



# Packing and flow particle simulations

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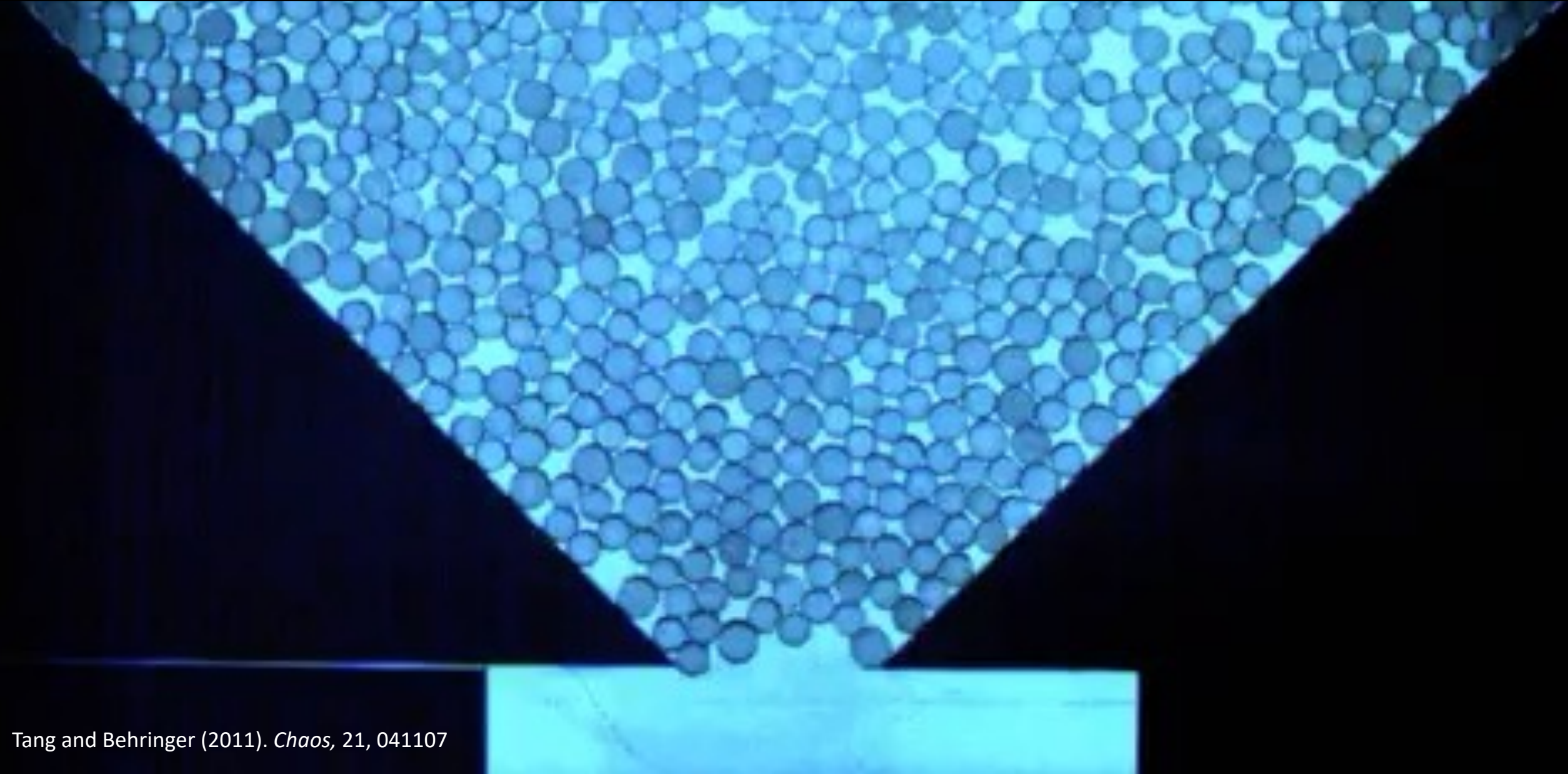
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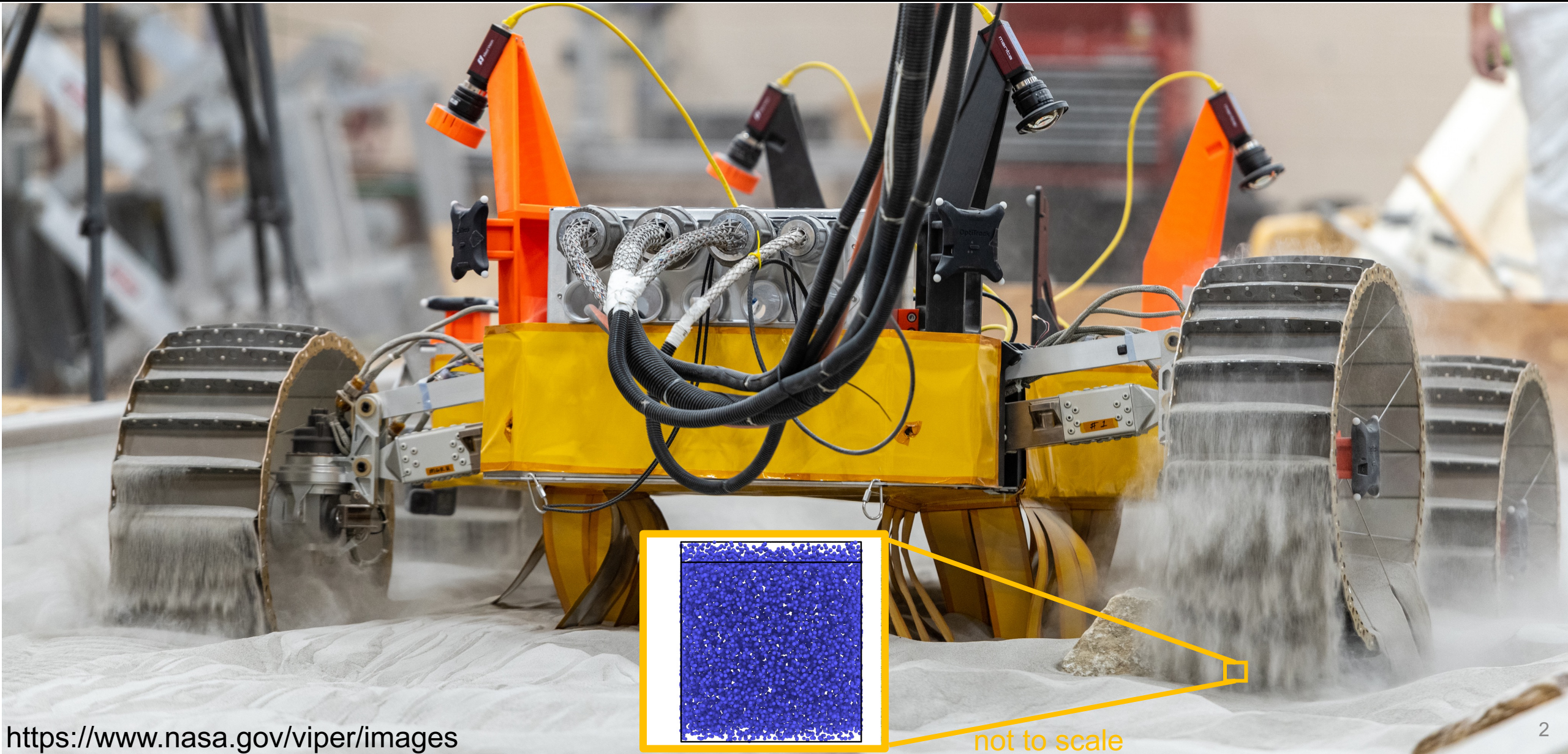
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# Rolling and Twisting friction matter for hopper flow



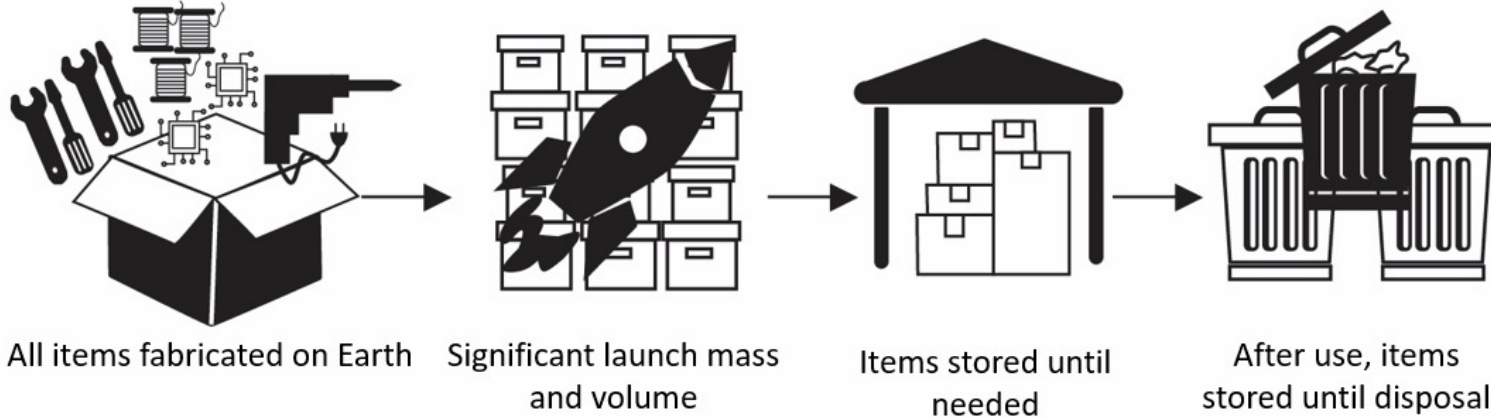
# Rover performance depends on regolith properties



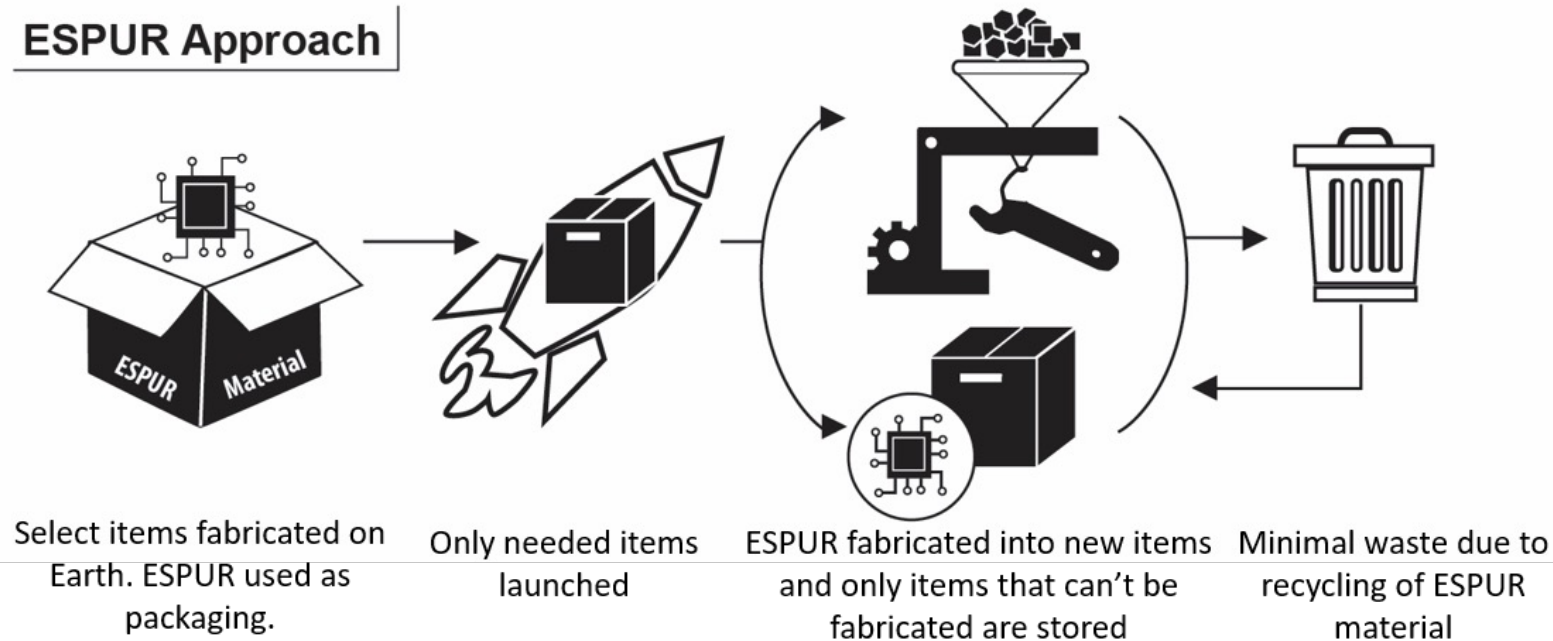
# In-space manufacturing



## Traditional Approach



## ESPUR Approach



Microparticle modelling for Enabling Sustained Presence Using Recyclables (**ESPUR**)

Design desirables:

- Printed part strength
- Reversibility

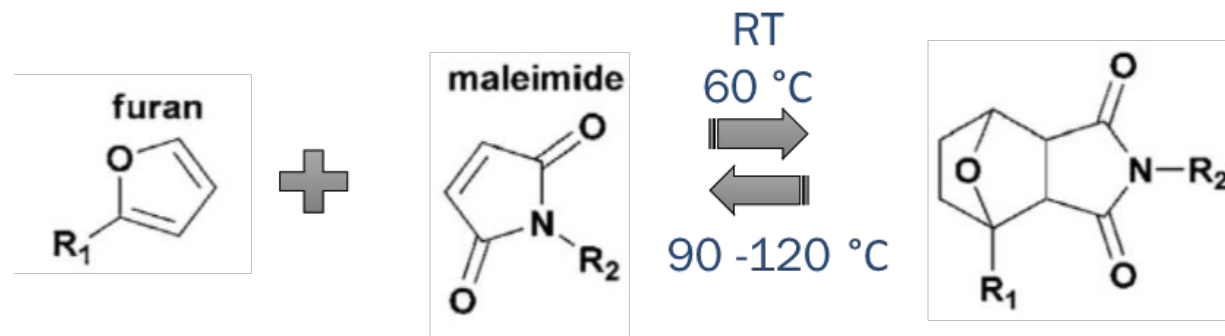
# Reversible Click Chemistry



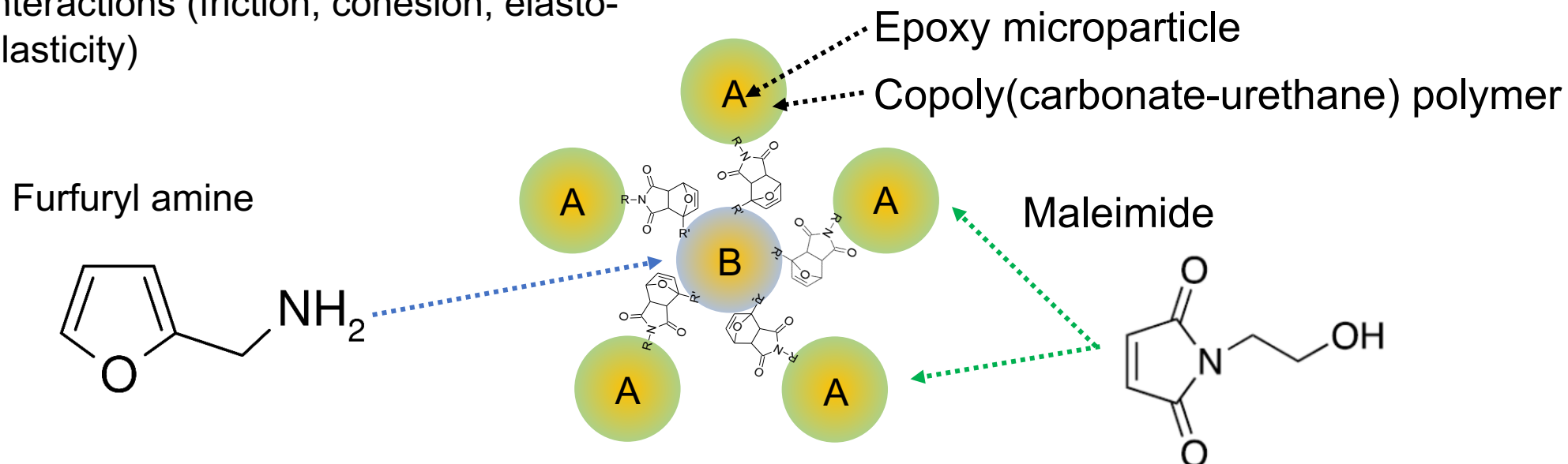
## Questions:

- How long does it take the Furan (A) and Maleimide (B) to find each other?
  - molecular weight
  - grafting density
  - entanglement length
- How can we improve strength by tuning:
  - Particle sizes
  - Particle shape
  - Interactions (friction, cohesion, elasto-plasticity)

## Maleimide-furan reaction



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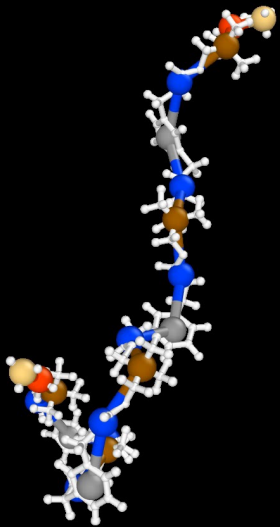


# Modeling the polymer-grafted microparticles



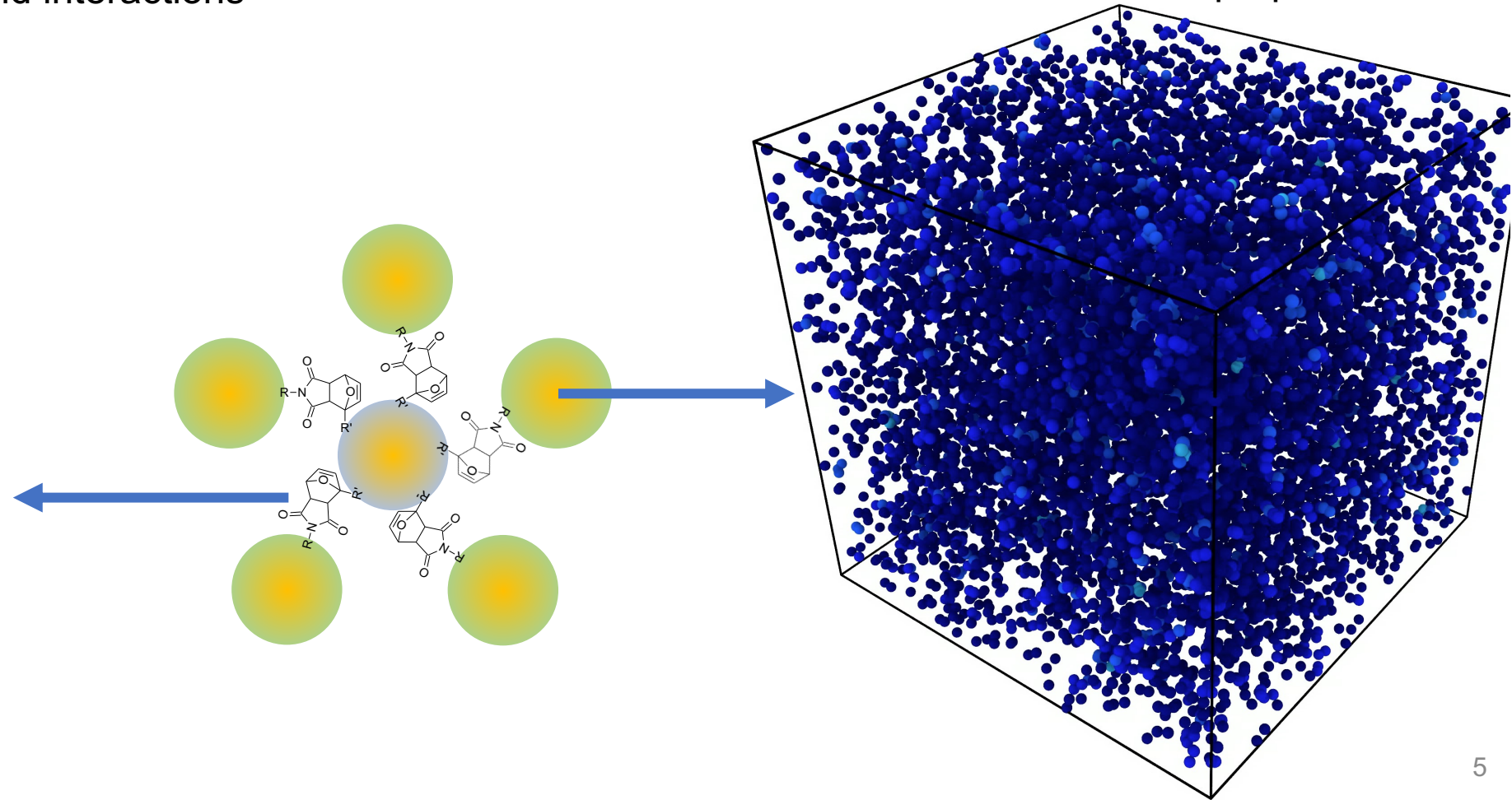
## Polymer physics modeling

Molecular dynamics (MD) with atomistic and coarse-grained models  
Measure dynamics, structure and interactions



## Microparticle modeling

Discrete element modeling (DEM) with particle models  
Contact mechanics define particle-particle interactions  
Measure microstructure and mechanical properties



