

DL\_POLY software

# The DL\_POLY Molecular Simulation Package

## General Information

DL\_POLY is a general purpose classical molecular dynamics (MD) simulation software developed at Daresbury Laboratory by I.T. Todorov and W. Smith.

Currently, only one version of the DL\_POLY software is available under an STFC licence, DL\_POLY\_4, and with support provisioned to the UK's academia only. The former DL\_POLY\_2 version (authored by W. Smith, T.R. Forester and I.T. Todorov) is now transformed into [DL\\_POLY CLASSIC](#) and available as open source under the [BSD](#) at [CCPForge](#).

## DL\_POLY\_2 (WE will use this version)

- Replicated Data, up to 30,000 atoms
- Full force field and molecular description

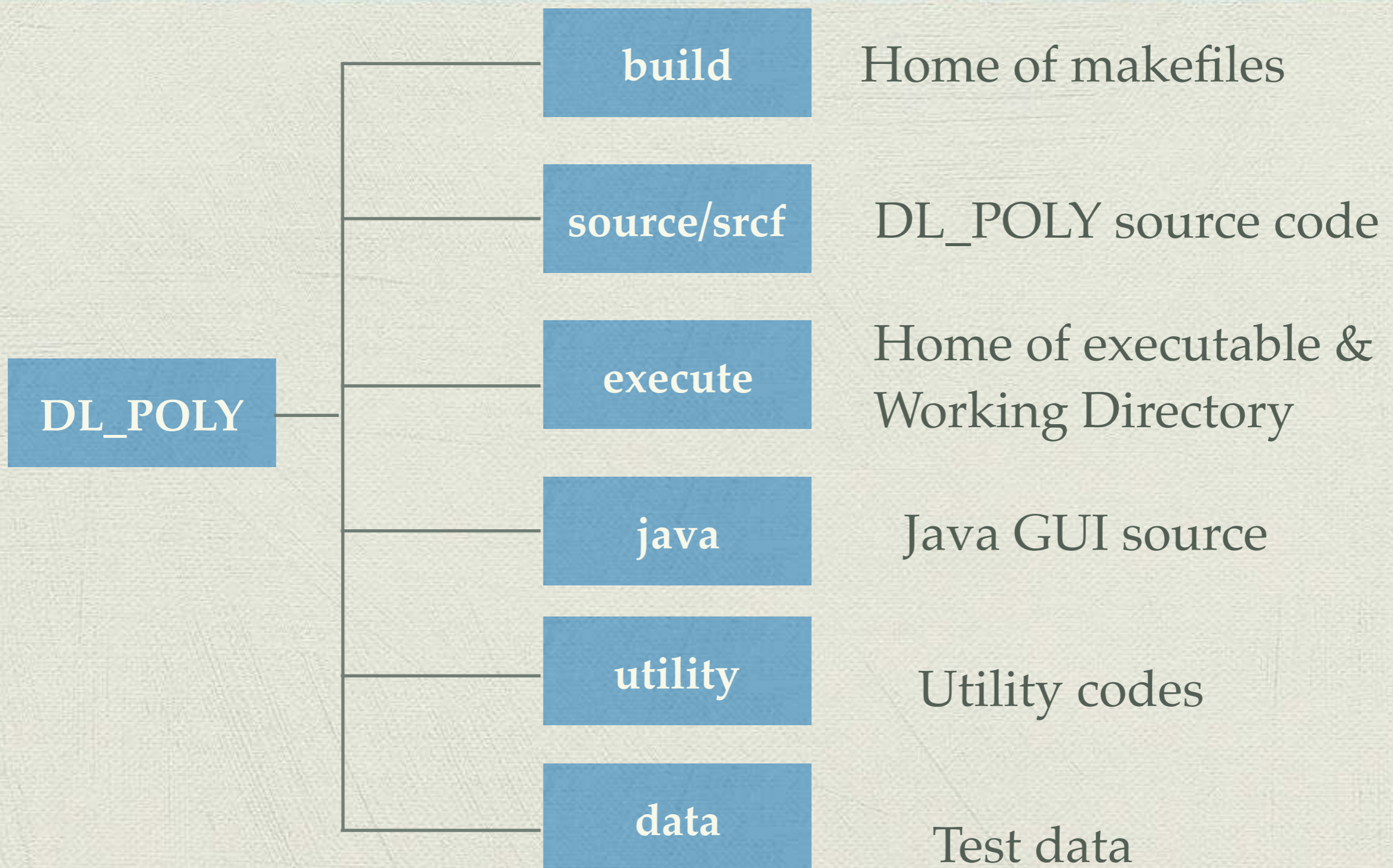
## DL\_POLY\_3

- Domain Decomposition, up to 1,000,000 atoms
- Full force field but no rigid body description.

