

DL_Software Modelling Capability

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Computer simulation of condensed phase materials (liquids, polymers, solids, surfaces, macromolecules)



DL_Software

A collective term for a number of scientific software developed at the Computational Chemistry Group at the Scientific Computing Department, Daresbury Laboratory, spanning across multiple time and length scales.

Computational Chemistry Group

- Develops and sustains applications and associated expertise to facilitate UK's Computational Science over chemistry-dominated time/length scales
- Provides stewardship for UK academia (CoSeC), for stakeholders.
- Facilitates Knowledge Transfer between academia and industry (via Hartree Centre)
- Public outreach and awareness in STEM









A selection of DL_Software

Many of the software projects are funded by EPSRC via CCP5 and HEC consortia (MCC, UKCOMES).

DL POLY - The molecular dynamics (MD) program suite.

DL FIELD - Force-field model setup tool for DL_POLYs.

DL ANALYSER - General analysis tool for DL_POLY.

DL_CGMAP - Coarse-graining utility for DL_POLY

DL MONTE - The monte-carlo simulation program.

DL MESO - Mesoscopic simulation including lattice Boltzmann and dissipative particle dynamics.

<u>CHEMSHELL</u> - Program interface that handles data and communications of various computational chemistry packages.

Details, registrations: <u>https://www.ccp5.ac.uk/software</u>



DL_POLY

MD is the solution of the classical equations of motion for atoms and molecules to obtain the time evolution of a system.

- General purpose molecular dynamics (MD) simulations. Domain decomposition MD (DL_POLY_4). Up to ~2 billion particles.
- Written in modularised Fortran90 (Nagware & FORCHECK compliant) with MPI2 (MPI1+MPI-I/O) & fully self-contained.
- On average 1500 licences pa world-wide.
- DL_POLY_C. Open source BSD license. Replicated data. Up to ~30000 atoms



DL_POLY Capabilities **Examples of Model Systems**







Membranes' processes

Metal-Organic & Organic Frameworks

Bio-inorganic models

Proteins solvation & binding



Crystalline & Amorphous Solids – damage and recovery

DNA strands dynamics







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DL_FIELD

Force field model: a set of equations with fitted parameter values that describe the behaviour of a molecular systems.

- Utility software for setting up force field models.
- Full automatic atom typing an identification of chemical nature of atoms.
- A computer program package written in C that primarily serves as a support application software tool for DL_POLY molecular dynamics (MD) simulation package.
- Important application tool to enhance the usability of DL_POLY MD simulation package and to facilitate the use of a wide range of advance features included in the DL_POLY program.





DL_FIELD Capabilities

Available force field: CHARMM, AMBER, OPLS-AA/2005, DREIDING, PCFF, CVFF, G54A7, Inorganic (clay, oxides, glass). All in a single-unified format.

System models: Proteins, sugars, drugs, polymers, networked structures, random structures, inorganic, organic/inorganic systems.

Implements **DL_F Notation***, a universal standardised atom typesetting expression for molecular simulation.





Experimental scattering curves (black with error bars) collected from holo-SOD1 (a) and apo-SOD1 (b) in solution and simulated scattering curves from MD structures:

Get a better fit, if generated a theoretical scattering curve using a combination of the average profiles both from apo-SOD1 and 1Zn-SOD1 structures derived from our MD calculations. Use MD data as a reference basis to determine the states of protein molecules in solution?



DL_CGMAP

- Interfaces DL_POLY with VOTCA coarse-graining toolkit
 - Developed at Daresbury in collaboration with Universities of Bath and Manchester
 - International collaboration with VOTCA team (Germany, USA, UK)
 - Can determine coarse-grained potentials based on all-atom MD trajectories from DL_POLY
 - Can either use standalone utility or run DL_POLY_4 within VOTCA environment:
 - Both DL_POLY_4 and VOTCA are well-suited to HPC calculations
 - Exploiting SCARF & ARCHER



Developed by A.V. Brukhno



DL_CGMAP





Work by A.V. Brukhno paper is under preparation

- Coarse-graining of DOPC lipid systems
- Molecular Dynamics for united atom model
 - OPLS + Gromos G9643a1 force-field (Gromacs & DL_POLY)
 - 2 DOPC lipids in SPCE/TIP4P water, ~4000 molecs
 - NpT equilibrated box, $L \approx 50$ Å, T = 300-310 K, p = 1 atm
 - 2 microsecond MD to collect sufficient stats for RDFs

Iterative Boltzmann Inversion & Inverse MC

- reproducing RDFs for two DOPC lipids
- reproducing bilayer and micellar structures
- no tweaking needed for pressure correction etc

Passing crucial tests:

- area per lipid is in the correct range: $65 70 \text{ Å}^2$
- bilayer thickness is also correct: 2.5 3.0 nm
- density distributions across the bilayer are OK
- strikingly, partitioning FE profile is virtually perfect!

(i.e. pulling a lipid molecule in/out a bilayer)



DL_MESO

- Mesoscale modelling
 - Between atomistic and fluid dynamics length/time scales
 - Atom-like and fluid-like behaviours
- DL_MESO: mesoscopic modelling software suite
 - Created for CCP5
 - Highly parallelisable codes for Lattice Boltzmann Equation (LBE) and Dissipative Particle Dynamics (DPD)
 - Both methods can model interactions between species with correct hydrodynamic behaviour





Source: Seaton *et al.*, *Mol Sim*, **39** (10), 796-821 (2013)

vww.ccp5.ac.uk/DL_MESO



DL_MESO

- Dissipative Particle Dynamics (~µs)
 - Similar to classical Molecular Dynamics: soft repulsive particles
 - Larger timesteps available than atomistic MD, parameterise for e.g. hydrophobicity
 - Pairwise thermostat ensures Galilean invariance: correct hydrodynamics
 - Can include bonded interactions, densitydependent potentials, (smeared) charges
 - Example: loading and release of drug in co polymer vesicles (related to solution pH)







Supporting software ('after-registration' services)

- Documentation
 - User manuals, websites
- Mailing lists
 - Report bugs and new version releases
- Emails to developers
 - Under CoSeC, priority given to UK academics
- DL Software Workshops
 - Held three times per year at different locations in UK and abroad
 - Give current/new users opportunities to try out software and modelling techniques
 - 'Hack days' show how DL software can be modified for new science







Where do we go from here....





A bigger picture....





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