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Modeling powder compaction with peridynamics

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What this talk will cover

- Modeling the deformation, contact, and failure of grains
- Discrete elements as peridynamic material points
 - High stress powder compaction



Powder compaction

- Many things are manufactured by compressing powders.
- Typically want high, uniform density and low residual stress.



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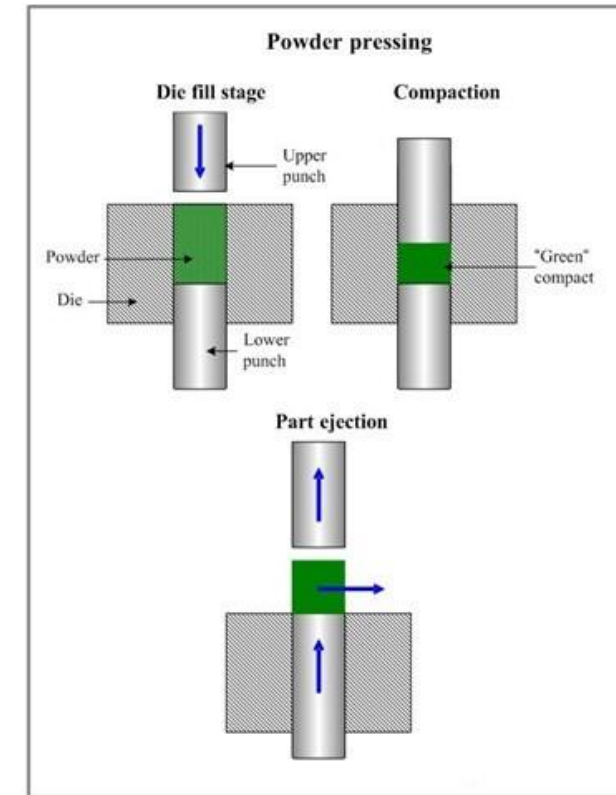
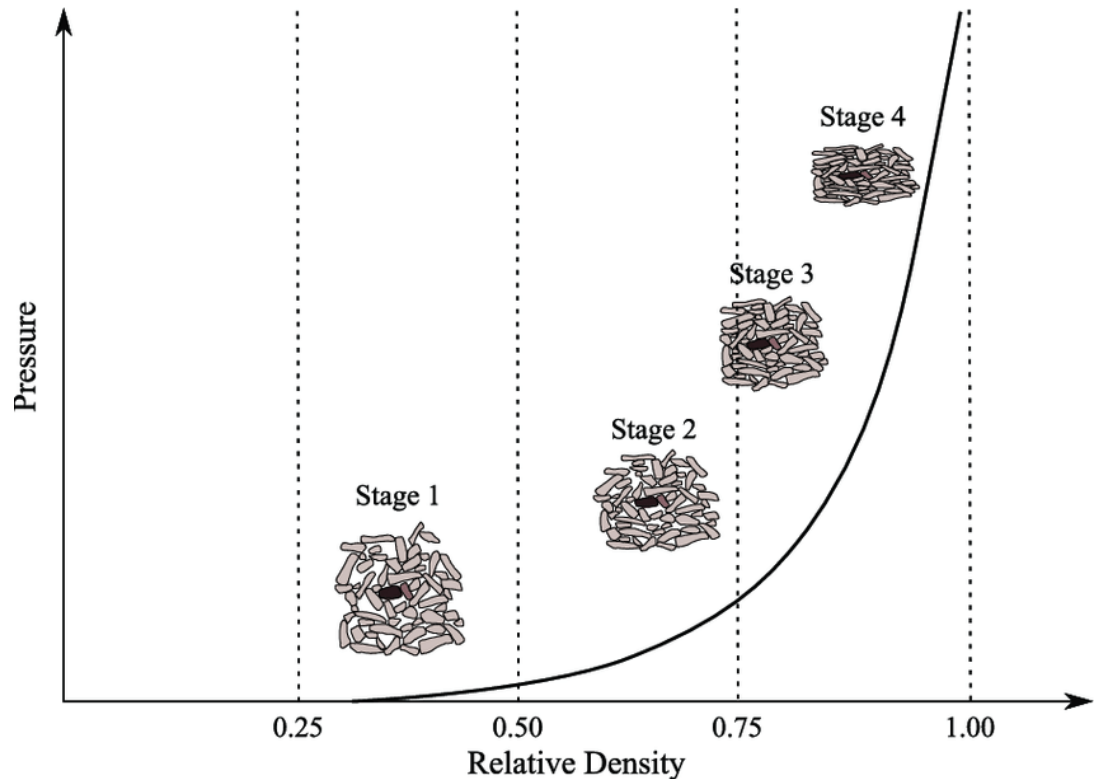


Image: <https://blogmech.com/methods-of-compacting-powder-metallurgy/>

Powder compaction

- Loose powder is poured into a die, compressed by a ram.
- As it is compressed...
 - Void space is crushed out.
 - Particles deform and may fracture.
 - Friction can be important.

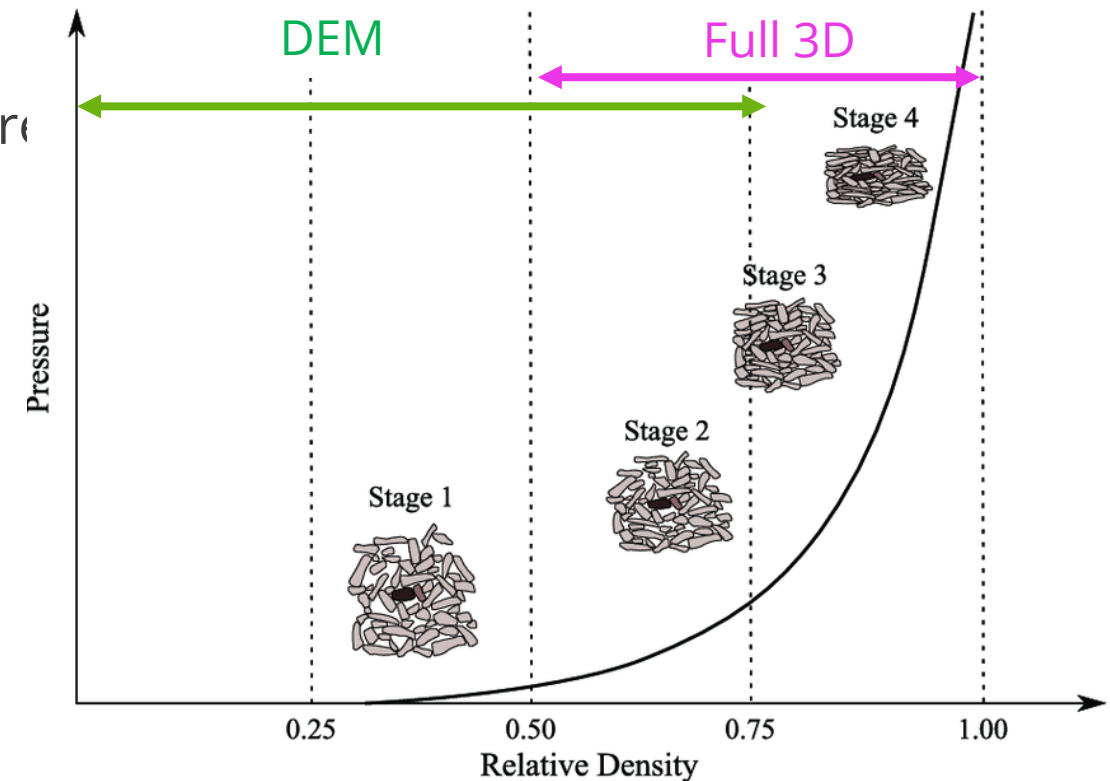
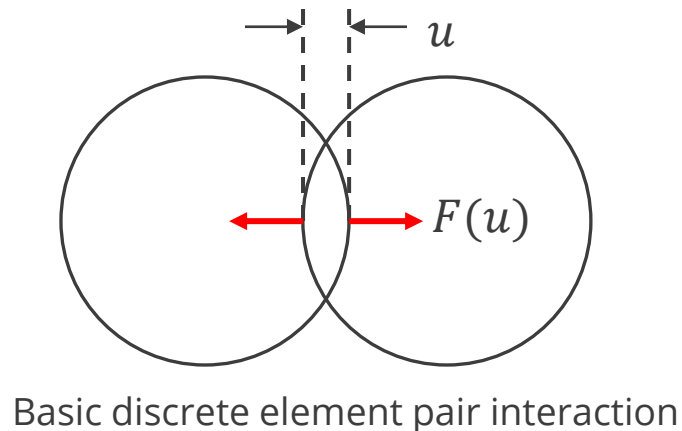
Stages of powder compaction
Image: H. Yi et al., 2018, KONA Powder and Particle Journal



