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NB-LIB: A Performant API for Force Calculations

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Outline

- **What is NB-LIB**
- Background
- Implementation
- Example workflows

Objectives

1. **Implement an API that permits existing performance-portable GROMACS non-bonded force calculation routines to be called as a library.**
2. Deploy bindings for the non-bonded API in C++17 and Python 3.
3. Make resulting code available under business-friendly free and open-source licenses.
4. Progressively integrate code with GROMACS development master branch and deploy the API to the library alongside the existing annual releases.

Current and upcoming machines

Machine	CPU	GPU
Fugaku	ARM	No
Summit	IBM Power9	NVIDIA
Piz Daint	Intel	NVIDIA
Lumi*	AMD	AMD

*Lumi not deployed yet

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Molecular Dynamics (MD)

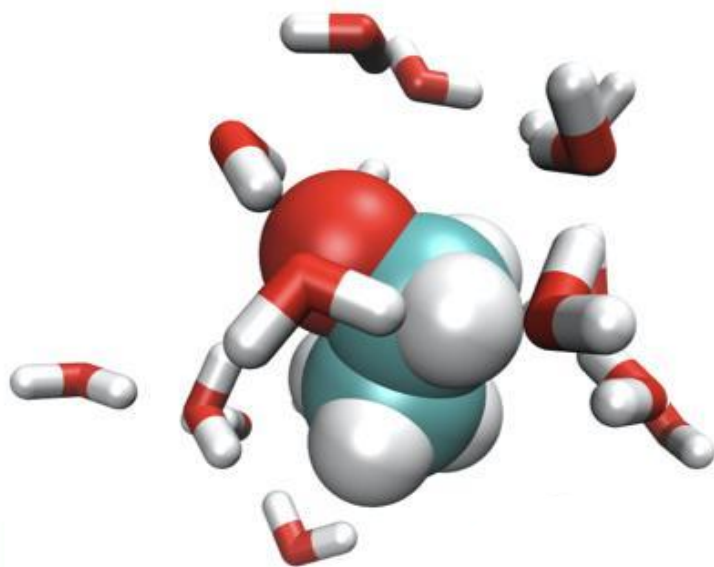
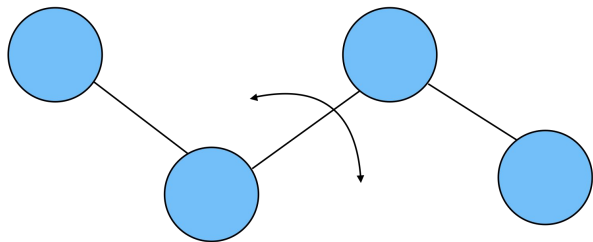
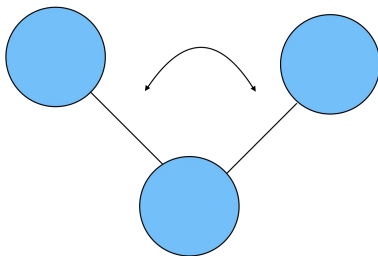


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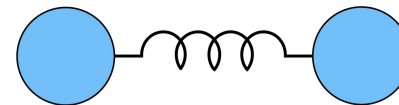
Types of forces in MD



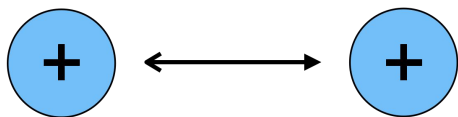
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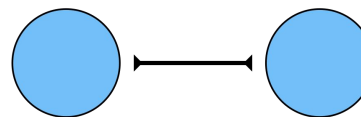
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Bond Vibration



