

# Multiphysics Simulation Methods in Computer Graphics

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# Introduction

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- Abundance of physics simulation methods
  - Physical materials
  - Physical phenomena
- Multiphysics simulation
  - **Interacting** materials and phenomena
- Applications in many industries
  - Entertainment
  - Engineering
  - Training



Snow simulation for the movie Frozen [Stomakhin et al., 2013]

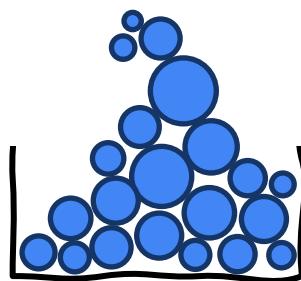


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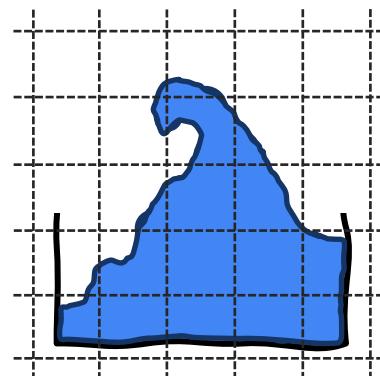
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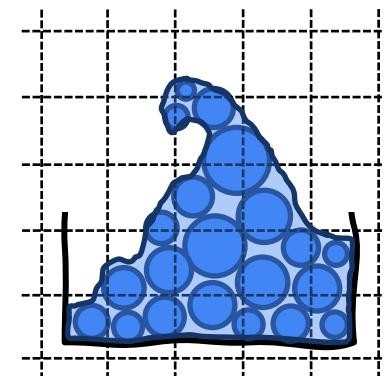
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**Lagrangian**  
(ex: particles)



**Eulerian**  
(ex: grid)

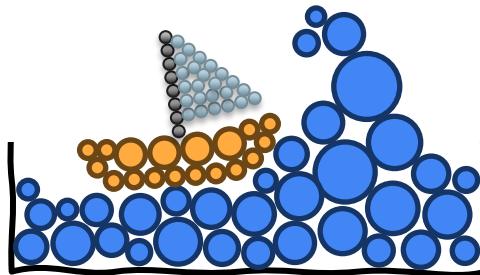


**Hybrid**

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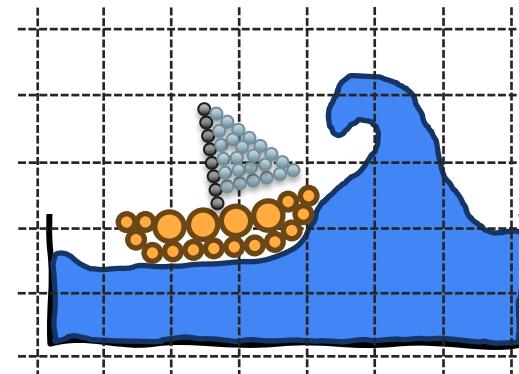
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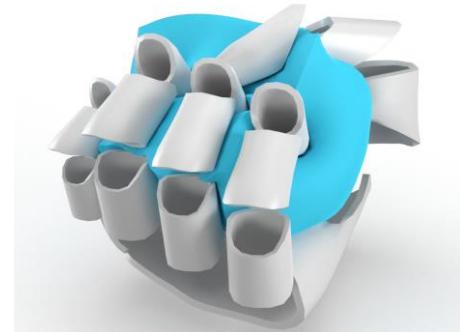
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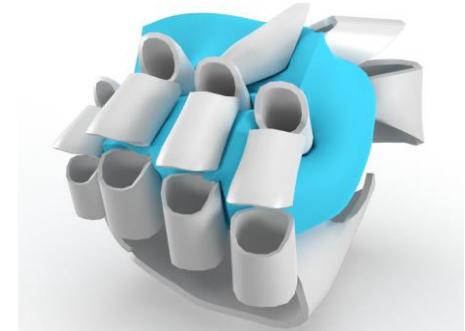


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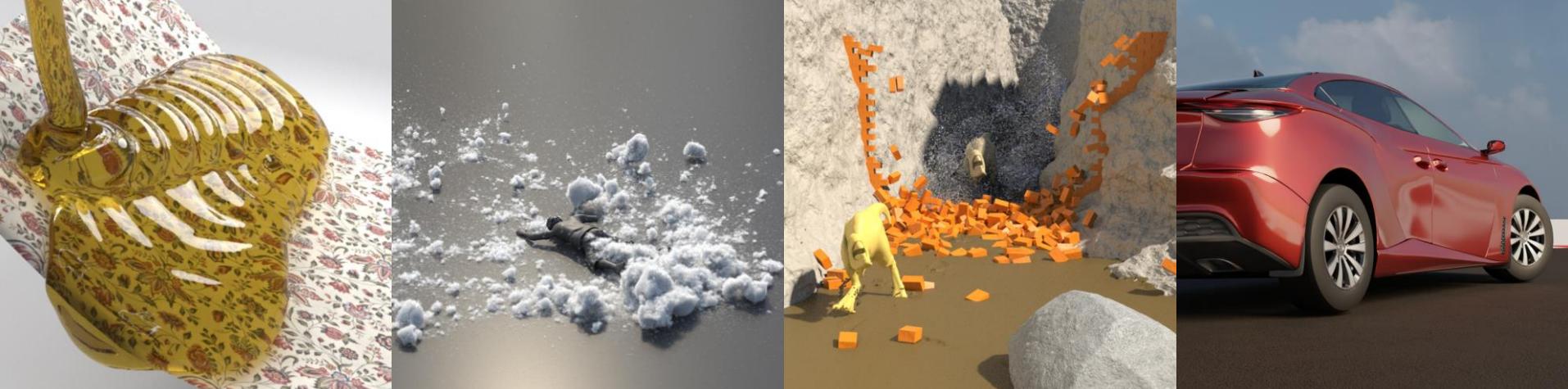
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# Part I

# Constraint-Based Multiphysics Modeling

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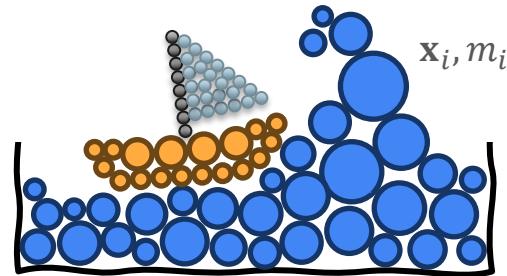
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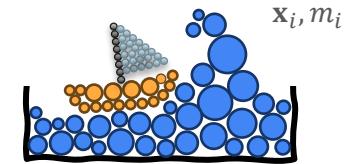
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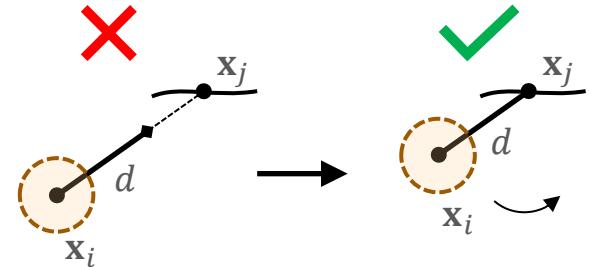
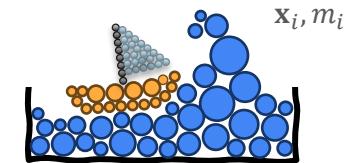
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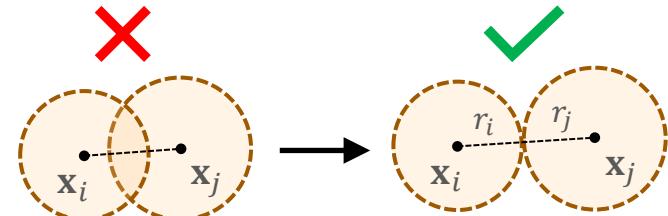
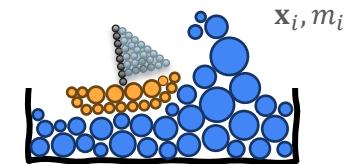
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$$C_u(\mathbf{x}) = \|\mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{x}_j\| - (r_i + r_j) \geq 0$$

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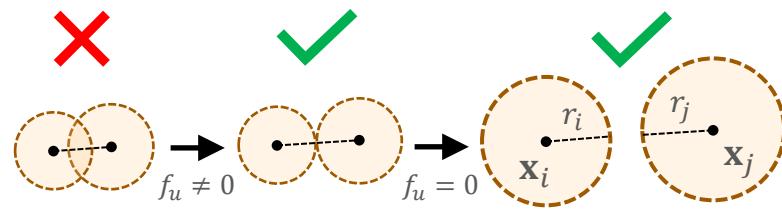
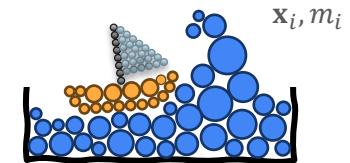
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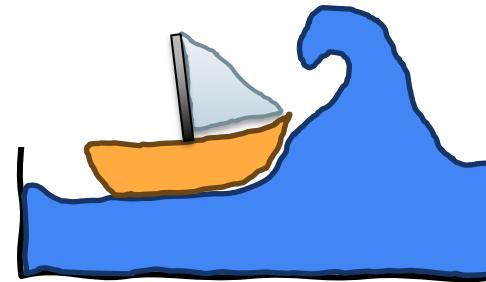
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Equations of motion



Simulated material domains

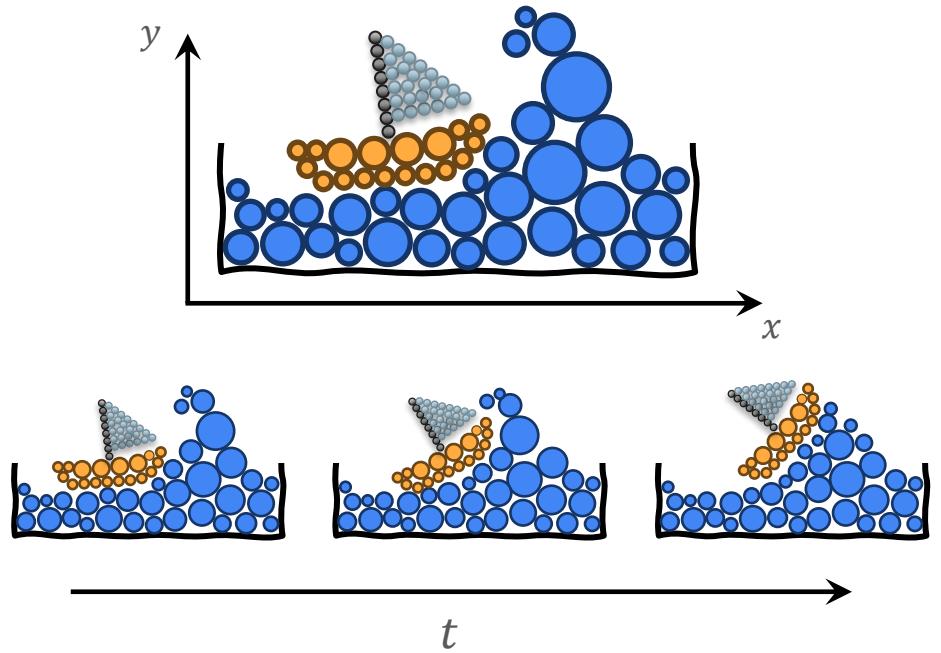
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Equations of motion

