

# Computersimulation in der Materialwissenschaft

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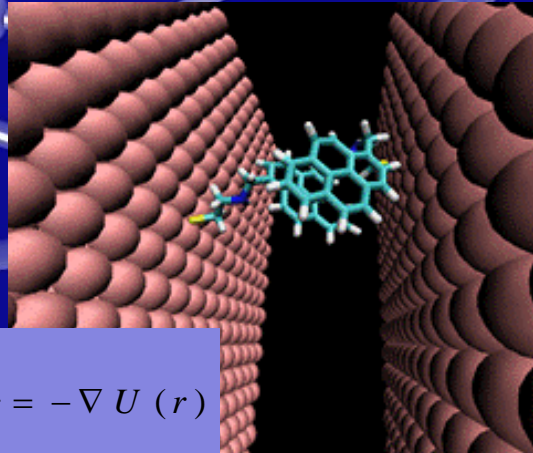
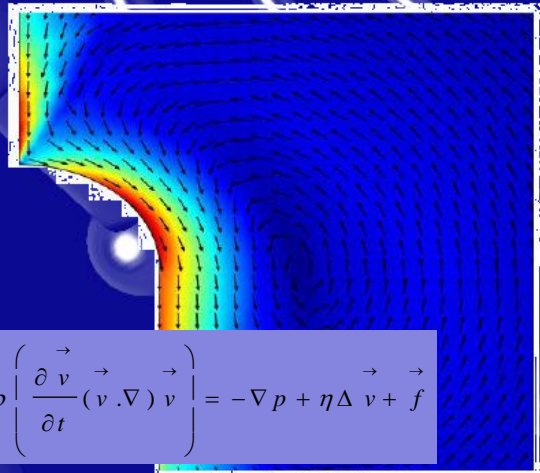
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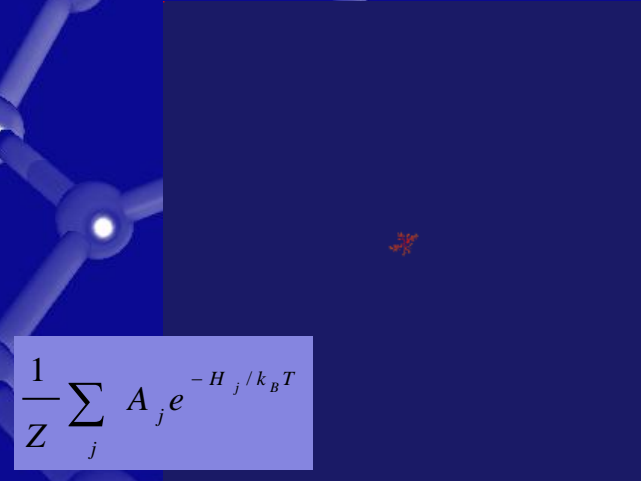
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**Topic:**

**Molecular Dynamics Simulations**

## Outline:

**Part I.** Molecular Dynamics and LAMMPS code

**Part II.** Application 1: Melting and cooling of nanostructures

**Part III.** Application 2: Mechanical stress and Electron beam irradiation

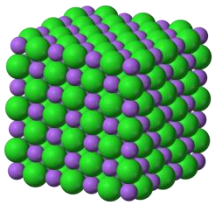
## Part I:

# Molecular Dynamics and LAMMPS code

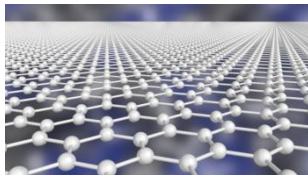
## Basic concepts

Molecular Dynamics (MD) is a computational method to predict the movement of an atom under a force contributed by other atoms.

### What we can study with MD?

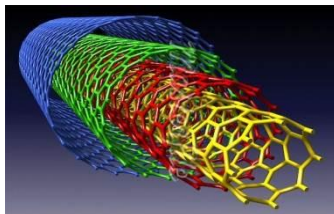


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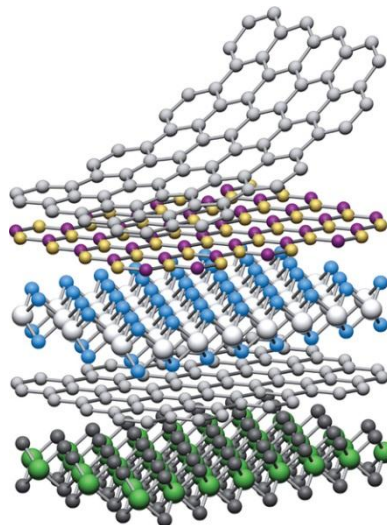


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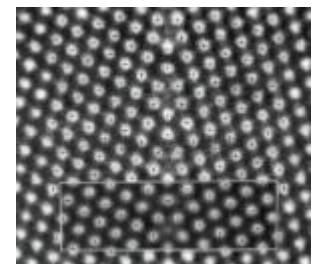
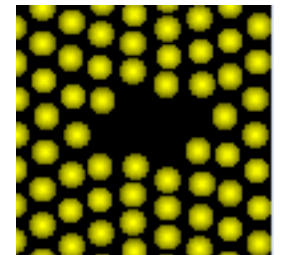
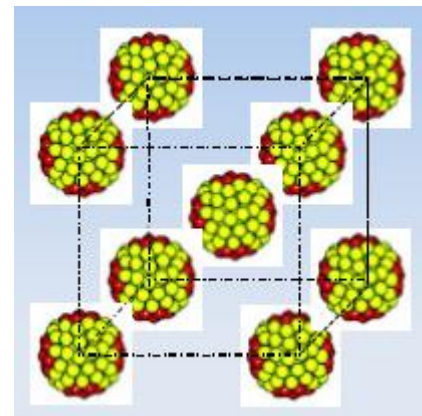
**Nanotubes  
and  
nanowires**



