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# Modeling and Simulation of Particles in Fluids

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## ▷ Motivation

- Goal: Theoretical and numerical description of fluid-particle interaction

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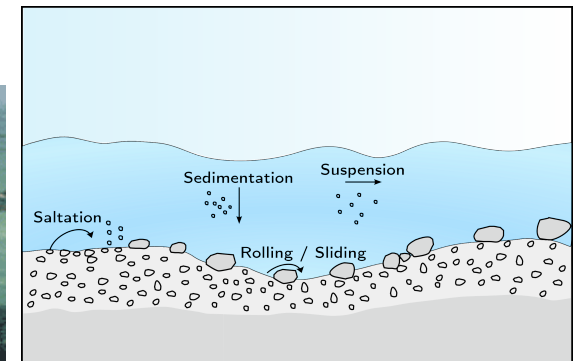
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Elbe flood 2002  
([www.wwf.de](http://www.wwf.de))



River sedimentation  
([www.anra.gov.au](http://www.anra.gov.au))



- \* Direct numerical simulation of three dimensional particulate flows
- \* Sedimentation and erosion processes in river engineering
- \* Homogenization strategies
- \* Multiscale methods for sediment transport



## ▷ Multiphase system

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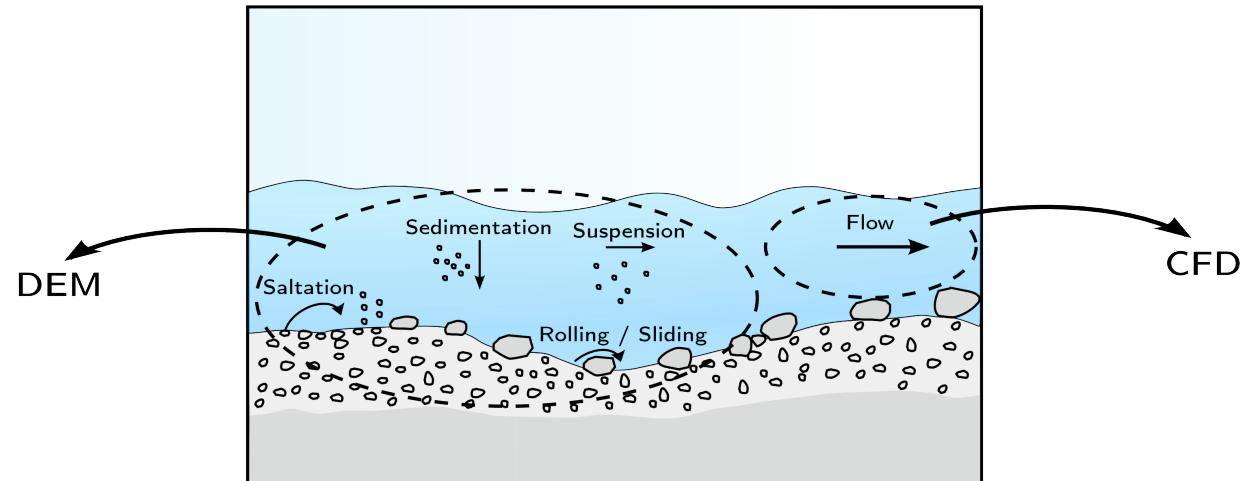
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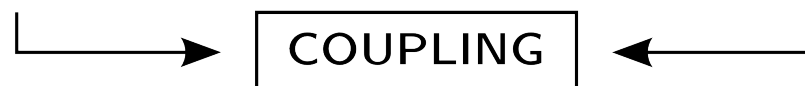


- DEM

- \* Spherical quasi-rigid particles
- \* Contact forces
- \* Rolling / sliding / sticking
- \* Adhesion
- \* Gravity

- CFD

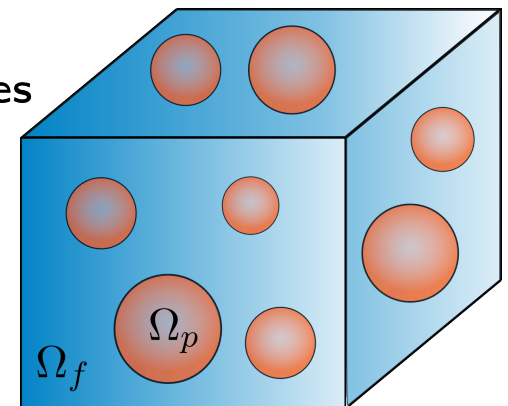
- \* Incompressible viscous flow
- \* Nonstationary flow field





## ▷ Fluid-solid particle system

- Multiphase field
  - \*  $n$  solid particles ( $p = 1, \dots, n$ )  
in a fluid (density  $\rho_f$ , viscosity  $\mu$ )
  - \* Domain occupied by the fluid at time  $t$ :  $\Omega_f(t)$
  - \* Domain occupied by the particle  $p$  at time  $t$ :  $\Omega_p(t)$
- Fluid phase
  - \* Nonstationary incompressible *Navier-Stokes*
  - \* Finite Element Method (FEM)
- Particle phase
  - \* *Newton-Euler* equations for solid particles
  - \* Discrete Element Method (DEM)



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- The fluid constituents

- \* *Navier-Stokes* equations in  $\Omega_f(t)$

$$\rho_f \left( \frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} + \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{u} \right) - \nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma} = \mathbf{0} \quad , \quad \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} = 0$$

$$\boldsymbol{\sigma} = -p\mathbf{I} + \mu \left[ \nabla \mathbf{u} + (\nabla \mathbf{u})^T \right]$$

where  $\boldsymbol{\sigma}$ : stress tensor

- The particle constituents

- \* *Newton-Euler* equations in  $\Omega_p(t)$

Translation: 
$$M \frac{d\mathbf{U}}{dt} = (\rho - \rho_f)V\mathbf{g} + \mathbf{F}^p + \mathbf{F}^f$$

Rotation: 
$$\mathbf{I} \frac{d\boldsymbol{\omega}}{dt} + \boldsymbol{\omega} \times (\mathbf{I}\boldsymbol{\omega}) = \mathbf{T}^p + \mathbf{T}^f$$

where  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \mathbf{F}^{(\cdot)} : \text{Forces} \\ \mathbf{T}^{(\cdot)} : \text{Torque} \end{array} \right.$



## ▷ Models for DEM

- Normal contact

- \* Penalty force approach
- \* *Hertz contact law* [Hertz, 1896]

$$F_{ij} = c_n \delta^{3/2} + d_n \dot{\delta}$$

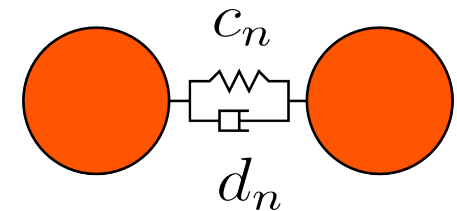
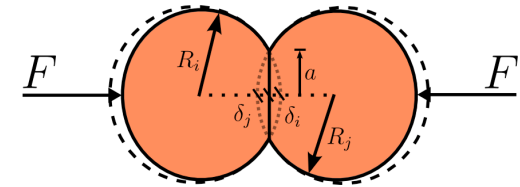
where  $F_{ij}$  : contact force

$$c_n = \frac{4}{3\pi(k_i + k_j)} \sqrt{R}$$

$$k_l = \frac{1 - \nu_l^2}{\pi E_l}, \quad l = i, j$$

$$\delta = \delta_i + \delta_j, \quad R = \frac{R_i R_j}{R_i + R_j}$$

contact radius:  $a = \frac{F}{c_n} R^{3/2}$



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- Normal contact with adhesion: JKR contact model

[*Johnson, Kendall & Roberts, 1971*]

- \* Force between two spheres

$$F = \frac{4Ea^3}{3R} - 2\pi a^2 \sqrt{\frac{2WE}{\pi a}}$$

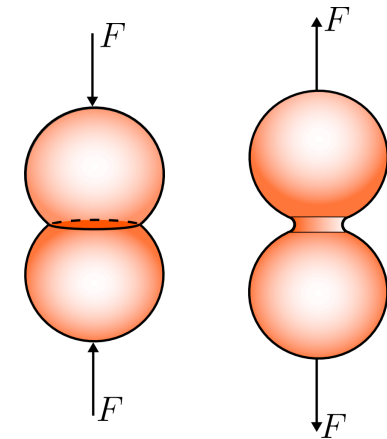
$$\text{with: } \frac{1}{E} = \frac{1 - \nu_i}{E_i} + \frac{1 - \nu_j}{E_j}$$

and  $W$  : (underwater) work of adhesion

[e.g. *Loskofsky et. al. , 2006*]

- \* Contact radius

$$a = \left[ \frac{3R}{4E} \left( F + 3\pi WR \pm \sqrt{(2\pi WR)^2 + 6\pi WR F} \right) \right]^{1/3}$$





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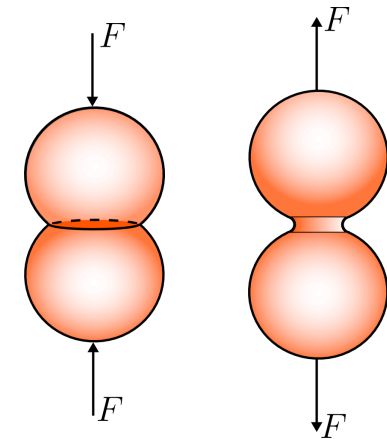
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\* **Equilibrium contact area**

$$a_o = \left( \frac{6\pi W R^2}{K} \right)^{1/3} \quad \text{with: } K = \frac{4}{3} E$$

\* **Separation force and separation contact radius**

$$F_s = \frac{3}{2} \pi R W, \quad a_s^3 = \frac{1}{4} a_o^3$$



\* **Force-contact radius relation**

$$\frac{F}{F_s} = 4 \left( \frac{a}{a_o} \right)^3 - 4 \left( \frac{a}{a_o} \right)^{3/2}$$

