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This distribution contains the Warp code which is a parallel molecular dynamics simulation for modeling stress and strain in materials using embedded atom method (EAM) and Lennard-Jones (LJ) potentials. It is written in F90 and performs message-passing via MPI calls. Thus it should be portable to virtually any parallel or single-processor machine. This code is copyrighted property of Sandia National Laboratories. Please contact the author(s) for a copy of the source code or further information.

Type make to see a list of supported machines. You can add a new machine to the list by creating an appopriate Makefile.machine file and adding the new machine to the target list in Makefile. The "serial" target does not require MPI be installed on your workstation. The other targets require MPI.

If the -DCRACK compiler flag is set in Makefile.machine, Warp adds the command "no neighbor" that enables crack propagation simulations.

Warp is run by redirecting an input script to stdin, e.g.

warp_machine < in.file
mpirun -np 16 warp_machine < in.file</pre>

The input script consists of a series of single-line commands. Most of the input commands take one or more parameters. The keyword for each command should begin in the leftmost column and all characters in the command should be in lower-case. Parameters can be separated by arbitrary numbers of spaces and/or tabs (so long as the command fits on one line).

The order of commands for performing a simulation are as follows:

 (1) set parameters (2) create box 	only those different than defaults mandatory	
Either: (3) orient and origin (4) select region (5) define cutout (6) create atoms (7) check for atom overlap (8) select and create types and eltypes (9) select and create vels Or:	as needed mandatory as needed mandatory (loop on 3-6 as desired) as needed as needed as needed	
 (3) scale read (4) type translate (5) read atoms (6) check for atom overlap (7) select and create types and eltypes (8) select and create vels Or: 	as needed as needed mandatory as needed as needed as needed	
(3) read restart(10) select and create fixes(11) apply temp and pres controls	mandatory as needed as needed	
(12) run	can perform multiple times, changing parameters as desired	
0r: (13) relax	minimize potential energy	
Note that several parameters must be defined (if not default) before the global simulation box is created and memory is allocated in step (2). These settings include units, extra memory, potential, neighbor, processor grid, periodicity, and lattice.		
The following is a complete list of valid Warp inputs and the "type" of parameters that should be used (i=integer,r=real,c=character string) in the input script. More details are given below. Some of the commands are only available with certain compiler flags.		
# comment		

units lj (c)

extra memory	2.0 1.5 2.0 2.5	(rrrr)
-		
timestep	0.001	(r)
augment t1 1	(i)	
use interp 1 use dimer 0	(i) (i)	
gsmooth factor 99.0	(r)	
potential	eam 0/potentials/cuu7	(cic)
potential	lj/cut 2.5	(cr)
potential	lj/smooth	(c)
potential table	meam matlibfile meamcardfile	(ccc) (i)
	10000	
neighbor	0.3 10	(ri)
no neighbor	2 3 10 10 10	(ii)
processor grid	10 10 10	(iii)
thermo	0	(i)
snapshot	1000 file xmovie	(icc)
snap thresh	centro 2.0	(cr)
snap column	2 inf inf inf -1.0 1.0	(i)
snap limits restart	1000 file	(rrrrr) (ic)
write atoms	1000 file	(ic)
write dynamo	1000 file	(ic)
write meamstat	1000 file	(ic)
diagnostic	name 100 diagfile 2 10.0	(cicirrrr)
numatoms	1000	(i)
periodicity	0 1 0	(iii)
lattice	fcc 1.0	(cr)
create box		(
create box	-10.0 10.0 0.0 20.0 0.0 20.0	(rrrrr)
orient	x 1 0 0	(ciii)
orient	y 0 1 0	(ciii)
orient	z 0 0 1	(ciii)
origin	0.0 0.0 0.0	(rrr)
select region	all	
select region	0.0 inf 0.0 inf inf inf	(rrrrr)
select type	1	(i)
set eltype	1	(i)
define cutout	0 region -5.0 5.0 inf inf -3.0 i	nf (icrrrrr)
define cutout	1 cylinder x y z 3.0 4.0 2.0 -10	
define cutout	0 sphere 0.0 0.0 2.0 1.0	(icrrrr)
define cutout	1 cylinder x y z 3.0 4.0 2.0 -10	0.0 inf (iccccrrrr)
create atoms	1	(i)
	-	
scale read	1.0 1.0 1.0	(rrr)
type translate	28 1	(ii)
type translate box toler	1 3 0.00005 (r)	(ii)
read atoms	atomfile	(c)
check overlap	0.25 1	(ir)
create types	1	(i)
create eltypes	1	(i)
displace atoms displace atoms	100.0 xyz 1.0 0.0 0.0	(rcrrr)
displace atoms	100.0 ramp vy 0.0 5.0 x -10.0 10 100.0 twist 0.0 1.0 x y z 0.0 5.	
		(rcrrcccrrrr)
displace atoms	100.0 expand 1 1 0 0.0 0.0 0.0 1	.000.0 (rciiirrrr)
check vels	1	(i)
create vels	1 thermal 300.0 39480	(i) (cri)
create vels	ramp vy 0.0 5.0 x -10.0 10.0	(ccrrcrr)
create vels	twist 0.0 1.0 x y z 0.0 5.0 -10.	
create vels	expand 1 1 0 0.0 0.0 0.0 1000.0	(CIIIrrrr)
create fixes	none	(c)
create fixes	xyz 0 1 -1	(ciii)
create fixes	twist x y z 0.0 2.0 1 1 1	(ccccrriii)
create fixes	external 0.1 0.0 0.0	(crrr)
temp type	0	(i)
temp control	none	(c)
temp control	rescale 300.0 10 10.0	(crir)
temp control	hoover 300.0 1.0	(crr)
temp adjust temp adjust	none	(c)
temp adjust	xyz 0 1 1 ramp vy 0.0 5.0 x -10.0 10.0	(ciii) (ccrrcrr)
	twist 0.0 1.0 x y z 0.0 5.0 -10.	
pres control	volume 0.0 0.5	(crr)

