

# HIGH PERFORMANCE COMPUTING for SCIENCE & ENGINEERING (HPCSE) I

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## TUTORIAL 06 : Cell-lists and Visualization

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# Outline

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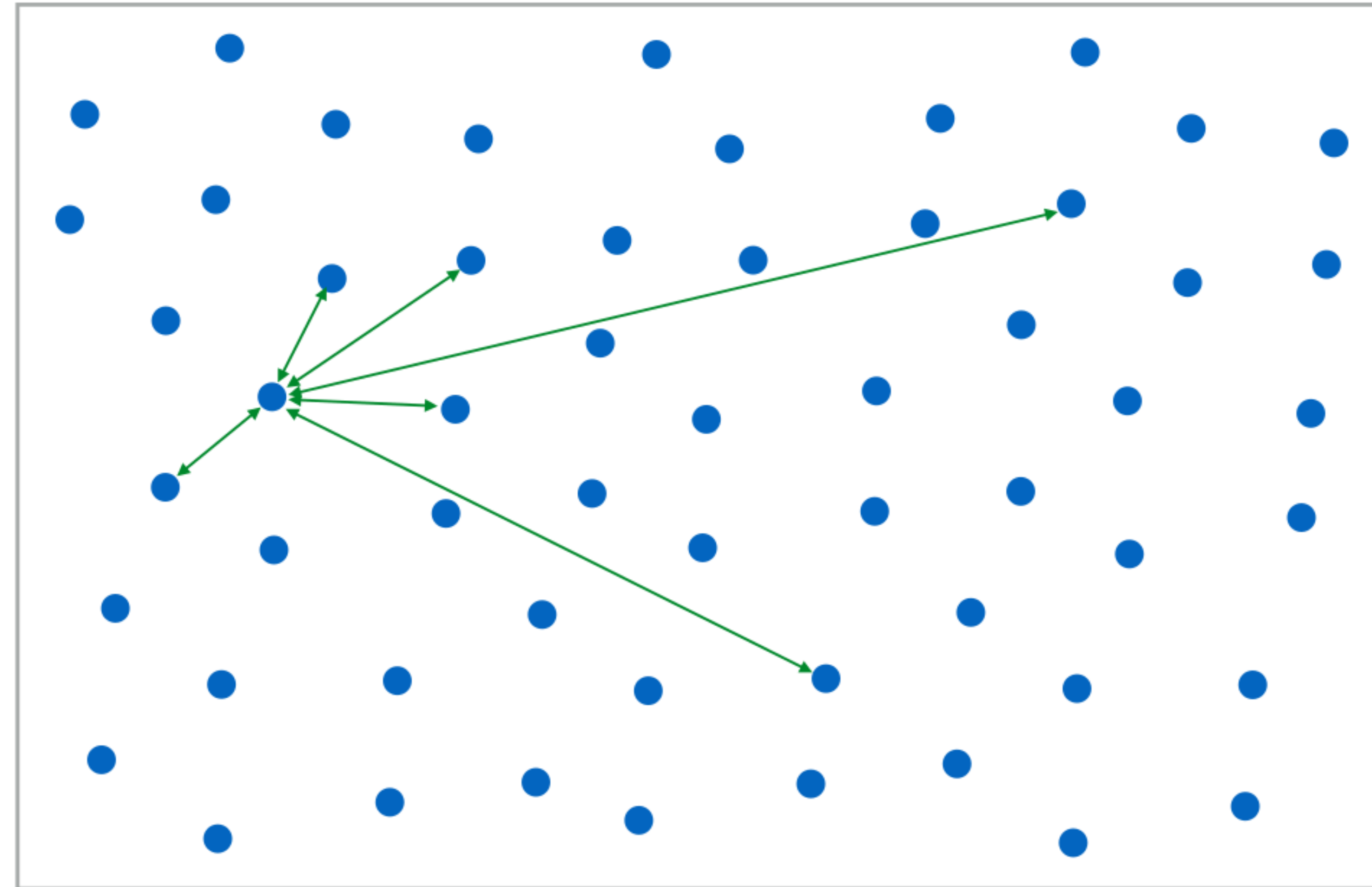
- N-Body problem
  - Lennard-Jones potential
  - Cell-lists
  - One possible implementation
- Visualization using ParaView

# N-Body problem

- Consider  $N$  particles interacting with each other

## Examples

- Gravitation
- Electrodynamics
- Particle Strength Exchange
- Molecular Dynamics: Lennard-Jones
- Smooth Particle Hydrodynamics
- Dissipative Particle Dynamics



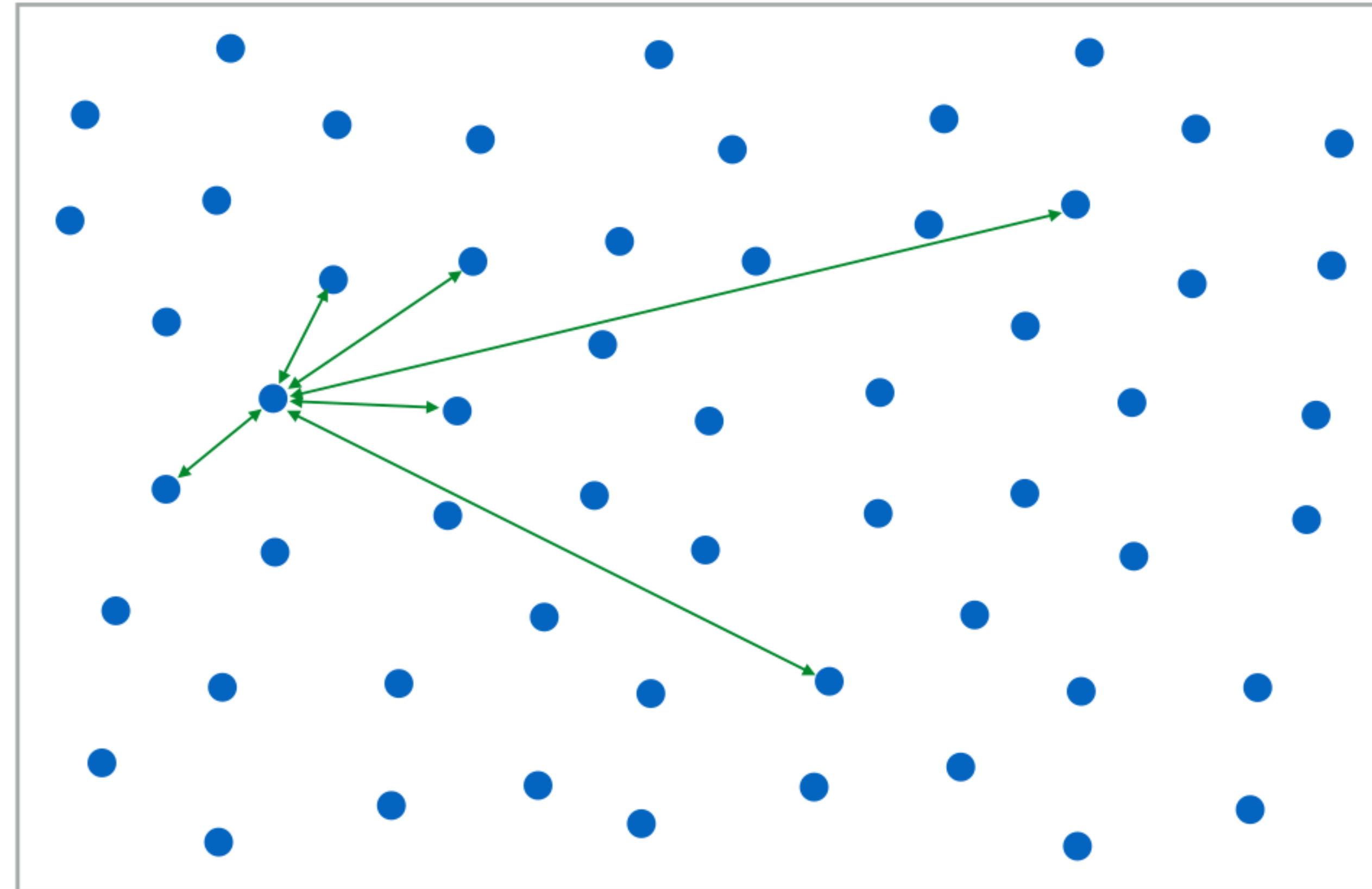
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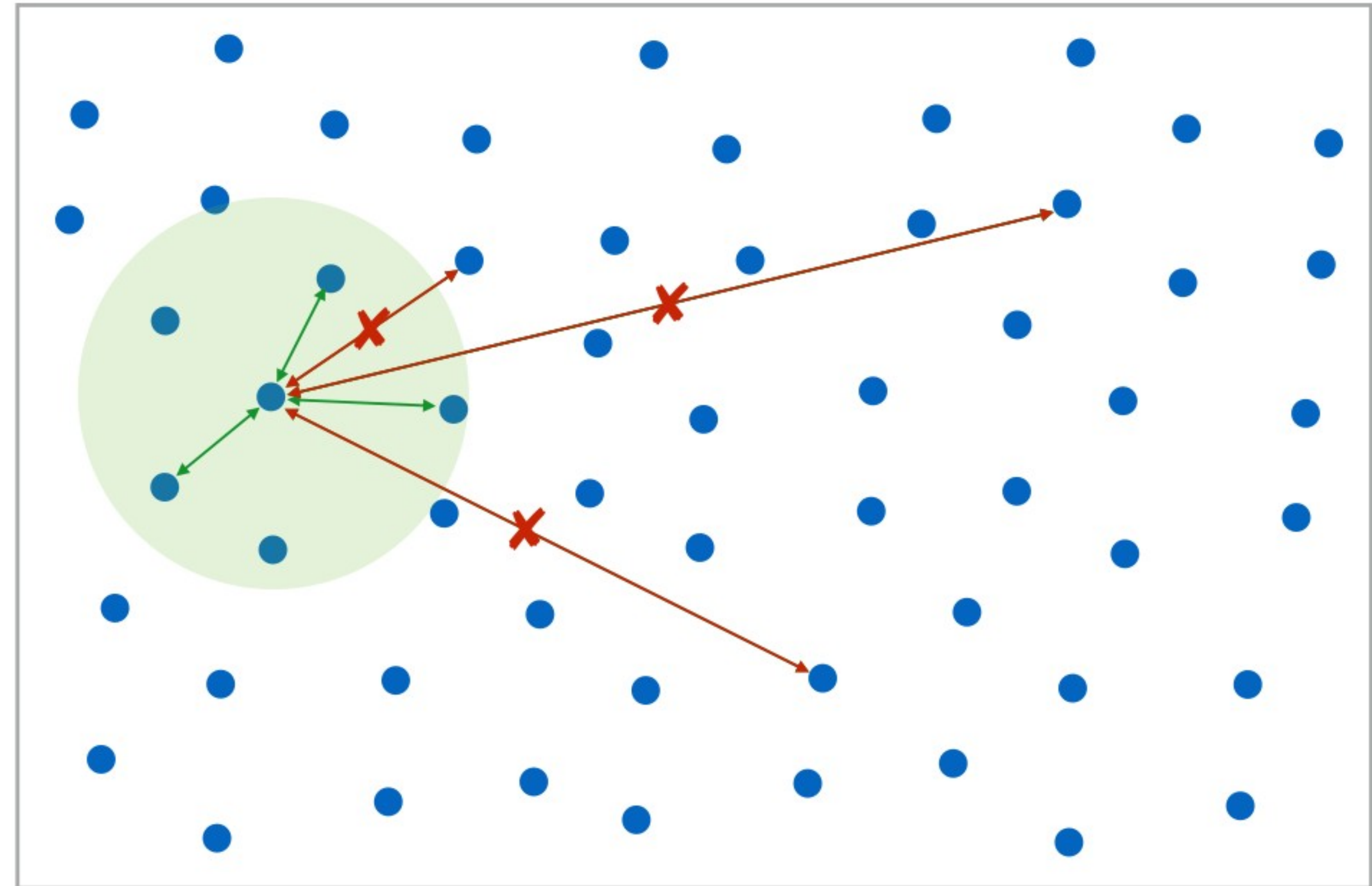
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- Consider short range interactions:

