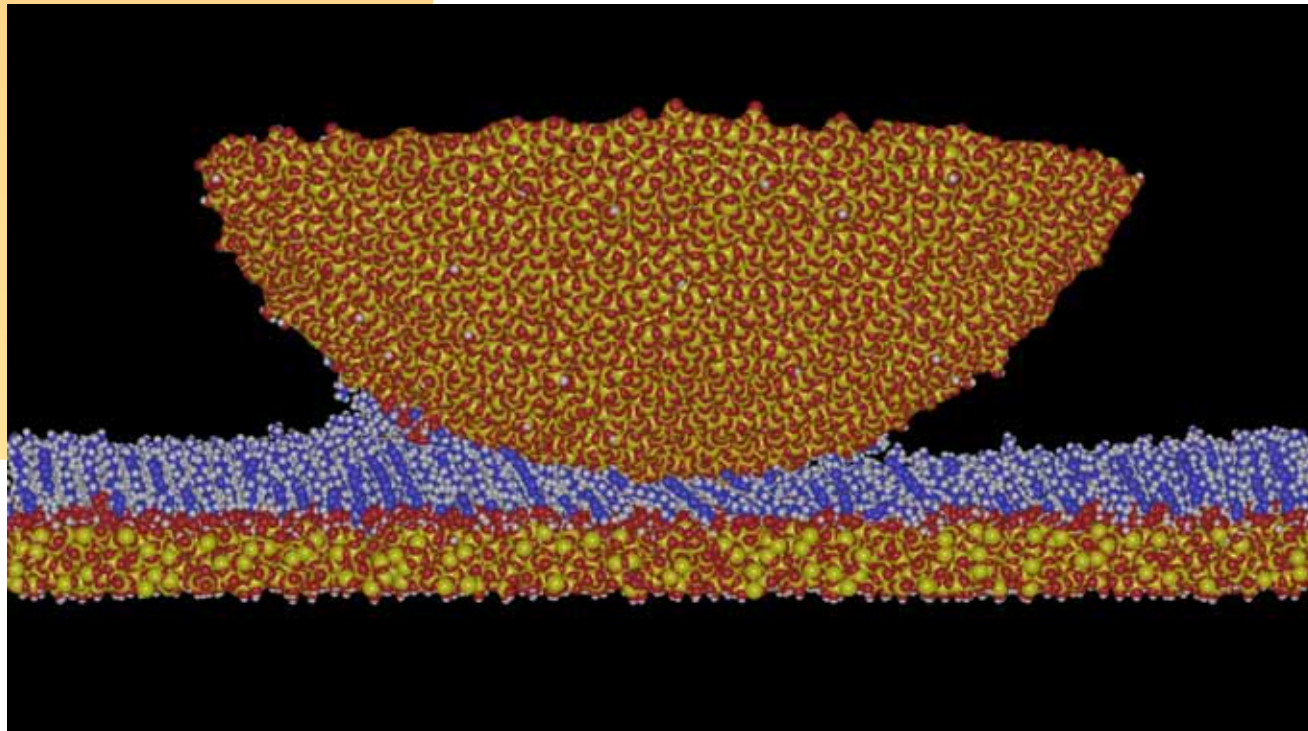


# An Introduction to Molecular Dynamics



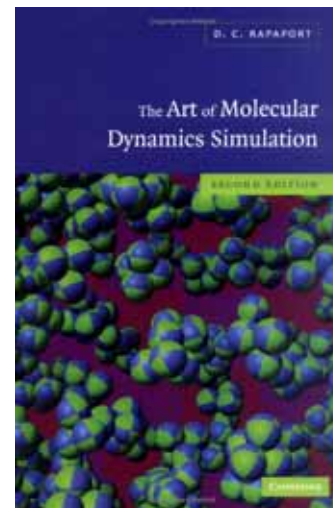
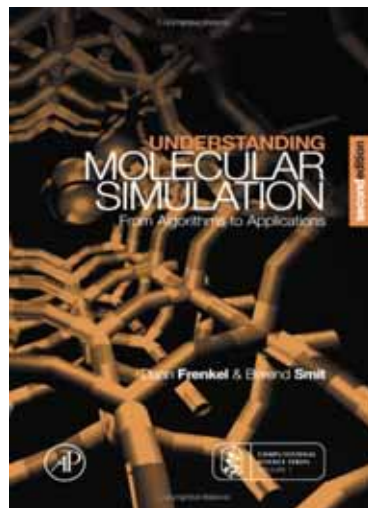
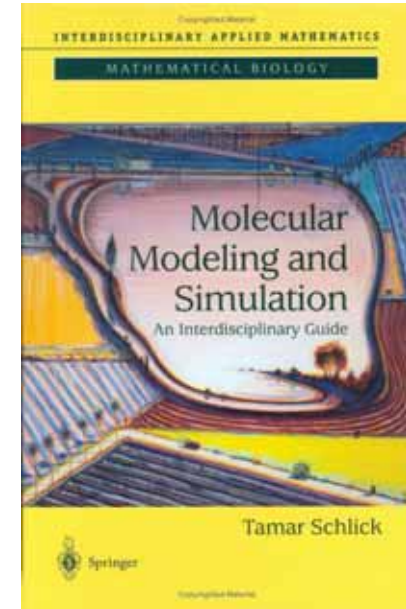
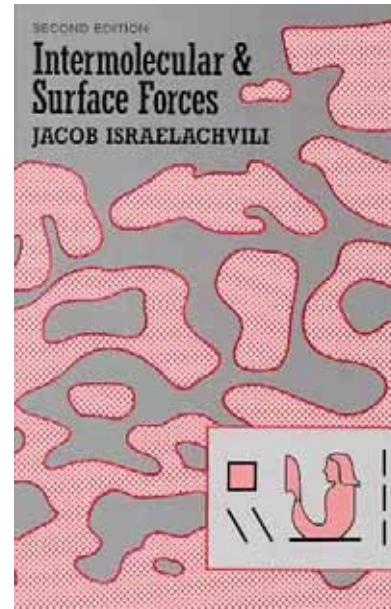
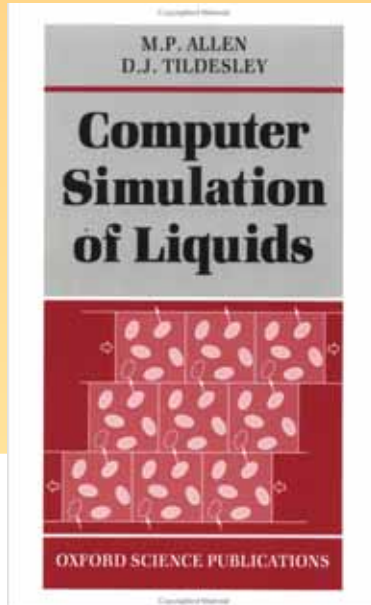
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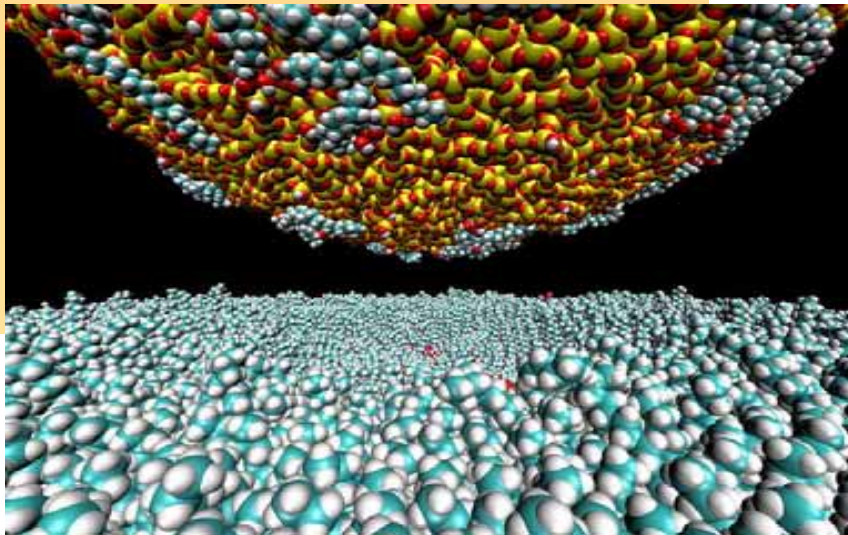
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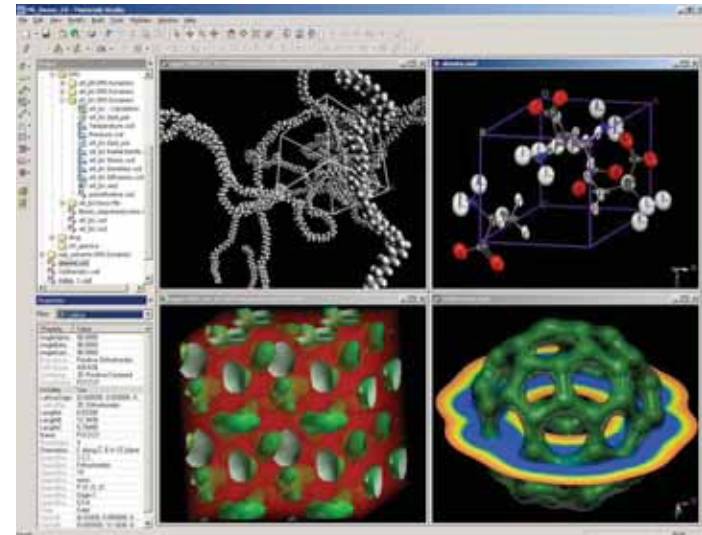
# Codes

