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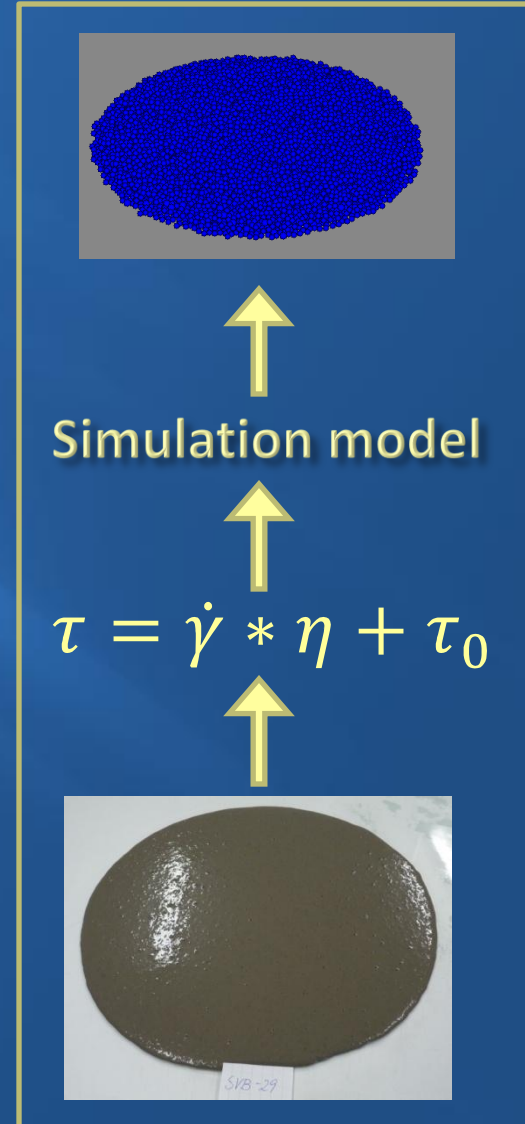
# APPLICATION OF THE PARTICLE SIMULATION ON THE EVALUATION OF THE RHEOLOGICAL PROPERTIES OF FRESH CONCRETE

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**Rheologische Messungen an mineralischen Baustoffen**

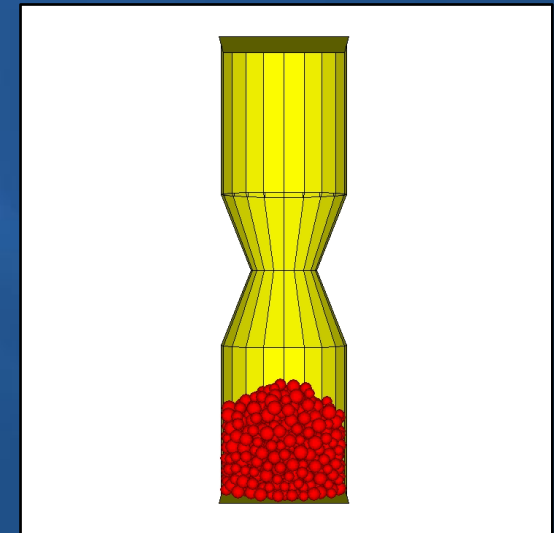
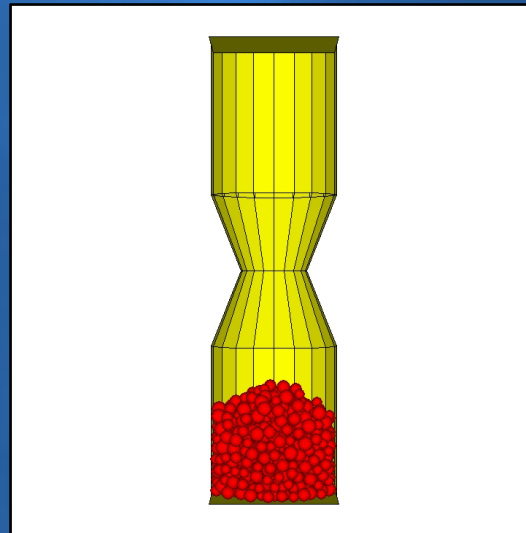
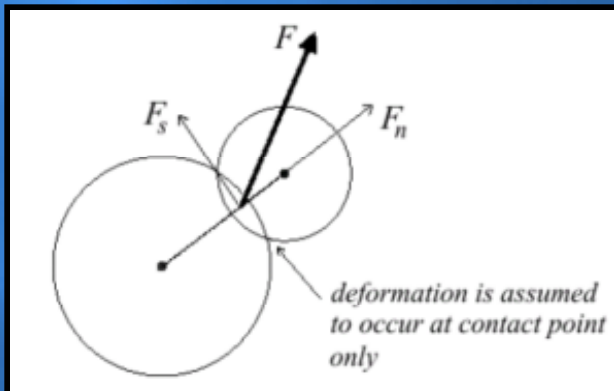
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## Basics of the **D**iscrete **E**lement **M**ethod

