

Ludovic Berthier - Lecture III

i) Algorithm used in glassy field: parallel tempering

Different systems at $\neq T$, exchange configurations at $\neq T$.

Quench disorder

- • Used in spin glass \rightarrow allow to go to low T .
- Bulk glasses \rightarrow BAD (should be checked). ?

ii) Wang-Landau - Am J Phys '04. Instead of probing Boltzmann $e^{-\beta E}$, they sample density of states $g(E)$. No temperature imposed. What does it really do ?

IV. The Franz-Parisi potential $V(Q)$

\sim Landau free energy for glasses as a function of Q (overlap between config).

Construction:

- Take a ref. eq. $\mathcal{C}_{eq} = \{ \vec{r}_1 \} \rightarrow$ quench disorder
- Take a second copy of the same system $\mathcal{C} = \{ \vec{r}_2 \}$
- Overlap between \mathcal{C}_{eq} and \mathcal{C} .

$$Q_{12} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i,j=1}^N \Theta(a - |\vec{r}_{1,i} - \vec{r}_{2,j}|)$$

a : coarse grained length $\sim 0.2\sigma$

$$Q_{12} = 1 \text{ if } 1=2$$

$$\approx 0 \text{ if } 1 \text{ and } 2 \text{ are uncorrelated}$$

for uncorrelated $Q_{12} \approx \frac{4\pi}{3} a^3 \rho \approx 0.03$ has to be subtract.

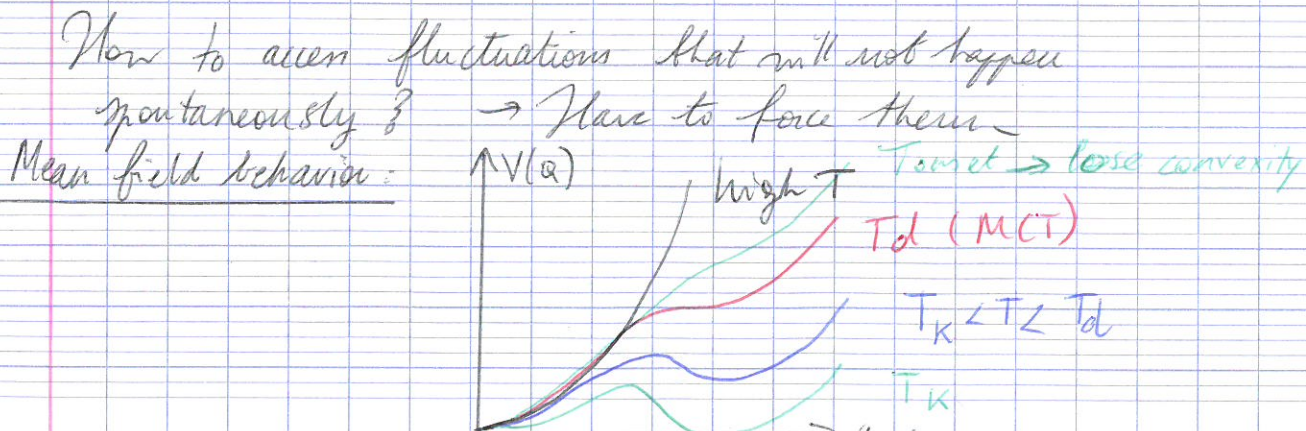
$V(Q)$ is the average free energy of system 2 having an overlap Q with copy 1 (then average over copy 1).

$$P(Q) \sim \exp(-\beta N V(Q))$$

measure fluctuations of the overlap, then $\log \left(\frac{-1}{\beta N} \right) \rightarrow V(Q)$.

