

# Introducing Dynamic Walls in an Integer Lattice Gas Simulation

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## Abstract

The purpose of this project is to integrate dynamic shapes into an Integer Lattice Gas Simulation. This paper will cover several different approaches to create dynamic shapes in an Integer Lattice Gas Simulation, the methods used to achieve them, and how well each approach worked.

## 1 Problem Description

The lattice gas code simulation is currently unable to model systems with dynamic solid objects. Having the feature to add movable walls would allow for simulation of interactions between solid physical objects and gasses. The project will begin with simple moving walls that will influence particle dynamics, but the particles will not influence the walls dynamics. Afterwards, implementing wall momentum dependent on particle collisions will be developed. There are some questions on to compensate for limited particle velocities(-1,0,+1) in the LG2d simulation. When a wall and a particle collide and they have opposite velocities, how does the particle reflect and keep momentum conserved? The particle currently can't have a velocity magnitude greater than 1. Perhaps the LGd2 simulation would require the feature to allow for higher particle velocities.

## 2 Methods

In order to have complex dynamic shapes, simple dynamic walls need to be achieved. A good place to start is with a static wall. There already exists a method of creating static walls in an Integer Lattice Gas Simulation by selectively inverting particle velocities based on their position in the Lattice grid. Each lattice site has 9 different velocity states particles can exist in.

Particles can be reflected by swapping the number of particles in two of these velocity states. Horizontal walls are produced by switching indexes [0,1,2] with [8,7,6] respectively. Vertical walls are produced by switching [0,3,6] with [8,5,2] respectively.

Table 1: Different velocity states in each Lattice Cell, the maximum velocity amplitude in any one direction is 1

. x and y are the Cartesian coordinates of the Lattice in the Grid.  
 $n[x][y][0] = (-v_x, +v_y)$     $n[x][y][1] = (0, +v_y)$     $n[x][y][2] = (+v_x, +v_y)$   
 $n[x][y][3] = (-v_x, 0)$     $n[x][y][4] = (0, 0)$     $n[x][y][5] = (+v_x, 0)$   
 $n[x][y][6] = (-v_x, -v_y)$     $n[x][y][7] = (0, -v_y)$     $n[x][y][8] = (+v_x, -v_y)$

Here is some code defining the links to produce a horizontal wall. A vertical wall can be produced by changing the values being assigned to links[linkcount][0:2] = [0 3 6] and the dimension being iterated over in the for loop:

```
//horizontal walls
for (int x=x0; x<x1+1; x++){
    links[linkcount][0] = x; //x-position
    links[linkcount][1] = yy2;
    links[linkcount][2] = 0;
    linkcount++;
    links[linkcount][0] = x; //x-position
    links[linkcount][1] = yy2;
    links[linkcount][2] = 1;
    linkcount++;
    links[linkcount][0] = x; //x-position
    links[linkcount][1] = yy2;
    links[linkcount][2] = 2;
    linkcount++;
}
```

Here is the code that switches the number of particles between lattice velocity states for the static walls. Note that the momentum imparted on the wall can be calculated.

```
void bounceback(){
    dynamic_wall_momentum_x = 0;
    dynamic_wall_momentum_y = 0;
    static_wall_momentum_x = 0;
    static_wall_momentum_y = 0;

    for (int lc=0; lc<linkcount; lc++){
        //quantity of partices
        int x=links[lc][0];
        int y=links[lc][1];
        //velocity
        int v=links[lc][2];
```

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int vx=v%3-1;
int vy=1-v/3;
int tmp= n[x+vx][y+vy][v];
//summing all momentums
static_wall_momentum_x += -2*vx*(n[x][y][8-v]-tmp);
static_wall_momentum_y += -2*vy*(n[x][y][8-v]-tmp);
//swapping the particles trying to enter and leave to have the effect of a wall
n[x+vx][y+vy][v]= n[x][y][8-v];
n[x][y][8-v]=tmp;
}
}

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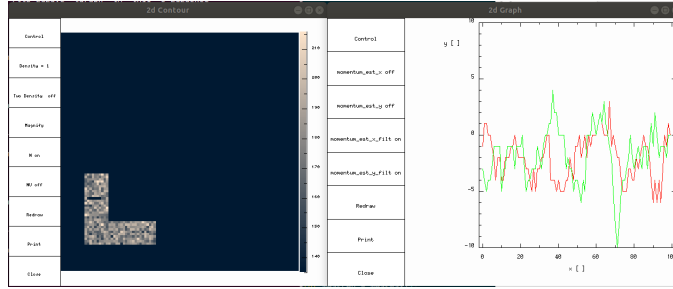