Discretize in  
space and time



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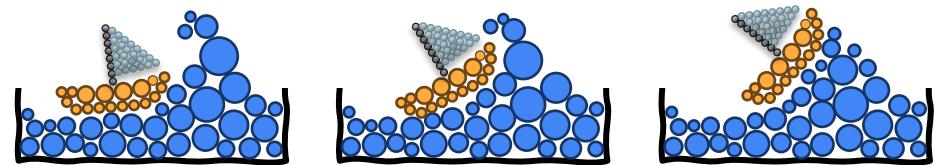
## 1) Discretization of equations of motion

- Two popular approaches
  - **Position-level formulation:** Position Based Dynamics
  - **Velocity-level formulation:** Nonsmooth Multidomain Dynamics
- Very stable, even under coarse discretizations and large time steps
  - Good choice for **real-time** and **interactive** applications

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# A Unified Modeling Framework: Multiphysics Modeling

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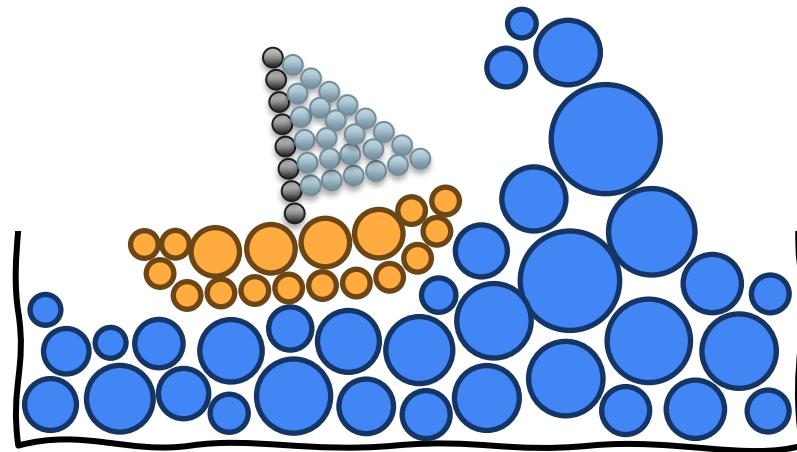
- What do we need?
- Constraint function definition

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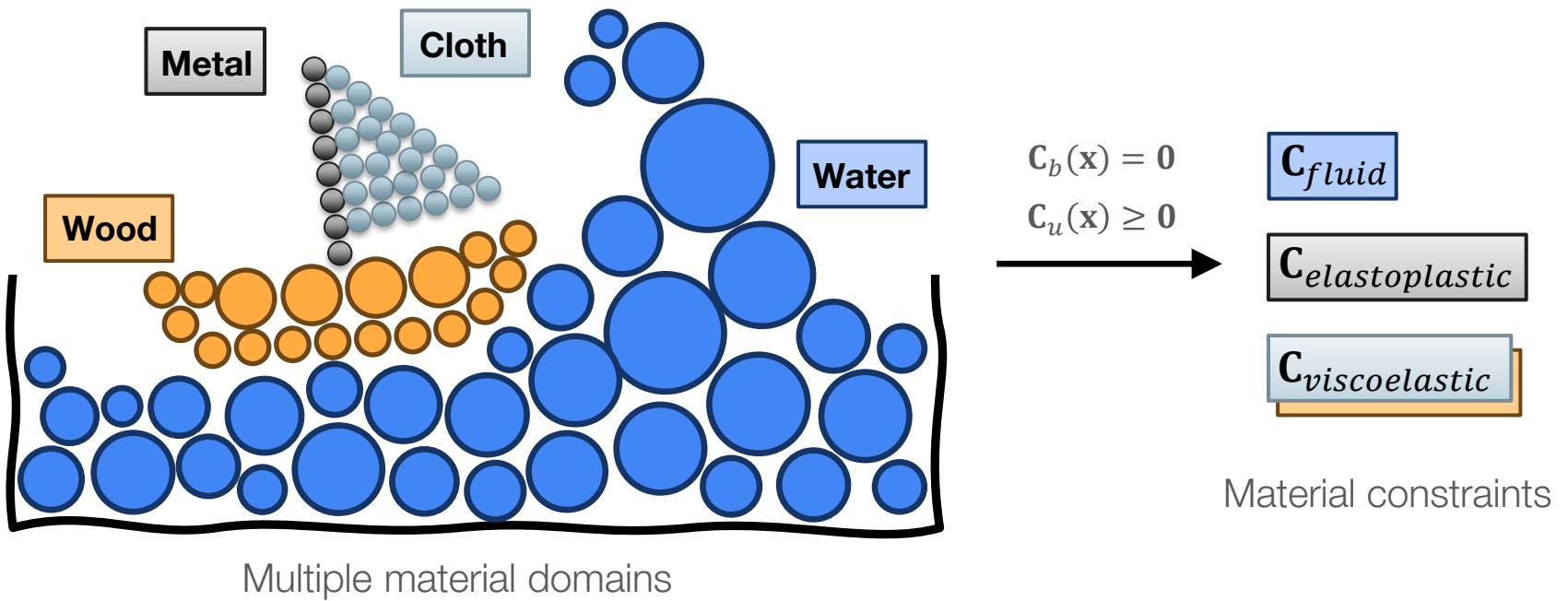


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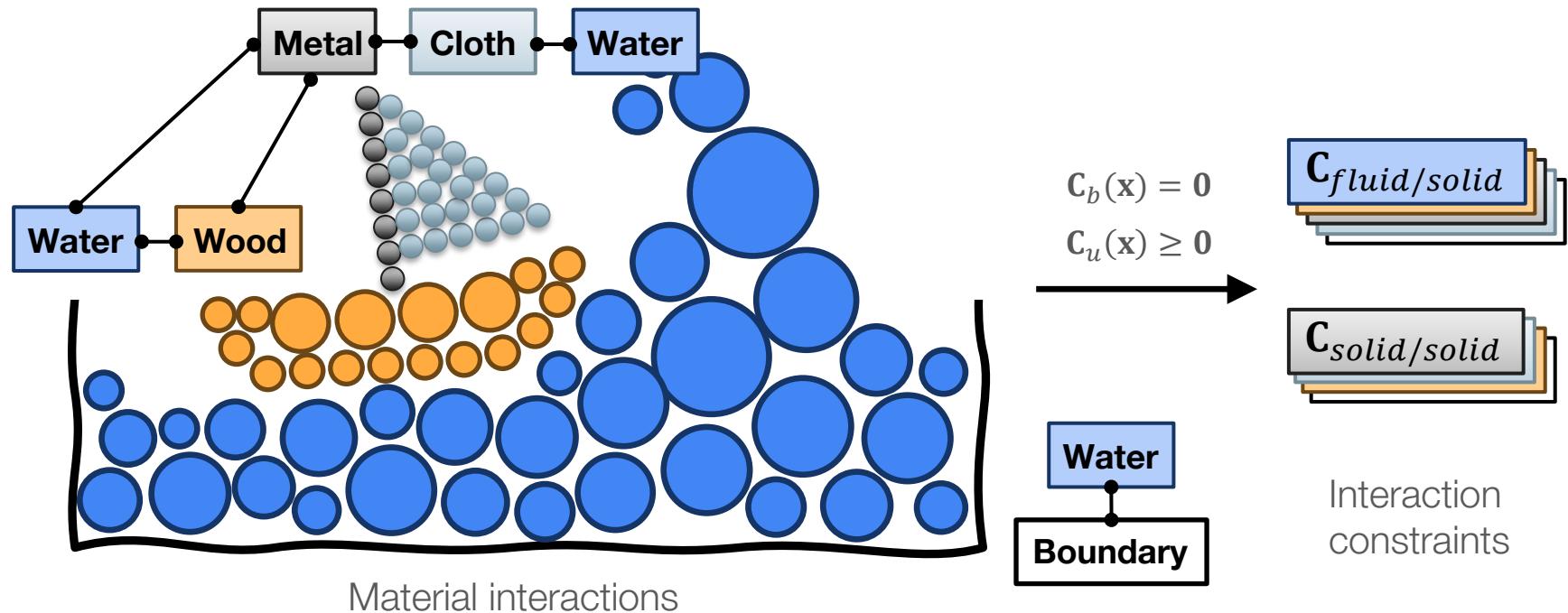


Multiple material domains in interaction

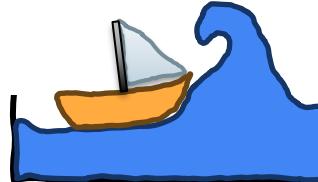
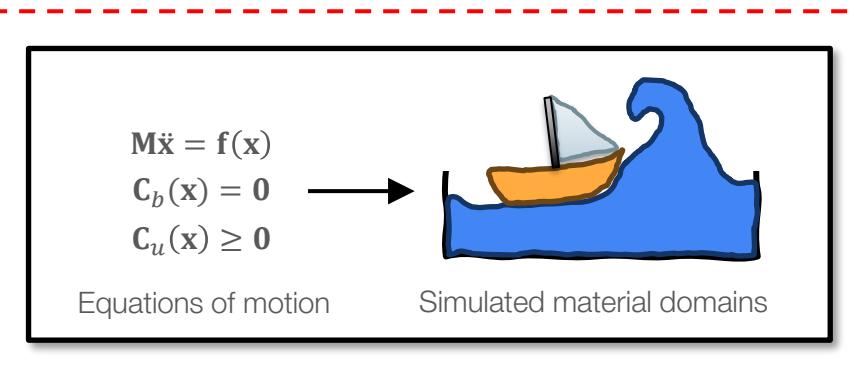
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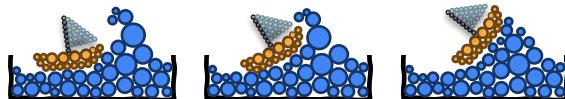
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Simulated material domains

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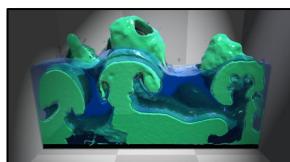
Position-level formulation

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Velocity-level formulation

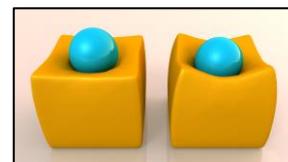
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Fluids



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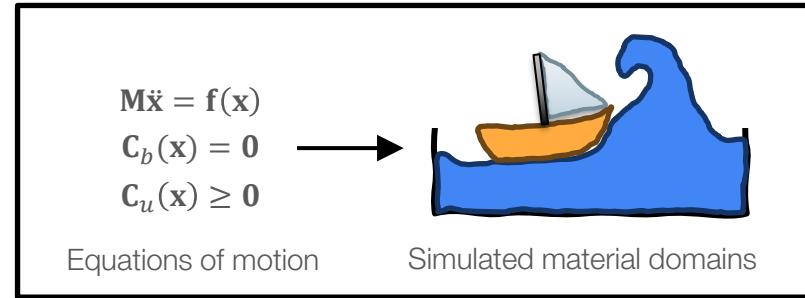


