

# Molecular Dynamics for Beginners

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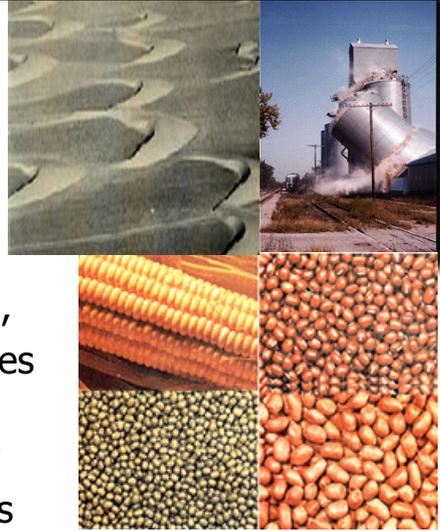
## Granular Materials

Real:

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

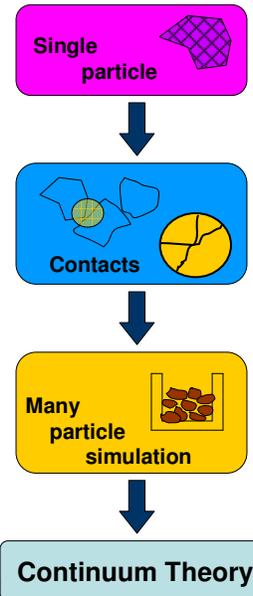
*Model Granular Materials*

- 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.	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

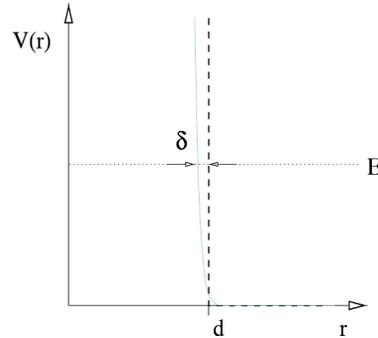
1. Setting up a model
  2. Analytical treatment
  3. Numerical treatment
  4. Implementation
  5. Embedding
  6. Visualisation
  7. Validation
1. Particle model
  2. Kinetic theory
  3. Algorithms for MD
  4. FORTRAN or C++/MPI
  5. Linux – research codes
  6. xballs X11 C-tool
  7. theory/experiment

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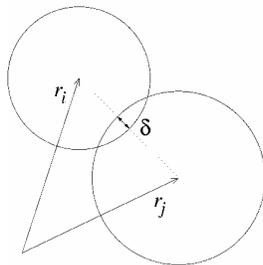
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## Discrete particle model



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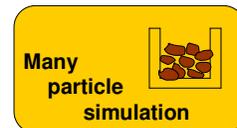
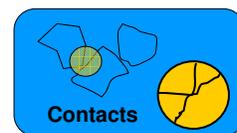
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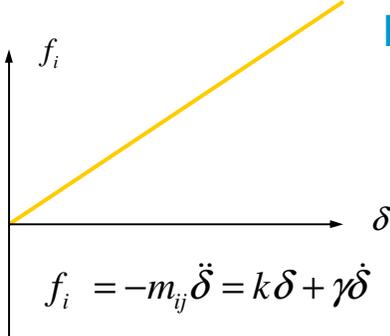
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Contact if Overlap > 0

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- linear, analytical
- very **easy** to implement

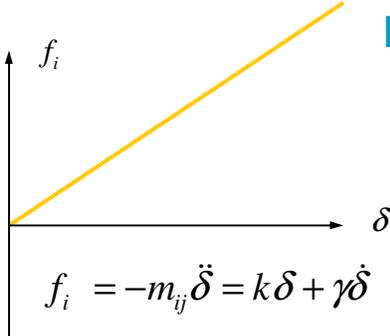
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$$k\delta + \gamma\dot{\delta} + m_{ij}\ddot{\delta} = 0$$

$$\frac{k}{m_{ij}}\delta + 2\frac{\gamma}{2m_{ij}}\dot{\delta} + \ddot{\delta} = 0$$

$$\omega_0^2\delta + 2\eta\dot{\delta} + \ddot{\delta} = 0$$

elastic freq.  $\omega_0 = \sqrt{k/m_{ij}}$

eigen-freq.  $\omega = \sqrt{\omega_0^2 - \eta^2}$

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$$\delta(t) = \frac{v_0}{\omega} \exp(-\eta t) \sin(\omega t)$$

$$\dot{\delta}(t) = \frac{v_0}{\omega} \exp(-\eta t) [-\eta \sin(\omega t) + \omega \cos(\omega t)]$$

contact duration  $t_c = \frac{\pi}{\omega}$

restitution coefficient  $r = -\frac{v(t_c)}{v_0} = \exp(-\eta t_c)$

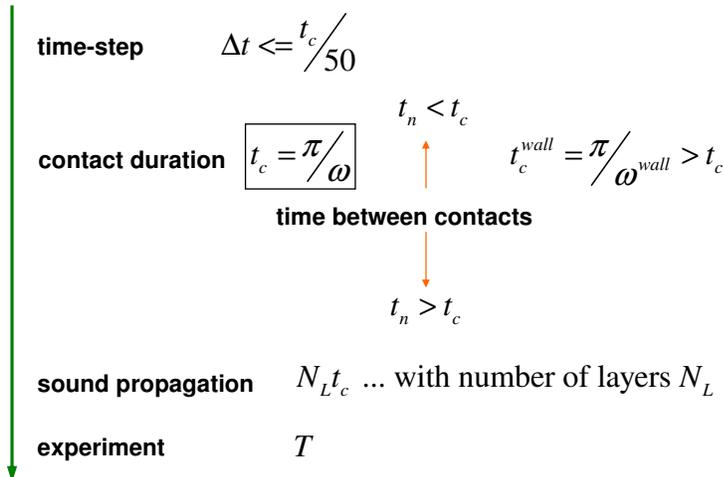
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## Linear Contact model ( $m_w = \infty$ )

	particle-particle	particle-wall
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eigen-freq.	$\omega = \sqrt{\omega_0^2 - \eta^2}$	$\omega^{wall} = \sqrt{\omega_0^2/2 - \eta^2/4}$
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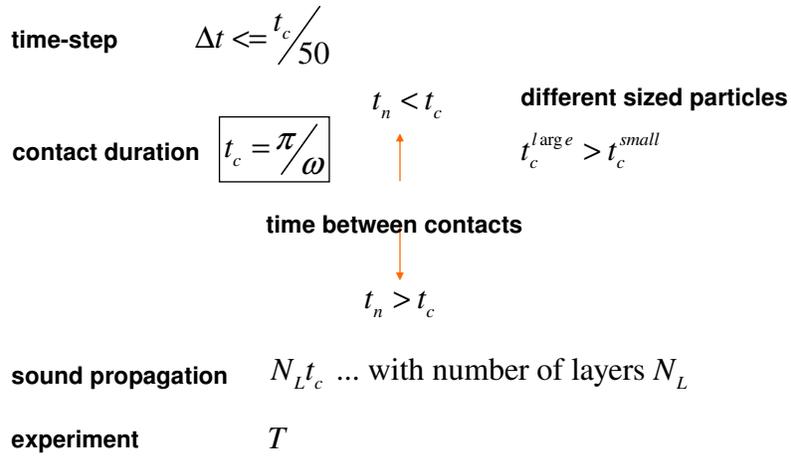
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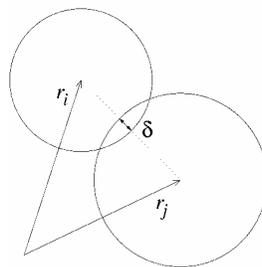
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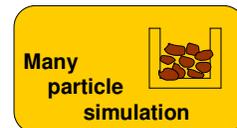
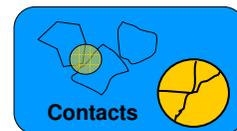
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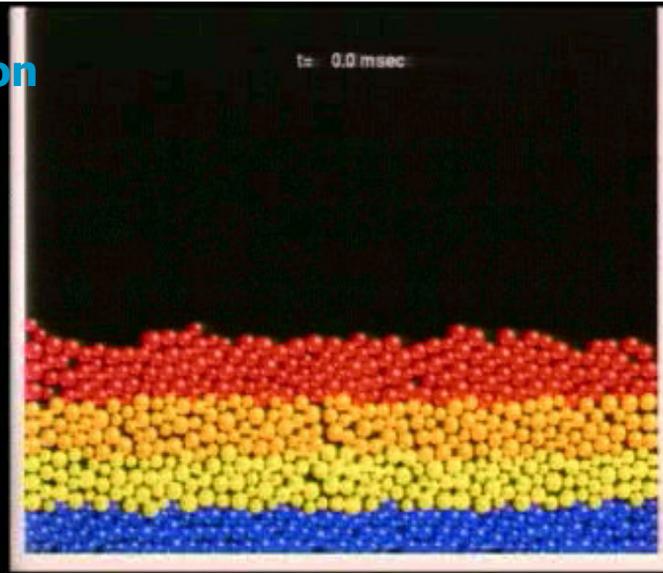
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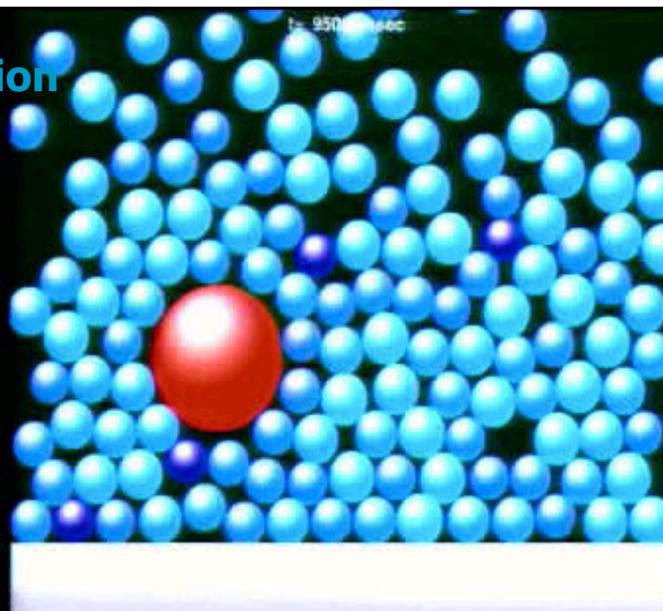
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## Convection

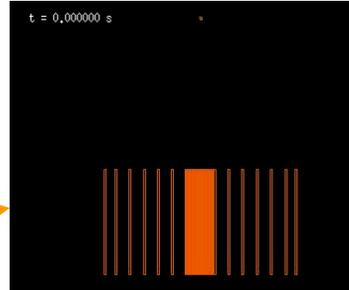


## Segregation

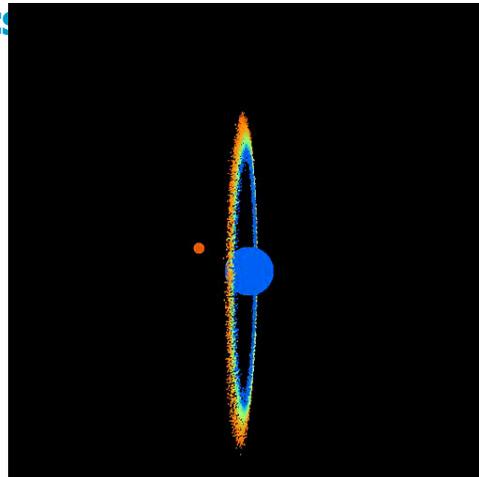


## Applications of Molecular Dynamics

- Gas-/Liquid-simulations
- Granular Materials
- Electro-spray
- Polymers, Membranes, ...
- Process/Battlefield-simulations
- ... and many others ...

