

A Quick Tour of LAMMPS

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Follow along with my slides at:

<http://lammps.sandia.gov/workshops/Aug17/workshop.html>



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Resources for learning LAMMPS

All on web site, most in distro tarball:

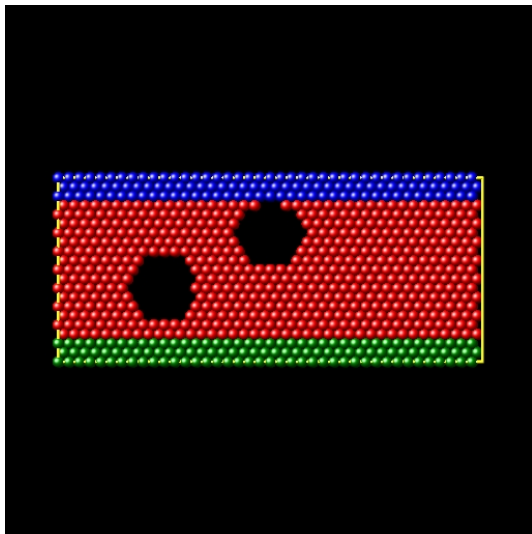
- **Workshops** (beginner tutorials) & **Tutorials**
- **Features**: list of features with links
- **Glossary**: MD terms \Rightarrow LAMMPS
- **Manual**:
 - Intro, Commands, Packages, Accelerating, Howto, Modifying, Errors sections
 - search bubble at top left of every page
- **Commands**
 - alphabetized command & style tables: one page per command
- **Papers**: find a paper similar to what you want to model
- **Mail list**: search archives (lammps-users, post Qs to it
 - <http://lammps.sandia.gov/mail.html>
- **Examples**: 50 sub-dirs under examples in distro
 - lower-case = simple, upper-case = more complex
 - many produce movies: <http://lammps.sandia.gov/movies.html>

Structure of typical input scripts

- 1 Units and atom style
- 2 Create simulation box and atoms
 - region, create_box, create_atoms, region commands
 - lattice command vs box units
 - read_data command
 - data file is a text file
 - look at examples/micelle/data.micelle
 - see read_data doc page for full syntax
- 3 Define groups
- 4 Set attributes of atoms: mass, velocity
- 5 Pair style for atom interactions
- 6 Fixes for time integration and constraints
- 7 Computes for diagnostics
- 8 Output: thermo, dump, restart
- 9 Run or minimize
- 10 Rinse and repeat (script executed one command at a time)

Obstacle example

input script = examples/obstacle/in.obstacle



Obstacle input script

1st section = setup box and create atoms

```
# 2d LJ obstacle flow

dimension 2
boundary p s p
atom_style atomic
neighbor 0.3 bin
neigh_modify delay 5

# create geometry

lattice hex 0.7
region box block 0 40 0 10 -0.25 0.25
create_box 3 box
create_atoms 1 box
```

Obstacle input script

2nd section = define potential and groups of atoms

```
# LJ potentials

pair_style lj/cut 1.12246
pair_coeff * * 1.0 1.0 1.12246

# define groups

region 1 block INF INF INF 1.25 INF INF
group lower region 1
region 2 block INF INF 8.75 INF INF INF
group upper region 2
group boundary union lower upper
group flow subtract all boundary

set group lower type 2
set group upper type 3
```

Obstacle input script

3rd section = set velocities and fixes

```
# initial velocities

mass * 1.0
compute mobile flow temp
velocity flow create 1.0 482748 temp mobile
fix 1 all nve
fix 2 flow temp/rescale 200 1.0 1.0 0.02 1.0
fix_modify 2 temp mobile

# Poiseuille flow

velocity boundary set 0.0 0.0 0.0
fix 3 lower setforce 0.0 0.0 0.0
fix 4 upper setforce 0.0 NULL 0.0
fix 5 upper aveforce 0.0 -0.5 0.0
fix 6 flow addforce 1.0 0.0 0.0
```

Obstacle input script

4th section = create 2 obstacles to flow

```
# 2 obstacles

region void1 sphere 10 4 0 3
delete_atoms region void1
region void2 sphere 20 7 0 3
delete_atoms region void2

fix 7 flow indent 100 sphere 10 4 0 4
fix 8 flow indent 100 sphere 20 7 0 4
fix 9 all enforce2d
```


