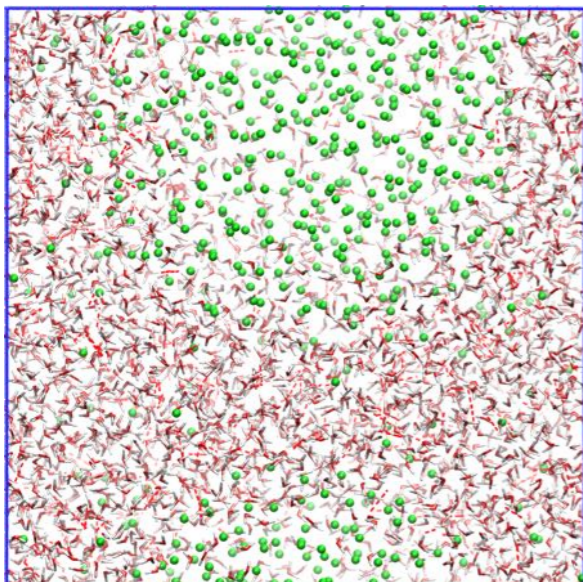
high undercooling  
spontaneous

low undercooling, nucleation,  
exponentially longer timescales

Liquid

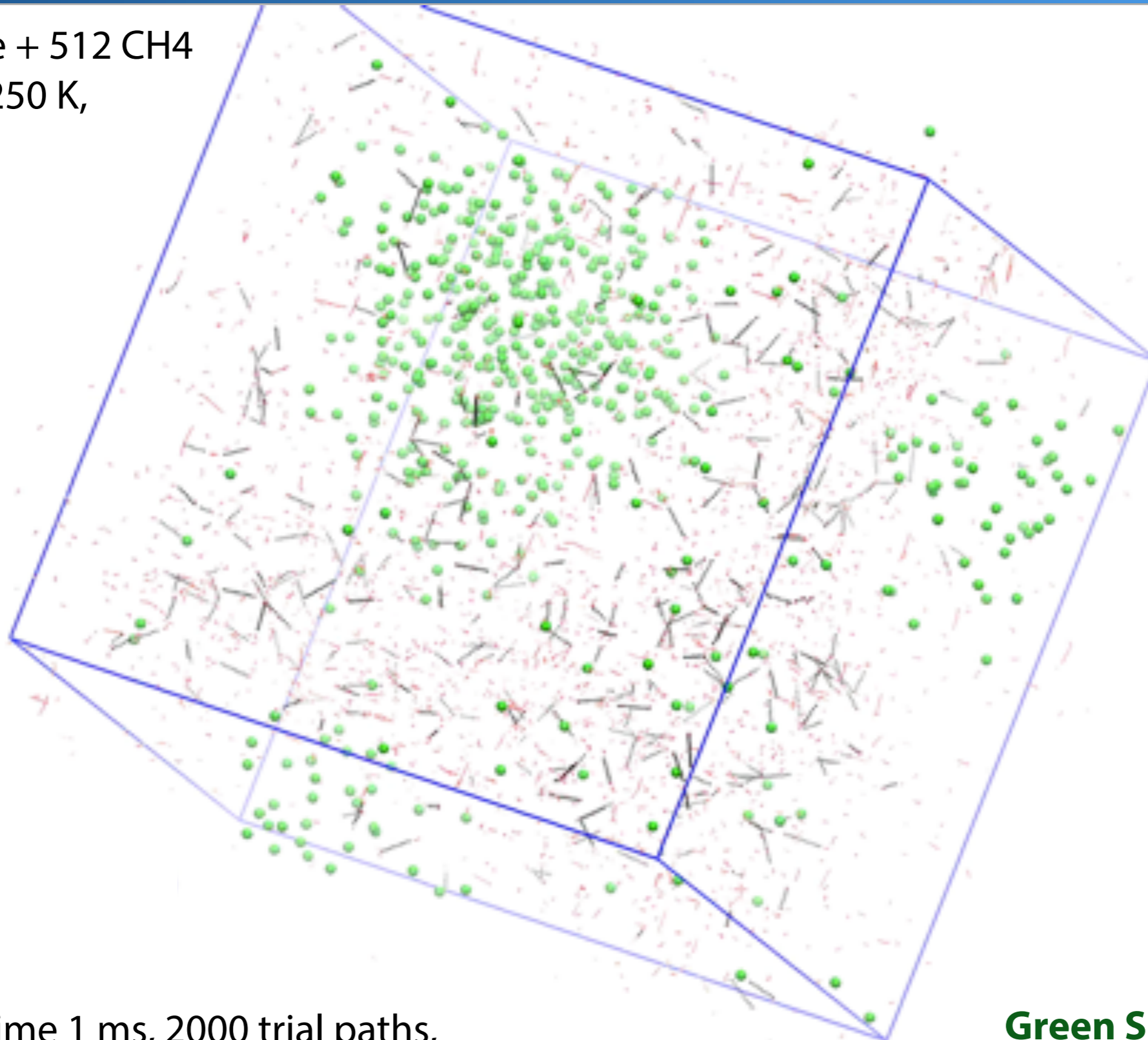
Amorphous Solid

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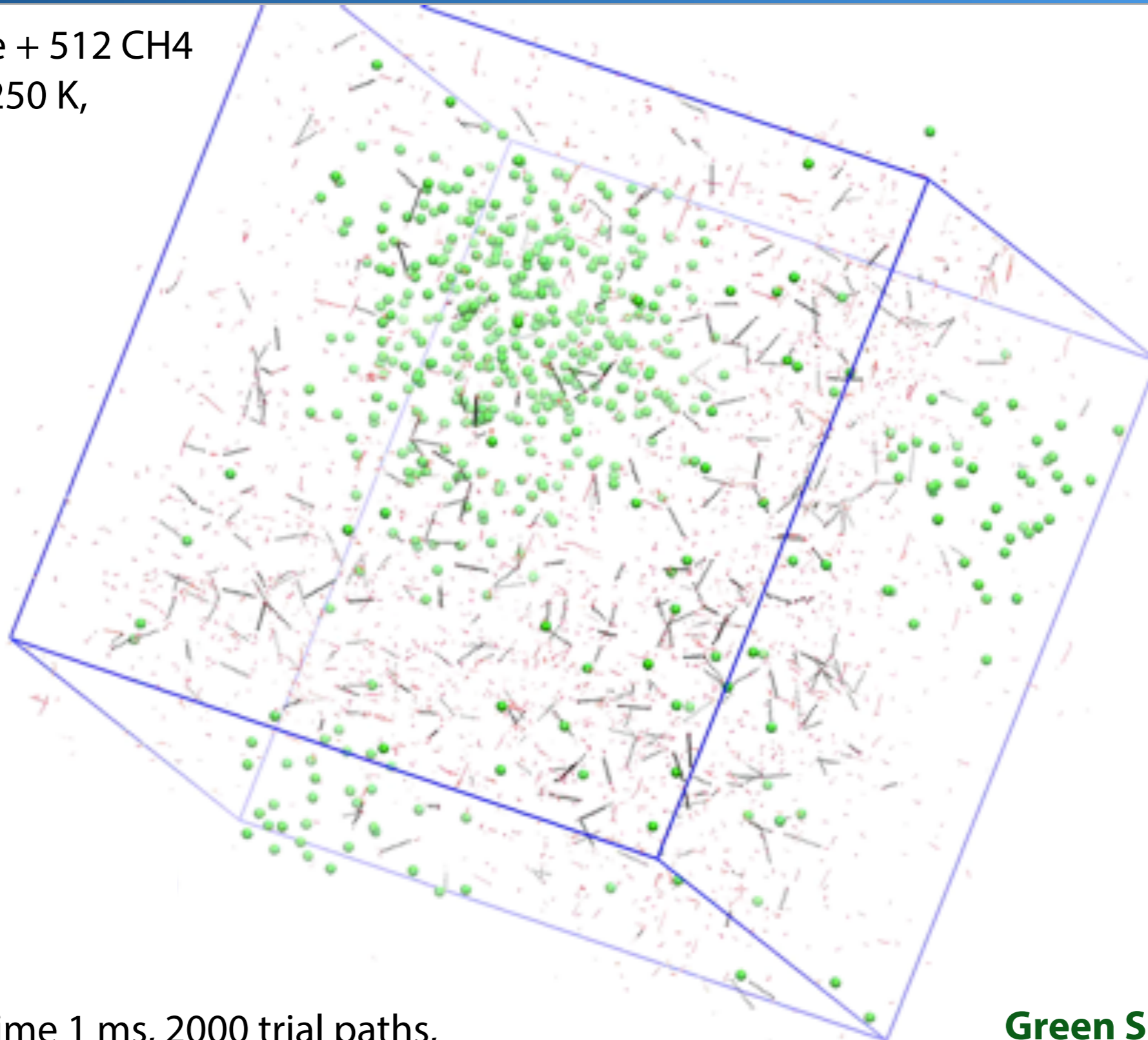


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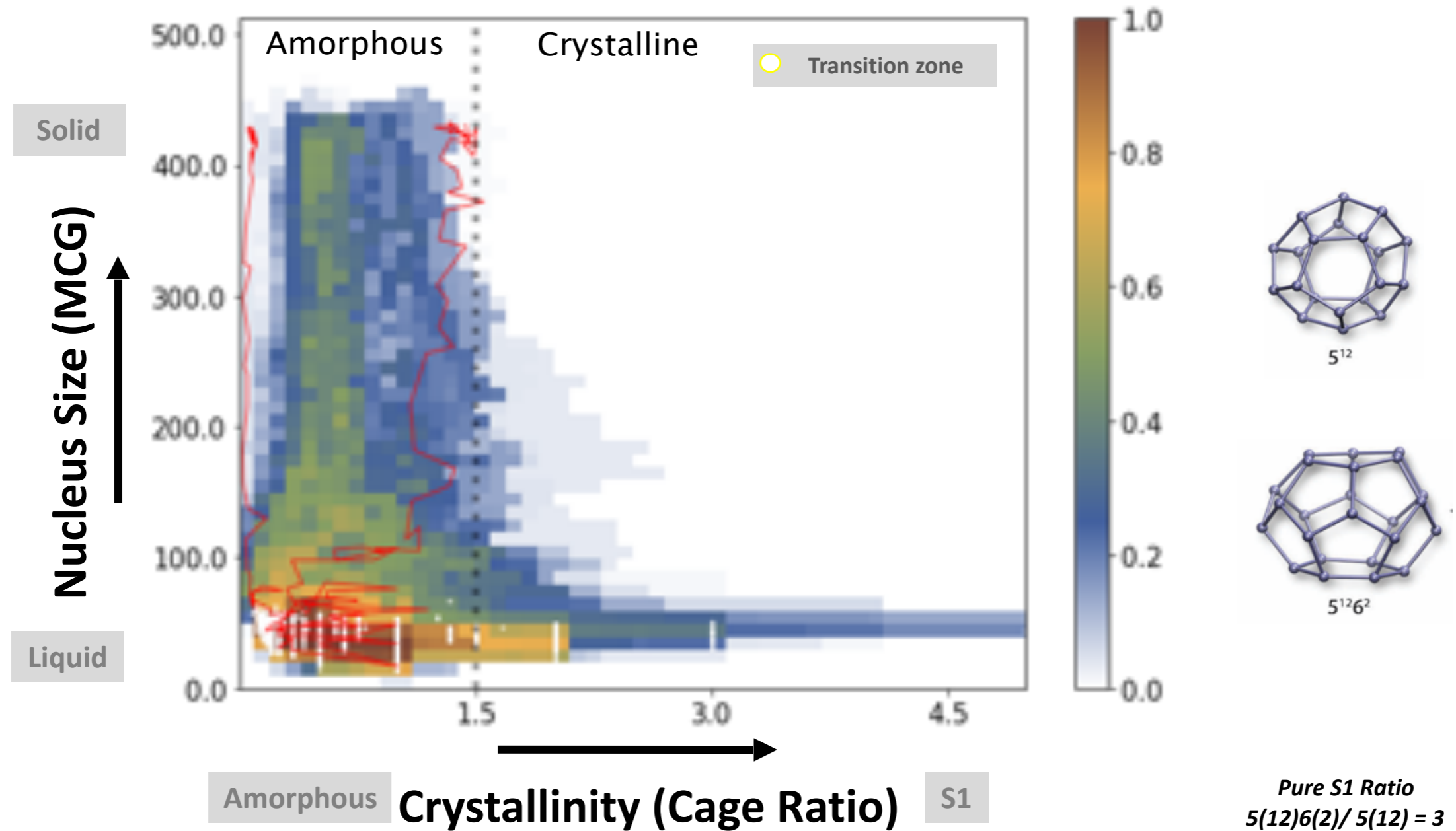
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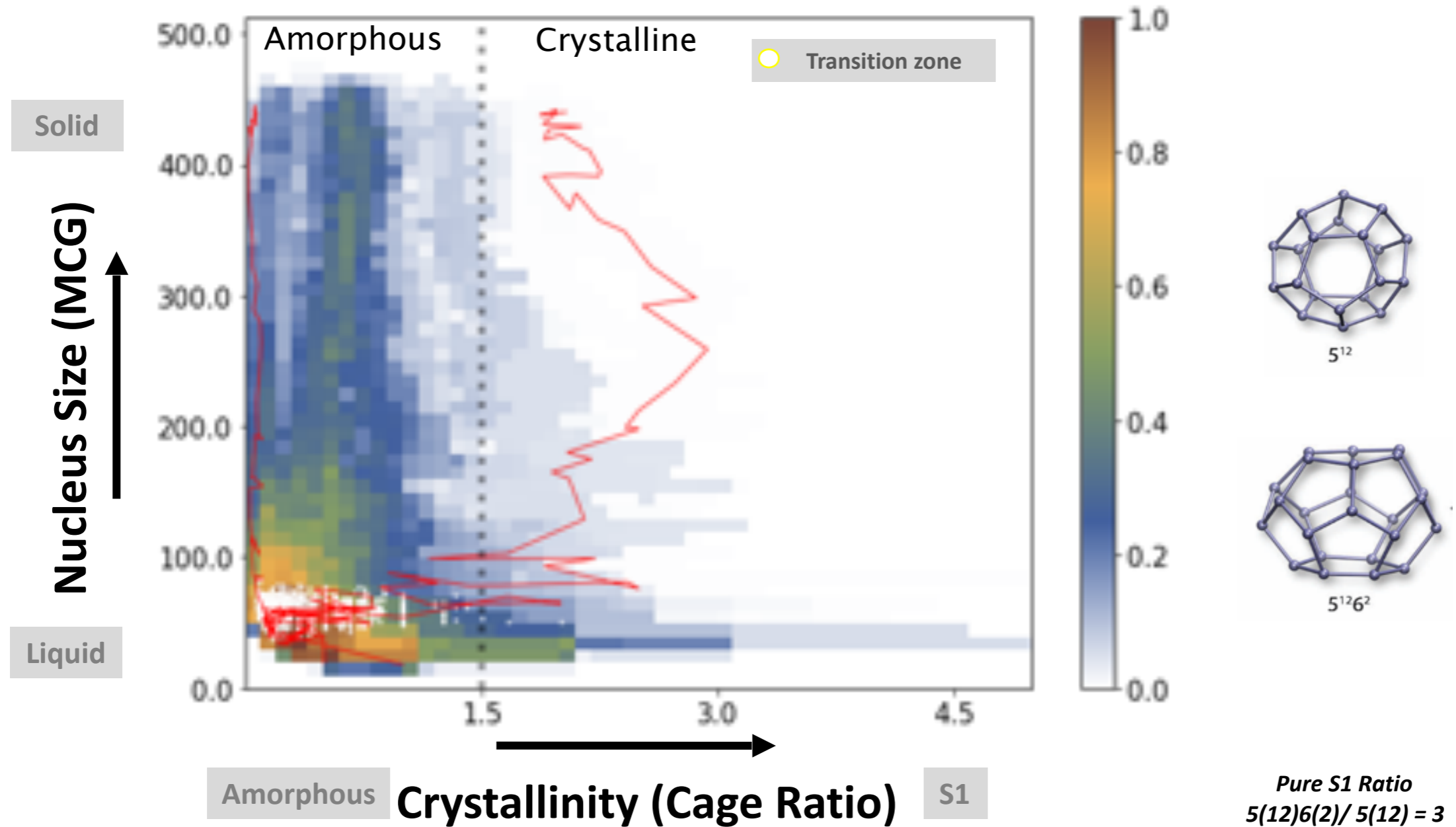
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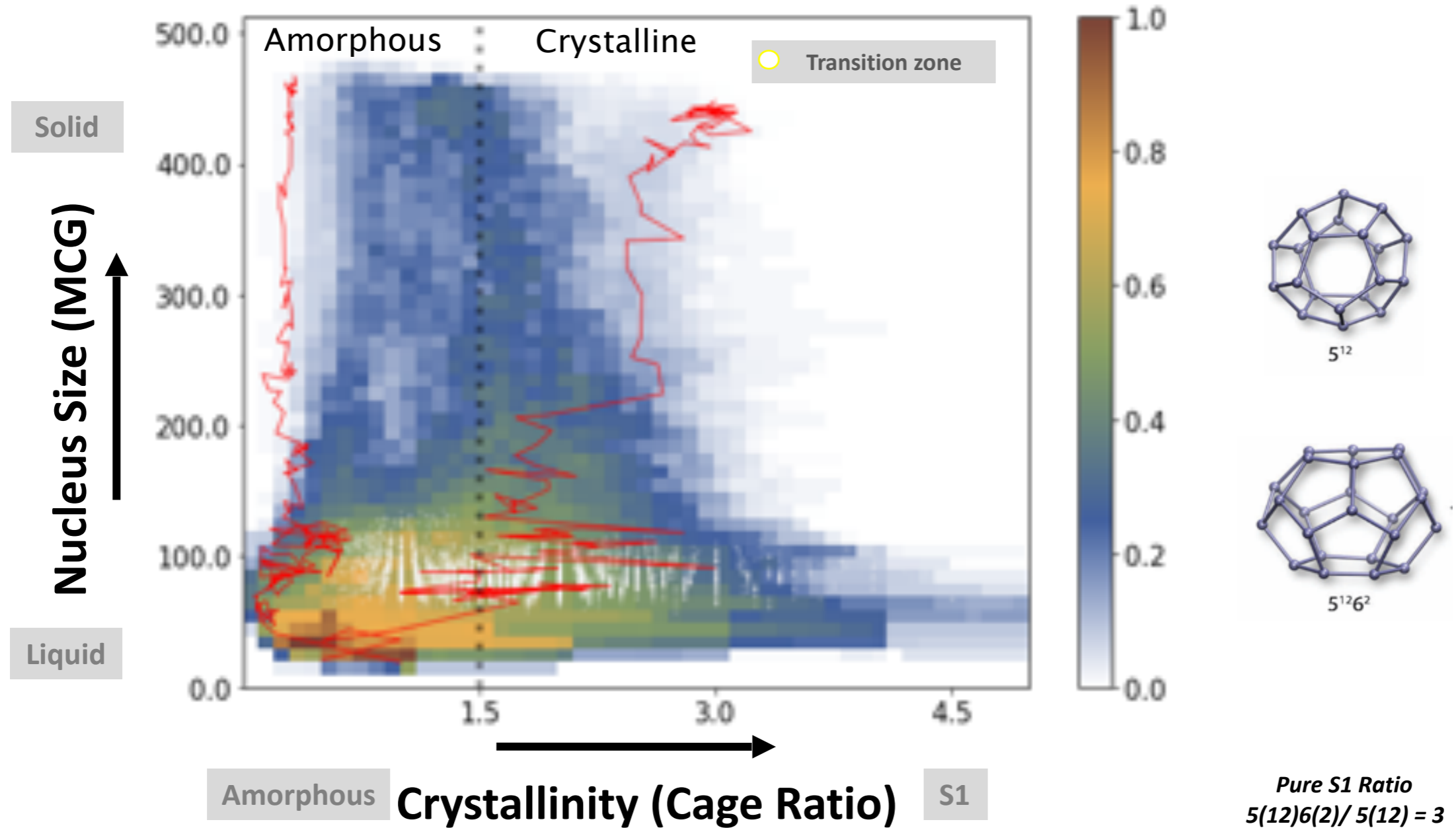
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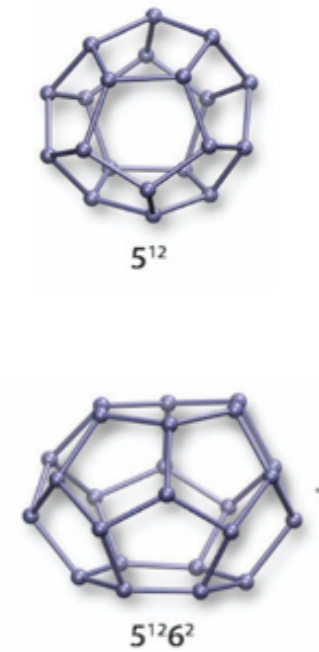
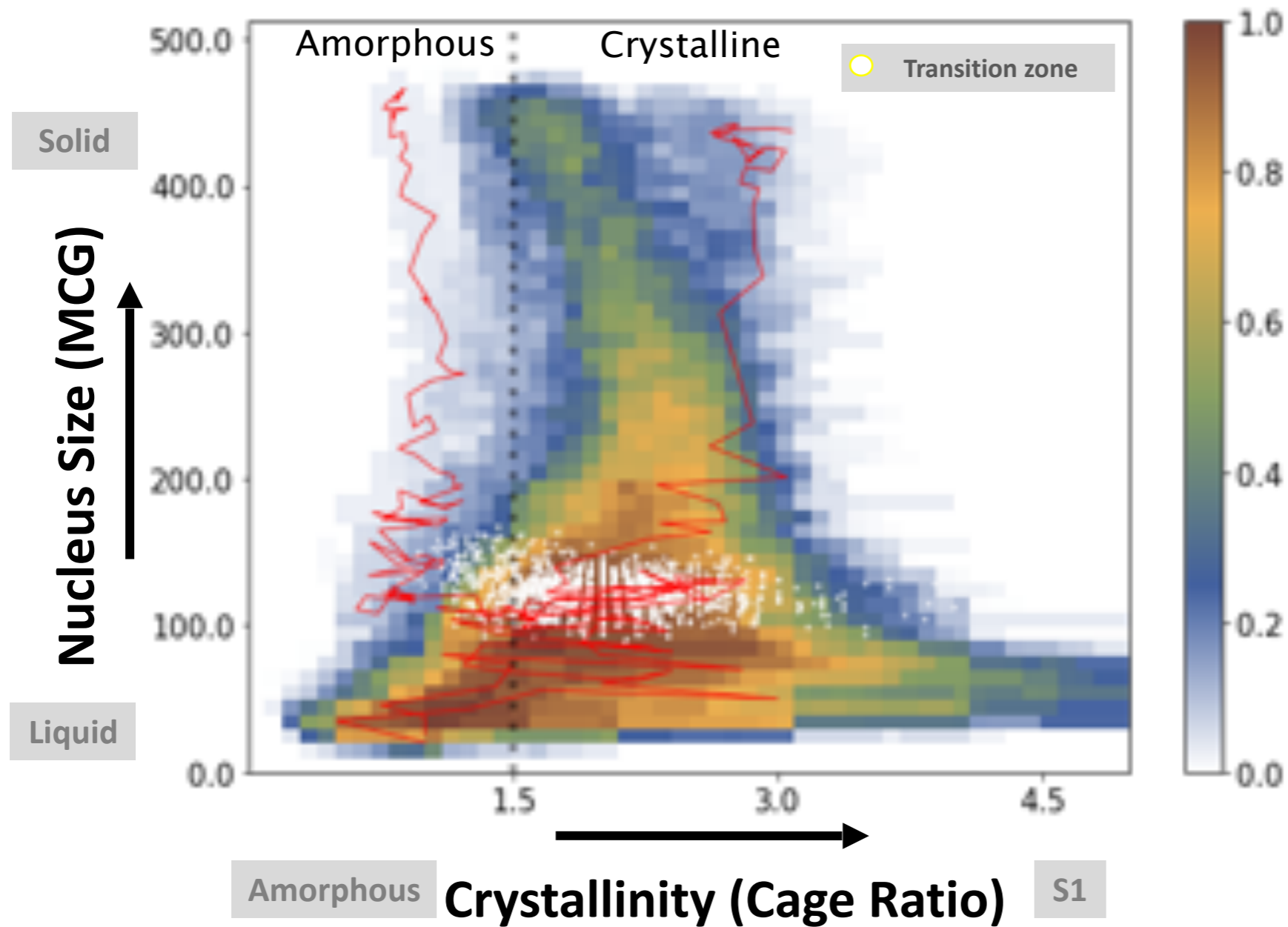


