

LAMMPS User Workshop  
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# LAMMPS Users' Workshop Beginner's Tutorial

## Visualization of results

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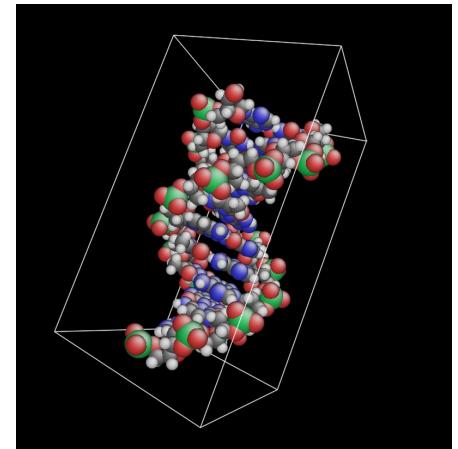
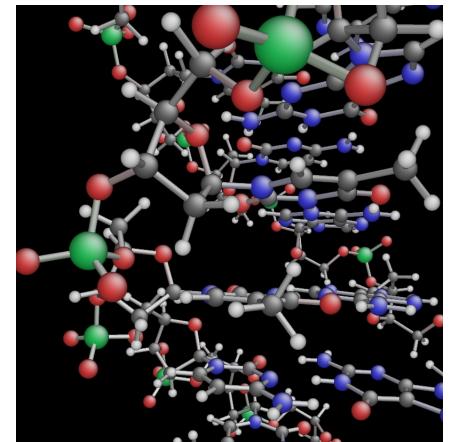


# Agenda

- 8:30 – Welcome and agenda: Matt Lane, Sandia
- 8:35 – General LAMMPS overview: Aidan Thompson, Sandia
- 8:50 – Download, build, and run LAMMPS: Matt Lane, Sandia
- 9:10 – Basic output post-processing: Aidan Thompson, Sandia
- 9:25 – Visualization of results: Matt Lane, Sandia
- 9:40 – Break
- 9:50 – LAMMPS input scripts, syntax and rules: Steve Plimpton, Sandia
- 10:15 – LAMMPS capabilities - force fields, ensembles, fixes and computes, load-balancing, on-the-fly viz, GPU acceleration
- 10:45 – Hands-on– simple examples that come with LAMMPS
- 11:00 – Break
- 11:10 – Case study 1
  - Interatomic potentials and KIM: Ryan Elliott, Univ of Minnesota*
- 11:40 – Case study 2
  - Monitoring chemical reactions using on-the-fly molecular species analysis: Ray Shan, Sandia*
- 12:00 – Lunch

# Major visualization tools

- **AtomEye (v3 released in 2012)**
  - [li.mit.edu/Archive/Graphics/A/](http://li.mit.edu/Archive/Graphics/A/)
  - Ju Li, MIT
  - Simple interface, versatile, unusual features
  - Source and Binary: Linux, Unix and MacOS
- **LAMMPS internal visual dump**
  - [lammps.sandia.gov](http://lammps.sandia.gov)
  - Steve Plimpton, Sandia National Labs
  - Simple runtime generation, data conservation
  - Compile-time add on
  - Source only
- **Ovito (v2.5.0 released in July 2015)**
  - [www.ovito.org](http://www.ovito.org)
  - Alexander Studowski, Darmstadt University of Technology
  - Open source and freely available, reads LAMMPS dumps
  - Source and Binary: Linux, Windows and MacOS
- **VMD (v1.9.2 released December 2014)**
  - [www.ks.uiuc.edu/Research/vmd/](http://www.ks.uiuc.edu/Research/vmd/)
  - Univ. of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
  - Huge palate of styles, fast, great GUI, reads LAMMPS dumps
  - Source and Binary: Linux, Windows and MacOS
- **Paraview and others**



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## *Exploration*

- quick and easy images*
- no data conversion necessary*
- highly automated processing*

## *Science illustration*

- built-in analysis tools (rdf, FFT, etc.)*
- smooth quality renderings*
- slice and cutaway*

