

Simulation of Droplet Impingement Dynamics by the Level Set Method

J.Hu¹, R. Jia¹, K. Wan² and X. Xiong³

¹ Department of Mechanical Engineering, University of Bridgeport

² Department of Mechanical Engineering, Northeastern University

³ Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, University of Bridgeport

- ❑ **Introduction**
- ❑ **Mathematical Models**
- ❑ **Results and Discussion**
 - Droplet impingement process
 - Studies of Level Set parameters
- ❑ **Conclusions**

Droplet Impingement Dynamics Applications

- Inkjet deposition
- Spray cooling of electronics
- Spray coating
- Rain drop

Droplet Impingement Dynamics Influencing Parameters

- Droplet properties
- Droplet size
- Impact velocity
- Attack angle
- Surface wettability
- Surrounding pressure

Droplet Impingement Dynamics Influencing Parameters

Reynolds number

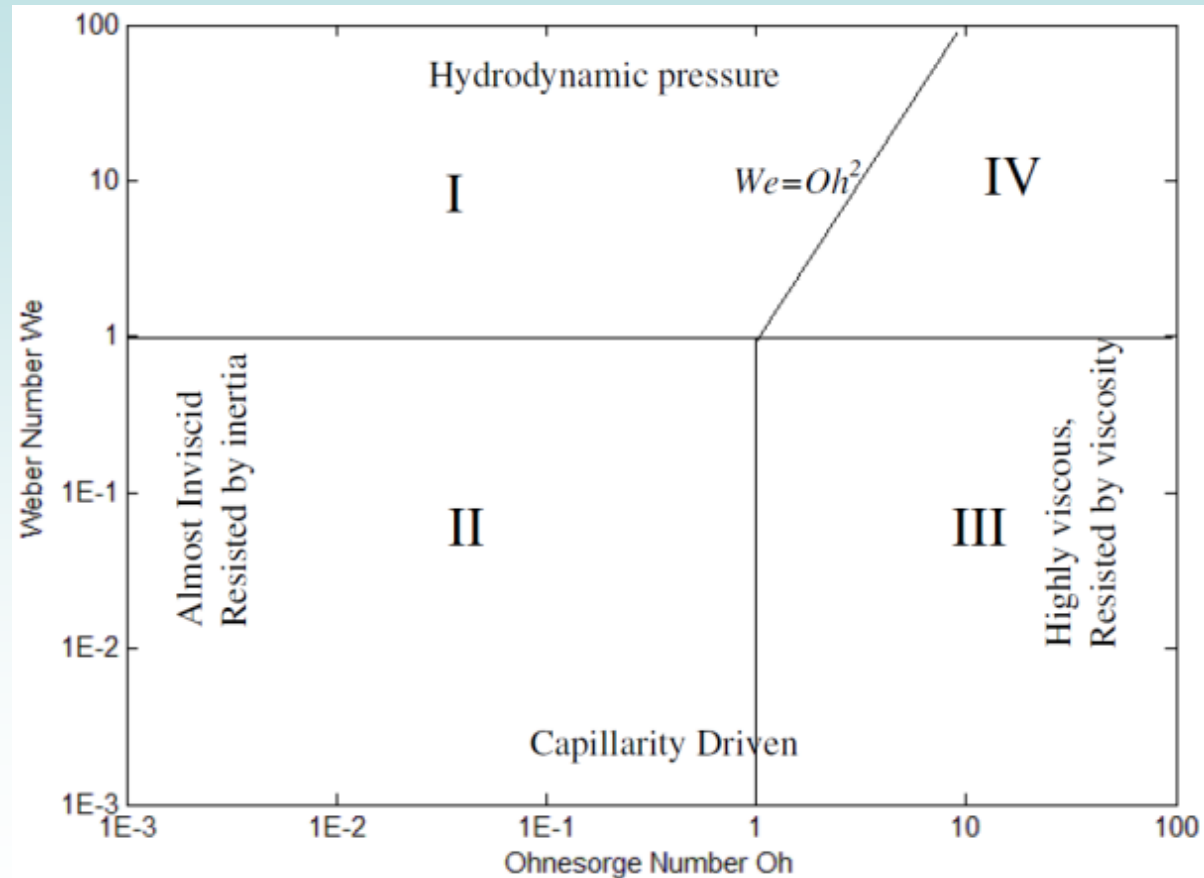
$$(Re = \rho u D / \mu)$$

Weber number

$$(We = \rho u^2 D / \sigma)$$

Ohnesorge number

$$(Oh = (We)^{1/2} / Re)$$

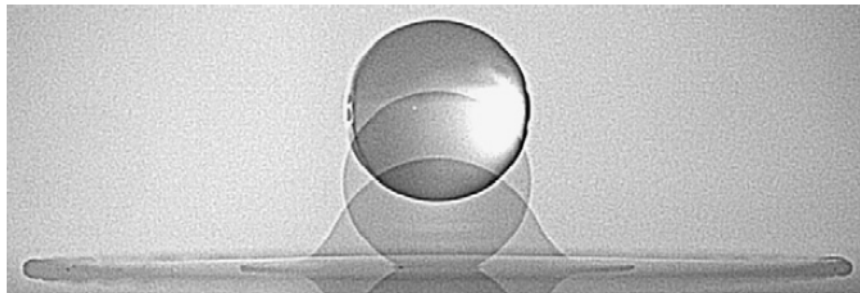


Shiaffino and Sonin

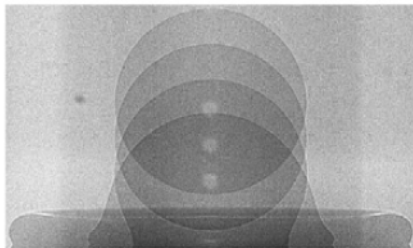
Experimental Results of Water and Glycerin Impinging onto Smooth Glass

6

Spreading



(a) water/glass: $t = 0.030, 0.350, 1.950$ ms

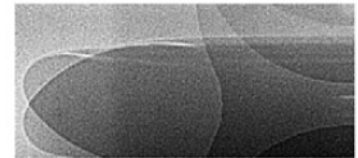


(b) glycerin/glass: $t = 0.100, 0.260, 2.020$ ms

Receding



(c) water/glass: $t = 0.045, 0.365, 7.085$ μ s



(d) glycerin/glass: $t = 0.104, 2.024, 6.824$ ms

Impact of a water and a glycerin droplet onto glass for $We = 391$

Sikalo and Ganic, 2006

Fluid Properties and Simulation Conditions

Parameter	Symbol	Value	Unit
Density of glycerin	ρ_1	1220	kg/m ³
Dynamics viscosity of glycerin	μ_1	0.116	Pa·s
Density of air	ρ_a	1.204	kg/m ³
Dynamics viscosity of air	μ_a	1.814×10^{-5}	Pa·s
Surface tension	σ	0.063	N/m
Droplet diameter	D	2.45	mm
Impact velocity	v	1.41	m
Reynolds number	Re	36.3	
Weber number	We	93.8	
Ohnesorge number	Oh	0.267	

□ Navier-Stokes equations for fluid flow:

$$\nabla \mathbf{u} = 0$$

$$\rho \left(\frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} + \mathbf{u} \nabla \mathbf{u} \right) = \nabla \left[-p \mathbf{I} + \mu \nabla \mathbf{u} + (\nabla \mathbf{u})^T \right] + \rho \mathbf{g} + \mathbf{F}_{st}$$

