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**ADVANCED CLASSICAL  
MONTE CARLO SIMULATIONS**

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1. Cluster Monte Carlo

2. Histograms

3. Bayesian analysis

Transition matrix MC

4. Simulation of

biological molecules

Dynamically Optimized MC

# Emancipation of computer simulations from experimental paradigm

Non-physical dynamics  
for greater efficiency

- MC , cluster methods

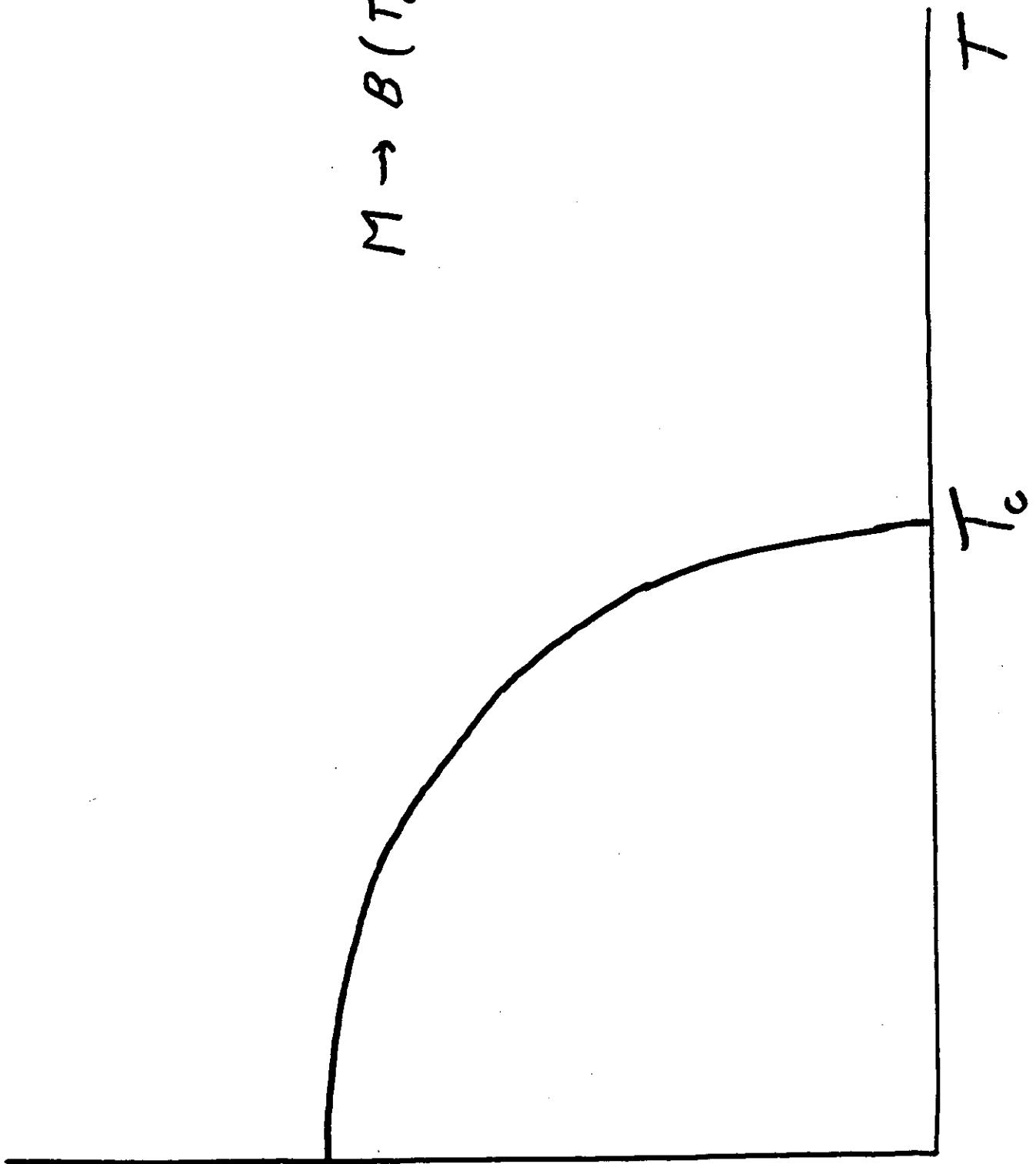
Measurement of quantities  
not available to experiment

MCRG

Histograms

Improved estimators

$$M \rightarrow B(T_c - T)^\beta$$

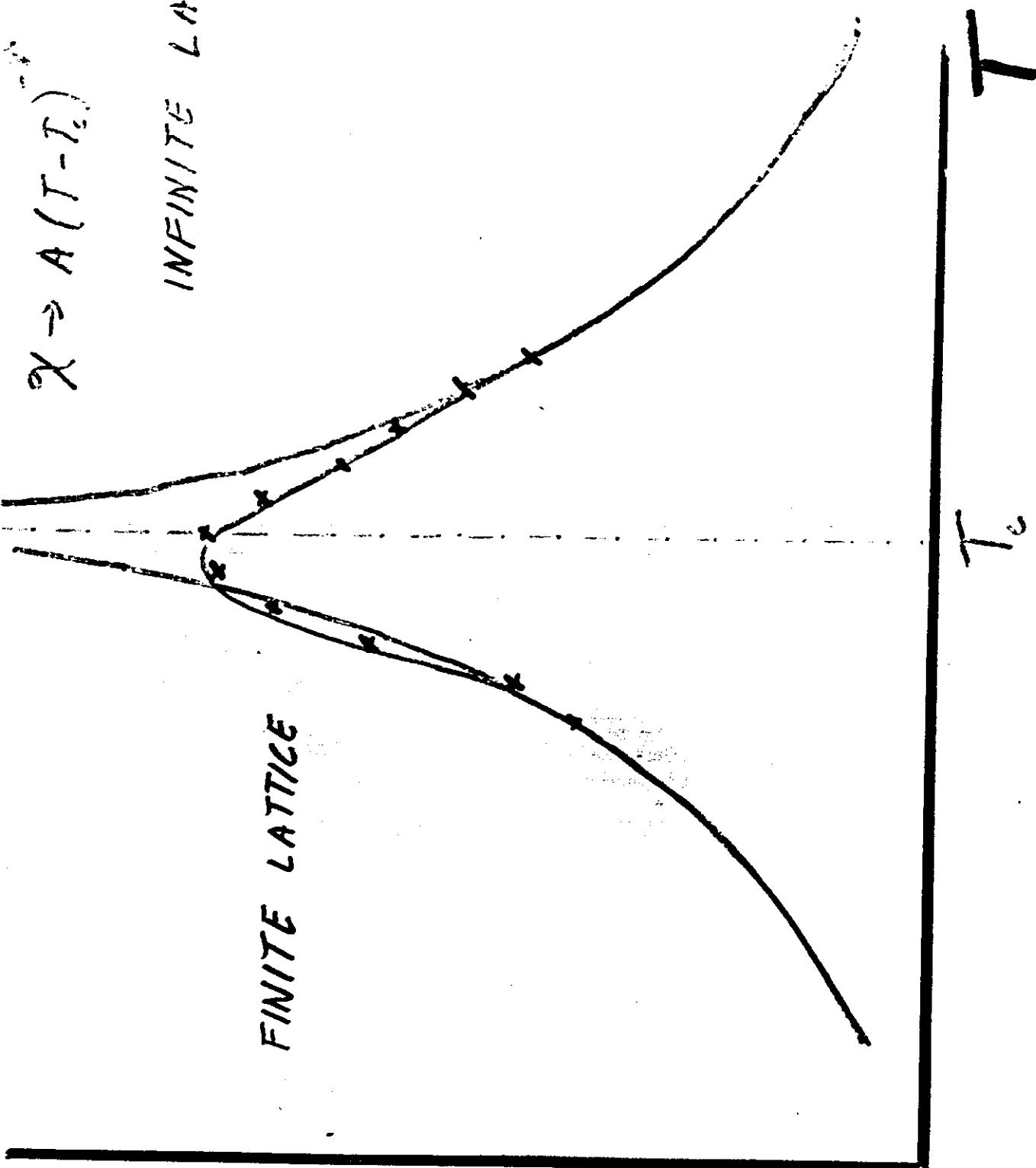


$M$

$$\chi \rightarrow A(T - T_c)^{-\beta}$$

INFINITE LATTICE

FINITE LATTICE



$\chi$

# Monte Carlo Strategy

- 1) Test your program!
- 2) Think small
  - small lattices
  - short runs
  - fast scan of parameters
  - find "interesting" region
  - vary the initial conditions
- 3) Concentrate on "interesting" region
  - small lattices
  - longer runs (but <<< budget)
  - calculate errors
  - estimate errors vs. run time  
for larger lattices
- 4) Increase lattice size
  - compare
  - look for size effects
  - extrapolate
  - calculate errors

## Equilibrium Probability Density

$$P_{eq}(\sigma) = \frac{1}{Z} \exp[-E(\sigma)/k_B T]$$

$$Z = \text{Tr}_{\sigma} \exp[-E(\sigma)/k_B T]$$

$$\langle E \rangle = \text{Tr}_{\sigma} E(\sigma) P_{eq}(\sigma)$$

# Markov Process

New state depends on old state

but not

on previous states.

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## Master Equation:

$$P(\sigma, t + \Delta t) - P(\sigma, t) =$$

$$\sum_{\sigma'} [W(\sigma' \rightarrow \sigma) P(\sigma', t) - W(\sigma \rightarrow \sigma') P(\sigma, t)]$$

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$$P(\sigma_i, t + \Delta t) - P(\sigma_i, t) =$$

$$\sum_{\sigma'} [W(\sigma' \rightarrow \sigma) P(\sigma'_i, t) - W(\sigma \rightarrow \sigma') P(\sigma_i, t)]$$

Necessary condition for  $P(\sigma, t) \rightarrow P_{eq}(\sigma)$

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$$\sum_{\sigma'} [W(\sigma' \rightarrow \sigma) P_{eq}(\sigma') - W(\sigma \rightarrow \sigma') P_{eq}(\sigma)] = 0$$

Stronger condition

Detailed Balance

$$W(\sigma' \rightarrow \sigma) P_{eq}(\sigma') = W(\sigma \rightarrow \sigma') P_{eq}(\sigma)$$

## Detailed Balance

$$W(\sigma' \rightarrow \sigma) P_{eq}(\sigma') = W(\sigma \rightarrow \sigma') P_{eq}(\sigma)$$

$$P_{eq}(\sigma) = \frac{1}{Z} \exp[-E(\sigma)/k_B T]$$

$$\frac{W(\sigma' \rightarrow \sigma)}{W(\sigma \rightarrow \sigma')} = \exp[(E(\sigma') - E(\sigma))/kT]$$

# Theorem for Markov Processes

IF:

- 1) For any two states,  $\sigma_A$  and  $\sigma_B$ , there exists a sequence of states,  $\sigma_1 \dots \sigma_n$ , such that

$$W(\sigma_A \rightarrow \sigma_1) W(\sigma_1 \rightarrow \sigma_2) \dots W(\sigma_n \rightarrow \sigma_B) \neq 0$$

and

- 2) Detailed Balance

THEN:

$$P(\sigma, t) \xrightarrow{t \rightarrow \infty} P_{eq}(\sigma)$$

# ISING MODEL

"Spins"  $\sigma_i$  on lattice sites

$$\sigma_i = +1 \text{ or } -1$$

$$H = -J \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle} \sigma_i \sigma_j$$

sum on  
nearest neighbors

Neighbors

Energy

$$\begin{matrix} & + & + \\ \text{or} & & \} \\ & - & - \end{matrix} \quad -J$$

$$\begin{matrix} & + & - \\ \text{or} & & \} \\ & - & + \end{matrix} \quad +J$$



1.1 T<sub>0</sub>





## Critical Slowing Down

$$\tilde{\tau} \sim \xi^z$$

$z$  = dynamical critical exponent

$$\xi \sim |T - T_c|^{-\nu}$$

$$\tilde{\tau} \sim |T - T_c|^{-z\nu}$$

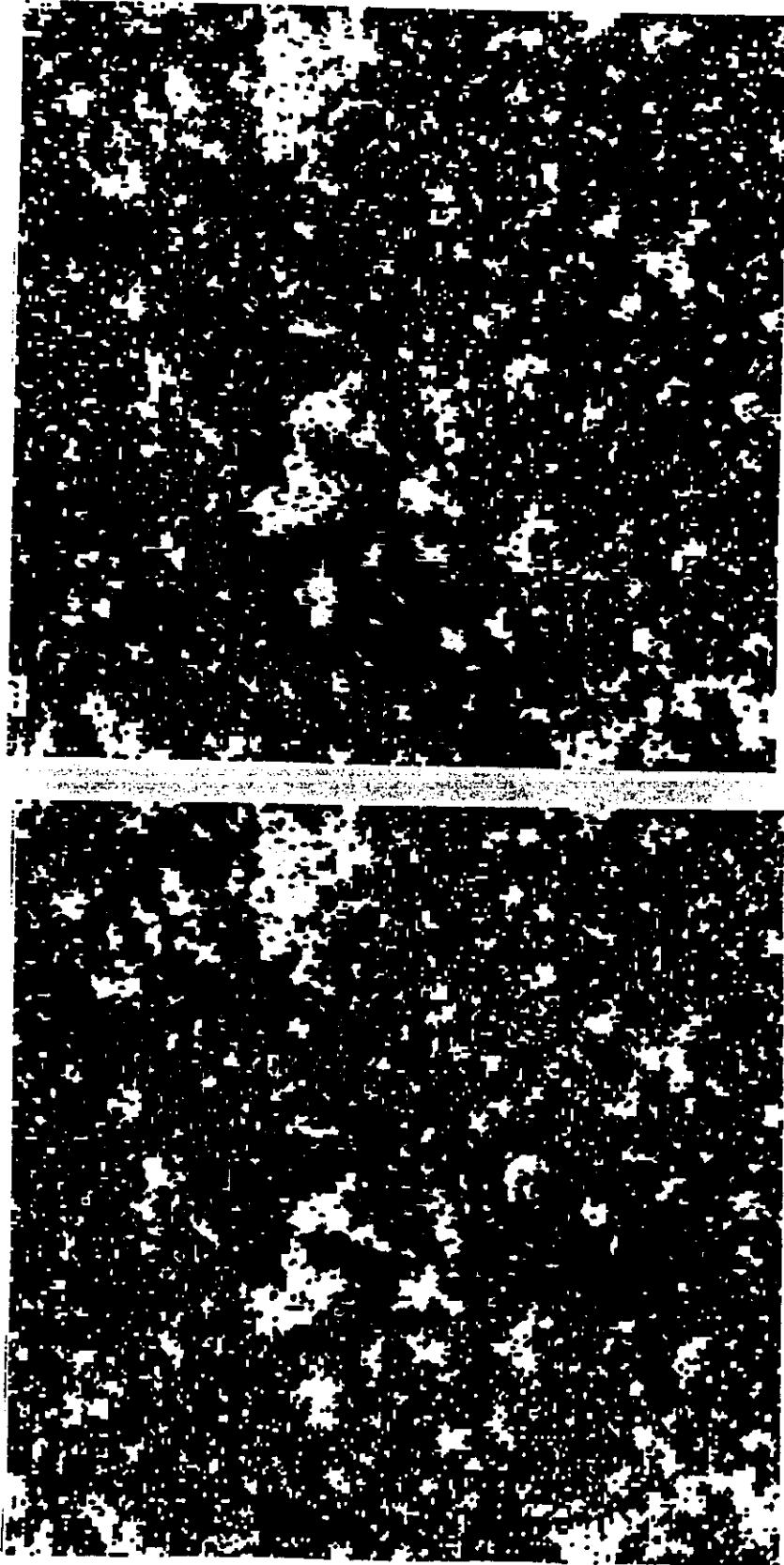
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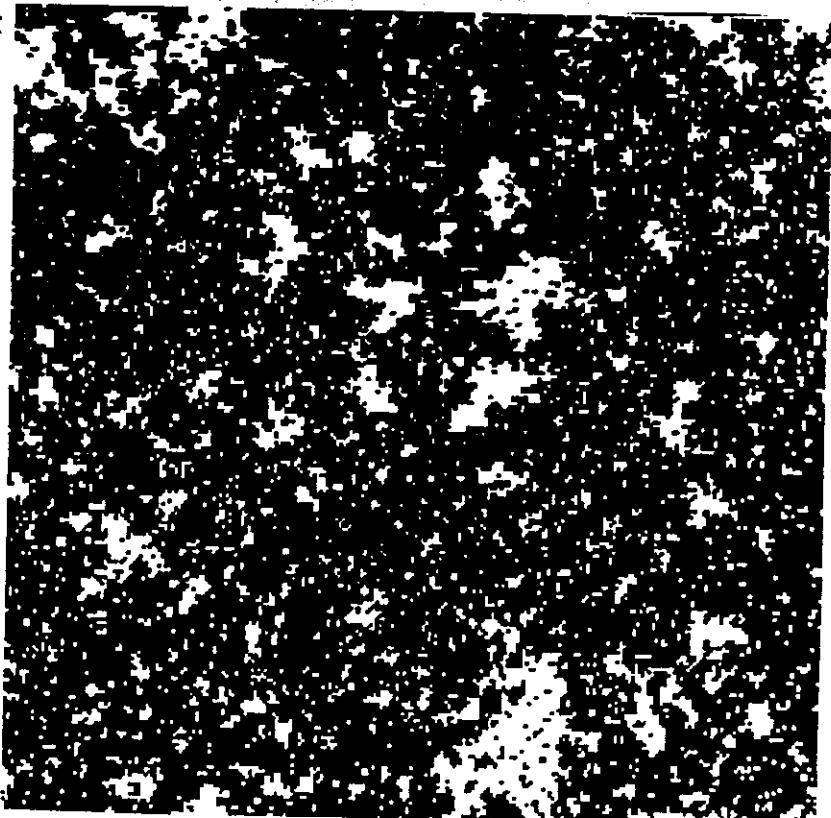
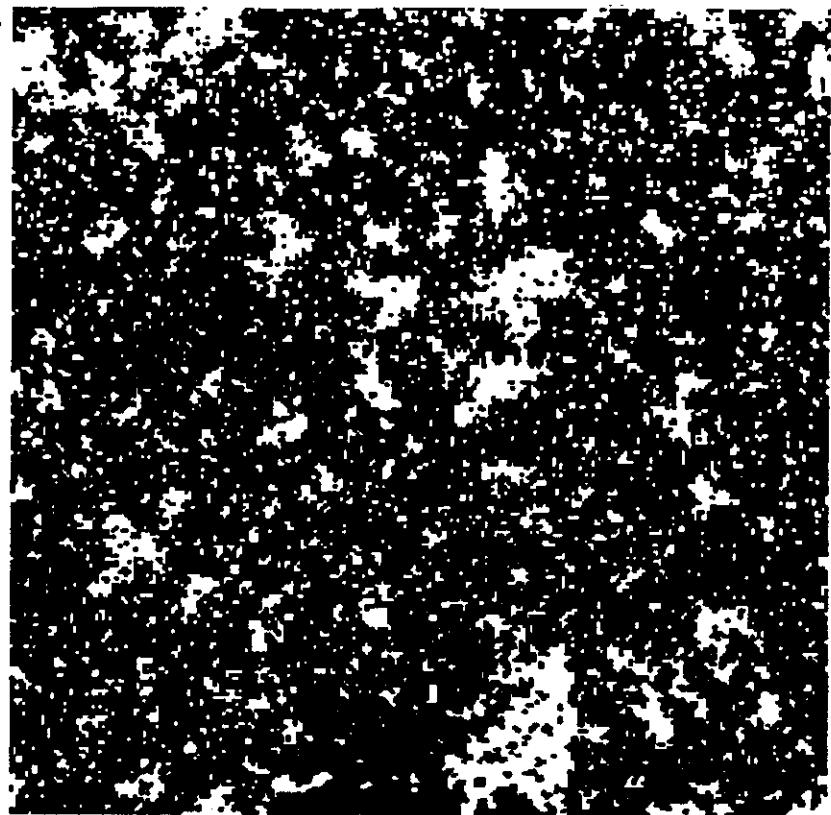
Maximum  $\xi \sim L$

Maximum  $\tilde{\tau} \sim L^z$

Standard Monte Carlo Test

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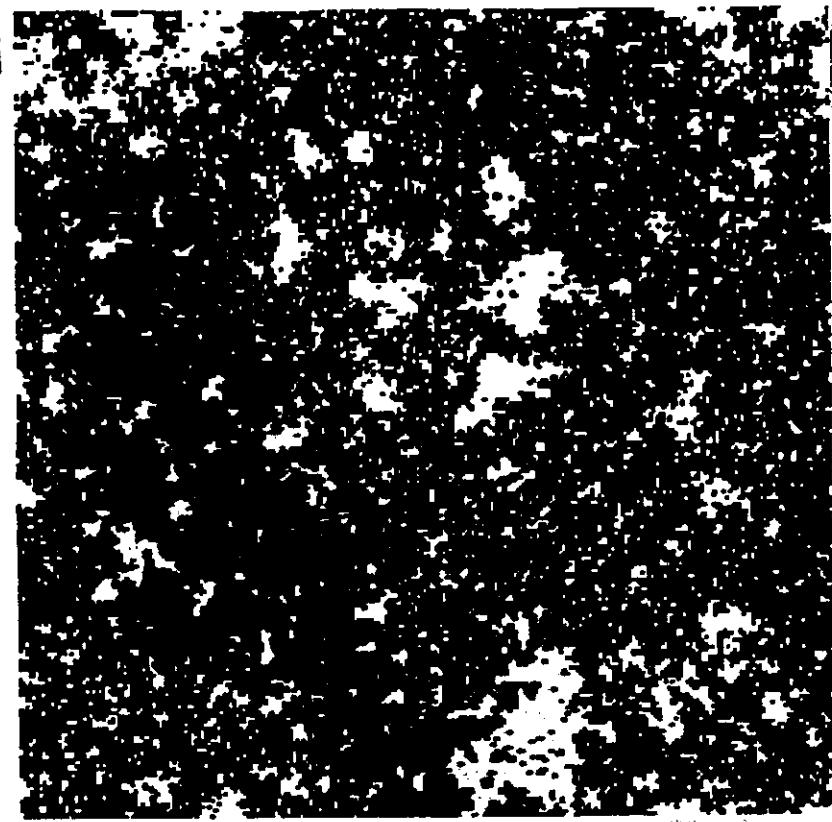




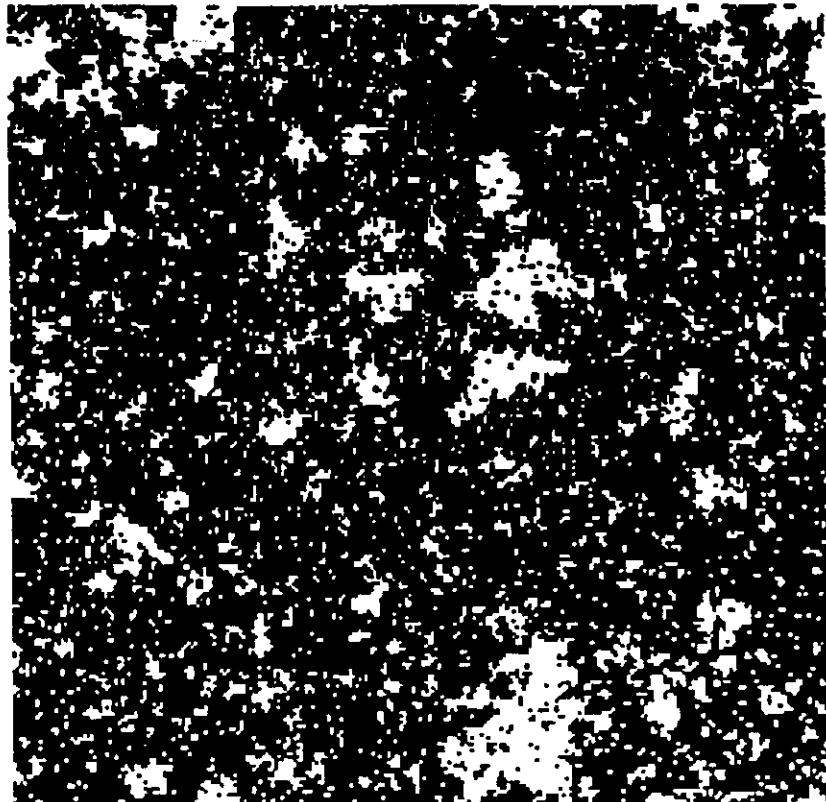
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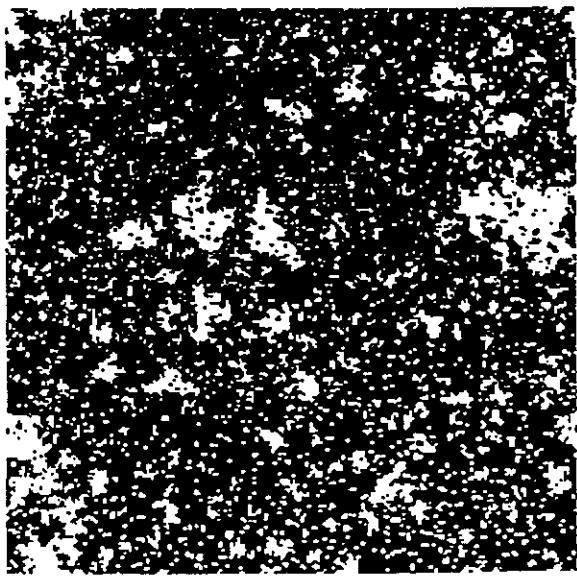
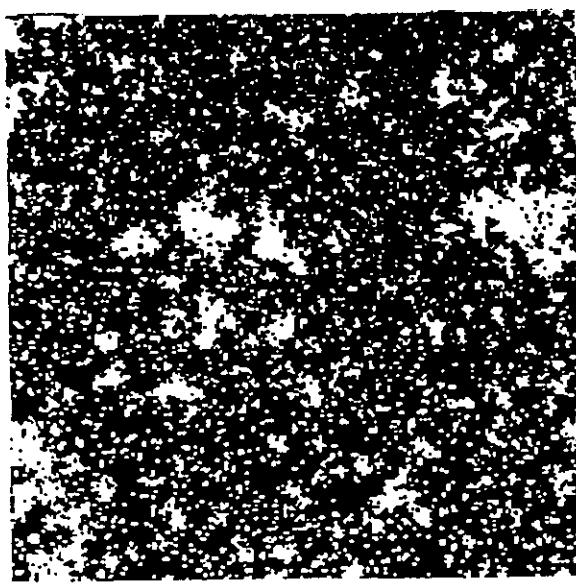
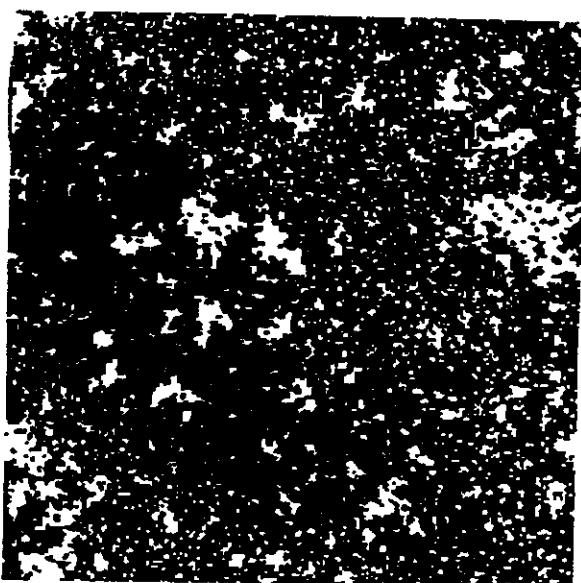
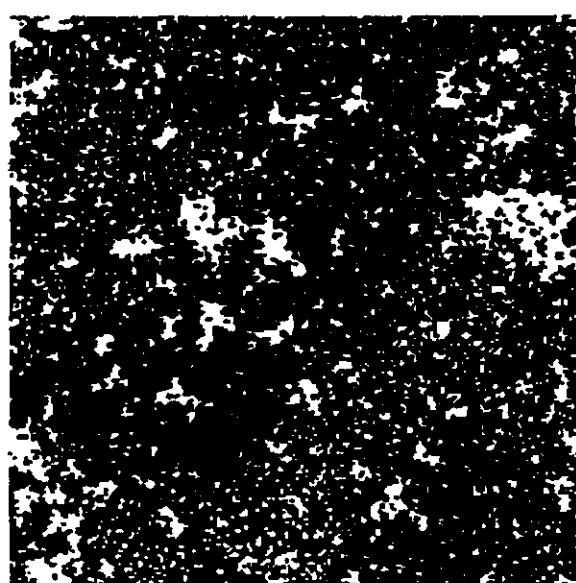
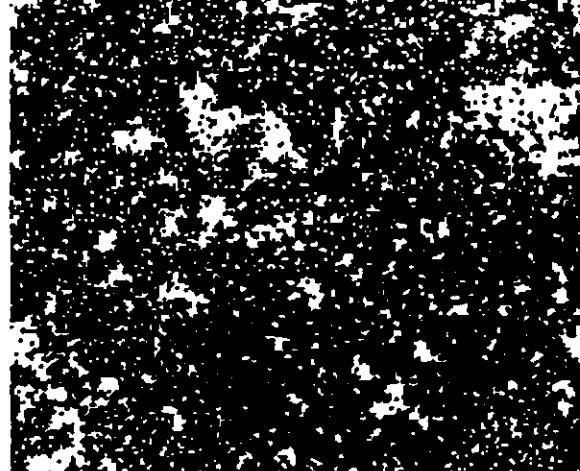