We can discard many interactions

→  $O(Nd)$

with  $d$  be the number of neighbours per particle



# Short range interaction: L-J potential

- The Lennard-Jones potential describes simplified interaction between neutral atoms/ molecules:

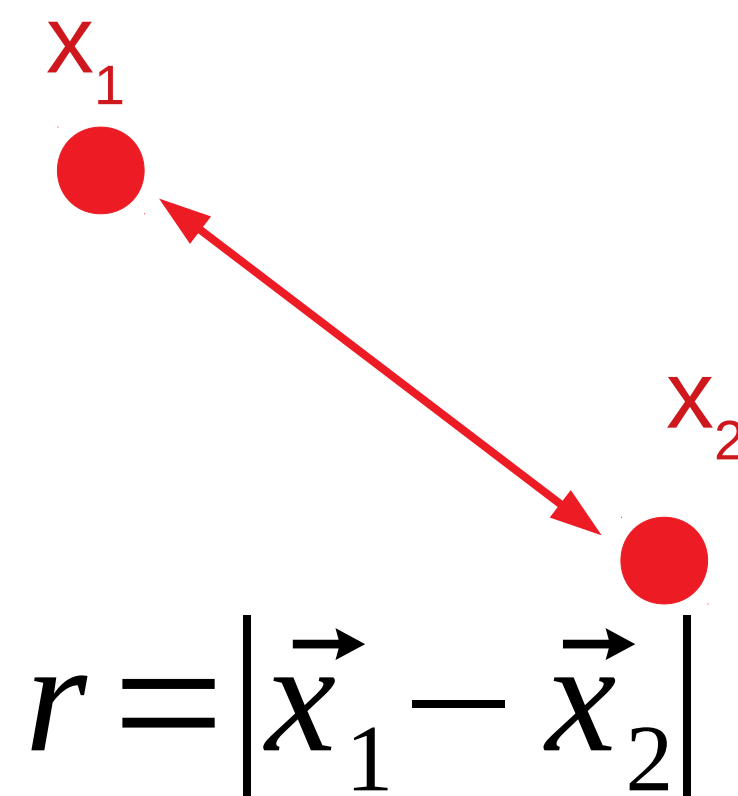
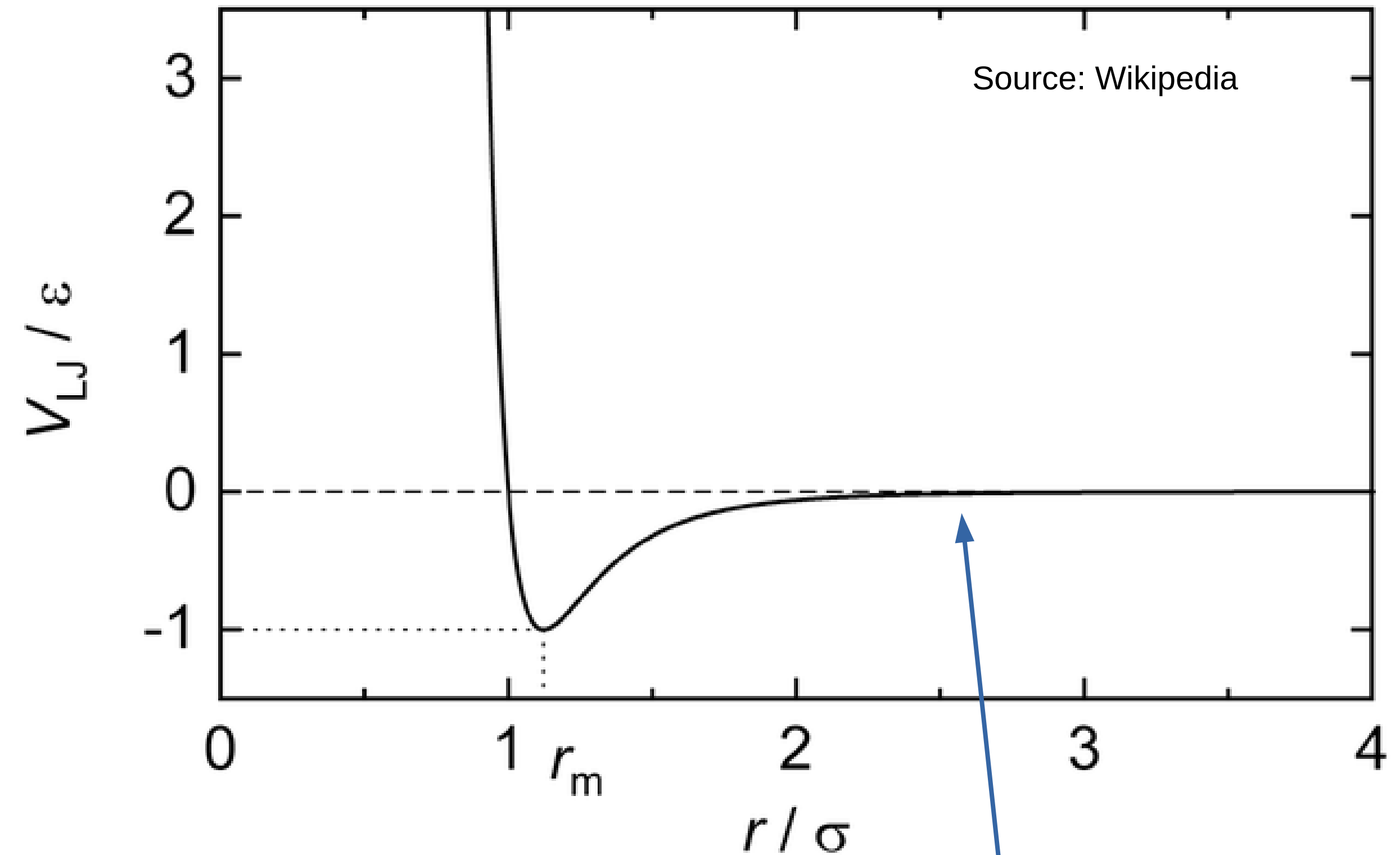
$$V(r) = 4 \epsilon \left( \left( \frac{\sigma}{r} \right)^{12} - \left( \frac{\sigma}{r} \right)^6 \right)$$