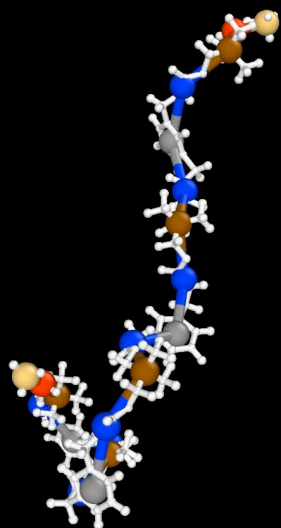
# Connections with experiments



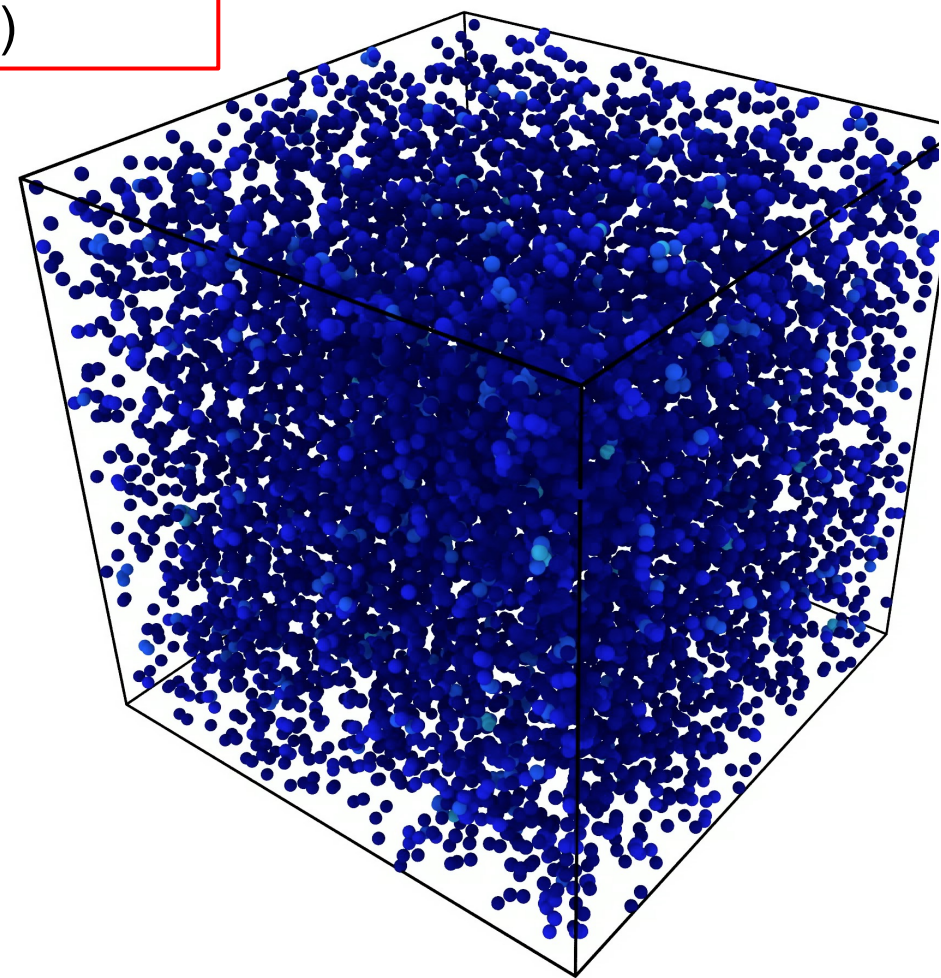
## Brush/coating synthesis

## Processing

**Goal:** Maximize number of A-B contacts  
( $N^{\text{contacts}} \approx \text{Mechanical strength}$ )



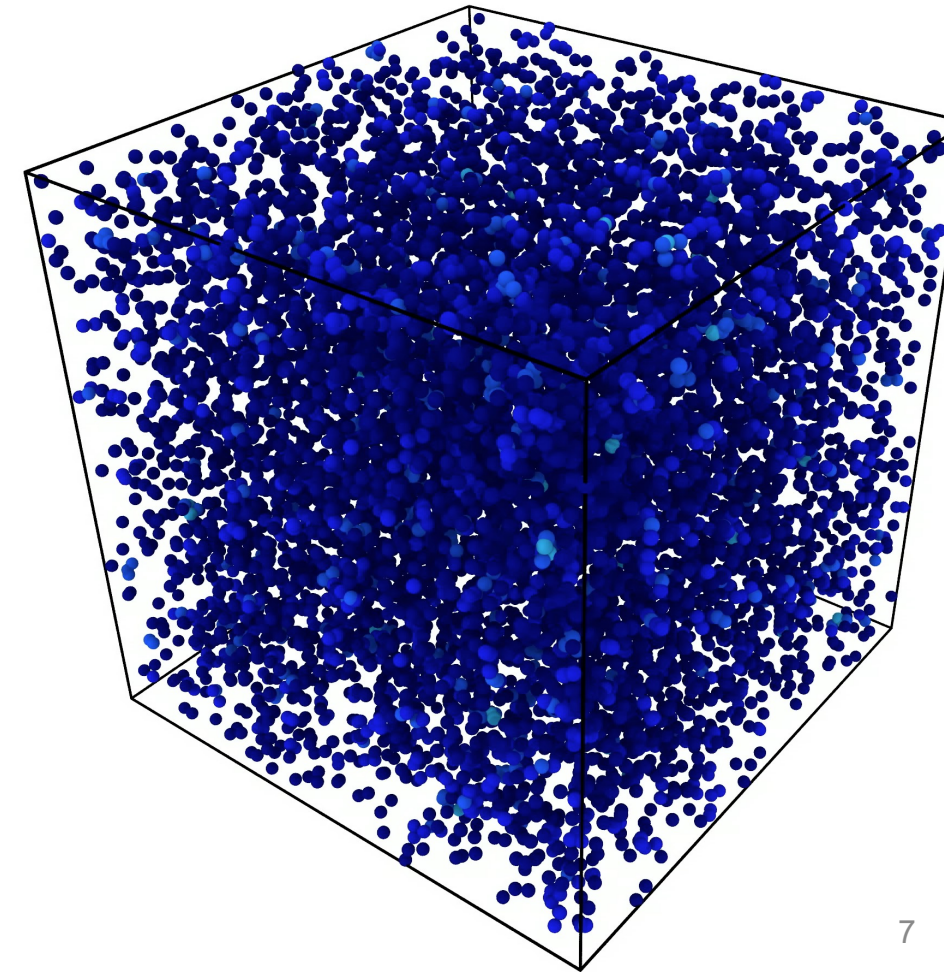
Atomic force microscopy



## Microparticle modeling

Discrete element modeling (DEM) with particle models  
Hertzian and JKR contacts

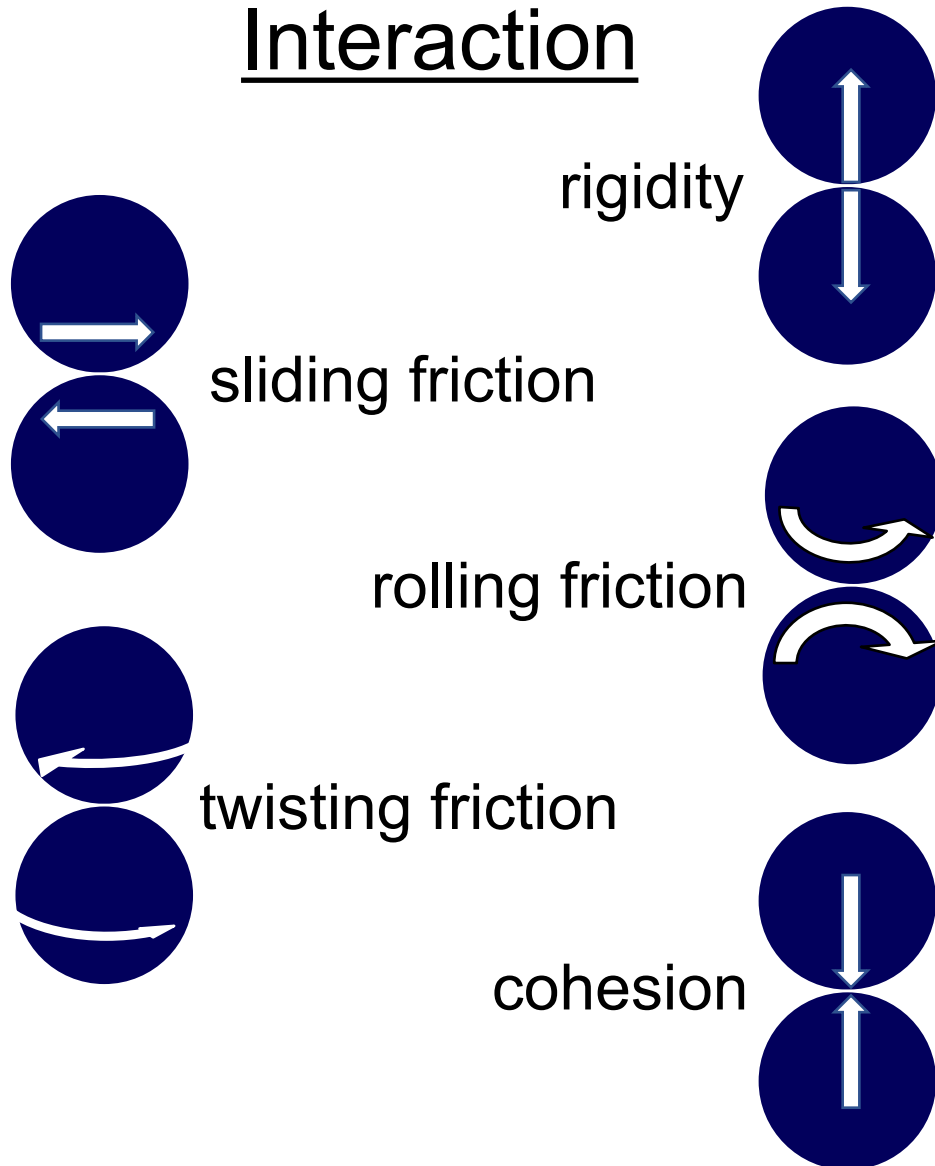
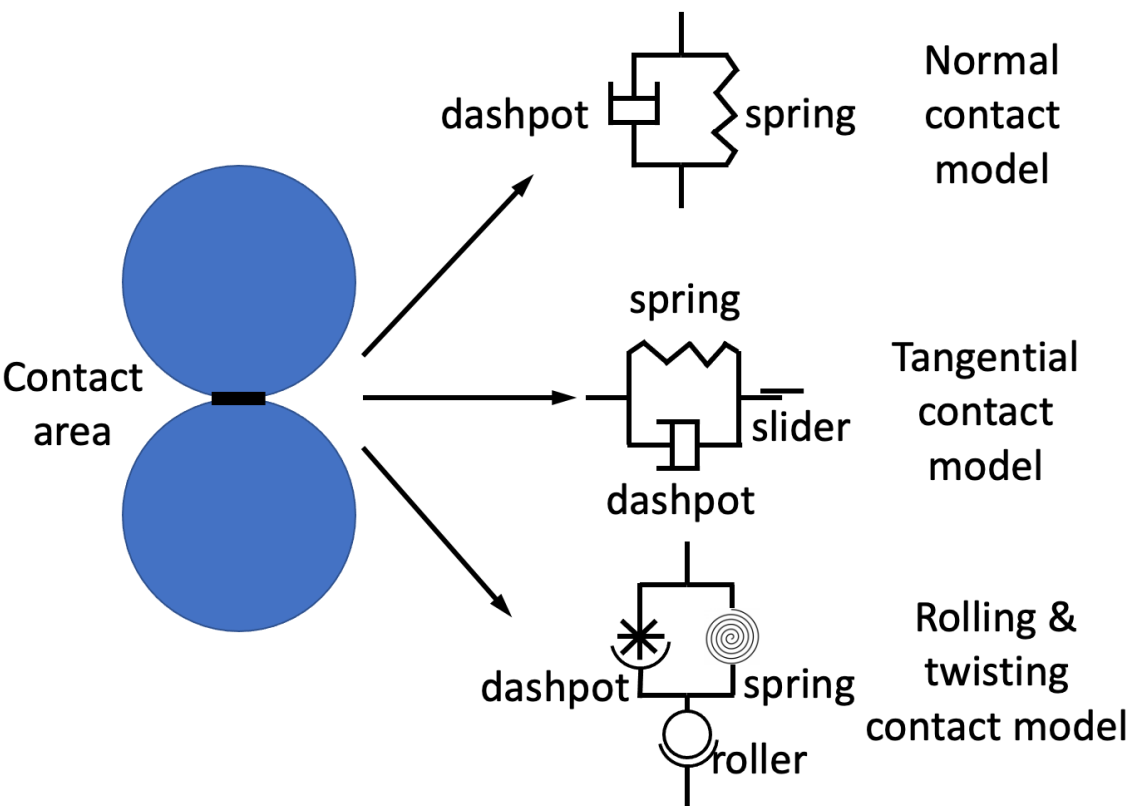
- Packing protocol: specify pressure tensor and bring system to final state from a very low pressure.
- Dilute initial configuration (25% volume fraction)
- At least 1000 particles each of type A and B (up to 10 million total particles)





## Size dispersity

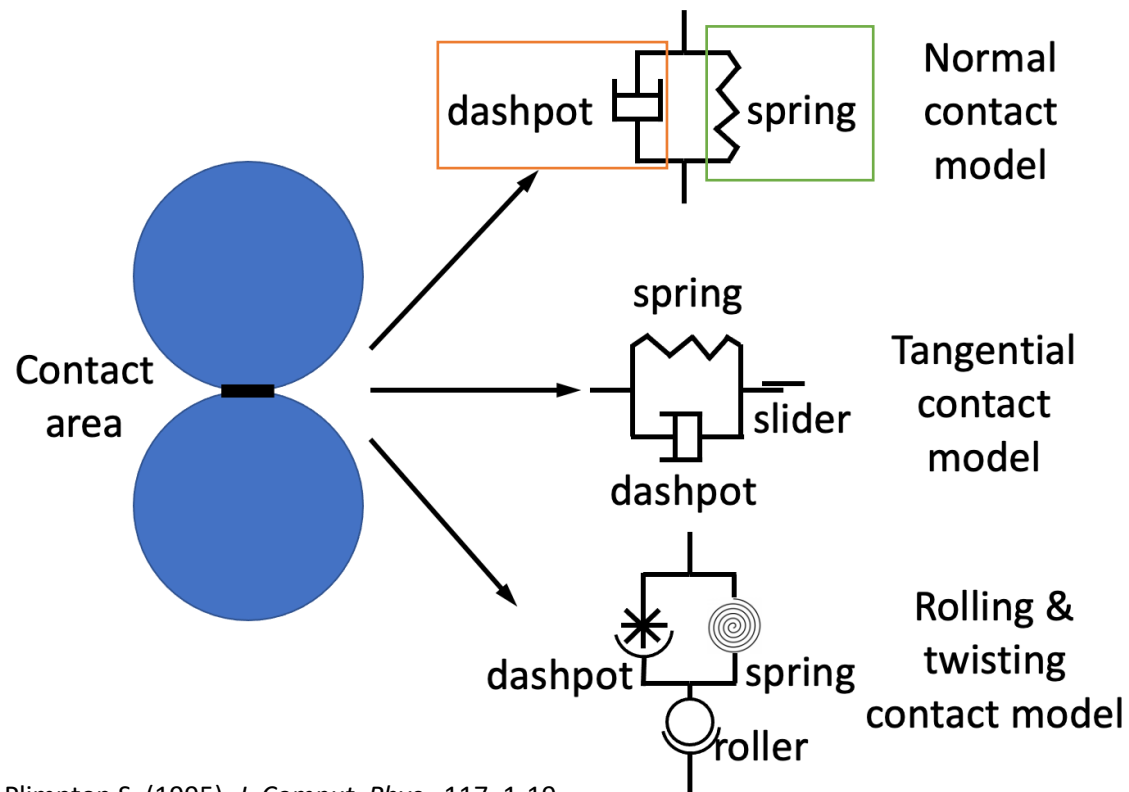
## Interaction



# Contact mechanics model



Discrete element, particle-based modeling (DEM) (implemented within LAMMPS).



$$\mathbf{F}_{ne,Hertz} = k_n R_{eff}^{1/2} \delta_{ij}^{3/2} \mathbf{n}$$

$$\mathbf{F}_{n,damp} = -\eta_n \mathbf{v}_{n,rel} \quad \eta_n = \eta_{n0} a m_{eff}$$

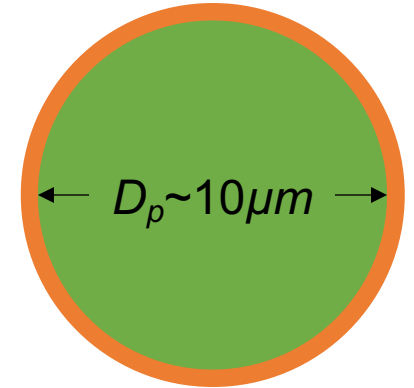
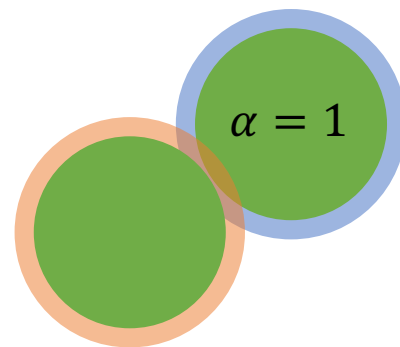
| Property                   | parameter  | model                                      |
|----------------------------|------------|--|
| Young's modulus            | $k_n$      | 4.808 GPa                                  |
| Poisson's ratio            | $k_s$      |  |
| Coefficient of restitution | $\gamma_n$ | $0.009404 \mu\text{m}^{-1} \text{ns}^{-1}$ |
| density                    | mass       | $1.1 \text{ pg}/\mu\text{m}^3$             |
| diameter                   |            | $10 \mu\text{m}$                           |
|                            |            |  |

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# Mono- and gaussian-dispersed simulations



# Monodisperse simulations



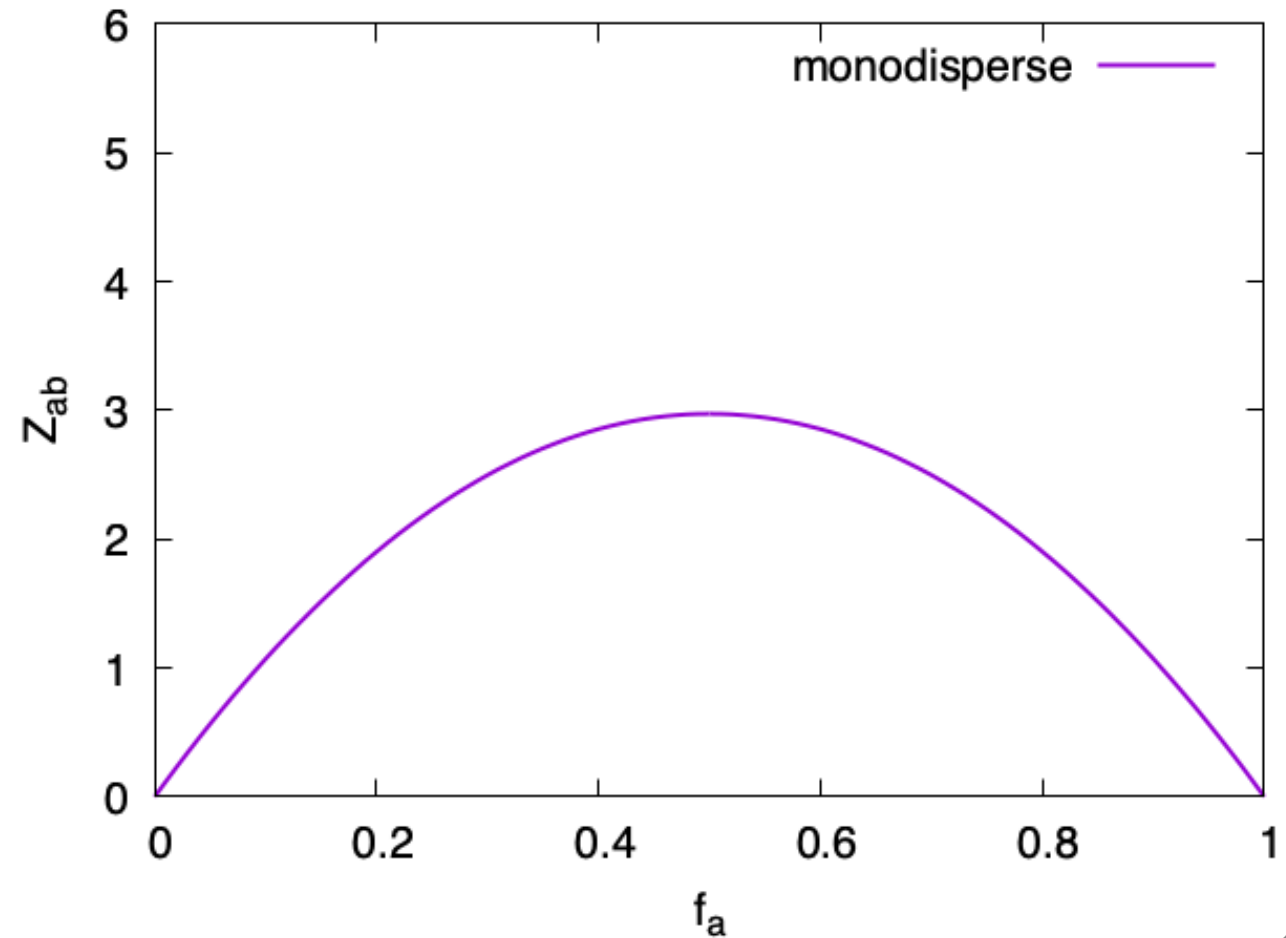
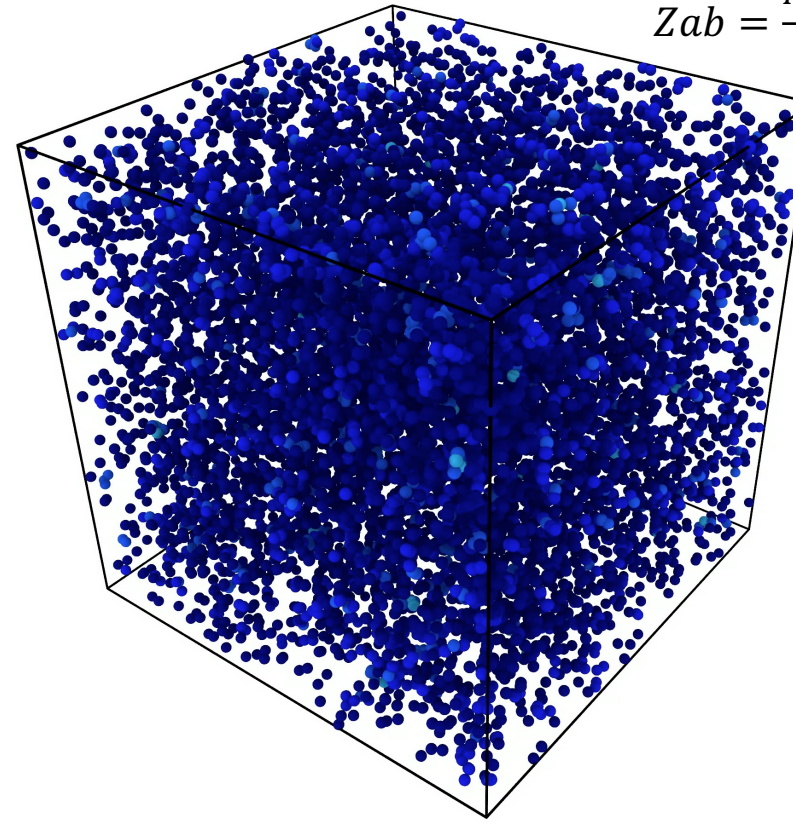
**Packing fraction:**

$$\phi = \frac{V_{\text{particles}}}{V_{\text{box}}}, \phi_{\text{mono}} = 0.638$$