**Low-dimensional  
systems**

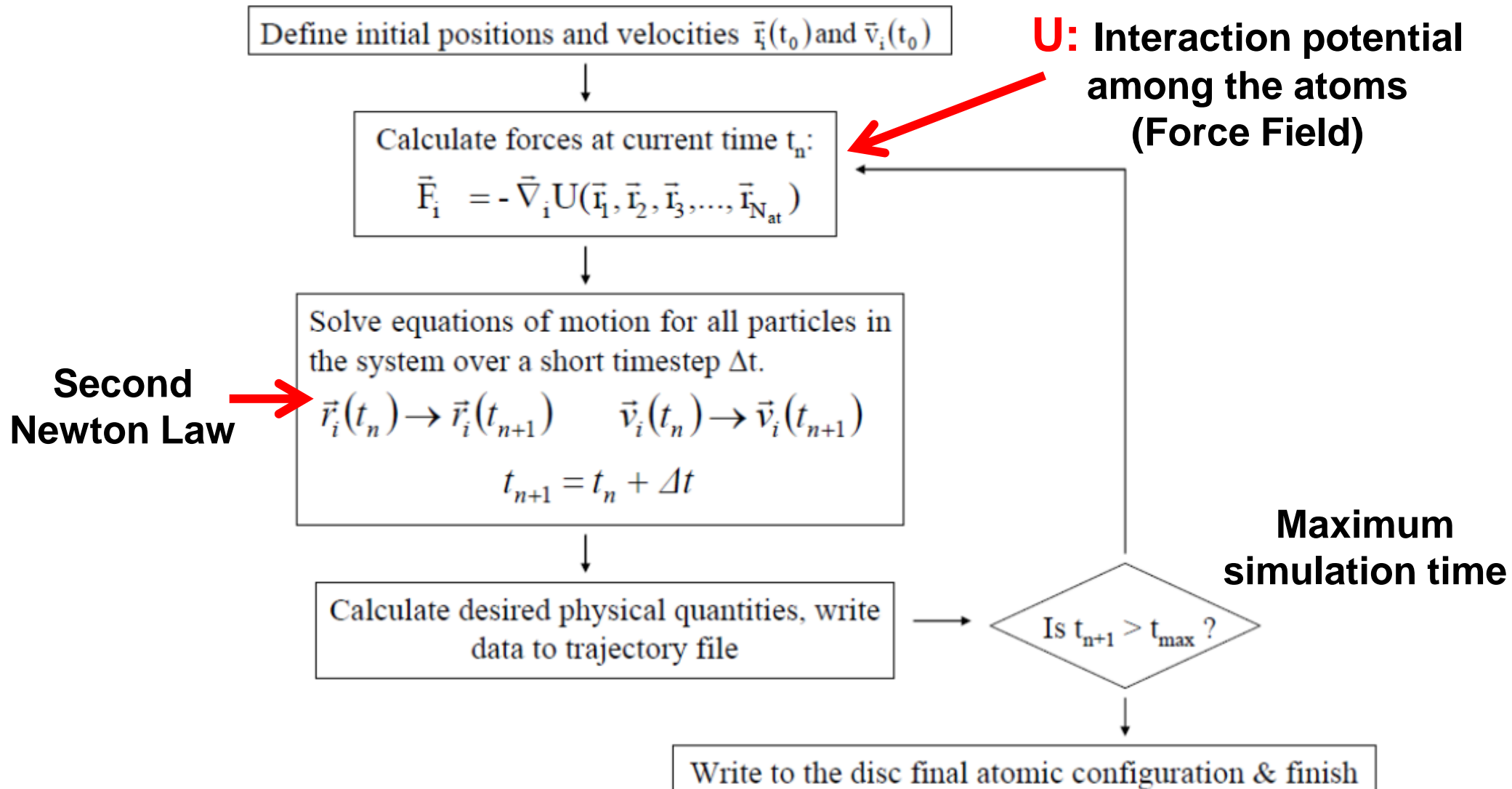


**Heterostructures**



**Defects**

## Algorithm for MD

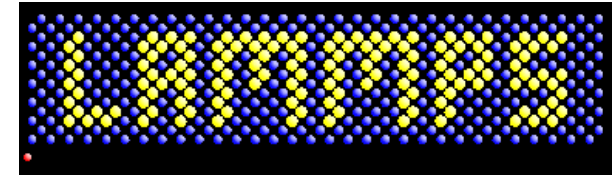




## How could we perform a MD simulation?

### Open source code

Free access.



### Private code

We can develop our own MD code employing:

- ☐ C++
- ☐ Python
- ☐ Fortran
- ☐ Java, etc.

NAMD  
Scalable Molecular Dynamics

GROMACS FAST.  
FLEXIBLE.  
FREE.

### Commercial code

You have to pay for it.

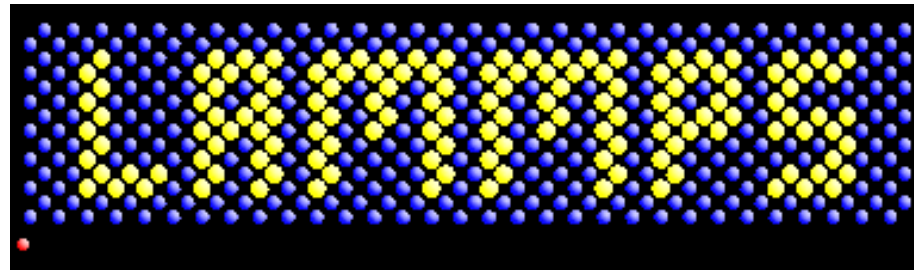


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Molecular Dynamics Simulations  
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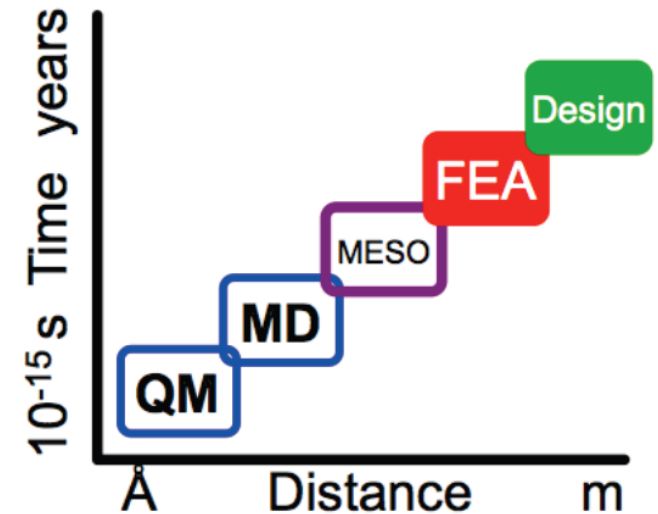