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$T = T_c$

$56 \times 256$



# Monte Carlo Simulation of Bond Percolation

$X(j,k)$  : bond in  $x$ -direction  
at site  $(j,k)$

$Y(j,k)$  : bond in  $y$ -direction

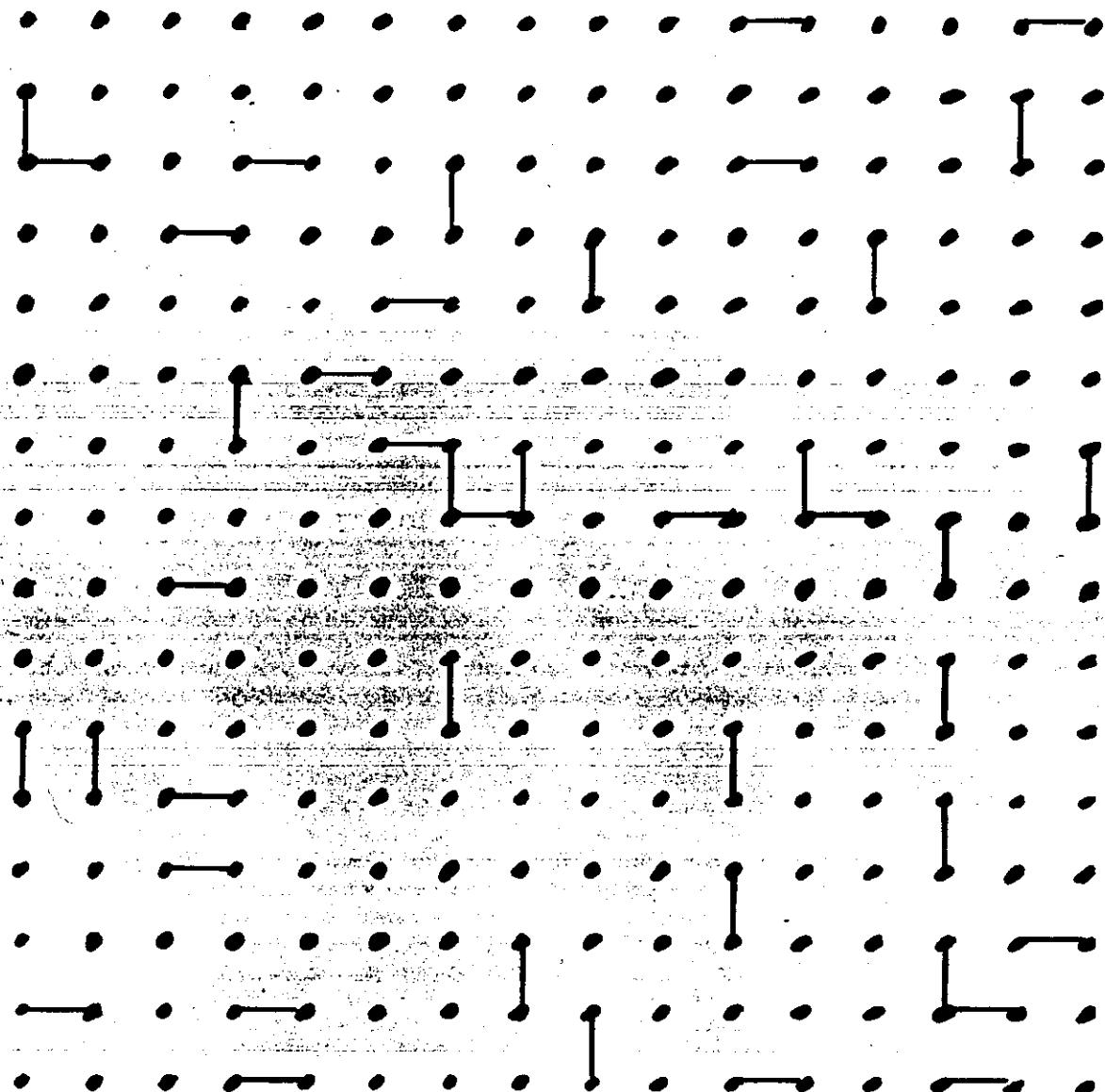
$$X = Y = 0 \text{ or } 1$$

Essential part of program:

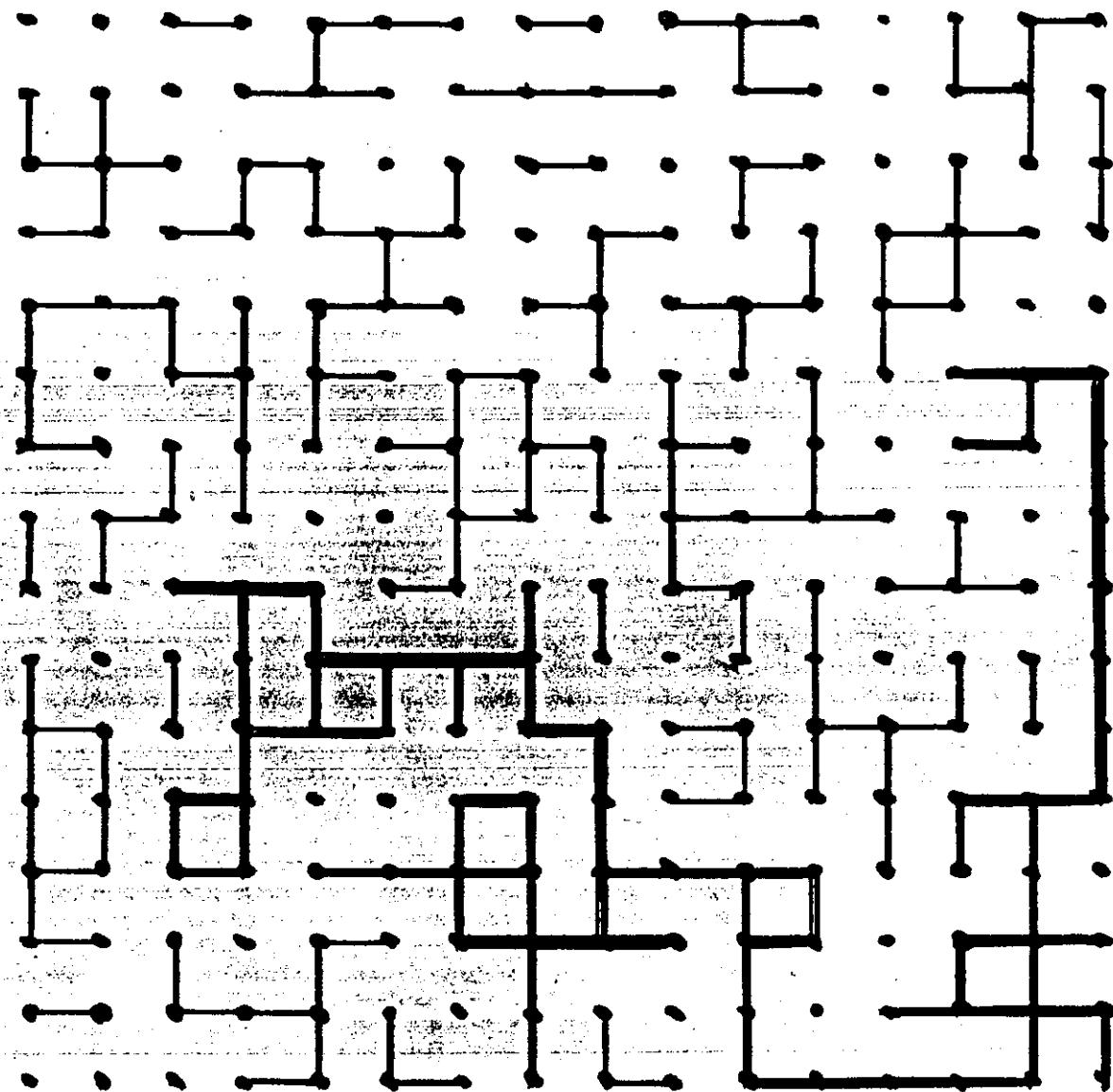
$$X(j,k) = 0$$

$$\text{IF}(\text{RANK}(j,k) . LT . P), X(j,k) = 1$$

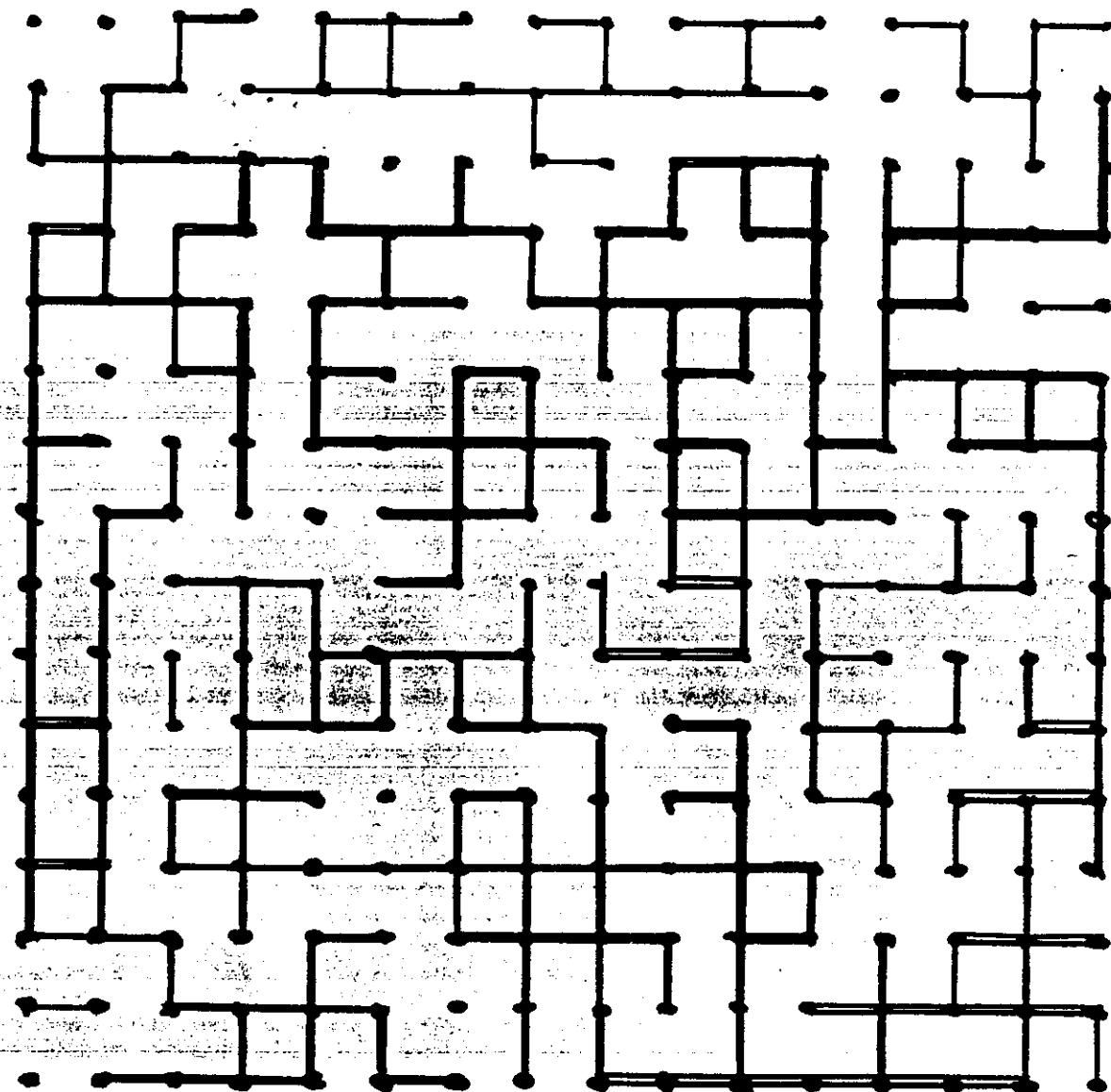
$P = 0.10$



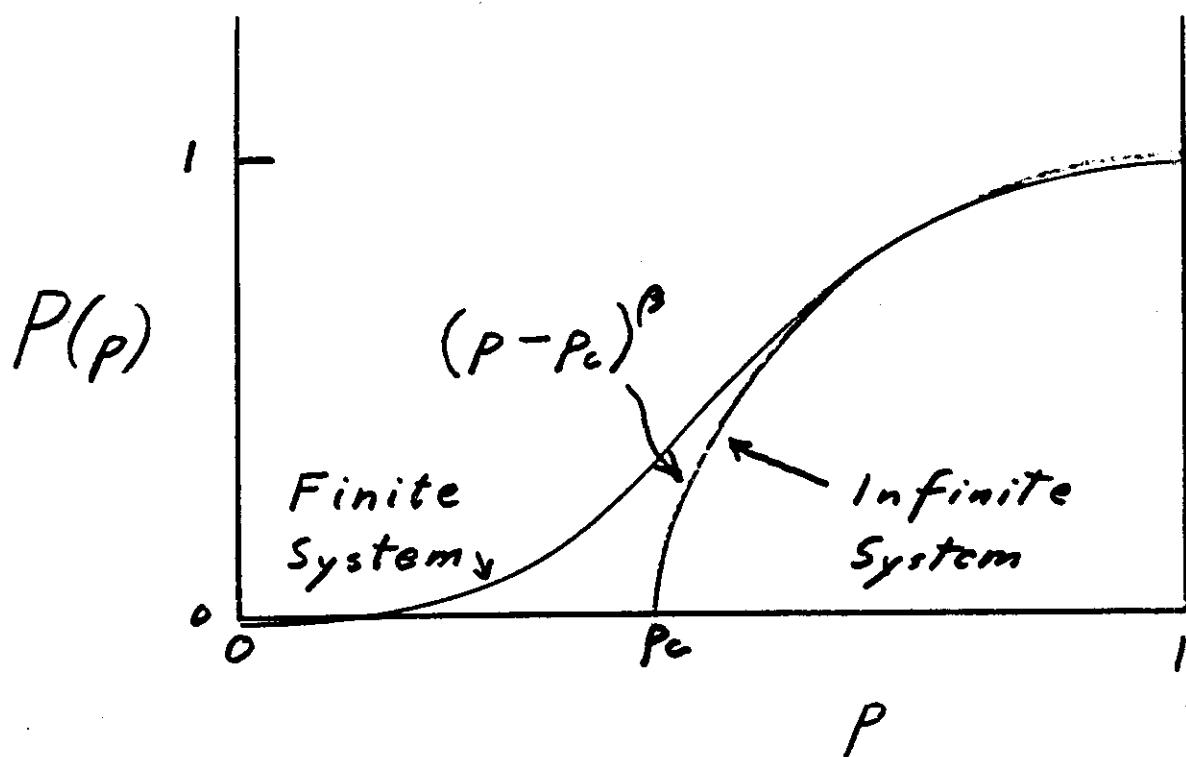
$p = 0.40$



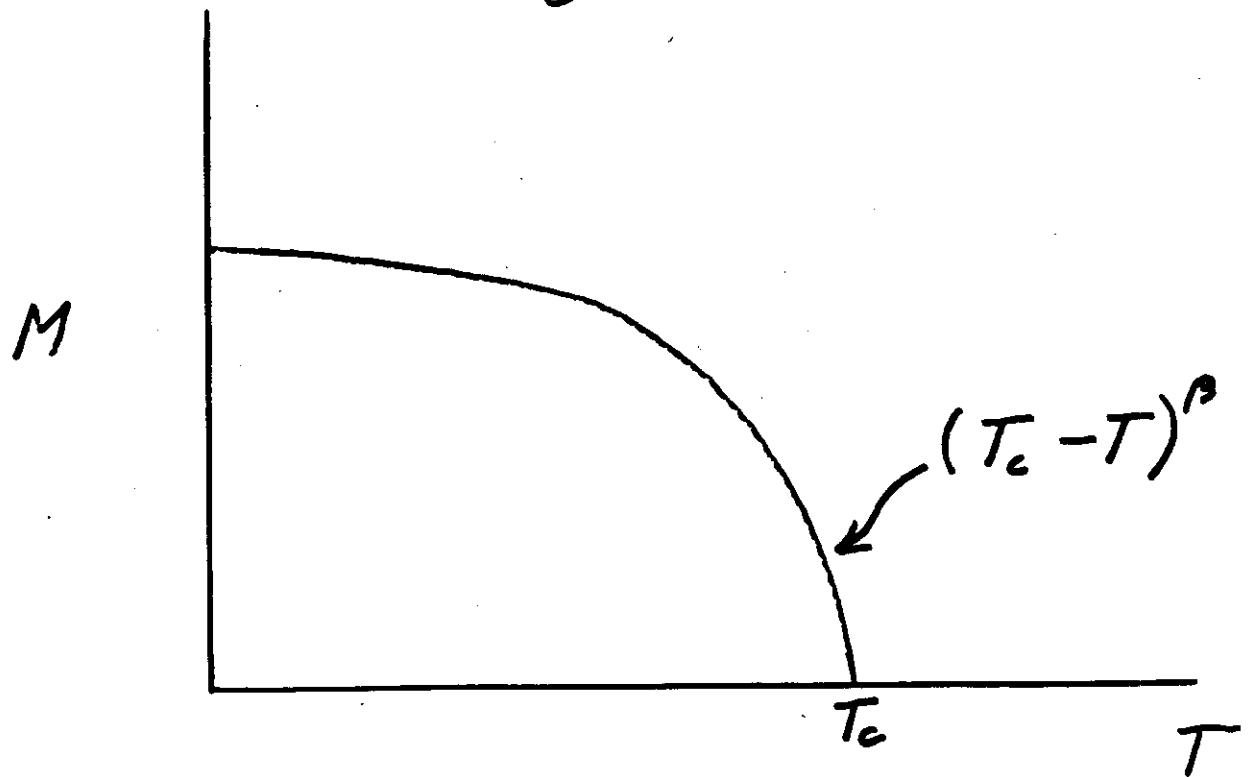
$P = 0.55$



## Percolation



## Magnetization



# Ising Model

$$H = K \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle} \delta_{\sigma_i, \sigma_j}$$

$$\sigma_i = +1 \text{ or } -1$$

or

$$\sigma_i = 1 \text{ or } -1$$

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# Potts Model

$$\sigma_i = 1, 2, 3 \dots q$$

## Potts $\rightarrow$ Percolation

$$H = K \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} (\delta_{\sigma_i, \sigma_j} - 1)$$

$$Z = \operatorname{Tr}_{\sigma} e^H$$

$$H_{\langle lm \rangle} = K \sum_{\substack{\langle ij \rangle \\ \neq \langle lm \rangle}} (\delta_{\sigma_i, \sigma_j} - 1)$$

$$Z_{\langle lm \rangle}^{\text{same}} = \operatorname{Tr}_{\sigma} e^{H_{\langle lm \rangle}} \delta_{\sigma_l, \sigma_m}$$

$$Z_{\langle lm \rangle}^{\text{diff}} = \operatorname{Tr}_{\sigma} e^{H_{\langle lm \rangle}} (1 - \delta_{\sigma_l, \sigma_m})$$

$$Z = Z_{\langle lm \rangle}^{\text{same}} + e^{-K} Z_{\langle lm \rangle}^{\text{diff}}$$

# Potts $\rightarrow$ Percolation

$$Z = Z_{\langle \text{em} \rangle}^{\text{same}} + e^{-K} Z_{\langle \text{em} \rangle}^{\text{diff}}$$

$$Z_{\langle \text{em} \rangle}^{\text{indep}} \equiv \text{Tr}_{\sigma} e^{H_{\langle \text{em} \rangle}}$$

$$Z_{\langle \text{em} \rangle}^{\text{indep}} = Z_{\langle \text{em} \rangle}^{\text{same}} + Z_{\langle \text{em} \rangle}^{\text{diff}}$$

$$Z = (1 - e^{-K}) Z_{\langle \text{em} \rangle}^{\text{same}} + e^{-K} Z_{\langle \text{em} \rangle}^{\text{indep}}$$

$\uparrow$   $\uparrow$   
 $P$   $(1-P)$

## Potts $\rightarrow$ Percolation

$$Z = p Z_{\langle \text{em} \rangle}^{\text{same}} + (1-p) Z_{\langle \text{em} \rangle}^{\text{indep}}$$

$$p = 1 - e^{-K}$$

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$$Z = \underset{\{\text{links}\}}{\text{Tr}} \ p^b (1-p)^{\frac{b}{2}} s^{N_c}$$

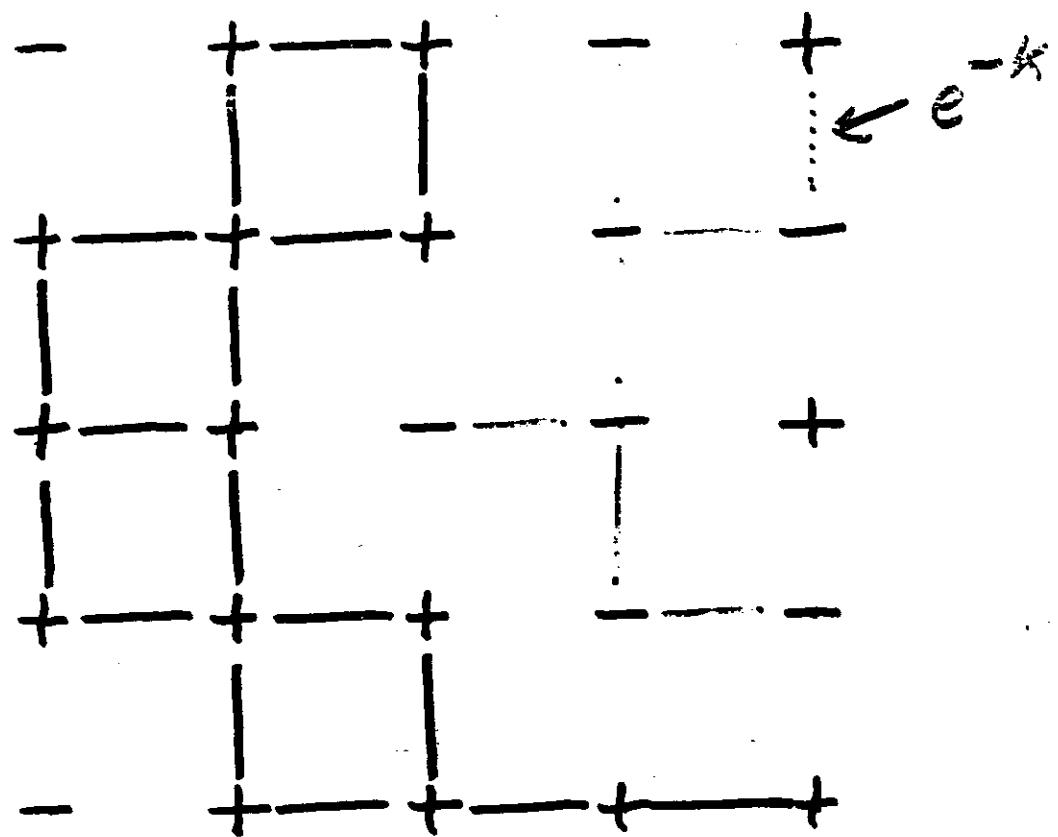
$$Z = \langle s^{N_c} \rangle_{\{\text{links}\}}$$

$$\langle N_c \rangle = \lim_{s \rightarrow 1} \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial s} \ln Z \right]$$

Kasteleyn + Fortuin, 1969

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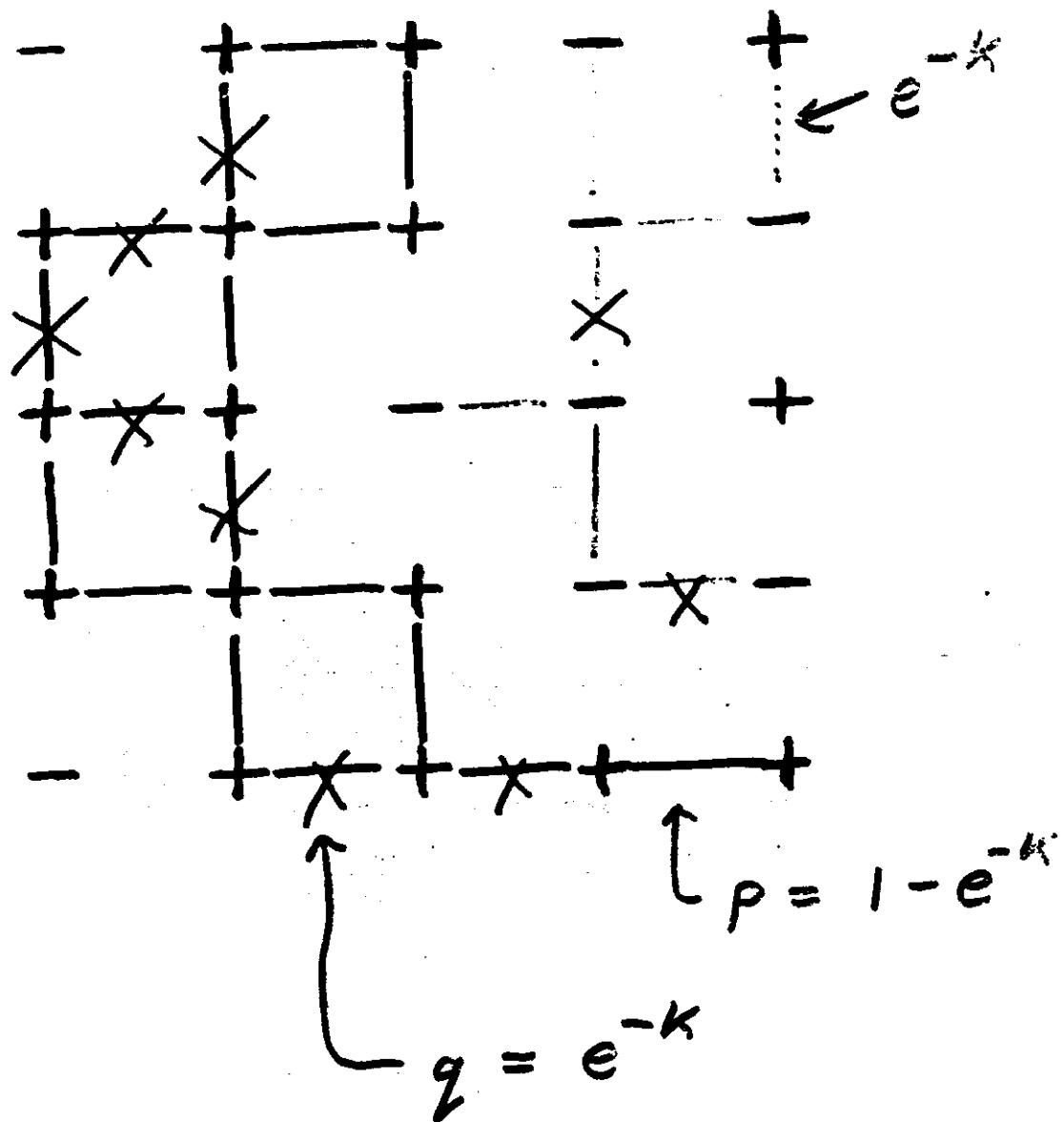
## Potts Clusters



X X X  
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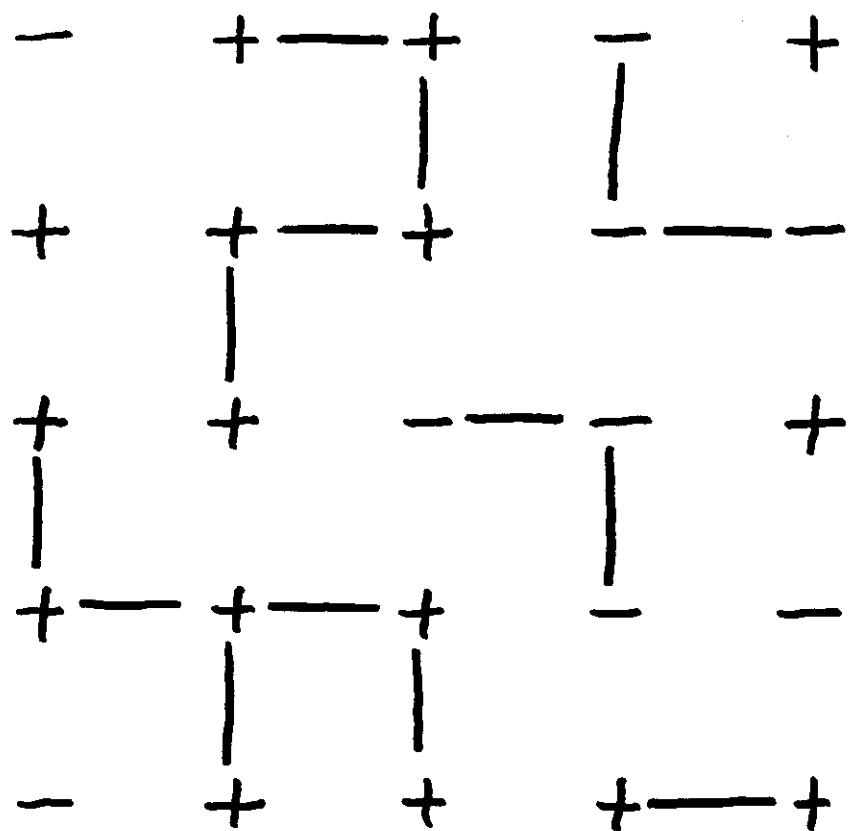
$$z = e^{-k}$$
$$P = 1 - e^{-k}$$

# Potts Clusters



# Site - Bond

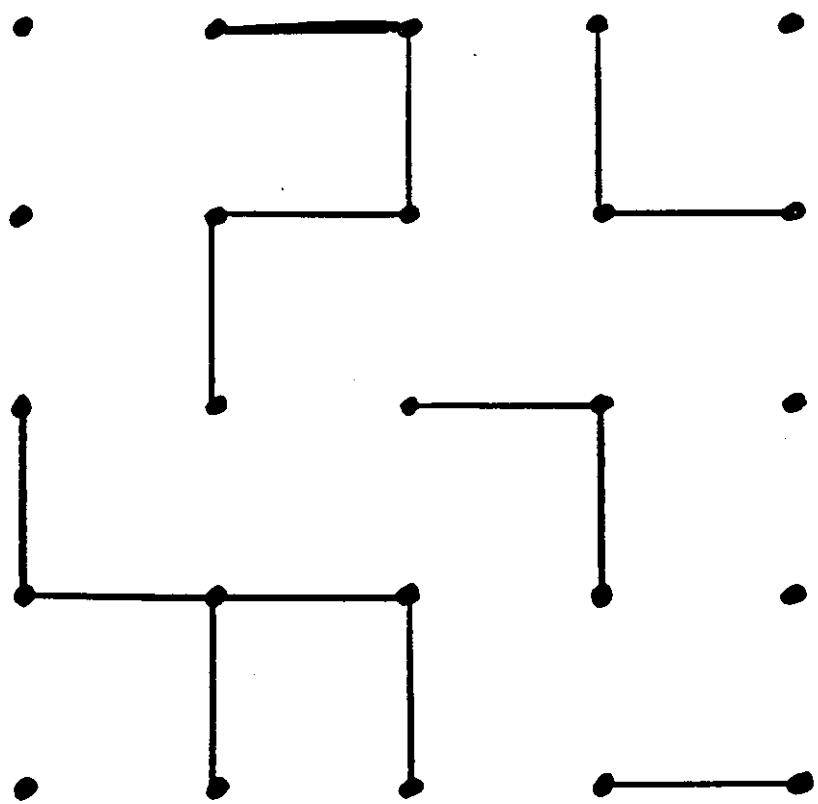
## Correlated Percolation



8 5-8

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# Percolation Clusters



$$\beta^{\frac{d}{2}} \quad \beta^{\frac{d-2}{2}} \quad \beta^{\frac{d}{2}}$$

$s = \# \text{ of Potts states}$

$$q = e^{-K} = 1 - p$$

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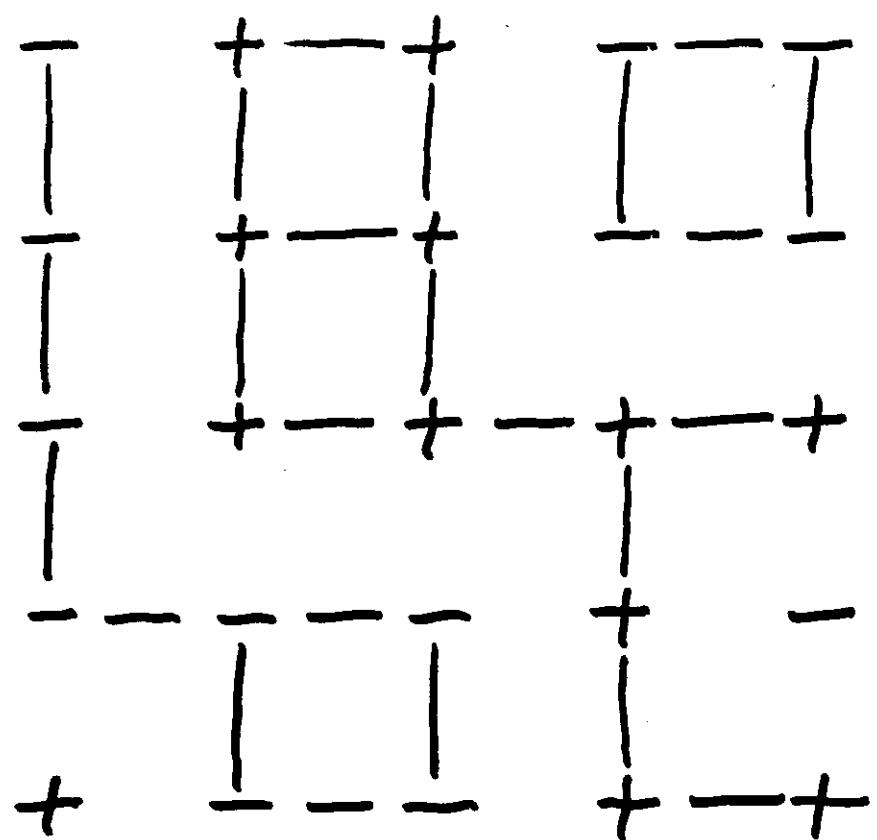
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## New Potts Clusters