## LAMMPS



[lammps.sandia.gov](http://lammps.sandia.gov)

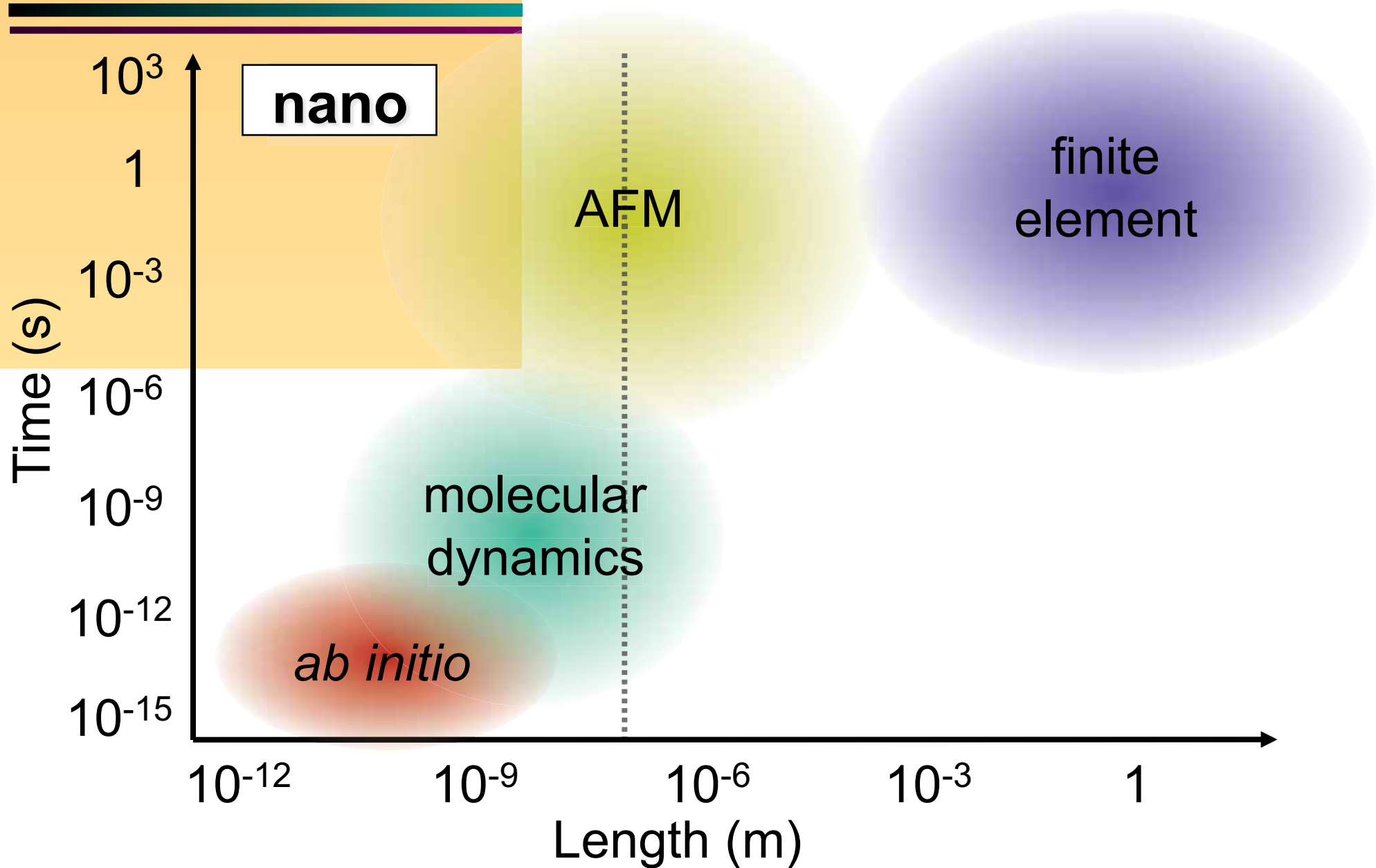
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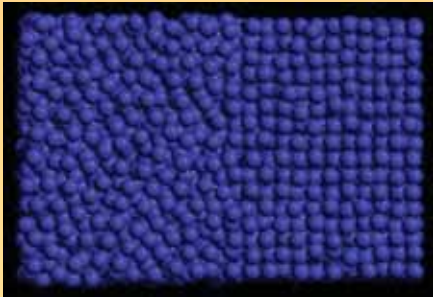
[accelrys.com/products/materials-studio/](http://accelrys.com/products/materials-studio/)

- LAMMPS: powerful, free, need some background
- Materials Studio: powerful, expensive, easy to use
- Many others out there!

