

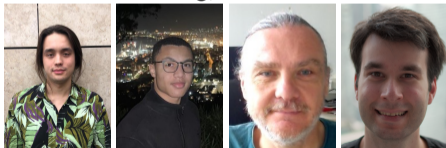


# Parallel Tempered Metadynamics

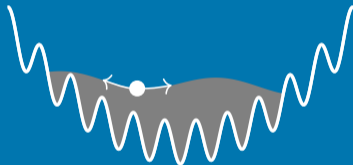
Slowing Down Critical Slowing Down

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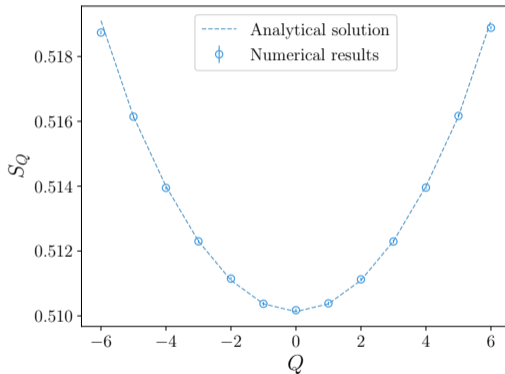
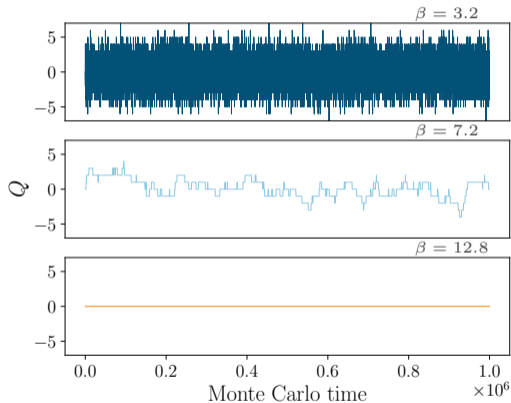
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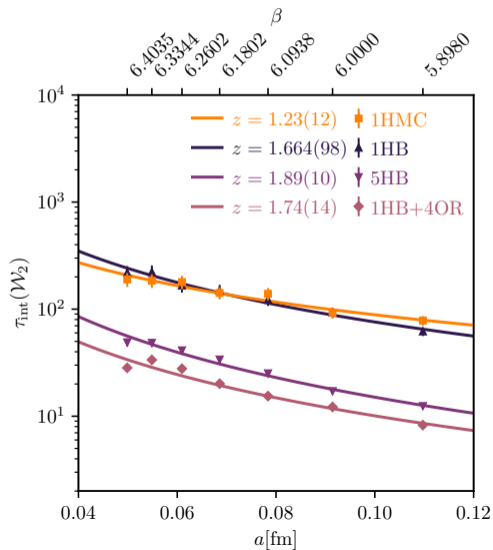
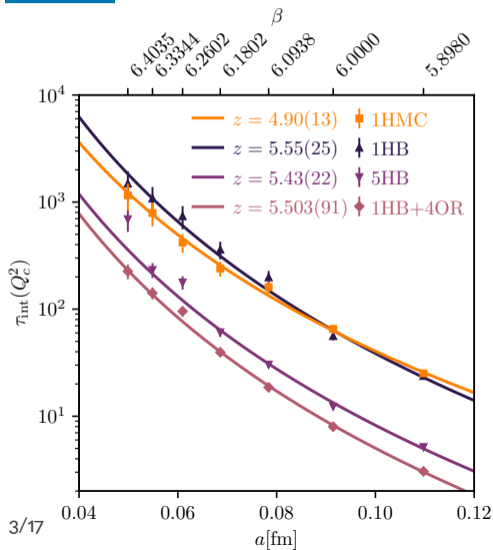
# Topological freezing - 2D U(1)



**Slow topological modes couple to other non-topological observables**  
Correlation between topological charge and gauge action



