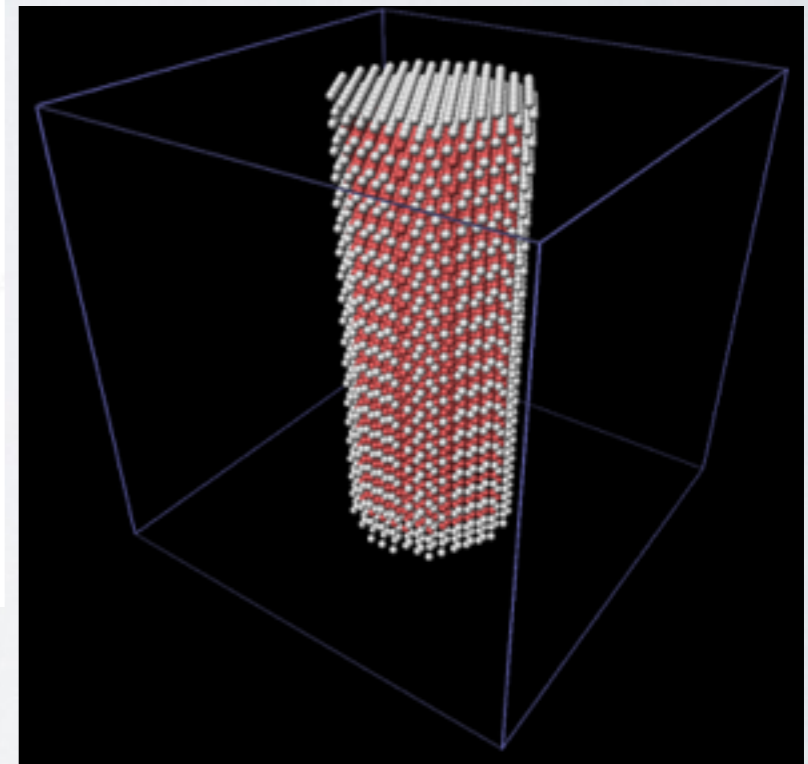
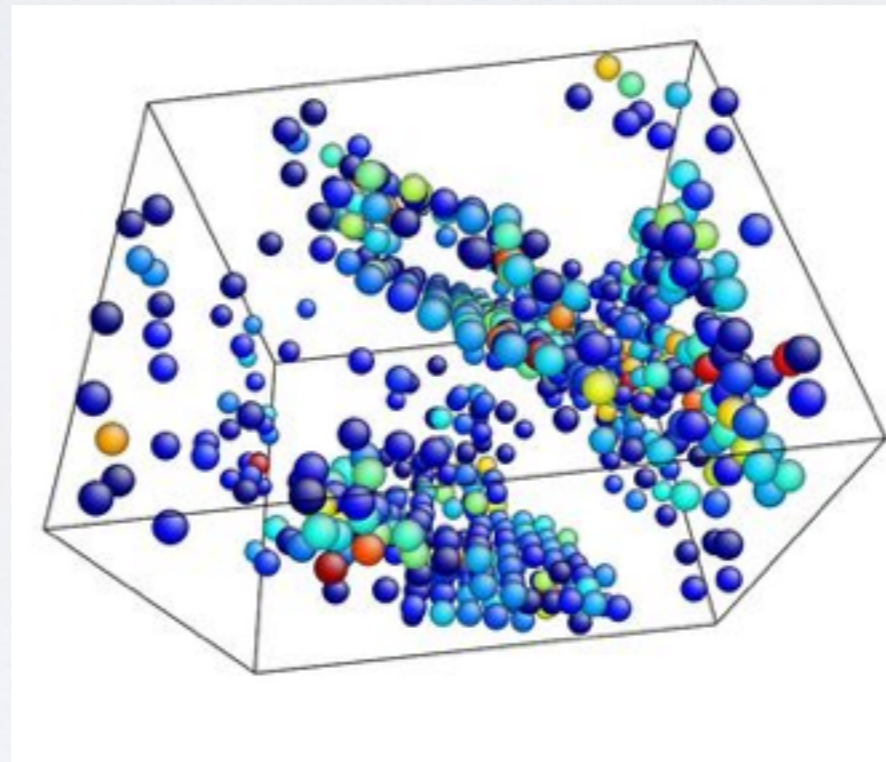
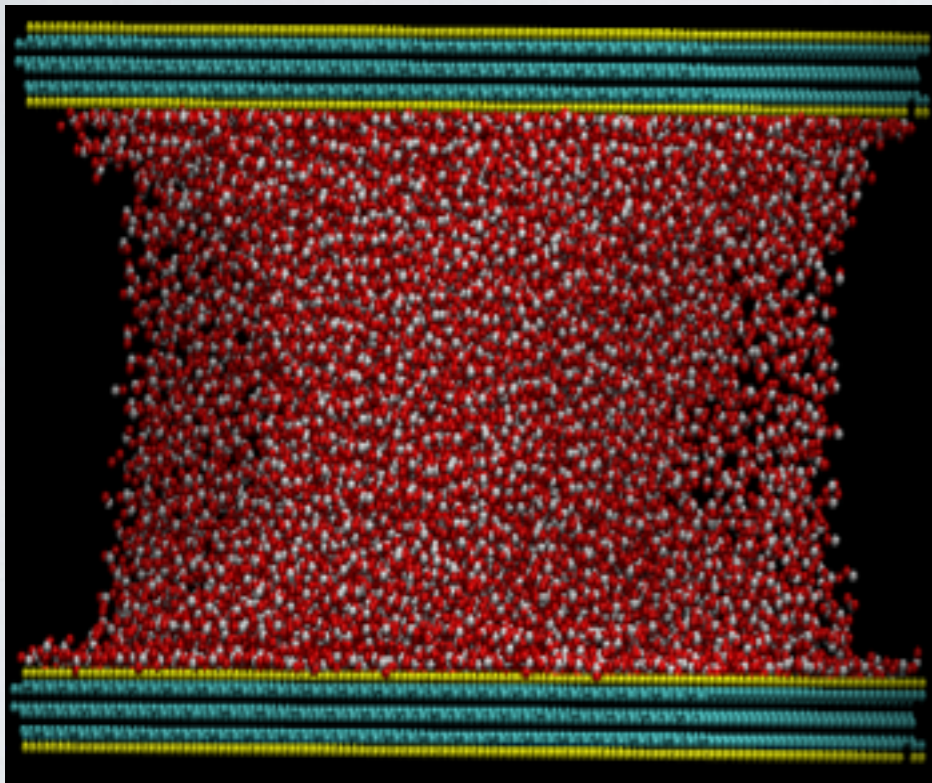


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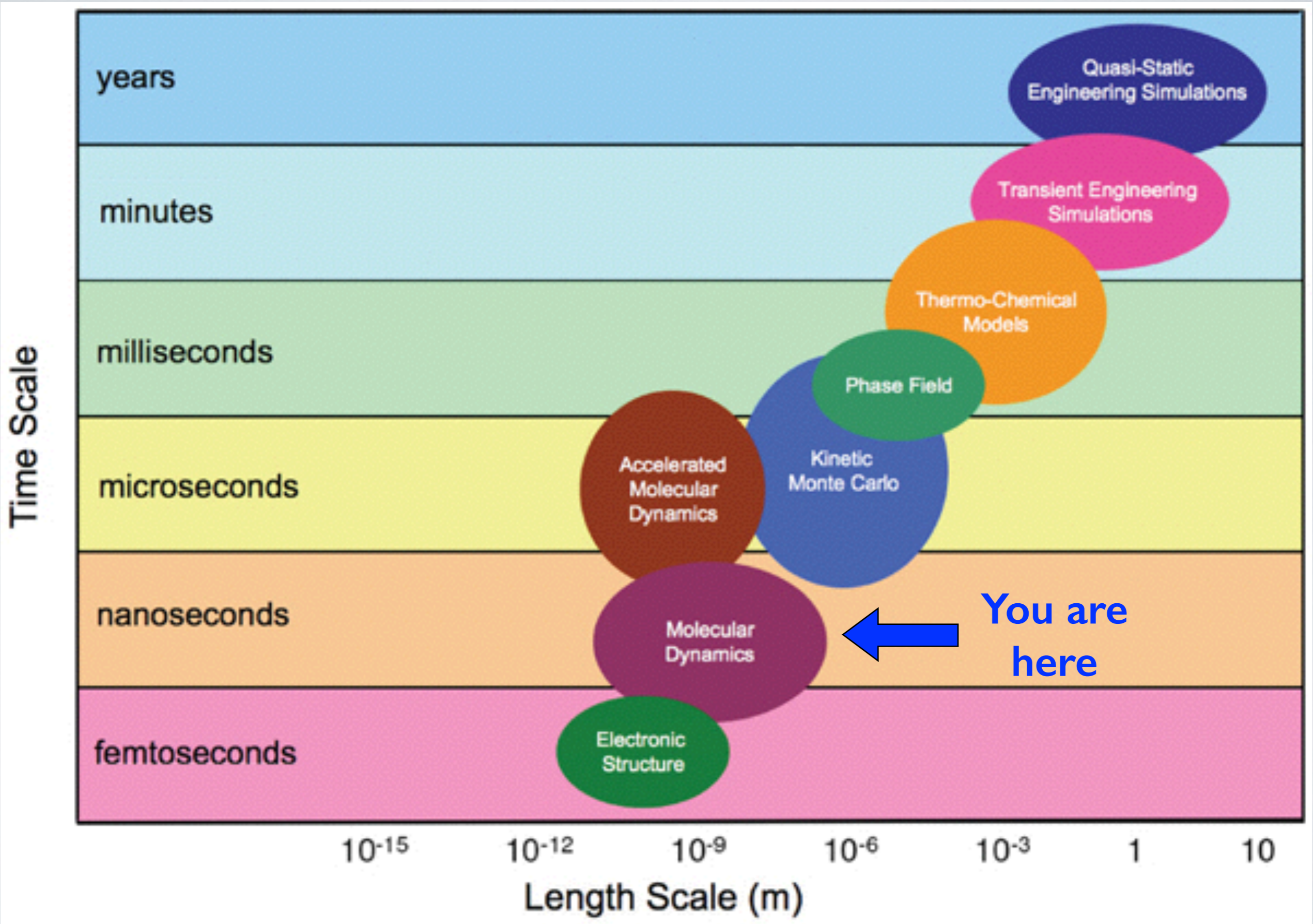
Molecular Dynamics with LAMMPS



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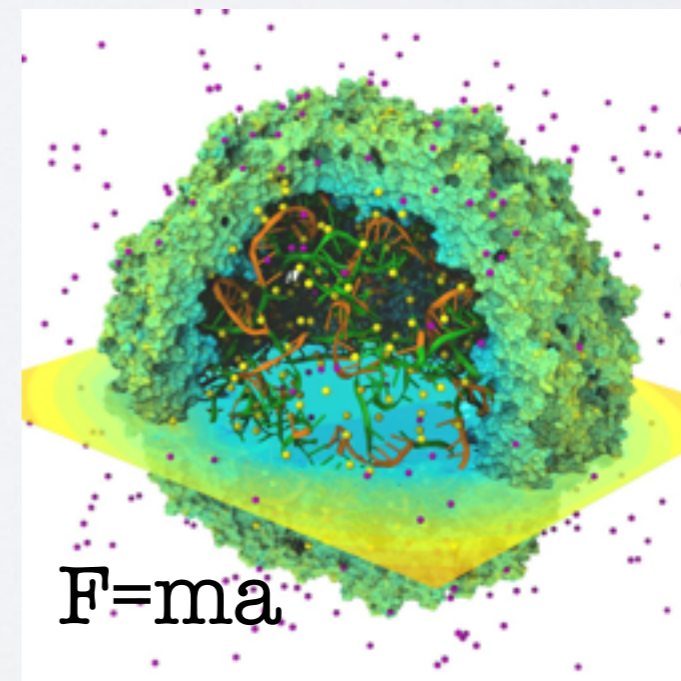
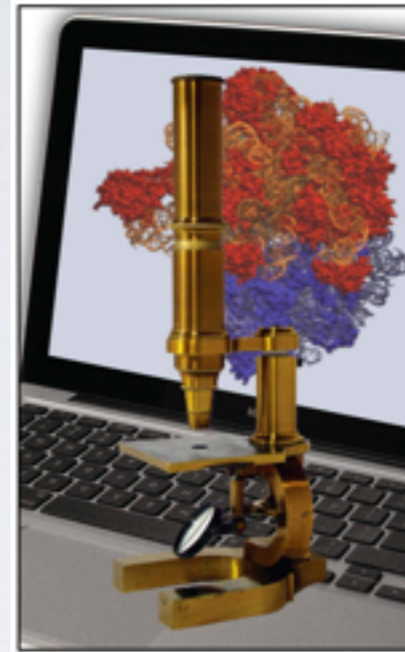
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I. Introduction



What is molecular dynamics?

- A computational microscope
- An experiment on a computer
- A simulation of the classical mechanics of atoms



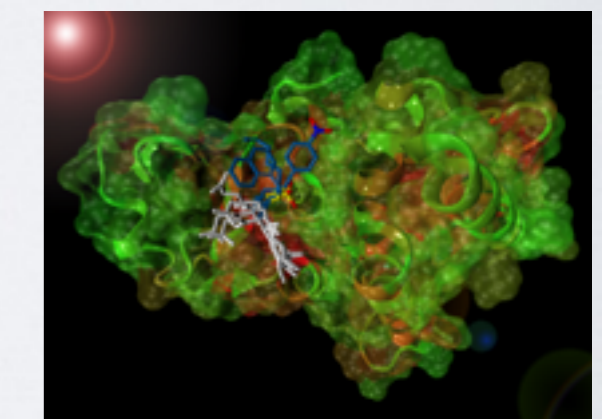
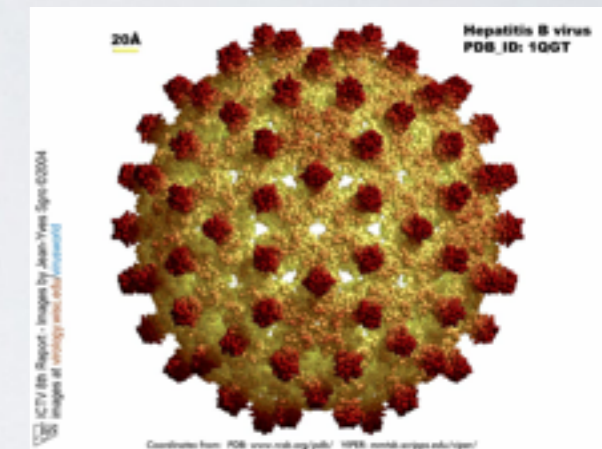
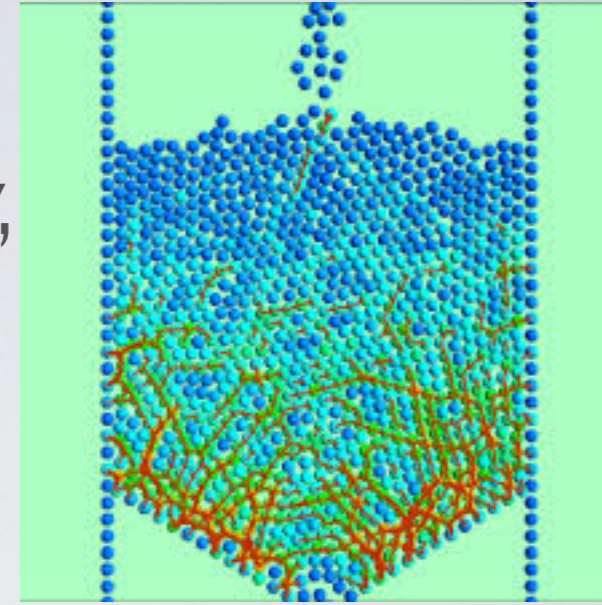
Why is it useful?

- By simulating atomic and molecular motions, we can gain **atomistic insight** into molecular structure and kinetics
- Powerful experimental techniques (X-ray diffraction, NMR) can resolve atomic structure, but not dynamics
- We can **predict and understand** molecular behavior and compare / interpret experimental observations
- Total control of molecular forces, structure, and conditions
- In principle, it can furnish **all** classical thermodynamics about **any** molecular system*

* subject to available force fields and sufficient computational power!

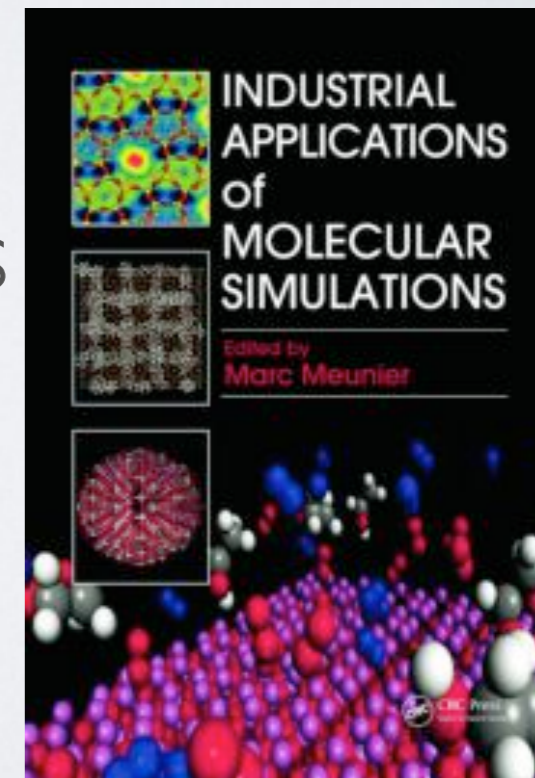
What is it used for?

- Materials property prediction
 - bulk modulus, surface tension, shear viscosity, thermal conductivity, flow, gelation
- Biomolecular modeling
 - protein folding, viral capsids, cell membranes, ion transport
- Ligand and drug design
 - docking, interaction, sterics
- High-throughput molecular screening
 - drugs, surfactants, self-assembling materials



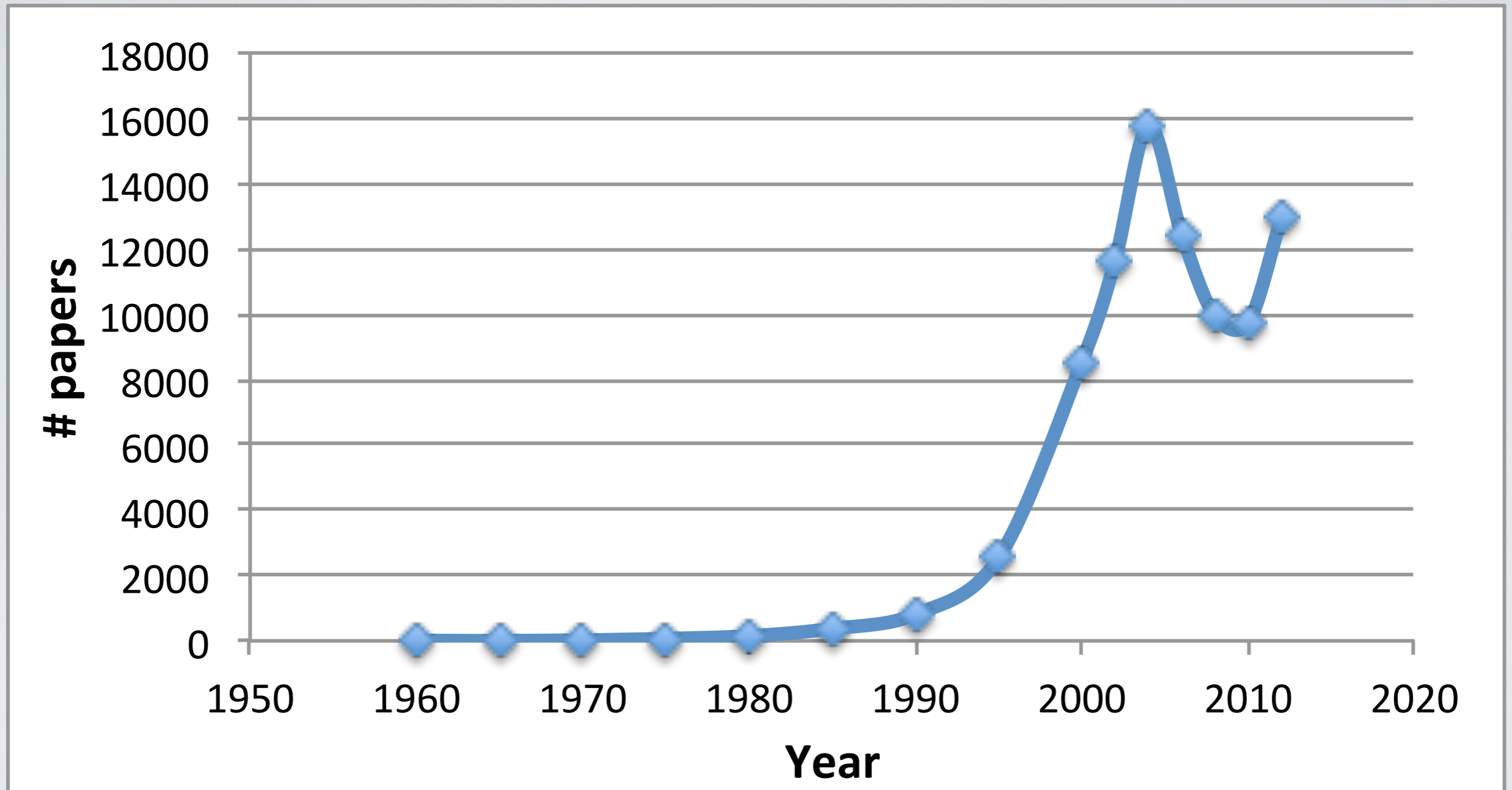
Is it used in industry?

