

# CP2K: MOVING ATOMS

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# Outline

- Geometry & cell optimisation
  - Local Minimisation
- Molecular Dynamics
  - Born-Oppenheimer MD
  - Accuracy and stability
- Ensembles
  - Thermostats



# Geometry & Cell optimisation

- What do we mean by optimisation?
  - Minimising the total energy
  - aka. relaxation
- In atomistic simulations, the total energy is a function of atomic positions:
  - In DFT:  $E_{tot}[n(r)]$  and  $n(r) \Leftrightarrow V(\mathbf{R})$  (Hohenberg-Kohn)
  - In molecular mechanics there is a forcefield:

$$U(\mathbf{R}) = \sum_{bonds:i,j} V_{bond}(R_i, R_j) + \sum_{angles:i,j,k} V_{angle}(R_i, R_j, R_k) + \dots$$



# Geometry & Cell Optimisation

- We can think of the potential energy as a surface in a  $3N$ -dimensional space ( $N$  = number of atoms)
  - + 9 more if we include lattice vectors for a periodic system!

- Minimas may be local or global!

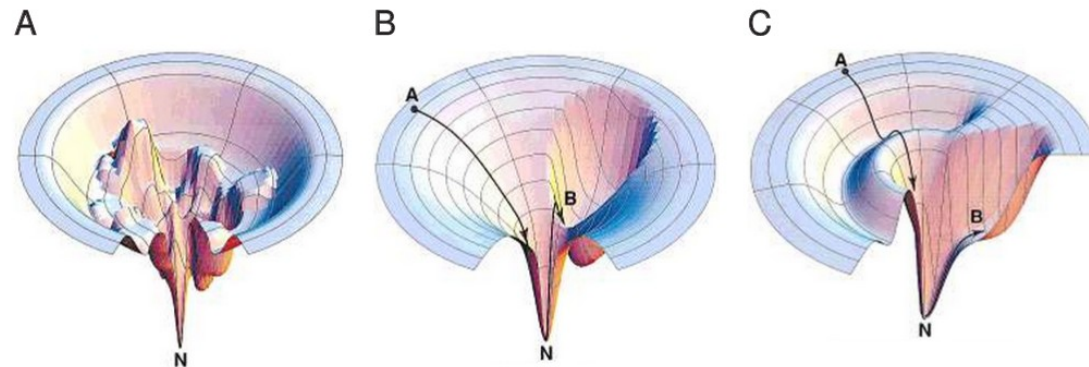


Fig. 12. Different folding scenarios. The vertical axis is internal free energy. Each conformation is represented as a point on the landscape. The two horizontal axes represent the many chain degrees of freedom. **a:** A rugged landscape with hills and traps, folding kinetics is likely multiple-exponential (from Ref. 8). **b:** A landscape in which folding is faster than unfolding. A is a through-

way folding path, whereas unfolding chains (path B) must surmount a barrier to reach the most stable denatured conformations. **c:** A landscape in which folding is slower than unfolding. Most folding paths (path A) pass through a kinetic trap, whereas some low-lying denatured conformations are readily accessible from the native state during unfolding (path B).



Pic: Chan & Dill,  
*Proteins* (1998)

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# Local minimisation

- BFGS (Broyden-Fletcher-Goldfarb-Shanno)
  - most efficient for small–medium size systems with a reasonable guess at the geometry
  - requires inversion/diagonalization of approximate Hessian matrix – Hessian matrix has dimension  $3N$  where  $N$  is number of atoms being optimized
- L-BFGS
  - A linear-scaling version of BFGS (Byrd, et al *SIAM Journal on Scientific Computing* (1995))
- Conjugate gradients
  - Only uses gradients rather than approximation to curvature, should be more robust when far from minima



# Local minimisation

- What can CP2K minimise with respect to?
  - `MOTION%GEO_OPT` – vary atomic coordinates only
  - `MOTION%CELL_OPT` – both atomic coordinates and lattice vectors
  - Some values may be constrained e.g. cell angles, certain atomic positions
  - Collective variables (distances, angles) can be constrained



