A Computational Viewpoint on Classical Density Functional Theory

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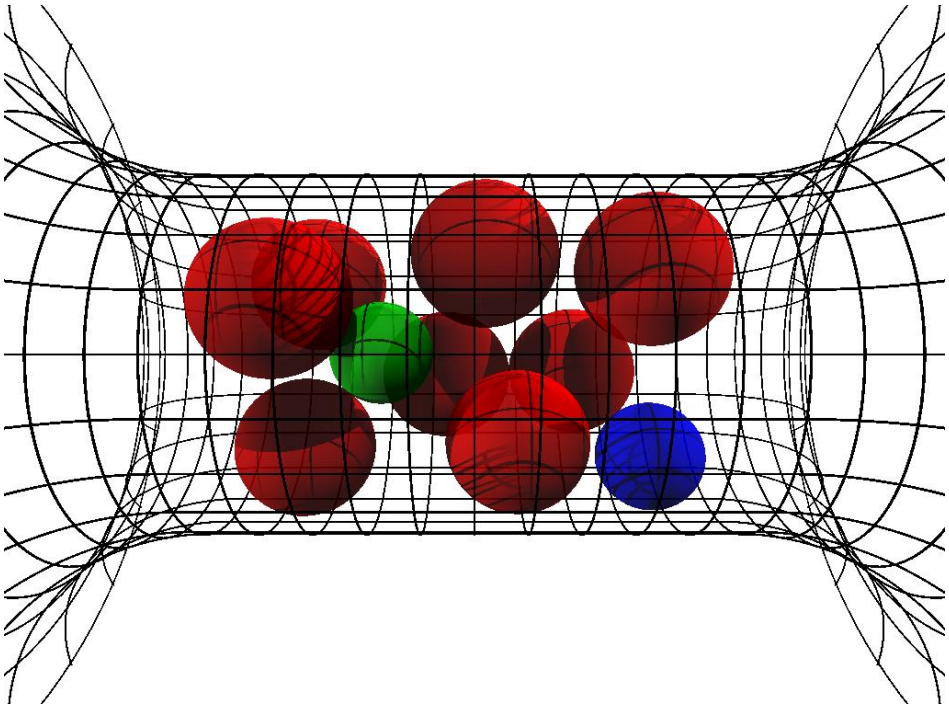
3 Verification

What is CDFT?

A fast, accurate theoretical tool to understand the fundamental physics of inhomogeneous fluids



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For concentration $\rho_i(\vec{x})$ of species i, solve

$$\min_{\rho_i(\vec{x})} \Omega[\{\rho_i(\vec{x})\}]$$

where Ω is the free energy.

What is CDFT?

For concentration $\rho_i(\vec{x})$ of species i, solve

$$\frac{\delta\Omega}{\delta\rho_i(\vec{x})} = 0$$

which are the Euler-Lagrange equations.

What is CDFT?

DFT

- Computes ensemble-averaged quantities directly
- Can have physical resolution in time (μs) and space (Å)
- Requires an accurate Ω
- Requires sophisticated solver technology
- Can predict experimental results!

For example,

D. Gillespie, L. Xu, Y. Wang, and G. Meissner,
J. Phys. Chem. B 109, 15598, 2005

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Equilibrium

$$\rho_i(\vec{x}) = \exp\left(\frac{\mu_i^{\text{bath}} - \mu_i^{\text{ext}}(\vec{x}) - \mu_i^{\text{ex}}(\vec{x})}{kT}\right)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}\mu_i^{\text{ex}}(\vec{x}) &= \mu_i^{\text{HS}}(\vec{x}) + \mu_i^{\text{ES}}(\vec{x}) \\ &= \mu_i^{\text{HS}}(\vec{x}) + \mu_i^{\text{SC}}(\vec{x}) + z_i e\phi(\vec{x})\end{aligned}$$

and

$$-\epsilon\Delta\phi(\vec{x}) = e\sum_i \rho_i(\vec{x})$$

Details

The theory and implementation are detailed in

Knepley, Karpeev, Davidovits, Eisenberg, Gillespie,
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Hard Spheres (Rosenfeld)

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where

$$\Phi^{\mathrm{HS}}(n_\alpha(\vec{x}')) = -n_0 \ln(1 - n_3) + \frac{n_1 n_2 - \vec{n}_{V1} \cdot \vec{n}_{V2}}{1 - n_3} + \frac{n_2^3}{24\pi(1 - n_3)^2}\left(1 - \frac{\vec{n}_{V2} \cdot \vec{n}_{V2}}{n_2^2}\right)^3$$

Hard Sphere Basis

$$n_\alpha(\vec{x}) = \sum_i \int \rho_i(\vec{x}')\omega_i^\alpha(\vec{x} - \vec{x}')\, d^3x'$$

where

$$\omega_i^0(\vec{r}) = \frac{\omega_i^2(\vec{r})}{4\pi R_i^2} \qquad \omega_i^1(\vec{r}) = \frac{\omega_i^2(\vec{r})}{4\pi R_i}$$

$$\omega_i^2(\vec{r}) = \delta(|\vec{r}| - R_i) \qquad \omega_i^3(\vec{r}) = \theta(|\vec{r}| - R_i)$$

$$\vec{\omega}_i^{V1}(\vec{r}) = \frac{\vec{\omega}_i^{V2}(\vec{r})}{4\pi R_i} \qquad \vec{\omega}_i^{V2}(\vec{r}) = \frac{\vec{r}}{|\vec{r}|}\delta(|\vec{r}| - R_i)$$

