



SciDAC-EFRC Collaboration: WastePD

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WastePD: Center for Performance and Design of Nuclear Waste Forms and Containers





















Nuclear Waste

Two general forms of nuclear waste in the US:

- Spent Nuclear Fuel (SNF) from commercial power plants
 - Responsibility of DOE Office of Nuclear Energy (NE)
- Legacy waste from fabrication of nuclear weapons
 - Responsibility of DOE Office of Environmental Management (EM)

Current US law:

All nuclear waste will be disposed of in Yucca Mountain, NV.

Current US situation:

YM defunded, everything is in limbo.



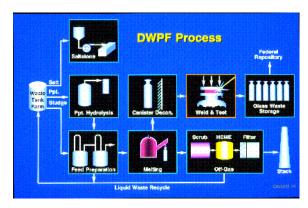




Defense Waste (EM)







- Most exists in underground tanks in Hanford, WA and Savannah River, SC.
 - Current form is liquid, sludge, and precipitated solids.
- Most will be mixed with borosilicate glass and cast into SS containers:
 - has been ongoing at SR for 20 y
 - has not started at Hanford because of design issues with vit plant
- Some radionuclides cannot be processed through glass melter and must be stabilized in <u>ceramic</u> or <u>metal</u> hosts.
- Final waste forms should be stable for very long periods of time, >10⁵ y.
- Containers are metallic: steel underground tanks, SS dry storage casks, CRA canisters for final disposal.



WastePD

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Goals:

- Develop fundamental understanding of degradation mechanisms of waste forms and containers
- Develop new materials with improved properties



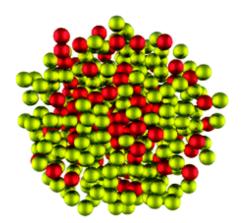


Wastepd Common Method: Atomic-Scale Modeling Performance and Design

Tasks:

- Structural stability and energetics
- Surface processes (e.g. oxidation, desorption)
- Kinetic processes (e.g. deformation, diffusion)

"Alloy": Random mixture of different atom types



"Phase separation":

Energy is lower when atoms separate



Alloy is stable if its energy is lower than the sum of the energies of the separated phases

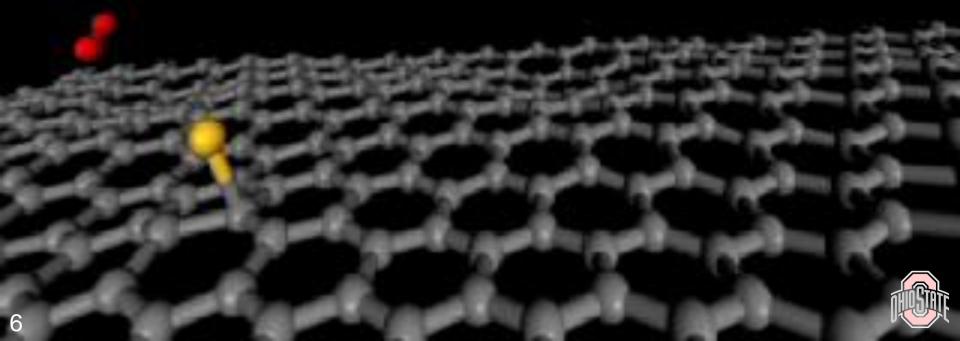




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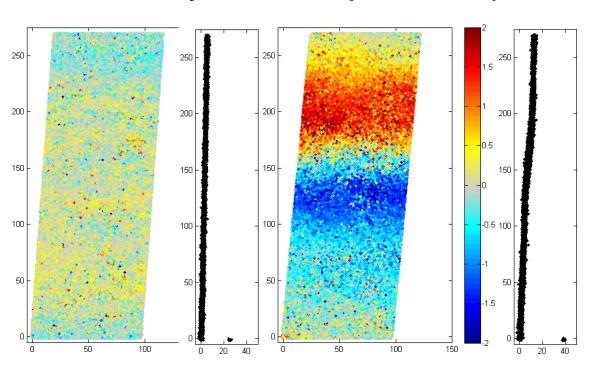


