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Raindrop Impact on Saturated Soil

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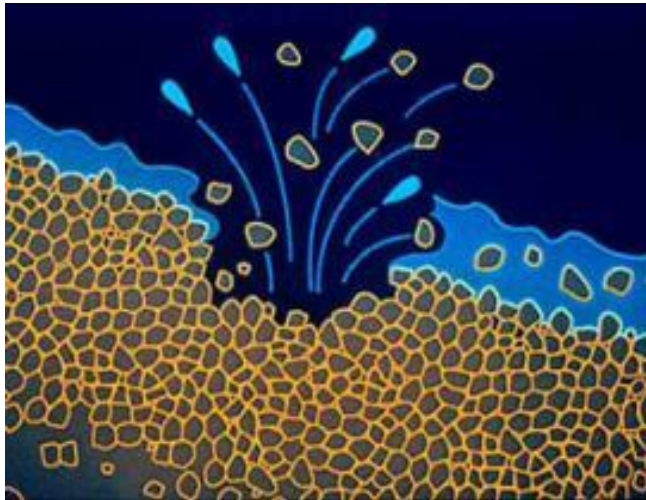
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Introduction

Water Erosion

Splash Erosion



http://www.montcalm.org/media/planningeduc/tn_raindrp.jpg

Rill Erosion



<http://intechweb.wordpress.com/2011/11/30/soil-erosion-raising-awareness-on-current-environmental-issues/>

Gully Erosion



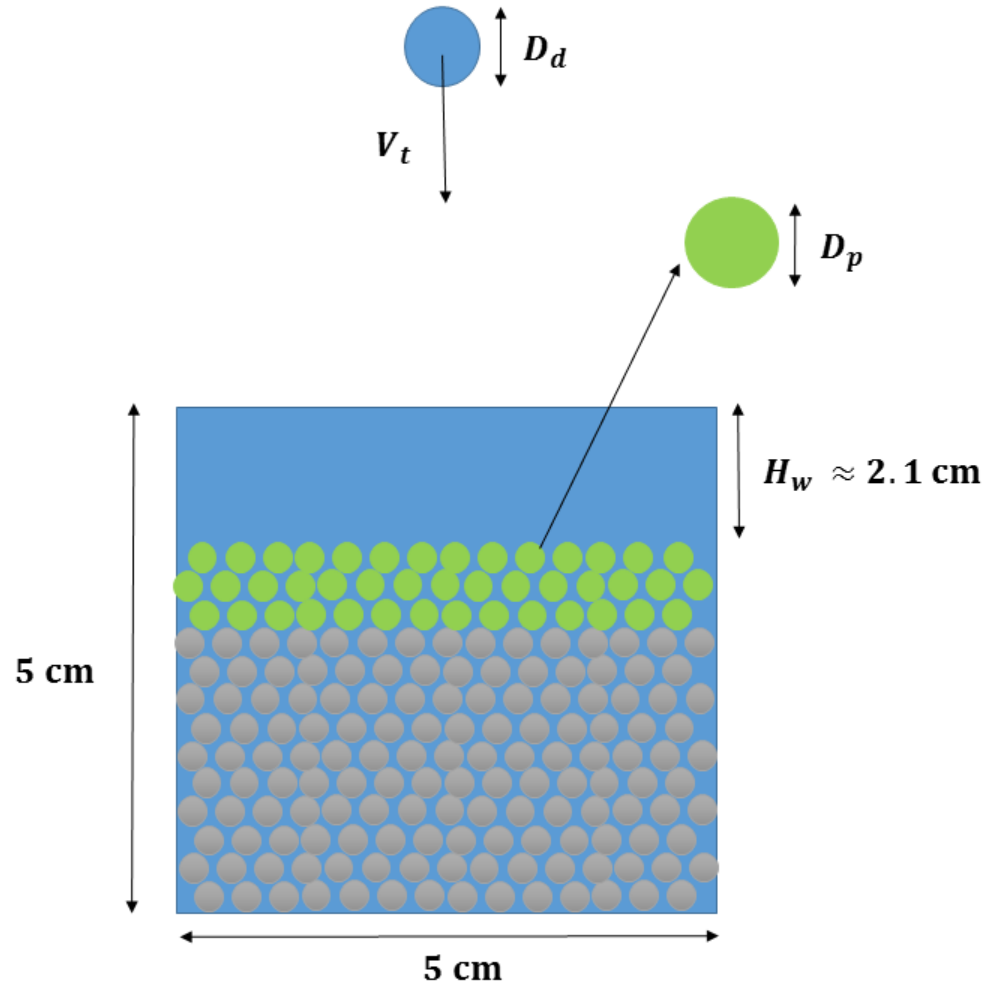
<http://www.geo.uu.nl/landdegradation/Fieldwork.htm>

