Dissipative Particle Dynamics: Foundation, Evolution and Applications Lecture 4: DPD in soft matter and polymeric applications





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Outline

- Dissipative Particle Dynamics (DPD)
- ✤ Applications:
 - > Fluid Flow
 - Boundary conditions
 - Triple-Decker: MD DPD NS
 - Blood Flow
 - > Amphiphilic Self-assembly
- Future of DPD



Dissipative Particle Dynamics (DPD)

- Stochastic simulation approach for simple and complex fluids.
- Mesoscale approach to simulate soft matter.

- Conserve momentum locally & preserve hydrodynamics.
- Access to longer time and length scales than are possible using conventional MD simulations.



coarse grain

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Simulations with DPD

- > Applying appropriate boundary conditions, so we can simulate problems of interest.
- A choice for the inter-particle forces, so we can model materials of interest.
- > DPD has been applied to model a diverse range of systems:
 - Fluid flow (pipes, porous media)
 - Complex fluids (Colloidal suspension, blood)
 - Self-assembly (polymers, lipids, surfactants, nanoparticles)
 - Phase phenomena (polymer melts, dynamic wetting)



Fluid flow



Boundary Conditions in DPD

- Lees-Edwards boundary conditions can be used to simulate an infinite but periodic system under shear
- Revenga et al. (1998) created a solid boundary by freezing the particles on the boundary of solid object; no repulsion between the particles was used.
- Willemsen et al. (2000) used layers of ghost particles to generate no-slip boundary conditions.
- Pivkin & Karniadakis (2005) proposed new wall-fluid interaction forces.





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







Poiseuille flow results



Boundary conditions in DPD

Adaptive boundary condition





Boundary conditions in DPD Polymer translocation

Translocation of polymer in single-file conformations



Translocation of polymer in double-folded conformations



Guo, Li, Liu & Liang, J. Chem. Phys., 2011

Macro-Meso-Micro Coupling

NS + DPD + MD



Triple-Decker Algorithm



- Atomistic Mesoscopic Continuum Coupling
- Efficient time and space decoupling
- Subdomains are integrated independently and are coupled through the boundary conditions every time τ



Fedosov & Karniadakis, J. Comput. Phys., 2009

Triple-Decker Algorithm



Fedosov & Karniadakis, J. Comput. Phys., 2009



Algorithm validation: 1D flows

Couette flow

Poiseuille flow





Square cavity flow

Square cavity, upper wall is moving to the right



Fedosov & Karniadakis, J. Comput. Phys., 2009



Blood flow



Modeling human blood flow in health and disease





Red Blood Cells



50-100 nm spectrin length between junctions 27000 - 40000 of junctions per RBC





General Spectrin-level and Multiscale RBC Models

 \square RBCs are immersed into the DPD fluid

- □ The RBC particles interact with fluid particles through DPD forces
- □ Temperature is controlled using DPD thermostat



FIGURE 1 Arrangement of the major components of the RBC membrane skeleton.

<u>Pivkin & Karniadakis, PRL, 2008;</u>
 <u>Fedosov, Caswell & Karniadakis, Biophys. J, 2010.</u>



Multiscale RBC model

Triangular mesh:

- > each vertex a DPD particle
- $\Rightarrow \text{ each edge a viscoelastic spring}$ $U_{POW WLC}(x) = \frac{k_p}{(n-1)x^{n-1}} + \frac{k_B T L_m}{4p} \times \frac{3(x/L_m)^2 2(x/L_m)^3}{1 x/L_m} + U_{visc}$



> bending resistance of lipid bilayer

$$U_{BEND}(\theta_{\alpha\beta}) = k_b \left[1 - \cos(\theta_{\alpha\beta} - \theta_0) \right]$$

> shear resistance of cytoskeleton

Fedosov, Caswell and Karniadakis. Biophys. J., 2010



Multiscale RBC model

Triangular mesh:

constant surface area

$$U_{AREA}(A) = \frac{k_A (A - A_0^{tot})^2}{2A_0^{tot}} + \sum_{j \in 1...N_f} \frac{k_d (A_j - A_0)^2}{2A_0}$$



constant volume

$$U_{VOLUME}(V) = \frac{k_{V}(V - V_{0}^{tot})^{2}}{2V_{0}^{tot}}$$

Fedosov, Caswell and Karniadakis. Biophys. J., 2010.