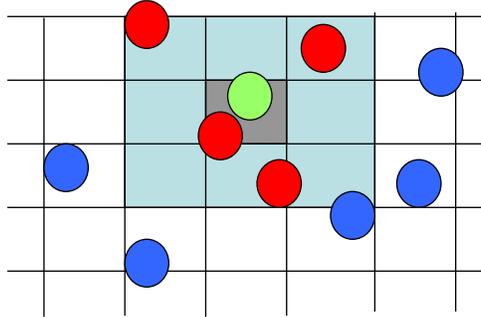


## Molecular Dynamics example from astrophysics



## Algorithmic trick(s) for speed-up

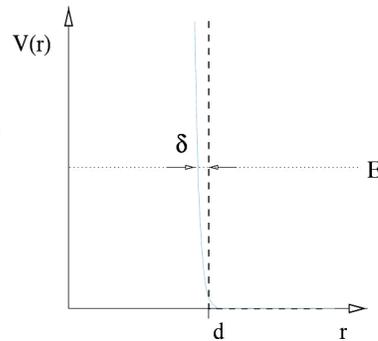
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- Linked cells update after 10-100 time-steps  $O(N)$

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(instantaneously)

that means: Integration is *impossible* !

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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:

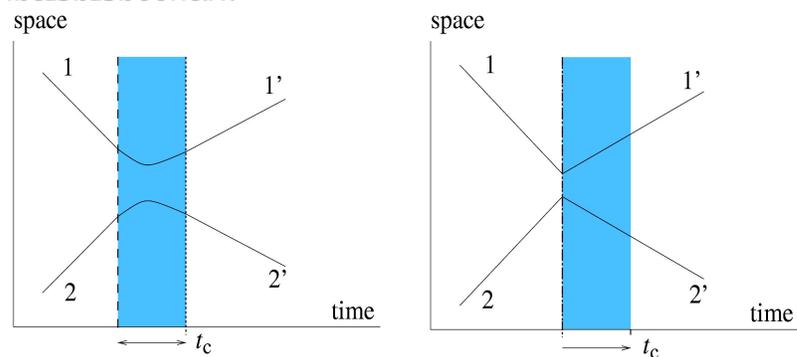
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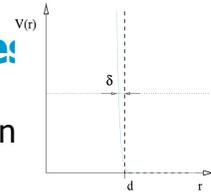
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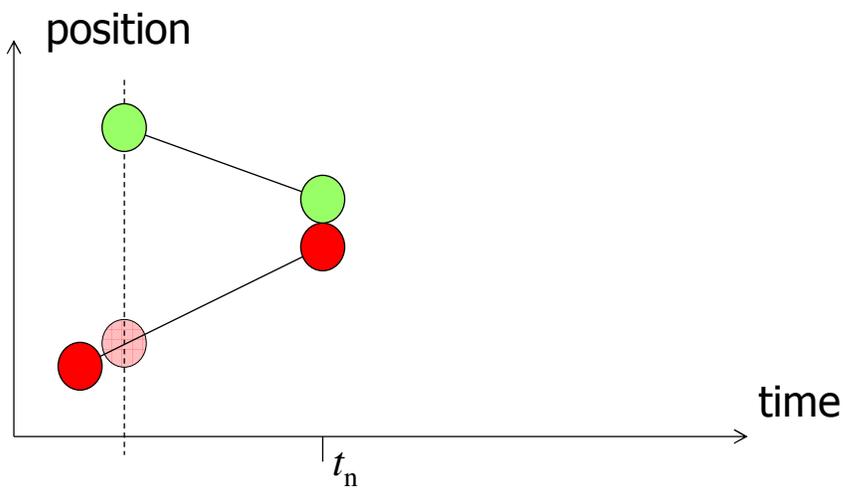
2. Solve equation of motion between collision

- trajectory  $\mathbf{x}_i(t) = \mathbf{x}_i(0) + \mathbf{v}_i(0)t + \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{g}t^2$

- contact  $\|\Delta\mathbf{x}_{ij}\| = \|\mathbf{x}_i(t) - \mathbf{x}_j(t)\| = r_1 + r_2$   
 $(\Delta\mathbf{x}_{ij}(0) + \Delta\mathbf{v}_{ij}(0)t)^2 = (r_1 + r_2)^2$   
 $\underbrace{\Delta\mathbf{x}_{ij}^2 - (r_1 + r_2)^2}_c + \underbrace{2\Delta\mathbf{x}_{ij} \cdot \Delta\mathbf{v}_{ij}}_b t + \underbrace{\Delta\mathbf{v}_{ij}^2}_a t^2 = 0$

- event-time  $t_{1,2} = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$

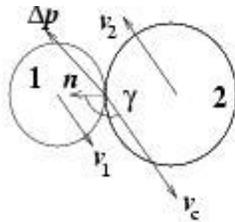
## Time evolution



## Rigid interaction (hard spheres)

Collision rule (translational)

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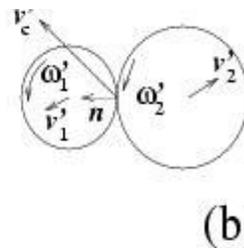
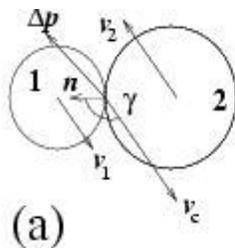


Momentum conservation + dissipation  
with restitution coefficient (normal):  $r$

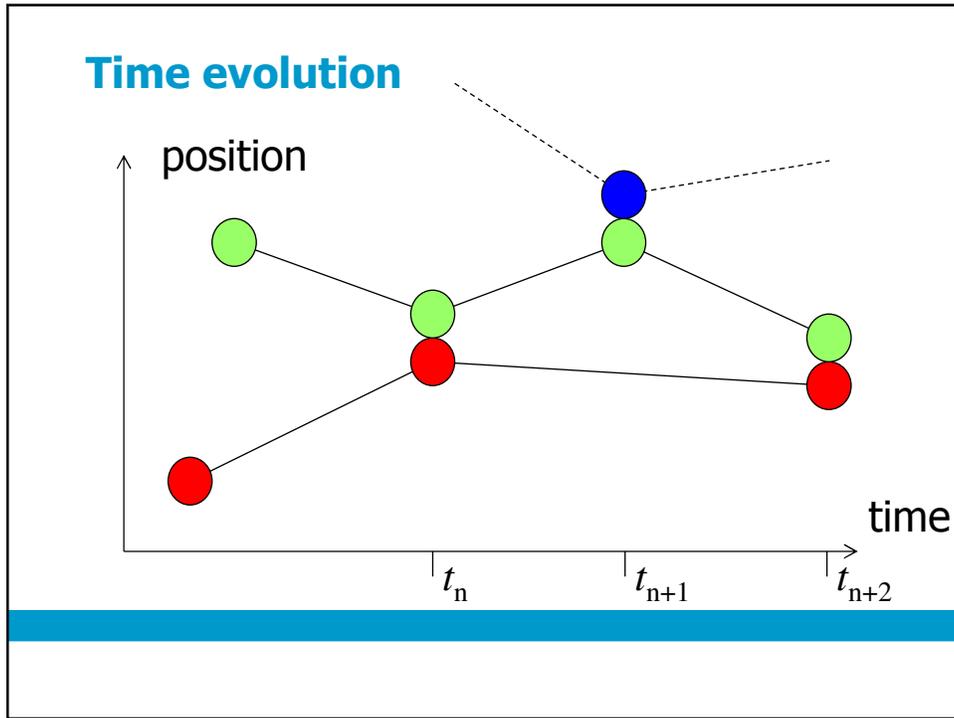
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Collision rule (translational and rotational)

$$v'_{1,2} = v_{1,2} \pm (1+r) \Delta P / 2m_{1,2} \quad \omega'_{1,2} = \omega_{1,2} \pm (1+r_t) \Delta L / 2I_{1,2}$$



Restitution coefficient (normal):  $r$  (tangential)  $r_t$



### Algorithm (ED serial)

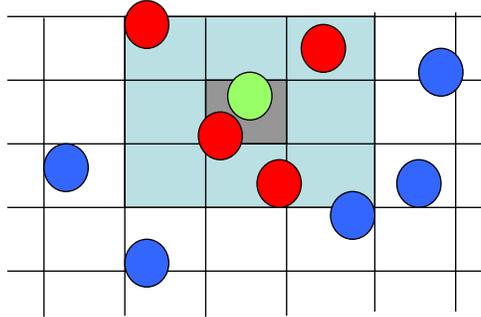
0. Initialize

- 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:  $O(N \log N)$

## Algorithmic trick(s) for speed-up

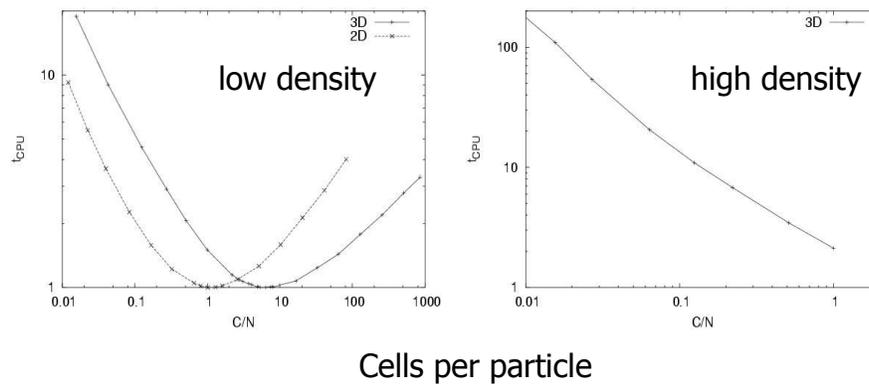
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- Linked cells update **not needed!**

