

24-623: LAMMPS Lecture

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LAMMPS Overview

- LAMMPS = “Large-scale Atomic/Molecular Massively Parallel Simulator”

<http://lammps.sandia.gov/>

FEATURES:

- **LAMMPS has many potentials**, including potentials for biological systems, colloids, granular materials, metals, etc.
- **LAMMPS has many built in functions** (computes) that can automatically calculate/average quantities (Temp., Press., MSD of atoms, RDF, thermal conductivity, etc.).
- **LAMMPS is an open source code** in C++. Anyone can modify the code. Older versions in F90/F77 are available as well as Windows version.
- **LAMMPS is a parallel code**. It can be run on single cpu or in parallel using MPI and spatial-decomposition of simulation domain.

LAMMPS Overview: Support

- LAMMPS has an excellent mailing list that began in 2005 and has >10,000 messages. Probably the best discussion forum I've seen of all open source simulation codes.

<http://lammps.sandia.gov/mail.html>

LAMMPS Mail List Thread Index

There are 18509 messages in 6451 threads in the archives.

The mail message content can be searched from [this page](#)

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- [Re: \[lammps-users\] LAMMPS Compiling Problem](#), Cun Zhang, Feb 22 2011, 00:12
- [\[lammps-users\] is the public svn version out of date?](#), Jones, Reese, Feb 21 2011, 22:23
- [\[lammps-users\] silicon cantilever beam bending problem](#), puroorava annapaneni, Feb 21 2011, 16:01
- [\[lammps-users\] Rerunning the simulation with Different Force Field](#), Apoorv Kalyankar, Feb 21 2011, 15:50
- [\[lammps-users\] How to output per-molecule quantities?](#), D^{4D}DμD±D^{-D²D°D½D¾D^N₈₁}D°D,D¹Feb 21 2011, 12:44
 - [Re: \[lammps-users\] How to output per-molecule quantities?](#), Axel Kohlmeyer, Feb 21 2011, 12:49

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LAMMPS Overview: Potentials

- [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 airebo](#) - AI-REBO potential
- [pair_style born](#) - Born-Mayer-Huggins potential
- [pair_style born/coul/long](#) - Born-Mayer-Huggins with long-range Coulomb
- [pair_style buck](#) - Buckingham potential
- [pair_style buck/coul/cut](#) - Buckingham with cutoff Coulomb
- [pair_style buck/coul/long](#) - Buckingham with long-range Coulomb
- [pair_style colloid](#) - integrated colloidal potential
- [pair_style coul/cut](#) - cutoff Coulombic potential
- [pair_style coul/debye](#) - cutoff Coulombic potential with Debye screening
- [pair_style coul/long](#) - long-range Coulombic potential
- [pair_style dipole/cut](#) - point dipoles with cutoff
- [pair_style dpd](#) - dissipative particle dynamics (DPD)
- [pair_style dpd/tstat](#) - DPD thermostating
- [pair_style dsmc](#) - Direct Simulation Monte Carlo (DSMC)
- [pair_style eam](#) - embedded atom method (EAM)
- [pair_style eam/opt](#) - optimized version of EAM
- [pair_style eam/alloy](#) - alloy EAM
- [pair_style eam/alloy/opt](#) - optimized version of alloy EAM
- [pair_style eam/fs](#) - Finnis-Sinclair EAM
- [pair_style eam/fs/opt](#) - optimized version of Finnis-Sinclair EAM
- [pair_style eim](#) - embedded ion method (EIM)
- [pair_style gauss](#) - Gaussian potential
- [pair_style gayberne](#) - Gay-Berne ellipsoidal potential
- [pair_style gayberne/gpu](#) - GPU-enabled Gay-Berne ellipsoidal potential
- [pair_style lubricate](#) - hydrodynamic lubrication forces
- [pair_style meam](#) - modified embedded atom method (MEAM)
- [pair_style morse](#) - Morse potential
- [pair_style morse/opt](#) - optimized version of Morse potential
- [pair_style peri/lps](#) - peridynamic LPS potential
- [pair_style peri/pmb](#) - peridynamic PMB potential
- [pair_style reax](#) - ReaxFF potential
- [pair_style resquared](#) - Everaers RE-Squared ellipsoidal potential
- [pair_style soft](#) - Soft (cosine) potential
- [pair_style sw](#) - Stillinger-Weber 3-body potential
- [pair_style table](#) - tabulated pair potential
- [pair_style tersoff](#) - Tersoff 3-body potential
- [pair_style tersoff/zbl](#) - Tersoff/ZBL 3-body potential
- [pair_style yukawa](#) - Yukawa potential
- [pair_style yukawa/colloid](#) - screened Yukawa potential for finite-size particles