filename (c) read restart reset timestep (i) 0 run 1000 (i) relax (i) 0 1 1500 4 40 1e-8 1e-6 (iiiirr) relaxp # comments blank lines are ignored everything on a line after last parameter is ignored lines starting with a # are echoed into the log file _____ # units kind of units to use in the simulation options: lj Lennard Jones reduced units real Angstroms, degrees K, eV, etc must be specified before "create box" command default = lj # extra memory 1st parameter = extra_own = padding factor on allocation of owned atom arrays 2nd parameter = extra_ghost = padding factor on allocation of ghost atom arrays 3rd parameter = extra_neigh = padding factor on allocation of neighbor lists 4th parameter = $extra_buf$ = padding factor on allocation of communication buffers factors that affect how much extra memory is allocated when a problem is setup factor of 1.0 means no padding, factor of 2.0 means 2x longer arrays typically don't need to change default settings unless Warp tells you to "boost" some factor at run-time must be specified before "create box" command default = 2.0 2.0 2.0 3.0 _____ # timestep timestep size for MD run for lj units, is in units of tau for real units, is in picoseconds
default = 0.001 for both lj and real # augment t1 flag specifying whether augmentation of t1 coefficient is needed, only significant for $\ensuremath{\mathsf{MEAM}}$ 0 = don't augment t11 = do augment t1if don't augment t1, t1 value from the input file is not modified if augment t1, then 3/5*t3 is added to t1 default = 1# use interp flag specifying whether interpolation of phi is used for energy calculation only significant for MEAM 0 = don't use interpolation 1 = do use interpolation if not use interp then phi is calculated precisely # and -100 is used for small log values (as Dynamo) if use interp, polynomial interpolation of phi is used (faster) default = 1# use dimer flag specifying whether dimer is used to calculate reference density and phi only significant for MEAM
0 = don't use dimer

1 = do use dimer if use dimer then density (and phi) is calculated the same way as in Dynamo otherwise dimer is not used

default = 0

gsmooth factor

factor determining the length of the G smoothing region must be positive number only significant for MEAM if ibar is 0 or 4 $\,$ if gsmooth factor is larger, G smoothing region is smaller, sharper step 99.0 = short smoothing region, sharp step 0.5 = long smoothing region, smooth step power of the smoothing function will be -(gsmooth_factor/2)

default = 99.00

notential

kind of potential energy and force interactions to use between all pairs of interacting atoms

examples:

potential	eam Ø filename
potential	lj∕cut 2.5
potential	lj/smooth
potential	meam matlibfile meamcardfile

eam option means use a EAM potential from the specified file, the cutoff for the potential is contained in the file

for the geometric is obtained in the file is assumed to be in the DYNAMO single-element funcfl format

for the eam option, if the integer flag is 1, the EAM file is assumed to be in the $\ensuremath{\mathsf{DYNAM0}}$ setfl alloy format, and the potentials are assigned

to element type numbers in the order in which they appear in the file

lj/cut option means use a cutoff LJ potential with the specified cutoff in units of sigma

lj/smooth option means use a LJ potential that goes smoothly to zero in both the energy and force at a hard-wired cutoff value of approximately 1.71 sigma must be specified before "create box" command

default = lj/cut with 2.5 sigma cutoff

meam option means use a MEAM (modified EAM) potential, reading material parameters from the matlibfile and the meam card data from meamcardfile. See the file MEAM.README for an overview of what data is needed in the meam card.