## Performance

- Short range contacts
- **Linked cells** neighbourhood search

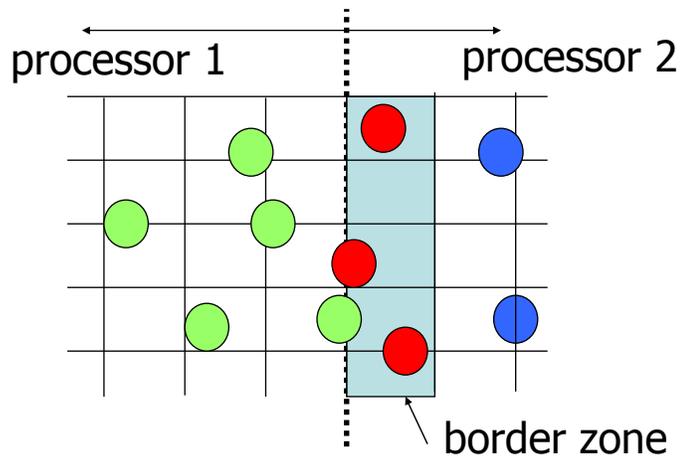


## Algorithm (parallel)

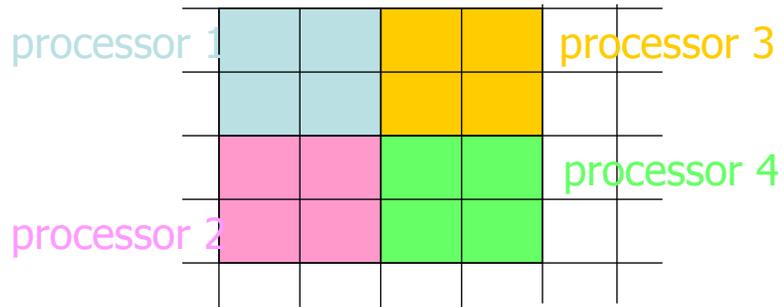
0. Initialize

- **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.**

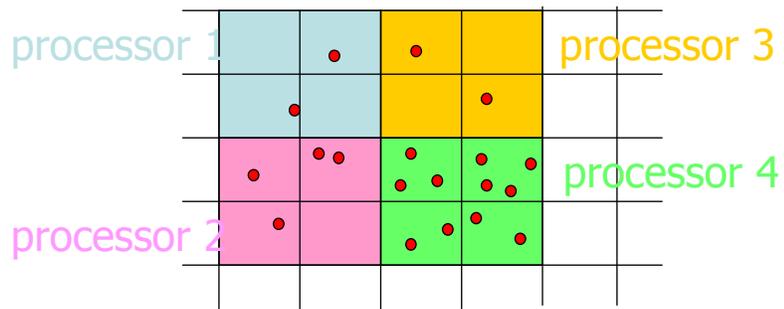
## Parallelization – communication



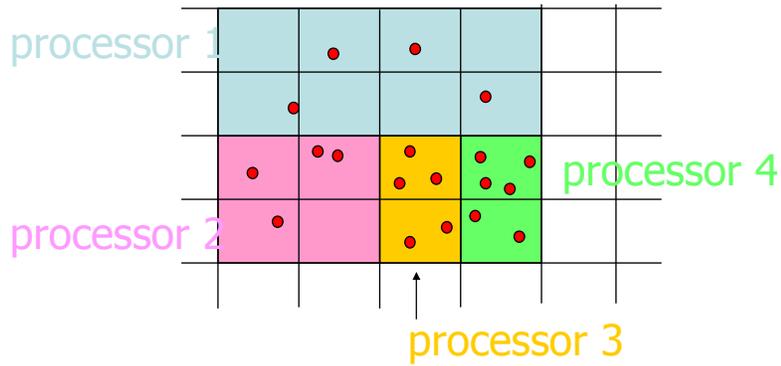
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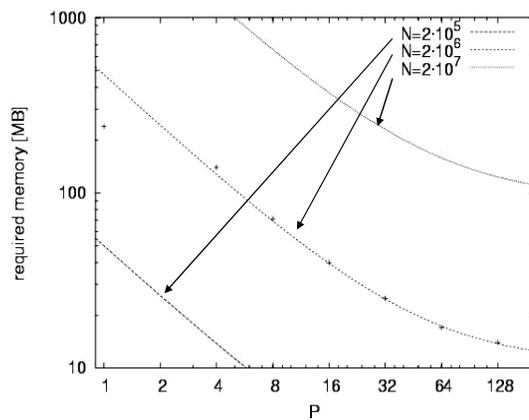


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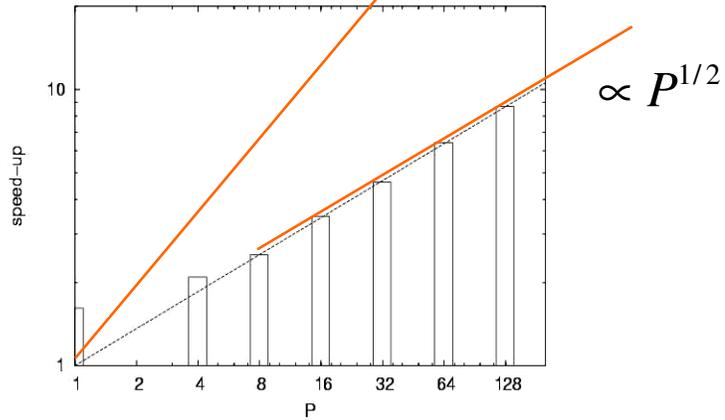
## Performance (fixed N)

- Required memory per processor [MByte]  $N \left( \frac{c_1}{P} + \frac{c_2}{\sqrt[3]{P}} + c_3 \right)$



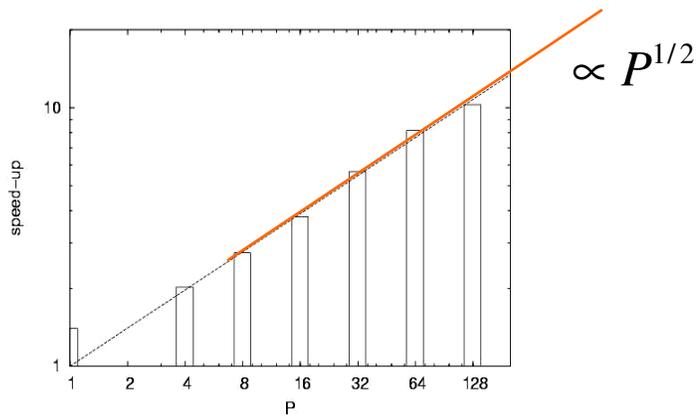
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- Fixed density and number of particles  $N = C = 2 \cdot 10^6$



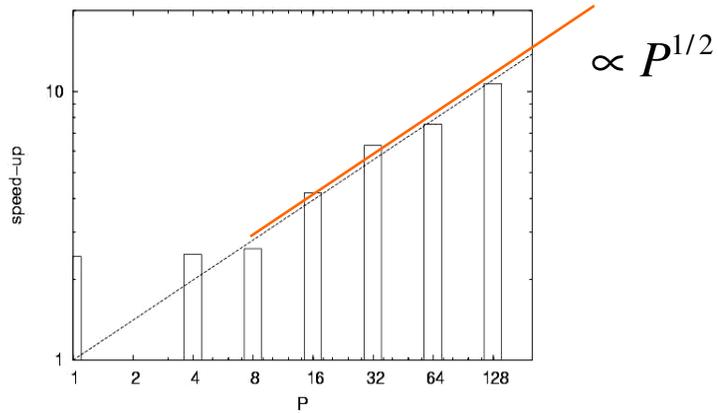
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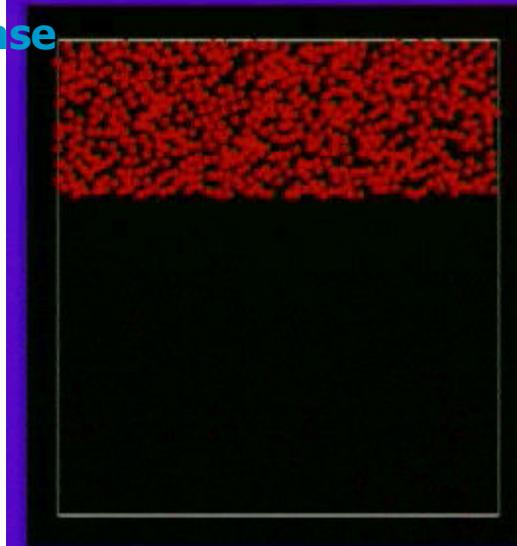


## Performance (3D fixed N/P)

- Fixed number of particles per processor  $N / P = 4 \cdot 10^4$



## Two-phase Flows



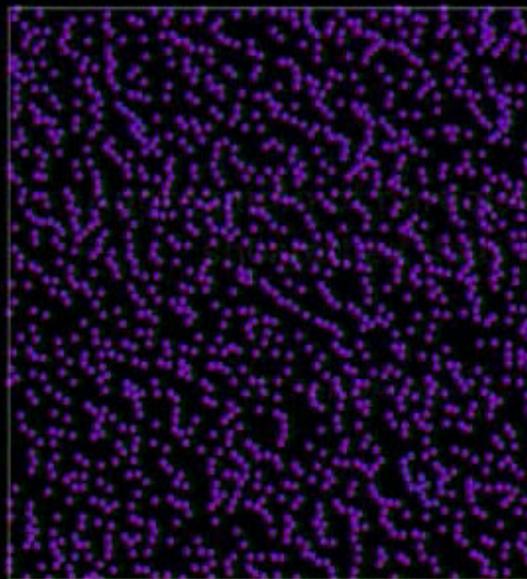
## Two phase Flows

### Simulation von Suspensionen Rechnung und Realität

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## Two phase Flows with Aggregation



AGGRE-  
GATION

shr= 0.01

f\_c= 0.15

t= 1.97

cl. size

260

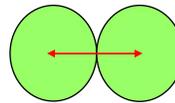
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## From Boltzmann (low density) ...

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

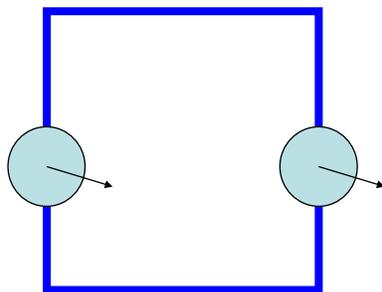
## ... to Chapman-Enskog (high density)