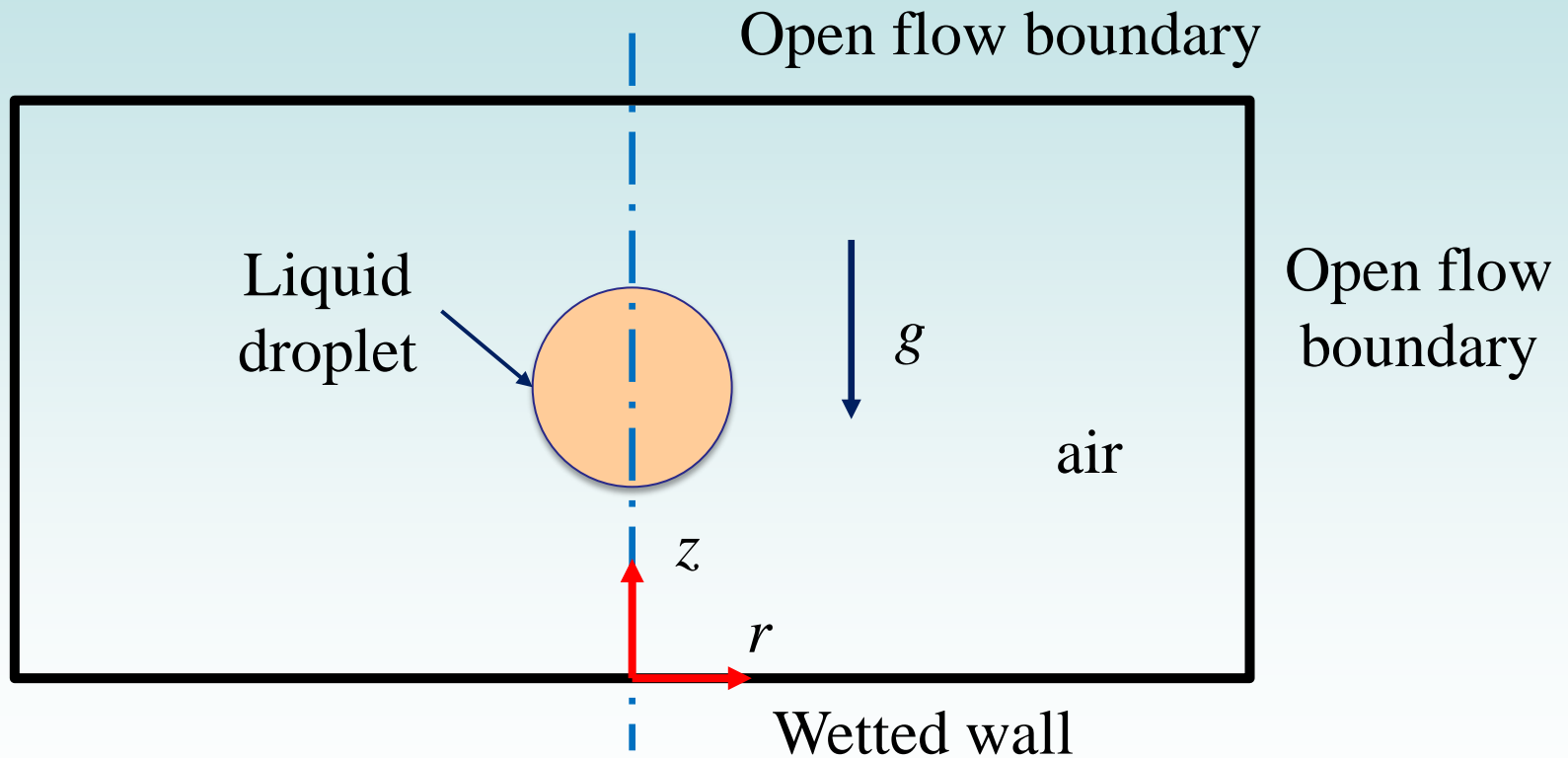
□ Conservative Level Set method for interface

$$\rho \left(\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t} + \nabla(\phi \mathbf{u}) \right) = \gamma \left[\varepsilon \nabla \cdot \nabla \phi - \nabla \cdot \left(\phi(1-\phi) \frac{\nabla \phi}{|\nabla \phi|} \right) \right]$$

$$\mathbf{F}_{st} = \nabla \mathbf{T} = \nabla \cdot \left[(\sigma (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{n} \mathbf{n}^T)) \delta \right]$$

$$\mathbf{n} = \frac{\nabla \phi}{|\nabla \phi|}$$

Mathematical Modeling of GMAW-Computational Domain and Boundary Conditions

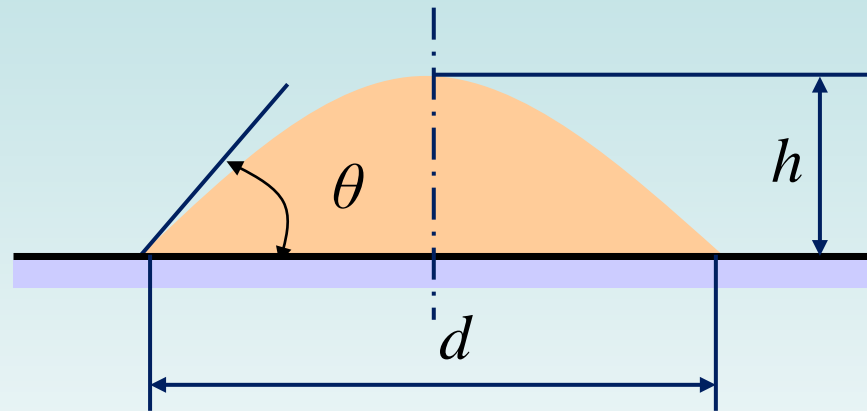


Wetted wall boundary

$$\mathbf{u}\mathbf{n}_{wall} = 0$$

$$\mathbf{F}_{fr} = -\frac{\eta}{\beta}\mathbf{u}$$

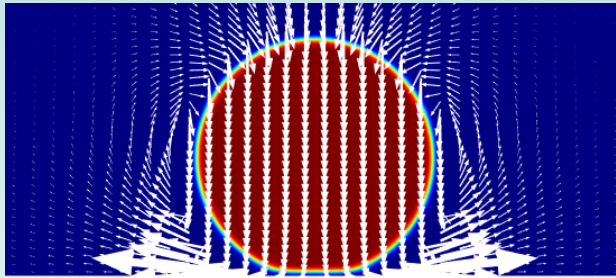
where η is the fluid viscosity
and β is the slip length



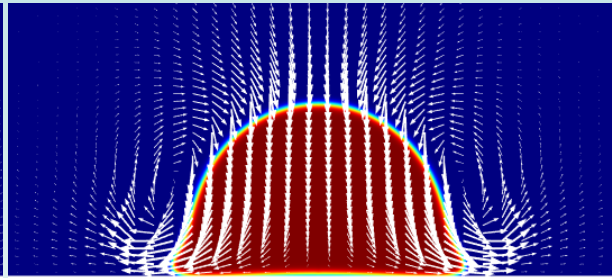
Schematic of droplet attached to a surface: θ , contact angle; h , droplet height; d , droplet wet diameter

Impingement Process of Glycerin onto Wax Surface ($\theta = 94^\circ$)

