

Practices and Perils in Multiphysics Simulations

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1. What is a multiphysics simulation?
motivation through some examples
2. Why do we need multiple scales?
3. How is coupling typically done?
4. Uncertainties, instabilities, limitations?



Stress corrosion cracking (SCC):
metal alloys: change from ductile to brittle
behavior induced by chemical impurities

brittle fracture in “hostile”
environment (moisture)

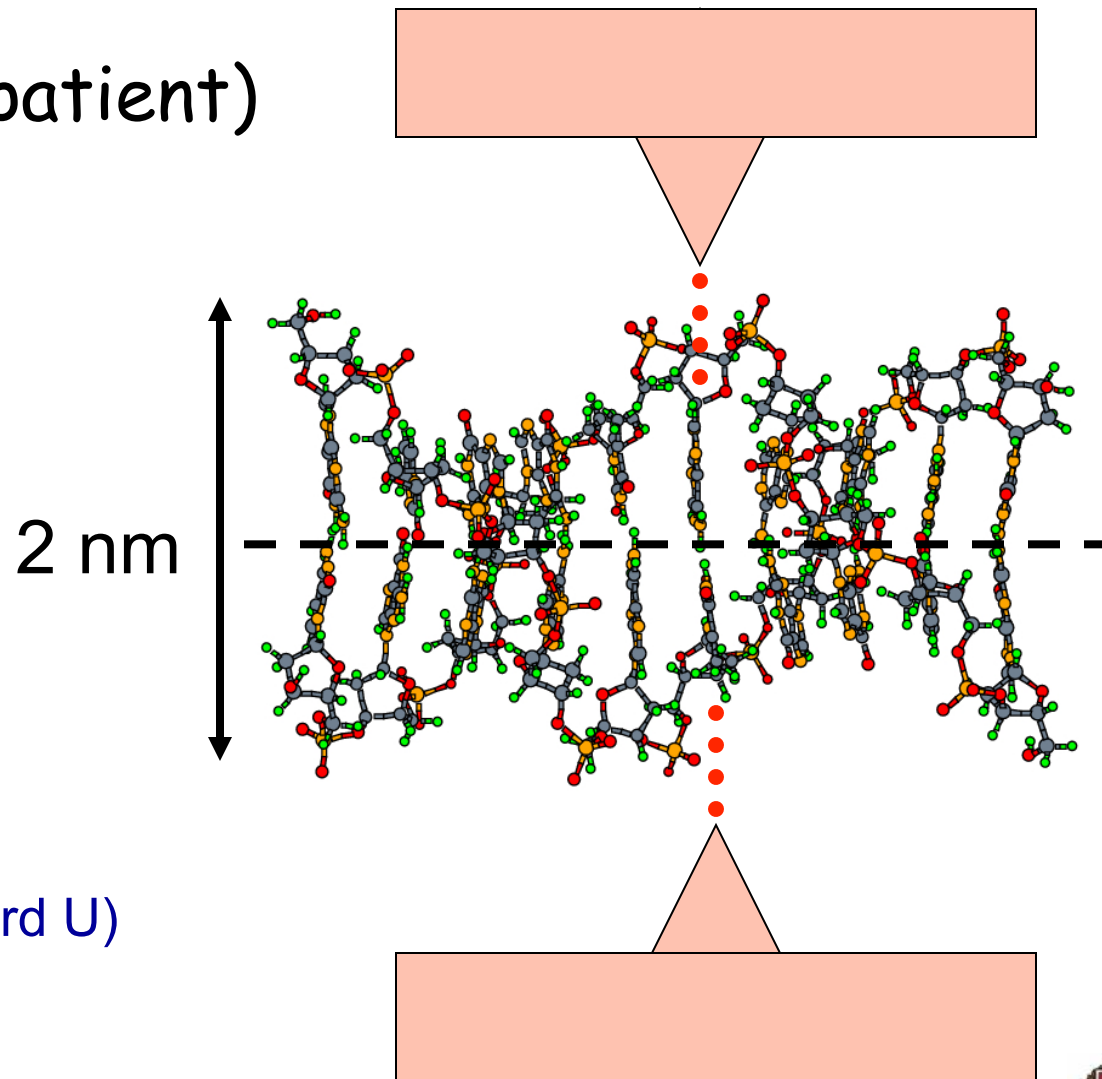


Aloha Airlines
(1988)



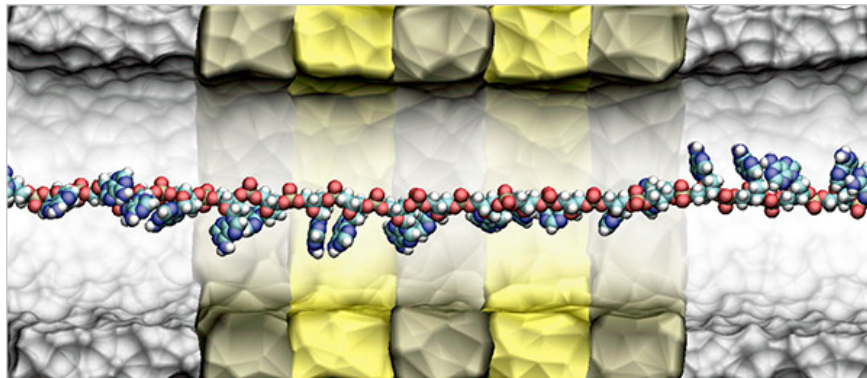
Southwest Airlines
(2011)

Ultrafast sequencing of DNA:
use electronic signals to detect
base-pair sequence
(~10 kb/sec, ~1 k\$/patient)



J. Golovchenko *et al.* (Harvard U)
C. Decker *et al.* (Delft U)

I.B.M. Joins Pursuit of \$1,000 Personal Genome



J. Michael Loughran

GENETICS An I.B.M. simulation of the "DNA transistor" it hopes will sequence genomes by reading DNA pulled through an atomic-size hole.

By [JOHN MARKOFF](#)

Published: October 5, 2009

One of the oldest names in computing is joining the race to sequence the genome for \$1,000. On Tuesday, [I.B.M.](#) plans to give technical details of its effort to reach and surpass that goal, ultimately bringing the cost to as low as \$100, making a personal genome cheaper than a

