

# Flow of immersed granular media: experiments and continuum two-phases modelling

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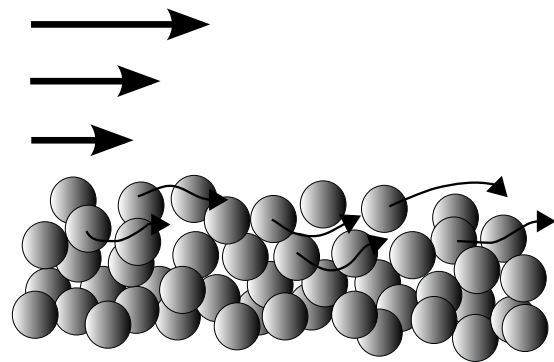


# Motivations: flow of immersed granular media

## Sediment transport in river



Laonong River, Taiwan





# Motivations: flow of immersed granular media

## Landslide

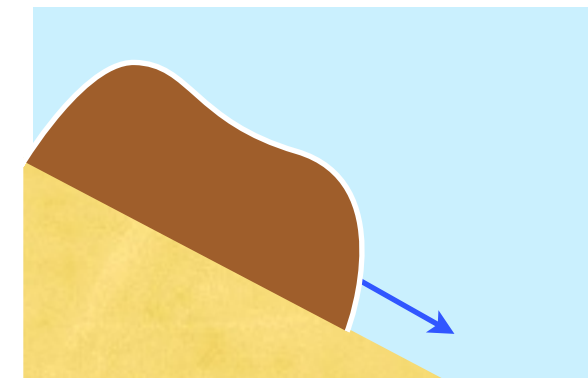


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Model experiments  
Understanding the physical mechanism

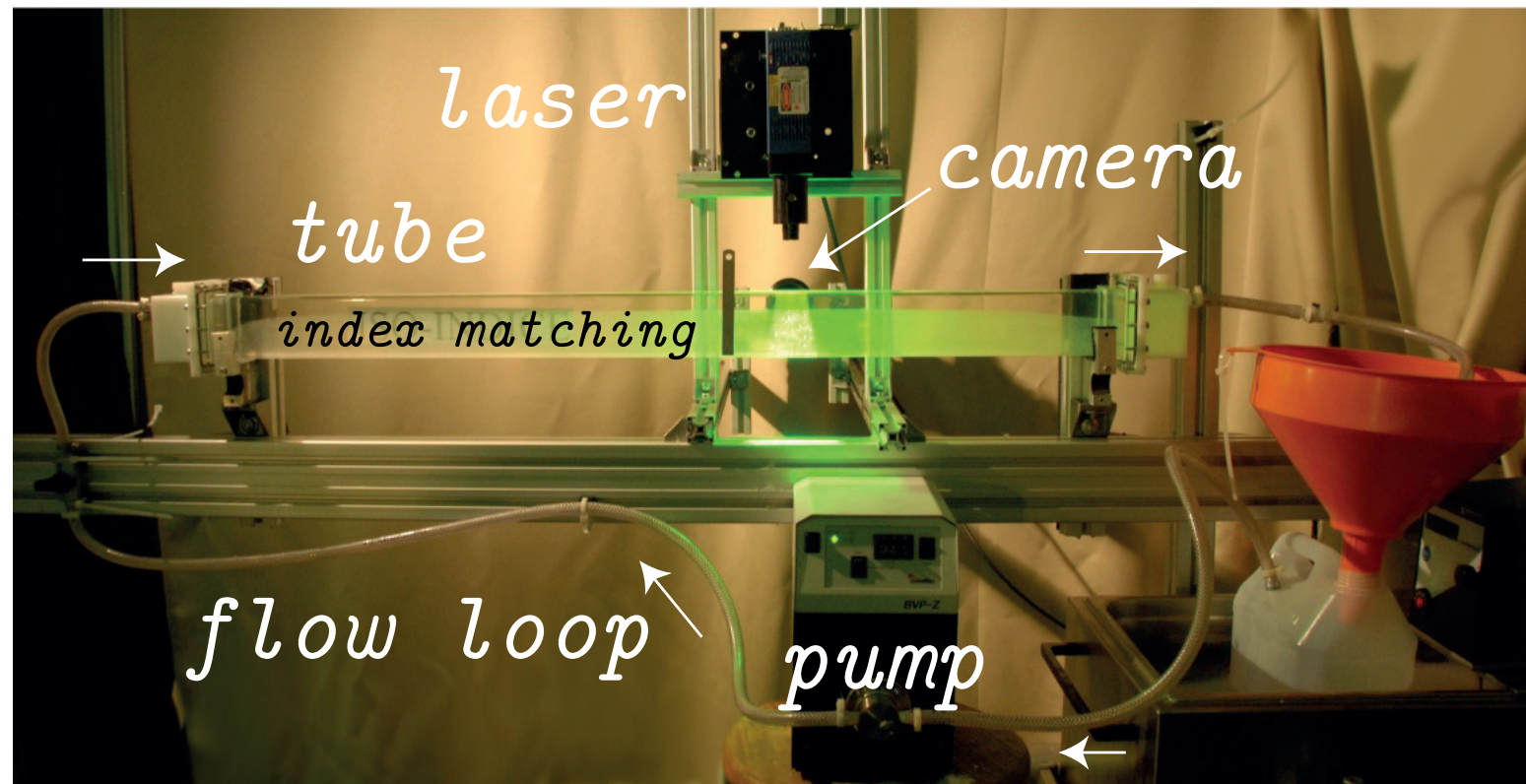


Continuum description

# Bed-load transport by laminar shearing flows

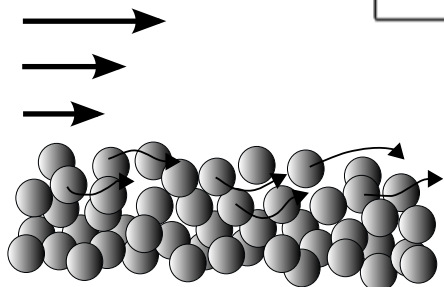
*Aussillous, Chauchat, Pailha, Médale and Guazzelli, JFM 13*

Granular bed in a rectangular-tube flow (6.5cmx1mx3.5cm)



→ Index-matched combinations of fluid and particles

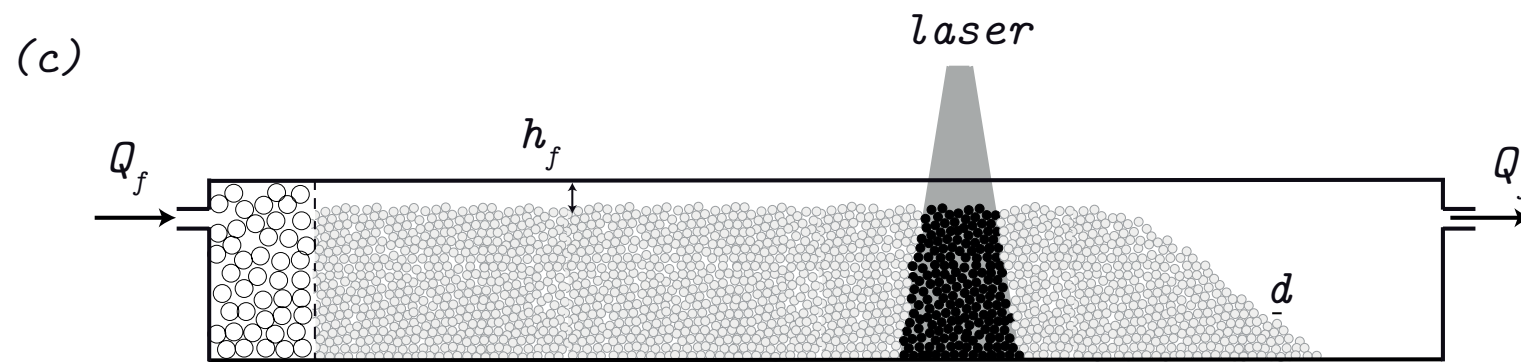
Particles	Fluid	$\Delta\rho$ (kg/m <sup>3</sup> )	$d$ (mm)	$\eta_f$ (mPa.s)
Borosilicate	Triton X-100 (85%wt) - eau	1170	1.1	320
PMMA	Triton X-100	120	2	270



→ Imposed fluid flow rate  $q_f$

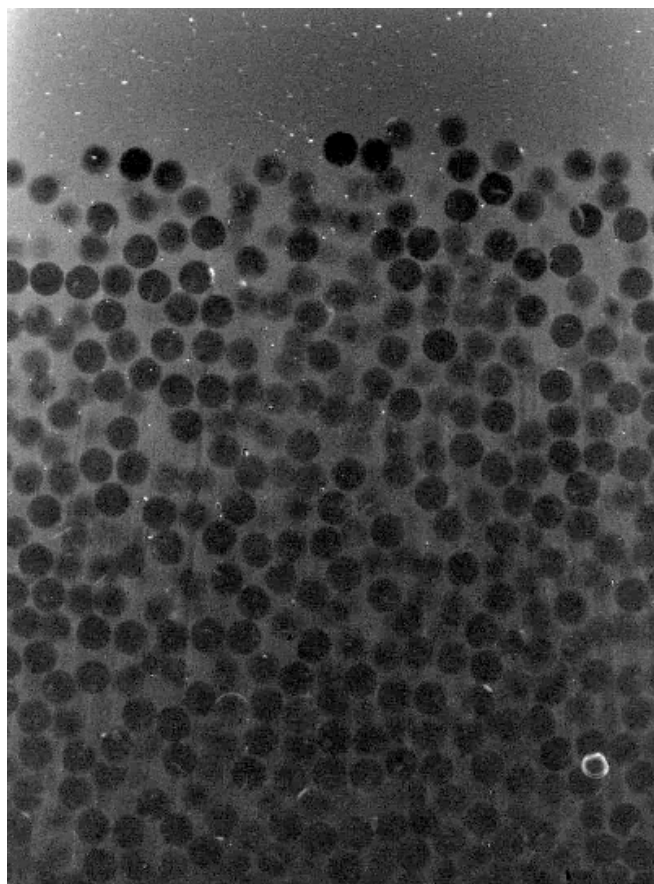


# Inside the mobile granular bed (PMMA, $Q_f = 4.1 \text{ cm}^3/\text{s}$ )

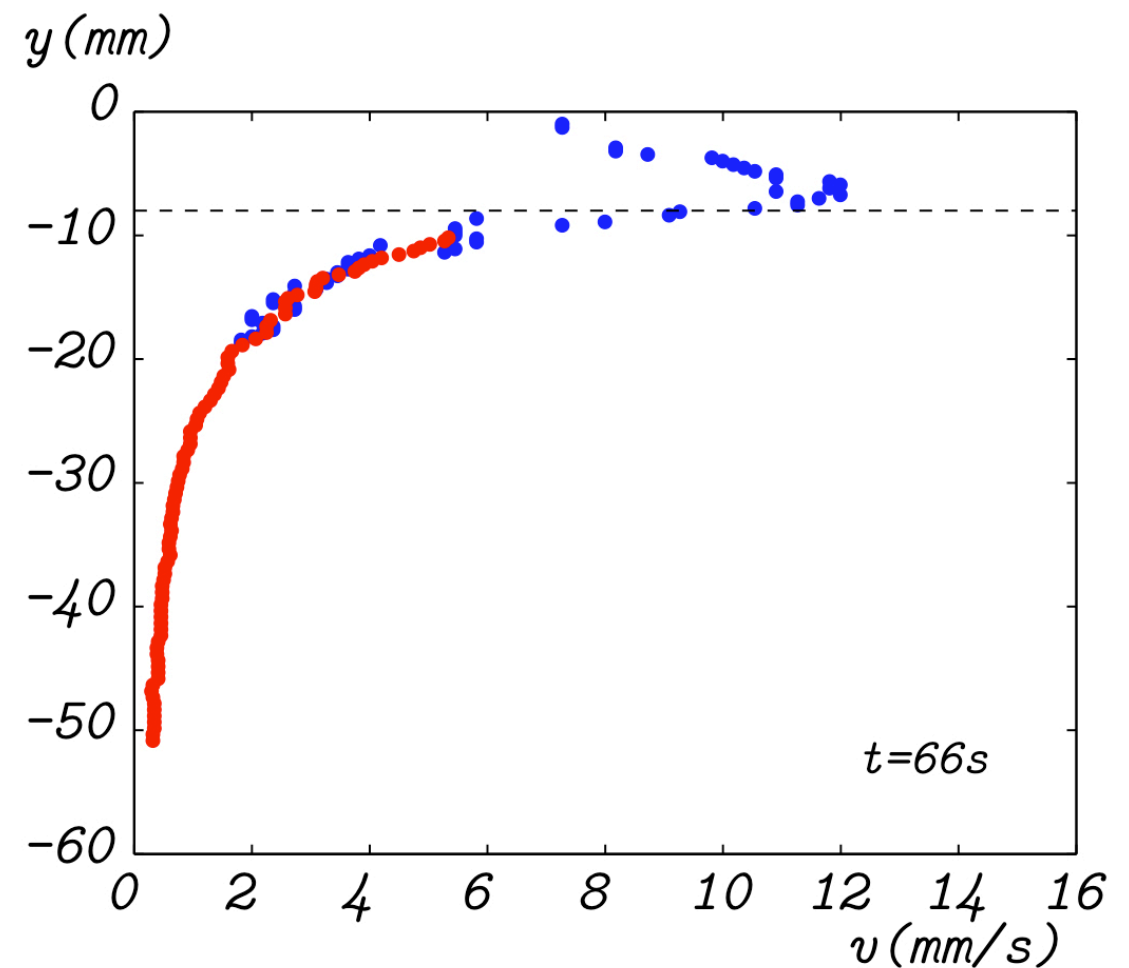


Fluid made fluorescent (Rhodamine 6G) and seeded with fingerprint powder

PIV  $\rightarrow$  fluid ( $\bullet$ ) and particle ( $\bullet$ ) velocities  $u_x^f(z)$ ,  $u_x^p(z)$