Modeling regimes

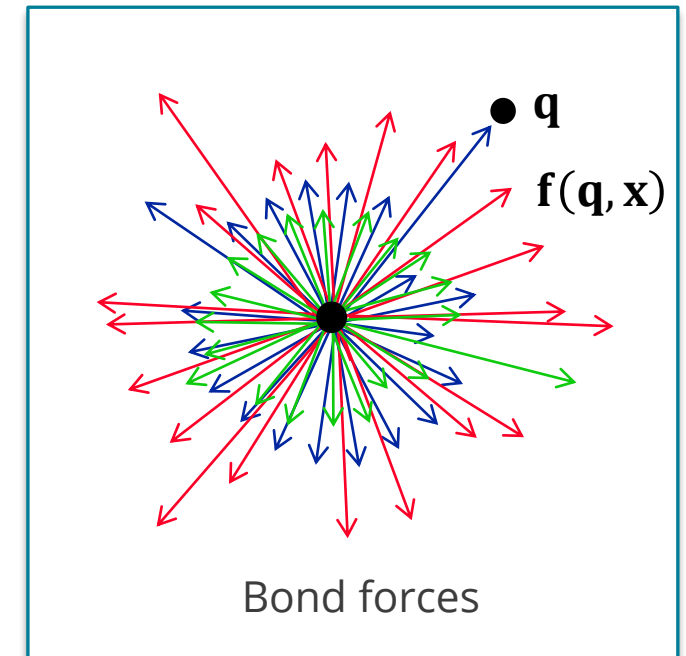
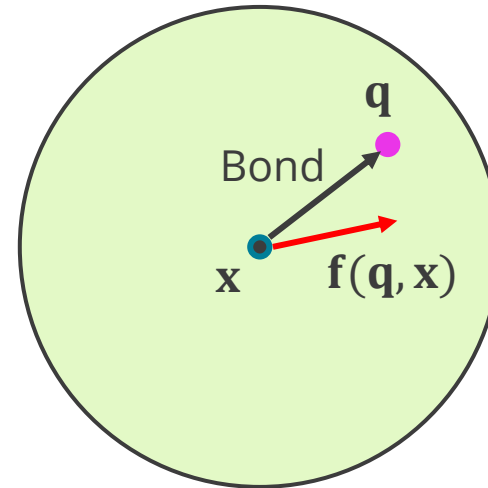
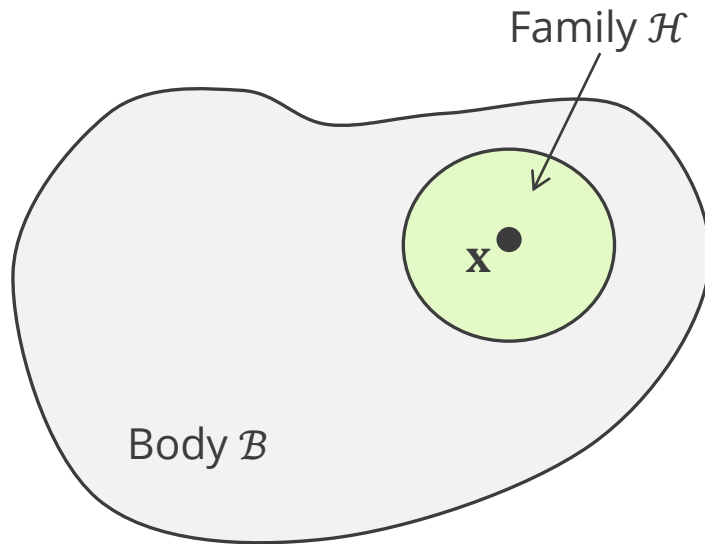
- Low stress: Discrete elements are very effective.
 - Each grain has 3-6 degrees of freedom.
 - Usually assume pair interactions.
 - Non-spherical grains add complexity.
- High stress: Need a more detailed model of grains.
 - Need nonlinear 3D model.
 - Need contact forces.
 - Not practical to model more than a few hundred

This talk will discuss a
multipoint interaction
model



Peridynamics: What it is

- It is a generalization of the theory of solid mechanics that allows for discontinuities and long-range interactions.
- Each material point \mathbf{x} interacts with neighbors \mathbf{q} within a cutoff distance δ (the **horizon**).



- \mathbf{f} is the bond force density (N/m⁶).
- Equilibrium:

$$\int_{\mathcal{H}} \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{q} + \mathbf{b}(\mathbf{x}) = 0$$

