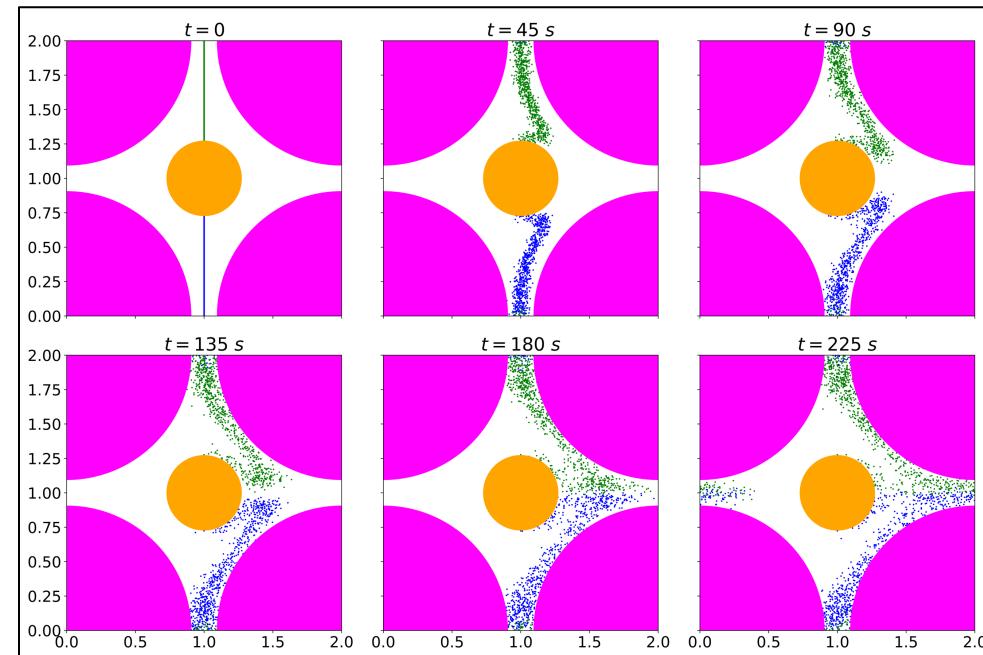


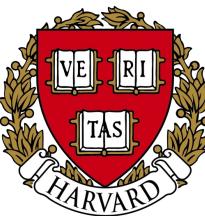
# Optimizing Mixing in Porous Media with Automatic Differentiation

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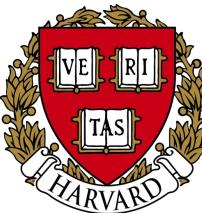
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# Outline

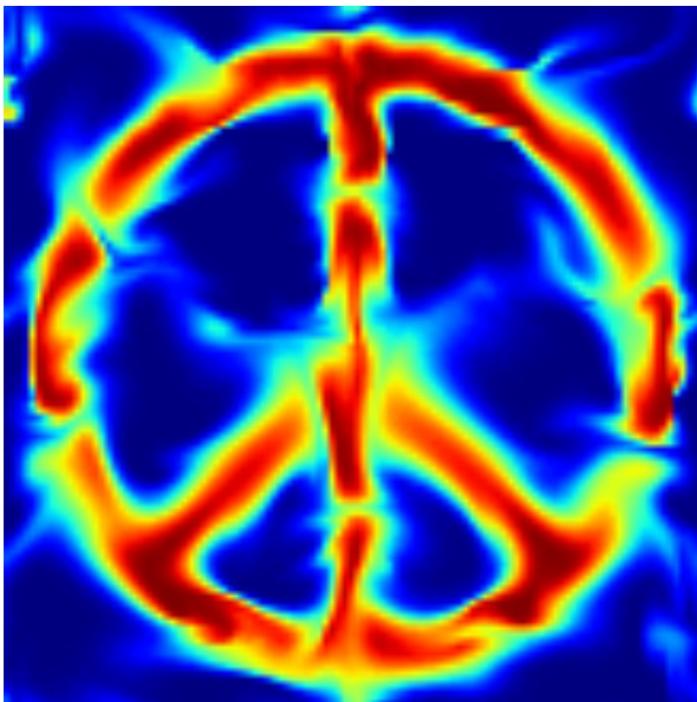
- Objectives: Inverse Flow Design
- Differentiable Fluid Simulations
  - Taylor Dispersion
- Flow through a porous medium
- Optimization Results
- Conclusions and future work



# Goal: Inverse Flow Design

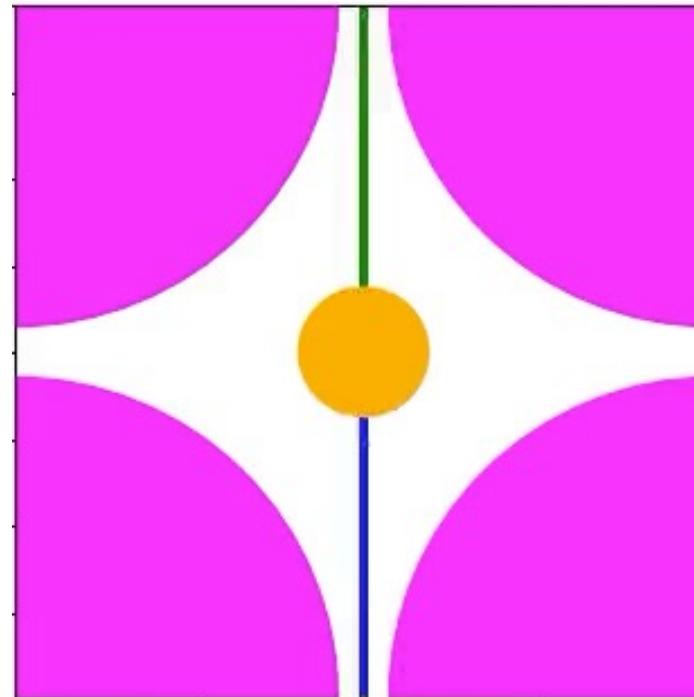
- How can we design fluid setups to target specific flow behavior?

