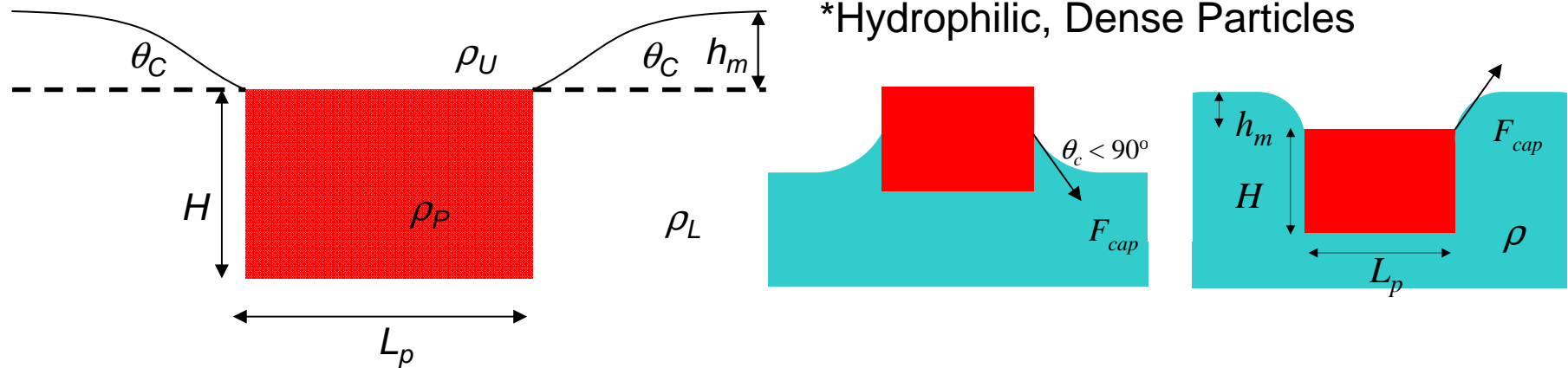


# Interfacial Modeling: 1 Particle Case



## Vertical Force Balance

$$F_w = F_b + F_m + F_{cap}$$

$$F_w = Mg/w$$

$$F_b = \rho g H \cdot L_p$$

$$F_m = \rho g h_m \cdot L_p$$

$$F_{cap} = \gamma \sin \theta_C$$

## Linearized Meniscus Equation

$$\frac{d^2 h}{dx^2} = \frac{\rho g}{\gamma}$$

$\rho$  = fluid density difference

$\gamma$  = surface tension

## Solution

$$h(x) = \frac{-\tan(\theta_c) e^{-q(x)}}{q}$$

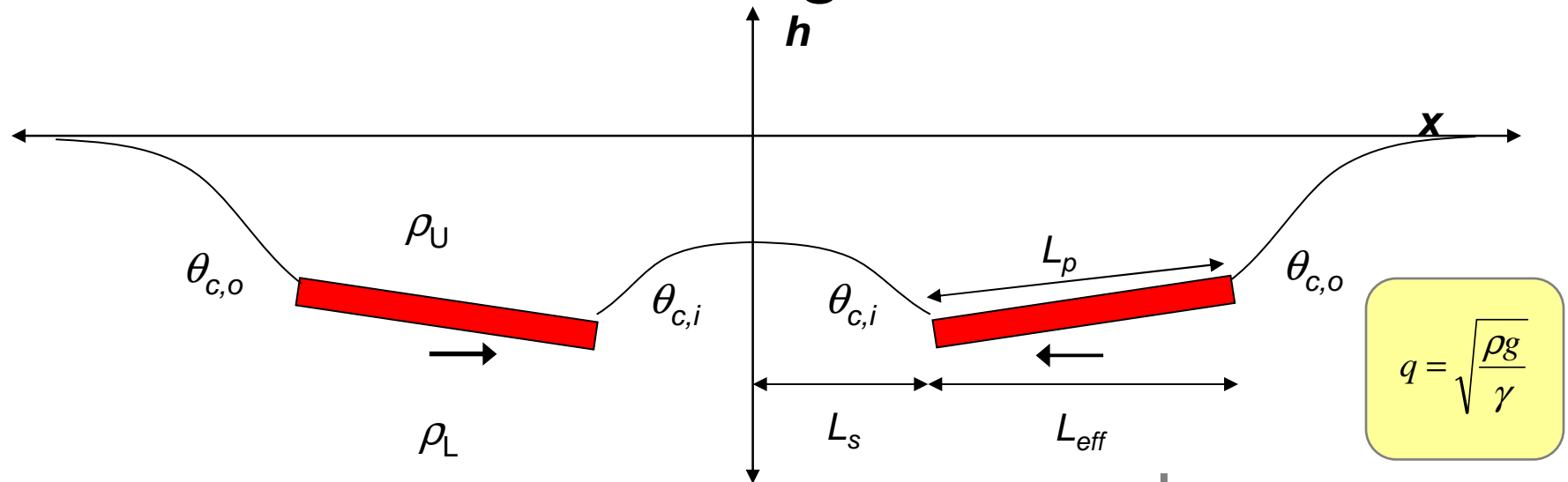
## Assumptions

- Rectangular particle with infinite depth
- Contact line pinned at the corner

$$q = \sqrt{\frac{\rho g}{\gamma}}$$



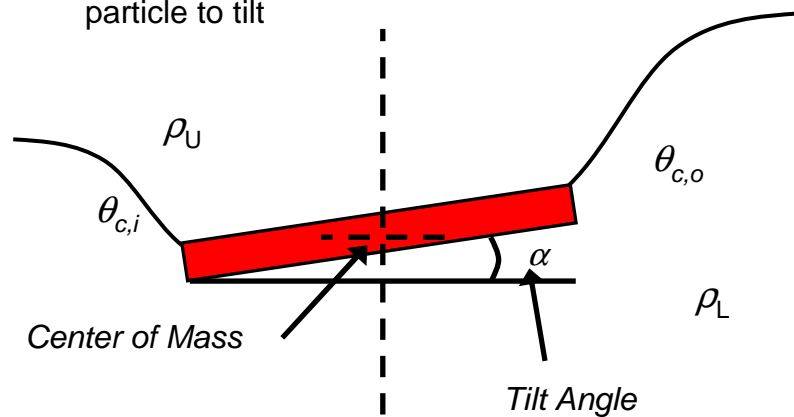
# Interfacial Modeling: 2 Particle Case



$$q = \sqrt{\frac{\rho g}{\gamma}}$$

Torque Balance

Change in  $\theta_{c,i}$  causes particle to tilt



**Inner Region**

Boundary Conditions

$$h_i(x = L_s) = h_{i,p}$$

$$\frac{dh_i}{dx}(x = 0) = 0$$

Solution

$$h_i(x) = \frac{h_{i,p} \cosh(qx)}{\cosh(qL_s)}$$

**Outer Region**

Boundary Conditions

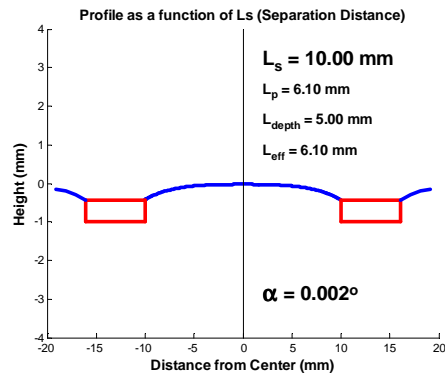
$$h_o(x \rightarrow \infty) = 0$$

$$\frac{dh_o}{dx}(x = L_s + L_{eff}) = \tan \theta_{c,o}$$

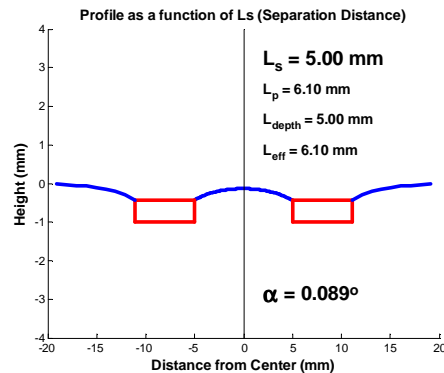
Solution

$$h_o(x) = \frac{-\tan(\theta_{c,o}) e^{-q(x-(L_s+L_{eff}))}}{q}$$

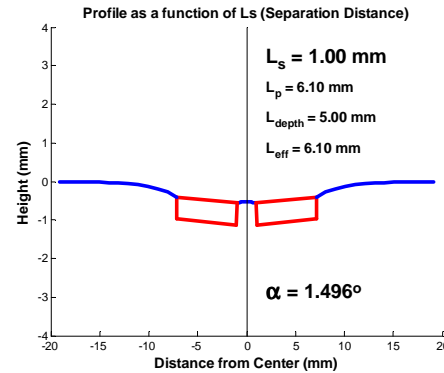
# Tilt Modeling



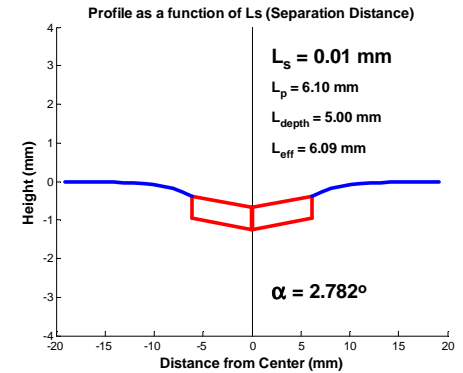
$L_s = 10.00 \text{ mm}$   
 $\alpha = 0.002^\circ$



$L_s = 5.00 \text{ mm}$   
 $\alpha = 0.089^\circ$



$L_s = 1.00 \text{ mm}$   
 $\alpha = 1.496^\circ$



$L_s = 0.01 \text{ mm}$   
 $\alpha = 2.782^\circ$

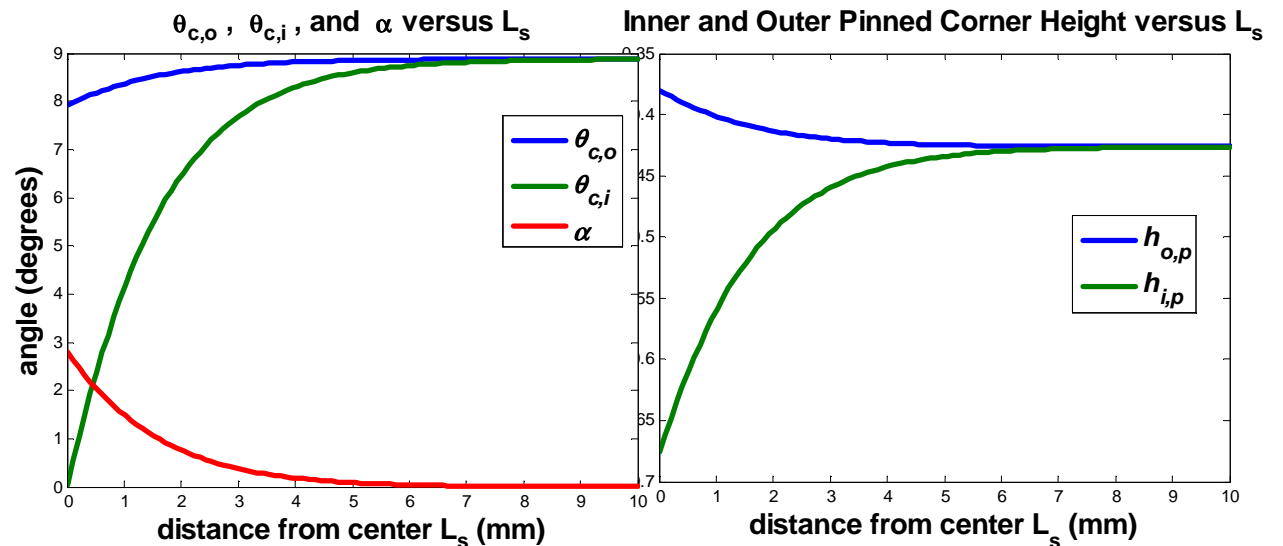
The system of equations was solved using MATLAB

## Particles

Particle Density  $\rho_p$ : 2,300 Kg/m<sup>3</sup>  
 $L_p$ : 6.10 mm  
 $L_{\text{depth}}$ : 5.0 mm

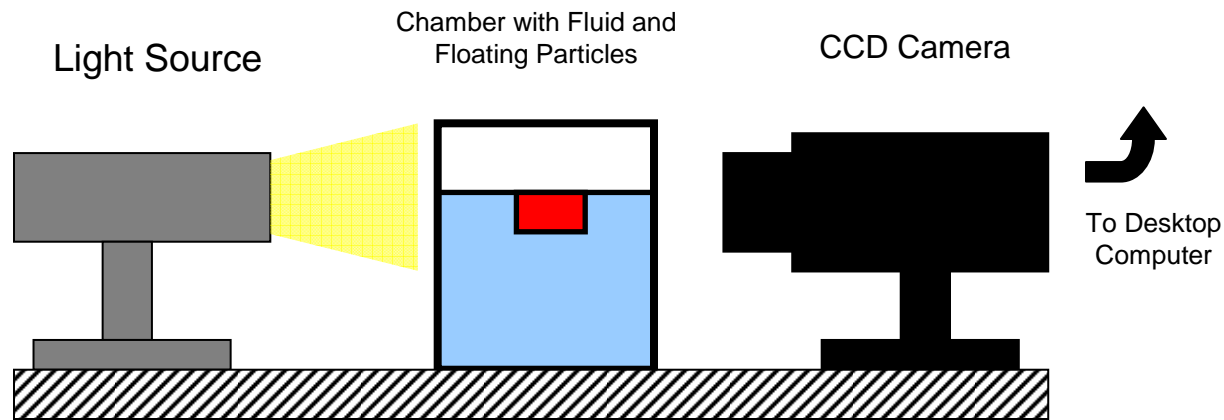
## Liquid

Material: Water  
 Density  $\rho_p$ : 1,000 Kg/m<sup>3</sup>  
 Surface Tension  $\gamma$ : 0.073 N/m



# Particle Tilt Measurement

## Front View



## Particles

Material : Si

Particle Density  $\rho_p$  : 2,300 Kg/m<sup>3</sup>

Fixed Dimension : 6.10 mm

Varied Dimension : 2.37 mm to 30.0 mm

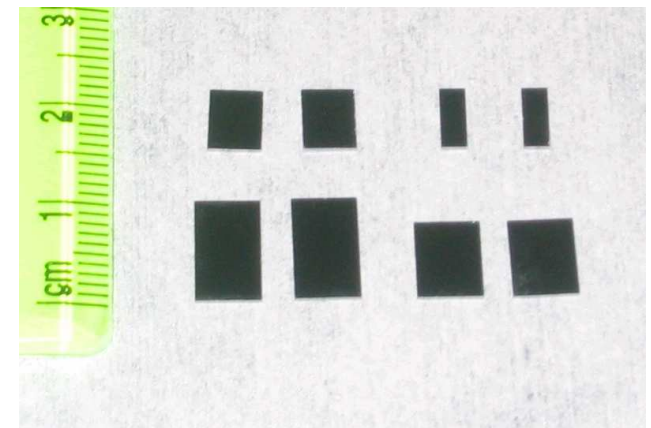
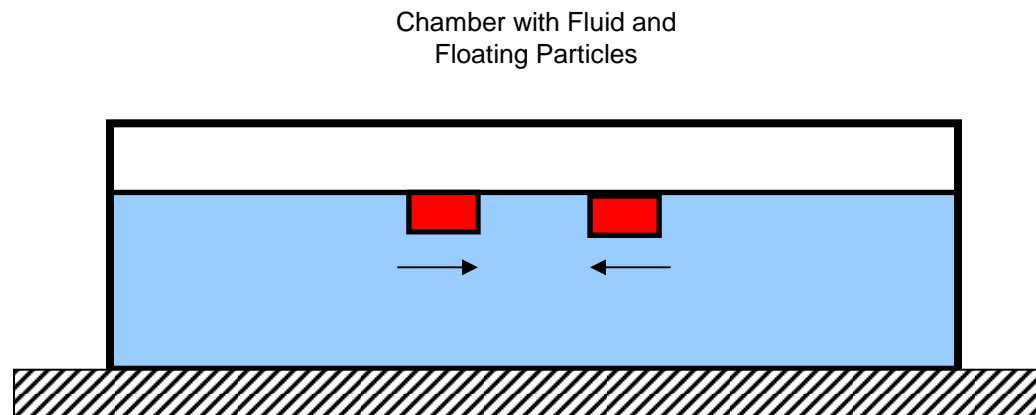
## Liquid

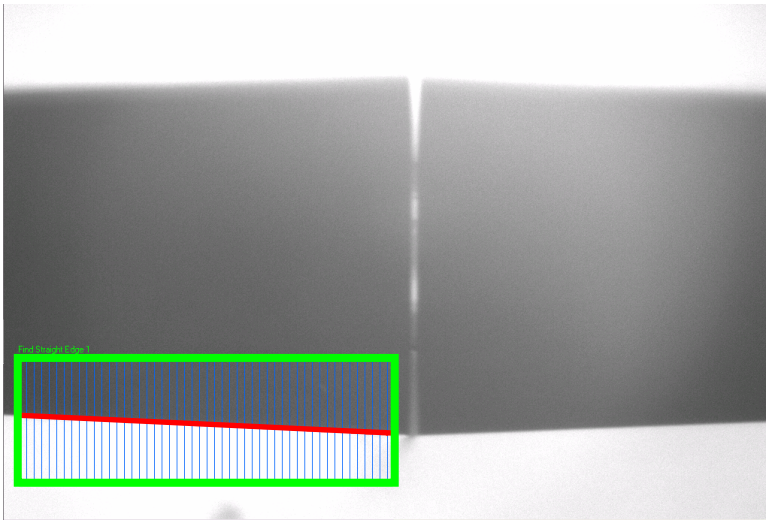
Material : Water

Density  $\rho$  : 1,000 Kg/m<sup>3</sup>

Surface Tension  $\gamma$  : 0.073 N/m

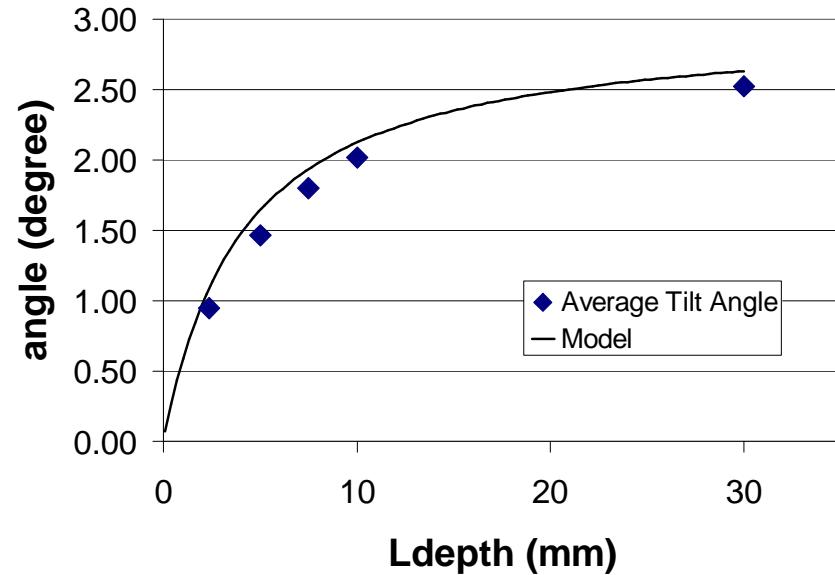
## Camera View



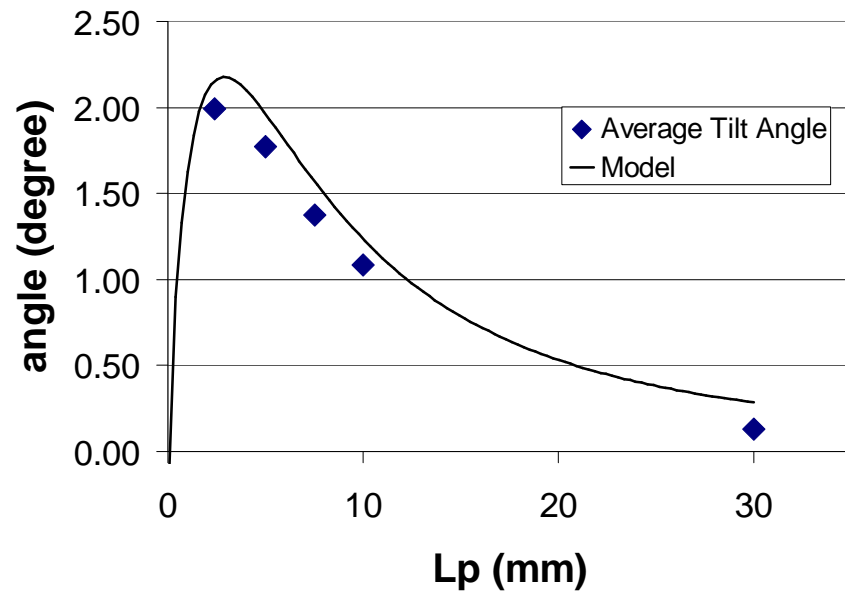


1. Acquire the image after the particles have assembled and reached equilibrium position
2. Post process with NI Vision Assistant Software to obtain the tilt angle  $\alpha$

