

# LAMMPS ARTn

The LAMMPS implication of Activation Relaxation Technique nouveau.

## Compiling

1. Put two files (min\_artn.cpp min\_artn.h) in the src directory.
2. Modify your Makefile.{machine} in LAMMPS to make sure that the MKL lib and include files can be linked. E.g. add the following lines in Makefile.{machine}

```
PKG_INC = /opt/intel/compiler/composer_xe_2013_sp1.0.080/mkl/include
PKG_HOM = /opt/intel/compiler/composer_xe_2013_sp1.0.080/mkl/lib/intel64
PKG_LIB = -Wl,--start-group ${PKG_HOM}/libmkl_core.a ${PKG_HOM}/libmkl_sequential.a \
${PKG_HOM}/libmkl_intel_lp64.a -Wl,--end-group \
/opt/intel/compiler/composer_xe_2013_sp1.0.080/compiler/lib/intel64/libiomp5.a \
-lm -lpthread
```

3. Compile your LAMMPS codes.

## Benchmark

After Compiling, you can run prepared tests on *./example* directory. One is Cu(110) surface diffusion events searching, and the other one is thermally activated events searching in Cu<sub>64</sub>Zr<sub>36</sub> metallic glasses.

To launch a ARTn searching, two files are often needed.

- in.lammps: use the following command to activate ARTn process.  

```
min_style artn
minimize etol fotl maxiter maxeval
```
- artn.control: Parameters that control ARTn simulation are defined in this file.

You can do the benchmark use the command that launch a LAMMPS simulation, like

```
mpirun -np 4 lmp -in in.lammps
```

## Output files

1. **log.event**: is expected to record all the important thermo info of events.  
Meaning of each column
  - Event: event index.

- del-E: activation energy, or called energy barrier.
  - egv-sad: the lowest eigenvalue of saddle point
  - nsadl: number of atoms that are displaced more than *atom\_disp\_thr*(defined in **artn.control**) in saddle point configuration choosing the initial configuration as the reference configuration.
  - sad-dx:  $|x(\text{sad}) - x(\text{minimum})|$
  - sad-dy:  $|y(\text{sad}) - y(\text{minimum})|$
  - sad-dz:  $|z(\text{sad}) - z(\text{minimum})|$
  - sad-dr:  $|r(\text{sad}) - r(\text{minimum})|$
  - ref: id of reference configuration (initial minimum)
  - sad: id of reference configuration
  - min: id of new minimum configuration (final minimum)
  - Center: id of center atom to do initial activation (perturbation)
  - Eref: energy of reference configuration (initial minimum)
  - Emin: energy of new minimum configuration (final minimum)
  - nMove: number of atoms that are displaced more than *atom\_disp\_thr*(defined in **artn.control**) in final minimum configuration choose the initial configuration as the reference configuration.
  - pxx: xx component of pressure in final minimum configuration (set flag\_press to 1 to show the pressure info)
  - pyy: yy component of pressure in final minimum configuration
  - pzz: zz component of pressure in final minimum configuration
  - pxy: xy component of pressure in final minimum configuration
  - pxz: xz component of pressure in final minimum configuration
  - pyz: yz component of pressure in final minimum configuration
  - Efinal: Energy of final minimum configuration
  - status: 1, accept the new minimum configuration as the initial minimum configuration to start new search. 0, reject. Used in Metropolis condition. Set temperature to a positive float number to activate this feature. Negative temperature will always reject the new minimum configuration and start new search from the same initial minimum configuration.
  - dr:  $|r(\text{final}) - r(\text{minimum})|$
2. **log.artn** : is expected to record the detailed info of ARTn simulation process and give a brief summary on the successful attempt rate and number of force evaluation. Some important parameters:
- E-Eref: current potential energy.
  - ftot: total force
  - fpar: force component along the eigenvector of lowest eigenvalue of Hessian matrix.
  - fperp: force component perpendicular to the eigenvector of lowest eigenvalue of Hessian matrix.
  - eigen: lowest eigenvalue of Hessian matrix.
  - evalf: number of force evaluation.
  - h.h': previous eigenvector of lowest eigenvalue dot current eigenvector of lowest eigenvalue.

3. **sadl\_press.dat**: Recording the pressure of all the saddle point in the order of xx, yy, zz, xy, xz, yz.
4. **min.lammpstrj**: configurations of all the minimums. Dump atom format. TIMESTEP: id of the configuration (also used in log.event).
5. **sad.lammpstrj**: configurations of all the saddle points. Dump atom format. TIMESTEP: id of the configuration (also used in log.event).

## Parameters

All the parameters are defined in **artn.control**. Many parameters are self-explanatory. We review the others below.

Basic parameters (Standard ARTn process in the literature):

- **group\_4\_activat**: The LAMMPS group ID of the atoms that will be activated.
- **cluster\_radius**:  $< 0$ , all atoms in the *group\_4\_activat* will be kicked in the initial pertubation in each ARTn loop;  $> 0$ , a cluster centers on a random atom in *group\_4\_activat* with a radius of **cluster\_radius** will be kicked in each ARTn loop.  $= 0$ , a random atom in *group\_4\_activat* will be kicked in each ARTn loop.
- **max\_num\_events**: max number of events to be found.
- **force\_th\_saddle**: Force threshold for convergence at saddle point.
- **flag\_press**:  $= 1$ , pressure of final minimum will be recorded in the **log.event**.
- **flag\_sadl\_press**:  $= 1$ , pressure of saddle point configuration will be recorded in the **sadl\_press.dat**

Extended parameters (Customized ARTn process):

- **events\_per\_atom**: number of events that will be found on each atom.  $> 0$ , the max number of events will be the result of atom number in *group\_4\_activat* times **events\_per\_atom**
- **flag\_dump\_direction**:  $= 1$ , Define the initial kick direction from a dump file (name of this file is defined by **fdump\_direction**).

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