Multilevel Summation for Dispersion: A Linear-Time Algorithm for r^{-6} Potentials

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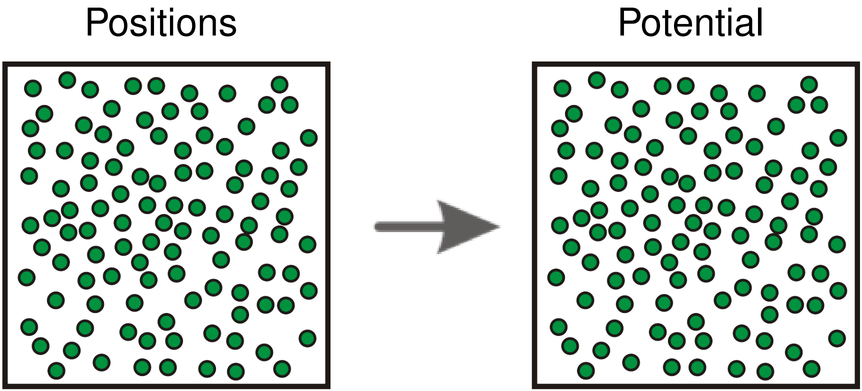
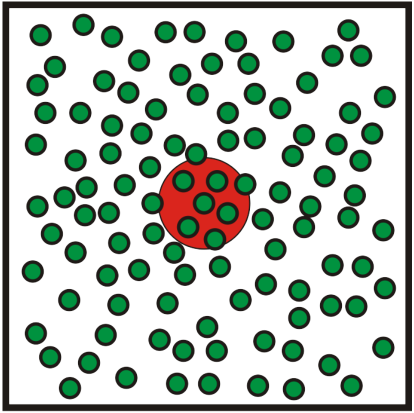

Positions
Potential

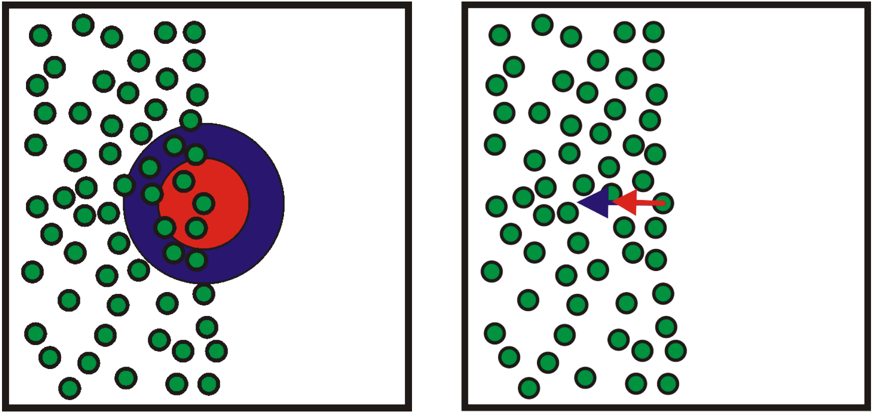
Dispersion Interactions

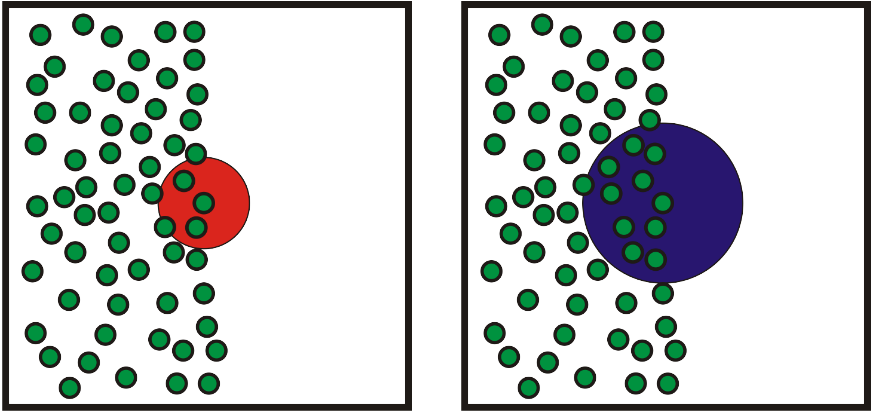


Dispersion potential:

$$V_{disp} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{N} \sum_{\substack{j=1 \\ i \neq j}}^{N} \frac{C_{ij}}{r_{ij}^6}$$

- E.g. in Lennard-Jones and Buckingham potentials
- Only attractive interaction between all pairs of atoms





