

# Melting point and solid-liquid free energy computation using thermodynamic integration

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# Free energy calculations in LAMMPS

Frenkel & Ladd's method:

H. Zhao, and N. R. Aluru, "Molecular Dynamics Simulation of Bulk Silicon Under Strain", *Journal of Interaction and Multiscale Mechanics*, **1** (2), 303-315, 2008.

Umbrella sampling

Atomistic computation of liquid diffusivity, solid-liquid interfacial free energy and kinetic coefficient in Au and Ag, J. J. Hoyt, M. Asta, *Phys Rev B*, **65**, 214106 (2002).

Method for Computing the Anisotropy of the Solid-Liquid Interfacial Free Energy, J. J. Hoyt, M. Asta, A. Karma, *Phys Rev Lett*, **86**, 5530 (2001).

## Free energy calculation in MD:

Free energy perturbation (FEP)

Potential of mean force (PMF)

Thermodynamic Integration (TI)

## Computing melting points:

**Direct methods:** defect induced melting, simulation of solid-liquid interface

**Free energy-based methods:** Frenkel's Einstein crystal, Hoover & Ree's single occupancy cell

**Pseudosupercritical path sampling method<sup>1-3</sup>**

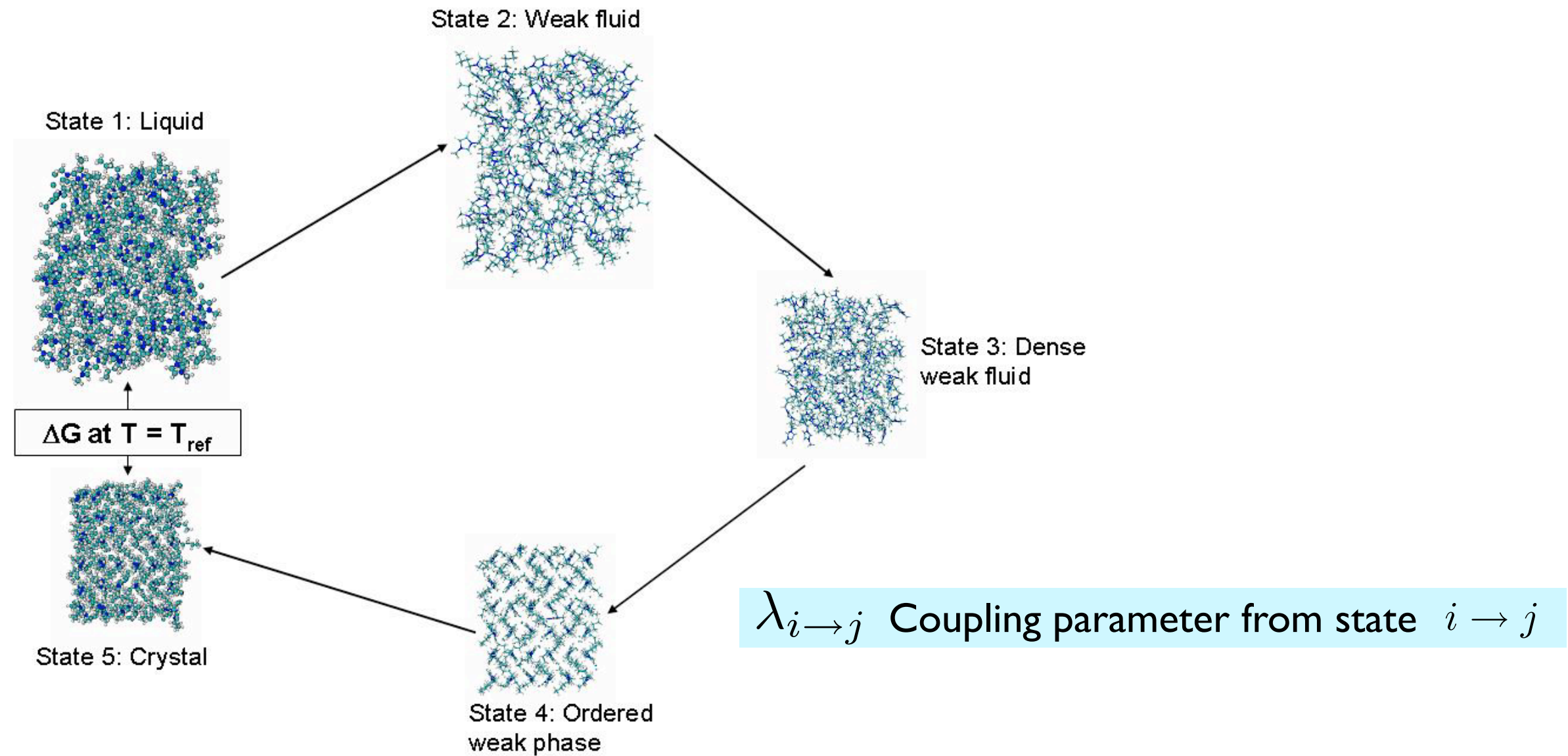
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<sup>1</sup>D. M. Eike, J. F. Brennecke, and E. J. Maginn, J. Chem. Phys. 122, 014115 (2005)