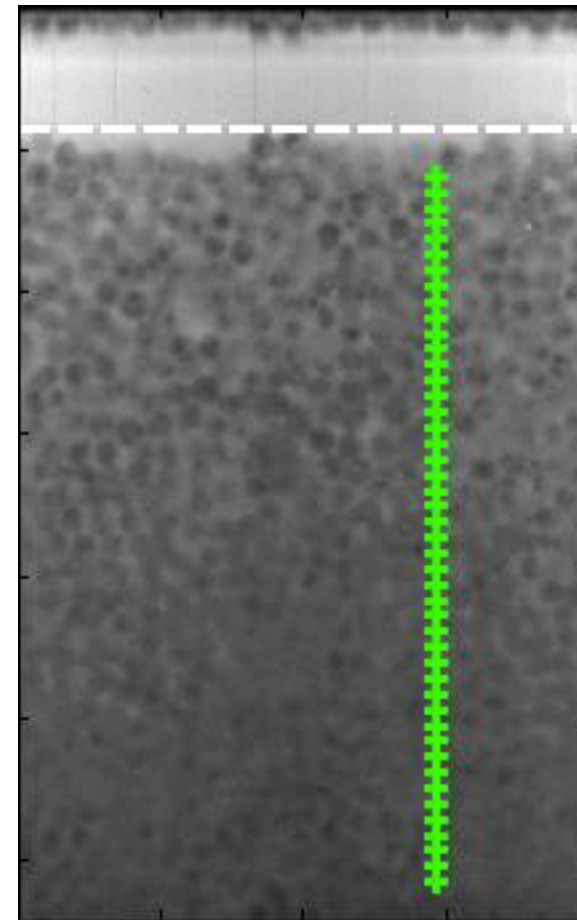
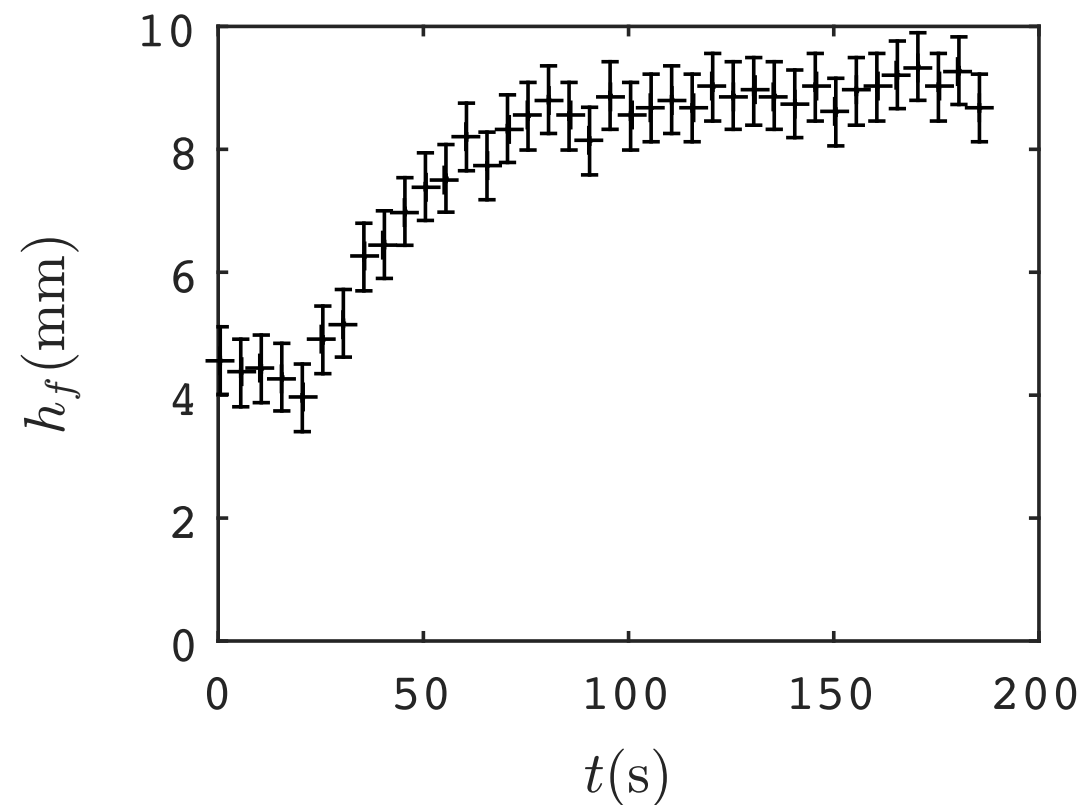
Accelerated movie (x15)



No velocity slip between particles and fluid

# Velocity and concentration profile (Borosilicate, $Q_f = 3.6 \text{ cm}^3/\text{s}$ )

Grey level intensity  $\rightarrow$  fluid height  $h_f$  and volume fraction  $\phi(z)$  (+)



$\rightarrow$  quasi-steady uniform regime

$\rightarrow \phi \approx$  constant, except at the top interface (vanishes on a distance  $\approx d$ )

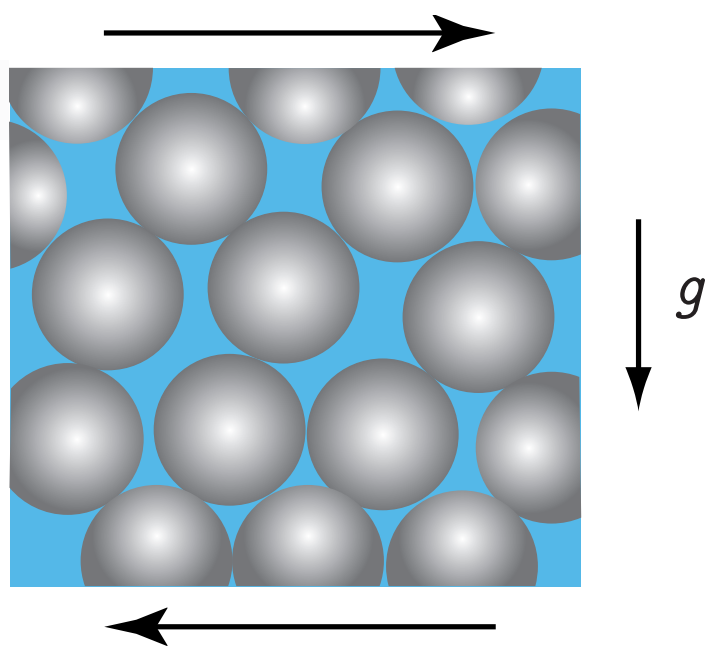


# Continuum two-phase modelling (Re<<1)

Jackson Chem. Eng. Sci. 97  
Guazzelli and Pouliquen JFM 18

Total stress tensor

$$\sigma = \sigma^p + \sigma^f$$



Volume fraction  $\phi$

- Continuity equations

$$\frac{\partial \epsilon}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial \epsilon u_k^f}{\partial x_k} = 0 \quad \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial \phi u_k^p}{\partial x_k} = 0$$

- Momentum equations

$$\frac{\partial \sigma_{ij}^f}{\partial x_j} - n \langle f^h \rangle_i^p + \rho_f \epsilon g_i = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial \sigma_{ij}^p}{\partial x_j} + n \langle f^h \rangle_i^p + \rho_p \phi g_i = 0$$

- Closures

- Interphase hydrodynamic force :

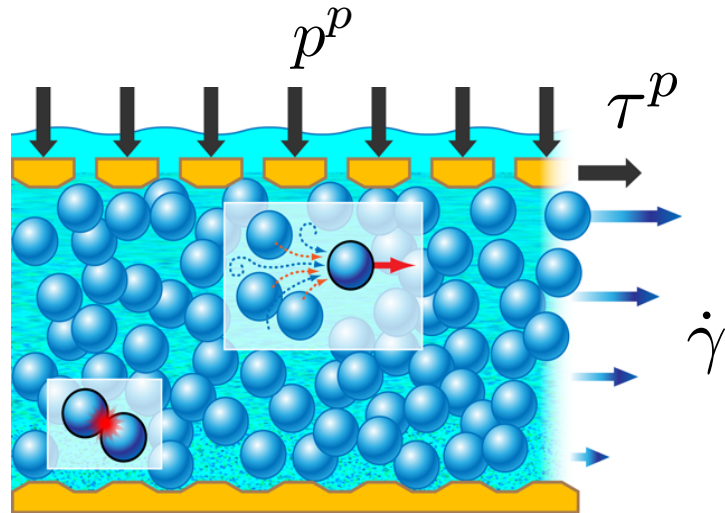
$$n \langle f^h \rangle_i^p = -\rho_f \phi g_i + \frac{\eta_f}{K(\phi)} (U_i - u_i^p)$$

- Stress of the particle phase ?
- Stress of the fluid phase ?

buoyancy force      viscous Darcy drag

# Effective stress of the particulate phase: contact interactions

Plane shear under controlled normal stress

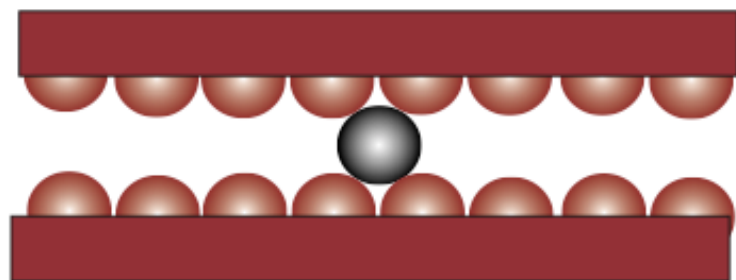


One imposes  $p^p$  and  $\dot{\gamma}$   $\Rightarrow$  Shear stress  $\tau^p$ ?

$$\tau^p = \mu(J)p^p$$

*Boyer et al PRL 11, Dagois-Bohy et al JFM 15 ; Tapia et al PRF 19*

A single dimensionless number: ratio between 2 times



time scale of the mean shear:  $t_{macro} \sim 1/\dot{\gamma}$

microscopic time for rearrangement  $t_{micro} = \frac{\eta_f}{p^p}$

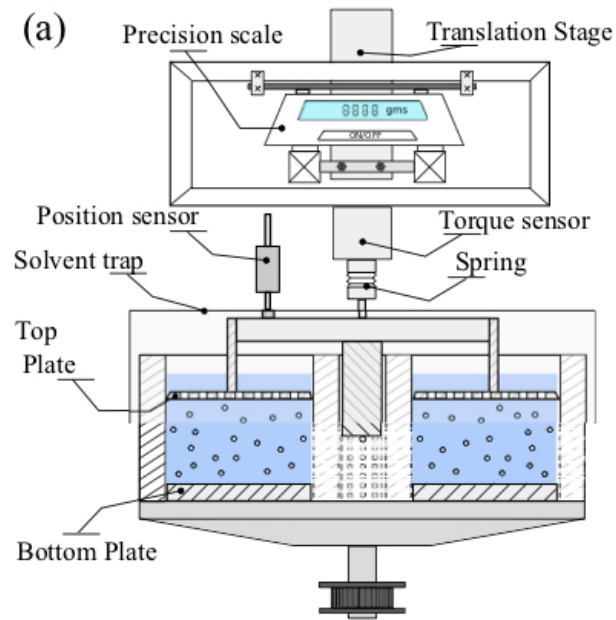
$$J = \frac{t_{micro}}{t_{macro}} = \frac{\eta_f |\dot{\gamma}|}{p^p}$$

*Courrech Du Pont et al Eur. Lett. 03; Cassar et al PoF 05*



# Effective stress of the particulate phase: contact interactions

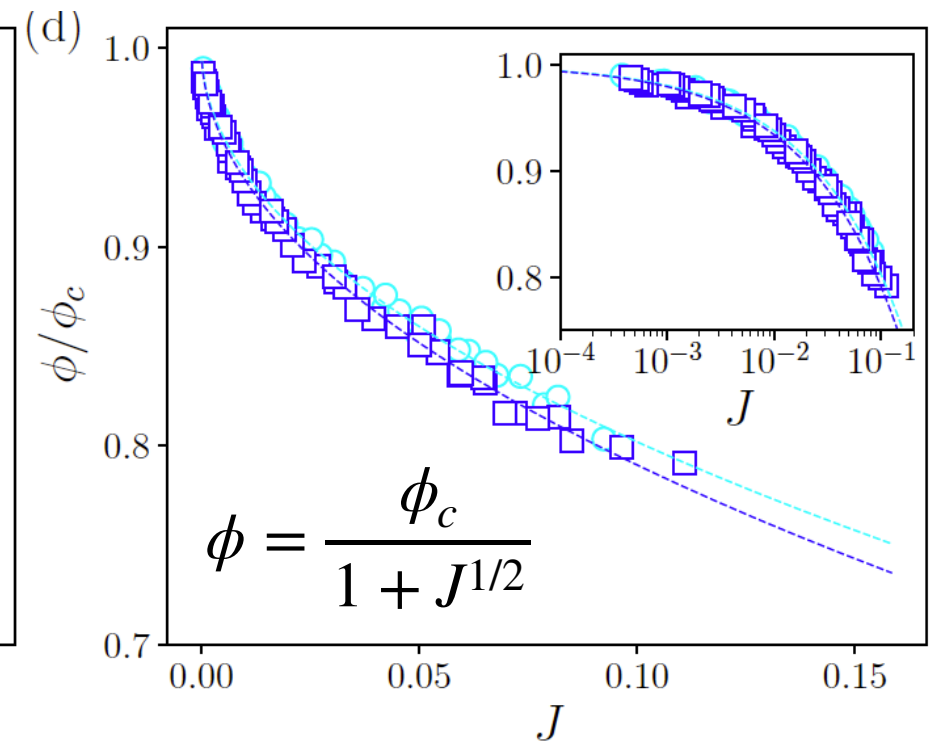
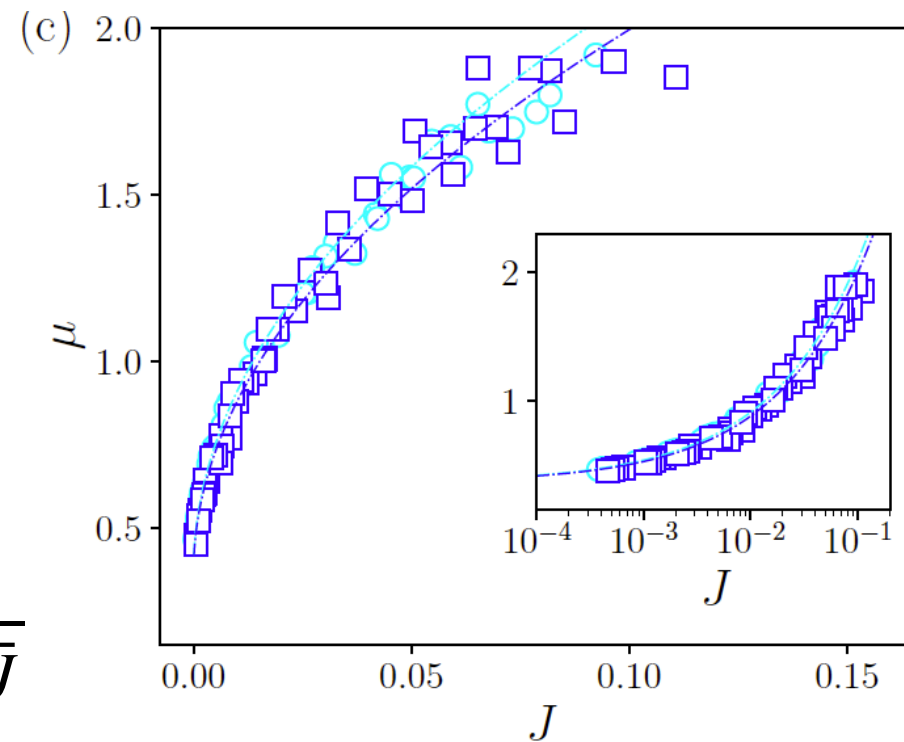
Pressure-imposed rheology of viscous Newtonian non-buoyant suspension



$$\mu(J) = \mu_c + \frac{\mu_2 - \mu_c}{1 + \sqrt{J_0/J}}$$

$$\tau^p = \mu(J)p^p$$

$$\phi = \phi(J)$$



$$\phi = \frac{\phi_c}{1 + J^{1/2}}$$

Tapia et al PRF 19

Rheology for granular flow:

If  $\mu > \mu_c$       $\sigma_{ij}^p = -p^p \delta_{ij} + \tau_{ij}^p$

$$\tau_{ij}^p = \frac{\mu(J)p^p}{|\dot{\gamma}|} \dot{\gamma}_{ij}$$

$$\phi = \phi(J)$$

Else  $\dot{\gamma} = 0$

Pressure dependant viscosity

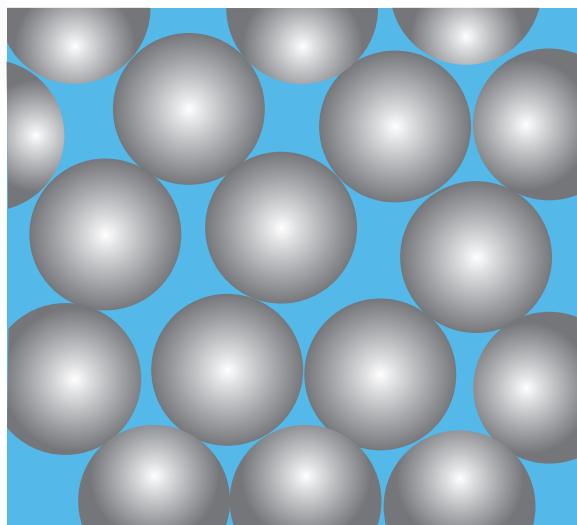
Jop et al Nature 06

# Effective stress of the fluid phase

*Jackson Chem. Eng. Sci. 97, Nott et al. PoF 11*

Total stress tensor

$$\sigma = \sigma^p + \sigma^f$$



Volume averaged velocity

$$U_i = \phi u_i^p + \epsilon u_i^f$$

Effective viscosity  $\eta_e(\phi)$

→ Recover Einstein viscosity at low  $\phi$

→ depend on the flow configuration ?

