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# Multi-resolution modelling of biological systems in LAMMPS

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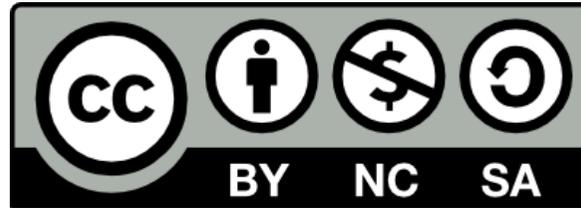


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# Outline

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# ARCHER eCSE programme

- Funding for the ARCHER user community to develop software
  - Implementation of algorithmic improvements within an existing code
  - Improving the scalability of software on higher core counts
  - Improvements to code which allows new science to be carried out
  - Porting and optimising a code to run efficiently on ARCHER
  - Adding new functionalities to existing codes
  - Code development to take a code from a Tier-2 (Regional) or local university cluster to Tier-1 (National) level bringing New Communities onto ARCHER
- Projects typically 3 months – 1 year
- Next call closes 31<sup>st</sup> Jan 2017



# ARCHER eCSE programme

- More information on the ARCHER website:
  - <https://www.archer.ac.uk/community/eCSE/>
  - Project Reports
  - How To Apply
  - List of funded projects
- Webinar from last month:
  - <https://youtu.be/WRGsNKWrNIc>



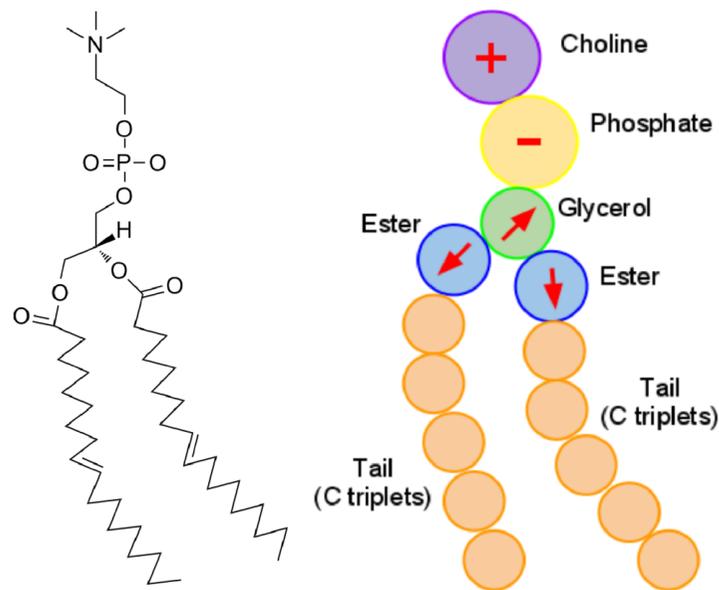
# Implementation of Dual Resolution Simulation Methodology in LAMMPS

- eCSE04-7 (January 2015)
- **PI:** Prof. Jonathan Essex, Southampton
- **6 person-months funded:** August 2015 – August 2016
  
- **Objective:** enable fast and reliable calculations with the ELBA force-field in LAMMPS
  - New integrators
  - Parallel load balancing



# ELBA Force-field

- **ELBA** = **EL**ectrostatics-**BA**sed coarse grained forcefield
  - [Orsi & Essex, PLoS ONE 6\(12\) 2011](#)
- Originally for studying lipids
  - Also applied to other biomolecules
- Explicit solvent
  - One dipolar bead per water molecule
- Allows for atomistic detail e.g.
  - Using CHARMM parameters

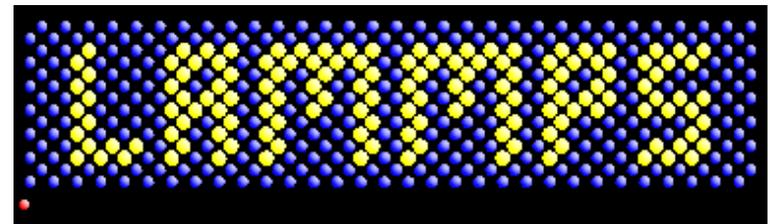


138 atoms -> 15 CG beads



# ELBA Force-field

- Implemented in **BRAHMS-MD** (Biomembrane Reduced-Approach Multiresolution Simulator for Molecular Dynamics):
  - <https://code.google.com/archive/p/brahms-md/>
  - Limited user base, single developer -> not sustainable
  - No parallelisation -> small systems
- Why LAMMPS?
  - Main interaction types already implemented <http://lammps.sandia.gov>
  - Support for spherical particles
  - r-RESPA multiple timestepping
  - Flexible, scalable, large user base



# Implementation in LAMMPS

- LAMMPS `fix nve/sphere` integrator does not conserve energy well
  - Better scheme to integrate rotational d.o.f. - DLM  
[Dullweber, Leimkuhler and McLachlan, JCP 107\(15\) 1997](#)
1. Construct rotation matrix  $Q$  from dipole (taken as the body-fixed z-axis)
  2. In body-space, apply rotations around each local axis:

$$\omega_b = Q\omega_s$$
$$R_1 = R_x\left(\frac{\delta t}{2}\omega_1\right), \quad \omega = R_1\omega, \quad Q = R_1^T Q$$
$$R_2 = R_y\left(\frac{\delta t}{2}\omega_2\right), \quad \omega = R_2\omega, \quad Q = R_2^T Q$$
$$R_3 = R_z(\delta t\omega_3), \quad \omega = R_3\omega, \quad Q = R_3^T Q$$

$$R_4 = R_y\left(\frac{\delta t}{2}\omega_2\right), \quad \omega = R_4\omega, \quad Q = R_4^T Q$$
$$R_5 = R_x\left(\frac{\delta t}{2}\omega_1\right), \quad \omega = R_5\omega, \quad Q = R_5^T Q$$

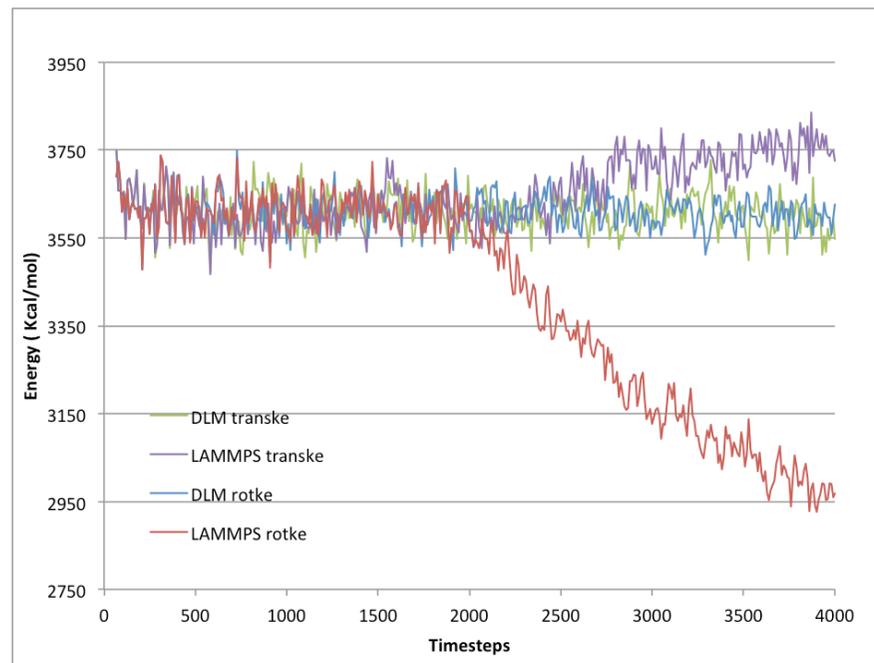
3. Finally, compute the new dipole:  $\mu_s = Q^T[001] \cdot \|\mu\|$



# Implementation in LAMMPS

- 4000 ELBA water beads, 10fs timestep, 20ps NVT, 20ps NVE

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fix thermostat all langevin 303 303 200 48279 omega yes
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# Implementation in LAMMPS

