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# *An iterative solver for cone complementarity problems of nonsmooth multibody dynamics—and other DVI*

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# Nonsmooth contact dynamics—what is it?

- Differential problem with variational inequality constraints –

DVI

*Newton Equations*

*Non-Penetration Constraints*

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

$$\frac{dq}{dt} = \Gamma(q)v \quad \leftarrow \text{Generalized Velocities}$$

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

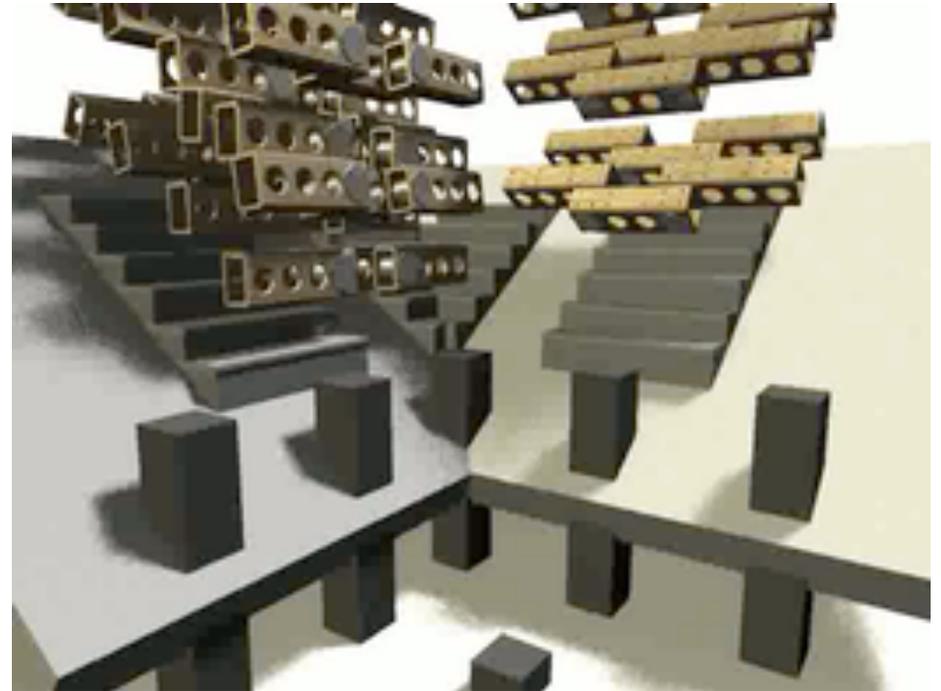
$$\left( \beta_1^{(j)}, \beta_2^{(j)} \right) = \operatorname{argmin}_{\mu^{(j)} c_n^{(j)} \geq \sqrt{(\beta_1^{(j)} + \beta_2^{(j)})^2}} \left[ \left( v^T t_1^{(j)} \right) \beta_1 + \left( v^T t_2^{(j)} \right) \beta_2 \right]$$

*Friction Model*

- Truly, a Differential Problem with Equilibrium Constraints

# Contact dynamics applications

- Granular Flow,
- Masonry Stability,
- Rock Dynamics.
- Agent-Based Modeling (Pedestrian Evacuation Dynamics).
- Physics-based graphics simulations.
- Most common approaches by far are smoothing approaches (DEM)

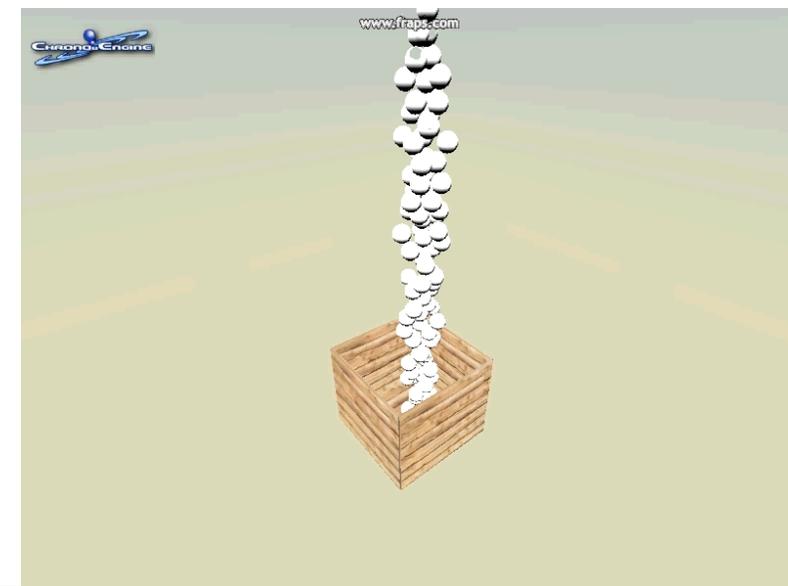
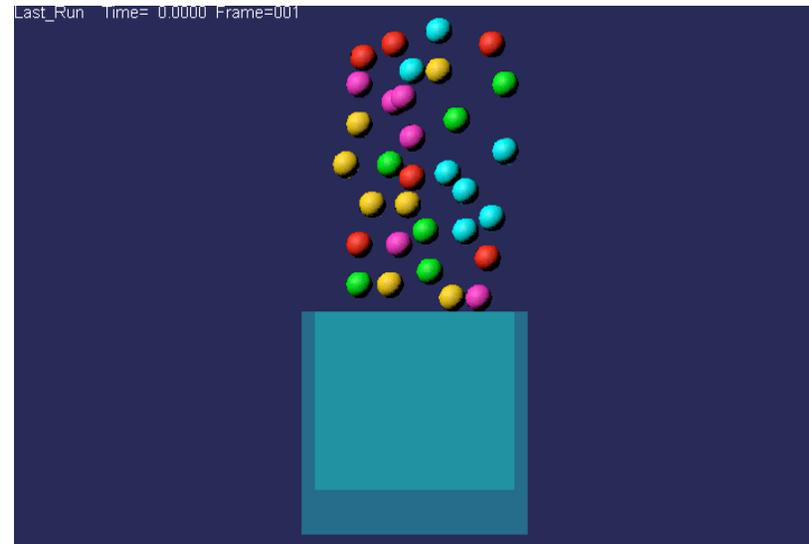


