

Lattice Boltzmann for flow and transport phenomena

3. The lattice Boltzmann for multiphase flow



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3.1 Background

Multiphase fluid flows are ubiquitous in natural, scientific and engineering systems

A **phase** refers to gas, liquid or solid state of matter. A multiphase flow is the flow of a mixture of phases such as gas (bubbles) in a liquid, or liquid (droplets) in a gas, and so on.

Same component:

Liquid water and water vapor system

Multiple components:

Small density: water and oil system

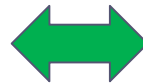
Large density ratio: water and air system



Crown

Simulation of multiphase flows is a problem encountered often in scientific and industrial applications, and has long been regarded as a challenging task.

Microscopically, the interfacial behaviors of multiphase flows result from the interactions among the constituent molecules.



Conventional method:

Level set method

Volume of Fluid

VOSET

Additional techniques to track the phase interface

A need for alternative approaches to understand the connection between the macroscopic phenomena and the underlying microscopic dynamics at a much more fundamental level

Molecular dynamics

Microscopic numerical methods such as molecular dynamics are suitable for capturing the microscopic interactions. However, they are often too computationally demanding to be applied to macroscopic scales of engineering interest.

The lattice Boltzmann method

The LBM can be considered as a mesoscopic method, occupying the middle ground between the microscopic molecular dynamics and macroscopic fluid dynamics. The main strength of the LBM is that it behaves like a solver for the conservation equations such as Navier-Stokes equation in the bulk flow yet its mesoscopic nature provides a viable way to include the microscopic dynamics at the fluid-fluid and fluid-solid interfaces.

3.2 Fundamental definitions

Saturation: ratio between the volume of one phase to the total volume of void space

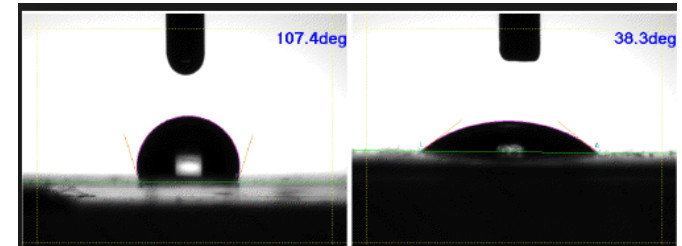
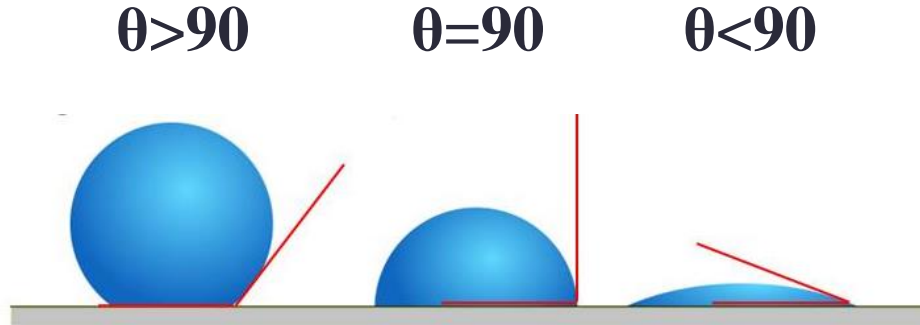
$$S_i = \frac{V_i}{V_{\text{void}}}$$

Surface tension: refers to the tensile force exists at the phase interface separating two fluids, arise due to a mutual attraction between molecules near the interface

unit: N/m **Typical value:** water-air: 0.0725 N/m

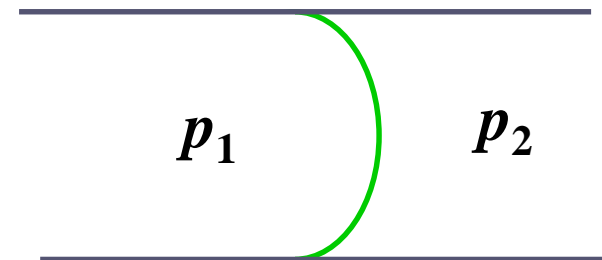
Contact angle: is a measurement of the surface wettability. The angle of the triple-phase line. **Hydrophilic surface** with angle less than 90, liquid tends to spread. **Hydrophobic surface** with angle higher than 90, liquid tends to form droplet. **Neutral surface** with angle as 90.

Contact angle



Capillary pressure: pressure difference across a phase interface

$$P_C = P_1 - P_2 = \frac{\sigma \cos \theta}{r}$$



3.3 LB multiphase flow models

Due to its kinetic nature, LB does not need to track the phase interface, where the interface can be maintained automatically. Interface is a post-result of density field.

Several LB multiphase models:

1. Color-gradient model by Gunstense et al. 1991

A.K. Gunstensen, D.H. Rothman, S. Zaleski, G. Zanetti, Lattice Boltzmann model of immiscible fluids, *Phys. Rev. A*, 43 (8) (1991), pp. 4320–4327

2. Pseudopotential model by Shan and Chen 1993

X. Shan, H. Chen, Lattice Boltzmann model for simulating flows with multiple phases and component, *Phys. Rev. E*, 47 (3) (1993), pp. 1815–1819

3. Free energy model by Swift 1995

M.R. Swift, W.R. Osborn, J.M. Yeomans, Lattice Boltzmann simulation of nonideal fluids, *Phys. Rev. Lett.*, 75 (5) (1995), pp. 830–833

The pseudo-potential LB model

Proposed by **Shan and Chen** in 1993.

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To the best of the authors' knowledge, this model is the most widely used LB multiphase model due to its simplicity and versatility

The basic idea is to represent the microscopic molecular interactions at the mesoscopic scale using a **pseudo-potential** (also often called effective mass) depending on the local density.

With such interactions, a single component system or a multicomponent system **will spontaneously segregates into two phases if the interaction is properly calculated.**

*: Such automatic phase separation is an attractive characteristic of the pseudopotential model, as the phase interface is no longer a mathematical boundary and no explicit interface-tracking or interface-capturing technique is needed.

The phase interface is a post-processed quantity that can be characterized through monitoring the variation of the fluid densities.

3.3.1 The single component pseudopotential LBM

$$f_{\sigma,\alpha}(\mathbf{x} + c\mathbf{e}_\alpha\Delta t, t + \Delta t) - f_{\sigma,\alpha}(\mathbf{x}, t) = -\frac{1}{\tau_{\sigma,\nu}}(f_{\sigma,\alpha}(\mathbf{x}, t) - f_{\sigma,\alpha}^{eq}(\mathbf{x}, t)) + F_{\sigma,\alpha}(\mathbf{x}, t)$$

$$f_{\sigma,\alpha}^{eq} = \omega_\alpha \rho_\sigma \left[1 + \frac{3}{c^2}(\mathbf{e}_\alpha \cdot \mathbf{u}) + \frac{9}{2c^4}(\mathbf{e}_\alpha \cdot \mathbf{u})^2 - \frac{3}{2c^2}\mathbf{u}^2 \right]$$

$$\rho_\sigma = \sum_\alpha f_{\sigma,\alpha}$$

$$\rho_\sigma \mathbf{u}_\sigma = \sum_\alpha f_{\sigma,\alpha} \mathbf{e}_\alpha$$

$$\nu_\sigma = c_s^2 (\tau_{\sigma,\nu} - 0.5)\Delta t$$

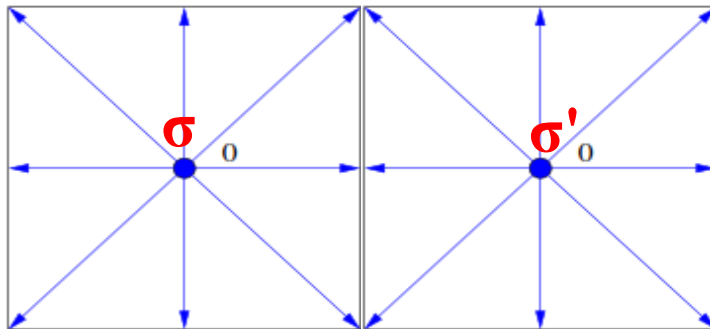
Equation of State

$$p = \rho c_s^2$$

Ideal gas!

In order to introduce nonlocal interaction among particles, Shan and Chen defined the force experienced by the particles of component σ at x from the particles σ' at x' as the following form

$$\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}') = -G(|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'|)\psi_{\sigma}(\mathbf{x})\psi_{\sigma}(\mathbf{x}')(\mathbf{x}' - \mathbf{x})$$



Law of
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gravitation

$$\frac{Gm_1m_2}{r^2}$$

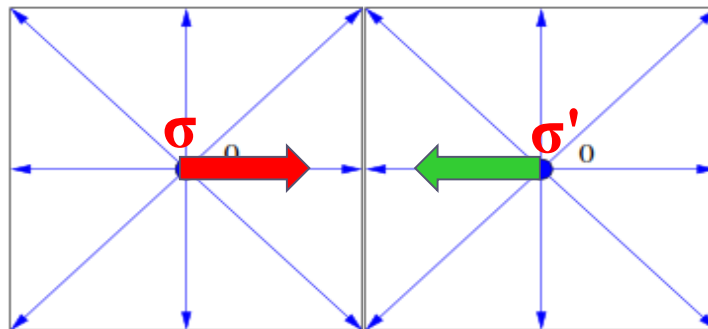
$$\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x}', \mathbf{x}) = -G(|\mathbf{x}' - \mathbf{x}|)\psi_{\sigma}(\mathbf{x})\psi_{\sigma}(\mathbf{x}')(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}')$$

Ψ is the effective mass, or the pseudopotential.

$$\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}') = -G(|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'|)\psi_\sigma(\mathbf{x})\psi_\sigma(\mathbf{x}')(\mathbf{x}' - \mathbf{x})$$

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The most general one that meets the **Newton's third law** and conserves momentum globally



Such interaction force does not **conserve the local momentum** during the collision process because the force behaves as an external force acting on the site. **The total momentum of the system is conserved** and no net momentum is introduced into the system

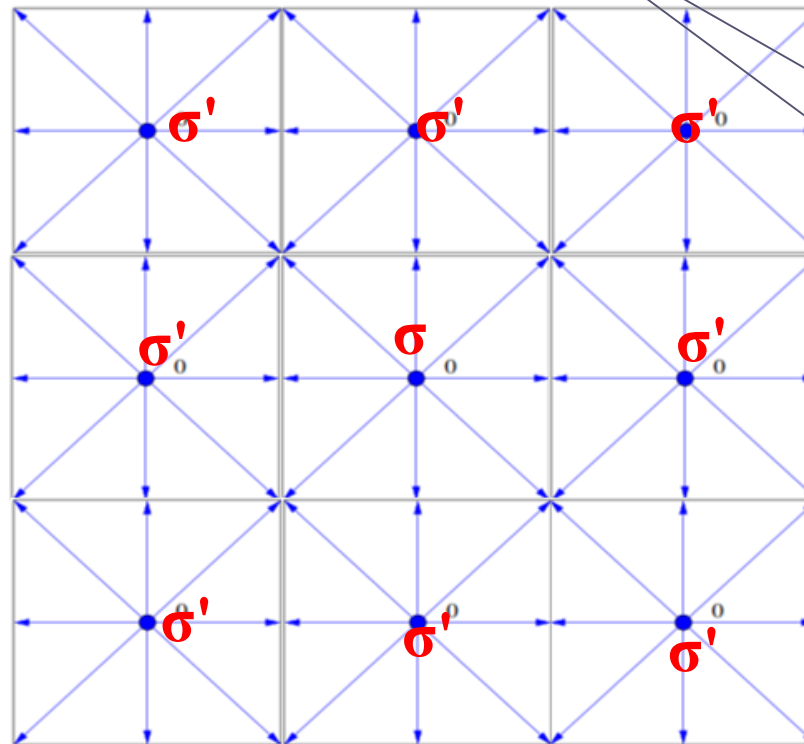
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Total force

$$\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x}) = -\psi(\mathbf{x}) \sum G(|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'|) \psi(\mathbf{x}') (\mathbf{x}' - \mathbf{x})$$

$$\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x}) = \underline{-g\psi(\mathbf{x})c_s^2} \sum_{\alpha=1}^N \underline{w(|\mathbf{e}_\alpha|^2)} \psi(\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{e}_\alpha) \mathbf{e}_\alpha$$

Interaction strength



Distance weight

$$\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x}) = -g \psi(\mathbf{x}) c_s^2 \sum_{\alpha=1}^N w(|\mathbf{e}_\alpha|^2) \psi(\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{e}_\alpha) \mathbf{e}_\alpha$$

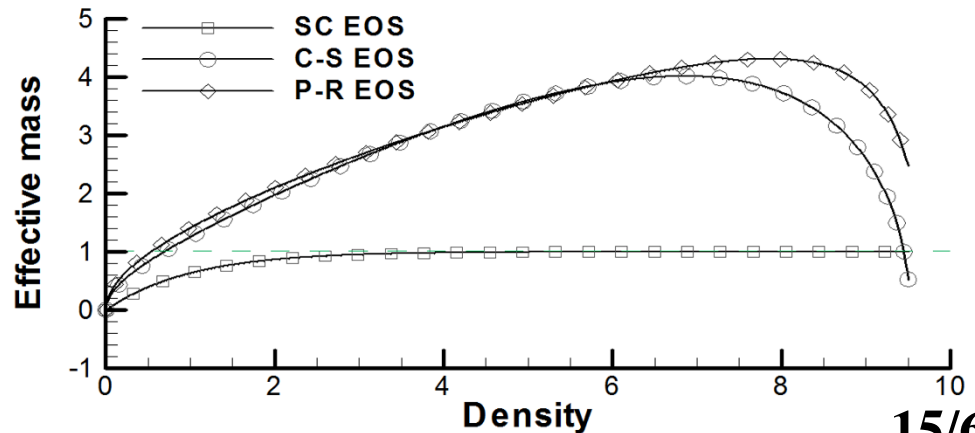
Three important elements

- The interaction strength, g $w(|\mathbf{e}_\alpha|^2) = 1/3, |\mathbf{e}_\alpha|^2 = 1$
- The effective mass, Ψ $w(|\mathbf{e}_\alpha|^2) = 1/12, |\mathbf{e}_\alpha|^2 = 2$
- Determination of the neighbor sites, N and w