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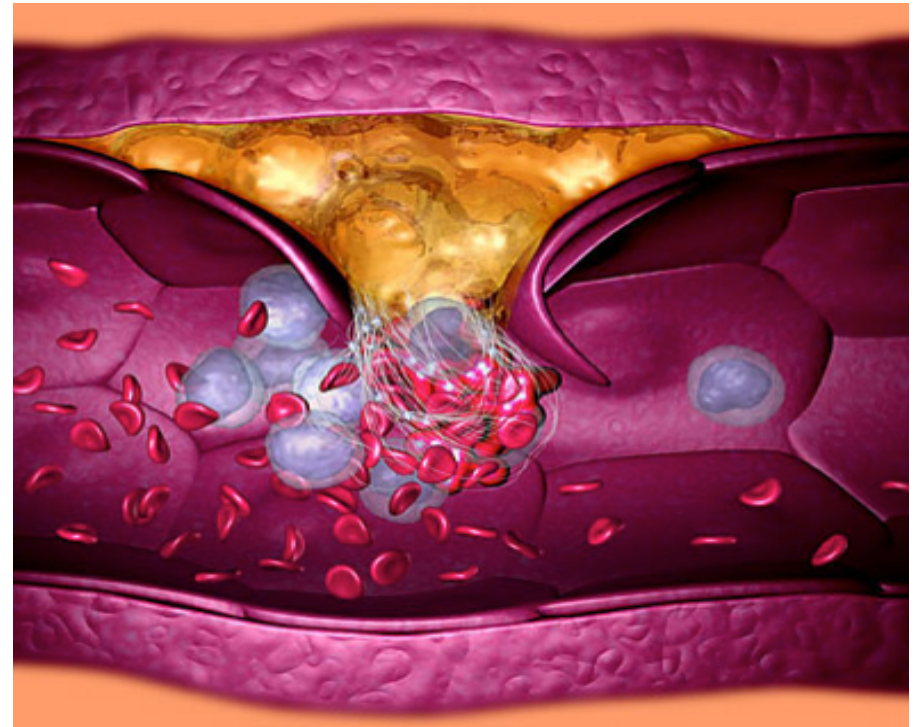
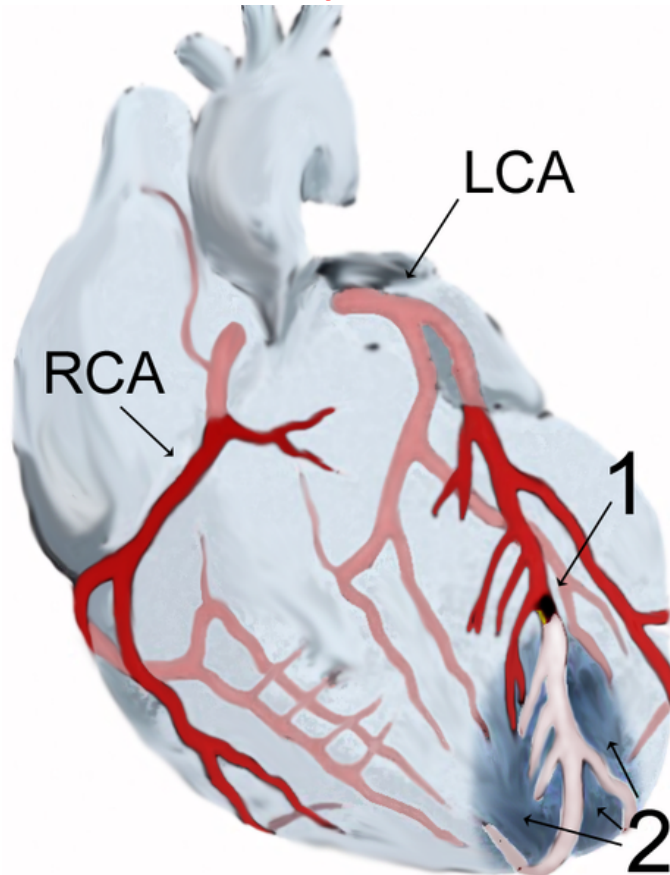


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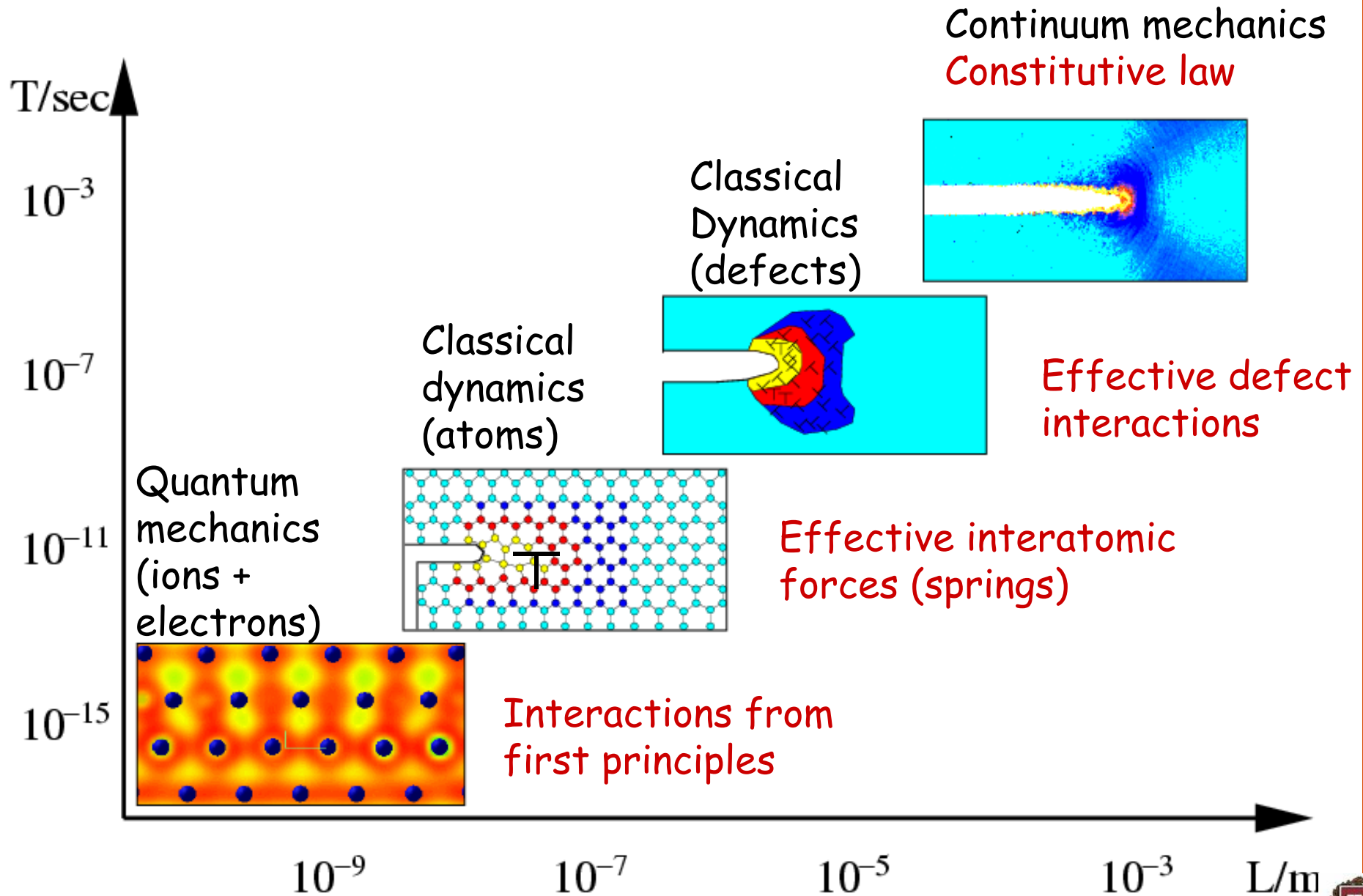


Acute Myocardial Infarction (heart attack)



Deaths in USA: out of ~2.5 M per year total,
- 35% blood flow obstruction (80% heart, 20% brain)
UNPREDICTABLE
- 25% cancer (all types)