$$\vec{F}(\vec{r}) = -\nabla_{\vec{r}} V(r)$$

$$\vec{F}(\vec{r}) = 24 \epsilon \frac{\vec{r}}{r^2} \left( 2 \left( \frac{\sigma}{r} \right)^{12} - \left( \frac{\sigma}{r} \right)^6 \right)$$

$$\frac{d\vec{x}_i}{dt} = \vec{v}_i$$

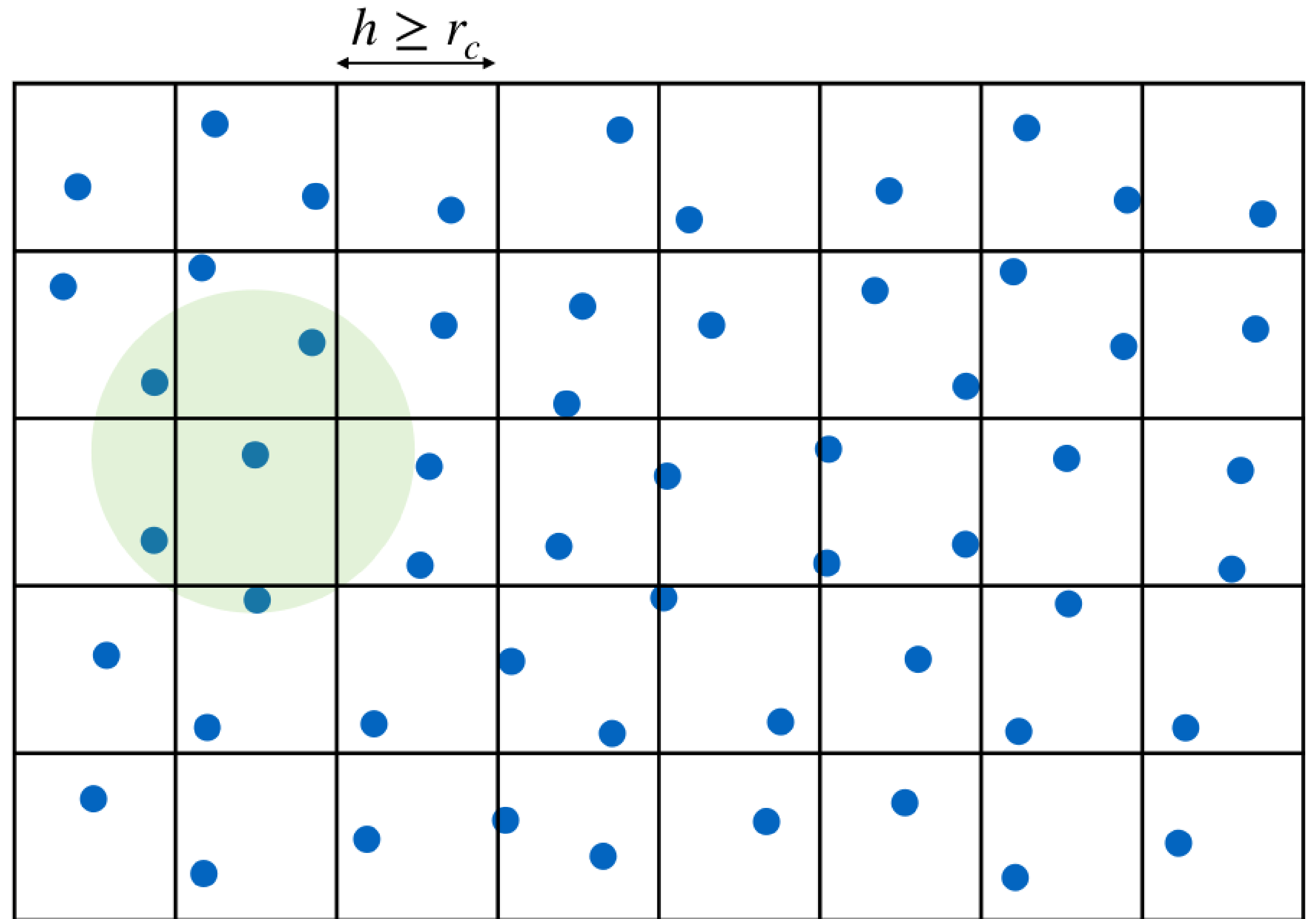
$$\frac{d\vec{v}_i}{dt} = \frac{1}{m} \vec{F}_i = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i \neq j} \vec{F}(\vec{r}_{ij})$$



