



## Particle Technology: Basics + Modeling ...

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## Granular flow in nature and engineering ...

**Landslide**  
Bingham Canyon copper mine, US (2013)  
<http://www.news.com.au/>

**Ground fissure**  
<http://flickeflu.com/>

**Dense granular flow  
& shear banding**

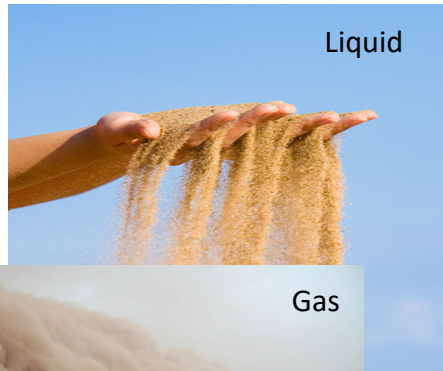
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**Geophysics, engineering,  
and science**

**Avalanche**  
Galtür, Austria (1999)  
<http://www.theskichannel.com/>

### Physics: Why are granular materials interesting?

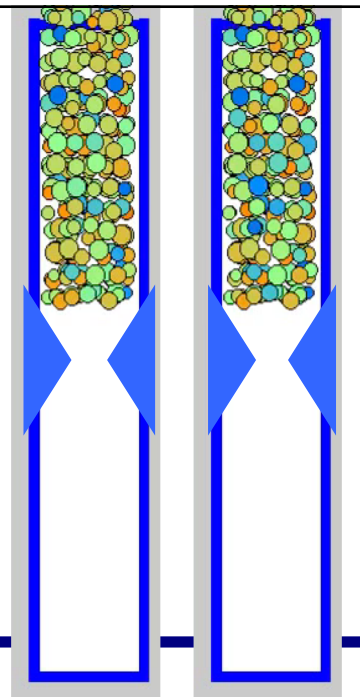
They exhibit different phase.



### Particle systems

sometimes FLUID  
sometimes SOLID  
sometimes BOTH

**un-jamming:**  
fluid  $\rightleftharpoons$  solid





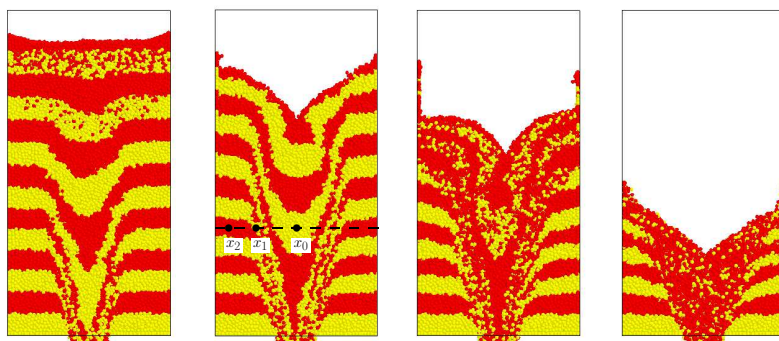
### Why granular materials are so important?

- & 2<sup>nd</sup> only to water as the most handled material in global industry.
- & 40% of industrial plant efforts are wasted.
- & 10% of the energy consumed in the world.



### Test case: Silo flow model

Silo flow model with internal flow pattern is used



(a)  $t=0.745s$

(b)  $t=1.200s$

(c)  $t=1.490s$

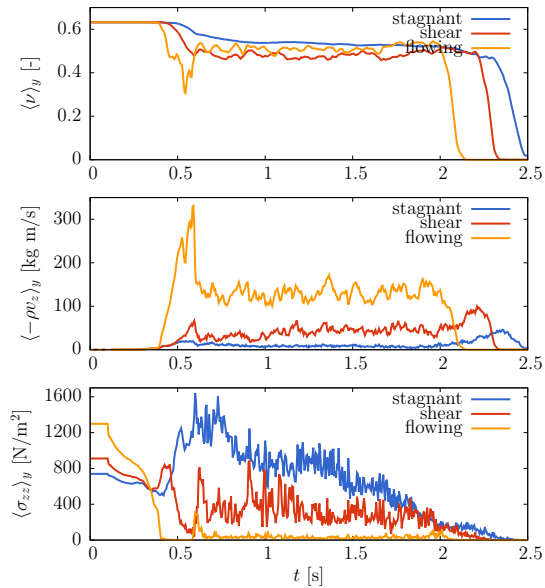
(d)  $t=2.240s$

T. Weinhart, C. Labra, et al., Powder Technol., 2016



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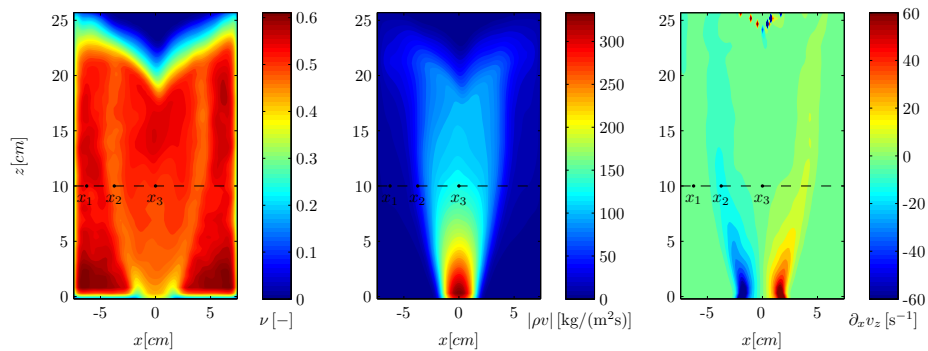
Horizontal variation:



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## Test case: Silo flow model

Horizontal variation – different fields:



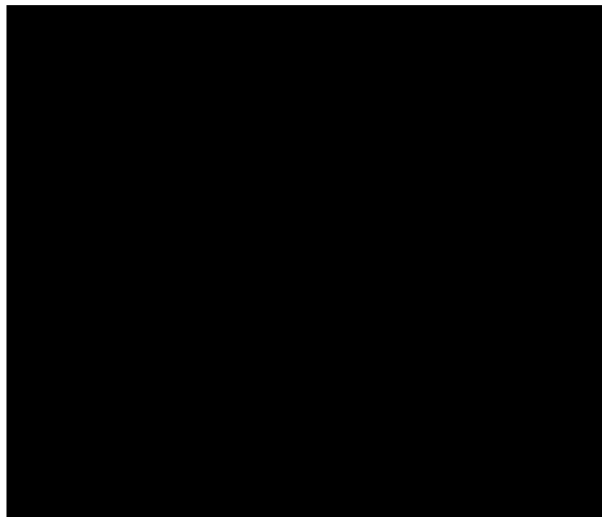
## Multi Scale – from Particles to Continuum – HOW?