## **LAMMPS:** Large-scale Atomic/Molecular Massively Parallel Simulator



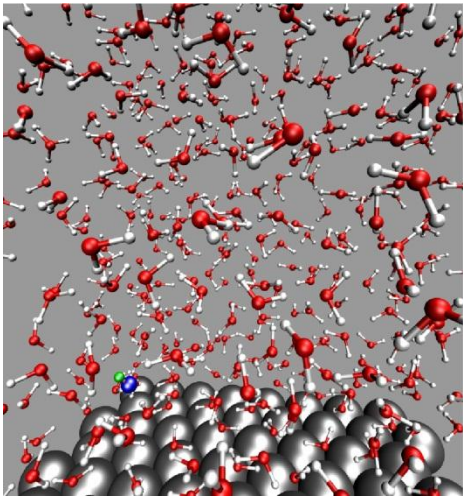
## Scope:

- ❖ Classical molecular dynamics (MD) code.
- ❖ Open source, highly portable C++.
- ❖ Run in serial or parallel.
- ❖ Easy to download, install and run !!!
- ❖ Atomistic, mesoscale and coarse-grain simulations.
- ❖ Three primary communities are supported by force fields, boundary conditions and diagnostics:
  - Biomolecules and polymers (soft materials)
  - Solids materials science
  - Mesoscale to continuum

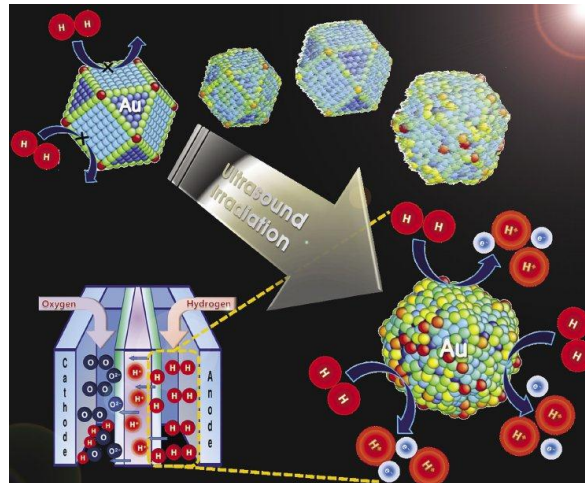


## Overview

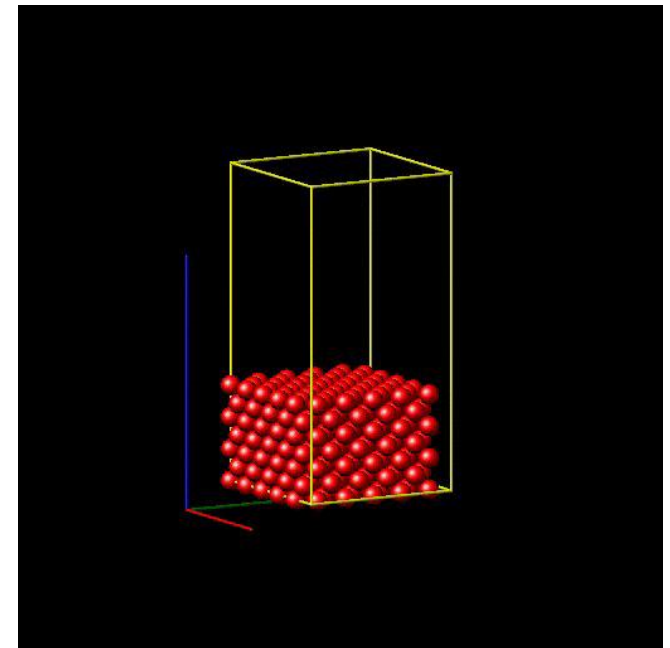
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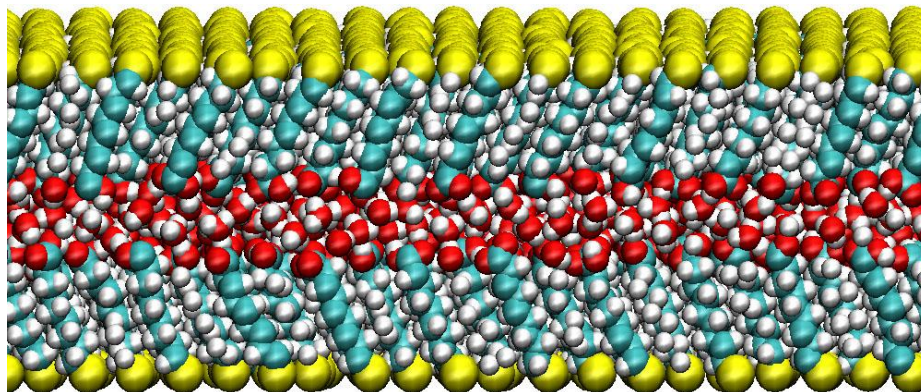
### Electrocatalytic activity of gold nanoparticles



