

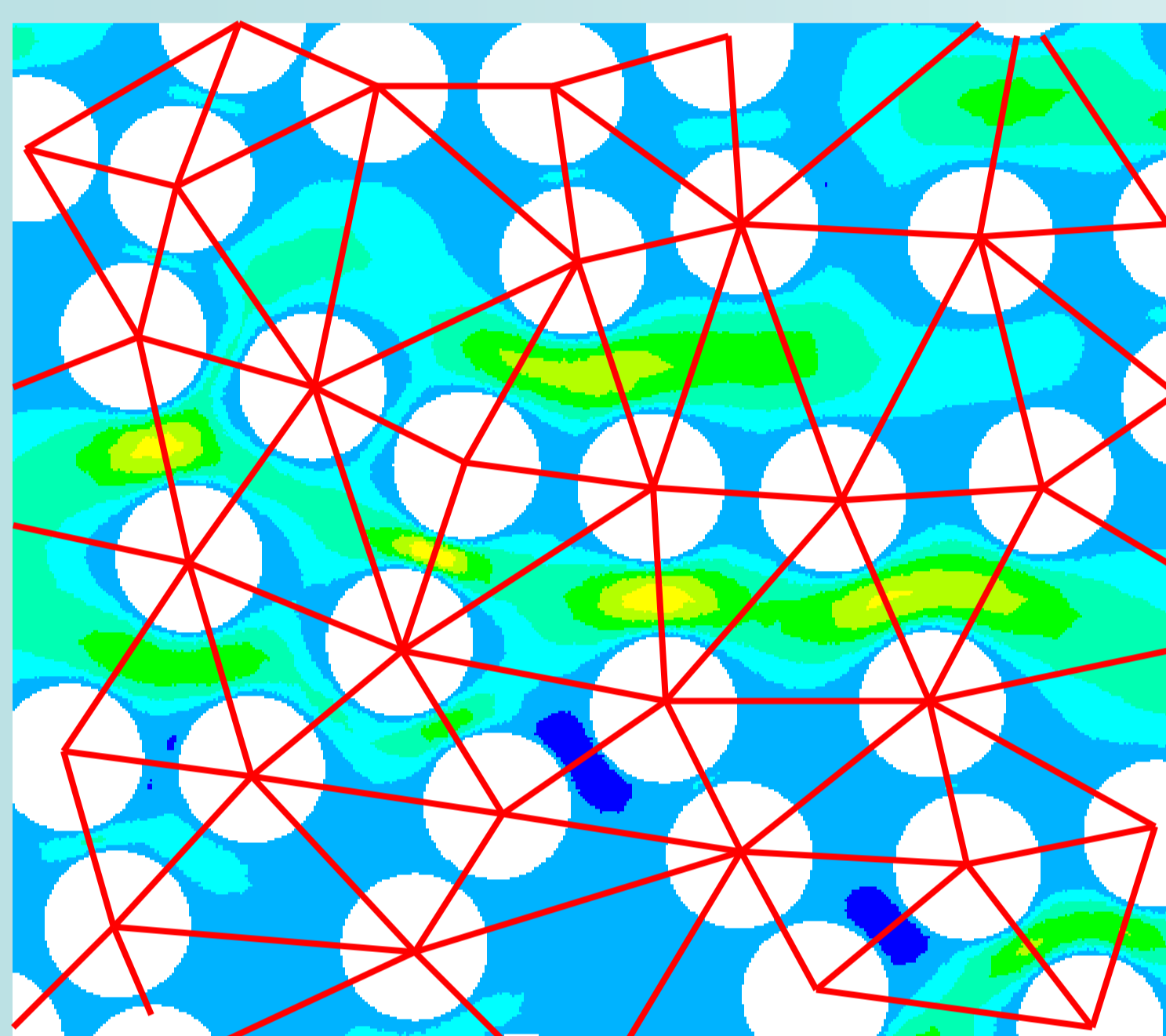
Topics and Goal

Micro-Macro transition: Effect of “micro” parameters (structure) on the “macro” behavior (permeability) of materials

Data structures: Use Delaunay triangulation (DT) for contact detection, structure classification, strain and drag calculation, ...

