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# A pore-scale Thermo-Hydro-Mechanical coupled model for particulate systems

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## ABSTRACT

A pore scale numerical method dedicated to the simulation of heat transfer and associated thermo-hydro-mechanical couplings in granular media is described. The proposed thermo-hydro-mechanical approach is based on an existing hydro-mechanical model that combines the discrete element method for simulating the mechanical behavior of dense sphere packings with the finite volume method for simulating pore space fluid flow and the hydro-mechanical coupling. Within the hydro-mechanical framework, the pore space is discretized as a tetrahedral network defined by the triangulation of discrete element method (DEM) particle centers. It is this discretization of DEM particle contacts and tetrahedral pore spaces that enables the efficient conductive and advective heat transfer models proposed herein. In particular, conductive heat transfer is modeled explicitly between and within solid and fluid phases: across DEM particle contacts, between adjacent tetrahedral pores, and between pores and incident particles. Meanwhile, advective heat transfer is added to the existing implicit fluid flow scheme by estimating mass energy flux from pressure induced fluid fluxes. In addition to the heat transfer model, a thermo-mechanical coupling is implemented by considering volume changes based on the thermal expansion of particles and fluid. The conduction and advection models are verified by presenting comparisons to an analytical solution for conduction and a fully resolved numerical solution for conduction and advection. Finally, the relevance of the fully coupled thermo-hydro-mechanical model is illustrated by simulating an experiment where a saturated porous rock sample is subjected to a cyclic temperature loading.

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## 1 Introduction

- 1 Understanding heat transfer throughout particulate systems is of great interest for many scientific disciplines and engineering applications such as environmental sciences, chemical and food processing,
- 2 powder metallurgy or energy management. Whether the granular medium is packed or fluidized, dry or

**List of symbols**


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<b>M</b>	Diagonal matrix of particle masses
<b>f</b>	Particle forces
<b><math>\ddot{\mathbf{x}}</math></b>	Particle accelerations
$k_{ij}^{n/s}$	Normal/shear stiffness for particle interaction
$\partial\Theta_i$	Pore contour for tetrahedra i
$\Theta_i$	Domain of tetrahedron i
<b>K</b>	Fluid compressibility
$S_{ij}^f$	Fluid area of facet shared by pores i and j
$S_{ij}^p$	Contact area of particles i and j.
<b>G</b>	Symmetric conductivity matrix for flow solution
<b>p</b>	Vector containing the pressure within each pore
<b><math>\dot{V}</math></b>	Vector of rate of volume changes
$\mu$	Mass-energy-flux
$\Phi$	Heat-flux through the pore boundary
$\Phi_f$	Conductive heat flux within the fluid phase
$\Phi_s$	Conductive heat flux between solid and fluid phases
$\Phi_p$	Conductive heat flux between particles
$c_f$	Heat capacity of fluid
$c_p$	Heat capacity of particle
<b>T</b>	Temperature of particle or pore
$\dot{U}_i$	Change of internal energy for pore i
$A_{ik}$	Spherical triangle area shared by particle i and pore k
$V_k$	Volume of pore k
$\alpha$	Thermal diffusivity

5 saturated, heat transfer can occur by conduction within each phase, and across their common interfaces,  
6 by advection if the fluid flows, and by radiation (Kunii and Smith (1960); Vargas and McCarthy (2001)).  
7 All these processes often act together, in a combined manner, and generally involve volumetric changes  
8 of the constituent phases which inevitably produce complex coupled thermo-hydro-mechanical (THM)  
9 responses. Despite substantial efforts in recent years, the diversity of THM applications combined with the  
10 computational expense associated with general THM solutions demonstrates the need for a computationally  
11 efficient particulate THM model.

12 Traditionally, THM models are set up through continuum approaches based on mathematical frame-  
13 works combining sets of equations describing thermodynamics, solid mechanics and hydraulics principles  
14 (see for instance the finite element implementations of such concepts by Olivella et al. (1996) and Kolditz  
15 et al. (2012), or the finite difference scheme proposed by Rutqvist et al. (2002)). Nonetheless, even though  
16 attractive for macro-scale applications, continuum modeling approaches based on the finite element method

(FEM) or the finite difference method (FDM) suffer critical computational and continuity limitations when applied to discontinuous and highly deformable media such as packed or fluidized beds, granular or fractured materials. On the other hand, discrete approaches like, for instance, the discrete element method (DEM, Cundall and Strack (1979)), have proven successful at modeling the behavior of these discrete systems. The strength of DEM for modelling particulate systems has opened up recent efforts to extend its predictive capabilities to THM processes.

Many studies have proposed hydraulic or thermal couplings with DEM (see for instance the HM schemes proposed in Zeghal and El Shamy (2004), Shimizu (2011), Lominé et al. (2013) or Catalano et al. (2014), and the TM schemes proposed in Feng et al. (2008), Tsory et al. (2013), André et al. (2017), Chen et al. (2018), or Joulin et al. (2020)). However, approaches including both thermal and hydraulic components into their formulation remain scarce. Most of these studies combine computational fluid dynamics (CFD) schemes with the DEM. Generally, CFD-DEM schemes are based on computations involving volume average of TH quantities evaluated on fixed/Eulerian coarse grids built over the domain covered by the particles. The grids define subdomains over which the porosity and velocity of the solid phase are averaged and introduced as field variables in the continuum formulation. Most CFD-DEM schemes for THM computations rely on finite difference approximations of the equations governing fluid flow and heat transfers (see, *e.g.*, Al-Arkawazi (2018); Kloss et al. (2014); Shimizu (2006); Zhou et al. (2009)). The interaction between the solid and fluid phases rely on empirical closures provided in the form of correlations required to depict the momentum exchange as well as heat and mass transfers (Deen et al. (2007)). These closure correlations are often empirical but can also be derived from direct numerical simulations (DNS) (Kruggel-Emden et al. (2016)). Although DNS-DEM models can be used to study THM processes in particulate systems (Deen et al. (2012)), the small mesh size to particle size ratio results in high computational effort. Thus, DNS-DEM models are restricted to systems comprised of a smaller number of particles than CFD. An alternative particulate THM coupling is based on the lattice Boltzmann method (LBM) (Yang et al. (2017); Zhang et al. (2016)). However, the coupling strategies rely on computations of distribution functions that require an accurate representation of solid-fluid boundaries which can be both numerically and computationally challenging (Peng and Luo (2008)).

An example of a DEM based THM model, presented by Tomac and Gutierrez (2015), includes

convective and conductive heat transfer processes in 2-D. Although the scheme neglects heat induced fluid expansion and heat conduction within the fluid phase, it applies a well tested pipe network model initially proposed by Cheng et al. (1999) and thoroughly verified by Wanne and Young (2008) and Feng et al. (2009).

The 3-D THM coupled model presented here is based on the framework of the pore-scale finite volume (PFV) scheme initially proposed by Chareyre et al. (2012) for up-scaling incompressible viscous flow and later extended to compressible flow by Scholtès et al. (2015). The scheme is derived from the pore network (PN) models, which are applied widely for simulating a variety of porous media processes (Blunt, 2001). The model is implemented in the Yade DEM open source software (Šmilauer V. et al., 2015) and is oriented toward dense grain packing applications as encountered in geomechanics. The proposed THM scheme combines four heat transfer models: a particle-particle conduction model, a particle-fluid conduction model, a fluid-fluid conduction model and a heat advection model. In addition, thermo-mechanical couplings are considered through both effects of fluid thermal expansion and particle thermal expansion.

In summary, a set of equations governing the hydraulic and thermal schemes are presented for the derivation of the geometrical considerations and numerical couplings. Next, a validation exercise is provided where each component of the proposed THM model is challenged. First, the solid-solid conduction scheme is verified against the 1-D analytical solution of the classic heat conduction equation. Second, the convective heat transfer model (encompassing conduction combined with advection) is compared to a fully resolved CFD solution considering the flow of a hot fluid through a cold particle assembly. Third, the full THM scheme is used to simulate an experiment where a saturated rock sample is subjected to thermal loading.

## 2 Methods

### 2.1 Mechanical scheme

The Lagrangian discrete element method (DEM) represents the mechanical behavior of a particulate system as a collection of interacting masses, where interactions between masses follow predefined force-displacement laws. Similar to the original DEM scheme (Cundall and Strack, 1979), the present scheme

72 implemented in Yade open DEM integrates particle positions through time according to Newton's second  
 73 law of motion, which can be written for the whole system as:

$$\mathbf{M}\ddot{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{f} \quad (1)$$

74 with  $\ddot{\mathbf{x}}$  the vector containing each particle acceleration,  $\mathbf{M}$  the diagonal matrix of particle masses, and  $\mathbf{f}$   
 75 the vector containing the total forces applied on the particles. The explicit central finite difference time  
 76 stepping scheme integrates the particle acceleration from the current step to update the particle position at  
 77 the next step (see (Šmilauer V. et al., 2015) for details of the implementation). The inter-particle forces,  
 78  $\mathbf{f}_{ij}$ , depend on a contact model,  $F_{ij}$ , such that:

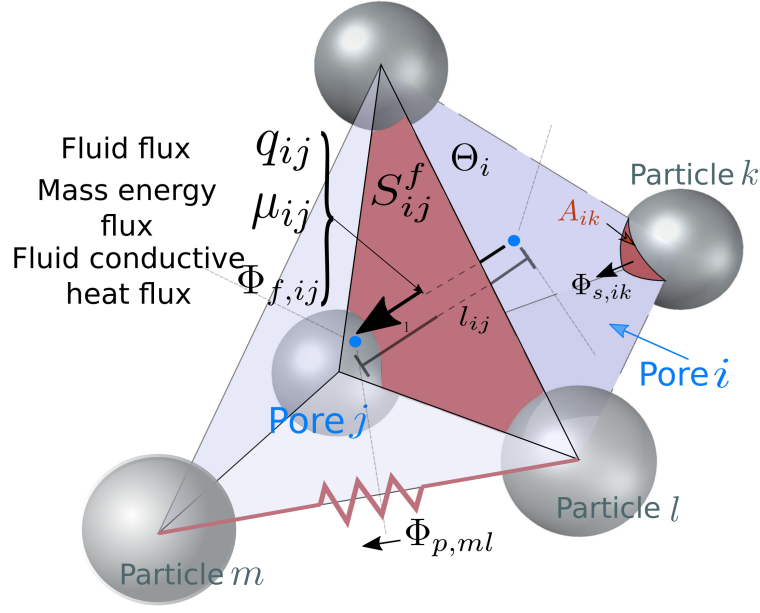
$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{f}_{ij}}{\partial t} = F_{ij}(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_j, \dot{\mathbf{x}}_i, \dot{\mathbf{x}}_j) \quad (2)$$

## 79 2.2 Compressible flow scheme

80 The pore-finite volume (PFV) scheme is used to model compressible fluid flow between solid particles  
 81 (Scholtès et al., 2015). As presented in Chareyre et al. (2012), the PFV-DEM coupling involves a weighted  
 82 Delaunay triangulation of particle centers to form a tetrahedral mesh (Fig. 1). The solid volume within each  
 83 tetrahedron is defined by the intersection of each tetrahedron with its vertex DEM spheres. Meanwhile,  
 84 the fluid fraction consumes the remainder of each tetrahedron to form individual pores. Each pore is  
 85 connected to four neighboring pores to constitute a pore network where a Stokes-flow is established based  
 86 on an integral form of the continuity equation:

$$\int_{\Theta_i} \frac{\partial \rho_f}{\partial t} dV = - \int_{\Theta_i} \nabla \cdot (\rho_f \mathbf{u}) dV \quad (3)$$

87 where  $\Theta_i$  is the domain of pore  $i$ ,  $\rho_f$  is the fluid density, and  $\mathbf{u}$  is the fluid velocity. Application of the  
 88 divergence theorem reduces the volume integral to a contour integral:



**Figure 1.** Heat transfer model notations and geometric considerations for fluid flow, advection, and conduction models.

$$\int_{\Theta_i} \frac{\partial \rho_f}{\partial t} dV = - \int_{\partial \Theta_i} \rho_f (\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v}) \cdot \mathbf{n} dS - \int_{\partial \Theta_i} \rho_f \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{n} dS \quad (4)$$

89 where  $\partial \Theta_i$  is the pore contour,  $\mathbf{v}$  is the contour velocity, and  $\mathbf{n}$  is the outward pointing unit vector. The  
 90 consideration of fluid compressibility follows the relation of fluid bulk modulus,  $K$ , to the change of fluid  
 91 pressure with respect to density:

$$K = \rho_f \frac{\partial P_i}{\partial \rho_f} \quad (5)$$

92 where  $K$  can be a function of fluid pressure and air fraction as highlighted in Eq. 13. Finally, reducing  $\partial \Theta_i$   
 93 to only the fluid fractions,  $S_{ij}^f$ , of the pore contour and assuming small Mach numbers, Eq. 4 becomes:

$$\int_{\Theta_i} \frac{1}{K} \frac{\partial p_i}{\partial t} dV = \sum_{j=1}^4 \int_{S_{ij}^f} (\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v}) \cdot \mathbf{n} dS - \dot{V}_i \quad (6)$$

94 where  $\dot{V}_i$  is the rate of pore volume change and the integral on the right hand side represents the sum of  
 95 fluid fluxes exchanged by each pore and its four neighbors ( $j=1$  to 4):

$$\sum_{j=1}^4 \int_{S_{ij}^f} (\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v}) \cdot \mathbf{n} \, dS = \sum_{j=1}^4 q_{ij} \quad (7)$$

96 At low Reynolds numbers, the flux  $q_{ij}$  through the pore throat connecting pore  $i$  and  $j$  is proportional to a  
 97 local pressure gradient, with a coefficient  $k_{ij}$  reflecting the local conductivity  $g_{ij}$ :

$$q_{ij} = g_{ij}(p_i - p_j) \quad (8)$$

Hence,

$$\sum_{j=1}^4 g_{ij}(p_i - p_j) = \dot{V}_i + \frac{\dot{p}_i V_i}{K} \quad (9)$$

98 which is the discrete form of a diffusion equation. Within Eq. 9, the pressures in the neighboring pores  
 99 are represented by  $p_i$  and  $p_j$  and the length of the pore throat is  $l_{ij}$ . The conductivity,  $g_{ij}$ , was defined in  
 100 Chareyre et al. (2012):

$$g_{ij} = k_d \frac{S_{ij}^f}{\mu(T)l_{ij}} \quad (10)$$

101 where  $k_d$  is the permeability between pores  $i$  and  $j$ ,  $S_{ij}^f$  is the area of the facet shared by pore  $i$  and  $j$ , and  
 102  $\mu(T)$  is the temperature dependent fluid viscosity.

