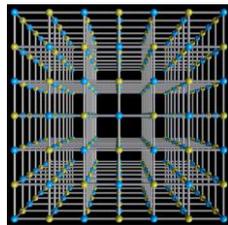


# Coarse Graining of Electric Field Interactions with Materials



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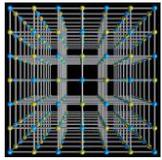
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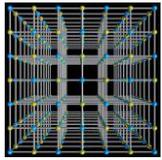
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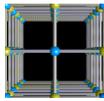
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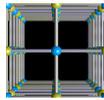
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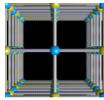
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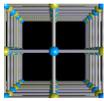
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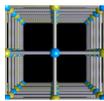
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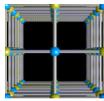
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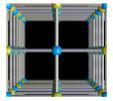
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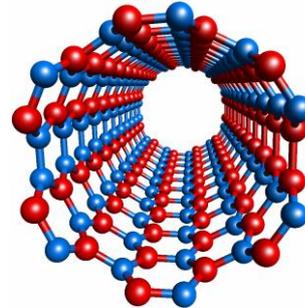
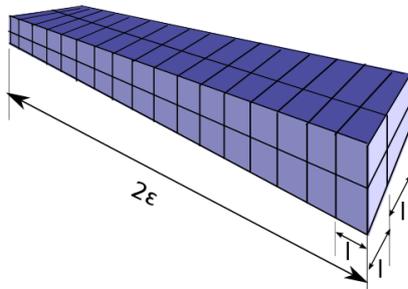


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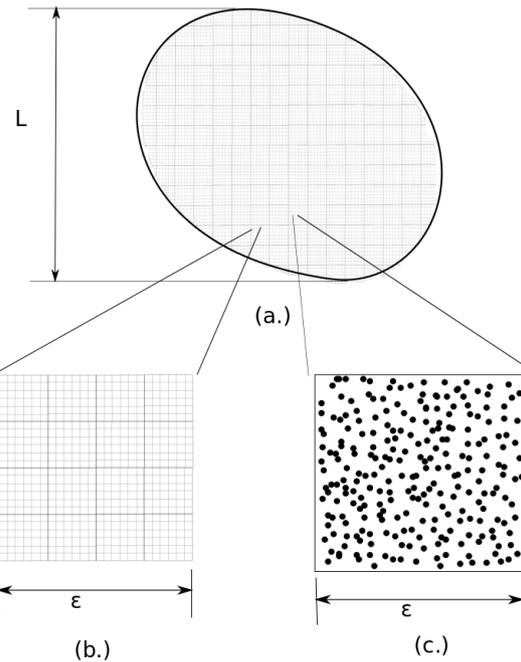


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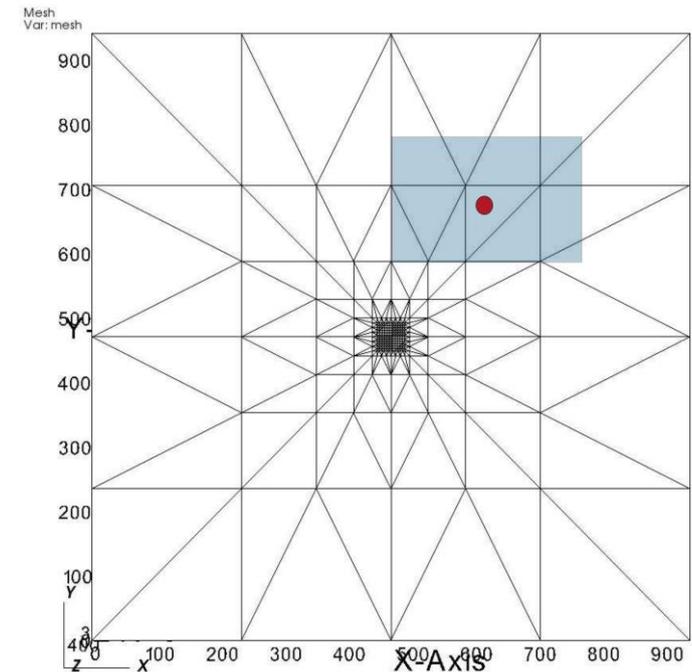
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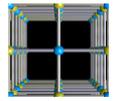


## 2. Electrostatics in random media



## 3. Multiscale method for ionic solids at finite temperature





# Motivation

## ■ Electrostatics interaction

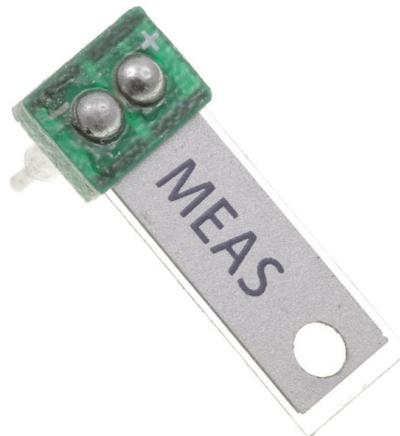
- ➔ Storage devices
- ➔ Ferroelectric RAM
- ➔ Piezoelectric sensors

## ■ Finite temperature

- ➔ Thermal fluctuations of atoms
- ➔ Coupling of deformation, electric field with temperature



(a) Hard drive



(c) Piezoelectric sensor

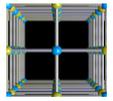


(b) Ferroelectric RAM

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(b) <http://abdulmoez55.blogspot.com/2015/12/ferroelectric-ram.html>

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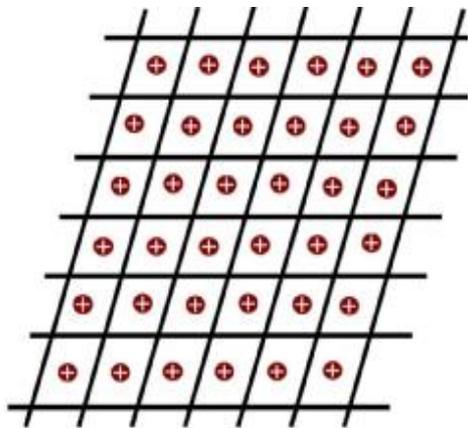


# Long range interactions

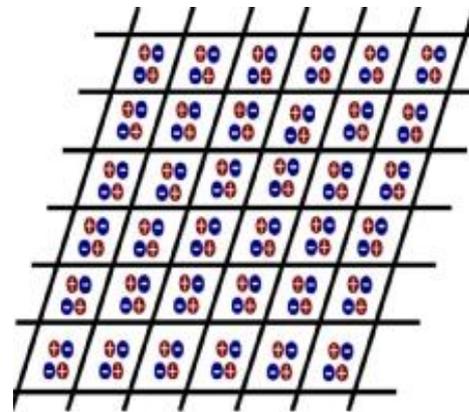
$$\text{Energy density at } X = \int_Y G(X, Y) f(Y) dY$$

Field at X due to charge/dipole at Y

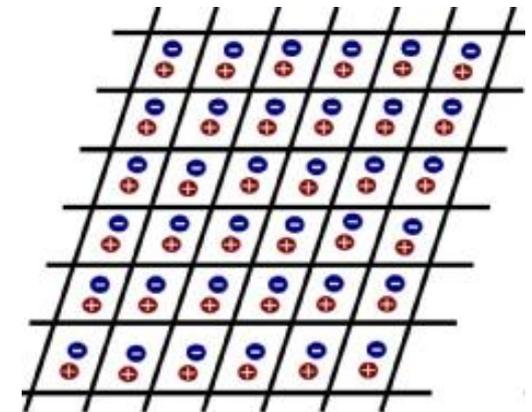
Charge/dipole at Y



Charge  
distribution



Quadrupole  
distribution

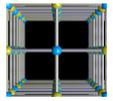


Dipole  
distribution

$$W \approx \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} 1/r \times r^2 = \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} r$$

$$W \approx \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} 1/r^5 \times r^2 = \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} 1/r^3$$

$$W \approx \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} 1/r^3 \times r^2 = \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} 1/r$$



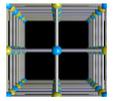
# Long range interactions...

Linear Elasticity  $\longrightarrow$   $W(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{2} \boldsymbol{\epsilon}(\mathbf{x}) \cdot \mathbb{C} \boldsymbol{\epsilon}(\mathbf{x})$

Electrostatics  $\longrightarrow$   $W(\mathbf{x}) = \nabla \phi(\mathbf{x}) \cdot \nabla \phi(\mathbf{x})$

$\nabla \cdot \nabla \phi = \nabla \cdot \mathbf{p}$

**Energy density depends on polarization field over whole material domain**



# Long range interactions...

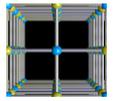
$$E = V(\mathbf{q}) + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{Q_i Q_j}{|\mathbf{q}_i - \mathbf{q}_j|}$$

Continuum limit of electrostatic energy

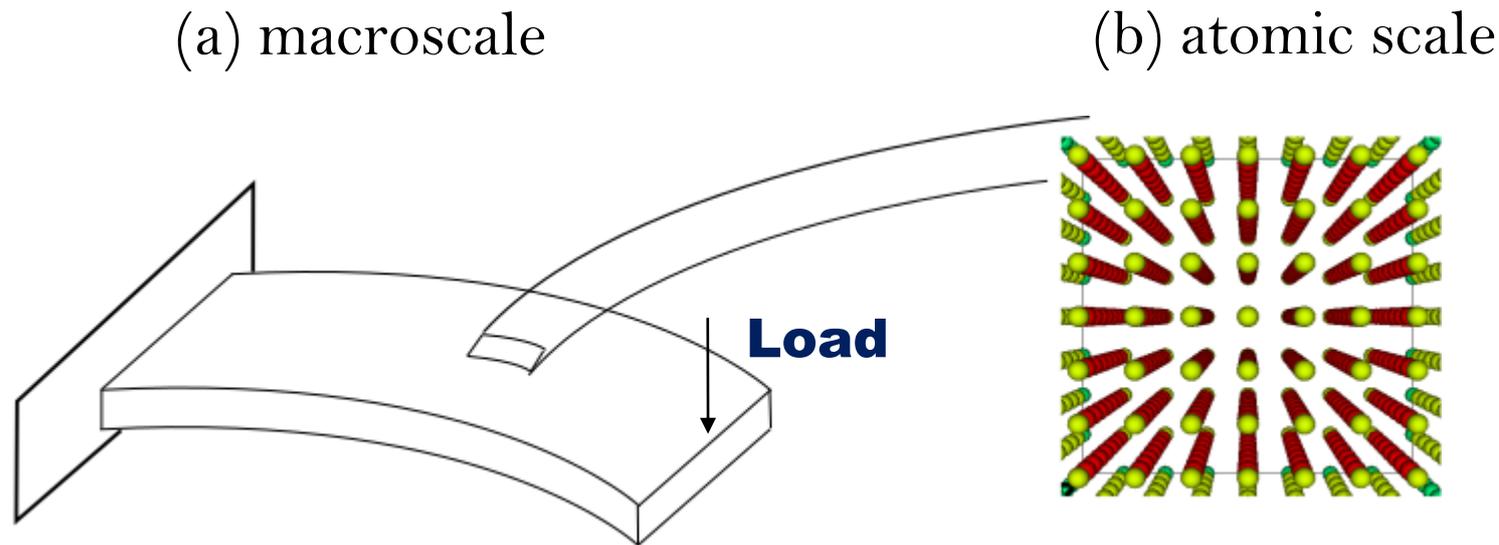
$$E = V(\mathbf{q}) + \frac{1}{2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} |\nabla \phi|^2$$

$$\nabla^2 \phi = \nabla \cdot \mathbf{p} \in \mathbb{R}^3, \mathbf{p} = \mathbf{0} \in \mathbb{R}^3 - \Omega$$

