

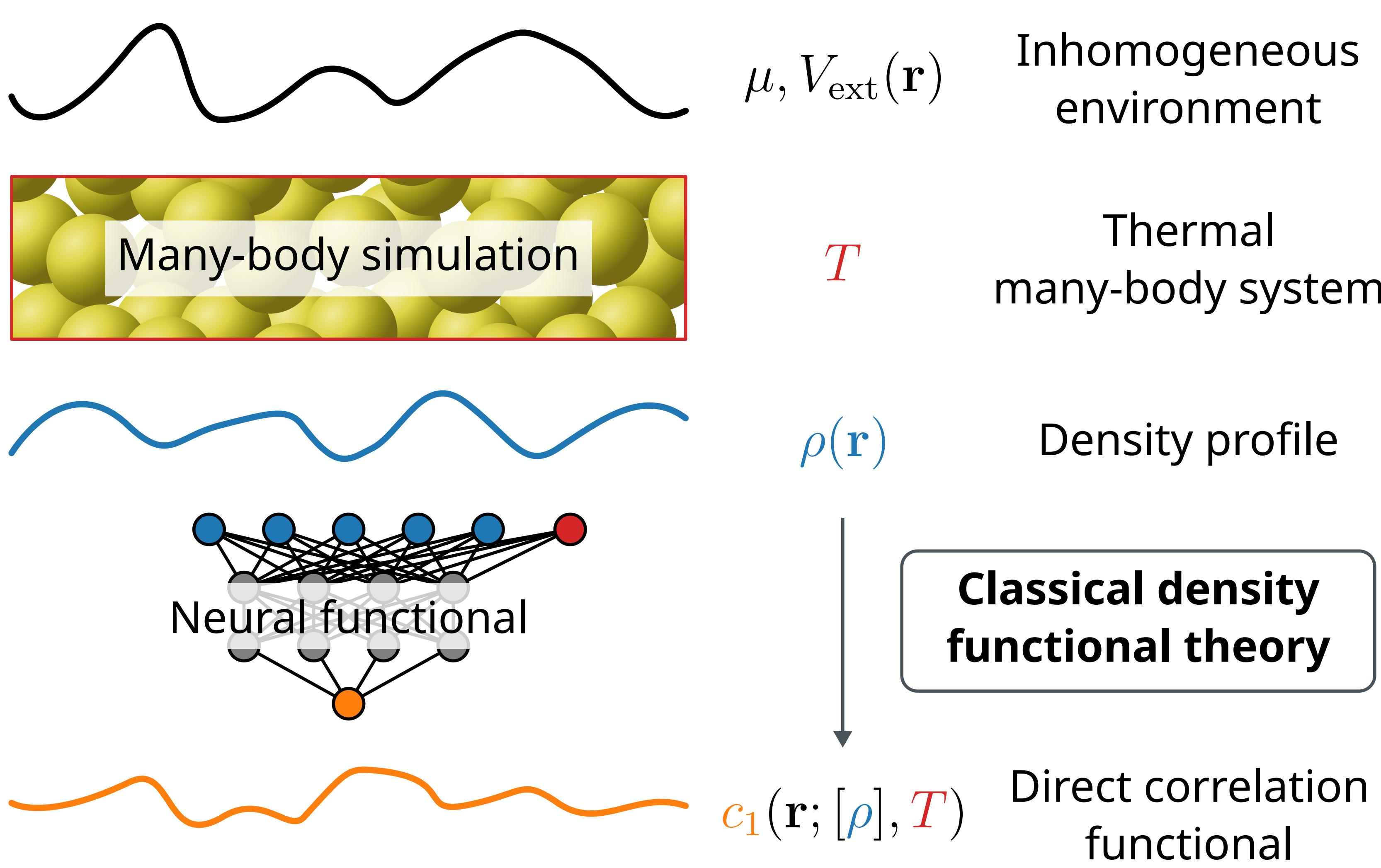
Neural functionals in statistical mechanics