Potential and forces almost zero at  $r_c = 2.5\sigma$

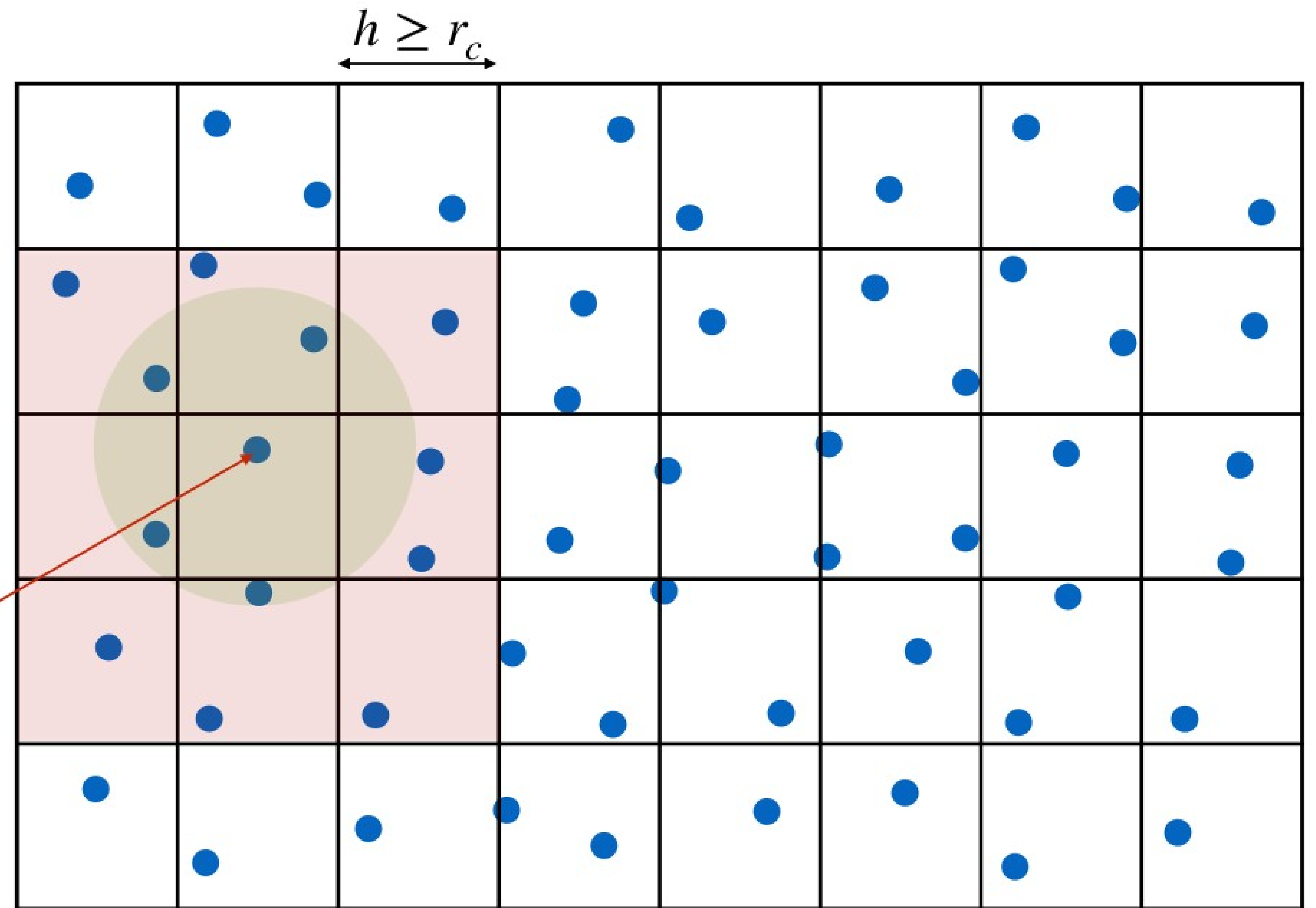
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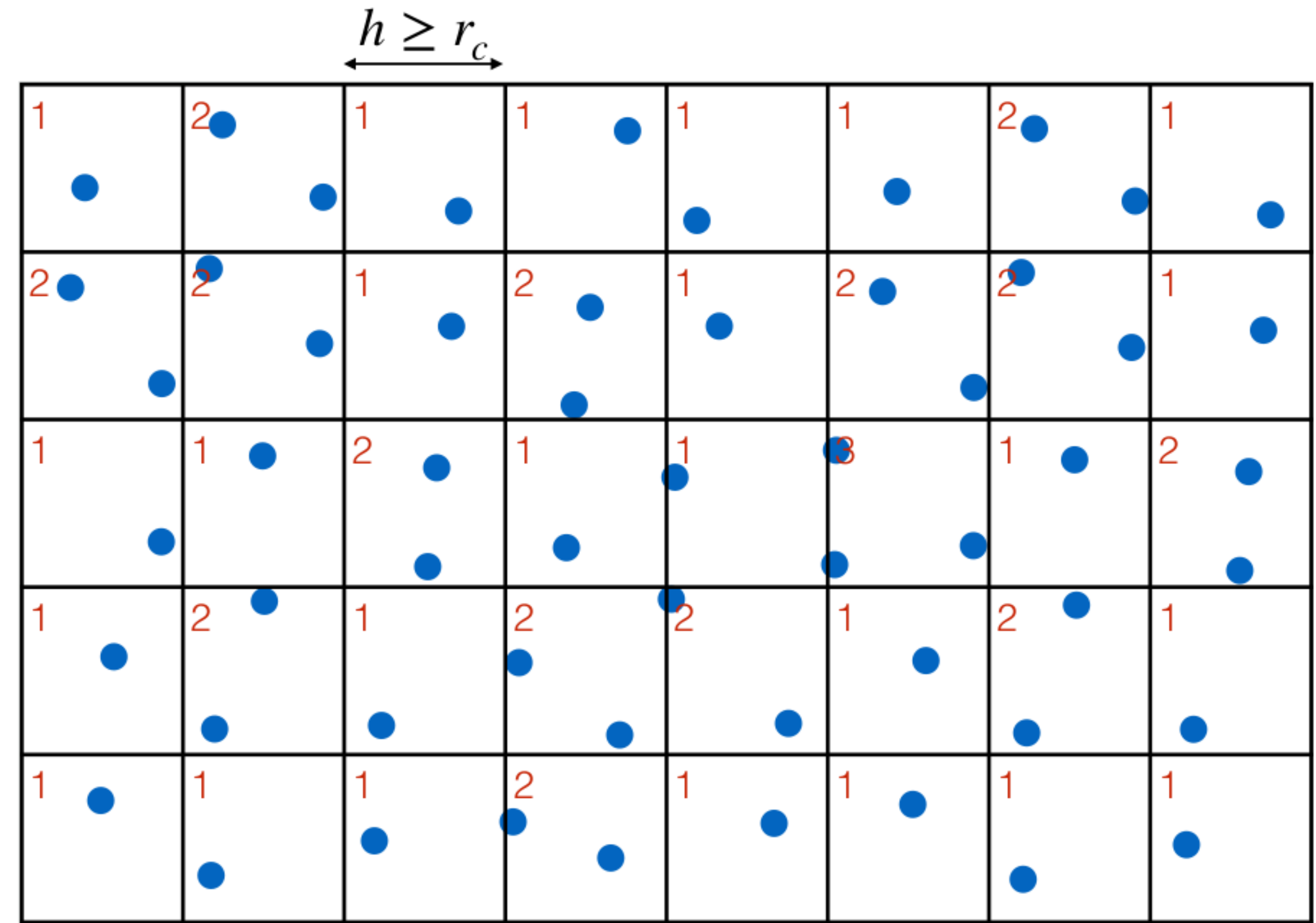
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- Neighbours particles are in the 3 by 3 cells around myself





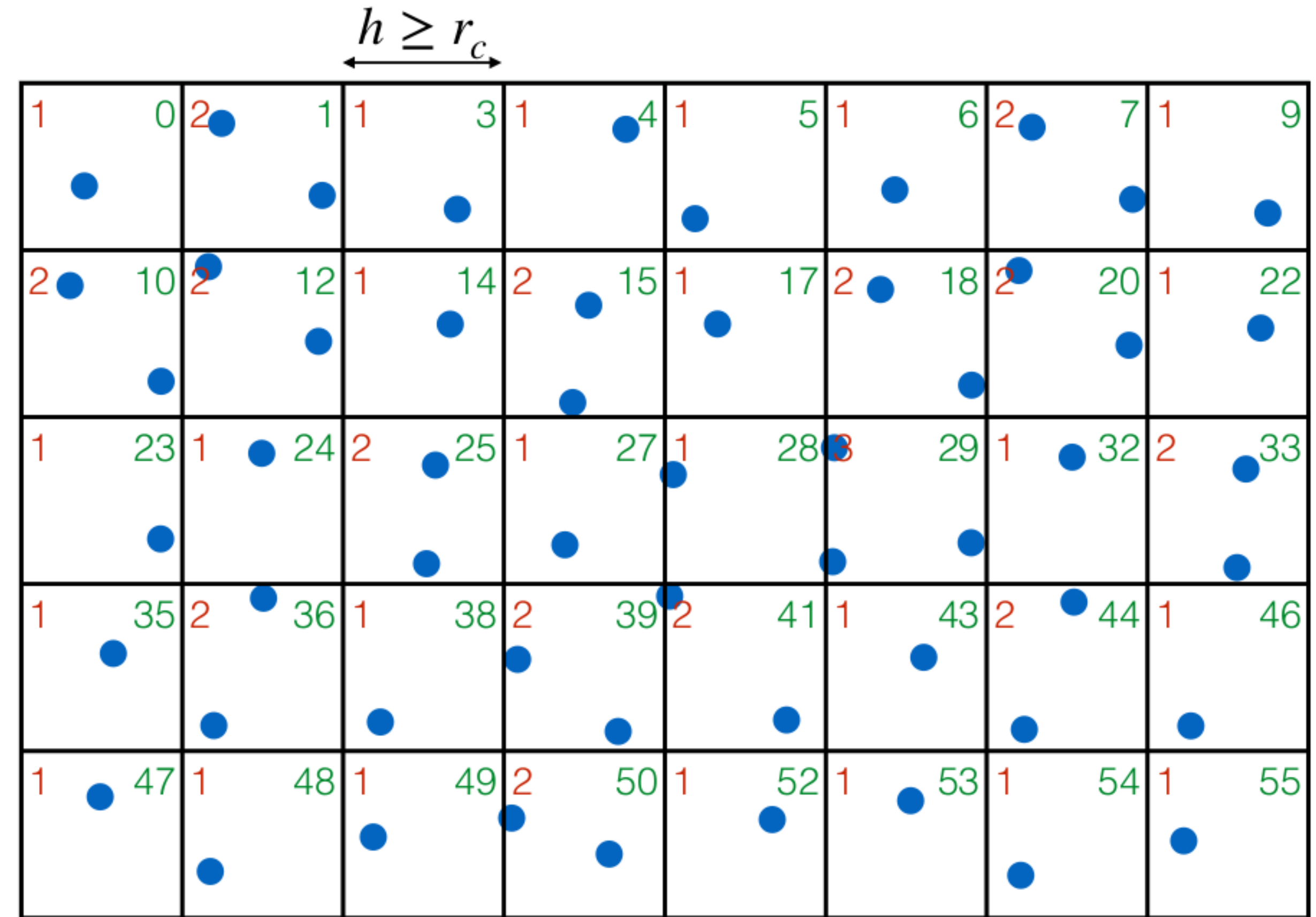
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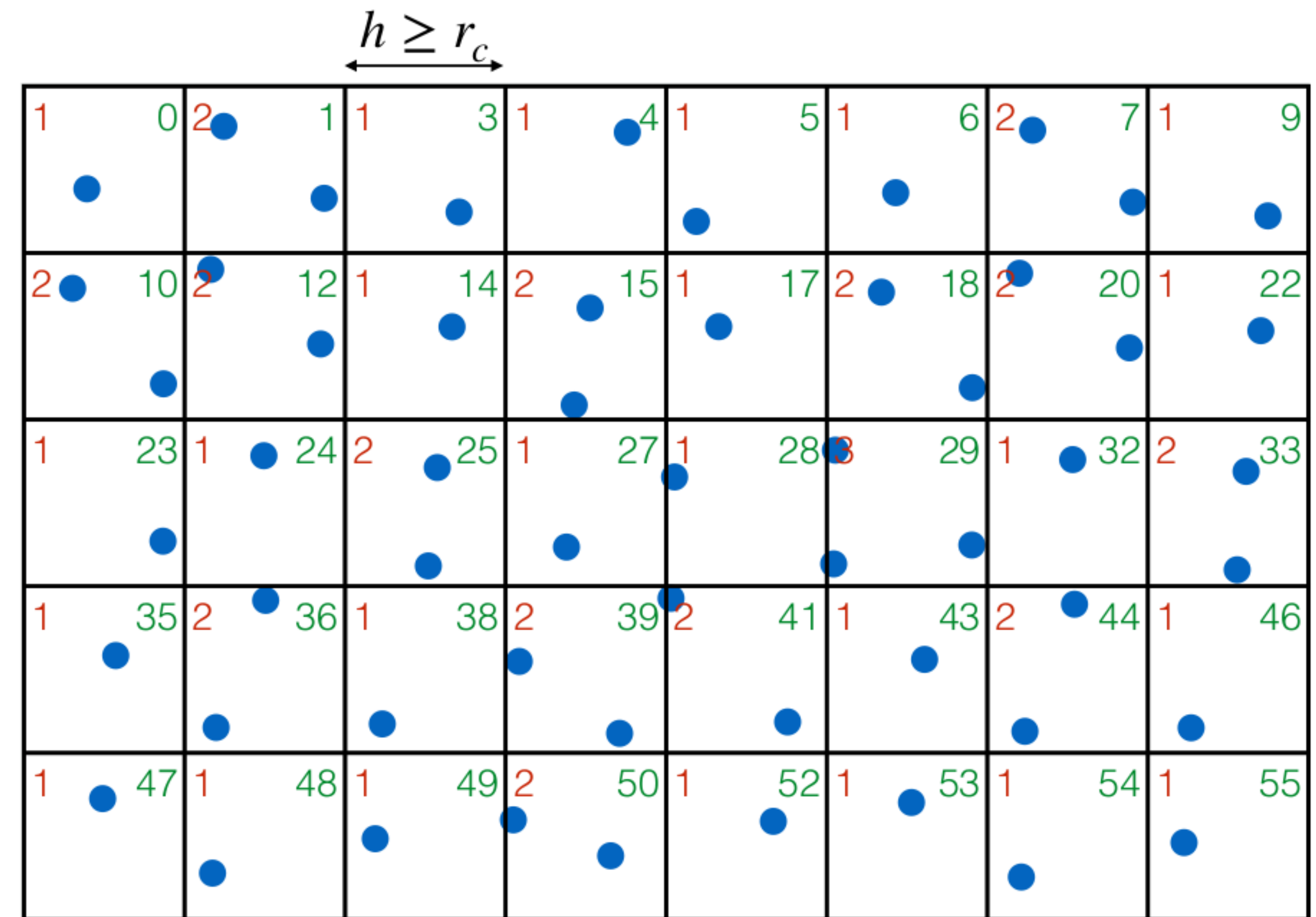


