

# Introduction to RefCode

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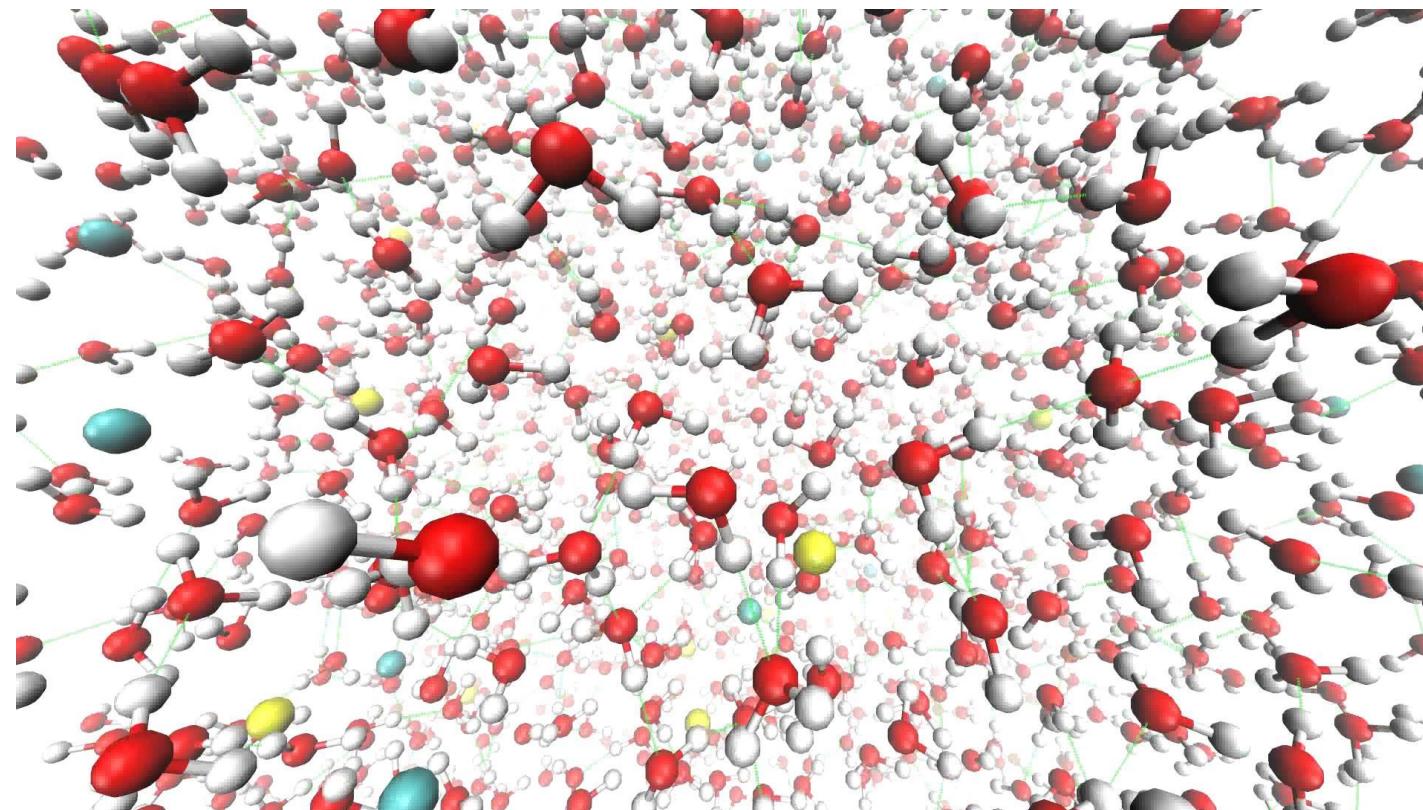
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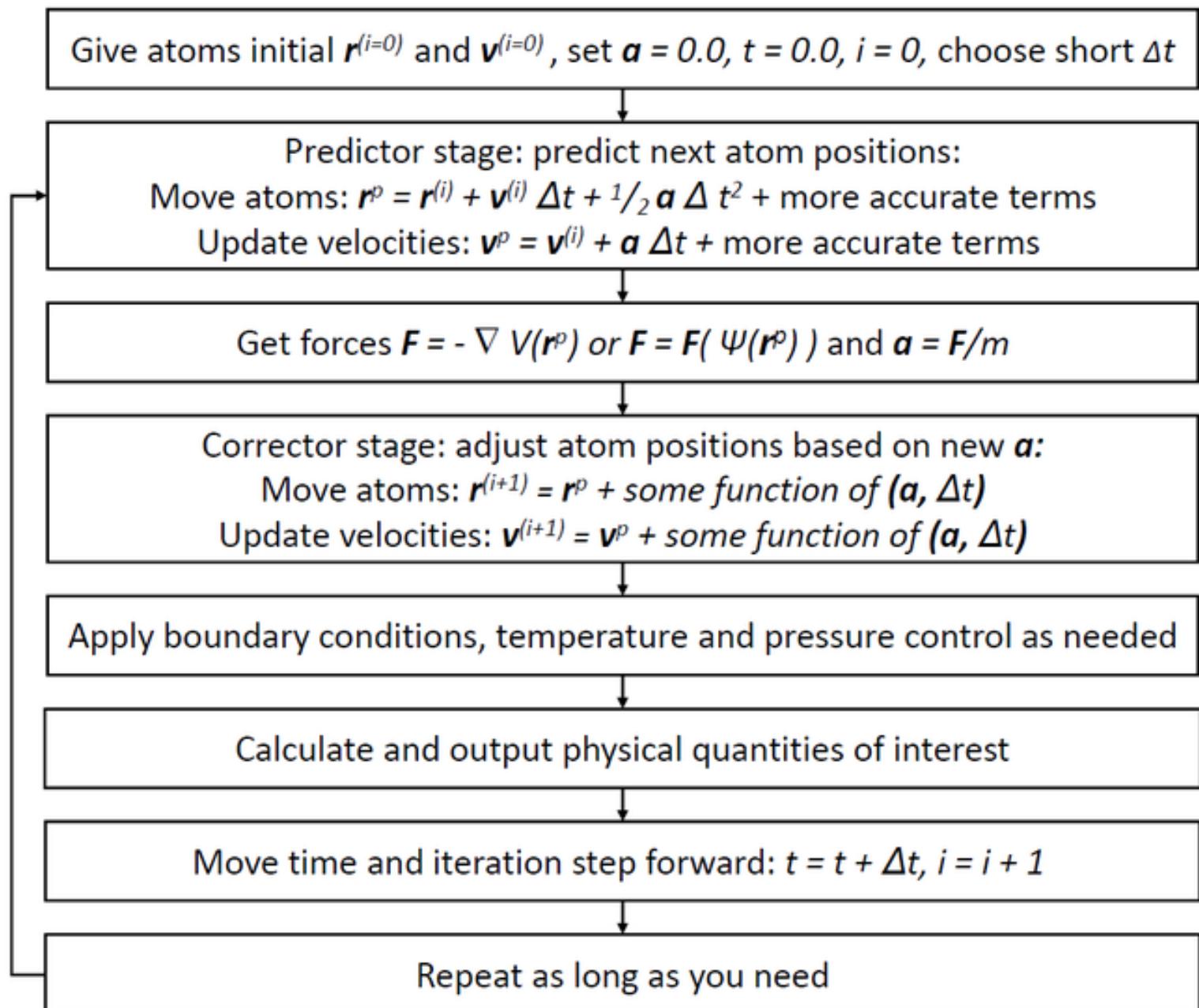
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# Last Week