- 128 DPMC molecules in water, 75ps NVT, 100ps NVE

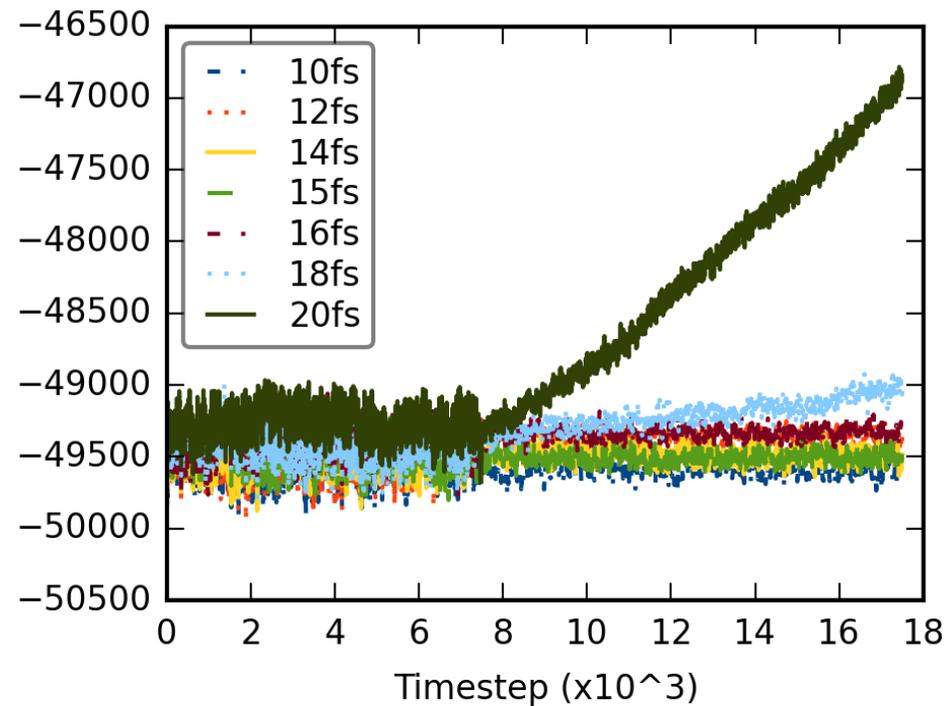


Image from Sam Genheden



# Implementation in LAMMPS

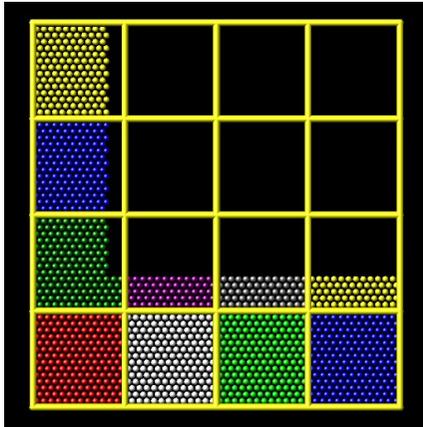
- DLM integrator enabled by an optional argument:
  - `fix nve/sphere ... update dipole/dlm`
- Also for other ensembles:
  - Constant temperature / NVT (Nosé-Hoover)
    - `fix nvt/sphere ... update dipole/dlm`
  - Isothermal-isobaric (Nosé-Hoover / Parrinello-Rahman)
    - `fix npt/sphere ... update dipole/dlm`
  - Isenthalpic (Parrinello-Rahman)
    - `fix nph/sphere ... update dipole/dlm`



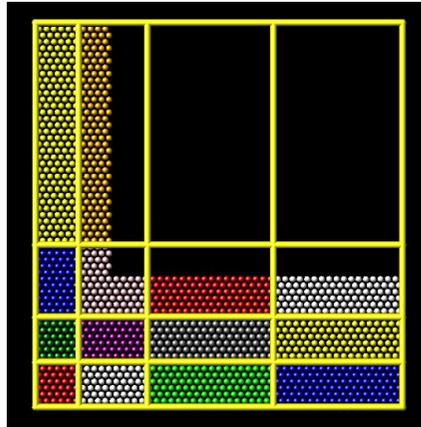
# Implementation in LAMMPS

<http://lammps.sandia.gov/doc/balance.html>

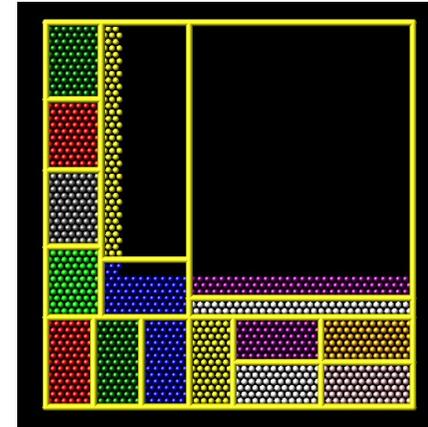
- Load balancing schemes:



None



Shift



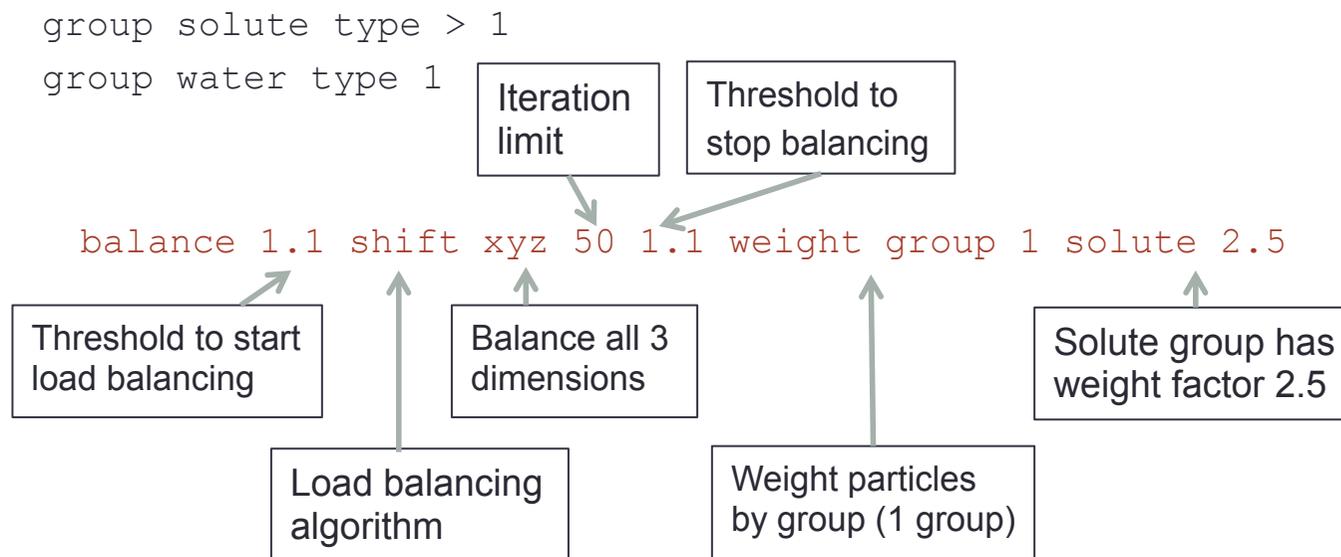
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- Problem for dual-resolution simulations!
  - 90% of computational cost is force evaluation
  - Not all particles are the same
  - r-RESPA – some forces are computed more frequently than others



# Implementation in LAMMPS

- New load balancing metrics:
  - Weighting by particle groups
    - Uses LAMMPS existing `group` command e.g.