## DL\_POLY\_4

- Code design is based on the principles of portability, maintenance, transparency and user verification. The code architecture adopts the Fortran90 modularisation in a C/C++ header style manner, where concepts and functionality are separated in a functional way by modules. The code routines relate to features/actions by their file names, which often relate to module names.

# DL\_POLY Directories





# DL\_POLY units

Internally DL\_POLY uses atomic scale units:

- Mass - mass of H atom (D) [Daltons]
- Charge - charge on proton (e)
- Length - Angstroms (A)
- Time - picoseconds (ps)
- Force - D A ps<sup>-2</sup>
- Energy - D A<sup>2</sup> ps<sup>-2</sup>

[comment: pressure is expressed in k-atm for I/O]

# CONTROL file

## Simulation control

- Free Format
- Mandatory
- Driven by **keywords**:

**keyword [options] {data}**

e.g.:

**ensemble NPT Hoover 1.0 8.0**

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CONTROL — Edited
SODIUM ION IN SPC WATER (NVE)

temperature 300.0
ensemble nve
pressure 0.0010
steps 5000
equilibration 1000
scale 10
print 100
stack 100
stats 100
rdf 10

timestep 0.0010
cutoff 9.9500
rvdw cutoff 9.9500
delr width 0.5
ewald precision 1.e-5
traj nstraj 1001 istray 500 keytraj 0
quaternion tolerance 1.0000E-05
print rdf

job time 999999.0
close time 20.0

finish
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simulation of Na+ with 255 water molecules

	0	1			
	20.66340857	0.00000000	0.00000000		
	0.00000000	20.66340857	0.00000000		
	0.00000000	0.00000000	20.66340857		
Na+	1				
	0.00000000	0.00000000	0.00000000		
OW	2				
	-10.15250063	-9.97256123	-7.11750873		
HW	3				
	-10.32737963	-9.03542706	-7.41950611		
HW	4				
	9.99395787	-10.15521124	-6.28120308		
OW	5				
	-10.26935347	-0.19189945	7.16862889		
HW	6				
	-10.15319013	-1.17329854	7.01575994		
HW	7				
	9.45243227	-0.00760127	7.45038692		
OW	8				
	-10.31715314	-0.78059530	1.53668527		
HW	9				
	9.76995246	-0.06589264	1.14035268		
HW	10				
	-9.38576598	-0.43407821	1.64825784		
OW	11				
	-10.21477353	4.11064203	-2.27055456		
HW	12				
	9.64258730	3.97625568	-2.84695209		
HW	13				
	-9.42517662	4.32350110	-2.84608413		
OW	14				
	-9.90790253	-2.06607378	-2.09045693		
HW	15				
	-9.52154168	-2.94486569	-1.81035658		
HW	16				
	-9.16725034	-1.42050195	-2.27667615		
OW	17				
	-9.86839354	7.15368352	-8.41578964		

Title line

CONFIG KeyPeriodic Boundary key

boundary coordinates XYZ

atom name

atom index

atom's coordinates



Table 4.5: CONFIG file key (record 2)

levcfg	meaning
0	Coordinates included in file
1	Coordinates and velocities included in file
2	Coordinates, velocities and forces included in file

Table 4.6: Periodic boundary key (record 2)

imcon	meaning
0	no periodic boundaries
1	cubic boundary conditions
2	orthorhombic boundary conditions
3	parallelepiped boundary conditions
4	truncated octahedral boundary conditions
5	rhombic dodecahedral boundary conditions
6	x-y parallelogram boundary conditions with no periodicity in the z direction
7	hexagonal prism boundary conditions

# DL\_POLY Force Field

$$\begin{aligned} U(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2, \dots, \mathbf{r}_N) = & \sum_{i_{bond}=1}^{N_{bond}} U_{bond}(i_{bond}, \mathbf{r}_a, \mathbf{r}_b) \\ & + \sum_{i_{angle}=1}^{N_{angle}} U_{angle}(i_{angle}, \mathbf{r}_a, \mathbf{r}_b, \mathbf{r}_c) \\ & + \sum_{i_{dihed}=1}^{N_{dihed}} U_{dihed}(i_{dihed}, \mathbf{r}_a, \mathbf{r}_b, \mathbf{r}_c, \mathbf{r}_d) \\ & + \sum_{i_{inv}=1}^{N_{inv}} U_{inv}(i_{inv}, \mathbf{r}_a, \mathbf{r}_b, \mathbf{r}_c, \mathbf{r}_d) \\ & + \sum_{i=1}^{N-1} \sum_{j>i}^N U_{pair}(i, j, |\mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{r}_j|) \\ & + \sum_{i=1}^{N-2} \sum_{j>i}^{N-1} \sum_{k>j}^N U_{3\_body}(i, j, k, \mathbf{r}_i, \mathbf{r}_j, \mathbf{r}_k) \\ & + \sum_{i=1}^{N-1} \sum_{j>i}^N U_{Tersoff}(i, j, \mathbf{r}_i, \mathbf{r}_j, \mathbf{R}^N) \\ & + \sum_{i=1}^{N-3} \sum_{j>i}^{N-2} \sum_{k>j}^{N-1} \sum_{n>k}^N U_{4\_body}(i, j, k, n, \mathbf{r}_i, \mathbf{r}_j, \mathbf{r}_k, \mathbf{r}_n) \\ & + \sum_{i=1}^N U_{Metal}(i, \mathbf{r}_i, \mathbf{R}^N) \\ & + \sum_{i=1}^N U_{extn}(i, \mathbf{r}_i, \mathbf{v}_i) \end{aligned}$$