Ψ in the original work of Shan and Chen is as follows

$$\Psi = \rho_0 \left(1 - \exp\left(-\frac{\rho}{\rho_0}\right) \right)$$

$\rho \rightarrow \infty, \Psi \rightarrow 1$



$$\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x}) = -g\psi(\mathbf{x})c_s^2 \sum_{\alpha=1}^N w(|\mathbf{e}_\alpha|^2)\psi(\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{e}_\alpha)\mathbf{e}_\alpha$$

Taylor expansion

$$\mathbf{F} = -g \left(c_s^2 \psi \nabla \psi + \frac{c_s^4}{2} \psi \nabla (\Delta \psi) + \dots \right)$$

Two major ingredients of non-ideal fluids are captured: a non-ideal EOS relating to the first term and the surface tension

$$p = \rho c_s^2 + \frac{g}{2} c_s^2 \psi^2$$

Force implementation: velocity shift scheme proposed by Shan and Chen

$$f_{\sigma,\alpha}(\mathbf{x} + c\mathbf{e}_\alpha \Delta t, t + \Delta t) - f_{\sigma,\alpha}(\mathbf{x}, t) = -\frac{1}{\tau_{\sigma,v}} (f_{\sigma,\alpha}(\mathbf{x}, t) - f_{\sigma,\alpha}^{\text{eq}}(\mathbf{x}, t))$$

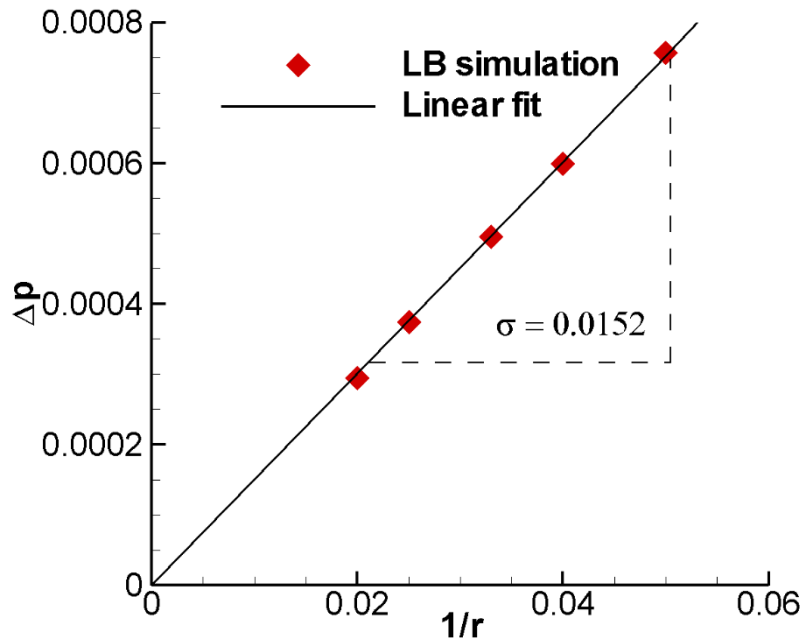
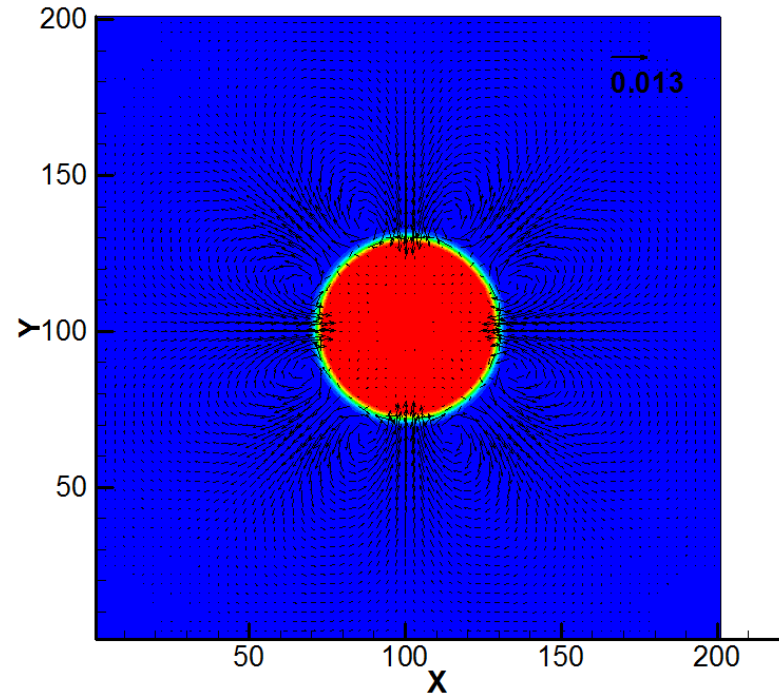
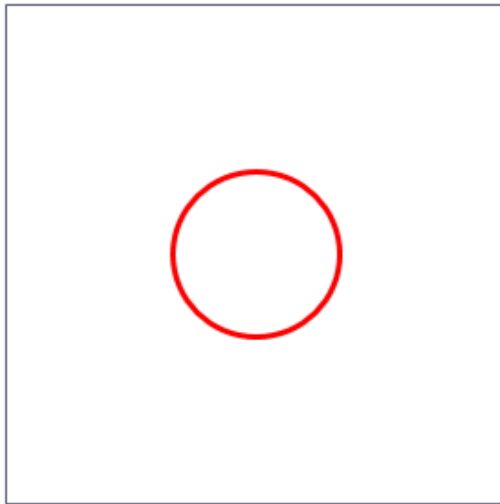
$$\mathbf{u}^{\text{eq}} = \mathbf{u} + \frac{\tau}{\rho} \mathbf{F} \Delta t$$

$$f_{\sigma,\alpha}^{\text{eq}} = \omega_\alpha \rho_\sigma \left[1 + \frac{3}{c^2} (\mathbf{e}_\alpha \cdot \mathbf{u}^{\text{eq}}) + \frac{9}{2c^4} (\mathbf{e}_\alpha \cdot \mathbf{u}^{\text{eq}})^2 - \frac{3}{2c^2} (\mathbf{u}^{\text{eq}})^2 \right]$$

$$\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x}) = -g\psi(\mathbf{x})c_s^2 \sum_{\alpha=1}^N w(|\mathbf{e}_\alpha|^2) \psi(\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{e}_\alpha) \mathbf{e}_\alpha$$

$$\mathbf{u}_p = \mathbf{u} + \frac{1}{2\rho} \mathbf{F} \Delta t$$

Bubble test (Laplace law)



Laplace law

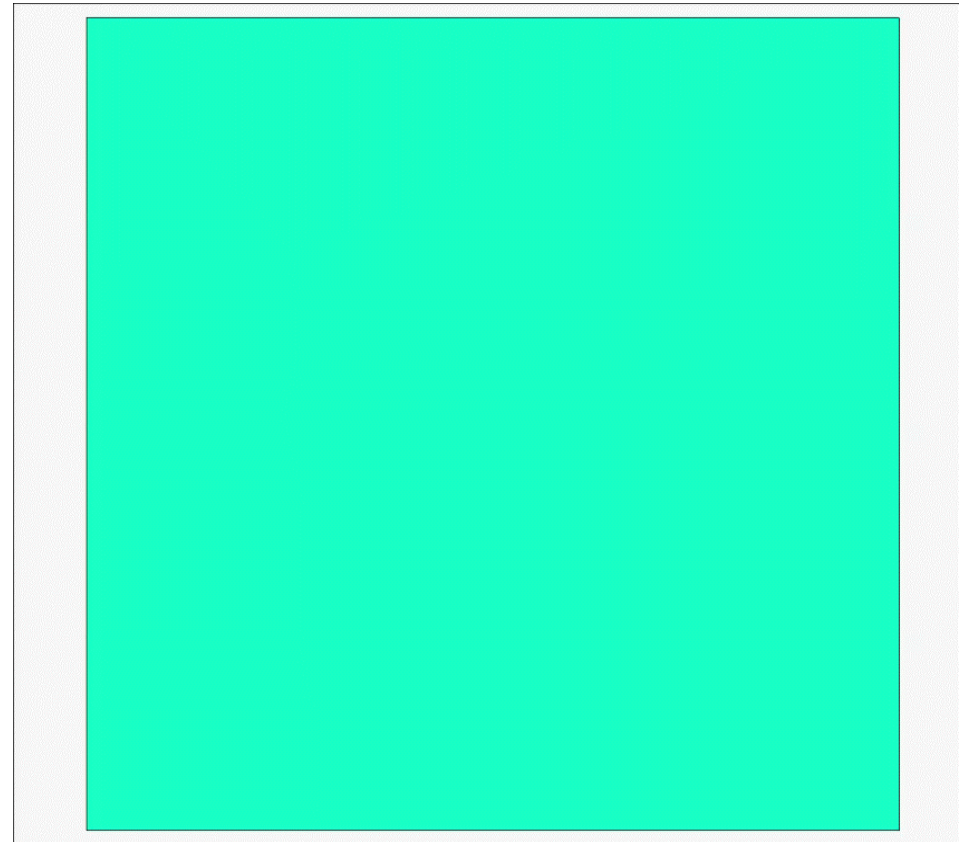
$$\nabla p = p_{in} - p_{out} = \frac{\sigma}{r}$$

First phase transition

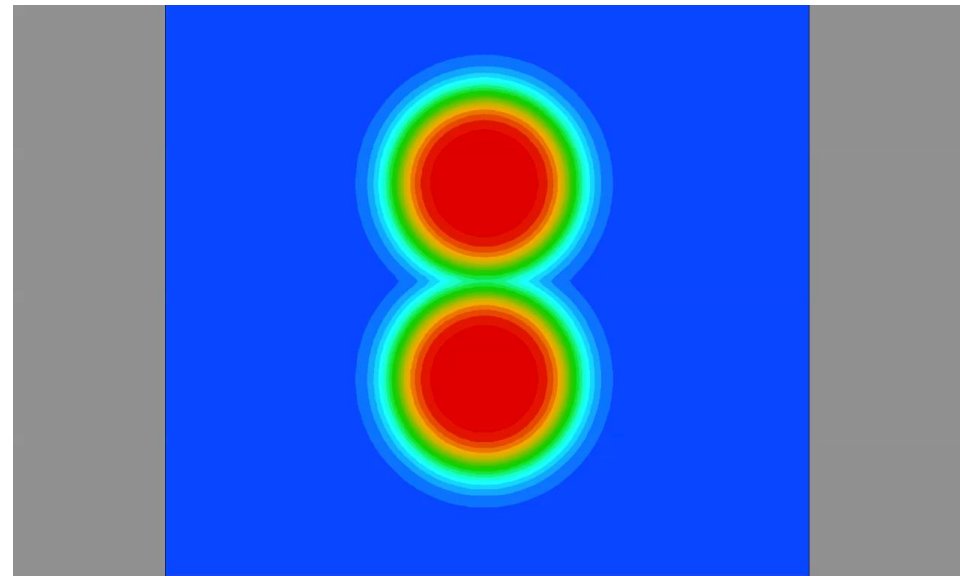
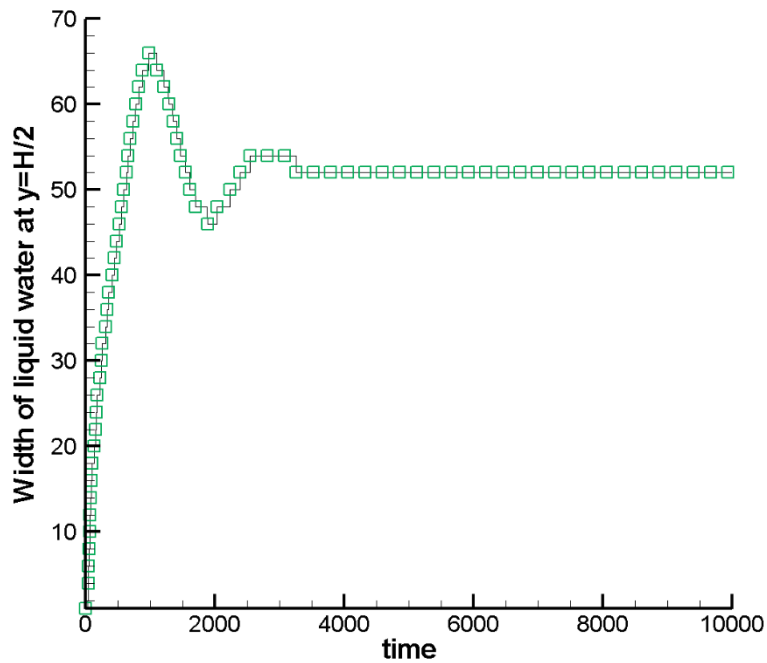
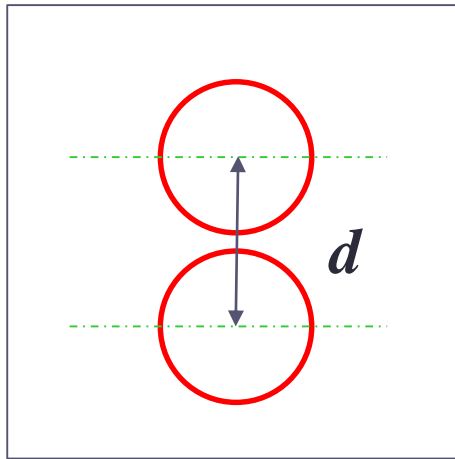


t=0, uniform density field

A small disturbance is added: $\delta\rho < 5\%$.



