

# Physical Validation of Properties of Small Grand Canonical Systems

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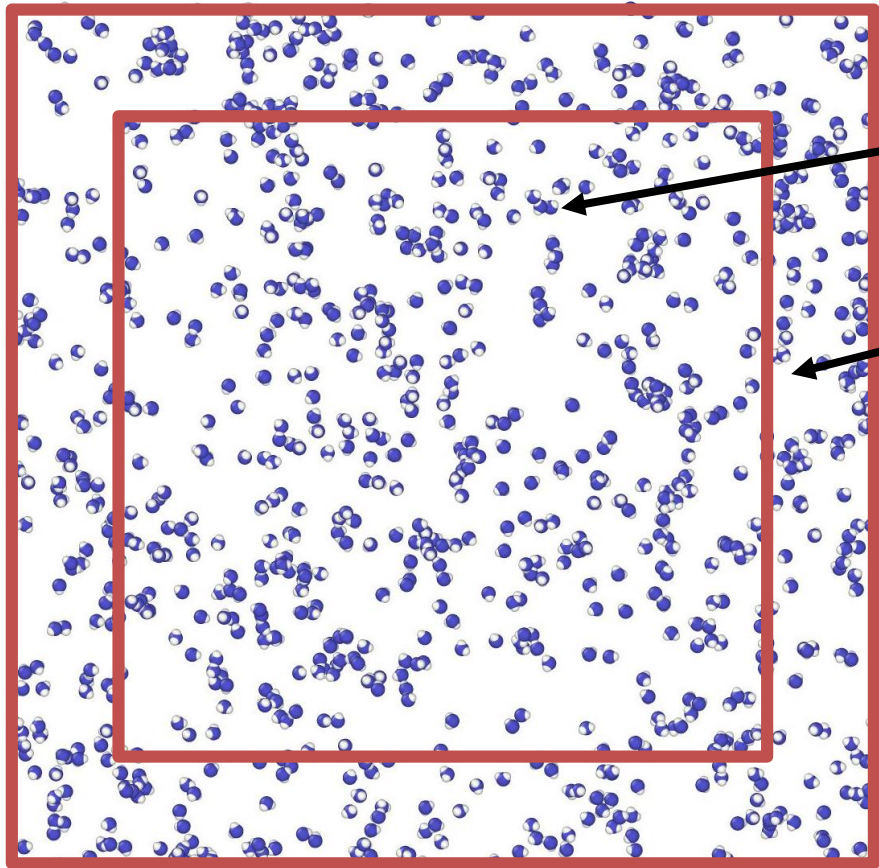
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$\Omega$ 

Small in macroscopic systems

 $\frac{1}{V}$ 

Large in small systems

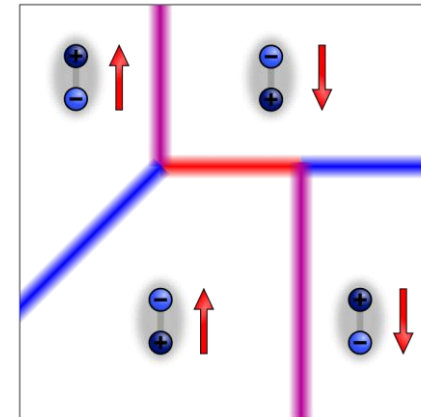
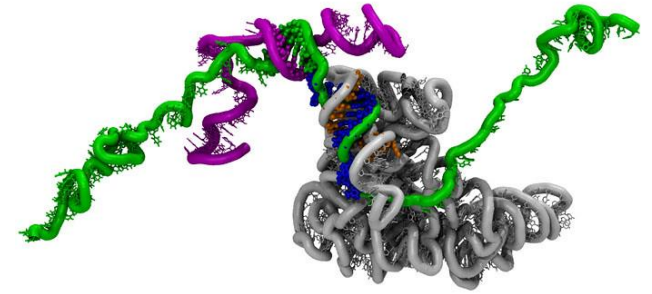
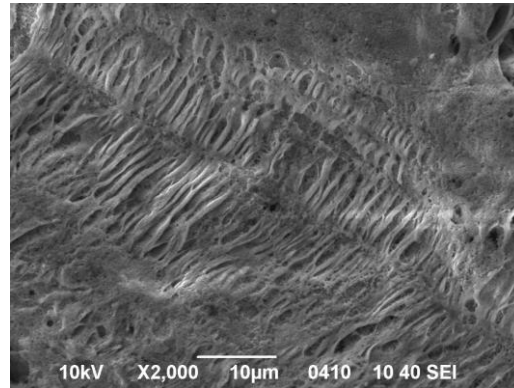
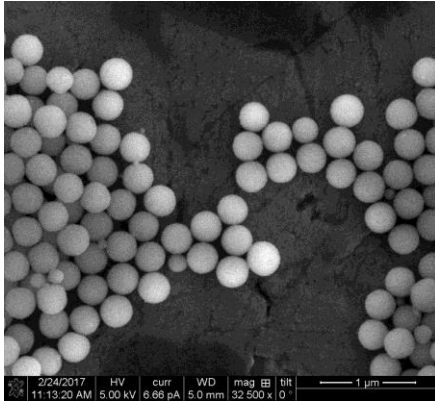


Bulk molecules

Surface molecules

Unwanted in  
simulations

# Nanosystems



- ferromagnetic domain wall
- ferroelectric domain wall
- multiferroic domain wall