# FIELD file

## Force Field specification

- Mandatory
- Fixed format:
  - Integers I5
  - Reals F12
  - Names A8
  - Keywords A4
- Maps on to CONFIG file structure
- The FIELD file must be closed with the directive :  
**close**

## SODIUM ION IN SPC WATER (NVE)

UNITS kcal

MOLECULAR TYPES 2

SODIUM ION

NUMMOLS 1

ATOMS 1

Na+	22.9898	1.00	1
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FINISH

SPC WATER

NUMMOLS 253

ATOMS 3

OW	15.9994	-0.82000	1
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HW	1.0080	0.41000	2
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RIGID 1

3	1	2	3
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FINISH

VDW 2

OW	OW	LJ	0.16000000	3.19600000
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OW	Na+	LJ	0.14422205	2.77300000
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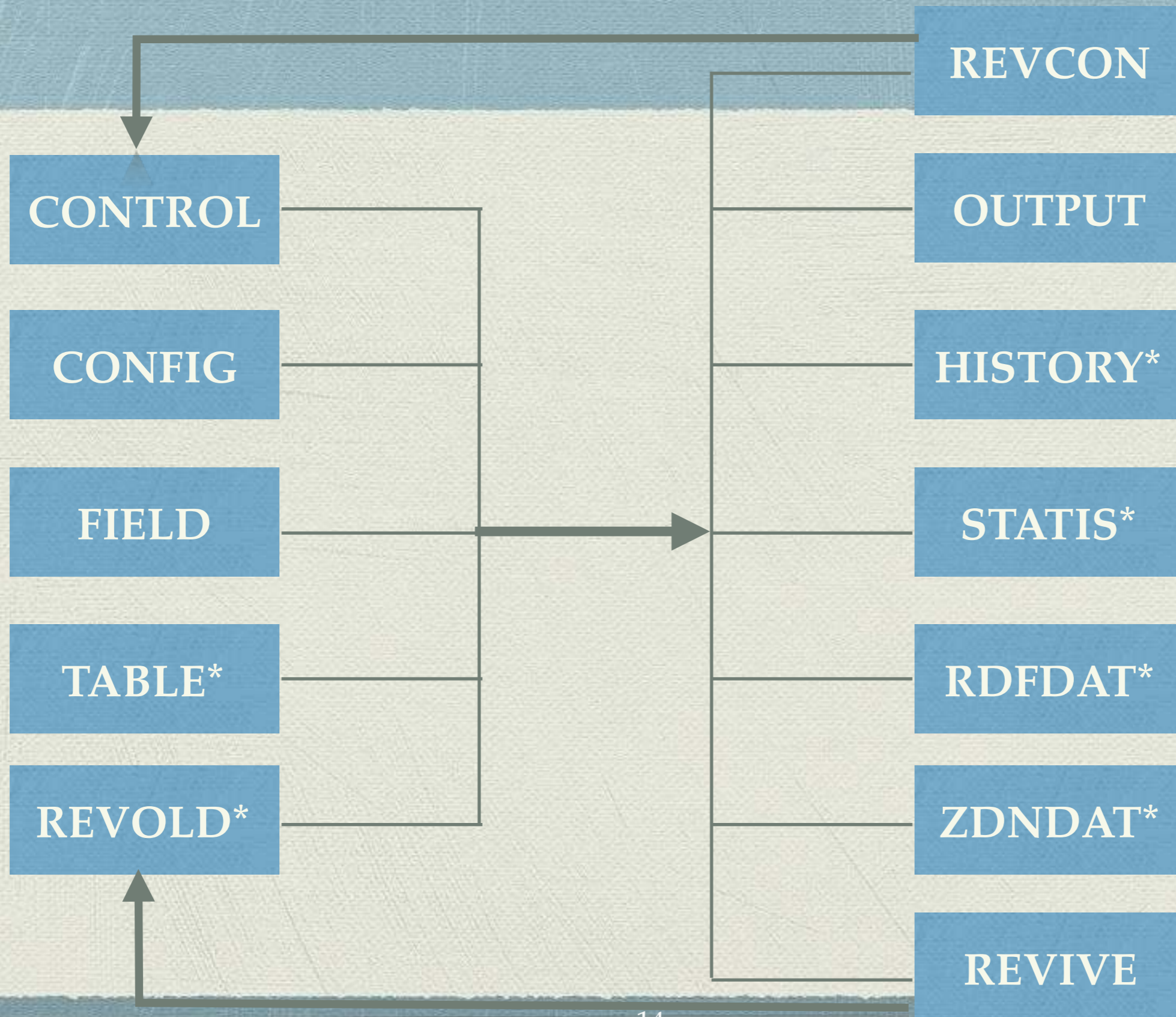
CLOSE