Droplet coalesce



3.3.2 The limitation of SC original model

The original SC model suffers from some limitations.

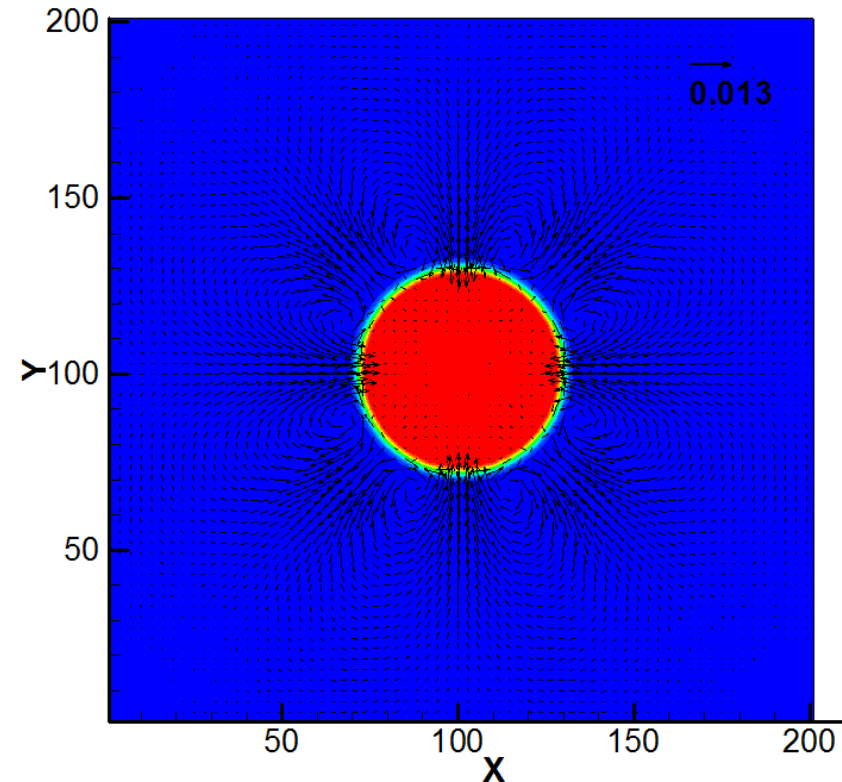
Some of the limitations are inherent to this particular model and others are common problems shared by other multiphase flow models

- **Relatively large spurious current**
- **Thermodynamic inconsistency**
- **Low density and viscosity ratio**
- **Coupling between EOS and surface tension force**
- **Dependence of surface tension and density ratio on the viscosity.**

Spurious current

The spurious current denotes the non-zero vortex-like fluid velocity in the vicinity of phase interface

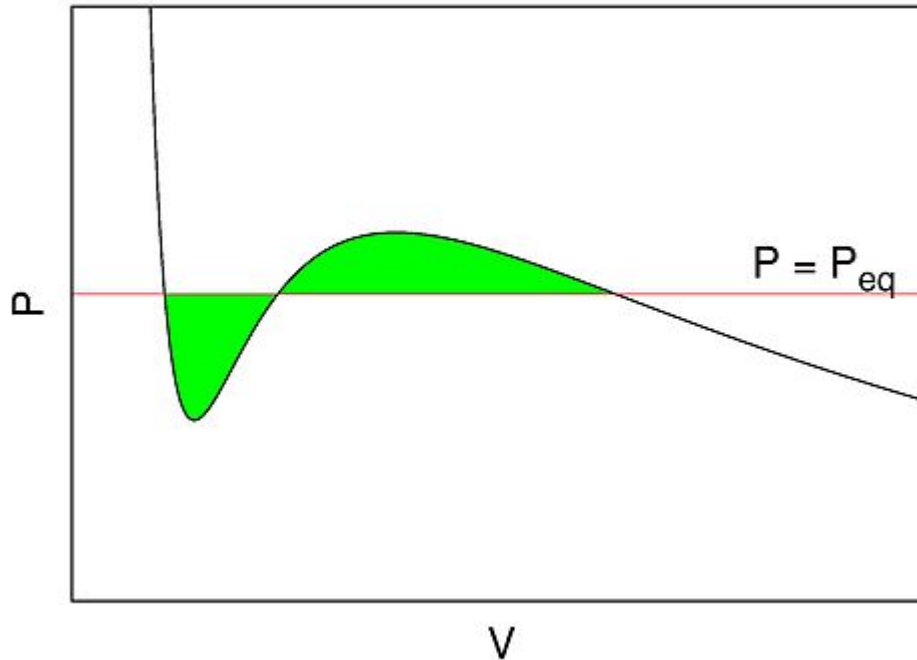
Physically, the droplet and its surrounding gas are at rest and the pressure difference inside and outside the droplet should be balanced by the surface tension force.



Due to the limited discretization in calculating the corresponding gradient, the pressure difference and surface tension are not exactly balanced, leading to the artificial vortex-like velocity.

Thermodynamic inconsistency

Maxwell construction

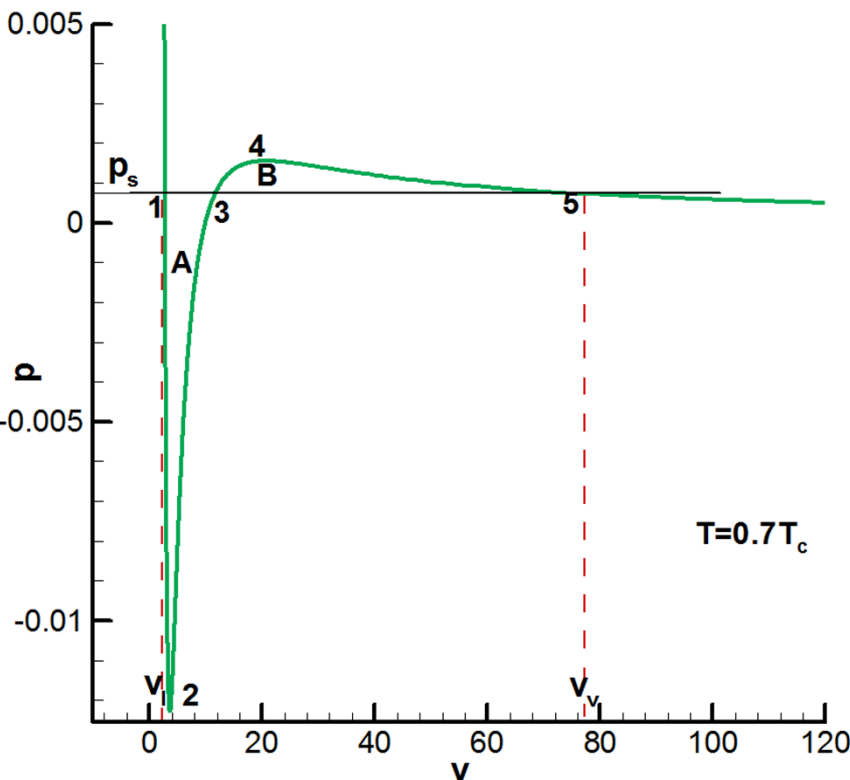


$$\int_{v_1}^{v_v} p dv = p_s (v_v - v_1)$$

$$\int_{v_1}^{v_v} (p - p_s) dv = 0$$

$$p = \rho RT \frac{1 + b\rho/4 + (b\rho/4)^2 - (b\rho/4)^3}{(1 - b\rho/4)^3} - a\rho^2$$

$a=0.4963(RT_c)^2/p_c$, $b=0.1873RT_c/p_c$



Maxwell construction

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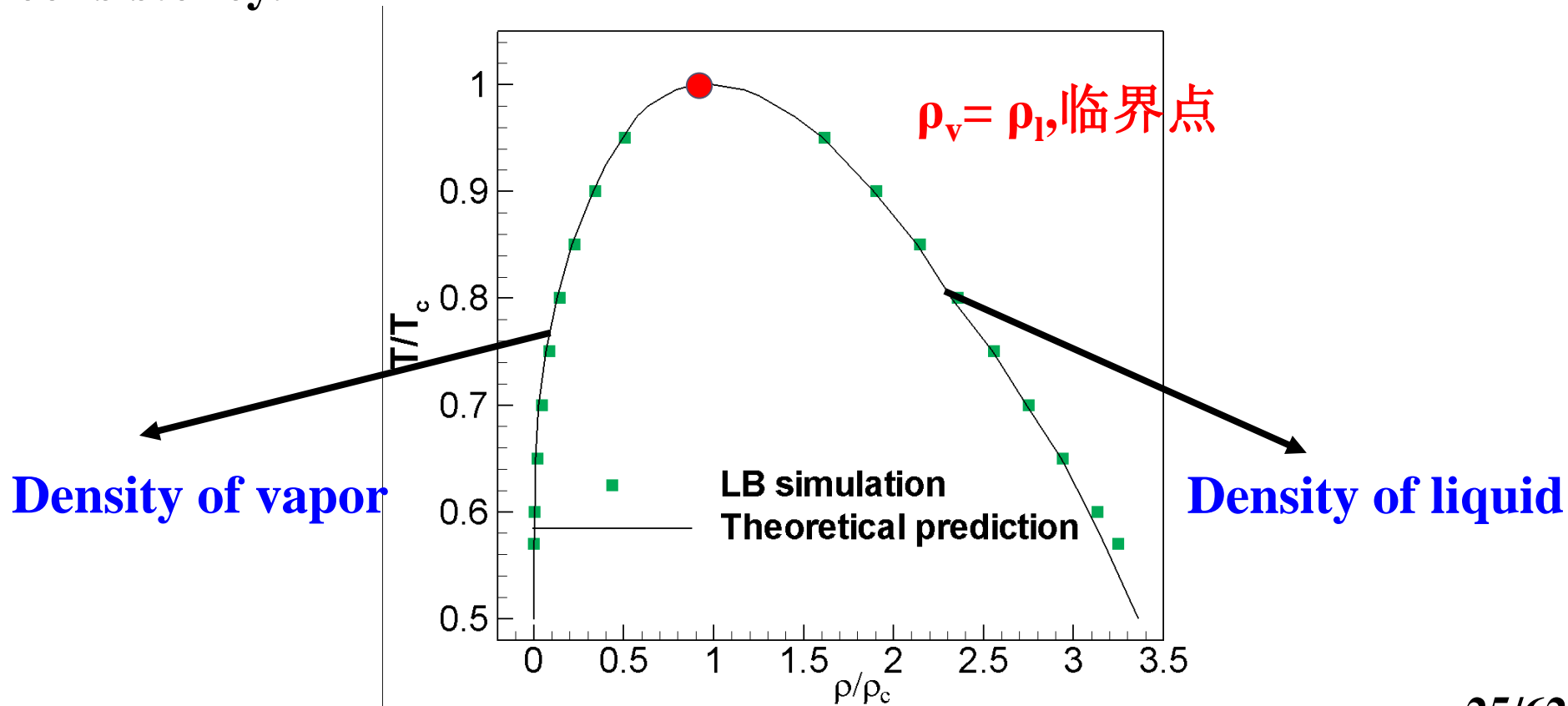
$$\int_{\rho_v}^{\rho_1} (p_s - \rho c_s^2 - \frac{g}{2} c_s^2 \psi^2) \frac{\psi'}{\psi} d\rho = 0$$

$$\psi \propto \exp(-1/\rho)$$

Thermodynamic inconsistency

$$\psi \propto \exp(-1/\rho)$$

Any other choices of effective mass will violate the thermodynamic consistency.



Limited density and viscosity ratio

Original SC model, density ratio ~ 10 , viscosity ratio ~ 1

Coupling between some properties

Density and surface tension cannot be adjusted separately.

Dependence of density and surface tension on viscosity.

Remark 1: in real world, the various aspects of a multiphase system, e.g., the strength of the surface tension, the thickness of the interface, the EOS and its associated properties, are all manifestations of a single microscopic origin, i.e., the interaction potential, and therefore are “coupled together” naturally.

Remark 2: however, as a practical numerical tool for simulating engineering problems, it is desirable for those macroscopic properties to be adjustable separately

3.3.3 The improvement of pseudopotential model

Several techniques/schemes/methods have been developed to alleviate the above limitations of the original pseudo-potential model and to improve its performance.