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1. Count **number of particles** in each cell
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3. Reorder the particles in memory

The cell lists are just 2 arrays: **starts** and **counts**

Particles in cell with id `cid` have indices between `starts[cid]` and `starts[cid] + counts[cid]`



# Coding time

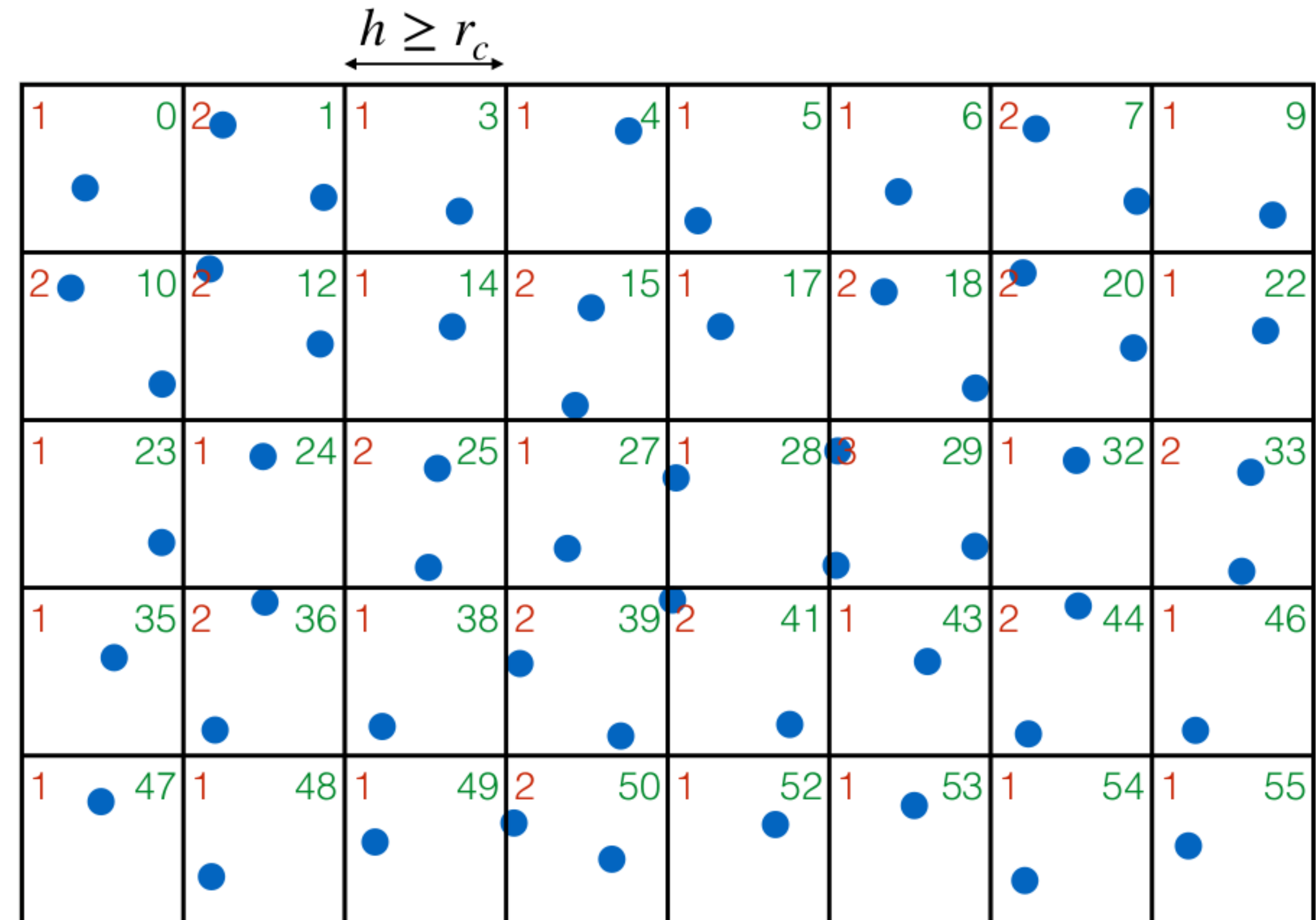
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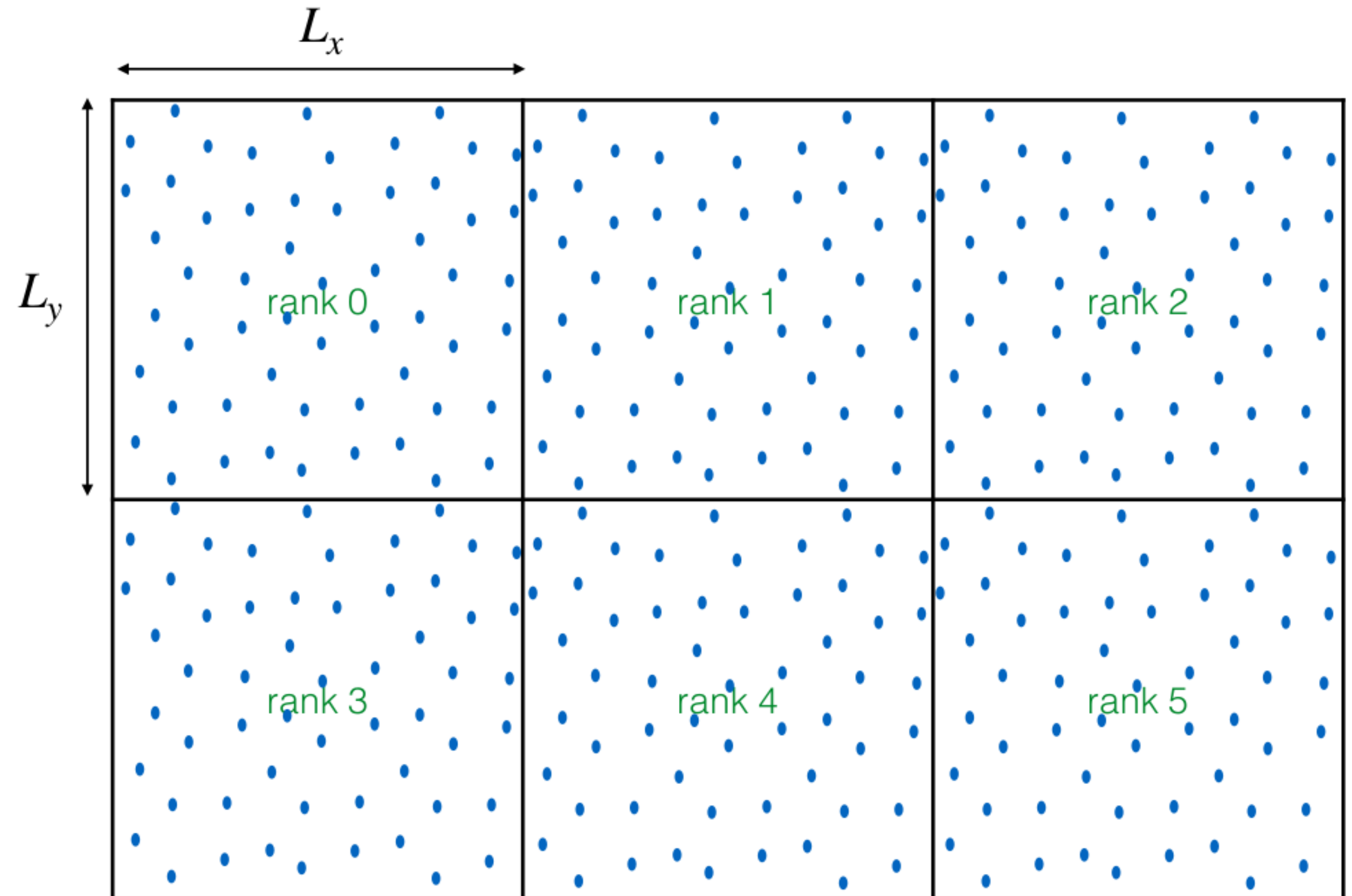
– By recounting the particles again  
and looking at the result of **counts**