Problem Definition

Terminal Velocity of Raindrop (V_t)

$D_d = 2 \text{ mm}$ \longrightarrow $V_t = 2.36 \text{ ms}^{-1}$

$D_d = 4 \text{ mm}$ \longrightarrow $V_t = 7.65 \text{ ms}^{-1}$



Discrete phase method

Particle size: 1 mm
Cohesion force: 0
youngsModulus 40e6;
poissonsRatio 0.35;

Drag model:

ErgunWenYuDrag

Collision Model:

```
pairSpringSliderDashpotCoeffs
{
    useEquivalentSize no;
    alpha      0.02;
    b          1.5;
    mu         0.10;
    cohesionEnergyDensity 0.0;
    collisionResolutionSteps 12;
};
```

Wall Model:

```
wallSpringSliderDashpotCoeffs
{
    useEquivalentSize no;
    collisionResolutionSteps 12;
    youngsModulus 1e8;
    poissonsRatio 0.23;
    alpha      0.01;
    b          1.5;
    mu         0.09;
    cohesionEnergyDensity 0;
};
```

Volume of Fluid method

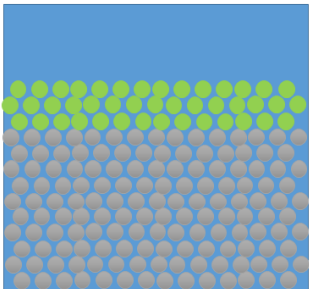
phases

```
(  
  water  
  {  
    transportModel Newtonian;  
    nu nu [ 0 2 -1 0 0 0 0 ] 1e-06;  
    rho rho [ 1 -3 0 0 0 0 0 ] 1000;  
  }  
  
  air  
  {  
    transportModel Newtonian;  
    nu nu [ 0 2 -1 0 0 0 0 ] 1.48e-05;  
    rho rho [ 1 -3 0 0 0 0 0 ] 1;  
  }  
);
```

Sigma (surface tension)

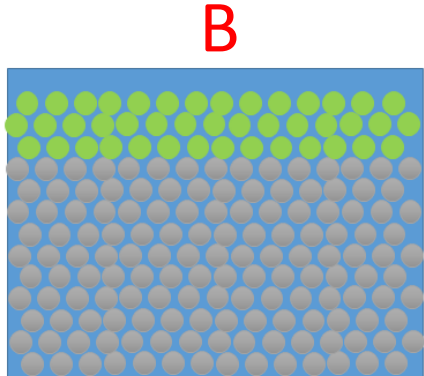
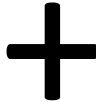
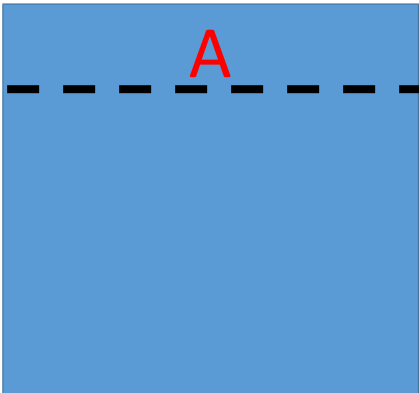
```
(  
  (air water) 0.07197  
);
```