\* **Displacement-contact radius relation**

$$\frac{\delta}{\delta_s} = 6^{1/3} \left[ 2 \left( \frac{a}{a_o} \right)^3 - \frac{4}{3} \left( \frac{a}{a_o} \right)^{1/2} \right]$$

$$\text{critical separation distance : } \delta_s = \frac{1}{2} \frac{a_o^2}{(6^{1/3} R)}$$



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- **Tangential contact with static / dynamic friction**  
[Cundall & Strack, 1979; Wriggers, 1987; Luding, 2005]

- \* Total relative velocity of the contact surfaces

$$\mathbf{U}_{ij} = \mathbf{U}_i - \mathbf{U}_j + R_i \mathbf{n} \times \boldsymbol{\omega}_i + R_j \mathbf{n} \times \boldsymbol{\omega}_j$$

- \* Tangential velocity at the contact point

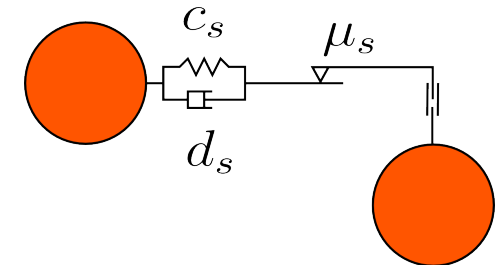
$$\mathbf{U}_t = \mathbf{U}_{ij} - (\mathbf{U}_{ij} \cdot \mathbf{n}) \mathbf{n}$$

- \* Projection of the tangential spring

$$\mathbf{g} = \mathbf{g}' - (\mathbf{g}' \cdot \mathbf{n}) \mathbf{n}$$

- \* Tangential test force

$$\mathbf{F}_t^o = -c_s \mathbf{g} - d_s \mathbf{U}_t$$



COULOMB-criteria	Tang. force	Tang. spring
Sticking: $ \mathbf{F}_t^o  \leq \mu_s F_n$	$F_t =  \mathbf{F}_t^o $	$\mathbf{g}' = \mathbf{g} + \mathbf{U}_t \Delta t$
Sliding: $ \mathbf{F}_t^o  > \mu_s F_n$	$F_t = \mu_d F_n$	$\mathbf{g}' = - (1/c_s) (F_t \mathbf{t} + d_s \mathbf{U}_t)$



- **Rolling resistance** [*Iwashita & Oda, 1998; Marshall, 2008*]

- \* Rolling velocity

$$\mathbf{U}_r = -R(\boldsymbol{\omega}_i - \boldsymbol{\omega}_j) \times \mathbf{n} - \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{R_j - R_i}{R_i + R_j} \right) \mathbf{U}_t$$

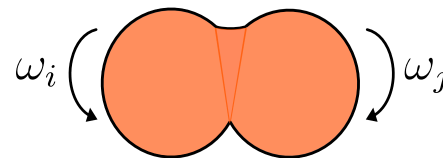
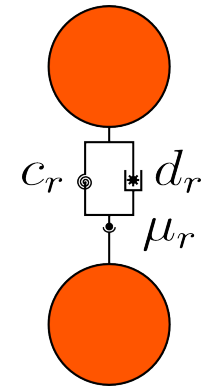
- \* Rolling resistance torque

$$\mathbf{M}_r = -c_r \left( \int_{t_0}^t \mathbf{U}_r(\tau) d\tau \right) \cdot \mathbf{t}_r - d_r \mathbf{U}_r \cdot \mathbf{t}_r$$

with:  $\mathbf{t}_r = \mathbf{U}_r / |\mathbf{U}_r|$

and  $|\mathbf{M}_r| \leq M_{r,crit}$

where  $M_{r,crit}$  : threshold value



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- Pendular under dead load

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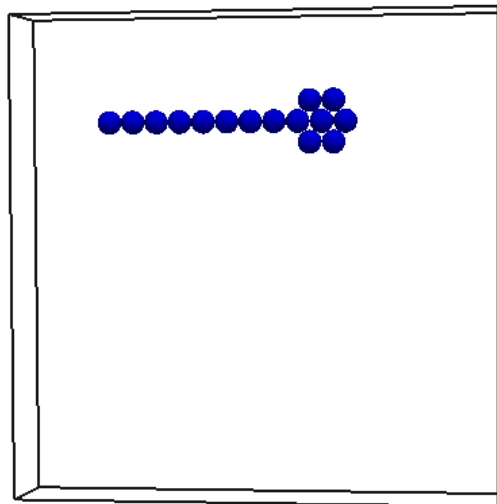
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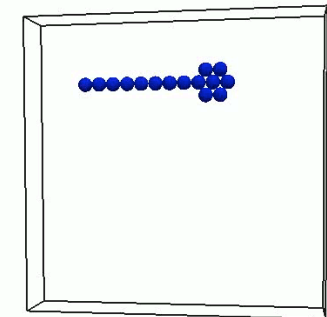
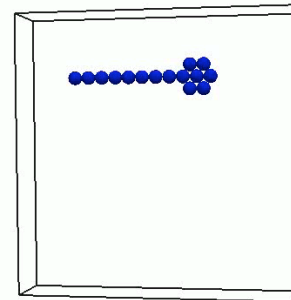
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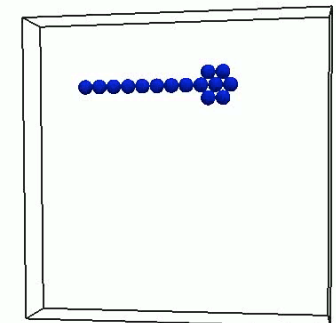
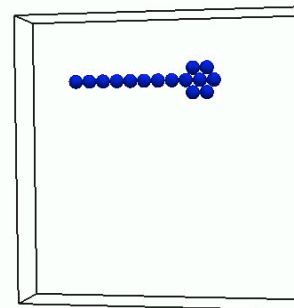
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effects of adhesive forces



effects of rolling resistance





## ▷ Contact detection

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- Cell index method [*Quentrec & Brot, 1973*]

- \* Subdivision of the domain in cells
- \* Sorting of the particles into cells

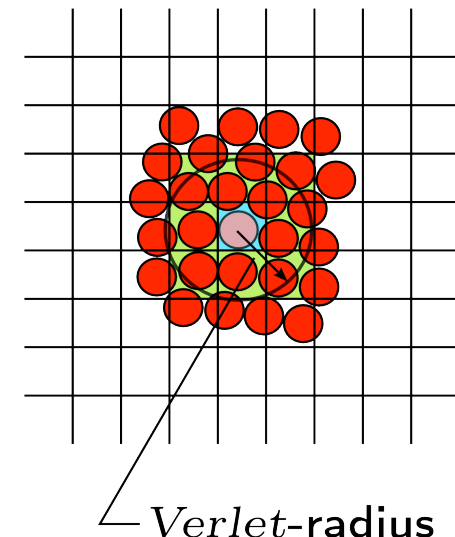
- Verlet neighbour list [*Verlet, 1967*]

- \* Neighbour if:

$$R_i + \text{pair separation} + R_{max} \leq \text{Verlet-radius}$$

- \* Possible neighbours in neighbour cells
- \* Contact check only with neighbours
- \* Reconstruction of the list from time to time [e.g. *Pöschel, 2005*]

## ▷ Efficient force computation



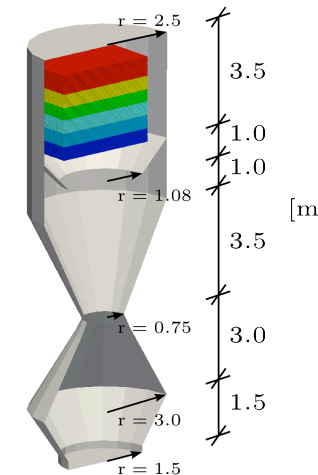
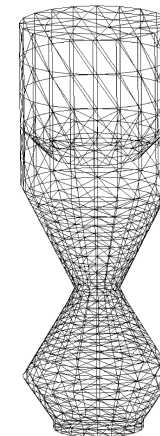




## ▷ Numerical Example

### • Filling of a hopper with particles

- \* No. of particles:  $n = 505750$
- \* Radius:  $r = 0.02 \text{ m}$
- \* Density:  $\rho = 10 \text{ kg/m}^3$
- \* E-modulus:  $c_n = 1 \times 10^7 \text{ N/m}^2$
- \* Poisson's ratio:  $\nu = 0.00$
- \* Damping:  $d_n = 1 \times 10^{-5} \text{ N/(m} \cdot \text{s)}$
- \* Gravitational acc.:  $g = 9.81 \text{ m/s}^2$
- \* Time step:  $\Delta t = 1 \times 10^{-5} \text{ s}$
- \* Simulation time:  $t_s = 6 \text{ s}$
- \* No friction:  $\mu_s = 0.0$



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## ▷ Coupling of the phases

- Different approaches

- \* ALE-technique with body-fitted grid  
[*Johnson & Tezduyar, 1996*]