# Why Molecular Dynamics?

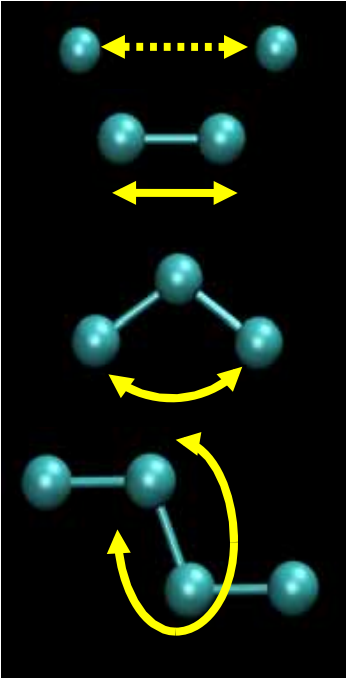
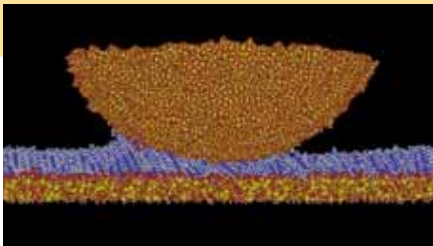


# What is Molecular Dynamics?



Initial Positions  
and Velocities

Newton's  
Equations






Positions and  
Velocities at  
subsequent times

Thanks to Aidan Thompson

# Steps of a Simulation

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- 1) Choose a force field 
- 2) Create a model system 
  - 1) Place all the atoms
  - 2) Define atom types & interactions
  - 3) Define bonds/angles/dihedrals, etc.
  - 4) Decide on # of processors
- 3) Integrate (time step ~ 1 fs) 
  - 1) Equilibrate (~ 1 week)
  - 2) Compress (~ 2 weeks)
  - 3) Shear (~ 4 weeks per load)
- 4) Analyze, make movies, etc.

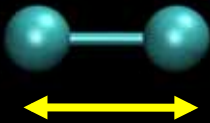
# Interatomic Potentials -- General

non-bonded



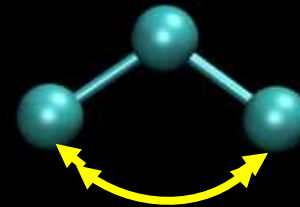
$$4\epsilon \left[ \left(\frac{\sigma}{r}\right)^{12} - \left(\frac{\sigma}{r}\right)^6 \right] \quad r < r_c$$
$$C q_i q_j / \epsilon r$$

bonded



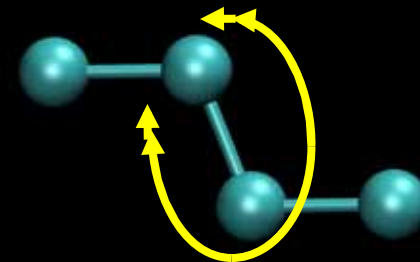
$$\frac{1}{2} k_1 (r - r_0)^2$$

angular

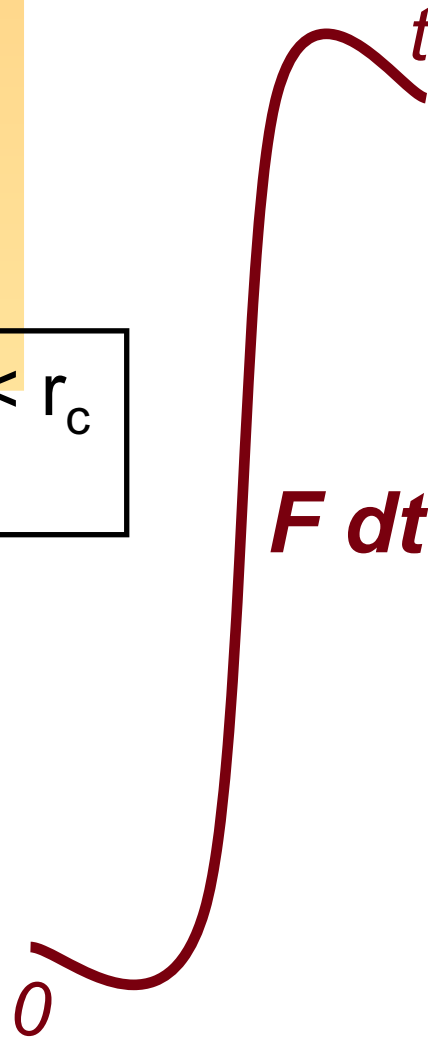


$$\frac{1}{2} k_2 (\theta - \theta_0)^2$$

torsional



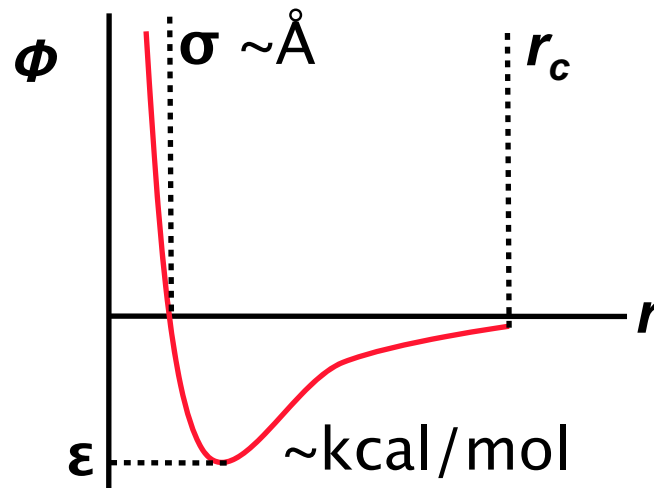
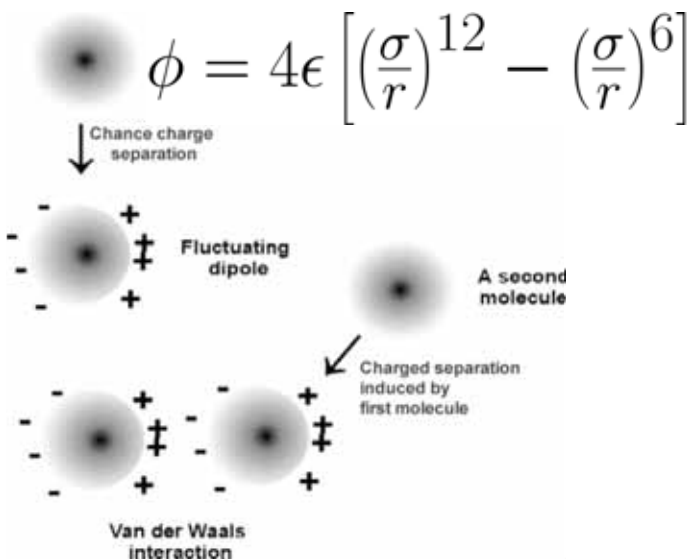
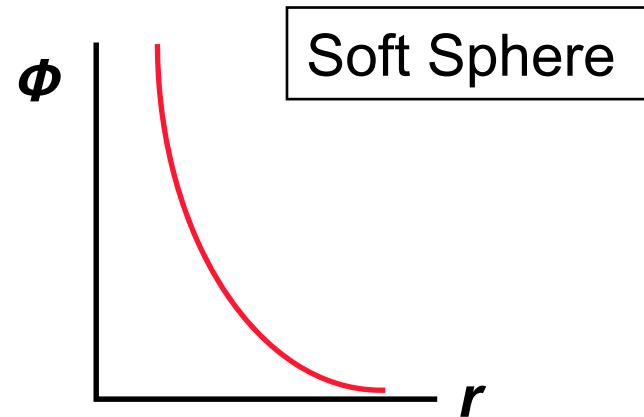
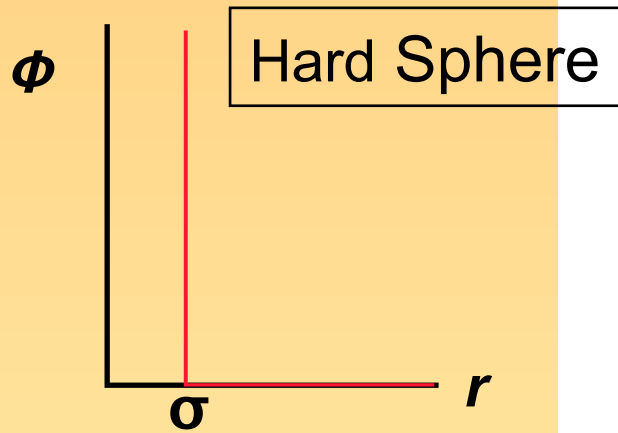
$$\sum_n A_n \cos^{n-1}(\phi)$$



