

# Computational Science for many-body problems

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<https://github.com/compsci-alliance/many-body-problems>

# 拡張アンサンブル法によるモンテカルロ計算

## Extended Ensemble method for Monte Carlo Methods

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## Classical

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5th: Molecular dynamics simulation and its applications

**6th: Extended ensemble method for Monte Carlo methods**

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# Extended Ensemble method for Monte Carlo Methods

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Back ground

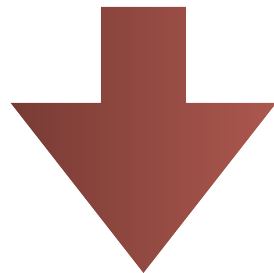
# Extended ensemble = general ensemble

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In conventional MC or MD simulation:

We try to estimate expectation values under  
“physically meaningful” ensembles.

NVE, NVT, NPT, ...



Even if an ensemble is not directly connected to  
any physical systems, we can use it to enhance  
the efficiency of numerical calculations (MC, MD)  
for interested physical systems.

# Large relaxation time in standard MC and MD

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- Critical phenomena
  - $\tau \sim L^z$  with standard algorithm (critical slowing down)
  - $z$  can be significantly reduced by using “global update”
- First order phase transition, Glass transition (structural glass, spin glass), protein foldings,
  - $\tau \sim \exp(\Delta E/T)$  or  $\exp(\Delta E/|T-T_c|)$  ; Note  $\Delta E \propto L^d$  (or  $L^{d-1}$ )!
  - Exponential can be reduce to polynomial by using extended ensemble methods.



Density of state and histogram method

# Origin of exponentially long relaxation time

Partition function of the canonical ensemble

$$Z = \int d\Gamma e^{-\beta \mathcal{H}(\Gamma)} = \int dE \underbrace{\rho(E)}_{\text{Density of states}} e^{-\beta \underbrace{F(E)}_{\text{"Free energy"}}} = \int dE e^{-\beta F(E)}$$

Probability distribution for energy

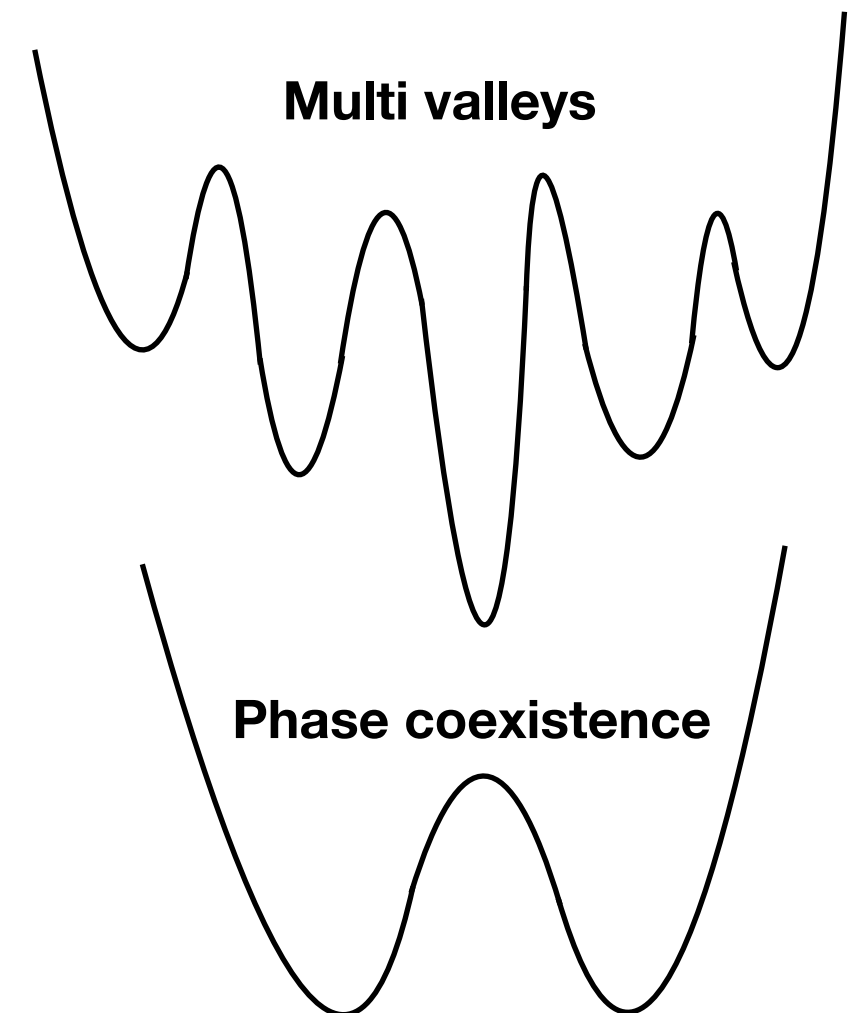
$$F(E) \equiv E - k_B T \log \rho(E)$$

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

Note! Free energy is **extensive**:  $F(E) \propto N$

- “Transition probability” is proportional to the exponential of Free-energy difference:  $\exp(-\Delta F/T)$
- Usual algorithm of MC (and MD) changes the state (or the energy) **gradually**.

➔ If there are **local minima**, the relaxation time could be **exponentially large** as the size is increased.



# Density of states

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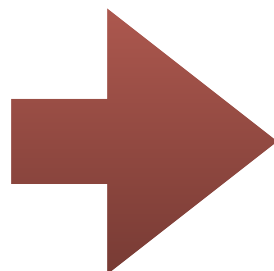
$$Z = \int d\Gamma e^{-\beta \mathcal{H}(\Gamma)} = \int dE \rho(E) e^{-\beta E}$$
$$= \int dE \int dM \rho(E, M) e^{-\beta E}$$

$$\int d\Gamma \quad \sim \text{O(N)-dimensional integral}$$
$$\int dE \quad \sim 1\text{-dimensional}$$
$$\int dE \int dM \quad \sim 2\text{-dimensional}$$

- If we know the exact  $\rho(E)$  (or  $\rho(E, M)$ ), the calculation of partition function is reduced to 1 or (a few) -dimensional integral.
- Even if we only know an approximate density of states,

$$\tilde{\rho}(E) \simeq \rho(E)$$

we can improve the sampling efficiency by using its information.



- Histogram method
- Multi canonical method
- Wang-Landau method

# Energy Histogram

Energy histogram:

In MC or MD calculations

$h(E_i)$  :# of samples (snap shots) with energy in

$$E_i - \Delta E/2 \leq E < E_i + \Delta E/2$$

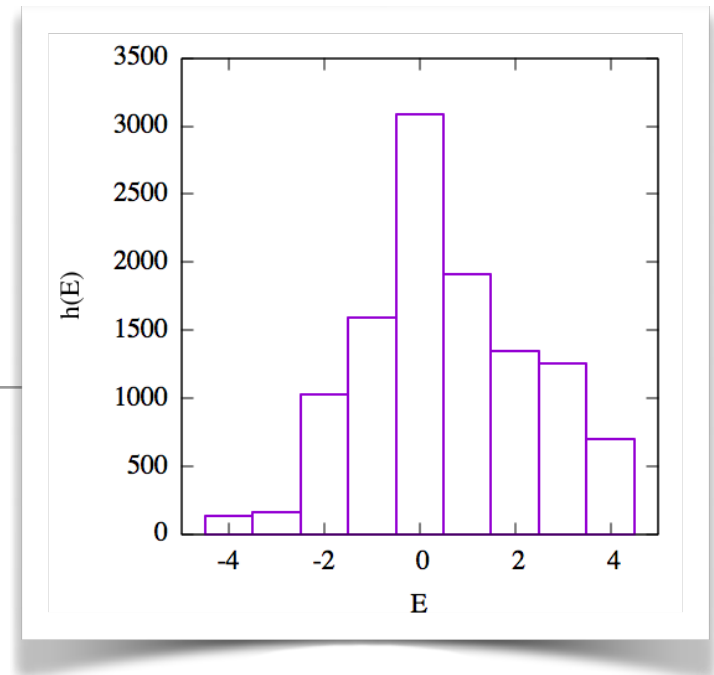
➡  $P(E)\Delta E \simeq \frac{1}{N_h} h(E)$

e.g. NVT ensemble:

$$P(E) = \frac{1}{Z(\beta)} \rho(E) e^{-\beta E} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \rho(E) \simeq \frac{Z(\beta)}{N_h \Delta E} h(E) e^{\beta E}$$

We can calculate (approximate) density of states from usual MC or MD simulations!

Because we don't know the partition function,  
DOS is determined up to the proportional coefficient.



# Histogram method (reweighting method)

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## Energy expectation value of **different temperatures**

$$\langle E \rangle_{\beta'} = \frac{\int dE \rho(E) E e^{-\beta' E}}{\int dE \rho(E) e^{-\beta' E}} \simeq \frac{\sum_i E_i h(E_i) e^{-(\beta' - \beta) E_i}}{\sum_i h(E_i) e^{-(\beta' - \beta) E_i}}$$

Any expectation values can also be calculated by the histogram method.

$$\rho(E) \simeq \frac{Z(\beta)}{N_h \Delta E} h(E) e^{\beta E}$$

$$\langle O \rangle_{\beta'} \simeq \frac{\sum_i O(E_i) h(E_i) e^{-(\beta' - \beta) E_i}}{\sum_i h(E_i) e^{-(\beta' - \beta) E_i}}$$

**Average at energy  $E_i$**

$$O(E_i) \equiv \sum_{E(\Gamma_j) \in E_i} O(\Gamma_j)$$

# Limitation of histogram method

Reweighted histogram becomes  
**less accurate**  
when  $T'$  is far from the original  $T$ .

“Tail” of the original histogram has only  
small # of snapshots. → **large noise**

## Central limit theorem

Width of energy distribution:  $\propto \sqrt{N}$

Average of energy:  $\propto N$

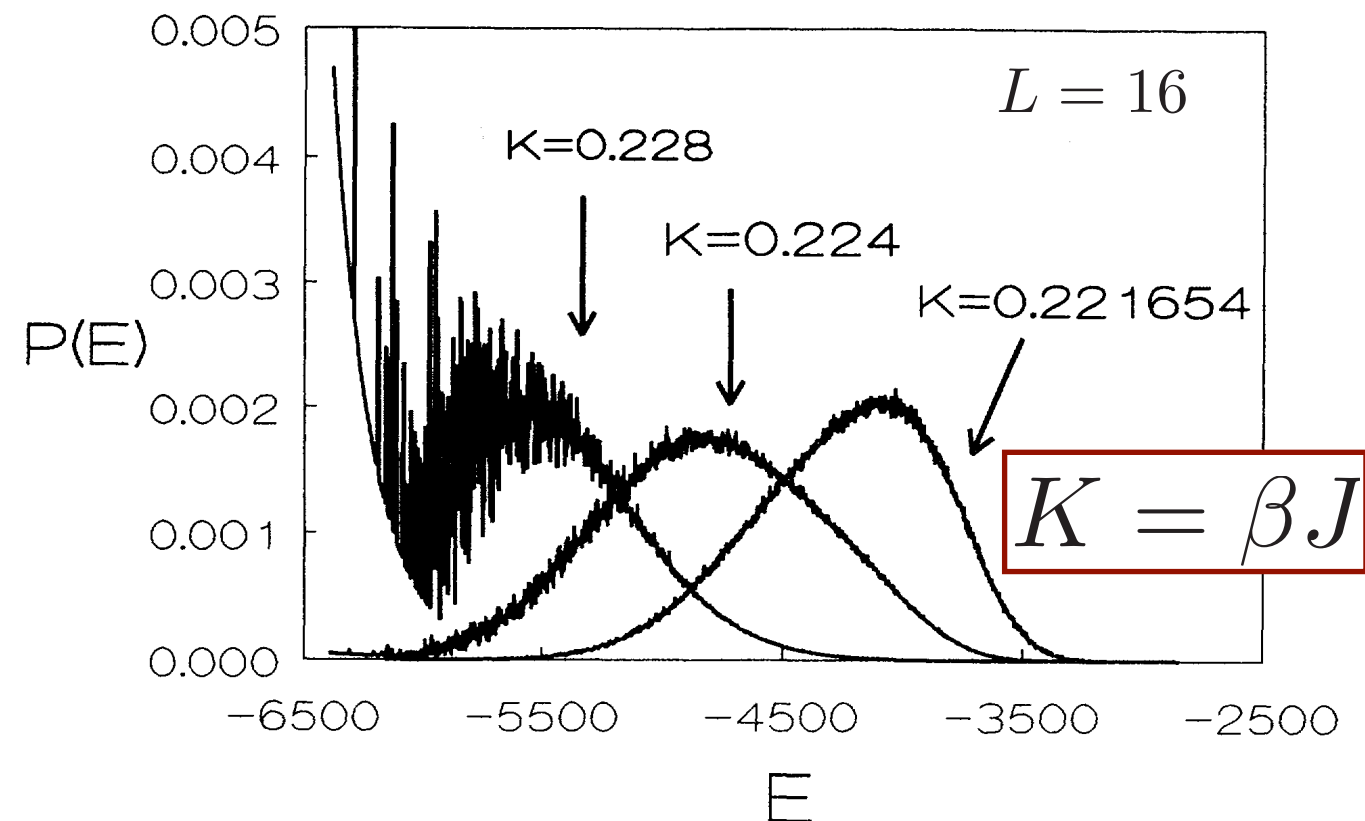
Distribution becomes **narrower** as  $N$  is increased!

Reliable temperature region for reweighting:

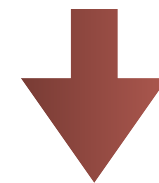
$$\Delta T \propto \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}}$$