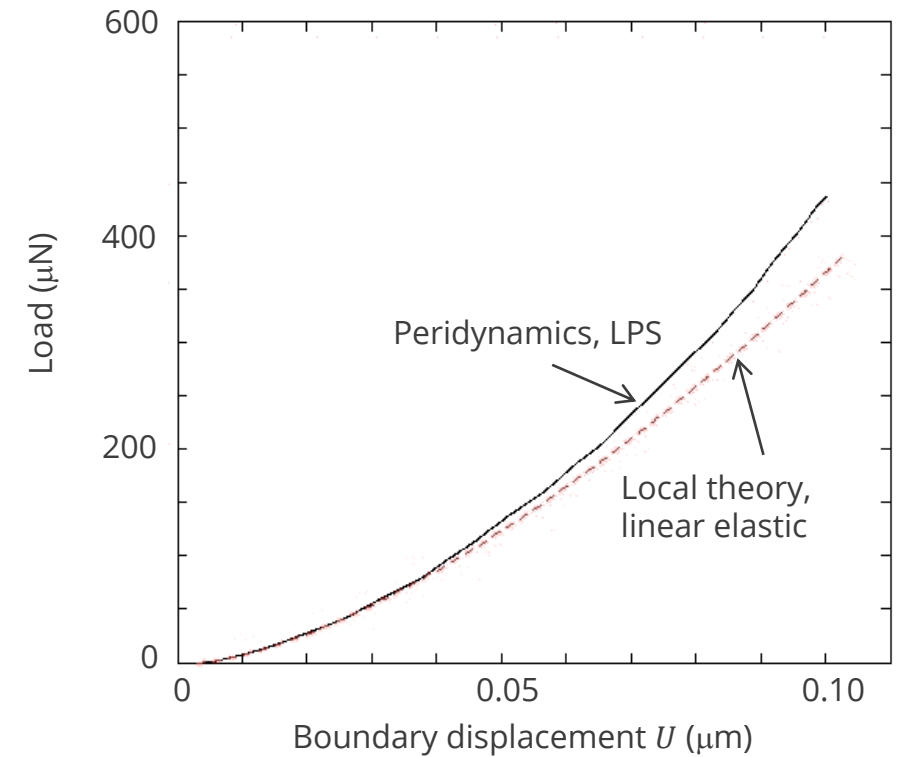
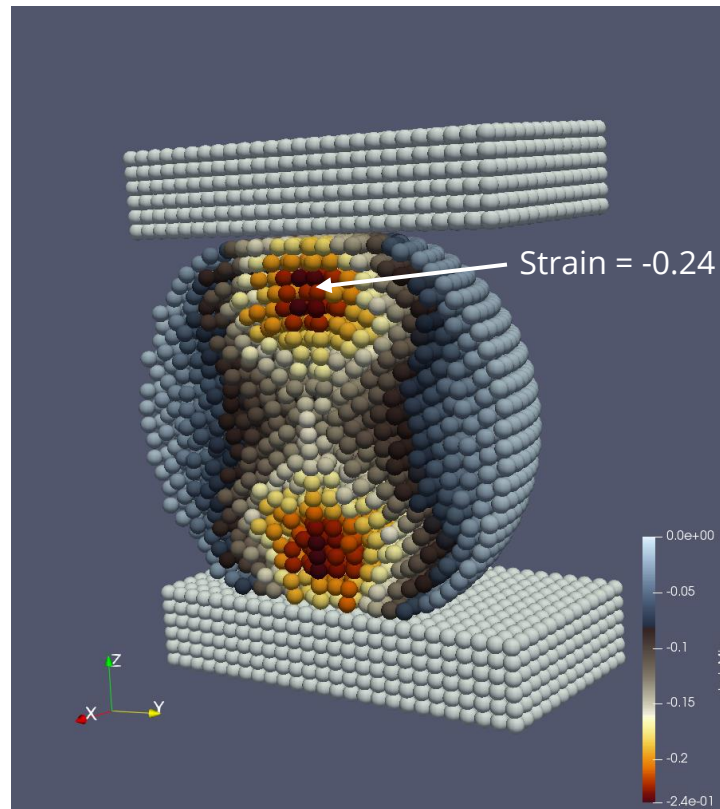
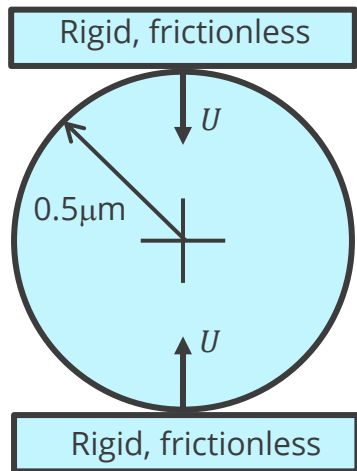
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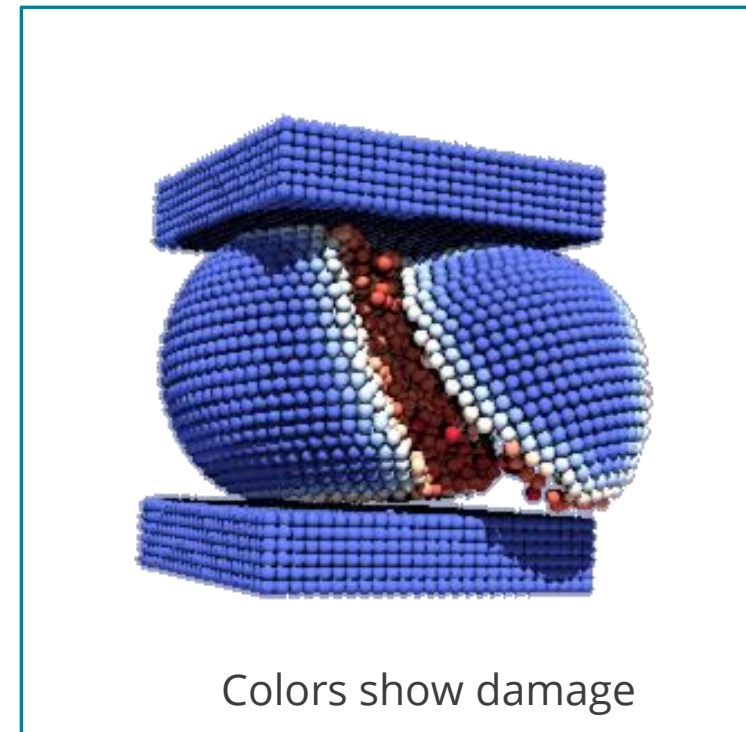
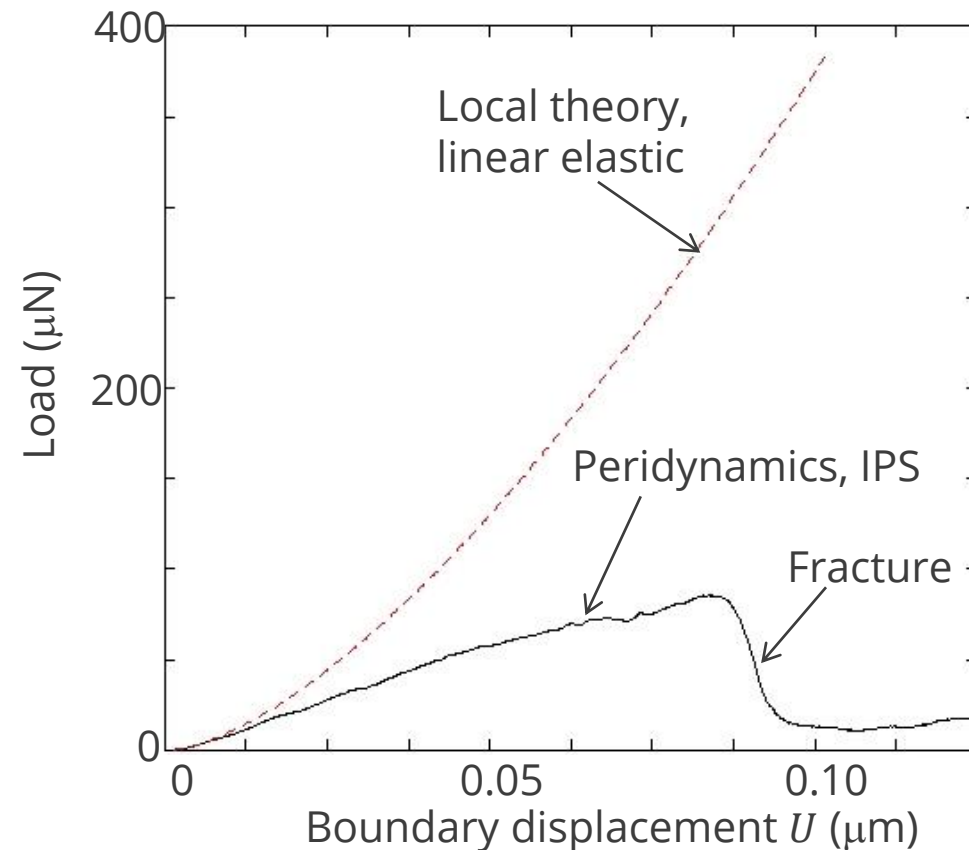
Single grain modeling with peridynamics

- Linear peridynamic solid (LPS)
- Hertzian contact



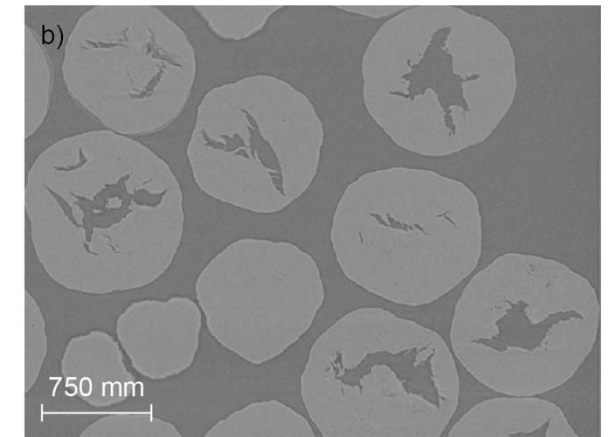
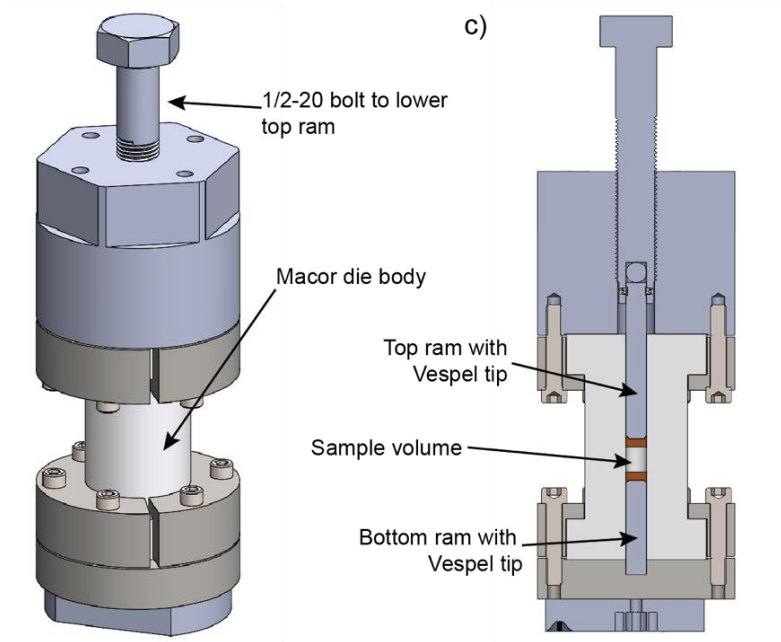
Single grain peridynamic modeling

- Inelastic state-based material model



Detailed modeling of a compaction experiment

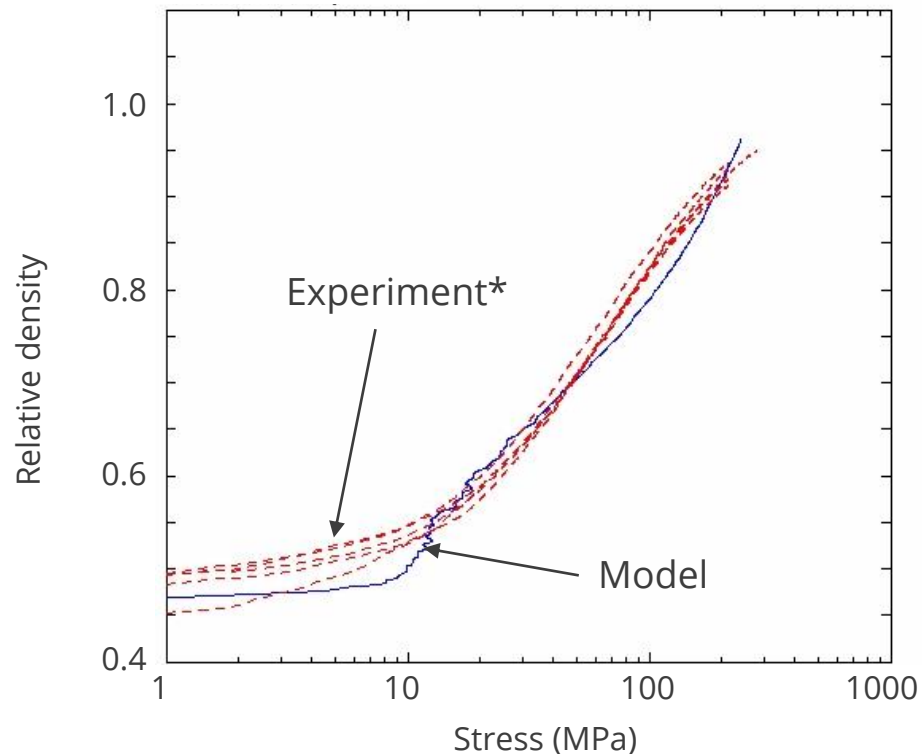
- Microcrystalline cellulose (MCC), 1.0mm diameter.