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Theory and workflow



Methods

Calculation of density profiles

$$\rho(\mathbf{r}) = \exp(-\beta(V_{\text{ext}}(\mathbf{r}) - \mu) + c_1(\mathbf{r}; [\rho], T))$$

self-consistent iteration

Neural functional calculus

Pair correlations

$$c_2(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}'; [\rho], T) = \frac{\delta}{\delta \rho(\mathbf{r}')} c_1(\mathbf{r}; [\rho], T)$$

autodiff

Free energy

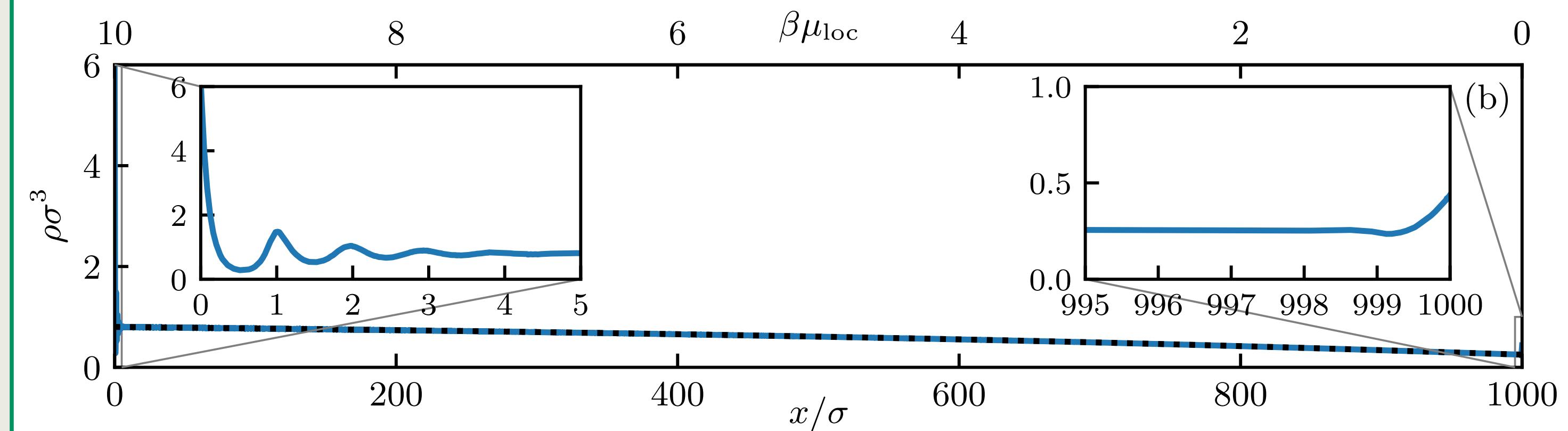
$$F_{\text{exc}}([\rho], T) = -k_B T \int \mathcal{D}[\rho] c_1(\mathbf{r}; [\rho], T)$$

