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# *Differential Variational Inequalities*

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## Differential Variational Inequality –ODE case

- Formulation (Pang and Stewart, 08)

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{x}(t) &= f(t, x(t), u(t)) \\ u(t) &\in \text{SOL}(K, F(t, x(t), \cdot)) \\ \Gamma(x(0), x(T)) &= 0.\end{aligned}$$

$$\tilde{u} : [0, T] \rightarrow K,$$

- Here, the solution set SOL is defined as:

$$\int_0^T (\tilde{u}(t) - u(t))^T F(t, x(t), u(t)) dt \geq 0.$$

- If  $K$  is a cone  $C$ . Most common cases,  $C$  is a direct sum of  $\mathbb{R}^+$  and  $\mathbb{R}$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{x}(t) &= f(t, x(t), u(t)), \\ C \ni u(t) \perp F(t, x(t), u(t)) &\in C^*.\end{aligned}$$

# *Differential Variational Inequalities — Motivating Applications*

- Contact Dynamics.
  - Rigid-Bodies: Differential Operator is ODE.
  - Deformable Bodies: Differential Operator is PDE.
  - Granular Flow, Masonry Stability, Rock Dynamics...
- Finance: Option Pricing-- American Options. PDE -based.
- Dynamics of multicristalline materials: evolution of the boundary between phases.
- Porous Media Flow.
- See Luo, Pang et al, and Kinderlehrer and Stampacchia Monographs..

# *Differential variational inequalities (DVI)*

## *—ODE case-- challenges*

- Recently Categorized by Index (“how easy it is to solve for  $u$  infinitesimally”). similar to DAE
- Challenges
  - Do we have solution uniqueness for DVI? Since we do not have Peano (Stewart).
  - How to solve them? (Anitescu)
    - *Time stepping versus smoothing.*
    - *Nonpolyhedral  $C$ ?*
  - Can they be used to compute hard MPECs appearing in stochastic games (Shanno)

# Differential Variational Inequalities with PDE operator.

## ■ Control of DVI (Kopaczka)—an MPEC

$$\begin{aligned} \min J(y, u) &:= \frac{1}{2} \|y - y_d\|_{L^2}^2 + \frac{\nu}{2} \|u\|_{L^2}^2 \\ \text{over } y &\in H^1_0(\Omega); u \in L^2(\Omega), \\ \text{s.t. } y &\in K, \end{aligned}$$

(D)VI



$$a(y, v - y) \geq (u + f, v - y)_{L^2} \quad \forall v \in K,$$

$a(\cdot, \cdot)$ ...bounded, coercive       $K = \{v \in H^1_0(\Omega) : v \geq 0 \text{ a.e.}\}.$

**Challenge**— How to solve it scalably?-- Multigrid



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# *An iterative solver for cone complementarity problems of nonsmooth multibody dynamics*

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# Smoothing Versus Time-Stepping

- Recall, DVI (for  $C=R^+$ )



$$\dot{x} = f(t, x(t), u(t));$$

$$u \geq 0 \perp F(t, x(t), u(t)) \geq 0$$

- Smoothing



$$\dot{x} = f(t, x(t), u(t));$$

$$u_i F_i(t, x(t), u(t)) = \varepsilon, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, n_u$$

- Followed by forward Euler.  
Easy to implement!!



$$u_i^n F_i(t^{n-1}, x^{n-1}, u^{n-1}) = \varepsilon, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, n_u$$

$$x^{n+1} = x^n + hf(t^n, x^n, u^n);$$

- Compare with the complexity of time-stepping



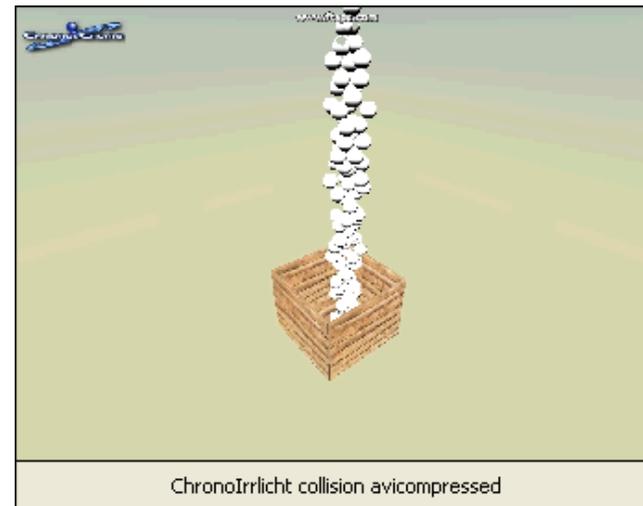
$$x^{n+1} = x^n + hf(t^{n+1}, x^{n+1}, u^{n+1});$$

$$u^{n+1} \geq 0 \perp F(t^{n+1}, x^{n+1}, u^{n+1}) \geq 0$$

- But does it give good results?

# Applying ADAMS to granular flow

- ADAMS is the workhorse of engineering dynamics.
- ADAMS/View Procedure for simulating.
- Spheres: diameter of 60 mm and a weight of 0.882 kg.
- Forces: smoothing with stiffness of  $1E5$ , force exponent of 2.2, damping coefficient of 10.0, and a penetration depth of 0.1



# ADAMS versus ChronoEngine

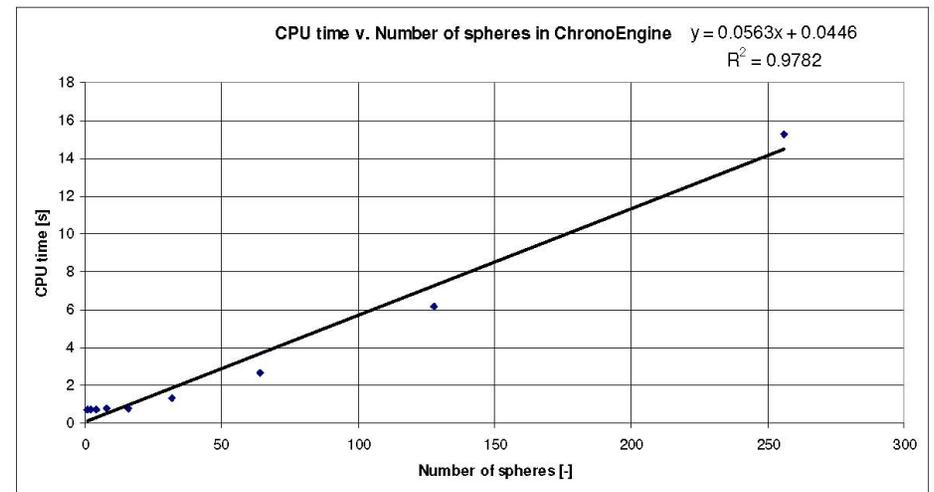
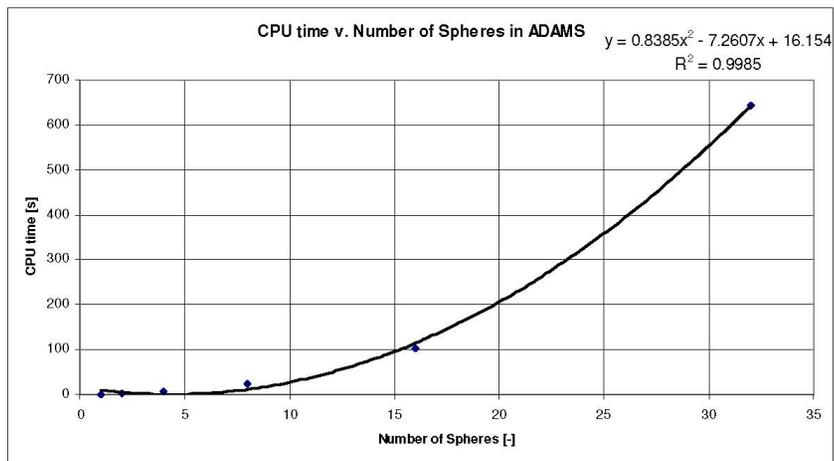
Table 1: Number of rigid bodies v. CPU time in ADAMS

Number of Spheres	Max Number of Mutual Contacts [-]	CPU time (seconds)
1	1	0.41
2	3	3.3
4	14	7.75
8	44	25.36
16	152	102.78
32	560	644.4

The following graph shows the nonlinear increase in the CPU time as the number of colliding bodies increases.

