

# *From Physical Modelling to Big Data Analytics: Examples and Challenges*

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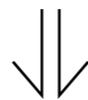
# Outline

## Part I: **Challenges**

Ideas from the Alan Turing Institute Scoping Workshop  
“The Challenges of Data Intensive and Extreme Scale  
Numerical Simulation in Physics, Materials Science and  
Chemistry” (Jan 5-6, 2016, British Library)

## Part II: **Example**

Simulations of physical states using noisy forces



Inference and machine learning algorithms

# I. Challenges

# ATI Scoping Workshops

researchers



sticky notes



facilitator



~30 white papers



# ATI Scoping Workshops

Examples (particularly Physical Sciences relevant)

Theoretical and Computational Approaches to Large Scale Inverse Problems

Partial Differential Equations for Modelling, Analysing and Simulating Data Rich Phenomena

Big Data in Geoscience

**The Challenges of Data Intensive and Extreme Scale Numerical Simulation in Physics, Materials Science and Chemistry**

# The Challenges of Data Intensive and Extreme Scale Numerical Simulation in Physics, Materials Science and Chemistry

Main Organizers: [Gabor Csanyi \(Cambridge, Engineering\)](#), [Detlef Hohl \(Shell\)](#), [Stephen Jarvis \(Warwick, Computer Science\)](#), [Ben Leimkuhler \(Edinburgh, Mathematics\)](#), [Mark Parsons \(Edinburgh, EPCC\)](#)

## **Themes**

Extreme scale data-computing (exascale)  
Numerics for data science  
Data-centric materials and chemistry modelling