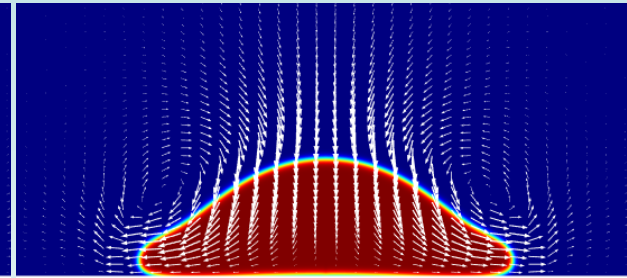
$t = 0.18$ ms



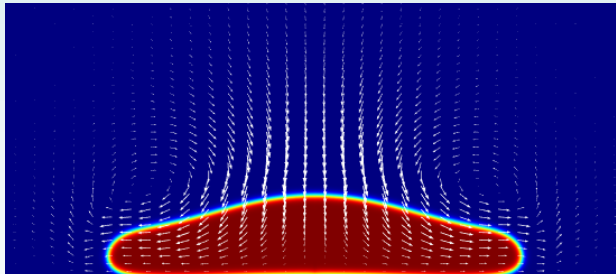
$t = 0.68$ ms



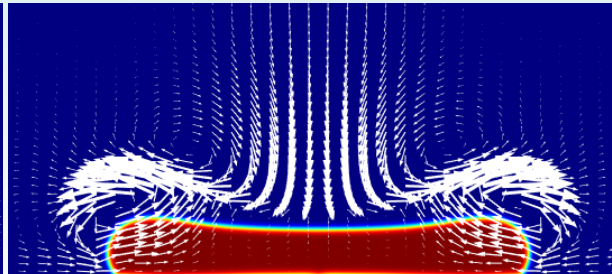
$t = 1.18$ ms



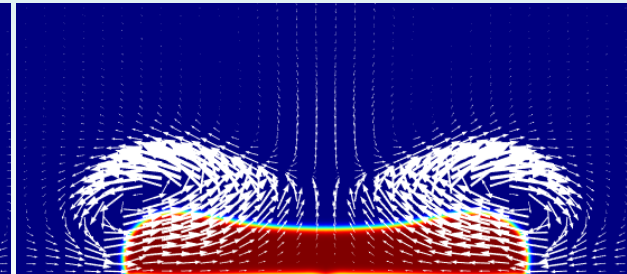
$t = 1.68$ ms



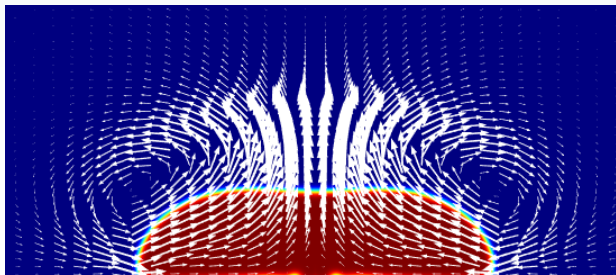
$t = 3.38$ ms



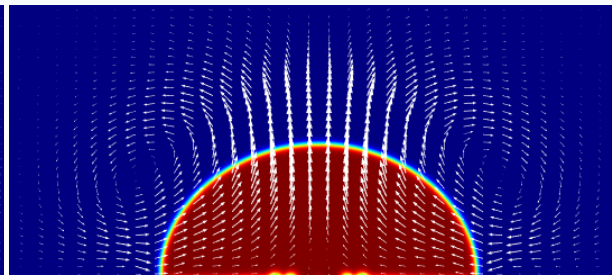
$t = 4.2$ ms



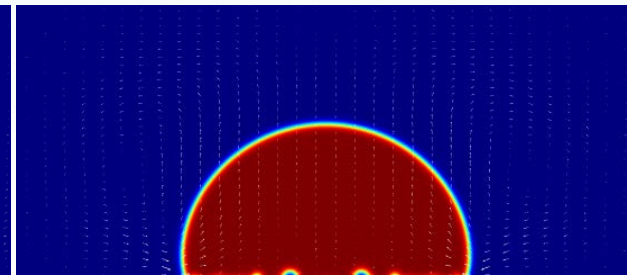
$t = 7.2$ ms



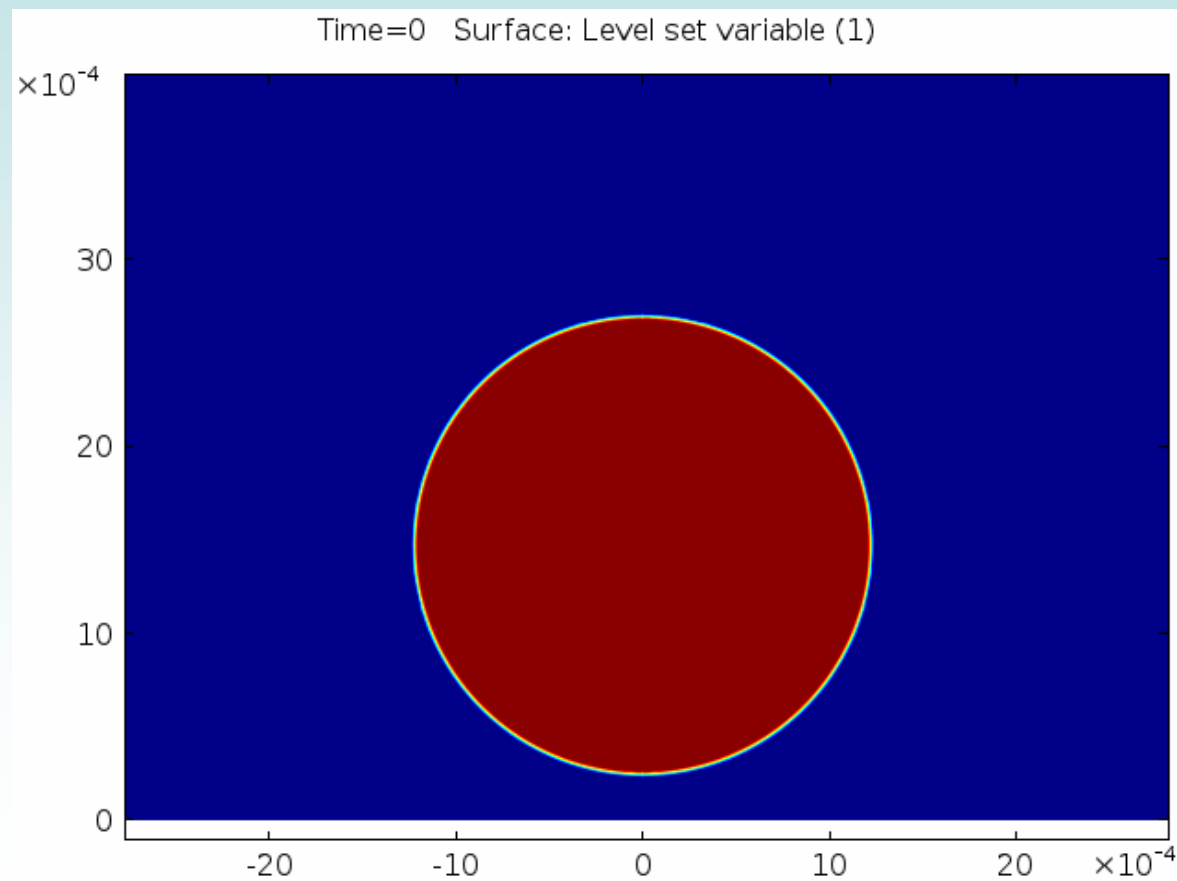
$t = 10.2$ ms



$t = 20$ ms

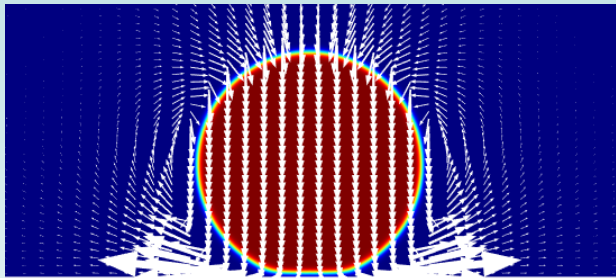


Impingement Process of Glycerin onto Wax Surface ($\theta = 15^\circ$)

