

Introduction to the eXtended Discrete Element Method

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- eXtended Discrete Element Method (XDEM)
 - What is XDEM ?
 - A XDEM toolbox
 - How does it work ?
- Applications

Granular material



XDEM(extended discrete element method)

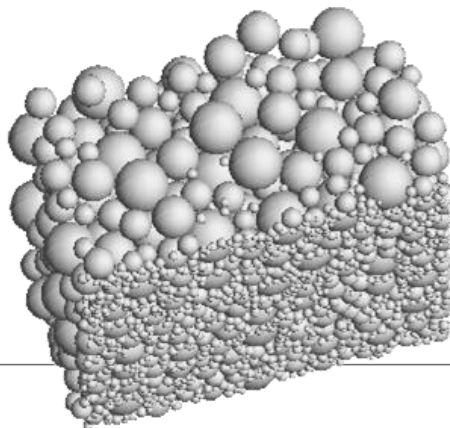
Wikipedia: is a **numerical technique** that extends the dynamics of granular material or particles as described through the classical discrete element method (DEM) (Cundall [1] and Allen [2]) by additional properties such as the thermodynamic state, stress/strain or electro-magnetic field for each particle. Contrary to a continuum mechanics concept, the XDEM aims at resolving the particulate phase with its various processes attached to the particles. While the discrete element method **predicts position and orientation in space and time for each particle**, the extended discrete element method **additionally estimates properties such as internal temperature and/or species distribution or mechanical impact with structures**.

Discrete Particle Method (DPM), (A XDEM toolbox)

Multi-physics simulation toolbox modelling granular materials and processes:

Particle Motion

- Sand
- Snow
- ...

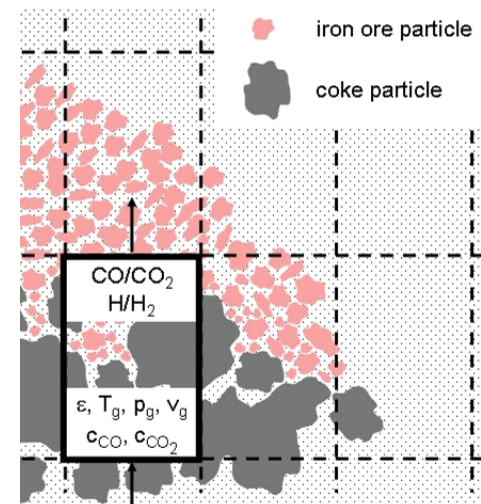


&/or



Chemical Reactions

- Coke
- WO₃
- Biomass



DPM: How does it work ?

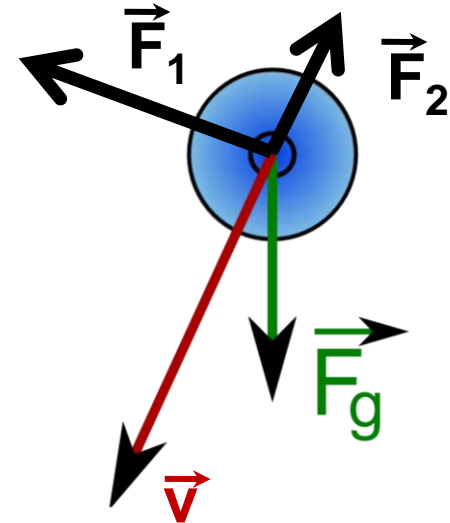
$$\vec{F} = m \cdot \vec{a} \quad \text{Newton's 2nd law of motion}$$

$$\vec{F} = m \cdot \vec{a}(t)$$

$$\vec{a}(t) = \frac{\sum \vec{F}}{m}$$

$$\xrightarrow{\int_{t_0}^{t_1} (\dots) dt} \vec{\dot{x}}(t_1) = \vec{v}(t_1) = \vec{v}_0 + \frac{\sum \vec{F}}{m} \cdot (t_1 - t_0)$$