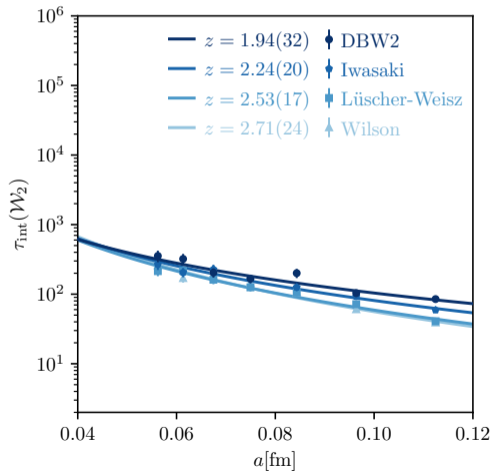
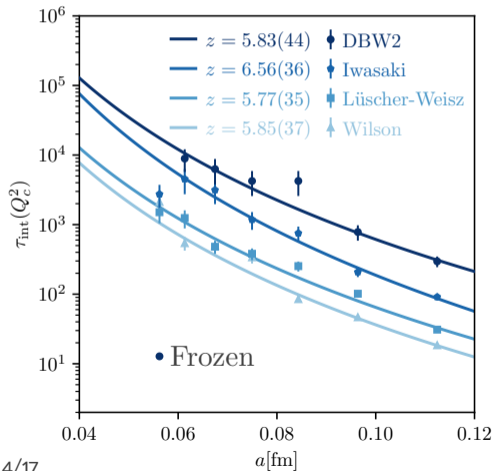
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# Topological freezing - 4D SU(3) with different actions

Similar scaling for different actions/“surprisingly universal” behaviour







## Possible approaches to the problem

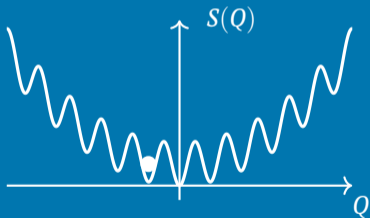
- Fixed topology simulations
- Master field simulations
- Modified boundary conditions
  - Open boundaries, P-periodic
  - Parallel tempering in boundary conditions
- Trivializing maps
- Machine learning
- Multiscale thermalization
- Instanton updates
- **Metadynamics**
- ...



# Metadynamics: Remove barriers between sectors

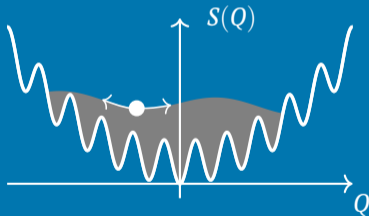
## General idea

Original action landscape



Stuck in sector (here  $Q = -1$ )

Modified action landscape



Able to move between sectors



# Metadynamics

- In context of lattice gauge theory first proposed for  $CP^{N-1}$  models in [\[1508.07270\]](#)
- Add (time-dependent) bias potential  $V_t(s)$  to action
- Depends on collective variables (CVs)  $s$ 
  - Here clover-based topological charge
  - $n = 4-10$  stout smearing steps with  $\rho = 0.12$
  - ⇒ Staple becomes less local, so use HMC
  - ⇒ Stout force recursion (as with smeared fermions)

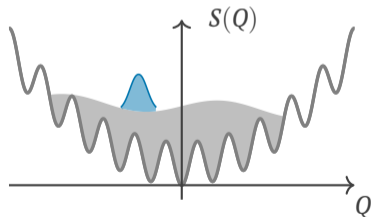
$$F = \frac{\partial V}{\partial Q_{\text{meta}}} \frac{\partial Q_{\text{meta}}}{\partial U^{(n)}} \frac{\partial U^{(n)}}{\partial U}$$

- Converges towards negative free energy  $\pm \text{const.}$   
⇒ Marginal distribution of CVs becomes flat
- **Reweighting necessary**