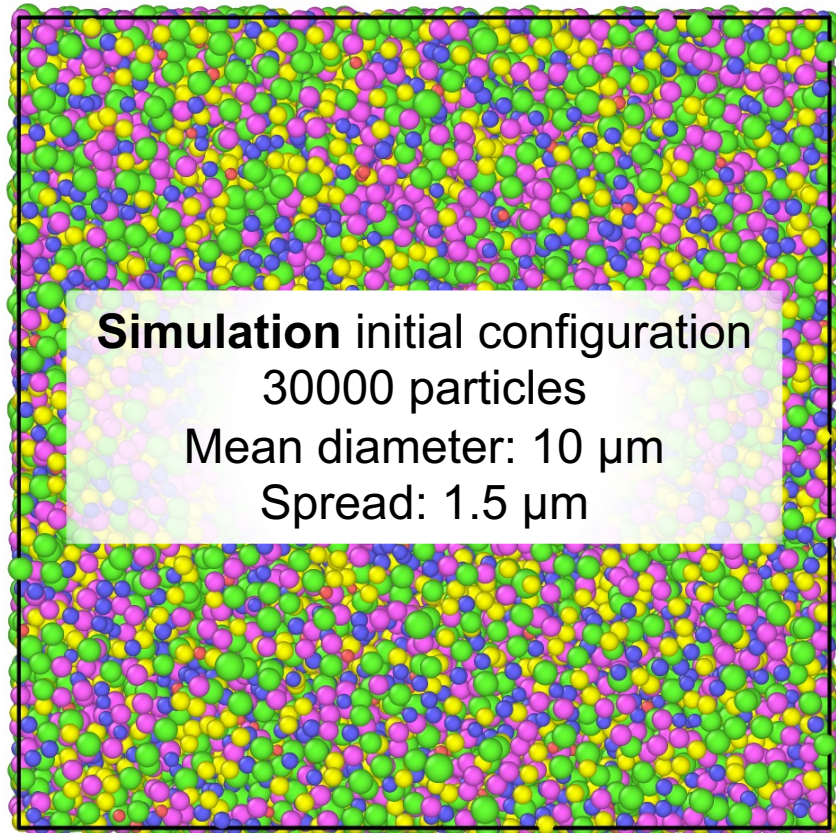
**Coordination number:**

$$Z = \frac{N^{\text{contacts}}}{N^{\text{particles}}} = Z_{\text{mono}} = 5.79$$

$$Z_{ab} = \frac{N_{ab}^{\text{contacts}} + N_{ba}^{\text{contacts}}}{N_{\text{total}}^{\text{particles}}}$$



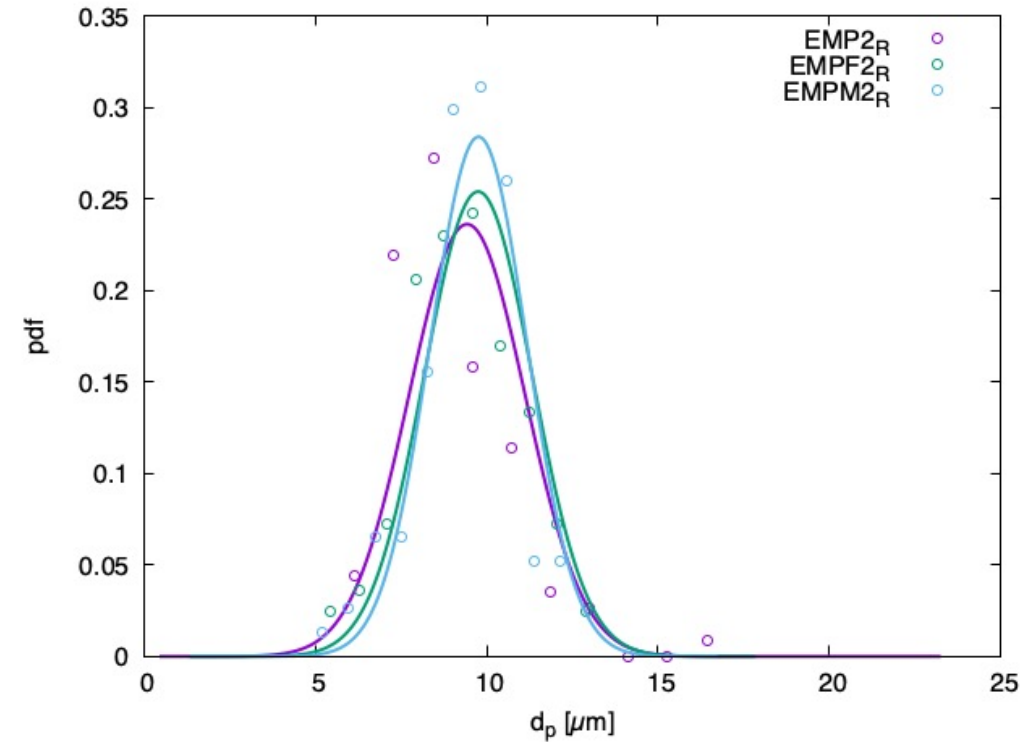
# Polydisperse simulations



## Experimental particle size distribution

Points: data

Line: fit



# A-B coordination number increases with A-B fraction



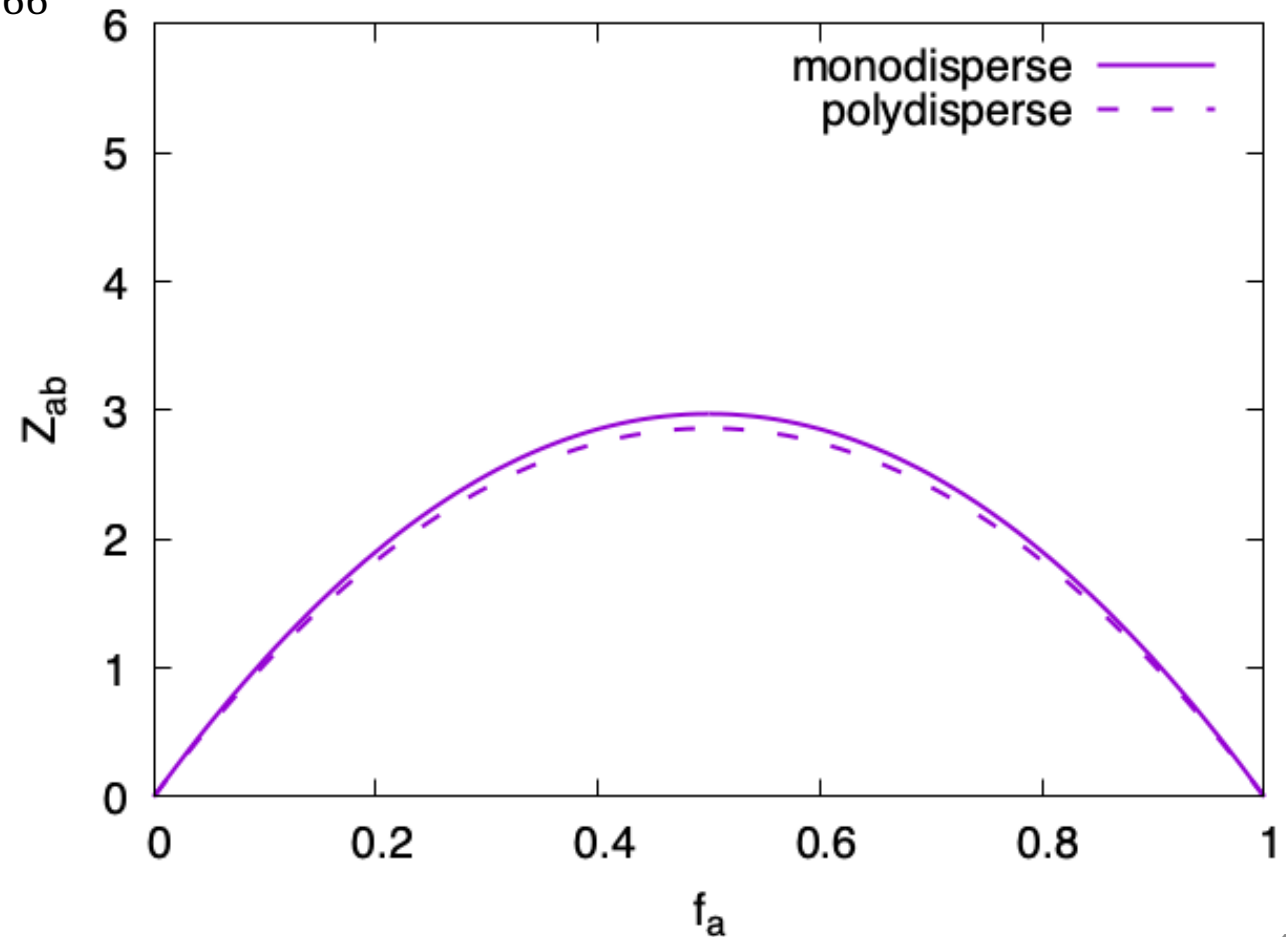
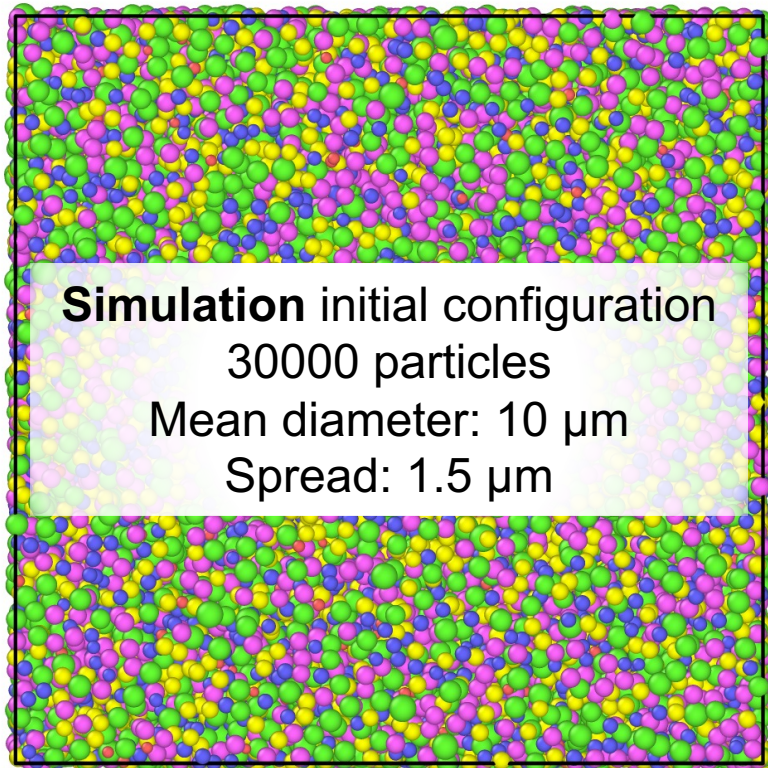
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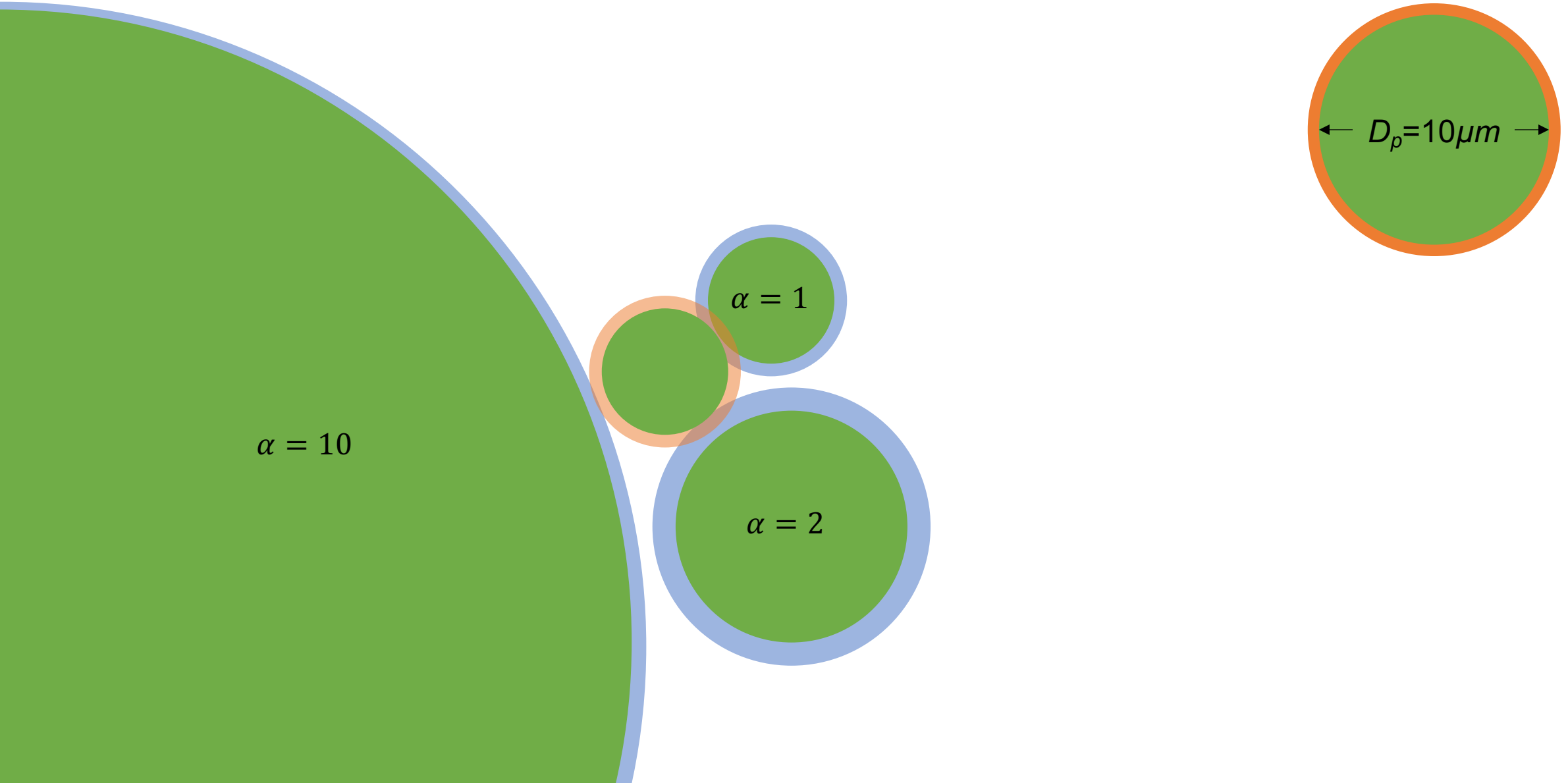
**Coordination number:**

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$$Z_{ab} = \frac{N_{ab}^{\text{contacts}} + N_{ba}^{\text{contacts}}}{N_{\text{particles}}^{\text{total}}}$$



# Bidisperse simulations dispersity range



# Volume fraction increases with dispersity

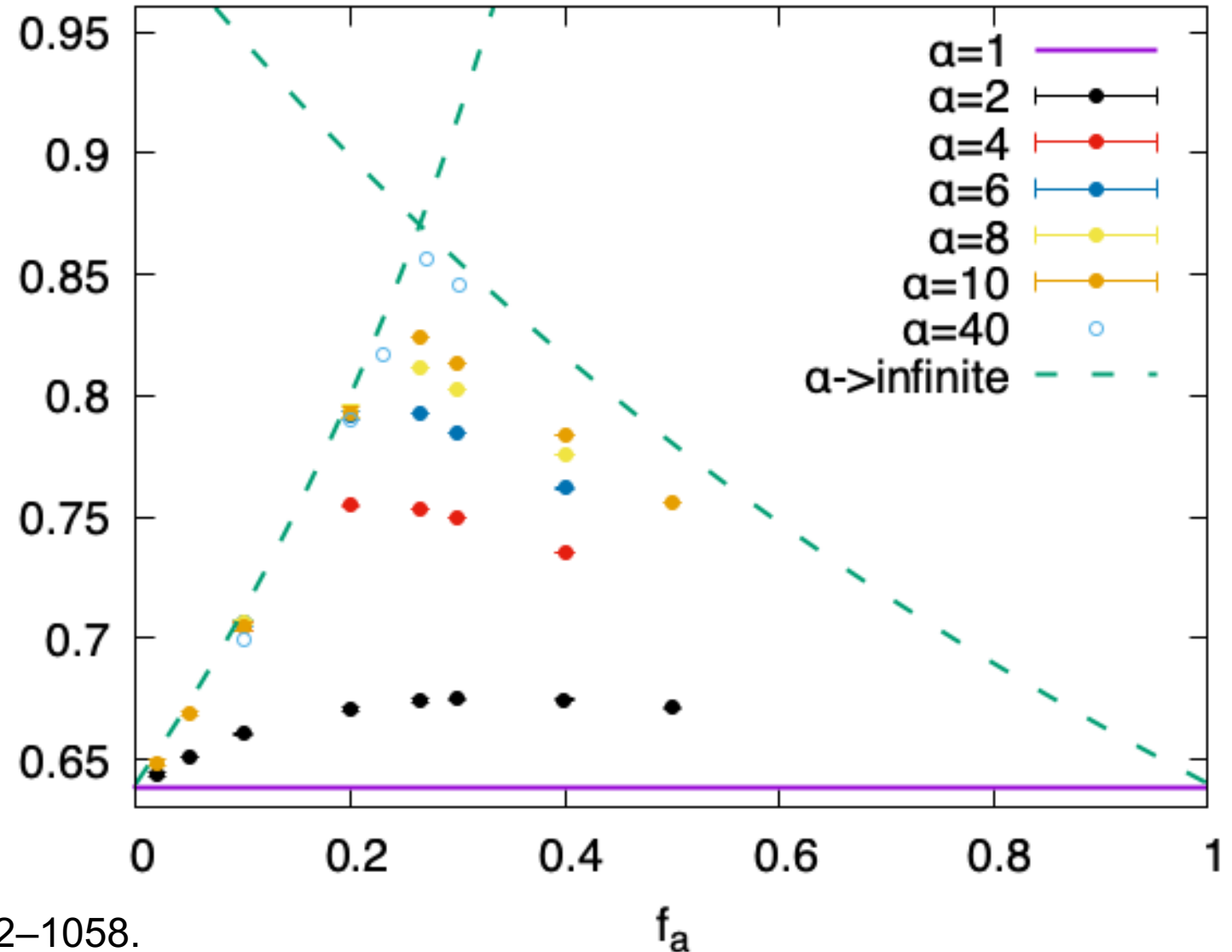
$$\alpha = \frac{D_b}{D_a} = \frac{D_{\text{large}}}{D_{\text{small}}}$$

$$f_a = \frac{\phi_{\text{small}}}{\phi_{\text{small}} + \phi_{\text{large}}} = \frac{N_{\text{small}}}{N_{\text{small}} + N_{\text{large}}\alpha^3}$$

$$\phi = \frac{V_{\text{particles}}}{V_{\text{box}}} = \frac{\frac{\pi}{6} (N_{\text{small}}D_{\text{small}}^3 + N_{\text{large}}D_{\text{large}}^3)}{V_{\text{box}}}$$

$\phi$

- Agreement with previous results
  - Shows hertzian and hookean have similar bidisperse packing behavior
- Larger size ratio  $\rightarrow$  lower void fraction  
 $\rightarrow$  more strength



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# Small-large coordination number decreases with $\alpha$



$$Z_{ab} = \frac{N_{ab}^{\text{contacts}} + N_{ba}^{\text{contacts}}}{N_{\text{total}}^{\text{particles}}}$$

- Many smalls are rattlers for large  $\alpha$
- **Smaller** size ratio  $\rightarrow$  more contacts  $\rightarrow$  more strength
- Different story than some theory

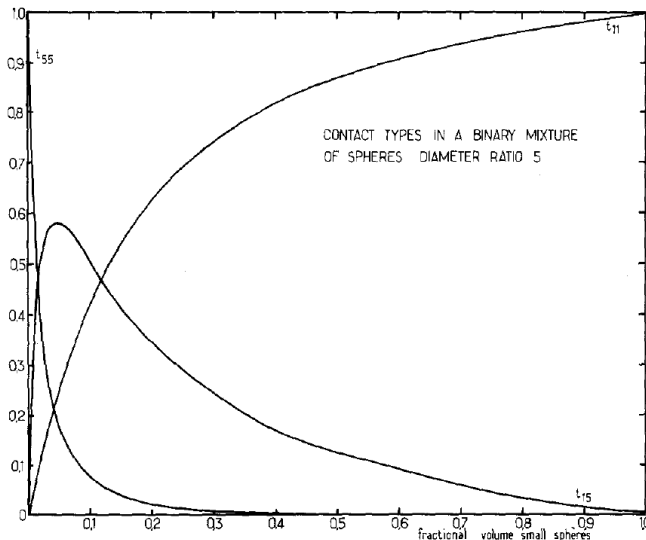
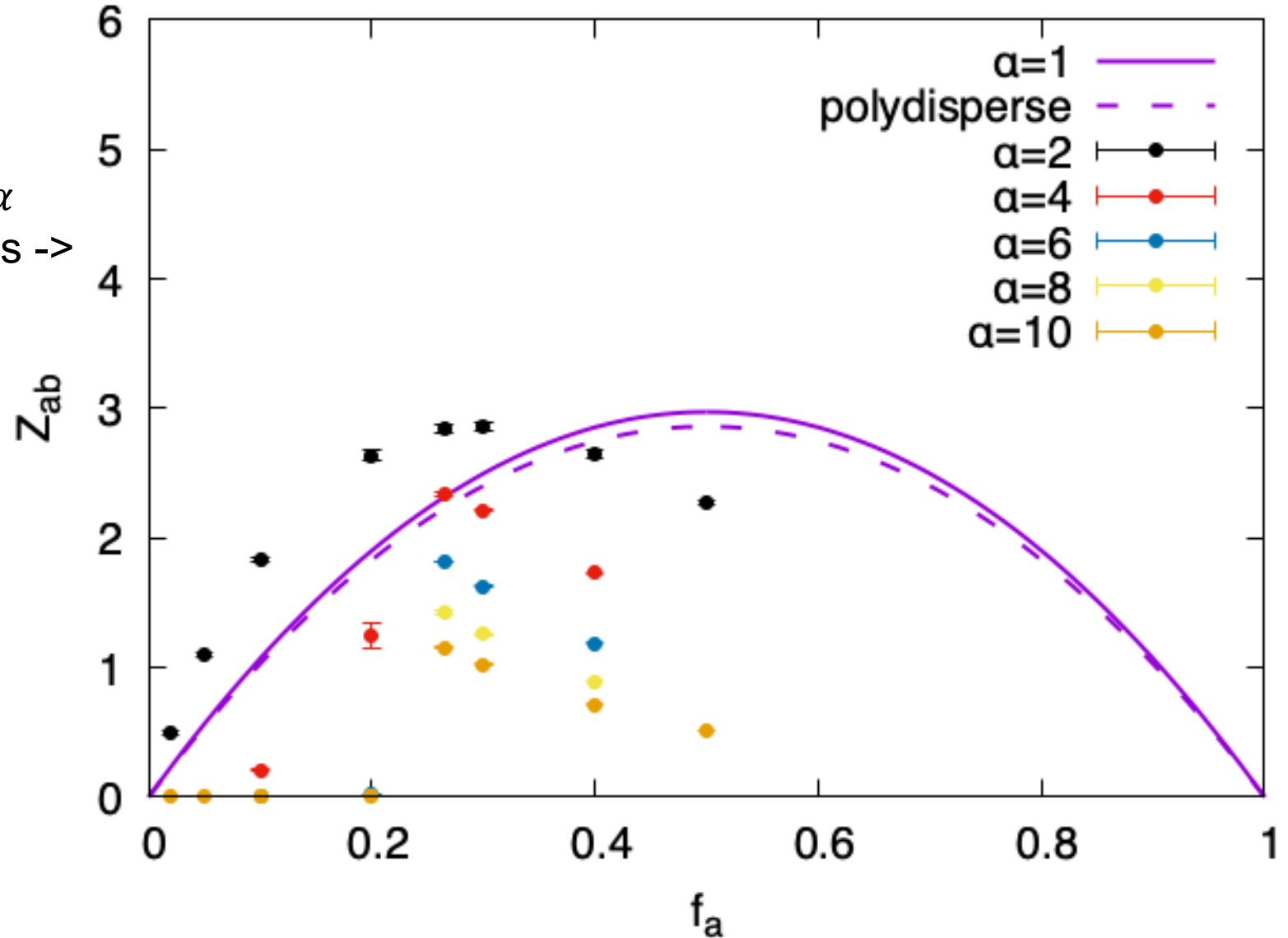


FIG. 5. Contact types in a binary mixture of spheres diameter ratio 5.