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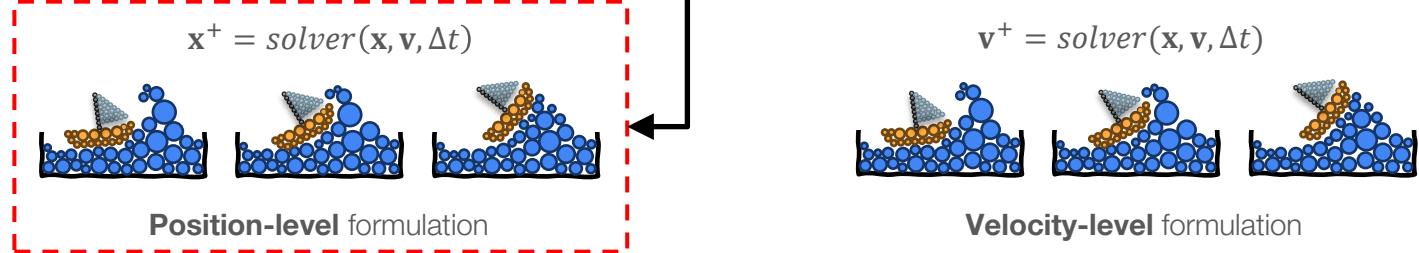


Granular Materials

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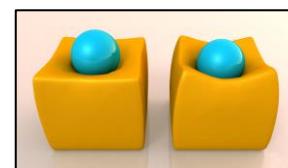
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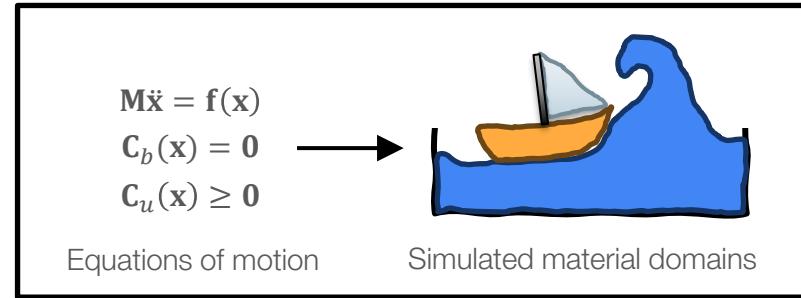


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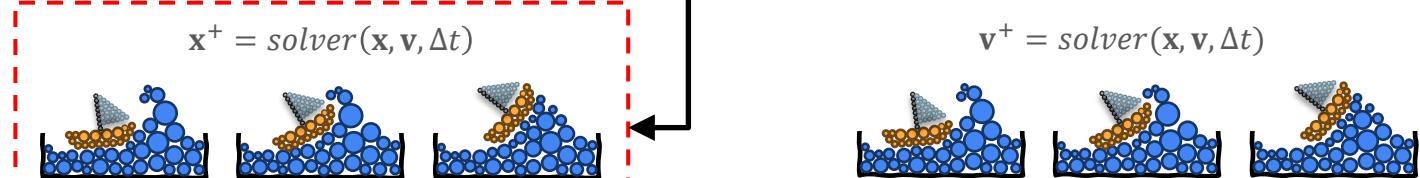


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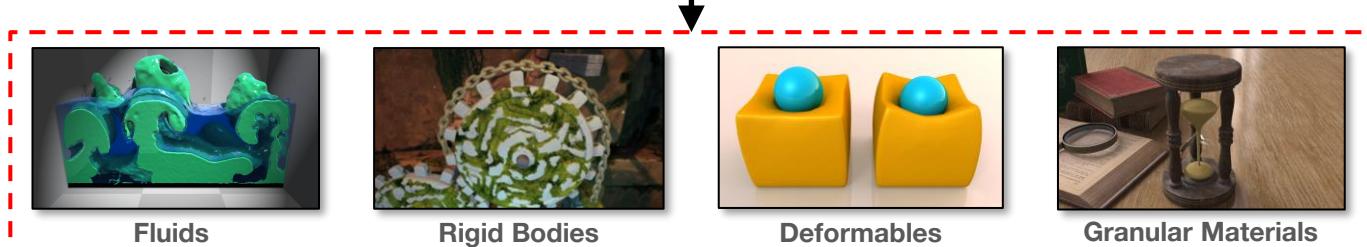
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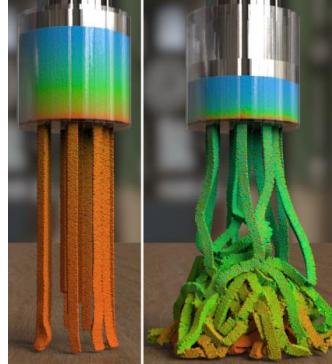
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# Position Based Dynamics



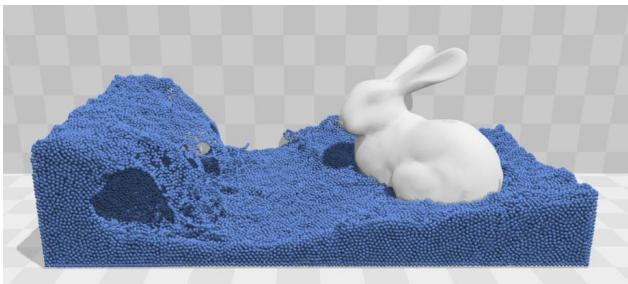
Rigid car with flexible tires [Müller et al., 2020]



Plastic modeling clay [Yu et al., 2024]



Deformed cloth [Bender et al., 2014]



Position Based Fluids [Macklin and Müller, 2013]



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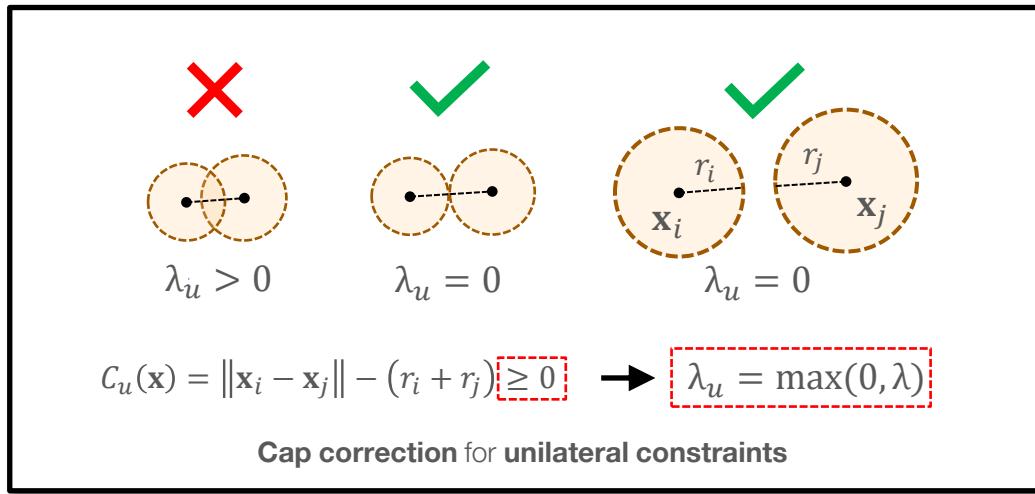
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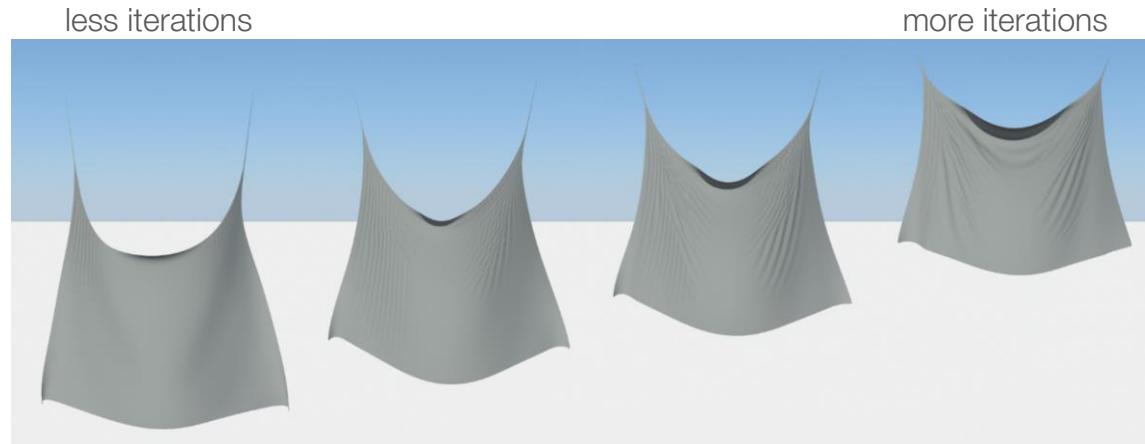
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$$\mathbf{v}_i = \frac{\mathbf{p}_i - \mathbf{x}_i}{\Delta t}, \quad \mathbf{x}_i = \mathbf{p}_i$$

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Increased stiffness with larger iteration count in original PBD [Bouaziz et al., 2014]

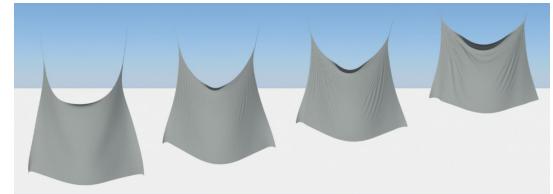
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Bouaziz et al., 2014

Elastic energy:

$$U(\mathbf{p}) = \frac{1}{2} C(\mathbf{p})^T \alpha^{-1} C(\mathbf{p})$$

$\alpha$ : compliance

Original PBD:

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XPBD:

$$\Delta\lambda = \frac{-C(\mathbf{p}) - \alpha/\Delta t^2 \lambda}{\nabla C(\mathbf{p})^T \mathbf{M}^{-1} \nabla C(\mathbf{p}) + \alpha/\Delta t^2}$$

$$\lambda := \lambda + \Delta\lambda$$

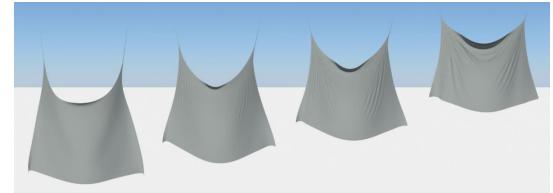
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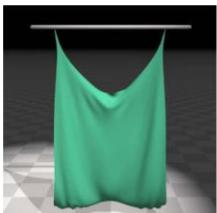
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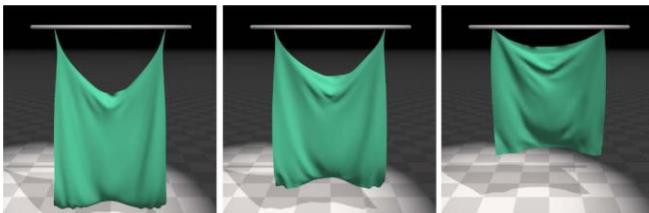
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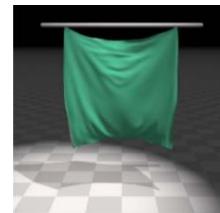


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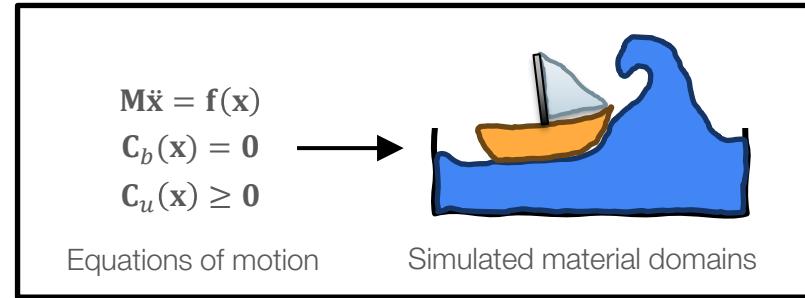
## 2. **overcome by Bender et al. (2014)**