103 The matrix representation of the full linear system representing Eq. 9 for all pores can be expressed as:

$$\mathbf{Gp} = \dot{\mathbf{V}} \quad (11)$$



104 where  $\mathbf{G}$  is the conductivity matrix,  $\mathbf{p}$  is the vector containing the pressure within each pore, and  $\dot{\mathbf{V}}$  is the  
 105 vector of rate of volume changes, which is composed of the volume changes due to: particle movements  
 106 ( $\dot{V}_G$ ), particle thermal expansion ( $\dot{V}_{tm}$ ), and fluid thermal expansion ( $\dot{V}_{th}$ ):

$$\dot{\mathbf{V}} = \dot{\mathbf{V}}_G + \dot{\mathbf{V}}_{tm} + \dot{\mathbf{V}}_{th} \quad (12)$$

107  $\dot{\mathbf{V}}_G$  depends linearly on the particle velocities,  $\dot{\mathbf{x}}$ , which can be expressed such that  $\dot{\mathbf{V}}_G = \mathbf{E}\dot{\mathbf{x}}$ , where  $\mathbf{E}$  is  
 108 essentially a tensor with projected surface area.

109 In the case of gas-liquid mixtures, an equivalent fluid compressibility  $C_{eq}$  is defined by following Najari  
 110 and Selvadurai (2014):

$$C_{eq} = \phi C_a + (1 - \phi) C_w \quad (13)$$

$$C_a = \frac{1}{P_a} \quad (14)$$

$$\phi = \frac{P_{a,0}}{P_a} \phi_0 \quad (15)$$

111 where  $\phi$  is the fraction of gas within the mixture,  $C_a$  is the compressibility of gas,  $P_a$  is the absolute  
 112 pressure of the gas and  $P_{a,0}$  and  $\phi_0$  are the initial absolute gas pressure and gas fraction respectively.  $C_{eq}$  is  
 113 updated at each time-step and used within the compressible flow scheme, Eq. 9,  $K = 1/C_{eq}$ .

114

### 115 2.3 Heat transfer

116 Advection is simulated by treating each pore as an open thermodynamic system assuming that:

- 117 • radiation can be neglected ( $T < 700$  K)
- 118 • fluid kinetic energy is negligible ( $0 < Re < 1000$ )
- 119 • fluid compression does not generate heat

120 Thus the integral form of the first law of thermodynamics becomes:

$$\Delta U_o = Q + \sum_{m=1}^n \Delta U_m \quad (16)$$

121 where  $U_o$  is the internal energy of the open system (one pore in the present pore network),  $Q$  is a source  
 122 term representing the quantity of heat supplied to the system, and  $\Delta U_m$  is the change of internal energy  
 123 of the  $m$ th connected system (in the present pore network, these are neighboring pores and neighboring  
 124 particles, Fig. 1). Considering the assumptions above,  $\sum_{m=1}^n \Delta U_m$  is limited to mass energy transfer,  $\mu$ ,  
 125 and boundary heat flux,  $\Phi$ . Thus,  $\Delta U_o$  can be expressed as a summation of surface integrals:

$$\Delta U_o = Q + \int_{\partial\Theta_i} \Phi \cdot \mathbf{n} \, dS + \int_{\partial\Theta_i} \mu \cdot \mathbf{n} \, dS \quad (17)$$

126 where  $\mathbf{n}$  is the outward pointing unit vector.

### 127 **2.3.1 Advective heat transfer**

128 Starting with the mass energy flux integral, each pore of the present pore network abuts four neighboring  
 129 pores ( $j=1$  to 4), which means the integral can be reduced to a summation:

$$\int_S \mu \cdot \mathbf{n} \, dS = \sum_{j=1}^4 \int_{S_{ij}^f} \mu_{ij} \cdot \mathbf{n} \, dS = \sum_{j=1}^4 \mu_{ij} \quad (18)$$

130 where the pore-pore mass-energy-flux between home pore  $i$  and neighbor pore  $j$ ,  $\mu_{ij}$ , is the average over  
 131 the shared facet and depends on the volumetric flow  $q_{ij}$  (see Sec. 2.2):

$$\mu_{ij} = q_{ij} c_f \rho_f T_u \quad (19)$$

$$T_u = \begin{cases} T_i & \text{if } q_{ij} > 0 \\ T_j & \text{if } q_{ij} < 0 \end{cases} \quad (20)$$

132 where  $T_u$  is the temperature of the home or neighbor pore depending on the flow direction,  $c_f$ , is the fluid  
133 heat capacity at constant pressure, and  $\rho_f$  is the fluid density.

134 As presented in Sec. 2.2, the fluid flux  $q_{ij}$ , is already solved (thus, the flow direction is known apriori)  
135 as described in Sec. 2.2 as  $\mathbf{Gp}$ . Therefore, the change of internal energy due to mass-energy-flux for all  
136 pores can be computed as:

$$\frac{U_i^{t+\Delta t} - U_i^t}{\Delta t} = \left( c_f \rho_f \sum_{j=1}^4 (T_u^t g_{ij}) \right) (p_i^{t+\Delta t} - p_j^{t+\Delta t}) \quad (21)$$

137 which, in matrix form, can be written as:

$$\Delta \mathbf{U} = \mathbf{H} \mathbf{p} \quad (22)$$

with

$$\mathbf{H} = c_f \rho_f \Delta t \sum_{j=1}^4 (T_u^t g_{ij}) \quad (23)$$

138 The internal energy,  $\mathbf{U}^{t+\Delta t}$ , is computed for all pores:

$$\mathbf{U}^{t+\Delta t} = \mathbf{U}^t + \mathbf{H} \mathbf{p} \quad (24)$$

139 and the temperature of the pores at  $t + \Delta t$  is updated as:

$$\mathbf{T}^{t+\Delta t} = \frac{\mathbf{U}^{t+\Delta t}}{c_f \rho_f \mathbf{V}^{t+\Delta t}}. \quad (25)$$

### 140 **2.3.2 Conductive heat transfer**

141 Conductive heat transfer is simulated between interacting particles, between neighboring pores, and  
142 between pores and particles assuming:

- 143 • radiation is neglected ( $T < 700$  K)
- 144 • the resistance to heat transfer inside the particle is significantly smaller than between particles (Biot  
145 number =  $\frac{h_i d_i}{k_i} \ll 1$ )

146 Given these assumptions, the heat conduction equation for a single particle  $k$  follows:

$$m_k c_p \frac{\partial T_k}{\partial t} = \nabla \cdot \Phi_k + Q \quad (26)$$

147 where  $m_k$  is the mass of particle  $k$ ,  $c_p$  is the particle heat capacity at constant pressure,  $T_k$  is the temperature  
148 of the particle,  $\Phi_k$  is the boundary heat-flux into the particle and  $Q$  is the heat source supplied to the  
149 system.  $\nabla \cdot \Phi_k$  is equivalent to the volume integral of the heat-flux, which can be reduced to a surface  
150 integral using the divergence theorem:

$$\nabla \cdot \Phi_k = \int_{\partial\Gamma} \Phi_k \cdot \mathbf{n} dS \quad (27)$$

151 where  $\partial\Gamma$  is the contour of particle  $k$  and  $\mathbf{n}$  is the outward pointing unit vector. The surface integral is  
152 reduced to a summation along all pores and particles incident to particle  $k$ :

$$m_k c_p \frac{\partial T_k}{\partial t} = \sum_{w=1}^N \int_{S_{wk}^p} \Phi_{p,wk} \cdot \mathbf{n}_{wk} dS + \sum_{u=1}^M \int_{A_{uk}} \Phi_{s,uk} \cdot \mathbf{n}_{uk} dS \quad (28)$$

153 where  $S_{wk}^p$  and  $\Phi_{p,wk}$  are the contact interface and average heat-flux, respectively, between particle  $w$  and  
 154  $k$ . and  $M$  and  $N$  are the number of pores and particles interacting with particle  $k$ , respectively.

155 Conductive heat-flux between contacting particles,  $\Phi_{p,lm}$ , follows existing methods by assuming the  
 156 heat flux is linearly related to the inter particle temperature gradient by a thermal resistance ( $\eta$ ) (Feng  
 157 et al., 2008; Liang and Li, 2014):

$$\int_{S_{lm}^p} \Phi_{p,lm} \cdot \mathbf{n}_{lm} dS = \eta (T_l - T_m) \quad (29)$$

158 where  $T_l$  is a unique temperature value for particle  $l$  and can be interpreted as the average particle  
 159 temperature.  $\eta$  can be defined in various ways depending on the application of interest, as outlined in  
 160 Sec. 3 and Sec. 4.

161 The first integral of Eq. 17, representing conductive heat-flux into the pore, is reduced to a summation  
 162 by applying the divergence theorem:

$$\int_{\partial\Theta_i} \Phi dS = \sum_{j=1}^4 \int_{S_{ij}^f} \Phi_{f,ij} \cdot \mathbf{n}_{ij} dS + \sum_{k=1}^4 \int_{A_{ik}} \Phi_{s,ik} \cdot \mathbf{n}_{ik} dS \quad (30)$$

163 where  $\Phi_f$  is the conductive heat flux within the fluid phase,  $\mathbf{n}_{ij}$  is the unit vector connecting pores  $i$  and  $j$ .  
 164  $\Phi_s$  is the conductive heat flux between solid and fluid phases with  $\mathbf{n}_{ik}$  being the unit vector connecting pore  
 165  $i$  center to particle  $k$ . The second term of Eq. 30, representing the heat-flux between particles and pores  
 166 ( $\Phi_{s,ik}$ ), matches the second term of the conservation of energy for each particle in Eq. 28. Therefore, the  
 167 estimate is made once for each particle pore pair and follows a traditional spherical heat transfer approach  
 168 (Incropera et al., 2007), reducing the surface integral as follows:

$$\int_{A_{ik}} \Phi_{s,ik} \cdot \mathbf{n}_{ik} dS = h_{ik} A_{ik} (T_k - T_i) \quad (31)$$

169 where  $A_{ik}$  is the surface of particle  $k$  interacting with the pore  $i$  (spherical triangle shown in Fig. 1),  $T_i$  is  
 170 the temperature of the pore  $k$ ,  $T_k$  is the temperature of particle  $k$ , and  $h_{ik}$  the heat transfer coefficient.  $h_{ik}$ ,  
 171 is computed based on the Nusselt number  $Nu$  which can be empirically estimated using the macroscopic  
 172 porosity of the particle assembly ( $0.35 < \varepsilon < 1$ ) and Reynolds number ( $0 < Re < 10^2$ ) as proposed by  
 173 Tavassoli et al. (2015):

$$Nu_k = (7 - 10\varepsilon + 5\varepsilon^2)(1 + 0.1Re_k^{0.2}Pr_k^{1/3}) + (1.33 - 2.19\varepsilon + 1.15\varepsilon^2)Re_k^{0.7}Pr_k^{1/3} \quad (32)$$

174 with  $Pr$  Prandtl's number and  $Re$  the Reynolds number based on the volume average of the pore  $k$   
 175 fluid velocity. The heat transfer coefficient then becomes  $h_{ik} = Nu_k \cdot k_f / (2r_i)$ , with  $k_f$  as the thermal  
 176 conductivity of the fluid.

177  
 178 Given the particle-fluid ( $\Phi_{s,ik}$ , Eq. 31) and particle-particle ( $\Phi_{p,ij}$ , Eq. 59) heat flux approximations, Eq. 28  
 179 is approximated using a forward Euler scheme to estimate the particle temperature change:

$$T_k^{t+\Delta t} = \frac{\Delta t}{m_i c_p} \left[ \sum_{w=1}^N \frac{2r_c^2(k_w + k_k)}{d_{wk}} (T_w^t - T_k^t) + \sum_{u=1}^M \frac{Nu_u k_f A_k}{2r_i} (T_u^t - T_k^t) \right] + T_k^t \quad (33)$$

180 where  $M$  is the number of incident pores and  $N$  is the number of contacting particles.

