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Ch6 . Density Functional Theory

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DFT: gaz parfait

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Xi[\phi] &\equiv \exp(-\beta \Omega[\phi]) = \sum_{N=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{N! h^{ND}} \int \exp(-\beta (H^{(N)} - \mu N)) d\Gamma^{(N)} \\
 &= \sum_{N=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{N! h^{ND}} (2\pi k_B T)^{-DN/2} \left(\int \exp(-\beta (\phi(\mathbf{r}) - \mu)) d\mathbf{r} \right)^N \\
 &= \exp\left(\Lambda^{-D} \int e^{-\beta (\phi(\mathbf{r}) - \mu)} d\mathbf{r} \right) \quad \Lambda \equiv \frac{h}{\sqrt{2\pi k_B T}}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \rho(\mathbf{r}|\phi) = \frac{\delta \Omega}{\delta \phi(\mathbf{r})} = \Lambda^{-D} \exp(-\beta (\phi(\mathbf{r}) - \mu)) \Leftrightarrow \phi(\mathbf{r}|\rho) = \mu + \ln \Lambda^D \rho(\mathbf{r})$$

Euler-Lagrange

$$\frac{\delta F_{id}[\rho]}{\delta \rho(\mathbf{r})} = \mu - \phi(\mathbf{r}|\rho) = k_B T \ln \Lambda^D \rho(\mathbf{r})$$

DFT: gaz parfait

$$\frac{\delta F_{id}[\rho]}{\delta \rho(\mathbf{r})} = \mu - \phi(\mathbf{r}|\rho) = k_B T \ln \Lambda^D \rho(\mathbf{r})$$

En generale si $\frac{\delta \beta F[\rho]}{\delta \rho(\mathbf{r})} = c_1(\mathbf{r}|\rho)$ et si $\frac{\delta c_1(\mathbf{r}_1|\rho)}{\delta \rho(\mathbf{r}_2)} = \frac{\delta c_1(\mathbf{r}_2|\rho)}{\delta \rho(\mathbf{r}_1)}$

ils ensuite que $\beta F[\rho_2] - \beta F[\rho_1] = \int_0^1 d\lambda \int d\mathbf{r} (\rho_2(\mathbf{r}) - \rho_1(\mathbf{r})) c_1(\mathbf{r}|\rho_1 + \lambda(\rho_2 - \rho_1))$

Donc, on trouve que

$$\beta F_{id}[\rho] = \int (\rho(\mathbf{r}) \ln(\Lambda^D \rho(\mathbf{r})) - \rho(\mathbf{r})) d\mathbf{r}$$

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DFT: Des modèles

$$\beta F_{id}[\rho] = \int \left(\rho(\mathbf{r}) \ln(\Lambda^D \rho(\mathbf{r})) - \rho(\mathbf{r}) \right) d\mathbf{r}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \beta F[\rho_1] - \beta F[\rho_0] = & \int_0^1 d\lambda \int d\mathbf{r} \frac{\partial \rho_\lambda(\mathbf{r})}{\partial \lambda} c_1(\mathbf{r}|\rho_\lambda) \\ & - \int_0^1 d\lambda \int_0^\lambda d\lambda' \int d\mathbf{r} d\mathbf{r}' \frac{\partial \rho_\lambda(\mathbf{r})}{\partial \lambda} \frac{\partial \rho_{\lambda'}(\mathbf{r}')}{\partial \lambda'} \left(\Gamma(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}'|\rho_{\lambda'}) - \frac{1}{\rho_{\lambda'}(\mathbf{r})} \delta(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}') \right) \end{aligned}$$

Si l'on définit $\beta F[\rho] = \beta F_{id}[\rho] + \beta F_{ex}[\rho]$

il s'ensuit que

$$\begin{aligned} \beta F_{ex}[\rho_1] = & \beta F_{ex}[\rho_0] + \int_0^1 d\lambda \int d\mathbf{r} \frac{\partial \rho_\lambda(\mathbf{r})}{\partial \lambda} c_1(\mathbf{r}|\rho_\lambda) \\ & - \int_0^1 d\lambda \int_0^\lambda d\lambda' \int d\mathbf{r} d\mathbf{r}' \frac{\partial \rho_\lambda(\mathbf{r})}{\partial \lambda} \frac{\partial \rho_{\lambda'}(\mathbf{r}')}{\partial \lambda'} \Gamma(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}'|\rho_{\lambda'}) \end{aligned}$$

DFT: des modèles

Effective liquid models:

$$\beta F_{ex}[\rho_1] - \beta F_{ex}[\rho_0] = \int_0^1 d\lambda \int d\mathbf{r} \frac{\partial \rho_\lambda(\mathbf{r})}{\partial \lambda} c_1(\mathbf{r}|\rho_\lambda) \quad (\Gamma \rightarrow c_2)$$

$$- \int_0^1 d\lambda \int_0^1 d\lambda' \int d\mathbf{r} d\mathbf{r}' \frac{\partial \rho_\lambda(\mathbf{r})}{\partial \lambda} \frac{\partial \rho_{\lambda'}(\mathbf{r}')}{\partial \lambda'} c_2(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}'|\rho_{\lambda'})$$

$$\rho_0(\mathbf{r}) = \bar{\rho}_0 \quad F[\rho_0] \rightarrow V f(\bar{\rho}_0) \quad \rho_\lambda(\mathbf{r}) = \bar{\rho}_0 + \lambda(\rho_1(\mathbf{r}) - \bar{\rho}_0)$$

$$\beta \frac{1}{V} F_{ex}[\rho_1] = \beta f_{ex}(\bar{\rho}_0) + \frac{\partial f_{ex}(\bar{\rho}_0)}{\partial \bar{\rho}_0} (\bar{\rho}_1 - \bar{\rho}_0)$$

$$- \frac{1}{V} \int_0^1 d\lambda \int_0^1 d\lambda' \int d\mathbf{r} d\mathbf{r}' (\rho(\mathbf{r}) - \bar{\rho}_0)(\rho(\mathbf{r}') - \bar{\rho}_0) c_2(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}'|\bar{\rho}_0 + \lambda(\rho_1 - \bar{\rho}_0))$$

DFT: des modeles de liquide efficaces

$$\frac{1}{V} \beta F_{ex}[\rho_1] = \beta f_{ex}(\bar{\rho}_0) + \frac{\partial f_{ex}(\bar{\rho}_0)}{\partial \bar{\rho}_0} (\bar{\rho}_1 - \bar{\rho}_0) - \frac{1}{V} \int_0^1 d\lambda \int_0^1 d\lambda' \int d\mathbf{r} d\mathbf{r}' (\rho(\mathbf{r}) - \bar{\rho}_0)(\rho(\mathbf{r}') - \bar{\rho}_0) c_2(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}' | \bar{\rho}_0 + \lambda'(\rho_1 - \bar{\rho}_0))$$

Ramakrishnan–Yussouff: Ramakrishnan and Yussouff, Phys. Rev. B 19, 2775 (1979).

