

# *MD of Soft Matter*

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# Molecular Dynamics Simulations

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- What has been developed?
- Where are we at?
- Where are we going?



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# MD & LAMMPS



# Molecular Dynamics Basics

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- Building the starting state
  - often a time consuming effort for the human
  - for proteins, need a crystal structure (? folding from sequence)
- Integration algorithm
  - Verlet, predictor-corrector
  - multitime step (RESPA)
- Force calculation
  - typically 90% of CPU time
  - Coulomb is most expensive
    - long range requires Ewald
    - particle-mesh methods are fast & parallelizable (N log N)
      - uses global FFTs
  - van der Waals (Lennard-Jones)
    - expensive and scales as cutoff<sup>3</sup>
  - bonds and other intramolecular terms
    - fast to calculate, but stiffness determines time step
- Ensemble (thermostat, barostat)
  - fundamental issues of statistical mechanics
  - this is where calculations go wrong

$$F = ma$$



# LAMMPS 1995-

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## LAMMPS

- Massively **parallel** MD code
  - as system size scales with number of processors, CPU time should remain constant
- Main programmer: Steve Plimpton, Sandia

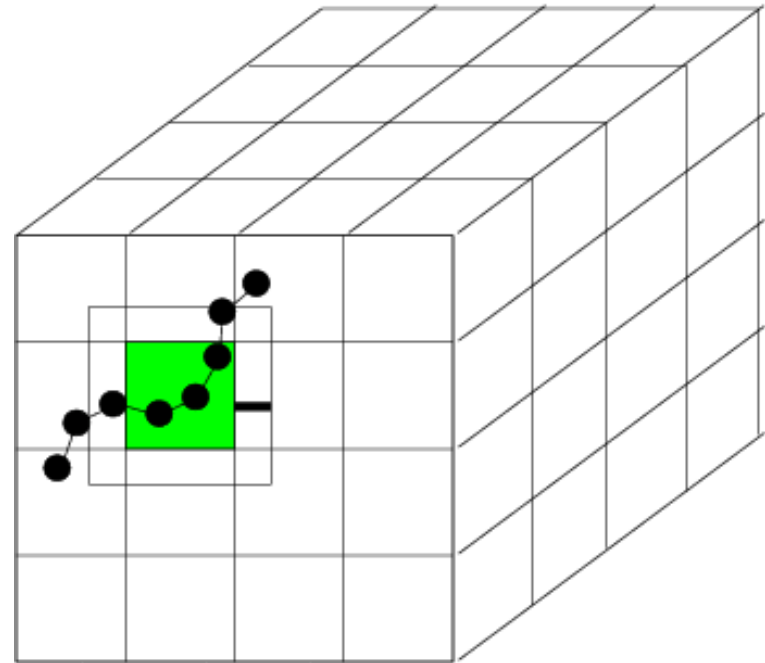
## History:

- parallel Lennard-Jones codes
- CRADA ~1995-
  - spatial decomposition parallelization
  - Nose-Hoover ensemble equations of motion
  - RESPA, multiple time step algorithm
  - Particle mesh Ewald (PPPM), long range Coulomb
  - class 2 atomistic force-field
  - Fortran 77
- Other comparable MD codes
  - 1995: none
  - NAMD, AMBER, CHARMM, GROMACS, DL\_POLY



# Parallelism via Spatial-Decomposition

- Physical domain divided into 3D boxes, one per processor
- Each proc computes forces on atoms in its box
  - using info from nearby procs
- Each proc owns atoms in its box
  - NO global arrays
- **Communication** occurs every time step
  - update forces between atoms in neighboring boxes
  - via nearest-neighbor 6-way stencil
- Optimal scaling for MD:  $N/P$ 
  - so long as load-balanced
- Computation scales as  $N/P$
- Communication scales
  - sub-linear as  $(N/P)^{2/3}$
  - (for large problems)
- Memory scales as  $N/P$
- **Load Balance**: cost of computing forces vs. time to communicate updated positions



# LAMMPS ~1997

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52 files

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# LAMMPS today

224 files

## Multiple force-field types and Hybrid potentials

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**code capability** « **algorithmic advance**

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# Nonbond Interactions

## Lennard-Jones (LJ) potential

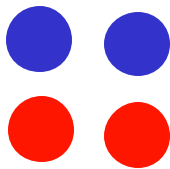
$r_c$  is cutoff distance

$\epsilon_{\alpha\beta}$   $\sigma_{\alpha\beta}$  for pair types  $\alpha\beta$

$$4\epsilon_{ab} \left[ \left( \frac{\sigma_{ab}}{r_{ij}} \right)^{12} - \left( \frac{\sigma_{ab}}{r_{ij}} \right)^6 \right]$$

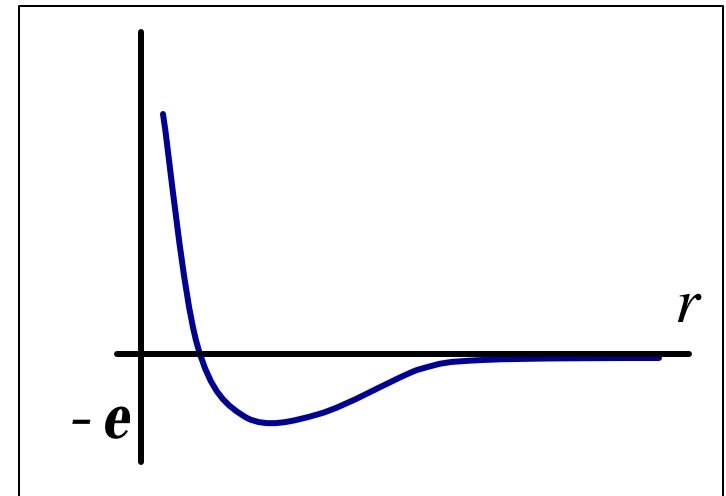
Hybrid examples:

- LJ + Embedded Atom Method (EAM)
- integrated LJs



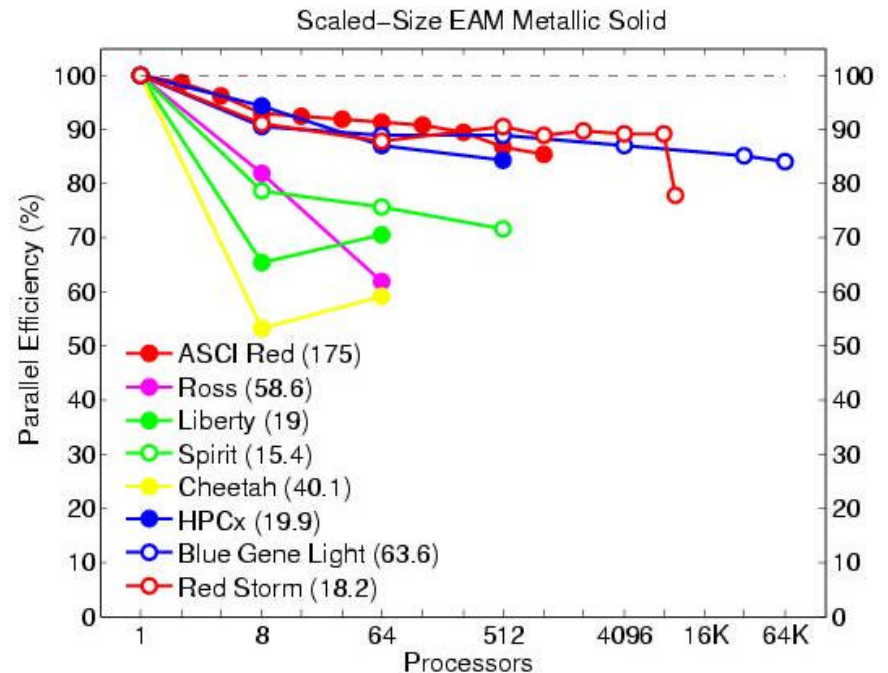
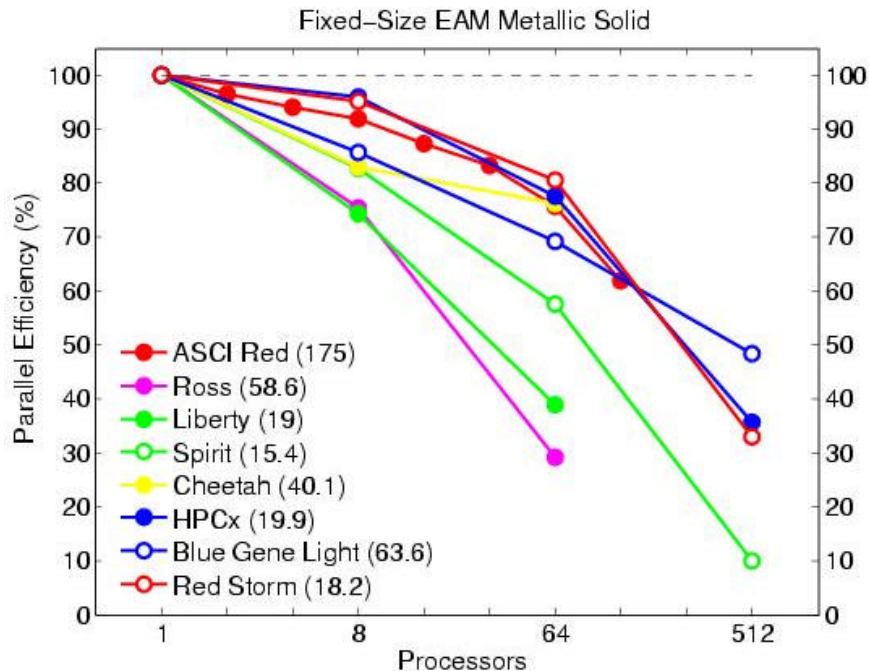
available code is very important asset

human costs are high



# Parallel Performance

- Fixed-size (32K atoms) and scaled-size (32K atoms/proc) parallel efficiencies
- Metallic solid with EAM potential



- Billions of atoms on 64K procs of Blue Gene or Red Storm
- Opteron processor speed: 5.7E-6 sec/atom/step (0.5x for LJ, 12x for protein)



# Other MD codes

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- **NAMD**

- Klaus Schulten (U. Illinois)
- parallel
- CHARMM FF
- NIH supported, open source

- **AMBER**

- >UCSF + many others
- now parallel
- associated force-field
- support ?
- license

- **CHARMM**

- Martin Karplus (Harvard) + community
- weakly parallel
- associated force-field
- support ?
- license

- **GROMACS**

- Erik Lindahl (Stockholm)
- David van der Spoel (Uppsala)
- Berk Hess (Mainz)
- parallel & fast
- ~GROMOS force-field
- open source

- **DL\_POLY**

- W. Smith & others (Britain)
- parallel
- license



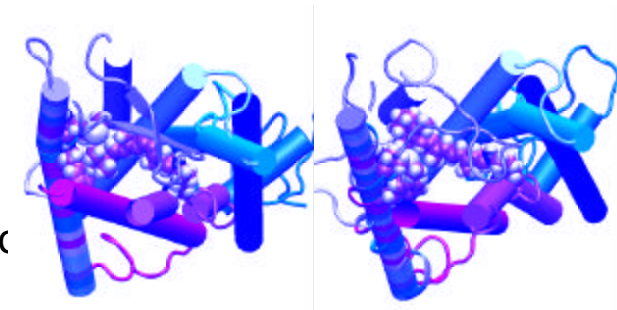
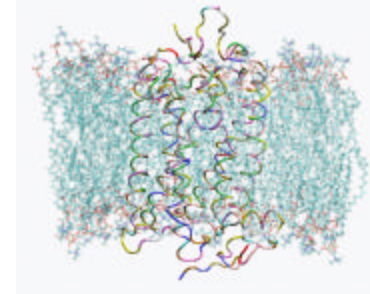
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# Hardware & *SPEED*



# Atomistic Simulation of Protein Dynamics

- Rhodopsin
  - a membrane protein that absorbs light
  - starts signaling cascade that results in our vision
  - a G-protein coupled receptor (GPCR)
- GPCR
  - ligand binds and activates the G-protein on the cytosol and starts a signal
  - big drug target
- Simulations
  - 2000 Bovine Rhodopsin crystallized in dark state
  - 2003 MD simulation (and others)
    - 40 ns simulation (only a few competitors)
  - 2007 simulation of photoisomerization (and IBM grc)
    - 150 ns simulation
    - changes in transmembrane helices
    - movement of water
    - side chain dynamics
  - just last month crystal structure of light state
    - understand the physical mechanism of the transition between states
- 10 ns standard for major simulators; 100 ns possible



# Protein Simulations: Future

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- We have reached a new era in protein simulations
  - starting to examine the sequential dynamics of proteins
- BlueGene
  - on the biggest computer, serious attacks on such problems are happening
    - $\mu$ s simulation
    - many 100 ns simulations
  - statistics of single trajectories (not identical)
    - Is there a way to efficiently obtain good statistics?
    - statistics of a transition path (see also free energy calculation)
  - BlueGene computer
    - optimized code for special processors
    - many many processors  $\Rightarrow$  algorithm must be (and is) fast for few atoms/processor
    - i.e. a lot of work was performed to make it happen & not all code is transferable
  - Alan Grossfield, U. Rochester; Michael Pitman, IBM
- Starting without a measured crystal structure
  - Building a protein is equivalent to folding it.
  - How do you build a GPCR in general? based on rhodopsin?
- Can we simplify the dynamics and make the calculation faster?
  - Do we need to treat the transmembrane helices in full detail all the time?
  - Cost  $\sim$  number of interactions to be calculated



# Computers of the Future

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- GPUs (and other coprocessors)
- Nvidia: CUDA language
- Desktop → 60 processor computer
- resurrection of the workstation?
  - ~\$20,000 = ~1000 CPU equivalents?
- Requires code rewrites
  - load imbalanced
  - getting data in/out of GPU efficiently
  - NAMD conversion only get 4x speedup
- nodes on parallel computers will (do!) have GPUs

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TIFF (Uncompressed) decompressor  
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J. Anderson, C. Lorenz, A. Travesset, 2008



# What's New?

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## LAMMPS

- C++ code
- many new force-fields
  - typically not funded
  - essential
- ability to combine force-fields
  - Ex: organic-metal system
  - Ex: model systems that use multiple interaction types
- rigid body dynamics
- aspherical potentials
- input script language

