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# Continuum modelling of the granular flows in gaseous states using material point method

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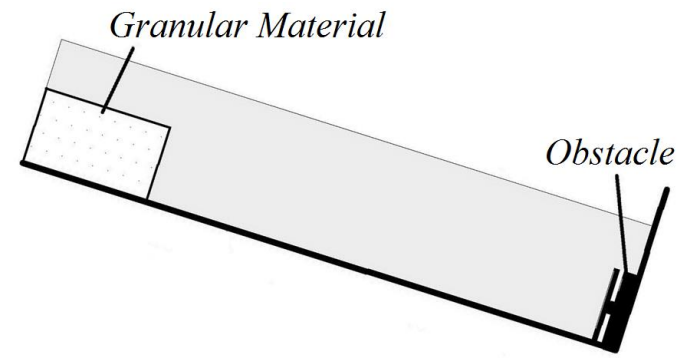
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# Different stages of granular flow



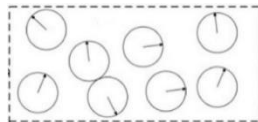
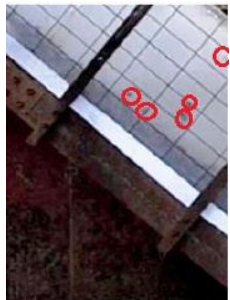
1- Small strain: High shear stress for initiation



2- Flow-like: Shear and volumetric strains  
Continue to critical state

At critical state and depending on rate of flow  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{moderate} \rightarrow \text{critical state} \\ \text{high} \rightarrow \text{gaseous state} \end{array} \right.$

3- Gaseous state: Density reduction



Very fast deformations

Interact mainly through collisions

(based on Jiang & Towhata, 2013)

# Previous investigations

- Stage 1 and 2: Many researches investigated using MPM
- Gaseous state: Very few researches used MPM
  - Constitutive model for gaseous state
    - Dunatunga & Kamrin, 2015 { Derive an equation of state
    - Dunatunga & Kamrin, 2017 { Approximate gaseous flow as stress free
  - Switching the stress behaviour at a volume related state
    - Dunatunga & Kamrin, 2015 {
    - Dunatunga & Kamrin, 2017 {  $\rho_{cr}$
  - No investigation on replication of gaseous state
  - Problem using cpGIMP and CPDI

# This study

- Assumption:

- Stress free approximation of Dunatunga & Kamrin, 2015, 2017
- Neglecting the collisional contribution

- Investigated:

- Stress free approximation in MPM
- Replication of gaseous state

- Goal:

- A solution viable for all versions of MPM

# Research



MPM versions

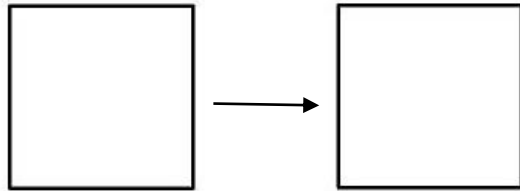
Replication of gaseous state

A solution for all versions of MPM



# MPM versions

- Original MPM: {
  - Introduced by Sulsky et al., 1994
  - Approximates the continuum with material points
  - Employs a background grid for calculation
  - Defines material points merely as points
- GIMP: {
  - Introduced by Bardenhagen and Kober, 2004b
  - Define space occupied by a material point
  - Two commonly used variants : uGIMP & cpGIMP
    - uGIMP: particle domain is constant
    - cpGIMP: particle size changes & particle shape remains constant