$$\sigma^f = (1 - \phi) \langle \sigma \rangle^f + \sigma^{fp}$$

mean fluid stress tensor

terms coming from  
fluid-particle interactions

$$\sigma_{ij}^f = -p^f \delta_{ij} + \tau_{ij}^f$$

Newtonian rheology for the fluid phase  
with an effective viscosity  $\eta_e(\phi)$

$$\tau_{ij}^f = \eta_e(\phi) \left( \frac{\partial U_i}{\partial x_j} + \frac{\partial U_j}{\partial x_i} \right)$$

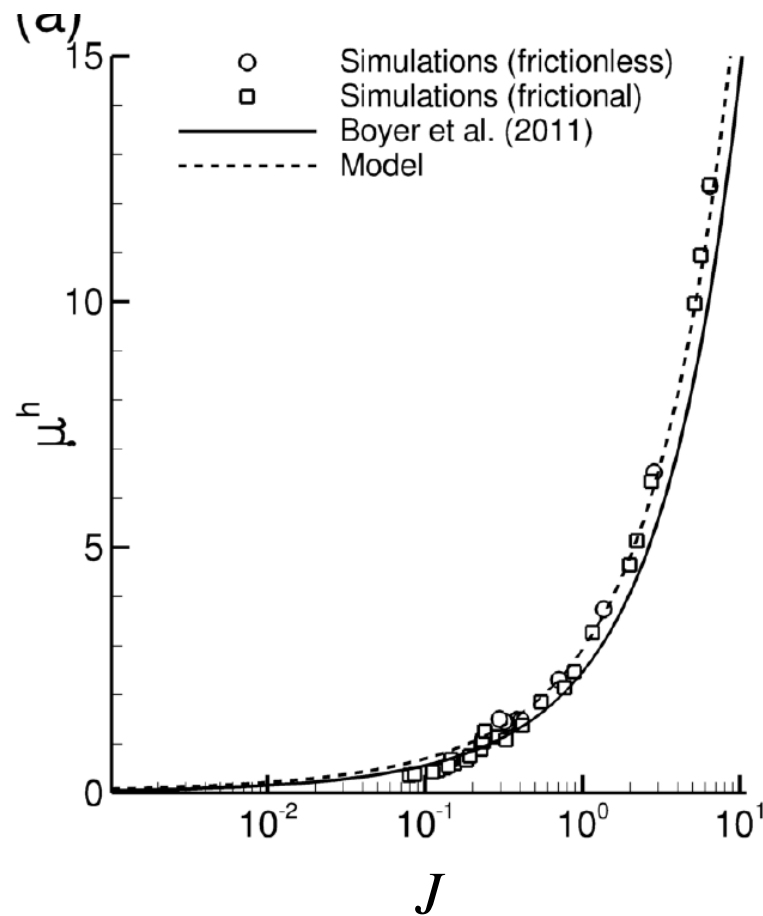
$$\eta_e(\phi) \rightarrow \eta_f \left( 1 + \frac{5}{2} \phi \right)$$



# Effective viscosity: neutrally buoyant suspension

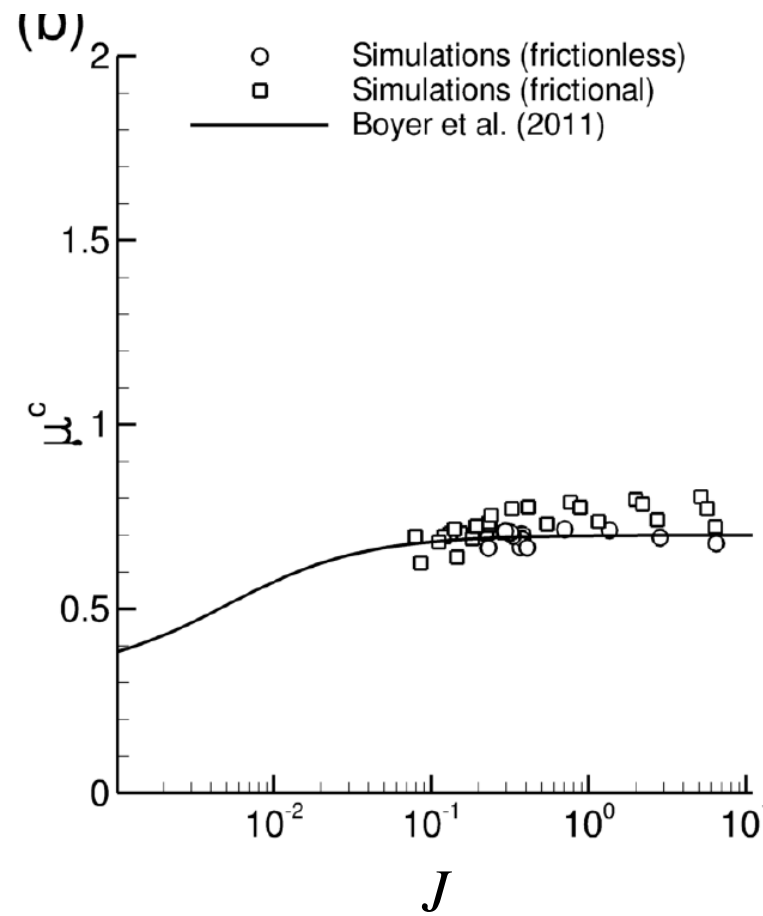
Gallier et al. JFM 14

Numerical simulations (Volume-imposed rheology)



Boyer et al. PRL 11

Pressure-imposed rheology



$$\mu = \underbrace{\mu_c + \frac{\mu_2 - \mu_c}{1 + J_0/J}}_{\mu^c} + \underbrace{J + \frac{5}{2}\phi_c J^{1/2}}_{\mu^h}$$

$$\phi = \frac{\phi_c}{1 + J^{1/2}} \Rightarrow J = \left(\frac{\phi_c - \phi}{\phi}\right)^2$$

$$\eta_e(\phi) = \eta_f \left[ 1 + \frac{5}{2} \phi \left( 1 - \frac{\phi}{\phi_c} \right)^{-1} \right]$$

Blanc et al. J. Rheol. 11

Shear reversal experiment at large  $\phi$

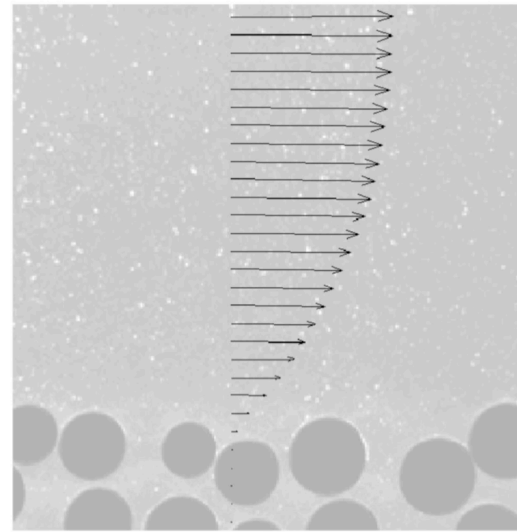
# Effective viscosity: immersed granular media

## Flow in porous media

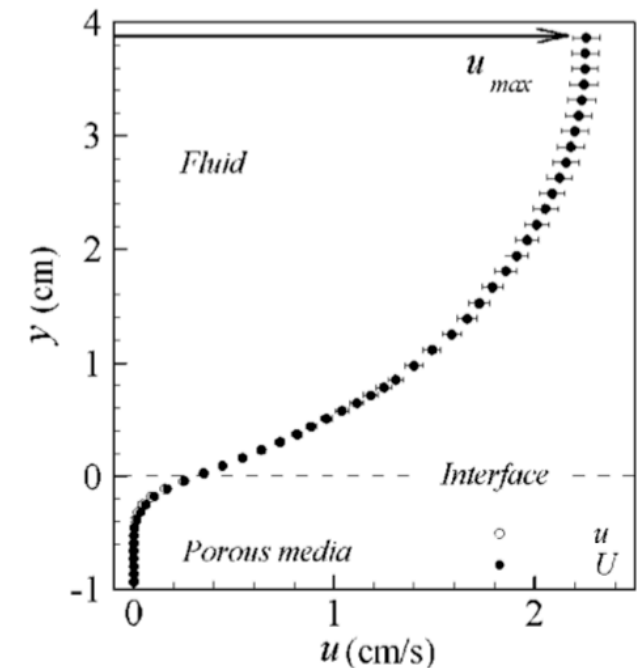
*Brinkman, Appl. Sci. Res*

*Goharzadeh et al PoF 05*

$$\eta_e(\phi) = \eta_f \left[ 1 + \frac{5}{2} \phi \right]$$

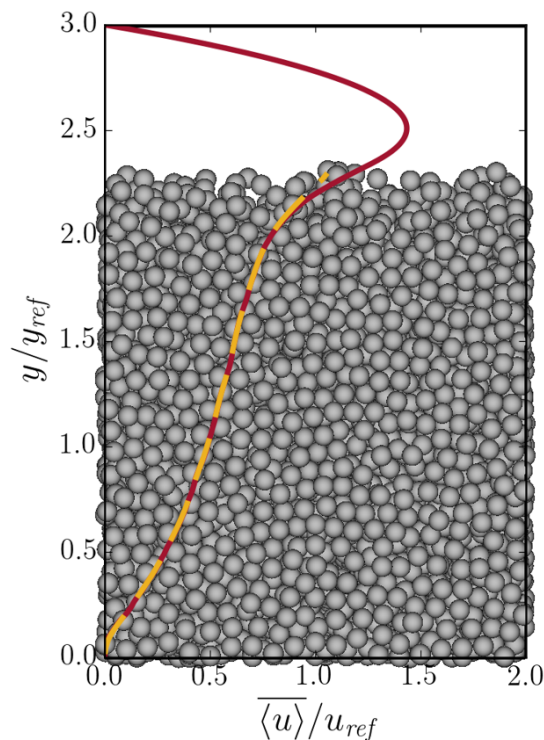


Index matched technic

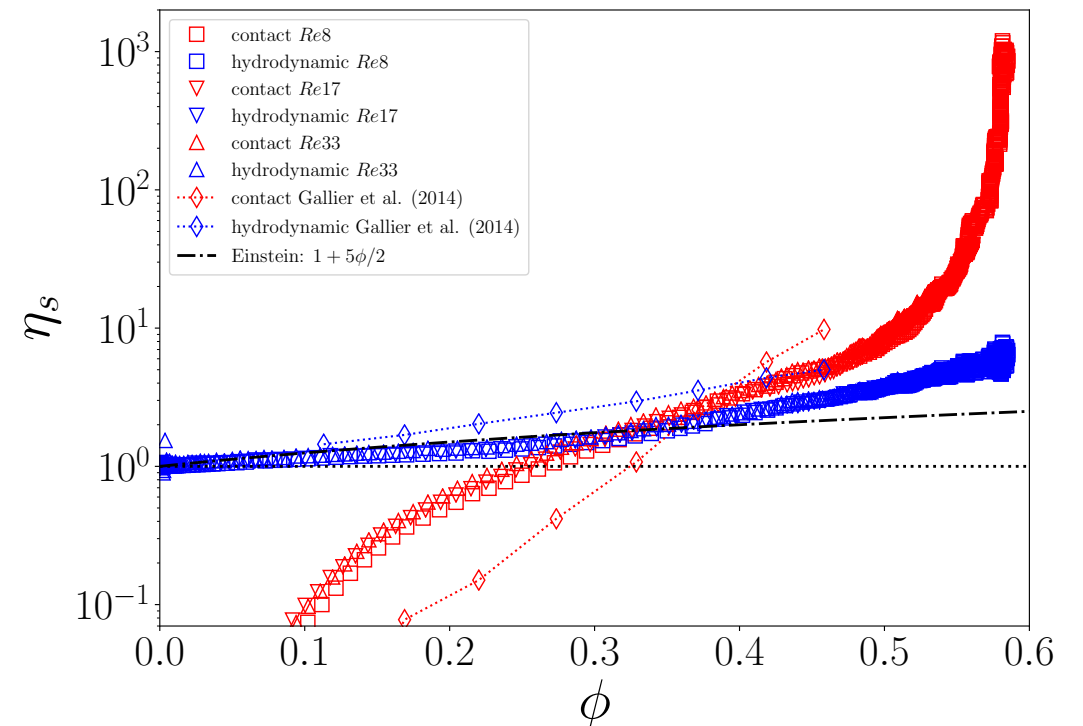


## Bed-load transport (Direct Numerical Simulations)

*Vowinckel et al JFM 21*



→ Hydrodynamic and Contact contributions



particles are touching : long-range hydrodynamic effects screened



# Continuum two-phase modelling (viscous dense suspensions)

- Continuity equations

$$\frac{\partial \epsilon}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial \epsilon u_k^f}{\partial x_k} = 0 \qquad \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial \phi u_k^p}{\partial x_k} = 0$$

- Momentum equations

$$-\frac{\partial p^f}{\partial x_i} + \frac{\partial \tau_{ij}^f}{\partial x_j} - \langle f^h \rangle_{drag_i}^p + \rho_f g_i = 0$$

$$-\frac{\partial p^p}{\partial x_j} + \frac{\partial \tau_{ij}^p}{\partial x_j} + \langle f^h \rangle_{drag_i}^p + \phi(\rho_p - \rho_f)g_i = 0$$

- Closures

- Drag force  $\langle f^h \rangle_{drag_i}^p = \frac{\eta_f}{K(\phi)}(U_i - u_i^p)$

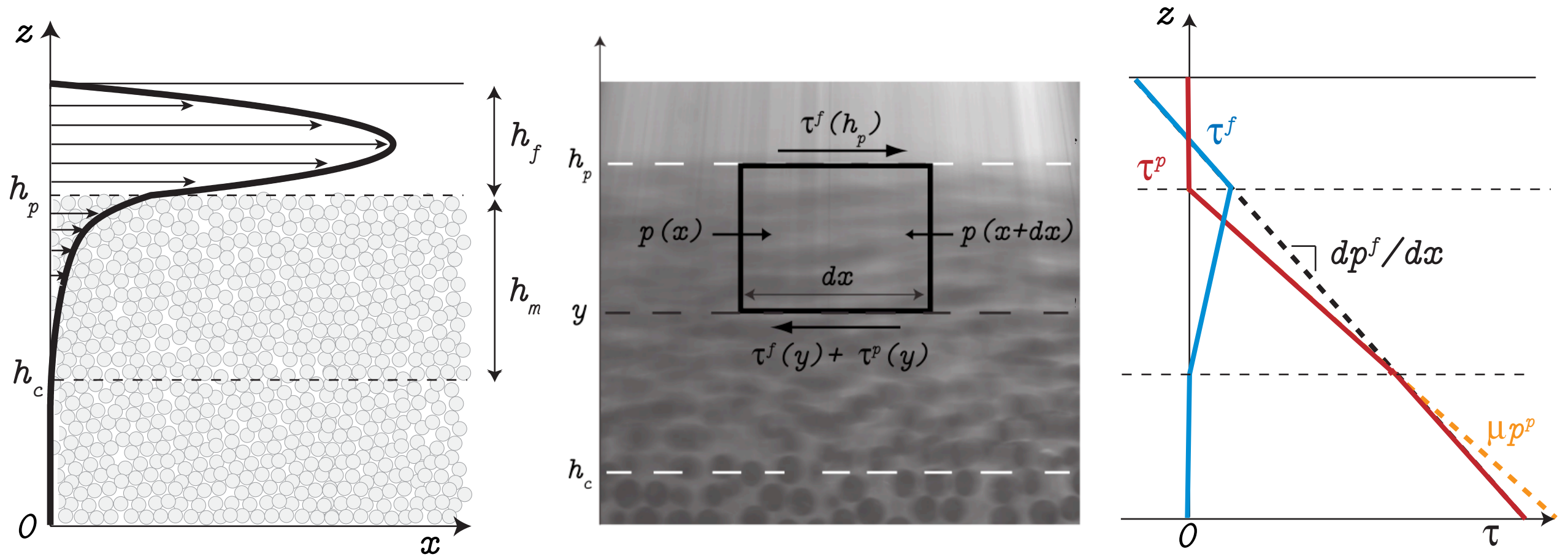
- Frictional rheology for the particle phase

$$\tau_{ij}^p = \frac{\mu(J)p^p}{|\dot{\gamma}|} \dot{\gamma}_{ij} \qquad J = \frac{\eta_f |\dot{\gamma}|}{P}$$

