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Streitz-Mintmire Potential, Variable Charge Equilibration, and Chemical Species Analysis for ReaxFF

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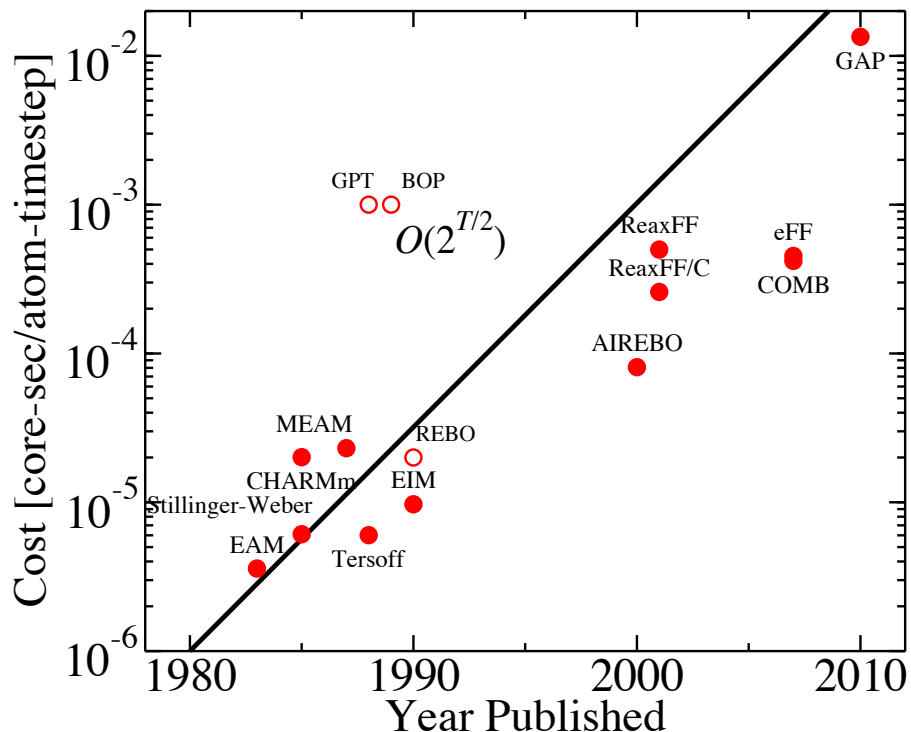


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Explosive Growth in Complexity of Interatomic Potentials

- **Driver: Availability of Accurate QM data**
 - Exposes limitations of existing potentials
 - Provides more data for fitting



Aidan Thompson's talk,
Session II, 10:35, Thursday

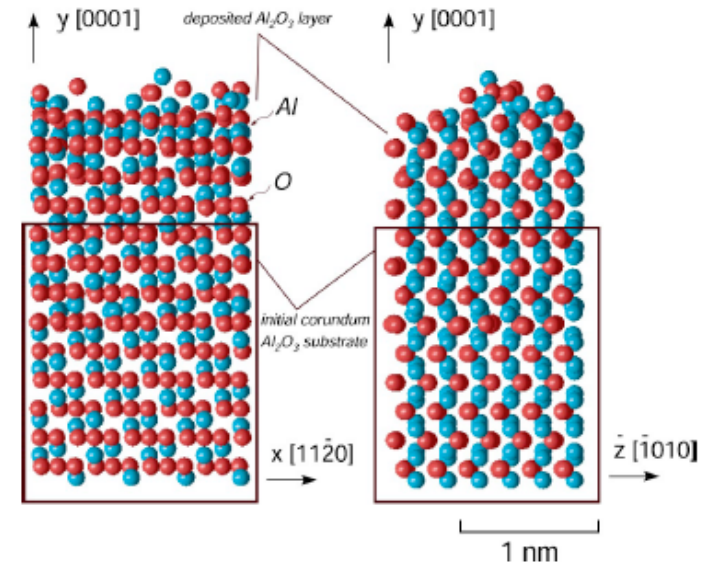
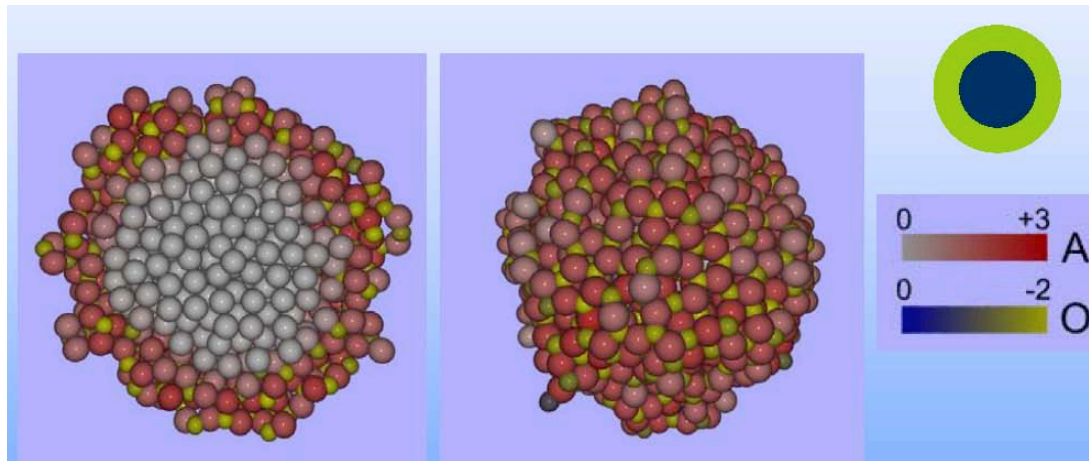
Moore's Law for Interatomic Potentials
Plimpton and Thompson, MRS Bulletin (2012).