- [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
- [pair_style hbond/dreiding/lj](#) - DREIDING hydrogen bonding LJ potential
- [pair_style hbond/dreiding/morse](#) - DREIDING hydrogen bonding Morse potential
- [pair_style lj/charmm/coul/charmm](#) - CHARMM potential with cutoff Coulomb
- [pair_style lj/charmm/coul/charmm/implicit](#) - CHARMM for implicit solvent
- [pair_style lj/charmm/coul/long](#) - CHARMM with long-range Coulomb
- [pair_style lj/charmm/coul/long/gpu](#) - GPU-enabled version of CHARMM with long-range Coulomb
- [pair_style lj/charmm/coul/long/opt](#) - optimized version of CHARMM with long-range Coulomb
- [pair_style lj/class2](#) - COMPASS (class 2) force field with no Coulomb
- [pair_style lj/class2/coul/cut](#) - COMPASS with cutoff Coulomb
- [pair_style lj/class2/coul/long](#) - COMPASS with long-range Coulomb
- [pair_style lj/cut](#) - cutoff Lennard-Jones potential with no Coulomb
- [pair_style lj/cut/gpu](#) - GPU-enabled version of cutoff LJ
- [pair_style lj/cut/opt](#) - optimized version of cutoff LJ
- [pair_style lj/cut/coul/cut](#) - LJ with cutoff Coulomb
- [pair_style lj/cut/coul/cut/gpu](#) - GPU-enabled version of LJ with cutoff Coulomb
- [pair_style lj/cut/coul/debye](#) - LJ with Debye screening added to Coulomb
- [pair_style lj/cut/coul/long](#) - LJ with long-range Coulomb
- [pair_style lj/cut/coul/long/gpu](#) - GPU-enabled version of LJ with long-range Coulomb
- [pair_style lj/cut/coul/long/tip4p](#) - LJ with long-range Coulomb for TIP4P water
- [pair_style lj/expand](#) - Lennard-Jones for variable size particles
- [pair_style lj/gromacs](#) - GROMACS-style Lennard-Jones potential
- [pair_style lj/gromacs/coul/gromacs](#) - GROMACS-style LJ and Coulombic potential
- [pair_style lj/smooth](#) - smoothed Lennard-Jones potential
- [pair_style lj96/cut](#) - Lennard-Jones 9/6 potential
- [pair_style lj96/cut/gpu](#) - GPU-enabled version of Lennard-Jones 9/6

-Most of these can be combined in a “hybrid” style
- Additionally, users can enter in potentials numerically
or by writing a new module to LAMMPS



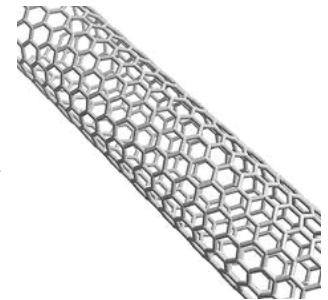
LAMMPS Overview: Potentials 2

FEATURES:

- Potentials for “soft” materials (biomolecules, polymers):
 - Can simulate Colloids, bonded organic molecules, granular materials, etc.
- Potentials for “hard” materials (CNTs, Si, Metals, LJ, Charge):

[pair_style airebo](#) - AI-REBO potential

Can simulate CNTs/hydrocarbons:

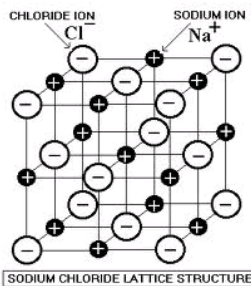
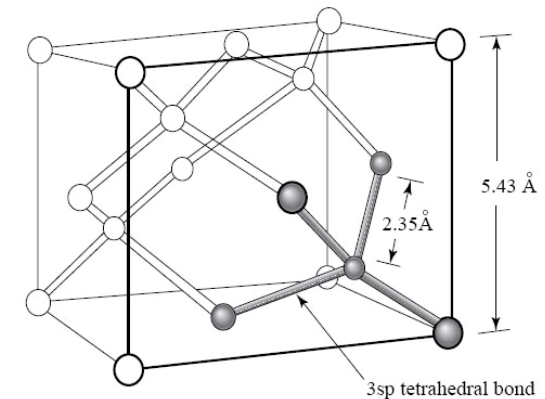


[pair_style sw](#) - Stillinger-Weber 3-body potential

Can simulate Si/Ge:

[pair_style coul/long](#) - long-range Coulombic potential

Can handle Coulomb, from Class:



$$\Phi = \frac{1}{2} \sum_i \sum_{i \neq j} \phi(r_{ij}) \quad \Phi = \int_R^\infty 4\pi r^2 \phi(r) dr \rightarrow r^{-2} \rightarrow \int_R^\infty r^0 dr = \infty$$

LAMMPS Installation

- LAMMPS can be downloaded from:
<http://lammps.sandia.gov/download.html>
- Includes the current “build” (with both serial and parallel capabilities) and older builds.
- Also available are **Windows** serial and parallel versions:
- LAMMPS can be “installed” in **Windows** using Cygwin: <http://www.cygwin.com/>

Linux

- The current “build” has the most recent functionality. Consequently, it may be incompatible with old compilers/libraries.

Needed:

Serial

- **Desktop PC running (almost) any Linux OS.**
- **C++ compiler (GNU gcc or Intel icc):** GNU installed by default in almost every Linux OS.

Parallel

- **Parallel computer (Cluster, GPU, etc.).**
- **MPI library (openmpi, impi, mpich) for parallel code:** Mpich and openmpi installed by default on most computing clusters.



LAMMPS Installation 2

- Detailed instructions here:

http://lammps.sandia.gov/doc/Section_start.html

```
root@jason-desktop:/home/jason/lammps# ls
Johan      lammps-18Aug10.tar.gz  lammps.tar.gz  work
lammps-16Apr10  lammps-25Oct10      LJ
lammps-18Aug10  lammps2.tar.gz      log.lammps
```

```
root@jason-desktop:/home/jason/lammps# tar xvf lammps-18Aug10.tar.gz
```

- This unzips the LAMMPS program files to a folder called “lammps-18Aug10”

```
root@jason-desktop:/home/jason/lammps# cd ./lammps-18Aug10/src
```

- This moves to the “src” folder which has the source code files. Once here, there are a few options. To compile the code type:

```
root@jason-desktop:/home/jason/lammps/lammps-18Aug10/src# make machine
```

