

# 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

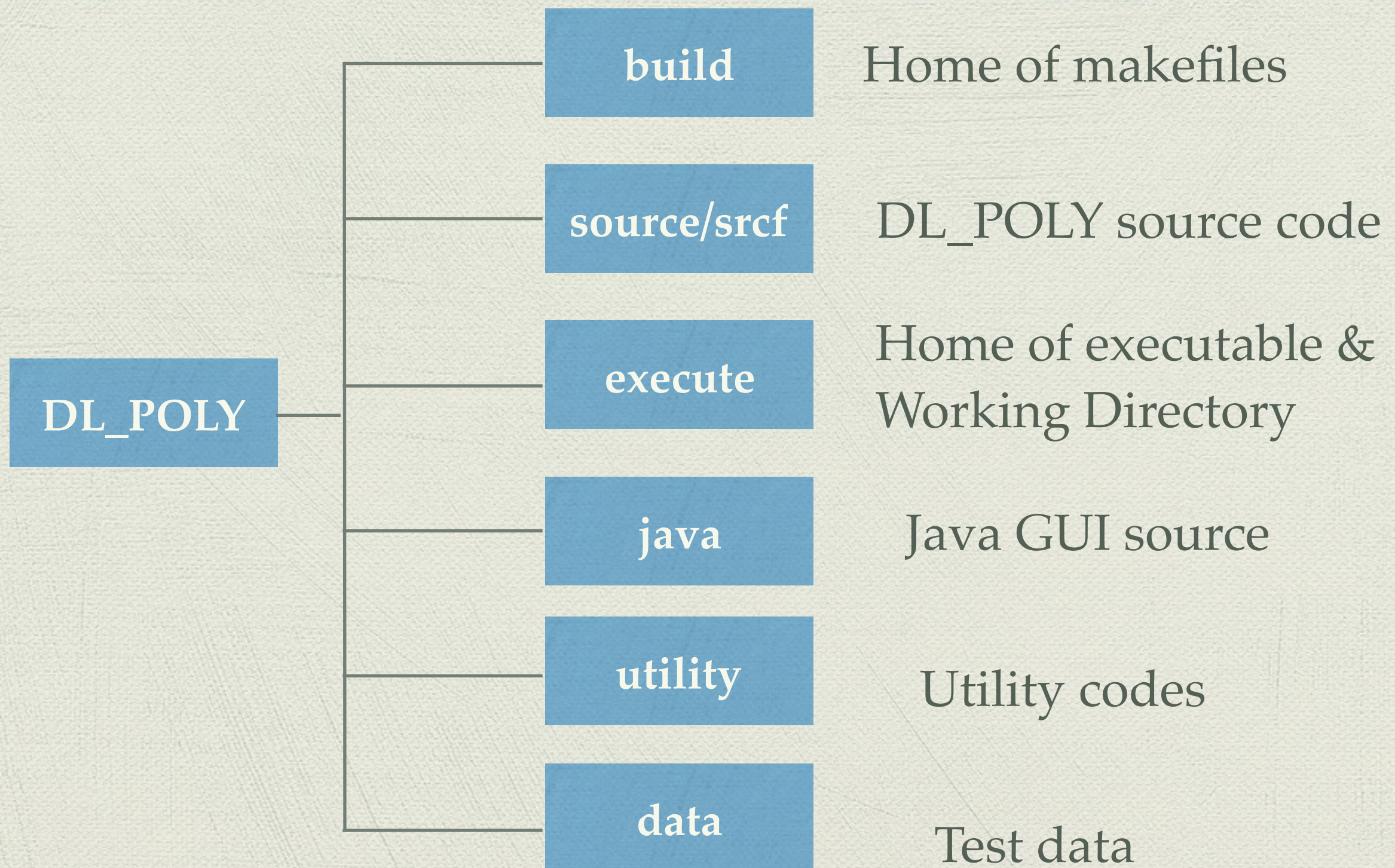
- Domain Decomposition, up to 1,000,000 atoms
- Full force field but no rigid body description.