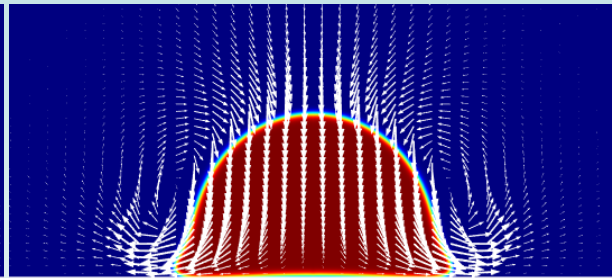


Impingement Process of Glycerin onto Glass Surface ($\theta = 15^\circ$)

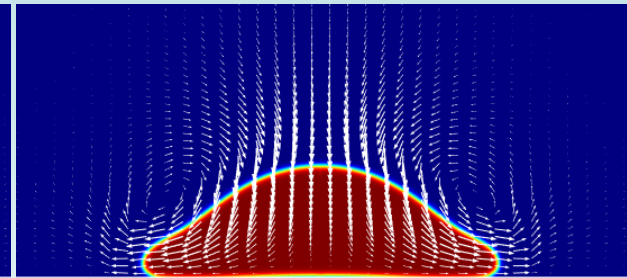
$t = 0.18$ ms



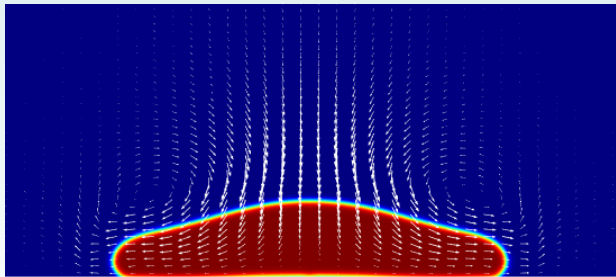
$t = 0.68$ ms



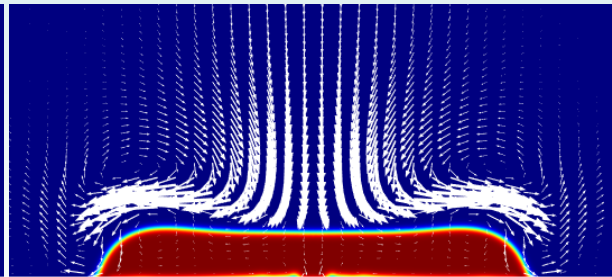
$t = 1.18$ ms



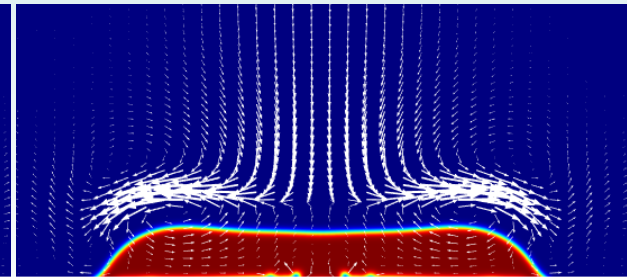
$t = 1.68$ ms



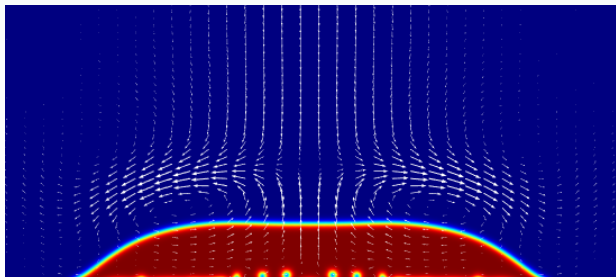
