### **Particle Systems for Beginnners**

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### **Granular Materials**

Real:

- sand, soil, rock,
- grain, rice, lentils,
- powder, pills, granulate,
- micro- and nano-particles

### Model Granular Materials

- steel/aluminum spheres
- spheres with dissipation/friction/adhesion



### Approach philosophy

- Introduction
- Single Particles
- Particle Contacts/Interactions
- Many particle cooperative behavior
- Applications/Examples
- Conclusion





### **Deterministic Models** ...

Method	Abbrev.	Abbrev. Theory	
Molecular dynamics (soft particles)	MD		
Event Driven (hard particles)	ED	(Kinetic Theory)	
Monte Carlo (random motion)	MC	Stat. Phys.	
Direct Simulation Monte Carlo	DSMC	Kinetic Theory	
Lattice (Boltzmann) Models	LB	Navier Stokes	

### **DCCSE – steps in simulation**

- 1. Setting up a model
- 2. Analytical treatment
- 3. Numerical treatment 3. Algorithms for MD
- 4. Implementation
- 5. Embedding 6. Visualisation

7. Validation

5. Linux – research codes

4. FORTRAN or C++/MPI

1. Particle model

2. Kinetic theory

6. xballs X11 C-tool

V(r)

δ

r r

7. theory/experiment

### What is Molecular Dynamics ?

- 1. Specify interactions between bodies (for example: two spherical atoms)
- 2. Compute all forces  $\mathbf{f}_{j \rightarrow i}$
- 3. Integrate the equations of motion for all particles (Verlet, Runge-Kutta, Predictor-Corrector, ...) with fixed time-step dt  $m\ddot{\mathbf{x}}_i = \sum_{j \neq i} \mathbf{f}_{j \rightarrow i}$











### **Linear Contact model**

- really simple 🕲
- linear, analytical
- very easy to implement





### Linear Contact model ( $m_w = \infty$ )

	particle-particle	particle-wall
elastic freq.	$\omega_0 = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m_{ij}}}$	$\omega_0^{wall} = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m_i}} = \frac{\omega_0}{\sqrt{2}}$
eigen-freq.	$\omega = \sqrt{\omega_0^2 - \eta^2}$	$\omega^{wall} = \sqrt{\omega_0^2/2 - \eta^2/4}$
visc. diss.	$\eta = \frac{\gamma}{2m_{ij}}$	$\eta^{wall} = \frac{\gamma}{2m_i} = \frac{\eta}{2}$
contact duration	on $t_c = \pi / \omega$ ff. $r = \exp(-\eta t_c)$	$ \begin{aligned} t_c^{wall} &= \frac{\pi}{\omega^{wall}} > t_c \\ r^{wall} &= \exp(-\eta^{wall} t_c^{wall}) \end{aligned} $

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time-step $\Delta t \ll \frac{t_c}{50}$				
contact duration $t_{c} = \frac{\pi}{\omega} \qquad t_{c}^{wall} = \frac{\pi}{\omega} t_{c}^{wall} > t_{c}$				
time between contacts				
$t_n > t_c$				
sound propagation $N_L t_c$ with number of layers $N_L$				
experiment T				

### **Time-scales**









Molecular Dynamics example from astrophysic



## Algorithmic trick(s) for speed-up

Linked cells neighborhood search O(1) (*short range forces*)



Linked cells update after 10-100 time-steps O(N)

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- Stiff (rigid) interactions require dt=0 **Events** (=collisions) occur in **zero-time** (instantaneously) that means: Integration is *impossible* !
- 1. Propagate particles between collisions
- 2. Identify next event (collision)
- 3. Apply collision matrix

### Why use hard spheres ?

- + advantages
- Event driven (ED) is faster than MD
- Analytical kinetic theory is available
  - (with 99.9% agreement)
- drawback
- Implementation of arbitrary forces is expensive
- Parallelization is less successful

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## Algorithm (serial)

- 0. Initialize
- Compute all forces O(1)
- Integrate equations of motion *t*+*dt*
- O(N) goto 1.