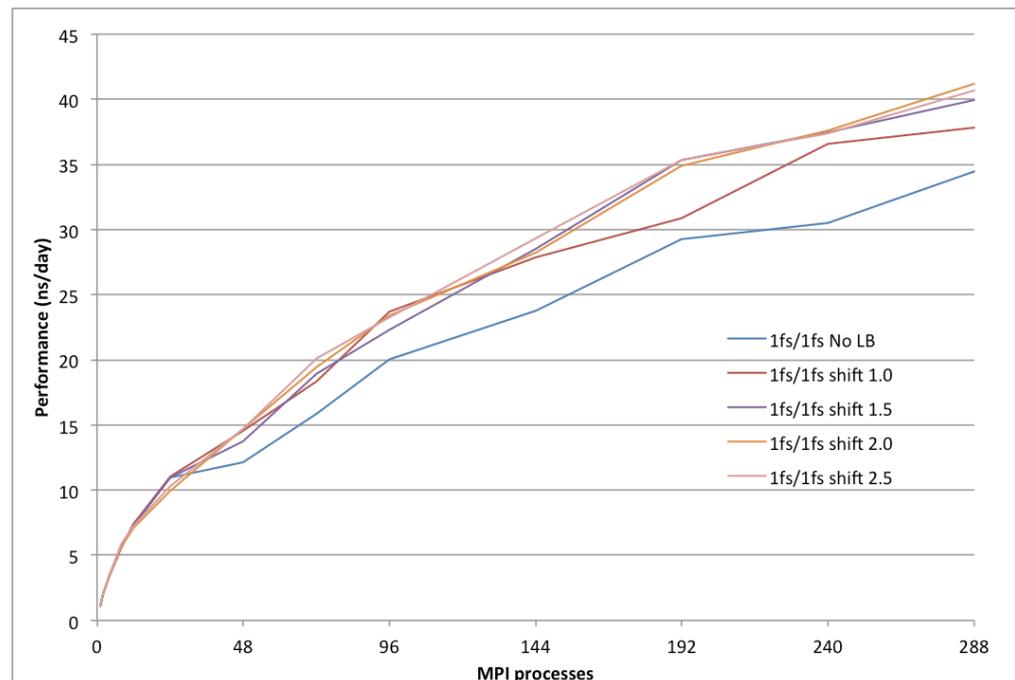
# Implementation in LAMMPS

- New load balancing metrics (subsequently added by LAMMPS developers):
  - Weighting by number of neighbors – `weight neigh`
  - Weighting by compute time – `weight time`
    - Doesn't account for the different particles types contributing to different parts of the computation (pair, bond, kspace, neigh)
  - Weighting by arbitrary user-defined variables – `weight var`



# Performance testing

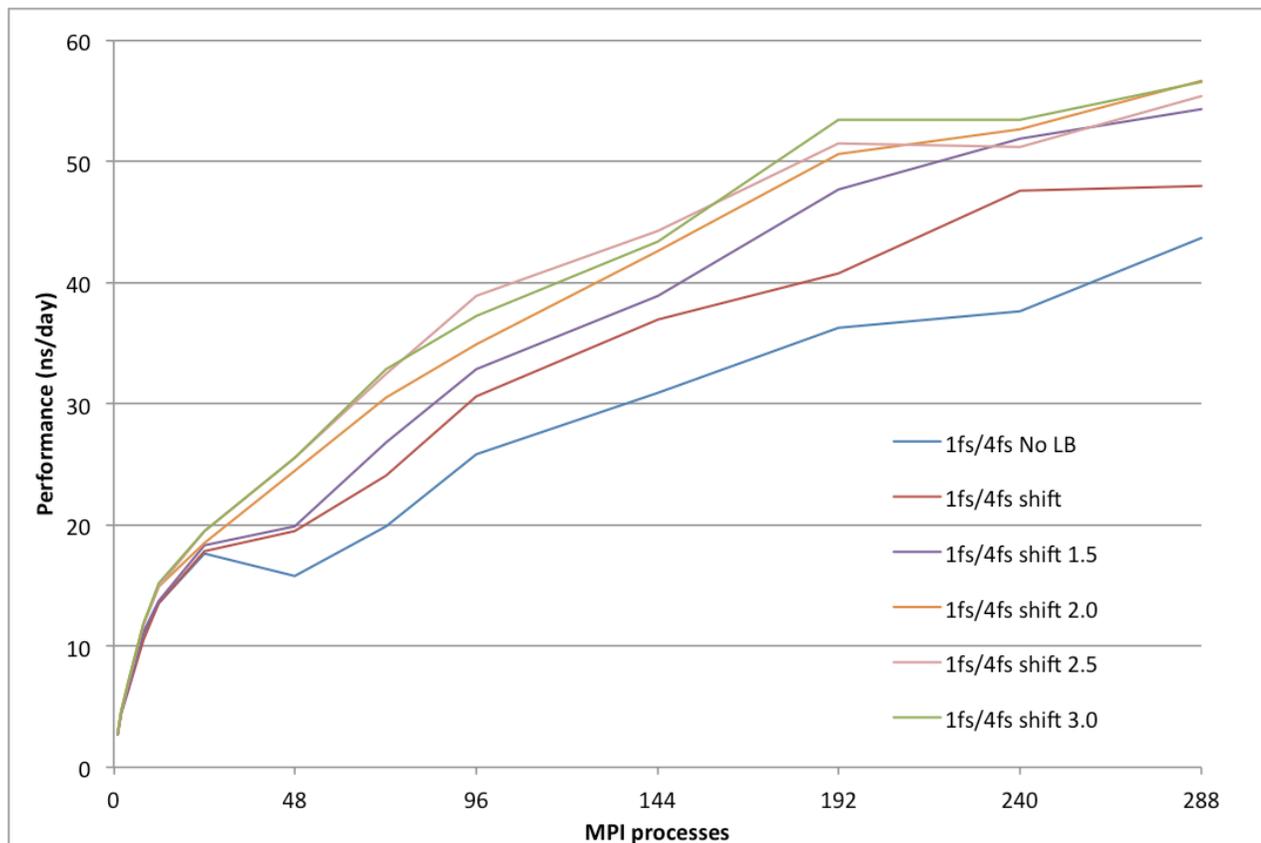
- Bovine Pancreatic Trypsin Inhibitor (BPTI) dual-resolution model:
  - 882 atoms, CHARMM force-field
  - 6136 water molecules, ELBA beads



- No r-RESPA
- 1fs timestep
- Up to **10%** speedup over non-weighted balance



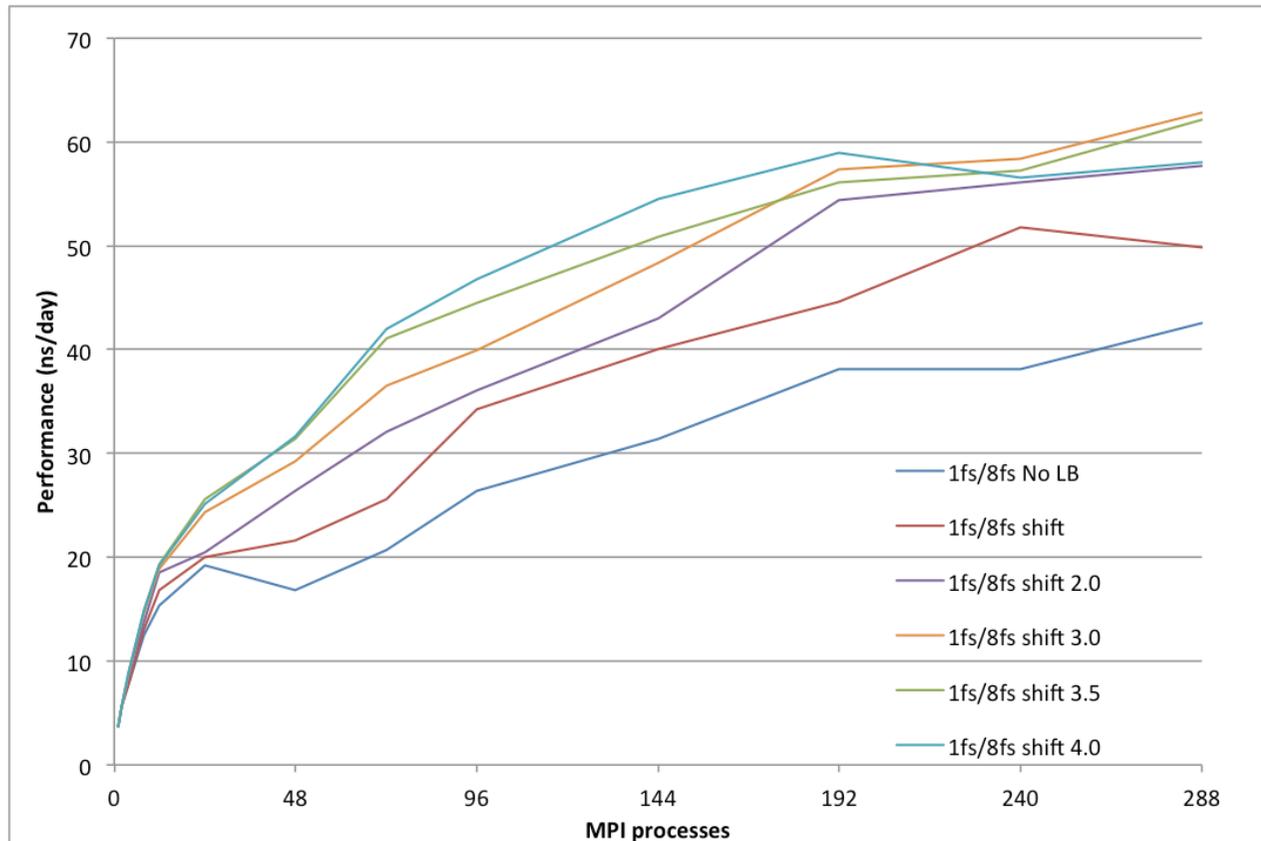
# Performance testing



- 1:4 r-RESPA ratio
- Water pair forces + dihedral forces computed every fourth step
- Larger weightings better (2.5-3.0)
- Up to 36% speedup over non-weighted balance