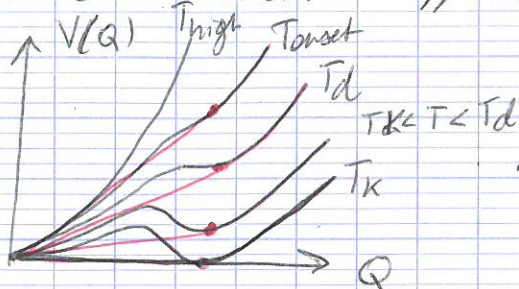
Probab to observe fluctuations in the liquid if $V(Q) \sim 1$ and a few hundred particles \rightarrow very unlikely $\sim 10^{-100}$

$$-\beta N V(Q) = \underbrace{\int d\vec{r}_1^N \frac{e^{-\beta H(\vec{r}_1^N)}}{Z_1}}_{\text{disorder average}} \log \underbrace{\int d\vec{r}_2^N \frac{e^{-\beta H(\vec{r}_2^N)}}{Z_2} \delta(Q - Q_{12})}_{\text{Free energy at config. 1 fixed}}$$



What about finite dimensions?

Local minima cannot exist. Appearance of interface:

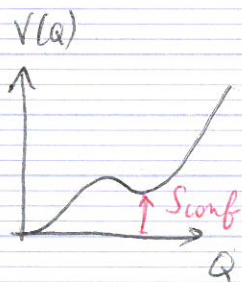
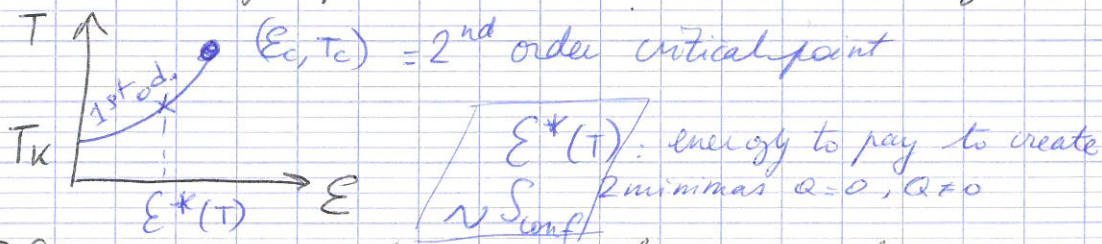


Nothing will happen in $V(Q)$ at T_d .

Consequence of mean field picture

Add a field to Hamiltonian $\Delta H = -\epsilon Q$ favours large Q . Start to tilt $V(Q)$ with large enough field. at $T_d \geq T \geq T_k$.

Will induce a jump in the value of Q increasing ϵ .



Difference of value between low Q and high Q minima = $T S_{\text{config}}$ in Ginzburg's mean field picture.

FP potential: takes care of the mixing entropy.

How to bias the simulation towards unlikely events?

Favor fluctuations with Monte Carlo simulations in a clever way.

Change probability to sample

Umbrella sampling: bias the equilibrium distribution by a known amount.

- do biased simu.
- unbiased the system.