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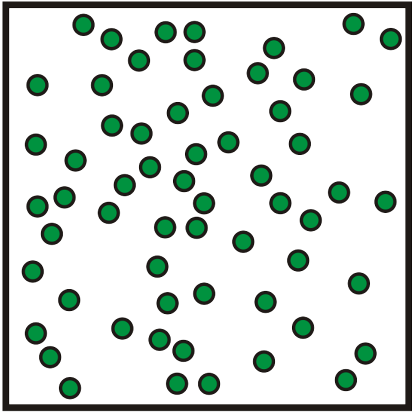

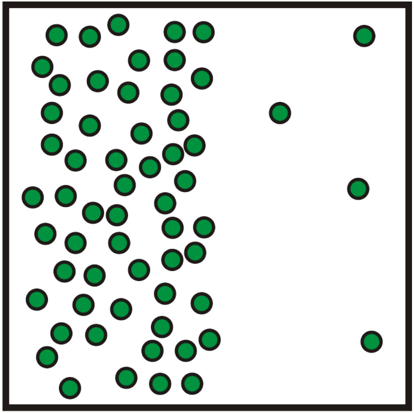

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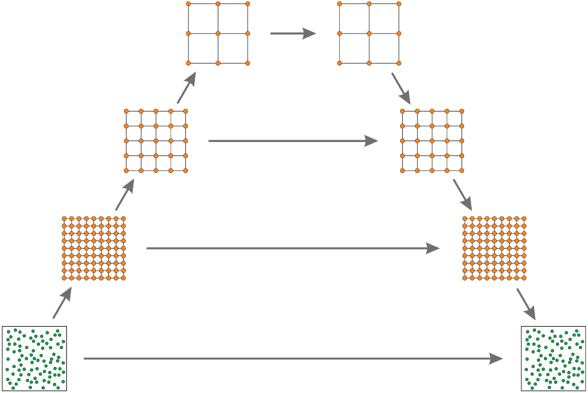

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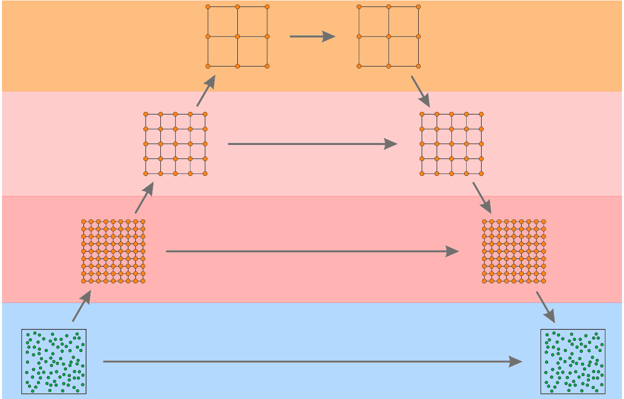
Physical Interpretation



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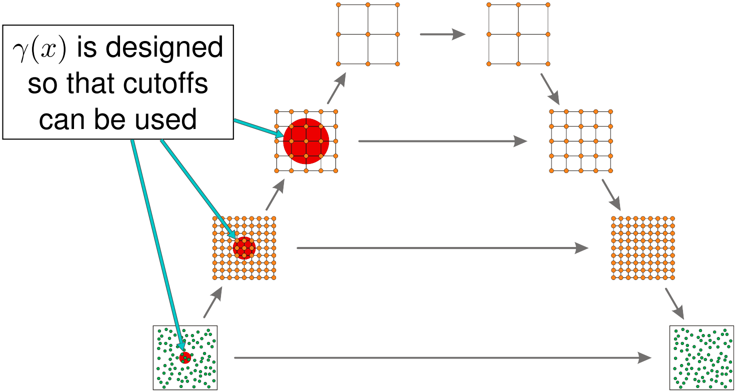

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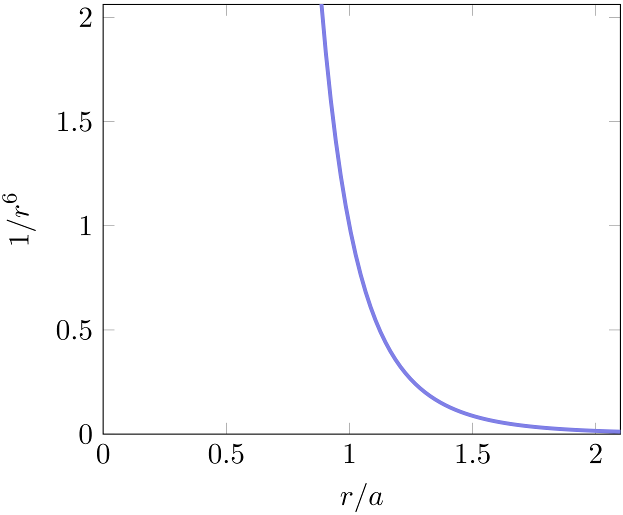