- o Continuous, deformable materials
- o Tetrahedral volume elements (FEM-style)
- o Position-level constraint of the strain energy

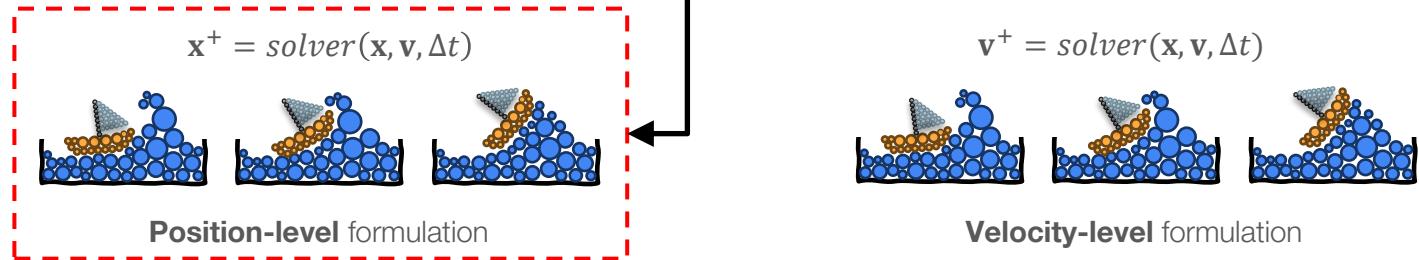


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## Unified modeling framework



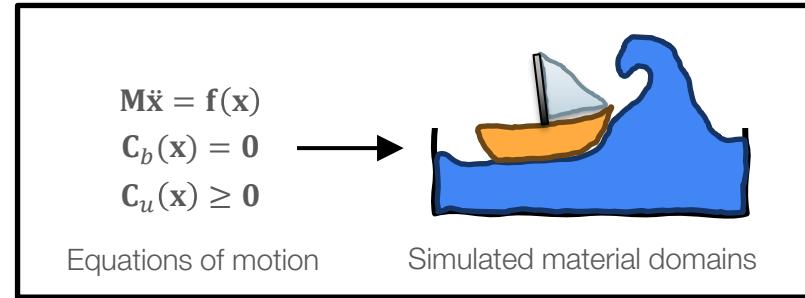
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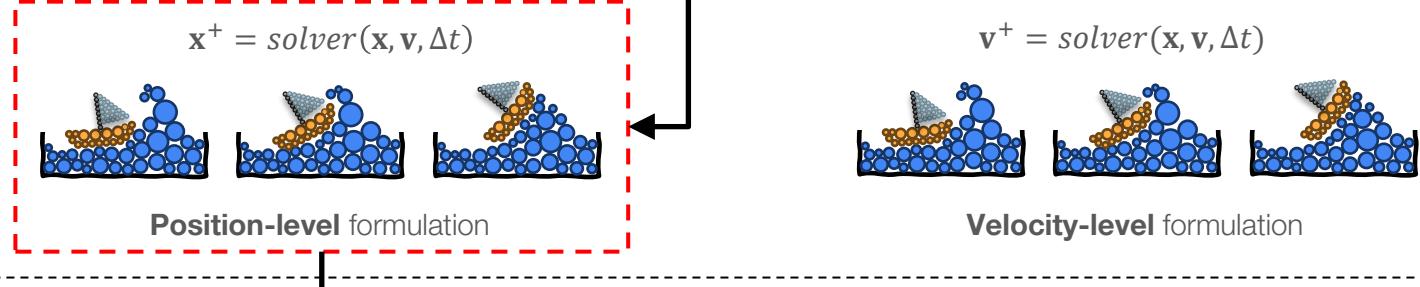
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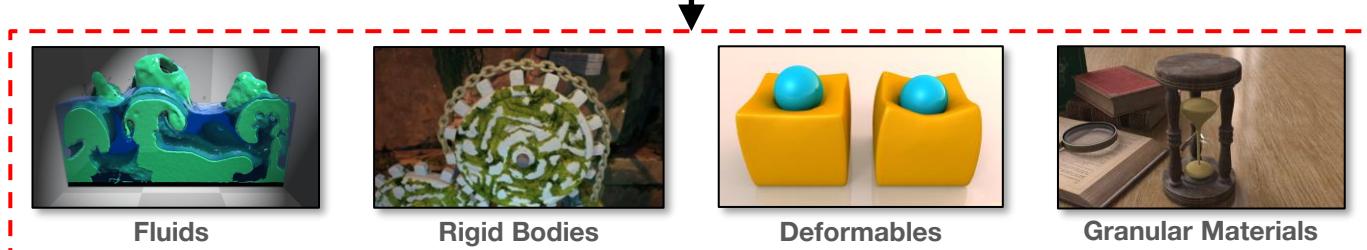
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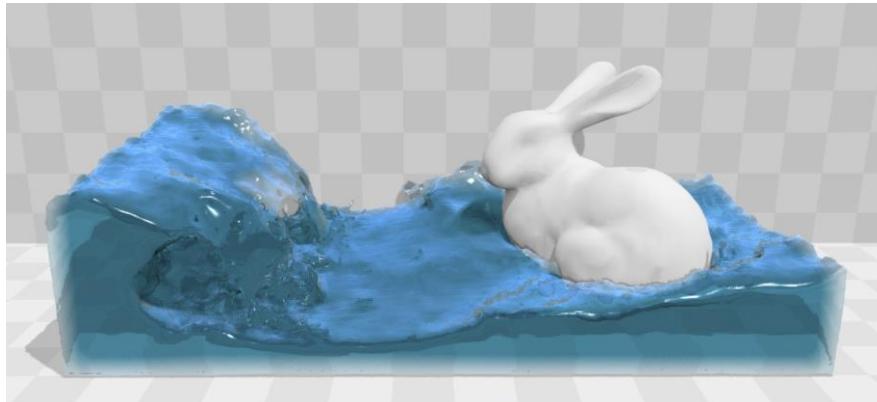
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Real-time Position Based Fluid simulation [Macklin and Müller, 2013]

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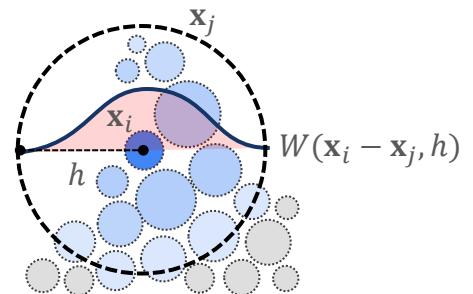
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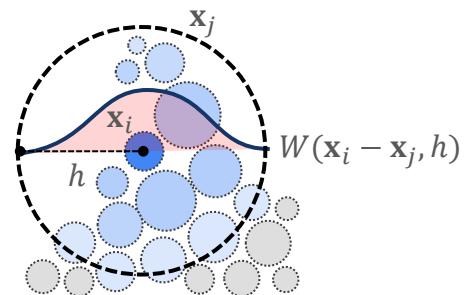
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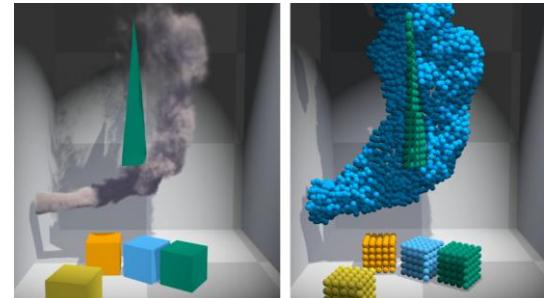
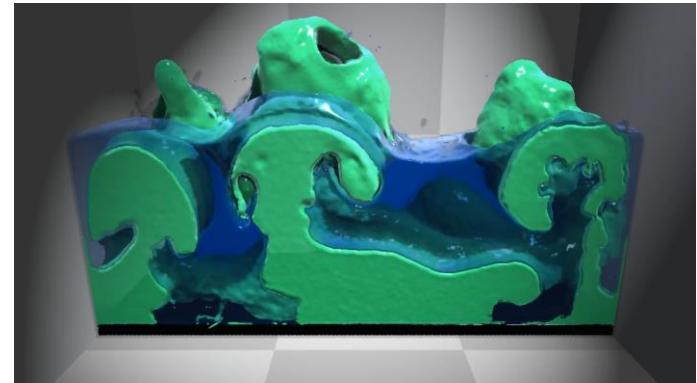
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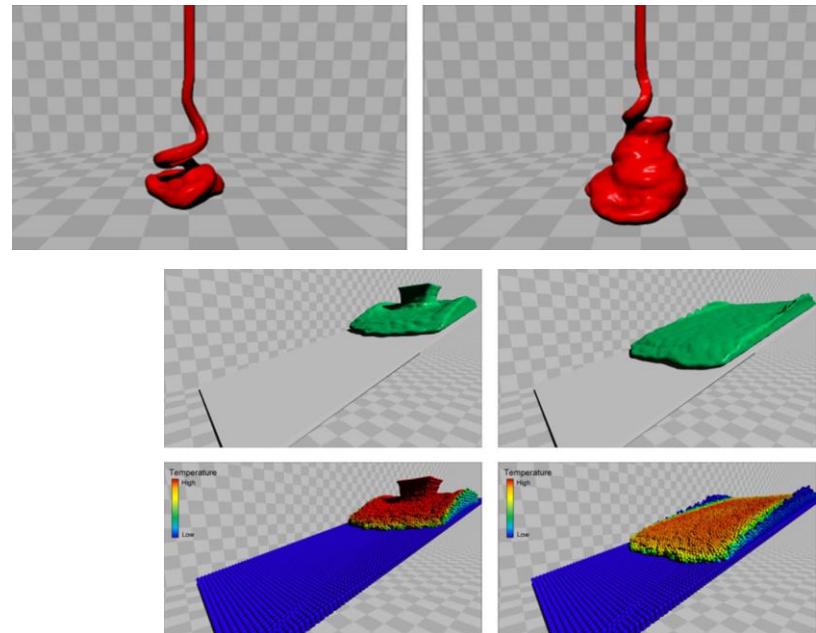
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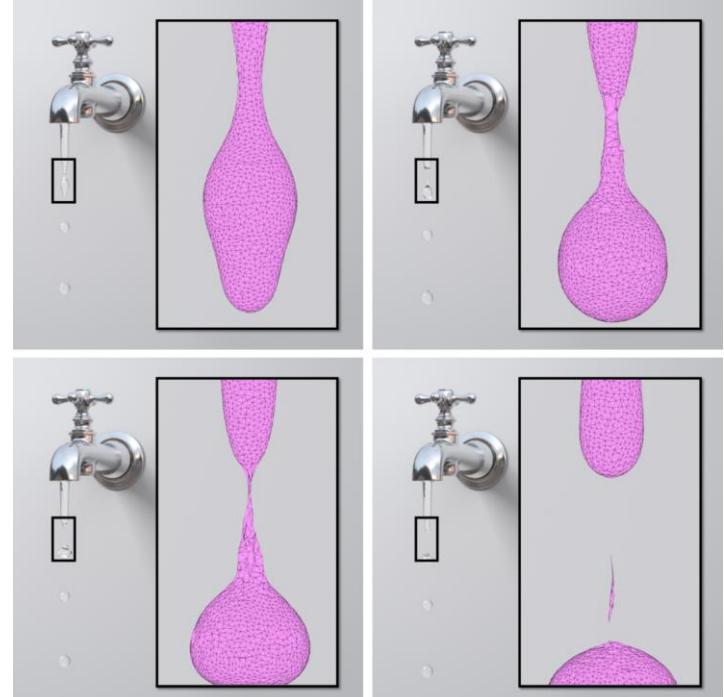
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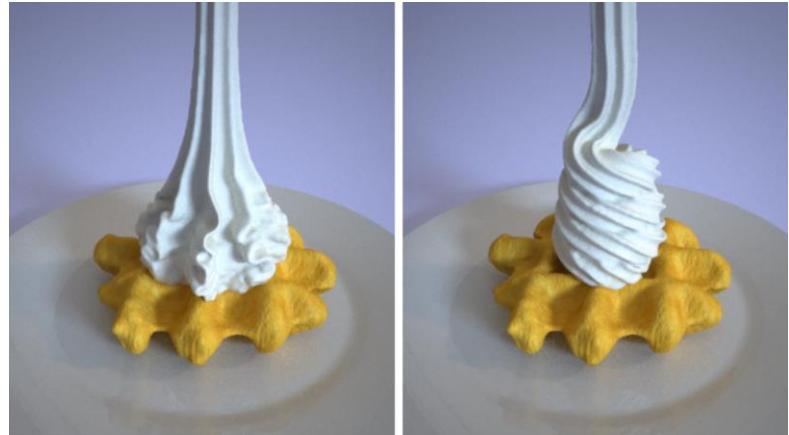
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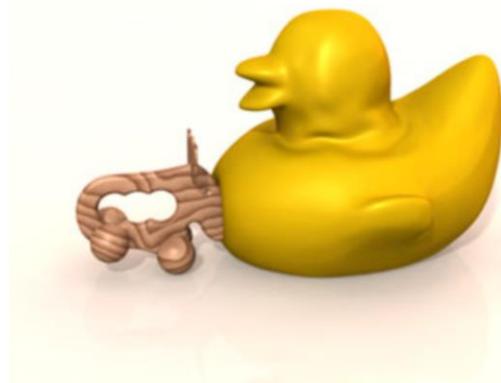
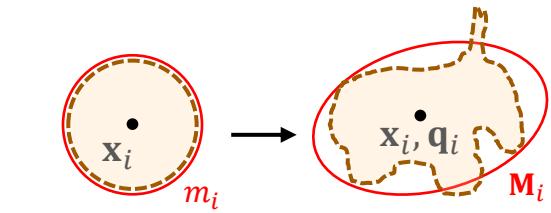
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    - Hybrid velocity-based / position-based solver
    - Enforces both **position-level** and **velocity-level** constraints