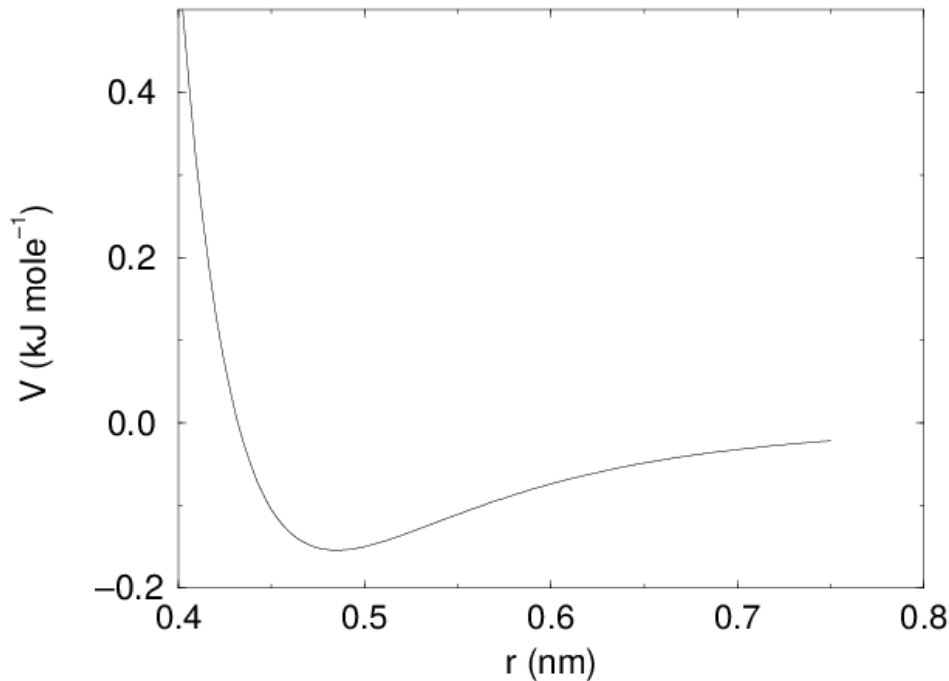
Electrostatic
Repulsion



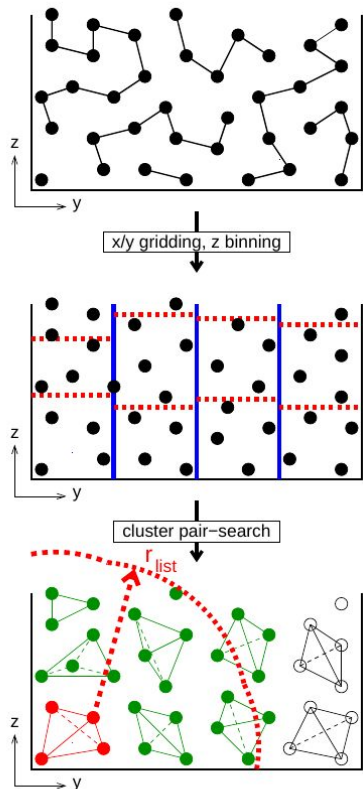
VdW
Attraction

Lennard-Jones interactions

$$V_{LJ}(r_{ij}) = \frac{C_{ij}^{(12)}}{r_{ij}^{12}} - \frac{C_{ij}^{(6)}}{r_{ij}^6}$$



From the gromacs manual



Pair interaction calculation

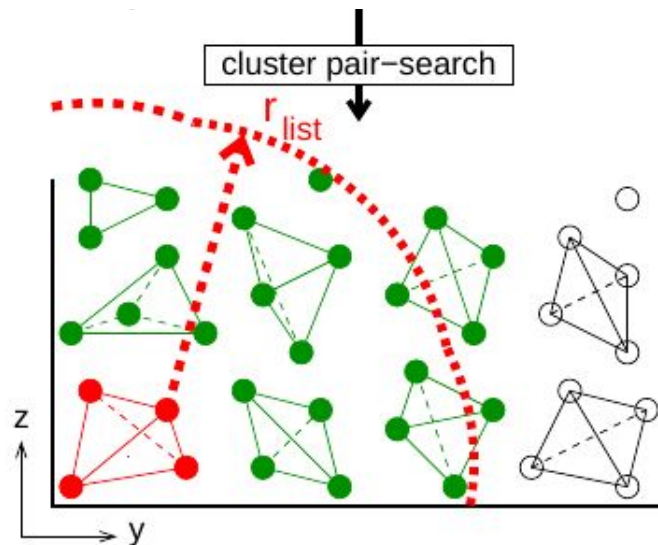


Figure 2: Illustration of the cluster pair-search algorithm for clusters of 4 particles. The bottom figure shows the j -cluster list in green for the red i -cluster.