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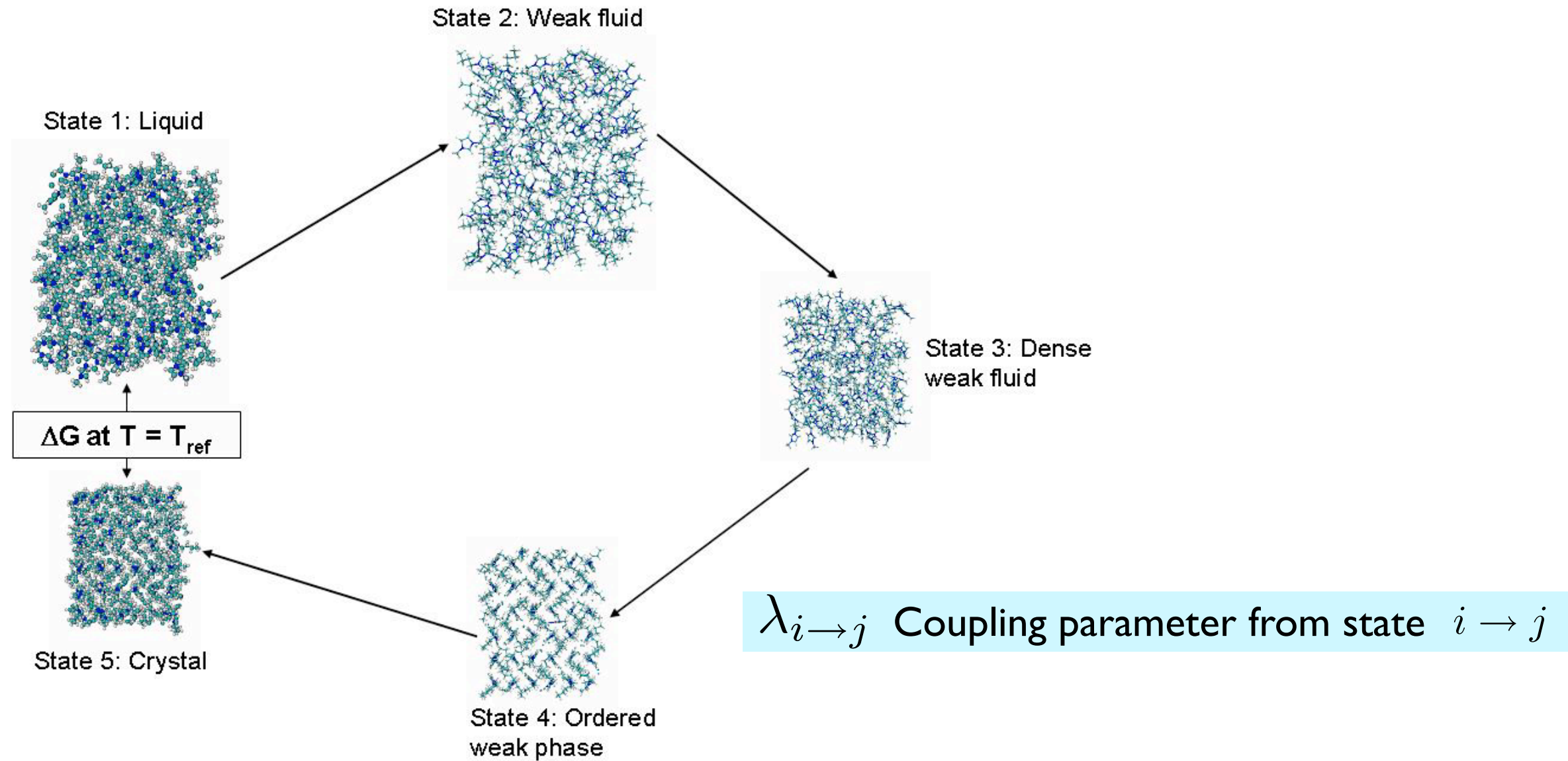
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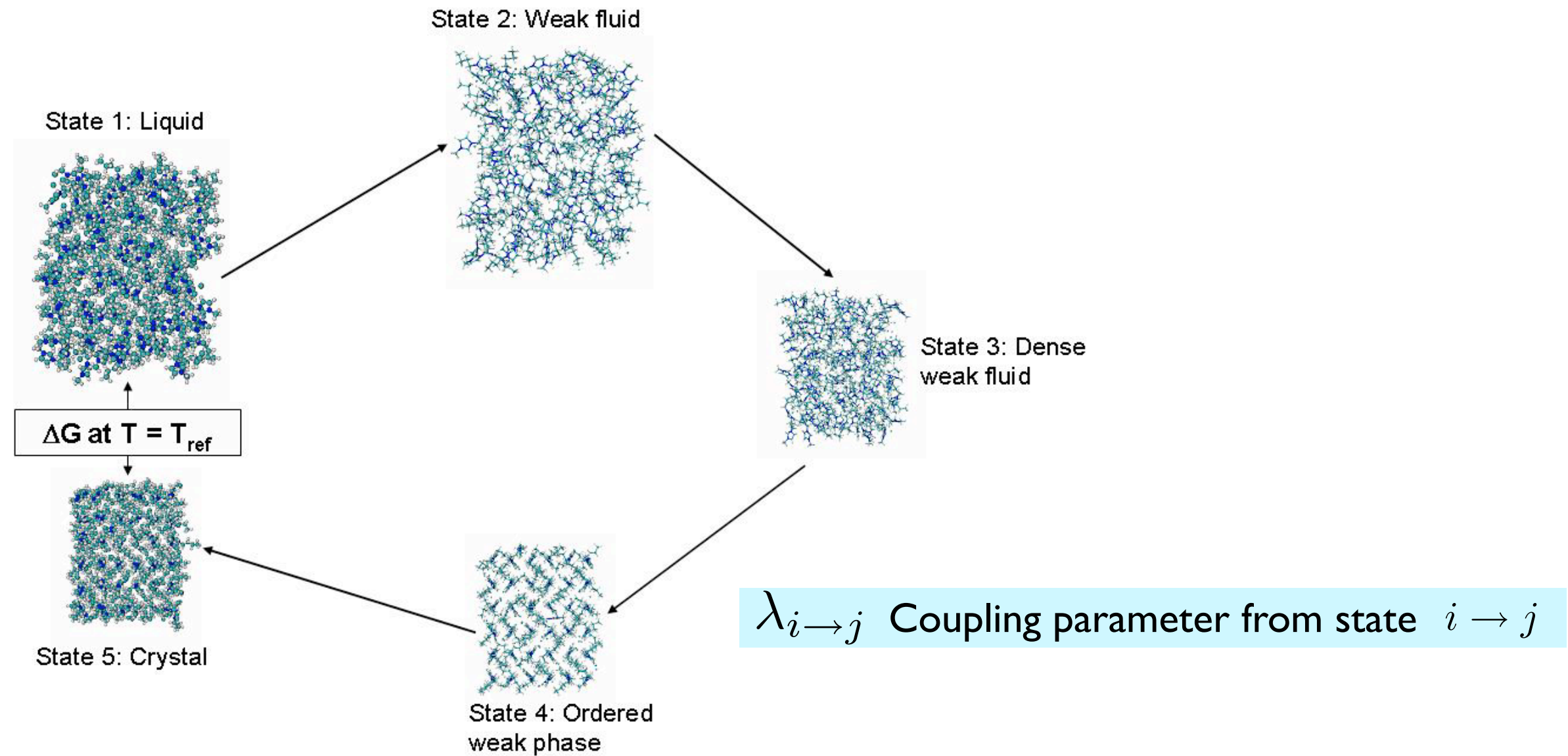
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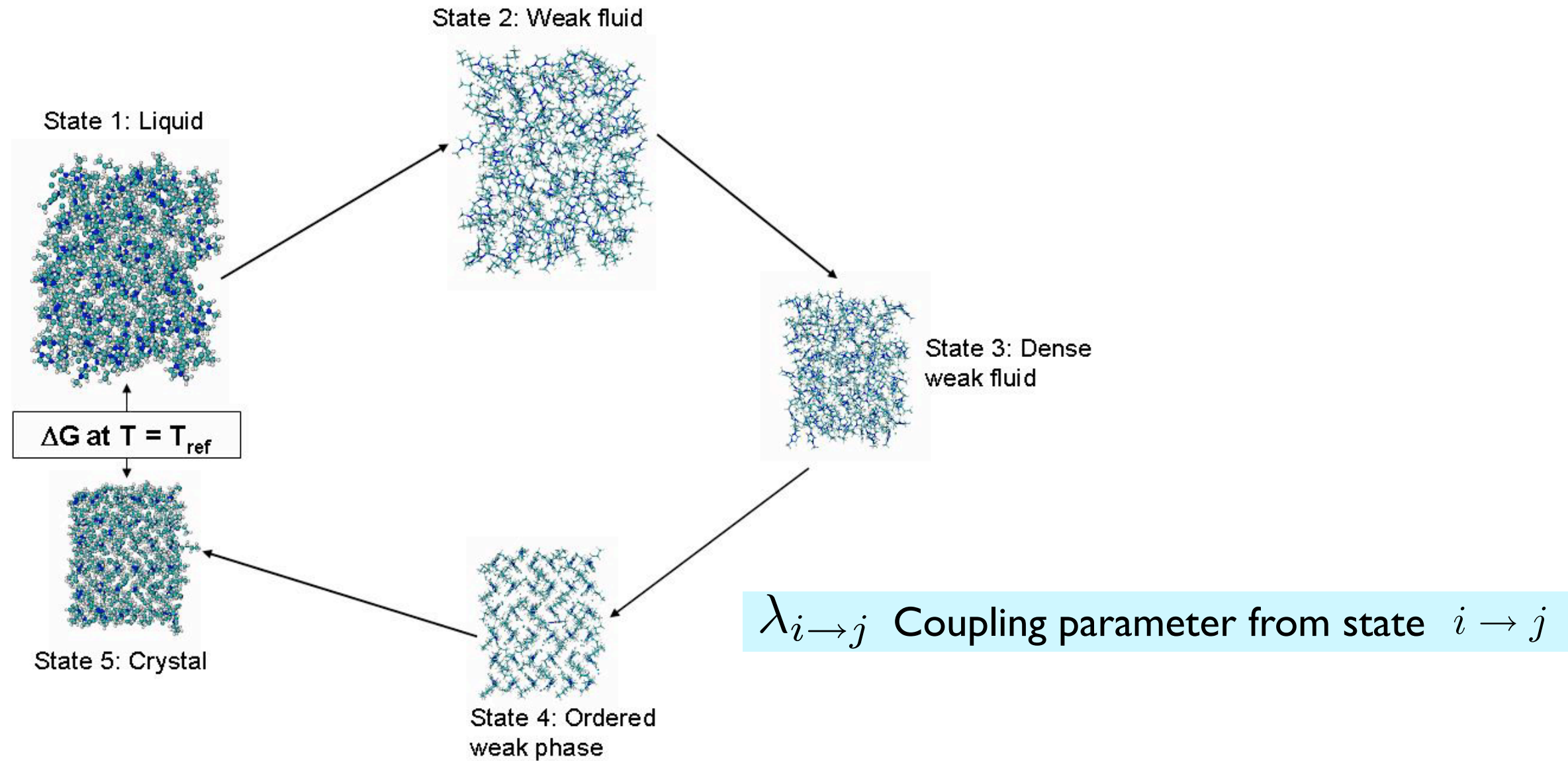
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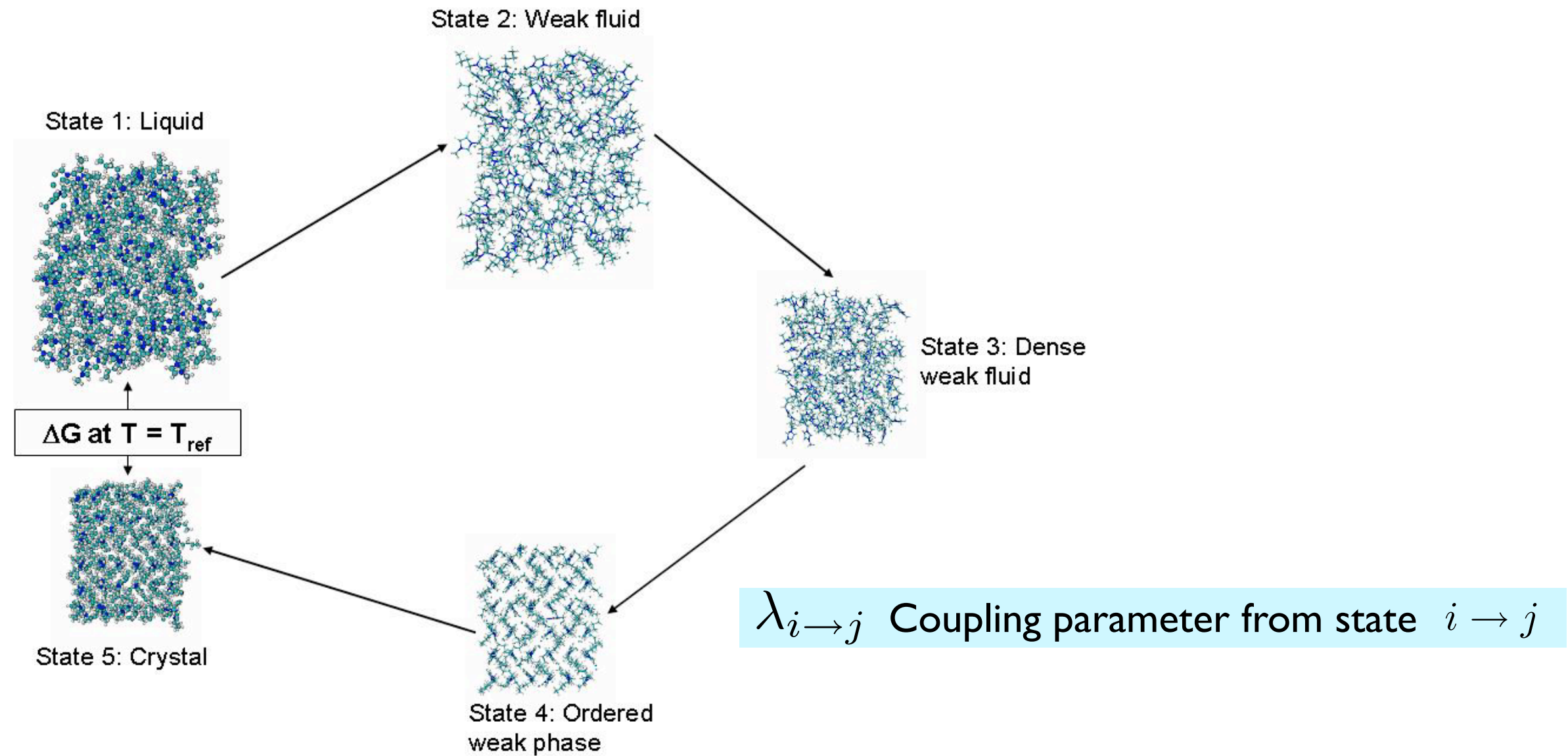