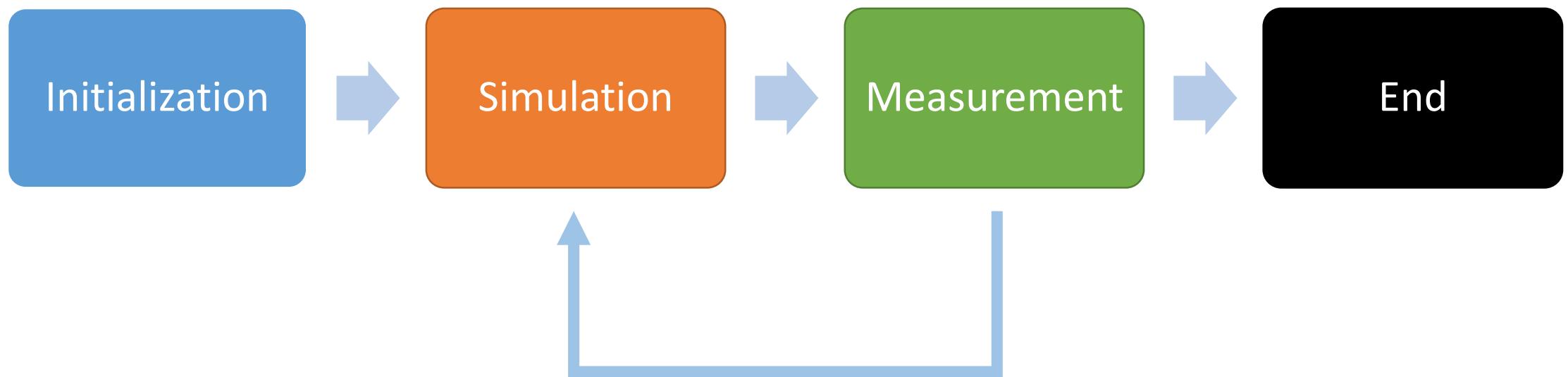
- We talked about the general aspects of MD simulation