uGIMP

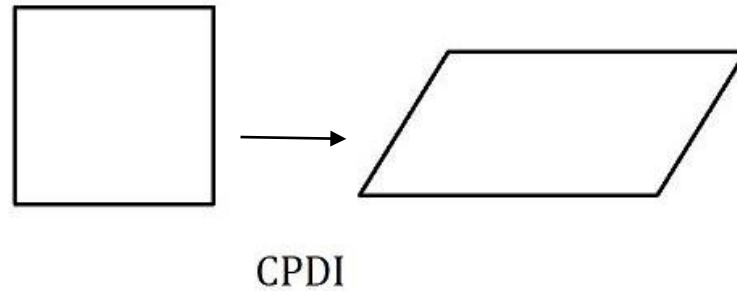


cpGIMP



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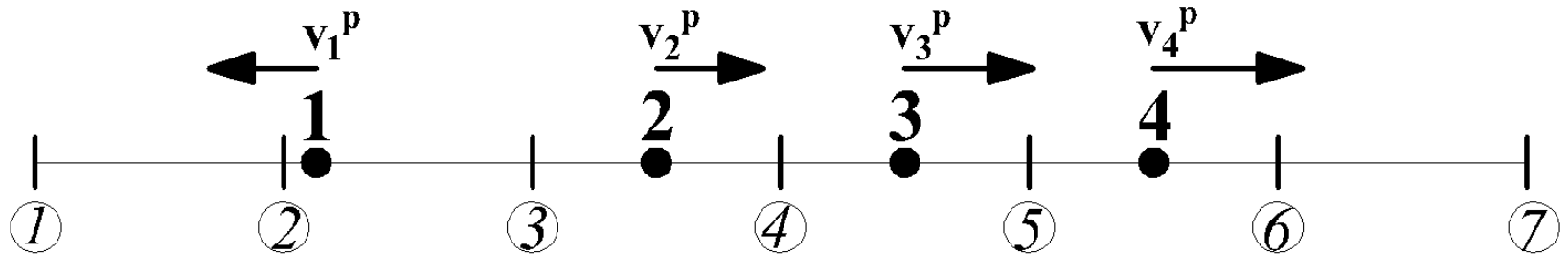
- CPDI: { Introduced by Sadeghirad et al., 2013  
Tracks variations of particle domain size and shape



# Replication of gaseous state

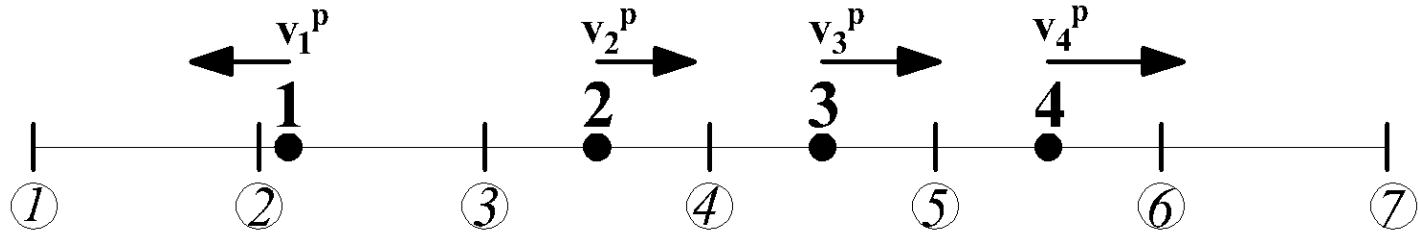
- Gaseous material points :

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lost frictional contacts  
stress free approximation → disregarding collisions  
**No interaction with other material points**



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Material point 1 in the gaseous state  
Others in the solid state  
 $|v_2^p| \neq |v_3^p| \neq |v_4^p|$

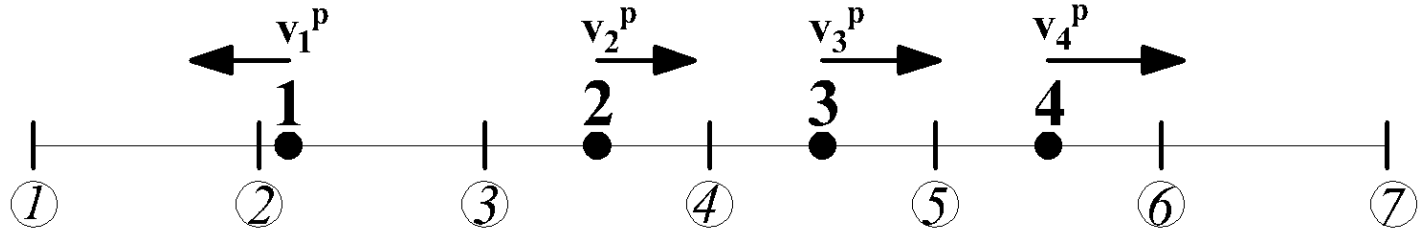
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- In original MPM :