## 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.

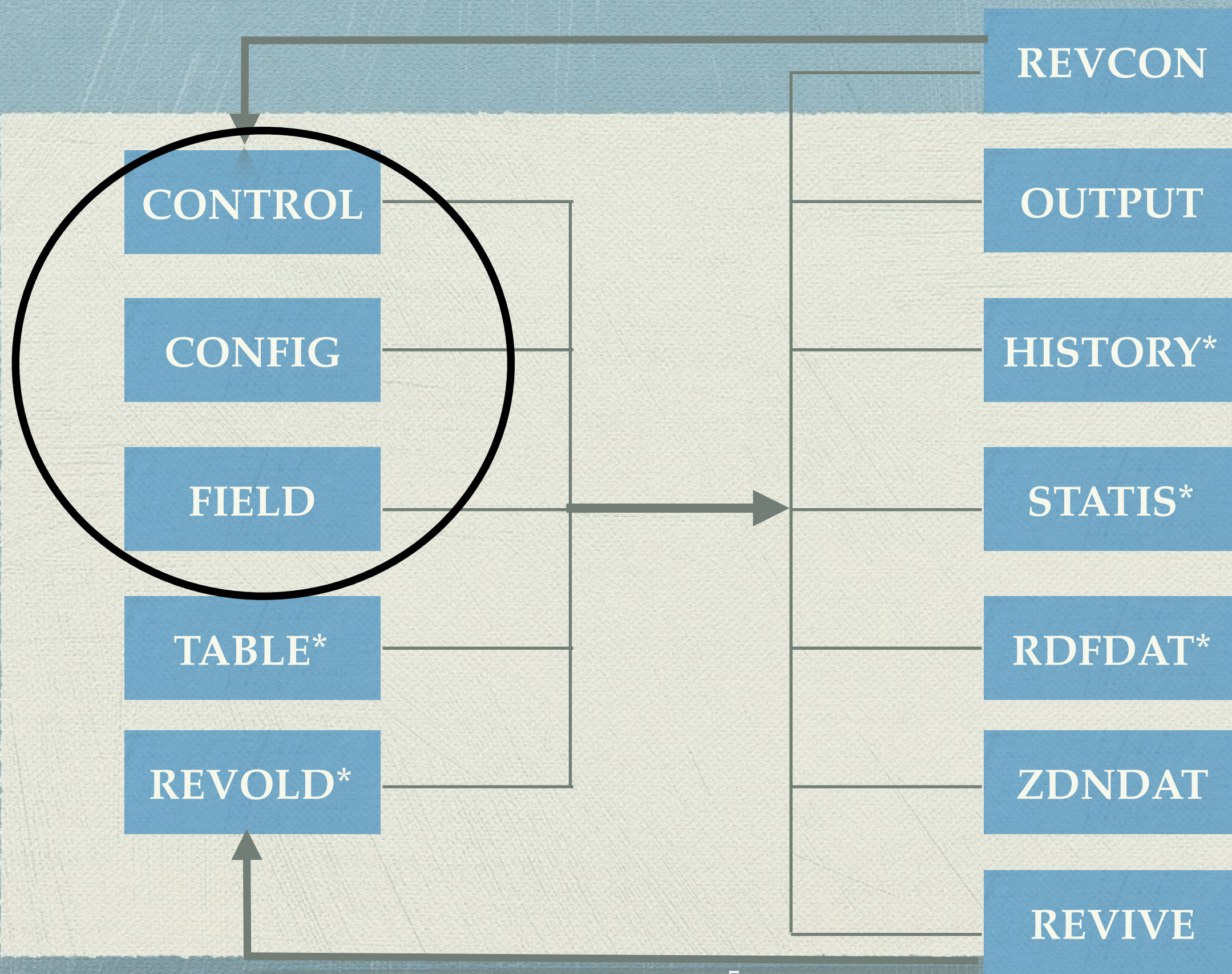


# DL\_POLY Directories





# DL\_POLY I/O files





# 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 v
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	
Na+	20.66340857	0.00000000	0.00000000
	0.00000000	20.66340857	0.00000000
	0.00000000	0.00000000	20.66340857
	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 Key

