

# *Memorandum*



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## 1.0 EXAMPLE MATERIALS

The PFC FISHTank produces linear, contact-bonded, parallel-bonded, soft-bonded, flat-jointed and user-defined (3D hill) materials. Examples for each material are provided in the Example Materials memos. Each example serves as a base case and provides a material at the lowest resolution sufficient to demonstrate system behavior. There is a material-genesis project for each material, and these projects are in the **fistPkg7.N/ExampleProjects/MatGen-M** directory, where **N** is the version number of the PFC FISHTank, and **M** is the material type. There are separate 2D and 3D projects for each material, and both projects are contained within the same example-project directory. Examples for the parallel-bonded, soft-bonded and flat-jointed materials are provided in the following subsections.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> The microstructural arrangement and stress-strain curves obtained with the current FISHTank may vary slightly from those shown here, which may have been generated by an earlier version of the FISHTank.

## 1.1 Parallel-Bonded Material Example

The parallel-bonded material example is in the **MatGen-ParallelBonded** example-project directory. A parallel-bonded material is created to represent a typical sandstone, which we take to be Castlegate sandstone.<sup>2</sup> We denote our sandstone material as the **SS\_ParallelBonded** material with microproperties listed in Table 1. The material is created in a cubic material vessel (of 50 mm side length, with a 3 GPa effective modulus).<sup>3</sup> The grain-scaling packing procedure is used to pack the grains to a 30 MPa material pressure, and then parallel bonds are added between all grains that are in contact with one another (see Figure 1). The material is then subjected to compression, diametral-compression and direct-tension tests. The test results can be displayed and interpreted in the same way as for the contact-bonded material example in the Example Materials 1 memo.

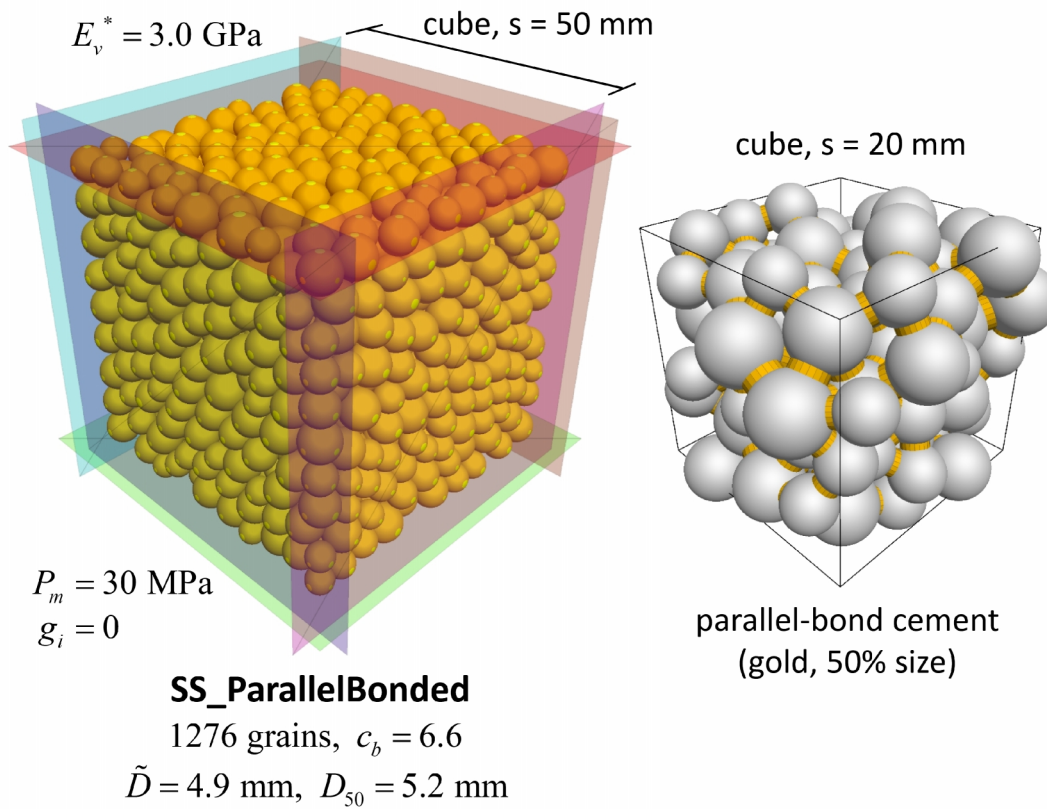
**Table 1 Microproperties of SS\_ParallelBonded Material\***