181 Similarly to the particle conductive heat transfer, pores conduct heat between one another through  
 182 their interface. Each interface is characterized by a thermal resistance, which determines the heat flux  
 183 based on the temperature difference between pores, reducing the surface integral in Eq. 30 to:

$$\int_{S_{ij}^f} \Phi_{f,ij} \cdot \mathbf{n}_{ij} dS = \frac{k_f S_{ij}^f}{l_{ij}} (T_j - T_i) \quad (34)$$

$$(35)$$

184 where  $l_{ij}$  is the distance between the centers of pores  $i$  and  $j$ ,  $T_i$  and  $T_j$  are the temperatures of the respective  
 185 pores, and  $S_{ij}^f$  is the fluid area shared by both pores (Fig. 1).

186 In the present implementation, conservation of energy is ensured by computing pore-pore conduction  
 187 using mid-step pore temperatures based on the advective heat flux. In other words, pore temperatures are  
 188 updated twice per time step, first by advection, then by conduction.

## 189 **2.4 Thermo-Hydro-Mechanical coupling**

### 190 **2.4.1 Hydro-Mechanical coupling**

191 The two way hydro-mechanical coupling is only briefly described here - a full description and validation  
 192 can be found in Chareyre et al. (2012) and Scholtès et al. (2015). The hydraulic force exerted by the pore  
 193 fluid on the particles is decomposed into two contour integrals of the hydrostatic pressure  $P$  and viscous  
 194 shear stress  $\tau$ :

$$\mathbf{F}^P = \int_{\Gamma_p} P \cdot \mathbf{n} dS + \int_{\Gamma_p} \boldsymbol{\tau} \cdot \mathbf{n} dS = \mathbf{F}^{P,p} + \mathbf{F}^{\tau,p} \quad (36)$$

195 where  $\Gamma_p$  is the solid surface of the particle  $p$ . Hydrostatic pressure forces,  $\mathbf{F}^{P,p}$ , and viscous forces  $\mathbf{F}^{\tau,p}$   
 196 are both added to the interparticle force estimates (Eq. 1). Finally, the effect of particles movement on the  
 197 pore network morphology is taken into account through Eq. 12.

### 198 **2.4.2 Thermo-mechanical coupling**

199 The thermo-mechanical coupling results from thermal expansion/contraction of both fluid and particles.  
 200 The associated pore volume changes are added to the existing rate of volume changes (Eq. 12) used  
 201 within the flow solution (Eq. 11). In this way, the compressibility effects are handled inherently within the

202 flow solver. The pore volume change contribution by the expansion/contraction of the solid phase ( $\dot{V}_{tm}$ )  
 203 depends entirely on solid temperature change (Sec. 2.3.2) and is expressed as:

$$\Delta r_k^{t+\Delta t} = r_k^t \beta_p (T_k^{t+\Delta t} - T_k^t) \quad (37)$$

204 where  $\beta_p$  is the coefficient of thermal expansion of the particles,  $r_k$  is the radius of particle  $k$ , and  $T_k$  its  
 205 temperature. The particle volume changes,  $\sum_{k=1}^4 \Delta V_i$ , are used to compute  $\dot{V}_{tm,i}$ :

$$\Delta V_i = - \sum_{k=1}^4 \frac{A_{ik}}{A_k} \frac{4}{3} \pi (r_{k,t+\Delta t}^3 - r_{k,t}^3) \quad (38)$$

$$\dot{V}_{tm,i} = \frac{\Delta V_i}{\Delta t} \quad (39)$$

206 where  $\Delta t$  is the thermal time step,  $A_{ik}$  is the spherical triangle area of particle  $k$  shared by pore  $i$  (Fig. 1),  
 207 and  $A_k$  is the total surface area of particle  $k$ .

208 Meanwhile, the pore fluid thermal expansion/contraction is computed as:

$$\dot{V}_{th,i} = \frac{V_i \beta_f(T) \Delta T}{\Delta t} \quad (40)$$

209 where  $\Delta T$  is the temperature change and  $\beta_f(T)$  is the temperature dependent fluid volumetric coefficient  
 210 of thermal expansion. Finally,  $\dot{V}_{th}$  and  $\dot{V}_{tm}$  contribute to the solution of fluid pressures (Eq. 12).

## 211 2.5 Porosity scaling

212 Various attributes can be scaled if the desired porosity is not equivalent to the exact packing porosity. For  
 213 example, heat capacity,  $c_p$ , is scaled such that that the total heat storage is representative of the desired  
 214 material:



$$c_p = c_{p,o} \frac{1 - \phi_d}{1 - \phi_p} \quad (41)$$

215 where  $c_{p,o}$  is non-scaled heat capacity of the desired material,  $\phi_d$  is the desired porosity, and  $\phi_p$  is the  
216 DEM sphere packing porosity.

217 Similarly, the pore space can be scaled such that such that the volume of fluid,  $V_k$ , per tetrahedral  
218 matches the desired porosity:

$$V_k = V_{k,i} \frac{\phi_d}{\phi_p} \quad (42)$$

219 where  $V_{k,i}$  is the geometric pore volume,  $\phi_p$  is the porosity of the DEM sphere packing,  $\phi_d$  is the desired  
220 porosity.

### 221 **3 Analytical verification of particle-particle conduction scheme**

222 The numerical conduction scheme for particle-particle heat conduction (Sec 2.3.2) was verified by  
223 comparing various thermal DEM simulations (without pore fluid and neglecting mechanical interactions  
224 between particles) to the 1D heat equation:

$$\frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = \alpha \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x^2} \quad (43)$$

225 The analytical solution to the 1D heat equation is constrained by the following initial and boundary  
226 conditions:

$$T(x, 0) = 120 \quad x \in [0, L] \quad (44)$$

$$T(0, t) = T(L, t) = 0 \quad t \in [t > 0] \quad (45)$$

227 Using Fourier series, the unsteady solution becomes:

$$T(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} D_n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) \exp\left(\alpha \frac{n^2 \pi^2 t}{L^2}\right) \quad (46)$$

$$D_n = \frac{2}{L} \int_0^L 120 \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) dx \quad (47)$$

228 where  $L \approx 1$  is the domain length,  $\alpha$  is the effective thermal diffusivity, and  $t$  is the time.

229 Within the DEM conduction scheme, thermal resistivity estimate ( $\eta$ ) emulates a continuum by  
 230 modeling heat flux through a wall with depth  $d$  and area  $A$  depending on the interacting particles radii:

$$\int_{S_{lm}^p} \Phi_{p,lm} \cdot \mathbf{n}_{lm} dS = \eta (T_l - T_m) \quad (48)$$

$$\eta = \frac{(k_l + k_m)/2}{d} A \quad (49)$$

$$d = r_l + r_m \quad (50)$$

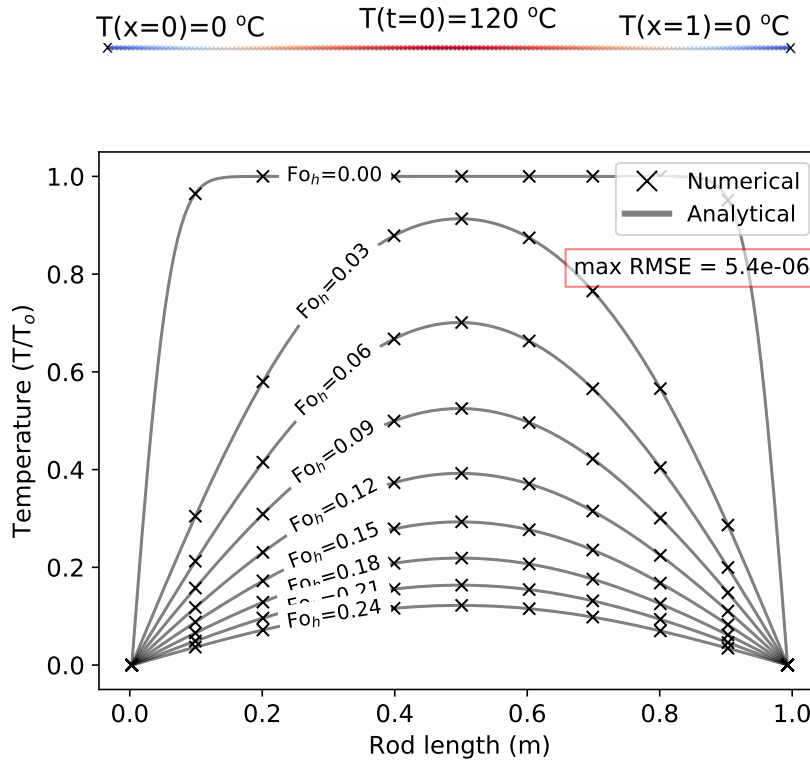
$$A = 4r_l r_m \quad (51)$$

$$(52)$$

231 Thermal micro-parameters of the DEM model are listed in Table 1. Readers can also find the practical input  
 232 script for conduction in a single row of spheres titled “conductionVerification.py” in the supplementary  
 233 material included with this paper.

**Table 1.** DEM Microparameters

Parameter	Value	units
$k_p$	2.0	W/(m K)
$C_p$	710	J/(kg K)
$\rho_p$	2600	kg/m <sup>3</sup>
$r$	0.003	m



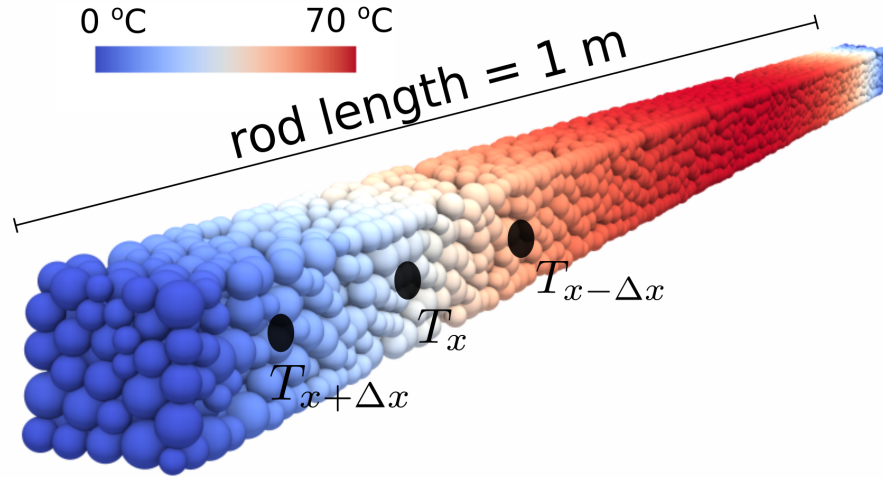
**Figure 2.** Evolution of temperature distribution for a single row of DEM particles compared to the 1D analytical solution, with  $Fo_h = \frac{\alpha t}{L^2}$ .

### 234 3.1 Single row of spherical particles

235 A single row of DEM particles comprised of 166 particles was compared to the analytical solution for the  
 236 1D heat equation. The analytical solution was computed using an effective thermal diffusivity computed  
 237 by scaling the density of DEM spherical elements to cubical continuum elements ( $\rho_p \pi / 6$ ):

$$\alpha = \frac{6k_p}{\pi C_p \rho_p}. \quad (53)$$

238 The boundary particles were set to a constant temperature ( $T=0^{\circ}\text{C}$ ) while the remaining particles were  
 239 set to an initial temperature of  $120^{\circ}\text{C}$ . The results show that the numerical temperature distributions match  
 240 the analytical solution with space and time as shown in Fig. 2, with a maximum RMSE of  $5.4\text{e-}06$  for all  
 241 Fourier numbers.