# Recipe of MD

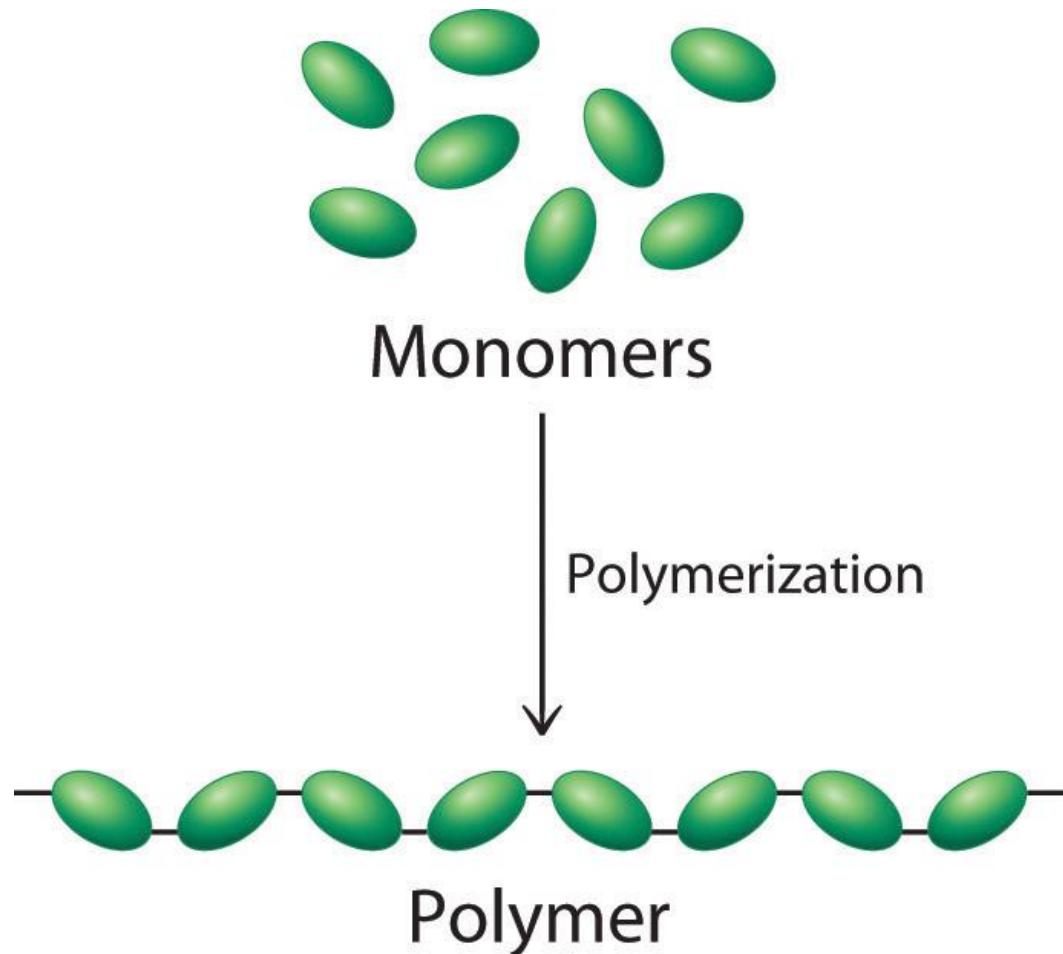


# Simplified Recipe for MD Simulation

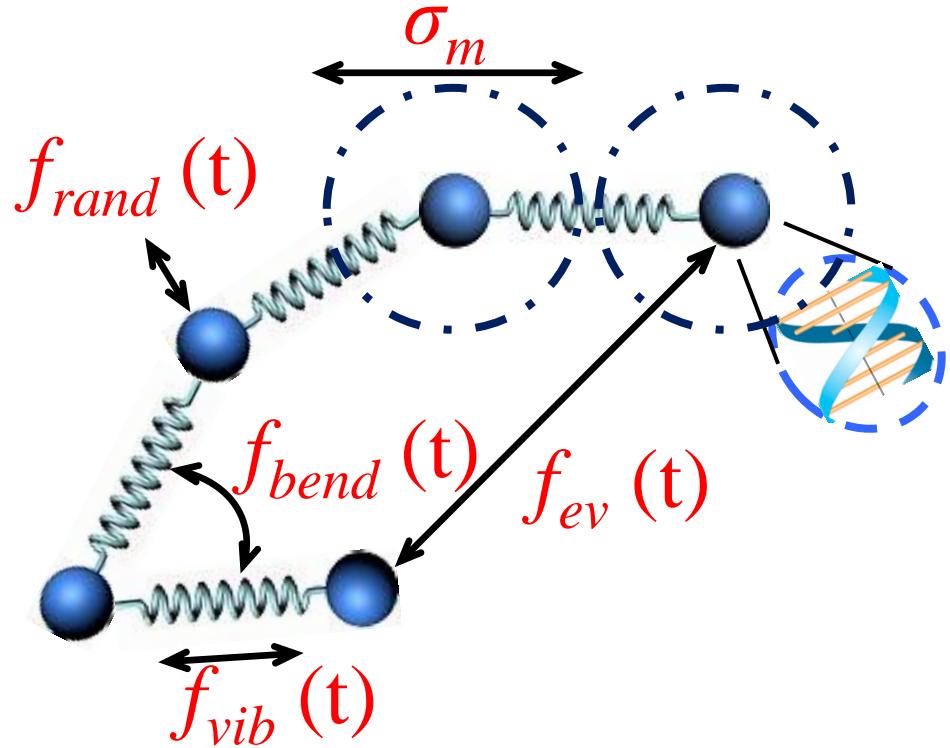


# Now about the Reference Code

- The reference code simulates a model polymer system with semi-flexible chain



# DNA Model with Langevin Dynamics



- Bonded Interaction
  - $U_{vib}$
  - $U_{bend}$
- Non-Bonded Int.
  - $U_{ev}$

Numerical Method: Velocity Verlet

$$\vec{f}(t + \tau) = -\nabla U - \zeta \vec{v}(t) + \vec{f}_{rand}(t)$$

$$U = U_{vib} + U_{bend} + U_{ev} + U_{wall}$$

$$U_{vib} = \frac{k_{vib} k_B T}{2\sigma_m^2} \sum (\|\vec{r}_i - \vec{r}_{i+1}\| - \sigma_m)^2$$

$$U_{bend} = k_{bend} k_B T \sum \left( 1 - \frac{(\vec{r}_{i-1} - \vec{r}_i)(\vec{r}_i - \vec{r}_{i+1})}{\|\vec{r}_{i-1} - \vec{r}_i\| \|\vec{r}_i - \vec{r}_{i+1}\|} \right)$$

$$U_{ev,mn} = \epsilon_{mn} k_B T \sum \exp[-\alpha_{mn} (r_{i,j} - \sigma_{mn})]$$

*m-n: monomer-monomer, monomer-nanoparticle*

$$U_{wall,n} = k_{wall,n} k_B T (\sigma_n - |\vec{r}_n \cdot \hat{i} - \vec{r}_{wall}|)^3$$

, if  $|\vec{r}_n \cdot \hat{i} - \vec{r}_{wall}| < \sigma_n$

*m: monomer; n: nanoparticle*

# Velocity Verlet Method

- $\vec{x}^{i+1} = \vec{x}^i + \vec{v}^i \Delta t + \frac{1}{2} \vec{a}^i \Delta t^2$
- $\vec{a}^{i+1} = \vec{F}^{i+1}/m = -\nabla U(\vec{x}^{i+1})/m$
- $\vec{v}^{i+1} = \vec{v}^i + \frac{\vec{a}^{i+1} + \vec{a}^i}{2} dt$

The error for velocity Verlet method is of the same order as the basic Verlet method, with position error of  $O(\Delta t^4)$ , and velocity error of  $O(\Delta t^2)$

# Langevin Dynamics

- $m\ddot{\vec{x}} = -\nabla U - \zeta\vec{v} + \sqrt{2\zeta k_B T}\vec{R}(t)$
- $\zeta$ : damping coefficient (energy dissipation due to viscous fluid)
- $\vec{R}(t)$ : noise term (thermal fluctuation), a delta-correlated stationary Gaussian process with zero-mean,
  - $\langle \vec{R}(t) \rangle = 0$
  - $\langle \vec{R}(t)\vec{R}(t') \rangle = \delta(t - t')$

Integration Scheme:

- $\vec{x}^{i+1} = \vec{x}^i + \vec{v}^i \Delta t + \frac{1}{2} \vec{a}^i \Delta t^2$
- $\vec{a}^{i+1} = [-\nabla U(\vec{x}^{i+1}) - \zeta\vec{v}^i + \sqrt{2\zeta k_B T}\vec{R}(t)]/m$
- $\vec{v}^{i+1} = \vec{v}^i + \frac{\vec{a}^{i+1} + \vec{a}^i}{2} dt$

# Nondimensionalization

- The following set of quantities are used to nondimensionalize the equations
  - Monomer diameter  $\sigma_M$
  - Damping coefficient  $\zeta$
  - Energy scale  $k_B T$
- Other physical quantities are nondimensionalized
  - $t = \tau t^* = \left(\frac{\zeta \sigma_M^2}{k_B T}\right) t^*$
  - $m = \Lambda m^* = \left(\frac{\zeta^2 \sigma_M^2}{k_B T}\right) m^*$
  - $f = \Phi f^* = \left(\frac{k_B T}{\sigma_M}\right) f^*$