- Monodisperse to weakly polydisperse causes increased density but decreased A-B contacts
- 50% vol A is the optimal mixture for mono and polydisperse particle sizes
- The peak volume fraction corresponds with a peak in A-B contacts for bidisperse packings.
- Increasing size ratio causes the volume fraction to increase and A-B contacts to decrease.

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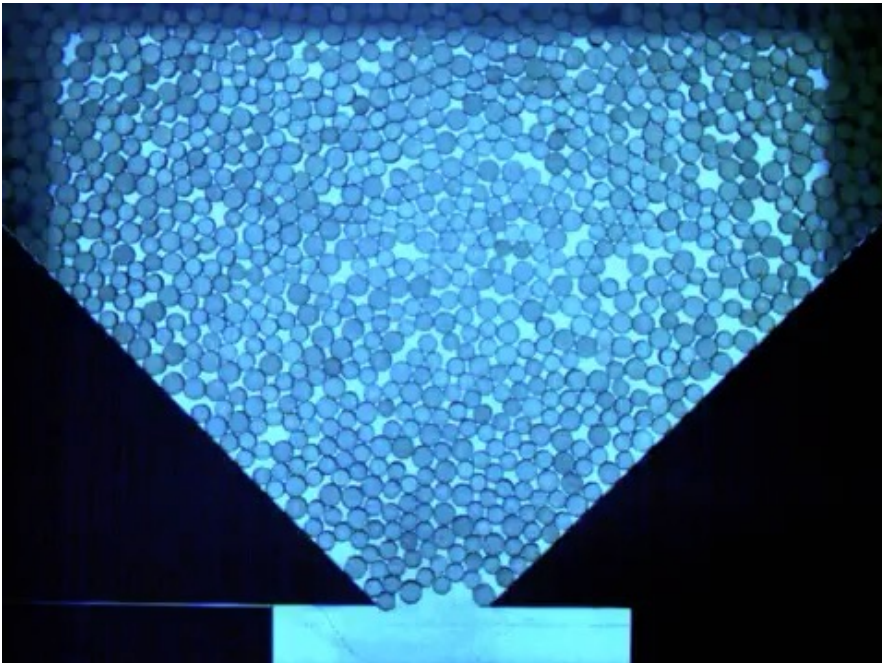
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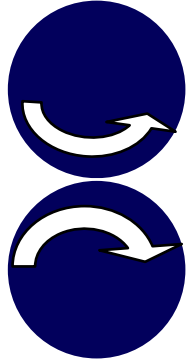
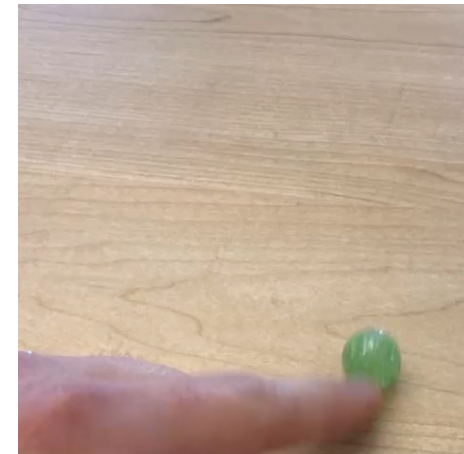
## Rolling and twisting torque resistance sources

- Load asymmetry built up by:
  - microslip and creep
  - inelastic deformation at contact area
  - roughness

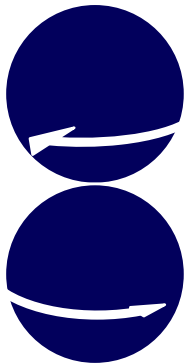
## Rotational motion and friction in hopper



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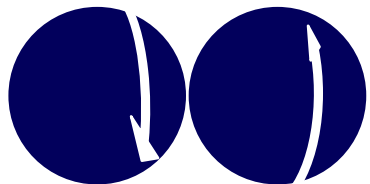
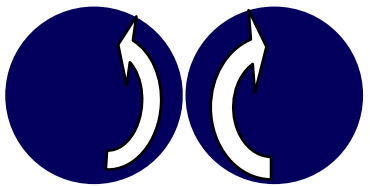
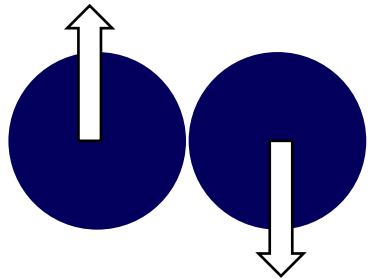
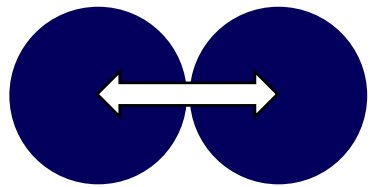


Rolling



Twisting

# Constraint counting



*Theory for a stable packing:*

The total number of constraints at contact are equal or greater than the total number of equations of motions

$$N^{\text{eqn}} = \begin{cases} 6N, & \text{if 3d, frictional} \\ 3N, & \text{if 2d, frictional} \\ 3N, & \text{if 3d, frictionless} \\ 2N, & \text{if 2d, frictionless} \end{cases}$$

$$N^{\text{eqn}} = \frac{N^c}{2} N \langle Z \rangle \quad \text{at jamming}$$

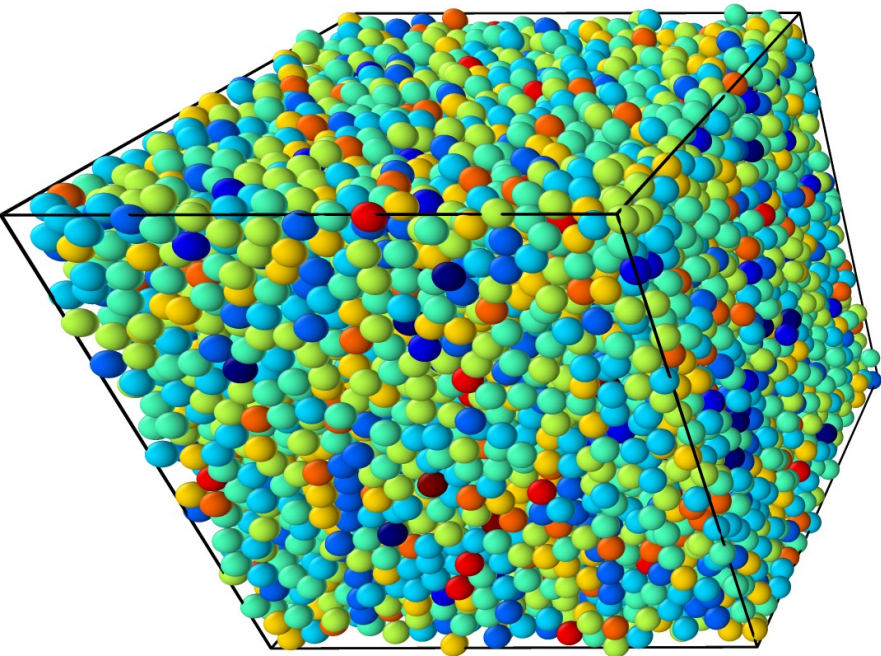
$$\langle Z \rangle = \frac{2N^{\text{eqn}}}{N^c N} \quad \text{Avg. contacts/particle "coordination number"}$$

| Friction                              | $\langle Z \rangle$ |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------|
| frictionless                          | 6                   |
| sliding friction                      | 4                   |
| sliding + rolling + twisting friction | 2                   |

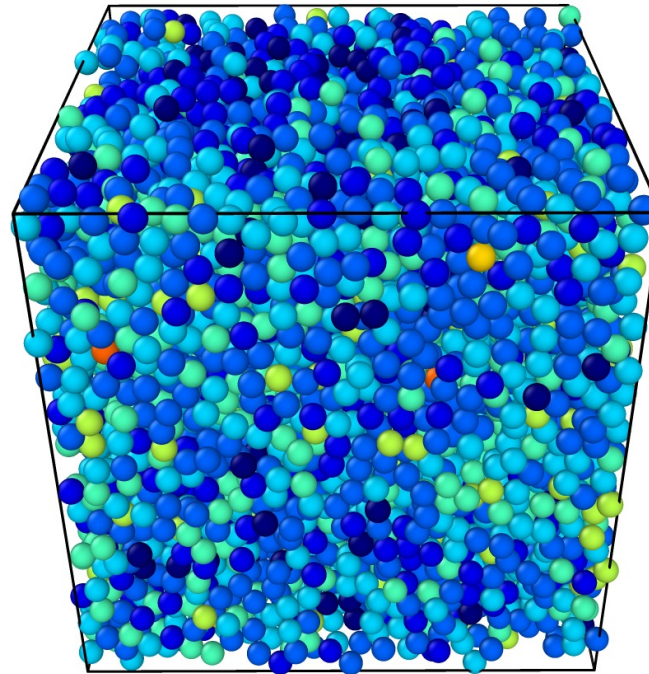
# Microstructure and rattlers



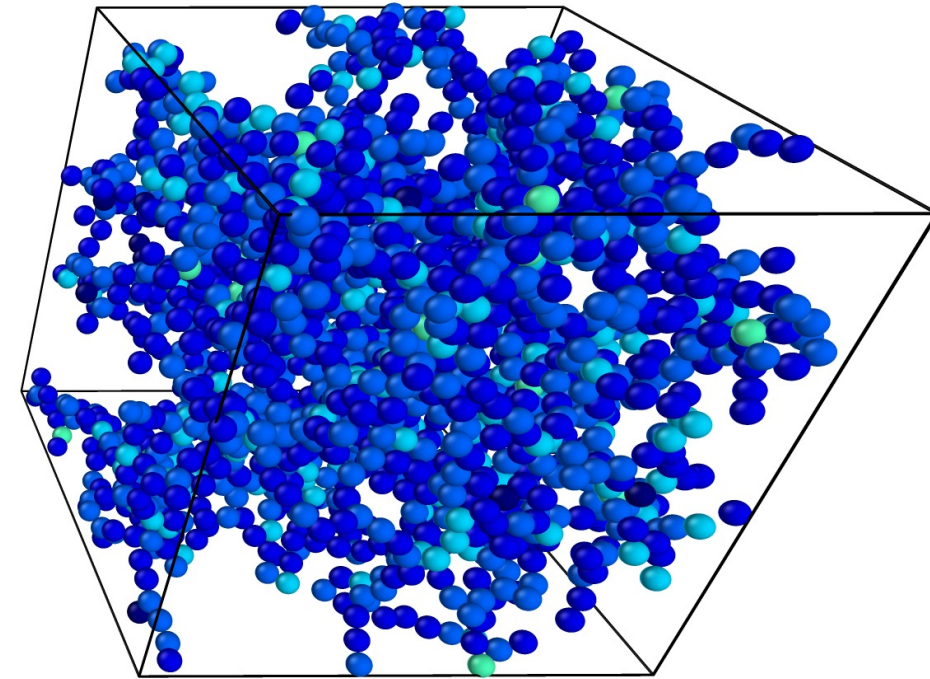
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$$\mu_s = \mu_r = \mu_t = 0.3$$

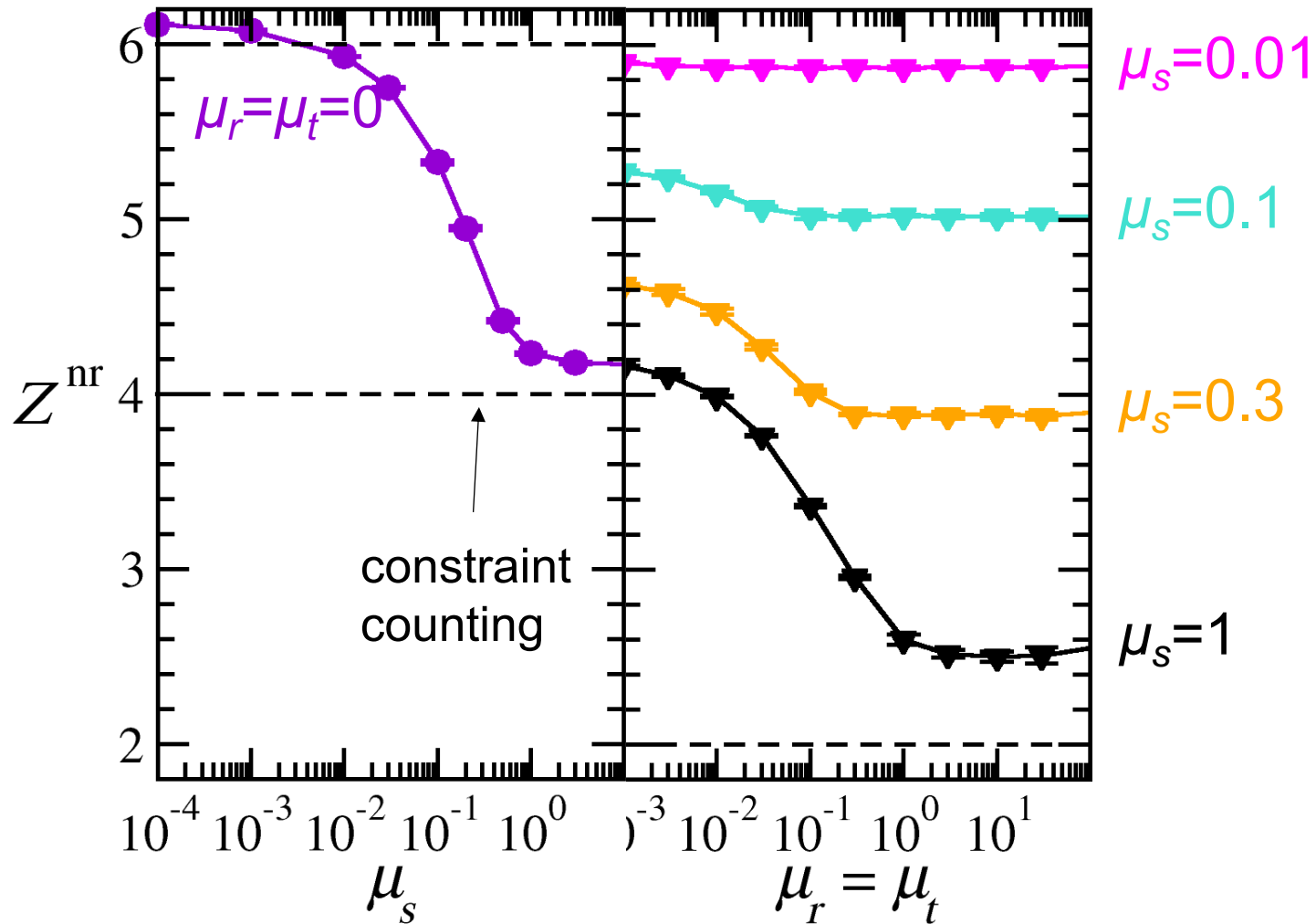


$$\mu_s = \mu_r = \mu_t = 1$$



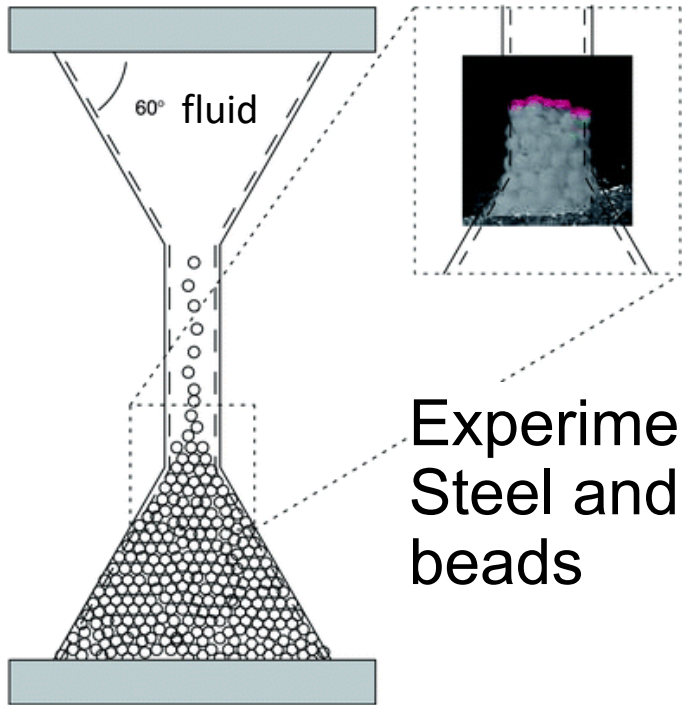
$$Z = \frac{\# \text{ of contacts}}{\text{particle}}$$

# Simulations vs theory - coordination



- Constraint counting under-predicts, but is affirmed by simulations
- $\min(Z^{nr}) \sim 2.45$

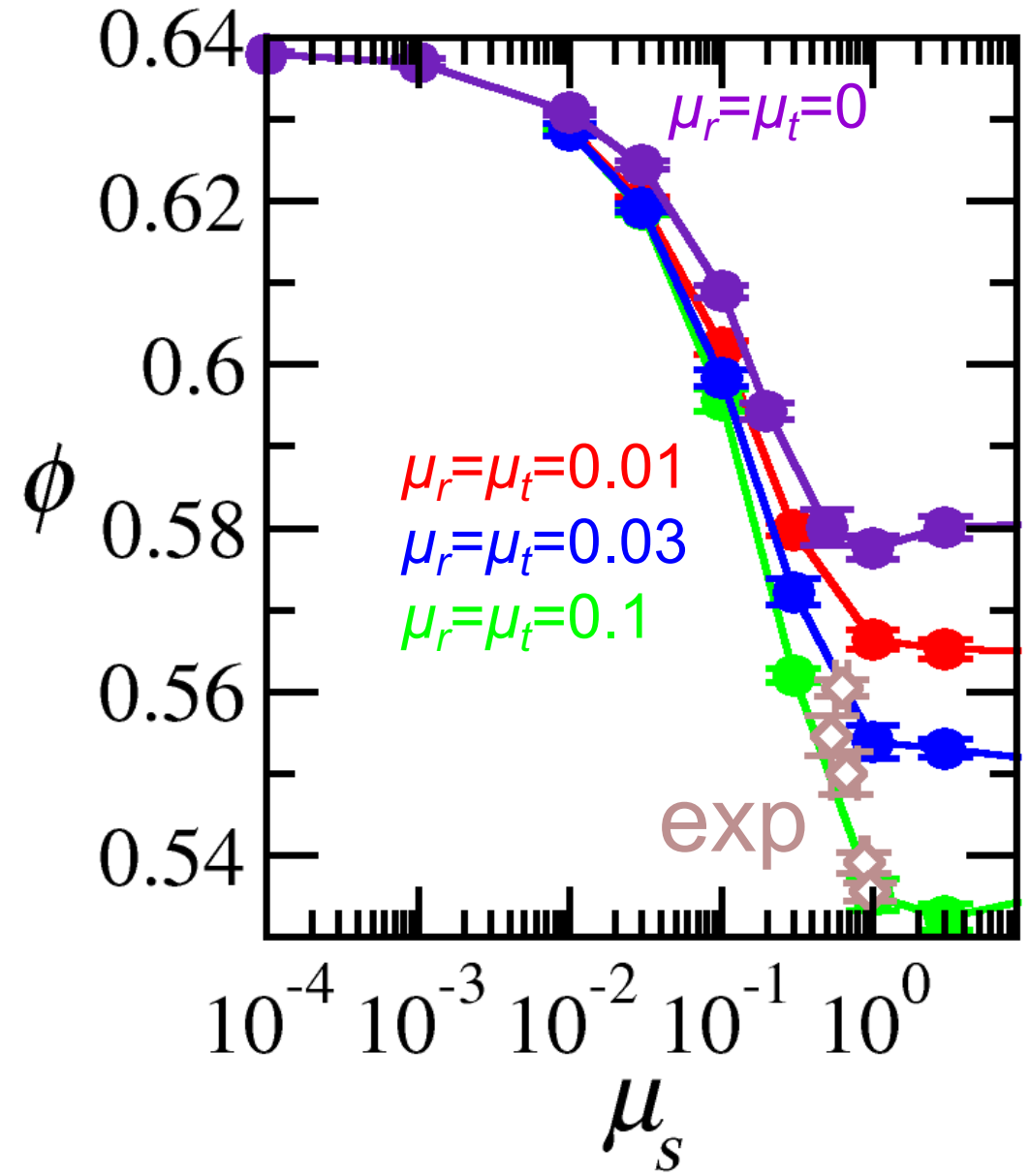
# Experimental comparison



Experiments of Al,  
Steel and plastic  
beads

Menon N. et al. (2010). *Soft Matter*, 6(13), 2925-2930

- Simulations agree with experiments with moderate rolling and twisting friction
- Rolling and twisting friction have little effect for low  $\mu_s$