Goal: Combined finite-discrete element method (FEM-DEM)

State of the art - Methodology



- m_i, V_i : Particle mass, Volume
- p, ϵ : Pressure, Porosity
- β : Friction factor
- \vec{u}, ρ : Fluid velocity, Density
- \vec{v}_i : Particle velocity
- \vec{S} : Coupling sink term
- $\vec{\tau}$: Stress tensor
- $F_{\text{contact},i}$: Contact forces
- $F_{pp,i}$: Long-range forces

DT (in red color) for contact detection AND FE mesh. Color code shows the horizontal velocity field.

Solid/Particle motion

$$m_i \frac{d^2 \vec{r}_i}{dt^2} = -V_i \nabla p + \frac{V_i \beta}{1 - \epsilon} \left(\vec{u} - \vec{v}_i \right) + m_i \vec{g} + F_{\text{contact},i} + F_{pp,i}$$

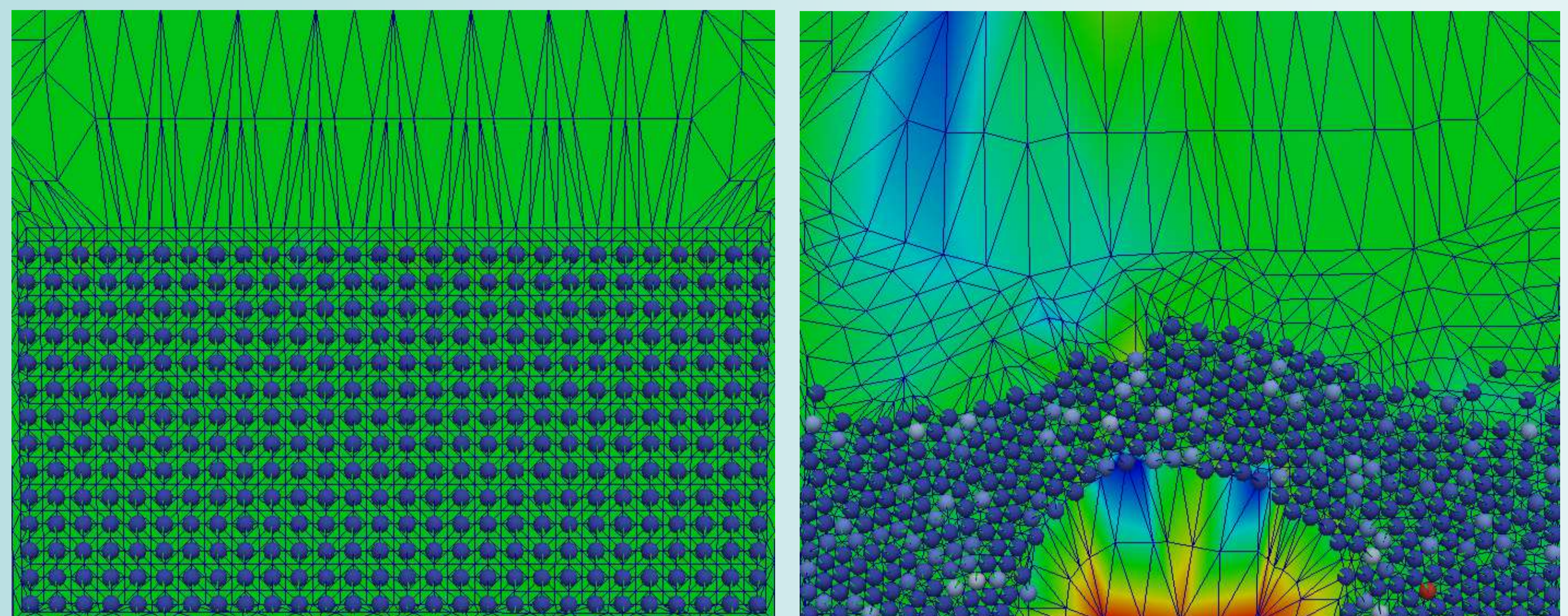
Fluid/Gas motion

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\epsilon \rho) + \nabla \cdot (\epsilon \rho \vec{u}) = 0,$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\epsilon \rho \vec{u}) + \nabla \cdot (\epsilon \rho \vec{u} \vec{u}) = -\epsilon \nabla p - \nabla \cdot (\epsilon \vec{\tau}) - \vec{S} + \epsilon \rho \vec{g}.$$