functional line integral

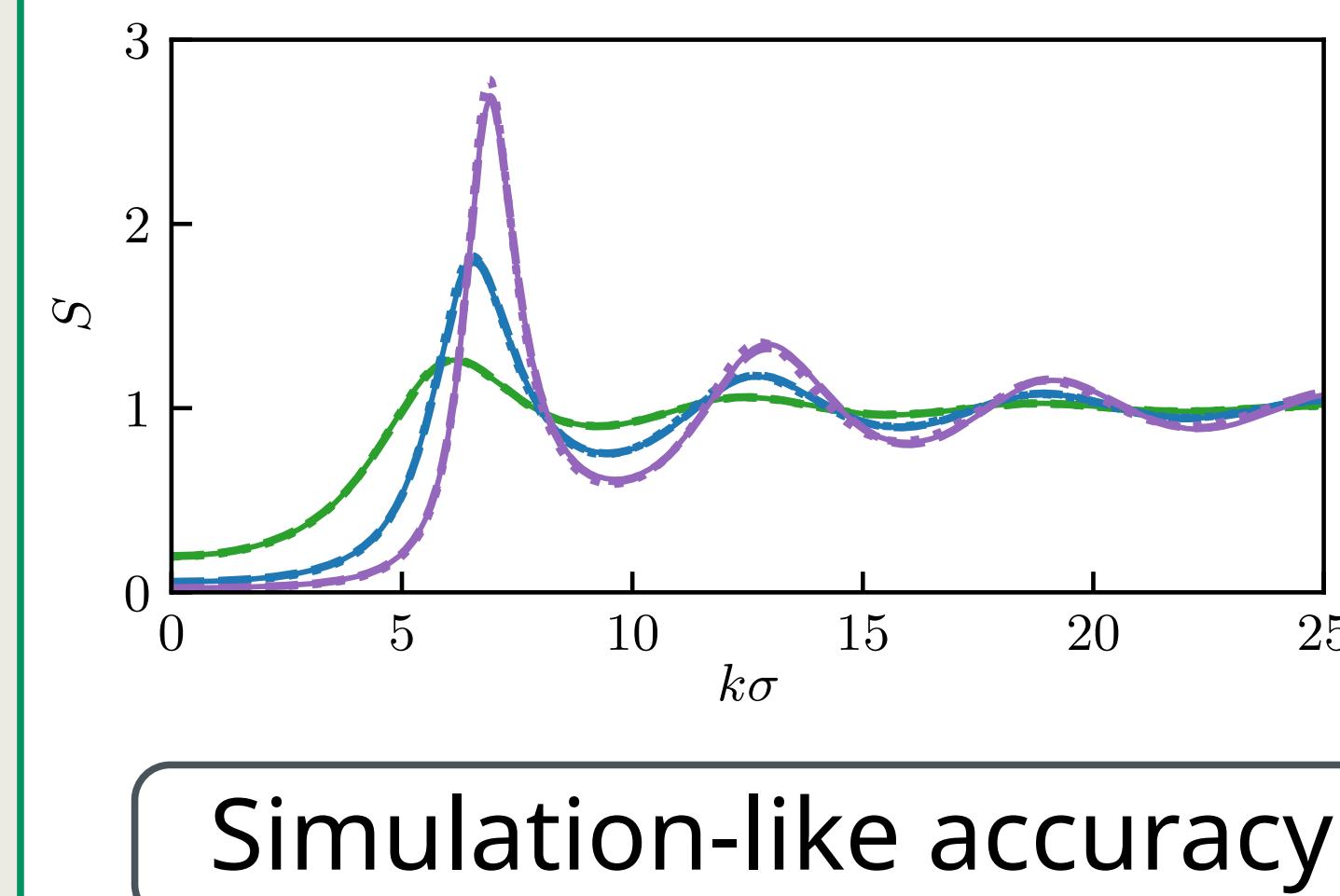
Hard spheres