STREITZ-MINTMIRE POTENTIAL

Streitz-Mintmire Potential

F. H. **Streitz** and J. W. **Mintmire**, Phys. Rev. B 50, 11996 (1994)

- Developed in 1994 for Al/Al₂O₃
- First variable charge potentials
 - Along with *fluc-q* force field by Rick, Stewart and Berne¹
- Application to Al/Al₂O₃ core-shell nanoparticle² and vapor deposition of Al₂O₃³



¹ S. W. **Rick**, S. J. **Stuart**, and B. J. **Berne**, *J. Chem. Phys.* 101 6141 (1994)

² T. **Hawa** and M. R. **Zachariah**, *Phys Rev. B.*, 2005

³ X. W. **Zhou**, H. N. G. **Wadley**, J.-S. **Fillhol**, and M. N. **Neurock**, *Phys. Rev. B* 69, 035402 (2004)

Streitz-Mintmire Potential

- Long range electrostatics potential (with Ewald Sum)
- Variable charge (via electronegativity equalization method)
- Couples to short-range potential (with embedded atom method)
- Electrostatics potential formalism:

$$\blacksquare E_{es} = \sum_i E_i(q) + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i \neq j} V_{ij}(r_{ij}, q_i, q_j)$$

$$\blacksquare E_i(q_i) = E_i(0) + \chi_i q_i + \frac{1}{2} \eta_i q_i^2$$

$$\blacksquare V_{ij}(r_{ij}, q_i, q_j) = \int d^3 r_i \int d^3 r_j \cdot \rho_i(r_i, q_i) \cdot \rho_j(r_j, q_j) / r_{ij}$$

$$- \rho_i(r_i, q_i) = Z_i \delta(r - r_i) + (q_i - Z_i) f_i(r - r_i)$$

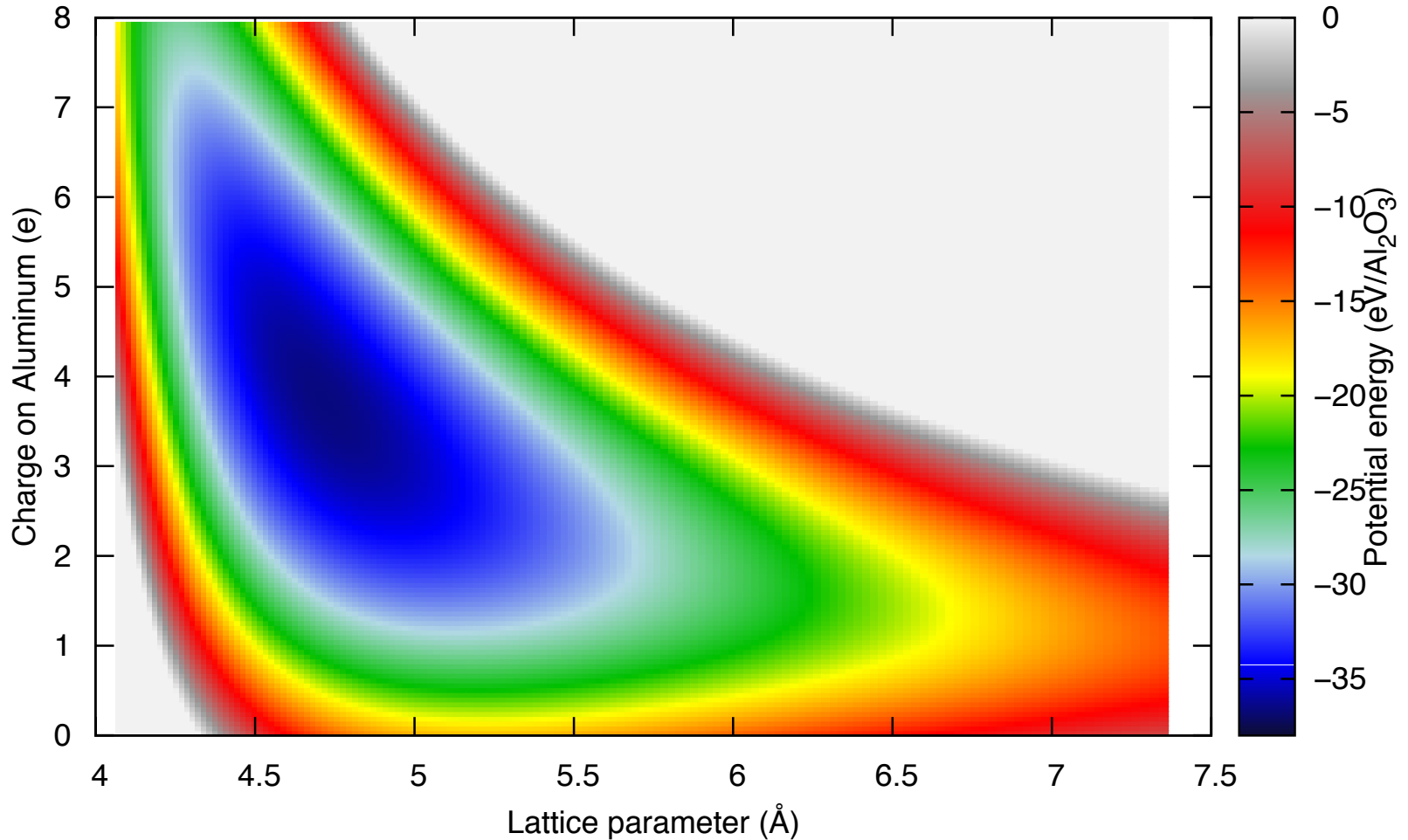
Implementation in LAMMPS

- Long range electrostatics potential
 - Implemented with Ewald Sum or Wolf Sum
- Variable charge
 - EEM method; Implemented as fix qeq/sm
- Couples to short-range potential
 - Via pair_style hybrid/overlay
 - Default to EAM
 - Once supplied with self energy parameters, can be coupled to any short-range, charge independent pair styles, e.g. Tersoff, SW
 - $$E_i(q_i) = E_i(0) + \chi_i q_i + \frac{1}{2} \eta_i q_i^2$$

Potential energy map, $\alpha\text{-Al}_2\text{O}_3$

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Potential energy map, Streitz–Mintmire $\alpha\text{-Al}_2\text{O}_3$