## Question 1: Should we do smoothing?

- Recall, DVI (for  $C=R^+$ )  $\longrightarrow$   
$$\dot{x} = f(t, x(t), u(t));$$
$$u \geq 0 \perp F(t, x(t), u(t)) \geq 0$$
- Smoothing  $\longrightarrow$   
$$\dot{x} = f(t, x(t), u(t));$$
$$u_i F_i(t, x(t), u(t)) = \varepsilon, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, n_u$$
- Followed by forward Euler.  $\longrightarrow$   
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  $\longrightarrow$
- But does it give good results?  
$$x^{n+1} = x^n + hf(t^{n+1}, x^{n+1}, u^{n+1});$$
$$u^{n+1} \geq 0 \perp F(t^{n+1}, x^{n+1}, u^{n+1}) \geq 0$$

# 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.

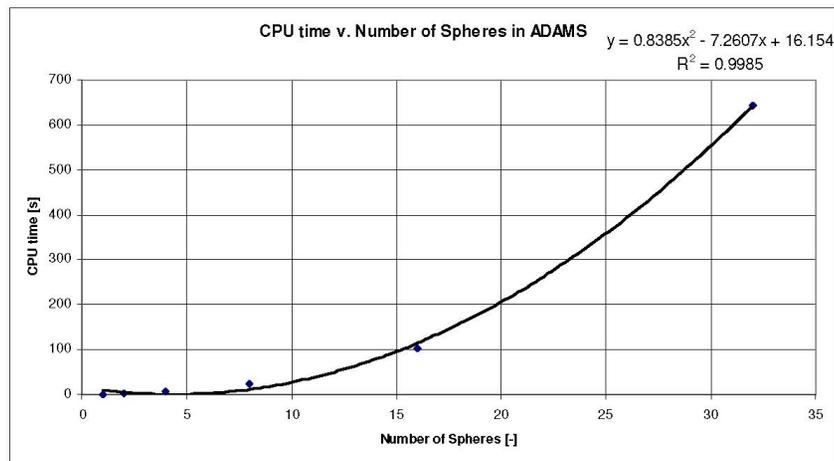
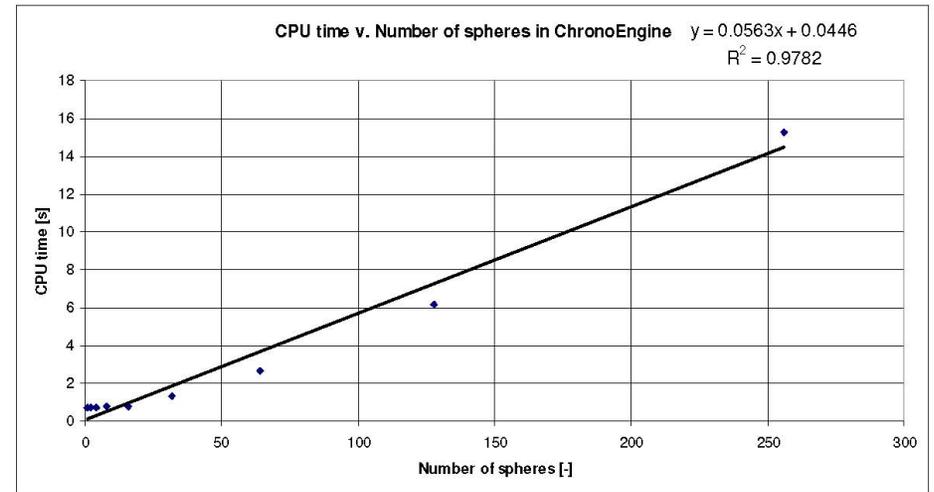


Table 2: Number of rigid bodies v. CPU time in ChronoEngine

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



*Conclusion 1: Often, time stepping is more promising,*

# 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" ]

# 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 problem at each step

- 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

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

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

- ..and its polar cone:

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

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

# General: The iterative method

- Question 3: How to efficiently solve the Cone Complementarity Problem for large-scale systems?

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

- 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 projection operator onto feasible set

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

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

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

# 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  $(x^{r+1} - x^r)^T \left( (\lambda \omega B^r)^{-1} + K^r - \frac{N}{2} \right) (x^{r+1} - x^r) \geq \beta \|x^{r+1} - x^r\|^2$ .