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Multiscale predictions



Structure factor

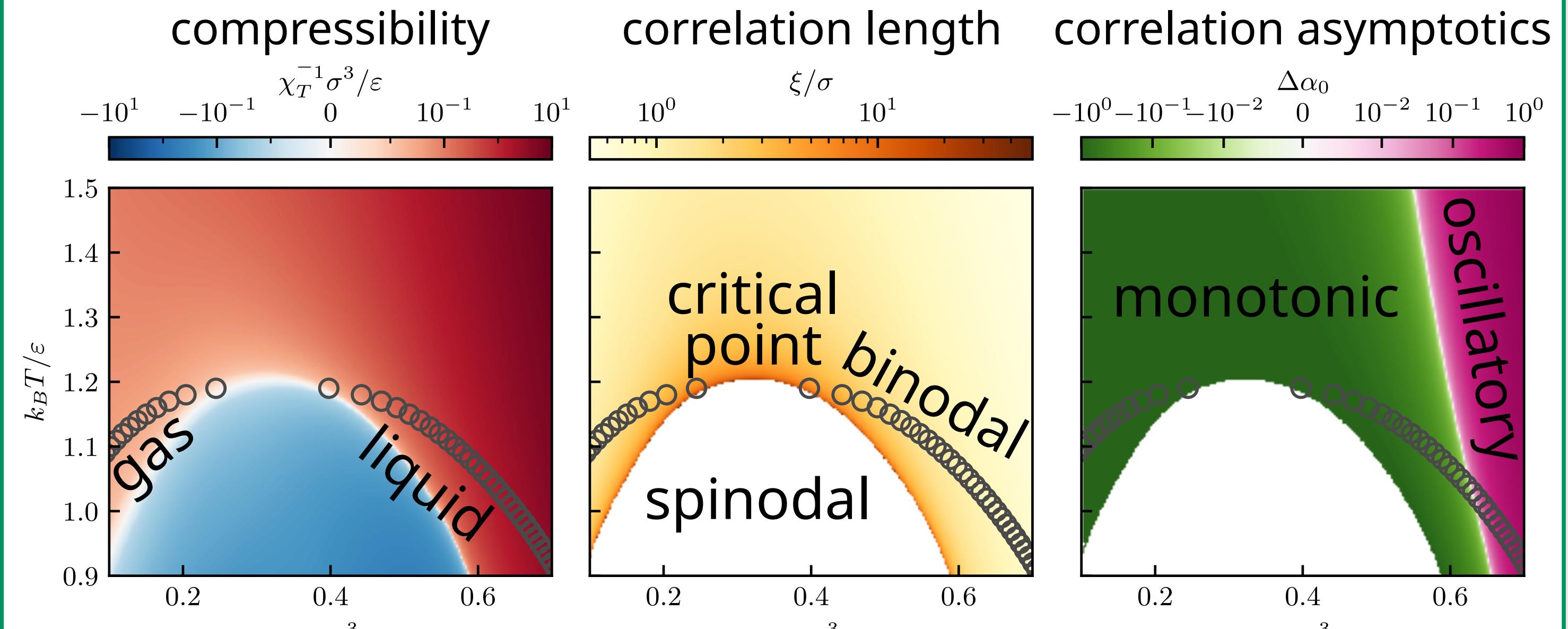