For **fluids** and **solids** this can be done

For **particles** and their **contacts**,  
i.e. granular materials and powders,  
use: [discrete approaches](#) for fluid- & solid-like behavior

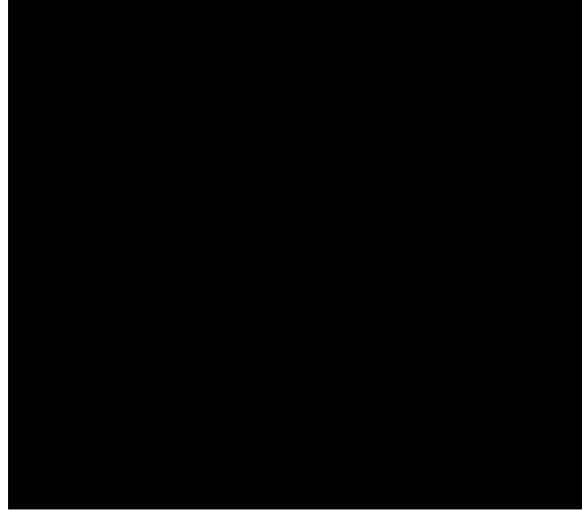
**Micro-Macro transition**  
to derive constitutive relations for continuum theory  
and applications with FEM/CFD

### Example 1: Vibration => Leidenfrost



N. Rivas,  
MSM, 2011

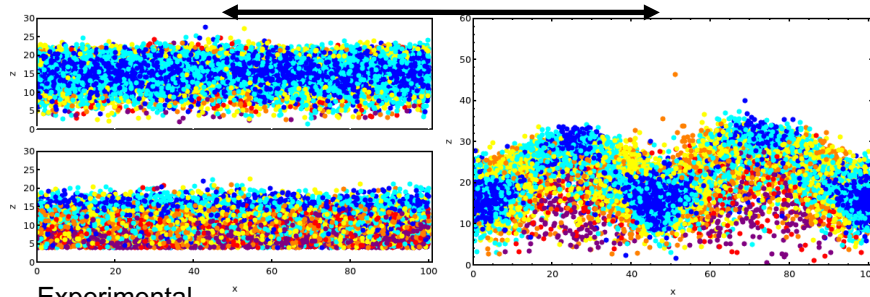
## Example 2: Vibration => Fingering



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MSM, 2011

## VIBRATED SHALLOW BOX "From colliding particles to a hydrodynamic description of granular matter" N. Rivas

### Transition



Experimental

Analytical

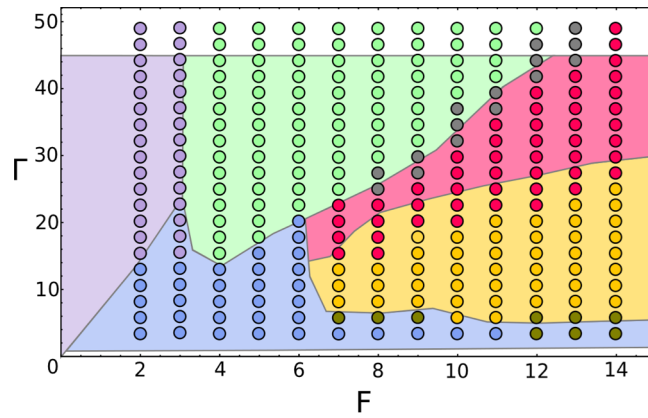
Simulations: - Molecular Dynamics (ED, DEM)  
- Granular Hydrodynamics Solver



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ED SIMULATIONS



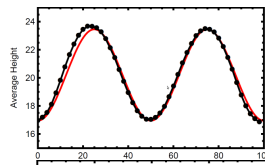
—background from *P. Eshuis, et al. Physics of Fluids, 2007*

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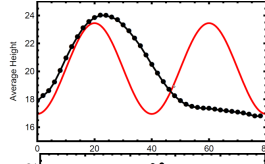
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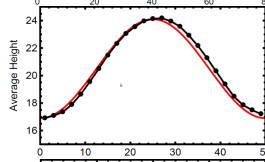
$L_x = 100$