Simulation: outline



DPM

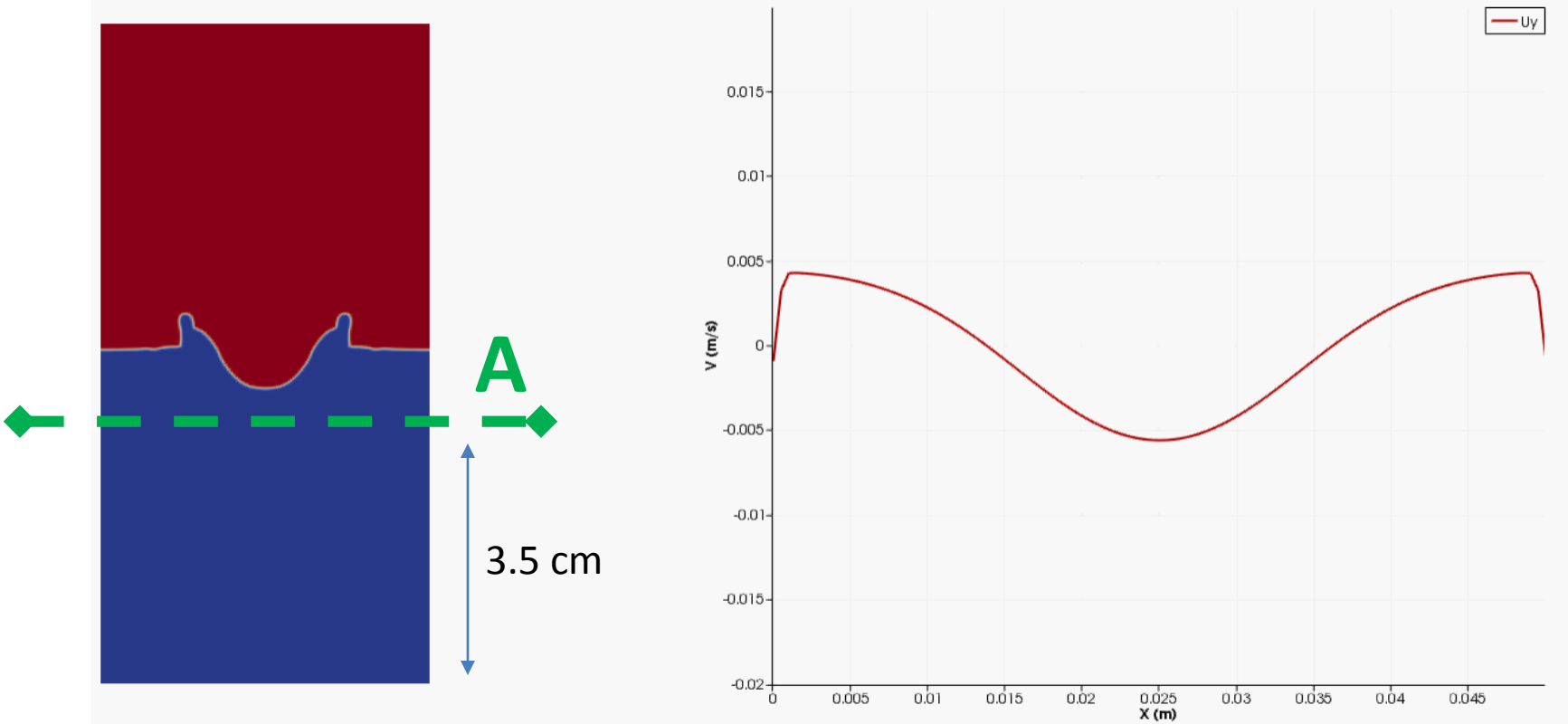
VOF



Velocity profile of section **A** is implemented as a boundary condition on surface **B**