## Force Field

Table 4.12: Definition of pair potential functions and variables

key	potential type	Variables (1-5)					functional form
12-6	12-6	$A$	$B$				$U(r) = \left(\frac{A}{r^{12}}\right) - \left(\frac{B}{r^6}\right)$
lj	Lennard-Jones	$\epsilon$	$\sigma$				$U(r) = 4\epsilon \left[ \left(\frac{\sigma}{r}\right)^{12} - \left(\frac{\sigma}{r}\right)^6 \right]$
nm	n-m	$E_o$	$n$	$m$	$r_0$		$U(r) = \frac{E_o}{(n-m)} \left[ m \left(\frac{r_o}{r}\right)^n - n \left(\frac{r_o}{r}\right)^m \right]$
buck	Buckingham	$A$	$\rho$	$C$			$U(r) = A \exp\left(-\frac{r}{\rho}\right) - \frac{C}{r^6}$
bhm	Born-Huggins-Meyer	$A$	$B$	$\sigma$	$C$	$D$	$U(r) = A \exp[B(\sigma - r)] - \frac{C}{r^6} - \frac{D}{r^8}$
hbnd	12-10 H-bond	$A$	$B$				$U(r) = \left(\frac{A}{r^{12}}\right) - \left(\frac{B}{r^{10}}\right)$
snm	Shifted force <sup>†</sup> n-m [31]	$E_o$	$n$	$m$	$r_0$	$r_c^{\ddagger}$	$U(r) = \frac{\alpha E_o}{(n-m)} \times$ $\left[ m\beta^n \left\{ \left(\frac{r_o}{r}\right)^n - \left(\frac{1}{\gamma}\right)^n \right\} - n\beta^m \left\{ \left(\frac{r_o}{r}\right)^m - \left(\frac{1}{\gamma}\right)^m \right\} \right]$ $+ \frac{n\alpha E_o}{(n-m)} \left(\frac{r-\gamma r_o}{\gamma r_o}\right) \left\{ \left(\frac{\beta}{\gamma}\right)^n - \left(\frac{\beta}{\gamma}\right)^m \right\}$
mors	Morse	$E_0$	$r_0$	$k$			$U(r) = E_0 \{ [1 - \exp(-k(r - r_0))]^2 - 1 \}$
wca	WCA	$\epsilon$	$\sigma$				$U(r) = 4\epsilon \left[ \left(\frac{\sigma}{r}\right)^{12} - \left(\frac{\sigma}{r}\right)^6 \right] + \epsilon \quad (r < \sigma * 2^{1/6})$
tab	Tabulation						tabulated potential

# OUTPUT FILES



# REVCON file

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H2 molecules on top of a SWNT bundle
      2      3      1000      0.5000000000E-04
45.0000000000000000      0.0000000000000000      0.0000000000000000
 0.0000000000000000      45.0000000000000000      0.0000000000000000
 0.0000000000000000      0.0000000000000000      30.0000000000000000
C      1
-15.09884631      -22.00032798      5.086660519
 0.859667148368      0.146971003561      0.963422589934
-649.004587529      -46.4490706042      -675.267158221
C      2
-15.30660399      -20.78235711      5.783967062
 0.433169181626E-01      -0.102580080322      0.246048629462
1070.57597729      692.373445210      1033.43846028
C      3
-15.48719868      -19.55871122      5.087011186
 0.876870694758      0.238924334567      1.00383492338
-496.132870939      -582.707254650      -580.333429662
C      4
-16.06019231      -18.46348550      5.783321095
 0.120941978747      -0.100649343386      0.744393817757
1115.05103836      335.163238222      1671.17734862
C      5
-16.60790184      -17.35578131      5.086637415
 0.856856767794      0.475934669789      1.04461812814
-568.691221306      -395.707510151      -585.832480517
C      6
-17.49405887      -16.49485150      5.784050000
-0.344040064838      0.357268287824      0.430078780983
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# OUTPUT File

Provides Job Summary (mandatory!)

- Formatted to be human readable
- Contents:
  - Summary of input data
  - Instantaneous thermodynamic data at selected intervals
  - Rolling averages of thermodynamic data
  - Statistical averages
  - Final configuration
  - Radial distribution data
  - Estimated mean-square displacements
- Plus:
  - Timing data
  - Error reports



run terminating. elapsed cpu time = 373.030, job time = 999999.000, close time = 20.000

run terminated after 5000 steps. final averages calculated over 4000 steps.