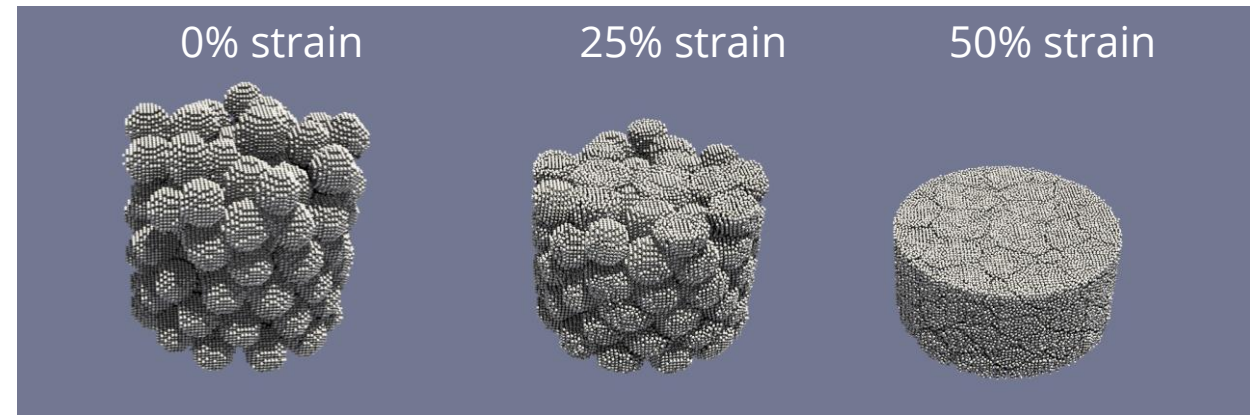
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Detailed modeling of compaction

Density vs. stress during compression



Peridynamic simulation



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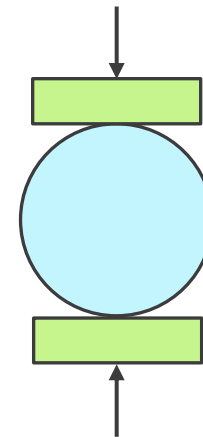
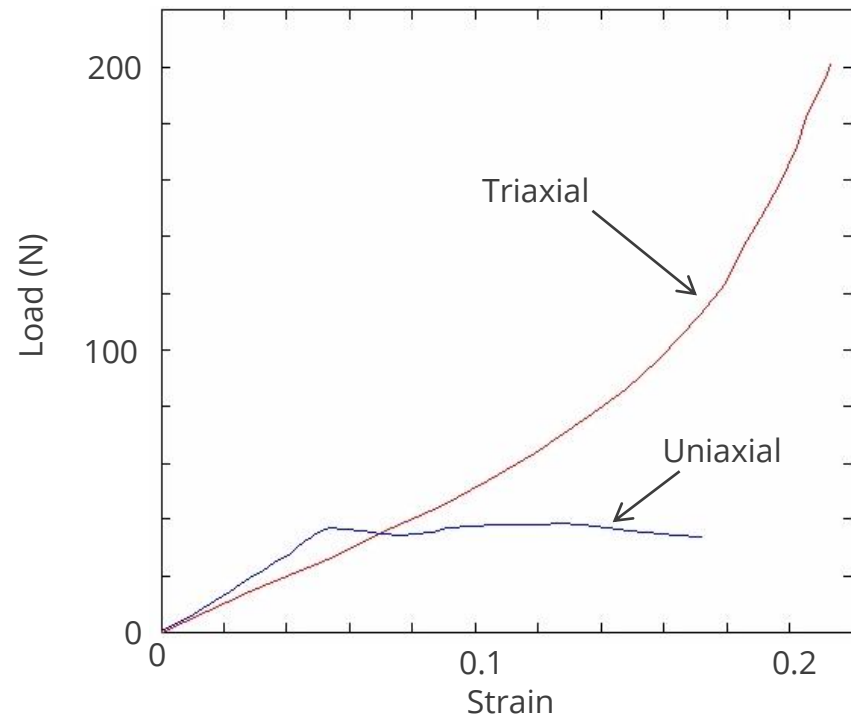
Limits of detailed modeling and another idea

- Too expensive!
- For some applications we want to model many thousands or even millions of grains.
- Instead try to use peridynamics to calibrate a new **high-stress discrete element** (DEM) model.

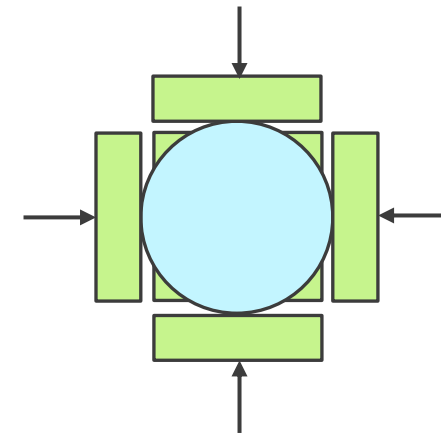


Need for multipoint interactions in DEM

- Traditional DEM assumes each pair of elements has a force independent of all the others.
- Experiments* show this assumption is no good at high stress.
 - Triaxial response of a single MCC grain is much different from uniaxial.