- Newtonian rheology for the fluid phase

$$\tau_{ij}^f = \eta_e(\phi) \left( \frac{\partial U_i}{\partial x_j} + \frac{\partial U_j}{\partial x_i} \right)$$

# Two-phase model for viscous shearing flows



- **Hydrostatic pressure:**

$$p^p = \phi \Delta \rho g (h_p - z)$$

- **Brinkman equation** for the fluid phase:

$$\frac{\partial p^f}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial \tau^f}{\partial y} + \eta \beta (U - u^p) = 0$$

→ Darcy drag term dominant ( $u^p \approx u^f$ )  
(particle-fluid interaction)

- **Mixture equation:**

$$\tau^p(z) + \tau^f(z) = \tau^f(h_p) - \frac{\partial p^f}{\partial x} (h_p - z)$$

→ Exchange between stresses of the fluid  
and solid phases

# Comparison with the experiments

- Dimensional analysis: Coulomb friction  $\mu = \mu_c$

Einstein viscosity (1956)  $\phi = 0.55, \eta_e \approx 2.4\eta_f$

*Ouriemi et al. JMF 09 Part 1*

Analytical solution

- Relevant scaling  $\rightarrow$  length scale  $h_f$
- Control parameter  $\rightarrow$  dimensionless fluid flow rate  $q_f/(\Delta\rho gh_f^3/\eta_f)$
- Parabolic velocity profile  $\rightarrow$  does not well describe the experimental velocity profile

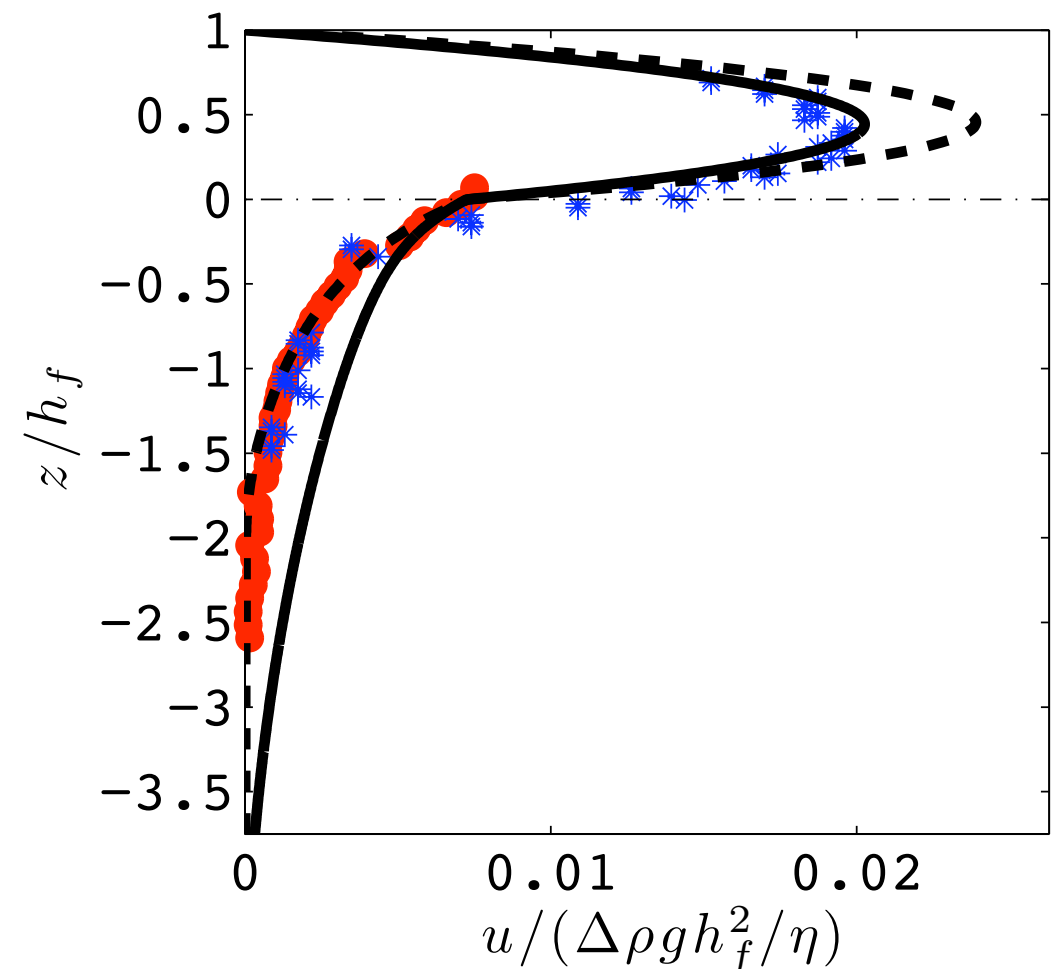
- Granular frictional rheology

$$\mu(J) = \mu_c + \frac{(\mu_2 - \mu_c)}{1 + J_0/J}$$

$$\phi = 0.55, \quad \eta_e = cst$$

Solve numerically in 2D (—) and 3D (- -)

$$\mu_c = 0.24, \mu_2 = 0.39, J_0 = 0.01, \eta_e/\eta_f = 6.6$$





# Flow of immersed granular media

- Bedload sediment transport: Inertial but still laminar case
  - Refractive index matched technic with low viscous fluid
  - hydrogels

$$St = \frac{\rho_p d^2 \dot{\gamma}}{\eta_f}$$

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- Beyond steady flow

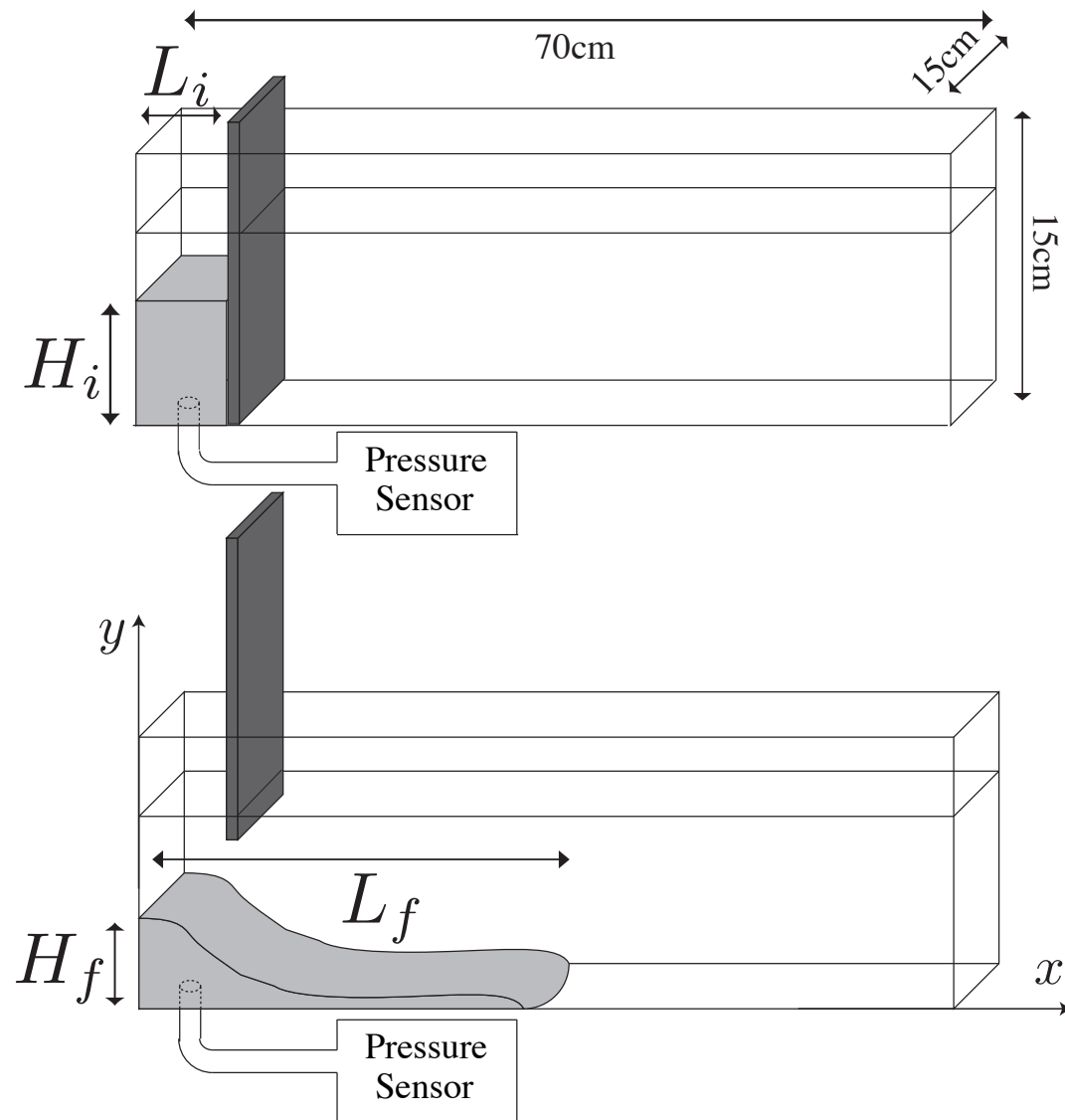
Frictional rheology for the particle phase  $\tau_{ij}^p = \frac{\mu(J) p^p}{|\dot{\gamma}|} \dot{\gamma}_{ij}$   $J = \frac{\eta_f |\dot{\gamma}|}{P}$

→ only valid in steady flows  $\phi = \phi(J)$

⇒ role of the initial preparation of the granular bed ?

# Granular collapse in a fluid

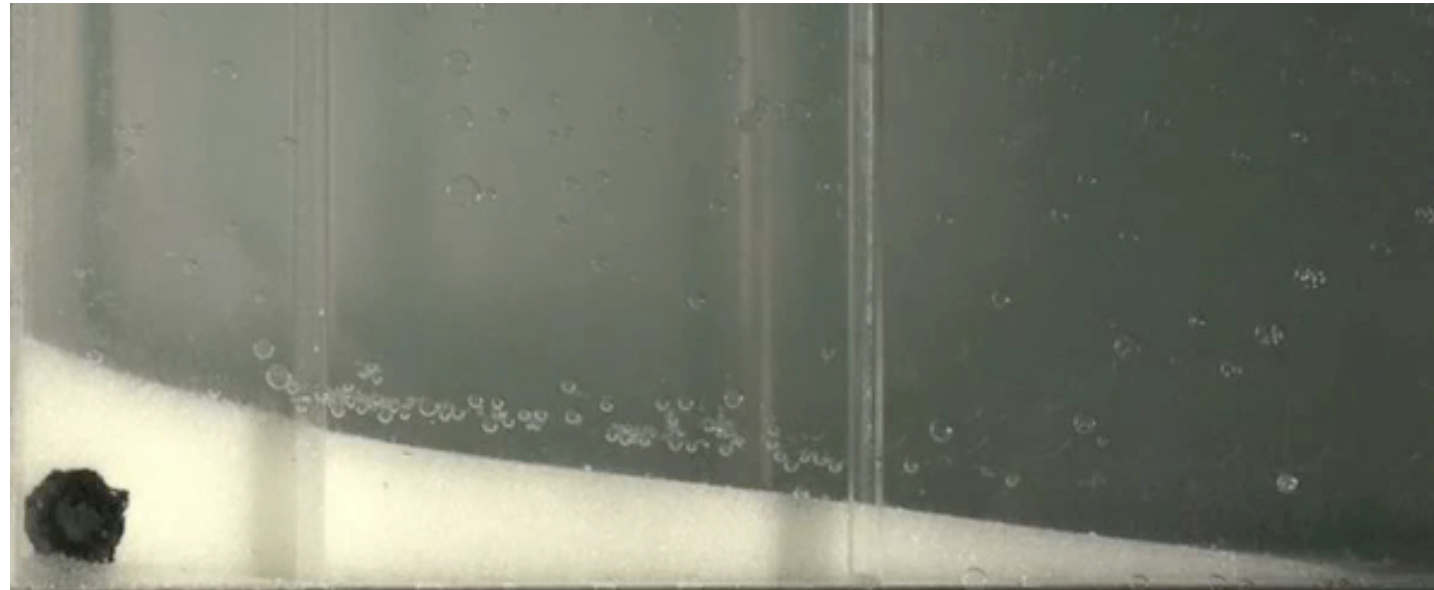
Rondon et al POF 11



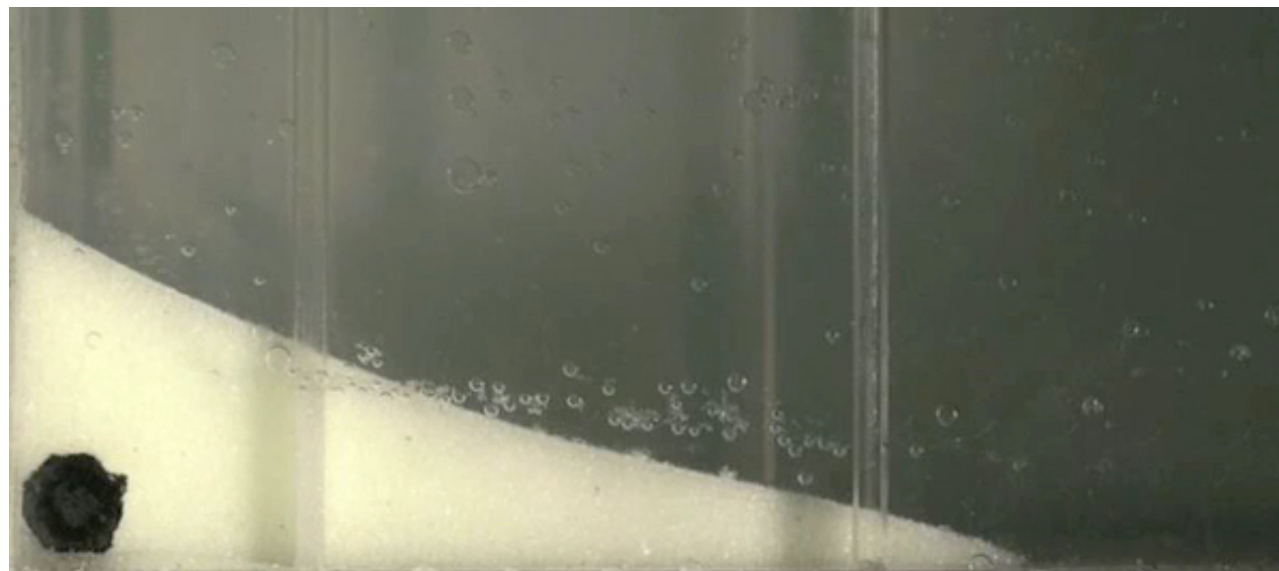
- Glass beads,  $d=225 \mu\text{m}$
- Ucon-water mixture  
 $\eta=12/23 \text{ cP}$
- Initial aspect ratio  
 $A=H_i/L_i$
- $0.555 < \phi_i < 0.62$