## Wish list

- combining with continuum mechanics



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# Coarse-Graining



# Coarse-grained models

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- polymer
  - standard CG motivation
  - polyelectrolyte examples
    - DNA
      - elliptical interactions for sugar bases
- lipids
  - follow polymer (minimal) models
  - chemically defined models
    - Voth, Klein, Marrink
  - atomistic FFs need work (e.g. CHARMM vs. GROMOS)
- & proteins
  - rigid body
  - same FF issues as lipids

see *Coarse-Graining of Condensed Phase and Biomolecular Systems*, ed. G. Voth, CRC Press (2009)



# Biomembranes

- Challenges
  - Fusion
  - Effect of lipids on protein activity (e.g. rhodopsin)
  - Organization of multicomponent membranes
    - Domains (rafts) organize proteins
  - transport of particles thru membrane
    - toxins, nanoparticles
- Lipid membranes as a material
  - liquid surface
  - self-assembly



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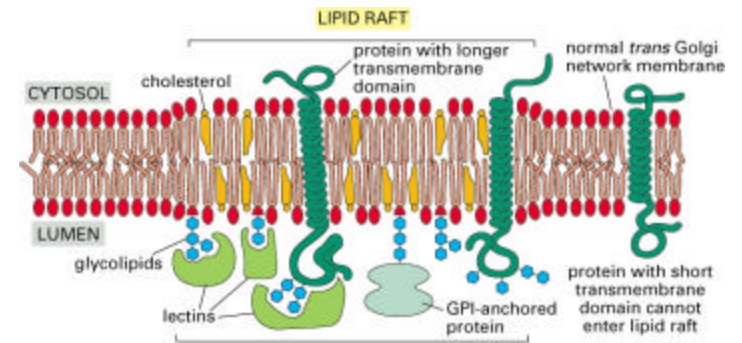
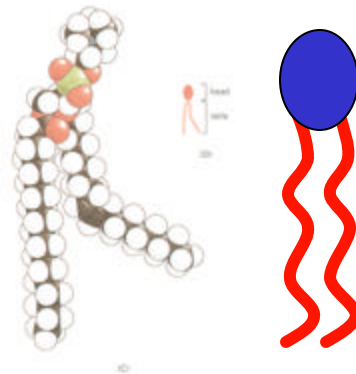


Figure 13-63. Molecular Biology of the Cell, 4th Edition.

# *Simulating Biomembranes*

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We want to simulate lipid membranes & **must treat liquid dynamics.**

Lipid diffusion is 'slow'

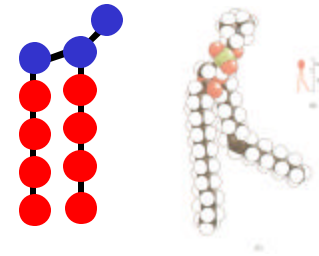
- diffusion constant  $\sim 10^{-8} \text{ cm}^2/\text{s} = 10^{-3} \text{ nm}^2/\text{ns}$
  - lipid exchange time  $\sim 100 \text{ ns}$
  - too slow for atomistic simulations
- ⇒ need to use coarse-grained models



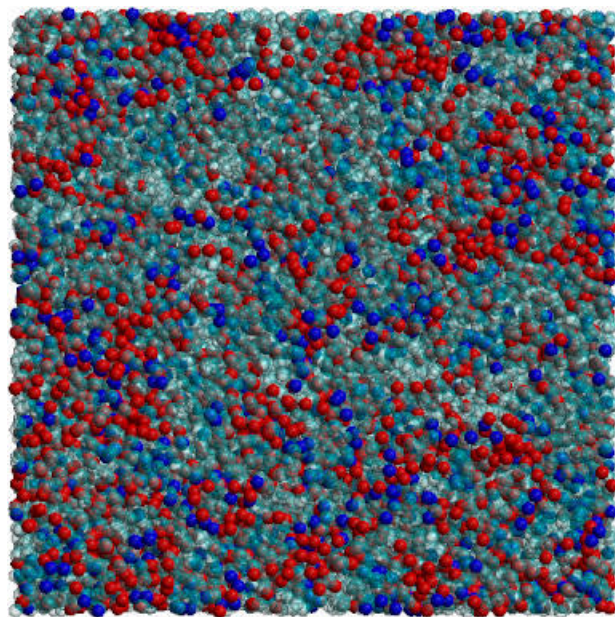
# Coarse-grained Models

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- Follow successful coarse-grained models in polymer physics
  - bead-spring model
  - 2 types
    - hydrophobic & hydrophilic
- Can treat essential physical features that drive key phenomena
  - connectivity
  - hydrophobic/hydrophilic interactions
    - self-assembly
  - membrane fluidity
- This is sufficient for more complex phenomena
  - microdomains
  - fusion
  - membrane-protein interactions

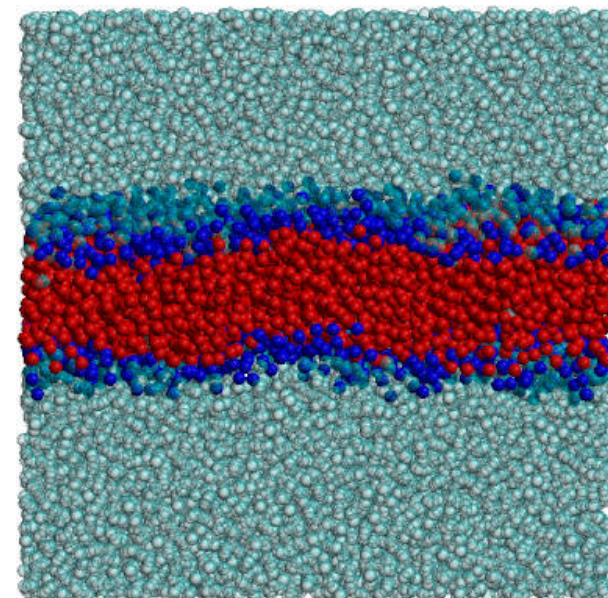


# Simulations of Bilayer Membranes



Membrane self-assembly?