Total effort:

O(N)

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### **Rigid interaction (hard spheres)**





# Rigid interaction (hard sphere:

- 2. Solve equation of motion between collision
- trajectory  $\mathbf{x}_{i}(t) = \mathbf{x}_{i}(0) + \mathbf{v}_{i}(0)t + \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{g}t^{2}$
- contact  $\begin{aligned} \left\|\Delta \mathbf{x}_{ij}\right\| &= \left\|\mathbf{x}_{i}\left(t\right) \mathbf{x}_{j}\left(t\right)\right\| = r_{1} + r_{2} \\ &\left(\Delta \mathbf{x}_{ij}\left(0\right) + \Delta \mathbf{v}_{ij}\left(0\right)t\right)^{2} = (r_{1} + r_{2})^{2} \\ &\Delta \mathbf{x}_{ij}^{2} (r_{1} + r_{2})^{2} + \Delta \mathbf{x}_{ij} \cdot \Delta \mathbf{v}_{ij} t + \Delta \mathbf{v}_{ij}^{2}t^{2} = 0 \\ \hline c & b \\ t_{1,2} &= \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^{2} 4ac}}{2a} \end{aligned}$



## **Rigid interaction (hard spheres)**

Collision rule (translational)

$$v_{1,2}' = v_{1,2} \pm (1+r) \Delta P / 2m_{1,2}$$



Momentum conservation + dissipation with restitution coefficient (normal): *r* 

### **Rigid interaction (hard spheres)**







## Algorithm (ED serial)

### 0. Initialize

- Propagate particle(s) to next event O(1)
- Compute event (collision or cell-change)
- Calculate new events and times O(1)
- Update priority queue (heap tree) O(log *N*)
- O(N) goto 1.

Total effort: O(N logN)

### Algorithmic trick(s) for speed-up

• Linked cells neighborhood search O(1) (*short range forces*)



Linked cells update not needed !

#### Performance

- Short range contacts
- Linked cells neighbourhood search



### Algorithm (parallel)

- 0. Initialize
- Communication between processors
- Process next events  $t_n$  to  $t_{n+m}$  (see serial)
- Send and receive border-particle info
- If causality error then rollback goto 2.
- Synchronisation (for load-balancing and I/O)
- goto 1.

### **Parallelization – communication**









## Parallelization – load balancing





Parallelization – load balancing





## Performance (3D fixed N)





### The End

## From Boltzmann (low density) ...

- binary collisions
- successive collisions are uncorrelated
- neglect boundary effects

## ... to Chapman-Enskog (high density)

- collision rate & pressure increase with density
- add coll.-transport of energy and momentum



# **Elastic Hard Sphere Model**

simulate 2000 particles in a peridoc box









*r*=0.95 v=0.70











**Collision parameter** 









Collision rate - time scale











Pressure (Equation of State – 3D)







**Pressure (Equation of State – 3D)** 



## Elastic hard spheres in gravity



- Kinetic Energy
- What is the *density profile* ?

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gravity

- N particles
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## Elastic hard spheres in gravity

elastic steady state:  $\frac{\partial}{\partial t} = 0$   $u_i = I = 0$ mass & energy conservation – OK momentum balance:  $0 = -\frac{\partial}{\partial x_i}P + \rho g_i$ 

- Pressure *P* global equation of state
- Shear Stress  $\sigma_{ij}^{\text{dev}} = 0$
- Energy Dissipation Rate I=0

## Hard sphere gas in gravity





## Shear (energy and rate)









Shear (viscosity at high density)





### **Structure formation**



Low density -> linear velocity profile High density -> shear localization





Shear (first normal stress difference)





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## **Contact force measurement (PIA)**





**Contact Force Measurement** 















#### **Discrete particle model** Equations of motion $m_i \frac{d^2 \vec{r}_i}{dt^2} = \vec{f}_i$ Ø Forces and torques: Contacts r $\vec{f}_i = \sum_c \vec{f}_i^c + \sum_w \vec{f}_i^w + m_i g$ Contact if Overlap > 0 Many 38 **Overlap** $\delta = \frac{1}{2} (d_i + d_j) - (\vec{r}_i - \vec{r}_j) \cdot \vec{n}$ particle simulation $\hat{n} = \vec{n}_{ij} = \frac{(\vec{r}_i - \vec{r}_j)}{1 - 1}$ Normal $\vec{r_i} - \vec{r_i}$









## Hertz Contact model

- easy to implement







**Open questions** 

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- Agglomeration
  - population balance cluster evolution
  - phase transitions, cooperative behavior
- Main challenges (for modeling)
  - aero-/hydro-dynamics coupling
  - cluster stability, statistics, sintering, ...