$$\bar{\rho}_0 = \bar{\rho}_1 \quad c_2(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}' | \bar{\rho}_0 + (1 - \lambda)(\rho_1 - \bar{\rho}_0)) = c_2(|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|; \bar{\rho}_0) + \dots$$

$$\frac{1}{V} \beta F_{ex}^{(RY)}[\rho_1] = \beta f_{ex}(\bar{\rho}_0) - \frac{1}{2V} \int d\mathbf{r} d\mathbf{r}' (\rho(\mathbf{r}) - \bar{\rho}_0)(\rho(\mathbf{r}') - \bar{\rho}_0) c_2(|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|; \bar{\rho}_0)$$

Generalized Effective Liquid Approx. (GELA)

Lutsko and Baus, Phys. Rev. Lett. 64, 761 (1990); Phys. Rev. A 41, 6647 (1990).

$$\bar{\rho}_0 = 0 \quad c_2(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}' | \bar{\rho}_0 + (1 - \lambda)(\rho_1 - \bar{\rho}_0)) = c_2(|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|; \bar{\rho}(\lambda))$$

$$\frac{1}{V} \beta F_{ex}^{(GELA)}[\rho_1] = -\frac{1}{2V} \int_0^1 d\lambda (1 - \lambda) \int d\mathbf{r} d\mathbf{r}' \rho(\mathbf{r}) \rho(\mathbf{r}') c_2(|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|; \bar{\rho}(\lambda))$$

$$\frac{1}{V \alpha \bar{\rho}_1} \beta F_{ex}^{(GELA)}(\alpha \bar{\rho}_1) = \frac{1}{\bar{\rho}_{GELA}(\alpha)} \beta f_{ex}(\bar{\rho}_{GELA}(\alpha))$$

Lutsko, Adv. Chem. Phys. 144, 1-91 (2010).

DFT: des modeles

Modified Weighted Density Approx. (MWDA):

Denton and Ashcroft, Phys. Rev. A **39** 2909 (1985).

$$\frac{1}{\bar{\rho}_1} V \beta F_{ex}^{(MWDA)}[\rho] = \frac{1}{\bar{\rho}_{MWDA}} V \beta F_{ex}(\rho_{MWDA}[\rho])$$

$$\lim_{\rho(\mathbf{r}) \rightarrow \bar{\rho}} \frac{\delta^2 \beta F_{ex}^{(MWDA)}}{\delta \rho(\mathbf{r}_1) \delta \rho(\mathbf{r}_2)} = -c(r_{12}; \bar{\rho})$$

$$\Rightarrow \rho_{MWDA}[\rho] = \frac{1}{\bar{\rho} V} \int w(r_{12}; \rho_{MWDA}[\rho]) \rho(\mathbf{r}_1) \rho(\mathbf{r}_2) d\mathbf{r}_1 d\mathbf{r}_2$$

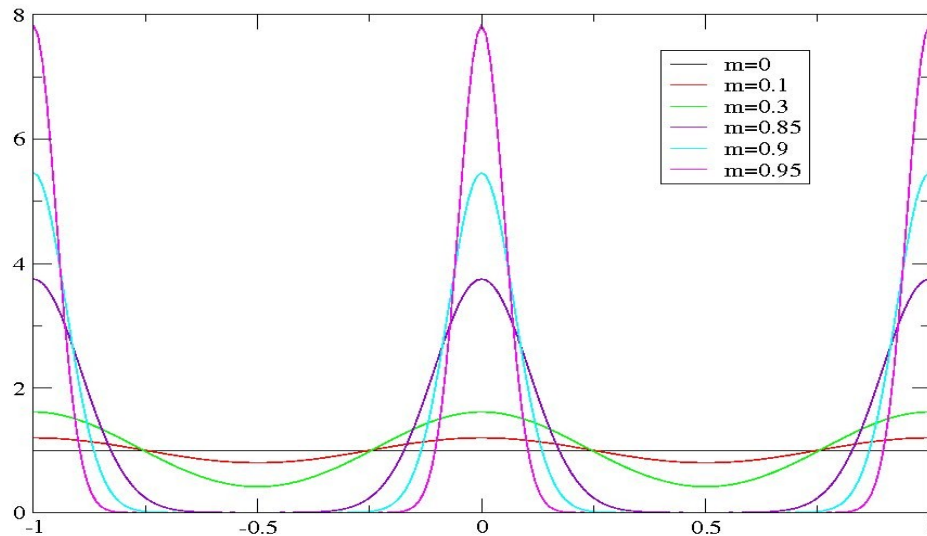
$$w(r, \rho) = \frac{-1}{2\beta \psi'(\rho)} \left(c_2(r_{12}; \rho) + \frac{1}{V} \rho \beta \psi''(\rho) \right), \quad \psi(\rho) = \frac{1}{\bar{\rho}} f_{ex}(\rho) = \frac{1}{\rho V} F_{ex}(\rho)$$

(exercise)

DFT: solides

$$\rho(\mathbf{r}) = \left(\frac{\alpha}{\pi}\right)^{3/2} \sum_{\mathbf{R}_i \in \text{lattice vectors}} \exp(-\alpha(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{R}_i)^2)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \rho(\mathbf{r}) &= \bar{\rho} + \bar{\rho} \sum_{\mathbf{K}_i \in \text{recip lattice}} \exp(i\mathbf{K}_i \cdot \mathbf{r}) \exp(-K_i^2/(4\alpha)) \\ &= \bar{\rho} + \bar{\rho} \sum_{\mathbf{K}_i \in \text{recip lattice}} \exp(i\mathbf{K}_i \cdot \mathbf{r}) \chi^{(K_i/K_1)^2}, \quad \chi = \exp(-K_1^2/(4\alpha)) \text{ "crystallinity"} \end{aligned}$$



Efficaces théories liquides: gel des sphères dures

TABLE I

Comparison of the Predictions of Various Effective-Liquid DFTs for the Freezing of Hard Spheres to Data from Simulation^a

Theory	EOS	$\bar{\eta}_{\text{liq}}$	$\bar{\eta}_{\text{sol}}$	P^*	L
RY ^b	PY	0.506	0.601	15.1	0.06
MWDA ^c	CS	0.476	0.542	10.1	0.097
ELA ^d	PY	0.520	0.567	16.1	0.074
SCELA ^e	CS	0.508	0.560	13.3	0.084
GELA ^e	CS	0.495	0.545	11.9	0.100
WDA ^{e,f}	CS	0.480	0.547	10.4	0.093
MC ^g	—	0.494	0.545	11.7	0.126

^aGiven are the liquid ($\bar{\eta}_{\text{liq}}$) and solid ($\bar{\eta}_{\text{sol}}$) packing fractions ($\eta = \pi\rho d^3/6$), the reduced pressure ($P^* = \beta P d^3$), and the Lindemann parameter (L) at bulk coexistence. For each theory, the equation of state used for the fluid, Percus–Yevick (PY), or Camahan–Starling (CS) is indicated.

^bFrom Barrat et al. [49].

^cFrom Denton and Ashcroft [41].

^dFrom Baus and Colot [37].

^eFrom Lutsko and Baus [25].

^fFrom Curtin and Ashcroft [40].

^gFrom Hoover and Ree [57].

Lutsko, Adv. Chem. Phys. **144**, 1-91 (2010).

