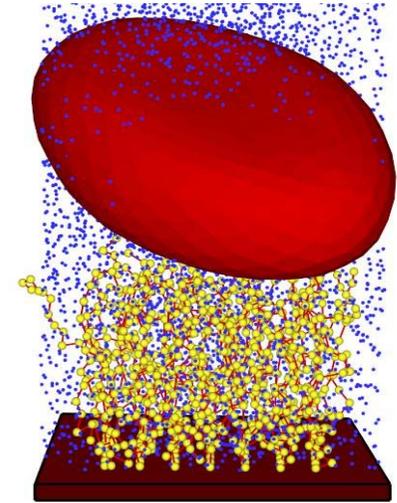
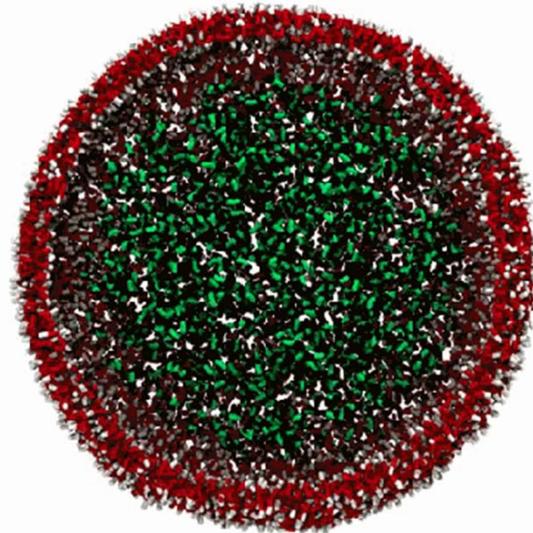
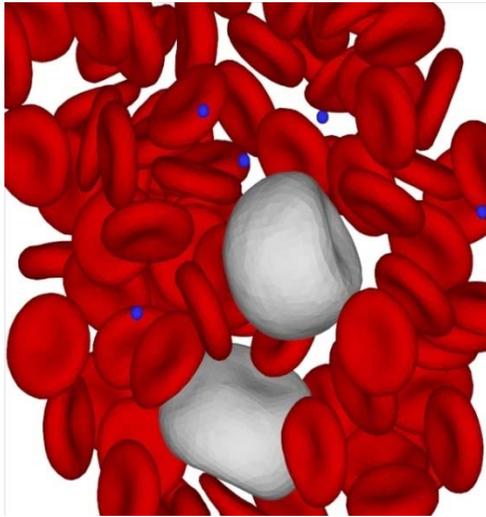


# Dissipative Particle Dynamics: Foundation, Evolution and Applications

## Lecture 1: Dissipative Particle Dynamics - An Overview



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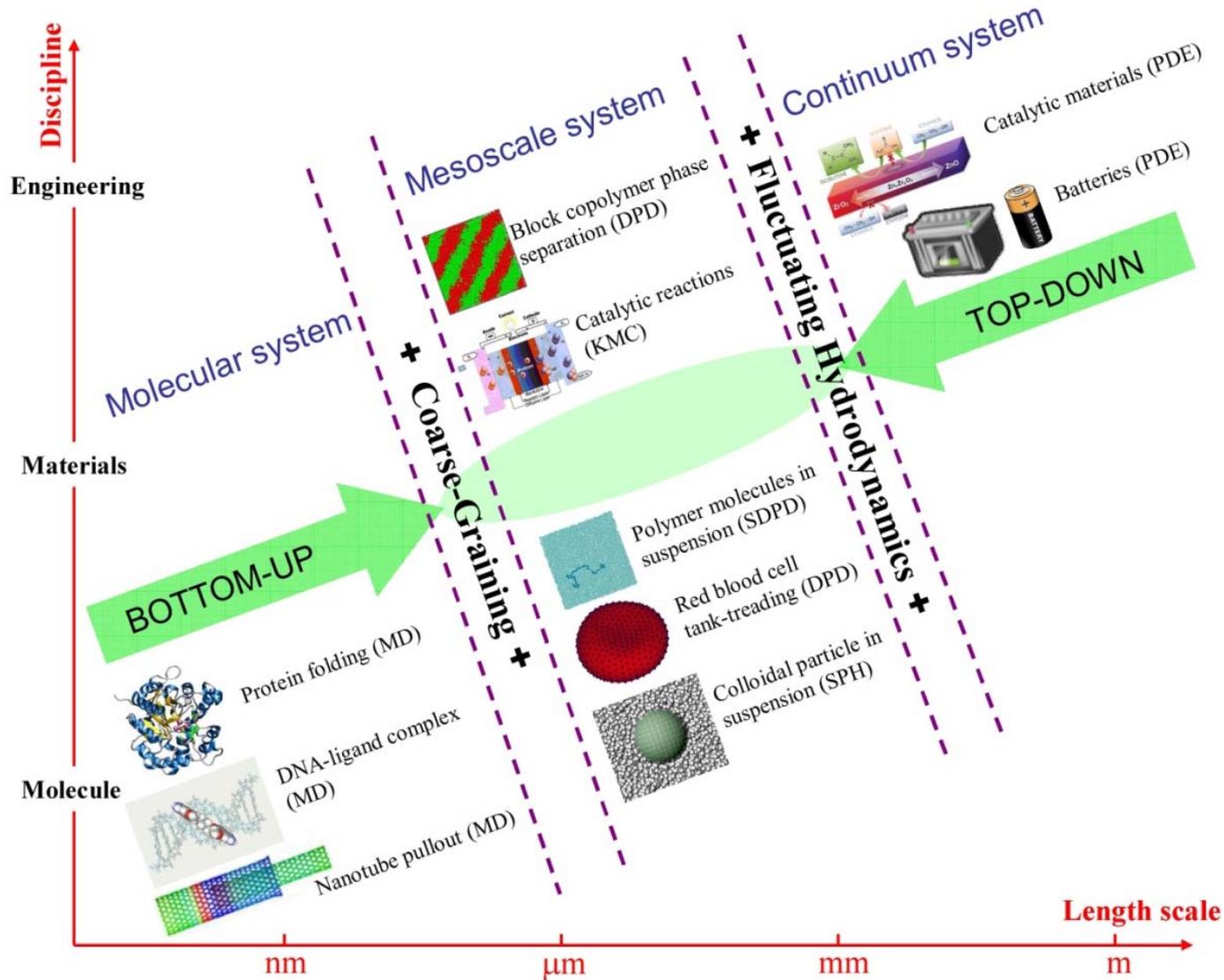


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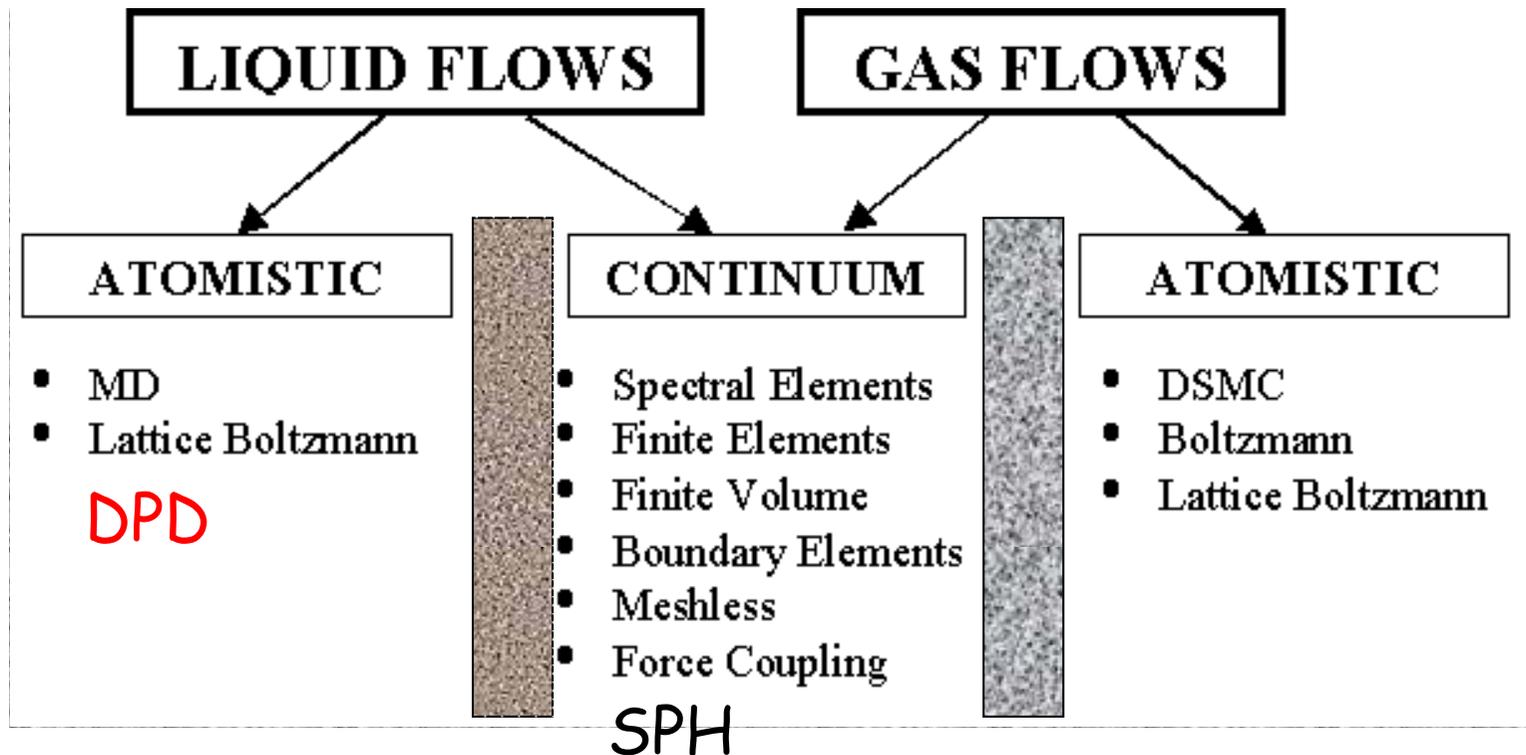
- ❖ Numerical Modeling Methods
- ❖ DPD Framework
- ❖ DPD Applications
- ❖ DPD Software / Packages
- ❖ Open Issues

# Mesoscale Phenomena and Models

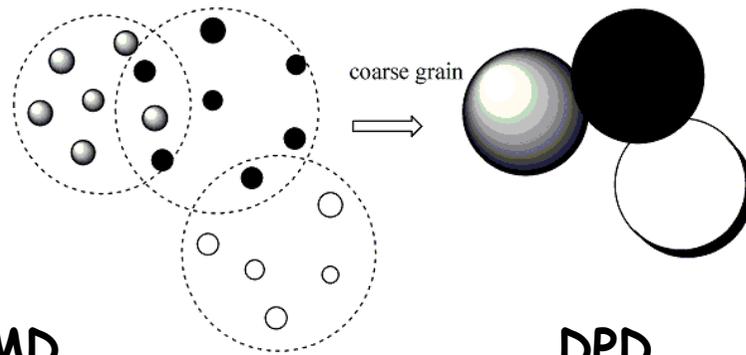
Due to wide range of characteristic **lengths - times**, several simulation methods that describe **length and time scales** have been developed:



# Numerical Modeling Methods



# Dissipative Particle Dynamics (DPD)



MD



- **MICRO**scopic level approach
- atomistic approach is often problematic because larger time/length scales are involved

DPD



- set of point particles that move off-lattice through prescribed forces
- each particle is a collection of molecules
- **MESO**scopic scales
- momentum-conserving Brownian dynamics

Navier-Stokes



- continuum fluid mechanics
- **MACRO**scopic modeling

Ref on Theory: Lei, Caswell & Karniadakis, Phys. Rev. E, 2010

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# Dissipative Particle Dynamics: History

## Babyhood (1992-1995)

- ❖ Original formulation (Hoogerbrugge & Koelman, 1992)
  - New scheme for mesoscopic simulations of complex fluids

## Youth (1995-2003)

- ❖ Correction of fluctuation-dissipation relation (Español & Warren, 1995)
- ❖ Important contributions to the DPD methodology
  - Polymer (Groot & Warren, 1997)
  - Charged system (Groot, 2003)
  - Others

## Golden Era (2003-now)

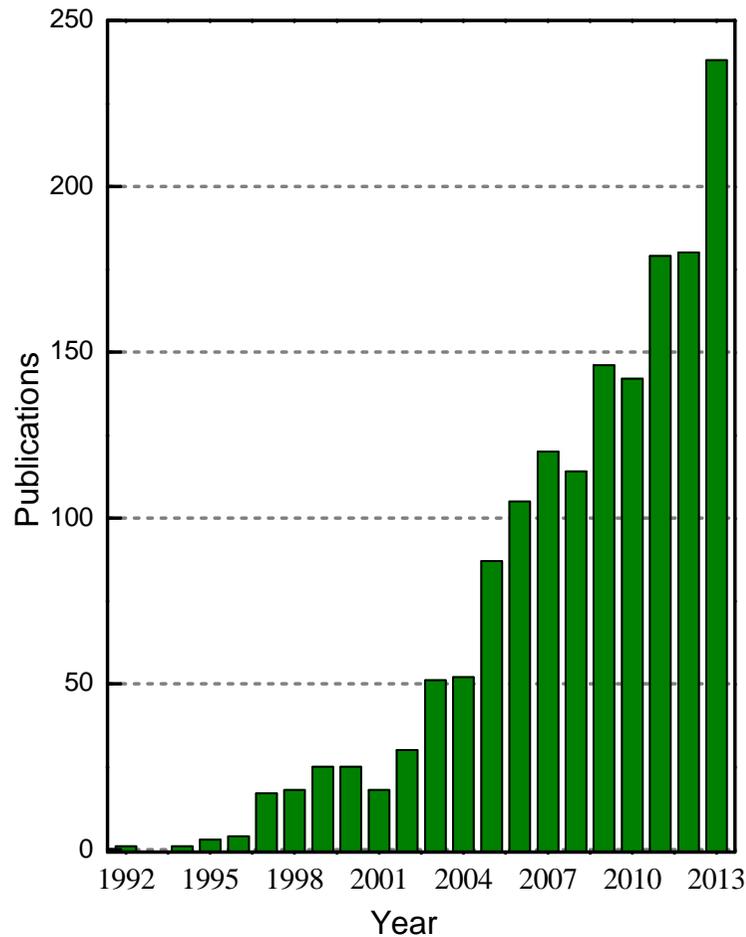
- ❖ Often used for amphiphilic systems, polymers, colloids, lipid bilayer membranes, fluids.
- ❖ What remains: Coarse-graining limits; handshaking, etc.