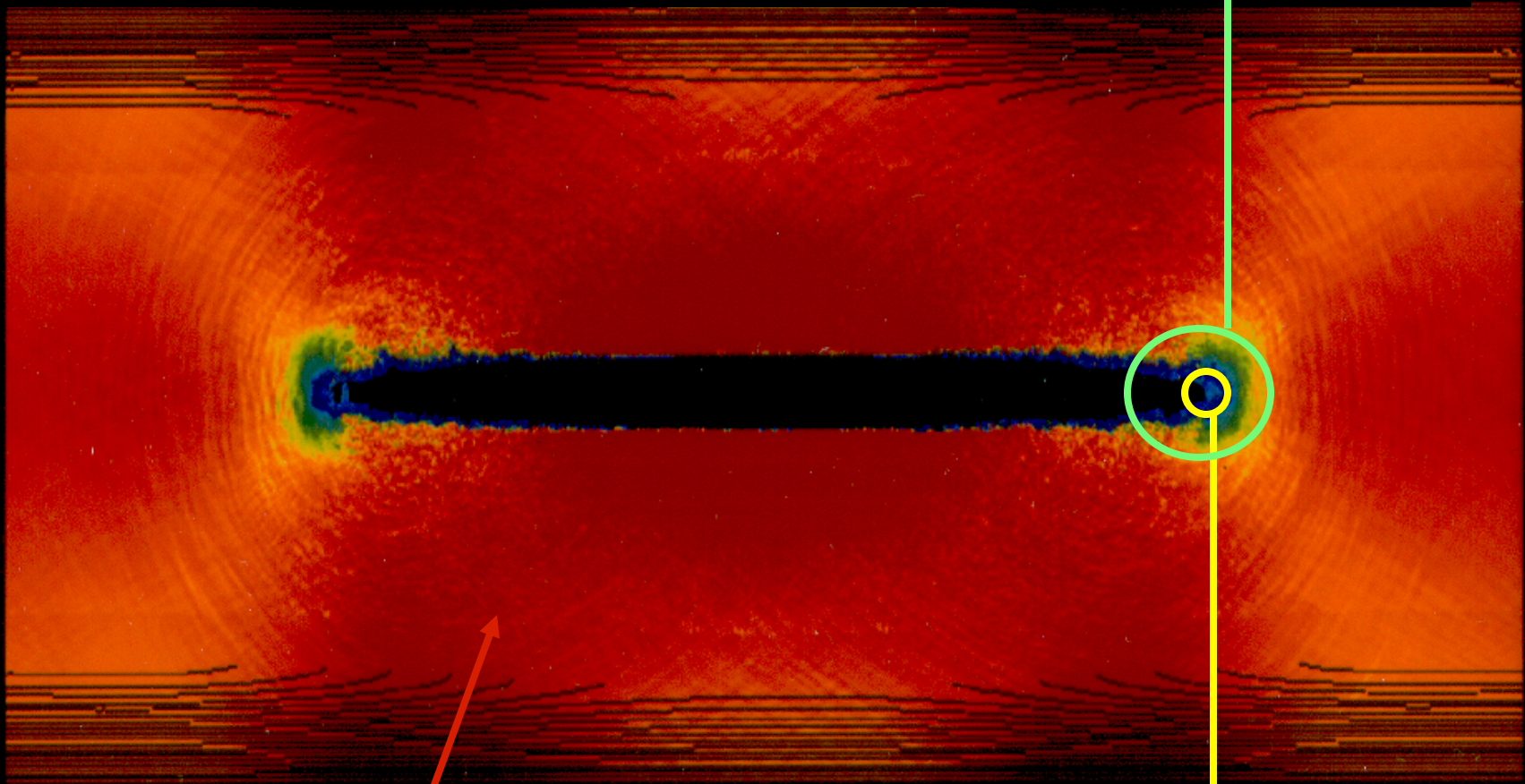
Multiple length scales: crack propagation



Brittle fracture of silicon

Abraham, Broughton, Bernstein, Kaxiras, PRB (1998)

CLASSICAL ATOMISTICS

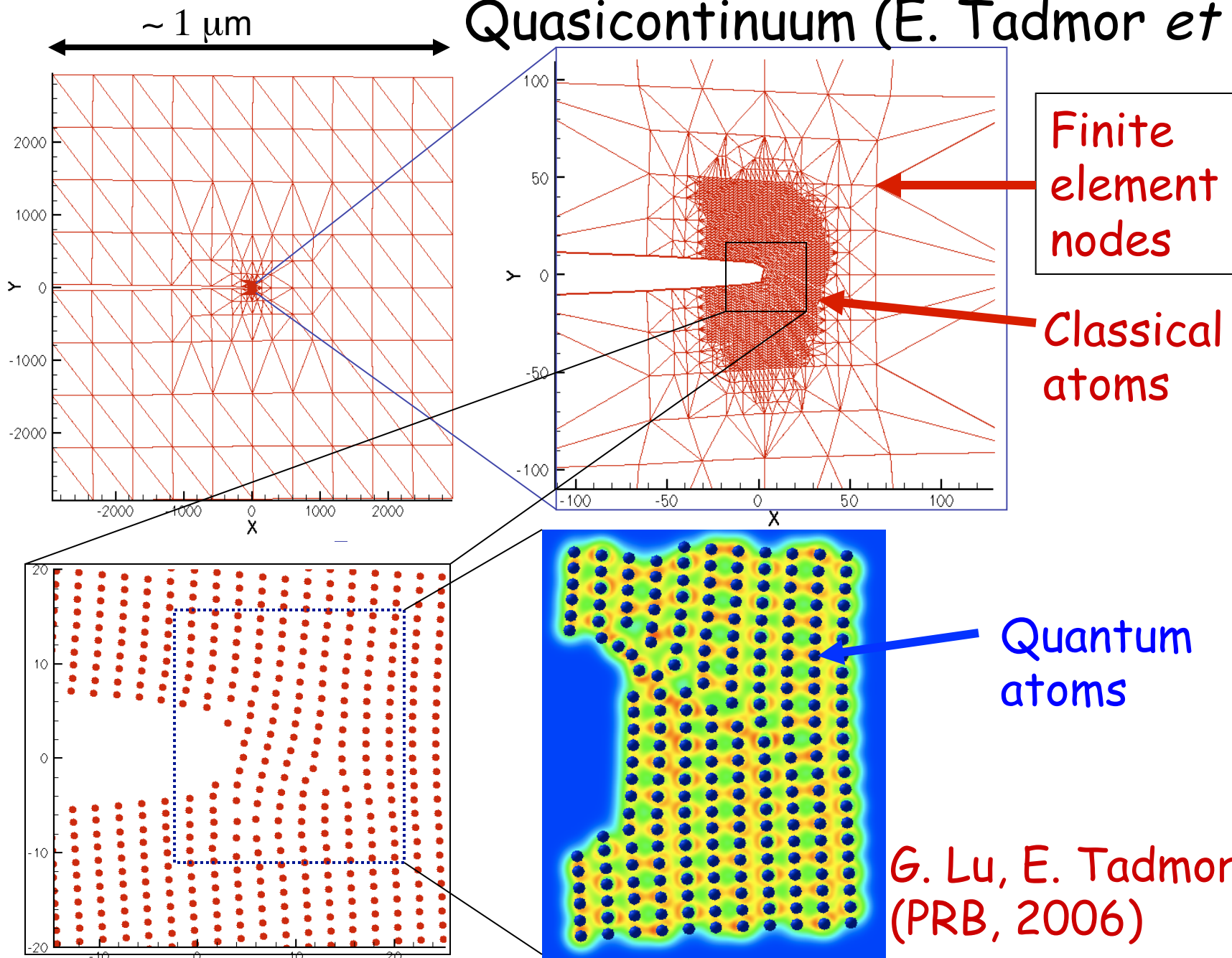


CONTINUUM MECHANICS

QUANTUM MECHANICS
Ions + electrons : chemical bonds

Easy case to model because of covalent bonds

Quasicontinuum (E. Tadmor *et al.*)



Coupling Formalism

Wesolowski and Warshel *J.Phys.Chem.* (1993)