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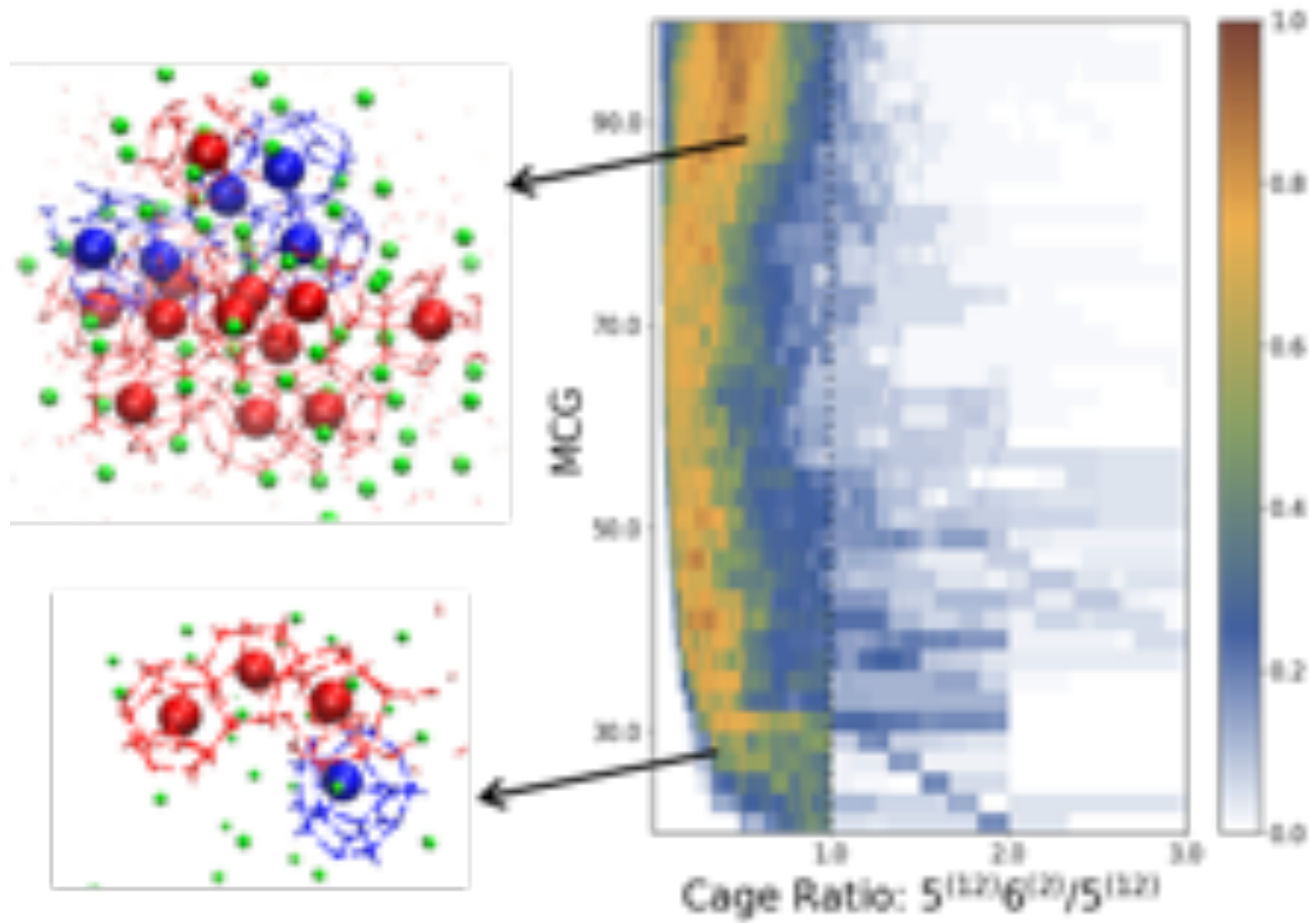
# path density T=285 K



Pure S1 Ratio  
 $5(12)6(2) / 5(12) = 3$

# At 280 K two channels compete

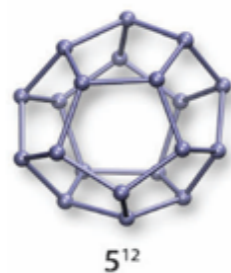
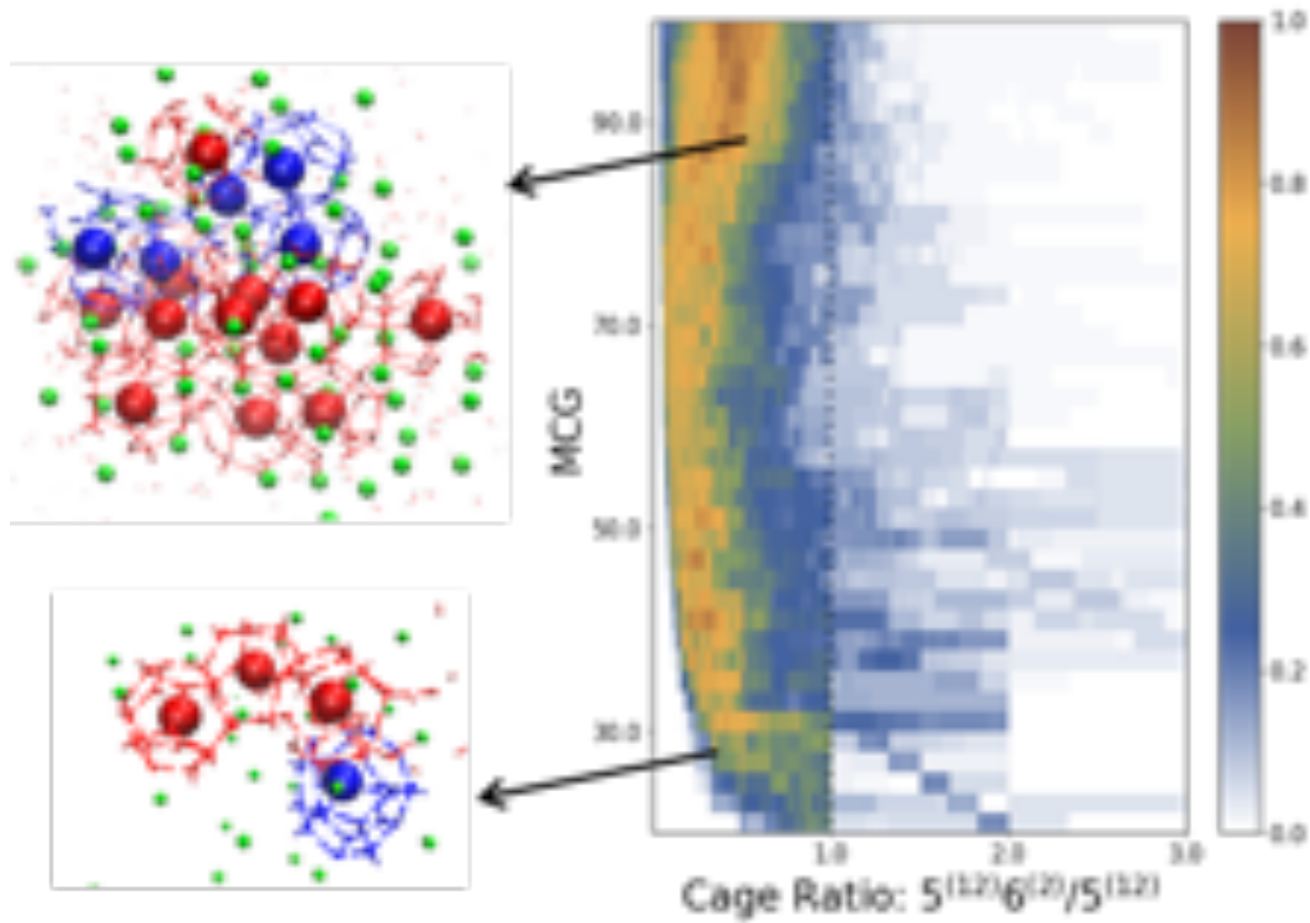
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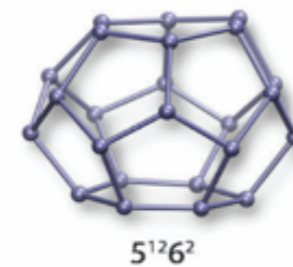
**Red Cage**

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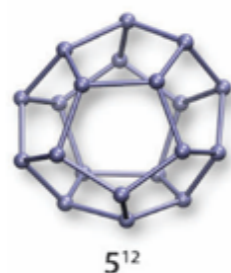
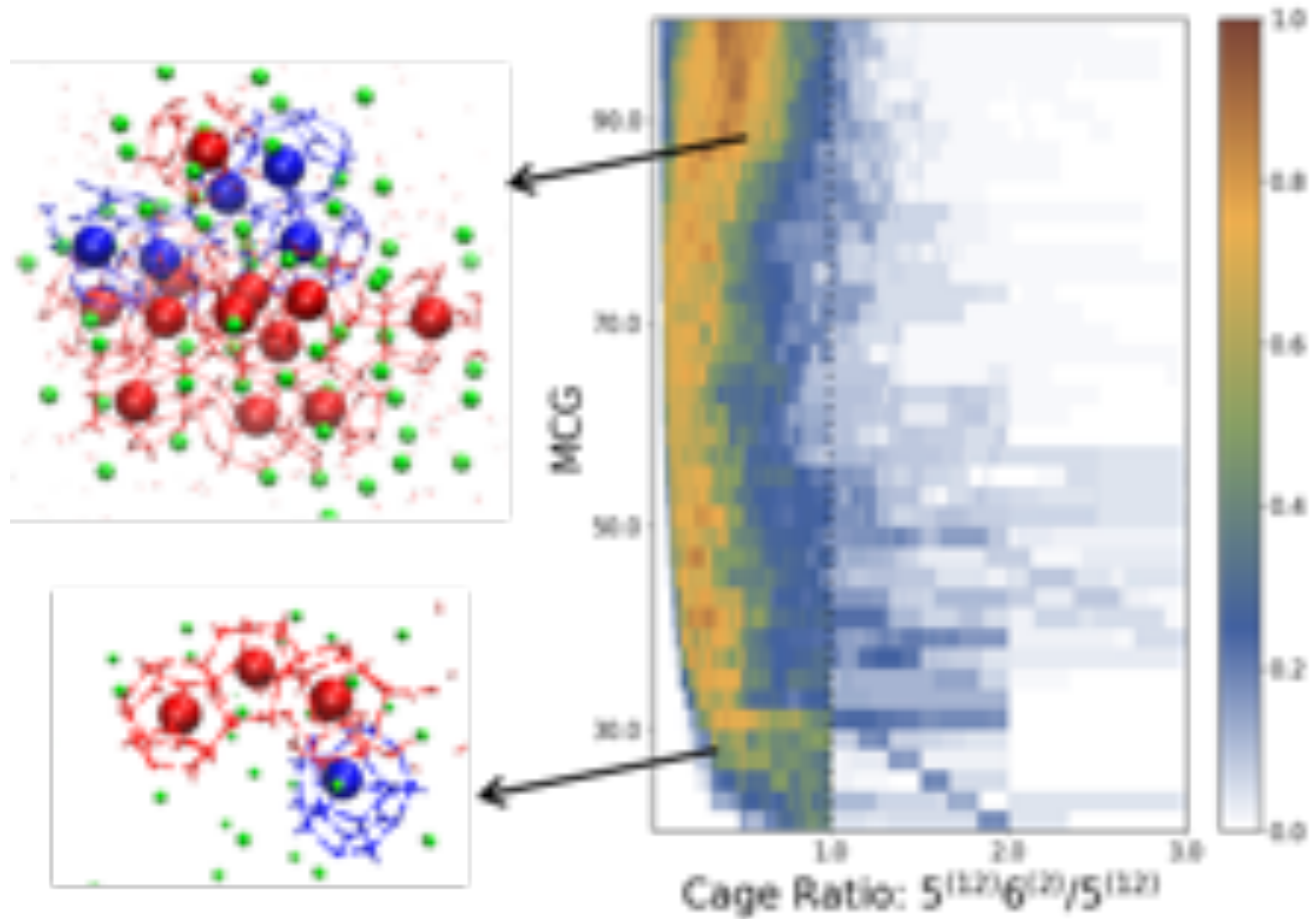