Where **machine** can be:

```
# mingw = Windows 32bit, cross-compiled on Linux, gcc-4.4.1, MinGW x-compiler
# mkl = Intel Cluster Tools, mpiicc, MKL MPI, MKL FFT
# odin = 1400 cluster, g++, MPICH, no FFTs
# openmpi = Fedora Core 6, mpic++, OpenMPI-1.1, FFTW2
# pgi = Portland Group compiler, pgCC, MPICH, FFTW
# power5 = IBM Power5+, mpCC_r, native MPI, FFTW
# qed = CSRI cluster, mpiCC, MPICH, no FFTs
# redsky - SUN X6275 with dual socket/quad core nodes, mpic++, openmpi, FFTW
# sdsc = SDSC BG/L machine, xlc, native MPI, FFTW
# seaborg = NERSC IBM machine, mpCC, native MPI, FFTW
# serial = RedHat Linux box, g++4, gfortran, no MPI, no FFTs
# serial debug = RedHat Linux box, g++4, gfortran, no MPI, no FFTs
# sgi = SGI Origin 350 64-bit, SGI MIPSpro CC, SGI MPI, SGI SCSL MP FFTs
# solaris = Sun box, c++, no MPI, no FFTs
# spirit = HP cluster 64-bit, mpicxx, native MPI, FFTW
# storm = Cray Red Storm XT3, Cray CC, native MPI, FFTW
# tacc = UT Lonestar TACC machine, mpiCC, MPI, FFTW
# tbird = Dell cluster with Xeons, Intel mpicxx, native MPI, FFTW
# tesla = 16-proc SGI Onyx3, g++, no MPI, SGI FFTs
# tunnison - 64-bit dual-core Linux cluster, mpic++, OpenMPI-1.1, FFTW2
# xt3 = PSC BigBen Cray XT3, CC, native MPI, FFTW
```

```
# altix = SGI Altix, Intel icc, MPI, FFTs from SGI SCSL library
# bgl = LLNL Blue Gene Light machine, xlc, native MPI, FFTW
# cygwin = Windows Cygwin, mpicxx, MPICH, FFTW
# encanto = NM cluster with dual quad-core Xeons, mpicxx, native MPI, FFTW
# fink = Mac OS-X w/ fink libraries, c++, no MPI, FFTW 2.1.5
# g++ = RedHat Linux box, g++4, gfortran, MPICH2, FFTW
# g++3 = RedHat Linux box, g++ (v3), Intel ifort, MPICH2, FFTW
# glory = Linux cluster with 4-way quad cores, Intel mpicxx, native MPI, FFTW
# jaguar = ORNL Jaguar Cray XT5, CC, native MPICH, FFTW
# lam = FreeBSD box, mpic++, Intel ifort, LAM/MPI, FFTW
# linux = RedHat Linux box, Intel icc, Intel ifort, MPICH2, FFTW
# mac = Apple PowerBook G4 laptop, c++, Intel ifort, no MPI, FFTW 2.1.5
# mac_mpi = Apple PowerBook G4 laptop, mpic++, gfortran, fink LAM/MPI, fink FFTW 2.1.5
```



LAMMPS Installation 3

- The previous section will make LAMMPS with the standard “packages”. Additional packages can be included/excluded during installation, but may require additional libraries (fft, etc.).

asphere	aspherical particles and force fields
class2	class 2 force fields
colloid	colloidal particle force fields
dipole	point dipole particles and force fields
dsmc	Direct Simulation Monte Carlo (DMSC) pair style
gpu	GPU-enabled force field styles
granular	force fields and boundary conditions for granular systems
kspace	long-range Ewald and particle-mesh (PPPM) solvers
manybody	metal, 3-body, bond-order potentials
meam	modified embedded atom method (MEAM) potential
molecule	force fields for molecular systems
opt	optimized versions of a few pair potentials
peri	Peridynamics model and potential
poems	coupled rigid body motion
reax	ReaxFF potential
replica	multi-replica methods
shock	methods for MD simulations of shock loading
srd	stochastic rotation dynamics (SRD)
xtc	dump atom snapshots in XTC format

- This customizability ensures that LAMMPS (in one form or another) **can be run on virtually any computer**.
- Result should be an executable located in the src/Imp_machine, where machine depends on how you compiled (for me it's Imp_openmpi).

LAMMPS Example: How to Run

Steps:

1) Set your path to the location of the LAMMPS executable:

```
export PATH = /home/jason/lammps/lammps-16Apr10/src
```

In this “./src/” directory is the LAMMPS executable. For me: “/src/lmp_serial”

2) Put the example files into a directory, say:

/home/jason/lammps/LJ/Opress_alat

```
root@jason-desktop:/home/jason/lammps/LJ/crystal/Opress_alat# ls
in.LJAr.alat  LJ.4x4x4.in.data  tau_T10_tau_P10  tau_T1_tau_P10
```

Input Script Input Structure

3) Run the executable with:

```
root@jason-desktop:/home/jason/lammps/LJ/crystal/Opress_alat# nohup lmp_serial < in.LJAr.alat &
```

This command runs LAMMPS in background and gives you back control of the command terminal. Type “top” to check if LAMMPS is running:

PID	USER	PR	NI	VIRT	RES	SHR	S	%CPU	%MEM	TIME+	COMMAND
31096	root	25	0	6328	1980	1416	R	99.8	0.2	29:27.65	lmp_serial
1	root	16	0	1568	524	456	S	0.0	0.1	0:04.87	init
2	root	34	19	0	0	0	S	0.0	0.0	0:00.00	ksoftirqd/0
3	root	RT	0	0	0	0	S	0.0	0.0	0:00.00	watchdog/0
4	root	10	-5	0	0	0	S	0.0	0.0	0:00.75	events/0