## Construct from Gaussians

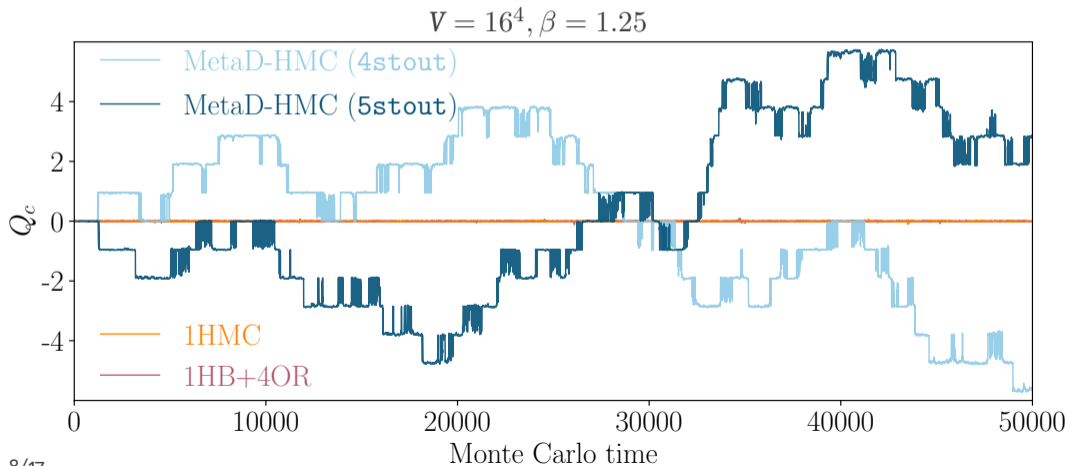
$$V_t(Q) = \sum_{t' \geq t} g(Q - Q(t'))$$

$$g(Q) = w \exp(-Q^2/(2\delta Q^2))$$





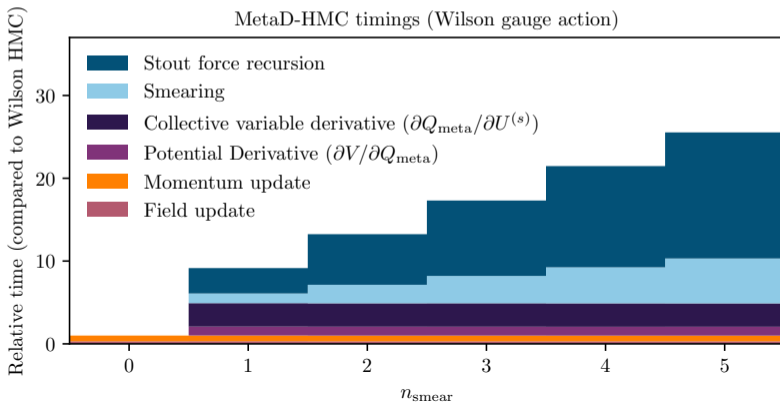
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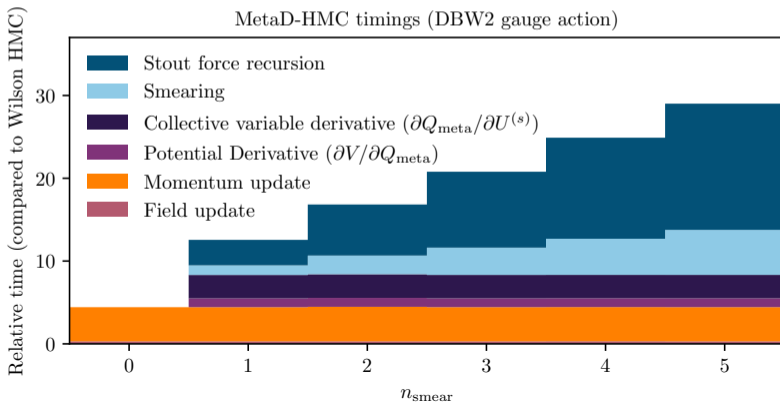
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# Metadynamics - Reweighting efficiency

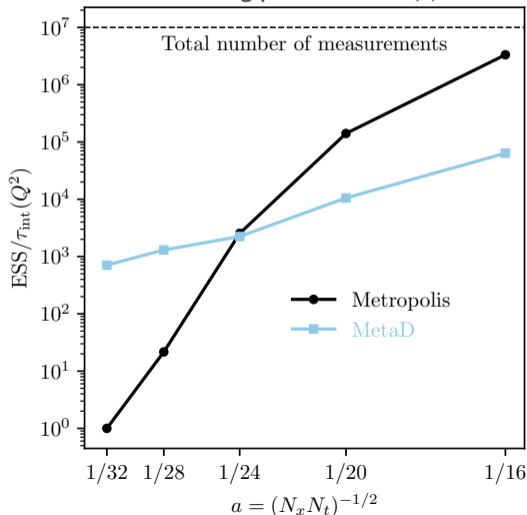
## Efficiency of reweighting?