# Nanothermodynamics

## Isobaric-isothermal

- Macroscopic

$$G = \mu N$$

- Small system

$$G = \hat{\mu} N$$

## Grand canonical

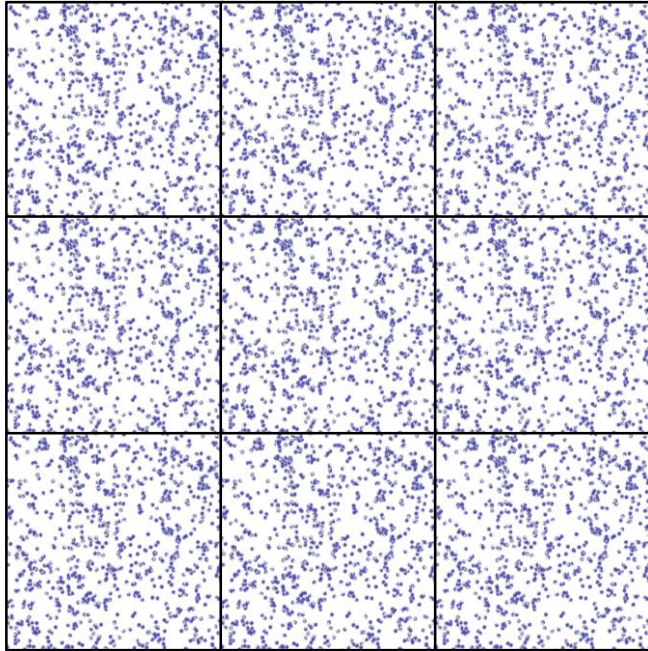
- Macroscopic

$$-pV$$

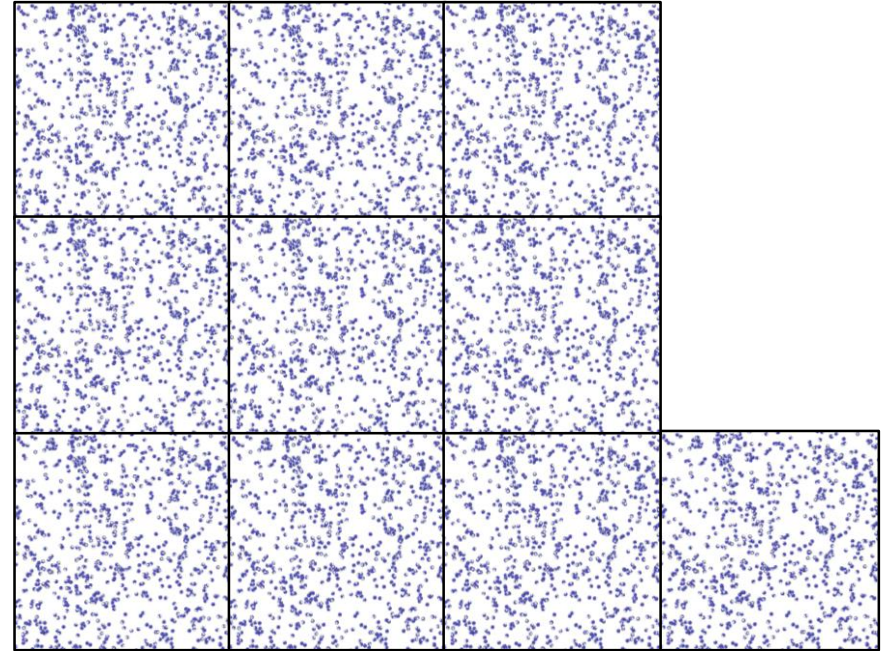
- Small system

$$-\hat{p}V$$

# Differential



# Integral



# Small size contribution = excess property

Differential

$$p = p^{\infty} + p^{\text{small}}$$

Integral

$$\hat{p} = p^{\infty} + \hat{p}^{\text{small}}$$

$$p = \hat{p}$$

in the macroscopic limit

# Nanothermodynamics

## Isobaric-isothermal

$$S = - \left( \frac{\partial \hat{\mu} N}{\partial T} \right)_{p, N}$$

$$V = - \left( \frac{\partial \hat{\mu} N}{\partial T} \right)_{T, N}$$

$$\mu = - \left( \frac{\partial \hat{\mu} N}{\partial T} \right)_{p, T}$$

## Grand canonical

$$S = \left( \frac{\partial \hat{p} V}{\partial T} \right)_{\mu, V}$$

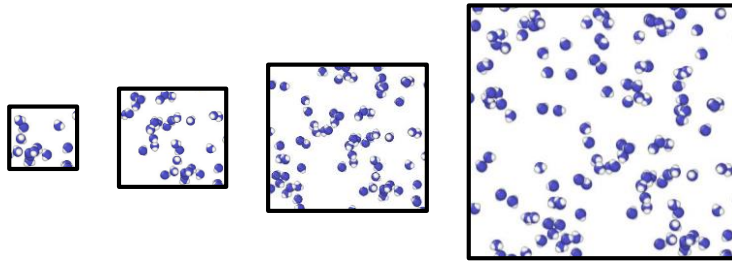
$$p = \left( \frac{\partial \hat{p} V}{\partial V} \right)_{\mu, T}$$