Figure 1: Here are several horizontal and vertical walls produced using the approach described above. The walls are containing the particles from leaving the shape. On the right hand side, there are graphs for the x and y momentum being imparted on the walls

## 2.1 Approach 1

The first approach taken to creating a moving wall was to move a wall very slowly with its velocity being much less than 1. The wall will move either dependently based on the momentum imparted on the wall due to particle collisions, or a set velocity will be given to wall.

$$\frac{\sum_{n=1}^{nmax} -2 * \text{net particles reflected}}{\text{wall mass}} = \text{wall velocity}$$

Code for calculating the wall momentum and resulting velocity

```

//summing all momentums
dynamic_wall_momentum_x += -2*vx*(n[x][y][8-v]-tmp);
dynamic_wall_momentum_y += -2*vy*(n[x][y][8-v]-tmp);

```

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if(dynamic_wall_control_on == 0){
    dynamic_wall_vx = dynamic_wall_momentum_x/wall_mass;
    dynamic_wall_vy = dynamic_wall_momentum_y/wall_mass;
}

```

As the wall moves, it would "pass over" particles due to rest particles in the  $n[x][y][0]$  state. To compensate for this, a random number of particles would be added to either side of the wall depending on the wall's velocity and the density of the particles surrounding the wall. For simplicity, a flat distribution was used ranging from 0 to the smaller density of particles on either side of the wall. This is necessary to prevent negative densities. This number of particles is referred to as "flow".

$$\langle flow \rangle = \text{particle density} * \text{wall velocity}$$

$$0 < flow < \text{min particle density}$$

Code for calculating flow

```

int tmp_0 = n[((vx+x)%XDIM)+XDIM)%XDIM][((y+vy)%YDIM+YDIM)%YDIM][8-v];
int tmp = n[((vx+x)%XDIM)+XDIM)%XDIM][((y+vy)%YDIM+YDIM)%YDIM][v];
//find the smaller value to be the max for the random function to avoid having negative
//determining values for forward and backward particle flow
int max_random = 1;
if(tmp > tmp_0){
    max_random = tmp_0;
}
else{
    max_random = tmp;
}
if(max_random > 0){
    flow = (rand()%max_random)*dynamic_wall_vx;
}
else{
    flow = 0;
}

```

The following wall momentum is then:

```

dynamic_wall_momentum_x += -2*vx*(n[x][y][8-v]-tmp+flow);
dynamic_wall_momentum_y += -2*vy*(n[x][y][8-v]-tmp);

```

Adding the flow to the lattice sites to produce a moving wall