Toy Example



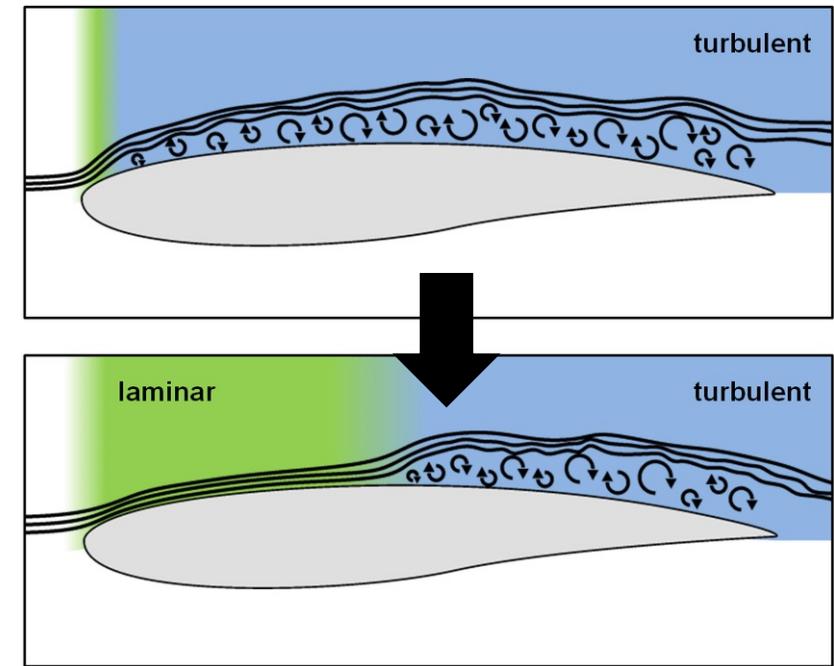
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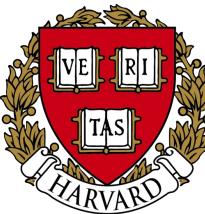
Current Work: Porous Media Design



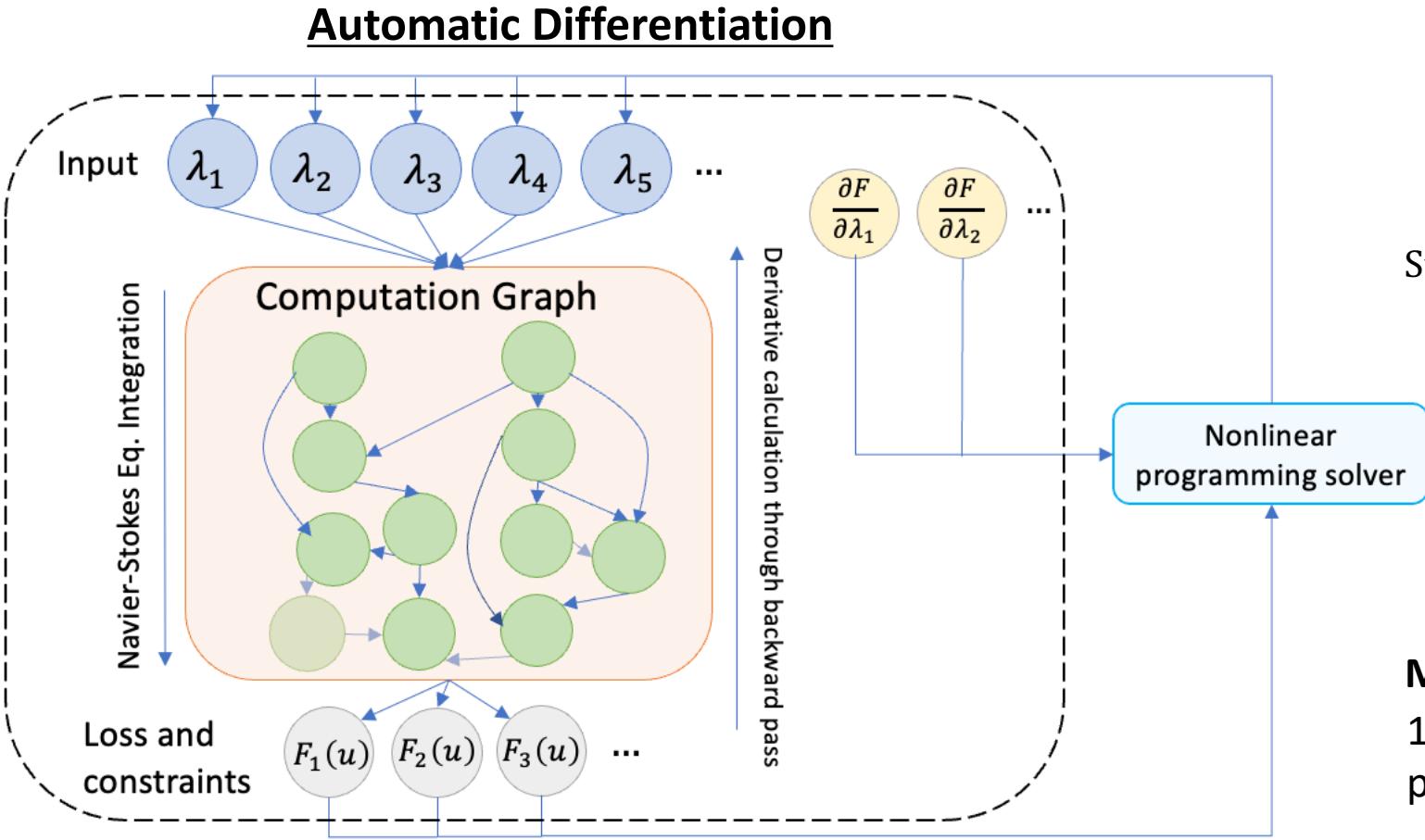
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# Approach: Differentiable Physics