Obstacle input script

5th section: define output and run simulation (JPG, PNG, PPM)

```
# run

timestep 0.003
thermo 1000
thermo_modify temp mobile

#dump 1 all atom 100 dump.obstacle
dump 2 all image 500 image.*.ppm type type &
    zoom 1.6 adiam 1.5
dump_modify 2 pad 5

run 25000
```

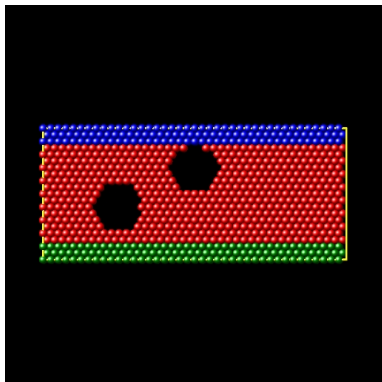
Make a movie

50 JPG or PNG or PPM files

- image.16500.ppm
- ImageMagick display
- Mac Preview

Make/view a movie

- ImageMagick
convert *.ppm image.gif
- open in browser
open -a Safari image.gif
- Mac QuickTime
open image sequence
- Windows Media Player
- Ovito, VMD, AtomEye, ...



Obstacle example

Questions on input script?

Exercise:

run `examples/obstacle/in.obstacle` on your laptop
examine and visualize output

Examine screen output

```
LAMMPS (5 Oct 2016)
Lattice spacing in x,y,z = 1.28436 2.22457 1.28436
Created orthogonal box = (0 0 -0.321089)
                        to (51.3743 22.2457 0.321089)
   4 by 1 by 1 MPI processor grid
Created 840 atoms
120 atoms in group lower
120 atoms in group upper
240 atoms in group boundary
600 atoms in group flow
Setting atom values ...
   120 settings made for type
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Deleted 36 atoms, new total = 804
Deleted 35 atoms, new total = 769
```

Neighbor list and memory info

Neighbor list info ...

update every 1 steps, delay 5 steps, check yes

master list distance cutoff = 1.42246

binsize = 0.71123, bins = 73 32 1

1 neighbor lists, perpetual/occasional/extra = 1 0 0

(1) pair lj/cut, perpetual

attributes: half, newton on

pair build: half/bin/atomonly/newton

stencil: half/bin/2d/newton

bin: standard

Setting up Verlet run ...

Unit style : lj

Current step : 0

Time step : 0.003

Per MPI rank memory allocation (avg) = 3.043 Mbytes

Thermo output

```
Step Temp E_pair E_mol TotEng Press Volume
0 1.0004177 0 0 0.68689281 0.46210058 1143.0857
1000 1 -0.32494012 0 0.36166587 1.2240503 1282.5239
2000 1 -0.37815616 0 0.30844982 1.0642877 1312.5691
...
...
...
24000 1 -0.40040333 0 0.28620265 0.94983886 1459.4461
25000 1 -0.37645924 0 0.31014674 1.0526044 1458.7191
Loop time of 0.815388 on 4 procs for 25000 steps
  with 769 atoms
Performance: 7947137.172 tau/day,
  30660.251 timesteps/s
98.7% CPU use with 4 MPI tasks x no OpenMP threads
```

Timing info

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MPI task timing breakdown:

Section	min	avg	max	%varavg	%total
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Pair	0.063	0.123	0.202	15.7	15.10
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Neigh	0.031	0.041	0.055	4.4	5.06
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Comm	0.149	0.231	0.288	11.0	28.42
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Output	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.0	0.01
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Modify	0.275	0.305	0.341	4.3	37.43
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Other	-----	0.113	-----	---	13.91
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Run statistics

Per-processor values at end of run

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- Thermo output **blows up** immediately
 - usually due to bad atom coords and/or bad force field
 - often leads to **lost** or **out-of-range** atoms
- Don't start with **too complex** a script
 - debug an input script just like a computer program
 - start simple, add complexity one command at a time
 - can use print command to examine variables
 - use thermo/dump output and viz to verify correctness