$\mathbf{p}$ : polarization field in a material

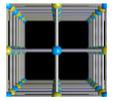


# Multiscale in a material



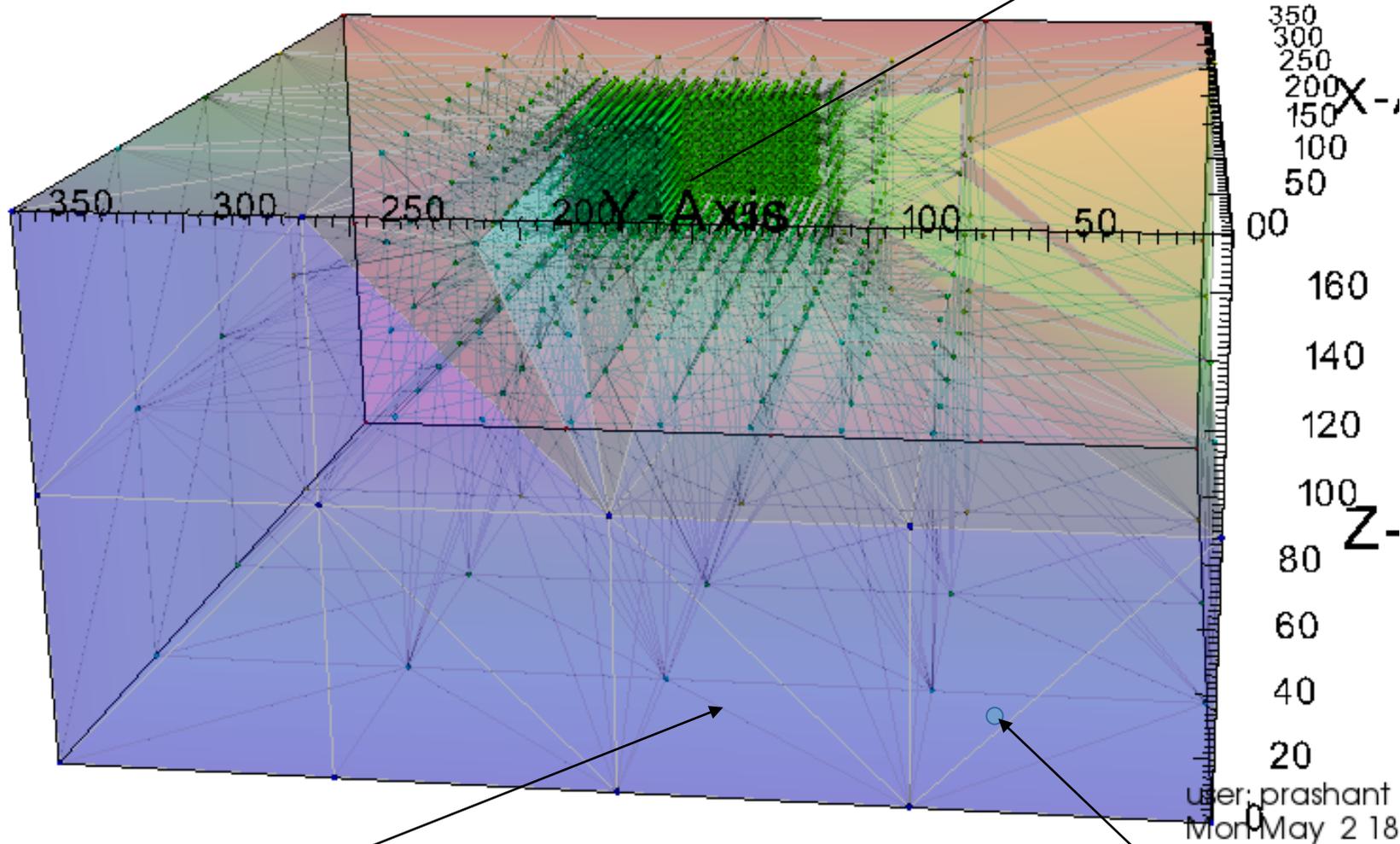
## Piezoelectric material

- ❑ Deformation is slowly varying field
- ❑ Displacement of charges cause change in electric field
- ❑ Change in electric field causes deformation of material
- ❑ Except near loading, variation of deformation field is at higher scale than the scale at which atoms displace



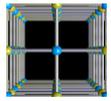
# Multiscale method

Atomistic region

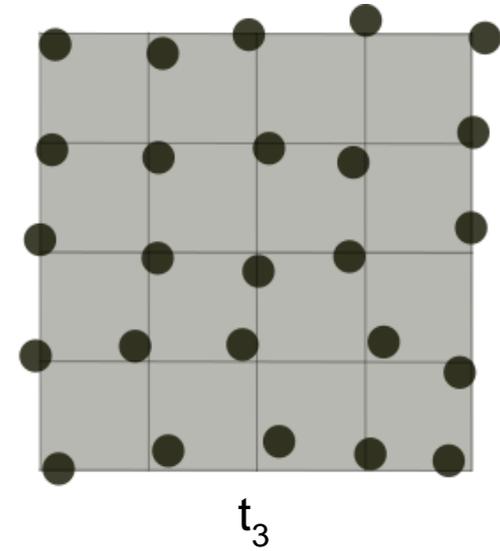
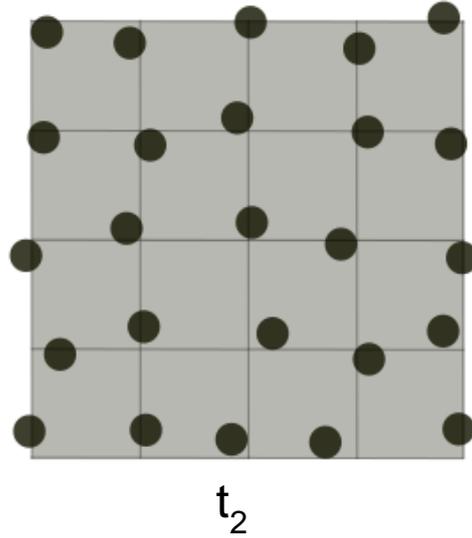
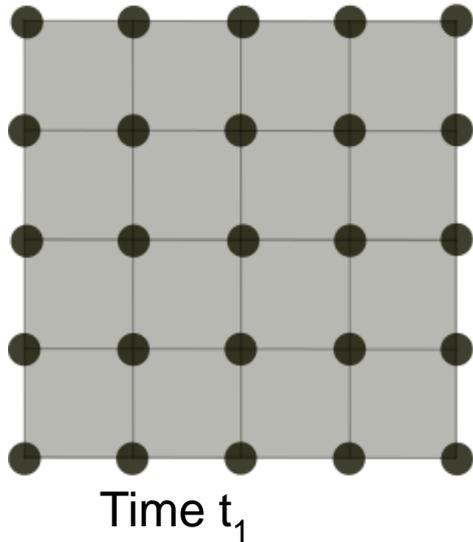


Coarse mesh as we move away from defect

We use interpolation for atoms within element



# Finite temperature



- Observation of property at time scale  $\gg$  time scale at which system change state
- Phase average  $\rightarrow$  need probability distribution function  $p$
- for each state  $\rightarrow p$  is the probability of system being at that state

$$f_{observed} := \int_{\Gamma} f(\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{p}) p(\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{p}) d\mathbf{q} d\mathbf{p} \quad p(\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{p}) = \exp\left[-\frac{H(\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{p})}{\beta T}\right]$$

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Position of all atoms

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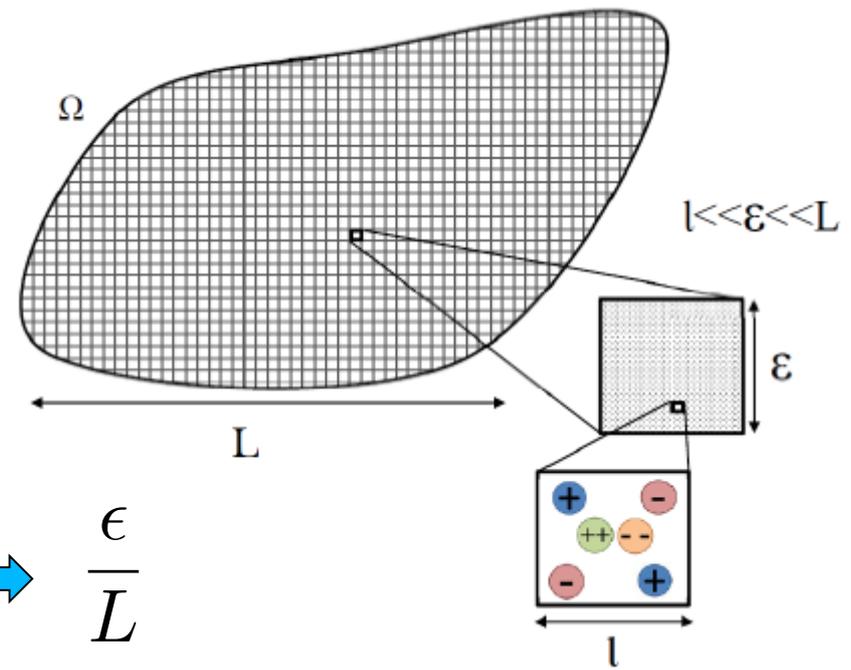
Momenta of all atoms