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$$U_{3 \rightarrow 4}(\lambda) = \eta^m U^{VDW} + \eta^n U^{ELEC} + U^{NS} - \lambda \sum_i \sum_j a_{ij} \exp(-b_{ij} r_{ij}^2)$$

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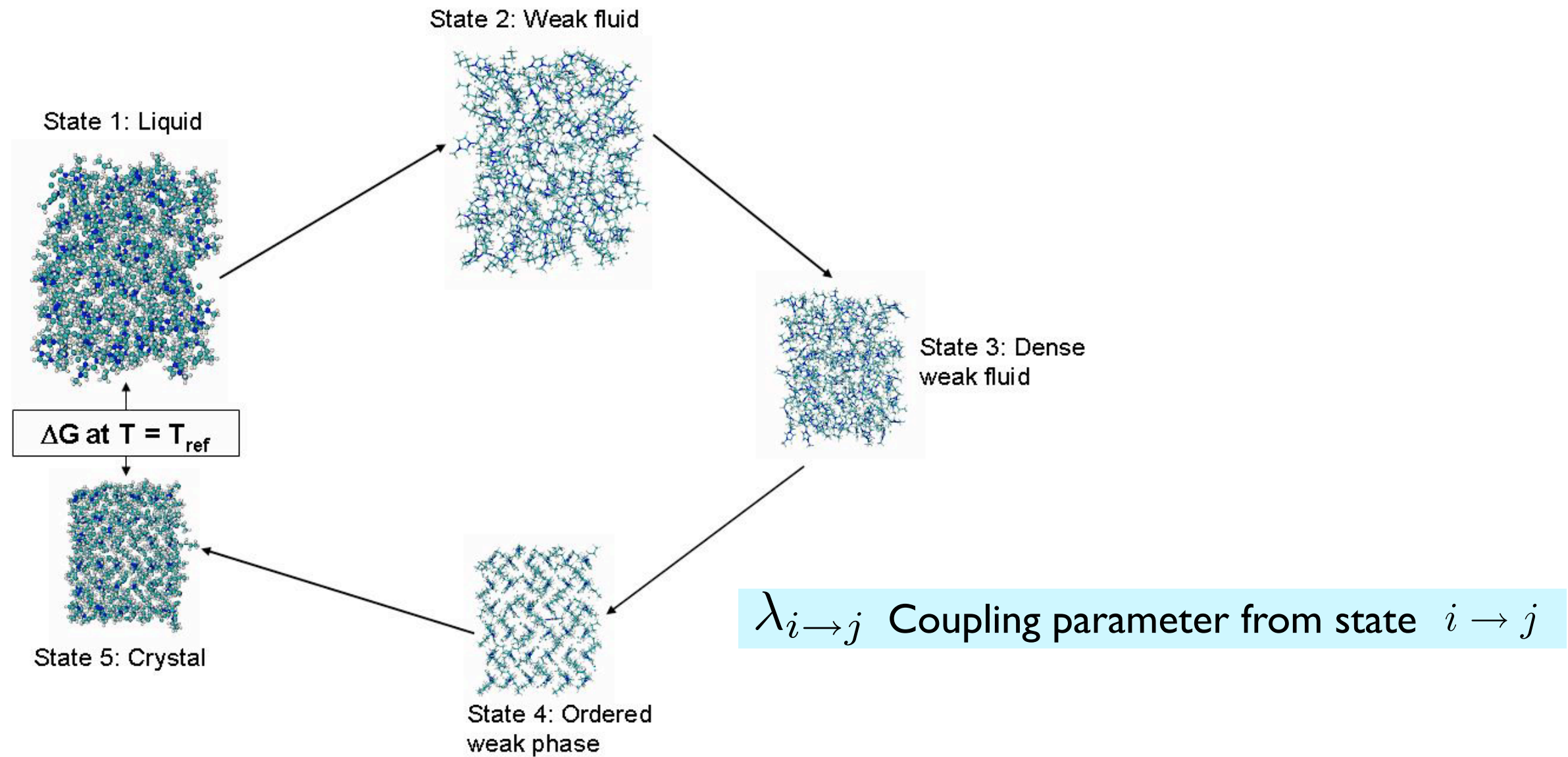
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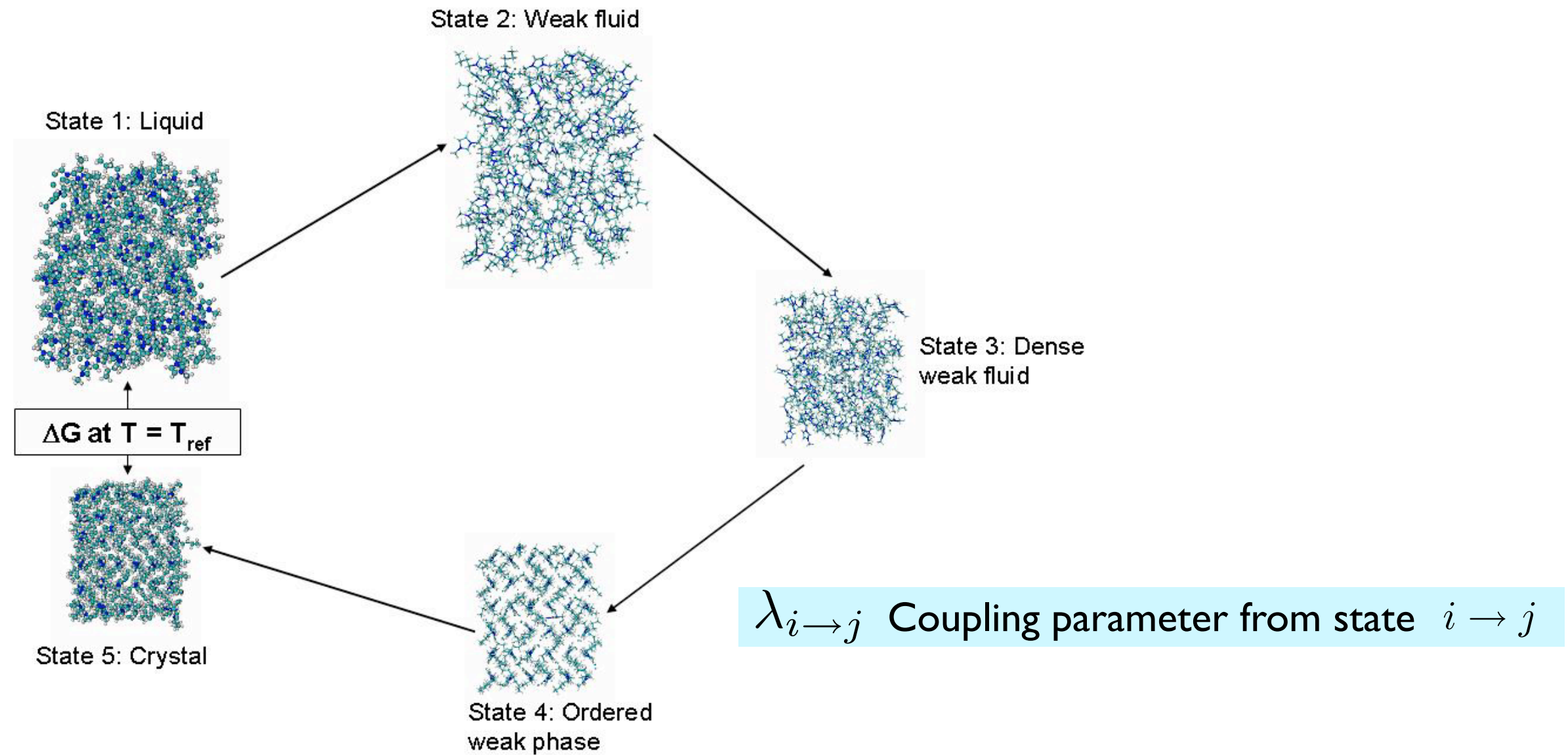