# A simple 2D LJ simulation with MPI

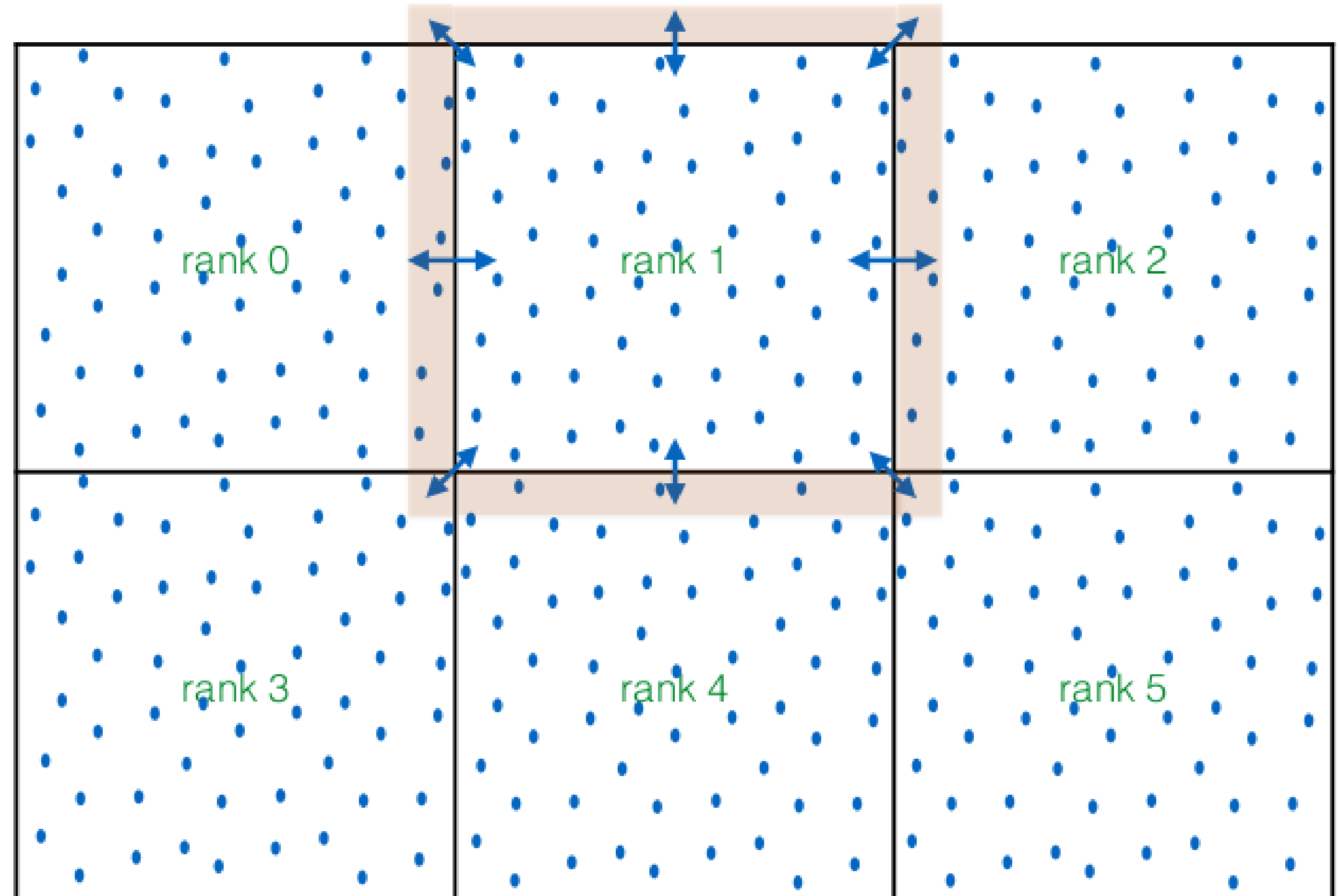
- Periodic position
- Exchange with 8 neighbours
- Each sub-domain has a local frame of reference

$$\left[ \frac{-L_x}{2}, \frac{L_x}{2} \right] \times \left[ \frac{-L_y}{2}, \frac{L_y}{2} \right]$$



# A simple 2D LJ simulation with MPI

- One time step looks like:
  1. redistribute the particles among ranks
  2. build the cell lists
  3. exchange ghost particles
  4. compute interactions
  5. update velocities and positions

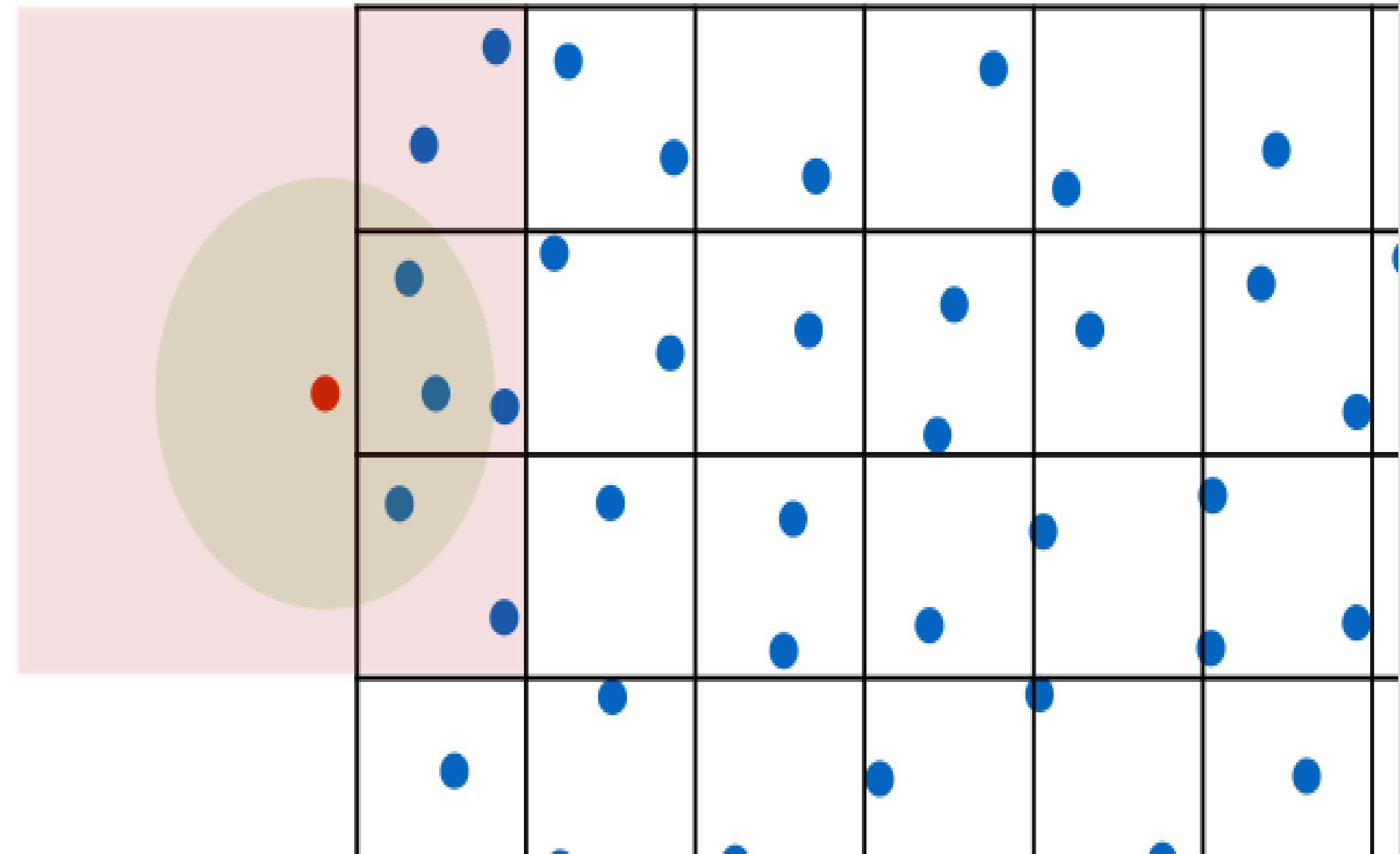


# Coding time

- Fill the TODOS in `code/cell_list/skeleton/interactions.h`

(NO periodic boundary condition)