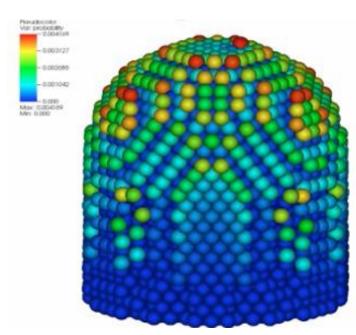


Wastepd Common Method: Atomic-Scale Modeling Performance and Design

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- Externally-controlled processes (deformation, field evaporation)



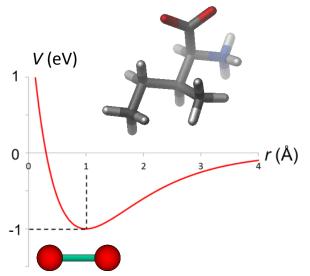




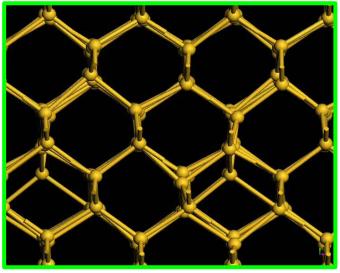


Molecular Dynamics

- One way to simulate that: "Molecular Dynamics"
 - "Potential": Come up with a function (or method) that describes energy of system as function of atomic positions
 - Simulation: Evolve position of atoms (e.g. Newton's law)
 - Analysis: Visualize / evaluate what happened



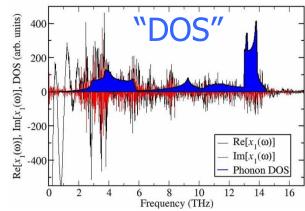
Potentials are functions fitted to e.g. experimental data



$$\mathbf{r}(t + \Delta t) = \mathbf{r}(t) + \mathbf{v}(t)\Delta t + \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{a}(t)\Delta t^{2}$$

$$\mathbf{a}(t + \Delta t) = -\frac{1}{m}\nabla V[\mathbf{r}(t + \Delta t)]$$

$$\mathbf{v}(t + \Delta t) = \mathbf{v}(t) + \frac{1}{2}[\mathbf{a}(t) + \mathbf{a}(t + \Delta t)]\Delta t$$







VASTEPD Our Wish List to SciDAC (8/22/16)

High computational demands in many calculations

- Efficient compilation and use of DFT and MD codes
- GPU support for VASP, LAMMPS (running at OSC, speedup 4-5 times) and other codes? E.g., VASP website has list of tasks that are not yet parallelized for efficient GPU execution.
- Other architectures, or alternative execution/platform (e.g. KOKKOS, CUDA)?

Empirical potential fitting

- RAMPAGE package (atomistics.osu.edu)
- Improve fitting reliability and speed, assess quality

Visualization and analysis of complex atomistic simulation results

- Amorphous and complex systems
- Dynamic processes (infrequent events)
- Data analysis find specific atomic arrangements or infrequent events

Uncertainty quantification

- Reproducibility of results
 - E.g. between DFT codes, different levels of atomistic simulations
- Empirical potential development
- Fast, efficient and reliable MC (e.g. simulated annealing) and KMC
- Error propagation in multiscale modeling
 - E.g. DFT numbers as parameters in rate-theory modeling or KMC
- Reduced-model generation
 - Which reactions really need to be included in a rate model to solve a given problem?