# Granular collapse in a fluid

Loose



Dense



Loose  $\rightarrow$  fast, long run out

Dense  $\rightarrow$  slow, short run out

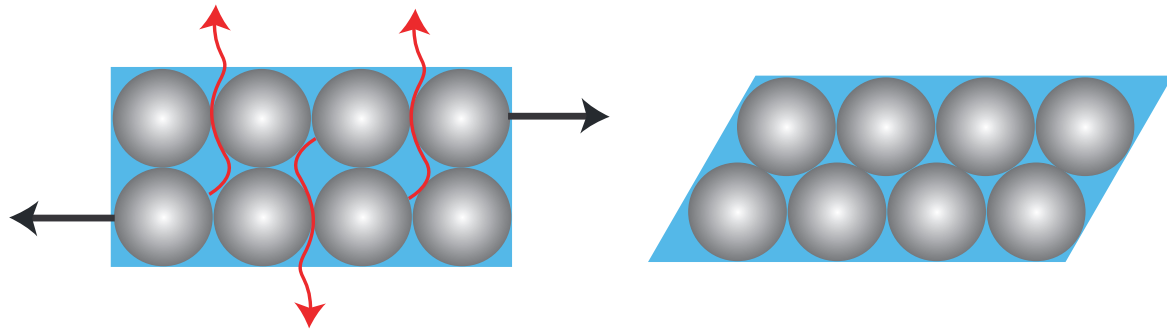
**Crucial role of the initial solid volume fraction**



# Pore pressure feedback

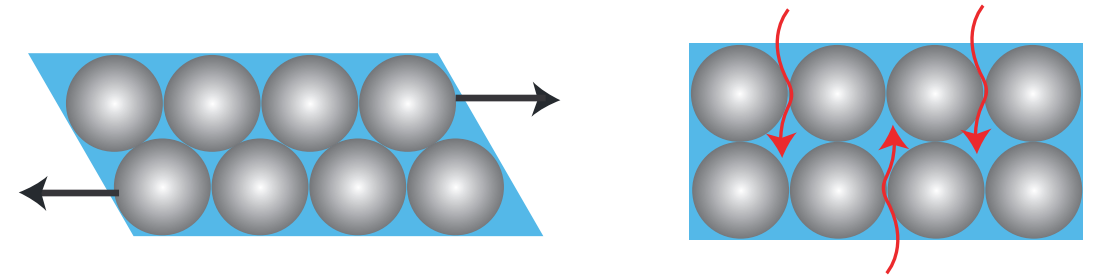
*Iverson et al. Sciences 00*

Loose case:  $\phi \nearrow$



- Fluid expelled
- $p^f \nearrow \Rightarrow p^p \searrow$
- Friction  $\searrow$

Dense case:  $\phi \searrow$



- Fluid sucked
- $p^f \searrow \Rightarrow p^p \nearrow$
- Friction  $\nearrow$

Two phase model:

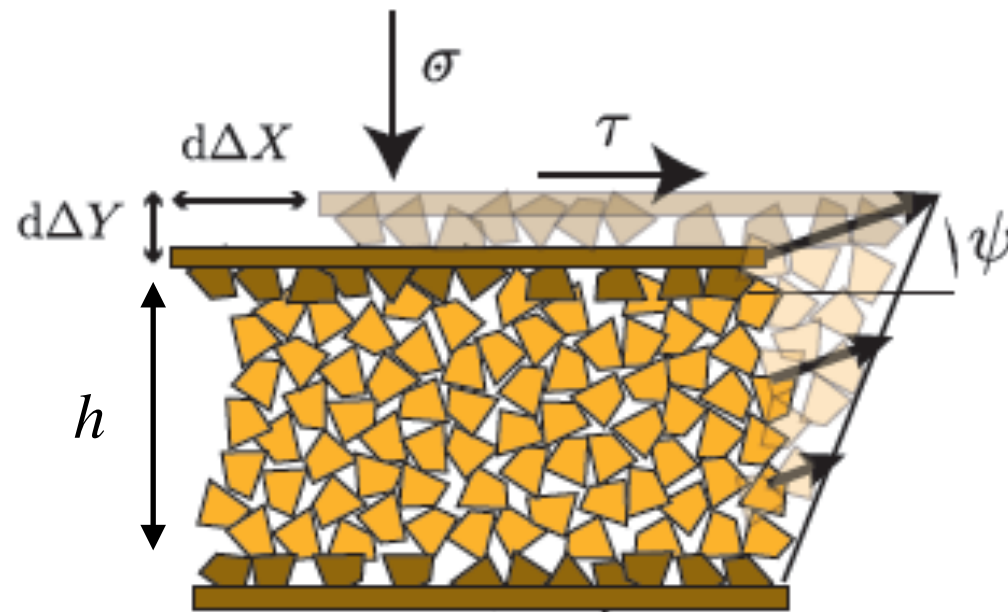
→ Dilatancy

# Dilatancy : critical state theory

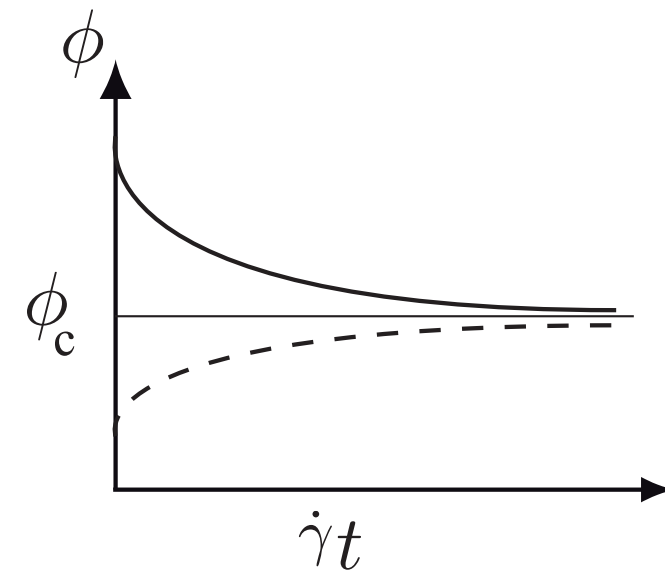
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Pailha et al JFM 09

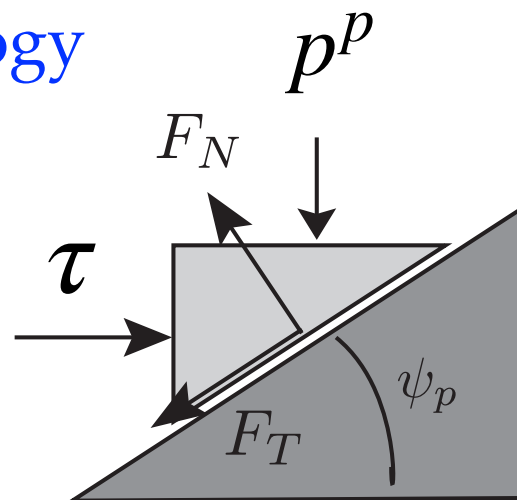
Dilatancy angle  $\psi$



$$\tan \psi = K(\phi - \phi_{eq}(J))$$



Rheology



$$\tau = (\mu(J) + \tan \psi) p^p$$

Evolution

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \frac{dh\phi}{dt} &= 0 \\ \tan \psi &= \frac{dh}{dX} \\ \dot{\gamma} &= \frac{dX/dt}{h} \end{aligned} \right\} \frac{1}{\phi} \frac{d\phi}{dt} = -\tan \psi \dot{\gamma}$$

# Depth averaged two-phase model

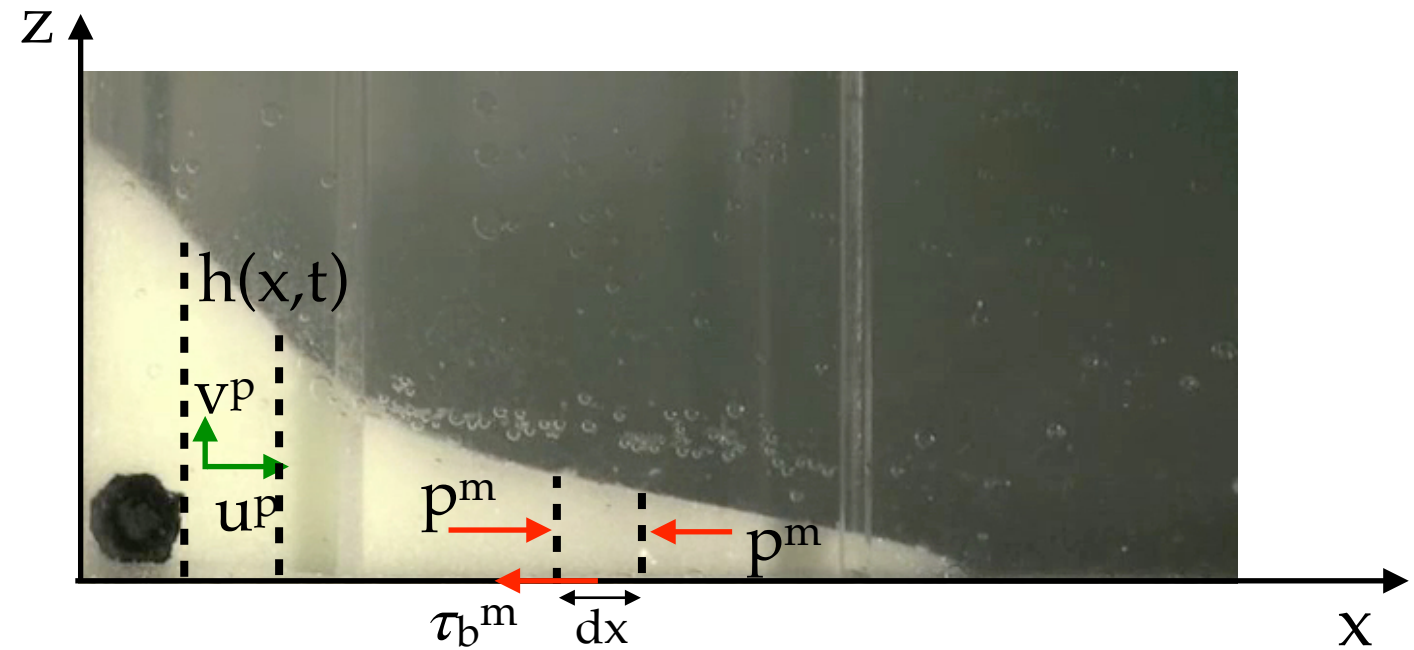
*Pailha et al JFM 09*

Hypothesis:

→ Inertia negligible ( $Fr \ll 1$ )

→  $v^p \ll u^p$ ,  $H \ll L$

Variable:  $h(x,t)$



## Momentum Conservation

• mixture:

$$\tau_b^m + \frac{1}{2} \Delta \rho g \frac{\partial \phi h^2}{\partial x} = 0$$

$$p_b^p + p_b^f = \Delta \rho \phi g h$$

• fluid:

$$p_b^f = -h \frac{\eta}{K} v^p$$

$$\text{with } K = \frac{(1 - \phi)^3}{150 \phi^2} d^2$$

(Darcy, Kozeny-Carman)

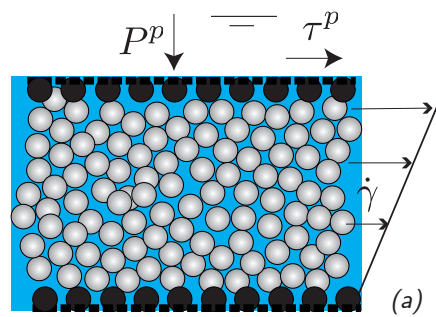
Mass Conservation:

$$\frac{dh\phi}{dt} = 0$$



# Rheology / Dilatancy

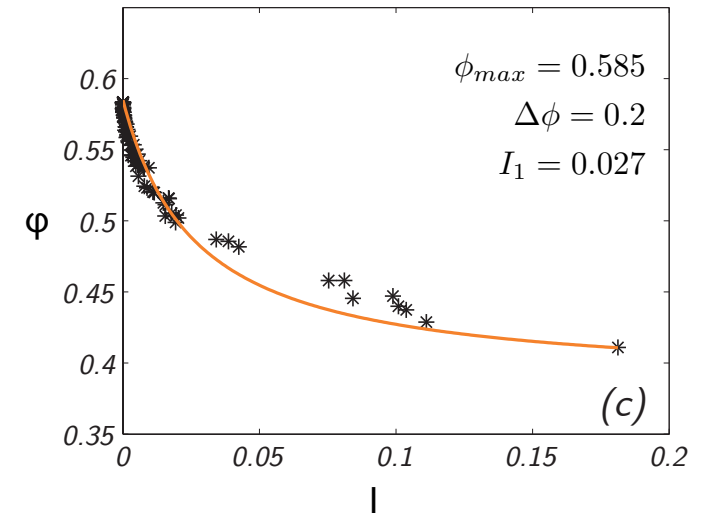
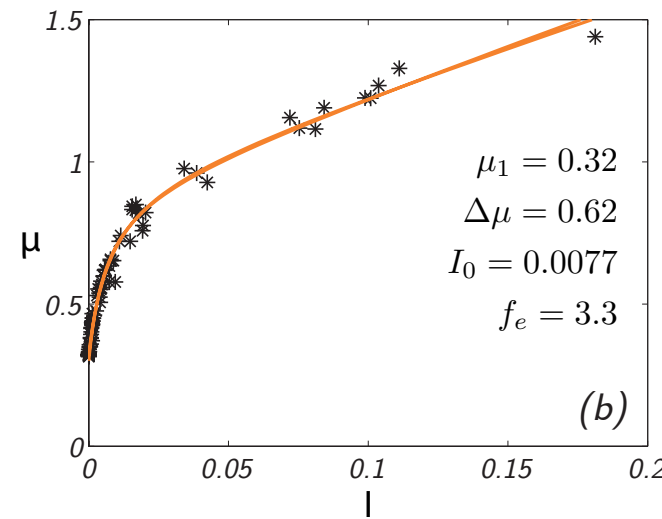
## Rheology at equilibrium



$$\tau^{m_{eq}} = \mu^m(J) p^p, \quad J = \frac{\eta_f \dot{\gamma}}{p^p}$$

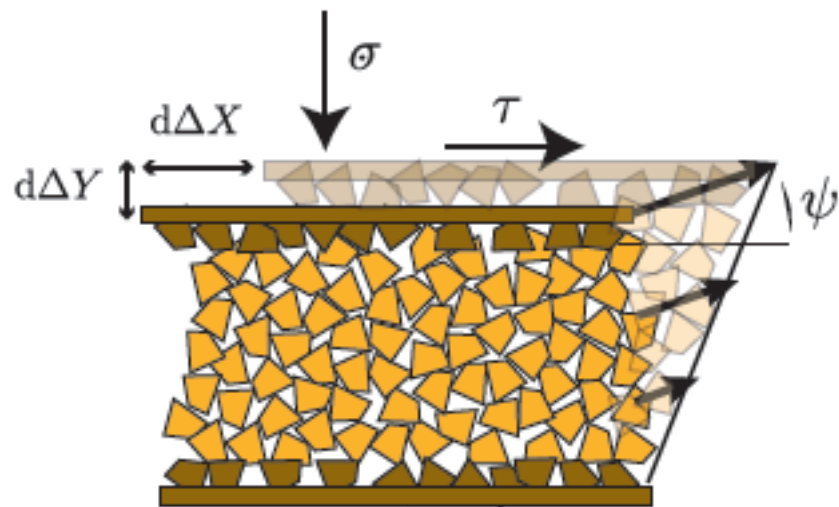
$$\mu^m(J) = \mu_1 + \frac{\mu_2 - \mu_1}{1 + J_0/J} + f_e J$$

$$\phi_{eq}(J) = \phi_{max} - \frac{\Delta\phi}{J + J_1} J$$



(data Boyer et al. 09)

## Dilatancy



- dilatancy angle:

$$v^p = K_4 \tan \psi u^p$$

$$\tan \psi = K_3 (\phi - \phi_{eq}(J))$$

- rheology:

$$\tau_b^m = (\mu^m(J) + \tan \psi) p^p$$

$$\dot{\gamma}_b = 3 \frac{u^p}{h} \quad (\text{reference stationary flow})$$

- evolution:

$$\frac{1}{\phi} \frac{d\phi}{dt} = -\tan \psi \dot{\gamma}$$

$$K_3 = 4.09, K_4 = 1.8$$

# Comparison

Characteristic dimensions:  $H_i$ ,  $P_0 = \Delta\rho g H_i$ ,  $V_0 = \frac{\Delta\rho g d^2}{\eta}$ ,  $t_0 = \frac{H_i}{V_0} = \frac{\eta H_i}{\Delta\rho g d^2}$

