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# New aspects of the friction of finite dry granular mass

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# Prevalence of granular flows (flows of discrete solid objects)

Nature hazards

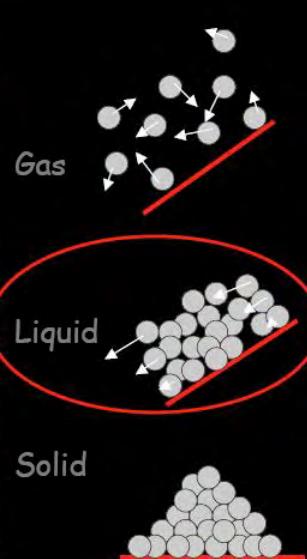
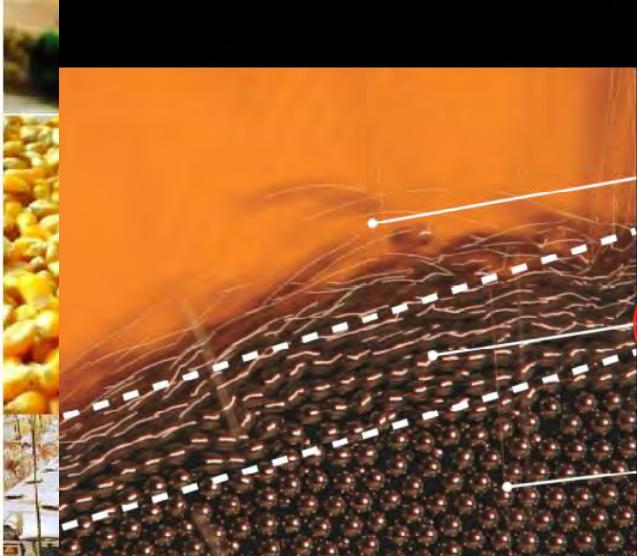


Industrial/engineering processes



Prediction / control: effective continuum model  
constitutive relation + boundary condition

# Granular material & its complex phasic features



## **Granular gas:**

short **collision** dominated  
“Rapid granular flow”  
Kinetic Theory

## **Granular solid:**

enduring contacts (force chains)  
**friction** dominated  
“Mohr-Coulomb continuum”  
“Soil mechanics”

## **Granular liquid or ‘dense’ granular flow: collision + friction**

- Superposition as a complex fluid (Bingham, viscoplastic ..)
- statistical treatment (glassy material)
- phenomenological relation**

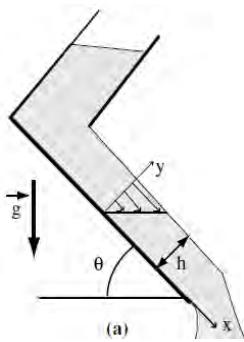
# Effective friction coefficient

Treated as a solid (dense nature)

## Free surface flow experiment

Internal (basal)  $\mu$   
from force balance  
at steady state

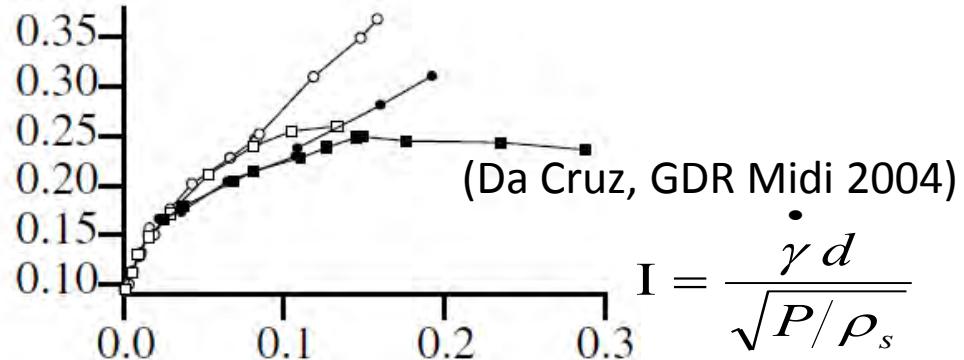
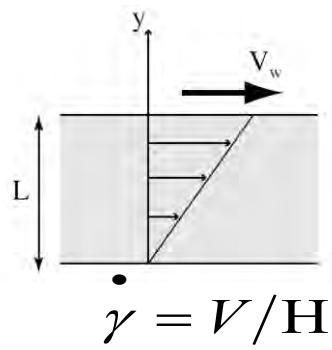
$$\mu = \tan \theta = \frac{\tau}{P}$$



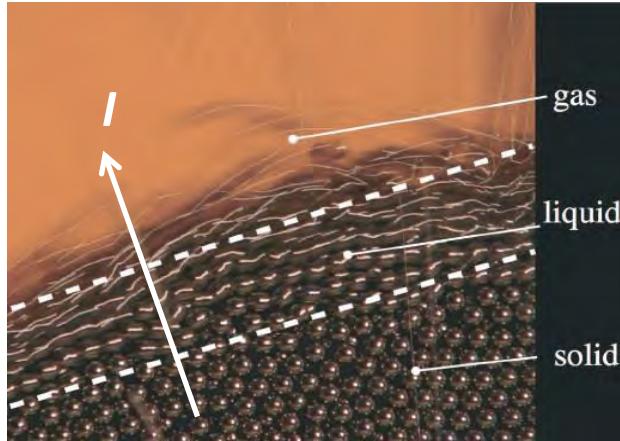
(Pouliquen 1999)