## Order Parameter

Ising Ferromagnet

$$M = \lim_{H \rightarrow 0^+} \lim_{L \rightarrow \infty} L^{-d} \langle \bar{\tau}_i \tau_i \rangle$$

$$= \lim_{H \rightarrow 0^+} \lim_{L \rightarrow \infty} L^{-d} \left\langle \sum_n c_n \sigma_n \right\rangle$$

sum on clusters

$$M = \lim_{H \rightarrow 0^+} \lim_{L \rightarrow \infty} L^{-d} \langle c_{\text{largest}} \rangle$$

## Magnetic Susceptibility

$$\chi = L^{-d} \left\langle \frac{\vec{z}_i}{z_i^2} \cdot \vec{\sigma}_i \right\rangle$$

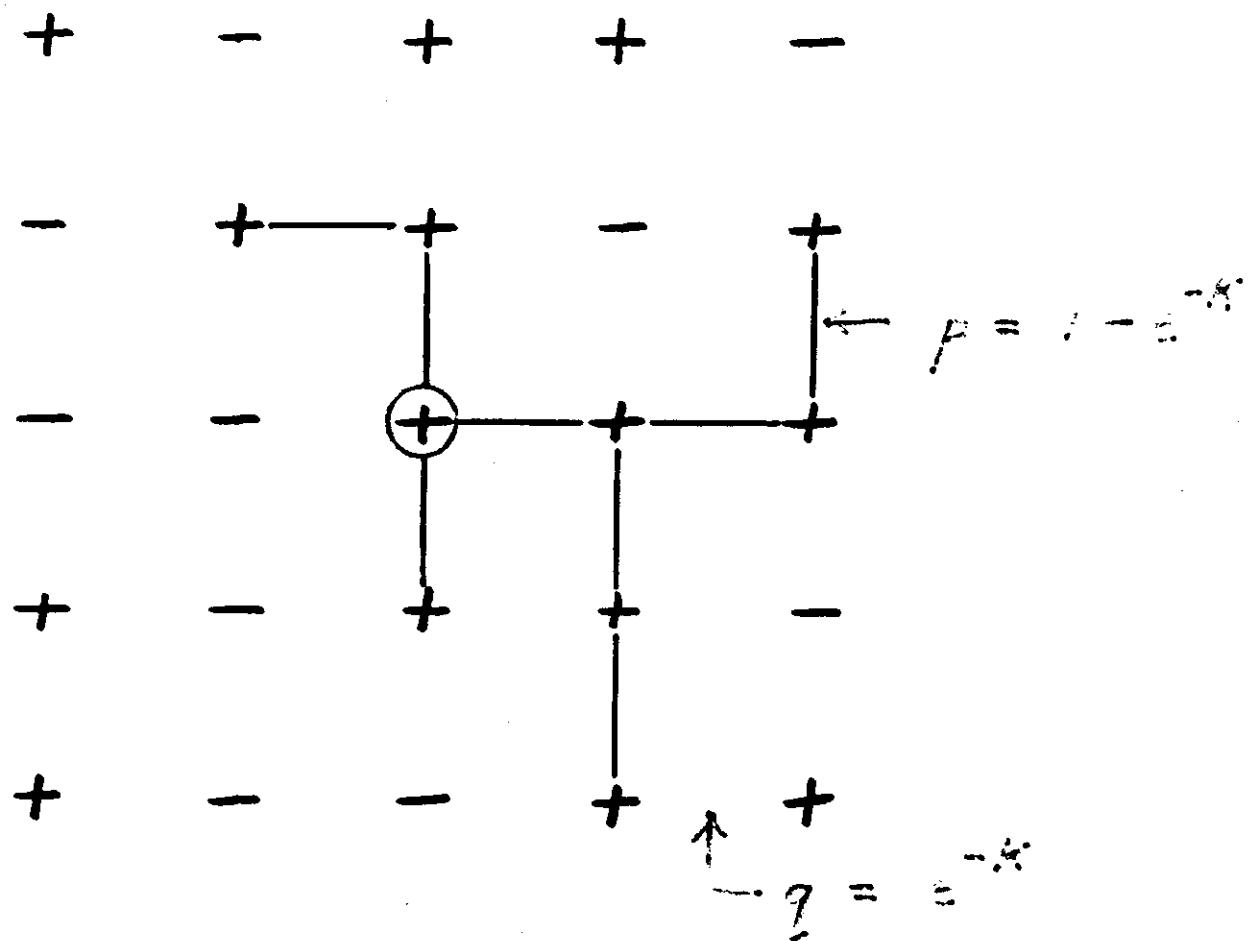
$$\chi = L^{-d} \left\langle \sum_{n,m} c_n c_m \sigma_n \sigma_m \right\rangle$$

$$\langle \sigma_n \sigma_m \rangle = \delta_{n,m}$$

$$\chi = L^{-d} \left\langle \sum_n c_n^2 \right\rangle$$

# Single-Cluster Algorithm

U. Wolff

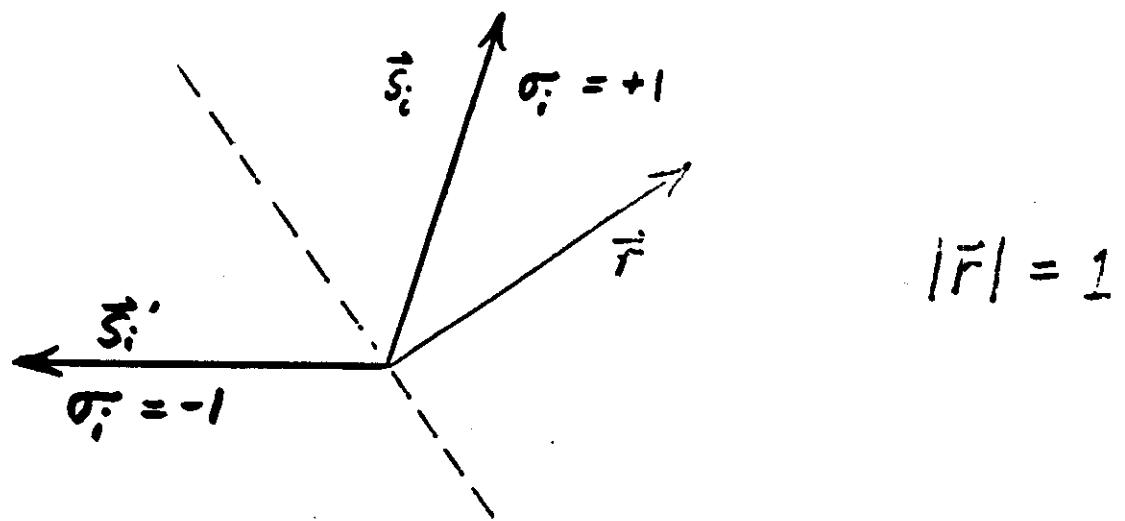


# Embedded Ising Variables

U. Wolff

For  $O(n)$  models

Example:  $\vec{s}_i = (s_{ix}, s_{iy})$ ,  $|\vec{s}_i| = 1$



$$\vec{s}'_i = \vec{s}_i + (\sigma_i - 1) (\vec{r} \cdot \vec{s}_i) \vec{r}$$

Application to  
Anti ferromagnet

$$K < 0$$

PROBLEM:

$$P = 1 - e^{-K} < 0$$

$$\varrho = e^{-K} > 1$$

# Ising Anti ferromagnet

$$K < 0$$

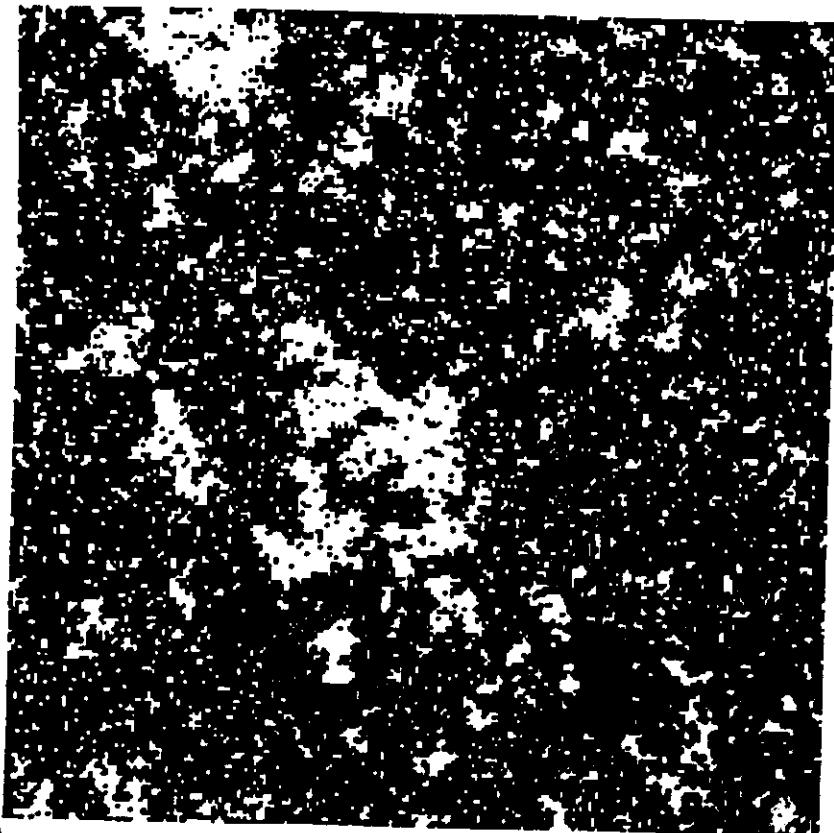
Eliminate  $Z_{\langle \text{ens} \rangle}^{\text{same}}$

$$e^K Z = (1 - e^K) Z_{\langle \text{ens} \rangle}^{\text{diff}} + e^K Z_{\langle \text{ens} \rangle}^{\text{ind}}$$

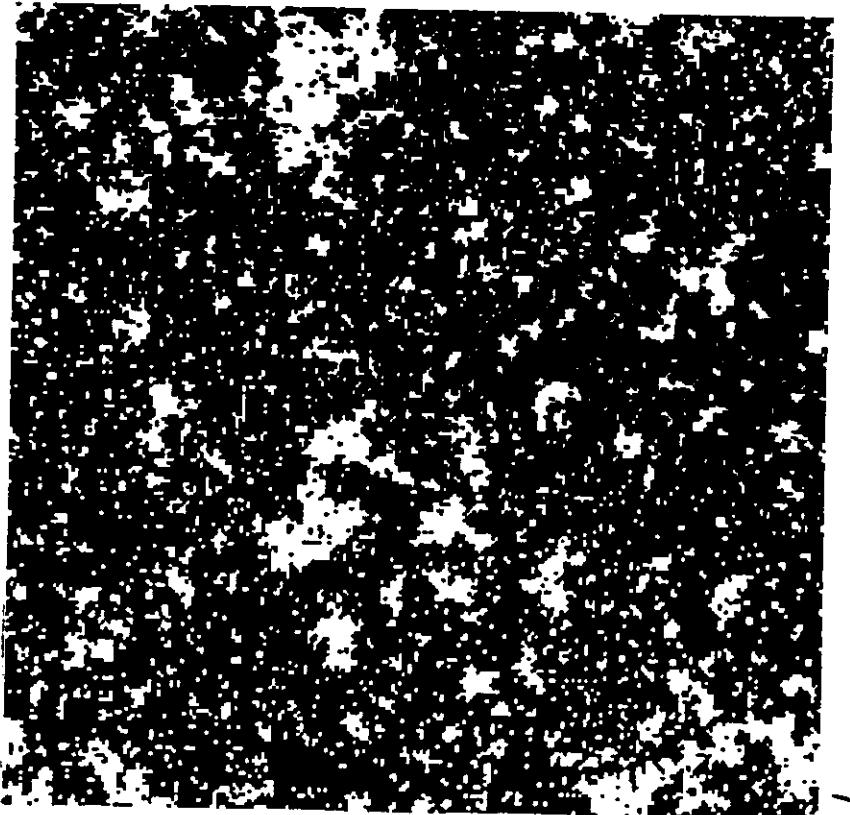
$\uparrow$                                      $\uparrow$   
 $p$                                      $1-p$

$1 - e^K$  = Probability of antibond

$\Rightarrow$  Anti clusters

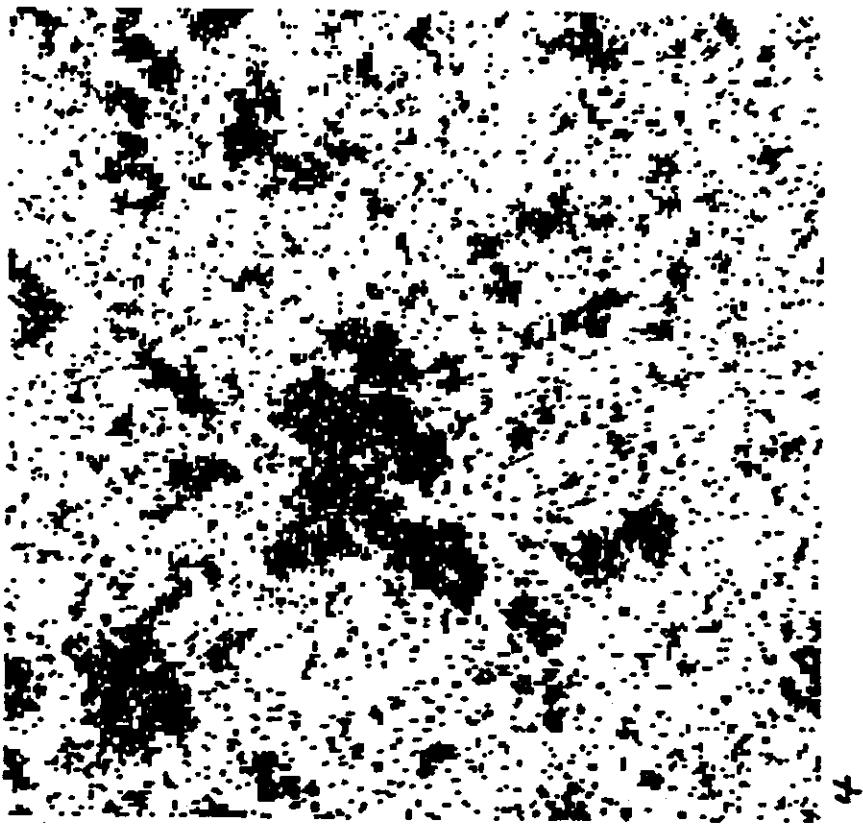


2.  $\mu$



7.  $\mu$

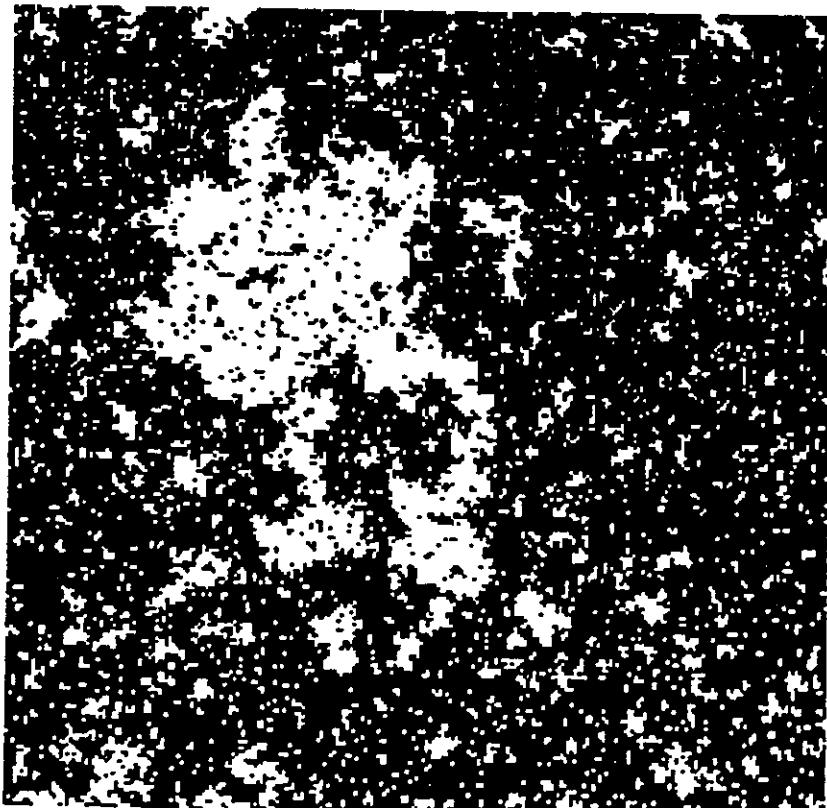
1.  $\mu$  - 100% solution



$T = T_c$

Plastic - glass transition

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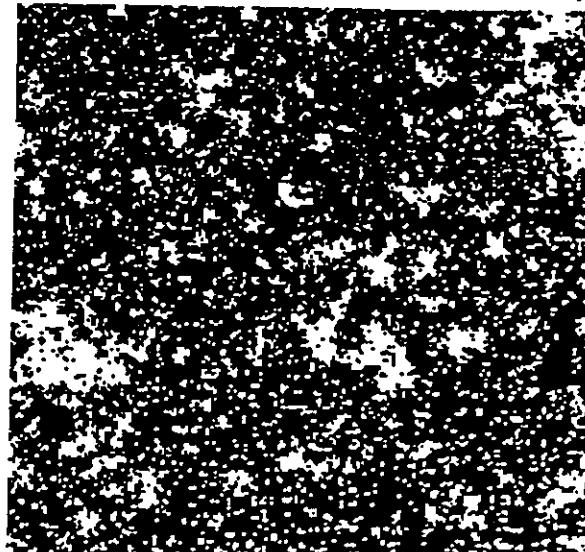
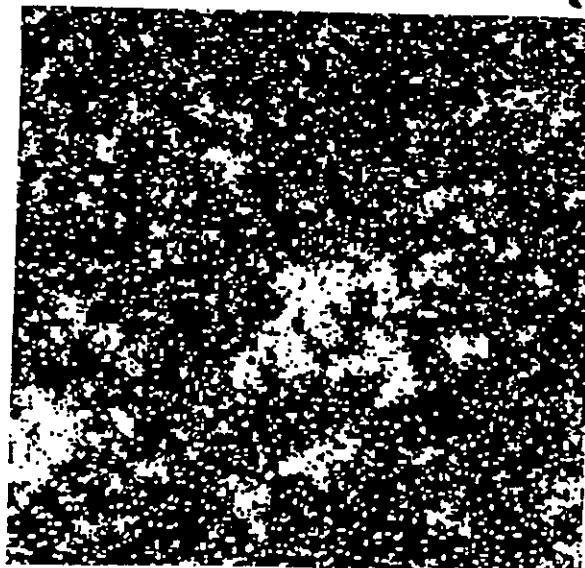
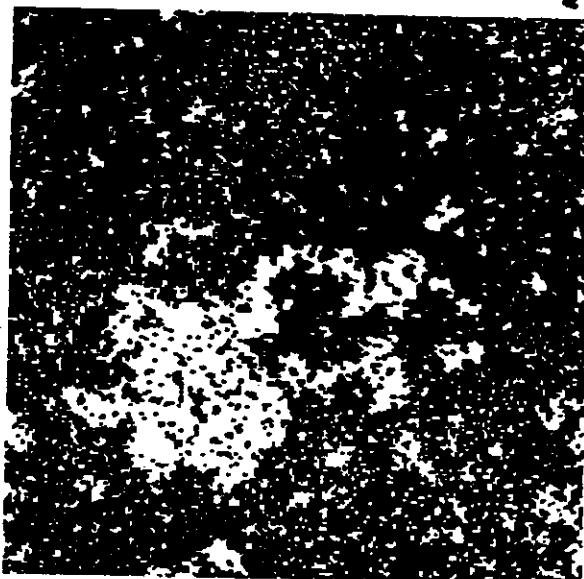
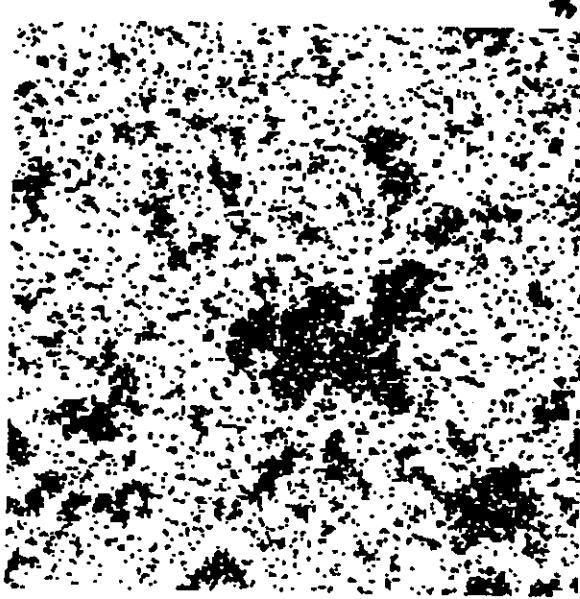
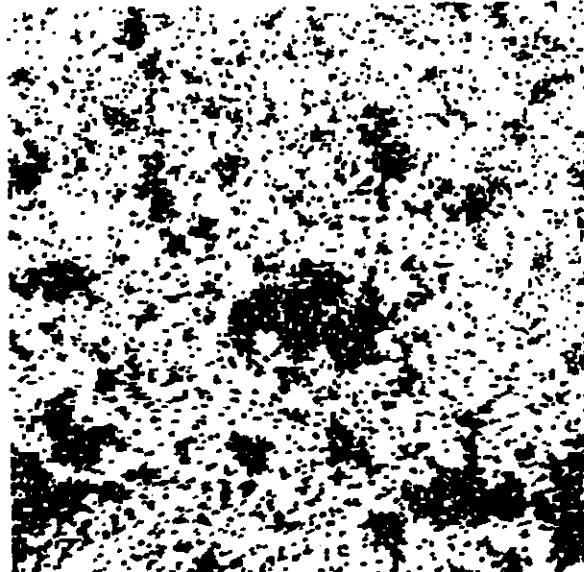
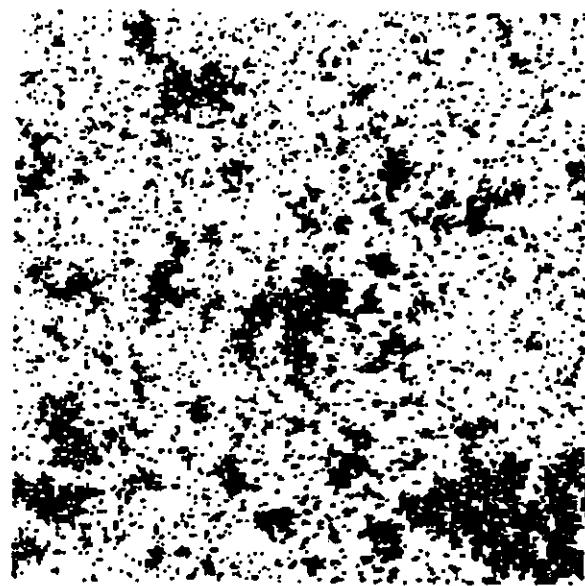


Prob. *infestation*

T<sub>3</sub>T<sub>6</sub>

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55x.

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## "Density of States"

$W(E)$  is the number of states with energy  $E$

$$Z = \sum_{\{\sigma\}} \exp[-\beta E(\sigma)]$$

$$= \sum_E W(E) e^{-\beta E}$$

$$P(E) = \frac{1}{Z} W(E) e^{-\beta E}$$

## Partition Function

$$Z = e^{-\beta F} = \text{Tr}_{\{\sigma\}} \exp [-\beta \mathcal{H}(\sigma)] \\ = \sum_E W(E) \exp [-\beta E]$$

$$\beta = 1 / k_B T$$

Monte Carlo simulation at  $\beta_i$

$\Rightarrow$  histogram  $N_i(E)$

$$\sum_E N_i(E) = n_i$$

$$\overline{N_i(E)} = n_i W(E) e^{-\beta_i E} e^{f_i}$$

$$f_i \equiv \beta_i F(\beta_i)$$

Approximation for  $W(E)$

$$W(E) \approx n_i^{-1} N_i(E) e^{\beta_i E} e^{-f_i}$$

Then for other values of  $\beta$

$$\langle A(E) \rangle = \sum_E A(E) W(E) e^{-\beta E} / Z(\beta)$$

$$Z(\beta) = \sum_E W(E) e^{-\beta E}$$

Single - Histogram Equation

$$\langle A(E) \rangle_\beta = \frac{\sum_E A(E) N_i(E) \exp[-(\beta - \beta_i) E]}{\sum_E N_i(E) \exp[-(\beta - \beta_i) E]}$$

Lising Model  
d = 8  
16 x 16

Fig. 1

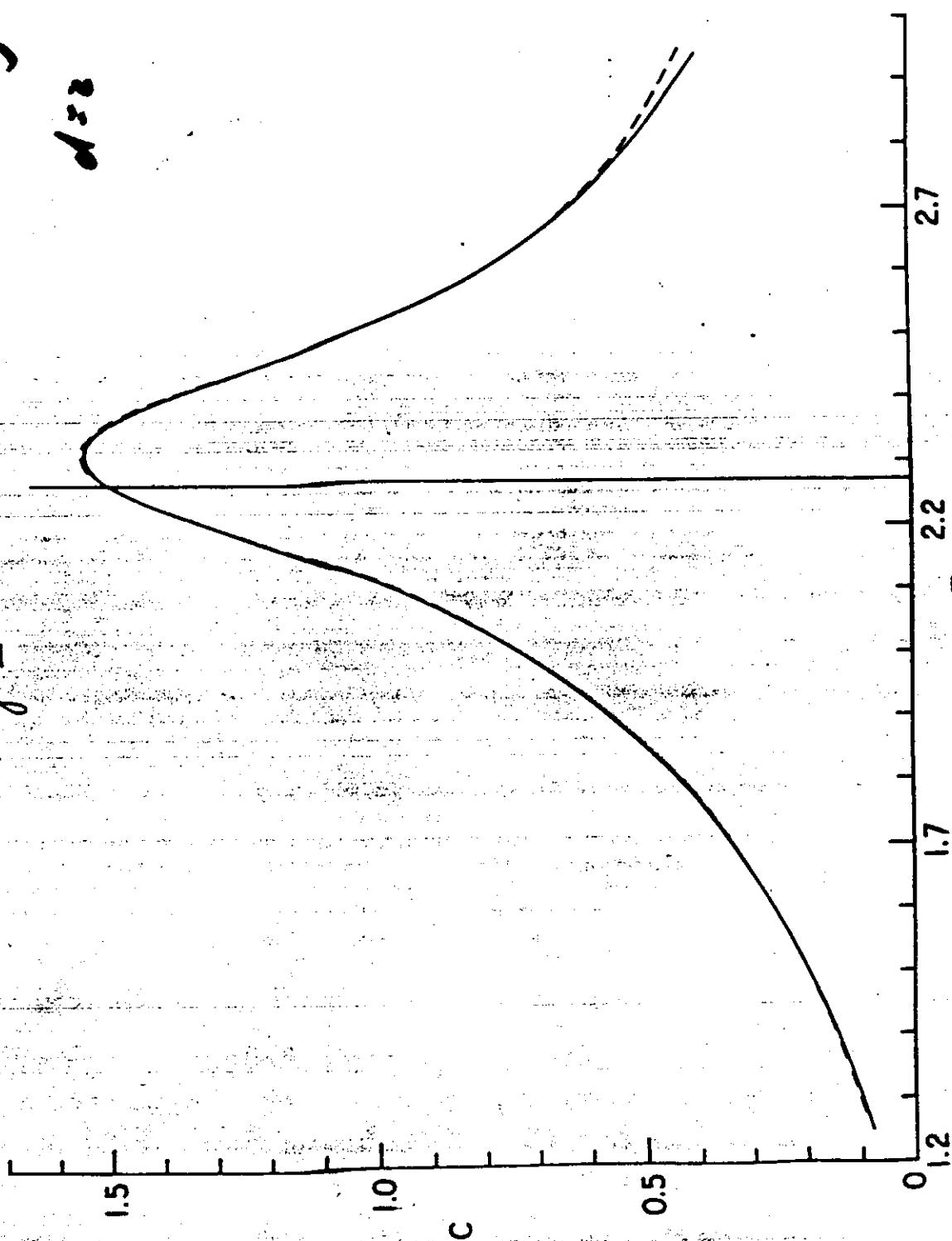
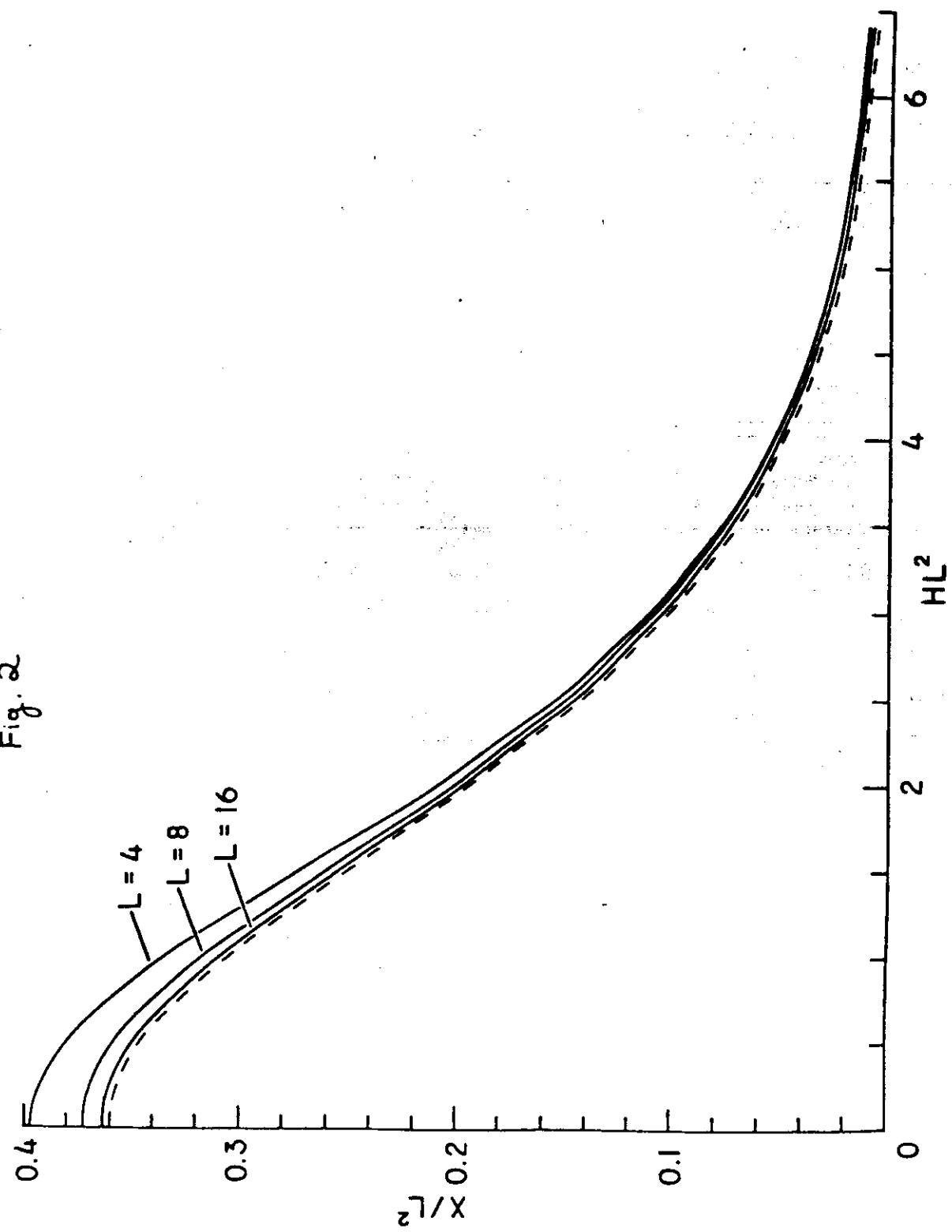