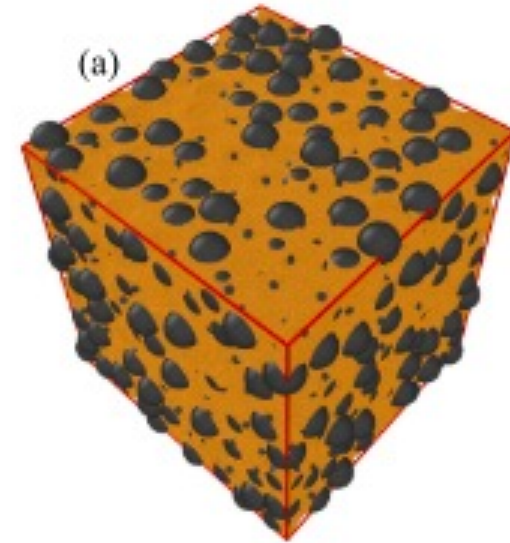
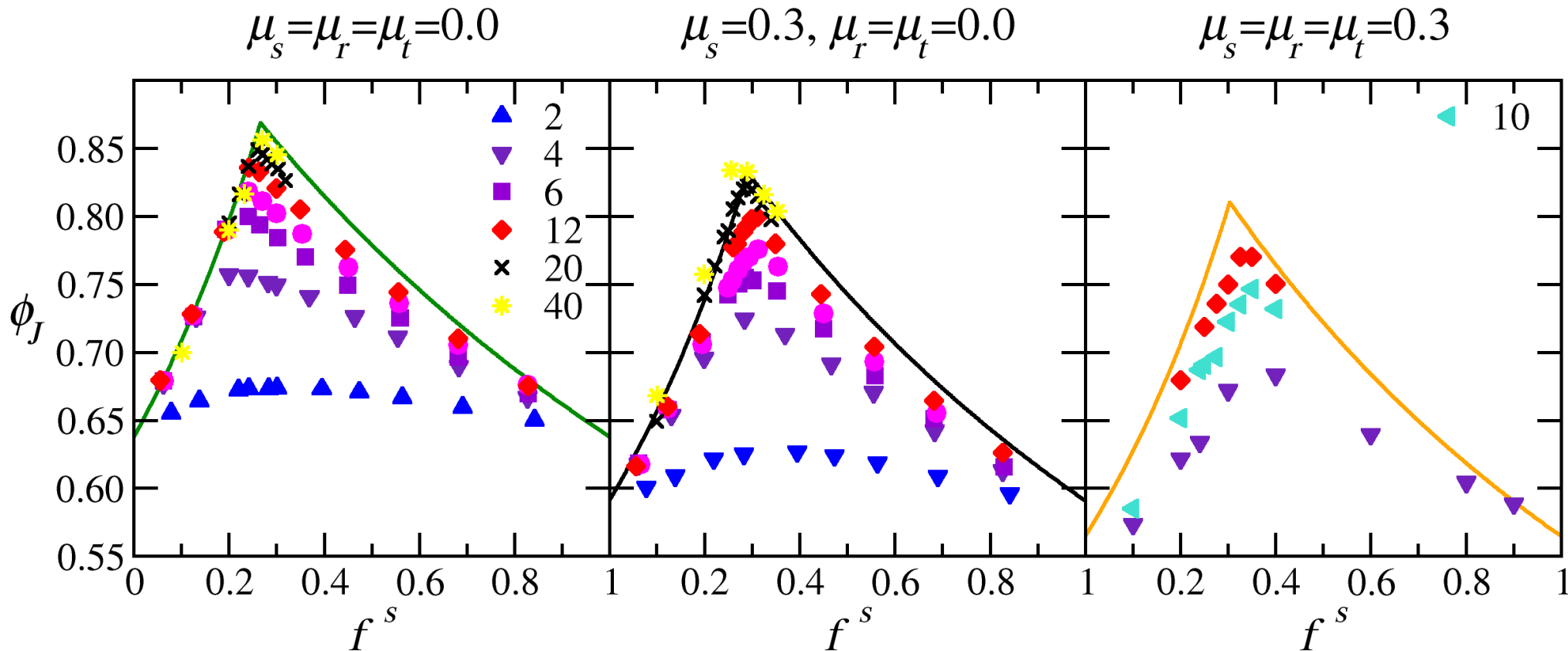


# Bidisperse packings



$\alpha$ : size ratio  
 $f^s$ : smalls fraction

- Tractable simulations of huge size ratios (40:1) possible due to LAMMPS
- Limiting behavior is attained for ratios around 20:1

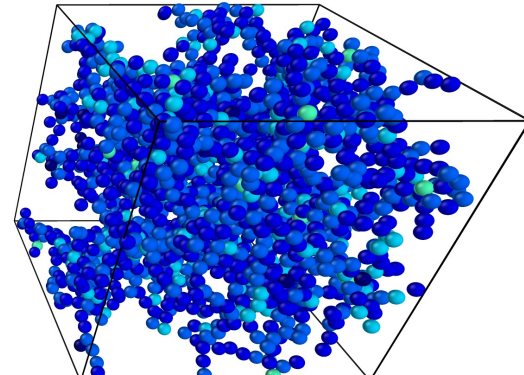
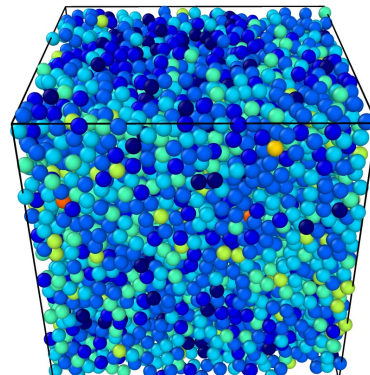
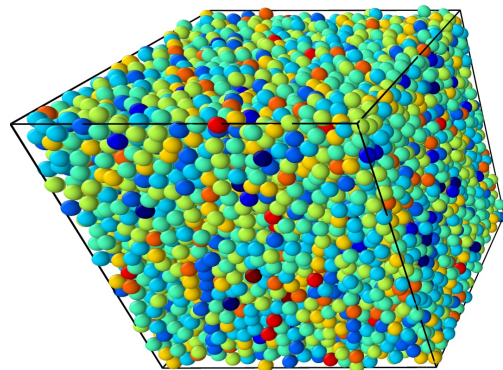
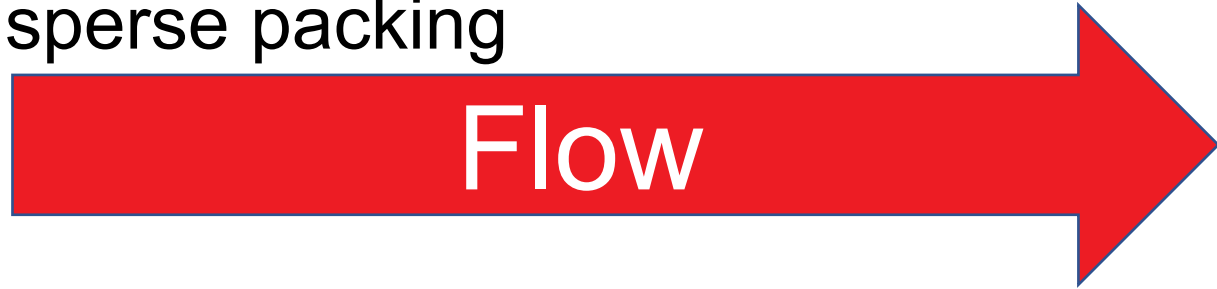
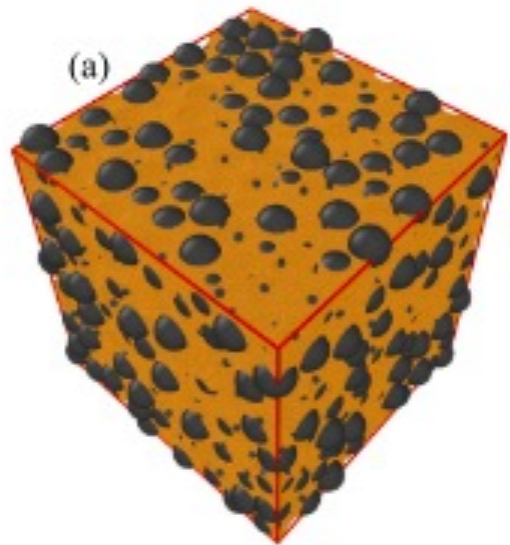




# Conclusions



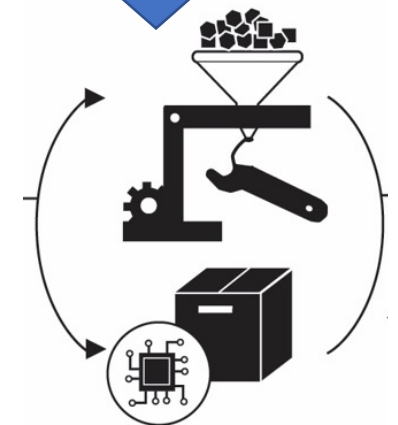
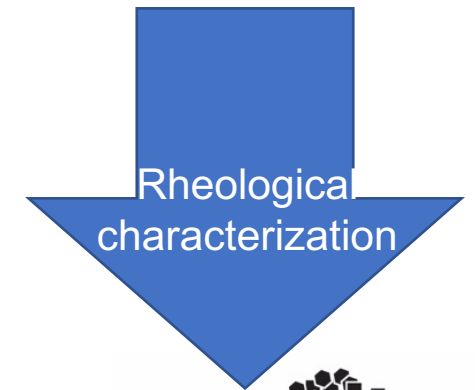
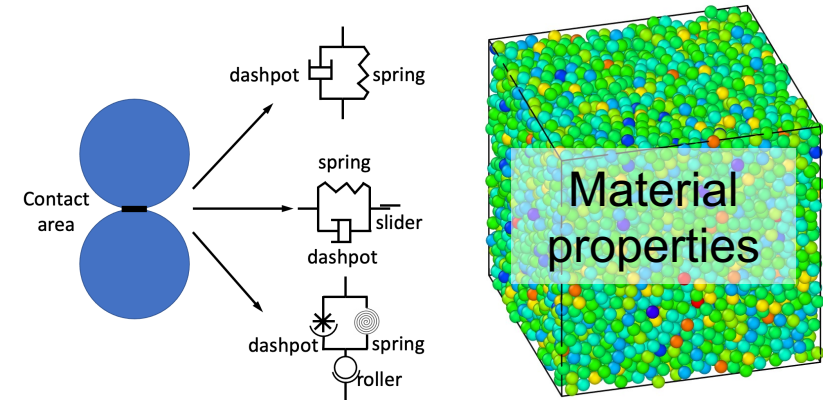
- $\langle Z \rangle$  goes from 6 to 2.5
- Agreement with experimental  $\phi$  when  $\mu_r \neq \mu_t \neq 0$
- Rolling and twisting friction cause large changes in microstructure
- Role of rolling and twisting friction on bidisperse packing is predicted by monodisperse packing



# Predicting granular flow behavior



- Realistic modeling is necessary to match experimental systems because:
  - Rolling and twisting friction change microstructure and yield-stress
  - Size distributions is not monodisperse
- DEM simulations:
  - Can predicting flow behavior
  - Support constitutive law development
  - Experimental measurement interpretation



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# Methods and model



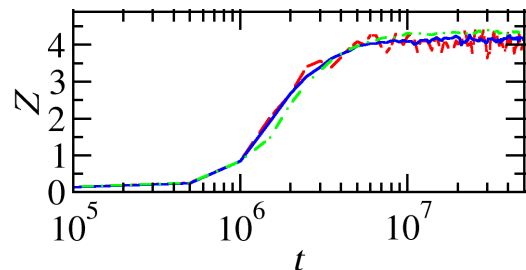
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$$P = 10^{-4}$$

Monodisperse, frictional spheres

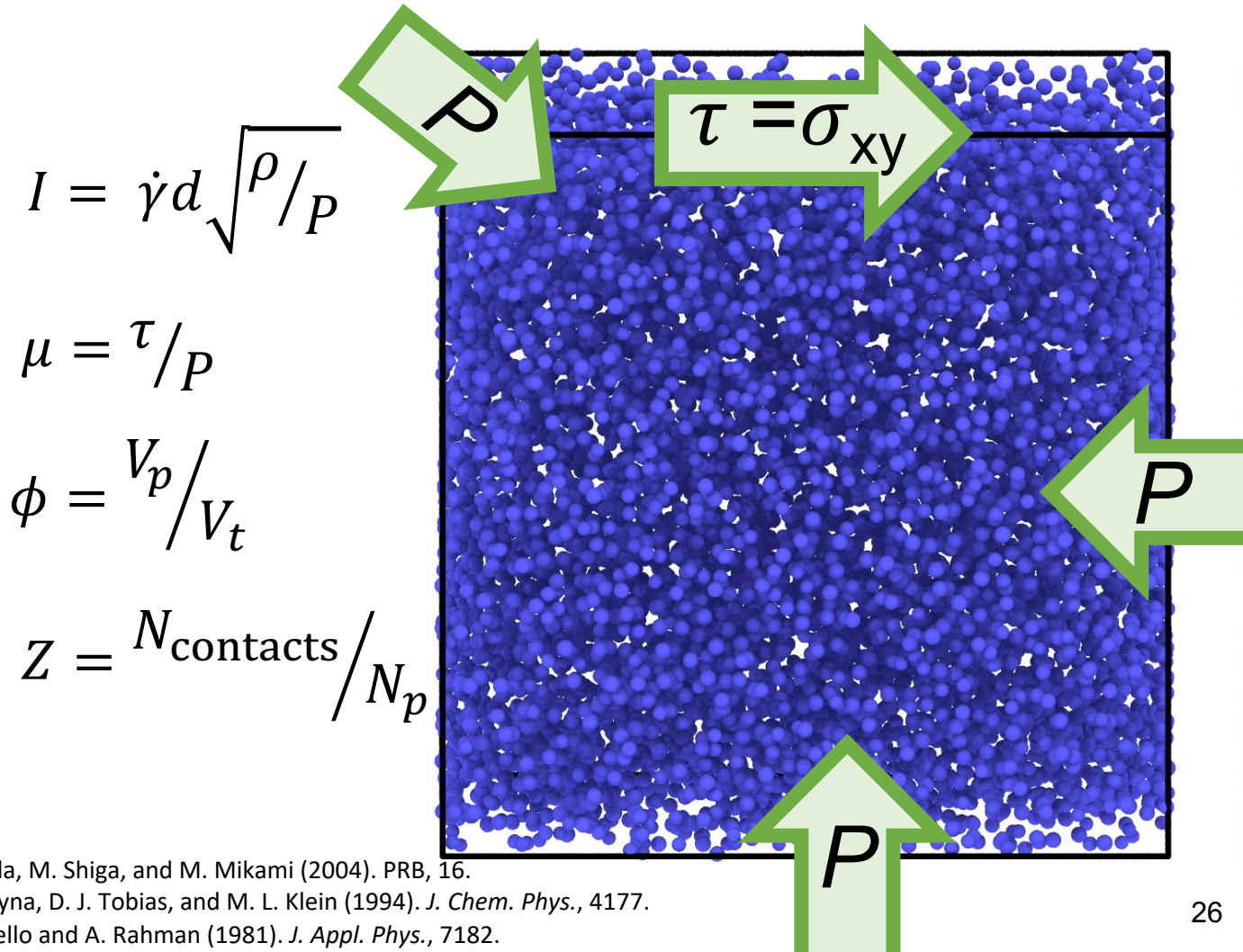
$N=300$  to  $100,000$  particles

Pressure  $P=10^{-2}$  to  $10^{-6}$



- $N = 10^3$
- $N = 10^4$
- · -  $N = 10^5$

Simulation protocol: specify stress tensor and bring dilute system to steady flowing state.



$$I = \dot{\gamma} d \sqrt{\rho / P}$$

$$\mu = \tau / P$$

$$\phi = V_p / V_t$$

$$Z = N_{\text{contacts}} / N_p$$

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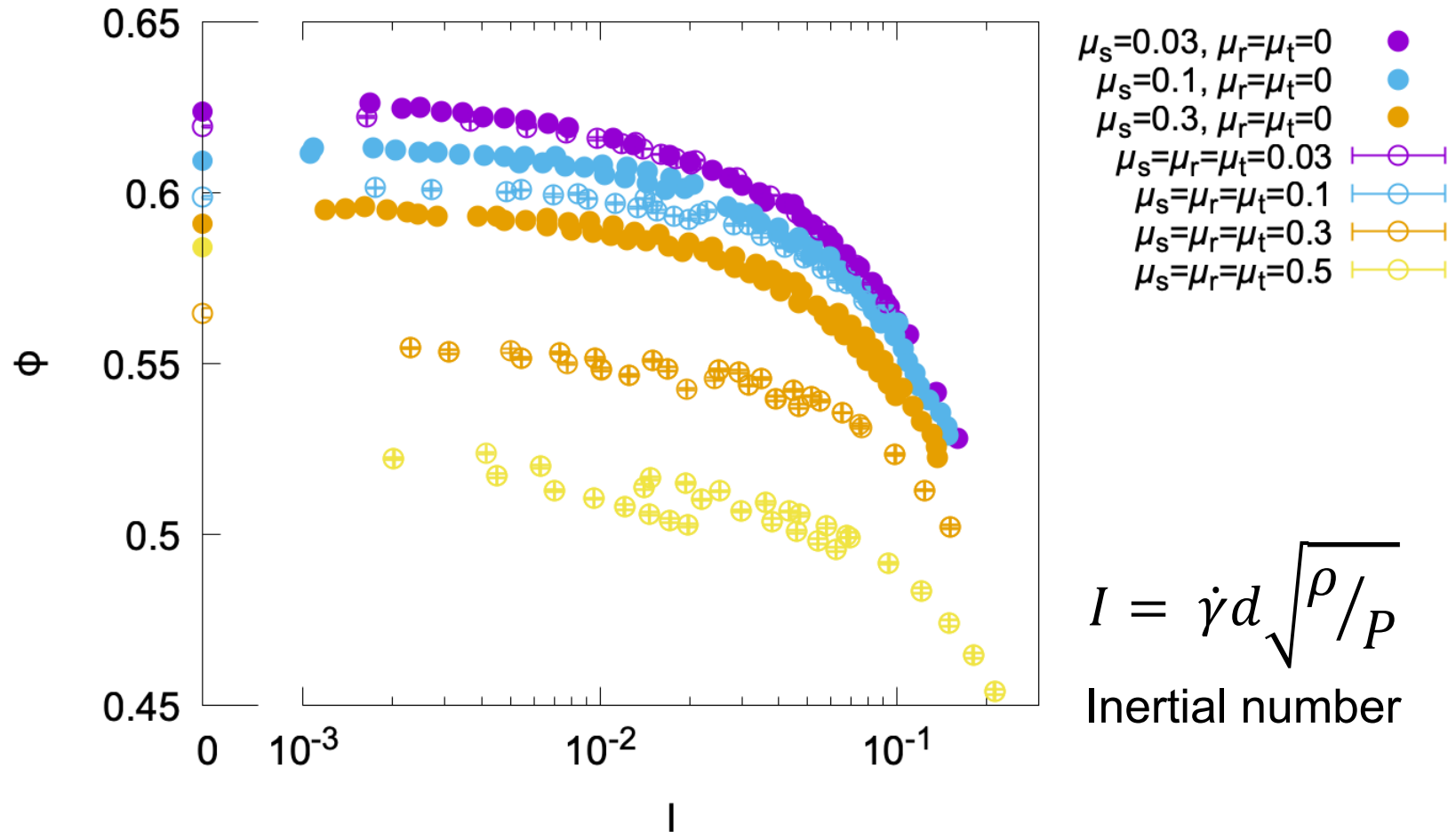
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# Dilation due to friction and flow



Packing data



$$I = \dot{\gamma} d \sqrt{\rho / p}$$

Inertial number

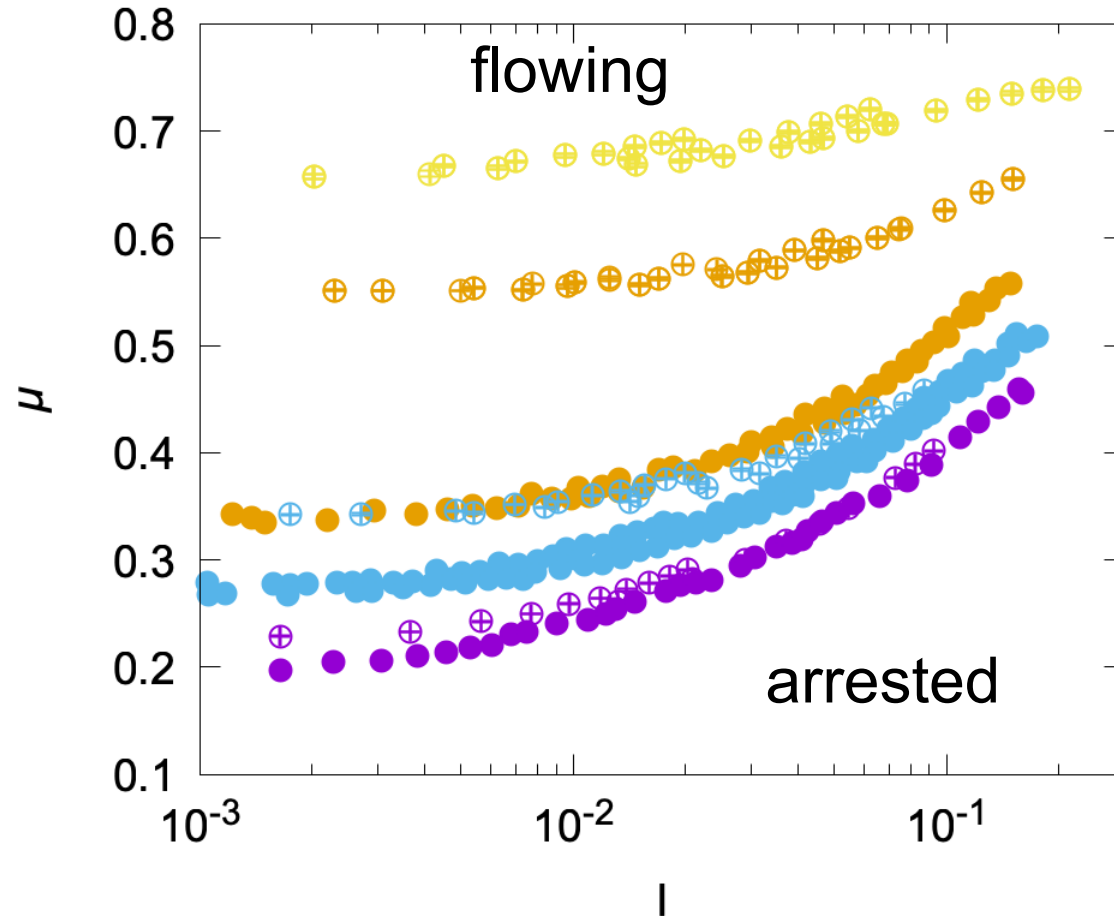
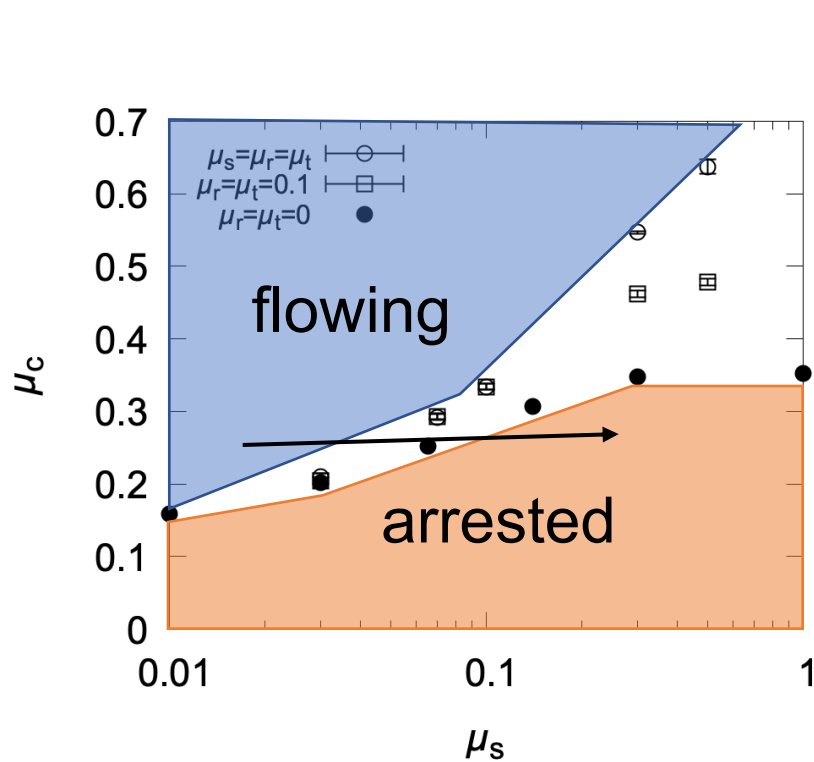
- High sliding, rolling and twisting friction decrease the volume fraction