table

pre-tabulate the potential energy and force functions in a table of the specified size to speed force computations the force and energy routines perform linear interpolations between adjacent table values to estimate a force and energy the specified size is the length of the table, the larger the number the more accurate the table and the more memory used 10000 is a typical table length a value of 0 means no tables are used, the forces and energies are

evaluated in the usual analytic fashion default: 0

neighbor

1st parameter = skin thickness of neighbor shell 2nd parameter = delay check for neighbor re-build until this many steps since last build

factors that affect how and when neighbor lists are constructed communication is done to acquire all atoms within distance cutoff + skin after delay $\ensuremath{\texttt{\#}}$ of steps, check is done every timestep based on atom movement to see if neighbor list should be rebuilt e.g. delay = 5 means start checking 5 timesteps after last rebuild must be specified before "create box" command

default: skin = 0.3, delay = 10

no neighbor

(ONLY available with CRACK compiler flag)

1st parameter = type A 2nd parameter = type B

turn-off force interactions between atom pairs of types A and B can be used to create an initial slit crack works because neighbor-list formation routine checks for these interactions setting both types to 0 essentially turns off this command default = 0 0

processor arid

parameters = # of processors in x,y,z dimensions

specify 3-d grid of processors to map to physical simulation domain total # of processors must equal product of 3 parameters must be specified before "create box" command if you do not specify this, code will make best guess of how to map procs to the box, so as to minimize the surface area of proc sub-domains if the 1st param is zero, then the code reverts to its default assignment

and you don't need the other 2 parameters default = code matches procs to simulation box

thermo

print thermodynamic info to screen and log file every this many timesteps value of 0 means print only at beginning and end of a run default = 0

snapshot

1st parameter = call snapshot routine every this many steps 2nd parameter = filename to dump shapshots to 3rd parameter = "xmovie" or "pds" or "ensight6bin" or "ensight6text" or

"ensight6binc"

dump snapshot of atom positions to a file every this many timesteps value of 0 means never dump non-zero value also writes snapshot at start and end of run

- any previous snapshot file is closed new filename can exist, will be overwritten snapshot info is dumped in one of 4 formats:
- "xmovie" format, which is ASCII text with descriptors for timestep, number of atoms, bounding box, and one line per atom "pds" format writes snapshots in Sandia's PDS format, which is
- portable binary format, the tools/pds2xmovie.f file can be used to extract XMOVIE snapshots from a PDS file
- "ensight6bin"/"ensight6binc" format writes case and variable file for the visualization software Ensight. Variable file is written in Fortran/C binary form, one variable file for all time steps "ensight6text" writes case and variable files for the visualization
- software $\ensuremath{\mathsf{Ensight}}$, one variable file for one time step

if the 3rd parameter is omitted, default "ensight6bin" format is used info in snapshot file is affected by "snap thresh" and "snap column" commands default = 0

snap thresh

1st parameter = "none" or "energy" or "centro" 2nd parameter = value

only dump an atom to the snapshot file if a value associated with the atom is larger than the specified threshhold value choices for the value are "none" = all atoms are dumped out in which case

- the 2nd parameter need not be specified, "energy" = potential energy of the atom, and "centro" = centrosymmetry value of the atom
- energy and distance^2 units for the threshhold value are in appropriate real or lj units
- can be used to throttle the output to only defect atoms default = none

snap column

1st parameter = 0.1.2.3.4.5.6.7

add columns of output to the snapshot file for each dumped atom

- for parameter = 0, no additional info beyond the atom type and xyz coords is dumped
- for parameter = 1, the atom's potential energy is also dumped
- for parameter = 2, the atom's centrosymmetry value is also dumped
- for parameter = 3, both the atom's pot eng and centrosymmetry values are dumped
- for parameter = 4, the atom's stress is dumped
- for parameter = 5, the atom's stress and pot eng are dumped
- for parameter = 6, the atom's stress and centrosymmetry are dumped

for parameter = 7, the atom's stress, centrosymmetry and pot eng are dumped default = 0 $\,$

snap limits

6 parameters = xlo xhi ylo yhi zlo zhi (in cubic lattice units)

only dump an atom to the snapshot file if its coordinates lie within the specified region.