Simulation-like accuracy

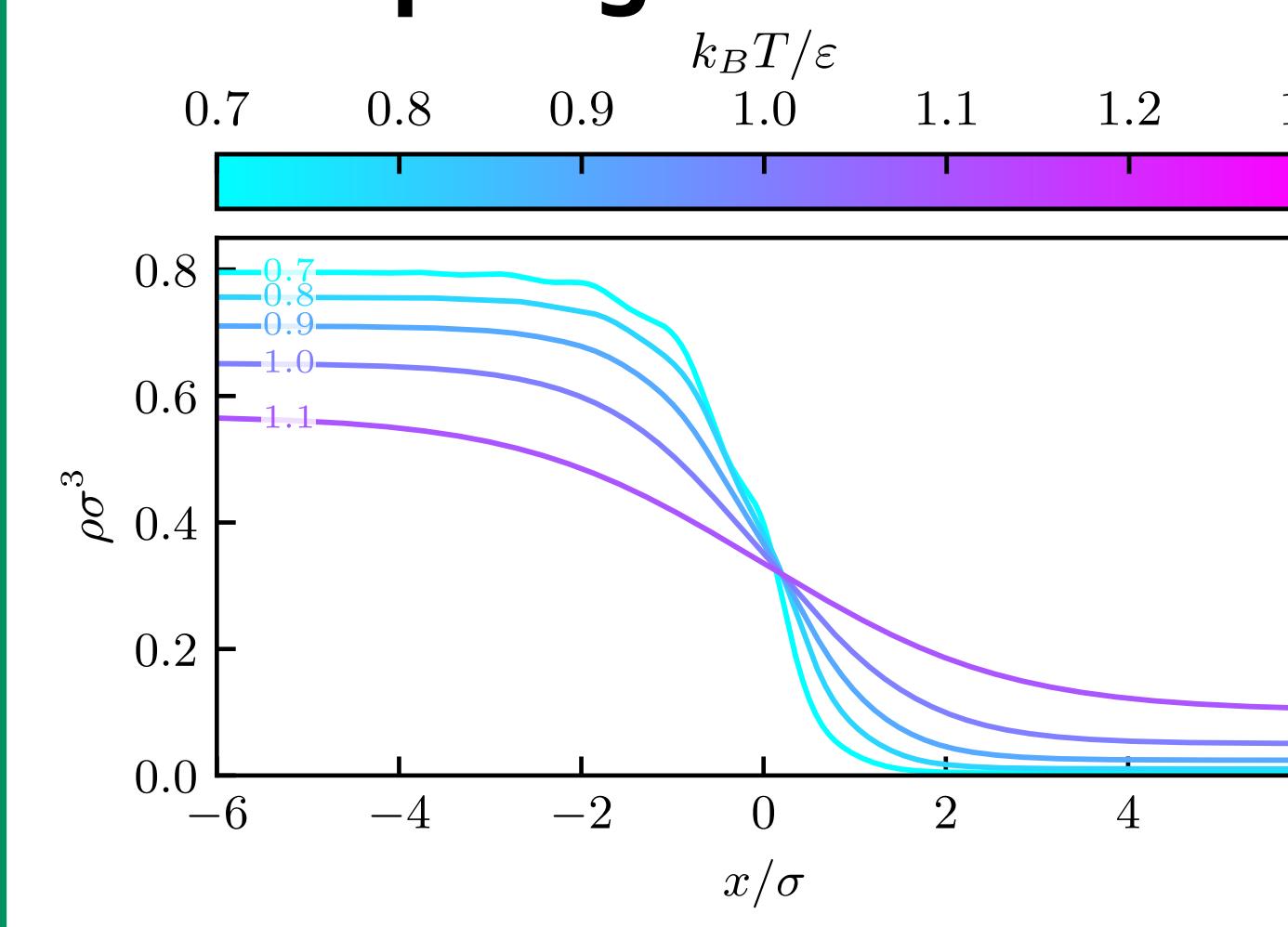
Results