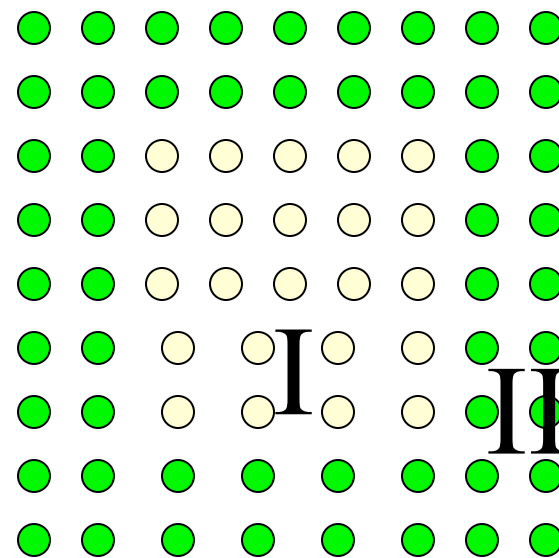
$$E_{tot}[I + II] = E[I] + E[II] + E^{int}[I,II]$$

DFT *EAM*

$$E^{int}[I,II] \equiv E[I + II] - E[I] - E[II] \approx$$

$$E^{EAM}[I + II] - E^{EAM}[I] - E^{EAM}[II] \Rightarrow$$

$$E_{tot}[I + II] = E^{DFT}[I] + \left(E^{EAM}[I + II] - E^{EAM}[I] \right)$$



For dynamics: only terms on the boundary due to coupling

forces inside I : purely DFT

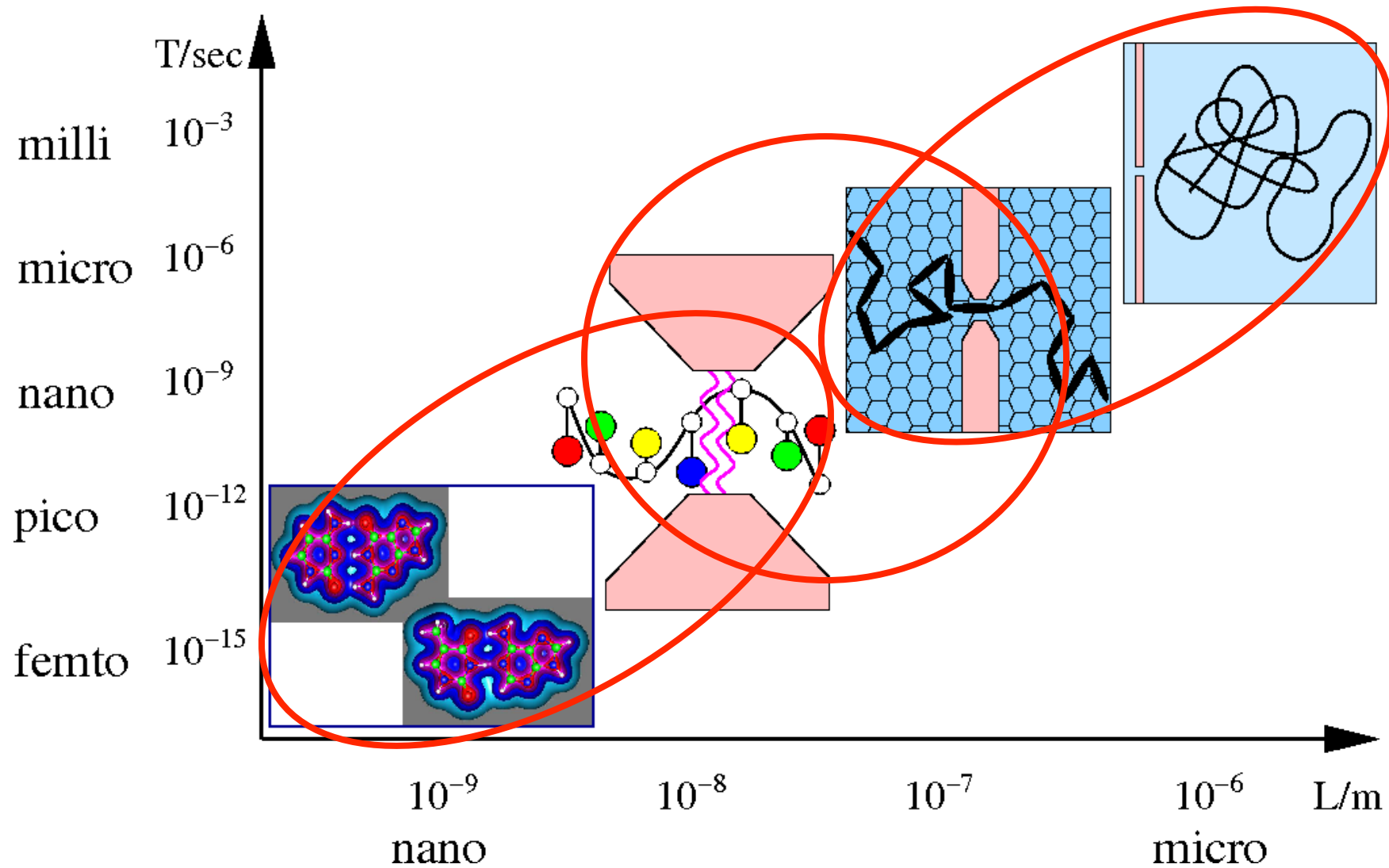
forces inside II : purely EAM

forces on boundary: EAM+DFT

(can improve accuracy by force matching schemes)

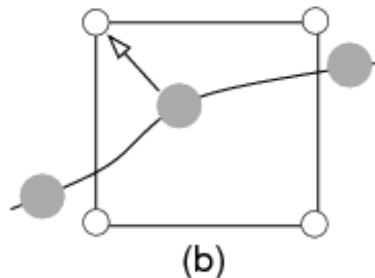
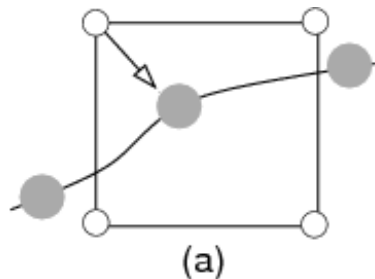


Multiple length/time scales: DNA translocation and electronic detection

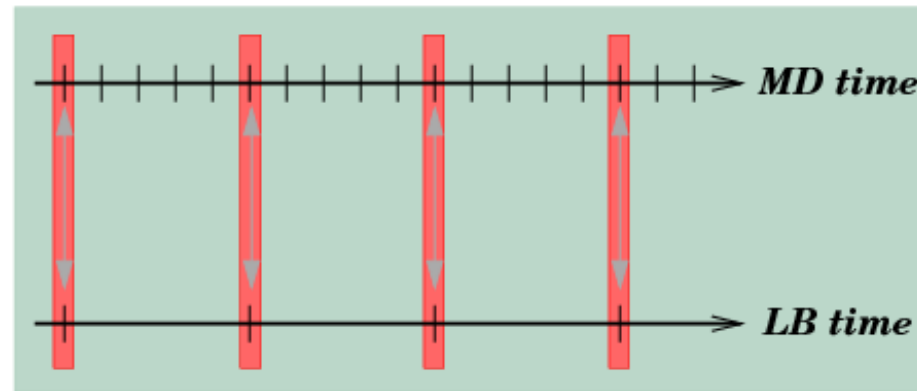


Two-scale approach to DNA translocation

- **Molecular Dynamics** for DNA:
course-grained molecules (~ 30 bp/bead)
- **Lattice Boltzmann Equation** for the solvent:
 - advantages in describing arbitrary shapes
 - fluid dynamics in particle language



spatial

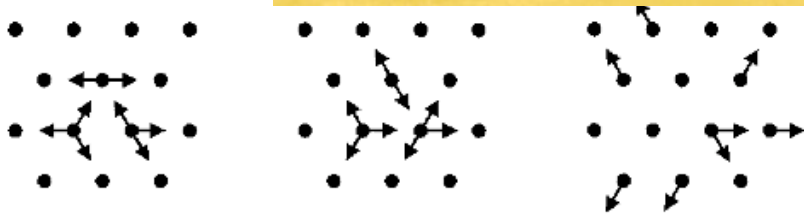


(c)

temporal

Fluid dynamics by cellular automata : Lattice Boltzmann Equation (LBE)

$$f_i(\vec{x} + \vec{c}_i \Delta t, t + \Delta t) = f_i(\vec{x}, t) - \omega \Delta t (f_i - f_i^{eq})(\vec{x}, t)$$