Fig. 2



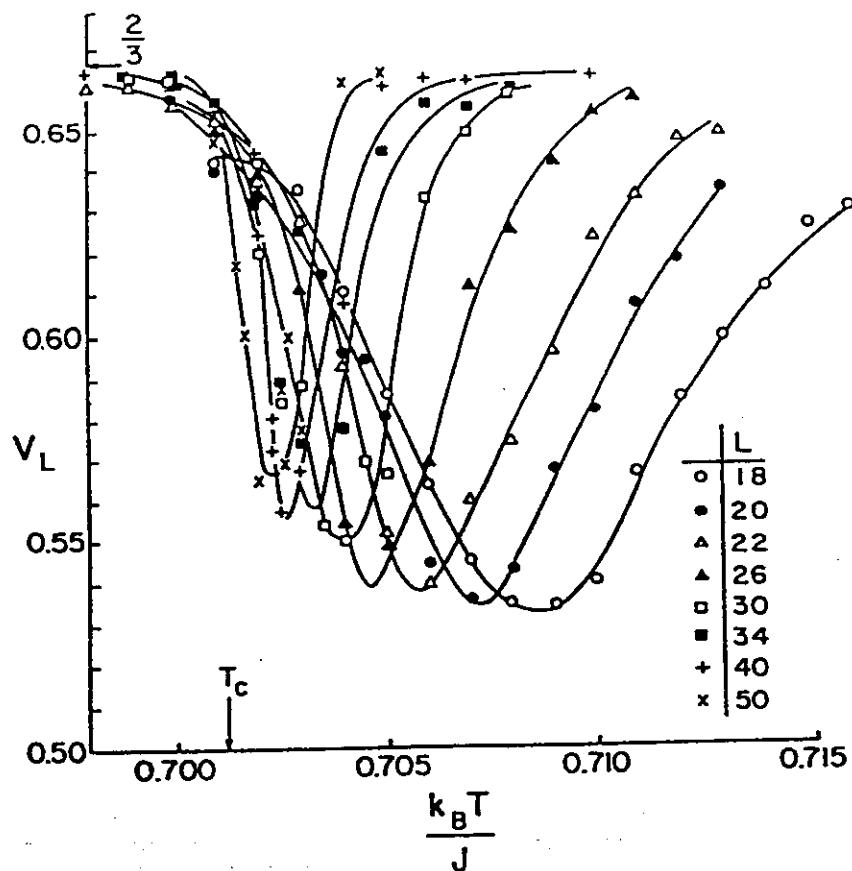


Fig. 1.4. Temperature variation of  $V_L$ , Eq. (1.11), of the two-dimensional 10-state Potts model for various lattice sizes. The transition temperature  $T_c$  and the trivial limit ( $2/3$ ) for  $V_L \rightarrow \infty$  are indicated. The nontrivial limit [ $|V_{L_{\min}}| \rightarrow 0.559$ , Eq. (1.18)] is consistent with the data. (From [1.48])

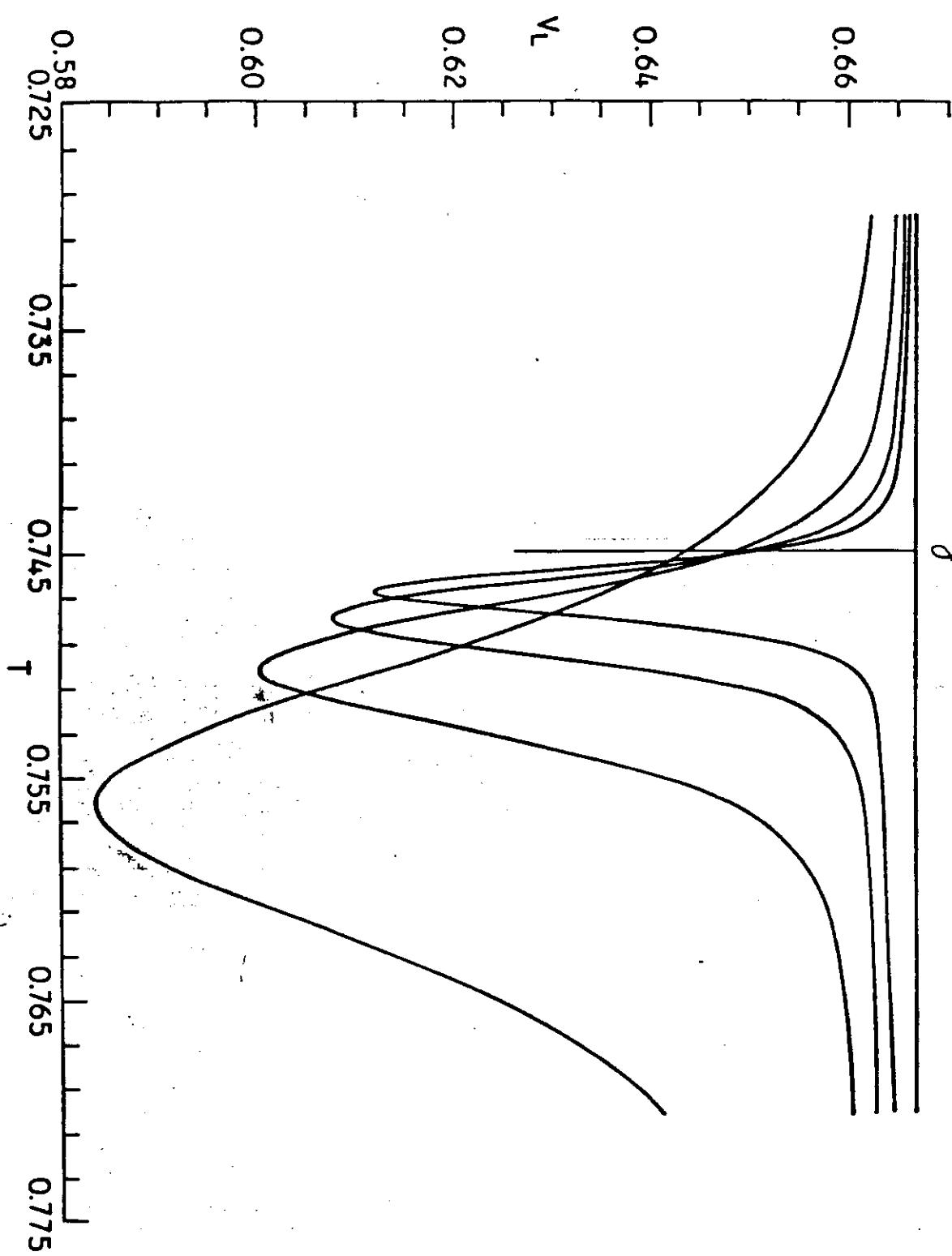
$$V_L = 1 - \frac{\langle E^4 \rangle_L}{3 \langle E^2 \rangle_L}$$

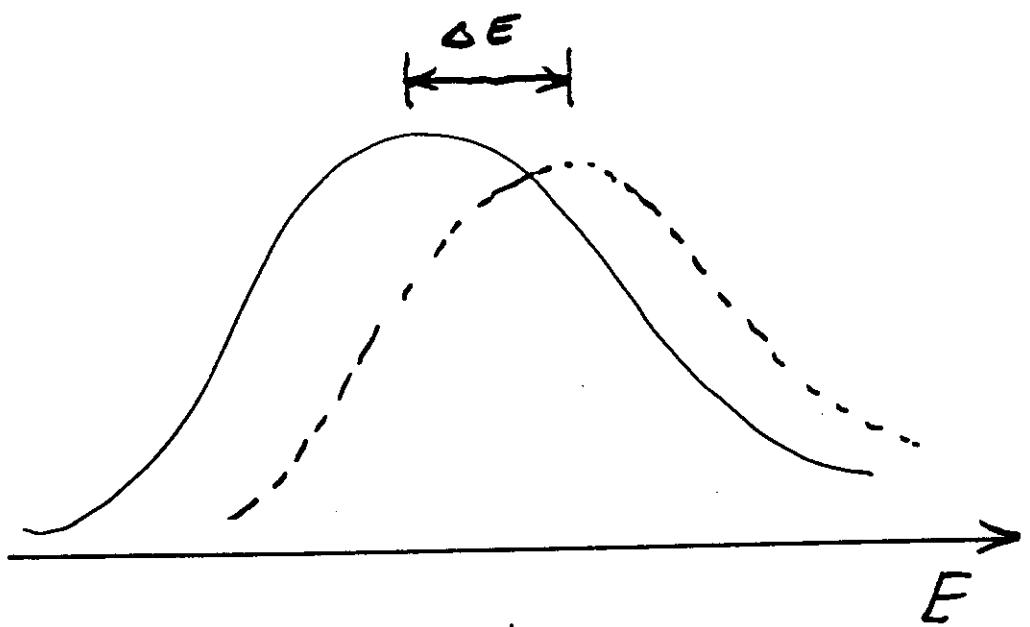
$$V_L^{\min} \rightarrow \begin{cases} 2/3 & \text{2nd order} \\ \frac{2}{3} - \frac{1}{3} \left( \frac{E_+^2 - E_-^2}{2E_+ E_-} \right)^2 & \text{1st order} \end{cases}$$

$$q = \delta / \rho_0 v_0$$

$$d = 2$$

Fig. 3





$$\Delta E \approx \left[ \langle (E - \langle E \rangle)^2 \rangle \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} = [L^d c]^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$\Delta E = \frac{\Delta E}{\Delta K} \Delta K = L^d c \Delta K$$

$$\Delta K \approx L^{-d/2} c^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$\text{At } K_c \quad c \sim L^{\alpha/\nu}$$

$$\Delta K \sim L^{-\frac{1}{2}(d+\alpha/\nu)} = L^{-\alpha/\nu} = L^{-x}$$

$$\alpha = 2 - d\nu$$

$$d + \alpha/\nu = 2/\nu$$

# General Ensembles

$$P(E) \sim W(E) f(E)$$

Boltzmann

$$f(E) = e^{-\beta E}$$

$$\beta = 1/k_B T$$

"Multicanonical"

Berg + Neuhaus

$$f(E) \sim 1/W(E)$$

$$\Rightarrow P(E) \sim \text{constant}$$

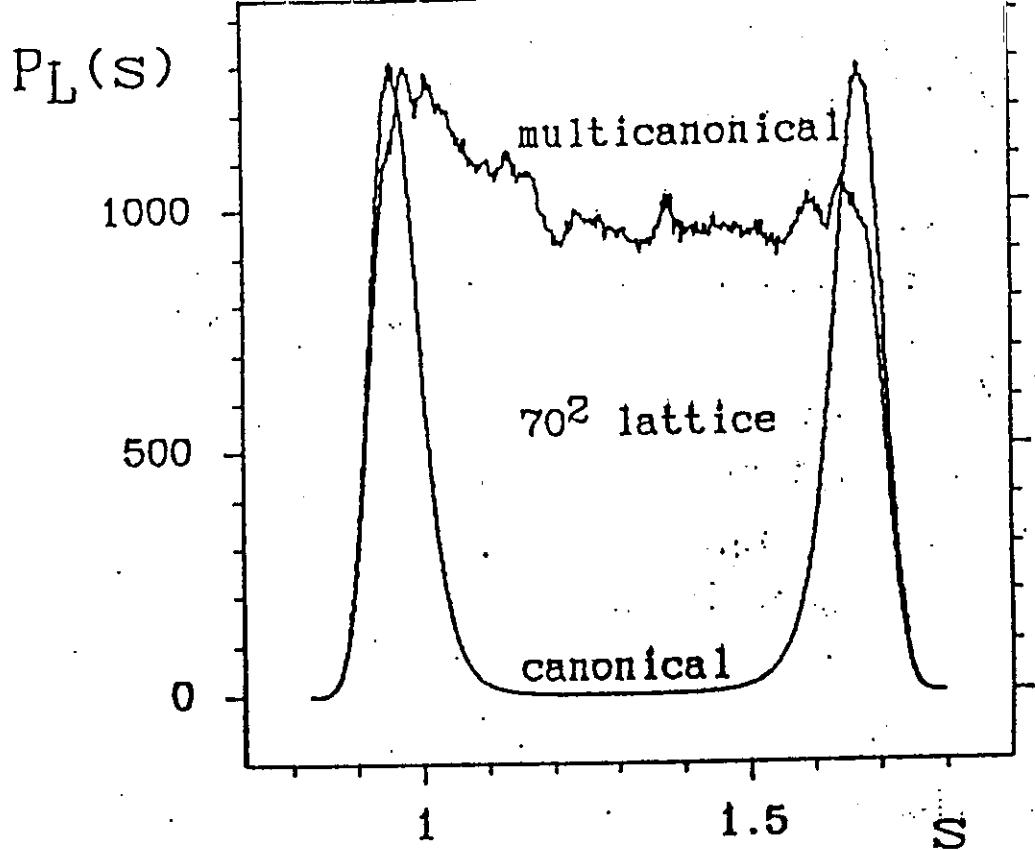
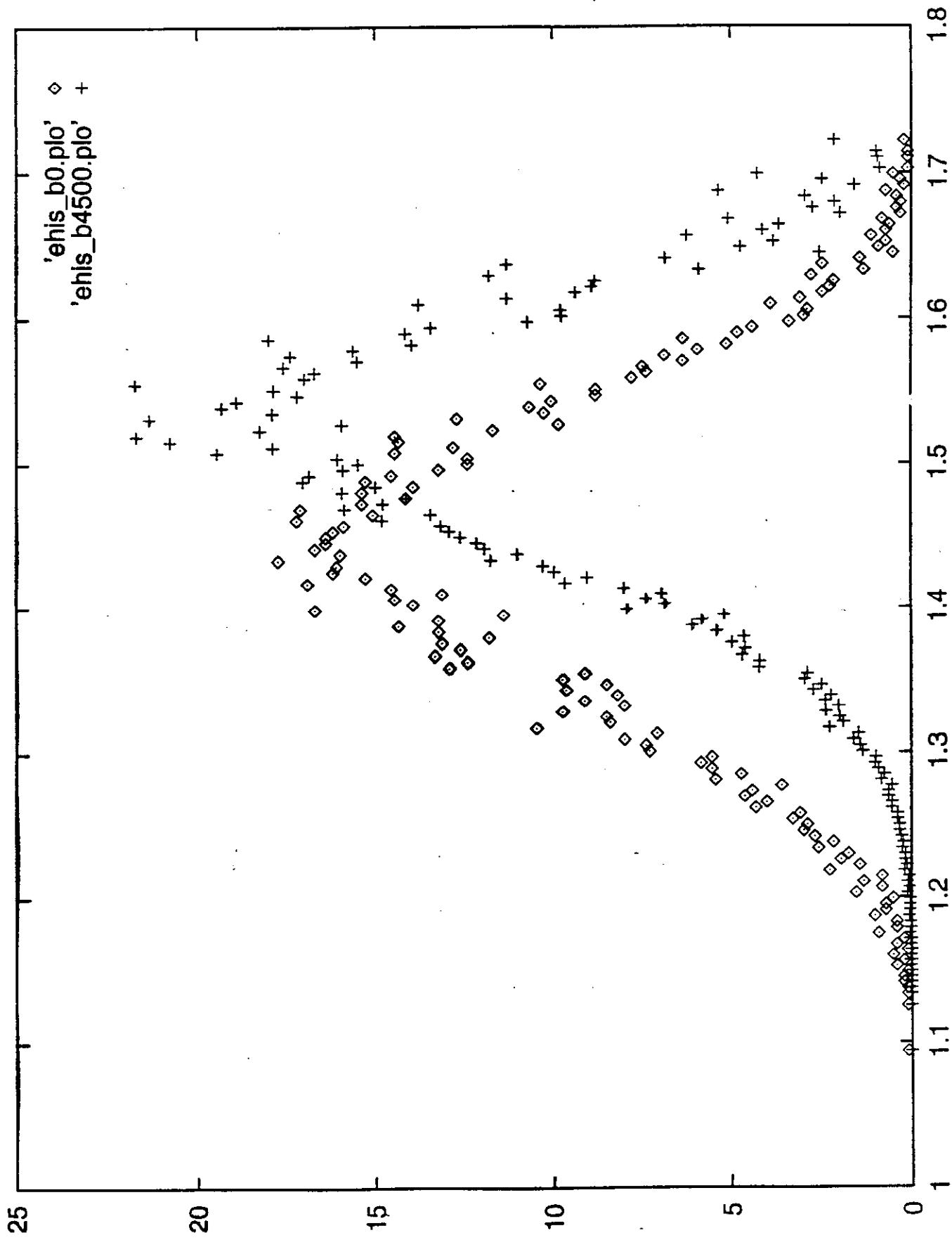


FIG. 2. Multicanonical action density distribution  $P_{70}(s)$  together with its reweighted distribution  $P_{70}(s)$ .

B. A. Berg and T. Neuhaus

Phys. Rev. Lett. 68, 9 (1992)



## Multiple Histograms

$$W(E) = \sum_i p_i(E) n_i^{-1} N_i(E) \exp[\beta_i E - f_i]$$

$$f_i \equiv \beta_i F(\beta_i)$$

$$\sum_i p_i(E) = 1$$

Statistical error in  $W(E)$

from statistical error in  $\{N_i(E)\}$

Choose  $\{p_i(E)\}$  to minimize error

## Statistical Errors in Histograms

$N_i(E)$  independent of  $N_j(E')$ , ( $i \neq j$ )

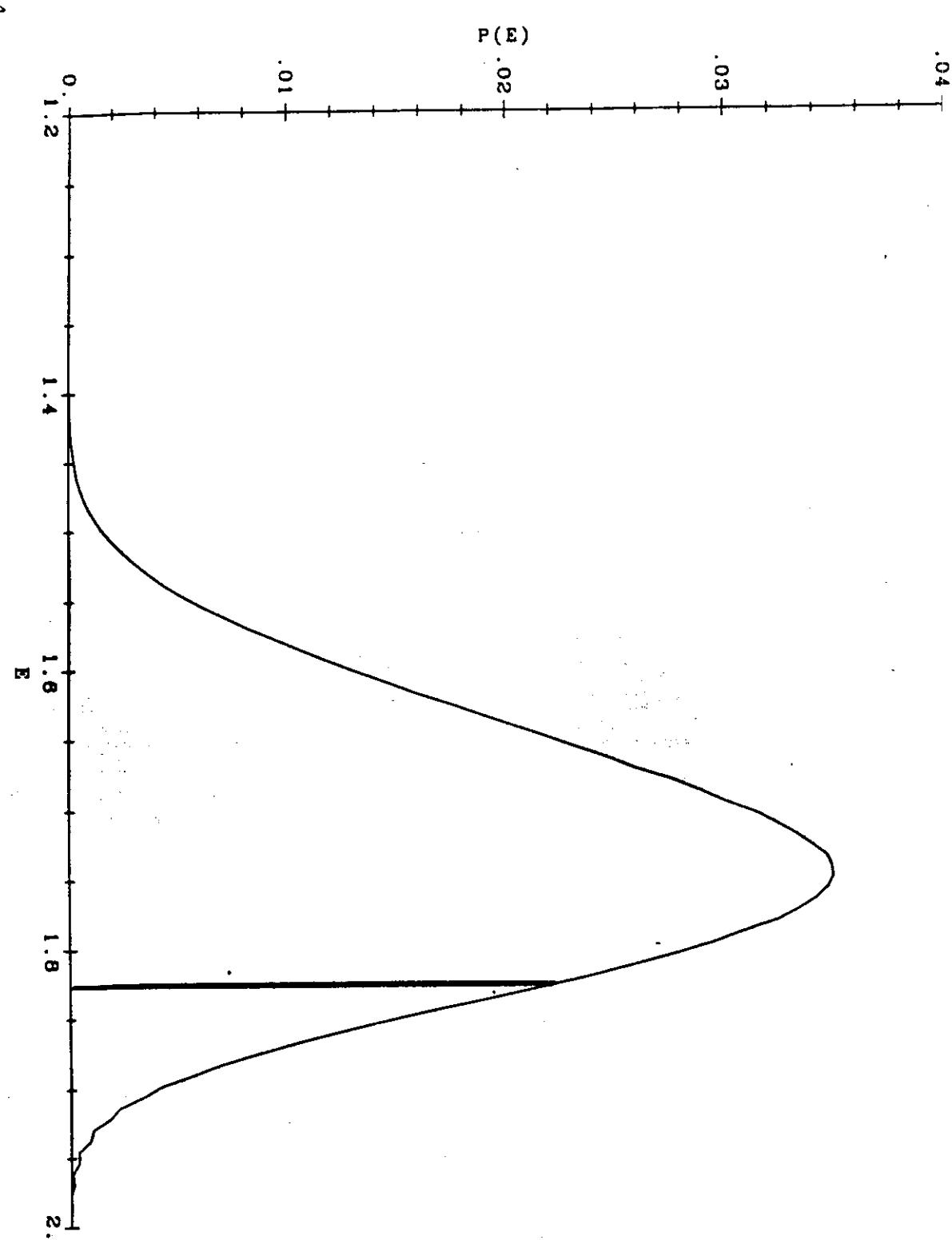
Ferrenberg + Swendsen assume:

1)  $N_i(E)$  independent of  $N_j(E')$ ,  $E \neq E'$

2)  $S^2 N_i(E) = g_i \overline{N_i(E)}$

$$= g_i W(E) n_i \exp[-f_i E + f_i]$$

where  $g_i = 1 + 2 \bar{\epsilon}_i$



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# Multiple Histogram Equations

$$W(E) = \frac{\sum_i g_i^{-1} N_i(E)}{\sum_j g_j^{-1} n_j \exp[-\beta_j E + f_j]}$$

$$e^{-f_i} = e^{-\beta_i F(\beta_i)} = \sum_E W(E) e^{-\beta_i E}$$

Error in density of states

$$\frac{\delta W(E)}{W(E)} = \left[ \sum_i g_i^{-1} N_i(E) \right]^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$

Alternative treatment of error in  $\{N_i(E)\}$

Huang, Moriarity, Myers, Potvin

Z. Phys. C 50, 221 (1991)

used  $s^2 N_i(E) = g_i N_i(E)$

instead of

s)  $s^2 N_i(E) = g_i W(E) n_i \exp[-\beta_i E + f_i]$

$N_i(E) = 0$  required special treatment

Using  $W(E)$  includes information  
from all histograms

Alternative treatment of error in  $\{N_i(E)\}$

Alves, Berg, Villanova, PRB 41, 383 ('90)

64 replicas at each temperature

$\Rightarrow$  correct error for  $\{N_i(E)\}$

(very nearly  $\delta^2 N_i(E) = N_i(E)$ )