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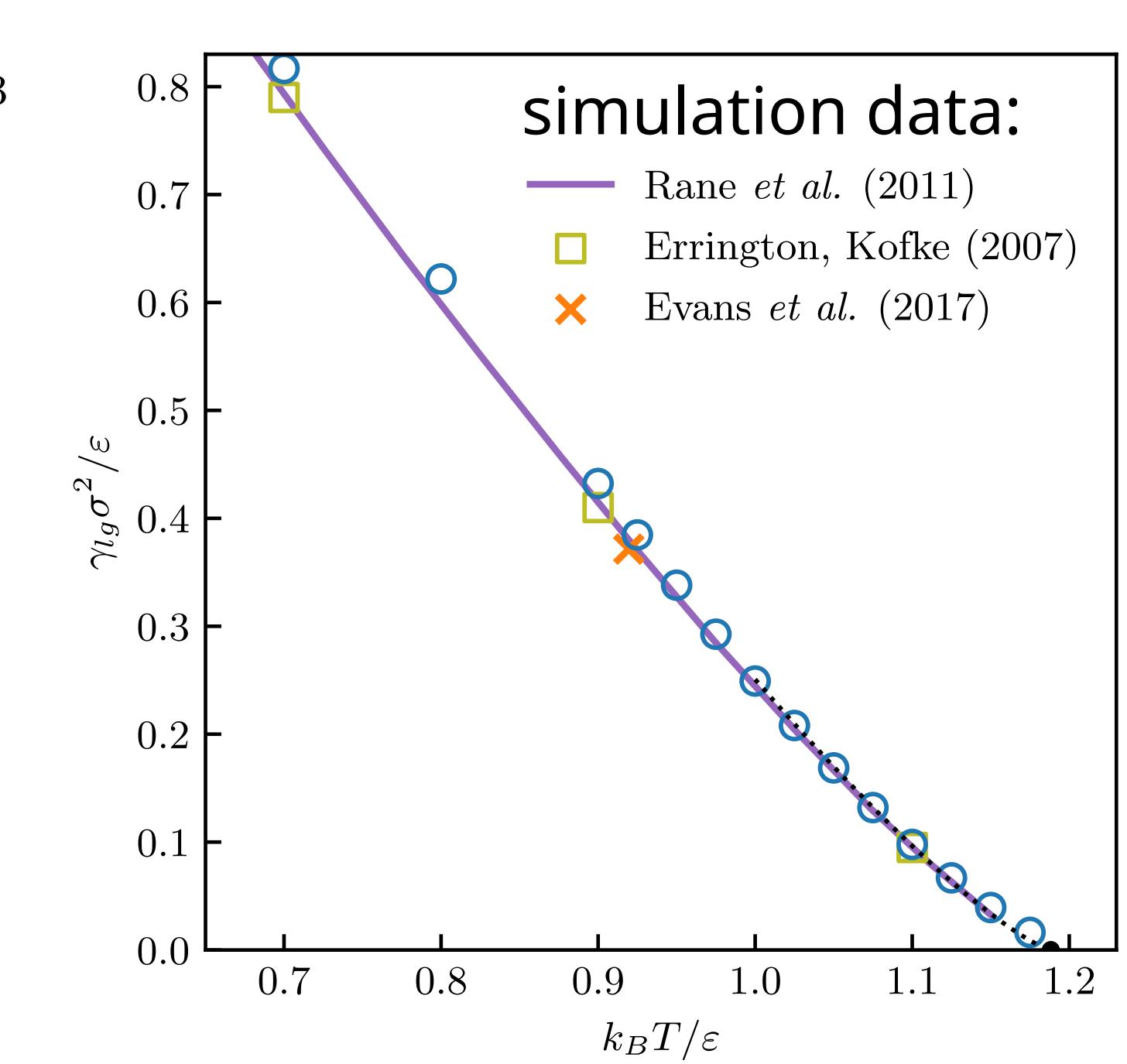
Phase diagrams and crossover lines