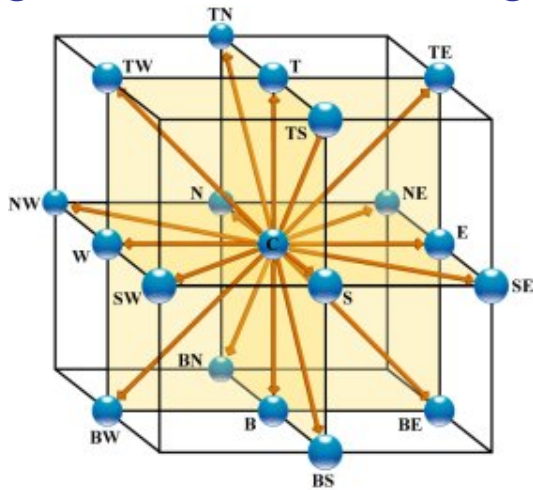
Initial

Post-Collision

Final

$$f_i^{eq} \propto \rho w_i \left[1 + \frac{\vec{c}_i \cdot \vec{u}}{c^2} + \frac{(\vec{c}_i \cdot \vec{u})^2 - c^2 u^2}{2c^4} \right]$$

Bhatnagar-Gross-Krook algorithm



$$\rho(\vec{x}, t) = \sum_i f_i(\vec{x}, t)$$

$$\rho(\vec{x}, t) \vec{u}(\vec{x}, t) = \sum_i f_i(\vec{x}, t) \vec{c}_i$$

Molecular (Langevin) Dynamics (MD)

DNA with N beads at positions r_p with velocities v_p :

$$m \frac{d\vec{v}_i}{dt} = \vec{F}_i^c + \vec{F}_i^f + \vec{F}_i^r + \lambda_i \partial_{\vec{r}_i} \sigma$$

bead-bead
interactions

Solute-solvent
interactions

random
force

constraint force

$$\sigma = |\vec{r}_{i+1} - \vec{r}_i|^2 - r_0^2 = 0$$

implemented by
SHAKE algorithm

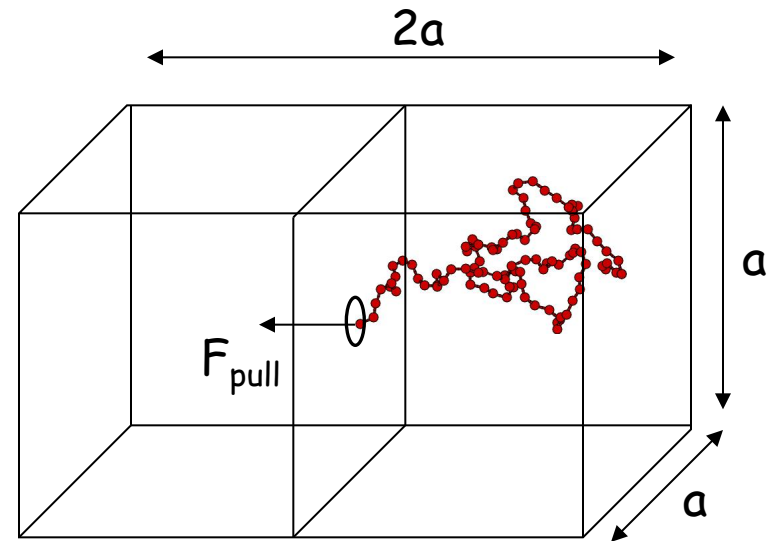
Coupling LB to MD: $\vec{F}_i^f = -m\gamma(\vec{u}_i - \vec{v}_i)$ v : bead velocity
 u : fluid velocity

Coupling MD to LB: $G_p(\vec{r}, t) = w_p \beta \sum_{i \in D(\vec{r})} [\vec{F}_i^f + \vec{F}_i^r] \cdot \vec{c}_i$



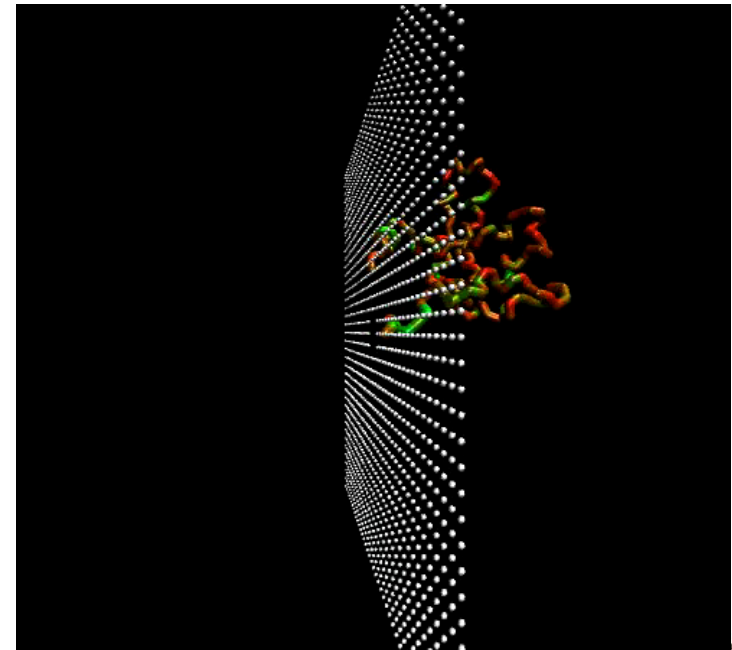
Details of simulation

- 3D box of $(2a \times a \times a)$ size
- hole size = 6 nm
- lattice spacing $\Delta x = 3$ nm



- $F_{\text{pull}} = 0.02$, $kT = 10^{-4}$
- Fast translocation regime :
[translocation time $\ll$ DNA relaxation time]