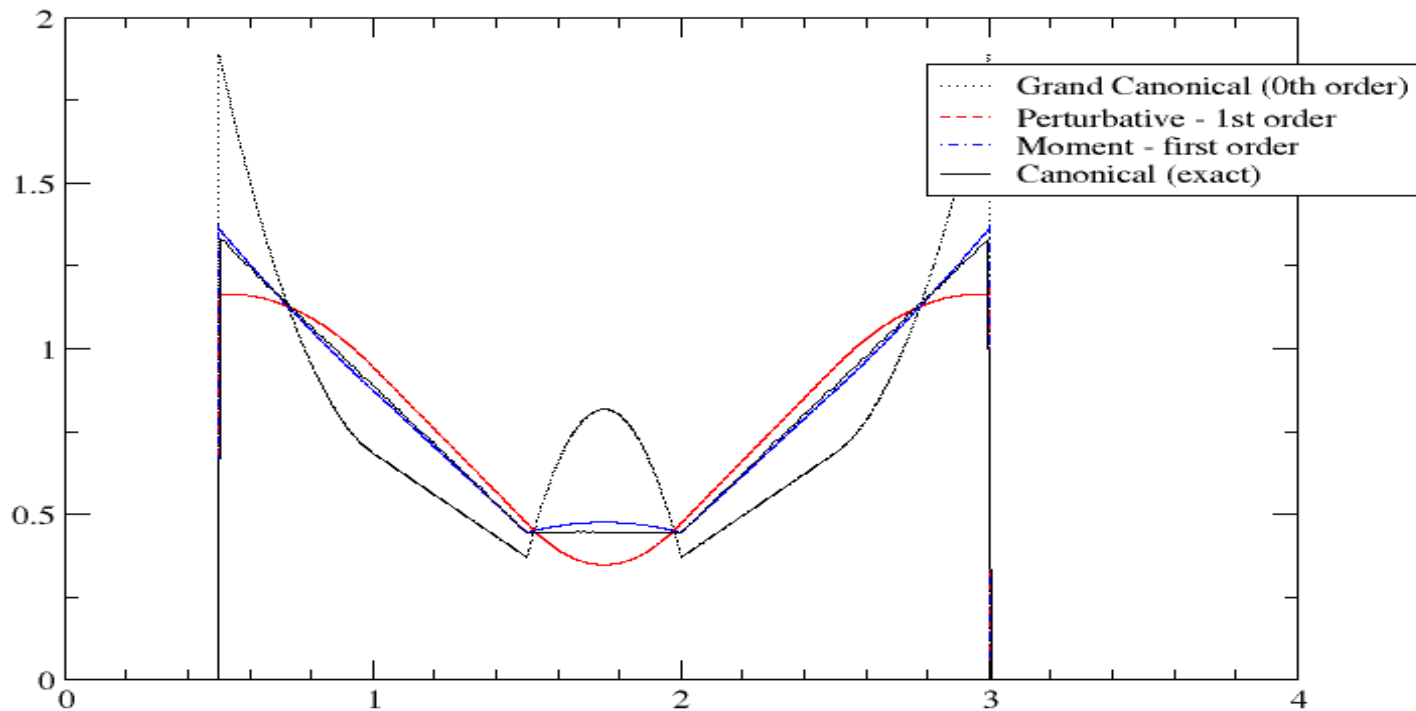
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Hard spheres in 1D: hard rods (barres dures)

$$F[\rho] = F_{id}[\rho] - \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2} (\rho(x+d/2) + \rho(x-d/2)) \ln \left(1 - \int_{-d/2}^{d/2} \rho(x+y) dy \right) dx \quad (\text{Exact})$$

Percus, J. Stat. Phys **15**, 505 (1976)



Sphères Dures: FMT

Fundamental Measure Theory (FMT): Généralisation du résultat de Percus à plusieurs dimensions.

Ansatz:

$$F_{ex}[\rho] = \int \Phi(\{n_\alpha(\mathbf{r})\}) d\mathbf{r}$$

$$n_\alpha(\mathbf{r}|\rho) = \int w_\alpha(|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|) \rho(\mathbf{r}') d\mathbf{r}'$$

Percus:

$$F[\rho] = F_{id}[\rho] - \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2} (\rho(x+d/2) + \rho(x-d/2)) \ln \left(1 - \int_{-d/2}^{d/2} \rho(x+y) dy \right) dx$$

$$\Phi(\{n_\alpha(\mathbf{r})\}) = s(x) \ln(1 - \eta(x))$$

$$w_s(|x - x'|) = \delta((d/2) - |x - x'|)$$

$$w_s(|x - x'|) = \Theta((d/2) - |x - x'|)$$

Rosenfeld: ansatz + “scaled particle theory”

Y. Rosenfeld, Phys. Rev. Lett. **63**, 980 (1989).

Sphères Dures: FMT

$$F_{ex}[\rho] = \int \Phi(\{n_\alpha(\mathbf{r})\}) d\mathbf{r}$$

$$n_\alpha(\mathbf{r}|\rho) = \int w_\alpha(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}') \rho(\mathbf{r}') d\mathbf{r}'$$

Kierlik and M. L. Rosinberg: insiste que $\lim_{\rho(\mathbf{r}) \rightarrow \bar{\rho}} \frac{\delta^2 \beta F^{(FMT)}[\rho]}{\delta \rho(\mathbf{r}) \delta \rho(\mathbf{r}')} = -c_2^{(PY)}(|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|; \bar{\rho})$

E. Kierlik and M. L. Rosinberg, Phys. Rev. A **42**, 3382 (1990).

$$\lim_{\rho(\mathbf{r}) \rightarrow \bar{\rho}} \frac{\delta^2 \beta F^{(FMT)}[\rho]}{\delta \rho(\mathbf{r}) \delta \rho(\mathbf{r}')} = \frac{\partial^2 \Phi(\{n_\alpha(\mathbf{r})\})}{\partial n_\alpha \partial n_\beta} \sum_{\alpha, \beta} \int w_\alpha(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'') w_\beta(\mathbf{r}' - \mathbf{r}'') d\mathbf{r}''$$

Rosenfeld et Kierlik & Rosinberg sont équivalents:

$$\Phi = -\frac{1}{\pi d^2} s \ln(1 - \eta) + \frac{1}{2\pi d} \frac{s^2 - v^2}{(1 - \eta)} + \frac{1}{24\pi} \frac{s^3 - 3sv^2}{(1 - \eta)^2}$$

$$w_\eta(\mathbf{r}) = \Theta\left(\frac{d}{2} - r\right), \quad w_s(\mathbf{r}) = \delta\left(\frac{d}{2} - r\right), \quad w_v(\mathbf{r}) = \hat{\mathbf{r}} \delta\left(\frac{d}{2} - r\right)$$

Sphères Dures: FMT

$$F_{ex}[\rho] = \int \Phi(\{n_\alpha(\mathbf{r})\}) d\mathbf{r}$$

$$n_\alpha(\mathbf{r}|\rho) = \int w_\alpha(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}') \rho(\mathbf{r}') d\mathbf{r}'$$

Probleme: Rosenberg FMT ne se stabilise pas le solide.

Solution: après beaucoup de travail, exiger des limites plus précises.