### Chemical vapor deposition

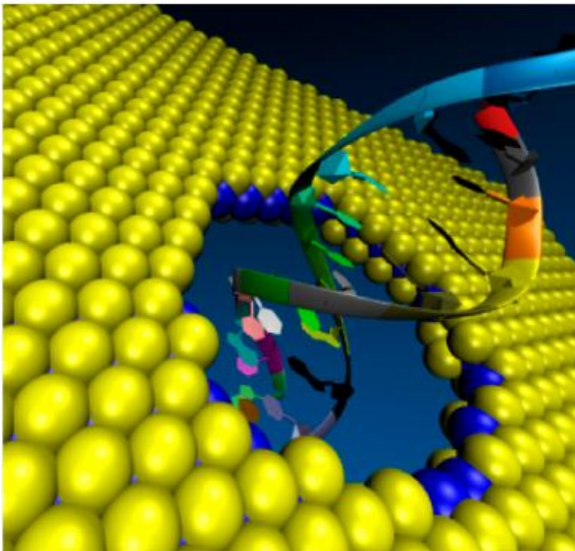


### Self-assembled monolayers

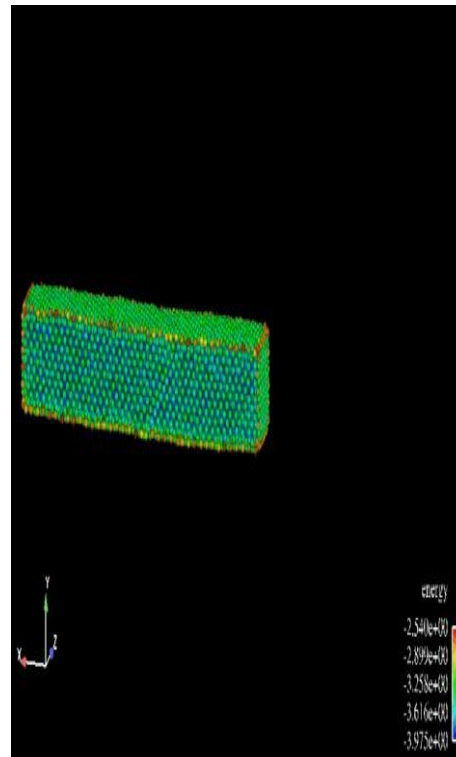


## Overview

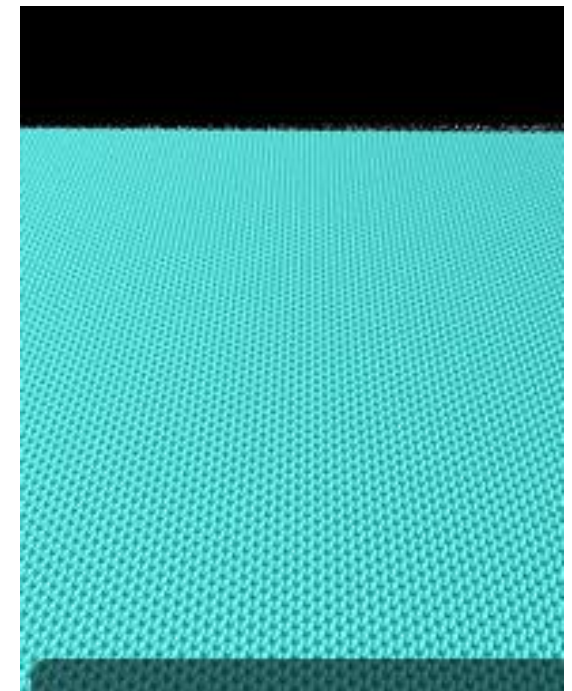
### DNA base detection



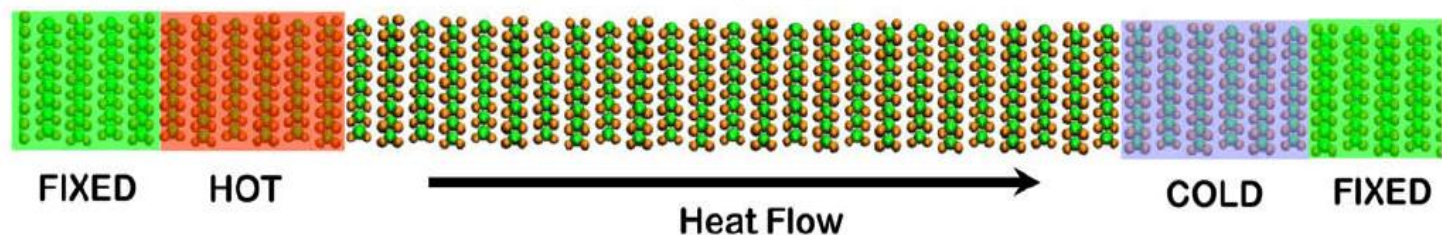
### Growth of nanowires



### Electron beam irradiation



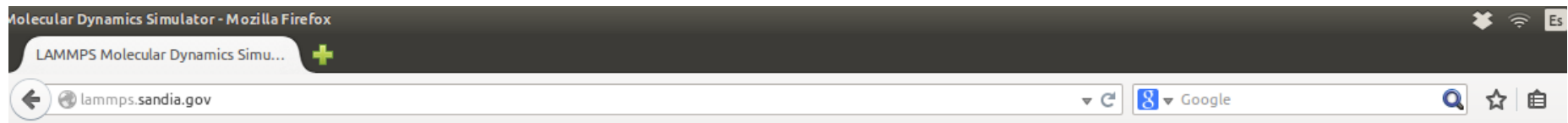
### Thermal transport in nanomaterials





## How could I get this code?

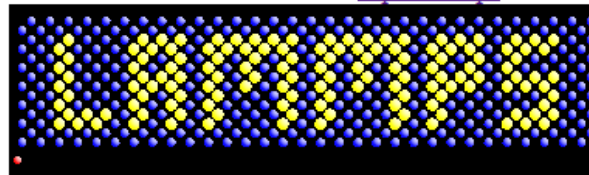
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### LAMMPS Molecular Dynamics Simulator

**lamp:** *a device that generates light, heat, or therapeutic radiation; something that illumines the mind or soul* -- [www.dictionary.com](http://www.dictionary.com)

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[physical analog \(start at 3:25\)](#) & [explanation](#)

Big Picture	Code	Documentation	Results	Related Tools	Context	User Support
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<a href="#">Non-features</a>	<a href="#">SourceForge</a>	<a href="#">Developer Guide</a>	<a href="#">Pictures</a>	<a href="#">Pizza.py Toolkit</a>	<a href="#">History</a>	<a href="#">Workshops</a>
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<a href="#">Wish list</a>	<a href="#">Unfixed bugs</a>	<a href="#">MD to LAMMPS glossary</a>	<a href="#">Benchmarks</a>	<a href="#">Visualization</a>	<a href="#">Open source</a>	<a href="#">Contribute to LAMMPS</a>
.	.	<a href="#">Commands</a>	<a href="#">Citing LAMMPS</a>	<a href="#">Related Modeling codes</a>	.	.