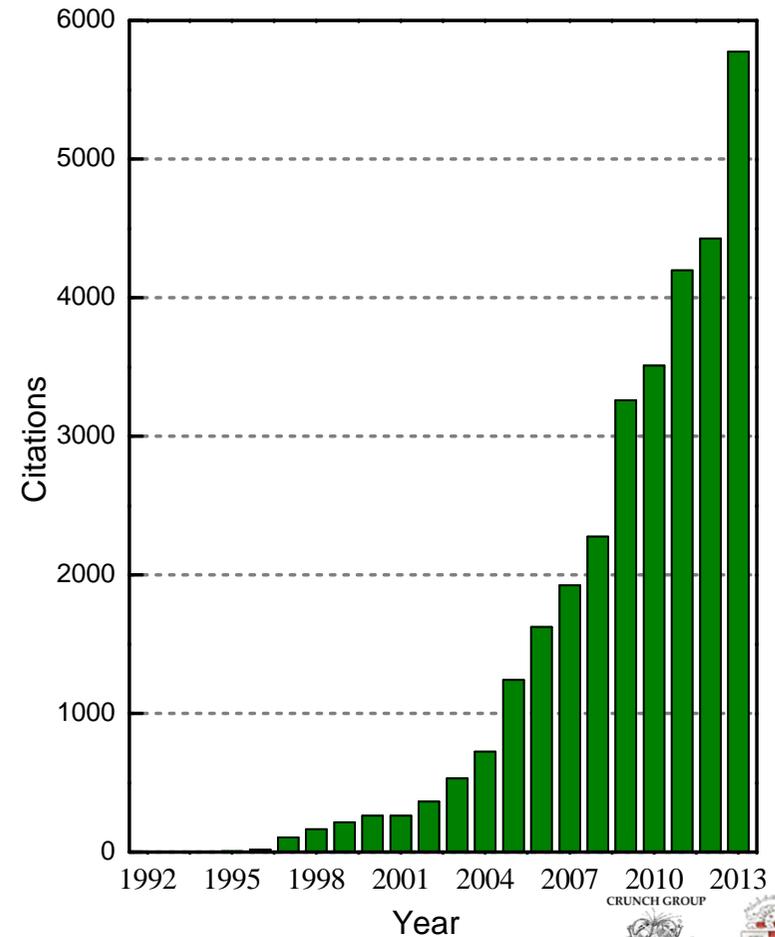
# Dissipative Particle Dynamics: History

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# Dissipative Particle Dynamics (DPD)

- Particles in DPD represent clusters of molecules and interact through simple pair-wise forces

$$\vec{F}_i = \sum_{j \neq i} \left( \vec{F}_{ij}^C + \vec{F}_{ij}^D + \vec{F}_{ij}^R / \sqrt{dt} \right)$$

- DPD system is thermally equilibrated through a thermostat defined by forces  $\vec{F}^D, \vec{F}^R$
- The time evolution equations are given by:

$$d\vec{r}_i = \vec{v}_i dt \quad d\vec{v}_i = \vec{F}_i dt$$

Hoogerbrugge & Koelman, Europhys. Lett., 1992



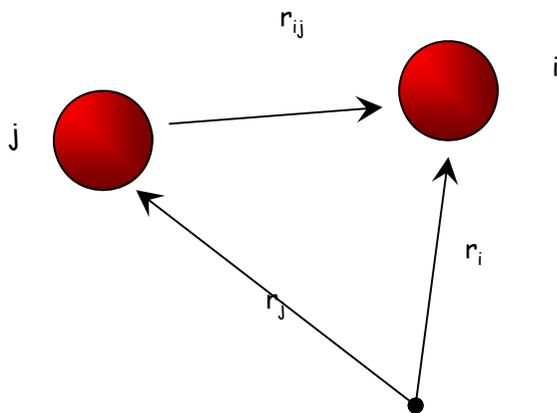
# Pairwise Interactions

Forces exerted by particle **J** on particle **I**:

$$\vec{F}_{ij}^C = F_{ij}^{(c)}(r_{ij})\vec{e}_{ij} \longrightarrow$$

$$\vec{F}_{ij}^D = -\gamma\omega^D(r_{ij})(\vec{v}_{ij} \cdot \vec{e}_{ij})\vec{e}_{ij} \longrightarrow$$

$$\vec{F}_{ij}^R = \sigma\omega^R(r_{ij})\xi_{ij}\vec{e}_{ij}$$



Fluctuation-dissipation relation:

$$\sigma^2 = 2 \gamma k_B T \quad \omega^D = [\omega^R]^2$$

**Conservative**

fluid / system dependent

**Dissipative**

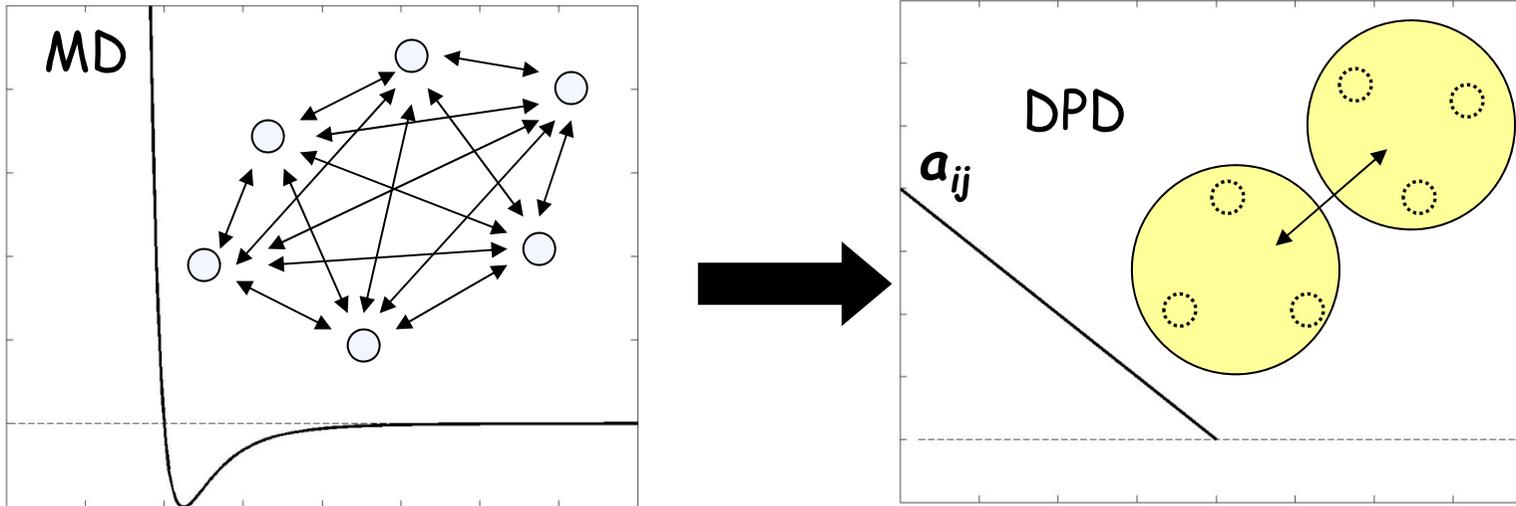
frictional force, represents viscous resistance within the fluid - accounts for energy loss

**Random**

stochastic part, makes up for lost degrees of freedom eliminated after the coarse-graining



# Conservative Force



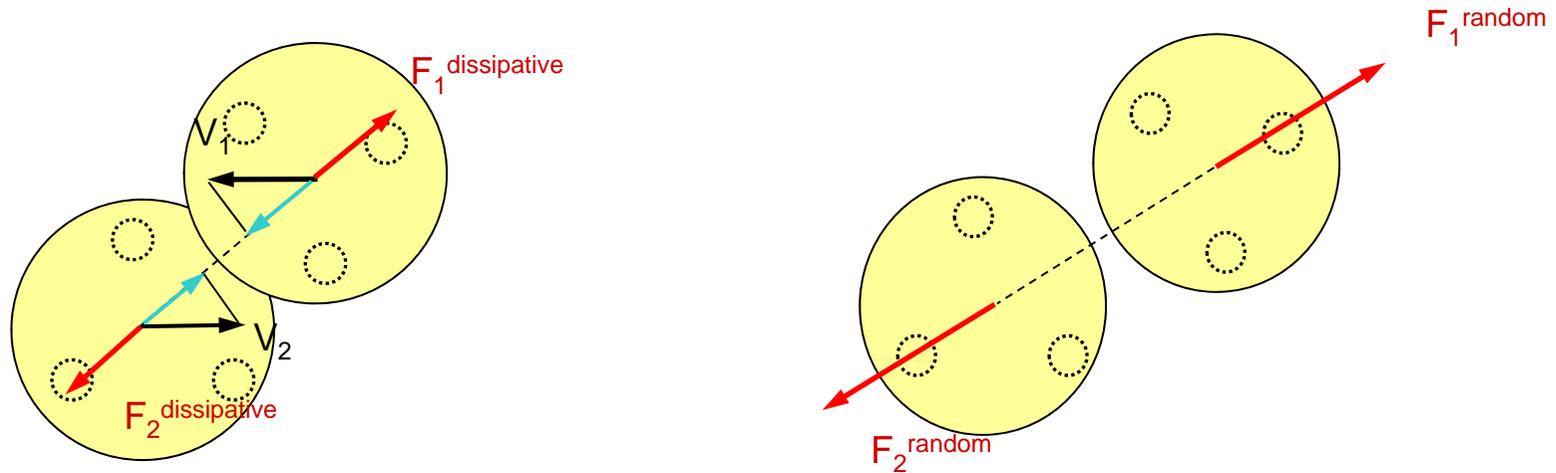
Soft repulsive force

$$\vec{F}_{ij}^c(r_{ij}) = \begin{cases} a_{ij} \left(1 - \frac{r_{ij}}{r_c}\right) \vec{e}_{ij} & r_{ij} < r_c \\ 0 & r_{ij} \geq r_c \end{cases}$$

determines strength  
of soft repulsion

- Soft potentials were obtained by averaging the molecular field over the rapidly fluctuating motions of atoms during short time intervals.
- This approach leads to an effective potential similar to one, used in DPD.

# Dissipative and Random Forces

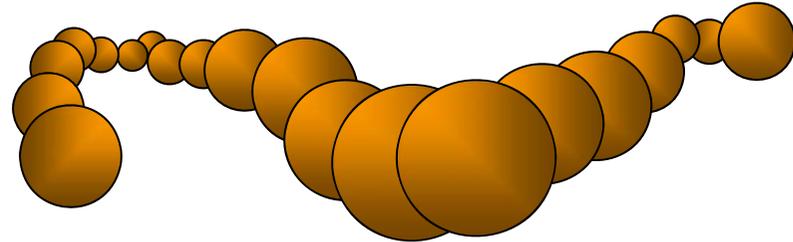


- Dissipative (friction) forces reduce the relative velocity of the pair of particles
- Random forces compensate for eliminated degrees of freedom
- **Dissipative and random forces form DPD thermostat**
- The magnitude of dissipative and random forces are defined by fluctuation-dissipation theorem.