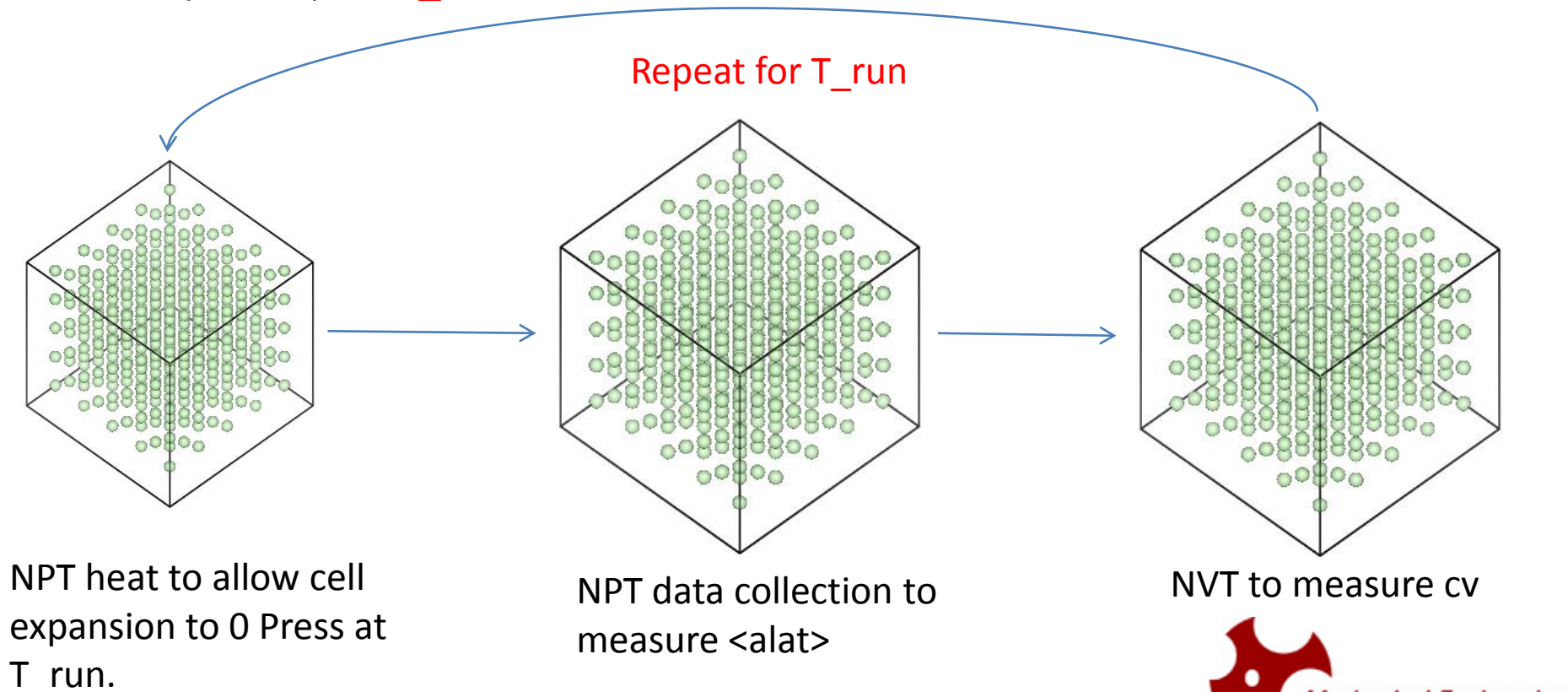


LAMMPS Example Code

Input file (has MD information): **in.LJAr.alat** Input Structure: **LJ.4x4x4.in.data**

What happens:

- 1) Measures 0 pressure lattice constant (**alat**) for 4x4x4 supercell of FCC Ar (256 atoms) using NPT ensemble.
- 2) Measure constant volume specific heat using formula: $\langle T \rangle = \left[\frac{\langle (E - \langle E \rangle)^2 \rangle}{3(N - 1)k_B c_v} \right]^{1/2}$
- 3) Do 1) and 2) for **T_run = 10...80K**