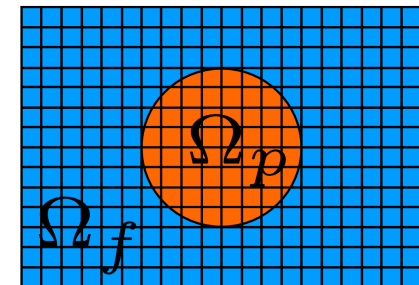
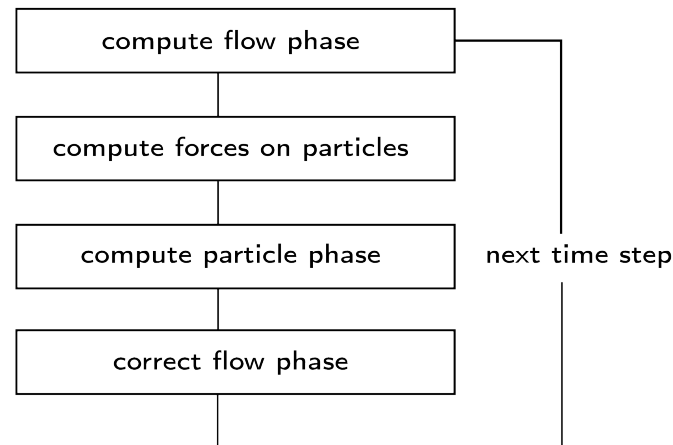
- \* Fictitious domains

### Implicit Coupling

[*Glowinski et. al., 1999; Patankar et. al., 2000*]

### Explicit Coupling

[*Duchanoy & Jongen, 2003; Wan & Turek, 2003*]



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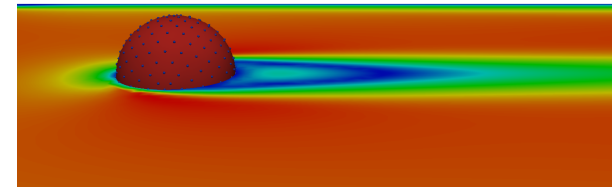
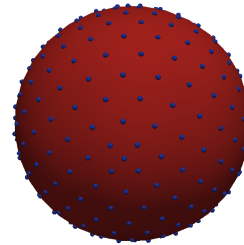
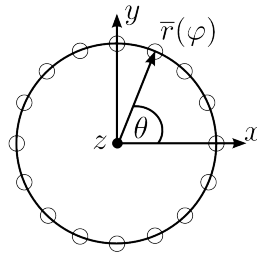
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- Hydrodynamic forces

- \* Lagrangian force points



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- \* Finite elements:

nonconforming rotated trilinear elements with  
mean values on element faces for the velocity

[*Rannacher & Turek, 1992*] and constant pressure in elements

- \* Translational forces [*Lebedev & Laikov, 1999*]

$$d\mathbf{F} = \langle \boldsymbol{\sigma} \rangle \mathbf{n} dA = \mathbf{t} dA \quad , \quad \langle \nabla \mathbf{u} \rangle = \frac{1}{V} \int \mathbf{u} \otimes d\mathbf{A}$$

$$\mathbf{F}^f = \int \mathbf{t} dA = \sum_i (d\mathbf{F})_i = J \sum_i \omega_i \mathbf{t}_i \quad , \quad J = 4\pi r^2$$

- \* Torque

$$\mathbf{T}^f = \sum_i ((\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_p) \times d\mathbf{F})_i$$



- Interaction between particle and fluid phase

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- \* Rigid-body movement enforcing

Additional constraint to the *Navier-Stokes* equations

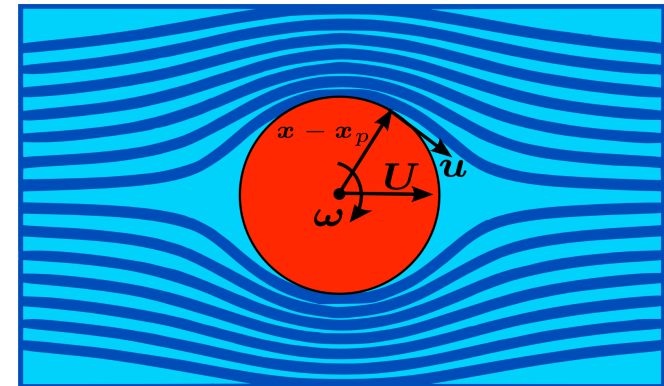
$$\mathbf{u}(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{U} + \boldsymbol{\omega} \times (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_p) \quad \forall \mathbf{x} \in \Omega_p$$

- \* Smooth flow velocity transition

Nonlinear weighted velocity  
update [Luo et al., 2007]

$$\mathbf{u} = (1 - \varphi)\mathbf{u} + \varphi\mathbf{U}$$

where:  $\varphi = e^{-\alpha \cdot Re_p}$



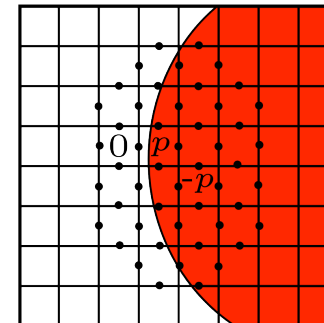
- \* Level set method

$p$         =: no. particle

$\langle 0 \rangle$      =: outer

$\langle p \rangle$      =: boundary

$\langle -p \rangle$     =: inner





- Coupling of FEM-DEM on the time level

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- \* Two different time scales

with  $\Delta t_F > \Delta t_D$

- \* Subcycling time integration [*Feng & Owen, 2007*]

- \* Reduce  $\Delta t_D$  to  $\Delta \tilde{t}_D$

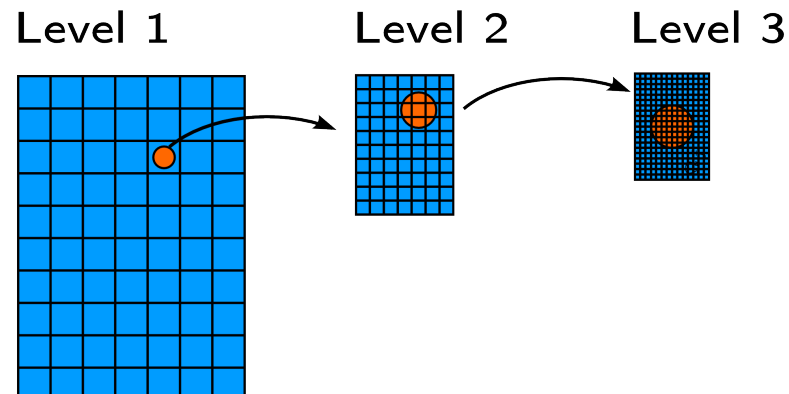
where:  $\Delta \tilde{t}_D = \frac{\Delta t_F}{n_s}$  ,  $n_s = \text{int}(\Delta t_F / \Delta t_D) + 1$

- \* constant hydrodynamic forces during  $n_s$  subcycles



## ▷ Efficient computation of particulate flows

- Instationary flow solver *FEATFLOW*
  - \* Multigrid techniques as *Navier-Stokes* solver [*Turek, 1998*]
- Computation of particle-particle contact
  - \* Efficient force computation, e.g. *Verlet*-lists [*Verlet, 1967*]
  - \* Efficient integration scheme for DEM, e.g. *Gear*-algorithmus [*Gear, 1971; Allen & Tildesley, 1987*]
- Computation of the hydrodynamic forces
  - \* Efficient element assignment by using hierarchical techniques [*Wan & Turek, 2007*]



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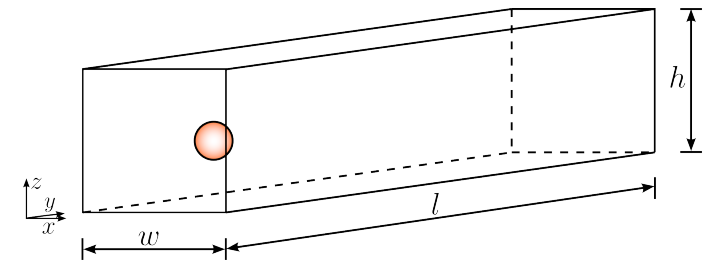
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- Drag coefficient

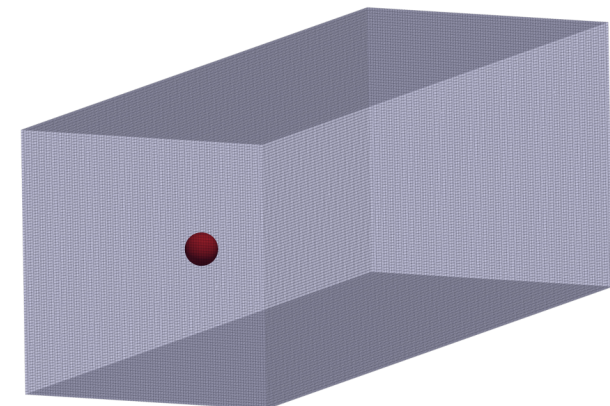
- \* Numerical model

Computational domain

Dimensions:  $h \times w \times l = 2 \times 2 \times 6$   
Particle location:  $(x, y, z) = (1, 1, 1)$   
Particle diameter:  $d = 0.25$   
Inflow boundary at:  $y = 0.00$



MG-Level	Discretization	No. Cells	Vertices	Cell Faces	D.o.f.'s
Level 1	$12 \times 12 \times 36$	5 184	6 253	16 560	54 864
Level 2	$24 \times 24 \times 72$	41 472	45 625	128 448	426 816
Level 3	$48 \times 48 \times 144$	331 776	348 145	1 011 456	3 366 144
Level 4	$96 \times 96 \times 288$	2 654 208	2 719 201	8 027 136	26 735 616



