How can simple models help us understand experiments?

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How much "simple" is simple?



Plan of lecture

- A brief history of tribology
- Modeling of AFM experiments
- Coarse grainded models of ionic liquids
- Magnetic cubes
- Future (water, scale trancending systems)

A brief history of tribology : quest for controlled experiment



A brief history of tribology :

Early history (three laws):

Law of Leonardo (da Vinci): Friction is independent on the area of contact.

Law of Euler and Amontons: Friciton is proportional to the loading force.

Law of Coulomb: Friction is independent on the velocity.

History of tribology :

'50 F. P. Bowden and D. Tabor

B&T model assumes that friction is proportional to both the real area of contact and a mean lateral force per unit area, the so-called shear strength.

Contact area is approximately 1% of visible area!

History of tribology :



F. P. Bowden and D. Tabor – Hertzian elastic theory non-linear friction-load dependence F~(L*)^{2/3} but load on single asperity L*~L^{3/2}



'90 We could prove

F. P. Bowden and D. Tabor law with *atomic force microscope (AFM)* and *friction force microscope (FFM)*.

B. Vasic, A. Matkovic, R. Gajic, IS, Wear Properties of Graphene Edges Probed by Atomic Force Microscopy Based Lateral Manipulation, Carbon 107, 723 (2016).

So far, graphene mechanics was investigated by AFM probe above graphene!



• Our aim:

force applied on graphene edges - response of graphene flakes to lateral forces!







Simple model > big system



MD simulations



MD simulations





Wear properties of graphene edges probed by atomic force microscopy based lateral manipulation B. Vasić, A. Matković, R. Gajić, I. S. Carbon 107, 723-732 (2016)

Superlubricity for nanotech



Macroscale superlubricity enabled by graphene nanoscroll formation Diana Berman, Sanket A. Deshmukh, Subramanian K. R. S. Sankaranarayanan, Ali Erdemir, & Anirudha V. Sumant, *Science* 348, 1118-1122 (2015)

Superlubricity in centimetres-long double-walled carbon nanotubes under ambient conditions Rufan Zhang, Zhiyuan Ning, Yingying Zhang, Quanshui Zheng, Qing Chen, Huanhuan Xie, Qiang Zhang, Weizhong Qian & Fei Wei *Nature Nanotechnology* **8**, pages912–916 (2013)

Organic crystals on graphene





B. Vasić, IS, A. Matković, M. Kratzer, C. Ganser, R. Gajić, C. Teichert, Molecules on rails: friction anisotropy and preferential sliding directions of organic nanocrystallites on two-dimensional materials Nanoscale 10, 18835-18845 (2018).

Organic crystals on graphene



graphene (0001)







organic crystals on tracks



(a) top view







Rotation over the "tracks"



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Ionic liquids

Questions:

How does molecular structure of IL influences its properties?



What are generic features of IL's response to mechanical excitation?



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Closed gap between thermal motion & diffusion limited dynamics





simple cubic liquid layers

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 ϵ_{\parallel} = 1.1, $\epsilon_{\mathbb{P}}$ = 5.3 [kcal/mol]







Normal force vs. plate distance





Wall slip as key source of low losses.

We continue with long range interactions but we change to magnetic interactions.

A brief history of magnetism





IS, M. Dasic, J. Otalora, C. Garcia, A Platform for Nanomagnetism – Assembled Ferromagnetic and Antiferromagnetic Dipolar Tubes, Nanoscale 11, 2521 (2019).

from magnetic spheres to magnetic cubes...











What about just two cubes?



L. Balcells, **IS**, Z. Konstantinovic, A. Alagh, V. Fuentes, L. Lopez-Mir, J. Oro, N. Mestres, C. Garcia, A. Pomar, B. Martínez, Spontaneous In-flight Assembly of Magnetic Nanoparticles into Macroscopic Chains, Nanoscale 11, 14194-14202 (2019).

and if we add surface interactions...



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and future...





Thank you!