for a simulation with variable domain size (e.g. constant pressure), this region grows in proportion with the box size default = inf inf inf inf inf inf

restart

1st parameter = write a restart file every this many steps 2nd parameter = prefix file name to write to

create a restart file every this many timesteps full filename is prefix.timestep value of 0 means never create one (don't need filenames in this case) restart file stores atom positions and velocities in binary form allows program to restart from where it left off via "read restart" commmand new restart files overwrite any previous files restart files are written in one of 2 formats, depending on which file is compiled into the code: restart.f or restart_pds.f the restart.f file writes in a machine-specific binary format the restart_pds.f file writes in Sandia's PDS format, which is portable binary format default = 0

write atoms

1st parameter = write an atom file every this many steps 2nd parameter = prefix file name to write to

create an atom file every this many timesteps full filename is prefix_timestep.atoms value of 0 means never create one (don't need filenames in this case) atom file stores header with time step, number of atoms and box bounds also, element type, atom type and position are stored for every atom new atom files overwrite any previous files default = 0

write dynamo

1st parameter = write a dynamo format restart file every this many steps 2nd parameter = prefix file name to write to

create a dynamo format file every this many timesteps
full filename is prefix_timestep.dynamo
value of 0 means never create one (don't need filenames in this case)
dynamo format restart file stores:
 comment line
 numatoms, numelementypes, constant, angle
 box bounds
 atomic masses and atomic numbers
 also, for each atom it stores:
 position, velocity and type
 new dynamo files overwrite any previous files
 default = 0

write meamstat

1st parameter = write a dynamo format meamstat file every this many steps 2nd parameter = prefix file name to write to

create a dynamo format meamstat file every this many timesteps
full filename is prefix_timestep.meamstat
value of 0 means never create one (don't need filenames in this case)
dynamo format meamstat file stores:
 atomic data:number, type, positions, energy
 velocities
 forces
 el. density, f(rho), phi(r)
 rho0 rho(1)^2 rho(2)^2 rho(3)^2
new meamstat files overwrite any previous files
default = 0

numatoms

diagnostic

1st parameter = identifier name of routine 2nd parameter = call diagnostic routine every this many steps 3rd parameter = filename to dump diagnostic results to 4th parameter = # of remaining parameters (maximum of 5) 5th-9th parameters = parameters to pass to diagnostic routine

call a user-specified diagnostic routine and write results into file 1st parameter is a string that is checked inside diagnostic.f in the diagalloc routine when a run is performed if 2nd parameter = 0, turn off diagnositcs (no need for rest of parameters) non-zero value also calls routine at start and end of run any previous diagnostic file is closed new filename can exist, will be overwritten 4th parameter can be from 0 to 5 Sth-9th parameters are visible by diagnostic routine default = 0

diag types

whether to write a separate diagnostic file for each type \emptyset = write one diagnostic file providing average for all types 1 = write separate diagnostic files for each atom type

default = 0

periodicity

whether each x,y,z dimension is periodic or not $\emptyset = non-periodic$, 1 = periodicif non-periodic, forces do not interact across the boundary, atoms do not migrate across the boundary, and ghost atoms are not created across the boundary if non-periodic, atoms will be "lost" if they move outsize the simulation box specified by the "create box" command

must be specified before "create box" command

 $default = 1 \ 1 \ 1$

lattice

1st parameter = fcc
2nd parameter = density or lattice constant of cubic unit cell

what type and what spacing will be used for the fundamental lattice of atoms fcc = 4 atoms per cubic unit cell 2nd parameter determines how closely the atoms are packed on the lattice for lj units, 2nd parameter is reduced density, from which a lattice

constant is derived for real units, 2nd parameter is the cubic lattice constant in Angstroms must be specified before "create box" command default = fcc and 1.0 $\,$

create box

parameters = xlo xhi ylo yhi zlo zhi

bounds of the global simulation box in cubic lattice units for example, 0 10 0 10 0 10 = a box of size 10x10x10 cubic unit cells of atoms which means 4000 atoms (in a 100 orientation) will fit in the box for a fcc lattice (4 atoms/cubic unit cell) if non-periodic boundaries are specified, you must insure the box is large enough that atoms will never leave the box during the course of the simulation, else they will be lost unlike the other "create" commands, this one does not work in conjunction with "select" commands, all 6 parameters must be explicitly specified when this command is executed, the processor grid is layed out, the global box is partitioned across procs, neighbor list and communication data structures are setup, and all memory is allocated for the simulation re-issuing this command essentially starts a simulation from scratch, all old information (including atoms) is deleted

orient

specify orientation of lattice (in cubic sense) along box directions (xyz)
3 basis vectors must be mutually orthogonal and be a right-handed system
 such that (X cross Y) is in same direction as Z

each orientation vector should be in irreducible form (minimum integers) these vectors are used when the "create atoms" command generates a lattice of atoms

default: x = 100, y = 010, z = 001

origin

x,y,z origin of a cubic lattice in lattice units for example, 0.5 0.5 0.0 means a lattice displaced by 1/2 a cubic cell in both the x and y box dimensions this origin is used as a starting point when the "create atoms" command generates a lattice of atoms