Uniaxial

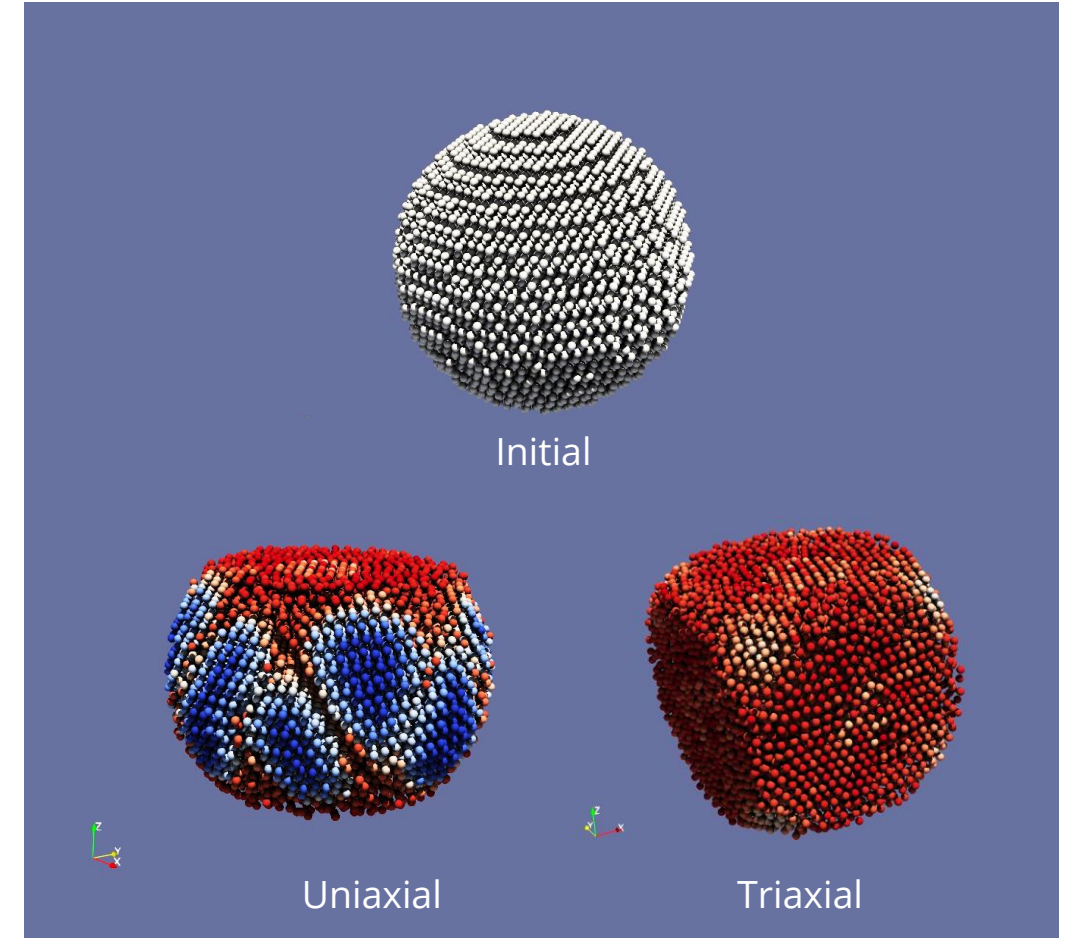
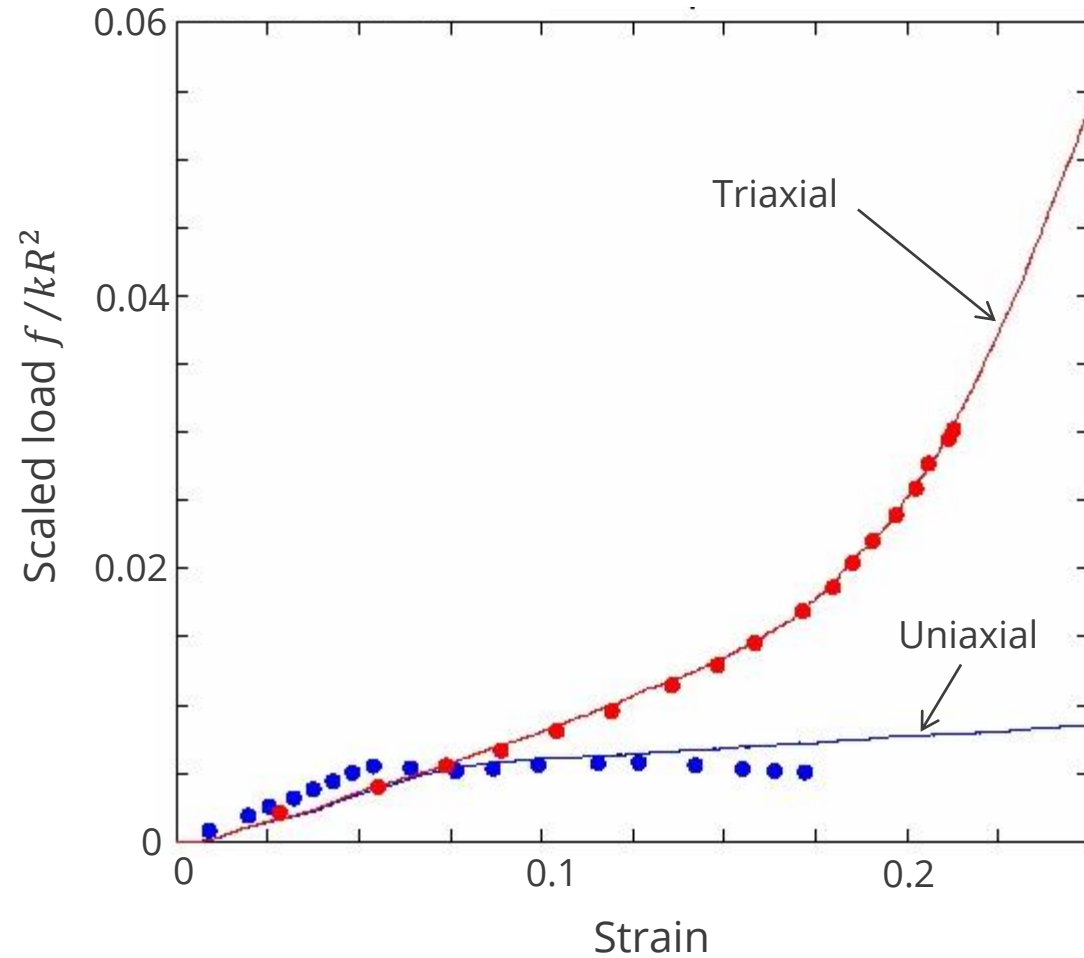


Triaxial



*H. Jonsson and G. Frenning. 2016, "Investigations of single microcrystalline cellulose-based granules subjected to coned triaxial compression." *Powder Technology*

Single grain simulations capture effect of triaxiality



Proposed multipoint DEM model

- Energy of each grain i with current position \mathbf{x}_i :

$$E_i = \hat{E}_i(\mathbf{r}_{1i}, \mathbf{r}_{2i}, \dots, \mathbf{r}_{Ni}), \quad \mathbf{r}_{ji} = \mathbf{x}_j - \mathbf{x}_i.$$

- Total potential energy under external load \mathbf{b}_i :

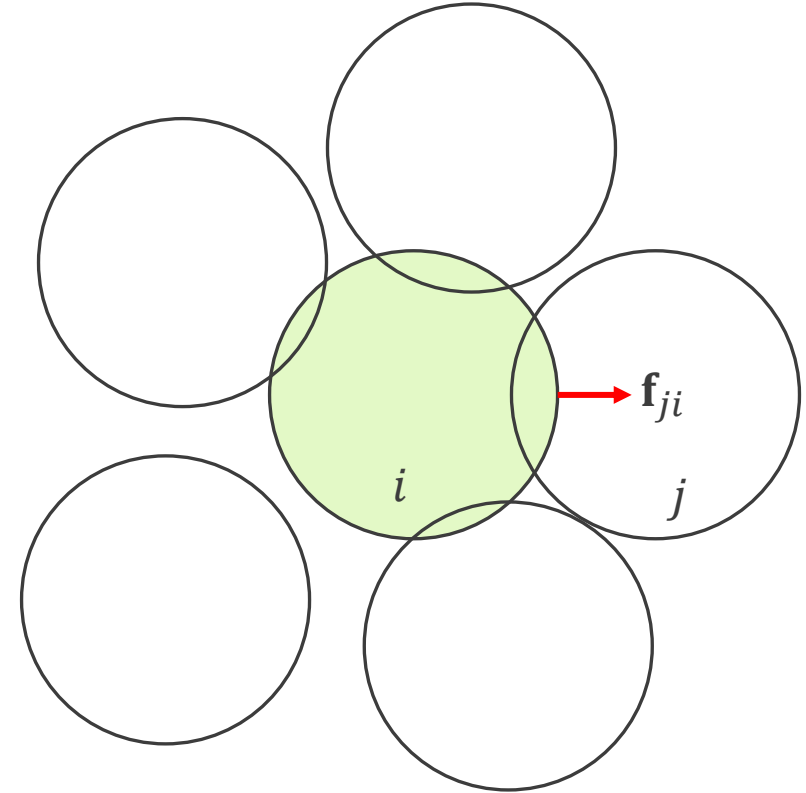
$$\Phi = \sum_i (E_i - \mathbf{b}_i \cdot \mathbf{x}_i)$$

- Stationary Φ in equilibrium. Euler-Lagrange equation is

$$\sum_j (\mathbf{f}_{ji} - \mathbf{f}_{ij}) + \mathbf{b}_i = \mathbf{0}, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, N$$

where

$$\mathbf{f}_{ji} = \frac{\partial \hat{E}_i}{\partial \mathbf{r}_{ji}}, \quad \mathbf{f}_{ij} = \frac{\partial \hat{E}_j}{\partial \mathbf{r}_{ij}}.$$



Each \mathbf{f}_{ji} can depend on all the contact displacements.
Very similar to molecular dynamics.

Proposed multipoint DEM model, ctd.

- Define the overlap displacement and strains:

$$u_{ji} = R - \frac{r_{ji}}{2} \quad \dots \text{displacement of the contact point,}$$

$$\epsilon_{ji} = \frac{u_{ji}}{R} \quad \dots \text{strain,}$$

$$\xi_{ji} = \max\{0, \epsilon_{ji}\} \quad \dots \text{compressive strain.}$$

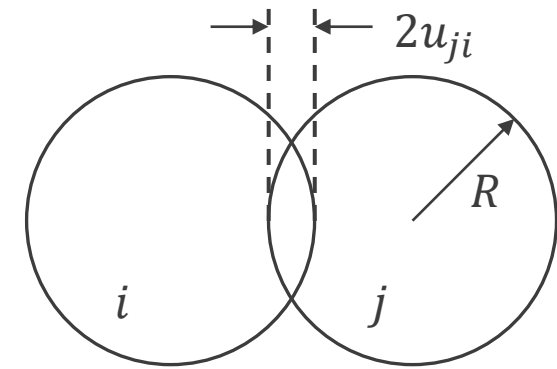
- Dilatation-like variable:

$$\theta_i = \sum_j \xi_{ji}$$

- Effective dilatation that accounts for bulging:

$$\eta_{ji} = \max\{0, \epsilon_{ji} + \beta\theta_i\}$$

where β is a constant that is conceptually similar to a Poisson ratio.



Proposed multipoint DEM model, ctd.