Hard Sphere Basis

All n_α integrals may be cast as convolutions:

$$\begin{aligned} n_\alpha(\vec{x}) &= \sum_i \int \rho_i(\vec{x}')\omega_i^\alpha(\vec{x}' - \vec{x})d^3x' \\ &= \sum_i \mathcal{F}^{-1}\left(\mathcal{F}\left(\rho_i\right) \cdot \mathcal{F}\left(\omega_i^\alpha\right)\right) \\ &= \sum_i \mathcal{F}^{-1}\left(\hat{\rho}_i \cdot \hat{\omega_i^\alpha}\right) \end{aligned}$$

and similarly

$$\mu_i^{\mathrm{HS}}(\vec{x}) = kT \sum_\alpha \mathcal{F}^{-1}\left(\frac{\partial \hat{\Phi}^{\mathrm{HS}}}{\partial n_\alpha} \cdot \hat{\omega_i^\alpha}\right)$$

Hard Sphere Basis
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$$\hat{\omega}_i^2(\vec{k}) = \frac{4\pi R_i \sin(R_i|\vec{k}|)}{|\vec{k}|} \qquad \hat{\omega}_i^3(\vec{k}) = \frac{4\pi}{|\vec{k}|^3}\left(\sin(R_i|\vec{k}|) - R_i|\vec{k}|\cos(R_i|\vec{k}|)\right)$$

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Hard Sphere Basis
Numerical Stability

Recall that

$$\Phi^{\mathrm{HS}}(n_\alpha(\vec{x}')) = \ldots + \frac{n_2^3}{24\pi(1-n_3)^2}\left(1 - \frac{\vec{n}_{V2}\cdot\vec{n}_{V2}}{n_2^2}\right)^3$$

and note that we have analytically

$$\frac{\left|n^{V2}(x)\right|^2}{\left|n^2(x)\right|^2} \leq 1.$$

However, discretization errors in ρ_i near sharp geometric features can produce large values for this term, which prevent convergence of the nonlinear solver. Thus we explicitly enforce this bound.

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Bulk Fluid (BF) Electrostatics

$$\mu_i^{\mathrm{SC}} = \mu_i^{\mathrm{ES},bath} - \sum_j \int_{|\vec{x}-\vec{x}'|\leq R_{ij}} \left(c_{ij}^{(2)}(\vec{x},\vec{x}') + \psi_{ij}(\vec{x},\vec{x}') \right) \Delta\rho_j(\vec{x}')\, d^3x'$$

Using $\lambda_k = R_k + \frac{1}{2\Gamma}$, where Γ is the MSA screening parameter, we have

$$c_{ij}^{(2)}\left(\vec{x},\vec{x}'\right) + \psi_{ij}\left(\vec{x},\vec{x}'\right) = \frac{z_i z_j e^2}{8\pi\epsilon} \left(\frac{|\vec{x}-\vec{x}'|}{2\lambda_i\lambda_j} - \frac{\lambda_i+\lambda_j}{\lambda_i\lambda_j} + \frac{1}{|\vec{x}-\vec{x}'|} \left(\frac{(\lambda_i-\lambda_j)^2}{2\lambda_i\lambda_j} + 2 \right) \right)$$

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It's a convolution too!

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$$\mathcal{F}\left(\Delta\rho_j\right) = \mathcal{F}\left(\rho_j - \rho_{\mathrm{bath}}\right) = \mathcal{F}\left(\rho_j\right) - \mathcal{F}\left(\rho_{\mathrm{bath}}\right)$$

- $\mathcal{F}\left(\rho_j\right)$ was already calculated
- $\mathcal{F}\left(\rho_{\mathrm{bath}}\right)$ is constant
- $\mathcal{F}\left(c_{ij}^{(2)}\left(\vec{x},\vec{x}'\right) + \psi_{ij}\left(\vec{x},\vec{x}'\right)\right)$ is constant

so we only calculate the inverse transform on each iteration.

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FFT is also inaccurate!