- Effective sample size

$$\text{ESS} = \frac{\left(\sum_i w_i\right)^2}{\sum_i w_i^2}$$

- Reweighting significantly reduces ESS down to  $\mathcal{O}(10\%)$
- Two causes:
  - Oversampling of sectors with large  $|Q|$   
 $\Rightarrow$  **Modify bias potential**
  - Oversampling of configurations between sectors  
 $\Rightarrow$  **Combine with parallel tempering (PT-MetaD)**

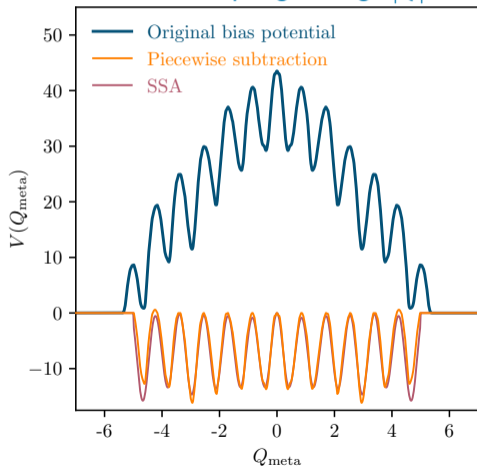
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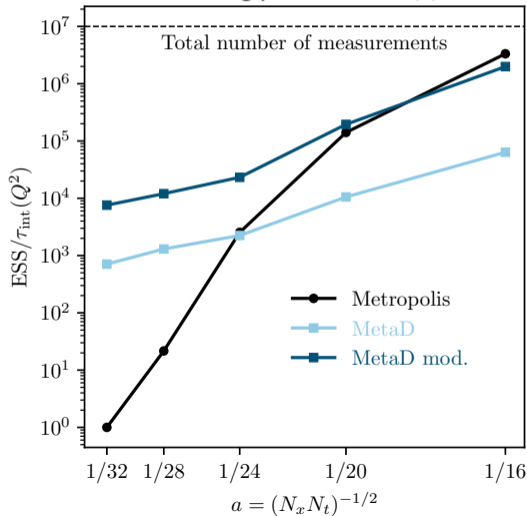


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# Parallel Tempered Metadynamics (PT-MetaD)

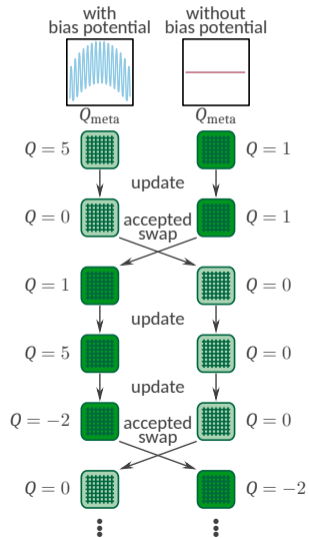
## Address oversampling of configurations between sectors

- Two streams (inspired by [1706.04443]):
  - Stream 1 with bias potential  $\Rightarrow$  tunneling
  - Stream 2 without bias potential  $\Rightarrow$  measurements (no reweighting)
- Propose swaps like in standard parallel tempering
- Swaps **only depend on bias potential!**

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta S_t^M &= [S_t^M(U_1) + S(U_2)] - [S_t^M(U_2) + S(U_1)] \\ &= V_t(Q_{\text{meta},1}) - V_t(Q_{\text{meta},2}) \end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow$  Fermions pose no additional difficulty