$$\frac{F_{\text{pull}} R}{kT} \gg 50$$

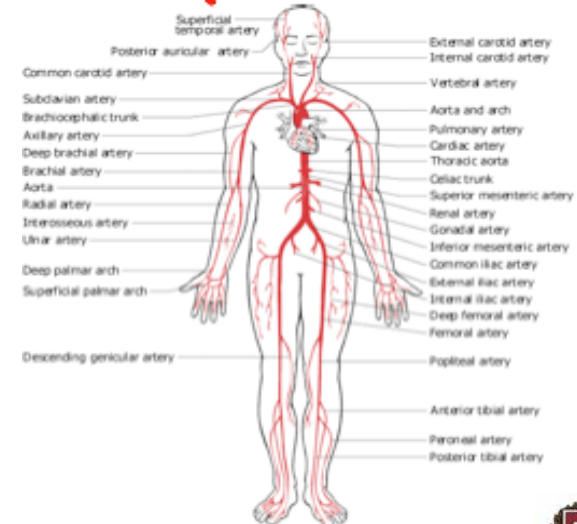
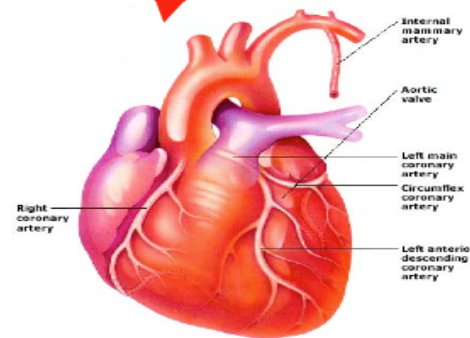
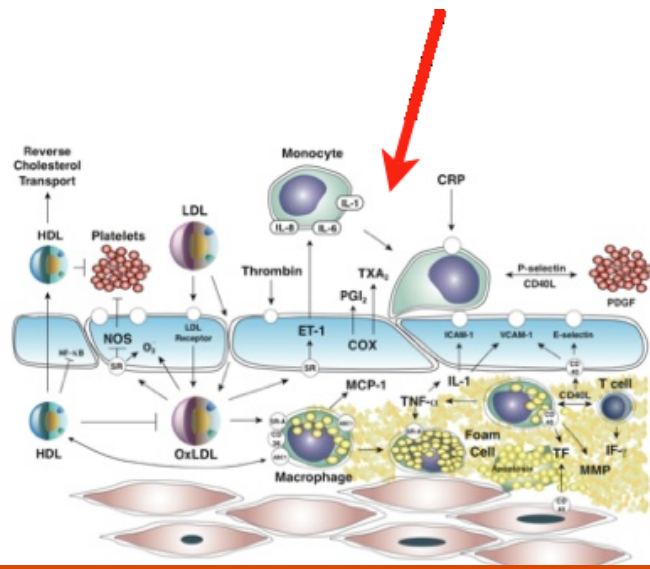


Grand Challenge: Multiscale Hemodynamics

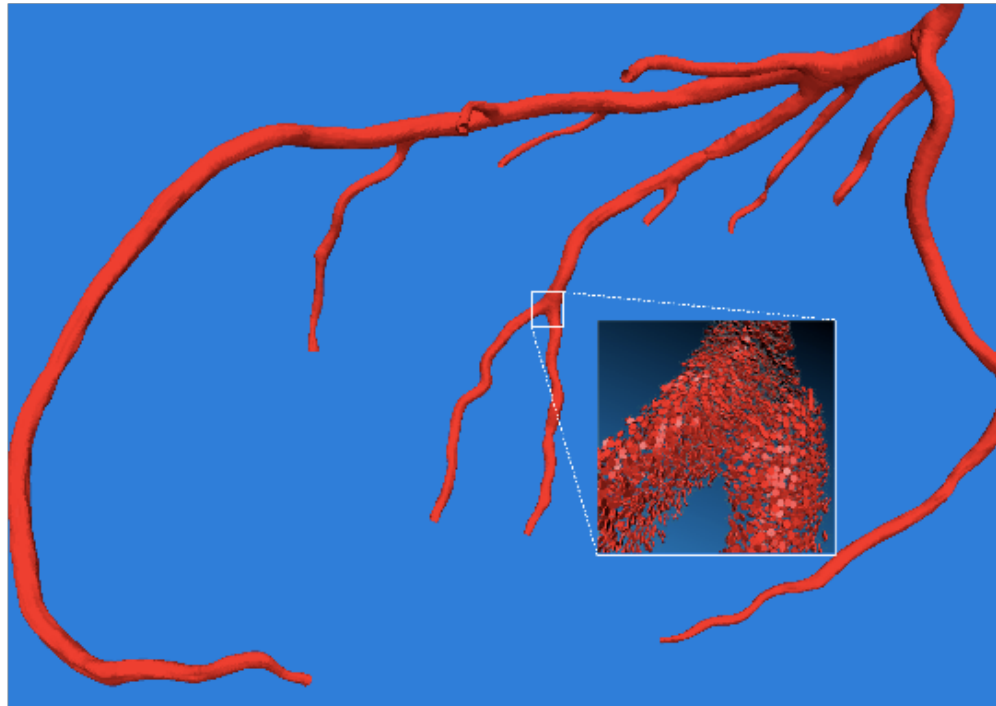
Arterial tree
 $10^1 - 10^{-2}$ m

Organs/arteries
 $10^{-2} - 10^{-4}$ m

Cellular/molecular
 $10^{-5} - 10^{-9}$ m

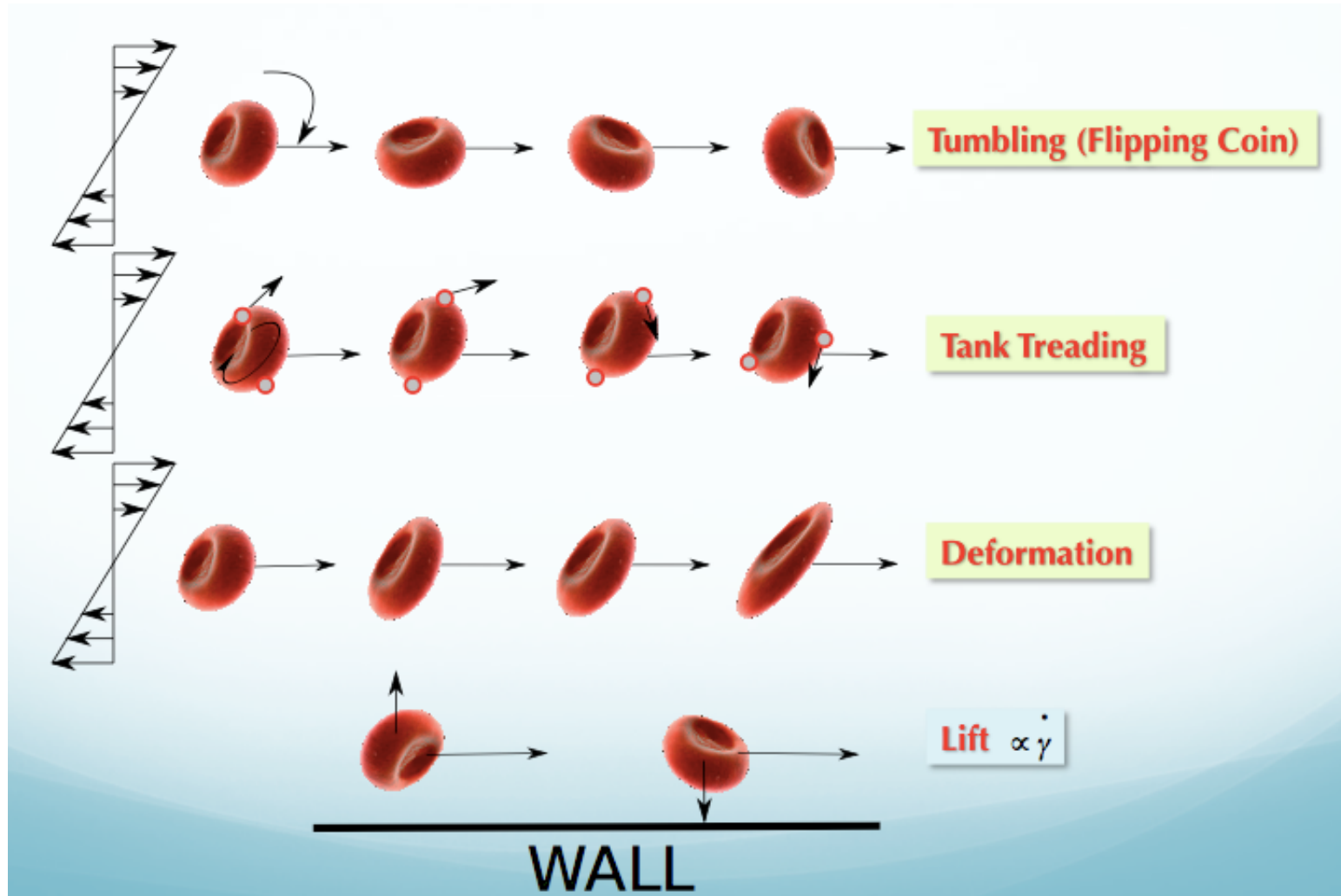


Two-scale Hemodynamics



Physics: dynamics of deformable objects (RBC's) within fluid motion, in complex vessel geometry (arterial branch)

