

## Supplementary file

### Numerical modeling of micro-particle migration in channels

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#### Introduction

In the Supplementary material, some figures, tables are presented for the purpose of explanation and comparison. They are cited in the main paper file and the supplementary material to assist description of a viewpoint, a model or method and results. Besides, some supporting information for the parameters calculation and detailed description in main text is also presented in this Supplementary Material.

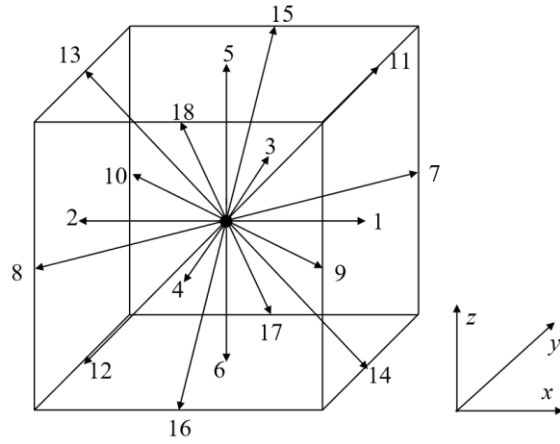
## The Figures, Tables and Videos

**Table S1** The expressions of variables and coefficients in DEM.

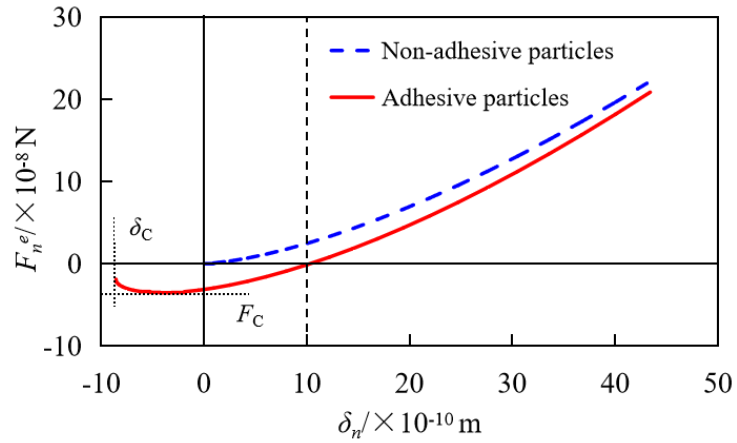
Parameters	Physical meanings	Expression	
		Non-adhesive	Adhesive
$a_0$	Equilibrium contact region radius	\	$\left(\frac{9\pi\gamma R^2}{E}\right)^{1/3}$
$b$	Constant		2.283
$E$	Effective particle elastic modulus	$(E_i E_j) / (E_i(1 - \sigma_j^2) + E_j(1 - \sigma_i^2))$	
$F_C$	Critical force	\	$3\pi\gamma R$
$F_s^c$	Critical sliding force	$\mu_f  F_n^e $	$\mu_f  F_n^e + 2F_C $
$G$	Effective particle shear modulus	$(G_i G_j) / (G_i(2 - \sigma_j) + G_j(2 - \sigma_i))$	
$K$	Stiffness coefficient	$\frac{4}{3} E \sqrt{R}$	$\frac{4}{3} E \sqrt{R}$
$k_n$	Elastic stiffness	$\frac{4}{3} E \sqrt{R} \delta_n^{0.5}$	\
$k_q$	Torsional stiffness		$k_t a^2 / 2$
$k_r$	Rolling stiffness	0	$4F_C (a/a_0)^{1.5}$
$k_t$	Tangential stiffness coefficient		$8Ga$
$M_t^c$	Critical twisting resistance		$3\pi a F_s^c / 16$