**Figure 3.** Temperature distribution within a random packing subjected to cooling at  $Fo_h=0.06$ . Effective thermal diffusivity is estimated considering the temperature evolution at three points along the axis:  $T_{x+\Delta x}$ ,  $T_x$ ,  $T_{x-\Delta x}$

### 242 3.2 Random packings of spherical particles

243 The thermal diffusivity of random sphere packings cannot be estimated analytically. It can however be  
 244 estimated numerically by simulating the 1D cooling scenario described in Sec. 3.1. Specifically, the  
 245 thermal diffusivity  $\alpha$  of the assembly is estimated considering the temperature evolution of three particles  
 246 located along the axis of the packing (Fig. 3) as:

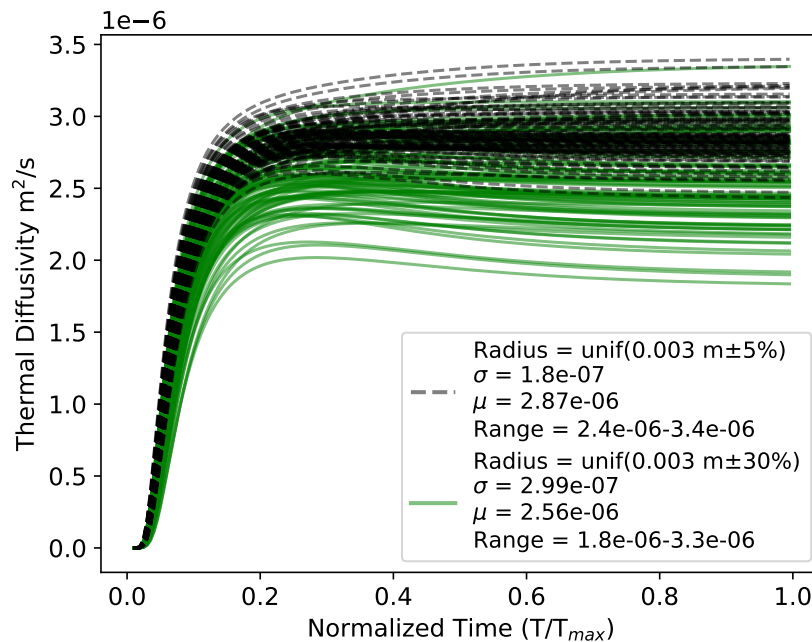
$$\alpha = \frac{dT/dt}{d^2T/dx^2} \quad (54)$$

where the first and second derivatives are approximated by:

$$\frac{dT}{dt} \approx \frac{T_x^t - T_x^{t-\Delta t}}{\Delta t} \quad (55)$$

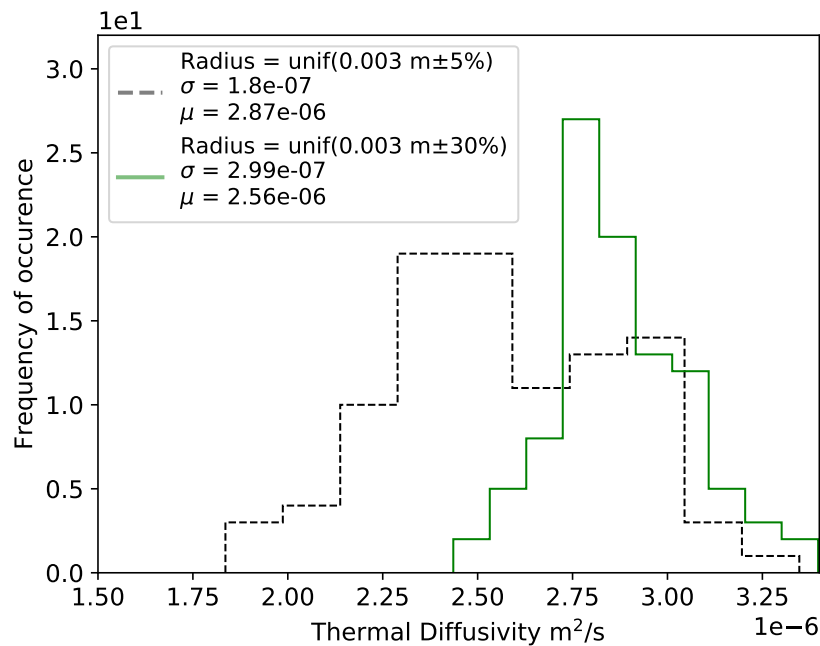
$$\frac{d^2T}{dx^2} \approx \frac{T_{x+\Delta x}^t - 2T_x^t + T_{x-\Delta x}^t}{\Delta x^2} \quad (56)$$

247 The effective thermal diffusivity is monitored while the packing cools from an initial temperature of  
 248  $120^\circ\text{C}$  down to the boundary temperatures of  $0^\circ\text{C}$  as shown in Fig 4. The final plateaued value of thermal  
 249 diffusivity can then be used in the 1D heat equation for comparison. The variation of effective thermal

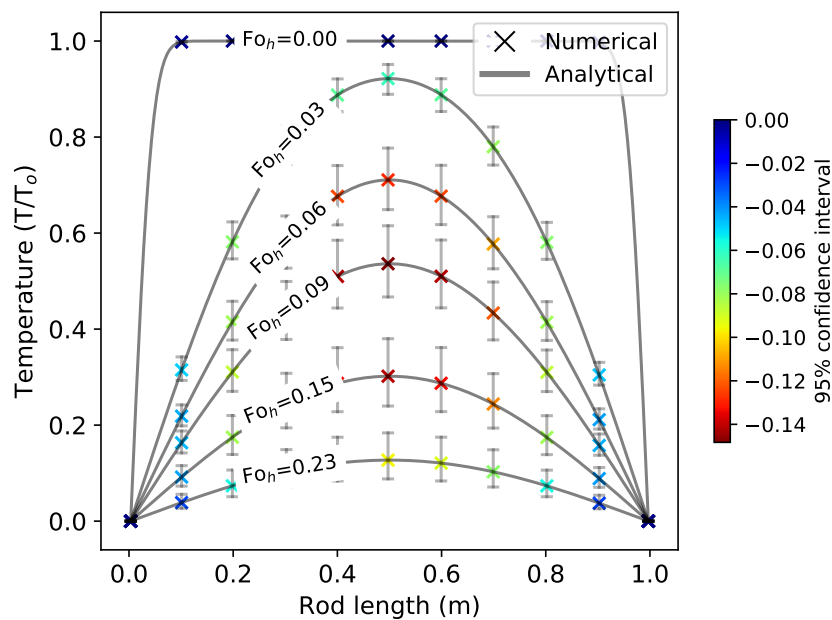


**Figure 4.** 100 realizations of effective thermal diffusivity estimation associated for random packings generated with two different particle size distributions.

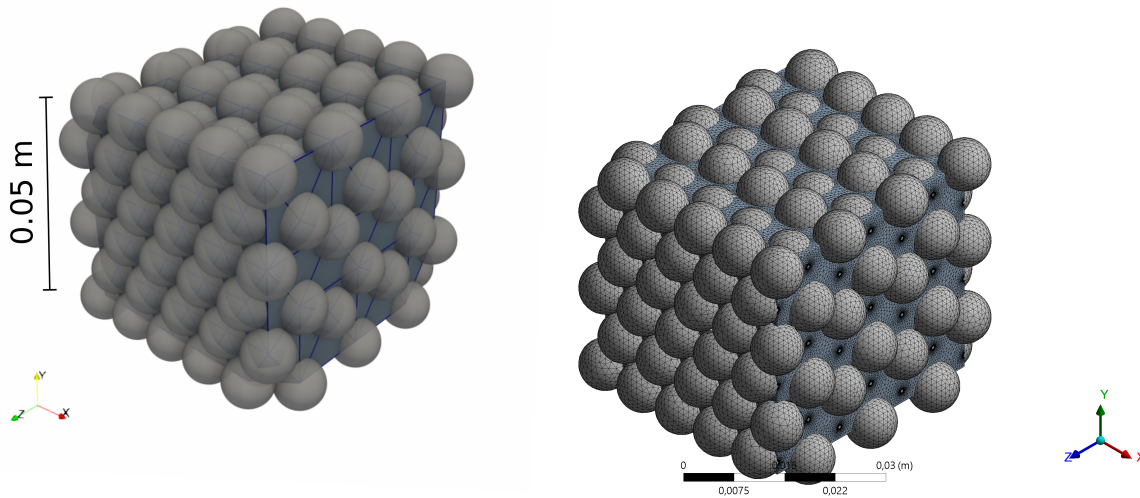
250 diffusivity for random packings was investigated by running 100 realizations of the thermal diffusivity test  
 251 as shown in Figures 4 and 5. Each packing realization contained the same uniform particle size distribution  
 252 (ca. 970 particles, unif(0.003m±5%) or ca. 880 unif(0.003±30%)) but particle positions were randomly  
 253 generated prior to each thermal diffusivity test. Following the 100 realizations, an estimated mean and  
 254 standard deviation were assigned to the effective thermal diffusivity distribution of the material. As shown  
 255 in Figures 4 and 5, increasing the range of particle sizes corresponds to an increase of effective thermal  
 256 diffusivity spread. These parameter estimates also enabled an illustration of temperature distribution  
 257 variance with space and time (Figure 6). As shown, the variance is greatest where and when the heat flux  
 258 is highest (i.e. at center of the specimen during the middle of the simulation). In summary, using random  
 259 sphere packings reproduce analytical solutions within an expected statistical variation that depends on the  
 260 sphere size distribution. Further, the thermal diffusivity estimate process presented is also the calibration  
 261 process of the particle thermal conductivity according to the desired macroscopic thermal diffusivity.



**Figure 5.** Distribution of effective thermal diffusivity estimate for two random packings generated with two different particle size distributions over 100 realizations.



**Figure 6.** Evolution of temperature distribution for a random packing of spheres compared to 1D heat equation ( $\alpha = 2.8\text{e-}6 \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$ ), where confidence intervals are based on the standard deviations of 100 realizations.  $Fo_h = \frac{\alpha t}{L^2}$ .



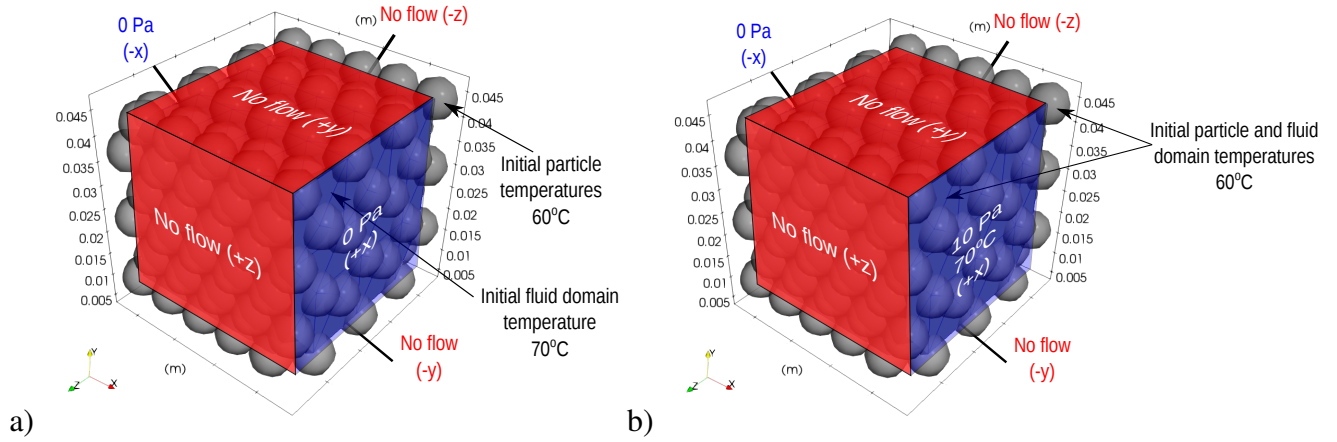
**Figure 7.** Comparison of left) DEM Yade sphere packing based pore network with right) ANSYS CFX mesh

## 4 Numerical verification of advection & conduction

A direct comparison was performed between the presently implemented THM-DEM model and a fully resolved thermo-hydraulic CFD FVM (ANSYS CFX) model. Two validation scenarios were performed on 5x5x5 cm sphere packings comprised of 211 spheres (Fig. 7). The first validation scenario, called “no-flow”, started with spheres at an initial temperature of 60 °C and still-fluid at 70 °C (Fig. 8a). The second validation scenario, called “constant-flow”, started with spheres and fluid at an initial temperature of 60 °C, while 70 °C warm fluid was flushed along the Y axis using a pressure gradient of 2 Pa/m (Fig. 8b)(Table 2). For both scenarios, the center body and center pore transient temperatures were compared. The THM-DEM and CFD models used identical material parameter values reported in Table 2. Readers can also find the practical input scripts for this section, titled “flowScenario.py” and “noFlowScenario.py”, in Appendix C as well as the supplementary material included with this paper.

### 4.1 THM-DEM Thermal Resistivity

The conductive heat flux between two contacting DEM particles,  $\Phi_{p,lm}$ , was defined using the contact area, as presented in (Norouzi et al., 2016):



**Figure 8.** Specimen dimensions and boundary conditions for Yade DEM and ANSYS CFX a) no-flow scenario and b) constant-flow scenario.

$$\int_{S_{lm}^p} \Phi_{p,lm} \cdot \mathbf{n}_{lm} dS = \eta(T_i - T_m) \quad (57)$$

$$\eta = \frac{2r_c^2(k_l + k_m)}{d_{lm}} \quad (58)$$

$$d_{lm} = r_l + r_m - p_d \quad (59)$$

$$r_c = \frac{\sqrt{4d_{lm}^2 r_m^2 - (d_{lm}^2 - r_l^2 + r_m^2)^2}}{2d_{lm}} \quad (60)$$

$$(61)$$

276 where  $d$  is the distance between particles  $l$  and  $m$  less the overlap,  $p_d$ ,  $r$  is the particle contact radius,  $k$  is  
 277 the particle thermal conductivity, and  $T_{l/m}$  are the particle  $l$  and  $m$  temperatures.