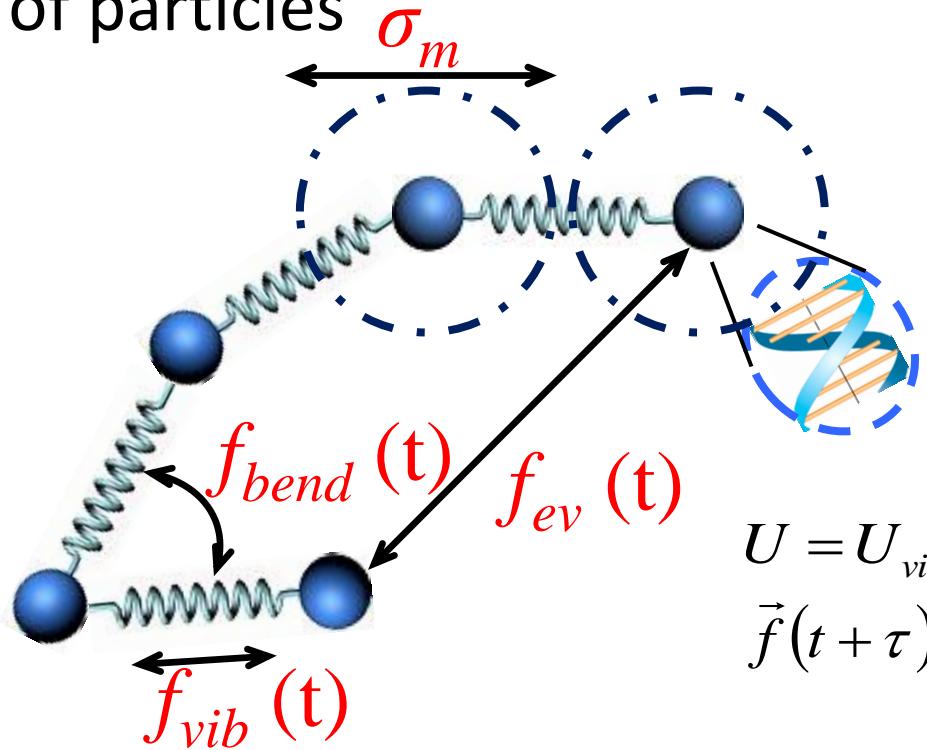
# Input Parameters (input.dat)

- `nstep` = # of steps / cycle
- `lattice` = initial configuration. 0=read from config.xyz, 1=stretch config, 2=random config, 3=screw config
- `Ncycl` = # of cycles
- `Dt` = integration time step
- `ELL` = # of monomers
- `BOX_X, BOX_Y, BOX_Z` = dimensions of the simulation box

Tot step = `nstep*Ncycl*microstep`, microstep is defined in *int main(...)*

# Simulation & DNA Energy Calculation

- Calculating energies and forces
- Updating velocity and position of particles



- euler.c
  - $\vec{v}_i(t), \vec{r}_i(t) \rightarrow \vec{v}_i(t + \Delta t), \vec{r}_i(t + \Delta t)$
- toterg.c ( $U_{tot}$ )
  - enervib.c ( $U_{vib}$ )
  - enerbend.c ( $U_{bend}$ )
  - ener\_ev.c ( $U_{ev}$ )
  - wall\_force.c ( $U_{wall}$ )

$$U = U_{vib} + U_{bend} + U_{ev} + U_{wall}$$
$$\vec{f}(t + \tau) = -\nabla U$$

# Input Parameters (input.dat)

- **WALL\_FLAG** = type of confinement. 0= bulk, 1=y walls, 2=yz walls
- **TEMP** = temperature
- **KV** = bond vibrational energy parameter
- **KB** = bending energy parameter

$$U_{vib} = \frac{k_{vib}k_B T}{2\sigma_m^2} \sum \left( |\vec{r}_i - \vec{r}_{i+1}| - \sigma_m \right)^2$$

$$U_{bend} = k_{bend}k_B T \sum \left( 1 - \frac{(\vec{r}_{i-1} - \vec{r}_i)(\vec{r}_i - \vec{r}_{i+1})}{|\vec{r}_{i-1} - \vec{r}_i| |\vec{r}_i - \vec{r}_{i+1}|} \right)$$

# Input Parameters (input.dat)

- **EPS\_M/NP**  
excluded volume parameter (magnitude) between monomers/nanoparticles
- **ALPHA\_M/NP**  
excluded volume parameter (range) between monomers/nanoparticles

$$U_{ev,mn} = \epsilon_{mn} k_B T \sum \exp \left[ -\alpha_{mn} (r_{i,j} - \sigma_{mn}) \right]$$

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$$\epsilon_{MN} = \sqrt{\epsilon_{MM} \epsilon_{NN}}, \alpha_{MN} = (\alpha_{MM} + \alpha_{NN})/2$$

# Input Parameters (input.dat)

- **WALL\_EPS\_M/NP**  
wall repulsion parameter (magnitude) between monomer/nanoparticles and wall
- **WALL\_ALPHA\_M/NP**  
wall repulsion parameter (range) between monomer/nanoparticles and wall

$$U_{wall,n} = \varepsilon_{wall,n} k_B T \left( \alpha_n - \left| \vec{r}_n \cdot \hat{i} - \vec{r}_{wall} \right| \right)^3$$

, if  $|\vec{r}_n \cdot \hat{i} - \vec{r}_{wall}| < \alpha_n$

*n: monomer, nanoparticle*

# Input Parameters (input.dat)

- **SIGMA\_M/****NP** = diameter of monomer/nanoparticle
- **MASS\_M/****NP** = monomer/nanoparticle mass
- **SEED** = random seed
- **INTG** = integration type, 0 = euler, 1 = implicit BD, 2=velocity verlet