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$$\hat{c}_{ij}^{(2)} + \hat{\psi}_{ij} = \frac{z_i z_j e^2}{\epsilon|\vec{k}|} \left(\frac{1}{2\lambda_i\lambda_j} I_1 - \frac{\lambda_i+\lambda_j}{\lambda_i\lambda_j} I_0 + \left(\frac{(\lambda_i-\lambda_j)^2}{2\lambda_i\lambda_j} + 2 \right) I_{-1} \right)$$

where

$$I_{-1} = \frac{1}{|\vec{k}|}\left(1-\cos(|\vec{k}|R)\right)$$

$$I_0 = -\frac{R}{|\vec{k}|}\cos(|\vec{k}|R) + \frac{1}{|\vec{k}|^2}\sin(|\vec{k}|R)$$

$$I_1 = -\frac{R^2}{|\vec{k}|}\cos(|\vec{k}|R) + 2\frac{R}{|\vec{k}|^2}\sin(|\vec{k}|R) - \frac{2}{|\vec{k}|^3}\left(1-\cos(|\vec{k}|R)\right)$$

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Reference Fluid Density (RFD) Electrostatics

Expand around $\rho_i^{\text{ref}}\left(\vec{x}\right)$, an inhomogeneous reference density profile:

$$\mu_i^{SC}\left[\left\{\rho_k\left(\vec{y}\right)\right\}\right] \approx \mu_i^{SC}\left[\left\{\rho_k^{\text{ref}}\left(\vec{y}\right)\right\}\right] - kT\sum_i \int c_i^{(1)}\left[\left\{\rho_k^{\text{ref}}\left(\vec{y}\right)\right\};\vec{x}\right]\Delta\rho_i\left(\vec{x}\right)d^3x - \frac{kT}{2}\sum_{i,j}\iint c_{ij}^{(2)}\left[\left\{\rho_k^{\text{ref}}\left(\vec{y}\right)\right\};\vec{x},\vec{x}'\right]\Delta\rho_i\left(\vec{x}\right)\Delta\rho_j\left(\vec{x}'\right)d^3x\,d^3x'$$

with

$$\Delta\rho_i\left(\vec{x}\right) = \rho_i\left(\vec{x}\right) - \rho_i^{\text{ref}}\left(\vec{x}\right)$$

Reference Fluid Density (RFD) Electrostatics

$$\rho_i^{\text{ref}}\left[\left\{\rho_k\left(\vec{x}'\right)\right\};\vec{x}\right] = \frac{3}{4\pi R_{SC}^3\left(\vec{x}\right)}\int_{\left|\vec{x}'-\vec{x}\right|\leq R_{SC}\left(\vec{x}\right)} \alpha_i\left(\vec{x}'\right)\rho_i\left(\vec{x}'\right)d^3x'$$

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Consistency checks

- Check n_α of constant density against analytics
- Check that n_3 is the combined volume fraction
- Check that wall solution has only 1D variation

Sum Rule Verification

Hard Spheres

$$\beta P^{HS}_{\text{bath}} = \sum_i \rho_i(R_i)$$

where

$$P^{HS}_{\text{bath}} = \frac{6kT}{\pi}\left(\frac{\xi_0}{\Delta} + \frac{3\xi_1\xi_2}{\Delta^2} + \frac{3\xi_2^3}{\Delta^3}\right)$$

using auxiliary variables

$$\xi_n = \frac{\pi}{6}\sum_j \rho_j^{bath}\sigma_j^n \qquad n \in \{0, \ldots, 3\}$$

$$\Delta = 1 - \xi_3$$

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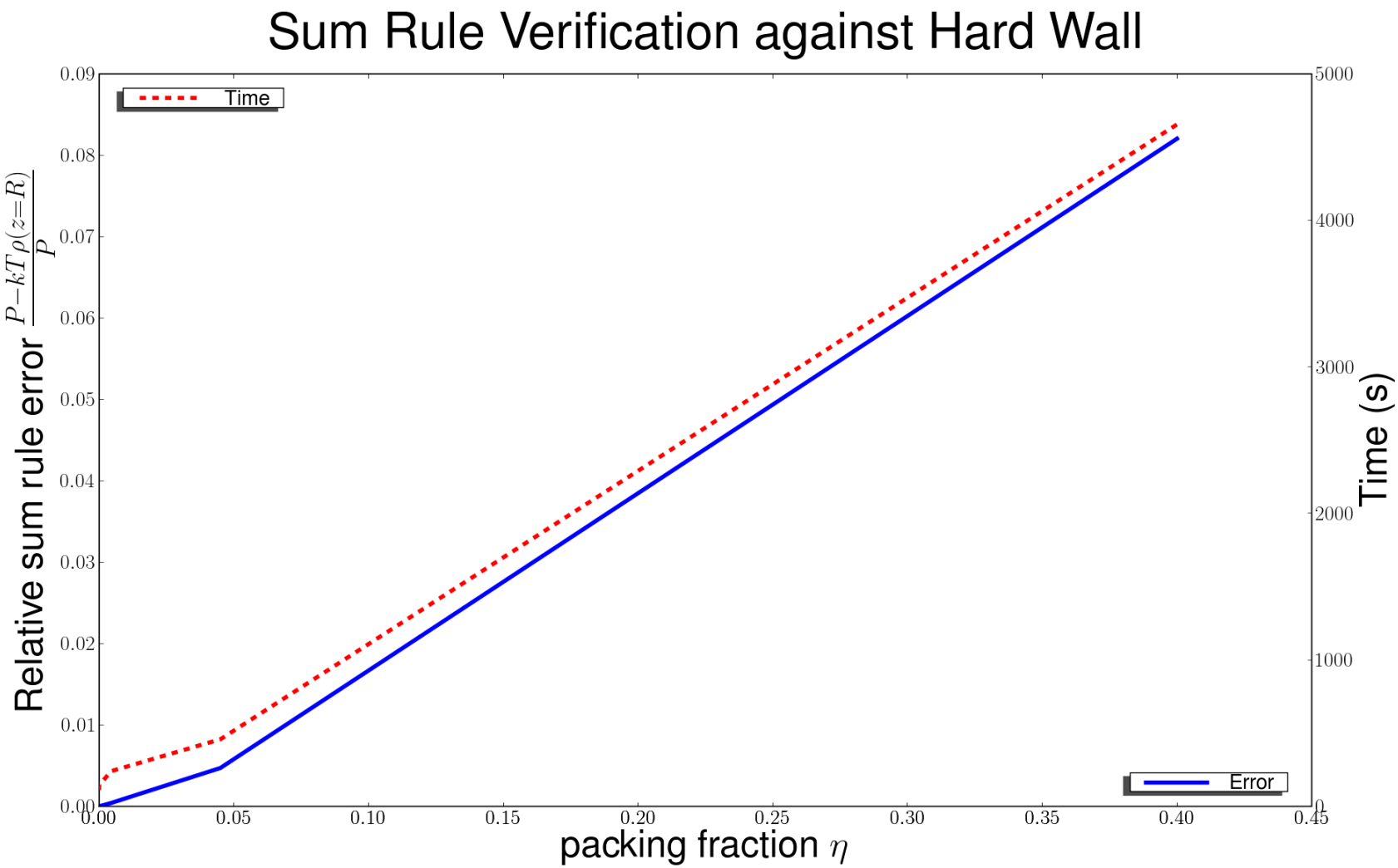
Relative accuracy and Simulation time for $R = 0.1\text{nm}$