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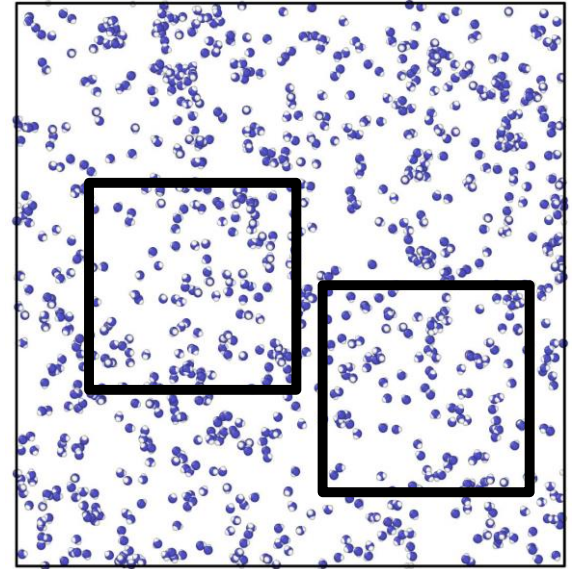
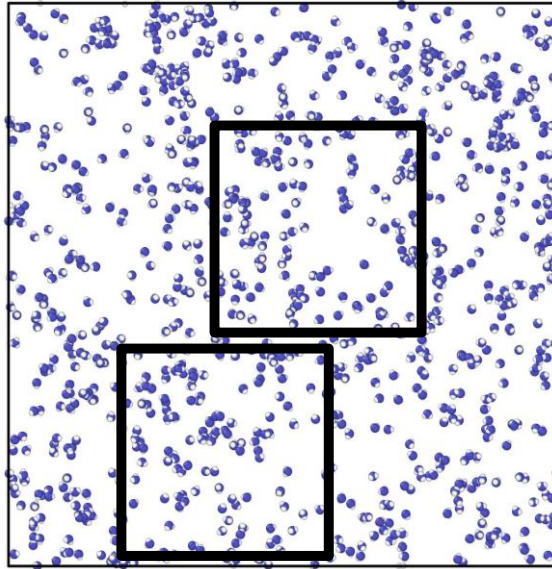
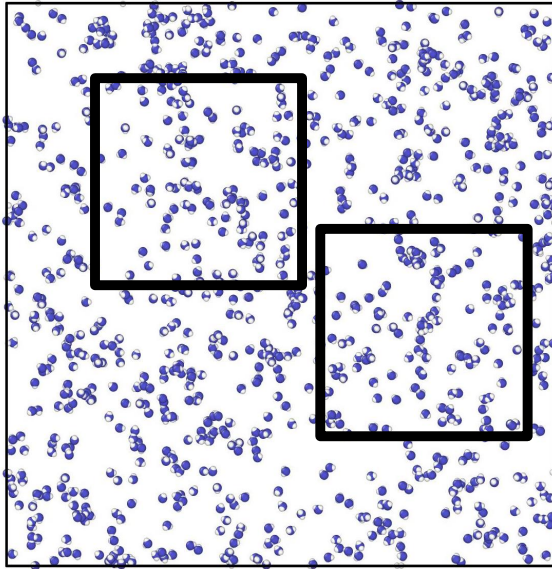


# Challenges

- Many simulations  $\rightarrow$  time consuming



- Calculation of free energies
  - Macroscopic methods does not work for small systems