# Cost of Interatomic Potentials

Force Field Style	Creators	Year	Cost
<b>Pair Potentials</b>			
Hard Sphere	Boltzmann	1898	1
Lennard-Jones	Lennard-Jones	1924	1
Coulomb	Coulomb	1785	1
<b>Cluster Potentials</b>			
Bonds, Angles, Torsions	Morse,....	1929	1
Stillinger-Weber	Stillinger & Weber	1985	2
<b>Pair Functionals</b>			
EAM	Daw & Baskes	1983	2
Finnis-Sinclair	Finnis & Sinclair	1984	2
<b>Cluster Functional</b>			
Tersoff	Tersoff	1988	4
REBO	Brenner	1990	10
MEAM	Baskes	1987	10
<b>Most Complicated</b>			
ReaxFF	van Duin et al.	2001	1000
BOP	Pettifor	1989	1000
GPT	Moriarty	1988	1000

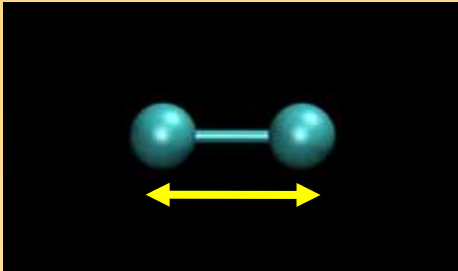
# Pair Potentials



Lennard-Jones



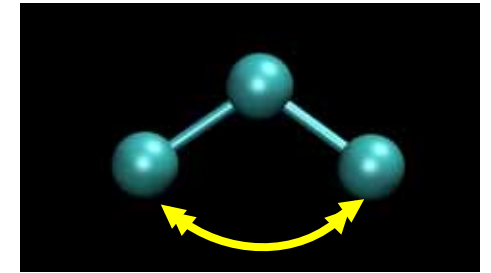
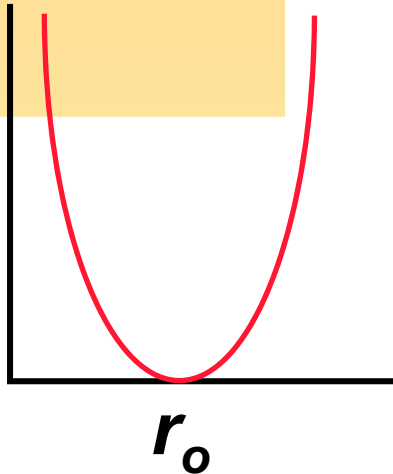
# Bonds and Angles



$\phi$

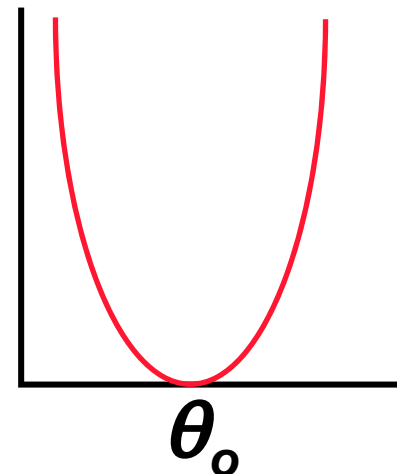
bonds

$\phi \neq 0 \rightarrow$  unbreakable



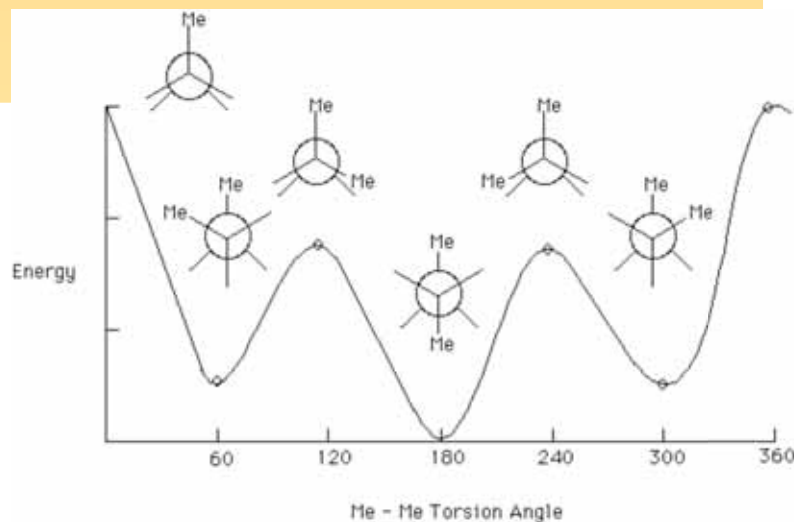
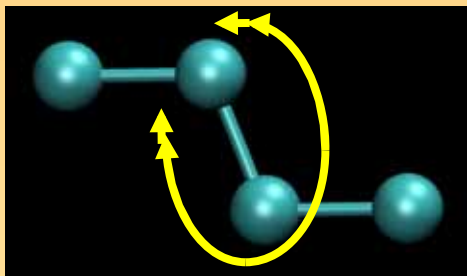
$\phi$