- **YES!**
- Computer power (just) continues to follow Moore's Law, computation gets cheaper every year
- **Reliable** and **validated** computational exploration and testing is **much** cheaper and quicker than an R&D lab!
- MD is now a standard tool in pharma, nuclear, chemical, oil, aerospace, electronics, and plastics
- MD is maturing into an "off-the-shelf" tool similar to the emergence of CFD in the 90's



Academic publishing trends

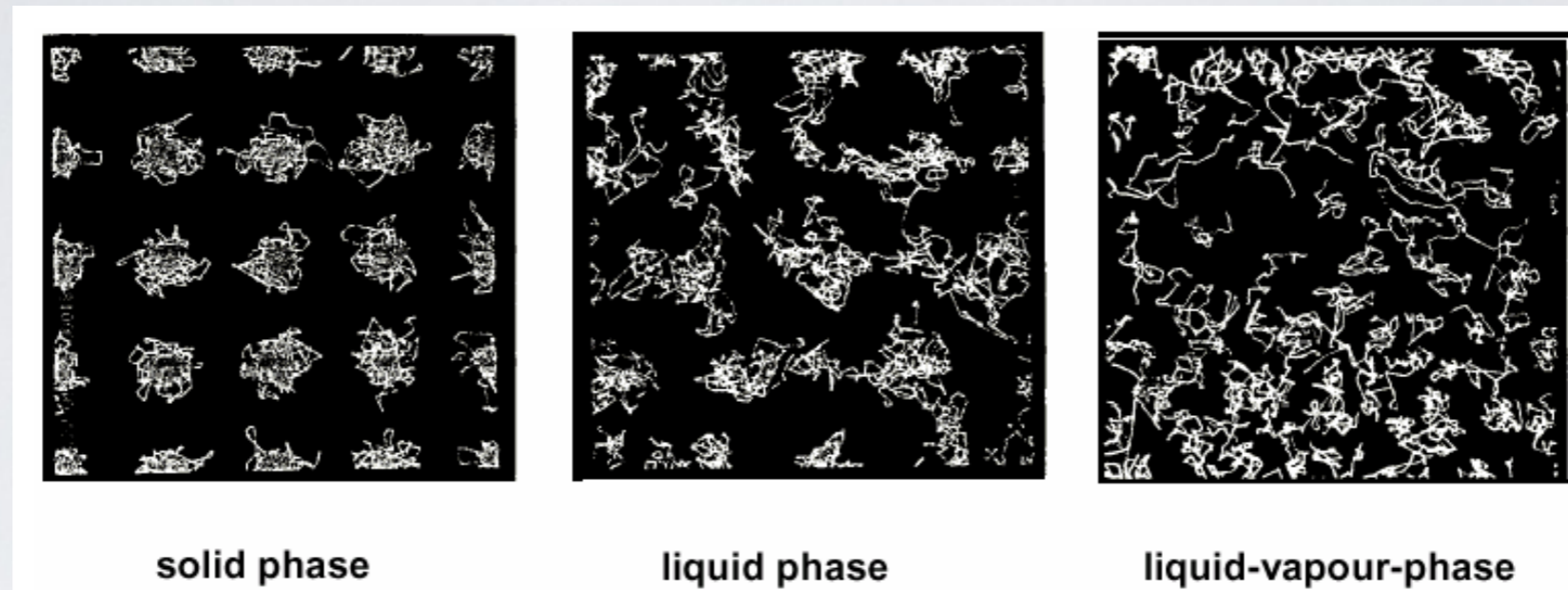
- Scopus abstract/title/keyword search “molecular dynamics”



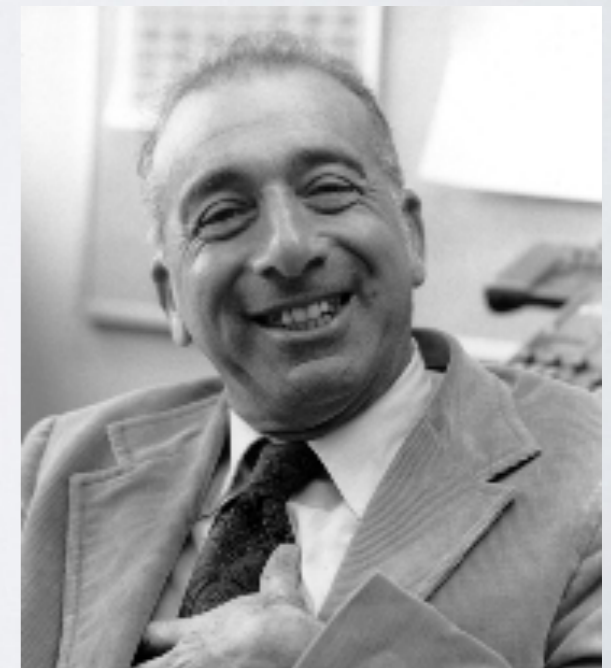
II. History

First MD simulation

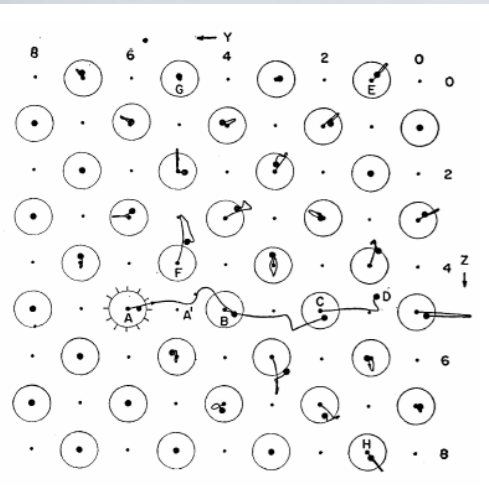
- Alder & Wainwright (1957) invent molecular dynamics and perform first simulations of the hard sphere fluid



- Berni Alder receives Boltzmann Medal (2001) and National Medal of Science (2009) for this work
- Currently Professor Emeritus at UC Davis

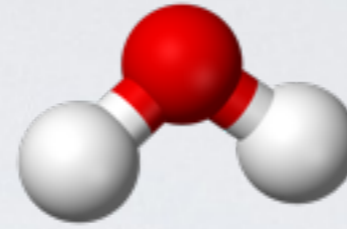


Milestones in MD



1960
Gibson *et al.*
Simulation of Cu radiation damage

Gibson, J.B., Goland, A.N., Milgram, M., and Vineyard, G.H. Phys. Rev. 120 1229 (1960)



1974
Rahman & Stillinger
First simulation of liquid water

Stillinger, F.H. and Rahman, A.J. Chem. Phys. 60 1545 (1974)

1994
York *et al.*
BPTI hydrated xtal [1ns]

York, D.M., Wlodawer, A., Pedersen, L.G. and Darden, T.A. PNAS 91 18 8715 (1994)

2010
Shaw *et al.*
BPTI in water [1ms]

Shaw, D.E. *et al.* Science 330 341 (2010)

1957
Alder & Wainwright
First MD simulation of hard sphere fluid

Alder, B.J. and Wainwright, T.E. J. Chem. Phys. 27 1208 (1957)

1964
Rahman
First simulation of liquid Ar using realistic potential

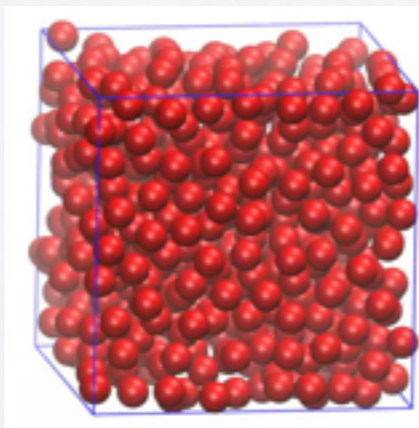
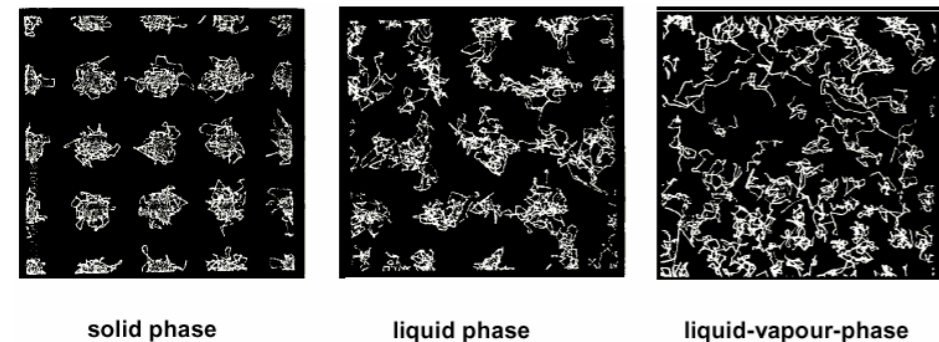
Rahman, A. Phys. Rev. A 136 405 (1964)

1977
McCammon *et al.*
First protein simulation (BPTI) [8.8ps]

McCammon, J.A., Gelin, B.R., and Karplus, M. Nature 267 585 (1977)

1998
Duan & Kollman
Villin headpiece in water [1μs]

Duan, Y., and Kollman, P.A. Science 282 5389 740 (1998)



III. Basic Principles

The fundamental idea

- MD simulates atomic motions using classical mechanics
- Running a simulation is like cooking - just follow the recipe!
- Three ingredients:
 1. An initial system configuration $[\vec{r}(t = 0), \vec{v}(t = 0)]$
 2. Interaction potentials for system $V(\vec{r})$
 3. A way to integrate $F=ma$

The fundamental idea

- Laplace's Demon / "The Clockwork Universe"

"Given for one instant an intelligence which could comprehend all the forces by which nature is animated and the respective positions of the beings which compose it, if moreover this intelligence were vast enough to submit these data to analysis, it would embrace in the same formula both the movements of the largest bodies in the universe and those of the lightest atom; to it **nothing would be uncertain, and the future as the past would be present to its eyes.**"

- Pierre Simon de Laplace (1749-1827)

This is basically molecular dynamics!

But what about quantum effects?

- Classical MD treats atoms* as point particles that move deterministically via Newton's equations of motion
- Is this a valid description of atomic dynamics? **YES.**

(1) Born-Oppenheimer allows us to treat electrons implicitly. Their effect is “baked in” to nuclear interaction potential.

$$\tau_{\text{elec}} \sim 10^{-18} \text{ s}$$

$$\tau_{\text{nuc}} \sim 10^{-15} \text{ s}$$

Separation of time scales argues for pseudo-equilibrium of electrons with respect to nuclei

* or coarse-grained groups of atoms called “united atoms”

But what about quantum effects?

(2) The Schrödinger equation for nuclei replaced by $F=ma$

de Broglie wavelength: $\Lambda_H \sim 1 \text{ \AA}, \Lambda_C \sim 0.3 \text{ \AA}$

characteristic atomic separation: $d \sim 1 \text{ \AA}$

For all but lightest atoms $d \gg \Lambda$, allowing us to treat atoms as point particles and use classical mechanics*

**The quantum behavior of light elements (e.g., H, He, Ne) requires special treatment by fixing bond lengths or lumping light atoms into united atoms*

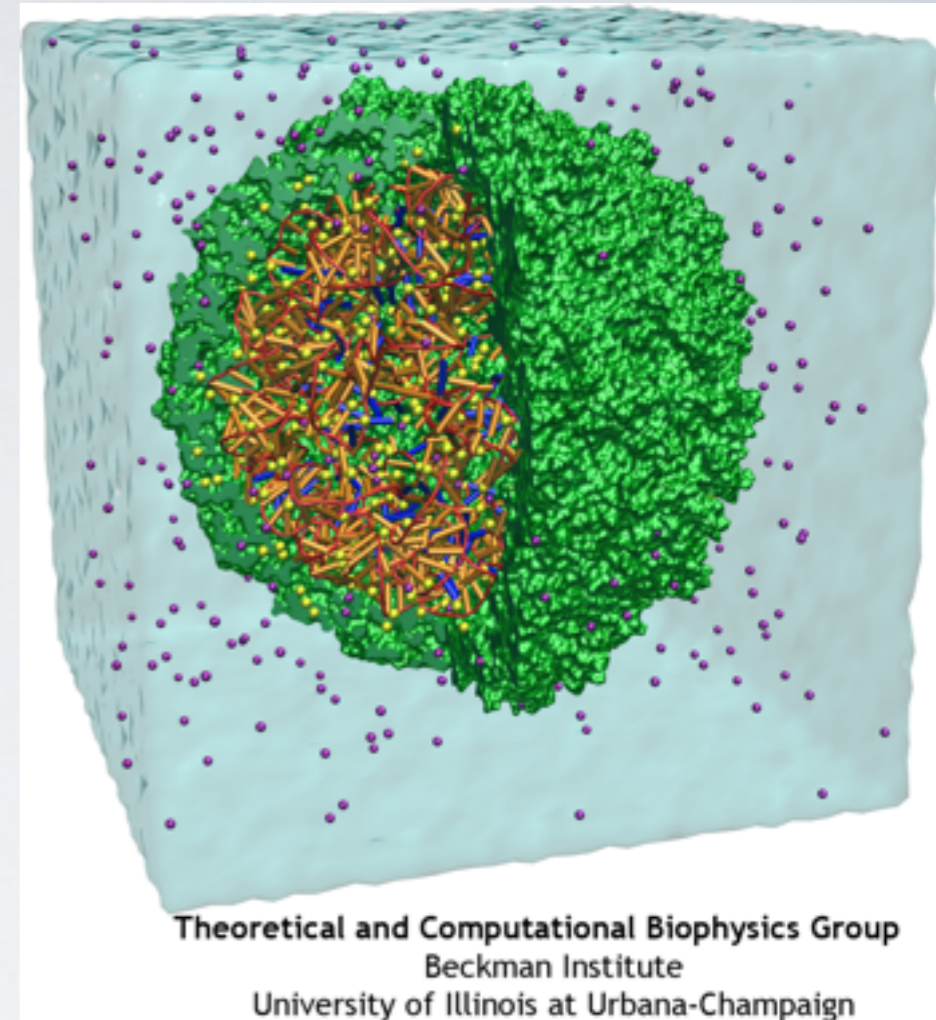
Ingredient 1: Initial configuration

- Specification of initial atomic coordinates and velocities

- Classical mechanics is deterministic: **initial state and interaction rules fully specify the system's future***

- Wind up Laplace's clockwork universe and — in principle — a “vast intelligence” could compute the future of the system

- Our intelligence is insufficiently vast — the equations are hard! — and thus **we resort to numerical simulation**



* neglecting numerical integration errors and finite precision (i.e., uncertainty)

Initializing coordinates

- Initial configurations can be generated “by hand” or short scripts for simple systems (e.g., liquid Ar, bulk Al)

- Software tools for complex systems (e.g., proteins, complex defect structures)

PRODRG (<http://davapc1.bioch.dundee.ac.uk/prodrg/>)

ATP (<http://compbio.biosci.uq.edu.au/atb/>)

PyMOI (<http://www.pymol.org/>)

Chimera (<http://www.cgl.ucsf.edu/chimera/>)

- Common protein structures are in Protein Data Bank

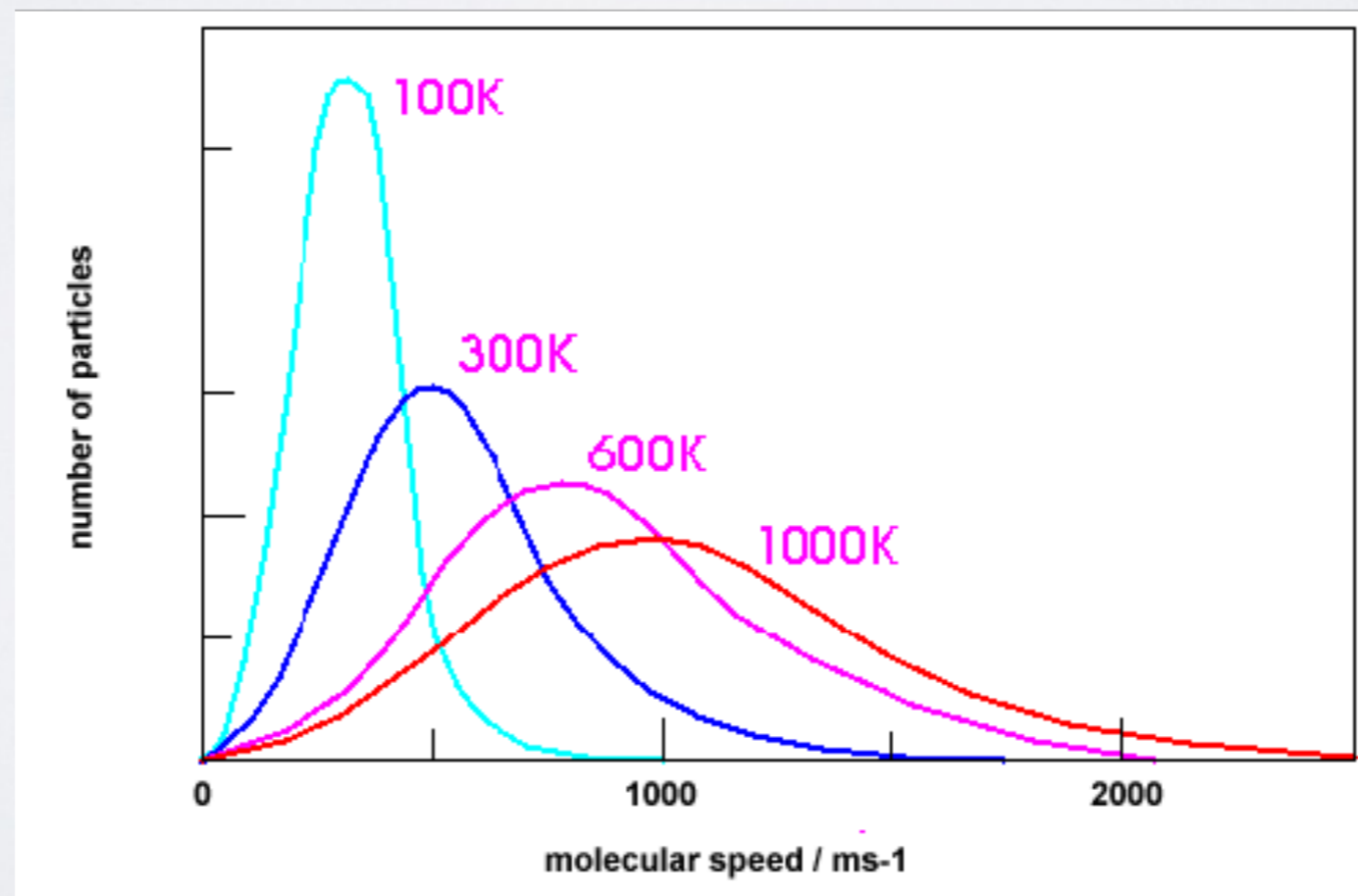
PDB (www.rcsb.org/pdb)

Protein in water									
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1ACE	HH31	2	0.740	2.540	0.554	0.2235	0.0824	-0.1715	
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1ACE	HH33	4	0.684	2.482	0.394	0.2995	1.4351	-0.5063	
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2ALA	N	7	0.582	2.739	0.405	0.1733	0.1955	0.3558	
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2ALA	HA	10	0.741	2.700	0.278	-1.5076	-1.1917	-0.7488	
2ALA	CB	11	0.674	2.911	0.267	0.4673	-0.0071	-0.1476	
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2ALA	HB3	14	0.763	2.957	0.225	0.9167	-0.2257	0.5469	
2ALA	C	15	0.813	2.805	0.445	-0.7286	-0.5024	-0.1928	
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3NAC	CH3	19	1.001	2.723	0.298	-0.7672	-0.2750	0.2229	
3NAC	HH31	20	1.092	2.669	0.324	0.3722	1.1812	-0.5828	
3NAC	HH32	21	0.945	2.648	0.243	1.0207	-0.0997	-1.9789	
3NAC	HH33	22	1.030	2.810	0.238	-2.1192	-0.7269	-1.1621	
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4SOL	HW1	24	0.735	1.315	0.761	-1.0746	1.1108	-1.3153	
4SOL	HW2	25	0.719	1.445	0.839	1.3389	-0.5885	2.3128	
5SOL	OW	26	0.428	0.234	2.288	1.2957	-0.4548	-0.0720	
5SOL	HW1	27	0.411	0.170	2.219	-0.2175	0.3118	-0.4516	
5SOL	HW2	28	0.488	0.297	2.247	3.0259	-1.7375	0.3978	
6SOL	OW	29	0.166	0.601	2.571	-0.1148	0.6829	-0.6515	
6SOL	HW1	30	0.212	0.681	2.595	-0.5922	0.6213	0.5401	
6SOL	HW2	31	0.228	0.552	2.517	1.4295	0.3667	1.2935	
7SOL	OW	32	2.575	0.438	1.811	0.4391	0.2071	0.3094	
7SOL	HW1	33	2.581	0.469	1.721	-1.3349	0.1731	0.1541	
7SOL	HW2	34	2.481	0.429	1.828	0.6643	1.2137	2.4877	
8SOL	OW	35	0.492	2.063	2.222	-0.4334	-0.0059	-0.1953	
8SOL	HW1	36	0.570	2.035	2.269	-0.2720	-1.2784	-1.1564	
8SOL	HW2	37	0.450	2.127	2.279	0.5359	-0.3976	0.9797	
9SOL	OW	38	2.657	0.259	0.784	0.3737	-0.2806	0.0046	
9SOL	HW1	39	2.659	0.233	0.692	-1.4133	0.9624	-0.4269	
9SOL	HW2	40	2.714	0.335	0.789	1.6804	-1.2503	0.2641	
10SOL	OW	41	-0.009	1.802	0.210	0.2163	0.8744	-0.2151	
10SOL	HW1	42	-0.046	1.724	0.251	-0.3127	1.2546	0.0424	
10SOL	HW2	43	0.080	1.807	0.244	0.7693	-0.4235	-1.3548	
11SOL	OW	44	0.693	2.604	2.223	-0.8870	-0.4375	0.1438	
11SOL	HW1	45	0.641	2.585	2.302	-0.5618	-3.2331	-0.1923	
11SOL	HW2	46	0.772	2.647	2.256	-0.6655	-1.7422	1.4208	
12SOL	OW	47	2.600	2.648	2.637	0.3128	-0.3491	0.5421	
12SOL	HW1	48	2.615	2.621	2.547	-0.1552	-1.3876	0.7622	

Initializing velocities

- Bad idea to start atoms from rest (absolute zero = 0 K) due to thermal shock upon starting simulation
- Standard approach is to draw velocities randomly from a Maxwell-Boltzmann distribution at the temperature, T

$$f_{\mathbf{v}}(v_x, v_y, v_z) = \left(\frac{m}{2\pi kT} \right)^{3/2} \exp \left[-\frac{m(v_x^2 + v_y^2 + v_z^2)}{2kT} \right]$$



Ingredient 2: Interaction potentials

- The net force acting on each atom in the system is a result of its interactions with all other atoms
- These interactions amount to a set of rules known as a **force field** or **interaction potential**
- Accurate, robust, and transferable force fields are critical to perform physically realistic molecular simulations
- Force field development is an academic industry

metals:	EAM (Daw & Baskes), MEAM (Baskes)
biomolecules:	Amber (Kollman, UCSF), GROMOS (U. Groningen), CHARMM (Karplus, Harvard), OPLS (Jorgensen, Yale), MARTINI [coarse grained] (Marrink, U. Groningen)
n-alkanes:	TraPPE (Siepmann, U. Minnesota), MM2 (Allinger, UGA)
water:	SPC (Berendsen), SPC/E (Berendsen), TIPnP (Jorgensen), ST2 (Stillinger & Rahman)
general:	DREIDING (Mayo et al.), DISCOVER (Rappe et al.), UFF (Hagler et al.)

Energy, force, and acceleration

- The potential energy of the system is a complicated function of atomic coordinates (this is why we have to *simulate numerically* rather than *calculate analytically*)

- The net force on atom i is the negative gradient of the potential energy wrt the atomic coordinates

$$F_i = -\nabla_i [V(r_1, r_2, \dots, r_N)]$$

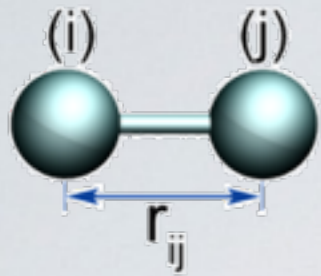
$$a_i = \frac{F_i}{m_i}$$

- The potential energy is typically broken into four parts:

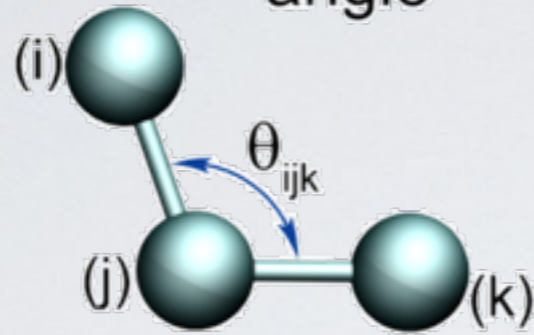
$$V(\vec{r}) = V_{bonded} + V_{non-bonded} + V_{restraints} + V_{field}$$