- Granular and flowable materials
- Large amount of independent elements (particles)
- Discrete timesteps
- Contact models

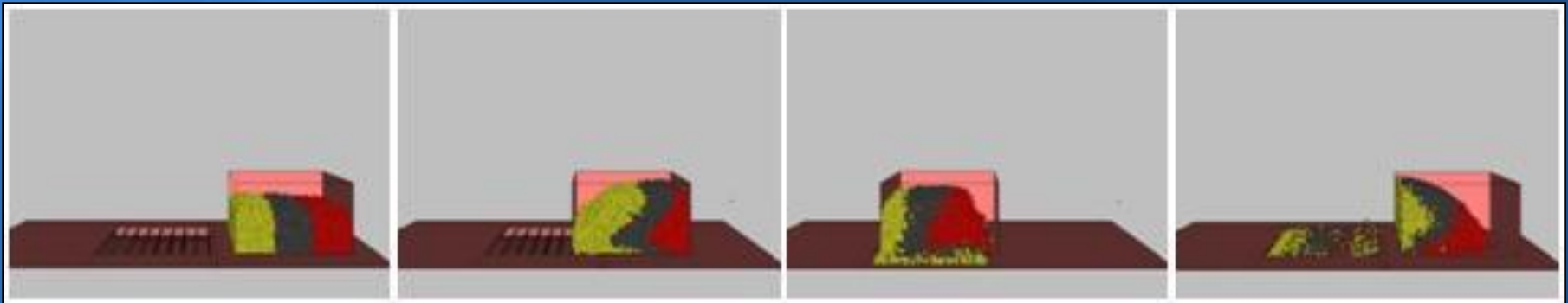
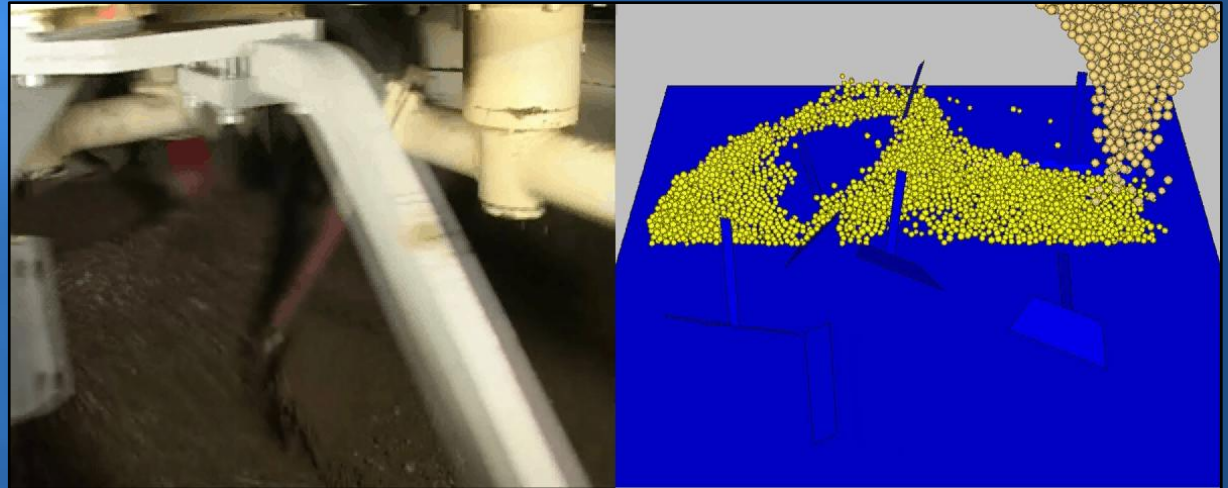




# DEM Simulation

## Applications

- Mixing
- Filling
- Transport
- Compaction



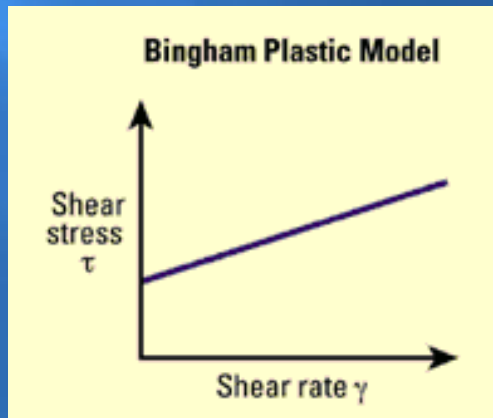


## User defined contact models

- Goal:
  - Process/Material-specific simulation
  - More exact material behavior
- Precondition: complex models
- Modeling accuracy vs. Computation time
- Examples:
  - Wet Mixing
  - Model for flowable concrete