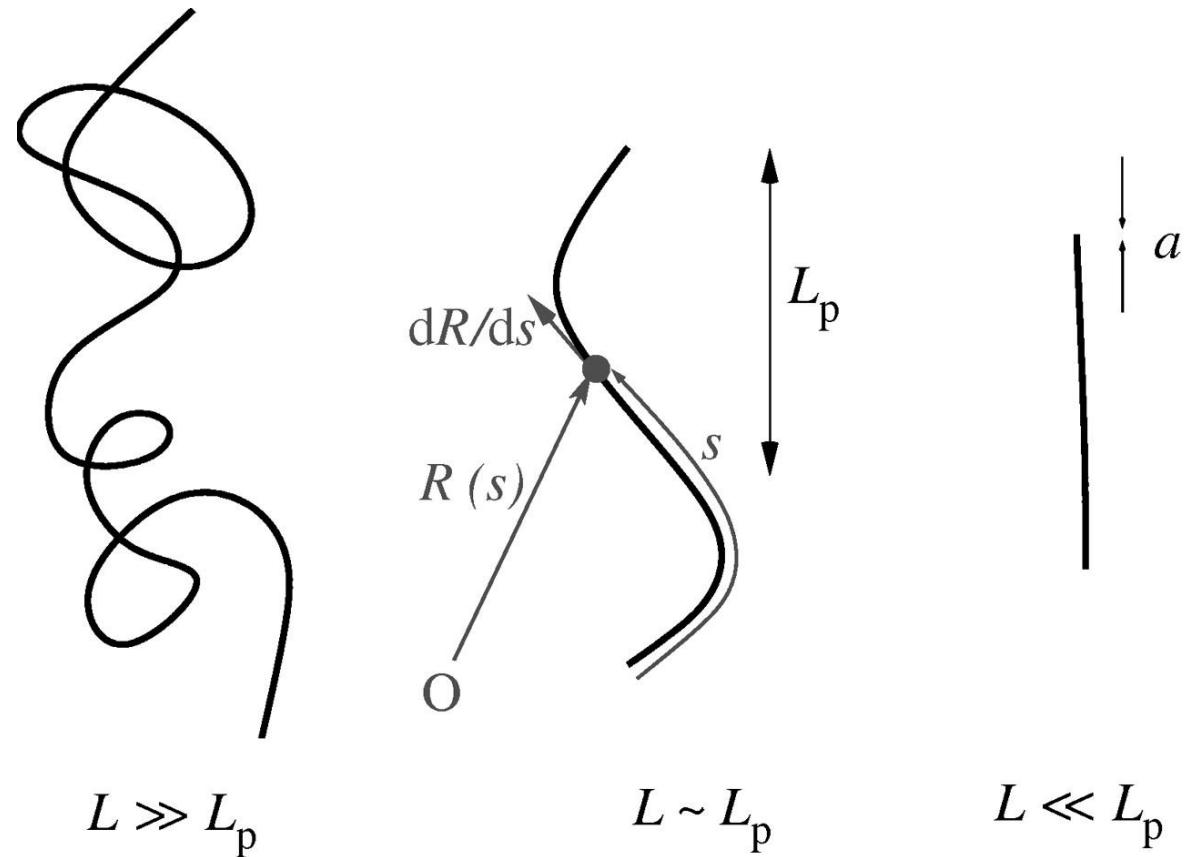
# Correlating Simulation to Real System

- In previous slides, the actual value of the quantities are not assigned
- They need to be related to real systems
- The relation of  $k_B T$  is straightforward, where  $T$  is temperature

# Relating $\sigma_M$

- To determine  $\sigma_M$ , simulation results are required
- For a semiflexible chain, with the worm-like-chain (WLC) model, the decay rate of the correlation of tangent vector ( $\vec{t}(s) = d\vec{r}(s)/ds$ ) can be described with the persistence length  $l_p$

$$\langle \vec{t}(s) \cdot \vec{t}(0) \rangle = e^{-s/l_p}$$

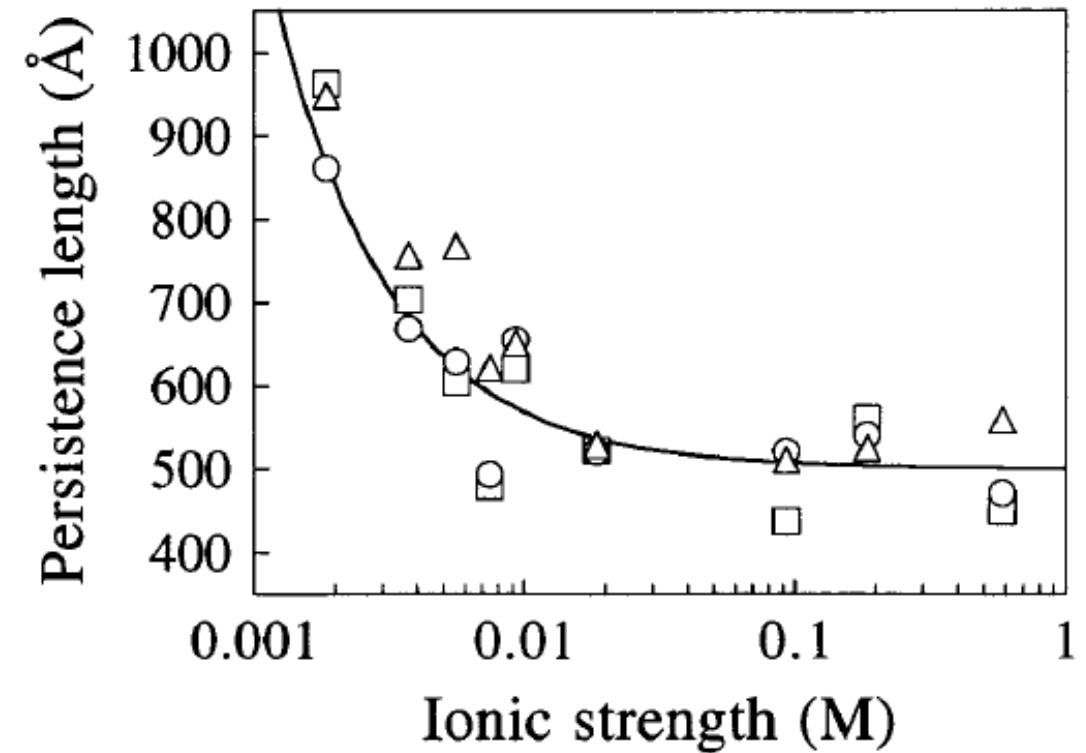


# Relating $\sigma_M$

- The persistence length can be calculated in the simulation
- For example, with  $k_{bend} = 5$ , we find  $l_p = 5 (\sigma_M)$
- The persistence length in the simulation can be related to the persistence length of the actual system of interest
- For example, in concentrated monovalent salt solution, dsDNA has persistence length  $l_p = 50 \text{ nm}$
- So in this case,  $5\sigma_M = 50 \text{ nm} \Rightarrow \sigma_M = 10 \text{ nm}$

# Relating $\sigma_M$

- Different  $k_{bend}$  gives different  $l_p$
- Different experimental conditions and polymer of interest correspond to different  $l_p$
- With nondimensional simulation, a single simulation can represent many different experimental conditions
- This is the power of nondimensionalization



Persistence length dependence of dsDNA on ionic strength in monovalent salt.  
Baumann et al. (1997). *Proc Nat Aca Sci*, **94**(12), 6185-6190.