MD  
→



Solvent

Bilayer

Solvent

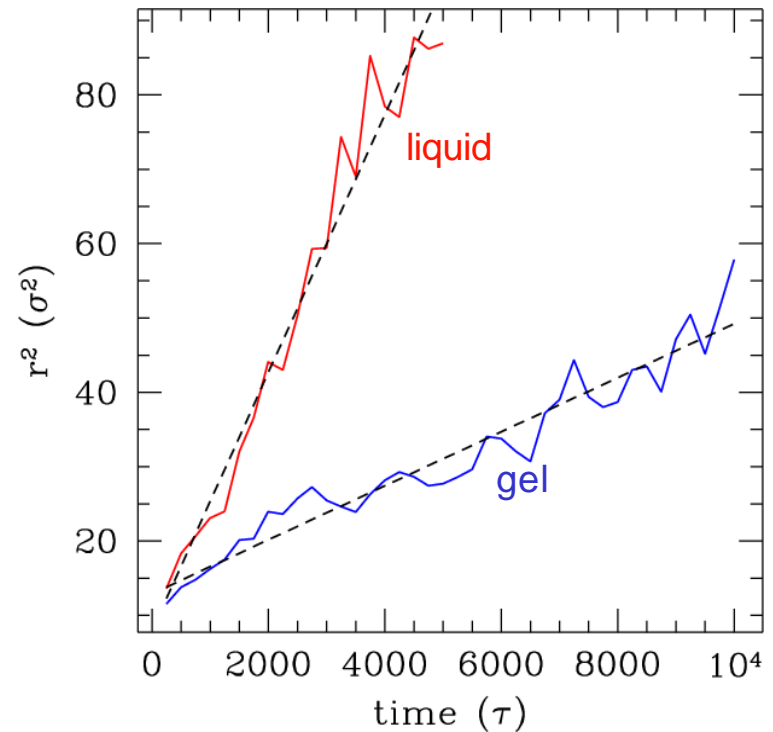
Yes!  
 $1 \times 10^6$  time steps



# Liquid Membrane

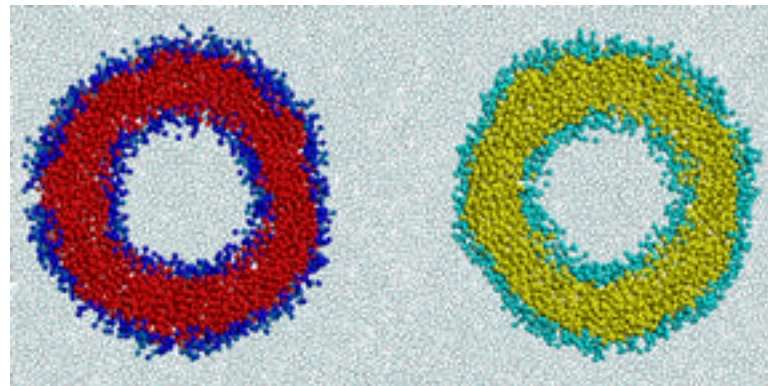
Verifying fluidity of bilayer

- Lipids diffuse across simulation box
- Lipid diffusion not possible presently in atomistic simulations
- Matching diffusion times yields map: LJ time unit  $\tau \rightarrow 0.2$  ns.
- $5000 \tau = 1.0 \mu\text{s}$ .
- times in the  $\mu\text{s}$  to ms range achievable



# *Fusion Simulation Setup*

- Create single liposome by placing lipids on inner & outer spheres:  $D = 30 \sigma = 15 \text{ nm}$ ,  $N_T = 4$ .
- Apply constant force to bring liposome together
- Images are slices



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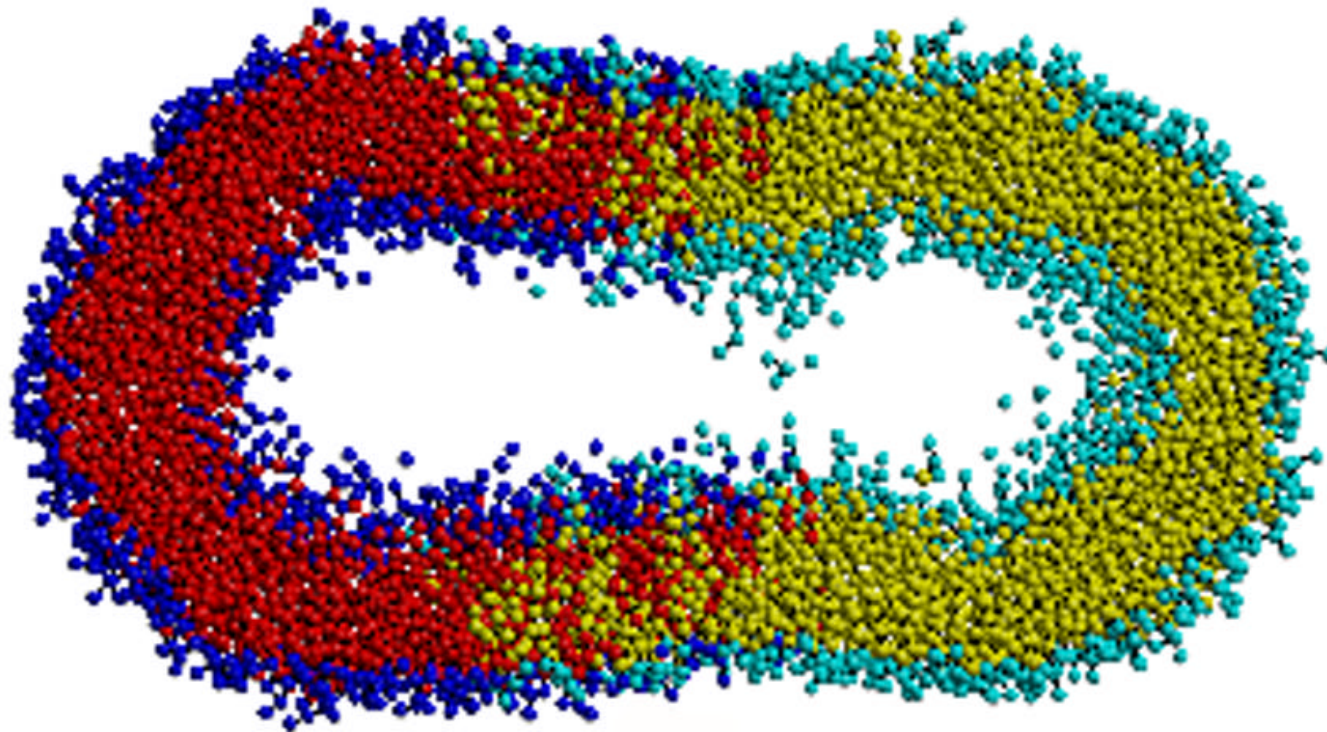
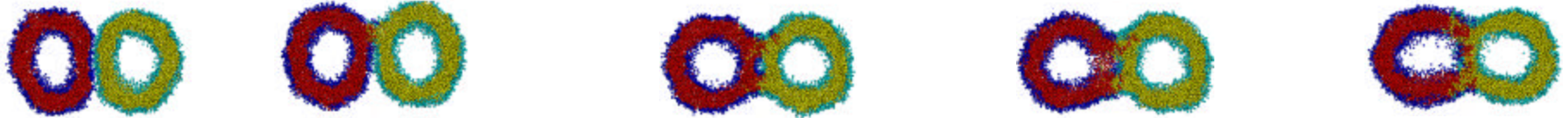
2158 lipids/liposome

333680 total beads



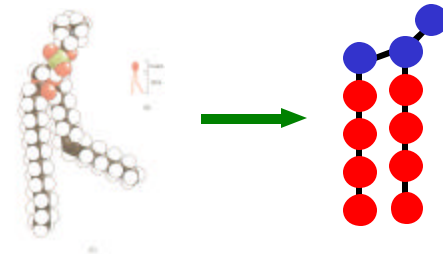
# *Fusion Dynamics*

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# Coarse-grained Models

- Model and FF development of CG lipid
  - Siewaart-Jan Marrink (Netherlands)
    - MARTINI FF (in GROMACS)
    - ~5 LJ types, partial charges
    - different lipid head group
    - cholesterol
  - Greg Voth
    - force matching method (atomistics to CG)
    - atomistic to CG connection
    - well defined mathematics
    - also done work to coarse-grained at higher level (field theory)
  - Michael Klein
    - revised version of early work on surfactants
    - new results on lipids coming
  - Markus Deserno
    - 3-bead lipid model and no solvent
    - for larger scale systems
- atom to CG is not 1:1
  - multiple relevant versions possible
  - best choice may depend on problem
- Need multiple levels of coarse-graining



