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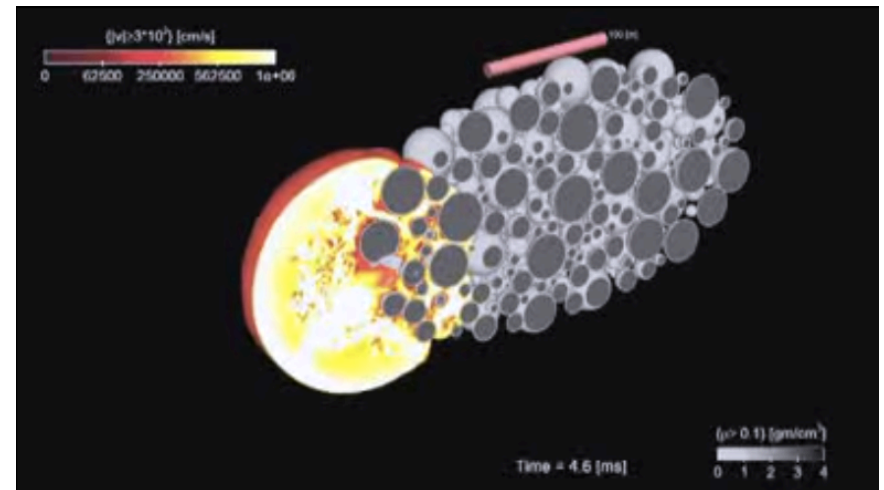
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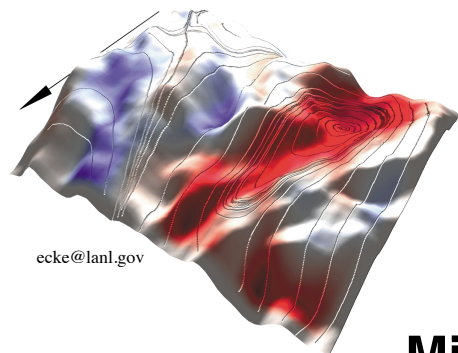
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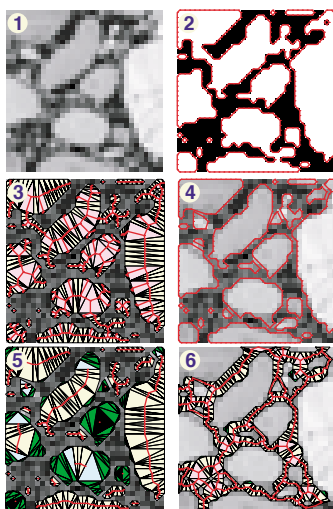
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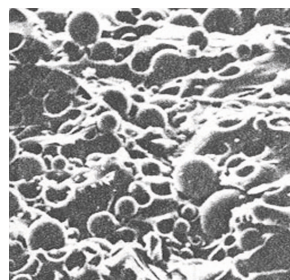
Damage Evolution in Viscoelastic Polymers by Void Coalescence

Might Interest You

Granular Materials
Image Analysis



Mechanical Properties
of Filled Polymers

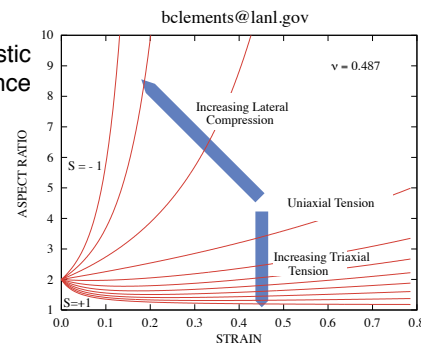


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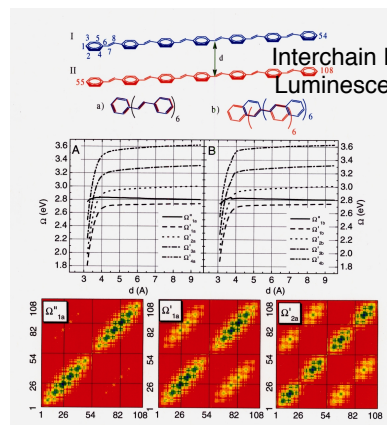
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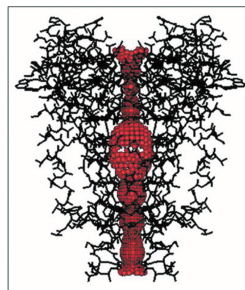
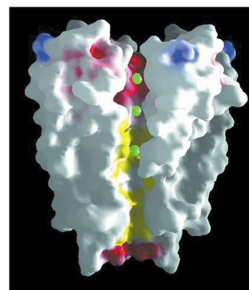
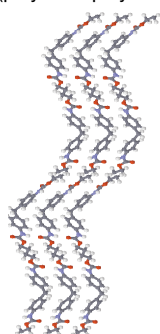
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Aging in Polymer Materials



We can calculate chemical aging and mechanical properties of polymers in different environments.