- Force from j on i due to multipoint contact:

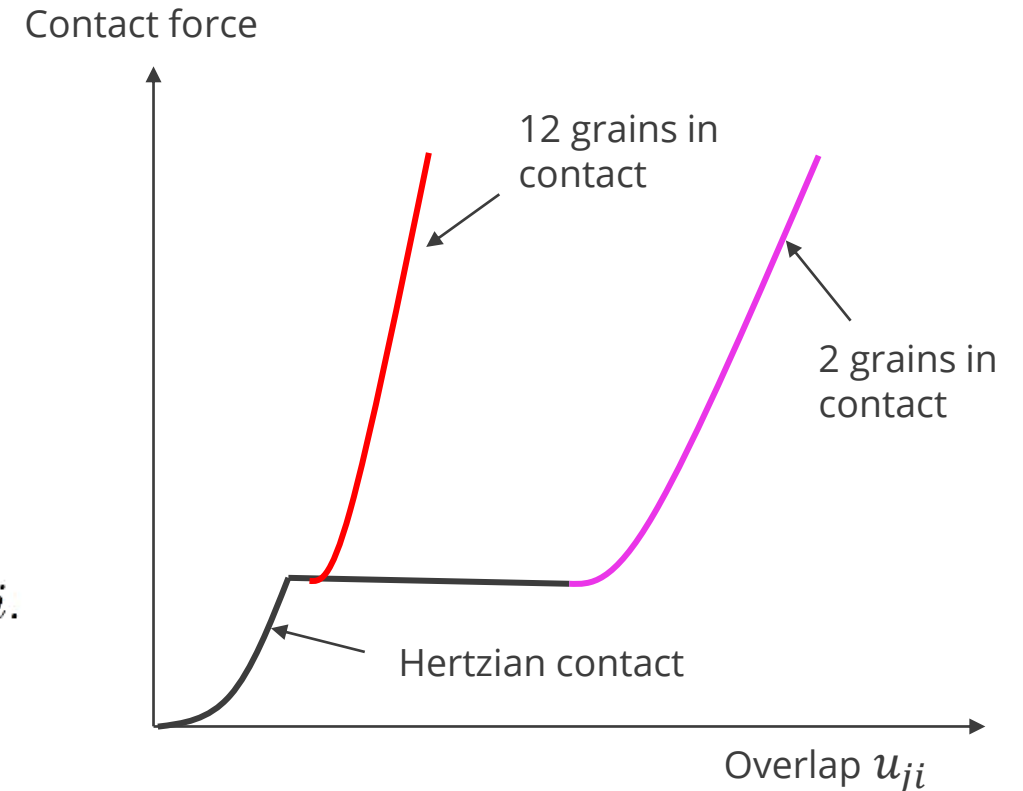
$$f_{ji} = AkR^2\tau^m\eta_{ji}^p$$

where

$$\tau = \sum_j \eta_{ji}^{p+1}$$

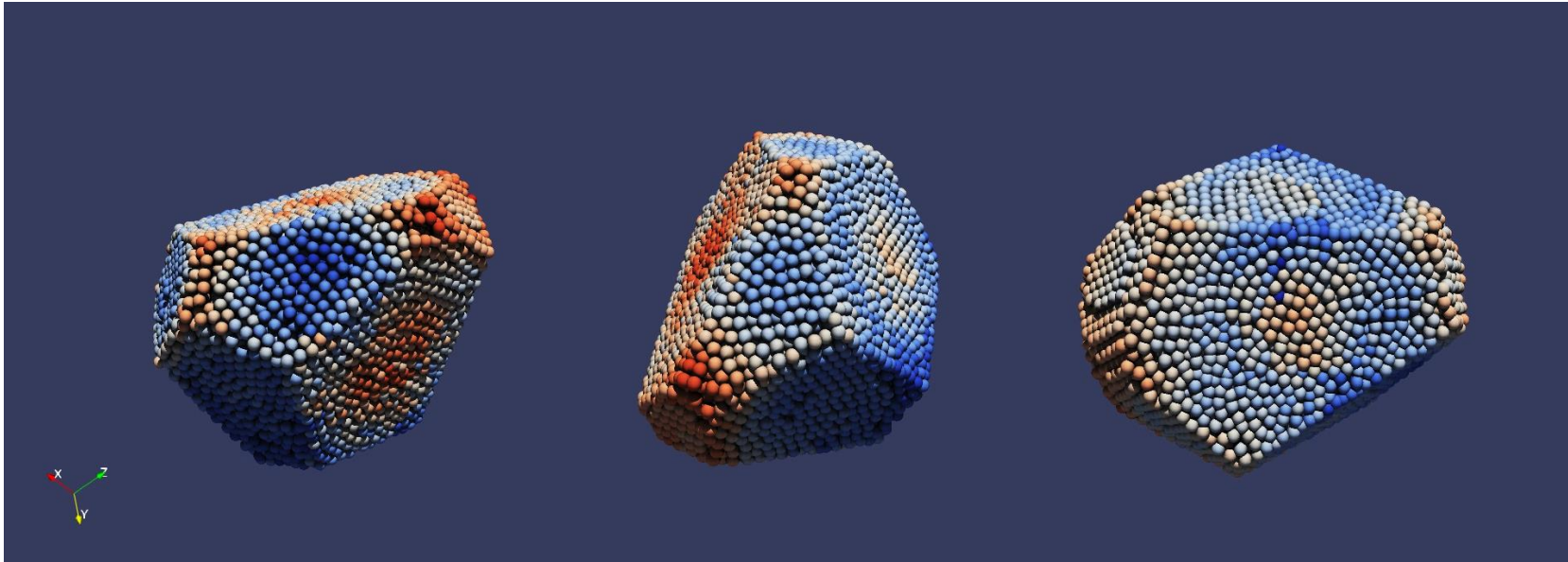
and A , m , and p are constants. k is the bulk modulus.

- $AkR^2\tau^m$ is like a hydrostatic pressure.
- η_{ji}^p distributes this pressure among the grains in contact with i .
- There is also a conventional pair (Hertzian) interaction term.



Calibration

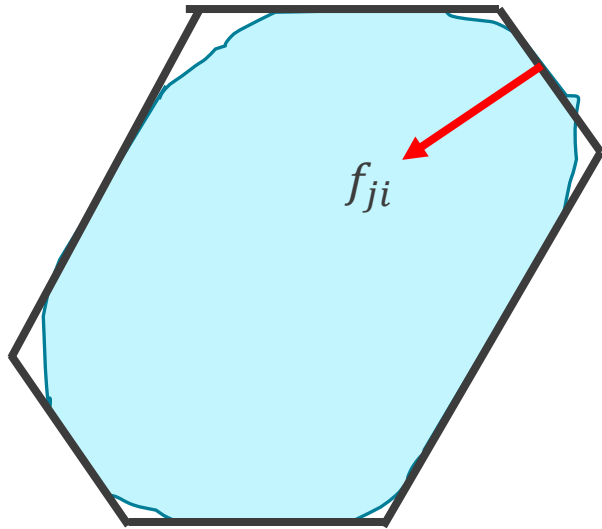
- Use peridynamic detailed grain simulations of a sphere confined by 12 plates moving radially at different rates.
- There is a direct procedure to find A, p, m from the results.



3D simulations of an initially spherical grain
Colors show displacement magnitude

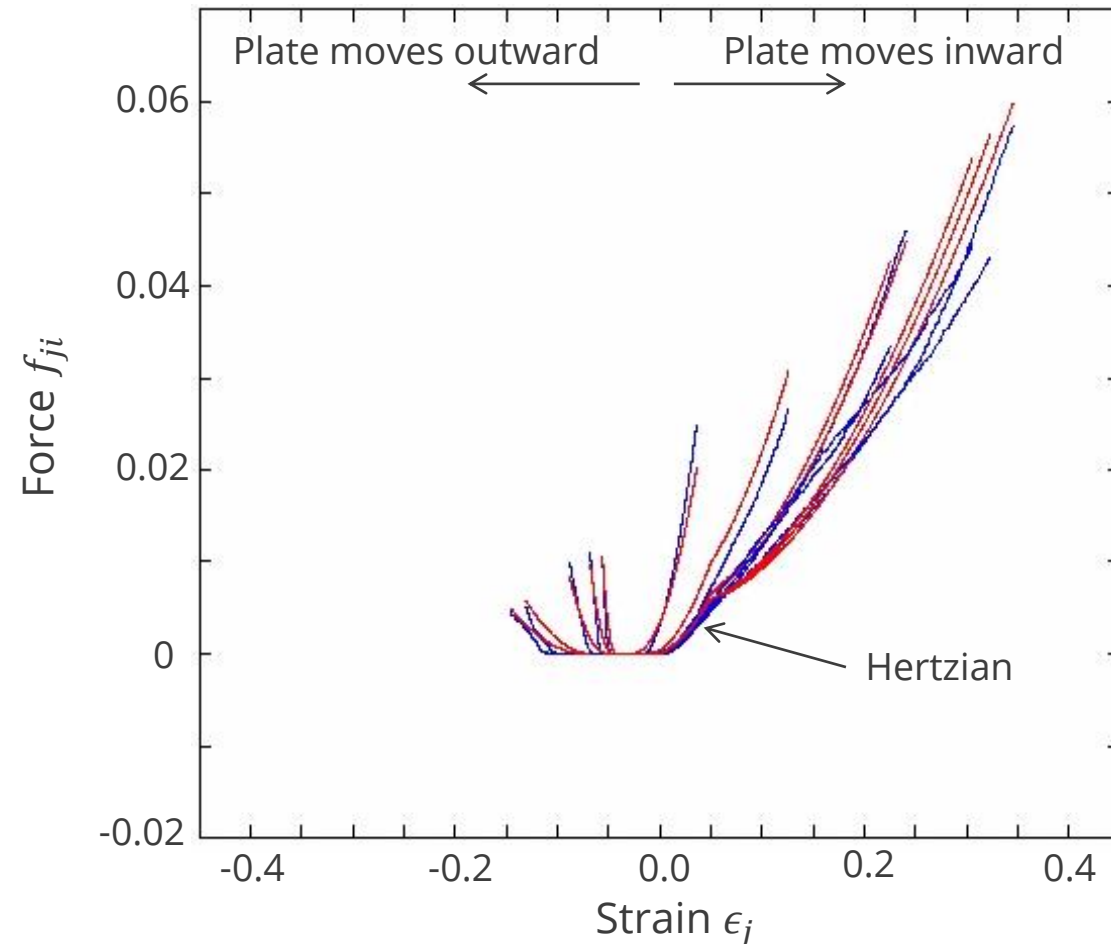
Comparison of new DEM model with detailed 3D