## Energy distribution of 3d-Ising model

A. M. Ferrenberg and D. P. Landau, Phys. Rev. B **44**, 5081 (1991)



MC simulation at  $K=0.221654$



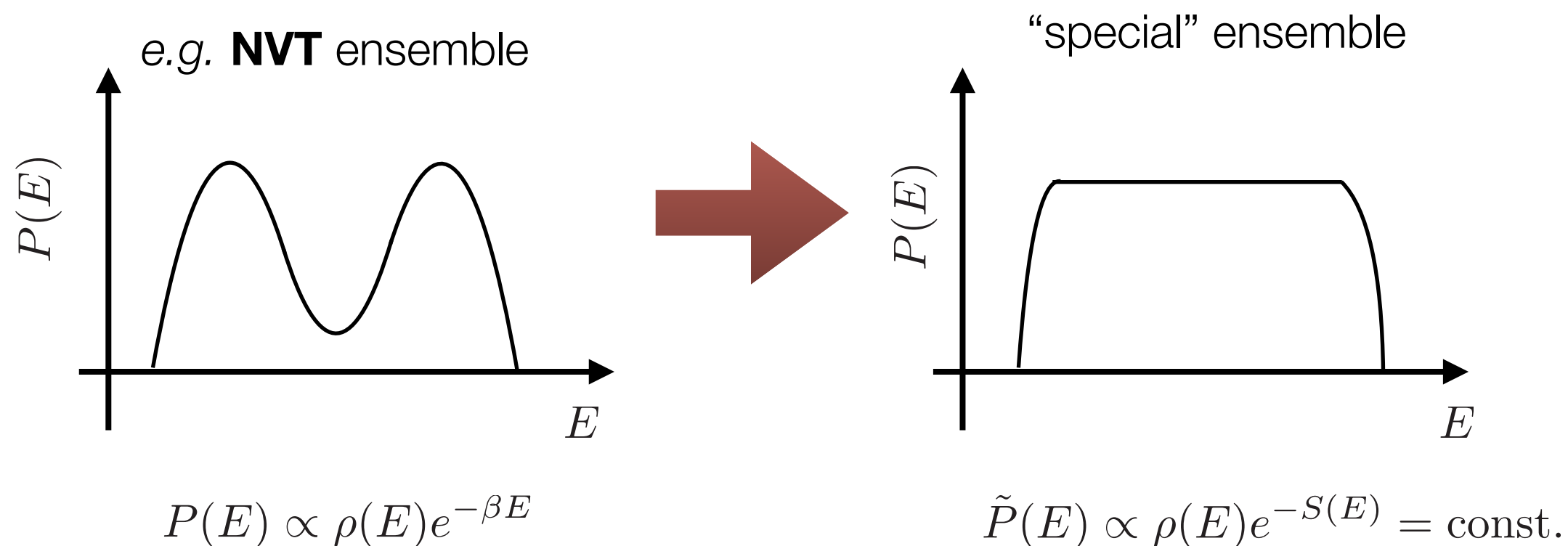
Reweighting to  
 $K=0.224$  and  $K=0.228$

Multi Canonical methods

# Idea of Multi-Canonical method

B.A. Berg and T. Neuhaus (1992)

If we can prepare a special ensemble where the energy distribution is “flat”, we can efficiently sample all relevant states.



**Special ensemble is related to log of DOS!**

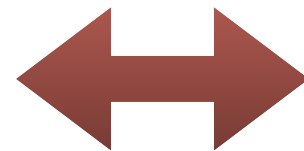
$$S(E) = \log \rho(E)$$



# How to obtain the special ensemble?

**Special ensemble is log of DOS!**

$$S(E) = \log \rho(E)$$



**DOS is unknown!**

We can obtain  $S(E)$  approximately by iterative calculations.

## “Sketch” of an iterative algorithm:

1. Run MC simulation on a **high temperature** and calculate energy histogram.

$$h(E) \sim \rho(E)e^{-\beta E}$$

2. Based on the energy histogram, extract approximate  $S(E)$ .

$$S^0(E) = \beta E + \log h(E)$$

3. **Loop**  $n$

1. Run MC simulation under  $S^{(n)}(E)$  and calculate histogram  $h^{(n)}(E)$

2. Calculate next  $S^{(n+1)}(E)$  as

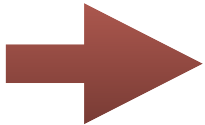
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$$S^{(n+1)}(E) = S^{(n)}(E) + \log h^{(n)}(E)$$

- The histogram  $h^{(n)}(E)$  is expected to be  $h^{(n)}(E) \sim \rho(E)e^{-S^{(n)}(E)}$
  - When  $S^{(n)}(E)$  becomes close to  $\log \rho(E)$ , the histogram becomes almost flat.
-  We can **efficiently sample** the histogram and DOS.
- By using accurate  $S^{(n)}(E)$  we can calculate expectations values **under the canonical ensemble by using reweighting technique.**

$$\langle O \rangle_\beta = \frac{\int dE O(E) \rho(E) e^{-S(E)} e^{-\beta E + S(E)}}{\int dE \rho(E) e^{-S(E)} e^{-\beta E + S(E)}} = \frac{\langle O e^{-\beta E + S(E)} \rangle_S}{\langle e^{-\beta E + S(E)} \rangle_S}$$

# Detailed algorithm (will be skipped)

B.A. Berg, Nucl. Phys. B (Proc. Supl.) **63A-C**, 982 (1998)

Suppose  $S(E)$  looks like:  $S(E) = \beta(E)E - \alpha(E)$

(Energy dependent temperature)

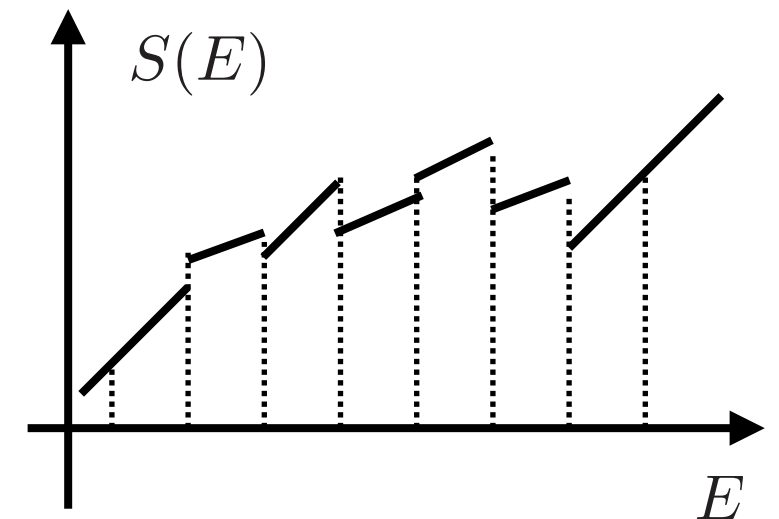
➡  $S(E) \simeq \beta_i E - \alpha_i$   
for  $E_i - \Delta E/2 \leq E \leq E_i + \Delta E/2$

In a specific interval, we want to optimize  $\beta$  and  $\alpha$ ,  
*i.e.*  $P(E)$  becomes flat.

By defining  $\beta_i \equiv \frac{S(E_{i+1}) - S(E_i)}{\Delta E}$

➡  $\alpha_{i-1} = \alpha_i + (\beta_{i-1} - \beta_i)E_i$

We fix  $\alpha_{i_{max}} = 0$



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**Iteration** :how to determine next  $\beta$  and  $\alpha$

In order to make the histogram flat,  $S^{(n+1)}(E) = S^{(n)}(E) + \log h^{(n)}(E)$

$$\Rightarrow \tilde{\beta}_i^{(n+1)} = \beta_i^{(n)} + \log \frac{h_{i+1}^{(n)}}{h_i^{(n)}}$$

This estimator could be suffered from large statistical error

$$\Rightarrow \beta_i^{(n+1)} = (1 - c_i)\beta_i^{(n)} + c_i\tilde{\beta}_i^{(n+1)} \quad \text{*For optimal } c_i, \text{ see the reference}$$

$\alpha$  is calculated from  $\beta$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha_{i-1}^{(n+1)} = \alpha_i^{(n+1)} + (\beta_{i-1}^{(n+1)} - \beta_i^{(n+1)})E_i$$