# DPD intramolecular terms

- Lennard-Jones Repulsion

$$U_{\text{LJ}} = 4\epsilon\left[\left(\frac{L}{r_{ij}}\right)^{12} - \left(\frac{L}{r_{ij}}\right)^6 + \frac{1}{4}\right]$$



- Stiff (Fraenkel) / Hookean Spring

$$U_{\text{STIFF}} = \frac{\kappa}{2}(|\vec{r}_i - \vec{r}_{i-1}| - r_{\text{eq}})^2, \quad \text{where } i = 2, 3, 4, \dots, M$$

- Finitely-Extensible Non-linear Elastic (FENE) Spring

$$U_{\text{FENE}} = -\frac{\kappa}{2}r_{\text{max}}^2 \log\left[1 - \frac{|\vec{r}_i - \vec{r}_{i-1}|^2}{r_{\text{max}}^2}\right], \quad \text{where } i = 2, 3, 4, \dots, M$$

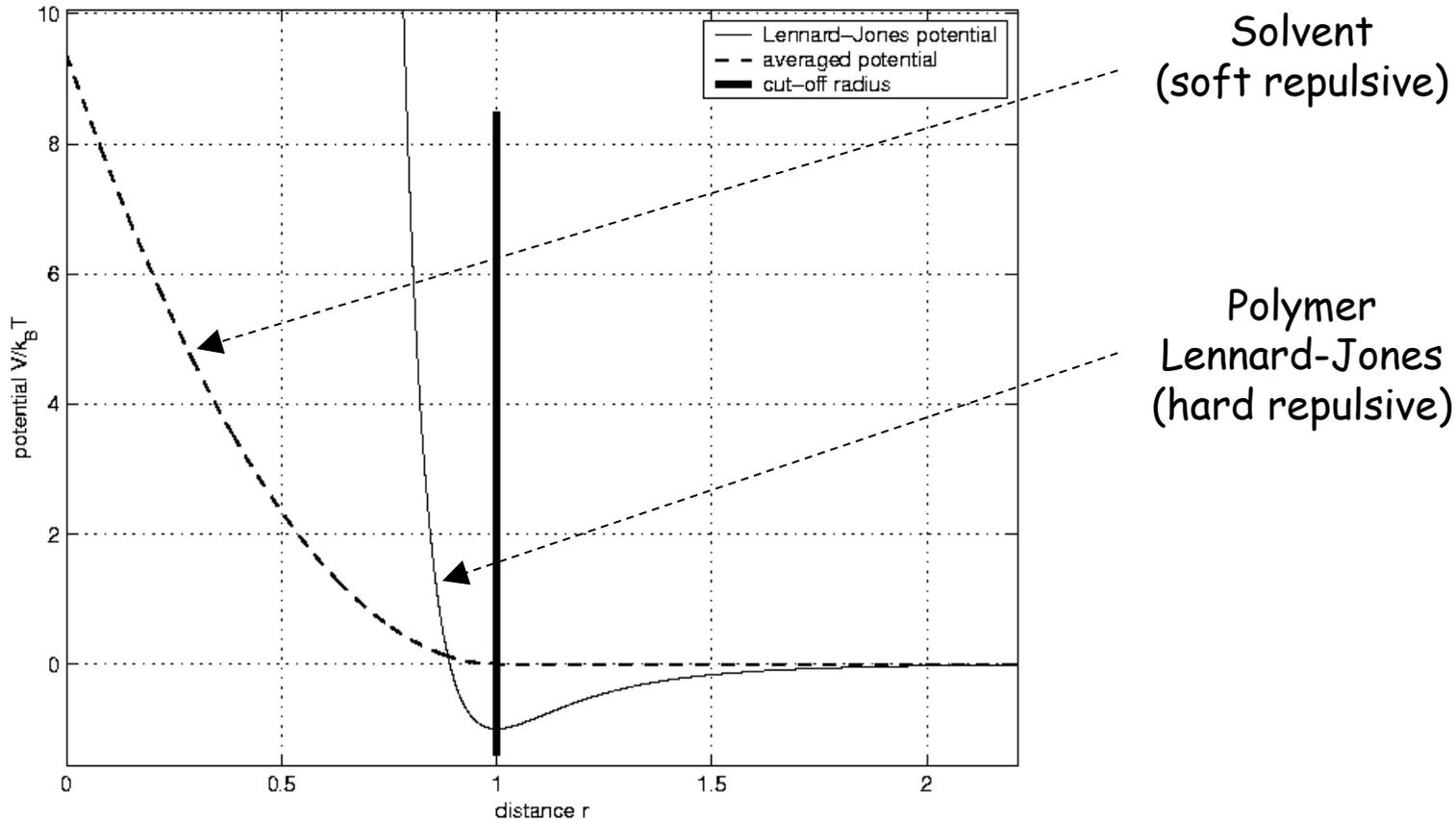
- Marko-Siggia/WormLike Chain (WLC)...

$$F_{\text{WLC}} = \frac{k_{\text{B}}T}{\lambda_{\text{p}}}\left[\frac{1}{4(1-R)^2} - \frac{1}{4} + R\right], \quad R = \frac{|\vec{r}_i - \vec{r}_{i-1}|}{L_{\text{spring}}} = \frac{r}{L_{\text{spring}}}$$



# Mixing Soft-Hard Potentials

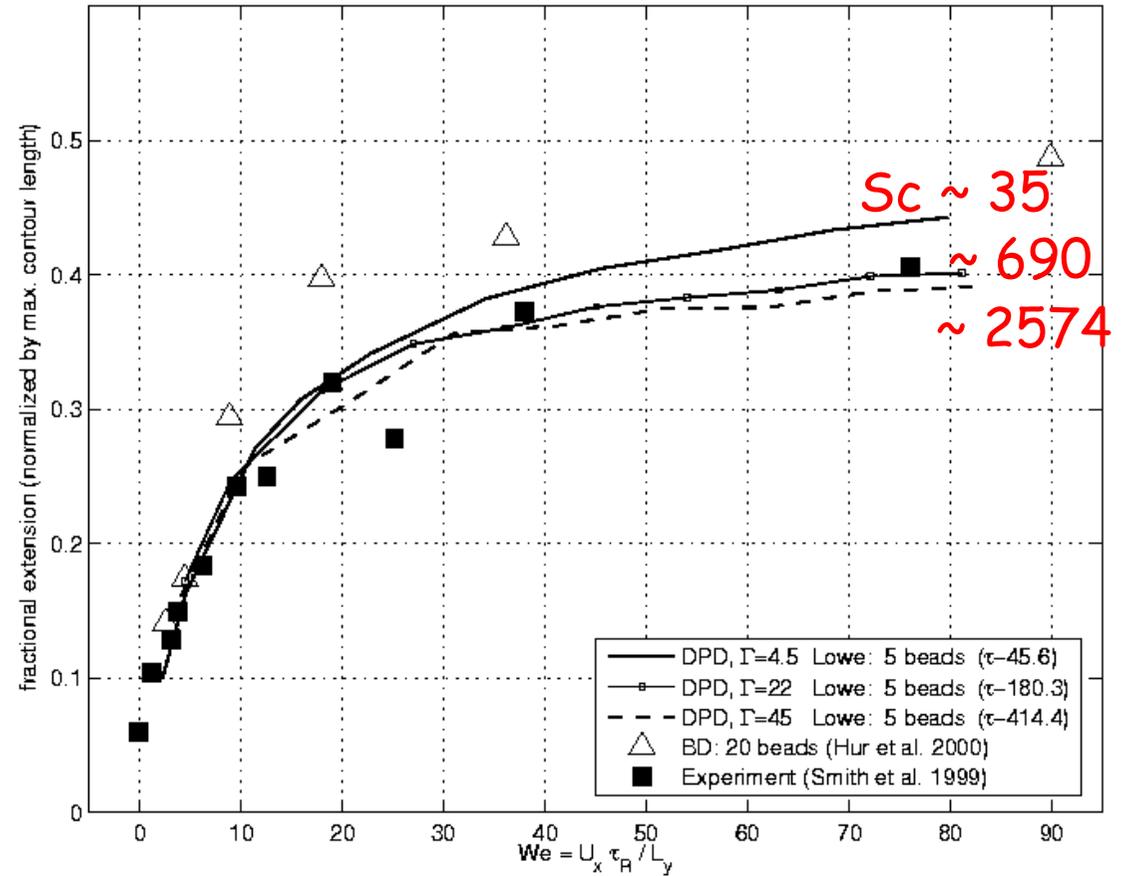
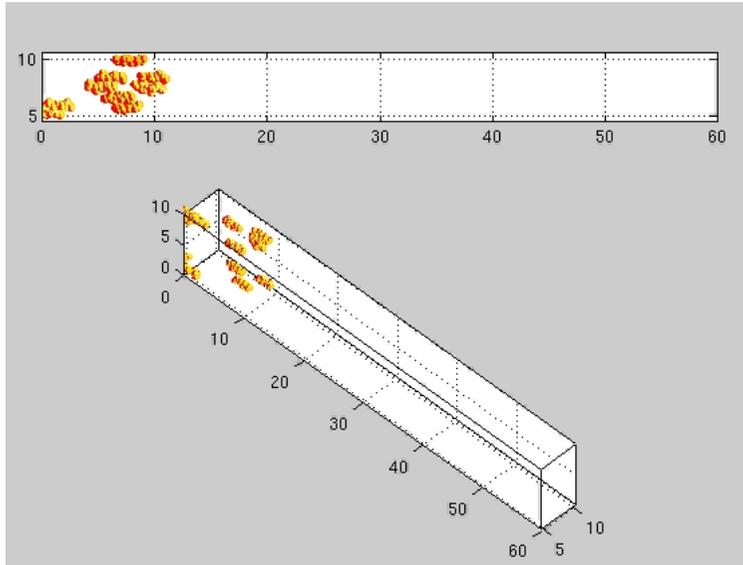
Motivation for 2 different time-steps ( $\Delta t, \delta t$ ): Subcycling  
Symeonidis & Karniadakis, J. Comput. Phys., 2006



Forrest & Suter, J. Chem. Phys., 1995  
idea of pre-averaging - in the spirit of  
conservative forces in DPD solvent



# DNA Chains in Pressure-Driven Flow



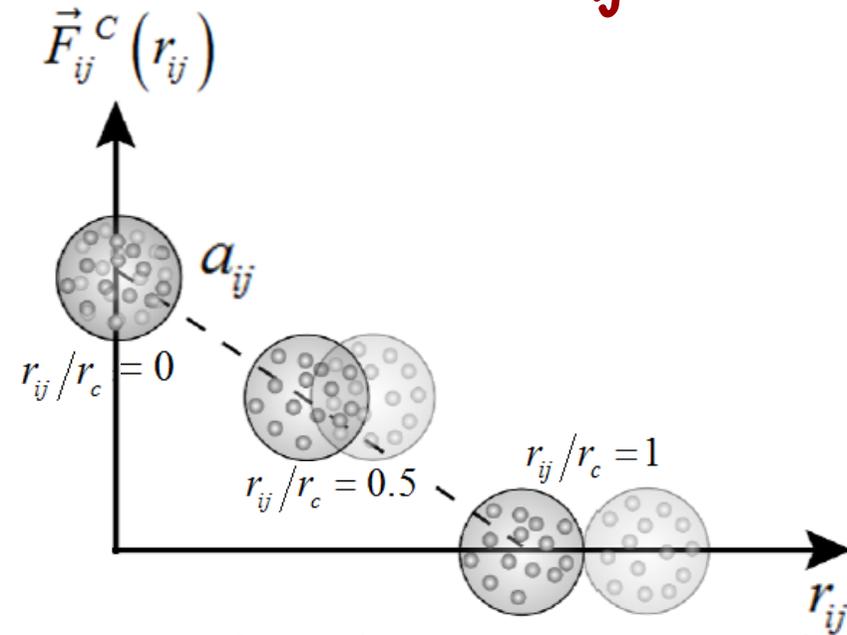
Symeonidis, Caswell & Karniadakis, PRL, 2005



# DPD repulsive parameter $a_{ij}$

$$\vec{F}_{ij}^c(r_{ij}) = \begin{cases} a_{ij} \left(1 - \frac{r_{ij}}{r_c}\right) \vec{e}_{ij} & r_{ij} < r_c \\ 0 & r_{ij} \geq r_c \end{cases}$$

repulsive parameter



The repulsive parameter  $a_{ij}$  is set to fix the compressibility of the system to the real system