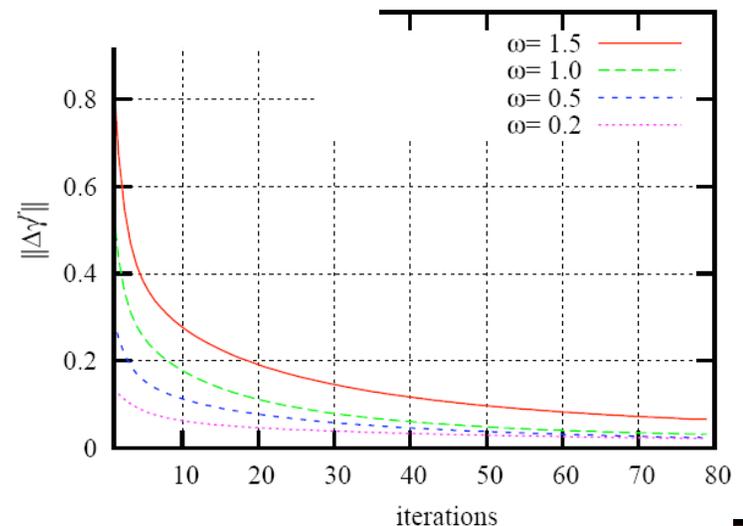
Always satisfied in multibody systems

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**.



# The projection operator is easy and separable

- For each frictional contact constraint:

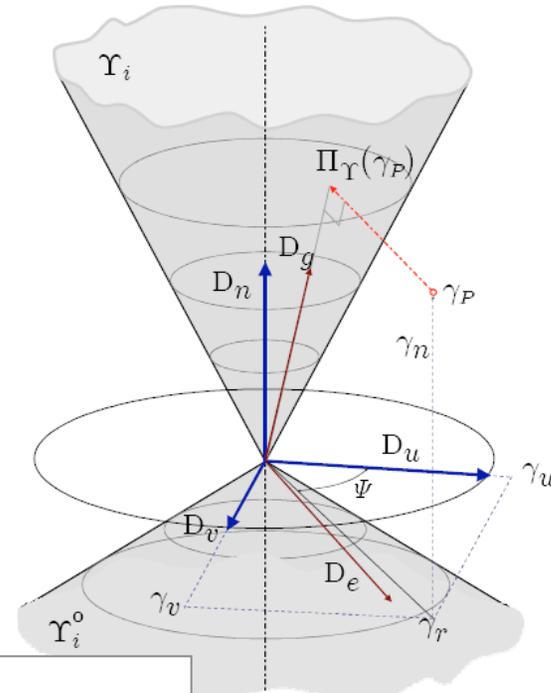
$$\Pi_{\Upsilon} = \left\{ \Pi_{\Upsilon_1}(\gamma_1)^T, \dots, \Pi_{\Upsilon_{n_A}}(\gamma_{n_A})^T, \Pi_b^1(\gamma_b^1), \dots, \Pi_b^{n_B}(\gamma_b^{n_B}) \right\}^T$$

- For each bilateral constraint, simply do nothing.

- The complete operator:

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

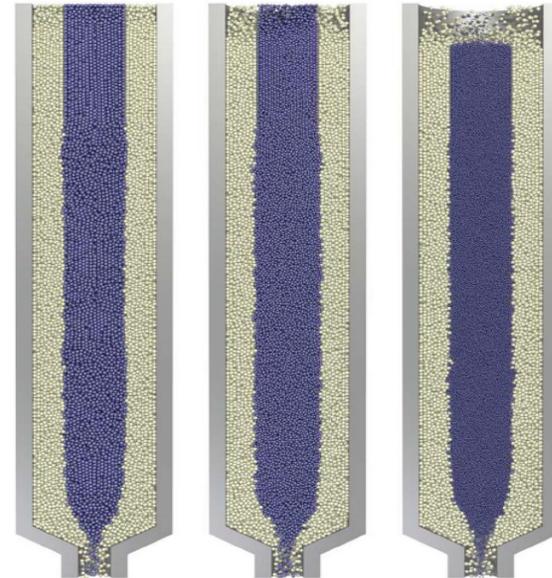
$\gamma_r < \mu_i \gamma_n$	$\Pi_i = \gamma_i$
$\gamma_r < -\frac{1}{\mu_i} \gamma_n$	$\Pi_i = \{0, 0, 0\}$
$\gamma_r > \mu_i \gamma_n \wedge \gamma_r > -\frac{1}{\mu_i} \gamma_n$	$\Pi_{i,n} = \frac{\gamma_r \mu_i + \gamma_n}{\mu_i^2 + 1}$
	$\Pi_{i,u} = \gamma_u \frac{\mu_i \Pi_{i,n}}{\gamma_r}$
	$\Pi_{i,v}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