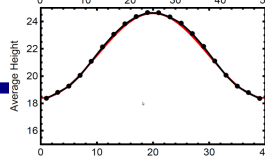
$L_x = 80$



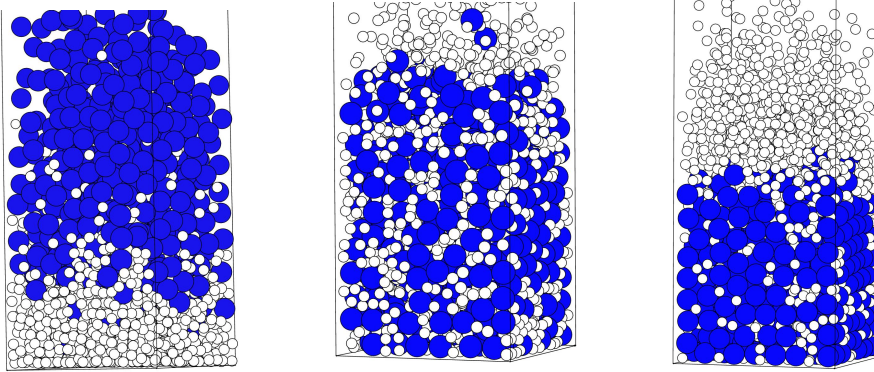
$L_x = 50$



$L_x = 40$

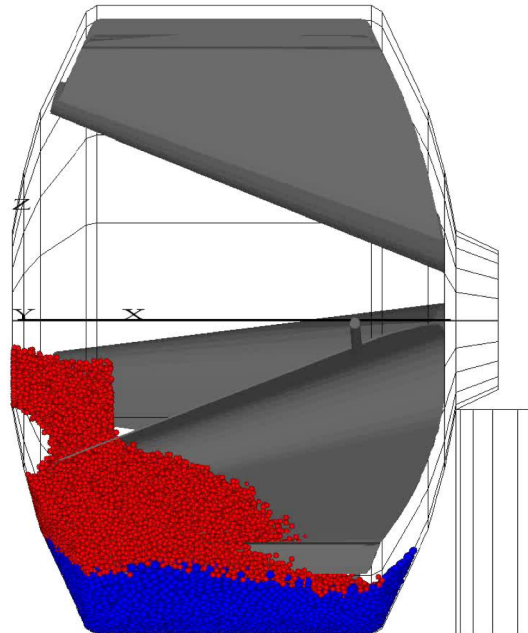


## Example: Segregation/Mixing



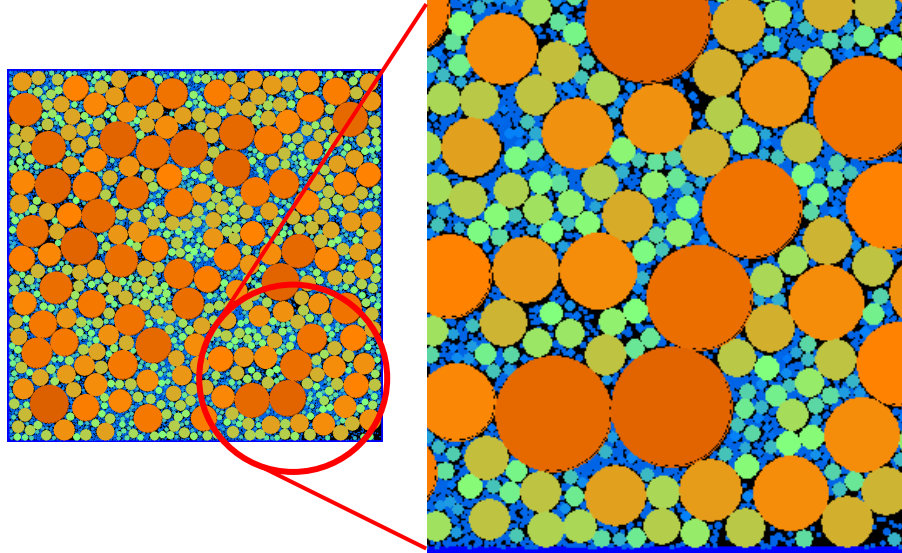
P. V. Quinn, D. Hong, SL, PRL 2001

## Example: Mixing



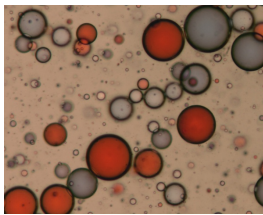
A. Gupta et al., MSM, 2010

## Challenge: DEM with realistic sizes



... highly polydisperse powders

## Our Approach: MATERIALS



**FRICTIONLESS**

**FRICTIONAL**

**COHESIVE**

*F. Goncu, CRAS, 2010*

*V. Magnanimo (2011-13)*

*S. Luding et al. (2001-13)*

*O. I. Imole et al KONA, 2013*

*O. I. Imole et al (to be submitted and in preparation, 2014)*

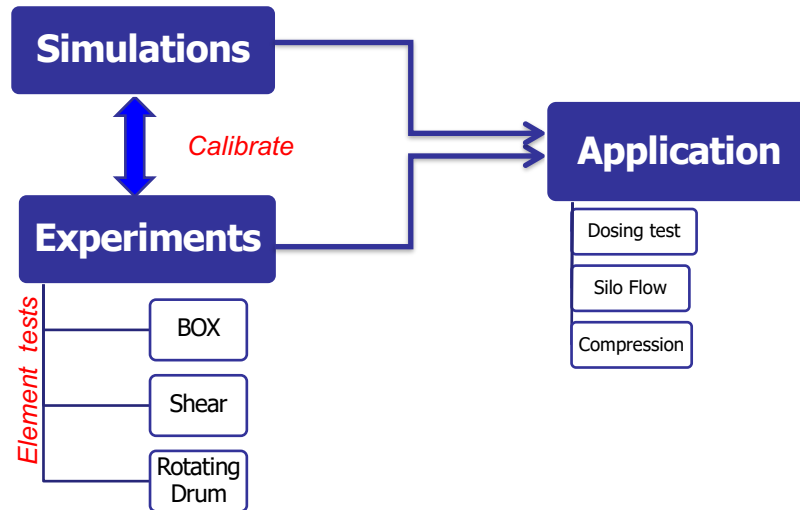
*N. Kumar et al Particuology (2013)*

*N. Kumar et al. Acta Mechanica (2014)*

Pictures: J. Brujic et al. Nature 460 (2009)  
Dijksman, Brodu, Behringer (2013-14)



## PARDEM Overview/Philosophy



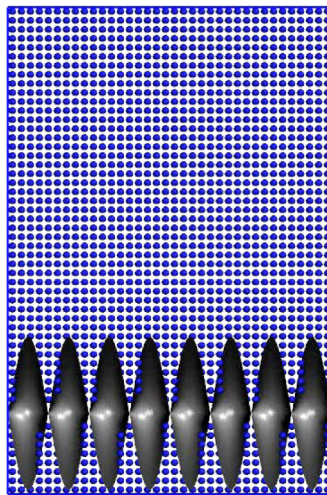
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Open source

Based on:

- HGrid
- MicroMacro



Dosing application example ...

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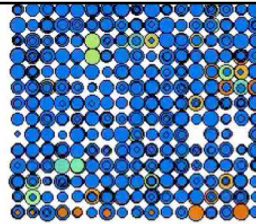
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**flowable powder**

**(screw hidden)**



© Marco Ramaioli, Nestle

**Dosing application example ...**

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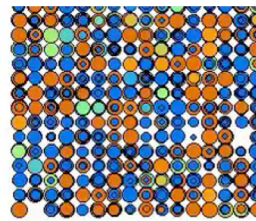
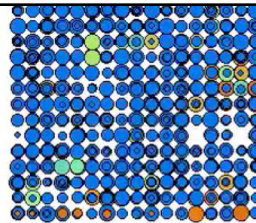
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**flowable powder vs.  
sticky, chunky powder**

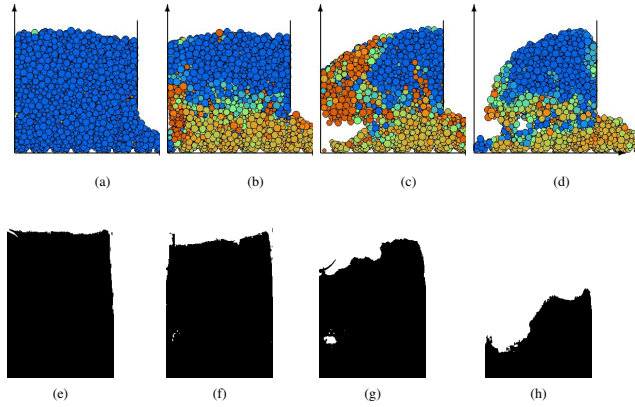
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O. I. Imole, MSM, 2013

**Dosing application example ...**

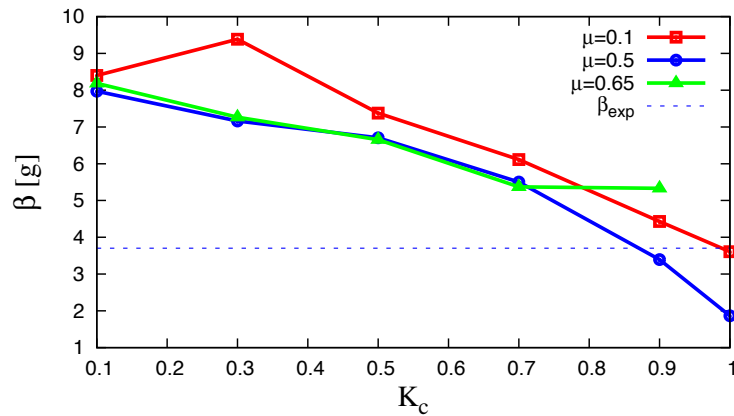
## Dosing: DEM vs. experiment



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## Dosing – parameter calibration

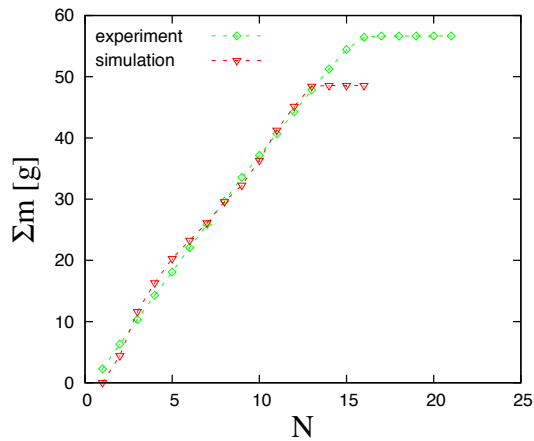


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## Software used ...

- DEMSolutions/EDEM
- YADE
- DCS Comp.
- MercuryDPM
- and others

See talk by T. Weinhart,  
Thu 11:20, M&S=StPetersbg.



unique features:

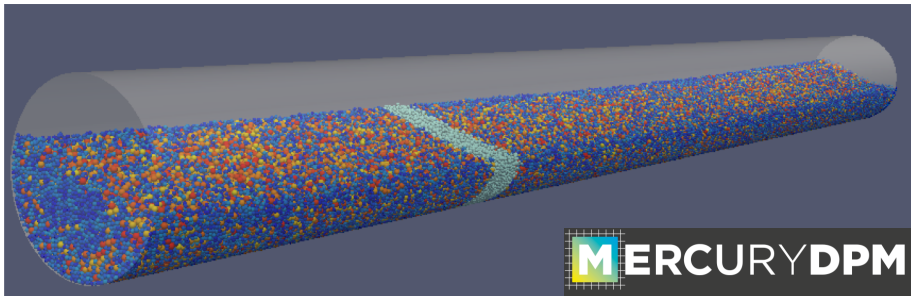
- open-source (really ;-)
- HGrid for largely different particle sizes
- mercuryCG for coarse-graining to continuum
- analytical complex geometry-support
- parallel, etc.