System pressure is calculated from virial theorem

$$P = \rho k_B T + \frac{1}{3V} \left\langle \sum_{j>i} (r_i - r_j) \cdot F_i \right\rangle \quad [\text{Groot \& Warren (1997)}]$$

$$= \rho k_B T + \frac{2\pi}{3} \rho^2 \int_0^{r_c} r f^c(r) g(r) r^2 dr$$



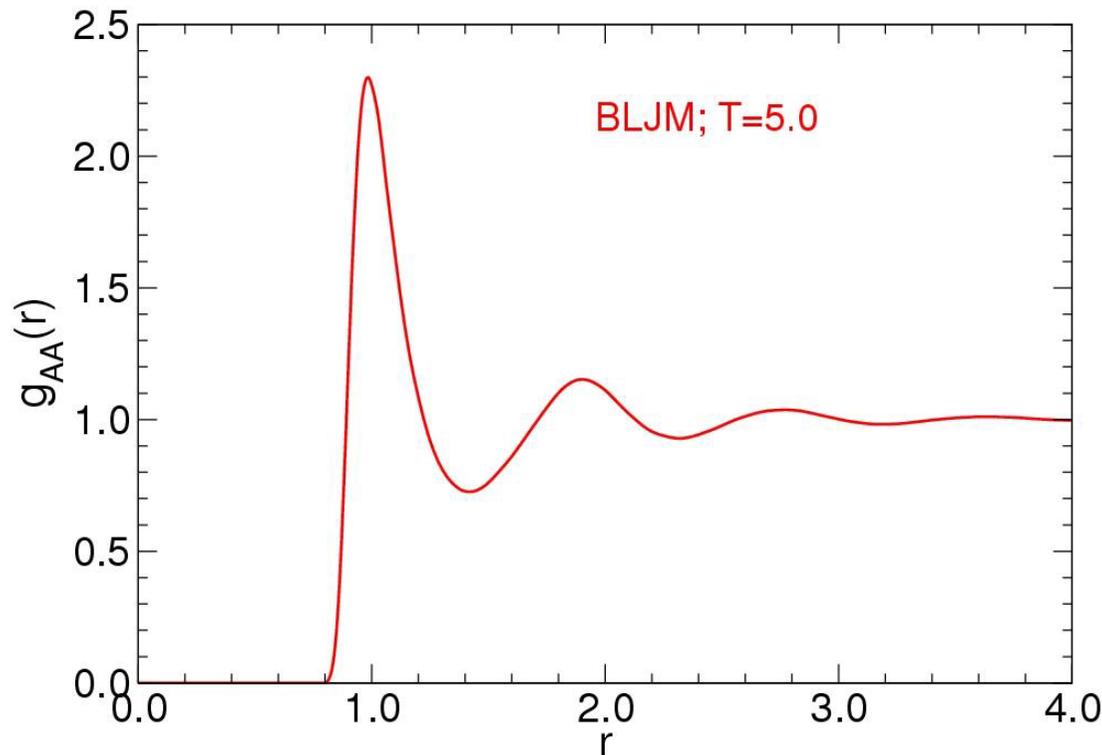
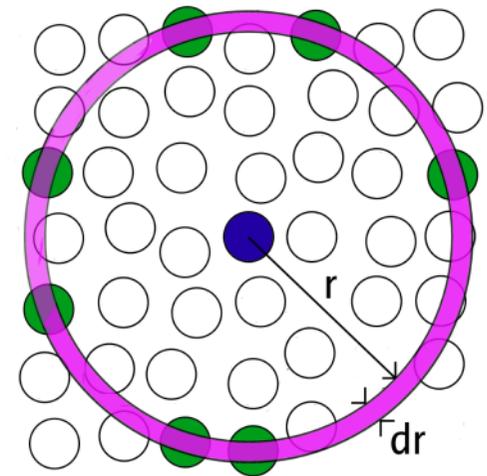
# DPD repulsive parameter $a_{ij}$

Radial Distribution Function  $g(r)$ : describe how density varies as a function of distance from a reference particle.

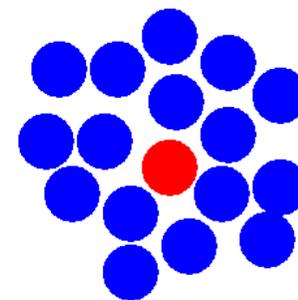
$$g(r) = 4\pi r^2 \rho dr$$

look for neighbors of a reference particle:

$$g(r) = \frac{1}{N^2} \sum_{i,j=1}^N \langle \delta(|\mathbf{r}_{ij}| - r) \rangle$$



$g(r)$  for a simple liquid  
(binary Lennard-Jones mixture)



# DPD repulsive parameter $a_{ij}$

System pressure

$$P = \rho k_B T + \frac{2\pi}{3} \rho^2 \int_0^{r_c} r f^C(r) g(r) r^2 dr$$

For a soft potential with range  $r_c$  at high density

$$\frac{P}{\rho k_B T} = 1 + \frac{2\pi}{3k_B T} \rho \int_0^{r_c} r f^C(r) r^2 dr = 1 + \frac{\alpha}{k_B T} \rho$$

$$P = \rho k_B T + \alpha \rho^2$$

The standard soft potential gives by matching with atomistic or experimental results

$$\alpha \sim 0.1 a_{ij} r_c^4$$

**Note:** If  $\rho$  is too high or  $k_B T$  too low the DPD fluid will freeze making the method useless.



# DPD repulsive parameter $a_{ij}$

The dimensionless compressibility is

$$\kappa^{-1} = \frac{1}{k_B T} \frac{\partial p}{\partial \rho} = \frac{1}{k_B T} \frac{\partial p}{\partial n} \frac{\partial n}{\partial \rho}$$

For a (high density) DPD fluid from the equation of state

$$\kappa^{-1} = 1 + 0.2 \frac{a_{ij} \rho}{k_B T}$$

For water  $\kappa^{-1} \sim 16$ , so in DPD

$$a_{ij} = 75 \frac{k_B T}{\rho r_c^4} \quad [\text{Groot \& Warren (1997)}]$$

Due to the purely repulsive force: no **liquid-vapor** coexistence.

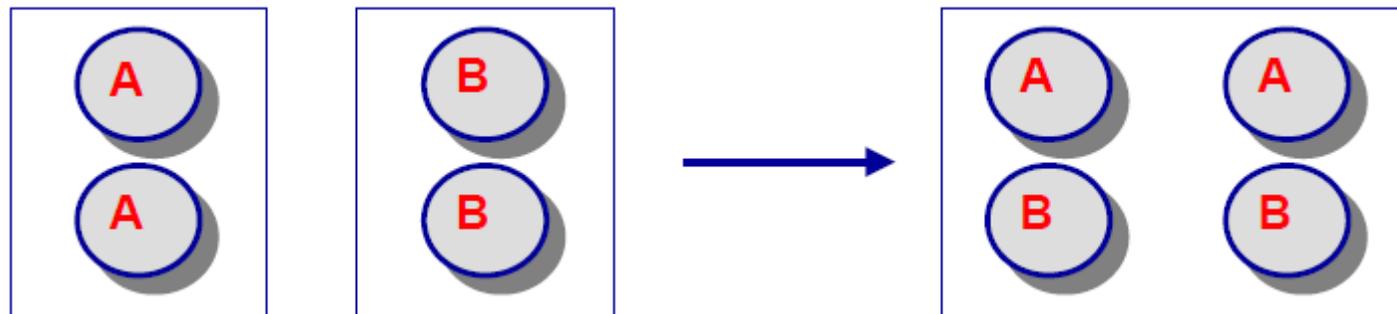


# DPD repulsive parameter $a_{ij}$

DPD can be used to simulate liquid-liquid and liquid-solid interfaces.

It is similar to Flory-Huggins theory of polymers.

Free energy of mixing Flory-Huggins theory



$$\frac{F}{k_B T} = \frac{\phi_A}{N_A} \ln \phi_A + \frac{\phi_B}{N_B} \ln \phi_B + \chi \phi_A \phi_B$$

entropic term

enthalpic term

Flory, J. Chem. Phys., 1942

Huggins, J. Chem. Phys., 1941

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# DPD repulsive parameter $a_{ij}$

Free energy density of a single component in DPD:

$$\frac{f_V}{k_B T} = \rho \ln \rho - \rho + \frac{\alpha a \rho^2}{k_B T}$$

For a two component system of chains one expects

$$\frac{f_V}{k_B T} = \frac{\rho_A}{N_A} \ln \rho_A + \frac{\rho_B}{N_B} \ln \rho_B - \frac{\rho_A}{N_A} - \frac{\rho_B}{N_B} + \frac{\alpha(a_{AA}\rho_A^2 + 2a_{AB}\rho_A\rho_B + a_{BB}\rho_B^2)}{k_B T}$$

Choose  $a_{AA} = a_{BB}$  and assume that  $\rho_A + \rho_B$  is constant

$$\frac{f_V}{(\rho_A + \rho_B)k_B T} \approx \frac{x}{N_A} \ln x + \frac{(1-x)}{N_B} \ln(1-x) + \chi x(1-x)$$

Flory-Huggins parameter

$$\chi = \frac{2\alpha(a_{AB} - a_{AA})(\rho_A + \rho_B)}{k_B T}$$

DPD repulsive parameter

Groot & Warren, J. Chem. Phys., 1997



# Integration algorithms for DPD

**Idea:** integrate the equations of motion step by step

$$r(t), v(t) \rightarrow r(t + \delta t), v(t + \delta t) \rightarrow r(t + 2\delta t), v(t + 2\delta t) \rightarrow$$

At each step, we need to:

- compute forces acting on particles
- update the particles' positions and velocities

All the integration algorithms assume the positions, velocities and accelerations can be approximated by **Taylor expansion**:

$$r(t + \delta t) = r(t) + v(t)\delta t + \frac{a(t)}{2}\delta t^2 + \dots$$

$$v(t + \delta t) = v(t) + a(t)\delta t + \frac{b(t)}{2}\delta t^2 + \dots$$

$$a(t + \delta t) = a(t) + b(t)\delta t + \dots$$



# Verlet Algorithm

To derive the Verlet algorithm one can write

$$r(t + \delta t) = r(t) + v(t)\delta t + \frac{a(t)}{2} \delta t^2 + \dots$$

$$r(t - \delta t) = r(t) - v(t)\delta t + \frac{a(t)}{2} \delta t^2 + \dots$$

Summing these two equations, one obtains

$$r(t + \delta t) = 2r(t) - r(t - \delta t) + a(t)\delta t^2$$

It uses positions and accelerations at time  $t$  and positions from time  $t - \delta t$  to calculate new positions at time  $t + \delta t$ .

The velocities are computed from the positions by using

$$v(t) = \frac{r(t + \delta t) - r(t - \delta t)}{2\delta t}$$



# Verlet Algorithm

## Algorithm

$$r(t + \delta t) = 2r(t) - r(t - \delta t) + a(t)\delta t^2$$

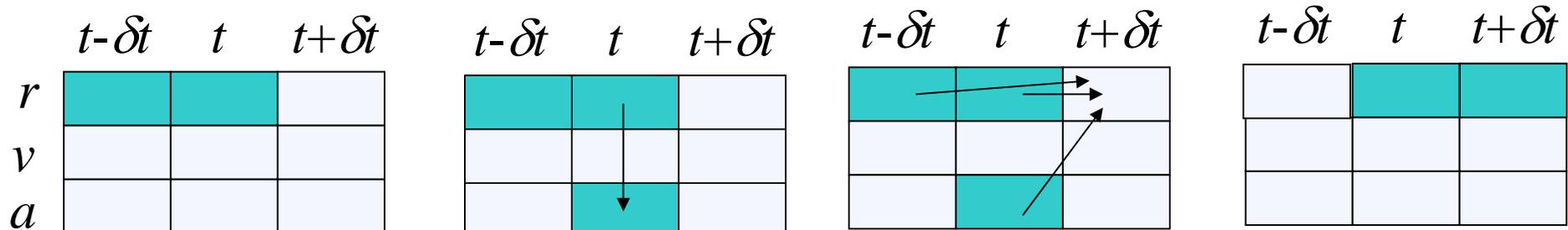
$$v(t) = \frac{r(t + \delta t) - r(t - \delta t)}{2\delta t}$$

Basic Verlet: velocity is not directly generated

**Numerically inaccurate**

## Implemented in stages

- given current position and position at end of previous time step
- compute force at the current position
- compute new position from present and previous positions and present force
- advance to next time step, repeat



# Velocity Verlet Algorithm

## Algorithm

$$r(t + \delta t) = r(t) + v(t)\delta t + \frac{a(t)}{2}\delta t^2$$

$$v(t + \delta t) = v(t) + \frac{a(t) + a(t + \delta t)}{2}\delta t$$

$$v(t + \delta t) = v(t + \frac{\delta t}{2}) + \frac{a(t + \delta t)}{2}\delta t$$

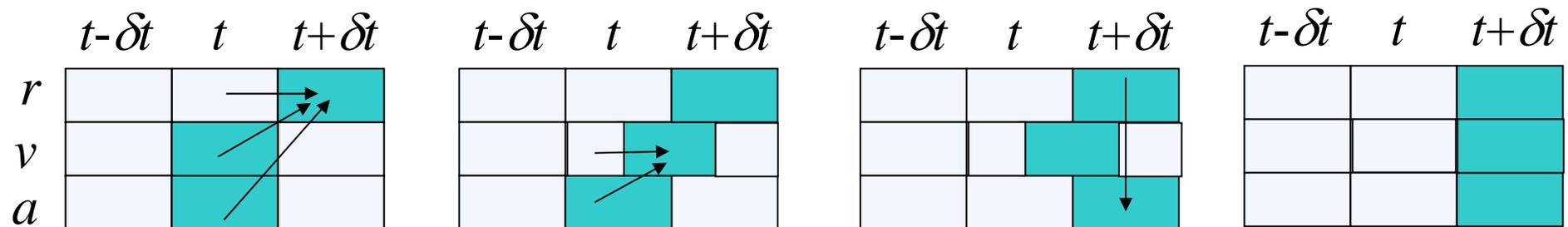
$$v(t + \frac{\delta t}{2}) = v(t) + \frac{a(t)}{2}\delta t$$

## Implemented in stages

- compute position at new time
- compute velocity at half step
- compute new force at new position
- compute velocity at full step

Positions, velocities and accelerations at time  $t + \delta t$  are obtained from the same quantities at time  $t$ .