# Relating $\zeta$

- From Stokes law,  $\vec{F}_d = \zeta \vec{v} = 6\pi\eta R \vec{v}$ 
  - $\vec{F}_d$ : drag force
  - $\eta$ : dynamical viscosity of the fluid
  - $R$ : particle radius
- $\zeta = 3\pi\eta\sigma_M$  in our case, since  $\eta = 1$  cP for water, if we take the result  $\sigma_M = 10$  nm from previous analysis, we have  $\zeta = 8.39 * 10^{-11}$  kg/s
- Similarly, we can easily relate the simulation to other conditions by using different  $\eta$  for different solvents or temperatures

# Relating to Real System

- Other quantities can also be interpreted by similar arguments
- For more detailed explanation, please refer to the additional note on the nondimensionalization of the simulation

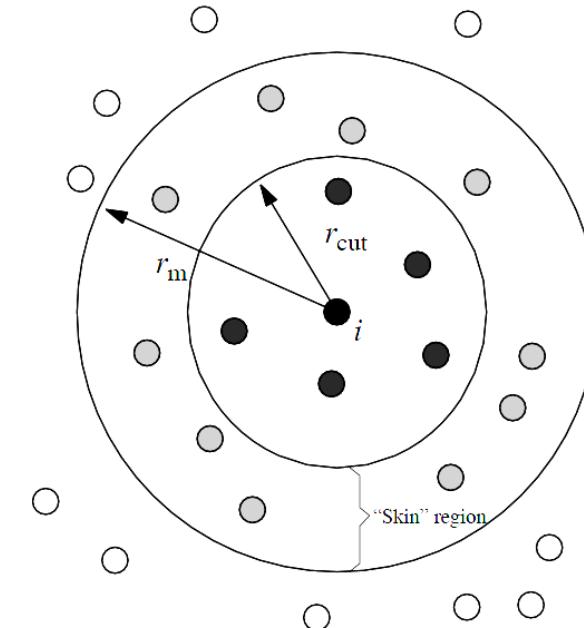
# Creating Neighbor List

- Energy/Force Calculation is necessary in Molecular Simulations. The most time consuming part is non-bonded interaction, which is  $O(N^2)$ .
- For short range forces, there are many pairs who don't interact with each other. Thus, algorithms were developed to reduce the computing cost.
  - Verlet List
  - Cell List
  - Combined List

```
for ( int i = 0 ; i < N ; i++ )  
    for ( int j = i+1 ; j < N ; j++ ) {  
        F[i] = non_bonded_int(r[i], r[j]);  
        F[j] = -F[i];  
    }
```

# Verlet list

- A list of all particles interacting with a particle is recorded and periodically updated for every particle
- Complexity of tasks
  - Creating neighbor list  $\sim O(N^2)$
  - Lists are updated every  $n_u$  steps
  - The CPU time to calculate energy using Verlet list is  $t_v = cn_v N + c_v N^2/n_u$
- After optimization, the overall complexity is  $\sim O(N^{1.5})$



$n_v$ : number of particles in a list

$n_u$ : period of list updates

$N$ : total number of particles

$c$ : coefficient for calculating energy

$c_u$ : coefficient for creating list

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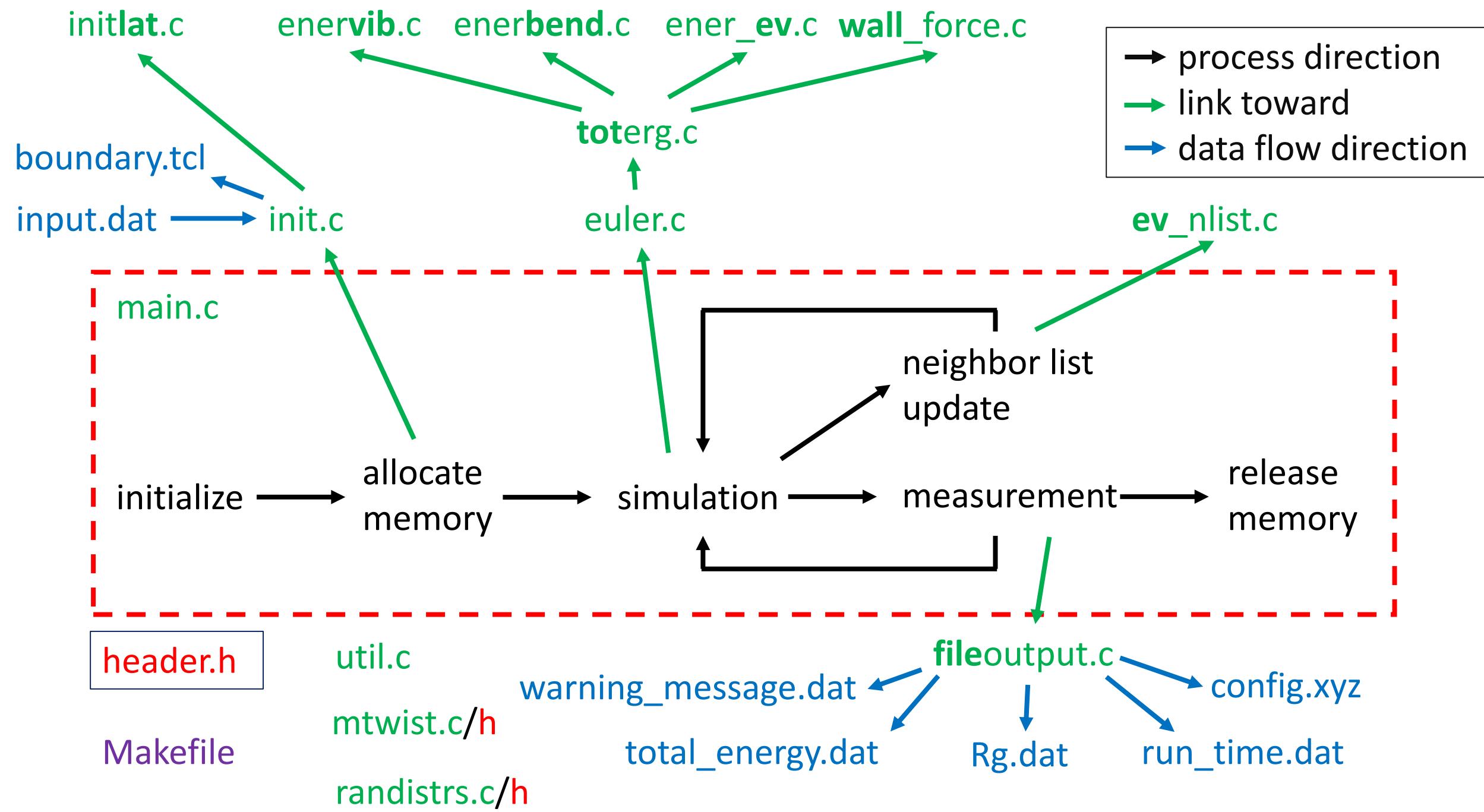
- `header.h`: defines the global parameters and global functions.
- `main.c`: the main file that handles initialization, force calculation, trajectory integration, and data output
- `init.c`: reads in the parameters from `input.dat`
- `initlat.c`: initializes the particle positions
- `fileoutput.c`: analyzes particle configurations to determine polymer size, displacement, and write output to files.
- `randistrs.c/h, mtwist.c/h`: generating random numbers