# Simulating the PBR nuclear reactor

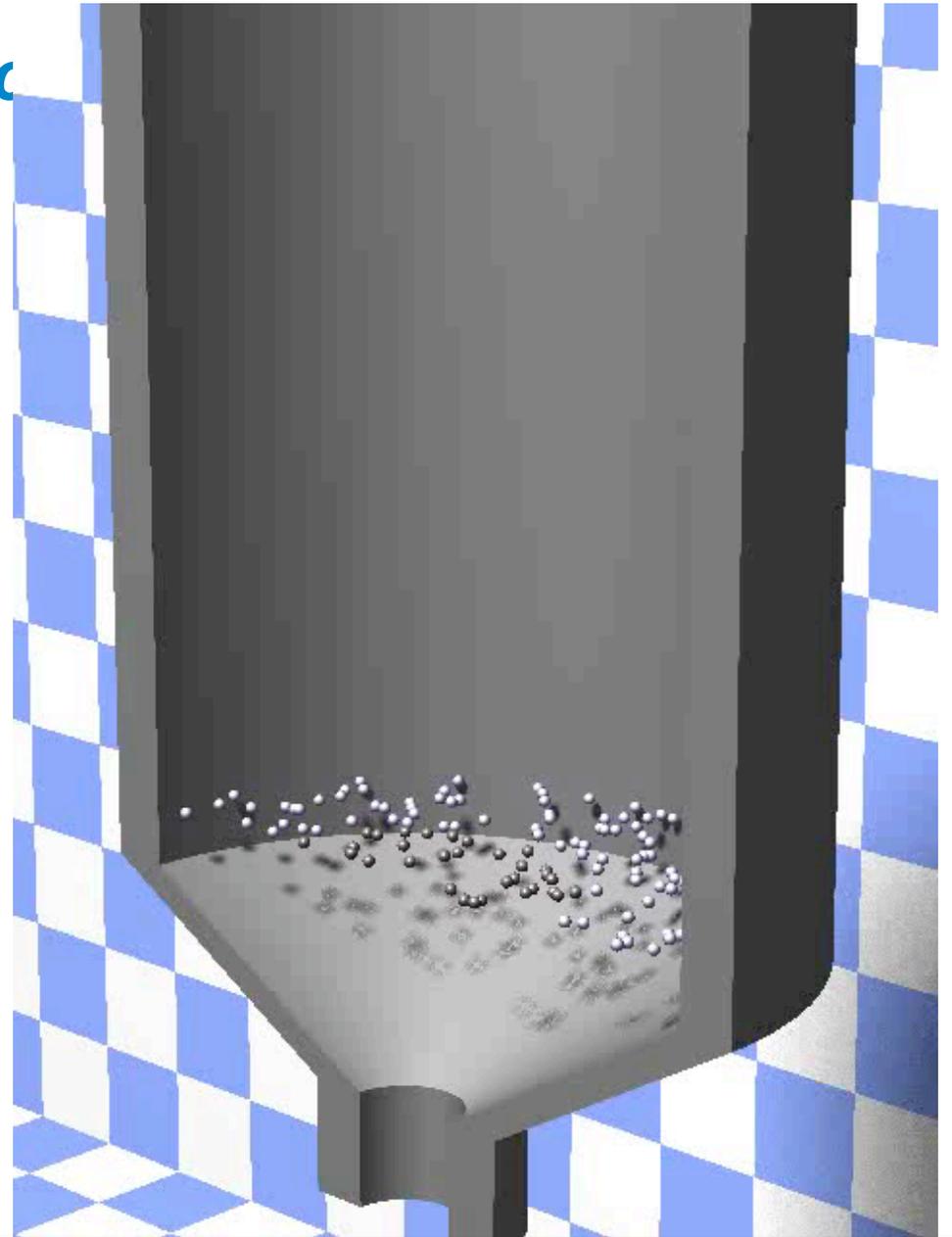
- Problem of bidisperse granular flow with dense packing.
- Previous attempts: DEM methods on supercomputers at Sandia Labs regularization)
- 40 seconds of simulation for 440,000 pebbles needs 1 week on 64 processors dedicated cluster (Rycroft et al.)

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

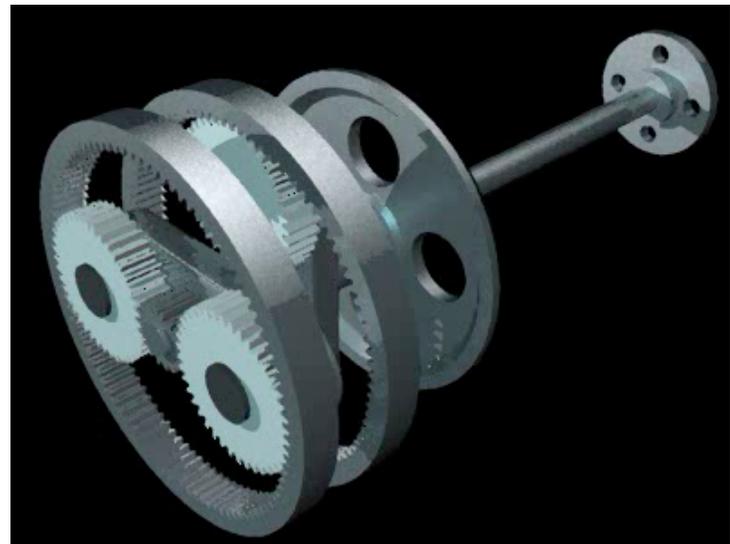
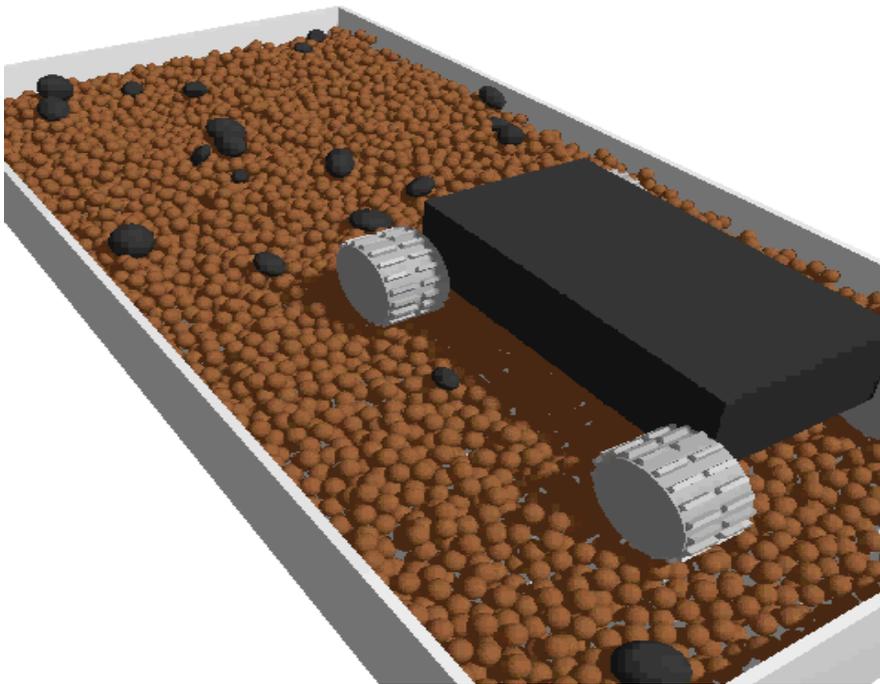


## Simulating the PBR nuc

- 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 !!!
- Answer 3: Our approach is efficient for large scale!!