Table 2: Number of rigid bodies v. CPU time in ChronoEngine

Number of Spheres	Max Number of Mutual Contacts [-]	CPU time (seconds)
1	1	0.70
2	3	0.73
4	14	0.73
8	44	0.76
16	152	0.82
32	560	1.32
64	2144	2.65
128	8384	6.17
256	33152	15.30



*Time stepping is the way to go !!*

# Nonsmooth contact dynamics

- Differential problem with equilibrium constraints – DPEC.

$$M \frac{dv}{dt} = \sum_{j=1,2,\dots,p} \left( c_n^{(j)} n^{(j)} + \beta_1^{(j)} t_1^{(j)} + \beta_2^{(j)} t_2^{(j)} \right) + f_c(q, v) + k(t, q, v)$$

$$\frac{dq}{dt} = v$$

$$c_n^{(j)} \geq 0 \quad \perp \quad \Phi^{(j)}(q) \geq 0, \quad j = 1, 2, \dots, p$$

$$\left( \beta_1^{(j)}, \beta_2^{(j)} \right) = \operatorname{argmin}_{\mu^{(j)} c_n^{(j)} \geq \sqrt{(\beta_1^{(j)} + \beta_2^{(j)})^2}} \left[ \left( v^T t_1^{(j)} \right) \beta_1 + \left( v^T t_2^{(j)} \right) \beta_2 \right]$$

*Friction Model*

# Conic Complementarity IS NATURAL in Coulomb Models.

- Coulomb model.

$$\left( \beta_1^{(j)}, \beta_2^{(j)} \right) = \operatorname{argmin}_{\mu^{(j)} c_n^{(j)} \geq \sqrt{(\beta_1^{(j)} + \beta_2^{(j)})^2}} \left[ \left( v^T t_1^{(j)} \right) \beta_1 + \left( v^T t_2^{(j)} \right) \beta_2 \right]$$

$$K = \left\{ (x, y, z) \mid \mu^{(j)} z \geq \sqrt{y^2 + x^2} \right\} \quad K^* = \left\{ (x, y, z) \mid z \geq \mu^{(j)} \sqrt{y^2 + x^2} \right\}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} c_n^{(j)} \\ \beta_1^{(j)} \\ \beta_2^{(j)} \end{pmatrix} \in K \quad \perp \quad \begin{pmatrix} \mu^{(j)} \sqrt{\left( v^T t_1^{(j)} \right)^2 + \left( v^T t_2^{(j)} \right)^2} \\ v^T t_1^{(j)} \\ v^T t_2^{(j)} \end{pmatrix} \in K^*$$

- Most previous approaches discretize friction cone to use LCP...
- Can we still get convergence but not do that?

# Time stepping scheme -- original

- A measure differential inclusion solution can be obtained by time-stepping (Stewart, 1998, Anitescu 2006)

$$M(\mathbf{v}^{(l+1)} - \mathbf{v}^l) = \sum_{i \in \mathcal{A}(q^{(l)}, \epsilon)} (\gamma_n^i \mathbf{D}_n^i + \gamma_u^i \mathbf{D}_u^i + \gamma_v^i \mathbf{D}_v^i) + \sum_{i \in \mathcal{G}_B} (\gamma_b^i \nabla \Psi^i) + h \mathbf{f}_t(t^{(l)}, \mathbf{q}^{(l)}, \mathbf{v}^{(l)})$$

Speeds

Reaction impulses

Forces

Stabilization terms

$$0 = \frac{1}{h} \Psi^i(\mathbf{q}^{(l)}) + \nabla \Psi^{iT} \mathbf{v}^{(l+1)} + \frac{\partial \Psi^i}{\partial t}, \quad i \in \mathcal{G}_B$$

Bilateral constraint equations

$$0 \leq \frac{1}{h} \Phi^i(\mathbf{q}^{(l)}) + \nabla \Phi^{iT} \mathbf{v}^{(l+1)}$$

Contact constraint equations

$$\perp \quad \gamma_n^i \geq 0, \quad i \in \mathcal{A}(q^{(l)}, \epsilon)$$

COMPLEMENTARITY!

$$(\gamma_u^i, \gamma_v^i) = \operatorname{argmin}_{\mu^i \gamma_n^i \geq \sqrt{(\gamma_u^i)^2 + (\gamma_v^i)^2}} \quad i \in \mathcal{A}(q^{(l)}, \epsilon)$$

$$[\mathbf{v}^T (\gamma_u \mathbf{D}_u^i + \gamma_v \mathbf{D}_v^i)]$$

Coulomb 3D friction model

$$\mathbf{q}^{(l+1)} = \mathbf{q}^{(l)} + h \mathbf{v}^{(l+1)},$$

# Time Stepping -- Convex Relaxation

- A modification (relaxation, to get convex QP with conic constraints):

$$M(\mathbf{v}^{(l+1)} - \mathbf{v}^l) = \sum_{i \in \mathcal{A}(q^{(l)}, \epsilon)} (\gamma_n^i \mathbf{D}_n^i + \gamma_u^i \mathbf{D}_u^i + \gamma_v^i \mathbf{D}_v^i) + \sum_{i \in \mathcal{G}_B} (\gamma_b^i \nabla \Psi^i) + h \mathbf{f}_t(t^{(l)}, \mathbf{q}^{(l)}, \mathbf{v}^{(l)})$$

$$0 = \frac{1}{h} \Psi^i(\mathbf{q}^{(l)}) + \nabla \Psi^{iT} \mathbf{v}^{(l+1)} + \frac{\partial \Psi^i}{\partial t}, \quad i \in \mathcal{G}_B$$

$$0 \leq \frac{1}{h} \Phi^i(\mathbf{q}^{(l)}) + \nabla \Phi^{iT} \mathbf{v}^{(l+1)} - \mu^i \sqrt{(\mathbf{D}_u^{i,T} \mathbf{v})^2 + (\mathbf{D}_v^{i,T} \mathbf{v})^2}$$

$$\perp \quad \gamma_n^i \geq 0, \quad i \in \mathcal{A}(q^{(l)}, \epsilon)$$

$$(\gamma_u^i, \gamma_v^i) = \operatorname{argmin}_{\mu^i \gamma_n^i \geq \sqrt{(\gamma_u^i)^2 + (\gamma_v^i)^2}} \quad i \in \mathcal{A}(q^{(l)}, \epsilon)$$

$$[\mathbf{v}^T (\gamma_u \mathbf{D}_u^i + \gamma_v \mathbf{D}_v^i)]$$

$$\mathbf{q}^{(l+1)} = \mathbf{q}^{(l)} + h \mathbf{v}^{(l+1)},$$

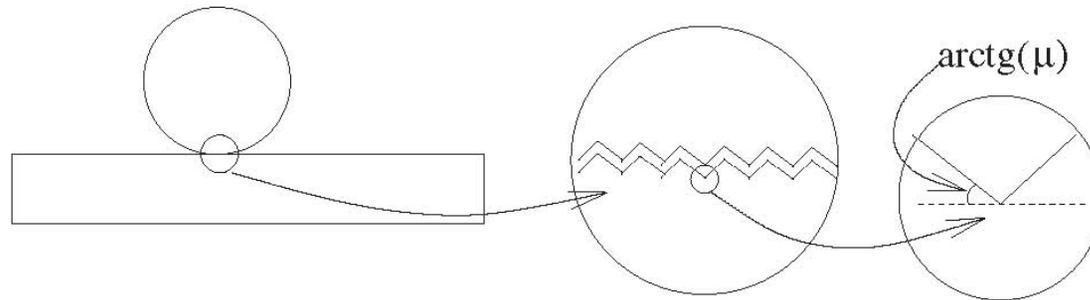
(For small  $\mu$  and/or small speeds, almost no one-step differences from the Coulomb theory)