(Pour exemple: une cavité qui peut contenir au plus deux boules.) (exercice)

Afin de satisfaire à toutes les exigences, on a besoin des densités tensorielles:

$$w_T(\mathbf{r}) = \hat{\mathbf{r}} \hat{\mathbf{r}} \delta\left(\frac{d}{2} - r\right)$$

$$\Phi_3 = \frac{1}{24\pi} \frac{s^3 - 3sv^2}{(1-\eta)^2} \rightarrow \frac{3}{16\pi(1-\eta)^2} \left(\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{T} \cdot \mathbf{v} - sv^2 - \text{Tr}(\mathbf{T}^3) + s \text{Tr}(\mathbf{T}^2) \right)$$

P. Tarazona, Phys. Rev. Lett. **84**, 694 (2000).

Lutsko, Adv. Chem. Phys. **144**, 1-91 (2010).

Sphères Dures: FMT

Probleme: Le description de gel de hard-sphere n'etait pas bonne.

Raison: Percus-Yevik pas precise a haut densitie.

Solution: modification heuristique de Tarazona fonctionnel appelé "White Bear".

R. Roth, R. Evans, A. Lang, and G. Kahl, J. Phys. Condens. Matter **14**, 12063 (2002).

TABLE II
Comparison of the Predictions of Various FMT DFTs for the Freezing of Hard Spheres to Data from Simulation^a

Theory	EOS	$\bar{\eta}_{\text{liq}}$	$\bar{\eta}_{\text{sol}}$	P^*	L
RSLT ^b	PY	0.491	0.540	12.3	1.06
Tarazona ^c	PY	0.467	0.516	9.93	0.145
White Bear ^{c,d}	CS	0.489	0.536	11.3	0.132
MC ^e	—	0.494	0.545	11.7	0.126

^aGiven are the liquid, $\bar{\eta}_{\text{liq}}$, and solid, $\bar{\eta}_{\text{sol}}$, packing fractions, the reduced pressure $P^* = \beta P d^3$ and the Lindemann parameter, L , at bulk coexistence. For each theory, the equation of state used for the fluid, Percus–Yevick(PY) or Carnahan–Starling (CS), is indicated. The Lindemann ratio for all three theories, calculated in the Gaussian approximation, is taken from Ref. 81.

^bFrom Rosenfeld et al. [80].

^cFrom Tarazona [82].

^dFrom Roth et al. [74].

^eFrom Hoover and Ree [57].

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Interactions de longue portée

Modele moyenne-champ (ou, parfois “van der Waals”):

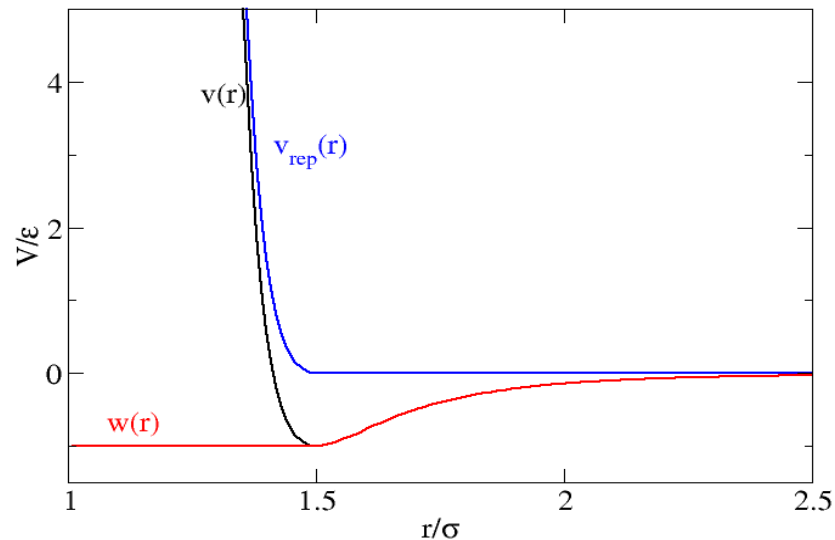
$$v(r) = v_{rep}(r) + w(r)$$

$$F_{ex}[\rho] = F_{ex}^{HS}(d_{eff}|\rho) + \frac{1}{2} \int \rho(\mathbf{r}) \rho(\mathbf{r}') w(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}') d\mathbf{r} d\mathbf{r}'$$

partie répulsive

partie attractive

$$d_{eff} = \int_0^{r_0} \left(1 - \exp(-\beta v_{rep}(r)) \right) dr$$



Interactions de longue portée

Plus simple:

$$F_{ex}[\rho] = F_{ex}^{HS}(d_{eff}|\rho) + V(f_{ex}(\bar{\rho}) - f_{ex}^{HS}(\bar{\rho}; d_{eff}))$$

$$F_{ex}[\rho] = F_{ex}^{HS}(d_{eff}|\rho) + \int (f_{ex}(\rho(\mathbf{r})) - f_{ex}^{HS}(\rho(\mathbf{r}); d_{eff})) d\mathbf{r}$$

$$F_{ex}[\rho] = \int f_{ex}(\rho(\mathbf{r})) d\mathbf{r} \quad \text{“local density model”}$$

$$F_{ex}[\rho] = \int (f_{ex}(\rho(\mathbf{r})) + K(\nabla \rho(\mathbf{r}))^2) d\mathbf{r} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{“van der Waals' model”} \\ \text{or “squared-gradient model”} \end{array}$$

Plus complexe et précise:

$$F_{ex}[\rho] = F_{ex}^{HS}(d_{eff}|\rho) + F_{ex}^{core}(d_{eff}|\rho) + \frac{1}{2} \int \rho(\mathbf{r}) \rho(\mathbf{r}') w(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}') d\mathbf{r} d\mathbf{r}'$$

Pour l'application de certaines propriétés de la dcf;
formulées comme FMT

Lutsko, J. Chem. Phys. 128, 184711 (2008).

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Applications: Hard-Spheres

TABLE III: The order parameter profile parameters obtained by minimizing the free energy. The profiles studied are the hyperbolic tangents with $B_m = B_p$ (H), the "offset" hyperbolic tangents where $B_m \neq B_p$ (OH), and the hyperbolic tangents with a Gaussian term (HG). Also included are the results from MD simulations of ref [27] and the MC simulations of ref.[28]. In all cases, the last column gives the surface tension.