Grand canonical particle fluctuations

# Connection to partition function

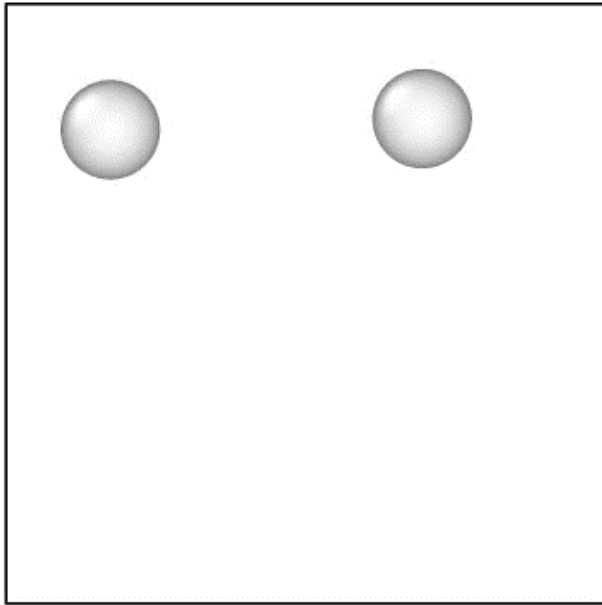
$$\hat{p}V = k_B T \ln \Xi(\mu, V, T)$$

$$S = \left( \frac{\partial \hat{p}V}{\partial T} \right)_{\mu, V}$$

$$p = \left( \frac{\partial \hat{p}V}{\partial V} \right)_{\mu, T}$$

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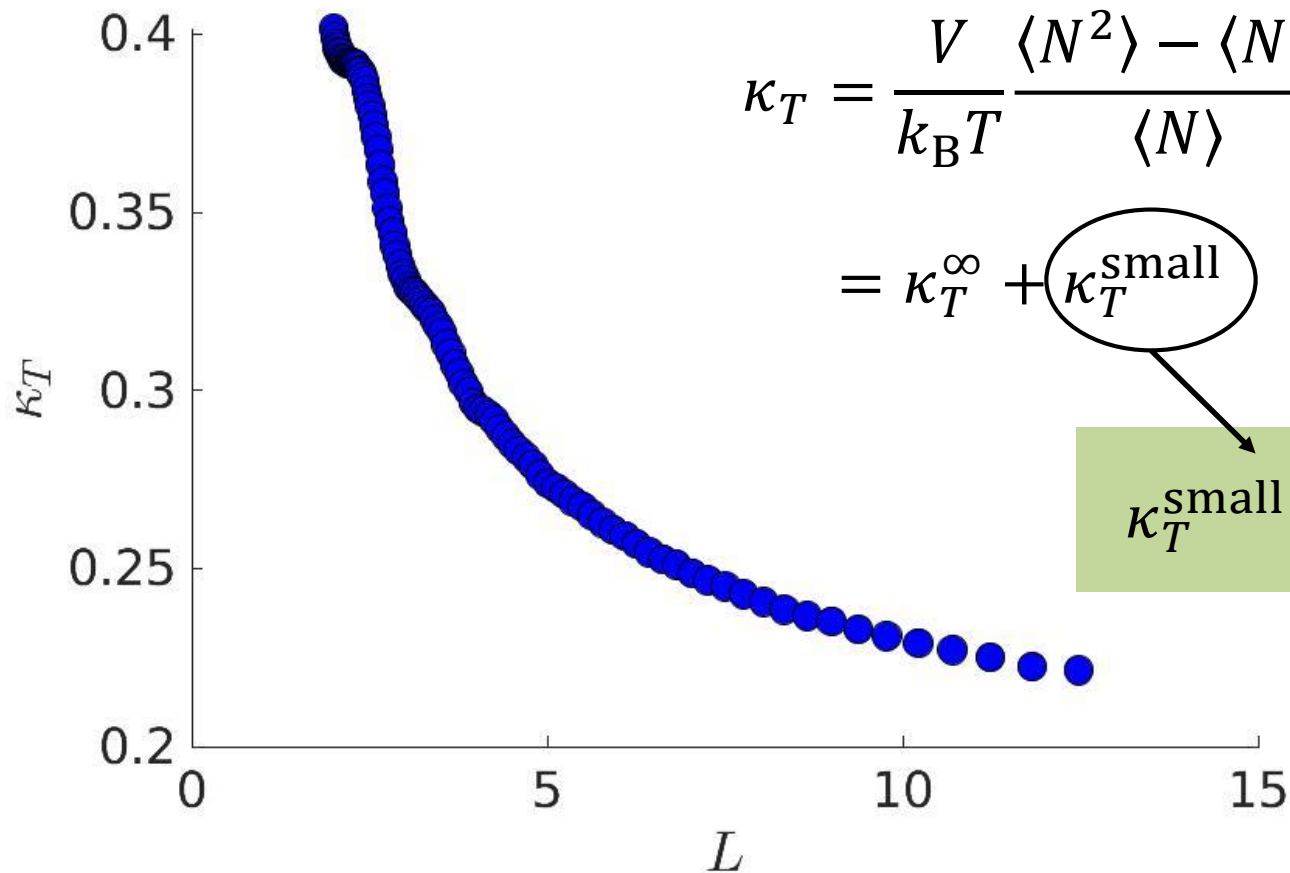
$$(k_B T)^2 \left( \frac{\partial^2 \ln \Xi}{\partial \mu^2} \right)_{T, V} = \langle N^2 \rangle - \langle N \rangle^2$$