But In any case, converges to same MDI as unrelaxed scheme.

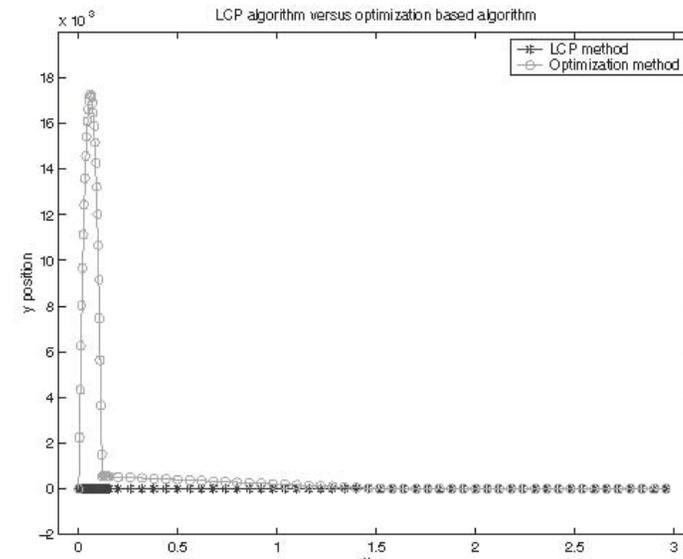
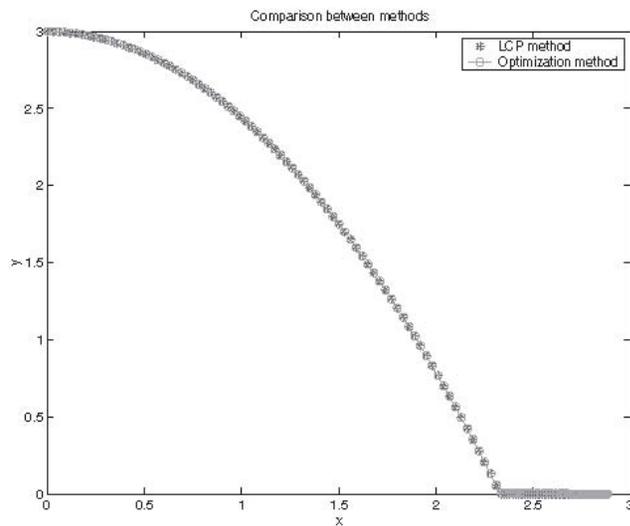
[ see M.Anitescu, "Optimization Based Simulation of Nonsmooth Rigid Body Dynamics" ]

# What is physical meaning of the relaxation?

## ■ Origin



## ■ Behavior



# Cone complementarity

- Aiming at a more compact formulation:

$$\mathbf{b}_A = \left\{ \frac{1}{h} \Phi^{i_1}, 0, 0, \frac{1}{h} \Phi^{i_2}, 0, 0, \dots, \frac{1}{h} \Phi^{i_{n_A}}, 0, 0 \right\}$$

$$\gamma_A = \left\{ \gamma_n^{i_1}, \gamma_u^{i_1}, \gamma_v^{i_1}, \gamma_n^{i_2}, \gamma_u^{i_2}, \gamma_v^{i_2}, \dots, \gamma_n^{i_{n_A}}, \gamma_u^{i_{n_A}}, \gamma_v^{i_{n_A}} \right\}$$

$$\mathbf{b}_B = \left\{ \frac{1}{h} \Psi^1 + \frac{\partial \Psi^1}{\partial t}, \frac{1}{h} \Psi^2 + \frac{\partial \Psi^2}{\partial t}, \dots, \frac{1}{h} \Psi^{n_B} + \frac{\partial \Psi^{n_B}}{\partial t} \right\}$$

$$\gamma_B = \left\{ \gamma_b^1, \gamma_b^2, \dots, \gamma_b^{n_B} \right\}$$

$$D_A = [D^{i_1} | D^{i_2} | \dots | D^{i_{n_A}}], \quad i \in \mathcal{A}(\mathbf{q}^l, \epsilon) \quad D^i = [D_n^i | D_u^i | D_v^i]$$

- $D_B = [\nabla \Psi^{i_1} | \nabla \Psi^{i_2} | \dots | \nabla \Psi^{i_{n_B}}], \quad i \in \mathcal{G}_B$

$$\mathbf{b}_E \in \mathbb{R}^{n_E} = \{\mathbf{b}_A, \mathbf{b}_B\}$$

$$\gamma_E \in \mathbb{R}^{n_E} = \{\gamma_A, \gamma_B\}$$

$$D_E = [D_A | D_B]$$

# Cone complementarity

- Also define:

$$\tilde{\mathbf{k}}^{(l)} = M\mathbf{v}^{(l)} + h\mathbf{f}_t(t^{(l)}, \mathbf{q}^{(l)}, \mathbf{v}^{(l)})$$

$$N = D_{\mathcal{E}}^T M^{-1} D_{\mathcal{E}}$$

$$\mathbf{r} = D_{\mathcal{E}}^T M^{-1} \tilde{\mathbf{k}} + \mathbf{b}_{\mathcal{E}}$$

- Then:

$$\begin{aligned}
 M(\mathbf{v}^{(l+1)} - \mathbf{v}^l) &= \sum_{i \in \mathcal{A}(q^{(l)}, \epsilon)} (\gamma_n^i D_n^i + \gamma_u^i D_u^i + \gamma_v^i D_v^i) + \\
 &\quad + \sum_{i \in \mathcal{G}_B} (\gamma_b^i \nabla \Psi^i) + h\mathbf{f}_t(t^{(l)}, \mathbf{q}^{(l)}, \mathbf{v}^{(l)}) \\
 0 &= \frac{1}{h} \Psi^i(q^{(l)}) + \nabla \Psi^{iT} \mathbf{v}^{(l+1)} + \frac{\partial \Psi^i}{\partial t}, \quad i \in \mathcal{G}_B \\
 0 &\leq \frac{1}{h} \Phi^i(q^{(l)}) + \nabla \Phi^{iT} \mathbf{v}^{(l+1)} \\
 &\quad \perp \gamma_n^i \geq 0, \quad i \in \mathcal{A}(q^{(l)}, \epsilon) \\
 (\gamma_u^i, \gamma_v^i) &= \operatorname{argmin}_{\mu^i \gamma_n^i \geq \sqrt{(\gamma_u^i)^2 + (\gamma_v^i)^2}} \quad i \in \mathcal{A}(q^{(l)}, \epsilon) \\
 &\quad [\mathbf{v}^T (\gamma_u D_u^i + \gamma_v D_v^i)]
 \end{aligned}$$