# CG Lipid Simulations

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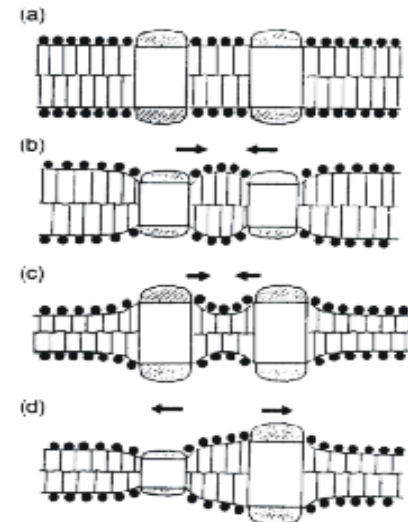
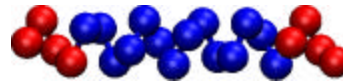
## Next Stage

- Different lipid types
  - more complex models
- Free energy calculations
  - very very expensive
  - WHAM
    - constrain system (ex. two vesicles at fixed separation in fusion simulation)
    - do a full simulation at each constraint
    - collect statistics
    - calculate free energy difference from 'WHAM' equations
  - energy barriers
    - slow dynamics → expensive calculations
    - various methods proposed
    - multiple dimensions are a challenge
  - ? who is *funded*
- Including proteins in membrane simulations  
(next page)



# Including Proteins

- Many problems of interest involving lipids and membrane proteins
  - biological problems vs. model systems
  - interactions between proteins in membrane
  - fusion peptides
  - antimicrobial peptides
  - domain organization of proteins (rafts)
- CG protein models
  - Thirumalai (90s)
    - alpha helix & beta sheet
    - recently complex orientational FF
  - Marrink
  - many minimal models developed for protein folding
  - folding vs dynamics
  - rigid body dynamics
    - treat protein as cylinder
    - treat helices as rigid

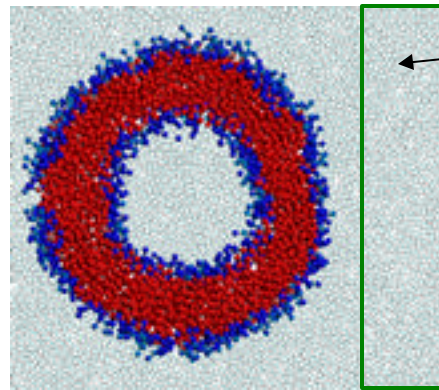


P.A. Kralchevsky et al., (1995)



# Coarse-grained Models: Future

- hydrogen bonding
  - directionality important?
  - how incorporate small scale into CG model
- water
  - hydrogen bonding liquid
  - dielectric screening
  - 90% of particles
  - implicit water especially far away
- nonspherical potentials
  - to treat rings (phenyl, sugars)
  - to treat other rigid or semirigid components
  - need efficient algorithms
- charges
  - explicit (done, but expensive)
  - Debye-Hückel or other effective interaction
- efficiency: complexity or adding features tends to add costs



coarse grain more here

How treat

- interaction between different levels?
- movement of waters between different regions?

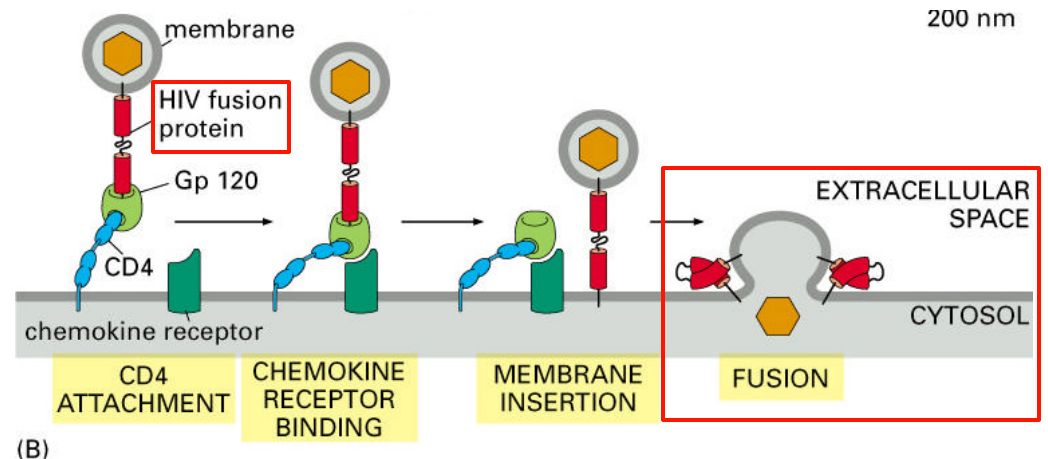
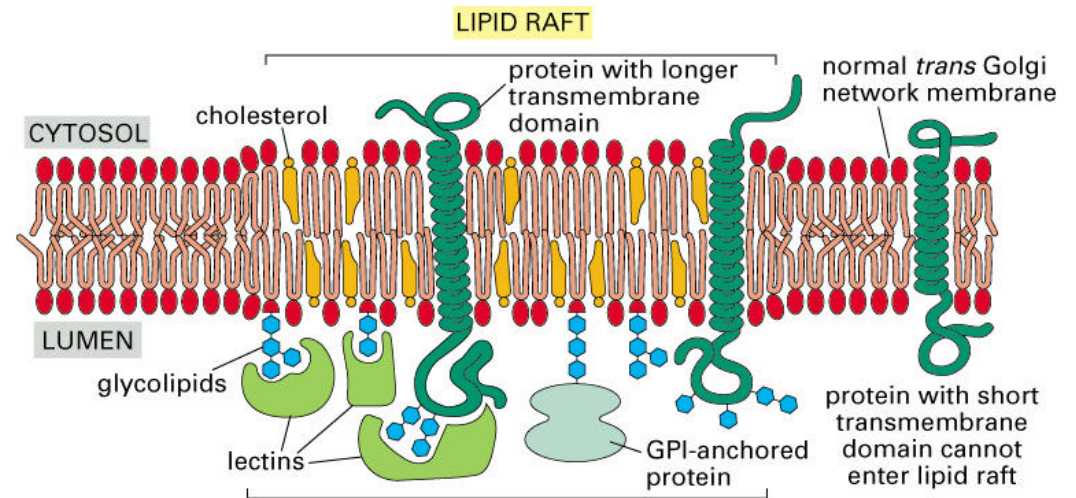


# Next Level of Coarse-grained Models

Schematics have essential features

How do you simulate all this?

- better models
  - cholesterol
  - lipids
- need a model
  - glycolipids
- protein shapes
  - know the shape?
  - model shape better than a collection of points
  - interaction between a shape & particle
    - *reduce number of interactions*
  - dynamic vs static 'mesh'
  - varying degrees of flexibility
- time scales
  - components
  - multiple levels of coarse-graining
  - fastest frequency → short time step
- can do length scale?



(B) Figure 13-16. Molecular Biology of the Cell, 4th Edition.