Theory	Profile	A_m	A_p	B_p	C_p	D_p	E_p	$\gamma\sigma^2/k_B T$
RLST	H	0.61	0.83	*	*	*	*	0.730
RLST	OH	0.67	1.64	-0.70	*	*	*	0.669
RLST	HG	0.68	0.99	*	-0.039	1.27	0.04	0.667
WB	H	0.74	0.84	*	*	*	*	0.754
WB	OH	0.85	2.54	-0.78	*	*	*	0.659
WB	HG	0.88	1.70	*	-0.06	1.97	-0.21	0.656
MD								0.617
MC								0.628

Applications: Hard-Spheres

Source	$\rho_f \sigma^3$	$\rho_s \sigma^3$	$\beta P \sigma^3$	$\beta \mu$	$\beta \gamma_{[001]} \sigma^2$	$\beta \gamma_{[110]} \sigma^2$	$\beta \gamma_{[111]} \sigma^2$
WBII (Oettel et al.)	0.945	1.039	11.87	16.38	0.69	0.67	0.64
*WBII ($\Delta \approx 0.0125\sigma$)	0.946	1.039	11.94	16.46	-	-	-
*WBII ($\Delta \approx 0.025\sigma$)	0.950	1.041	12.16	16.68	0.69	-	-
*WBII ($\Delta \approx 0.05\sigma$)	0.966	1.046	13.09	17.65	0.71	-	-
*esFMT ($\Delta \approx 0.05\sigma$)	0.942	1.027	11.96	16.50	0.51	0.47	0.46
Sim. (Davidchack et al.)	0.940	1.041	-	-	0.58	0.56	0.54
Sim. (Oettel et al.)	0.938	1.039	-	-	0.63	0.61	0.60

Schoonen and JFL, unpublished

Applications: Hard-Spheres

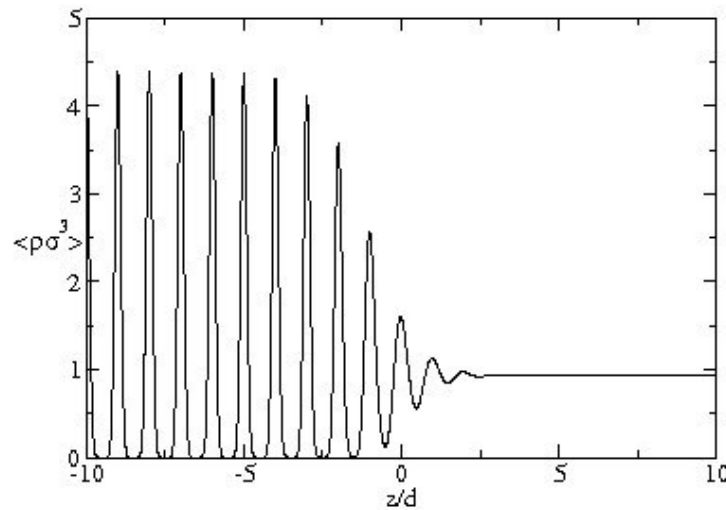


FIG. 3: The atomic density averaged over planes perpendicular to the interface as a function of position, calculated using the RLST theory and the offset hyperbolic tangent parameterization. The position is shown in units of the interplanar spacing for [100] planes, $d = 0.9a$ where a is the lattice parameter.

Lutsko, Phys. Rev. E **74**, 021603 (2006)

Applications: Problems with Hard-Spheres

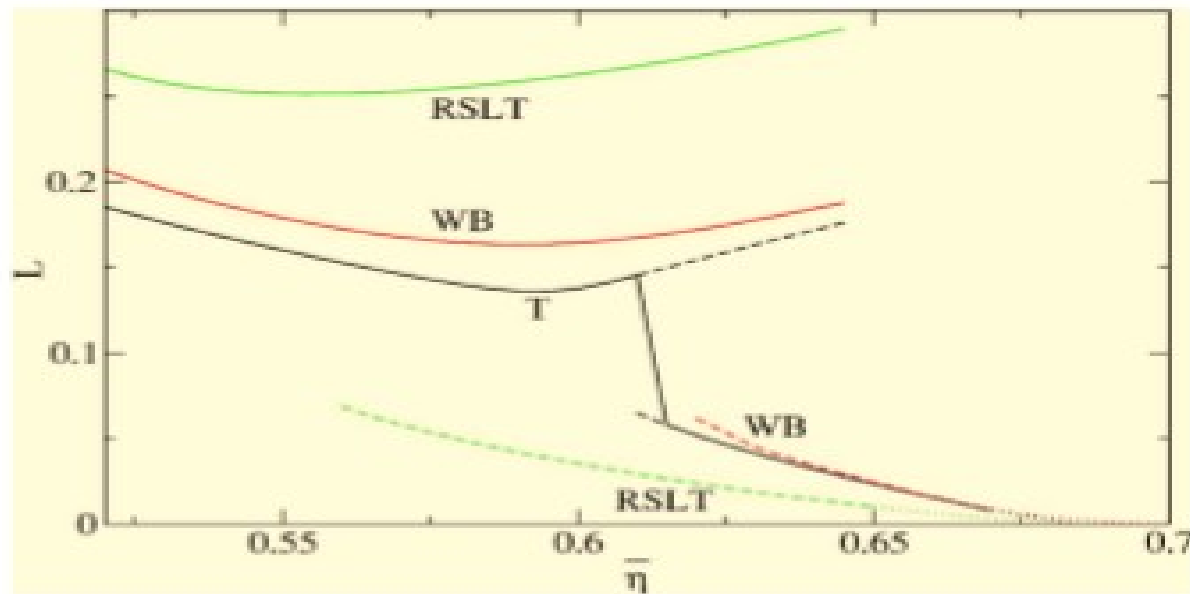
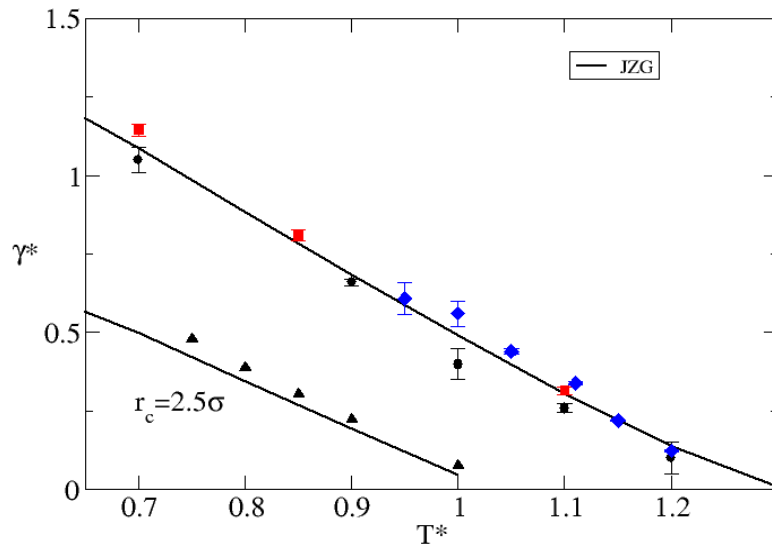