## Eulerian Problem

Minimize  $F(\mathbf{u}(t = T))$

Subject to:

$$\text{St} \frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} = f(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{x}, t) = -\frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{x}} \mathbf{u} \mathbf{u} - \frac{\partial P}{\partial \mathbf{x}} + \frac{1}{\text{Re}} \frac{\partial^2 \mathbf{u}}{\partial \mathbf{x}^2} + \mathbf{f}$$

$$\mathbf{u}(t = 0) = \mathbf{u}_0$$

$$\mathbf{u}(\mathbf{x} = \Omega) = g(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{x}, t)$$

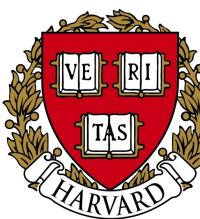
## Lagrangian Problem

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{u} + \sqrt{2k_B T \xi(t)}$$

## Motivations:

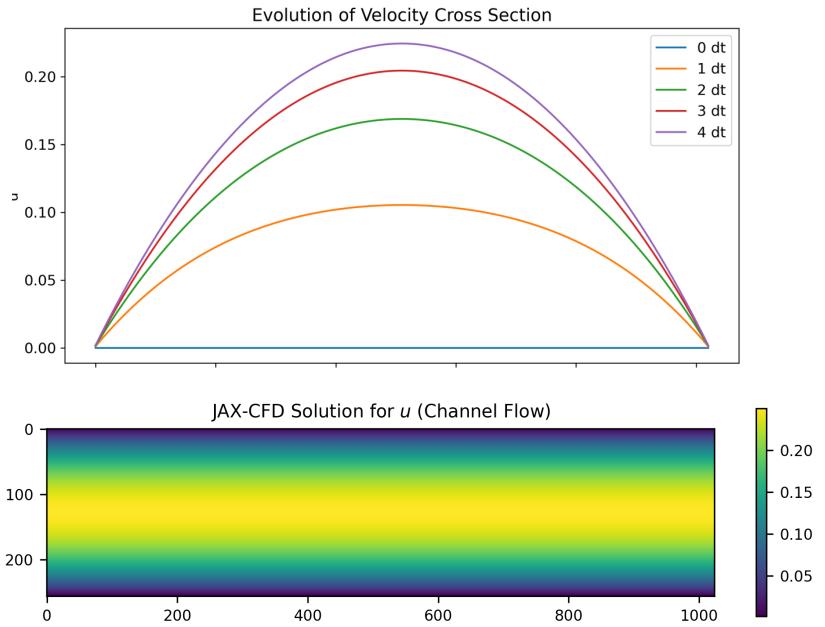
1. Can we introduce noise into differentiable physics frameworks?
2. Develop a versatile toolkit for optimizing over more complex objective functions.





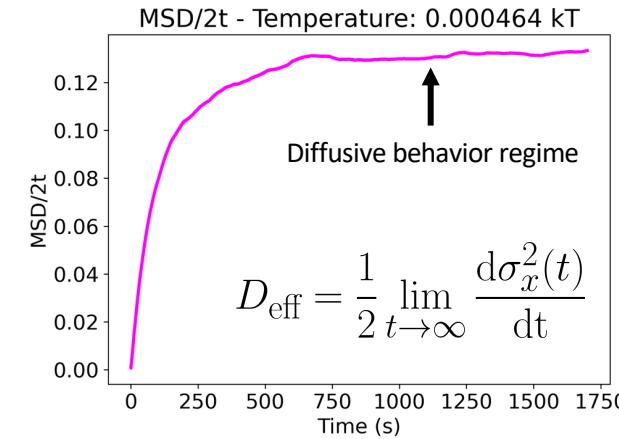
# Simulating Taylor Dispersion

## 1. JAX-CFD - Generate velocity field



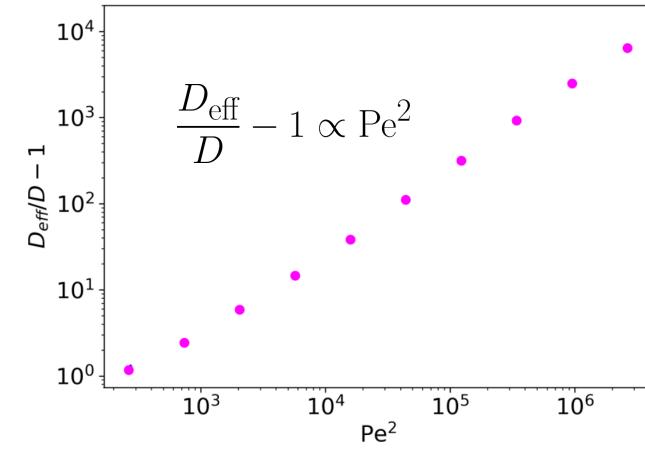
### **3. Analyze Particle Trajectories**