```
//swapping the particles trying to enter and leave to have the effect of a wall
n[(((vx+x)%XDIM)+XDIM)%XDIM][((y+vy)%YDIM+YDIM)%YDIM][v] = n[(((x)%XDIM)+XDIM)%XDIM][((y)%YDIM+YDIM)%YDIM][8-v]
n[(((x)%XDIM)+XDIM)%XDIM][((y)%YDIM+YDIM)%YDIM][8-v] = tmp + flow;
```

## 2.2 Results

Initial results were promising, but this approach did not factor in the number of particles at rest position, so there was significant particle leakage.

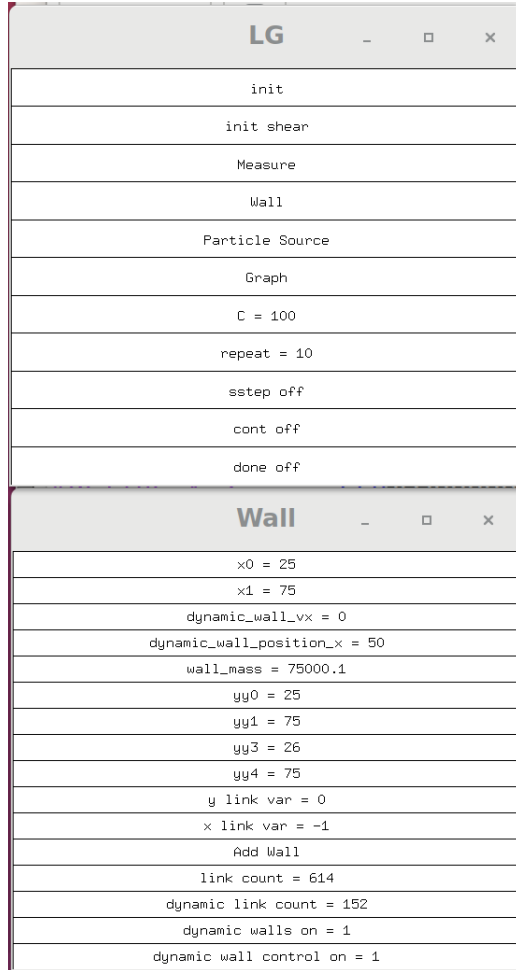


Figure 2: Settings for the simulation

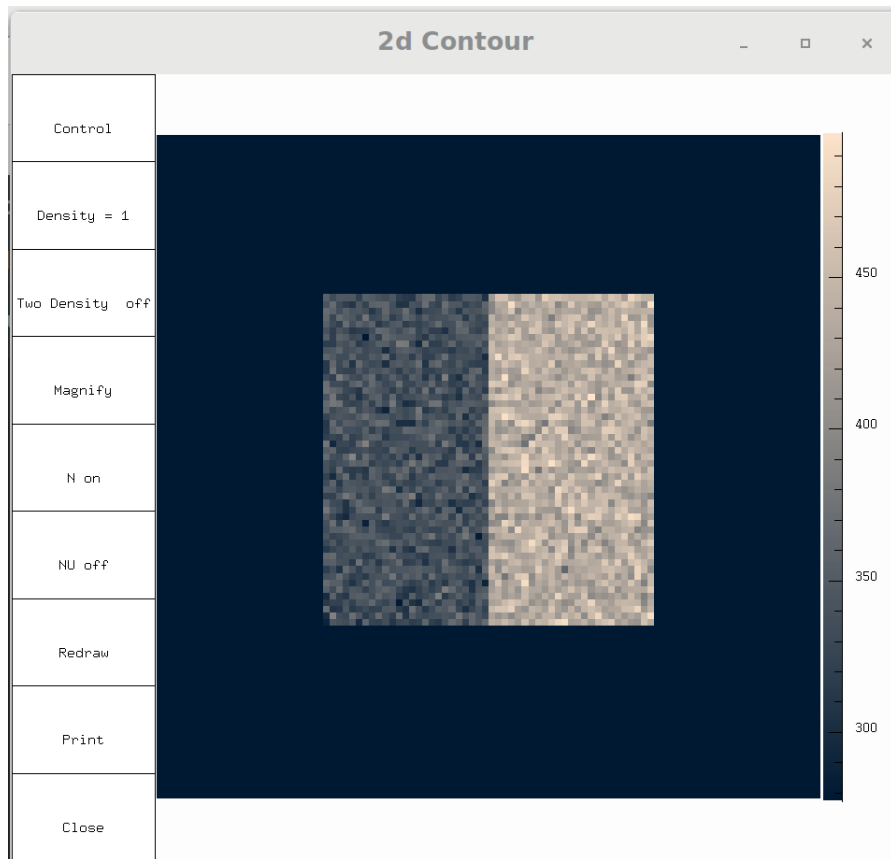


Figure 3: A box produced with static walls with one vertical dynamic wall in the center. The density on the right is  $15 \times 9$  and the density on the left is  $10 \times 9$ . The wall is being held at position 50

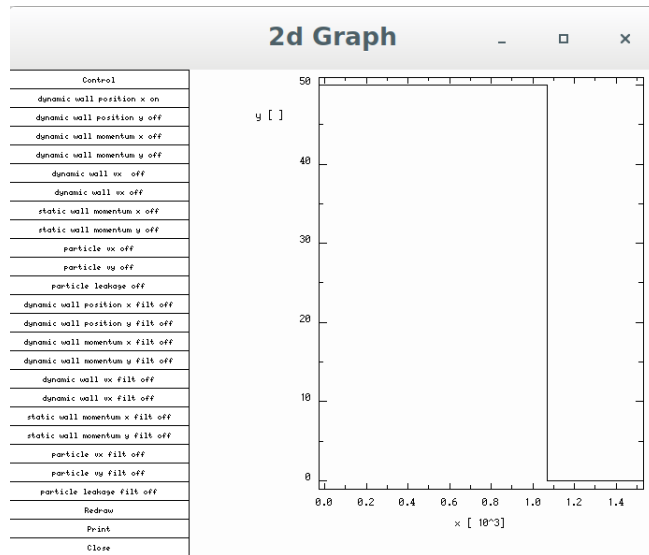


Figure 4: Graph of the dynamic wall x position

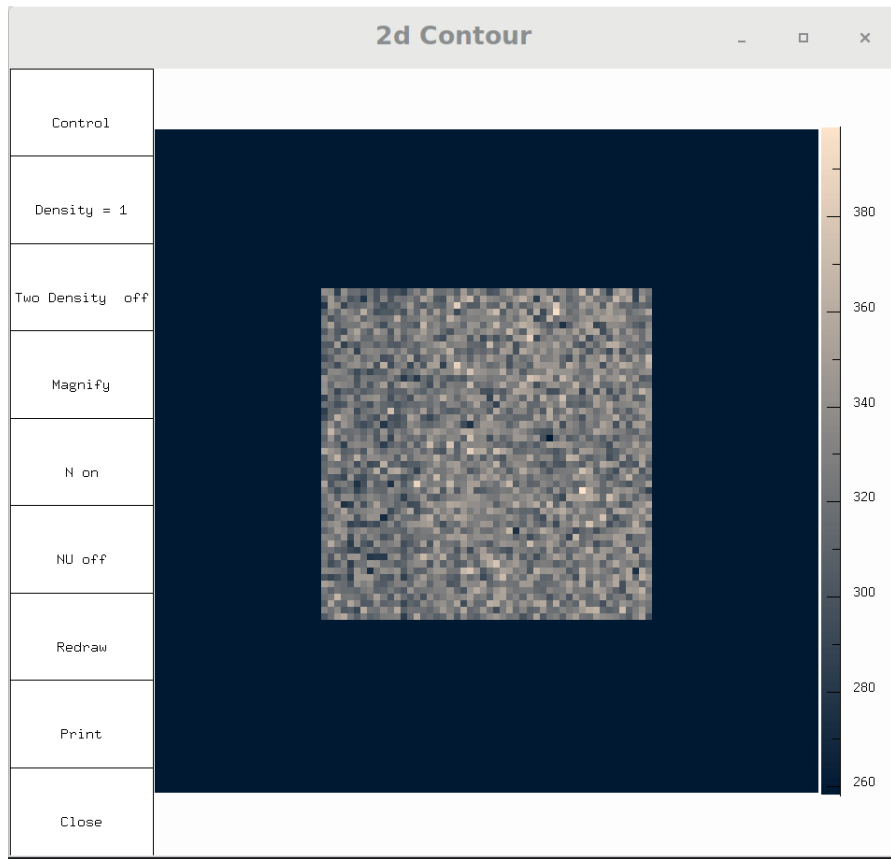


Figure 5: The force keeping the dynamic wall is removed and the wall moved towards equilibrium, but it passes the theoretical equilibrium point: 45. This error is due to leakage from rest particles



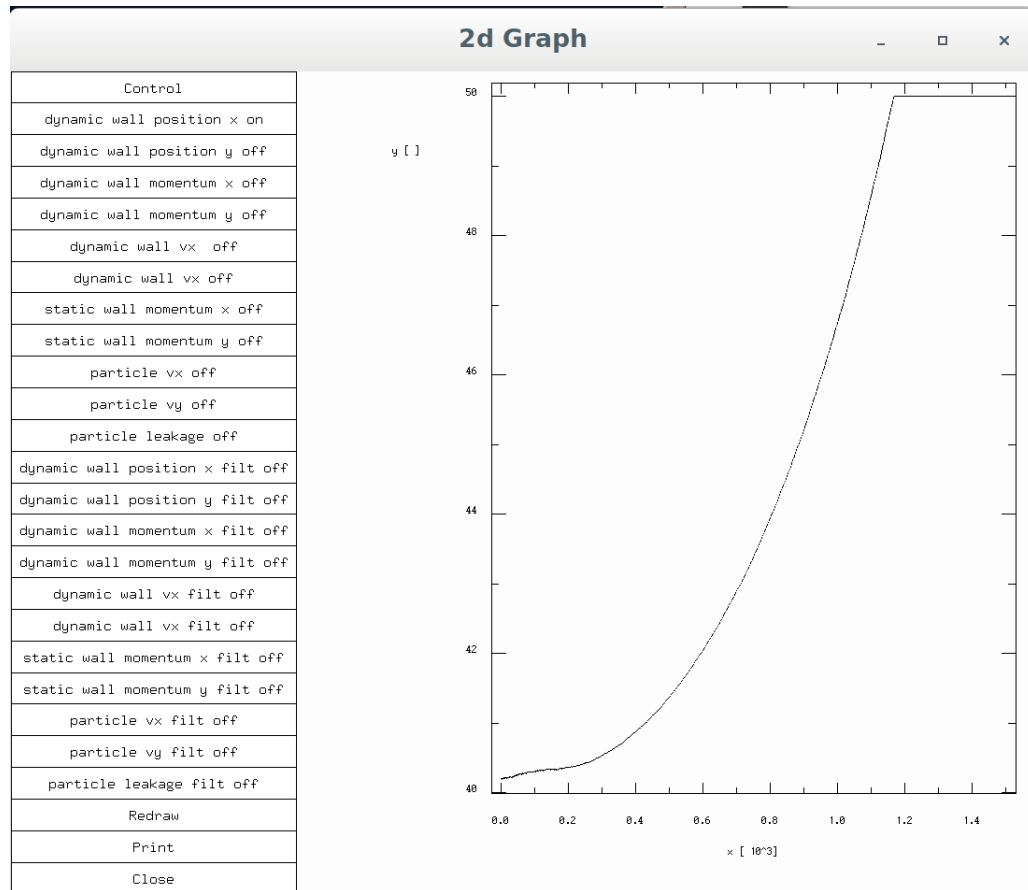


Figure 6: Graph of the walls x position as it moved towards equilibrium overt time

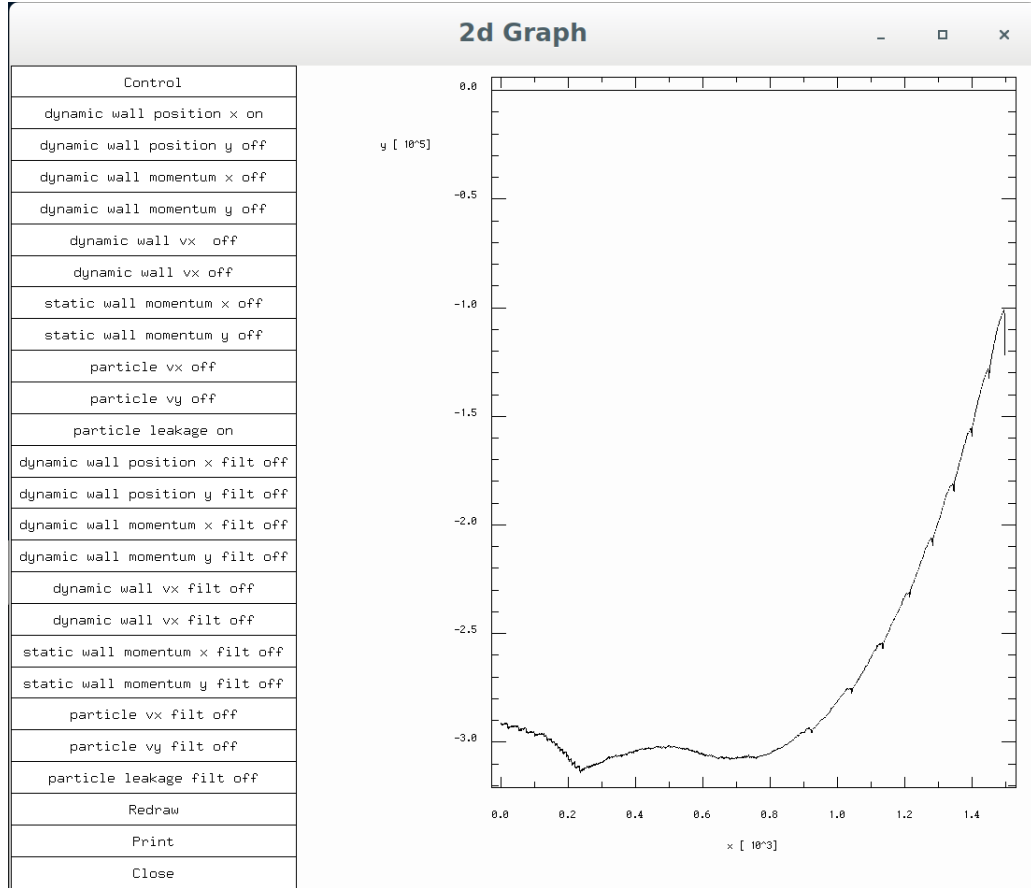