- **Incorporating realistic EOS into the model**
- Increasing the isotropy order of the interaction force
- **Modifying the interaction force**
- Improving the force scheme to incorporate the interaction force

Incorporating realistic EOS

Equations of state in a lattice Boltzmann model

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$$p = \rho c_s^2 + \frac{g}{2} c_s^2 \psi^2$$

vdW EOS

$$p = \frac{\rho RT}{1 - b\rho} - a\rho^2$$

R-K EOS

$$p = \frac{\rho RT}{1 - b\rho} - \frac{a\rho^2}{\sqrt{T}(1 + b\rho)}$$

P-R EOS

$$p = \frac{\rho RT}{1 - b\rho} - \frac{a\alpha(T)\rho^2}{1 + 2b\rho - b^2\rho^2}$$

C-S EOS

$$p = \rho RT \frac{1 + b\rho/4 + (b\rho/4)^2 - (b\rho/4)^3}{(1 - b\rho/4)^3} - a\rho^2$$

$$p = \rho c_s^2 + \frac{g}{2} c_s^2 \psi^2$$

$$\psi = \sqrt{\frac{2}{g c_s^2} (p - \rho c_s^2)}$$

vdW EOS

$$p = \frac{\rho RT}{1 - b\rho} - a\rho^2$$

Pseudo-potential

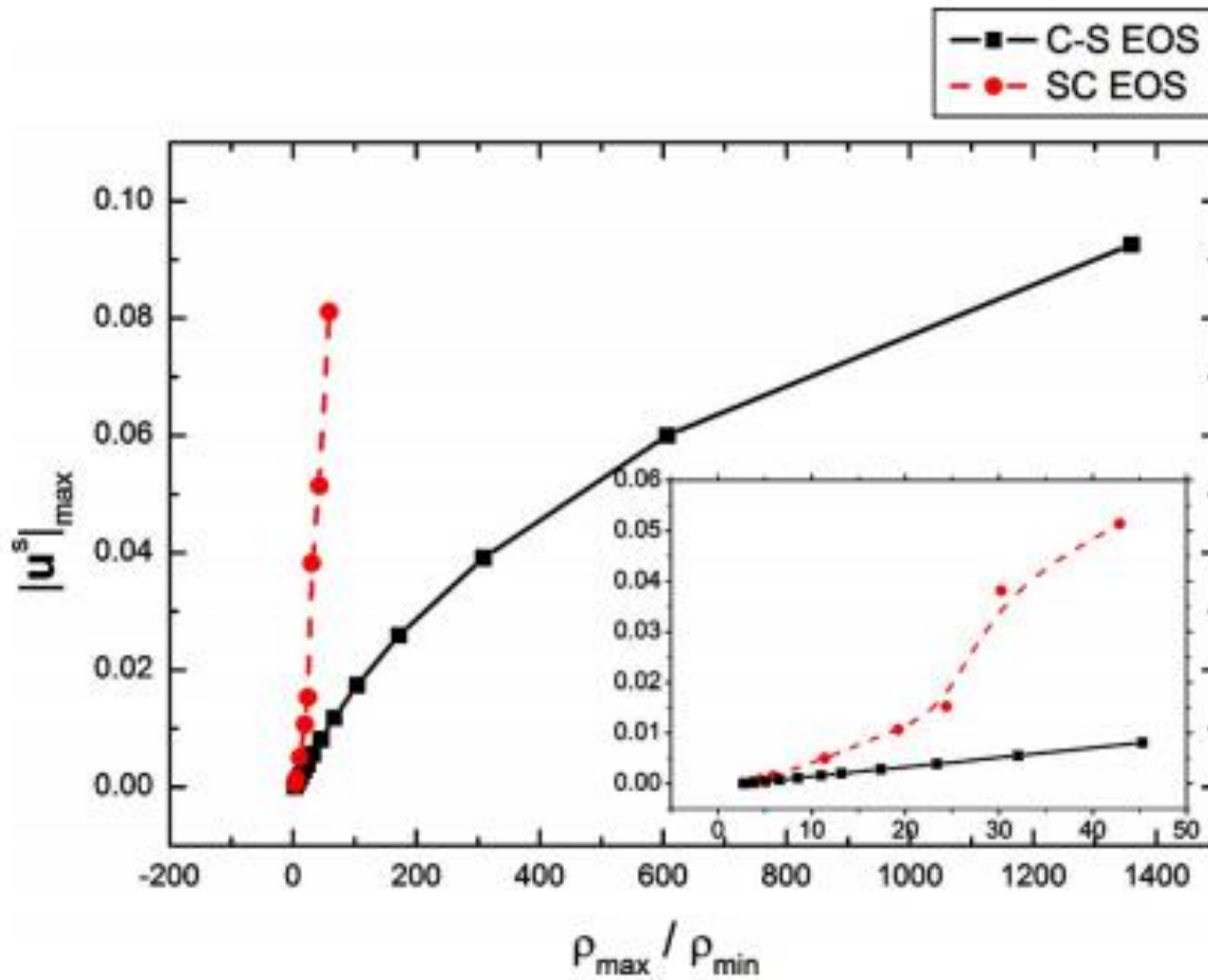
$$\psi = \sqrt{\frac{2}{g c_s^2} \left(\frac{\rho RT}{1 - b\rho} - a\rho^2 - \rho c_s^2 \right)}$$

Yuan and Schaefer assessed different EOS in terms of four criteria

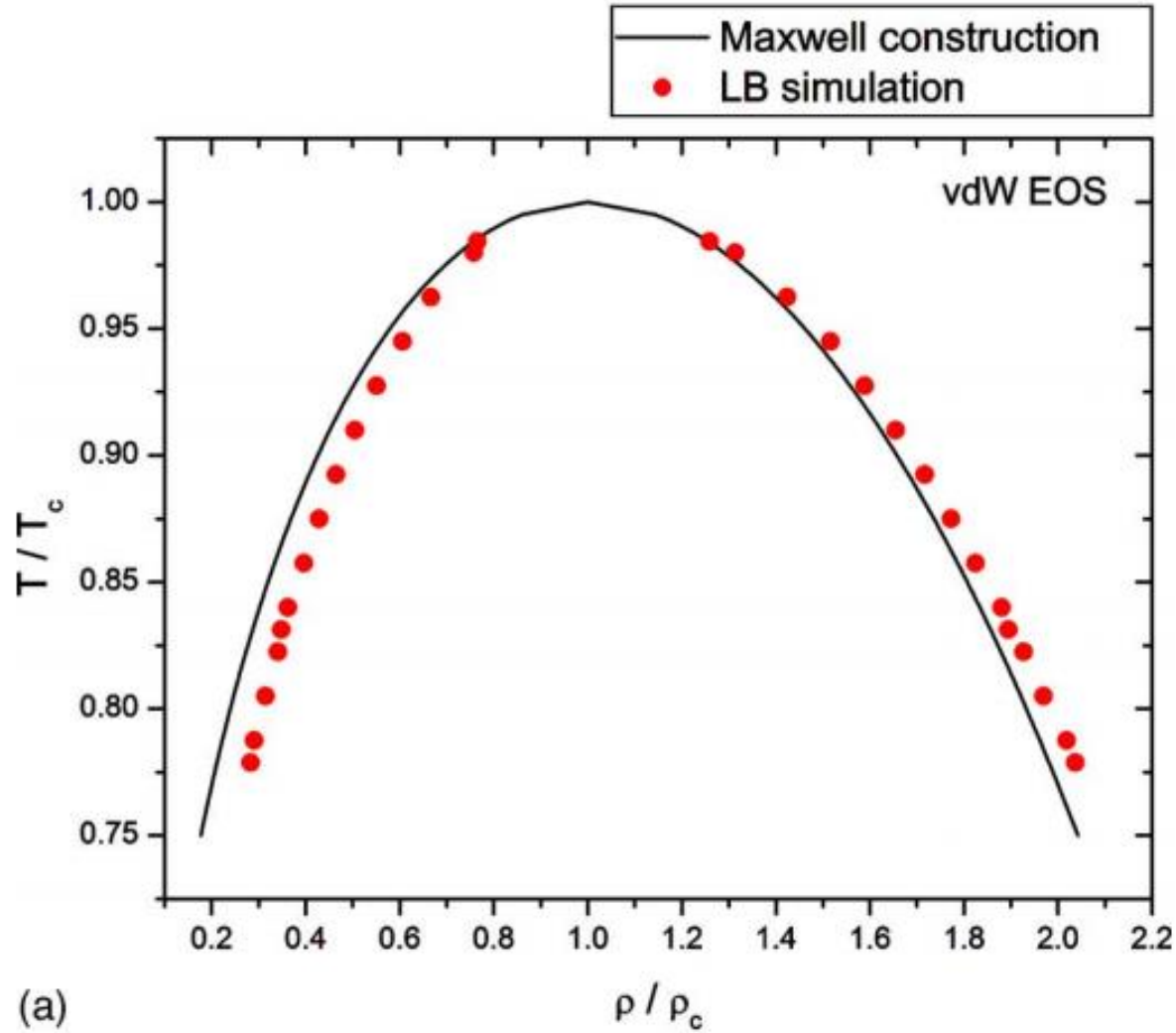
- **The maximum density ratio**
- The lowest spurious current
- **The widest temperature range**
- The thermal consistency

$$\psi = \sqrt{\frac{2}{gc_s^2} (p - \rho c_s^2)}$$

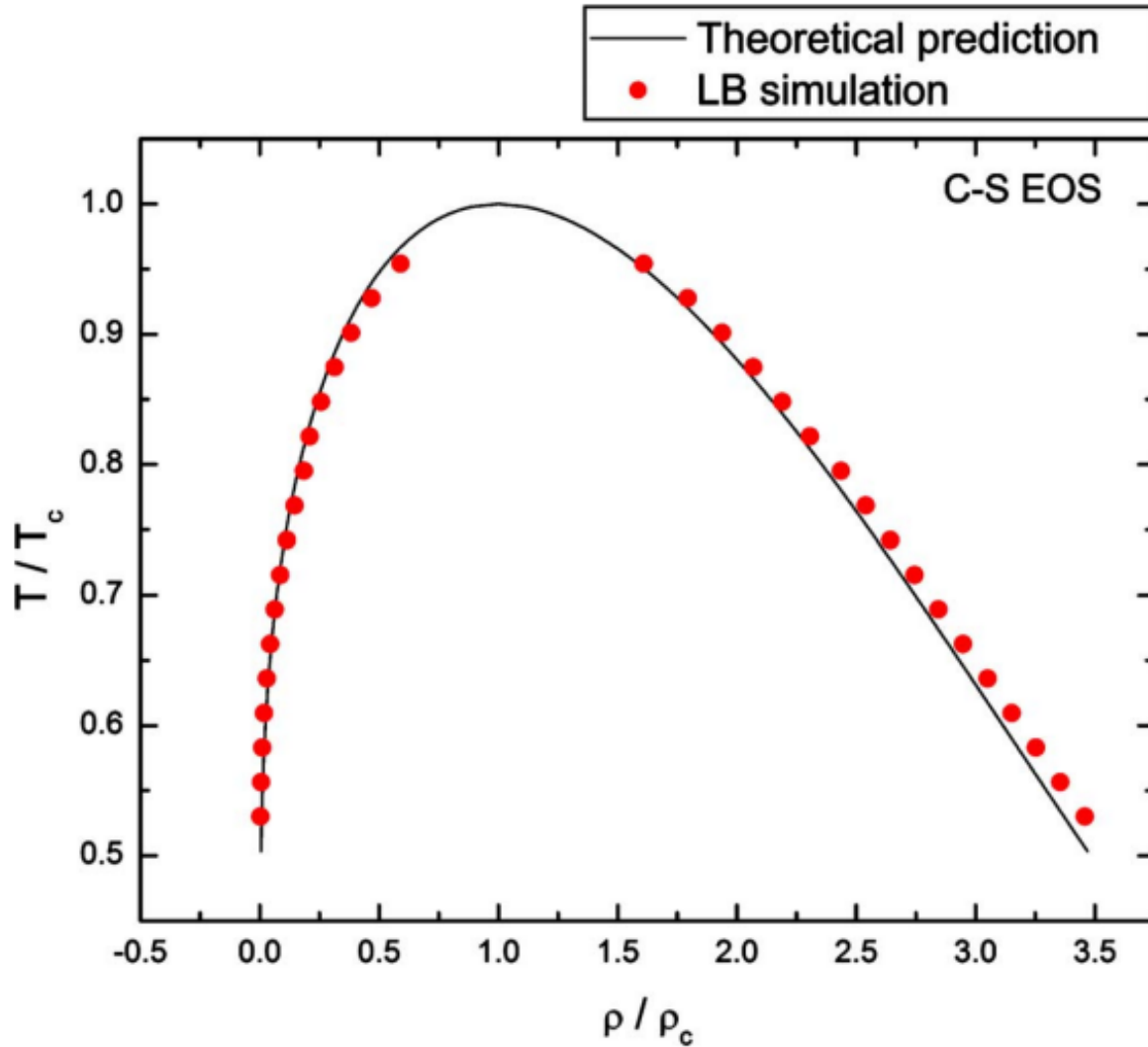
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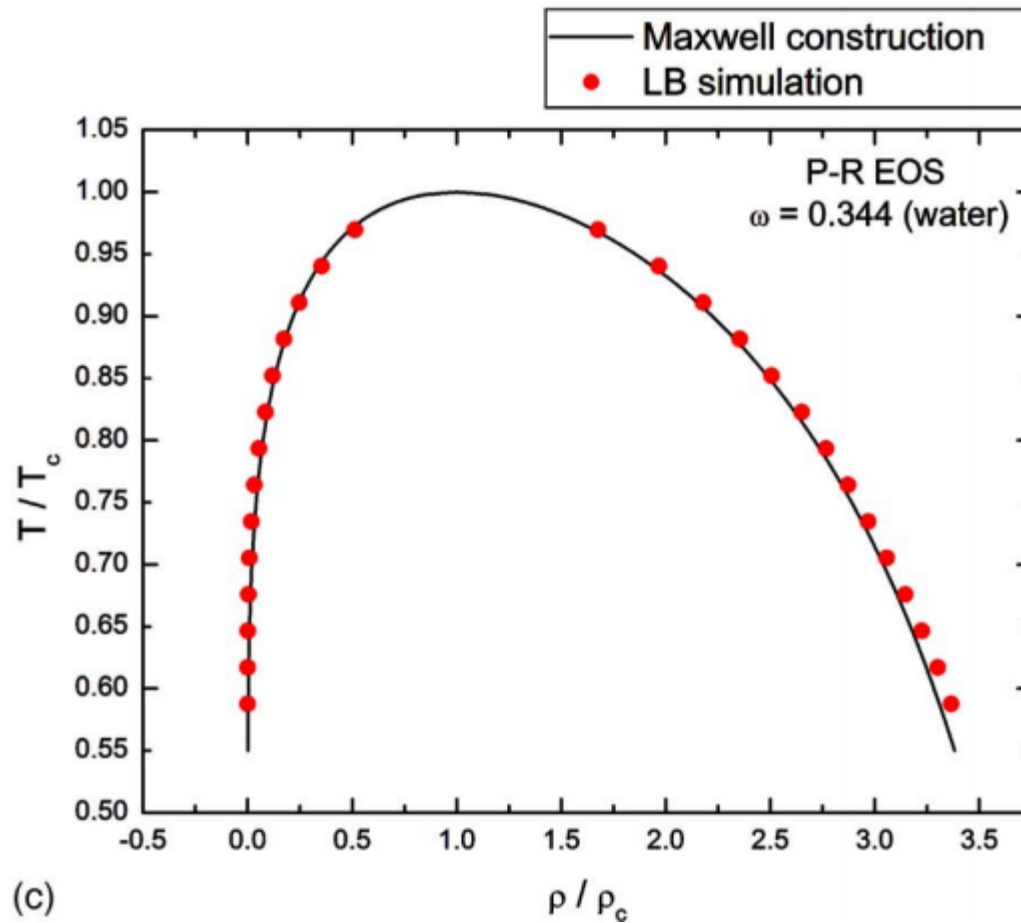
Spurious current