Spectrin-level/Coarse RBC Representation



N = 27344 *N* = 3000 *N* = 500

The membrane macroscopic elastic properties are found analytically for all representations: from spectrin-level to coarse-level.



Pivkin & Karniadakis, PRL, 2008



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Experiment - Suresh et al., Acta Biomaterialia, 1:15-30, 2005

RBC dynamics in shear flow





RBC dynamics in Poiseuille flow

 $D = 9 \mu m$ - tube diameter

C = 0.05 - RBC volume fraction





RBC dynamics in Poiseuille flow





Prediction of Human Blood Viscosity In Silico



Vaso-occlusion in sickle cell disease Pipe flow (SS2 + SS4)





Self-assembled vesicles from 128M particle simulations





hydrophilic head

hydrophobic tail



DPD repulsion parameter

$$a_{ii} = a_{ii} + \Delta a$$

Hydrophilic and hydrophobic molecules need differences in the repulsion parameters otherwise they would mix How do we define 'not mixing' and separation ?

Phase separation: mean-field theory $\chi N < 10.5$ homogeneous or disordered system $\chi N \cong 10.5$ weak segregation demixing $\chi N >> 10.5$ strong segregation demixing water $\frac{\chi N k_{\rm B} T}{\Delta a} = 0.306 N$ [Groot & Warren (1997)]





B: hydrophobic

S: solvent

A: hydrophilic Repulsive parameters:

$$a_{ij} = \begin{pmatrix} A & B & S \\ A & 15 & 120 & 15 \\ B & 120 & 15 & 120 \\ S & 15 & 120 & 15 \end{pmatrix}$$

Self-assembled microstructures:





Li, Tang, Liang & Karniadakis, Chem Commun, 2014

Chirality controls molecular self-assembly HbS polymerizes into filaments Polymer fiber **HbS molecule (**MW: ~ 67,000 Da) High-resolution model Coarse-grained model β α β α a HR ↓ CG $\boldsymbol{\alpha}$ α β ß α $\boldsymbol{\alpha}$ β α β α Coatsergraining hydrophilic hydrophobic Α B Polymerization B Sickle hemoglobin (HbS)

Chirality controls molecular self-assembly

DPD interactions:

 $V_{\text{tot}} = V_{\text{bonded}} + V_{\text{nonbonded}} = \left(V_{\text{str}} + V_{\text{bend}} + V_{\text{tors}}\right) + \left(V_{\text{vdw}} + V_{\text{es}} + \cdots\right)$

Bonded interactions:

Hookean spring interaction:

$$V_{\rm str} = k_{\rm str} \left(r - r_0 \right)^2$$

Bond-bending interaction:

$$V_{\text{bend}} = k_{\text{bend}} \left(\theta - \theta_0 \right)^2$$

Bending FENE interaction:

$$F_{\text{FENE}} = k_{\text{BEND}} \left[\frac{\theta - \theta_0}{1 - (\theta - \theta_0) / \Delta \theta_{\text{max}}} \right]$$

Non-bonded interactions:

<u>Pairwise DPD conservative interaction:</u>

$$V_{\text{non-bonded}} = -\frac{a_{ij}}{2} \left(1 - r_{ij} / r_c\right)^2$$

(a) Control chain rigidity
(b1) Describe chain chirality



Chirality controls molecular self-assembly



Elongated step-like fiber

Elongated sheet-like membrane

Li, Caswell & Karniadakis, Biophys. J., 2012

Summary

Dissipative Particle Dynamics is a powerful tool to

- treat boundary conditions in microchannel flows
- simulate the dynamic and rheological properties of simple and complex fluids
- understand the dynamic behavior of polymer and DNA chains
- model blood flow in health and disease



The future of DPD

- Multiscale modeling: MD DPD SDPD SPH
- Complex fluids and complex geometries
- Parameterization development for simulating real fluids
- Structural models





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