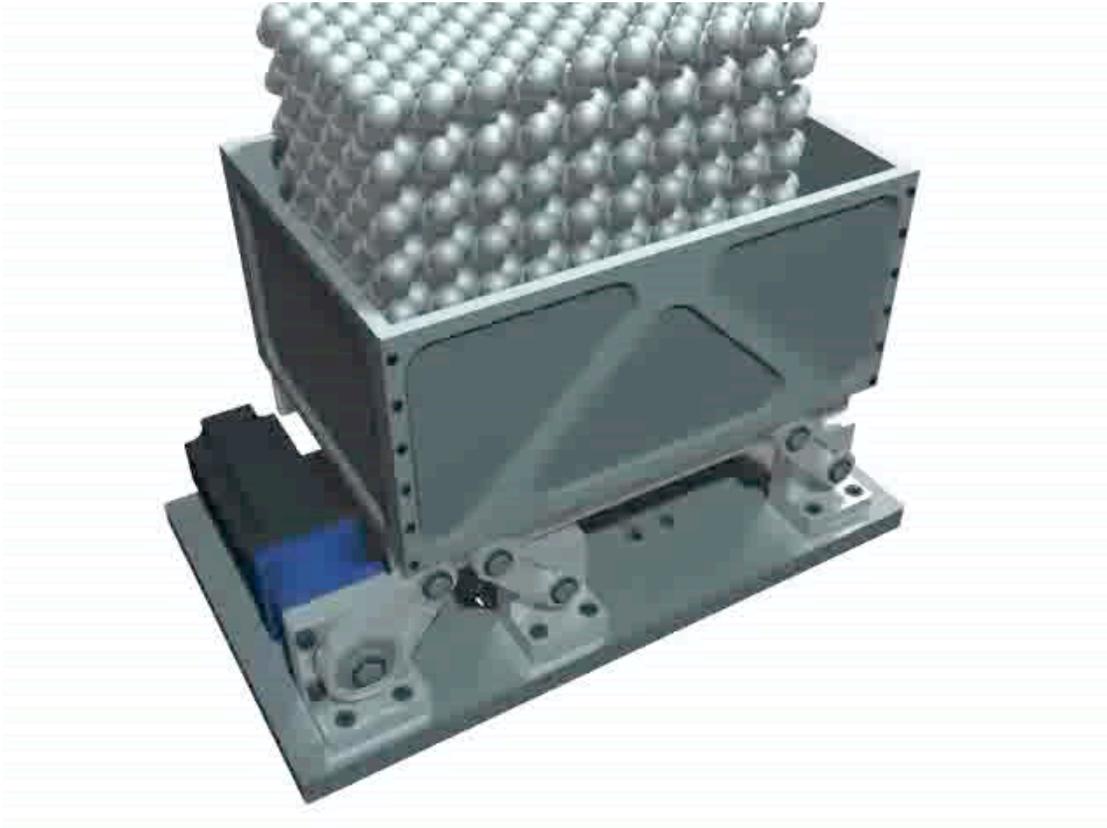


*In addition, we can approach efficiently approach many engineering problems (see website for papers)*



## Scaling/constraint accuracy test:

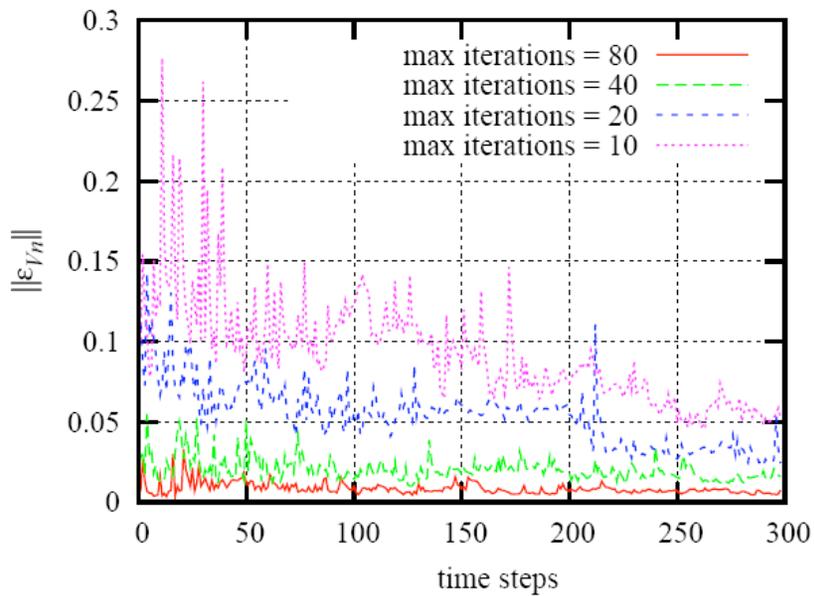
- Size-segregation in shaker, with thousands of steel spheres