# Performance testing



- 1:8 r-RESPA ratio
- Larger weightings better (3.0-4.0)
- Up to 65% speedup over non-weighted balance



# Summary

- DLM integrator for NVE/NVT/NPT/NPH dynamics
  - Stable for water up to 16fs timestep
  - Included in LAMMPS stable release **30 Jul 2016**
- New load balancing metrics
  - Better performance for r-REPSA and hybrid pair force
  - Include in LAMMPS patch release **27 Sep 2016**
- More information
  - Technical Report:  
<http://www.archer.ac.uk/documentation/white-papers/lammps-elba/lammps-ecse.pdf>
  - Tutorials, references, discussion: <https://sgenheden.github.io/Elba/>

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Installed on ARCHER  
module load  
lammps/elba
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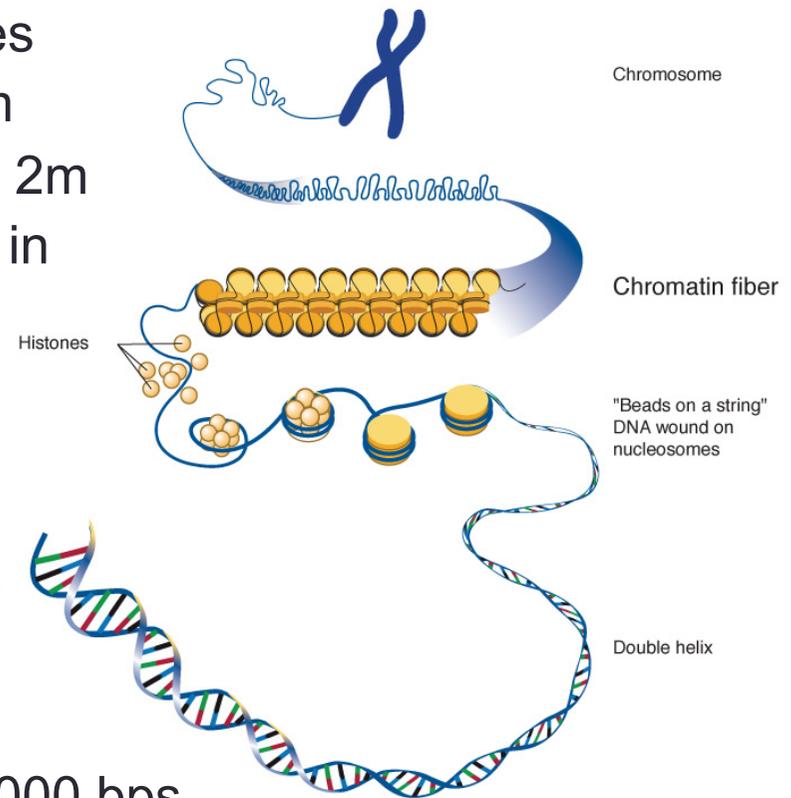
# ARCHER eCSE05-10 Project

- **Adding Multiscale Models of DNA to LAMMPS** (09/2015 – 08/2016)
- Dr Oliver Henrich (PI, UoE), Prof Davide Marenduzzo (Co-I, UoE), Dr Thomas Ouldridge (Co-I, Imperial College London)
- Overview:
  - Implemented **oxDNA coarse-grained DNA model** for single- and double- stranded DNA into LAMMPS code
  - Implemented new **Langevin-type rigid-body integrators**
  - Software available from **CCPForge** (<https://ccpforge.cse.rl.ac.uk/gf/project/cgdna>) soon as **LAMMPS USER-package**
  - Currently adapting utility software of oxDNA standalone version



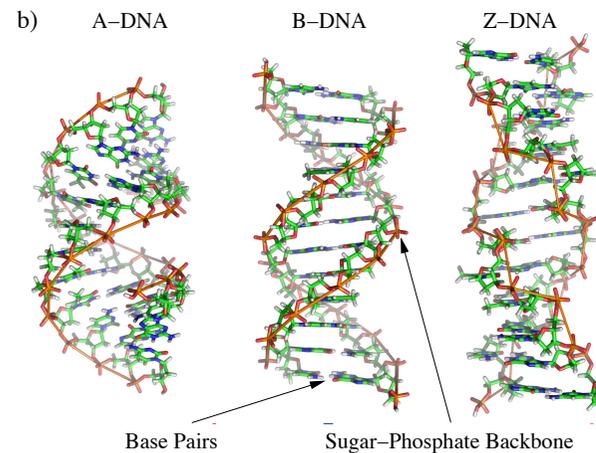
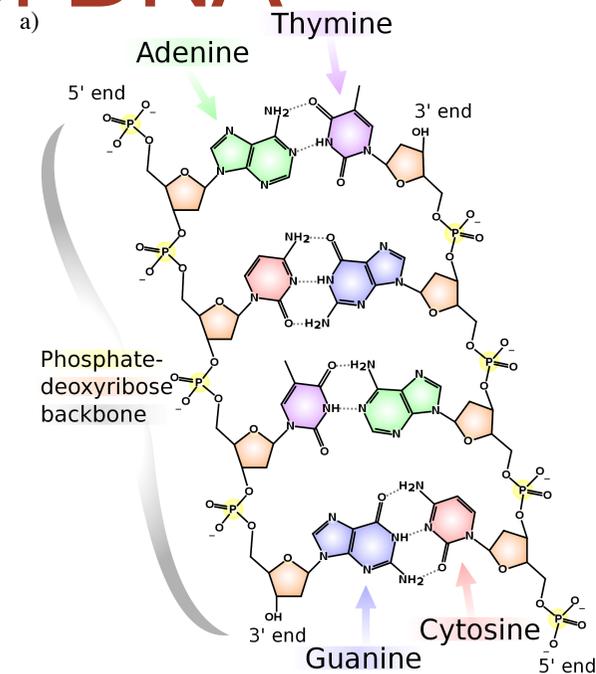
# From DNA to Chromosomes

- Haploid human genome contains 3.2 billion base pairs organised in 23 chromosomes
  - Diameter of DNA strand =  $2 \times 10^{-9}\text{m}$
  - Total length of DNA in human cell = 2m
  - Diameter of spherical 'blob' of DNA in human cell =  $2 \times 10^{-6}\text{m}$
- Hierarchical organisation
  - Histone octamer
  - Nucleosome core particles 200 bps
  - 10 nm beads-on-a-string
  - 30 nm chromatin fibre
  - smallest loop in chromatin fibre 50,000 bps