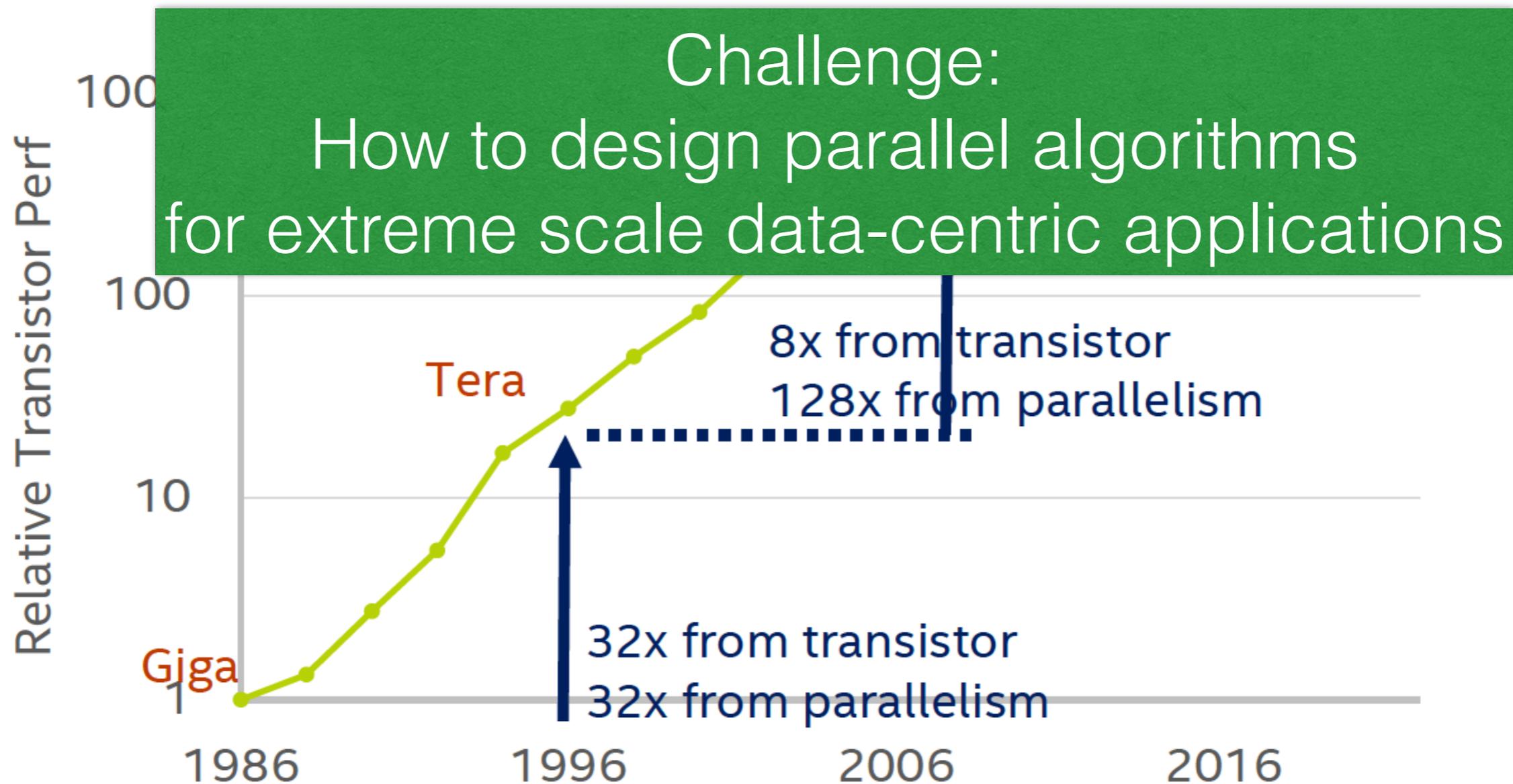
## **Participants**

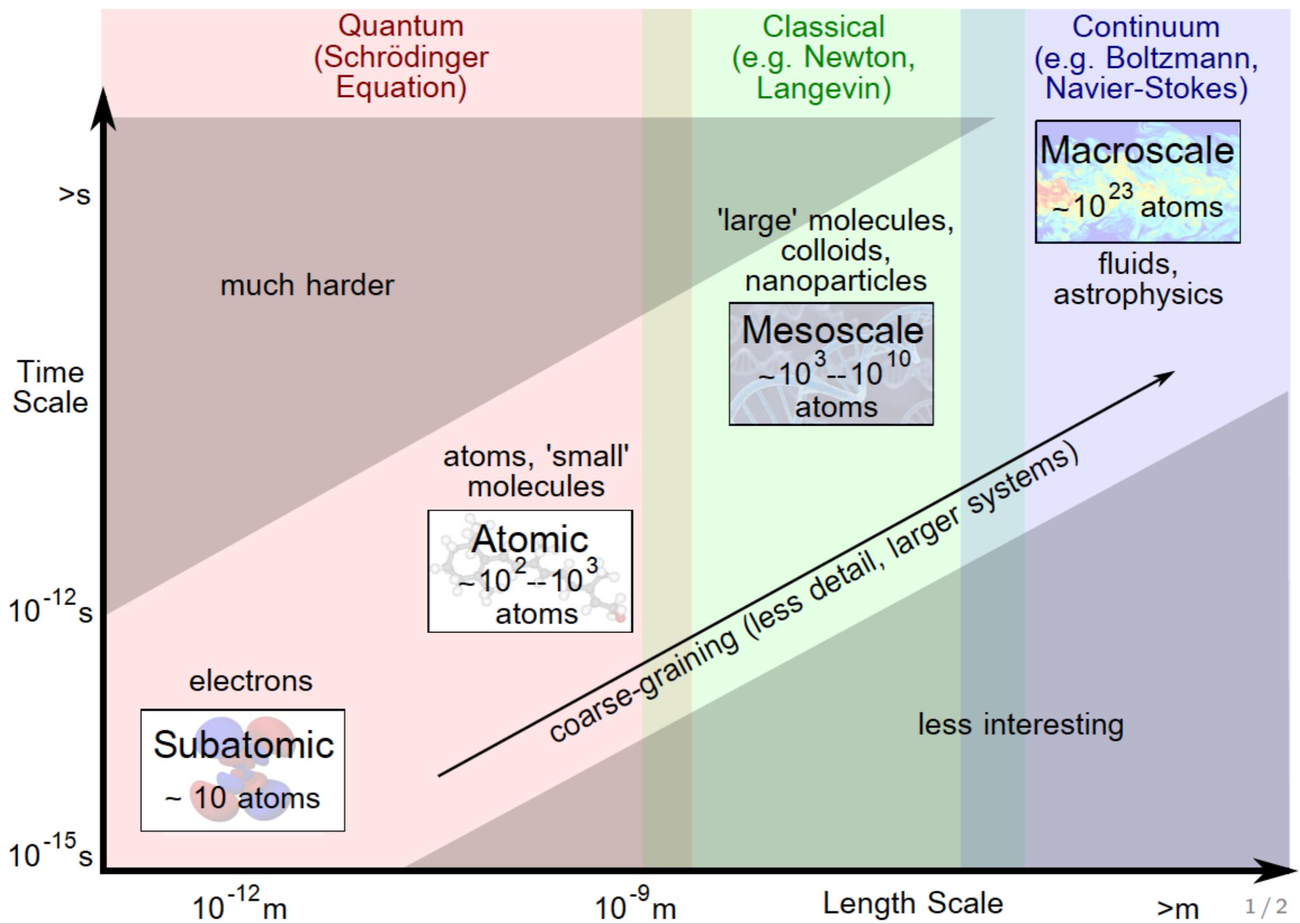
HPC scientific simulation community  
Parallel computing experts  
Mathematicians  
Data scientists  
Physical modellers (esp. materials/fluids)  
Industry: Intel, Shell, Dassault (Biovia), Rolls Royce, ..

# Increasing reliance on parallelism for HPC gains (as opposed to improvements from transistor) & Importance of energy considerations

Intel Exascale Labs

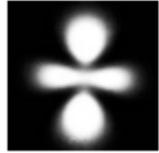
## Implications to HPC Roadmap





# Machine Learning Quantum Mechanics

Gabor Csanyi (Cambridge)



First principles simulation is extremely successful in materials science and chemistry

Traditionally  $O(N^3)$  or worse  
100 atoms  $\sim$  100 CPU hours

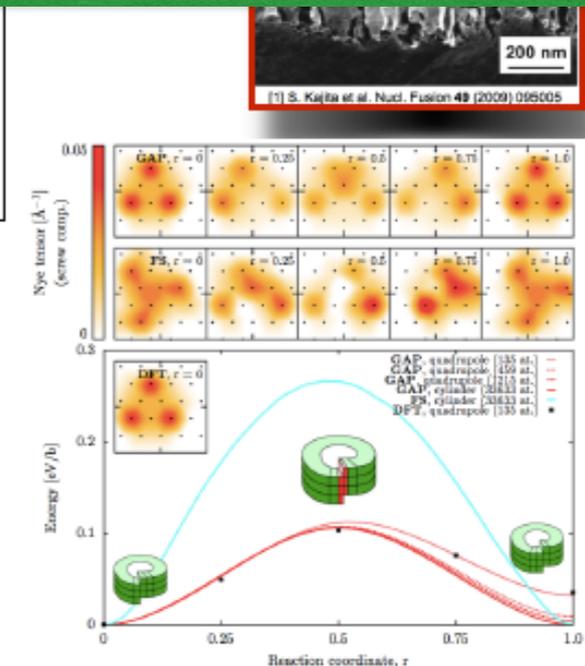
$$-i\hbar \frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial t} = \mathcal{H} \Psi$$