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

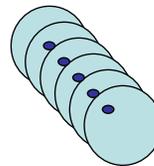


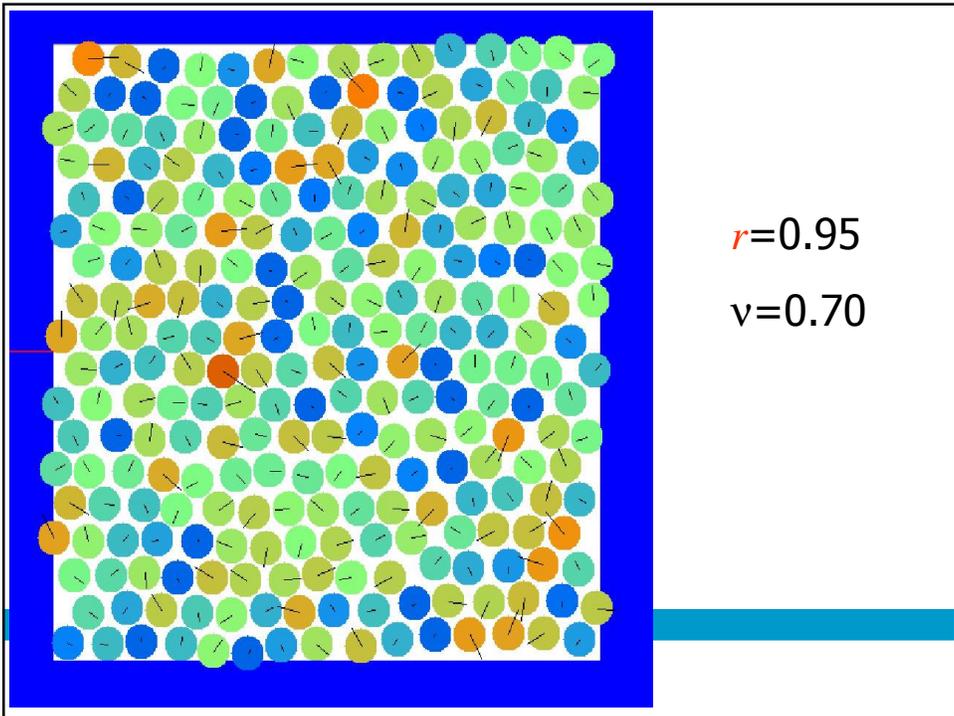
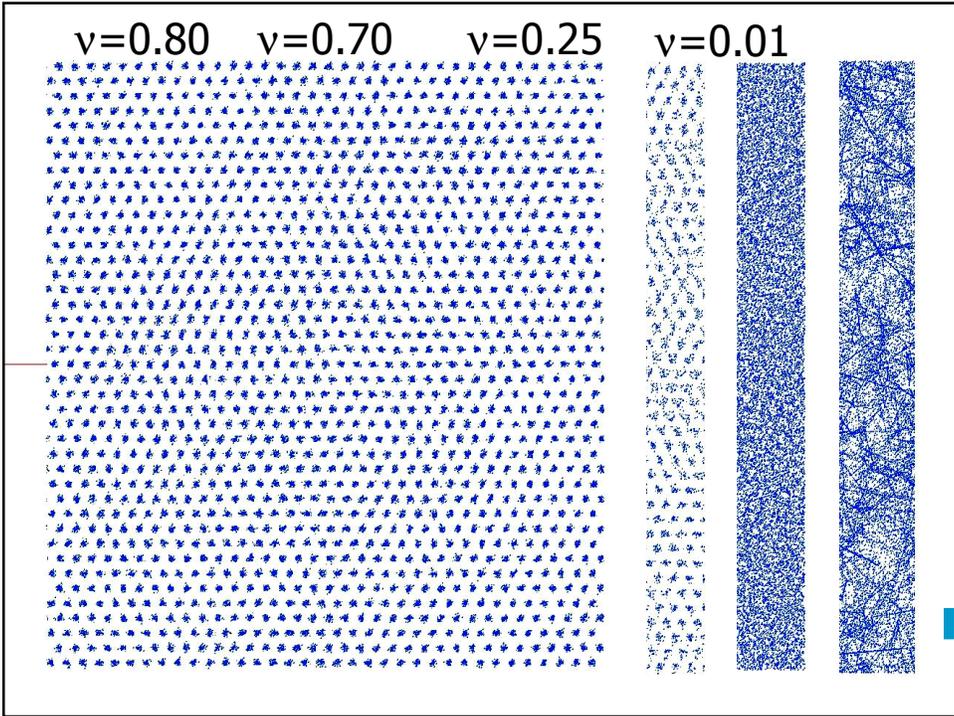
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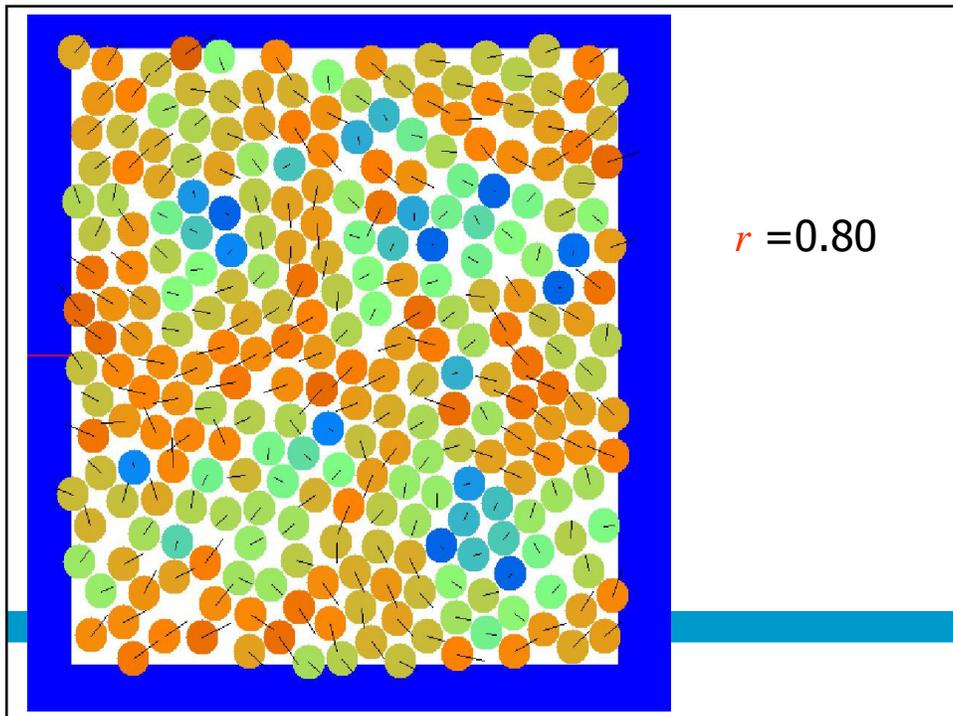
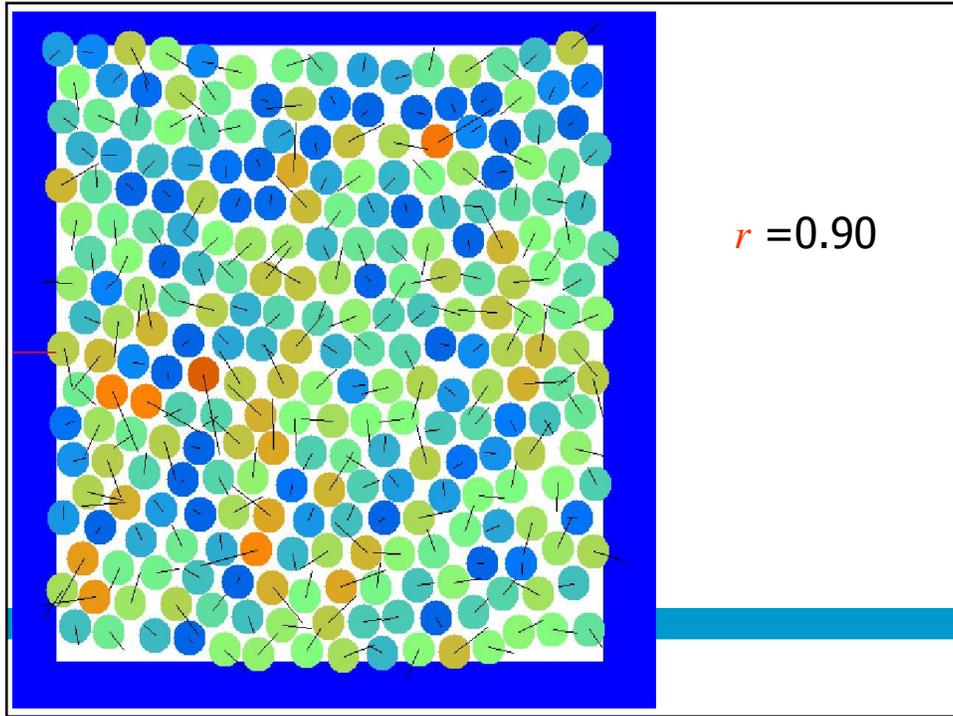
simulate 2000 particles  
in a periodic box