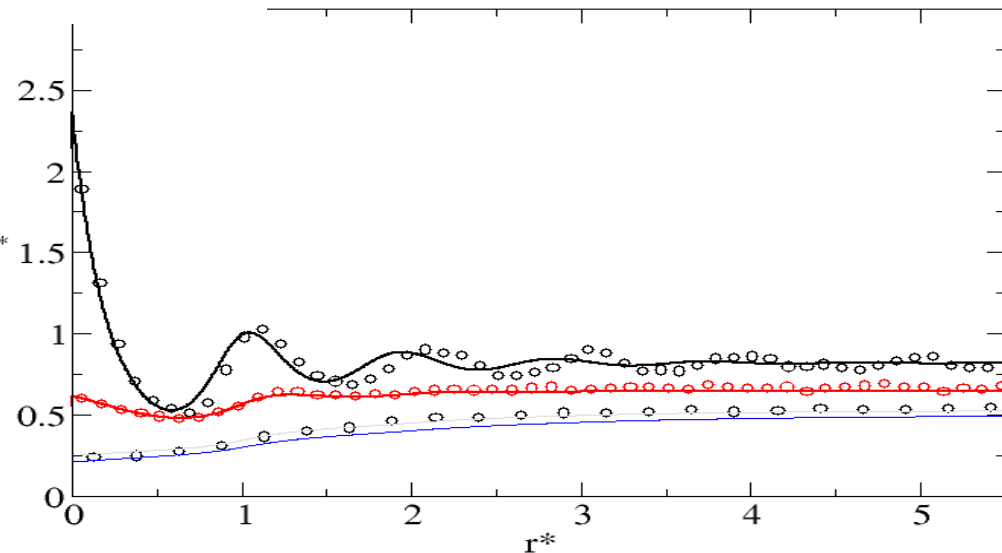
FIG. 4. (Color online) The Lindemann parameter for the bcc phase as a function of packing fraction $\bar{\eta}$ as calculated using the RSLT theory, the Tarazona theory (labeled T) and the White Bear theory (labeled WB). Both the low- α and high- α branches are shown with the stable branch being drawn with full lines and the unstable branch with dashed lines. Also shown as dotted lines are the quadratic interpolation of the curves to $L=0$ based on the data for $\bar{\eta} > 0.60$.

Applications: un fluid simple

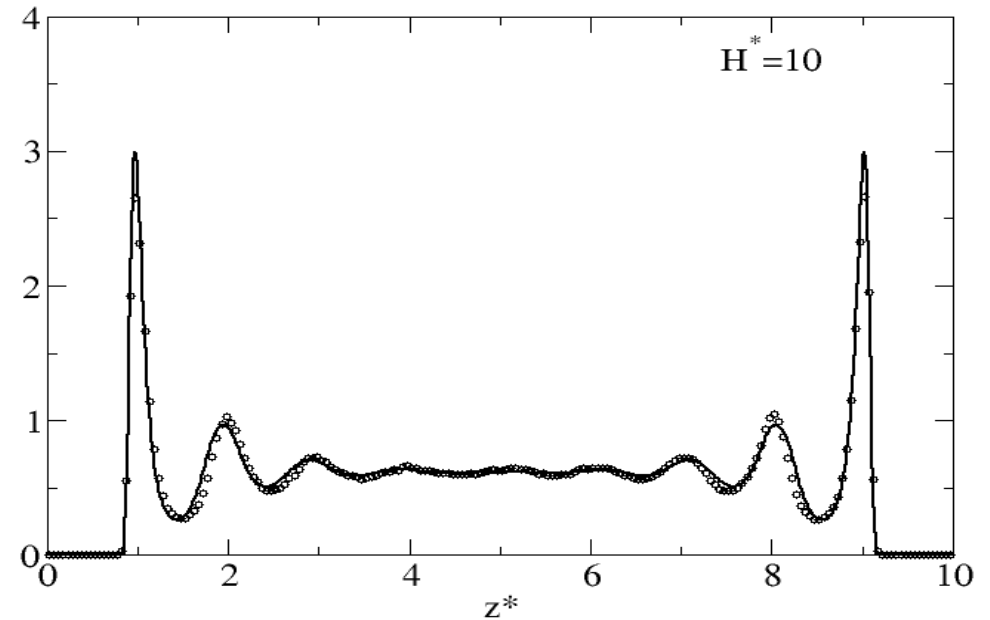
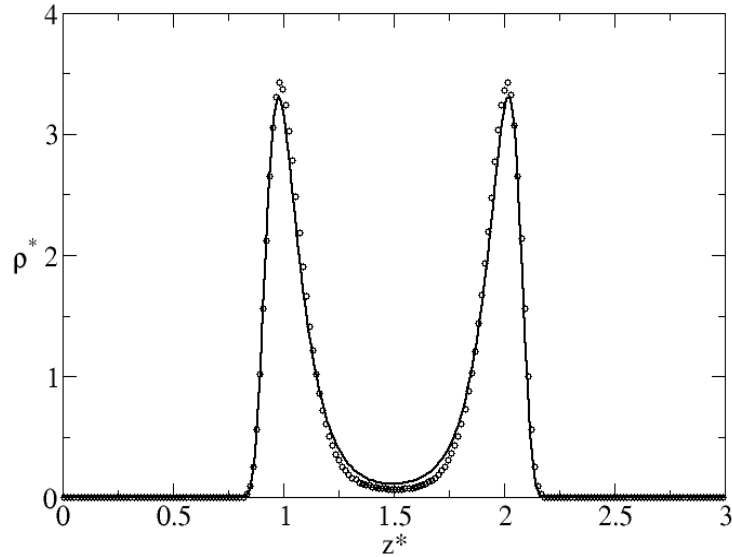


tension superficielle entre liquide et gaz

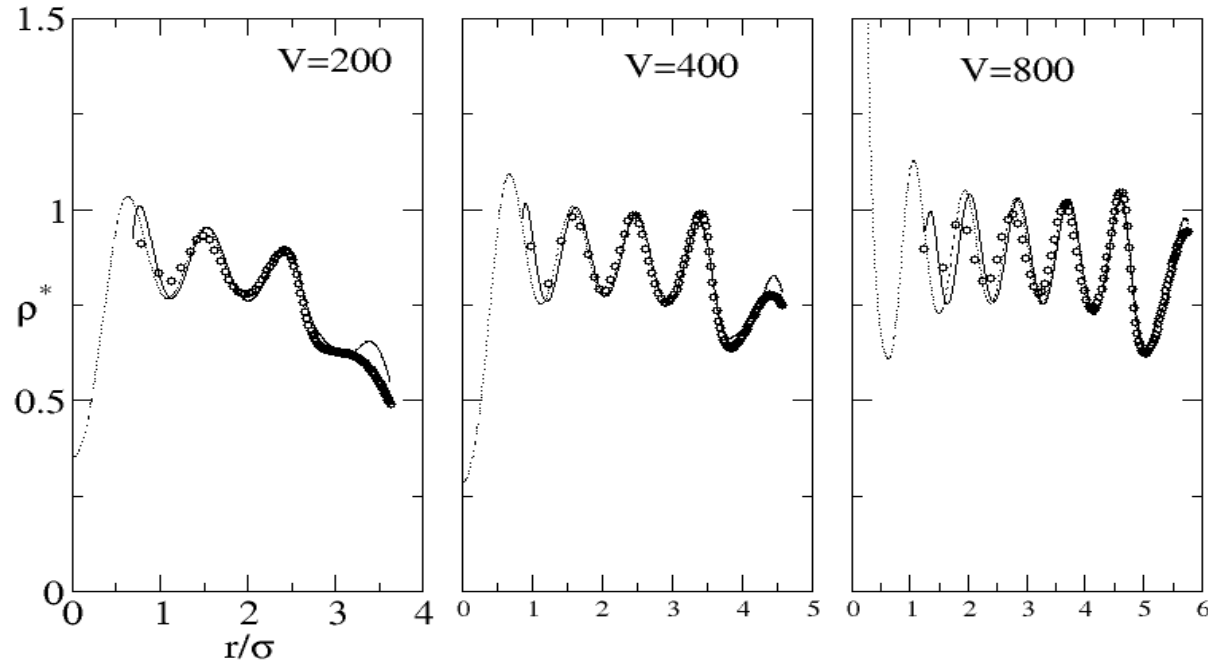
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Applications: Slit pores (deux parois parallèles et infinie)