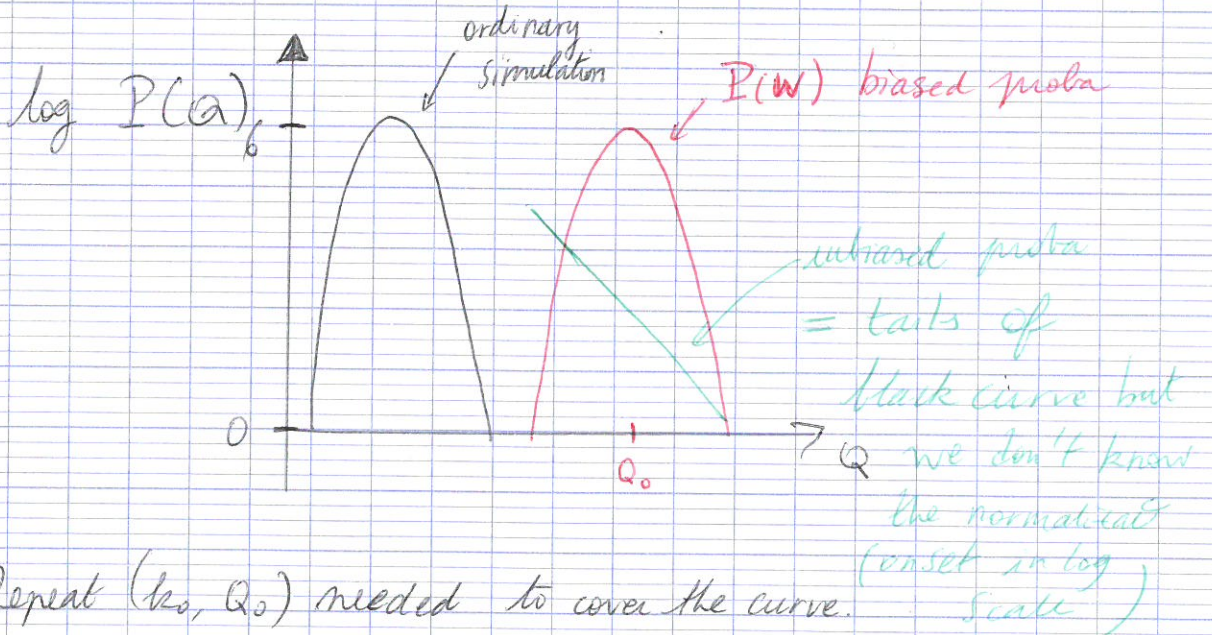
In practice: $H = H_0 + \frac{k_0}{2} (Q_{12} - Q_0)^2 = H_0 + W_0(Q)$

$\underbrace{H_0}_{\text{original Ham.}}$ $\underbrace{\frac{k_0}{2}}_{\text{constant and chosen}}$

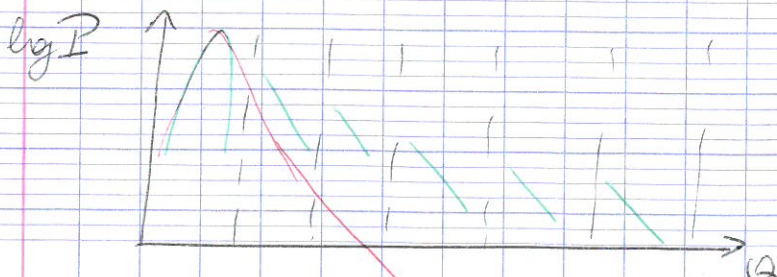
harmonic potential = favors $Q_{12} \sim Q_0$ to minimize the energy.

measure $P(Q_{12} | k_0, Q_0, \dots) = P_W(Q_{12})$ biased fluctuations

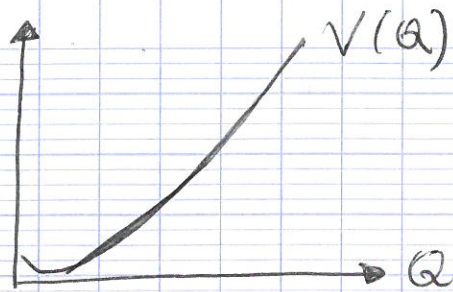
unbiased proba: $P(Q) \propto P_W(Q_{12}) e^{+\beta k_0 (Q - Q_0)^2}$



Repeat (k_0, Q_0) needed to cover the curve.



$V(Q) \sim -\log P$ gives



How to reconstruct the distribution? (Not by hand)

"Histogram reweighting method"

Reconstruct \bar{P} by indep. m measurements.

$$\bar{P}(Q) = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^m P_i / \sigma_i^2}{\sum_{i=1}^m 1 / \sigma_i^2}$$