This is a CCP,  
CONE COMPLEMENTARITY  
PROBLEM

becomes..

$$(N\gamma_{\mathcal{E}} + \mathbf{r}) \in -\Upsilon^{\circ} \quad \perp \quad \gamma_{\mathcal{E}} \in \Upsilon$$

# Cone complementarity—Decomposable cones.

- Here we introduced the convex cone

$$\Upsilon = \left( \bigoplus_{i \in \mathcal{A}(\mathbf{q}^l, \epsilon)} \mathcal{FC}^i \right) \oplus \left( \bigoplus_{i \in \mathcal{G}_B} \mathcal{BC}^i \right)$$

$\mathcal{FC}^i$  In  $\mathbb{R}^3$  is  $i$ -th friction cone  
 $\mathcal{BC}^i$  is  $\mathbb{R}$

- ..and its polar cone:

$$\Upsilon^\circ = \left( \bigoplus_{i \in \mathcal{A}(\mathbf{q}^l, \epsilon)} \mathcal{FC}^{i\circ} \right) \oplus \left( \bigoplus_{i \in \mathcal{G}_B} \mathcal{BC}^{i\circ} \right)$$

CCP:  $(N\gamma_\epsilon + \mathbf{r}) \in -\Upsilon^\circ \perp \gamma_\epsilon \in \Upsilon$

# General: The iterative method

- How to practically solve the Cone Complementarity Problem?

$$(N\gamma_\varepsilon + \mathbf{r}) \in -\Upsilon^\circ \quad \perp \quad \gamma_\varepsilon \in \Upsilon$$

- Our method: use a fixed-point iteration

$$\gamma^{r+1} = \lambda \Pi_\Upsilon (\gamma^r - \omega B^r (N\gamma^r + \mathbf{r} + K^r (\gamma^{r+1} - \gamma^r))) + (1 - \lambda) \gamma^r$$

- with matrices:
- ..and a non-extensive orthogonal pi operator onto feasible set

$$B^r = \begin{bmatrix} \eta_1 I_{n_1} & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & \eta_2 I_{n_2} & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & \eta_{n_k} I_{n_{n_k}} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$N^T = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & K_{12} & K_{13} & \cdots & K_{1n_k} \\ 0 & 0 & K_{23} & \cdots & K_{2n_k} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & K_{3n_k} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \cdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Pi_\Upsilon : \mathbb{R}^{n_\varepsilon} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{n_\varepsilon}$$

# General: The iterative method

## ■ ASSUMPTIONS

- A1 The matrix  $N$  of the problem (CCP) is symmetric and positive semi-definite.
- A2 There exists a positive number,  $\alpha > 0$  such that, at any iteration  $r$ ,  $r = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ , we have that  $B^r \succ \alpha I$
- A3 There exists a positive number,  $\beta > 0$  such that, at any iteration  $r$ ,  $r = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ , we have that  $(x^{r+1} - x^r)^T \left( (\lambda\omega B^r)^{-1} + K^r - \frac{N}{2} \right) (x^{r+1} - x^r) \geq \beta \|x^{r+1} - x^r\|^2$ .

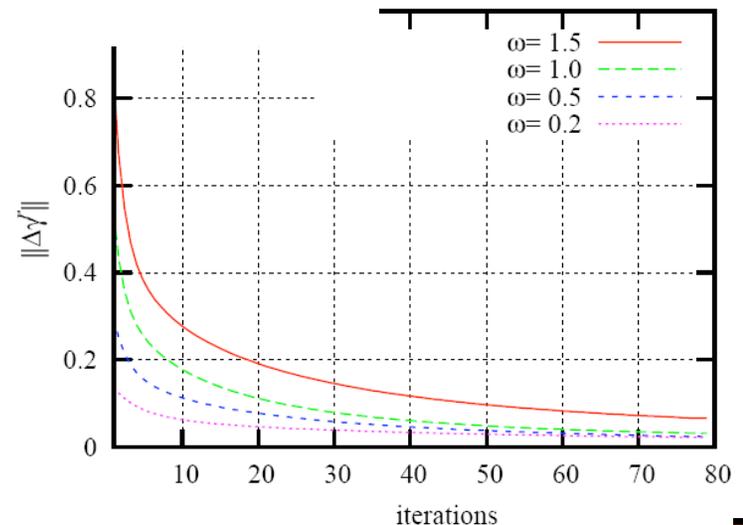
Always satisfied in multibody systems

Essentially free choice, we use identity blocks

Use  $\omega$  overrelaxation factor to adjust this

■ Under the above assumptions, we can prove **THEOREMS** about convergence.

■ The method produces a **bounded sequence** with an **unique accumulation point**.



## General: Theory

$$(OC) \quad \begin{array}{ll} \min & f(x) = \frac{1}{2}x^T N x + r^T x \\ \text{s.t.} & x_i \in \Upsilon^i, \end{array} \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, n_k.$$

**Theorem** Assume that  $x^0 \in \Upsilon$  and that the sequences of matrices  $B^r$  and  $K^r$  are bounded. Then we have that

$$f(x^{r+1}) - f(x^r) \leq -\beta \|x^{r+1} - x^r\|^2$$

for any iteration index  $r$ , and any accumulation point of the sequence  $x^r$  is a solution of (CCP).

**Corollary** Assume that the friction cone of the configuration is pointed. The algorithm produces a bounded sequence, and any **accumulation point results in the same velocity solution**

- Simple, but first result of this nature for conic constraints—and HIGHLY EFFICIENT

## *General: Interesting Extensions*

- $N$  non symmetric, but positive semidefinite.
- Parallelizing the algorithms: block Jacobi with Gauss Seidel blocks.
- Asynchronous version of the algorithm, particularly for use with GPU.

# The projection operator

- For each frictional contact constraint:

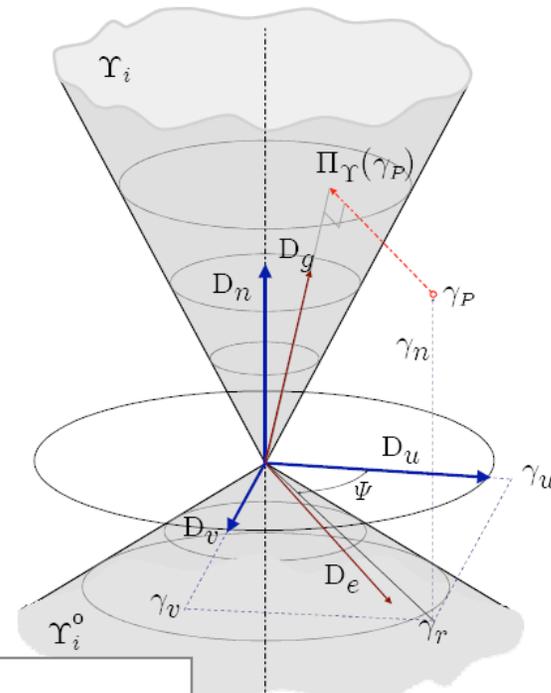
$$\Pi_{\Upsilon} = \left\{ \Pi_{\Upsilon_1}(\gamma_1)^T, \dots, \Pi_{\Upsilon_{n_A}}(\gamma_{n_A})^T, \Pi_b^1(\gamma_b^1), \dots, \Pi_b^{n_B}(\gamma_b^{n_B}) \right\}^T$$

- For each bilateral constraint, simply do nothing.