# Length scales

Continuum Length scale :  $L$

Size of material point :  $\epsilon$

Atomic spacing :  $l$



**Macroscopic field vary at the scale**  $\rightarrow \frac{\epsilon}{L}$

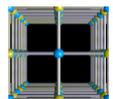
Interested in limit

**Continuum mechanics**  $\rightarrow \epsilon \ll L$

Fields vary at fine scale compared to size of material

**Continuum limit approximations**  $\rightarrow l \ll \epsilon$

Atomic spacing is fine compared to scale at which fields vary



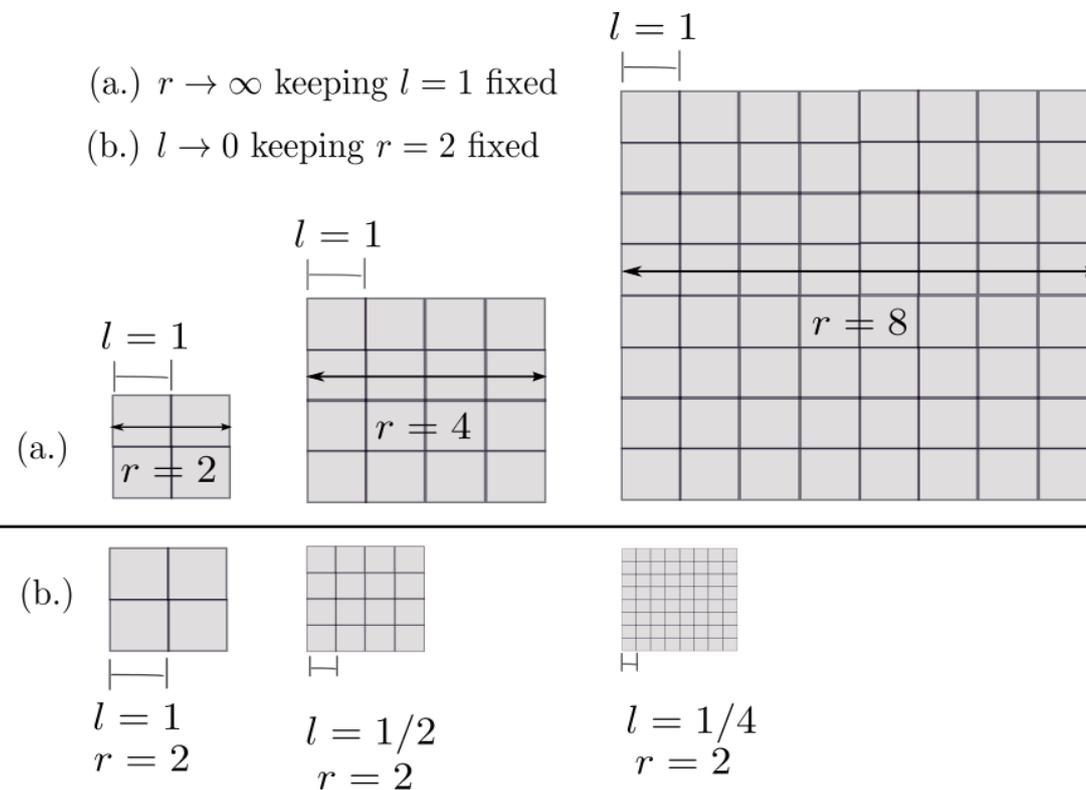
# Continuum limit

$$E_{limit} = \lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \left\{ \frac{1}{vol(B_r(\mathbf{0}))} \sum_{i,j} \Phi(\mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{x}_j) \right\}$$



Average energy of atoms  
in Sphere  $B_r(0)$

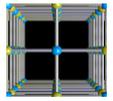
Two equivalent approach



Scaled potential



$$\Phi_l(\mathbf{x}) = \Phi\left(\frac{\mathbf{x}}{l}\right)$$



# Continuum limit...



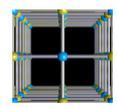
**Energy of domain**

$$E(\Omega) \approx \text{vol}(\Omega) \times E_{\text{limit}}$$



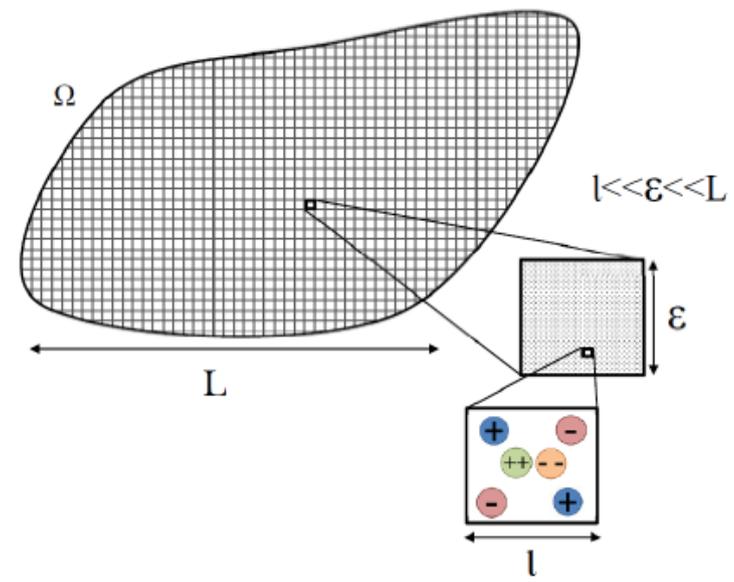
**Accuracy increases as**

$\frac{\text{diam}(\Omega)}{l}$  **increases**



# Electrostatics energy

- ◆  $\rho : \Omega \times \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  charge density field
- ◆ small scale dependence :  $\rho_l(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = \rho(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}/l)$
- ◆ Electrostatics energy



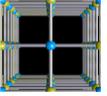
$$E = \sum_a E(a)$$

$E(a) = [ \text{energy due to interactions of charges within material point } a ]$

+  $[ \text{energy due to interactions of charges outside material point } a ]$

Local energy

Non-Local energy



# Random media: Charge density field

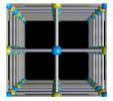
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- $\rho : \Omega \times \mathbb{R}^3 \times D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  random field
- stationary :  $\bar{\rho} : \Omega \times D \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \longrightarrow \rho(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, \omega) = \bar{\rho}(\mathbf{x}, T_{\mathbf{y}}\omega)$
- $\rho$  is ergodic
- scaled charge density field

$$\rho_l(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, \omega) = \rho(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}/l, \omega) = \bar{\rho}(\mathbf{x}, T_{\mathbf{y}/l}\omega)$$

we find later: scaling is not correct

$$\text{need } \rho_l(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, \omega) = \frac{\rho(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}/l, \omega)}{l}$$



# Random media: Local energy

$$E_{local} = \frac{4\pi}{3} \sum_{\mathbf{x} \in \Omega_\epsilon} \epsilon^3 l^2 \left( \underbrace{\frac{1}{|B_{\epsilon/l}(\mathbf{x})|} \int_{\mathbf{z} \in B_{\epsilon/l}(\mathbf{x})} \rho(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z}, \omega) h(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z}, \omega) dV_{\mathbf{z}}}_{\text{Ergodic theorem}} \right)$$

Ergodic theorem

We don't want energy to go to zero or infinity trivially

$$\text{Correct scaling : } \rho_l(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, \omega) = \frac{\rho(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}/l, \omega)}{l}$$

\*we had assumed earlier  $\rho_l(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, \omega) = \rho(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}/l, \omega)$

# Random media: Non-local energy

After change of variable and dividing and multiplying  $vol(B_{\epsilon/l}(\mathbf{x}))vol(B_{\epsilon/l}(\mathbf{x}'))$

$$E_{nonlocal} = \left(\frac{4\pi}{3}\right)^2 \sum_{\substack{\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}' \in \Omega_\epsilon, \\ \mathbf{x} \neq \mathbf{x}'}} \epsilon^6 \left( \frac{1}{l^2} \frac{1}{|B_{\epsilon/l}(\mathbf{x})|} \frac{1}{|B_{\epsilon/l}(\mathbf{x}')|} \int_{\substack{\mathbf{z} \in B_{\epsilon/l}(\mathbf{x}), \\ \mathbf{z}' \in B_{\epsilon/l}(\mathbf{x}')}} \underbrace{\frac{\rho(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z}, \omega)\rho(\mathbf{x}', \mathbf{z}', \omega)}{|\mathbf{x} + l\mathbf{z} - \mathbf{x}' - l\mathbf{z}'|}}_{\text{Taylor's series expansion}} dV_{\mathbf{z}} dV_{\mathbf{z}'} \right)$$

Taylor's series expansion

$$\frac{1}{|\mathbf{x} + l\mathbf{z} - \mathbf{x}' - l\mathbf{z}'|} = \frac{1}{|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'|} + \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{y}} \frac{1}{|\mathbf{y}|} \right]_{\mathbf{y}=\mathbf{x}-\mathbf{x}'} \cdot l \cdot (\mathbf{z} - \mathbf{z}') + \left[ \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \mathbf{y}^2} \frac{1}{|\mathbf{y}|} \right]_{\mathbf{y}=\mathbf{x}-\mathbf{x}'} \cdot l^2 : (\mathbf{z} - \mathbf{z}') \otimes (\mathbf{z} - \mathbf{z}') + O(l^3)$$

Zeroth order term

Second order term

$$\frac{1}{l^2} \left\{ \frac{1}{|B_{\epsilon/l}(\mathbf{x})|} \int_{\mathbf{z} \in B_{\epsilon/l}(\mathbf{x})} \rho(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z}, \omega) dV_{\mathbf{z}} \right\} \times \left\{ \frac{1}{|B_{\epsilon/l}(\mathbf{x}')|} \int_{\mathbf{z}' \in B_{\epsilon/l}(\mathbf{x}')} \rho(\mathbf{x}', \mathbf{z}', \omega) dV_{\mathbf{z}'} \right\}$$

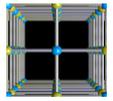
**Goes to infinity, unless the term in bracket is zero**

Charge neutrality condition

$$\lim_{\epsilon/l \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{|B_{\epsilon/l}(\mathbf{x})|} \int_{\mathbf{z} \in B_{\epsilon/l}(\mathbf{x})} \rho(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z}, \omega) dV_{\mathbf{z}} = 0 \quad \forall \mathbf{x} \in \Omega$$

**By Ergodic theorem**

$$\mathbb{E}[\rho(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, \cdot)] = 0 \quad \forall \mathbf{x} \in \Omega, \mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^3$$



# Random media: Result

Assume that  $\rho$  is ergodic and stationary, and also satisfies charge neutrality condition. Let  $\rho_l$  be scaled field. Then, electrostatics energy, in the limit is given by

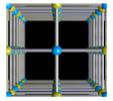
$$E = E_{local} + E_{nonlocal} \quad (1)$$

$$E_{local} = \mathbb{E} \left[ \int_{\mathbf{x} \in \Omega} \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \frac{\rho(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{0}, \cdot) \rho(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z}', \cdot)}{|\mathbf{0} - \mathbf{z}'|} dV_{\mathbf{z}'} \right) dV_{\mathbf{x}} \right] \quad (2)$$

$$E_{nonlocal} = \int_{\substack{\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}' \in \Omega, \\ \mathbf{x} \neq \mathbf{x}'}} \mathbb{K}(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}') : \hat{\mathbf{p}}(\mathbf{x}) \otimes \hat{\mathbf{p}}(\mathbf{x}') dV_{\mathbf{x}} dV_{\mathbf{x}'} \quad (3)$$

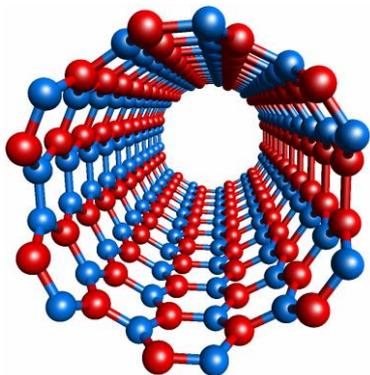
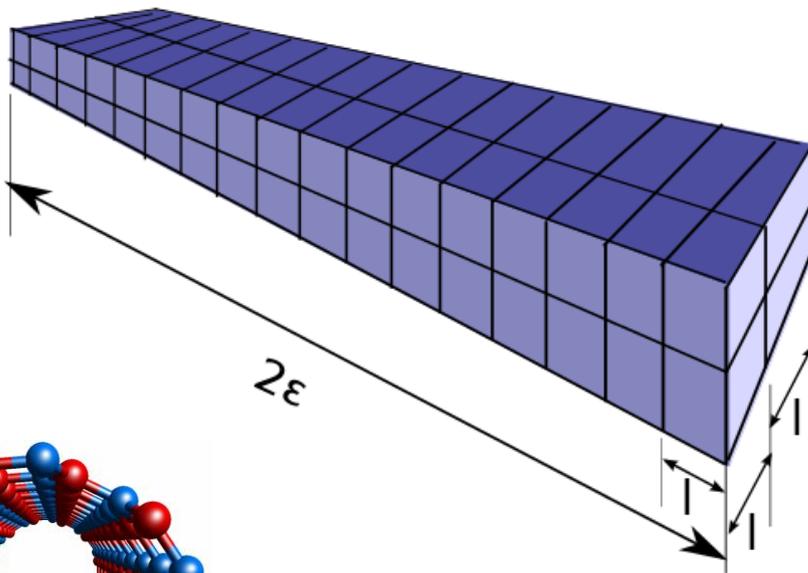
where  $\hat{\mathbf{p}}(\mathbf{x})$  is dipole moment at  $\mathbf{x}$  and is independent of  $\omega$ .