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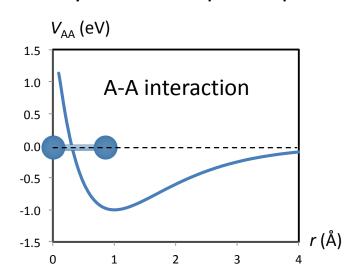
SciDAC Collaborations – The Experience

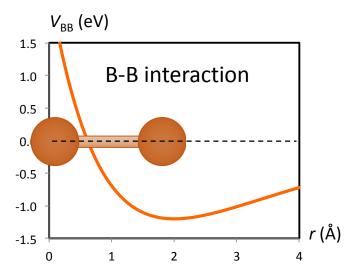
- Fantastic opportunity we have significantly improved tools and exciting new capabilities; would do it again!
 - Three postdocs know their way around basic MPI now
 - Understand first basics of improving code efficiency (execution and memory use)
 - Basic understanding of computational UQ
 - New visualization and analysis capabilities
- Due to short duration, focused on "low-hanging fruit", which should be a valuable initial approach for majority of materials modeling groups
- Appreciate dedication, patience, "customer-focus", responsiveness, and collaborative spirit of SciDAC researchers
- Without dedicated man power on our end, the experience was exhausting
 - Multiple weekly videoconferences and continuous e-mail discussions, joint coding and data generation work
 - Was a good idea to work with several SciDACs on one topic (potentials)
 - 3 postdocs involved on WastePD end, one taking ~70% of effort



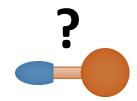
Example Collaboration Topic: Multi-Component Potentials

- Mixing different metals together ("alloying") makes stronger, more corrosion resistant materials
- Hot candidate for corrosion resistant: "High-entropy alloys" (~5 different elements)
- To model them, we need interaction potential functions between all species
- Many researchers spend lots of time to get potentials for one element right, but very few inter-species potentials





Our approach: Reuse A-A and B-B interactions from literature, fit A-B interactions







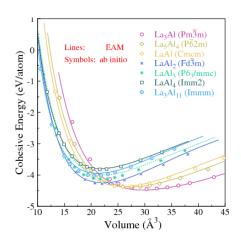
Multi-Component Potentials

$$U_{EAM} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i \neq j} \phi_{\alpha\beta(r_{ij})} + F_{\alpha} \left(\sum_{i \neq j} \rho_{\beta(r_{ij})} \right) \{ r_{ij} < r_{cut} \}$$

- Binary EAM potential requires 9 total functions (right)
- Six are "known" from the elemental potentials
- The remaining 3 functions (Φ_{AB} , ρ_{AB} , ρ_{BA}) must be fit
- Differing methods of fitting trade expense for accuracy

Term	Source
F_A	Pure A Potential
F_B	Pure B Potential
$ ho_{\scriptscriptstyleAA}$	Pure A Potential
ρ_{AB}	Fitting
$ ho_{\scriptscriptstyle BB}$	Pure B Potential
ρ_{BA}	Fitting
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$\Phi_{ extsf{BB}}$	Pure B Potential

"Holistic" Fitting: Consider many compounds and fit to as many as possible (includes elements)

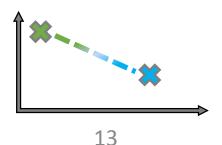


Decreasing Computation
Increasing Accuracy

Johnson Alloy Model:

Weighted average of elemental pair terms by their electron densities

$$\phi_{\alpha\beta}(r) = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\rho_{\beta}(r)}{\rho_{\alpha}(r)} \phi_{\alpha\alpha}(r) + \frac{\rho_{\alpha}(r)}{\rho_{\beta}(r)} \phi_{\beta\beta}(r) \right)$$







ASTEPD Potential Development with RAMPAGE

Existence (or creation) of suitable multi-component potentials is the largest barrier to widespread deployment of MD simulations for multi-component problems

RAMPAGE: Rapid Alloy Method for the Production of Accurate, General EAM Potentials

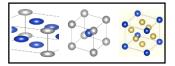
→ Faster than holistic, no phase data required Goals:

→More accurate and adaptable than JAM



Overview:









- 1. Utilize available elemental potentials from literature
 - Avoid re-fitting from scratch
- Calculate strategic "high-value" structures and compounds with DFT using VASP
- Generate compatible binary potentials 3.
- Assemble binaries into higher-order multicomponent potentials. No additional computation

Use LAMMPS as a calculator to optimize new potentials with specific target data. Thus, any property accessible to MD becomes a possible parameter for new multicomponent potential optimization.