default = 0.0 0.0 0.0

select region

one parameter = all (entire simulation box)
6 parameters = xlo xhi ylo yhi zlo zhi (in cubic lattice units)

this command must be used prior to each "create atoms" or "create types" command to specify the volume of interest if used prior to a "create atoms" command, means to select a

rectangular volume to create atoms within if used prior to a "create types" command, means to select all previously created atoms within a rectangular volume if a single parameter "all" is used, this selects the entire box if 6 parameters are used, they specify the bounds of the rectangular region in cubic lattice units (NOT in reduced units of sigma or in Angstroms) if "inf" is used as one of the 6 parameters, it means extend the bound to the global simulation box boundary in that direction a specified parameter must be contained in the simulation box this command must be used after the "create box" command

select type

this command must be used prior to each "create vels" or "create fixes" command to specify the atoms of interest selects all previously created atoms of the specified type

set eltype

this command may be used prior to "create atoms" to set the element type of the atoms to be created.

define cutout

if desired, this command must be used prior to each "create atoms" or "create types" command to define a cutout volume (inside or outside) that will be intersected with the selected region to form a new complex volume that will be used by the "create atoms" and "create types" commands

examples:

define cutout	0 region xlo xhi ylo yhi zlo zhi
define cutout	1 cylinder x y z c0 c1 rad zlo zhi
define cutout	0 sphere cx cy cz rad
define cutout	1 cylshell x y z c0 c1
	radouter radinner zlo zhi

the 1st argument is 0 if the "inside" of the cutout

volume should be included and the "outside" excluded, the 1st argument is 1 if the "outside" of the cutout volume should be included and the "inside" excluded

for the region option, a rectangular volume is defined as the cutout volume, the meaning of the 6 parameters is the same as for the "select region" command, "inf" can be used for any of the 6 parameters

for the cylinder option, a cylindrical volume is defined as the cutout volume, the x y z parameters define the orientation of the cylinder with respect to the simulation box directions and the other 5 parameters define the size of the cylinder: c0 and c1 are the coordinates of the center axis of the cylinder in the 1st 2 dimensions, rad is its radius, and the cylinder extends along its axis in the 3rd dimension from zlo to zhi where either of zlo,zhi may be "inf" which means extend to the simulation box boundary - e.g. "cylinder y z x 0.0 2.0 1.0 -5.0 inf" means the cylinder axis lies along the x direction of the simulation box at y = 0.0 and z = 2.0, the cylinder has a radius of 1.0, and it extends from x = -5.0 to the upper +x box boundary

for the sphere option, a spherical volume is defined as the cutout volume, the next 3 parameters are the origin of the sphere, and the last parameter is the radius

for the cylshell option, the meaning of all arguments is the same as for the cylinder option, except that 2 radii are defined, radouter and radinner, the created atoms lie between (or outside of) the 2 radii default = none

create atoms

parameter = type of atoms to be created

create a lattice of atoms so as to tile the entire volume specified by the "select region" and "define cutout" commands the atoms are created at an orientation and from an origin specified by the most recent "orient" and "origin" commands the created atoms are assigned a velocity of 0.0

scale read

parameters = x, y, and z direction scale factors

scale all atomic coordinates read in by the given factor in each direction. Note that this is only applied to read-in, not created atoms, and must be specified before the atom file is read.

type translate

translate a given atom type in the atom coord file to another type in $\ensuremath{\mathsf{Warp}}$

1st parameter = atom type in atom coord file 2nd parameter = atom type in Warp

This command is convenient when the atom coord file lists atoms by atomic number (e.g. Ni=28, Al=13, H=1) and these must be converted to another enumeration (e.g. Ni=1, Al=2, H=3 for the nialhjea EAM potential file)

box toler

distance determining the tolerance of simulation box size must be positive number only significant if atoms are read from file must be specified before "read atoms" command

default = 1.0E-14

read atoms

parameter = file to read atom coords from

read a single XMOVIE snapshot from a file to initialize all the atoms for the simulations takes the place of "create atoms" or "read restart" command atom coords and types are extracted from the file box size specified in snapshot is assumed to be equal or smaller than box specified by "create box" command all atom coords in file are used as-is and must fit in simulation box, are not checked for periodic boundary conditions atom coords are NOT in cubic lattice units, but in simulation box units, e.g. Angstroms for real units or reduced units for lj units the created atoms are assigned a velocity of 0.0

check overlap

check all atoms for too-close an overlap with neighboring atoms and delete one atom in the overlapping pair