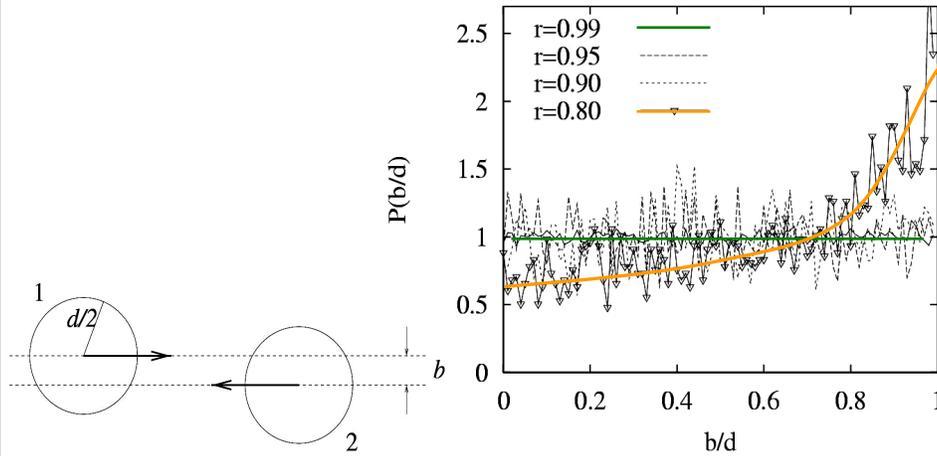
... plot streaklines



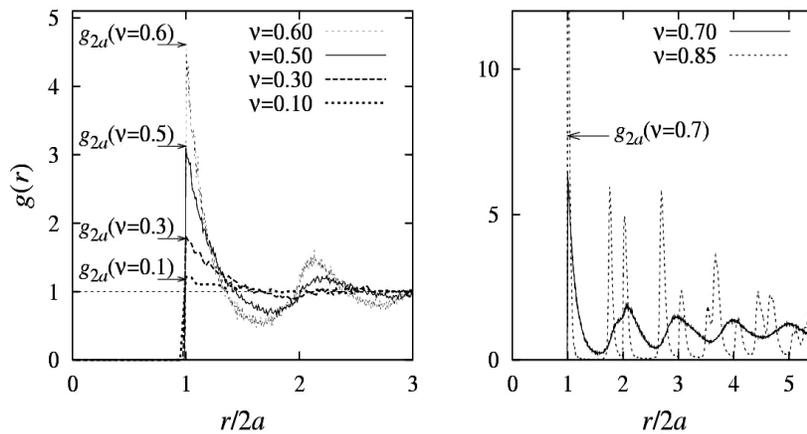




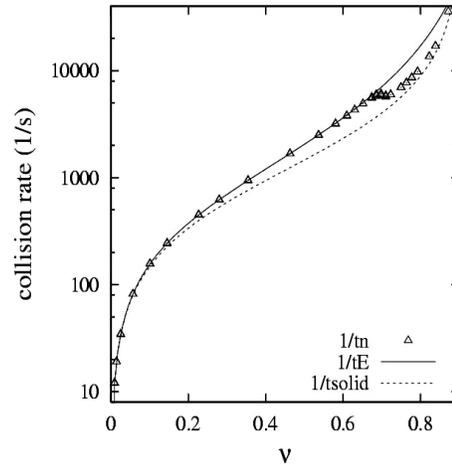
## Collision parameter



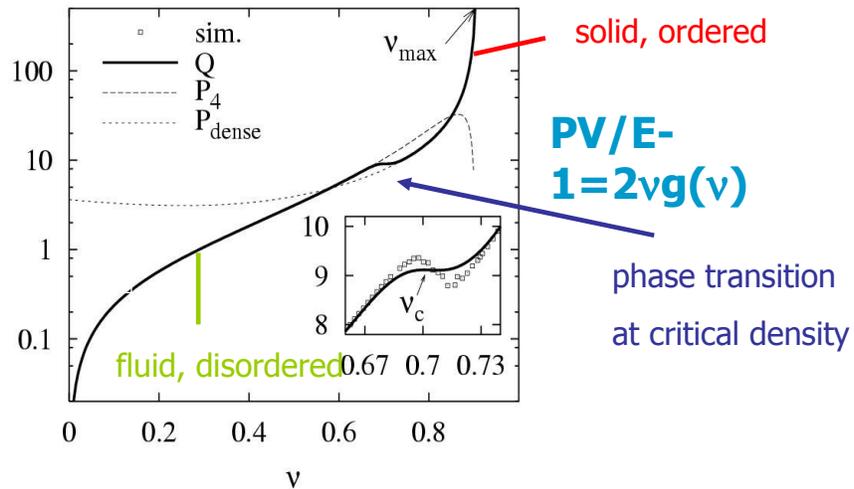
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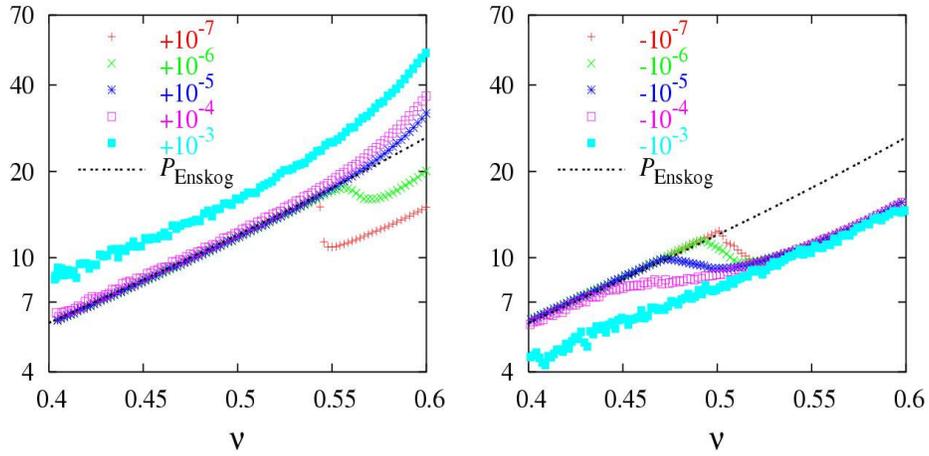
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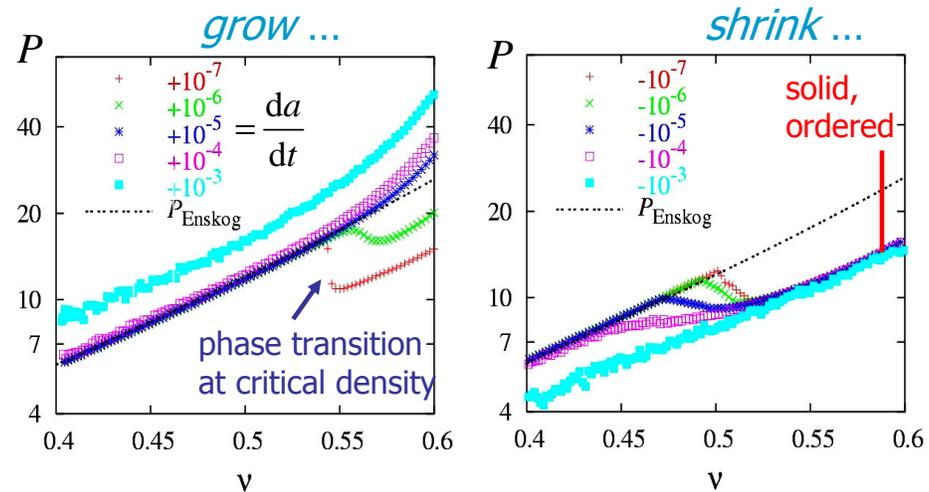
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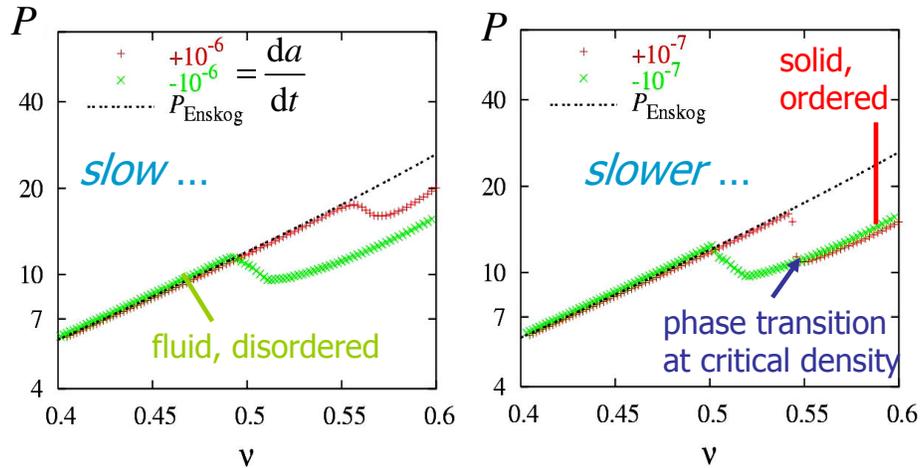
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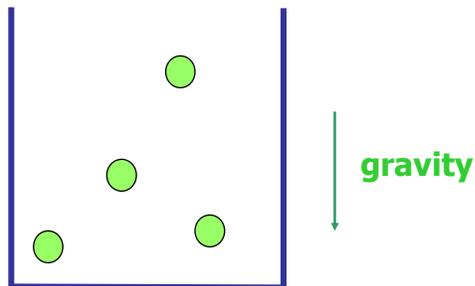
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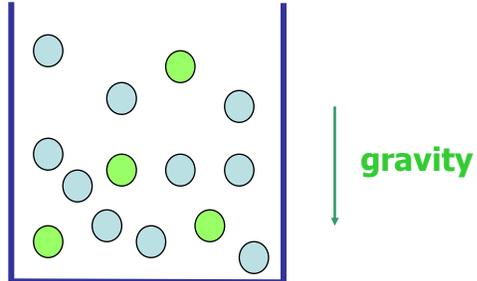


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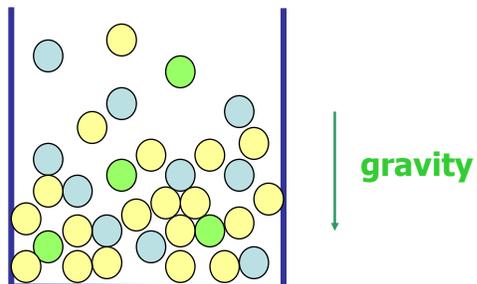
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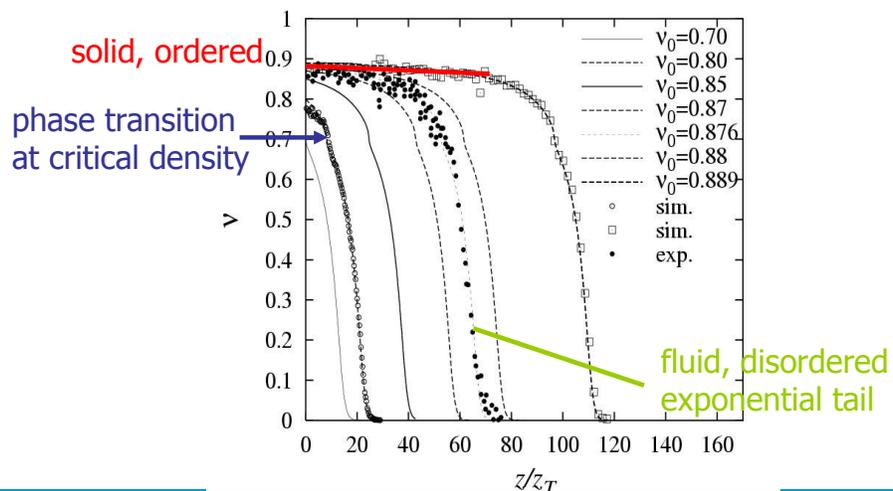
elastic steady state:  $\frac{\partial}{\partial t} = 0 \quad u_i = I = 0$

mass & energy conservation – OK

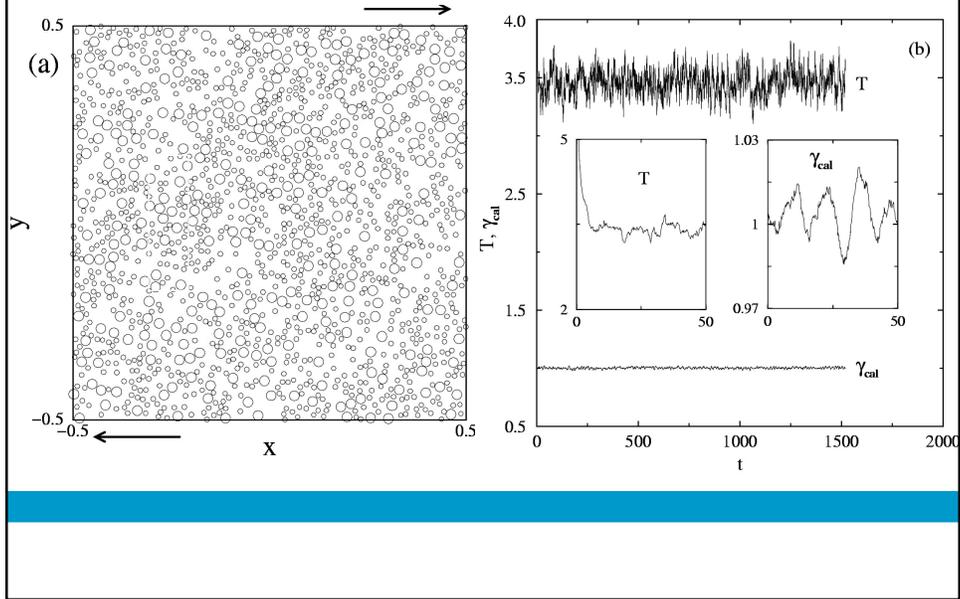
momentum balance:  $0 = -\frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} P + \rho g_i$

