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**Fast Off-Lattice Monte Carlo Simulations with Soft Potentials**

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<sup>1</sup>*Q. Wang and Y. Yin, J. Chem. Phys., 130, 104903 (2009).*

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