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step	eng_tot	temp_tot	eng_cfg	eng_vdw	eng_cou	eng_bnd	eng_ang	eng_dih	eng_tet
time(ps)	eng_pv	temp_rot	vir_cfg	vir_vdw	vir_cou	vir_bnd	vir_ang	vir_con	vir_tet
cpu (s)	volume	temp_shl	eng_shl	vir_shl	alpha	beta	gamma	vir_pmf	press
5000	-1.3228E+03	3.0697E+02	-1.7858E+03	1.5093E+02	-1.9367E+03	0.0000E+00	0.0000E+00	0.0000E+00	0.0000E+00
5.000	-1.2889E+03	3.0955E+02	3.5757E+02	-6.3959E+03	1.9365E+03	0.0000E+00	0.0000E+00	0.0000E+00	0.0000E+00
373.05	8.8228E+03	0.0000E+00	0.0000E+00	0.0000E+00	9.0000E+01	9.0000E+01	9.0000E+01	0.0000E+00	2.6303E-01
r.m.s.	3.8114E-02	8.7215E+00	1.3169E+01	1.8824E+01	2.5238E+01	0.0000E+00	0.0000E+00	0.0000E+00	0.0000E+00
fluctn.	6.0859E+01	1.3320E+01	1.8337E+02	2.5903E+02	2.5326E+01	0.0000E+00	0.0000E+00	0.0000E+00	0.0000E+00
	1.4672E-11	0.0000E+00	0.0000E+00	0.0000E+00	1.5842E-13	1.5842E-13	1.5842E-13	0.0000E+00	4.7298E-01

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Approximate 3D Diffusion coefficients ( $10^{-9} \text{ m}^2 / \text{s}$ )

atom	D
Na+	1.7938E+00
OW	1.2759E+01
HW	1.2986E+01

Average pressure tensor

r.m.s. fluctuations

# RDFDAT file

This is a formatted file containing em Radial Distribution Function (RDF) data. Its contents are as follows:

## record 1

<code>cfgname</code>	character (A80)	configuration name
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## record 2

<code>ntpvdw</code>	integer (i10)	number of RDFs in file
<code>mrxrdf</code>	integer (i10)	number of data points in each RDF

There follow the data for each individual RDF i.e. *ntpvdw* times. The data supplied are as follows:

## first record

<code>atname 1</code>	character (A8)	first atom name
<code>atname 2</code>	character (A8)	second atom name

## following records (*mrxrdf* records)

<code>radius</code>	real (e14)	interatomic distance (A)
<code>g(r)</code>	real (e14)	RDF at given radius.

Note the RDFDAT file is optional and appears when the **print rdf** option is specified in the CONTROL file.

simulation of Na<sup>+</sup> with 253 water molecules

	6	199
Na <sup>+</sup>	Na <sup>+</sup>	
2.500000E-02		0.000000E+00
7.500000E-02		0.000000E+00
1.250000E-01		0.000000E+00
1.750000E-01		0.000000E+00
2.250000E-01		0.000000E+00
2.750000E-01		0.000000E+00
3.250000E-01		0.000000E+00
3.750000E-01		0.000000E+00
4.250000E-01		0.000000E+00
4.750000E-01		0.000000E+00
5.250000E-01		0.000000E+00
5.750000E-01		0.000000E+00
6.250000E-01		0.000000E+00
6.750000E-01		0.000000E+00
7.250000E-01		0.000000E+00
7.750000E-01		0.000000E+00
8.250000E-01		0.000000E+00
8.750000E-01		0.000000E+00
9.250000E-01		0.000000E+00
9.750000E-01		0.000000E+00
1.025000E+00		0.000000E+00
1.075000E+00		0.000000E+00
1.125000E+00		0.000000E+00
1.175000E+00		0.000000E+00
1.225000E+00		0.000000E+00
1.275000E+00		0.000000E+00
1.325000E+00		0.000000E+00
1.375000E+00		0.000000E+00
1.425000E+00		0.000000E+00
1.475000E+00		0.000000E+00