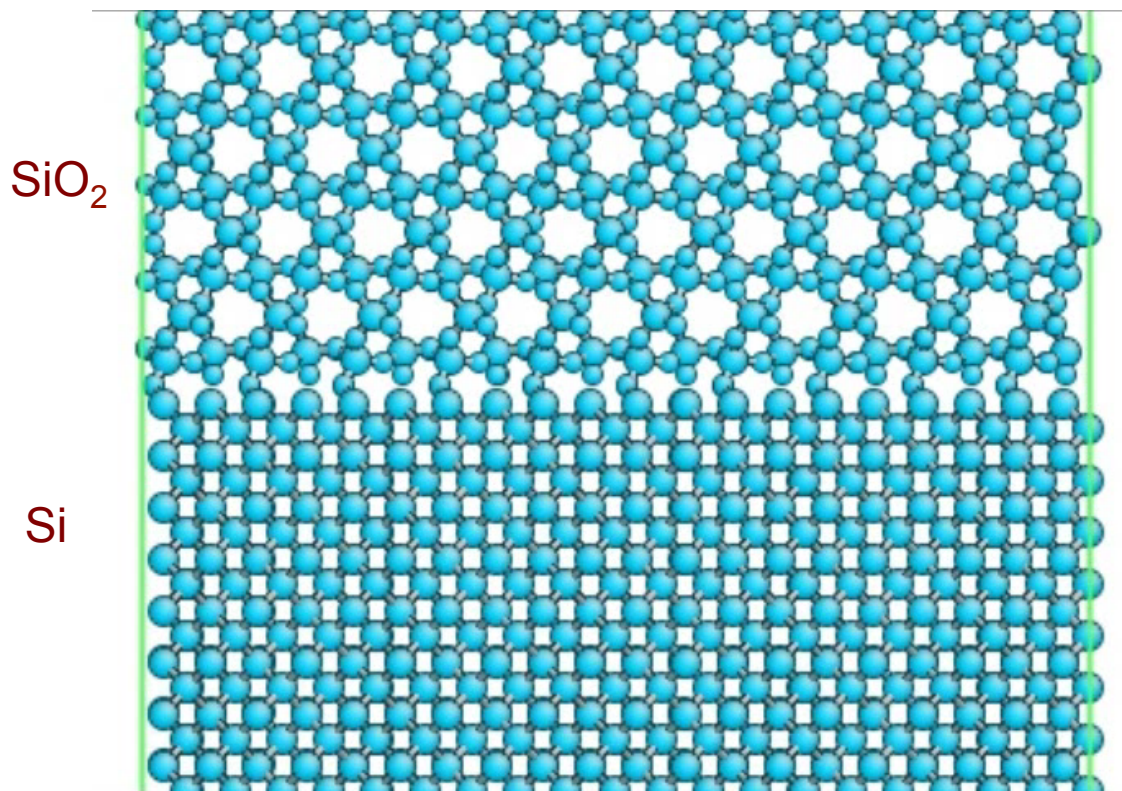
Summary and Outlooks

- Original Streitz-Mintmire Potential for Al/Al₂O₃ will be released soon
 - Long range, electrostatic, variable charge potential
 - Does not yet include modifications by Zhou et al (PRB 2004)
- Implementation allows coupling with all pair styles via hybrid/overlay
 - Can be applied to a wide range of pair styles
 - Supply self energy parameters
 - Done with Tersoff for SiO₂

VARIABLE CHARGE EQUILIBRATION

Charge equilibration

- Si/ α -quartz SiO_2 interface with COMB (pair_style comb)

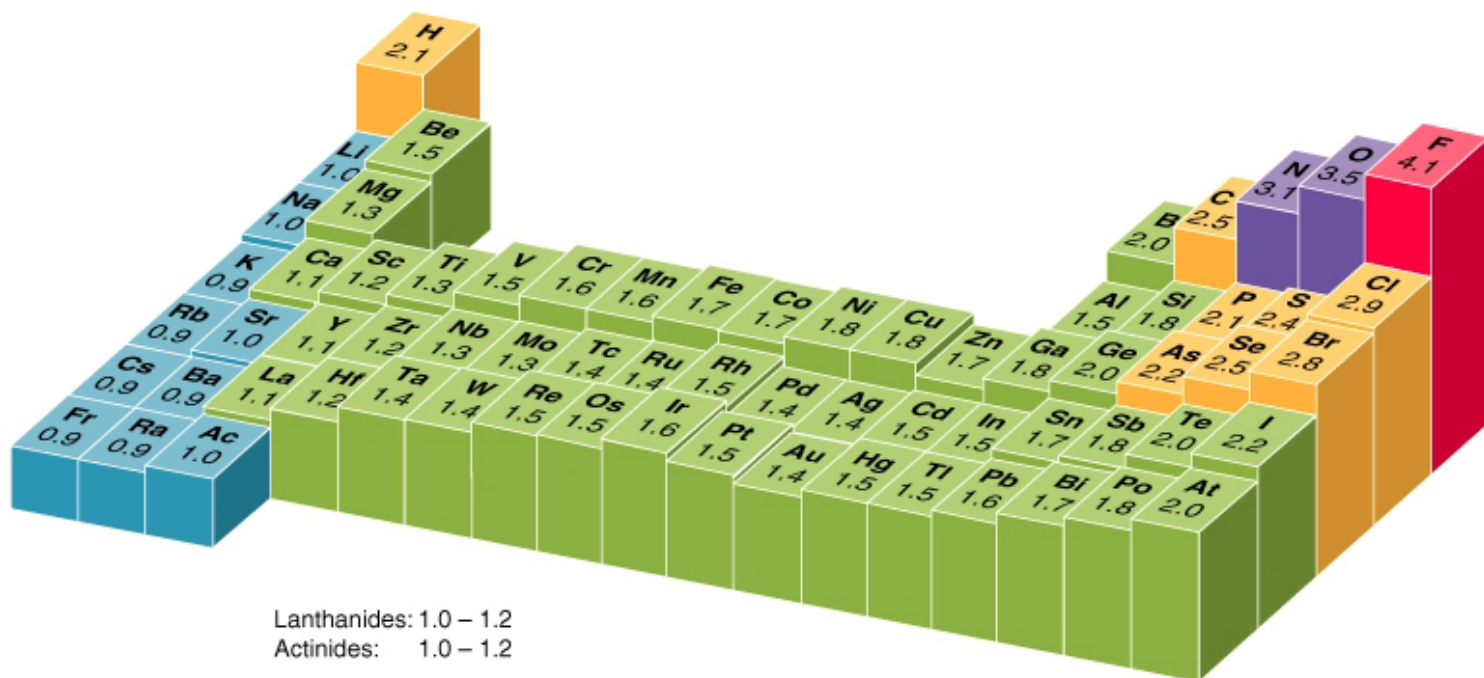


Fang-Yin Lin's talk,
B2, 2:45, Today

- Variable charge potentials in LAMMPS include:
 - COMB (**comb**, **comb3**), ReaxFF (**reax**, **reax/c**), embedded ion method (**eim**), and Streitz-Mintmire (**coul/sm**)

Electronegativity

- First proposed by Linus Pauling in 1932
- A chemical property that describes the tendency of an atom to attract electrons (or electron density) towards itself



Electronegativity

- When two or more atoms combine to form a molecule, their electronegativities are equalized – Sanderson's postulate ^a
- Electronegativity, X , of any chemical species is the negative of its chemical potential, μ ^b

