

How can we perform multi-physics simulations in industrial powder processes?

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We often encounter multi-physics problems, namely, solid-fluid coupling problems in industrial powder processes. At present, modeling of large scale systems and free surface fluid flows were not established in the simulation of the multi-physics problems. To perform the simulation of large-scale powder systems, we develop a coarse grain model of the DEM. In this model, a modeled large-size particle represents a group of the original ones, where total energy of the modeled particle agrees with that of the original particles. The DEM-MPS method was developed to perform a simulation of a solid-liquid flow involving free surfaces. The DEM-MPS method is a Lagrangian-Lagrangian approach based on a local volume average technique. These models were validated in actual powder processes. Consequently, new models solve the problems related to the simulations of solid-fluid coupling problems.

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