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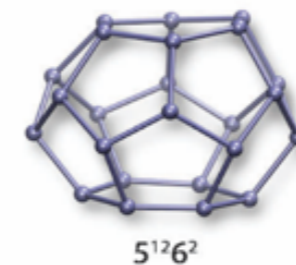
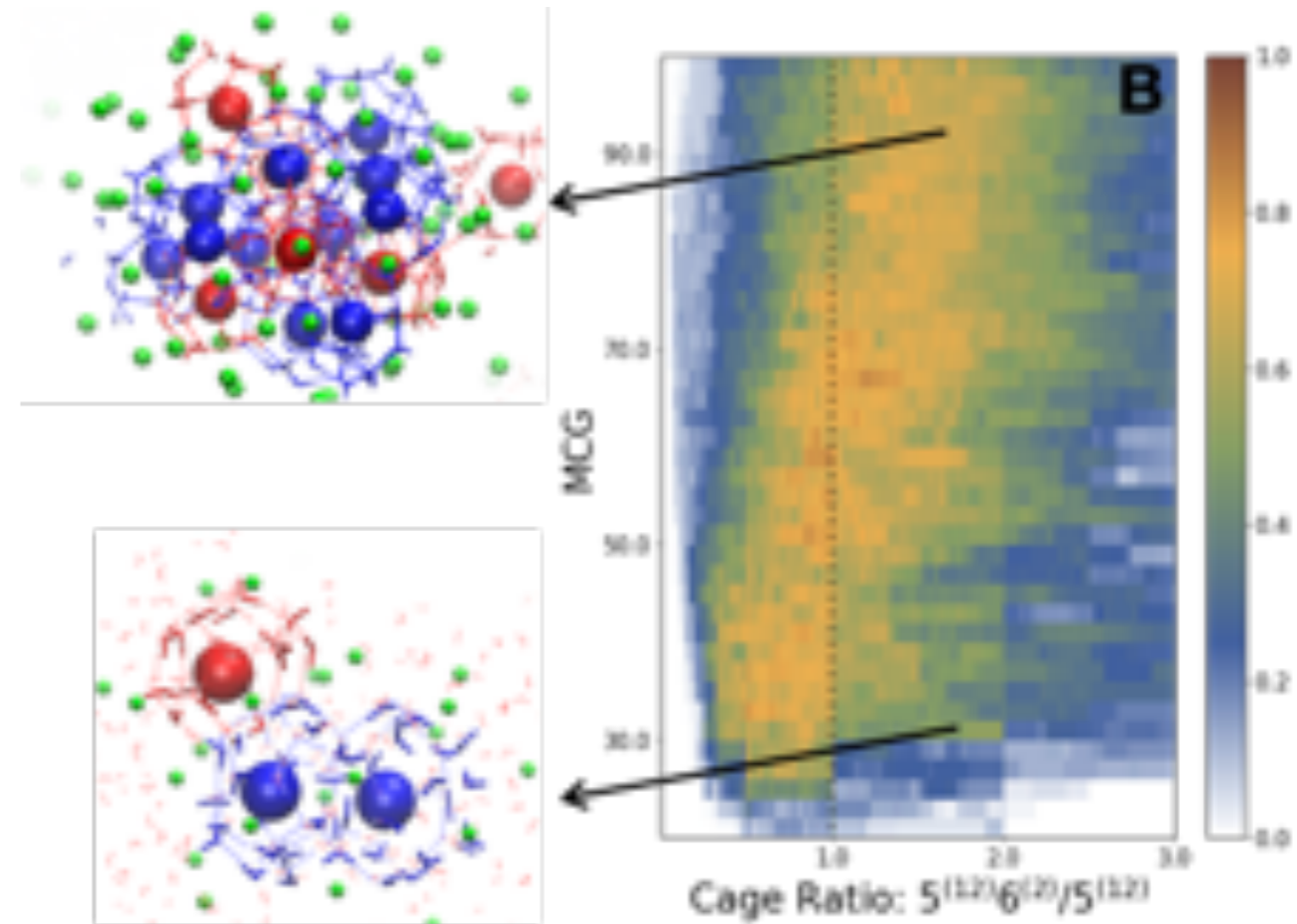
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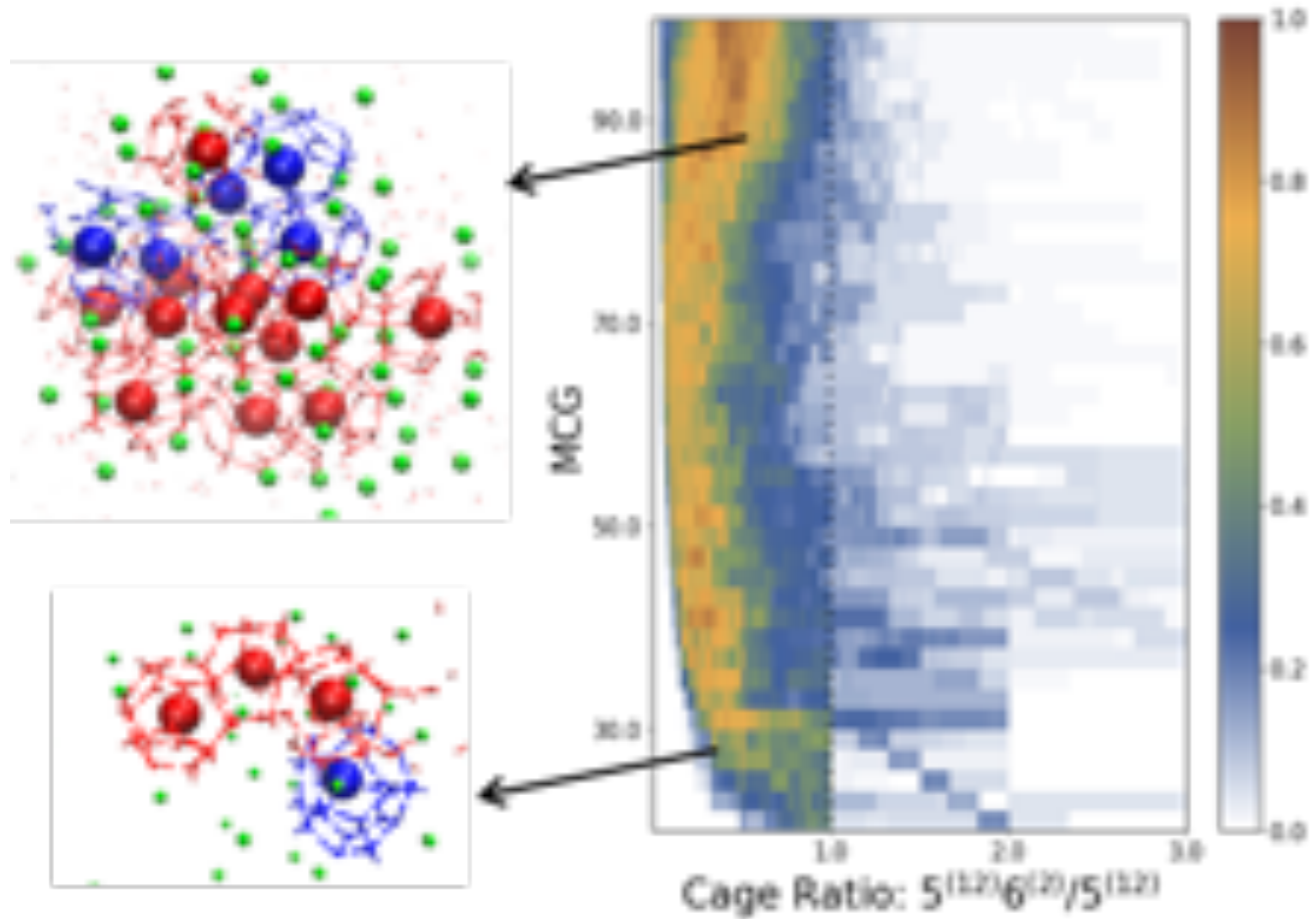
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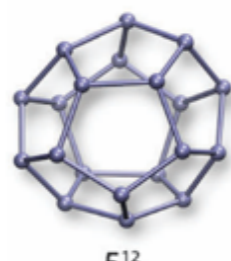
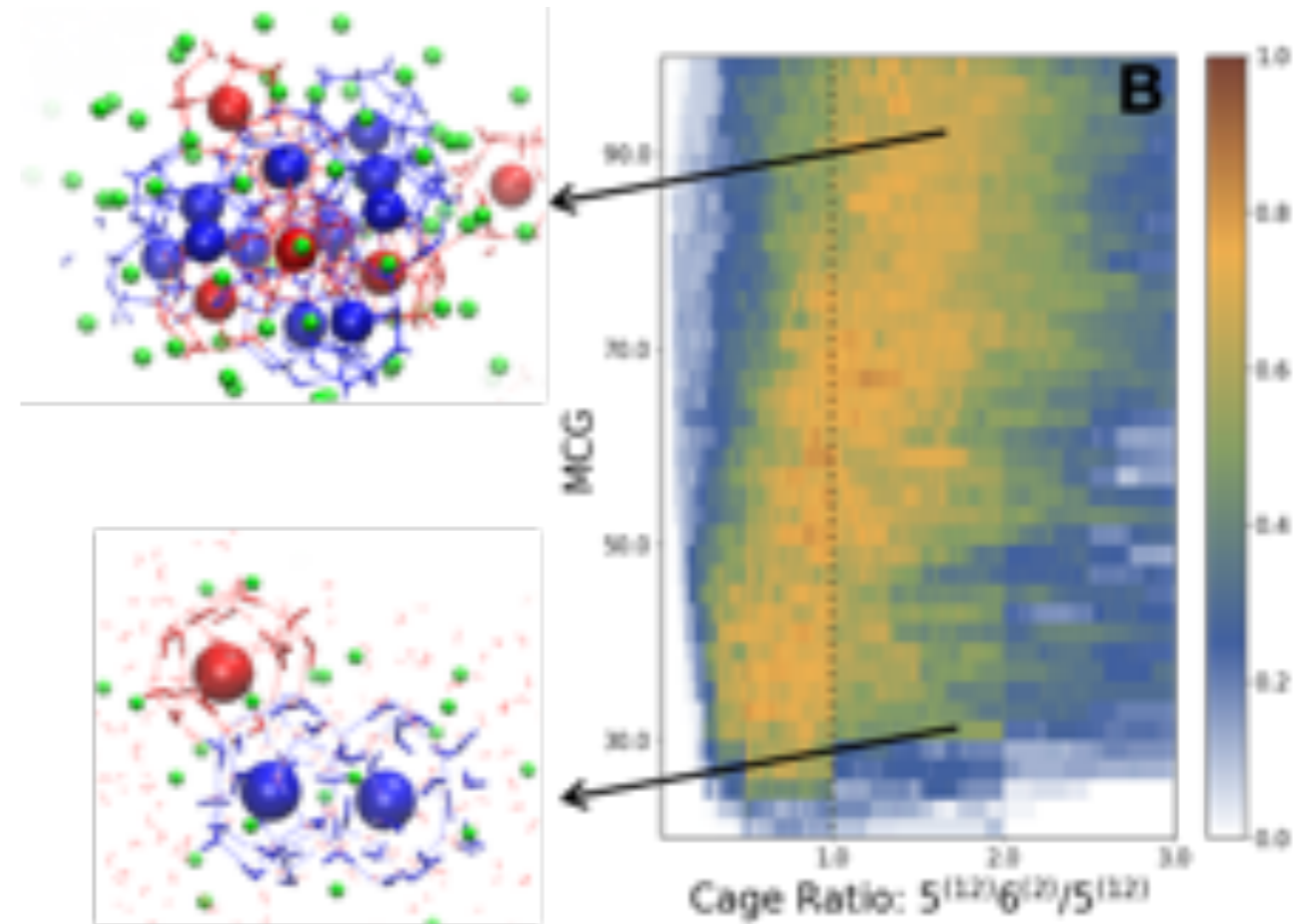
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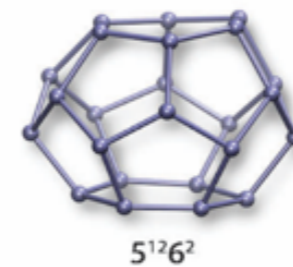


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$5^{12}$



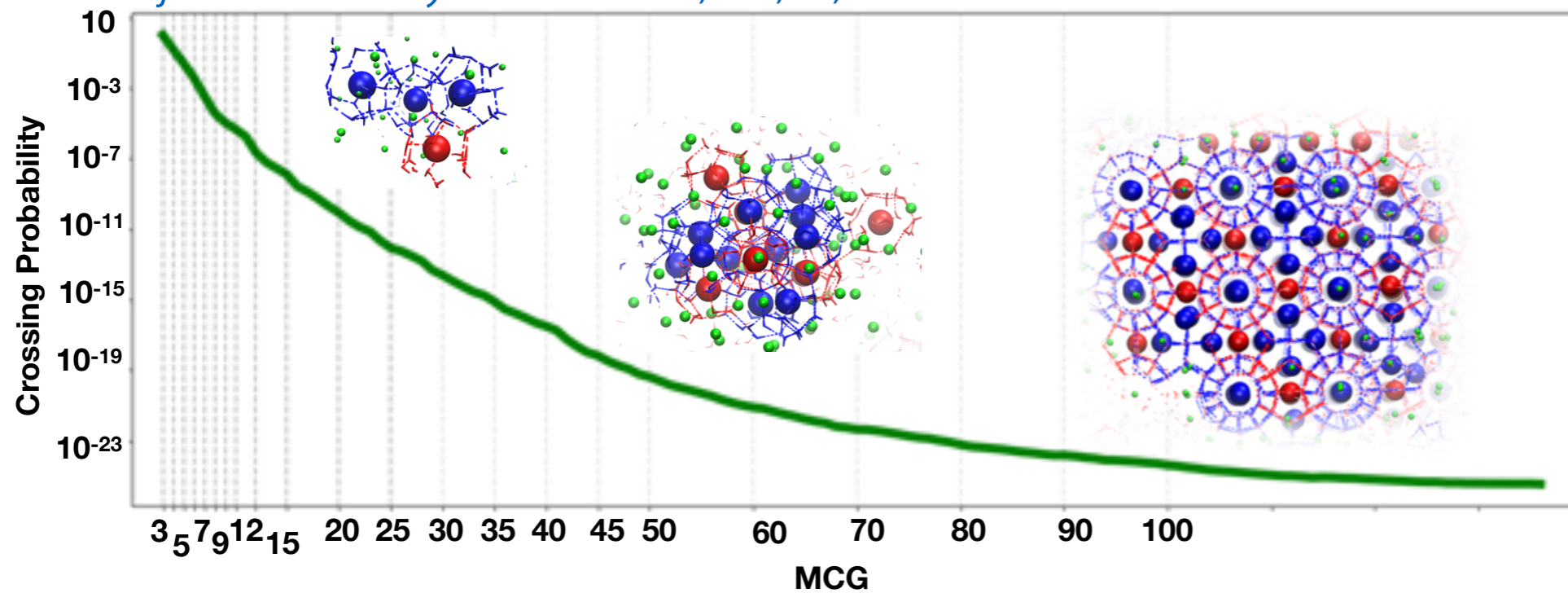
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$5^{12}6^2$

does not follow Ostwald step rule: metastable phase avoided

# Nucleation rate at 280K

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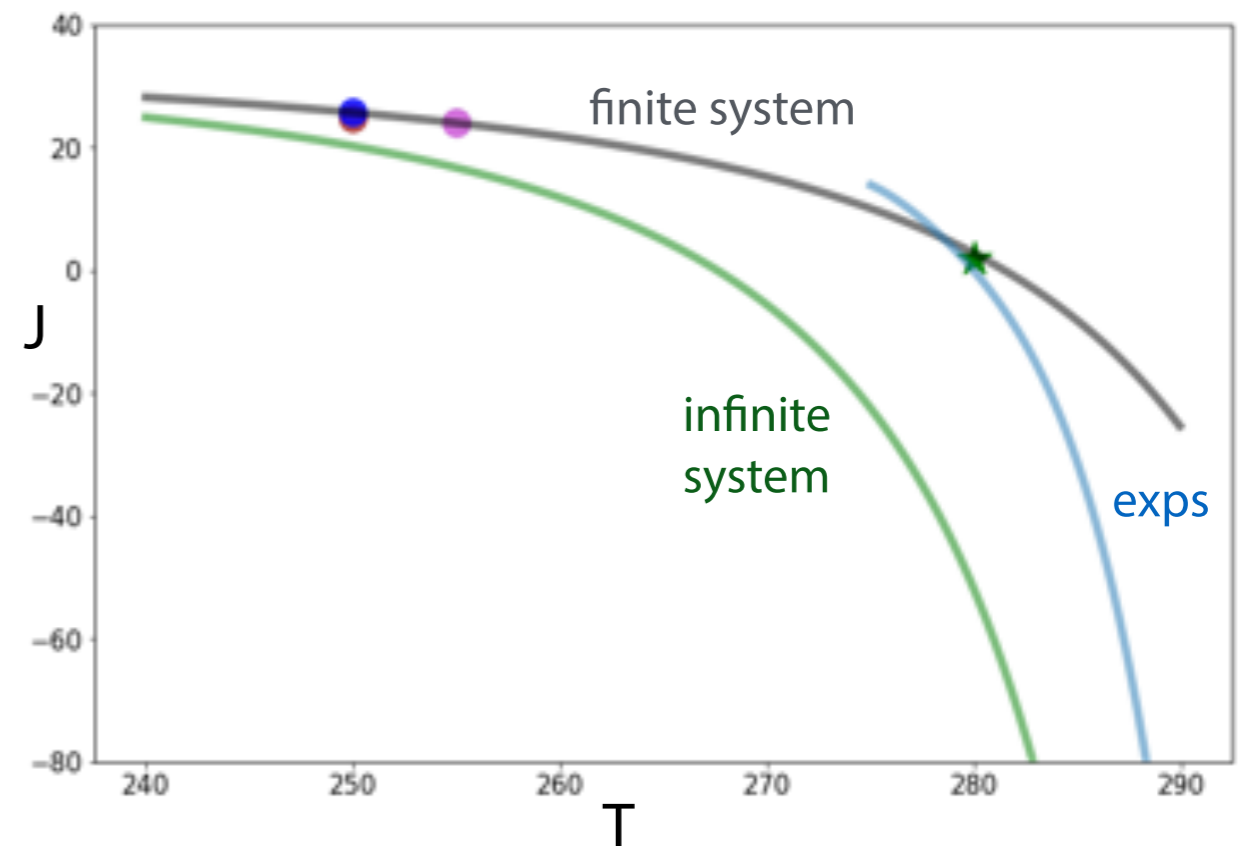