Property	Value
<b>Common group:</b>	
$N_m$	SS_ParallelBonded
$T_m, \alpha, C_\rho, \rho_v [\text{kg/m}^3]$	2, 0.7, 1, 1960
$S_g, T_{SD}, \{D_{\{l,u\}} [\text{mm}], \phi\}, D_{mult}$	0, 0, {4.0,6.0,1.0}, 1.0
<b>Packing group:</b>	
$S_{RV}, P_m [\text{MPa}], \varepsilon_P, \varepsilon_{lim}, n_{lim}$	10000, 30, $1 \times 10^{-2}$ , $8 \times 10^{-3}$ , $2 \times 10^6$
$C_p, n_c$	1, 0.30
<b>Parallel-bonded material group:</b>	
<b>Linear group:</b>	
$E^* [\text{GPa}], \kappa^*, \mu$	1.5, 1.5, 0.4
<b>Parallel-bond group:</b>	
$g_i [\text{mm}], \bar{\lambda}, \bar{E}^* [\text{GPa}], \bar{\kappa}^*, \bar{\beta}$	0, 1.0, 1.5, 1.5, 1.0
$(\bar{\sigma}_c)_{\{m, sd\}} [\text{MPa}], (\bar{c})_{\{m, sd\}} [\text{MPa}], \bar{\gamma}, \bar{\phi} [\text{degrees}]$	{1.0,0}, NA, 20, 0
<b>Linear material group:</b>	
$E_n^* [\text{GPa}], \kappa_n^*, \mu_n$	1.5, 1.5, 0.4

\* Parallel-bonded material parameters are defined in Table 4 of the base memo.

<sup>2</sup> Typical properties of Castlegate sandstone are listed in footnote 4 of the Example Materials 1 memo.

<sup>3</sup> A parallel-bonded clumped material can be created in the same way as for the contact-bonded material example.



**Figure 1** *SS\_ParallelBonded material at the end of material genesis with grains and intact parallel bonds in the microstructural box.*

## 1.2 Parallel-Bonded Material Example (2D model)

The parallel-bonded material example for the 2D model is in the **MatGen-ParallelBonded** example-project directory. The files for the 2D model contain the **p2\*** extension (e.g., **MatGen.p2prj** and **mpParams.p2dat**). A 2D parallel-bonded material (consisting of rigid unit-thickness disks) is created to represent a typical sandstone, which we take to be Castlegate sandstone.<sup>4</sup> We denote our sandstone material as the **SS\_ParallelBonded2D** material with microproperties listed in Table 2. The material is created in a square-cuboid material vessel (of 50 mm side length and unit depth, with a 3 GPa effective modulus).<sup>5</sup> The grain-scaling packing procedure is used to pack the grains to a 30 MPa material pressure, and then parallel bonds are added between all grains that are in contact with one another (see Figure 2). The material is then subjected to compression, diametral-compression and direct-tension tests. The test results can be displayed and interpreted in the same way as for the contact-bonded material example in the Example Materials 1 memo.

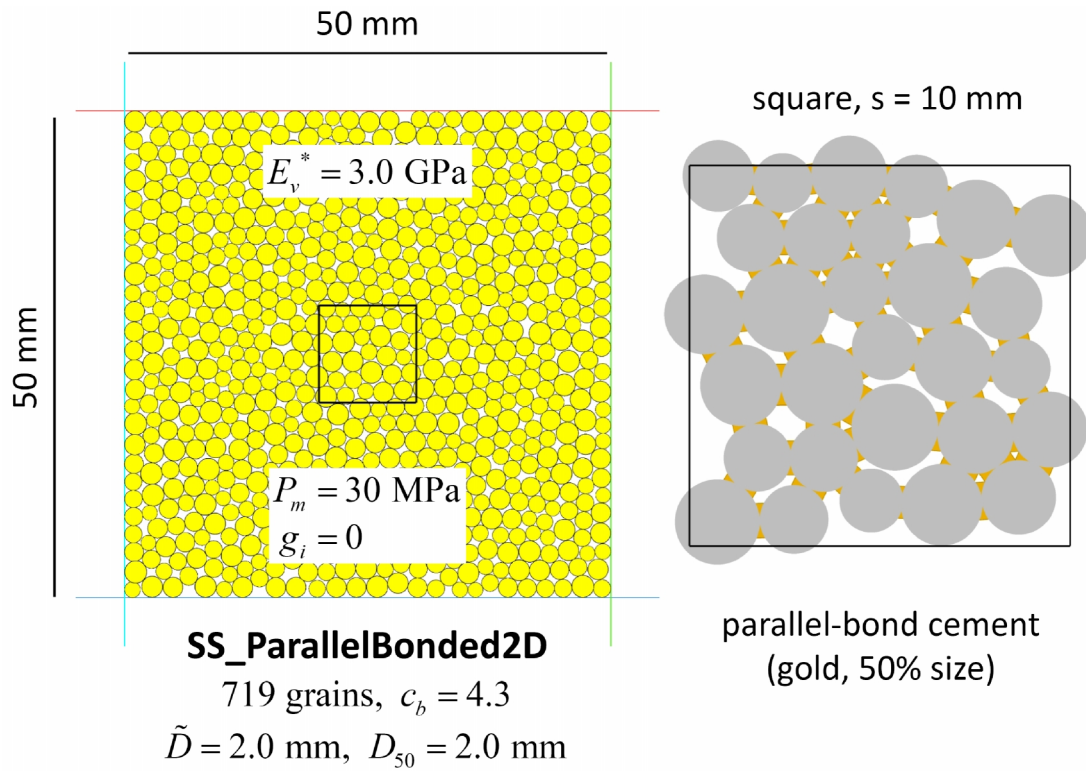
**Table 2 Microproperties of SS\_ParallelBonded2D Material\***