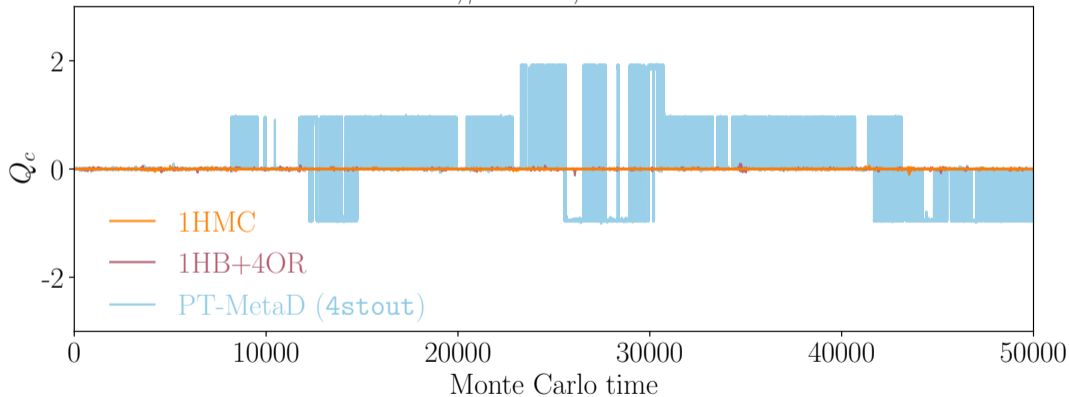
- Monitor  $\tau_{\text{int}}$  of observables defined on product space





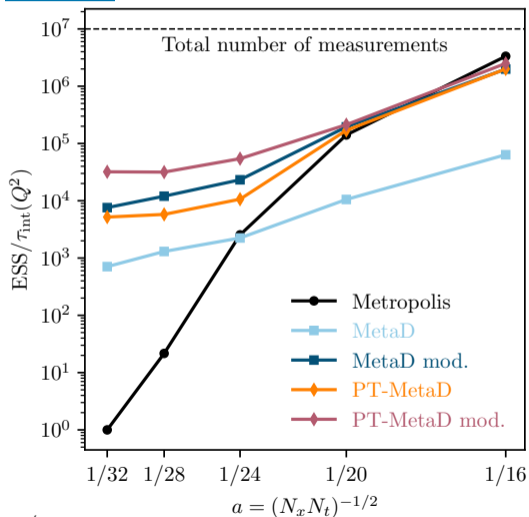
## PT-MetaD - 4D SU(3)

$V = 16^4, \beta = 1.25$ , DBW2 action





## Scaling of PT-MetaD in 2D U(1)

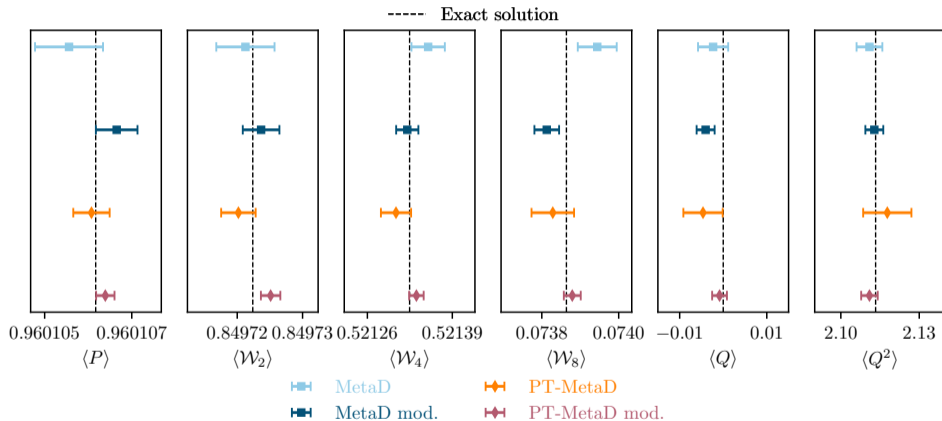


### Putting everything together

- Almost 5 order of magnitude improvement for finest lattice spacing
- Standard MetaD can be improved in various ways
- Scaling of all (PT-)MetaD variations much milder compared to conventional algorithms



## Scaling of PT-MetaD in 2D U(1)



- Topological sampling as good as MetaD
- Non-topological sampling improved





## Extension to QCD

- No conceptual difficulties
- In some ways better suited to QCD simulations than pure gauge
  - HMC already required
  - (Stout) smearing often used for fermions
  - ⇒ Potentially no overhead from (stout) force recursion
- Buildup of potential may take too long
  - ⇒ Accelerate buildup
    - Multiple walkers MetaD [Raiteri' 06]
    - Well-tempered MetaD [Barducci' 08]
  - ⇒ Start with prior knowledge  
(guess potential, use smaller volumes)
  - ⇒ Parametric potential
  - ⇒ More on that in the next talk