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# More shear stress is need to flow frictional particles



- $\mu_s = 0.03, \mu_r = \mu_t = 0$  (purple circle)
- $\mu_s = 0.1, \mu_r = \mu_t = 0$  (light blue circle)
- $\mu_s = 0.3, \mu_r = \mu_t = 0$  (yellow circle)
- $\mu_s = \mu_r = \mu_t = 0.03$  (purple circle with error bars)
- $\mu_s = \mu_r = \mu_t = 0.1$  (light blue circle with error bars)
- $\mu_s = \mu_r = \mu_t = 0.3$  (yellow circle with error bars)
- $\mu_s = \mu_r = \mu_t = 0.5$  (yellow circle with error bars)

$$\mu = \tau / P$$

Shear stress-to-pressure ratio

$$I = \dot{\gamma} d \sqrt{\rho / P}$$

Inertial number

- High sliding, rolling and twisting friction increases the critical stress ratio
- A flowing frictionless system would arrest if the particles were frictional

# Conclusions



- Rolling and twisting friction increase the critical flow shear stress ratio  $\mu_c$  from 0.12 to 0.65
- A change in particle design can result in arrested flow



# Acknowledgments

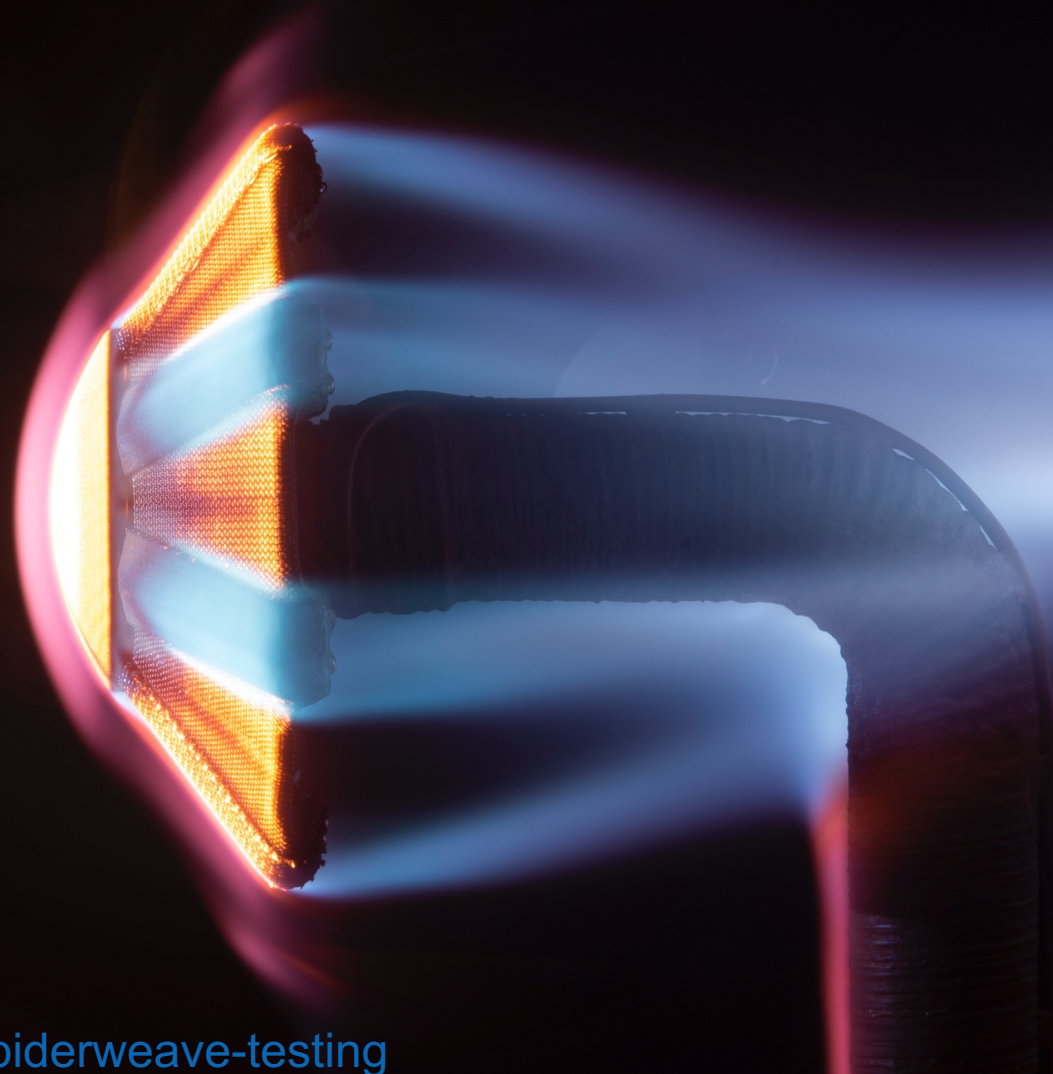
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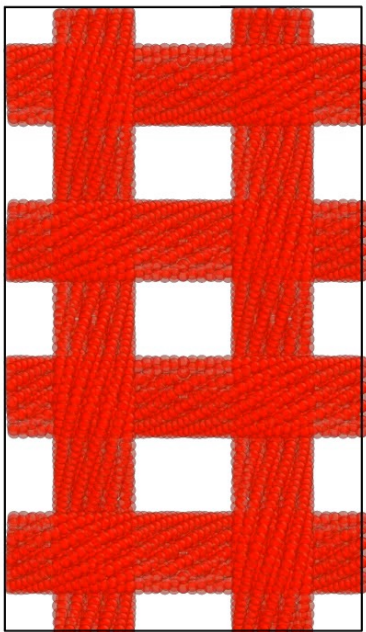
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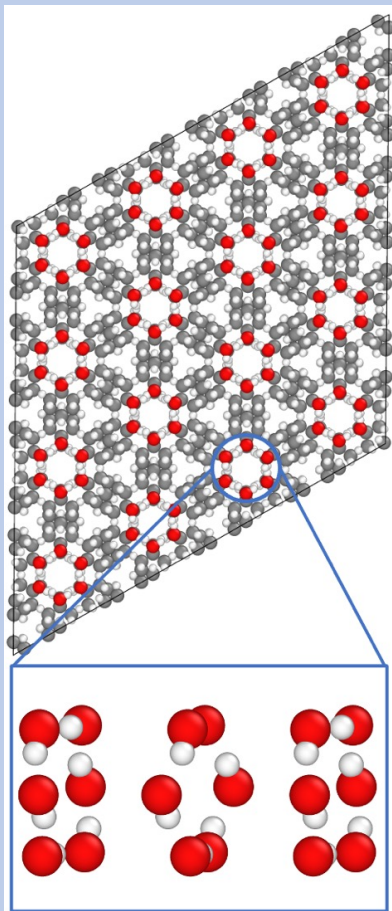


## Fiber modeling



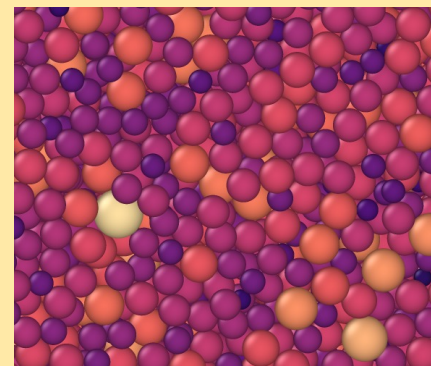
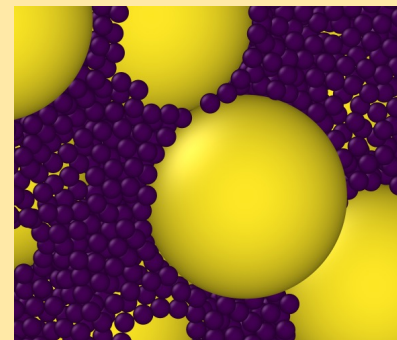
- Breakable bonds
- Friction
- Processing
- Mechanical and thermal properties

## Molecular crystals



- Plastic crystals
- Barcaloric effects
- Cooling

## Grafted microparticles



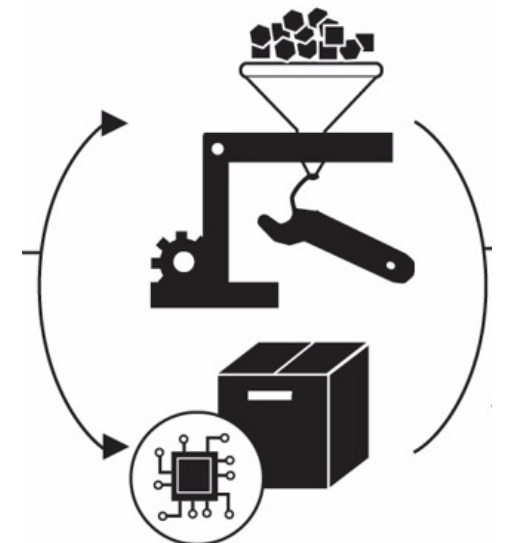
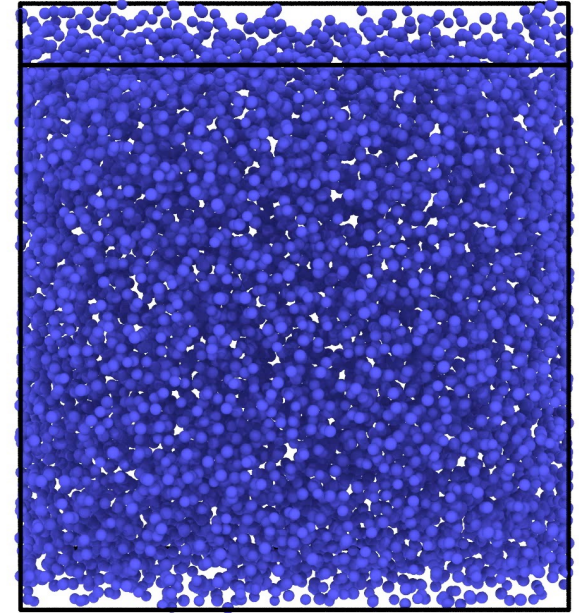
- Particle size
- Contacts
- Cohesion
- Friction
- Mechanical properties



# Thank you!



- Increasing size dispersity (for  $f_a=0.27$ ):
  - Increases the volume fraction
  - Decreases the A-B contact number
- Rolling and twisting friction:
  - Is required to match experimental volume fractions
  - change the packing microstructure
  - increase the critical flow shear stress ratio  $\mu_c$  from 0.12 to 0.65
- Recommendations:
  - If  $D_a = D_b$  use a 50:50 A:B mixture
  - If  $D_a < D_b$  use a 73:27 A:B mixture
  - If the packing process is gentle: less friction is better (more contacts)
  - Low-friction particles improve flowability



# Extra slides



# Packings and flow of granular particles

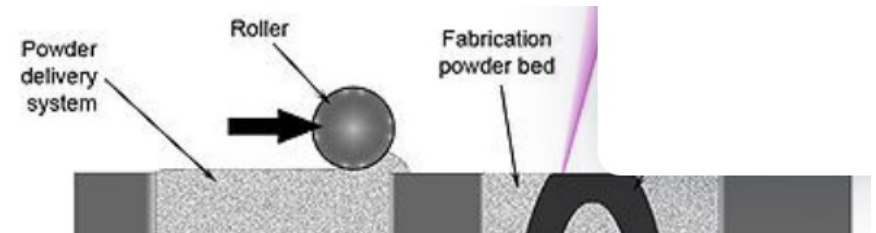
## Natural processes

- Landslides and avalanches
- Shale
- Log jams
- Dunes



## Manufacturing

- Battery anodes
- Concrete
- Candy
- Additive manufacturing

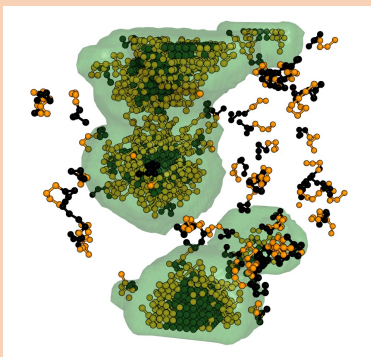


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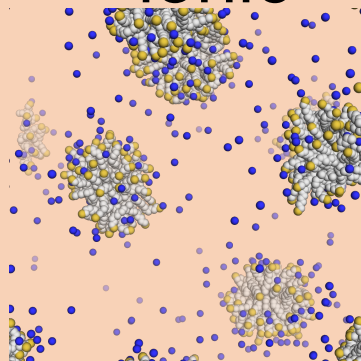


## Surfactants<sup>1</sup>

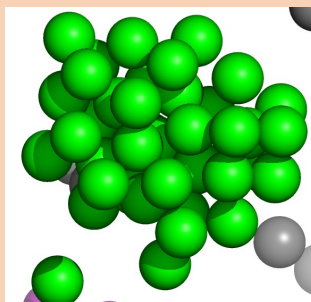
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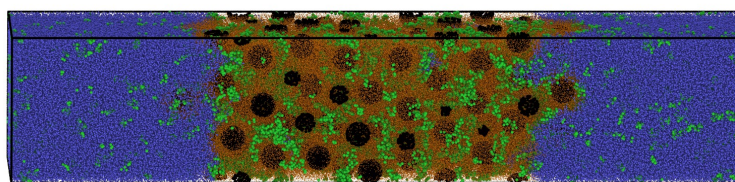
## SALR Colloids



- Directly compare to experiments
- Quantified concentration effects
- Clarified self-assembly of SALR

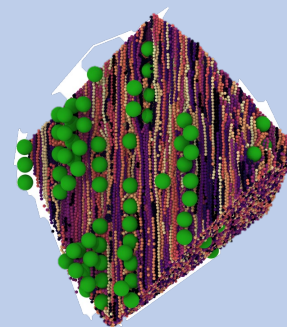
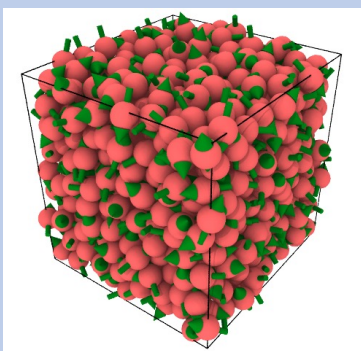
## Nanocomposites<sup>2</sup>

### Grafted-NP



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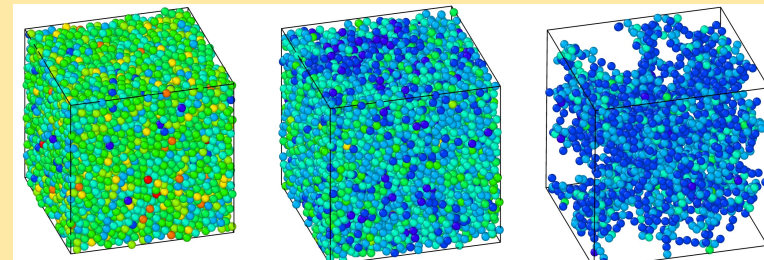
Bare NPs



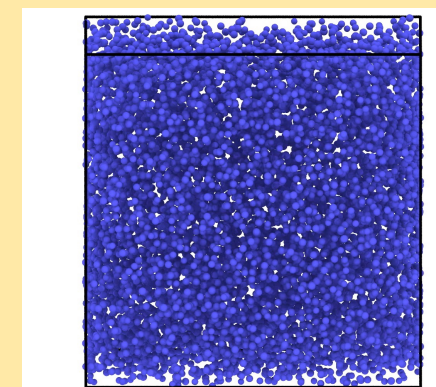
- Connect structure and phase behavior using large simulations
- Implemented new method

## Granular<sup>2</sup>

### Packings

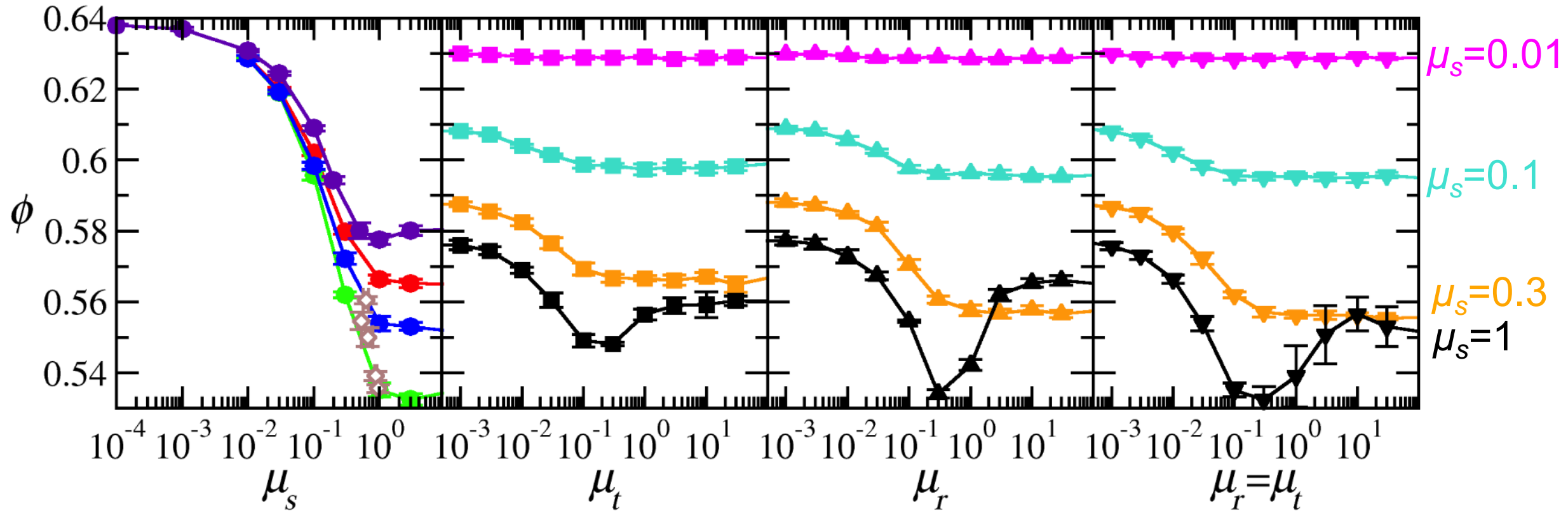


### Flow



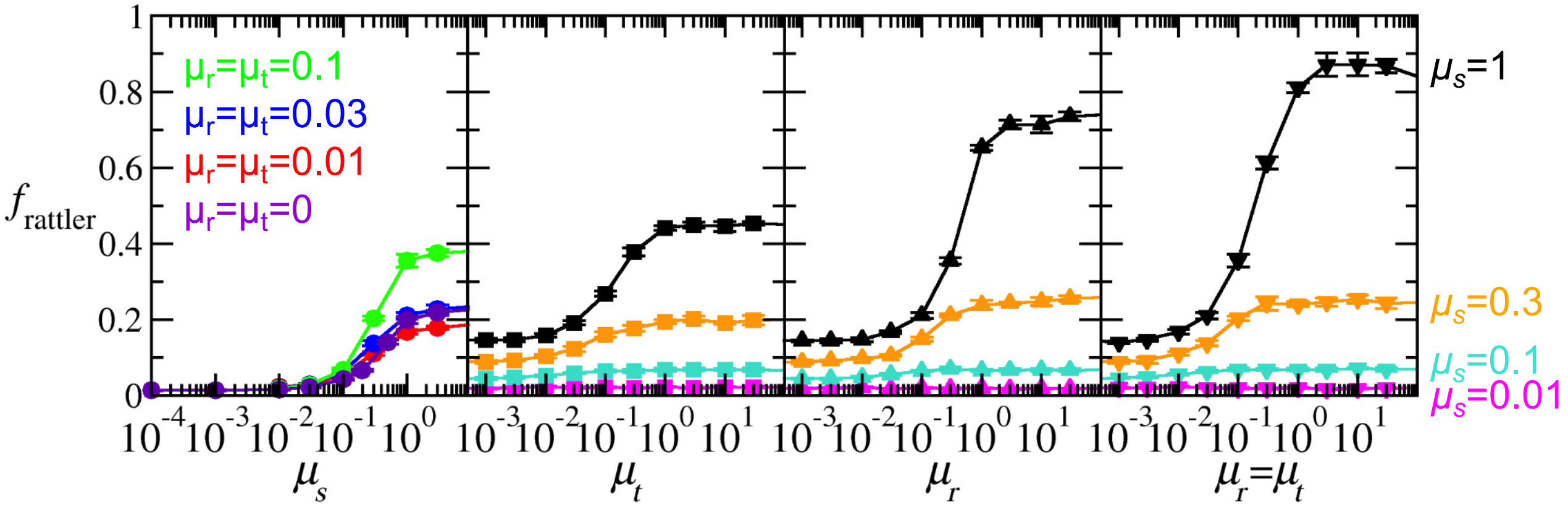
- Rolling/twisting friction
- Flow and packing

# Volume fraction



- Experiments are matched when moderate rolling and twisting friction are included
- Rolling and twisting friction have little effect for low  $\mu_s$
- $\phi$  minima at high  $\mu_{s,r,t}$  may be due to large fraction of sliding contacts