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ParticleType CMet(ParticleName("CMet"), Mass(15.035));
```



Non-bonded interactions are flexible

```
// A combination rule can be specified for non-self interactions  
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```



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Lennard-Jones interactions: geometric combination rule

$$V_{LJ}(r_{ij}) = \frac{C_{ij}^{(12)}}{r_{ij}^{12}} - \frac{C_{ij}^{(6)}}{r_{ij}^6}$$

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```
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```

```
// LJ interactions can be explicitly specified for non-self interactions  
interactions.add(ParticleName("CMet"), ParticleName("OMet"),  
                C6(0.0044806276), C12(5.1373125e-06));
```



Molecules are built up from Particles

```
Molecule water;
```

```
// Particles in a Molecule must have a name
```

```
// They may have a charge and a residue name
```

```
water.addParticle(ParticleName("Oxygen"), Charge(-0.82), Ow);
```

```
water.addParticle(ParticleName("H1"), Charge(+0.41), H);
```

```
water.addParticle(ParticleName("H2"), Charge(+0.41), H);
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```
Molecule methanol;
```

```
methanol.addParticle(ParticleName("Me1"), Charge(-0.574), CMet);
```

```
methanol.addParticle(ParticleName("O2"), Charge(+0.176), OMet);
```

```
// Note that a Particle can be used in multiple Molecules
```

```
methanol.addParticle(ParticleName("H3"), Charge(+0.398), H);
```



Intramolecular exclusions can be added

```
// water exclusions  
water.addExclusion("H1", "Oxygen");  
water.addExclusion("H2", "Oxygen");  
water.addExclusion("H1", "H2");
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```
// methanol exclusions  
methanol.addExclusion("Me1", "O2");  
methanol.addExclusion("Me1", "H3");  
methanol.addExclusion("H3", "O2");
```



Molecules can have bonds

```
// A harmonic bond has an equilibrium distance and force constant
HarmonicBondType ohBond(distance, forceConstant);
water.addInteraction("Oxygen", "H1", ohBond);
water.addInteraction("Oxygen", "H2", ohBond);
```



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```
// Similar setup for the methanol bonds (united atoms on Me1)  
HarmonicBondType oh3Bond(0.100, 31380);  
methanol.addInteraction("O2", "H3", oh3Bond);  
HarmonicBondType ometBond(0.136, 376560);  
methanol.addInteraction("O2", "Me1", ometBond);
```



Addition of angles and
dihedrals looks similar
to bonds



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```
// Once all the components have been added, the Topology is built
```

```
Topology topology = topologyBuilder.buildTopology();
```



Non-topology simulation data

```
// Read in coordinates and velocities  
std::vector<gmx::RVec> coordinates = readFromCSV("coords.csv");  
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std::vector<gmx::RVec> forces(coordinates.size(), gmx::RVec(0, 0, 0));
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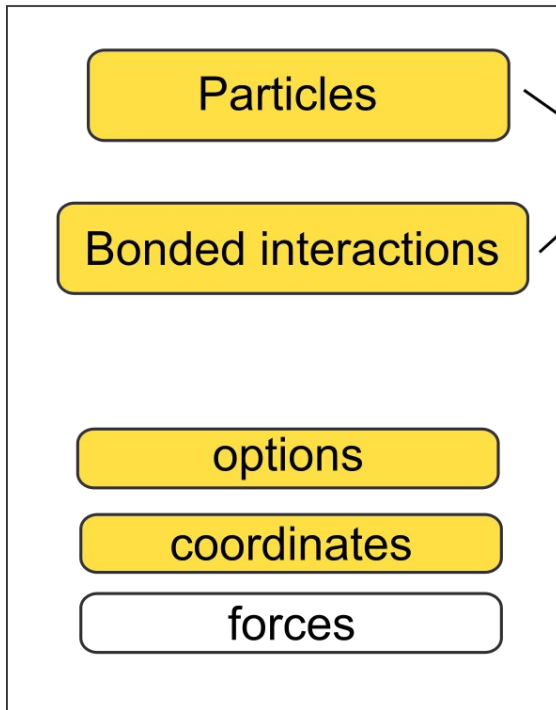
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// A box dimension must be specified  
Box box(6.05449);
```