Challenge:

How to build efficient molecular algorithms that can learn forcefields on-the-fly with prescribed accuracy

Force Fields -  $O(N)$   
(interatomic potentials)  
10 ms / atom / core

- Data is plentiful and “cheap” to generate
- Need hard accuracy guarantees
- Need error prediction
- Multiple scales of interactions
- Interpolation to  $10^{-3}$  -  $10^{-4}$  accuracy



# Data-Centric Multiscale Modelling

Matthew Borg/Jason Reese (Edinburgh)

'Enhanced'  
CFD

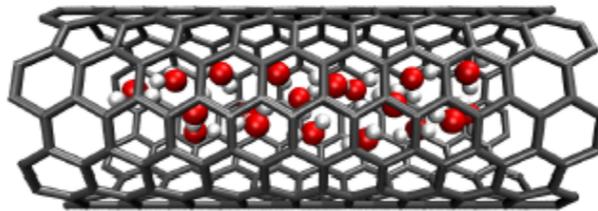
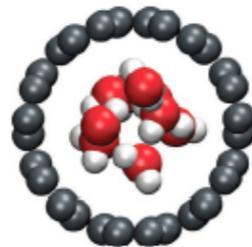
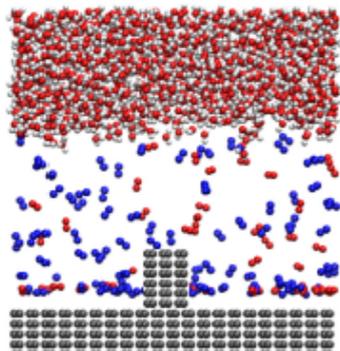
Challenge:

Automation of the modelling hierarchy across many orders of magnitude in spatial and temporal scales

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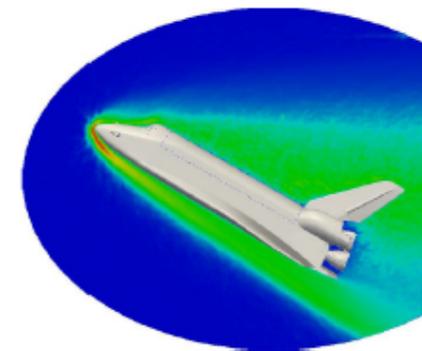
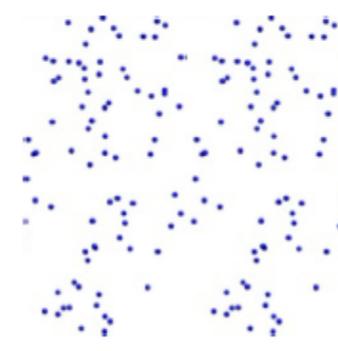
Molecular  
Dynamics (MD)

(liquids, gases, solids; deterministic)



Direct Simulation  
Monte Carlo (DSMC)

(rarefied gases; reactions; stochastic)



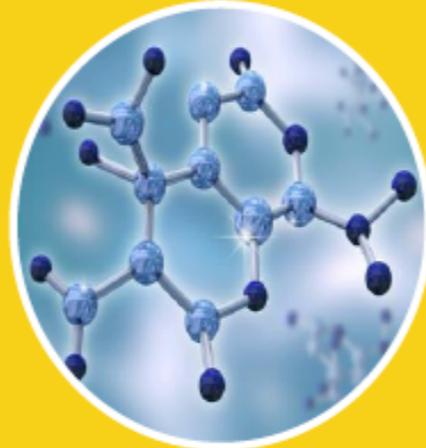
# Modelling of flows, rock properties, seismic imaging