Liquid-gas interface



Surface tension

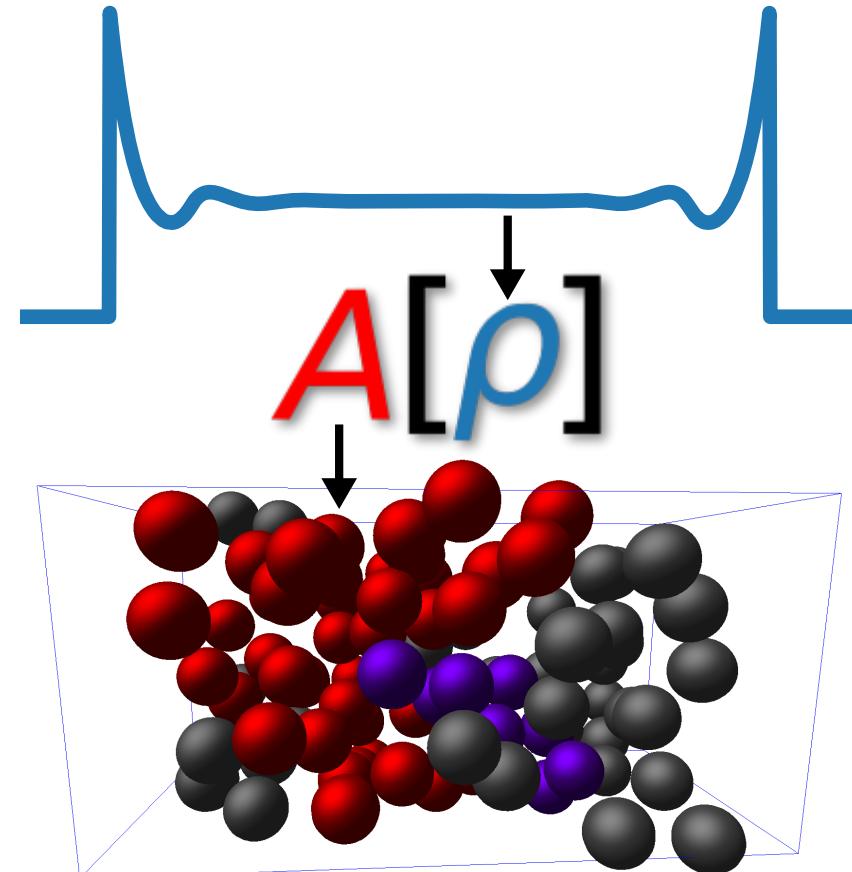


Extensions

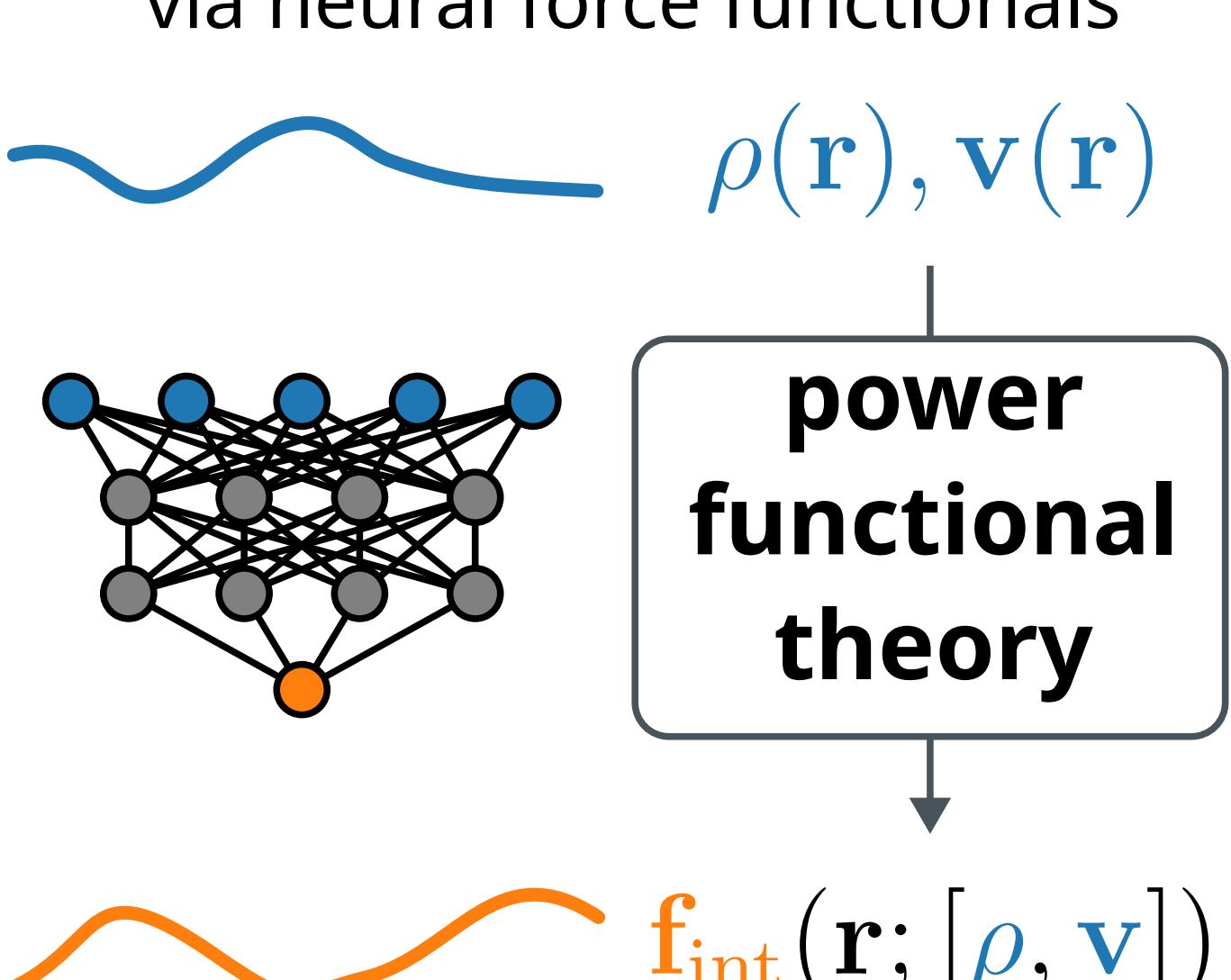
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Hyperdensity functional theory