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QUEST: Quantification of Uncertainty in Extreme Scale Computations

Topic areas:

- forward uncertainty propagation
- reduced stochastic representations
- inverse problems
- experimental design & model validation
- fault tolerance

Application:

- Evaluation of specific fitting parameters on simulated properties
- Institute Director: Habib N. Najm (hnnajm@sandia.gov; SNL)



QUEST Collaboration: Evaluation of Empirical Potential Parameters and Properties

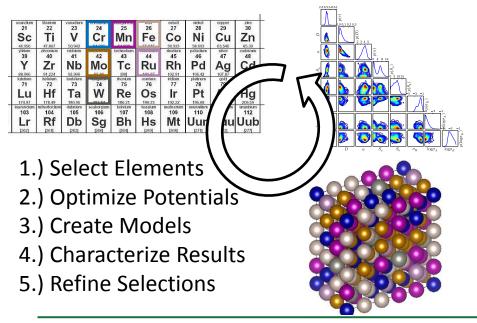
H. Najm, C. Safta, M. Eldred, G. Geraci, SNL

Objectives

- Estimate uncertain parameters in empirical potential fitting
- Identify errors relative to DFT fitting data
- Compare and select among potentials
- Explore potential frameworks for multilevel multifidelity UQ in Kinetic Monte Carlo

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- Facilitates new best-practices for potential development
- Identifies optimal potentials and important parameters
- Enables design of multicomponent alloys
 - Leap towards multi-component alloy design with more parameters

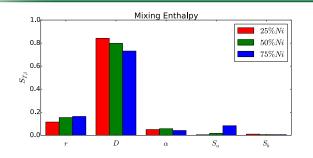


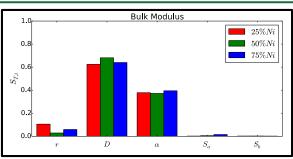
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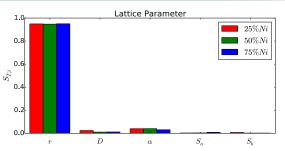
- Coupled Dakota, UQTk, and LAMMPS, with Cu-Ni and Cu-Zr material models from WastePD
- Identified specific parametric correlations not previously explored
- Identified new dependences between parameters and simulated properties
- Parallel Transitional MCMC employed for speed and robust inference
- Inferred uncertain parameters; Bayesian setting



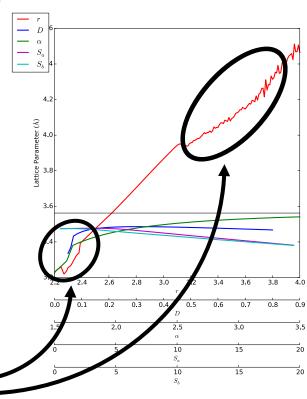
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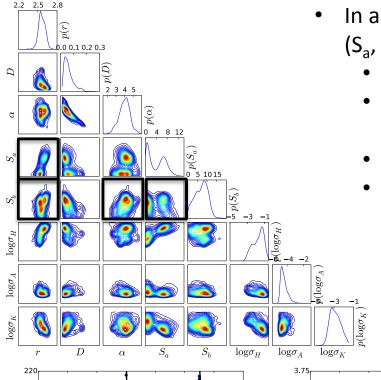


- Constructed framework for direct parameter control
 - Two systems: Cu-Ni and Cu-Zr
- Parameter control illuminates model construction failures, refines optimization techniques
- Key parameters: $(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{D}, \boldsymbol{\alpha})$ each have physical meaning and controls a particular property
 - **r**, bond length lattice parameter
 - D, bond energy mixing enthalpy
 - α, curvature of energy well bulk modulus
 - QUEST determined that D is a primary controller of Cu-Ni bulk modulus, α is actually secondary!
- Identified model instabilities: quantifies bounding range for automation of parameter selection