$$\hat{\mathbf{p}}(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{p}(\mathbf{x}, \omega) = \lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{|B_r(\mathbf{x})|} \int_{\mathbf{z} \in B_r(\mathbf{x})} \rho(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z}, \omega) \mathbf{z} dV_{\mathbf{z}}$$



# Nanostructures

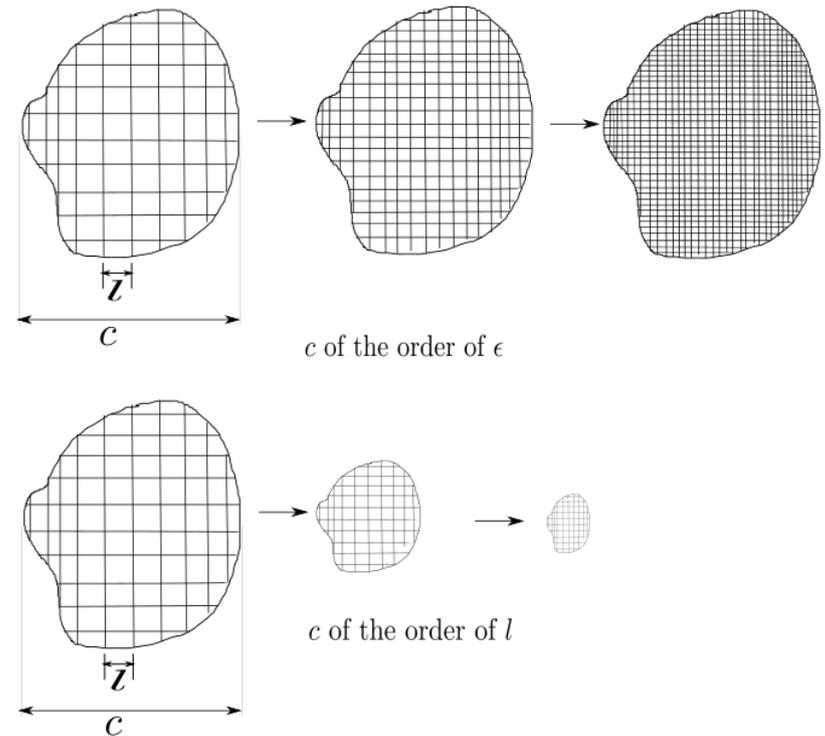
- Cross-section is of few atomic thickness
- Long in axial direction
- Translational, and/or rotational symmetry

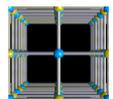


Nanostructure and macroscopically thick structures in a continuum limit



Continuum limit :  $l \rightarrow 0$  keeping  $\epsilon$  fixed





# Nanostructures: Geometry

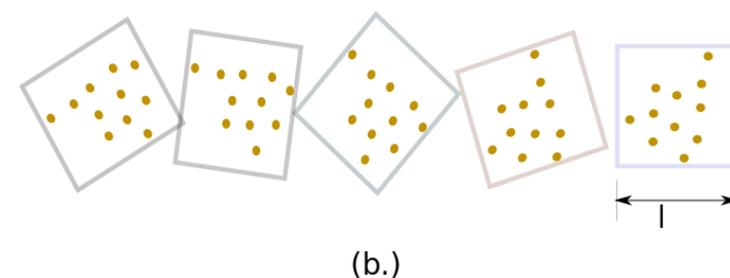
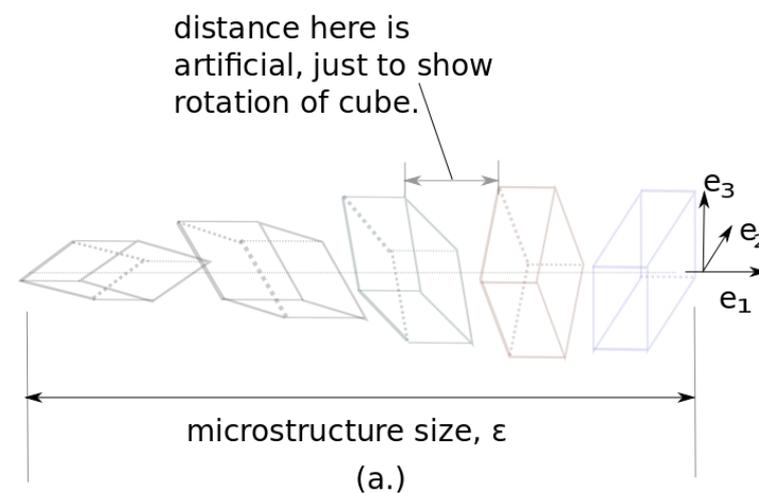
- cross-section is  $[0, l]^2$
- Let  $Q$  be rotation and  $e_1$  be unit translation
- for periodic nanorod:  $Q = I$

## Symmetry

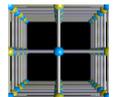
$$\rho(\mathbf{x}, Q^k \mathbf{y} + k\mathbf{e}_1) = \rho(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})$$

## Scaling

$$\rho_l(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = \rho(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}/l)$$



**Correct scaling will be determined by condition that local energy is finite in the limit**



# Nanostructures: Result

$$E = \int_{x \in \Omega} E_{local}(x) dl_x + \int_{\substack{x, x' \in \Omega, \\ x \neq x'}} E_{nonlocal}(x, x') dl_x dl_{x'}$$

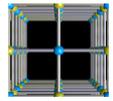
$$E_{nonlocal}(x, x') = \frac{q(x)q(x')}{|x\mathbf{e}_1 - x'\mathbf{e}_1|} = 0 \quad \left. \vphantom{\frac{q(x)q(x')}{|x\mathbf{e}_1 - x'\mathbf{e}_1|}} \right\} \longrightarrow \text{If net charge in unit cell is zero}$$

$$\text{net charge } q(x) := \int_{\mathbf{u} \in x\mathbf{e}_1 + [0,1]^3} \tilde{\rho}(x, \mathbf{u}) dV_{\mathbf{u}} = 0$$

we assume there exist  $\tilde{\rho}$  such that

$$\rho_l(x, \mathbf{y}) = \frac{\tilde{\rho}(x, \mathbf{y}/l)}{l^2}$$

**No long-range interaction**



# Nanostructures/thin films behave differently

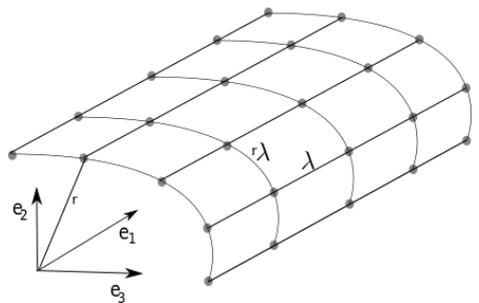
Field at  $\mathbf{x}$  due to dipole  $\mathbf{d}$  at origin is  $\mathbf{K}(\mathbf{x})\mathbf{d} \longrightarrow \mathbf{K}(\mathbf{x}) = -\frac{1}{4\pi|\mathbf{x}|^3} \left\{ \mathbf{I} - 3\frac{\mathbf{x}}{|\mathbf{x}|} \otimes \frac{\mathbf{x}}{|\mathbf{x}|} \right\}$

## Estimate of dipole energy for 1-D, 2-D and 3-D materials



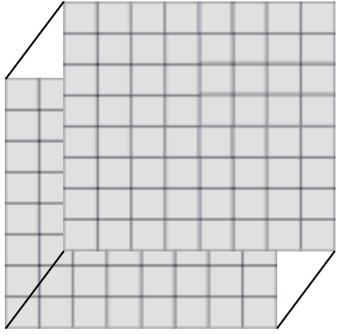
$$W = \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{r^3} \times 1 = \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{r^3}$$

At distance  $r$   
net dipole is 1



$$W = \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{r^3} \times r = \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{r^2}$$

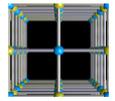
Along the circumference of  
circle of  $r$ , net dipole is  $2\pi r$



$$W = \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{r^3} \times r^2 = \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{r}$$

At the surface of sphere of  
radius  $r$ , net dipole is  $4\pi r^2$

**Dipole field kernel decays fast for 1-D and 2-D materials**



# Phase average of a function

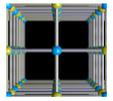
- $H(\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{p})$ : Hamiltonian of system
- $\mathbf{q}$ : position vector of all atoms
- $\mathbf{p}$ : momenta vector of all atoms
- $p_{exact}(\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{p})$ : exact probability density function
- $F_{exact}$ : exact free energy
- $f(\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{p})$ : phase function

## Canonical ensemble

$$\langle f \rangle = \frac{1}{N!h^{3N}} \int_{\Gamma} f(\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{p}) p_{exact}(\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{p}) d\mathbf{q}d\mathbf{p}$$

$$p_{exact}(\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{p}) = \frac{1}{Z_{exact}} \exp\left[-\frac{H(\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{p})}{k_B T}\right]$$

$$F_{exact} = -k_B T \log[Z_{exact}]$$



# Monte Carlo approximation

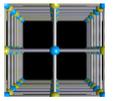
☐  $(\mathbf{q}^0, \mathbf{p}^0)$ : initial state of system

☐ For  $(n + 1)^{\text{st}}$  step

Let  $(\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{p})$  be randomly chosen state and  $x$  random number in  $[0, 1]$

$$(\mathbf{q}^{n+1}, \mathbf{p}^{n+1}) = \begin{cases} (\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{p}) & \text{if } H(\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{p}) - H(\mathbf{q}^n, \mathbf{p}^n) \leq 0, \\ (\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{p}) & \text{if } H(\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{p}) - H(\mathbf{q}^n, \mathbf{p}^n) > 0 \\ & \text{and } \exp\left[-\frac{H(\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{p}) - H(\mathbf{q}^n, \mathbf{p}^n)}{k_B T}\right] \geq x, \\ (\mathbf{q}^n, \mathbf{p}^n) & \text{if } H(\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{p}) - H(\mathbf{q}^n, \mathbf{p}^n) > 0 \\ & \text{and } \exp\left[-\frac{H(\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{p}) - H(\mathbf{q}^n, \mathbf{p}^n)}{k_B T}\right] < x \end{cases}$$

☐  $\langle f \rangle_{\text{Monte-Carlo}} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N f(\mathbf{q}^i, \mathbf{p}^i) Np(\mathbf{q}^i, \mathbf{p}^i)$



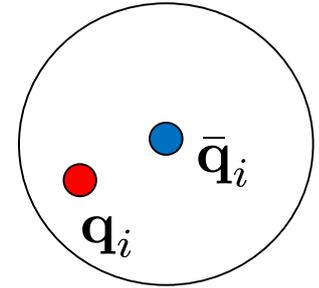
# *max-ent* approach

We use *max-ent* method developed by Kulkarni, Knapp and Ortiz\*

## 1. Mean position and mean momenta

$$\langle \mathbf{q}_i \rangle = \bar{\mathbf{q}}_i$$

$$\langle |\mathbf{q}_i - \bar{\mathbf{q}}_i|^2 \rangle = 3\tau_i^2$$



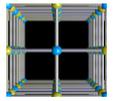
## 2. Maximum entropy principle $\rightarrow$ Probability density function

$$S[p] = -\frac{k_B}{N!h^{3N}} \int_{\Gamma} p \log p d\Gamma$$

## 3. Variational mean field theory $\rightarrow$ minimization problem

$$F_p := \langle H(\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{p}) \rangle_p - TS[p] \geq F_{exact}$$

\* Kulkarni, Y., Knapp, J., and Ortiz, M.: A Variational approach to coarse graining of equilibrium and non-graining atomistic description at finite temperature. *J. Mech. and Phys. of Solids*, 56 (2008).