Property	Value
<b>Common group:</b>	
$N_m$	SS_ParallelBonded2D
$T_m, \alpha, C_p, \rho_v [\text{kg/m}^3]$	2, 0.7, 1, 1960
$S_g, T_{SD}, \{D_{\{l,u\}} [\text{mm}], \phi\}, D_{mult}$	0, 0, {1.6,2.4,1.0}, 1.0
<b>Packing group:</b>	
$S_{RN}, P_m [\text{MPa}], \epsilon_p, \epsilon_{lim}, n_{lim}$	10000, 30, $1 \times 10^{-2}$ , $8 \times 10^{-3}$ , $2 \times 10^6$
$C_p, n_c$	1, 0.08
<b>Parallel-bonded material group:</b>	
<b>Linear group:</b>	
$E^* [\text{GPa}], \kappa^*, \mu$	1.5, 1.5, 0.4
<b>Parallel-bond group:</b>	
$g_i [\text{mm}], \bar{\lambda}, \bar{E}^* [\text{GPa}], \bar{\kappa}^*, \bar{\beta}$	0, 1.0, 1.5, 1.5, 1.0
$(\bar{\sigma}_c)_{\{m, sd\}} [\text{MPa}], (\bar{c})_{\{m, sd\}} [\text{MPa}], \bar{\phi} [\text{degrees}]$	{1.0,0}, {20.0,0}, 0
<b>Linear material group:</b>	
$E_n^* [\text{GPa}], \kappa_n^*, \mu_n$	1.5, 1.5, 0.4

\* Parallel-bonded material parameters are defined in Table 4 of the base memo.

<sup>4</sup> Typical properties of Castlegate sandstone are listed in footnote 4 of the Example Materials 1 memo.

<sup>5</sup> A 2D parallel-bonded clumped material can be created in the same way as for the 2D contact-bonded material example.



**Figure 2** *SS\_ParallelBonded2D material at the end of material genesis with grains and intact parallel bonds in the microstructural box.*

### 1.3 Soft-Bonded Material Example

The soft-bonded material example is in the **MatGen-SoftBonded** example-project directory. A soft-bonded material is created to represent a typical sandstone, which we take to be Castlegate sandstone.<sup>6</sup> We denote our sandstone material as the SS\_SoftBonded material with microproperties listed in Figure 3. The material is created in a cubic material vessel (of 50 mm side length, with a 3 GPa effective modulus).<sup>7</sup> The grain-scaling packing procedure is used to pack the grains to a 30 MPa material pressure, and then soft bonds are added between all grains that are in contact with one another (see Figure 1). The material is then subjected to compression, diametral-compression and direct-tension tests. The test results can be displayed and interpreted in the same way as for the contact-bonded material example in the Example Materials 1 memo.