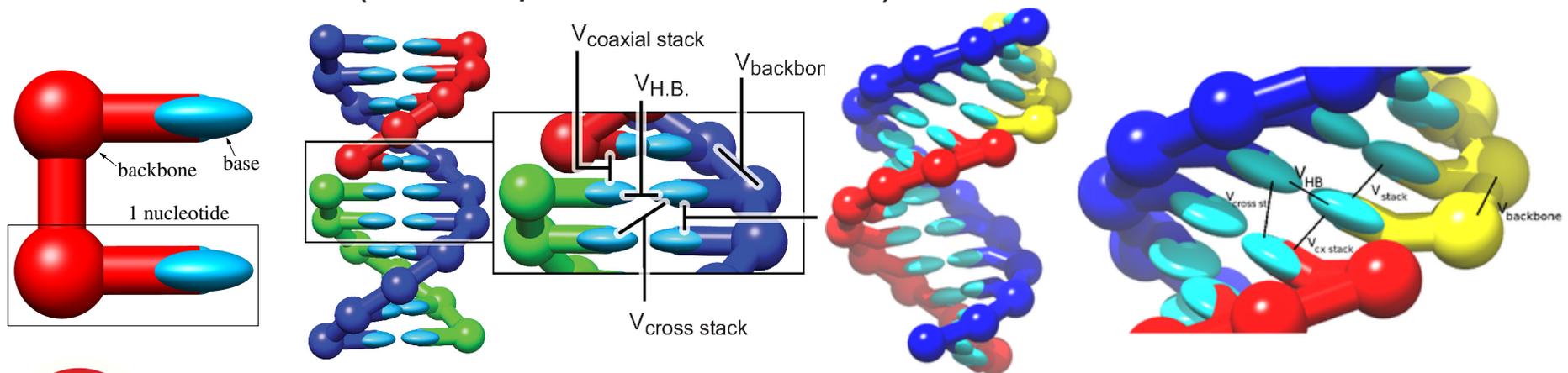
# Atomistic Simulation of DNA

- Good for capturing fast conformational fluctuations and protein-DNA binding
- Usually limited to a few 1000 base pairs
- Phenomena on large time and length scales, e.g. DNA supercoiling or nucleosome positioning are permanently out of reach



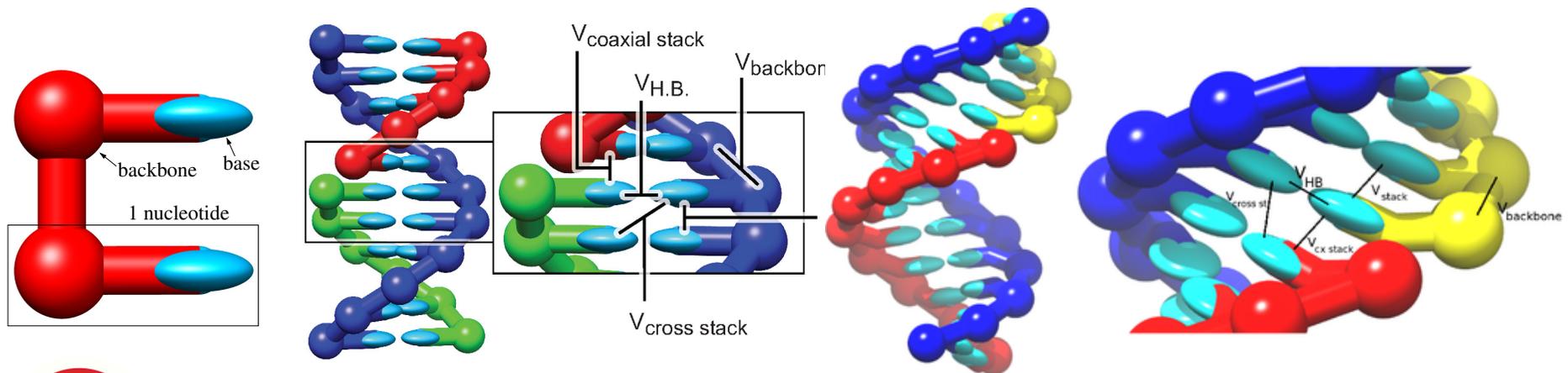
# Coarse-grained simulation with oxDNA

- Must deliver correct longitudinal and torsional persistence length, electrostatics, if sequence-specific correct melting temperature, elastic constants ...
- oxDNA: top-down approach of a CG model, nucleotides modelled as rigid bodies (DOF are COM & quaternion)
- Parameterize interaction between nucleotides with 6 independent interactions (7 for implicit electrostatics)



# oxDNA Force Field

- **Backbone:** FENE (finite extensible nonlinear elastic) springs
- **Excluded volume:** Lennard-Jones potential
- **Stacking:** harmonic angle  $\times$  Morse potential
- **Cross-stacking:** harmonic angle  $\times$  harmonic distance potential
- **Coaxial stacking:** harmonic angle  $\times$  harmonic distance potential
- **Hydrogen bonding:** harmonic angle  $\times$  Morse potential



# oxDNA Force Field

- Smoothed, truncated and modulated forms of the above
- 1 bonded interaction (backbone), 5 pair interactions (excluded volume, stacking, hydrogen bonding, cross-stacking, coaxial stacking)

- FENE spring (used to connect backbones):

$$V_{FENE}(r, \epsilon, r^0, \Delta) = -\frac{\epsilon}{2} \ln \left( 1 - \frac{(r - r^0)^2}{\Delta^2} \right)$$

- Morse potential (used for stacking and H-bonding):

$$V_{Morse}(r, \epsilon, r^0, a) = \epsilon (1 - \exp(-(r - r^0)/a))^2$$

- Harmonic potential (used for cross-stacking and coaxial stacking):

$$V_{Harm}(r, k, r^0) = \frac{k}{2} (r - r^0)^2$$

- Lennard - Jones potential (used for soft repulsion):

$$V_{LJ}(r, \epsilon, \sigma) = 4\epsilon \left( \left( \frac{\sigma}{r} \right)^{12} - \left( \frac{\sigma}{r} \right)^6 \right)$$

- Quadratic terms (used for modulation):

$$V_{mod}(\theta, a, \theta^0) = 1 - a(\theta - \theta^0)^2$$

- Quadratic smoothing terms for truncation:

$$V_{smooth}(x, b, x^0) = b(x^0 - x)^2$$

- The radial part of the stacking and hydrogen-bonding potentials:

$$f_1(r) = \begin{cases} V_{Morse}(r, \epsilon, r^0, a) - V_{Morse}(r^*, \epsilon, r^0, a) & \text{if } r^{low} < r < r^{high}, \\ eV_{smooth}(r, b^{low}, r^{low}) & \text{if } r^{low} < r < r^{low}, \\ eV_{smooth}(r, b^{high}, r^{high}) & \text{if } r^{high} < r < r^{high}, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

- The radial part of the cross-stacking and coaxial stacking potentials:

$$f_2(r) = \begin{cases} V_{Harm}(r, k, r^0) - V_{Harm}(r^*, k, r^0) & \text{if } r^{low} < r < r^{high}, \\ kV_{smooth}(r, b^{low}, r^{low}) & \text{if } r^{low} < r < r^{low}, \\ kV_{smooth}(r, b^{high}, r^{high}) & \text{if } r^{high} < r < r^{high}, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

- The radial part of the excluded volume potential:

$$f_3(r) = \begin{cases} V_{LJ}(r, \epsilon, \sigma) & \text{if } r < r^*, \\ eV_{smooth}(r, b, r^0) & \text{if } r^* < r < r^*, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

- The angular modulation factor used in stacking, hydrogen-bonding, cross-stacking and coaxial stacking:

$$f_4(\theta) = \begin{cases} V_{mod}(\theta, a, \theta^0) & \text{if } \theta^0 - \Delta\theta^* < \theta < \theta^0 + \Delta\theta^*, \\ V_{smooth}(\theta, b, \theta^0 - \Delta\theta^*) & \text{if } \theta^0 - \Delta\theta^* < \theta < \theta^0 - \Delta\theta^*, \\ V_{smooth}(\theta, b, \theta^0 + \Delta\theta^*) & \text{if } \theta^0 + \Delta\theta^* < \theta < \theta^0 + \Delta\theta^*, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

- Another modulating term which is used to impose right-handedness (effectively a one-sided modulation):

$$f_5(\phi) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x > 0, \\ V_{smooth}(x, a, 0) & \text{if } x^* < x < 0, \\ V_{smooth}(x, b, x^0) & \text{if } x^* < x < x^*, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

$$V_{backbone} = V_{FENE}(\delta r_{backbone}, \epsilon_{backbone}, \delta r_{backbone}^0, \Delta_{backbone})$$

$$V_{exc} = f_3(\delta r_{backbone}, \epsilon_{exc}, \sigma_{backbone}, \delta r_{backbone}^0) + f_3(\delta r_{base}, \epsilon_{base}, \sigma_{base}, \delta r_{base}^0) + f_3(\delta r_{back-base}, \epsilon_{exc}, \sigma_{back-base}, \delta r_{back-base}^0) + f_3(\delta r_{base-back}, \epsilon_{exc}, \sigma_{base-back}, \delta r_{base-back}^0)$$