angles

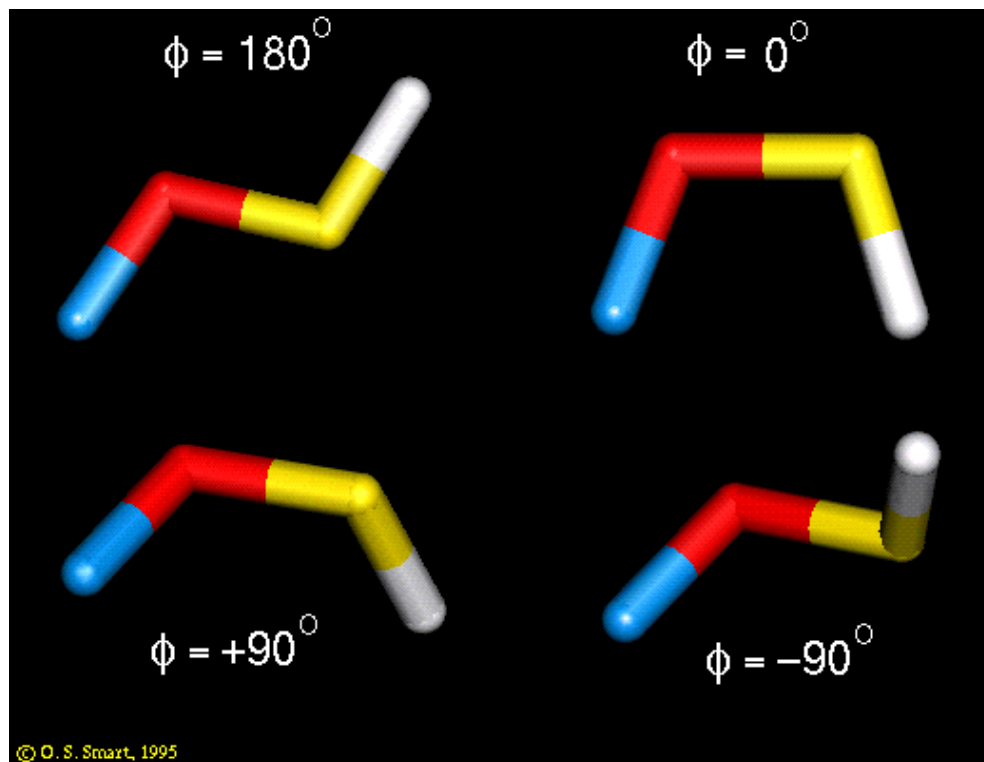


QM shows bonds and angles are reasonably harmonic for small perturbations

# Dihedrals / Torsions



<http://www.netsci.org/Science/Compchem/feature01.html>



[http://www.bip.bham.ac.uk/osmart/course/os\\_cov.html](http://www.bip.bham.ac.uk/osmart/course/os_cov.html)

Models rotational energy barriers, sometimes with steric effects

# More Fun With Potentials

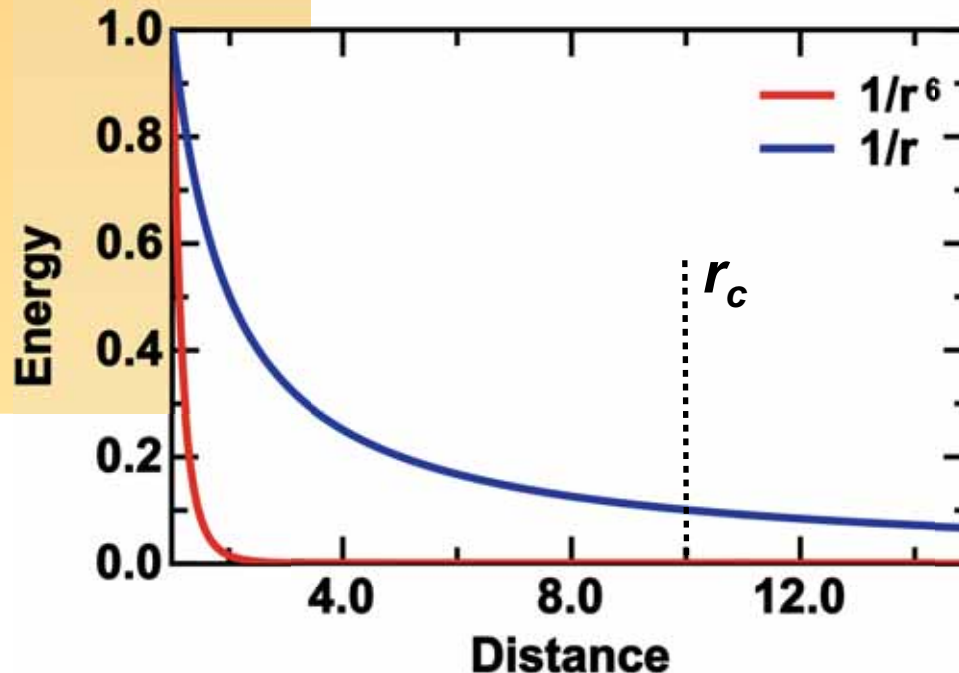
- Pick one:

- 12-6 plus 12-10 H-bond
    - o Weiner et al. 1984
    - o Weiner et al. 1986
    - o Dick and Ritchie 1994
  - 12-6 plus solvation
    - o Charmm19 EEF1
    - o Charmm19 SASA
  - 12-9-6
    - o Frischknecht and Curro 2003
  - 9-6
    - o COMPASS Version 1
    - o QMFF-VIII
  - Buffered 14-7
    - o MMFF94
  - Double Exponential
    - o MCY 1976 water
  - Embedded Atom Method
    - o Ackland et al. 2004 Fe and P
    - o Hoyt et al. 2003 Cu and Pb
    - o Mendeleev et al 2003 Fe
  - Exponential-12-6
    - o Catlow and Faux
  - Exponential-6
    - o Kramer Farragher van Beest van Santen (also known as BKS)
    - o MM2
  - Gordon n-6
    - o Gordon
  - Hard 2580 Multistep or Repulsive 2580 Multistep
    - o Cui and Elliott 2002
  - Hard Sphere or Repulsive Sphere
    - o Hard Sphere
  - Lennard-Jones
    - o Alavi et al. H2
    - o Amber param96
    - o Aqvist 1990 cations
    - o Charmm22
    - o Charmm22fe
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    - o Charmm27 rigid water
    - o ClayFF
    - o Coon et al. 1987 O2 and N2
    - o Cui et al. 1998 perfluorinated alkane models
    - o DACNIS United Atom
    - o DREIDING
    - o Dubbeldam et al. alkanes and zeolites
  - Galassi and Tildesly 1994 diatomic gasses
  - o Gromos 43A1
  - o Jaramillo et al. 2001 Hydrofluorocarbons
  - o Lastoskie et al. 1993 N2
  - o Lennard-Jones beads
  - o Lybrand Ghosh McCammon 1985 anions
  - o Morrow and Maginn 2002 ionic liquids
  - o NERD United Atom (Version 1)
  - o NERD United Atom (Version 2)
  - o NERD United Atom (Version 3)
  - o OPLS-aa
  - o OPLS-ua
  - o OPLS-1996
  - o OPLS-2001
  - o Panagiotopoulos 1989 noble gasses
  - o Potter et al. 1997 fluoromethanes
  - o Richards et al. 1995 N2 and O2 in zeolite Li-X
  - o Shah and Maginn 2004 ionic liquids
  - o Shukla 1987 gasses
  - o SKS n-alkanes
  - o Smith and Dang 1994 NaCl
  - o SMMK (main text) alkanes
  - o SMMK (note added in proof) alkanes
  - o SPC-E water
  - o Sum et al. 2003
  - o Teleman et al. 1987 water
  - o TIP3P water
  - o TIP4P water
  - o TIP5P water
  - o TraPPE Explicit Hydrogen
  - o TraPPE United Atom
  - o TraPPE United Atom flexible bonds
  - o Walther et al. 2001 carbon nanotubes and water
- Multwell
- o Elliott 2002 n-alkanes and benzene
- Stillinger-Weber
- o Ding and Anderson 1986 Ge
  - o Stillinger and Weber 1985 Si
  - o Vink et al. 2001 Si
- Square Well or Repulsive Well
- o SquareWell
  - o Vega et al. 1992
- Tabulated Pair
- o No forcefield files currently available for this potential.
- UFF 12-6
- o Universal Force Field (UFF)

# Common Potentials

- OPLS – liquid densities, heats of vaporization
- CHARMM – Quantum chemical interactions with water
- AMBER – bio-molecules, proteins
- DREIDING – based on general hybridization
- TIP $n$ P, SPC/E – water
- EAM – metals
- ReaxFF, REBO, AIREBO, Tersoff – chemistry