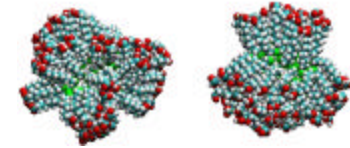
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# Nanoparticles



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- What can we do with nanoparticles?
  - most nanoparticles must be coated in order to reside in a system
- In simulations what needs to be done?
  - structure of coated nanoparticles 1
  - interaction between coated nanoparticles 2
    - influence of solvent 2+N
  - what structures of sets of nanoparticles occur NxN
  - how do you make a desired structure?
  - how do you put the nanoparticles where you want them
    - polymer nanocomposites
    - nanoparticle crystals



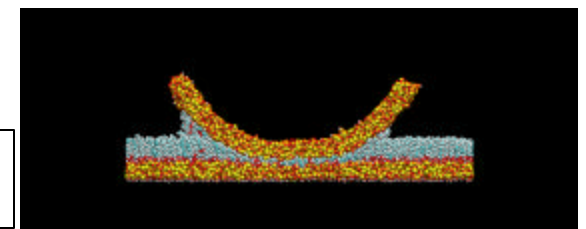
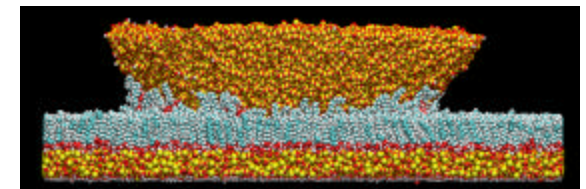
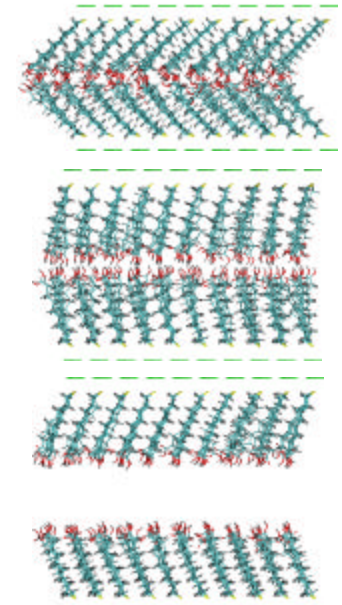
COOH terminated alkanethiols  
air-decane    air-water



# SAMs & AFM tips

- Have treated self-assembled monolayers (SAMs)
- primarily on  $\text{SiO}_2$
- treated a variety of terminations
  - $\text{CF}_3$ , OH, COOH, ethylene glycol, nylon
  - issue: treating ionization
    - free  $\text{H}^+$  is problematic
    - dynamics of dissociation/association
    - FF have defined connectivity
- Now doing explicit  $\text{SiO}_2$  tips
- Nanoparticles
  - coatings on nonplanar surfaces
  - will encompass a big leap in length and time scales
    - want to do more than 2 particles
    - particle dynamics on slower scale than solvent
    - **how reduce number of solvent molecules**

coupling between terminal groups (COOH) and SAM structure as a function of separation