# Example of application

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**$q$ -state Potts model** on the square lattice

$$\mathcal{H} = -J \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle} \delta_{S_i, S_j} \quad S_i = 0, 1, 2, \dots, q-1$$

Phase transition at

$$T_c/J = \frac{1}{\log(1 + \sqrt{q})}$$

$q = 2$  : Equivalent to Ising model

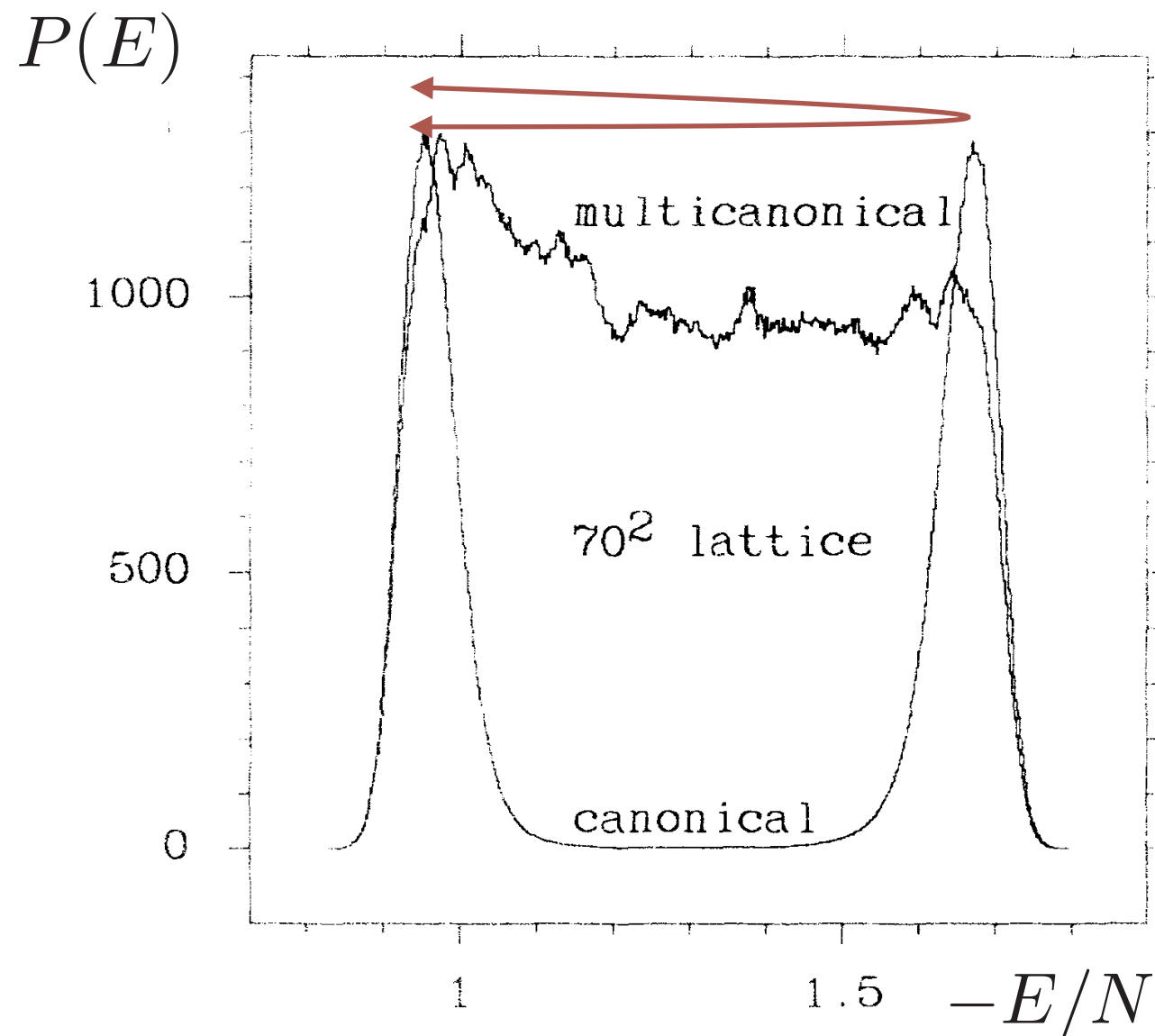
$q \leq 4$  : Continuous phase transition

$q > 5$  : 1st order phase transition

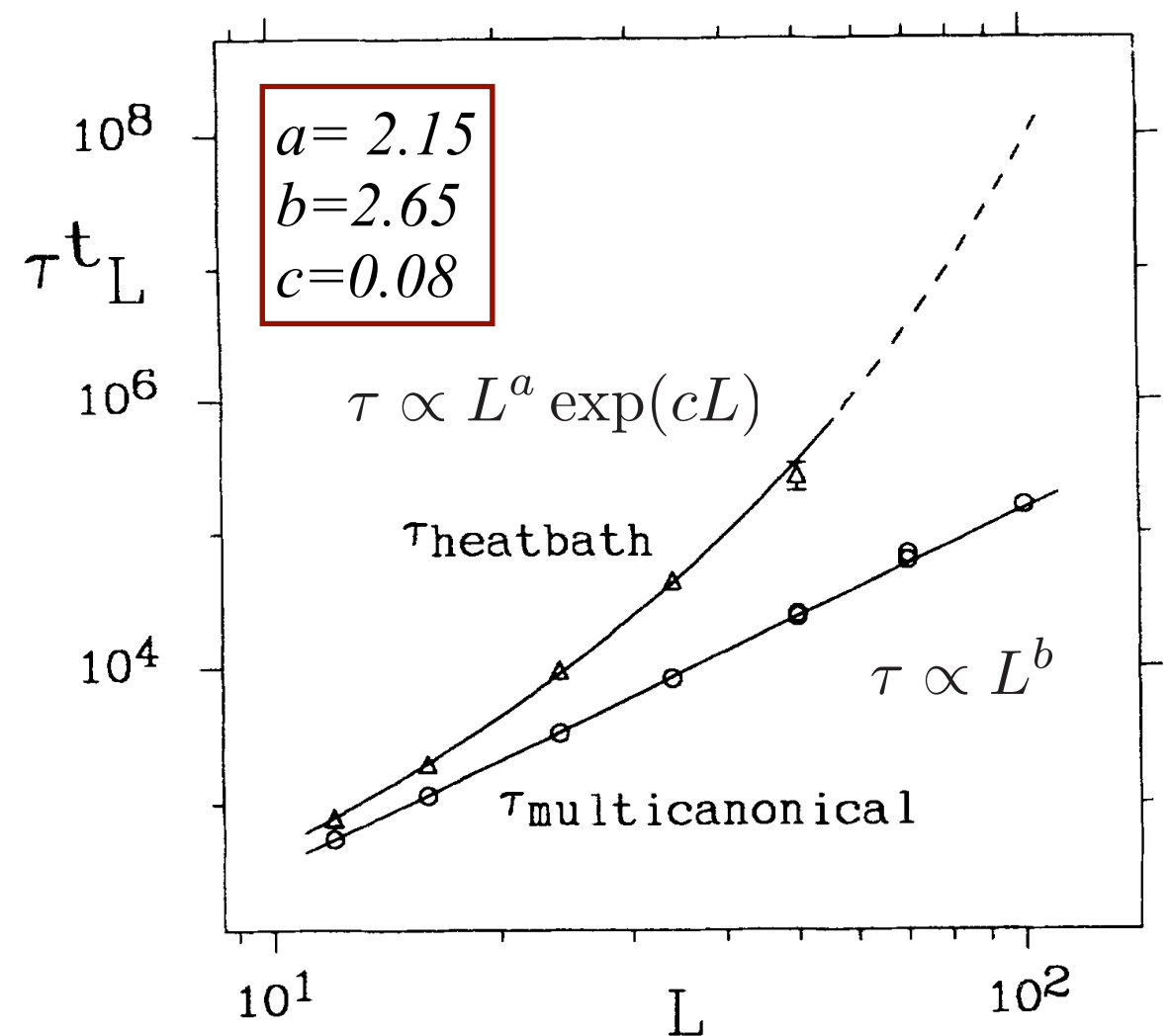
# Multi Canonical method for $q=10$ Potts model