Store particle trajectories, and calculate MSD over time to find



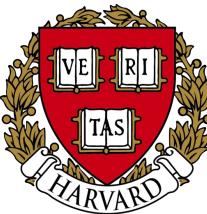
## 4. Study Scaling with Pe

# Dispersion coefficient scales according to Taylor Dispersion Theory



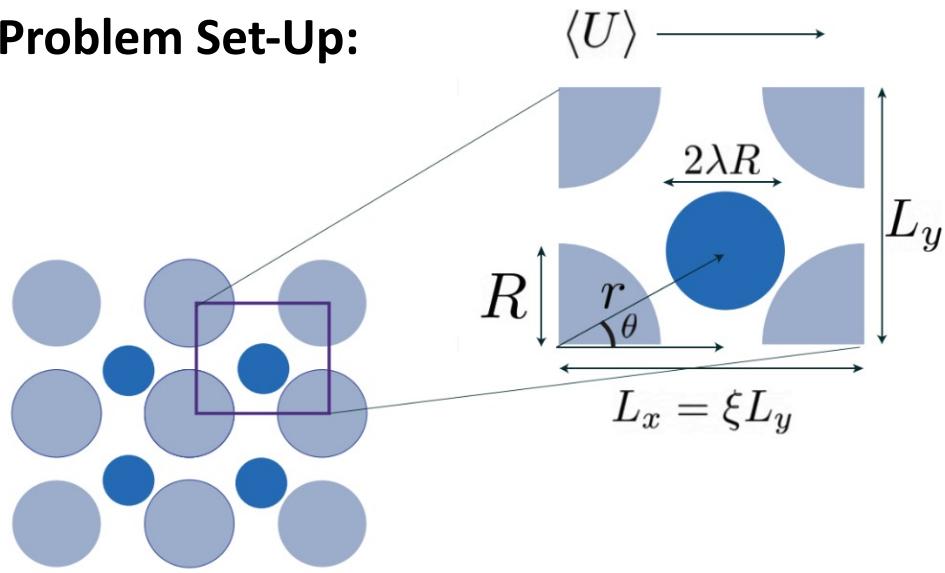
## 2. JAX-MD - Simulate Particle Trajectories





# Flow Through a Periodic Porous Medium

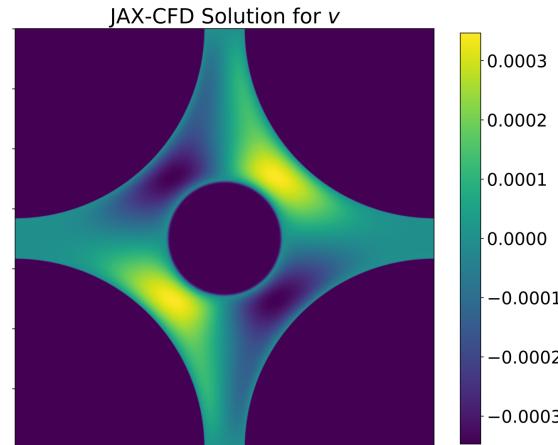
## Problem Set-Up:



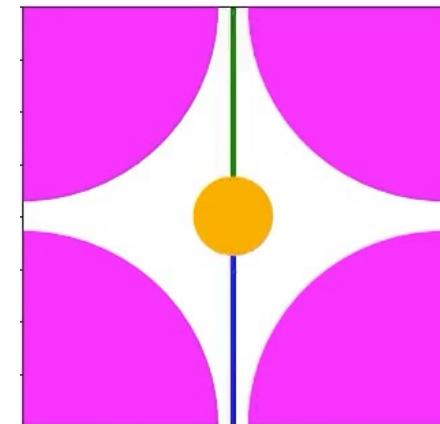
Previous literature has studied dispersion in porous media, but we have never been able to optimize directly over simulations to target a specific dispersion coefficient