Additional topics

- More complex input scripts
- Pre-processing to build a complex system
- Force fields: pair, bond, and kspace styles
- Fixex and computes
- Output
- Parallelization and performance
- Quick tour of more advanced topics
- Extending LAMMPS

Defining variables in input scripts

- **Styles:** index, loop, equal, atom, python, file, ...
 - variable x index run1 run2 run3 run4
 - variable x loop 100
 - variable x trap(f_JJ[3])*\${scale}
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- **Formulas** can be complex
 - see [doc/variable.html](#)
 - thermo keywords (temp, press, ...)
 - math operators & functions (sqrt, log, cos, ...)
 - group and region functions (count, xcm, fcm, ...)
 - various special functions (min, ave, trap, stride, stagger, ...)
 - per-atom vectors (x, vx, fx, ...)
 - output from computes, fixes, other variables
- Formulas can be **time-** and/or **spatially-**dependent

Using variables in input scripts

- **Substitute** in any command via $\$x$ or $\${myVar}$
- **Immediate** formula evaluation via $\$()$ syntax:
 - avoids need to define variable separately
 - variable x_{mid} equal $(x_{lo}+x_{hi})/2$
 - region 1 block $\$x_{mid}$ EDGE INF INF EDGE EDGE
 - region 1 block $\$((x_{lo}+x_{hi})/2)$ EDGE INF INF EDGE EDGE
- **Next** command increments a variable to next value
- Many commands allow variables as **arguments**
 - fix addforce 0.0 v_fy 1.0
 - dump_modify every v_foo
 - region sphere 0.0 0.0 0.0 v_radius
 - **only if** command doc page says so

Power tools for input scripts

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- **Looping** via next and jump commands
- Invoke a **shell command** or external program
 - shell cd subdir1
 - shell my_analyze out.file \$n \${param}
- Invoke Python from your script: **doc/Section_python.html**
 - pass LAMMPS data to Python, return values in variables
 - Python function can callback to LAMMPS
- Various ways to run **multiple simulations** from one script
 - see doc/Section_howto 6.4