$$\frac{\|U\| d}{\sqrt{gh}} \frac{d}{h} - \alpha \frac{d}{h}$$

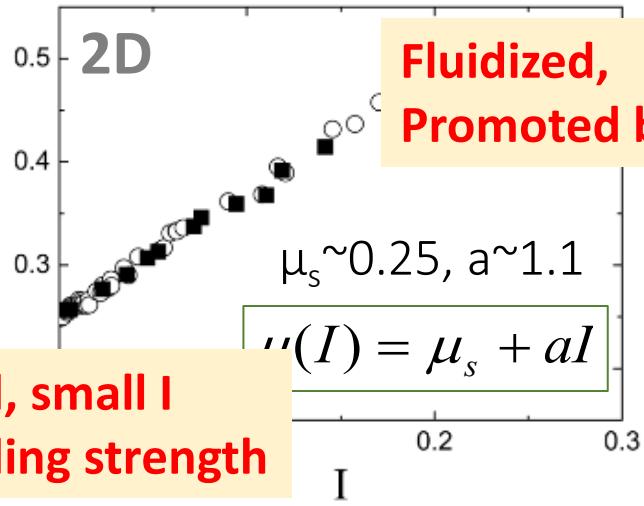
## 2D Confined flow DE simulation



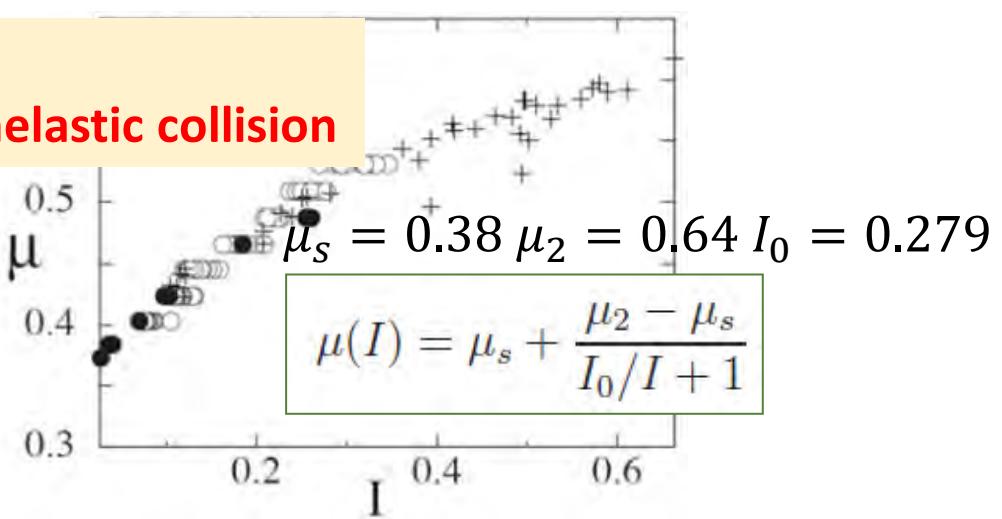
# Inertial number & $\mu(I)$ rheology law



$$I = \frac{\dot{\gamma} d}{\sqrt{P/\rho_s}} \sim \frac{\text{Shear-induced streamwise motion}}{\text{transverse settling motion due to confinement}}$$



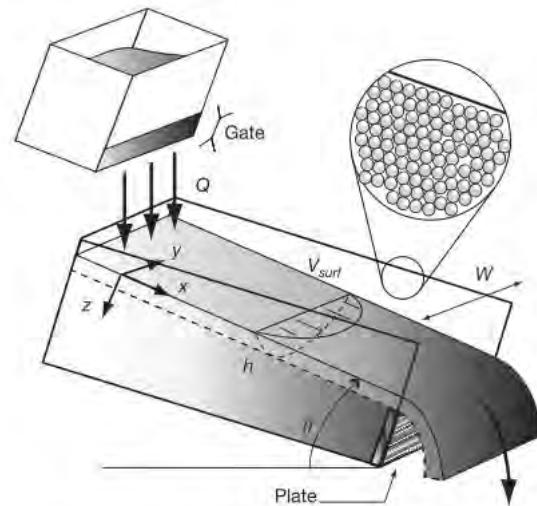
(Da Cruz 2004, GFR Midi 2004)



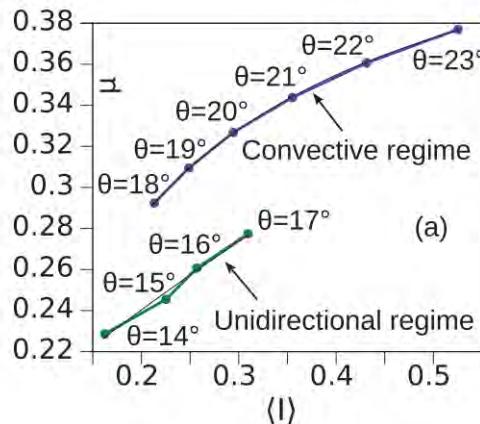
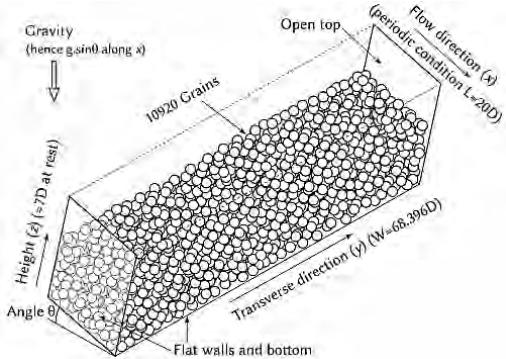
# Remarks: boundary condition

Experiments are 3D: Lateral friction ?

- neglected when  $H/W$  is low
- included as Coulomb friction:  
**hydro  $P \times \text{constant } \mu_w$**

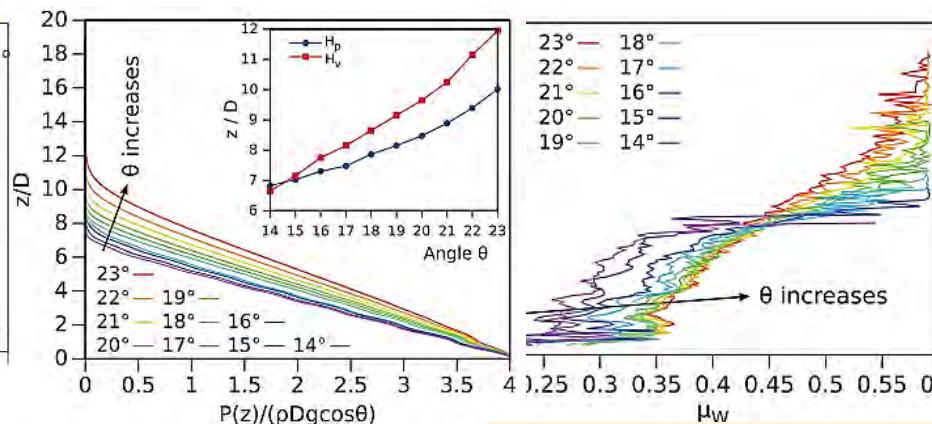


2D Numerical simulations → 3D



confirm internal  $\mu$ -I

(Brodu, Richard, & Delannay 2013)