Bonded

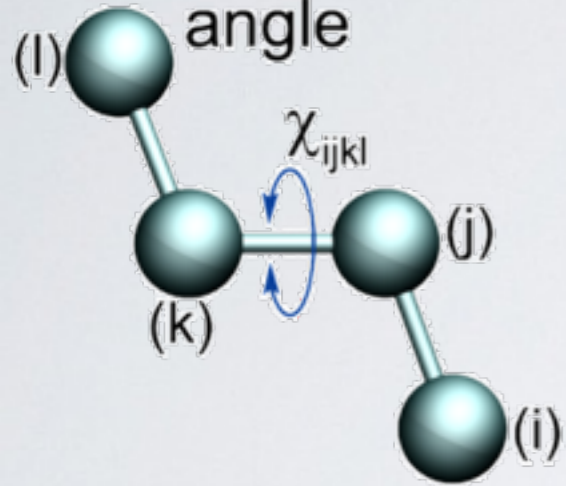
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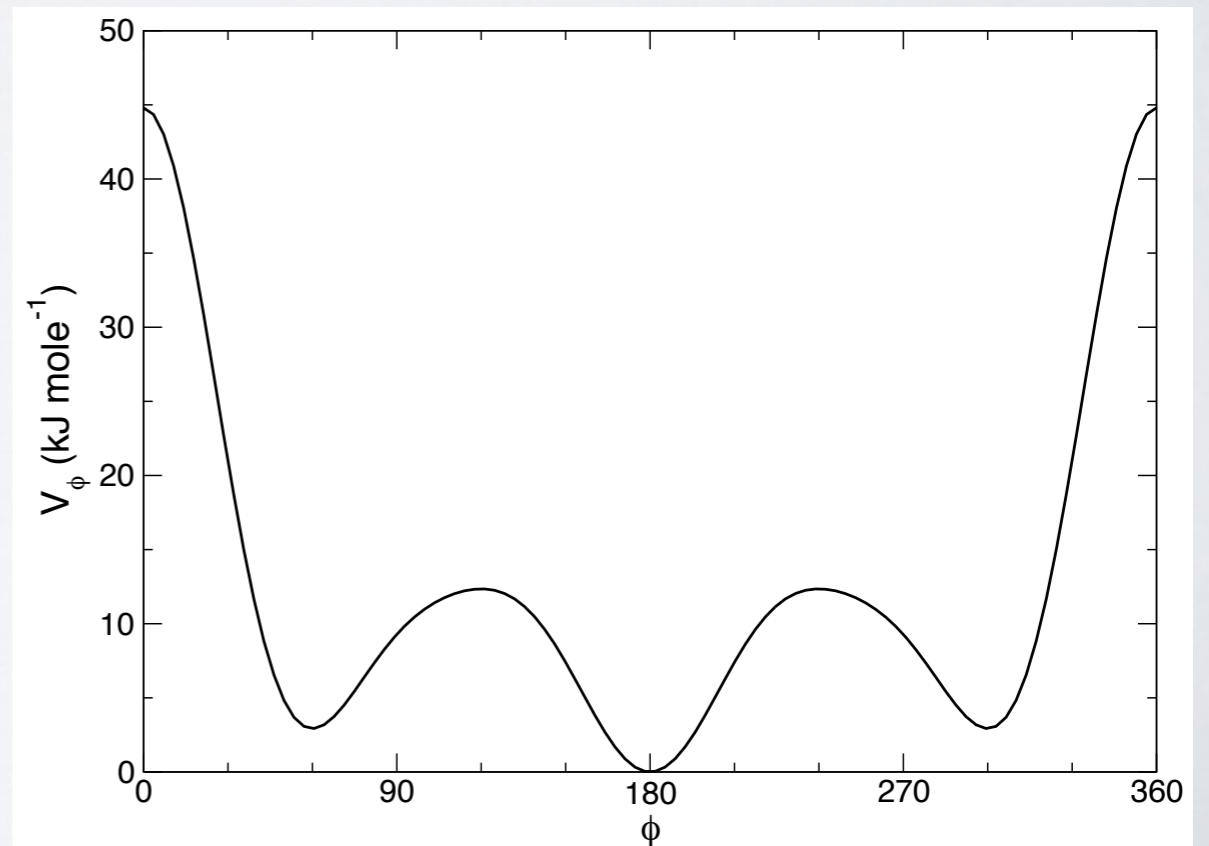
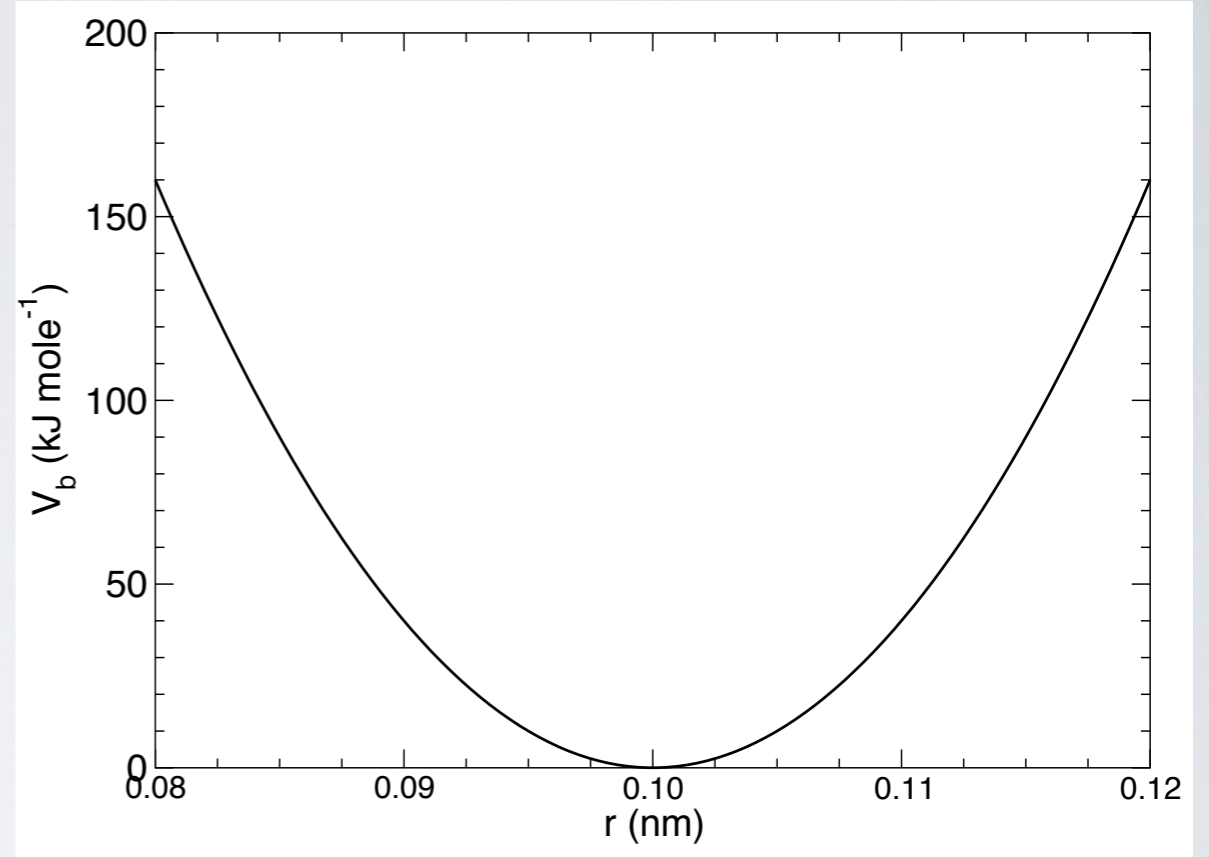
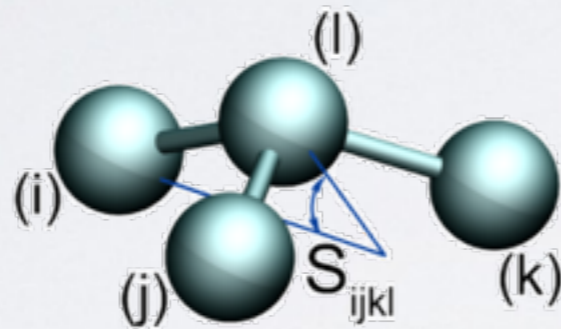
angle



dihedral angle



improper dihedral angle



$$V_b(r_{ij}) = \frac{1}{2} k_{ij}^b (r_{ij} - b_{ij})^2$$

$$V_a(\theta_{ijk}) = \frac{1}{2} k_{ijk}^\theta (\theta_{ijk} - \theta_{ijk}^0)^2$$

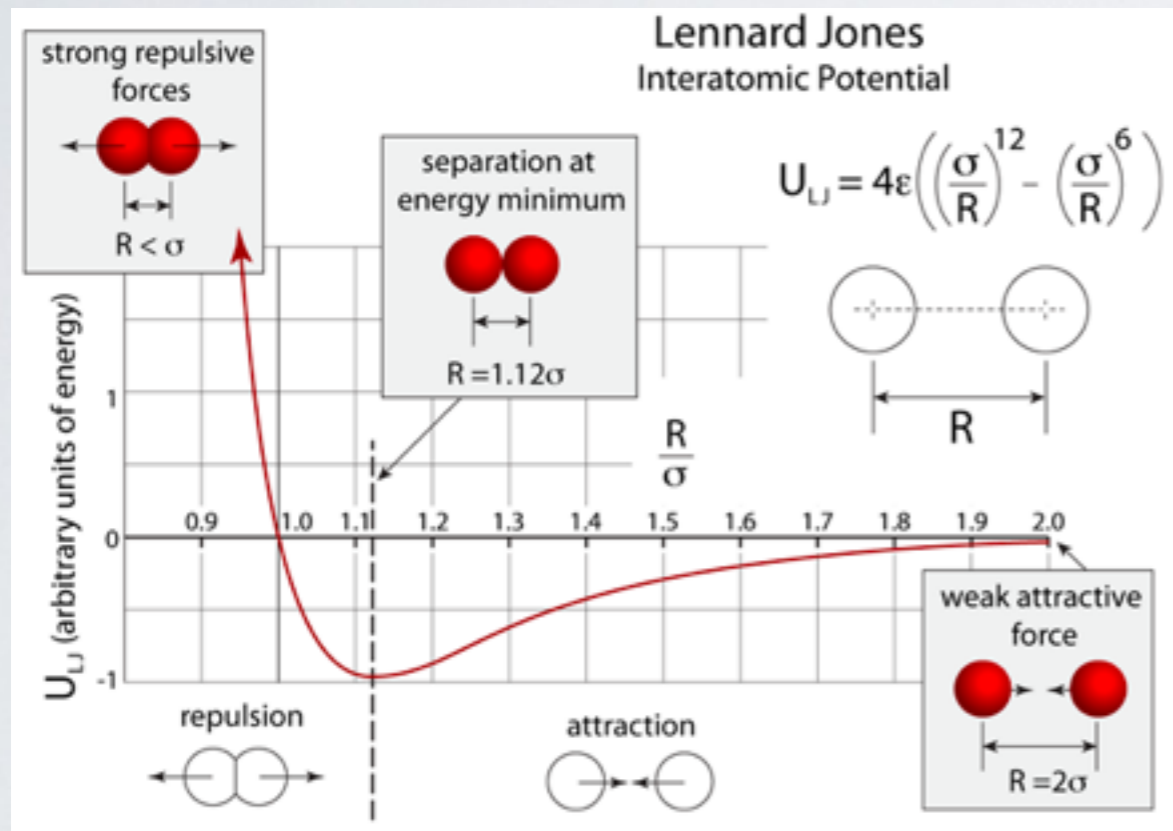
$$V_{rb}(\phi_{ijkl}) = \sum_{n=0}^5 C_n (\cos(\psi))^n$$

$$V_{id}(\xi_{ijkl}) = \frac{1}{2} k_\xi (\xi_{ijkl} - \xi_0)^2$$

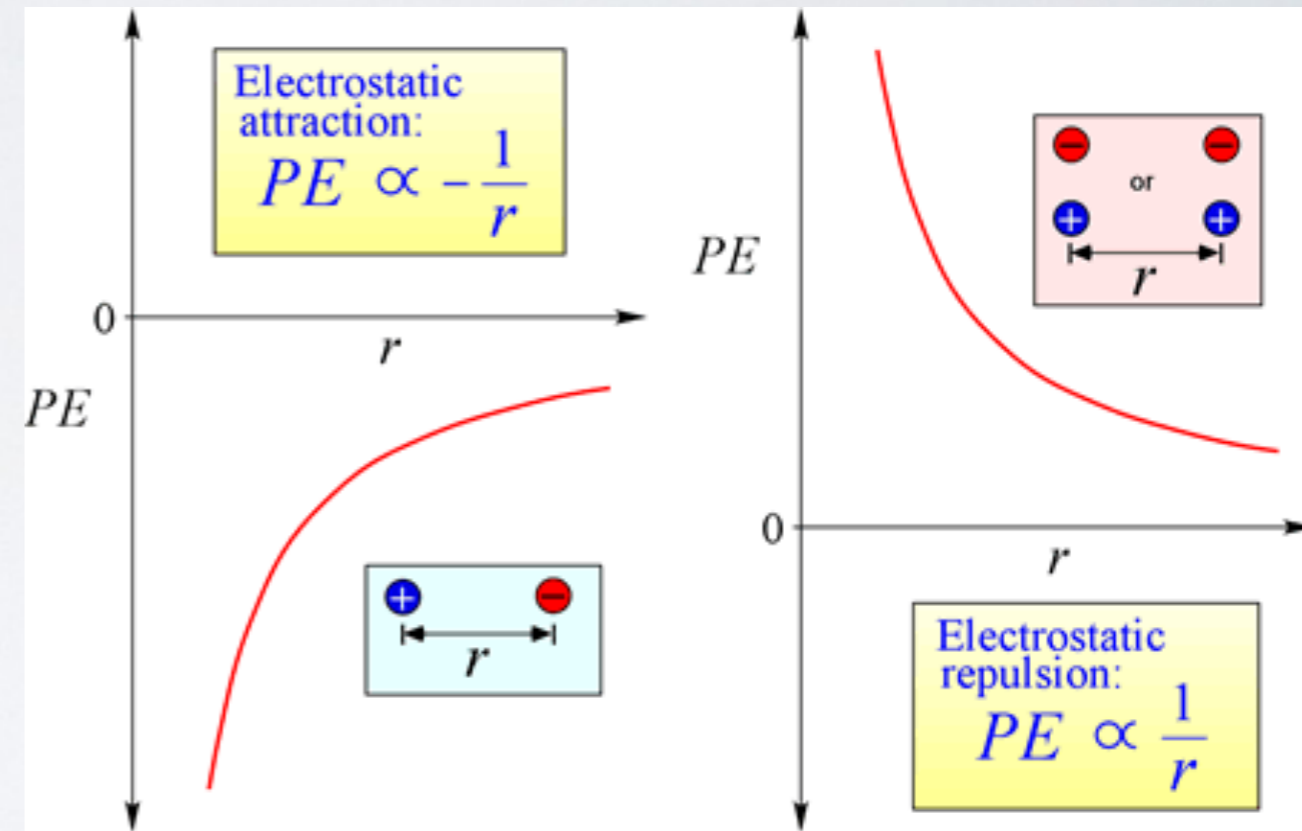
Non-bonded

- Approximate full n -body interactions as pairwise additive for simplicity and computational efficiency (cf. (M)EAM)

- van der Waals



- Coulomb

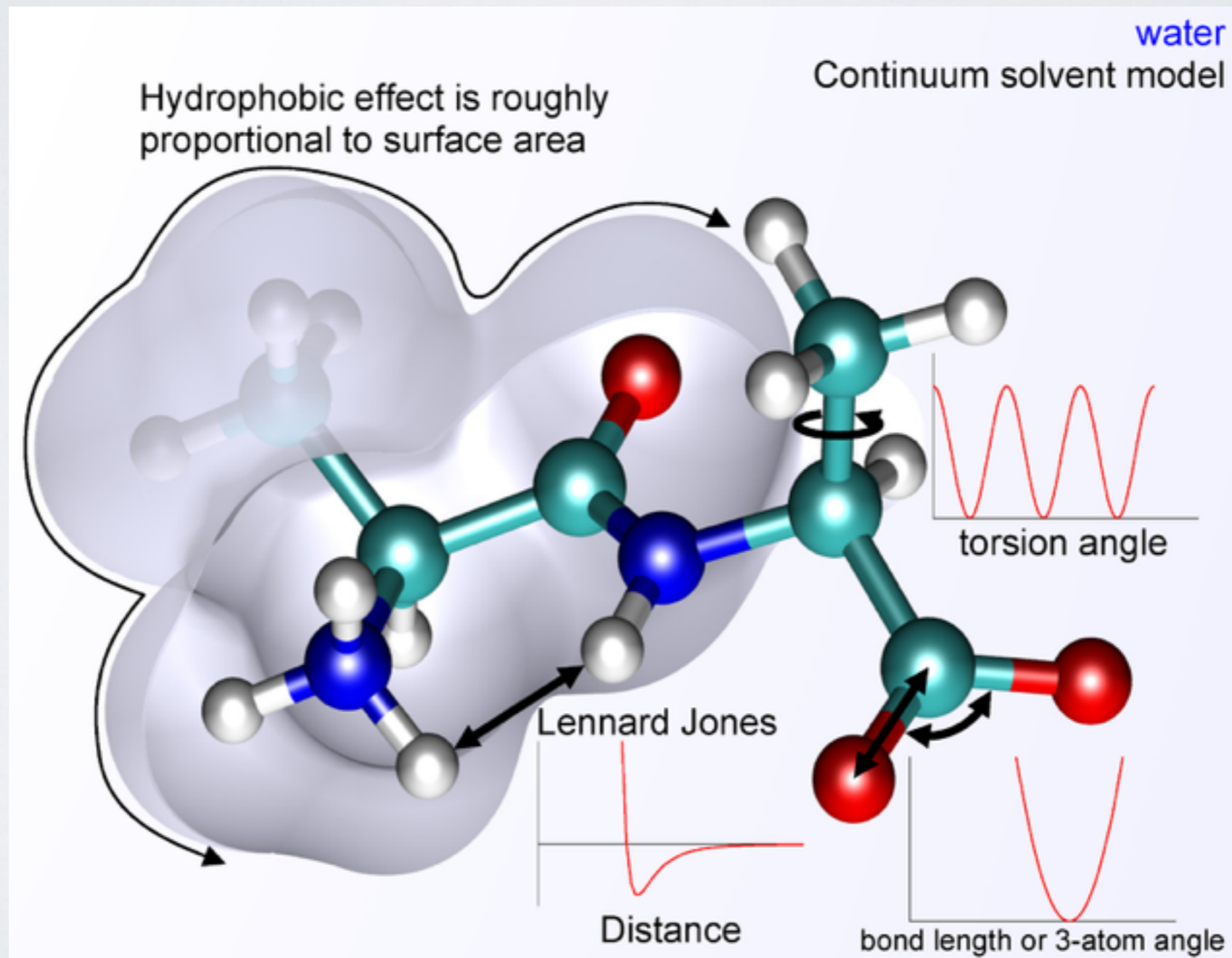


$$V_{LJ}(r_{ij}) = 4\epsilon \left[\left(\frac{\sigma}{r_{ij}} \right)^{12} - \left(\frac{\sigma}{r_{ij}} \right)^6 \right]$$

$$V_{Coul}(r_{ij}) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{q_i q_j}{r_{ij}}$$

Fields

- Fields are commonly used to model:
 - external potentials (e.g., electric, magnetic, flow)
 - continuum solvation (no explicit solvent molecules)



EAM / MEAM

- Multi-body potential widely used for metallic solids

EAM - **E**Embedded **A**Atom **M**odel

MEAM - **M**odified **E**Embedded **A**Atom **M**odel

- Inherently many-body \Rightarrow slower than pairwise additive FF (2x - EAM, 3-5x - MEAM)

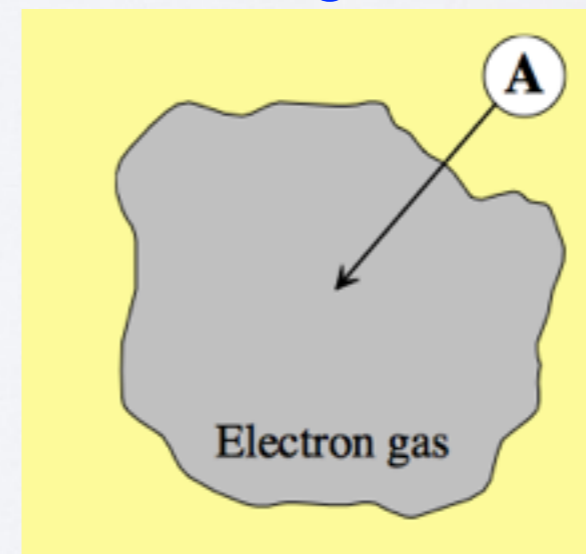
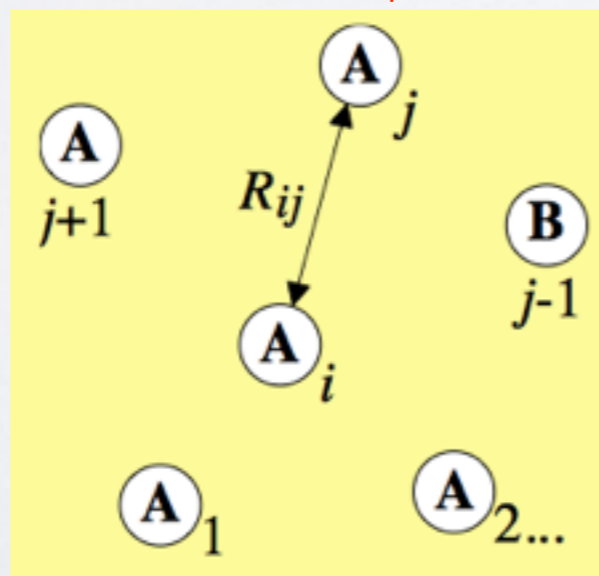
$$E_{\text{total}} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{ij}^N \Phi_{ij}(r_{ij}) + \sum_i^N F_i(n_i)$$

pairwise potential

interatomic separation

local e^- density

embedding function



EAM / MEAM

- Local e⁻ density functions

EAM

$$n_i = \sum_{j \neq i} \rho_j(r_{ij})$$

MEAM

$$n_i = \sum_{j \neq i} \rho_j(r_{ij}) + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j,k \neq i} f_{ij}(r_{ij}) f_{ik}(r_{ik}) g_i(\cos \theta_{jik})$$

3-body radial

3-body angular

→ 3-body term in MEAM improves agreement for directional bonding (bcc, hcp, diamond)

NIST Interatomic Potentials Repository

<http://www.ctcms.nist.gov/potentials/>

Elements

1 1 H	2 He											13 5 B	14 6 C	15 7 N	16 8 O	17 9 F	18 10 Ne
3 Li	4 Be											13 Al	14 Si	15 P	16 S	17 Cl	18 Ar
11 Na	12 Mg	3 Sc	4 Ti	5 V	6 Cr	7 Mn	8 Fe	9 Co	10 Ni	11 Cu	12 Zn	31 Ga	32 Ge	33 As	34 Se	35 Br	36 Kr
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Alloys, Compounds, and Mixtures

Grouped by the number of elements or species, not the type of bonding.

Binaries (two elements)

Al-Co	Ag-Cu	Al-Cu	Al-Fe	Al-H	Al-Mg
Al-Ni	Al-Pb	Al-Ti	C-Fe	C-H	Cu-Ag
Cu-Al	Co-Al	Co-Ni	Cr-Fe	Cr-Ni	Cu-Fe
Cu-Ni	Cu-Pb	Cu-Ta	Cu-Zr	Fe-Al	Fe-C
Fe-Cr	Fe-Cu	Fe-Ni	Fe-P	Fe-V	Mg-Al
Ni-Al	Ni-Co	Ni-Cr	Ni-Cu	Ni-Fe	Ni-Zr
P-Fe	Pb-Al	Pb-Cu	Pd-H	Ta-Cu	Ti-Al
UO ₂	(U,Pu,Np)O ₂	V-Fe	Zr-Cu	Zr-Ni	

Ternaries (three elements)

AgTaO ₃	Al-Mn-Pd
C-H-O	Fe-Cu-Ni
Fe-Ni-Cr	Ni-Al-Co
Ni-Al-H	Pd-Ag-H
U-Mo-Xe	

Higher order (four or more elements)

Al-Si-Mg-Cu-Fe
Zn-Cd-Hg-S-Se-Te (II-VI semiconductor compounds)

Ingredient 3: Integrators

- [initial atomic coordinates and velocities] + [force field]
⇒ entire future (and past!) modeled by **F=ma**
- Analytical solutions for the dynamical evolution cannot be computed for all but the simplest systems (>2 body)
- Solve Newton's equations by numerical integration
⇒ computers ideally suited to rapid, repetitive calculations
- Solving by hand would require thousands of years!