- $$X_i = -\mu_i = -\frac{\partial E(\rho)}{\partial \rho} = e \frac{\partial E(q_i)}{\partial q_i}$$

- At equilibrium, electron density will transfer between atoms so that chemical potential (electronegativity) at all atomic sites are equal

Electronegativity equalization → charge transfer

^a R. T. Sanderson, *Chemical Bonds and Bond Energy*; Academic, New York (1976)

^b R. G. Parr, R. A. Donnelly, M. Levy, W. E. Palke, *J. Chem. Phys.* 68, 3801 (1978)

Electronegativity

- Since electronegativity is the derivative of energy with respect to electron density (charges), it is useful to express electronegativity through expressing energy as a function of charge
- Most basic expression is the sum of atomic polarization energy and electrostatics

- $$E(q_i) = \chi \cdot q_i + \frac{1}{2} \cdot \eta \cdot q_i^2 + \sum_{i < j} q_i \cdot J_{ij} \cdot q_j$$

- $$\mu(q_i) = q_i + \eta \cdot q_i + \sum_{i < j} J_{ij} \cdot q_j$$

- Used in ReaxFF and Streitz-Mintmire potentials

A. K. **Rappe**, W. A. **Goddard III**, *J. Phys. Chem.* 95 8 (1991)

A. C. T. **van Duin**, S. **Dasgupta**, F. **Lorant**, W. A. **Goddard III**, *J. Phys. Chem. A* 105 9396 (2001)

F. H. **Streitz** and J. W. **Mintmire**, *Phys. Rev. B* 50, 11996 (1994)

Electronegativity Equalization Method

- Solving equilibrium charges for a system of N atoms
 - A problem of N variables
- Based on electronegativity equalization principle
 - $\mu_i = \mu_{i+1} = \dots = \mu_N$
 - $N - 1$ conditions
 - Adding the condition of conservation on total charge

- $$q_{tot} = \sum_i q_i$$

- The charge equilibration equations become
 - $CD = -D$

Electronegativity Equalization Method

- Solving charges with $CD = -D$

$$\begin{bmatrix} J_{i,j} - J_{1,j} & J_{i+1,j} - J_{1,j} & \cdots & J_{N,j} - J_{1,j} & 1 \\ J_{i,j+1} - J_{1,j+1} & J_{i+1,j+1} - J_{1,j+1} & \cdots & J_{N,j+1} - J_{1,j+1} & 1 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & 1 \\ J_{i,N} - J_{1,N} & J_{i+1,N} - J_{1,N} & \ddots & J_{N,N} - J_{1,N} & 1 \\ q_i & q_{i+1} & \cdots & q_N & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \eta_i - \eta_1 \\ \eta_{i+1} - \eta_1 \\ \vdots \\ \eta_N - \eta_1 \\ -q_{tot} \end{bmatrix} = - \begin{bmatrix} \eta_i - \eta_1 \\ \eta_{i+1} - \eta_1 \\ \vdots \\ \eta_N - \eta_1 \\ -q_{tot} \end{bmatrix}$$

- Solve the sparse matrix problem with a linear conjugate gradient minimization method
 - Fast converging method for solving q , but only applicable to linear equations

- $$\mu(q_i) = q_i + \eta \cdot q_i + \sum_{i < j} J_{ij} \cdot q_j$$

Electronegativity Equalization Method

- More complicated expression of energy as a function of charge
 - COMB

$$E(q_i) = E^P(q_i) + \sum_{i < j} q_i \cdot J_{ij} \cdot q_j + \sum_{i < j} V_{ij}(r_{ij}, q_i, q_j)$$

$$E^P(q_i) = \chi \cdot q_i + \frac{1}{2} \cdot \eta_1 \cdot q_i^2 + \frac{1}{3} \cdot \eta_2 \cdot q_i^3 + \frac{1}{4} \cdot \eta_3 \cdot q_i^4$$

$$V_{ij} = A(q) \cdot A e^{-\lambda \cdot r_{ij}} + B(q) \cdot B e^{-\alpha(q) \cdot r_{ij}}$$

- Solving charges with EEM requires iterative, damped dynamics

Yu J., Sinnott S. B., Phillpot, S. R., *Phys. Rev. B* 75 085311 (2007)

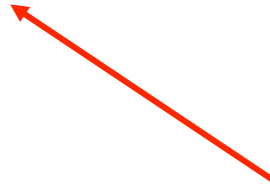
Shan T.-R., Devine B. D., Kemper T. W., Sinnott S. B., Phillpot S. R., *Phys. Rev. B* 81 125328 (2010)

EEM with Damped Dynamics

- Analogous to classical Newtonian dynamics

- $m_i \ddot{r}_i = -\frac{\partial}{\partial r_i} E(\{r_i\}, \{q_i\})$

- $s_i \ddot{q}_i = -\frac{\partial}{\partial q_i} E(\{r_i\}, \{q_i\})$


$$q_{tot} = \sum_i q_i$$

EEM with Damped Dynamics

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- $$m_i \ddot{r}_i = -\frac{\partial}{\partial r_i} E(\{r_i\}, \{q_i\})$$

- $$s_i \ddot{q}_i = -\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial q_i} E(\{r_i\}, \{q_i\}) - \frac{1}{N} \sum_i \frac{\partial}{\partial q_i} E(\{r_i\}, \{q_i\})\right)$$

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- $s_i \ddot{q}_i = -\mu_i + \bar{\mu} - \eta_d \dot{q}_i$

- Also known as the Extended Lagrangian method

- Damped dynamics with fixed damping
 - Large damping facilitates convergence, but leads to instability more easily

Summary and Outlooks

- Current variable charge fixes are implemented independently
 - fix qeq/reax
 - fix qeq/comb
 - fix qeq/sm
 - Pair_style eim has its own built-in variable charge routines
- These qeq fixes will be reorganized/modified into one fix
 - fix qeq
 - fix_modify qeq style *cg* (*conjugate gradient*) or *dd* (*damped dynamics*)
- Main advantage is easy to expand and include more qeq styles
 - E.g. SQE ¹, QTPIE ², etc

¹ D. **Mathieu**, J. Chem. Phys. 127 224103 (2007)