**Table 3 Microproperties of SS\_SoftBonded Material\***

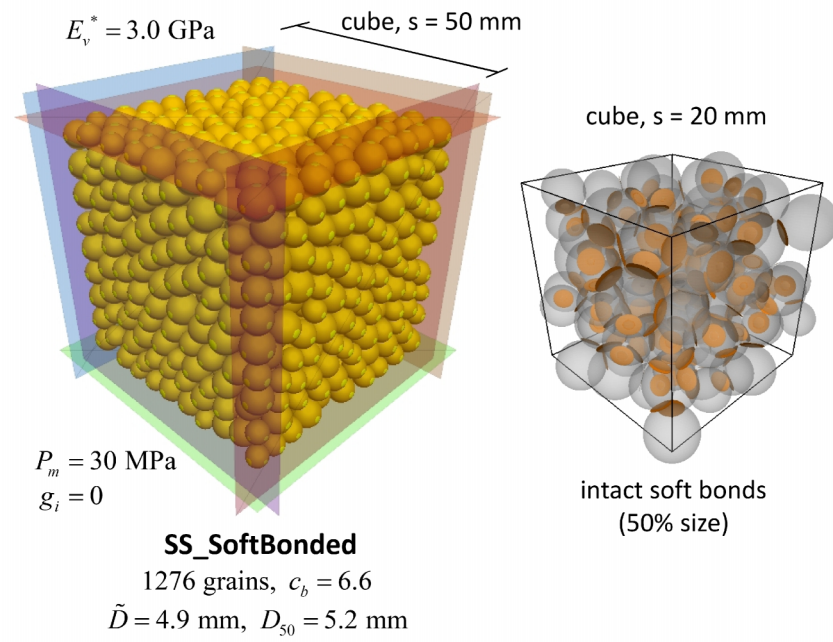
Property	Value
<b>Common group:</b>	
$N_m$	SS_SoftBonded
$T_m, \alpha, C_p, \rho_v [\text{kg/m}^3]$	3, 0.7, 1, 1960
$S_g, T_{SD}, \{D_{\{l,u\}} [\text{mm}], \phi\}, D_{mult}$	0, 0, {4.0,6.0,1.0}, 1.0
<b>Packing group:</b>	
$S_{RN}, P_m [\text{MPa}], \varepsilon_p, \varepsilon_{lim}, n_{lim}$	10000, 30, $1 \times 10^{-2}$ , $8 \times 10^{-3}$ , $2 \times 10^6$
$C_p, n_c$	1, 0.30
<b>Soft-bonded material group:</b>	
$g_i [\text{mm}], \lambda, E^* [\text{GPa}], \kappa^*, \beta$	0, 1.0, 1.5, 1.5, 1.0
$(\sigma_c)_{\{m, sd\}} [\text{MPa}], (c)_{\{m, sd\}} [\text{MPa}], \gamma, \phi [\text{degrees}]$	{1.0,0}, NA, 20, 0.0
$\zeta, \gamma, \mu, \lambda_b, \lambda_t$	0.0, 0.0, 0.4, 0.0, 0.0
<b>Linear material group:</b>	
$E_n^* [\text{GPa}], \kappa_n^*, \mu_n$	1.5, 1.5, 0.4

\* Soft-bonded material parameters are defined in Table 5 of the base memo.

<sup>6</sup> Typical properties of Castlegate sandstone are listed in footnote 4 of the Example Materials 1 memo.

<sup>7</sup> A soft-bonded clumped material can be created in the same way as for the contact-bonded material example.





**Figure 3** *SS\_SoftBonded material at the end of material genesis with grains and intact soft bonds in the microstructural box.*

#### 1.4 Soft-Bonded Material Example (2D model)

The soft-bonded material example for the 2D model is in the **MatGen-SoftBonded** example-project directory. The files for the 2D model contain the **p2\*** extension (e.g., **MatGen.p2prj** and **mpParams.p2dat**). A 2D soft-bonded material (consisting of rigid unit-thickness disks) is created to represent a typical sandstone, which we take to be Castlegate sandstone.<sup>8</sup> We denote our sandstone material as the **SS\_SoftBonded2D** material with microproperties listed in Table 4. The material is created in a square-cuboid material vessel (of 50 mm side length and unit depth, with a 3 GPa effective modulus).<sup>9</sup> The grain-scaling packing procedure is used to pack the grains to a 30 MPa material pressure, and then soft bonds are added between all grains that are in contact with one another (see Figure 2). The material is then subjected to compression, diametral-compression and direct-tension tests. The test results can be displayed and interpreted in the same way as for the contact-bonded material example in the Example Materials 1 memo.

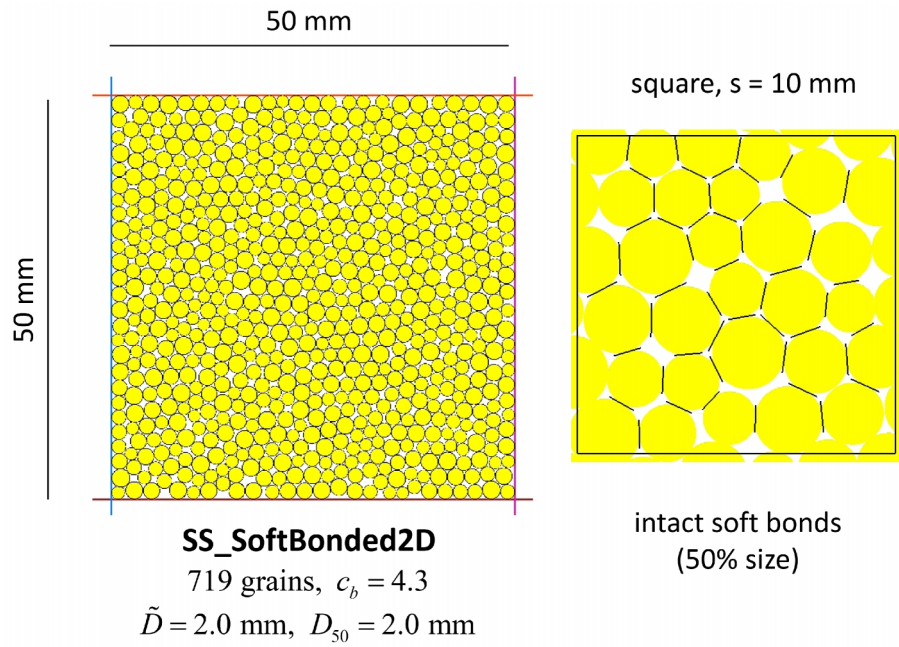
**Table 4 Microproperties of SS\_SoftBonded2D Material\***