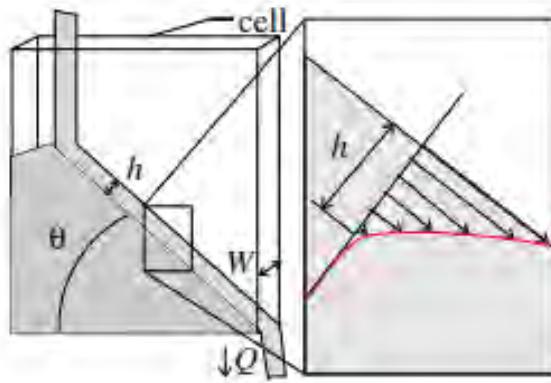


hydro  $P$

Depth-weakening  $\mu_w$

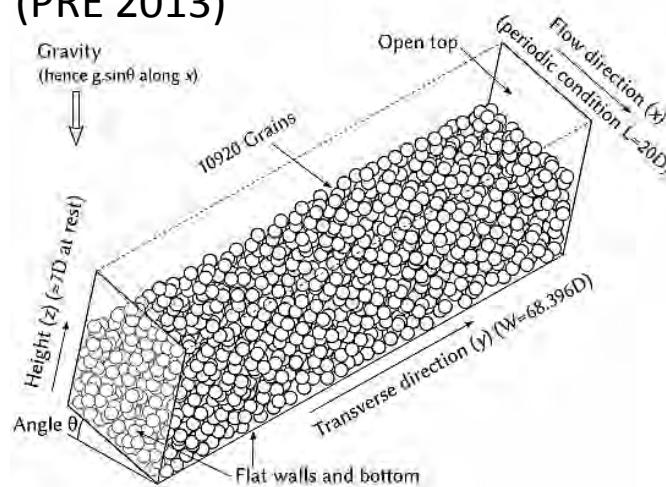
# Non-constant wall friction coefficient (simulation based)

Richard et al. (PRL 2008)



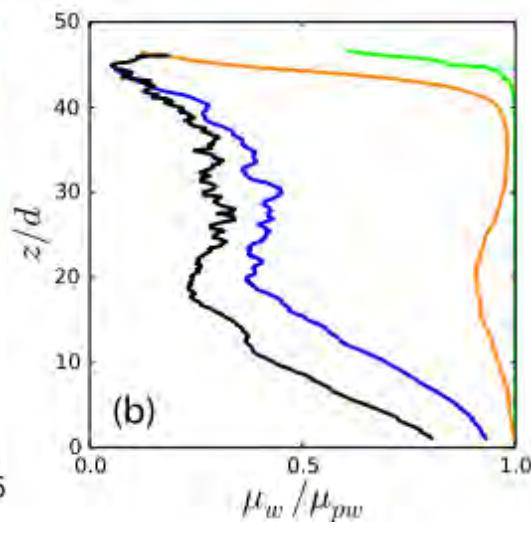
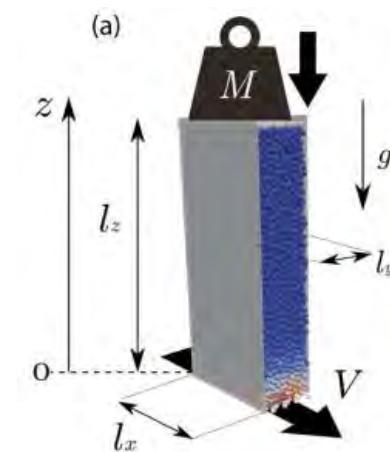
Tall, narrow

Brodu, Richard, Delannay  
(PRE 2013)



Wide, shallow (loose)

Artoni & Richard (PRL 2015)



Tall, narrow (compact)

## Questions:

Constitutive model: in unsteady/finite flows?

Boundary condition: experimental evidence?  
Mechanism/model?