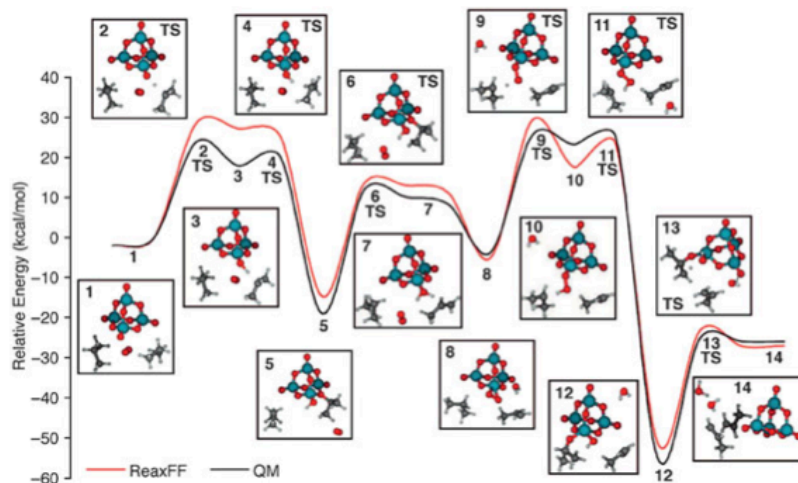
² J. **Chen** and T. J. **Martinez**, Chem. Phys. Lett. 438 315 (2007)

ON-THE-FLY CHEMICAL SPECIES ANALYSIS FOR REAXFF

Reactive Force Field (ReaxFF)

$$E^{ReaxFF} = E^{self} + E^{Coul} + E^{vdW} + E^{bond} + E^{angle} + E^{torsion} + E^{conjugation} + E^{H-bond} + E^{lone-pair} + E^{over} + E^{under} + E^{others}$$

- Ability to model chemical reactions
- Trained against QM/QC data
 - Reproduces transition states, energy barriers

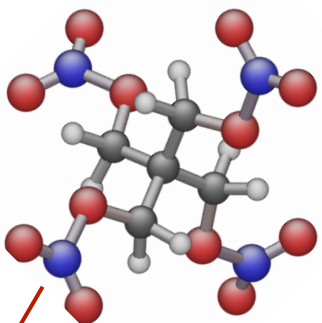


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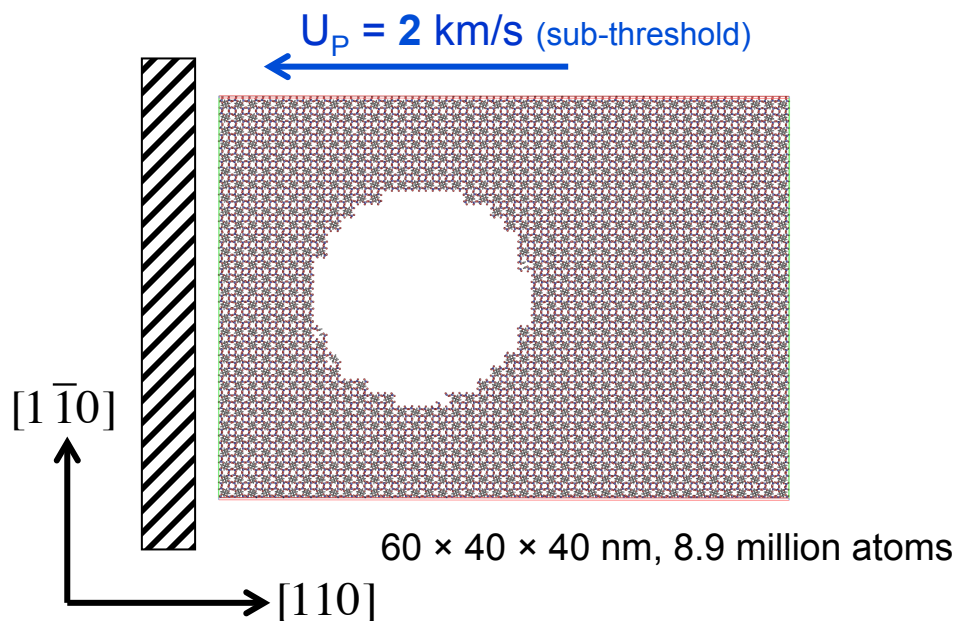
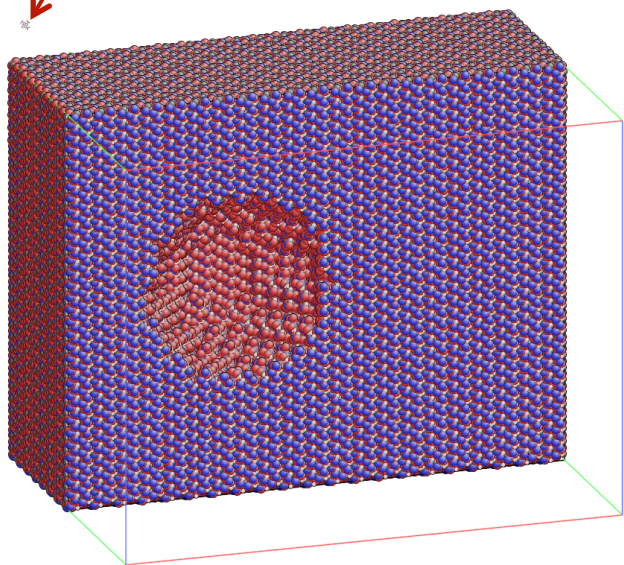
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Adri van Duin's talk, Session II, 11:00, Thursday

Large-Scale Explicit NEMD Simulation of Shockwave Interaction with Spherical Void



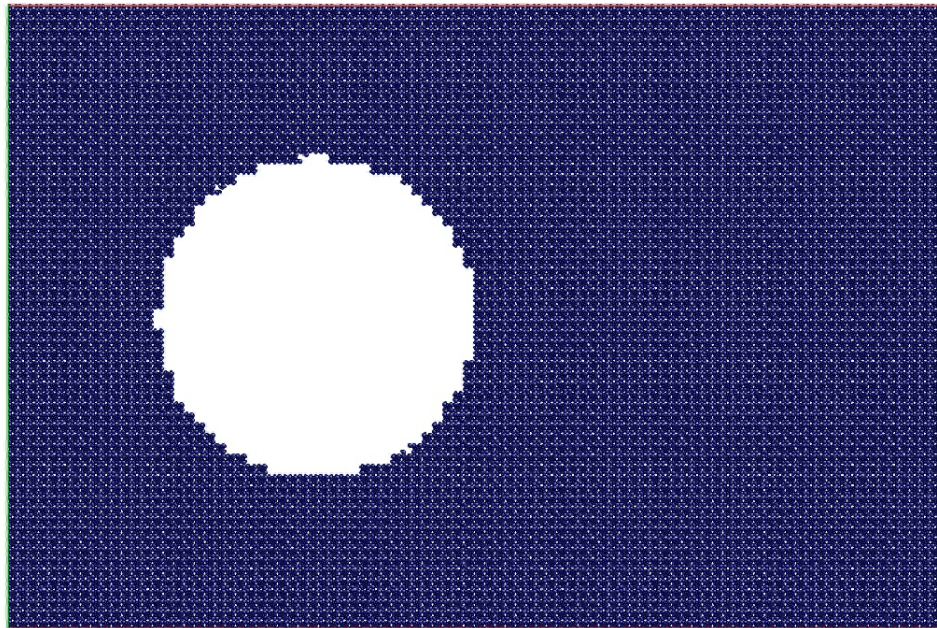
- DOE ASC TLCC2 Chama (Sandia)
 - 256 nodes/4096 MPI tasks
- LAMMPS software
- ReaxFF force field (reax/c)