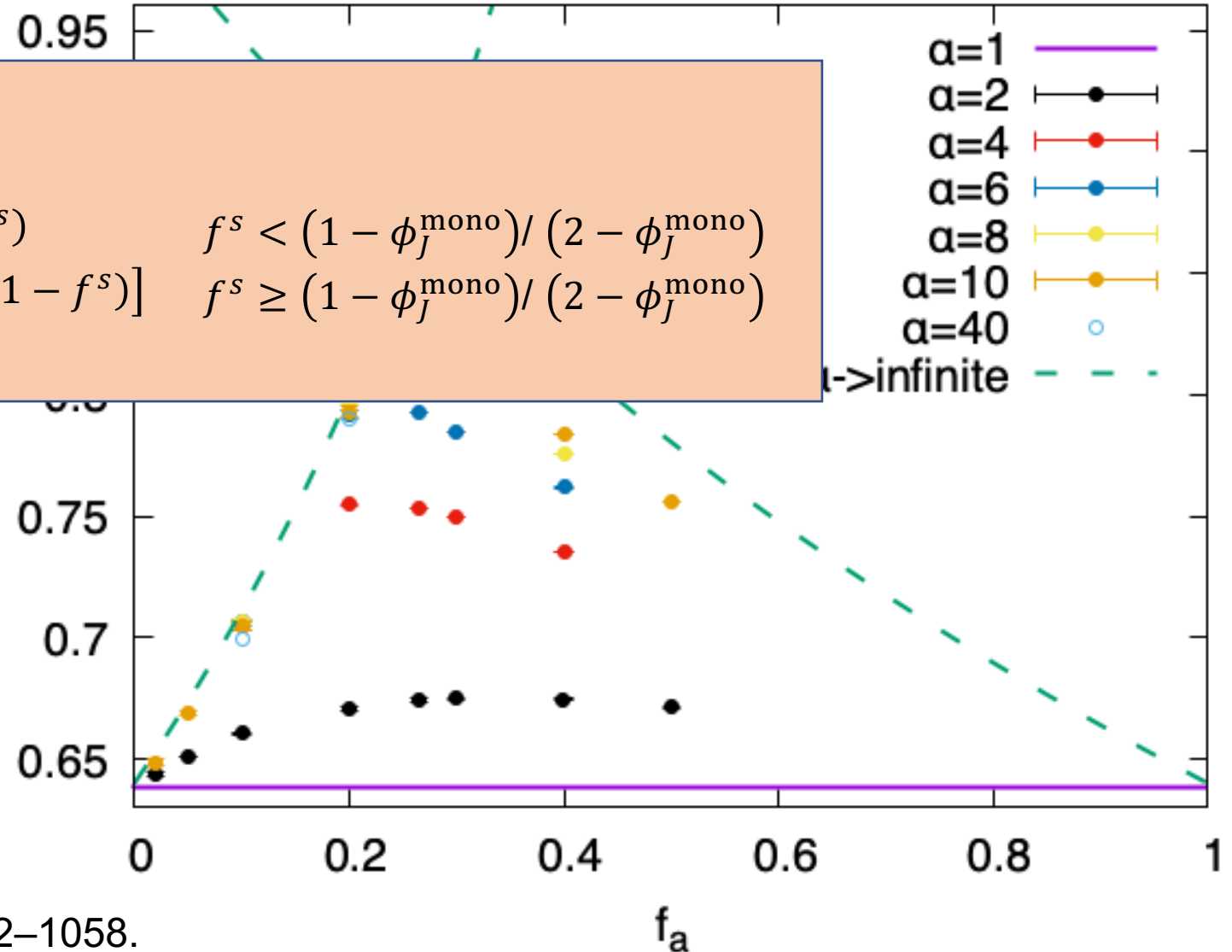
# Fraction of rattlers



# Volume fraction increases with dispersity

Furnas model:

$$\lim_{\alpha \rightarrow \infty} \phi_J(f^S) \begin{cases} \phi_J^{\text{mono}} / (1 - f^S) & f^S < (1 - \phi_J^{\text{mono}}) / (2 - \phi_J^{\text{mono}}) \\ \phi_J^{\text{mono}} / [f^S + \phi_J^{\text{mono}} (1 - f^S)] & f^S \geq (1 - \phi_J^{\text{mono}}) / (2 - \phi_J^{\text{mono}}) \end{cases}$$

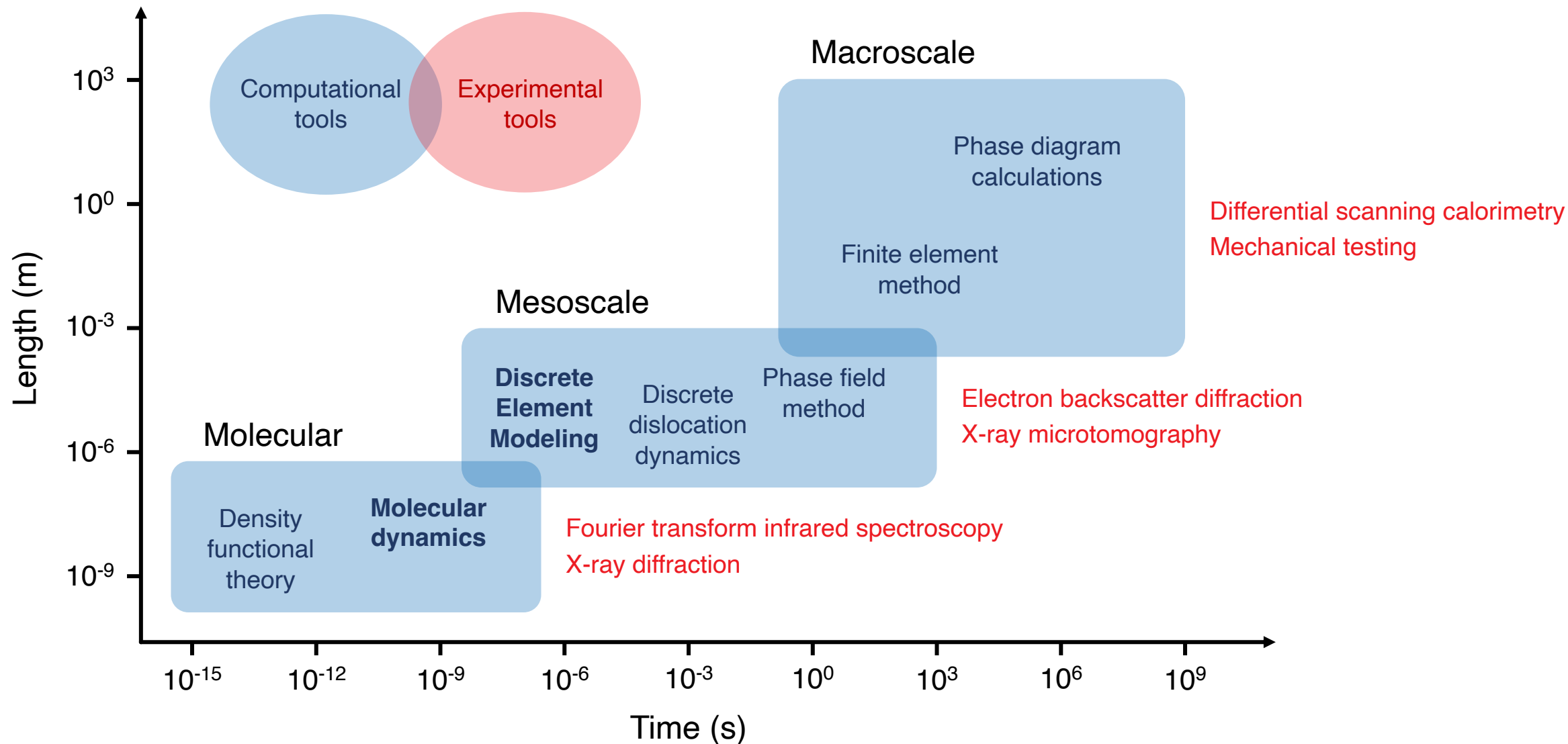


- Agreement with previous results
  - Shows hertzian and hookean have similar bidisperse packing behavior
- Larger size ratio -> lower void fraction  
-> more strength

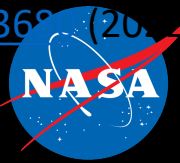
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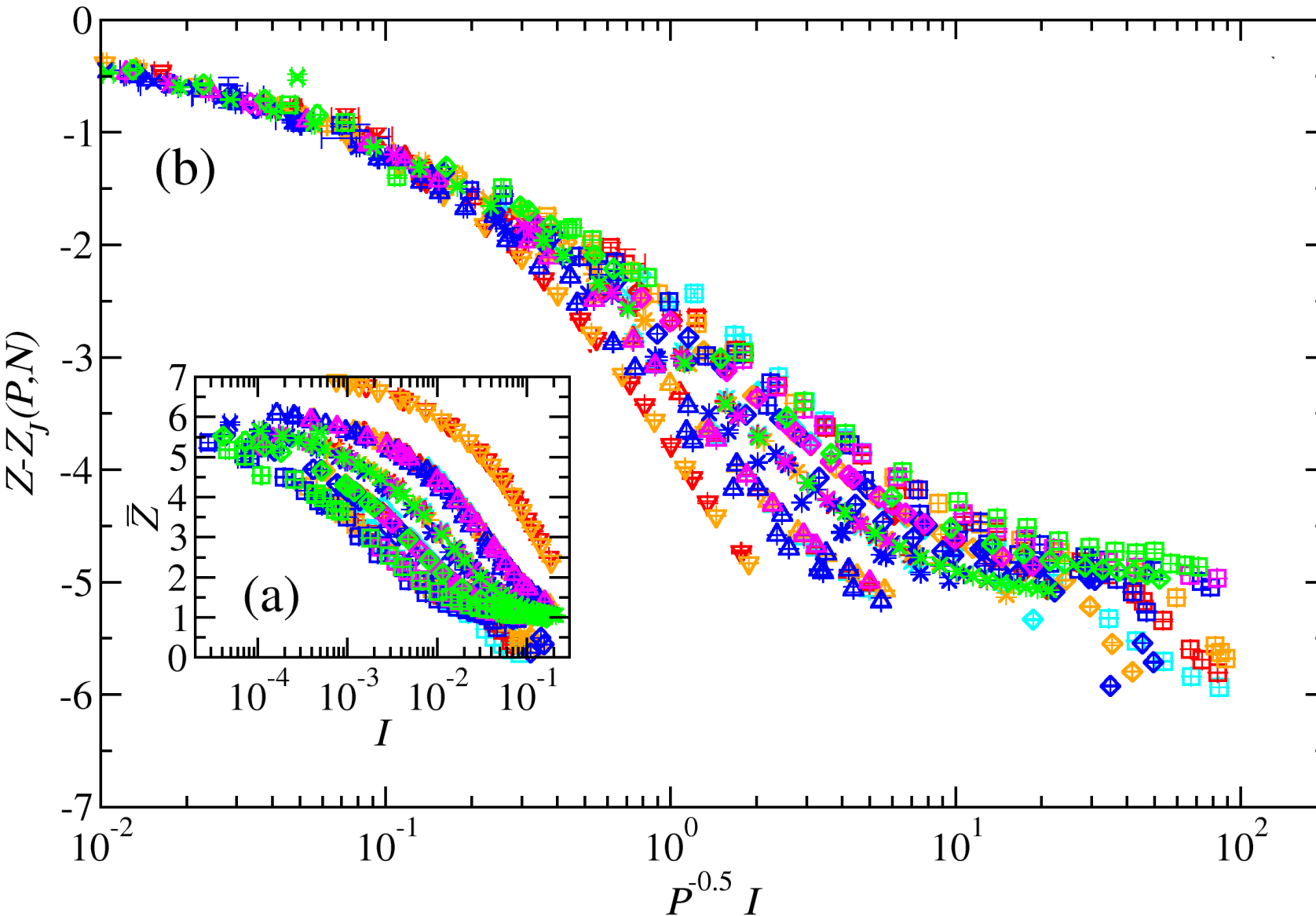
# Multi-scale problems require multi-scale tools







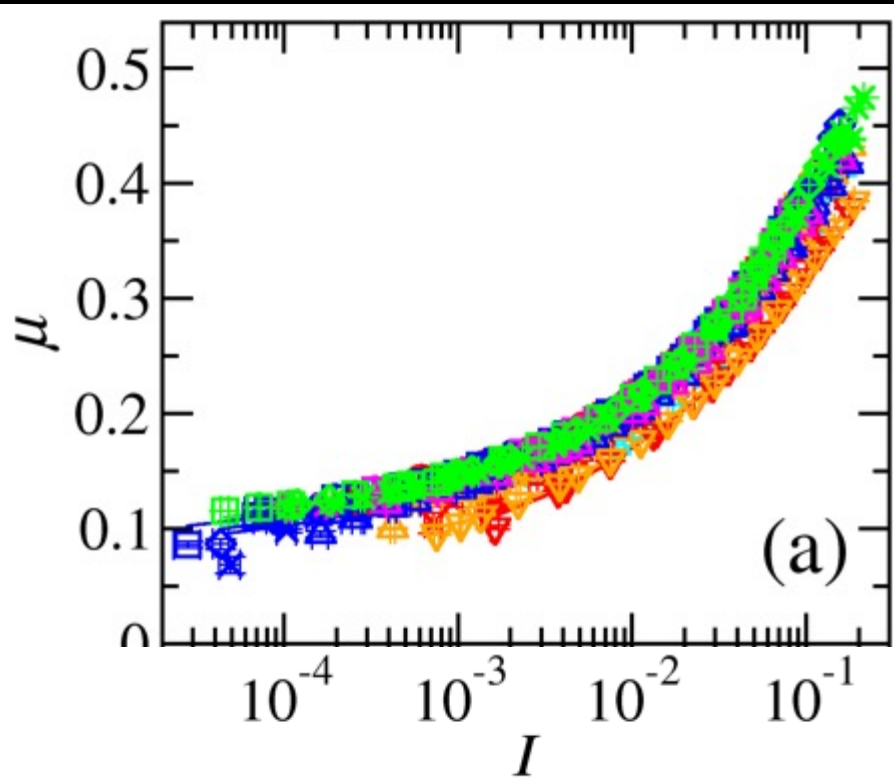
# Coordination number



- Average  $Z$  is  $P$ -dependent, but *fluctuations* of  $Z$  is not
- $Z(I)$  is  $P$ -dependent, but  $\mu(I)$  and  $\phi(I)$  are not
- Inertial number scales with  $P^{-0.5}$  for  $\Delta Z(I)$
- Remove the hard-component for full collapse

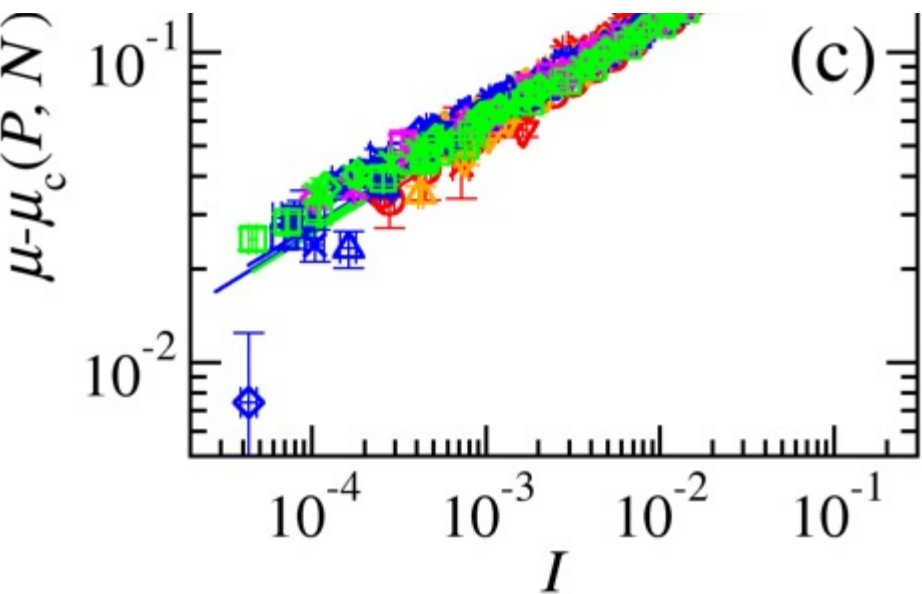
$$Z = \frac{N_{\text{contacts}}}{N_p}$$

# Shear stress ratio



$$\mu = \tau / P$$

shear-to-pressure ratio

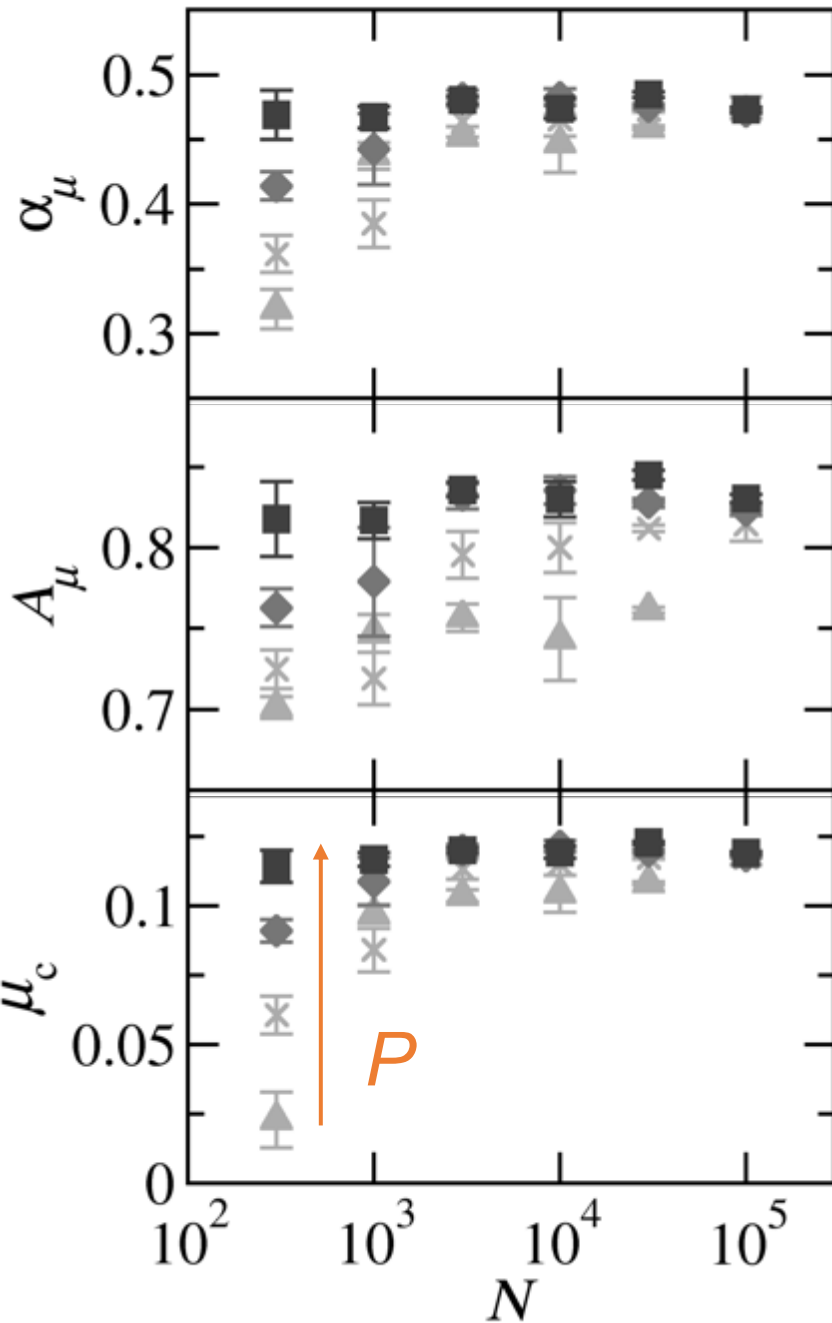


$$I = \dot{\gamma} d \sqrt{\rho / P}$$

Inertial number

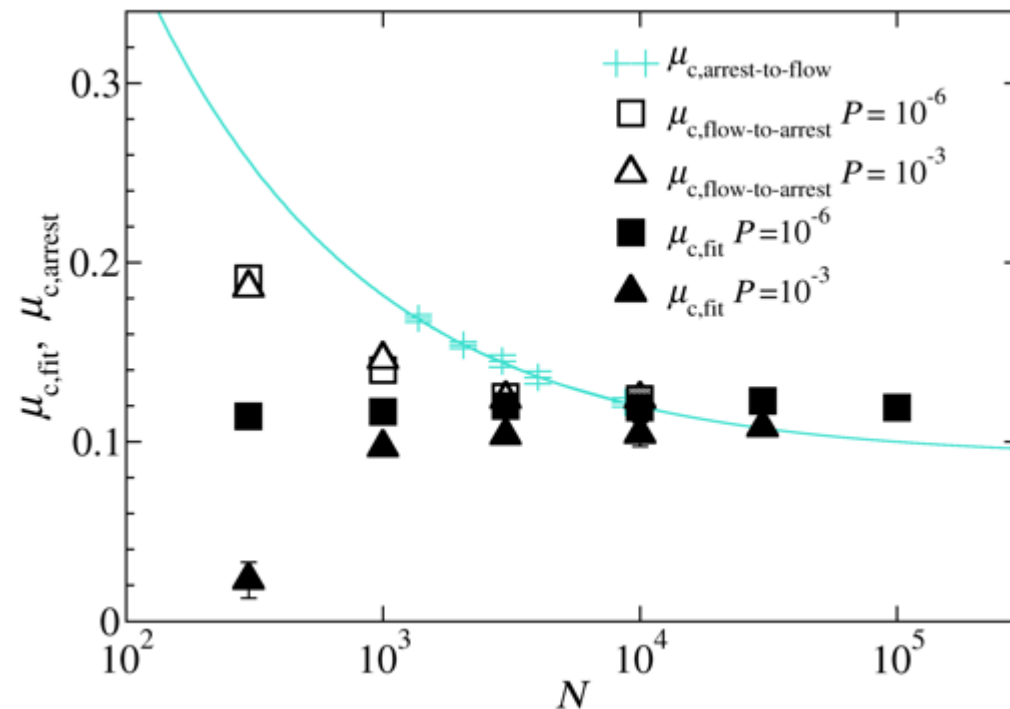
- A power law fits the  $\mu(I)$  data well

# Power-law fits



$$\mu = \tau/P = \mu_c + A_\mu I^{\alpha_\mu}$$

- Fit properties converge for large  $N \geq 3000$
- The fit and arrest critical stress are distinct and size/pressure-dependent