Red Blood Cell in Motion

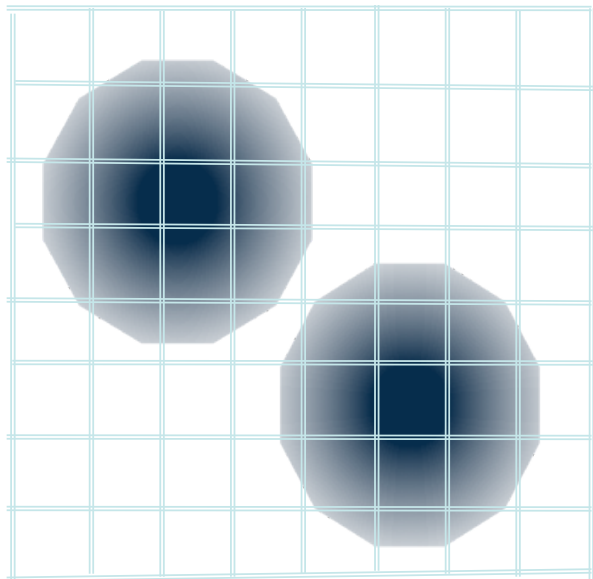


Definition of particles (cells, proteins, ...)

$$\tilde{\delta}_{\xi}(x - R) = \prod_{\alpha=x,y,z} \tilde{\delta}_{\xi}(x_{\alpha} - R_{\alpha})$$

$$\sum_x \tilde{\delta}_{\xi}(x - R) = 1$$

$$\tilde{\delta}_{\xi}(a) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2\xi} \left(1 + \cos\left(\frac{\pi|a|}{\xi}\right) \right) & 0 \leq |a| \leq \xi \\ 0 & \xi \leq |a| \end{cases}$$



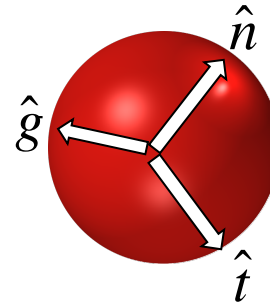
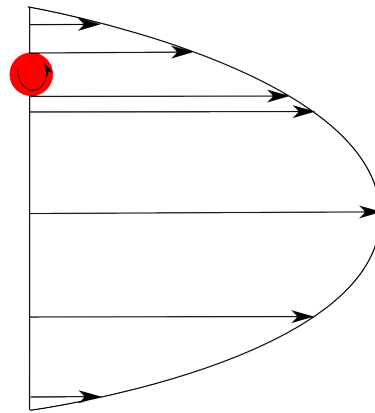
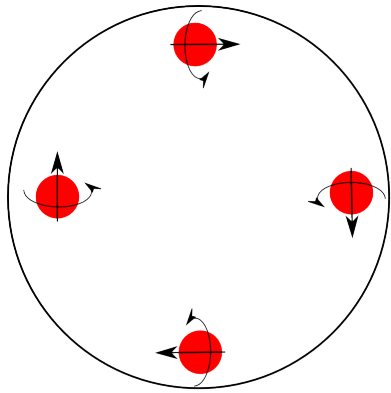
$$\varphi(x, R) = -\gamma(V - u(x))\tilde{\delta}_{\xi}(x - R)$$

$$F^H = \sum_x \varphi = -\gamma(V - \tilde{u})$$

$$\tilde{u} = u * \tilde{\delta}_{\xi}$$

$$\Delta f_p = -\frac{w_p}{c^2} c_p \cdot \sum_R \varphi$$

Rotating particles



$$Q = \begin{pmatrix} n_x & t_x & g_x \\ n_y & t_y & g_y \\ n_z & t_z & g_z \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\tau(x, R) = -\gamma_R (\Omega - \omega(x)) \tilde{\delta}_\xi (x - R)$$

$$T^H = \sum_x \tau = -\gamma_R (\Omega - \tilde{\omega})$$

$$\tilde{\omega} = \omega * \tilde{\delta}_\xi$$

$$\Delta f_p = -\frac{w_p}{c^2} c_p \cdot \sum_R (\varphi - \partial \tilde{\delta}_\xi \times \tau)$$

Particle dynamics:

$$\Xi \frac{d\Psi}{dt} \equiv \begin{pmatrix} M \frac{dV}{dt} \\ I \frac{d\Omega}{dt} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} F + F^H \\ T + T^H \end{pmatrix} \equiv \Phi + \Phi^H$$

$$\Phi_{6 \times 1}^H = \Gamma_{6 \times 6} \Psi_{6 \times 1}^* + \Delta_{6 \times 3 \times 3} : E_{3 \times 3}$$

$$\Psi^* \equiv \begin{pmatrix} V - u \\ \Omega - \omega \end{pmatrix}$$

Γ Grand Resistance matrix

Δ Shear Resistance matrix

E Strain tensor

u Fluid velocity

$\omega = \frac{1}{2} \partial \times u$ Fluid vorticity

Brenner et al '72

Γ and Δ depend on the whole configuration

Pair-wise superposition

$O(N^3)$

complexity!

Brady & Bossis '89



movies



Multiscale Hemmodynamics on the JUGENE - Juelich IBM BlueGene/P

(#5 in the world - 2010 Top 10 List,
largest number of cores in the world)



- 72 racks of BlueGene/P
- 294,912 cores
- Peak Performance: 1 PFs
- Memory: 2 Gb/core

Uncertainties, instabilities, limitations:

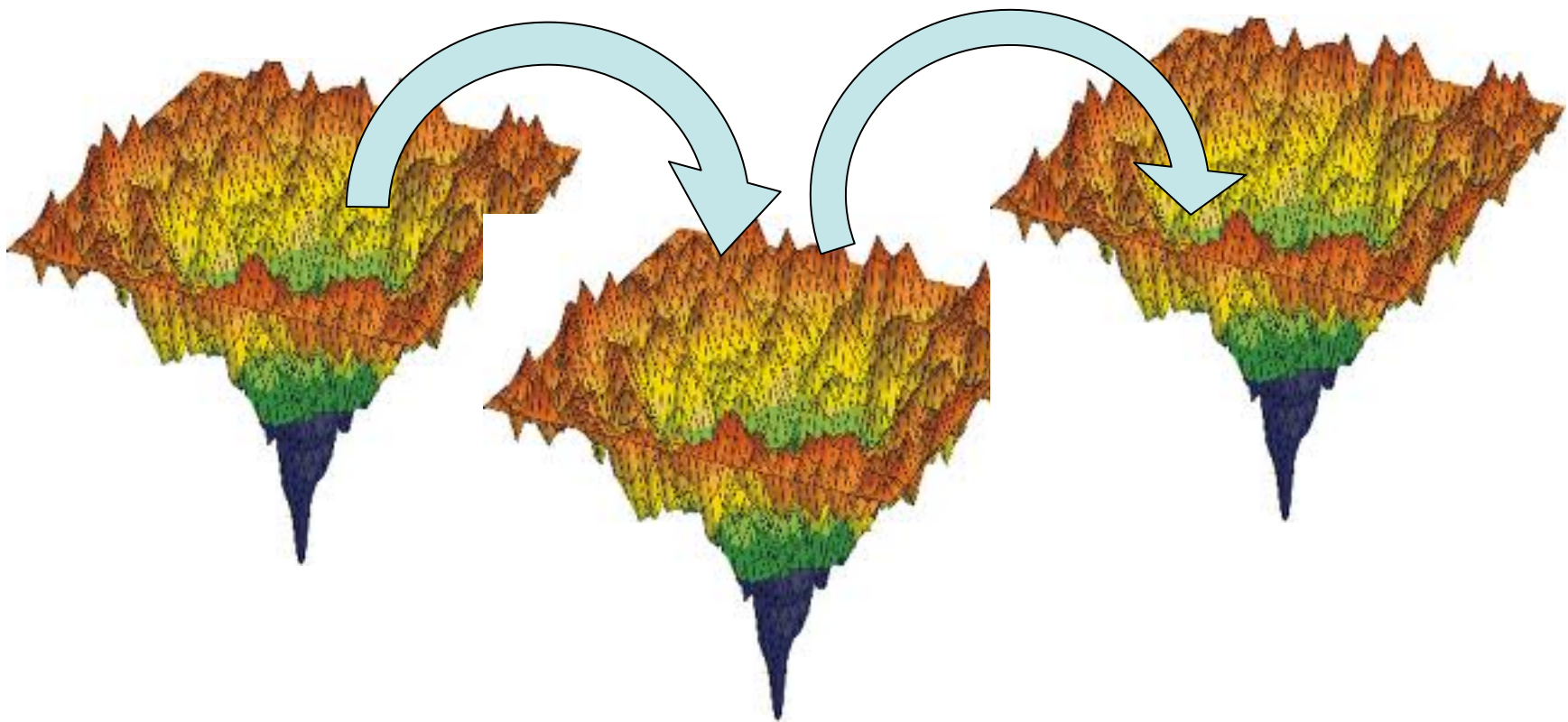
- Spatial integration:
 - QM important, but problems:
 - 90% of computational cost (~100 atoms)
 - source of code instabilities
(simulation does not always converge)
 - not easily parallelizable
(orthogonal wave-functions)
 - inherent limitations - "ghost forces"
(long-range nature of wave-functions)

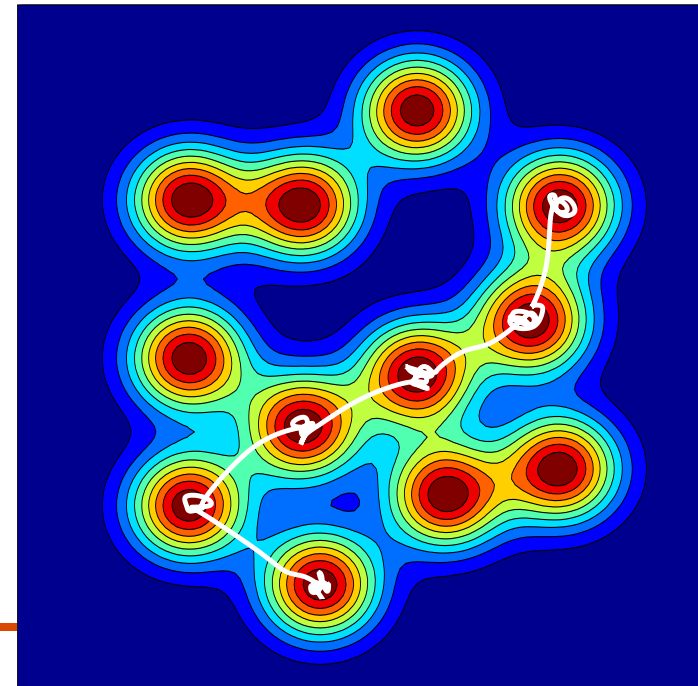
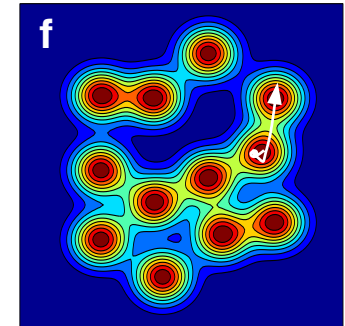
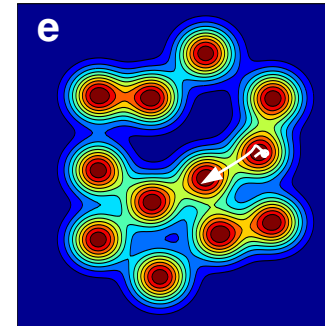
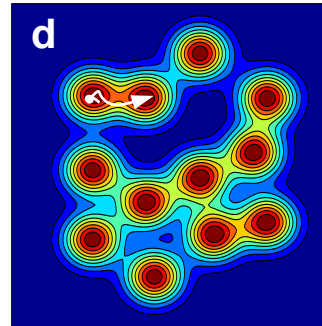
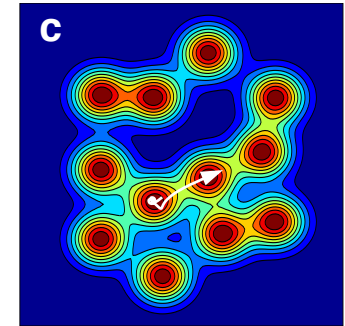
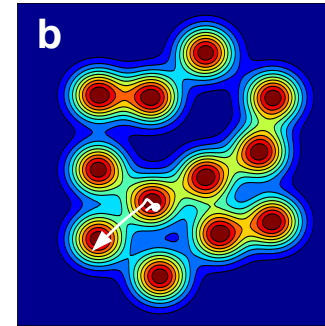
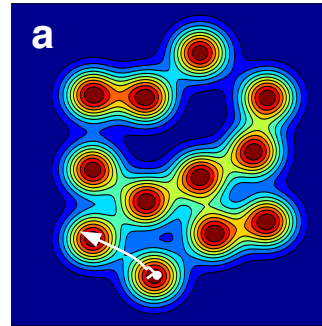
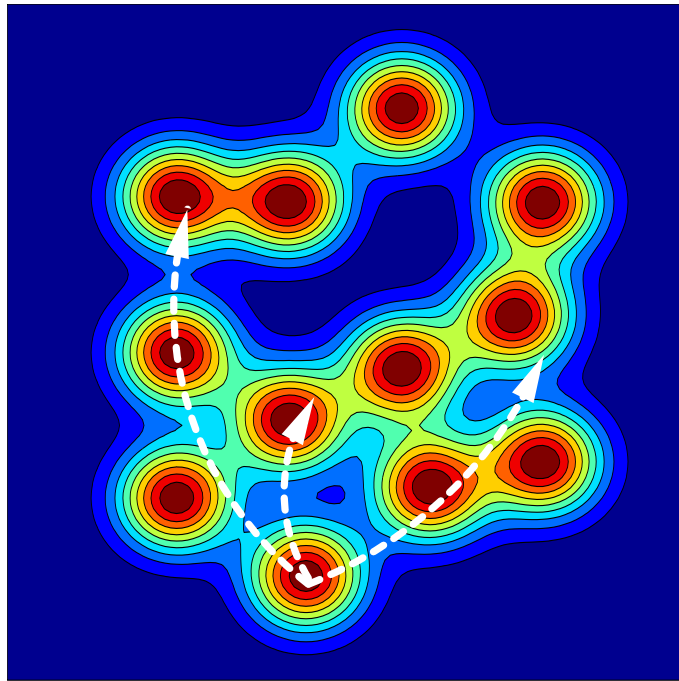
Classical regions coupling:

- loss of information physically important
(entropy, thermal properties)



- Time-scale problem:
controlled by smallest time-step
[e.g. QM leads to fs (10^{-15} sec)]
simple/general coarse-graining methods ?





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