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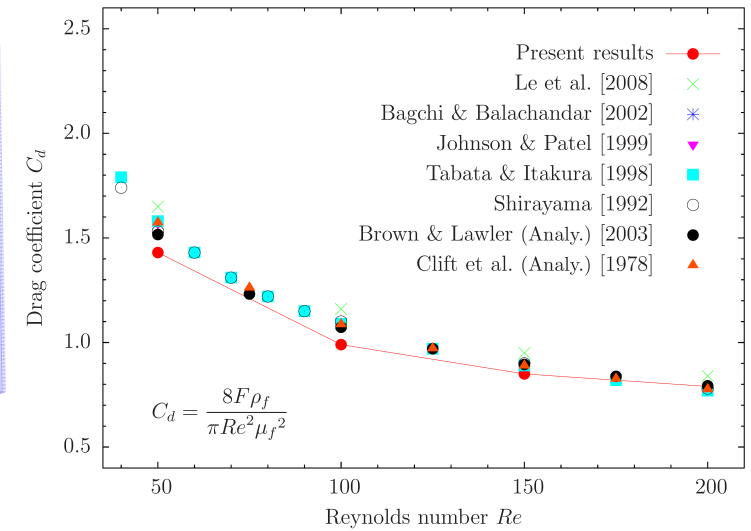
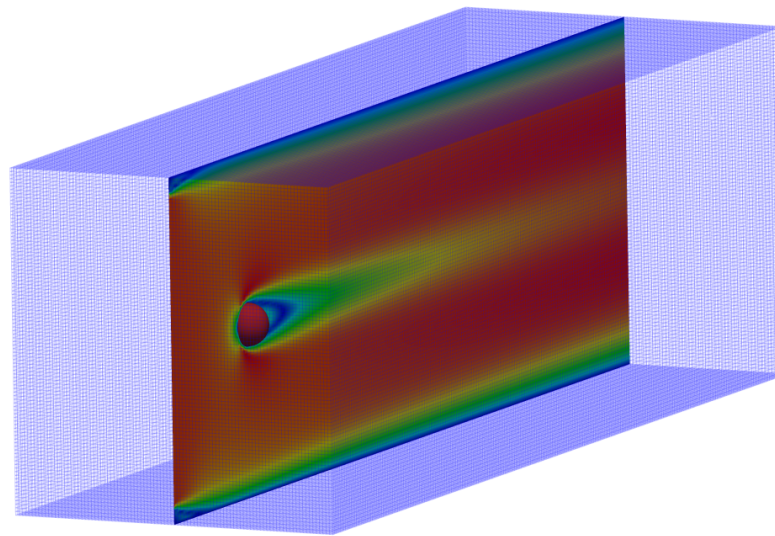
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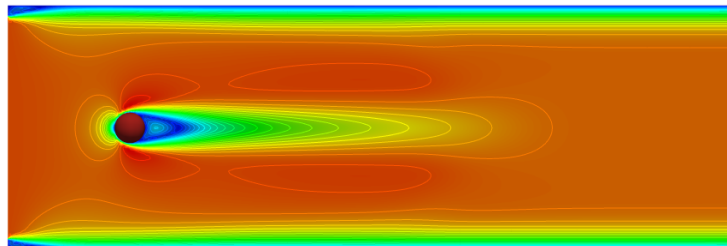
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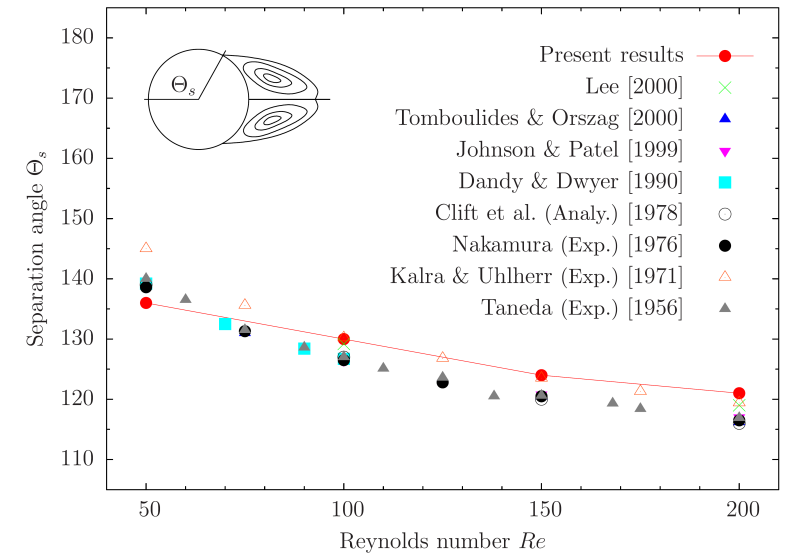
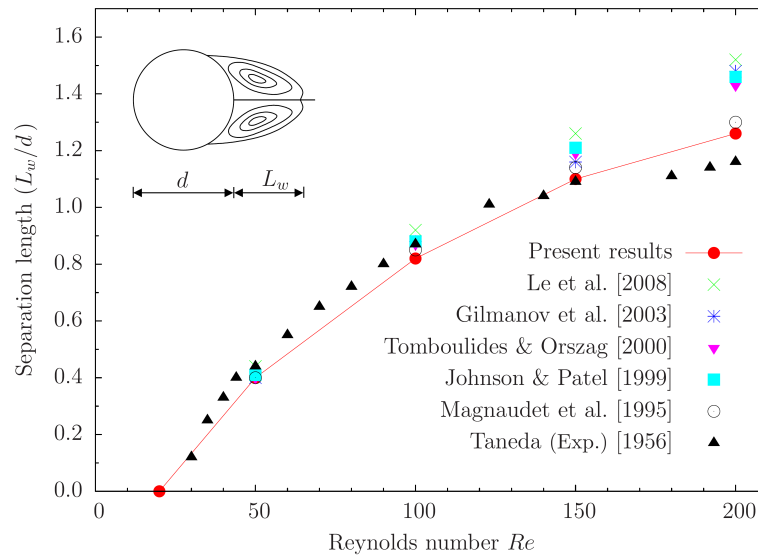




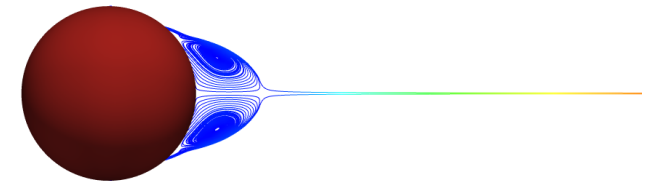


- Wake length and wake separation angle
  - \* Numerical results

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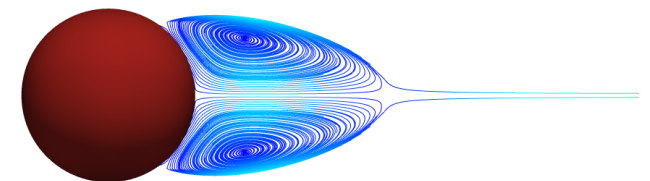


$Re = 50$



Wake behind a sphere at:

$Re = 150$

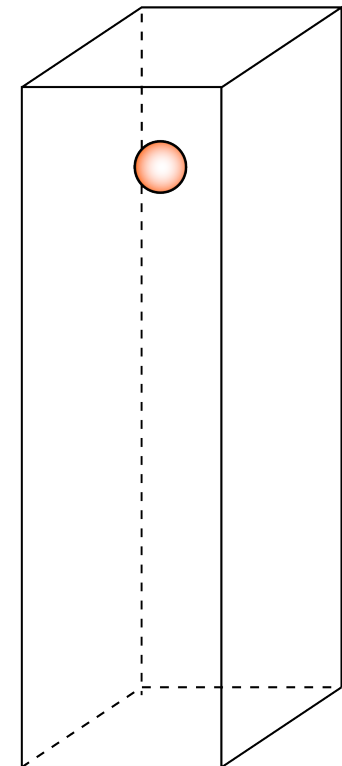




## ▷ A single sedimenting sphere

### • Physical parameters

- \* Domain size:  $\Omega = [0, 0, 0] \times [10, 2, 2]$
- \* Sphere radius:  $r = 0.25$
- \* Sphere location:  $\boldsymbol{x} = (9, 1, 1)$
- \* Density ratio:  $\rho/\rho_f = 1.05$
- \* Gravitational acc.:  $\boldsymbol{g} = (-980, 0, 0)$
- \* Fluid viscosity:  $\nu = 0.01$
- \* Time step fluid:  $\Delta t_F = 1 \times 10^{-4}$
- \* Time step DEM:  $\Delta t_D = 1 \times 10^{-5}$



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Level 3	$20 \times 20 \times 100$	40 000	44 541	124 400	413 200
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● Numerical results