Example script for multiple runs

Run 8 successive simulations on P processors:

```
variable r equal random(1,1000000000,58798)
variable a loop 8
variable t index 0.8 0.85 0.9 0.95 1.0 1.05 1.1 1.15
log log.$a
read data.polymer
velocity all create $t $r
fix 1 all nvt $t $t 1.0
dump 1 all atom 1000 dump.$a.*
run 100000
next t
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jump in.polymer
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Instead, run 8 simulations on 3 partitions until finished:

- change a & t to universe-style variables
- `mpirun -np 12 lmp_linux -p 3x4 -in in.polymer`

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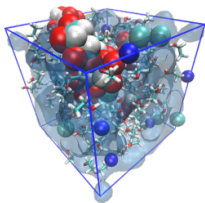
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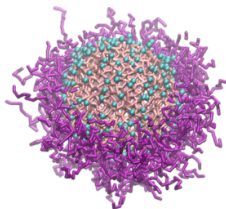
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- **Provided builders**
 - Moltemplate (Andrew Jewett)
 - Pizza.py = chain and patch tools (Python)
- **Builders** that can create LAMMPS input
 - see website **Pre/Post processing** page for list
 - VMD TopoTools (Axel Kohlmeyer)
 - Avogadro, Packmol, ATB (Auto Topo Builder), **EMC**

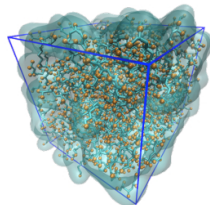
EMC builder tool - Wed PM breakout session



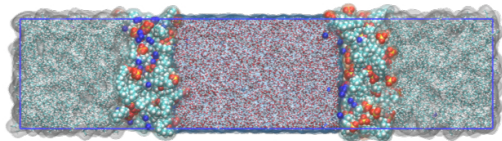
bulk



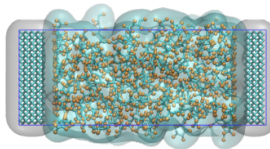
graft



copolymer



multiphase



surface

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- **Variants** optimized for CPU (many-core), KNL, GPU
 - OPT, GPU, USER-OMP, USER-INTEL, KOKKOS packages
 - lj/cut, lj/cut/gpu, lj/cut/kk, lj/cut/omp
 - see doc/Section_accelerate.html
- **Coulomb interactions** included in pair style
 - lj/cut, lj/cut/coul/cut, lj/cut/coul/wolf, lj/cut/coul/long
 - done to optimize inner loop

Categories of pair styles

- **Solids**
 - eam, eim, meam, adp, etc
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- **Pair table** for tabulation of any pair-wise interaction
- **Pair hybrid** style enables for hybrid models
 - polymers on metal
 - CNTs in water
 - solid-solid interface between 2 materials

Pair styles

See doc/Section_commands.html for full list
Annotated with (gikot) for 5 accelerated variants

none	hybrid	hybrid/overlay	adp (o)
airebo (o)	beck (go)	body	hop
born (go)	born/coul/long (cgo)	born/coul/long/cs	born/coul/msm (o)
born/coul/wolf (go)	brownian (o)	brownian/poly (o)	buck (cgko)
buck/coul/cut (cgko)	buck/coul/long (cgko)	buck/coul/long/cs	buck/coul/msm (o)
buck/long/coul/long (o)	colloid (go)	comb (o)	comb3
coul/cut (gko)	coul/debye (gko)	coul/dsf (gko)	coul/long (gko)
coul/long/cs	coul/msm	coul/streitz	coul/wolf (ko)
dpd (o)	dpd/tstat (o)	dsmc	eam (cgkot)
eam/alloy (cgkot)	eam/fs (cgkot)	eam (o)	gauss (go)
gayberne (gto)	gran/hertz/history (o)	gran/hooke (co)	gran/hooke/history (o)
hbond/dreiding/li (o)	hbond/dreiding/morse (o)	kim	ichep
lj/li (o)	lj/charmm/coul/charmm (ccko)	lj/charmm/coul/charmm/implicit (ccko)	lj/charmm/coul/long (cgiko)
lj/charmm/coul/msm	lj/class2 (cgko)	lj/class2/coul/cut (ccko)	lj/class2/coul/long (cgko)
lj/cut (cgikot)	lj/cut/coul/cut (cgko)	lj/cut/coul/debye (cgko)	lj/cut/dsf (gko)
lj/cut/coul/long (cgikot)	lj/cut/coul/msm (go)	lj/cut/dipole/cut (go)	lj/cut/dipole/long
lj/cut/tip4p/cut (o)	lj/cut/tip4p/long (ot)	lj/expand (cgko)	lj/gromacs (cgko)
lj/gromacs/coul/gromacs (ccko)	lj/long/coul/long (o)	lj/long/dipole/long	lj/long/tip4p/long
lj/smooth (co)	lj/smooth/linear (o)	lj96/cut (cgo)	lubricate (o)
lubricate/poly (o)	lubricateU	lubricateU/poly	meam (o)