Parameters:  $\phi_i$ ,  $\mathcal{A} = H_i/L_i$ ,  $\lambda = H_i/d$

Numerical simulation  $\rightarrow$  Lagrangian description

Loose



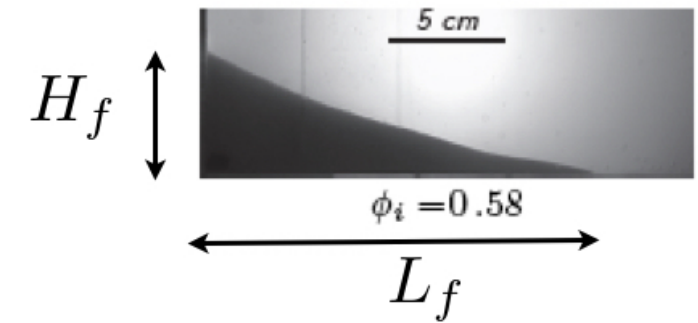
Dense



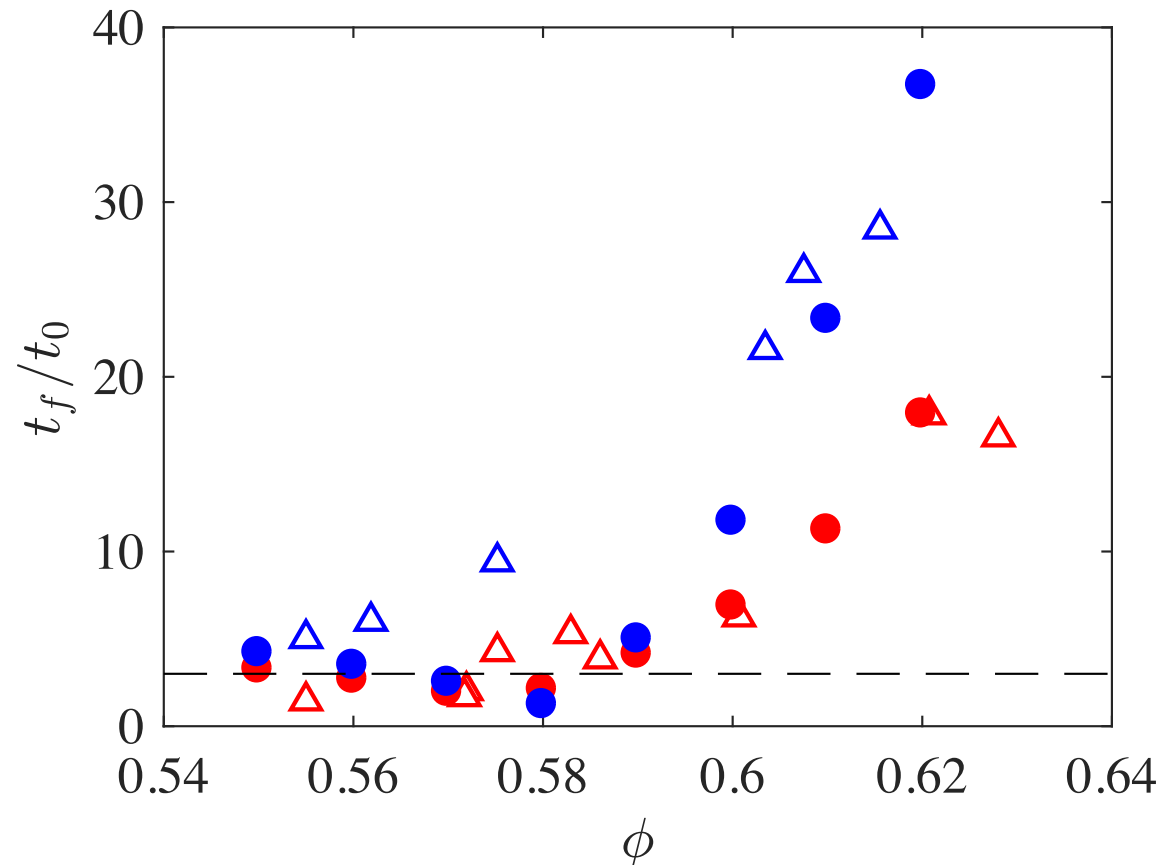
# Comparison

	Exp.	Simu.
$H_i/L_i=1$	$\triangle$	$\bullet$
$H_i/L_i=2$	$\triangle$	$\bullet$

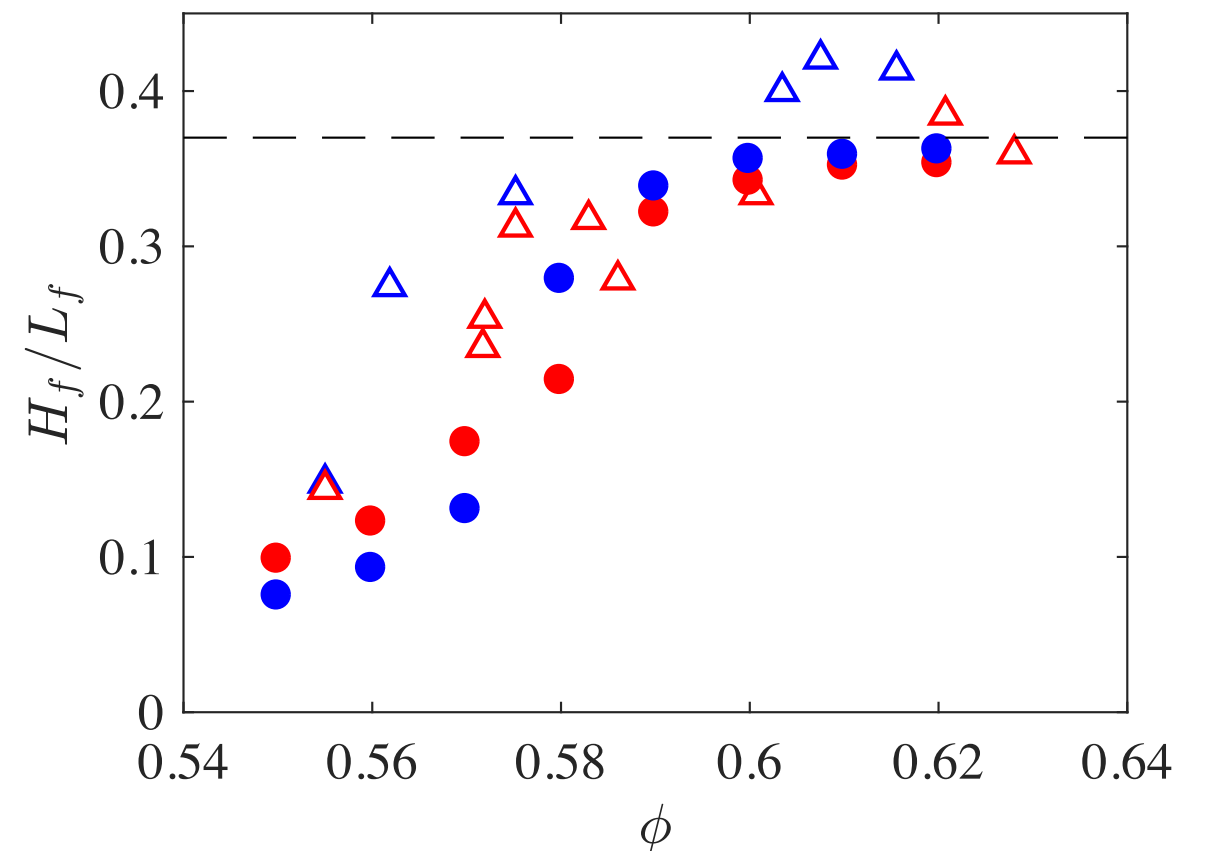
$$t_0 = \frac{\eta H_i}{\Delta \rho g d^2}$$



Dynamics



Final shape



Loose  $\rightarrow$  Dynamics independent on  $\phi$  / Final shape depend on  $\phi$

Dense  $\rightarrow$  Dynamics depends on  $\phi$  / Final shape close to the angle of avalanches



# Landslide



Guatemala

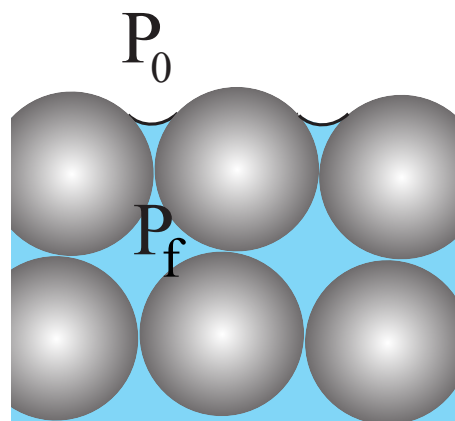
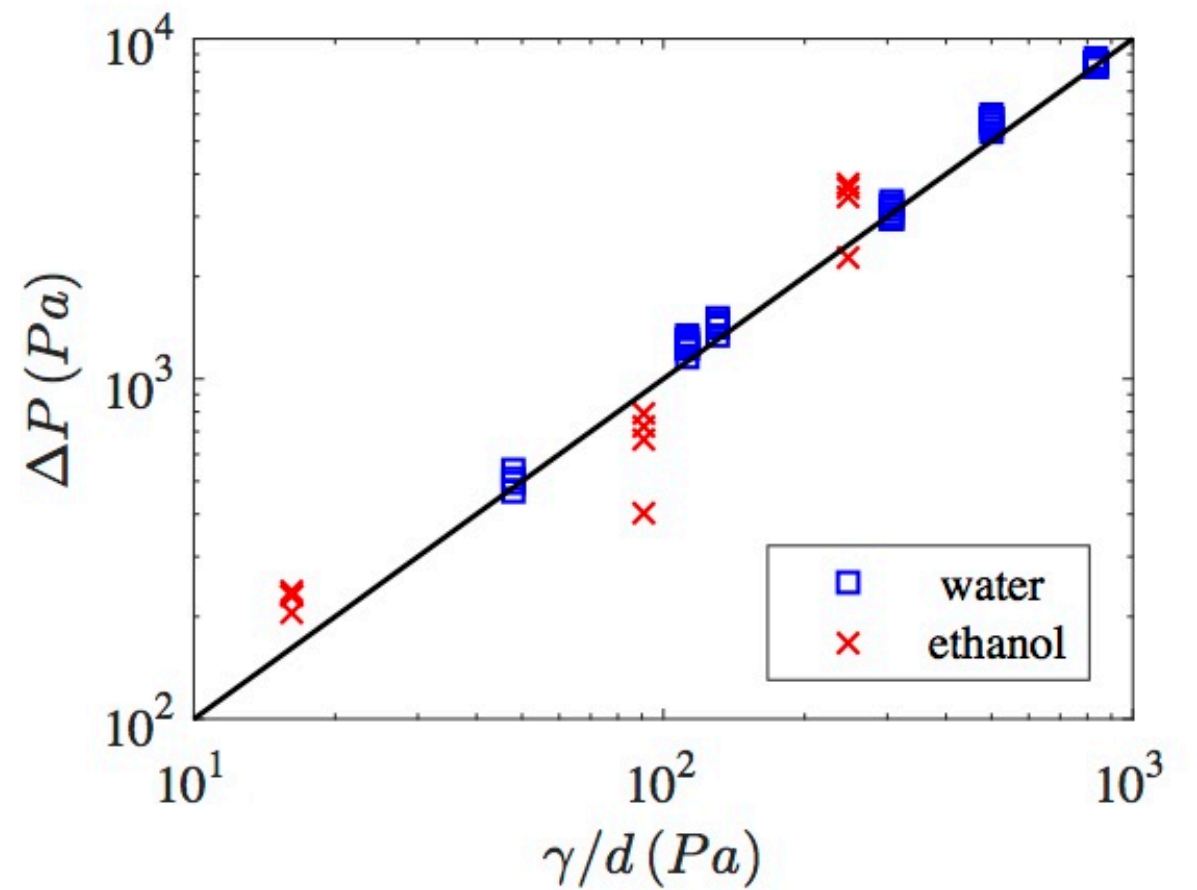
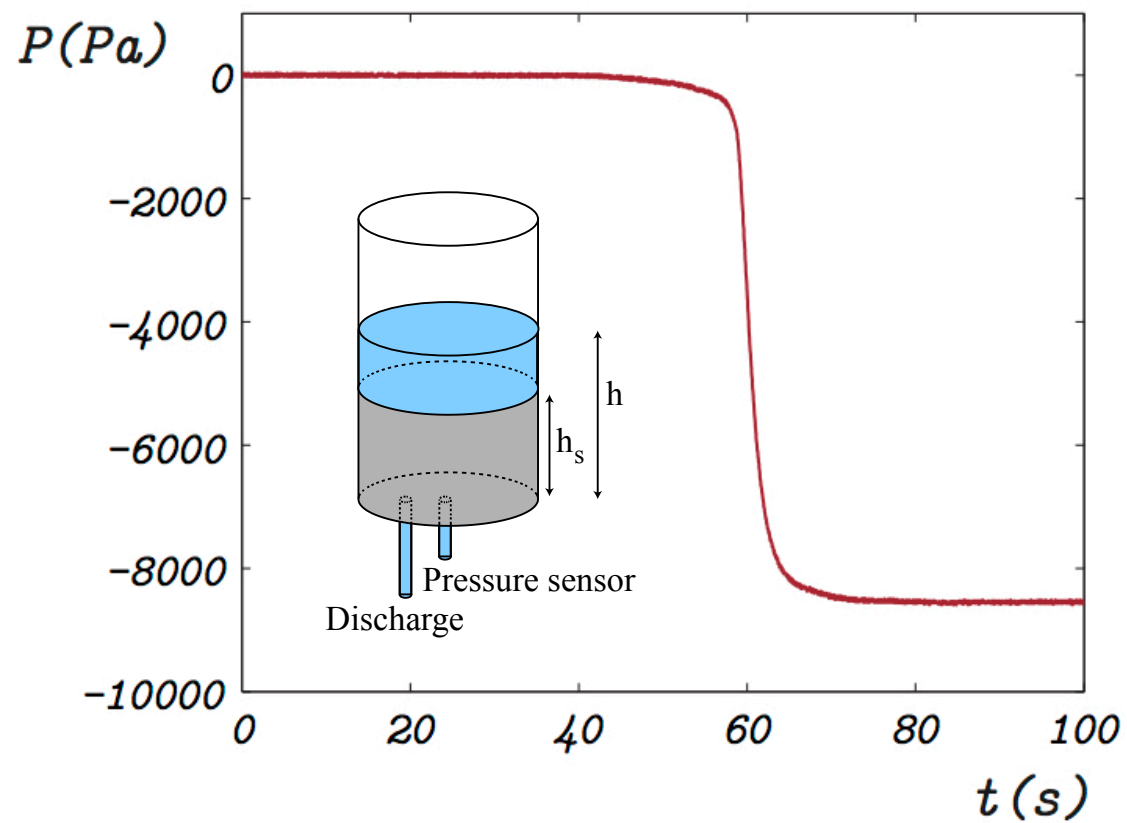


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- Water saturated
- Role of the interface with air ?