Estane
(polyester-polyurethane)



Why Study Inner Hydration Shells of Ions in Water?

- They are incompletely understood, yet fundamentally important to physical chemistry
- Knowledge of their structures and dynamics is a prerequisite to understanding inner shell exchange reactions
- Inner shell exchange reactions appear decisive to selectivity of biological ion channels

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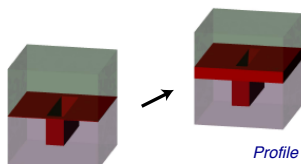


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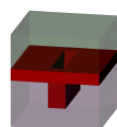
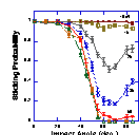
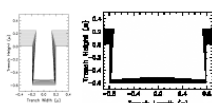
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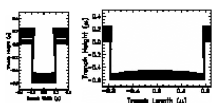
Deposition using constant sticking probability (≈ 1.0)



Profile after 0.25μ Cu deposited on top surface



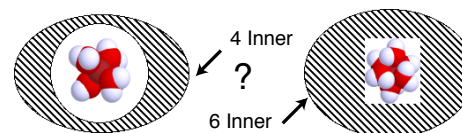
Deposition at 50eV using atomistic sticking probability



Bridging the Length Scale Atomistic to Mesoscopic

Example shows effect of using atomistic simulation data on the deposition profile of Cu in a trench-fill simulation for semiconductor applications.

Li⁺ (aq) Hydration

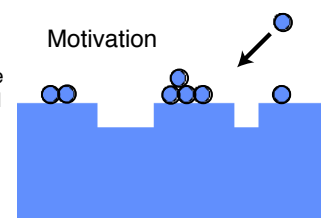


A balanced theoretical treatment of both nearest neighbors and solution to resolve hydration issue.

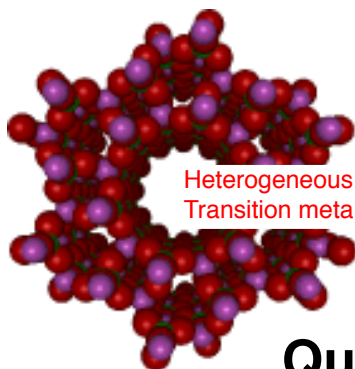
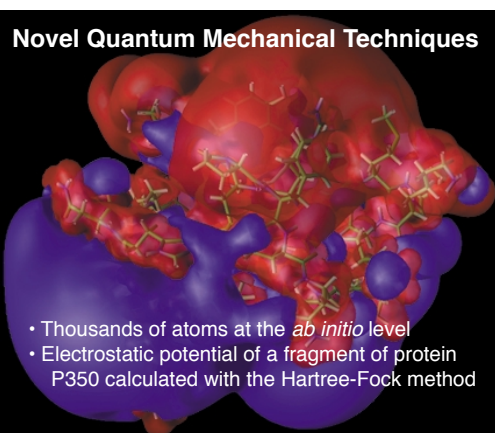
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Many materials problems are amenable to atomistic simulation, but are not viable with current hardware and software when there is a coupling between different temporal scales.

Motivation



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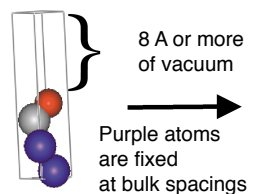
Heterogeneous catalysis:
Transition metal-substituted zeolites

- Shape-selective catalysts
- Have reduction and oxidation (redox) properties
- Up-to-date, the most used is titanium silicalite 1 (TS-1)

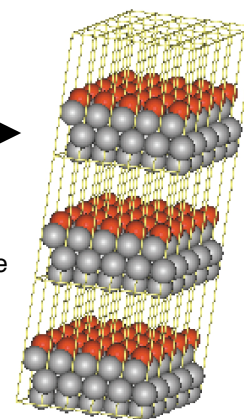
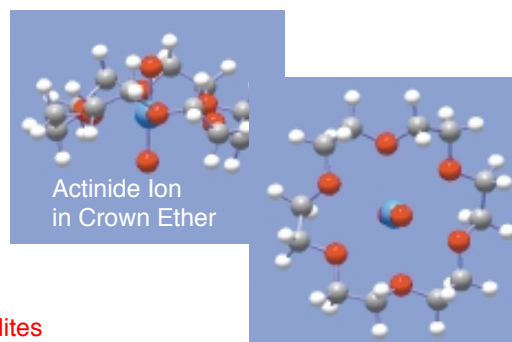
Quantum Chemistry

- Diets rich in ω -3 fatty acids are known to have beneficial health effects.
- They can help control ventricular fibrillation and other cardiac arrhythmias associated with calcium overload in the cytosol.
- They are also associated with the control of abnormal behavior in the physiology of the nervous system.