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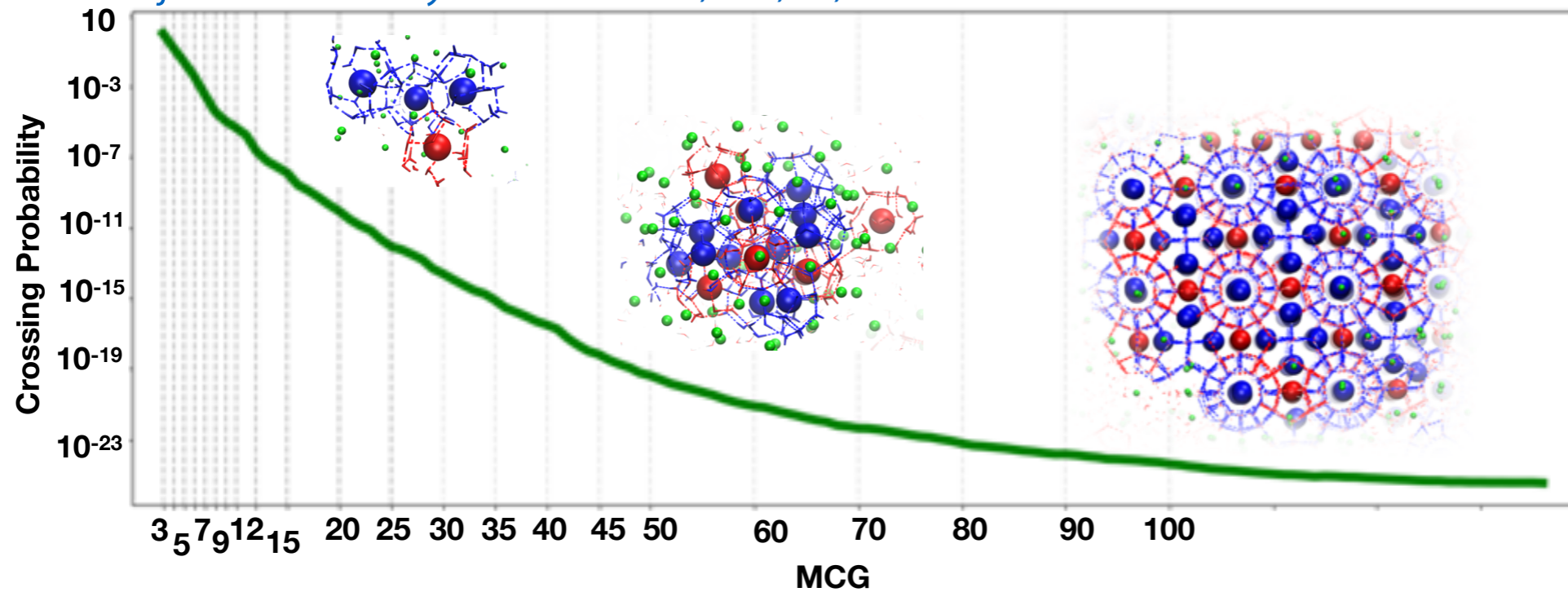
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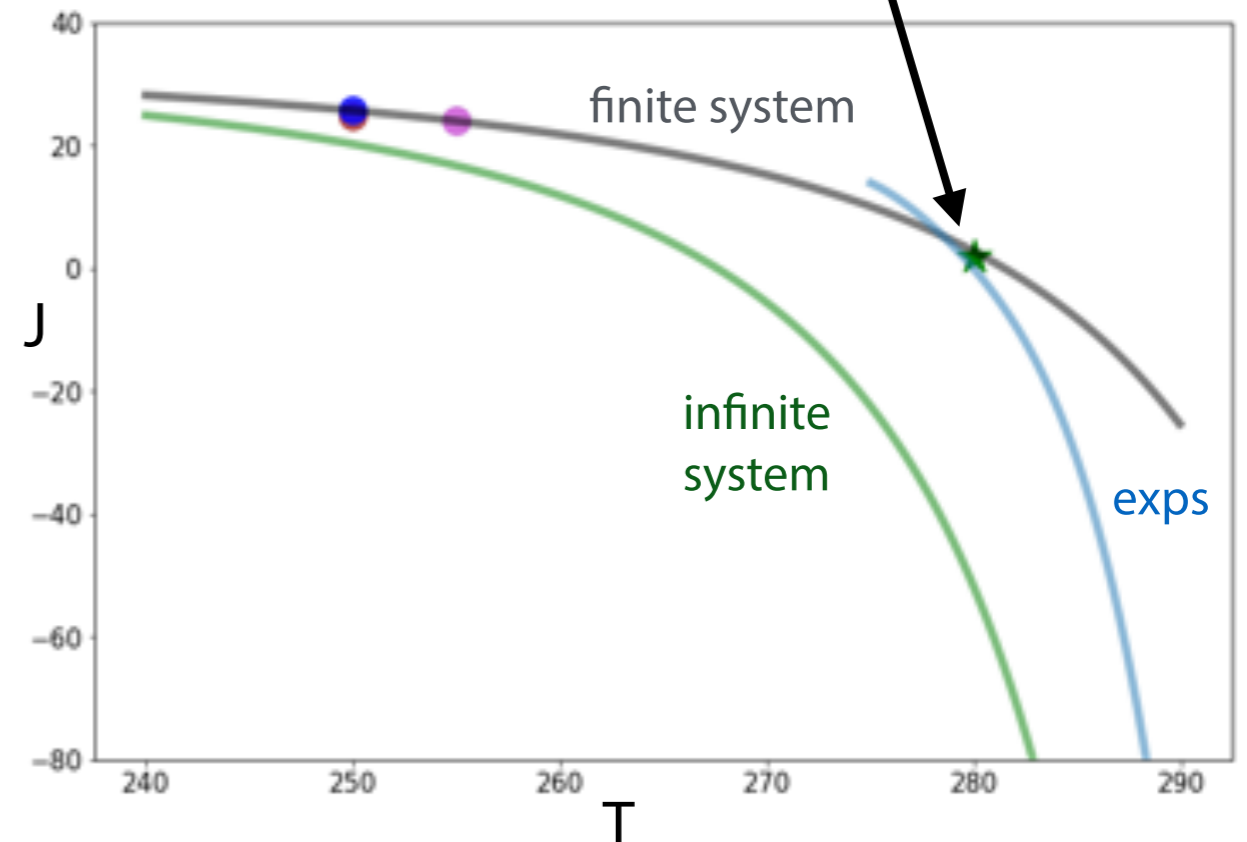
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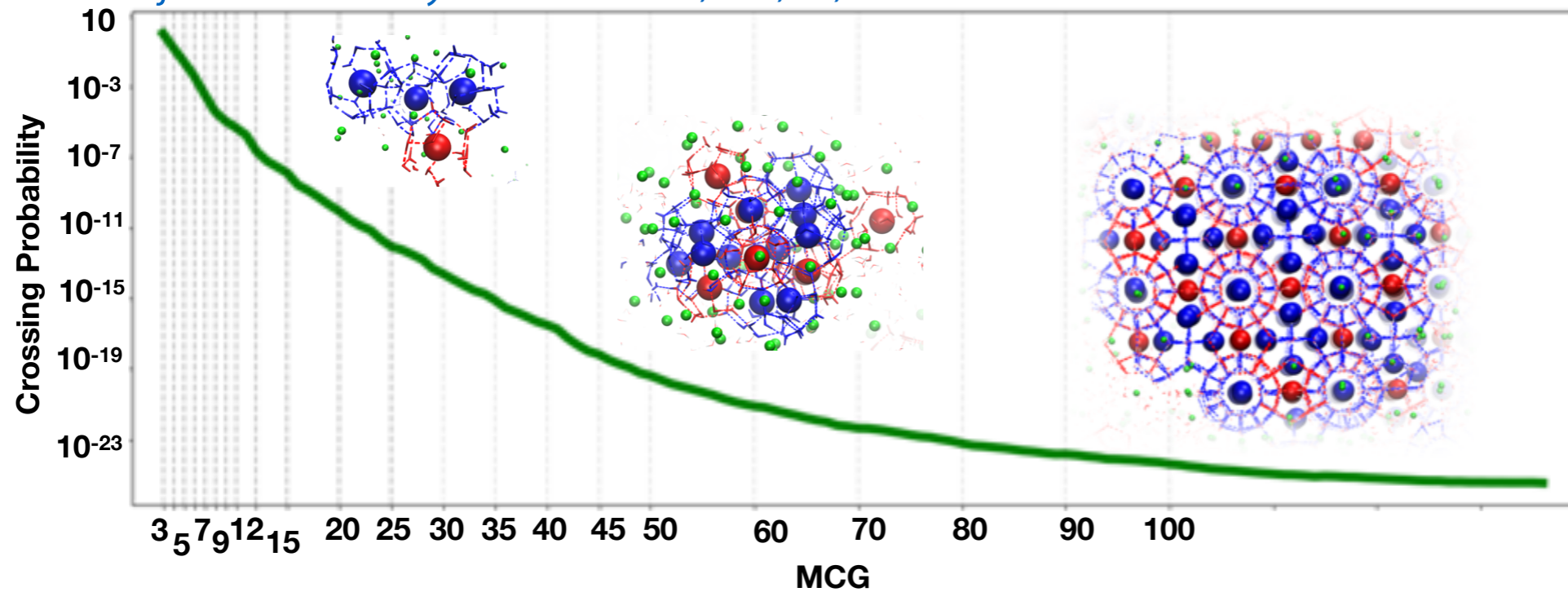
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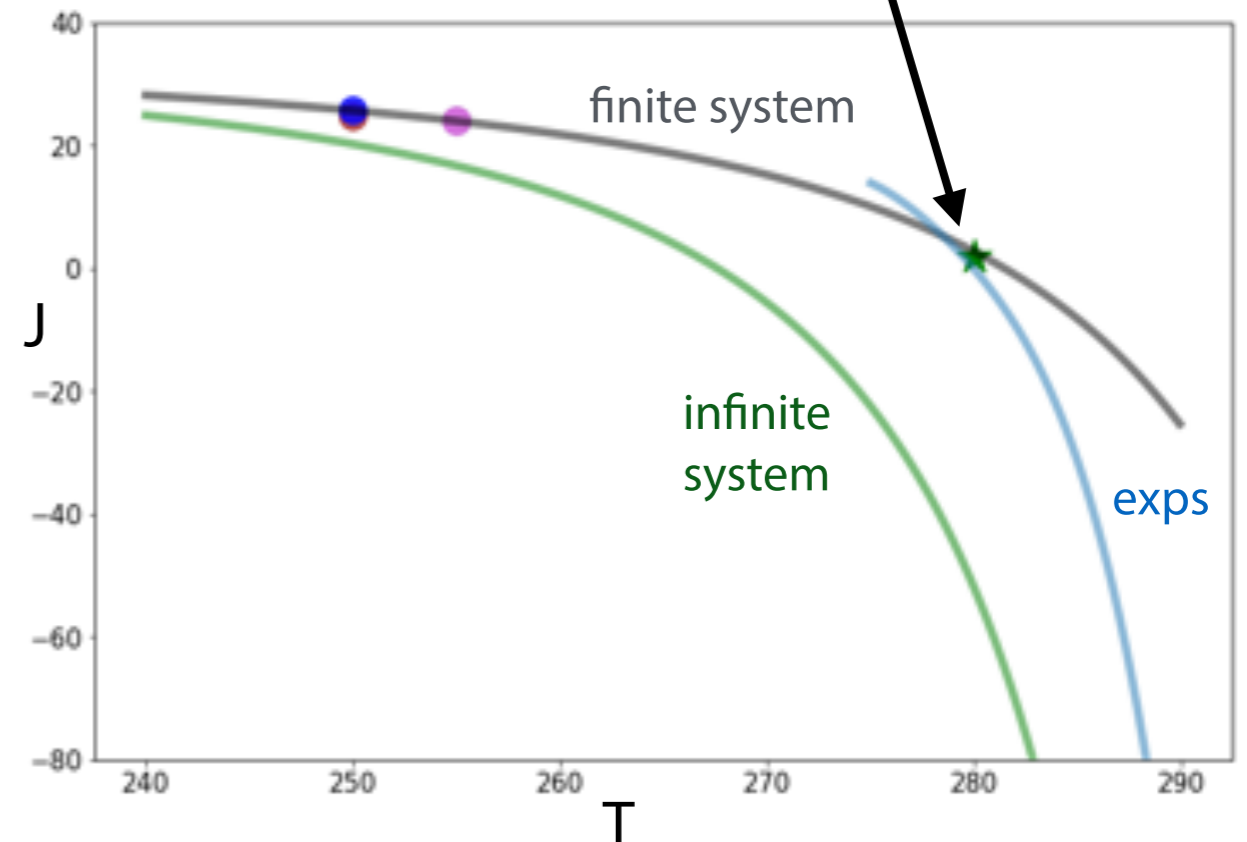
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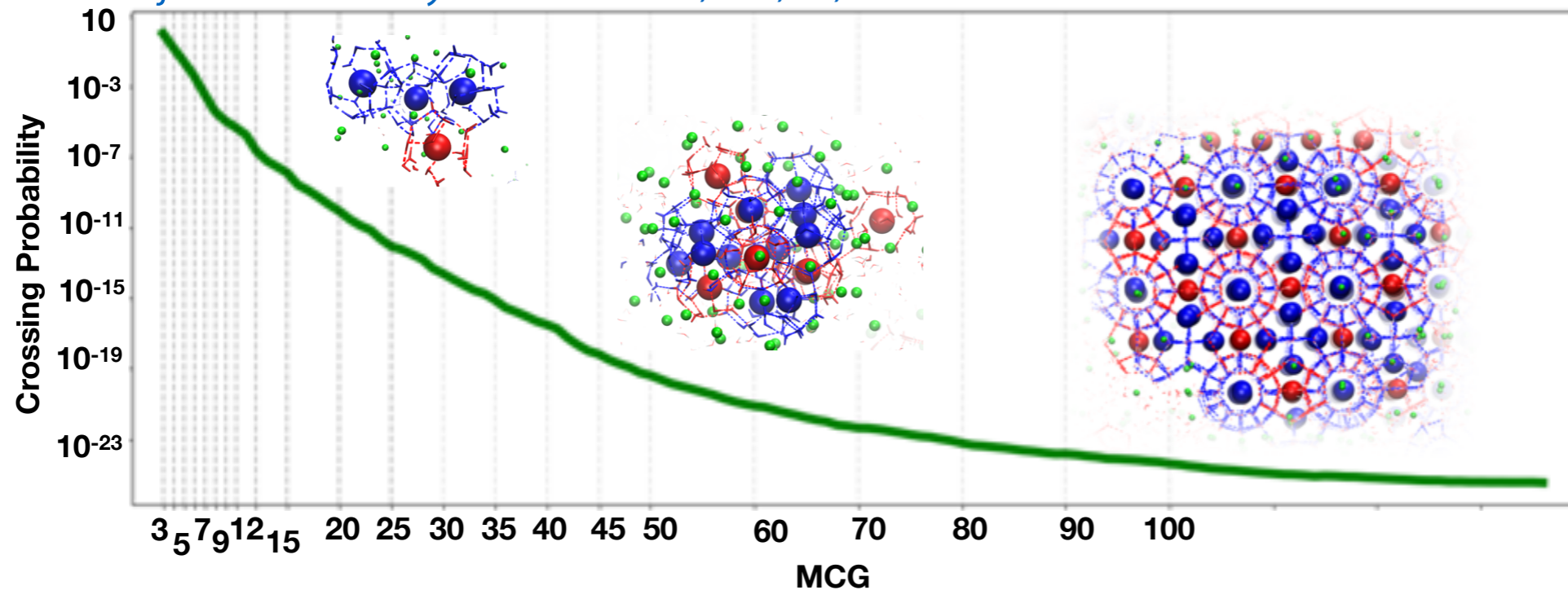
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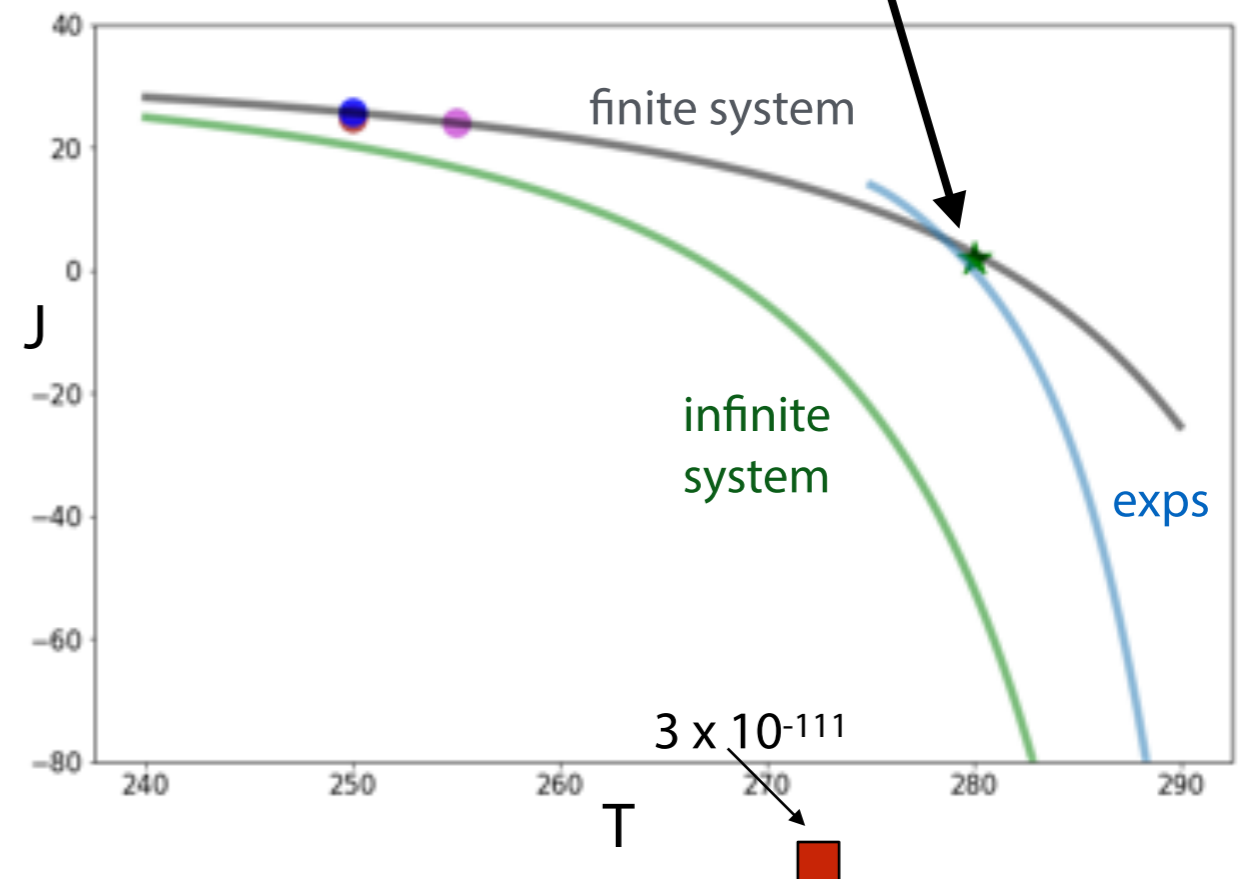
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still rate much higher than previous predictions

$$J = 3 \times 10^{-111} \text{ nuclei cm}^{-3} \text{ s}^{-1}$$

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*Knott et al J. Am. Chem. Soc.* 134, 19544 (2012)

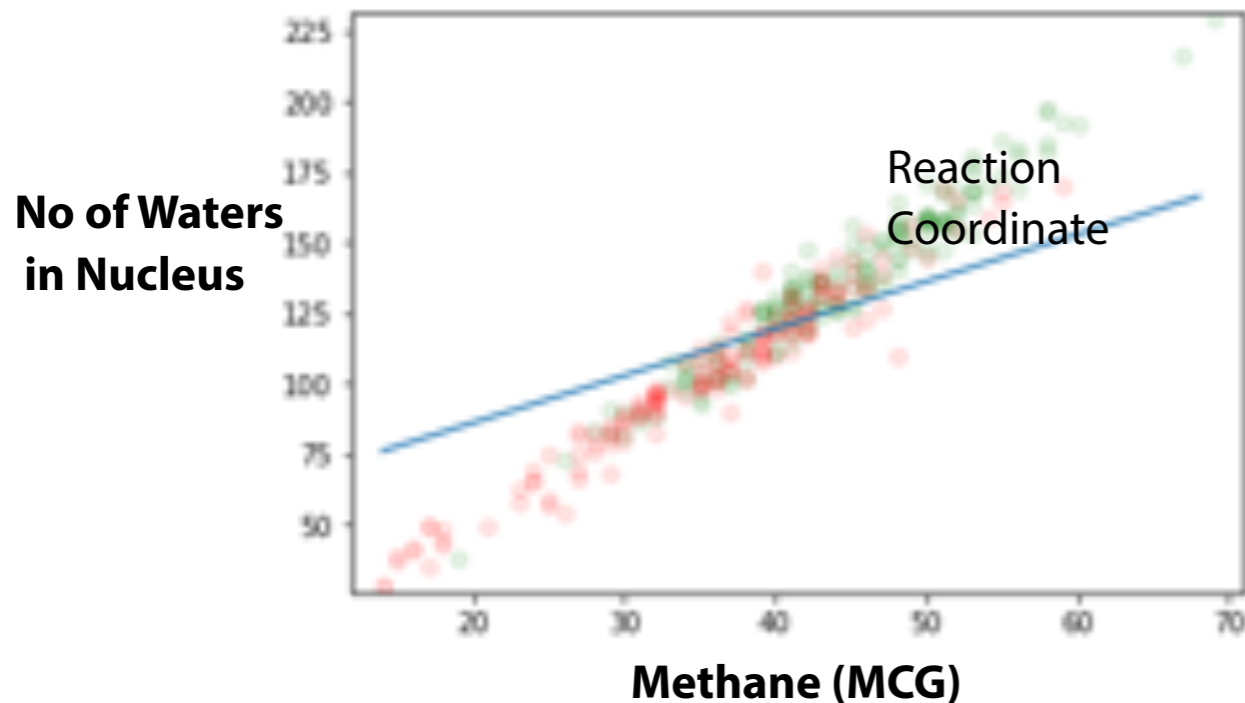


# Reaction Coordinate Analysis

LME gives best model allowing two collective variables

## High Undercooling

(270 and 275K)

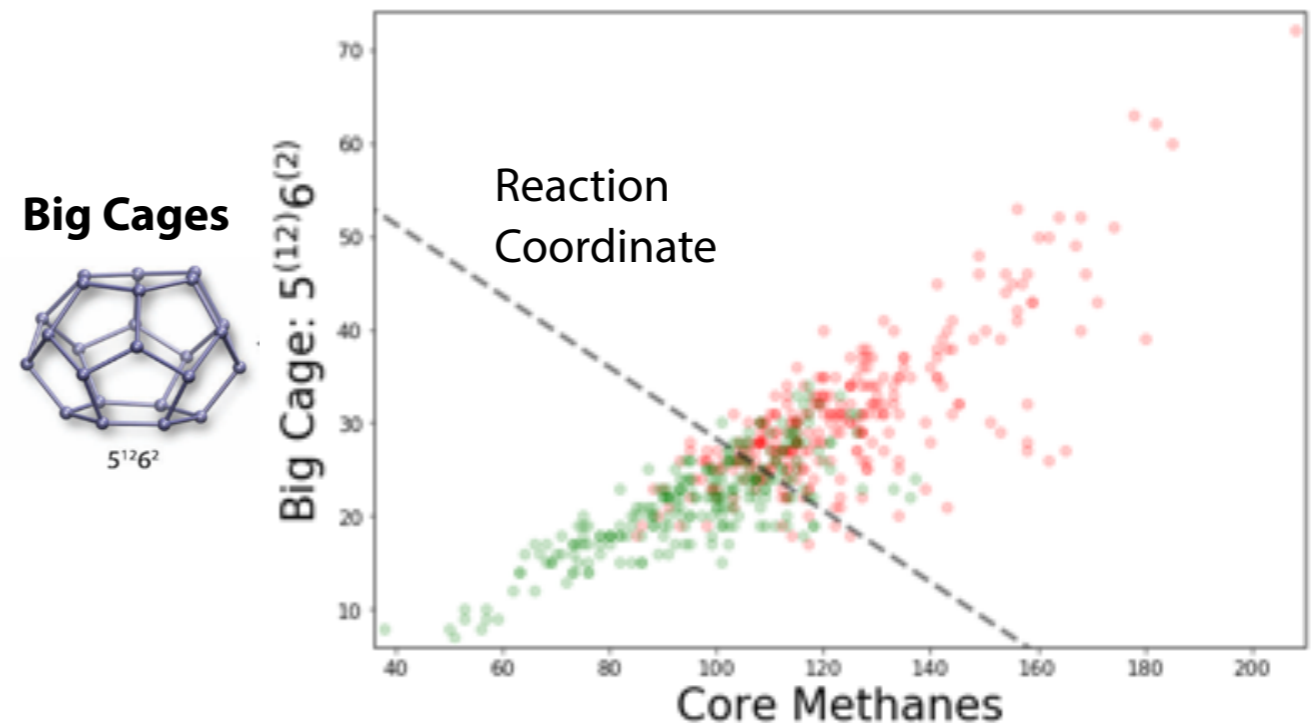


High undercooling

- Only **Size** matters

## Low Undercooling

(280 and 285K)