## Simulations:

### ① Differentiable Navier-Stokes Solver

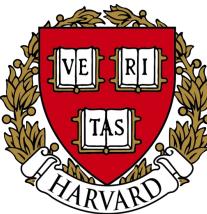


### ② Differentiable Brownian Dynamics

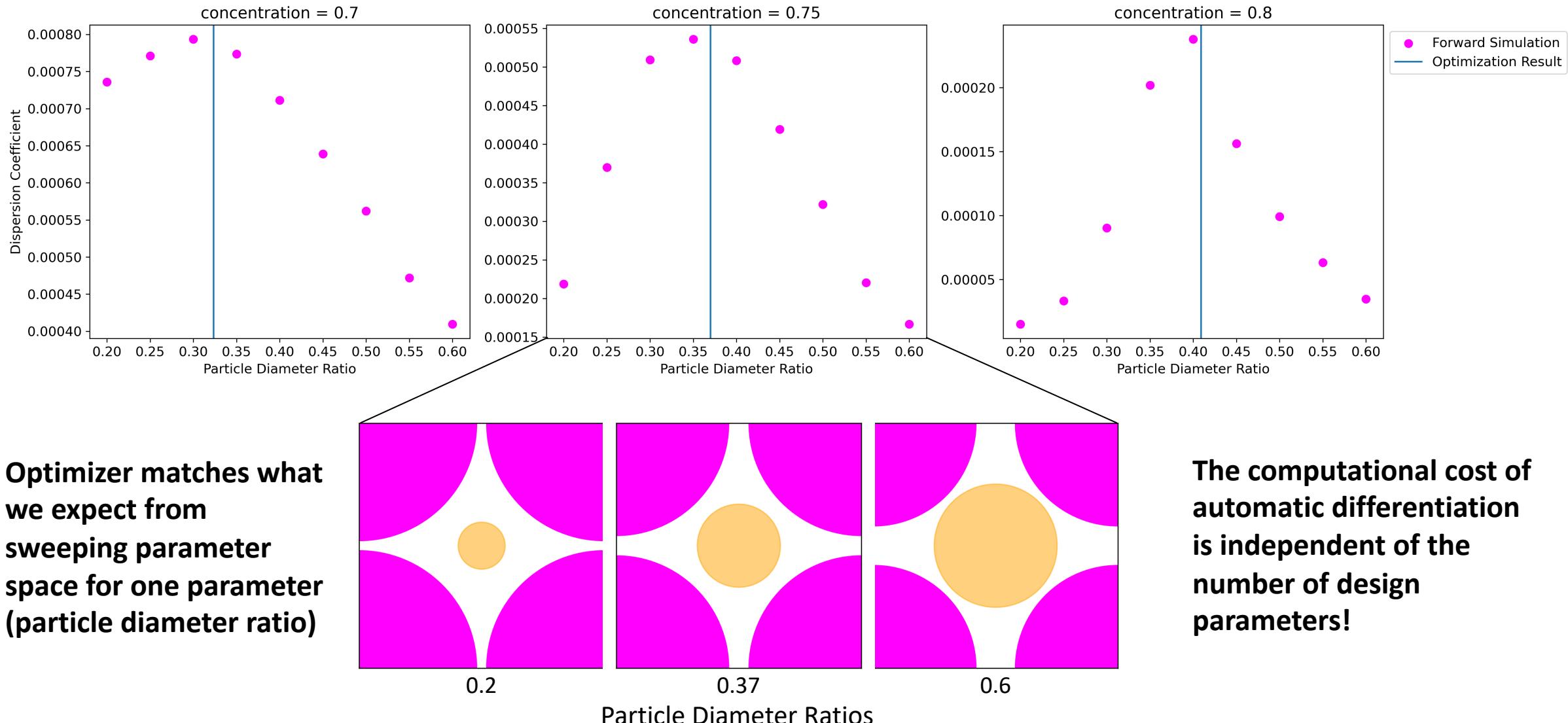


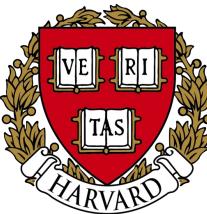
## Objective Function:

- Can optimize over arbitrary Lagrangian loss functions
- In this work, we optimize over the dispersion coefficient