Simulation: VOF

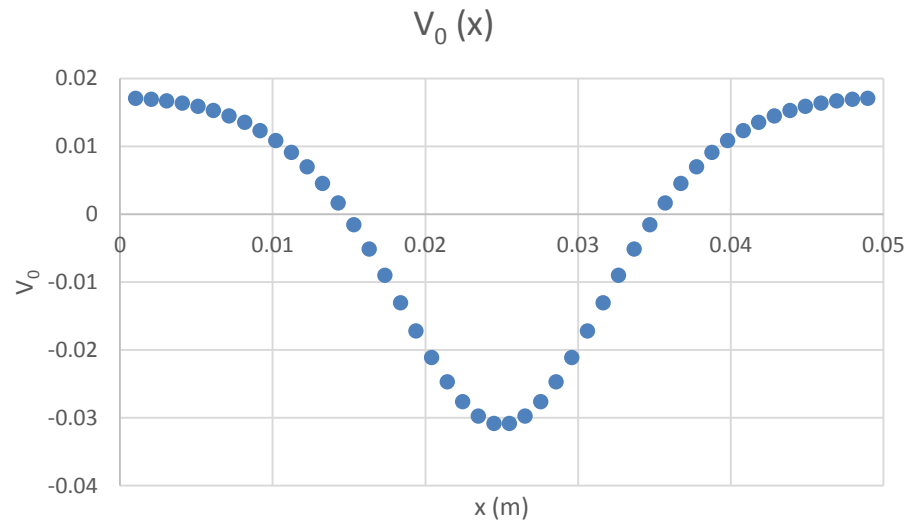
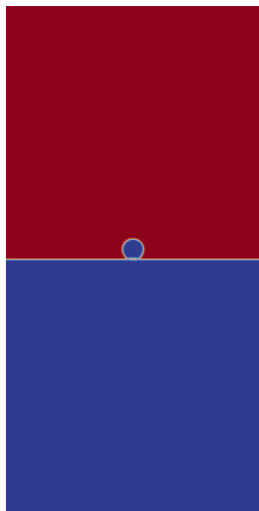
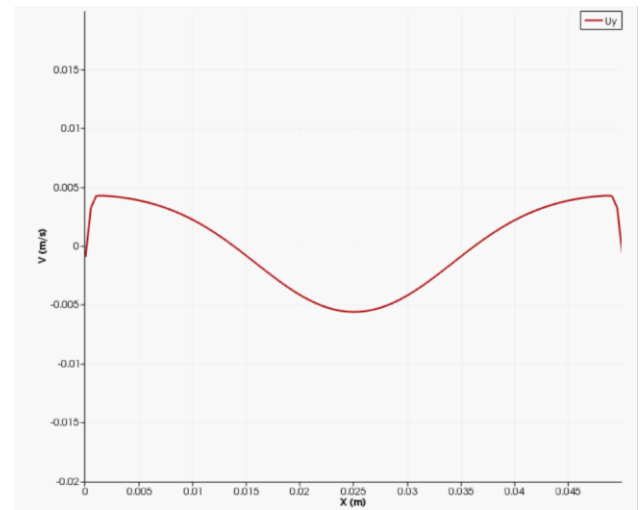
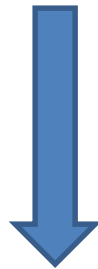
Velocity profile along cross section A