1. loop over ghost particles (`srcParticles`)
2. find cell id
3. loop over (existing) neighbour cells
4. loop over each particles in those cells (`dstParticles`)
5. compute interaction and add force to those particles (`dstForces`)



# Visualization

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- ParaView

- <https://www.paraview.org/download/>
- `tar -zxvf ParaView-xxxx.tar.gz`

- Source code from git repository

- [https://gitlab.ethz.ch/hpcsel\\_hs21/lecture/-/tree/master/tutorials/tut06-celllist\\_visualization/code/visualization](https://gitlab.ethz.ch/hpcsel_hs21/lecture/-/tree/master/tutorials/tut06-celllist_visualization/code/visualization)
- Run locally (preferred), requirements: MPI, HDF5 parallel
- Otherwise on Euler with:

```
module load gcc/8.2.0 openmpi/4.0.2 hdf5
```

- Data download from course website

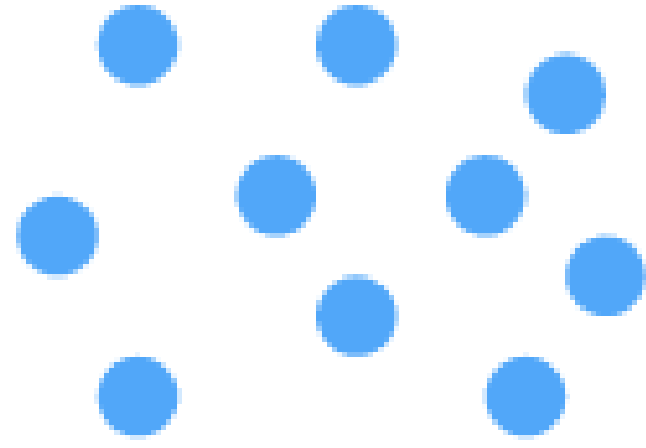
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# Data from simulations

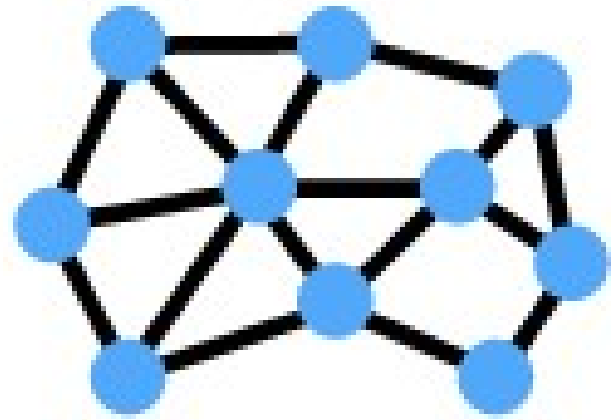
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- Particles



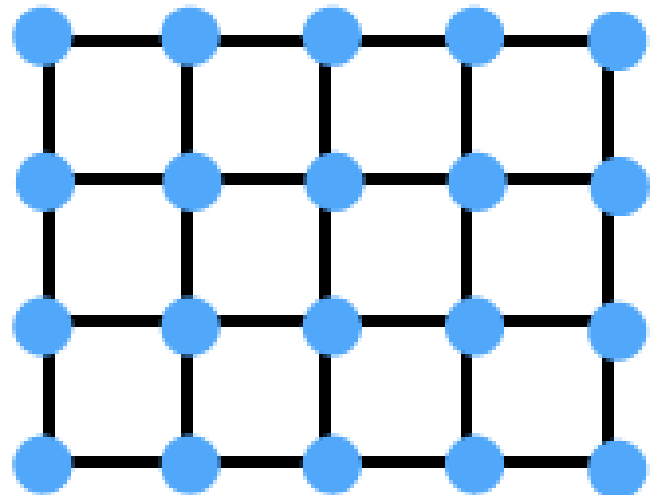
- Points, fields
- 1D arrays

- Unstructured grid



- Points, connectivity, fields
- 1D arrays

- Structured grid



- (points), fields
- 2D/ 3D arrays

# ParaView

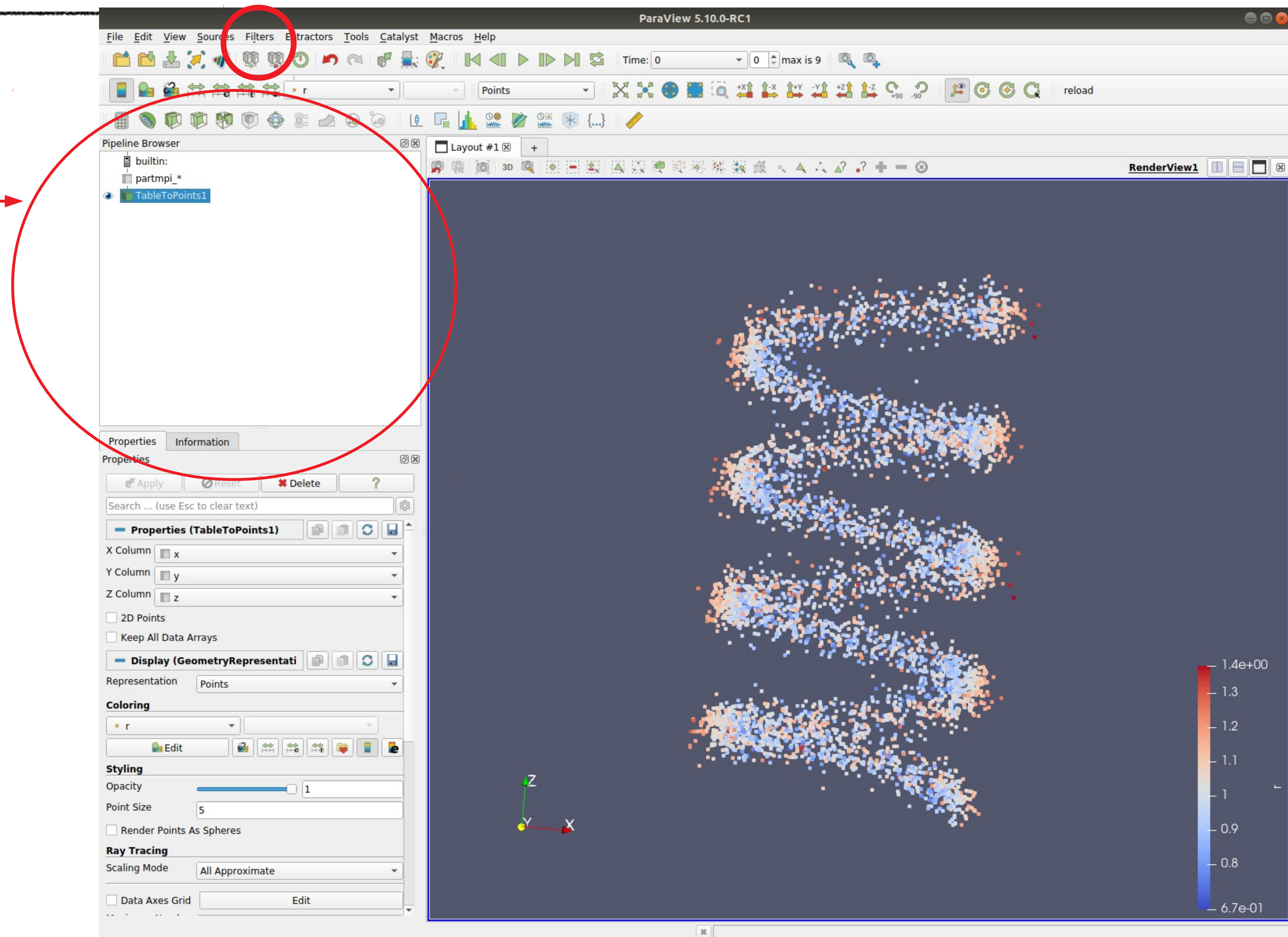
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- An open-source, scalable, multi-platform visualization application.
- Support for distributed computation modules to process large data sets.
- An open, flexible, and intuitive user interface.
- An extensible, modular architecture based on open standard