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

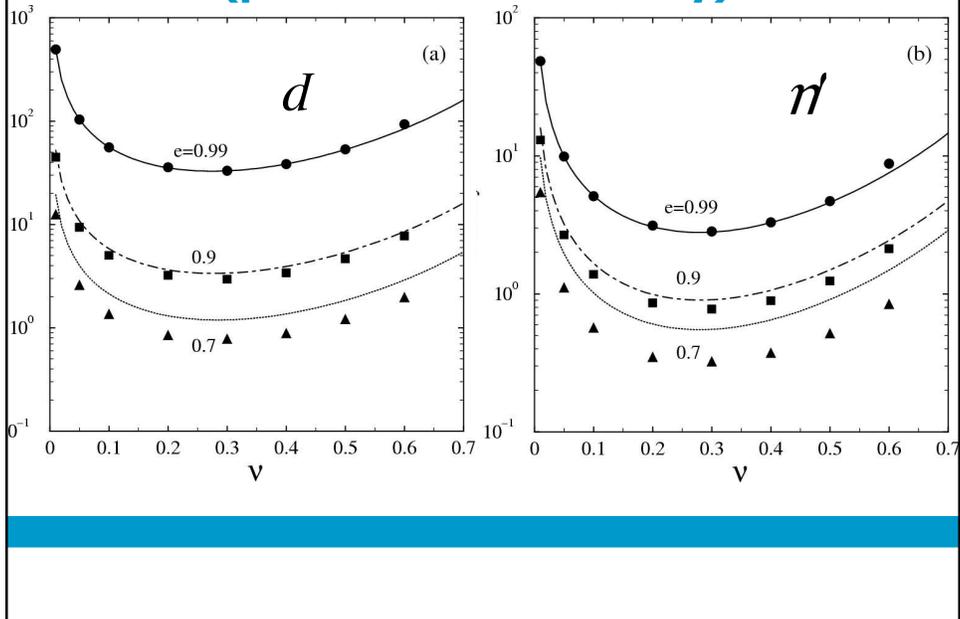
## Hard sphere gas in gravity



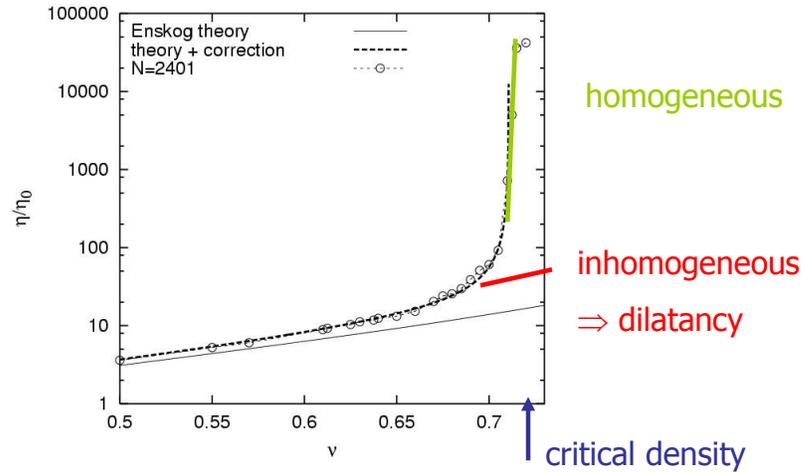
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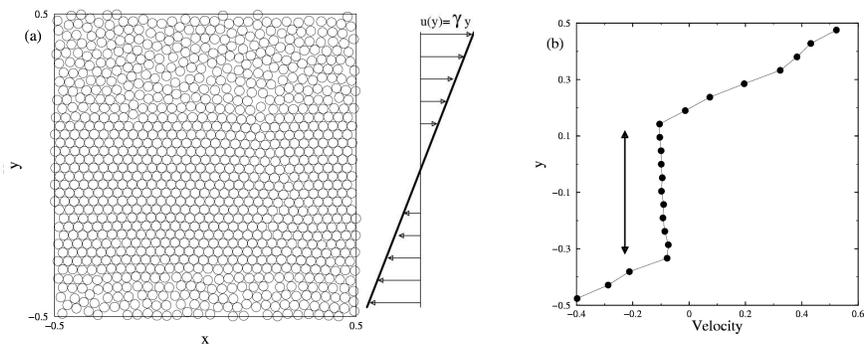
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## Shear (viscosity at high density)

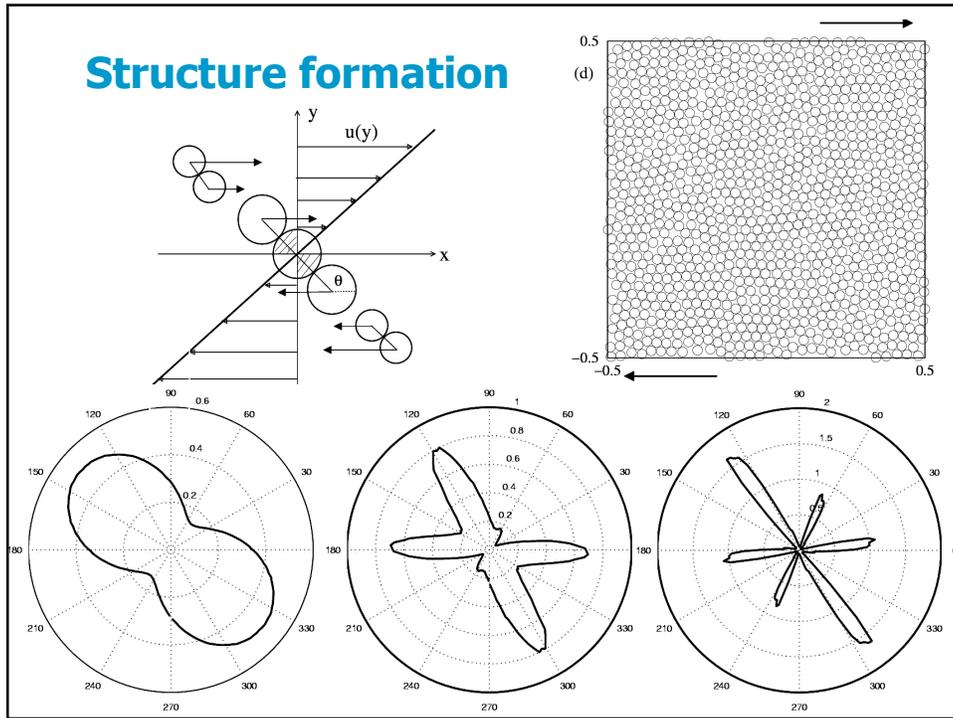


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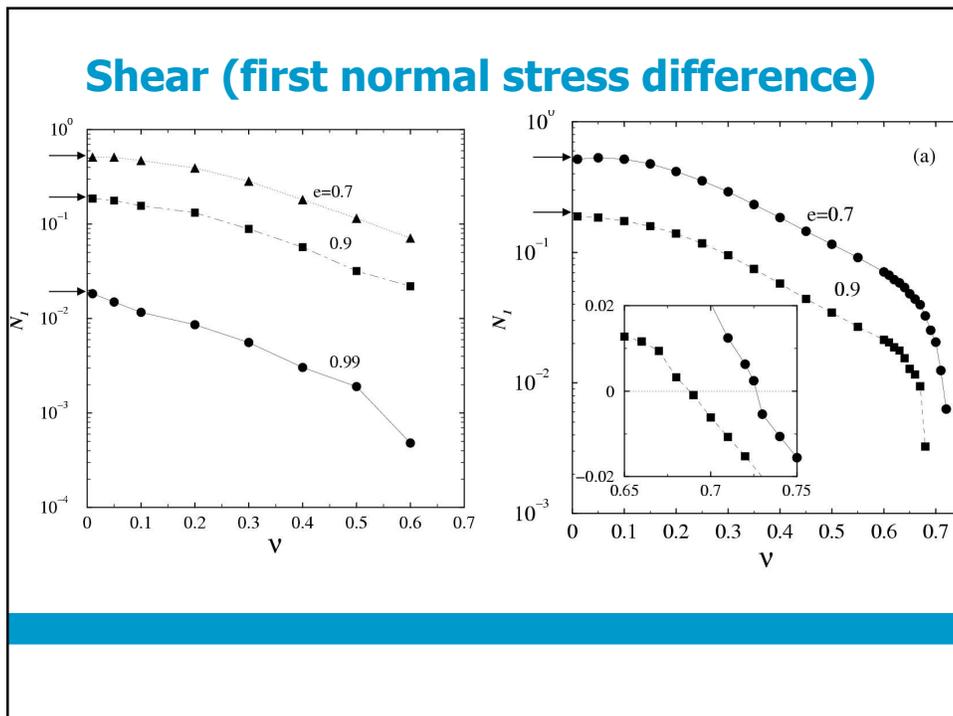


Low density -> linear velocity profile  
High density -> shear localization

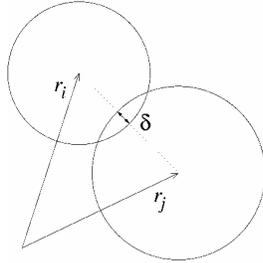
## Structure formation



## Shear (first normal stress difference)



## Discrete particle model – gravity ?!

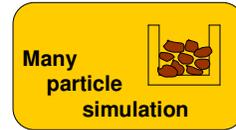
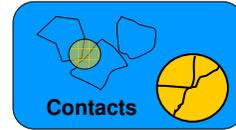


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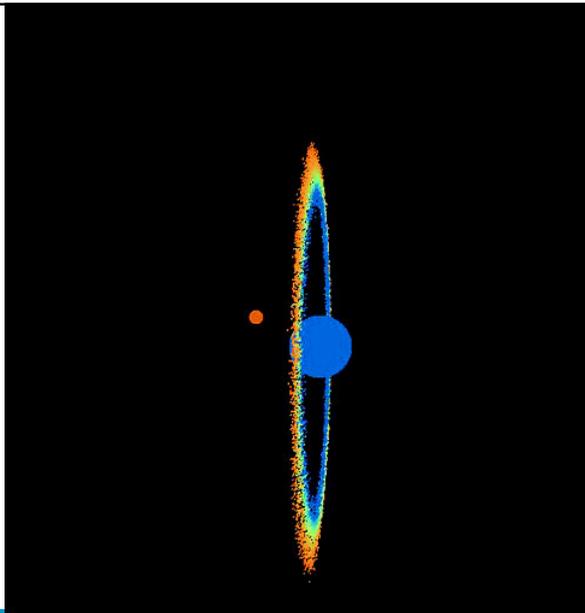


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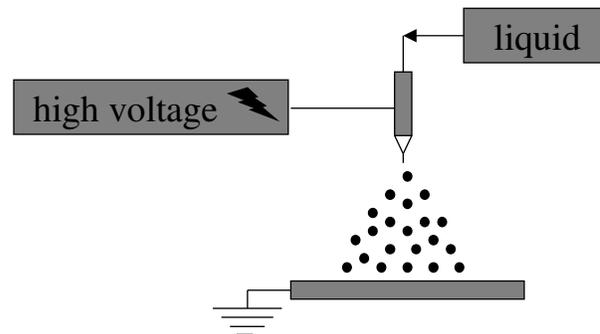
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## Astrophysics



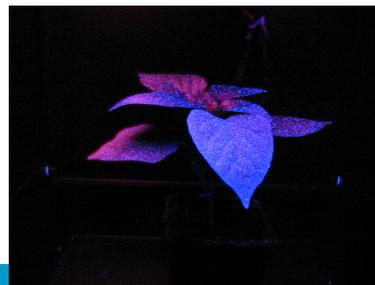
## Experiment & Model for Sprays

- EHDA = ElectroHydroDynamic Atomisation
- DCT/PART – Marijnissen, Geerse, Winkels, ...