Simulation: VOF

$$V(x, t) = V_0(x) f(t)$$

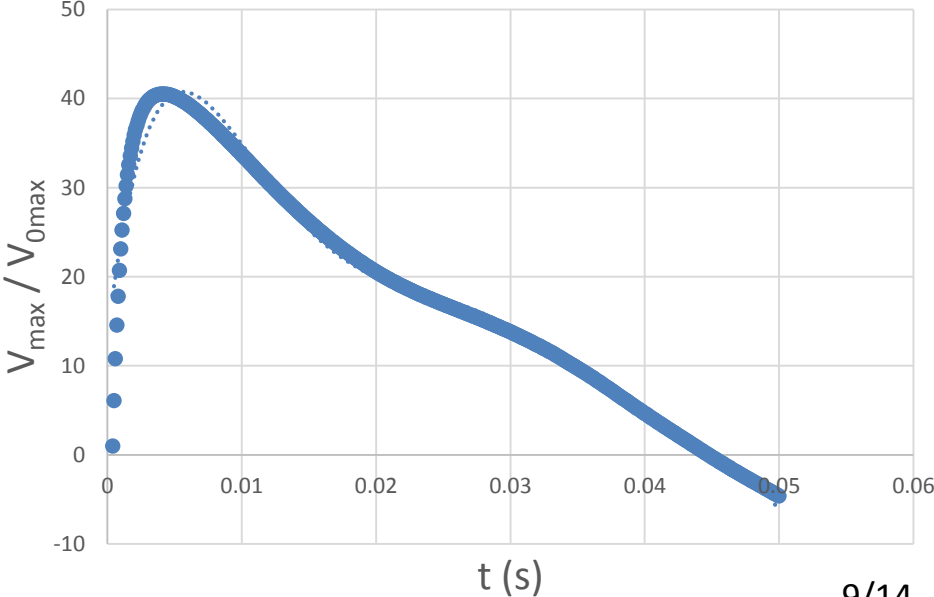
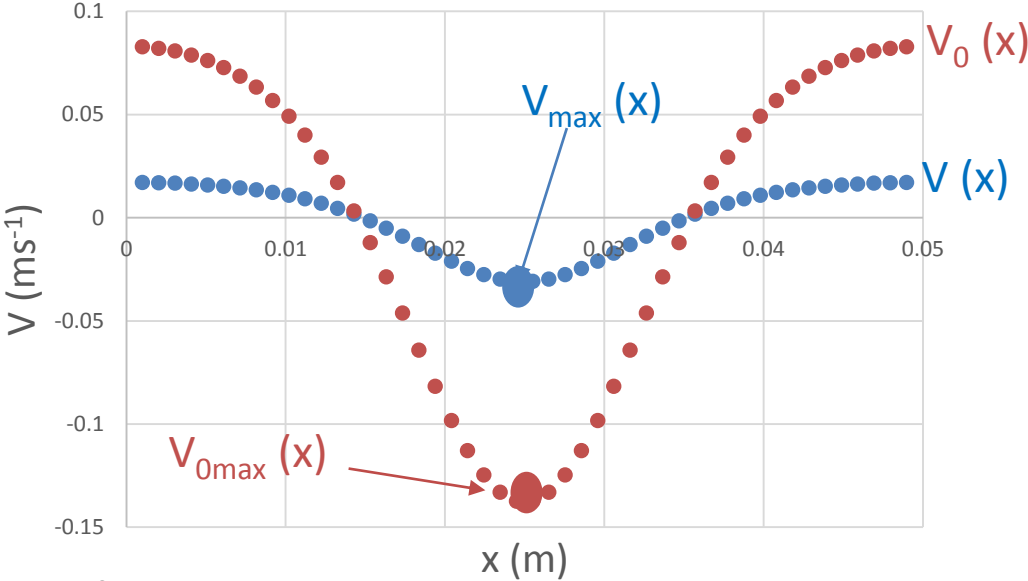
$V_0(x)$ = Velocity Profile at the moment of collision



Simulation: VOF

$$V(x, t) = V_0(x) f(t)$$

$V_0(x)$: Velocity Profile at collision instant



Simulation: VOF

$$V(x,t) = f(t)V_0(x)$$

2-mm Droplet:

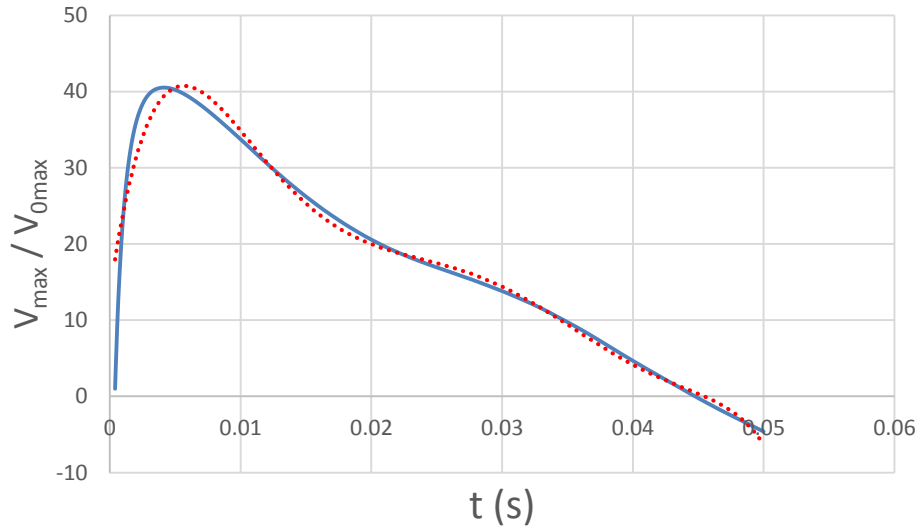
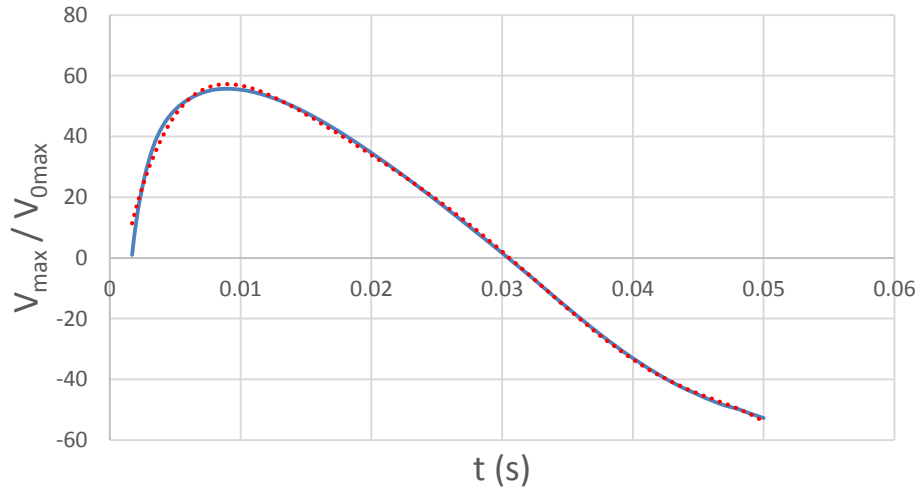
$$f(t) = -366443498336t^6 + 63529957792t^5 - 4342637831t^4 + 150446928t^3 - 2829761t^2 + 25048t - 23$$