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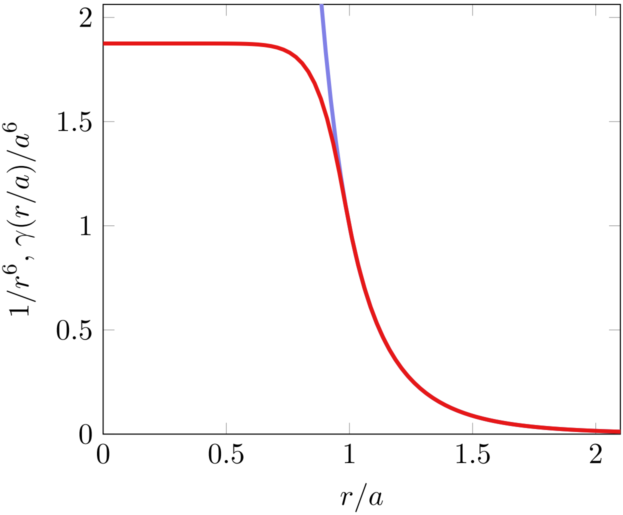

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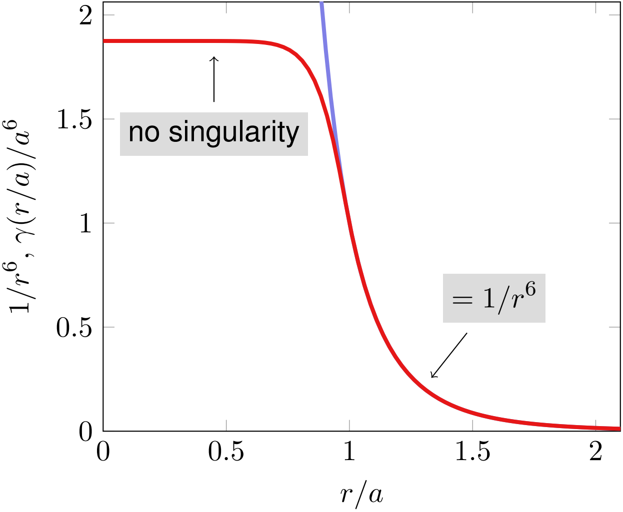

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$$g_0(r) = \frac{1}{r^6} - \frac{1}{a^6}\gamma\left(\frac{r}{a}\right)$$

$$g_k(r) = \frac{1}{2^{6(k-1)}a^6}\gamma\left(\frac{r}{2^{(k-1)}a}\right) - \frac{1}{2^{6k}a^6}\gamma\left(\frac{r}{2^k a}\right) \text{ for } k = 1, ..., l-1$$

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Splitting:

$$\frac{1}{r^6} = g_0 + g_1 + g_2 + \cdots + g_{l-1} + g_l$$

Approximation on grids:

$$\frac{1}{r^6} \approx g_0 + \mathcal{I}_1 \left[g_1 + \mathcal{I}_2 \left[g_2 \ldots + \mathcal{I}_{l-1} \left[g_{l-1} + \mathcal{I}_l \left[g_l \right] \right] \ldots \right] \right]$$

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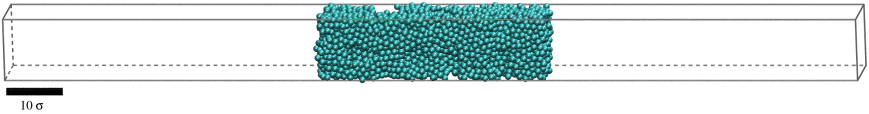
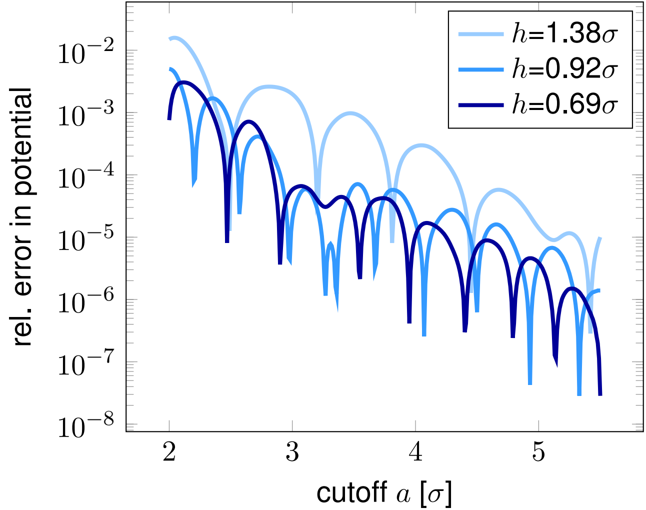