Periodic 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

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



# 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

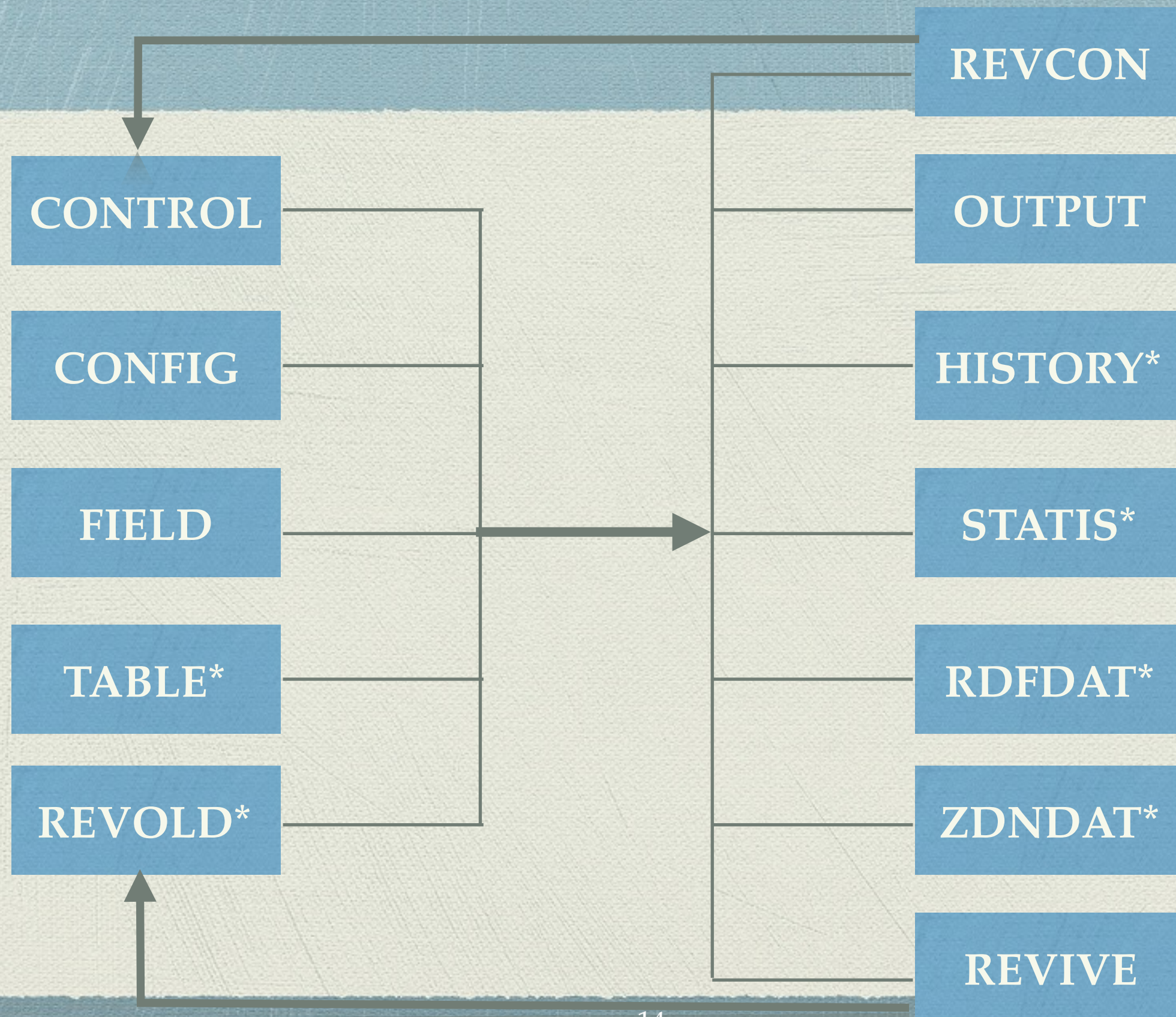


Table 4.12: Definition of pair potential functions and variables

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



# OUTPUT FILES





# REVCON file

H2 molecules on top of a SWNT bundle

	2	3	1000	0.5000000000E-04
	45.000000000000		0.000000000000	0.000000000000
	0.000000000000	45.000000000000		0.000000000000
	0.000000000000	0.000000000000		30.000000000000
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



# 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.

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

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>mxrdf</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 (*mxrdf* 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	