# Geometry optimisation

- `RUN_TYPE GEO_OPT` in GLOBAL section
- `GEO_OPT%OPTIMIZER` in MOTION section
  - CG, use with poor initial guesses, noisy forces, rough optimization
  - (L)BFGS, for most QS calculations – consider switching to LBFGS above ~1000 atoms. Look for diagonalization routine timings at end of run to see relative cost
- `MAX_ITER` number of optimization steps
- Constraints may be defined in `MOTION%CONSTRAINT` section:

```
&FIXED_ATOMS  
  COMPONENTS_TO_FIX X  
  LIST 1  
&END  
&FIXED_ATOMS  
  COMPONENTS_TO_FIX Y  
  LIST 2  
&END
```



# Cell optimisation

- CP2K can respect cell symmetry (only for CELL\_OPT)

```
&CELL
  ABC 9.167 9.167 11.808
  SYMMETRY ORTHORHOMBIC
  MULTIPLE_UNIT_CELL 2 2 2
&END CELL

...

&CELL_OPT
  KEEP_SYMMETRY TRUE
&END CELL_OPT
```

- Also KEEP\_ANGLES (e.g. allows cubic symmetry to break)





# Cell optimisation

- Three algorithms in CP2K controlled by `CELL_OPT%TYPE`
  - `GEO_OPT`: Original implementation.
    - 1. Inner cycle optimize atomic positions
    - 2. Outer cycle optimize cell vectors
  - `DIRECT_CELL_OPT` (default): New implementation from version 2.4 onwards
    - Cell parameters (stresses) go into the optimizer along with atomic coordinates
  - `MD`: Optimize at finite temperature.
    - Uses MD, so only of use if you have a cheap Hamiltonian
- `DIRECT_CELL_OPT` should be much more efficient – try for yourself
- Generally best to enforce symmetry / fix angles to start with to minimize number of degrees of freedom.



# Output

- Grep for “Max. grad” in output file to see the progress of the optimization
  - this gives maximum energy gradient on atoms being optimized
- Below “Convergence check :” there is a summary of the progress
  - convergence requires Max and RMS step size and Max and RMS gradients to be converged.
  - Pressure extra criteria for CELL\_OPT
- The convergence criteria can be set in the MOTION% [CELL | GEO] \_OPT section
- Default Max. grad is equal to 0.025 eV/A
- Good enough for most purposes
  - May need tighter e.g. for subsequent vibrational analysis

```
ENERGY| Total FORCE_EVAL ( QS ) energy (a.u.): -2314.583506508490700
*****
***** 2PNT LINE SEARCH INFO *****
***
*** DX (EVALUATED)= 0.025697 DX (THRESHOLD)= 0.250000 ***
*** DX (FITTED )= 0.252697 DX (ACCEPTED )= 0.250000 ***
*****
----- Informations at step = 4 -----
Optimization Method = SD
Total Energy = -2314.5828781392
Internal Pressure [bar] = 35379.3762511153
Real energy change = -0.0099708467
Decrease in energy = YES
Used time = 465.309

Convergence check :
Max. step size = 0.1443379699
Conv. limit for step size = 0.0030000000
Convergence in step size = NO
RMS step size = 0.0456435465
Conv. limit for RMS step = 0.0015000000
Convergence in RMS step = NO
Max. gradient = 0.0148361109
Conv. limit for gradients = 0.0004500000
Conv. for gradients = NO
RMS gradient = 0.0046915771
Conv. limit for RMS grad. = 0.0003000000
Conv. for gradients = NO
Pressure Deviation [bar] = 35279.3762511153
Pressure Tolerance [bar] = 100.0000000000
Conv. for PRESSURE = NO
-----
CELL| Volume [angstrom^3]: 180.188
CELL| Vector a [angstrom]: 5.647 0.000 0.000 |a| = 5.647
CELL| Vector b [angstrom]: 0.000 5.647 0.000 |b| = 5.647
CELL| Vector c [angstrom]: 0.000 0.000 5.647 |c| = 5.647
CELL| Angle (b,c), alpha [degree]: 90.000

----- Informations at step = 5 -----
Optimization Method = CG
Total Energy = -2314.5861062993
Internal Pressure [bar] = 44.8922780589
Real energy change = -0.0032281601
Decrease in energy = YES
Used time = 484.509

Convergence check :
Max. step size = 0.0000088113
Conv. limit for step size = 0.0030000000
Convergence in step size = YES
RMS step size = 0.000004766
Conv. limit for RMS step = 0.0015000000
Convergence in RMS step = YES
Max. gradient = 0.000003312
Conv. limit for gradients = 0.0004500000
Conv. in gradients = YES
RMS gradient = 0.000001945
Conv. limit for RMS grad. = 0.0003000000
Conv. in RMS gradients = YES
Pressure Deviation [bar] = -55.1077219411
Pressure Tolerance [bar] = 100.0000000000
Conv. for PRESSURE = YES
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*****
***** GEOMETRY OPTIMIZATION COMPLETED *****
*****
Reevaluating energy at the minimum
```