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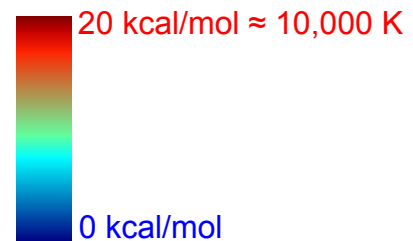
- Kinetic energy

$U_p = 2 \text{ km/s}$

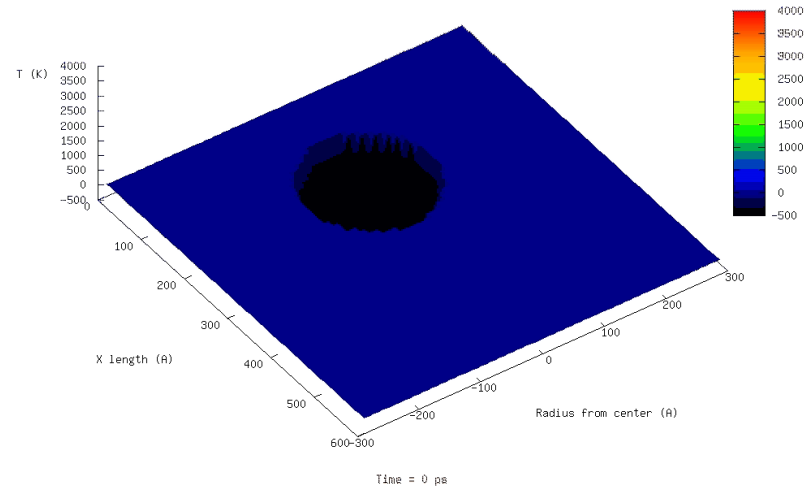


20 nm void
60 × 40 × 40 nm
8.9 million atoms

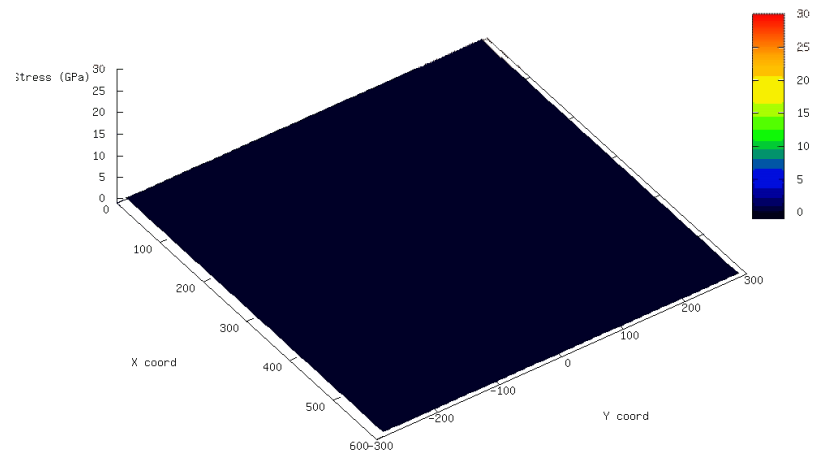
10 nm



- Temperature



- Stress



Identify Molecules & Species

- Current (and only) method: with pair_style reax/c:
 - Use “fix reax/c/bonds” to print a connection table
 - Post-process the table with a serial program
 - Drawbacks:
 - Massive storage required
 - One line per atom
 - Time consuming post-process
 - Single core program
 - No information on spatial distribution of molecules & species

```
# Timestep 2
#
# Number of particles 81983
#
# Max number of bonds per atom 5 with coarse bond order cutoff 0.300
# Particle connection table and bond orders
# id type nb id_1...id_nb mol bo_1...bo_nb abo nlp q
576 1 3 577 581 582 0 0.885 1.216 1.704 3.807 0.000 0.510
13445 1 2 13448 13470 0 2.640 0.764 3.436 0.000 0.289
538 3 2 569 875 0 1.489 0.390 2.027 1.996 -0.493
13466 2 1 528 0 0.801 0.857 0.000 0.398
528 3 2 13466 526 0 0.801 1.054 1.907 2.000 -0.576
577 3 2 576 584 0 0.885 0.609 1.705 2.000 -0.314
589 3 2 13444 674 0 0.850 0.792 1.716 2.000 -0.610
566 3 2 572 536 0 0.672 0.941 1.658 2.000 -0.489
13448 3 1 13445 0 2.640 2.719 1.047 -0.404
569 1 3 538 570 530 0 1.489 0.973 1.649 4.125 0.000 0.448
1844 3 2 558 1869 0 0.483 0.952 1.713 2.000 -0.517
570 2 1 569 0 0.973 1.041 0.000 0.191
13447 2 1 13446 0 0.966 0.995 0.000 0.196
530 3 1 569 0 1.649 1.864 2.000 -0.416
526 4 3 528 13492 555 0 1.054 0.914 0.539 2.537 1.000 0.236
1869 2 1 1844 0 0.952 0.981 0.000 0.432
821 3 2 555 601 0 0.707 0.882 1.777 2.000 -0.615
13658 2 1 585 0 0.855 0.930 0.000 0.409
555 4 4 526 821 13710 561 0 0.539 0.707 1.132 0.373 2.754 1.000 0.266
601 2 1 821 0 0.882 0.910 0.000 0.429
536 2 1 566 0 0.941 0.943 0.000 0.365
581 1 3 576 571 579 0 1.216 1.252 1.305 3.773 0.000 -0.058
13444 2 1 589 0 0.850 0.927 0.000 0.407
585 3 3 13658 13505 561 0 0.855 0.471 0.476 1.908 2.000 -0.446
674 2 1 589 0 0.792 0.899 0.000 0.462
584 4 4 577 561 846 541 0 0.609 0.770 0.878 0.744 3.049 0.986 -0.126
13710 3 2 555 817 0 1.132 0.719 1.899 2.000 -0.469
13470 1 3 13445 13713 13446 0 0.764 1.287 2.005 4.057 0.000 0.191
817 2 1 13710 0 0.719 0.979 0.000 0.380
561 4 3 555 585 584 0 0.373 0.476 0.770 1.877 1.011 0.105
853 1 3 13777 599 828 0 1.306 1.249 0.968 3.543 0.000 0.432
...
```