Figure 7: The particles leaking through the dynamic wall as the wall moved. Note how the leakage is proportional to the walls velocity.

The primary objective is to have a shape/line/wall that can move and appear to push lattice gas particles like a physical wall would do in the real world. These walls in the existing program can be easily moved, but as the wall moves it will move through some particles creating a leakage. To compensate for this leakage, particles are subtracted from the lattice sites on the leaving side of the wall and the same number are added to the arriving side of the wall. The sum of the particles added or removed must be zero and it must not create negative particle densities when particles are removed from one side of the wall. The number of particles added is taken randomly from a flat distribution.

## 2.3 Approach 1

The first Approach

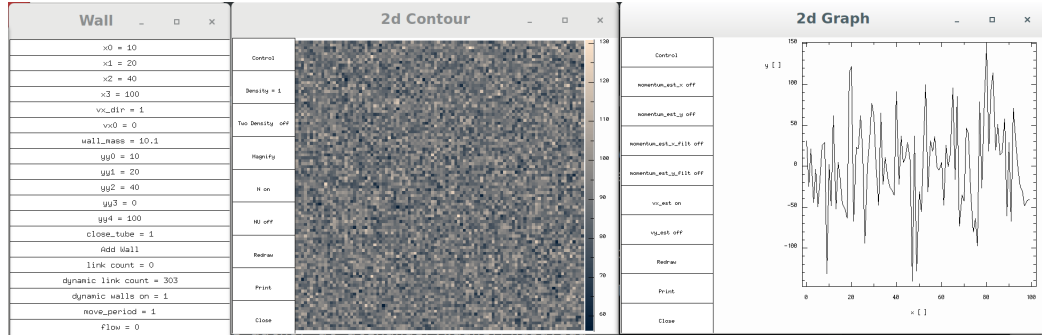


Figure 8: The 2d graph on the right hand side is the horizontal particle velocity. The contour plot is the Integer Lattice Gas Simulation with an independent moving wall. This is the simulation with the wall velocity being zero.

## 2.4 Approach 2

## 2.5 Approach 3

# 3 Research Group

David Jedynak is the only undergrad working on this project.