# Global optimisation

- Brute force approach:
  - Generate a grid of points (size  $m$ ) in each of 3M dimensions
  - $m^{3N}$  energy evaluations – exponential in system size **X**
- Practical methods exploit shape of PES
  - Genetic algorithms
  - Simulated annealing (MOTION%MD%ANNEALING)
  - Monte Carlo
  - Basin Hopping (GLOBAL%SWARM%GLOBAL\_OPT%METHOD)
- Details of methods and implementation in Ole Shütt's Masters Thesis
  - Linked from <https://www.cp2k.org/docs>



# Molecular Dynamics

- Classical Molecular Dynamics, particles obey Newton's 2<sup>nd</sup> Law and move subject to a position-dependent interaction potential:

$$m_i \ddot{r}_i = F_i \quad F_i = - \frac{dU(\mathbf{R})}{dr_i}$$

- For a fixed number of particles N in a volume V these equations of motion generate the microcanonical (NVE) ensemble.
- The total energy U + the kinetic energy is **conserved**



# Molecular Dynamics

- We solve the equations of motion by discretisation in time, given positions  $\mathbf{R}$  and velocities  $\mathbf{V}$  at time  $t_0$

$$\mathbf{R}(t_0) \rightarrow \mathbf{R}(t_0 + \partial t) \rightarrow \mathbf{R}(t_0 + 2\partial t) \dots$$

$$\mathbf{V}(t_0) \rightarrow \mathbf{V}(t_0 + \partial t) \rightarrow \mathbf{V}(t_0 + 2\partial t) \dots$$

- Want a scheme which is:
  - **Efficient**: minimal number of force evaluations, stored data
  - **Stable**: minimal drift in conserved quantity
  - **Accurate**: minimal distance to exact trajectory



# Velocity Verlet Integrator

$$r_i(t + \partial t) \rightarrow r_i(t) + \partial t \cdot v_i(t) + \frac{\partial t^2}{2m_i} f_i(t)$$

$$v_i(t + \partial t) \rightarrow v_i(t) + \frac{\partial t}{2m_i} [f_i(t) + f_i(t + \partial t)]$$

- **Efficient**: 1 force evaluation, 3 stored quantities
- **Stable**: time reversible
- **Accurate**: symplectic, integration error  $O(\partial t^2)$

+ extensions for constraints (SHAKE, RATTLE, ROLL)

+ multiple timesteps (r-RESPA) and thermostats



# Born-Oppenheimer MD

- Born-Oppenheimer Approximation:
  - Ionic mass  $\gg$  electron mass so equations of motion for (classical) nuclei and (quantum) electrons are separable

$$m_i \ddot{r}_i = F_i$$

$$F_i = -\frac{dU(\mathbf{R})}{dr_i}$$

- Kohn-Sham BO potential:  $U(\mathbf{R}) = \min_{\phi} [E_{KS}(\{\phi(\mathbf{r})\}, \mathbf{R})]$

$$F_{KS}(\mathbf{R}) = \frac{\partial E_{KS}}{\partial \mathbf{R}} + \sum_i \frac{\partial E_{KS}}{\partial \phi_i} \frac{\partial \phi_i}{\partial \mathbf{R}}$$