## 278 4.2 Fully resolved solution

279 The fully resolved thermo-hydraulic CFD model was implemented in the commercial software package  
 280 ANSYS CFX (CFX, 2019) which uses the Finite Volume Method to solve the governing equations  
 281 presented below. Assuming laminar fluid flow ( $Re < 2300$ ), incompressible fluid, and no buoyancy forces  
 282 the continuity equation follows:



**Table 2.** DEM and CFD parameters

Solid Parameter	Value
$k$ W/(m K)	2
$C_p$ J/(kg K)	710
$\rho$ kg/m <sup>3</sup>	4976
$T_0$ °C	60
Fluid parameter	Value
$k$ W/(m K)	0.65
$C_f$ J/(kg K)	4184
$\rho$ kg/m <sup>3</sup>	1000
$T_0$ °C	60
viscosity Pa · s	0.001
Reynolds	0-530
Incompressible	
Boundary conditions	
Fluid -Y dirichlet °C	70
Fluid -Y dirichlet Pa	10
Fluid +Y dirichlet Pa	0
Fluid dirichlet $\pm X \pm y \pm z$ Pa	70
Simulation duration (seconds)	30
Body temp comparison location	(0.25,0.25,0.25)
Flux (kg/s) DEM	0.00394
Flux (kg/s) CFD	0.00472
begin	

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\rho \mathbf{v}) = S_m \quad (62)$$

283 where  $\rho$  is density,  $\mathbf{v}$  is velocity,  $t$  is time and  $S_m$  is the mass source (e.g. due to vaporization of liquid  
284 droplets). The internal mass source was defined as null in the current model. Conservation of momentum  
285 in an inertial (non-accelerating) reference frame is described by

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\rho \mathbf{v}) + \nabla \cdot (\rho \mathbf{v} \mathbf{v}) = -\nabla p + \nabla \cdot (\bar{\boldsymbol{\tau}}) + \rho \mathbf{g} + \mathbf{F} \quad (63)$$

286 where  $p$  is the static pressure and  $\bar{\tau}$  is the stress tensor. The gravitational body force,  $\rho\mathbf{g}$  and external body  
 287 force,  $\mathbf{F}$  were both neglected for the present comparison. The stress tensor  $\bar{\tau}$  is given by:

$$\bar{\tau}\mu \left[ (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{v} + \nabla \cdot \mathbf{v}^T) - \frac{2}{3} \nabla \cdot \mathbf{v} \mathbf{I} \right] \quad (64)$$

288 where  $\mu$  is the molecular viscosity,  $\mathbf{I}$  is the unit tensor, and the second term on the right-hand side is the  
 289 effect of volume dilation.

290 The conservation of energy equation follows a low-speed flow variant:

$$\frac{\partial(\rho e)}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\rho \mathbf{v} e) = \nabla \cdot (\lambda \nabla T) - p \nabla \cdot \mathbf{v} + \nabla \cdot (\bar{\tau} \cdot \mathbf{v}) + S_h \quad (65)$$

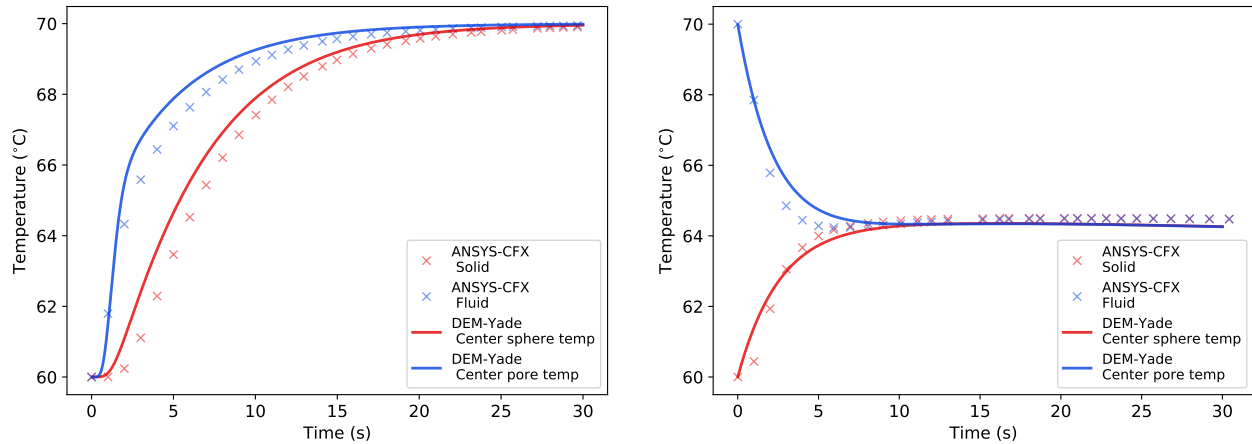
291 where  $e$  is the internal energy and  $S_h$  is an internal energy source. Due to very low fluid velocity and  
 292 small pressure changes, terms  $p \nabla \cdot \mathbf{v}$  and  $\nabla \cdot (\bar{\tau} \cdot \mathbf{v})$  (viscous dissipation) were neglected as well as internal  
 293 energy source  $S_h$ . In consequence, energy change in time depends only on advection and conduction.

294 The transport equations were augmented with constitutive equations of state for density and enthalpy  
 295 to form a closed system. It was assumed that fluid is incompressible and there are no buoyancy forces in  
 296 the fluid. Hence, specific heat (at constant pressure)  $c_p$  and density  $\rho$  are constant and the incompressible  
 297 equation of state can be written

$$dH = c_f dT + \frac{dp}{\rho} \quad (66)$$

298 where  $h$  is enthalpy.

299 The coupling of pressure and velocity follows the high-resolution scheme based on discretization  
 300 methods presented by Rhie and Chow (1983) and modified by Majumdar (1988).



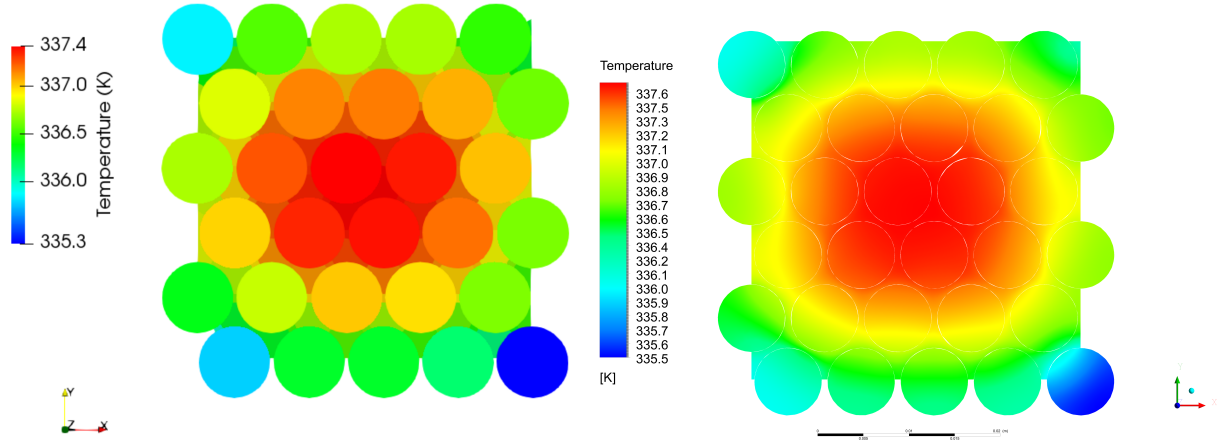
**Figure 9.** Temperature comparison for ANSYS CFX and Yade DEM in left) flow condition and right) no flow condition for body located at (0.024,0.028,0.026) and pore center located at (0.024,0.023,0.02545)

### 301 4.3 Comparison of results

302 Fig. 9 shows the final comparison of body average temperatures at location (0.25,0.25,0.25) m. For the  
 303 flow scenario, the THM-DEM model transfers heat more quickly to the center body and center pore  
 304 which is due to the coarse fluid discretization of pores and particles. Meanwhile, the CFD model captures  
 305 intricate movements of fluid around particles and complex heat transfer gradients within particles (Fig. 10).  
 306 Although the THM-DEM model is undoubtedly less accurate during loading (0-15 seconds), both solutions  
 307 tend toward the same steady state solution. Computational comparison shows that THM-DEM is 100X  
 308 faster than the ANSYS CFX solution. (Table 3).

**Table 3.** Performance comparison for THM-DEM and ANSYS CFX

	No-flow (hrs)	Flow (hrs)	Cells
Pore scale THM-DEM			
(Yade git-dc2ecaec (10-core))	0.04	0.06	1000
Fully resolved FVM			
(ANSYS CFX v.19.2 (12-core))	3.78	5.38	3.5 million



**Figure 10.** Cross sectional temperature distribution for left) Yade DEM and right) ANSYS CFX at  $t=30s$

## 5 Experimental and numerical verification of the fully coupled THM-DEM model

Najari and Selvadurai (2014) performed two experiments on a 30 cm tall x 15 cm diameter cylindrical granite specimen containing an inner cylindrical cavity measuring 15 cm tall x 2.4 cm diameter. These experiments were also reproduced numerically by Najari and Selvadurai (2014) using a fully coupled THM finite-element (COMSOL) model. The present study compares these experimental and numerical models to the present DEM-THM model exhibiting the same cylindrical dimensions, boundary conditions, mechanical properties, and thermal properties as Najari and Selvadurai (2014)'s granite specimen (Fig. 12).

### 5.1 DEM Contact Model

The DEM contact model (Eq. 2, Sec. 2.1) follows a linear elastic model. The normal force,  $\mathbf{f}^n$ , between two interacting particles  $i$  and  $j$  is evaluated according to:

$$\mathbf{f}_{ij}^n = k_{ij}^n \Delta D_{ij} \cdot \mathbf{n}_{ij}^n \quad (67)$$

where  $k_{ij}^n$  is the normal stiffness,  $\mathbf{n}_{ij}^n$  is the unit vector parallel to the branch vector joining the centers of  $i$  and  $j$ , and  $\Delta D_{ij} = D_{ij} - D_{ij}^{eq}$  is the displacement between  $i$  and  $j$  computed from the equilibrium distance  $D_{eq}$  and the actual distance  $D$ .

323  $k_n$  is computed assuming two springs are in serial with lengths equal to the interacting particle radii:

$$k_n = \frac{E_a R_a E_b R_b}{E_a R_a + E_b R_b} \quad (68)$$

324 where  $E$  is a calibrated particle microparameter referred to as “micro Young’s modulus” and  $R$  is the radius  
325 of particles  $a$  and  $b$ .

326 Since the shear force,  $\mathbf{f}^s$ , depends on the orientation of both particles, it is updated incrementally in a  
327 local coordinate system according to:

$$\mathbf{f}_{ij}^s = \mathbf{f}_{ij,prev}^s + \Delta \mathbf{f}_{ij}^s \quad (69)$$

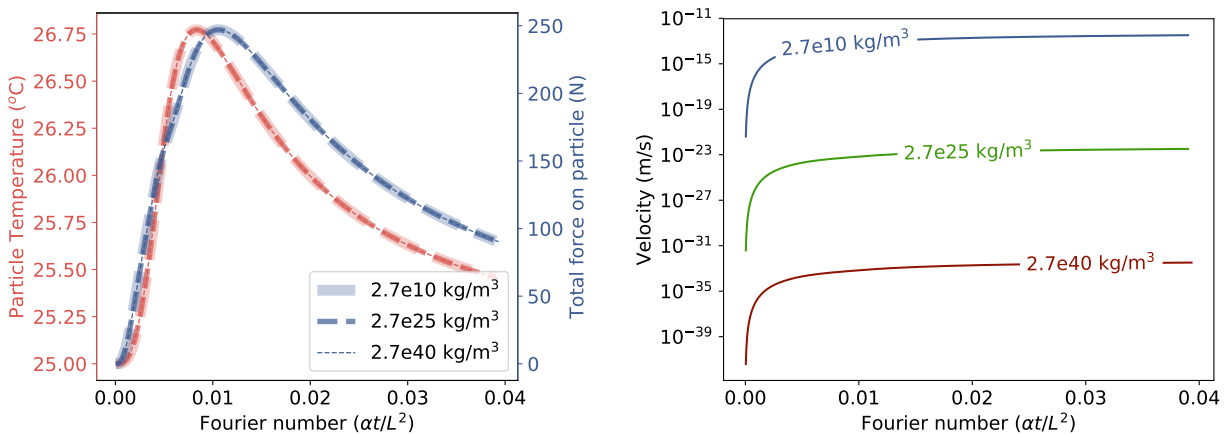
328 with

$$\Delta \mathbf{f}_{ij}^s = k_{ij}^s \Delta u_{ij}^s \cdot \mathbf{n}_{ij}^s \quad (70)$$

329 where  $k_{ij}^s$  is the shear stiffness,  $\mathbf{n}_{ij}^s$  is the unit vector perpendicular to the branch vector, and  $\Delta u_s$  is the  
330 incremental tangential displacement.