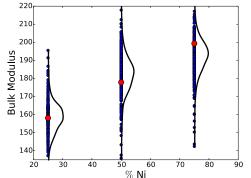


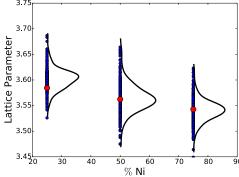


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- In addition to key parameters: $(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{D}, \boldsymbol{\alpha})$, tuning parameters (S_a, S_b) are used for flexibility
 - Numerical effect of S_a, S_b not previously characterized
 - WastePD had questioned the possibility of S_a and S_b introducing multiple viable solutions/minima
 - QUEST identified bi-modal behavior in S_a and S_b
 - Illustrates complications in multi-parameter setups
 - Understanding and characterizing non-physical tuning parameters is paramount to long-term potential development goals
 - Multi-component alloys have S_i parameter for each element!
 - Initial results (prev. slide) indicate S_a, S_b only minimally impact properties in Cu-Ni, is this true in other systems?





SUPER: Institute for Sustained Performance, Energy and Resilience

Topic areas:

- Performance engineering including modeling and auto-tuning
- Code resilience
- Parallelization and optimization
- Energy efficiency (scalability)

Application:

- Streamline, parallelize, optimize and scale RAMPAGE code
- Institute Director: Lenny Oliker (loliker@lbl.gov; LBNL)

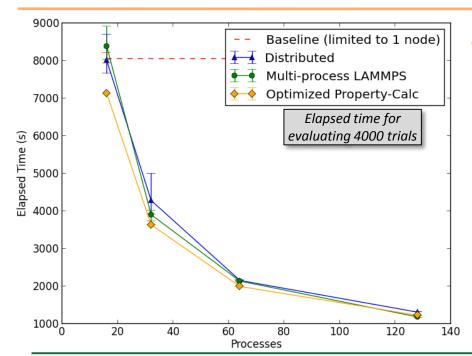


"Performance Analysis and Optimization of the RAMPAGE Alloy Potential Generation Software"

SUPER: Hongzhang Shan, Leonid Oliker, Sam Williams (LBNL); Philip C. Roth, Sarat Sreepathi, Shirley Moore (ORNL) WastePD: Wolfgang Windl, David Riegner, Nikolas Antolin (OSU)

Objectives

- Improve performance, scalability and flexibility of RAMPAGE, automated EAM potential generator
- Improve portability and target DOE computing center platforms
- Improve RAMPAGE software engineering
- Implement both portability and distribution



Impact

- Enhance quality of the resulting potentials
 - Increased complexity and/or number of trials
- Decreased software maintenance and development effort; improved reproducibility

Accomplishments

- Improved RAMPAGE performance and scalability
 - Collected baseline performance results for Cu-Ni test problem on OLCF Eos system
 - Modified RAMPAGE's parallelism approach to support simultaneously running on more hardware
 - Demonstrated reduction in Cu-Ni run time from 1hr 47min to ~15min on 8 nodes of OLCF Eos
 - Discovered performance trade-off for CG minimization parameters between LAMMPS versions.
 - Motivates ongoing work with multiple processes for each LAMMPS run
- Introduced use of source code repository
- Reduced number/complexity of required code packages



SDAV: Scalable Data Management, Analysis and Visualization

Topic areas:

- Data Management: capture data used in science codes. Efficiently move, index, and compresses data, enable query of scientific datasets
- Data Analysis application-driven techniques for performing in situ data analysis, filtering, and reduction to optimize I/O and prepare post-processing
- Data Visualization –visualization techniques that support identifying and understanding features in multi-scale datasets