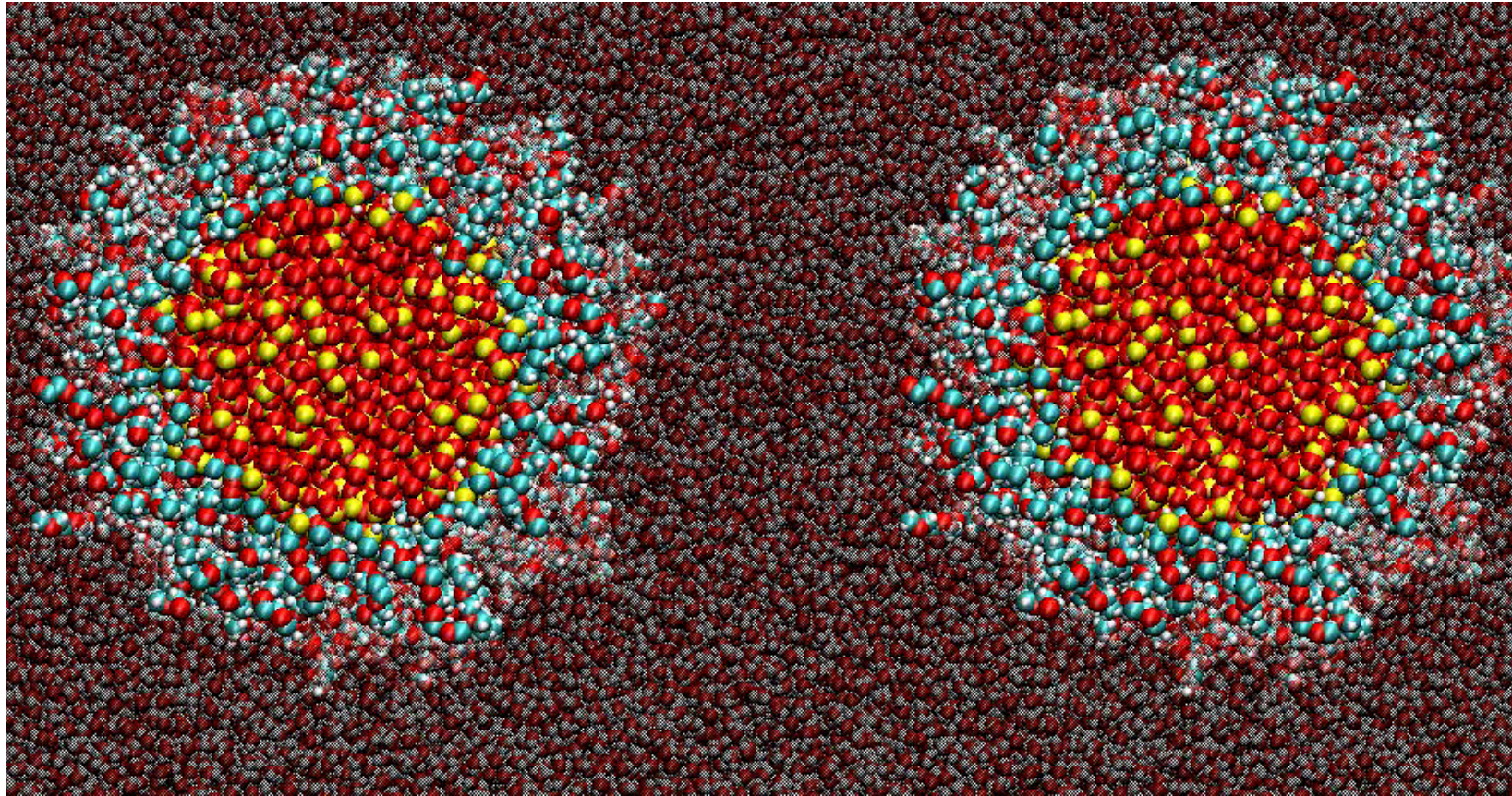


modeling of interaction between a tip and a SAM



# PEO-coated silica inter-particle force

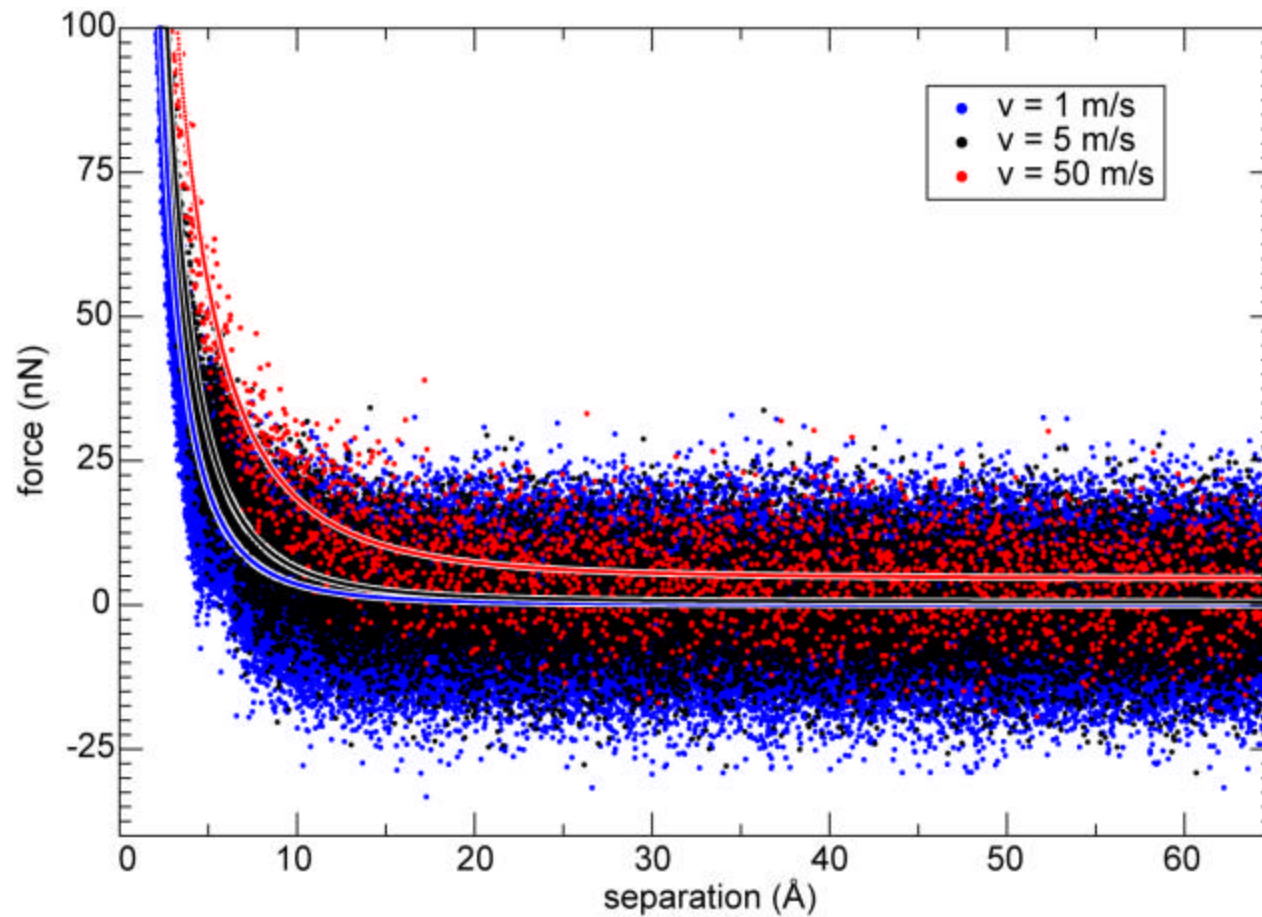
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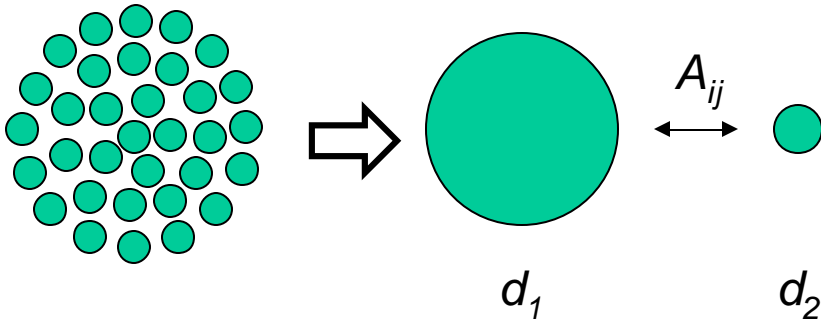
- approx. 360,000 water atoms
- approx. 400,000 total atoms
- 90% solvent
- 128 processors for 16 days (slowest case)
- now ~ 2 million atoms to treat hydrodynamics



# Force on PEO coated Silica in water



# Interaction Potential



- $r_c = 10\text{\AA}$
- Sum of LJ ?LJ
- Hybrid potential model
- Solvent represented by standard Lennard-Jones (LJ) particles
- NP-NP interaction treated as interactions between integrated LJ particles<sup>1</sup>
- NP-solvent interaction treats NP as an integrated particle

## nano-solvent

$$U = \frac{2 a_2^3 \sigma_{12}^3 A_{ns}}{9 (a_2^2 - r_{12}^2)^3} \left[ 1 - \frac{(5 a_2^6 + 45 a_2^4 r_{12}^2 + 63 a_2^2 r_{12}^4 + 15 r_{12}^6) \sigma^6}{15 (a_2 - r_{12})^6 (a_2 + r_{12})^6} \right],$$

## nano-nano

$$U_A = -\frac{A_{nn}}{6} \left[ \frac{2a_1a_2}{r_{12}^2 - (a_1 + a_2)^2} + \frac{2a_1a_2}{r_{12}^2 - (a_1 - a_2)^2} + \ln \left( \frac{r_{12}^2 - (a_1 + a_2)^2}{r_{12}^2 - (a_1 - a_2)^2} \right) \right]$$

$$U_R = \frac{A_{nn} \sigma^6}{37800 r_{12}} \left[ \frac{r_{12}^2 - 7r_{12}(a_1 + a_2) + 6(a_1^2 + 7a_1a_2 + a_2^2)}{(r_{12} - a_1 - a_2)^7} + \frac{r_{12}^2 + 7r_{12}(a_1 + a_2) + 6(a_1^2 + 7a_1a_2 + a_2^2)}{(r_{12} + a_1 + a_2)^7} - \frac{r_{12}^2 + 7r_{12}(a_1 - a_2) + 6(a_1^2 - 7a_1a_2 + a_2^2)}{(r_{12} + a_1 - a_2)^7} - \frac{r_{12}^2 - 7r_{12}(a_1 - a_2) + 6(a_1^2 - 7a_1a_2 + a_2^2)}{(r_{12} - a_1 + a_2)^7} \right]$$

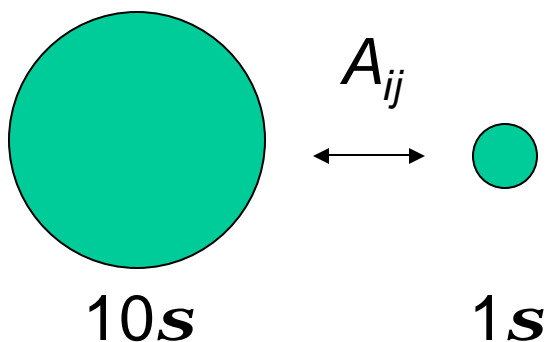
$$U = U_A + U_R,$$

<sup>1</sup>R. Everaers and M.R. Ejtehadi, Phys. Rev. E **67**, 41710 (2003)