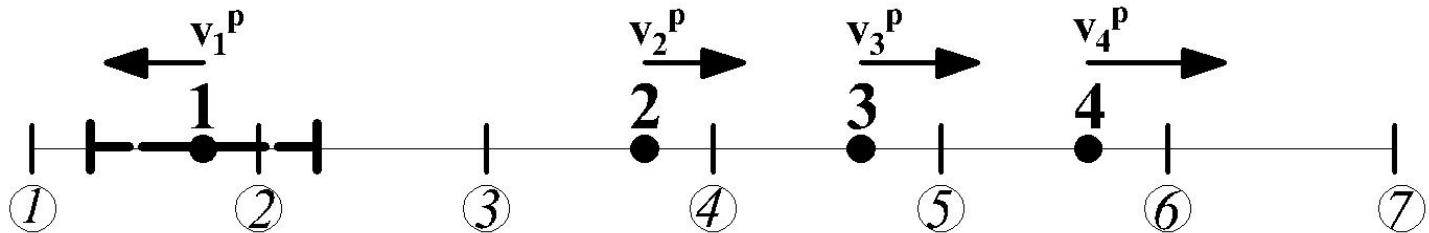
$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Node 3} \rightarrow m_3^N \& p_3^N \propto \text{material point 1} \\ \text{Node 3} \rightarrow m_3^N \& p_3^N \& f_3^{int} \propto \text{material point 2} \\ \text{Updating material points} \rightarrow v_1^p \\ \text{Material point 1 interacts with material point 2} \\ \text{Material points 1 and 2 stop interacting after one moves to another cell} \end{array} \right.$

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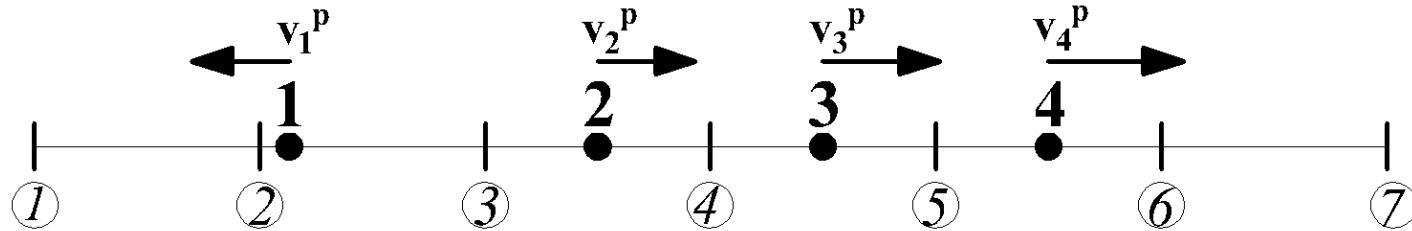


- In uGIMP :

{ Material points may contribute to the nodes of the neighbouring cells  
Material points 1 and 2 *can* interact *even* after one moves to another cell  
Ultimately, Material points 1 and 2 stop interacting



# Replication of gaseous state



- In cpGIMP and CPDI:

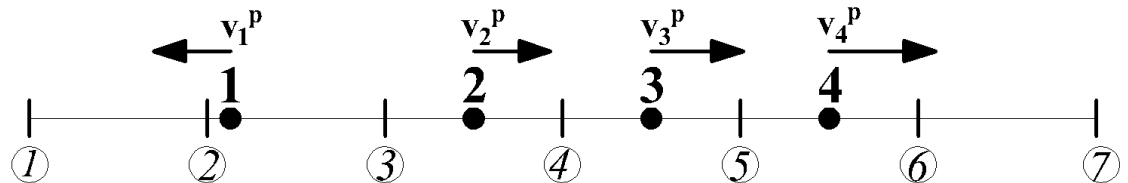
{ Size of particle domain change  
Material points contribute to increasing number of nodes  
**Material points keep interacting and never fully disconnect**

# A solution for all versions of MPM

- Narin, 2003:

{ Introduction of discontinuity into MPM and modelling explicit cracks  
Material points on the opposite side of a crack → separate grid  
Prevents material points from interacting

- Proposed solution:



{ Material points interacting with each other → same grid  
Material points in gaseous state → separate grid  
Material points start interacting → grid merging