# Coulomb Interactions

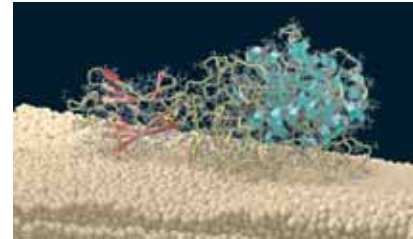
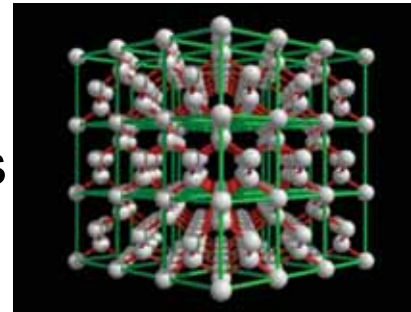


- Partial charges
- Much longer range than van der Waals
- Use Ewald summation instead of cutoff
- Calculates force between ion and potential images

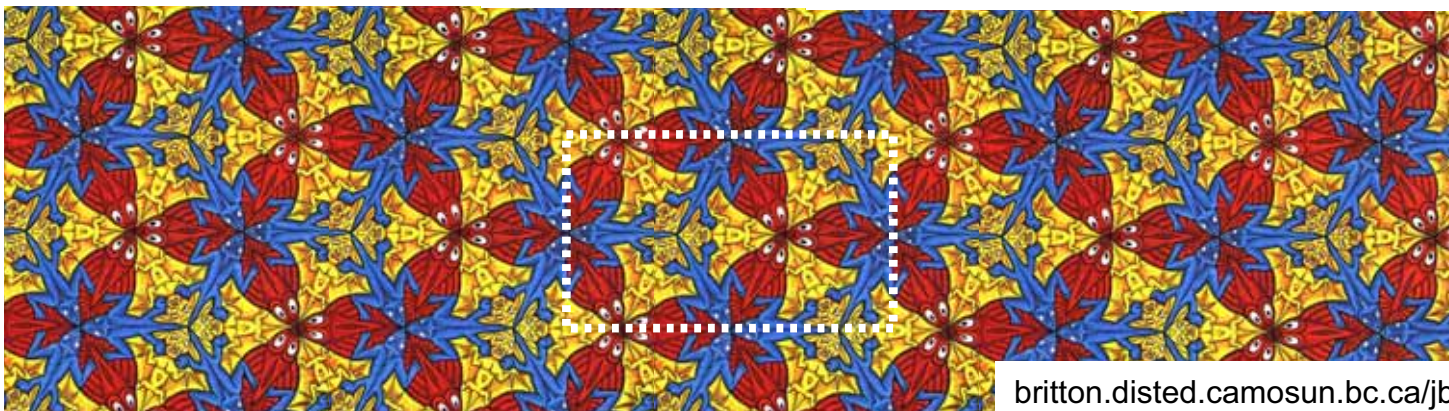
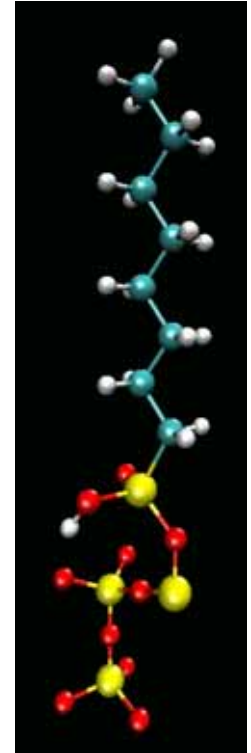
# Create Your System

- Write or steal a creation code
  - Crystals – lattice types, orientations
  - Polymers – bonds, angles, dihedrals
  - Liquids – pressures/densities
- Periodic Boundary Conditions
  - Represent a larger system
  - Eliminate surface effects
  - Save time and effort

[www.uncp.edu/home/mcclurem/lattice/hcp.htm](http://www.uncp.edu/home/mcclurem/lattice/hcp.htm)



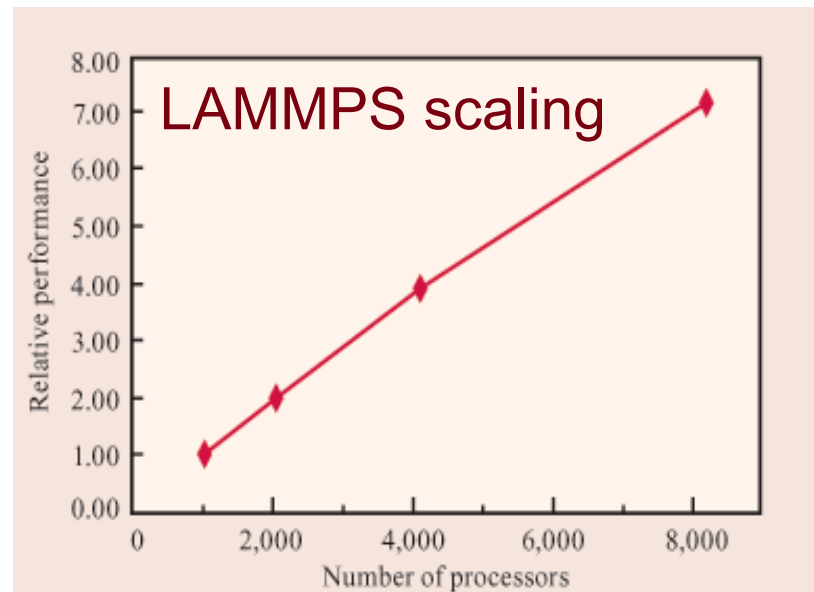
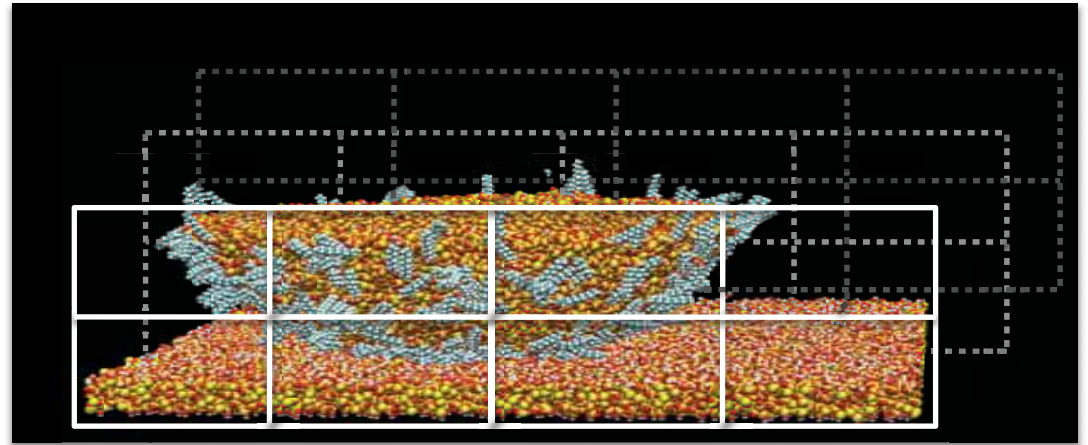
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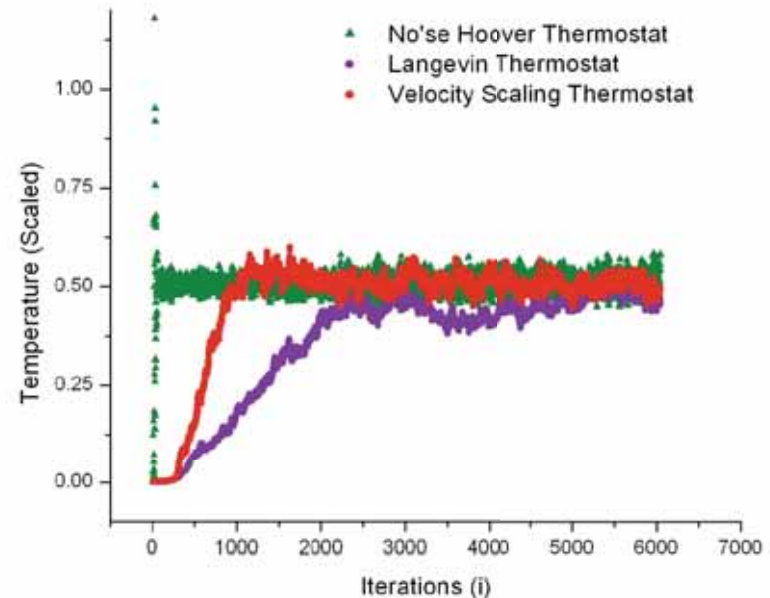
[britton.disted.camosun.bc.ca/jbsymteslk.htm](http://britton.disted.camosun.bc.ca/jbsymteslk.htm)