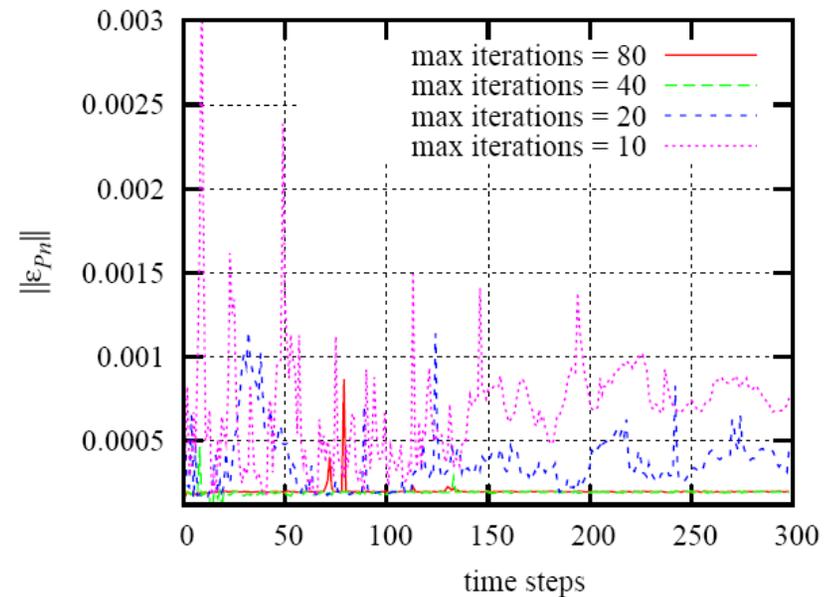
Note: solution beyond reach of Lemke-type LCP solvers!

# Tests

■ Feasibility accuracy increases with number of iterations:



Speed violation in constraints

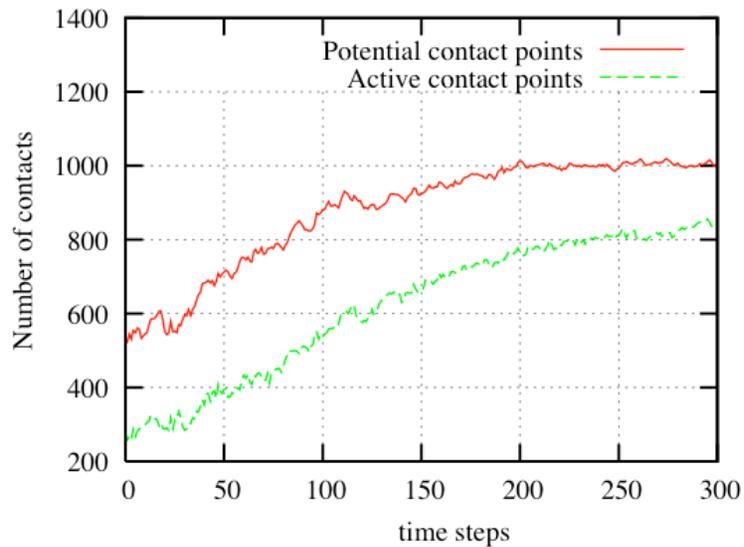


Position error in constraints (penetration)

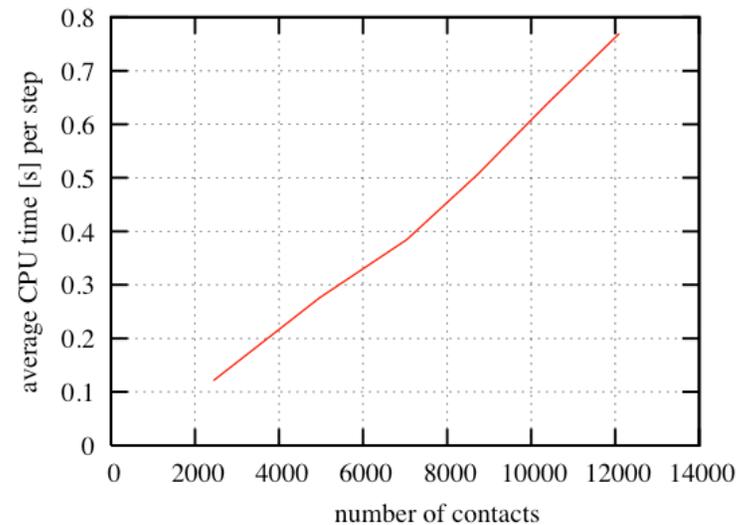
*(with example of 300 spheres in shaker)*