## INPUT file

## Commands

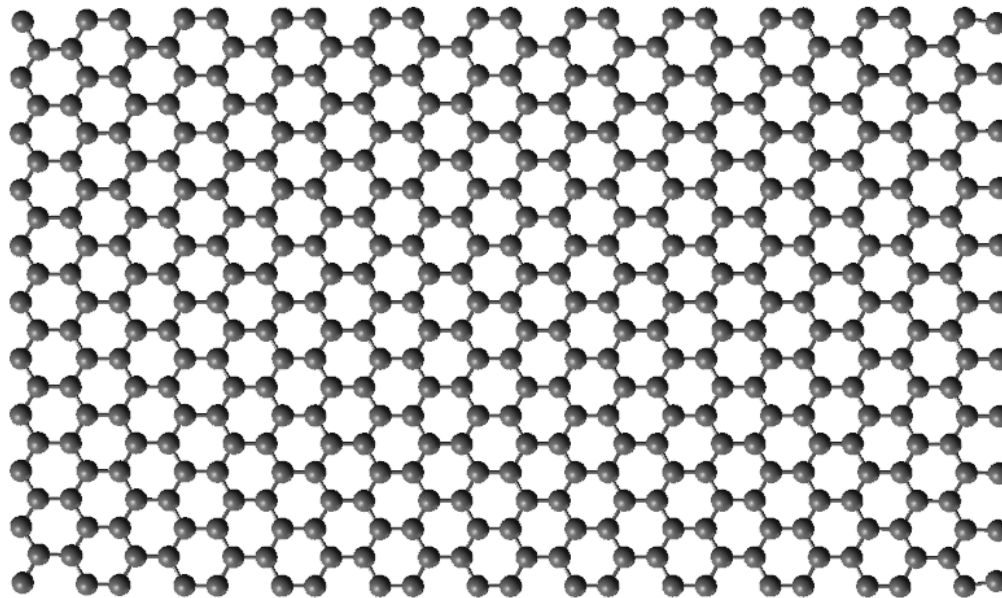
### 3.5 Individual commands

This section lists all LAMMPS commands alphabetically, with a separate listing below of styles within certain commands. The [previous section](#) lists the same commands, grouped by category. Note that some style options for some commands are part of specific LAMMPS packages, which means they cannot be used unless the package was included when LAMMPS was built. Not all packages are included in a default LAMMPS build. These dependencies are listed as Restrictions in the command's documentation.

<a href="#">angle_coeff</a>	<a href="#">angle_style</a>	<a href="#">atom_modify</a>	<a href="#">atom_style</a>	<a href="#">balance</a>	<a href="#">bond_coeff</a>
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<a href="#">delete_bonds</a>	<a href="#">dielectric</a>	<a href="#">dihedral_coeff</a>	<a href="#">dihedral_style</a>	<a href="#">dimension</a>	<a href="#">displace_atoms</a>
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<a href="#">replicate</a>	<a href="#">rerun</a>	<a href="#">reset_timestep</a>	<a href="#">restart</a>	<a href="#">run</a>	<a href="#">run_style</a>
<a href="#">set</a>	<a href="#">shell</a>	<a href="#">special_bonds</a>	<a href="#">suffix</a>	<a href="#">tad</a>	<a href="#">temper</a>
<a href="#">thermo</a>	<a href="#">thermo_modify</a>	<a href="#">thermo_style</a>	<a href="#">timestep</a>	<a href="#">uncompute</a>	<a href="#">undump</a>
<a href="#">unfix</a>	<a href="#">units</a>	<a href="#">variable</a>	<a href="#">velocity</a>	<a href="#">write_data</a>	<a href="#">write_dump</a>
<a href="#">write_restart</a>					

## Example 1: energy minimization

Generate a perfect graphene flake and found the configuration with minimal energy. Perform the same process for a defected graphene flake.





## Example 1: energy minimization

```

1 # Input for energy minimization
2 #-----INITIALIZATION-----
3 units          metal
4 boundary       p p p
5
6 atom style      atomic
7

```

### Options:

- style = *lj* or *real* or *metal* or *si* or *cgs*

### “units metal”:

- mass = grams/mole
- distance = Angstroms
- time = picoseconds
- energy = eV
- velocity = Angstroms/picosecond
- force = eV/Angstrom
- torque = eV
- temperature = Kelvin
- pressure = bars
- dynamic viscosity = Poise
- charge = multiple of electron charge
- dipole = charge\*Angstroms
- electric field = volts/Angstrom
- density = gram/cm<sup>dim</sup>

### Options:

- x,y,z = *p* or *s* or *f* or *m*, one or two letters

*p* is periodic

*f* is non-periodic and fixed

### Options:

- style = *angle* or *atomic* or *body* or *bond* or *charge*

<i>angle</i>	bonds and angles
<i>atomic</i>	only the default values
<i>body</i>	mass, inertia moments, quaternion, angular momentum
<i>bond</i>	bonds
<i>charge</i>	charge

## Example 1: energy minimization

```

7
8 #-----ATOM DEFINITION-----
9 # Generating a graphene structure
10 lattice      custom 2.4595 a1 1 0 0 a2 0 1.73203 0 a3 0.0 0.0 4 &
11 basis 0 0 0 basis 0.5 0.16666666666666666 0 basis 0.5 0.5 0 basis 0 0.6666666666666666 0

```

lattice style scale keyword values

### Options:

- style = *none* or *sc* or *bcc* or *fcc* or *hcp*
- zero or more keyword/value pairs may be appended
- keyword = *origin* or *orient* or *spacing* or *a1* or *a2* or *a3* or *basis*

```

13 # C atoms region
14 region      grap block 0 10 0 10 -0.5 0.5
15
16 # Simulation box size
17 region      boundary block -5 15 -5 15 -5 5
18
19 # Combine regions
20 region      whole union 2 grap boundary
21
22 # Create viewing box
23 create_box  1 boundary
24

```

region ID style args keyword arg

### Options:

- ID = user-assigned name for the region
- style = *delete* or *block* or *cone* or *cylinder* or *sphere* or *union* or *intersect*

## Example 1: energy minimization

```

7
8 #-----ATOM DEFINITION-----
9 # Generating a graphene structure
10 lattice      custom 2.4595 a1 1 0 0 a2 0 1.73203 0 a3 0.0 0.0 4 &
11             basis 0 0 0 basis 0.5 0.16666666666666666 0 basis 0.5 0.5 0 basis 0 0.6666666666666666 0

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lattice style scale keyword values

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23 create_box  1 boundary
24

```

create\_box N region-ID

### Options:

- N = # of atom types to use in this simulation
- region-ID = ID of region to use as simulation domain

## Example 1: energy minimization

```

25 # Creating C atoms
26 create_atoms 1 region grap
27 mass 1 12
28 group sample region grap
29
30 #-----FORCE FIELDS-----
31 # Interaction potential for carbon atoms
32 pair_style tersoff
33 pair_coeff * * SiC_1994.tersoff C
34
35 neighbor 2.0 bin
36 neigh_modify delay 0
37