See talk by A.R. Thornton, Tue 15:20, Mixing=Shanghai

So far: Nothing about parallelization in this talk ...

A) There are serial ED algorithms that **not** parallelize

B) Standard MD/DEM does parallelize very well ...



## Overview Particles&Continuum

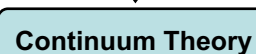
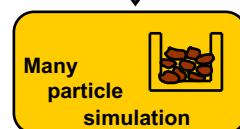
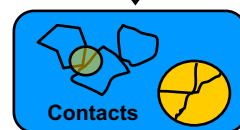
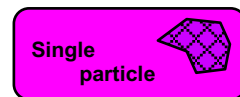
Introduction

Contact models

Many particle simulation

Local micro-macro

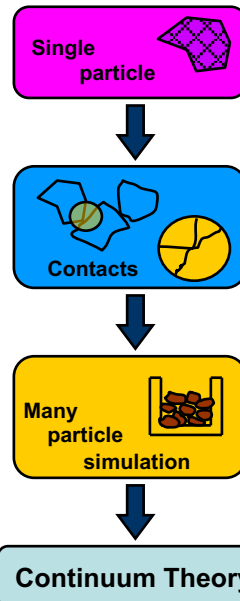
Continuum Theory



Goal:

Large Scale systems  
Applications

Continuum Theory



## Continuum theory

mass conservation:  $\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \rho + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} (\rho u_i) = 0$

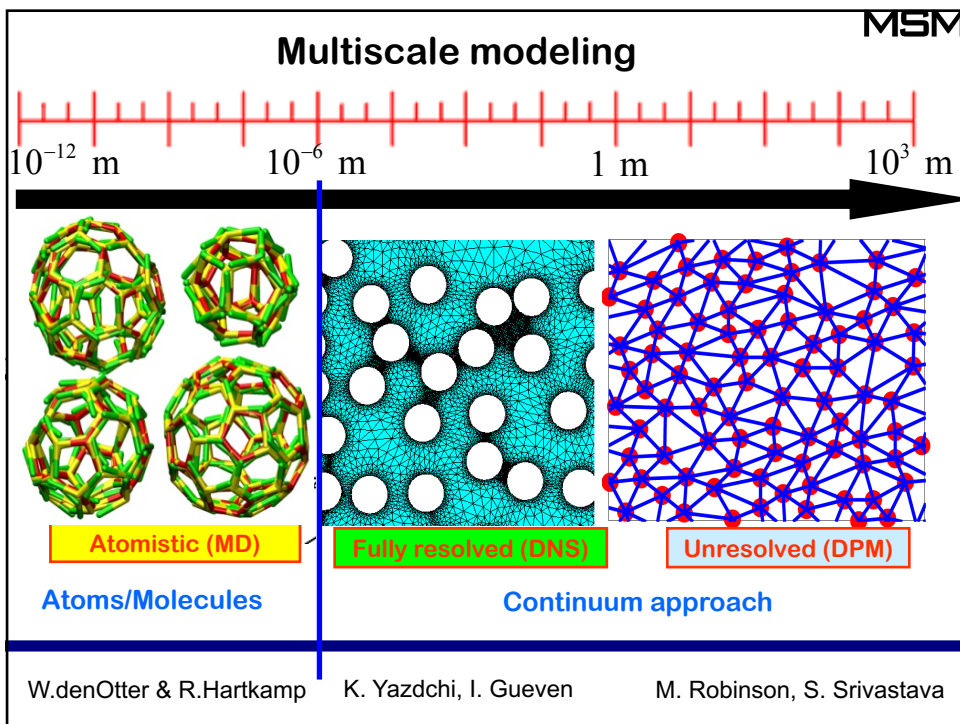
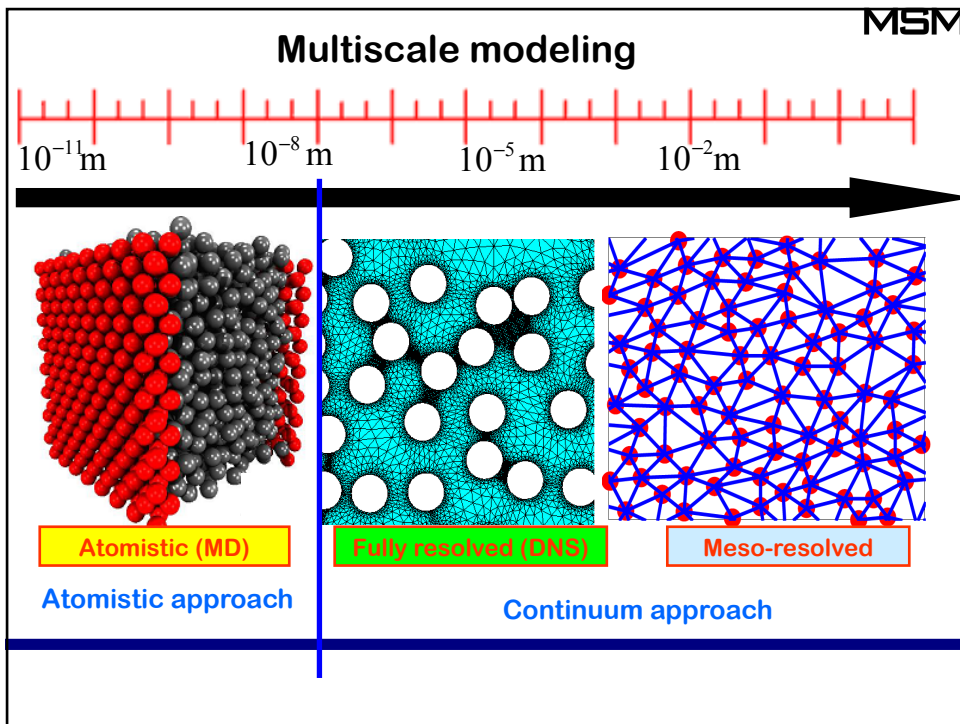
momentum conservation:

energy balance:  $\frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\rho u_i) + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_k} (\rho u_i u_k) = -\frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} P + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \sigma_{ij}^{\text{dev}} + \rho g_i$

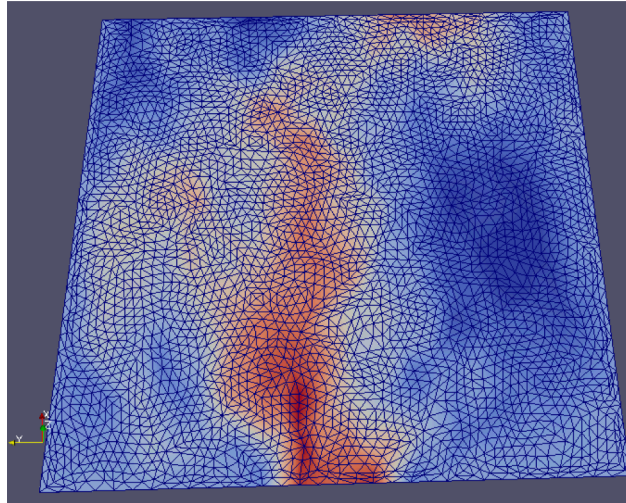
$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left( \frac{1}{2} \rho u^2 + \frac{1}{2} \rho v^2 \right) = -\frac{\partial}{\partial x_k} \left[ \rho u_k \left( \frac{P}{\rho} + \frac{1}{2} u^2 + \frac{1}{2} v^2 \right) - u_i \sigma_{ik}^{\text{dev}} - K \frac{\partial}{\partial x_k} \left( \frac{1}{2} \rho v^2 \right) \right] + \rho u_i g_i - I$$