But ignored correlations

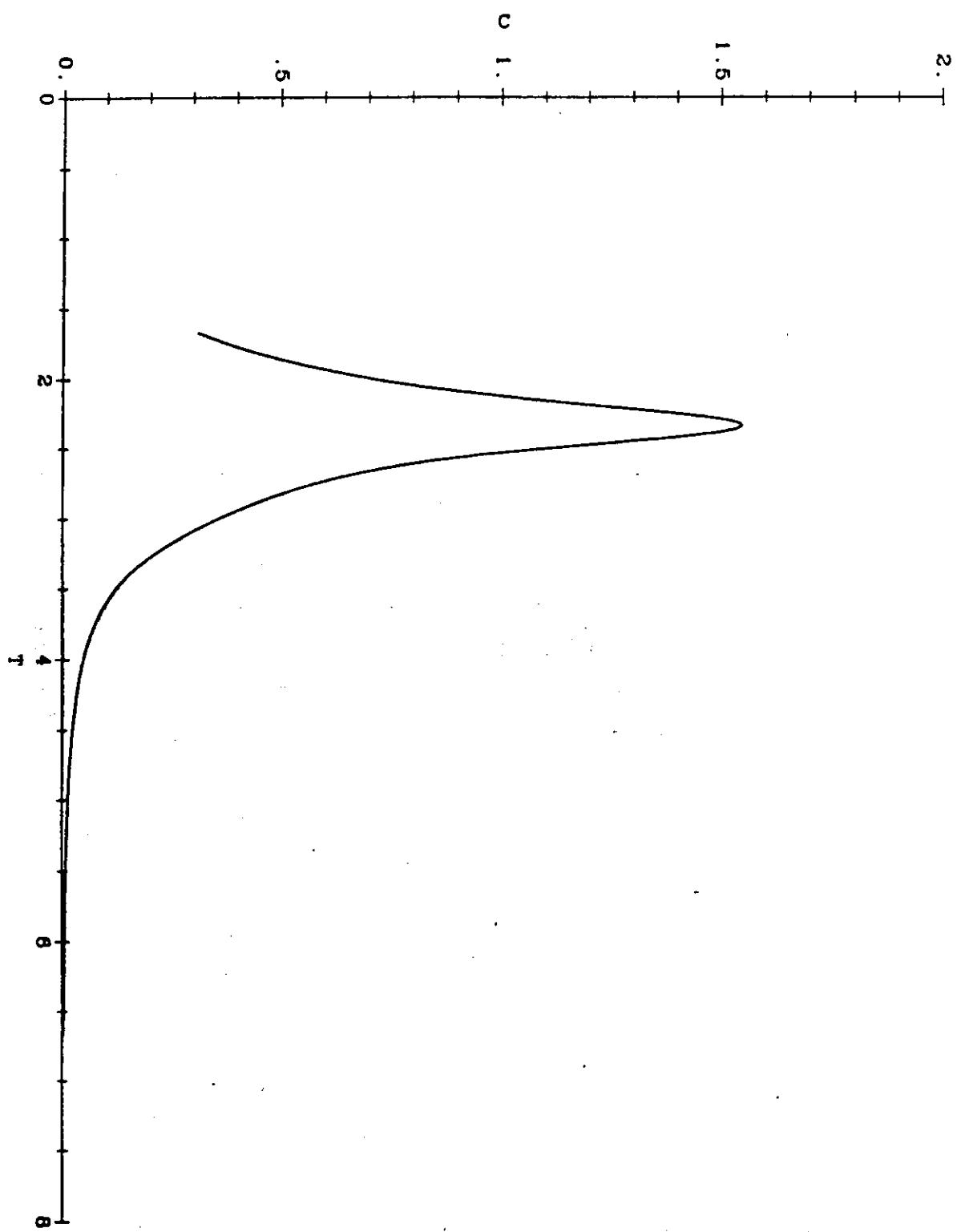
between  $N_i(E)$  and  $N_j(E')$

$\Rightarrow$  Total error underestimated

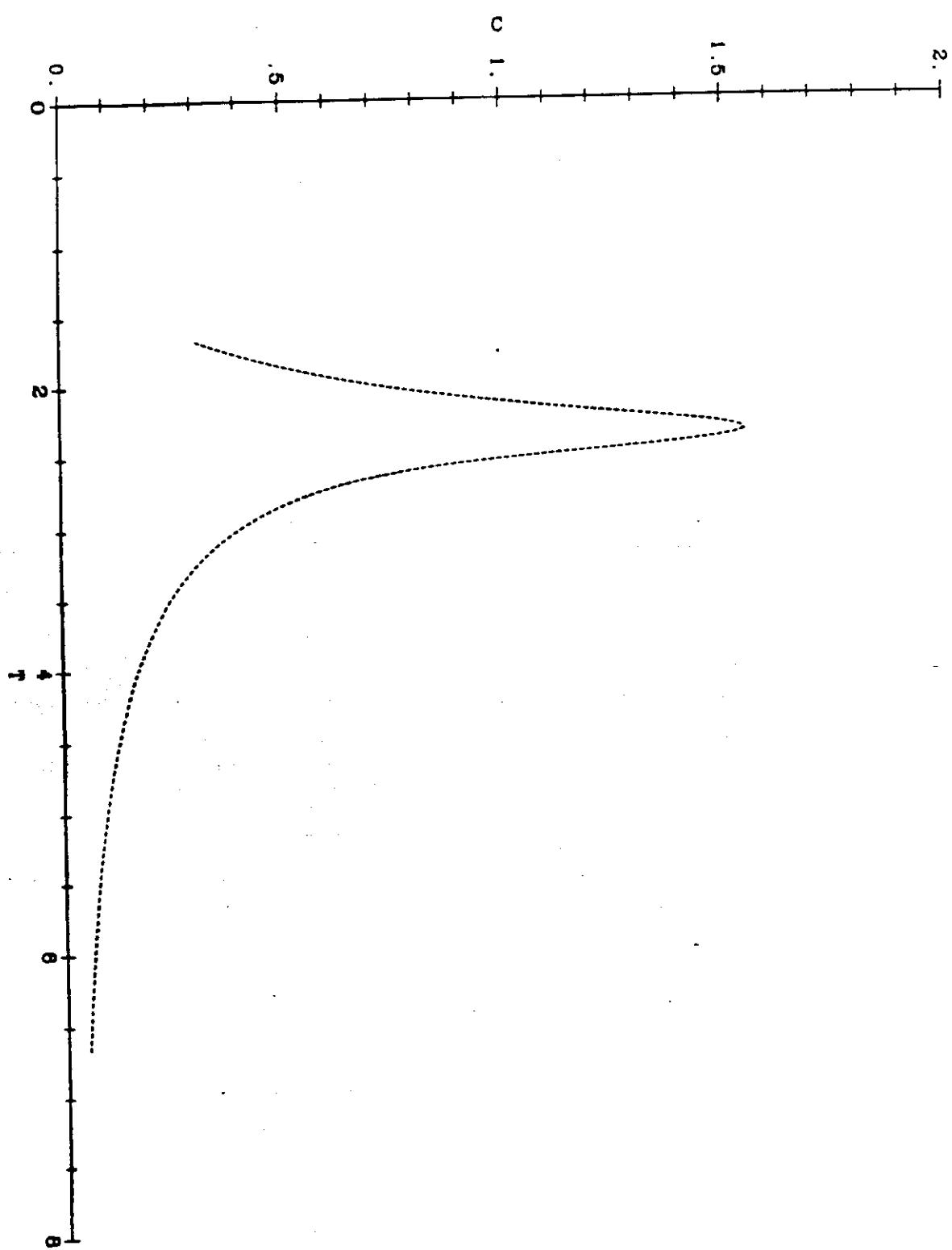
Different way of combining histograms

$f_i$ 's determined separately for each  $E$

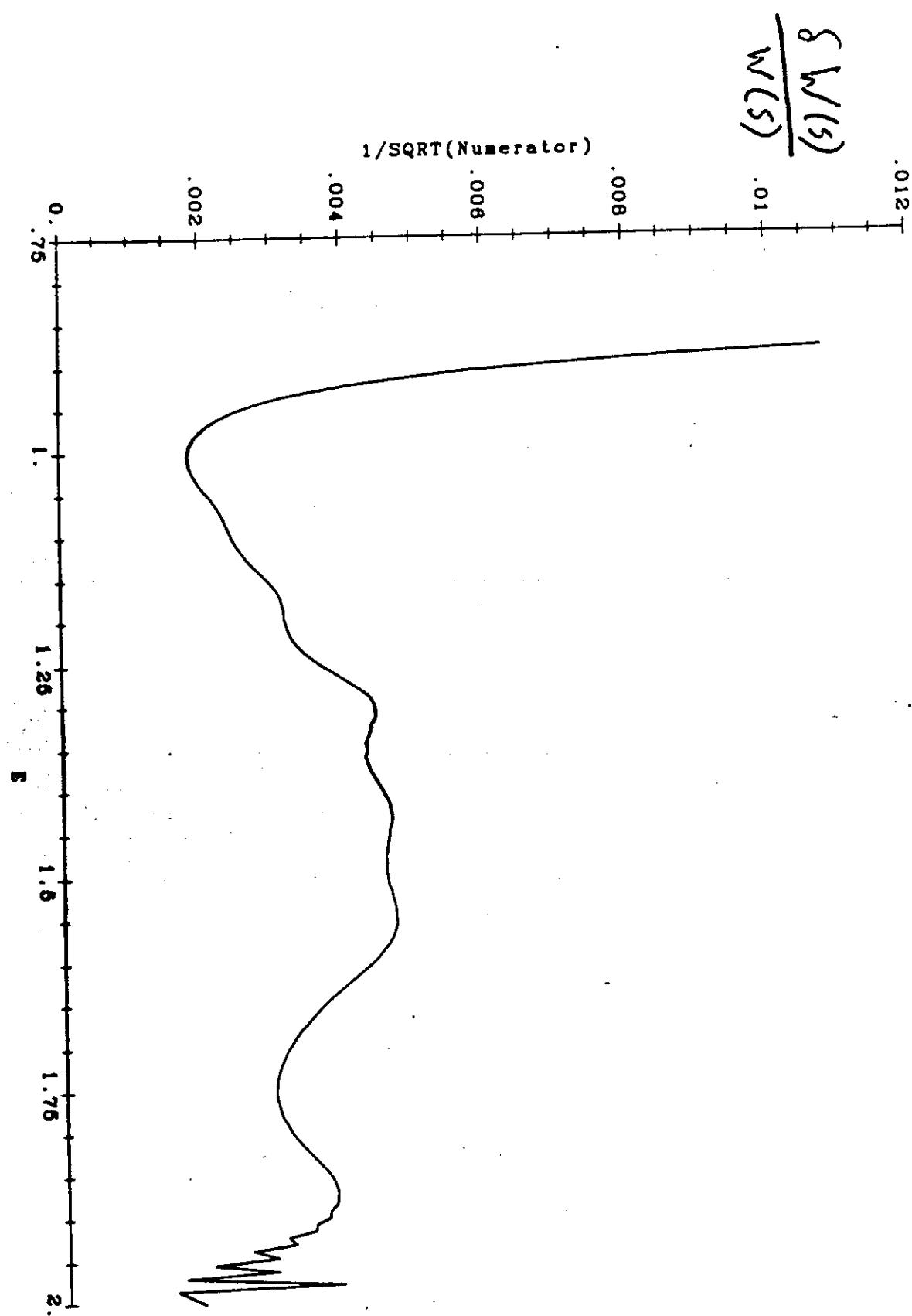
(not self consistently)



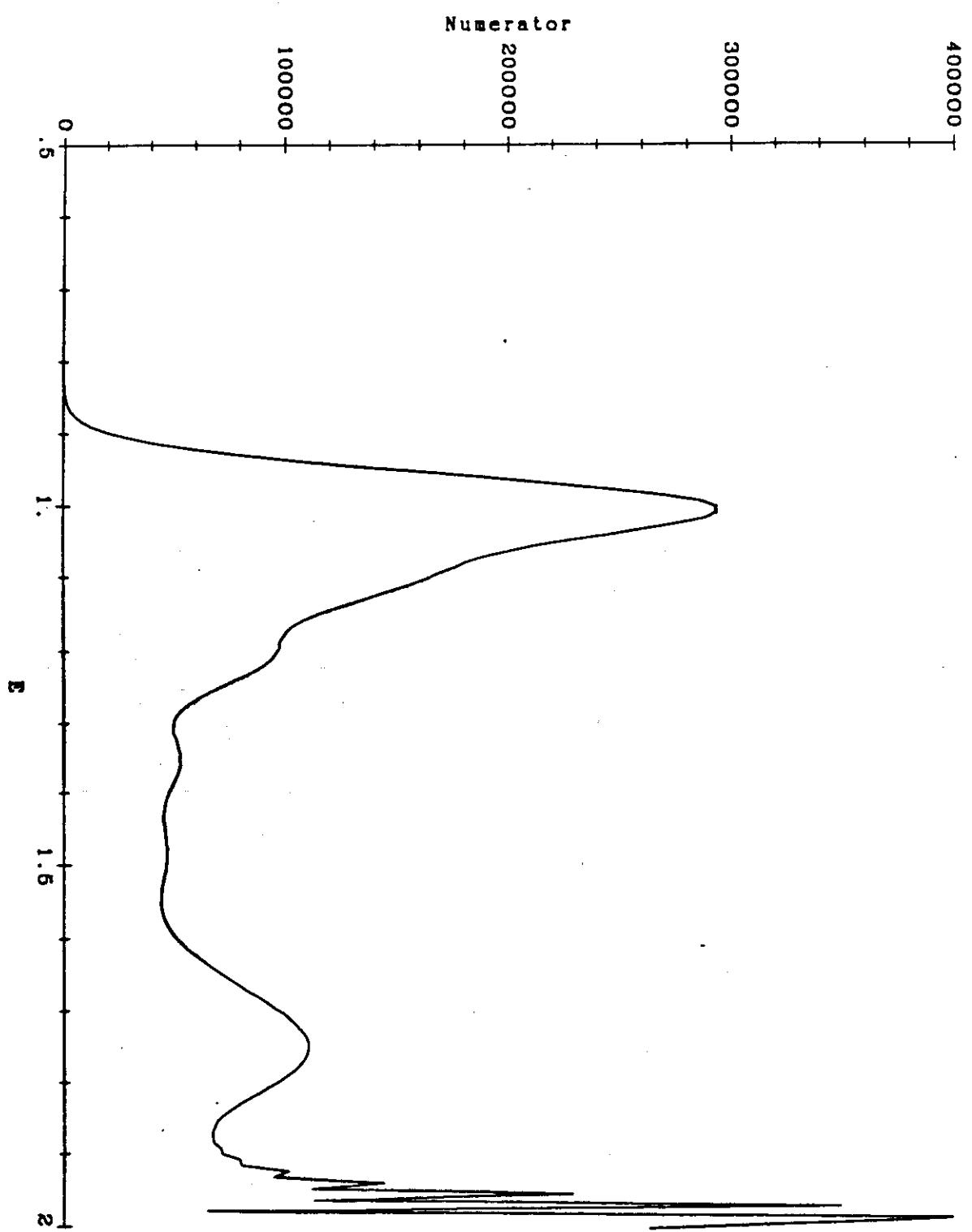
$$\{K_e\} = \{K_c\}$$

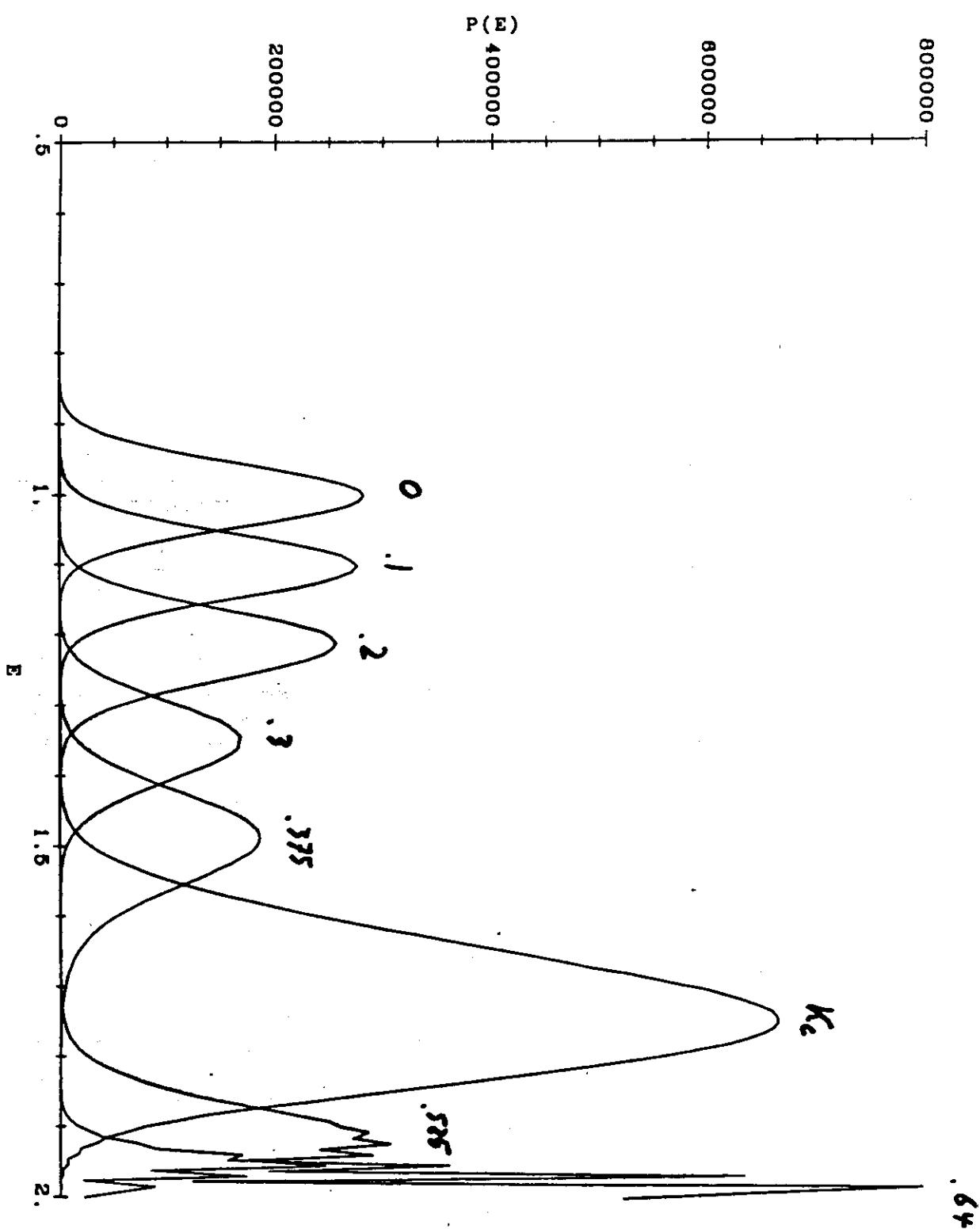


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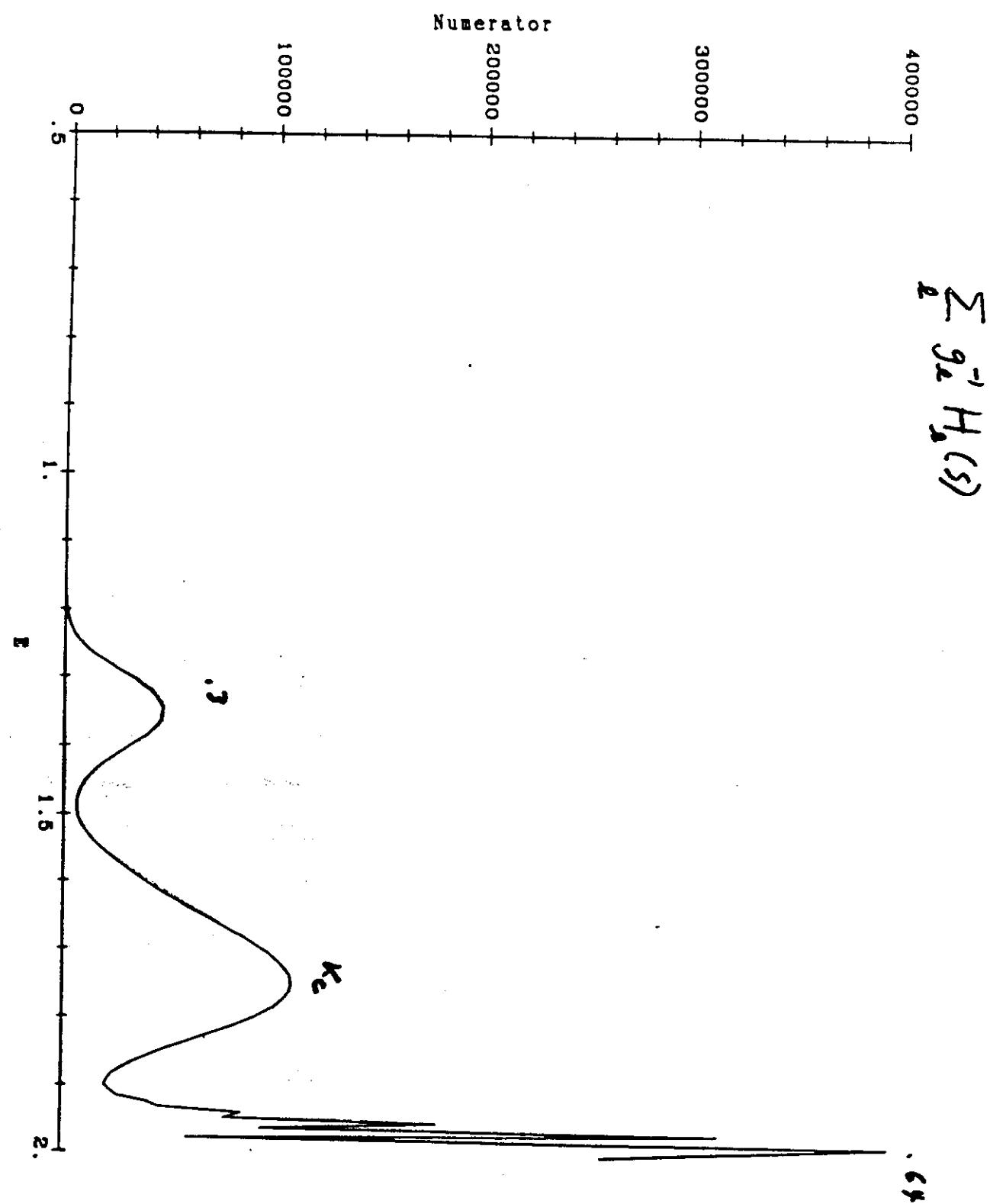


$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} g_k^{-1} H_k(s)$$

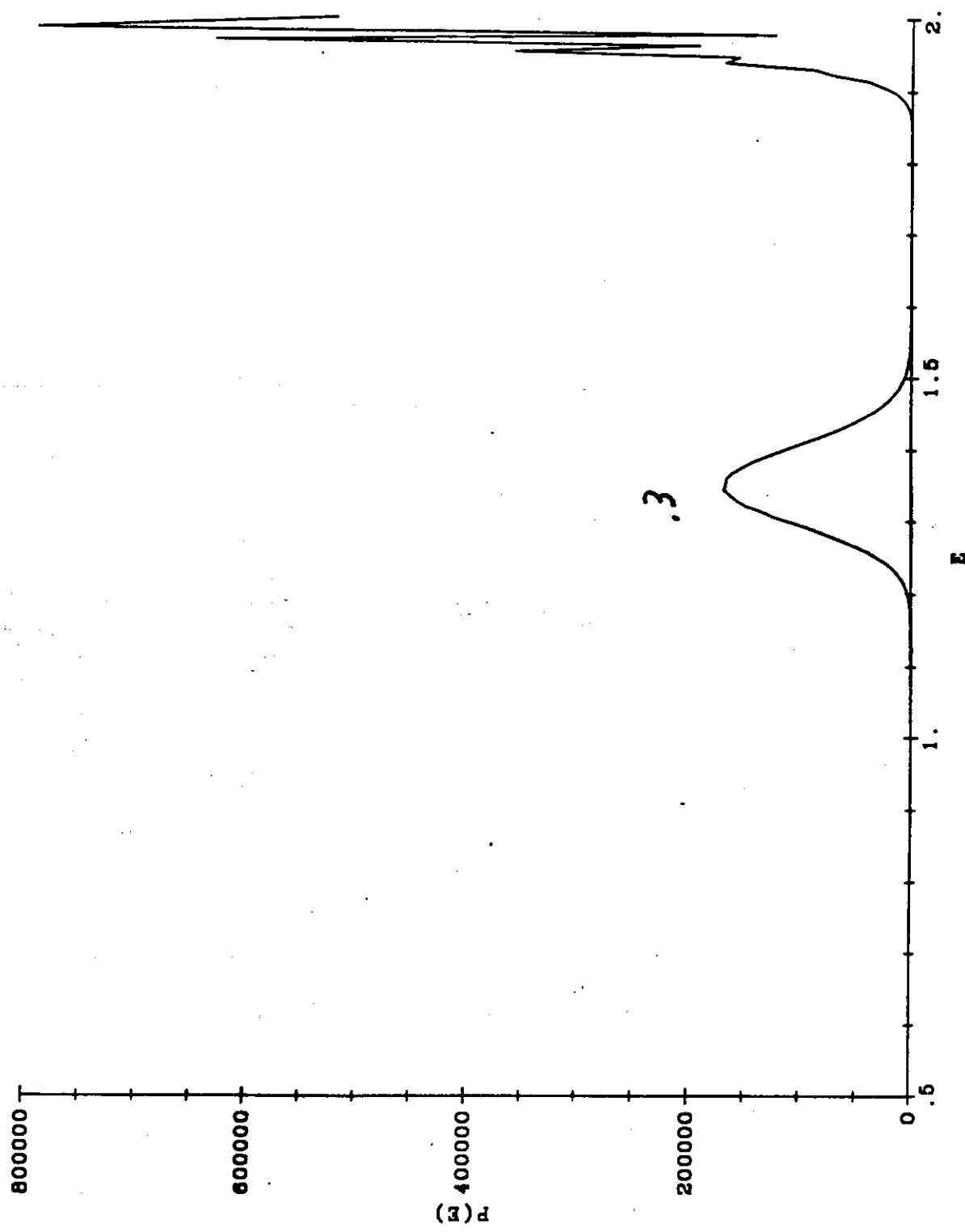




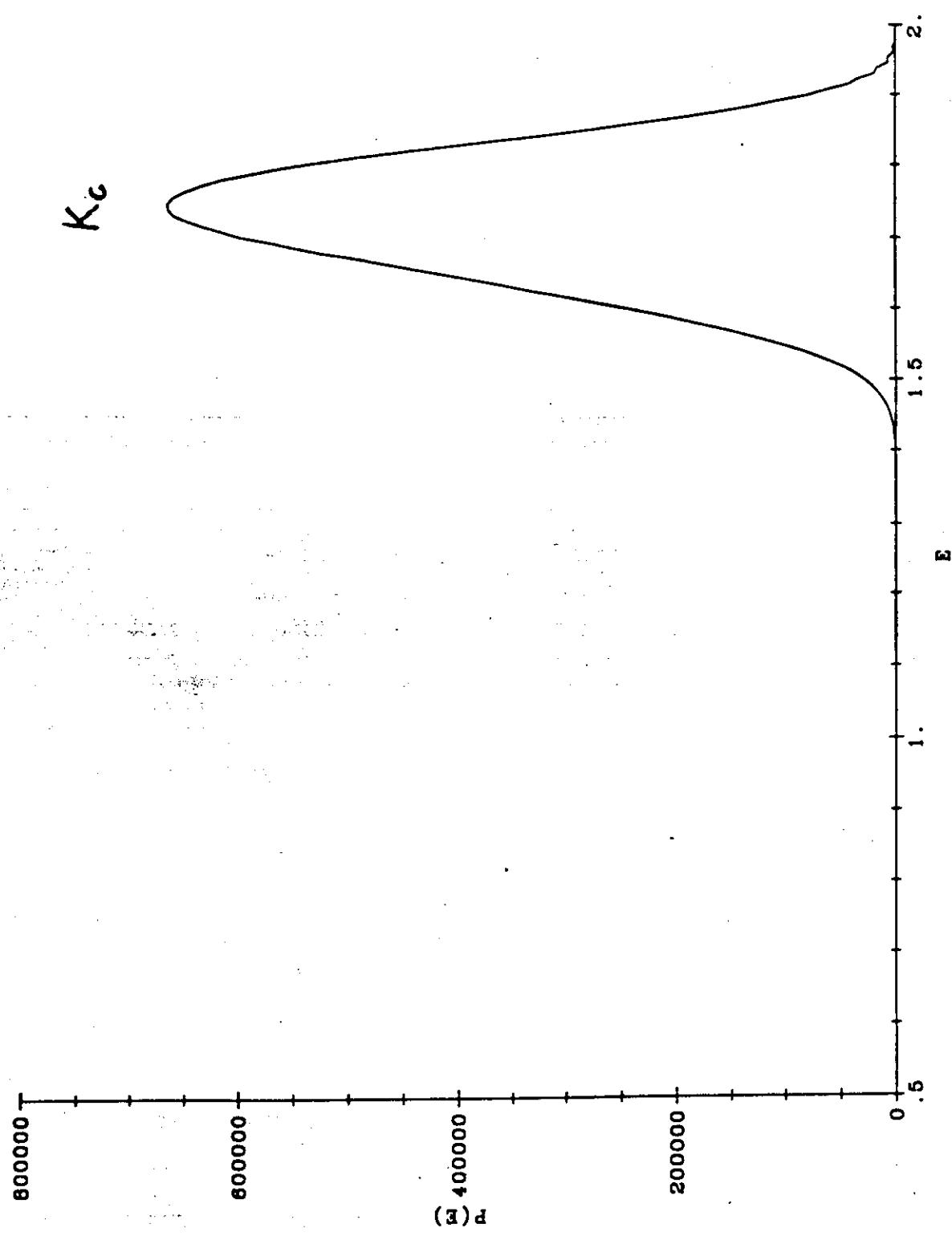
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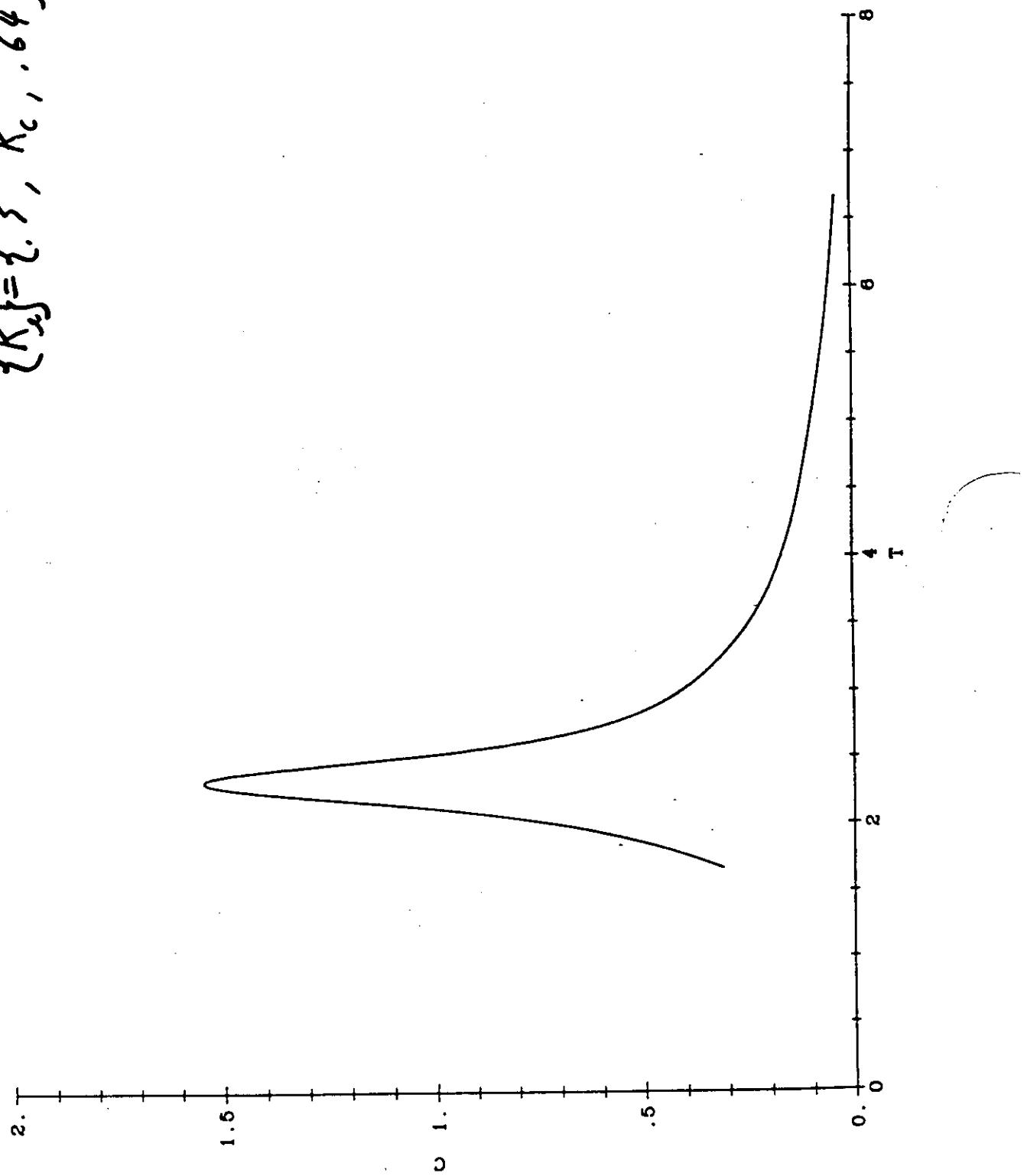
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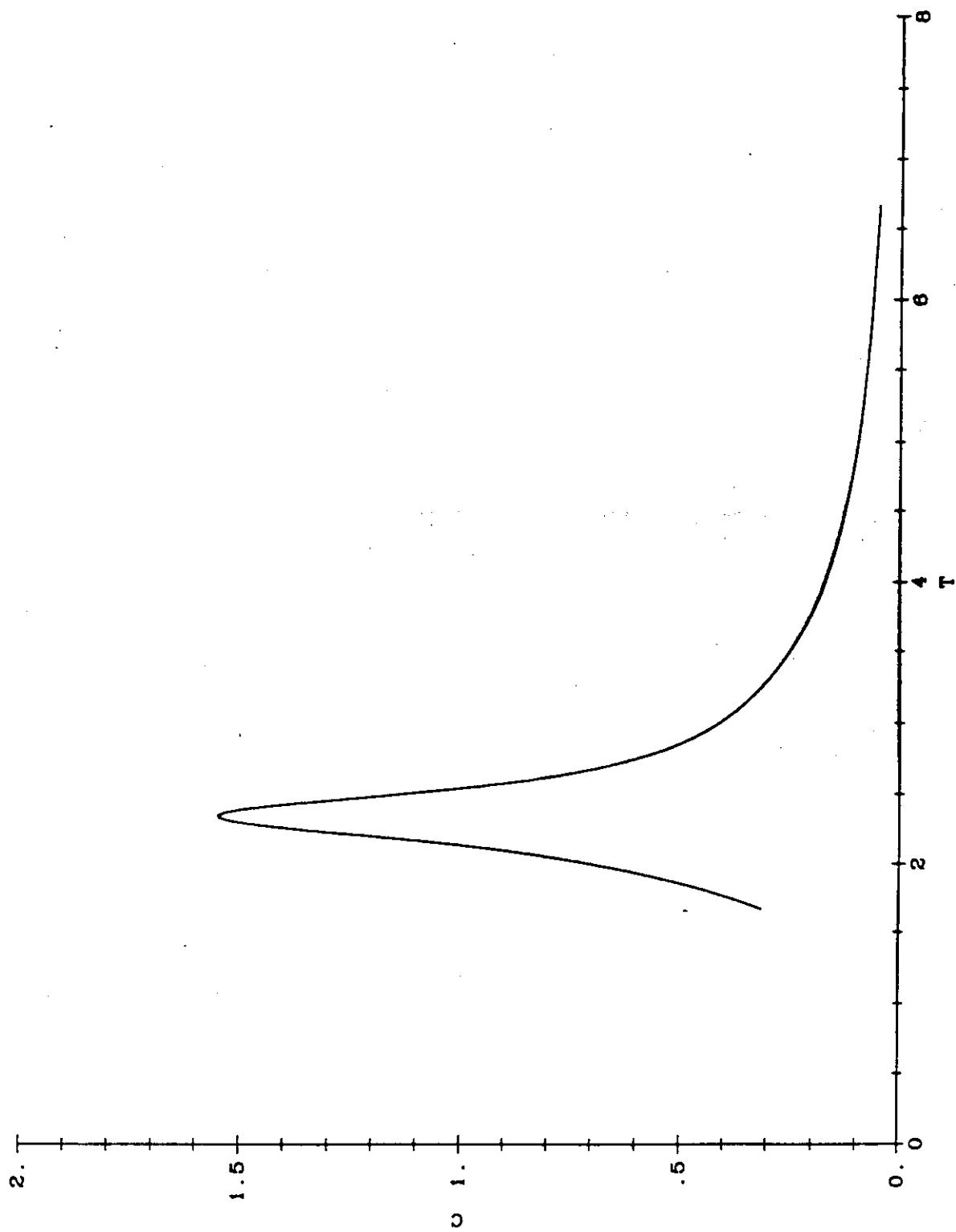
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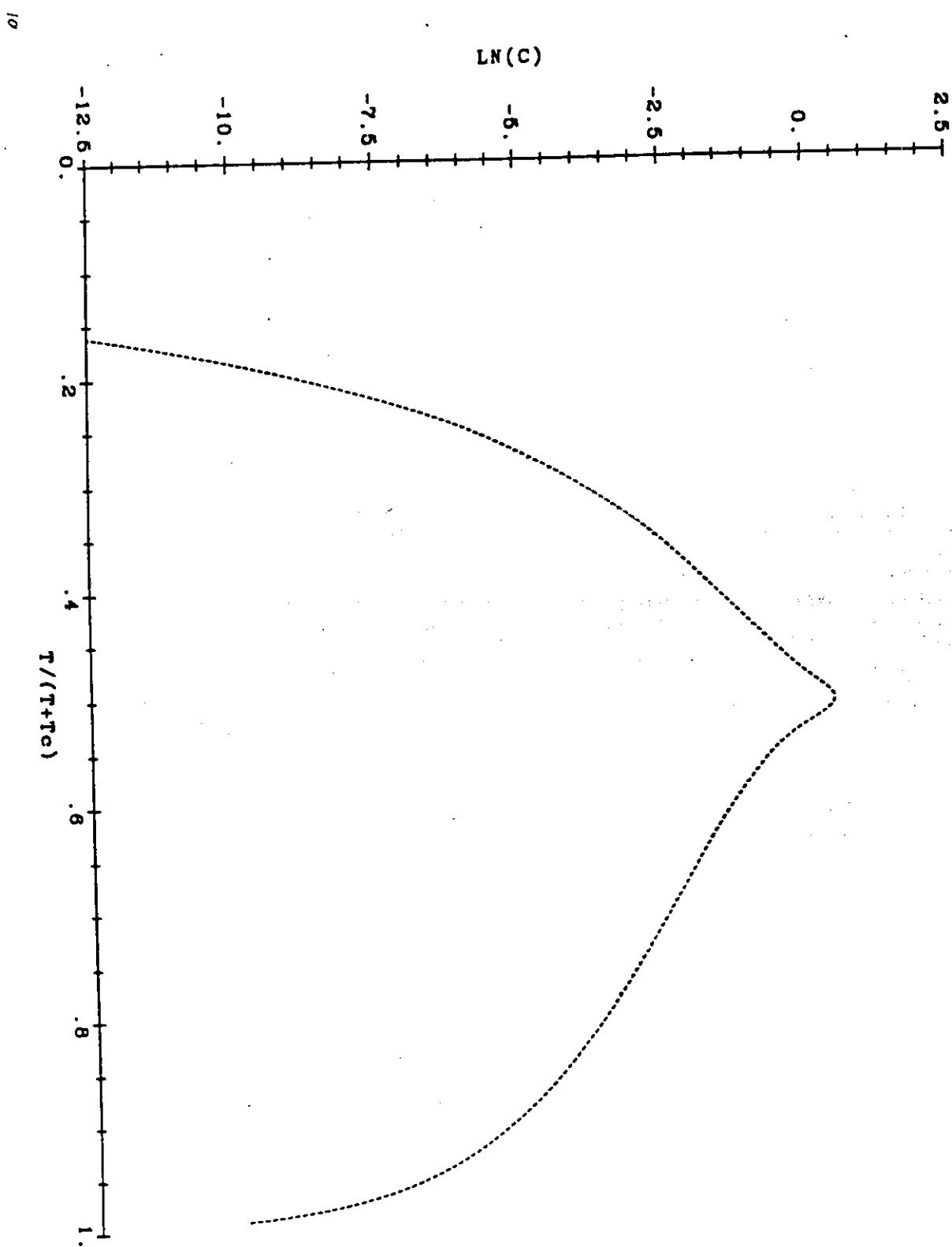