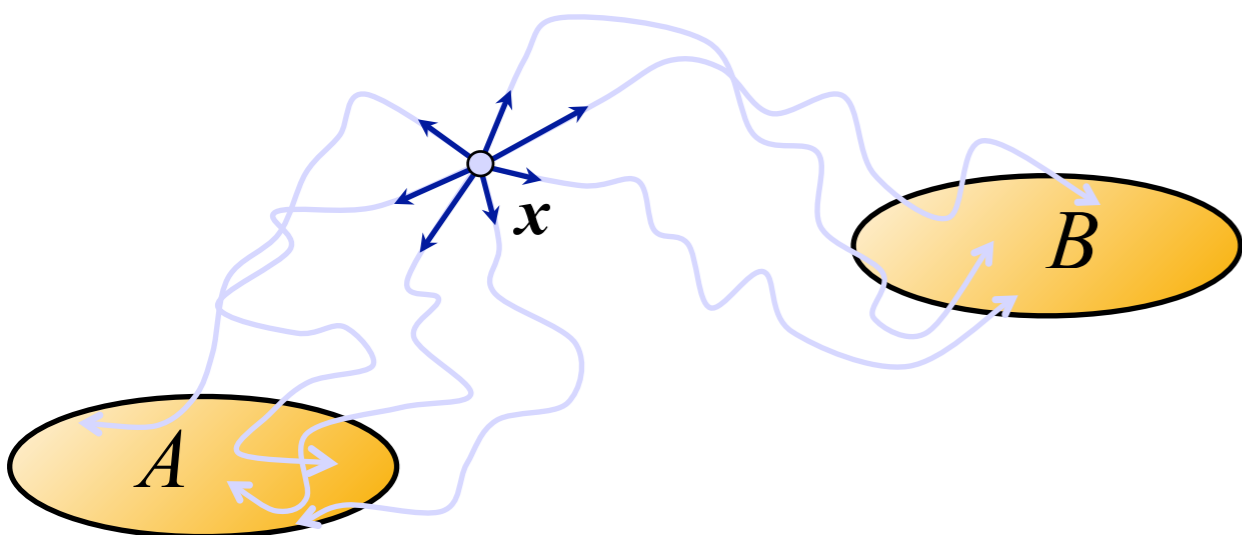


Low undercooling

- Both **Size** and **Structure** are important

**important collective variables : nucleus size and big cage content**

# Machine learning of reaction coordinates

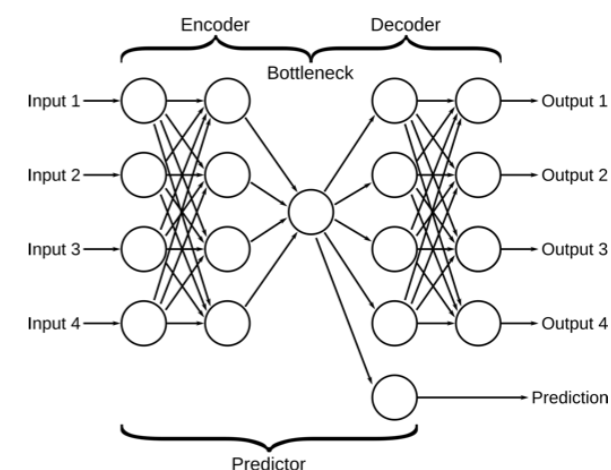


- Committor  $p_B(x)$  is THE reaction coordinate
- Committor is high dimensional function; difficult to gain physical insight
- **dimensionality reduction**: find best low dimensional order parameter combination that best represents committor

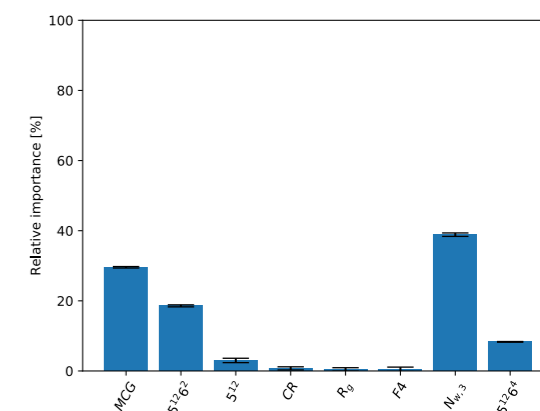
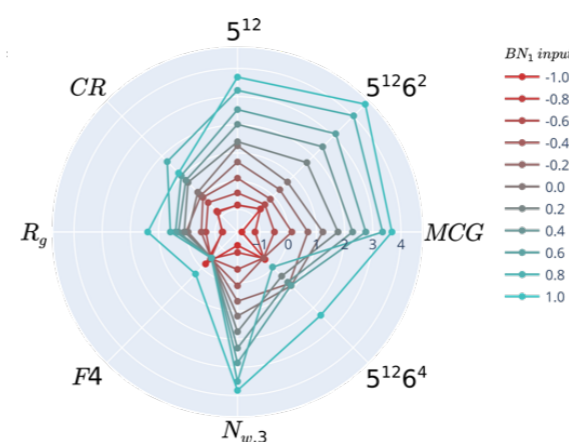
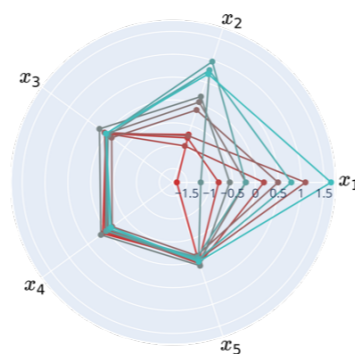
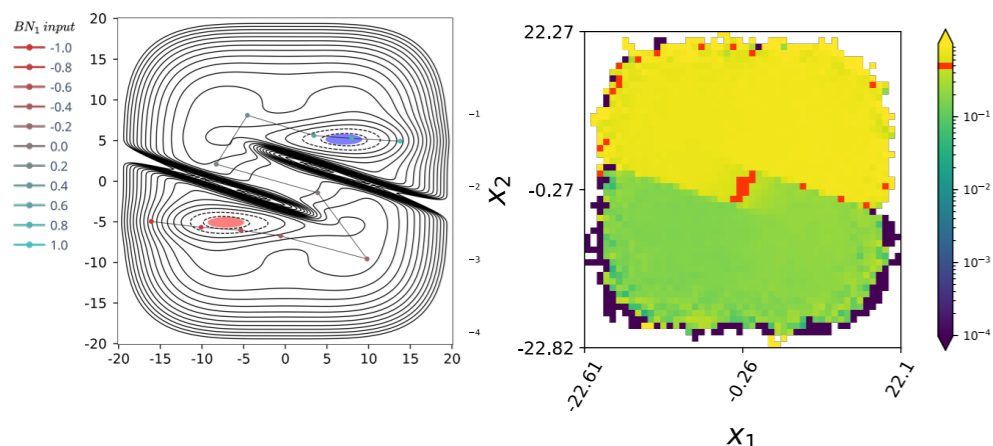
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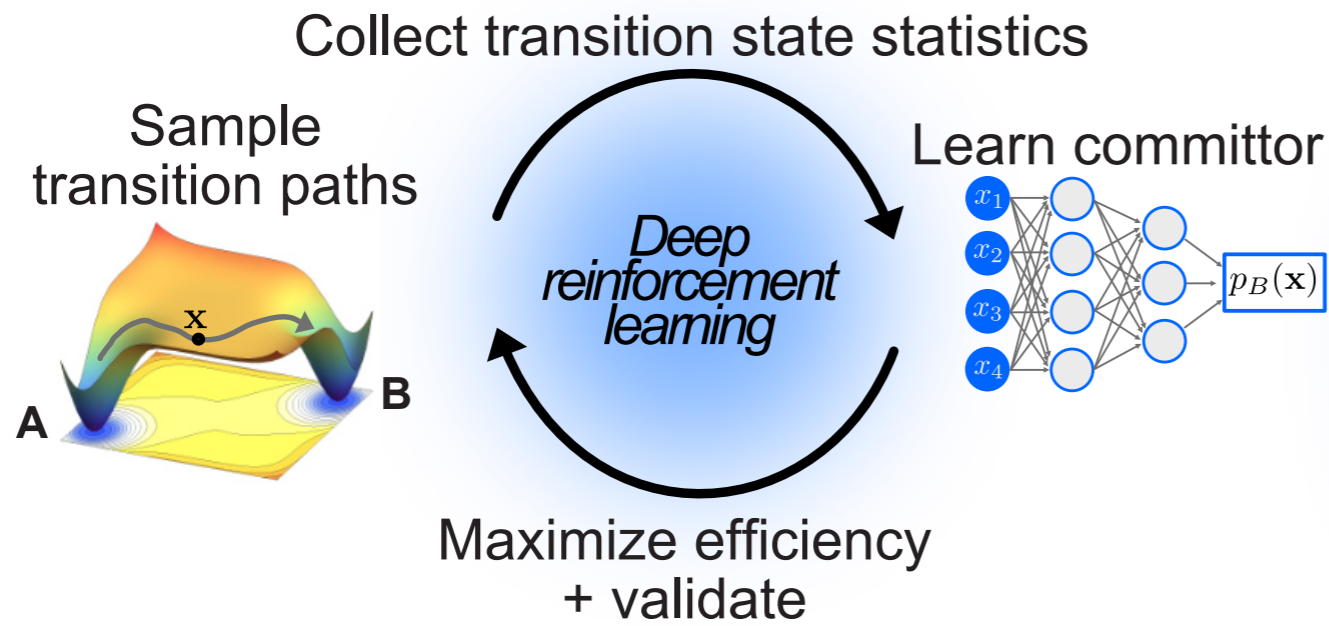


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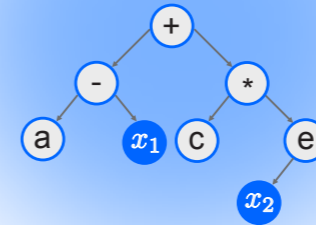


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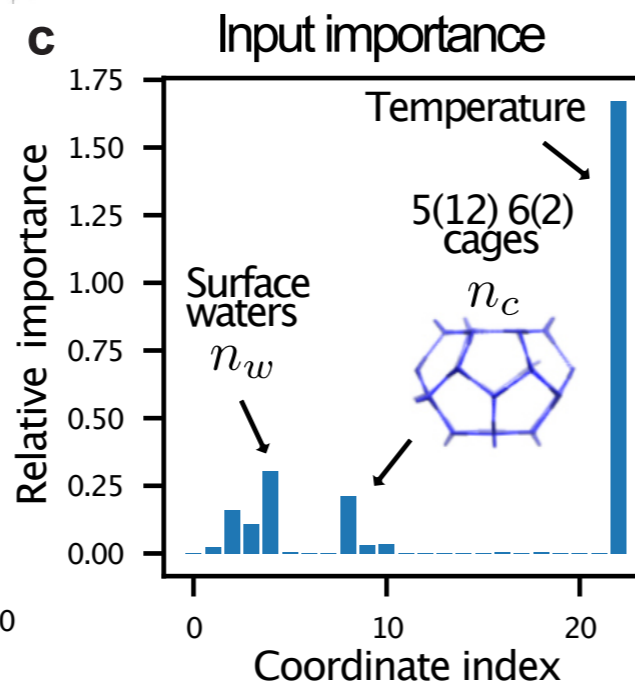
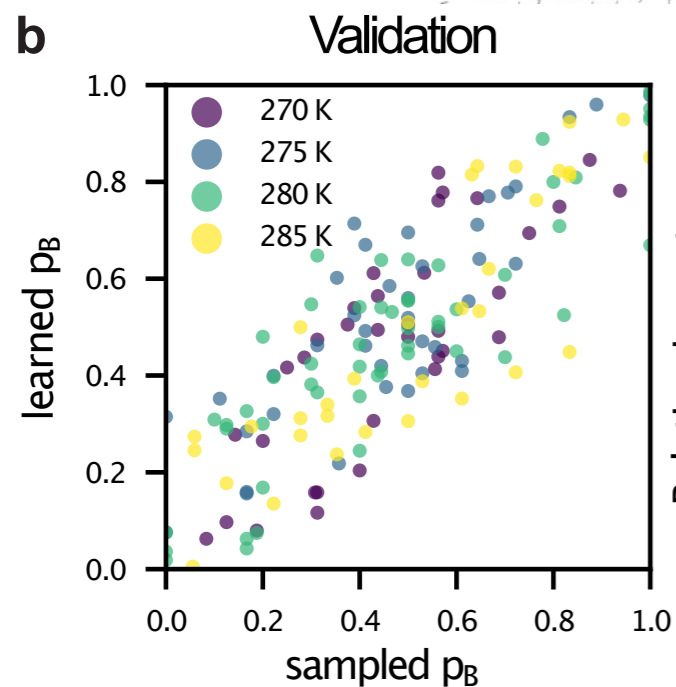
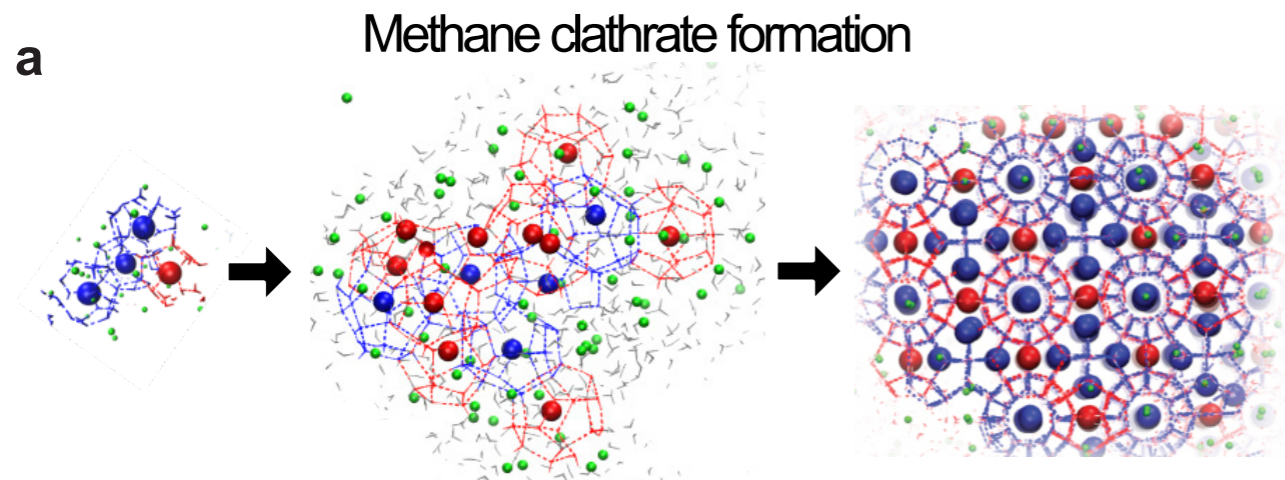
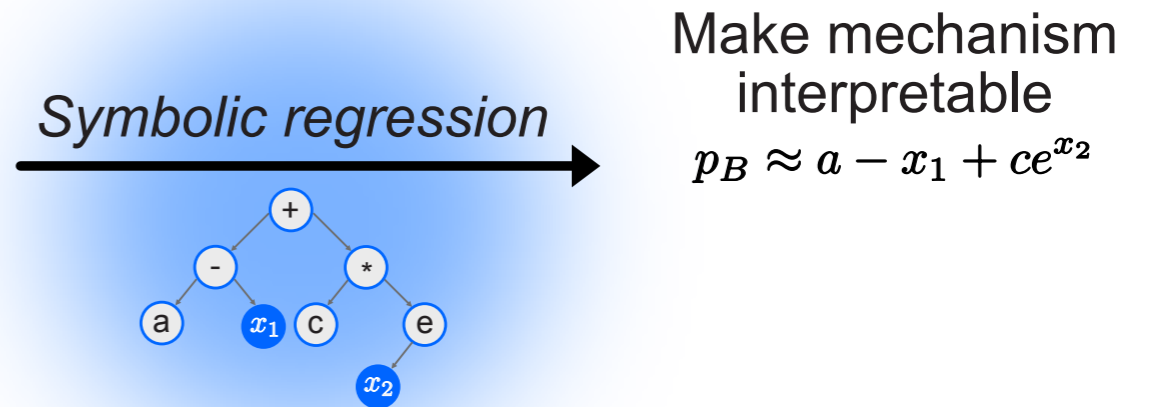
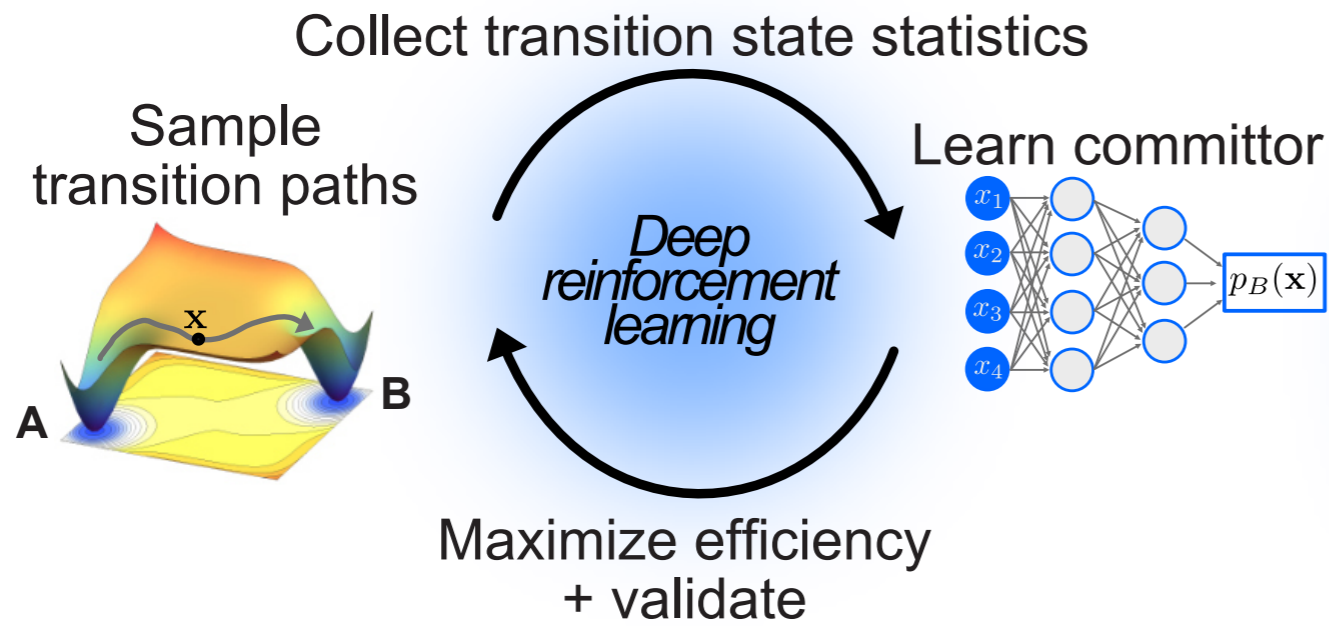