Property	Value
<b>Common group:</b>	
$N_m$	SS_SoftBonded2D
$T_m, \alpha, C_p, \rho_v [\text{kg/m}^3]$	3, 0.7, 1, 1960
$S_g, T_{SD}, \{D_{\{l,u\}} [\text{mm}], \phi\}, D_{mult}$	0, 0, {4.0,6.0,1.0}, 1.0
<b>Packing group:</b>	
$S_{RN}, P_m [\text{MPa}], \varepsilon_p, \varepsilon_{lim}, n_{lim}$	10000, 30, $1 \times 10^{-2}$ , $8 \times 10^{-3}$ , $2 \times 10^6$
$C_p, n_c$	1, 0.08
<b>Soft-bonded material group:</b>	
$g_i [\text{mm}], \lambda, E^* [\text{GPa}], \kappa^*, \beta$	0, 1.0, 1.5, 1.5, 1.0
$(\sigma_c)_{\{m, sd\}} [\text{MPa}], (c)_{\{m, sd\}} [\text{MPa}], \gamma, \phi [\text{degrees}]$	{1.0,0}, NA, 20, 0.0
$\zeta, \gamma, \mu, \lambda_b, \lambda_t$	0.0, 0.0, 0.4, 0.0, 0.0
<b>Linear material group:</b>	
$E_n^* [\text{GPa}], \kappa_n^*, \mu_n$	1.5, 1.5, 0.4

\* Soft-bonded material parameters are defined in Table 5 of the base memo.

<sup>8</sup> Typical properties of Castlegate sandstone are listed in footnote 4 of the Example Materials 1 memo.

<sup>9</sup> A 2D soft-bonded clumped material can be created in the same way as for the 2D contact-bonded material example.



**Figure 4** *SS\_SoftBonded2D material at the end of material genesis with grains and intact soft bonds in the microstructural box.*

### 1.5 Flat-Jointed Material Example

The flat-jointed material example is in the **MatGen-FlatJointed** example-project directory. A flat-jointed material is created to represent a typical sandstone, which we take to be Castlegate sandstone.<sup>10</sup> We denote our sandstone material as the **SS\_FlatJointed** material with microproperties listed in Table 5. The material is created in a cubic material vessel (of 50 mm side length, with a 3 GPa effective modulus).<sup>11</sup> The grain-scaling packing procedure is used to pack the grains to a 30 MPa material pressure, and then the flat-joint contact model is installed between all grains that are in contact with one another and the flat-jointed material properties are assigned to those flat-jointed contacts (see Figure 5). The material is then subjected to compression, diametral-compression and direct-tension tests. The test results can be displayed and interpreted in the same way as for the contact-bonded material example in the Example Materials 1 memo.

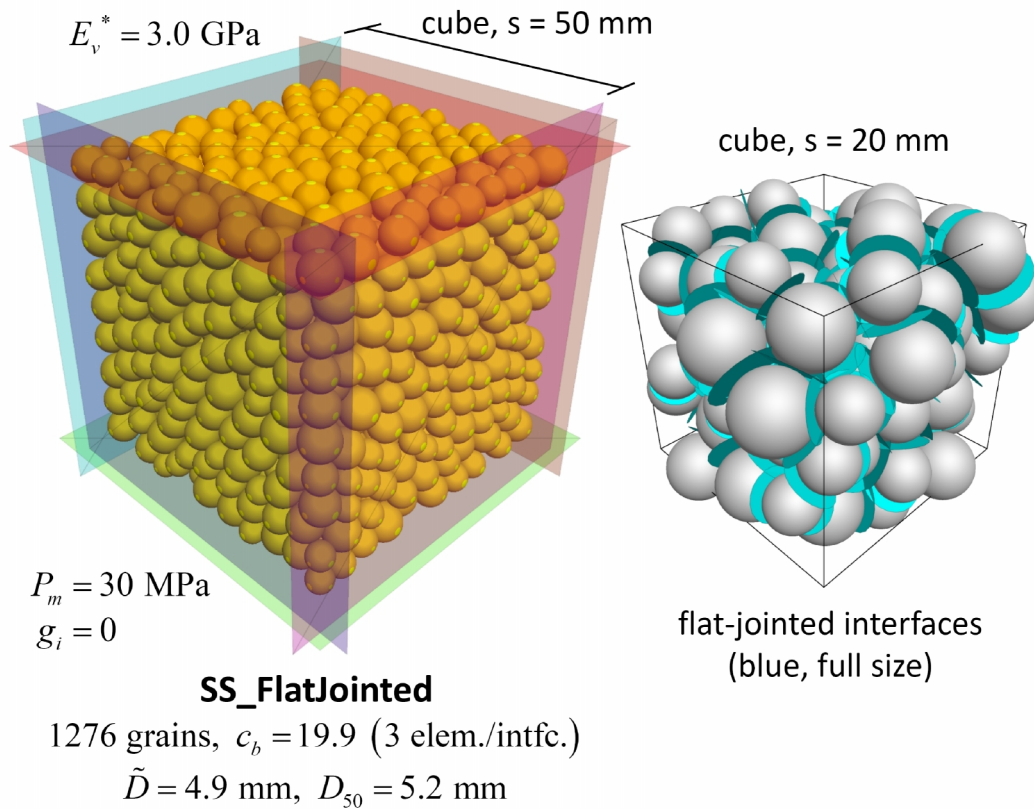
**Table 5 Microproperties of SS\_FlatJointed Material\***