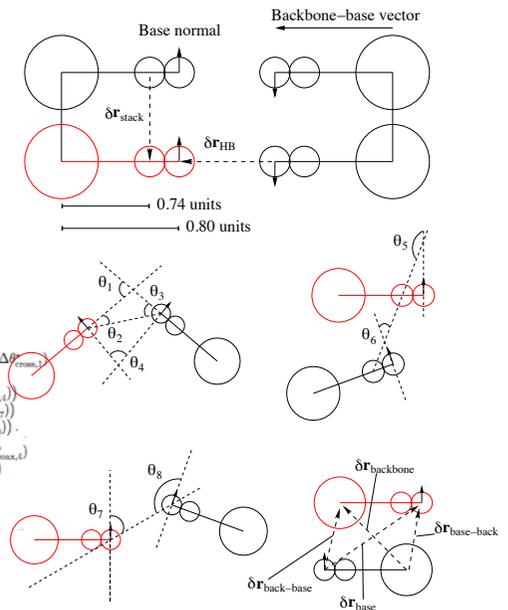
$$V_{stack} = f_1(\delta r_{stack}, \epsilon_{stack}, a_{stack}, \delta r_{stack}^0) + f_2(\delta r_{stack}, \epsilon_{stack}, a_{stack}, \delta r_{stack}^0) + f_1(\theta_{stack}, a_{stack,1}, \theta_{stack,1}^0, \Delta\theta_{stack,1}^*) + f_1(\theta_{stack}, a_{stack,2}, \theta_{stack,2}^0, \Delta\theta_{stack,2}^*) + f_1(\theta_{stack}, a_{stack,3}, \theta_{stack,3}^0, \Delta\theta_{stack,3}^*) + f_1(\theta_{stack}, a_{stack,4}, \theta_{stack,4}^0, \Delta\theta_{stack,4}^*) + f_1(\theta_{stack}, a_{stack,5}, \theta_{stack,5}^0, \Delta\theta_{stack,5}^*)$$

$$V_{HB} = f_1(\delta r_{HB}, \epsilon_{HB}, a_{HB}, \delta r_{HB}^0) + f_2(\delta r_{HB}, \epsilon_{HB}, a_{HB}, \delta r_{HB}^0) + f_1(\theta_{HB}, a_{HB,1}, \theta_{HB,1}^0, \Delta\theta_{HB,1}^*) + f_1(\theta_{HB}, a_{HB,2}, \theta_{HB,2}^0, \Delta\theta_{HB,2}^*) + f_1(\theta_{HB}, a_{HB,3}, \theta_{HB,3}^0, \Delta\theta_{HB,3}^*) + f_1(\theta_{HB}, a_{HB,4}, \theta_{HB,4}^0, \Delta\theta_{HB,4}^*) + f_1(\theta_{HB}, a_{HB,5}, \theta_{HB,5}^0, \Delta\theta_{HB,5}^*) + f_1(\theta_{HB}, a_{HB,6}, \theta_{HB,6}^0, \Delta\theta_{HB,6}^*) + f_1(\theta_{HB}, a_{HB,7}, \theta_{HB,7}^0, \Delta\theta_{HB,7}^*) + f_1(\theta_{HB}, a_{HB,8}, \theta_{HB,8}^0, \Delta\theta_{HB,8}^*)$$

$$V_{cross-stack} = f_2(\delta r_{cross-stack}, \epsilon_{cross-stack}, a_{cross-stack}, \delta r_{cross-stack}^0) + f_2(\theta_{cross-stack}, a_{cross-stack,1}, \theta_{cross-stack,1}^0, \Delta\theta_{cross-stack,1}^*) + f_2(\theta_{cross-stack}, a_{cross-stack,2}, \theta_{cross-stack,2}^0, \Delta\theta_{cross-stack,2}^*) + f_2(\theta_{cross-stack}, a_{cross-stack,3}, \theta_{cross-stack,3}^0, \Delta\theta_{cross-stack,3}^*) + f_2(\theta_{cross-stack}, a_{cross-stack,4}, \theta_{cross-stack,4}^0, \Delta\theta_{cross-stack,4}^*) + f_2(\theta_{cross-stack}, a_{cross-stack,5}, \theta_{cross-stack,5}^0, \Delta\theta_{cross-stack,5}^*) + f_2(\theta_{cross-stack}, a_{cross-stack,6}, \theta_{cross-stack,6}^0, \Delta\theta_{cross-stack,6}^*) + f_2(\theta_{cross-stack}, a_{cross-stack,7}, \theta_{cross-stack,7}^0, \Delta\theta_{cross-stack,7}^*) + f_2(\theta_{cross-stack}, a_{cross-stack,8}, \theta_{cross-stack,8}^0, \Delta\theta_{cross-stack,8}^*)$$

$$V_{coax-stack} = f_2(\delta r_{coax-stack}, \epsilon_{coax-stack}, a_{coax-stack}, \delta r_{coax-stack}^0) + f_2(\theta_{coax-stack}, a_{coax-stack,1}, \theta_{coax-stack,1}^0, \Delta\theta_{coax-stack,1}^*) + f_2(\theta_{coax-stack}, a_{coax-stack,2}, \theta_{coax-stack,2}^0, \Delta\theta_{coax-stack,2}^*) + f_2(\theta_{coax-stack}, a_{coax-stack,3}, \theta_{coax-stack,3}^0, \Delta\theta_{coax-stack,3}^*) + f_2(\theta_{coax-stack}, a_{coax-stack,4}, \theta_{coax-stack,4}^0, \Delta\theta_{coax-stack,4}^*) + f_2(\theta_{coax-stack}, a_{coax-stack,5}, \theta_{coax-stack,5}^0, \Delta\theta_{coax-stack,5}^*) + f_2(\theta_{coax-stack}, a_{coax-stack,6}, \theta_{coax-stack,6}^0, \Delta\theta_{coax-stack,6}^*) + f_2(\theta_{coax-stack}, a_{coax-stack,7}, \theta_{coax-stack,7}^0, \Delta\theta_{coax-stack,7}^*) + f_2(\theta_{coax-stack}, a_{coax-stack,8}, \theta_{coax-stack,8}^0, \Delta\theta_{coax-stack,8}^*)$$

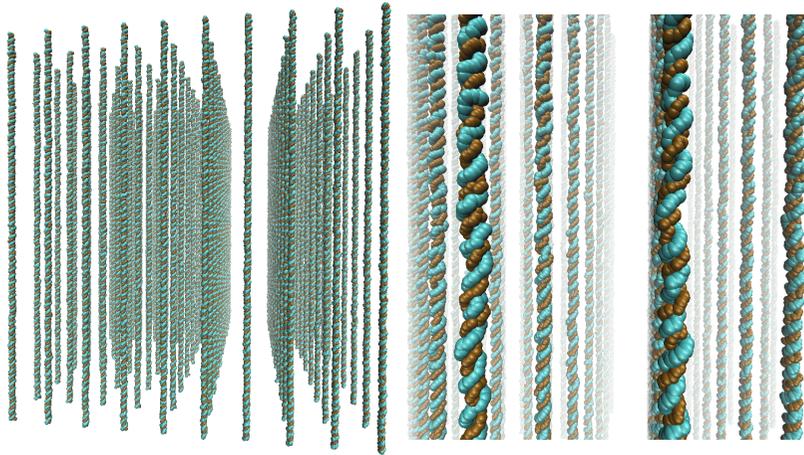
$$V = \sum_{\text{all}} (V_{backbone} + V_{stack} + V_{exc}) + \sum_{\text{other pairs}} (V_{HB} + V_{cross-stack} + V_{coax-stack} + V_{exc})$$



For full details see Thomas Ouldridge, Coarse-grained modelling of DNA and DNA self-assembly, DPhil, University of Oxford, 2011.

