



Computational molecular engineering by large-scale molecular dynamics simulation

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To Engineering (quantitative reliability)

- No blind fitting, but parameters of effective pair potentials are adjusted to experimental data
- Physical realism facilitates reliable interpolation and extrapolation





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Electrostatics

Point polarities (charge, dipole, quadrupole): Position and magnitude

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Quantitatively reliable molecular models



ethylene oxide model by Eckl et al. (2008)

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Molecular models: Parameterization



2CLJQ models:

- 2 LJ centres
- Quadrupole

Fit of parameters σ , ε , L, Q to VLE data of 29 fluids by Stoll *et al.*

Deviation:

 $\delta \rho' \approx 1\%$ $\delta P^{sat} \approx 5\%$



simulation
DIPPR correlation

No interfacial properties were considered for the parameterization.



Molecular models: Prediction and validation





Molecular models: Multicriteria optimization



Multicriteria optimization requires massively-parallel molecular modelling.



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For planar interfaces:

Long-range correction from the density profile, following Janeček.



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Full evaluation of all pairwise interactions is too expensive instead, **short-range interactions** are evaluated for **neighbours**.

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Two-centre LJ fluid (2CLJ)



For arbitrary geometries, e.g. the fast multipole method can be employed.



Scalable data structures for large systems

Linked-cell data structure suitable for spatial domain decomposition:



Methods for heterogeneous or fluctuating particle distributions:







Large systems in molecular dynamics



Download Is1 mardyn on the www.ls1-mardyn.de website.

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Scaling on hermit at HLRS, Stuttgart





Scaling on SuperMUC at LRZ, Garching

Up to $N = 4 \cdot 10^{12}$ molecules on SuperMUC







Non-equilibrium molecular dynamics





Non-equilibrium molecular dynamics

Non-equilibrium MD (NEMD): Process is simulated in a steady state.

Requires the intervention of a regulatory mechanism (dæmon)

Example: Grand canonical MD simulation with McDonald's dæmon







Challenge: Realistic fluid-solid contact

- Adsorption and wetting
- Contact angle and line pinning
- Lubrication and heat transfer
- Modelling of cutting liquids
- Tribological effects











Challenge: Realistic fluid-solid contact

Wetting and contact line pinning









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