

# Exercise Session 5

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## Reminders

- Always access the notebooks via the rocket button on the top right of the code files and choose JupyterHub to launch [noto.epfl.ch](https://noto.epfl.ch)
- Google Colab: For Ex 6, you need activate 3rd party permission on your EPFL Google Account. Since the activation can take some time, it is important to do it well in advance to May 16th. More information on moodle announcement from 08.05.2023.
- Important Dates:
  - Due date for Ex 5 will be next Tuesday May 16th
  - Q&A Session on Tuesday May 23rd in lecture classroom
  - Written exam on Tuesday May 30th in lecture classroom

## Exercise 5 Learning Goals

### Learning goals

Review inter- and intramolecular interactions for building a classical force field

Compare common thermostat schemes

Understand how and why we initialize MD simulations

Draw a connection between the pair radial distribution function, the partition function, and ensemble average

### Chapter in script

Chapter 5 - Molecular Dynamics Simulations (II)

### Resources

Understanding Molecular Simulation, Frenkel & Smit, 2nd Edition - Chapter 6

## Exercise 5 - Intro

Today we will re-provide you a simple Molecular Dynamics (**Toy MD**) code in python and you will edit it to run a MD simulation in the NVT ensemble.

- The theoretical part discusses the practical of relativistic MD systems:
  - describing potential energy via force fields
  - sampling NVT (canonical) ensemble using thermostats
  - understanding pair radial distribution functions
- In the practical part you will implement:
  - system initialization code
  - thermostat schemes
  - trajectory visualizations for small systems
  - RDF plotting for homogeneous and heterogeneous systems

## Exercise 5 - Tips

### Tips:

- download and unzip ToyMD directory from moodle
- talk through code ideas with others, ask questions
- use terminal in noto

## Exercise 5 - ToyMD structure

ToyMD code is the same structure:

- main code (propagation of MD steps) in `toy_md.py` script
- additional code for specific tasks, i.e. `toy_forces.py`
- parameters for the system in separate files (carbon-dioxide folder)



## Exercise 5 - Run ToyMD

ToyMD is a python script, which can be run

1. via terminal
2. via jupyter notebook

Recall that you can execute a bash command, passing files as arguments to the `toy_md.py` script with the following structure (paths may change):

```
python3 toy_md.py -c co2.pdb -p params.txt -ff  
force_field.txt -o traj.pdb -w co2-output.pdb
```

## Exercise 5 - Thermostats

Let's look deeper into different thermostats [Simon's Explanation of Thermostats](#)