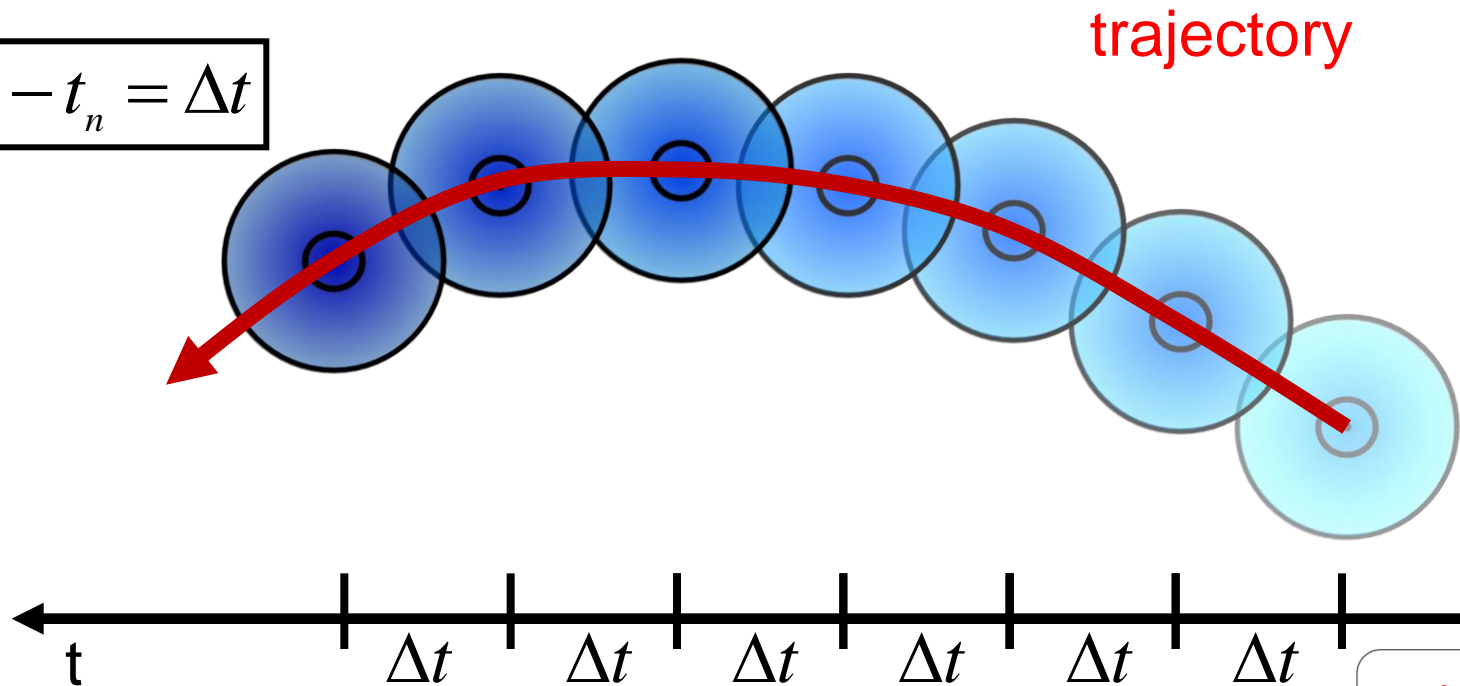
$$\xrightarrow{\int_{t_0}^{t_1} (\dots) dt} \vec{x}(t_1) = \vec{x}_0 + \vec{v}_0 \cdot (t_1 - t_0) + \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{\sum \vec{F}}{m} \cdot (t_1 - t_0)^2$$