- Pressure  $P$
- Shear Stress  $\sigma_{ij}^{\text{dev}}$
- Energy Dissipation Rate  $I$





## Example: Fluidization DEM-FEM



Fluidization on moving mesh with 800 particles (with gravity)

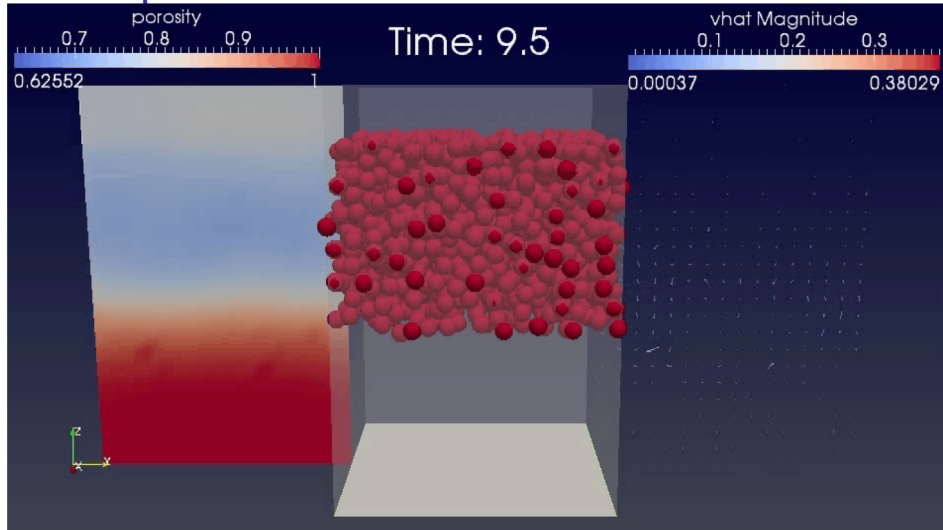
## Set of Realistic Fluid-Particle Parameters

- Three different fluids used to provide a range of particle Reynolds Numbers
- Parameters based on air, water and 10% glycerol-water solution

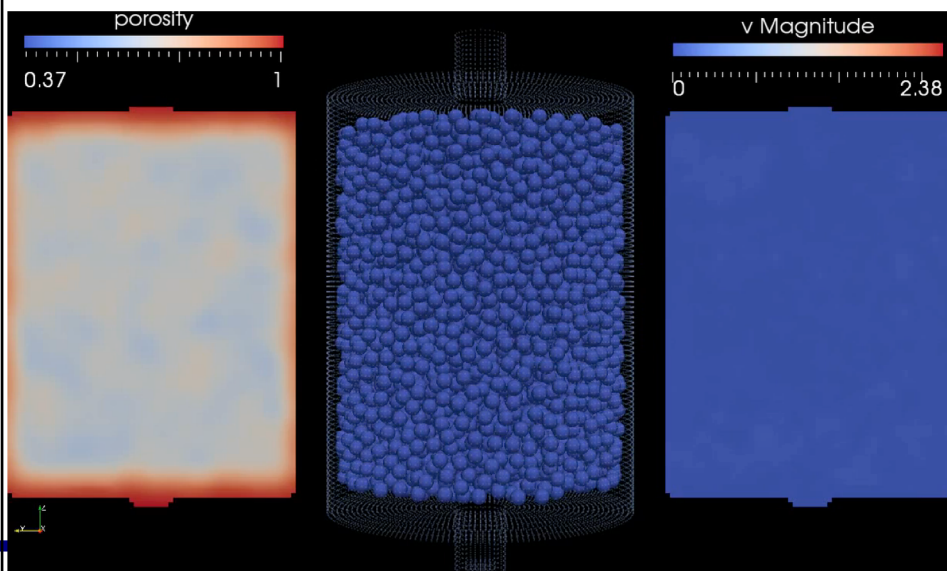


Property	Air	Water	Glycerol-water
Density	1.18 kg/m <sup>3</sup>	1000 kg/m <sup>3</sup>	1150 kg/m <sup>3</sup>
Viscosity	1.86x10 <sup>-5</sup> Pa·s	8.9x10 <sup>-4</sup> Pa·s	8.9x10 <sup>-3</sup> Pa·s
Re <sub>p</sub>	0.65 – 3.19	0.15 – 0.85	0.002 – 0.011

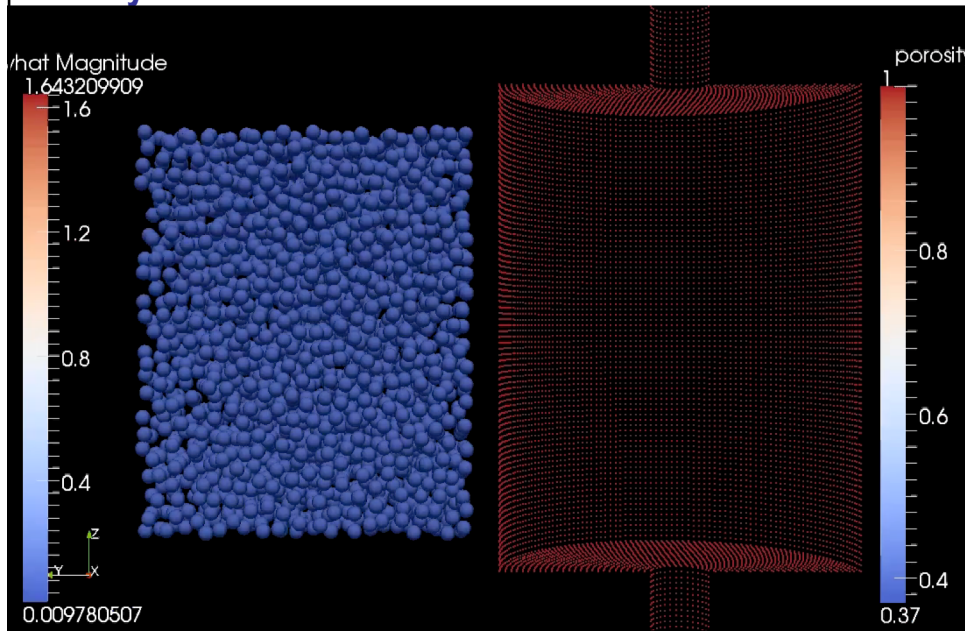
## Multiple Particle Sedimentation – SPH Results



## Wet Start



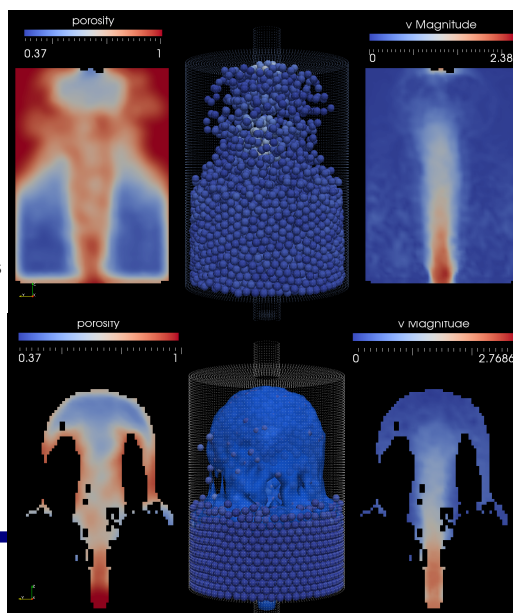
## Dry Start



## Simulation of powder dispersion by a liquid jet

- Application: Particle dispersion (collaboration with Nestle)
- Method: SPH-DEM
- Results:
  - **Wet** – Recovers quantitative features from experiment: Jet, dispersion ...
  - **Dry** – Fails to recover some major features (e.g. bed lift regime).