## Summary

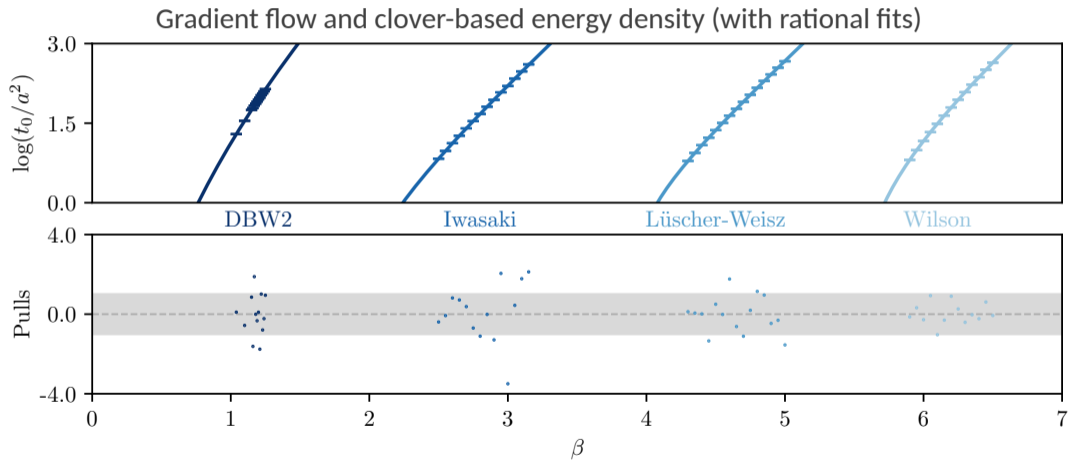
- PT-MetaD + modified bias potential
  - At least as efficient in reducing autocorrelation times as standard MetaD
  - No reweighting required  $\Rightarrow$  No reduction of effective sample size
  - Improved scaling
    - With lattice spacing (from  $z \sim 5$  to possibly  $z \sim 2$ ?)
    - With volume (compared to standard parallel tempering in  $\beta$ )
- Extension to full QCD: See next talk by [Gianluca Fuwa](#)
- Open questions:
  - Extension to simulations with dynamical fermions (scaling?)
  - Can the buildup of the potential be accelerated or entirely avoided?
  - Synergy with other approaches
- Pure gauge code:  [\[Lettuce\]](#) (currently undergoing rewrite)
- Dynamical code:  [\[MetaQCD.jl\]](#) (still being developed)



# Backup



## Scale setting





## Scale setting - Fit parameters

- Rational fit ansatz with 3 and four parameters

$$\ln(* / a^2) = \frac{8\pi^2}{33} \beta \frac{1 + d_1/\beta + d_2/\beta^2}{1 + d_3/\beta}$$

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where \* is either  $t_0$  or  $w_0^2$

- Setup same as in [2307.04742], only difference between runs:
  - DBW2 action: Use RK3 integrator (from [1006.4518])
  - Other actions: Use RK3W7 integrator (from [2101.05320])
- Results should not be interpreted as an attempt at precise scale setting due to
  - Relatively small volumes ( $48 \times 32^3$ )
  - Large autocorrelations for Iwasaki and DBW2 actions (only few tunneling events for finest lattice)



## Scale setting - Fit parameters

Action	Definition	$\chi^2/\text{d.o.f.}$	AIC	BIC	$d_1$	$d_2$	$d_3$	$d_4$
Wilson	$t_{0,\text{plaq}}$	0.4040	-9.1934	-7.4985	-10.6943	28.4179	-5.4472	-
		0.3934	-8.9091	-6.6493	-10.7799	28.9095	-5.6475	0.9154
	$t_{0,\text{clov}}$	<b>0.3701</b>	<b>-10.3339</b>	<b>-8.6390</b>	<b>-10.5983</b>	<b>27.9044</b>	<b>-5.3532</b>	-
		0.4033	-8.5851	-6.3253	-10.6504	28.2014	-5.4607	0.4509
	$w_{0,\text{plaq}}$	0.5524	-5.1255	-3.4307	-10.5471	27.6060	-5.3367	-
		0.5857	-3.7355	-1.4757	-10.6810	28.3705	-5.6140	1.1800
	$w_{0,\text{clov}}$	0.5417	-5.3796	-3.6848	-10.5483	27.6182	-5.3341	-
		0.5633	-4.2417	-1.9819	-10.7023	28.4958	-5.6505	1.3363