Identify Molecules & Species

- Would not it be great if we can:
 - Avoid storing huge output files?
 - Avoid post-processing with serial programs?
 - Monitor molecules and species on-the-fly?
 - Know where and when specific molecules/species are formed?
- Solution is a new fix: “`reax/c/species`”
 - **fix ID group-ID reax/c/species Nevery Nrepeat Nfreq filename keyword value ...**
 - Analyzes chemical bonds, molecules, and species based on time-averaged or instantaneous bond order values
 - Currently limited to `pair_style reax/c`
 - But extension to other reactive potentials (**tersoff**, **rebo/airebo**, **bop**, **comb**, etc) is made as simple as possible

- Output type 1:

# Timestep	No_Moles	No_Specs	C5H8O12N4
2	2827	1	2827

# Timestep	No_Moles	No_Specs	H2O3N	H2O	HO	CH2O3	ON2
55002	6703	747	43	1557	1537	8	31

- Terse list, know what and how many molecules right away

- Output type 2:

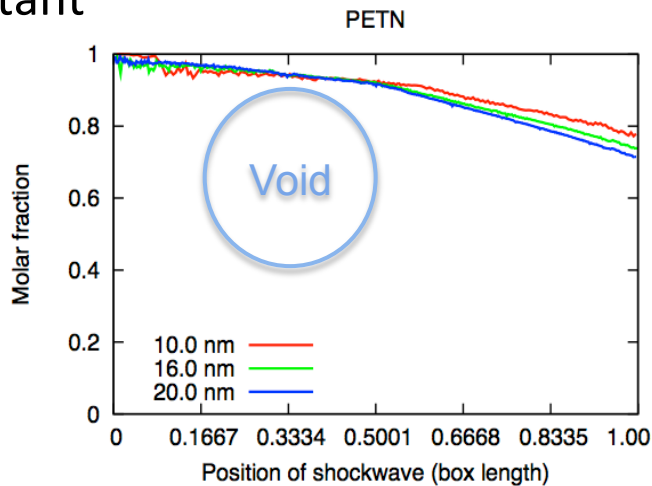
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ID  Atom_Count  Type          Ave_q          CoM_x          CoM_y          CoM_z
1   6             H2O3N        -0.02388735    0.00604353    0.03255288    0.62153236
2   28            C4H8O9N7     0.02785239     0.01054783    0.27594189    0.55659111
3   296           C67H46O129N54 -0.01571570    0.06200146    0.85039233    0.44433890
4   3             H2O          0.07147703     0.02367206    0.10731024    0.41775836
5   38            C13H2O17N6  -0.03316714    0.04845567    0.21833137    0.58398634
6   2             HO           -0.14814854    0.02654568    0.04087529    0.62640116
7   25            C8H7O9N      0.00647330     0.03278529    0.05240849    0.48259218
8   2             HO           -0.00285301    0.03098041    0.08792044    0.58878768
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- Generates cfg files with a small analysis program

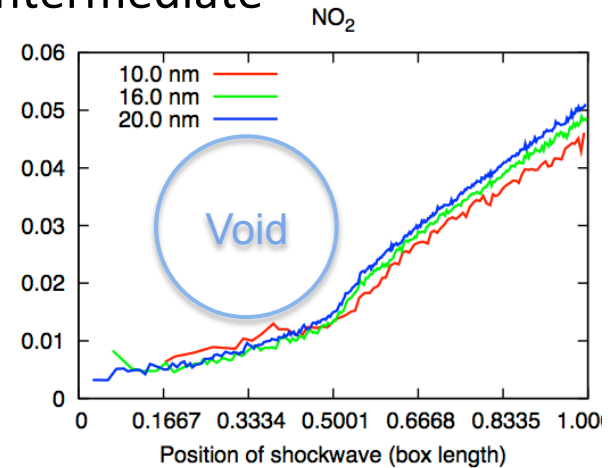
Chemical species analysis

$U_p = 2$ km/s

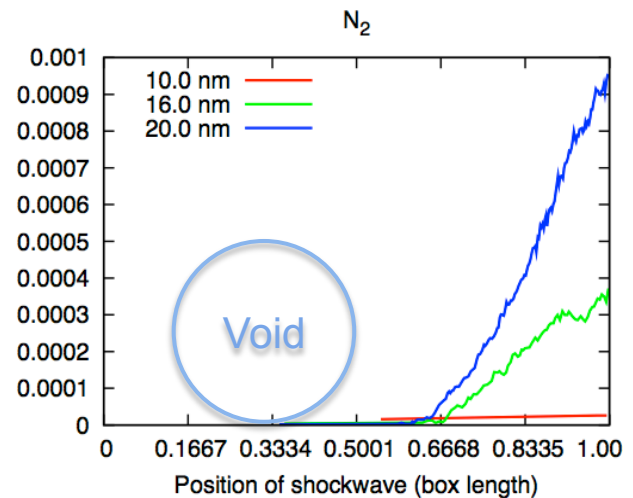
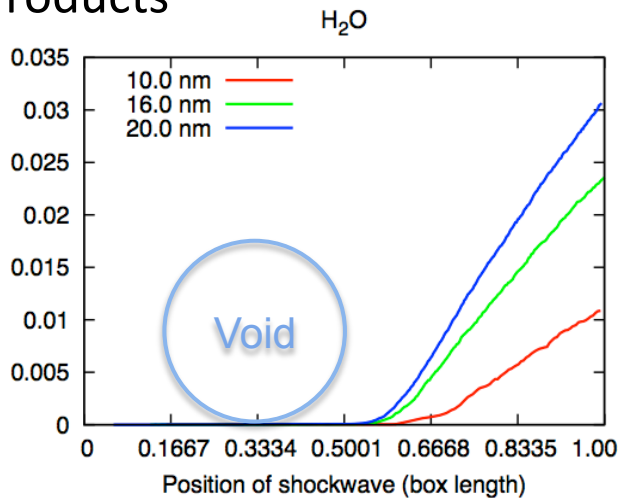
■ Reactant