Solid-Fluid coupling (two way)

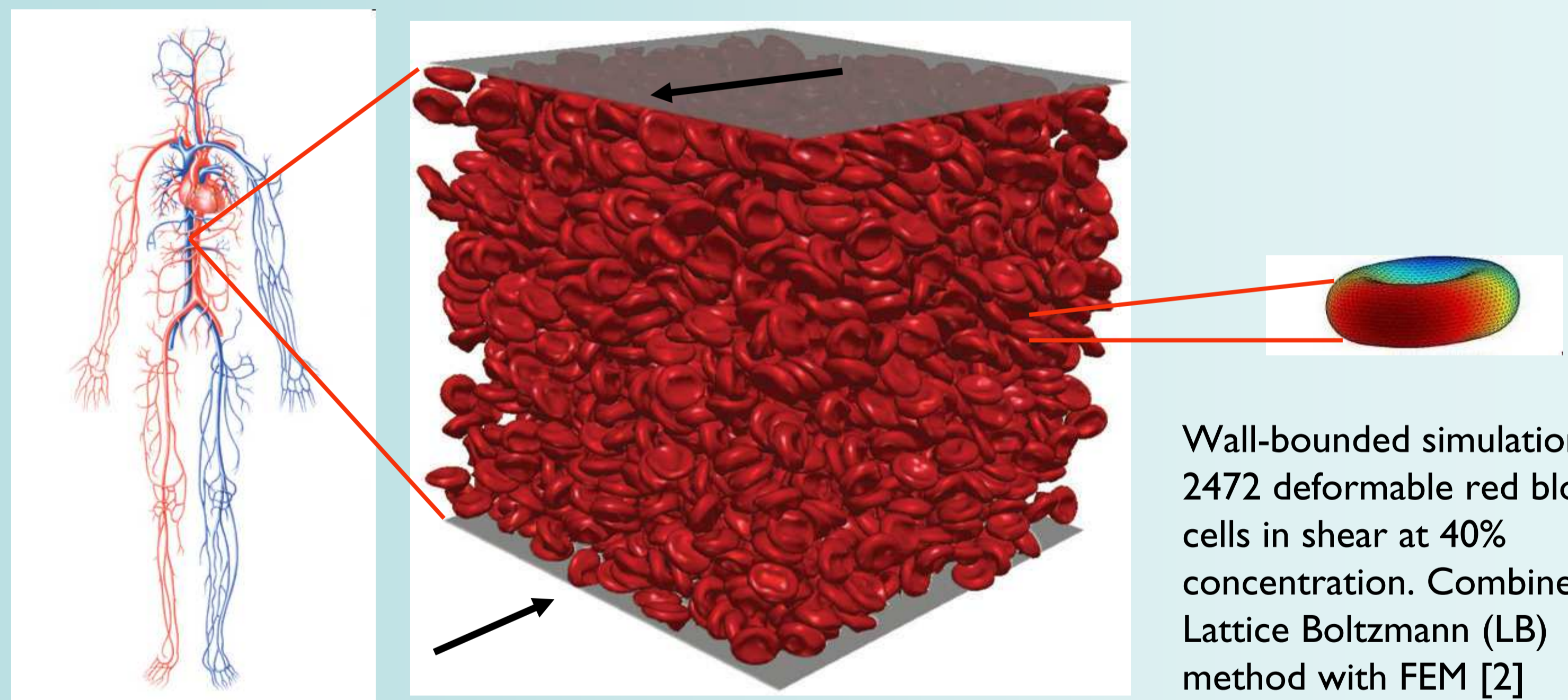
Industrial applications - Fluidized bed



Initial particle positions and corresponding mesh Fluidized particles with distorted mesh at $\tau = 1.2$ s