$$R^2 = 0.999$$

4-mm Droplet:

$$f(t) = -305662395148t^6 + 52347905525t^5 + 3496475928t^4 + 114043721t^3 - 1846164t^2 + 12209t + 13$$

$$R^2 = 0.986$$

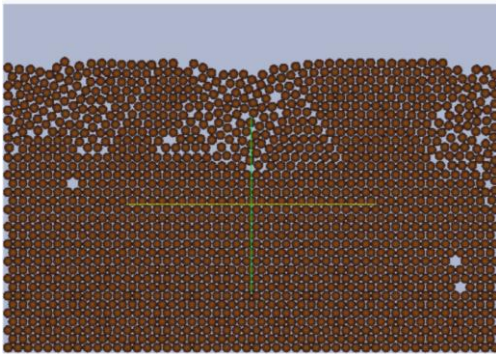


Results

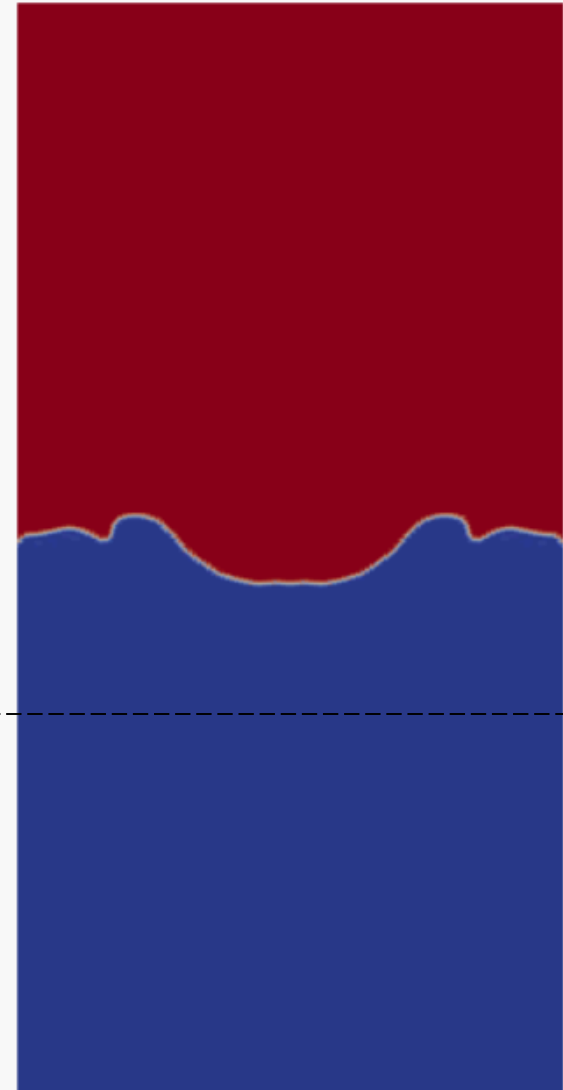
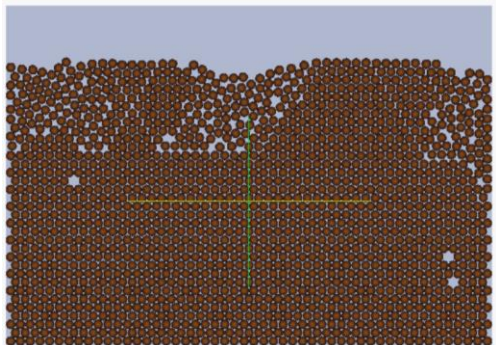
- Droplet size: 2 mm ($V_t = 2.36 \text{ ms}^{-1}$)
- Particle size: 1 mm