# Capillary cohesion

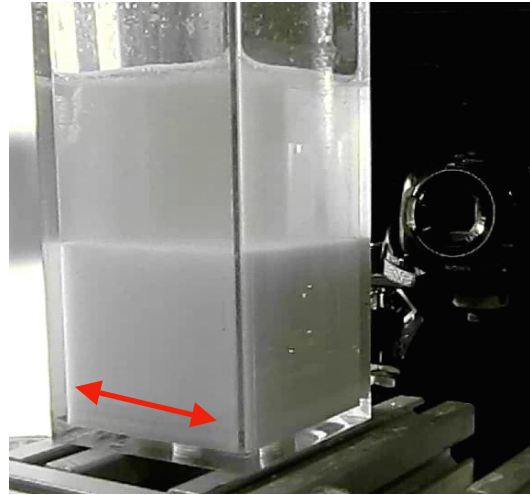
Column discharge:



$$\Delta P = 10 \frac{\gamma}{d}$$

$d = 80 \mu\text{m} : \Delta P \sim 90 \text{ cm of water}$

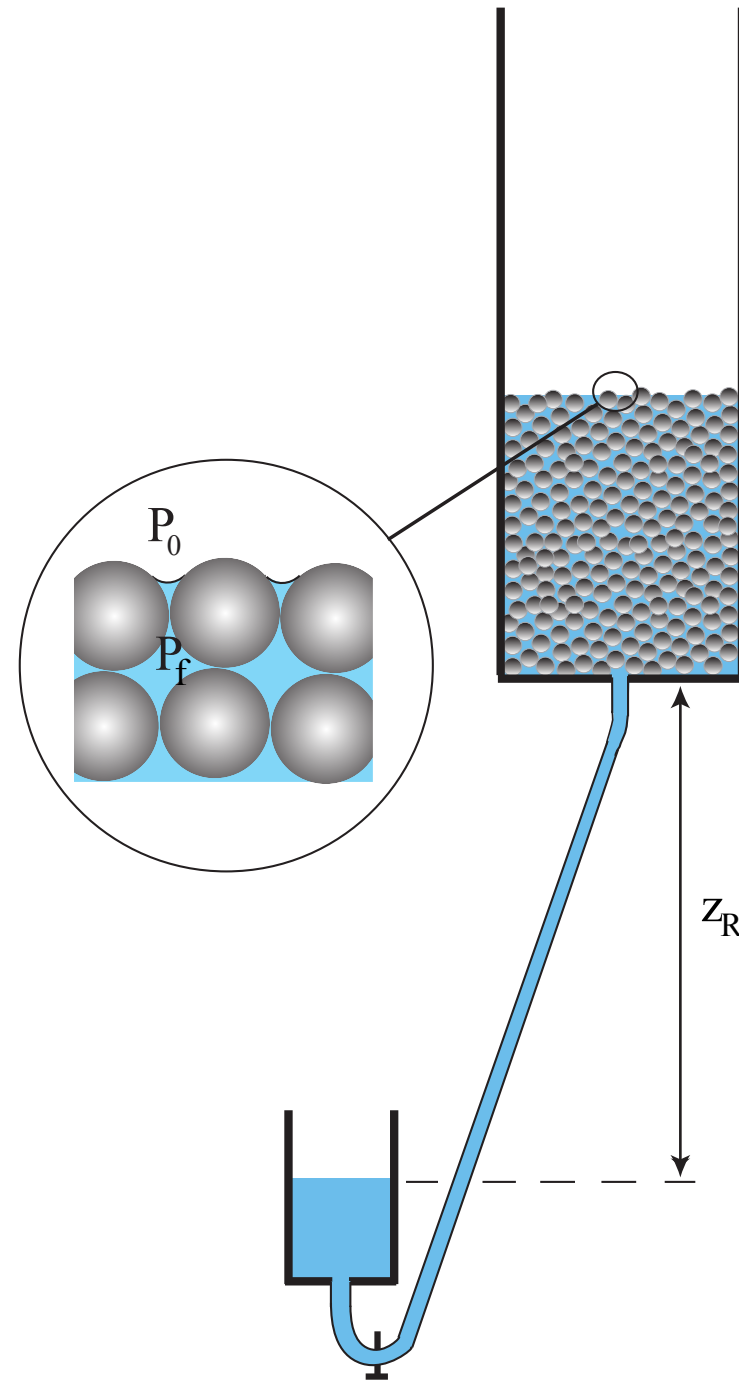
# Water-saturated granular column in air



6cm

Glass beads,  $d=80\ \mu\text{m}$

water



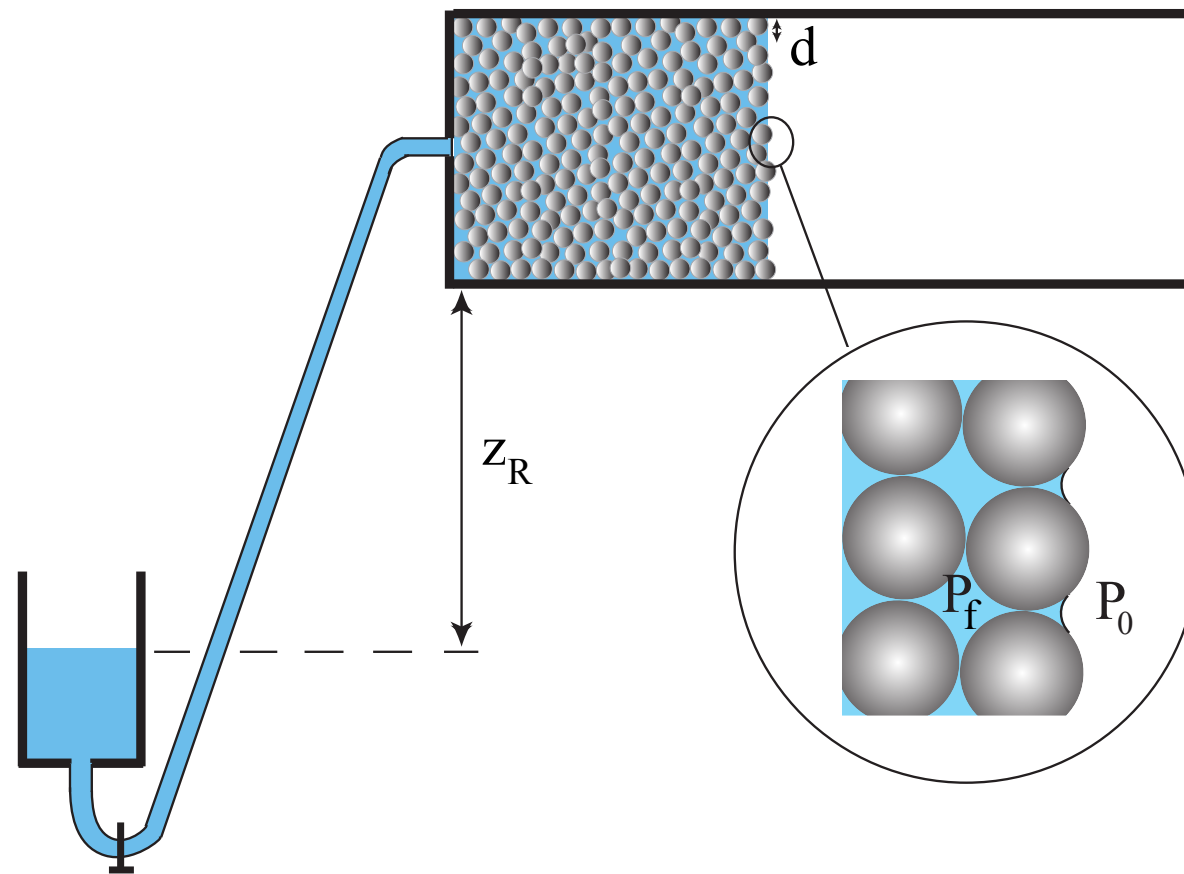
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# Results

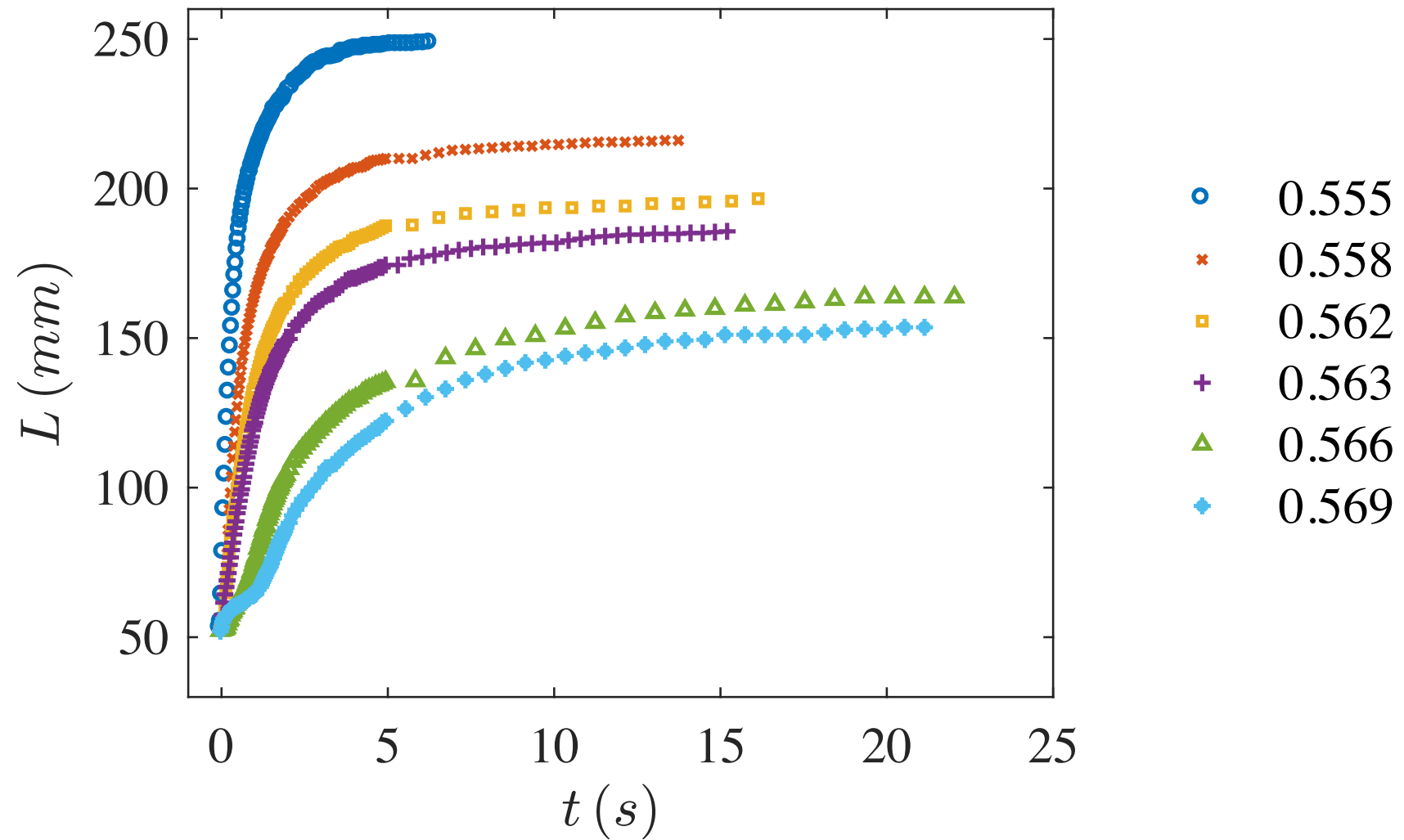


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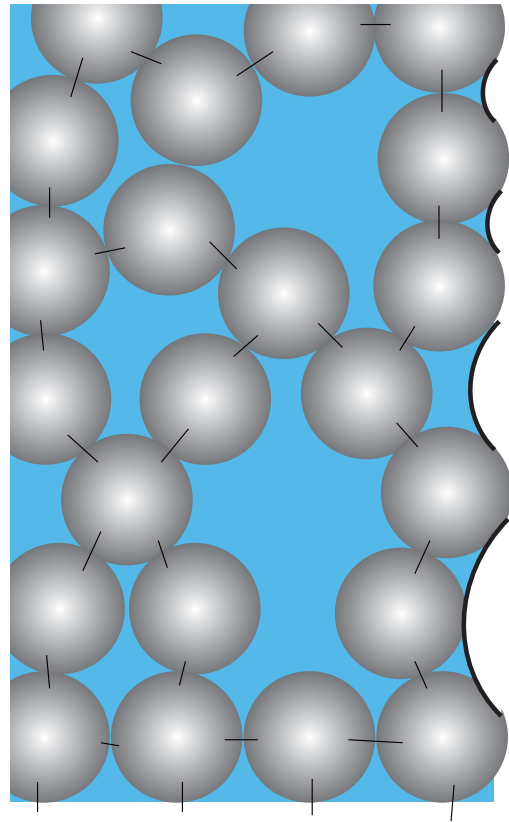
# Dependence on the solid volume fraction $\phi_i$



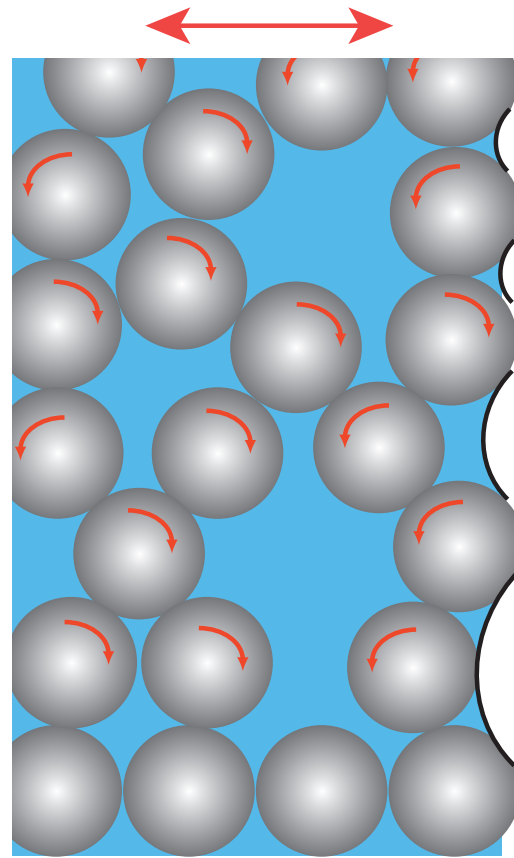
No collapse for  $\phi_i \geq 0.574$



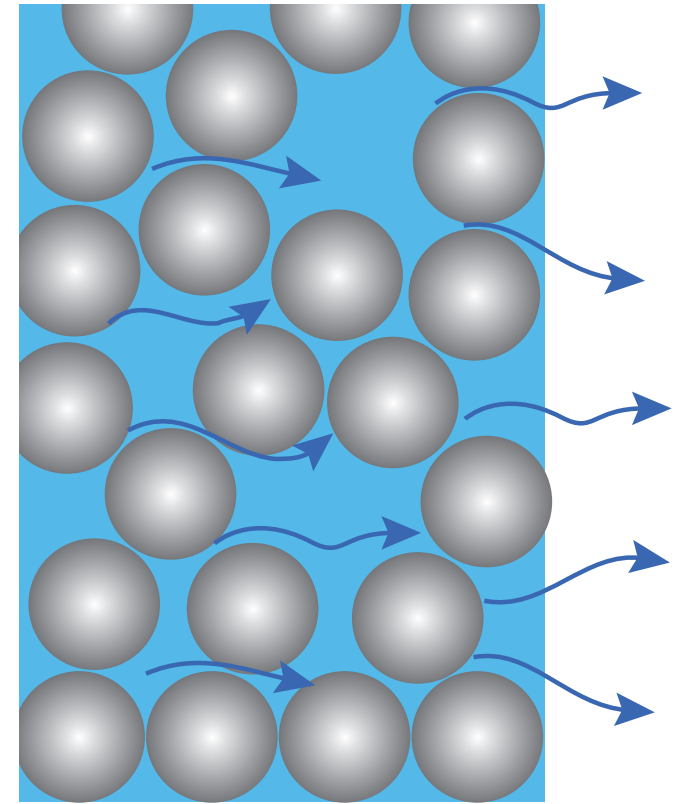
# Destabilisation triggered by a kick: Principle