1st parameter = overlap occurs within this distance (in cubic lattice units) 2nd parameter = type of atom to delete if overlap occurs

this command is useful if previous "create atoms" commands may have created duplicate atoms on region boundaries or created 2 atoms too close together (e.g. at a grain boundary)

the specified type is used to choose which atom of the overlapped pair

can be deleted

- all atom pairs are checked and the code attempts to delete one atom in
- an overlapping pair if it is of the specified type if neither or both of the overlapping atoms can be deleted, various errors and warnings may be generated if the code cannot uniquely choose which atom to delete, the only solution for this may be to use the "select" commands more carefully with epsilon increments to prevent atom overlap at creation time
- using a type of 0 will flag errors or warnings for all overlaps since neither atom in the overlapped pair can be deleted
- this command can be done anytime after atoms are created

create types

parameter = type to be assigned

assign the specified type to all atoms within the entire volume specified by the "select region" and "define cutout" commands

create eltypes

parameter = element type to be assigned

assign the specified element type to all atoms within the entire volume specified by the "select region" and "define cutout" commands note that currently multiple element types are available only for the MEAM potential

displace atoms

displace all atoms selected by the "select type" command to new positions useful for setting up an initial strain on the system

examples:

displace atoms	dt xyz vx vy vz
displace atoms	dt ramp vy vlo vhi x clo chi
displace atoms	dt twist vlo vhi x y z c0 c1 clo chi
displace atoms	dt expand 1 1 0 cx cy cz doubletime

for all options, a "select type" must be in effect to first select atoms of a particular type

for all options, a velocity is computed for each selected atom, exactly as it would be by the "create vels" command for that option, the velocity is not assigned to the atom, rather the atom is moved to a new position as if that velocity were applied for a time dt for all options, the velocity parameters and their meaning and units are exactly the same as they are for the corresponding "create vels" command for the xyz option, the velocity for each atom is the specified vx,vy,vz for the twist option, the new atom coordinate is computed by rotating the atom to a new coord, not by moving the atom in a straight line the units of dt are in tau (lj units) or picoseconds (real units) for the xyz option, the velocity units are cubic lattice units

per time - e.g. lattice-spacings/tau or lattice-spacings/picosecond

check vels

check or do not check velocities 0 = don't check velocities 1 = check velocities if check velocities, vhi must be greater than vlo if don't check velocities, vhi can be lower than vlo, thus compression can be applied

default = 1

snap types

whether to snapshot types or eltypes 0 =snapshot eltypes 1 = snapshot types

default = 0

recalculate output

whether to rebuild neighbors and recalculate values before output 0 = don't reneighbor before output 1 = reneighbor and recalculate values before output

default = 0

create vels

assign initial velocities to all atoms selected by the "select type" command this command adds a new velocity to a current initial velocity for each atom. thus multiple "create vels" commands can be used to build up a desired velocity distribution - e.g. a ramp profile superposed on a thermal background

examples:

create vels	thermal 300.0 seed
create vels	ramp vy vlo vhi x clo chi
create vels	twist vlo vhi x y z c0 c1 clo chi
create vels	expand 1 1 0 cx cy cz doubletime

for all options, a "select type" must be in effect to first select atoms of a particular type thermal option means create a Boltzmann distribution at the specified

temperature using a random number generator initialized with the specified integer seed

for the thermal option the units of temperature are reduced units or degrees Kelvin depending on the "units" command previously specified for the thermal option, the center-of-mass motion of the selected atoms will be zeroed

ramp option means assign velocities ranging from vlo -> vhi to a

specfied velocity component (vx or vy of vz) of the selected atoms for the ramp option, the assigned velocity value depends on where the specified coordinate (x or y or z) of the atom falls

within the specified coordinate clo -> chi bounds - e.g. for a clo -> chi region ranging from -10.0 to 10.0 in "x" and a vlo -> vhi specification of 0.0 -> 5.0 for "vy", then a selected atom with an x-coord of 0.0 will be assigned a vy velocity of 2.5

for the ramp option, an atom whose coordinate falls outside the specified bounds will be given the min or max velocity

for the ramp option, if vlo = vhi then all the selected atoms will be assigned the same velocity, however clo and chi must still be specified for the ramp option, clo must be smaller than chi

for the ramp option the units of vlo and vhi are in cubic lattice units per time - e.g. lattice-spacings/tau or lattice-spacings/picosecond and the units of clo and chi are in cubic lattice units as well

twist option means assign velocities to selected atoms in a cylinder so that the cylinder initially spins about its axis at a rotation rate varying from vlo -> vhi from one end to the other, the cylinder is centered on c0,c1 in a coordinate system defined by x y z and the velocities are applied along the cylinder's z axis from clo to chi