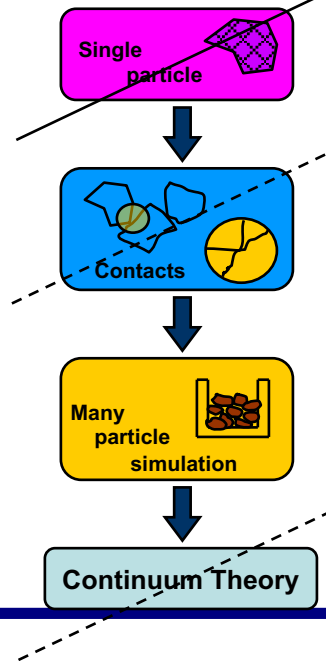
TODO:  
 Gas-phase not modelled yet;  
 Surface tension not modeled yet;  
 Polydisperse particles ..



M. Robinson, M. Ramaioli,  
 S. Luding, MSM, PG2013

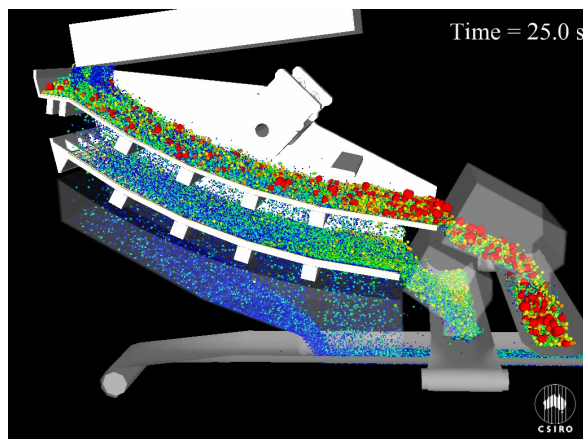
## Overview

Introduction  
Contact models  
Many particle simulation  
Local micro-macro  
Continuum Theory  
... Anisotropy



## Two deck banana screen (6g)

Colour  
By size

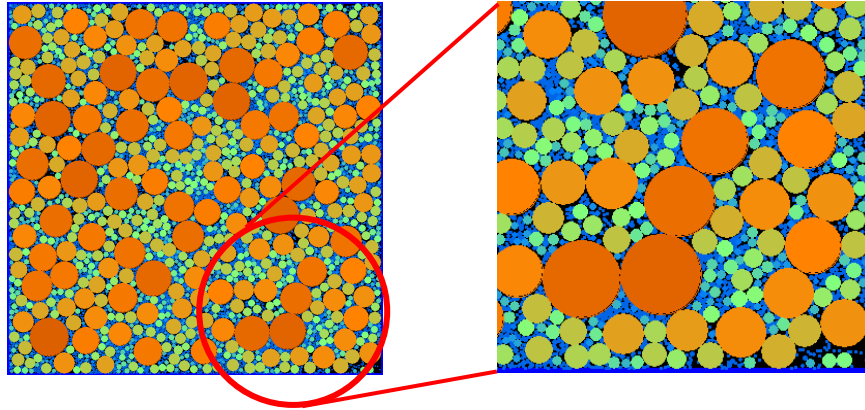


- Top deck bed is dense and coherent (not dilated with little saltation)
  - Clear reduction in finer (blue) material along the top deck

Examples are provided on courtesy of Paul Cleary, CSIRO, Australia.



## Challenge: DEM with realistic sizes



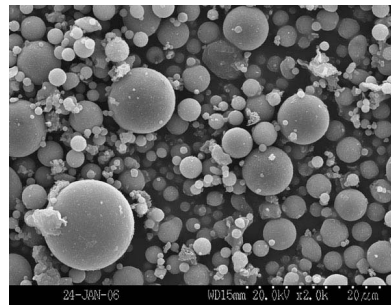
... highly polydisperse powders

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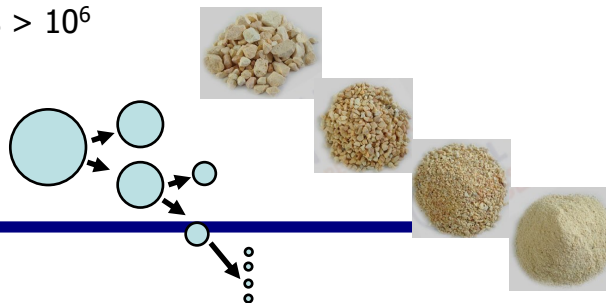
Fast contact detection  
between particles with  
**strongly different sizes**

Size ratio  $\gg 10$   
Number of particles  $> 10^6$

- Breakage / Grinding
- Granulation

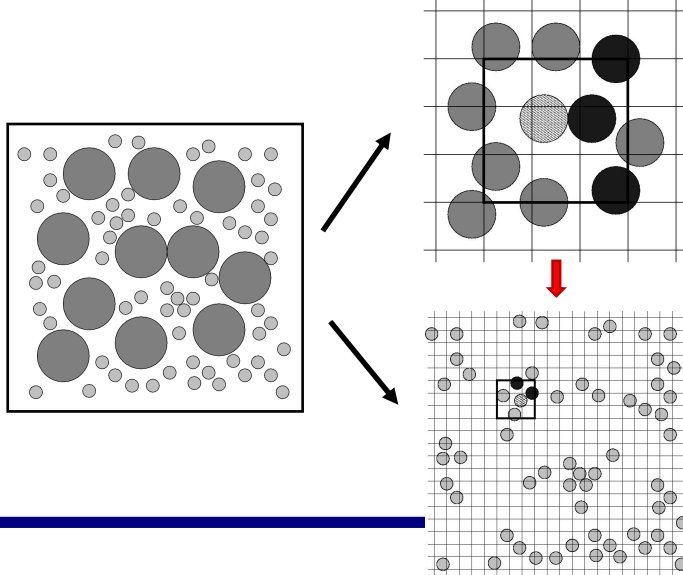


fly ash sample at 2000x magnification,  
University of Kentucky, CAER



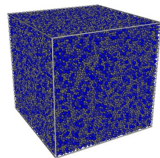
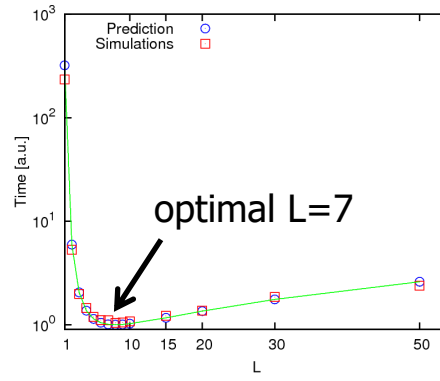
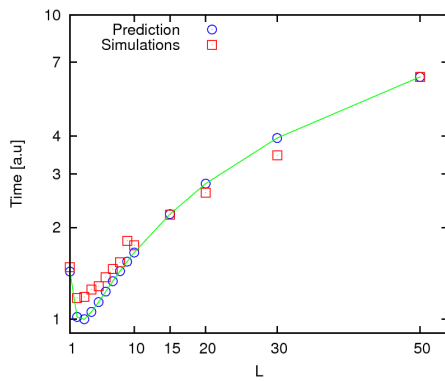
## Hierarchical grid: fast, robust & flexible

