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The Density of States: Counting that Counts GREGORY BROWN,
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and associated Multicanonical Monte Carlo methods make it possible to calculate
the density of states $g(E)$ for thermodynamic systems. This is particularly useful for
first-principles calculations, where temperature-dependent quantities like the specific
heat and susceptibility can be calculated from, say, 50000 configurations. We have
successfully employed an approach combining the classical Heisenberg model of mag-
netism with first-principles LSMS computations to calculate T_c in transition metal
alloys. The thermodynamic properties of the system can be calculated directly from
the $\ln[g(E)]$ and its derivatives.

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