Verlet algorithm

- Many possible integration algorithms exist
(e.g., explicit/implicit Euler, Gear predictor-corrector, n^{th} order Runge-Kutta, Beeman, Newmark-beta)
- The method of choice is the **Verlet algorithm**
 - ✓ **fast**
 - ✓ **simple**
 - ✓ **low-memory**
 - ✓ **stable**
 - ✓ **time-reversible**
 - ✓ **symplectic (phase space volume & E conserving)**
 - ✗ **poor accuracy for large time steps (Δt must be small)**
- First recorded use by Delambre in 1791
Popularized in MD by Loup Verlet in 1967

Verlet algorithm

Derived from Taylor series:

$$r(t + \delta t) = r(t) + \dot{r}(t)\delta t + \frac{1}{2}\ddot{r}(t)\delta t^2 + \dots$$

$$= r(t) + v(t)\delta t + \frac{1}{2}a(t)\delta t^2 + \dots$$

$$r(t - \delta t) = r(t) - \dot{r}(t)\delta t + \frac{1}{2}\ddot{r}(t)\delta t^2 + \dots$$

$$= r(t) - v(t)\delta t + \frac{1}{2}a(t)\delta t^2 + \dots$$

$$r(t + \delta t) = 2r(t) - r(t - \delta t) + a(t)\delta t^2 + \mathcal{O}(\delta t^4)$$

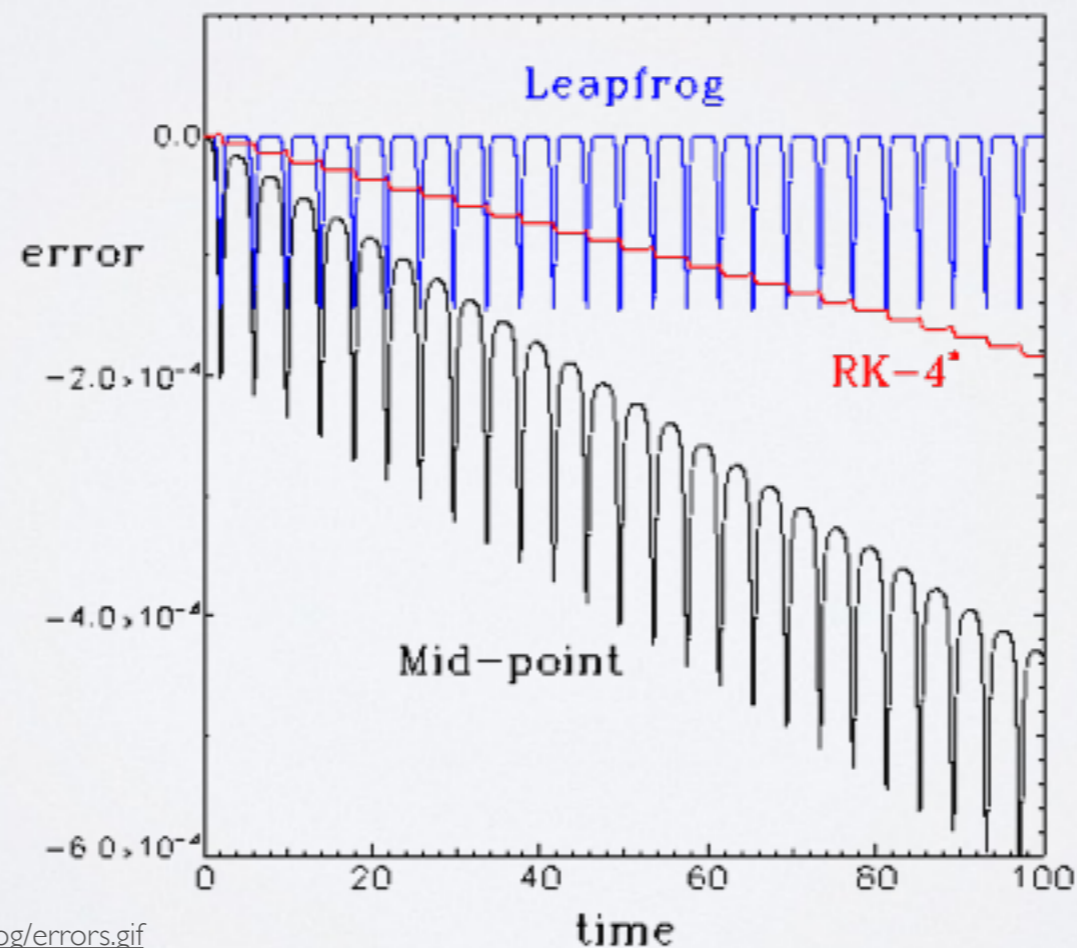
$$v(t) = \frac{r(t + \delta t) - r(t - \delta t)}{2\delta t} + \mathcal{O}(\delta t^2)$$

$$a_i = \frac{F_i}{m_i}$$

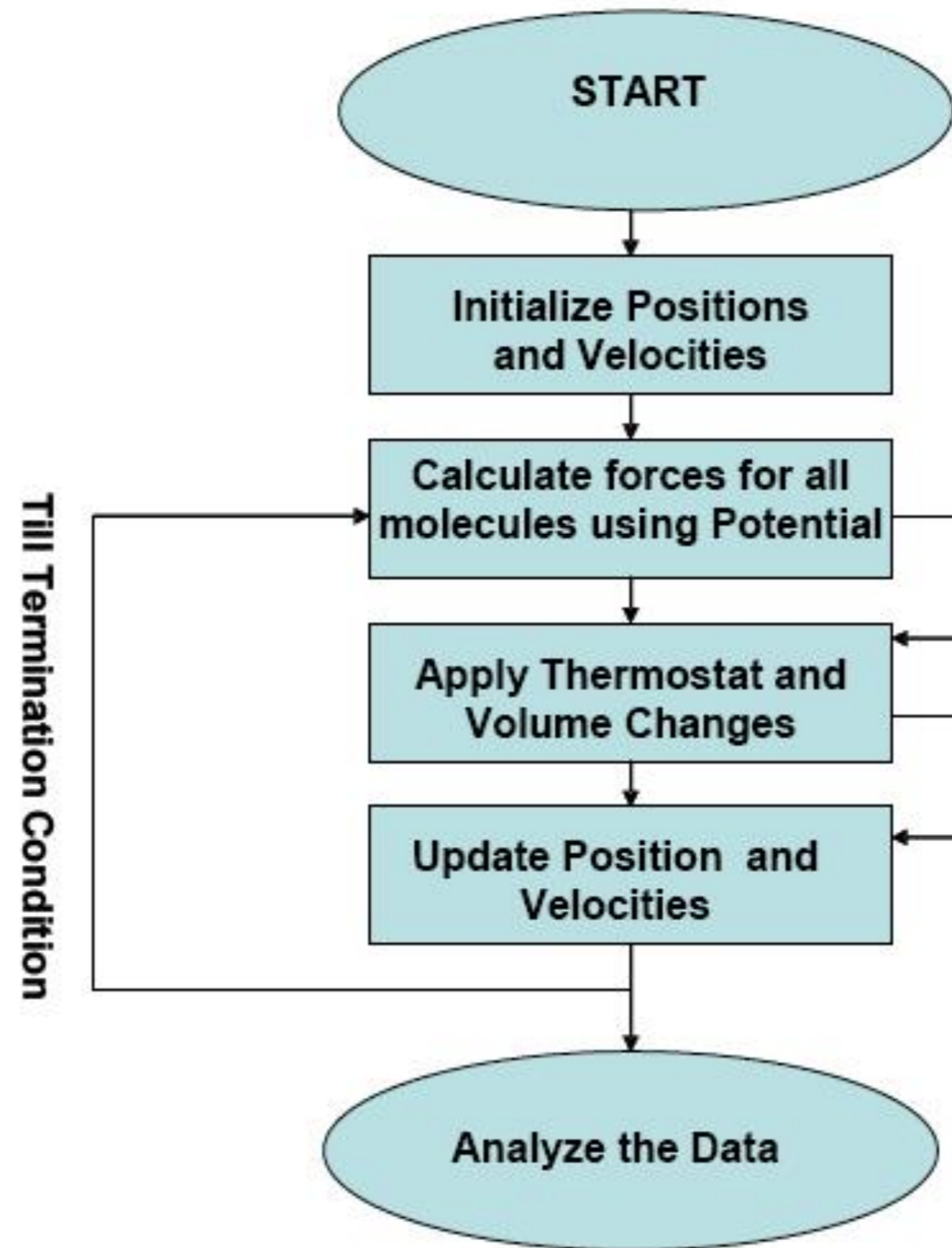
Time-reversibility

- Higher order integration algorithms have higher per step accuracy, enabling longer time steps and faster simulations (e.g., Runge-Kutta, Gear predictor-corrector)

- But**, do not respect time reversibility of Newton's equations causing energy drift and error accumulation



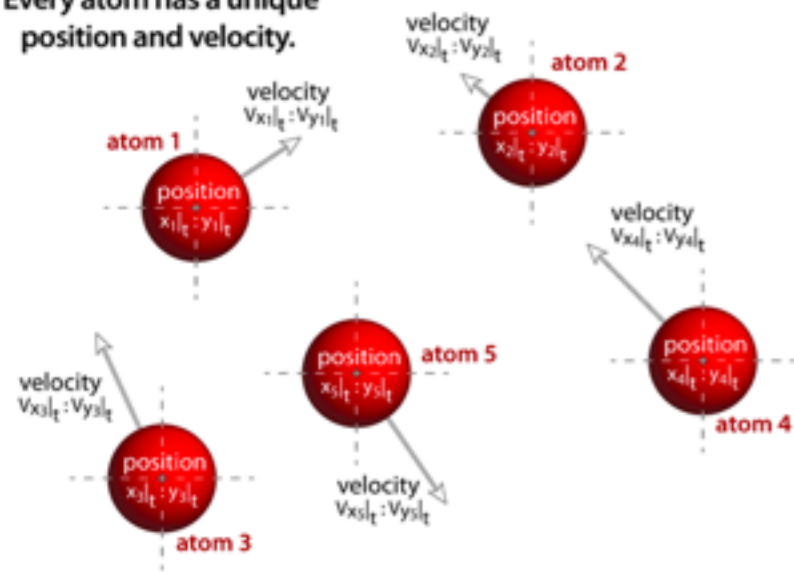
Simulation Overview



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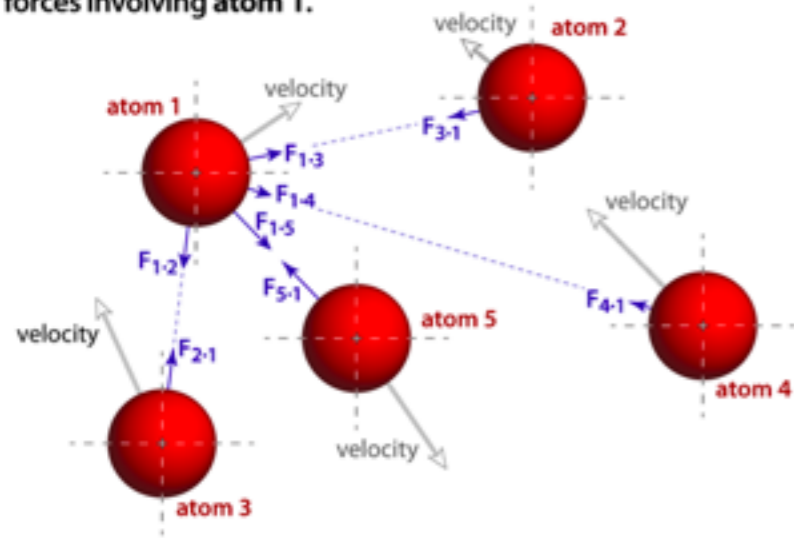
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Every atom has a unique position and velocity.



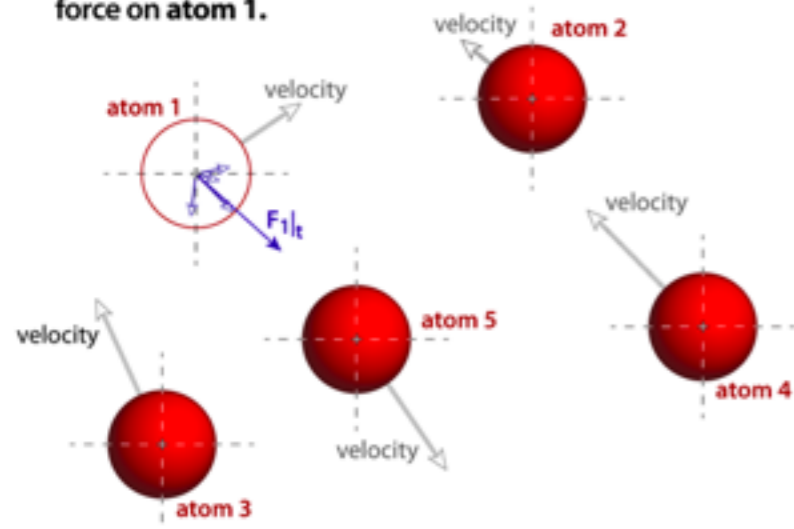
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Calculate the interatomic forces involving atom 1.



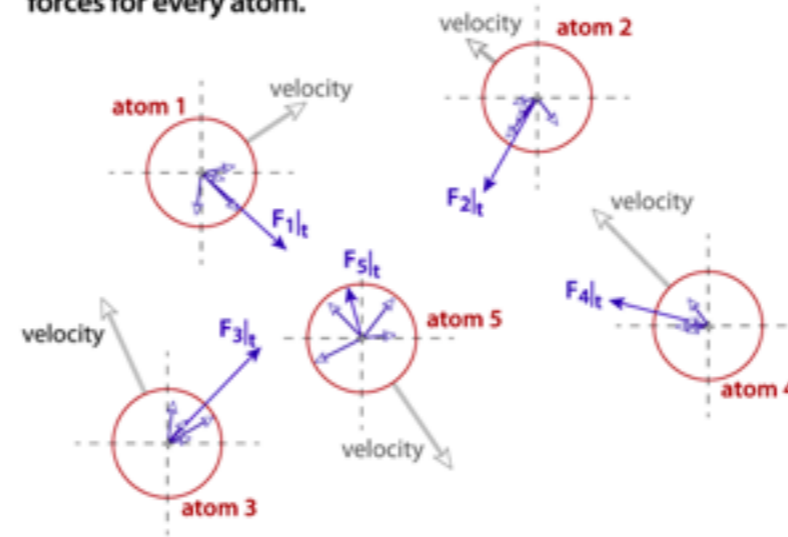
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Compute the net force on atom 1.



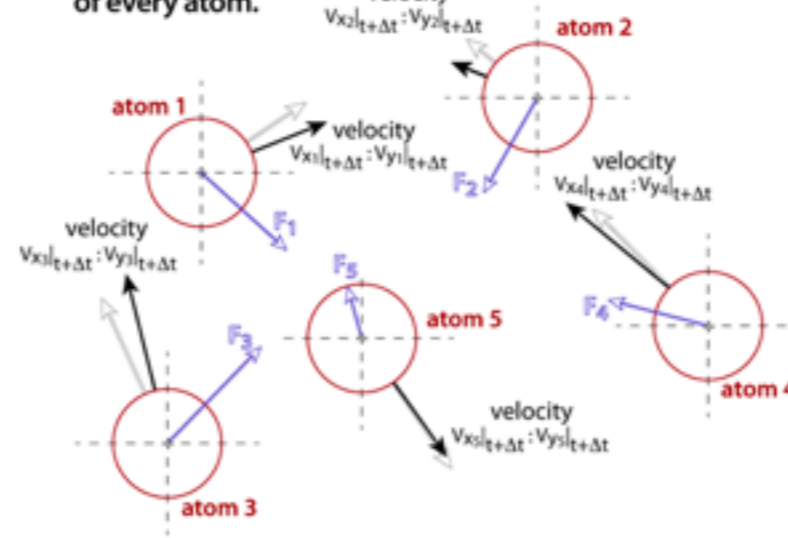
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Compute the interatomic forces for every atom.



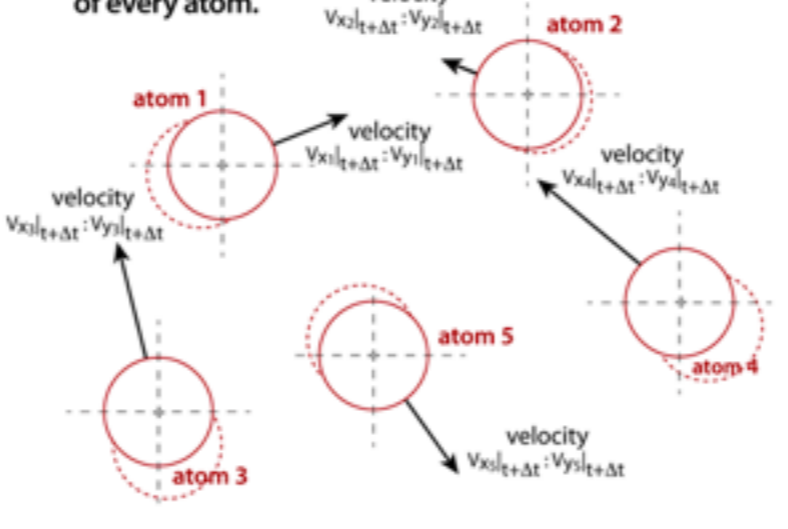
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Update the velocity of every atom.



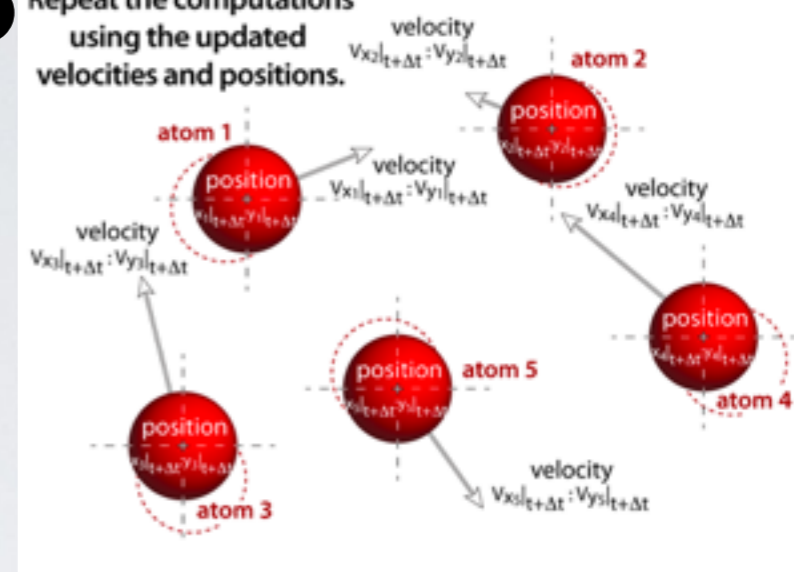
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Update the position of every atom.



7

Repeat the computations using the updated velocities and positions.



Simulation Overview



IV. Advanced Topics

Ensembles

- Naturally MD ensemble is microcanonical (NVE):
 - N** - fixed # atoms
 - V** - fixed volume
 - E** - fixed energy
- What if we want to simulate in other thermodynamic ensembles that are closer to experimental systems?

Canonical (isothermal-isochoric) - **NVT**

Isothermal-isobaric - **NPT**

Isenthalpic-isobaric - **NPH**

- MD is typically restricted to fixed **N**

Thermostats

- The temperature of a classical system is defined by the average molecular velocity

$$E_{kin} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N m_i v_i^2 \quad \frac{1}{2} N_{df} kT = E_{kin}$$

- All thermostats are based on rescaling molecular velocities:

V-rescaling

- simple uniform rescaling of $\{v_i\}$
- does **not** yield canonical ensemble

Berendsen

- weak first-order coupling of v_i to target T
- does **not** yield canonical ensemble

Andersen

- periodic v_i replacement with M-B distⁿ
- correct coord canonical ensemble, **but** unsuitable for for studying dynamics due to v_i discontinuities

Nosé-Hoover

- weak coupling of v_i to target T via fictitious oscillators
- correct coord & velocity canonical distⁿ and fluctuations*

* for N-H **chains**, single N-H thermostat non-ergodic in certain systems

Barostats

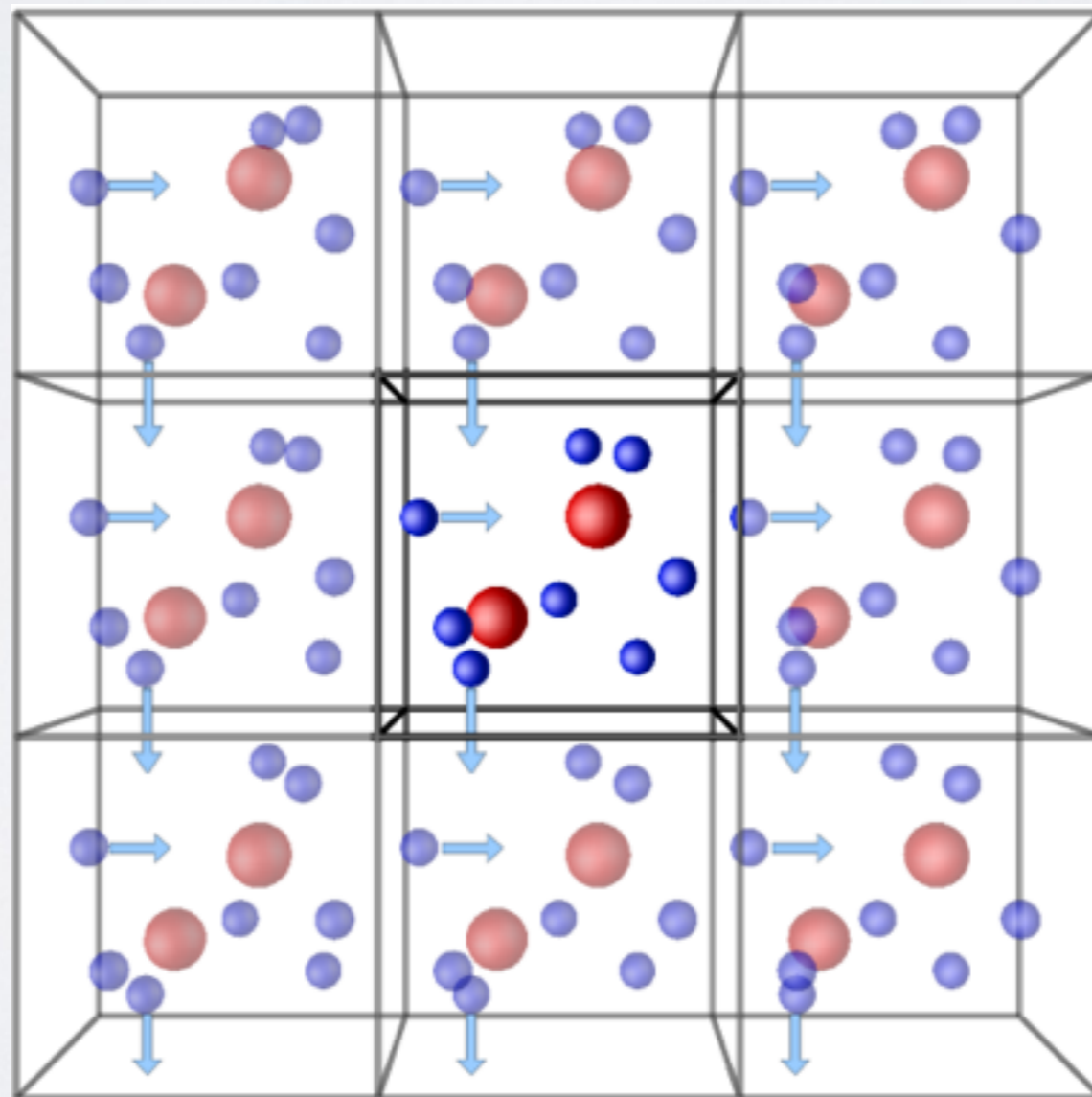
- Pressure is computed from the virial equation

$$\mathbf{P} = \frac{2}{V} (\mathbf{E}_{kin} - \mathbf{\Xi}) \quad \mathbf{\Xi} = -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i < j} \mathbf{r}_{ij} \otimes \mathbf{F}_{ij}$$

- Barostats control pressure by scaling the box volume:
 - Berendsen
 - weak first-order coupling of V to target P
 - does **not** yield isobaric ensemble
 - Parrinello-Rahman
 - weak coupling of V to target P via fictitious oscillators
 - similar to Nosé-Hoover T coupling scheme
 - correct coord & velocity isobaric dist^n and fluctuations

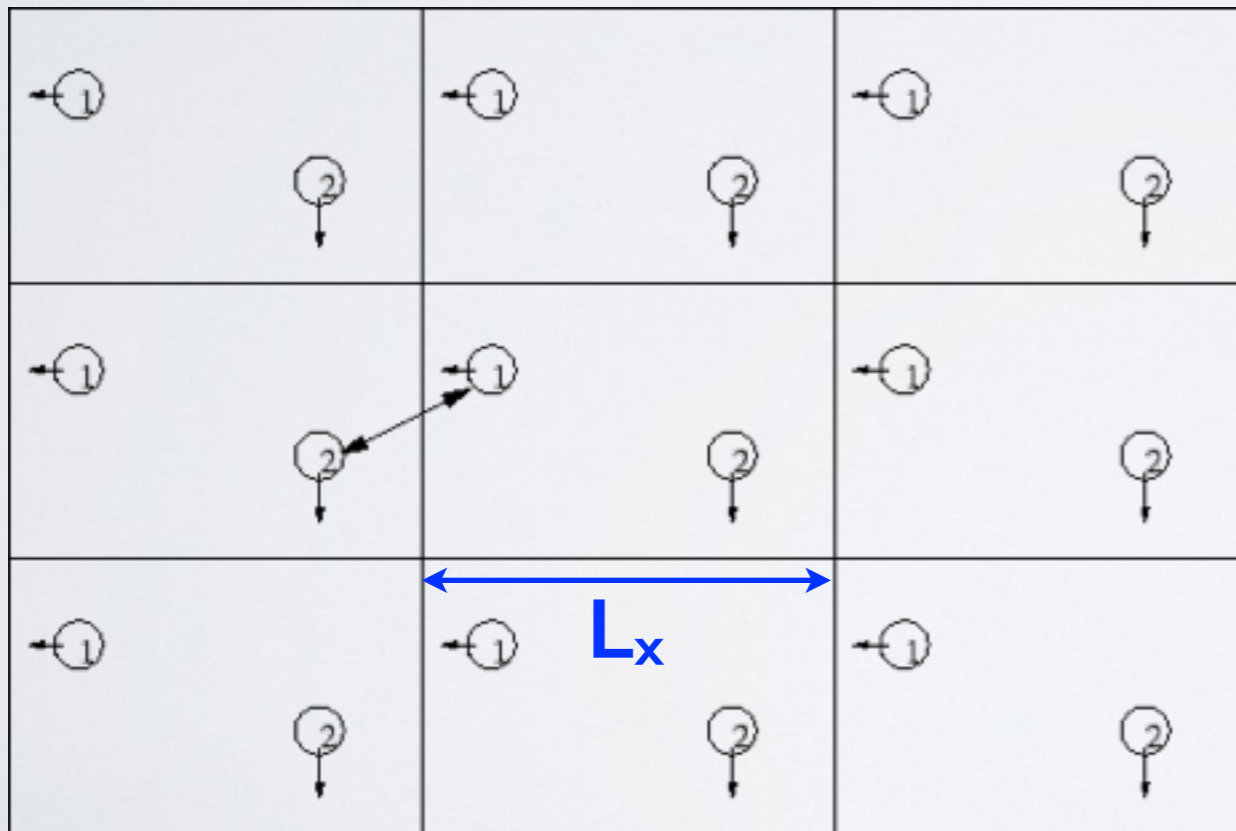
Periodic boundary conditions

- Can only simulate small (nanoscopic) patch of space
- “Trick” the system into thinking it is infinite by tiling space with periodic replicas of fundamental simulation cell
- Molecules exiting one wall re-enter through the opposite!