# Nanoparticles in Solvent

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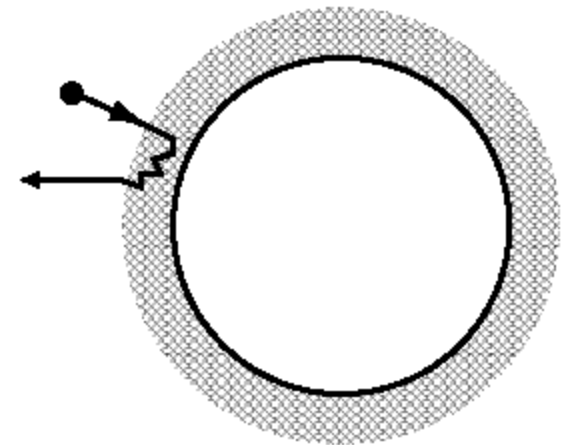
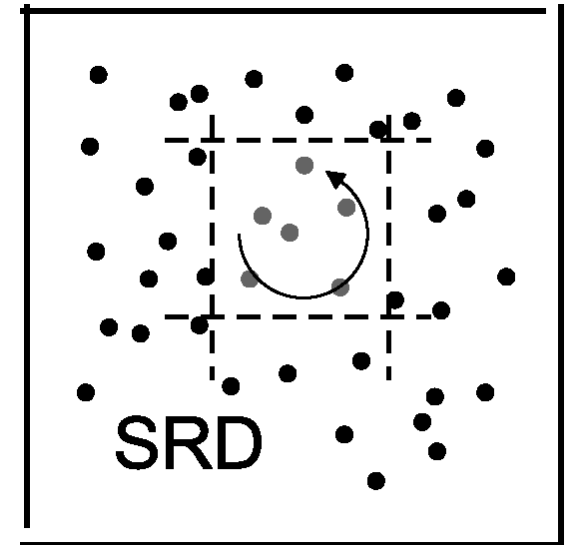
- Simulation details:
  - 10-2000 nanoparticles
  - 0.5-2 million LJ solvent particles
  - $T = e/k_B$ ,  $P = 0.1e/s^3$
- Simulations only feasible due to significant improvements in LAMMPS
  - Multi-region neighbor lists
  - Improved communications

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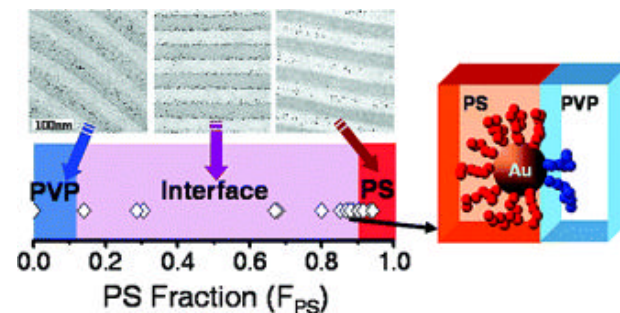
# Coarse-Graining of Background Fluid

- Issue
  - too many solvent particles
  - solvent/colloid ratio may be 100:1 or 1000:1
  - interest is colloidal dynamics
- SRD = stochastic rotation dynamics (particle)
  - Malevanets & Kapral, J Chem Phys, 110 (1999)
  - Padding & Louis, PRL, 93 (2004)
  - Hecht et al, PRE, 72 (2005)
  - intermediate Peclet numbers of around 1
  - $Pe$  = ratio of advection to diffusion
- Basic idea:
  - solvent moves by random rotation + streaming flow
  - solvent particles do not interact with each other
- Implementation issues
  - Cheap because no solvent-solvent interactions (LJ) to compute
  - How to add lots of (non-interacting) particles and not slow down
  - How to detect SRD/colloid collisions efficiently?
  - How to thermostat?



# Nanoparticles

- We are now considering the 1-2 type nanoparticle systems.
- Proteins are nanoparticles.
- There are interesting materials made of proteins.
- The surfaces of proteins are far more complex
  - many interaction sites
  - many shapes
- The possibilities are far beyond what we are imagining.



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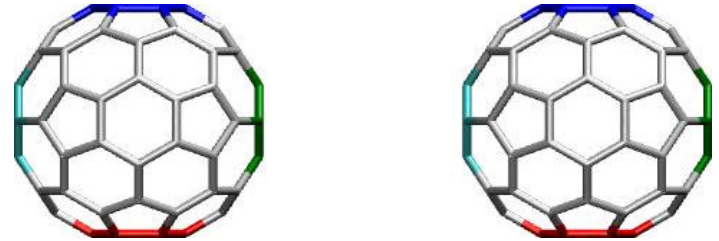
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# Rigid Body Dynamics



# Patchy Particles

- Use  $C_{80}$  to define sites on a sphere
- 4 matching sites on nanoparticle
  - attractive: blue:red and cyan:green
  - acid:base binding
  - will make sheets?
- Simulation
  - 500 rigid bodies
- Large particle may reside on multiple processors
  - need efficient parallel methods
  - fast communications



largest cluster

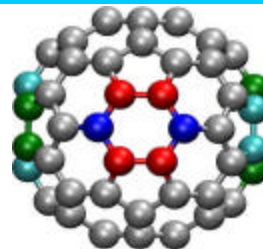
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# Patchy Particles

- Modify model

- provide orientation within patches
- yield alignment of bonded particles
- which yields sheet fragments
- slow dynamics of fragments forming single sheet



clusters > 4

- Monte Carlo may be more efficient at low densities

- Cluster moves
- No general Monte Carlo codes
- typically not parallel

- Mimic MC move in MD?

- redefine cluster as rigid unit
  - reduces intra-body calculations
  - allows larger time step ~ rotation of large cluster
  - parallelization issues

- People are just beginning to study such systems

- can use with coarse-grained systems to study proteins in lipids

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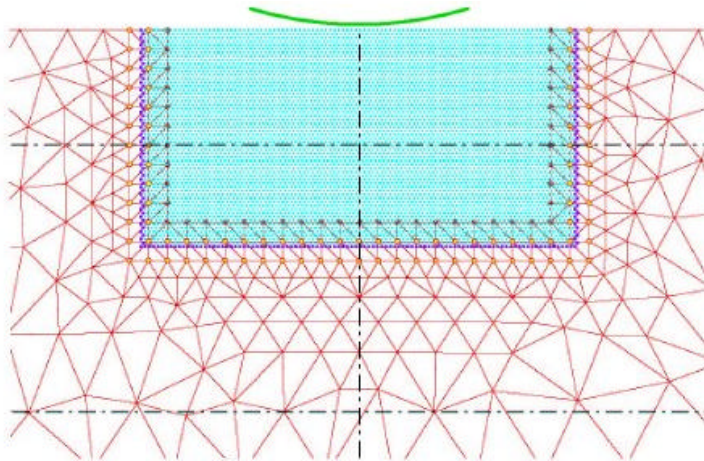


# Atomistic/Continuum Coupling

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## MD + finite elements for stress/strain response

- boundary conditions for MD
- transfer between MD forces and FE stress
- general issues: applies to solids and liquids
- Rob Hoy and Mark Robbins (JHU)
  - solids, fracture
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