```

create\_atoms type style args

### Options:

- type = atom type (1-Ntypes) of atoms to create
- style = *box* or *region* or *single* or *random*

pair\_style style args

### Options:

- style = one of the styles from the list below
- args = arguments used by a particular style

### pair\_style eam

$$E_i = F_\alpha \left( \sum_{j \neq i} \rho_\beta(r_{ij}) \right) + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j \neq i} \phi_{\alpha\beta}(r_{ij})$$

### pair\_style coul/cut

$$E = \frac{Cq_iq_j}{\epsilon r} \quad r < r_c$$

## Example 1: energy minimization

```
25 # Creating C atoms
26 create_atoms 1 region grap
27 mass 1 12
28 group sample region grap
29
```

`create_atoms type style args`

### Options:

- type = atom type (1-Ntypes) of atoms to create
- style = *box* or *region* or *single* or *random*

```
30 #-----FORCE FIELDS-----
31 # Interaction potential for carbon atoms
32 pair_style tersoff
33 pair_coeff * * SiC_1994.tersoff C
34
35 neighbor 2.0 bin
36 neigh_modify delay 0
37
```

`pair_coeff I J args`

### Options:

- I,J = atom types (see asterisk form below)
- args = coefficients for one or more pairs of atom types

## Example 1: energy minimization

```
37  
38 #-----SIMULATION PROCESS-----  
39 # Initial velocities at a given temperature  
40 velocity      all create 100 458273253 dist gaussian  
41  
42 # Timestep to make the integration of the motion equation  
43 timestep      0.001  
44  
45 # Parameters to print out on the screen and log.lammps file  
46 thermo_style  custom step temp etotal vol lx ly lz press pxx pyy pzz cpu  
47 thermo        1000  
48
```

thermo\_style style args

### Options:

- style = *one* or *multi* or *custom*
- args = list of arguments for a particular style

thermo N

### Options:

- N = output thermodynamics every N timesteps



## Example 1: energy minimization

```
49 # Saving atomic coordinates
50 dump          1 all xyz 1000 dump-*.xyz
51 dump_modify   1 element C
52
53 # Energy minimization parameters
54 min_style      cg
55 minimize       1.0e-10 1.0e-12 100000 10000
56
57 #-----SIMULATION DONE-----
58 print          "Simulation complete"
```

```
dump ID group-ID style N file args
```

### Options:

- ID = user-assigned name for the dump
- group-ID = ID of the group of atoms to be dumped
- style = *atom* or *atom/mpiio* or *cfg* or *dcd* or *xtc* or *xyz*
- N = dump every this many timesteps
- file = name of file to write dump info to
- args = list of arguments for a particular style

```
min_style style
```

### Options:

- style = *cg* or *hftn* or *sd* or *quickmin* or *fire*

```
minimize etol ftol maxiter maxeval
```

### Options:

- etol = stopping tolerance for energy (unitless)
- ftol = stopping tolerance for force (force units)
- maxiter = max iterations of minimizer
- maxeval = max number of force/energy evaluations

**RUN LAMMPS:** Open a console  
and write,  
\$ **lmp < lammps.inp**

## XYZ file

Number  
of atoms

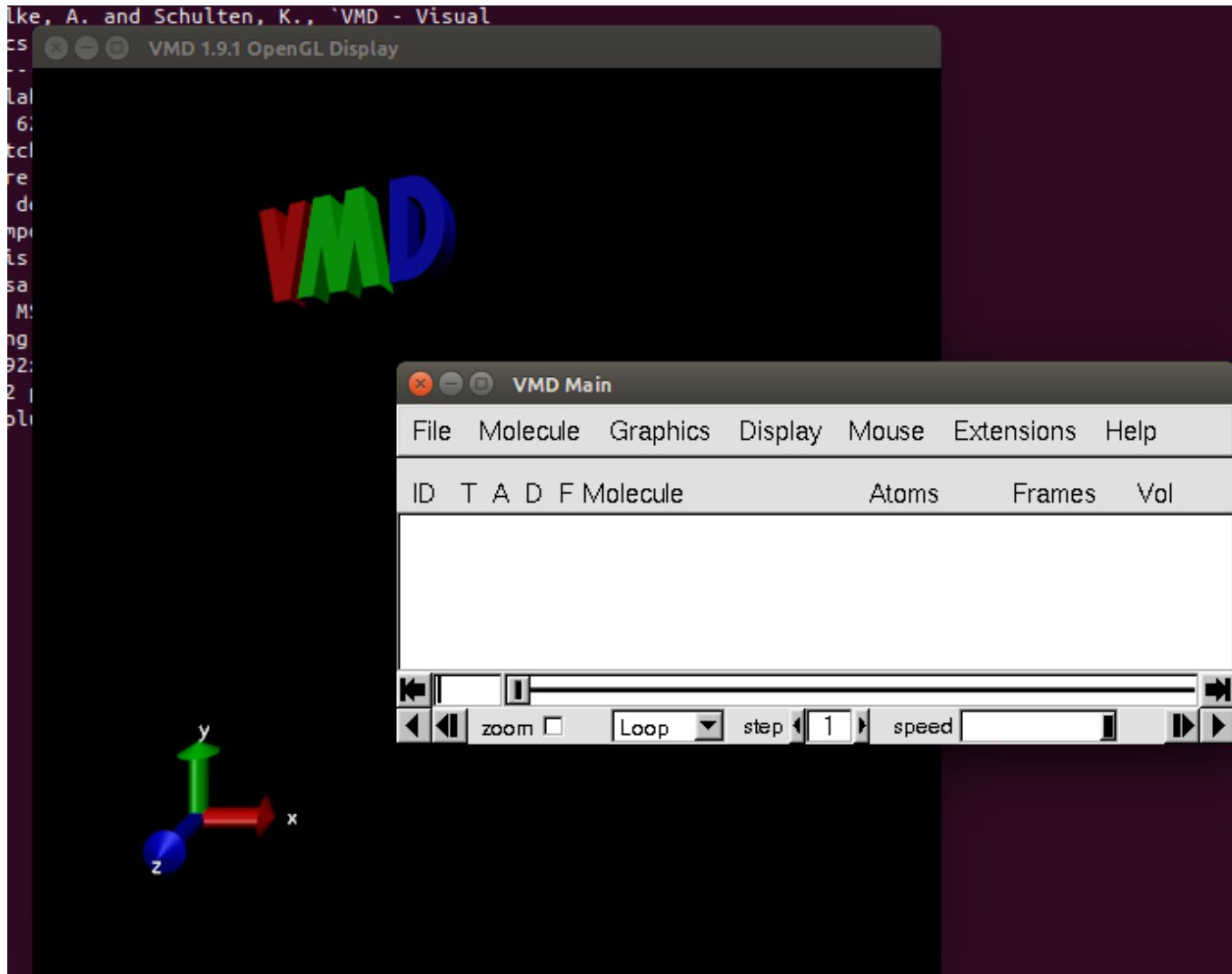
48

Atomic  
positions (x,y,z)