# 4 Completed Milestones

- Simulate with stationary wall and particles initially moving uniformly perpendicular to the wall. Observe how the wall influences the particles' average velocity.
- Develop code to simulate a moving wall(independent of particle collisions). Simulate with initially stationary particles. Observe how the wall influences particles average velocity. Compare results to item 1 on this list. They should have a similar result because both particles and wall are both moving with the same velocity relative to each other.
- Develop code to make wall momentum to be dependent on particle collisions. Simulate a hollow, horizontal, stationary tube with one horizontally movable, vertical wall. place gasses in each side of the vertical wall with different densities. Observe the movement of the movable wall. The wall should stop moving when both particle densities equalize.

Some of these milestones have been revised based on information obtained while developing the code to run said simulations.

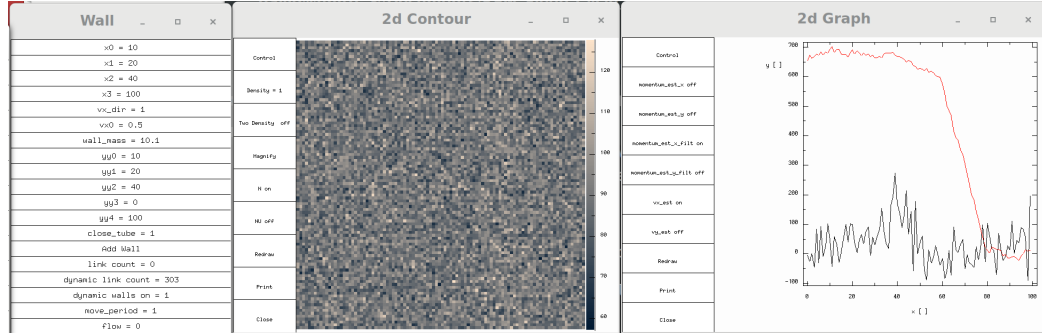


Figure 9: Several iterations later: the 2d graph on the right hand side is the horizontal particle velocity. The contour plot is the Integer Lattice Gas Simulation with an independent moving wall. This is the simulation with the wall velocity being nonzero(0.5) and positive. Observe how the particle velocity(Black) and Wall momentum (Red) increases.