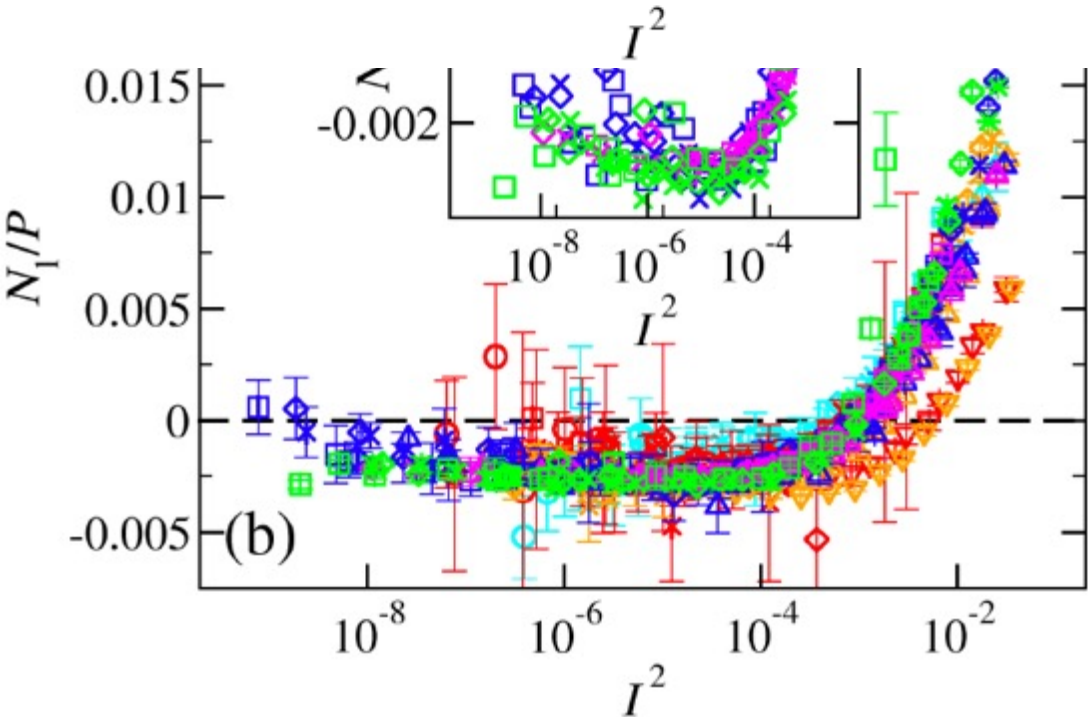
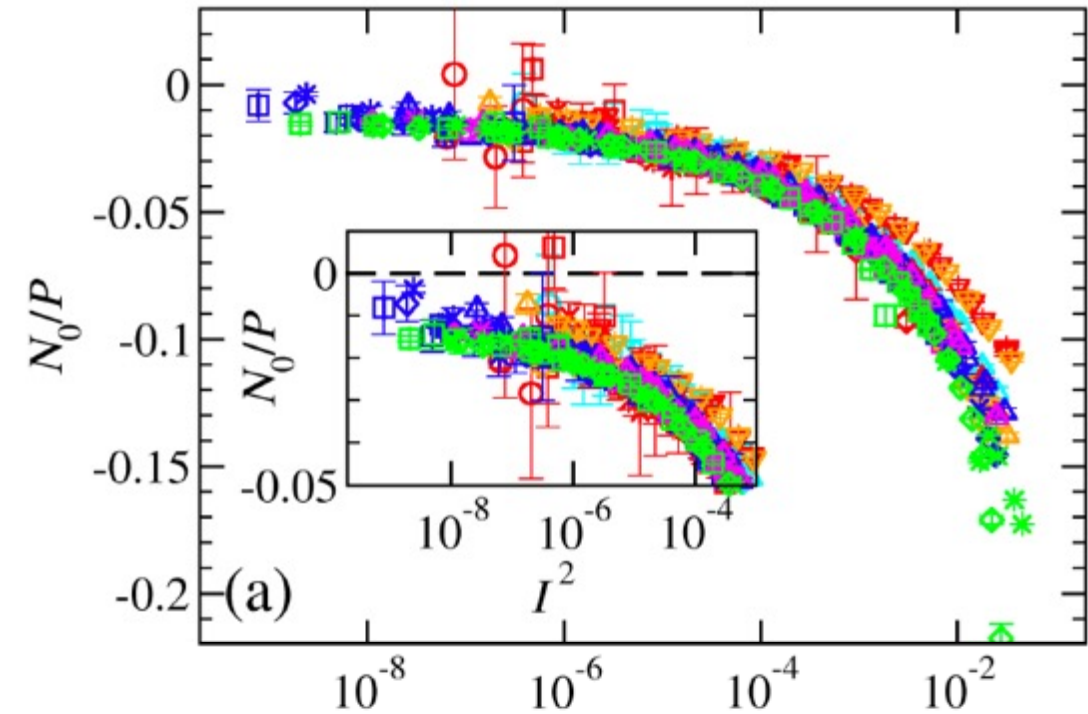


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# Normal stress differences



$$N_0 = \frac{2\sigma_{zz} - \sigma_{yy} - \sigma_{xx}}{2P}$$

$$N_1 = \frac{\sigma_{yy} - \sigma_{xx}}{P}$$

- $N_0$  is system size independent for  $P \leq 10^{-4}$
- $N_0 \neq 0$  in the quasi-static limit
- $N_1$  has a minimum in  $I^2$ , only detectable for large systems  $N \leq 10^4$

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# Fluctuations

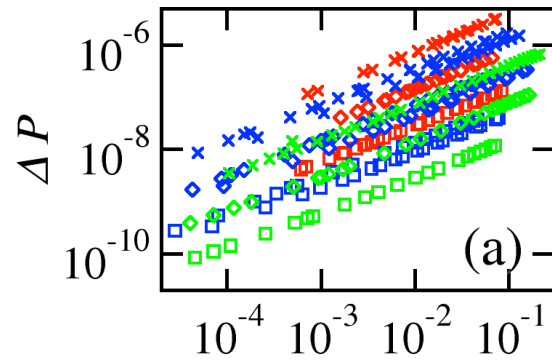
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$$\Delta\tau \equiv \frac{1}{N_{\text{samp}}} \sum_{i=1}^{N_{\text{samp}}} (\tau(t) - \bar{\tau})$$

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- Variance decreases with system size
- There is a kink in fluctuations for shear stress, fabric anisotropy and normal stress differences
- Structure fluctuations show no  $P$  dependence

# Fluctuations, normalized

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□  $N=10^3, P=10^{-6}$

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×  $N=10^3, P=10^{-4}$

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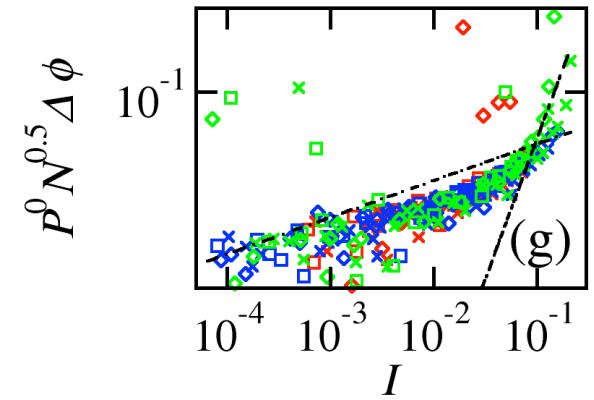
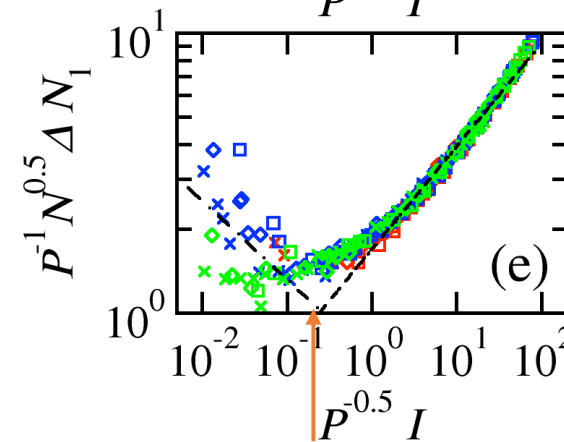
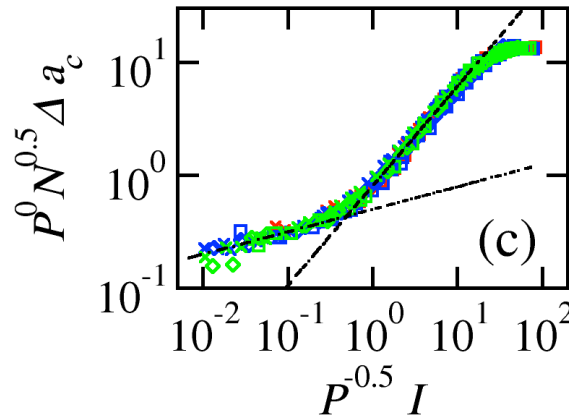
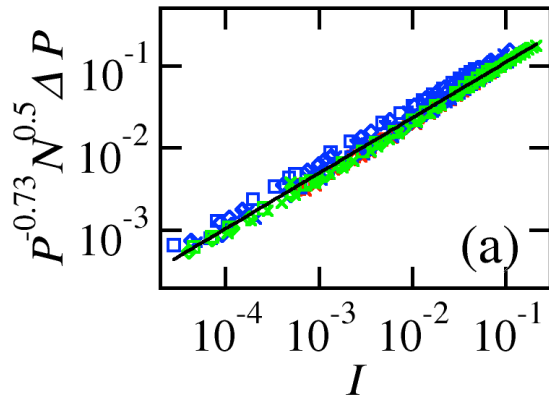
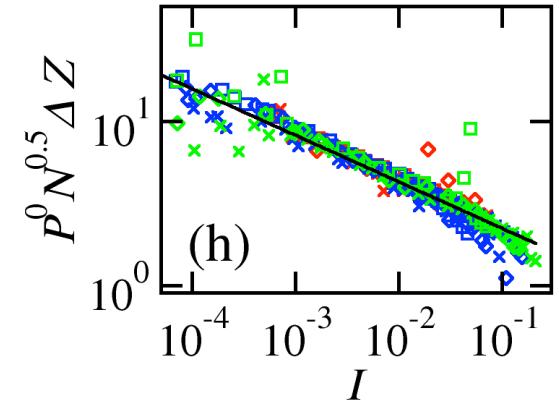
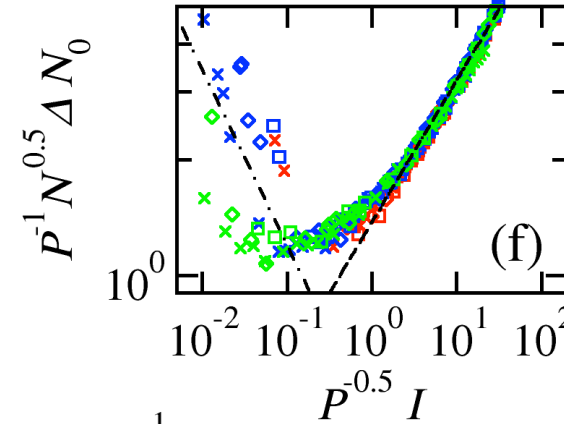
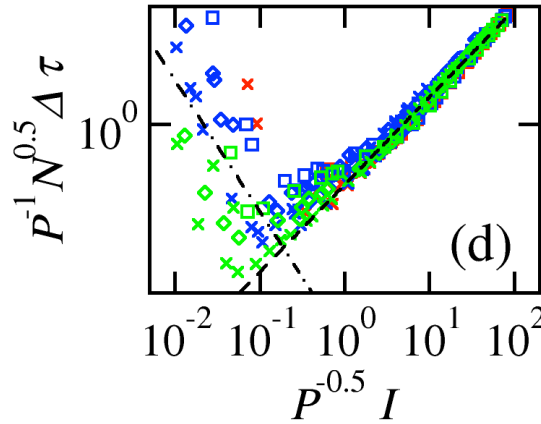
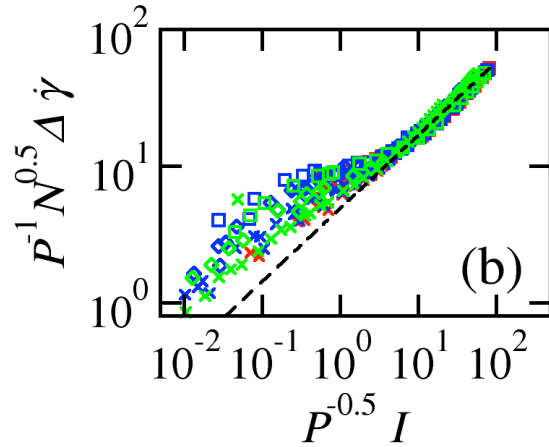
◇  $N=10^4, P=10^{-5}$

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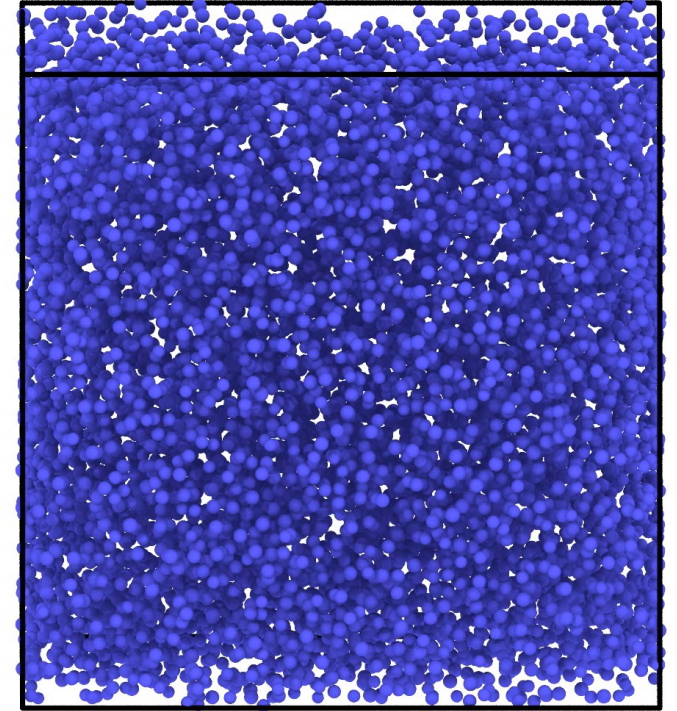
- The kink is pressure dependent and scales as  $P^{-0.5}$ .
- Fluctuations scale with  $N^{0.5}$  and  $P^{-1}, P^{-0.73}$  or  $P^0$

Could define the transition from inertial to quasi-static flow

# Conclusions



- Fluctuations across
- The observed kink in variance could define the transition from inertial to quasi-static flow



## Future work

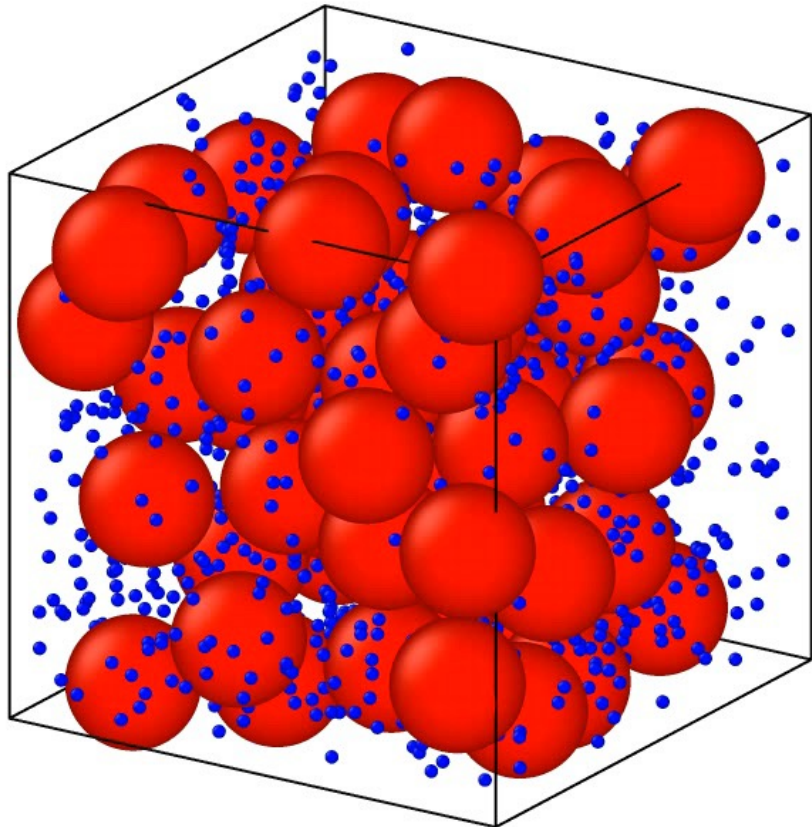
- **System size effects on the flow-arrest transition**
- **Further investigation into the connection between  $Z$  and variance**

# More realistic interactions – cohesion and friction

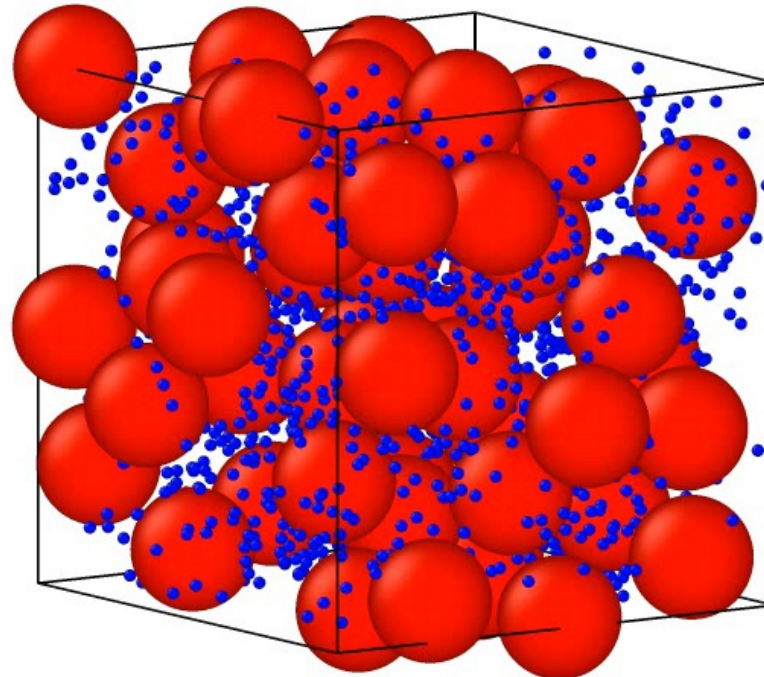


- More constraints (friction, cohesion) -> lower volume fraction

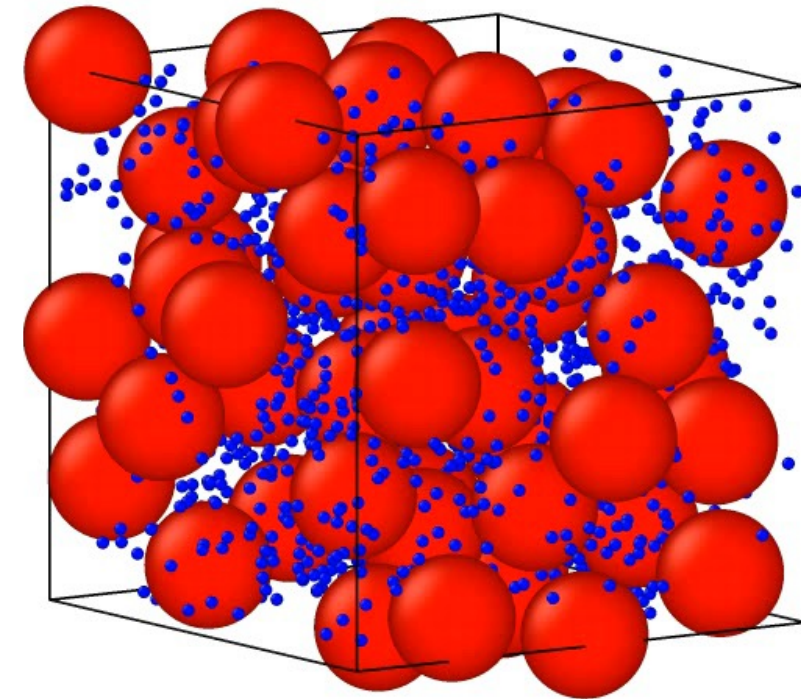
$$\alpha = \frac{D_{\text{large}}}{D_{\text{small}}} = 2 \quad f_{\text{small}} = 0.02$$



Frictionless, cohesionless



Frictionless, cohesive



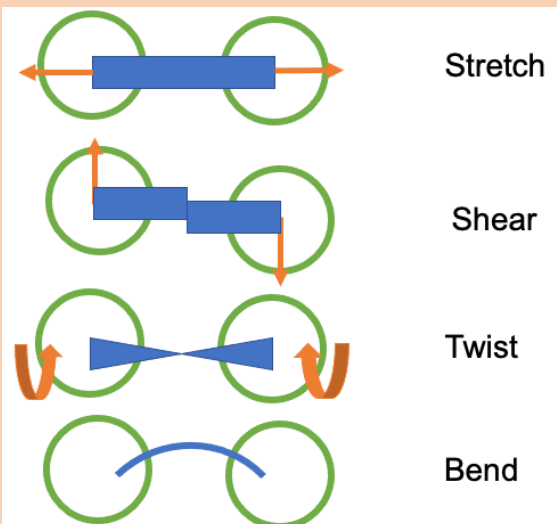
Frictional + cohesive



## Fiber modeling

### Bonded-particle models

- Forces calculated at contact
- Requires memory of interaction
- Dissipative, out-of-equilibrium
- LAMMPS



## Molecular crystals

### Molecular Dynamics (MD)

- *NPT* ensemble
- Gromacs

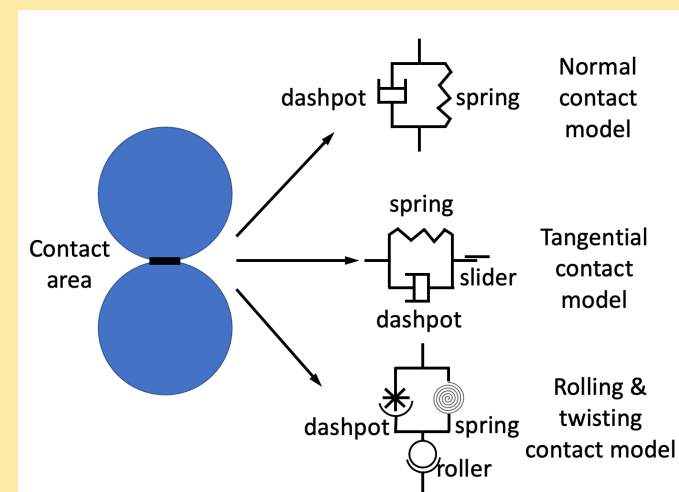
### Model

- Atomistic
- Classical potentials

## Grafted microparticles

### Discrete element modeling (DEM)

- Forces calculated at contact
- Requires memory of interaction
- Dissipative, out-of-equilibrium
- LAMMPS



## Surfactants

### Molecular Dynamics (MD)

- *NVT* ensemble
- Gromacs, Hoomd, LAMMPS

### Monte Carlo (MC)

- Cassandra, Legacy code (Fortran)
- Develop MC moves and potentials
- $\mu VT$ , *NVT* ensembles
- Histogram reweighting

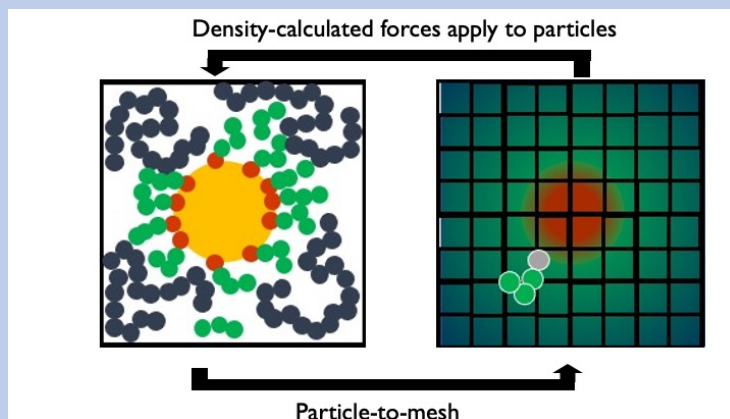
### Law-of-mass-action modelling

## Nanocomposites

### Molecular dynamics

### Theoretically-informed Langevin dynamics (TILD)

- MD evolves simulation of particles
- Force on particle is calculated from a field-based interaction
- Fast for dense systems
- Thermal fluctuations
- Implemented into LAMMPS



## Granular

### Discrete element modeling (DEM)

- Forces calculated at contact
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