# File Description

- `euler.c`: integrates the particle trajectories using Euler or Verlet algorithms
- `toterg.c`: calls to evaluate all the energies and forces
- `enerbend.c`: evaluates the bonded chain bending forces
- `ener_ev.c`: evaluates the non-bonded interparticle forces (WCA Potential, Repulsive Morse Potential)
- `enervib.c`: evaluates the bonded particleforces
- `ev_nlist.c`: Use the neighbor list method to evaluate non-bonded interparticle forces
- `wall_force.c`: evaluates forces from the wall boundaries

# Measurement (fileoutput.c)

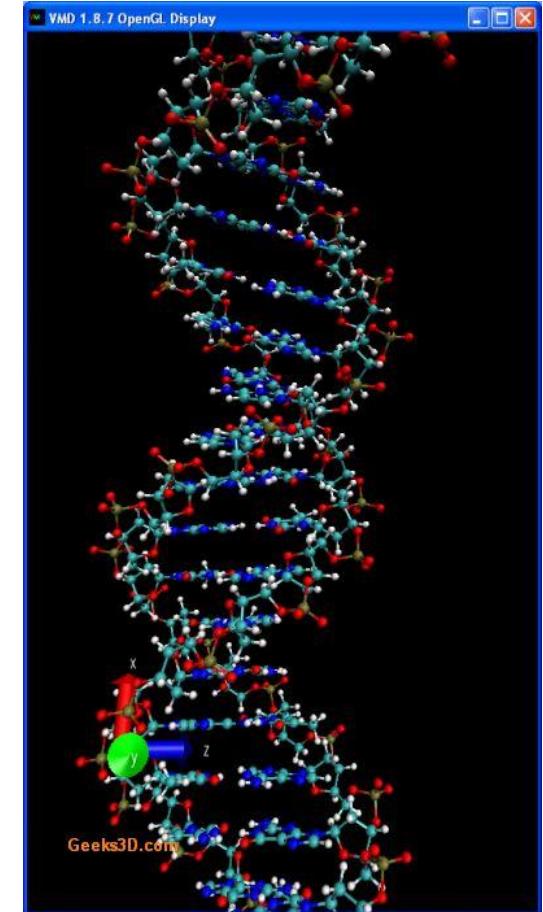
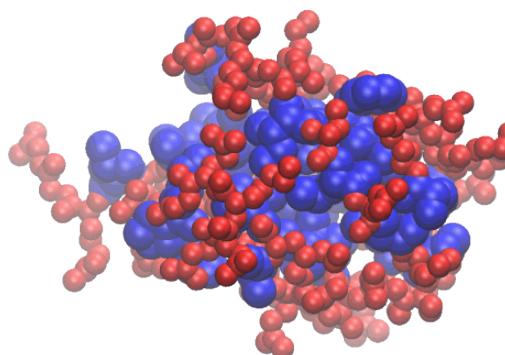
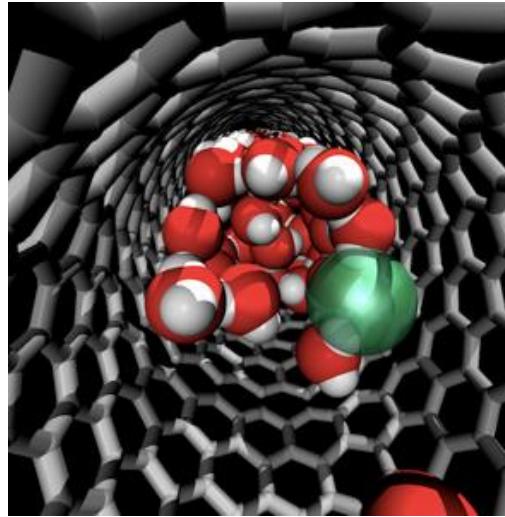
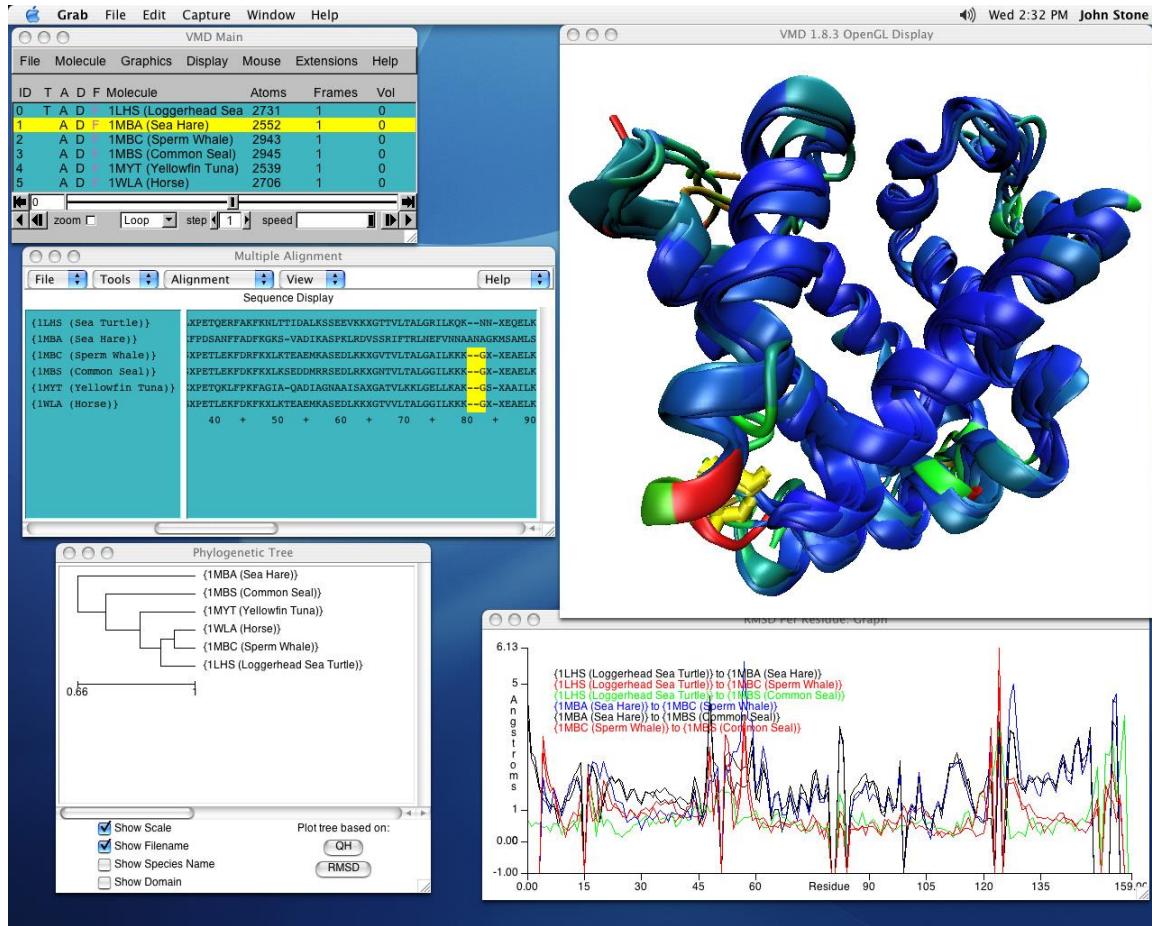
- Recording position of particles, which can later be visualized by VMD.
- Measuring and outputting some properties of particles (e.g. diffusion, molecule's structure, ...)
- void fileoutput(...);
  - Outputting files:
    - config.xyz (particle configuration)
    - run\_time.dat (program efficiency)
    - total\_energy.dat (Etot, Ek, U)
    - warning\_message.dat
    - Rg.dat (properties of polymer)