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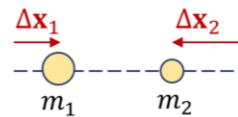
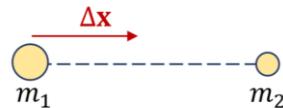


Rigid elk collides with rubber ducky [Deul et al., 2014]

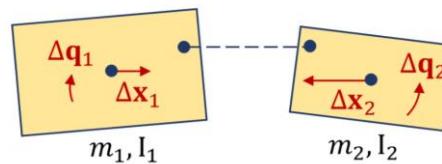
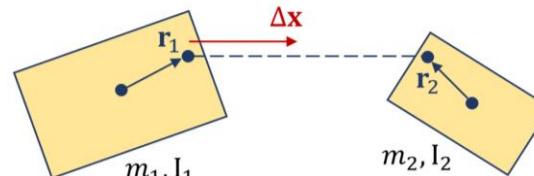
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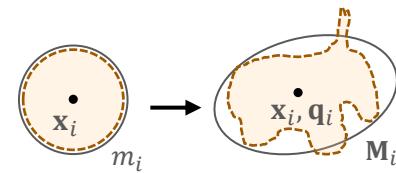
Correction of **particles**



Correction of **rigid bodies** [Müller et al., 2020]

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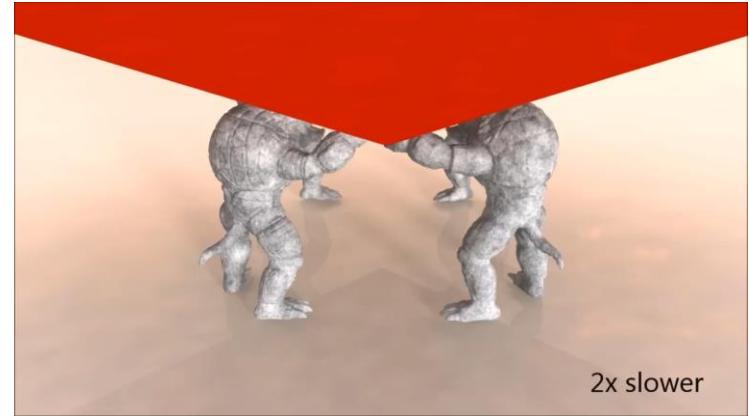
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- Compatible with PBD particles
  - Strong two-way coupling
  - Shows flexibility of PBD discretization
- Joints and friction [Deul et al., 2014]
- Restitution [Müller et al., 2020]
  - Via additional **velocity-level** solve



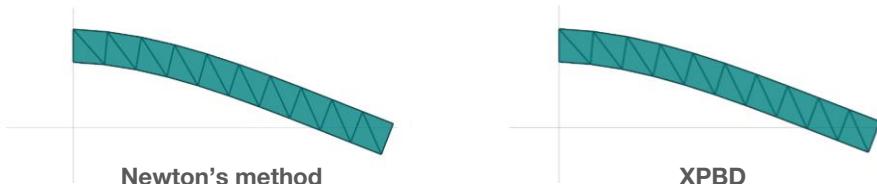
Rigid car with deformable tires drives over obstacles [Müller et al., 2020]

# Position Based Deformables

- Mostly tetrahedral/triangular discretization
- Deformable material constraints
  - Constrain **strain energy** [Bender et al., 2014]
  - Constrain **strain tensor** [Müller et al., 2015]
  - Constraint derived from **elastic energy potential** [Macklin et al., 2016; Francu et al., 2017]
  - **Shape matching** [Chentanez et al., 2016]



Cloth simulation using strain energy constraint [Bender et al., 2014]

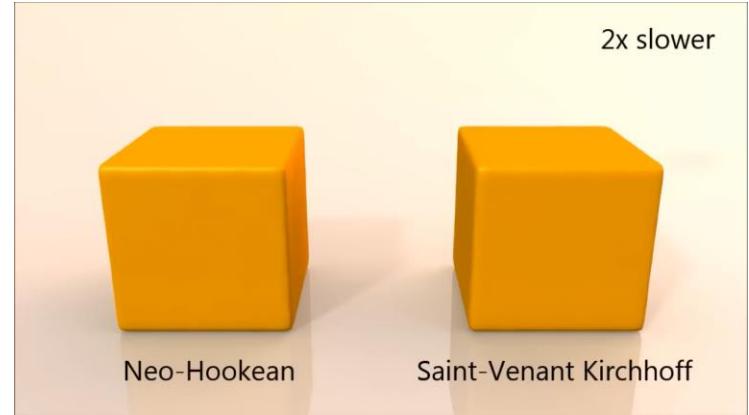


Hookean, isotropic cantilever beam [Macklin et al., 2016]

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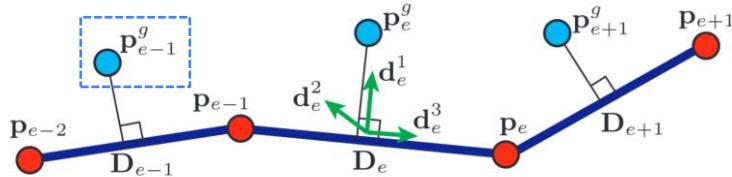
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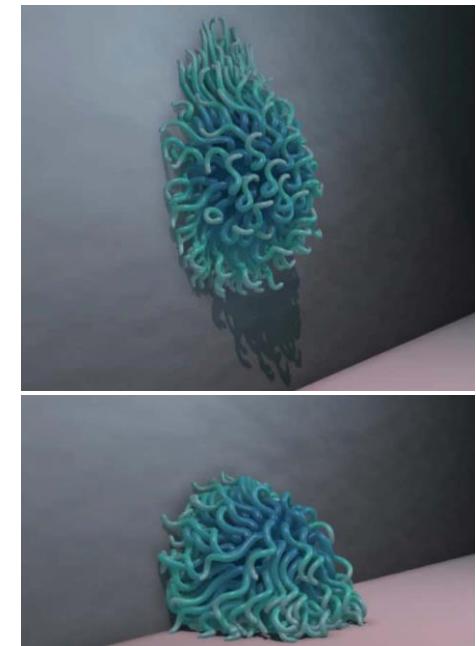
Hyperelastic materials under compression [Bender et al., 2014]

# Position Based Rods

- Co-dimensional structure
  - Ideal for hair, fur, vegetation, cables, ropes, ...
- Cosserat rod theory in PBD [Umetani et al., 2015]
  - Elastic rods with stretching, bending and torsion
  - Consistent material frames through added **ghost points**



Ghost points (cyan) for defining rod material frames [Umetani et al., 2015]

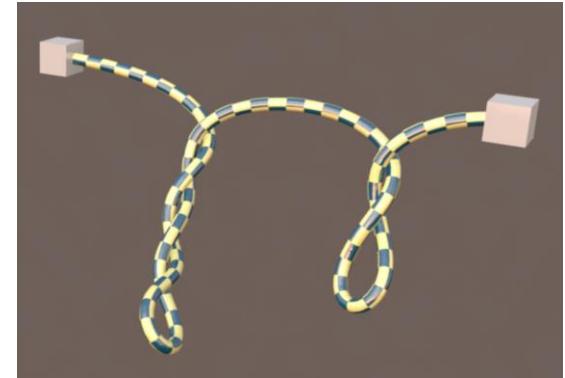


Squishy ball hits a wall [Umetani et al., 2015]

# Position Based Rods

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- Co-dimensional structure
  - Ideal for hair, fur, vegetation, cables, ropes, ...
- Cosserat rod theory in PBD [Umetani et al., 2015]
- **Extensions**
  - Material frames via quaternions [Kugelstadt and Schömer, 2016]
  - High material stiffness via direct solver [Deul et al., 2018]
  - Volumetric deformations with volume conservation [Angles et al., 2019]



Twisted rod forming plectonemes [Deul et al., 2018]



Muscles modeled using volumetric rods [Angles et al., 2019]

# Position Based Granular Materials

- Two common approaches
  - DEM-based & Continuum-based
- DEM-based
  - PBD soil particles
  - Particle interaction constraints
    - Viscoelastic collisions [Holz, 2014; Macklin et al., 2016; Francu et al., 2017]
    - Coulomb friction [Macklin et al., 2014; Holz, 2014]
    - Cohesion [Holz and Galarneau, 2018]



Excavator digging in clay type soil [Holz and Galarneau, 2018]

# Position Based Granular Materials

- Continuum-based
  - Plasticity theory in PBD [Yu et al., 2024]
    - **eXtended Position-Based Inelasticity (XPBI)**
  - Viscoplastic and elastoplastic materials
    - Strongly coupled sand, water, snow, metal, and foam
  - Employs a hybrid grid-particle discretization (cf. MPM)
    - Well-suited for large deformations and fracture
  - **Challenge:**
    - Needs accurate estimates of deformation gradient  $\boxed{\mathbf{F}^+}$
    - Depends on future velocity gradient  $\boxed{\nabla \mathbf{v}^+}$
    - **Approach:** Reformulate XPBD on the **velocity-level**
      - Next slide...