# Processors and Runtime

- CPU time scales with  $N$  and  $T$ 
  - $N$  = number of particles
  - $T$  = total number of timesteps
- On  $P$  processors
  - Cost scales as  $NT/P$
  - Load-balanced ( $N/P > 1000$ )
- Expected runtimes
  - Cheap potentials: 1-10 ns/day
  - Expensive potentials:  $10^{-2}$  -  $10^{-1}$  ns/day



# Other Things: Thermostat



[www.personal.psu.edu/auk183/MolDynamics/ThermostatComp.JPG](http://www.personal.psu.edu/auk183/MolDynamics/ThermostatComp.JPG)

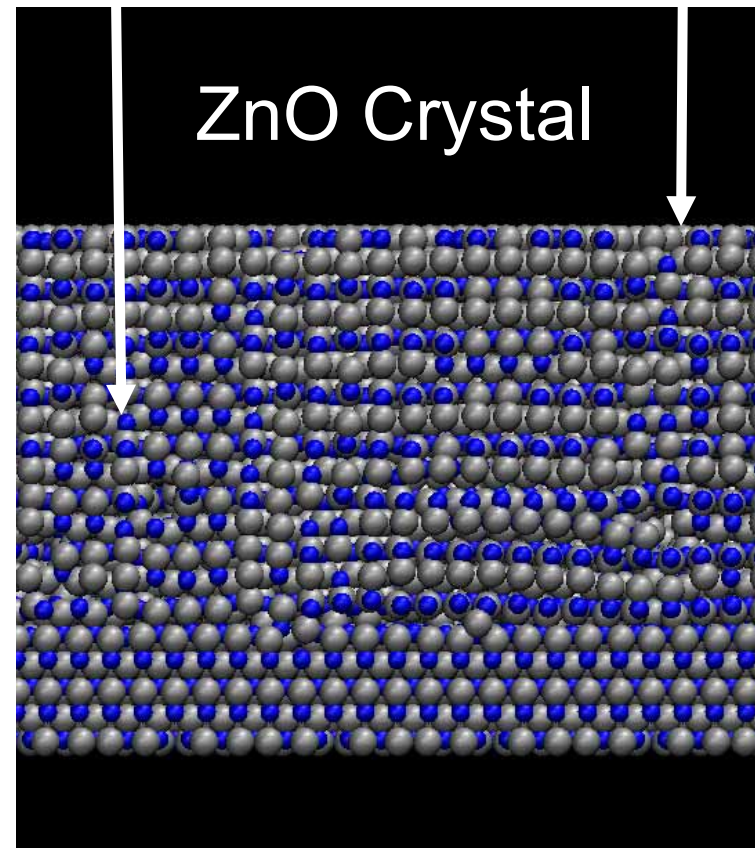
- Choice of Ensemble: NVE, NVT, NPT, etc.
- Thermostats: Velocity rescaling, Nosé-Hoover, Langevin, others.
- Choice depends on application

# Other Things: Fixes

- Apply external constraints
  - Forces
  - Velocities
  - Positions
  - SHAKE/RATTLE
    - Bonds
    - Angles
- Know the effects on results
  - Dynamics
  - Temperature

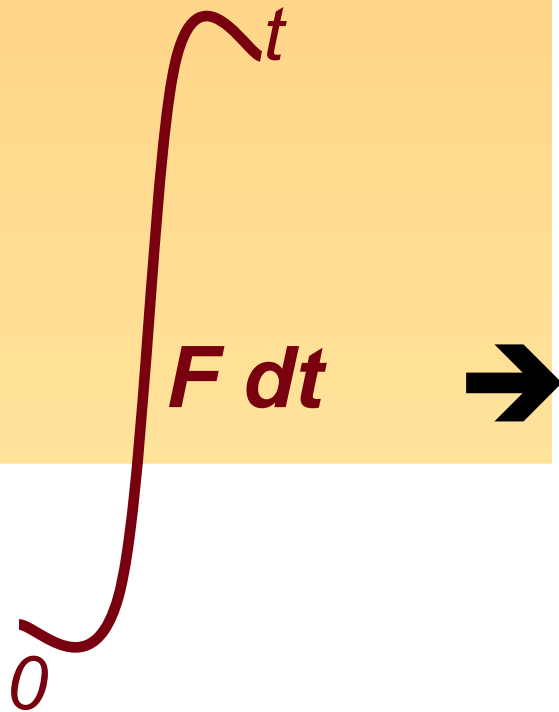
dynamic atoms

free surface

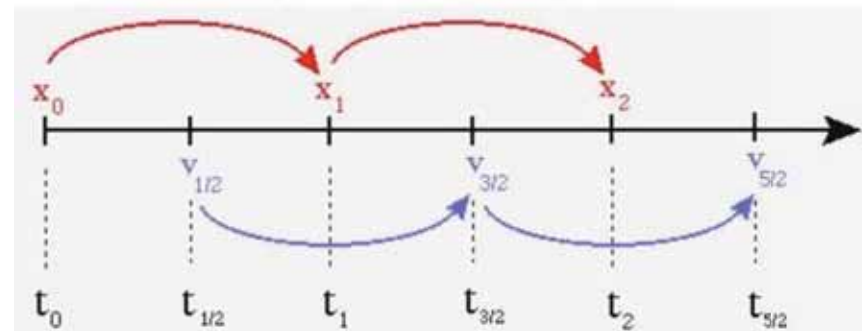


fixed atoms

# Other Things: Integrators



$$\begin{aligned}v_{x,n+\frac{1}{2}} &= v_{x,n-\frac{1}{2}} + \Delta t a_x(x_n, y_n, t) \\x_{n+1} &= x_n + \Delta t v_{n+\frac{1}{2}} \\v_{x,\frac{1}{2}} &= v_0 + \frac{\Delta t}{2} a_x(x_0, y_0, 0) + \left(\frac{\Delta t}{2}\right)^2 \frac{\partial a_x}{\partial x} \Big|_{(x_0, y_0, 0)}\end{aligned}$$