Density ratio, lowest temperature and thermal consistency



Density ratio, lowest temperature and thermal consistency



Density ratio, lowest temperature and thermal consistency

High order

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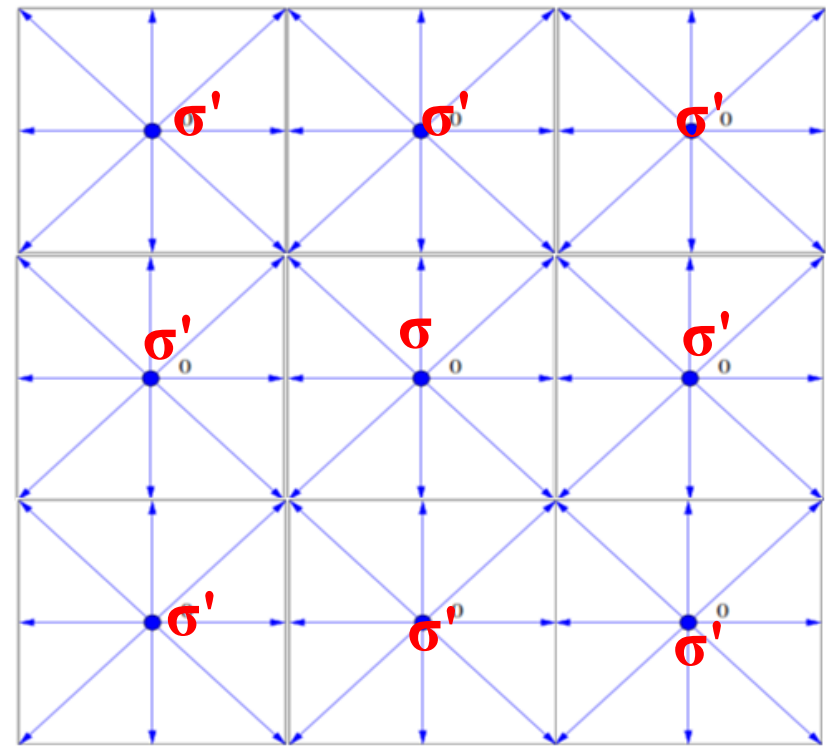
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$$F_x = -g\psi(i, j)c_s^2 \left[\begin{aligned} &\frac{1}{3}(\psi(i+1, j) - \psi(i-1, j)) + \frac{1}{12}(\psi(i+1, j+1) - \psi(i-1, j+1)) + \\ &\frac{1}{12}(\psi(i+1, j-1) - \psi(i-1, j-1)) \end{aligned} \right]$$

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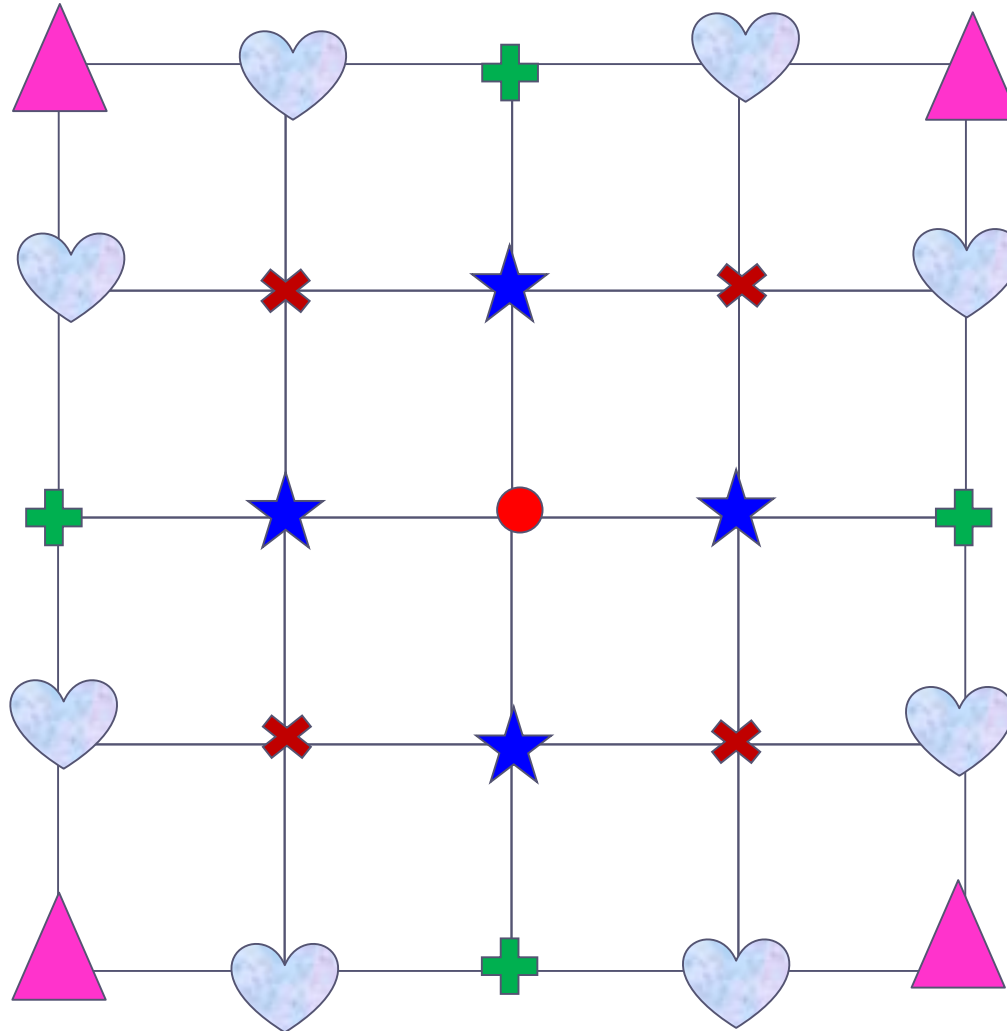
$$F_y = -g\psi(i, j)c_s^2 \left[\begin{aligned} &\frac{1}{3}(\psi(i, j+1) - \psi(i, j-1)) + \frac{1}{12}(\psi(i+1, j+1) - \psi(i+1, j-1)) + \\ &\frac{1}{12}(\psi(i-1, j+1) - \psi(i-1, j-1)) \end{aligned} \right]$$

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$$\mathbf{F} = -g\psi(\mathbf{x})c_s^2 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} \nabla^{(n)} \psi(\mathbf{x}) : E^{(n+1)}$$

$$E_{i_1 i_2 \dots i_n}^{(n)} = \sum_{\alpha=1}^N w(|\mathbf{e}_\alpha|^2) (\mathbf{e}_\alpha)_{i_1} \dots (\mathbf{e}_\alpha)_{i_n}$$

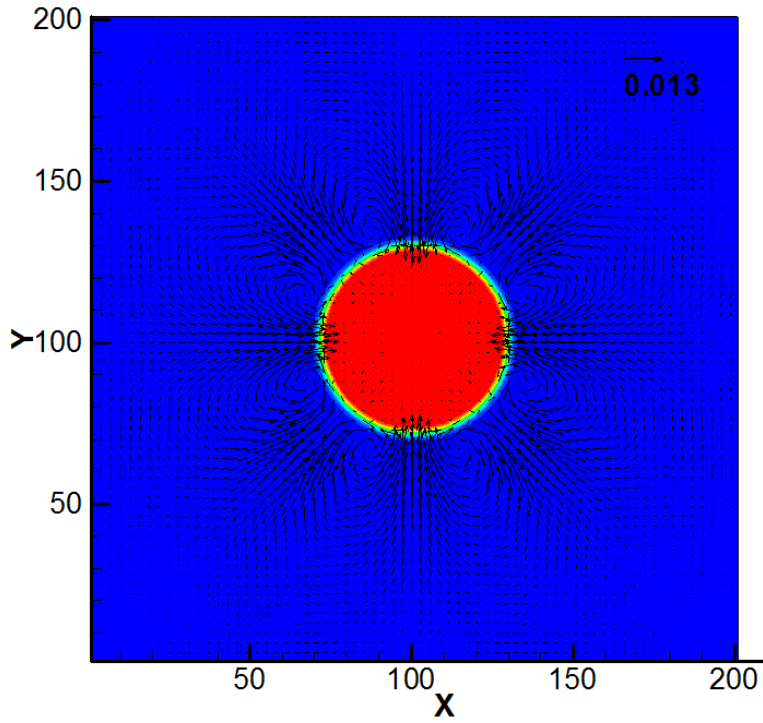
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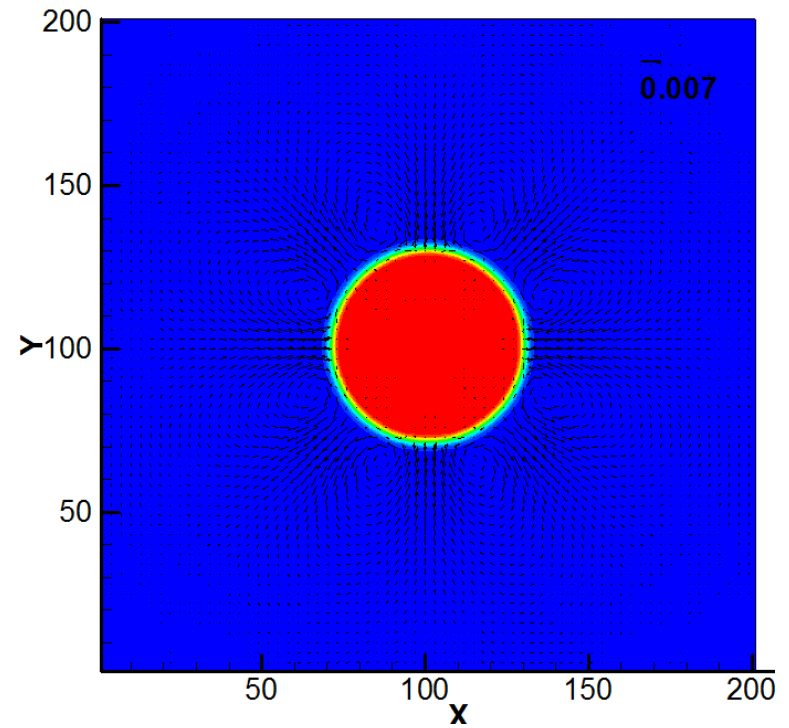
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E8	4/21	4/45	-	1/60	2/315	-	-	1/5040

$$F_x = -g\psi(i, j)c_s^2 \left[\begin{aligned} & \frac{4}{21}(\psi(i+1, j) - \psi(i-1, j)) + \frac{4}{45}(\psi(i+1, j+1) - \psi(i-1, j+1)) + \\ & \frac{4}{45}(\psi(i+1, j-1) - \psi(i-1, j-1)) + \frac{1}{60}(2\psi(i+2, j) - 2\psi(i-2, j)) + \\ & \frac{2}{315}(2\psi(i+2, j+1) - 2\psi(i-2, j+1)) + \frac{2}{315}(2\psi(i+2, j-1) - 2\psi(i-2, j-1)) + \\ & \frac{2}{315}(\psi(i+1, j+2) - \psi(i-1, j+2)) + \frac{2}{315}(\psi(i+1, j-2) - \psi(i-1, j-2)) + \\ & \frac{1}{5040}(2\psi(i+2, j+2) - 2\psi(i-2, j+2)) + \frac{1}{5040}(2\psi(i+2, j-2) - 2\psi(i-2, j-2)) \end{aligned} \right]$$

$$F_y = -g\psi(i, j)c_s^2 \left[\begin{aligned} & \frac{4}{21}(\psi(i, j+1) - \psi(i, j-1)) + \frac{4}{45}(\psi(i+1, j+1) - \psi(i+1, j-1)) + \\ & \frac{4}{45}(\psi(i-1, j+1) - \psi(i-1, j-1)) + \frac{1}{60}(2\psi(i, j+2) - 2\psi(i, j-2)) + \\ & \frac{2}{315}(\psi(i+2, j+1) - \psi(i+2, j-1)) + \frac{2}{315}(\psi(i-2, j+1) - \psi(i-2, j-1)) + \\ & \frac{2}{315}(2\psi(i+1, j+2) - 2\psi(i+1, j-2)) + \frac{2}{315}(2\psi(i-1, j+2) - 2\psi(i-1, j-2)) + \\ & \frac{1}{5040}(2\psi(i+2, j+2) - 2\psi(i+2, j-2)) + \frac{1}{5040}(2\psi(i-2, j+2) - 2\psi(i-2, j-2)) \end{aligned} \right]$$



E4



E8

Force scheme

$$f_{\sigma,\alpha}(\mathbf{x} + c\mathbf{e}_\alpha \Delta t, t + \Delta t) - f_{\sigma,\alpha}(\mathbf{x}, t) = -\frac{1}{\tau_{\sigma,v}} (f_{\sigma,\alpha}(\mathbf{x}, t) - f_{\sigma,\alpha}^{\text{eq}}(\mathbf{x}, t)) + F_{\sigma,\alpha}(\mathbf{x}, t)$$

$$f_{\sigma,\alpha}^{\text{eq}} = \omega_\alpha \rho_\sigma \left[1 + \frac{3}{c^2} (\mathbf{e}_\alpha \cdot \mathbf{u}^{\text{eq}}) + \frac{9}{2c^4} (\mathbf{e}_\alpha \cdot \mathbf{u}^{\text{eq}})^2 - \frac{3}{2c^2} (\mathbf{u}^{\text{eq}})^2 \right]$$

Velocity shifting scheme

Exact difference method

Guo's force scheme

$$\mathbf{u}^{\text{eq}} = \mathbf{u} + \frac{\tau}{\rho} \mathbf{F} \Delta t$$

$$F_\alpha = f_\alpha^{\text{eq}}(\rho, \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{F} \Delta t / \rho) - f_\alpha^{\text{eq}}(\rho, \mathbf{u}) \quad F_\alpha = (1 - \frac{1}{2\tau}) \omega_\alpha \left(\frac{\mathbf{e}_\alpha \cdot \mathbf{u}^{\text{eq}}}{c_s^2} + \frac{\mathbf{e}_\alpha \mathbf{u}^{\text{eq}}}{c_s^4} \right) \cdot \mathbf{F} \Delta t$$

$$\mathbf{u}_p = \mathbf{u} + \frac{1}{2\rho} \mathbf{F} \Delta t$$

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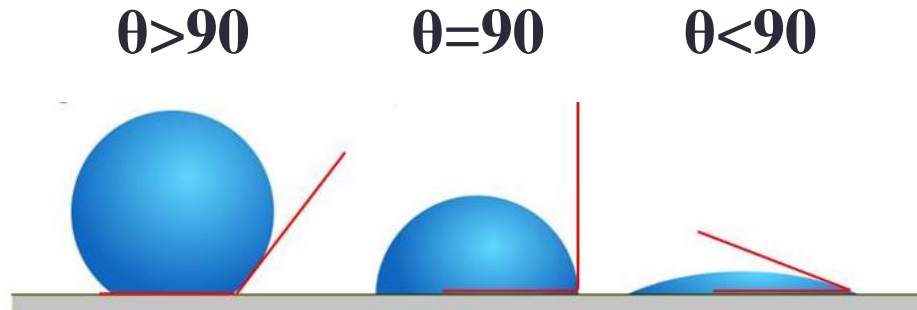
$$\mathbf{u}_p = \mathbf{u}^{\text{eq}} = \mathbf{u} + \frac{1}{2\rho} \mathbf{F} \Delta t$$

1. For the dependence of the surface tension and density on the kinematic viscosity, i.e., the relaxation time, **both the EDM and Guo's force scheme lead to independence**, while in the velocity shift scheme the surface force and density change with the kinetic viscosity;

2. For the stable temperature range, Guo's force scheme leads to a relatively narrow temperature range. For example, at $\tau=1$ for C-S EOS, the minimum T_{\min} achieved is only $T_{\min}=0.777T_c$. The velocity shifting scheme and the EDM scheme are demonstrated to perform almost the same.

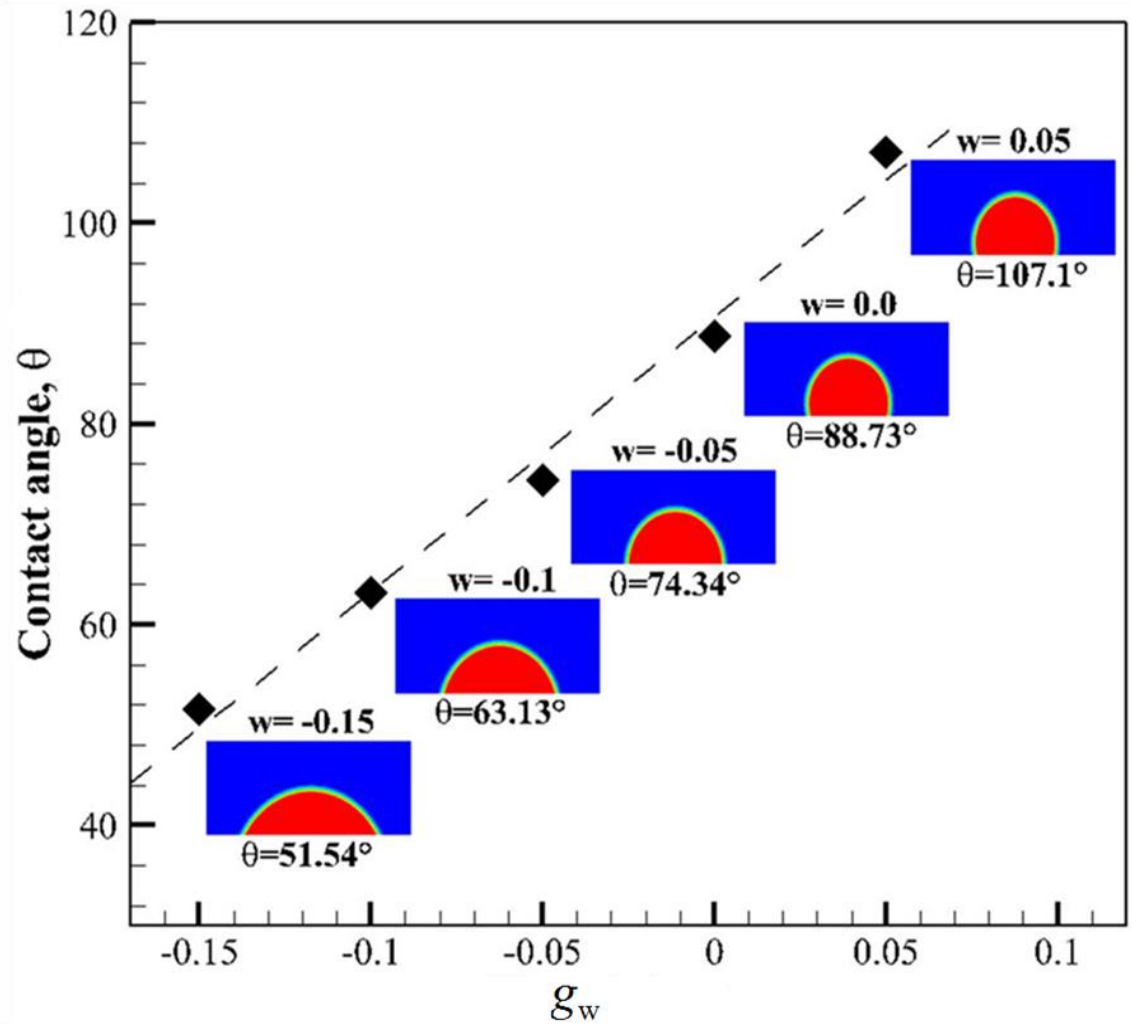
3. For the thermodynamic coexistence, Guo's model gives the best agreement. Discrepancy of EDM increases as temperature decreases.

3.3.4 Fluid-solid interaction



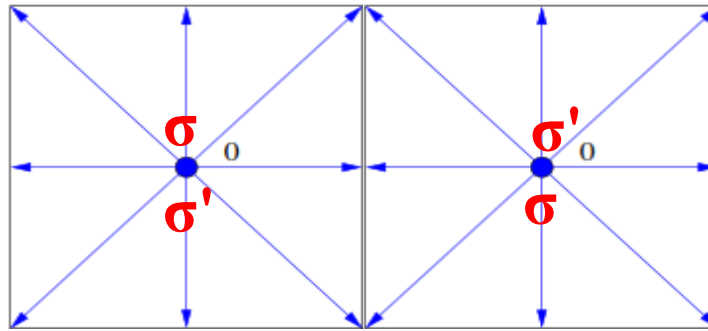
$$\mathbf{F}_{\text{ads}}(\mathbf{x}) = -g_w \psi(\mathbf{x}) \sum_{\alpha=1}^N w(|\mathbf{e}_\alpha|^2) \psi(\rho_w) s(\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{e}_\alpha) \mathbf{e}_\alpha$$

s is an indicator function that equals 1 for solid nodes and 0 for fluid nodes



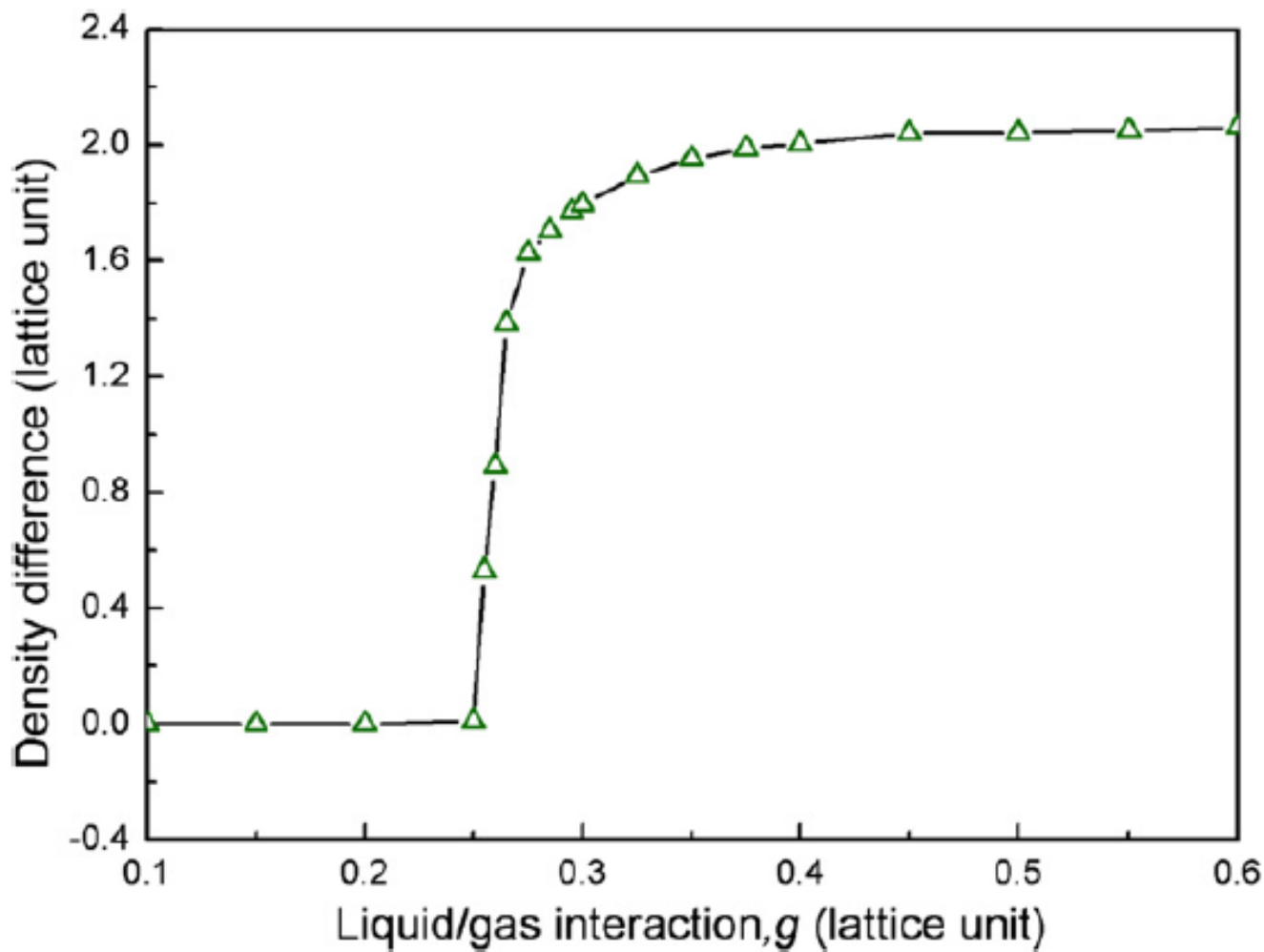
3.3.5 Multicomponent multiphase model

$$\mathbf{F}_{\sigma\sigma^-}(\mathbf{x}) = -g_{\sigma\sigma^-}\psi_{\sigma^-}(\mathbf{x})c_s^2 \sum_{\alpha=1}^N w(|\mathbf{e}_{\alpha}|^2)\psi_{\sigma^-}(\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{e}_{\alpha})\mathbf{e}_{\alpha}$$