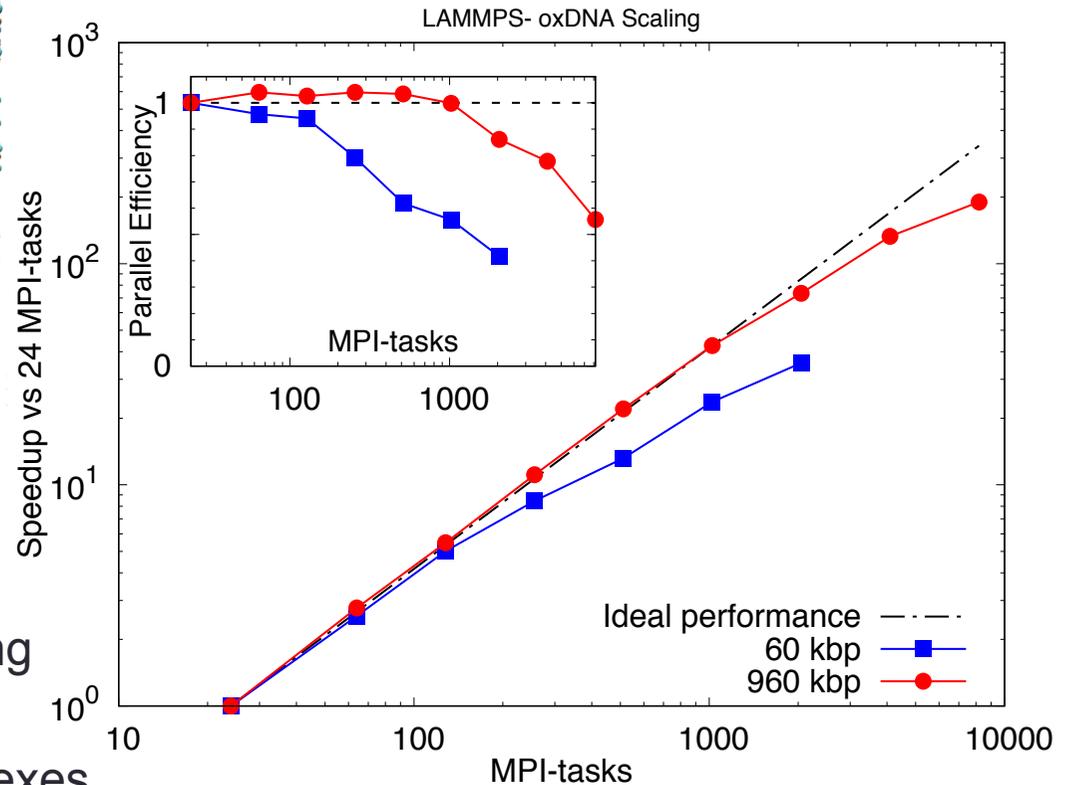


# Parallel Performance



## Benchmarks:

- Low density: array of 100 DNA duplexes with 600 base pairs long (see above) = 60 kbp
- High density: array of 1600 duplexes = 960 kbp



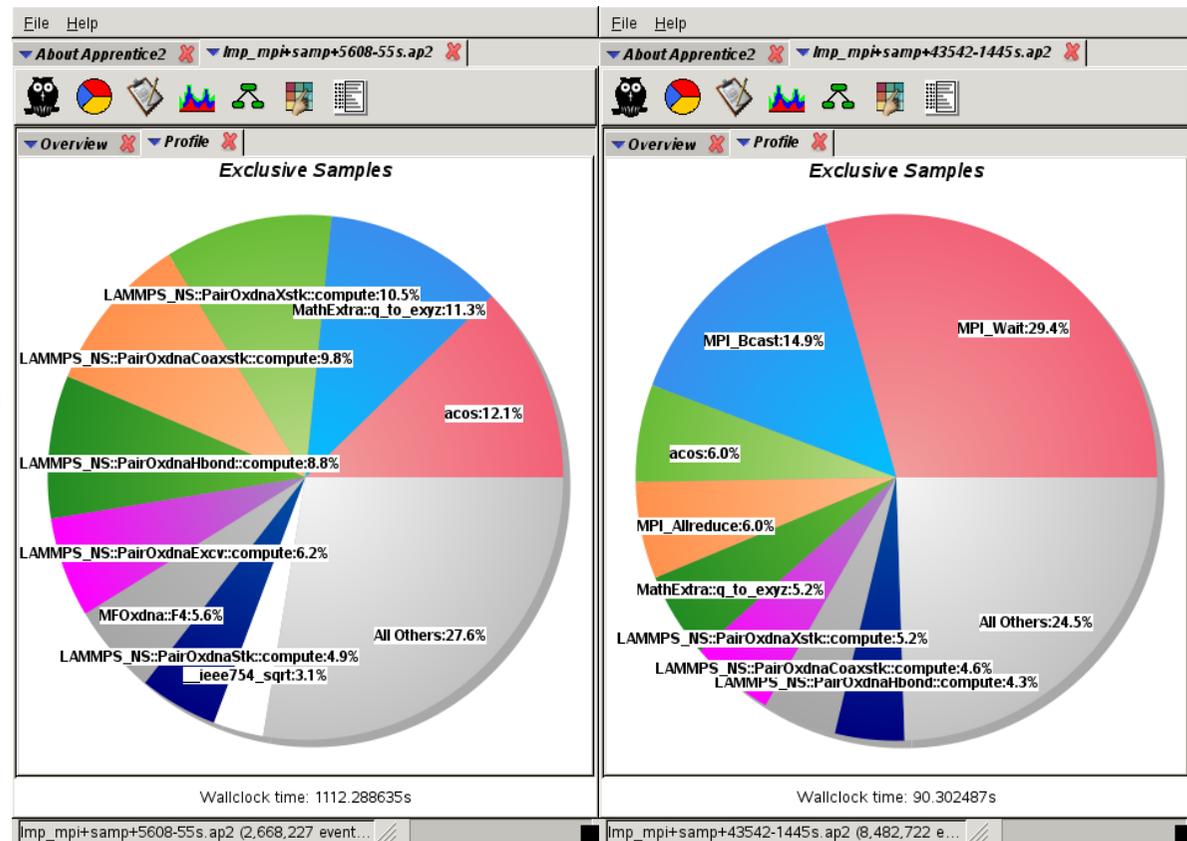
Strong scaling for 60kbp and 960 kbp  
up to 8192 MPI-tasks



# Craypat Performance Analysis

60 kbp benchmark

- Single node
  - Nlocal 5000
  - Nghost 1300
  - MPI < 5% (LMP)
  - compute 86% (LMP)
  - acos 12%
  - q\_to\_exyz 11%
- 2048 MPI-tasks
  - Nlocal 60
  - Nghost 225
  - MPI > 50%
  - compute 43% (LMP)



Single node  
(24 MPI-tasks)