Random loose packing



Perturbation

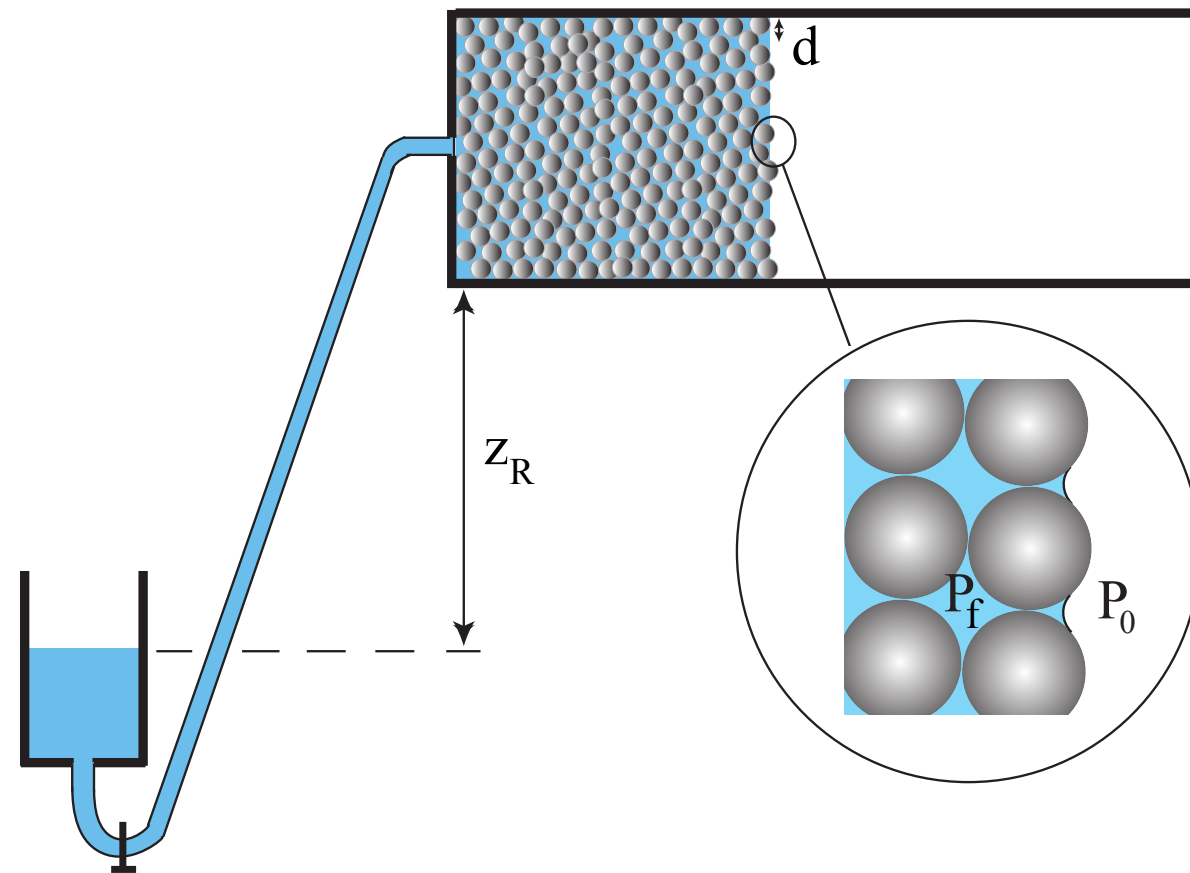


Flow

- Kick  $\Rightarrow$  compaction
- $p^f \nearrow \Leftrightarrow$  fluid expelled
- Interface not anymore stabilised by the capillarity  
 $\Rightarrow$  collapse of the column

# A second process to initiate collapse

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$$z_R < 0 \rightarrow z_r > 0$$

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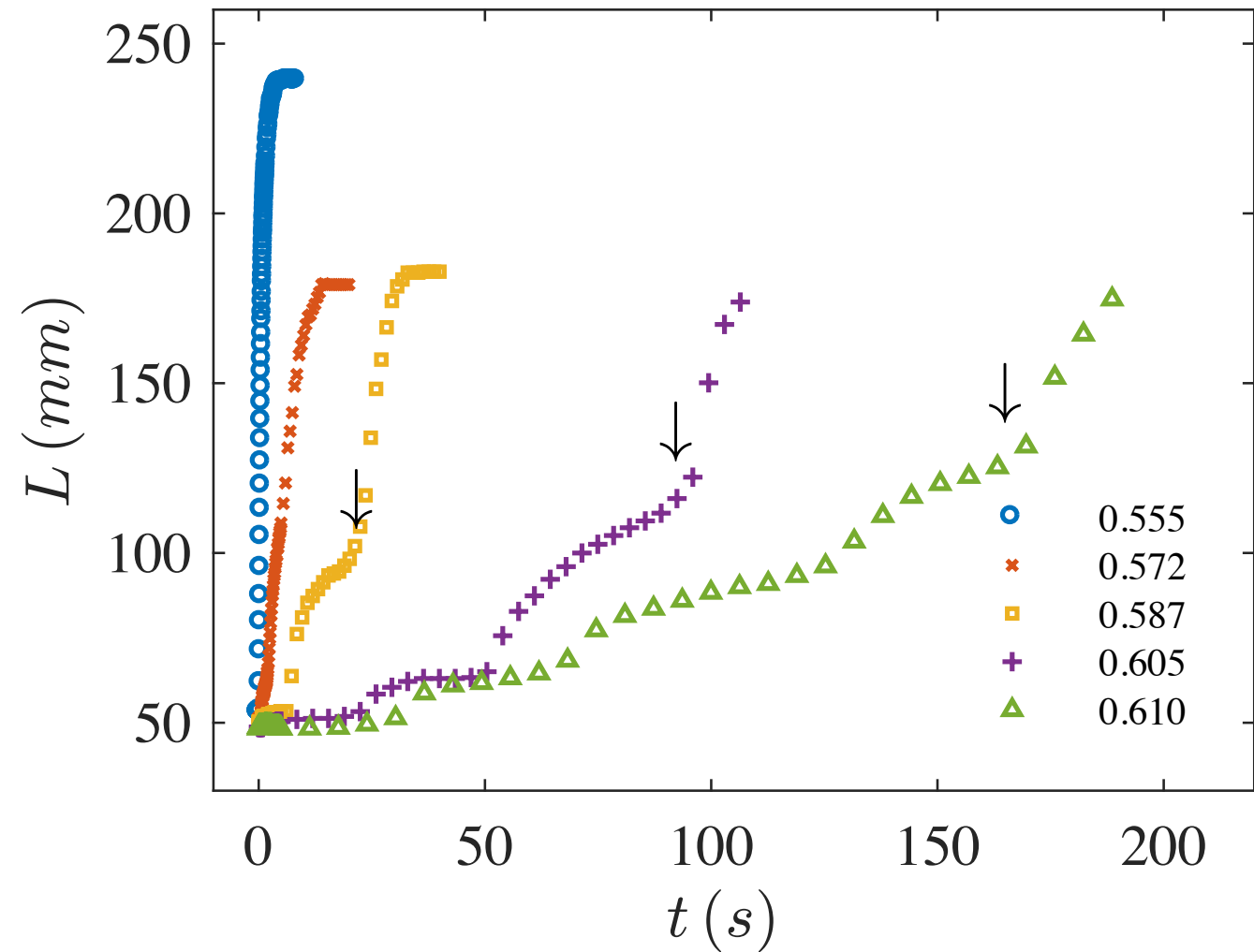


$$\phi_i = 0.604$$



$$\phi_i = 0.610$$

# Variation with $\phi_i$



Loose  $\rightarrow$  fast, long run out

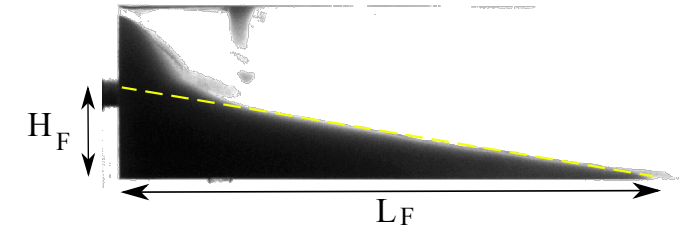
Dense  $\rightarrow$  slow, circular collapse



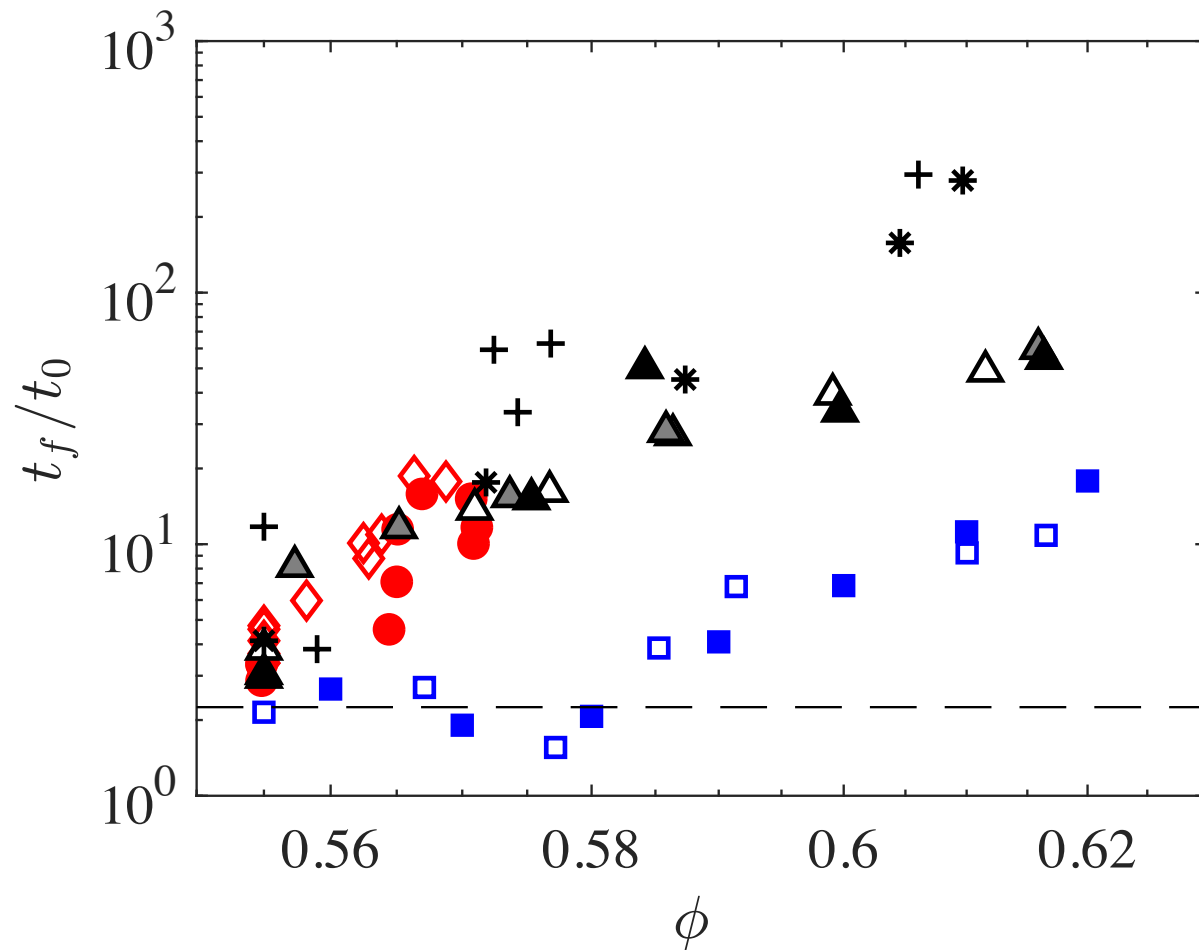
# Comparison

$$t_0 = \frac{\eta H_i}{\Delta \rho g d^2}$$

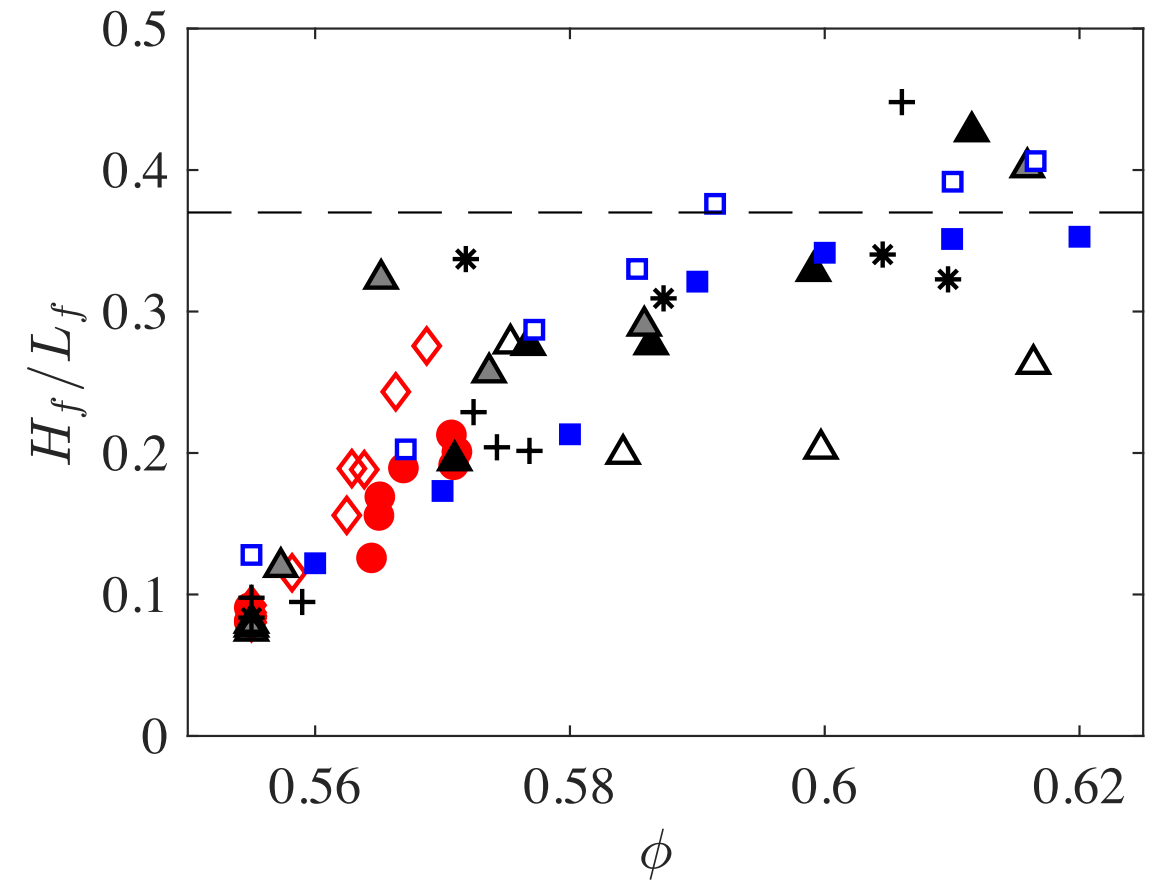
Tap       $\diamond$  rough     $\bullet$  smooth  
 Pressure     $\blacktriangle$   $z_R = 200\text{mm}$   
               $\ast$   $z_R = 100\text{mm}$   
               $+$   $z_R = 60\text{mm}$   
 Immersed     $\square$  exp     $\blacksquare$  simu



## Dynamics



## Final shape



Dynamics  $\rightarrow$  depend on surrounding/ not on the initiation process

Final shape  $\rightarrow$  independent on initiation/surrounding conditions

$\Rightarrow$  depth averaged two phase model for the water-saturated column

# Conclusion

- Continuum two-phase modelling
- Closure in the viscous dense suspension limit
- Application to several experimental configurations

## Perspectives

- Bedload sediment transport: Inertial but still laminar regime
- Depth averaged two phase model for the water-saturated column :  
pressure conditions at the interface