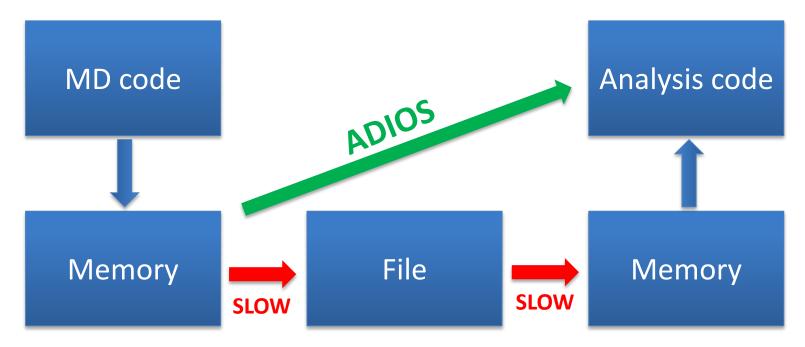
Application:

- Streamline workflow for complicated multi-component data sets. This requires improvements in (i) data generation and (ii) data analysis
- Institute Director: ??



SDAV Project I:

- On-the-fly data analysis
- (ADIOS, www.olcf.ornl.gov/center-projects/adios/)



Enabling analysis and validation using an in situ processing framework for the Center for Performance and Design of WastePD

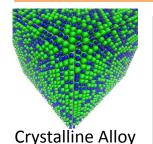
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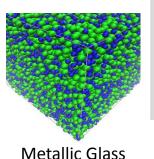
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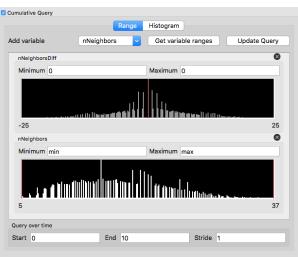
- Integrate ADIOS with LAMMPS simulation code and Voro++
 - Minimizes I/O overheads and facilitate on-the-fly data in simulations of multicomponent metallic glass structures
- Implemented ADIOS features as custom code inside LAMMPS framework

Impact

- Reduced I/O costs, allowing higher structural and time resolution to be achieved in simulation data outputs
- Better Voro++ integration in LAMMPS facilitated the creation of new data types via a custom output type that did not previously exist







Neighbor data for a metallic glass analyzed using ADIOS integrated Voro++. Local neighbor environments in metallic glasses vary wildly.

Accomplishments

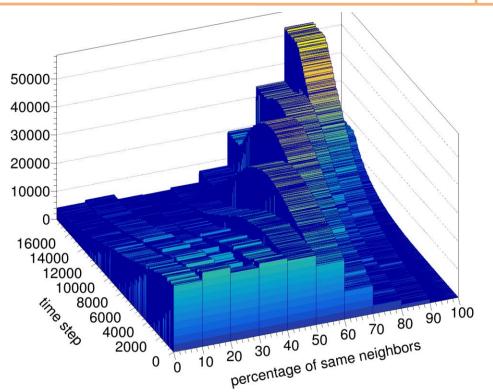
- Integration of ADIOS with the LAMMPS framework.
- Ability to save tens of thousands of time steps from LAMMPS runs. Significant speed-up compared with previous implementation that saved only tens of time steps in the original setup.
- Integration of ADIOS with Voro++ via LAMMPS
- Ability to compute Voronoi volumes on tens of thousands of time steps. Major speed up compared with tens or hundreds of time steps in the original setup.



Detecting Locally Correlated Events in Metallic Glass Simulation SciDAC Institute-WastePD EFRC John Wu (LBNL) and Wolfgang Windl (OSU)

Objectives

Develop and deploy algorithms for detecting changes to the local atomic environment in multi-component metallic glass materials



Impact

Successfully detected and visualized locally correlated events in the evolution of metallic glass structures, crucial to the understanding of metallic glass synthesis and design

Accomplishments

- Connected the simulation code and analysis code with ADIOS, to provide in situ data collection and facilitate efficient analysis of large systems over long simulation times
- The figure shows the number of atoms with the same neighbors evolving as a function of simulation time. Such analysis was not previously feasible.
- As time progress (from front to back), the system transitions from liquid to glass. Liquid atoms retain fewer neighbors, and the system shows a notable shift toward neighbor stability. Further analysis of neighbor environments may enable deliberate glass design.