# BO-MD in CP2K

- Benchmark system setup:
  - 64 water molecules
  - density  $1\text{gcm}^{-3}$
  - Temperature  $\approx 330\text{K}$
  - Timestep  $0.5\text{fs}$
- DFT Settings:
- GPW, TZV2P basis (2560 basis functions), PBE functional
- CUTOFF 280 Rydberg,  $\epsilon_{\text{default}} = 10^{-12}$
- OT-DIIS, Preconditioner FULL\_SINGLE\_INVERSE
- Reference trajectory ( $1\text{ps}$ ),  $\epsilon_{\text{SCF}} = 10^{-10}$





# BO-MD in CP2K

Unbiased initial guess;  $\Phi(t) = \Phi_0(\mathbf{R}(t))$

$\epsilon_{\text{SCF}}$	MAE $E_{\text{KS}}$ Hartree	MAE $f$ Hartree/Bohr	Drift Kelvin/ns
$10^{-08}$	$1.2 \cdot 10^{-11}$	$5.1 \cdot 10^{-09}$	0.0
$10^{-07}$	$9.5 \cdot 10^{-10}$	$5.6 \cdot 10^{-08}$	0.1
$10^{-06}$	$6.9 \cdot 10^{-08}$	$4.8 \cdot 10^{-07}$	0.4
$10^{-05}$	$7.4 \cdot 10^{-06}$	$5.6 \cdot 10^{-06}$	2.3
$10^{-04}$	$3.3 \cdot 10^{-04}$	$5.9 \cdot 10^{-05}$	50



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# BO-MD in CP2K

```
DFT%QS%EXTRAPOLATION PS  
DFT%QS%EXTRAPOLATION_ORDER 4
```

4th order Gear predictor (PS extrapolation in CP2K)

Method	$\epsilon_{SCF}$	Iterations	Drift (Kelvin/ns)
Guess	$10^{-06}$	14.38	0.4
Gear(4)	$10^{-07}$	6.47	5.7
Gear(4)	$10^{-06}$	5.22	11.8
Gear(4)	$10^{-05}$	4.60	86.8

What is the problem?

Time reversibility has been broken!



# BO-MD in CP2K

```
DFT%QS%EXTRAPOLATION ASPC  
DFT%QS%EXTRAPOLATION_ORDER 3
```

Method	$\epsilon_{\text{SCF}}$	Iterations	Drift (Kelvin/ns)
Guess	$10^{-06}$	14.38	0.4
ASPC(3)	$10^{-06}$	5.01	0.2
ASPC(3)	$10^{-05}$	3.02	4.5
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Kolafa, JCC (2004)  
VandeVondele *et al.*, CPC (2205)