$t = 3.38$ ms



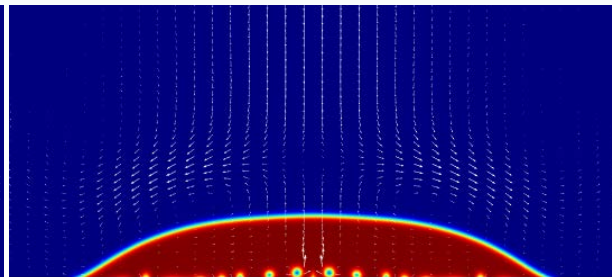
$t = 4.2$ ms



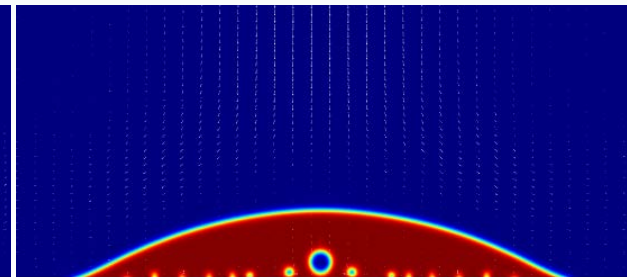
$t = 7.2$ ms



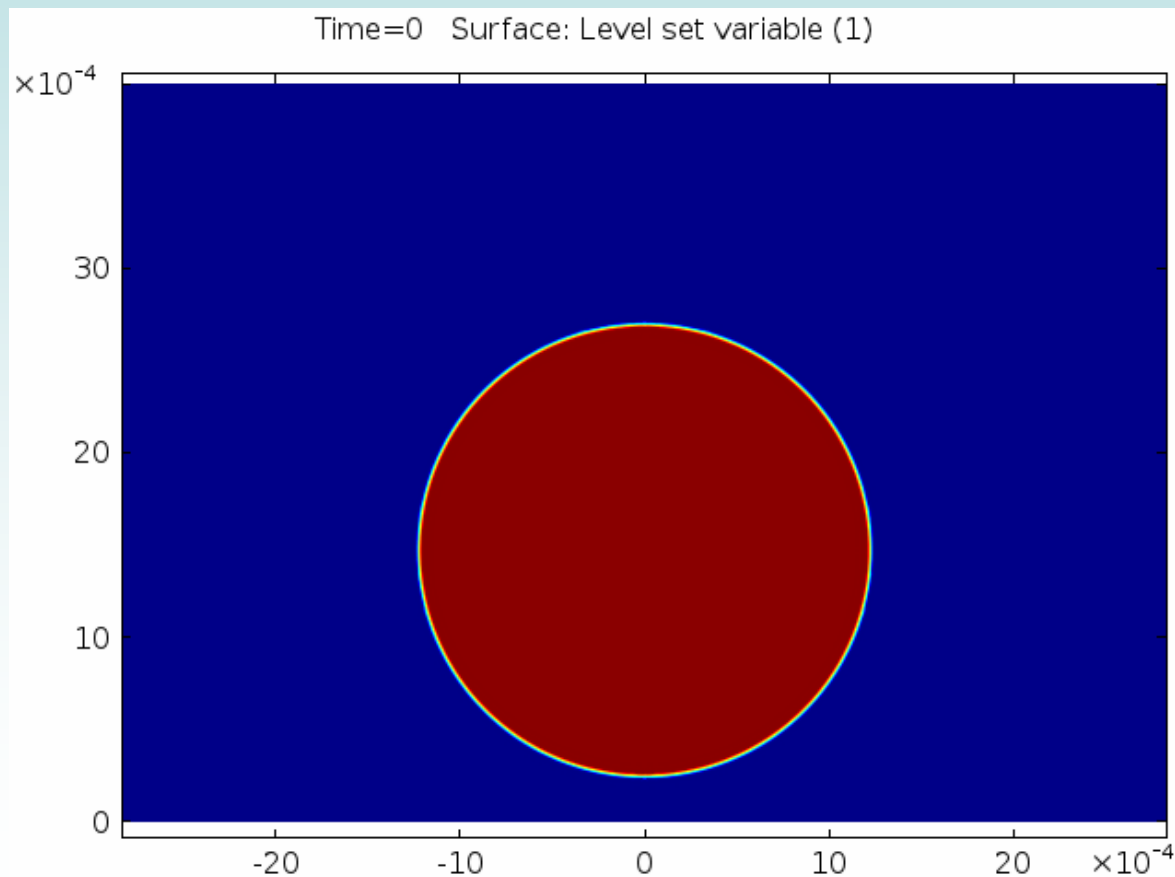
$t = 10$ ms



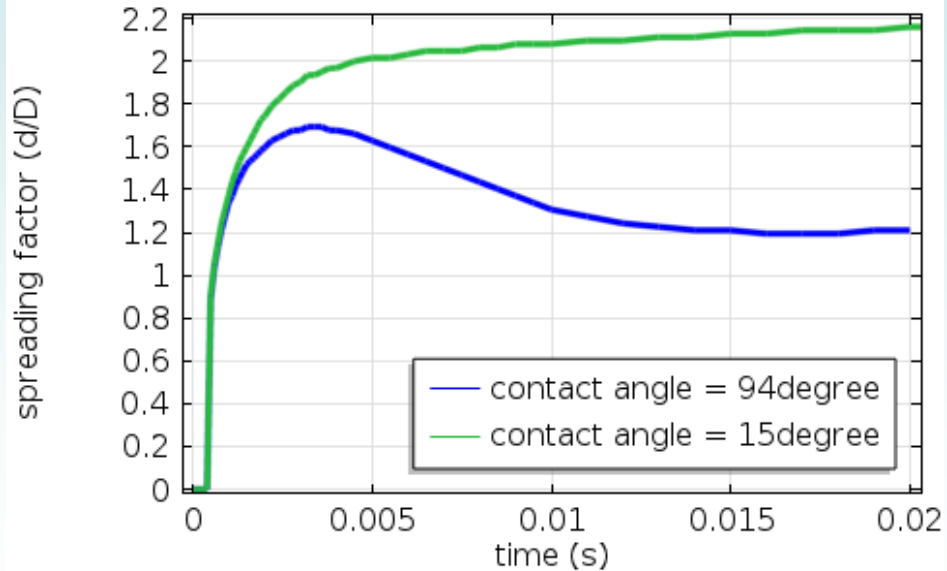
$t = 20$ ms



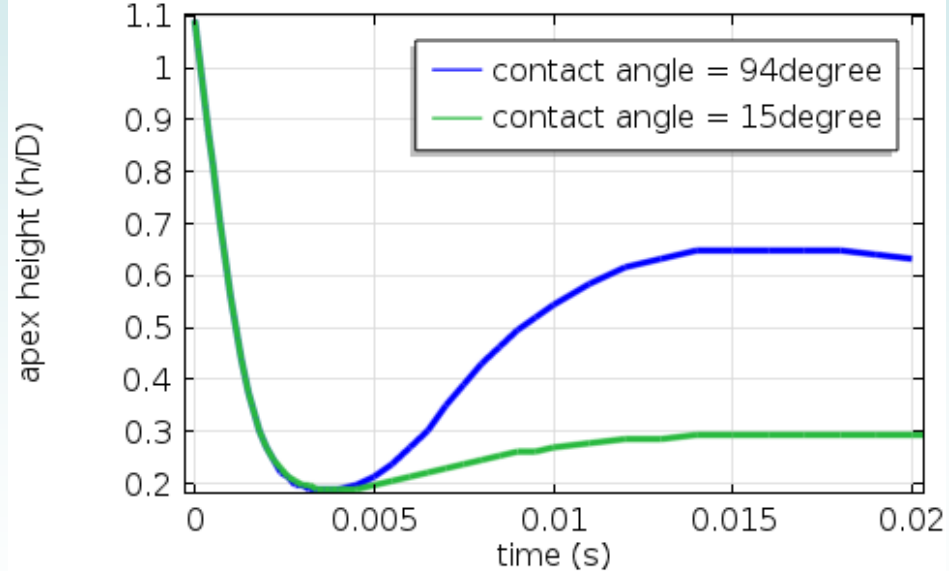
Impingement Process of Glycerin onto Wax Surface ($\theta = 94^\circ$)