- The complete operator:

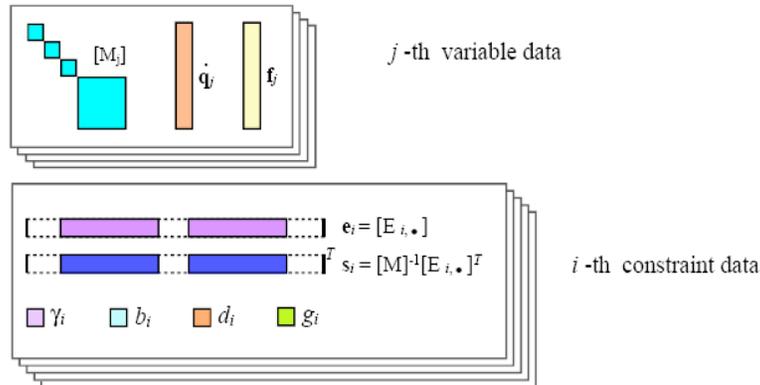
$$\forall i \in \mathcal{A}(\mathbf{q}^{(l)}, \epsilon)$$

$\gamma_r < \mu_i \gamma_n$	$\Pi_i = \gamma_i$
$\gamma_r < -\frac{1}{\mu_i} \gamma_n$	$\Pi_i = \{0, 0, 0\}$
$\gamma_r > \mu_i \gamma_n \wedge \gamma_r > -\frac{1}{\mu_i} \gamma_n$	$\Pi_{i,n} = \frac{\gamma_r \mu_i + \gamma_n}{\mu_i^2 + 1}$
	$\Pi_{i,u} = \gamma_u \frac{\mu_i \Pi_{i,n}}{\mu_i}$
	$\Pi_{i,v} = \gamma_v \frac{\mu_i \Pi_{i,n}}{\gamma_r}$



# The algorithm

- Development of an **efficient algorithm** for fixed point iteration:



- *avoid temporary data, exploit **sparsity**. Never compute explicitly the  $N$  matrix!*
- *implemented in **incremental** form. Compute only deltas of multipliers.*
- *$O(n)$  **space** requirements and *supports premature termination**
- *for real-time purposes:  $O(n)$  **time***

# The algorithm is specialized, for minimum memory use!

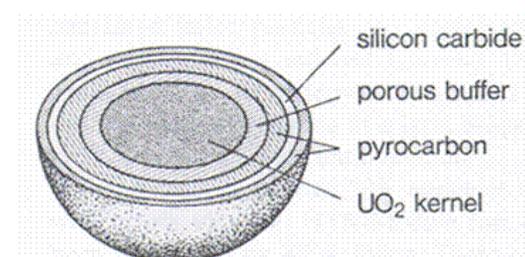
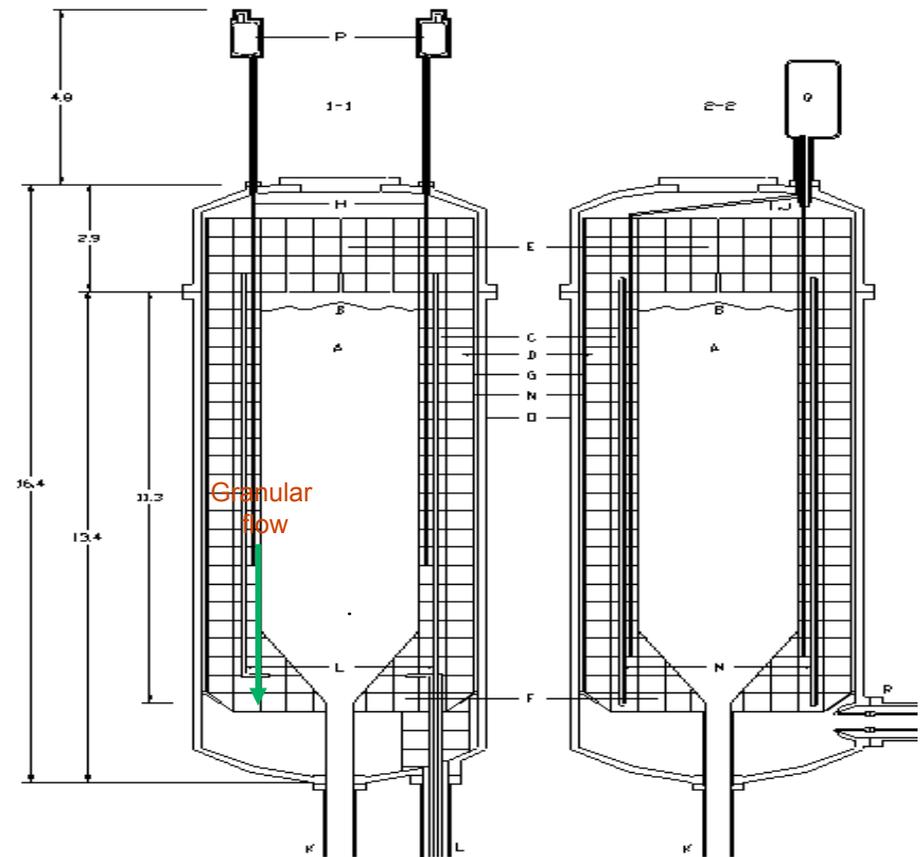
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(1) // Pre-compute some data for friction constraints
(2) for i := 1 to nA
(3)   sai = M-1Di
(4)   gai = Di,Tsai
(5)   ηai =  $\frac{3}{\text{Trace}(g_a^i)}$ 
(6) // Pre-compute some data for bilateral constraints
(7) for i := 1 to nB
(8)   sbi = M-1∇Ψi
(9)   gbi = ∇Ψi,Tsbi
(10)  ηbi =  $\frac{1}{g_b^i}$ 
(11)
(12) // Initialize impulses
(13) if warm start with initial guess γε*
(14)   γε0 = γε*
(15) else
(16)   γε0 = 0
(17)
(18) // Initialize speeds
(19) v =  $\sum_{i=1}^{n_A} s_a^i \gamma_a^{i,0} + \sum_{i=1}^{n_B} s_b^i \gamma_b^{i,0} + M^{-1}\tilde{k}$ 
(21) // Main iteration loop
(22) for r := 0 to rmax
(23)   // Loop on frictional constraints
(24)   for i := 1 to nA
(25)     δai,r = (γai,r - ωηai(Di,Tvr + bai));
(26)     γai,r+1 = λΠΥ(δai,r) + (1 - λ)γai,r;
(27)     Δγai,r+1 = γai,r+1 - γai,r;
(28)     v := v + sai,TΔγai,r+1.
(29)   // Loop on bilateral constraints
(30)   for i := 1 to nB
(31)     δbi,r = (γbi,r - ωηbi(∇Ψi,Tvr + bbi));
(32)     γbi,r+1 = λΠΥ(δbi,r) + (1 - λ)γbi,r;
(33)     Δγbi,r+1 = γbi,r+1 - γbi,r;
(34)     v := v + sbi,TΔγbi,r+1.
(35)
(36) return γε, v

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# Simulating the PBR nuclear reactor