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$$U_{4 \rightarrow 5}(\lambda) = [\eta + \lambda(1 - \eta)]^m U^{VDW} + [\eta + \lambda(1 - \eta)]^n U^{ELEC} + U^{NS} - (1 - \lambda) \sum_i \sum_j a_{ij} \exp(-b_{ij} r_{ij}^2)$$

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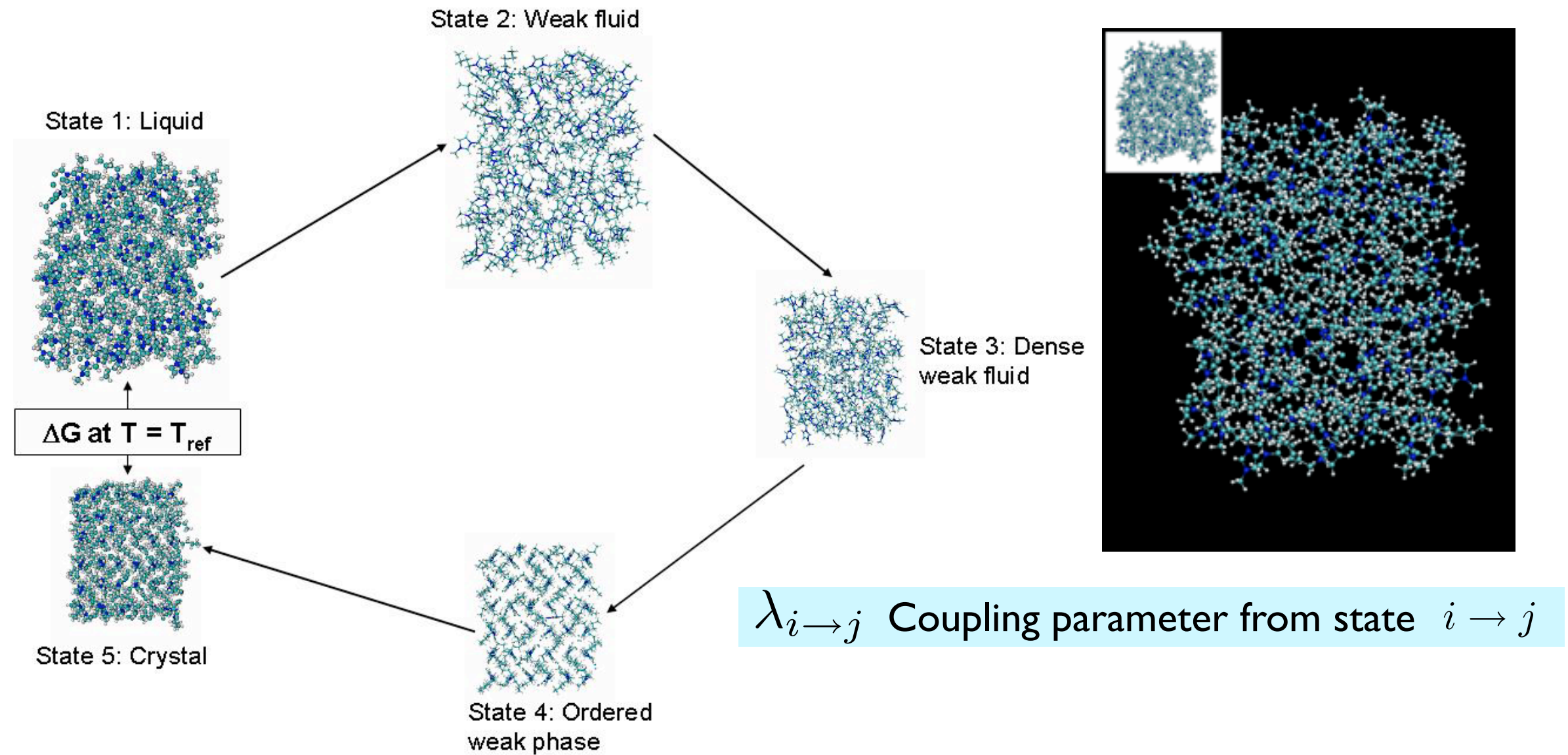
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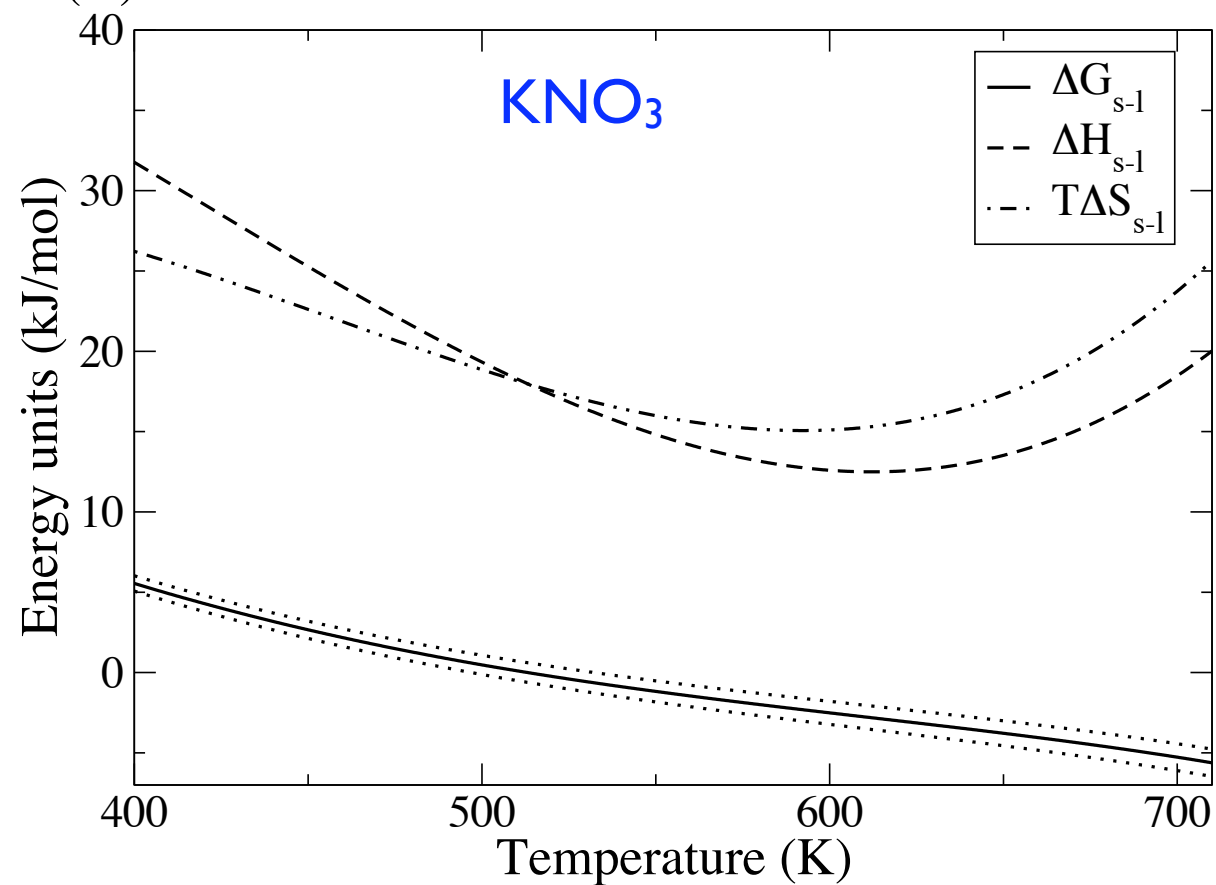
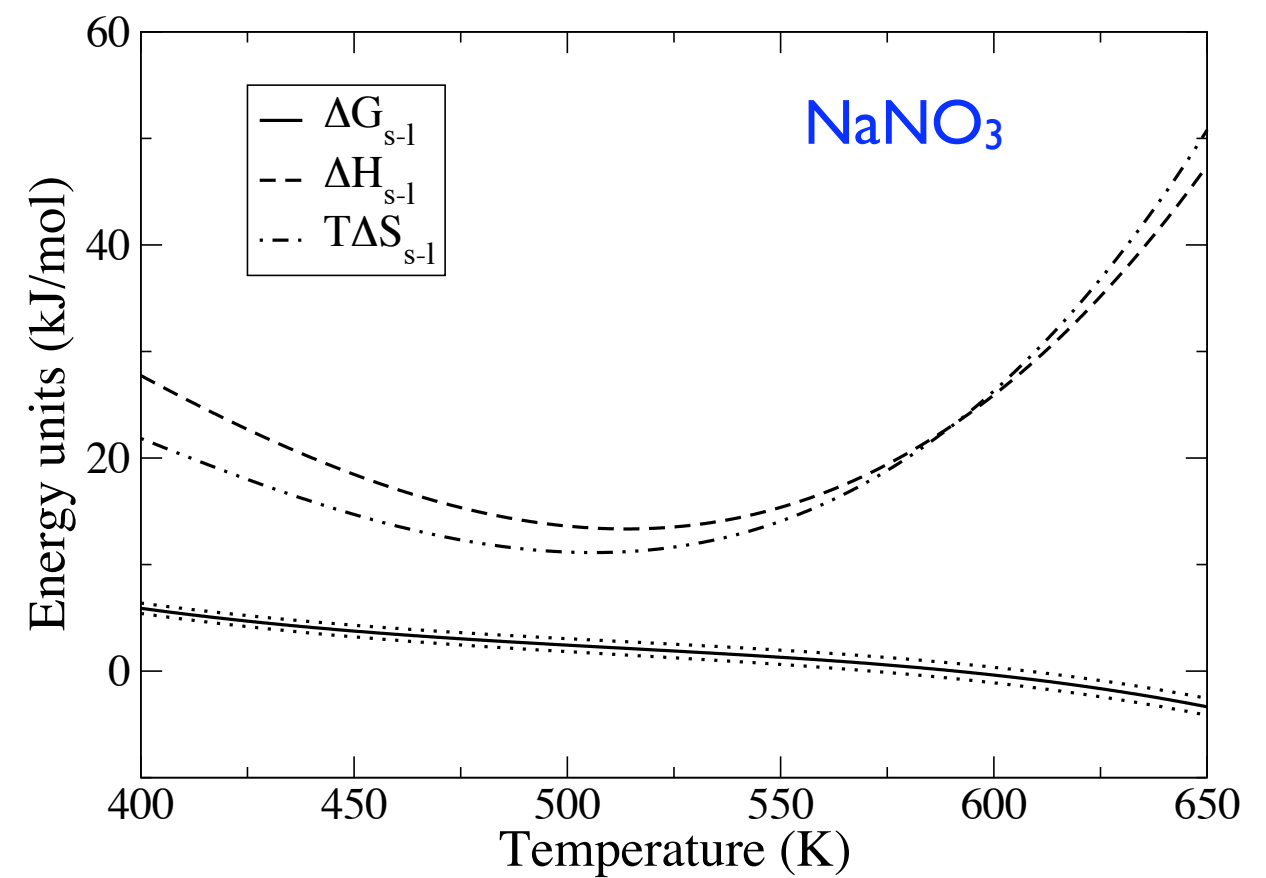
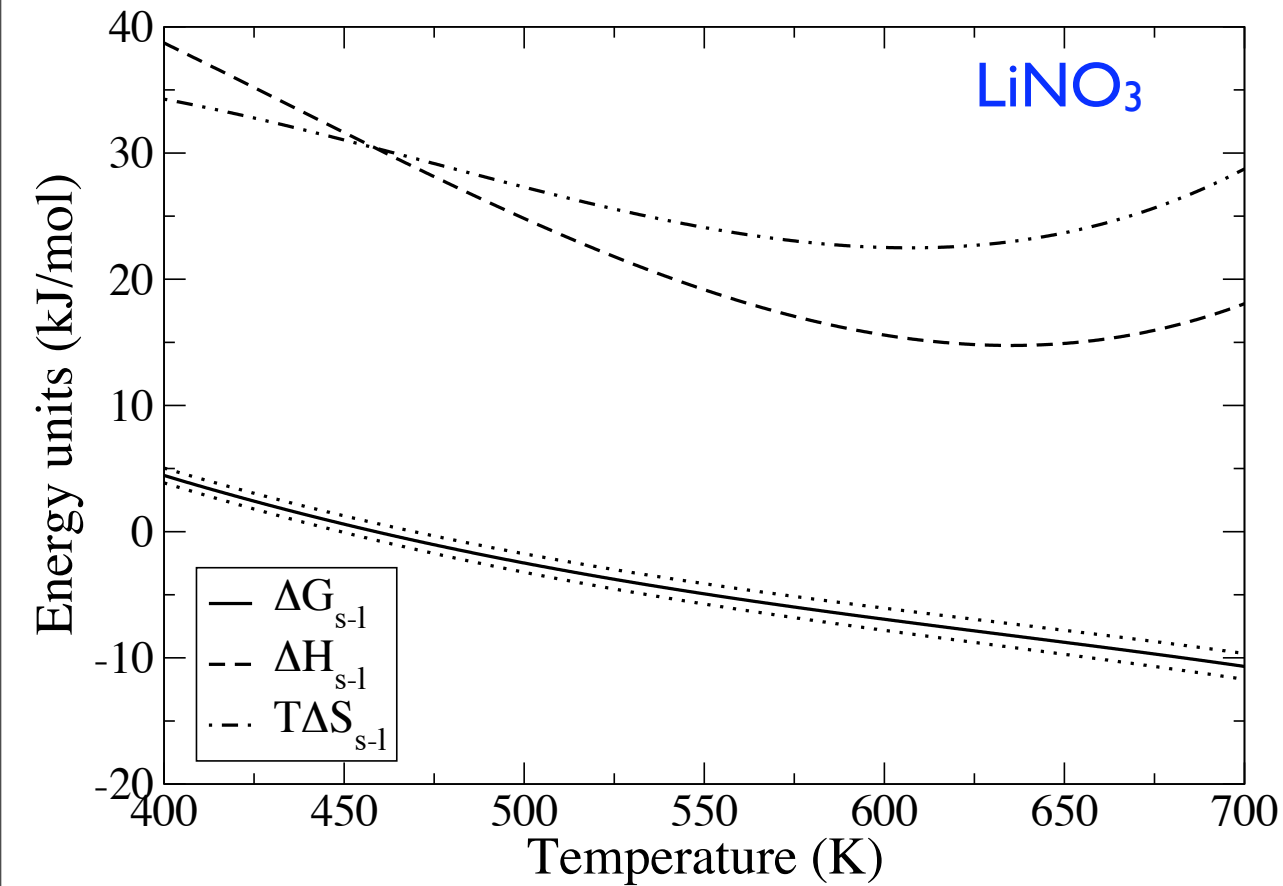
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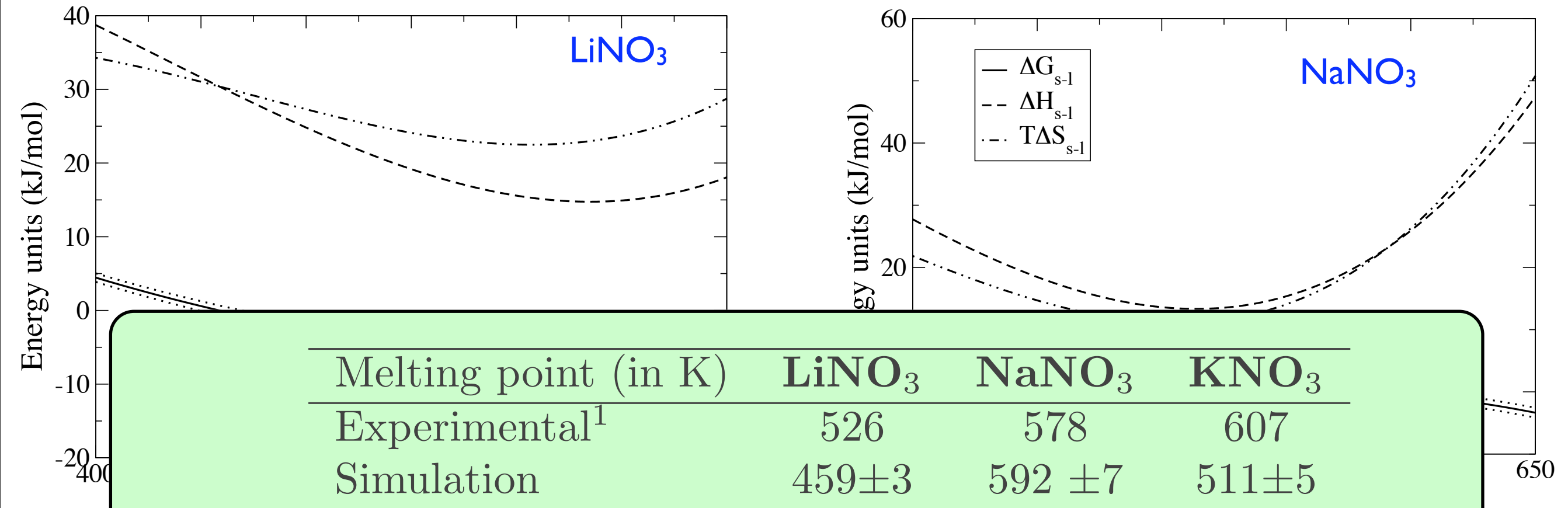