Chemical  
symbol of  
the atoms

C	0.00000000	17.09466934	-4.03419018
C	0.00000000	1.45693004	-6.26033020
C	0.00000000	2.33809996	-7.37733984
C	0.00000000	3.75167990	-7.17118979
C	0.00000000	4.30586004	-5.85873985
C	0.00000000	1.12878001	-3.83152008
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C	0.00000000	0.80035001	-1.40403998
C	0.00000000	1.68262994	-2.51986003
C	0.00000000	3.09647989	-2.31424999
C	0.00000000	3.65089989	-1.00232995
C	0.00000000	5.71954012	-5.65229988
C	0.00000000	6.60097980	-6.76849985

## VMD Visualizer



Open a console and  
write: **VMD**.

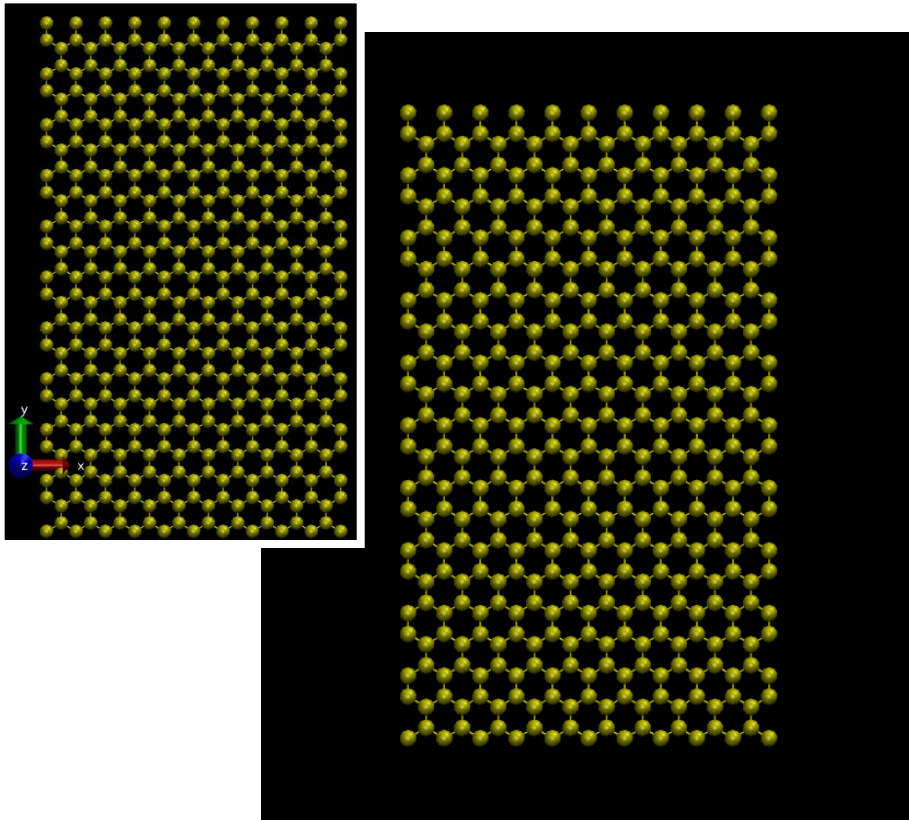
It is also possible to do:

**>\$ vmd file.xyz**

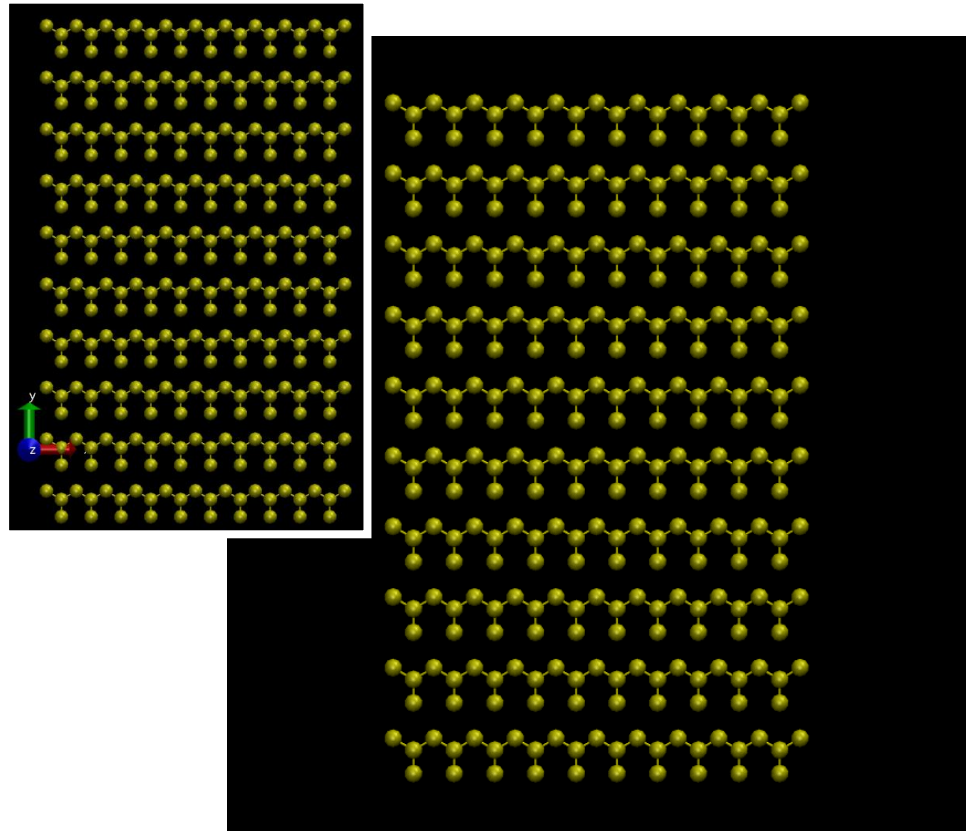
## Example 1: energy minimization

Generate a perfect graphene flake and found the configuration with minimal energy. Perform the same process for a defected graphene flake.