Velocity contour plots for  $y = 1$

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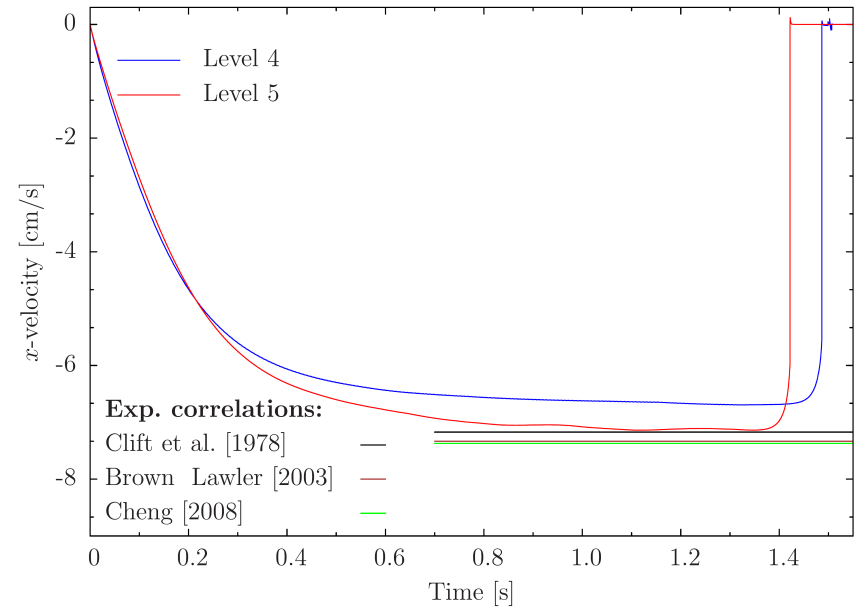
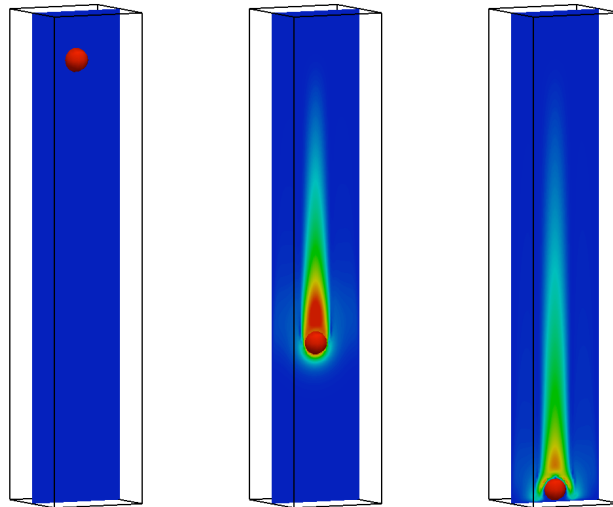
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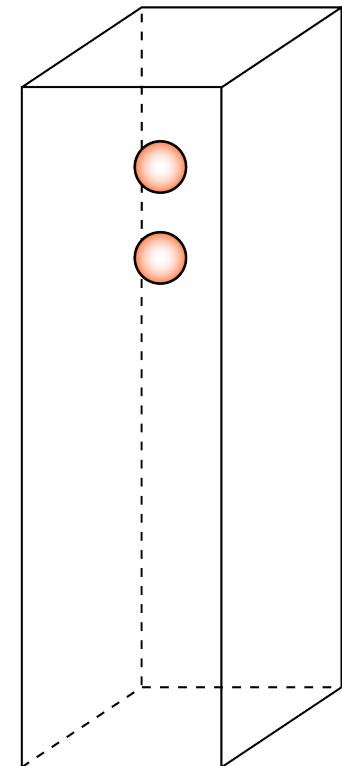




## ▷ Drafting, kissing and tumbling case

### • Physical parameters

- \* Domain size:  $\Omega = [0, 0, 0] \times [10, 2, 2]$
- \* Sphere radius:  $r = 0.25$
- \* Sphere location:  $\boldsymbol{x} = (9, 1, 1); (8, 1, 1)$
- \* Density ratio:  $\rho/\rho_f = 1.05$
- \* Gravitational acc.:  $\boldsymbol{g} = (-980, 0, 0)$
- \* Fluid viscosity:  $\nu = 0.01$
- \* Time step fluid:  $\Delta t_F = 1 \times 10^{-4}$
- \* Time step DEM:  $\Delta t_D = 1 \times 10^{-5}$



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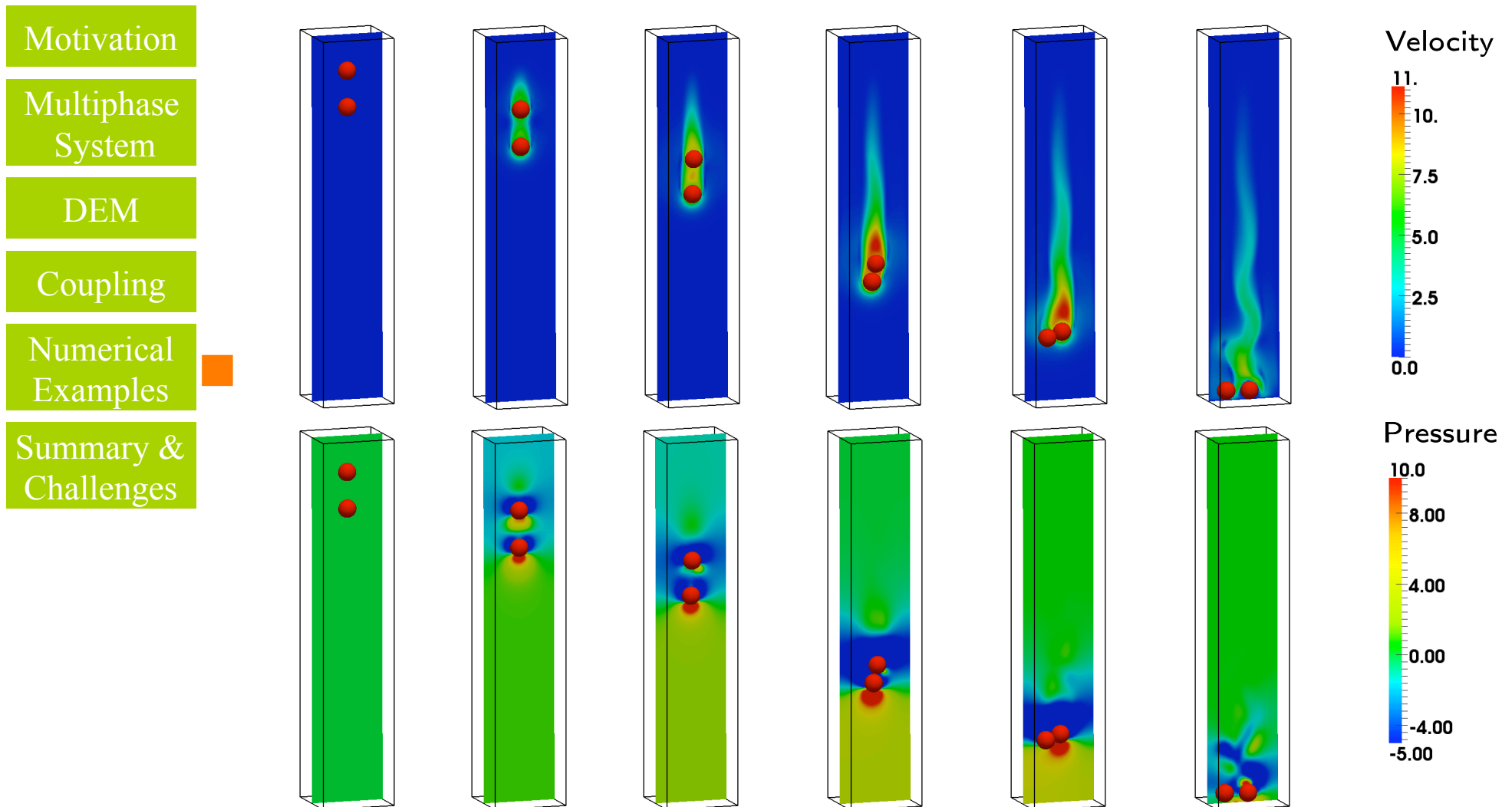
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MG-Level	Discretization	No. Cells	Vertices	Cell Faces	D.o.f.'s
Level 1	$5 \times 5 \times 25$	625	936	2 150	7 075
Level 2	$10 \times 10 \times 50$	5 000	6 171	16 100	53 300
Level 3	$20 \times 20 \times 100$	40 000	44 541	124 400	413 200
Level 4	$40 \times 40 \times 200$	320 000	337 881	977 600	3 252 800
Level 5	$80 \times 80 \times 400$	2 560 000	2 630 961	7 750 400	25 811 200



- Numerical results

Velocity and pressure contour plots for  $y = 1$





## ▷ Sedimentation of 64 spheres

- Physical parameters

- \* Domain size:  $\Omega = [0, 0, 0] \times [2, 2, 6]$

- \* Sphere radius:  $r = 0.25$

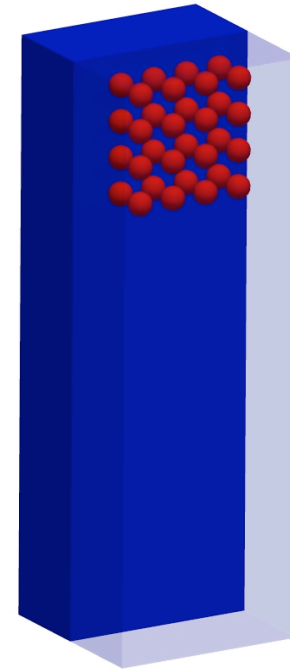
- \* Density ratio:  $\rho/\rho_f = 1.50$

- \* Gravitational acc.:  $\mathbf{g} = (0, 0, -980)$

- \* Fluid viscosity:  $\nu = 0.01$

- \* Time step fluid:  $\Delta t_F = 1 \times 10^{-4}$

- \* Time step DEM:  $\Delta t_D = 1 \times 10^{-6}$



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## ▷ Sedimentation of 64 spheres

- Particle positions

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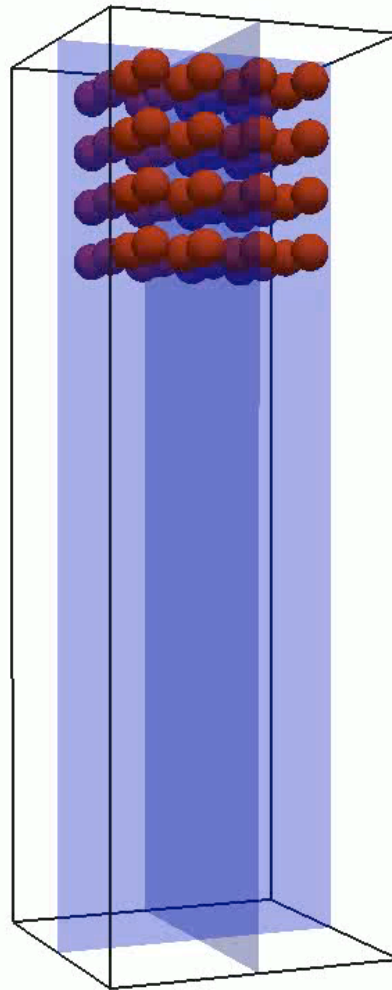
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## ▷ Numerical Example