## Flowable concrete

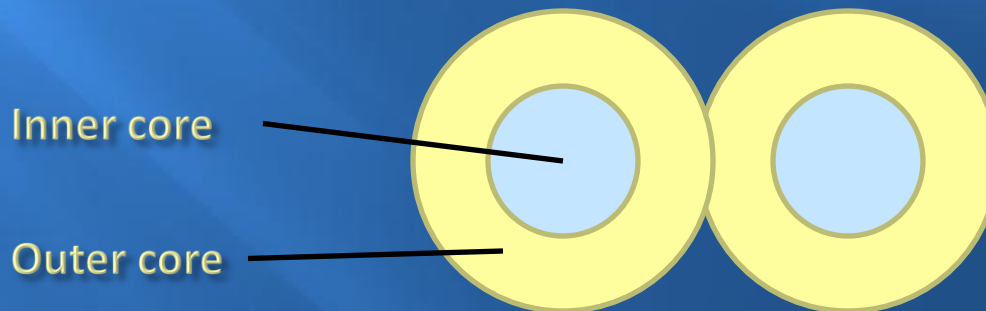
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- Double layer particles
- Independent from particle size
- Direct parameter implementation



$$\tau = \dot{\gamma} * \eta + \tau_0$$

## Flowable concrete

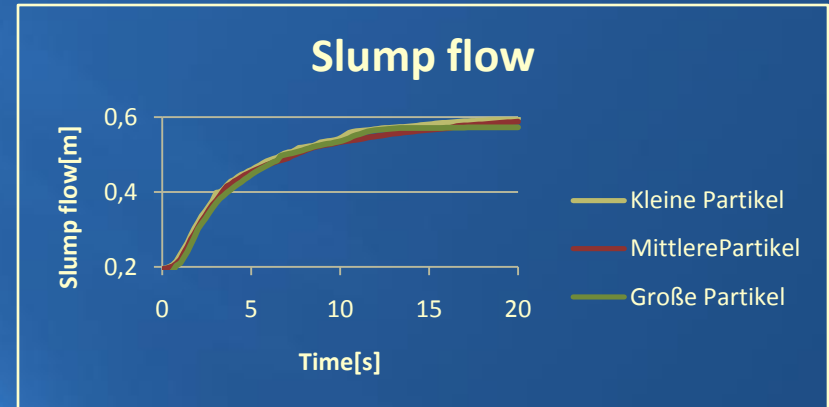
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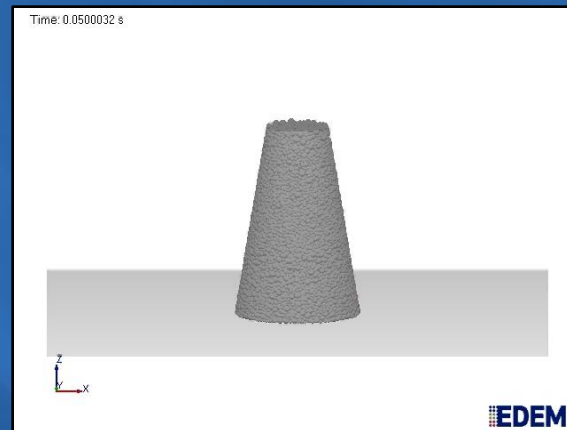


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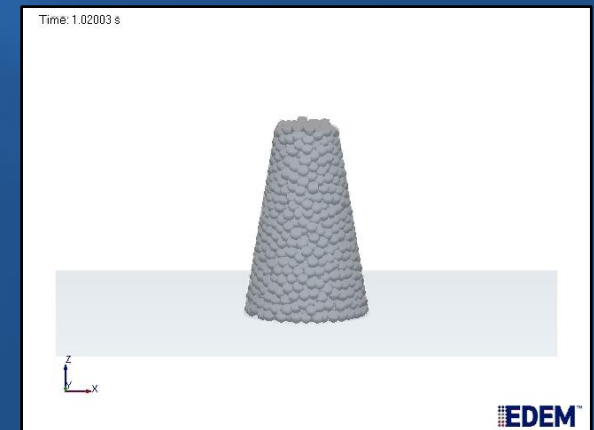
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Fine Material



Medium Material



Coarse Material





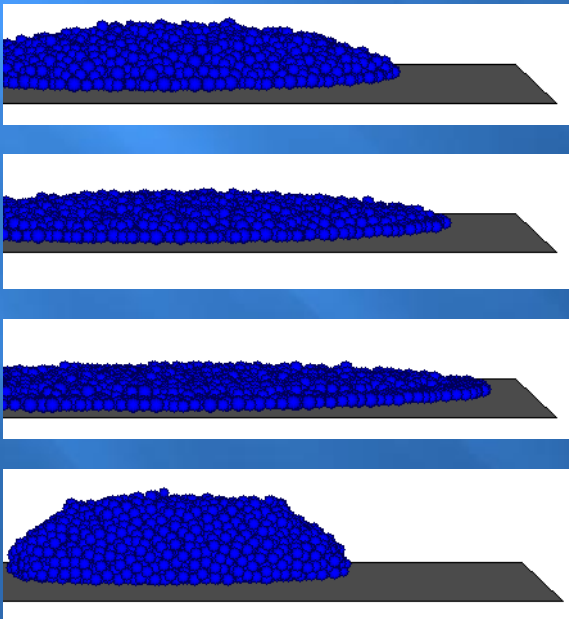
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- **Direct parameter implementation**