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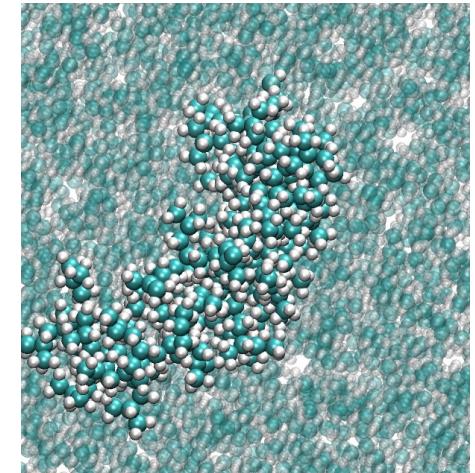
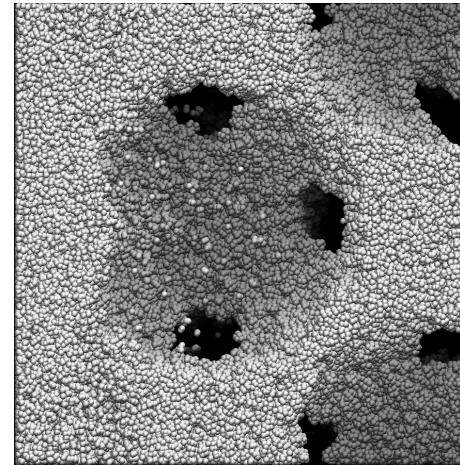
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- temporal trajectory or rotation/perspective movies*
- multiple format saves*

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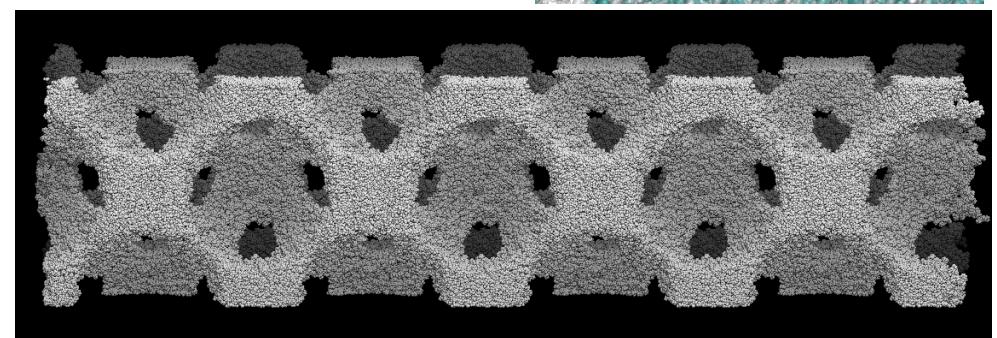
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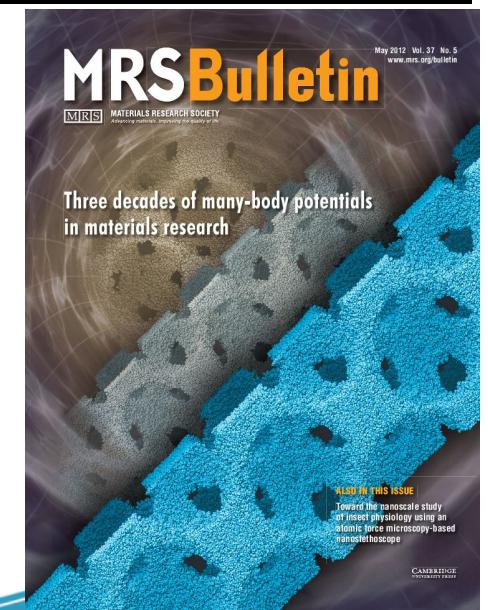
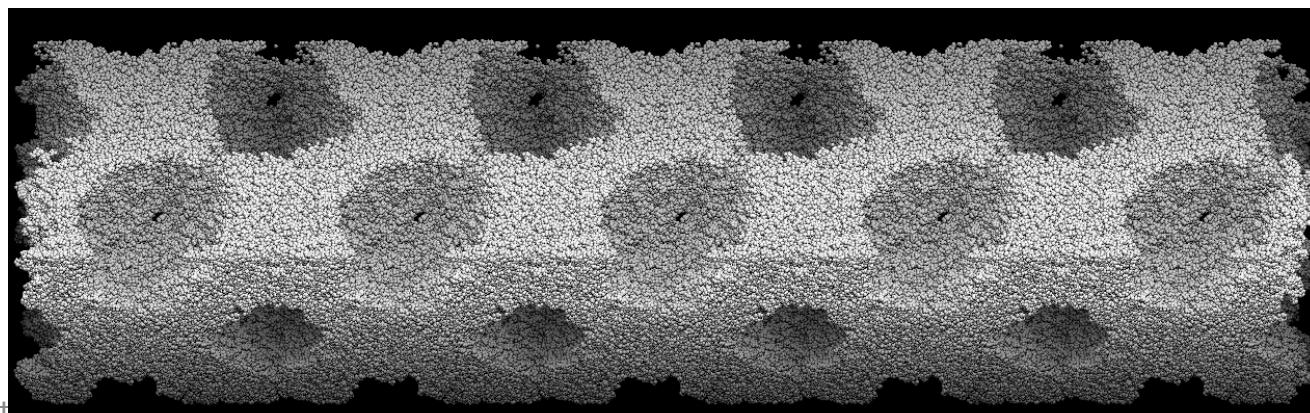