# **Internal $\mu$ in unsteady non-uniform avalanche Inclined Flume Experiments**

(indirect) image-based control-vol analysis

# Laboratory Flume

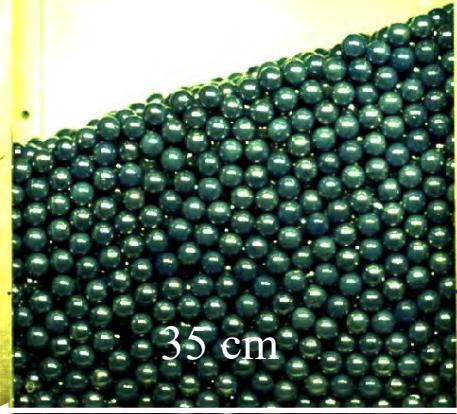
Camera :500fps



Reservoir

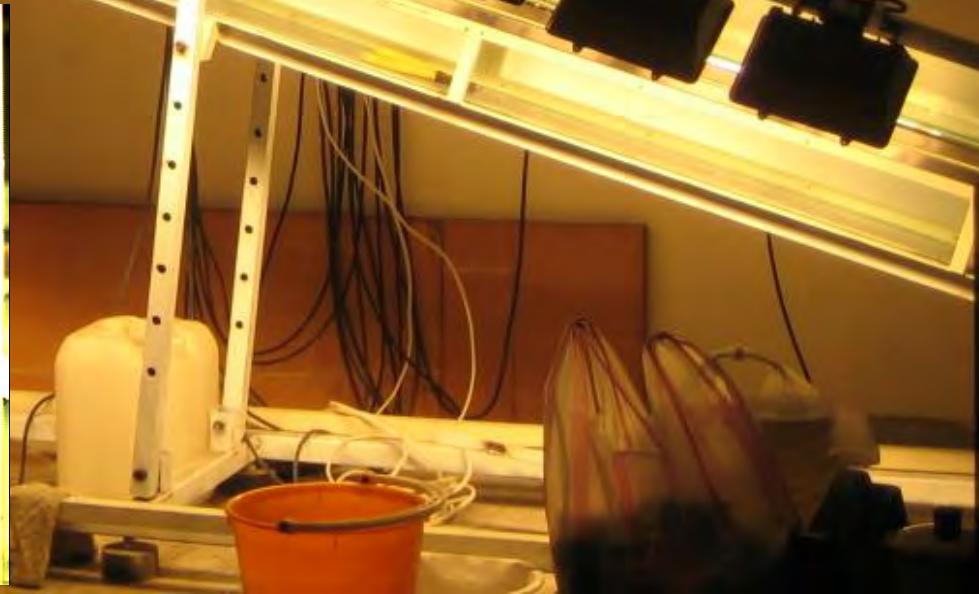
Dry glass spheres

D=16mm, total weight of 16kg

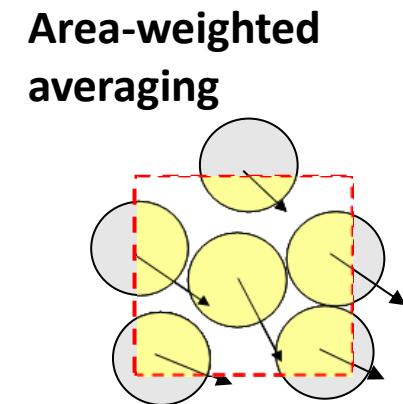
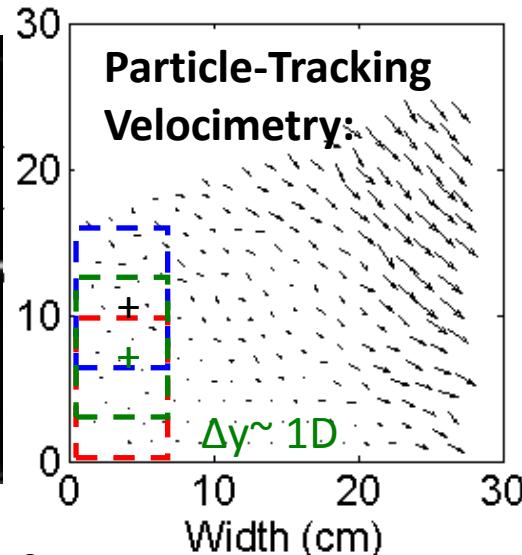
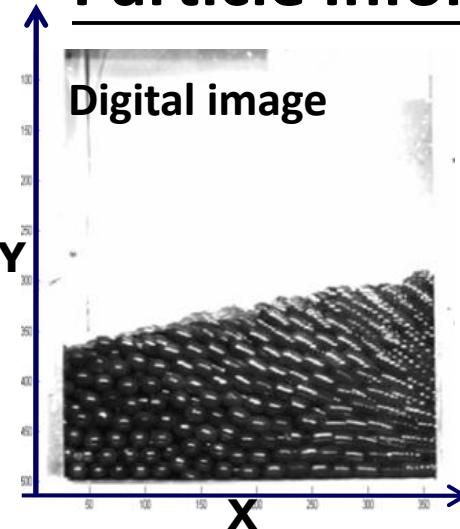