## Shell Technology Centres



**Geo Labs**

Parallel Seismic Imaging  
Micro-seismic  
Induced Seismic



**Sim Labs**

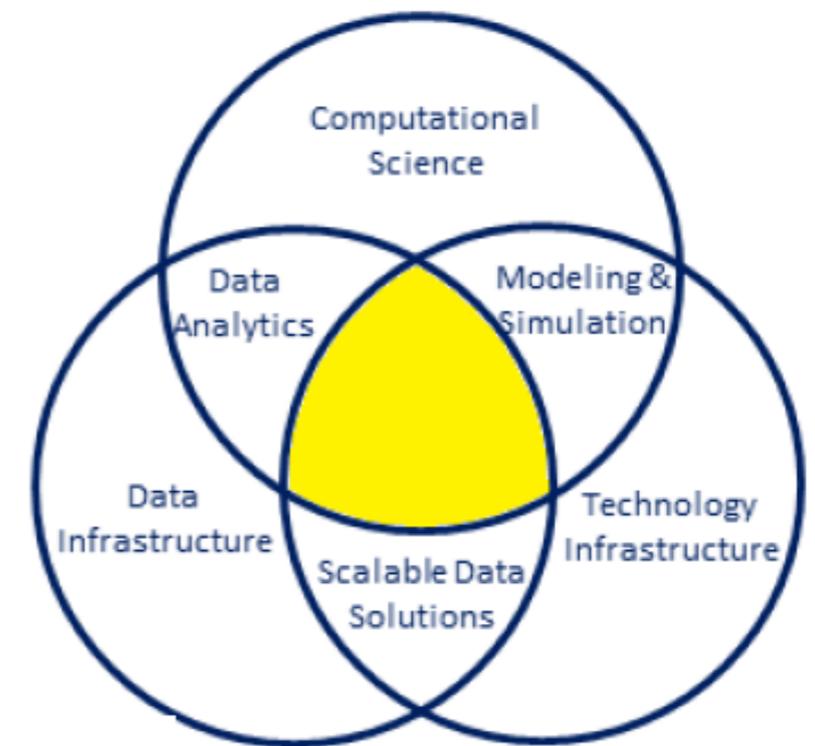
Computational Chemistry  
Comp. Material Science  
Flow Compute  
Digital Rock



**Data Labs**

Adv. Analytics & Machine Learning  
Sparse Modeling  
Extreme statistics

High Performance Computing



# Highlights

Spirited discussions about critical themes and **grand challenge problems**, e.g.

Complex flows (unsteady, non-Newtonian fluids)

Predictive molecular biology (e.g. rational drug design)

Virtual materials laboratory

**Focus on enabling technologies**, e.g.

Learning strategies for large scale sampling

Data-intensive scale-bridging/coupling strategies

Data-centric, hardware aware, extreme computing

Data Fusion workbench

## II. Example

# Molecular Dynamics

$$H(x, p) = \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{p_i^2}{2m_i} + U(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N)$$

*e.g empirical potentials*

- Newton's equations + stochastic perturbations
- Computationally intensive
- Typical computations: averages in a statistical ensemble
- “Fast” force components, hence very small timesteps
- Lengths of simulations extremely limited
- Substantial share of worldwide supercomputing

**Problem:** use stochastic dynamics to accurately sample a distribution with given positive smooth density

$$\rho \propto \exp(-U)$$

**in case the force  $-\nabla U$  can only be computed approximately**

Examples:

### **Multiscale models**

several flavors of hybrid **ab initio MD Methods**

learning-based **QM/MM** methods [w./ G. Csanyi and others]

...Many applications in **Bayesian Inference &**

**Big Data Analytics**

**What to do about the force error?**

# Langevin Dynamics

$$dx = M^{-1}p dt$$

$$dp = -\nabla U dt - \gamma M^{-1}p dt + \sqrt{2\beta^{-1}\gamma} dW$$

With Periodic Boundary Conditions and smooth potential, ergodic sampling of the canonical distribution with density

$$\rho \propto e^{-\beta [p^T M^{-1} p / 2 + U(x)]}$$

# Splitting Methods for Langevin Dynamics

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_A + \mathcal{L}_B + \mathcal{L}_O$$

$$\mathcal{L}_A = (M^{-1}p) \cdot \nabla_x$$

$$\mathcal{L}_B = -\nabla U(x) \cdot \nabla_p$$

$$\mathcal{L}_O = -\gamma(M^{-1}p) \cdot \nabla_p + \gamma\beta^{-1} \Delta_p$$

$$e^{h\hat{\mathcal{L}}_{\text{BAOAB}}} = e^{\frac{h}{2}\mathcal{L}_B} e^{\frac{h}{2}\mathcal{L}_A} e^{h\mathcal{L}_O} e^{\frac{h}{2}\mathcal{L}_A} e^{\frac{h}{2}\mathcal{L}_B}$$

# Expansion of the invariant distribution

$$[\mathcal{L}^\dagger + h^2 \mathcal{L}_2^\dagger + \dots] e^{-\beta(H + h^2 f_2 + \dots)} = 0$$

Leading order:

$$\mathcal{L}^\dagger(\rho_{\text{can}} f_2) = \beta^{-1} \mathcal{L}_2^\dagger \rho_{\text{can}}$$