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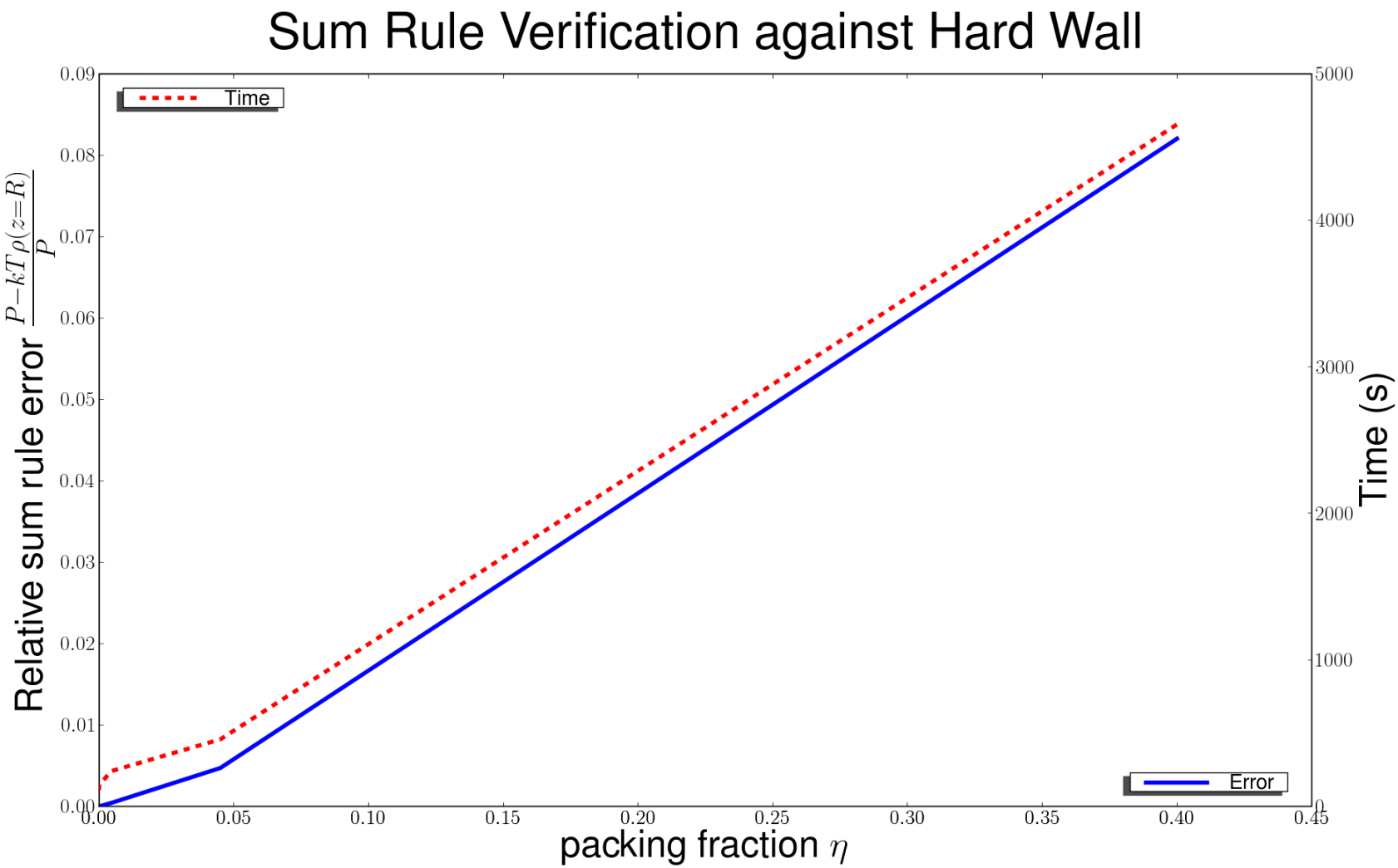
Volume fraction ranges from 10^{-5} to 0.4 (very difficult for MC/MD)