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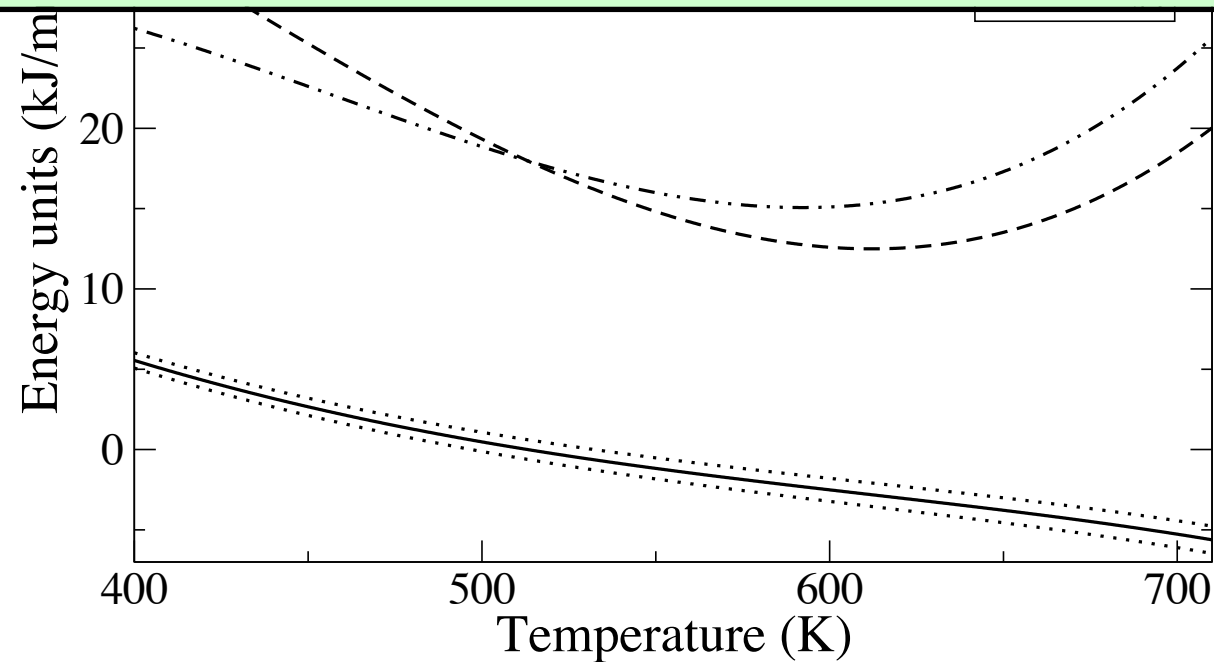