**Without defects**



**With defects**



## Example 2: thermal relaxation

Generate a perfect silver bulk structure (fcc structure,  $L=2.5$  nm).  
Then, perform the following tasks:

- ☐ Thermal relaxation at 300 K for 20 ps and calculate the total energy of the system.
- ☐ Make a plot of the temperature dependence of the total energy.  
Temperature range: 300 – 1500 K and simulation time = 500 ps.

## Example 2: thermal relaxation

```
1  # Input for thermal relaxation
2  #-----INITIALIZATION-----
3  units          metal
4  boundary       p p p
5
6  atom_style     atomic
7
8  #-----ATOM DEFINITION-----
9  # Generating a fcc structure
10 lattice        fcc 4.09 origin 0 0 0
11
12 # Ag atoms region
13 region         silver block 2 8 2 8 -3 3
14
15 # Simulation box size
16 region         boundary block 2 8 2 8 -3 3
17
18 # Combine regions
19 region         whole union 2 silver boundary
20
21 # Create viewing box
22 create_box     1 boundary
23
24 # Creating Ag atoms
25 create_atoms   1 region silver
26 mass          1 107.87
27 group         sample region silver
28
```



## Example 2: thermal relaxation

```
29 #-----FORCE FIELDS-----
30 # Interaction potential for silver atoms
31 pair_style      eam
32 pair_coeff      * * Ag_u3.eam
33
34 neighbor        2.0 bin
35 neigh_modify    delay 0
36
37 #-----SIMULATION PROCESS-----
38 # Initial velocities at a given temperature
39 velocity        all create 300 458273253 dist gaussian
40
41 # Nose-Hoover thermostat
42 fix             nvt1 all nvt temp 300.0 500.0 0.1
43
44 # Timestep to make the integration of the motion equation
45 timestep        0.001
46
47 # Parameters to print out on the screen and log.lammps file
48 thermo style    custom step temp etotal vol lx ly lz press pxx pyy pzz cpu
49 thermo         1000
50
```

We use this command to control the temperature of the system under a NVT ensemble.

**fix       ID ID-group nvt temp Tstart TFinal TDamp**

## Example 2: thermal relaxation

```
51 # Saving atomic coordinates
52 dump          1 all xyz 1000 dump-*.xyz
53 dump_modify   1 element Ag
54
55 # Saving data to analyze
56 variable      Temperature equal temp
57 variable      TEnergy equal etotal
58 variable      KEnergy equal ke
59
60 fix           temp_out all ave/time 100 10 1000 v_Temperature v_TEnergy v_KEnergy file data.out
61
62 # Number of simulation steps
63 run           20000
64
65 #-----SIMULATION DONE-----
66 print         "Simulation complete"
```

We define new variables that we want to analyze and save them in the file “**data.out**”. The data is saved over an specific range of time (average). In this case we take the average among the values corresponding to 100, 200, 300, 400, ....., 1000 **timesteps**.

This command defines the simulation time:

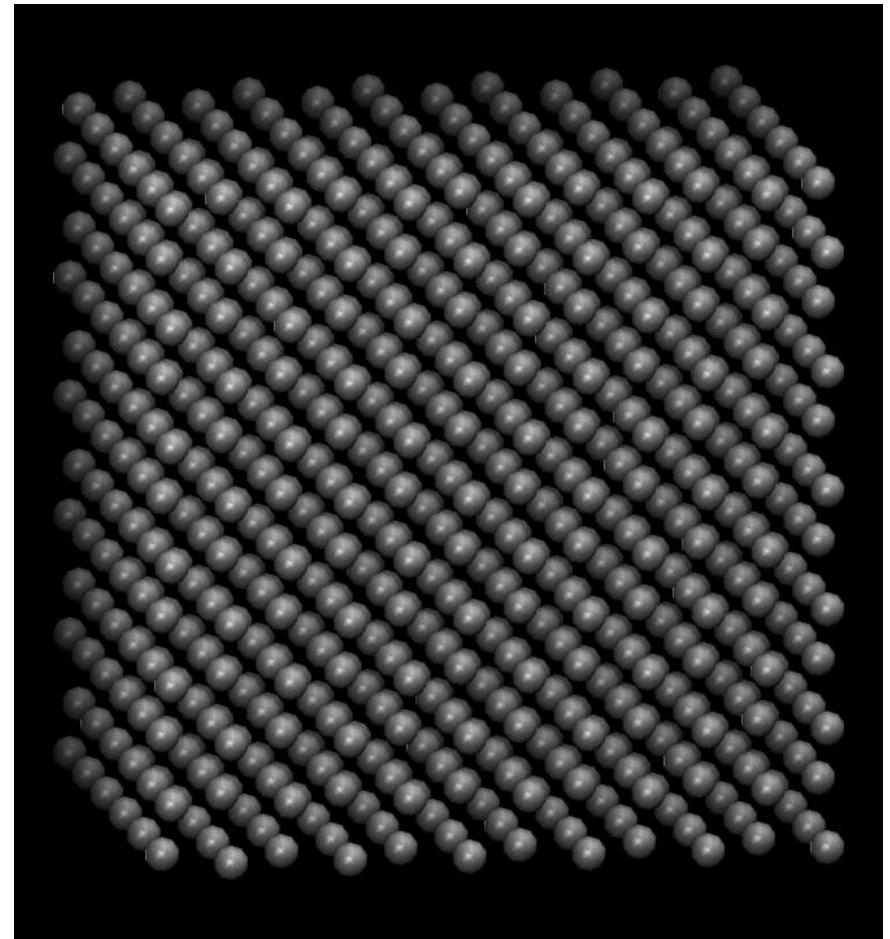
**simulation time = timestep\*#run**

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