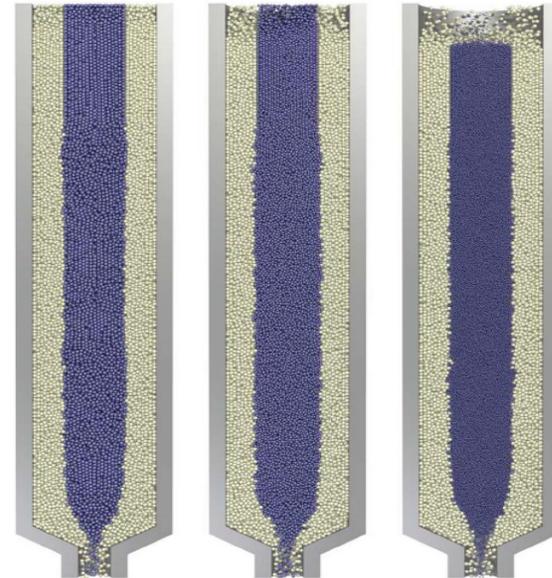
- The **PBR** nuclear reactor:
  - Fourth generation design
  - Inherently safe, by Doppler broadening of fission cross section
  - Helium cooled  $> 1000\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$
  - Can crack water (mass production of hydrogen)
  - Continuous cycling of **360'000** graphite spheres in a pebble bed



# Simulating the PBR nuclear reactor

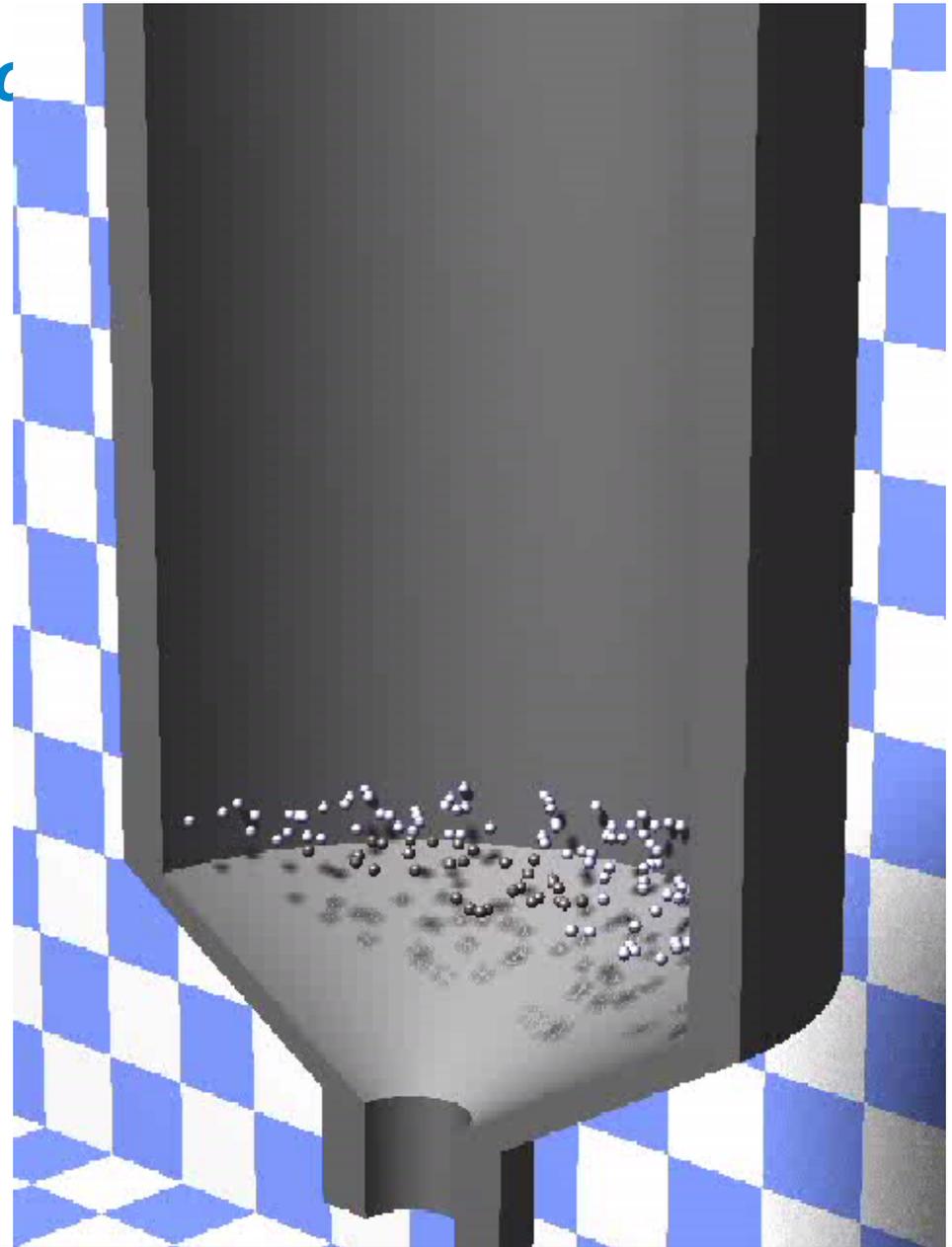
- Problem of **bidisperse granular flow** with **dense packing**.
- Previous attempts: DEM methods on supercomputers at Sandia Labs regularization)
- 40 seconds of simulation for 440,000 pebbles needs 1 week on 64 processors dedicated cluster (Rycroft et al.)

model a frictionless wall,  $\mu_w=0.0$ . For the current simulations we set  $k_t=\frac{2}{7}k_n$  and choose  $k_n=2 \times 10^5 \text{ gm/d}$ . While this is significantly less than would be realistic for graphite pebbles, where we expect  $k_n > 10^{10} \text{ gm/d}$ , such a spring constant would be prohibitively computationally expensive, as the time step scales as  $\delta t \propto k_n^{-1/2}$  for collisions to be modeled effectively. Previous simulations have shown that

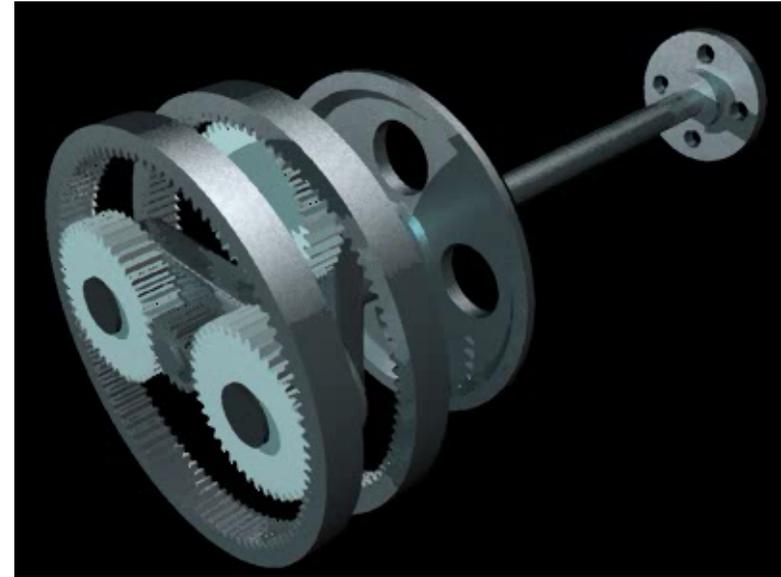
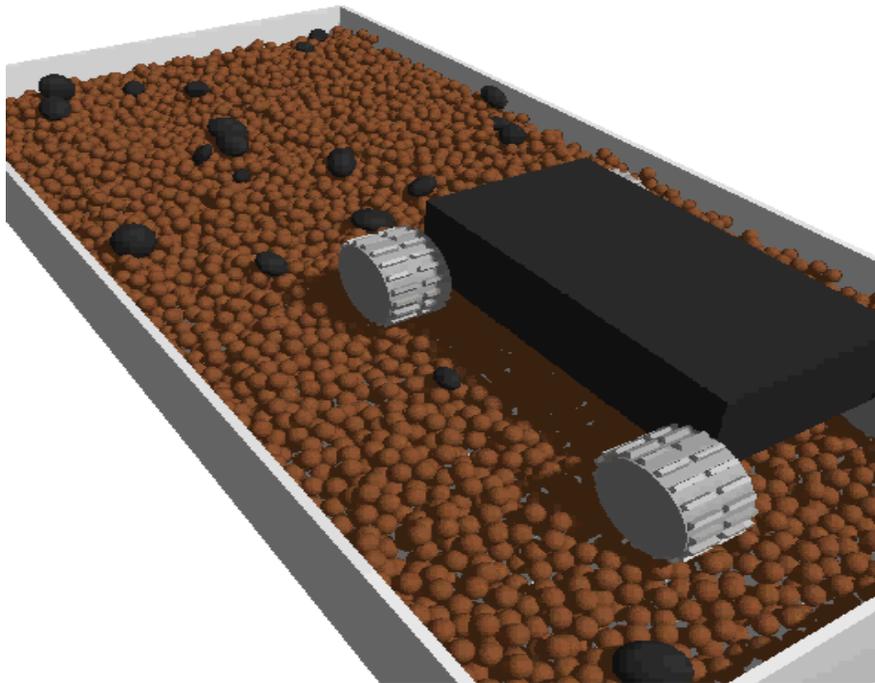