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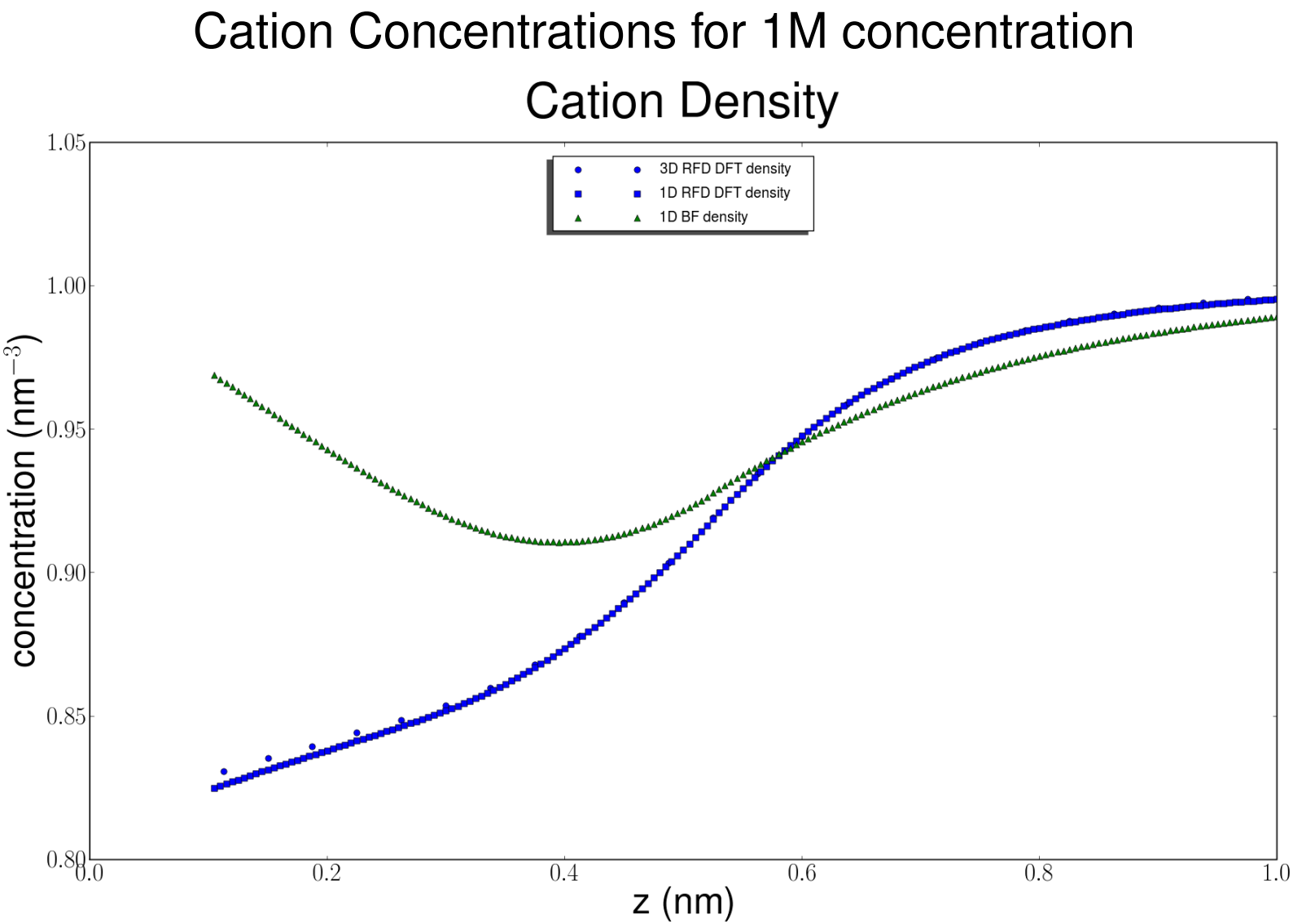