- Domain of interaction for material point

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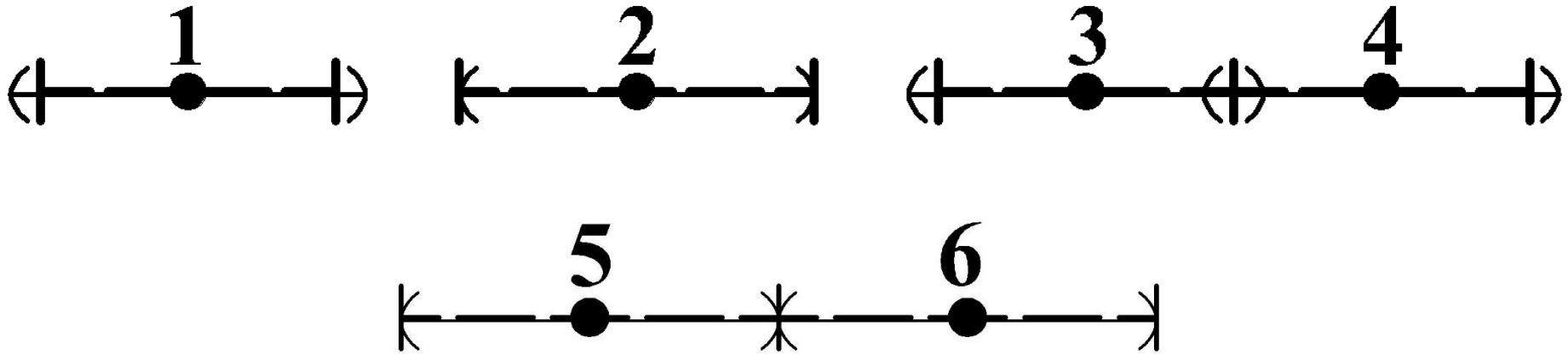
- Domain of interaction :

$\rho_{cr} = \frac{m}{V_{cr}} \rightarrow V_{cr}$ : the highest volume of particle in solid state

Domain of interaction  $\rightarrow$  particle domain scaled to  $V_{cr}$

Particle volume  $< V_{cr} \rightarrow$  domain of interactions intersect

Particle volume  $= V_{cr} \rightarrow$  No intersection



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- Algorithm for designating velocity field :