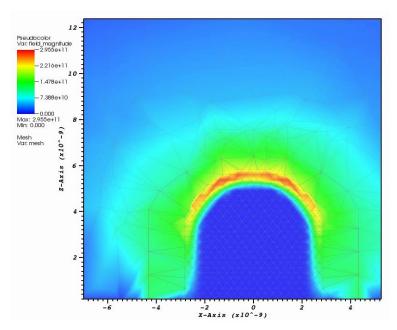


WastePD-ADIOS Integration

- Simulations of characterization techniques are currently in development that could benefit greatly from real-time analysis
 - APT simulations involve large systems and time-evolving structures.
 - System studied in the pilot project was simplified than WastePD's longterm goals
- Major challenges in computational alloy design are time- and lengthscales which drive up space requirements
 - Modern modeling techniques demand coupling of multiple codes, but for large data sets I/O makes coupling very (often prohibitively) slow
 - I/O cost scales with problem size and larger problems are more scientifically relevant
 - Ability to analyze simulation data near real-time without having to wait until full simulation is done allows the potential to observe patterns as they evolve and reduce data storage requirements
- WastePD is currently developing new modeling methods and addressing I/O requirements and bottlenecks would benefit tremendously from continued collaborative support

SDAV Project II:

Data visualization & analysis (VisIt, visit.llnl.gov)





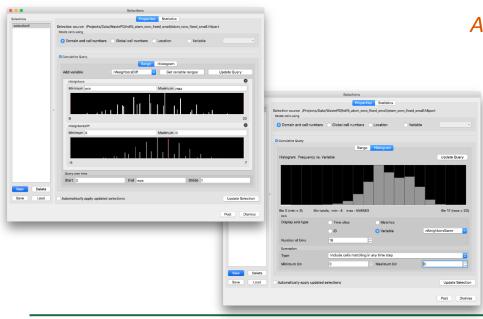
Detecting and Understanding Hopping Atoms in Metallic Glass Simulations SciDAC SDAV Institute-Waste PD EFRC Allen Sanderson Univ. of Utah

Objective

Deploy interactive query-based techniques that incorporate accelerated bitmap indexing to allow WastePD scientists to explore and understand infrequent *events* such as clustering or migration in large metallic glass simulation cells

Impact

One of the challenges being undertaken by the WastePD team is the accurate predictive design of metallic glass performance over time, requiring understanding of metallic glass structure and stability over long timescales



Accomplishments

- Deployed an interface that allows WastePD data to utilize accelerated bitmap indexing (FastBit) with the Vislt toolkit.
- Deployed tools to analyze atom neighborhood data.

Far Left – image from VisIt's Cumulative Query tool showing histograms of atom neighborhoods and differences that is used for a range based queries (find all atoms who's neighborhood size did not change).

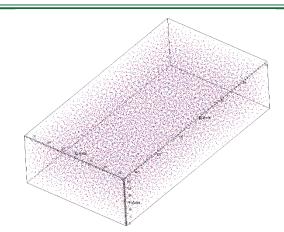
Near Left – Results of the query showing the number of atoms that remained in the neighborhood (the neighborhood size may remain the same but be composed of different atoms).



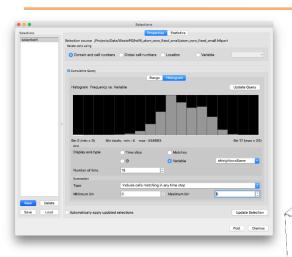
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First time step of a metallic glass simulation w/16K atoms



Accomplishments

- Deployed new parallelized algorithms in Visit for
 - handling large-scale indexed data.
 - performing range based queries.
 - constructing particle paths.

Far Left – A sub-selection selecting atoms who's neighborhood size remained the same but all of the neighboring atoms changed between time steps.

Near Left – the paths of four atom selected above (the large jumps are due to periodic boundaries).