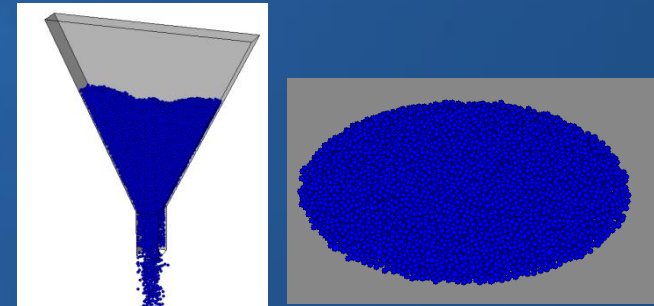
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## Real calibration experiments

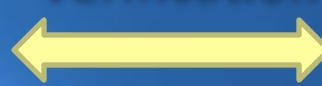


Parameter  
adaption

## Simulated Experiments



Verification



Simulation  
model

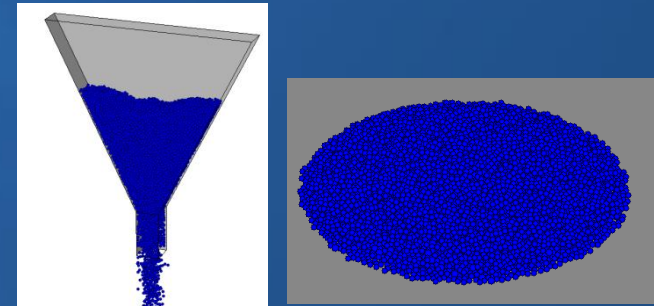


# Simulation vs. Experiments

Real calibration experiments



Simulated Experiments



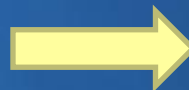
Verification



Parameter extraction



Yield Stress & Viscosity



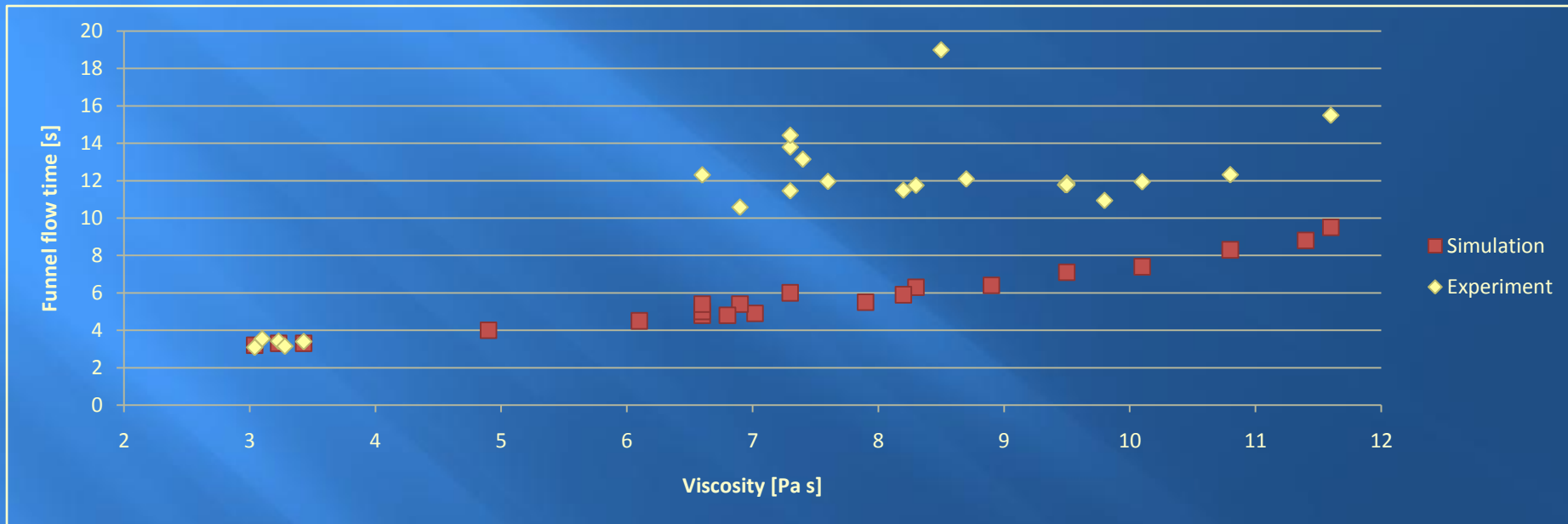
Simulation model





# Simulation vs. Experiments

## V-Funnel Test

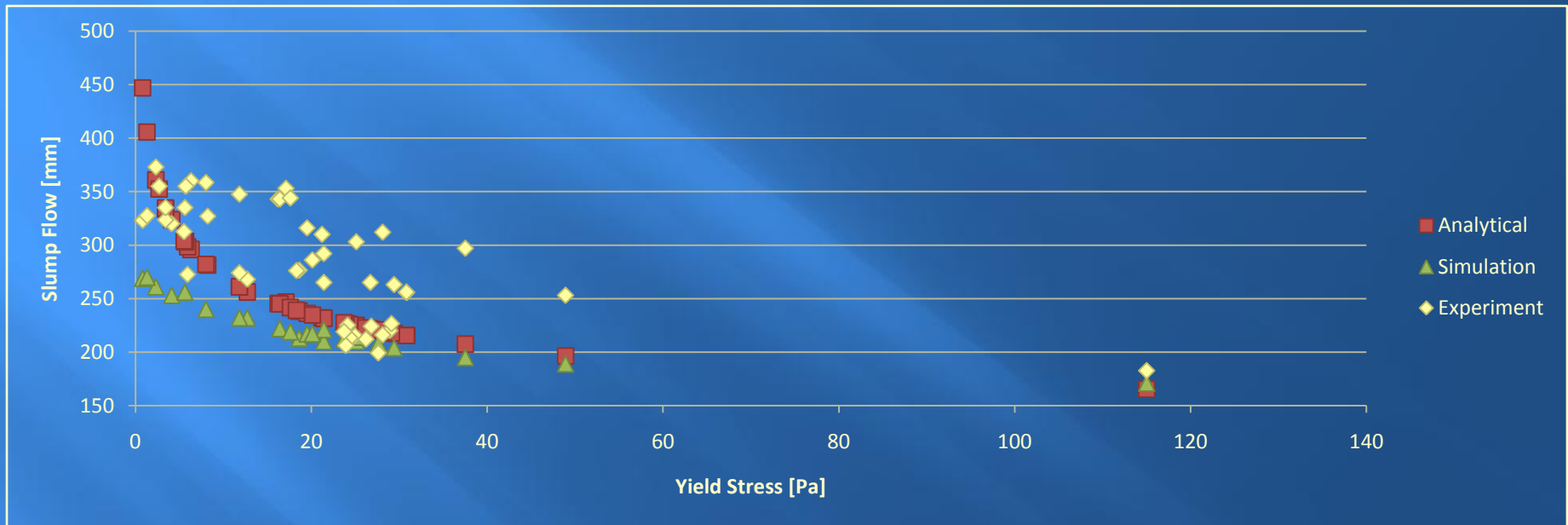


- Simulation has same tendency
- Simulation underestimates increase of time



# Simulation vs. Experiments

## Slump flow



- Simulation has same tendency
- Simulation underestimates slump flow



# Conclusion

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- User defined Contact models  
=> process specific material behavior
- Behavior of fresh concrete by Bingham model parameters
- Simulation shows adequate approximation for free flow





# Parameter Extraction

Goal: rheological parameters of scc-mortar like viscosity and yield stress

- slump flow test
- v-funnel test
- Viscometer tests with viskomat NT
- pipe test







# Parameter Extraction

## Viskomat NT

- Flow behavior of scc-mortars and fly ash mortar
- Using of Vogel - measuring cell
- Vogel-approximation

$$\tau = \tau_0 + \eta_0 \dot{\gamma} \frac{1}{\left\{ 1 \pm \frac{\eta_0}{2\sigma} \dot{\gamma} \right\}}$$