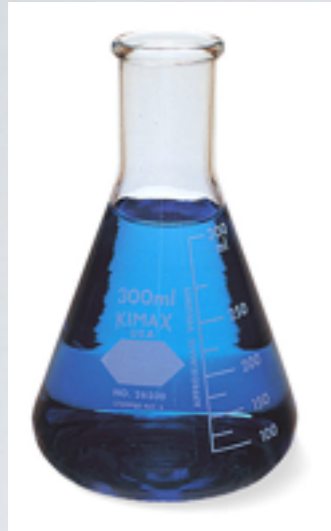
Minimum image convention

- Under PBC, inter-particle distances are measured using the **minimum image convention**
- We must ensure $r_{\text{cutoff}} < L/2$ so particles do not interact with multiple images of neighbors

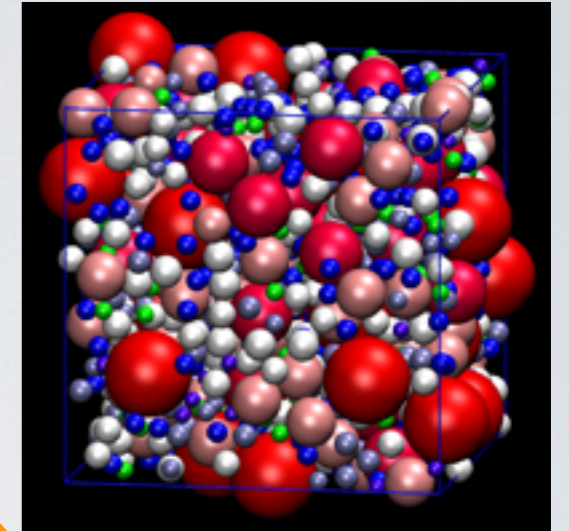
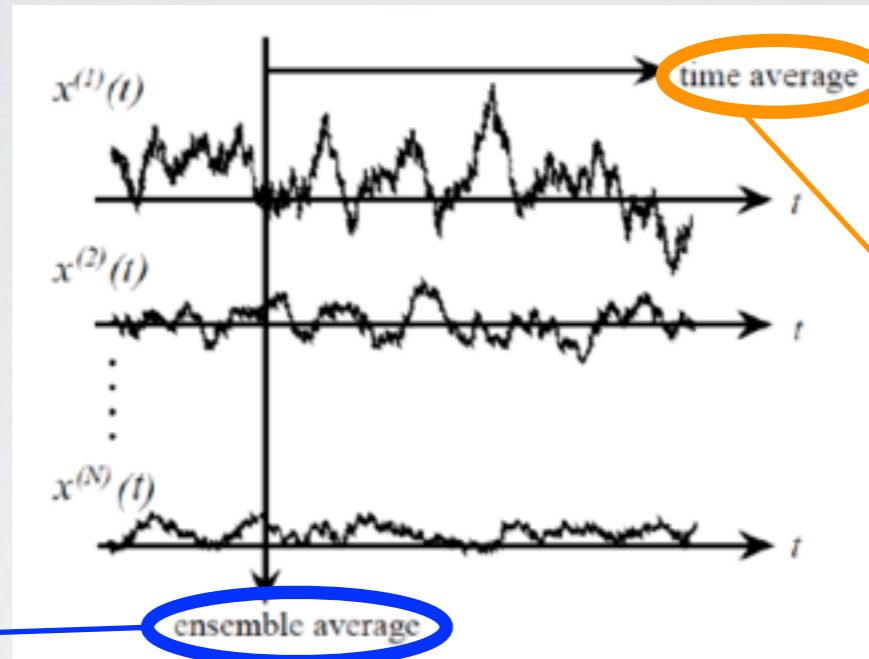


$$\Delta x_{MI} = \Delta x - L_x \text{int} \left(\frac{\Delta x}{L_x} \right)$$

Ensemble and time averages



Experiment



Simulation

Ensemble average

- Average over all possible system configurations
- Naturally attained in experiments containing N_{Av} number of particles
- Very hard integral to perform numerically!

$$\langle A \rangle = \int \int dr^N dp^N A(r^N, p^N) \rho(r^N, p^N)$$

$$\rho(r^N, p^N) = \frac{1}{Q} \exp[-\beta H(r^N, p^N)]$$

$$Q = \int \int dr^N dp^N \exp[-\beta H(r^N, p^N)]$$

Time average

- Average over a single simulation trajectory
- Approximate time integral by summation

$$\bar{A} = \lim_{\tau \rightarrow \infty} \int_{t=0}^{\tau} dt A(r^N(t), p^N(t))$$
$$\approx \frac{1}{M} \sum_{m=1}^M A(r^N(m), p^N(m))$$

Ergodic hypothesis

- The **ergodic hypothesis** states that for $\tau \rightarrow +\infty$

$$\langle A \rangle = \bar{A}$$

- So we can compute thermodynamic averages from **sufficiently long** MD trajectories

- ▶ Intuition is that long simulations explore all of the important (low energy) terms in the ensemble average
- ▶ How long is long enough is often unknown *a priori* and we rely on internal checks that observables reach steady state

- For **slow processes**, we may need accelerated sampling

Accelerated sampling

- Hardware limits the attainable MD time scales to $O(\mu\text{s})$, making it hard to study processes with $>\mu\text{s}$ relaxations
- Energetically, the system can be trapped behind large barriers, with the transition an exceedingly rare event
- Accelerated sampling techniques use artificial biases to speed up sampling of conformational space:

umbrella sampling

replica exchange

Hamiltonian exchange

hyperdynamics

metadynamics

parallel replica

T accelerated

- restrain system to hi E configurations using biasing potentials
- use T swaps to accelerate system dynamics at hi T
- use H swaps to make exploration easier
- modify H with boost potential to enhance sampling
- lay down history dependent potential to flatten H
- simulate multiple system copies to accelerate escape
- hi T/hi mass coupling of part of system

Specialized MD variants

■ Car-Parrinello MD

- ab initio MD (no FF reqd!)
- nuclear forces from solution of the electronic problem
- prohibitively expensive and slow for big systems

■ ReaxFF

- reactive MD force field
- enables classical modeling of chemical reactions

■ GPU enabled MD

- massive speedups on commodity graphics cards

■ Implicit field models

- trades accuracy for time scale

Limitations and Caveats

- No electrons and so no chemical reactions (but ReaxFF)
- No quantum effects (but QM/MM)
- Availability, transferability, and quality of force fields
- Time and length scale limitations
- Statistical significance of single trajectories
- Equilibrated?

Common mistakes

- **Simulation too short (#1 problem!)**
 - answers are not meaningful
 - out of thermodynamic equilibrium
- **Inadequate forcefield**
 - G|GO
- **Δt too large**
 - E not conserved, unstable trajectory
- **System too small**
 - finite size effects
 - hard to model low conc. in small box
- **Missing important physics or chemistry**
 - e.g., salt, surface, impurity
- **Cut-offs too short**
 - improper treatment of long-range interactions

V. Molecular Dynamics Packages

MD software

GROMACS FAST.
FLEXIBLE.
FREE.

U. Groningen
www.gromacs.org

FREE



Harvard
www.charmm.org

\$600



Rutgers *et al.*
www.ambermd.org

\$400



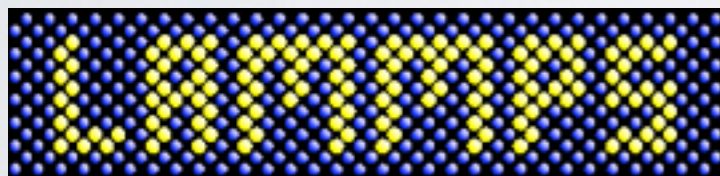
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FREE



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Sandia National Lab
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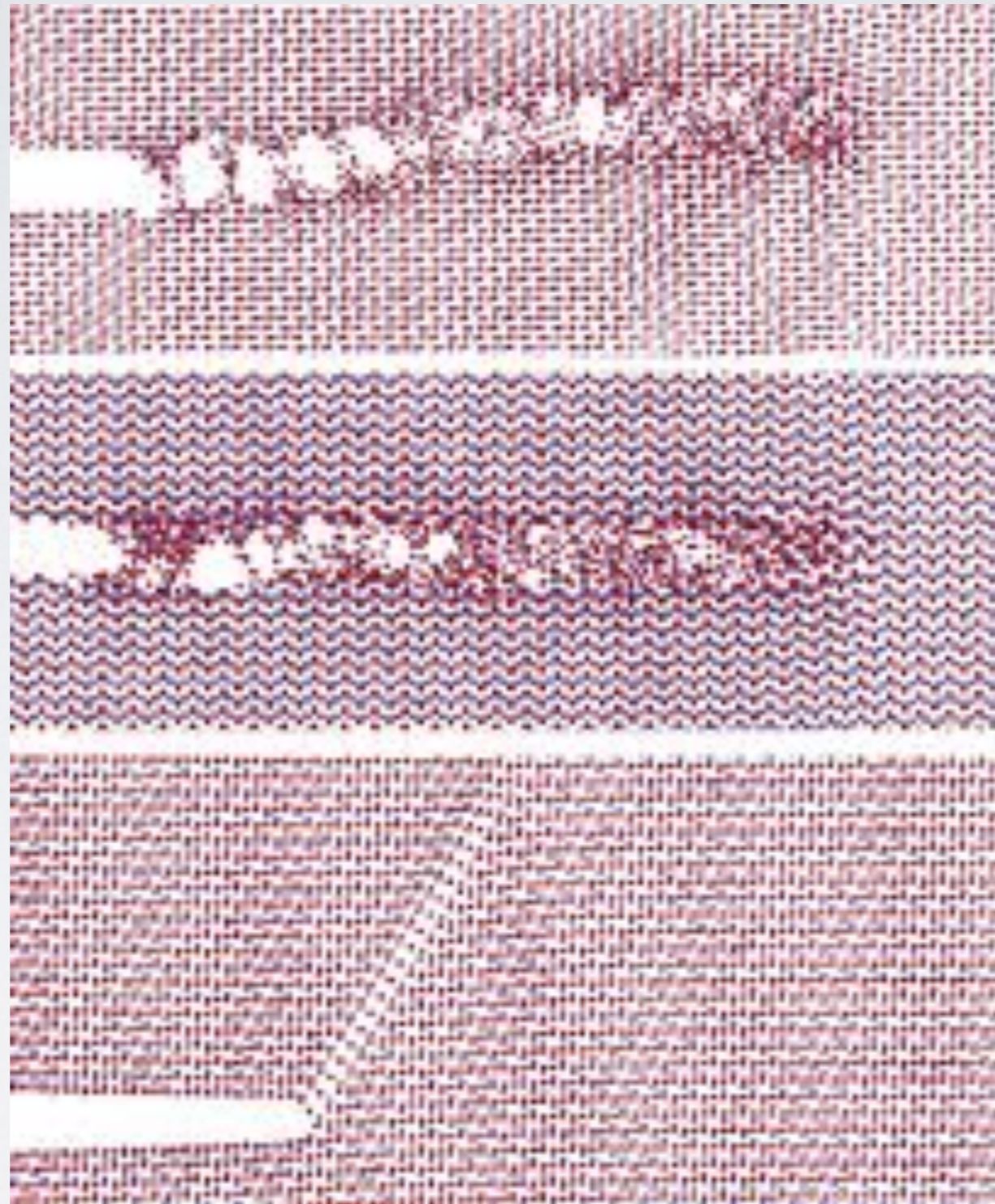


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<http://folding.stanford.edu>

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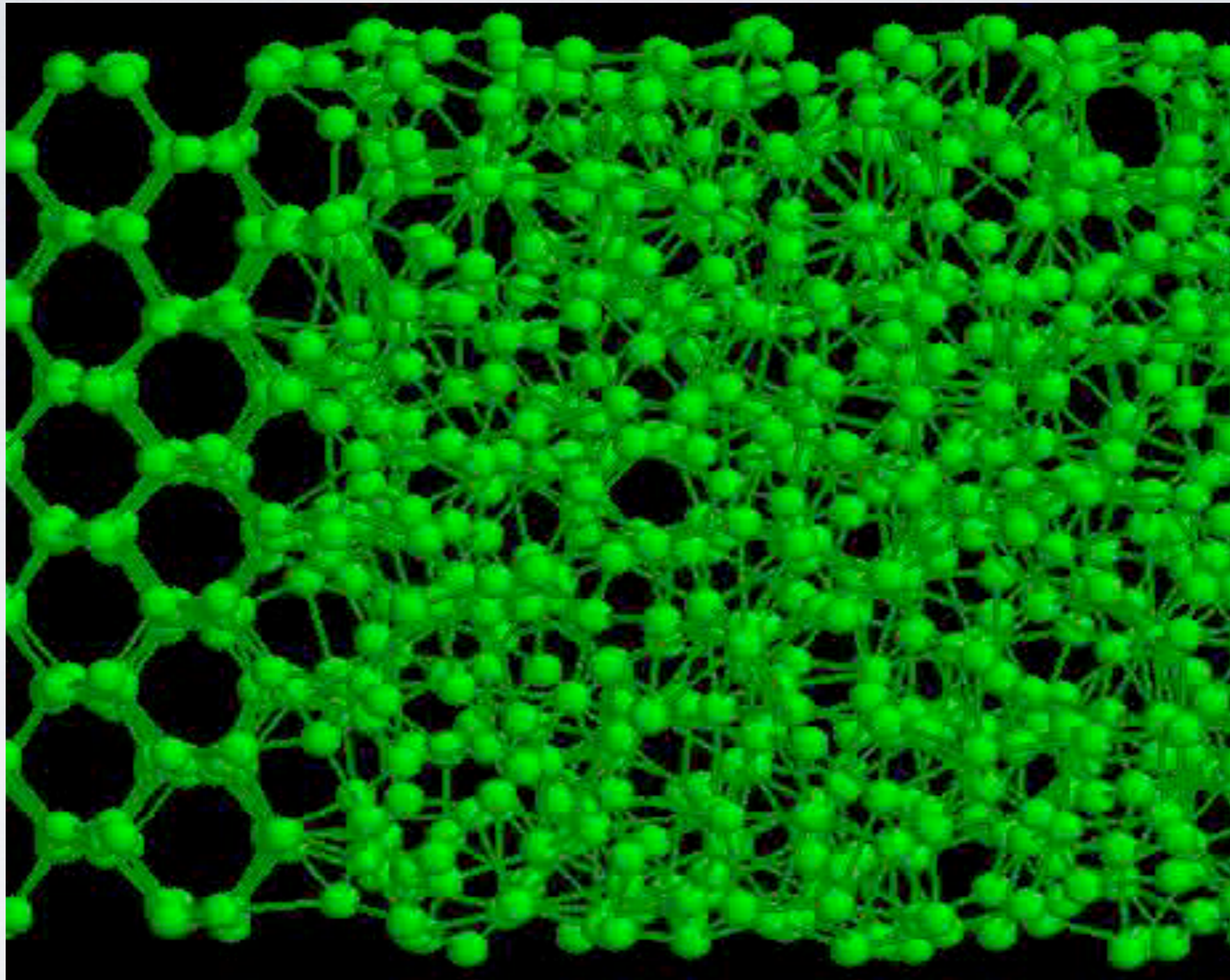
VI. Applications

Fracture mechanics



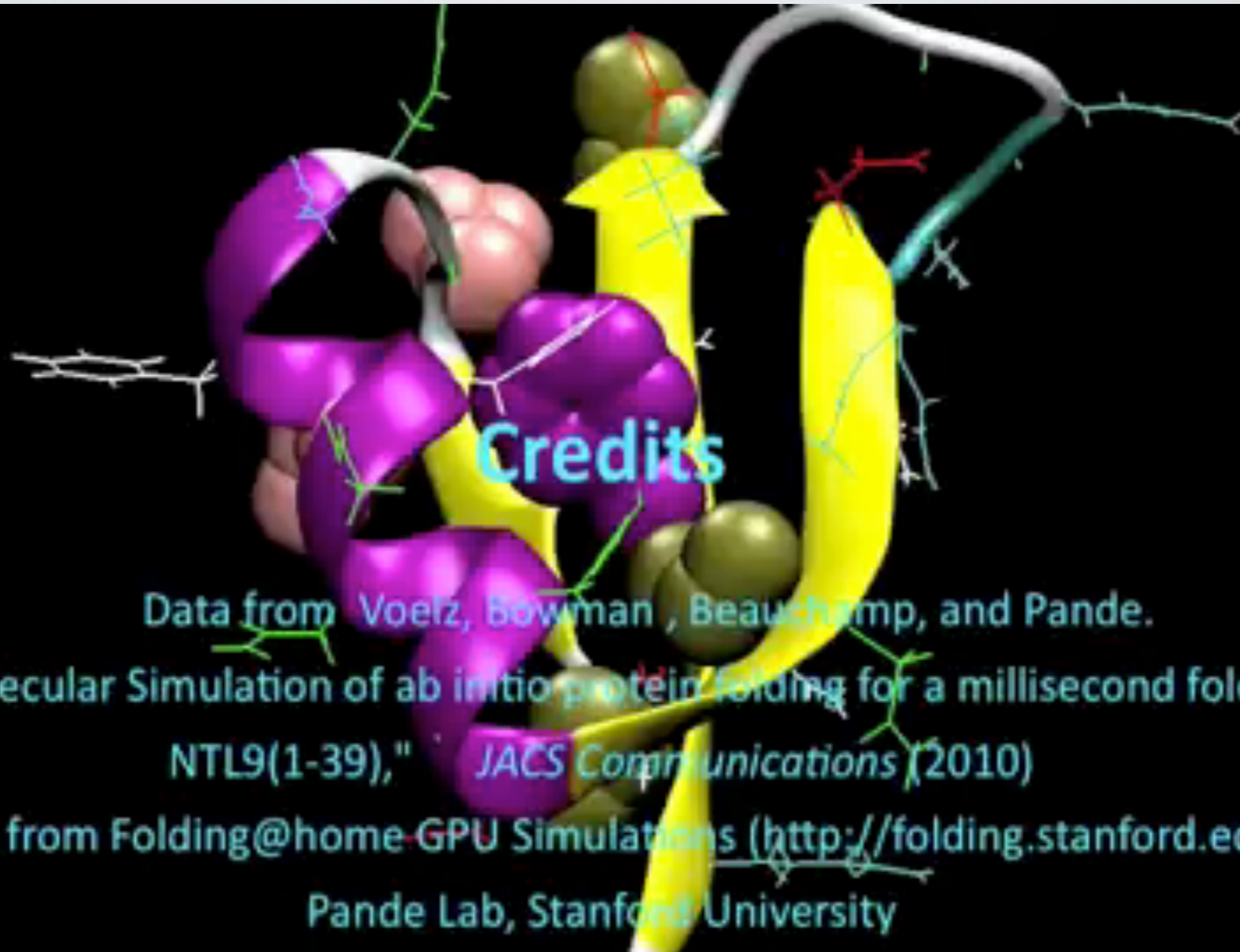
Crack propagation in crystal planes of alumina

Phase transitions



Silicon crystallization

Protein folding



VII. LAMMPS

LAMMPS

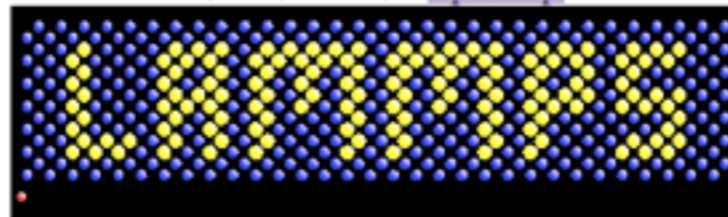
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Large-scale **A**tomic/**M**olecular **M**assively **P**arallel **S**imulator

LAMMPS Molecular Dynamics Simulator

lamp: a device that generates light, heat, or therapeutic radiation; something that illumines the mind or soul -- www.dictionary.com

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[physical analog \(start at 3:25\)](#) & [explanation](#)

Big Picture	Code	Documentation	Results	Related Tools	Context	User Support
Features	Download	Manual	Publications	Pre/Post Processing	Authors	Mail list
Non-features	SourceForge	Developer Guide	Pictures	Pizza.py Toolkit	History	Workshops
FAQ	Latest Features & Bug Fixes	Tutorials	Movies	Offsite LAMMPS packages & tools	Funding	User Scripts and HowTos
Wish list	Unfixed bugs	MD to LAMMPS glossary	Benchmarks	Visualization	Open source	Contribute to LAMMPS
.	.	Commands	Citing LAMMPS	Related Modeling codes	.	.

LAMMPS is a classical molecular dynamics code, and an acronym for Large-scale Atomic/Molecular Massively Parallel Simulator.

LAMMPS has potentials for solid-state materials (metals, semiconductors) and soft matter (biomolecules, polymers) and coarse-grained or mesoscopic systems. It can be used to model atoms or, more generically, as a parallel particle simulator at the atomic, meso, or continuum scale.

LAMMPS runs on single processors or in parallel using message-passing techniques and a spatial-decomposition of the simulation domain. The code is designed to be easy to modify or extend with new functionality.

LAMMPS is distributed as an [open source code](#) under the terms of the [GPL](#). The current version can be downloaded [here](#). Links are also included to older F90/F77 versions. Periodic releases are also available on [SourceForge](#).

LAMMPS is distributed by [Sandia National Laboratories](#), a US [Department of Energy](#) laboratory. The main authors of LAMMPS are listed on [this page](#) along with contact info and other contributors. Funding for LAMMPS development has come primarily from DOE (OASCR, OBER, ASCI, LDRD, Genomes-to-Life) and is [acknowledged here](#).

The LAMMPS WWW site is hosted by Sandia, which has this [Privacy and Security statement](#).