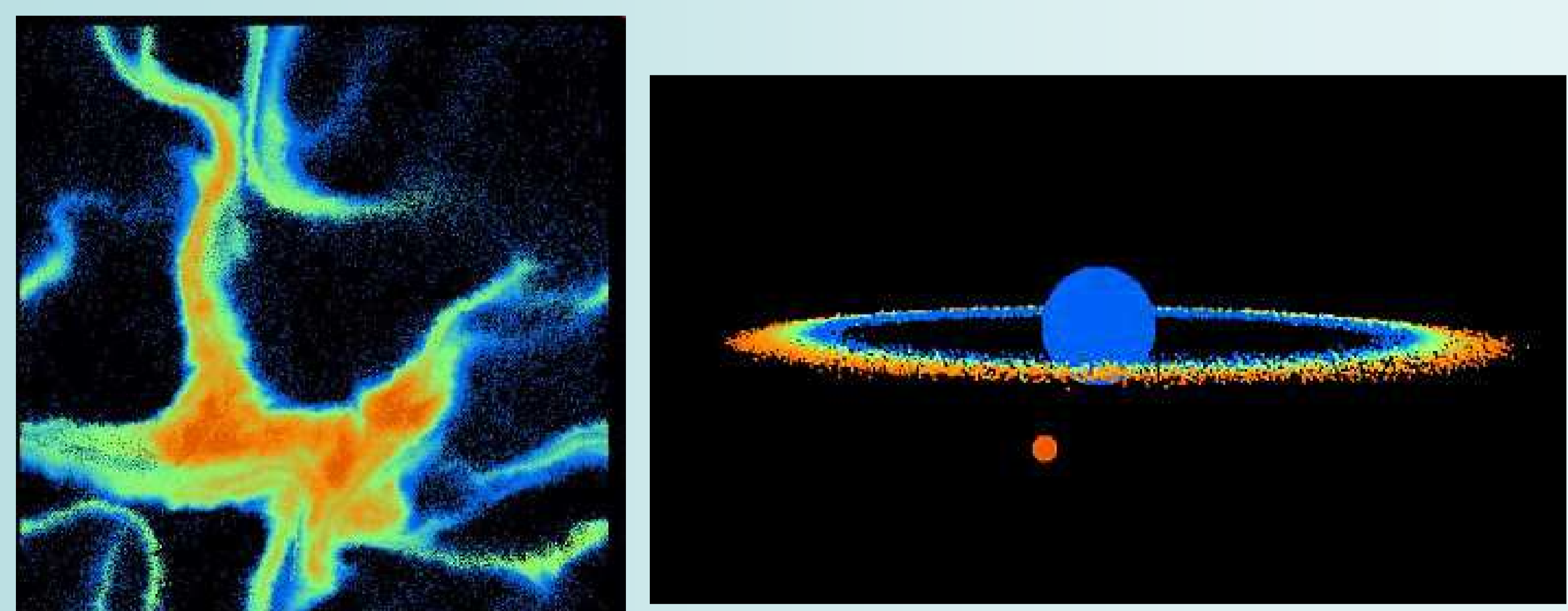
- Unresolved simulation (FEM for fluid and DEM for solid/particles)
- Mesh constructed on particle positions
- Need the drag/permeability closure $\sim \beta \left(\vec{u} - \vec{v}_i \right)$ [1]
- Use DT for contact detection AND FE mesh

Biological applications - Blood flow



Wall-bounded simulation of 2472 deformable red blood cells in shear at 40% concentration. Combined Lattice Boltzmann (LB) method with FEM [2]