for the twist option the units of vlo and vhi are in rotations per time e.g. rotations/tau or rotations/picosecond depending on the "units" flag and the units of c0, c1, clo, and chi are in cubic lattice units

for the twist option the x,y,z specification defines which box directions correspond to the x,y plane and z-axis of the cylinder for the twist option, the assigned velocity depends on where the atom's

coordinates fall within the cylinder - e.g. for the command "create vels twist 0.0 0.1 y z x 0.0 2.0 -10.0 10.0" the cylinder lies along the x-axis from x = -10 to 10 and the circular cross-section of the cylinder is the y-z plane with the center axis at y = 0.0, z = 2.0 each atom will be given 0.0 velocity in x, and a y-z velocity that will rotate the atom around the cylinder axis at a rotational rate from 0.0 to 0.1 revolutions/time which depends on where the atom's x-coord lies between -10.0 and 10.0

for the twist option, if vlo = vhi then all the selected atoms will be assigned the same rotational velocity, however clo and chi must still be specified

expand option means assign velocities to selected atoms in a radial direction away from (or towards) a center point so that the system expands

(or contracts) at a uniform rate - useful for biaxial stress simulations for the expand option, the 1st 3 parameters are flags on the x,y,z dimensions for whether to include them or not in radial direction computation - a value of 0 means do not include, a value of 1 means include

for the expand option, the radial distance r of each selected atom from the center point (cx,cy,cz) is computed using only included dimensions

the atom is given a velocity in the radial direction of magnitude alpha*r where alpha is computed from doubletime factor (see units below) for the expand option the units of cx, cy, cz are cubic lattice units and the units of doubletime = time in tau (lj units) or picoseconds (real time) to double the linear dimension of the system - e.g. a value of doubletime = 1000.0 means each atom will be 2x farther from

the center point after 1000 tau or picoseconds for the expand option, a negative doubletime means compression instead

of expansion, i.e. the time for the system to implode to a single point

create fixes

assign a force fix to all atoms selected by the "select type" command force fixes are applied each timestep after forces are computed and communicated, but before they are used to update velocities

examples.

create fixes	none
create fixes	xyz 0 1 -1
create fixes	twist x y z c0 c1 1 1 1
create fixes	external 0.1 0.0 0.0

none option means erase all previously specified force fixes for all other options, a "select type" must be in effect to first select atoms of a particular type

each time the "create fixes" command is used, a new fix is added, so the only way to change a previously specified fix, is to use the "none" option to erase them all, then re-specify the desired fixes

xyz option means to not-change, zero-out, or average the force on each x, y, z component of force for the selected atoms, a flag is used to specify for each of the components whether it should be unchanged (-1) or zeroed (0) or averaged (1) - e.g. the command "create fixes xyz 0 -1 1" will zero the x component of force on each atom, not alter the y force component, and compute the total z force on all selected atoms, divide it by the number of selected atoms, and then set the z force component of each atom to the same average force for the twist option, the 3 final flags refer to the radial,

theta (azimuthal), and z-components of force for the specified cylinder twist option means to add a centripetal force to each selected atom so as to keep it rotating at its current angular velocity in the specified cylinder, additionally a flag is used to specify for each of the force components in the cylinder frame-of-reference whether it should be unchanged (-1) or zeroed (0) or averaged (1)for the twist option the x,y,z specification defines which box directions

correspond to the x,y plane and z-axis of the cylinder for the twist option, unchanged (-1) means do not alter the component unless it is the radial component which always has a centripetal term added, zero (0) means zero out the component unless it is the radial

one in which case the centripetal term will remain, and average (1) can only be applied to the z-component of the cylinder and means to compute the total force on all selected atoms, divide it by the number of selected atoms, and then set the force component along the cylinder axis for each atom to the same average force $% \left({{\left[{{{\rm{c}}} \right]}_{{\rm{c}}}} \right)$ an example for the twist option is

create fixes twist y z x 0.0 2.0 0 0 1" which will treat the line in the the x-dimension at y = 0.0, z = 2.0 (in cubic lattice units) as the axis of a cylinder, the Cartesian x,y,z force on each selected atom will be recast in r,theta,z components depending on the atoms current position relative to the cylinder axis, the atom's theta velocity will be computed, each of the 3 recast force components will be zeroed if the corresponding flag is set to 0 (in this case the radial and azimuthal forces will be zeroed, the z-component along the cylinder axis will be averaaed). a centripetal v_theta**2/r term will be added to the radial force, and the forces are mapped back to the Cartesian x,y,z form external option means simply add the given external forces (input in the x, y,

and z directions) to the already-computed forces. Note that this does not zero out the forces before adding the given force. Units are eV/A. IMPORTANT NOTE: the "temp control" command can also alter atom velocities, so may want to use "temp type" to exclude fixed atoms from the control