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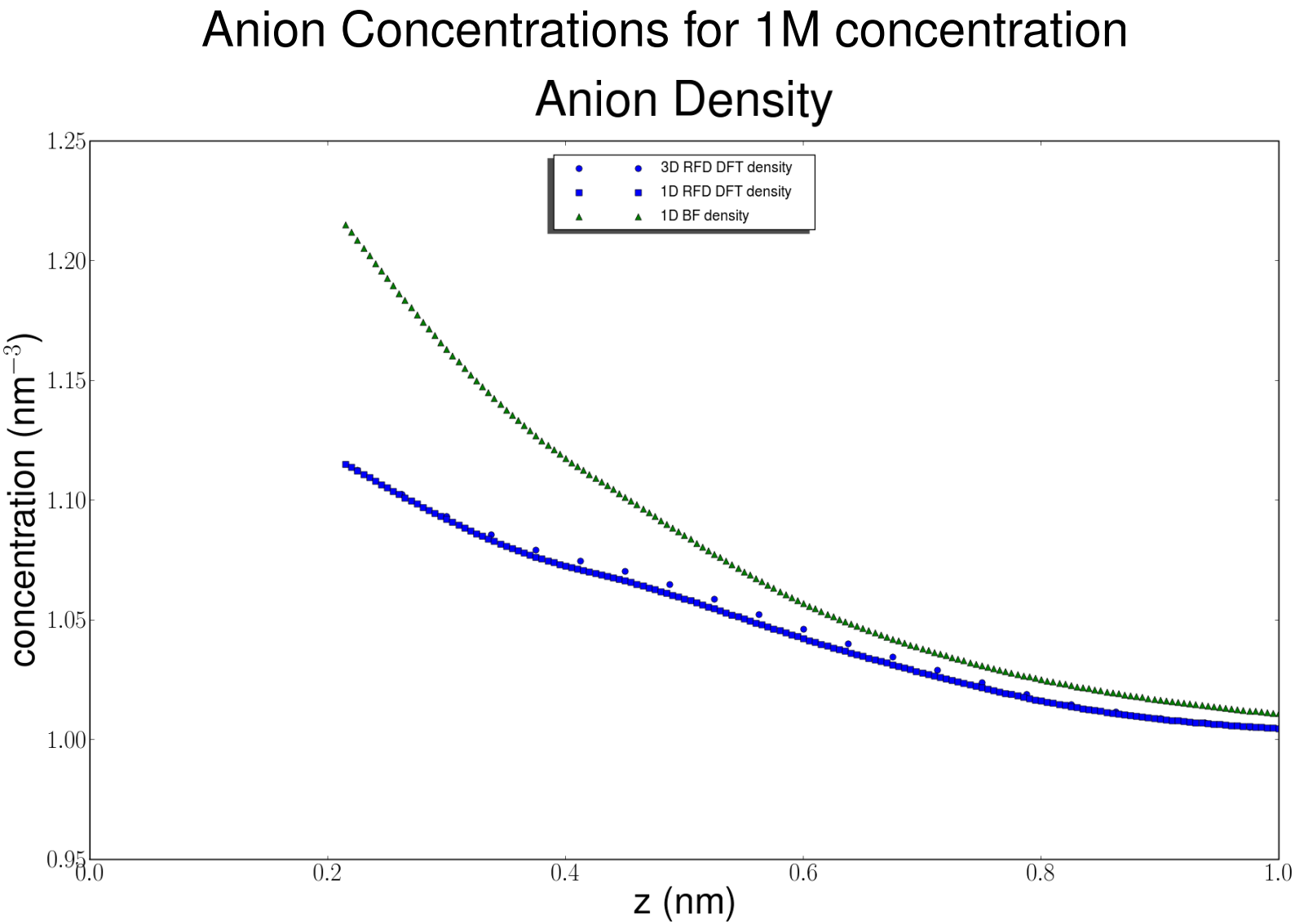