Property	Value
<b>Common group:</b>	
$N_m$	SS_FlatJointed
$T_m, C_r, \varepsilon_s, \varepsilon_a, \alpha, C_p, \rho_v [\text{kg/m}^3]$	4, NA, NA, NA, 0.7, 1, 1960
$S_g, T_{SD}, \{D_{\{l,u\}} [\text{mm}], \phi\}, D_{mult}$	0, 0, {4.0,6.0,1.0}, 1.0
<b>Packing group:</b>	
$S_{RN}, P_m [\text{MPa}], \varepsilon_p, \varepsilon_{lim}, n_{lim}$	10000, 30, $1 \times 10^{-2}$ , $8 \times 10^{-3}$ , $2 \times 10^6$
$C_p, n_c$	1, 0.30
<b>Flat-jointed material group:</b>	
$C_{MS}, g_i [\text{mm}], \phi_B, \phi_G, (g_o)_{\{m, sd\}} [\text{mm}], \{N_r, N_a\}$	false, 0, 1, 0, {0,0}, {1,3}
$\{C_\lambda, \lambda_v\}, E^* [\text{GPa}], \kappa^*, \mu$	{0, 1.0}, 3.0, 1.5, 0.4
$(\sigma_c)_{\{m, sd\}} [\text{MPa}], (c)_{\{m, sd\}} [\text{MPa}], \gamma, c_r, M_r, \phi [\text{degrees}]$	{1.0,0}, NA, 20, 0.0, 0, 0
<b>Linear material group:</b>	
$E_n^* [\text{GPa}], \kappa_n^*, \mu_n$	1.5, 1.5, 0.4

\* Flat-jointed material parameters are defined in Table 5 of the base memo.

<sup>10</sup> Typical properties of Castlegate sandstone are listed in footnote 4 of the Example Materials 1 memo.

<sup>11</sup> A flat-jointed clumped material can be created in the same way as for the contact-bonded material example.



**Figure 5** *SS\_FlatJointed material at the end of material genesis with grains and flat-jointed interfaces in the microstructural box.*

## 1.6 Flat-Jointed Material Example (2D model)

The flat-jointed material example for the 2D model is in the **MatGen-FlatJointed** example-project directory. The files for the 2D model contain the **p2\*** extension (e.g., **MatGen.p2prj** and **mpParams.p2dat**). A 2D flat-jointed material (consisting of rigid unit-thickness disks) is created to represent a typical sandstone, which we take to be Castlegate sandstone.<sup>12</sup> We denote our sandstone material as the **SS\_FlatJointed2D** material with microproperties listed in Table 6. The material is created in a square-cuboid material vessel (of 50 mm side length and unit depth, with a 3 GPa effective modulus).<sup>13</sup> The grain-scaling packing procedure is used to pack the grains to a 30 MPa material pressure, and then the flat-joint contact model is installed between all grains that are in contact with one another and the flat-jointed material properties are assigned to those flat-jointed contacts (see Figure 6). The material is then subjected to compression, diametral-compression and direct-tension tests. The test results can be displayed and interpreted in the same way as for the contact-bonded material example in the Example Materials 1 memo.