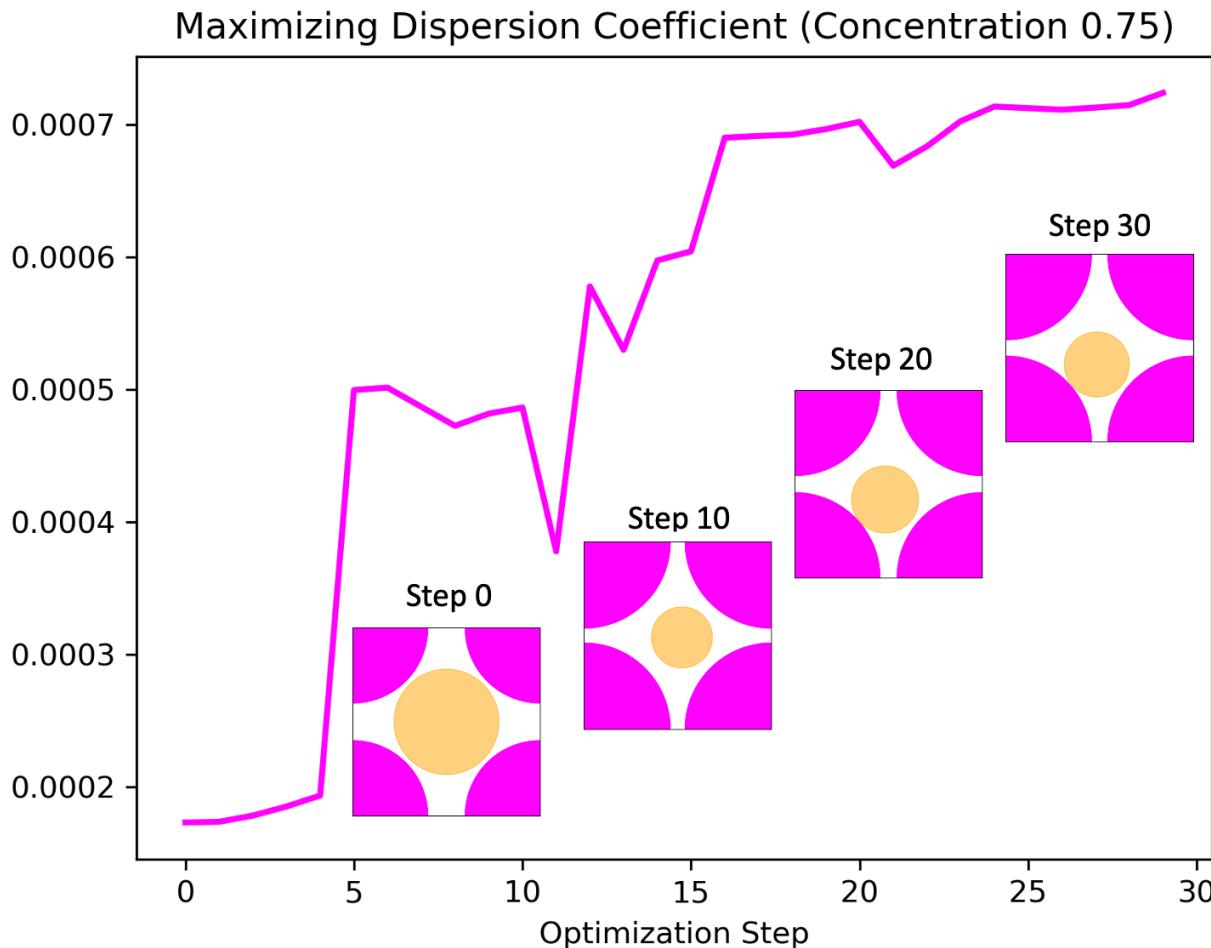
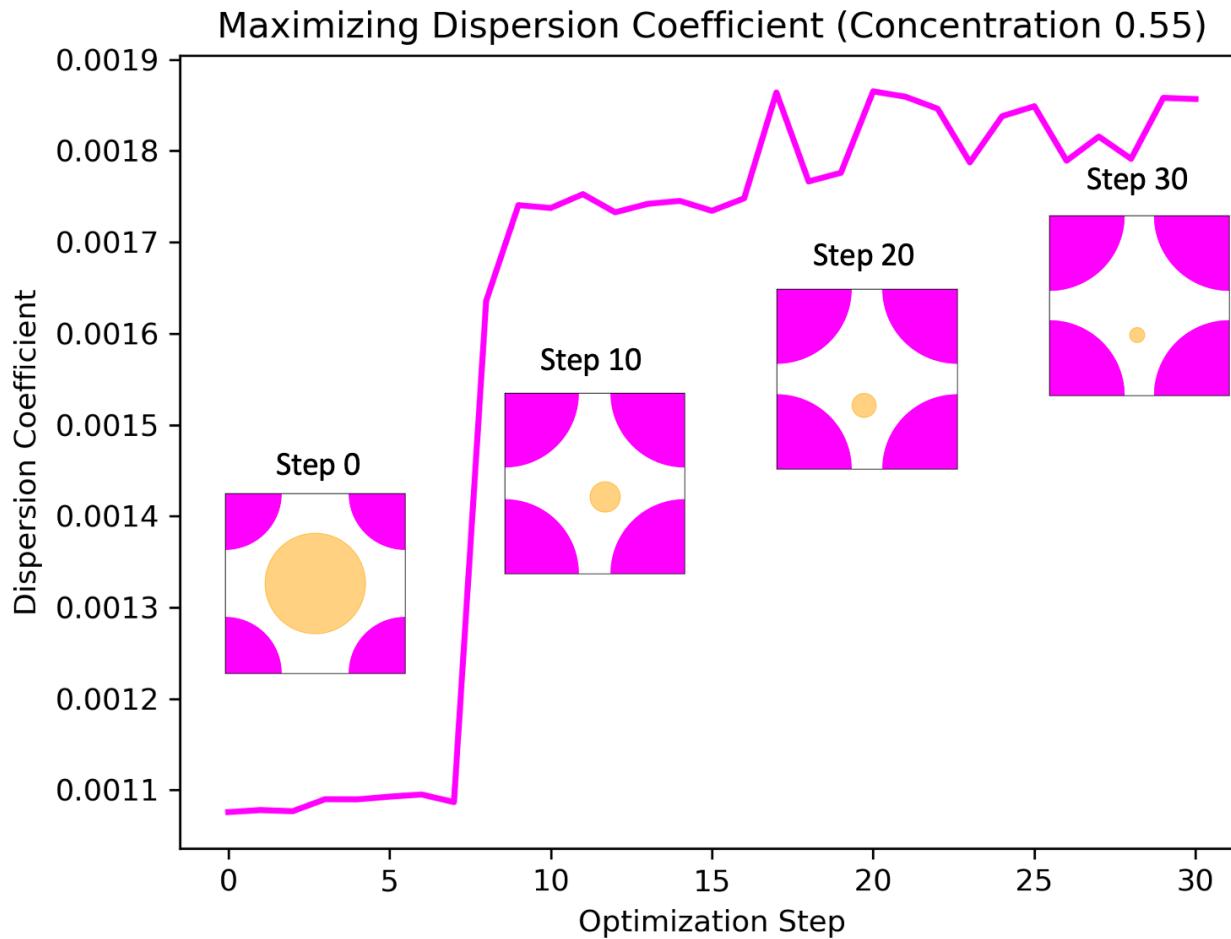
# Particle Diameter Ratio Optimization