- Sedimentation with adhesion effects

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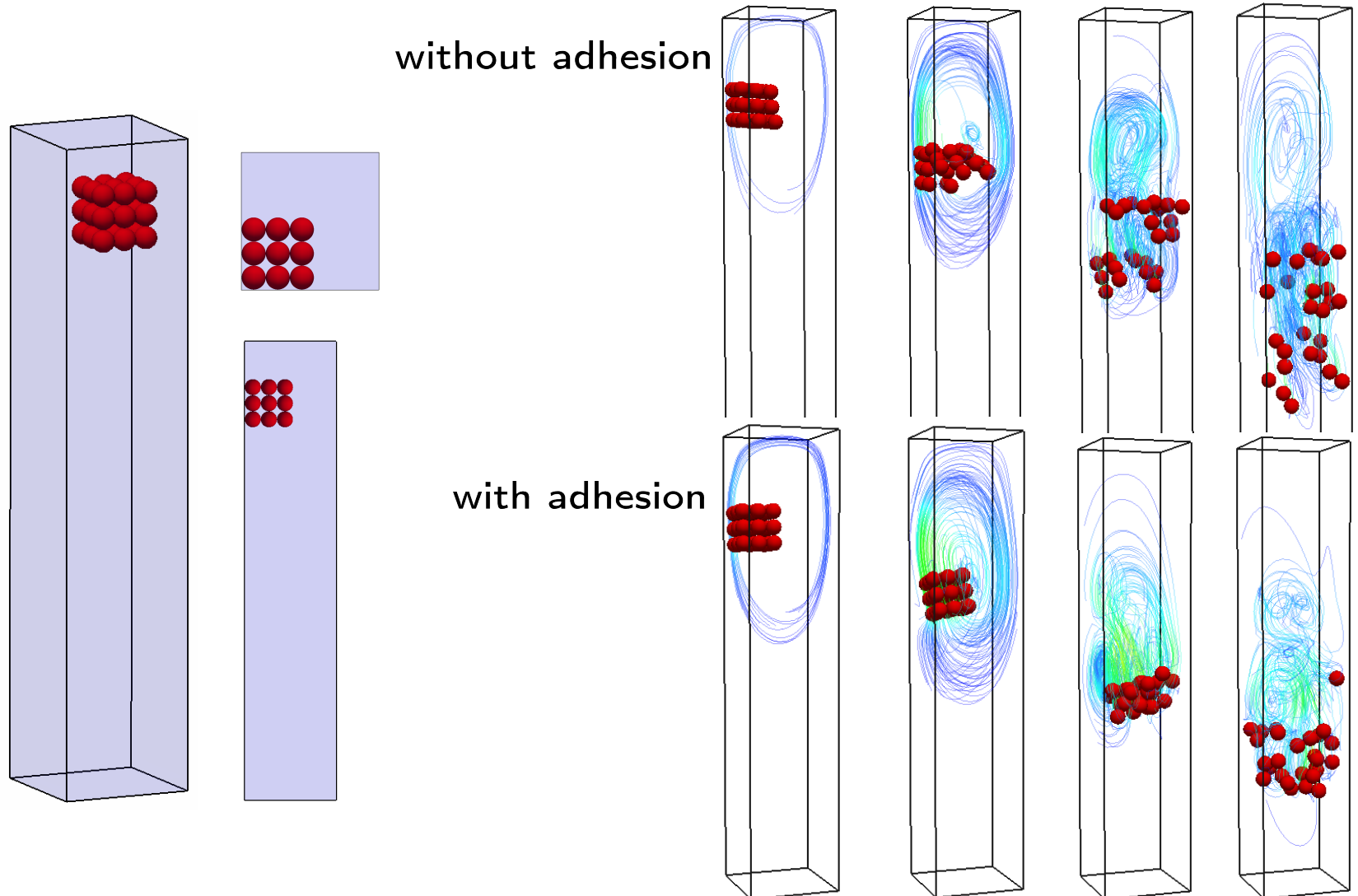
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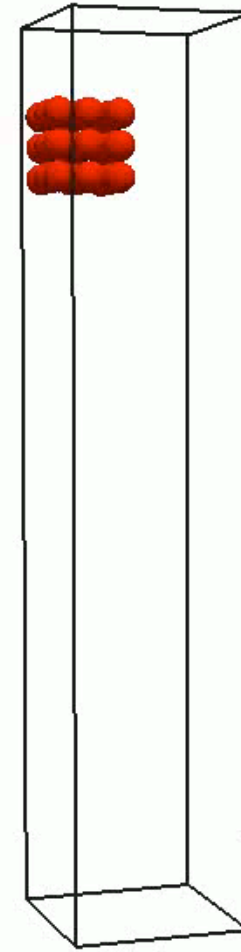
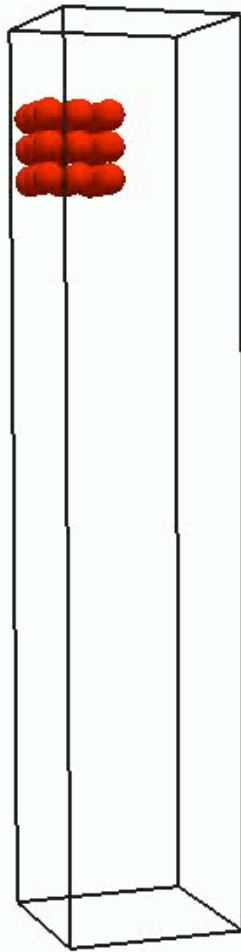
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## ▷ Lid-driven cavity flow with particles

### • Physical parameters

- \* Domain size:  $\Omega = [0, 0, 0] \times [0.5, 0.5, 2]$
- \* No. particles:  $n = 752$
- \* Particle radius:  $r = 0.025$
- \* Density ratio:  $\rho/\rho_f = 1.001$
- \* Gravitational acc.:  $\mathbf{g} = (0, 0, -980)$
- \* Lid-driven velocity:  $\mathbf{u} = (5, 0, 0)$
- \* Fluid viscosity:  $\nu = 0.01$
- \* Time step fluid:  $\Delta t_F = 1 \times 10^{-4}$
- \* Time step DEM:  $\Delta t_D = 1 \times 10^{-6}$

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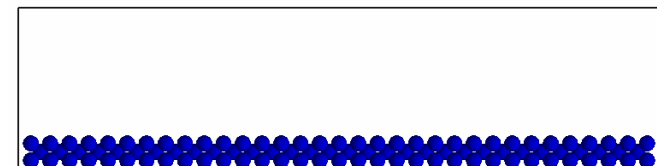
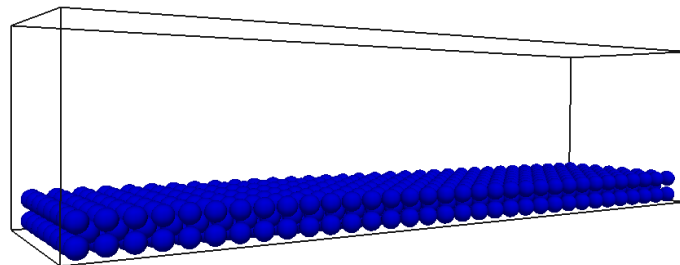
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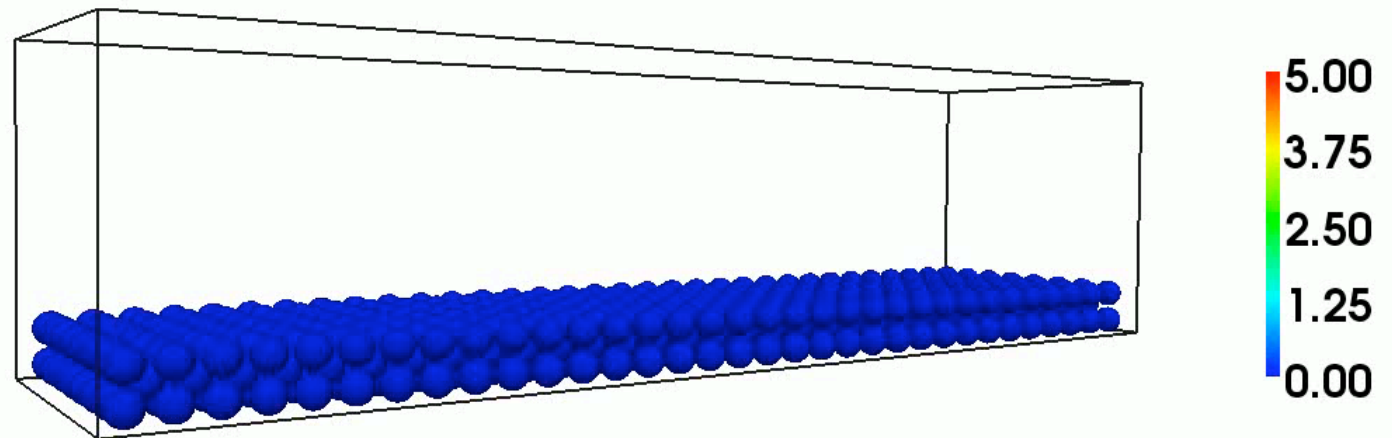
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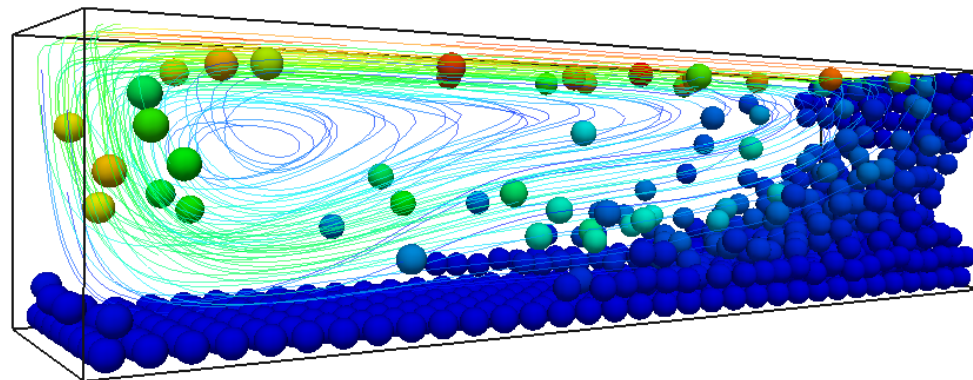
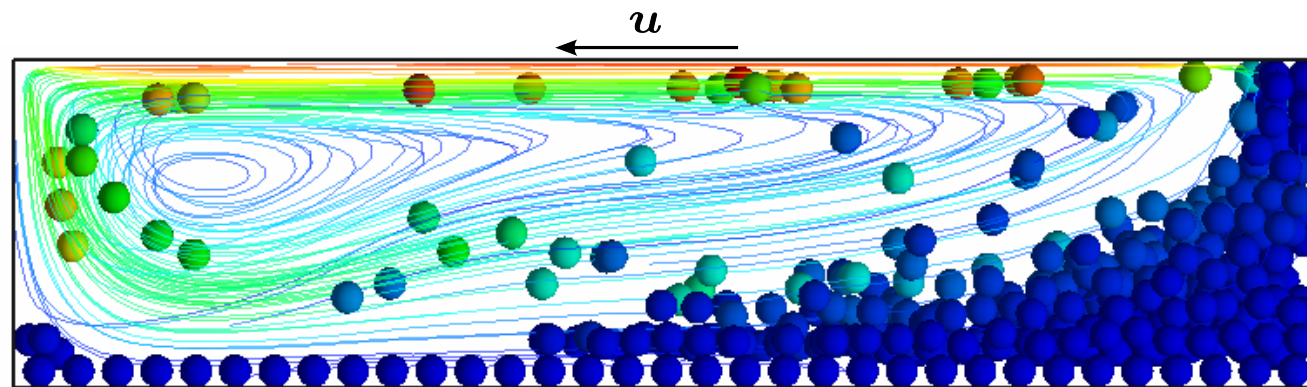
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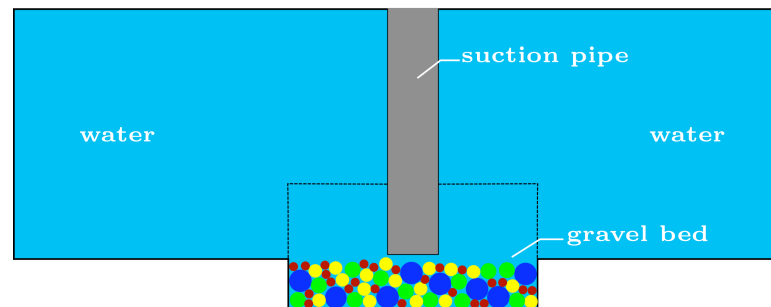
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## ▷ Suction extraction of particles [Feng, Han & Owen, 2009]