temp type

compute temperature only using atoms with types <= specified type can be used to exclude constrained atoms from temperature calculation and temperature control in "temp control" command value of 0 means use all atoms to compute temperature must be done after "create box" command default = 0

temp control

which style of temperature control to use

examples:

temp	control	none
temp	control	rescale 300.0 20 10.0
temp	control	hoover 300.0 10.0

none means constant NVE -> no temperature control rescale means rescale the temperature to exactly the desired value every so many timesteps

hoover means do true NVT temperature control via Nose/Hoover thermostat 1st parameter for rescale is desired temperature in LJ or real units 2nd parameter for rescale is every how many timesteps to do rescaling 3rd parameter for rescale is temperature window, rescaling is only done if temperature is outside this +/- window

1st parameter for hoover is desired temperature in LJ or real units 2nd parameter for hoover is a frequency constant for the damping which is like an inverse "piston" mass, it determines how rapidly the

temperature fluctuates in response to a restoring force,

large frequency -> small mass -> rapid fluctations for hoover, units of frequency/damping constant are inverse time,

so a value of 0.1 means relax in a timespan on the order of 10 tau (lj units) or 10 picoseconds (real units) all controls are only performed on atoms with types <= specified type in "temp type" command must be done after "create box" command default = none

temp adjust

adjust the temperature calculation and control to compensate for non-thermal components of velocity

example:

temp adjust	none
temp adjust	xyz 0 1 1
temp adjust	ramp vy vlo vhi x clo chi
temp adjust	twist vlo vhi x y z c0 c1 clo chi

before computing a temperature and before modifying an atom's velocity via the "temp control" command, its velocities are adjusted to compensate for non-thermal velocity component(s)

if the adjustment subtracts out a particular velocity component(s),

then the subtracted component(s) are added back in after the "temp control" is performed

- none means do no adjustment
- xyz option means only the specified components contribute to the velocity and are controlled, a 0 means do not include that component, a 1 means do include that component
- ramp option means subtract a particular velocity component based on the atom's current coordinate between 2 bounds in a particular dimension, an atom whose coordinate falls outside the specified bounds will be adjusted by the min or max velocity $% \left({{{\left[{{{\rm{s}}} \right]}}_{{\rm{s}}}}} \right)$
- for the ramp option the parameters and their meaning and units are exactly the same as they are for the "create vels ramp" command twist option means subtract out angular velocity in the two components orthogonal to the cylinder axis, depending on where the atom's current

coordinates lie along the cylinder axis, an atom whose coordinate falls beyond the end of the cylinder will be adjusted by the min or max rotation

- for the twist option the parameters and their meaning and units are exactly the same as they are for the "create vels twist" command
- all adjustments are only performed on atoms with types <= specified type "temp type" command in must be done after "create box" command
- default = none

pres control

apply pressure control

example:

pres control none pres control rescale 0.0 0.5

none means constant volume -> no pressure control

rescale means rescale the box volume to maintain pressure at the desired value. The volume is an extra degree of freedom with a corresponding spring-mass-damper type equation.

1st parameter for rescale is desired pressure in bars.

- 2nd parameter for rescale is time constant in ps for the volume equation.
- WARNING: currently pressure control cannot be used with restarts, since the box size changes when pressure control is turned on. The box size in the restart file will not match that in the command input file.

read restart

read atom coords, velocities, types from specified file allows continuation of a previous run via "restart" command file is binary to enable exact restarts, assuming simulation box is created in the same fashion do not have to restart on same # of processors, but can only do exact restarts on same # of processors must do a "create box" with all associated settings before reading a restart file after reading a restart file, do not use the "create atoms" and "create vels" commands still do "create fixes" after reading a restart file since fixes are not stored in the file

reset timestep

reset the alobal timestep # to the specified value

useful to do after equilibration run, before data-gathering run

run

run or continue MD for specified # of timesteps
must have performed "create box" and "create atoms" commands first

relax

minimize potential energy using a conjugate gradient solver; repeated for a specified number of timesteps (between which atoms with fixed velocities are updated, although solution is quasistatic)

relaxp

relax with parameters

example:

relaxp 1 1500 4 40 1e-8 1e-6 1e-10

relaxf

relax with parameters from a specified file

example: relaxf 1 RELAX

1st parameter is number of steps (atoms with fixed velocities are updated) other six parameters (2nd to 7-th parameter of relaxp) are read from a specified file, in the same order as relaxp parameters

example RELAX file:

2000 ! imax 4 ! jmax 40 ! kres 1e-8 ! eps 1e-6 ! sigma 1e-9 ! res_limit