# Tests: Scalability

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

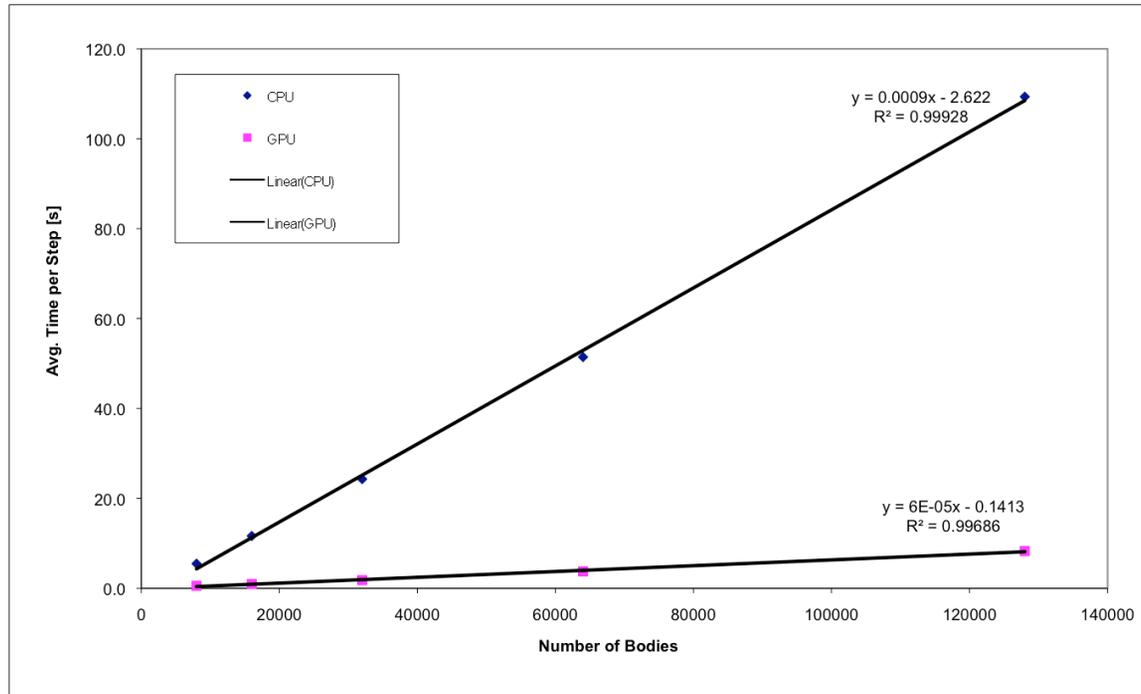


Number of contacts in time, 300 spheres



CPU time per step for 300-1500 spheres

# Preliminary Results for GS on large problems on GPU

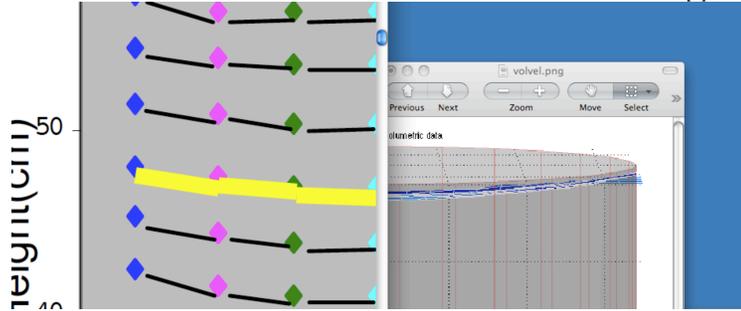
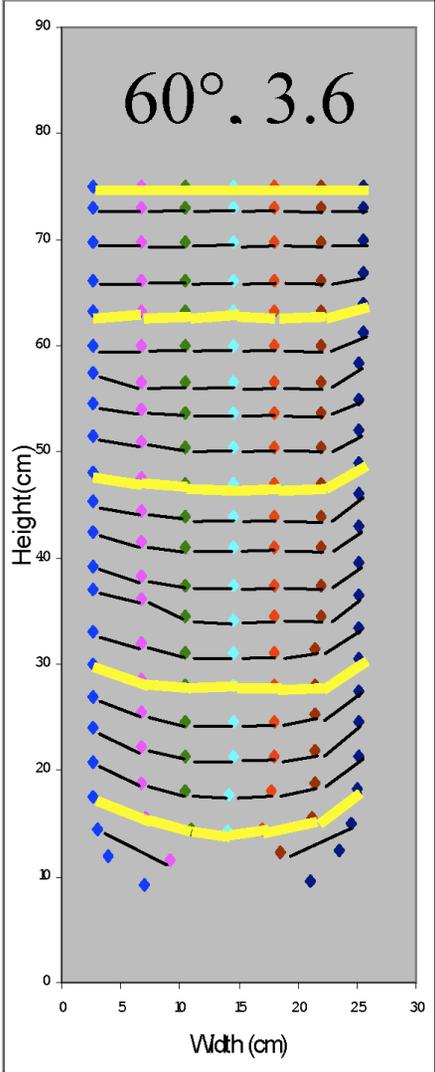
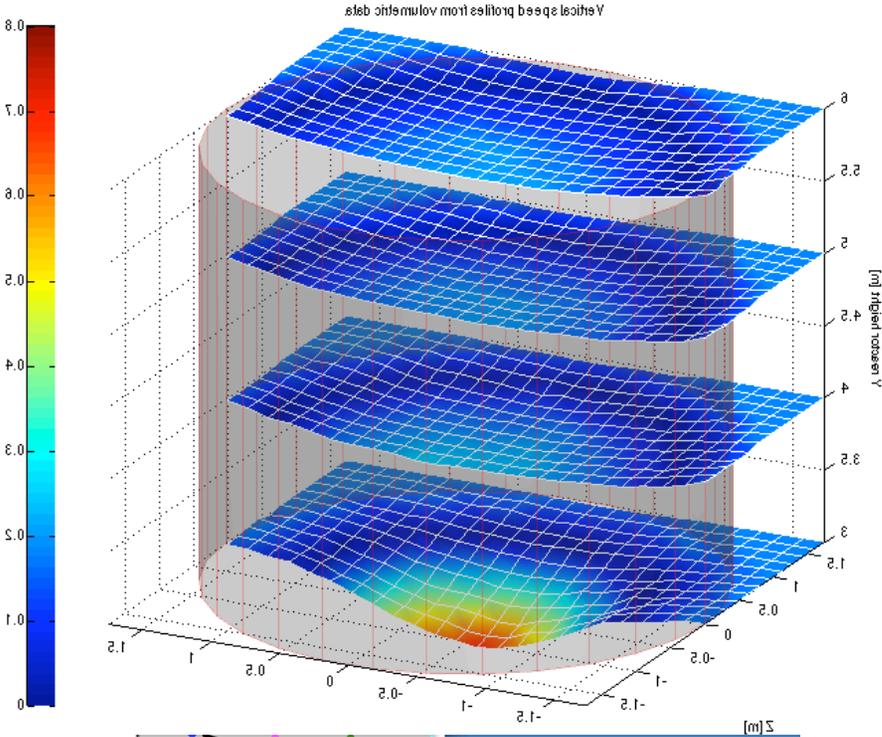