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Lüscher-Weisz	$t_{0,\text{plaq}}$	1.0344	3.1601	5.2842	-7.6495	14.5316	-3.8449	-
		0.9789	3.0282	5.8604	-7.4807	13.8374	-3.5555	-0.7666
	$t_{0,\text{clov}}$	<b>0.9815</b>	<b>2.3723</b>	<b>4.4965</b>	<b>-7.5710</b>	<b>14.2438</b>	<b>-3.7571</b>	-
		0.9418	2.4476	5.2798	-7.2601	12.9838	-3.2940	-0.9920
	$w_{0,\text{plaq}}$	1.1786	5.1181	7.2423	-7.5313	14.0723	-3.7481	-
		1.2103	6.2105	9.0427	-7.2295	12.8438	-3.2836	-1.0750
	$w_{0,\text{clov}}$	1.1485	4.7296	6.8537	-7.5347	14.0911	-3.7475	-
		1.1911	5.9714	8.8036	-7.2632	12.9885	-3.3346	-0.9335



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Iwasaki	$t_{0,\text{plaq}}$	2.5849	15.9191	17.8363	-3.7990	3.4459	-1.8512	-
		2.3742	15.3946	17.9509	-4.2711	4.5271	-2.4362	0.6535
	$t_{0,\text{clov}}$	<b>2.6527</b>	<b>16.2816</b>	<b>18.1988</b>	<b>-3.5912</b>	<b>3.0251</b>	<b>-1.6435</b>	-
		2.4833	16.0236	18.5798	-4.3548	4.7300	-2.5136	0.7051
	$w_{0,\text{plaq}}$	2.3712	14.7111	16.6283	-3.6807	3.2020	-1.7553	-
		2.3945	15.5137	18.0699	-4.2616	4.5144	-2.4463	0.6869
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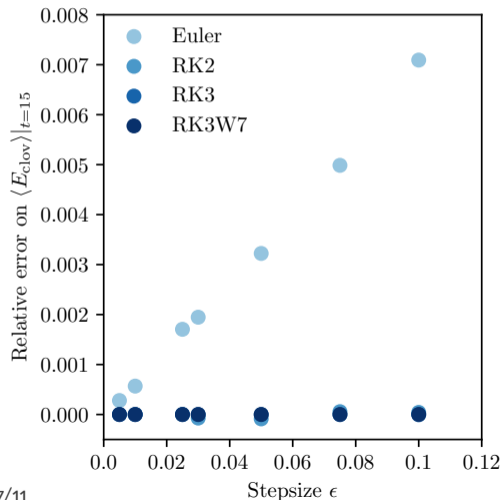
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DBW2	$t_{0,\text{plaq}}$	1.2491	5.4809	7.1757	0.5953	-1.1083	0.1059	-
		1.3841	7.4450	9.7048	-0.3606	-0.3352	-0.6167	0.3067
	$t_{0,\text{clov}}$	<b>1.3058</b>	<b>6.0581</b>	<b>7.7530</b>	<b>1.0351</b>	<b>-1.3763</b>	<b>0.4058</b>	-
		1.4430	7.9867	10.2465	-0.5080	-0.1750	-0.7426	0.4182
	$w_{0,\text{plaq}}$	1.3569	6.5568	8.2516	0.8566	-1.2825	0.2488	-
		1.5076	8.5565	10.8163	0.6397	-1.1098	0.0882	0.0641
	$w_{0,\text{clov}}$	1.3615	6.6006	8.2954	0.9223	-1.3198	0.2951	-
		1.5127	8.6000	10.8598	1.3160	-1.6310	0.5862	-0.1135