*Simulation for 50 ms splash

t = 0.00



t = 50 ms

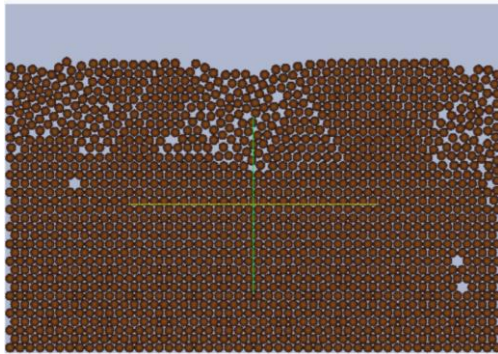


Results

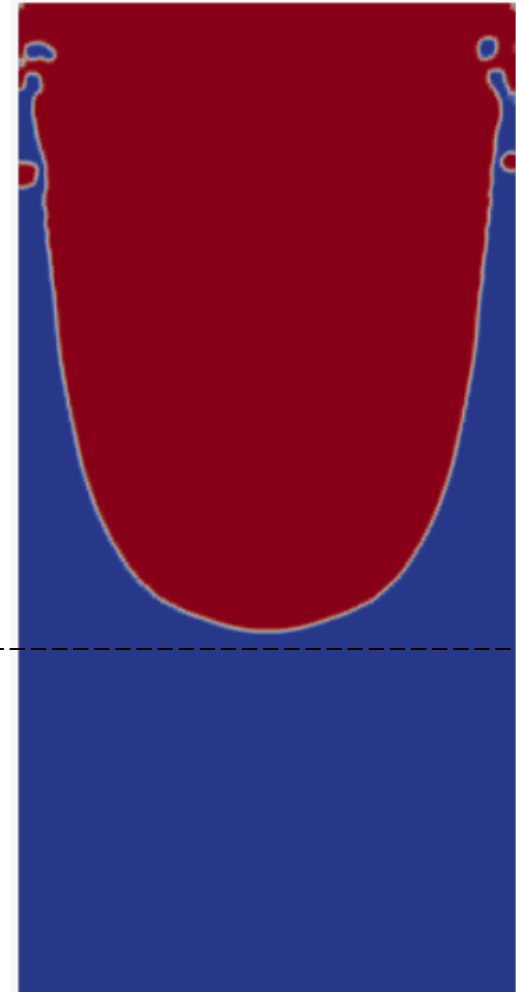
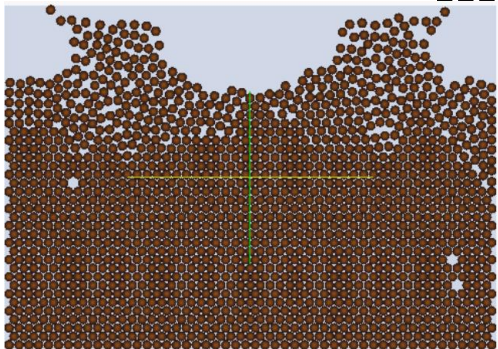
- Droplet size: 4 mm ($V_t = 7.65 \text{ ms}^{-1}$)
- Particle size: 1 mm

*Simulation is for 50 ms splash

t = 0.00



t = 50 ms



Conclusions:

- DPM method is able to simulate dense particles with the ErgunWenYu drag model
- Simulation of random droplets (as in rainfall) demands coupling of the DPM and VOF solvers
- This simulation was not verified or validated and a more precise VOF and LES simulation is needed in the future

Thank You

Questions?