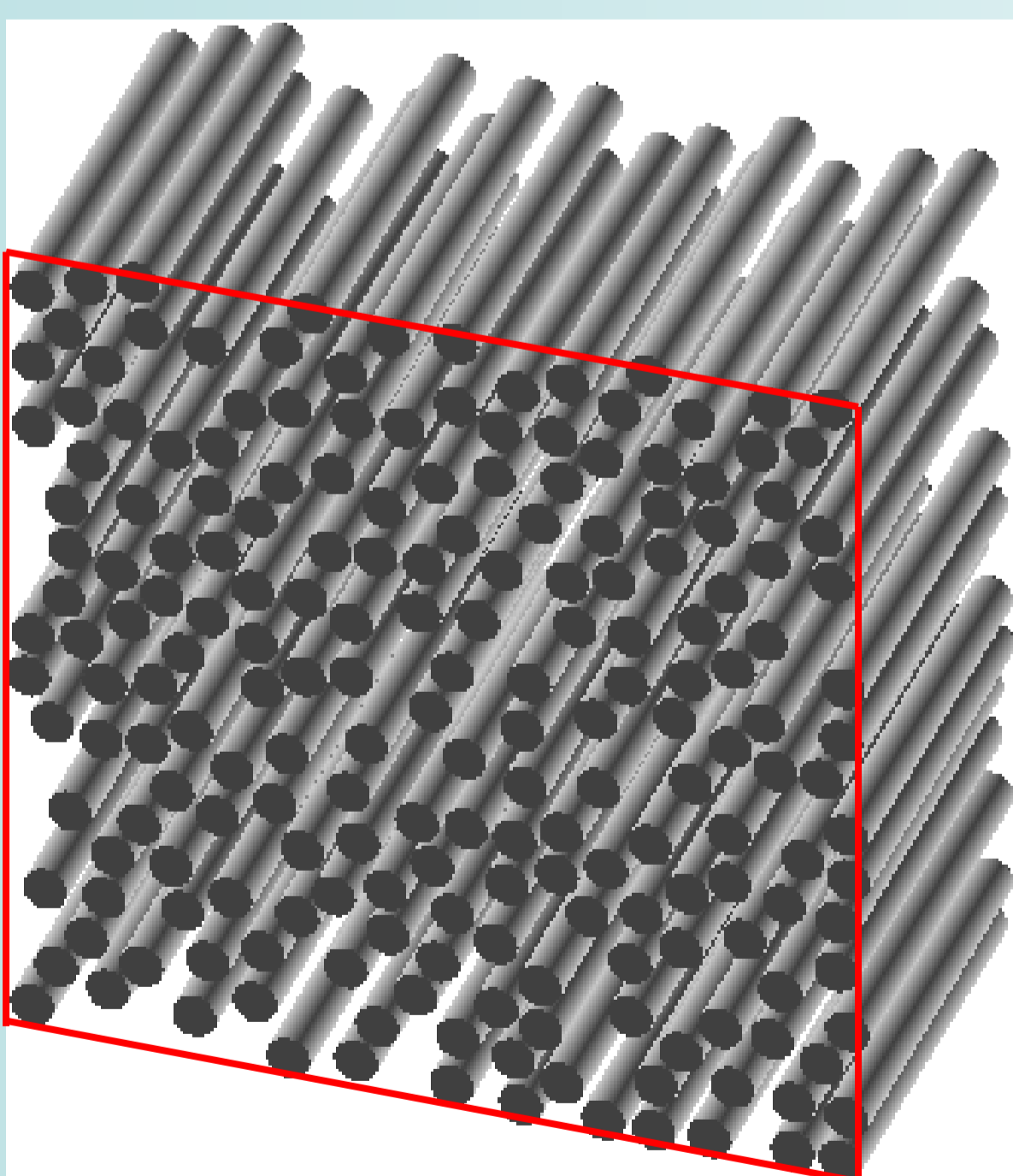
Astrophysical applications - DEM



Freely cooling granular gas [3]