mie/cut (o)	morse (cgot)	nb3b/harmonic (o)	nm/cut (o)
nm/cut/coul/cut (o)	nm/cut/coul/long (o)	peri/eps	peri/lps (o)
peri/pmb (o)	peri/ves	polymorphic	reax
rebo (o)	resquared (go)	snap	soft (go)
sw (cgkio)	table (gko)	tersoff (ccko)	tersoff/mod (ko)
tersoff/zbl (ko)	tip4p/cut (o)	tip4p/long (o)	tri/li (o)
yukawa (go)	yukawa/colloid (go)	zbl (o)	

11 pair styles in USER packages, which can be used if LAMMPS is built with the appropriate package.

awpmd/cut	coul/cut/soft (o)	coul/diel (o)	coul/long/soft (o)
eam/cd (o)	edip (o)	eff/cut	gauss/cut
list	lj/charmm/coul/long/soft (o)	lj/cut/coul/cut/soft (o)	lj/cut/coul/long/soft (o)
lj/cut/dipole/sf (go)	lj/cut/soft (o)	lj/cut/tip4p/long/soft (o)	lj/sdk (gko)
lj/sdk/coul/long (go)	lj/sdk/coul/msm (o)	lj/sf (o)	meam/spline
meam/sw/spline	quip	reax/c	sph/heatconduction
sph/idealgas	sph/li	sph/rhosum	sph/taitwater

Pair styles

See doc/pair_style.html for one-line descriptions

- [pair_style none](#) - turn off pairwise interactions
- [pair_style hybrid](#) - multiple styles of pairwise interactions
- [pair_style hybrid/overlay](#) - multiple styles of superposed pairwise interactions
- [pair_style adp](#) - angular dependent potential (ADP) of Mishin
- [pair_style airebo](#) - AIREBO potential of Stuart
- [pair_style beck](#) - Beck potential
- [pair_style body](#) - interactions between body particles
- [pair_style bop](#) - BOP potential of Pettifor
- [pair_style born](#) - Born-Mayer-Huggins potential
- [pair_style born/coul/long](#) - Born-Mayer-Huggins with long-range Coulombics
- [pair_style born/coul/msm](#) - Born-Mayer-Huggins with long-range MSM Coulombics
- [pair_style born/coul/wolf](#) - Born-Mayer-Huggins with Coulombics via Wolf potential
- [pair_style brownian](#) - Brownian potential for Fast Lubrication Dynamics
- [pair_style brownian/poly](#) - Brownian potential for Fast Lubrication Dynamics with polydispersity
- [pair_style buck](#) - Buckingham potential
- [pair_style buck/coul/cut](#) - Buckingham with cutoff Coulomb
- [pair_style buck/coul/long](#) - Buckingham with long-range Coulombics
- [pair_style buck/coul/msm](#) - Buckingham long-range MSM Coulombics
- [pair_style buck/long/coul/long](#) - long-range Buckingham with long-range Coulombics
- [pair_style colloid](#) - integrated colloidal potential
- [pair_style comb](#) - charge-optimized many-body (COMB) potential
- [pair_style coul/cut](#) - cutoff Coulombic potential
- [pair_style coul/debye](#) - cutoff Coulombic potential with Debye screening
- [pair_style coul/dsf](#) - Coulombics via damped shifted forces
- [pair_style coul/long](#) - long-range Coulombic potential
- [pair_style coul/msm](#) - long-range MSM Coulombics
- [pair_style coul/wolf](#) - Coulombics via Wolf potential
- [pair_style dipole/cut](#) - point dipoles with cutoff
- [pair_style dpd](#) - dissipative particle dynamics (DPD)
- [pair_style dpd/tstat](#) - DPD thermostatting
- [pair_style dsmc](#) - Direct Simulation Monte Carlo (DSMC)
- [pair_style eam](#) - embedded atom method (EAM)
- [pair_style eam/alloy](#) - alloy EAM
- [pair_style eam/fs](#) - Finnis-Sinclair EAM
- [pair_style eim](#) - embedded ion method (EIM)
- [pair_style gauss](#) - Gaussian potential
- [pair_style gayberne](#) - Gay-Berne ellipsoidal potential
- [pair_style gran/hertz/history](#) - granular potential with Hertzian interactions
- [pair_style gran/hooke](#) - granular potential with history effects