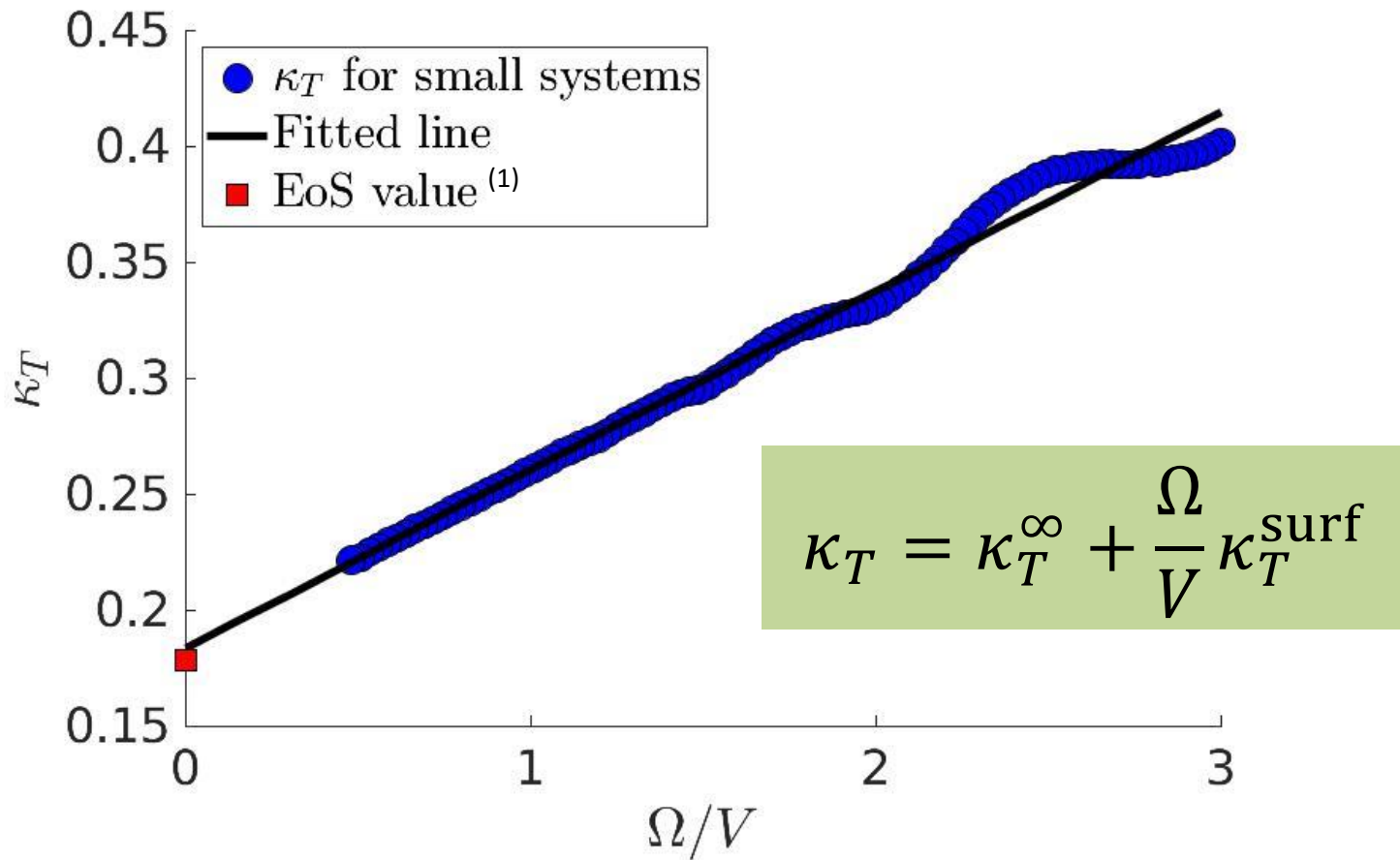


$$\langle N^2 \rangle - \langle N \rangle^2$$



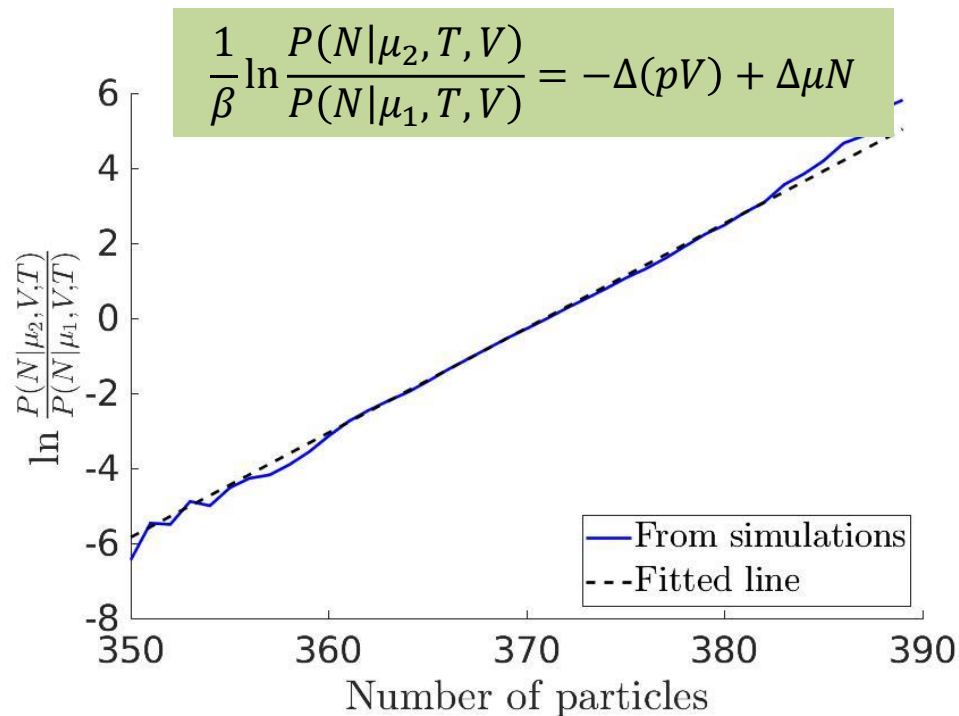
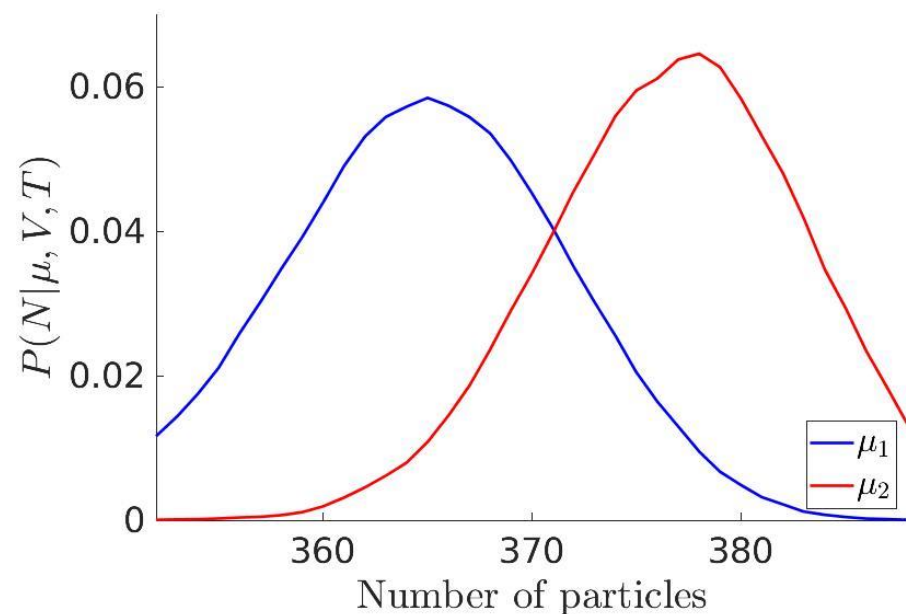
$$\kappa_T, C_p, V_i, H_i, G_{ij} \dots$$