**Numerically accurate**



# Modified Velocity Verlet Algorithm for DPD

DPD force depend on velocity

$$\mathbf{r}_i(t + \Delta t) = \mathbf{r}_i(t) + \Delta t \mathbf{v}_i(t) + \frac{1}{2}(\Delta t)^2 \mathbf{f}_i(t)$$

$$\tilde{\mathbf{v}}_i(t + \Delta t) = \mathbf{v}_i(t) + \lambda \Delta t \mathbf{f}_i(t)$$

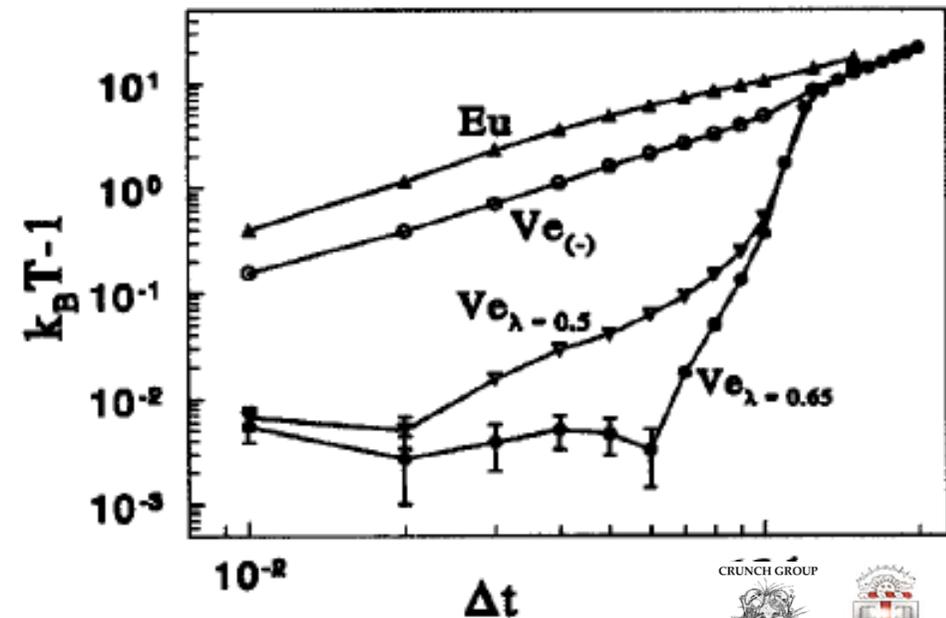
$$\mathbf{f}_i(t + \Delta t) = \mathbf{f}_i(\mathbf{r}(t + \Delta t), \tilde{\mathbf{v}}(t + \Delta t))$$

$$\mathbf{v}_i(t + \Delta t) = \mathbf{v}_i(t) + \frac{1}{2} \Delta t (\mathbf{f}_i(t) + \mathbf{f}_i(t + \Delta t))$$

Optimum value:

$$\lambda = 0.65$$

For this value the timestep can be increased to 0.06 without significant loss of temperature control



Groot & Warren, J. Chem. Phys., 1997



# DPD: Coarse-graining of MD

- The mass of the DPD particle is  $N_m$  times the mass of MD particle.

$$M = mN_m$$

- The cut-off radius can be found by equating mass densities of MD and DPD systems.

$$R_c = \left( \frac{N_m \rho_{\text{DPD}}^*}{\rho_{\text{MD}}} \right)^{\frac{1}{3}} \sigma$$

- The DPD conservative force coefficient  $a$  is found by equating the dimensionless compressibility of the systems.

$$a = k_B T \frac{\kappa^{-1} N_m - 1}{2\alpha \rho_{\text{DPD}}}$$

- The time scale is determined by insisting that the shear viscosities of the DPD and MD fluids are the same.

$$\tau_{\text{DPD}} = \frac{\nu_{\text{DPD}}^*}{\nu_{\text{MD}}} \left( \frac{R_c}{\sigma} \right)^2 \tau$$

- The variables marked with the symbol "\*" have the same numerical values as in DPD but they have units of MD.

Groot & Warren, J. Chem. Phys., 1997

Keaveny, Pivkin, Maxey & Karniadakis, J. Chem. Phys., 2005

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# Boundary Conditions in DPD

DPD simulations in confined geometry: imposition of boundary conditions.

Soft repulsion between DPD particles needs extra effort to impose accurately no-slip/partial-slip wall boundary condition.

- **Modifying periodic boundary conditions**

  - Lees-Edwards method [Boek et al. (1996)]

  - Reverse Poiseuille flow [Backer et al. (2005)]

- **Freezing regions of the fluid to create rigid wall / body**

  - for example, in particulate flow [Hoogerbrugge & Koelman (1992)]

- **Combine different particle-layers with proper reflections**

  - Specular reflection [Revenga et al. (1999)]

  - Bounce-back reflection [Visser et al. (2005)]

  - Maxwellian reflection [Revenga et al. (1998)]



# Boundary conditions in DPD

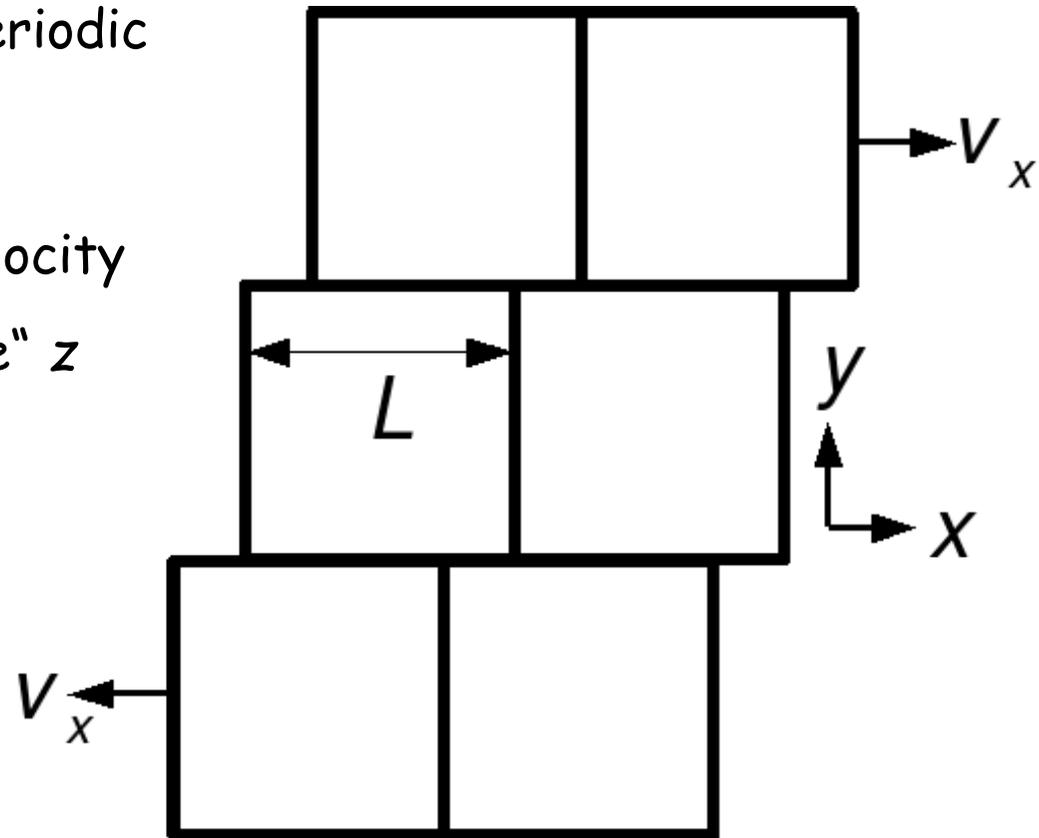
## Lees-Edwards boundary condition

- no walls, instead modified periodic boundary conditions
- shear flow in  $x$  direction, velocity gradient in  $y$  direction, "free"  $z$  direction
- shear rate:

$$\dot{\gamma} = 2v_x / L$$

- linear shear profile:

$$v(y) = \dot{\gamma}(y - L/2)$$



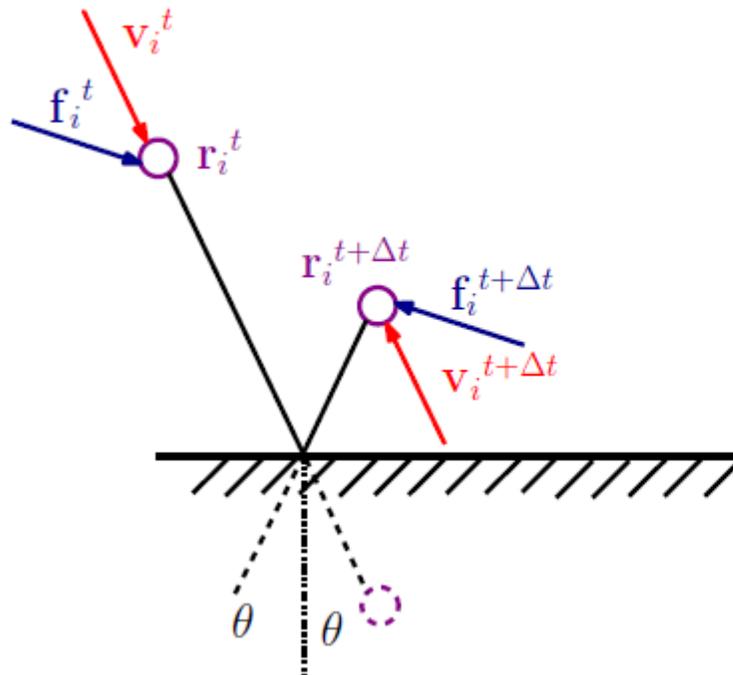
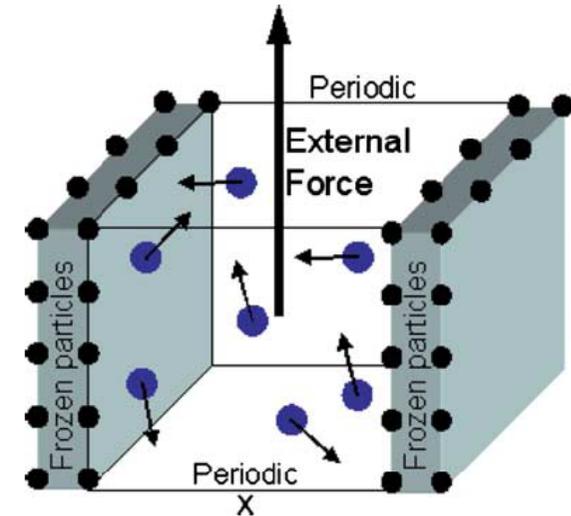
Lees & Edwards. J. Phys. C, 1972.