At the beginning of an MPM step and based on particle domains of interaction

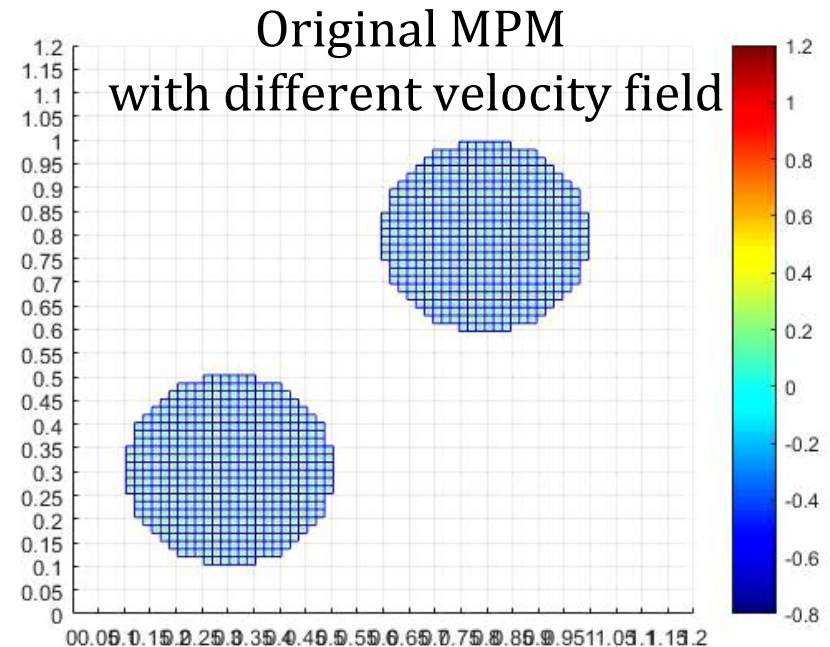
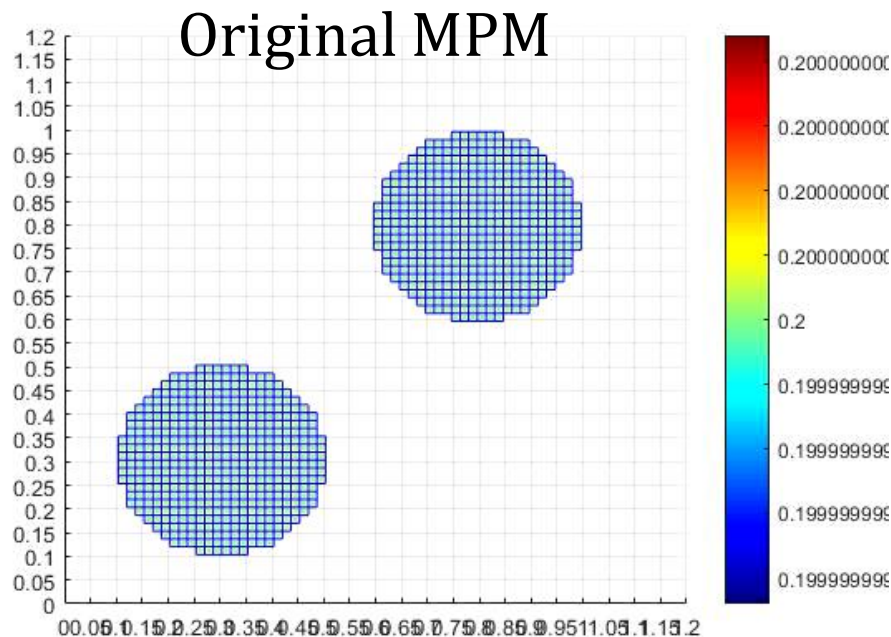
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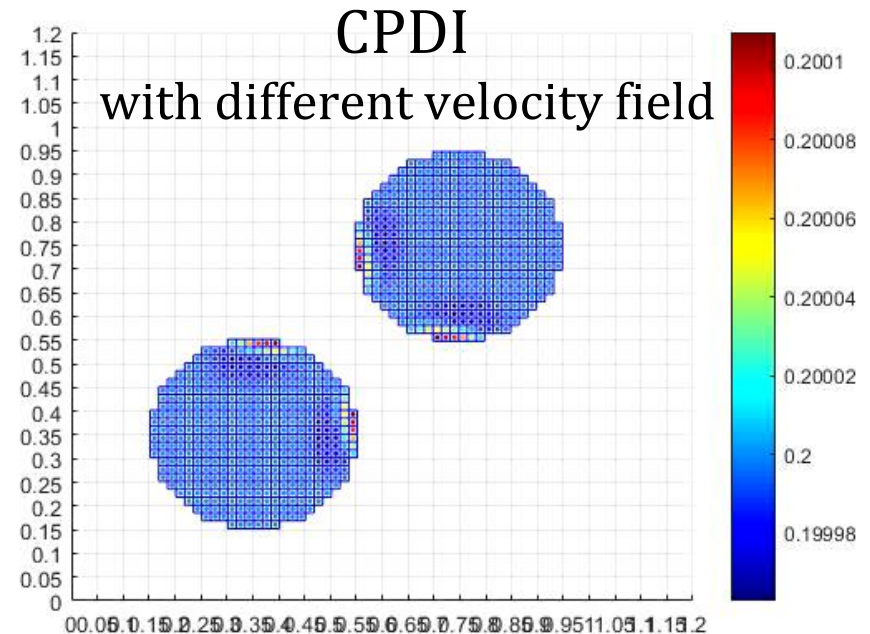
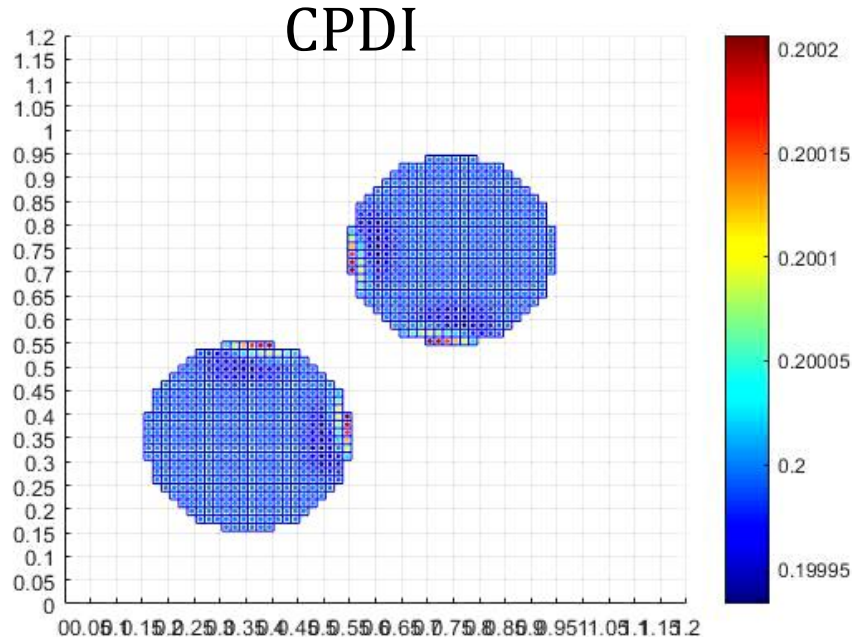