45 cm

35 cm

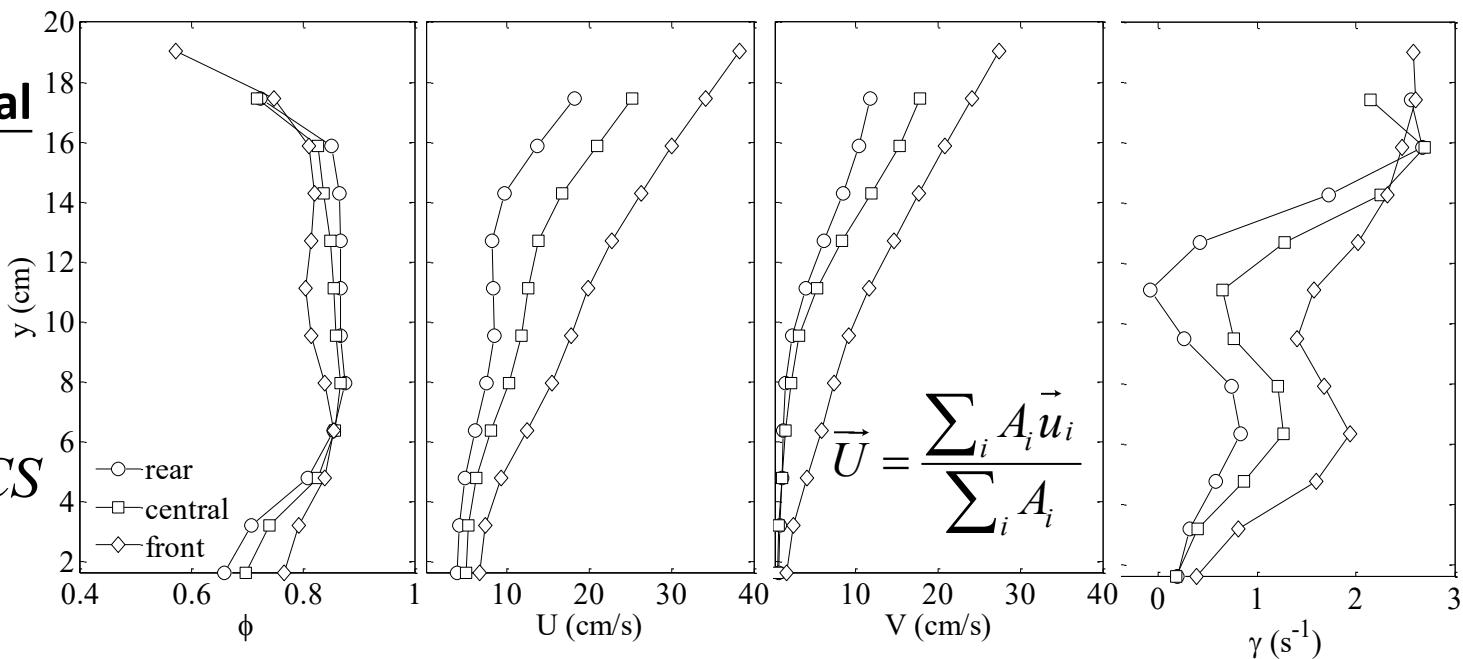


# Particle Information

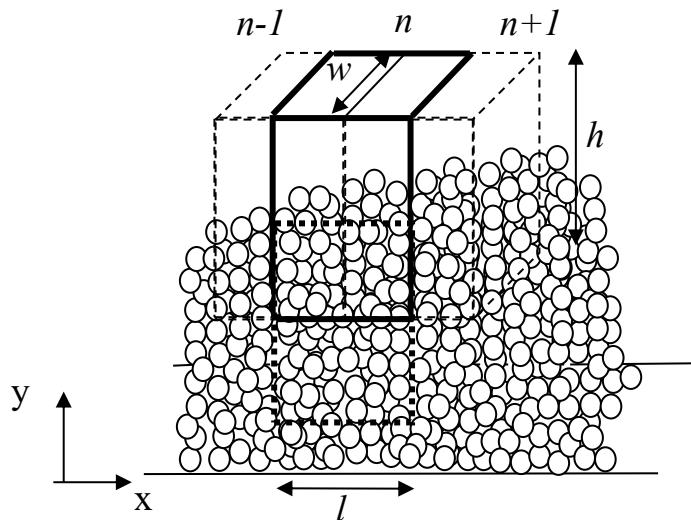


## Instantaneous local bulk properties

$$\phi_n(x, y) = \sum A_i / CS$$

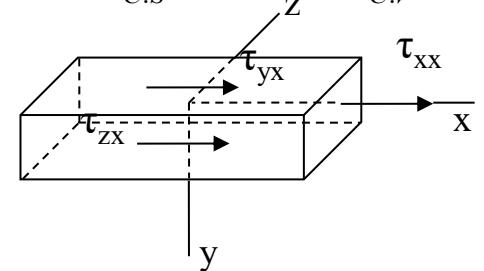


# Quasi-2D Control Volume Analysis

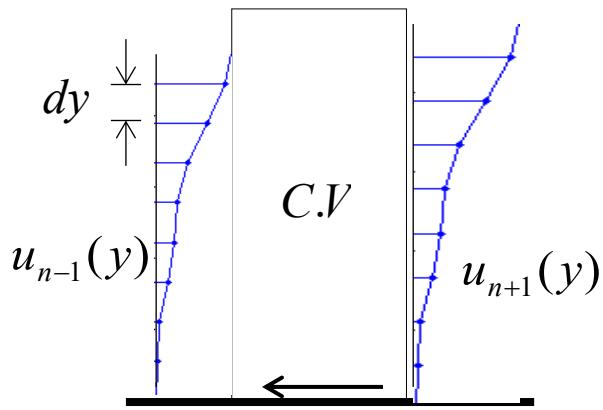


x-momentum conservation :

$$\iiint_{C.V} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\rho u_i) dV + \iint_{C.S} \rho u_i u_j n_j dA_j = \iint_{C.S} \tau_{ji} n_j dA_j + \iiint_{C.V} \rho f_i dV$$



$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} wl \int_0^h \rho U dy + w \left[ \int_0^h \rho U^2 dy \right]_{n-1}^{n+1} = -wg_y \left[ \int_0^h \rho(h-y) dy \right]_{n-1}^{n+1} - 2F_w - F_B - wlg_y \int_0^h \rho dy$$



\*Coulomb friction

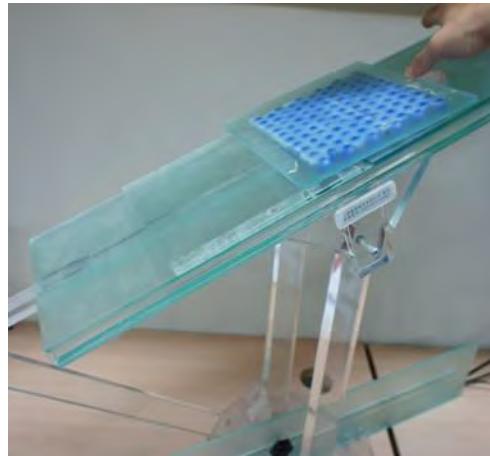
$$\int \tau_{zx} dA_z = \int \mu_w \tau_{zz} dA_{z'}$$

\*Hydrostatic normal stress,  
hence isotropic

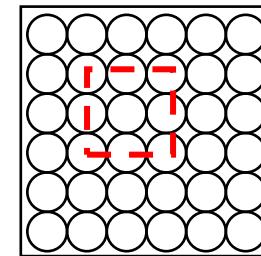
$$\tau_{zz} \approx \tau_{yy} \approx \tau_{zz} = \rho g_y h$$

# Results

Sliding-table experiment using a layer of glued particles yields  $\mu_w \sim 0.17$



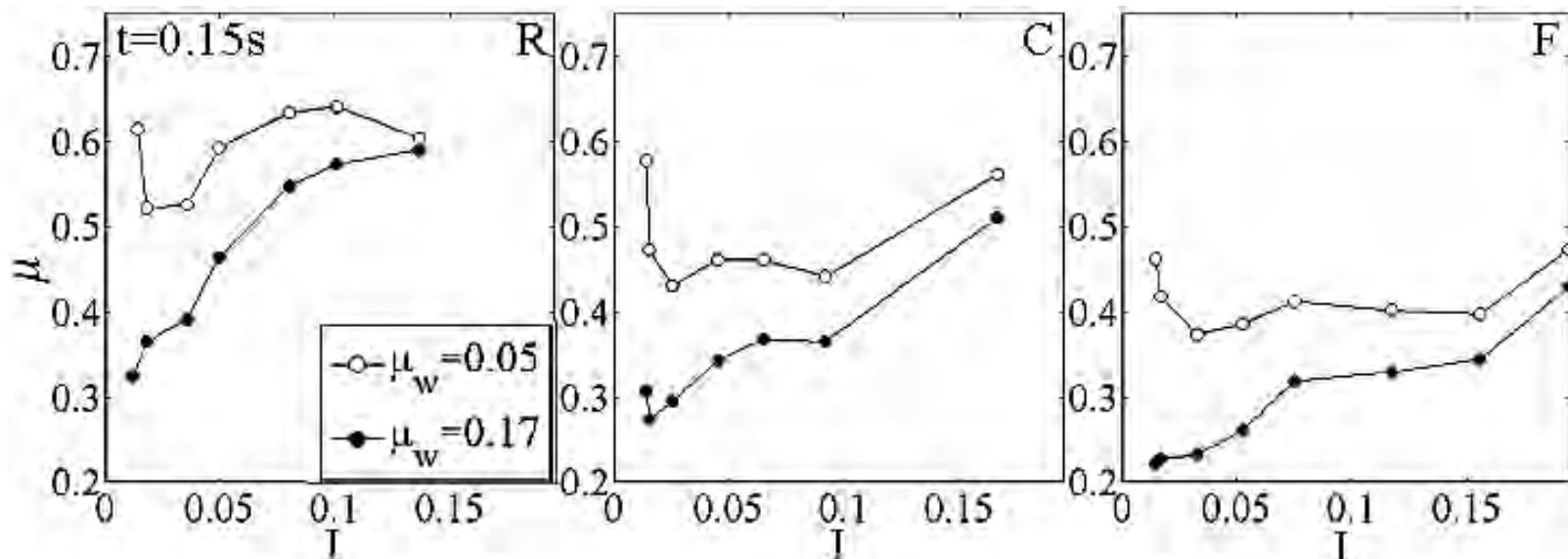
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( $\phi = 0.785$ )