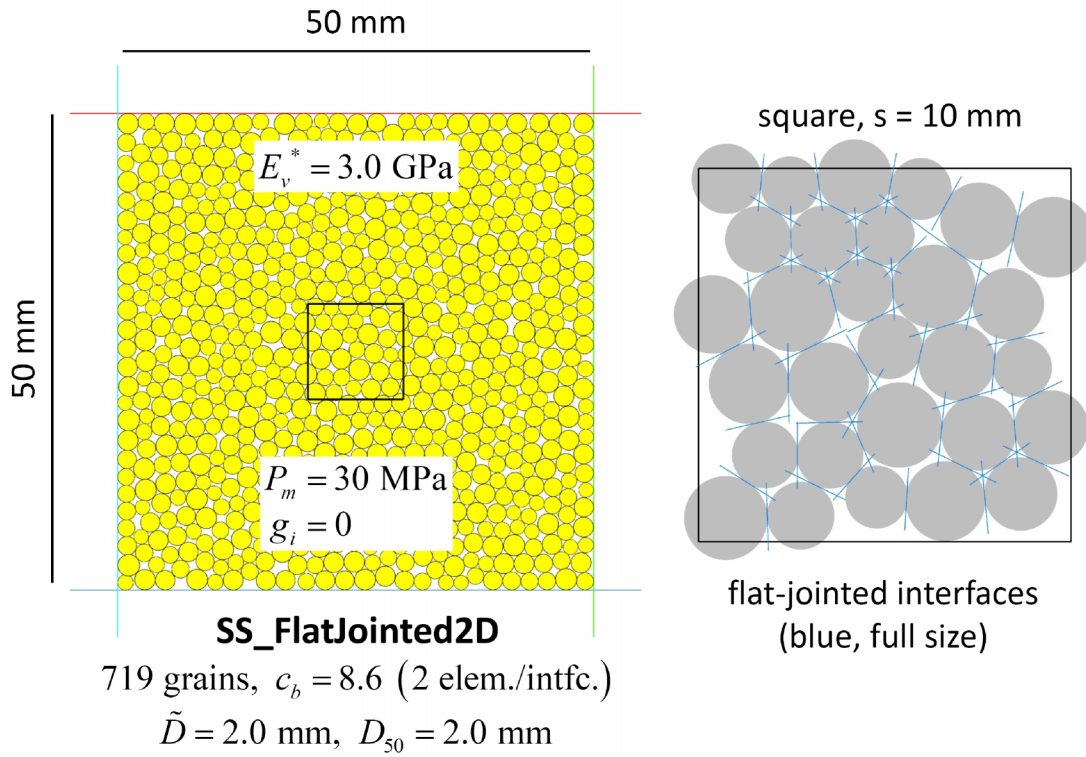
**Table 6 Microproperties of SS\_FlatJointed2D Material\***

Property	Value
<b>Common group:</b>	
$N_m$	SS_FlatJointed2D
$T_m, \alpha, C_p, \rho_v [\text{kg/m}^3]$	4, 0.7, 1, 1960
$S_g, T_{SD}, \{D_{\{l,u\}} [\text{mm}], \phi\}, D_{mult}$	0, 0, {1.6,2.4,1.0}, 1.0
<b>Packing group:</b>	
$S_{RN}, P_m [\text{MPa}], \varepsilon_p, \varepsilon_{lim}, n_{lim}$	10000, 30, $1 \times 10^{-2}$ , $8 \times 10^{-3}$ , $2 \times 10^6$
$C_p, n_c$	1, 0.08
<b>Flat-jointed material group:</b>	
$C_{MS}, g_i [\text{mm}], \phi_B, \phi_G, (g_o)_{\{m, sd\}} [\text{mm}], N_r$	false, 0, 1, 0, {0,0}, 2
$\{C_\lambda, \lambda_v\}, E^* [\text{GPa}], \kappa^*, \mu$	{0, 1.0}, 3.0, 1.5, 0.4
$(\sigma_c)_{\{m, sd\}} [\text{MPa}], (c)_{\{m, sd\}} [\text{MPa}], \gamma, c_r, M_r, \phi [\text{degrees}]$	{1.0,0}, NA, 20, 0.0, 0, 0
<b>Linear material group:</b>	
$E_n^* [\text{GPa}], \kappa_n^*, \mu_n$	1.5, 1.5, 0.4

\* Flat-jointed material parameters are defined in Table 5 of the base memo.

<sup>12</sup> Typical properties of Castlegate sandstone are listed in footnote 4 of the Example Materials 1 memo.

<sup>13</sup> A 2D flat-jointed clumped material can be created in the same way as for the 2D contact-bonded material example.



**Figure 6** *SS\_FlatJointed2D material at the end of material genesis with grains and flat-jointed interfaces in the microstructural box.*

### 1.7 Flat-Jointed Voronoi and Tetrahedral Grain Material Examples

The flat-jointed Voronoi- and tetrahedral-grain material examples are in the **MatGen-FJ3DVoronoi** and **MatGen-FJ3DTet** example-project directories, respectively. These materials represent Lac du Bonnet granite and are denoted as LdB\_FJvorC and LdB\_FJtetC, respectively. Their microproperties are listed in Tables 7 and 8. The material-creation procedure and behavior during compression and tension tests are described in Potyondy et al. (2020), and the materials (including a spherical-grain material) are shown in Figure 7. The microproperties are listed here to show the relevant parameters.