# HISTORY file (trajectory)

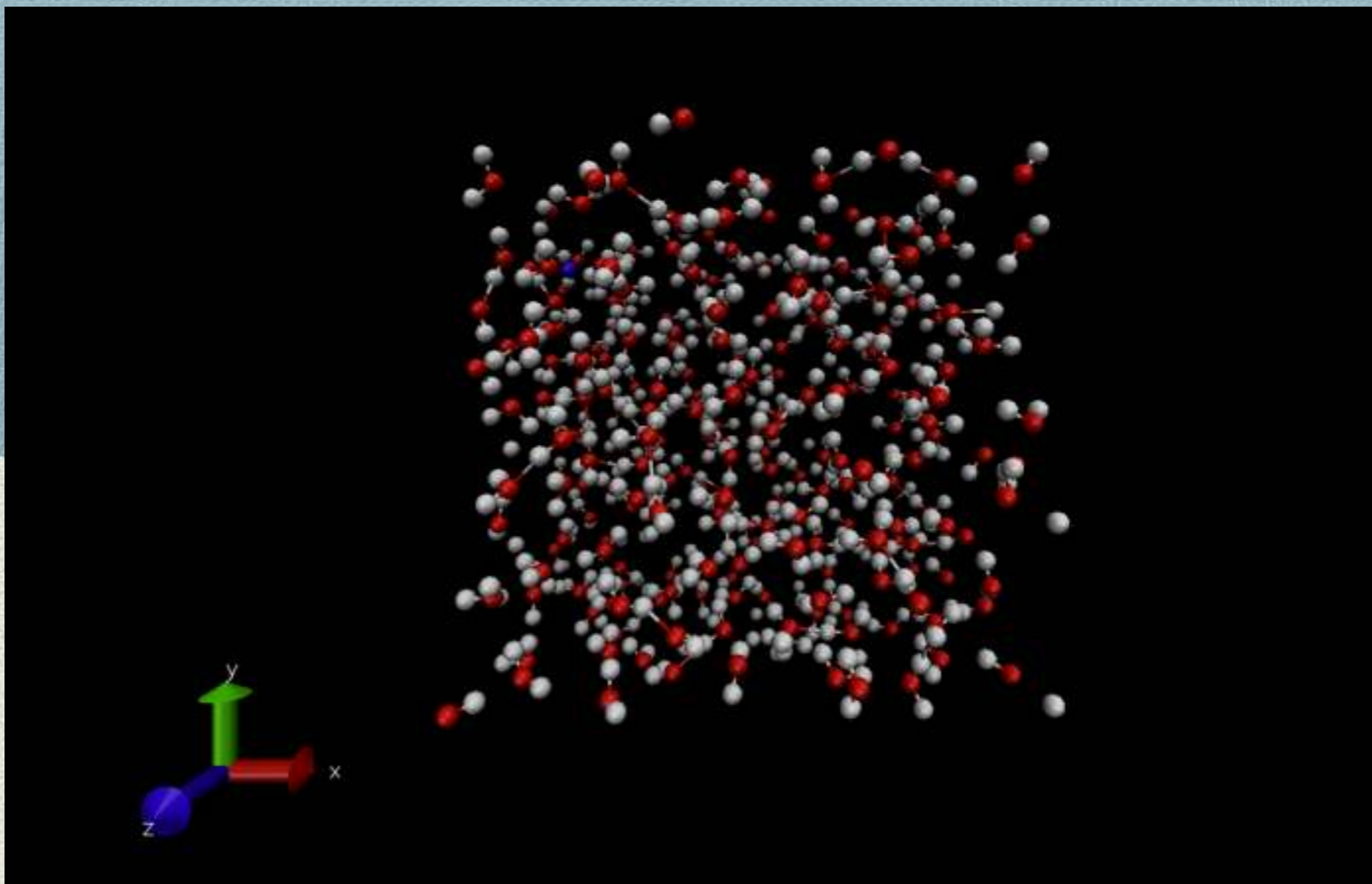
HISTORY — Edited

simulation of Na+ with 255 water molecules

	0	1	760		
timestep	1001	760	0	1	0.001000
	20.66	0.000	0.000		
	0.000	20.66	0.000		
	0.000	0.000	20.66		
Na+	1	22.989800	1.000000		
	9.1681E-01	3.2364E-01	2.3074E-01		
OW	2	15.999400	-0.820000		
	1.0139E+01	-8.8741E+00	-8.8571E+00		
HW	3	1.008000	0.410000		
	-1.0171E+01	-8.1800E+00	-9.4843E+00		
HW	4	1.008000	0.410000		
	9.2106E+00	-8.6293E+00	-8.5774E+00		
OW	5	15.999400	-0.820000		
	-1.0082E+01	-9.3288E-01	7.3081E+00		
HW	6	1.008000	0.410000		
	-1.0043E+01	-1.6756E+00	6.6397E+00		
HW	7	1.008000	0.410000		
	-1.0307E+01	-1.3061E+00	8.2082E+00		
OW	8	15.999400	-0.820000		
	-9.9376E+00	-6.2781E-01	1.9036E+00		
HW	9	1.008000	0.410000		
	-9.9417E+00	2.4813E-01	1.4212E+00		
HW	10	1.008000	0.410000		
	-9.1973E+00	-6.3466E-01	2.5758E+00		
OW	11	15.999400	-0.820000		
	8.9901E+00	4.7811E+00	-2.3611E+00		
HW	12	1.008000	0.410000		
	8.0374E+00	4.7941E+00	-2.6647E+00		
HW	13	1.008000	0.410000		
	9.3034E+00	5.7180E+00	-2.2061E+00		
OW	14	15.999400	-0.820000		
	-8.9136E+00	-1.3990E+00	-2.5510E+00		
HW	15	1.008000	0.410000		
	-9.8831E+00	-1.5612E+00	-2.3671E+00		
HW	16	1.008000	0.410000		