$M_r^c$	Critical rolling resistance	0	$4F_C(a/a_0)^{1.5}\theta_{crit}R$
$\mathbf{n}$	Normal unit vector		$(\mathbf{x}_j - \mathbf{x}_i)/ \mathbf{x}_j - \mathbf{x}_i $
$R$	Effective particle radius		$(r_i r_j)/(r_i + r_j)$
$\mathbf{t}_r$	Rolling unit vector		$\mathbf{u}_l/ \mathbf{u}_l $
$\mathbf{t}_s$	Sliding unit vector		$\mathbf{u}_s/ \mathbf{u}_s $
$\mathbf{u}_C$	Particle surface velocity at the contact point		$\mathbf{u}_k + r\boldsymbol{\omega}_k \times \mathbf{n}$
$\mathbf{u}_l$	Rolling velocity		$-R(\boldsymbol{\omega}_i - \boldsymbol{\omega}_j) \times \mathbf{n} - \frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{r_j - r_i}{r_j + r_i}\right)\mathbf{u}_s$
$\mathbf{u}_R$	Relative particle surface velocity at the contact point		$\mathbf{u}_{Ci} - \mathbf{u}_{Cj}$
$\mathbf{u}_s$	Slip velocity		$\mathbf{u}_R - (\mathbf{u}_R \cdot \mathbf{n})\mathbf{n}$
$w_0$	Collision rate before two particles colliding		$ u_i^n - u_j^n $
$\alpha$	Coefficient of friction (function of $e$ )		$1.2728 - 4.2783e + 11.087e^2 - 22.348e^3 + 27.467e^4 - 18.022e^5 + 4.8218e^6$
$\delta_C$	Critical overlap	\	$\frac{a_0^2}{2(6)^{1/3}R}$
$\delta_n$	Normal overlap		$r_i + r_j -  \mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{x}_j $
$\eta_n$	Normal friction coefficient		$\alpha(mk_n)^{1/2}$
$\eta_q$	Torsional friction coefficients		$\eta_t a^2/2$
$\eta_r$	Rolling friction coefficient		$\mu_r  F_n^e $
$\eta_t$	Tangential dissipation coefficient		$\eta_n$
$\mu_r$	Rolling coefficient		$(1 - e)/(bw_0^{1/5}(K/m)^{2/5})$
$\xi_q$	Twisting displacement		$\int_{t_0}^t \omega_{t(\vartheta)} d\vartheta$

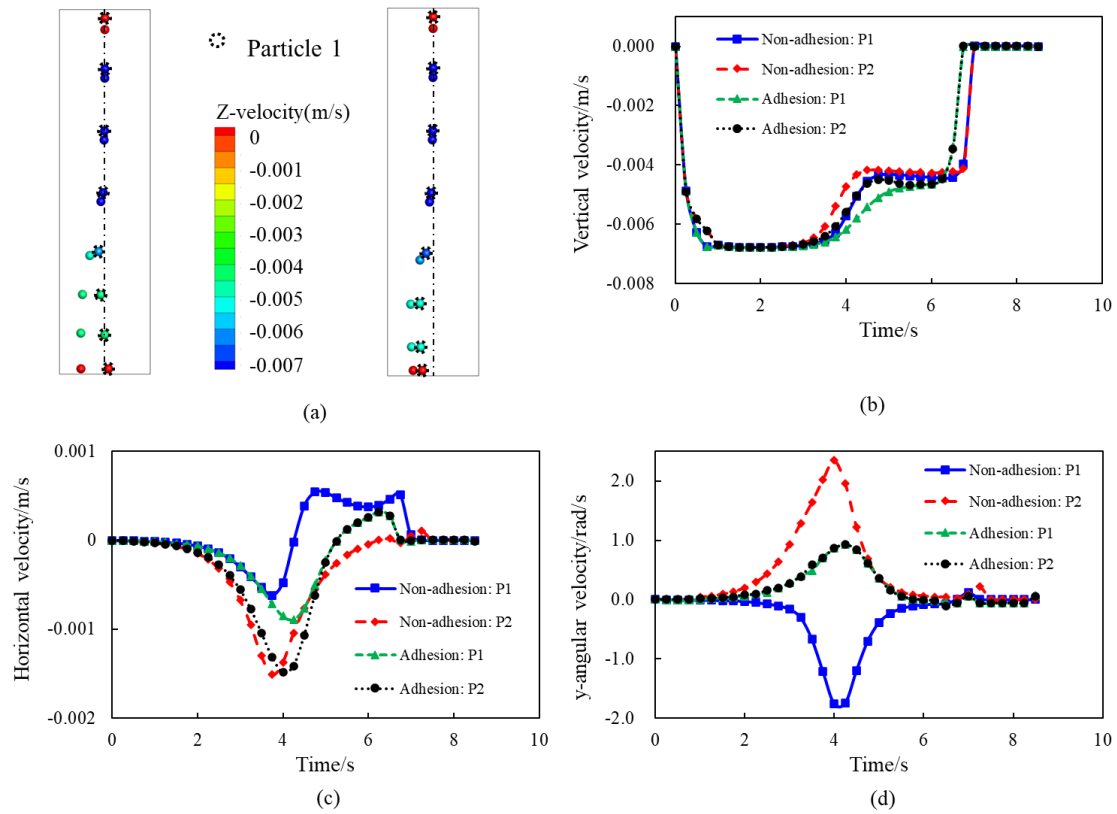
$\xi_r$	Rolling displacement	$\int_{t_0}^t \mathbf{u}_{l(\vartheta)} \cdot \mathbf{t}_r d\vartheta$
$\xi_t$	Sliding displacement	$\int_{t_0}^t \mathbf{u}_{R(\vartheta)} \cdot \mathbf{t}_s d\vartheta$
$\omega_t$	Relative twisting rate	$(\boldsymbol{\omega}_i - \boldsymbol{\omega}_j) \cdot \mathbf{n}$