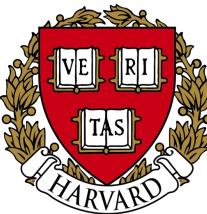




# Optimizing Dispersion ( $Pe = 1$ )

Optimize the dispersion coefficient over **particle diameter ratio**, **x-position of particle**, and **y-position of particle**





# Conclusions

- We can combine JAX-CFD and JAX-MD to **study flows from a Lagrangian perspective** and include the **effects of molecular diffusion** in a way that is end-to-end differentiable for steady and unsteady flows
- We can perform novel optimizations of porous media to target specific properties (e.g. mixing)

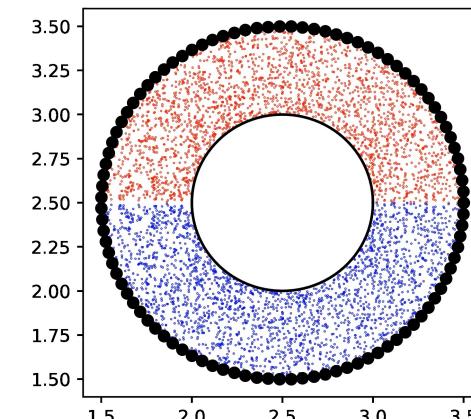
## Challenges:

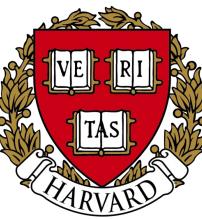
- Calculating dispersion coefficients via Lagrangian simulations is a **multi-scale problem**, and the gradients of the simulation are not well-behaved over very long time scales → limited us to  $\text{Pe} = 1$

## Future Work:

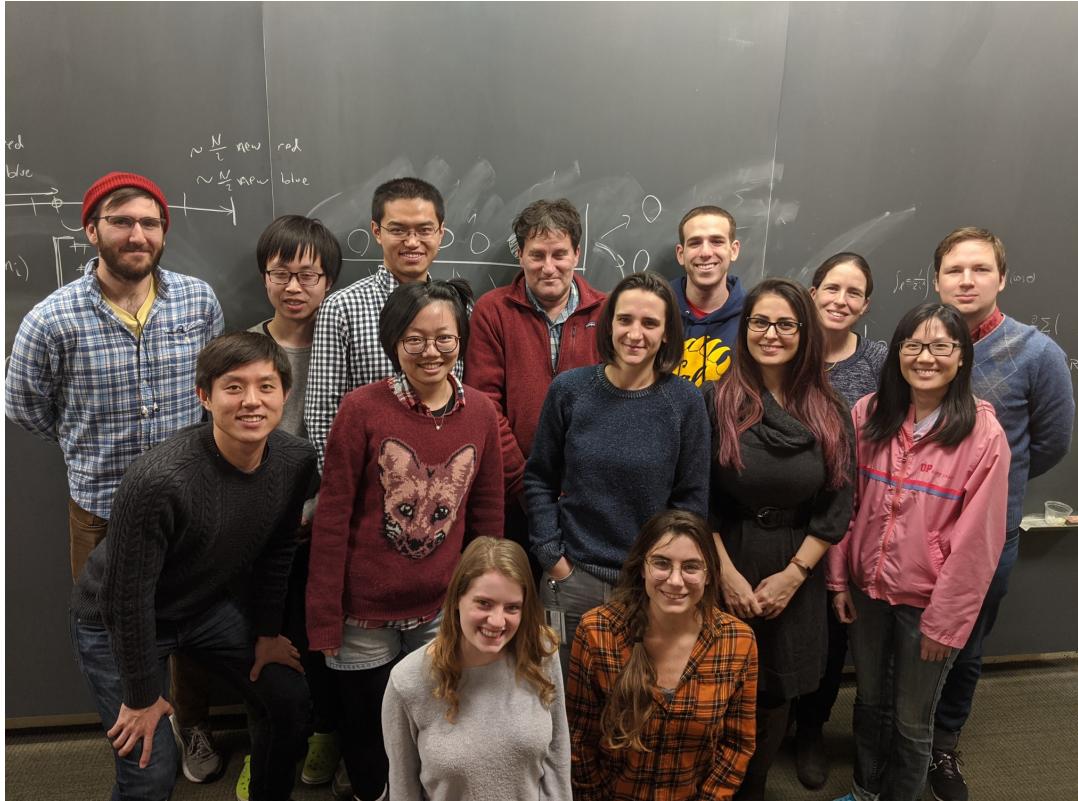
- Study the long-time behavior of automatic differentiation in physics simulations to enable optimization of dispersion in high Péclet number systems
- Apply this methodology to other systems

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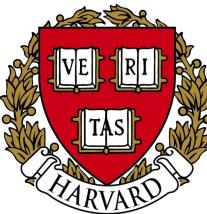