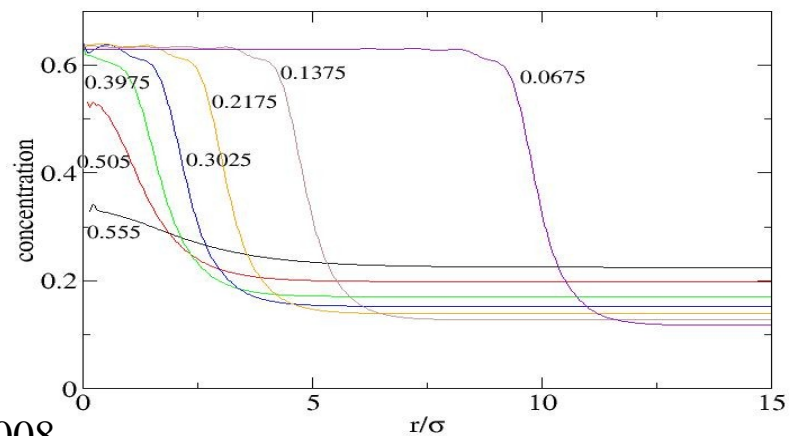
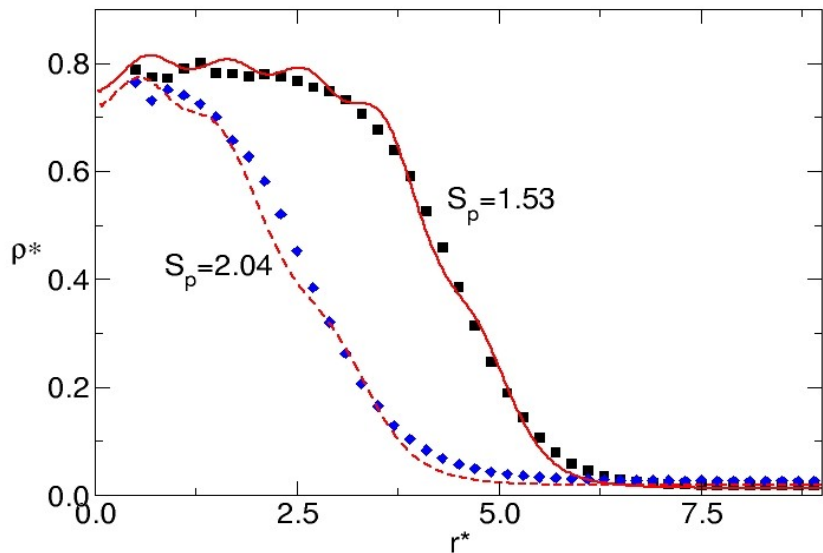
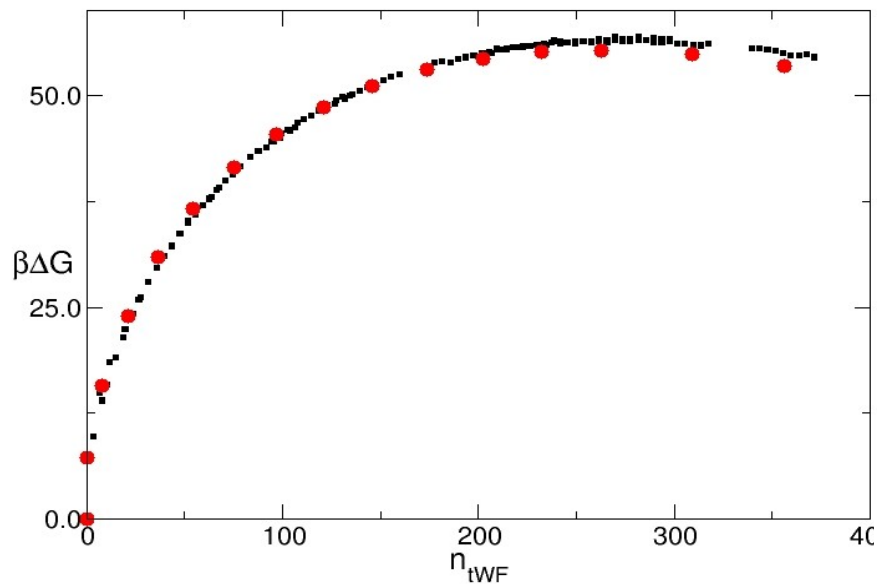


Applications: Confined Clusters



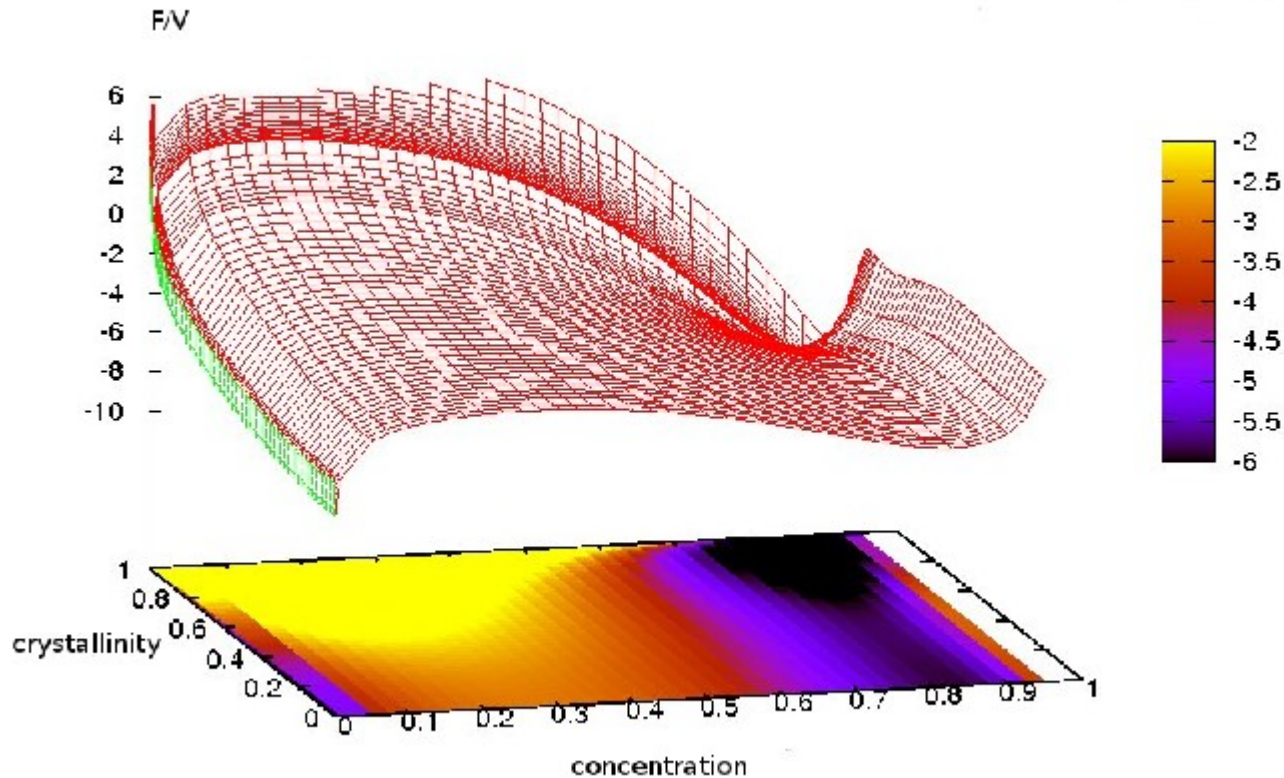
Un liquide confiné à un nano-volume sphérique