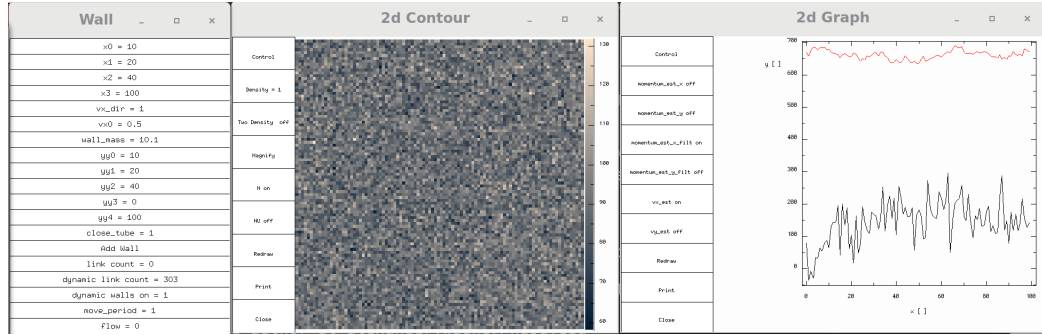


Figure 10: After running for sometime: The 2d graph on the right hand side is the horizontal particle velocity. The contour plot is the Integer Lattice Gas Simulation with an independent moving wall. This is the simulation with the wall velocity being nonzero(0.5) and positive. The total wall momentum levels off and the particle velocity levels off as well.

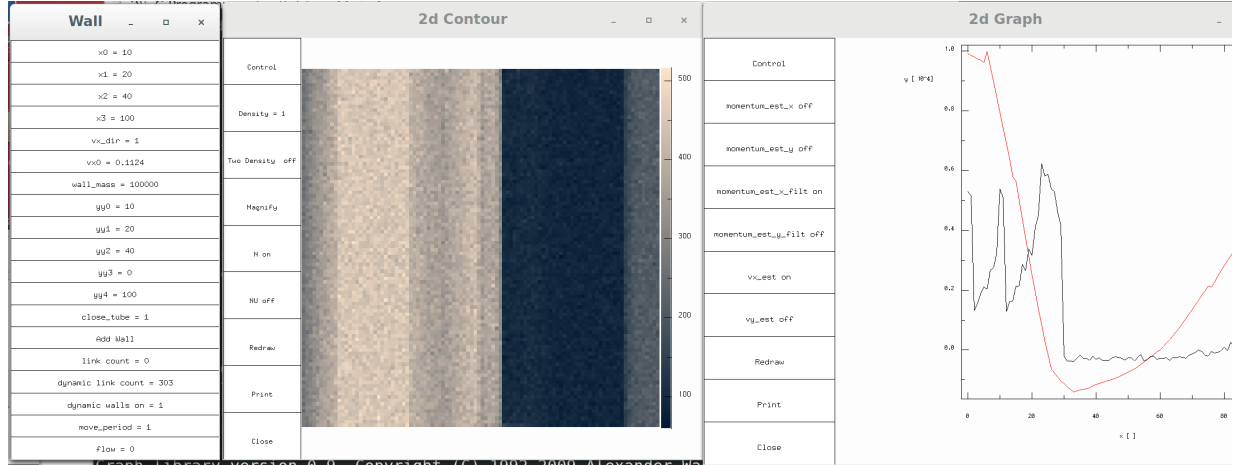


Figure 11: This is a simulation where the dynamic wall's horizontal velocity is proportional to the momentum gained by the gas particles divided by a set mass. The left hand side has particle densities of 100 from  $x = 0$  to 40 and then densities of 20 from 60 to 100. The purpose of this experiment was to watch the wall velocity change based on particle collisions. See how the velocity ( $vx_0$  is equal to 0.1)

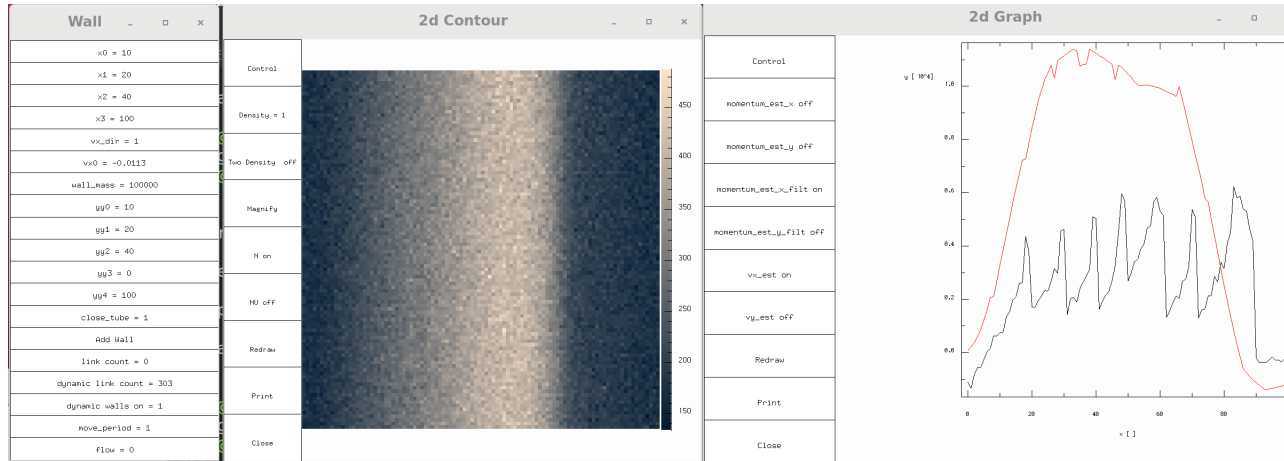


Figure 12: Several Iterations Later: the wall velocity begins to change and move towards the lower density side of the box. There seems to be some sloshing/ reflections of the particles as the velocity is now negative

- Decrease the amount of particle leakage. Find a way to measure particle leakage.