- The two main nonlinear effects are captured:
 - Pressure vs. compression within a grain.
 - Competition among the plates for surface area.



Contact force vs. plate position

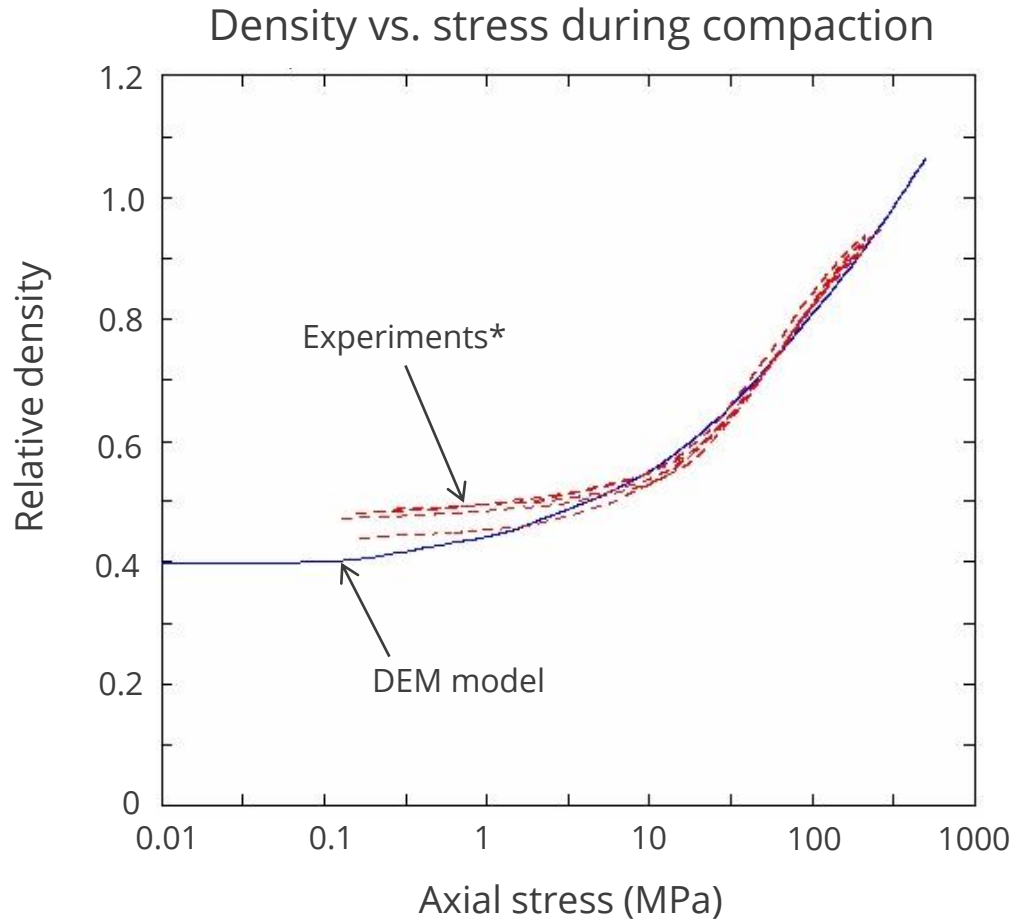
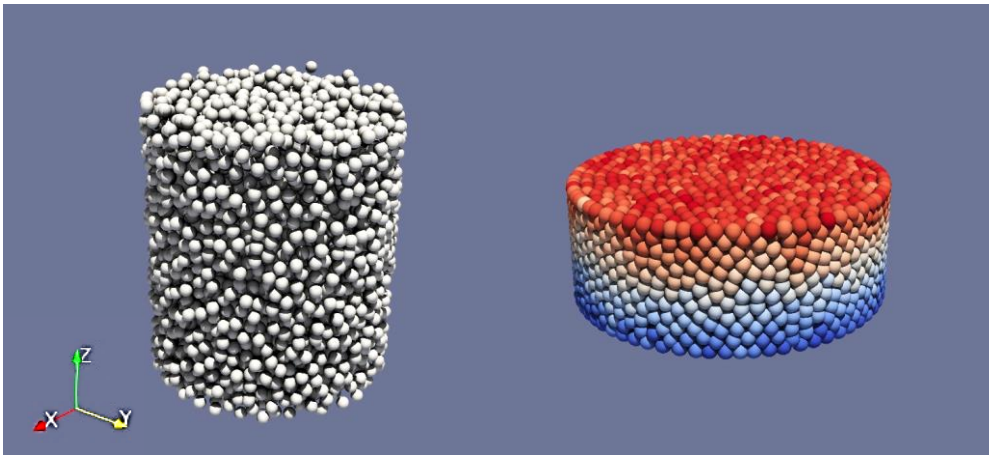
Red=DEM model Blue=Full 3D model



Validation: Bulk powder compaction with DEM

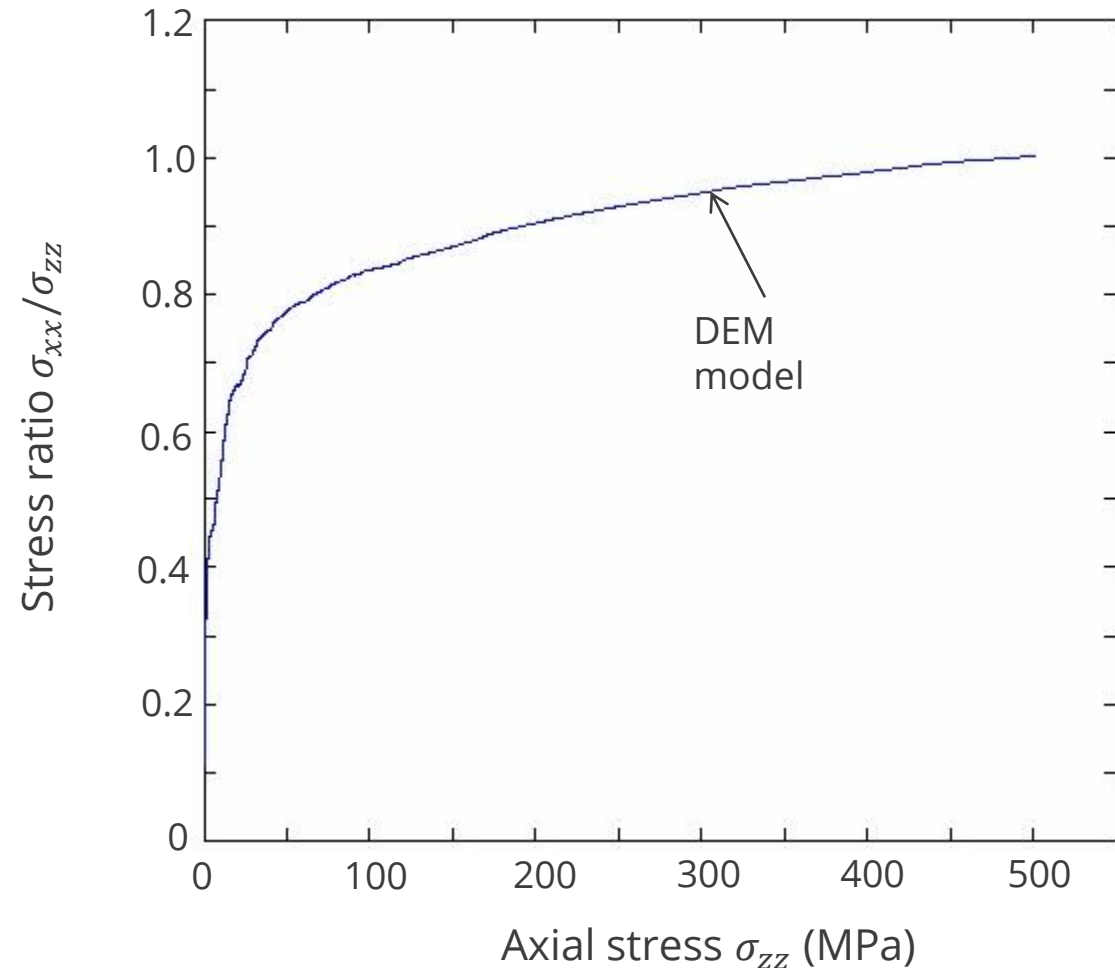
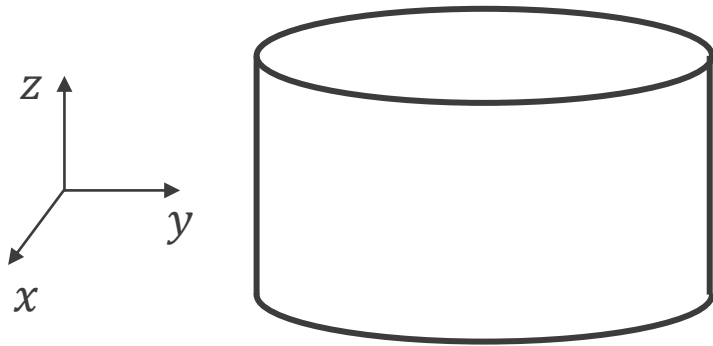
- MCC powder
- Random initial grain positions
- Friction is included as a drag term