The DEM simulation of astrophysical rings

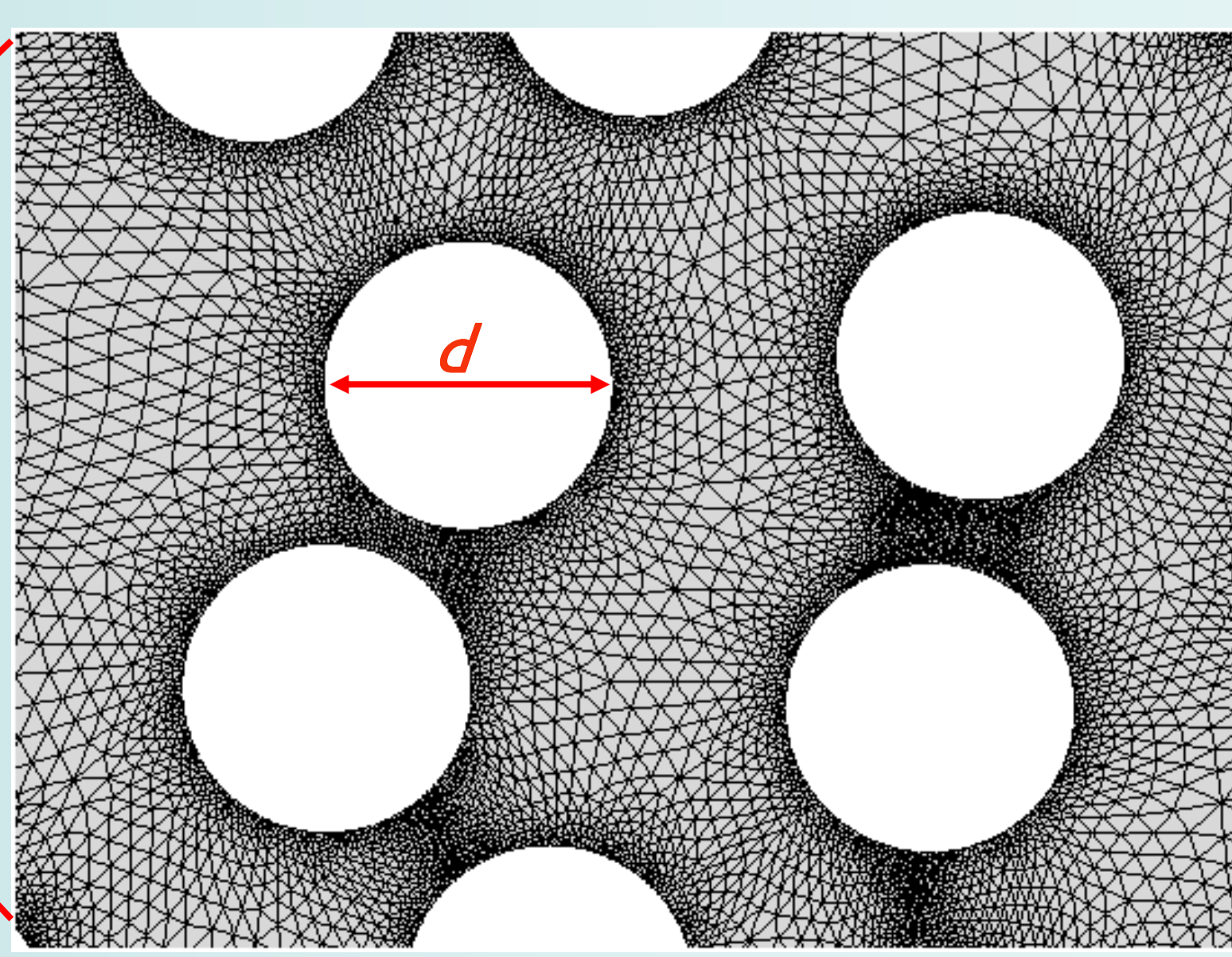
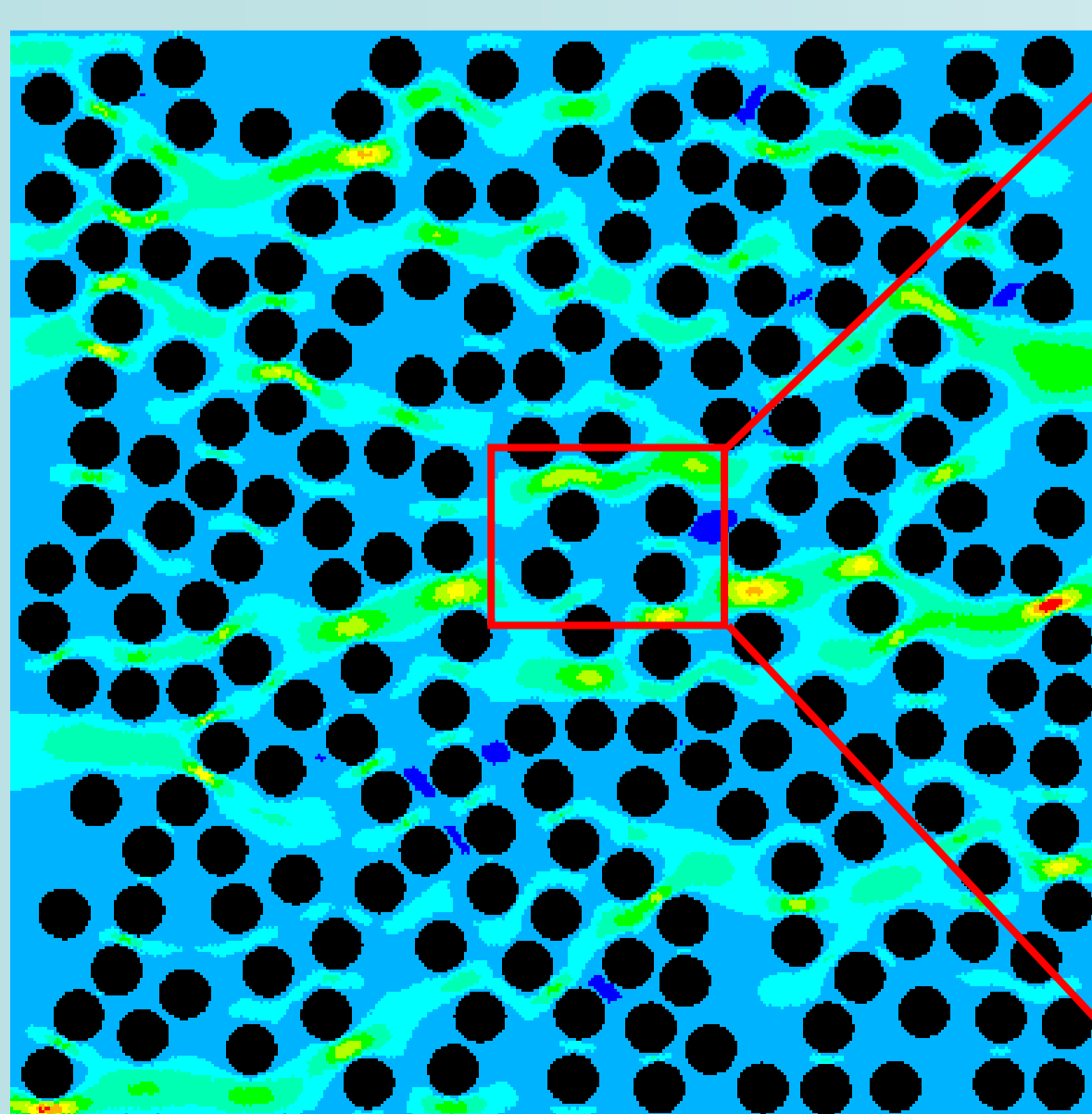
Underground flow - Porous media



- Fixed particles/fibers
- FEM fluid solver
- Fully resolved (DNS)
- Drag/permeability [1]

Other applications:

- Composite materials
- Suspensions/colloids
- Industrial filters, ...



Horizontal (x) velocity field

Fine, unstructured, triangular FEM mesh

Conclusions and future work

- ✓ Use DT for contact detection, structure AND drag ...
- ✓ Developed a coupled DEM/FEM framework
- ✓ Application in porous media, fluidized beds, blood flow, ...
- Show relevance and validity - compare with other methods

If you are interested / more information contact:

Kazem Yazdchi, Horst, Z 121: EMAIL: k.yazdchi@utwente.nl

References

- [1] K. Yazdchi, S. Srivastava and S. Luding, Int. J. Multiphase Flow (2011), 37, 956-66.
- [2] C.K. Aidun and J.R. Clausen, Annu. Rev. Fluid Mech. (2010), 42, 439-72.
- [3] S. Luding, Pramana-J. of Phys. (2005), 64(6), 893-902.