Applications: Liquid-vapor nucleation



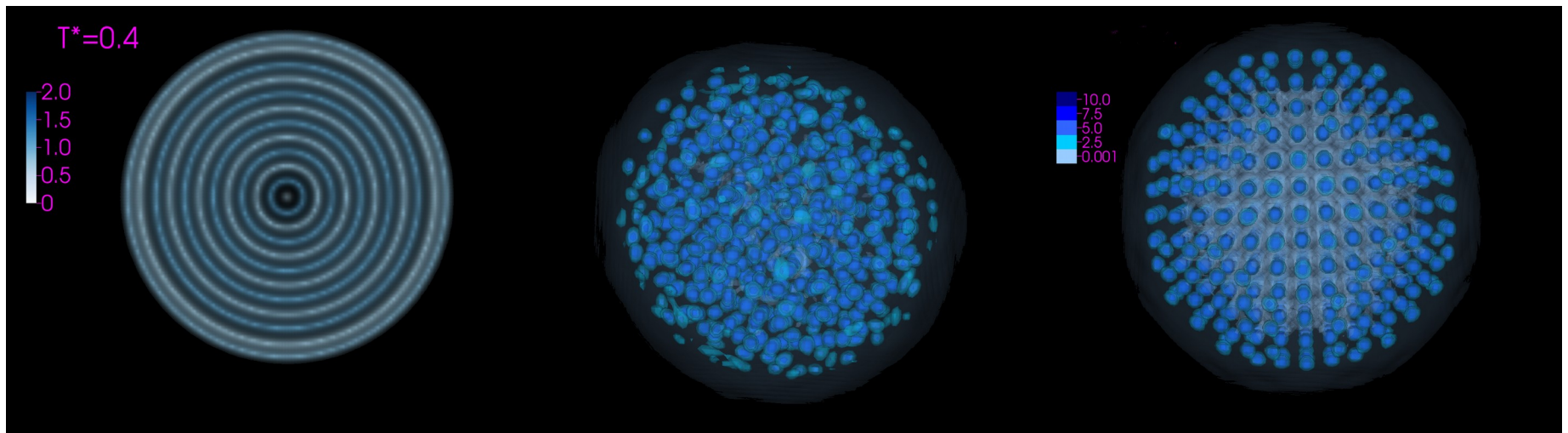
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Applications: Protein crystallization

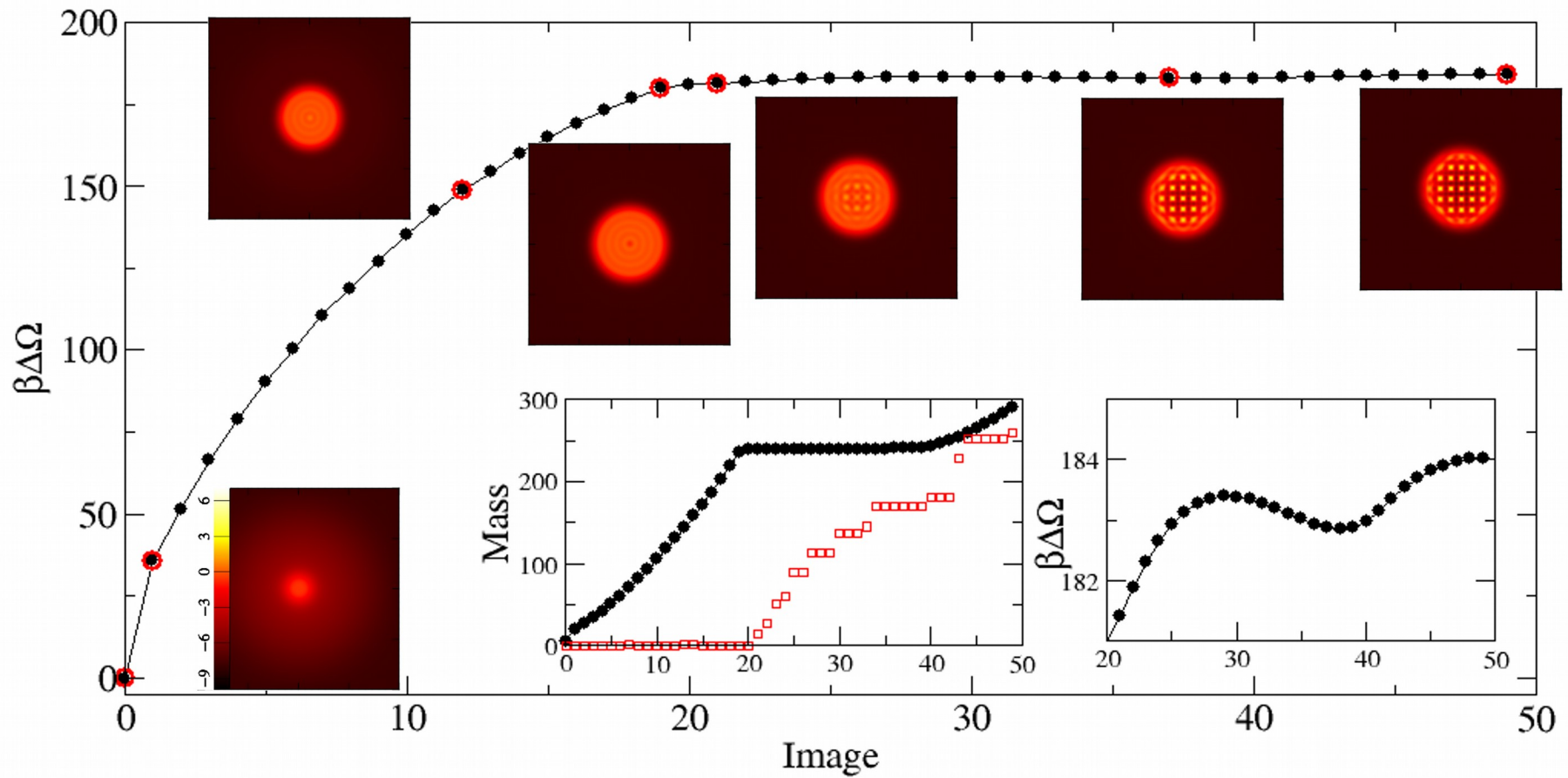


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Applications: Properties of small clusters



Crystallization: pathways and metastable states



Crystal-fluid surface tension

