

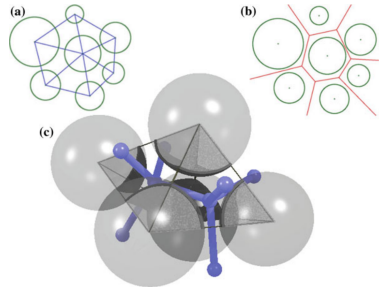
THM short-course: **Day 2**

FlowEngine - Yade's pore finite volume scheme

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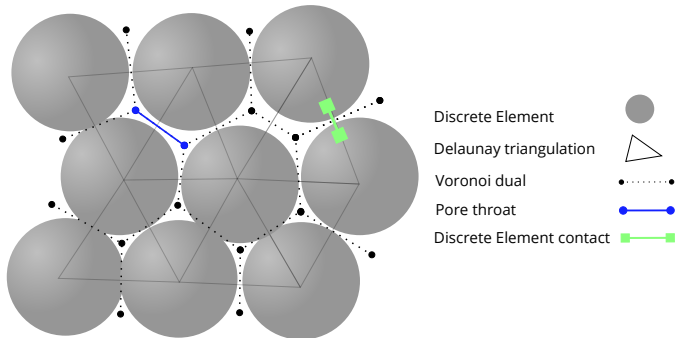
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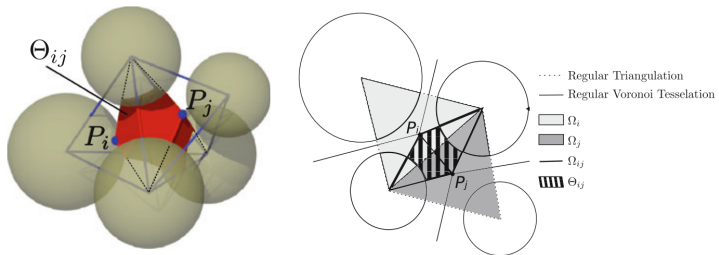
Fundamentals

The triangulation



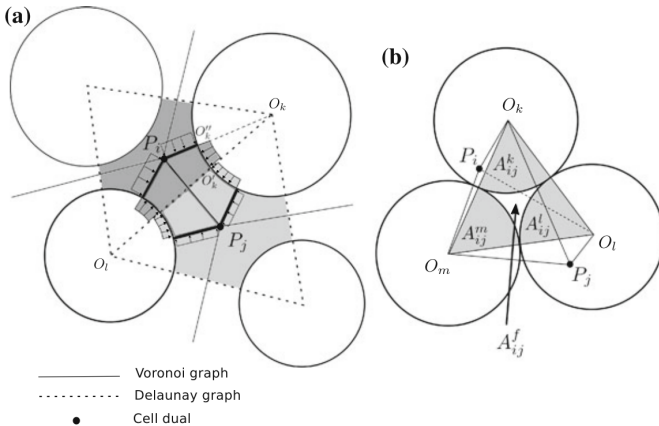
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Geometric breakdown



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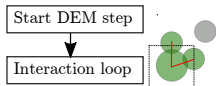
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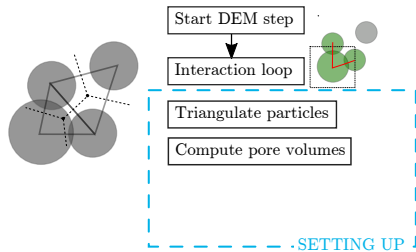
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Algorithmic considerations

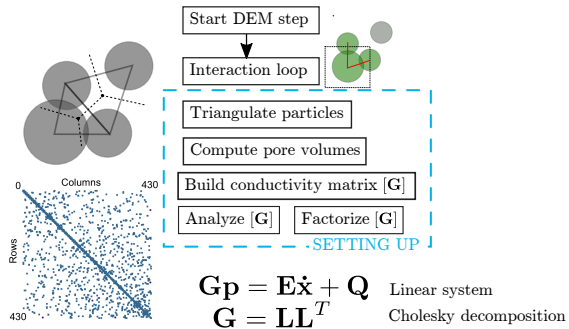
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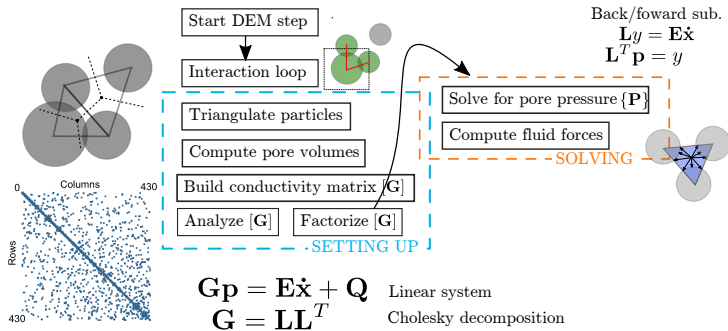
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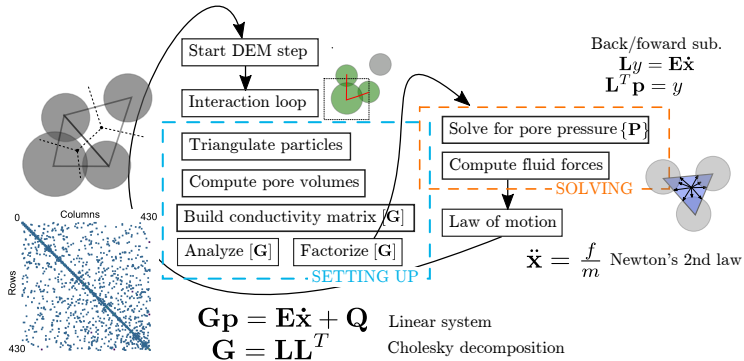
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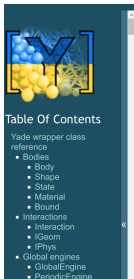