# Minimization problem

- Assumption: quasi-static problem

$$\bar{\mathbf{P}}_i = \mathbf{0}$$

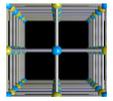
- Free energy

$$\begin{aligned} F_p &:= F_p(\bar{\mathbf{q}}, \omega, T) \\ &= \langle H \rangle_p - TS[p] \\ &= \sum_i \frac{3}{2} k_B T + \sum_i \langle V_i \rangle_p \\ &\quad + \sum_{i \neq j} \frac{1}{2} \left\langle \frac{Q_i Q_j}{|\mathbf{q}_i - \mathbf{q}_j|} \right\rangle_p - \sum_i TS_i \end{aligned}$$

- Determine the mean state

$$\min_{\mathbf{q}, \omega} F_p(\mathbf{q}, \omega; T) + F_{ext}(\mathbf{q}, \omega; T)$$

$$\omega_i := \frac{\sigma_i}{\tau_i} \quad \leftarrow \text{mean frequency of atom } i$$



# Quasi-harmonic approximation\*

$$\begin{aligned}
 \blacksquare \quad V(\{\mathbf{q}_i\}) &= V(\{\bar{\mathbf{q}}_i\}) + \sum \frac{\partial V(\{\mathbf{q}_i\})}{\partial \mathbf{q}_i} \Big|_{\mathbf{q}_i=\bar{\mathbf{q}}_i} \cdot (\mathbf{q}_i - \bar{\mathbf{q}}_i) \\
 &\quad + \frac{1}{2} \sum_i \underbrace{\frac{\partial^2 V(\mathbf{q})}{\partial \mathbf{q}_i^2} \Big|_{\mathbf{q}_i=\bar{\mathbf{q}}_i}}_{\mathbf{H}_{ii}} : (\mathbf{q}_i - \bar{\mathbf{q}}_i) \otimes (\mathbf{q}_i - \bar{\mathbf{q}}_i)
 \end{aligned}$$

Phase average

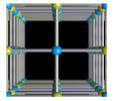


$$\blacksquare \quad \langle V \rangle = V(\{\bar{\mathbf{q}}_i\}) + \frac{1}{2} \sum_i \frac{\sigma_i^2}{\omega_i^2} \mathbf{I} : \mathbf{H}_{ii}$$

$$\blacksquare \quad \text{For Coulombic interaction } \mathbf{I} : \mathbf{H}_{ii} = 0$$

$$\blacksquare \quad \min_{\omega} F_p(\mathbf{q}, \omega, T) \quad \Rightarrow \quad \omega_i^2 = \frac{1}{3} \mathbf{I} : \mathbf{H}_{ii}$$

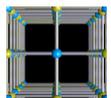
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# QC code

- Extended Jason Marshall's code<sup>1</sup> to finite temperature
- Object oriented
- New more efficient algorithm to compute phase average of EAM like potential

<sup>1</sup> Marshall, J. and Dayal, K.: Atomistic to continuum multiscale modeling with long range electrostatic interaction in ionic solids. *J. Mech. and Phys. of Solids*, 1 (2013).

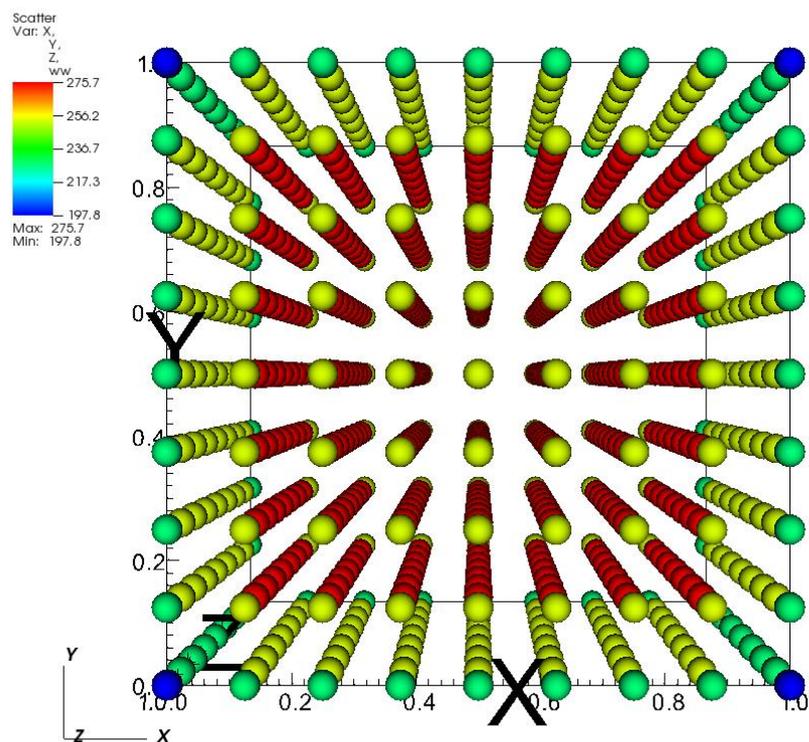


# Quasi-harmonic approximation: QC code

## Ar Lennard Jones

Size		Type	Constant a	Potential			Temperature	Initial freq.
Full	Atomistic			Type	$\sigma_0$	$\epsilon_0$		
	8x8x8	SC	3.6697304	LJ	3.4	0.0104	100K	288.2

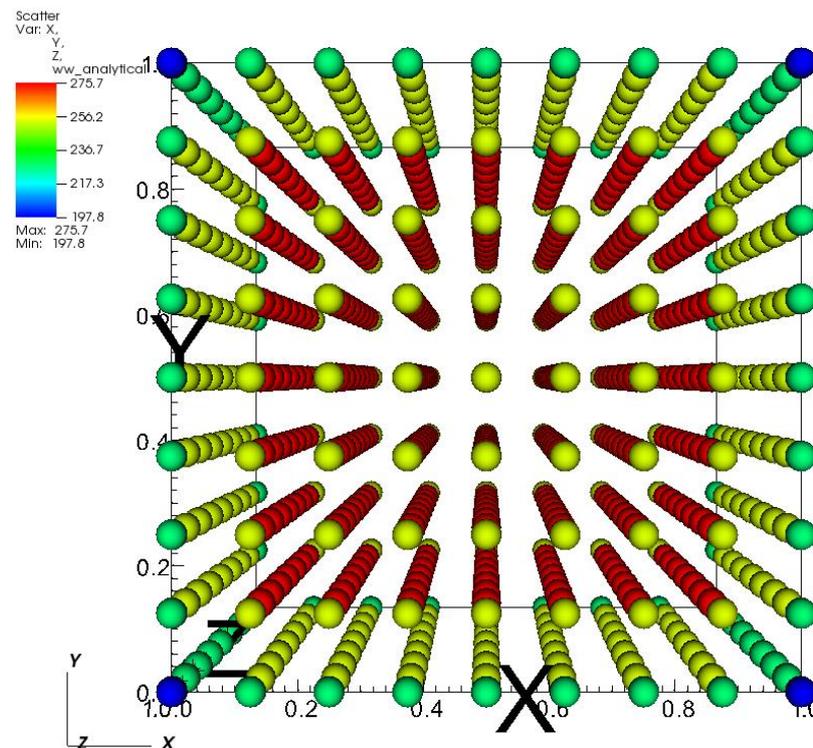
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QC Code minimization

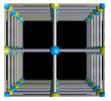
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Analytical frequency

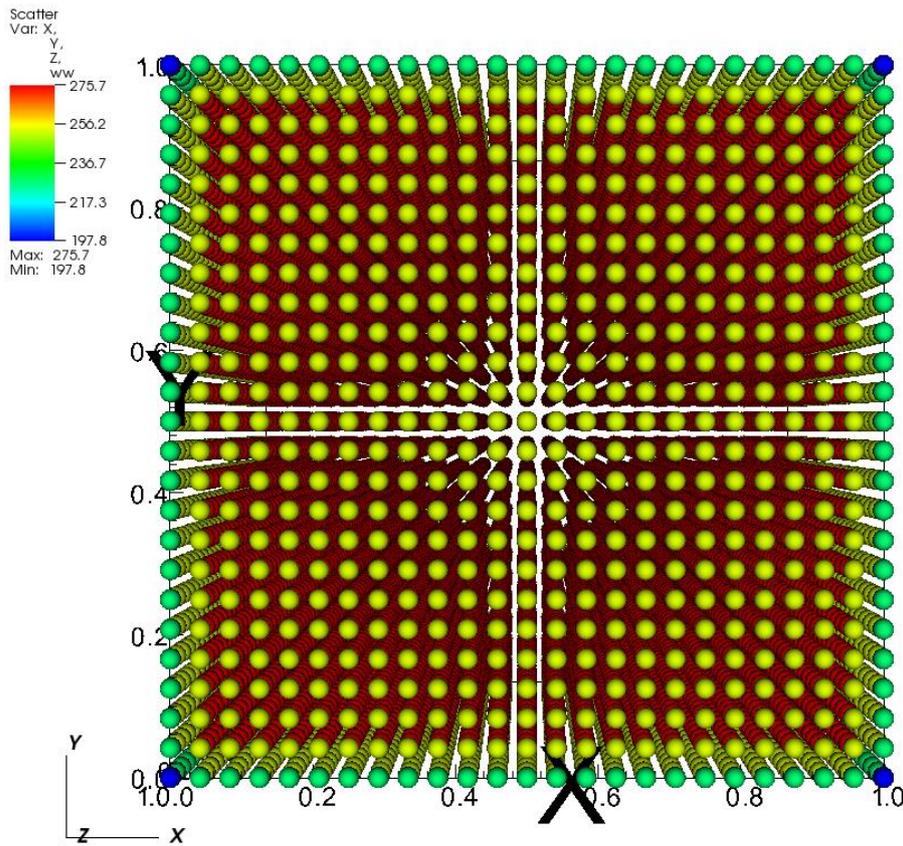
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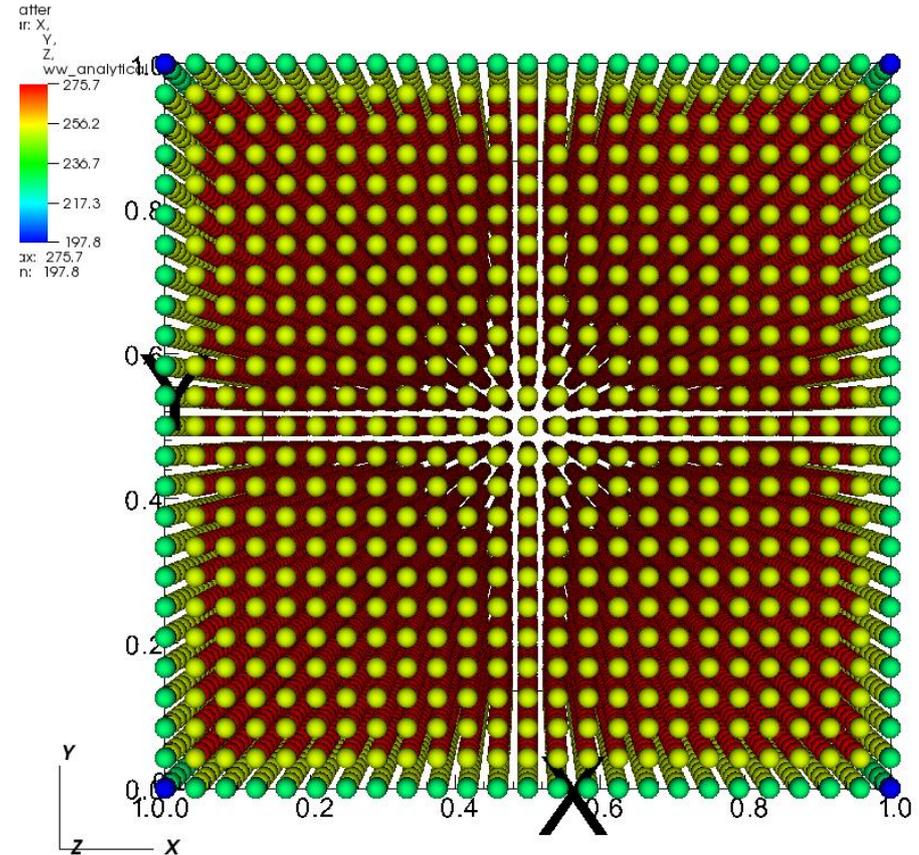
## Ar Lennard Jones

