

## 1.14 Langevin simulation of many particles

This exercise is based on the C code provided in the previous lesson.

**Cell list** Comment on the two implementations of the cell list, namely the version for particle 0 and the version for smaller particles. Which is the best algorithm?

**Active Matter** We aim to use the  $N$  small particles to implement  $N/2$  "active dumbbells", each one representing a bacterium with propulsion. Each one is composed of particles  $i$  and  $i + 1$ . They are kept apart by a harmonic spring of rest length  $\Lambda = 1/2$ . Moreover, particles  $i$  and  $i + 1$  feel a propulsive force  $\vec{f}$  oriented as the vector  $\vec{r}_i \rightarrow \vec{r}_{i+1}$ , and of magnitude  $f$ . Implement this system.

**Active Matter and diffusion of the probe** Remove the harmonic trap that would keep the probe confined and study the diffusion of the probe in the bath of  $N/2$  active dumbbells. Focus on the mean square displacement as a function of time. Study it for different values of  $f$ , starting from  $f = 0$  (equilibrium). How does the probe's mean square displacement change with  $f$ ?

**Plausible or mandatory (\*) parameters .**

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nstep_save=0; // saving configs if >0 (e.g. =10 saves every 10 Dt)
N=2000;          // nr of small particles
Lp=2;           // length of each dumbbell
box[0]=40;       // box size, x
box[1]=40;       // box size, y
T=1;            // temperature (kB=1)
v_trap_ini=...; // smallest velocity of the trap. NOT USED
Nv=...;          // number of velocities. NOT USED
v_per_decade=...; // velocities per decade. NOT USED
(*) k_trap=0; // stiffness of the trap
k_pol=10;        // stiffness of the polymer bonds
(*) R=0.125;    // "radius" of each particle
eps=10;          // repulsive energy of particles
R0=1.25;         // "radius" of the probe
eps0=20;         // repulsive energy of the probe
dt=1e-3;         // integration time step
tt=10000;        // total time of the simulation

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Lambda=0.5
f_active=....
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To generate an mp4 video from the folder containing the png frames, a command might look like:

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ffmpeg -r 10 -f image2 -pattern_type sequence -start_number 100001 -i fr_%06d.png -s 500x500 video.mp4
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