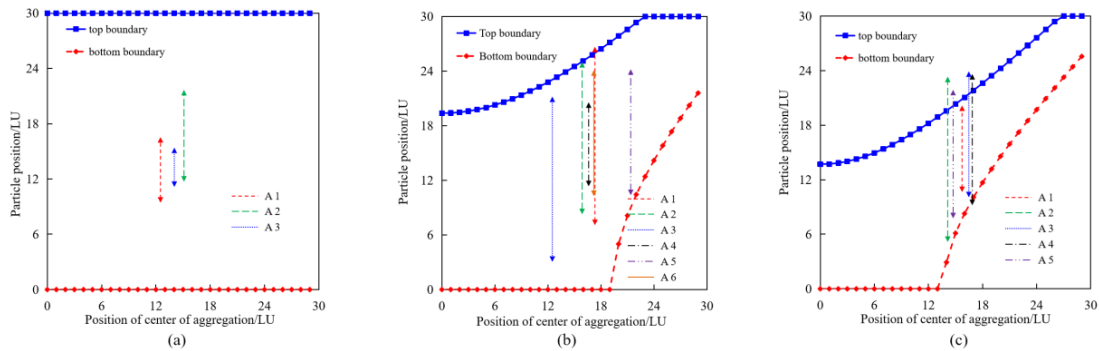
**Fig. S1.** A lattice node of the D3Q19 model.



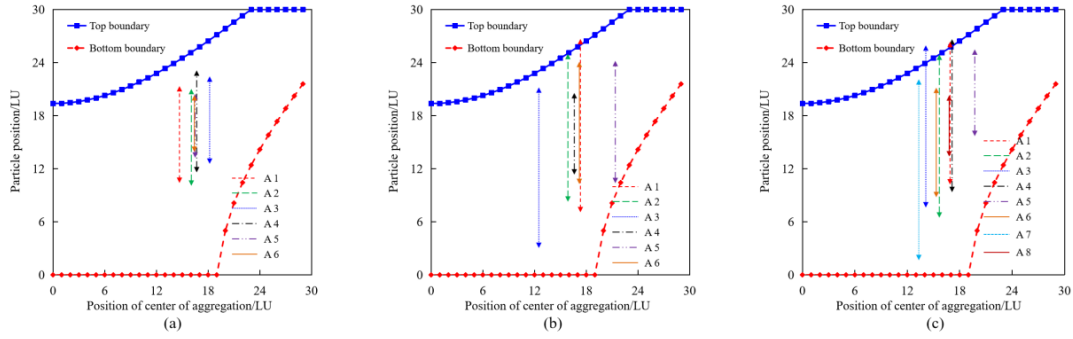
**Fig. S2.** Variation in the normal elastic force with the overlap of normal particles.