# BO-MD in CP2K

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DFT%QS%EXTRAPOLATION ASPC  
DFT%QS%EXTRAPOLATION_ORDER 4...
```

Method	$\epsilon_{SCF}$	Iterations	Drift (Kelvin/ns)
ASPC(4)	$10^{-04}$	1.62	1742.4
ASPC(5)	$10^{-04}$	1.63	1094.0
ASPC(6)	$10^{-04}$	1.79	397.4
ASPC(7)	$10^{-04}$	1.97	445.8
ASPC(8)	$10^{-04}$	2.06	24.1



# BO-MD in CP2K : Summary

- Defaults settings are ASPC(3)
- SCF tolerance for 'acceptable' drift is system-dependent but `EPS_SCF 1E-5` or `1E-6` is a good guess
- Use OT and appropriate preconditioner to speed up SCF
- Further reading:
  - "Car-Parrinello molecular dynamics", Jürg Hutter, *WIREs Comput Mol Sci*, 2: 604-612, 2012
  - Ab Initio Molecular Dynamics: Basic Theory and Advanced Methods, Dominik Marx & Jürg Hutter



# Ensembles

- Ensemble: set of all microstates  $\{r_i, \dot{r}_i\}$  accessible to the simulation, each microstate occurring with a particular probability
- Various possibilities for quantities that may be conserved or fixed in the simulations:
  - Number of particles N
  - Volume V
  - Energy E
  - Temperature T
  - Pressure P
  - Chemical Potential  $\mu$  (not implemented in CP2K)

NVE – microcanonical