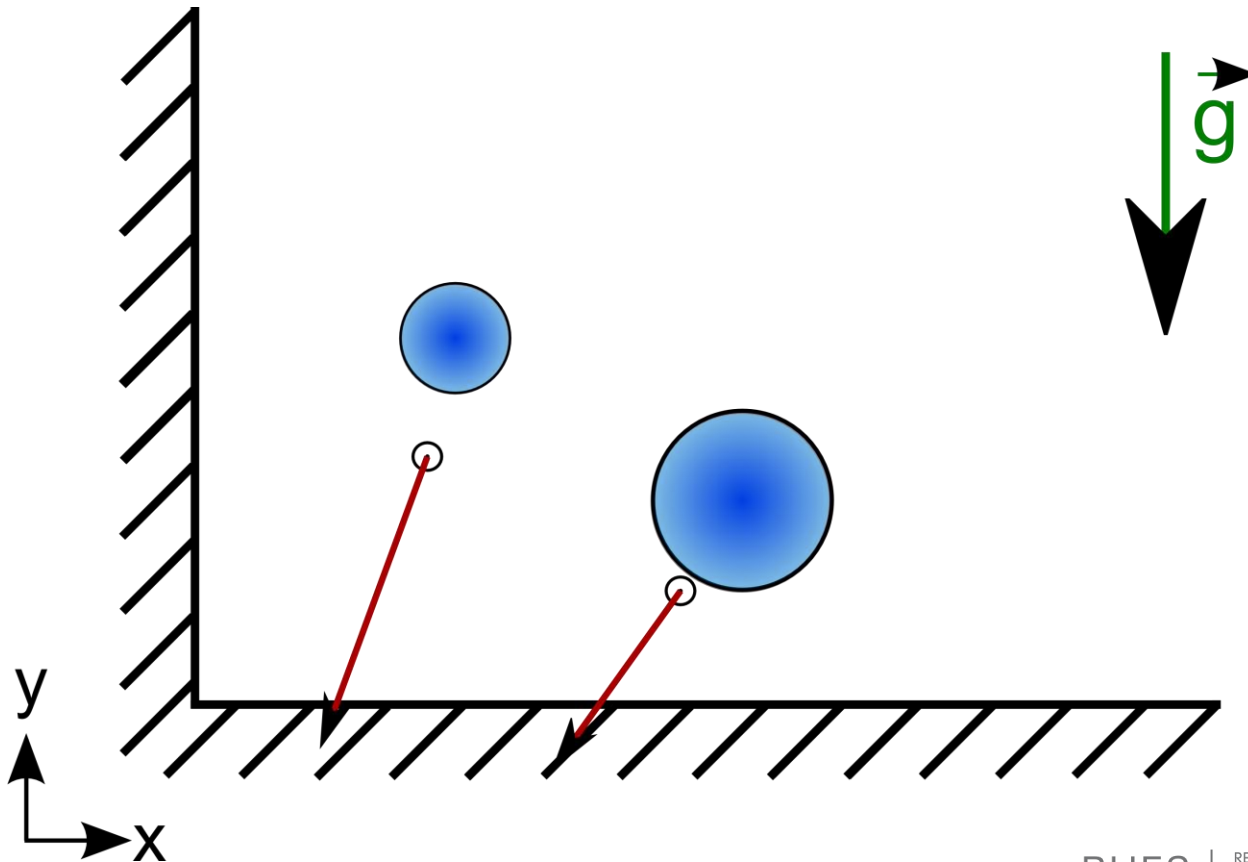
DPM: How does it work ?

How can we calculate the trajectory of a particle ?