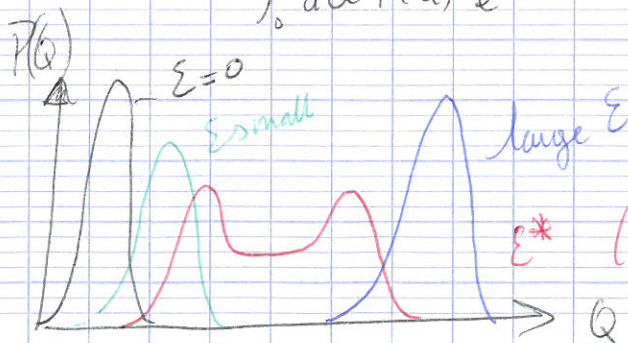
σ_i^2 : error in measurement
 P_i : measurement.
 form kills large errors.

$$\left\{ \begin{aligned} P(Q) &= \frac{\sum_{i=1}^m P_i(Q)}{\sum_{i=1}^m e^{-\beta w_i} / z_i} \\ z_i &= \int_0^1 dQ \frac{\sum_{j=1}^m P_j(Q)}{\sum_j e^{\beta(w_i - w_j)} / z_j} \end{aligned} \right.$$

w_i : harmonic.

to be solved self-consistently
 (guess input and compute next value until convergence)

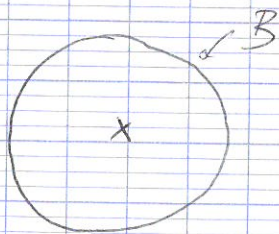
$$P(Q, \epsilon) = \frac{P(Q) e^{-\beta Q \epsilon}}{\int_0^1 dQ P(Q) e^{-\beta Q \epsilon}}$$



ϵ^* (coexistence) trough
 1st order transition

VI Point-to-set correlation length ξ_{PTS}

① Giles



$\langle O(r) f(O\{B\}) \rangle$
 Static correlation length in
 dense liquids

② Ginzburg in the context of RFOT



freeze boundary conditions

$$PTS: \Delta F = \underbrace{-\frac{4\pi R^3}{3} V(Q_{eq})}_{\text{gaining free energy by visiting the cavity}} + \underbrace{4\pi R^2 Y}_{\text{surface tension = energy to pay at the boundary by visiting states}}$$

ξ_{PTS} minimizes ΔF

$$\xi_{PTS} = \frac{2Y}{V(Q_{eq}) \sim S_{conf}}$$

Low $S_{conf} \Leftrightarrow \xi_{PTS}$ diverge

ξ_{PTS} is the important static length scale. (not about the position of particles but the rarefaction of states).

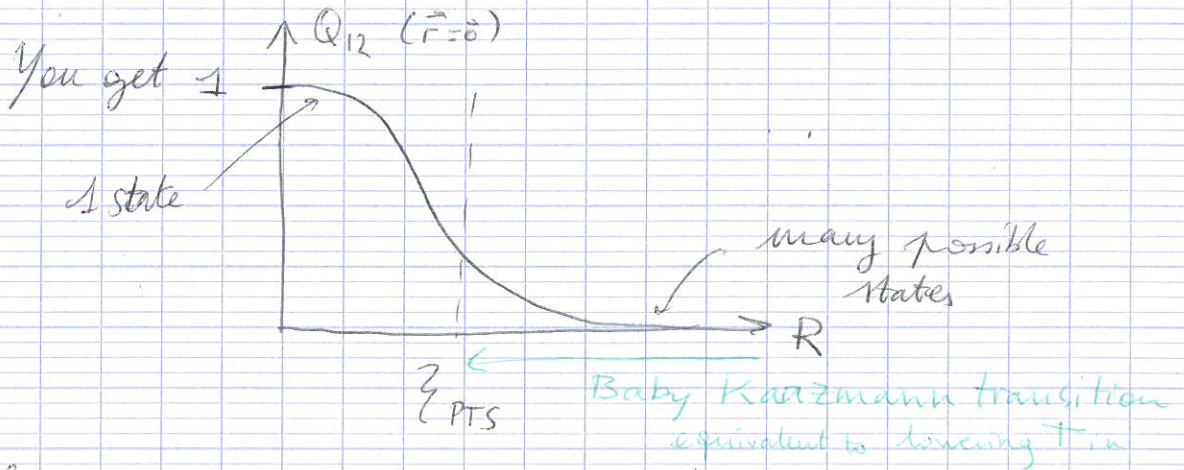
Idea: • Take Q_{eq} at eq. = $\{ \vec{r}_i \}$

- Fix the positions of particles outside the cavity of size R .
- Thermalize inside the cavity.