## Experiment

- Deposition analysis: Tinopal visible with UV-light
- Applications:  
Green-house sprays, medical inhalation,  
Spray painting, nano-particle production



## Model

- Solve Newton's second law for every droplet  $i$

$$\sum \vec{F}_i = m_i \frac{d(\vec{v}_i)}{dt}$$

- Forces acting on a droplet

- electric field force  $q_i \vec{E}$
- gravitation force  $m_i \vec{g}$

## Model

- drag force  $C_D \frac{\pi}{8} \rho_{air} d_i^2 (\vec{v}_{air} - \vec{v}_i) |\vec{v}_{air} - \vec{v}_i|$

- Coulomb interactions  $q_i \sum_{j \neq i}^N \frac{q_j \vec{r}_{ij}}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r_{ij}^3}$

## Model

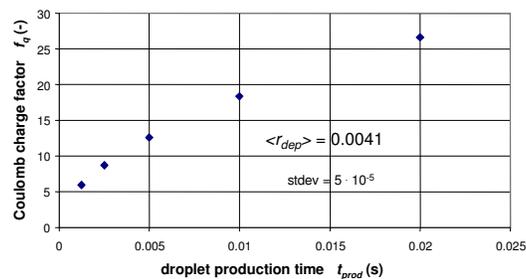
- Real number of droplets is impossible
- Scale-up method to simulate the spray
  - use few droplets with increased Coulomb interactions

$$q_{i,Coulomb} = f_q q_i \quad \longrightarrow \quad f_q q_i \sum_{j \neq i}^N \frac{f_q q_j \vec{r}_{ij}}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r_{ij}^3}$$

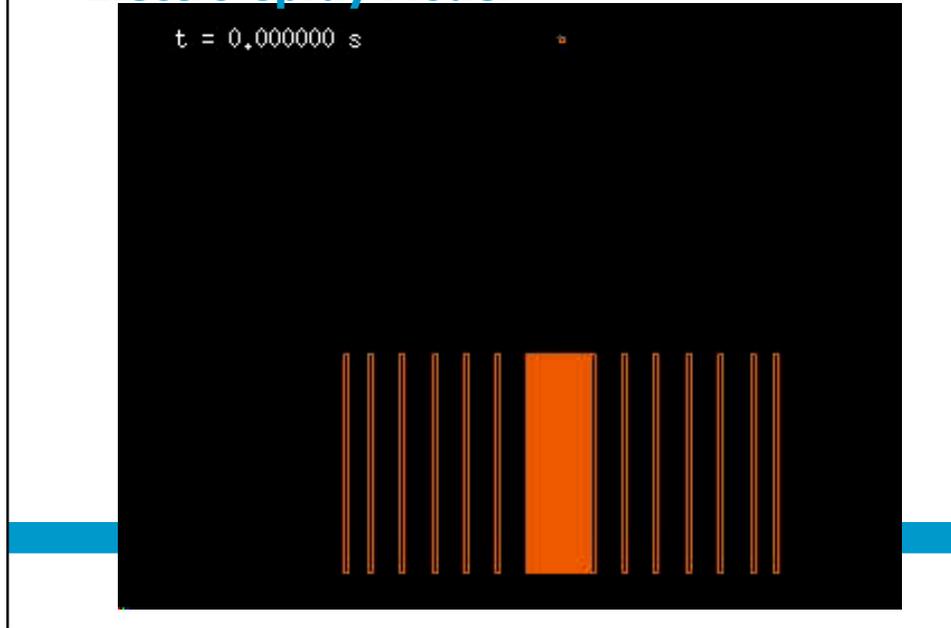
## Results

- Scale-up correlation between  $f_q$  and  $t_{prod}$
- validity scale-up

$$\frac{f_q(1)}{f_q(2)} = \left( \frac{t_{prod}(1)}{t_{prod}(2)} \right)^{\frac{0.57}{1.06}}$$

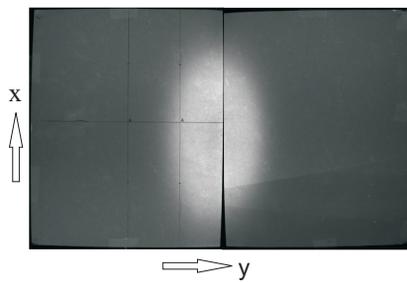


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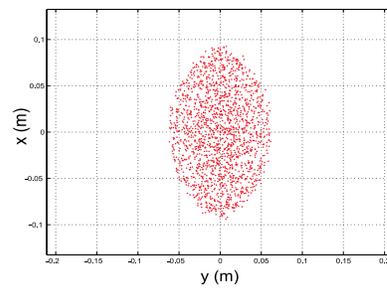


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- Deposition
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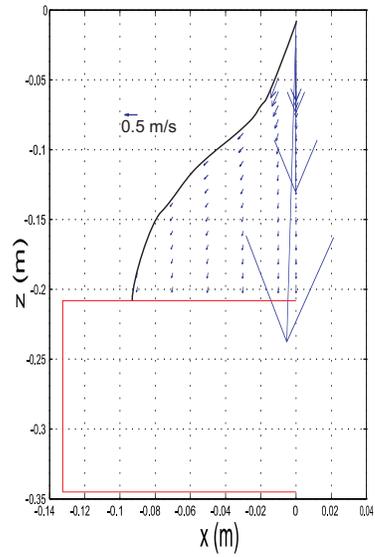
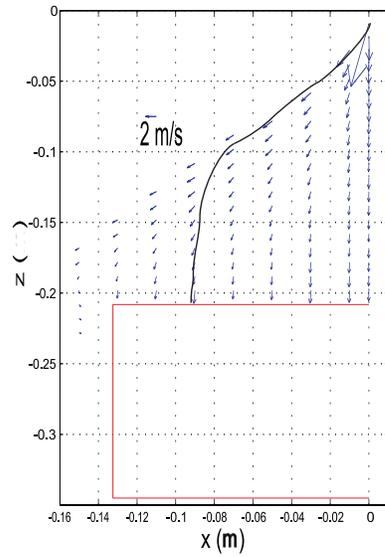


- simulation



## Results

- Density, shape and velocity



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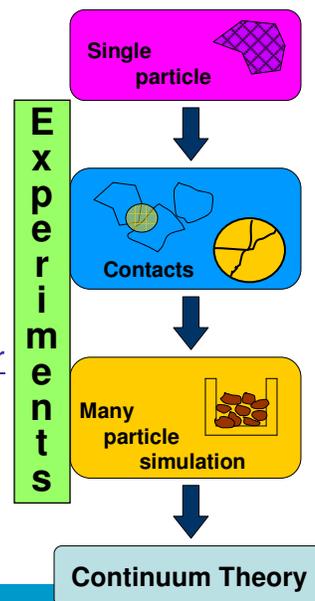
- Summary
  - Scale-up method works
  - EHDA spray can be qualitatively simulated
  - Some simplifications in the model

## Open questions

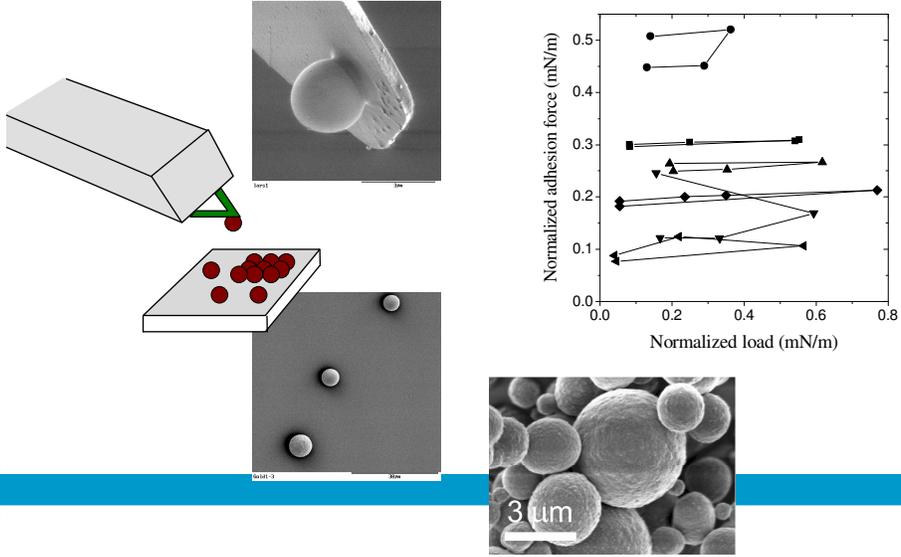
- Model including scale-up method works
  - validity has to be checked with other experiments
- Main challenges (for modeling)
  - aero-/hydro-dynamics coupling
  - more (charged) particles (2000 to  $10^4$ - $10^5$ )

## Approach philosophy

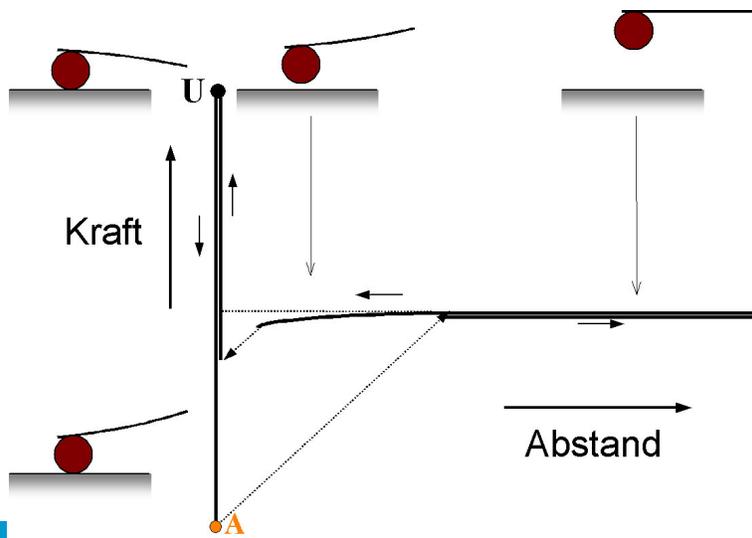
- Introduction
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- Many particle cooperative behavior
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## Contact force measurement (PIA)

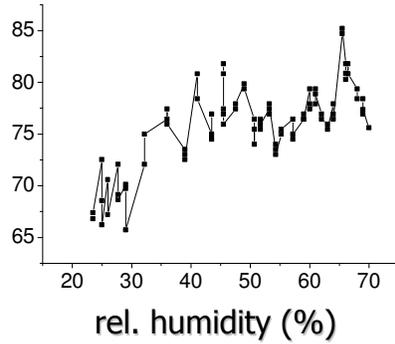


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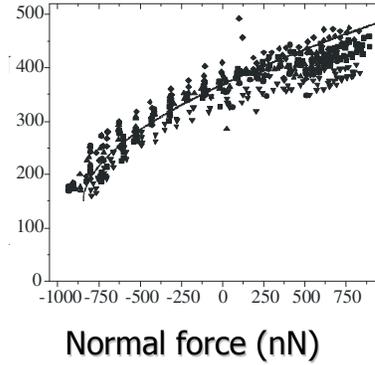


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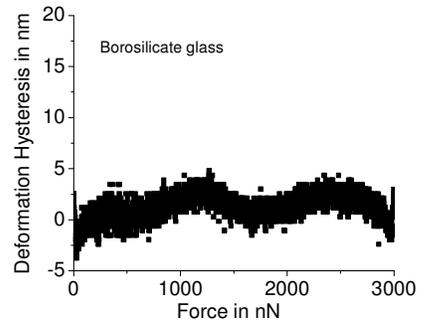
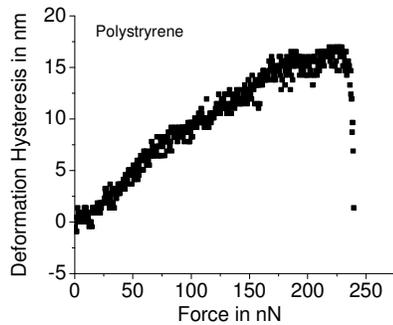
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Friction force (nN)