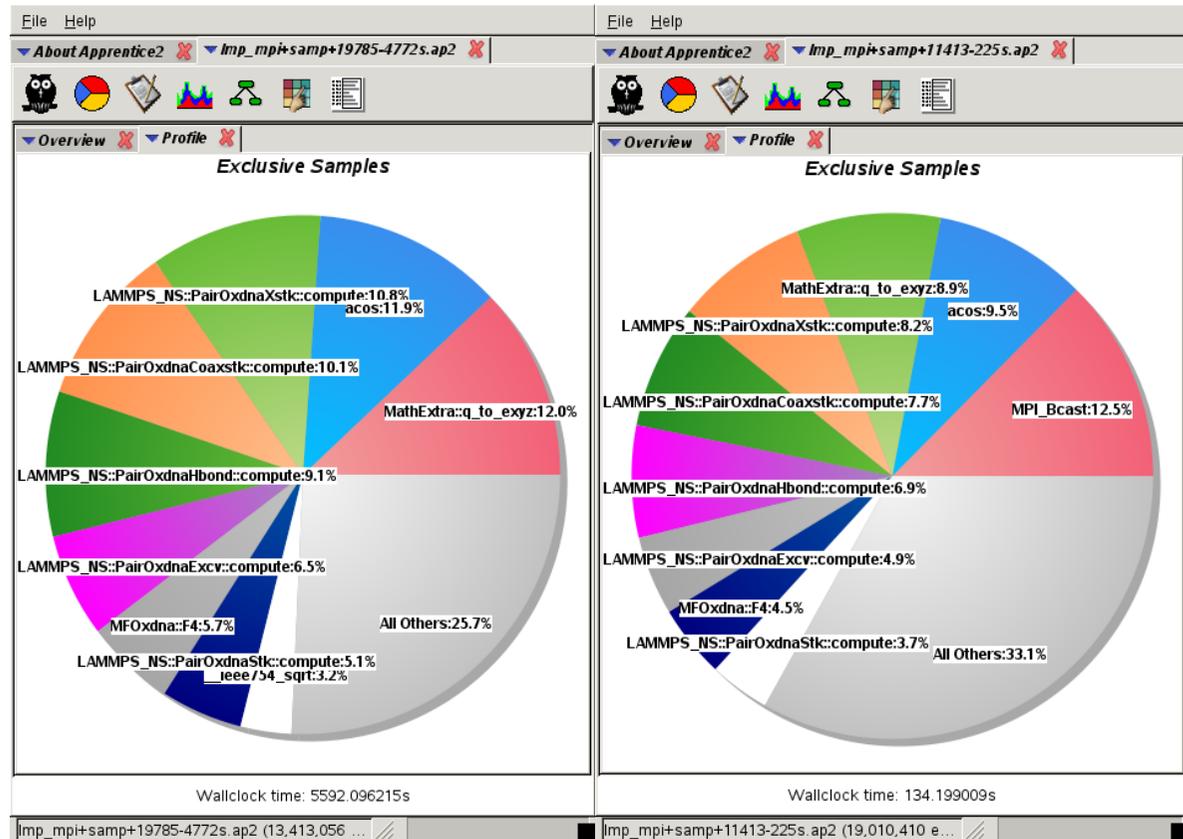
2048 MPI-tasks



# Craypat Performance Analysis

960 kbp benchmark

- Single node
  - Nlocal 80000
  - Nghost 8300
  - MPI < 3%
  - compute 88% (LMP)
  - acos 12%
  - q\_to\_exyz 12%
- 2048 MPI-tasks
  - Nlocal 940
  - Nghost 480
  - MPI < 13%
  - compute 82% (LMP)

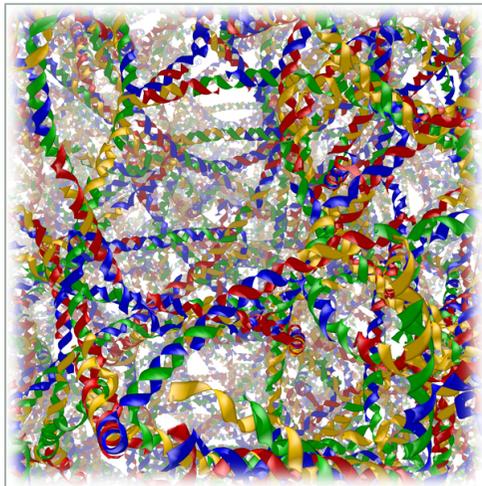


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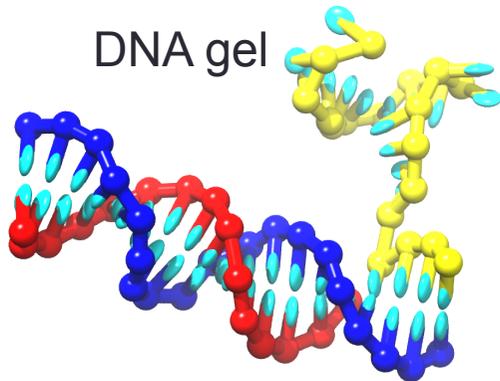
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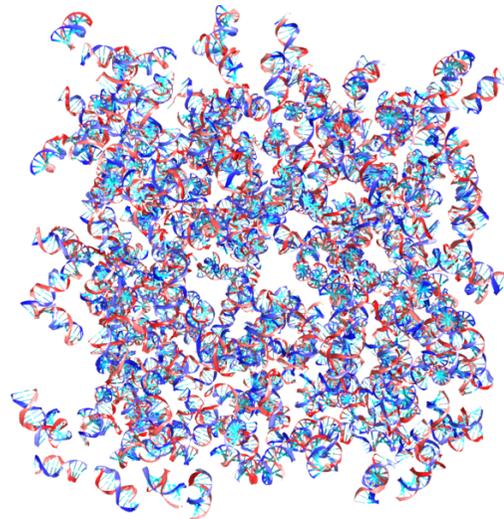
# Applications



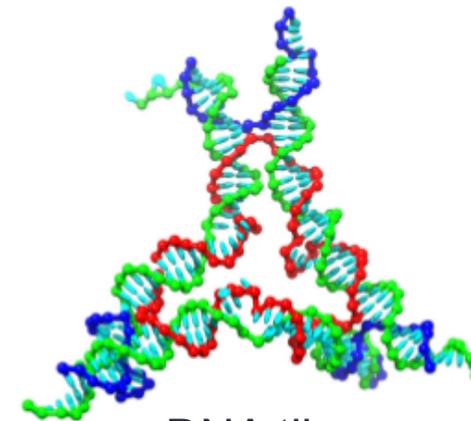
DNA gel



Stand displacement



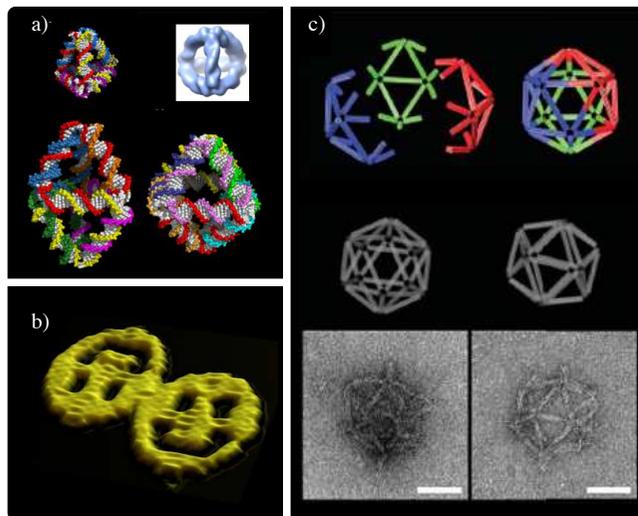
Liquid-crystalline states of DNA



DNA tiles



DNA tetrahedra



DNA nanostructures



# Code Distribution

- LAMMPS version via **CCPForge**
  - <https://ccpforge.cse.rl.ac.uk/gf>
  - Project: **Coarse-Grained DNA Simulation** (cgdna)
  - Anonymous subversion access

svn checkout <https://ccpforge.cse.rl.ac.uk/svn/cgdna>

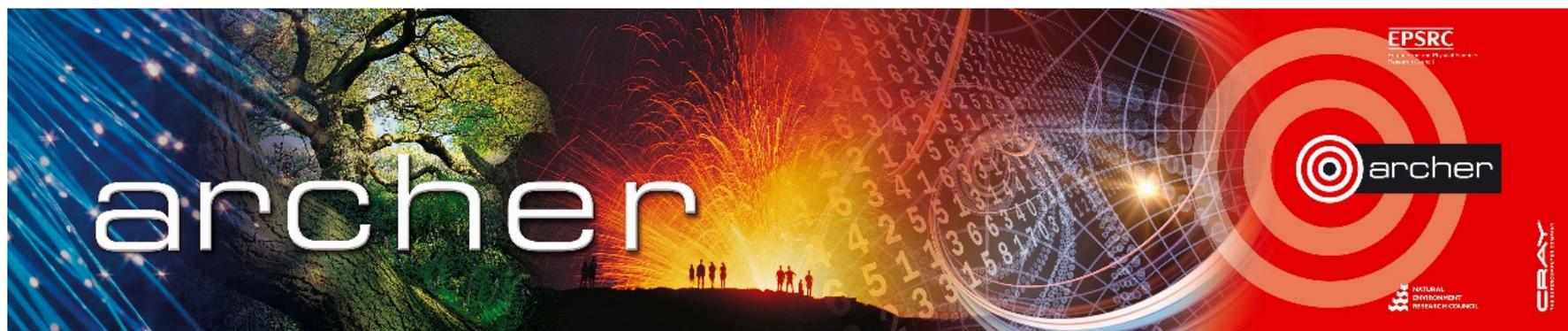
- In the near future also as **LAMMPS USER-package** with extended documentation
- Standalone version from <https://dna.physics.ox.ac.uk>



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