4000 particles
Lennard-Jones potential with geometric mixing
$11.01\sigma \times 11.01\sigma \times 176.16\sigma$ with periodic boundaries

results compared with high precision calculation using the Ewald method

Study influence of

- cutoff a
- spacing of finest grid h



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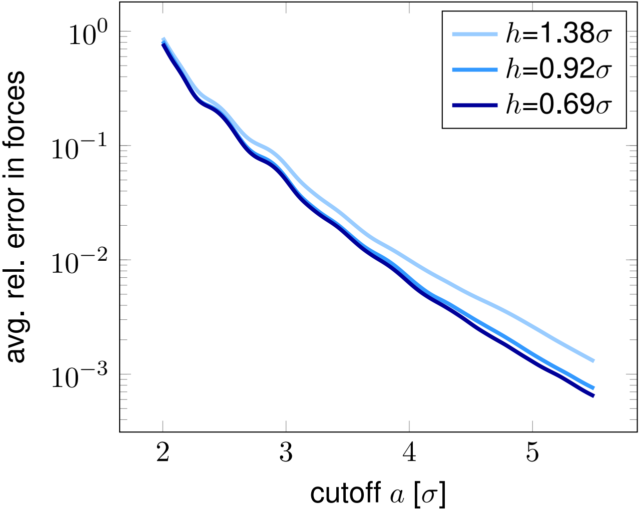
Accuracy



10^0
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10^{-2}
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avg. rel. error in forces
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4
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cutoff a [σ]
h=1.38σ
h=0.92σ
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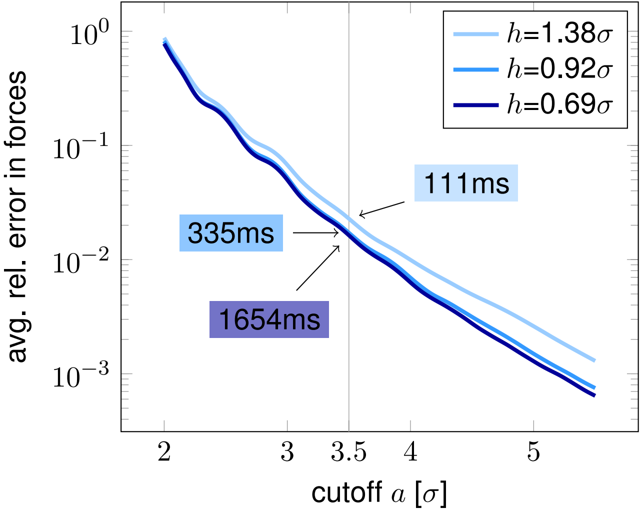
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avg. rel. error in forces
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3
3.5
4
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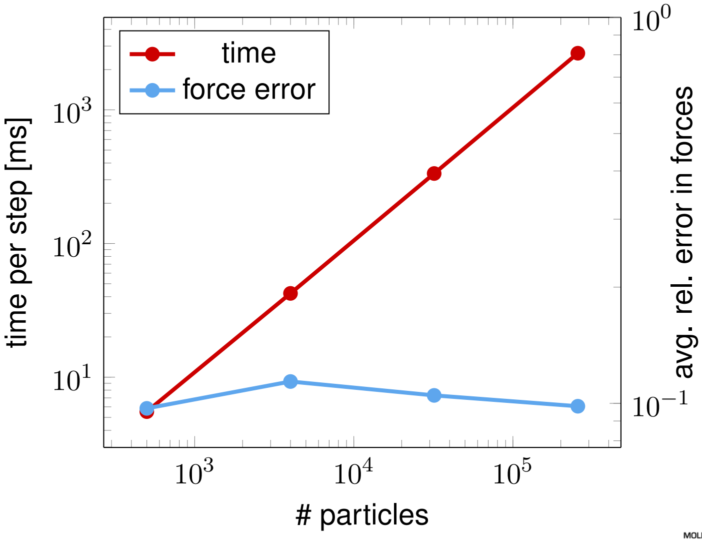
cutoff a [σ]

Complexity


time
force error
10^3
10^2
10^1
time per step [ms]
10^0
10^{-1}
avg. rel. error in forces
10^3
10^4
10^5
particles

Conclusions

- We adapted the Multilevel Summation to dispersion interactions
- The accuracy of the Multilevel Summation increases as the cutoff a increases and the finest grid spacing h decreases
- Preliminary performance measurements were done
- The linear complexity can be demonstrated with a serial, prototype implementation

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