Size		Type	Constant a	Potential			Temperature	Initial freq.	
Full	Atomistic			Type	$\sigma_0$	$\epsilon_0$	$r_{cut}$		
	24x24x24	SC	3.6697304	LJ	3.4	0.0104	8.5	100K	288.2



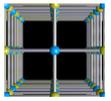
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QC Code minimization



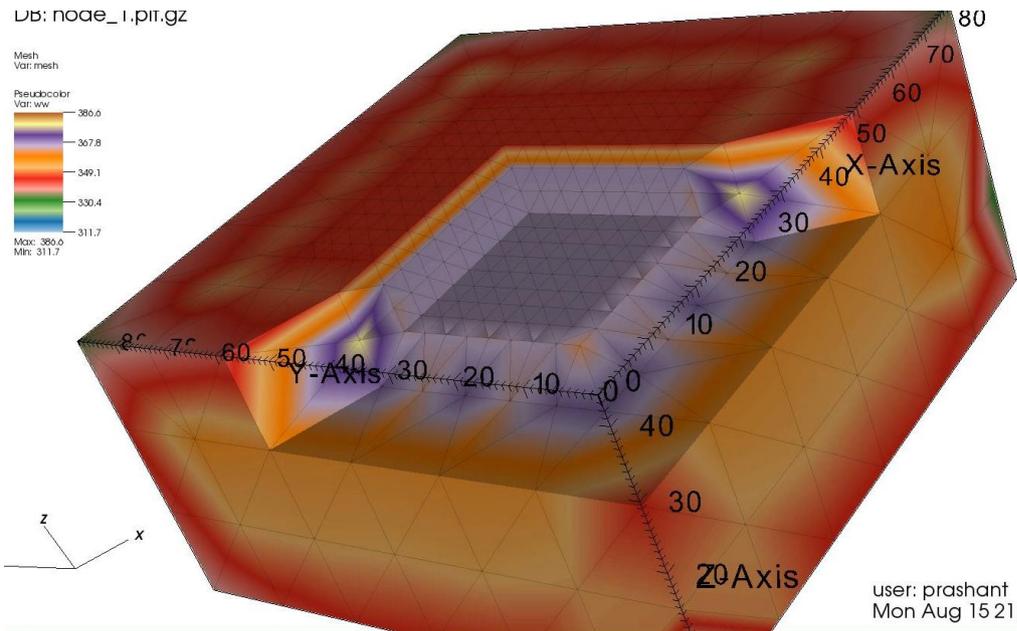
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Analytical frequency

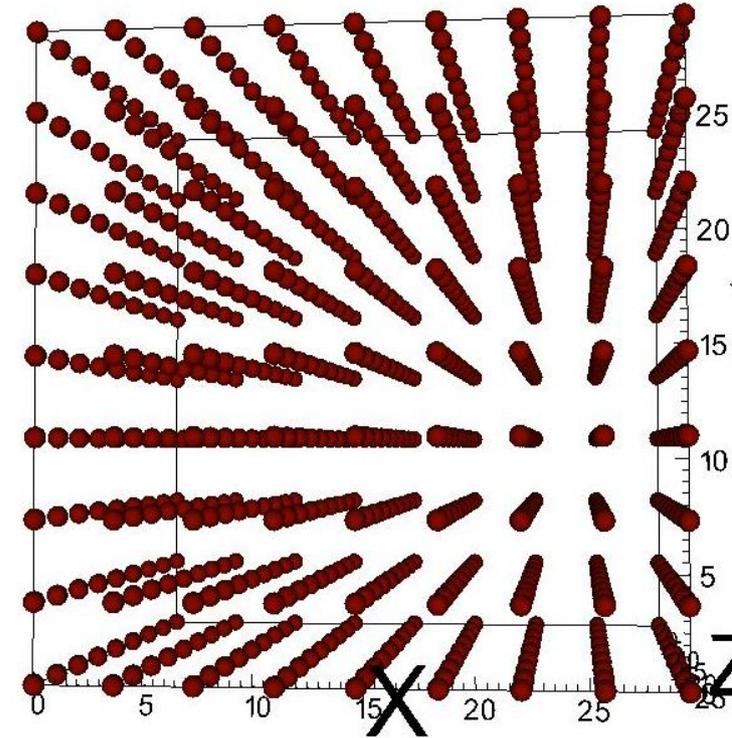
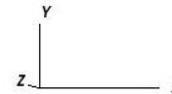
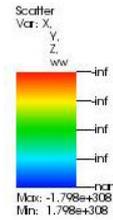