Translating to Yade

Users add `FlowEngine()` to their `O.engines` list to initiate the fluid coupling.

```
O.engines = [  
    ForceResetter(),  
    InsertionSortCollider([Bo1_Sphere_Aabb()]),  
    InteractionLoop(  
        [Ig2_Sphere_Sphere_ScGeom()],  
        [Ip2_FrictMat_FrictMat_FrictPhys()],  
        [Law2_ScGeom_FrictPhys_CundallStrack()]  
    ),  
    FlowEngine(label="flow"), # Add FlowEngine here  
    NewtonIntegrator()  
]
```

The broad functionality of FlowEngine() can be explored in the trusty Class Reference



Update object attributes from given dictionary

```
class yade.wrapper.FlowEngine(inherits FlowEngineT → PartialEngine → Engine → Serializable)
```

An engine to solve flow problem in saturated granular media. Model description can be found in [Chareyre2012a] and [Catalano2014a]. See the example script FluidCouplingPFV/oedometer.py. More documentation to come.

OSI((FlowEngineT)arg1) → float :

Return the number of interactions only between spheres.

alphaBound(=1)

if 0, use an alphaBoundary condition where CGAL finds minimum alpha necessary for a single solid object. Any positive value will be used for the alpha. All negative values deactivate the functionality.

alphaBoundValue(=0)

value of alpha constant pressure condition

avFLVelOnSph((FlowEngineT)arg1, (int)idSph) → object :

compute a sphere-centered average fluid velocity

averageCavityPressure(=false)

true means the pressure in the cavity will be averaged each iteration.

averagePressure((FlowEngineT)arg1) → float :

[https:](https://yade-dem.org/doc/yade.wrapper.html#yade.wrapper.FlowEngine)

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Setting BCs

Users need to set their boundary conditions and flow parameters before the first step of the *coupled* simulation. Considering a typical cuboid shape:

```
# boundaries xmin, xmax, ymin, ymax, zmin, zmax
flow.bndCondIsPressure = [0, 0, 1, 1, 0, 0]
flow.bndCondValue = [0, 0, 100, 50, 0, 0]
flow.boundaryUseMaxMin = [0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0]
```

Controlling the mesh

Users should be aware that particle deformations will only be reflected in the triangulation if a `flow.meshUpdateInterval` is set:

```
flow.meshUpdateInterval = 200 # remesh every 200 iterations  
flow.defTolerance = 0.3 # optional deformation detection
```


Extracting quantities

Quantities of interest, such as pressure, boundary flux, etc. using a plethora of getters:



getCellFlux((FlowEngine T)arg1, (int)cond) → float :

Get influx in cell associated to an imposed P (indexed using 'cond').

getCellFluxFromId((FlowEngine T)arg1, (int)id) → float :

Get influx in cell.

getCellInvVoidVolume((FlowEngine T)arg1, (int)id) → float :

get the inverse of the cell volume for cell 'id' after pore volumes have been initialized and FlowEngine:invVoidVolumes = True, or compressibility scheme active with FlowEngine:fluidBulkModulus.

getCellImposed((FlowEngine T)arg1, (int)id) → bool :

get the status of cell 'id' wrt imposed pressure.

getCellPressure((FlowEngine T)arg1, (int)id) → float :

get pressure by cell 'id'. Note: getting pressure at position (x,y,z) might be more useful, see ;yref FlowEngine::getPorePressure'.

getCellImposed((FlowEngine T)arg1, (int)id) → bool :

get the status of cell 'id' wrt imposed temperature.

getCellTemperature((FlowEngine T)arg1, (int)id) → float :

get pressure in cell 'id'.

getCellVelocity((FlowEngine T)arg1, (Vector3)pos) → object :

Get relative cell velocity at position pos[0] pos [1] pos[2].

getCellVolume((FlowEngine T)arg1, (Vector3)pos) → float :

Get volume of cell at position pos[0] pos [1] pos[2].

getConductivity((FlowEngine T)arg1, (int)cellId, (int)throat) → float :

get conductivity from cell and throat, with throat between 0 and 3 (same ordering as incident cells)

getConstrictions((FlowEngine T)arg1[, (bool)all=True]) → list :

Get the list of constriction radii (inscribed circle) for all finite facets (if all=True) or all facets not incident to a virtual bounding sphere (if all=False). When all facets are returned, negative radii denote facet incident to one or more fictious spheres.

Extracting quantities

getters are typically called inside a PyRunner with the `plot.addData()`:

```
def getPFVquantities():  
    plot.addData(  
        p = flow.getPorePressure((0.5,0.5,0.5)) #  
        ↪ pore pressure at coordinate  
        k = flow.getConductivity(10,2) # get  
        ↪ conductivity at cell 10, pore 2  
    )
```

```
O.engines = O.engines + [PyRunner(iterPeriod=200,  
    ↪ command='getPFVquantities()', label='pfvgetter')]
```

Exporting the mesh

The triangulation can be exported to VTK for Paraview post-processing using `flow.saveVtk()`:

```
O.engines = O.engines + [PyRunner(iterPeriod=200,  
↪  command='flow.saveVtk()', label='savevtk')]
```

[https://yade-dem.org/doc/yade.wrapper.html#yade.wrapper.
FlowEngine.saveVtk](https://yade-dem.org/doc/yade.wrapper.html#yade.wrapper.FlowEngine.saveVtk)

Exporting the mesh

Opening the VTK files in Paraview leverages deep post-processing tools:

