

# Projektkonferens InfraSweden2030

## DIGIROAD

- Simulation of handling, transport and compaction of unbound aggregates in road construction

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Med stöd från:



STRATEGISKA  
INNOVATIONS-  
PROGRAM



FRAUNHOFER CHALMERS  
RESEARCH CENTRE FOR INDUSTRIAL MATHEMATICS

# Projektets syfte

## ***Projekt mål:***

***”Simulera bergmaterial och dess interaktion med maskiner från bergtäkt till kompakterad väggkropp för att öka kvalité, bärighet och livslängd.”***

# DIGIROA D

Simulation of handling and compaction of unbound aggregates in road construction

**Problem:**

Road quality and life expectancy influenced by process variance in handling and compaction of UGMs

**Hypothesis:**

High resolution digitalization of rock materials and construction equipment will enable a step-change in problem solving and research capabilities.

**Proposed solution:**

- World class DEM solver for unbound rock aggregates
- Industrial scale validation through case studies
  - Material model calibration via laboratory experiments
  - High-performance computing

**Process steps:**



Blasting



Crushing



Stockpile



Loading



Transport



Unloading



Spreading



Compaction

**Consortium:**



**Details:**

Project Leader  
**Johannes Quist**

Coordinating part  
Fraunhofer-Chalmers Centre

Duration  
2018-05-01 to 2021-03-31

Budget  
8 800 000 (50% in-kind)

# People involved

## NCC



Kristoffer Hofling  
NCC



Pär Johnning  
NCC



Per Murén  
NCC



Bo Johansson  
NCC



Christina Claeson-Jonsson  
R&D chef, NCC

## Volvo Construction Equipment



Martyn Luby  
Volvo CE



Andreas Hjertröm  
Volvo CE

## Dynapac



Andreas  
Persson  
Dynapac



Fredrik Åkesson  
Dynapac

## Chalmers University of Technology



Magnus Evertsson  
Professor



Hanna Quist  
Contracted student

## Fraunhofer-Chalmers Centre



Johannes Quist  
Project Leader



Franziska Hunger  
Applied researcher



Elin Solberg  
Applied researcher



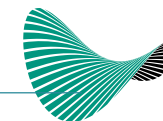
Klas Jareteg  
Lead code developer



Adam Bilock  
Applied researcher



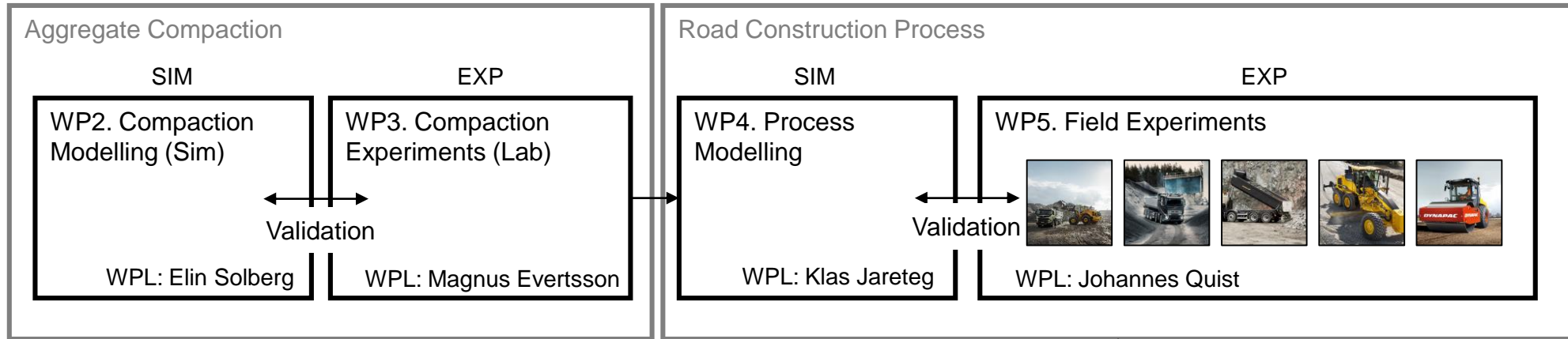
Fredrik Edelvik  
Head of Department



# DIGIROAD | Work Package Chart

WP1. Project Coordination WPL: Johannes Quist

WP6. Road life probability modelling WPL: Magnus Evertsson



Sample Material  
- NCC

Process Knowledge  
- NCC  
- VCE  
- Dynapac

Test Site  
- NCC  
- VCE

Machine Equipment  
- NCC (Cr. Plant, loaders)  
- VCE (Loader, Dumper, ..)  
- Dynapac (Roll. Comp)

Machine operator time  
- NCC  
- (VCE)  
- (Dynapac)

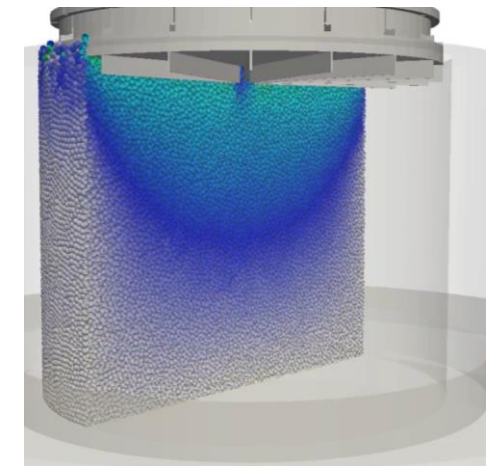
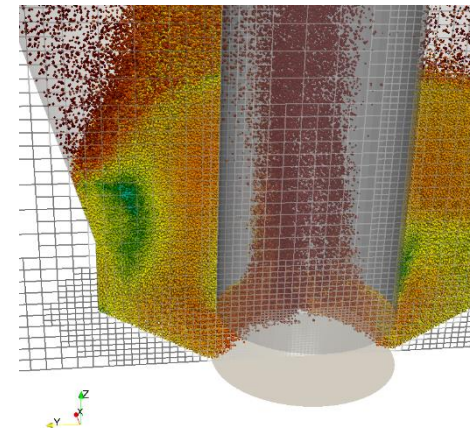
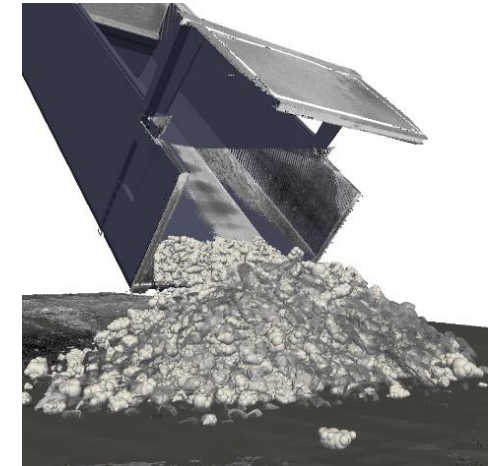
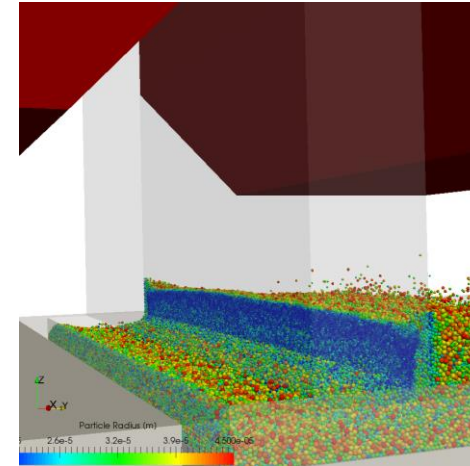
Aggregate laboratory  
- Chalmers  
- NCC

Measurement equipment  
- Chalmers (3D scanner)  
- NCC (lab)  
- Dynapac (packing, R<sub>M</sub>)

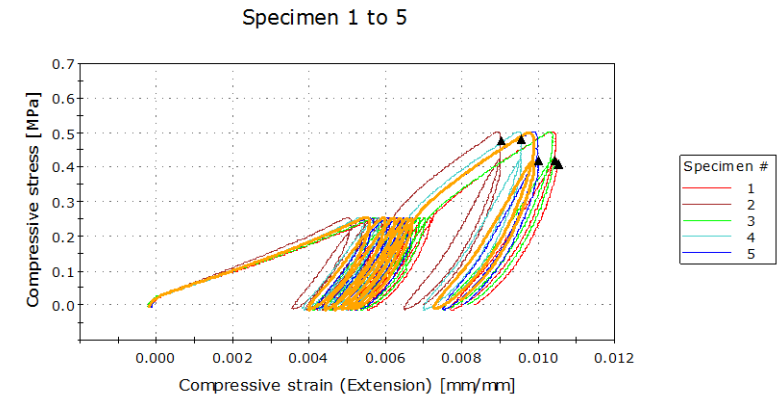
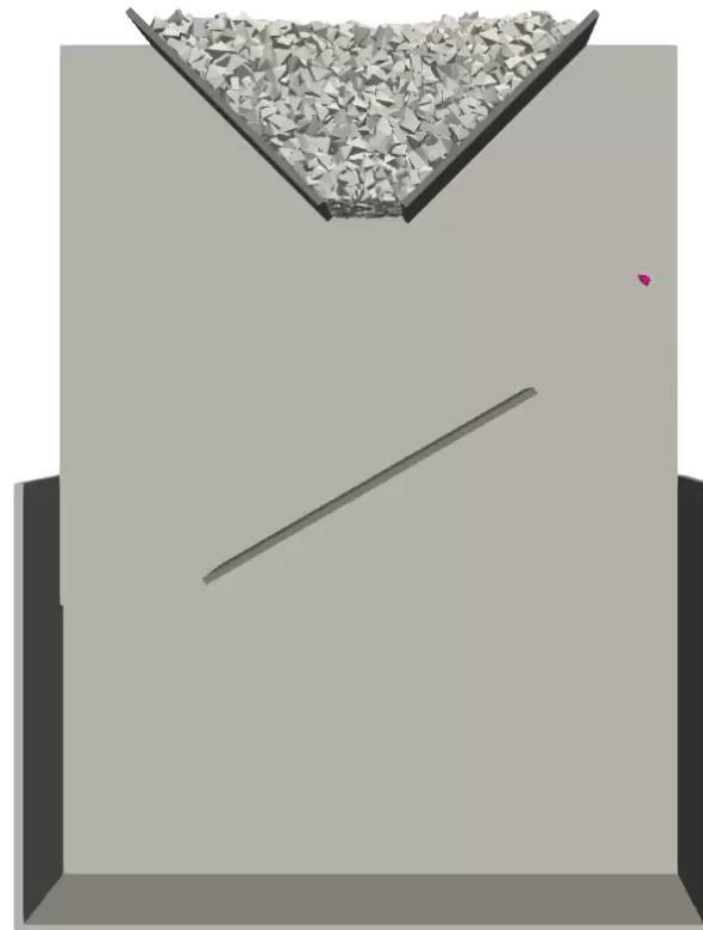
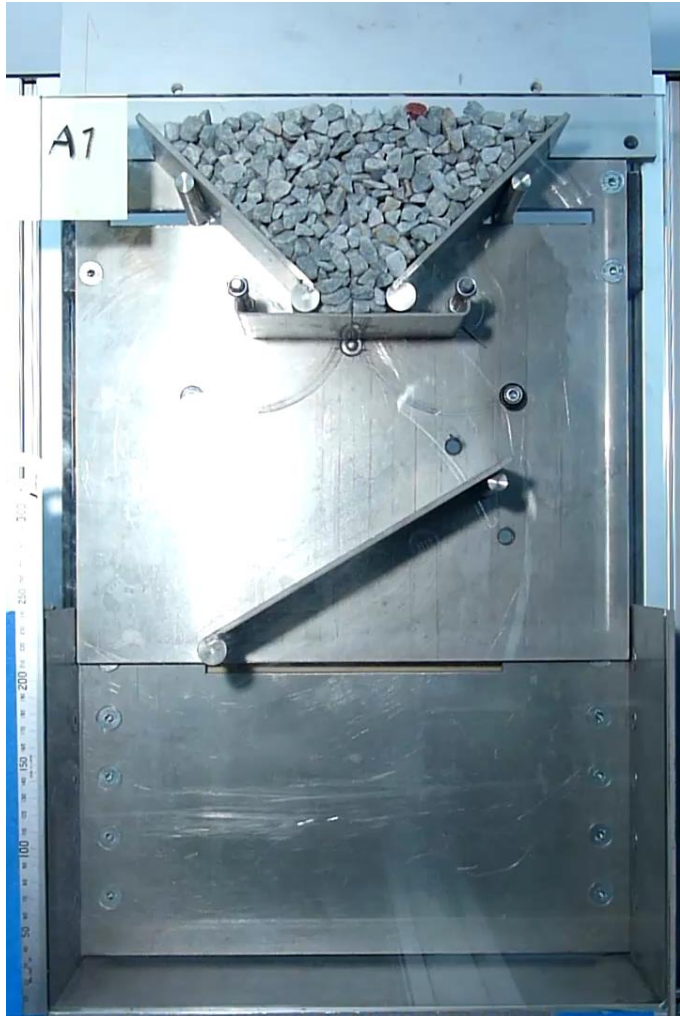


# Demify<sup>®</sup> – Software status

- Discrete element method code developed at FCC since 2016
- Application areas:
  - Pharmaceutical industry
  - Infrastructure
  - Additive manufacturing
  - Mining
  - Bulk materials handling
- Fluid-particle interaction solved in collaboration with in-house solver IBOFlow<sup>®</sup>
- GUI on in-house IPS platform during 2020



# Material Model Calibration



Case study 2018 – Full-scale flow experiments for DEM validation and examination of segregation effects

Scope:

1. Develop a data-set that can be used for industrial scale validation of DEM simulations
2. Investigate the mechanisms and effects of size segregation during unloading

Method:

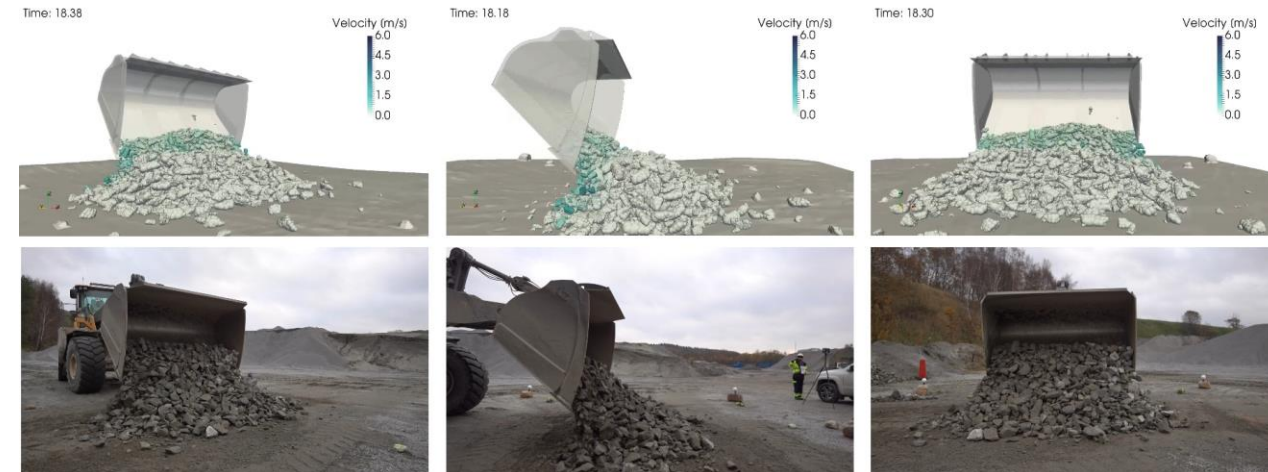
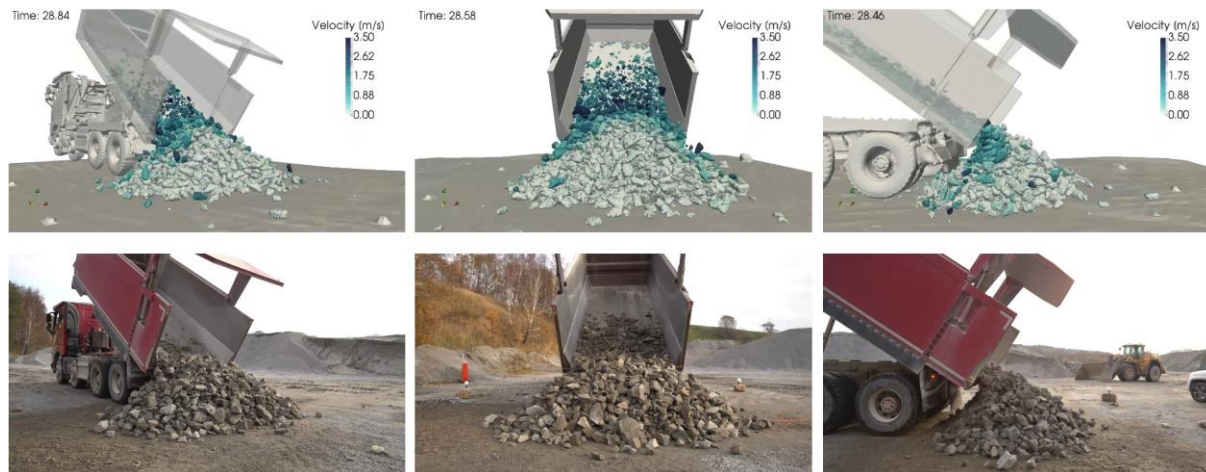
- Multi-camera system
- Laser 3D scanning
- Material sampling
- Motion capture

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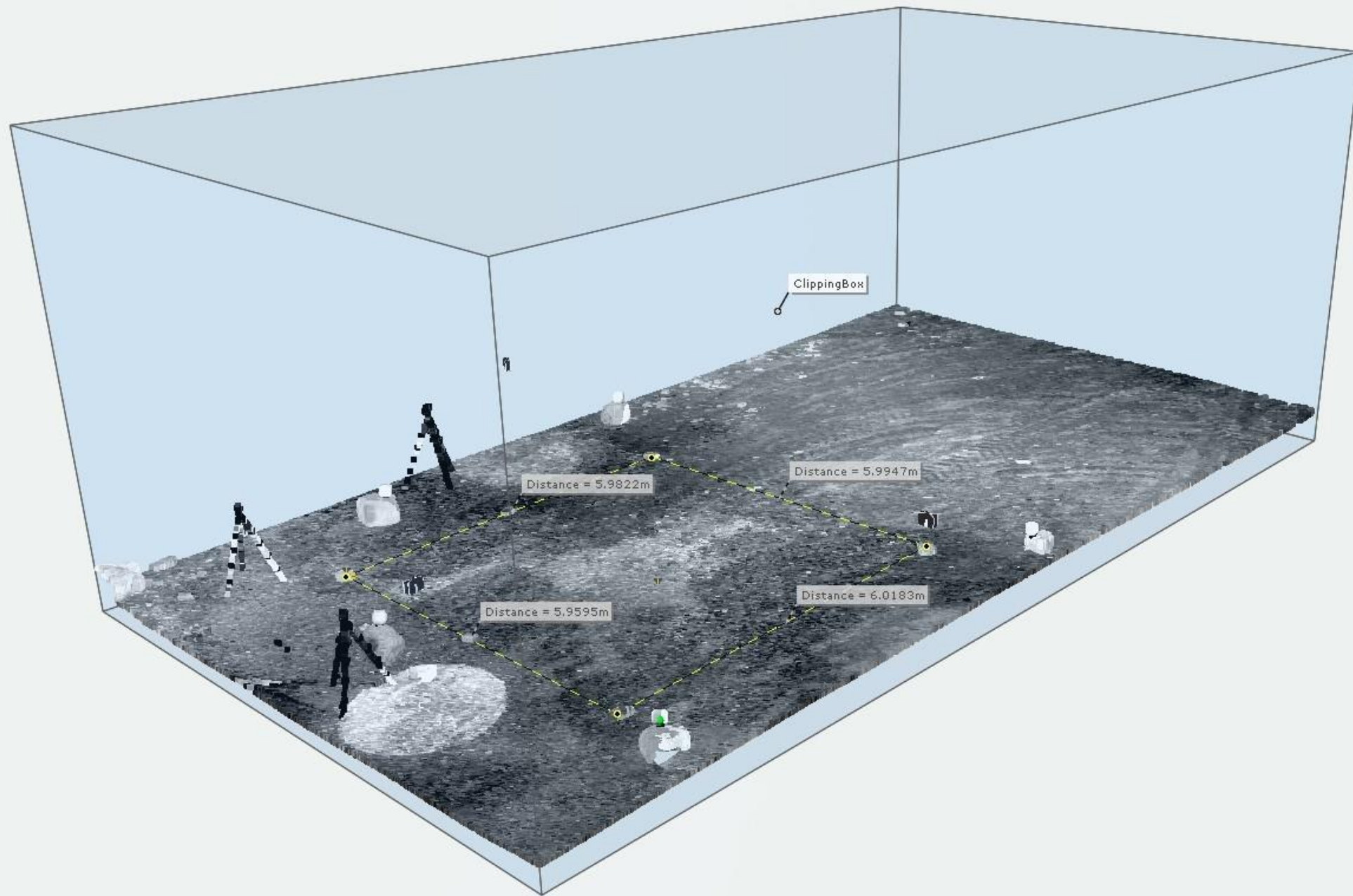
- SBUF project support
- Project owner: NCC
- Project leader: Pär Johnning
- Test location: NCC Stenungsund
- Machinery: Volvo L180H / Volvo FMX (SLP)

Truck unloading

Wheel loader unloading

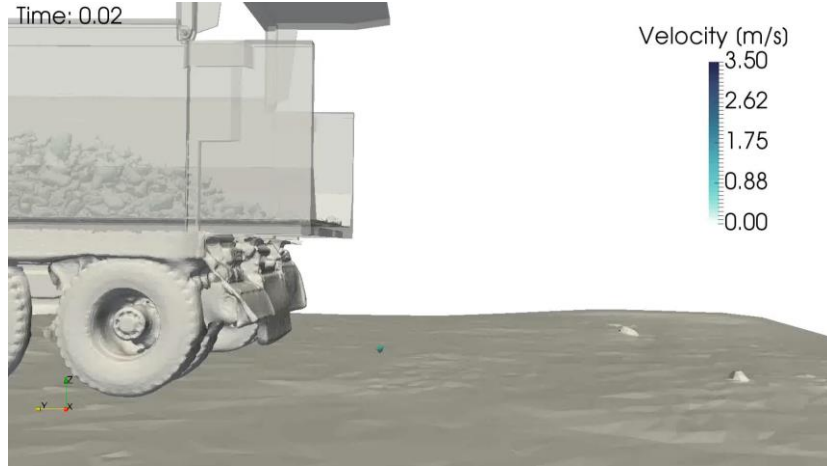
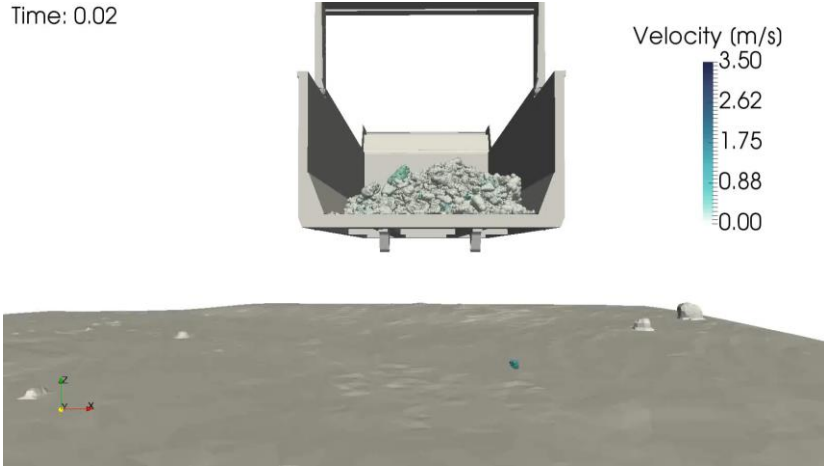




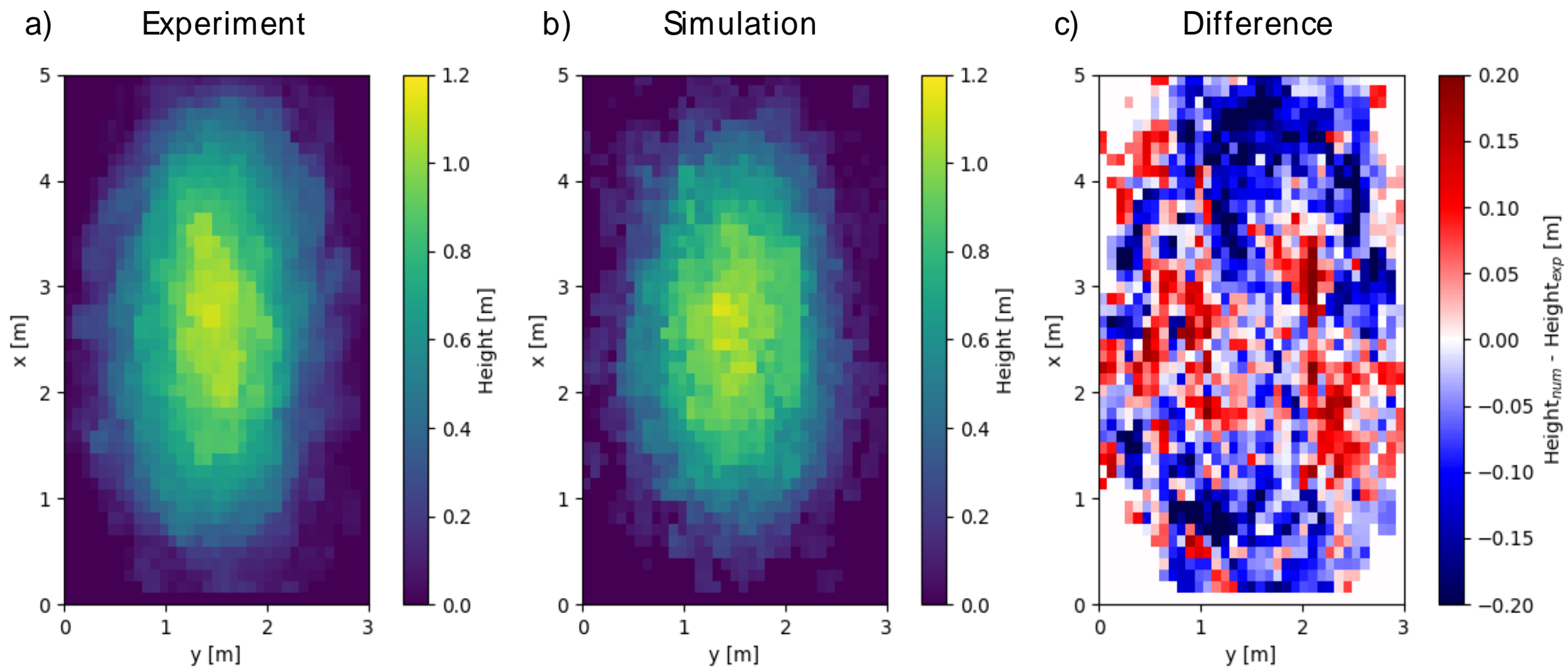




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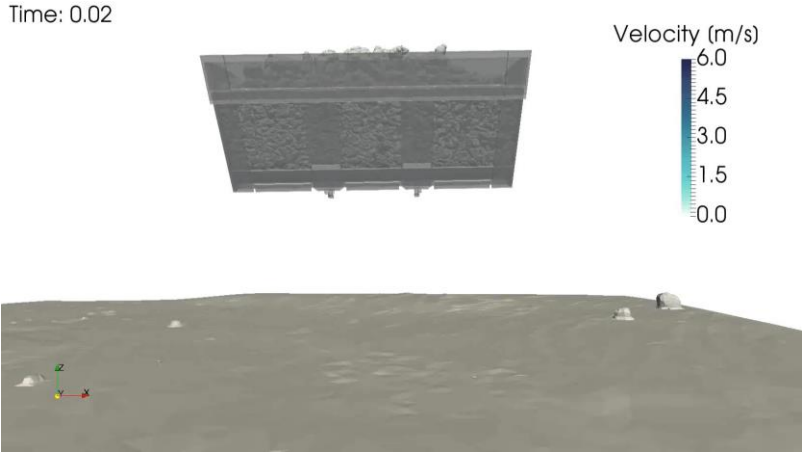
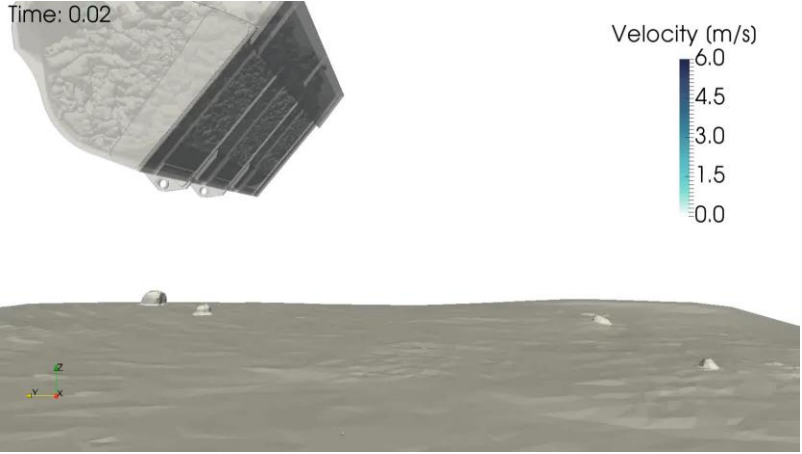
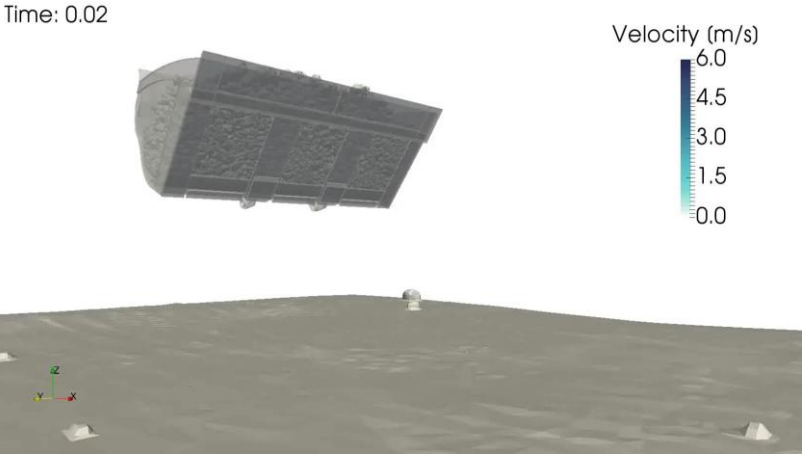


# C1 comparison simulation – experiment

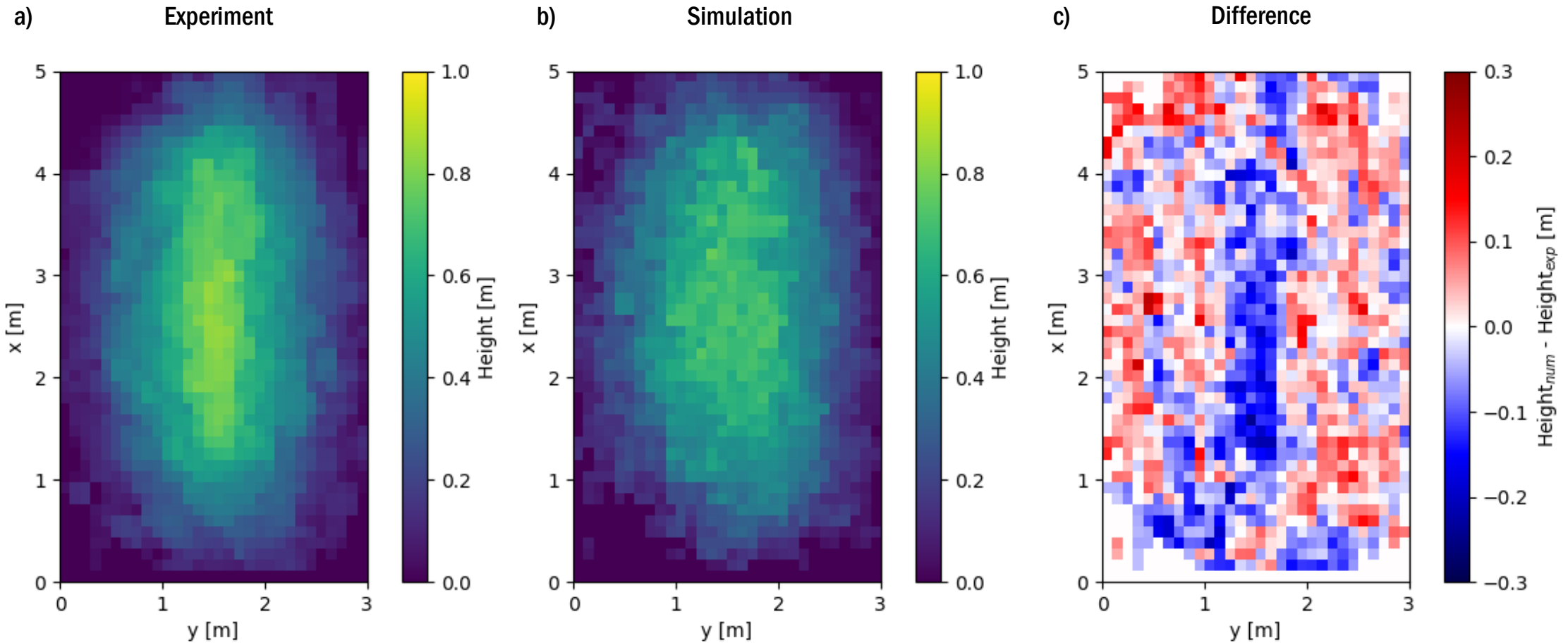


# C2 Wheel Loader +22/-250

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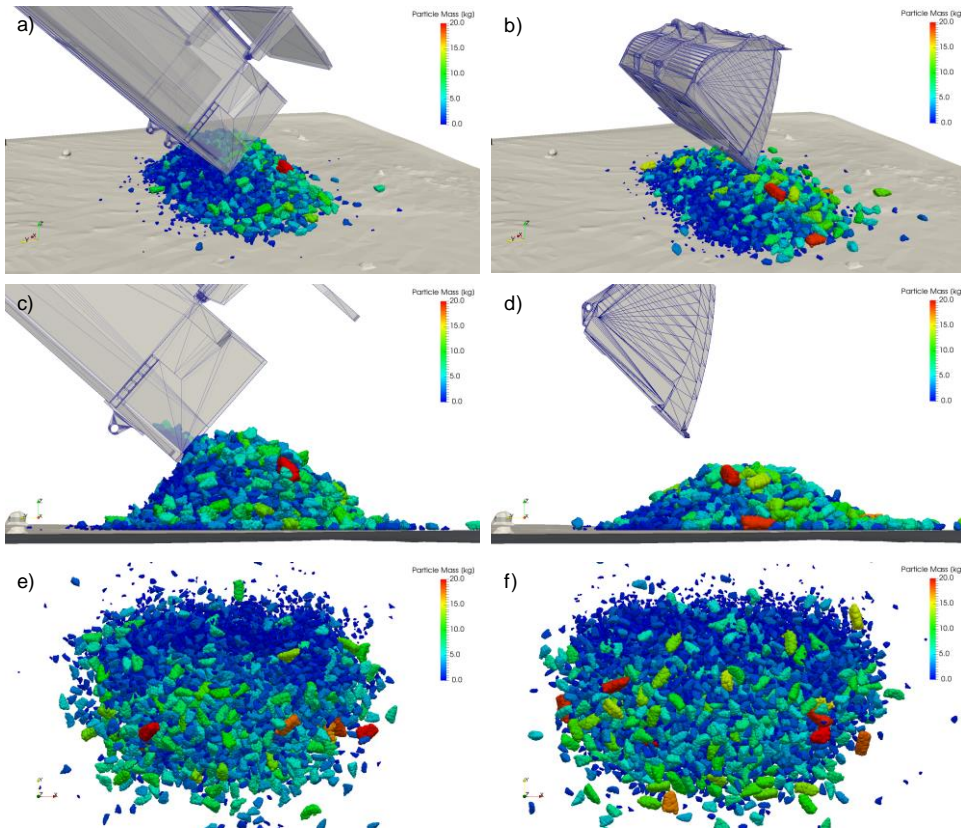
# C2 pile formation



D  
Case study 2018 – Full-scale flow experiments for DEM validation and examination of segregation effects

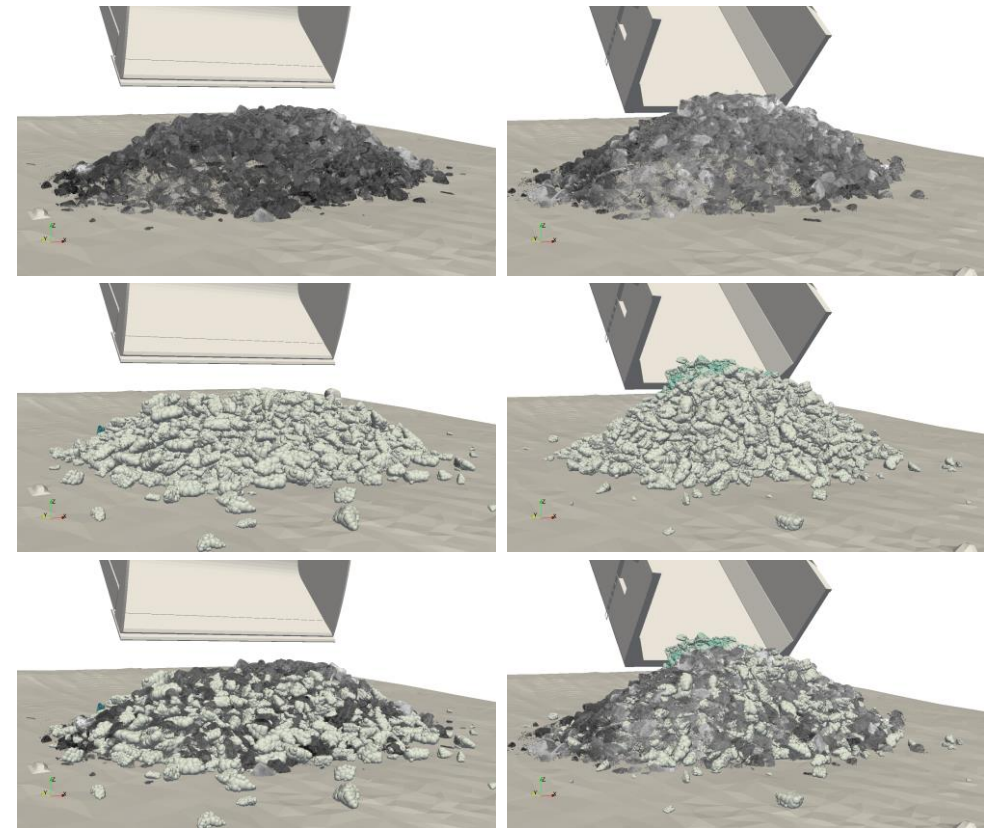
Segregation

The mechanism of size segregation strongly influences the homogeneity of the pile formation in terms of particle size distribution



Validation

The simulation results demonstrated a high level of congruence in terms of particle flow characteristics and rock pile formation topography



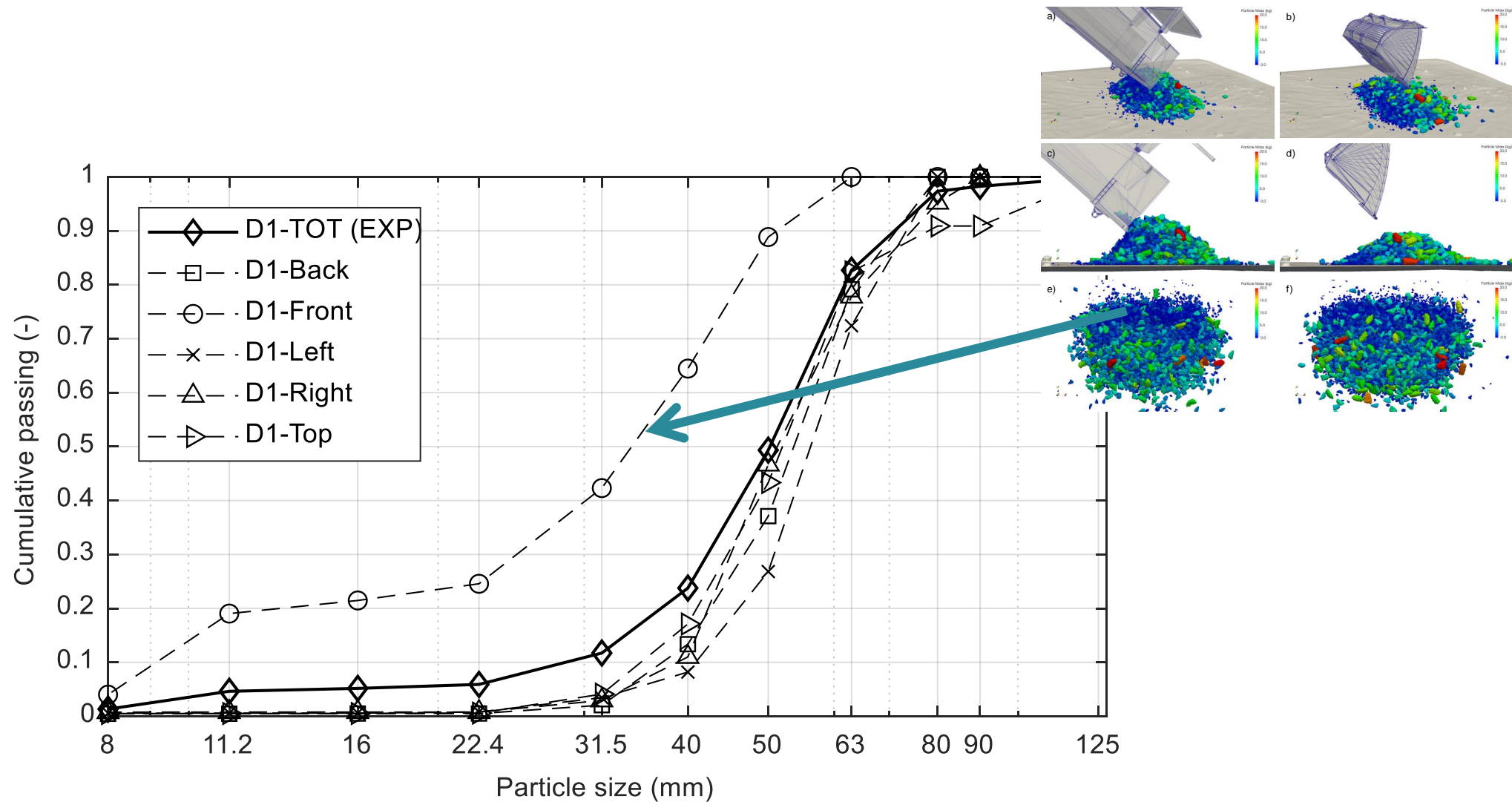


Figure 23. Particle size distribution for the D1 truck unloading test (+22/-90 & +8/-11 mm).



Case study 2019-20 – Investigation of segregation effects and compaction of unbound materials

Scope:

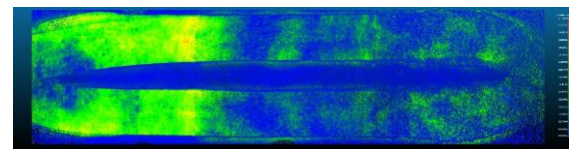
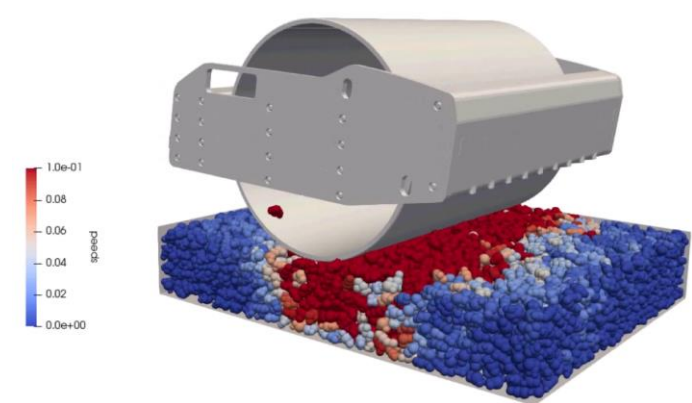
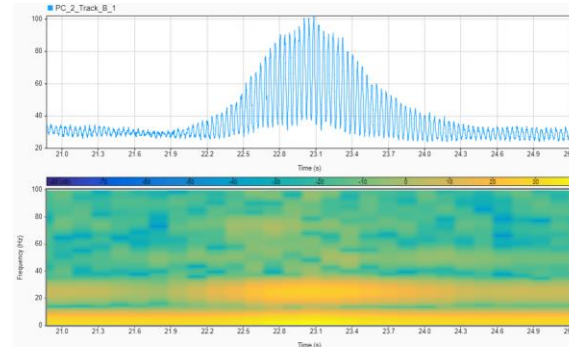
1. Develop a data-set that can be used for industrial scale validation of DEM roller compaction simulations
2. Investigate the influence of different UGM size distributions on the compaction response

Method:

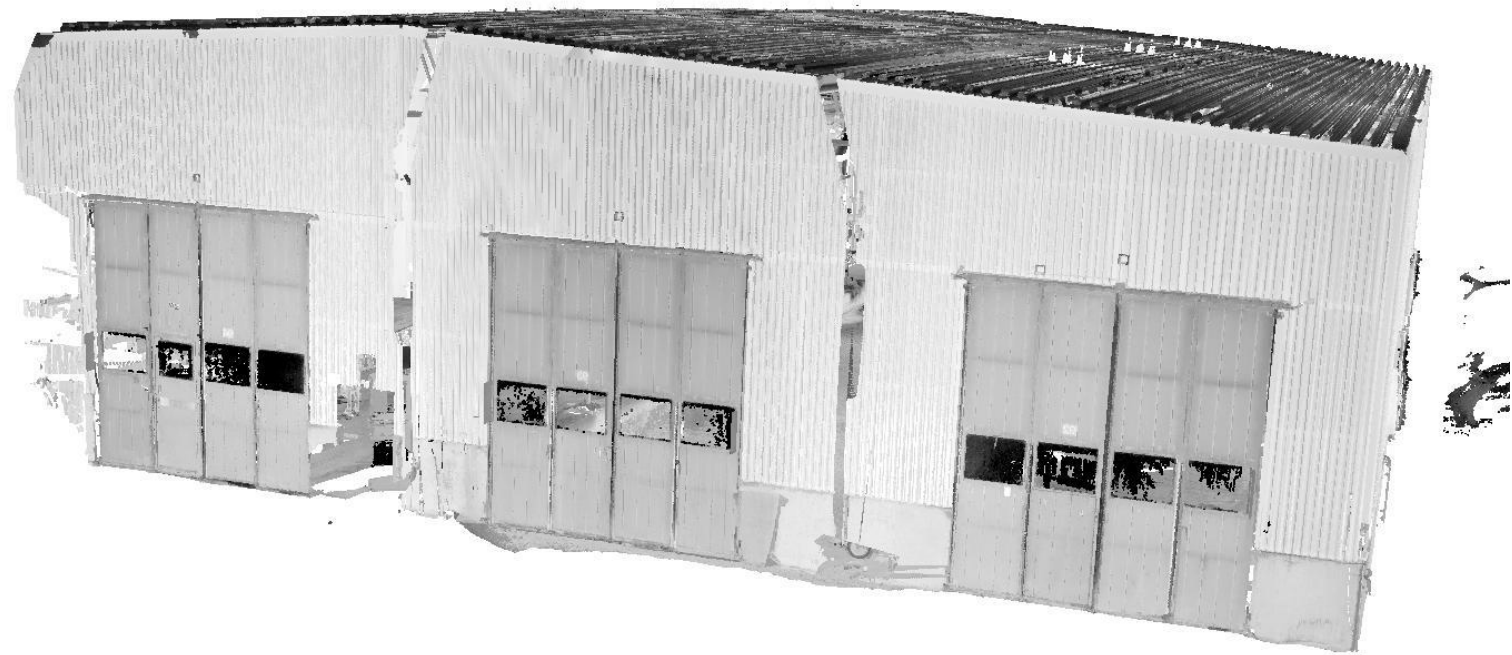
- Multi-camera system
- Laser 3D scanning
- Material sampling
- Ground pressure load cells
- Static load plate test & CMV
- Laser level measurements
- Material: +8/-90, +8/-32, +0/-32
- 12 compaction passes

Info:

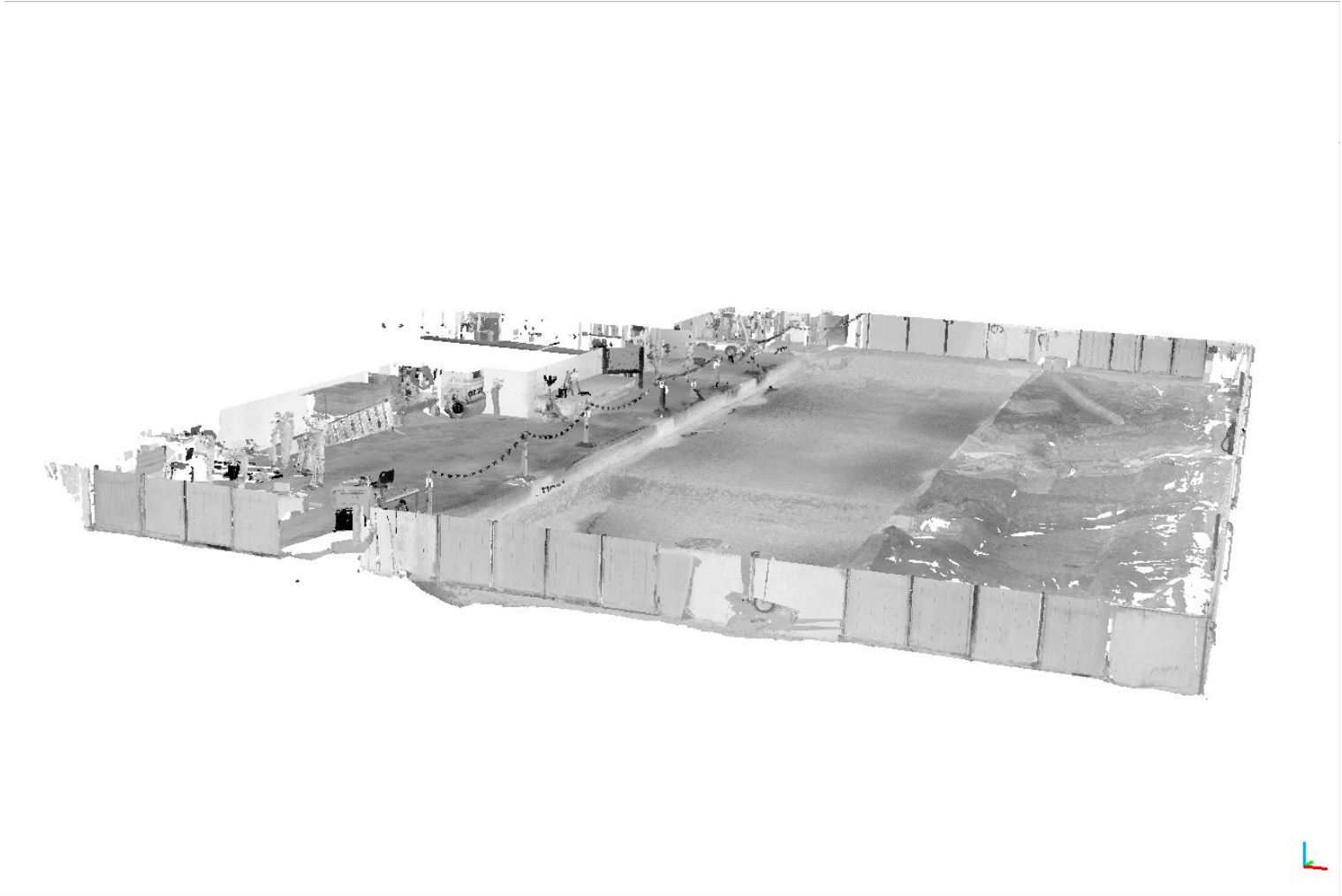
- SBUF project support
- Project owner: NCC, Kristoffer Hofling
- Project partners: FCC, Dynapac, VTI
- Test location: Dynapac Lab Karlskrona
- Machinery: Dynapac CA3500D
- Status: Ongoing until 2020-12-15

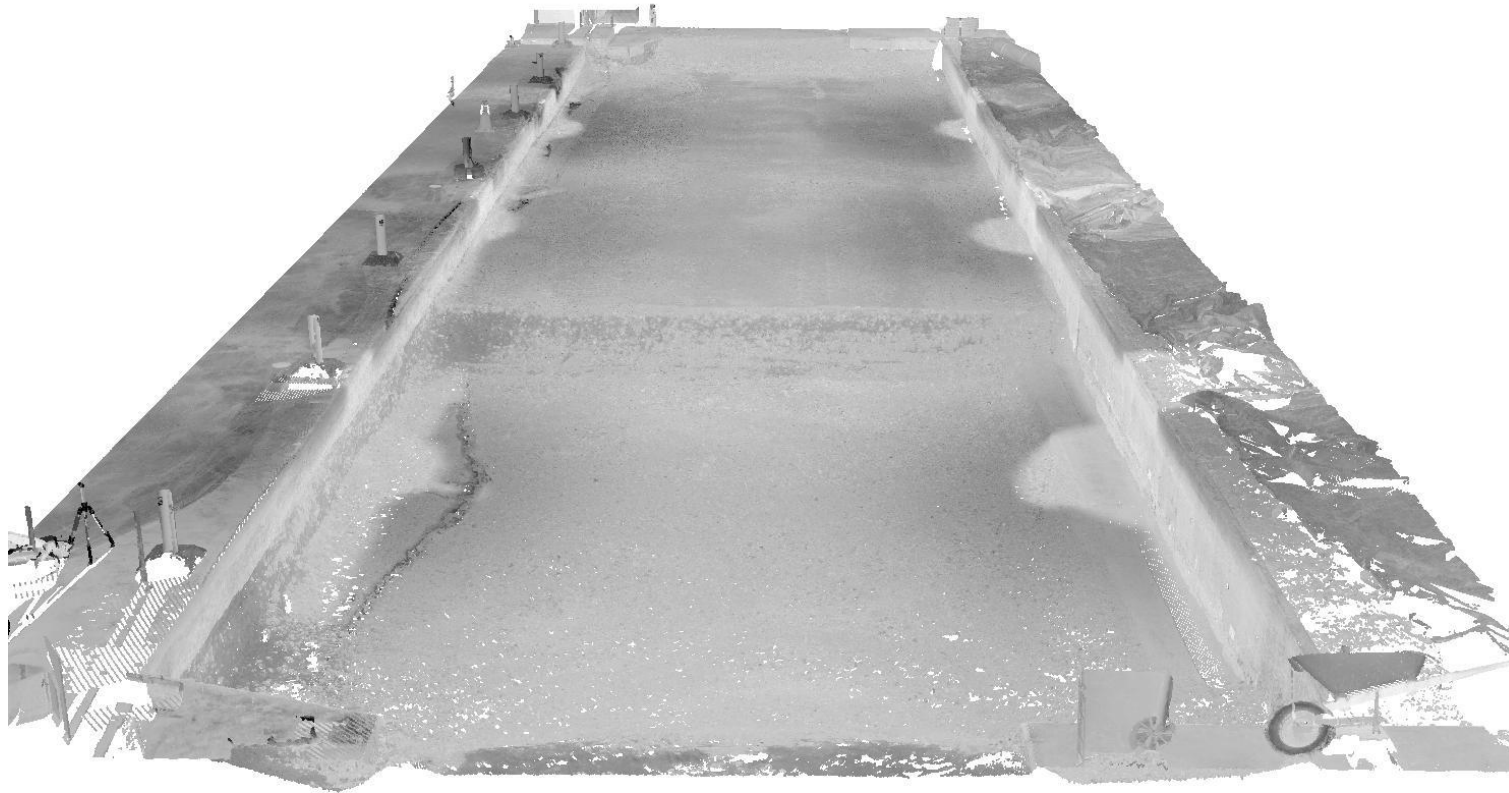




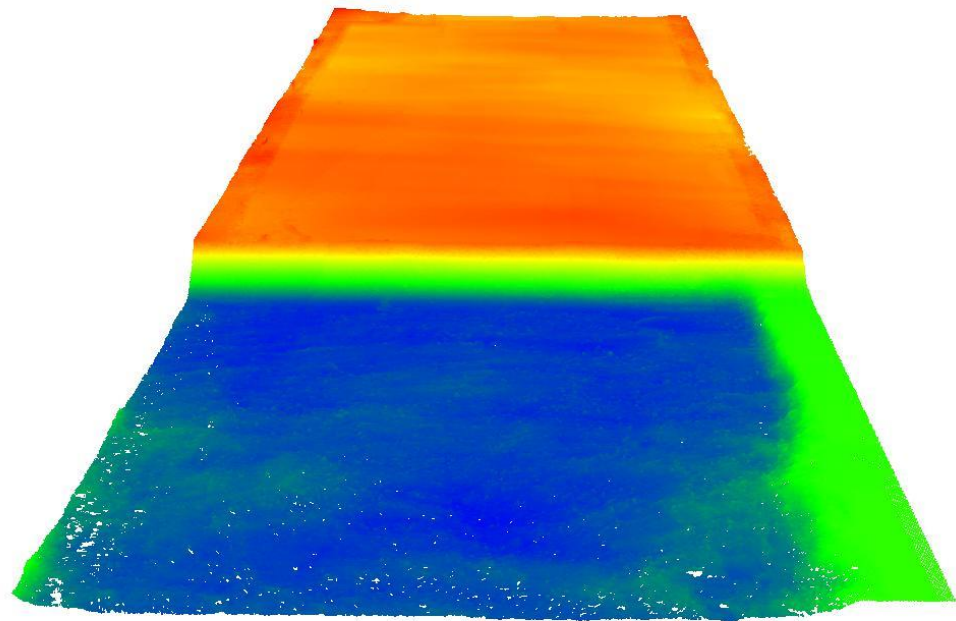


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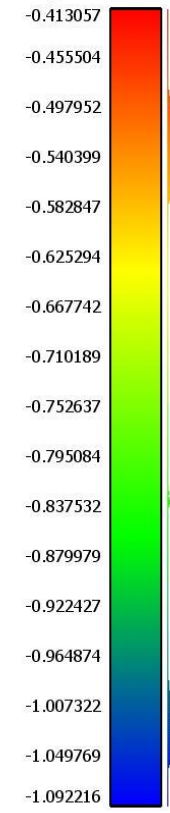


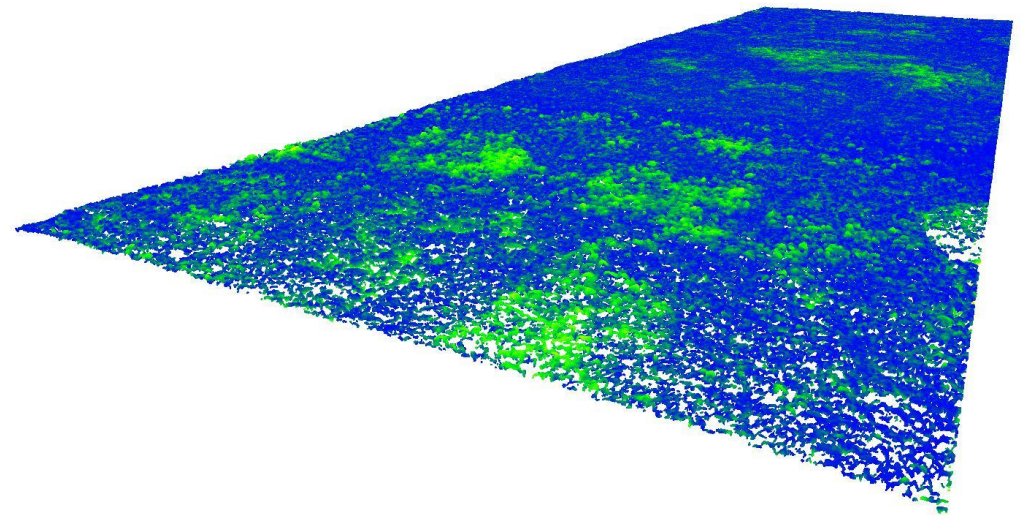
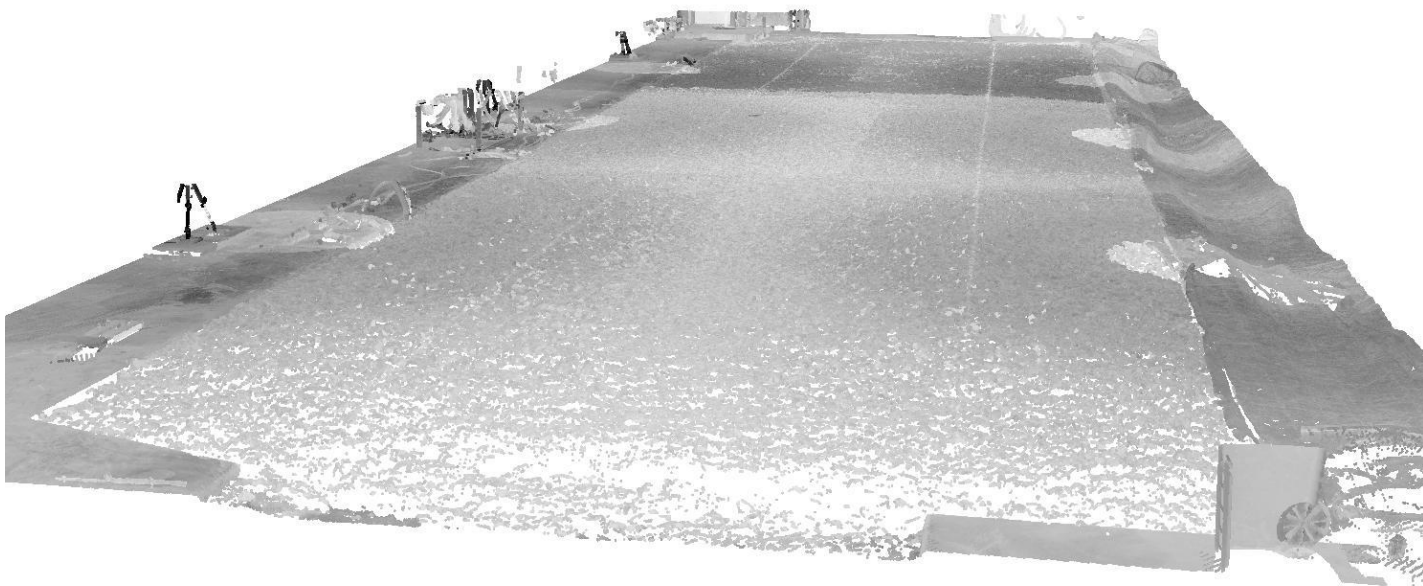


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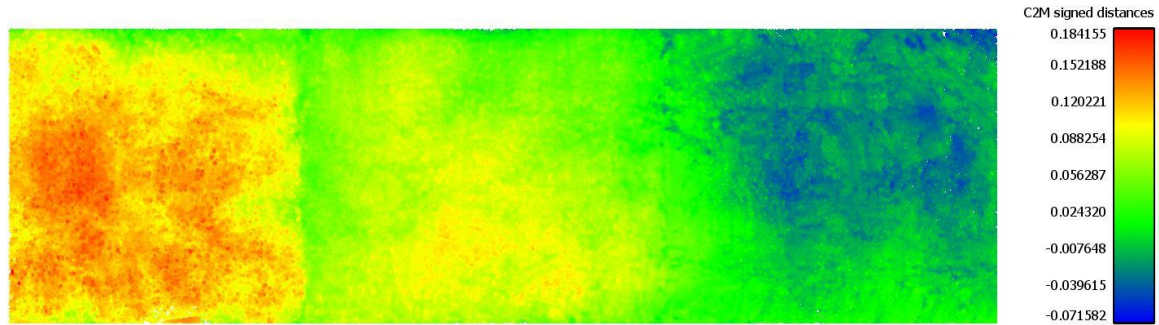


C2M signed distances

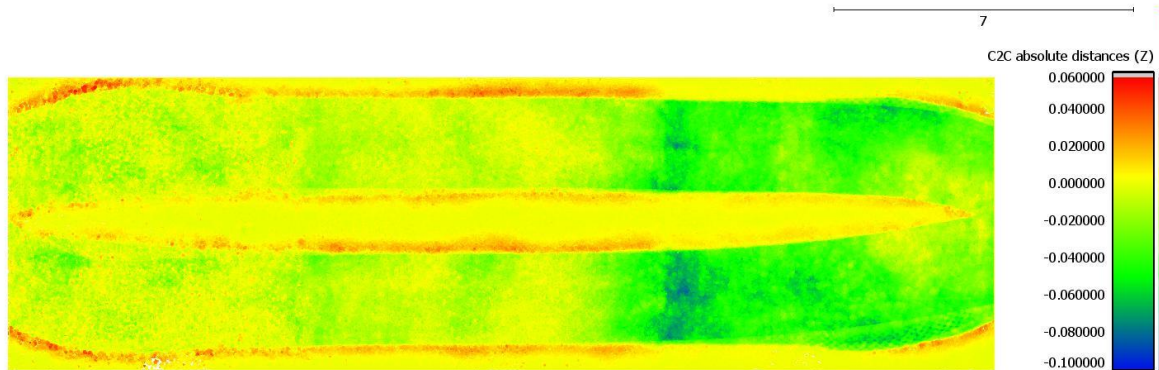




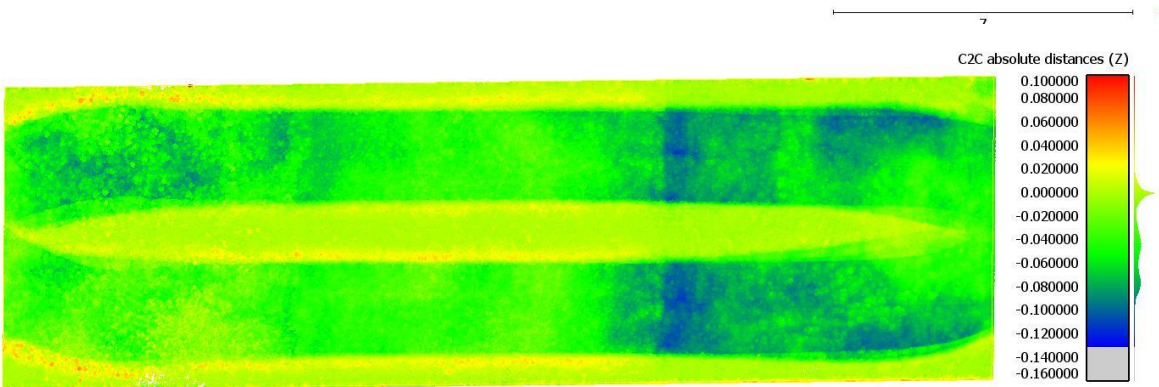
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Before compaction



After first two static passes



After four vibration passes



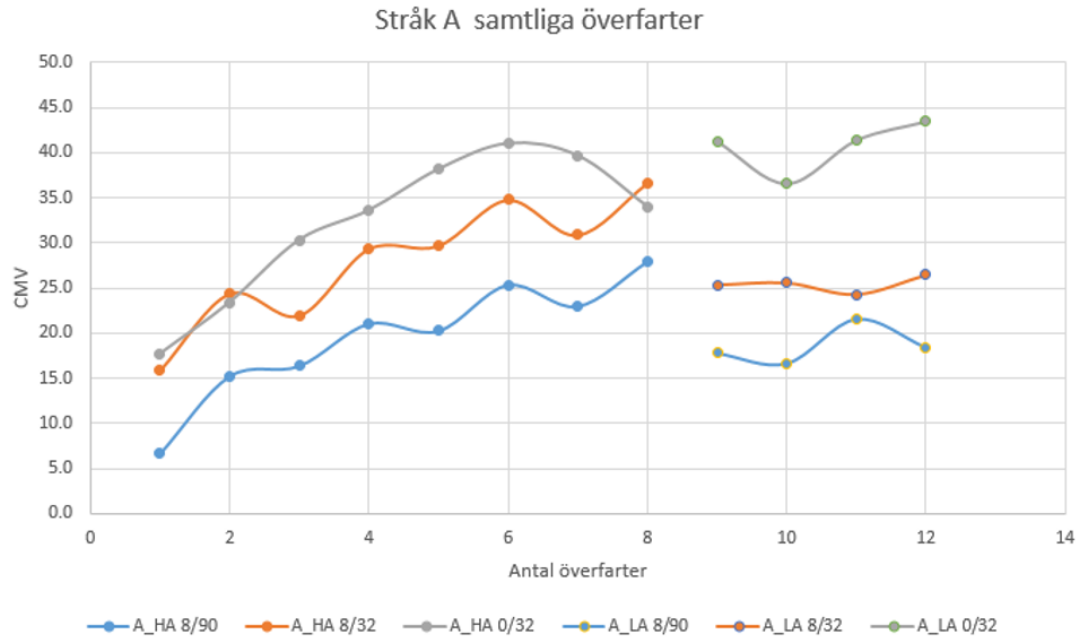


# Roller compaction experiments | +8/32 first pass

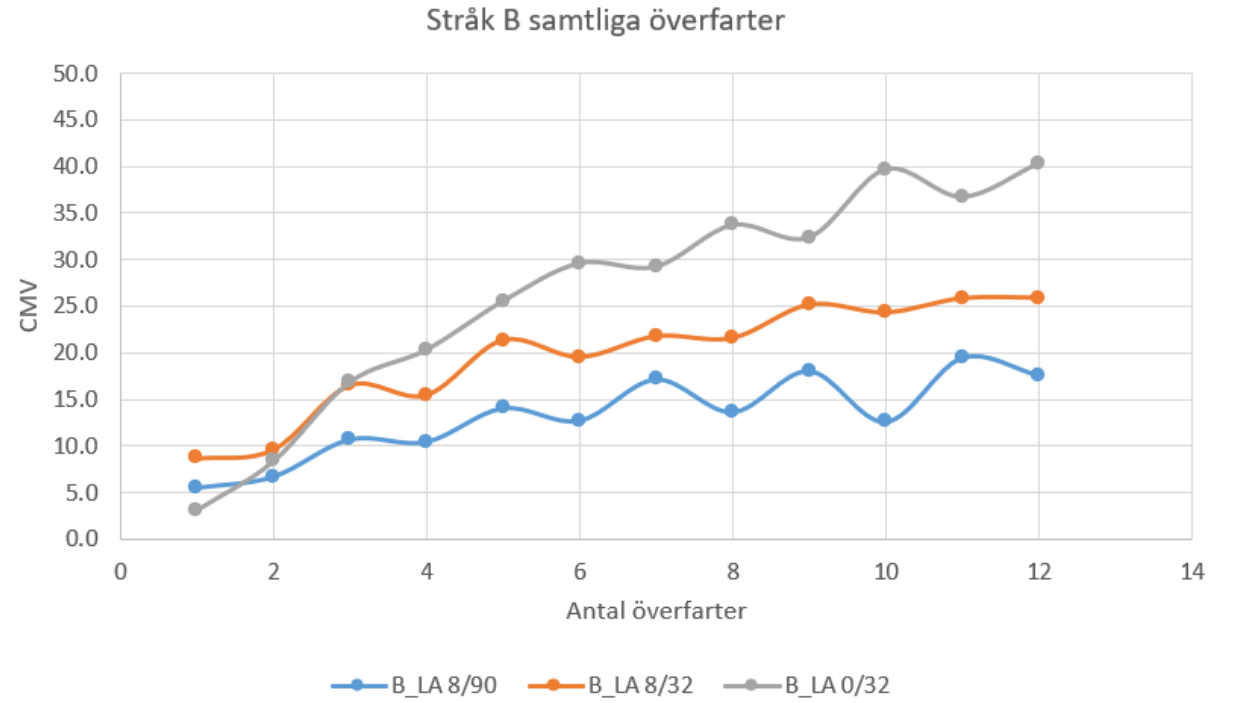


# Roller compaction experiments | +8/32 11<sup>th</sup> pass



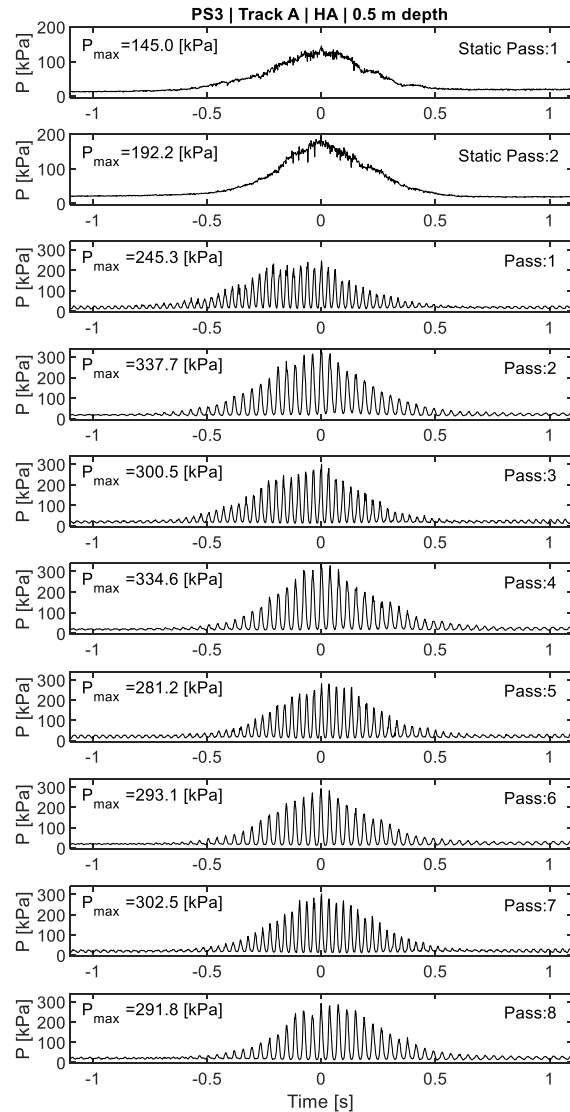
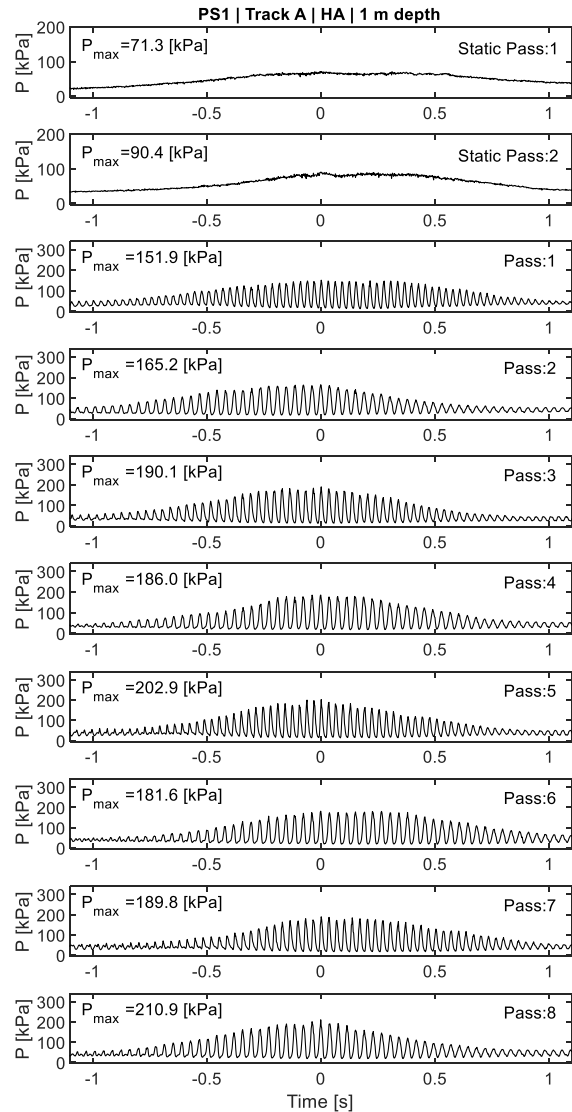


Figur 1: CMV (Compaction Meter Value) för 8 överfarter HA @ 26 HZ + 4 överfarter LA @ 33 Hz på de tre olika fraktionerna.

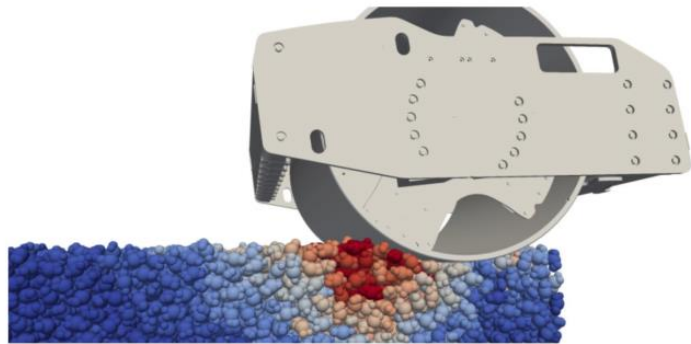


Figur 3: CMV (Compaction Meter Value) för 12 överfarter LA @ 33 Hz på de tre olika fraktionerna.

# Roller compaction experiments | Ground pressure



# Roller compaction master thesis



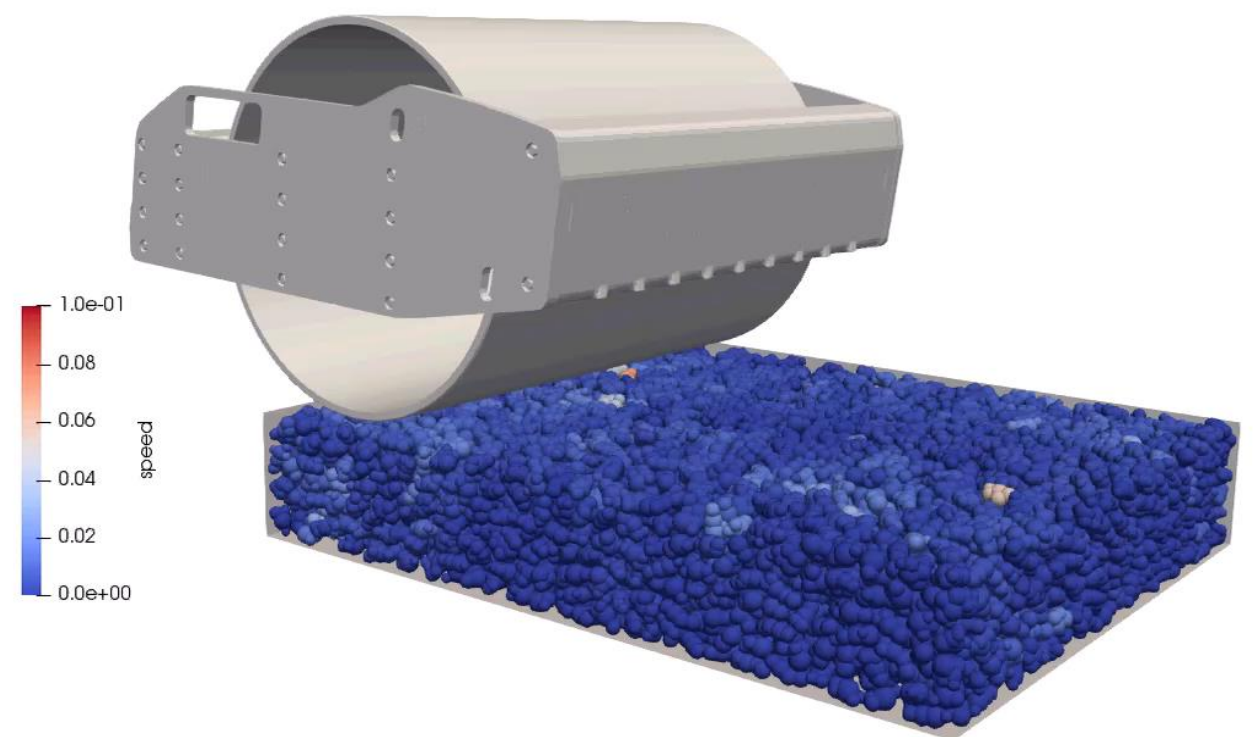
## Development of a rigid body dynamics coupling to DEM for roller compaction

Master's thesis in Applied mechanics

JOAR GÖRANSSON AXÅS

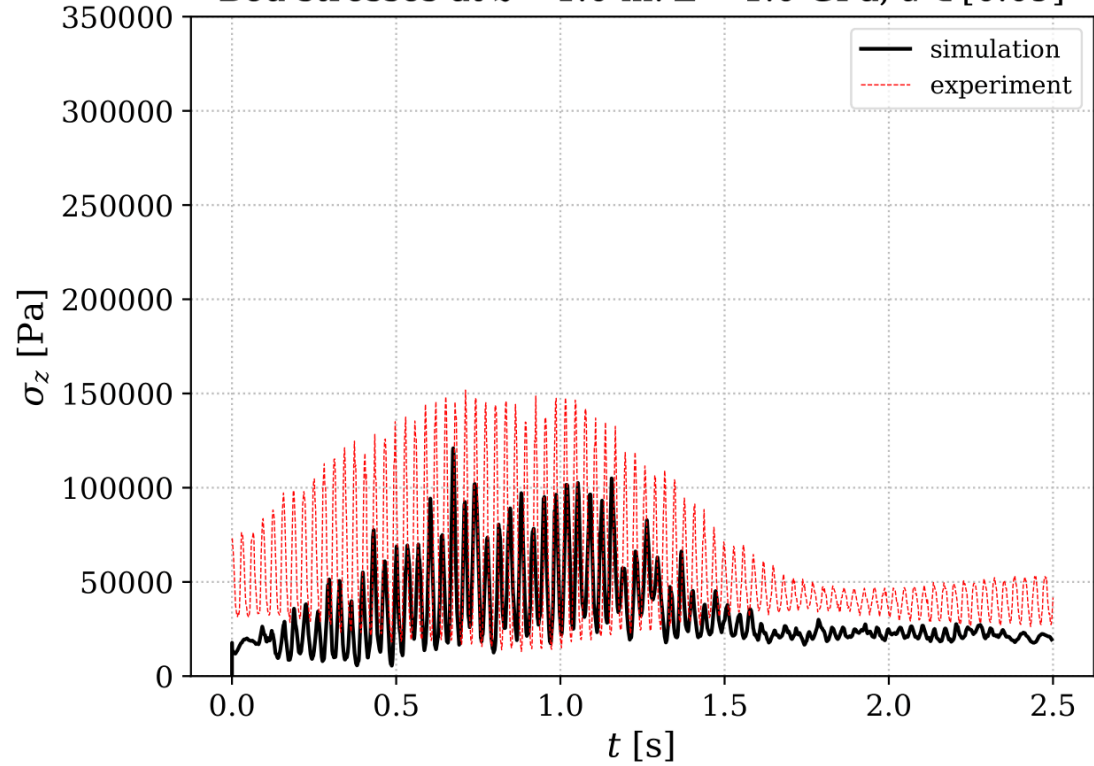
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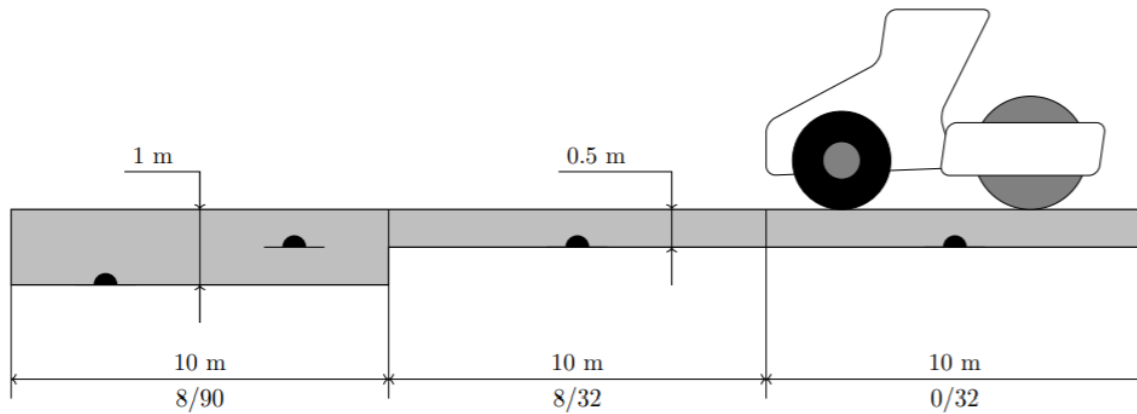
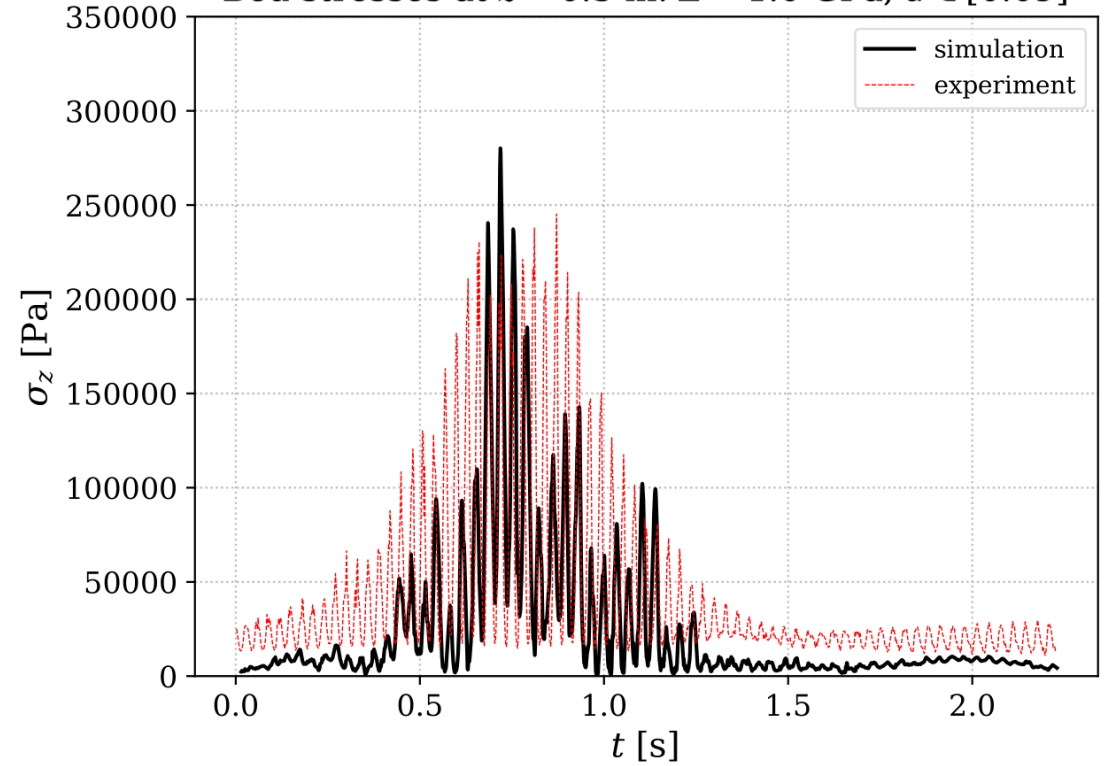


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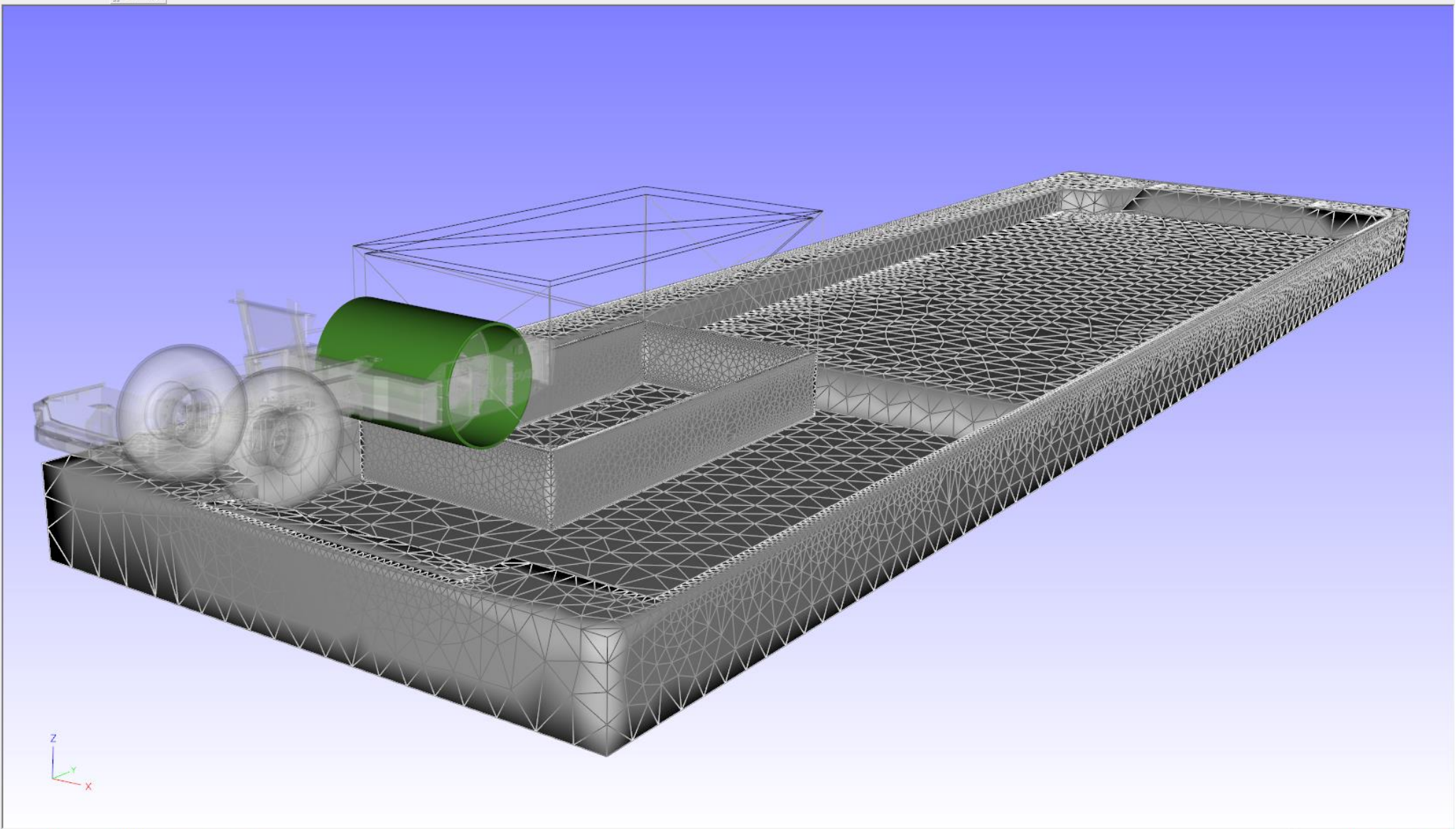
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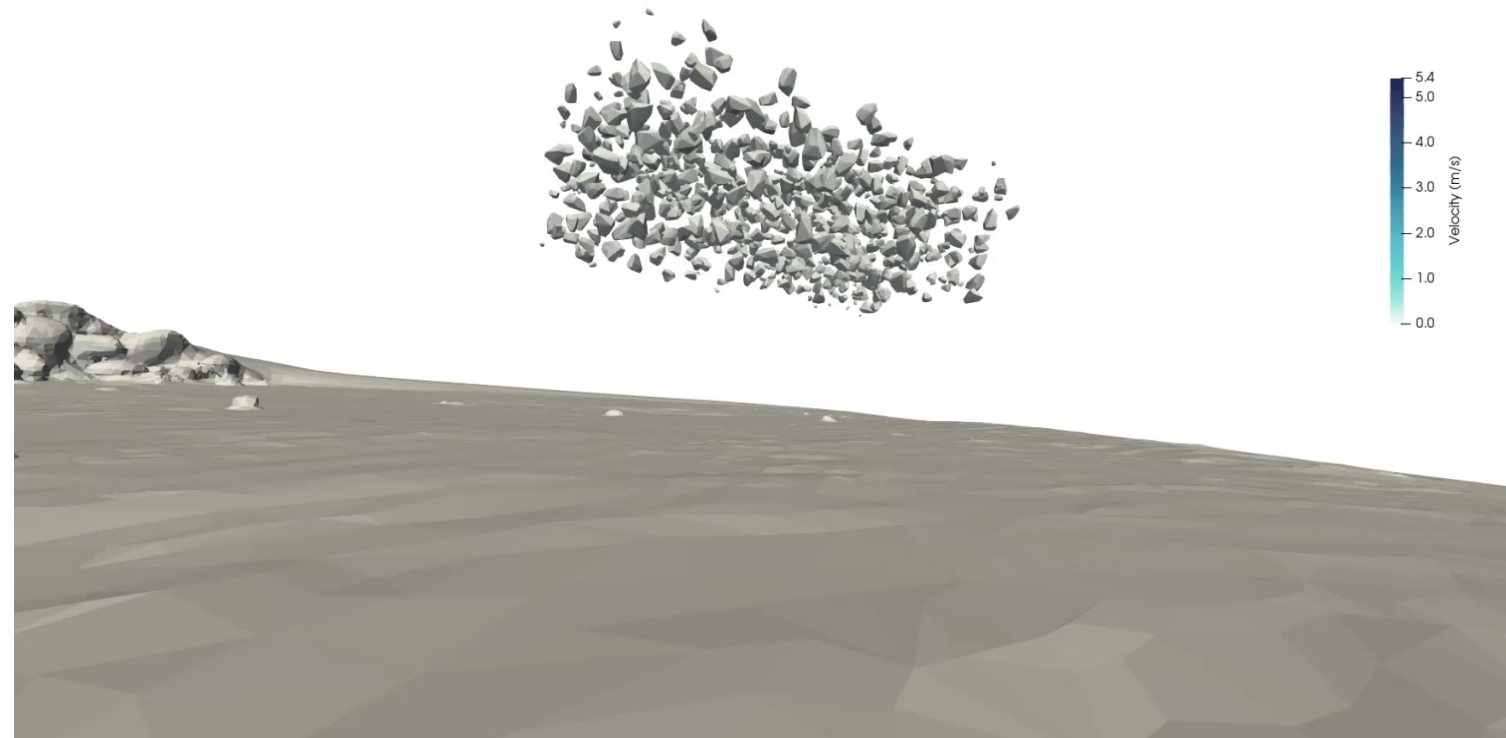
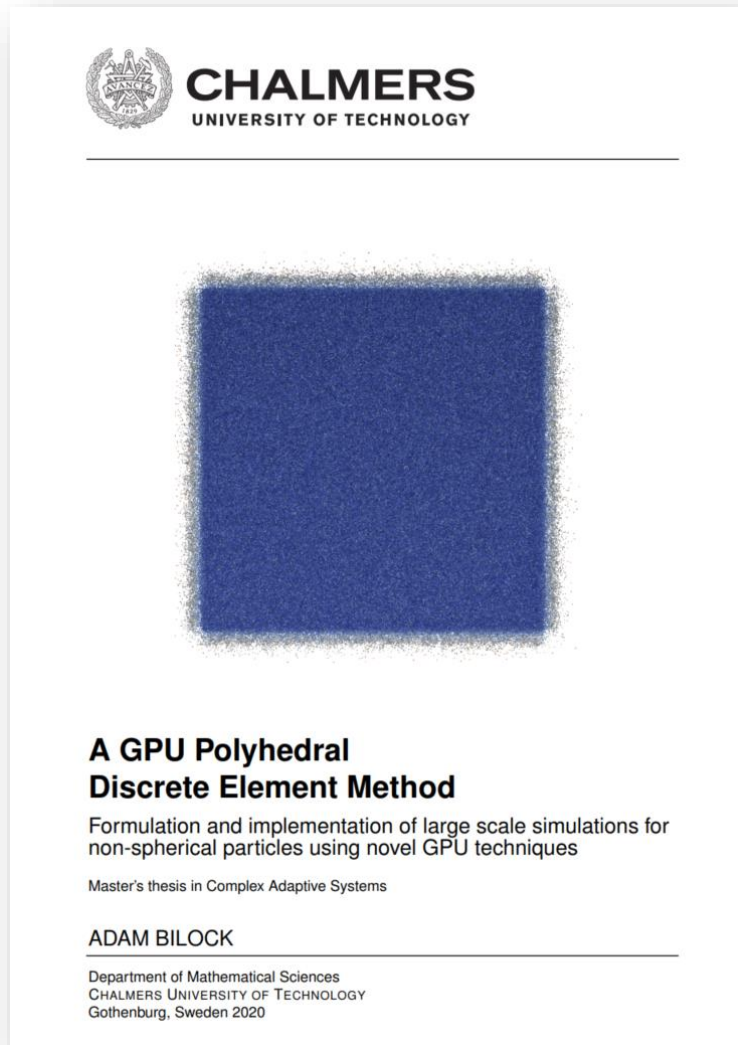
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- Active Objects
- Mechanisms
- Simulations
- Measures
- Trash



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# Polyhedral GPU solver master thesis





**D**  
Planned case study 2021 – Differential compaction of UGM layers due to construction traffic

Scope:

Investigate the effects of articulated hauler tire compaction of base course layer on the final compaction performance and differentiation from the nominal compaction response

**SBUF board decision w.44**

Method:

- Multi-camera system
- Laser 3D scanning
- Material sampling
- Ground pressure load cells
- Static load plate test & CMV
- Material: +0/-32
- 2 Tracks (with/without traffic)
- DEM/MBD Co-Simulations

Info:

- SBUF project support
- Project Idea: Martyn Luby, Volvo CE
- Project Owner: NCC
- Project Leader: Kristoffer Hofling
- Project partners: FCC, Volvo CE
- Test location: NCC Stenungsund
- Machinery: e.g. Volvo SD135B, A45G
- Time: Best case scenario spring 2021

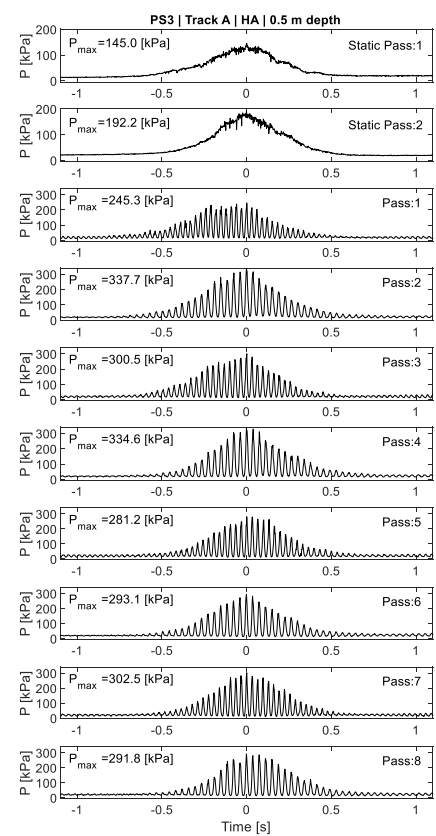
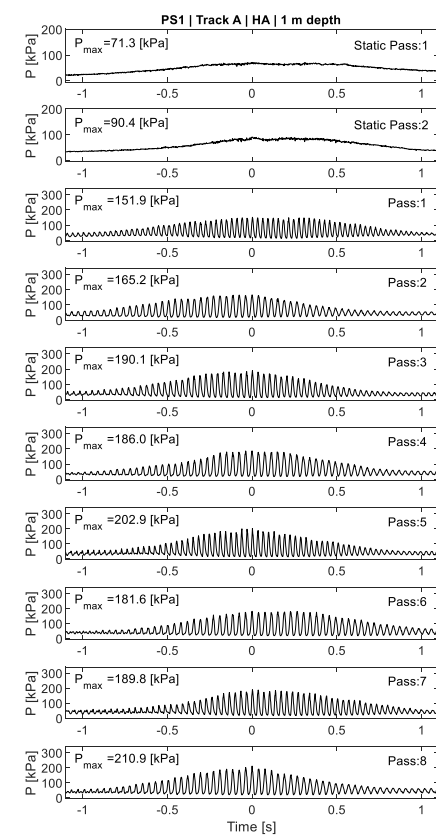
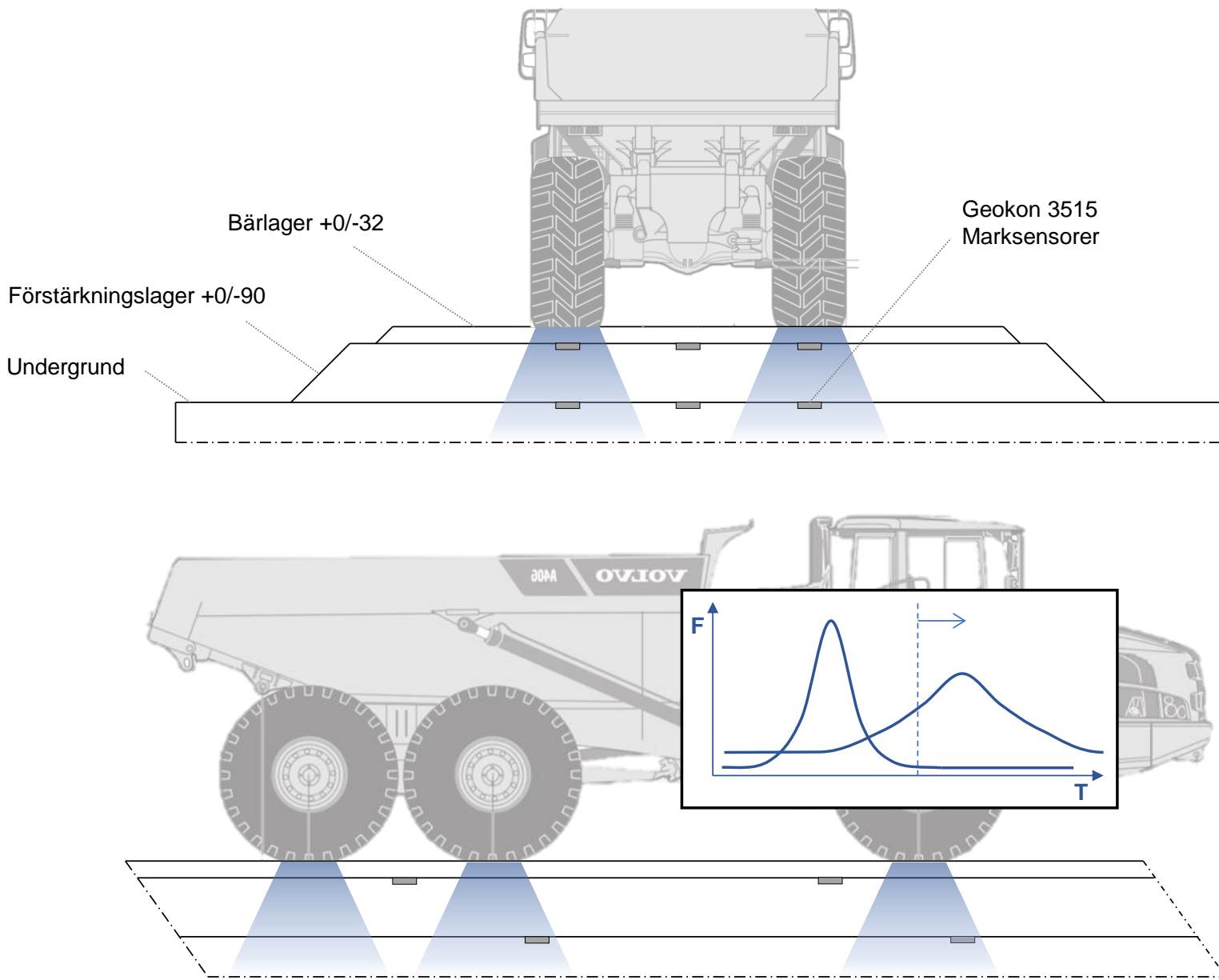
Stenungsund



*“The first project that we had this discussion was years ago when I worked for NCC and we were tendering for a job in Malmö harbour.*

*Then since I worked for Volvo the discussion has come up on and off with contractors using our compaction system who see these areas as they get extremely high CMV values when they pass over them with the roller.”*





# Kommande utlysning | Idéer

- Öppna för samarbete inom simulering, modellering, optimering
- “DigiRoad II” i lokal stadsmiljö

Exempel:

- Utmaningar i gatumiljö, ex. bibehållen kvalité efter arbeten för access till vatten/avlopp/fjärrvärme
- Kvalitetseffekter, styvhet och deformation vid olika typer av beläggning i anslutning, marksten-bitumen-betong och dess interaktion med obundna lager.
- Hantering och kompaktering av obundna lager i närhet av infrastrukturell geometri såsom betongrör, spårvagnsspår etc.



# Sammanfattning

- Projektet fortskrider enligt plan med viss justering
- Fullskalestudier
  - NCC (genomförd)
  - Dynapac (pågår)
  - Volvo CE (planeras)
- Demonstrator (Demify) redo att levereras till konsortiet
- Fokus på publicering
- Spridning av projektresultat



# User interfaces

## Python API

- Advanced case configuration
- Batch simulations and DOE
- Optimization
- Run on HPC cluster

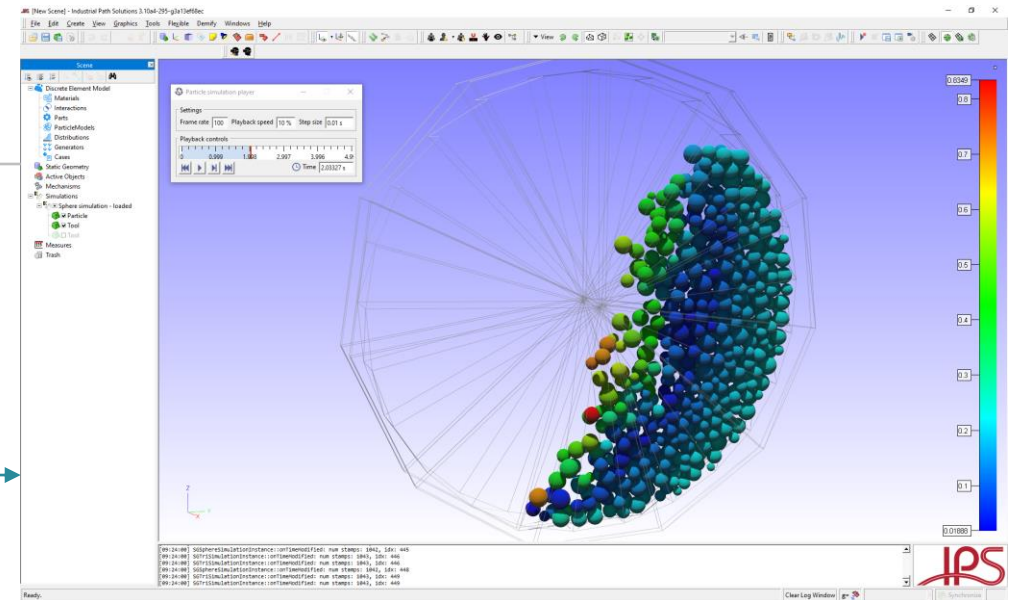
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101 # Build the basic simulation data
102 #####
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105                                     "log_solver.ft4.fine.long"))
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107 particle_mat = m.Material(name="particle_mat",
108                          density=8200,
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110                          poissons_ratio=0.25)
111
112 tool_mat = m.Material(name="tool_mat",
113                      density=7500.0,
114                      youngs_modulus=args.youngs,
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116
117 pp_interaction = inter.HWOnnsTanHist(particle_mat,
118                                     particle_mat,
119                                     friction=args.muapp,
120                                     surface_energy=args.vdapp,
121                                     friction_rolling=args.rfpp,
122                                     restitution=args.epp)
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124 pt_interaction = inter.HWOnnsTanHist(particle_mat,
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126                                     friction=args.mupt,
127                                     surface_energy=args.vdopt,
128                                     friction_rolling=args.rfpt,
129                                     restitution=args.ept)
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132 if args.generator==0:
133     # Fill parameters which will later be modified
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Python case export

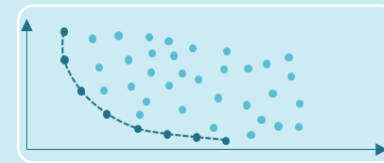
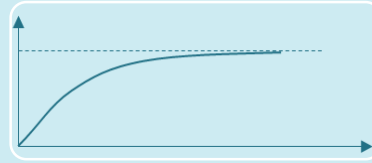
Load for visualization

## Windows GUI on IPS platform

- Visualization & Post processing
- Geometry
- Kinematics
- Iterative case development



# Verification and validation process



## Numerical

## Experimental



### Single particle

- Micro mechanical
- Rigid body dynamics
- Shape representation

- Convergence
- Conservation
  - Energy
  - Momentum

- Material property characterization
- Error optimization

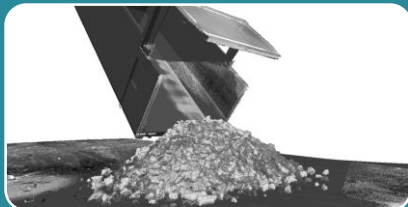


### Multiple particles

- Flow dynamics
- Macro-mechanical
- Geometry & kinematics

- Convergence
- Stability and robustness
- Performance characterization

- Material ensemble optimization
- Particle resolution optimization



### Full scale

- Flow dynamics
- Macro-mechanical
- Geometry & kinematics

- Convergence
- Simulation feasibility
- Global system conservation
  - Energy
  - Momentum

- Global optimization of process
- Machine-particle system optimization