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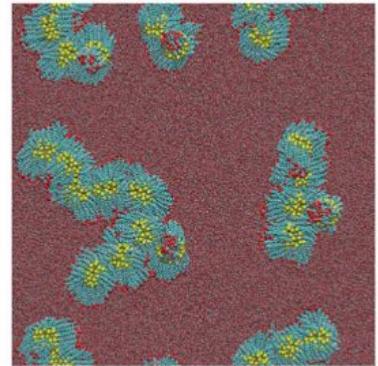
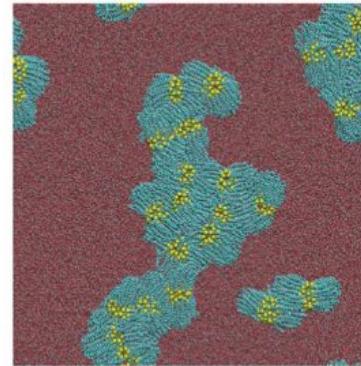
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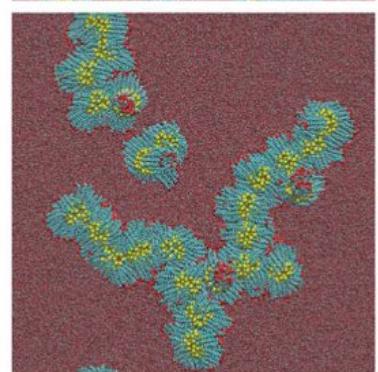
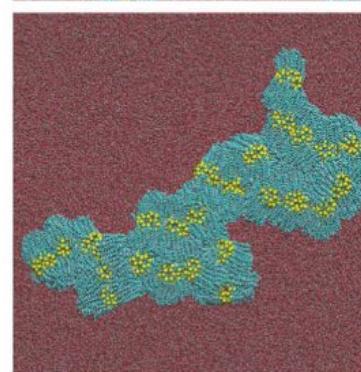
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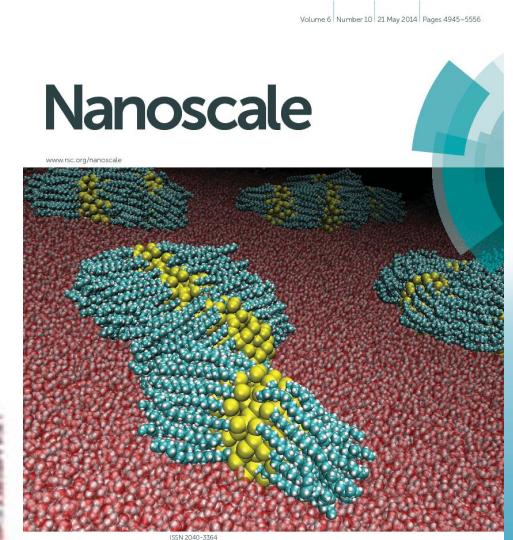
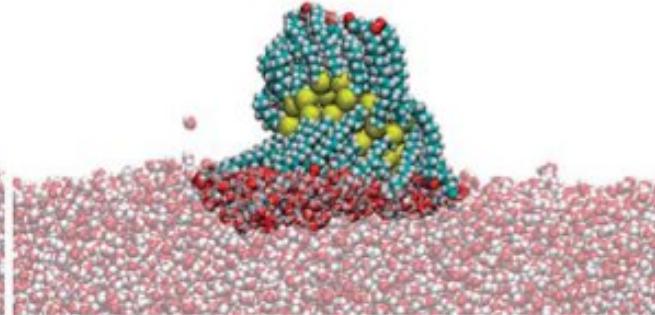
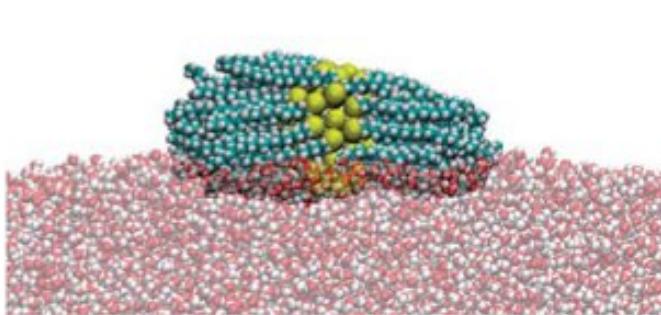


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# Tools for extracting meaning from noise

Crystal structure (centro-symmetry, common neighbor analysis, coordination number), grain boundaries, dislocations

DXA analysis Alex Studowski

Property color maps (temperature, per-atom stress, velocity, etc.)

Continuous color maps

Slices and cutaways, suppression of “bulk” atoms

Atom selection/removal by location, proximity, type, or property

Radial distribution functions, diffraction patterns, displacement vectors, etc.