History

- Born mid-90's in cooperation between Sandia, LLNL, Cray, Bristol Meyers Squibb, and Dupont — now developed at Sandia under DOE funding
- Current release in C++ w/ MPI
- **Open source and free under GPL**
- *Platforms:* Linux, Mac, Windows
- *Format:* exe, RPM, PPA, SVN, Git, Homebrew, tarball



Usability

- Run initialization and control via **input script**
- Call from command line as `./lmp_linux < in.comp`
- **No GUI**, but some python tools available

(http://lammmps.sandia.gov/doc/Section_python.html)

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Al_fcc.in
# ----- Initialize Simulation -----
units metal
dimension 3
boundary p p p
atom_style atomic

# ----- Create Atoms -----
lattice      fcc 4
region box block 0 1 0 1 0 1 units lattice
create_box   1 box

lattice fcc 4 orient x 1 0 0 orient y 0 1 0 orient z 0 0 1
create_atoms 1 box
replicate 2 2 2

# ----- Define Interatomic Potential -----
pair_style eam/alloy
pair_coeff * * Al99.eam.alloy Al
neighbor 2.0 bin
neigh_modify delay 10 check yes

# ----- Define Settings -----
compute eng all pe/atom
compute eatoms all reduce sum c_eng

# ----- Dump Options -----
dump      1 all atom 1 dump.relax

# ----- Run Minimization -----
reset_timestep 0
fix 1 all box/relax iso 0.0 vmax 0.001
thermo 10
thermo_style custom step pe lx ly lz press pxx pyy pzz c_eatoms
min_style cg
minimize 1e-25 1e-25 5000 10000

variable natoms equal "count(all)"
variable teng equal "c_eatoms"
variable a equal "lx/2"
variable ecoh equal "v_teng/v_natoms"

print "Total energy (eV) = ${teng};"
print "Number of atoms = ${natoms};"
print "Lattice constant (Angstroms) = ${a};"
print "Cohesive energy (eV/atom) = ${ecoh};"

print "All done!"
```

Documentation

■ Excellent manual

(<http://lammps.sandia.gov/doc/Manual.html>)

■ Introductory Tutorials and HowTos

(<http://lammps.sandia.gov/howto.html>)

Big Picture	Code	Documentation	User Support
Features	Download	Manual	Mail list
Non-features	SourceForge	Developer Guide	Workshops
FAQ	Latest Features & Bug Fixes	Tutorials	User Scripts and HowTos
Wish list	Unfixed bugs	MD to LAMMPS glossary	Contribute to LAMMPS
.	.	Commands	.

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■ Friendly user base and mailing list

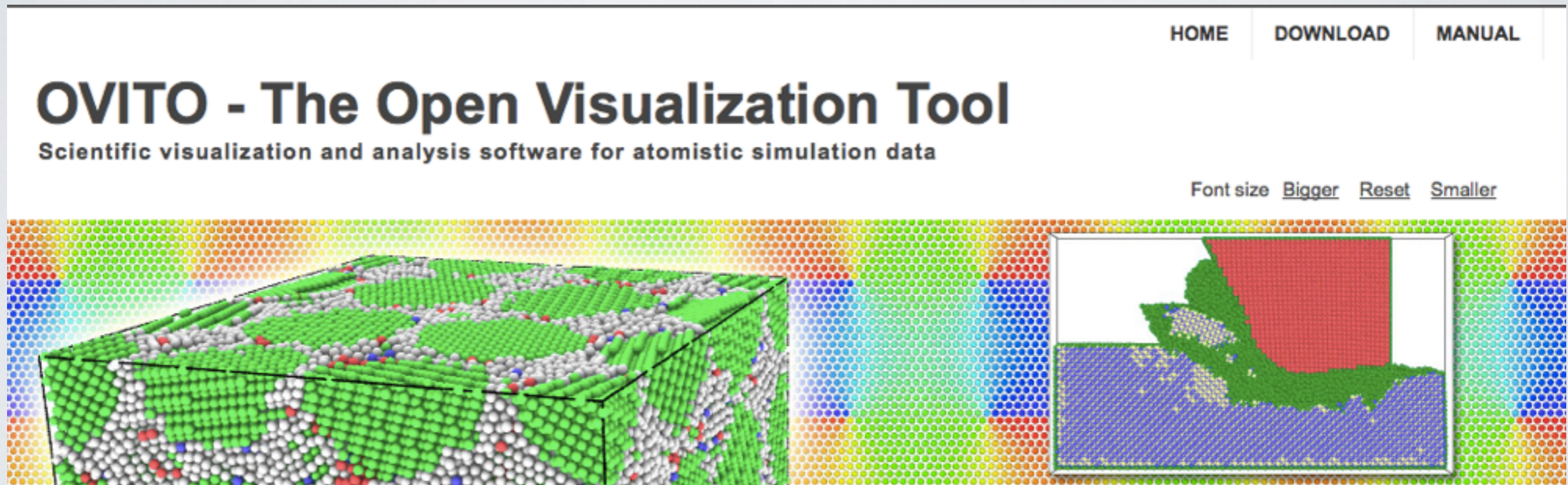
(<http://lammps.sandia.gov/mail.html>)

■ Excellent third-party tutorials hosted by CAVS @ MSU

(https://icme.hpc.msstate.edu/mediawiki/index.php/LAMMPS_tutorials)

Visualization

- LAMMPS has no built-in visualization capability
- **OVITO** is a free, user-friendly and powerful visualization engine available for Linux, Mac and Windows



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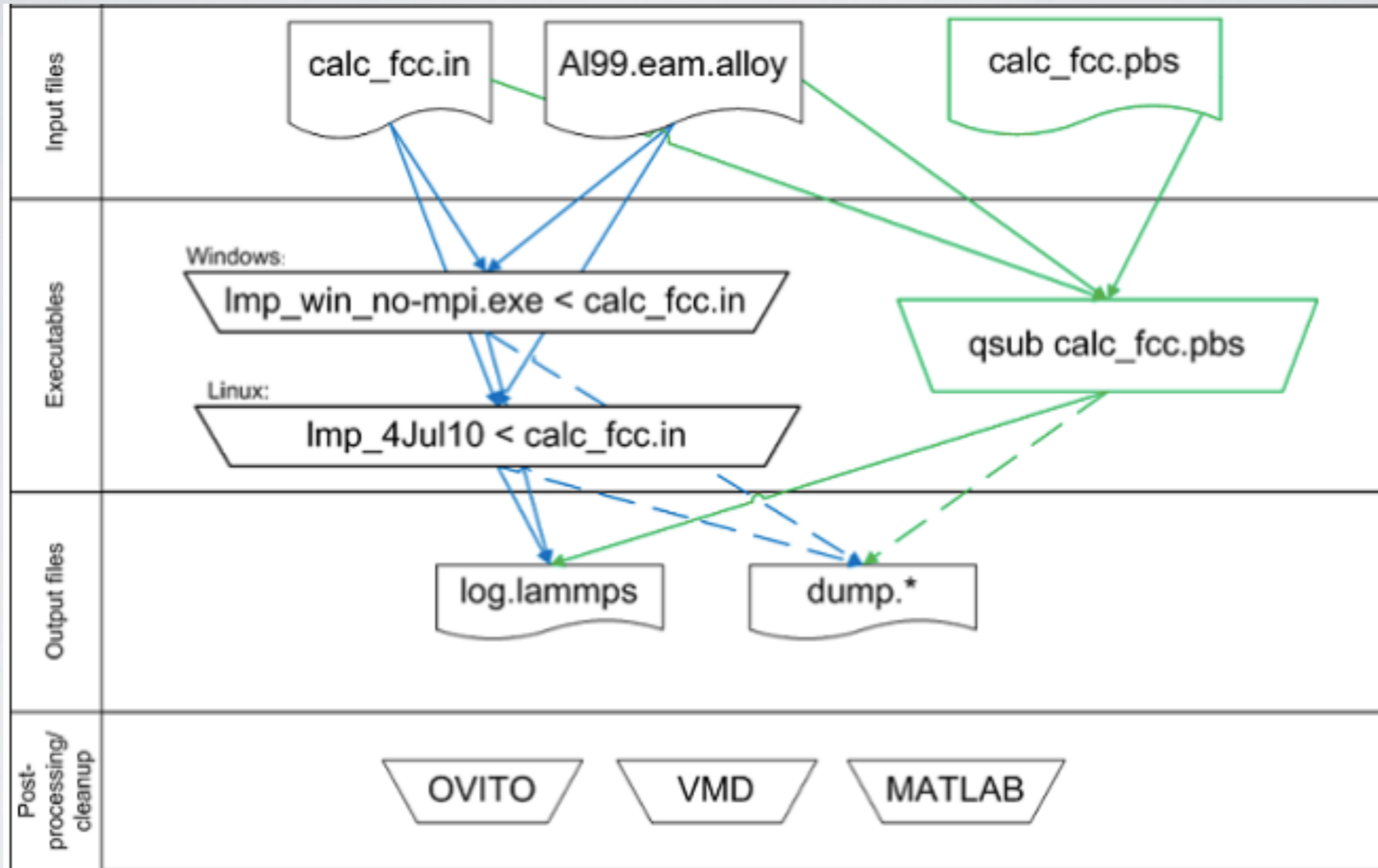
OVITO - The Open Visualization Tool

Scientific visualization and analysis software for atomistic simulation data

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Running a simulation



VIII. Hands-on with LAMMPS

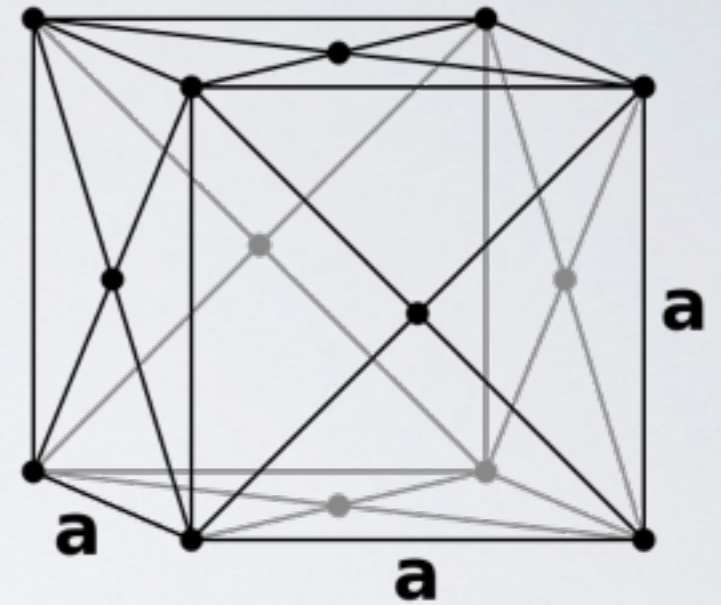
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Tutorial 1: Al cohesive energy

Tutorial I: Al cohesive energy

- We will use LAMMPS to estimate the Al fcc cohesive energy, E_{cohe} , and lattice parameter, \mathbf{a}

$$E_{\text{cohe}} = E_{\text{solid}} - \sum_{\text{atoms}} E_{\text{isolated}} \quad 0$$



- Experimentally, $E_{\text{cohe}} = -3.39 \text{ eV/atom}^*$ and $\mathbf{a} = 4.0495 \text{ \AA}^*$
- **Strategy:** We shall use a modern EAM potential for Al and optimize E_{cohe} as a function of \mathbf{a}

Tutorial I: Al cohesive energy

- I. Download **Al99.eam.alloy** EAM potential from NIST Interatomic Potentials Repository Project (<http://www.ctcms.nist.gov/potentials>)

Elements

1	2																	18
1 H													13	14	15	16	17	2 He
3 <u>Li</u>	4 Be												5 B	6 <u>C</u>	7 N	8 <u>O</u>	9 F	10 Ne
11 <u>Na</u>	12 <u>Mg</u>	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13 <u>Al</u>	14 <u>Si</u>	15 P	16 <u>S</u>	17 Cl	18 Ar	
19 <u>K</u>	20 Ca	21 Sc	22 <u>Ti</u>	23 <u>V</u>	24 <u>Cr</u>	25 Mn	26 <u>Fe</u>	27 <u>Co</u>	28 <u>Ni</u>	29 <u>Cu</u>	30 <u>Zn</u>	31 Ga	32 Ge	33 As	34 <u>Se</u>	35 Br	36 Kr	
37 <u>Rb</u>	38 Sr	39 Y	40 <u>Zr</u>	41 <u>Nb</u>	42 <u>Mo</u>	43 Tc	44 <u>Ru</u>	45 Rh	46 <u>Pd</u>	47 <u>Ag</u>	48 <u>Cd</u>	49 In	50 Sn	51 Sb	52 <u>Te</u>	53 I	54 Xe	
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Tutorial 1: Al cohesive energy

2. Obtain LAMMPS input file **Al_fcc.in** from <http://ferguson.matse.illinois.edu/download/Al.zip>



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neighbor 2.0 bin
neigh_modify delay 10 check yes

# ----- Define Settings -----
compute eng all pe/atom
compute eatoms all reduce sum c_eng

# ----- Dump Options -----
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# ----- Run Minimization -----
reset_timestep 0
fix 1 all box/relax iso 0.0 vmax 0.001
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thermo_style custom step pe lx ly lz press pxx pyy pzz c_eatoms
min_style cg
minimize 1e-25 1e-25 5000 10000

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print "Lattice constant (Angstroms) = ${a};"
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print "All done!"
```

For style *metal*, these are the units:

- mass = grams/mole
- distance = Angstroms
- time = picoseconds
- energy = eV
- velocity = Angstroms/picosecond
- force = eV/Angstrom
- torque = eV
- temperature = Kelvin
- pressure = bars
- dynamic viscosity = Poise
- charge = multiple of electron charge (1.0 is a proton)
- dipole = charge*Angstroms
- electric field = volts/Angstrom
- density = gram/cm^{dim}

- **#** specifies a comment
- **x,y,z** **periodic boundaries**

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# ----- Run Minimization -----
reset_timestep 0
fix 1 all box/relax iso 0.0 vmax 0.001
thermo 10
thermo_style custom step pe lx ly lz press pxx pyy pzz c_eatoms
min_style cg
minimize 1e-25 1e-25 5000 10000

variable natoms equal "count(all)"
variable teng equal "c_eatoms"
variable a equal "lx/2"
variable ecoh equal "v_teng/v_natoms"

print "Total energy (eV) = ${teng};"
print "Number of atoms = ${natoms};"
print "Lattice constant (Angstroms) = ${a};"
print "Cohesive energy (eV/atom) = ${ecoh};"

print "All done!"
```

- Specify **fcc lattice** with $a=4 \text{ \AA}$
- Define **cuboidal block** labeled **box** holding **one lattice cell**
- Create **box** with **1** atom type

Tutorial I: Al cohesive energy

```
Al_fcc.in
# ----- Initialize Simulation -----
units metal
dimension 3
boundary p p p
atom_style atomic

# ----- Create Atoms -----
lattice      fcc 4
region box block 0 1 0 1 0 1 units lattice
create_box  1 box

lattice fcc 4 orient x 1 0 0 orient y 0 1 0 orient z 0 0 1
create_atoms 1 box
replicate 2 2 2

# ----- Define Interatomic Potential -----
pair_style eam/alloy
pair_coeff * * Al99.eam.alloy Al
neighbor 2.0 bin
neigh_modify delay 10 check yes

# ----- Define Settings -----
compute eng all pe/atom
compute eatoms all reduce sum c_eng

# ----- Dump Options -----
dump      1 all atom 1 dump.relax

# ----- Run Minimization -----
reset_timestep 0
fix 1 all box/relax iso 0.0 vmax 0.001
thermo 10
thermo_style custom step pe lx ly lz press pxx pyy pzz c_eatoms
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minimize 1e-25 1e-25 5000 10000

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print "All done!"
```

- Specify fcc lattice **orientation**
- Create atoms of type **1** on lattice sites within **box**
- **Replicate domain** by **2x2x2** in x,y,z
[replicate 1 1 1 would be more parsimonious for this trivially periodic system]

Tutorial I: Al cohesive energy

```
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# ----- Initialize Simulation -----
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boundary p p p
atom_style atomic

# ----- Create Atoms -----
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region box block 0 1 0 1 0 1 units lattice
create_box 1 box

lattice fcc 4 orient x 1 0 0 orient y 0 1 0 orient z 0 0 1
create_atoms 1 box
replicate 2 2 2

# ----- Define Interatomic Potential -----
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neighbor 2.0 bin
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# ----- Dump Options -----
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thermo 10
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min_style cg
minimize 1e-25 1e-25 5000 10000

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print "Number of atoms = ${natoms};"
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print "All done!"
```

- Define form of pairwise interaction potential as **eam/alloy**
[misnomer, EAM is n-body]
- Use **Al** block of **Al99.eam.alloy** - specifies cutoff, F , ρ , and Φ - for all pairs
[for one atom type, **1 1** fine]
- **2 Å skin thickness** for **neighbor list binning**
- Build neighbor list every **10 steps**, but **check** atom moved more than half skin thickness

Tutorial I: Al cohesive energy

```
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# ----- Initialize Simulation -----
units metal
dimension 3
boundary p p p
atom_style atomic

# ----- Create Atoms -----
lattice      fcc 4
region box block 0 1 0 1 0 1 units lattice
create_box  1 box

lattice fcc 4 orient x 1 0 0 orient y 0 1 0 orient z 0 0 1
create_atoms 1 box
replicate 2 2 2

# ----- Define Interatomic Potential -----
pair_style eam/alloy
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neighbor 2.0 bin
neigh_modify delay 10 check yes

# ----- Define Settings -----
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# ----- Dump Options -----
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thermo 10
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min_style cg
minimize 1e-25 1e-25 5000 10000

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print "Total energy (eV) = ${teng};"
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print "All done!"
```

- Define **computes** - quantities recalculated every time step [cf. **variables**, which evaluate a formula when called]
- Reference computes as **c_<name>**
- **c_eng** defined over **all** atoms to compute **potential energy per atom**
- **c_eatoms** performs **sum reduce** of c_eng vector over **all** atoms [alternatively: **compute eatoms all pe**]

Tutorial I: Al cohesive energy

```
Al_fcc.in
# ----- Initialize Simulation -----
units metal
dimension 3
boundary p p p
atom_style atomic

# ----- Create Atoms -----
lattice      fcc 4
region box block 0 1 0 1 0 1 units lattice
create_box  1 box

lattice fcc 4 orient x 1 0 0 orient y 0 1 0 orient z 0 0 1
create_atoms 1 box
replicate 2 2 2

# ----- Define Interatomic Potential -----
pair_style eam/alloy
pair_coeff * * Al99.eam.alloy Al
neighbor 2.0 bin
neigh_modify delay 10 check yes

# ----- Define Settings -----
compute eng all pe/atom
compute eatoms all reduce sum c_eng

# ----- Dump Options -----
dump 1 all atom 1 dump.relax

# ----- Run Minimization -----
reset_timestep 0
fix 1 all box/relax iso 0.0 vmax 0.001
thermo 10
thermo_style custom step pe lx ly lz press pxx pyy pzz c_eatoms
min_style cg
minimize 1e-25 1e-25 5000 10000

variable natoms equal "count(all)"
variable teng equal "c_eatoms"
variable a equal "lx/2"
variable ecoh equal "v_teng/v_natoms"

print "Total energy (eV) = ${teng};"
print "Number of atoms = ${natoms};"
print "Lattice constant (Angstroms) = ${a};"
print "Cohesive energy (eV/atom) = ${ecoh};"

print "All done!"
```

- A **dump** specifies how to write output data
- Tag dump with id **1** to write to **dump.relax** every **1** steps the coords of **all** of the **atoms**

- Dump format:

```
ITEM:TIMESTEP
0
ITEM:NUMBER OF ATOMS
32
ITEM:BOX BOUNDS pp pp pp
0 8
0 8
0 8
ITEM:ATOMS id type xs ys zs
1 | 0 0 0
2 | 0.25 0.25 0
3 | 0.25 0 0.25
4 | 0 0.25 0.25
...
```

Tutorial I: Al cohesive energy

```
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# ----- Initialize Simulation -----
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dimension 3
boundary p p p
atom_style atomic

# ----- Create Atoms -----
lattice      fcc 4
region box block 0 1 0 1 0 1 units lattice
create_box   1 box

lattice fcc 4 orient x 1 0 0 orient y 0 1 0 orient z 0 0 1
create_atoms 1 box
replicate 2 2 2

# ----- Define Interatomic Potential -----
pair_style eam/alloy
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neighbor 2.0 bin
neigh_modify delay 10 check yes

# ----- Define Settings -----
compute eng all pe/atom
compute eatoms all reduce sum c_eng

# ----- Dump Options -----
dump      1 all atom 1 dump.relax

# ----- Run Minimization -----
reset_timestep 0
fix 1 all box/relax iso 0.0 vmax 0.001
thermo 10
thermo_style custom step pe lx ly lz press pxx pyy pzz c_eatoms
min_style cg
minimize 1e-25 1e-25 5000 10000

variable natoms equal "count(all)"
variable teng equal "c_eatoms"
variable a equal "lx/2"
variable ecoh equal "v_teng/v_natoms"

print "Total energy (eV) = ${teng};"
print "Number of atoms = ${natoms};"
print "Lattice constant (Angstroms) = ${a};"
print "Cohesive energy (eV/atom) = ${ecoh};"

print "All done!"
```

- Reset time steps to **0**
- A **fix** is an operation applied at every time step
- Define fix **1** operating on **all** atoms **relaxes box** to an external **isotropic pressure** of **0.0 bar** with a **0.1%** **maximum fractional volume change per step**

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```
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# ----- Initialize Simulation -----
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dimension 3
boundary p p p
atom_style atomic

# ----- Create Atoms -----
lattice fcc 4
region box block 0 1 0 1 0 1 units lattice
create_box 1 box

lattice fcc 4 orient x 1 0 0 orient y 0 1 0 orient z 0 0 1
create_atoms 1 box
replicate 2 2 2

# ----- Define Interatomic Potential -----
pair_style eam/alloy
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neighbor 2.0 bin
neigh_modify delay 10 check yes

# ----- Define Settings -----
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compute eatoms all reduce sum c_eng

# ----- Dump Options -----
dump 1 all atom 1 dump.relax

# ----- Run Minimization -----
reset_timestep 0
fix 1 all box/relax iso 0.0 vmax 0.001
thermo 10
thermo_style custom step pe lx ly lz press pxx pyy pzz c_eatoms
min_style cg
minimize 1e-25 1e-25 5000 10000

variable natoms equal "count(all)"
variable teng equal "c_eatoms"
variable a equal "lx/2"
variable ecoh equal "v_teng/v_natoms"

print "Total energy (eV) = ${teng};"
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print "All done!"
```

- Output **thermodynamic info** to screen every **10** steps [use **fix** / **dump** for file write]
- Customize thermo output
- Perform energy minimization by **conjugate gradient**
- **Minimize** $E = E_{FF} + E_{fix}$ with $\Delta E = 10^{-25}$ (i.e., 1 part in 10^{25}) and $\Delta f = 10^{-25}$, and a maximum of 5000 iterations and 10000 energy evaluations

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```
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# ----- Initialize Simulation -----
units metal
dimension 3
boundary p p p
atom_style atomic

# ----- Create Atoms -----
lattice      fcc 4
region box block 0 1 0 1 0 1 units lattice
create_box   1 box

lattice fcc 4 orient x 1 0 0 orient y 0 1 0 orient z 0 0 1
create_atoms 1 box
replicate 2 2 2

# ----- Define Interatomic Potential -----
pair_style eam/alloy
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neighbor 2.0 bin
neigh_modify delay 10 check yes

# ----- Define Settings -----
compute eng all pe/atom
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# ----- Dump Options -----
dump      1 all atom 1 dump.relax

# ----- Run Minimization -----
reset_timestep 0
fix 1 all box/relax iso 0.0 vmax 0.001
thermo 10
thermo_style custom step pe lx ly lz press pxx pyy pzz c_eatoms
min_style cg
minimize 1e-25 1e-25 5000 10000

variable natoms equal "count(all)"
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print "All done!"
```

- Define **variables** as formulas evaluated when called [cf. **computes**, simulation values recomputed each step]
- Reference variables as **v_<name>**
- $\text{natoms} = \# \text{ atoms}$
 $\text{teng} = \text{total PE (c_eatoms)}$
 $a = \text{lattice parameter}$
(box side in x divided by # x replicas = 2)
 $\text{ecoh} = \text{cohesive energy /atom}$

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```
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# ----- Initialize Simulation -----
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dimension 3
boundary p p p
atom_style atomic

# ----- Create Atoms -----
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region box block 0 1 0 1 0 1 units lattice
create_box  1 box

lattice fcc 4 orient x 1 0 0 orient y 0 1 0 orient z 0 0 1
create_atoms 1 box
replicate 2 2 2

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neighbor 2.0 bin
neigh_modify delay 10 check yes

# ----- Define Settings -----
compute eng all pe/atom
compute eatoms all reduce sum c_eng

# ----- Dump Options -----
dump      1 all atom 1 dump.relax

# ----- Run Minimization -----
reset_timestep 0
fix 1 all box/relax iso 0.0 vmax 0.001
thermo 10
thermo_style custom step pe lx ly lz press pxx pyy pzz c_eatoms
min_style cg
minimize 1e-25 1e-25 5000 10000

variable natoms equal "count(all)"
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variable a equal "lx/2"
variable ecoh equal "v_teng/v_natoms"

print "Total energy (eV) = ${teng};"
print "Number of atoms = ${natoms};"
print "Lattice constant (Angstroms) = ${a};"
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print "All done!"
```