# Frequency minimization

Frequency which minimizes free energy should be independent of initial value



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Mesh: 24x24x12 – 6x6x6

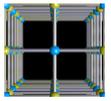
Initial frequency

1. 288.2
2. 230.5
3. 192.1
4. 164.7

Mesh: 8x8x8

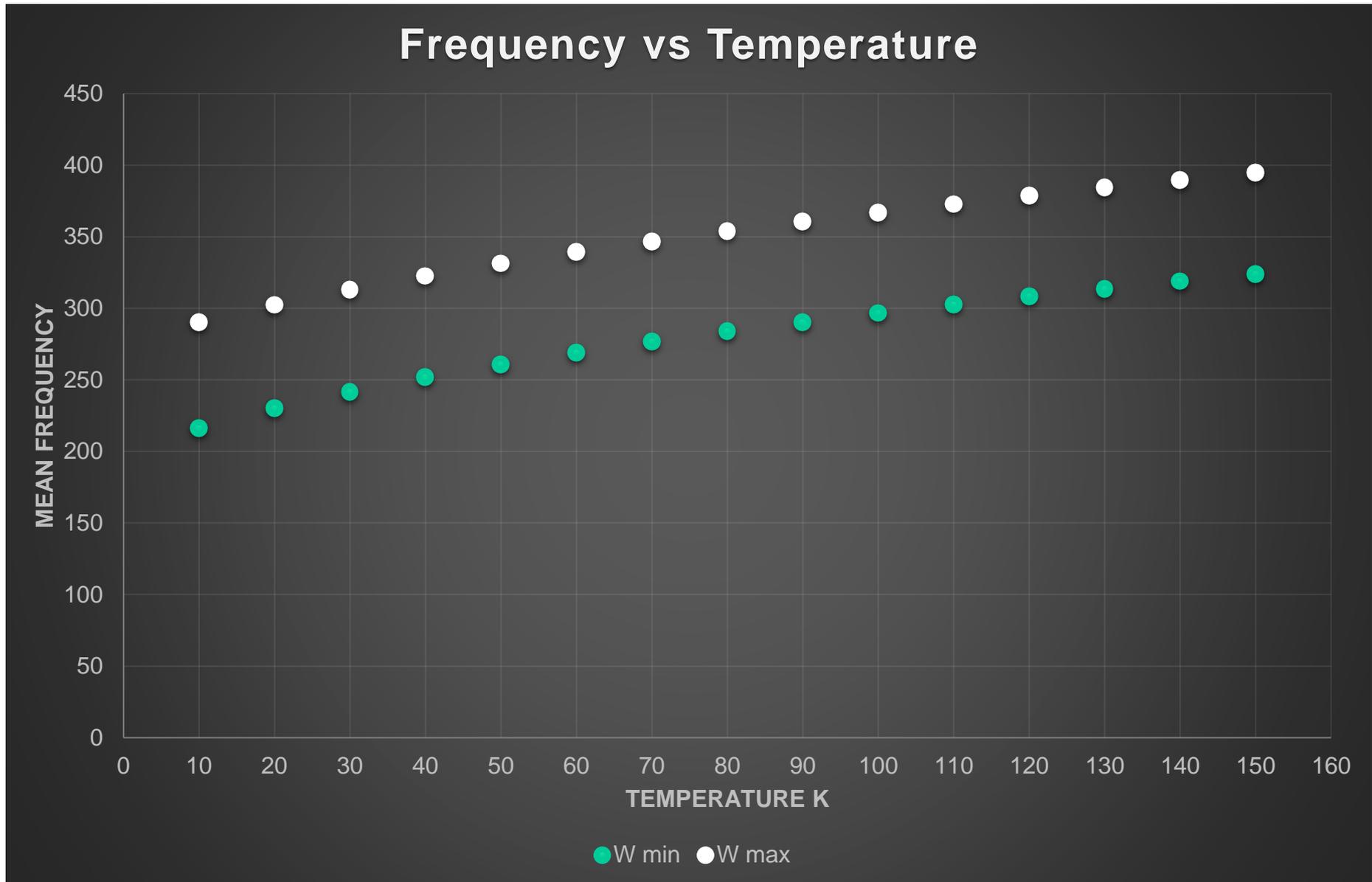
Initial frequency

1. 576.3
2. 230.5
3. 192.1
4. 144.1
5. 115.1
6. 96.05

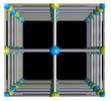


# Frequency minimization

Mean frequency should increase with the temperature

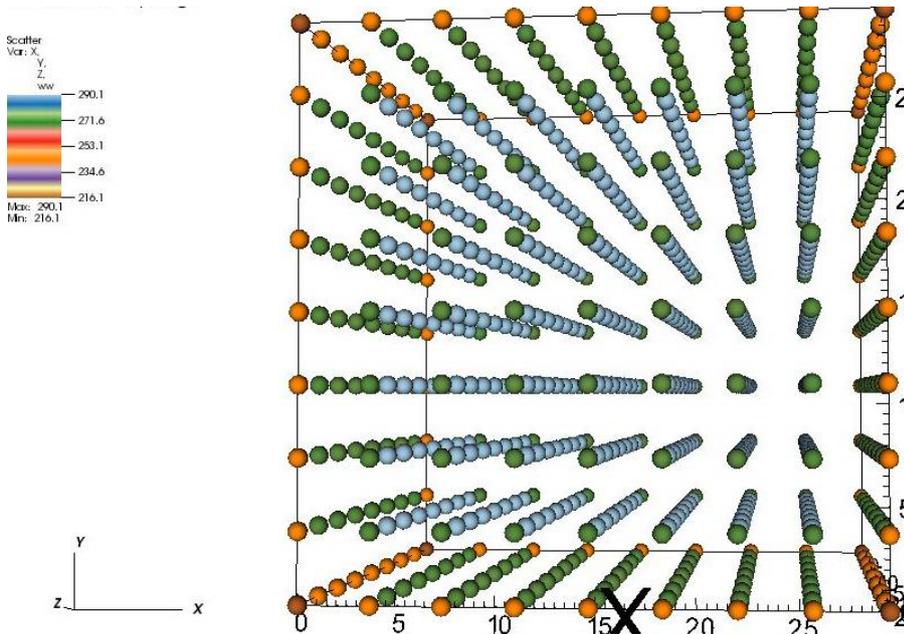


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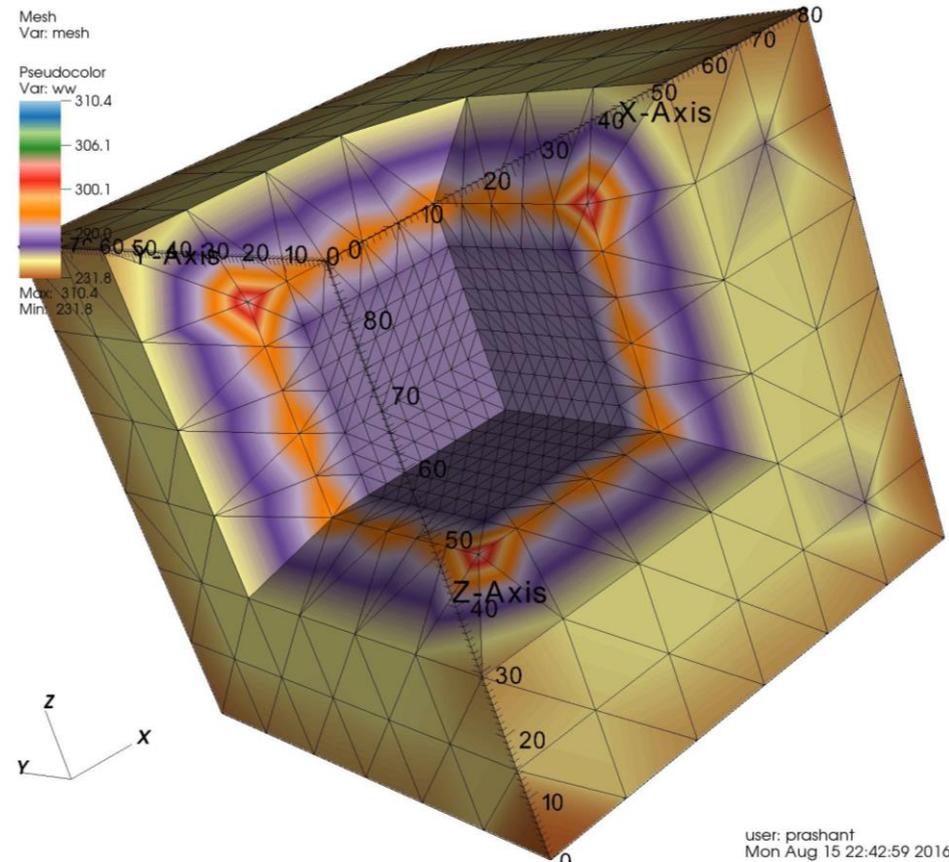


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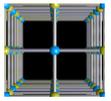


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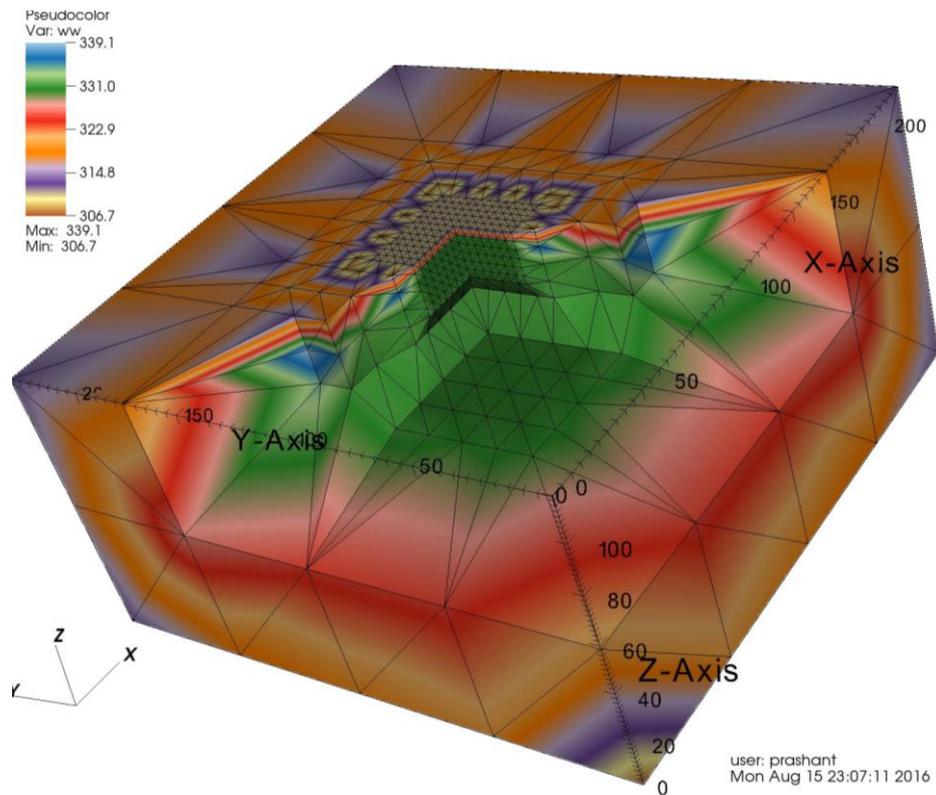
Mesh: 24x24x24-6x6x6

Temperature: {10K, 20K, ..., 150K}



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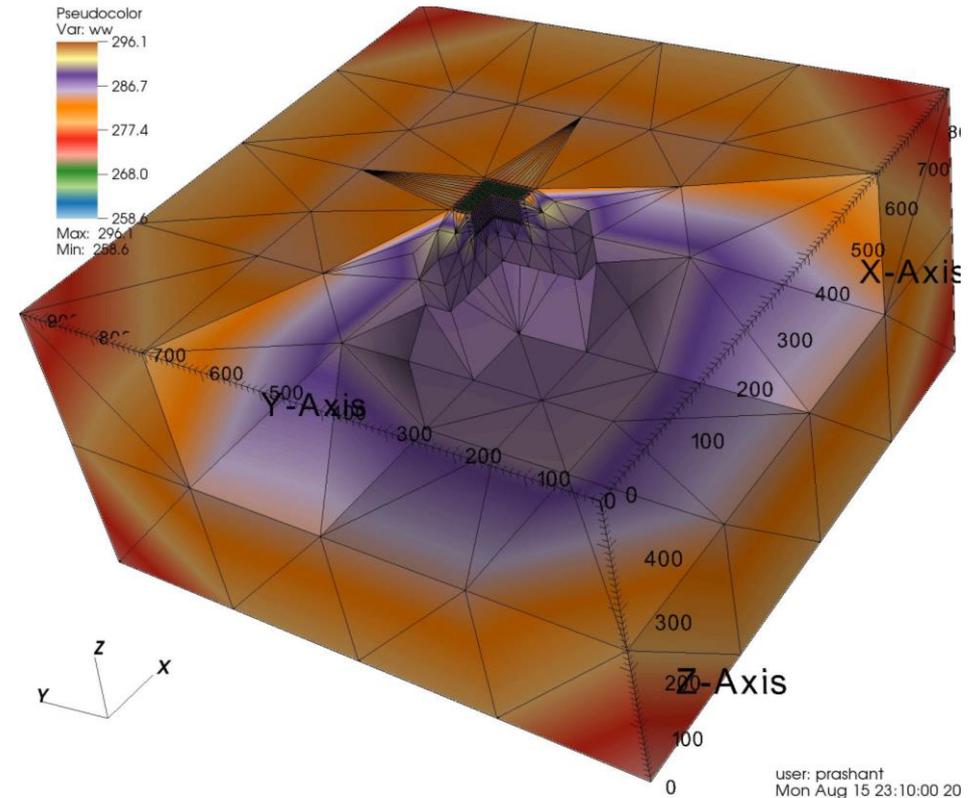
Mean frequency should increase with the temperature



Mesh: 64x64x32-6x6x6

Temperature

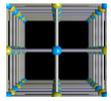
{10K, 30K, 50K, 70K, 90K, 100K, 120K, 150K}



Mesh: 256x256x128-10x10x10

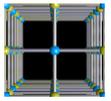
Temperature

{50K, 80K, 90K, 100K}



# Frequency minimization: Discussion

- $\omega = \frac{\sigma}{\tau}$ ,  $\sigma = \sqrt{2k_B T}$
- if  $\tau$  is very small  
 $f_\omega$  due to entropy dominates and it is uniform
- if  $\tau$  is very large  
 $f_\omega$  due to interatomic potentials dominates and it is very large
- we find that when initial frequency is such that  $f_\omega$  due to interatomic potential and entropy is of the same order the code converges.