- [pair_style gran/hooke/history](#) - granular potential without history effects

Relative CPU cost of potentials

See <http://lammps.sandia.gov/bench.html#potentials> for details
Can estimate how long your simulation will run

Potential	System	Atoms	Timestep	CPU	LJ Ratio
Granular	chute flow	32000	0.0001 tau	5.08e-7	0.34x
FENE bead/spring	polymer melt	32000	0.012 tau	5.32e-7	0.36x
Lennard-Jones	LJ liquid	32000	0.005 tau	1.48e-6	1.0x
DPD	pure solvent	32000	0.04 tau	2.16e-6	1.46x
EAM	bulk Cu	32000	5 fmsec	3.59e-6	2.4x
Tersoff	bulk Si	32000	1 fmsec	6.01e-6	4.1x
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EIM	crystalline NaCl	32000	0.5 fmsec	9.69e-6	6.5x
SPC/E	liquid water	36000	2 fmsec	1.43e-5	9.7x
CHARMM + PPPM	solvated protein	32000	2 fmsec	2.01e-5	13.6x
MEAM	bulk Ni	32000	5 fmsec	2.31e-5	15.6x
Peridynamics	glass fracture	32000	22.2 nsec	2.42e-5	16.4x
Gay-Berne	ellipsoid mixture	32768	0.002 tau	4.09e-5	28.3x
AIREBO	polyethylene	32640	0.5 fmsec	8.09e-5	54.7x
COMB	crystalline SiO2	32400	0.2 fmsec	4.19e-4	284x
eFF	H plasma	32000	0.001 fmsec	4.52e-4	306x
ReaxFF	PETN crystal	16240	0.1 fmsec	4.99e-4	337x
ReaxFF/C	PETN crystal	32480	0.1 fmsec	2.73e-4	185x
VASP/small	water	192/512	0.3 fmsec	26.2	17.7e6
VASP/medium	CO2	192/1024	0.8 fmsec	252	170e6
VASP/large	Xe	432/3456	2.0 fmsec	1344	908e6

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- [bond_style class2](#) - COMPASS (class 2) bond
- [bond_style fene](#) - FENE (finite-extensible non-linear elastic) bond
- [bond_style fene/expand](#) - FENE bonds with variable size particles
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- Pay attention to cutoff & accuracy settings
 - can affect performance dramatically (see timing output)
 - adjust Real vs KSpace work

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- Many fixes store output accessible by other commands
 - thermostat energy
 - force on wall
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contact/atom	coord/atom	damage/atom	dihedral	dihedral/local	dilatation/atom
dpole/chunk	displace/atom	erotate/sphere	erotate/rigid	erotate/sphere	erotate/sphere/atom
event/lsplace	global/atom	group/group	gyration	gyration/chunk	heat/flux
hexorder/atom	improper	improper/local	inertia/chunk	ke	ke/atom
ke/rigid	msd	msd/chunk	msd/hongauss	omega/chunk	orientorder/atom
pair	pair/local	pe	pe/atom	plasticity/atom	pressure
property/atom	property/local	property/chunk	rdf	reduce	reduce/region
rigid/local	slice	sna/atom	snad/atom	snav/atom	stress/atom
temp (k)	temp/sphere	temp/body	temp/chunk	temp/com	temp/deform
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meso/t/atom	per/tally	permol/tally	saed	smd/contact/radius	smd/atom
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 - pe/atom = potential energy per atom (vector)
 - displace/atom = displacement per atom (array)
 - pair/local & bond/local = per-neighbor or per-bond info
- Many computes are useful with **averaging fixes:**
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 - fix ave/histo, ave/correlate

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 - [tools/python/log2txt.py](#) log.lammps data.txt X Y ...
 - know how to read thermo output across multiple runs

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 - atom, **custom** (both native LAMMPS)
 - VMD will auto-read if file named *.lammpstraj
 - xyz for coords only
 - cfg for AtomEye
 - DCD, XTC for CHARMM, NAMD, GROMACS
 - good for back-and-forth runs and analysis
 - HDF5 and NetCDF and VTK (Paraview)
- Two additional styles