$$\{K\} = \{.3, K_c, .64\}$$

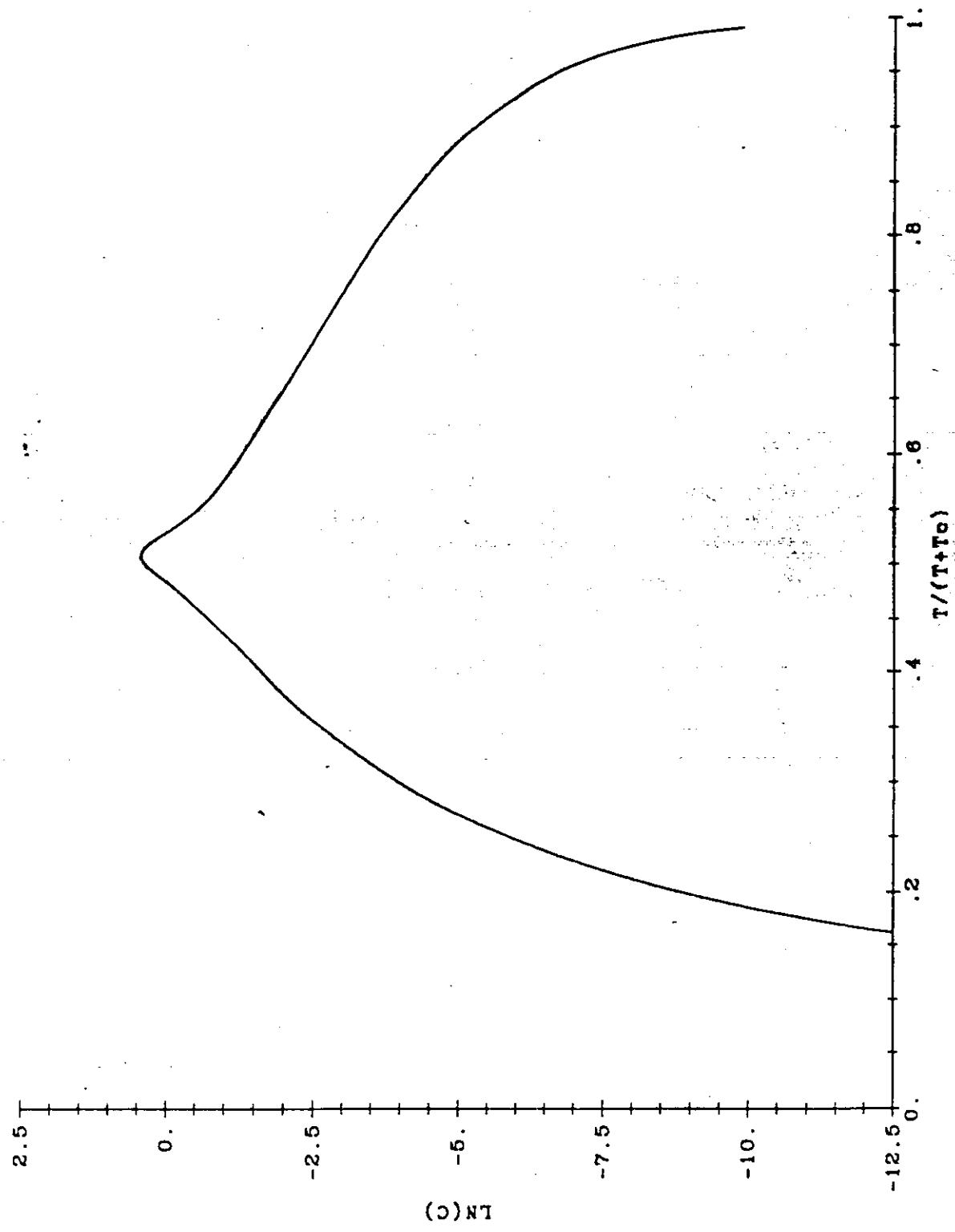


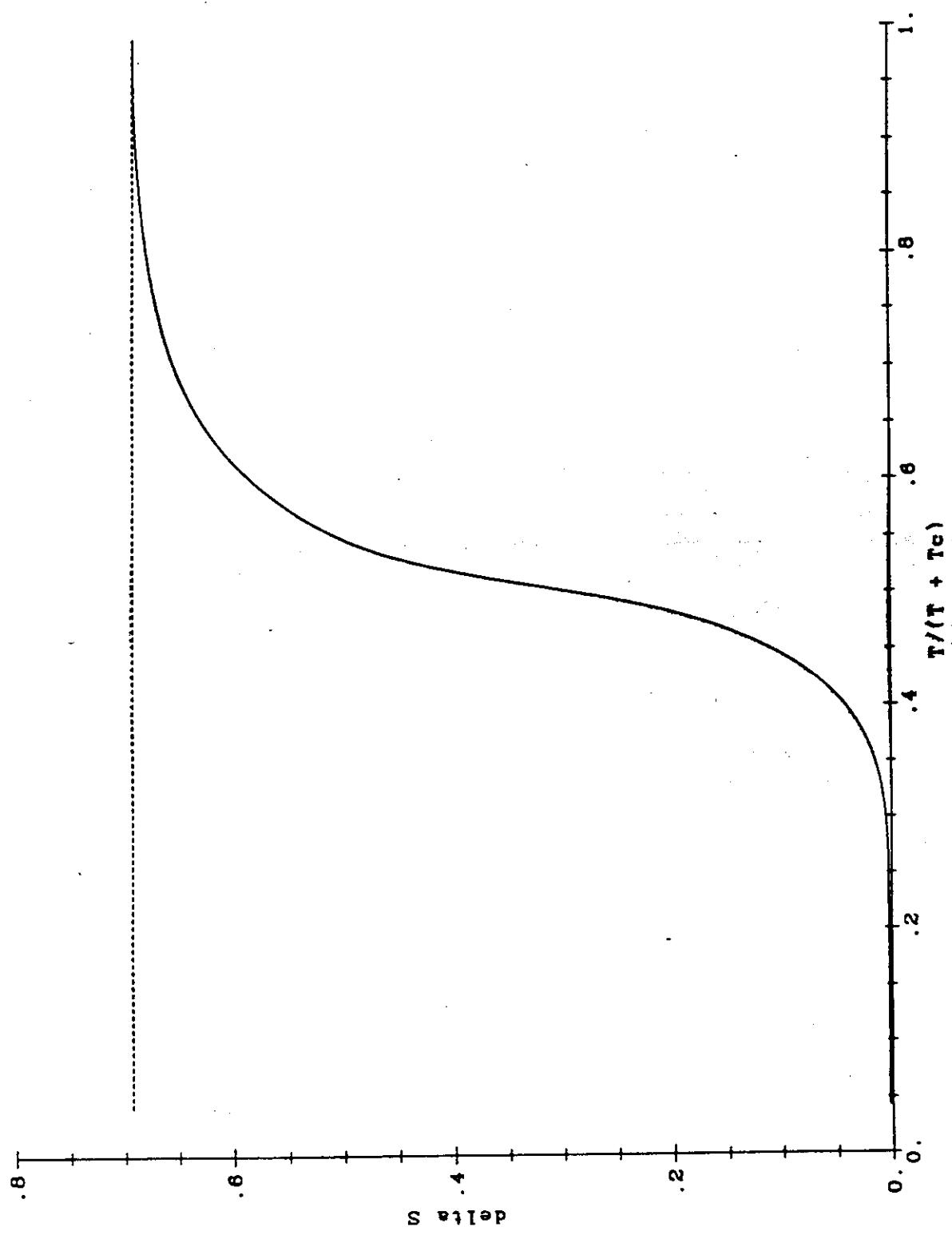
$\{K_\ell\} | \ell = 1, \dots, 8\}$



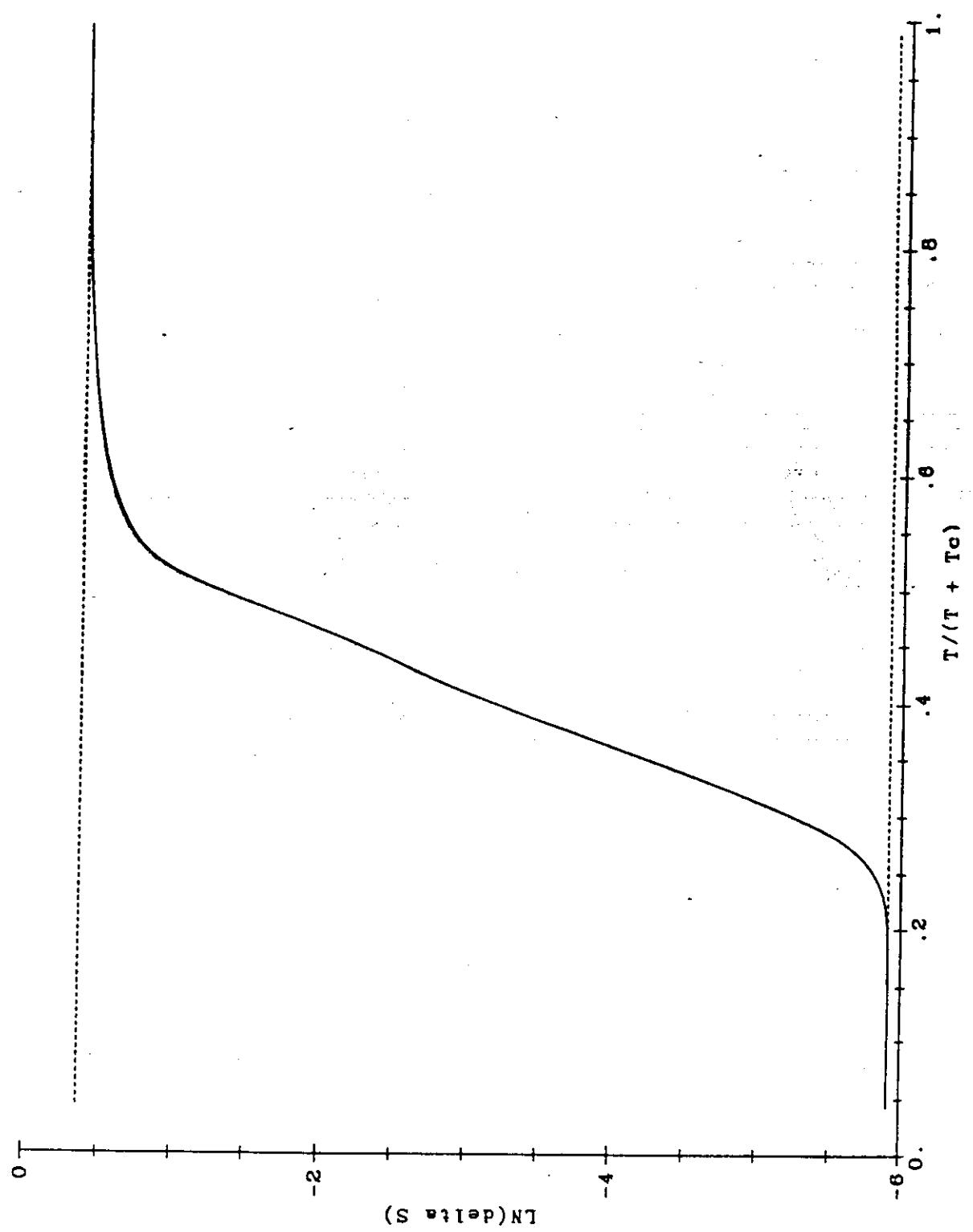


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# DEFINITION(S) OF PROBABILITY

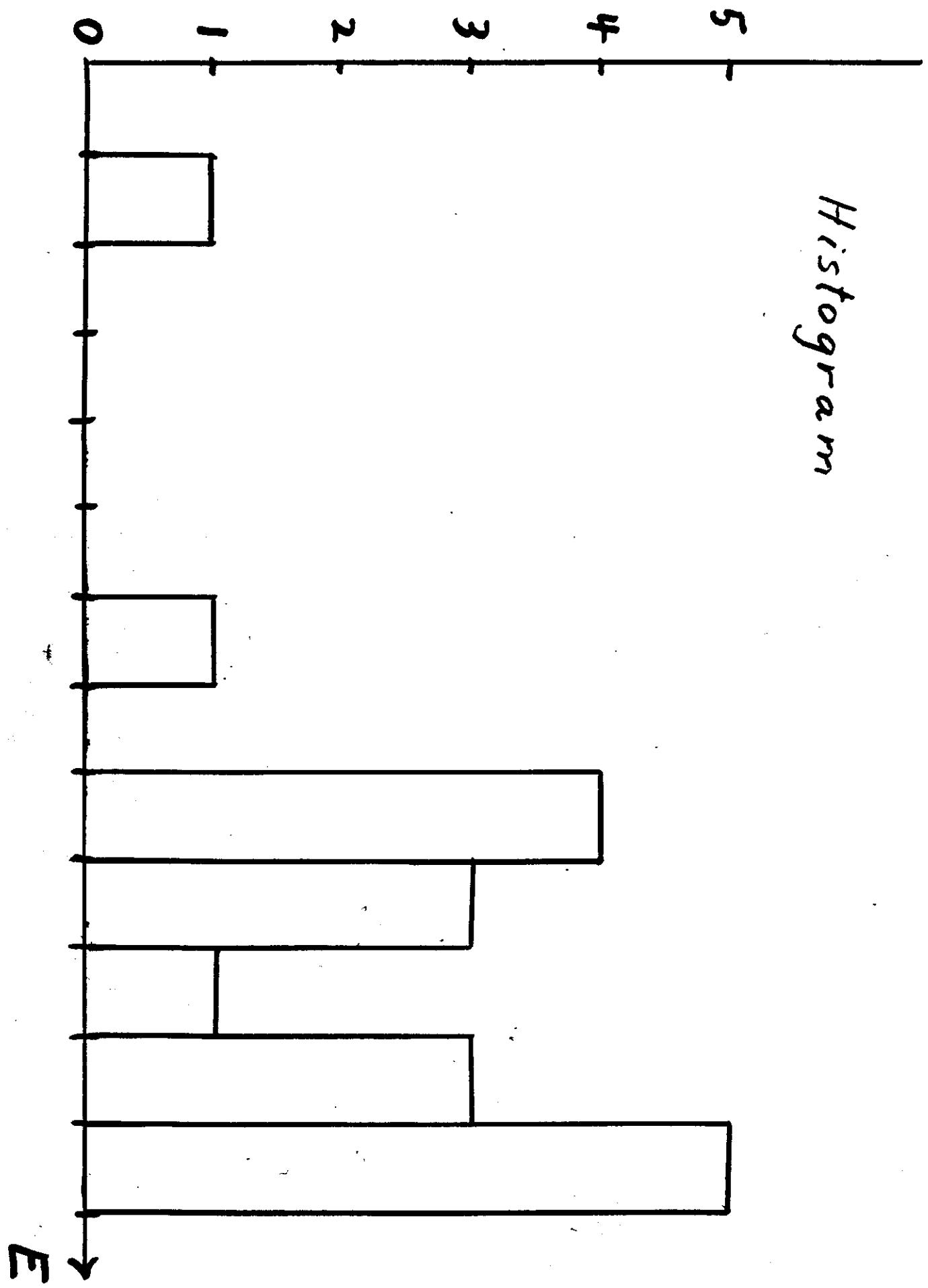
Frequentist

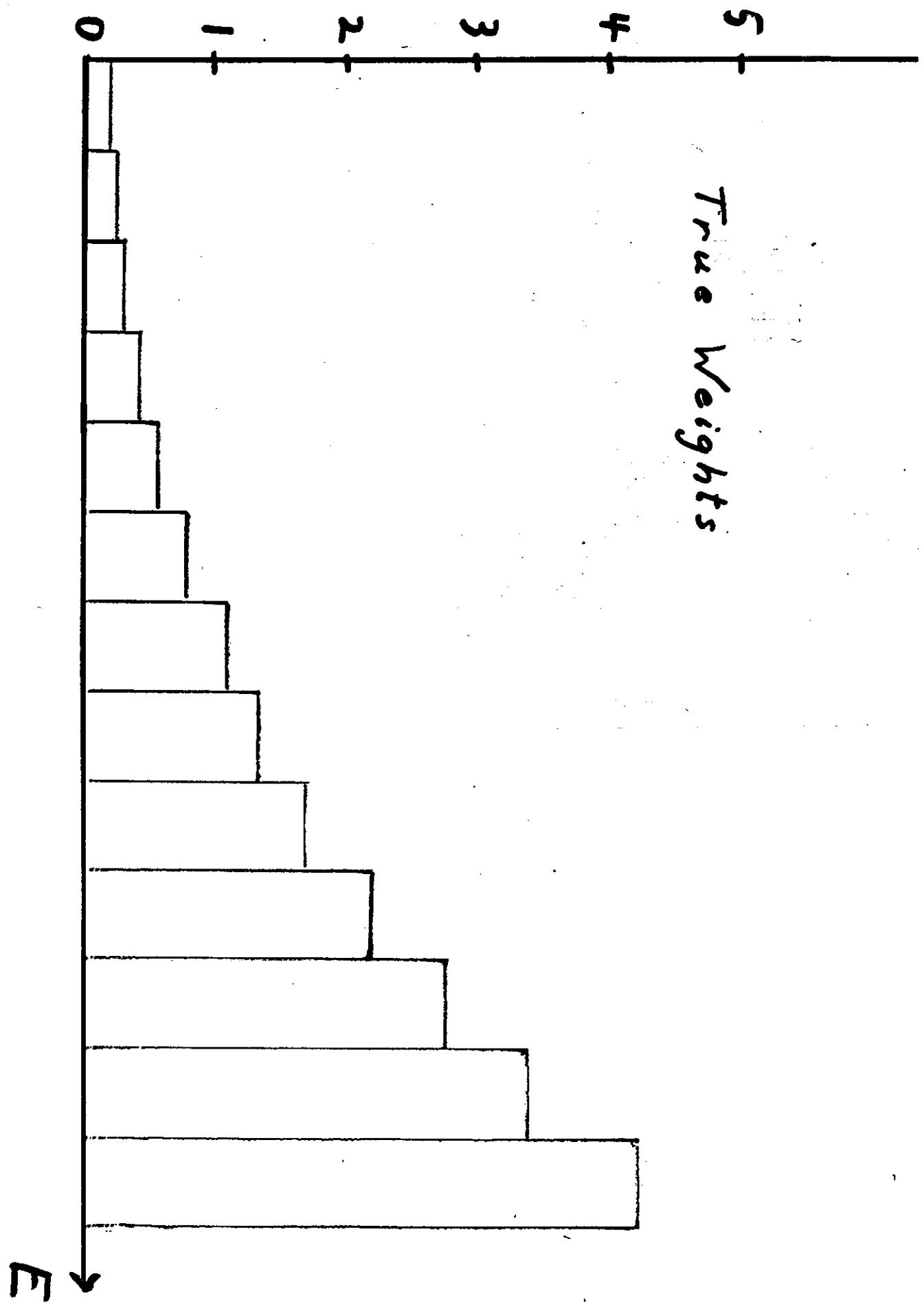
Ratio of "successes" to trials  
in the limit of an infinite  
number of trials

Bayesian

A description of your  
knowledge of the result  
of a trial

Histogram





# Bayes' Theorem

$$P(\theta|x) = \frac{P(x|\theta) P(\theta)}{P(x)}$$

Interpretation:

$x$  - experimental results

$\theta$  - theoretical parameters

$P(\theta)$  prior knowledge

$P(\theta|x)$  is what we know  
about  $\theta$  from both  
our prior knowledge  
and the  
experimental results

$n$  independent trials

$\theta$  = probability of success

$$P(k|\theta) = \binom{n}{k} \theta^k (1-\theta)^{n-k}$$

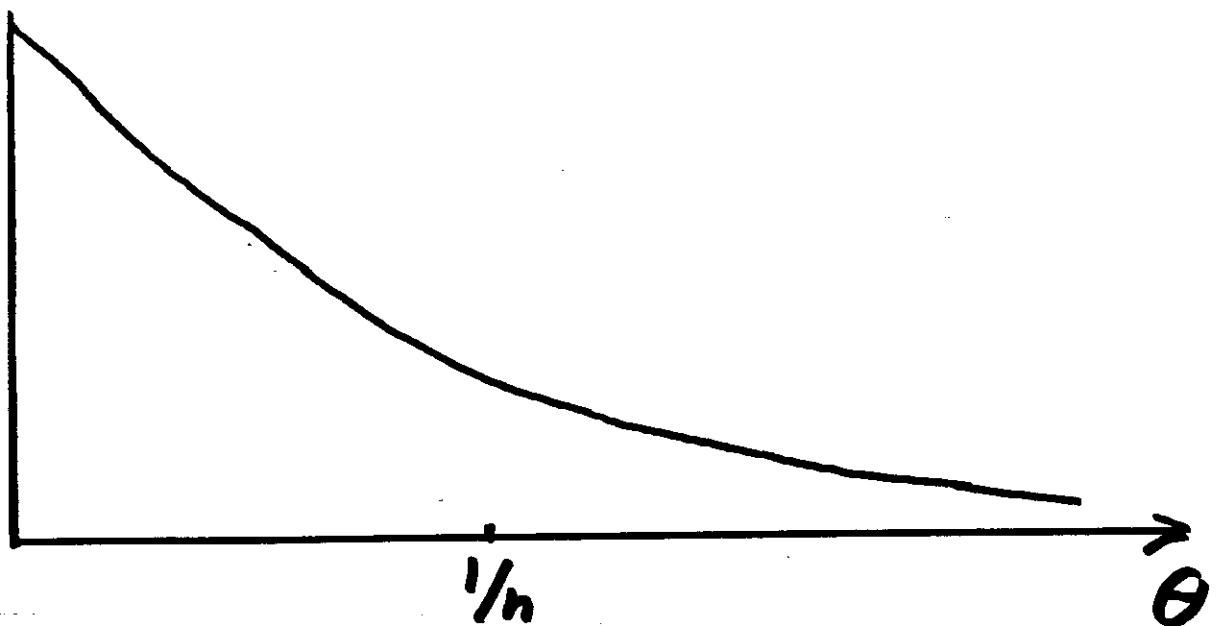
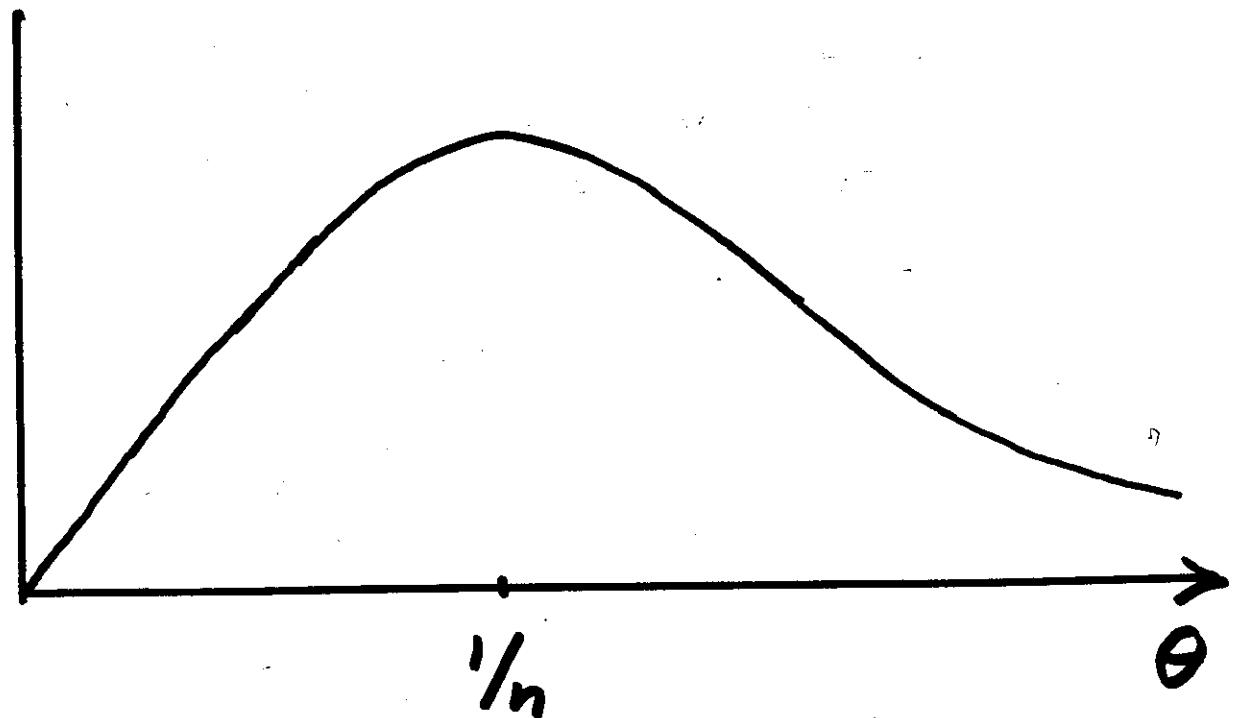
If we observe  $k$  successes,

what do we know about  $\theta$ ?