B.A. Berg and T. Neuhaus, Phys. Rev. Lett. **68**, 9 (1992)

Energy distribution around  $T_c$



Tunneling time



By Multi canonical method, the tunneling time is reduced to **the power of  $L$ !**

Wang-Landau method

Need to update

# Wang-Landau method

F. Wang and D. P. Landau (2001)

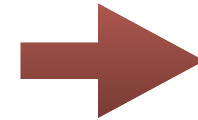
Another method to obtain the density of state:

## Random walk on the energy space

Markov Chain Monte Carlo with the transition probability

$$W_{\Gamma \rightarrow \Gamma'} = \min \left( \frac{g(E(\Gamma))}{g(E(\Gamma'))}, 1 \right)$$

$g(E)$  : estimate of DOS



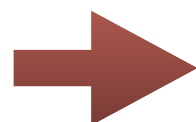
Its steady state is

$$P(\Gamma) \propto \frac{1}{g(E(\Gamma))}$$

The energy distribution (histogram) :

$$P(E)dE = P(\Gamma)d\Gamma = P(\Gamma)\rho(E)dE \propto \frac{\rho(E)}{g(E)}dE$$

if  $g(E) = \rho(E)$



This MCMC gives us  
a completely flat histogram!



# Wang-Landau method:update of $g(E)$

F. Wang and D. P. Landau (2001)

Initially, we don't know DOS.  Set an initial guess, e.g.  $g(E) = 1$

Along MCMC, we update  $g(E)$  of the  $E(\Gamma)$  as

$$g_{new}(E) = g(E) \times f \quad (\log g_{new}(E) = \log g(E) + \log f)$$

\*Note after  $N$  step,  $g(E)$  changes like

$$g_{new}(E) \sim g(E) f^{N \frac{\rho(E)}{g(E)}}$$

If the multiplication factor is “gradually” reduced to  $f = 1$ ,

**$g(E)$  eventually converges to  $\rho(E)$ .**

“gradual” change of  $f$ :

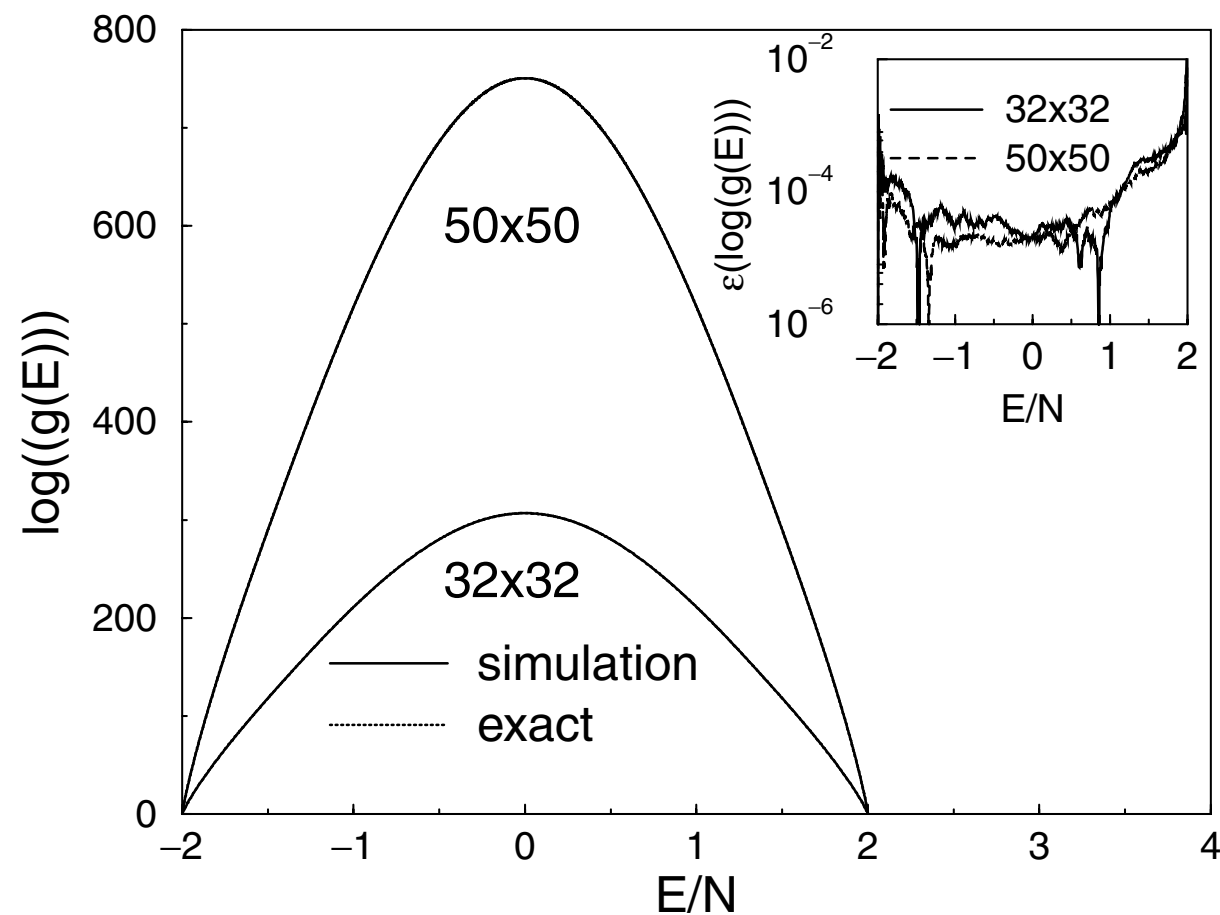
$g(E)$  **increases** when  
 $g(E) < \rho(E)$   
for  $f > 1$ .

