Particle methods for complex particulate systems



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Motivations: particulate systems

Cells/droplets

Microstructure



Magnetic beads/ capsules







Industrial products, biological liquids

Personalized healthcare - nanomedicine





Example I: smart materials – liquid body armours





Example II: magnetic nanoparticles – drug delivery





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(a) before switch-on of magnetic field

(b) 3s after switch-on



Fig. 2 Micrograph of a vesicle which includes about 20 superparamagnetic beads being chained up. We control the magnetic field gradient to direct the vesicle along a designated path. Th PAPER

www.rsc.org/loc | Lab on a Chip

Magneto-mechanical mixing and manipulation of picoliter volumes in vesicles $\ensuremath{^\dagger}$

Thomas Franke, *ab Lothar Schmid, David A. Weitzb and Achim Wixfortha

Lab Chip, 2009, 9, 2831–2835 | 2831

Large unilamellar vesicle/capsule (100-500nm)
 magnetic nano-particle (1-10nm)

□ external magnetic field: particle chaining
 □ magnetic field gradient → motion
 □ rotating field: actuate internal fluid promoting
 mixing and/or reaction

drug delivery: capsule positioning-targeting
 drug mixing-release by diffusion





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Multiscale particle methods: HPC

Parallel Particle Mesh library (PPM)

PPM is a software layer between the Message Passing Interface (MPI) and codes for simulations of physical systems using hybrid particle-mesh methods. The library is developed at the <u>Institute of Computational Science (ETH)</u> and is based on a unifying formulation for the simulations of discrete and continuous systems using particles (I. Sbalzarini, P. Koumoutsakos)



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J. J Monaghan. Smoothed particle hydrodynamics. *Rep. Prog. Phys.*, 68(8):1703–1759, 2005.

SPH volume
$$\mathcal{V}_i$$
 $\frac{1}{\mathcal{V}_i} = d_i = \sum_{j=1}^{N_F} W(|\mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{r}_j|)$



$$\langle f(\mathbf{x}) \rangle \simeq \sum_{j} \frac{m_{j}}{\rho_{j}} f_{j} W(|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_{j}|, h)$$





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$$T_{i}\dot{S}_{i} = \underbrace{-\frac{5\eta}{6} \sum_{j} \frac{W_{ij}'}{d_{i}d_{j}r_{ij}} \left[\mathbf{v}_{ij}^{2} + \left(\mathbf{e}_{ij} \cdot \mathbf{v}_{ij}\right)^{2}\right]}_{\phi_{i} = \eta(\nabla \mathbf{v}:\nabla \mathbf{v})_{i}} + \underbrace{2\kappa \sum_{j} \frac{W_{ij}'}{d_{i}d_{j}r_{ij}} T_{ij}}_{\kappa \nabla^{2}T_{i}} \mathbf{F}_{ij}$$



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Lagrangian meshless discretization (non)isothermal Navier-Stokes equations



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How to introduce (Brownian) thermal fluctuations?



Espanol, Revenga, *Phys Rev E* (2003) Vazquez, Ellero, Espanol : *J. Chem. Phys.* (2009)



$$d\bar{\boldsymbol{\xi}}_{ij} = \frac{1}{2} \left(d\boldsymbol{\xi}_{ij} + d\boldsymbol{\xi}_{ij}^T \right)$$

symmetric independent matrix Wiener process

$$\langle d\xi_{ij}^{\alpha\beta} \rangle = 0 \langle \xi_{ij}^{\alpha\alpha'} \xi_{i'j'}^{\beta\beta'}(t') \rangle = (\delta_{ii'} \delta_{jj'} + \delta_{ij'} \delta_{ji'}) \, \delta^{\alpha\beta} \delta^{\alpha'\beta'} dt$$



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Fluctuation Dissipation Theorem (FDT)

 $d\tilde{\mathbf{x}}d\tilde{\mathbf{x}}^T = 2k_B\mathbf{M}dt$

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Thermodynamically-consistent (TC) Lagrangian discretization of stochastic Navier-Stokes equations. Thermodynamics Laws satisfied <u>discretely</u> by design (not only in the continuum limit).



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SDPD: towards TC discretizations of arbitrary PDEs

TC incorporation of thermal fluctuations can be done systematically and rigorosuly in particle methods for any known PDEs.

Generalization of PDEs down to mesoscopic scales where Brownian motion is important.