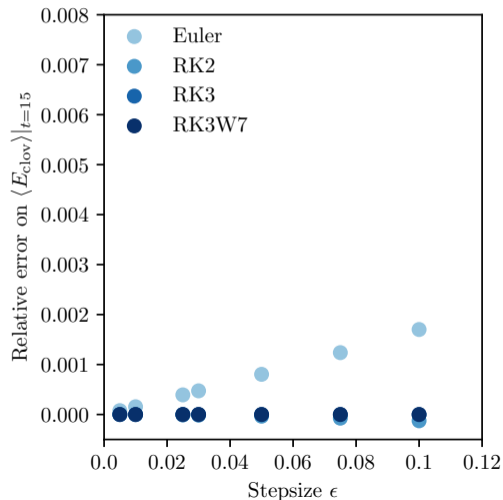


## Scale setting - Integrator accuracy and scaling

Wilson  $\beta = 5.9$

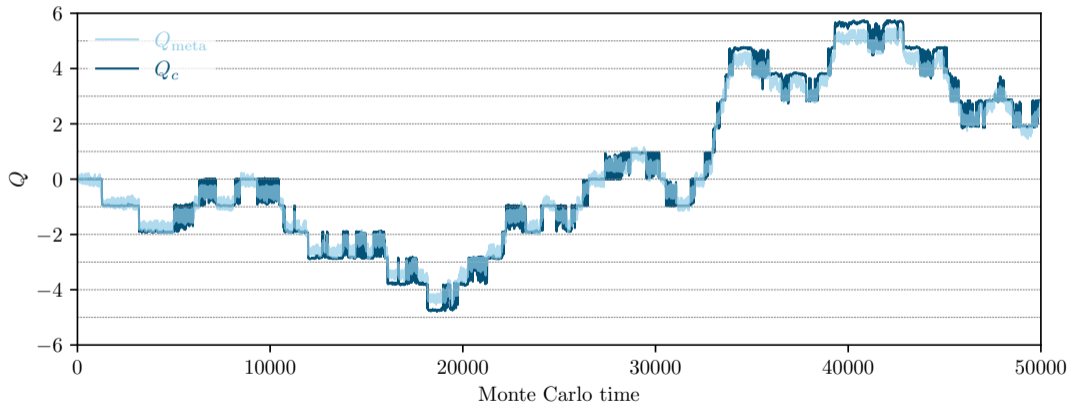


Wilson  $\beta = 6.5$





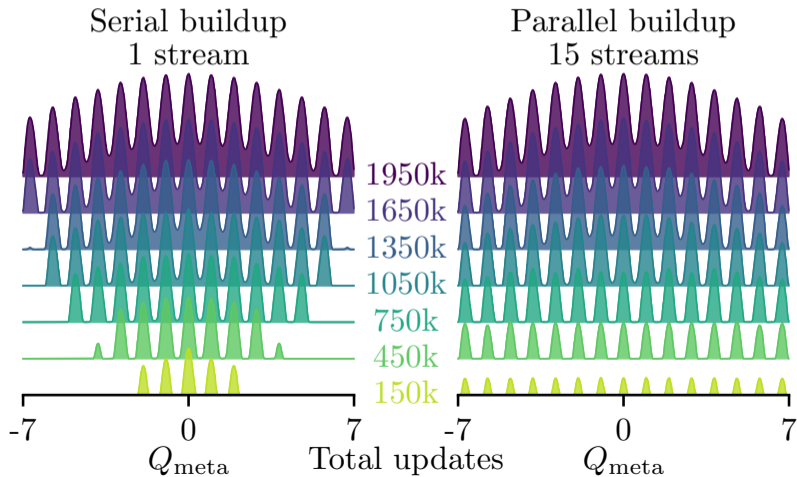
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# Multiple walkers Metadynamics

[Raiteri' 06]







# Well-tempered Metadynamics

[Barducci' 08]

- Standard Metadynamics

$$V_{t+1}(Q) = V_t(Q) + w \exp\left(-\frac{(Q_t - Q)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right)$$

- Well-tempered Metadynamics

$$V_{t+1}(Q) = V_t(Q) + \exp\left(-\frac{V_t(Q)}{\Delta T}\right) w \exp\left(-\frac{(Q_t - Q)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right)$$

Tunable parameter  $\Delta T$ :

- $\Delta T \rightarrow 0$ : No Metadynamics
- $\Delta T \rightarrow \infty$ : Standard Metadynamics



## Detailed timeseries of PT-MetaD in 4D SU(3)