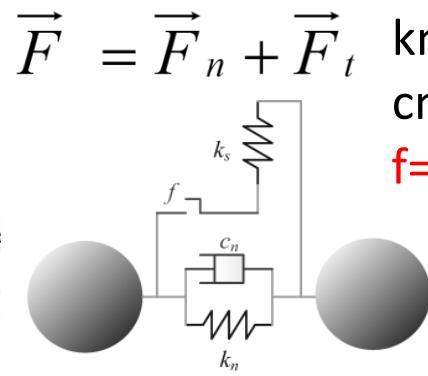
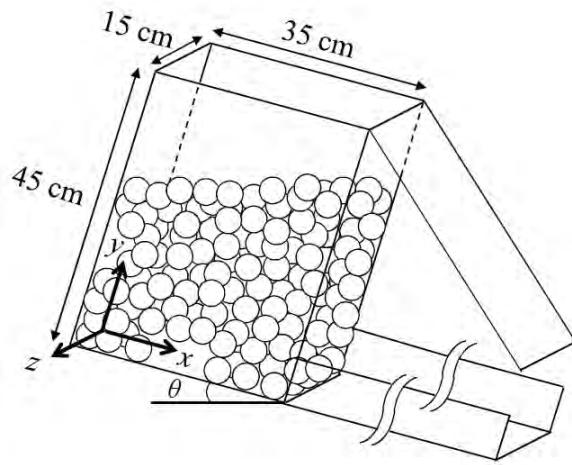


FCC  
( $\phi = 0.907$ )

$$\alpha_{exp} = \alpha \phi_B + (1 - \alpha) \phi_F$$

$$\mu_w = \alpha \mu_{wB} + (1 - \alpha) \mu_{wF} \cong 0.171$$





Classical soft-sphere contact model  
 $\vec{F} = \vec{F}_n + \vec{F}_t$   
 kn, kt (elasticity, Hertzian contact time)  
 cn (coefficient of restitution)  
 f=0.2 by 'bulk' discharge flow rate

## Internal $\mu$ in unsteady non-uniform avalanche

### Validated Discrete element simulation

Yang et al. (PoF, 2013)

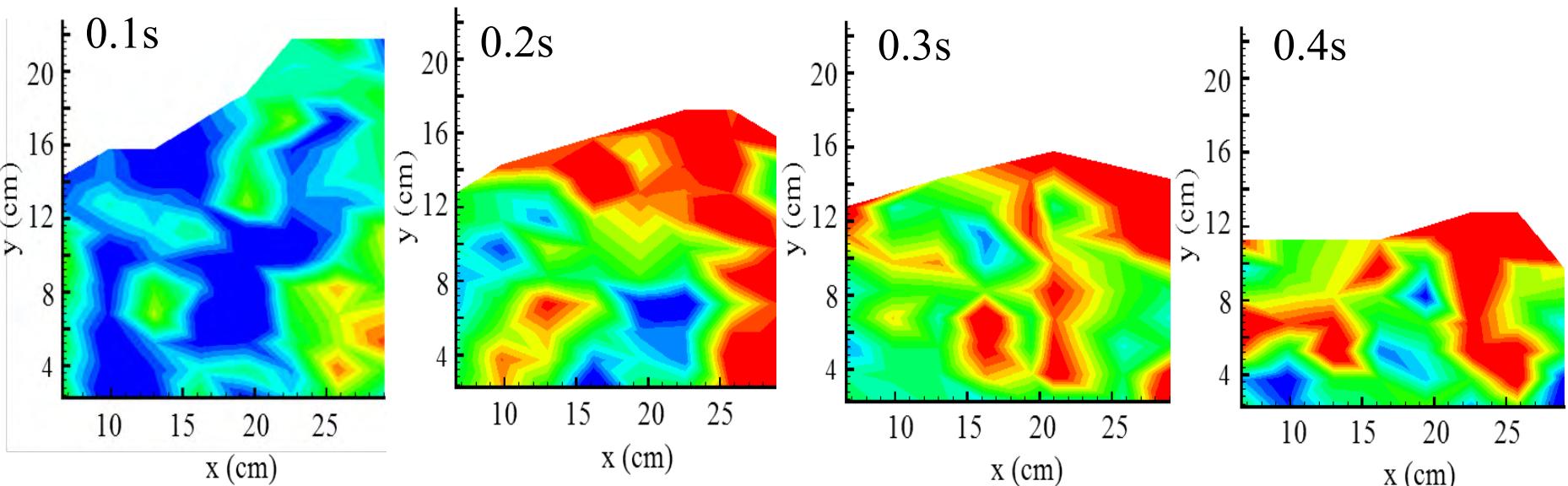
for direct force calculation

# Virial Stress tensor for $\mu$

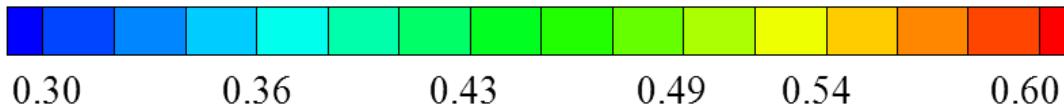
$$\sigma = \frac{1}{\Omega} \left[ \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\substack{\alpha, \beta \in \Omega \\ \alpha \neq \beta}} \vec{F}^{\alpha\beta} \otimes \vec{r}^{\alpha\beta} - \sum_{\alpha} m^{\alpha} \delta v^{\alpha} \otimes \delta v^{\alpha} \right] \rightarrow \mu = |\tau|/P$$

contact contribution      kinetic contribution  
(negligible for dense flow)