PHYSICAL REVIEW E 79, 056707 (2009)

Smoothed particle hydrodynamic model for viscoelastic fluids with thermal fluctuations

Adolfo Vázquez-Quesada,¹ Marco Ellero,^{1,2} and Pep Español^{1,3}

Microfluid Nanofluid (2012) 13:249–260 DOI 10.1007/s10404-012-0954-2

RESEARCH PAPER

A SPH-based particle model for computational microrheology

Adolfo Vázquez-Quesada · Marco Ellero · Pep Español



Thermal fluctuations: Brownian motion



- particle volume-dependent thermal fluctuations

$$\langle \mathbf{v}_i^2 \rangle = D \frac{k_B T}{\rho_0} \frac{1}{\mathcal{V}}$$



Scaling of thermal fluctuations

L = 30cm $\langle v_i^2 \rangle = D \frac{k_B T}{\rho_0} \frac{1}{V} \approx 0 \quad \text{(SPH)}$

Vazquez, et al.: J. Chem. Phys. 130 (2009) 034901





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Beside formal thermodynamic consistency, also some technical advantages: SPH/SDPD

Fluid particles act as flowing discretization volumes.

Lagrangian description: no need of an underlying grid/remeshing



Suspended solid particles: lubrication



■ Enough particles to resolve the fluid in the gap long-range hydrodynamic interactions → ok







Suspended solid particles: lubrication



Normal/tangential lubrication

$$\boldsymbol{F}_{\alpha\beta}^{n}(s) = f_{\alpha\beta}(s)\boldsymbol{V}_{\alpha\beta} \cdot \boldsymbol{e}_{\alpha\beta}\boldsymbol{e}_{\alpha\beta}$$
$$\boldsymbol{F}_{\alpha\beta}^{t}(s) = g_{\alpha\beta}(s)\boldsymbol{V}_{\alpha\beta} \cdot (\boldsymbol{1} - \boldsymbol{e}_{\alpha\beta}\boldsymbol{e}_{\alpha\beta})$$

Vazquez, Ellero JNNFM (2016) in press

- Lubrication interaction singular
- Explicit inegrators numerically unstable
- Implicit splitting schemes lubrication dynamics
- Bian Ellero, Comp. Phys. Comm. 2014



S. Kim, S.J. Karrila, Microhydrodynamics: principles and selected applications (1991)



Suspended solid particles: dynamics in shear flow



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Particulate system: rheology



 $\Box \pm V_w$ $\Box \dot{\gamma}^{in} = 2V_w/L_z$ $\Box \quad \eta = \frac{\sigma_{xz}}{\dot{\gamma}} = \frac{F_x}{L_x L_y \dot{\gamma}}$ $\Box \phi = 0.0.5$ □ *a*=1, *L*=32, Re_p=0.006 □ N=4.000.000 particles □ Nc≈4000 (Φ= 0.4)

of a simulation corresponding to solid con-4, and box size $L_x = 32a, L_y = 32a, L_z =$ 10 mber of solid particles was $N_c = 3129$ and 10 s $N \approx 4.3 \times 10^6$. Solid and fluid particles 10 with grey and blue colors respectively. In 10 s correspond to velocity vectors associated

to SPH fluid particles. For clarity, upper/lower walls have not been drawn. To rule out finite size effects on rheology, simulations were conducted up to gap size H = 64a.



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Vazquez, Tanner, Ellero Phys Rev Lett (under review)



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 \Box radial distribution function (x-z)



Local shear rates in the interstitial fluid domain can be **orders of magnitude larger** than the shear rate applied macroscopically





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Qualitative agreement





□ Matching exact "hidden" high-shear rate properties of silicon fluids



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 \Box rotating $\boldsymbol{B} = B_0(\cos(\omega t), \sin(\omega t), 0)$



Paramagnetic nanoparticles: S-shape and breakup



- chains try to follow rotating B
- Small ω : rigid rods (no delay)
- Moderate ω :: deformation S-shape (delay)
- High $\omega\!\!:$ significant S-shape deformation

$$\boldsymbol{F}_{B}^{ij}|_{\boldsymbol{e}_{ij}} = \frac{F_{0}}{\overline{r}_{ij}^{4}} \left[1 - 3\left(\overline{\boldsymbol{m}} \cdot \boldsymbol{e}_{ij}\right)^{2} \right] \boldsymbol{e}_{ij}$$

- largest angle between m-B at the center chain

 $\arccos\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right) < \alpha$

magnetic normal repulsion \rightarrow breakup



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Other fields of applications

Elastic turbulence: zero Reynolds number (polymeric fluids)

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Weissenberg number



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Multiscale modelling blood near-wall leukocyte dynamics



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Gholami, Comerford Ellero, Int J. Num. Meth Biomed Eng (2014) Gholami, Comerford Ellero, Jbiomech. Model Mechanobiol. (2015)

Grilli, Vazquez, Ellero, Phys Rev Lett (2013)

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