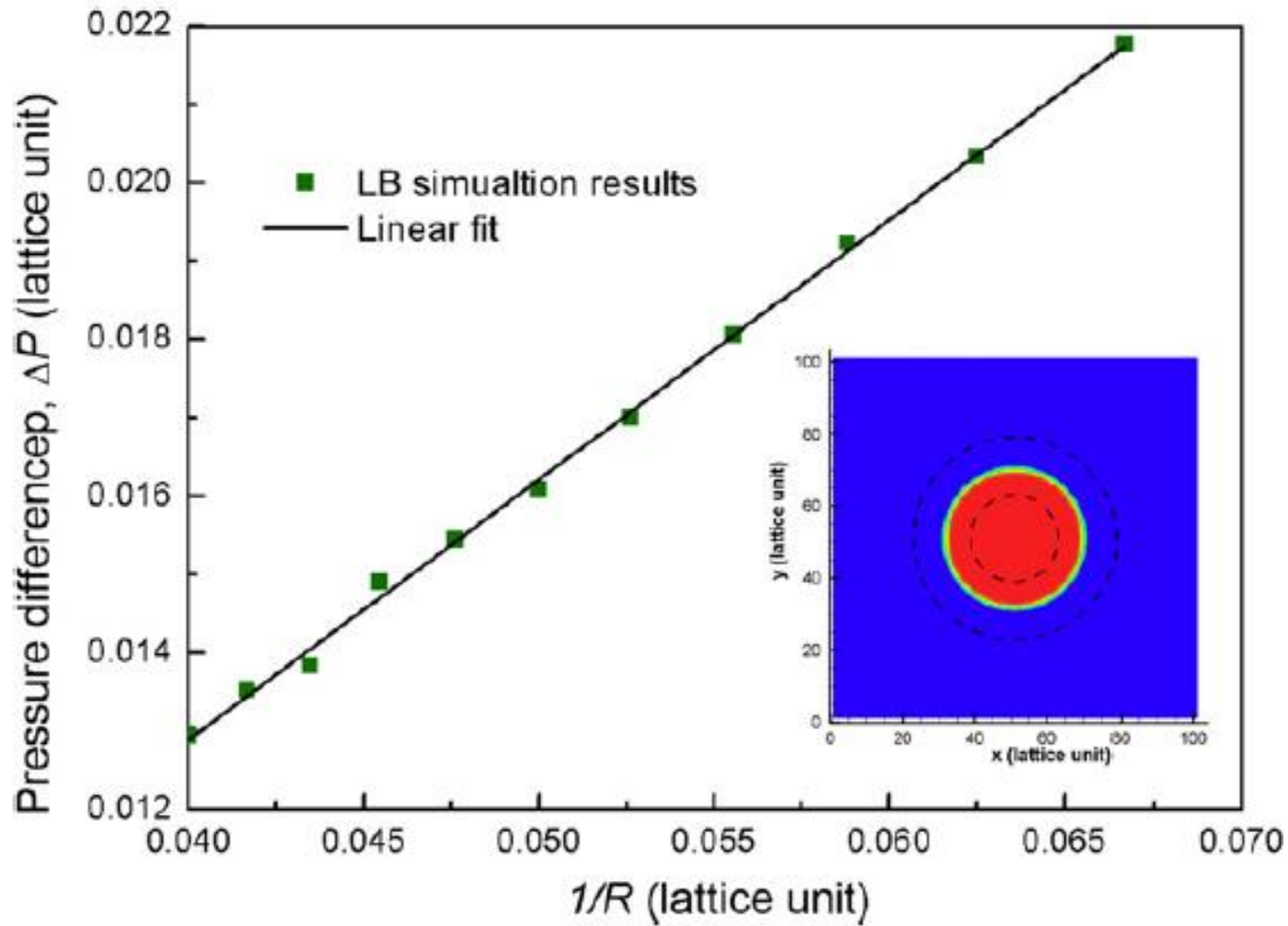


$$\mathbf{F}_{\sigma}(\mathbf{x}) = -g_{\sigma\sigma}\psi_{\sigma}(\mathbf{x})c_s^2 \sum_{\alpha=1}^N w(|\mathbf{e}_{\alpha}|^2)\psi_{\sigma}(\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{e}_{\alpha})\mathbf{e}_{\alpha} - g_{\sigma\sigma^-}\psi_{\sigma}(\mathbf{x})c_s^2 \sum_{\alpha=1}^N w(|\mathbf{e}_{\alpha}|^2)\psi_{\sigma^-}(\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{e}_{\alpha})\mathbf{e}_{\alpha}$$

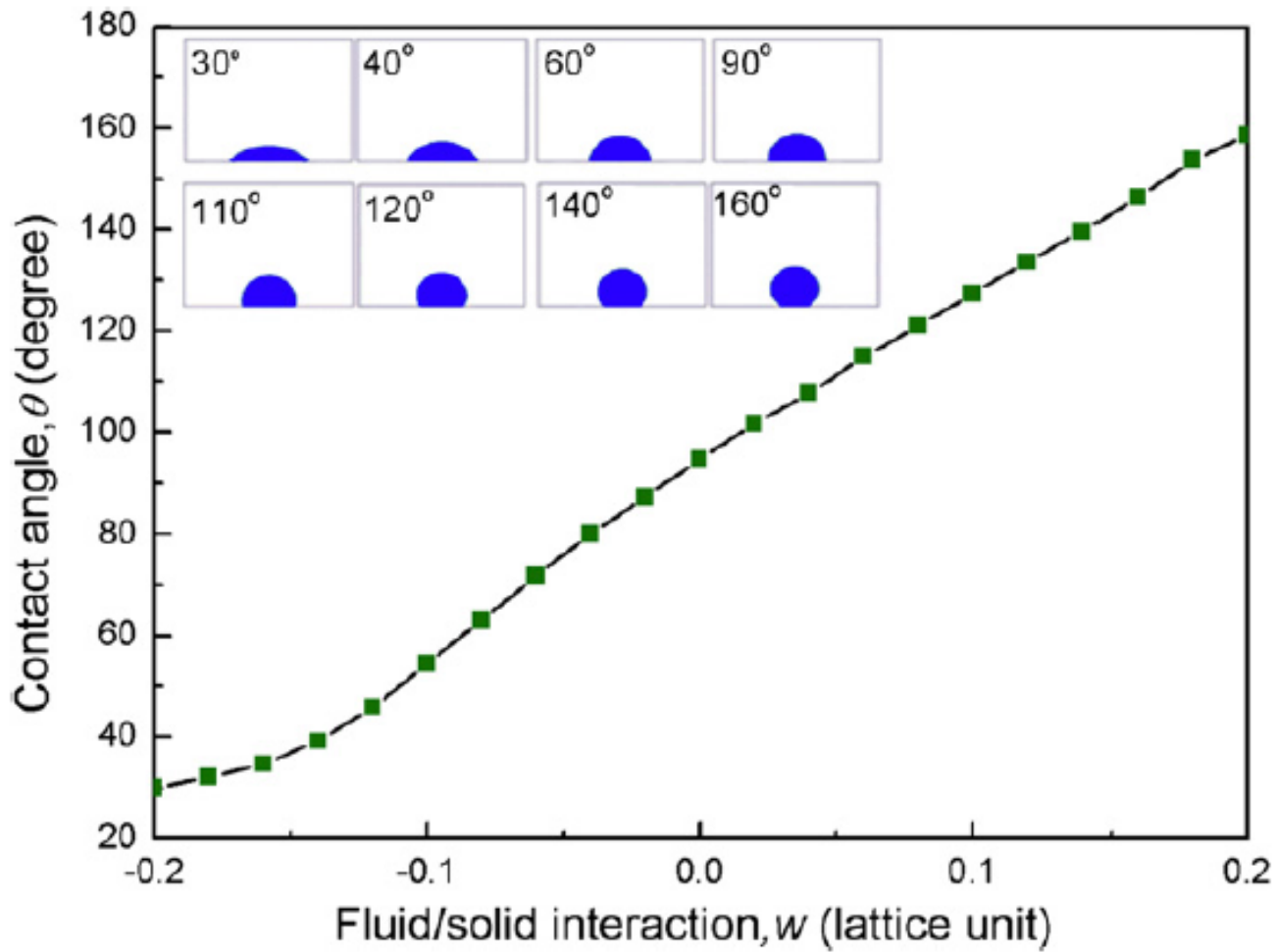
$$\mathbf{F}_{\sigma^-}(\mathbf{x}) = -g_{\sigma\sigma^-}\psi_{\sigma^-}(\mathbf{x})c_s^2 \sum_{\alpha=1}^N w(|\mathbf{e}_{\alpha}|^2)\psi_{\sigma^-}(\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{e}_{\alpha})\mathbf{e}_{\alpha} - g_{\sigma\sigma}\psi_{\sigma^-}(\mathbf{x})c_s^2 \sum_{\alpha=1}^N w(|\mathbf{e}_{\alpha}|^2)\psi_{\sigma}(\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{e}_{\alpha})\mathbf{e}_{\alpha}$$



Water/air system

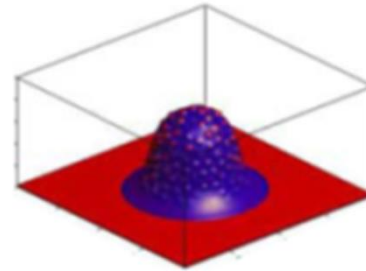
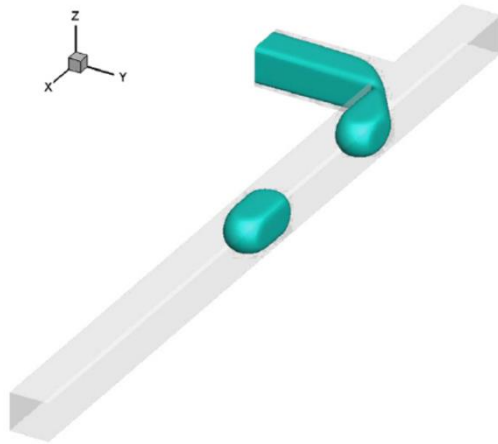
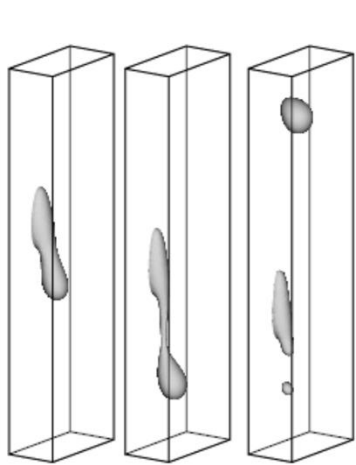


Laplace law



Contact angle

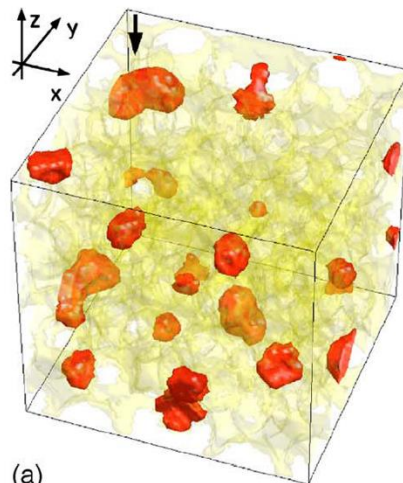
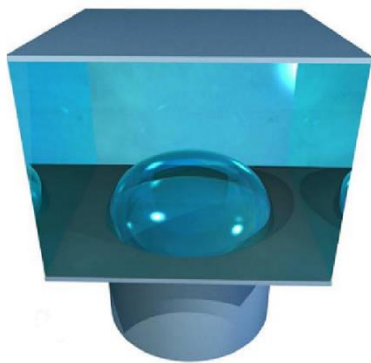
3.4 Application



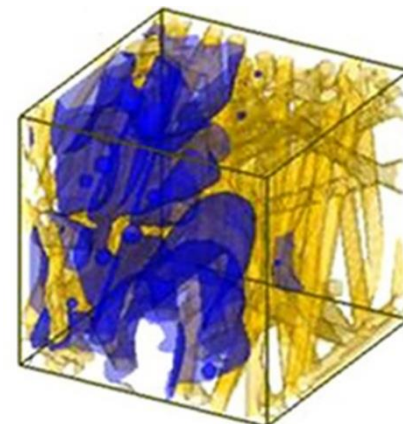
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LB pseudopotential model