- Print terminal output to screen

Tutorial I: Al cohesive energy

3. Let's run! `./lmp_mac < Al_fcc.in`

```
tuckernuck:1_Al_cohesive_energy alf$ ./lmp_mac < Al_fcc.in
LAMMPS (1 Feb 2014)
Lattice spacing in x,y,z = 4 4 4
Created orthogonal box = (0 0 0) to (4 4 4)
  1 by 1 by 1 MPI processor grid
Lattice spacing in x,y,z = 4 4 4
Created 4 atoms
Replicating atoms ...
  orthogonal box = (0 0 0) to (8 8 8)
  1 by 1 by 1 MPI processor grid
  32 atoms
WARNING: Resetting reneighboring criteria during minimization (../min.cpp:173)
Setting up minimization ...
Memory usage per processor = 3.39898 Mbytes
Step PotEng Lx Ly Lz Press Pxx Pyy Pzz eatoms
  0    -107.3423      8      8      8    29590.11    29590.11    29590.11    29590.11    -107.3423
 10   -107.51283     8.08     8.08     8.08    5853.9553    5853.9553    5853.9553    5853.9553   -107.51283
 14    -107.52      8.1      8.1      8.1     2.726913     2.726913     2.726913     2.726913    -107.52
Loop time of 0.00931406 on 1 procs for 14 steps with 32 atoms

Minimization stats:
Stopping criterion = linesearch alpha is zero
Energy initial, next-to-last, final =
  -107.342298373   -107.51999962   -107.51999962
Force two-norm initial, final = 28.3679 0.00268005
Force max component initial, final = 28.3679 0.00268005
Final line search alpha, max atom move = 0.00145753 3.90625e-06
Iterations, force evaluations = 14 23

Pair time (%) = 0.00601649 (64.5958)
Neigh time (%) = 0 (0)
Comm time (%) = 0.00095582 (10.2621)
Outpt time (%) = 0.000850677 (9.13326)
Other time (%) = 0.00149107 (16.0088)

Nlocal:   32 ave 32 max 32 min
Histogram: 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
Nghost:  1067 ave 1067 max 1067 min
Histogram: 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
Neighs:   2240 ave 2240 max 2240 min
Histogram: 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

Total # of neighbors = 2240
Ave neighs/atom = 70
Neighbor list builds = 0
Dangerous builds = 0
Total energy (eV) = -107.51999962032;
Number of atoms = 32;
Lattice constant (Angstroms) = 4.05;
Cohesive energy (eV/atom) = -3.359999988135;
All done!
```

building system

serial run

thermo

minimization stopping
criteria

CPU accounting

atom accounting

neighbor accounting
(dangerous builds)

terminal print

Tutorial I: Al cohesive energy

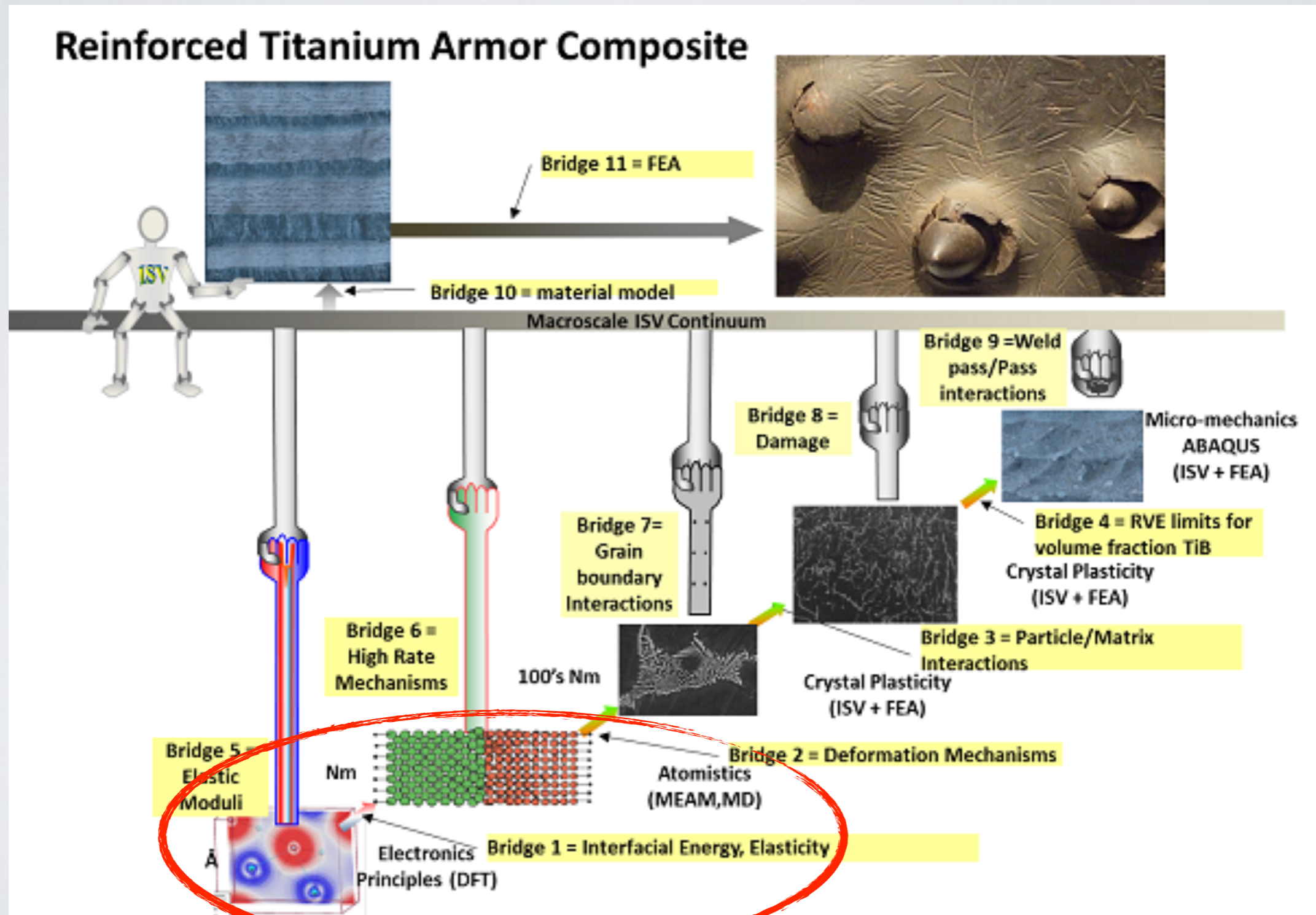
4. Analysis

	LAMMPS	Expt.
Lattice constant / Å	4.05	4.0495*
Cohesive energy / eV/atom	-3.36	-3.39*

- We should be shocked if these quantities did **not** agree — EAM FF parametrized wrt experimental data
- **Q.** What about if we were studying a new material with experimentally unknown **E_{cohe}** and **\mathbf{a}** ?

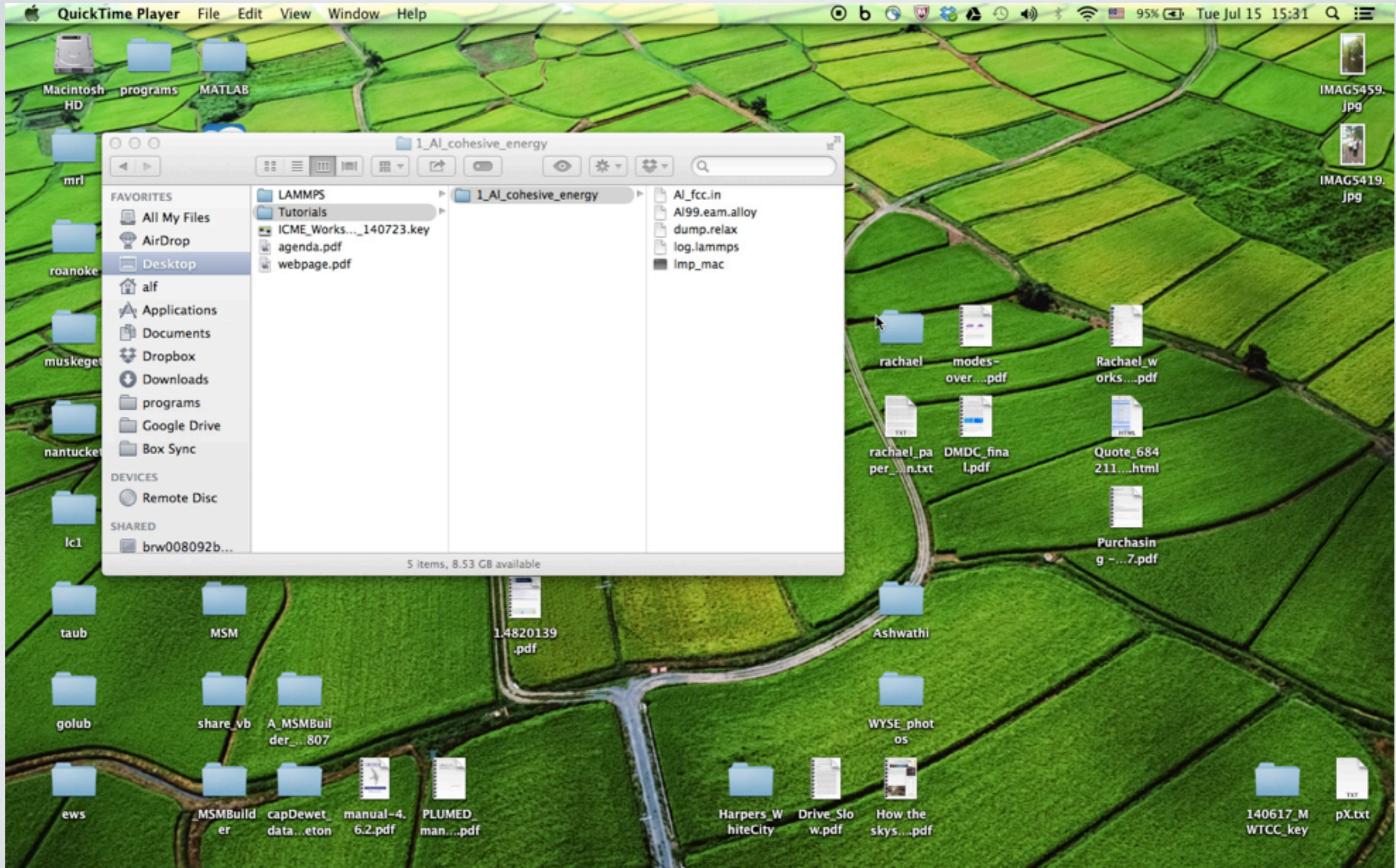
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A. ICME!



Tutorial I: AI cohesive energy

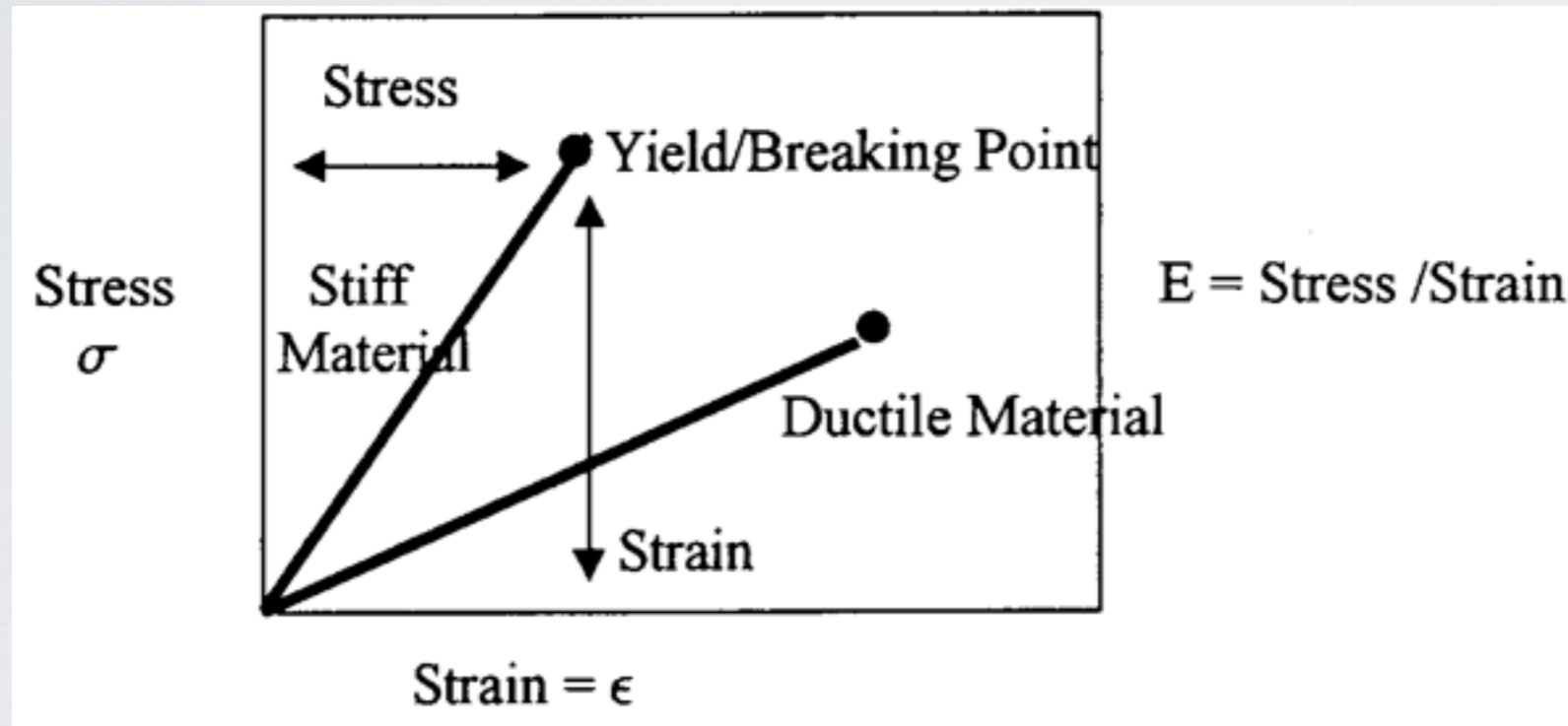
5. Visualization in OVITO



Tutorial II: Young's modulus of AI

Tutorial II: Young's modulus of Al

- OK, but weren't we meant to do MD?
- Right! Now that we can generate an equilibrated Al fcc lattice, let's use LAMMPS to estimate Young's modulus, **E**



$$E_{Al}^{exptl} = 69 \text{ GPa}^*$$

- **Strategy:** Apply an artificial extensional force to a fcc Al xtal and measure stress/strain relationship

Tutorial II: Young's modulus of Al

- Download **Al99.eam.alloy** EAM potential from NIST Interatomic Potentials Repository Project (<http://www.ctcms.nist.gov/potentials>)

Elements

1	2																	18
1 H													13	14	15	16	17	2 He
3 <u>Li</u>	4 Be												5 B	6 <u>C</u>	7 N	8 <u>O</u>	9 F	10 Ne
11 <u>Na</u>	12 <u>Mg</u>												13 <u>Al</u>	14 <u>Si</u>	15 P	16 <u>S</u>	17 Cl	18 Ar
19 <u>K</u>	20 Ca	21 Sc	22 <u>Ti</u>	23 <u>V</u>	24 <u>Cr</u>	25 Mn	26 <u>Fe</u>	27 <u>Co</u>	28 <u>Ni</u>	29 <u>Cu</u>	30 <u>Zn</u>	31 Ga	32 Ge	33 As	34 <u>Se</u>	35 Br	36 Kr	
37 <u>Rb</u>	38 Sr	39 Y	40 <u>Zr</u>	41 <u>Nb</u>	42 <u>Mo</u>	43 Tc	44 <u>Ru</u>	45 Rh	46 <u>Pd</u>	47 <u>Ag</u>	48 <u>Cd</u>	49 In	50 Sn	51 Sb	52 <u>Te</u>	53 I	54 Xe	
55 <u>Cs</u>	56 Ba	*	72 Hf	73 <u>Ta</u>	74 <u>W</u>	75 Re	76 Os	77 Ir	78 <u>Pt</u>	79 <u>Au</u>	80 <u>Hg</u>	81 Tl	82 <u>Pb</u>	83 Bi	84 Po	85 At	86 Rn	
87 Fr	88 Ra	**	104 Rf	105 Db	106 Sg	107 Bh	108 Hs	109 Mt	110 Ds	111 Rg	112 Cn	113 Uut	114 Fl	115 Uup	116 Lv	117 Uus	118 Uuo	
			57 La	58 Ce	59 Pr	60 Nd	61 Pm	62 Sm	63 Eu	64 Gd	65 Tb	66 Dy	67 Ho	68 Er	69 Tm	70 Yb	71 Lu	
			89 Ac	90 Th	91 Pa	92 <u>U</u>	93 Np	94 Pu	95 Am	96 Cm	97 Bk	98 Cf	99 Es	100 Fm	101 Md	102 No	103 Lr	

Tutorial II: Young's modulus of Al

2. Obtain LAMMPS input files **Al_tensile.in**, **Al_eq.m**, and **Al_deform.m** from <http://ferguson.matse.illinois.edu/download/Al.zip>



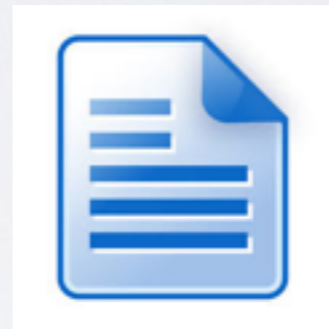
Al_tensile.in



Al_eq.m



Al_deform.m



Al99.eam.alloy



Imp_mac

Tutorial II: Young's modulus of Al

```
Al_tensile.in
# ----- INITIALIZATION -----
units          metal
dimension      3
boundary       p      p      p
atom_style     atomic
variable latparam equal 4.05

# ----- ATOM DEFINITION -----
lattice        fcc ${latparam}
region         whole block 0 10 0 10 0 10
create_box     1 whole

lattice        fcc ${latparam} orient x 1 0 0 orient y 0 1 0 orient z 0 0 1
create_atoms   1 region whole
replicate      1 1 1

# ----- FORCE FIELDS -----
pair_style     eam/alloy
pair_coeff     * * Al99.eam.alloy Al

neighbor       2.0 bin
neigh_modify   delay 0 every 10 check yes

# ----- SETTINGS -----
compute        csym all centro/atom fcc
compute        eng all pe/atom
```

- Set lattice parameter **variable** to $a = a_{eq} = 4.05 \text{ \AA}$
- Specify two **computes** to calculate **pe/atom** and **centrosymmetry parameter**

$$CS = \sum_{i=1}^{N/2} |\vec{R}_i + \vec{R}_{i+N/2}|^2$$

```
Bulk lattice = 0
Dislocation core ~ 1.0
Stacking faults ~ 5.0
Free surface ~ 23.0
```

Tutorial II: Young's modulus of Al

```
#####  
# EQUILIBRATION  
  
# reset timer  
reset_timestep 0  
  
# 2 fs time step  
timestep      0.002  
  
# initial velocities  
velocity      all create 300 12345 mom yes rot no  
  
# thermostat + barostat  
fix           1 all npt temp 300 300 1 iso 0 0 1 drag 1.0  
  
# instrumentation and output  
variable s1 equal "time"  
variable s2 equal "lx"  
variable s3 equal "ly"  
variable s4 equal "lz"  
variable s5 equal "vol"  
variable s6 equal "press"  
variable s7 equal "pe"  
variable s8 equal "ke"  
variable s9 equal "etotal"  
variable s10 equal "temp"  
fix writer all print 250 "${s1} ${s2} ${s3} ${s4} ${s5} ${s6} ${s7} ${s8} ${s9} ${s10}" file Al_eq.txt screen no  
  
# thermo  
thermo        500  
thermo_style  custom step time cpu cpuremain lx ly lz press pe temp  
  
# dumping trajectory  
dump          1 all atom 250 dump.eq.lammpstrj  
  
# 24 ps MD simulation (assuming 2 fs time step)  
run           12000  
  
# clearing fixes and dumps  
unfix        1  
undump       1  
  
# saving equilibrium length for strain calculation  
variable tmp equal "lx"  
variable L0 equal ${tmp}  
print "Initial Length, L0: ${L0}"
```

- Instrumentation, perform MD integration with Verlet (default) algorithm, and record terminal relaxed box size

Tutorial II: Young's modulus of Al

```
#####  
# DEFORMATION  
  
# reset timer  
reset_timestep 0  
  
# 2 fs time step  
timestep 0.002  
  
# thermostat + barostat  
fix          1 all npt temp 300 300 1 y 0 0 1 z 0 0 1 drag 1.0  
  
# nonequilibrium straining in x-direction at strain rate = 1x10^10 / s = 1x10^-2 / ps in units metal  
variable srate equal 1.0e10  
variable srate1 equal "v_srate / 1.0e12"  
fix          2 all deform 1 x erate ${srate1} units box remap x  
  
# instrumentation and output  
# for units metal, pressure is in [bars] = 100 [kPa] = 1/10000 [GPa] => p2, p3, p4 are in GPa  
variable strain equal "(lx - v_L0)/v_L0"  
variable p1 equal "v_strain"  
variable p2 equal "-pxx/10000"  
variable p3 equal "-pyy/10000"  
variable p4 equal "-pzz/10000"  
fix writer all print 125 "${p1} ${p2} ${p3} ${p4}" file Al_deform.txt screen no  
  
# thermo  
thermo          500  
thermo_style    custom step cpuremain v_strain v_p2 v_p3 v_p4 press pe temp  
  
# dumping standard atom trajectories  
dump            1 all atom 125 dump.deform.lampstrj  
  
# dumping custom cfg files containing coords + ancillary variables  
dump            2 all cfg 125 dump.deform_*.cfg mass type xs ys zs c_csym c_eng fx fy fz  
dump_modify     2 element Al  
  
# 20 ps MD simulation (assuming 2 fs time step)  
run             10000  
  
# clearing fixes and dumps  
unfix           1  
unfix           2  
unfix           writer  
undump          1  
undump          2  
  
#####  
# SIMULATION DONE  
print "All done!"
```

- Nonequilibrium straining, instrumentation, and cfg trajectory dump

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3. Let's run! `./lmp_mac < Al_tensile.in`