### • Physical parameters

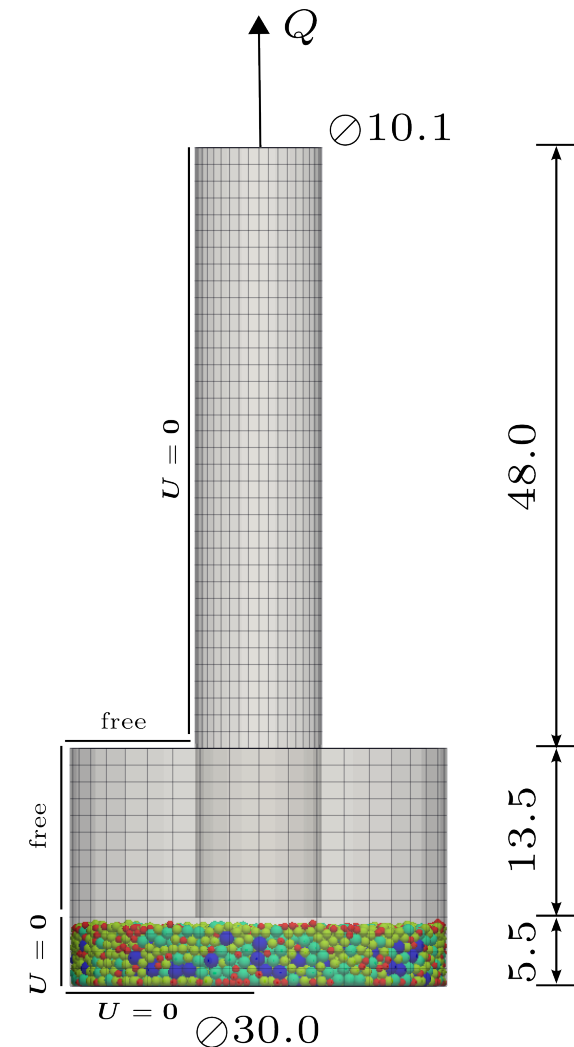
- \* No. particles:  $n = 5000$
- \* Particle radius:  $r = 0.3 - 0.6$
- \* Density ratio:  $\rho/\rho_f = 2.65$
- \* Gravitational acc.:  $g = (0, 0, -981)$
- \* Fluid viscosity:  $\nu = 0.01$
- \* Time step fluid:  $\Delta t_F = 1 \times 10^{-4}$
- \* Time step DEM:  $\Delta t_D = 1 \times 10^{-6}$



### Particle size distribution

Particle size: 1.2 1.0 0.8 0.6

Distribution: 10% 40% 40% 10%



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- Discretization

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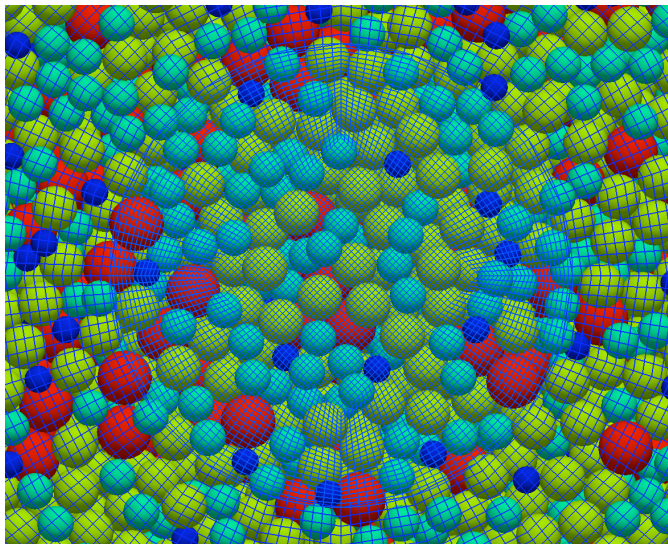
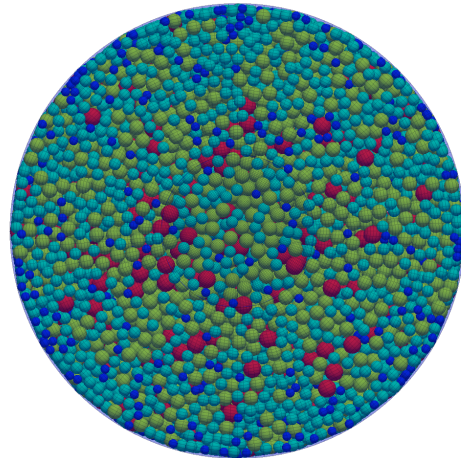
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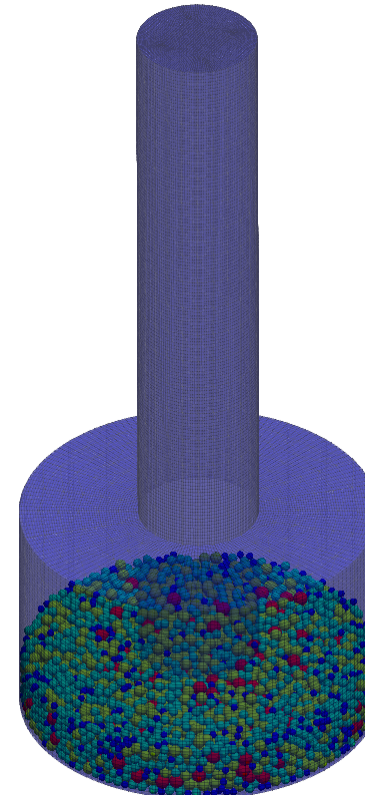
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Top view



Isometric view



MG-Level	No. Cells	Vertices	Cell Faces	D.o.f.'s
Level 1	2 965	3 456	9 350	31 015
Level 2	23 720	25 611	72 980	242 660
Level 3	189 760	197 181	576 560	1 919 440
Level 4	1 518 080	1 547 481	4 583 360	15 268 160





