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Subject: Re: alternative to array of linked list  
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mr\_ped wrote on Mon, 02 May 2016 02:32

There's probably million possible ways, and to get some near-optimal advice you would have to show here the whole process and details.

Thanks both for reply!

Few more details. The particles are all the same and can be a huge number for example 1000 (and more if one has a super computer!). In principle the particle interacts with all others (particle i exerts a force on j and viceversa). As result of this interactions the particle can freely move around the domain.

However the interaction range of such force is just a fraction of the whole dimension of the simulation domain (you may think a square  $D \times D$ ). To save a lot of computation time then come up the concept of cell. Each has dimension  $d = D/n$ , where d a bit gretear than the force range. In this way you can scan the domain by cell, pick a particle inside it and look for other particles that stay in the same cell and in its neighbour cells ([https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cell\\_lists](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cell_lists)) Each cell must have a container of the particle they belong to. During the upgrade process I must pick a particle from one cell (find and delete it) and move in another one (append).

I never used `std::set`. Perhaps it can be a good alternative to linked list.

Thanks,  
Luigi

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