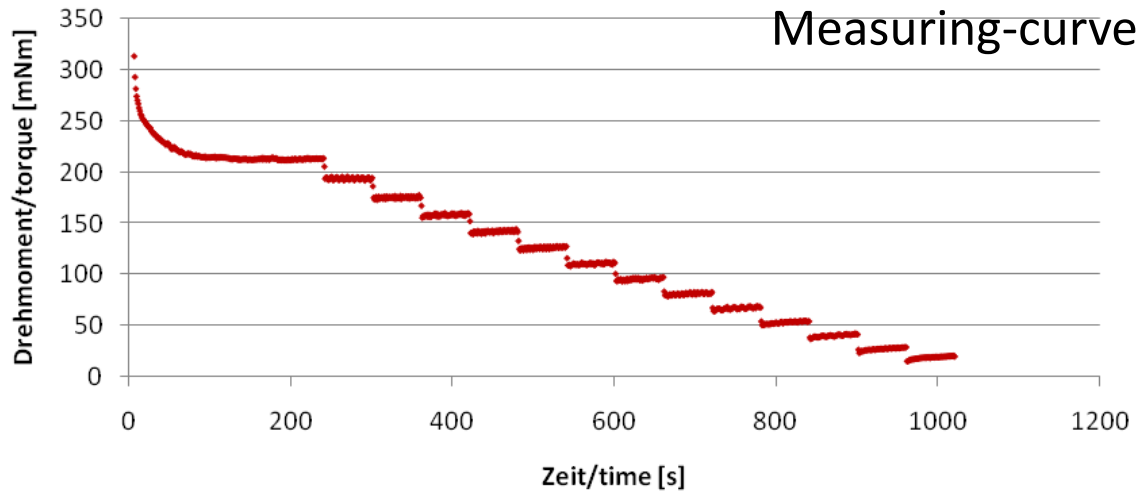
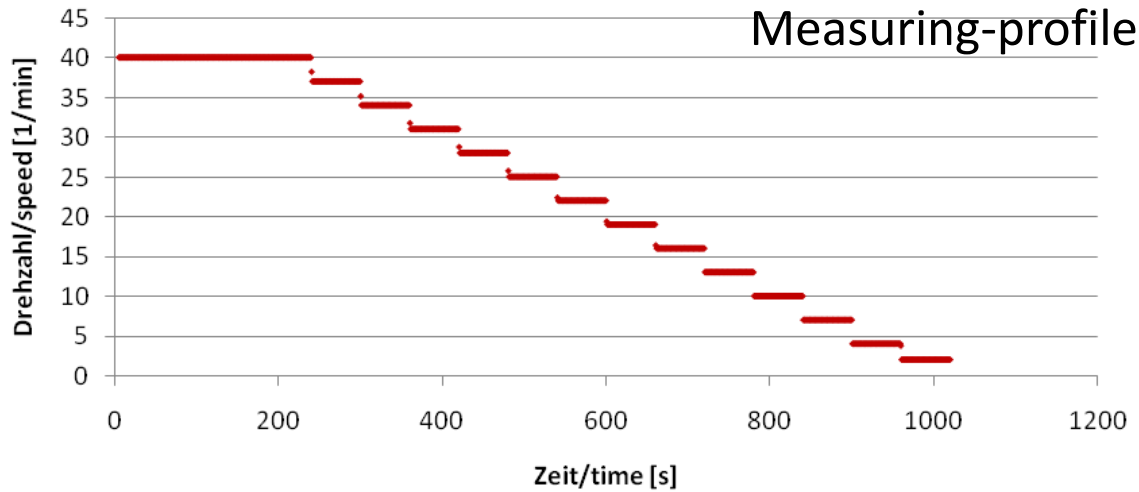
- Bingham-approximation

$$\tau = \tau_0 + \eta_{pl} \dot{\gamma}$$





# Parameter Extraction



## Composition

Bestandteil / component	Menge / amount [g]
Zement / cement	506
Flugasche / fly ash	270
Sand 0/2 / sand 0/2	930
Wasser / water	228
w/z-Wert	0,45

Bestandteil / component	Menge / amount [g]
Flugasche / fly ash	600
Sand 0/2 / sand 0/2	1200
Wasser / water	270
w/b-Wert	0,45



# Parameter Extraction

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Superplasticizers:

6 several Polycarboxylatether (PCE)

Cements:

Composite cement C1

Composite cement C2

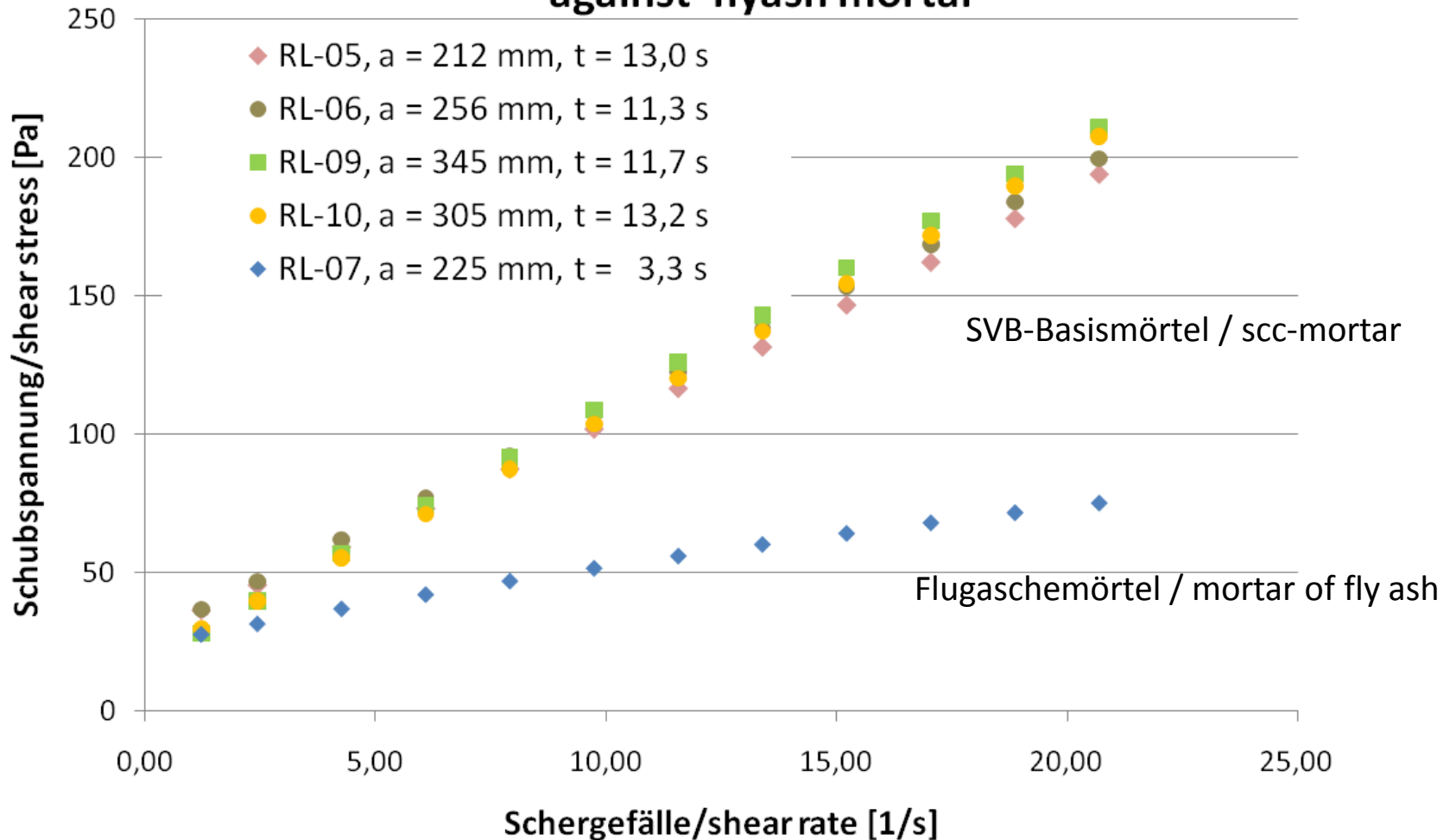
Portland cement C3

Determination of kind and amount of superplasticizer and kind of cement on flow behavior



# Parameter Extraction

## Vergleich Fließverhalten SVB-Basismörtel und Flugaschemörtel / comparison flow behavior scc-mortar against flyash mortar





# Parameter Extraction

Nr.	Bezeichnung / name	Binde- mittel / binder	Fließ- mittel / super- plasti- cizer	Setz- fließ- maß / slump flow	Trichter- auslauf- zeit / v- funnel	Approximation - Vogel			Approximation - Bingham	
						$\tau = \tau_0 + \eta_0 \dot{\gamma} \frac{1}{(1 \pm (\eta_0 / 2 \sigma) \dot{\gamma})}$			$\tau = \tau_0 + \eta_{pl} \dot{\gamma}$	
				a	t	$\eta_0$	$\sigma$	$\tau_0$	$\eta_{pl}$	$\tau_0$
				[mm]	[s]	[Pas]	[Pa]	[Pa]	[Pas]	[Pa]
1	RL-V05	C1	PCE 1	212	13,0	7,2	732	26,4	8,3	21,5
2	RL-V06	C2	PCE 1	256	11,3	8,0	2339	24,0	8,4	21,7
3	RL-V10	C3	PCE 6	305	13,2	10,2	2173	27,4	10,1	27,3
4	RL-V09	C2	PCE 6	345	11,7	9,5	4940	16,8	9,9	13,3
5	RL-V07	fly ash	PCE 1	225	3,3	3,2	97	23,8	2,3	26,5



# Parameter Extraction

## pipe test

- Flow behavior of scc-mortars and fly ash mortar
- Using pipe test rig
- Measuring of loss of pressure and volumetric flow rate
- Determination of pipe characteristic curve of bingham fluids on the basis on Hagen-relation

- Bingham-approximation

$$\tau = \tau_0 + \eta_{pl} \dot{\gamma}$$

- Using of Buckingham-Reiner-relation

$$\dot{V} = \frac{\pi \cdot \Delta p \cdot R^4}{8 \cdot \eta_{pl} \cdot L} \left[ 1 - \frac{4}{3} \frac{r_0}{R} + \frac{1}{3} \left( \frac{r_0}{R} \right)^4 \right]$$





# Parameter Extraction

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- pipe characteristic curve

$$\frac{\Delta p}{L} = \frac{128 \cdot \eta_{pl}}{\pi \cdot D^4} \dot{V} + \frac{16 \cdot \tau_0}{3 \cdot D}$$