LAMMPS Example I

```

#-----
#####MEASURE 0 PRESS ALAT#####
#-----
clear
#-----READ STRUCTURE-----
units          lj                ##Use LJ units sigma_Ar, eps_Ar, tau_Ar
atom_style      atomic           ##Specifies how many columns in data in
read_data       LJ.4x4x4.in.data  ##Specifies input data file with "atomic"
#read_restart    ljNVE.restart.1000000
mass            1 1.0            ##Specifies mass again, not really needed
group           Ar type = 1      ##Gives a label to atome type=1 "Ar"
#-----LJ POTENTIALS-----
pair_style       lj/cut 2.5       ##LJ with cutoff a=2.5
pair_coeff        1 1 1.0 1.0     ##atomi atomj epsilon sigma
pair_modify      shift yes        ##Shift PE at cutoff to 0.0

##USED TO SPECIFY MULTIPLE SPECIES
##pair_style      lj/cut 2.5
##pair_coeff      1 2 1.0 1.0
##pair_modify     shift yes

##pair_style      lj/cut 2.5
##pair_coeff      2 2 1.0 1.0
##pair_modify     shift yes

#pair_modify     tail no          ##This is default so not needed
#-----LJ PARAMETERS-----
variable         kB          equal 1.3806504e-23      # [J/K] Boltzmann
variable         sigma_Ar    equal 3.4e-10            # m
variable         eps_Ar      equal 1.67e-21           # J
variable         mass_Ar     equal 6.63e-26           # kg
variable         tau_Ar      equal 2.1423e-12         # s
#-----THERMO PARAMETERS-----
variable         T_melt      equal 300*({kB}/{eps_Ar})
variable         T_OK        equal 0.001
#variable         T_run       equal 15*({kB}/{eps_Ar})
#variable         V           equal vol
variable         dt          equal 0.002
variable         run_length  equal 500000
variable         Tau_T        equal 1.0
variable         Tau_P        equal 10.0
variable         seed         equal 99999
#-----SAMPLE PARAMETERS-----
variable         p           equal 100                # correlation length
variable         s           equal 10                 # sample interval
variable         d           equal $p*$s              # dump interval
  
```

in.LJAr.alat

What happens:

- 1) Input structure
- 2) Interaction potential
- 3) Simulation variables

Continued...



Mechanical Engineering

LAMMPS Example 2

```
#START LOOP 1

label loop1
variable a loop 8
variable T_run index 0.082670659 0.165341317 0.248011976 0.330682635 0.413353293 0.496023952 &
0.578694611 0.661365269

log      log_${a}.lammps

#-----START NPT HEAT -----

reset_timestep      0

##IF FIRST T_run CREATE INITIAL VEL

##if "${a}<2" then "velocity all create ${T_run} ${seed} rot yes dist gaussian"
velocity all create ${T_run} ${seed} rot yes dist gaussian

##START
##RUN A PREPARATION NPT
##SET ENSEMBLE TO NPT

fix          1 all npt temp ${T_run} ${T_run} ${Tau_T} iso press 0.0 ${Tau_P}
thermo_style  custom step temp press vol etotal pe ke
thermo       1000

##OPTIONAL DUMP POSITIONS

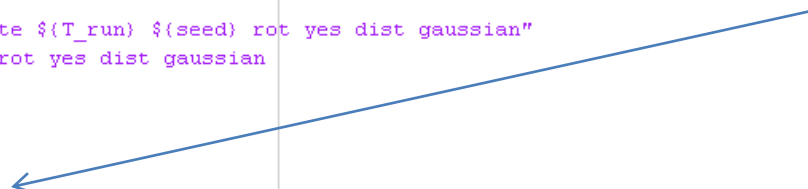
##dump       xyz all xyz ${run_length} npt_heat_${a}.dump

run          50000
#run        1000
unfix       1

##STOP
```

What happens:

1) Run an NPT to initialize



Continued...