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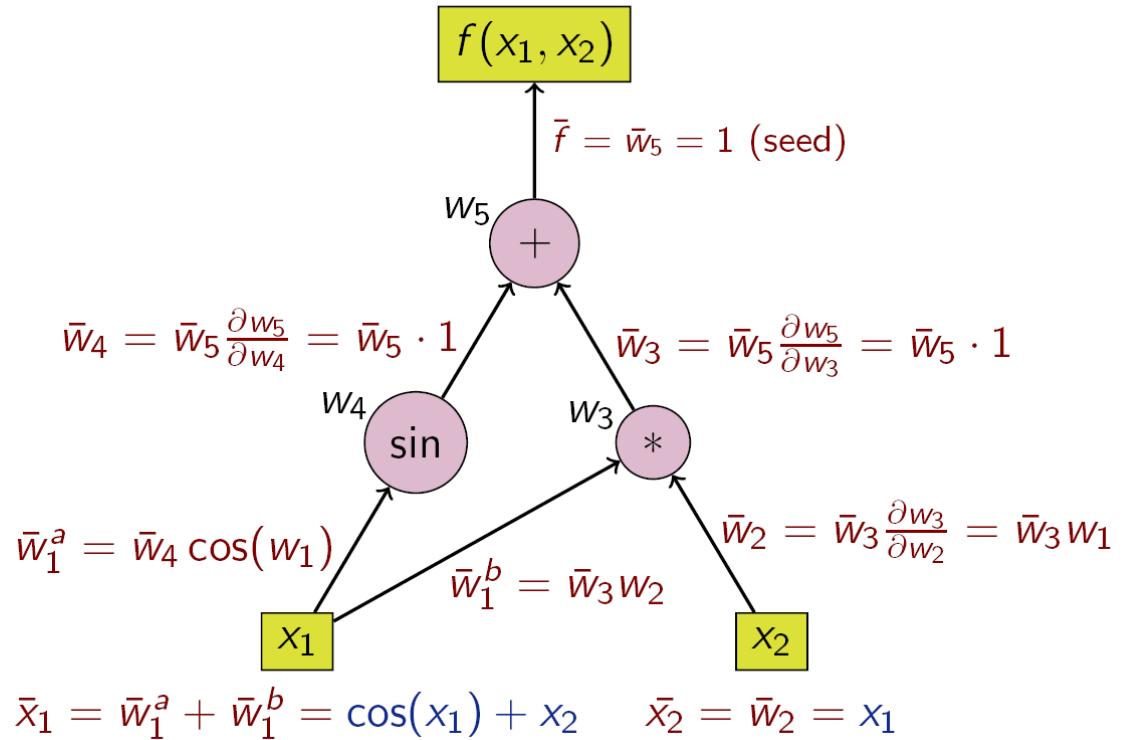
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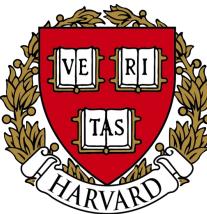


# Appendix 1: Automatic Differentiation

$$\begin{aligned}
 y &= x_1 x_2 + \sin(x_1) \\
 &= w_1 w_2 + \sin(w_1) \\
 &= w_3 + w_4 \\
 &= w_5
 \end{aligned}$$

Backward propagation  
of derivative values





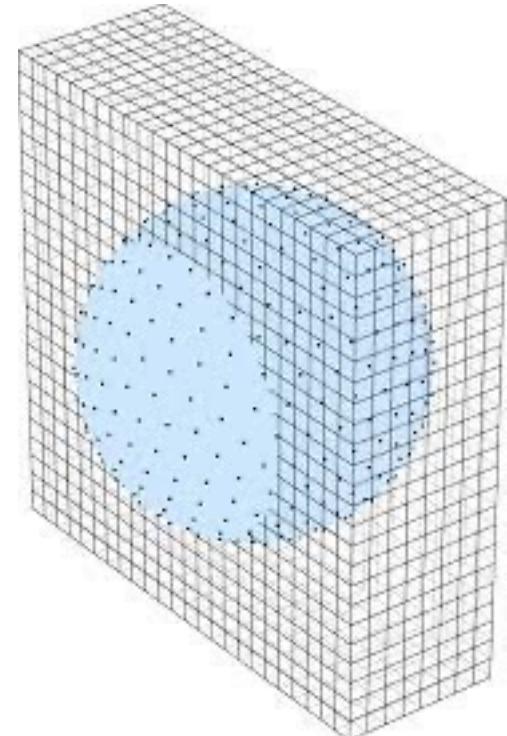
# Appendix 2: Immersed Boundary Method

$$\rho \left( \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} u_i u_j \right) = - \frac{\partial P}{\partial x_i} + \frac{\partial \sigma_{ij}}{\partial x_j} + f_i$$

$$f_i = \int ds \, F_i(s, t) \delta(x_i - X_i)$$

$$\frac{\partial X_i}{\partial t} = U_i = \int dV \, u_i \delta(x_i - X_i)$$

$F_i(s, t)$ : any force exerted on particle to resist motion (spring, bending, etc)

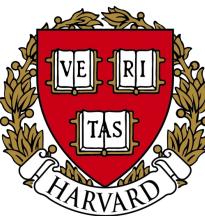


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# Appendix 3: Dispersion Coefficient

$$\begin{aligned} \text{MSD}(\tau) &= \left\langle [\vec{r}(t + \tau) - \vec{r}(t)]^2 \right\rangle \\ &= \left\langle \vec{r}(t + \tau)^2 \right\rangle + \left\langle \vec{r}(t)^2 \right\rangle - 2 \left\langle \vec{r}(t + \tau) \vec{r}(t) \right\rangle \end{aligned}$$

Autocorrelation

Use JAX NumPy FFT algorithm to speed up calculation while maintaining differentiability

\*Validated this code by tracking particles with pure diffusion and checking that we derive the diffusion coefficient set for the simulation