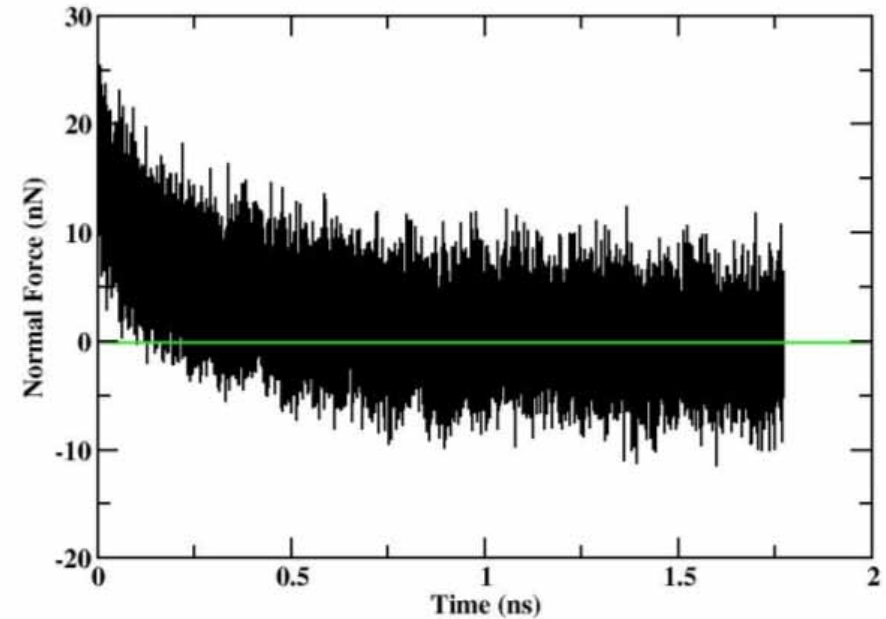


[rainman.astro.uiuc.edu/ddr/ddr-galaxy/parameters.html](http://rainman.astro.uiuc.edu/ddr/ddr-galaxy/parameters.html)

- $6N$  coupled ODEs in  $x, v$
- Velocity Verlet, leapfrog, Fifth Order Gear Predictor
- $\Delta t$  is tied to the fastest motion in the system
  - bond vibrations  $\sim 10^2$  fs
  - $\Delta t \sim 1$  fs

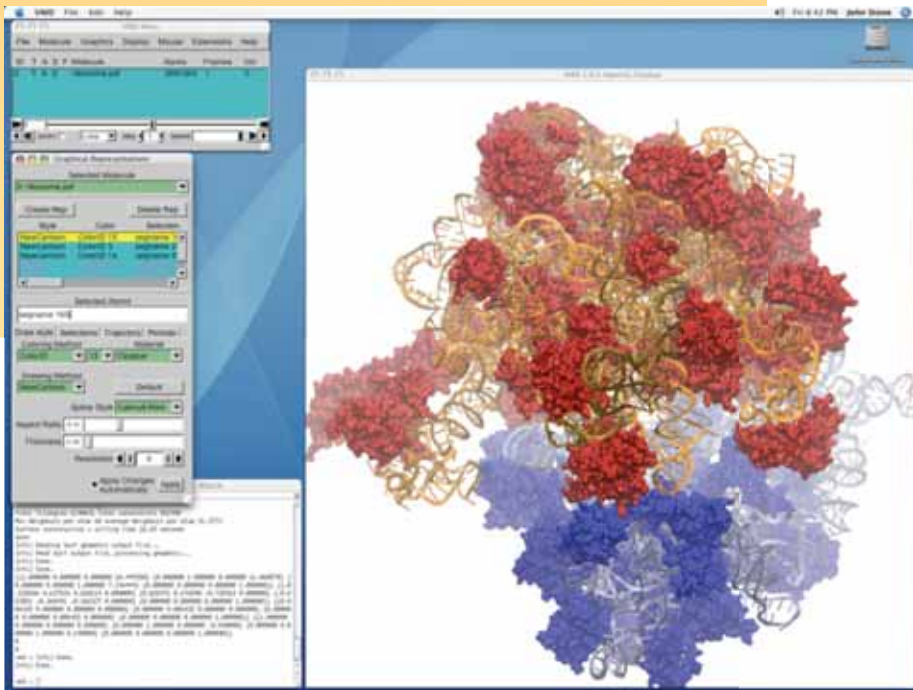
# Now What?

- Run!
  - Equilibrate / Steady State
  - Take Data
- Dump Data
  - F, V, x
  - How often?
- Analyze
  - What do you want to know?
  - Error bars?
    - Actual errors?
    - Statistical Inefficiency
- Visualize



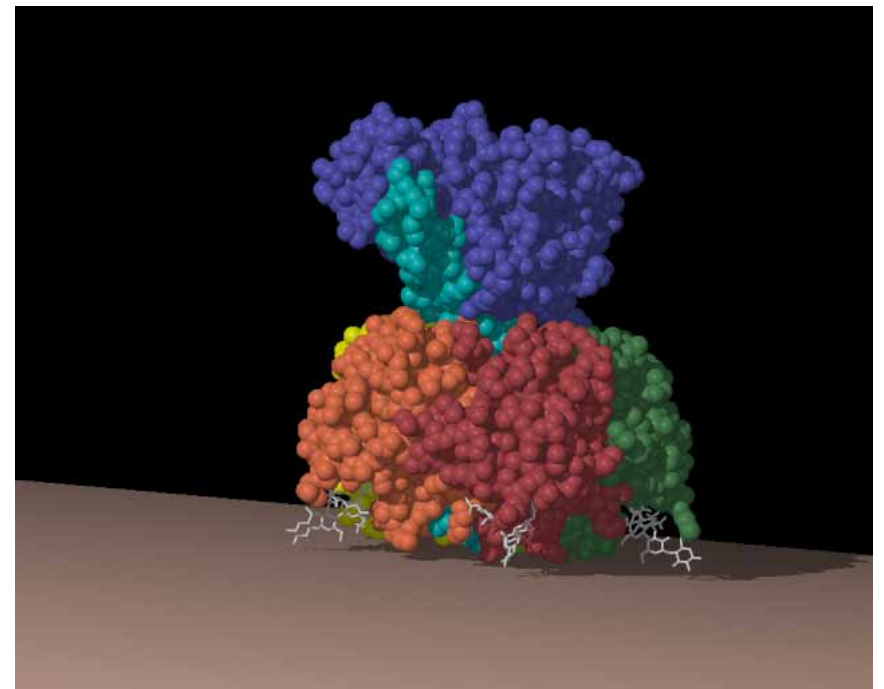
# A Picture is Worth a Thousand Words

VMD



[www.ks.uiuc.edu/Research/vmd/](http://www.ks.uiuc.edu/Research/vmd/)

Raster3D



[skuld.bmsc.washington.edu/raster3d/](http://skuld.bmsc.washington.edu/raster3d/)

***But it doesn't mean they are right!***

# Summary

***A trained monkey can run an MD simulation.***  
***-me***

- (At least) Three phases
  - Initial planning
  - Simulation itself
  - Post analysis
  - Repeat? \_\_\_\_\_
- Lots of potential pitfalls
  - Be careful
  - Be critical