RIDR: Assume  $P(\theta) = 1$  for  $\theta \in [0,1]$

'AYES:  $P(\theta|k) \sim P(k|\theta) P(\theta)$

$$P(\theta|k) \sim \theta^k (1-\theta)^{n-k}$$

$P(\theta | k=0)$  $P(\theta | k=1)$ 

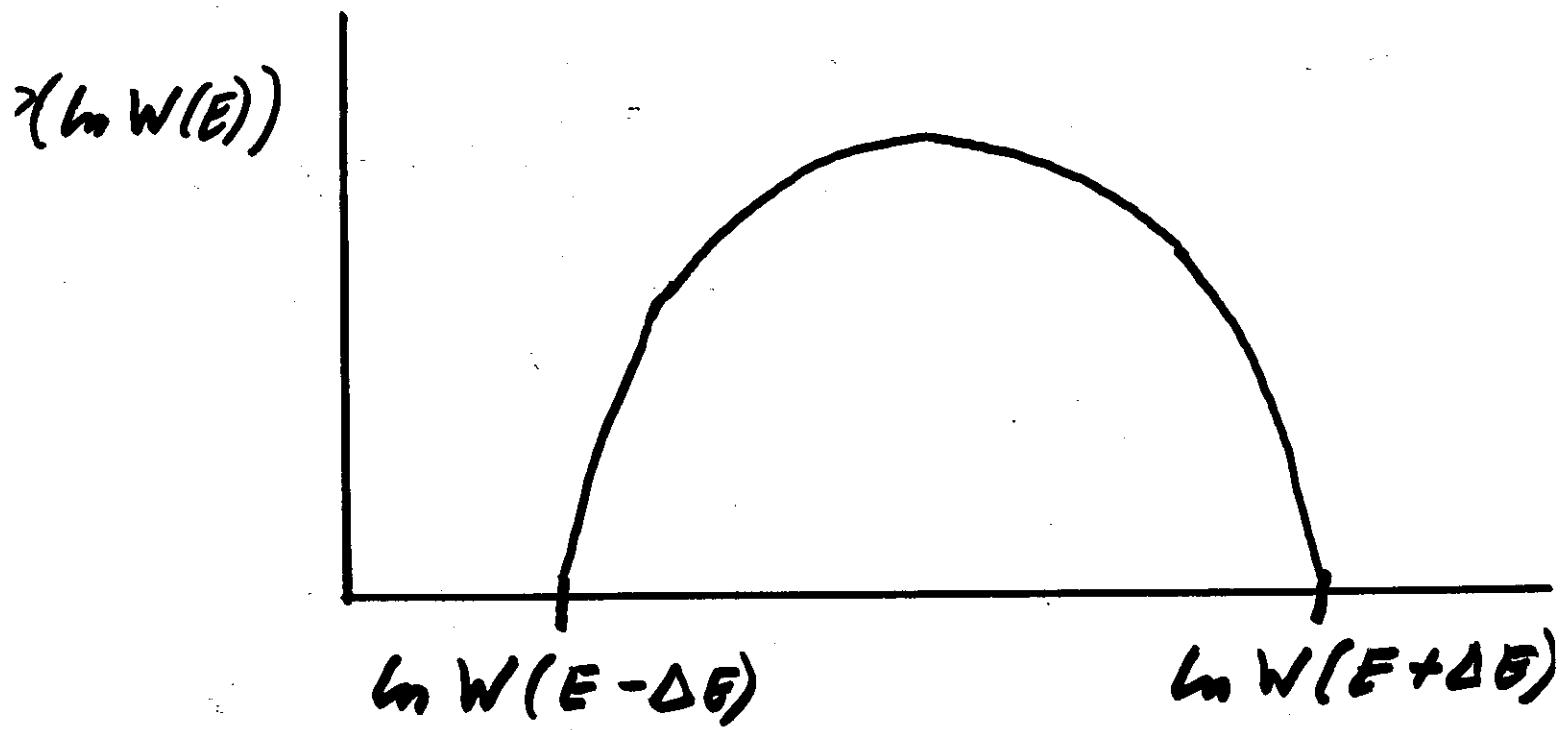
"Smoothness" of  $W(E)$

$$W(E - \Delta E) < W(E) < W(E + \Delta E)$$

In critical region

$$\ln W(E) \sim \frac{1}{2} [\ln W(E - \Delta E) + \ln W(E + \Delta E)]$$

Can express this as a "prior" factor



Produces estimates for  $W(E)$  that are qualitatively correct

# Transition Matrix Monte Carlo

Shing - Te Li

Brian Diggs

J. Kadane

C. Genovese

"Broad histogram method"

P. M. C. do Oliveira

T. J. P. Penna

H. J. Herrmann

Brazilian Journal of Physics

26, 677 (1996)

# Transition Matrix

$T = \infty$

$n_{\delta E}$  = number of spins that will  
 change the energy by  $\delta E$   
 when  $\sigma_i \rightarrow -\sigma_i$

$$T_{E, \delta E} \equiv \langle n_{\delta E} \rangle / N$$

$$N = L^d$$

gives the probability that  
 the next spin flip  
 will change the energy  
 from  $E$  to  $E + \delta E$

$$\sum_{\delta E} T_{E, \delta E} = 1$$

# Finite Temperature Transition Matrix

$$T_{E,\delta E}^{\rho} = \begin{cases} N^{-1} \langle n_{\delta E} \rangle & [\delta E < 0] \\ N^{-1} \langle n_{\delta E} \rangle e^{-\beta \delta E} & [\delta E > 0] \\ N^{-1} \langle n_0 \rangle + \sum_{\delta E > 0} N^{-1} \langle n_{\delta E} \rangle (1 - e^{-\beta \delta E}) & [\delta E = 0] \end{cases}$$

$$\sum_{\delta E} T_{E,\delta E}^{\rho} = 1$$

Probability of move being rejected

$$R = \sum_{\delta E > 0} \frac{\langle n_{\delta E} \rangle}{N} (1 - e^{-\beta \delta E})$$

Density of States  $W(E)$

Infinite temperature

$$\sum_{\delta E} T_{E-\delta E, \delta E} W(E-\delta E) = W(E)$$

Finite temperature

$$P_\beta(E) = \frac{1}{Z} W(E) e^{-\beta E}$$

$$\sum_{\delta E} T_{E-\delta E, \delta E}^\beta P_\beta(E-\delta E) = P_\beta(E)$$

# The TTT Identity

Detailed balance:  $W_1 T_{12} = W_2 T_{21}$

Transitions among three states:

$$W_1 T_{12} W_2 T_{23} W_3 T_{31} = W_1 T_{13} W_3 T_{32} W_2 T_{21}$$

$$\Rightarrow T_{12} T_{23} T_{31} = T_{13} T_{32} T_{21}$$

$$\begin{aligned} T_{E-\Delta E, \Delta E} & T_{E, \Delta E} & T_{E+\Delta E, -2\Delta E} = \\ T_{E, +2\Delta E} & T_{E+2\Delta E, -\Delta E} & T_{E+\Delta E, -\Delta E} \end{aligned}$$

where  $\Delta E$  is the interval between energy levels

## Transition Matrix

Combining data from simulations  
at different temperatures  
- or different ensembles -  
is trivial

Used with cluster MC  
histograms and transition matrix  
give same accuracy

## N-fold Way

For each configuration,

$$R = \sum_{\delta E > 0} \frac{n_{\delta\sigma}}{N} (1 - e^{-\beta \delta E})$$

is the probability of rejected moves

Rejected moves retain current state

⇒ weight current configuration with  
 $(1-R)^{-1}$

and make a  $\delta E$  spin flip with

$$\frac{n_{\delta\sigma}}{N} (1-R)^{-1} \begin{cases} 1 & \delta E \leq 0 \\ e^{-\beta \delta E} & \delta E > 0 \end{cases}$$

# Transition matrix with $N$ -fold way

- Same accuracy as with cluster Monte Carlo
- Also works for models with frustration

Correlation time

given by second eigenvalue

$$\sum_{\delta E} T^{\rho}_{E-\delta E, SE} \phi_i^*(E-\delta E) = \lambda_i^* \phi_i^*(E)$$

$$\bar{\tau}(\rho) = -1 / \ln \lambda \quad [MCS]$$

Expect  $\bar{\tau} \sim L^z$  [MCS/5]

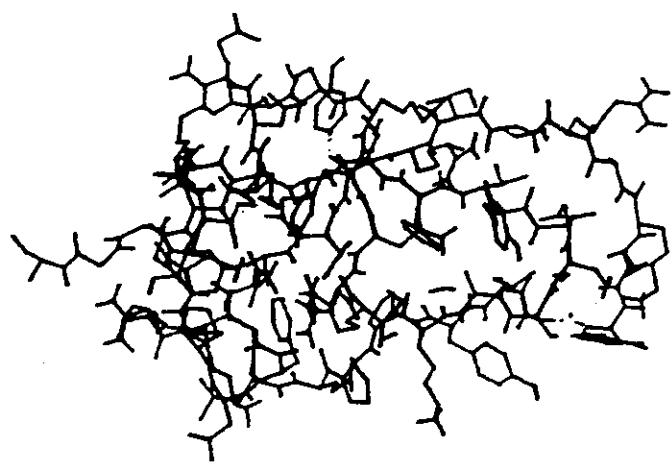
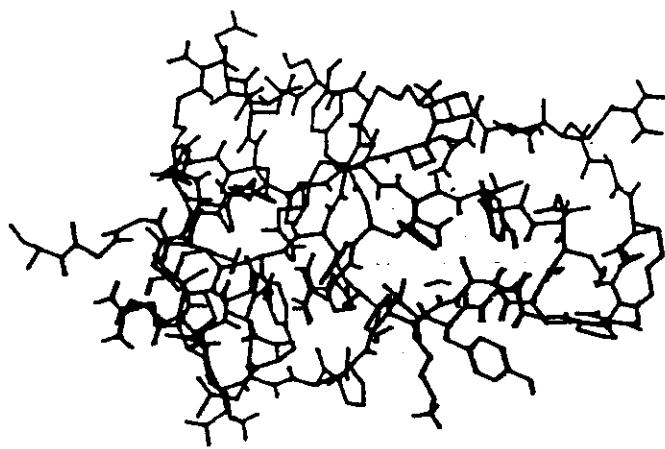
Get  $\bar{\tau} \sim \ln L$

# Computer Simulation of Biological Molecules

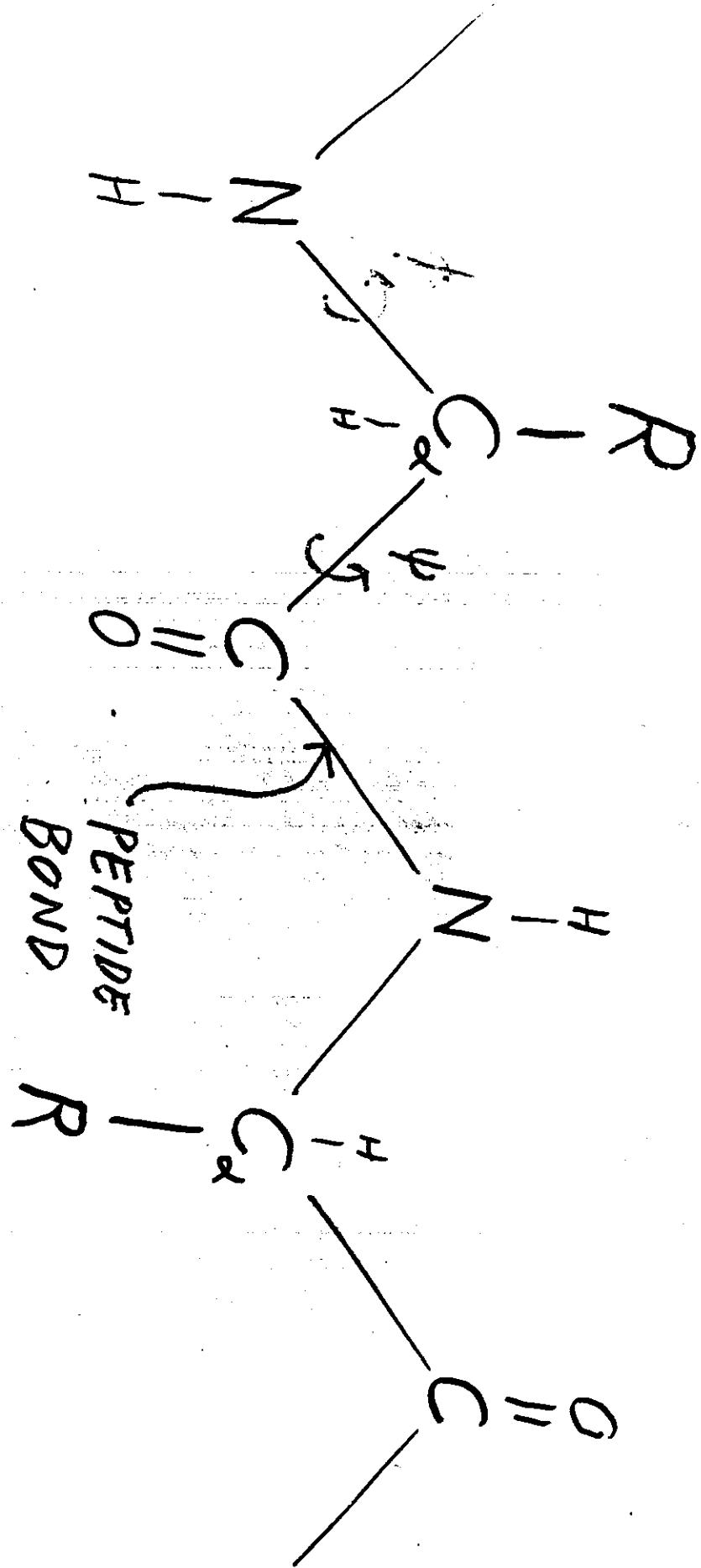
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# Empirical potential energy function

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- Bond Stretching:

$$\frac{1}{2} \sum_{bonds} K_b (b - b_{eq})^2$$

- Angle Bending:

$$\frac{1}{2} \sum_{angles} K_\theta (\theta - \theta_{eq})^2$$

- Torsion:

$$\frac{1}{2} \sum_{dihedrals} V_\varphi [1 + \cos(n\varphi - \delta)]$$

- Lennard-Jones, and electric:

$$\sum_{non-bonds} \left[ \frac{A}{r^{12}} - \frac{B}{r^6} + \frac{q_i q_j}{\epsilon r} \right]$$

# Monte Carlo

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MC is a *stochastic* method:

- Generate a sequence of system configurations which is distributed according to the Boltzmann distribution.
- Equilibrium properties are found by computing appropriate averages over the resulting set of configurations.
- **Metropolis Algorithm:**
  - Pick an atom, make random move.
  - Compute  $\Delta E$ .
  - If  $\Delta E < 0$ , the move is accepted.
  - If  $\Delta E > 0$ , the move is accepted with probability  $\exp(-\beta\Delta E)$ .
- Ideal acceptance ratio is about 50%.

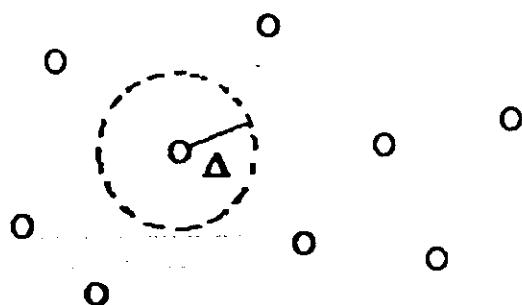
Classical Paper:

Metropolis et. al., Jour. Chem. Phys., Vol. 21 (6), 1087 (1953)

# Simulation of liquids

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How does one simulate a liquid?



Atoms are moved randomly inside spheres of equal radii.

System is:

- homogeneous.
- isotropic.

# Differences in simulating liquids and molecules

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- **Inhomogeneity**

- Each atom of the molecule sees a different environment.
- Wide range of variation in the atomic fluctuations.

- **Anisotropy**

- Highly anisotropic potentials.
- Local effective potentials change during simulation.

$d=1$  SHO

$$E = \frac{1}{2} k x^2$$

Monte Carlo move  $\Delta x$

$$\delta \geq \Delta x \geq -\delta$$

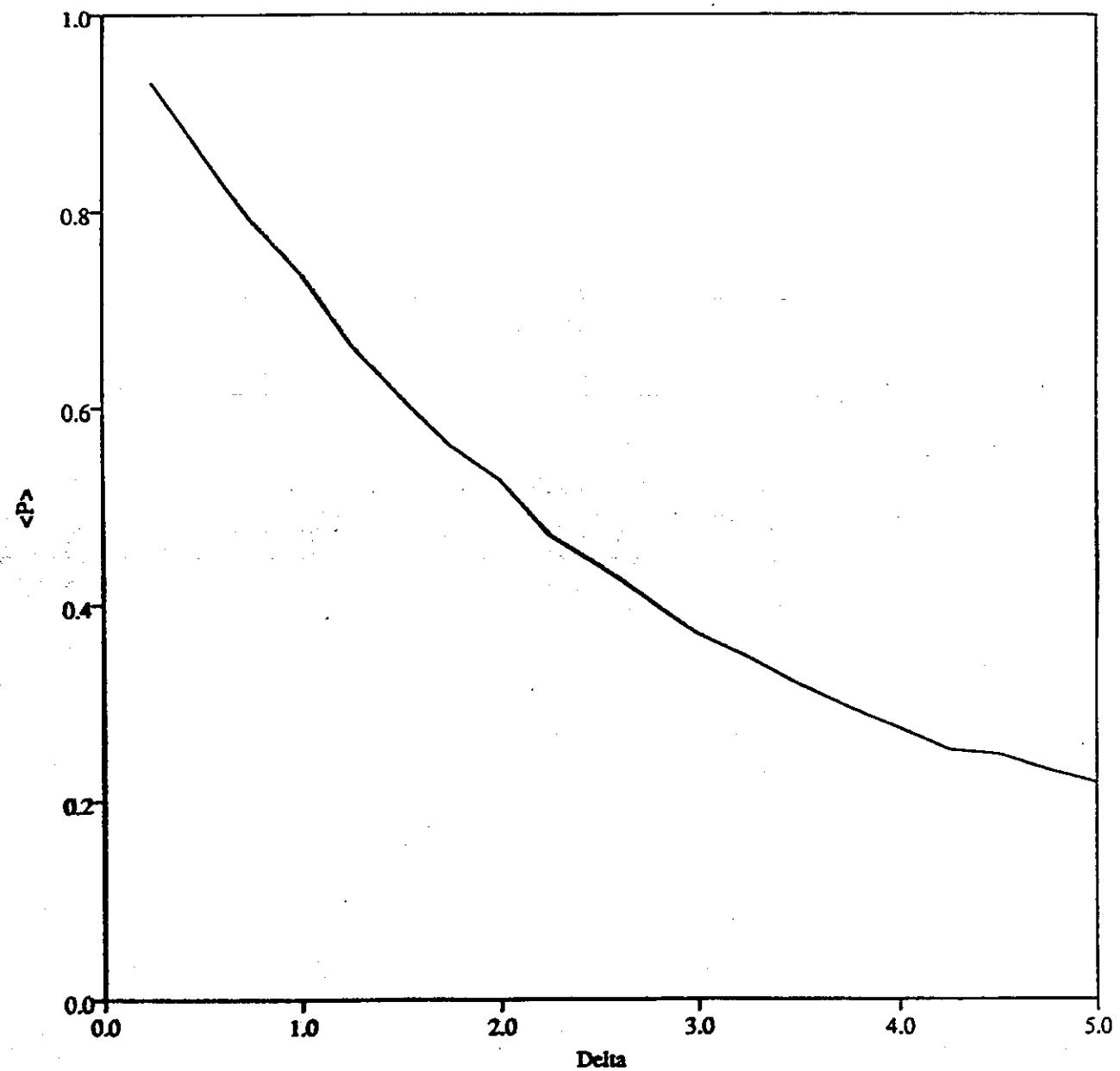
$\delta$  = optimal step size

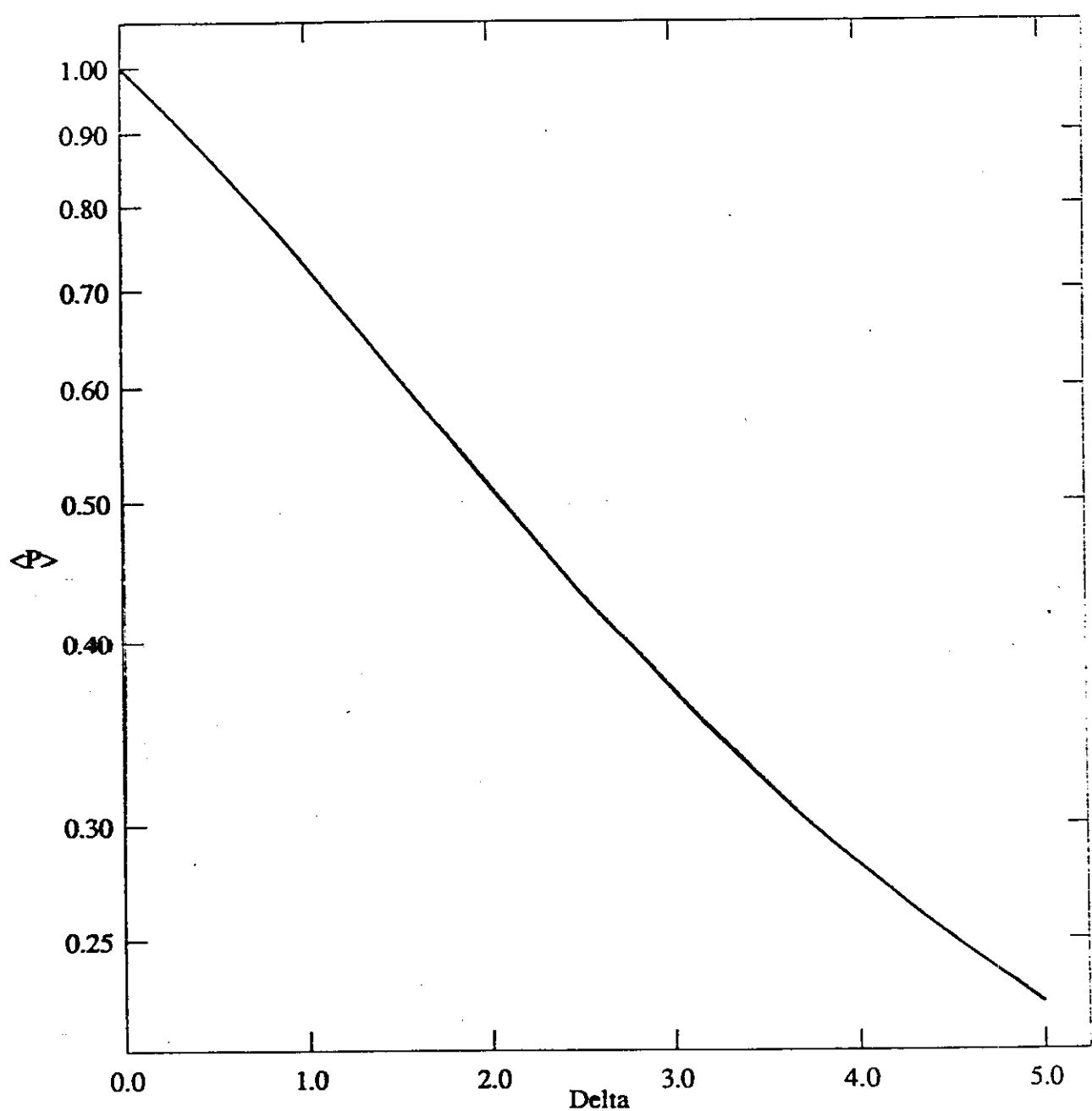
Scaling relation:

$$\frac{1}{2} \beta k \delta^2 = F^2$$

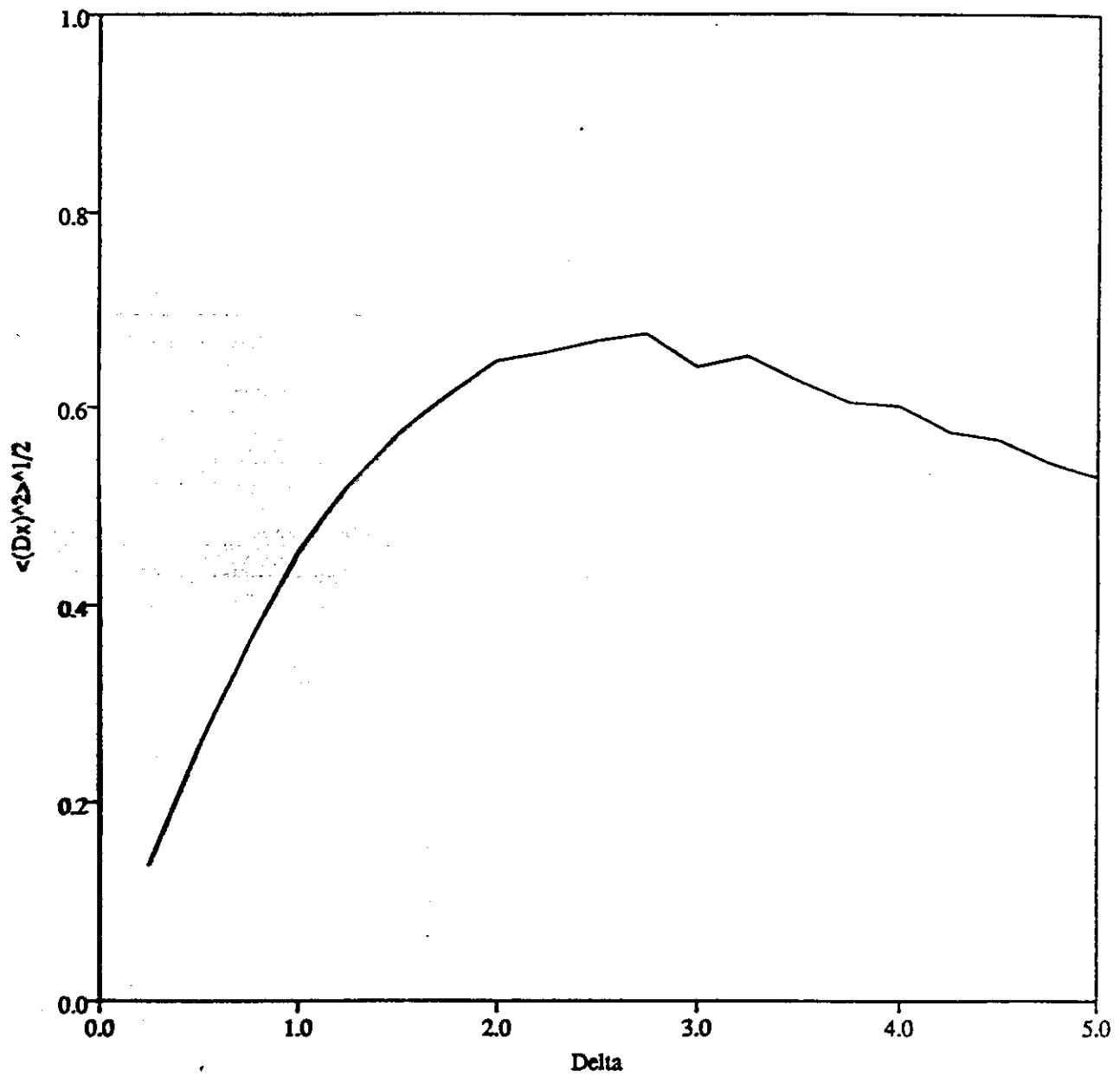
$$V(x) = x^2 \quad T=1.0$$

MC





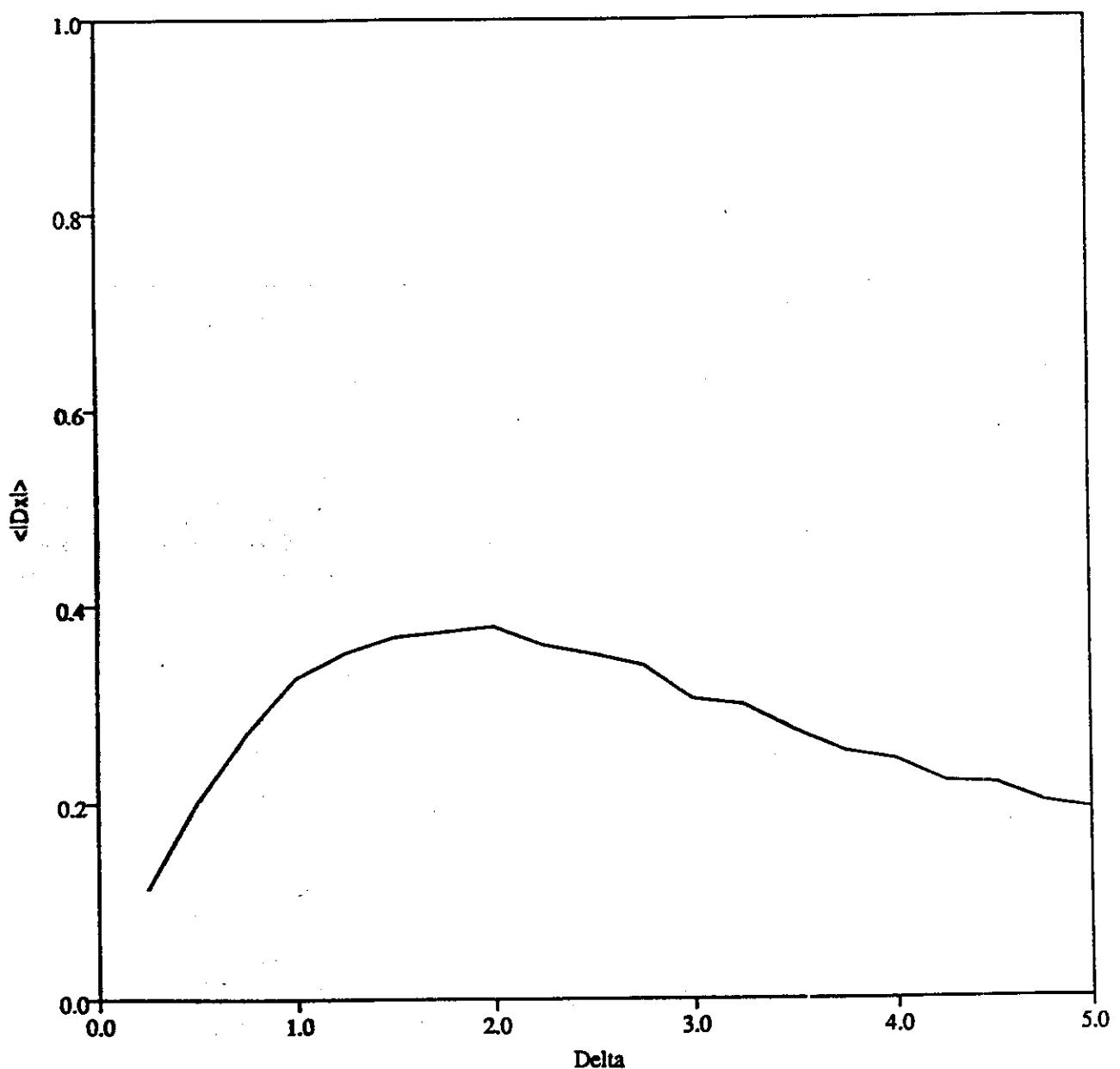
$V(x) = x^2$        $T=1.0$       MC

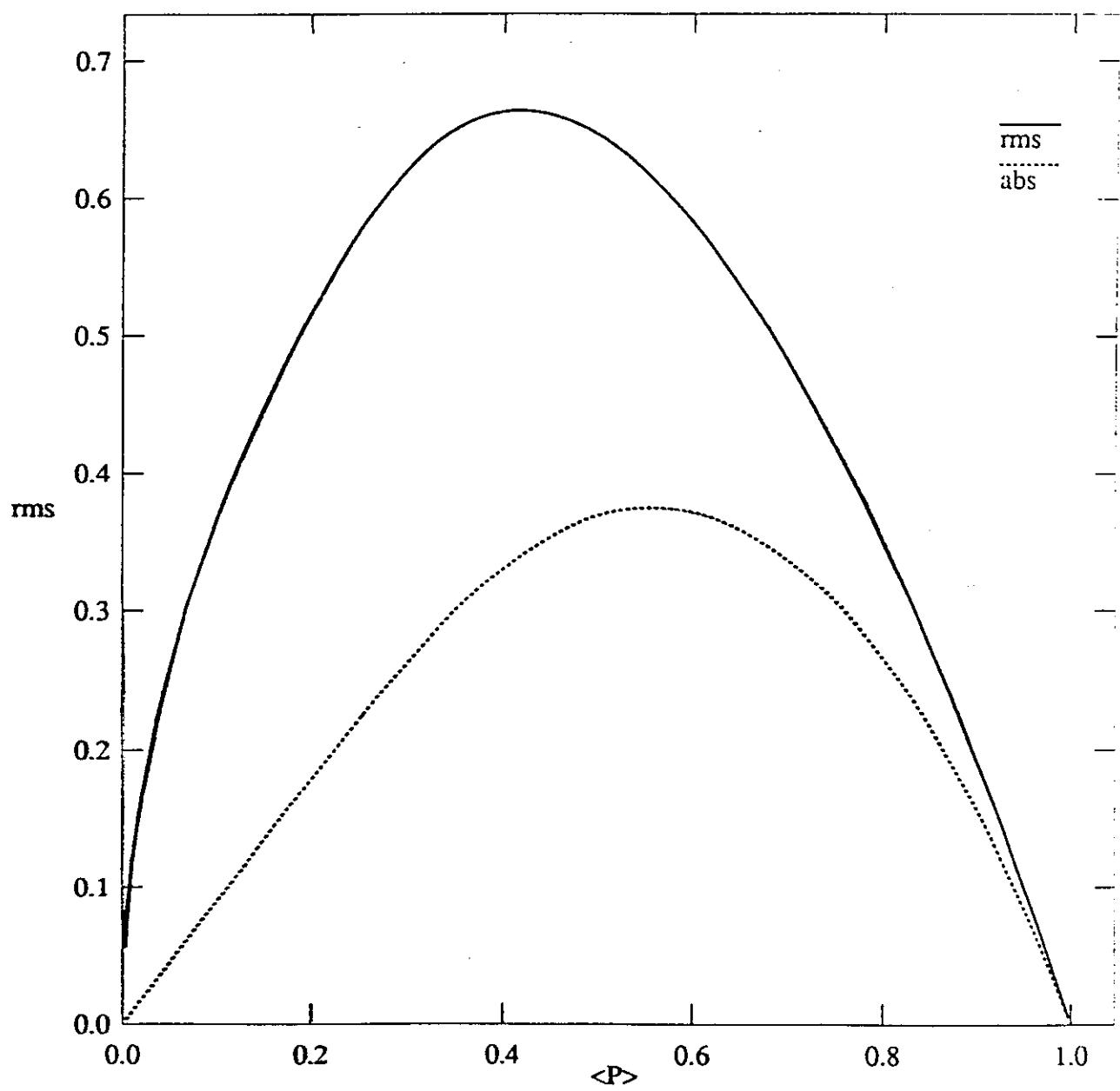


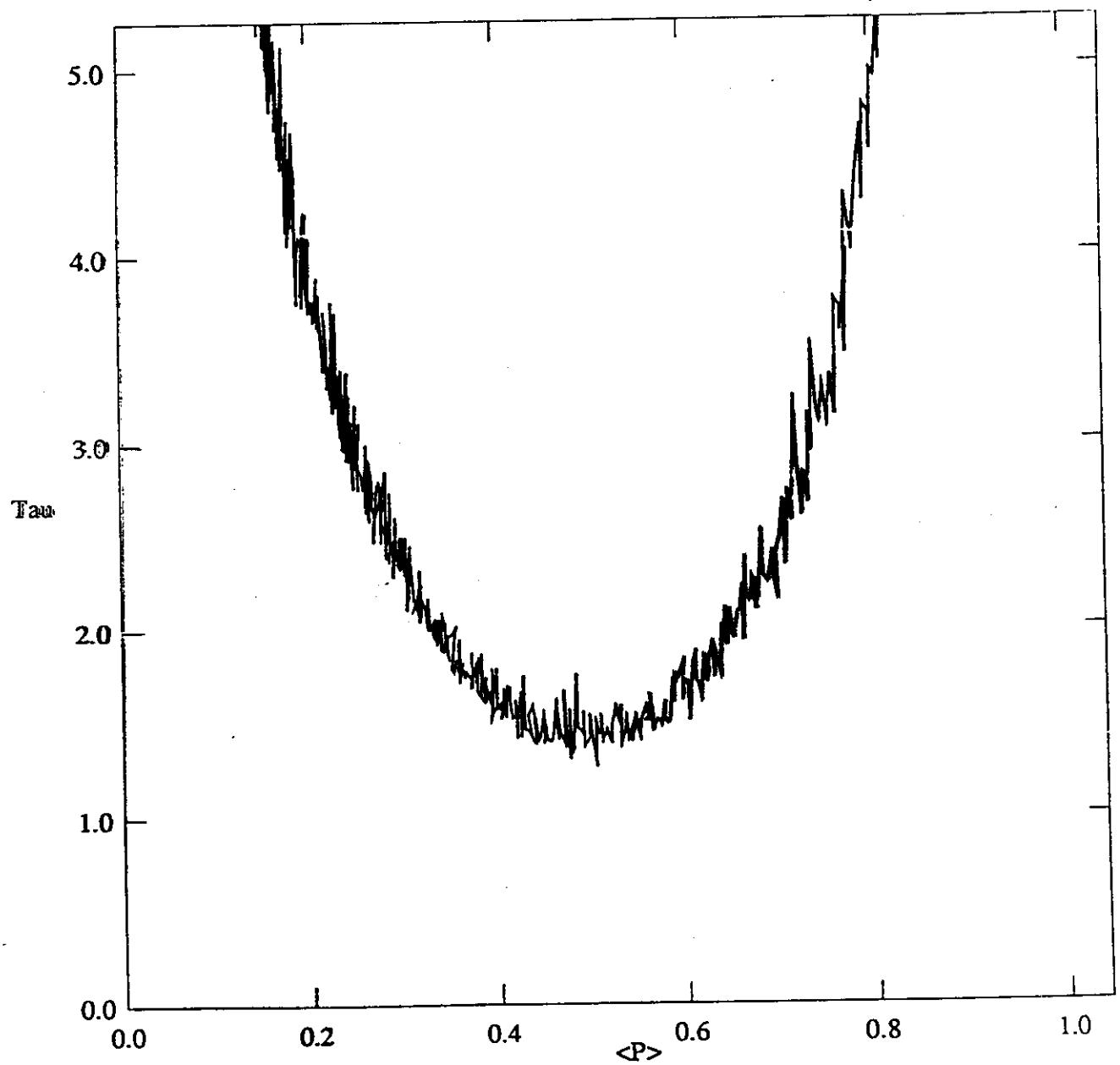
$$V(x) = x^2$$

T=1.0

MC







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# Acceptance Ratio Method

$$P \approx \exp[-\Delta/\Delta_0]$$

Ideal ratio  $\leftrightarrow$  ideal step size

$$P_i = \exp[-\Delta_i/\Delta_0]$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta_{\text{new}} = \Delta_{\text{old}} \ln P_i / \ln P$$

Actually use:

$$\Delta_{\text{new}} = \Delta_{\text{old}} \frac{\ln(aP_i + b)}{\ln(aP + b)}$$

# Dynamically Optimized Monte Carlo

DOMC

$$E = \frac{1}{2} k x^2$$

$$\Delta E = \frac{1}{2} k (x + \Delta x)^2 - \frac{1}{2} k x^2$$

$$\Delta E = k x \Delta x + \frac{1}{2} k (\Delta x)^2$$

[...] = average over all attempted moves

$$[\Delta x] = 0$$

$$[\Delta E] = \frac{1}{2} k [(\Delta x)^2]$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \beta k \delta^2 = F^2$$

$$\delta = F \left( \frac{[(\Delta x)^2]}{\beta [\Delta E]} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

DOMC for  $d > 1$

$$E = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j} k_{ij} x_i x_j$$

MC moves  $\{\beta_i\}$  is an elliptical

$$\beta_i = \sum_{j \neq i} D_{ij} \xi_j$$

$\{\xi_i\}$  is a random vector from the unit sphere.

Scaling relation:

$$F^2 = \frac{1}{2} \rho \cdot \bar{D}^t \cdot \bar{k} \cdot \bar{D}$$

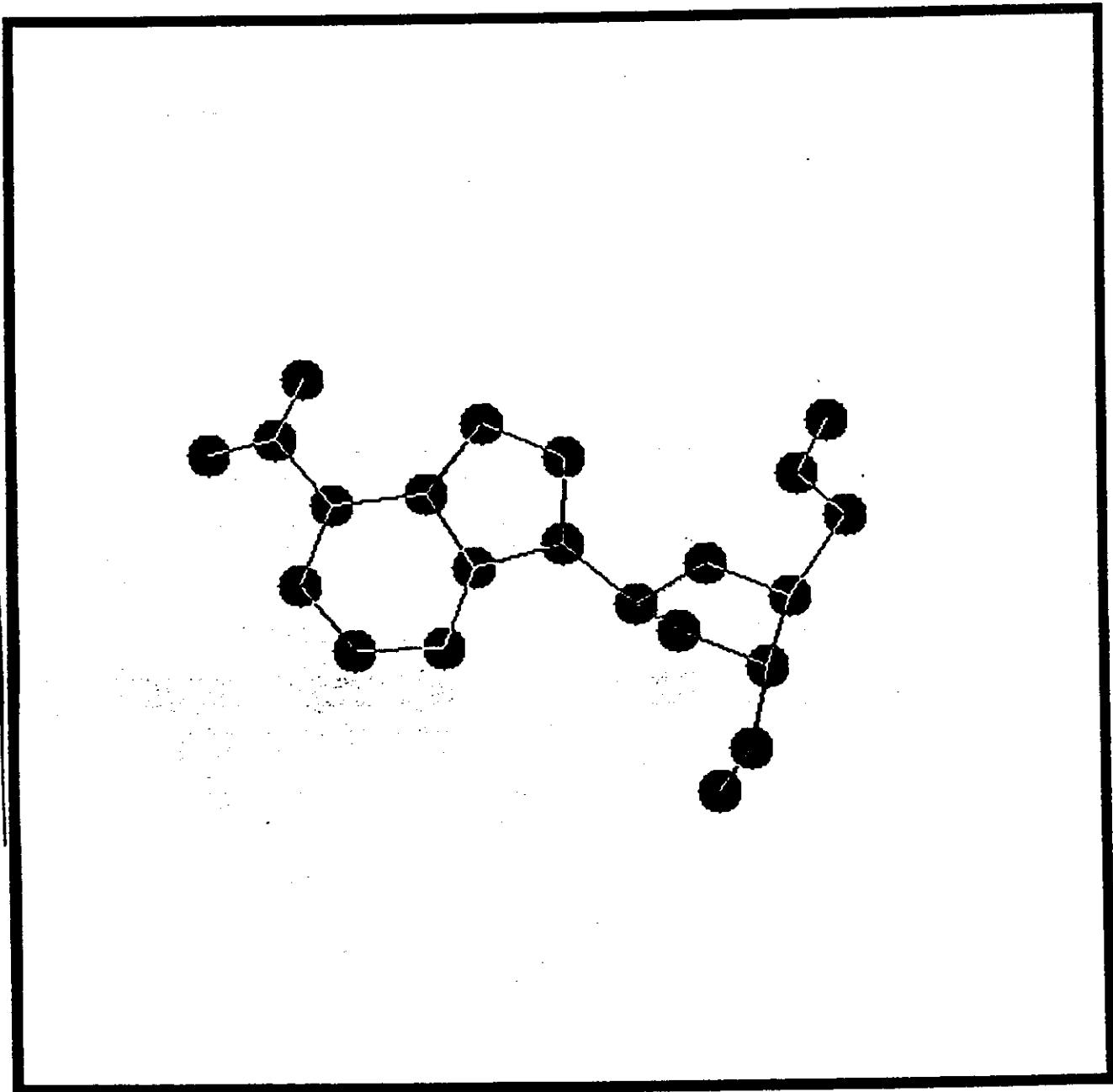
$$[\Delta E \beta_e \beta_m] = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{ij} k_{ij} [\beta_i \beta_j \beta_e \beta_m]$$

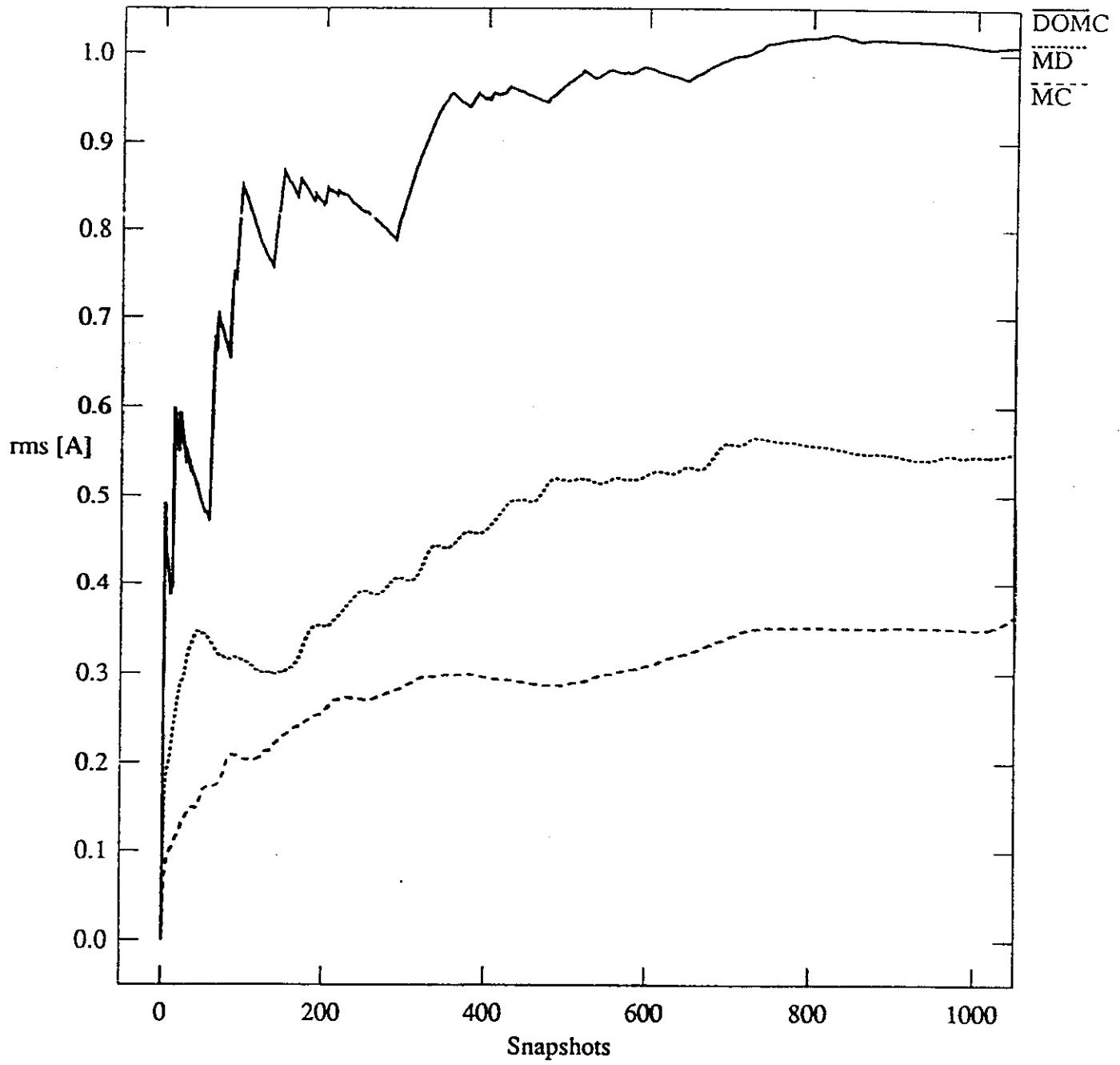
Solve for  $\{k_{ij}\}$

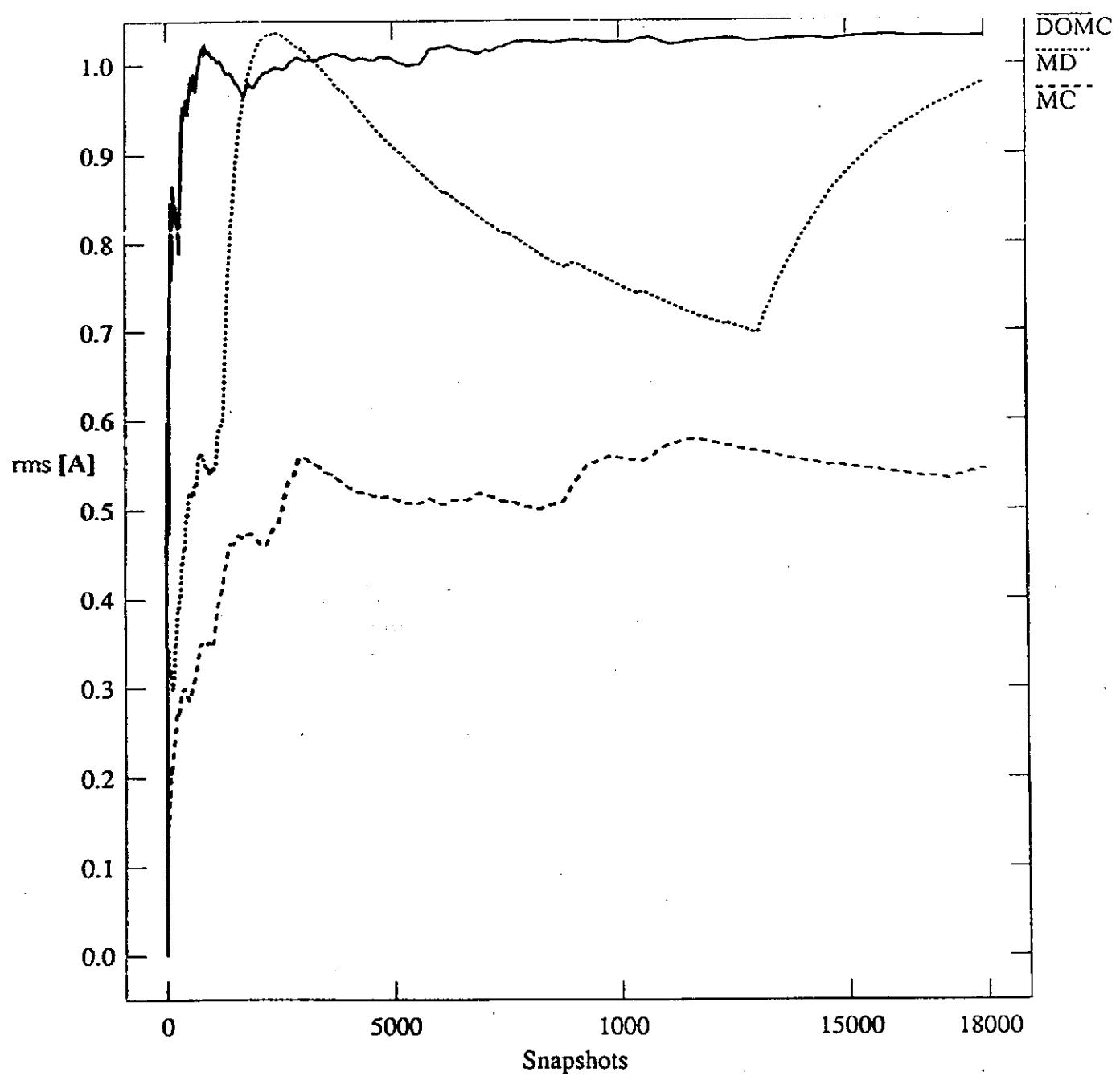
$\lambda_x$  = eigen value of  $\{k_{ij}\}$

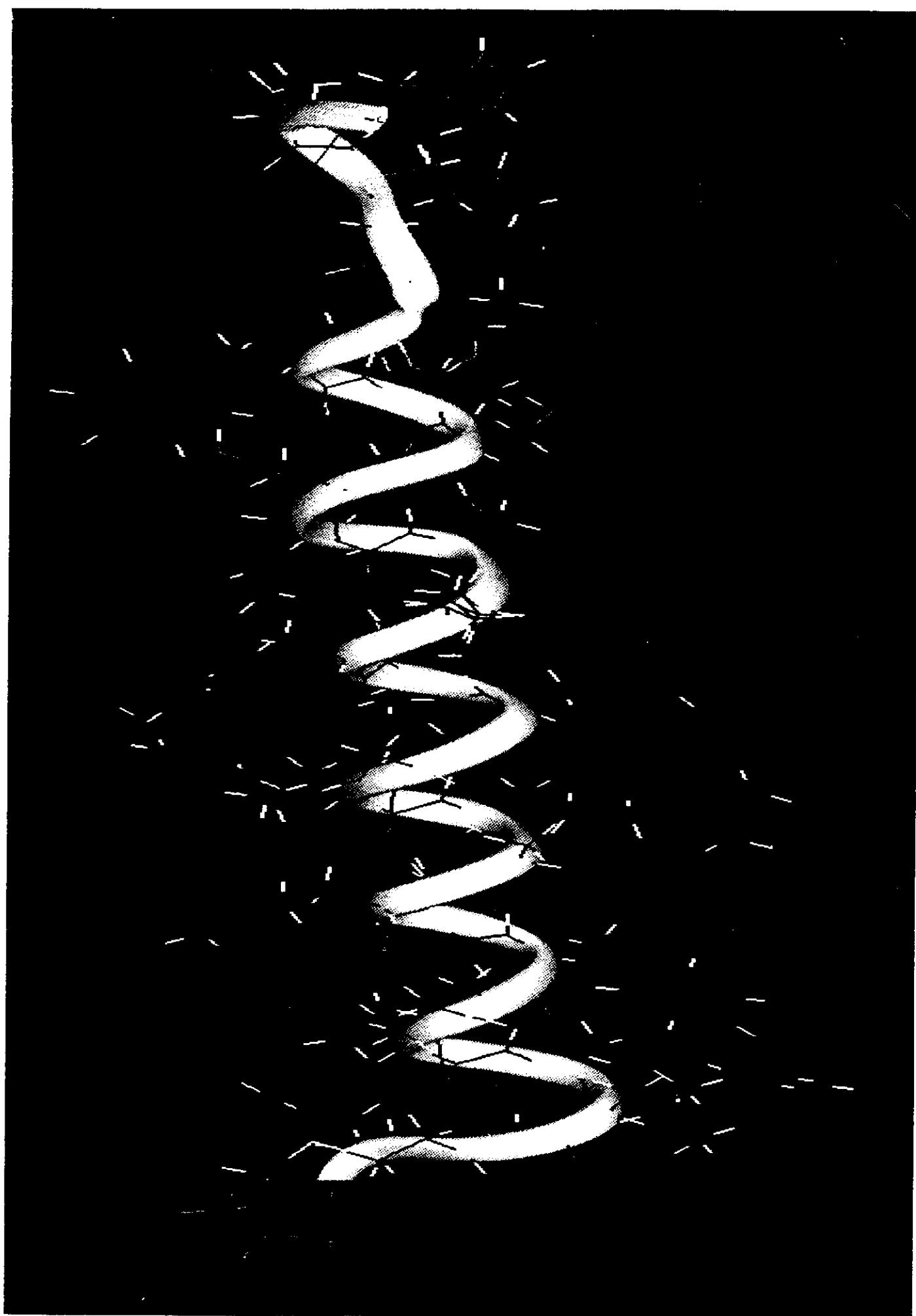
$V_{ix}$  = eigen vector of "

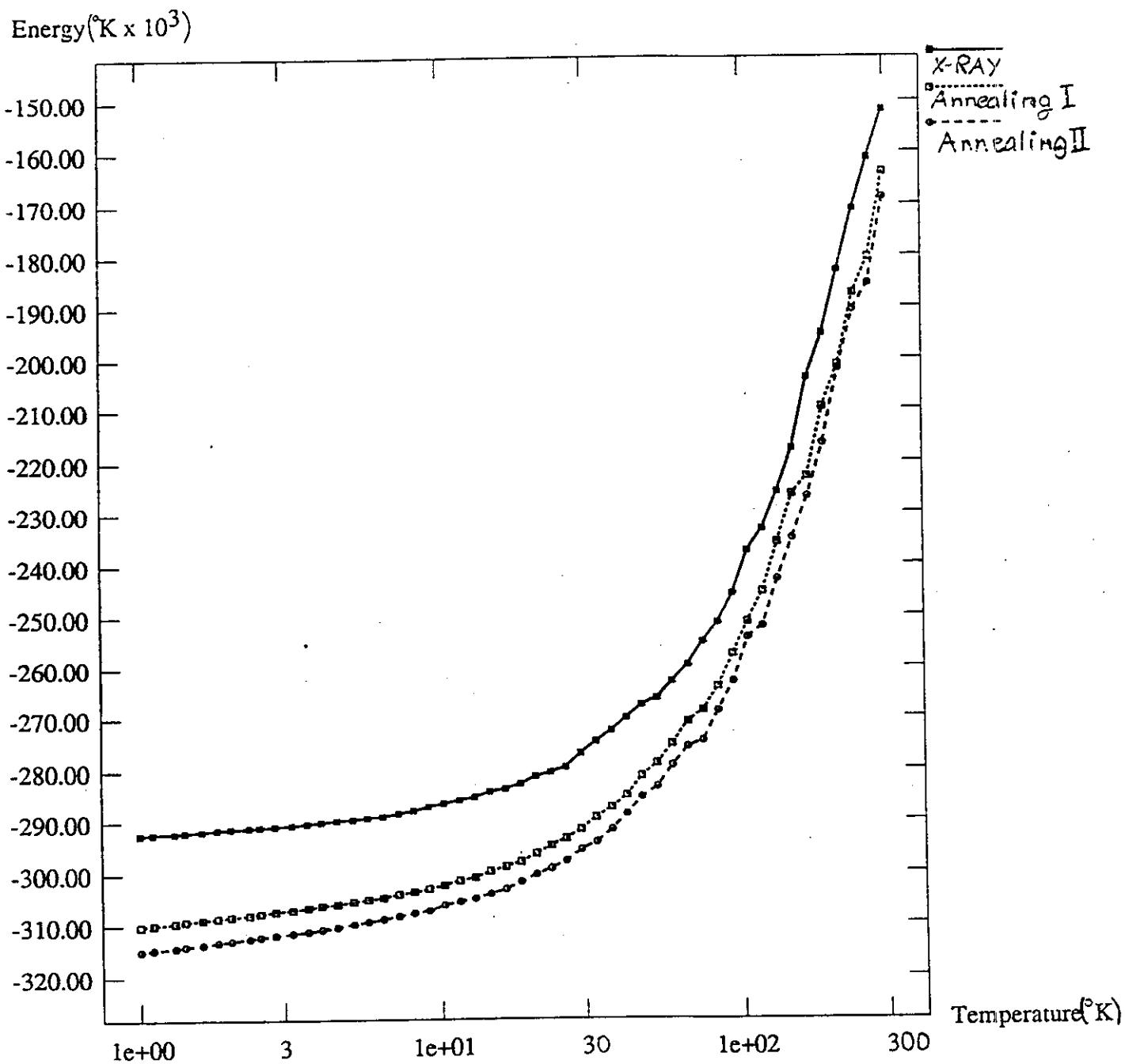
$$D_{ie} = F \left( \frac{2}{\rho \lambda_x} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} V_{ix}$$













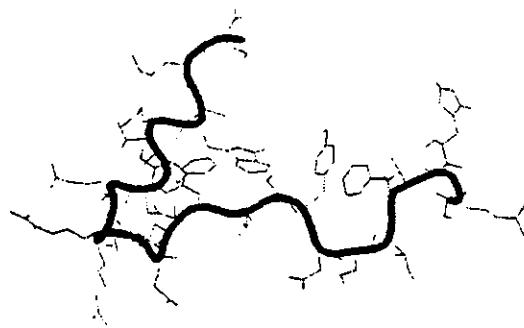


Figure 24: structure of glucagon after annealing

molecule. In the remaining cases the structure analysis program detected no helical regions. Figures 25 and 27 show the results of one of these runs.

Energetically, the helical structure lies about 20 kcal/mol below the energy of the partially folded structures. The random coils had an even higher energy, about 30 kcal/mol above the helical structure.

Even though the program did not reproduce the X-ray structure the results found agree rather well with experimental measurements by Panijpan and Gratzer [27] and Gratzer et al. [28]. From NMR studies, measurements of the temperature dependence of optical rotary dispersion and thermal difference measurements they conclude that that in dilute solution, glucagon is largely a random chain which contains about one turn of  $\alpha$ -helix. They predict that the surmised  $\alpha$ -helical segment is formed by residues 21 or 22 to 26 near the C-terminal. This is the region in which the simulated molecule showed the largest probability of forming an  $\alpha$ -helical structure. The experiments also support a hypothesis brought forth by the authors of [28] that the molecule at room temperature is at the high end of a transition between a helix and a random coil state. The experiments show that the apparent helix content of glucagon in dilute solution increases as the temperature is lowered. The authors make a prediction that glucagon should fold into the helical form