1. Initially  $f=f_0$  (e.g.  $f_0 = e^1$ )
2. Loop  $i$ 
  - If (the histogram  $h(E)$  becomes “flat”?)
    - Then, we decrease  $f_i$  as  
 $f_{i+1} = (f_i)^x$  (e.g.  $x = 1/2$ ),  
and **reset the histogram**.
3. Repeat until  $f_i$  becomes **enough small** (e.g.  $f \sim \exp(10^{-8})$ )

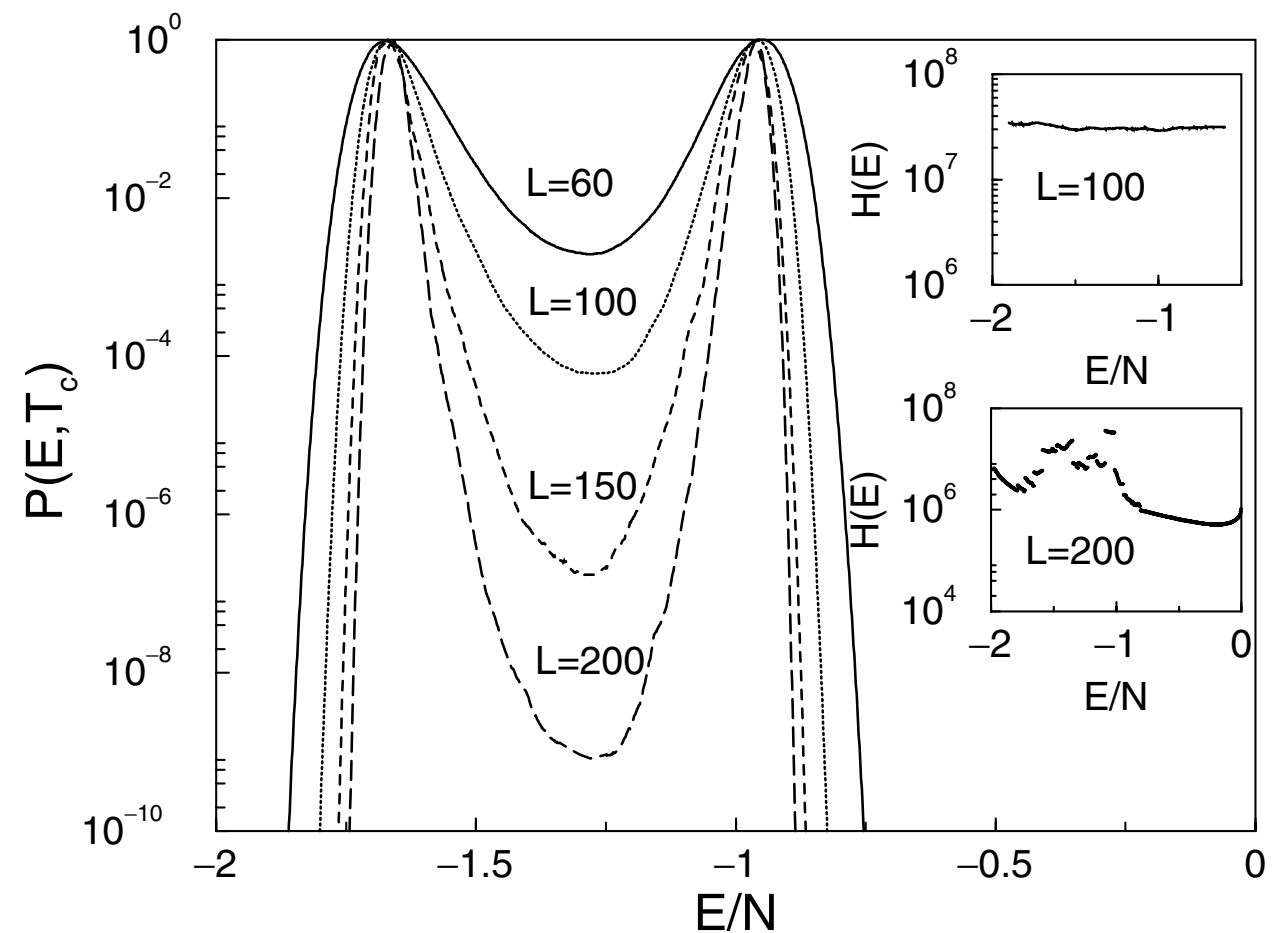
# Power of Wang-Landau method

F. Wang and D. P. Landau, Phys. Rev. Lett. **86**, 2050 (2001)

## Density of state of 2D-Ising model



## Density of state of $q=10$ Potts model



We can obtain very accurate density of state by Wang-Landau method!

# Replica Exchange method

K.Hukushim and K. Nemoto, J. Phys. Soc. Jpn. **65**, 1604 (1996).

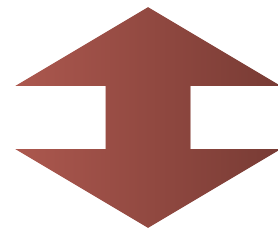
# Replica exchange (parallel tempering)

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A different type of extended ensemble:

Usual MC or MD considers one parameter and one realization:

$$T, \Gamma = \{S_i\}, \{\mathbf{q}_i, \mathbf{p}_i\}$$



Replica exchange method considers  
**multiple parameters** together with **multiple realizations**:

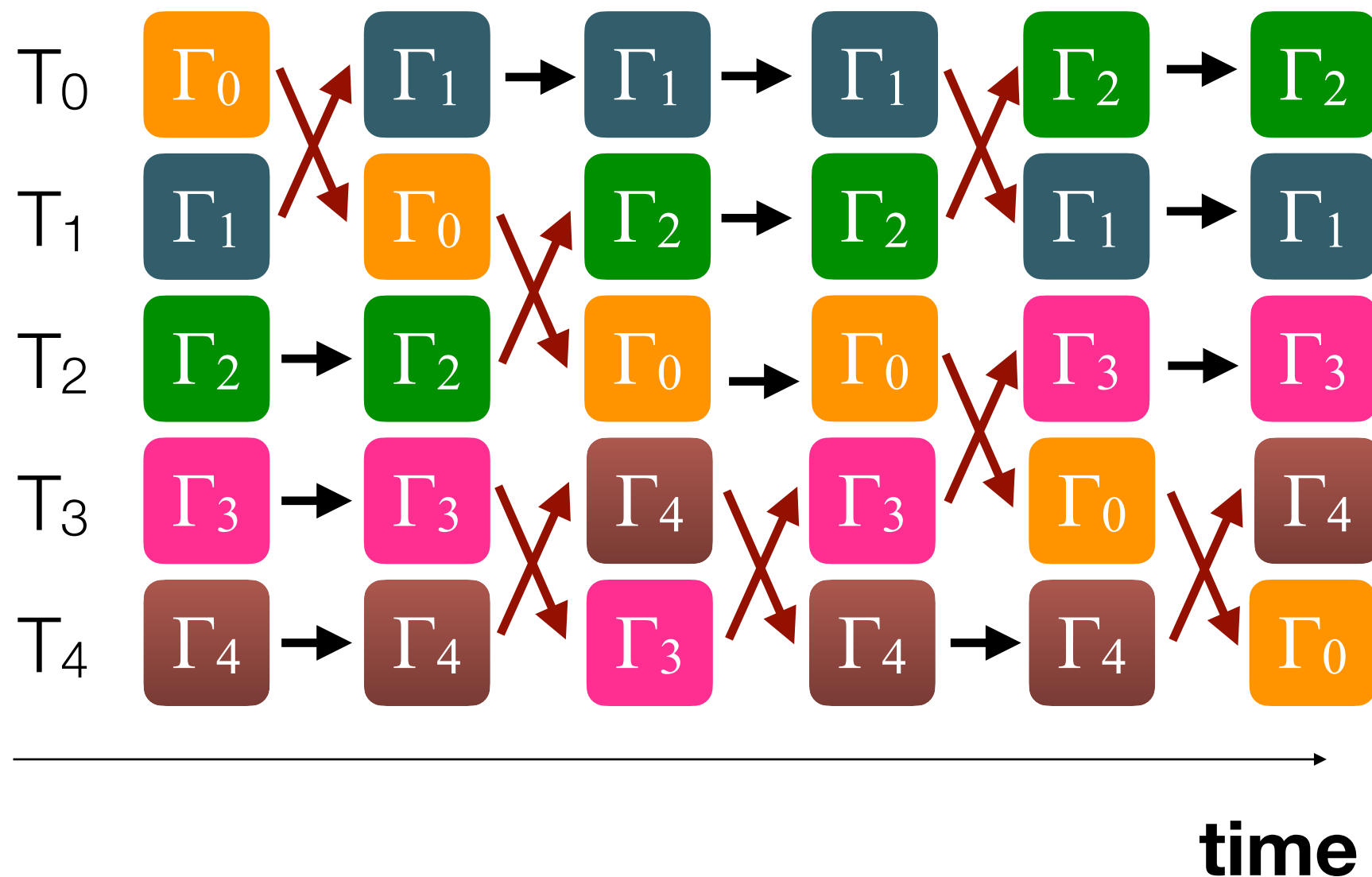
$$\{T_0, T_1, \dots, T_M\}, \{\Gamma_0, \Gamma_1, \dots, \Gamma_M\},$$