# hands-on

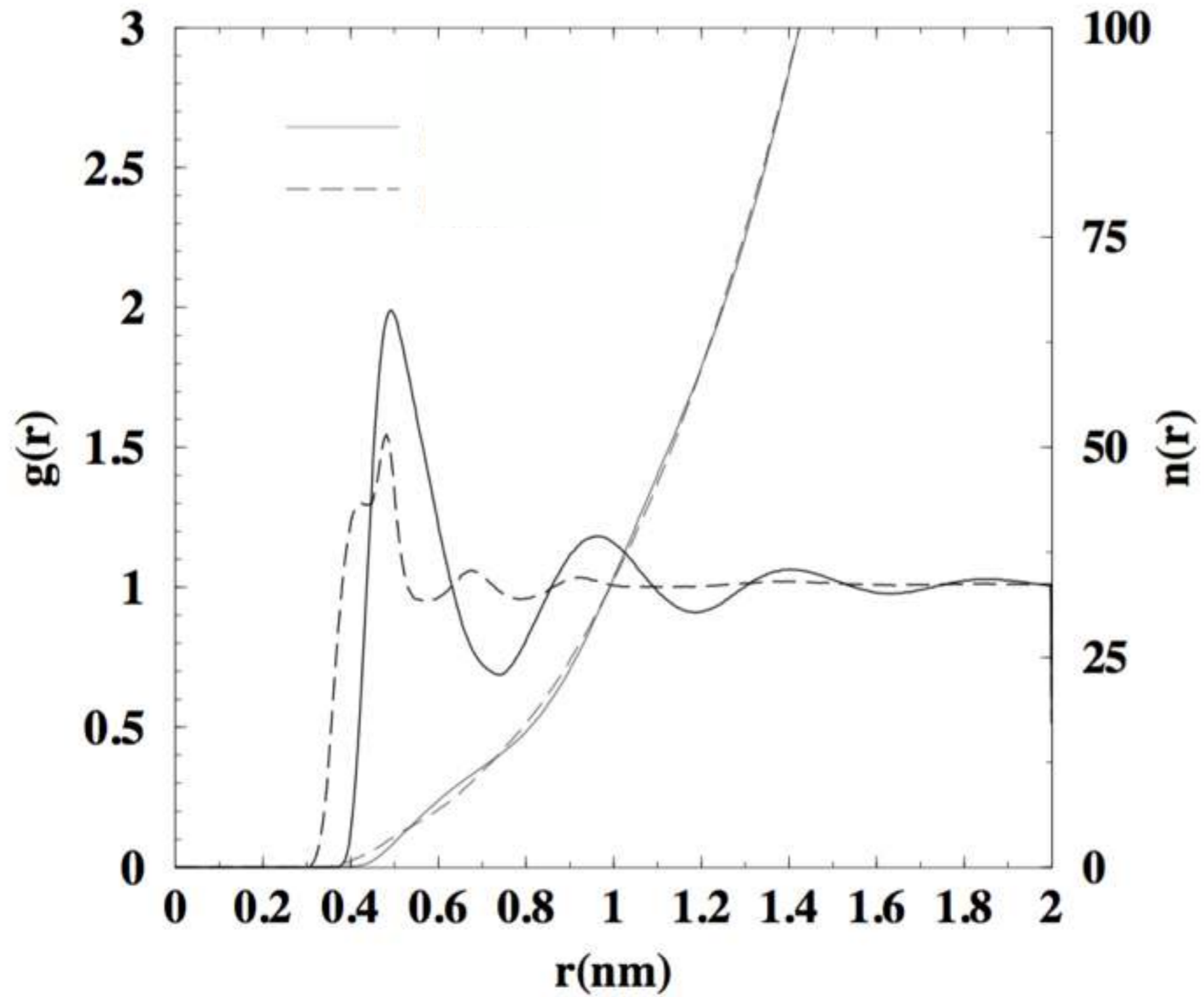
## Solvation $\text{Na}^+$



# Exercise: solvation of $M^+$ in water (rigid and flexible)

- ◆  $M^+ = Na^+ / K^+$
- ◆  $H_2O = 253$  molecules
- ◆ Solvation of  $M^+$  in a box with water using a LJ and a SPC water model

# RDF



- ◆ create the system , add water to the cation, visualise the system with VMD—> CONFIG
- ◆ look the CONTROL and FIELD File and adjust it if necessary
- ◆ use the script to run the job “script.sh”
- ◆ hands-on 2:
  - ◆ create FIELD, CONFIG files to use the ILJ potential
  - ◆ modified FIELD file to use the flexible water with