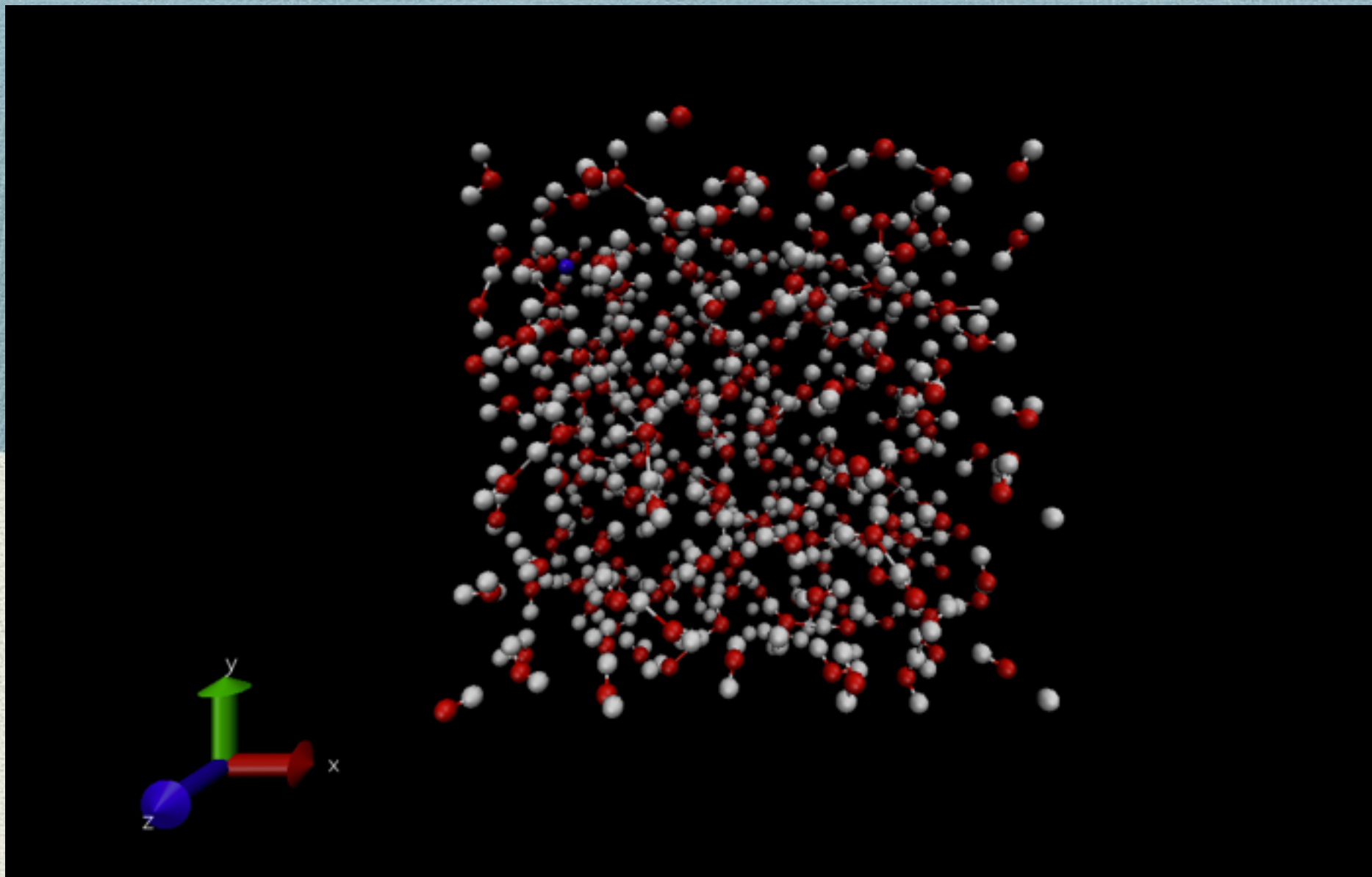
# HISTORY file (trajectory)

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		
	0.4767E+00	1.0000E+00	1.7000E+00		