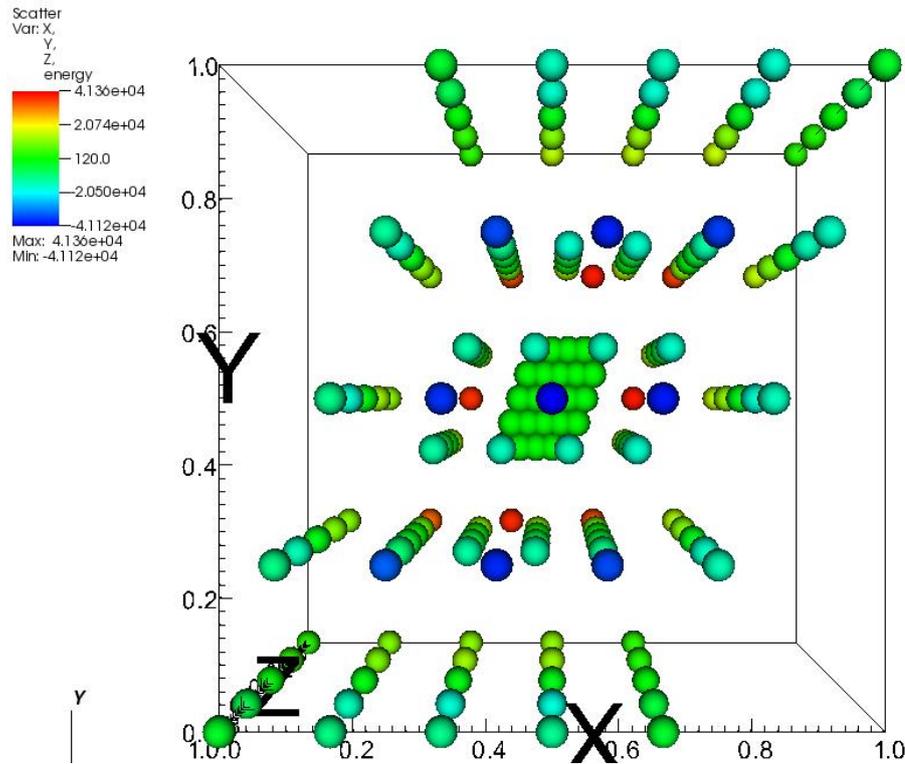


# Electrostatics implementation

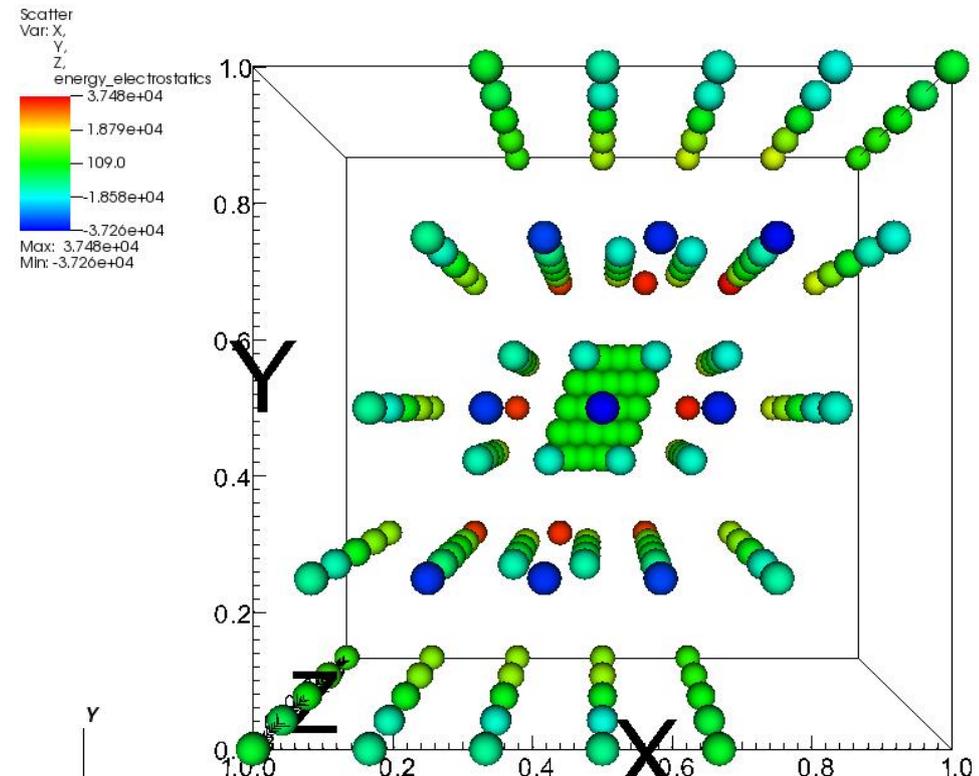
For small  $\tau$ , phase average of energy would be very close to the energy at mean configuration!

## Gallium nitride 6-lattice core-shell model

Size		Type	Constant	Potential	Temperature	Initial freq.
Full	Atomistic		a			
24x24x24	2x2x2	Wurtzite	---	Core-shell 6 lattice model*	300K	---

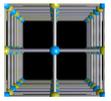


Zero temp QC (Old Code)



Finite temp QC (New code), tau = 0.01

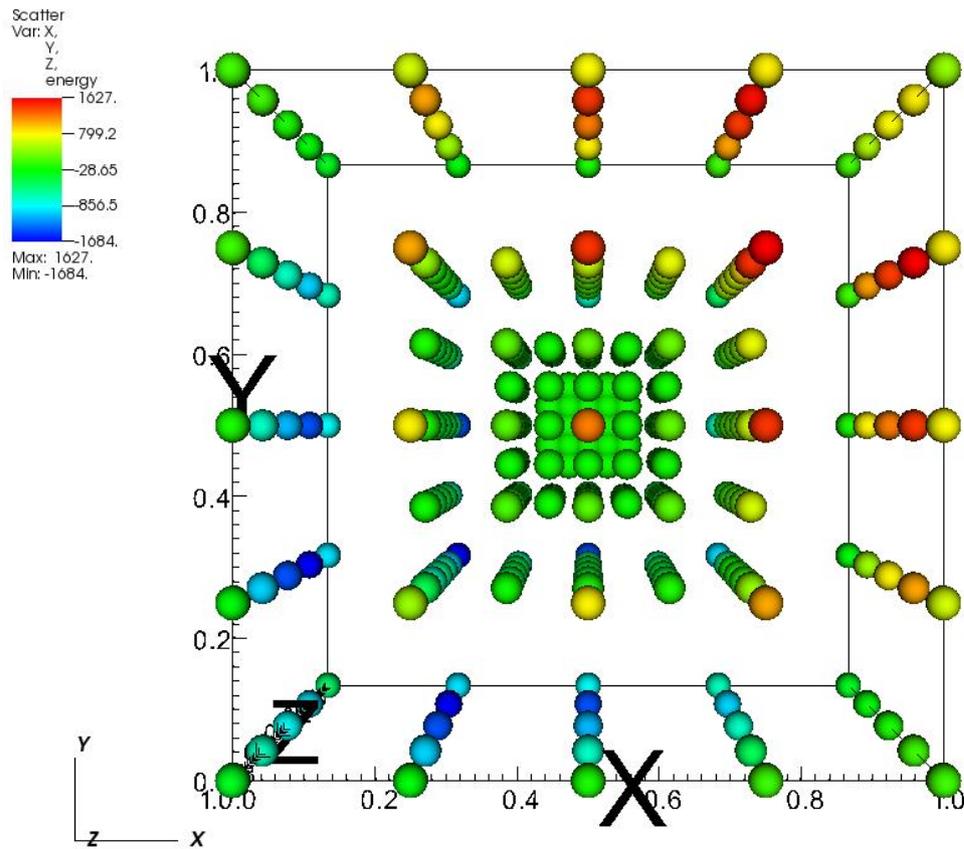
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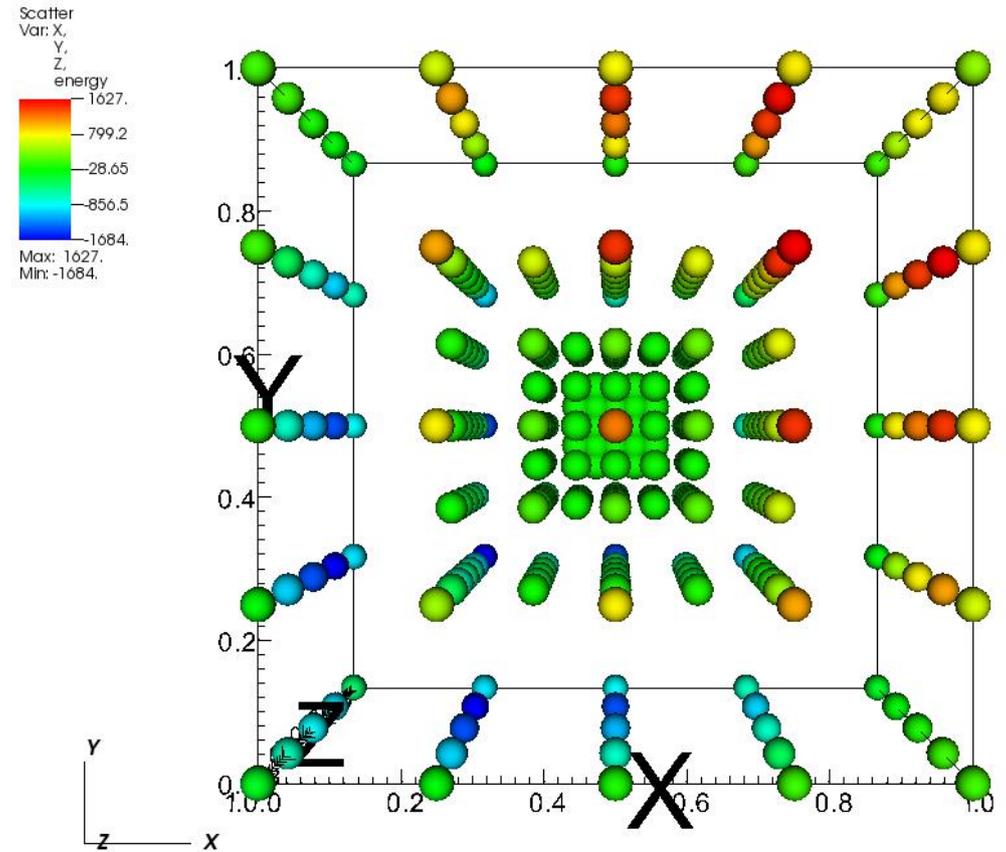
# Electrostatics implementation

NiAl: Artificial charge +1 at Ni and -1 at Al

Full	Size Atomistic	Type	Constant a	Potential	Temperature	Initial freq.
32x32x32	2x2x2	SC	---	MishinNiAl *	300K	---

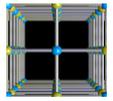


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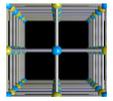
Finite temp QC (New code), tau = 0.001

\* Mishin, Y., Mehl, M., and Papaconstantopoulos, D.: Embedded-atom potential for b 2-nial. *Physical Review B*, 65(22):224114 (2002)



# Discussion

- No long range interactions in nanostructures and thin films  
Agrees with Gioia and James calculation for thin film
  
- In case of random media, we find that nonlocal energy, does not depend on fluctuations.
  - Fluctuations are happening at the scale of  $l$   
Whereas nonlocal energy is due to the interaction between material points which are  $\epsilon$  apart.
  - Coulombic interaction is linear.
  
- Our QC calculation show that initial frequency should be in range such that frequency force from different interactions is of the same order
  
- We also show that minimizing frequency is independent of initial frequency.



# Future works

● Point defects plays an important role in semiconductor devices. We would like to model the single charge point defect in a large crystal and see how it interacts with surrounding.

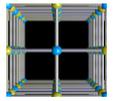
● The multi-scale formulation is for finite constant temperature problems. Doing non-equilibrium in a multiscale framework is still a challenge.

Groups like Tadmor group and Knapp group are working on this challenge.

● For non-equilibrium temperature problem, we may have to revisit the ergodic and stationary assumption on charge density field.

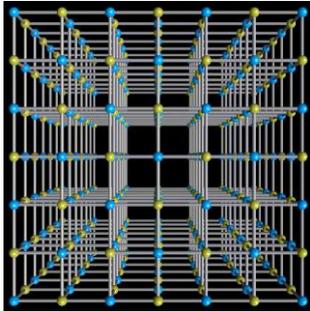
■ If charge density field is not ergodic then computation of dipole moment  $\mathbf{p}(\mathbf{x})$  is not clear.

■ If there is a gradient of temperature, the charge density field may not be stationary, as stationarity requires that statistical properties, e.g. mean, should be independent of spatial location.



## Future works...

- Experiments can be carried out to find the critical ratio of length of nanotube to the size in cross-section, such that above the critical ratio, nanotube does not show long-range electrical interactions. This will be useful if goal is to develop multiscale models for nanostructures.
- We can also estimate the rate at which difference between actual electrostatics energy, and continuum limit of electrostatics energy, goes to zero with respect to ratio macroscopic length and atomic spacing.



**Thank you!**