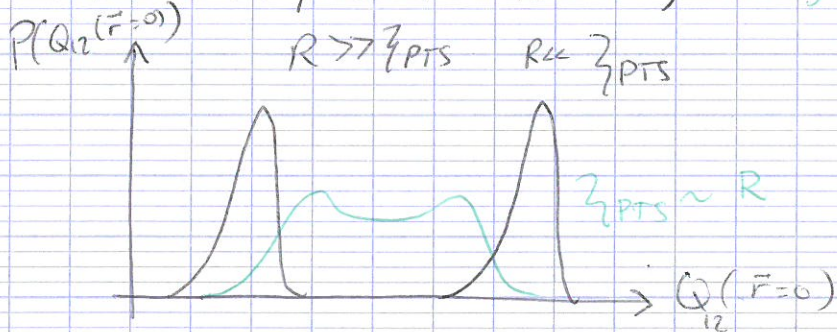
+ measure overlap between Q_{eq} and the equilibrated conf. inside the cavity $Q(\vec{r}=0)$ at center of cavity

+ average over $\langle \vec{r}_i \rangle$

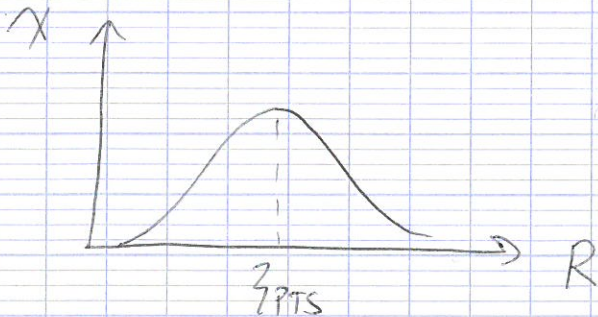
+ repeat for $\neq R_{var}$ values.



Could look at proba $P(Q_{12}(\vec{r}=0))$ bulk system.



$$\chi = \langle Q_{12}^2 \rangle - \langle Q_{12} \rangle^2 \quad \text{expect a large variance at } R \sim \zeta_{PTS}$$

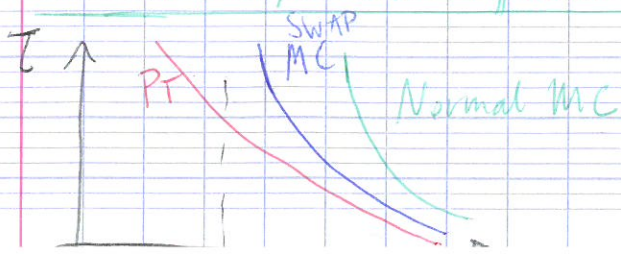


How to sample this efficiently?

We can measure how long it takes to reach equilibrium.

PT* = parallel tempering

Sho Yaida



How do we do parallel tempering?

We simulate n copies of the system in parallel.

$(\mathcal{E}_1, \dots, \mathcal{E}_n)$ with same Hamiltonian.

(T_1, \dots, T_n) $T_1 < \dots < T_n$

original
system

↑
very large temperature

(dynamics very fast)

(Temperature)

From time to time, attempt to exchange 2 copies

$\mathcal{E}_i, \mathcal{E}_{i+1}$. Accept or reject with
detailed balance condition. \rightarrow Reach equilibrium.

Key to thermalize the system in the cavity.

$$\sum_i \text{PTS} \sim \frac{1}{S_{\text{conf}}}$$