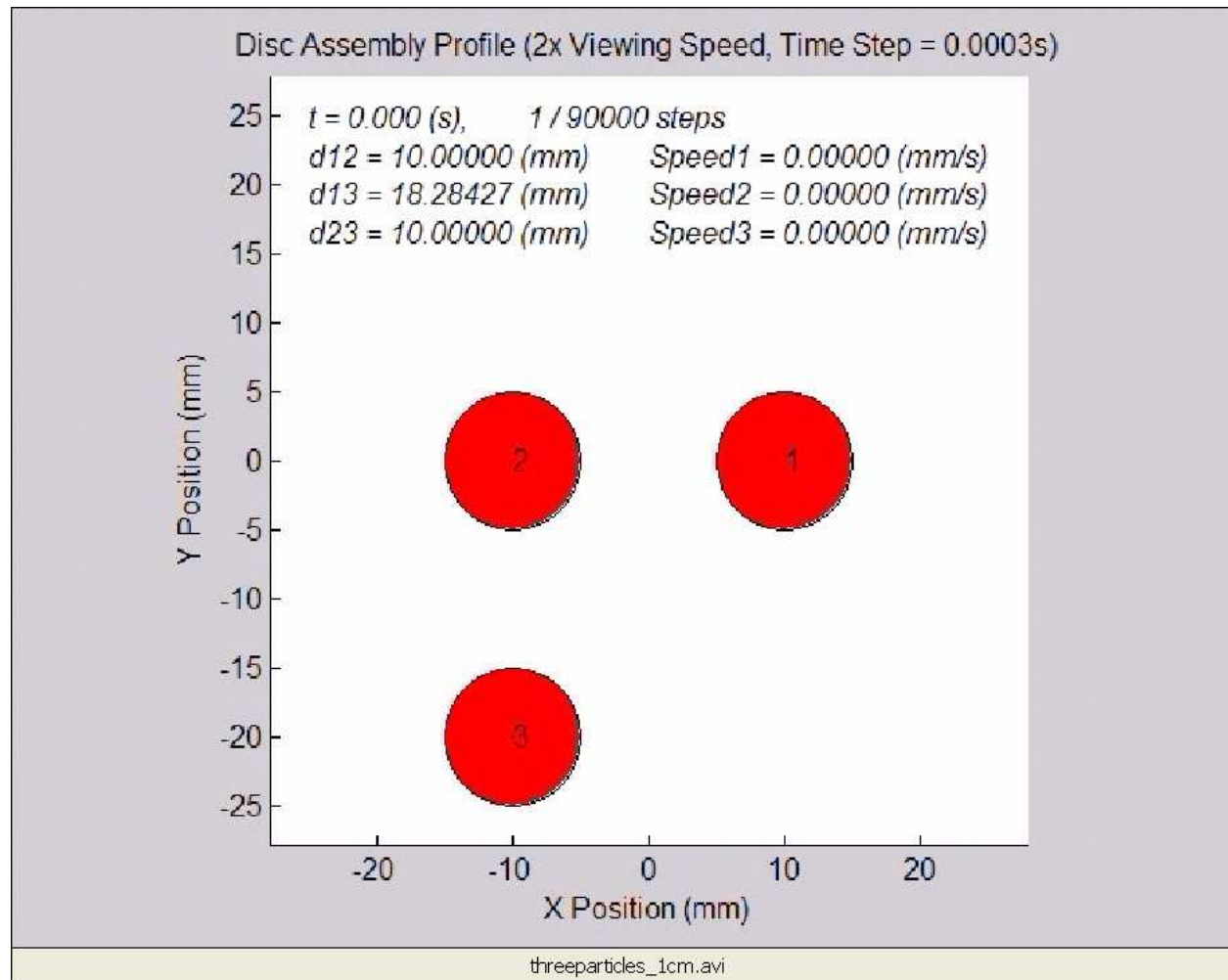
Average Tilt Angle  $L_p = 6.10\text{mm}$



Average Tilt Angle  $L_{depth} = 6.10\text{mm}$



# Rigid Body Dynamics Simulation



# Summary

- Established low cost way of assembling biosensor arrays
- Showed possibility of directed self-assembly could be accomplished by controlling repulsive and binding forces
- Developed a model to describe the flotation of one object that are denser than the fluid
- Extended the model to describing the self-assembly of two objects
- Verified models with tilt experiment
- Results were used in a rigid body dynamics simulation to predict the final configuration of multiple objects