 - **local**: per-neighbor, per-bond, etc info
 - **image**: instant picture, rendered in parallel

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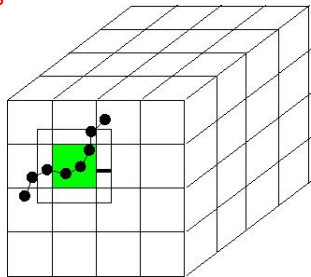
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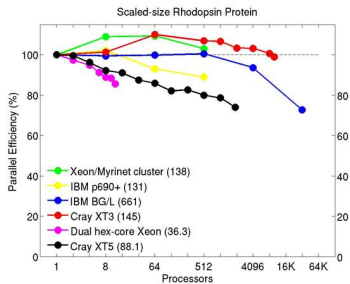
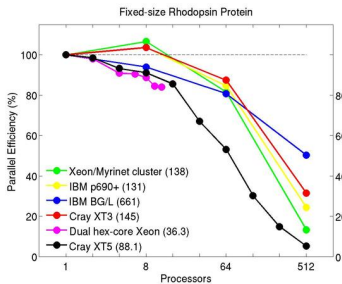
- Physical domain divided into 3d bricks
- One brick per processor
- Atoms carry properties & topology as they migrate
- Comm of ghost atoms within cutoff
 - 6-way local stencil
- Short-range forces \Rightarrow CPU cost scales as $O(N/P)$



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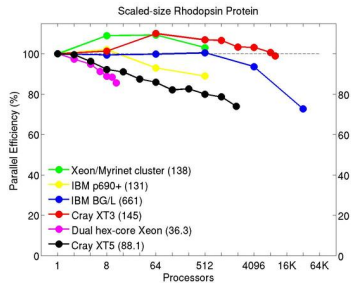
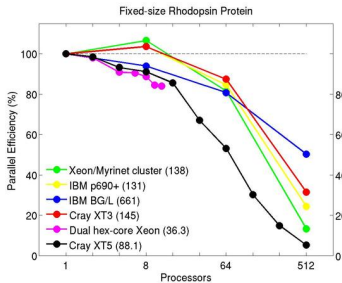
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Exercise: run `bench/in.lj`, change N and P , is it $O(N/P)$?

- `Imp_linux -v x 2 -v y 2 -v z 2 < in.lj`
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 - **GPU** for NVIDIA GPUs with multiple cores/GPU
 - **USER-INTEL** for Intel CPU and KNL
 - **USER-OMP** for OpenMP on multicore CPUs
 - **KOKKOS** for OpenMP, KNL, GPU
 - Benchmark info at <http://lammps.sandia.gov/bench.html>
 - new version in next month, focus on accelerator packages
 - Stan Moore, **Performance breakout**, Wed PM

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- ③ **Increase time scale** via timestep size
 - fix shake for rigid bonds (2 fs)
 - run_style respa for hierarchical timesteps (4 fs)
- ④ **Increase length scale** via coarse graining
 - all-atom vs united-atom vs bead-spring
 - mesoscale models:
 - ASPHERE, BODY, COLLOID, FLD packages
 - GRANULAR, PERI, RIGID, SRD packages
 - see [doc/Section_packages.html](#) for details
 - Dan Bolintineanu, [Coarse-graining breakout](#), Wed PM

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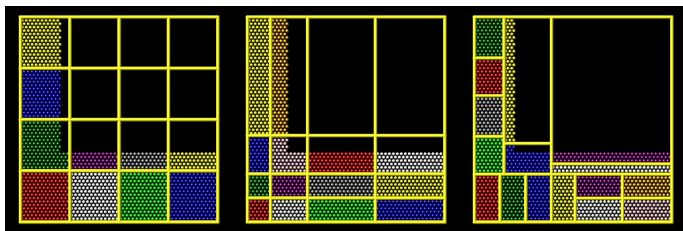
- **Units**
 - see doc/units.html
 - LJ, real, metal, cgs, si
 - all input/output in one unit system
- **Ensembles**
 - see doc/Section_howto.html 6.16
 - one or more thermostats (by group)
 - single barostat
 - rigid body dynamics
- **Hybrid models**
 - pair_style hybrid and hybrid/overlay
 - atom_style hybrid sphere bond ...

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- **Aspherical particles**
 - see doc/Section_howto.html 6.14
 - ellipsoidal, lines, triangles, rigid bodies
 - ASPHERE package
- **Mesoscale and continuum models**
 - Corase-grained packages mentioned 2 slides ago
 - PERI package for Peridynamics
 - USER-ATC package for atom-to-continuum (FE)
 - USER-SPH, USER-SMD packages for smoothed particle hydro
 - GRANULAR package for granular media
 - LIGGGHTS simulator for DEM (external code)
 - www.liggghts.com/www.cfdem.com
 - built on top of LAMMPS

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- **Multi-replica modeling**
 - REPLICIA package, see doc/Section_howto.html 6.14
 - parallel tempering, PRD, TAD, NEB
- **Load balancing**
 - balance command for static LB
 - fix balance command for dynamic LB
 - adjusting proc dividers, or recursive coordinate bisection
 - weighted balancing now an option



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






























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- Come to Developers breakout session, Wed PM
- Please contribute your new code to the LAMMPS distro!
 - doc/Section modify 15:
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




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