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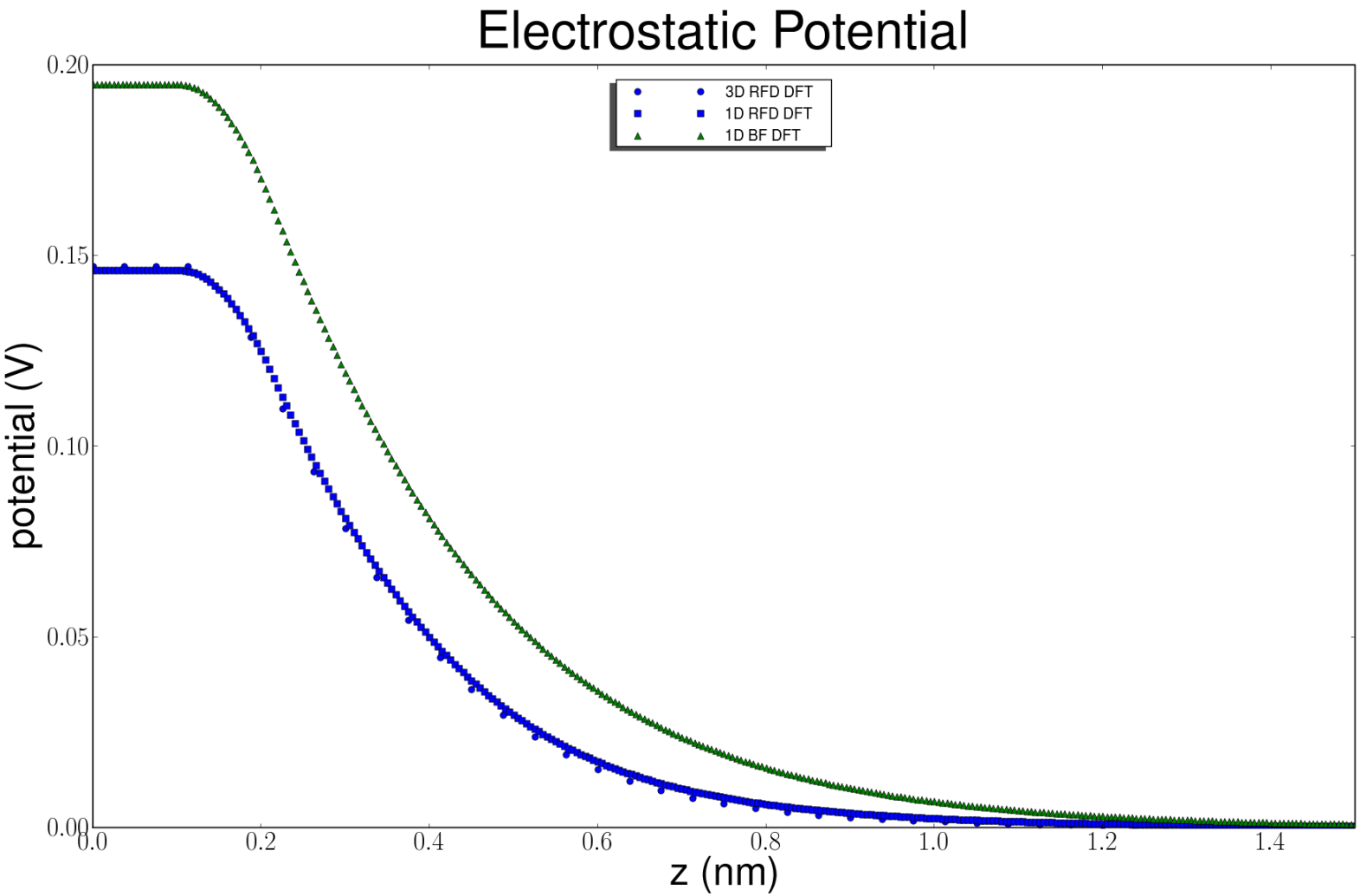
Mean Electrostatic Potential for 1M concentration



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These results were first reported in 1D in
Density functional theory of the electrical double layer: the RFD functional,
J. Phys.: Condens. Matter 17, 6609, 2005.

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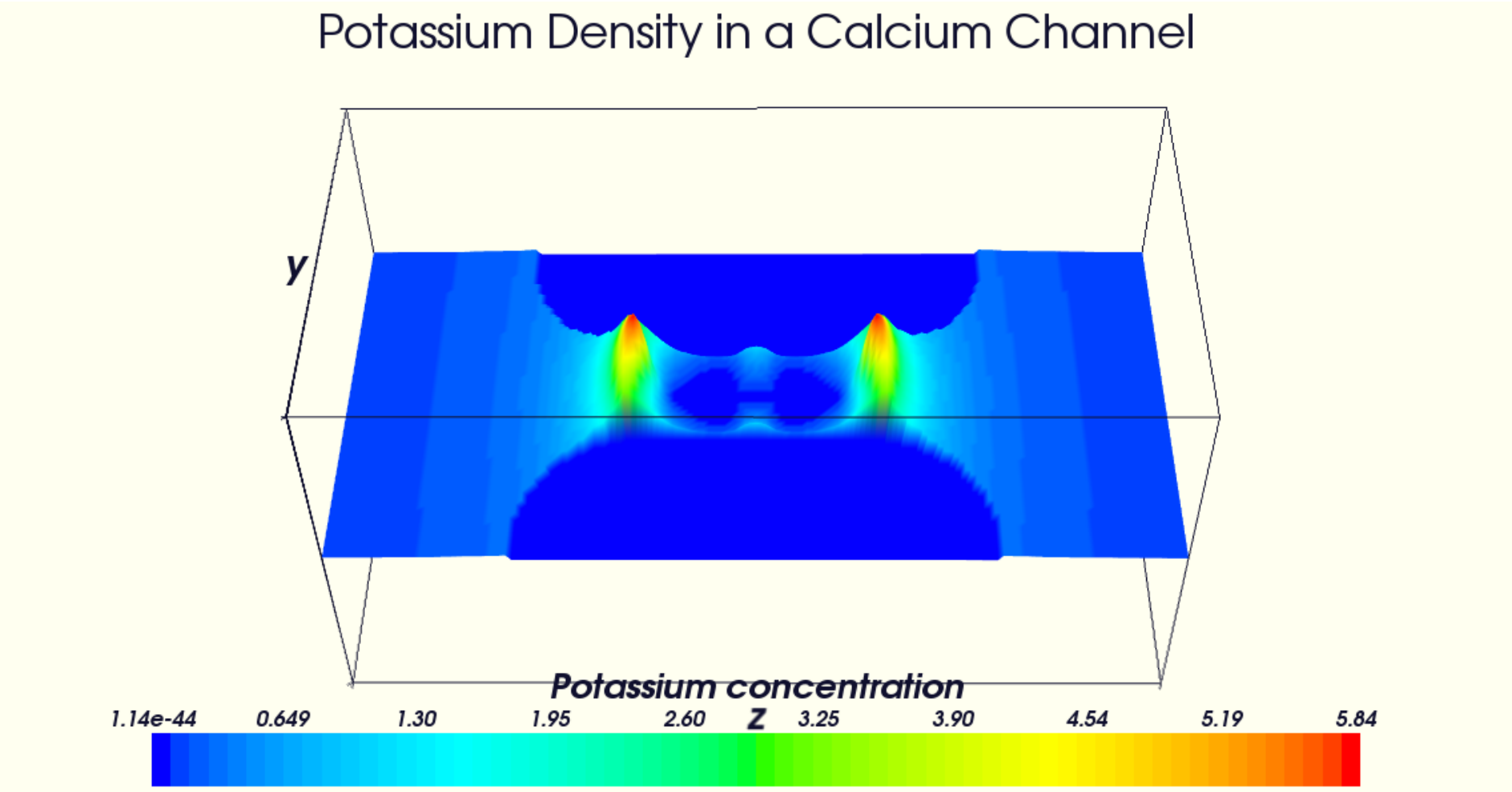