- **Fluid velocity at pipe outlet:  $v = 100$**

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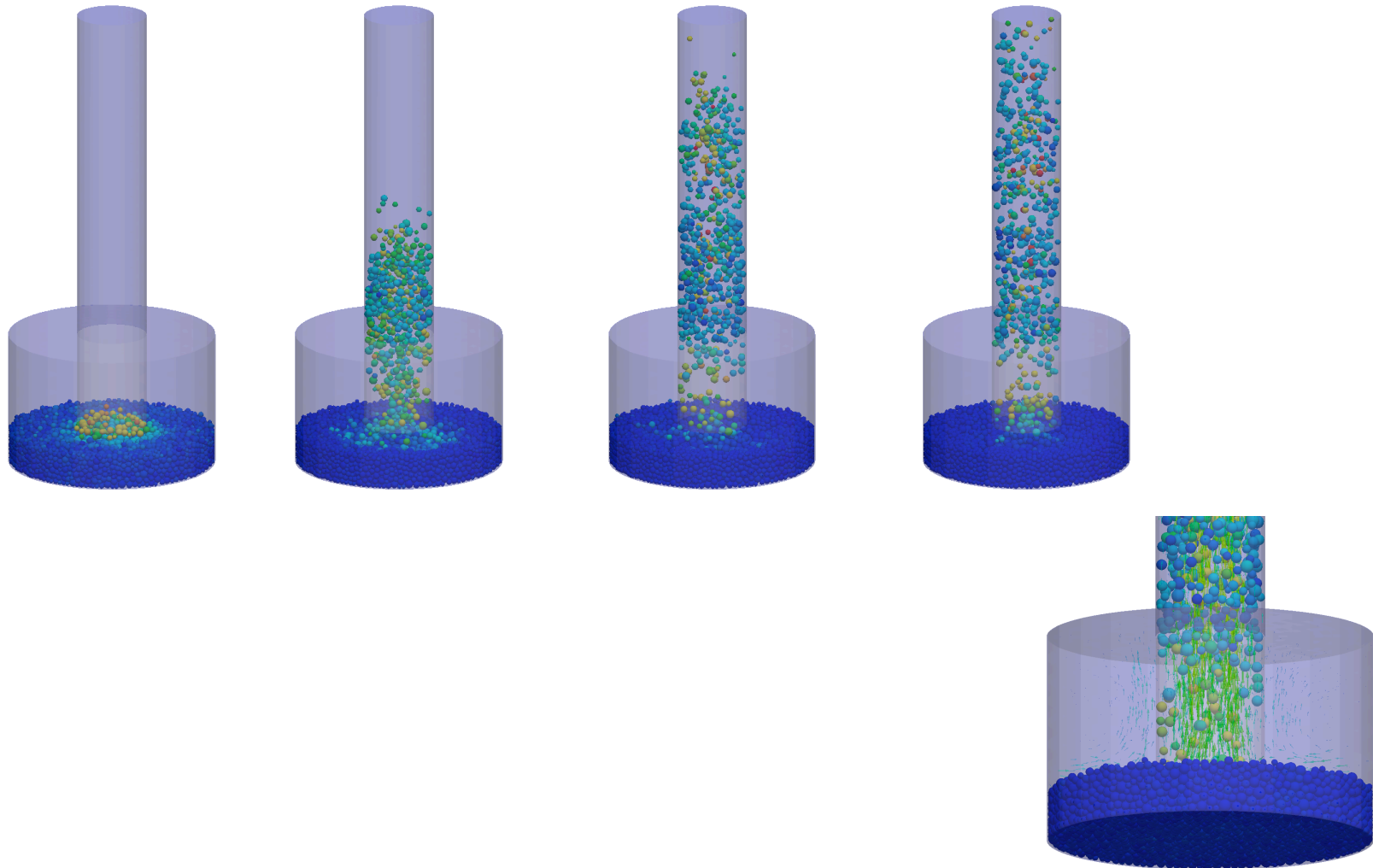
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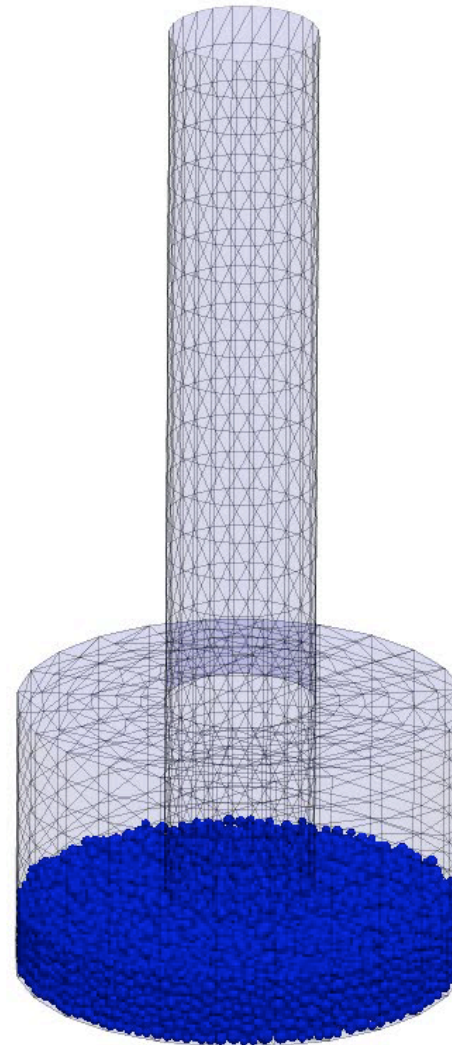
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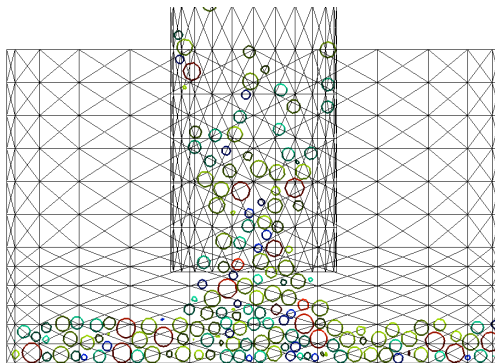
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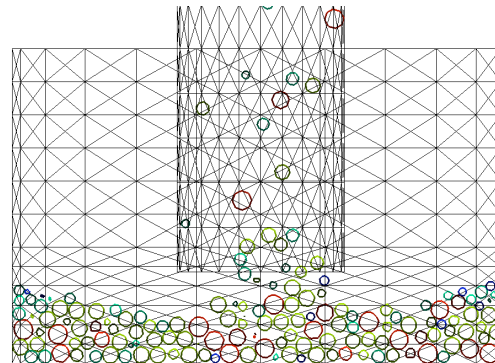
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- **Excavation profiles depending on the friction coefficient**
- **Friction coefficient  $\mu_d/\mu_s$  :**

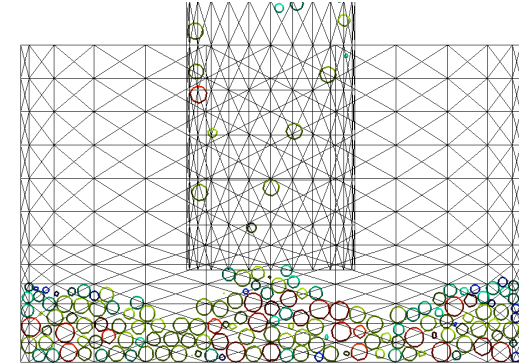
no friction



0.2/0.3



no slip





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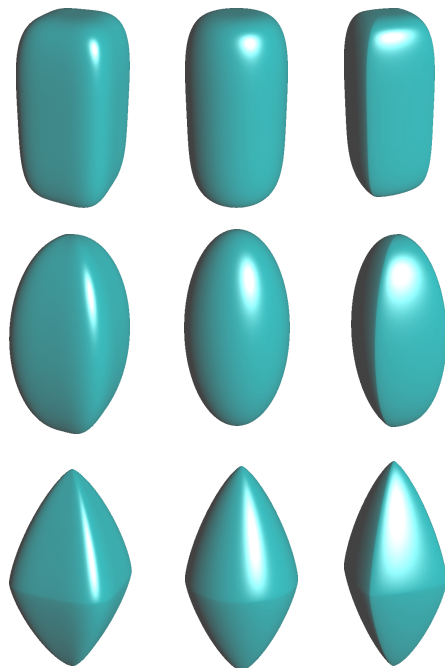
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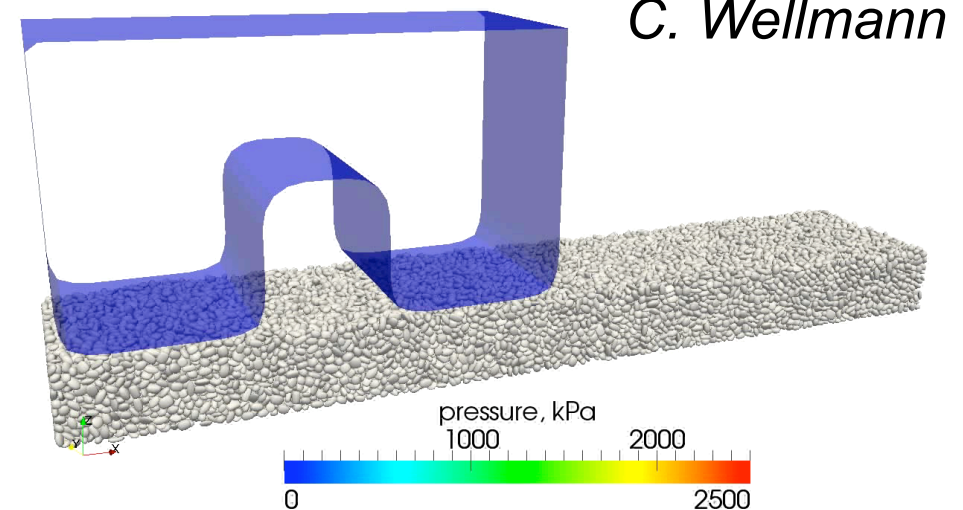
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- scour genesis in front of bridge piers and bank constructions



- use differently shaped particles
- lubricated contact analysis





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- Summary
  - \* Explicit direct numerical simulation of particulate flows
  - \* Particle interaction in a flow field with adhesion
  - \* Accurate enough to describe particulate flows on adequate fine background mesh
  - \* Simple to implement  
(coupling of existing DEM and CFD codes)
- Challenges
  - \* Particulate flow with turbulence models
  - \* Locally adaptive grid alignment
  - \* Parallelization of the flow solver