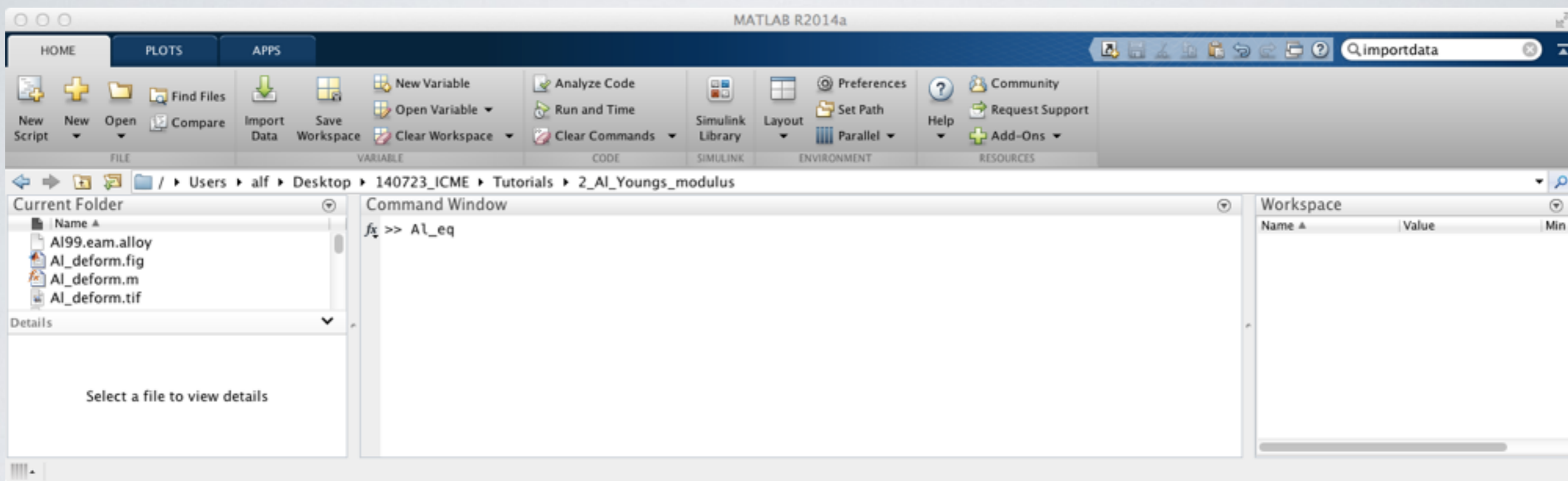
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tuckernuck:2_Al_Youngs_modulus alf$ ./lmp_mac < Al_tensile.in
LAMMPS (1 Feb 2014)
Lattice spacing in x,y,z = 4.05 4.05 4.05
Created orthogonal box = (0 0 0) to (40.5 40.5 40.5)
  1 by 1 by 1 MPI processor grid
Lattice spacing in x,y,z = 4.05 4.05 4.05
Created 4000 atoms
Replicating atoms ...
  orthogonal box = (0 0 0) to (40.5 40.5 40.5)
  1 by 1 by 1 MPI processor grid
  4000 atoms
Setting up run ...
Memory usage per processor = 4.96236 Mbytes
Step Time CPU CPUleft Lx Ly Lz Press PotEng Temp
  0          0          0          40.5          40.5          40.5          2496.1233          -13440          300
  500        1          12.365961          284.41713          40.557806          40.557806          40.557806          781.69582          -13362.995          169.08671
 1000        2          24.741789          272.15969          40.573622          40.573622          40.573622          85.733564          -13355.919          178.0143
 1500        3          39.549843          276.84891          40.58055          40.58055          40.58055          222.05046          -13346.458          182.72414
 2000        4          54.536895          272.68448          40.588269          40.588269          40.588269          28.687955          -13340.533          194.24556
 2500        5          70.367178          267.39528          40.591944          40.591944          40.591944          191.32817          -13335.453          207.18274
 3000        6          83.555789          250.66737          40.595807          40.595807          40.595807          324.09009          -13329.002          216.94285
 3500        7          96.427479          234.18102          40.603551          40.603551          40.603551          330.98508          -13320.563          222.10308
 4000        8          110.11764          220.23529          40.611179          40.611179          40.611179          106.05206          -13316.256          234.27863
 4500        9          122.99169          204.98615          40.61865          40.61865          40.61865          21.917251          -13313.98          249.16077
 5000       10          135.84727          190.18618          40.625915          40.625915          40.625915          14.611906          -13307.48          254.46631
 5500       11          148.63189          175.65587          40.629588          40.629588          40.629588          30.56594          -13302.925          261.97643
 6000       12          161.44717          161.44717          40.631803          40.631803          40.631803          2.7573596          -13301.413          273.69236
```

N.B. This could take 8-10 minutes if your machine is old and slow (like mine)
Speed things up by reducing system size by factor of 2^3 in **Al_tensile.in**:

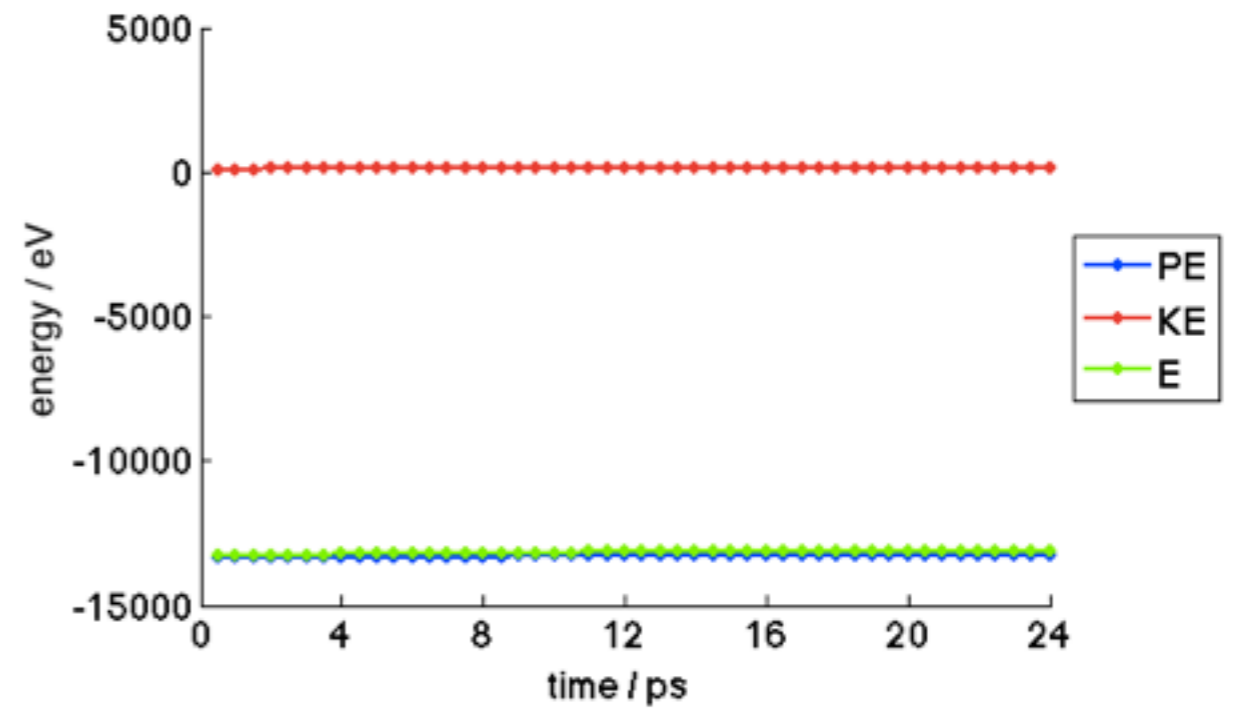
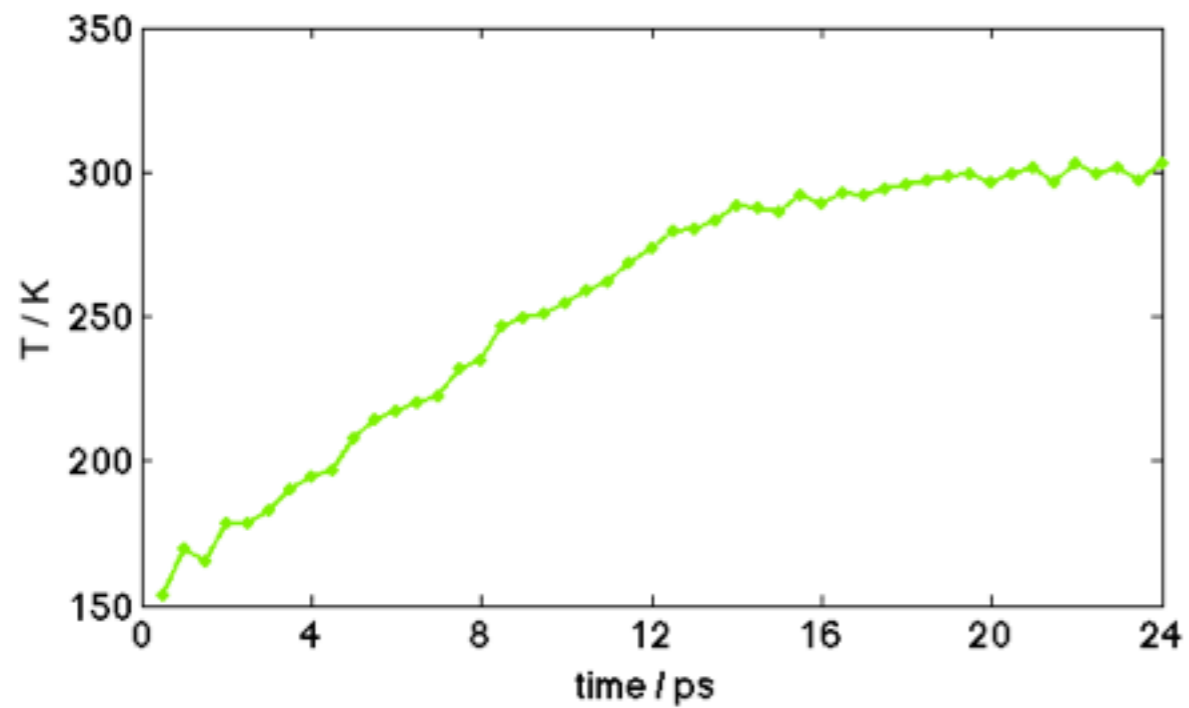
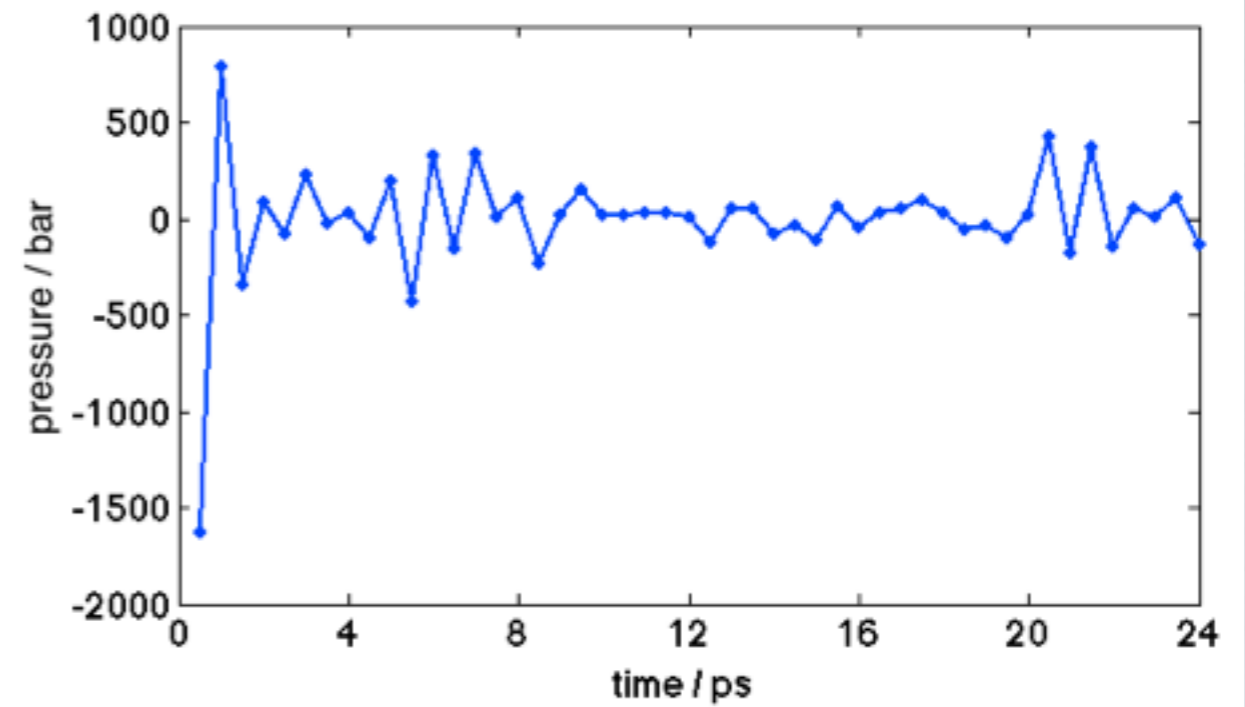
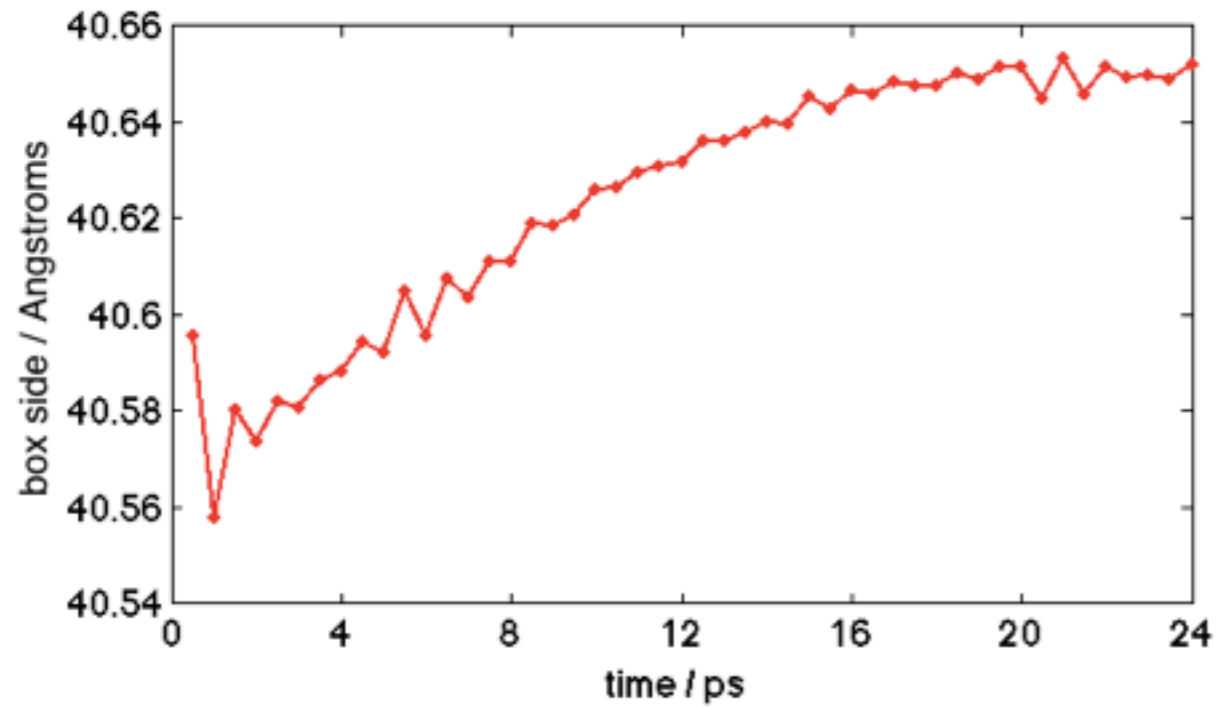
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region          whole block 0 5 0 5 0 5
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4. Analyze approach to equilibration using **Al_eq.m**



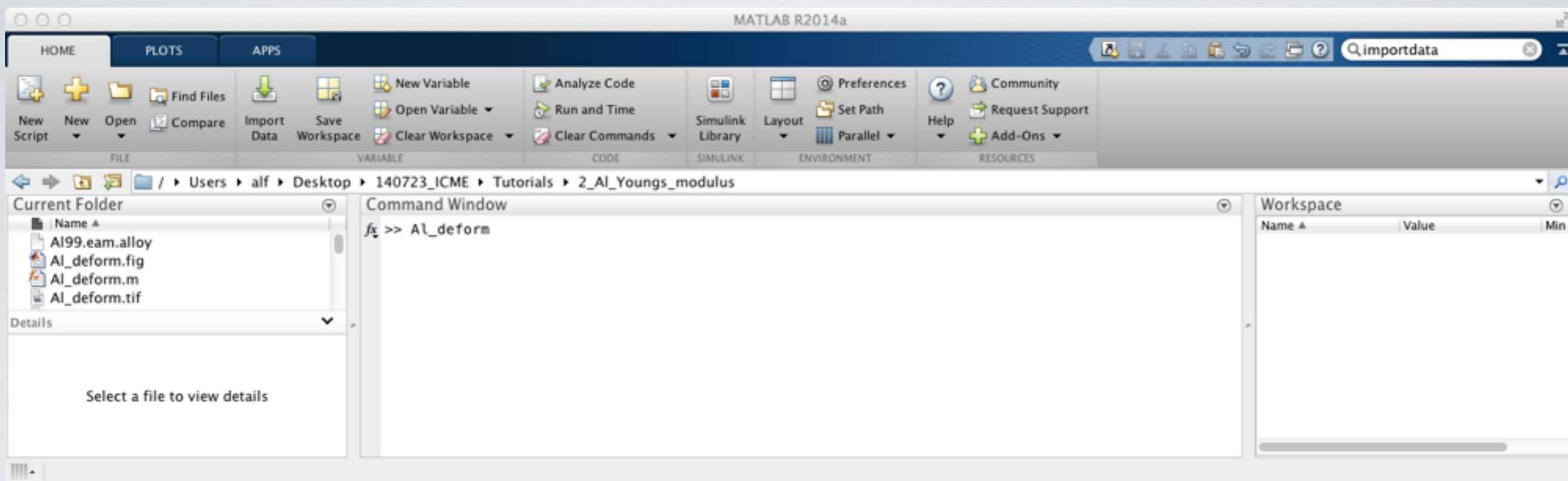
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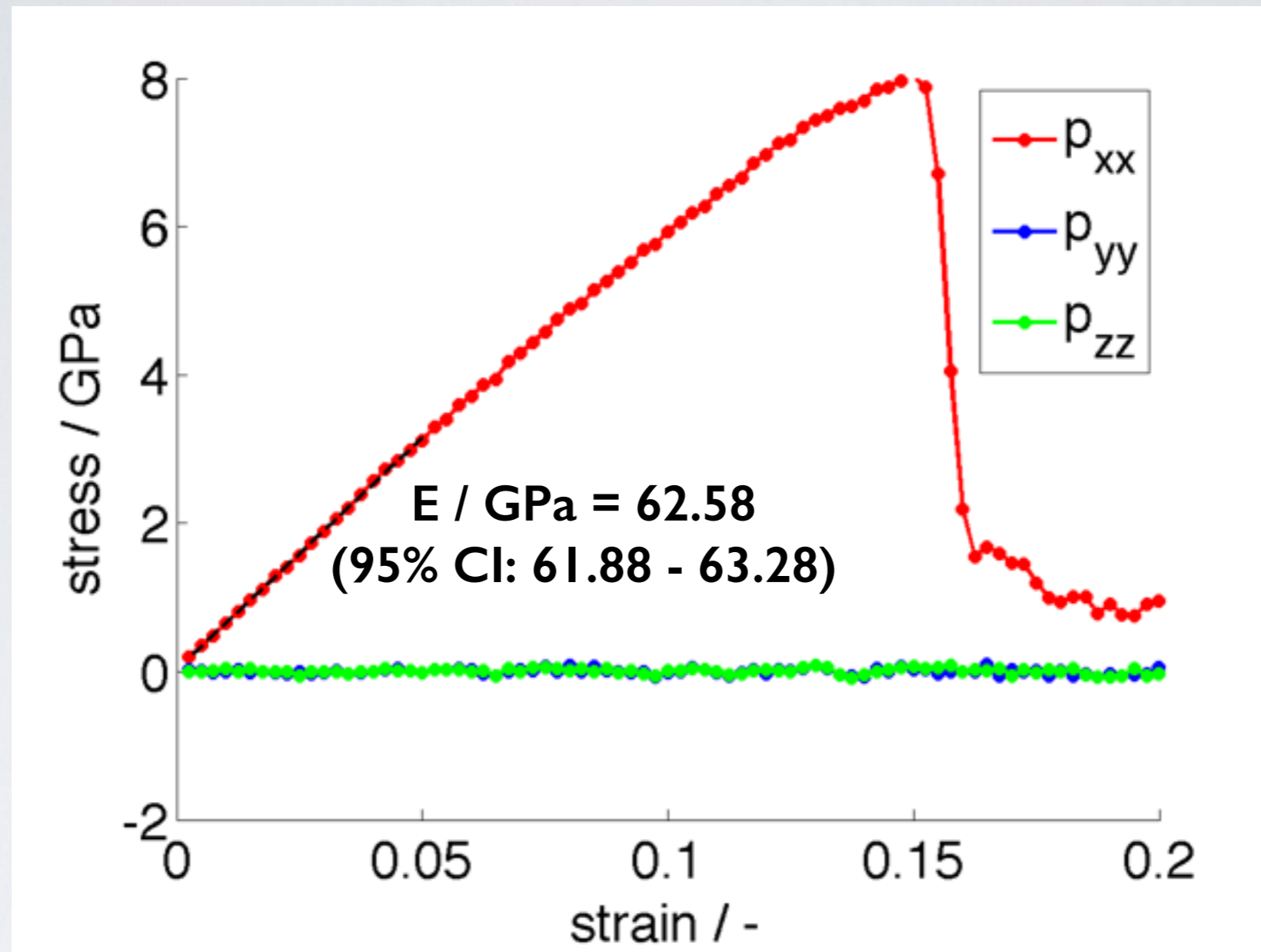
- Equilibrium attained in ~ 24 ps

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5. Analyze deformation and estimate E using **Al_deform.m**



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- Onset of homogeneous dislocation nucleation and end of elastic deformation at ~ 8 GPa
- \mathbf{E} estimated by slope of linear fit over strain range [0-0.05]

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6. Visualization of deformation in OVITO

The screenshot displays the OVITO (Open Visualization Tool) interface. The main window is divided into four viewports: Top, Front, Left, and Perspective. Each viewport shows a 3D visualization of an aluminum crystal lattice, represented by spheres of different colors (blue, green, yellow, orange, red) indicating different atomic positions or states. The spheres are arranged in a regular grid, and the lattice is shown to be deformed, with the spheres shifted from their original positions. The Top, Front, and Left views show the lattice from different angles, while the Perspective view shows the lattice from a 3D perspective. The right-hand panel contains configuration options for the simulation cell, particles, and color coding. The 'Color coding' section is currently active, showing a 'Rainbow' color gradient with an 'End value' of 12 and a 'Start value' of 0. The 'Adjust range' and 'Reverse range' buttons are visible. The bottom of the interface features a timeline with a progress bar and various control buttons.

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7. Comparison to experiment

	LAMMPS	Expt.	$\Delta / \%$
Young's Modulus / GPa	62	69 *	10.1
Yield Stress / MPa	8000	10 *	79900

Young's Modulus

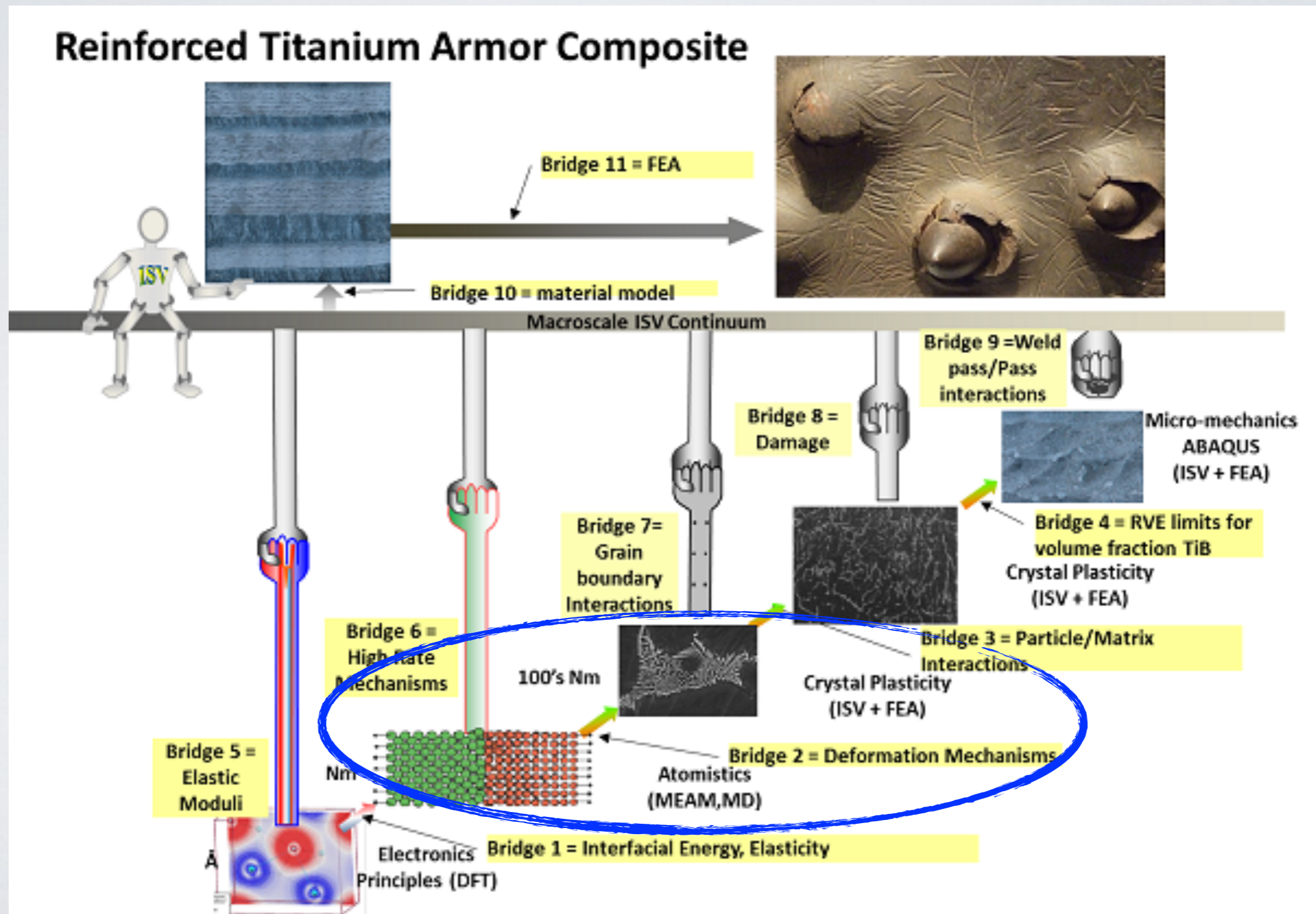
- We did pretty well, **E** within $\pm 10\%$
- A rigorous study would check **E** convergence as a function of **system size**

Yield Stress

- Our estimate for yield stress is horrible! Off by ~ 3 orders of magnitude!
- Why did we do so badly? — We have a **perfect crystal**, *homogeneous* vs. *heterogeneous* nucleation.

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- **ICME** — for an experimentally uncharacterized material can “bridge up” MD **E** estimate to FEA model



Questions?