LAMMPS Example 3

```
#-----CALCULATE AVG CELL SIZE-----  
  
##START  
##RUN NPT FOR CELL SIZE  
fix 1 all npt temp ${T_run} ${T_run} ${Tau_T} iso press 0.0 ${Tau_P}  
  
##SET myLx EQUAL TO THE X_DIM BOX SIZE  
variable myLx equal xhi-xlo  
  
##CREATE A FIX WHICH AVERAGES THE X-DIM BOX SIZE OVER TIME  
fix myLx all ave/time ${p} ${s} ${d} v_myLx file Lx.profile$a  
  
##SET ANOTHER VARIABLE myLx2 EQUAL TO THE TIME AVERAGED X-BOX DIM  
variable myLx2 equal f_myLx  
  
##DO FOR Y AND Z DIRECTIONS AS WELL  
  
variable myLy equal yhi-ylo  
fix myLy all ave/time ${p} ${s} ${d} v_myLy file Ly.profile$a  
variable myLy2 equal f_myLy  
variable myLz equal zhi-zlo  
fix myLz all ave/time ${p} ${s} ${d} v_myLz file Lz.profile$a  
variable myLz2 equal f_myLz  
  
##REPORT THERMO DATA EVERY thermo NUMBER TIME STEPS  
  
thermo_style custom step temp press vol etotal pe ke #v_myLx2 v_myLy2 v_myLz2  
thermo 1000  
  
##RUN THE ENSEMBLE FOR THIS MANY TIME STEPS  
  
run 100000  
#run 5000  
  
##UNLOCK THE DUMP AND FIX COMMANDS SO THEY CAN BE USED AGAIN LATER  
  
unfix 1  
  
##STOP
```

What happens:

- 1) Run in NPT
- 2) Time average Lx, Ly, Lz

Continued...



LAMMPS Example 4

```
##START
##THE FINAL TEIM AVG myL(x,y,z)2 USED TO RELAX SIM BOX TO ABOVE AVG LATTICE CONTANTS

fix                deform all deform 1 x final 0.0 ${myLx2} y final 0.0 ${myLy2} z final 0.0 ${myLz2} units box

##RELAX THE SIM BOX OVER THIS MANY TIME STEPS

run                10000
#run              1000

##UNLOCK FIXED AND COMPUTES TO USE LATER

unfix              deform
unfix              myLx
unfix              myLy
unfix              myLz

##STOP
#-----STOP NPT HEAT -----
```

What happens:

- 1) Sim. Box dimensions are changed to <Lx>, <Ly>, <Lz>

Continued...



LAMMPS Example 5

```
#----- START NVT equil -----
##START
  ##RUN A PREPARATION NVT
  ##SET ENSEMBLE TO NVT
  fix                1 all nvt temp ${T_run} ${T_run} ${Tau_T}
  thermo_style        custom step temp press vol etotal pe ke
  thermo              1000
  run                  50000
  #run                 1000
  unfix               1
##STOP

##START
  ##COLLET NVT DATA FOR Cv
  fix                1 all nvt temp ${T_run} ${T_run} ${Tau_T}
  thermo_style        custom step temp press vol etotal pe ke
  thermo              1000
  run                  100000
  #run                 5000
  unfix               1
##STOP

next T_run
next a
jump in.LJAr.alat loop1

#END LOOP 1
```

What happens:

- 1) Short NVT run to initialize.
- 2) Data collection NVT run to measure C_v
- 3) Loop ends for given T_{run} , starts over.