→ yield stress:

$$\tau_0 = \frac{3 \cdot n \cdot D}{16}$$

→ plastic viscosity:

$$\eta_{pl} = \frac{m \cdot \pi \cdot D^4}{128}$$

- intersection with x-axis is n and slope of the line is m

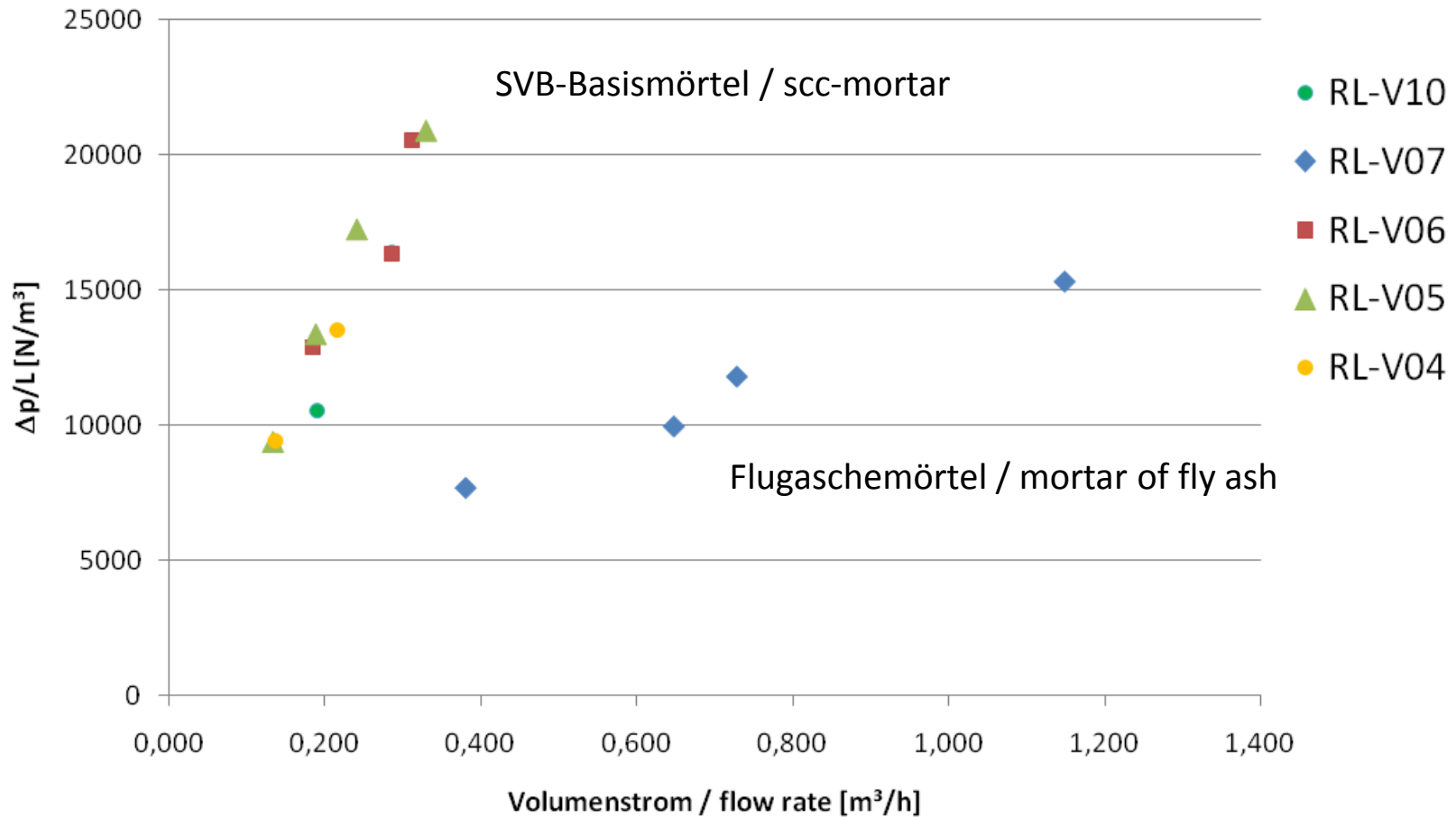
$$\Delta p / L = f(\dot{V})$$





# Parameter Extraction

## Rohrleitungskennlinie / pipe characteristic curve





# Parameter Extraction

Nr.	Bezeichnung / name	Bindemittel / binder	Fließmittel / superplasticizer	Setzfließmaß / slump flow	Trichterlaufzeit / v-funnel	Approximation - Bingham		Ergebnisse des Rohrleitungsversuches / pipe results	
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# Parameter Extraction

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Results:

Good correlation between results of the pipe test and the results of the viscometer

Viskomat NT

Using following parameters for the DEM-simulation:

$$\tau_0 = 20 \text{ Pa}$$

$$\eta_{pl} = 8 \text{ Pas}$$



# Parameter Extraction

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## Results

- scc-mortar and fly ash-mortar were tested
- tests with viscomat NT, pipe test, slump flow and v-funnel test were made
- Approximation – Vogel and Approximation Bingham were made
- pipe characteristic curve was determined
- loss of pressure of scc-mortar in pipe is higher than the one of fly ash-mortar
- flow of the several scc-mortars is nearly comparable (one composition, several superplasticizers and cements) in pipe
- results of pipe test are comparable to results of viscomat NT
- rheological parameters could be determined, which are parameters for the simulation (plastic viscosity, yield stress)



# Project

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Research project:

Adaption numerischer Simulationsmodelle für die Optimierung von Verarbeitungsprozessen mineralischer Stoffsysteme

Research promotion:

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