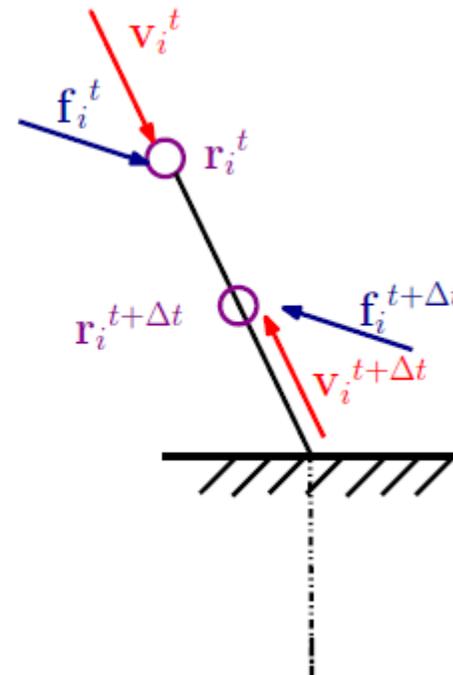
# Boundary conditions in DPD

## Frozen wall boundary condition

- Fluid in between parallel walls
- Walls are simulated by freezing DPD particles
- Flow induced by external body force



Bounce forward reflection



Bounce back reflection



# Shear viscosity

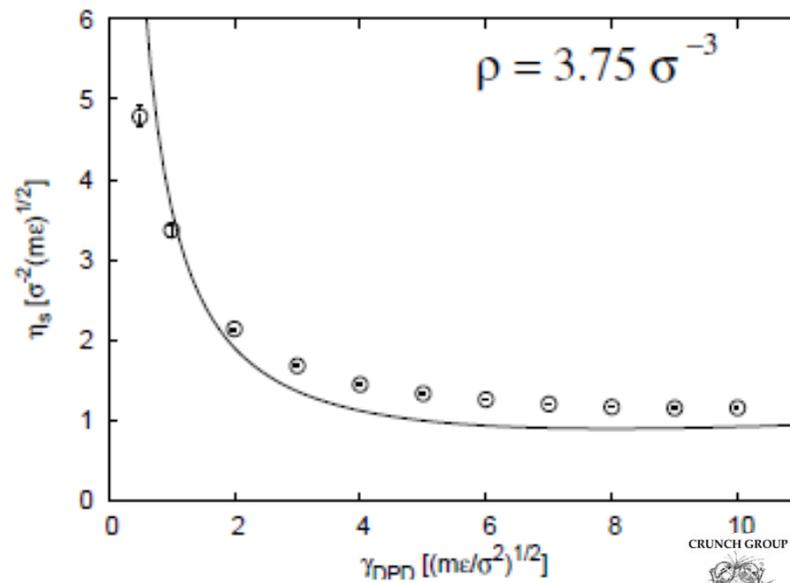
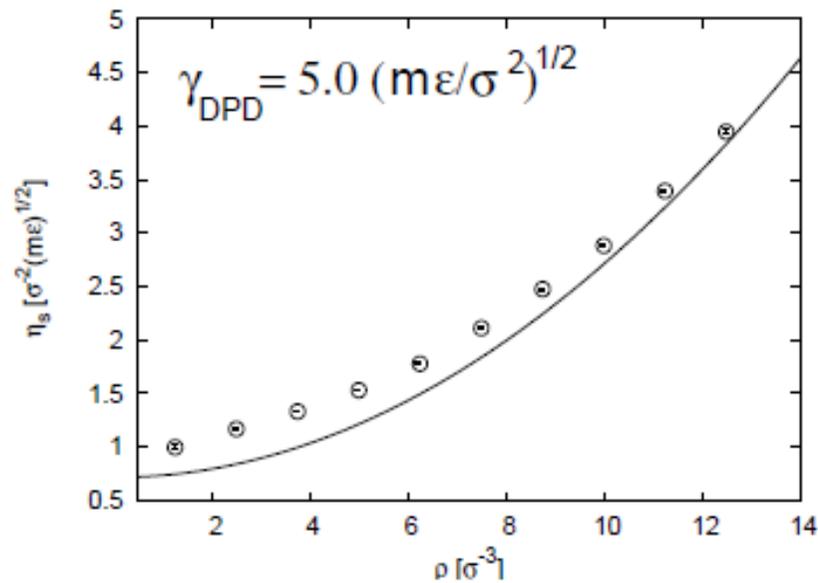
Shear viscosity in DPD is a function of several parameters.

An approximation [Groot & Warren (1997)] is given by

$$\eta = \frac{45 (k_B T)^2}{2\pi \sigma^2 r_c^3} + \frac{\pi \rho^2 \sigma^2 r_c^5}{1575 k_B T}$$

More sophisticated theory in [Marsh et al (1997)].

Simulation results:



# Shear viscosity

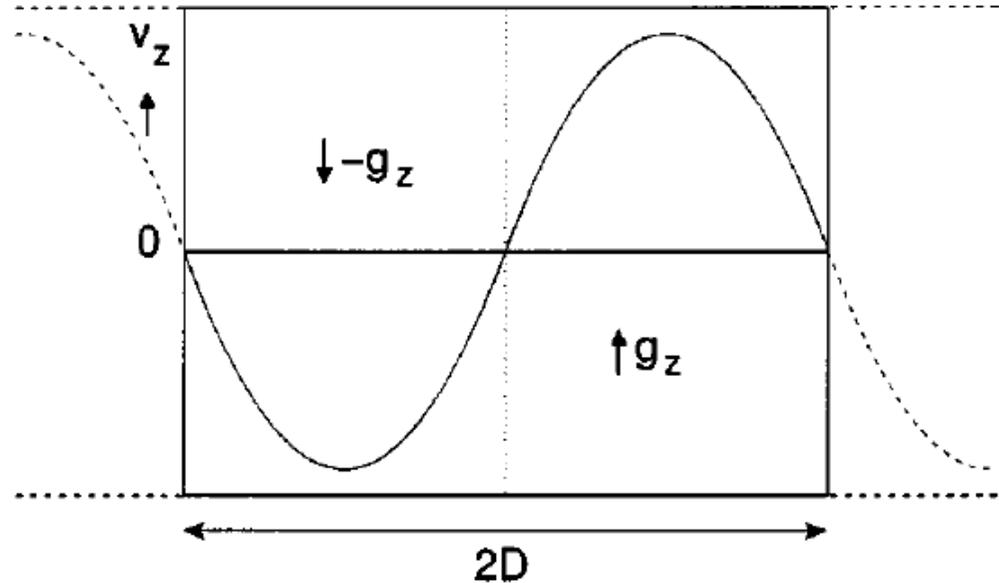
Reverse Poiseuille flow

Shear stress:

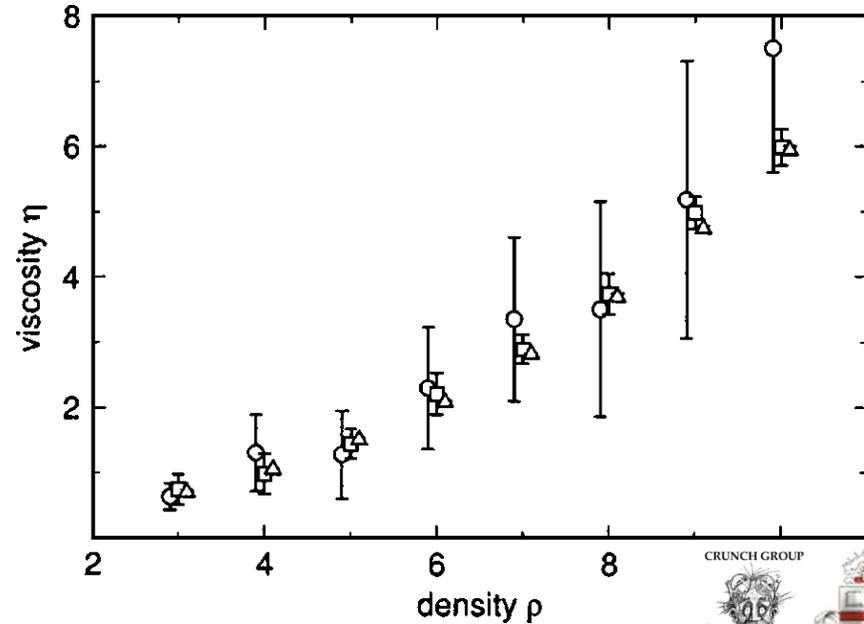
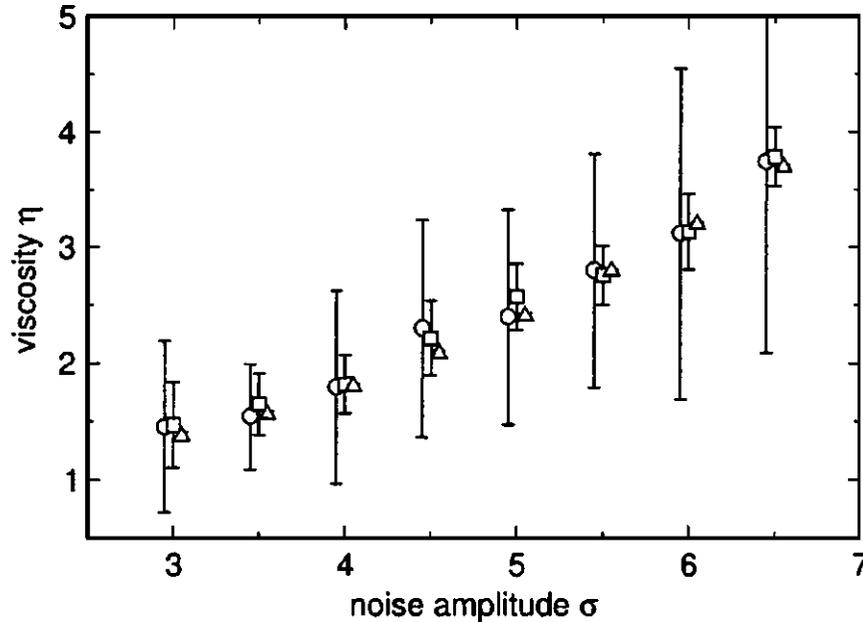
$$\tau_{xz} = \rho g_z \left(x - \frac{1}{2}D\right)$$

Velocity:

$$v_z = \frac{\rho g_z}{2\eta} (xD - x^2)$$



Simulation results:

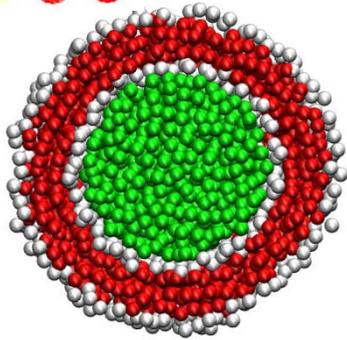
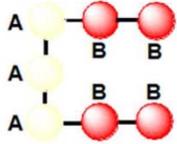


Backer, Lowe, Hoefsloot & Ledema, J. Chem. Phys., 2005

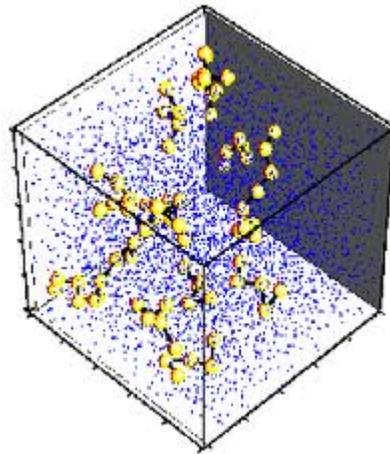


# Applications

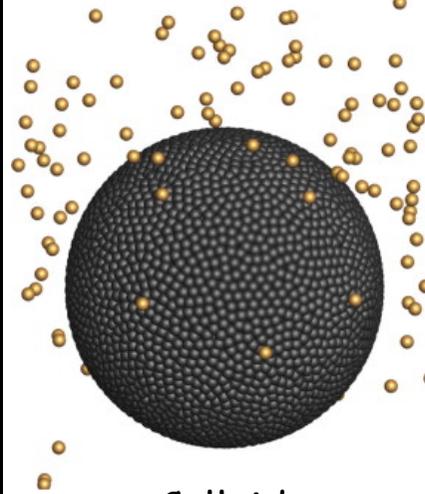
Amphiphilic  $A_3(B_2)_2$  molecule



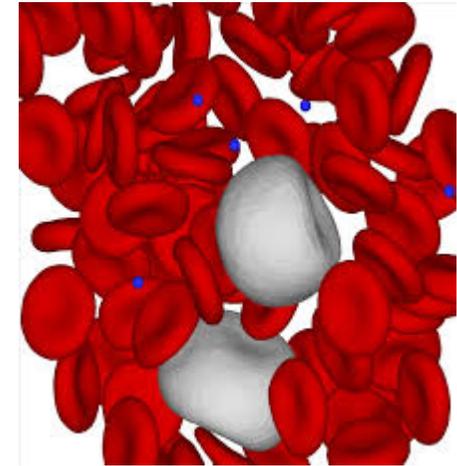
Polymer self-assembly



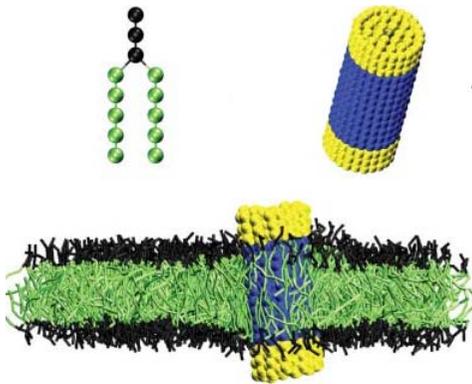
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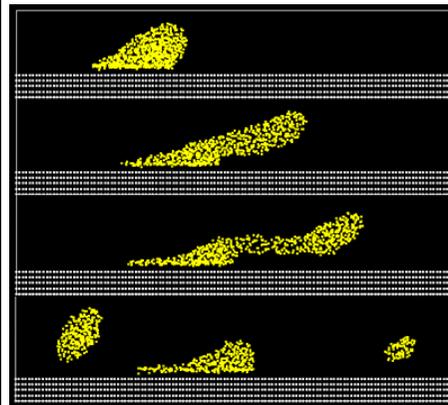
Colloids