Spreading Factor

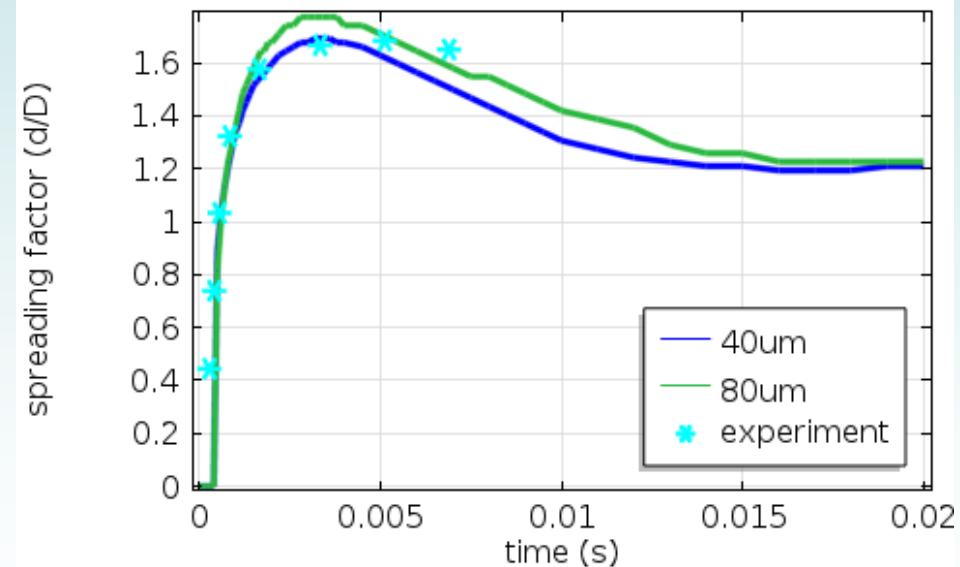


Apex Height

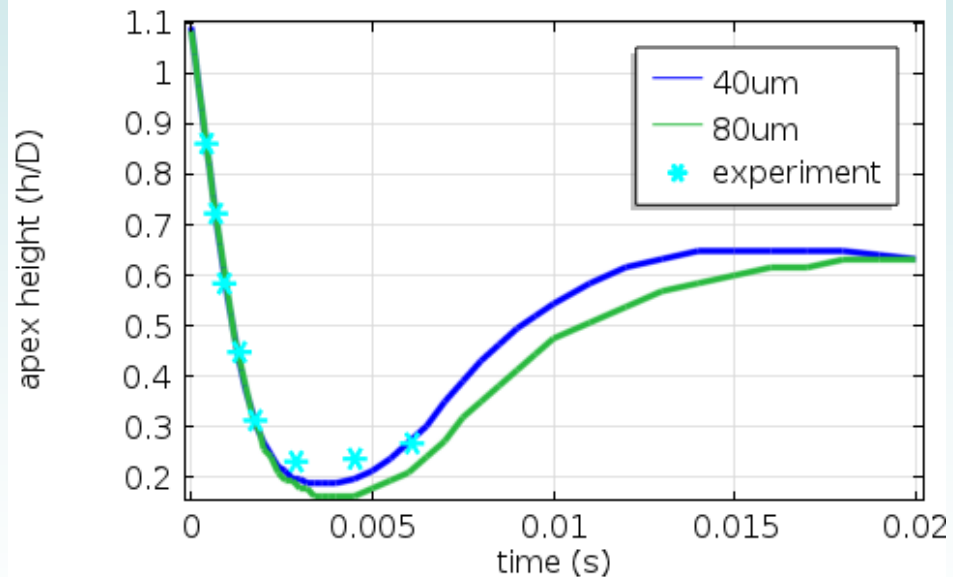


Effect of mesh and Experimental Validation

Spreading Factor

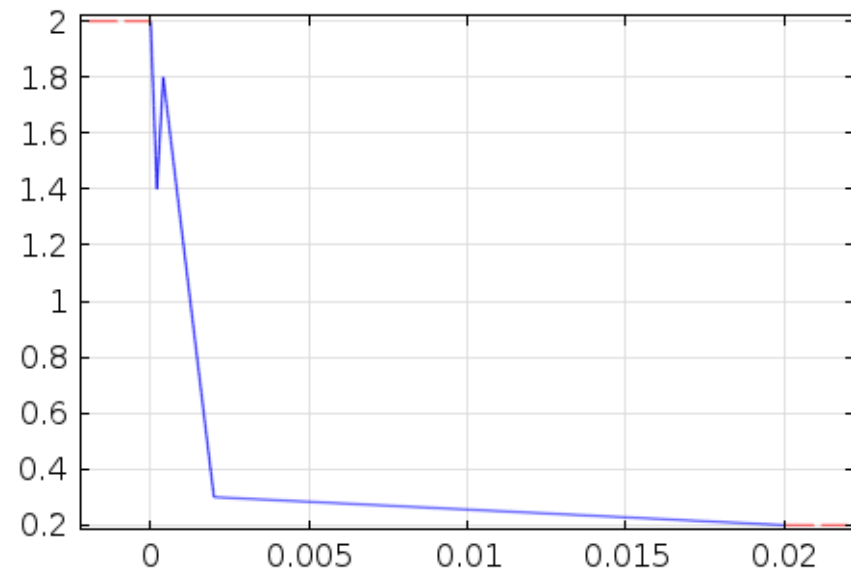
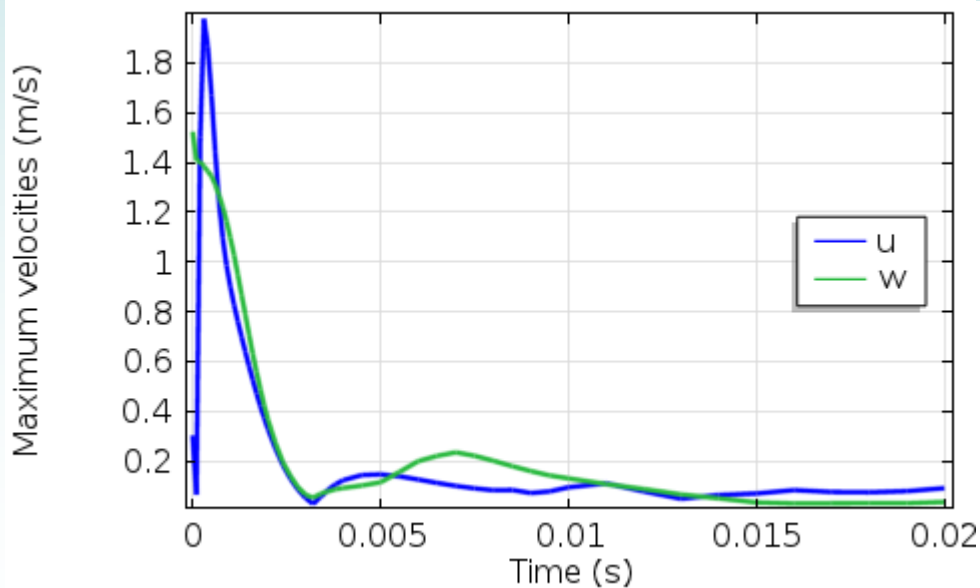