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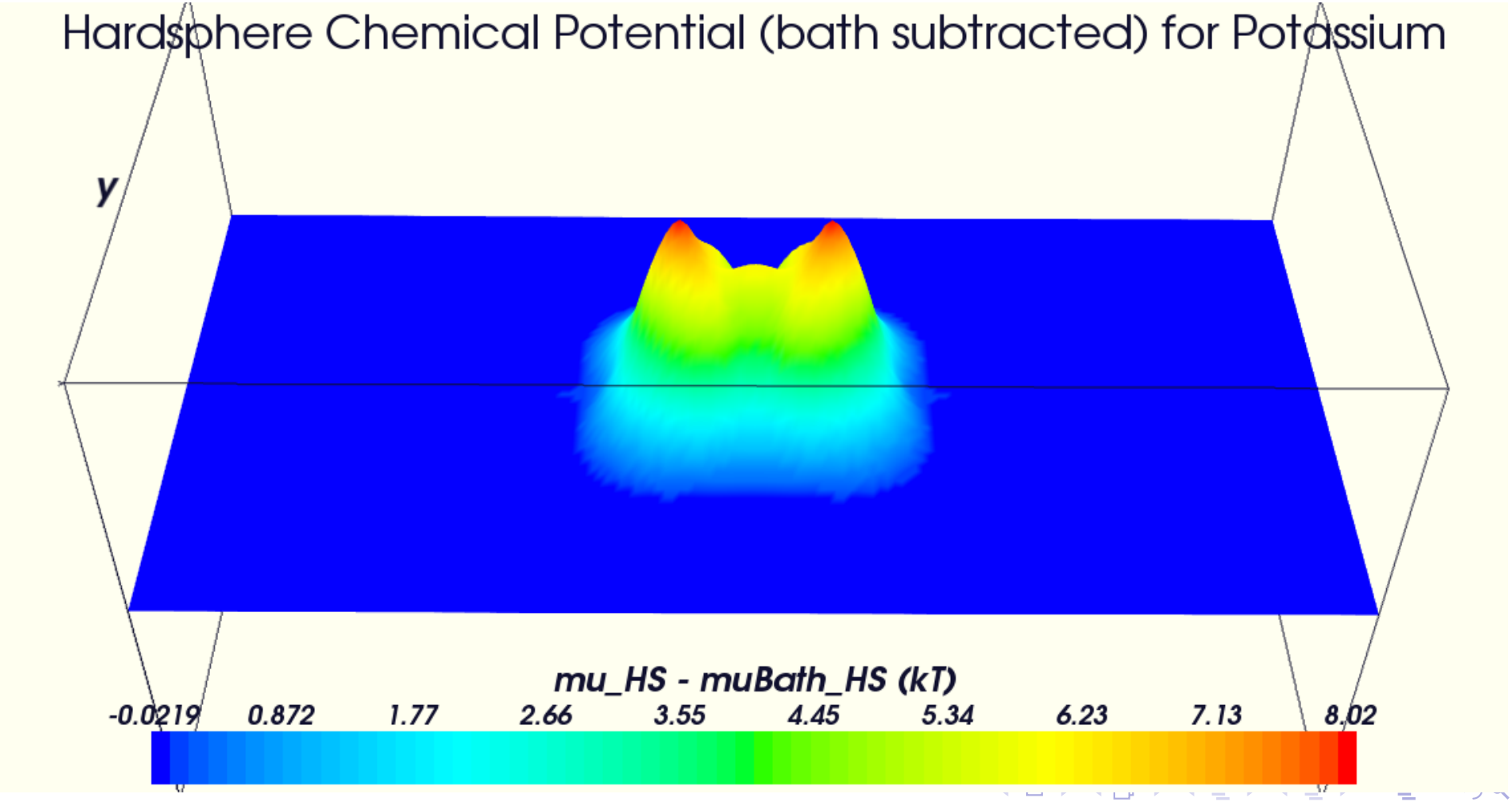
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