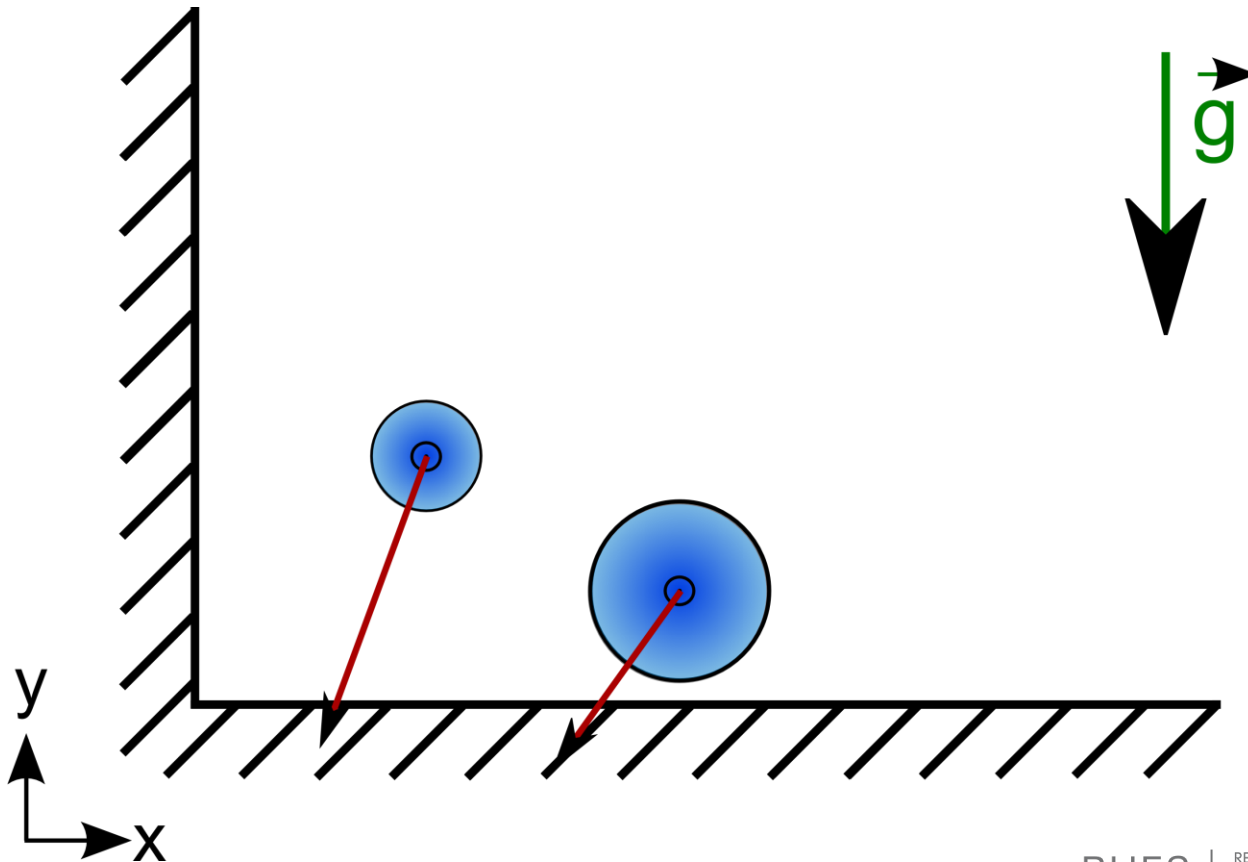
$$t_{n+1} - t_n = \Delta t$$



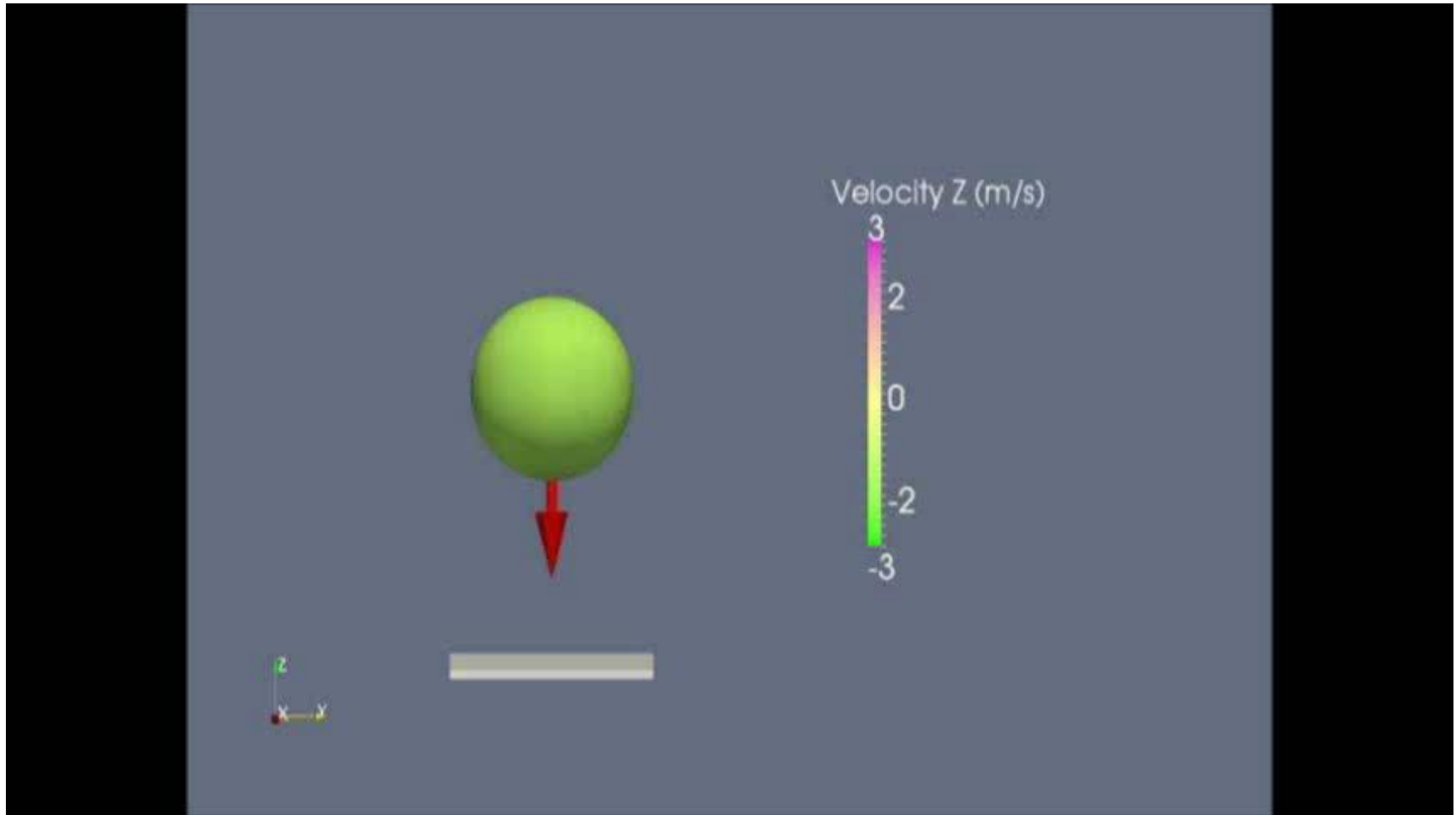
DPM: Newton's 2nd Law