➡ Try to sample “(M+1)-dimensional” joint-distribution

$$P(\Gamma_0, \Gamma_1, \dots, \Gamma_M; T_0, T_1, \dots, T_M)$$

# “Replica exchange”

Along simulation, we “exchange” the relationship between parameter and realization

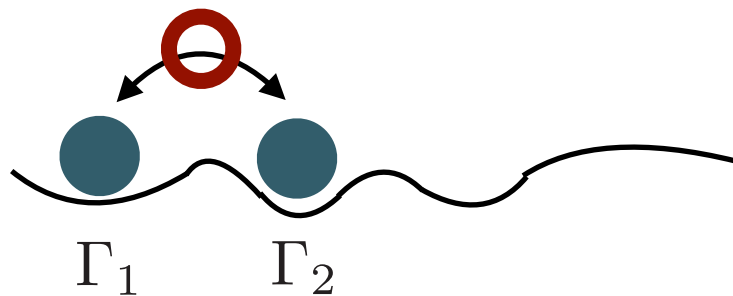


# Purpose of replica exchange

Free energy landscape depends on the parameter

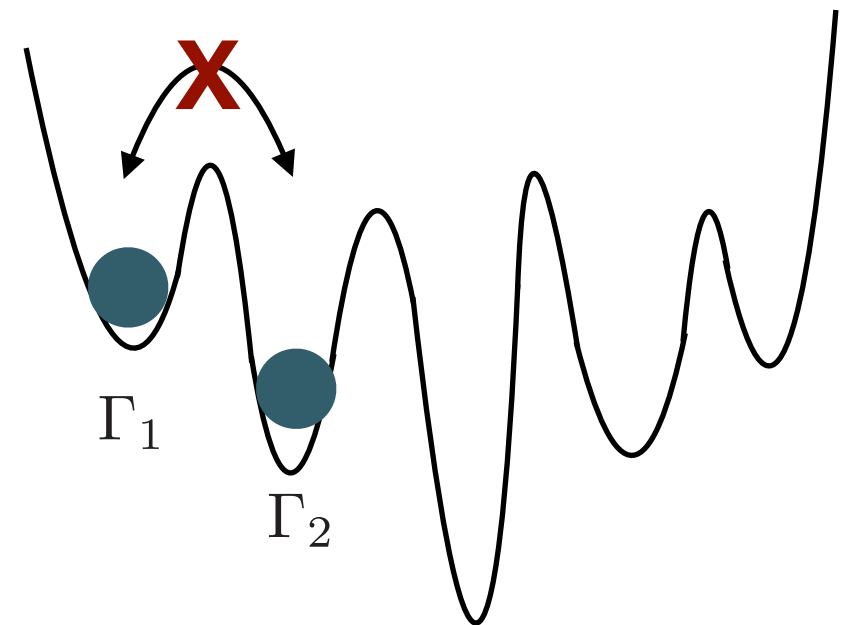
**High temperature:  $T_h$**

$\Gamma$  easily moves to other points!



**Low temperature:  $T_l$**

$\Gamma$  hardly moves to other minima!



Make a pass like:

$$\{\Gamma_1, T_l\} \rightarrow \{\Gamma_1, T_h\} \rightarrow \{\Gamma_2, T_h\} \rightarrow \{\Gamma_2, T_l\}$$

**low**

**high**

**high**

**low**

\* Parameter is **not necessary** a temperature.

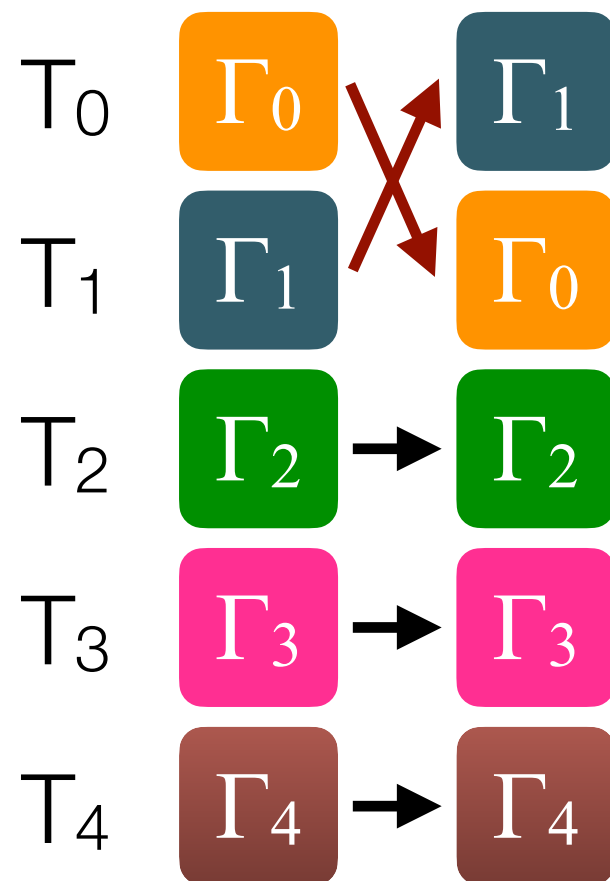
# Markov Chain Monte Carlo for Replica Exchange

Target steady state distribution:

$$P(\Gamma_0, \Gamma_1, \dots, \Gamma_M; T_0, T_1, \dots, T_M) \propto e^{-\sum_i^M \beta_i E_i}$$

$$E_i \equiv \mathcal{H}(\Gamma_i)$$

Metropolis method:



$\mathcal{T}$  : **sequence of temperatures**

$$\mathcal{T} = \{T_1, T_0, T_2, \dots\}$$

$$\{T_0, \Gamma_0\}, \{T_1, \Gamma_1\} \rightarrow \{\textcolor{red}{T}_1, \Gamma_0\}, \{\textcolor{red}{T}_0, \Gamma_1\}$$

$$\mathcal{T}_{01} \qquad \qquad \mathcal{T}_{10}$$

**Transition probability**

$$W_{\mathcal{T}_{01} \rightarrow \mathcal{T}_{10}} = \min \left( 1, \frac{P(\{\Gamma_i\}; \textcolor{red}{T}_{10})}{P(\{\Gamma_i\}; \textcolor{red}{T}_{01})} \right)$$

$$\frac{P(\{\Gamma_i\}; \mathcal{T}_{10})}{P(\{\Gamma_i\}; \mathcal{T}_{01})} = \frac{e^{-\beta_1 E_0 - \beta_0 E_1}}{e^{-\beta_0 E_0 - \beta_1 E_1}}$$