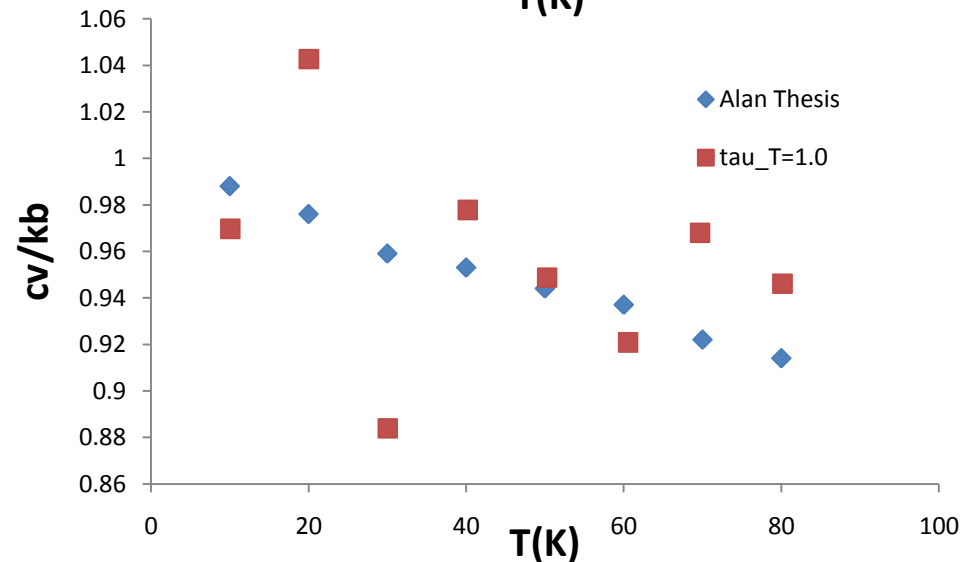
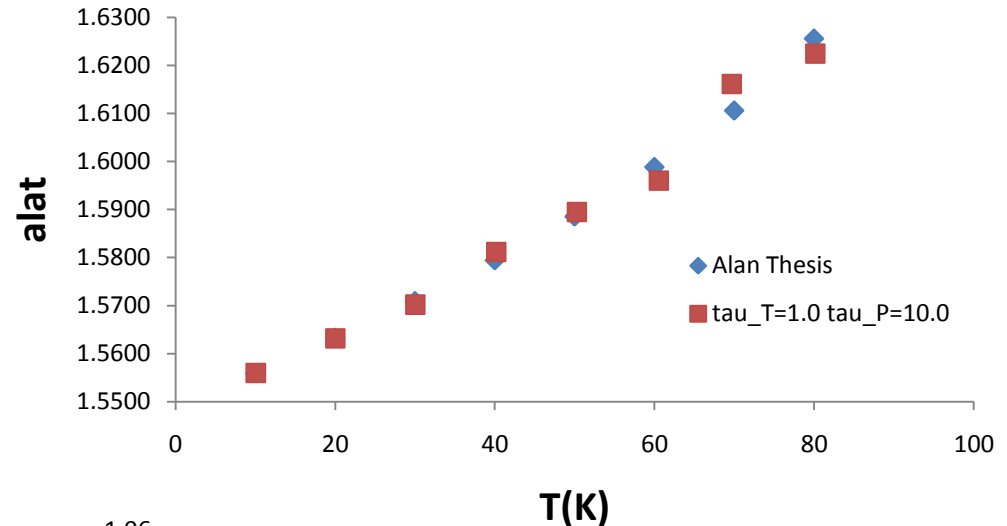
END

LAMMPS Example Results

Explanation for differences:

- 1) Thermo sampling rate (more data to average cv).
- 2) Average over different initial conditions (how could you do this?).
- 3) Vary τ_T to see if this has an effect.
- 4) Increase the equilibration times between NVT and NPT data collection segments.

You can easily automate all of these (and much more).



LAMMPS Performance

- Using the Lecture Example code, I get the following performance:

LAMMPS:

Ubuntu 9.0, 2.0 GHz CPU, 1 GB RAM, 256 atoms, NPT, neighbor listing:

Rate = 1000 steps/s

Larger systems will scale $N \times \text{rate}$ because of neighbor listing. Can be even faster using parallel capabilities.

My LJ Code:

Ubuntu 9.0, 2.0 GHz CPU, 1 GB RAM, 256 atoms, NPT, NO neighbor listing:

Rate = 70 steps/s

Larger systems will scale as $\sim N^2$ since no neighbor listing.



LAMMPS Modifications

- This section describes how to add/modify the LAMMPS source code:
http://lammps.sandia.gov/doc/Section_modify.html
- LAMMPS is designed on a modular fashion using C++.
<http://www.cplusplus.com/doc/tutorial/>
- Hi-level structure uses classes, functions are class methods and use simple array, vectors, numbers. <http://www.cplusplus.com/reference/stl/vector/vector/>
- Creating a new class requires new.cpp and new.h. Best way to understand is to look at existing classes (like compute_temp.cpp and compute_temp.h).
<http://www.cplusplus.com/doc/tutorial/classes/>
- If worthy, new features are encouraged to be submitted to LAMMPS developers.

LAMMPS Matlab Post-Processing

- There are many ways to post-process the LAMMPS output:

http://lammps.sandia.gov/doc/Section_tools.html

- Ability to read *.dump files one at a time, or an entire run full.
- Read RDF files
- Read *.log files to easily plot thermo data