Apex Height

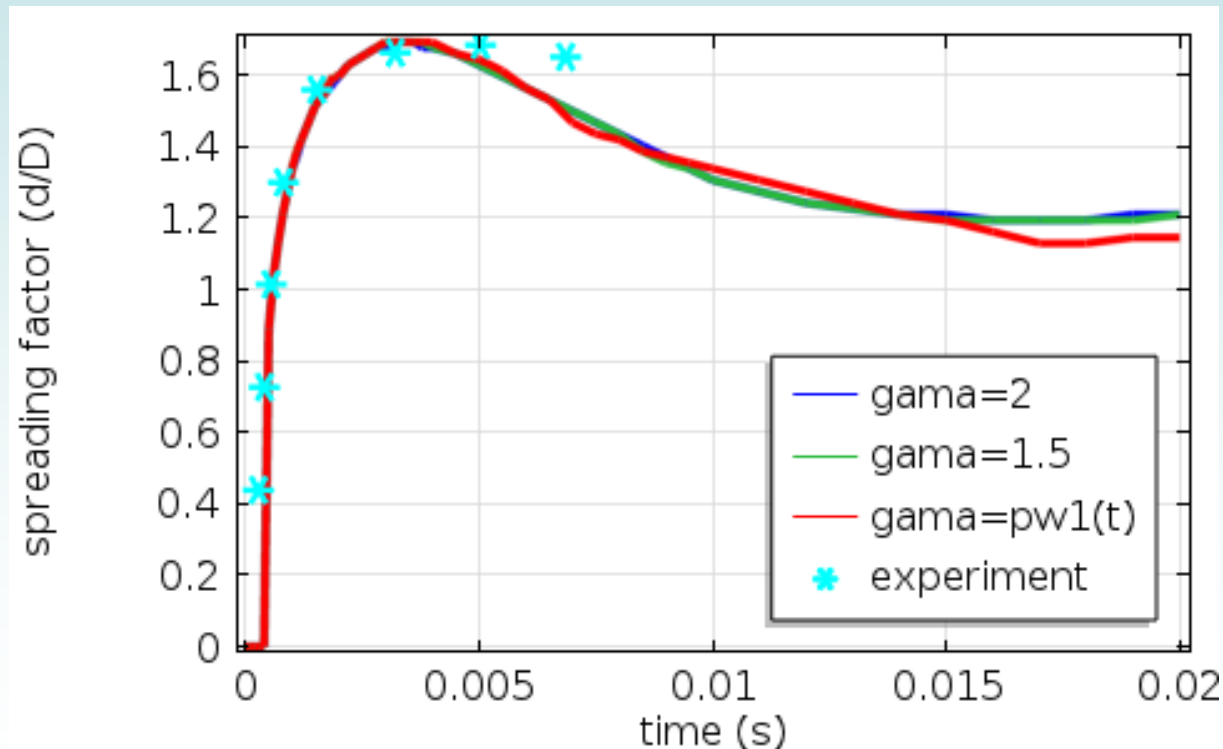


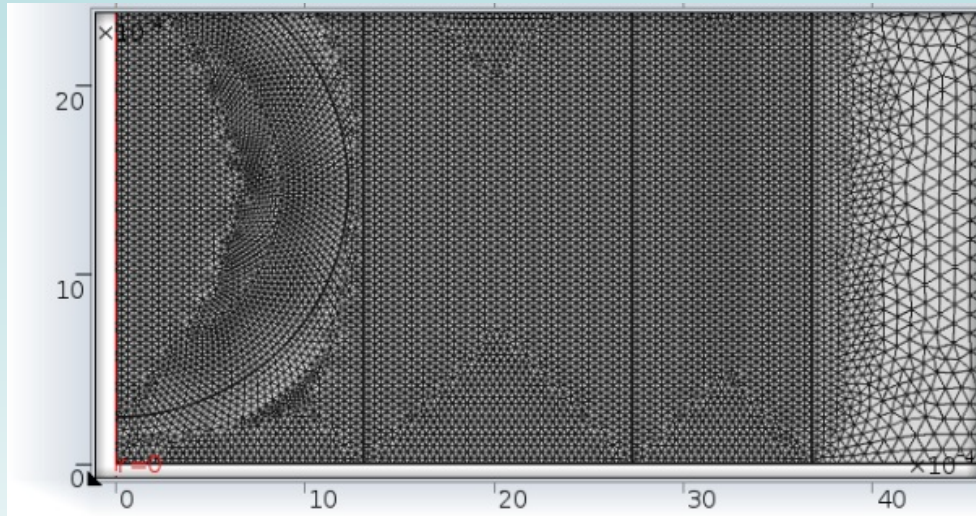
Maximum Velocity

Piecewise function
 $pw1(t)$ for γ

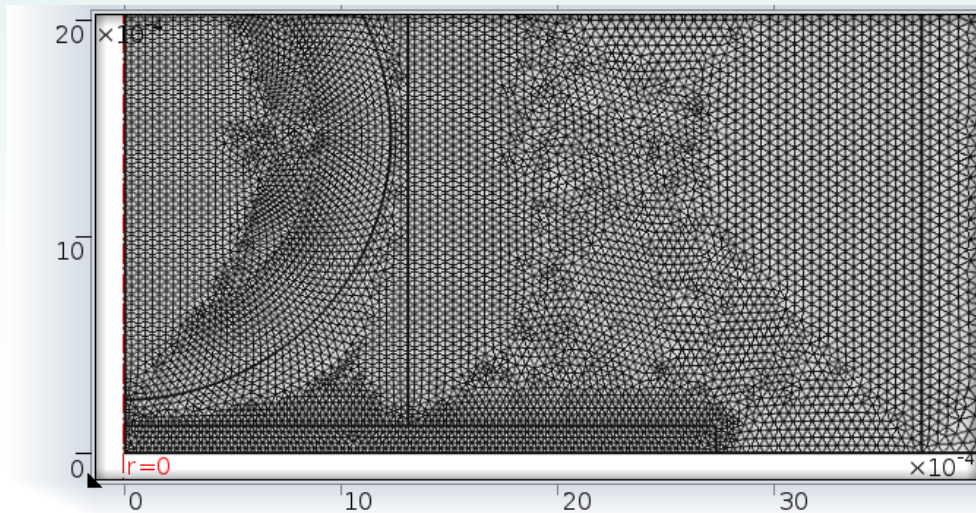


Comparison of Spreading Factors Obtained with Different Setting of γ



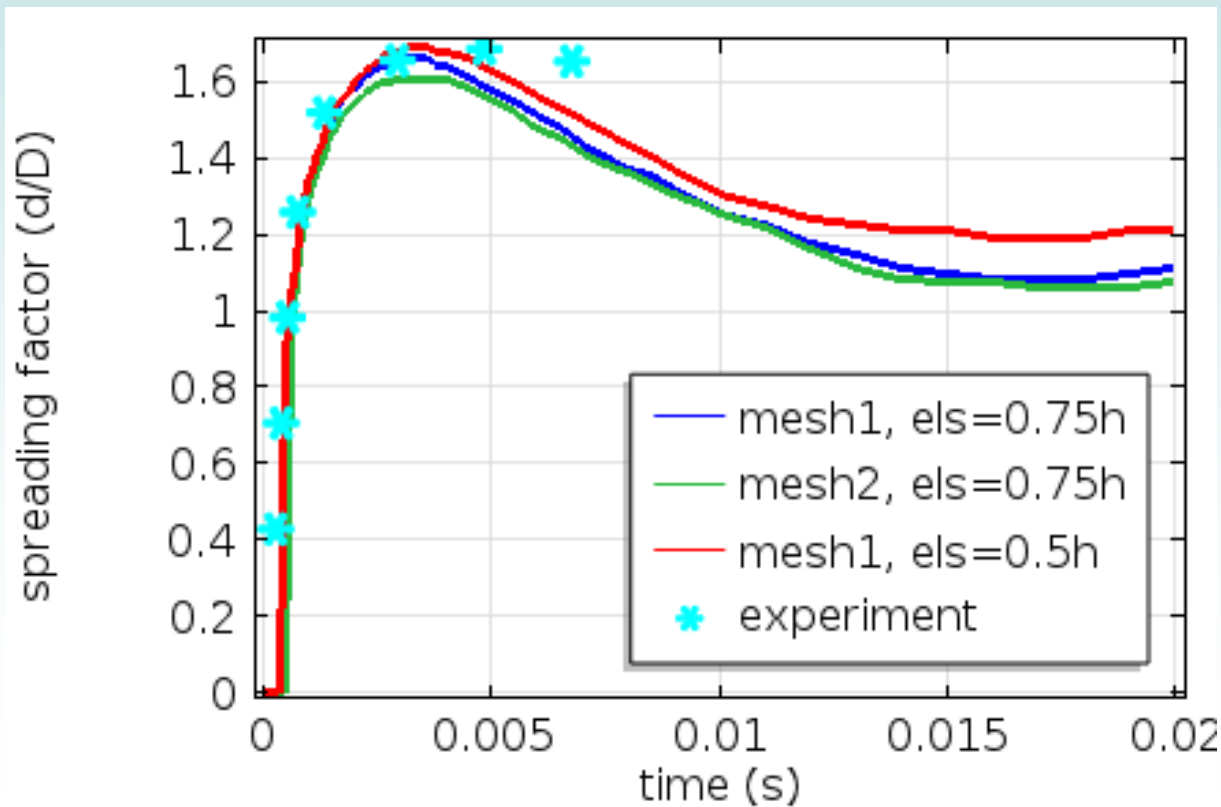


mesh1



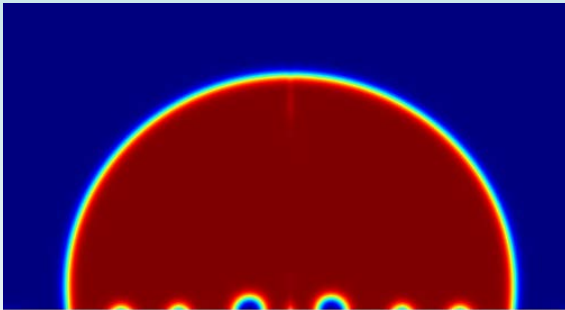
mesh2

Comparison of Spreading factors Obtained with Different Meshes and ε_{ls}

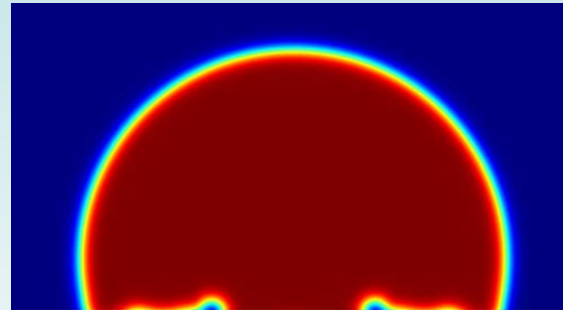


Droplet Cross-Sectional Shape

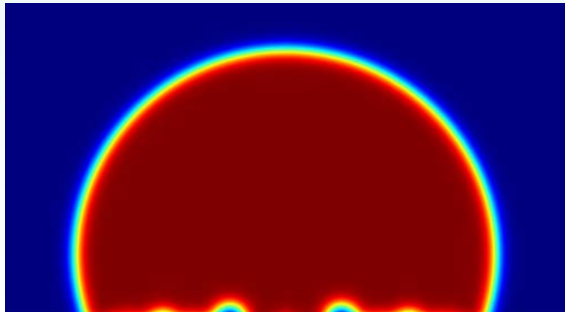
mesh1 and $\varepsilon_{ls} = 0.5h$



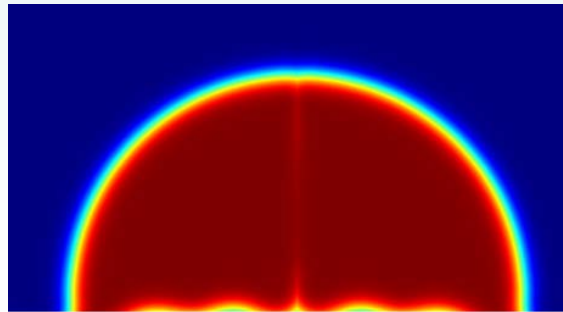
mesh1 and $\varepsilon_{ls} = 0.75h$