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- 160'000 Uranium-Graphite spheres, 600'000 contacts on average
- Two millions of primal variables, six millions of dual variables
- *1 day on a Windows station...*
- But we are limited by the 2GB user mode limit, 64 bit port in progress—but linear scaling..
- We estimate 3CPU days, compare with 450 CPU days for an incomplete solution in 2006 !!!

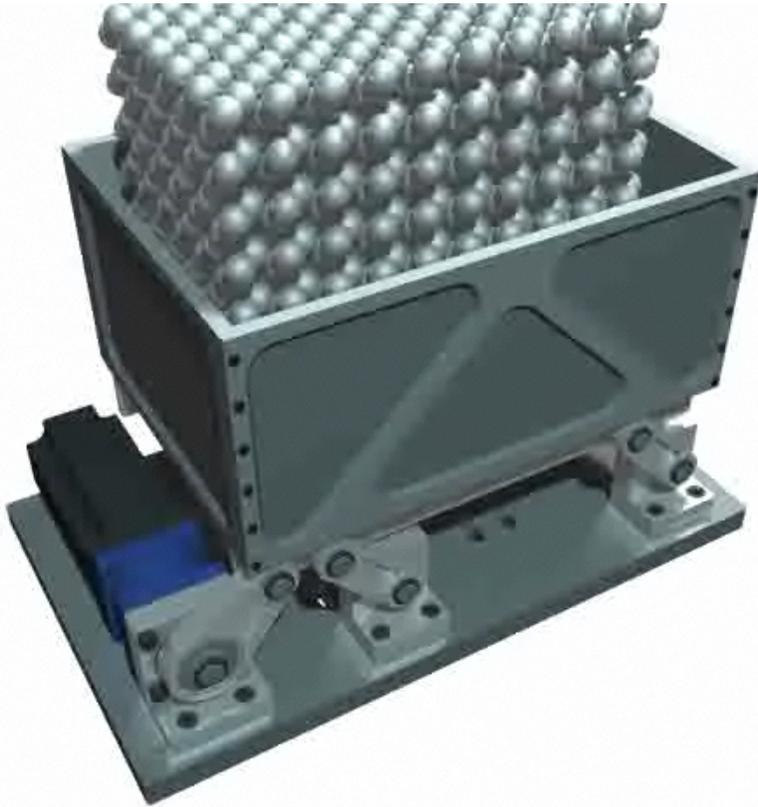


*In addition, we can approach efficiently approach many engineering problems (see website for papers)*



# Examples

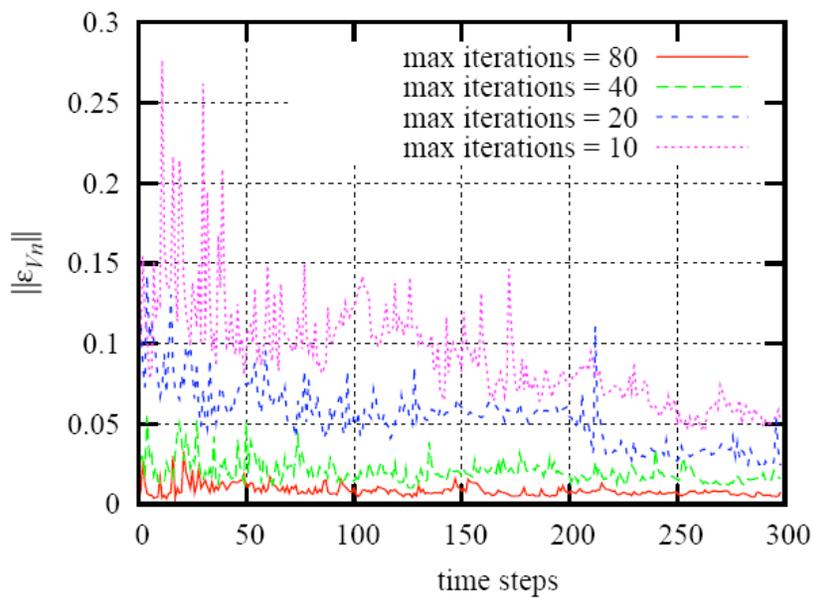
- Example: size-segregation in shaker, with thousands of steel spheres



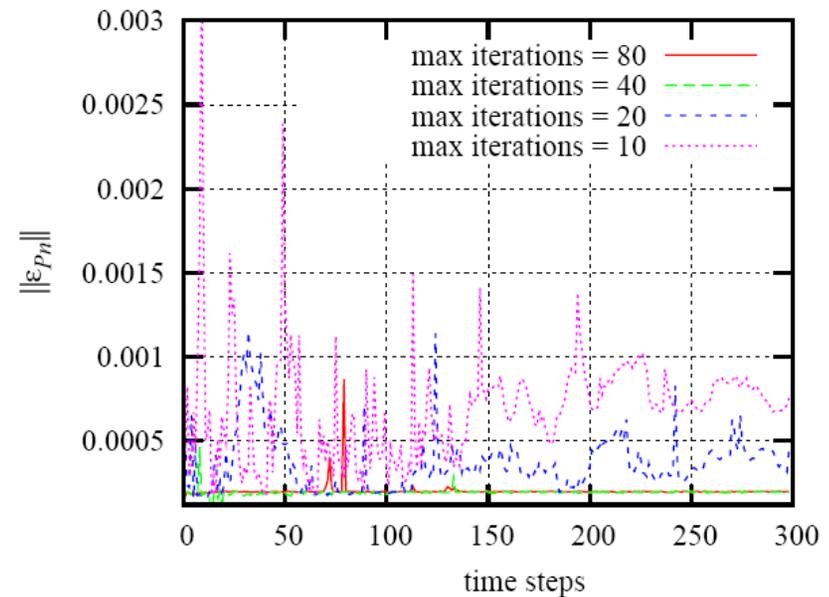
Note: solution beyond reach of Lemke-type LCP solvers!