**Table 7 Microproperties of LdB\_FJvorC Material (Voronoi grains)\***

Property	Value
<b>Common group:</b>	
$N_m$	LdB_FJvorC
$T_m, C_r, \varepsilon_s, \varepsilon_a, \alpha, C_p, \rho_v [\text{kg/m}^3]$	4, 1, 0.01, 6, 0.7, 1, 2630
$S_g, T_{SD}, \{D_{\{l,u\}} [\text{mm}], \phi\}, D_{mult}, f_s$	0, 0, {1.5,2.25,1.0}, 1.0, NA
<b>Packing group:</b>	
$S_{RN}, P_m [\text{MPa}], \varepsilon_p, \varepsilon_{lim}, n_{lim}$	10001, 30, $1 \times 10^{-2}$ , $8 \times 10^{-3}$ , $2 \times 10^6$
$C_p, n_c$	1, 0.30
<b>Flat-jointed material group:</b>	
$C_{MS}, g_i [\text{mm}], \phi_B, \phi_G, (g_o)_{\{m, sd\}} [\text{m}], \{N_r, N_\alpha\}$	NA, NA, 1, 0, {0,0}, {1,3}
$\{C_\lambda, \lambda_v\}, E^* [\text{GPa}], \kappa^*, \mu$	NA, 60, 1.5, 0.6
$(\sigma_c)_{\{m, sd\}} [\text{MPa}], (c)_{\{m, sd\}} [\text{MPa}], \gamma, c_r, M_r, \phi [\text{degrees}]$	{9.4,1.13}, {73,8.76}, 0, 0, 0, 53
<b>Linear material group:</b>	
$E_n^* [\text{GPa}], \kappa_n^*, \mu_n$	60, 1.5, 0.6

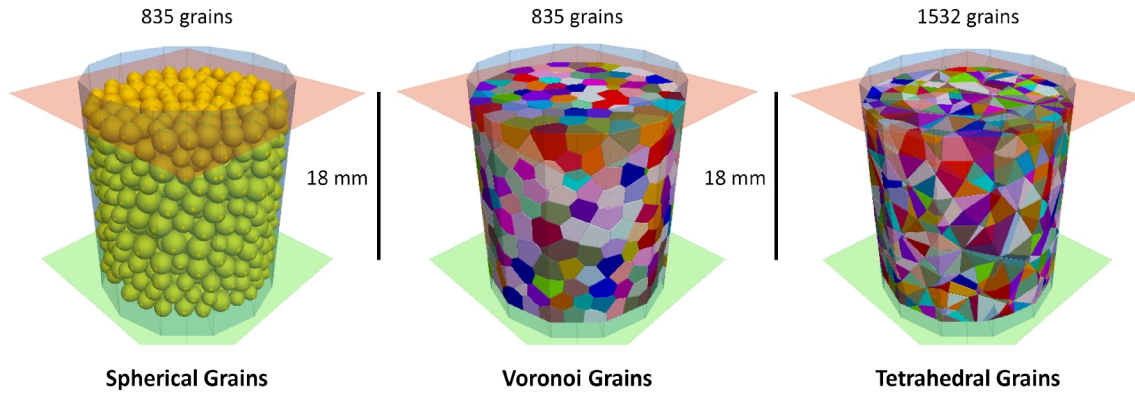
\* Flat-jointed material parameters are defined in Table 5 of the base memo.



**Table 8 Microproperties of LdB\_FJtetC Material (tetrahedral grains)\***

Property	Value
<b>Common group:</b>	
$N_m$	LdB_FJtetC
$T_m, C_r, \varepsilon_s, \varepsilon_a, \alpha, C_p, \rho_v [\text{kg/m}^3]$	4, 2, 0.01, 6, 0.7, 1, 2630
$S_g, T_{SD}, \{D_{\{l,u\}} [\text{mm}], \phi\}, D_{multi}, f_s$	0, 0, {1.5,2.25,1.0}, 1.0, NA
<b>Packing group:</b>	
$S_{RN}, P_m [\text{MPa}], \varepsilon_p, \varepsilon_{lim}, n_{lim}$	10001, 30, $1 \times 10^{-2}$ , $8 \times 10^{-3}$ , $2 \times 10^6$
$C_p, n_c$	1, 0.30
<b>Flat-jointed material group:</b>	
$C_{MS}, g_i [\text{mm}], \phi_B, \phi_G, (g_o)_{\{m, sd\}} [\text{m}], \{N_r, N_\alpha\}$	NA, NA, 1, 0, {0,0}, {1,3}
$\{C_\lambda, \lambda_v\}, E^* [\text{GPa}], \kappa^*, \mu$	NA, 80, 1.5, 0.2
$(\sigma_c)_{\{m, sd\}} [\text{MPa}], (c)_{\{m, sd\}} [\text{MPa}], \gamma, c_r, M_r, \phi [\text{degrees}]$	{12,1.4}, {240,28.8}, 0, 0, 0, 0
<b>Linear material group:</b>	
$E_n^* [\text{GPa}], \kappa_n^*, \mu_n$	180, 1.5, 0.2

\* Flat-jointed material parameters are defined in Table 5 of the base memo.



**Figure 7** The three flat-jointed materials with spherical, Voronoi and tetrahedral grains at specimen resolutions of 10. (From Fig. 9 of Potyondy et al. [2020])