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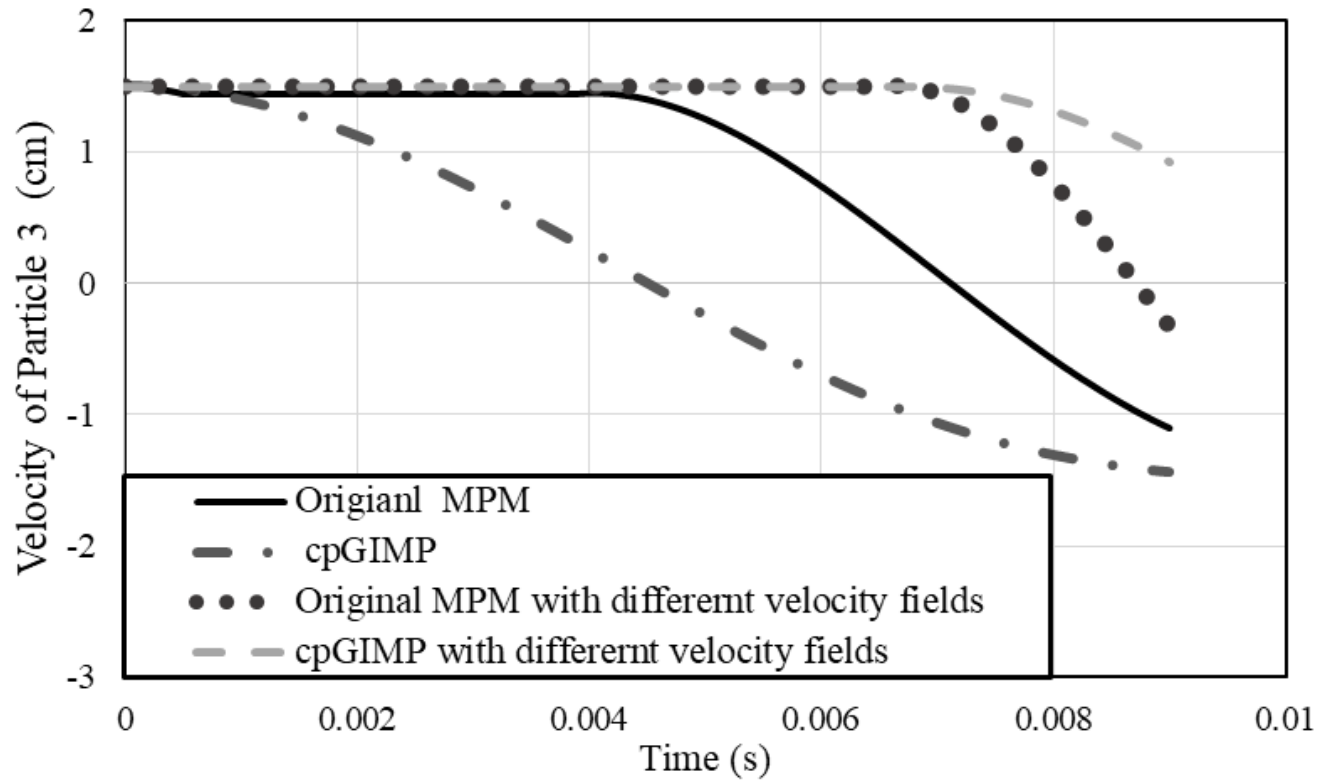
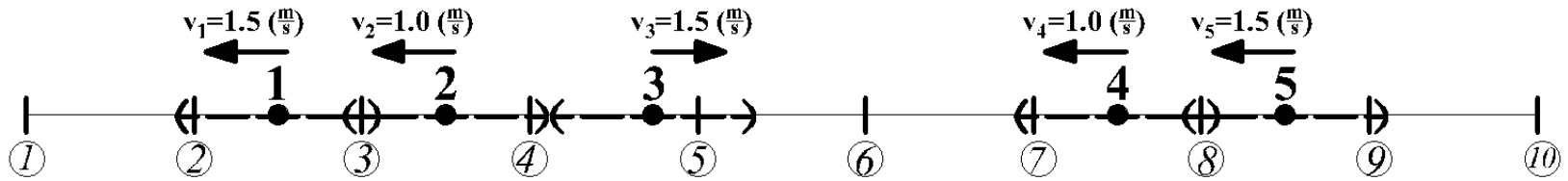
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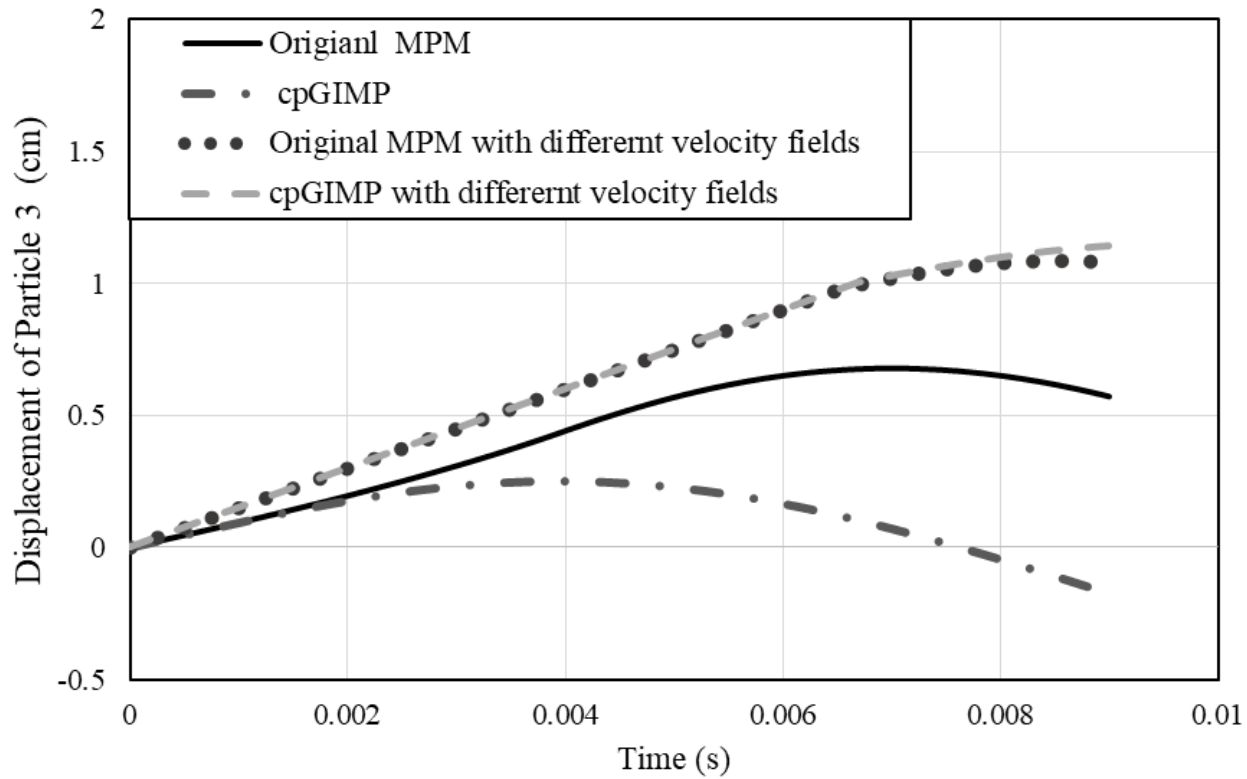
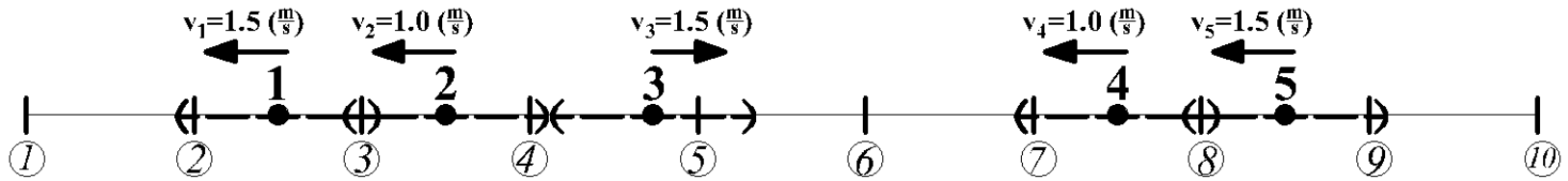
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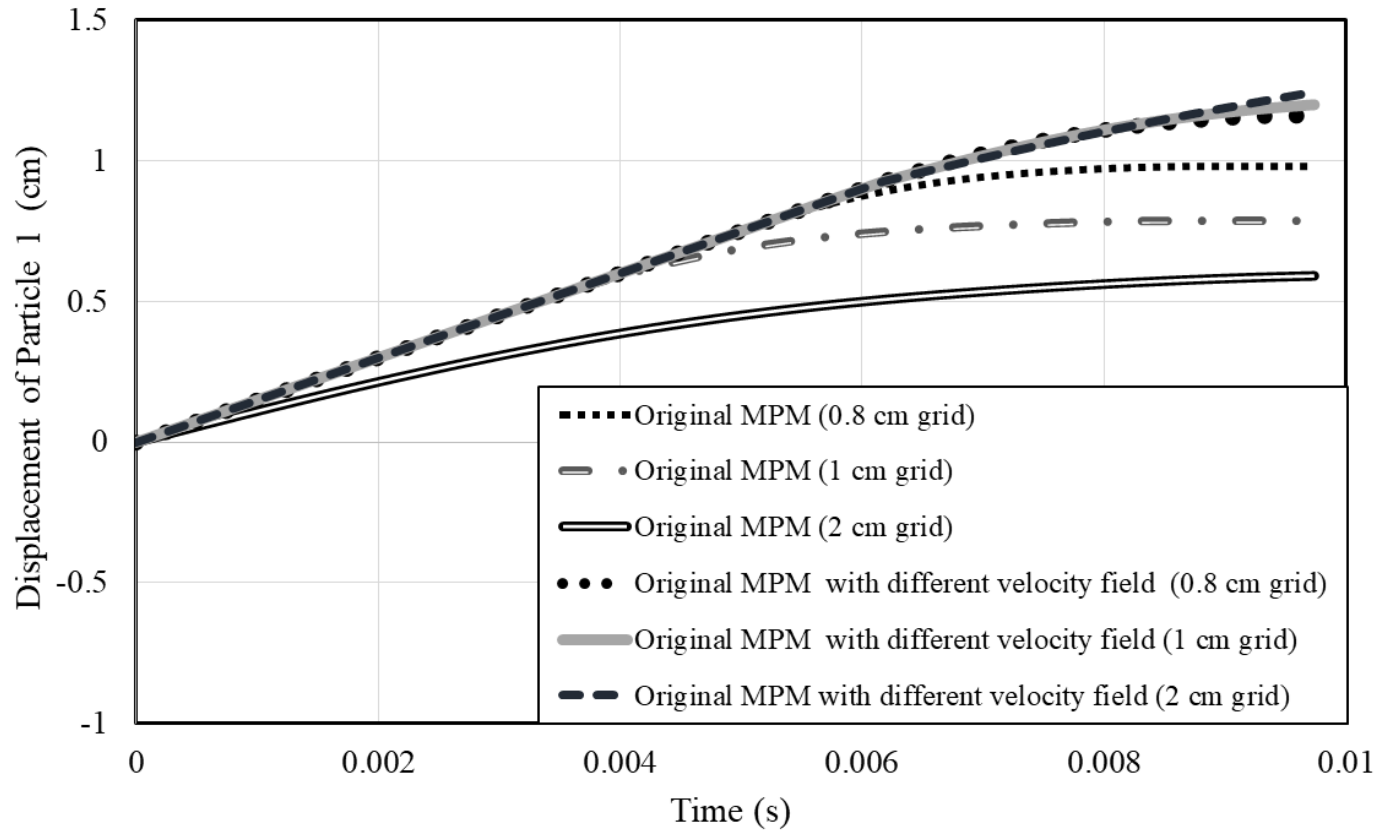
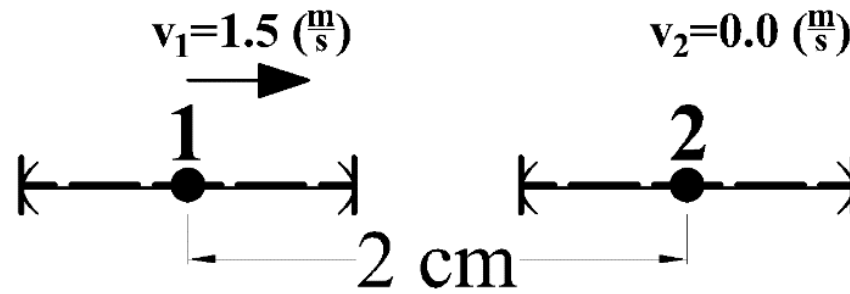
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# Conclusion

- This research investigated MPM replication of granular flow gaseous state.
- Original MPM and uGIMP face problem modelling gaseous state & are grid dependent.
- cpGIMP and CPDI can not model gaseous state of granular flow.
- This research suggests a solution allowing for replicating of gaseous state in different versions of MPM.
- The procedure leads to mesh independent simulations of gaseous state in Original MPM and uGIMP .



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