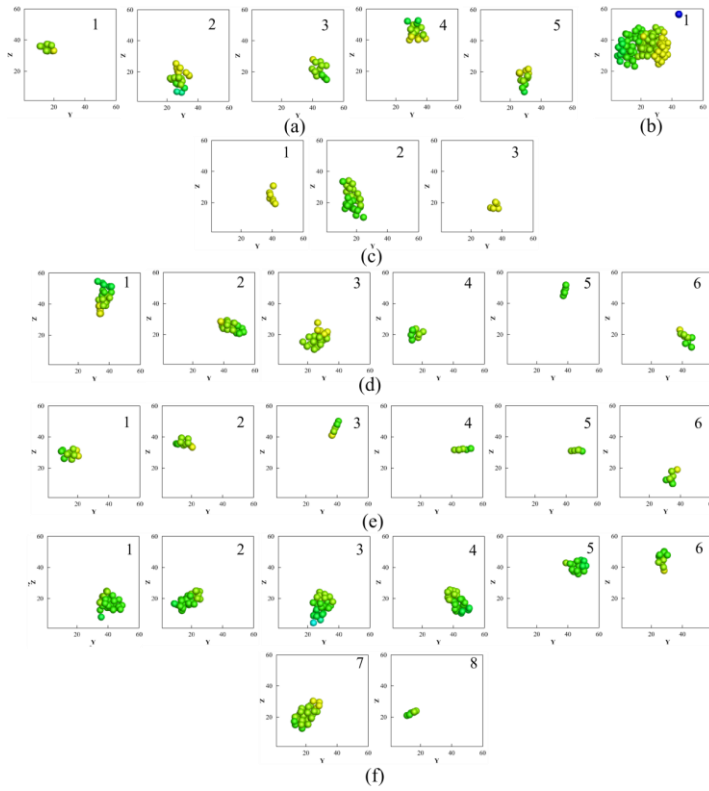
**Fig. S3.** Trajectories and velocities of particles: (a) Trajectories, (b) Vertical velocity, (c) Horizontal velocity and (d) y-angular velocity.



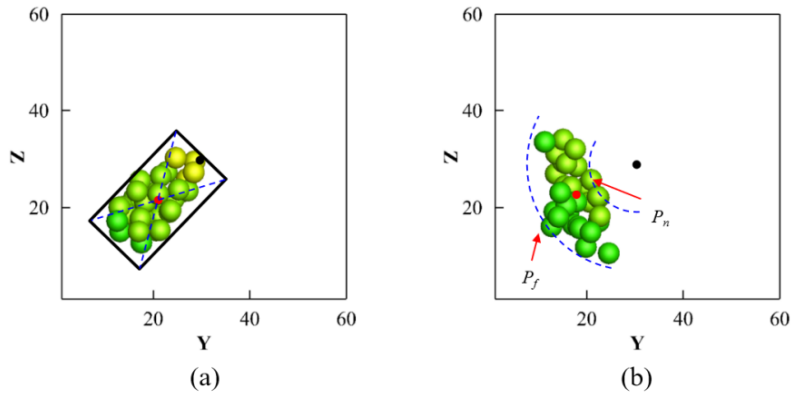
**Fig. S4.** The stable aggregation distribution map for different Re: (a) Re=6.75, (b) Re=33.75 and (c) Re=67.5.



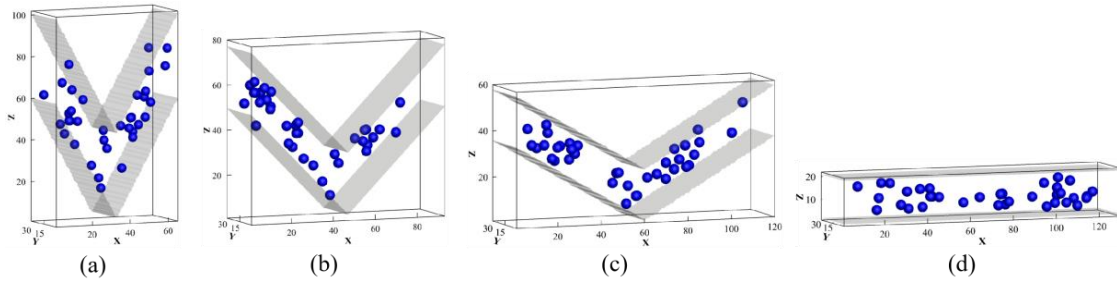
**Fig. S5.** The stable aggregation distribution map for different particle concentration: (a)  $C_p=0.5\%$ , (b)  $C_p=1.0\%$  and (c)  $C_p=1.5\%$ .