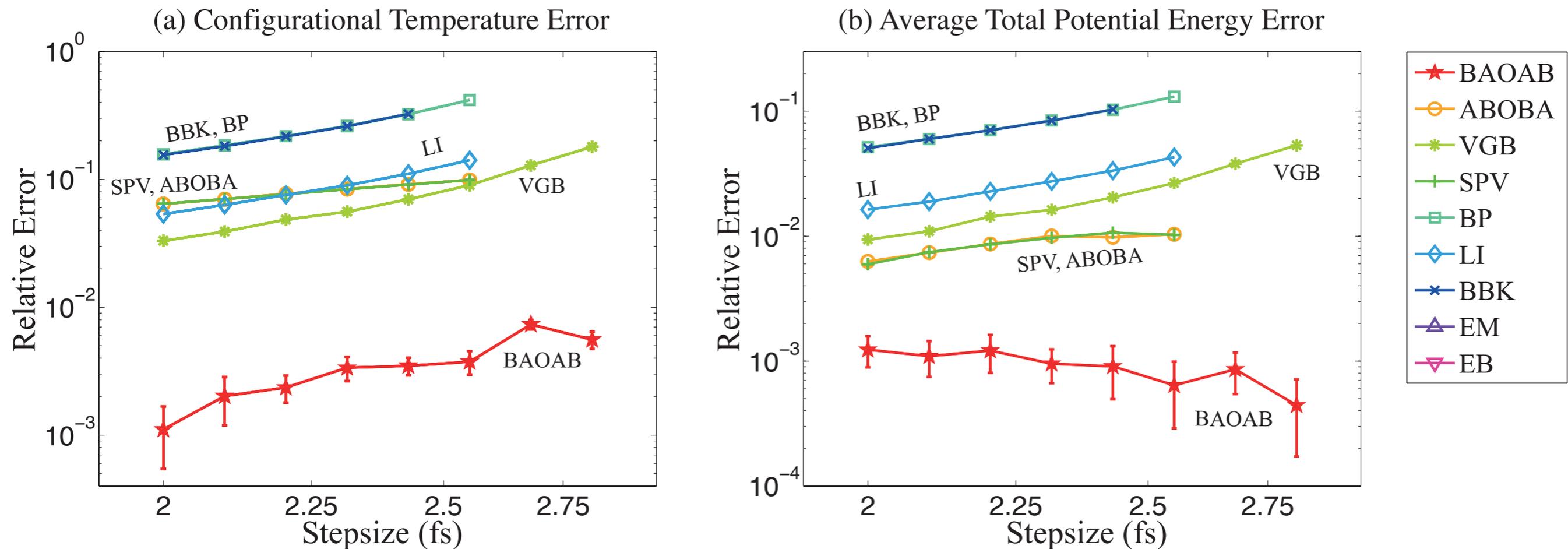
L. & Matthews, AMRX, 2013

L., Matthews, & Stoltz, IMA J. Num. Anal. 2015

- detailed treatment of all 1st and 2nd order splittings
- estimates for the operator inverse and justification of the expansion
- treatment of nonequilibrium (e.g. transport coefficients)

# Improvements for “real” molecular systems

*for alanine dipeptide in flexible TIP3P*



**BAOAB much better than alternatives for relevant  
configurational quantities...**

but....

**What to do about the force error?**

$$\tilde{F}(x) = -\nabla U(x) + \eta(x)$$

a sampling error... it seems natural to take

$$\eta(x) \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma(x))$$

and also, at least in the first stage, to assume  $\sigma(x) \approx \sigma$

$$\begin{aligned} h\tilde{F}(x) &= -h\nabla U(x) + h\eta \\ &= -h\nabla U(x) + \sqrt{h}(\sqrt{h}\eta) \end{aligned}$$

Like discretizing a stochastic differential equation with  $O(h)$  variance!

# The Adaptive Property

*Jones & L. 2011*

Applying Nosé-Hoover Dynamics to a system which is driven by white noise restores the canonical distribution.

Adaptive (Automatic) Langevin

$$dx = M^{-1}p dt$$

$$dp = -\nabla U dt - \sqrt{h}\sigma dW - \xi p dt + \sigma_A dW_A$$

$$d\xi = \mu^{-1} [p^T M^{-1} p - n\beta^{-1}] dt$$

$$\tilde{\rho} = e^{-\beta[p^T M^{-1} p/2 + U(x)]} \times e^{-\beta\mu(\xi - \gamma)^2/2} \quad \text{ergodic!}$$

Shift in auxiliary variable by  $\gamma = \frac{\beta(h\sigma^2 + \sigma_A^2)}{2\text{Tr}(M)}$

# Discretization

[With X. Shang, 2015]

generator:  $\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_A + \mathcal{L}_B + \mathcal{L}_O + \mathcal{L}_D$

$$\mathcal{L}_A = (M^{-1}p) \cdot \nabla_x$$

$$\mathcal{L}_B = -\nabla U(x) \cdot \nabla_p + \frac{h\sigma^2}{2} \Delta_p$$

$$\mathcal{L}_O = -\xi p \cdot \nabla_p + \frac{\sigma_A^2}{2} \Delta_p$$

$$\mathcal{L}_D = G(p) \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi}$$

define related operator by composition, e.g. **BADODAB**

$$e^{h\hat{\mathcal{L}}} = e^{\frac{h}{2}\mathcal{L}_B} e^{\frac{h}{2}\mathcal{L}_A} e^{\frac{h}{2}\mathcal{L}_D} e^{h\mathcal{L}_O} e^{\frac{h}{2}\mathcal{L}_D} e^{\frac{h}{2}\mathcal{L}_A} e^{\frac{h}{2}\mathcal{L}_B}$$

typically anticipate 2nd order (IM)