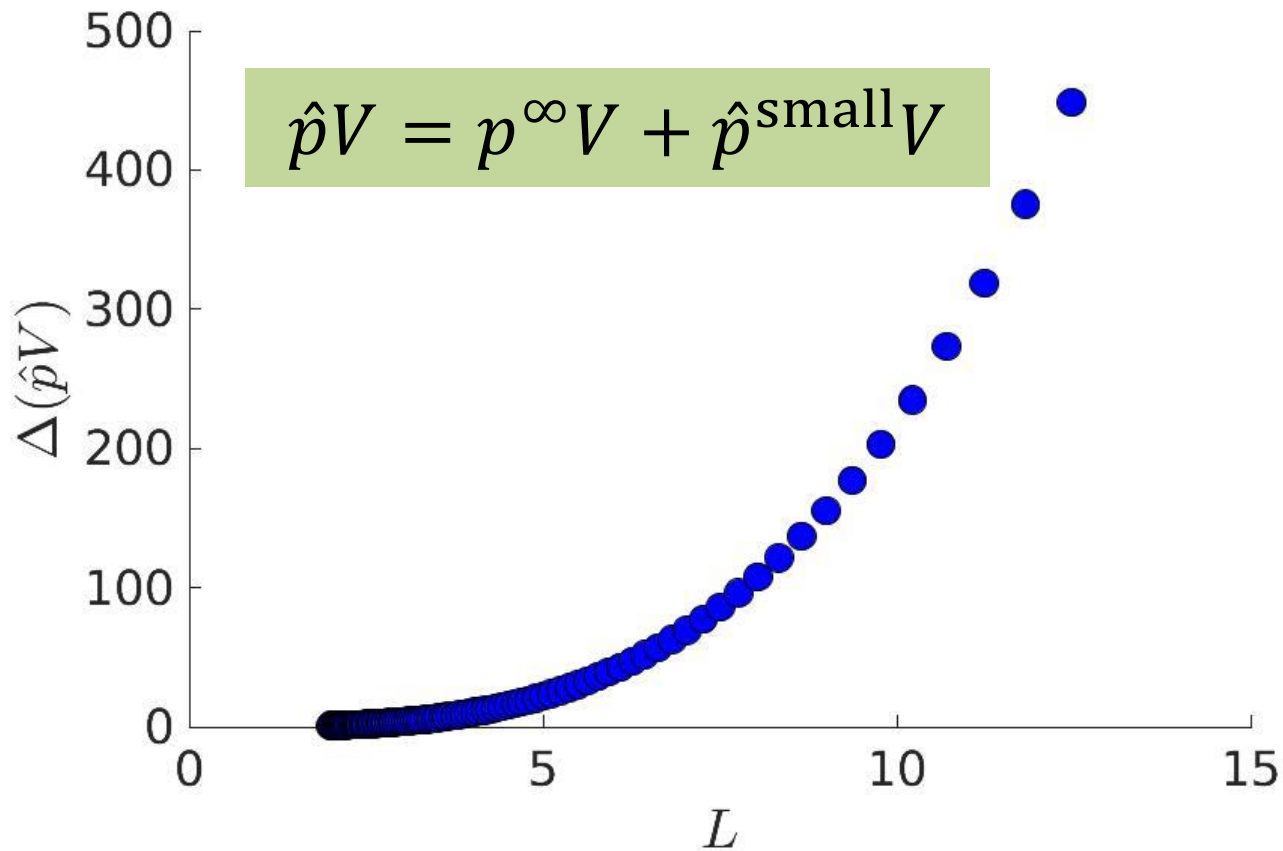




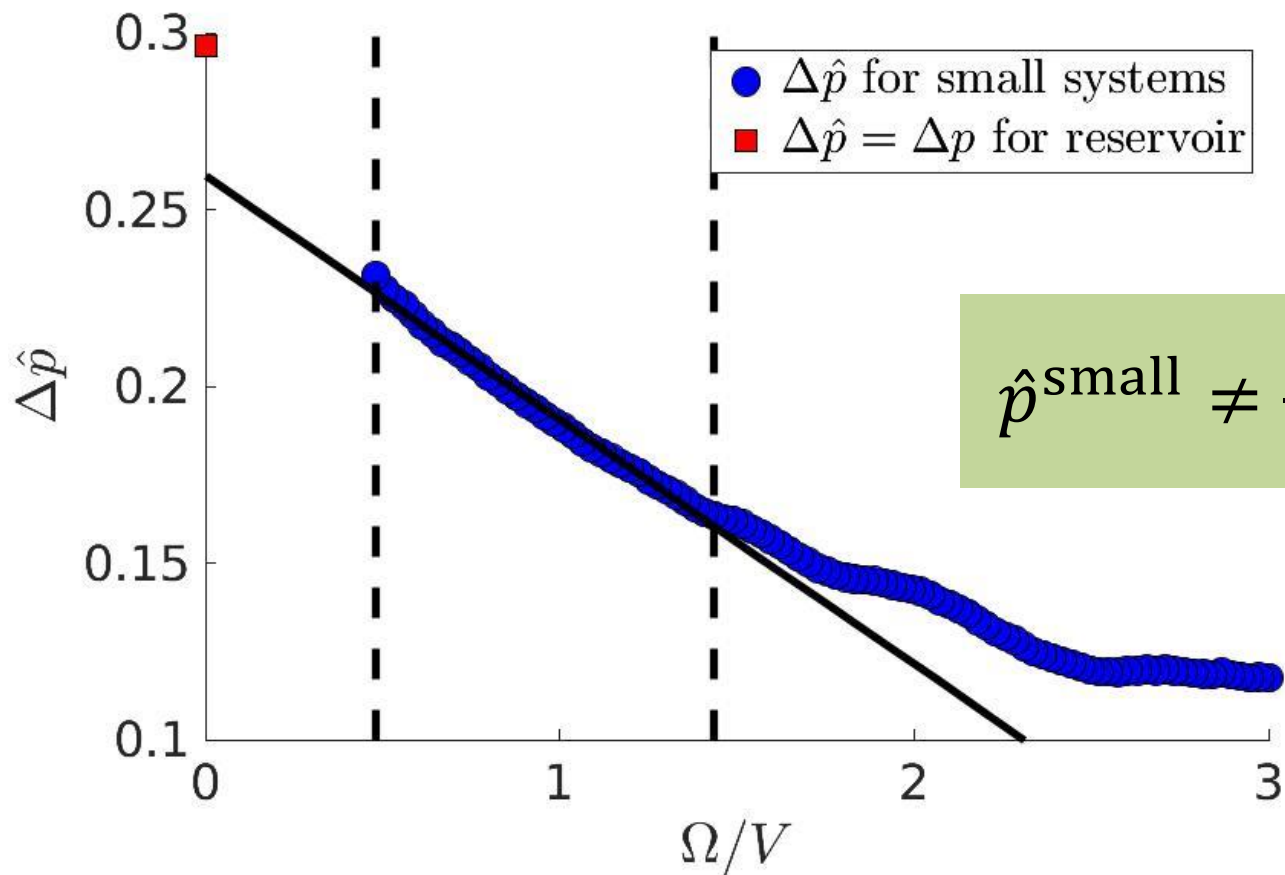
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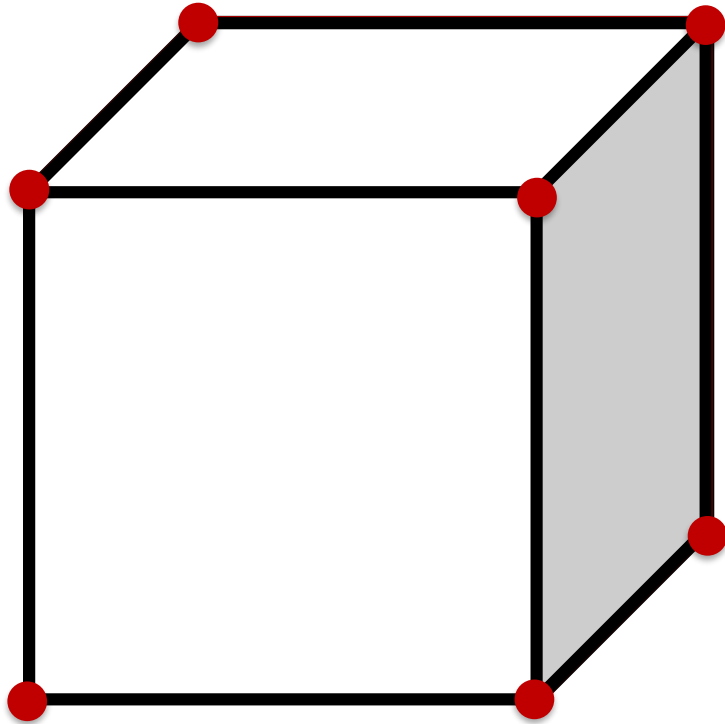