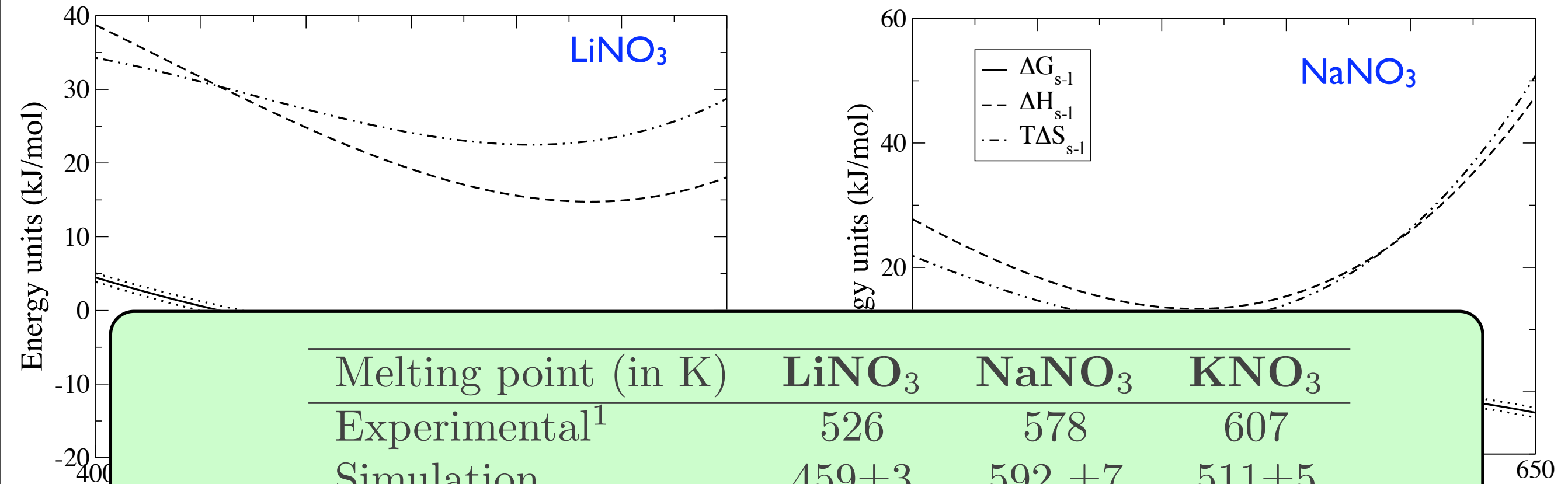
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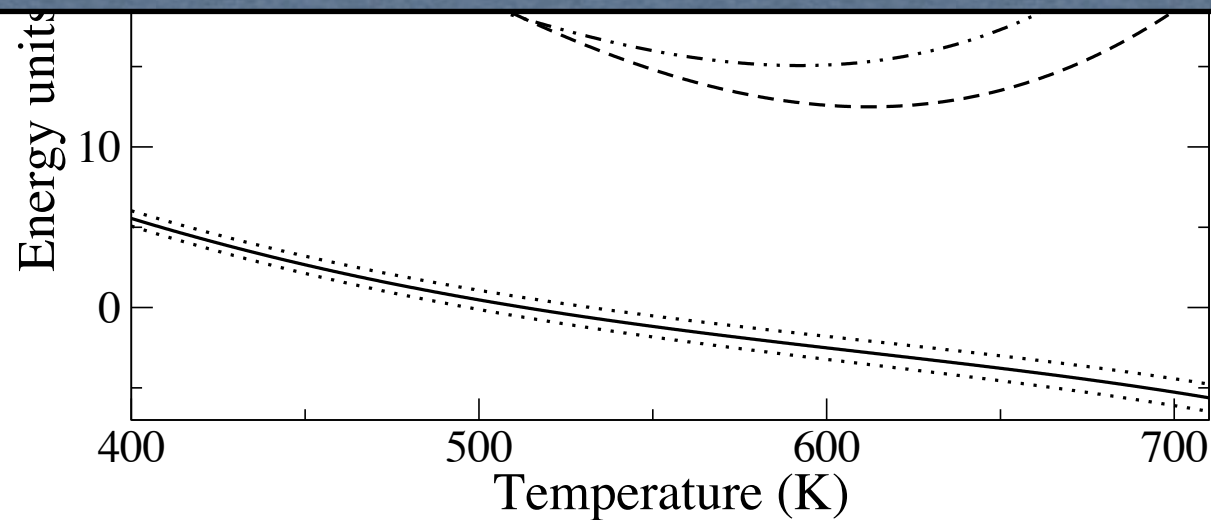
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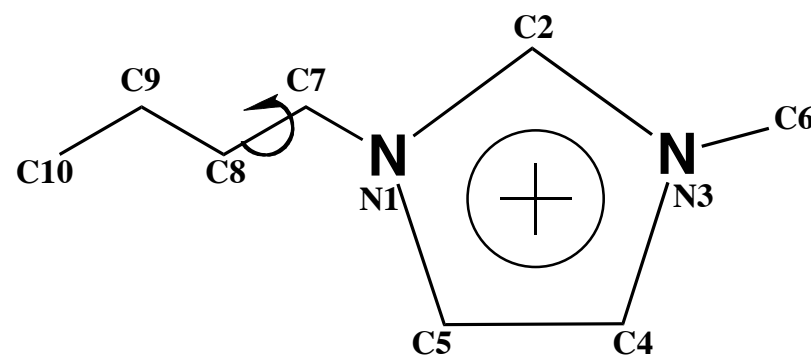
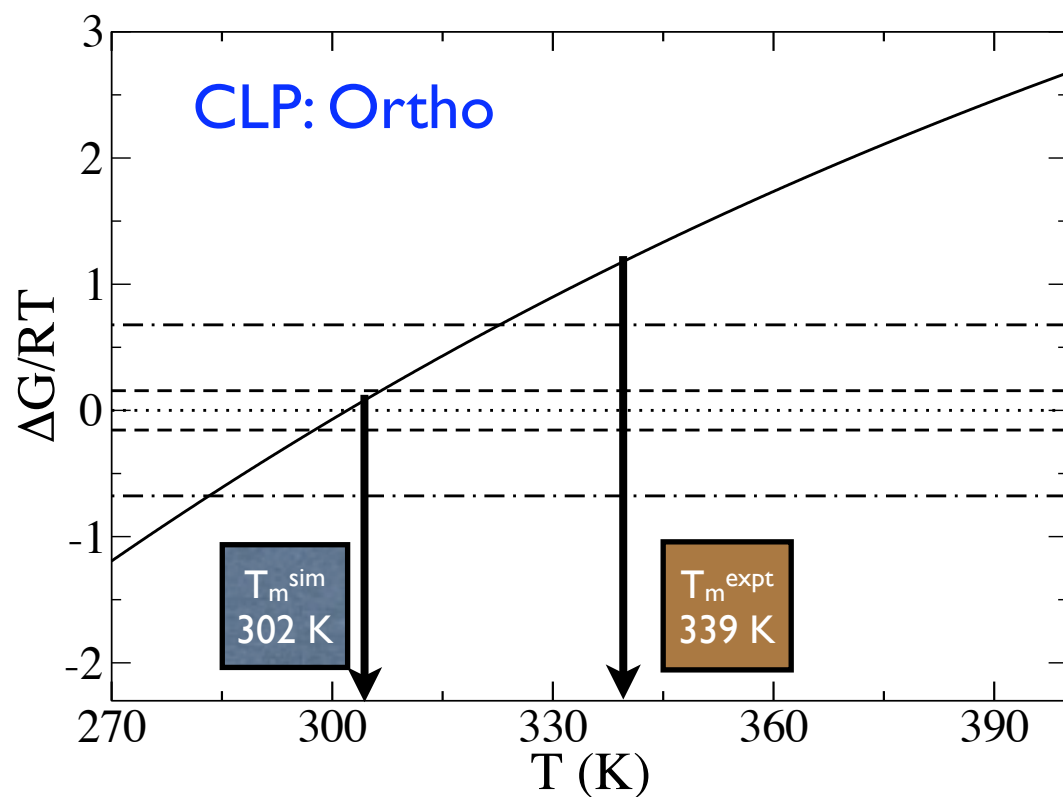
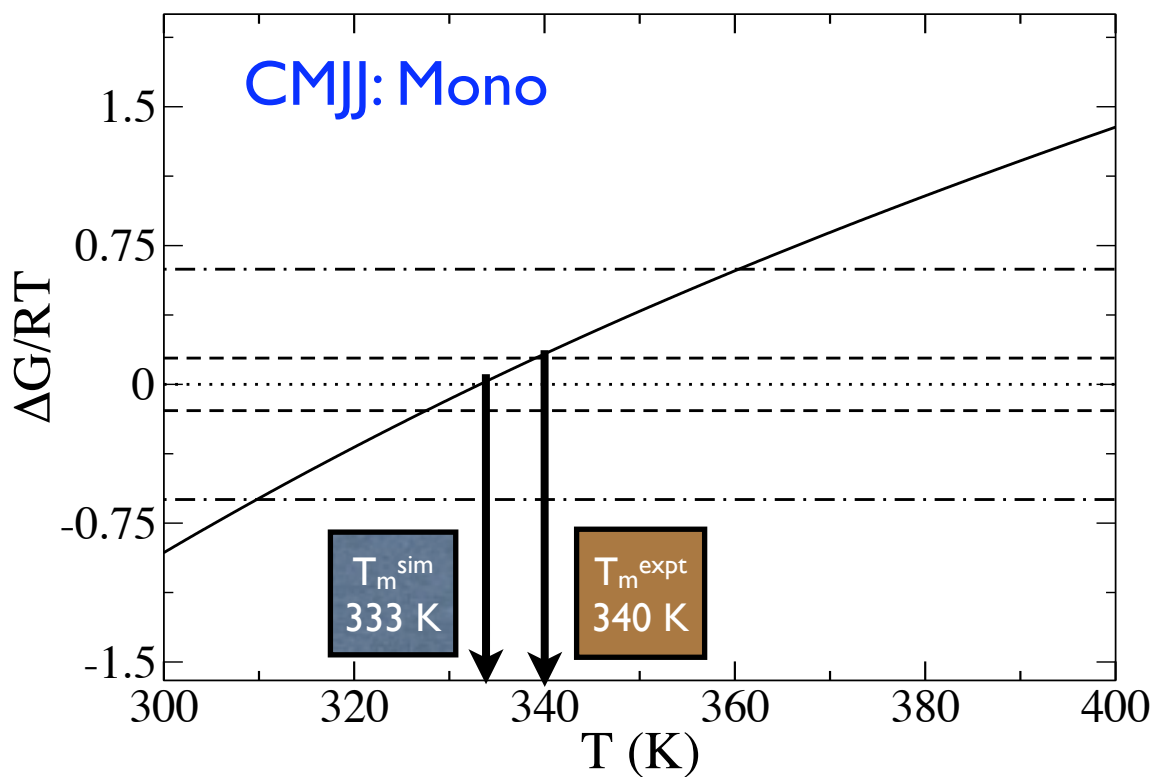
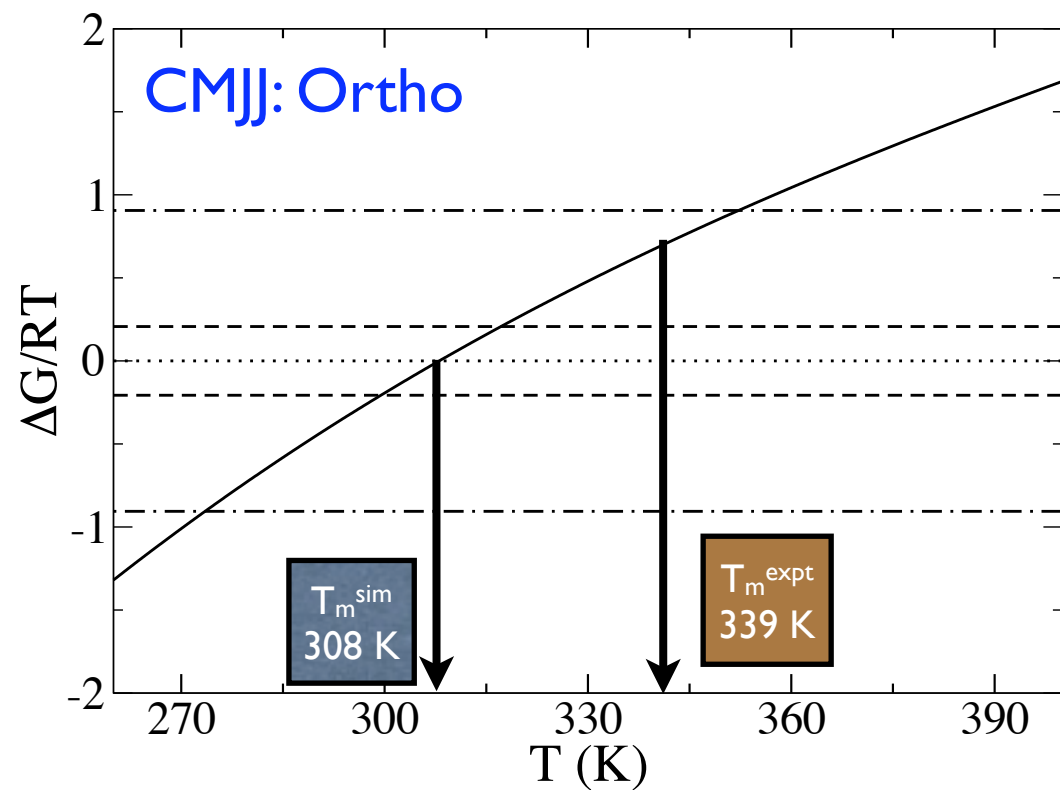
Melting point (in K)	LiNO <sub>3</sub>	NaNO <sub>3</sub>	KNO <sub>3</sub>
Experimental <sup>1</sup>	526	578	607
Simulation	459 ± 3	592 ± 7	511 ± 5