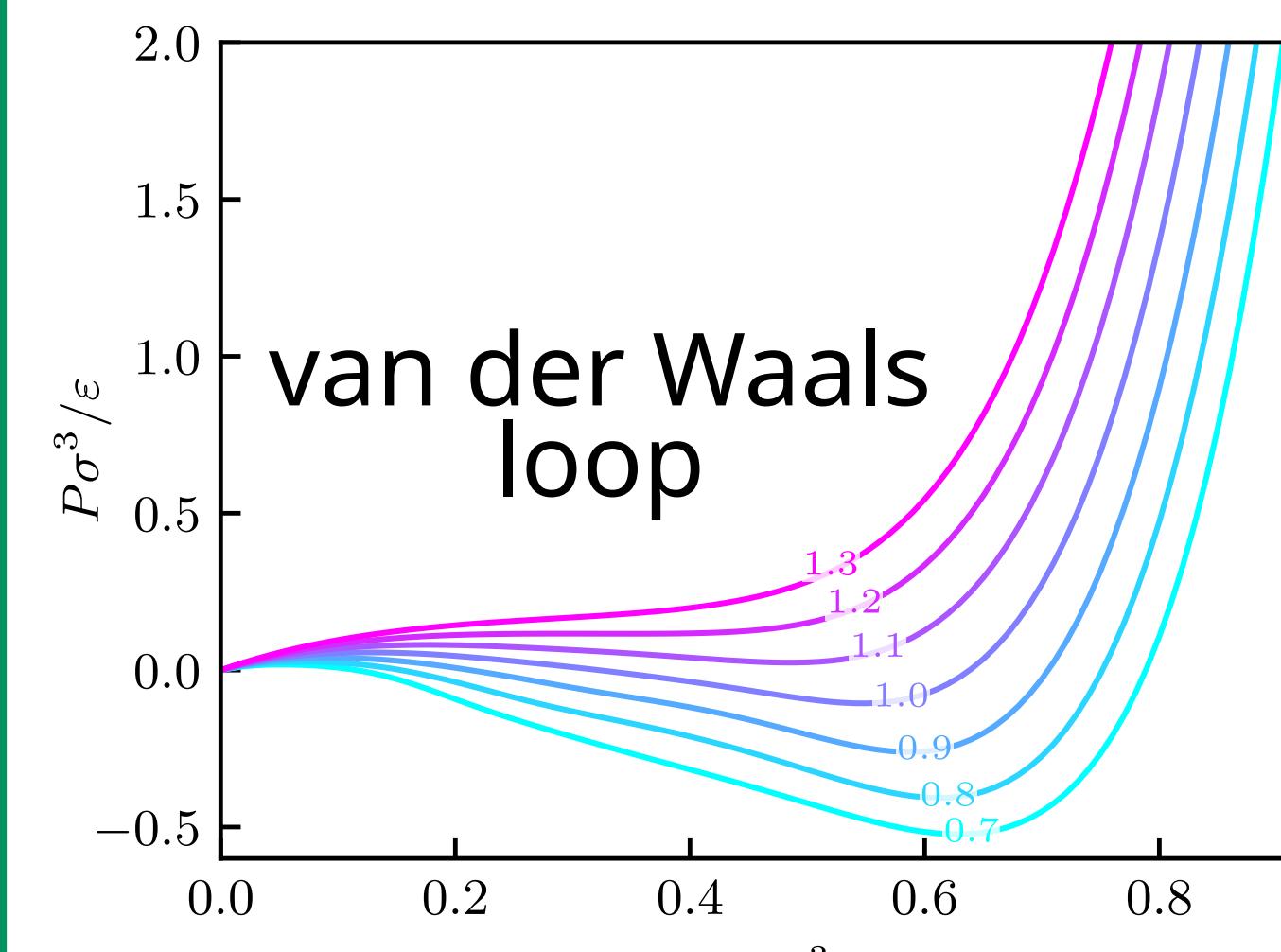
for arbitrary observables (e.g. cluster statistics)



Nonequilibrium via neural force functionals



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Structure and thermodynamics from neural functional calculus

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Code and data [1,2]

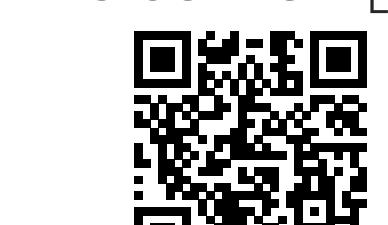


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Tutorial [6]



github.com/sfalmo/NeuralDFT-Tutorial