# Ensemble check<sup>(2)</sup> = Overlapping distribution method<sup>(3)</sup>











## Small size contributions

Surface:

$$6\varepsilon^{\text{surf}}(\rho, T)L^2$$

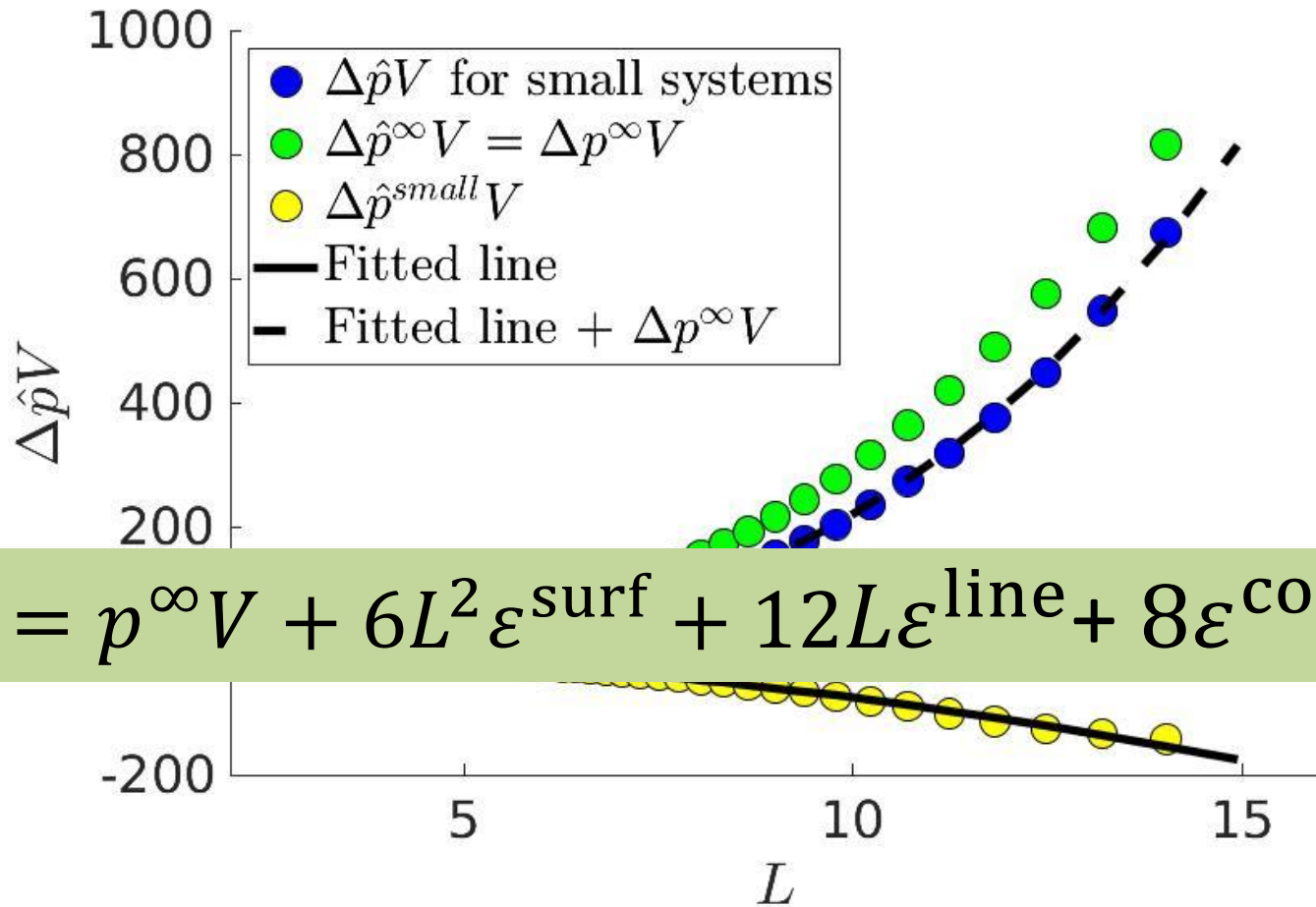
Line:

$$12\varepsilon^{\text{line}}(\rho, T)L$$

Corner:

$$8\varepsilon^{\text{corner}}(\rho, T)$$

$$\hat{p}^{\text{small}}V = 6\varepsilon^{\text{surf}}L^2 + 12\varepsilon^{\text{line}}L + 8\varepsilon^{\text{corner}}$$



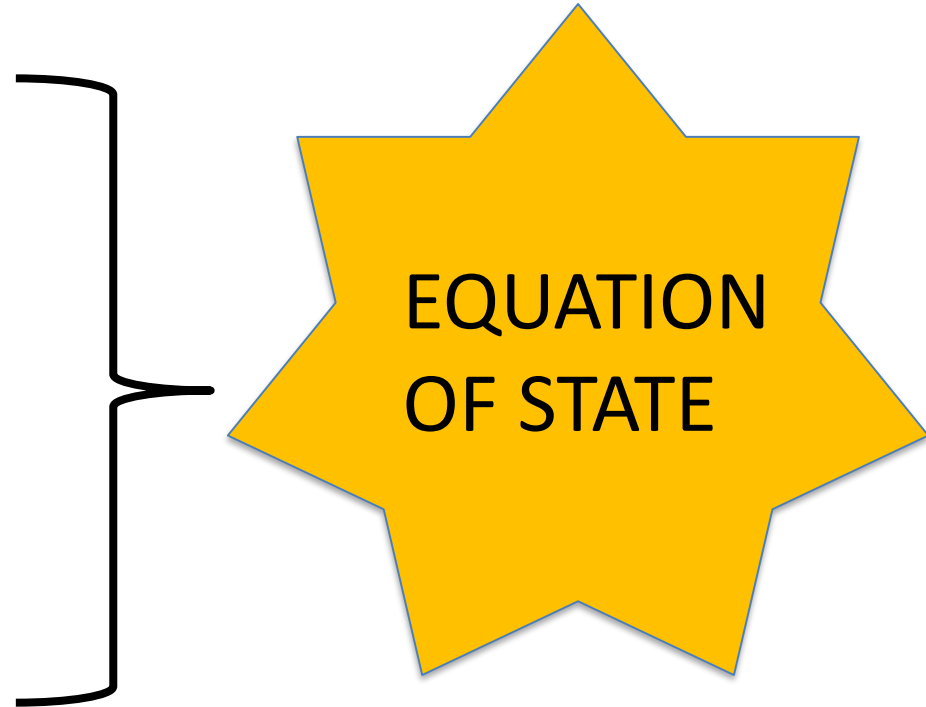
$$\hat{p}V = p^\infty V + 6L^2 \varepsilon^{\text{surf}} + 12L \varepsilon^{\text{line}} + 8\varepsilon^{\text{corner}}$$

$\varepsilon^{\text{surf}}$ ,  $\varepsilon^{\text{line}}$  and  $\varepsilon^{\text{corner}}$   
dependency on  $T$  and  $\rho$




$$S^{\text{small}} = \left( \frac{\partial \hat{p}^{\text{small}V}}{\partial T} \right)_{\mu, V}$$

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# Equation of State

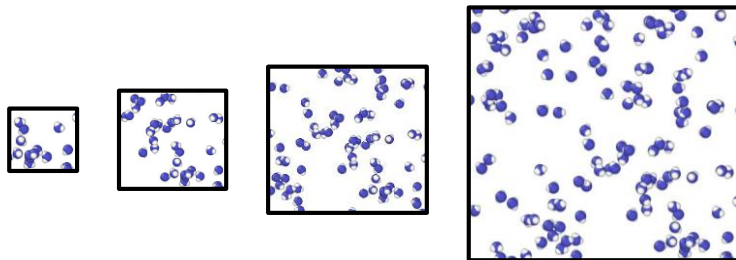
- General in terms of:
  - Shape:  ,  and 
  - Ensemble:  $\mu VT$ ,  $NVT$  and  $NpT$
- Other properties accessible from differentials

$$\kappa_T^{\text{small}} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \left( \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial p^{\text{small}}} \right)_T$$

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**Thank you for your attention!**