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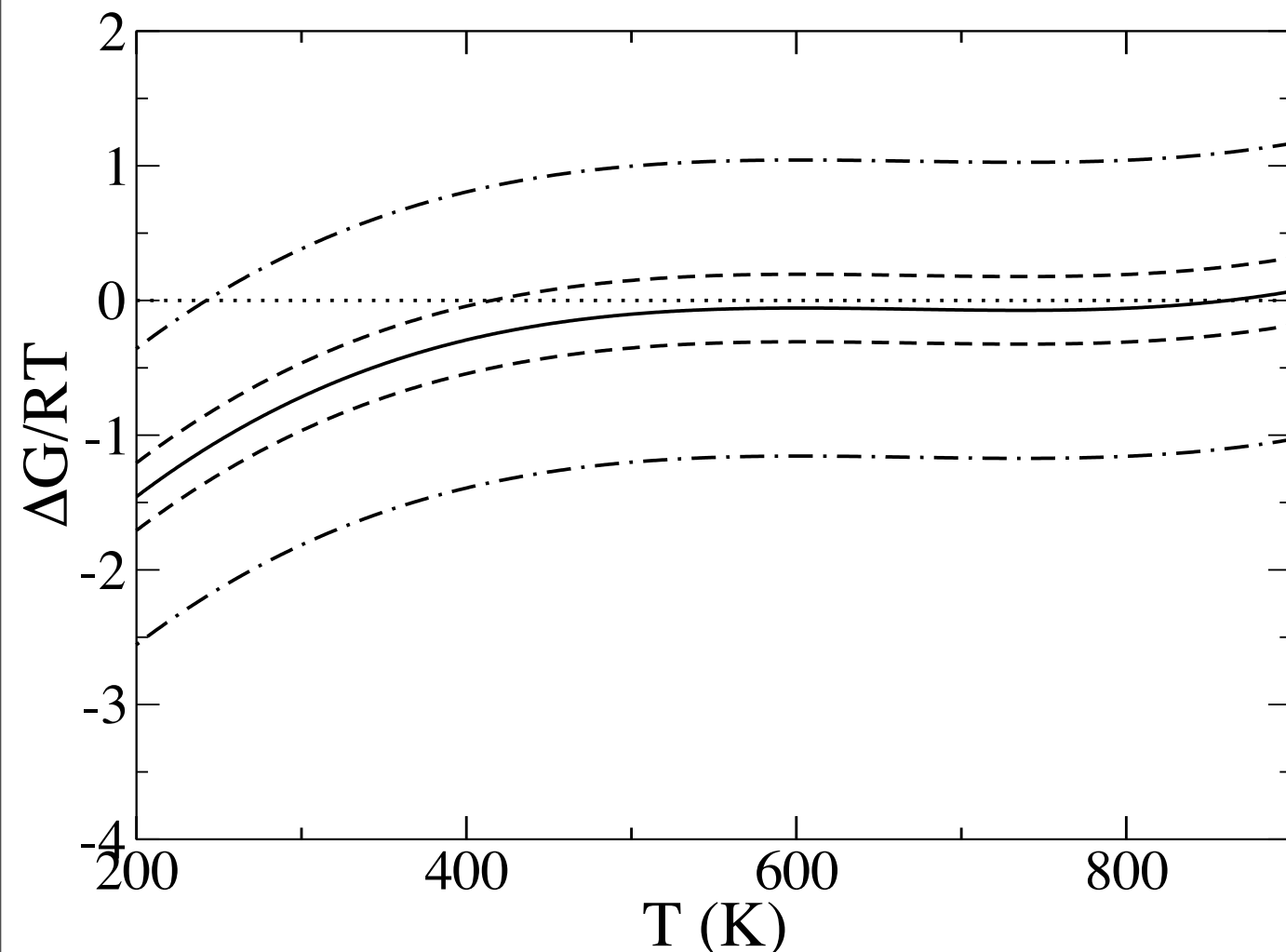