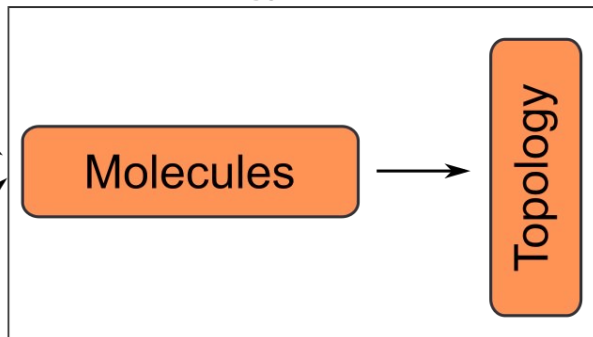


Summary: Topology

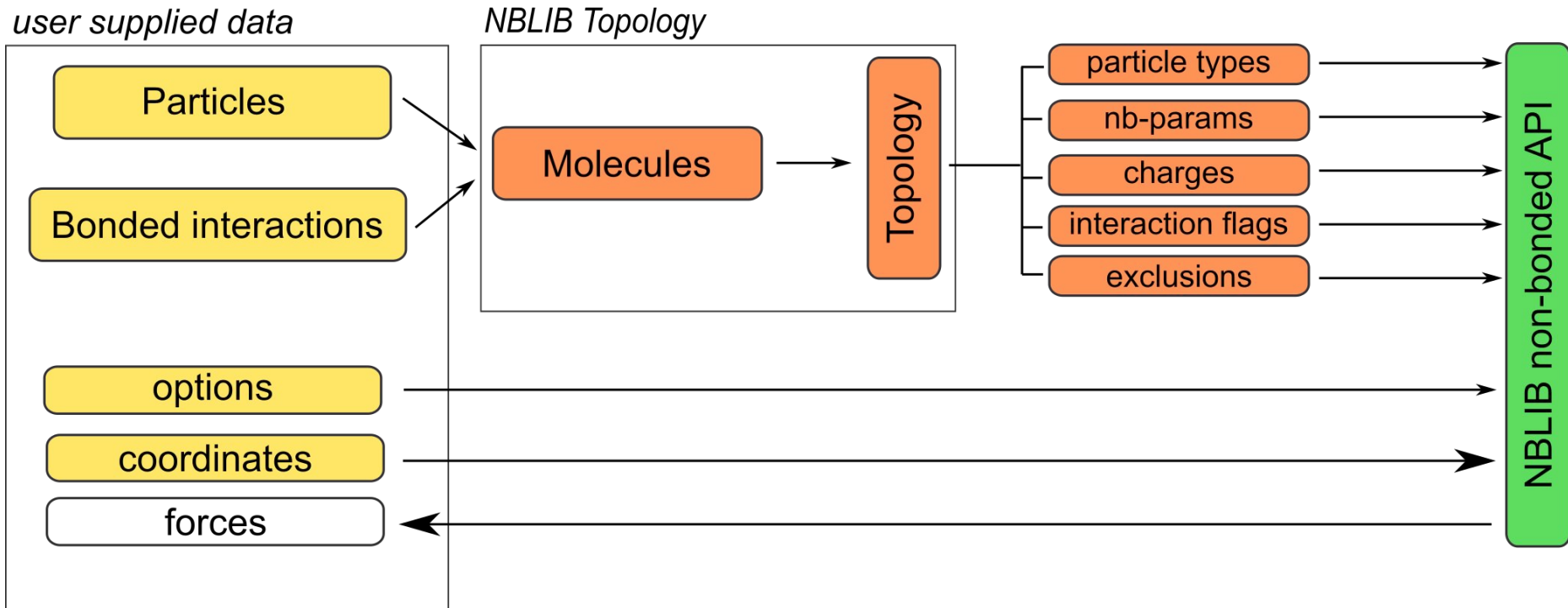
user supplied data



NBLIB Topology



Connecting Topology to the force API



Building the non-bonded force calculator

```
NBKernelOptions options; // has sensible defaults, sets PairList cutoff, etc.
```

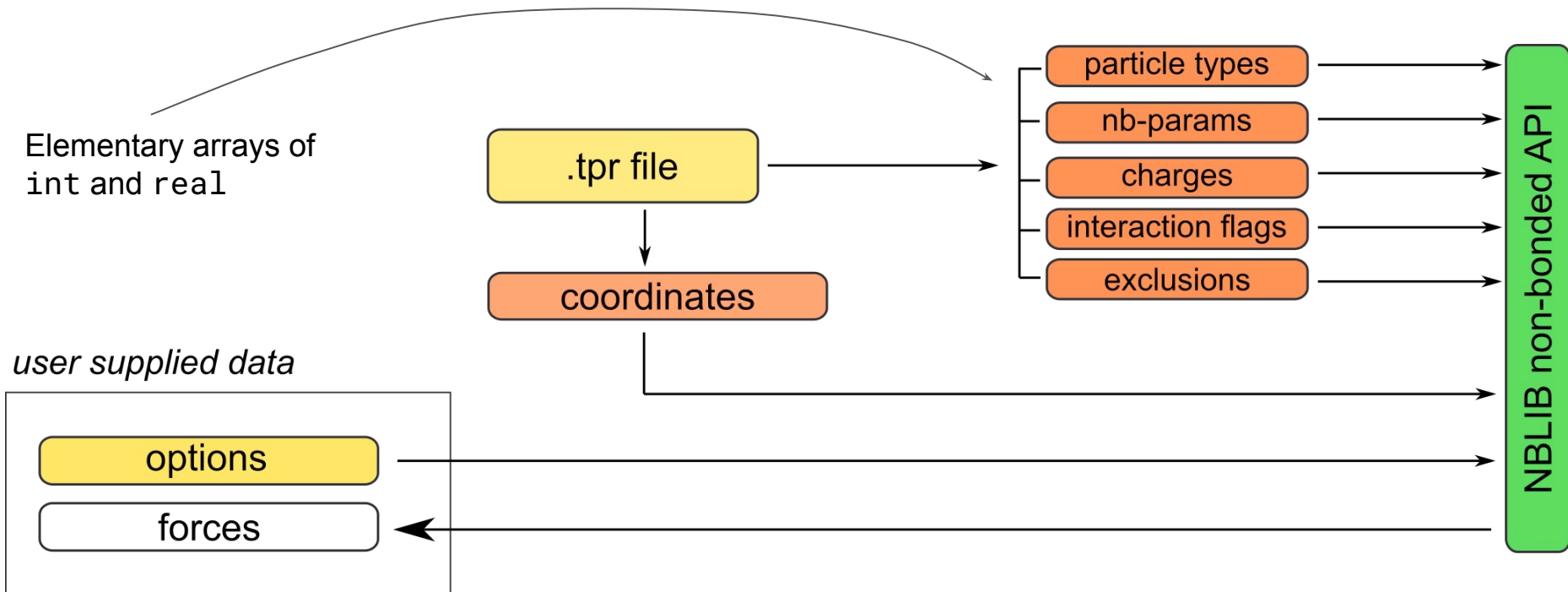
```
NBForceCalculator forceCalculator(topology.particleTypesOfAllParticles(),  
                                  topology.nonBondedParameters(),  
                                  topology.charges(),  
                                  topology.particleInteractionFlags(),  
                                  topology.exclusionsLists().ranges(),  
                                  topology.exclusionsLists().elements(),  
                                  options);
```

```
forceCalculator.updatePairlist(box, coordinates);
```

```
forceCalculator.compute(box, coordinates, forces);
```