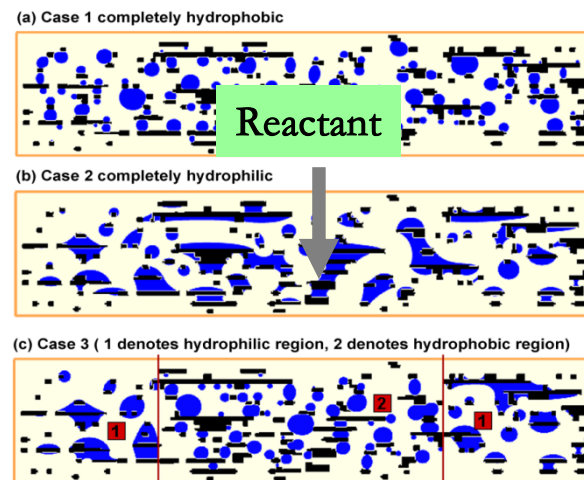
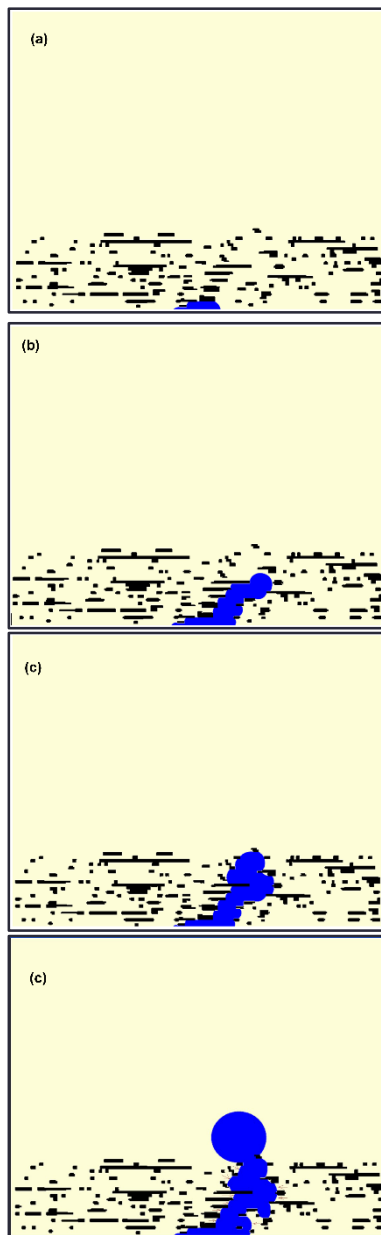
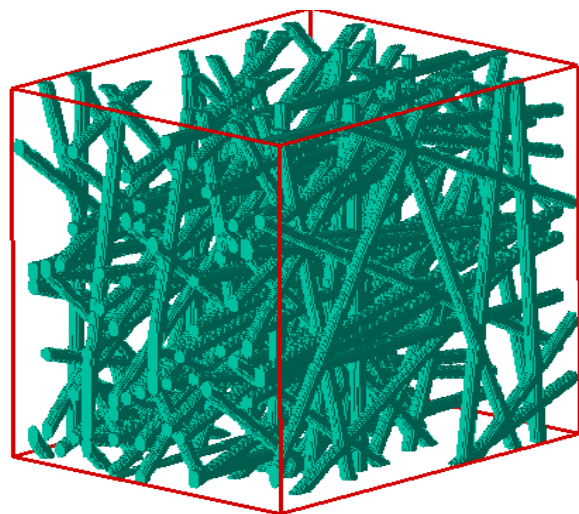
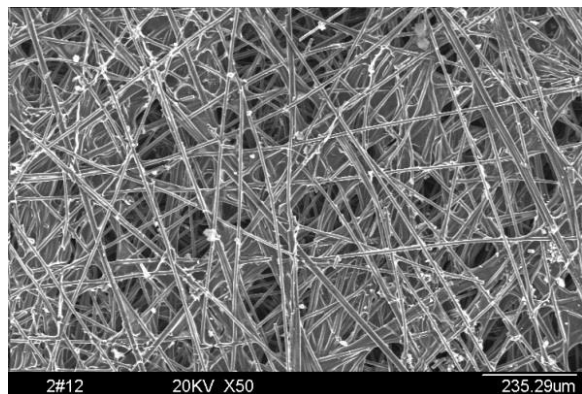
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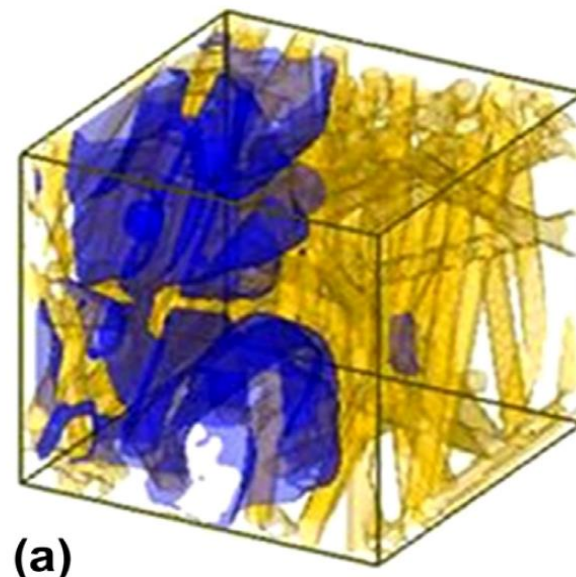
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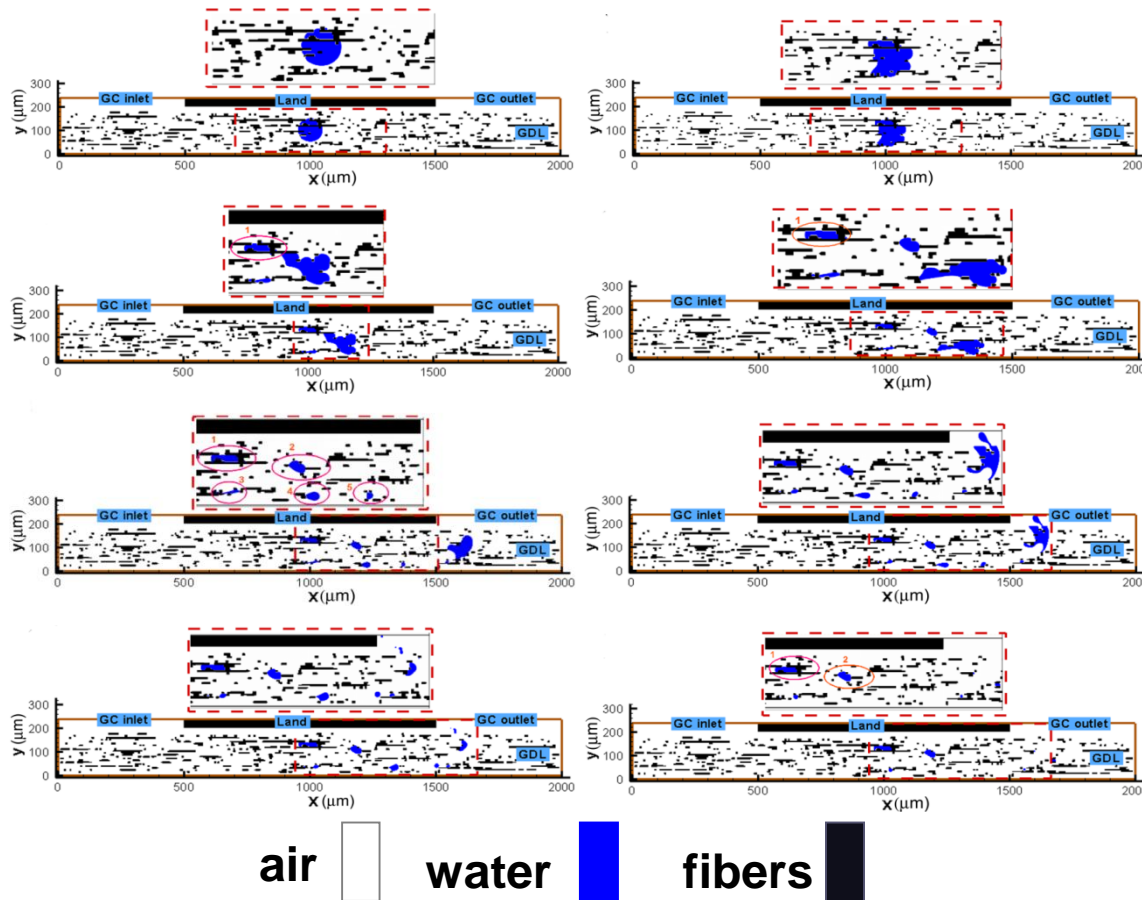


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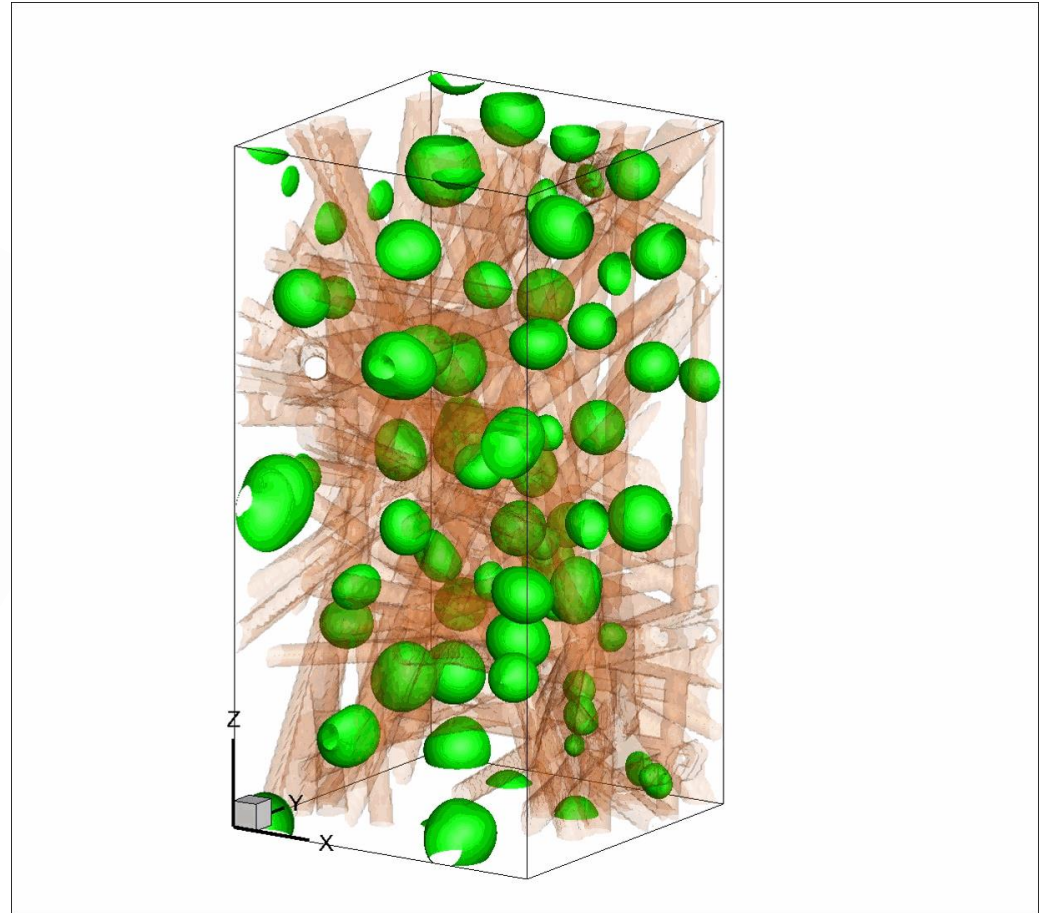


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Droplet behaviors under air flow



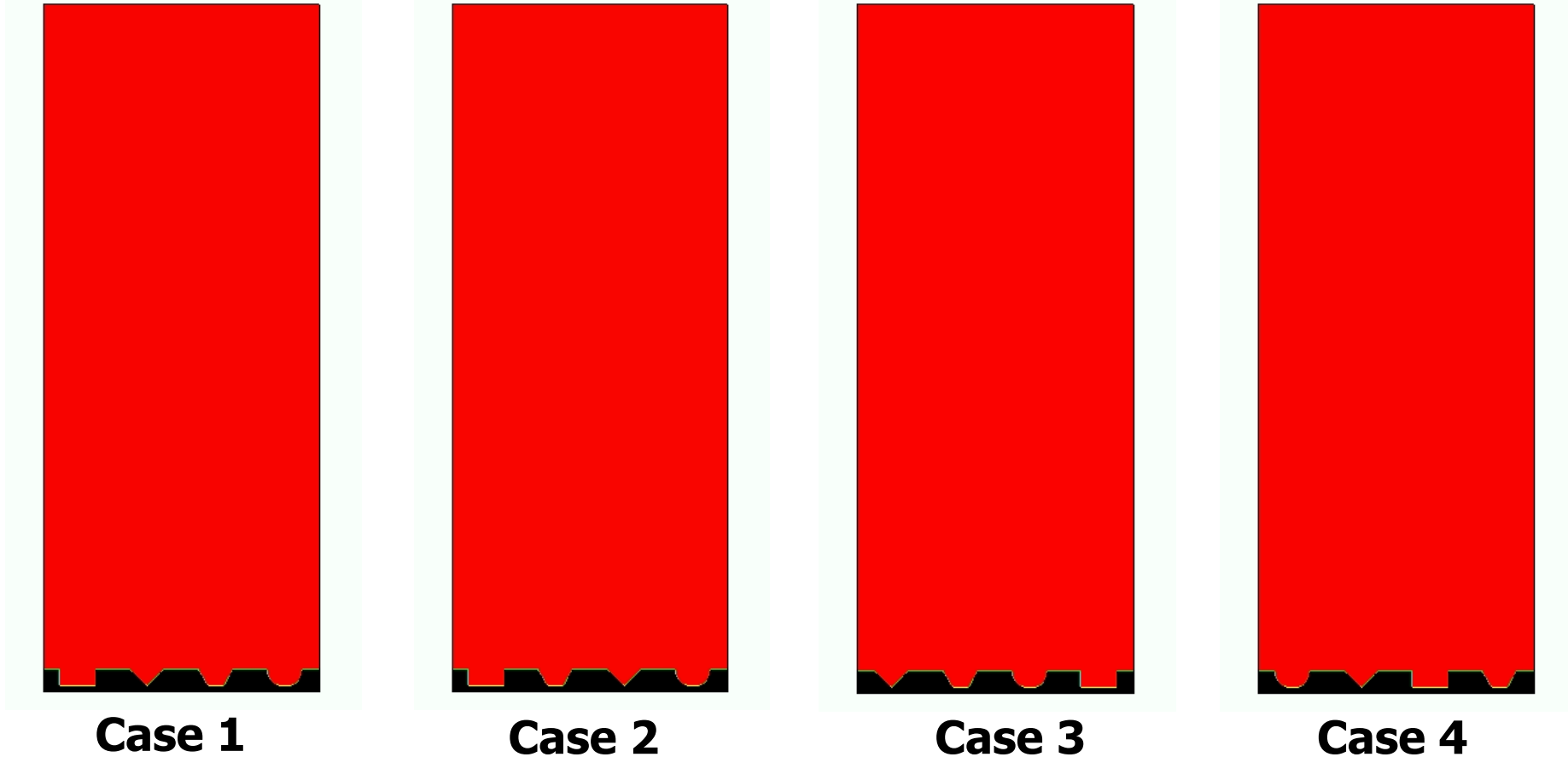
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Boiling

➤ Density distribution



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Review

A critical review of the pseudopotential multiphase lattice Boltzmann model: Methods and applications


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This article presents a critical review of the theory and applications of a multiphase model in the community of the lattice Boltzmann method (LBM), the pseudopotential model proposed by Shan and Chen (1993) [4], which has been successfully applied to a wide range of multiphase flow problems during the past two decades. The first part of the review begins with a description of the LBM and the original pseudopotential model. The distinct features and the limitations of the original model are described in detail. Then various enhancements necessary to improve the pseudopotential model in terms of decreasing the spurious currents, obtaining high density/viscosity ratio, reducing thermodynamic inconsistency, unraveling the coupling between surface tension and equations of state (EOS), and unraveling the coupling between viscosity and surface tension, are reviewed. Then the fluid–solid interactions are presented and schemes to obtain different contact angles are discussed. The final section of this part focuses on the multi-component multiphase pseudopotential model. The second part of this review describes fruitful applications of this model to various multiphase flows. Coupling of this model with other models for more complicated multiple physicochemical processes are also introduced in this part.

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