- Create an architecture in the code to simplify the addition of multiple line shapes, the manipulation of their characteristics and states like mass, velocity, position. This architecture should also include the ability to create diagonal lines. (In Progress)
- develop code to allow for shapes to rotate about a center of mass or a fixed point.

Additional long term milestones could include the addition of rotating walls, hinges to connect walls, flexible walls. These features may be unrealistic with the available time, but could prove to be useful in creating more complex simulations.

## 5 Timeline

- Tuesday, April 17th: Have milestone 1 and 2 completed - achieved except number 1
- Thursday, April 19th: Have milestone 3 started - achieved, but particles still leaking
- Tuesday, April 24th: Have milestone 3 completed and 4 started. (slightly behind, 3 is not entirely completed yet)

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## 6 Research Group

David Jedynak programs

## 7 Completed Milestones

## 8 Future Milestones

This project will depend on the a previously developed integer lattice gas simulation: "LG2d.c". This simulation already has features similar to the ones

proposed in this project such as static walls that reflect particles. Code will be added to the LG2d.c simulation to observe how particles behave when the wall is dynamic instead of static walls.

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- Develop code to simulate a stationary tube. Place two dynamic walls on each end of the tube with particles inside this chamber. Move walls inward. Verify particles do not leak out. Observe how the particle density changes as the chamber decreases in size. Observe the forces on the walls as the chamber size changes.
- Develop code to make wall momentum to be dependent on particle collisions. Simulate a hollow, horizontal, stationary tube with one horizontally movable, vertical wall. Place gasses in each side of the vertical wall with different densities. Observe the movement of the movable wall. The wall should stop moving when both particle densities equalize.

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## 9 Timeline

- Tuesday, April 17th: Have milestone 1 and 2 completed
- Thursday, April 19th: Have milestone 3 started (even if leaking particles)
- Tuesday, April 24th: Have milestone 3 completed and 4 started.
- Thursday, April 26th: Have 4 completed.
- Tuesday, May 1st: Have 5 started/partially functional.
- Thursday, May 3rd: Have 5 completed.
- Tuesday, May 8th: Have results and project deliverables compiled and ready to turn in.