Sandcastle washed away by water in XPBI [Yu et al., 2024]

$$\boxed{\mathbf{F}^+} = \mathbf{F} + \Delta t \boxed{\nabla \mathbf{v}^+} \mathbf{F}$$

Calculation of future  
deformation gradient  $\mathbf{F}^+$

# XPBD vs. XPBI (velocity-level)

XPBD:

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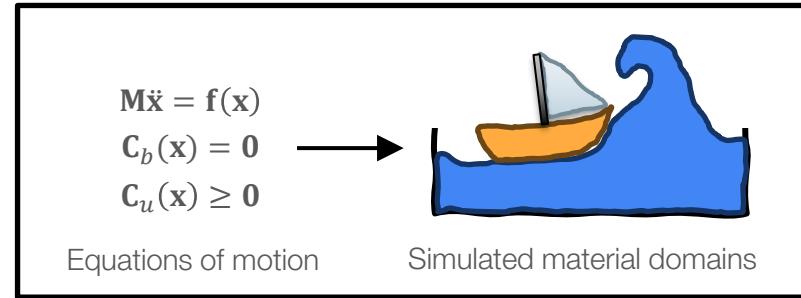
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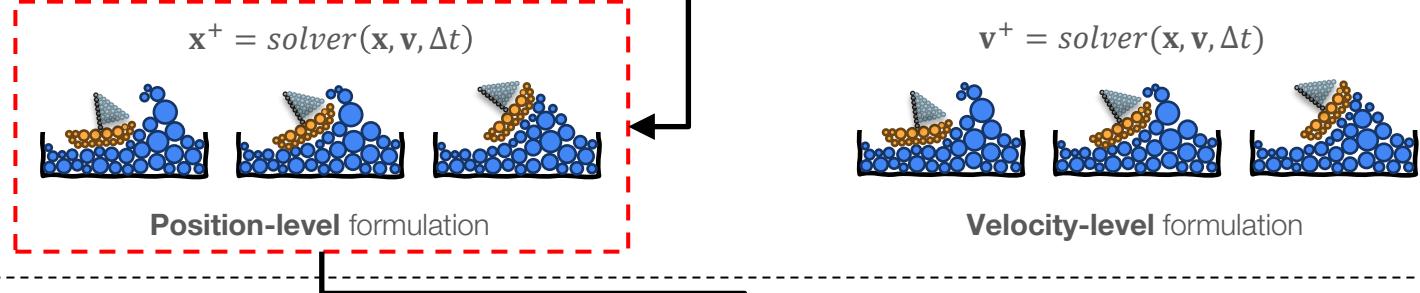
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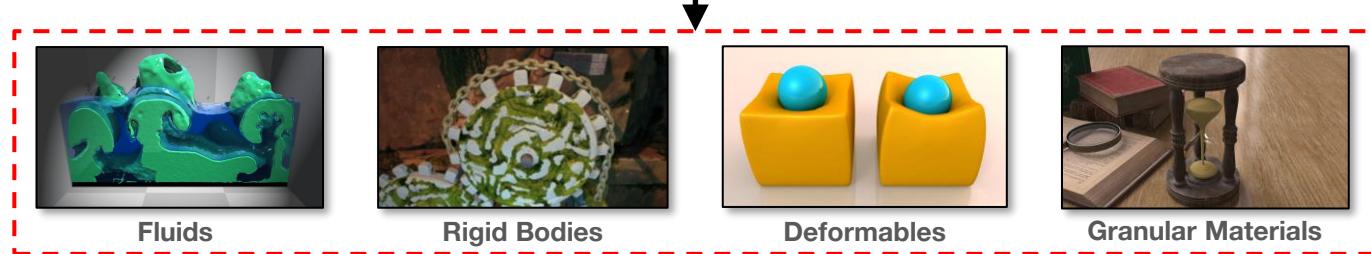
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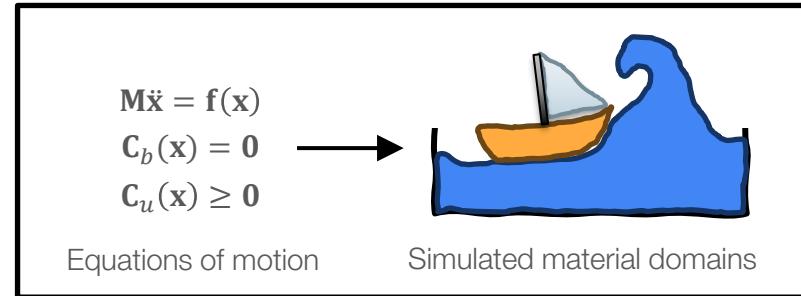
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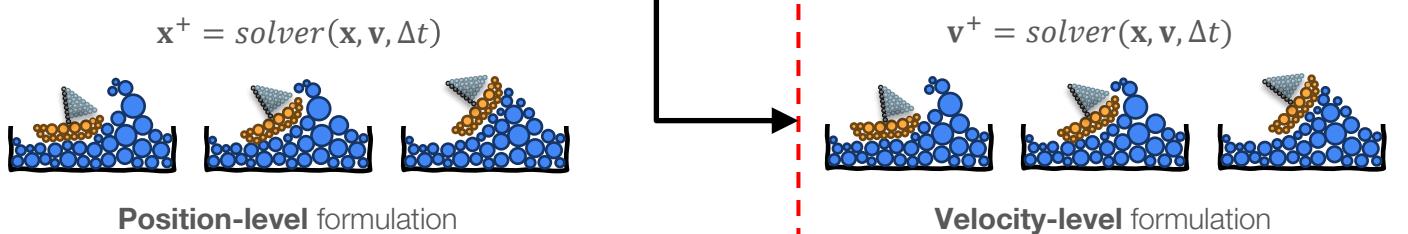
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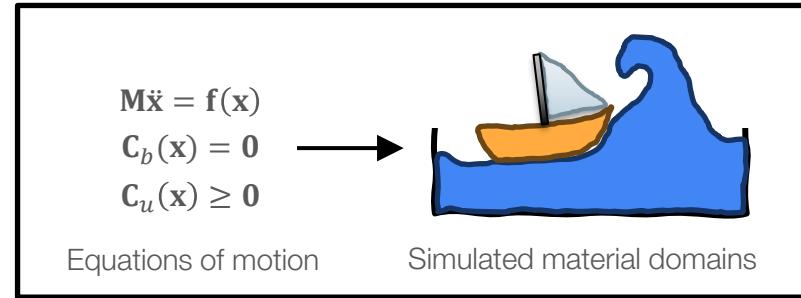
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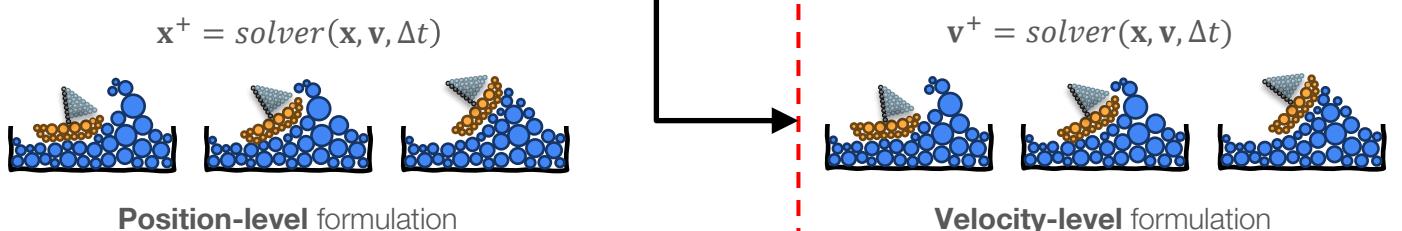
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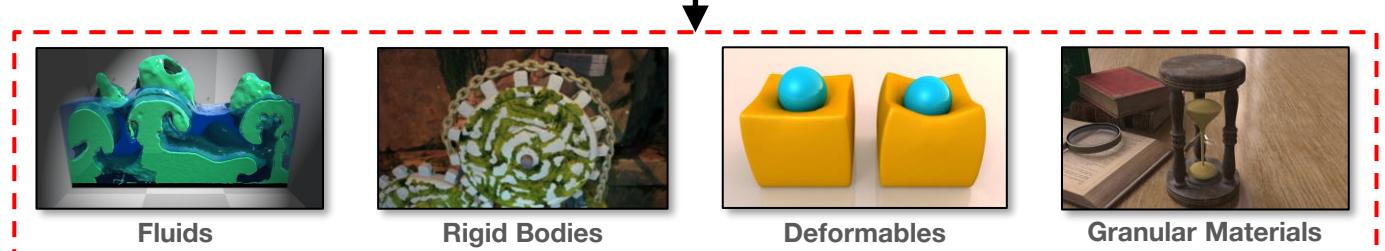
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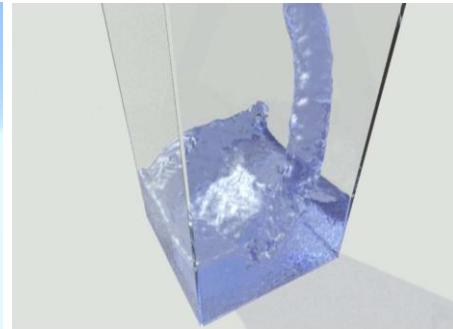
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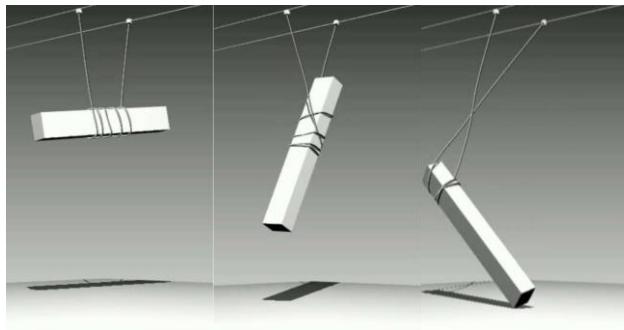
Adhesive jello [Gascon et al., 2010]



Chain with heavy weight [Andrews et al., 2022]



Constraint Fluids [Bodin et al., 2012]



Rods wrapped around rigid beam [Servin et al., 2010]



Constraint-based suction [Bernardin et al., 2022]

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Equations of motion



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Constraint impulses as  
Lagrange multipliers

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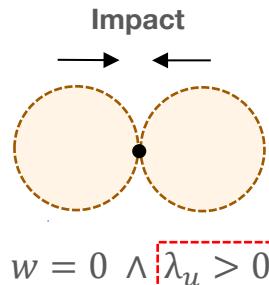
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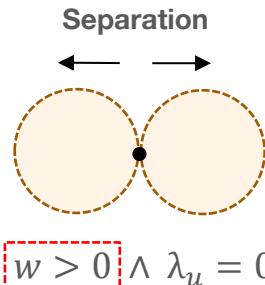
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Contact example:



Unilateral constraints through complementarity



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- **Different solver types**
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    - Favorable efficiency
  - Direct, e.g., pivoting solvers
    - Ideal for high stiffness/mass ratios
  - Hybrid (direct/iterative)
    - Combined benefits



