Nanosphere Electrostatics Lab

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Introduction

• Accurate knowledge of *ionic structure & dynamics* is critical to study nanoparticle dynamics



- Nanoparticles are polarized in most solvents
- Simulating the dynamics of ions near polarizable nanoparticles is challenging: Need equation at every timestep

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Traditional approach





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ML-based selection and auto-tuning of virtual parameters in CPMD

- Previously, tedious process of trial and error is involved to find the virtual parameters in CPMD
- We apply ML to select and auto-tune the virtual parameters in CPMD method



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Nanosphere Electrostatics Lab

- Frontend: Jupyter
- Backend: C++
- OpenMP/MPI Hybrid parallelized
- Open source on github

Input parameters

- 1. Dielectric const inside NP: (2, 78.5)
- 2. Dielectric const outside NP: (78.5)
- 3. Salt concentration outside (M): (0)
- 4. Positive ion valency (e): (1, 2, 3)
- 5. Nanoparticle radius (nm): (2.6775)
- 6. Nanoparticle charge (e): (-60)

Outputs

- 1. Positive/Negative density profiles
- 2. Energy conservation
- 3. Movie file of the simulation



https://nanohub.org/tools/nse



Demo of Nanosphere Electrostatics Lab





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Conclusion

- The Nanosphere Electrostatics Lab empowers users to simulate the self-assembly of ions near a spherically shaped nanoparticle and extract the effective electrostatic properties.
- In addition, the app enables the study of both salt-free (counterion only) and salty systems via the salt concentration parameter.
- The app was enhanced using a Hybrid MPI/OpenMP parallelization method as well as a machine learning approach designed to automate the evolution of the polarized charges.
- The app is being tested experimentally by measuring zeta potentials of NPs of different radius and bare charge under various ionic conditions; numerical validation has been performed via LAMMPS.

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