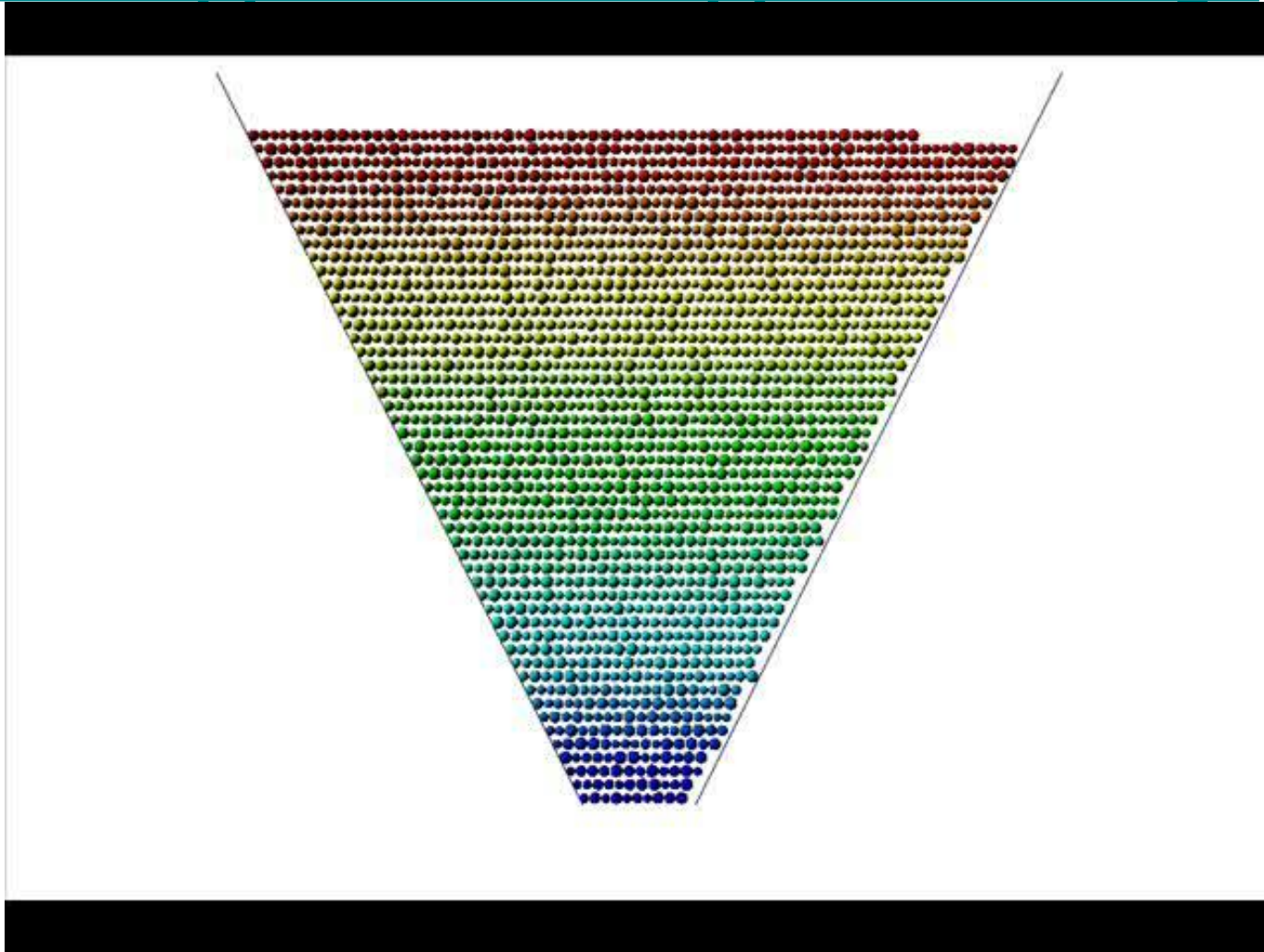
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XDEM Application: Contact