Alternative data sources for the force API



Alternate data source: TPR file input

```
TprReader tprReader("example.tpr");
ForceCalculator forceCalculator(tprReader.particleTypes(),
                                tprReader.nonBondedParams(),
                                tprReader.charges(),
                                tprReader.interactionFlags(),
                                tprReader.exclusionLists(),
                                tprReader.exclusionRanges(), options);

std::vector<gmx::RVec> coordinates = tprReader.coordinates();
std::vector<gmx::RVec> forces      = tprReader.forces();

Box box = tprReader.box();

forceCalculator.compute(box, coordinates, forces);
```



Building the listed force calculator

```
int numThreads = 4;
```

```
// getInteractionData() returns the interaction parameters for all  
// bonded interactions in the topology
```

```
ListedForceCalculator listedCalculator(topology.getInteractionData(),  
                                       topology.numParticles(),  
                                       numThreads);
```

```
listedCalculator.compute(box, coordinates, forces);
```



A complete MD loop!

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{  
  
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```

```
{
```

```
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```

```
    listedForceCalculator.compute(box, coordinates, forces);
```

```
    integrator.integrate(timestep, coordinates, velocities, forces);
```

```
    zeroCartesianArray(forces); // Zero the forces each step
```

```
}
```



MD mini-app

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{
    forceCalculator.compute(coordinates, forces);
    listedForceCalculator.compute(coordinates, forces());
    integrator.integrate(timestep, coordinates, velocities, forces);
    ... // other stuff
}
```



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 - multiple time stepping
 - QM/MM
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 - replica exchange
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TopologyBuilder fullSystemBuilder;  
fullSystemBuilder.addMolecule(polymer1, 1);  
fullSystemBuilder.addMolecule(polymer2, 1);  
fullSystemBuilder.addMolecule(water, 100);
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```

```
TopologyBuilder polymersBuilder;  
polymersBuilder.addMolecule(polymer1, 1);  
polymersBuilder.addMolecule(polymer2, 1);
```

```
Topology fullSystem = fullSystemBuilder.buildTopology();  
Topology polymers = polymersBuilder.buildTopology();
```



Workflow #1: Compute Subsets of Interactions

```
NBForceCalculator fullSystemNBForceCalculator(/* as before */);  
ListedForceCalculator fullSystemListedCalculator(/* as before */);  
LeapFrog integrator(topology, box);
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{  
    fullSystemNBForceCalculator.compute(box, coordinates, forces);  
    fullSystemListedCalculator.compute(box, coordinates, forces);  
    integrator.integrate(timestep, coordinates, velocities, forces);  
    zeroCartesianArray(forces);  
}
```



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{
    fullSystemNBForceCalculator.compute(box, coordinates, forces);
    fullSystemListedCalculator.compute(box, coordinates, forces);
    integrator.integrate(timestep, coordinates, velocities, forces);
    zeroCartesianArray(forces);
}
```

// Now only compute forces for the polymers

```
NBForceCalculator PolymersNBForceCalculator(/* as before */);
PolymersNBForceCalculator.compute(box, polymerCoordinates, polymerForces);
```





Work is ongoing to
expose the energy as
part of the non-bonded
API

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```



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```
Topology second = systemBuilder.buildTopology();
```

```
// first coordinates and velocities
```

```
std::vector<gmx::RVec> firstCoordinates = readFromCSV("coordsFirst.csv");
```

```
std::vector<gmx::RVec> firstVelocities = readFromCSV("velsFirst.csv");
```