# Visualizing Results

- `vmd config.xyz -e boundary.tcl`
- VMD: Visual Molecular Dynamics
  - Viewing and analyzing the results of molecular dynamics simulations.
  - VMD includes embedded Tcl and Python interpreters.
  - VMD is free

# VMD

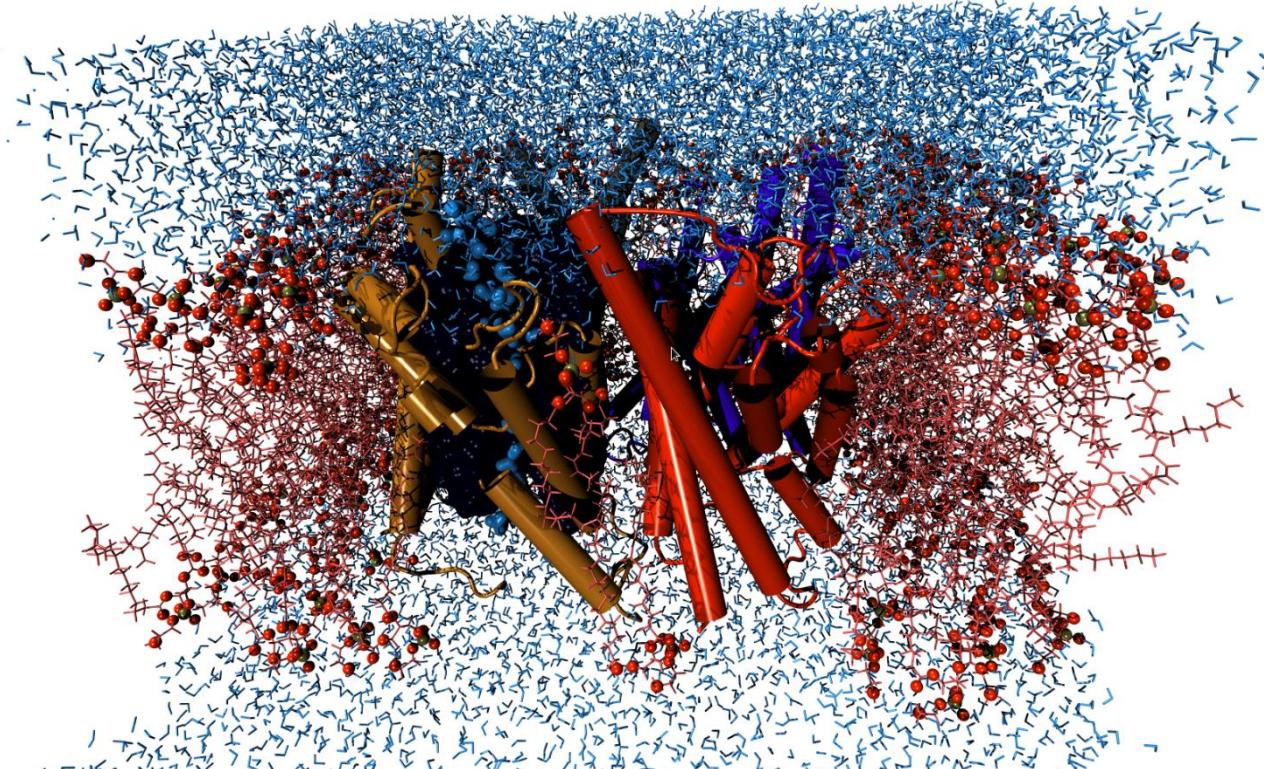


# VMD Download and Registration

- For downloading, go to
  - <http://www.ks.uiuc.edu/Development/Download/download.cgi?PackageName=VMD>, or
  - <http://www.phys.tw/~b97202017/vmd-1.9.1.bin.LINUXAMD64.opengl.tar.gz>
- For installing, follow the steps below
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  - cd vmd-1.9.1/
  - ./configure
  - cd src
  - sudo make install
  - vmd

# More about VMD

- More tutorial on VMD will be given in future sessions



Any Question?

# Additional Note on Nondimensionalization

- The slides for today's session and the additional note can be found on
- <https://softphys.wordpress.com/>

# In future sessions

- VMD (visual molecular dynamics)