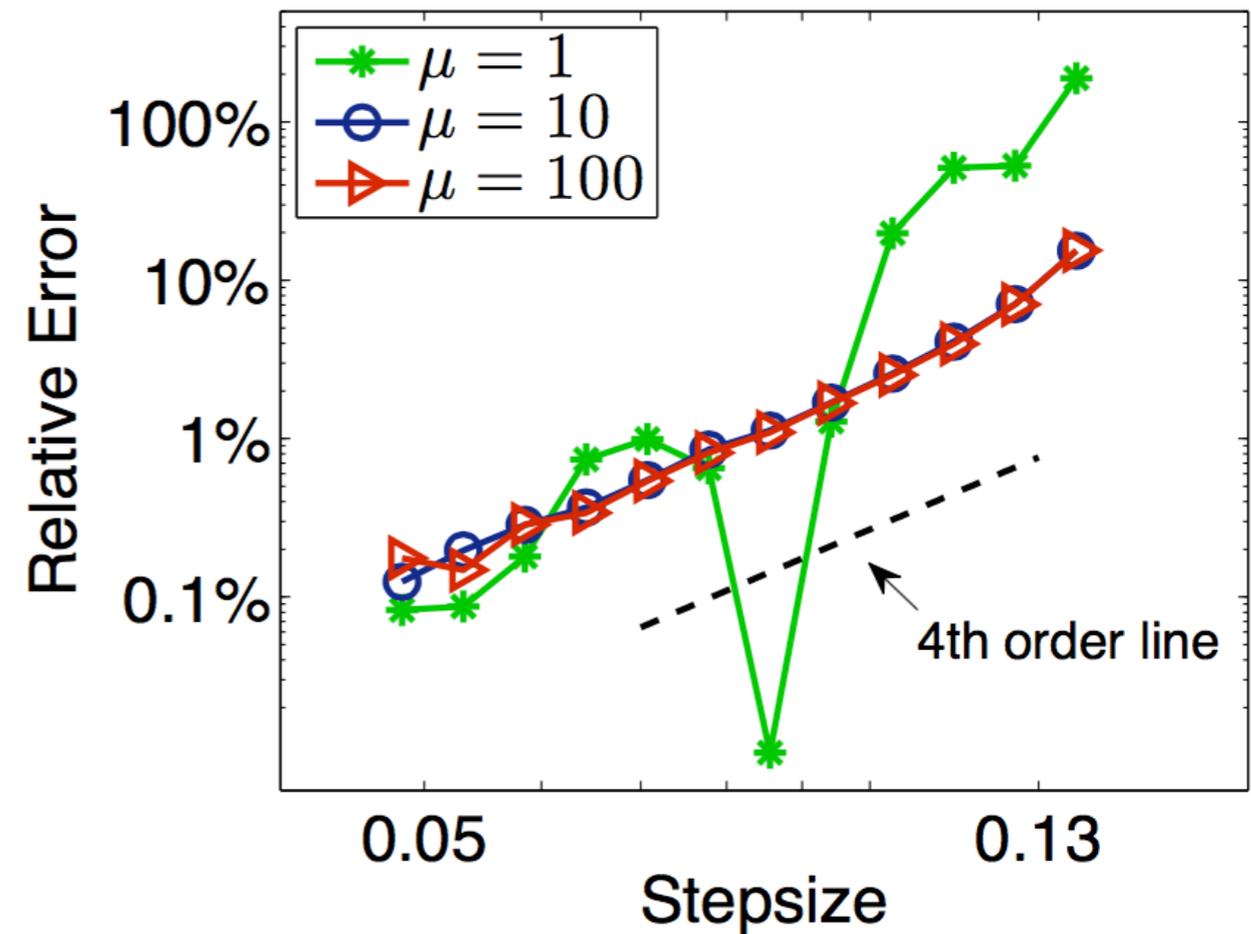
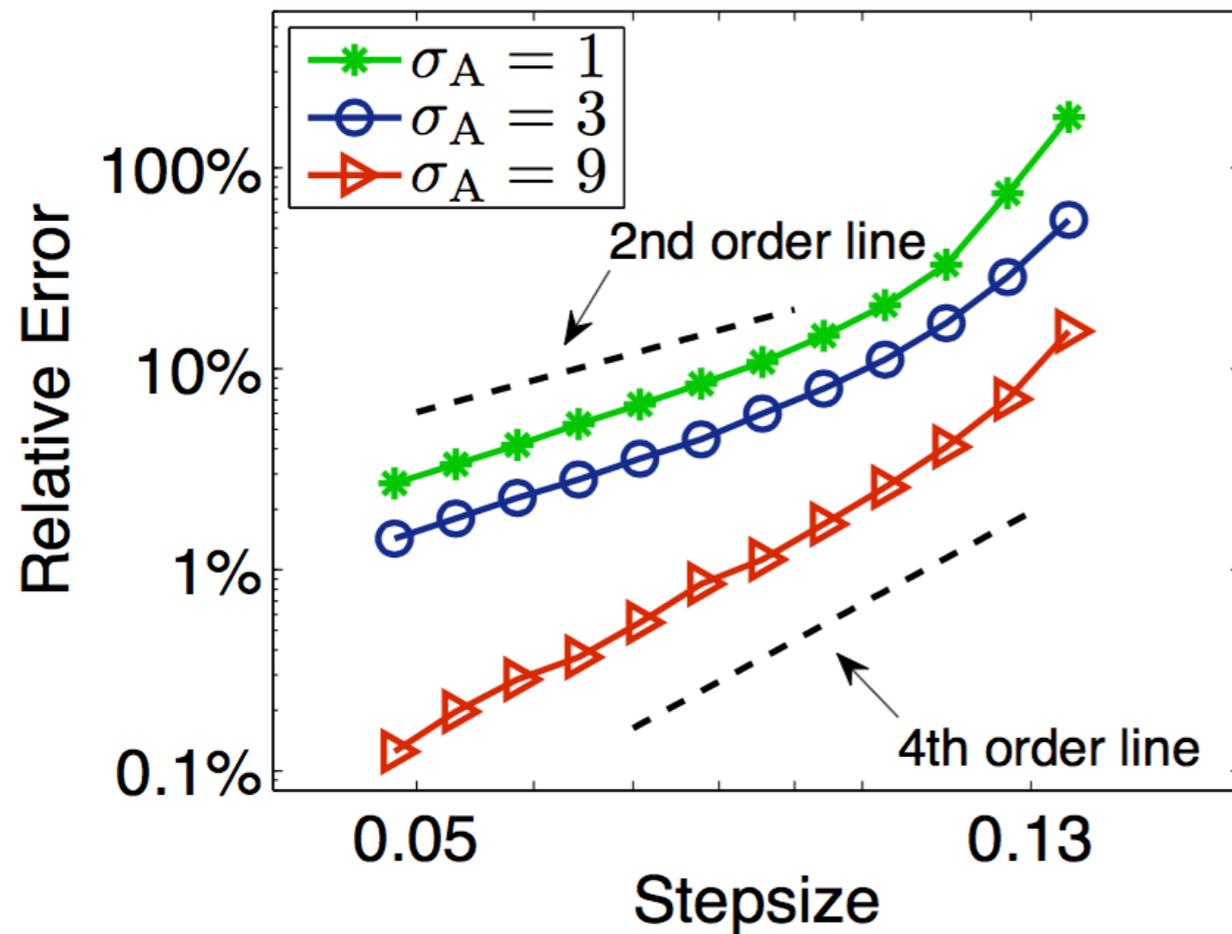
# Superconvergence