❖ cp from /tmp in hscw the tar file  
**test\_noelia.tar** to \$HOME

Table 4.7: Chemical bond potentials

key	potential type	Variables (1-4)				functional form
harm -hrm	Harmonic	$k$	$r_0$			$U(r) = \frac{1}{2}k(r - r_0)^2$
mors -mrs	Morse	$E_0$	$r_0$	$k$		$U(r) = E_0[\{1 - \exp(-k(r - r_0))\}^2 - 1]$
12-6 -126	12-6	$A$	$B$			$U(r) = \left(\frac{A}{r^{12}}\right) - \left(\frac{B}{r^6}\right)$
rhrm -rhm	Restraint	$k$	$r_0$	$r_c$		$U(r) = \frac{1}{2}k(r - r_0)^2 \quad  r - r_0  \leq r_c$ $U(r) = \frac{1}{2}kr_c^2 + kr_c( r - r_0  - r_c) \quad  r - r_0  > r_c$
quar -qur	Quartic	$k$	$r_0$	$k'$	$k''$	$U(r) = \frac{k}{2}(r - r_0)^2 + \frac{k'}{3}(r - r_0)^3 + \frac{k''}{4}(r - r_0)^4$
buck -bck	Buckingham	$A$	$\rho$	$C$		$U(r) = A \exp(-r/\rho) - C/r^6$
fene -bck	FENE	$k$	$R_0$	$\Delta$		$U(r_{ij}) = -0.5 k R_0^2 \ln \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{r_{ij} - \Delta}{R_0} \right)^2 \right]$

Table 4.8: Valence Angle potentials

key	potential type	Parameters $p_1$ - $p_4$				functional form†
<b>harm</b> <b>-hrm</b>	Harmonic	$k$	$\theta_0$			$U(\theta) = \frac{k}{2}(\theta - \theta_0)^2$
<b>quar</b> <b>-qur</b>	Quartic	$k$	$\theta_0$	$k'$	$k''$	$U(\theta) = \frac{k}{2}(\theta - \theta_0)^2 + \frac{k'}{3}(\theta - \theta_0)^3 + \frac{k''}{4}(\theta - \theta_0)^4$
<b>thrm</b> <b>-thm</b>	Truncated harmonic	$k$	$\theta_0$	$\rho$		$U(\theta) = \frac{k}{2}(\theta - \theta_0)^2 \exp[-(r_{ij}^8 + r_{ik}^8)/\rho^8]$
<b>shrm</b> <b>-shm</b>	Screened harmonic	$k$	$\theta_0$	$\rho_1$	$\rho_2$	$U(\theta) = \frac{k}{2}(\theta - \theta_0)^2 \exp[-(r_{ij}/\rho_1 + r_{ik}/\rho_2)]$
<b>bvs1</b> <b>-bv1</b>	Screened Vessal[28]	$k$	$\theta_0$	$\rho_1$	$\rho_2$	$U(\theta) = \frac{k}{8(\theta - \theta_0)^2} \left\{ [(\theta_0 - \pi)^2 - (\theta - \pi)^2]^2 \right\} \exp[-(r_{ij}/\rho_1 + r_{ik}/\rho_2)]$
<b>bvs2</b> <b>-bv2</b>	Truncated Vessal[29]	$k$	$\theta_0$	$a$	$\rho$	$U(\theta) = k[\theta^a(\theta - \theta_0)^2(\theta + \theta_0 - 2\pi)^2 - \frac{a}{2}\pi^{a-1}(\theta - \theta_0)^2(\pi - \theta_0)^3] \exp[-(r_{ij}^8 + r_{ik}^8)/\rho^8]$
<b>hcos</b> <b>-hcs</b>	Harmonic Cosine	$k$	$\theta_0$			$U(\theta) = \frac{k}{2}(\cos(\theta) - \cos(\theta_0))^2$
<b>cos</b> <b>-cos</b>	Cosine	$A$	$\delta$	$m$		$U(\theta) = A[1 + \cos(m\theta - \delta)]$
<b>mmsb</b> <b>-msb</b>	MM Stretch-bend	$A$	$\theta_0$	$d_{ab}$	$d_{ac}$	$U(\theta) = A(\theta - \theta_0)(r_{ab} - d_{ab})(r_{ac} - d_{ac})$
<b>stst</b> <b>-sts</b>	Compass stretch-stretch	$A$	$d_{ab}$	$d_{ac}$		$U_{bac} = A(r_{ab} - d_{ab})(r_{ac} - d_{ac})$
<b>stbe</b> <b>-stb</b>	Compass stretch-bend	$A$	$\theta_0$	$d_{ab}$		$U_{bac} = A(\theta - \theta_0)(r_{ab} - d_{ab})$
<b>cmps</b> <b>-cmp</b>	Compass all terms	$A$	$B$	$C$	$\theta_0$	$U_{bac} = A(r_{ab} - d_{ab})(r_{ac} - d_{ac}) + (\theta - \theta_0) * (B(r_{ab} - d_{ab}) + C(r_{ac} - d_{ac}))$

† $\theta$  is the a-b-c angle.