## 331 5.2 DEM parameter calibration

332 The micro DEM properties reported in Table 4 were calibrated using typical DEM compression tests and  
333 the thermal diffusivity test discussed in Sec. 3. The thermal expansivity of the particles was calibrated by  
334 matching the macroscopic specimen thermal expansion to the experimentally observed thermal expansion  
335 for a given temperature change. Finally, a density scaling was used to increase the time-step of the  
336 explicit motion integration and thereby reduce the computational time to solution (Itasca, 1999; O’Sullivan,  
337 2011; Sheng et al., 2003; Thornton and Antony, 2000). In the current quasi-static thermal-hydraulic-  
338 mechanical heat transfer simulation, the propagation of elastic waves is the result of temperature changes

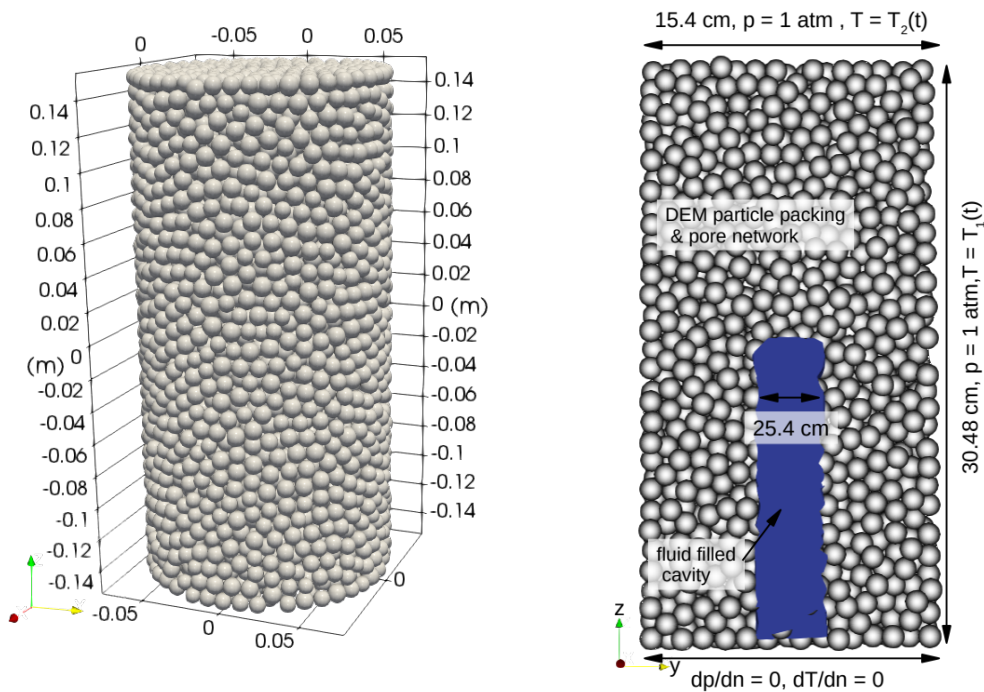


**Figure 11.** Application of heat flux to particle packing yielding left) temperature and force on particle within packing and right) velocity of particle within packing for various particle densities

339 only (expansion/contraction of DEM particles). Thus, it is ensured that the density scaling does not affect  
 340 the development of particle forces. In the context of the present work, a density scaling analysis was  
 341 performed by applying a  $\Delta T=20^{\circ}\text{C}$  to one end of the specimen (Fig. 12) for 25 s while monitoring particle  
 342 temperature, force (magnitude), and velocity. As shown in Fig 11, the density scaling affects the particle  
 343 velocity, without affecting particle force. Thus, in the quasi-static problem presented here, a density  
 344 scaling of  $10^{40}$  with a time step of 0.005 s remains stable without affecting the mechanical behavior of the  
 345 system.

### 346 5.3 Hydro-Mechanical verification

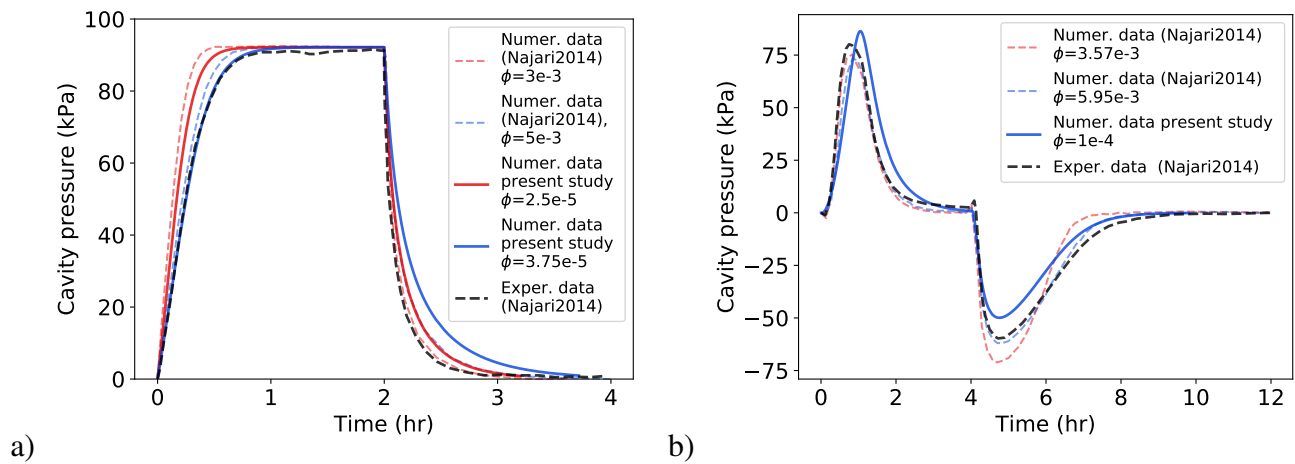
347 The first experiment focused on deriving a permeability estimate based on the HM response of the granite  
 348 specimen by pumping  $3.333\text{e-}10\text{ m}^3/\text{s}$  of water into the fluid filled cavity. Cavity pressure was monitored  
 349 during cavity pressurization until steady state was achieved. After one hour at steady state, flow was  
 350 terminated and depressurization within the cavity was monitored. As shown in Fig. 13, air fractions ( $\phi_0$ )  
 351 between  $2.5\text{e-}5$  and  $3.75\text{e-}5$  yielded the best match to experimental data. Similar to Najari and Selvadurai  
 352 (2014)'s FEM-HM model, higher  $\phi_0$  yields better accuracy during pressurization, and the lower  $\phi_0$  yields  
 353 better accuracy during depressurization. Unlike Najari and Selvadurai (2014), the air-fraction magnitude is  
 354 roughly 2 orders of magnitude lower for the HM-DEM model. In both models,  $\phi$  is a calibration parameter  
 355 that accounts for more underlying complex physical interactions, so it is expected that the parameter does  
 356 not match.



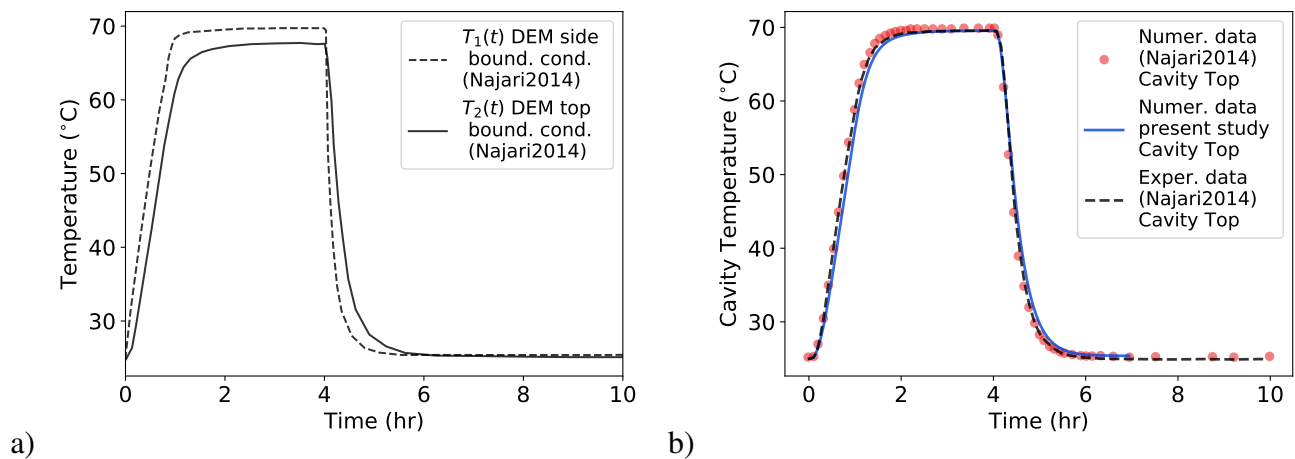
**Figure 12.** Yade DEM specimen left) Isometric b) split to show fluid filled inner cavity

#### 357 5.4 Thermo-Hydro-Mechanical verification

358 The second experiment presented by Najari and Selvadurai (2014) focused on elucidating the THM  
 359 response of the same granite specimen. During this experiment, the fully saturated granite rock specimen's  
 360 surface was heated from 25 to 70 °C over the course of one hour (Fig. 14a). The temperature was held at 70  
 361 °C for three hours, after which the surface temperature was reduced to 25 °C and held for eight additional  
 362 hours. During the course of this 12 hour thermal response test, the cavity pressure and temperature  
 363 were monitored. As shown in Fig. 13, application of the same experimental boundary temperatures  
 364 to the DEM-THM results in the same experimental and numerical pressurization and depressurization  
 365 trends reported by Najari and Selvadurai (2014). Specifically, cavity pressure increases with increasing  
 366 temperature followed by a decrease to 0 kPa once the maximum temperature is reached and steady-state  
 367 is achieved. As soon as the temperature begins to drop, the cavity pressure decreases below 0 kPa and  
 368 follows the reverse trend observed during heating. Numerical cavity temperatures also follow closely with  
 369 experimental and numerical temperatures reported by Najari and Selvadurai (2014), as shown in Fig. 14b.



**Figure 13.** Experimental and numerical cavity pressure curves a) permeability test b) thermal response test



**Figure 14.** a) Experimentally collected top and circumference specimen temperatures used as variable Dirichlet boundary conditions in FEM-HM Najari and Selvadurai (2014) and the present study DEM-THM. b) Experimental and numerical cavity temperatures during thermal response test.



**Table 4.** DEM Calibrated microparameters and emergent macroparameters

Parameter	DEM micro	DEM macro	FEM/Experimental
$k_{solid}$ W m <sup>-1</sup> K <sup>-1</sup>	30	3.0	3.0
$C_p$ J kg <sup>-1</sup> K <sup>-1</sup>	1454	790	790
$\rho$ kg m <sup>-3</sup>	2750e40	ca. 2750	2750
$\alpha$ m <sup>2</sup> s <sup>-1</sup>	-	1.43e-6	1.433e-6
$\beta_{particle}$ K <sup>-1</sup>	1.1e-4	3.0e-5	3.0e-5
$\beta_{fluid}$ K <sup>-1</sup>	$\beta(T)$	-	$\beta(T)$
$\phi_0$	2.5e-5	-	3e-3
$E$ GPa	100	60	56
$\nu$	0.2	0.1	0.1
Porosity (%)	46	-	0.6
Permeability m <sup>2</sup>	5.25e-18	5.25e-18	5.25e-18
$\mu$ Pa·s	$\mu(T)$	-	$\mu(T)$
Fluid bulk modulus GPa	2.2e9	-	2.2e9
$\rho_{solid}$ kg m <sup>-3</sup> (ThermalEngine)	2750	-	2750

## 370 6 Conclusion

371 A pore scale model for the simulation of heat transfer and associated thermo-hydro-mechanical couplings  
 372 in particulate systems has been developed within the open source software Yade DEM. The proposed  
 373 THM scheme enhances the capabilities of an existing and proven HM scheme by simulating the following  
 374 heat transfer mechanisms:

- 375 • conduction between contacting solid particles
- 376 • conduction between pores
- 377 • conduction between solid particles and pore fluid
- 378 • advection through pore fluid flow

379 Each mechanism can be simulated independently or collectively, as demonstrated through dedicated  
 380 verification exercises. In particular, the successful comparison of the present THM-DEM model against a  
 381 fully resolved CFD model proves that the geometrical considerations and heat flux models for the advection  
 382 and conduction schemes are physically realistic despite their coarse treatment of the two phase domain. In

383 addition to the verified conduction and advection schemes presented, thermo-mechanical couplings arise  
384 from temperature induced volumetric changes in both solid and fluid phases of the THM-DEM model.  
385 The thermo-mechanical effect is exhibited by verifying the full THM-DEM against a THM experiment  
386 involving the heating of a saturated rock sample. The proposed model reproduced the key internal fluid  
387 pressure trends observed during the THM experiment. First, fluid pressures increase within the rock  
388 material during surface temperature heating. Next, the pressure falls as steady state is achieved. Finally,  
389 the surface temperature is cooled and the fluid pressure decreases below initial pressures while steady-state  
390 is regained. Since the scheme is based on a triangulation of sphere packing poral space, the model applies  
391 more specifically to denser particle assemblies, such as those encountered in geomechanics. Thus, it  
392 opens up new possibilities for describing and understanding THM processes in porous media from a  
393 micromechanical viewpoint such as thermally induced microcracking in geothermal systems or transport  
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## 506 A Source code and installation

507 Source code is freely available as part of Yade DEM on gitlab.com. Installation on a Ubuntu linux  
508 (<https://yade-dem.org/doc/installation.html>) requires a single command:

```
509  
510 sudo apt-get install yade
```

511  
512 However, the source code for Yade DEM and the included thermal components presented here are available  
513 online for review and modification:

- 514 • Full source code:<https://gitlab.com/yade-dev/trunk>
- 515 • Thermal component:[https://gitlab.com/yade-dev/trunk/-/blob/master/  
516 pkg/pfv/Thermal.cpp](https://gitlab.com/yade-dev/trunk/-/blob/master/pkg/pfv/Thermal.cpp)

517 Readers are encouraged to contact the Yade community at [https://answers.launchpad.net/  
518 yade](https://answers.launchpad.net/yade) with questions regarding installation, usage, modifications, and theory.