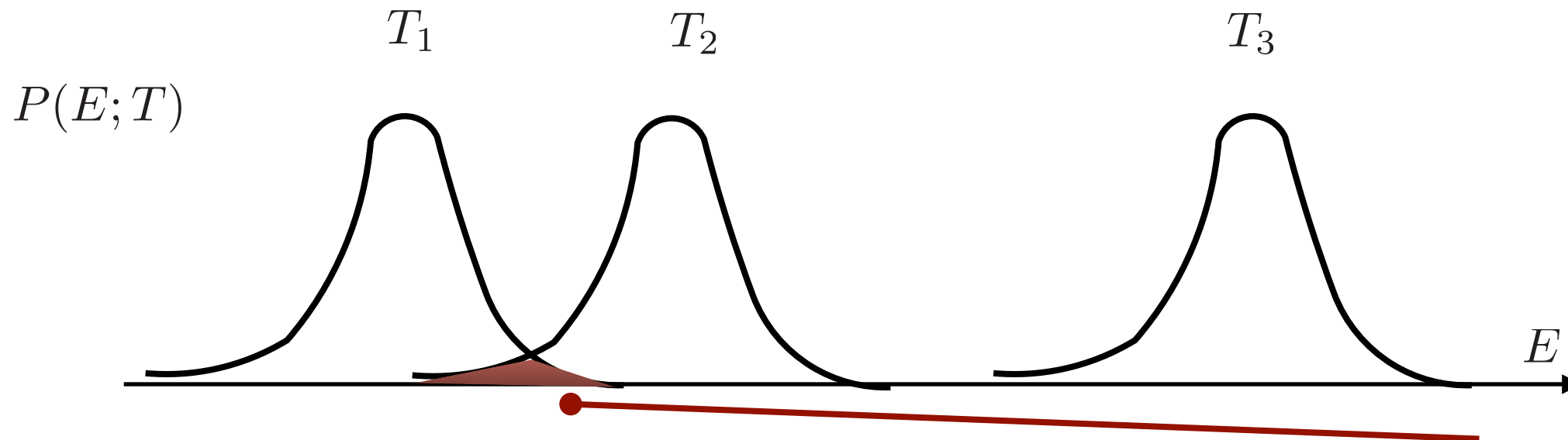
$$= e^{(\beta_0 - \beta_1)(E_0 - E_1)}$$

# Select of temperature sequence

$$\frac{P(\{\Gamma_i\}; \mathcal{T}_{10})}{P(\{\Gamma_i\}; \mathcal{T}_{01})} = e^{(\beta_0 - \beta_1)(E_0 - E_1)} = \frac{P(E_1; T_0)P(E_0; T_1)}{P(E_0; T_0)P(E_1; T_1)}$$

**Energy distribution at  $T$**

$P(E; T)$



Almost all exchange occurs the energy region of “overlap”.

$\{\Gamma_1, T_1\}, \{\Gamma_2, T_2\} \rightarrow \{\Gamma_1, T_2\}, \{\Gamma_2, T_1\}$  :acceptable!

$\{\Gamma_2, T_2\}, \{\Gamma_3, T_3\} \rightarrow \{\Gamma_2, T_3\}, \{\Gamma_3, T_2\}$  :almost rejected!

For efficient exchange, we have to choose a sequence of temperatures so that the energy distributions have finite overlap!

Usually we only exchange the nearest neighbor pairs of temperatures



# Select of temperature sequence: Example

Suppose  $C = \frac{dE}{dT} = \text{const.}$

$$\frac{P(\{\Gamma_i\}; \mathcal{T}_{10})}{P(\{\Gamma_i\}; \mathcal{T}_{01})} = e^{(\beta_0 - \beta_1)(E_0 - E_1)}$$

➡ Temperature sequence satisfying almost “flat” transition probability

$$(\beta_i - \beta_{i+1})(E_i - E_{i+1}) = \text{const.}$$

$$\longleftrightarrow C \frac{(T_{i+1} - T_i)^2}{T_{i+1} T_i} = \text{const.}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{➡ } T_{i+1} &= \alpha T_i \quad \textbf{:Temperatures are geometric sequence!} \\ \alpha &\sim 1 + O(1/\sqrt{C}) \end{aligned}$$

Important notice:

Heat capacity  $C$  is an extensive quantity:  $C \sim O(N)$

➡ In order to keep finite overlap, we need to increase temperature point  $M$  as

$$M \propto \sqrt{N} \qquad (T_{max} = T_M = \alpha^M T_{min})$$

# Relaxation time of the replica exchange

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In order to confirm the equilibration of the whole system, usually we need two criterions.

1. The correlation time at **the highest temperature** is sufficiently short, e.g.  $\tau = O(1)$

➡ If a replica visits the highest temperature, it can **easily change its state**  $\Gamma$ .

2. **All replicas** make several ( $\sim O(10)$ ) round trips between the lowest and the highest temperatures

➡ The ensemble at the lower temperature is **in the equilibrium**.

The second part determines the relaxation time of the method.

$$\tau_{\text{RE}} \sim \text{round trip time}$$

\* If the replica exchange is an random walk:

$$\text{round trip time} \propto M^2$$

# Summary of replica exchange

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## Algorithm:

1. Make a temperature set  $\{T_1, T_2, \dots, T_M\}$
2. Loop  $n$ 
  - (1) Do MC or MD for  $M$  replicas:  $\{\Gamma_1, \Gamma_2, \dots, \Gamma_M; T_1, T_2, \dots, T_M\}$
  - (2) Calculate the energies of replicas
  - (3) Try replica exchange based on, e.g. Metropolis method
    - Usually we alternatively try replica exchange such as  
even  $n$ ;  $\{1 \leftrightarrow 2\}, \{3 \leftrightarrow 4\}, \{5 \leftrightarrow 6\}, \dots$   
odd  $n$ ;  $\{2 \leftrightarrow 3\}, \{4 \leftrightarrow 5\}, \{6 \leftrightarrow 7\}, \dots$   
Note: each exchange trial is independent
  - (4) Observe the quantities for  $\{\Gamma_1, \Gamma_2, \dots, \Gamma_M; T_1, T_2, \dots, T_M\}$



If we already have a MC or MD programs,  
it is **very easy to introduce** the replica exchange method!

Closing

# Summary

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- Numerical approach to calculate the ensemble average as time average
  - Markov Chain Monte Carlo
    - By the importance sampling, we can realize stochastic process whose steady state is the target distribution.
    - By the global update technique, we can largely reduce the correlation time
  - Molecular dynamics simulation
    - By the symplectic integral, we can perform long time simulate stably.
    - We can control temperature and pressure
  - We can use generalized ensemble to accelerate the sampling efficiency.
    - Multi canonical and Wang-Landau methods: Efficient sampling for the density of states
    - Replica exchange method: Simultaneous simulation with different parameter
  - We can also combine MCMC and MD to investigate your system
    - Hybrid Monte Carlo (or Hamiltonian Monte Carlo)
      - By introducing momentum degrees, we perform dynamical simulation for, e.g., Ising model.
    - Spin dynamics simulation
      - Generate initial state from MCMC, and perform dynamical simulation as like MD.
- Data analysis
  - Estimate of the error (both of statical and systematic errors) are important
  - Finite size scaling is powerful to investigate, e.g., critical phenomena.

# Next (5/31) (will be given by Yamaji-sensei)

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