Hybrid direct/iterative solver in Unity Physics

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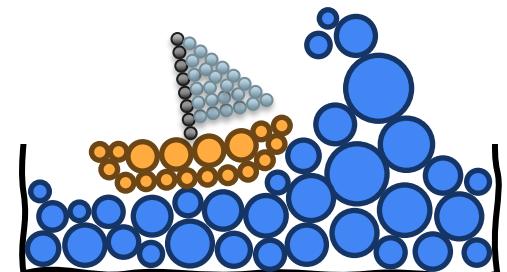
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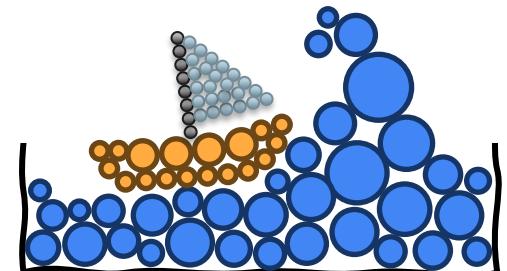
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$$\nabla \mathbf{C}^T \mathbf{v}^+ + \boxed{\alpha \lambda} \stackrel{!}{=} \boxed{-\mathbf{C}(\mathbf{x})/\Delta t}$$

2. **Constraint stabilization**

- Deals with position “drift” problem

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**Guaranteed positive definite**

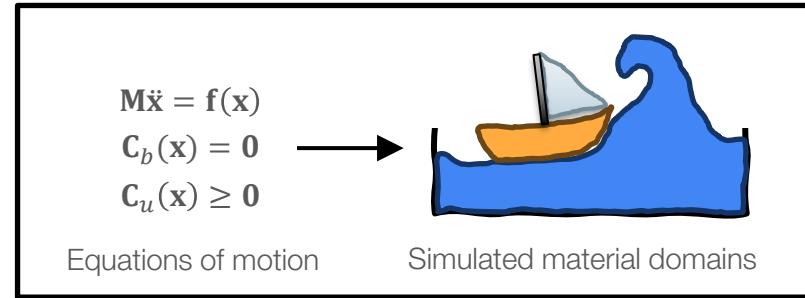
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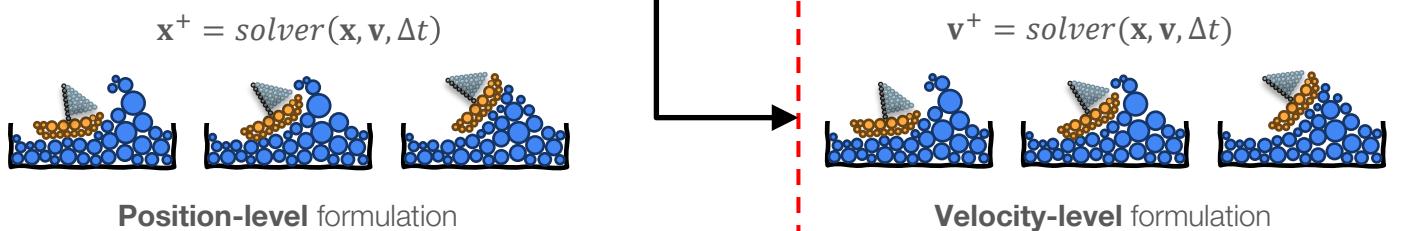


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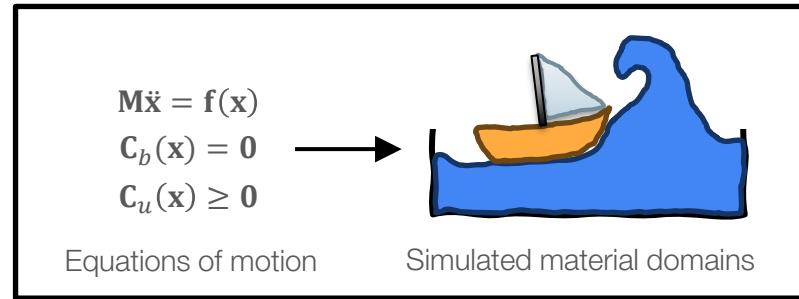
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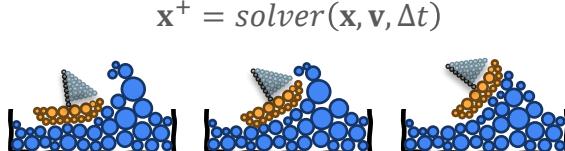
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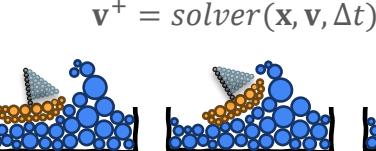
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Position-level formulation



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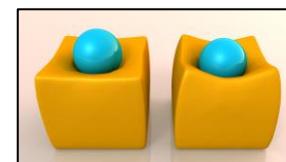
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Fluids



Rigid Bodies



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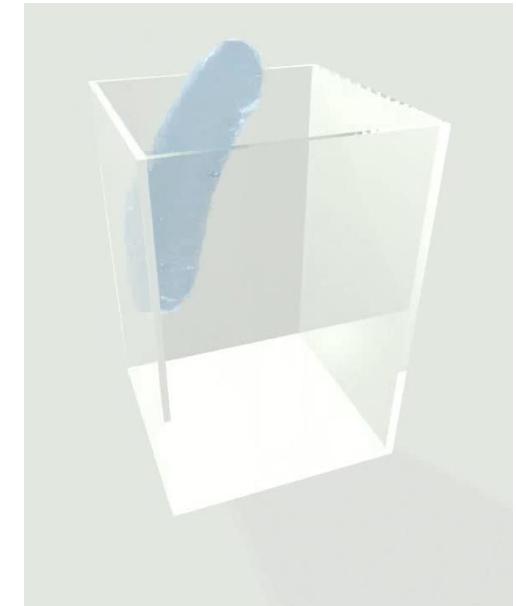
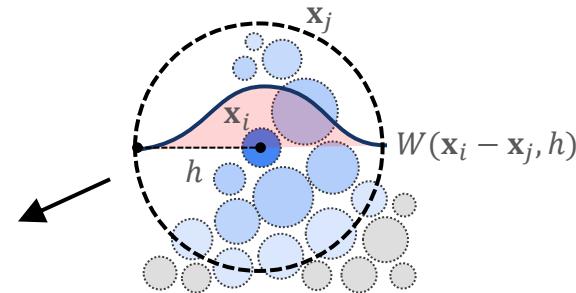
Granular Materials

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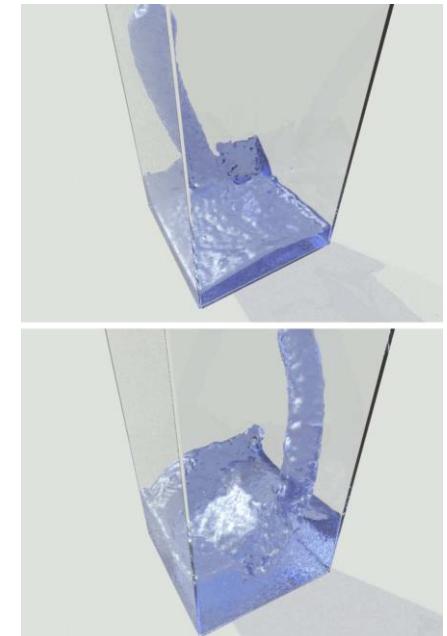
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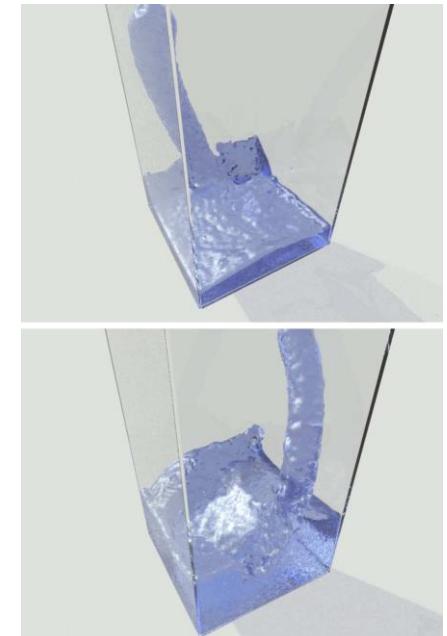
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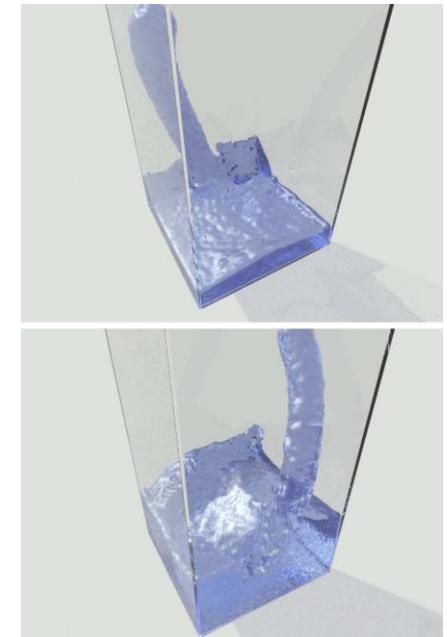
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Andrews et al., 2022

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$$\nabla \mathbf{C}_b^T \mathbf{v}^+ + \alpha_b \lambda_b = -\mathbf{C}_b(\mathbf{x})/\Delta t \quad \rightarrow \quad \nabla \mathbf{C}_b^T \mathbf{v}^+ + \alpha_b \lambda_b = [\mathbf{v}_0] - \mathbf{C}_b(\mathbf{x})/\Delta t$$

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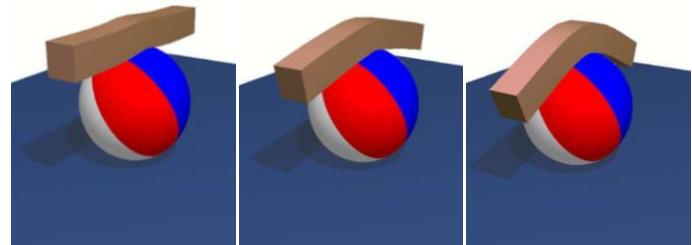


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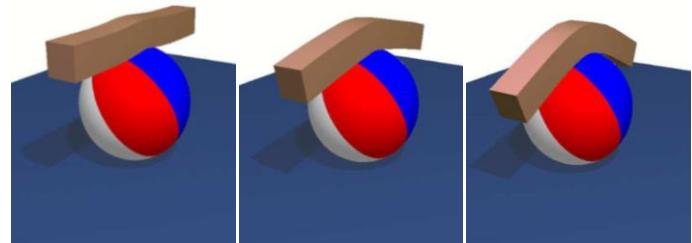


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**Elastic energy** (general form):

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constraints  $\mathbf{C}(\mathbf{x})$

**Elastic strain energy** for  $T_i$  :

$$U_i(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{2} (V^{1/2} \boldsymbol{\varepsilon})^T \alpha^{-1} \boxed{(V^{1/2} \boldsymbol{\varepsilon})}$$

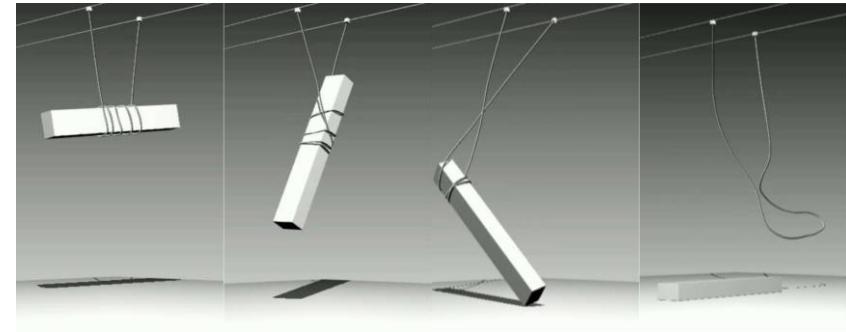
V: tetrahedron volume  
 $\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}$ : Green strain tensor