Number of Bodies	CPU			GPU			CCP Speedup	CD Speedup	Step Speedup
	CCP Time	CD Time	Step Time	CCP Time	CD Time	Step Time			
8000	5.26725	0.10655	5.47370	0.39600	0.12288	0.54658	13.3010	0.8671	10.0144
16000	11.18999	0.23601	11.63754	0.74096	0.15337	0.95315	15.1020	1.5388	12.2095
32000	23.28647	0.55861	24.28257	1.46889	0.21752	1.80878	15.8531	2.5680	13.4249
64000	49.16970	1.36559	51.44442	3.12925	0.36476	3.75152	15.7130	3.7438	13.7130
128000	103.66658	3.80176	109.34287	6.97682	0.74488	8.27050	14.8587	5.1038	13.2208

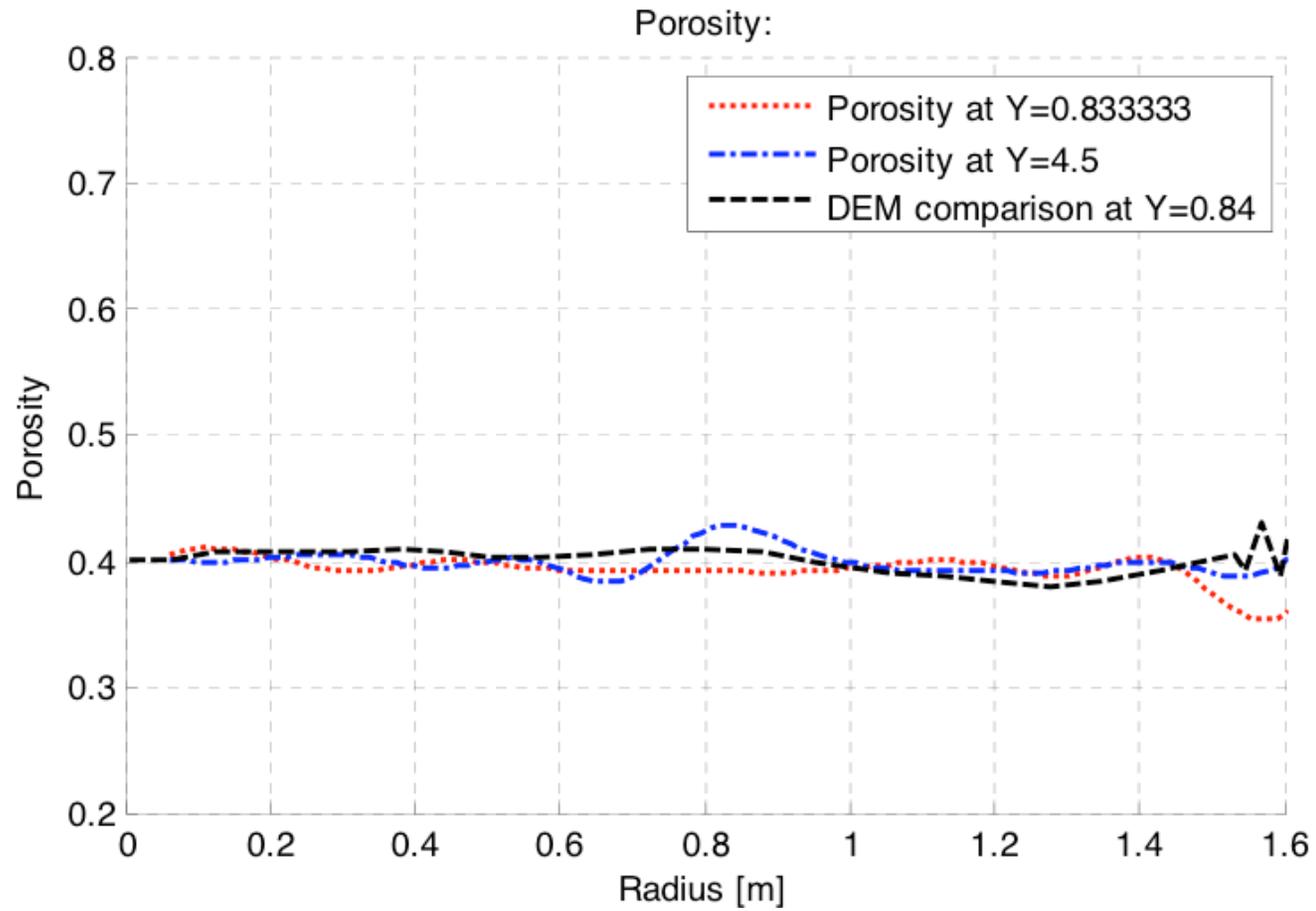
## *Future work*

- N non symmetric, but positive semidefinite.
- Parallelizing the algorithms: block Jacobi with Gauss Seidel blocks, or coloring GS (50% there).
- Huge scale simulation. Multigrid for rigid multibody dynamics?
- Including a good collision model– here we are at a loss with rigid body theory – may need some measure of deformability – convolution complementarity.
- Involving other physics ... fluid flow.
- Compare with experimental data.

# Comparison with experimental data PBR



# Packing statistics



# 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 comparable to the number of stream processors.