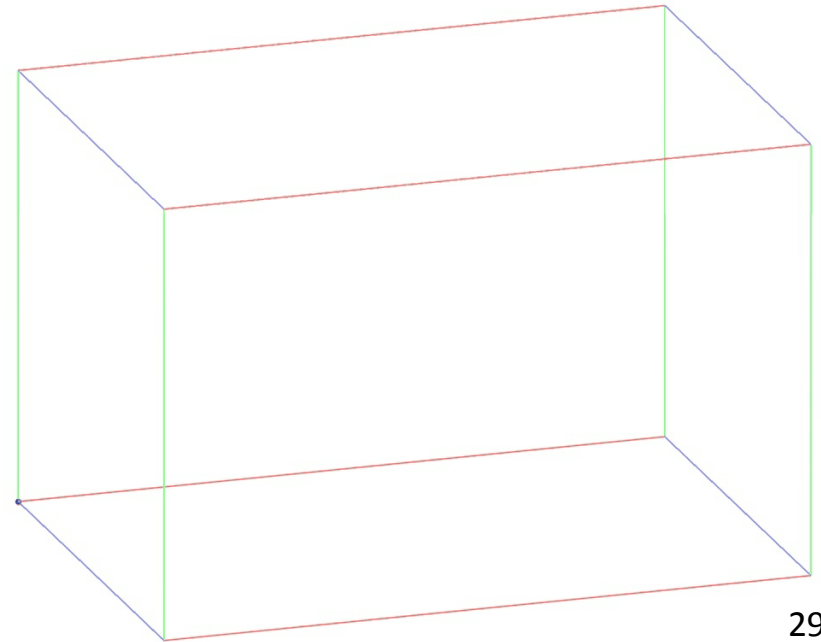
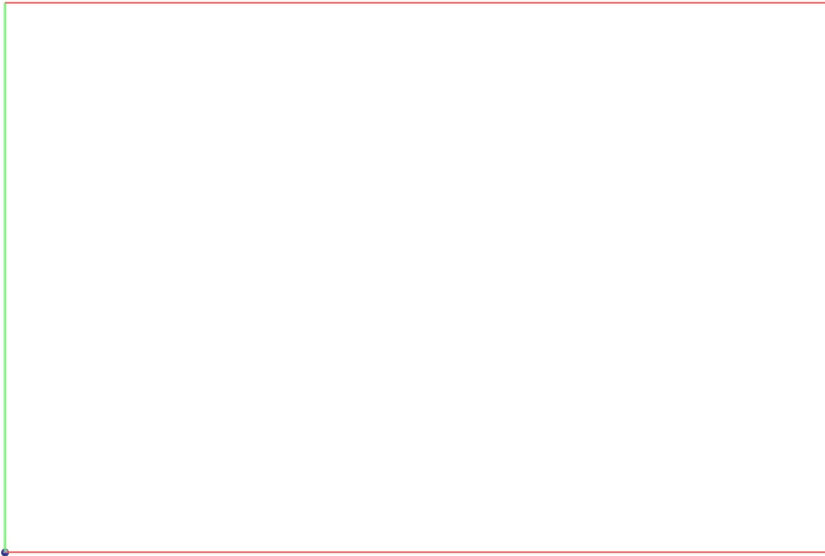
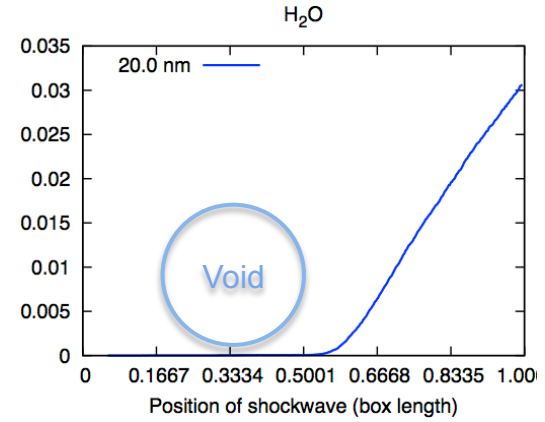
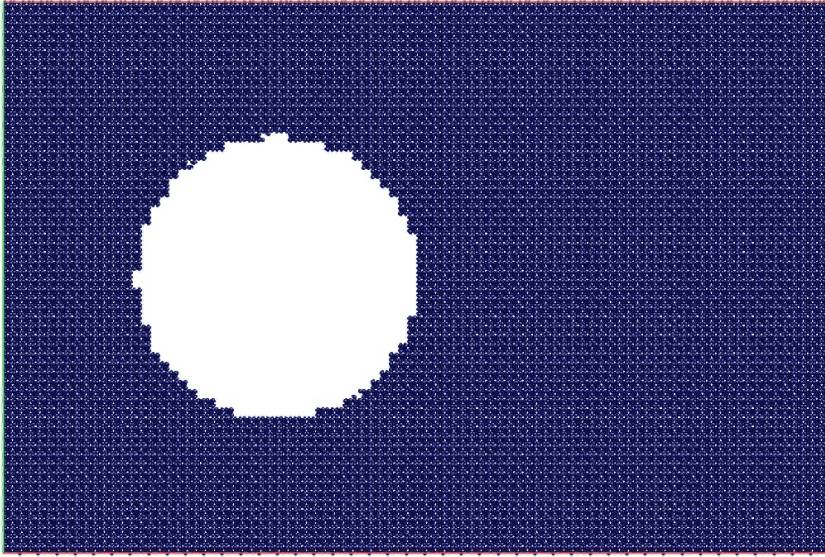
■ Intermediate



■ Final Products



Formation of H₂O: 20 nm void, 2 km/s



Summary and Outlooks

- On-the-fly, real-time chemical species analysis based on bond order values
- Currently limited to pair_style reax/c
 - Can be extended to other bond order pair styles

Conclusions

- Advanced force fields
 - Reactive (bond order), Variable charge, and Others (electron orbitals, automated machine-learning)
 - Allow modeling of bond forming/breaking (chemical reactions), charge transfer, and more
- Streitz-Mintmire will be released
 - Applicable to all pair_styles via hybrid
- Variable charge fixes will be reorganized/modified
 - Allows easy extension to include more QEq styles
- Fix reax/c/species can be extended to more reactive potentials
 - Volunteers?

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