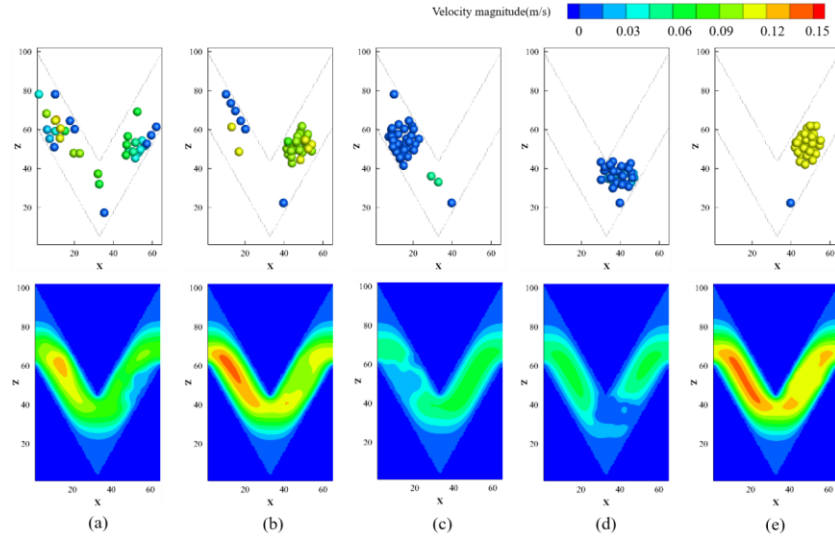
**Fig. S6.** The lateral position and geometry of each agglomerate under different parameters: (a)  $Re=67.5$ ,  $\gamma=3 \text{ mJ/m}^2$ ,  $C_p=1\%$ ; (b)  $Re=67.5$ ,  $\gamma=30 \text{ mJ/m}^2$ ,  $C_p=1\%$ ; (c)  $Re=6.75$ ,  $\gamma=3 \text{ mJ/m}^2$ ,  $C_p=1\%$ ; (d)  $Re=33.75$ ,  $\gamma=3 \text{ mJ/m}^2$ ,  $C_p=1\%$ ; (e)  $Re=33.75$ ,  $\gamma=3 \text{ mJ/m}^2$ ,  $C_p=0.5\%$  and (f)  $Re=33.75$ ,  $\gamma=3 \text{ mJ/m}^2$ ,  $C_p=1.5\%$ .



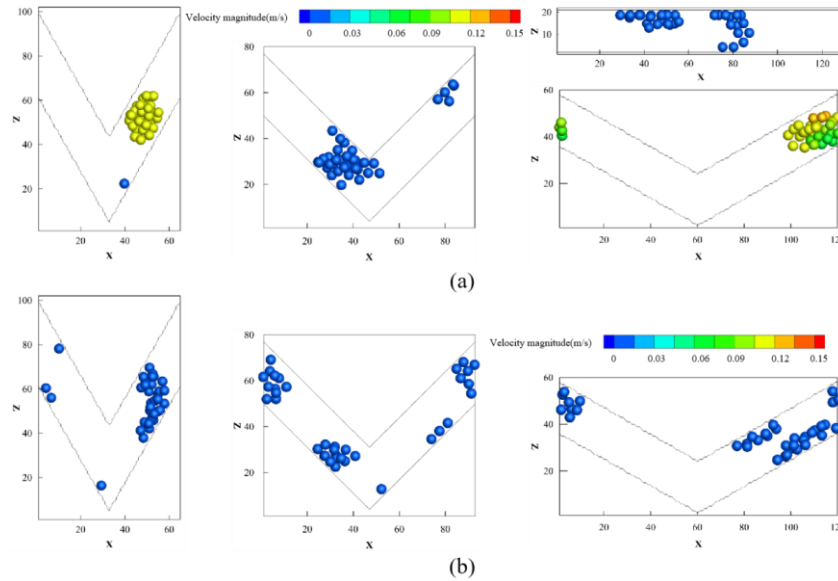
**Fig. S7.** The determination of positions of agglomerate and member particles: (a) The determination of the agglomerate center and (b) The search of far end particles.



**Fig. S8.** Geometry of the curved channel and the initial distribution of particles: (a)  $\alpha=60^\circ$ , (b)  $\alpha=90^\circ$ , (c)  $\alpha=120^\circ$  and (d)  $\alpha=180^\circ$ .



**Fig. S9.** The evolution of particles distribution in the channel with  $\alpha=60^\circ$  and the corresponding flow filed.



**Fig. S10.** Final distribution of particles in channels: (a)  $R_F=0.101$  and (b)  $R_F=0.064$ .

The link to the **Videos** of particles migration in curved channel:

<https://pan.baidu.com/s/1rNBRCe9oKoU5weEEmlQcpA>, Code: tor8.