# Coarse-grained modelling of complex systems: 

From molecular fluids to colloidal particles

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## Outline

- Coarse-grained (CG) models
- Self-assembly of colloidal particles
-Self-assembly of convex particles
$\triangleright$ Self-assembly of non-convex particle: Engineering
macroporous ordered materials
- CG models for molecular system
- Statistical Associating Fluid Theory
$\triangleright$ SAFT- $\gamma$ force field


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## Coarse-grained (CG) modelling

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## Self-assembly of colloidal particles

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Topology


Entropy
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Frustration

Crystal


Liquid crystal
Plastic crystal
Isotropic


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## Lithography

Mason's group @ UCLA



Swelling and phase separation

Pine's group @ NYU

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$$
\phi=\frac{\pi}{3 \sqrt{2}} \approx 0.74048 \ldots
$$

Kepler (I6II) conjecture. Proved by Thomas Hale (1998)


$$
\min -\phi\left(r_{1}^{\lambda}, r_{2}^{\lambda}, r_{3}^{\lambda}, \ldots, r_{N}^{\lambda} ; \theta_{1}, \theta_{2}, \theta_{3}, \ldots, \theta_{N} ; \Gamma\right)
$$

such that $\left(S_{i} \cap S_{j}\right) \subseteq\left(\Gamma_{i} \cup \Gamma_{j}\right) \quad \forall i, j=1,2,3, \ldots, N, i \neq j$

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## Self-assembly of convex particles

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## Engineering ordered macroporous materials



- Photocatalysis (light scattering)
- Liquid phase catalysis (reduction of diffusion limitation)
- Battery electrodes (reduction of ion-transport resistance)
- Tissue engineering
- Thermal, acoustic, and electrical insulators
- Photonic materials

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## Non-convex particles

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Curved, bent and twisted particles


Branched particles and non-convex polyhedra
(e)

(c)


Rings, frames and cages
(f)

Bowls, contact lenses, and indented colloids

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Liddell group @ Cornell


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## Self-assembly of colloidal dimers




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A PtNi3 Polyhedra B PtNi Intermediates C Pt3Ni Nanoframes D $\begin{gathered}\text { PtNinanoframes/C } \\ \text { with } \mathrm{P} \text {-skin surfaces }\end{gathered}$


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a

b


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## Non-convex particles



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## Self-assembly of colloidal rings

Rings of type I


Rings of type 2


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## Colloidal rings confined in a planar slit

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$$
L / r_{\mathrm{p}}=11.2 \quad L_{z} / r_{\mathrm{p}}=65.4
$$

$$
L / r_{\mathrm{p}}=11.2 \quad L_{z} / r_{\mathrm{p}}=59.2
$$



$$
\eta\left(z_{j}\right)=\frac{N_{s} \sigma^{3} \pi}{6} \frac{\left\langle N\left(z_{j}\right)\right\rangle}{L^{2} \delta z}
$$

$$
\mathbf{Q}\left(z_{j}\right)=\frac{1}{N\left(z_{j}\right)} \sum_{i=1}^{N\left(z_{j}\right)}\left(\frac{3 \hat{\mathbf{u}}_{i} \otimes \hat{\mathbf{u}}_{i}}{2}-\frac{\mathbf{I}}{2}\right)
$$

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Self-assembly of colloidal frames


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## Self-assembly of non-convex polygons



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(b)

(d)


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## SAFT- $\gamma$ coarse grained

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## Statistical Associating Fluid Theory (SAFT)

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## Keith Gubbins' group

 @ Cornell UniversityChapman, Jackson, Gubbins, Radosz, Fluid Phase Equil 52, 31 (1989);
Mol Phys 65, 1 (1988);
Mol Phys 651057 (1988);
Ind. Eng. Chem. Res 291709 (1990)


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$$
\frac{A^{\mathrm{SAFT}}}{N k T}=\frac{A^{\text {ideal }}}{N k T}+\frac{A^{\text {mono }}}{N k T}+\frac{A^{\text {chain }}}{N k T}+\frac{A^{\text {assoc }}}{N k T}
$$






Gil-Villegas, Galindo, Whitehead, Mills, Jackson, Burgess, J. Chem. Phys. 106, 4168 (1997)

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## SAFT-VR Mie

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$$
\frac{A^{\mathrm{SAFT}}}{N k T}=\frac{A^{\text {ideal }}}{N k T}+\frac{A^{\text {mono }}}{N k T}+\frac{A^{\text {chain }}}{N k T}+\frac{A^{\text {assoc }}}{N k T}
$$



$$
\phi^{\mathrm{Mie}}(r)=\mathscr{C} \epsilon\left[\left(\frac{\sigma}{r}\right)^{n}-\left(\frac{\sigma}{r}\right)^{m}\right]
$$

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J Phys Chem B 115, 11154 (2011);
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J Chem Phys 139, 154504 (2013);
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## SAFT-VR Mie


(b)





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$\min _{\sigma, \epsilon, n, m} F(\sigma, \epsilon, n, m)=\min _{\sigma, \epsilon, n, m}\left[\sum_{i=1}^{N_{p}}\left(\frac{P_{i}^{\mathrm{sat}}(T ; \sigma, \epsilon, n, m)-P_{i}^{\mathrm{sat}, \exp }(T)}{P_{i}^{\mathrm{sat}, \exp }(T)}\right)^{2}+\sum_{i=1}^{N_{d}}\left(\frac{\rho_{i}^{\mathrm{L}}(T ; \sigma, \epsilon, n, m)-\rho_{i}^{\mathrm{L}, \exp }(T)}{\rho_{i}^{\mathrm{L}, \exp }(T)}\right)^{2}\right]$



(b)




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## Group contribution methods

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## SAFT- $ү$ Mie

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SAFT-VR homonuclear model


Papaioannou, Lafitte, Avendano, Adjiman, Jackson, Muller, Galindo, J. Chem. Phys. 140, 054107 (2014)

SAFT- $\gamma$ heteronuclear model


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## SAFT- $ү$ Mie

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## SAFT- $\gamma$ coarse grained force field

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Properties of Interest

## Macroscopic properties

(fitting data)


Experimental structure; atomistic or QM calculations

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## SAFT- $\gamma$ coarse grained force field

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Alkyl Polyoxyethylene Surfactants

Olga Lobanova, PhD Thesis, Imperial College London (2014)

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