example: L=2 level grid



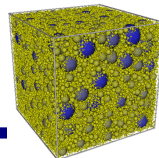
## Analytical prediction vs Simulations

$$T = NL(m_L + K)$$



$$L^* \cong 2$$

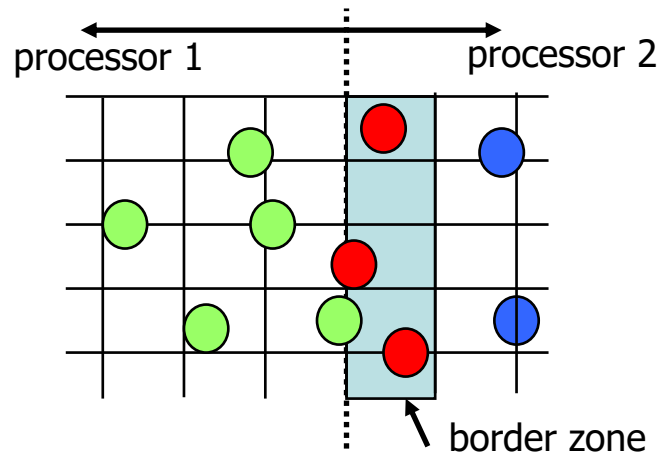
uniform size



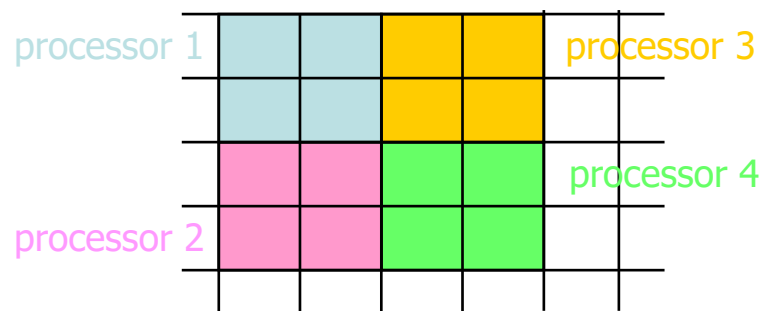
$$L^* > 2$$

uniform volume

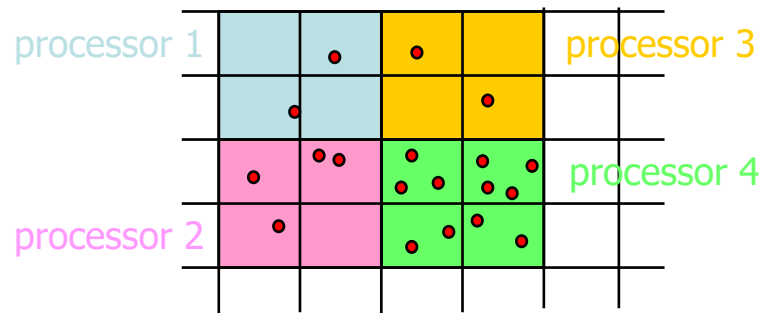
## Parallelization – communication



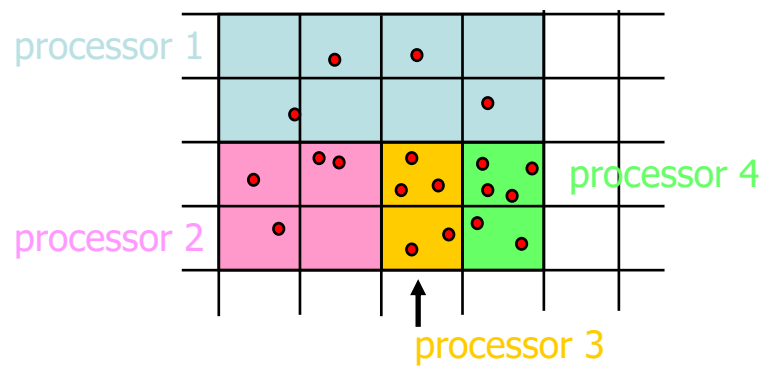
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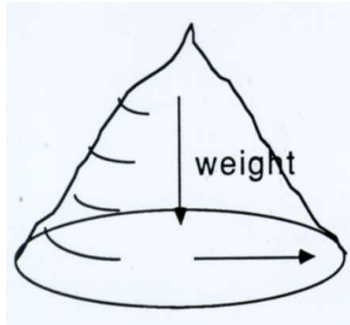


## Parallelization – load balancing

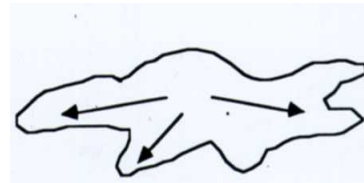


## Powder and Liquid Flow (differences)

Inherent Yield Stress



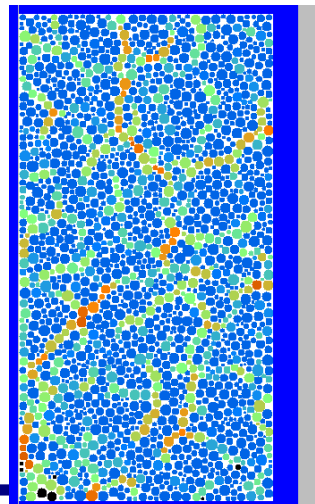
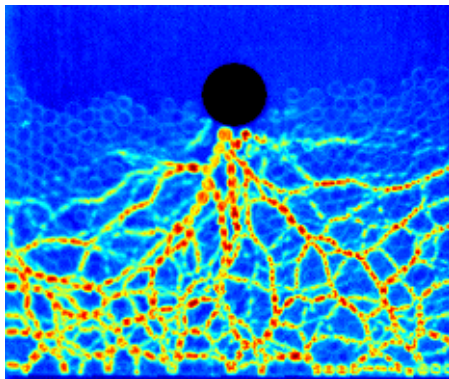
Powders heap



Liquid spreads

Yield stress = resistance against flow

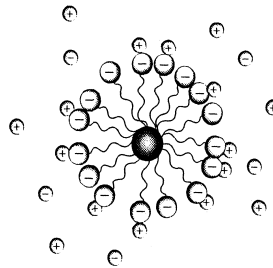
## Dense particle systems: experiments - simulations



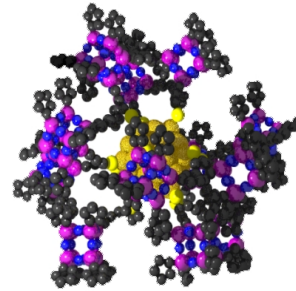
# Particle Interactions



**Mechanical**  
( $d_p > 10\mu\text{m}$ )



**Chemical**  
( $10\text{nm} < d_p < 10\mu\text{m}$ )



**Atomic Cluster**  
( $d_p < 10\text{nm}$ )

**a) Surface and Field Forces**

- Van der Waals Kräfte
  - permanentes Dipolmolekül
- Elektrostatische Kräfte
  - \* Leiter
    - Oberflächenladung
  - \* Nichtleiter
    - Oberflächenladung
- Magnetische Kraft
  - magnetischer Dipol

**c) Formschlüssige Bindung durch Verhakung**

**b) Material Connections**

- Organische Makromoleküle (Flockungsmittel)
  -
- Flüssigkeitsbrückenbindungen
  - \* Niedrige Viskosität
    -
  - \* Hohe Viskosität
    -
- Festkörperbrückenbindungen infolge
  - \* Rekristallisation von Flüssigkeitsbrücken
    -
  - \* Kontaktverschmelzung durch Sintern
    -
  - \* Chemische Feststoff-Feststoffreaktionen
    -

by: J. Tomas,  
Magdeburg

## How to model Contacts?

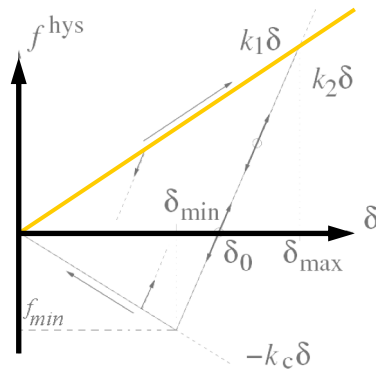
Atomistic/Molecular ...