BAOAB, in the high friction limit, gives a superconvergence property for configurational quantities.

By taking large  $\gamma \propto \sigma_A^2$  and  $\mu \propto \sigma_A^2$  we can make BADODAB behave like BAOAB in the high friction limit after averaging over the auxiliary variable.

Effectively the extra driving noise implements a projection to the case of Langevin dynamics, **but large driving noise also implies large friction so restricted phase space exploration** (even if better accuracy). So caution is needed...

# 500 Lennard-Jones Particle MD



- **Fourth order** convergence to the invariant measure
- Large **friction** ( $\hat{\gamma} \propto \sigma_A^2$ ) and **thermal mass** ( $\mu$ ) limits
- Only **one force calculation** required at each step

# Bayesian Learning Application

Find best choice of parameters  $q$  given observations  $X$

$$X = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N\}$$

Challenges: data set very large

Ex: Netflix: 480000 users, 17000 ratings  $\Rightarrow$  100M ratings!

Posterior probability density (from Bayes' Theorem):

$$p(q|X) \propto \exp(-U(q)), \quad U(q) = -\log p(X|q) - \log p(q)$$

*Data Scientist Thomas Bayes, U of Edinburgh, Class of 1721*

Use Maximum Likelihood Estimate/"Subsampling":

$$\log p(X|q) \approx \frac{N}{\tilde{N}} \sum_{i=1}^{\tilde{N}} \log p(x_i|q) \quad \tilde{N} \ll N$$



# Bayesian Logistic Regression

$$\pi(y_i | \mathbf{x}_i, \boldsymbol{\beta}) = f(y_i \boldsymbol{\beta}^T \mathbf{x}_i) \quad f: \text{logistic function}$$

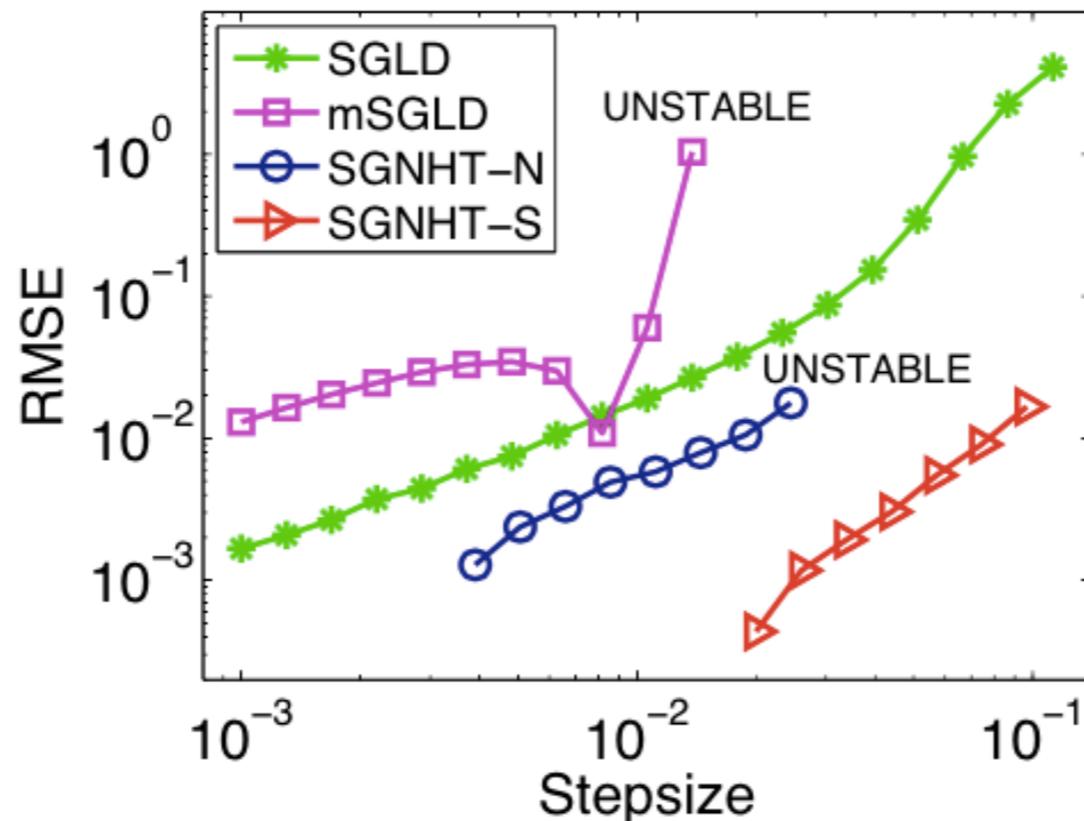
covariates e.g. age, income, ...