Second/first invariant  
of stress tensor

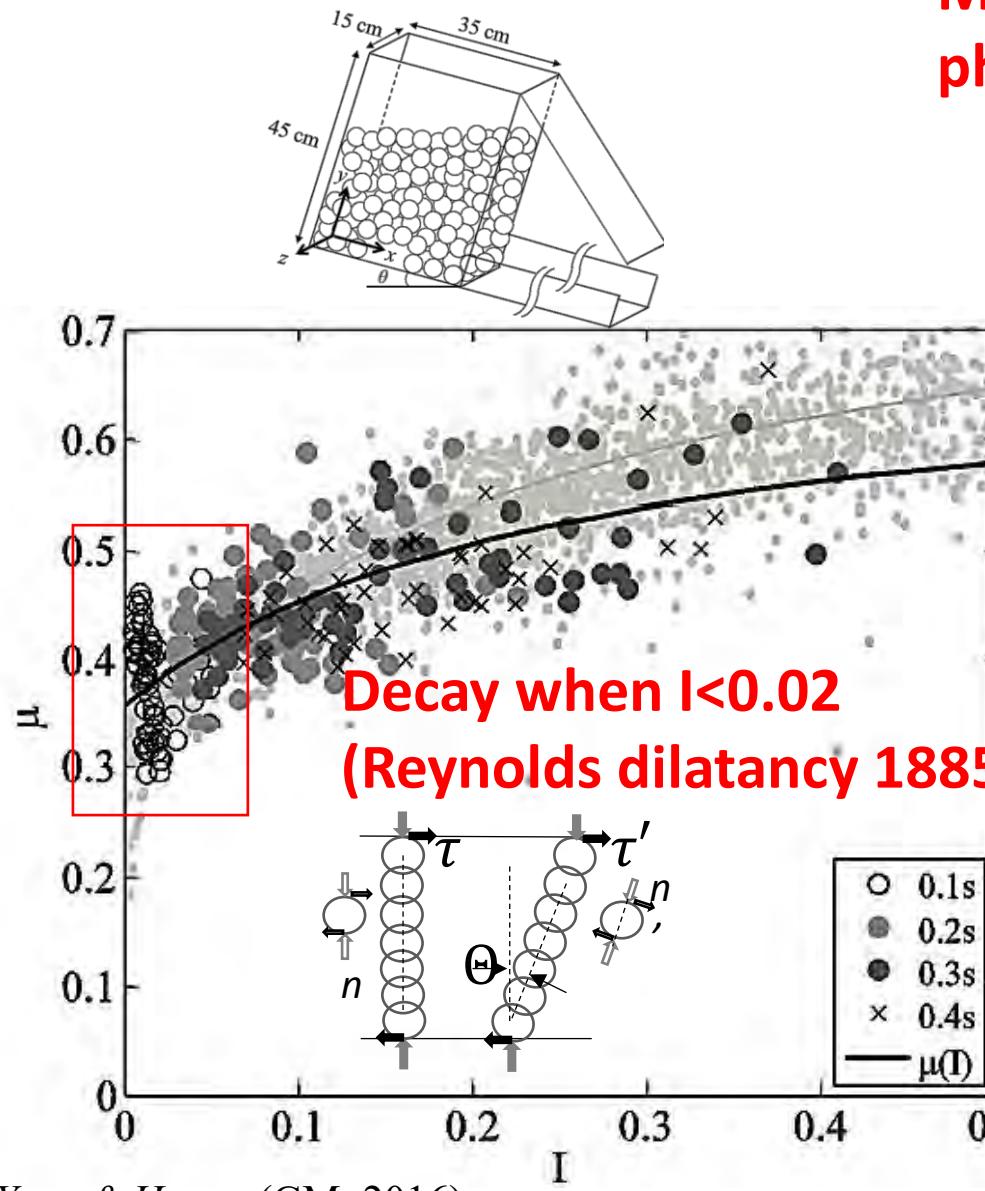


$\approx \tan 19^\circ$   
(= 0.34)

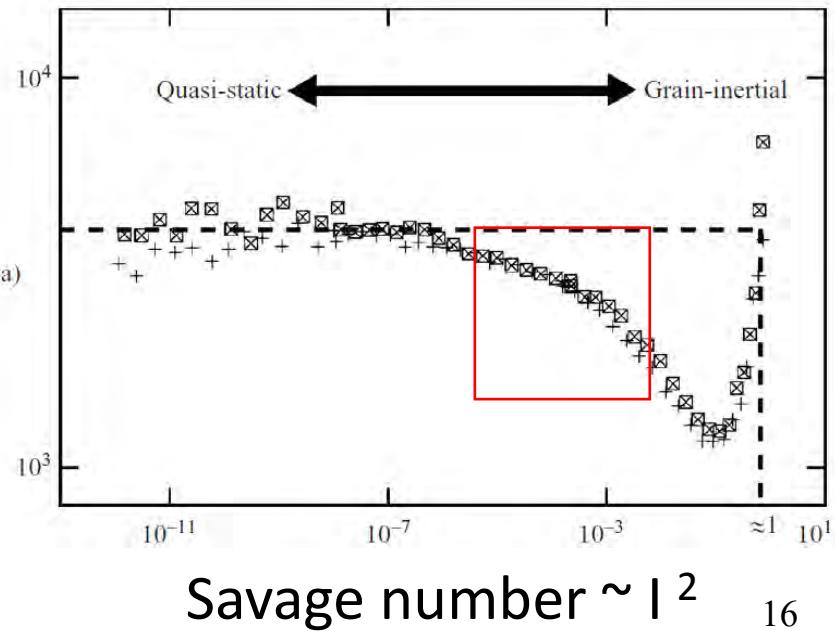
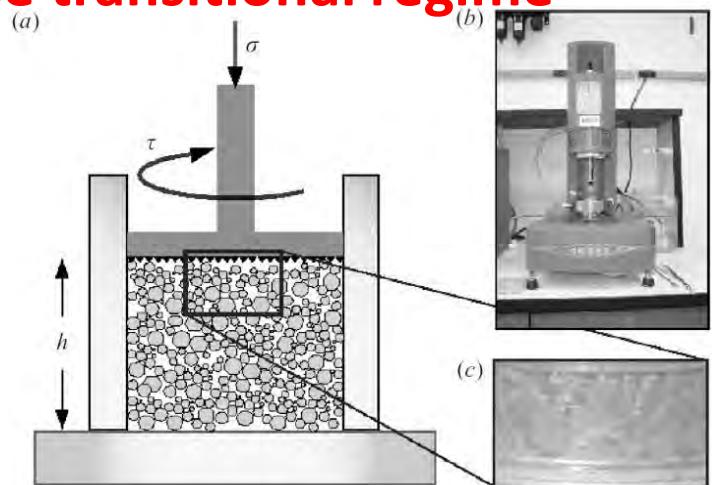


Yang & Huang (GM, 2016)