NVT – canonical

NPT – isotherhmal-isobaric

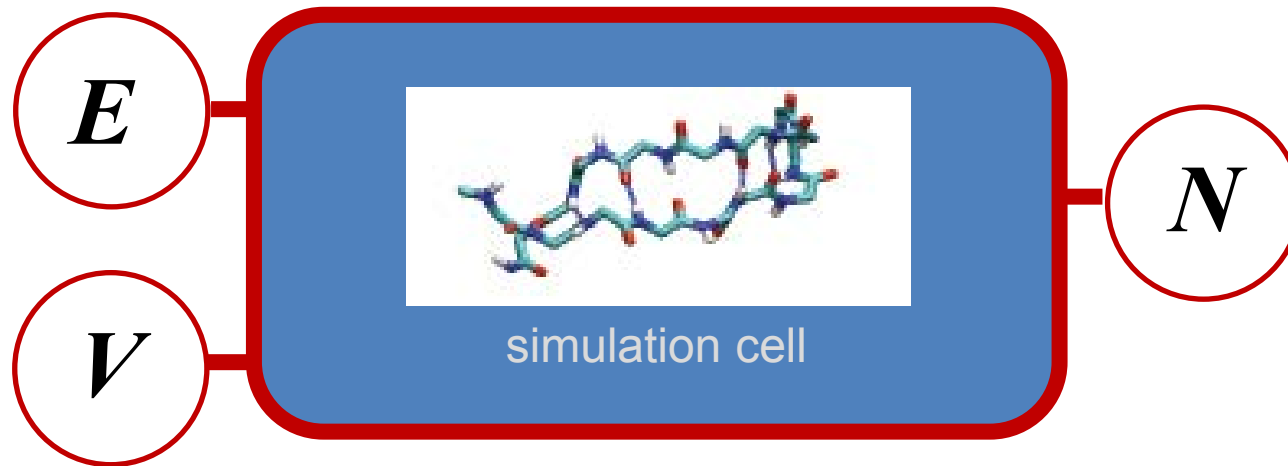
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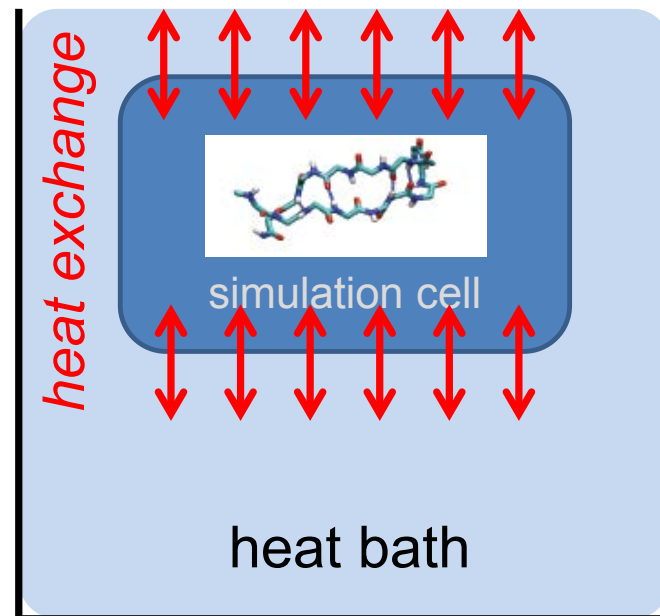
- Newton's second law applied to a set of  $N$  particles in a fixed box of volume  $V$  produces the microcanonical (NVE) ensemble
- Total Energy is conserved as the system is isolated





# Ensembles

- If the system is in thermal contact with a heat bath at temperature  $T$  (canonical / NVT ensemble) the total energy of the system is no longer conserved
  - It may gain or lose energy from/to the heat bath
  - Instead the constant of the motion is the energy of the system + the energy of the bath



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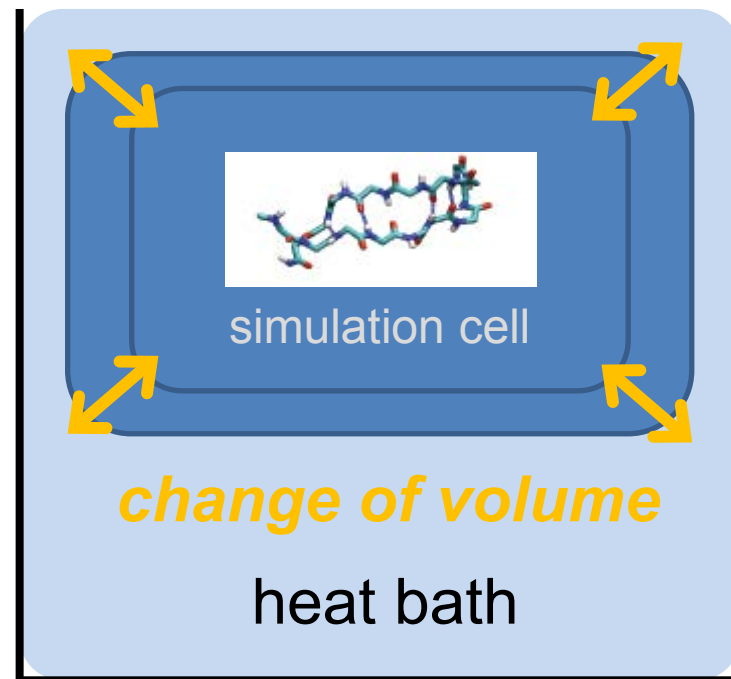
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# Ensembles

- If the box size/shape is allowed to change in response to internal stress and external pressure (isobaric-isothermal / NPT ensemble) then energy is exchanged with the environment via  $dW = PdV$

- Cons. Quantity =
  - Energy of the system +
  - Energy of the ‘thermostat’
  - Energy of the ‘barostat’



# Ensembles