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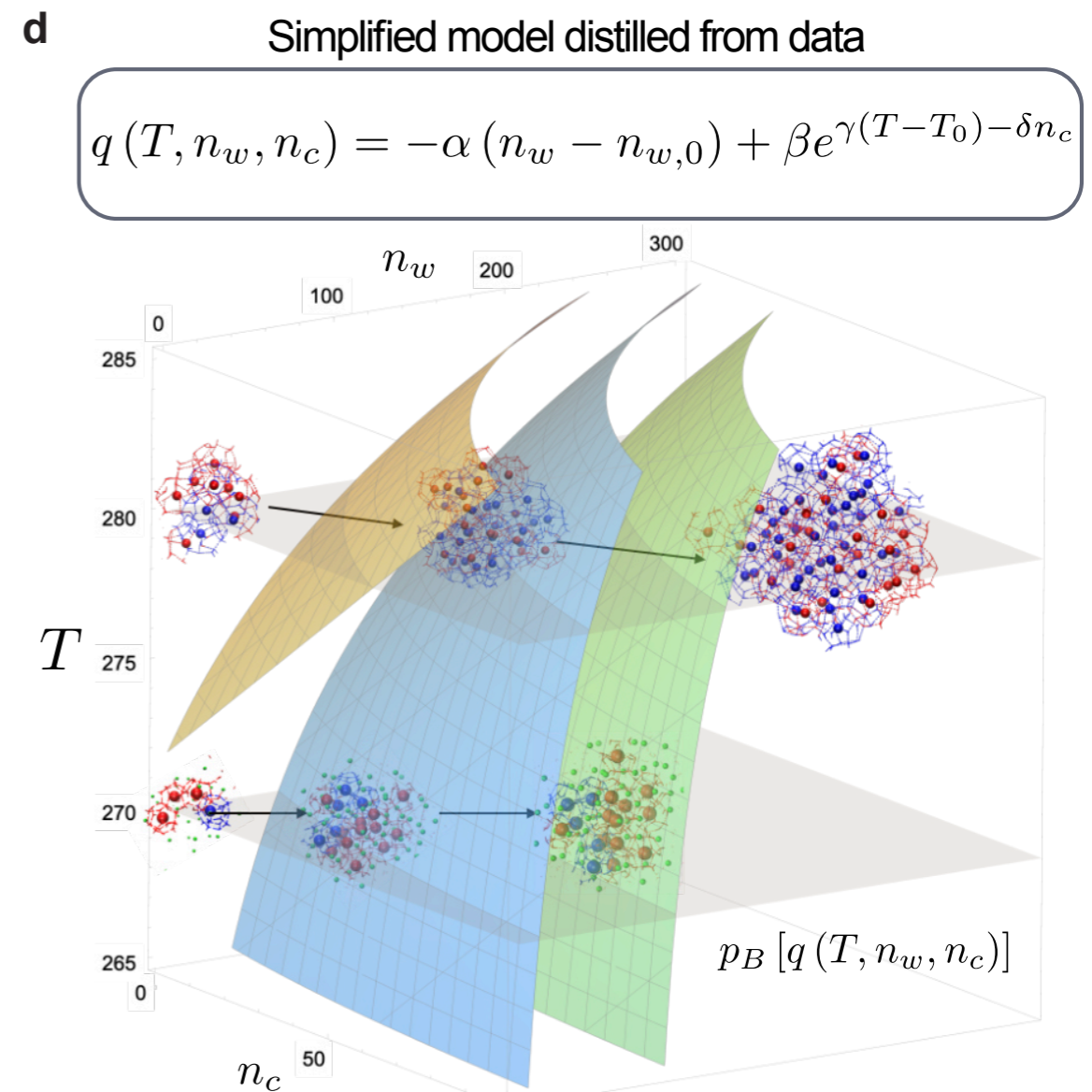
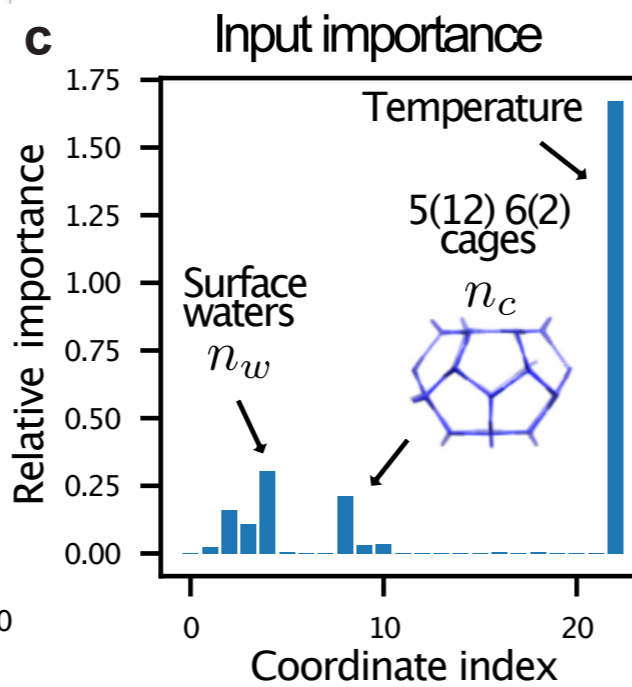
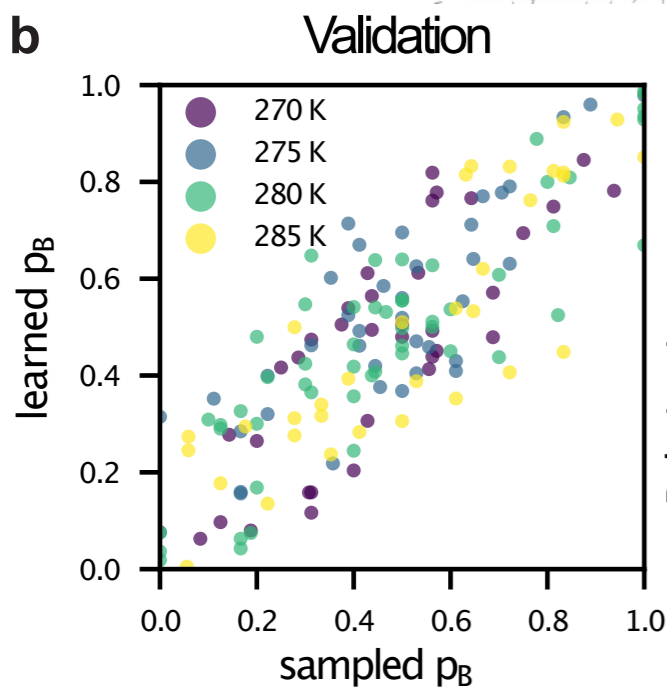
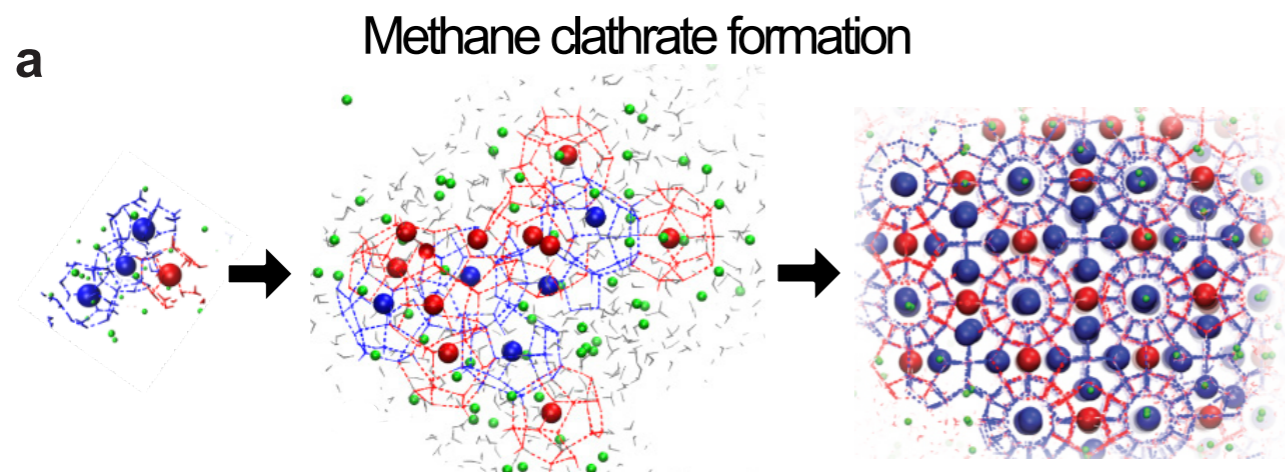
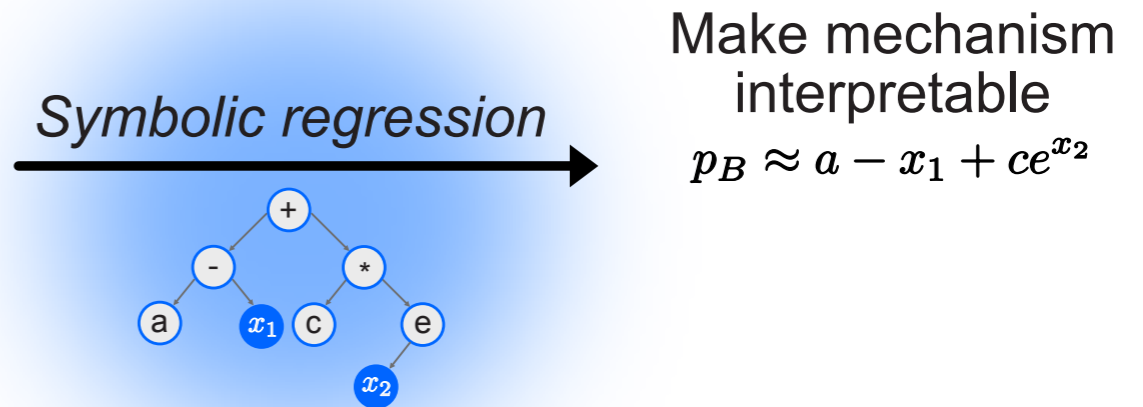
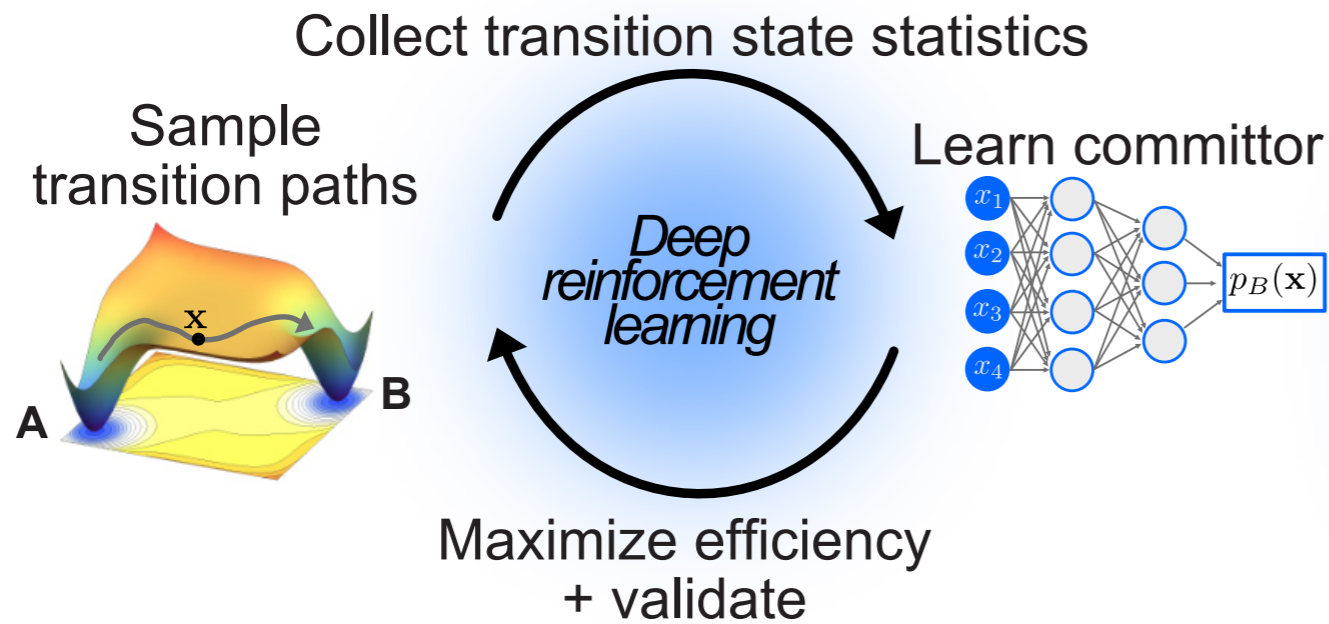
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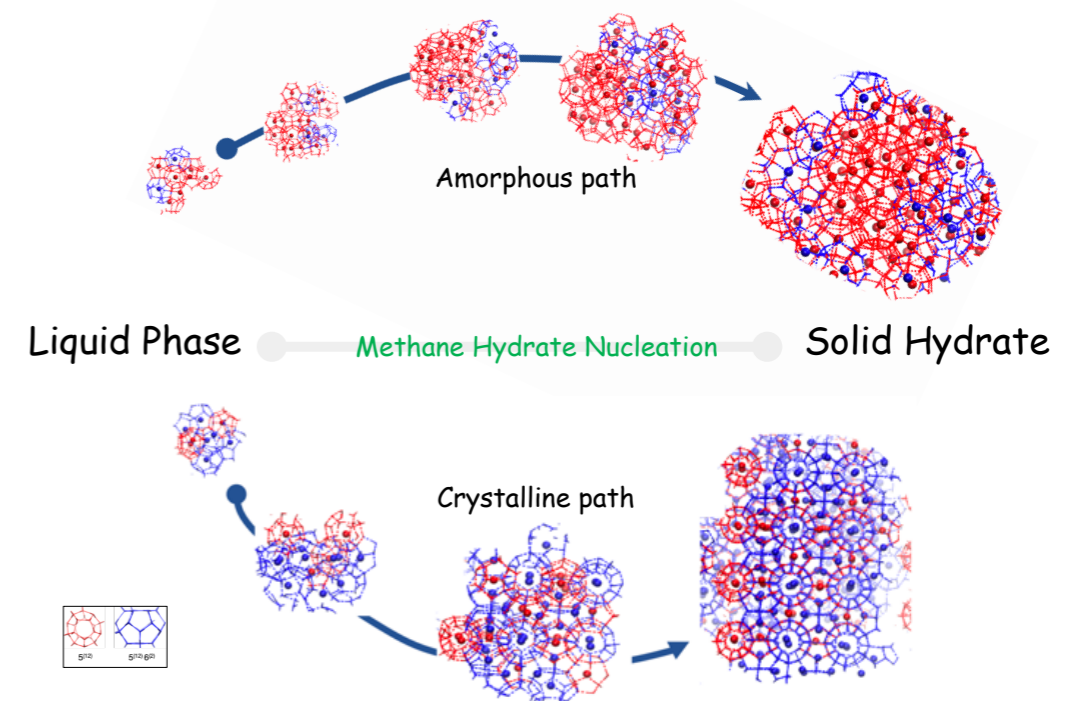
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  - at high undercooling forms amorphous solid, at low undercooling forms crystal
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  - nucleation rate closer to experimentally predicted range
- **reaction coordinate analysis**
  - only size of the nucleus important at high undercooling
  - size & structure of nucleus important at low undercooling (anti correlated)
  - machine learning can identify non-linear function
- **Polymorph selection:**
  - 5(12)6(2) cages important at high T
  - occurs in precritical regime
- **crystallisation at low undercooling does not follow Ostwald step rule: metastable phase avoided**



# The OpenPathSampling package

- a python library for path sampling simulations
  - works with OpenMM and simple dynamics
  - Gromacs, Lammmps support
  - uses MdTraj, OpenMM
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  - states, trajectory ensembles
  - sets of interfaces, networks of transitions
- OPS provides algorithms for sampling
  - TPS, (fixed or flexible length) MSTPS
  - TIS, MSTIS, RETIS (SRTIS)
  - committers, reactive flux
- OPS provides analysis tools
  - crossing probabilities
  - rates, free energies, path densities.....



## OpenPathSampling

<http://openpathsampling.org>

Twitter: @pathsampling

Development at:

<http://github.com/openpathsampling/>

*Swenson, Prinz, Noe, Chodera, PGB, JCTC, 2019*

- ✓ **Easy to use:** Beginners can quickly learn to use it
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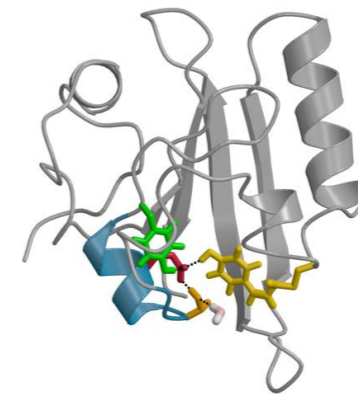
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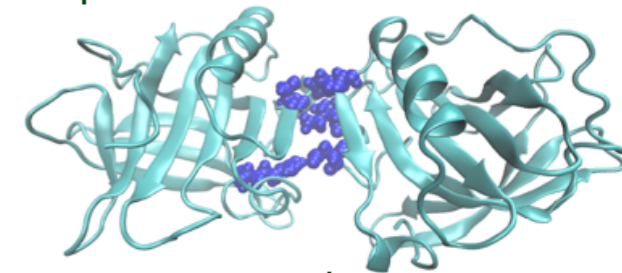
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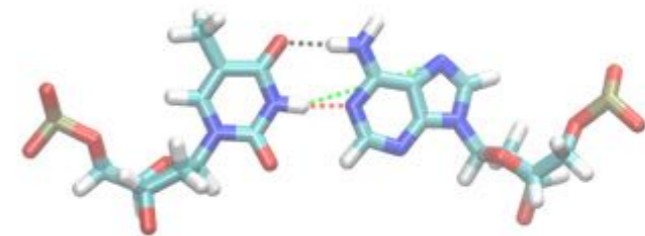
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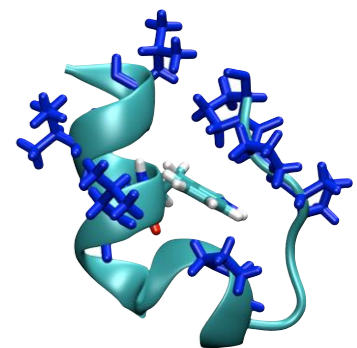
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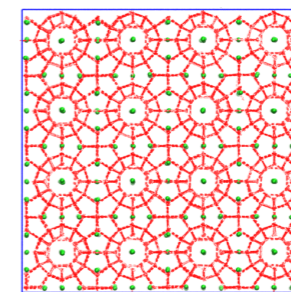
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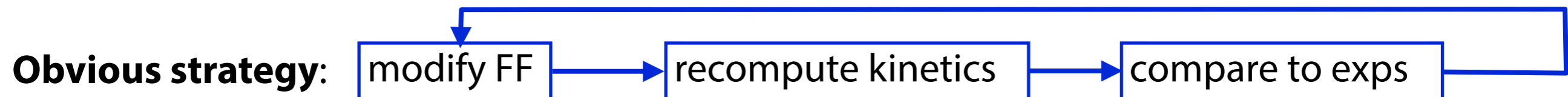
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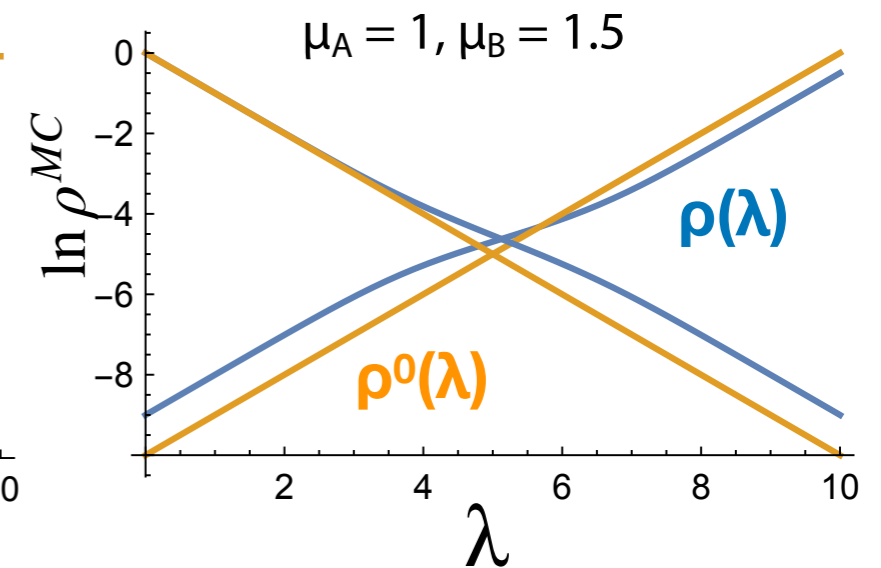
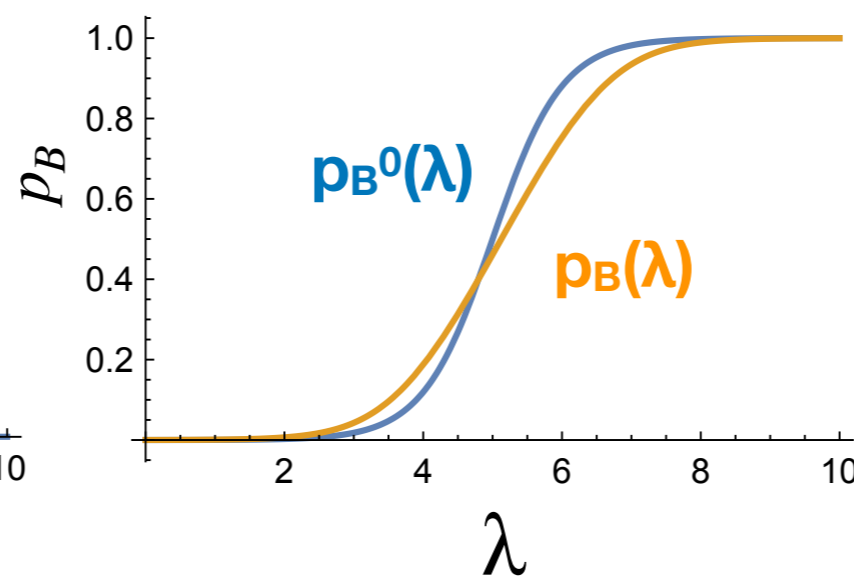
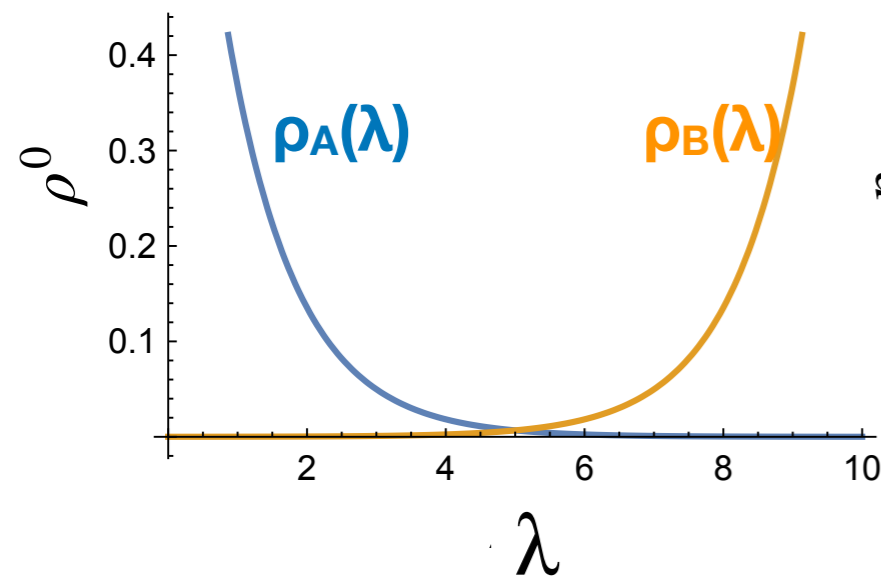
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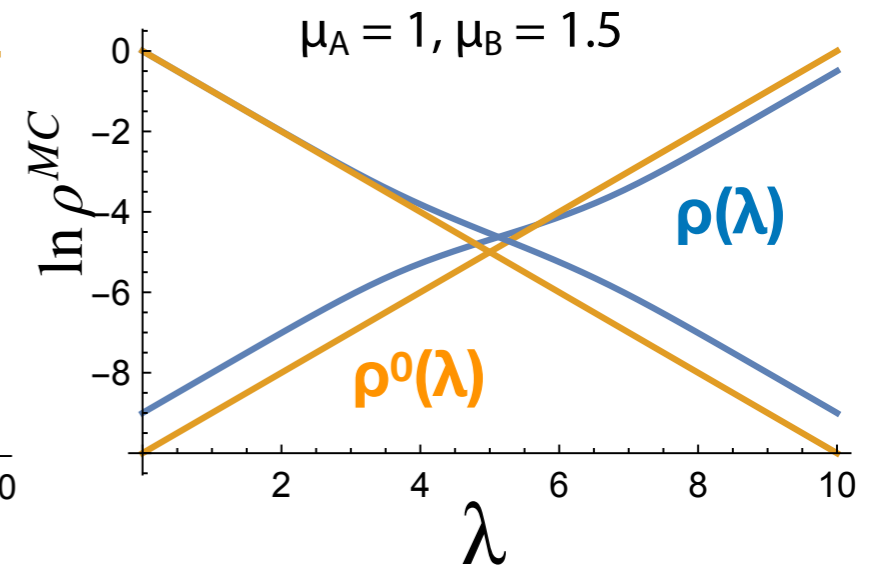
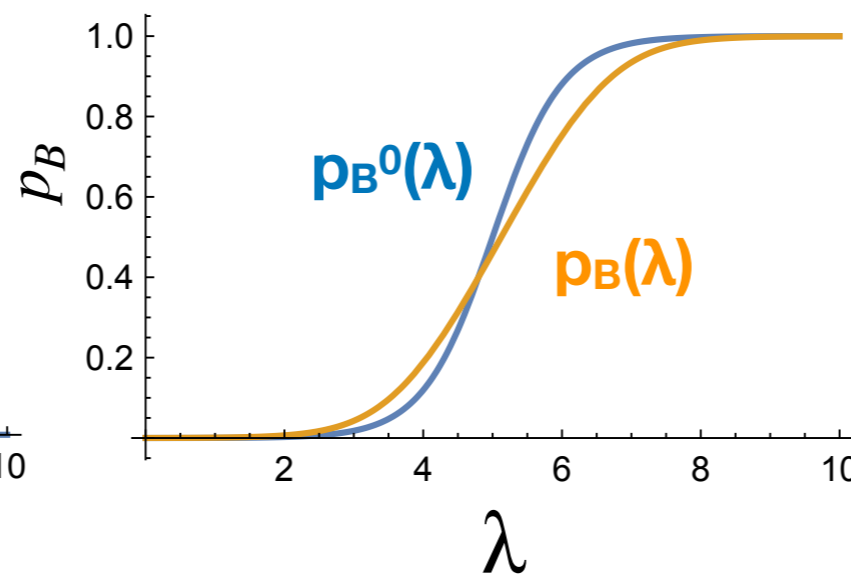
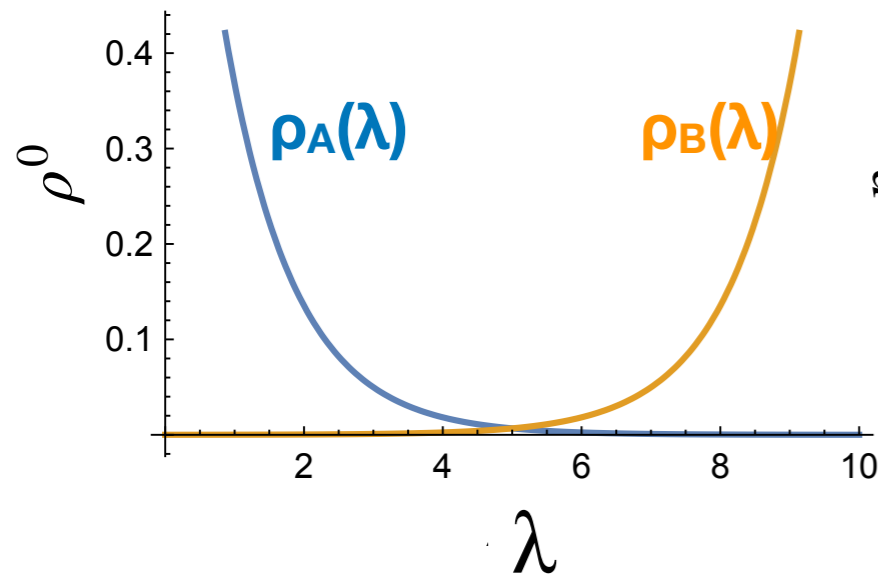
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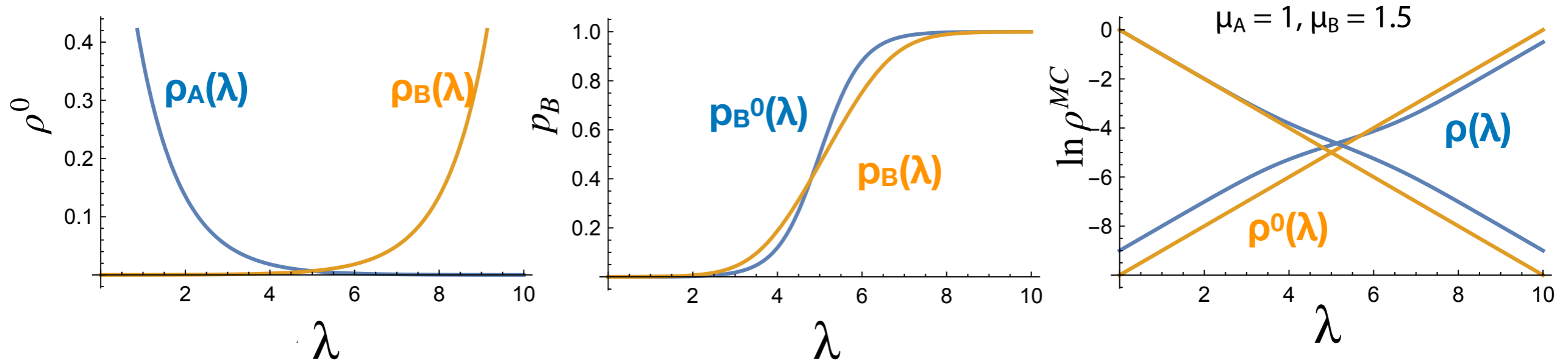
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# Posterior density distributions and committor

MaxEnt reweighting of density gives

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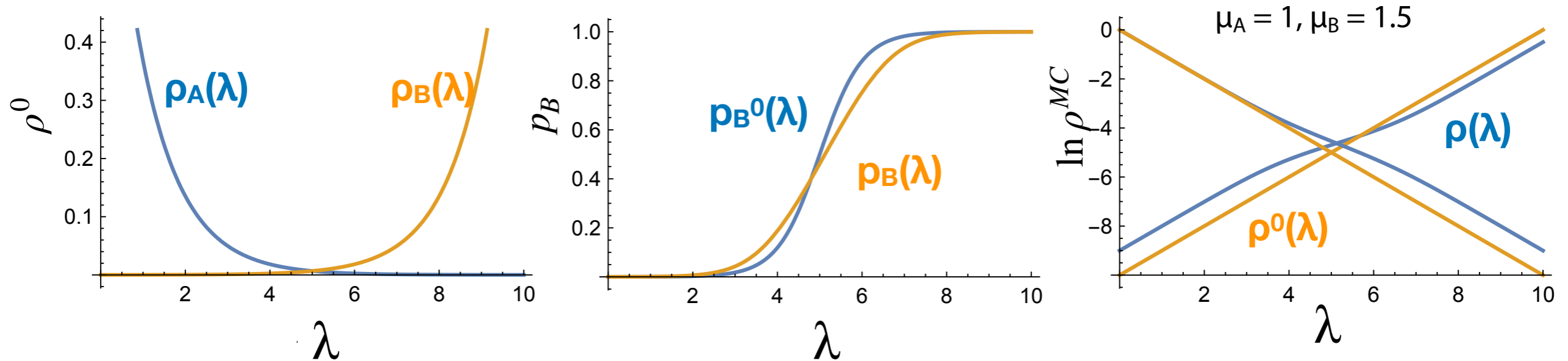
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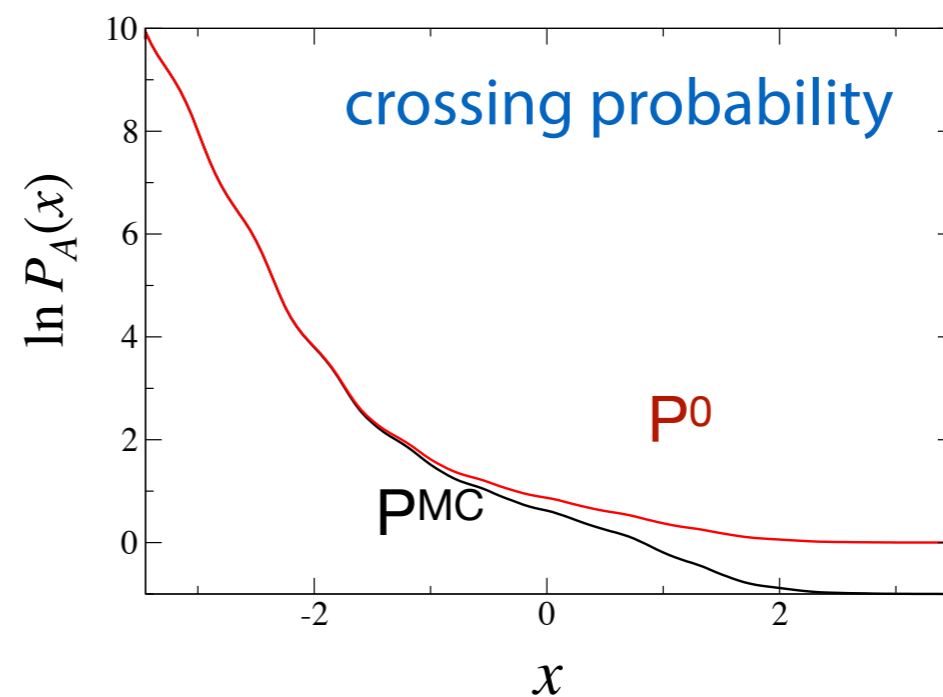
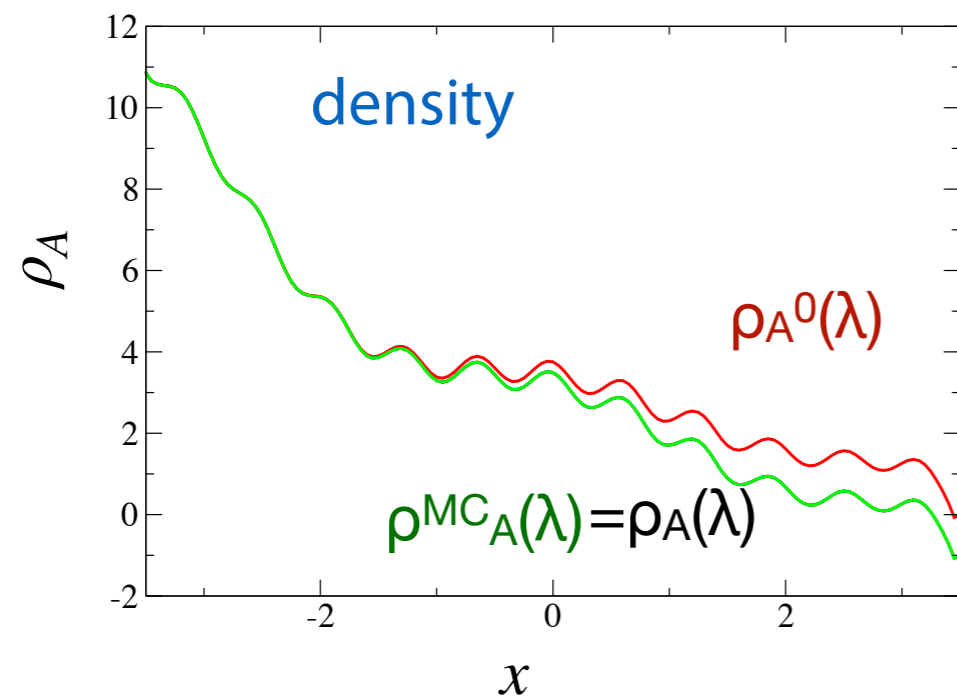
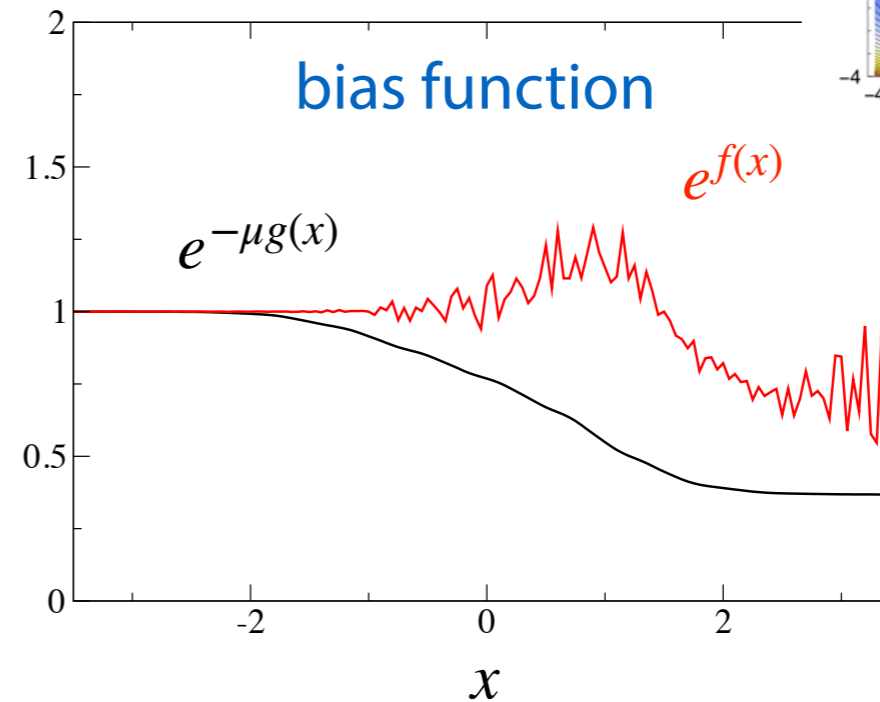
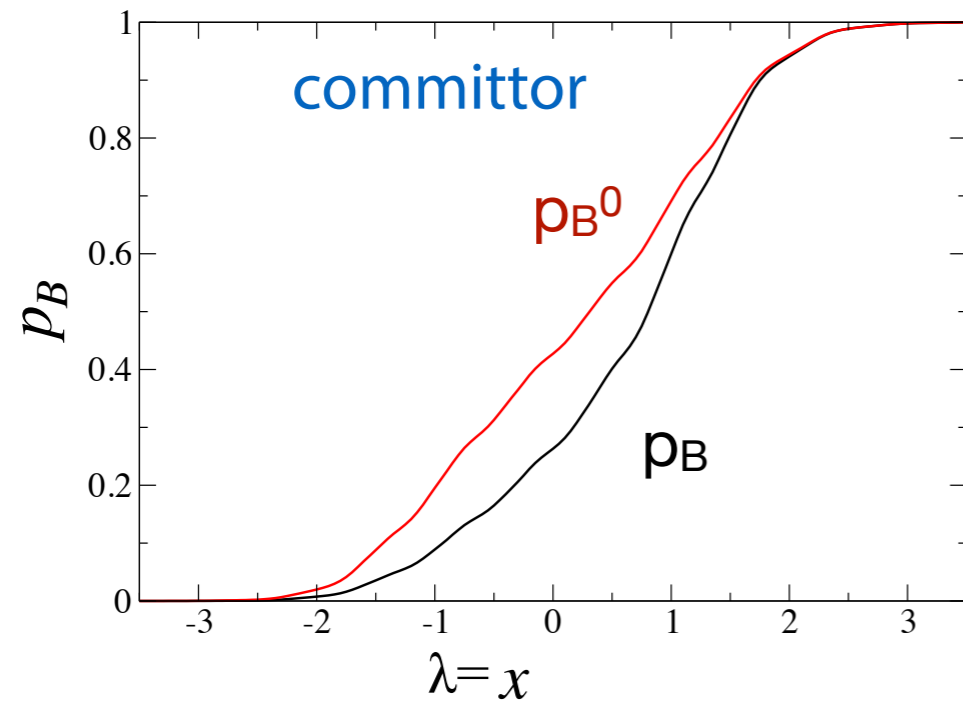
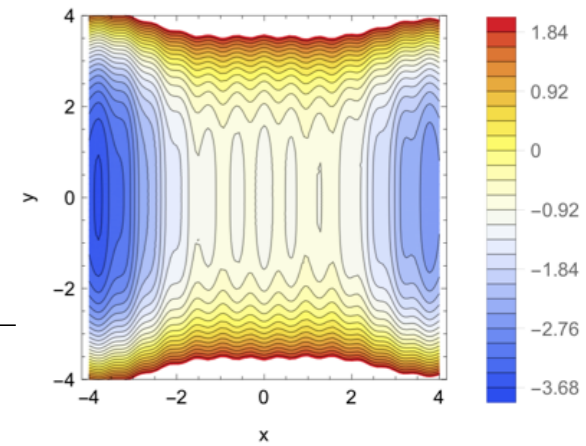


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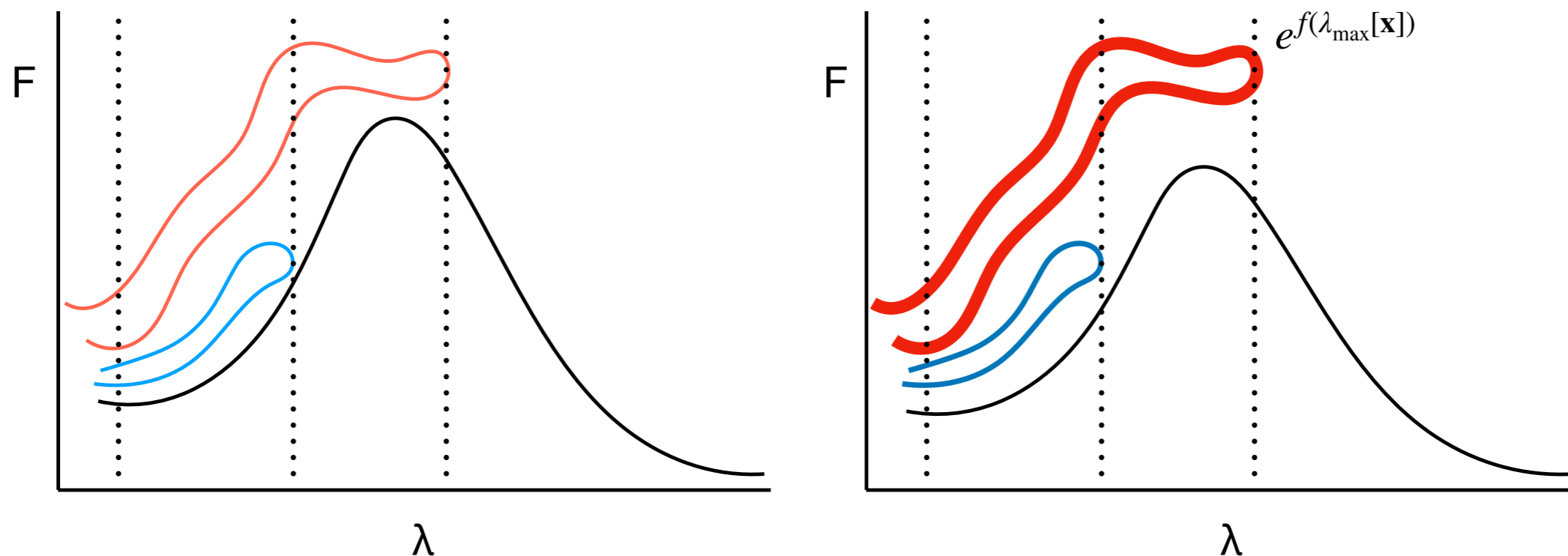
# Application to 2D potential