**Continuum theory** + Contact Mechanics

**Experiments** (Nano-Ind., AFM, Mech., HSMovies)

**Contact Modeling**

- Full/All Details ... too much!
- **Mesoscopic type Models**
- (Over-)Simplified Models



### Linear Contact model

- (really too) simple ☺
- linear
- very **easy** to implement

$$f_i^{hys} = \begin{cases} k_1\delta & \text{for un-/re-loading} \\ -k_c\delta & \end{cases}$$



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

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

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

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

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

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

visc. diss.  $\eta = \frac{\gamma}{2m_{ij}}$

## Linear Contact model

- really simple ☺
- linear, analytical
- very **easy** to implement

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

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

contact duration  $t_c = \pi/\omega$

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

<http://www2.msm.ctw.utwente.nl/sluding/PAPERS/coll2p.pdf>

## Time-scales

time-step  $\Delta t \leq t_c/50$

contact duration  $t_c = \pi/\omega$

$$t_n < t_c$$

different sized particles

$$t_c^{large} > t_c^{small}$$

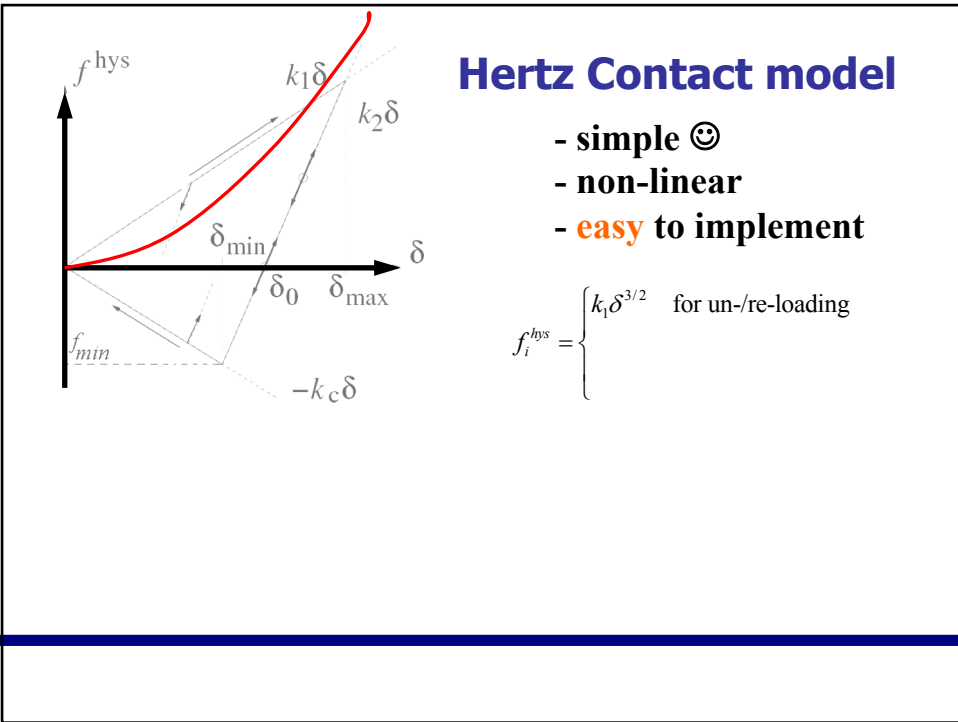
time between contacts

$$t_n > t_c$$

sound propagation  $N_L t_c$  ... with number of layers  $N_L$

experiment  $T$

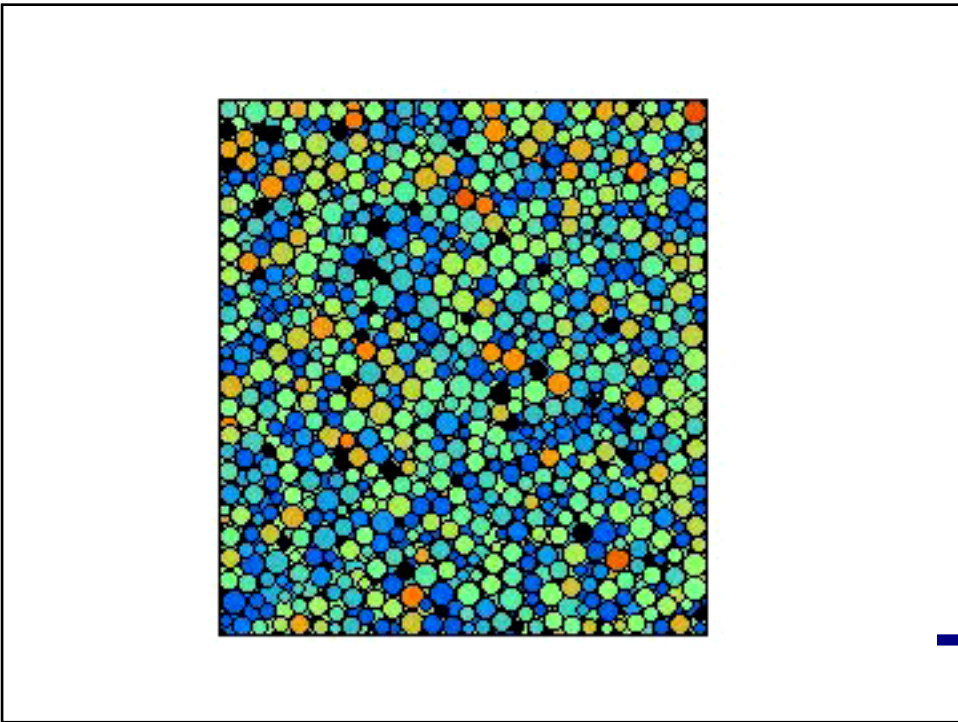
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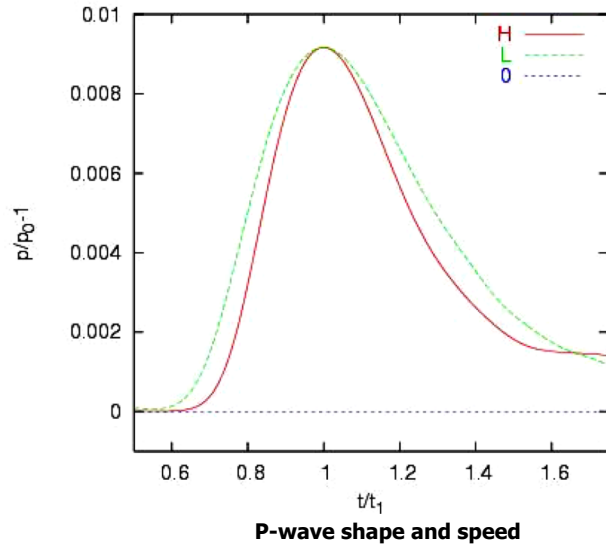
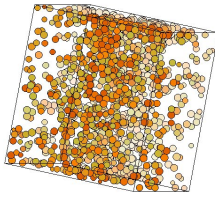
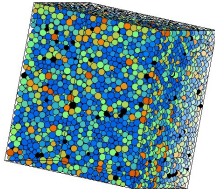
### Hertz Contact model

- simple ☺
- non-linear
- **easy** to implement

$$f_i^{hys} = \begin{cases} k_1\delta^{3/2} & \text{for un-/re-loading} \\ -k_c\delta & \end{cases}$$



# Sound



**P-wave shape and speed**

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