Blood



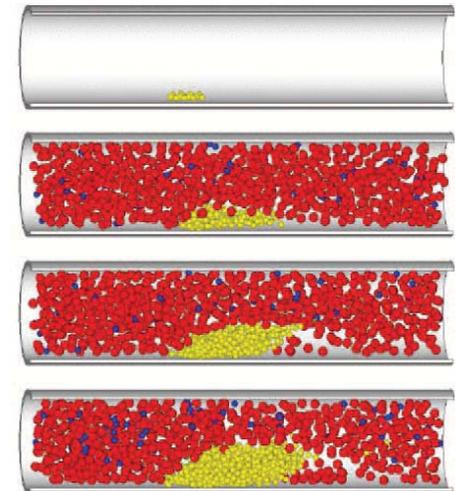
Membrane



Droplet

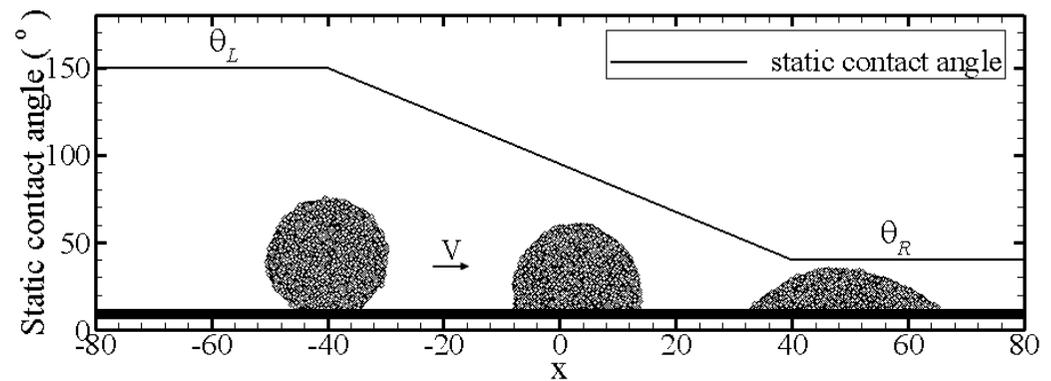
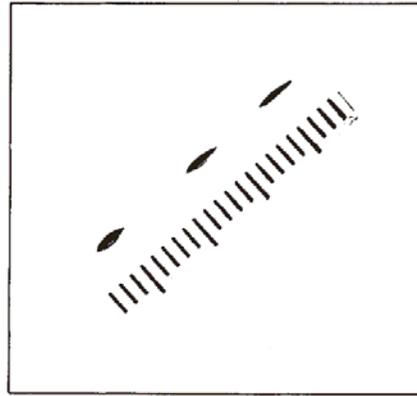
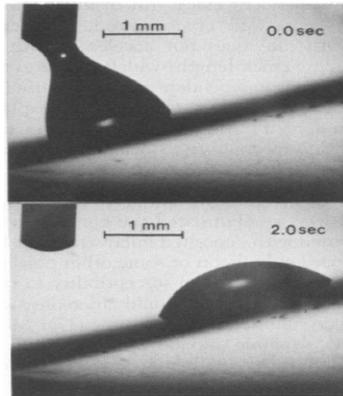


Surfactant



Platelets

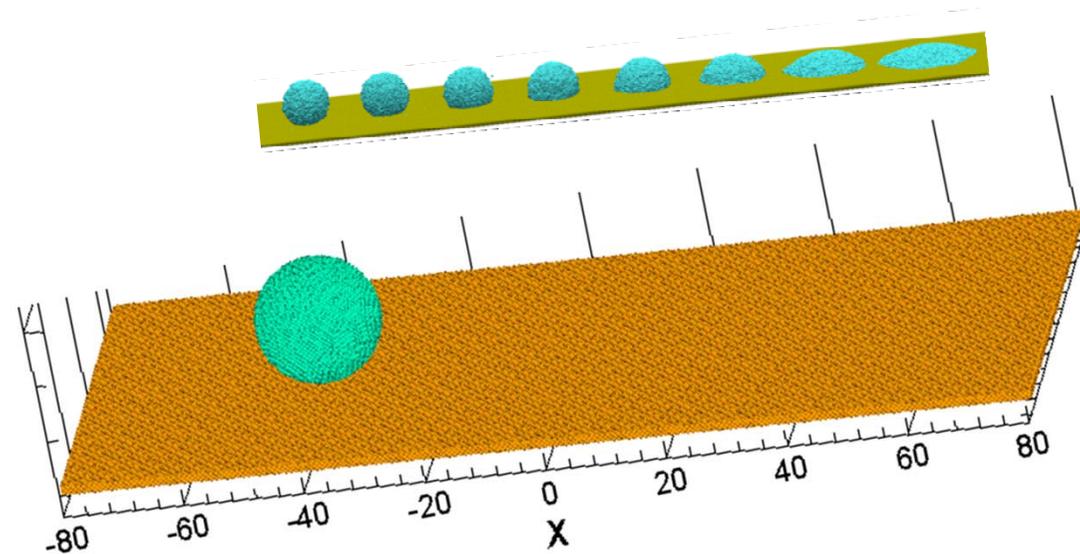
# Application 1 - Droplet uphill motion



Chaudhury, et al. Science, 1992. Bain, et al. Nature, 1994.



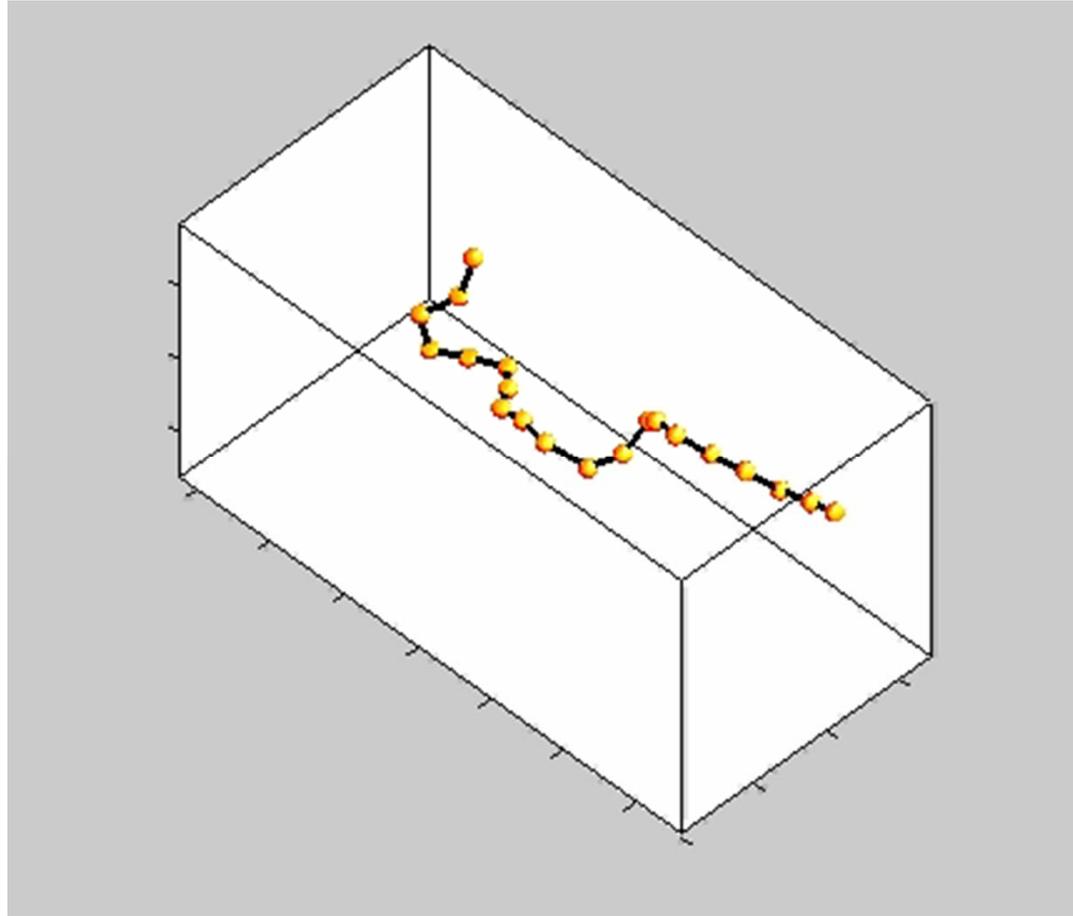
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Li, Hu, Wang, Ma & Zhou, Phys. Fluids, 2013



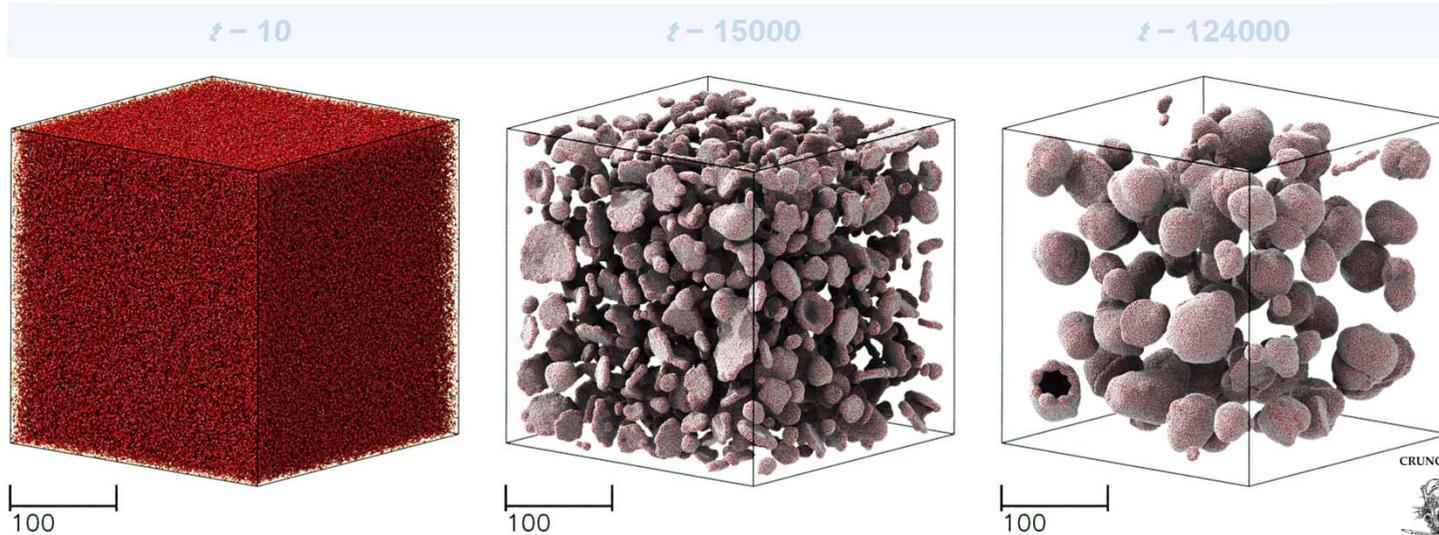
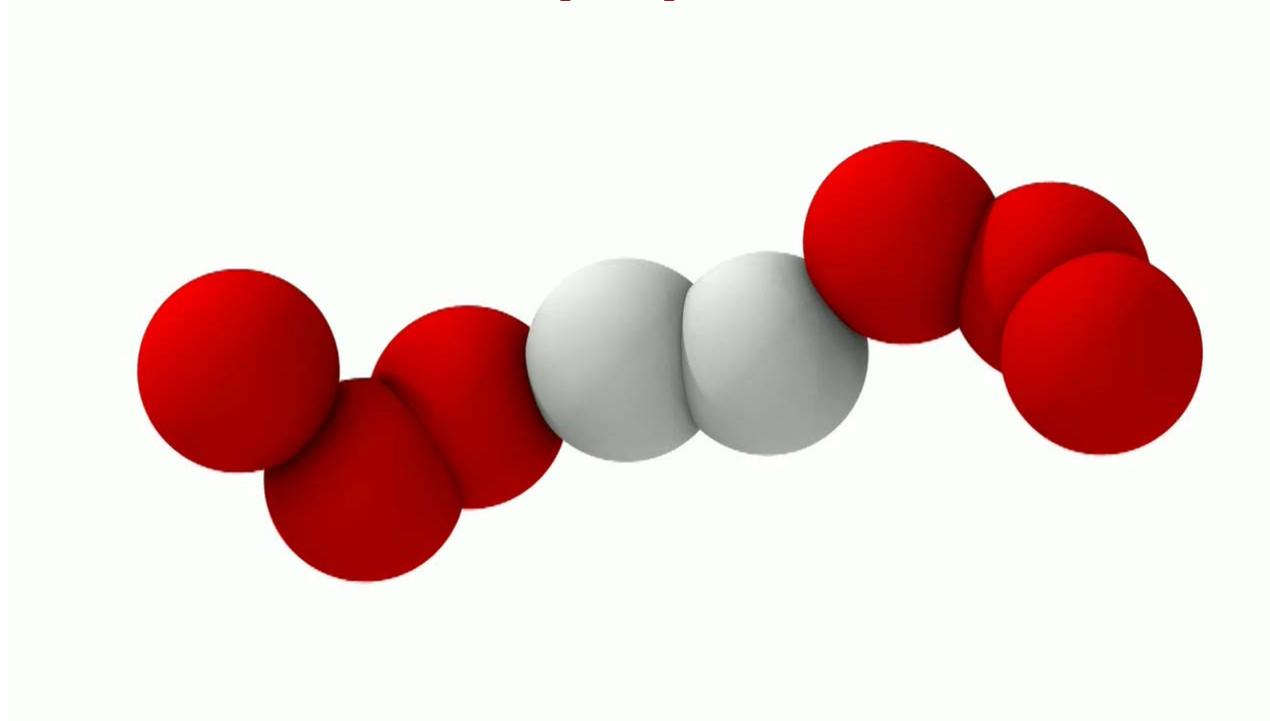
## Application 2 - DNA in shear flow