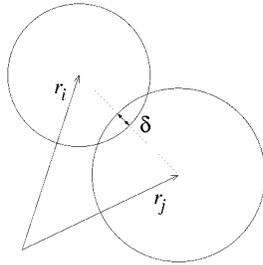
## Hysteresis (plastic deformation)



Collaborations:

MPI-Polymer Science (Butt et al.)  
Contact properties via AFM

## Discrete particle model

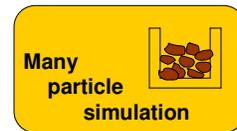
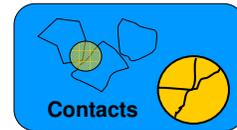


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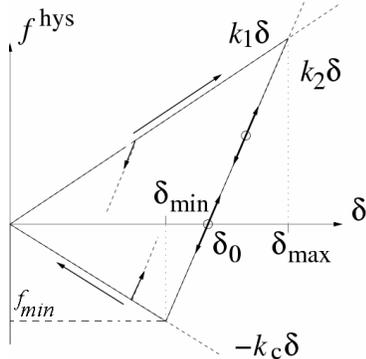
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## Contact model

- (too) simple ☺
- piecewise linear
- **easy** to implement

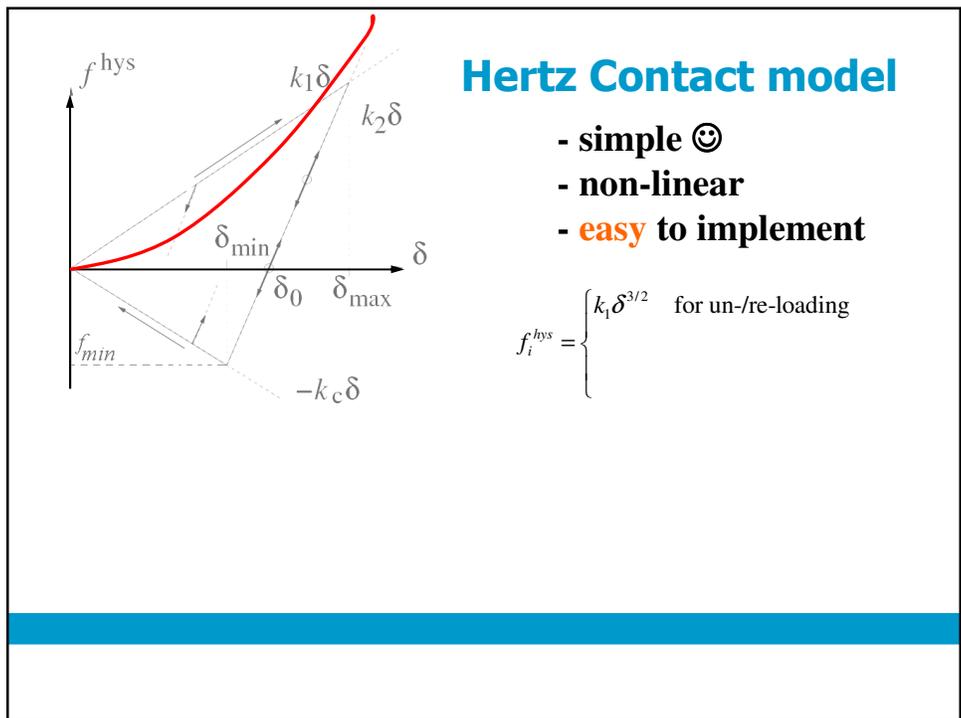
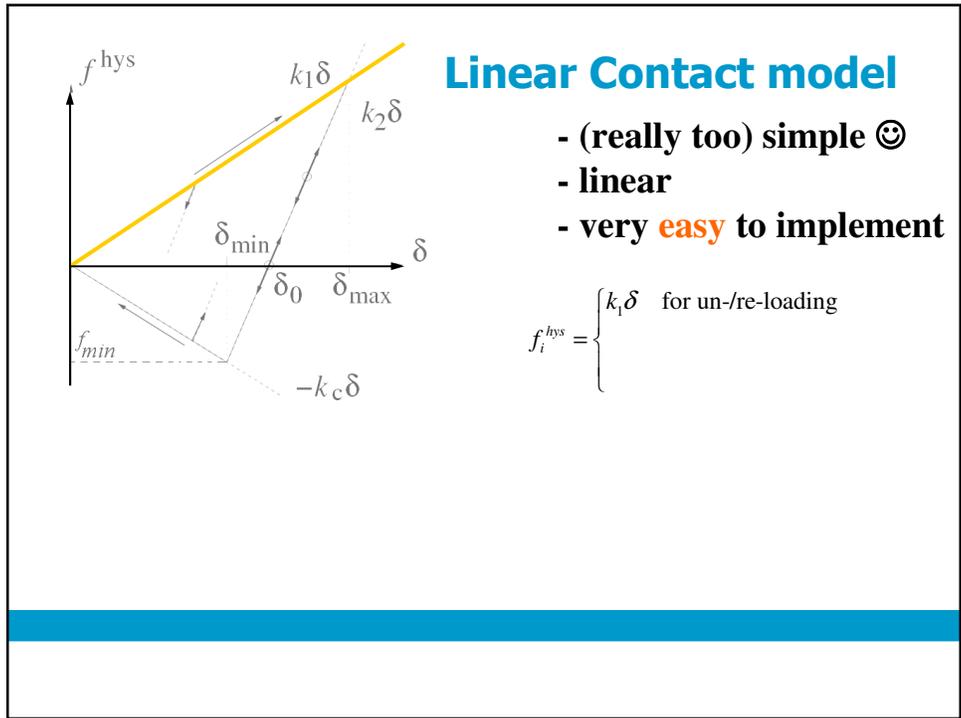
$$f_i^{hys} = \begin{cases} k_1 \delta & \text{for loading} \\ k_2 (\delta - \delta_0) & \text{for un-/reloading} \\ -k_c \delta & \text{for unloading} \end{cases}$$

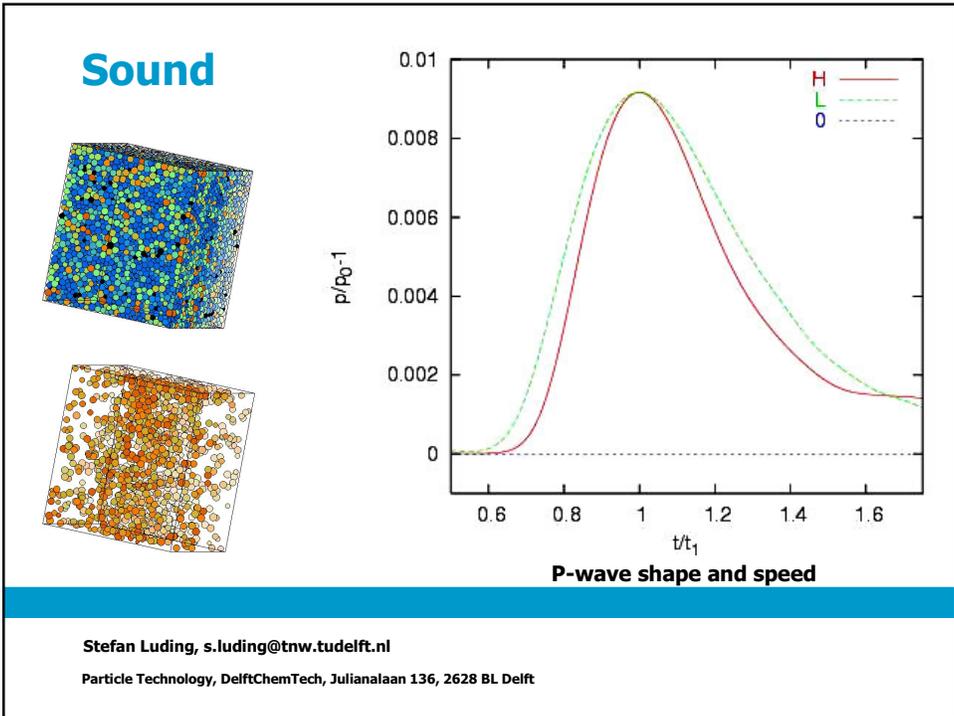
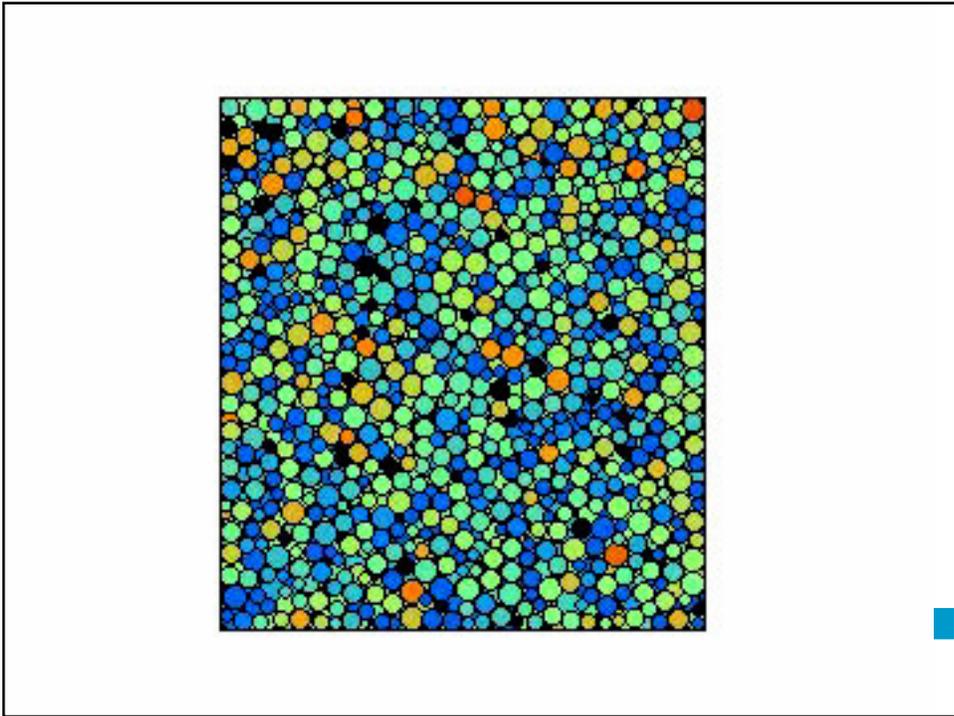
Maximum overlap  $\delta_{\max}$

stress-free overlap  $\delta_0 = (1 - k_1 / k_2) \delta_{\max}$

strongest attraction at:  $\delta_{\min} = \frac{k_2 - k_1}{k_2 + k_c} \delta_{\max}$

the max. attractive force:  $f_{\min} = -k_c \delta_{\min}$





## Open questions

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