data e.g. voting intention

posterior parameter distribution

$$\pi(\boldsymbol{\beta}) \propto \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} \|\boldsymbol{\beta}\|^2\right) \prod_{i=1}^N f(y_i \boldsymbol{\beta}^T \mathbf{x}_i)$$

Gaussian prior

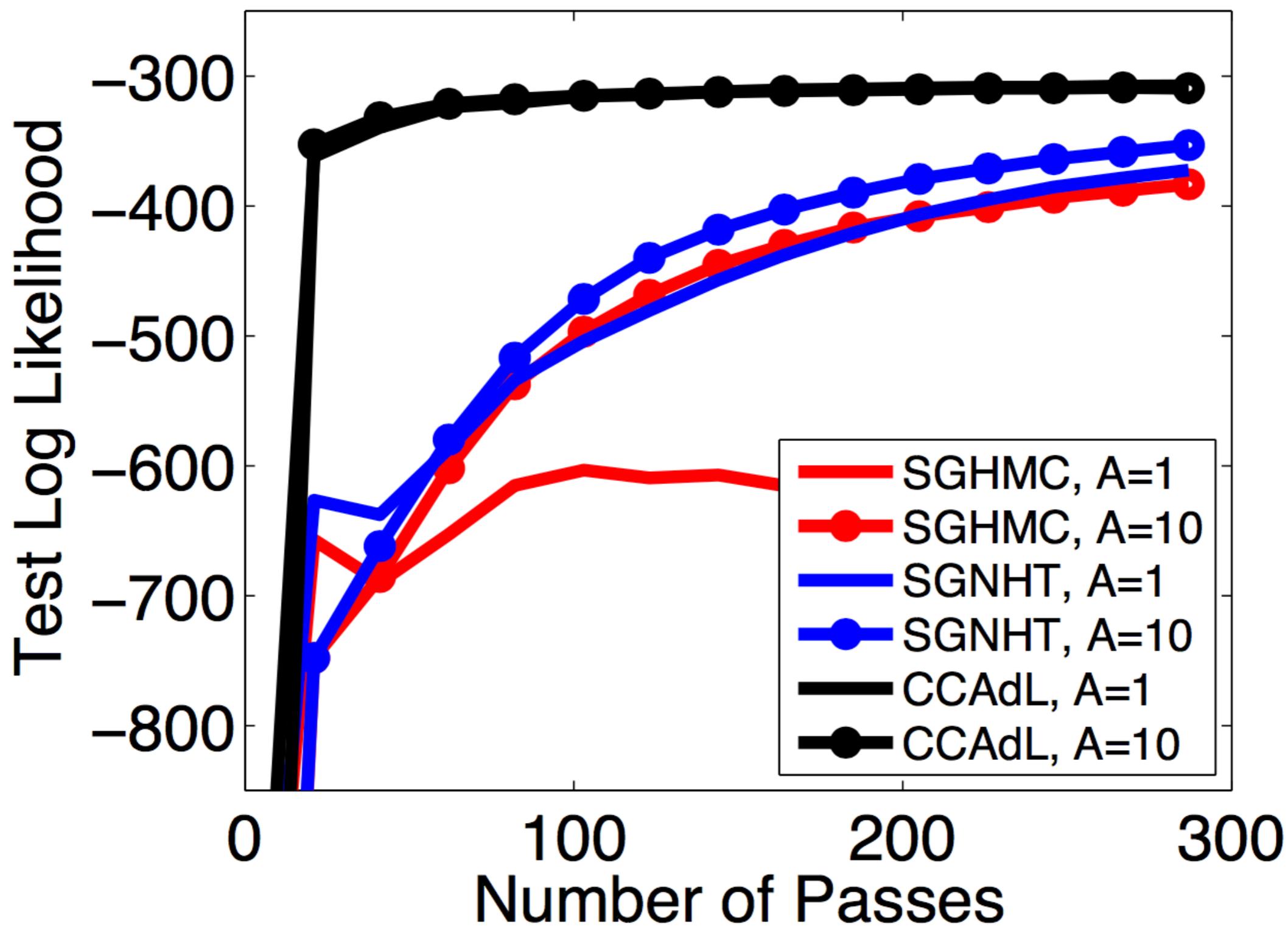


# Covariance-Controlled Adaptive Langevin Dynamics

If we assume that we can obtain a covariance estimator then we can use this to enhance the accuracy of the SDEs.

**CCAdL=**

“Covariance Controlled Adaptive Langevin Dynamics” incorporates such a correction term together with an adaptive Langevin thermostat...



Binary classification of handwritten digits 7 and 9.

# Conclusions

There are many open and interesting challenges in data-centric scientific simulation.

Much of the interest lies in the interfaces between scale regimes and in incorporating data from experiment and observation

Sometimes, methods developed for solving large scale physical applications can find new uses in the world of big data analytics.