# hands-on

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



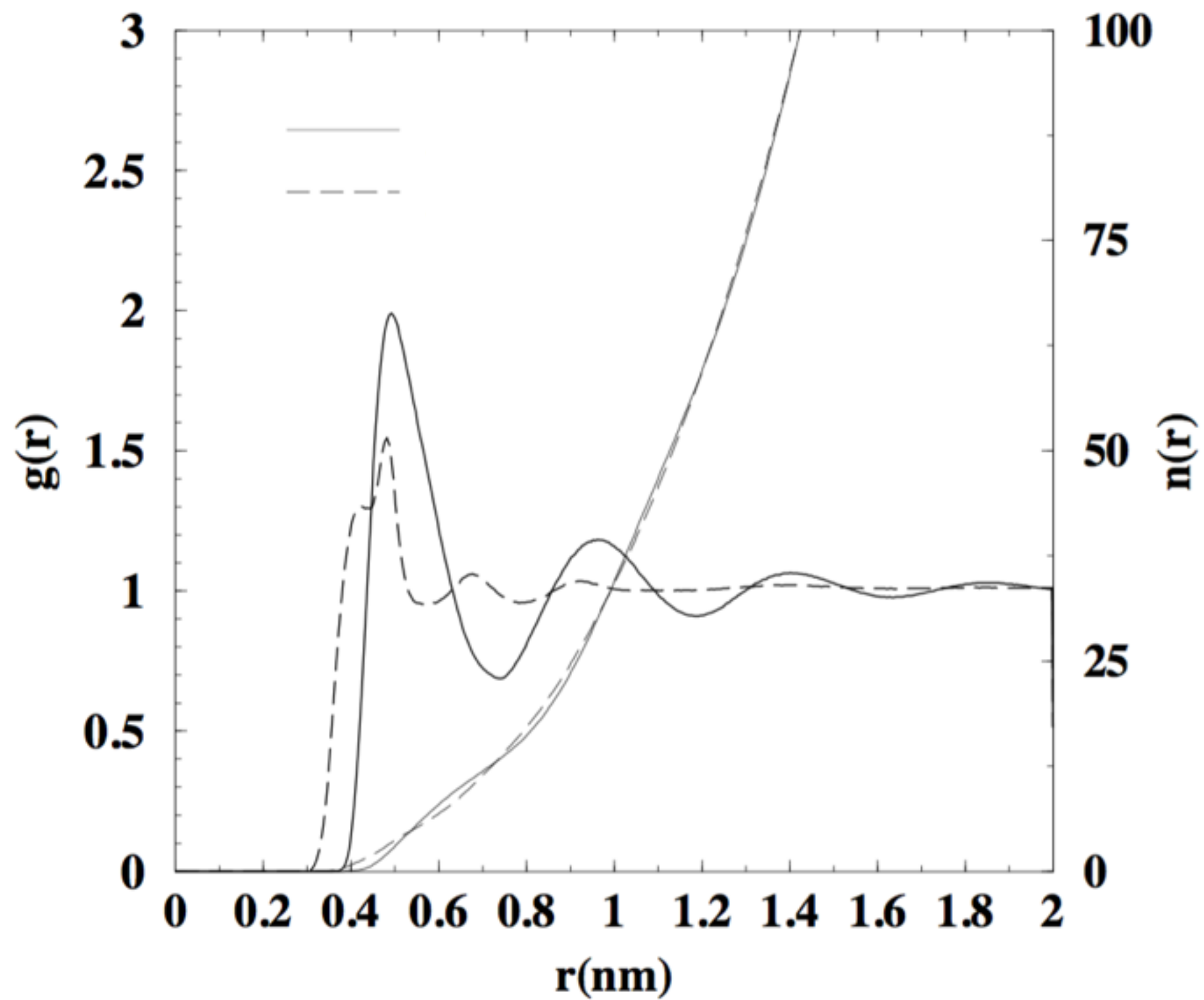


# Exercise: solvation of $M^+$ in water (rigid and flexible)

- ◆  $M^+ = Na^+ / K^+$
- ◆  $H_2O = 253$  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
<b>harm</b> <b>-hrm</b>	Harmonic	$k$	$r_0$			$U(r) = \frac{1}{2}k(r - r_0)^2$
<b>mors</b> <b>-mrs</b>	Morse	$E_0$	$r_0$	$k$		$U(r) = E_0[\{1 - \exp(-k(r - r_0))\}^2 - 1]$
<b>12-6</b> <b>-126</b>	12-6	$A$	$B$			$U(r) = \left(\frac{A}{r^{12}}\right) - \left(\frac{B}{r^6}\right)$
<b>rhrm</b> <b>-rhm</b>	Restraint	$k$	$r_0$	$r_c$		$U(r) = \frac{1}{2}k(r - r_0)^2 \quad  r - r_0  \leq r_c$ $U(r) = \frac{1}{2}kr_c^2 + kr_c( r - r_0  - r_c) \quad  r - r_0  > r_c$
<b>quar</b> <b>-qur</b>	Quartic	$k$	$r_0$	$k'$	$k''$	$U(r) = \frac{k}{2}(r - r_0)^2 + \frac{k'}{3}(r - r_0)^3 + \frac{k''}{4}(r - r_0)^4$
<b>buck</b> <b>-bck</b>	Buckingham	$A$	$\rho$	$C$		$U(r) = A \exp(-r/\rho) - C/r^6$
<b>fene</b> <b>-bck</b>	FENE	$k$	$R_o$	$\Delta$		$U(r_{ij}) = -0.5 \ k \ R_o^2 \ln \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{r_{ij} - \Delta}{R_o} \right)^2 \right]$



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	$A$ $p_5 = d_{ab}$	$B$ $p_6 = d_{ac}$	$C$ $p_6 = d_{ac}$	$\theta_0$	$U_{bac} = A(r_{ab} - d_{ab})(r_{ac} - d_{ac}) + (\theta - \theta_0) * (B(r_{ab} - d_{ab}) + C(r_{ac} - d_{ac}))$

† $\theta$  is the a-b-c angle.