Simulation with new DEM model
Colors show axial displacement

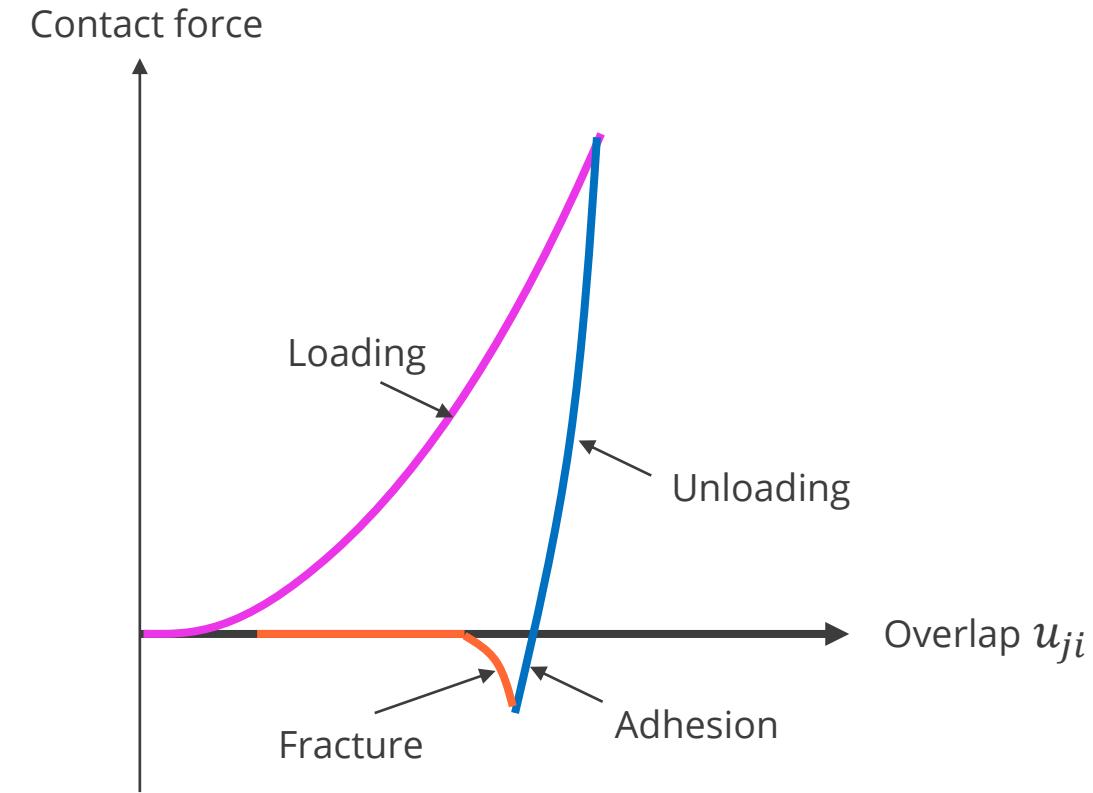


Poisson effect during compaction

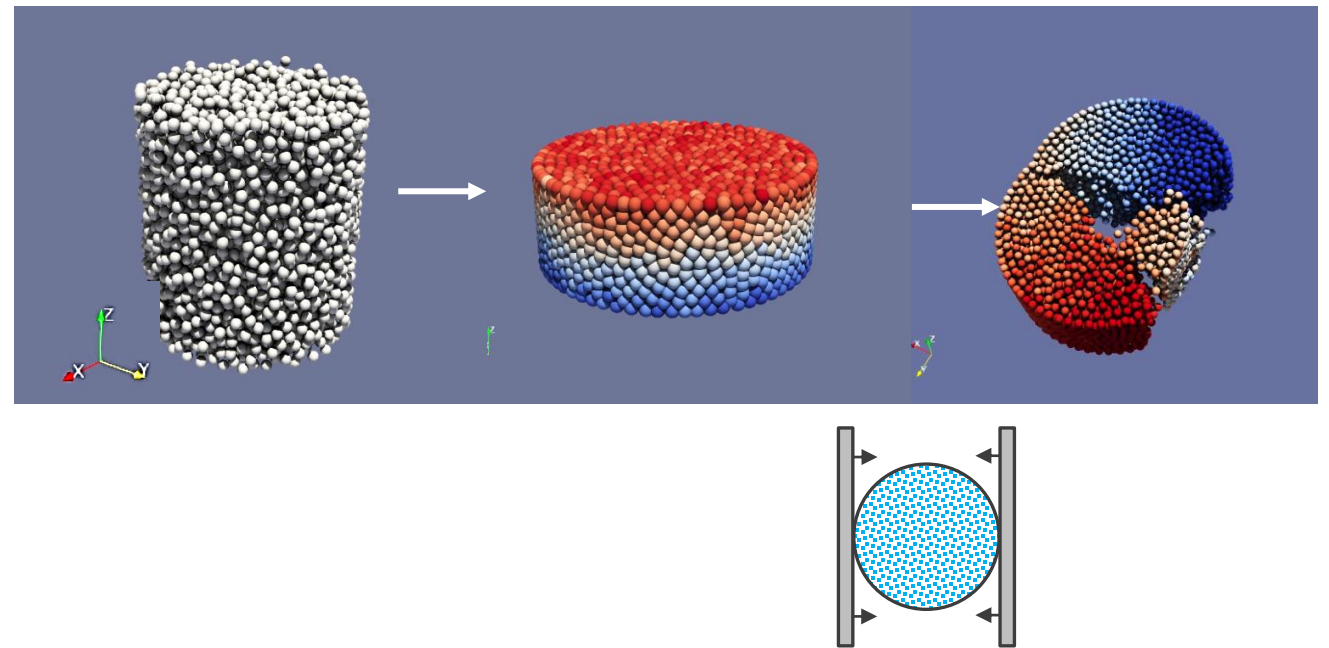
- MCC powder
- Ratio of lateral to axial stress changes
- Fluid-like stress state at high compression



Can add unloading effects to the DEM interactions



Compaction followed by Brazilian test on compact



New model is (almost) a special case of state-based PD

- Compare the above DEM momentum balance

$$\sum_j (\mathbf{f}_{ji} - \mathbf{f}_{ij}) + \mathbf{b}_i = \mathbf{0}, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, N$$

with the momentum balance for state-based peridynamics:

$$\int_{\mathcal{H}} \left(\underline{\mathbf{T}}[\mathbf{x}] \langle \mathbf{q} - \mathbf{x} \rangle - \underline{\mathbf{T}}[\mathbf{q}] \langle \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{q} \rangle \right) d\mathbf{q} + \mathbf{b}(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{0}.$$

- Similar structure: vector difference of gradients of potential energy at material points.
- Main difference: DEM uses Eulerian coordinates, PD Lagrangian.



Summary

- We used peridynamics 3 ways:
 - Full 3D model of powder compaction
 - State-based PD model (in effect) of multipoint DEM interaction forces
 - Calibration of the DEM model with 3D grain-scale simulations