XDEM Application: Hopper Discharge



XDEM Application: Tire-Snow Interaction

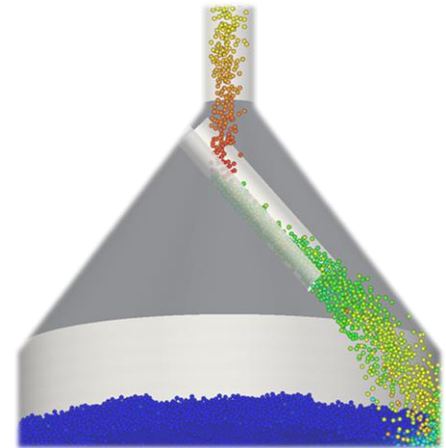
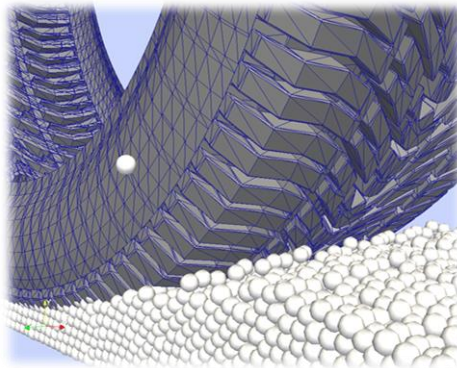
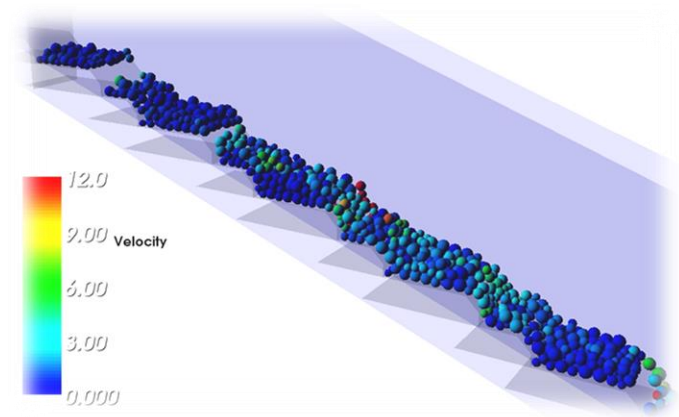
Tire - Terrain Interaction by Means of FEM - DEM Coupling

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