Symeonidis, Caswell & Karniadakis, PRL, 2005



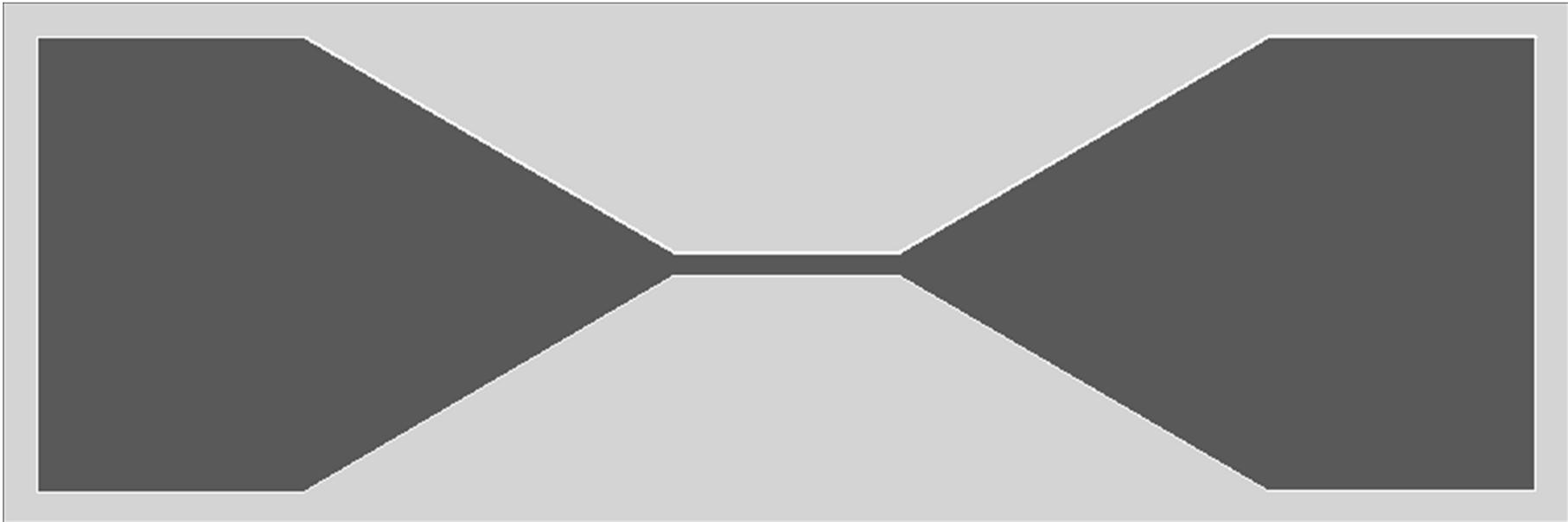
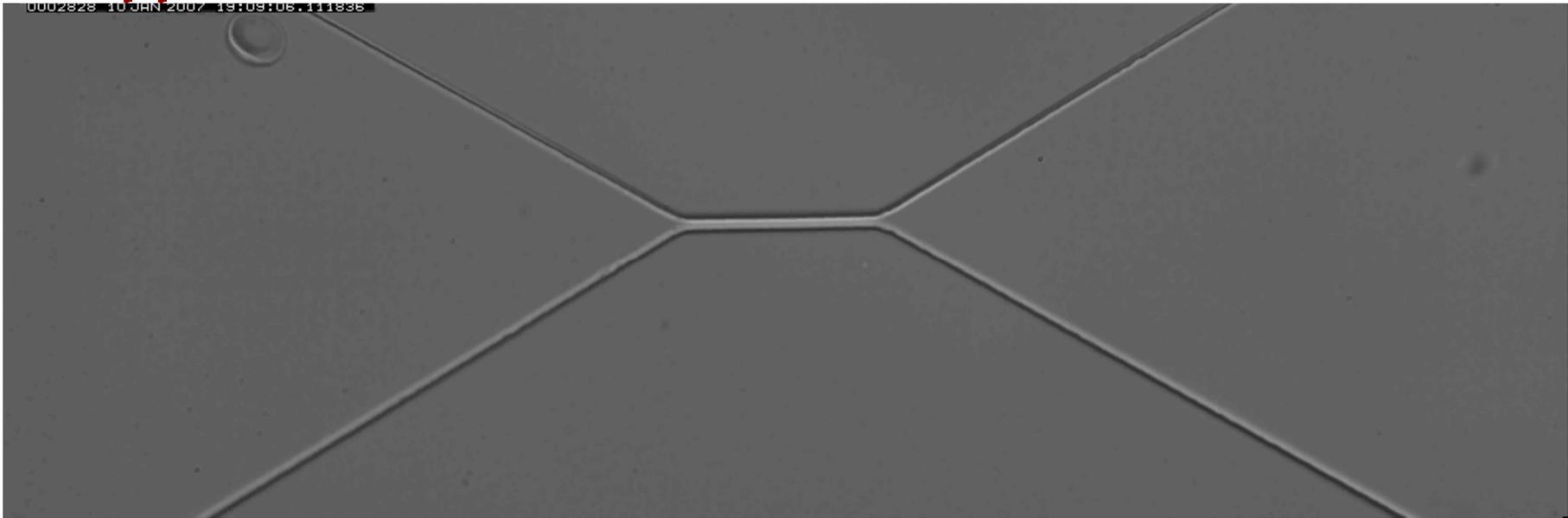
# Application 3 - Amphiphilic self-assembly



Tang & Karniadakis, Comput. Phys. Commun, 2014



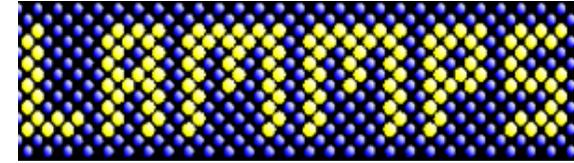
## Application 4 - Red blood cell in microchannel



Quinn, Pivkin, Wong, Chiam, Dao, Karniadakis & Suresh, ABE, 2011

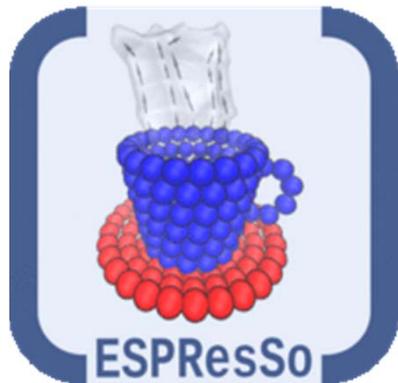
# DPD Software/Package

**LAMMPS:** <http://lammps.sandia.gov/>

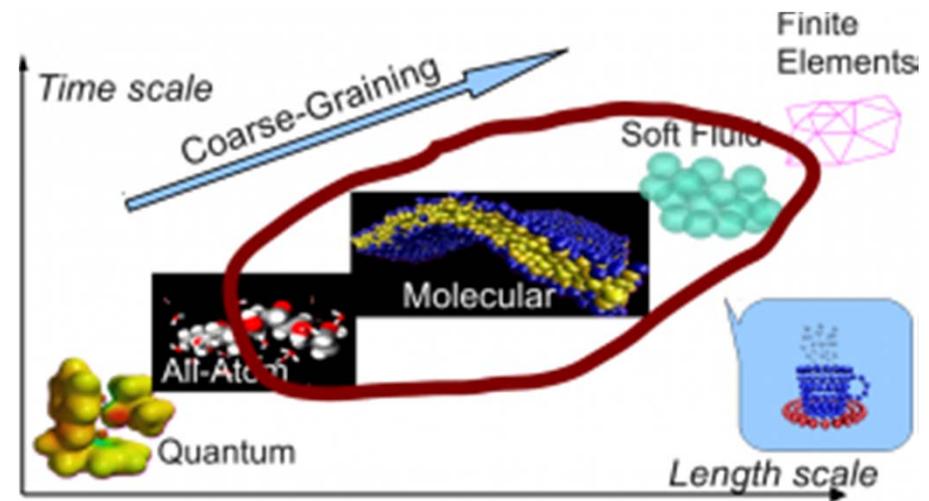


- Highly parallelized
- Distributed-memory MPI
- GPU and OpenMP support for many code features
- Highly portable C++
- Open-source distribution

**ESPResSo:** <http://espressomd.org/>



- Extensible
- Open-source
- Parallelized
- Portable



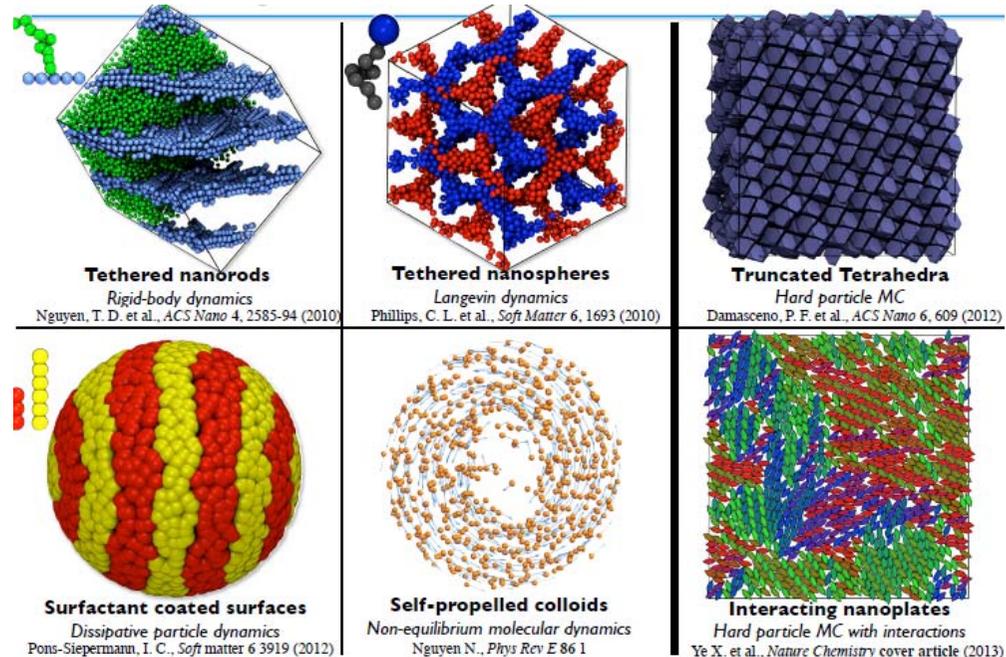
Length and time scales where ESPResSo works best

# DPD Software/Package

[HOOMD-blue](http://codeblue.umich.edu/hoomd-blue/): <http://codeblue.umich.edu/hoomd-blue/>

## HOOMD-blue

- Fast GPU performance
- Scalable
- Flexible



[DPDmacs](http://www.apmaths.uwo.ca/~mkarttu/dpdmacs.shtml): <http://www.apmaths.uwo.ca/~mkarttu/dpdmacs.shtml>

- Compatible with Gromacs

[MyDPD](http://multiscalelab.org/mydpd): <http://multiscalelab.org/mydpd>

- Simple, serial but functional



# Open Issues

- Handshaking is still a problem (MD-DPD-NS)
- Coarse graining has its limits...
- Complex dynamics requires stochastic closures.
- Error/Uncertainty quantification needed.
- New verification & validation procedures are required for MSM.
- MSM should motivate new parallel computational paradigms.

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