## 519 B Setting up a Thermo-Hydro-Mechanical simulation in Yade

520 Find the full list of available parameters and their full descriptions at [https://yade-dem.org/doc/  
521 yade.wrapper.html#yade.wrapper.ThermalEngine](https://yade-dem.org/doc/yade.wrapper.html#yade.wrapper.ThermalEngine). Otherwise, a standard ThermalEngine  
522 simulation in Yade should be setup as follows:

```
# add FlowEngine and ThermalEngine to typical engine list:  
O.engines=[  
    ... ,  
    FlowEngine(label="flow"),  
    ThermalEngine(label="thermal"),  
    VTKRecorder(recorders=[..., 'thermal', ... ]), # save thermal  
    ↪ quantities for particles  
    ...  
]  
  
# Set flow parameters of the simulation:  
pZero = 1.01325e5  
flow.pZero = pZero  
flow.fluidBulkModulus=2.2e9  
flow.meshUpdateInterval=200  
flow.useSolver=4  
flow.permeabilityFactor= -1.5e-17  
flow.viscosity=0.001
```

```
flow.bndCondIsPressure=[1,1,0,0,0,0] # pressure gradient on X axis
flow.bndCondValue=[10,0,0,0,0,0]

# Set thermal flow parameters
flow.tempDependentViscosity=True
flow.thermalEngine=True
flow.fluidRho = 1000.
flow.fluidCp = 4184.
flow.bndCondIsTemperature=[0,0,1,1,0,0] # temperature gradient on Y
→ axis (advection)
flow.thermalBndCondValue=[0,0,70,20,0,0]
flow.phiZero=1e-4 # air fraction in cavities
flow.cavityFluidDensity = 1000.
flow.tZero=20 # initial fluid temperatures

# Set thermal engine parameters
thermal.fluidConduction=True
thermal.conduction=True
thermal.thermoMech=True
thermal.solidThermoMech = True
thermal.fluidThermoMech = True
thermal.advection=True
thermal.bndCondIsTemperature=[0,0,0,0,1,1] # temp gradient on Z axis
→ (conduction)Script
thermal.thermalBndCondValue=[0,0,0,0,20,70]
thermal.fluidK = 0.58
thermal.unboundCavityBodies=True # enable cavity model
thermal.particleT0 = 20
thermal.particleK = 30.
thermal.particleCp = heatCap
thermal.particleAlpha = 3.0e-6 # solid expansion coeff
thermal.particleDensity = density
thermal.tsSafetyFactor = 0
thermal.uniformReynolds =10 # set a uniform reynolds number (only
→ for very low vel.)
thermal.porosityFactor = 0.006/utils.porosity()
thermal.tempDependentFluidBeta = True # fluid expansion coeff

# impose cavity at desired locations:
flow.imposeCavity((x,y,z))

# check temperature at desired locations:
flow.getPoreTemperature((x,y,z))

# visualize fluid thermal quantities (temp, RE, etc.)
flow.saveVtk('VTK/')
```



523 **C Scripts**

524 Conduction example script:

```

#*****
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#
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# GNU General Public License v2 or later. See file LICENSE for
# → details. *
#*****/
#
# Script demonstrating the use of ThermalEngine by comparing
# → conduction
# scheme to analytical solution to Fourier (rod cooling with constant
# →
# boundary conditions). See details in:
#
# Caulk, R., Scholtes, L., Kraczek, M., Chareyre, B. A
# pore-scale Thermo-Hydro-Mechanical coupled model for particulate
# → systems.
#

from yade import pack
from yade import timing
import numpy as np
import shutil
timeStr = time.strftime('%m-%d-%Y')
num_spheres=1000
young=1e6
rad=0.003

mn,mx=Vector3(0,0,0),Vector3(1.0,0.008,0.008) # corners of the
# → initial packing

thermalCond = 2. #W/(mK)
heatCap = 710. #J(kg K)
t0 = 400. #K

r = rad
k = 2*2.0*r # 2*k*r
Cp = 710.

```

```

rho = 2600.
D = 2.*r
m = 4./3.*np.pi*r**2/rho

# macro diffusivity
thermalDiff = 6.*k/(D*np.pi*Cp*rho)

identifier = '-conductionVerification'

if not os.path.exists('VTK'+timeStr+identifier):
    os.mkdir('VTK'+timeStr+identifier)
else:
    shutil.rmtree('VTK'+timeStr+identifier)
    os.mkdir('VTK'+timeStr+identifier)

if not os.path.exists('txt'+timeStr+identifier):
    os.mkdir('txt'+timeStr+identifier)
else:
    shutil.rmtree('txt'+timeStr+identifier)
    os.mkdir('txt'+timeStr+identifier)

shutil.copyfile(sys.argv[0], 'txt'+timeStr+identifier+'/'+sys.argv[0])

O.materials.append(FrictMat (young=young,poisson=0.5,frictionAngle=radians(3),c
O.materials.append(FrictMat (young=young,poisson=0.5,frictionAngle=0,density=0,
walls=aabbWalls ([mn,mx],thickness=0,material='walls')
wallIds=O.bodies.append(walls)

O.bodies.append(pack.regularOrtho(pack.inAlignedBox(mn,mx),radius=rad,gap=-1e-

print('num bodies ', len(O.bodies))

ThermalEngine = ThermalEngine (dead=1,label='thermal');

newton=NewtonIntegrator (damping=0.2)
intRadius = 1
O.engines=[
    ForceResetter(),
    InsertionSortCollider ([Bo1_Sphere_Aabb (aabbEnlargeFactor=intRadius),Bo
    InteractionLoop (
        [Ig2_Sphere_Sphere_ScGeom (interactionDetectionFactor=intRadius
        [Ip2_FrictMat_FrictMat_FrictPhys () ],
        [Law2_ScGeom_FrictPhys_CundallStrack () ],label="iloop"
    ),
    FlowEngine (dead=1,label="flow",multithread=False),
    ThermalEngine,          GlobalStiffnessTimeStepper (active=1,timeStepUpda

```

```
        #triax,
        VTKRecorder(iterPeriod=500,fileName='VTK'+timeStr+identifier+'/spheres
        newton
]

for b in O.bodies:
    if isinstance(b.shape, Sphere):
        b.dynamic=False

# we only need flow engine to detect boundaries, there is no flow
→ computed for this
flow.dead=0
flow.bndCondIsPressure=[0,0,0,0,0,0]
flow.bndCondValue=[0,0,0,0,0,0]
flow.boundaryUseMaxMin=[0,0,0,0,0,0]
flow.thermalEngine=True
flow.bndCondIsTemperature=[1,1,0,0,0,0]
flow.thermalEngine=True
flow.thermalBndCondValue=[0,0,0,0,0,0]

flow.tZero=t0
flow.pZero=0
thermal.dead=0
thermal.conduction=True
thermal.thermoMech=False
thermal.advection=False
thermal.fluidThermoMech = False
thermal.solidThermoMech = False
thermal.fluidConduction= False

thermal.bndCondIsTemperature=[1,1,0,0,0,0]
thermal.thermalBndCondValue=[0,0,0,0,0,0]
thermal.tsSafetyFactor=0
thermal.particleDensity=2600
thermal.particleT0=t0
thermal.particleCp=heatCap
thermal.particleK=thermalCond
thermal.particleAlpha =11.6e-3
thermal.useKernMethod=False

timing.reset()

flow.updateTriangulation=True
O.dt=1.
O.dynDt=False
```

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O.run(1,1)
flow.dead=1

def bodyByPos(x,y,z):
    cBody = O.bodies[1]
    cDist = Vector3(100,100,100)
    for b in O.bodies:
        if isinstance(b.shape, Sphere):
            dist = b.state.pos - Vector3(x,y,z)
            if np.linalg.norm(dist) <
                ↳ np.linalg.norm(cDist):
                    cDist = dist
                    cBody = b
    print('found closest body ', cBody.id, ' at ',
        ↳ cBody.state.pos)
    return cBody

# solution to the heat equation for constant initial condition ,
↳ BCs=0, and using series for approx
def analyticalHeatSolution(x,t,u0,L,k):
    ns = np.linspace(1,1000,1000)
    solution = 0
    for i,n in enumerate(ns):
        integral = (-2./L)*u0*L*(np.cos(n*np.pi)-1.) /
            ↳ (n*np.pi)
        solution += integral *
            ↳ np.sin(n*np.pi*x/L)*np.exp((-k*(n*np.pi/L)**2)*t)
    return solution

# find 10 bodies along x axis
axis = np.linspace(mn[0], mx[0], num=11)
axisBodies = [None] * len(axis)
axisTrue = np.zeros(len(axis))
for i,x in enumerate(axis):
    axisBodies[i] = bodyByPos(x, mx[1]/2, mx[2]/2)
    axisTrue[i] = axisBodies[i].state.pos[0]
np.savetxt('txt'+timeStr+identifier+'/xdata.txt',axisTrue)
print("Axis length used for analy ", max(axisTrue)-min(axisTrue))
from yade import plot

## a function saving variables
def history():
    plot.addData(
        t=O.time,
        i = O.iter,
        temp1 = axisBodies[0].state.temp,

```

```

temp2 = axisBodies[1].state.temp,
temp3 = axisBodies[2].state.temp,
temp4 = axisBodies[3].state.temp,
temp5 = axisBodies[4].state.temp,
temp6 = axisBodies[5].state.temp,
temp7 = axisBodies[6].state.temp,
temp8 = axisBodies[7].state.temp,
temp9 = axisBodies[8].state.temp,
temp10 = axisBodies[9].state.temp,
temp11 = axisBodies[10].state.temp,
AnalyTemp1 =
    → analyticalHeatSolution(0,0.time,t0,mx[0],thermalDiff),
AnalyTemp2 =
    → analyticalHeatSolution(axisBodies[1].state.pos[0],0.time,t0,mx[0],thermalDiff),
AnalyTemp3 =
    → analyticalHeatSolution(axisBodies[2].state.pos[0]-min(axisBodies[2].state.pos),0.time,t0,mx[0],thermalDiff),
AnalyTemp4 =
    → analyticalHeatSolution(axisBodies[3].state.pos[0]-min(axisBodies[3].state.pos),0.time,t0,mx[0],thermalDiff),
AnalyTemp5 =
    → analyticalHeatSolution(mx[0],0.time,t0,mx[0],thermalDiff)
)
    plot.saveDataTxt('txt'+timeStr+identifier+'/conductionAnalyticalComparison'+timeStr+'.txt')
O.engines=O.engines+[PyRunner(iterPeriod=500,command='history()',label='recordHistory')]

##make nice animations:
VTKrec.dead=0
from yade import plot

plot.plots={'t': (('temp4', 'k-'), ('temp3', 'r-'), ('AnalyTemp4', 'k--'), ('AnalyTemp5', 'k--'))}
    → #

plot.plot()
O.saveTmp()
O.timingEnabled=1
from yade import timing
print("starting oedometer simulation")
O.run(200,1)
timing.stats()

```

525 No flow example script:

```

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#
#  → *
# This program is free software; it is licensed under the terms of
#  → the *
# GNU General Public License v2 or later. See file LICENSE for
#  → details. *
#*****/
#
# Script demonstrating the use of ThermalEngine by monitoring still
#  → fluid
# temperature changes in a sphere packing.
# Also serves as a validation script for comparison
# with ANSYS CFD. See details in
# Caulk, R., Scholtes, L., Kraczek, M., Chareyre, B. A
# pore-scale Thermo-Hydro-Mechanical coupled model for particulate
#  → systems.
#
# note: warnings for infiniteK and Reynolds numbers = nan for
#  → boundary
# cells in regular packings are expected. It does not interfere with
#  → the
# physics.

from yade import pack, ymport
from yade import timing
import numpy as np
import shutil
timeStr = time.strftime('%m-%d-%Y')
num_spheres=1000# number of spheres
young=1e9
rad=0.003

mn,mx=Vector3(0,0,0),Vector3(0.05,0.05,0.05) # corners of the initial
#  → packing

thermalCond = 2. #W/(mK)
heatCap = 710. #J(kg K)
t0 = 333.15 #K

```

```

# micro properties
r = rad
k = 2.0
Cp = 710.
rho = 2600.
D = 2.*r
m = 4./3.*np.pi*r**2/rho

identifier = '-noFlowScenario'

if not os.path.exists('VTK'+timeStr+identifier):
    os.mkdir('VTK'+timeStr+identifier)
else:
    shutil.rmtree('VTK'+timeStr+identifier)
    os.mkdir('VTK'+timeStr+identifier)

if not os.path.exists('txt'+timeStr+identifier):
    os.mkdir('txt'+timeStr+identifier)
else:
    shutil.rmtree('txt'+timeStr+identifier)
    os.mkdir('txt'+timeStr+identifier)

shutil.copyfile(sys.argv[0], 'txt'+timeStr+identifier+'/'+sys.argv[0])