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Slab Model: Infinitely Periodic Slab of Ag Surface

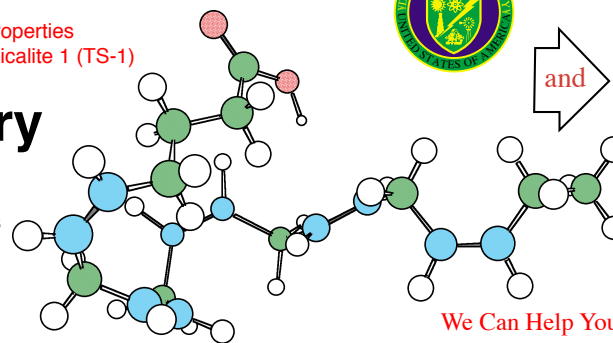


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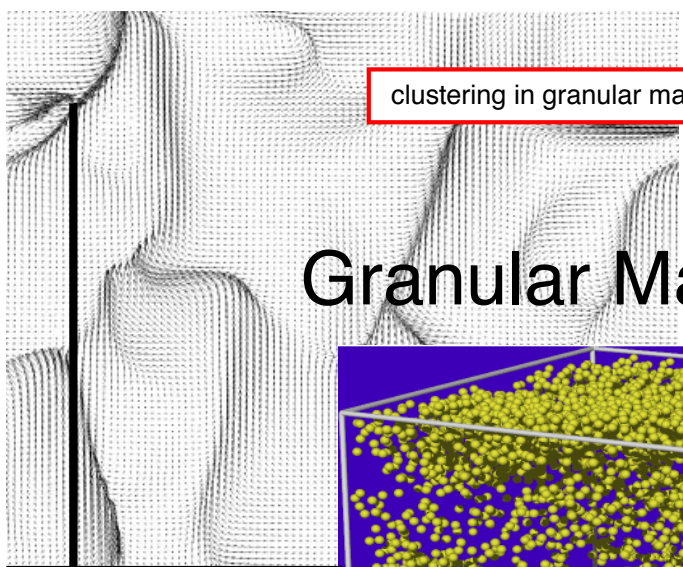
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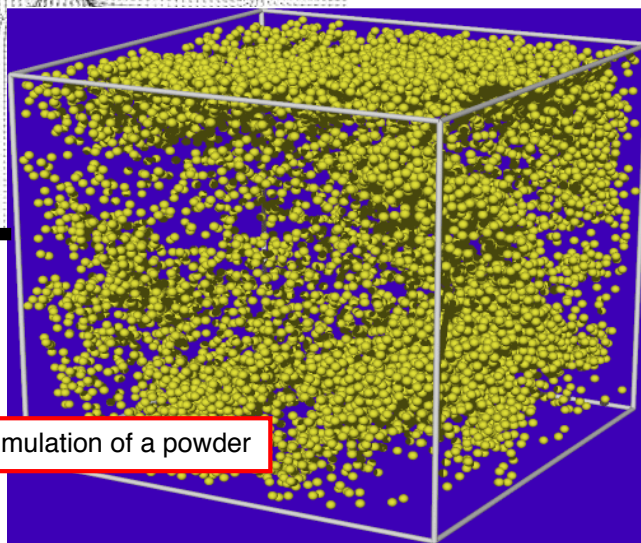
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clustering in granular matter

Granular Materials



molecular dynamics simulation of a powder

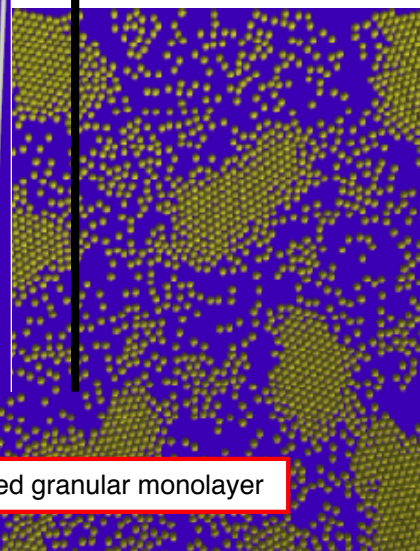
Shock Dynamics of Granular Gases: We have shown that the asymptotic dynamics of freely evolving granular gases is dominated by shock coalescence processes, and used the corresponding hydrodynamic description (the inviscid Burgers equation) to obtain density and velocity statistics. Using scaling techniques, we can predict the critical mass for the formation of finite time singularities in the velocity and density profiles.

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crystallization in vibrated granular monolayer

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