```
&MOTION
  &MD
    ENSEMBLE NVE
    STEPS 1000
    TIMESTEP 0.5
    TEMPERATURE 300
  &END MD
&END MOTION
```

## Possible choices

- microcanonical: NVE
- canonical: NVT
- canonical using Langevin dynamics: LANGEVIN
- isobaric-isothermal: NPT\_F / NPT\_I
- Constant pressure: NPE\_F / NPE\_I
- **Also:** ISOKIN, HYDROSTATICSHOCK, MSST, MSST\_DAMPED, NVT\_ADIABATIC



# Thermostats in CP2K

```
&MOTION
```

```
&MD
```

```
ENSEMBLE NVE  
STEPS 1000  
TIMESTEP 0.5  
TEMPERATURE 300  
TEMP_TOL 10
```

```
&END MD
```

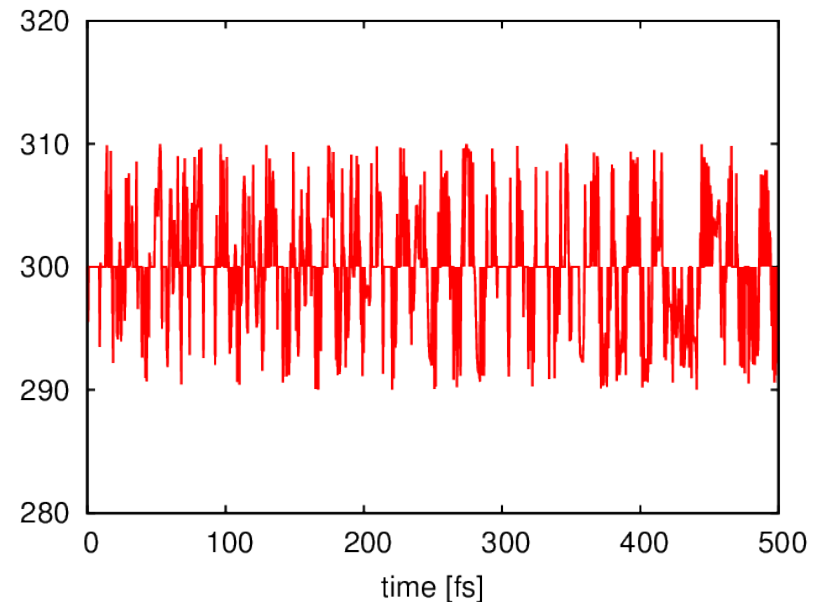
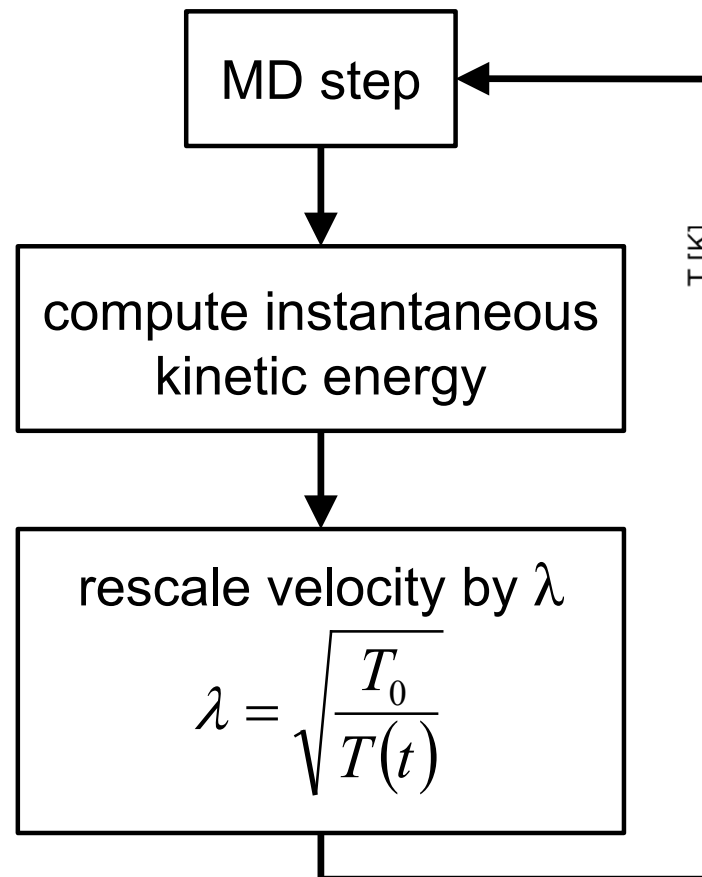
```
&END MOTION
```

- Rescales velocities when  $T < 290\text{K}$  or  $T > 310\text{K}$
- Does not produce the canonical ensemble
- Use only for equilibration



# Thermostats in CP2K

- Velocity rescaling



$T < 290 \text{ K}$  or  $T > 310 \text{ K}$

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# Thermostats in CP2K

- Langevin Dynamics – adds a dissipative (frictional) force and a stochastic force

$$m_i \ddot{r}_i = - \frac{\partial U(r)}{\partial r_i} - m \Gamma \dot{r}_i + W_i(t)$$

- Magnitude of the perturbation depends on the instantaneous temperature
- Surprisingly useful in practice!



# Thermostats in CP2K

- Produces canonical ensemble (NVT)
- Local thermostat
- Ergodic
- Stable at large timesteps

but

- does not conserve momentum (due to drag force)
- only useful for sampling, not dynamical properties (e.g. diffusion)

The logo for CP2K, featuring the letters 'CP2K' in a stylized, orange, blocky font.The logo for EPCC (Edinburgh Parallel Computing Centre), consisting of the lowercase letters 'epcc' in a blue, sans-serif font, flanked by two vertical red bars.

# Thermostats in CP2K

- Nosé-Hoover (chains)
- Define an extended system with a (set of) thermal reservoirs with effective ‘position’ and ‘momenta’
  - So associated potential and kinetic energies
- Thermostat couples to the particle momenta through modified equations of motion
- Integrate these variables alongside the particle positions, momenta





# Thermostats in CP2K

- Produces canonical ensemble (NVT)
- Local thermostat
- Ergodic (N-H chain only)
- Second order – temperature may oscillate towards target



# Thermostats in CP2K

```
&MOTION
  &MD
    ...
    &THERMOSTAT
      TYPE NOSE
      &NOSE
        LENGTH 3
        TIMECON 1000 [fs]
      &END NOSE
    &END THERMOSTAT
  &END MD
&END MOTION
```

- Defaults to 3 (1 recovers original Nosé thermostat)
- 1000fs is the target relaxation time



# Thermostats in CP2K

- Use a small `TIMECON` for rapid equilibration
- Default is usually OK for production MD
- Check the `PROJECT.ener` file that the constant of motion is indeed conserved
- Check for large fluctuations in the temperature
- Almost all of the same options apply for barostats

- `MOTION%MD%BAROSTAT`