# ParaView

Filters: search

pipeline



# CSV particles data set

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- Comma-separated values

x,y,z,r

-0.467,-0.0323,-0.22,0.517

-0.33,0.387,0.0173,0.509

-0.491,0.0225,-0.373,0.618

-0.483,0.143,0.33,0.602

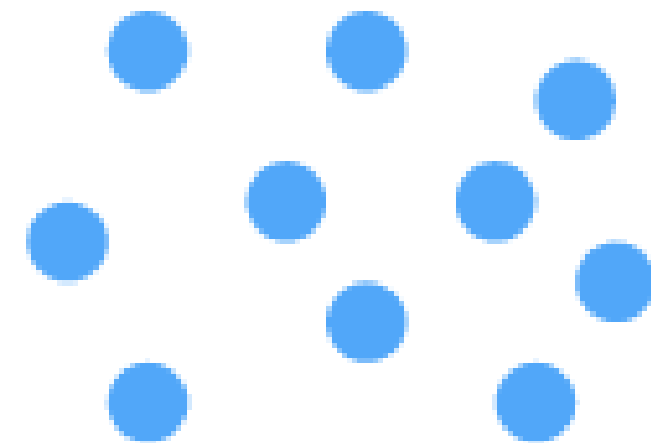
-0.368,0.133,0.174,0.428

-0.309,-0.409,-0.155,0.536

- Particles

- Positions, fields

- 1D array



- Filters:

- TableToPoints

- Glyph

- Calculator

- Save image, Save animation

- `ffmpeg -i movie.%04d.png movie.mp4`

# VTK with unstructured grid

- **Visualization Toolkit**

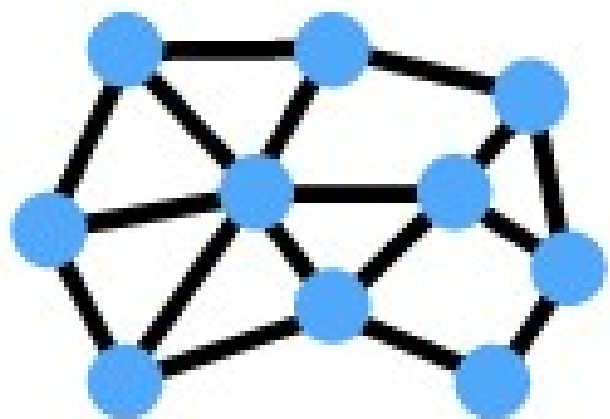
- (<https://vtk.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/VTKUsersGuide.pdf>)

```
# vtk DataFile Version 2.0
comment
ASCII
DATASET POLYDATA
POINTS 3328 float
1 0 0
0.988771 0.149438 0.006
0.999859 0.0168139 0.252
...
POLYGONS 832 4160
4 0 1 2 3
4 4 5 6 7
...
```

- **Unstructured grid**

- **Positions, connectivity**

- **1D array**



- **Filters:**

- **GenerateSurfaceNormals**

- **Transform**

- **Source**

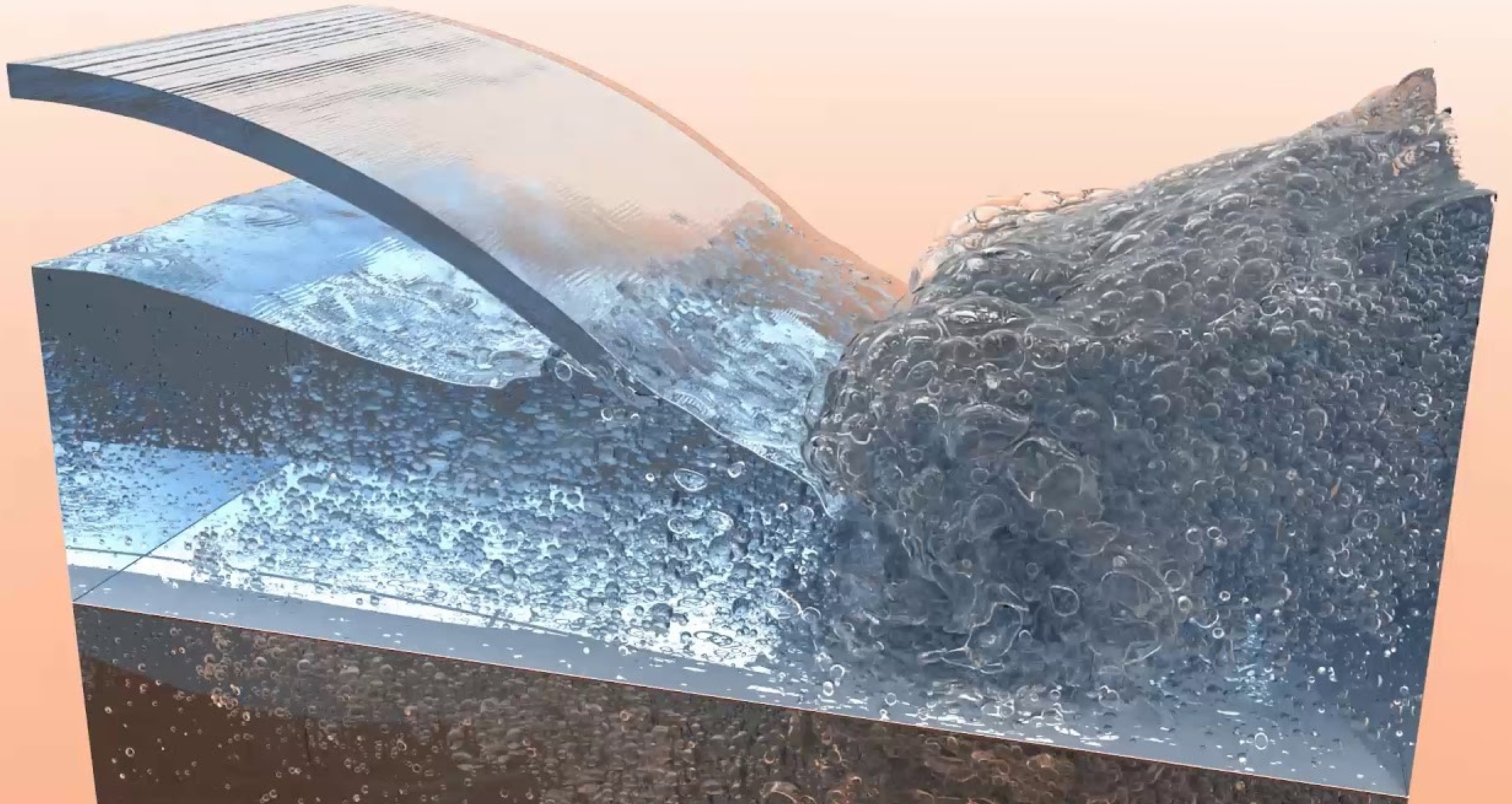
- **Plane**

- **Sphere**

- **Ray tracing**

- **Add materials**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NYTKk5OgwbQ>



# HDF with uniform grid

- Hierarchical Data Format

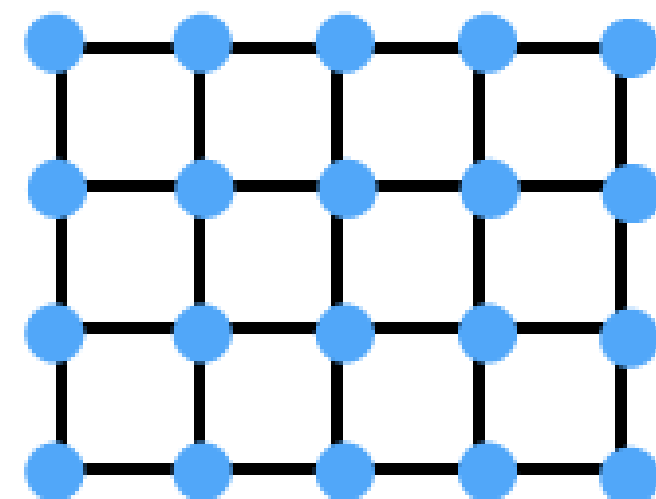
- (<https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/HDF5>)
- The HDF5 library provides tools for manipulating the files:
  - C API
  - command-line utilities (h5ls, h5dump)

- Use XDMF file for metadata

- ([https://www.xdmf.org/index.php/XDMF\\_Model\\_and\\_Format](https://www.xdmf.org/index.php/XDMF_Model_and_Format))

- Structured grid

- Field
- 3D array



- Filters:

- CellDataToPointData
- Contour
- Slice
- Clip

- Save state

- `pvbatch state.py`