O.materials.append(FrictMat (young=young, poisson=0.5, frictionAngle=radians(3), d
O.materials.append(FrictMat (young=young, poisson=0.5, frictionAngle=0, density=0,
walls=aabbWalls ([mn,mx], thickness=0, material='walls')
wallIds=O.bodies.append(walls)

sp = O.bodies.append(ympart.textExt ('5cmEdge_1mm.spheres',
→ 'x_y_z_r', color=(0.1,0.1,0.9), material='spheres'))

print ('num bodies ', len(O.bodies))

triax=TriaxialStressController(
    maxMultiplier=1.+2e4/young,
    finalMaxMultiplier=1.+2e3/young,
    thickness = 0,
    stressMask = 7,
    internalCompaction=True,
)

ThermalEngine = ThermalEngine (dead=1, label='thermal');

newton=NewtonIntegrator (damping=0.2)
intRadius = 1

```

```

O.engines=[
    ForceResetter(),
    InsertionSortCollider([Bo1_Sphere_Aabb(aabbEnlargeFactor=intRadius),Bo1_Sphere_Aabb(aabbEnlargeFactor=intRadius)],
    InteractionLoop(
        [Ig2_Sphere_Sphere_ScGeom(interactionDetectionFactor=intRadius),
        [Ip2_FrictMat_FrictMat_FrictPhys()],
        [Law2_ScGeom_FrictPhys_CundallStrack()]],label="iloop"
    ),
    FlowEngine(dead=1,label="flow",multithread=False),
    ThermalEngine, GlobalStiffnessTimeStepper(active=1,timeStepUpdateInterval=100,timeStepSizeFactor=1),
    triax,
    VTKRecorder(iterPeriod=2000,fileName='VTK'+timeStr+identifier+'/sphere.vtk'),
    newton
]

for b in O.bodies:
    if isinstance(b.shape, Sphere):
        b.dynamic=False # mechanically static

flow.dead=0
flow.defTolerance=-1
flow.meshUpdateInterval=-1
flow.useSolver=4
flow.permeabilityFactor= 1
flow.viscosity= 0.001
flow.bndCondIsPressure=[0,0,0,0,0,0]
flow.bndCondValue=[0,0,0,0,0,0]
flow.thermalEngine=True
flow.debug=False
flow.fluidRho = 997
flow.fluidCp = 4181.7
flow.bndCondIsTemperature=[0,0,0,0,0,0]
flow.thermalEngine=True
flow.thermalBndCondValue=[0,0,0,0,0,0]
flow.tZero=343.15
flow.pZero=0

thermal.dead=0
thermal.debug=False
thermal.fluidConduction=True
thermal.ignoreFictitiousConduction=True
thermal.conduction=True
thermal.thermoMech=False
thermal.solidThermoMech = False
thermal.fluidThermoMech = False
thermal.advection=True

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thermal.bndCondIsTemperature=[0,0,0,0,0,0]
thermal.thermalBndCondValue=[0,0,0,0,0,0]
thermal.fluidK = 0.6069
thermal.fluidConductionAreaFactor=1.
thermal.uniformReynolds=10
thermal.particleT0 = 333.15
thermal.particleDensity=2600.
thermal.particleK = 2.
thermal.particleCp = 710.
thermal.tsSafetyFactor=0
thermal.useKernMethod=True
thermal.useHertzMethod=False
timing.reset()

O.dt=0.1e-4
O.dynDt=False

O.run(1,1)
flow.dead=0

#triax.goal2=-11000

def bodyByPos(x,y,z):
    cBody = O.bodies[1]
    cDist = Vector3(100,100,100)
    for b in O.bodies:
        if isinstance(b.shape, Sphere):
            dist = b.state.pos - Vector3(x,y,z)
            if np.linalg.norm(dist) <
                → np.linalg.norm(cDist):
                cDist = dist
                cBody = b
    return cBody

bodyOfInterest = bodyByPos(0.025,0.025,0.025)

# find 10 bodies along x axis
axis = np.linspace(mn[0], mx[0], num=5)
axisBodies = [None] * len(axis)
axisTrue = np.zeros(len(axis))
for i,x in enumerate(axis):
    axisBodies[i] = bodyByPos(x, mx[1]/2, mx[2]/2)
    axisTrue[i] = axisBodies[i].state.pos[0]

from yade import plot
```

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def history():
    plot.addData(
        ftemp1=flow.getPoreTemperature((0.025,0.025,0.025)),
        p=flow.getPorePressure((0.025,0.025,0.025)),
        t=O.time,
        i = O.iter,
        temp1 = axisBodies[0].state.temp,
        temp2 = axisBodies[1].state.temp,
        temp3 = axisBodies[2].state.temp,
        temp4 = axisBodies[3].state.temp,
        temp5 = axisBodies[4].state.temp,
        bodyOfIntTemp =
            → O.bodies[bodyOfInterest.id].state.temp
    )
    plot.saveDataTxt('txt'+timeStr+identifier+'/temps'+identifier+'.txt',v
        → 'temp1','temp2','temp3','bodyOfIntTemp')

O.engines=O.engines+[PyRunner(iterPeriod=500,command='history()',label='record

def pressureField():
    flow.saveVtk('VTK'+timeStr+identifier+'/',withBoundaries=False)
O.engines=O.engines+[PyRunner(iterPeriod=2000,command='pressureField()')]

def endFlux():
    if O.time >= 30:
        O.pause()
O.engines=O.engines+[PyRunner(iterPeriod=10,command='endFlux()')]
VTKrec.dead=0
from yade import plot

plot.plots={'t':(('ftemp1','k-'),('bodyOfIntTemp','r-'))} #
plot.plot()
O.saveTmp()

O.run()

```

526 Flow example script:

```

#*****
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#
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# This program is free software; it is licensed under the terms of
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  → details. *
#*****/
#
# Script demonstrating the use of ThermalEngine by permeating warm
  → fluid
# through a cold packing. Also serves as a validation script for
  → comparison
# with ANSYS CFD. See details in
# Caulk, R., Scholtes, L., Kraczek, M., Chareyre, B. A
# pore-scale Thermo-Hydro-Mechanical coupled model for particulate
  → systems.
#
# note: warnings for infiniteK and Reynolds numbers = nan for
  → boundary
# cells in regular packings are expected. It does not interfere with
  → the
# physics

from yade import pack, ymport
from yade import timing
import numpy as np
import shutil
timeStr = time.strftime('%m-%d-%Y')
num_spheres=1000# number of spheres
young=1e9
rad=0.003

mn,mx=Vector3(0,0,0),Vector3(0.05,0.05,0.05) # corners of the initial
  → packing

thermalCond = 2. #W/(mK)
heatCap = 710. #J(kg K)
t0 = 333.15 #K

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# micro properties
r = rad
k = 2.0
Cp = 710.
rho = 2600.
D = 2.*r
m = 4./3.*np.pi*r**2/rho

identifier = '-flowScenario'

if not os.path.exists('VTK'+timeStr+identifier):
    os.mkdir('VTK'+timeStr+identifier)
else:
    shutil.rmtree('VTK'+timeStr+identifier)
    os.mkdir('VTK'+timeStr+identifier)

if not os.path.exists('txt'+timeStr+identifier):
    os.mkdir('txt'+timeStr+identifier)
else:
    shutil.rmtree('txt'+timeStr+identifier)
    os.mkdir('txt'+timeStr+identifier)

O.materials.append(FrictMat (young=young,poisson=0.5,frictionAngle=radians(3),c
O.materials.append(FrictMat (young=young,poisson=0.5,frictionAngle=0,density=0,
walls=aabbWalls ([mn,mx],thickness=0,material='walls')
wallIds=O.bodies.append(walls)

sp = O.bodies.append(ympart.textExt ('5cmEdge_1mm.spheres',
→ 'x_y_z_r',color=(0.1,0.1,0.9), material='spheres'))

print ('num bodies ', len(O.bodies))

triax=TriaxialStressController(
    maxMultiplier=1.+2e4/young,
    finalMaxMultiplier=1.+2e3/young,
    thickness = 0,
    stressMask = 7,
    internalCompaction=True,
)

ThermalEngine = ThermalEngine (dead=1,label='thermal');

newton=NewtonIntegrator (damping=0.2)
intRadius = 1
O.engines=[
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ForceResetter(),
InsertionSortCollider([Bo1_Sphere_Aabb(aabbEnlargeFactor=intRadius),Bo
InteractionLoop(
    [Ig2_Sphere_Sphere_ScGeom(interactionDetectionFactor=intRadius
    [Ip2_FrictMat_FrictMat_FrictPhys()],
    [Law2_ScGeom_FrictPhys_CundallStrack()],label="iloop"
),
FlowEngine(dead=1,label="flow",multithread=False),
ThermalEngine,          GlobalStiffnessTimeStepper(active=1,timeStepUpda
triax,
VTKRecorder(iterPeriod=500,fileName='VTK'+timeStr+identifier+'/spheres
newton
]

for b in O.bodies:
    if isinstance(b.shape, Sphere):
        b.dynamic=False # mechanically static

flow.dead=0
flow.defTolerance=-1
flow.meshUpdateInterval=-1
flow.useSolver=4
flow.permeabilityFactor= 1
flow.viscosity= 0.001
flow.bndCondIsPressure=[1,1,0,0,0,0]
flow.bndCondValue=[10,0,0,0,0,0]
flow.thermalEngine=True
flow.fluidRho = 997
flow.fluidCp = 4181.7
flow.bndCondIsTemperature=[1,0,0,0,0,0]
flow.thermalEngine=True
flow.thermalBndCondValue=[343.15,0,0,0,0,0]
flow.tZero=t0
flow.pZero=0
flow.maxKdivKmean=1
flow.minKdivmean=0.0001;

thermal.dead=0
thermal.fluidConduction=True
thermal.ignoreFictitiousConduction=True
thermal.conduction=True
thermal.thermoMech=False
thermal.solidThermoMech = False
thermal.fluidThermoMech = False
thermal.advection=True
thermal.bndCondIsTemperature=[0,0,0,0,0,0]

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thermal.thermalBndCondValue=[0,0,0,0,0,0]
thermal.fluidK = 0.6069
thermal.fluidConductionAreaFactor=1.
thermal.particleT0 = t0
thermal.particleDensity=2600.
thermal.particleK = thermalCond
thermal.particleCp = heatCap
thermal.useKernMethod=True

timing.reset()

O.dt=0.1e-3
O.dynDt=False

O.run(1,1)
flow.dead=0

def bodyByPos(x,y,z):
    cBody = O.bodies[1]
    cDist = Vector3(100,100,100)
    for b in O.bodies:
        if isinstance(b.shape, Sphere):
            dist = b.state.pos - Vector3(x,y,z)
            if np.linalg.norm(dist) <
                → np.linalg.norm(cDist):
                cDist = dist
                cBody = b
    print('found closest body ', cBody.id, ' at ',
        → cBody.state.pos)
    return cBody

bodyOfInterest = bodyByPos(0.025,0.025,0.025)

# find 10 bodies along x axis
axis = np.linspace(mn[0], mx[0], num=5)
axisBodies = [None] * len(axis)
axisTrue = np.zeros(len(axis))
for i,x in enumerate(axis):
    axisBodies[i] = bodyByPos(x, mx[1]/2, mx[2]/2)
    axisTrue[i] = axisBodies[i].state.pos[0]

print("found body of interest at", bodyOfInterest.state.pos)

from yade import plot

## a function saving variables
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def history():
    plot.addData(
        ftemp1=flow.getPoreTemperature((0.024,0.023,0.02545)),
        p=flow.getPorePressure((0.025,0.025,0.025)),
        t=O.time,
        i = O.iter,
        temp1 = axisBodies[0].state.temp,
        temp2 = axisBodies[1].state.temp,
        temp3 = axisBodies[2].state.temp,
        temp4 = axisBodies[3].state.temp,
        temp5 = axisBodies[4].state.temp,
        bodyOfIntTemp =
            ↪ O.bodies[bodyOfInterest.id].state.temp
    )
    plot.saveDataTxt('txt'+timeStr+identifier+'/temps'+identifier+'.txt', v
        ↪ 'temp1', 'temp2', 'temp3', 'bodyOfIntTemp'))

O.engines=O.engines+[PyRunner(iterPeriod=500,command='history()',label='record

def pressureField():
    flow.saveVtk('VTK'+timeStr+identifier+'/',withBoundaries=False)
O.engines=O.engines+[PyRunner(iterPeriod=2000,command='pressureField()')]

def endFlux():
    if O.time >= 30:
        flux = 0
        n=utils.porosity()
        for i in flow.getBoundaryVel(1):
            flux +=i[0]*i[3]/n # area * velocity /
            ↪ porosity (dividing by porosity because
            ↪ flow engine is computing the darcy
            ↪ velocity)
        massFlux = flux * 997

        K =
            ↪ abs(flow.getBoundaryFlux(1))*(flow.viscosity*0.5)/(0.5**2
            d=8e-3 # sphere diameter
            Kc = d**2/180. * (n**3.)/(1.-n)**2

        print('Permeability', K, 'kozeny', Kc)
        print('outlet flux(with vels
            ↪ only):',massFlux,'compared to CFD = 0.004724
            ↪ kg/s')
        print('sim paused')
        O.pause()

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```
O.engines=O.engines+[PyRunner(iterPeriod=10,command='endFlux()')]
VTKrec.dead=0
from yade import plot

plot.plots={'t':(('ftemp1','k-'),('bodyOfIntTemp','r-'))} #
plot.plot()
O.saveTmp()

print("starting thermal sim")
O.run()
```