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```

```
// second coordinates and velocities
```

```
std::vector<gmx::RVec> secondCoordinates = readFromCSV("coordsSecond.csv");
```

```
std::vector<gmx::RVec> secondVelocities = readFromCSV("velsSecond.csv");
```



Workflow #2: Multiple states

```
// first force calculators and integrator  
NBForceCalculator firstNBForceCalculator(/* first data */);  
LeapFrog firstIntegrator(/* first data */);
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LeapFrog secondIntegrator(/* second data */);
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for (int step = 0; step < 100; step++)
{
    firstNBForceCalculator.compute(box, firstCoordinates, firstForces);
    secondNBForceCalculator.compute(box, secondCoordinates, secondForces);

    firstIntegrator.integrate(/* first data */);
    secondIntegrator.integrate(/* second data */);
    // also need to zero the forces

}
```



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    firstIntegrator.integrate(/* first data */);
    secondIntegrator.integrate(/* second data */);
    // also need to zero the forces

    if (step % 10) { /* swap first and second velocities */ };
}
```



Future goals

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- Find users!
- Performance aspects
 - domain decomposition
 - data transfer
 - task scheduling



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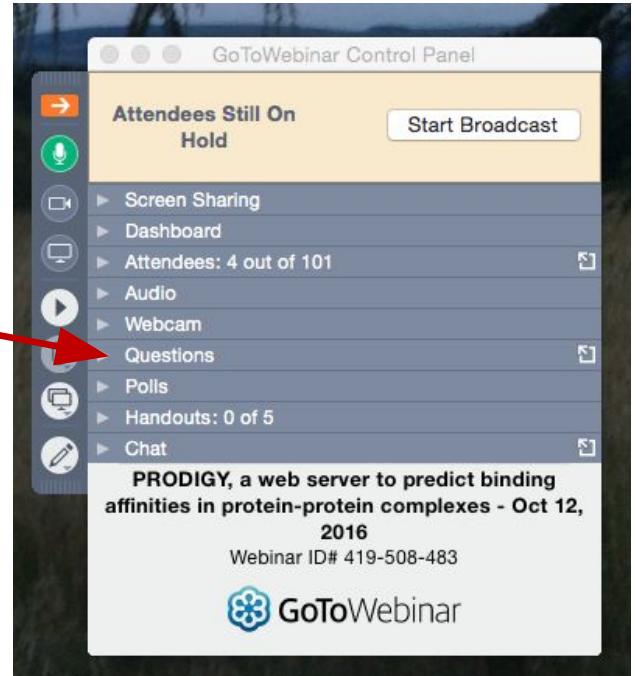
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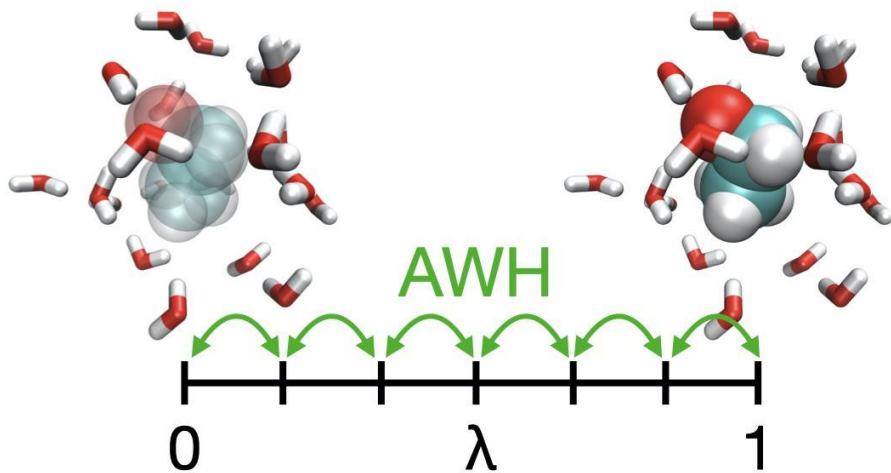
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