# Melting point of [C<sub>4</sub>mim][Cl]



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# Crystal polymorph stabilities [C<sub>4</sub>mim][Cl]



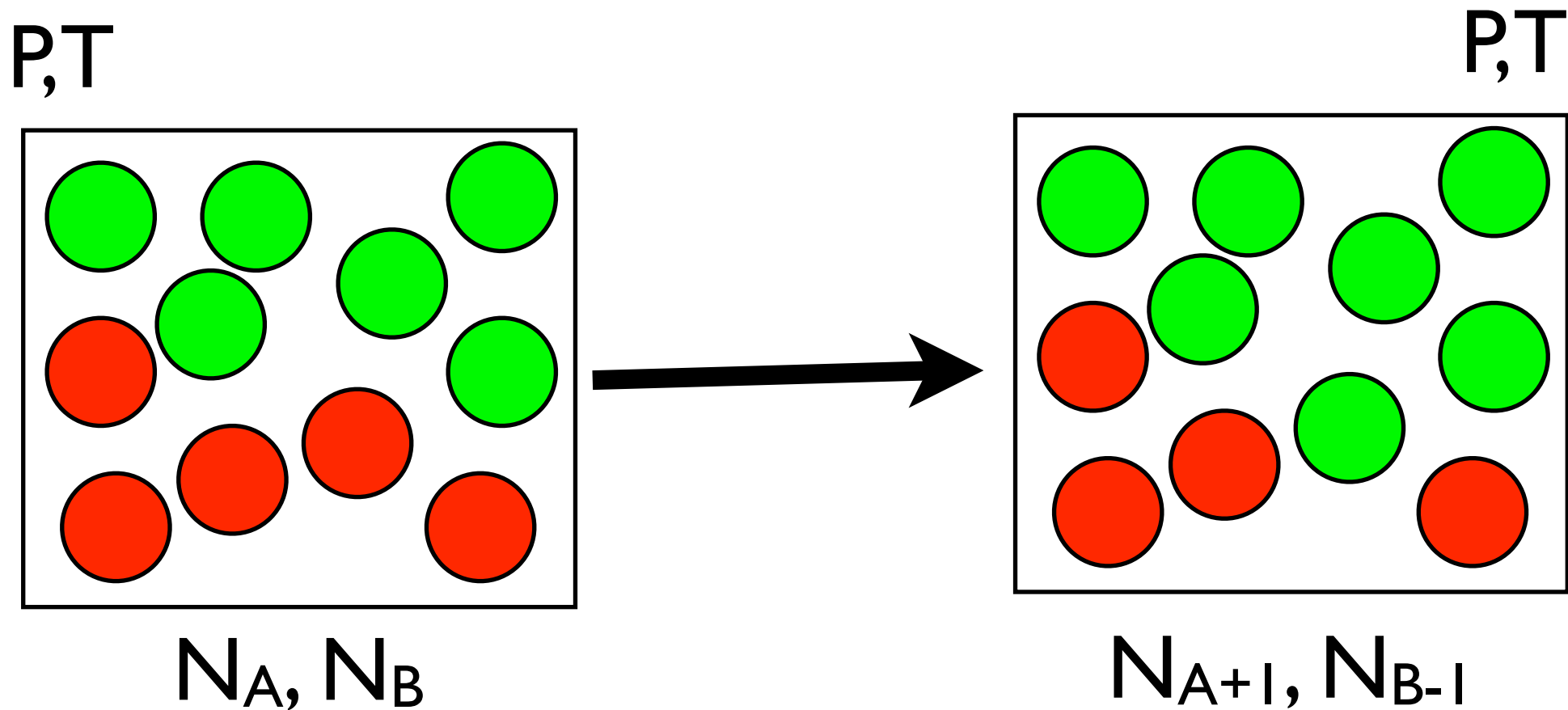
Computed Gibbs free energy difference between monoclinic and orthorhombic polymorphs of [C<sub>4</sub>mim][Cl] using the CMJJ potential

- Monoclinic thermodynamically stable relative to orthorhombic form at all temperatures below melting points of either polymorph.
- Free energy differences within accuracy of simulations

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# Free energy of binary mixtures



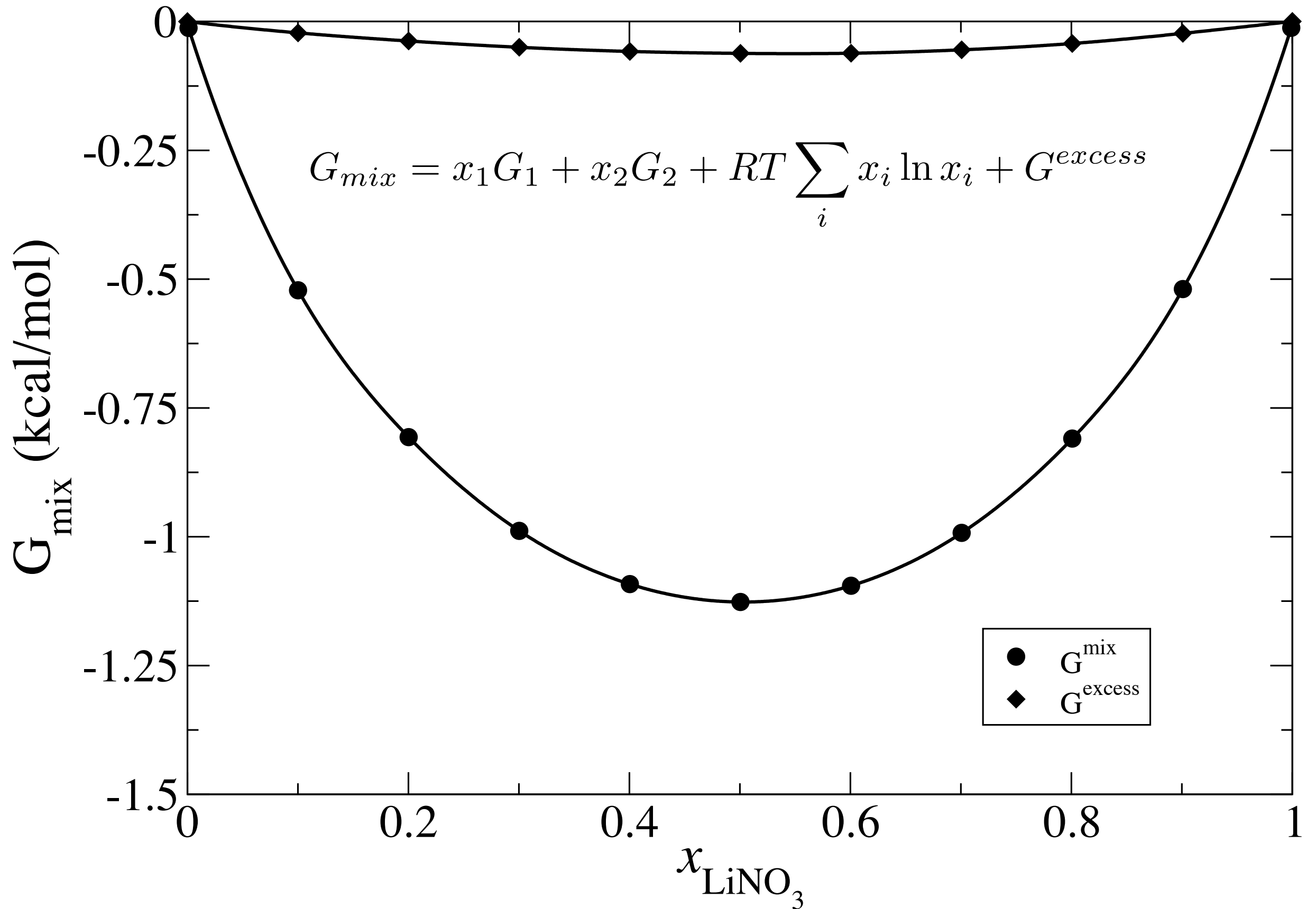
$$Z_{N_A, N_B, T, P} = Z_{N_A, N_B, T, P}^{id} \int_0^\infty dV \exp(-\beta PV) \int_V \dots \int_V d\mathbf{r}^N \exp(-\beta U(N_A, N_B))$$

$$Z_{N_A, N_B, T, P}^{id} = \frac{1}{N_A! N_B!} q_A^{N_A} q_B^{N_B}$$

$$\frac{Z_{N_{A+1}, N_{B-1}, T, P}}{Z_{N_A, N_B, T, P}} = \frac{Z_{N_{A+1}, N_{B-1}, T, P}^{id}}{Z_{N_A, N_B, T, P}^{id}} \langle \exp(-\beta \Delta U)^{A+B-} \rangle_{N_A, N_B, P, T}$$

$$\frac{\partial g}{\partial x_A} = -k_B T \ln \left( \frac{q_A}{q_B} \right) + k_B T \ln \left( \frac{x_A}{1-x_A} \right) - k_B T \ln \langle \exp(-\beta \Delta U) \rangle_{N_A, N_B}$$

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# Summary

- Implemented a rigorous method for computing the melting point and crystal phase stability in LAMMPS.
- Verified implementation and computed melting points of alkali nitrate salts using LAMMPS.
- Thermodynamic Integration can be used in alchemical transformations - free energies of mixtures.

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# NaCl melting point calculations