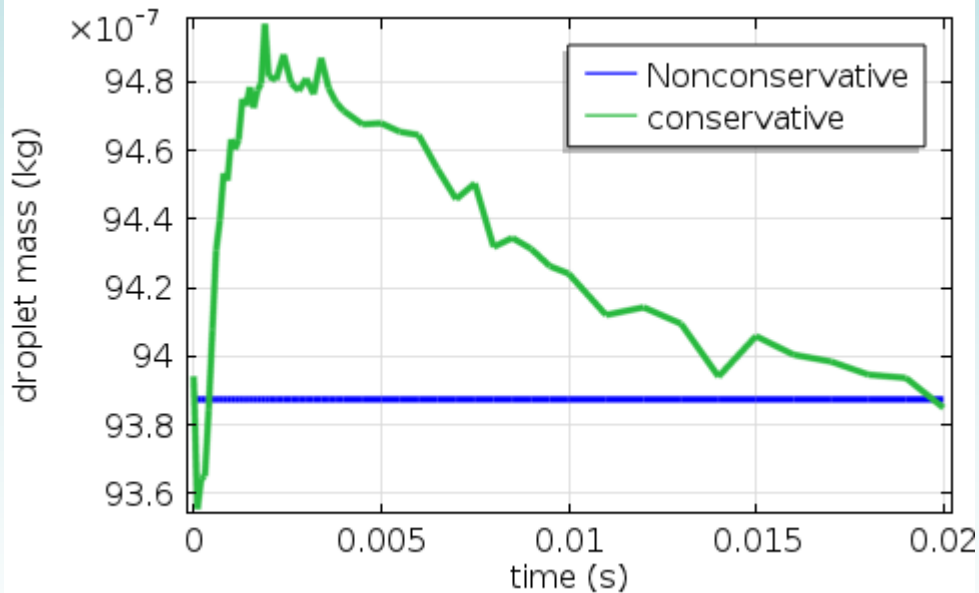
mesh2 and $\varepsilon_{ls} = 0.75h$



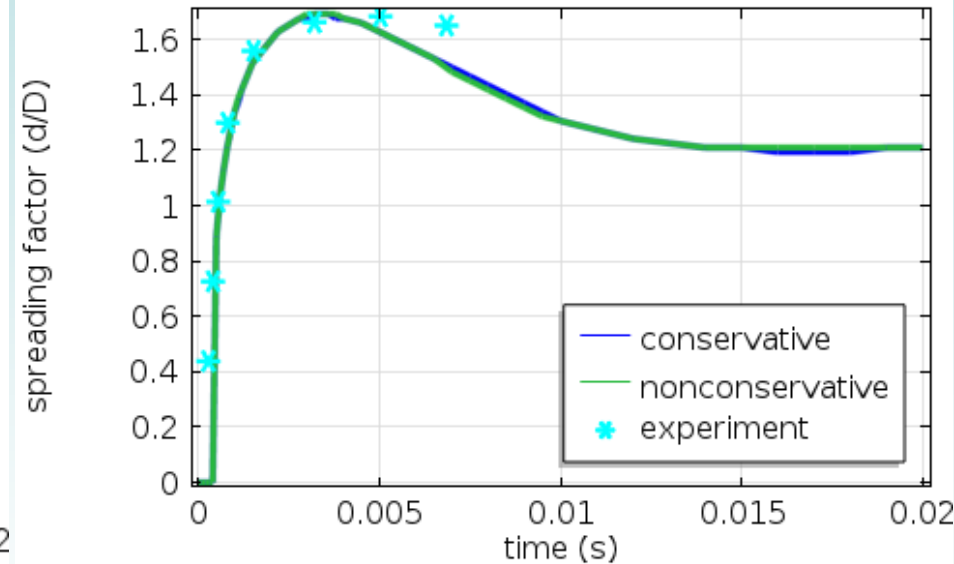
Coarse mesh and $\varepsilon_{ls} = 0.5h$



Droplet Mass



Spreading Factor



- ❑ The dynamic process of glycerin impinging onto two solid substrates with different surface wettability were simulated using the conservative Level Set method.
- ❑ The dynamic process of impingement was presented.
- ❑ The droplet spreading factor and apex height of glycerin spreading on a wax surface were validated against experimental results and good agreement were found
- ❑ Level set parameters are also studied to see their effects on the spreading factor and the porosity formation.

Thank You