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APPLICATION OF NOVEL MESH-FREE TECHNIQUES FOR THE SIMULATION OF MECHANICAL PROBLEMS

Abstract

Many phenomena can be accurately simulated with conventional simulation tools based on <u>either molecular dynamics</u> below the thermodynamic limit, <u>or</u> <u>using mesh-based methods</u> above the thermodynamic limit

Objectives

- To apply novel computational techniques to food
- Many phenomena can be accurately *simulated with one concept or the other*
- There are a subset of challenging problems where micro- and macro scale physics are strongly coupled – <u>the simulation requires a multiscale modelling</u> <u>technique</u>
- This PhD focuses on such *problems as those found in oral processing*



< Figure 1: Consider the shearing of a solid-in-liquid suspension of deformable solids, as presented in

- The <u>moving interfaces</u> make this <u>challenging</u> to <u>simulate</u> <u>with a mesh-based</u> method
- Even highly <u>course-grained</u> <u>molecular dynamics</u> techniques will <u>not</u> attain the scale of <u>several μm</u>



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- Combine two or more simulation techniques across the micro-macroscale threshold
- Apply the combined novel technique to one or several case studies

Techniques used

- Mesh-free particle based simulations
- Signal analysis
- Multi-scale coupling

>Figure 2: A technique such as <u>Smoothed Particle</u> <u>Hydrodynamics</u> can readily calculate <u>stress fluctuations</u> at the wall and in the solid disperse phase, allowing the interpretation of, e.g. the <u>frequency of fluctuations by</u> <u>Fourier transform</u>

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