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  - Geometric stiffness for improved accuracy and stability [Tournier et al., 2015; Andrews et al., 2017]

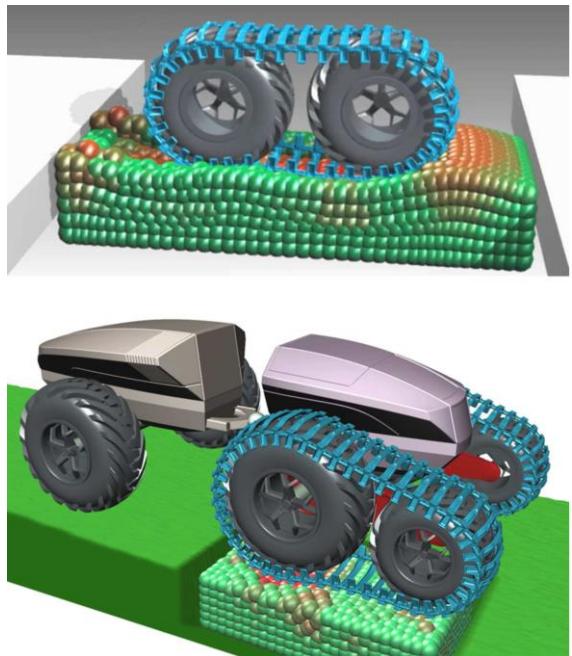


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  - Elastoplastic materials via plasticity theory [Nordberg and Servin, 2018]
    - Also: XPBI, PBD on velocity-level [Yu et al., 2024]

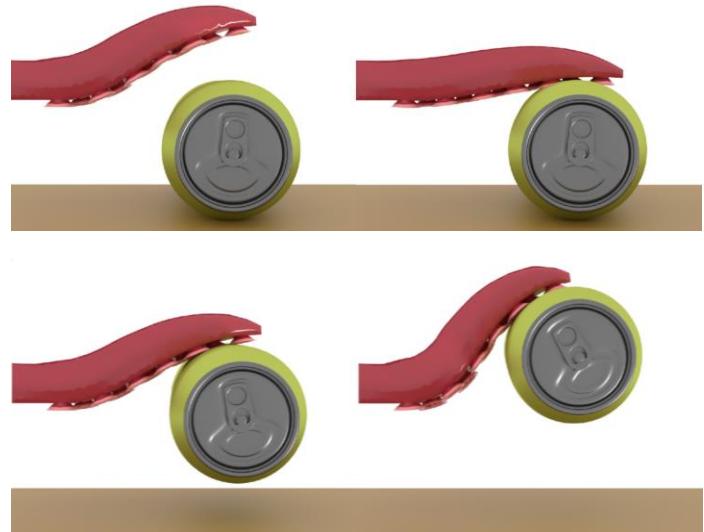


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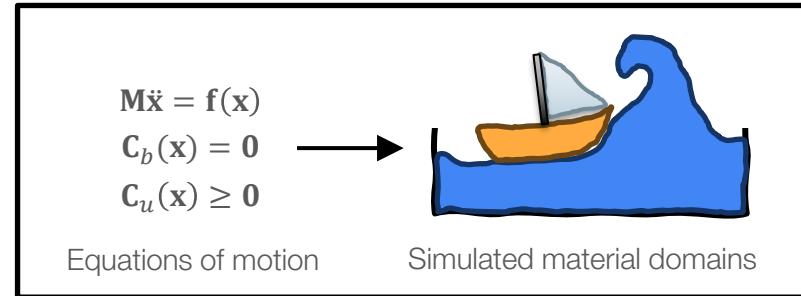
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  - Passive suction between elastic solids
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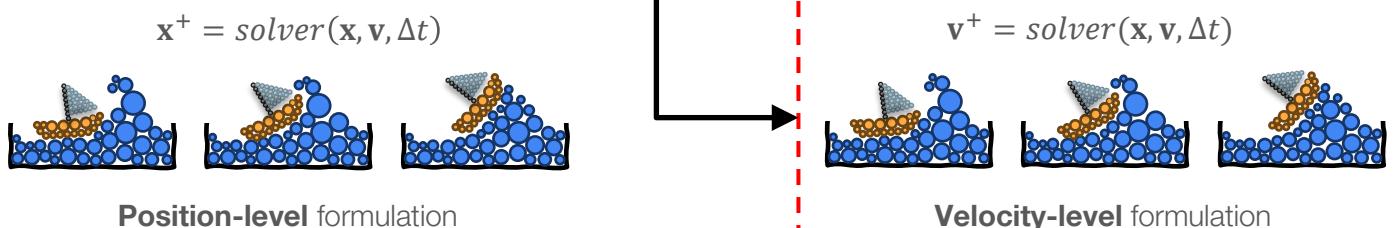


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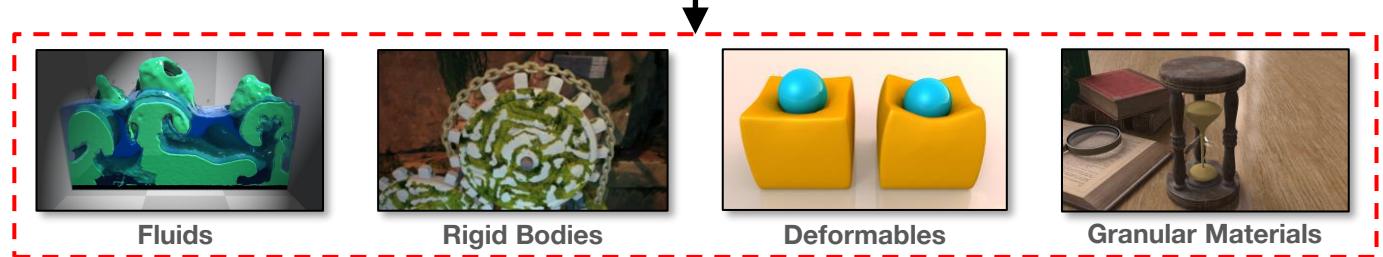
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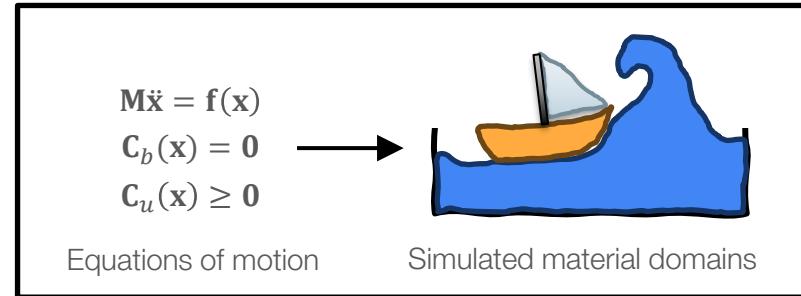
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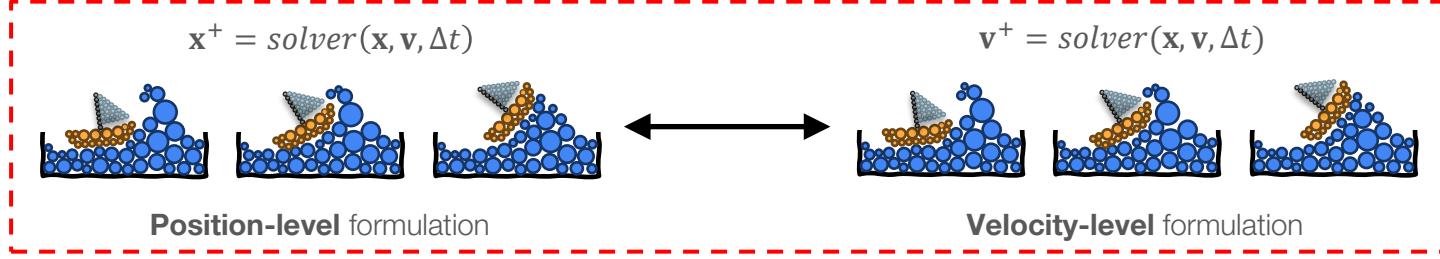
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  - Yields similar formulation
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**XPBD system:** one Newton iteration  
(only bilateral constraints)

# Relation to Position Based Dynamics

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- Different time discretization

- (X)PBD: implicit Euler
  - ✗ high numerical dissipation
  - ✓ increased stability, beneficial for interactive applications
- NMD: semi-implicit (symplectic) Euler
  - ✓ improved energy conservation
  - ✗ lower stability

**PBD** velocity and position update:

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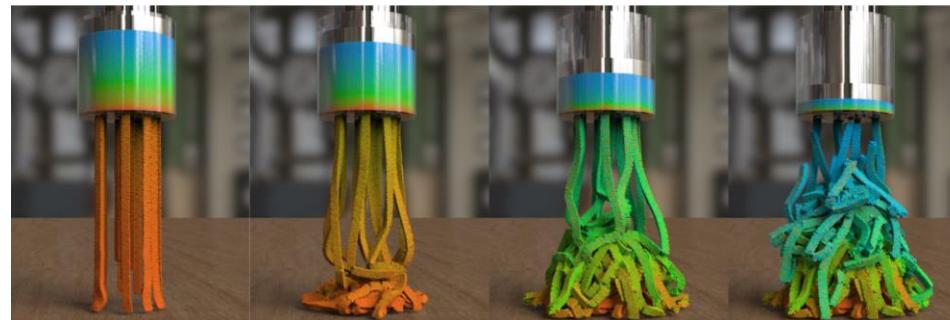
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- XPBI:** Uses **velocity-level reformulation** of XPBD [Yu et al., 2024]
  - For accurate deformation gradient  $\mathbf{F}^+$
  - Resembles NMD with Schur-Complement and Projected Gauss-Seidel solver

$$\mathbf{F}^+ = \mathbf{F} + \Delta t \boxed{\nabla \mathbf{v}^+} \mathbf{F}$$



Modeling clay-like material pressed through a cylindrical mold in XPBI [Yu et al., 2024]

# Conclusion

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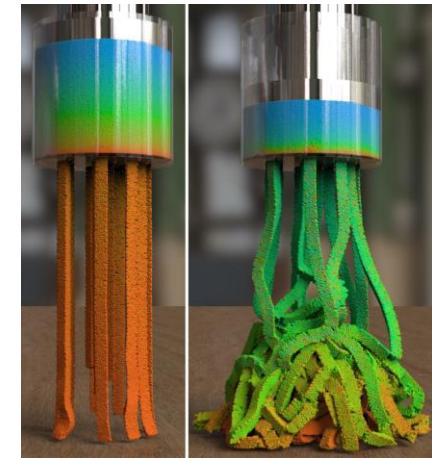
## Part I: Constraint-Based Multiphysics Modeling

- Flexible, Lagrangian domain discretization
- Materials and phenomena modeled using constraints
  - Unified modeling framework
  - Strongly coupled materials and phenomena
- Position-level and velocity-level formulations
  - Can be combined based on requirements

## Upcoming talks:

Part II: Energy-Based Multiphysics Modeling

Part III: Lagrangian Point-Based, Eulerian and Hybrid Methods



# End of Part I of III

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Thank you!

**Do you have any questions?**



Simulated (left) vs. real excavator digging in PBD soil [Holz and Galarneau, 2018]



Viscoplastic paint on cloth in XPBI [Yu et al., 2024]