# Tests

■ Feasibility accuracy increases with number of iterations:



Speed violation in constraints

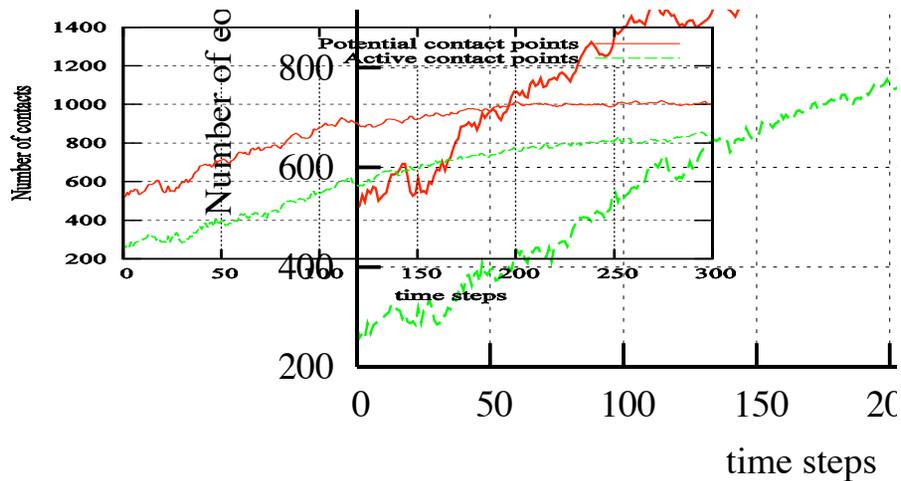


Position error in constraints (penetration)

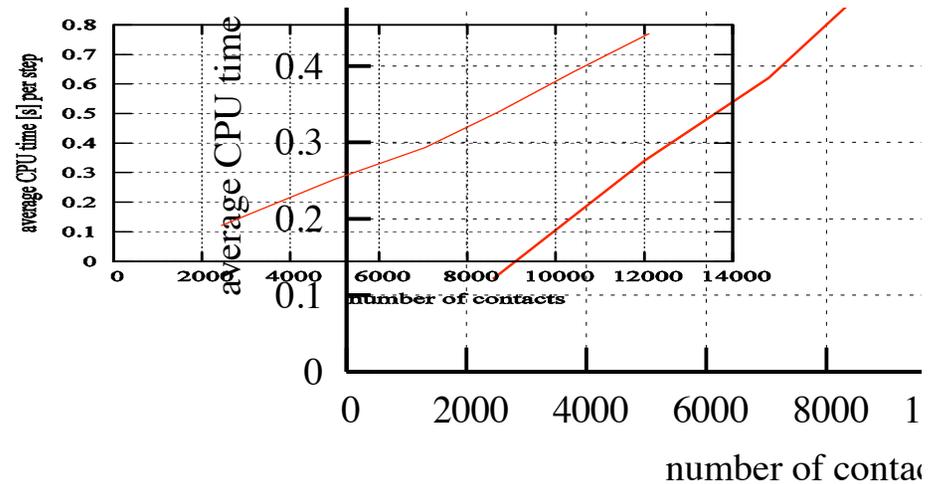
*(with example of 300 spheres in shaker)*

# Tests: Scalability

- CPU effort per contact, since our contacts are the problem variables.
- Penetration error was uniformly no larger than 0.2% of diameter.



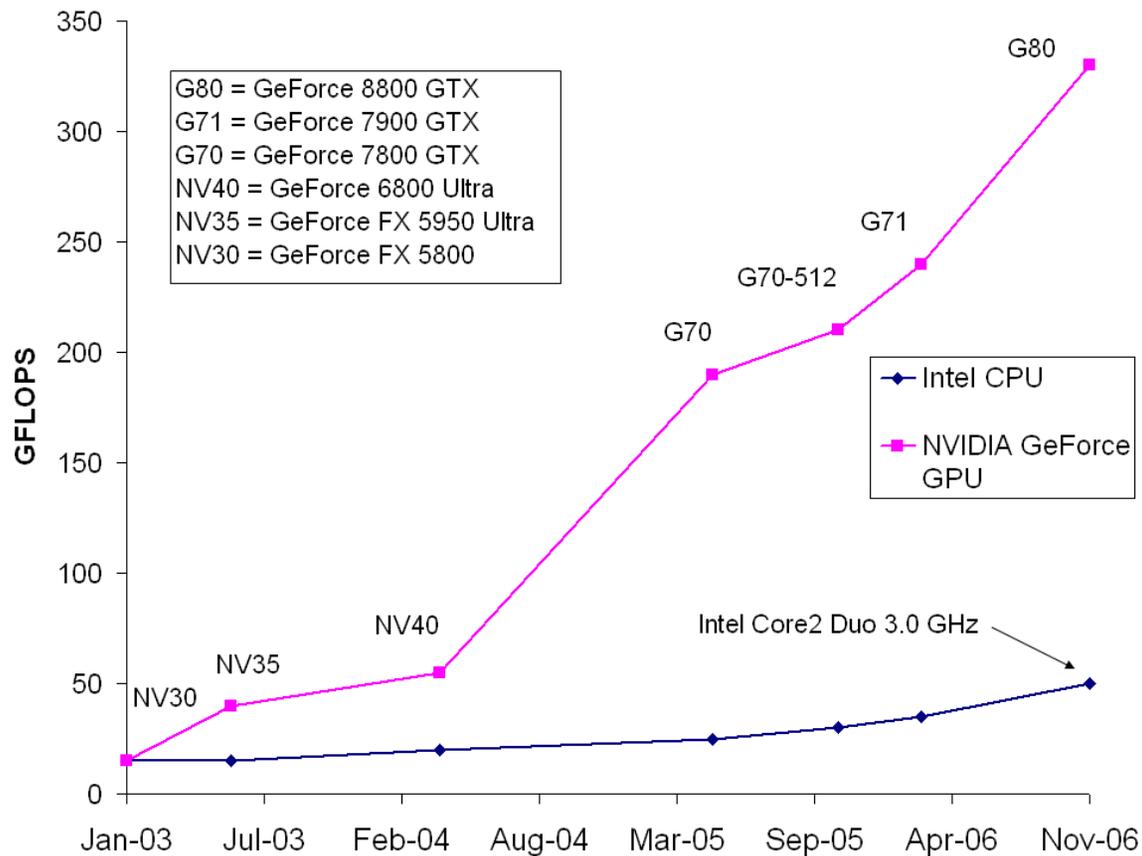
Number of contacts in time, 300 spheres



CPU time per step for 300-1500 spheres

# New large scale computational opportunity Graphical Processing Unit

Floating Point Operations per Second for the CPU and GPU



# *IBM BlueGene/L—GPU comparison*

- Entry model: 1024 dual core nodes
- 5.7 Tflop (compare to 0.5 Tflop for NVIDIA Tesla GPU)
- Dedicated OS
- Dedicated power management solution
- Require dedicated IT support
- Price (2007): \$1.4 million
- Same GPU power (2008): 7K!!!

# Brick Wall Example...

- Times reported are in seconds for one second long simulation
- GPU: NVIDIA GeForce 8800 GTX



Bricks	Sequential Version	GPU Co-processing Version
1000	43	6
2000	87	10
8000	319	42

# Conclusions

- We have defined a new algorithm for complementarity problems with conic constraints.
- We have shown that it can solve very large problems in granular flow far faster than DEM.
- It is the first iterative algorithm that provably converges for nonsmooth rigid body dynamics.
- Its scalability is decent.
- We have created a multithreaded implementation and GPU port increases computational speed by a factor of 7-8.