AB rate correction  $\mu_A=-1$ , BA rate correction  $\mu_B=0$



# Interpretation of the MaxCal method

- MaxCal based method reweights existing trajectories or path ensembles (from MD, TIS, FFS, or other adaptive schemes).
- reweighting based on progress along  $\lambda$ : made more/less probable in the path ensembles
- rate constants are automatically constrained to the correct value (via  $f_{A,B}(\lambda)$ ).
- fixing  $f(\lambda)$  requires a bias  $g(\lambda)$  based on the committor function
- method is enslaved to the original dynamics: so only distribution of initial conditions for paths is altered via the reweighting, the trajectories themselves do not change: analogous (but not identical) to microcanonical trajectory reweighting (e.g in Nested TPS)



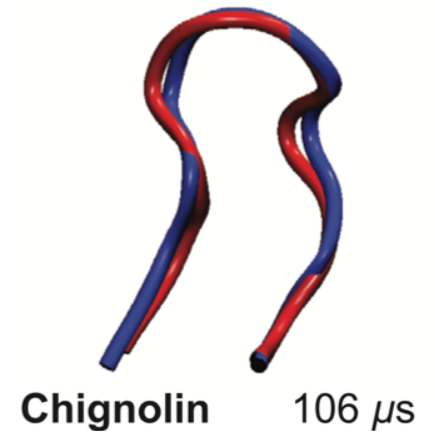
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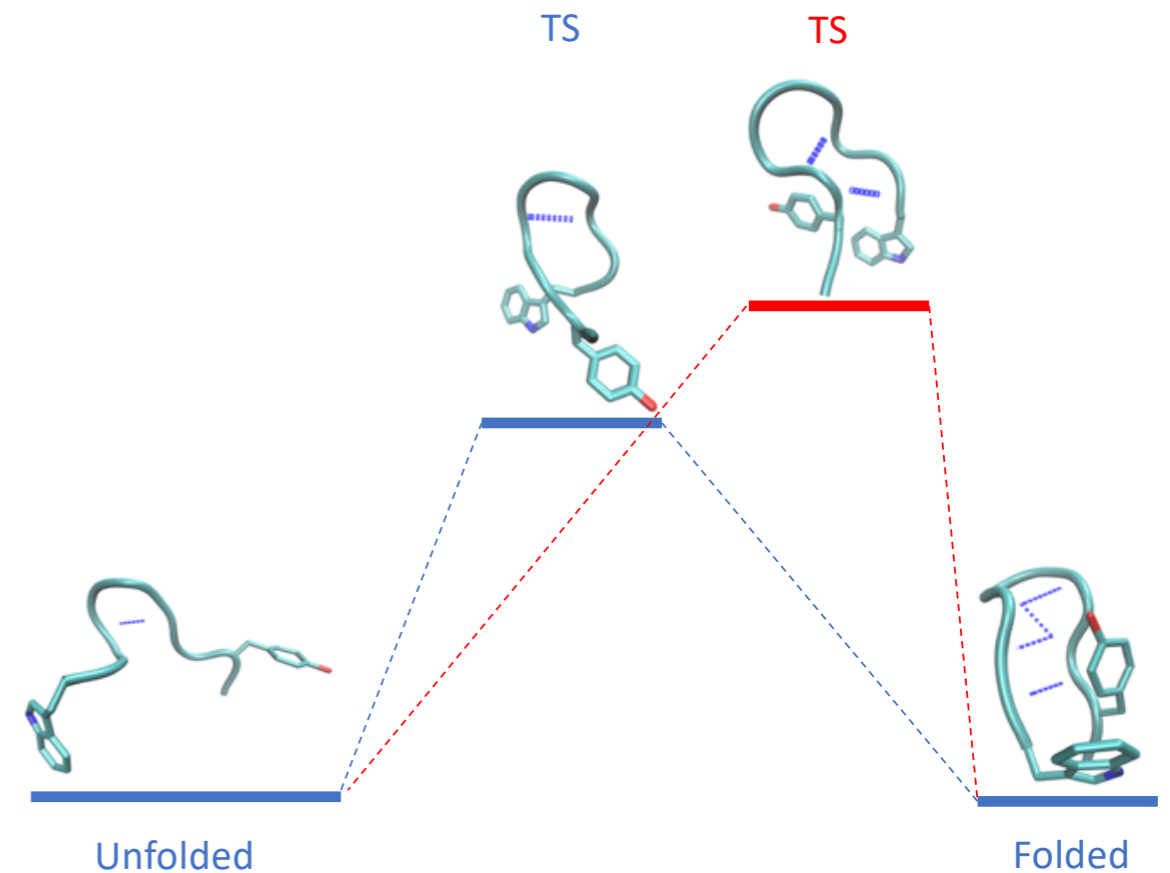
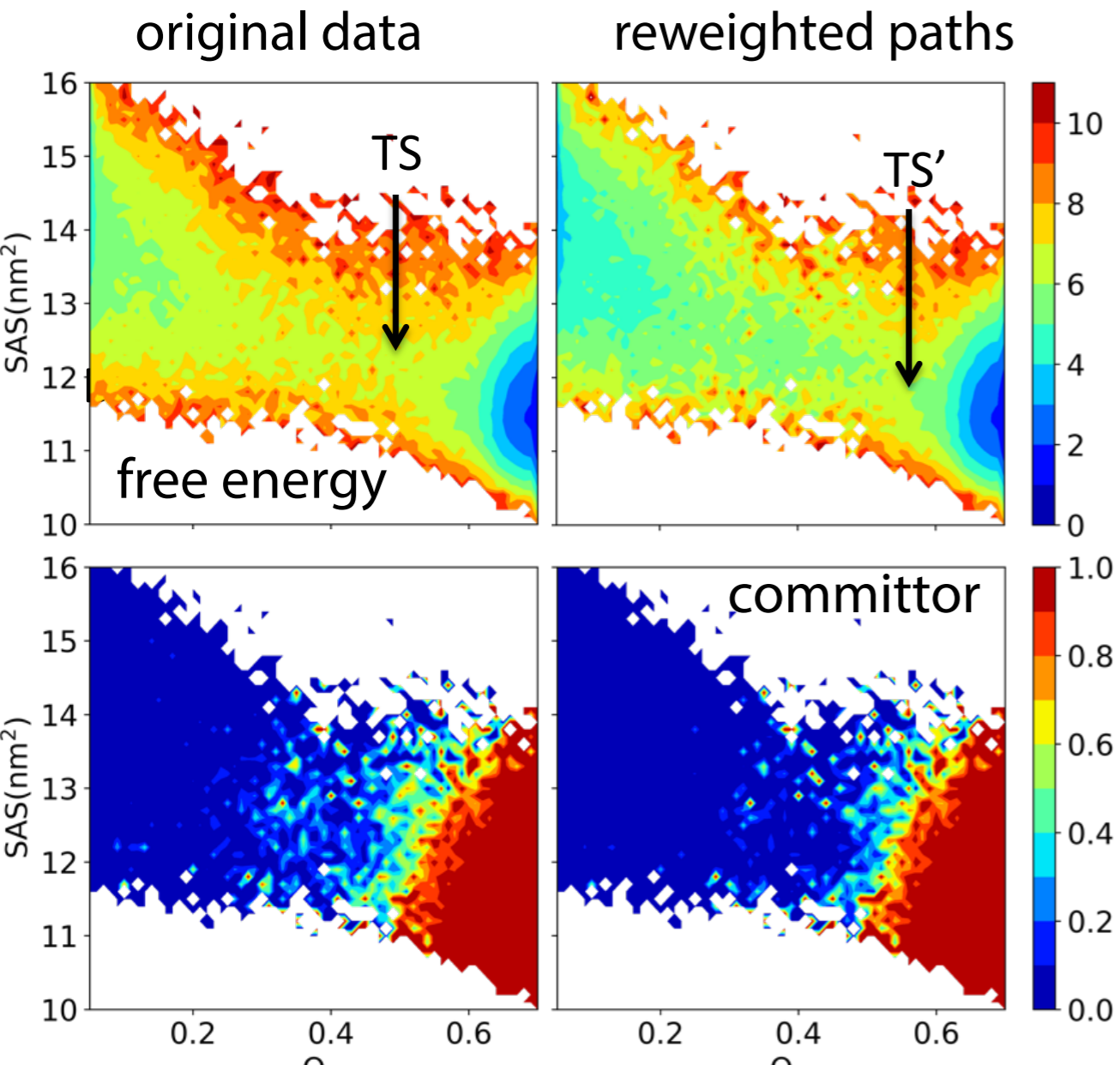
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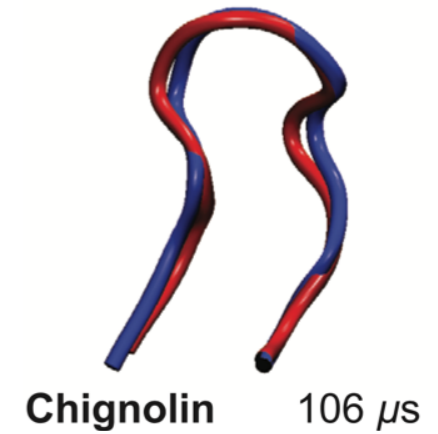
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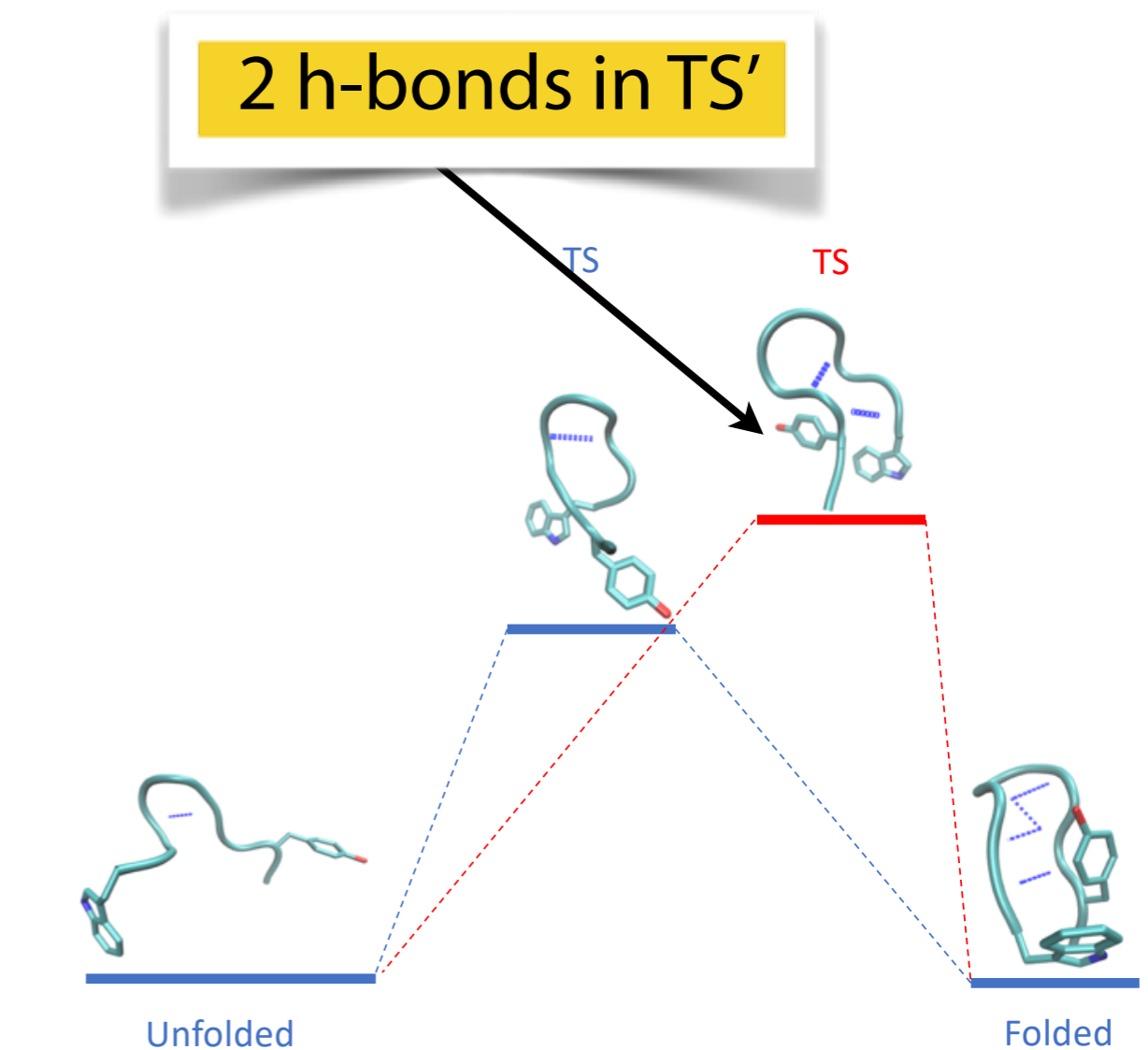
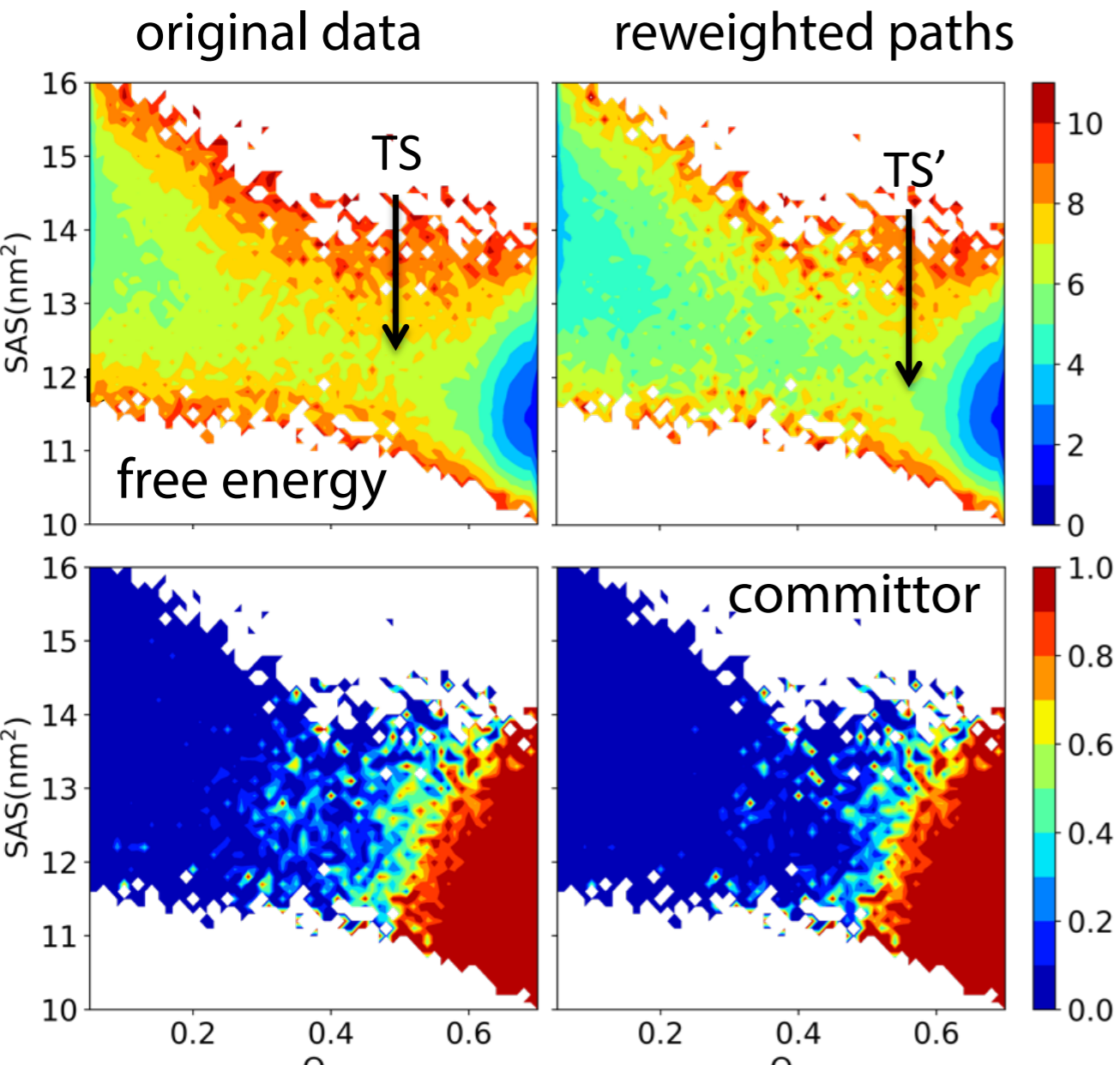
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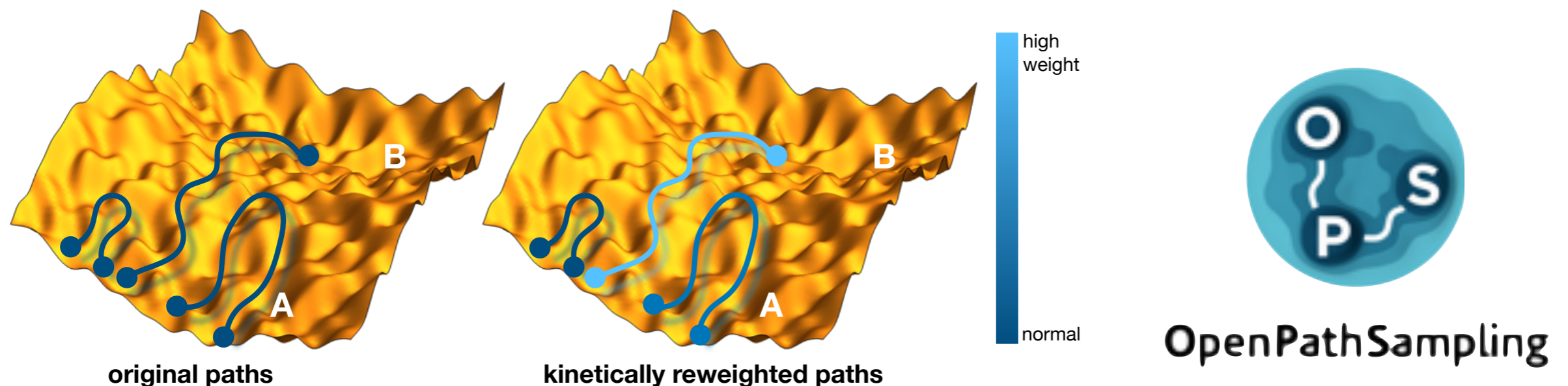
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# Summary

- New general method that
  - imposes experimental dynamical constraints on path ensembles with MaxCal
  - can impose rate constant, and yields consistent free energy (configurational density) correctly, via committor.
  - is post-processing, no costly reevaluation of path ensembles needed.
  - reveals shifting of transition states and mechanisms.
  - is applicable to many processes in biology, physics, chemistry & material science.
- Outlook :
  - improve force fields, e.g. by computing the derivative of the path ensemble based rate constants w.r.t. to FF parameters.
  - make independence from CV definition







# FAQ

- **Why does shooting work?**
  - Stable states are attractors of the trajectories, while molecular chaos cause paths to diverge quickly
- **How many trajectories?**
  - About  $10^3$  trajectories per ensemble should suffice, but more is better.
- **How long do the paths need to be?**
  - Long enough to be able to relax to the stable states (about  $\tau_{\text{mol}}$ ). More quantitative measures based on correlation functions.
- **How does it scale?**
  - Just like MD, linear in time, linear in system size. Larger systems might need longer time.
- **How to create initial path?**
  - Many ways: pulling, high T, interpolation, metadynamics, committor analysis, TIS, etc
- **What requirements do stable state definitions have?**
  - Should distinguish states, but also representative. Path should quickly find state, but not with a false positive.
- **What about other types of dynamics?**
  - All eqs of motion, e.g. *ab initio* MD, Langevin, dynamic MC can be used.
- **What about multiple channels and intermediates?**
  - Should be included in sampling. Otherwise use e.g. RETIS, MSTIS or other advance path sampling methods.