# Instantaneous $\mu$ – I relation

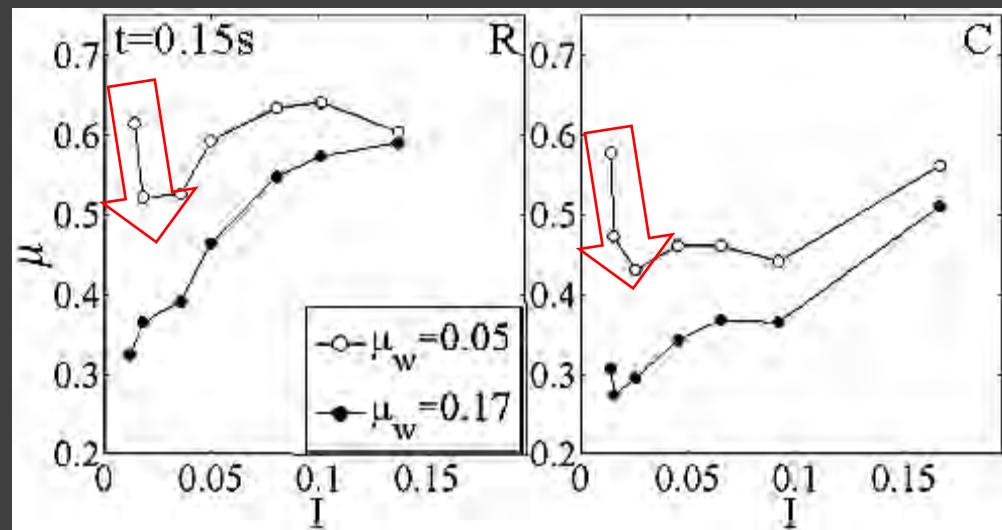
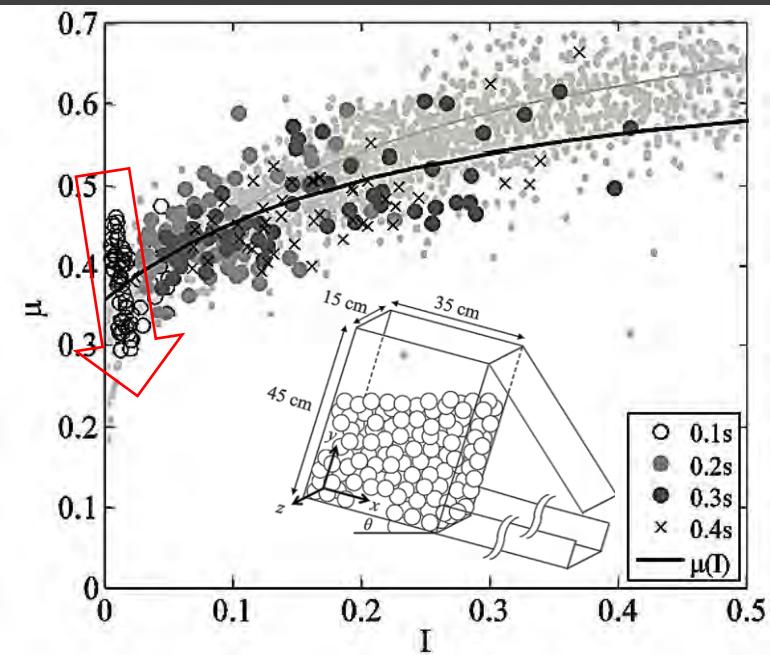


Measured shear-weakening at s-I phase transitional regime



## Summary I

- Monotonically rising  $\mu - I$  confirmed above  $I_c \sim 0.02$



- Decay trend below  $I_c$  (with  $\mu_w$  reduced from pure-sliding value)
- Transition as a bifurcation phenomenon

**Boundary condition:  $\mu_w$**

**Direct measurement in steady uniform flows**

## Confirmation in real steady uniform flows

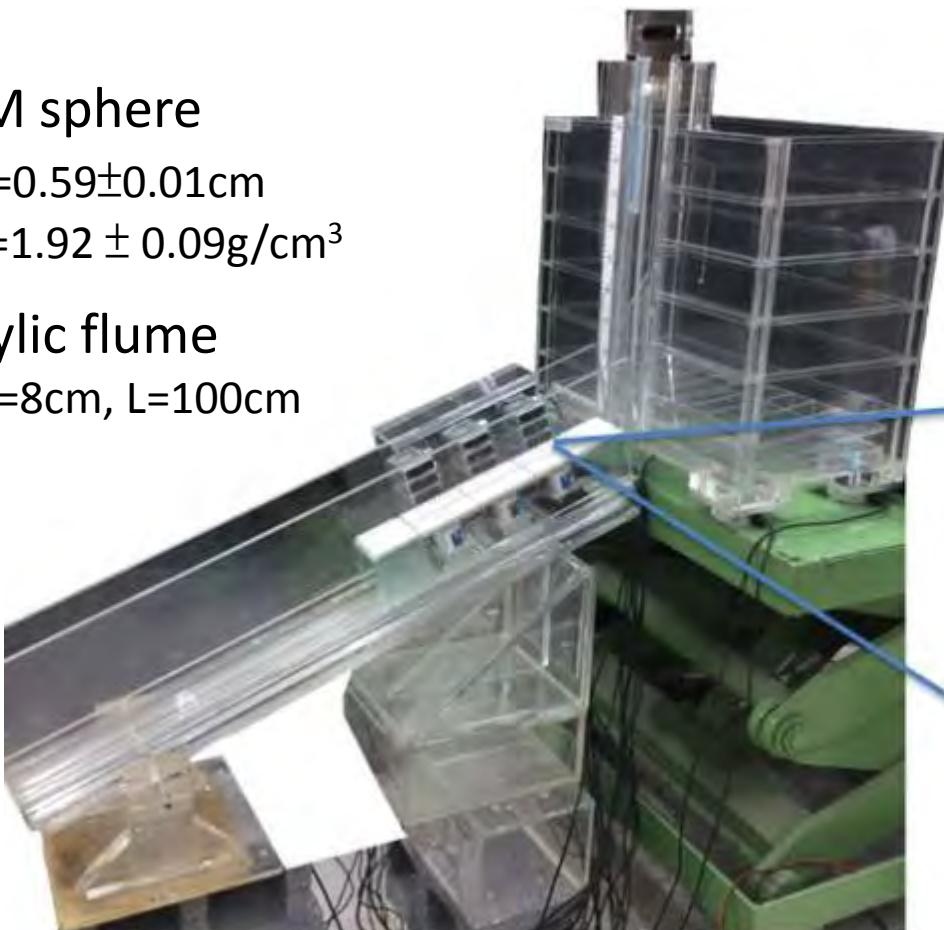
POM sphere

$$D=0.59 \pm 0.01 \text{ cm}$$

$$\rho=1.92 \pm 0.09 \text{ g/cm}^3$$

Acrylic flume

$$W=8 \text{ cm}, L=100 \text{ cm}$$

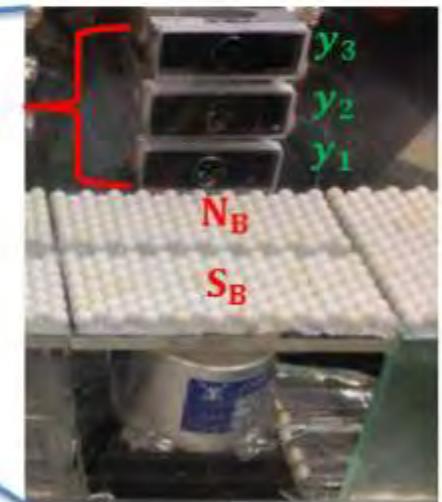


Direct force measurement  
via load cell (LC) array

N or S in depth on side wall

$N_w$  or  $S_w$

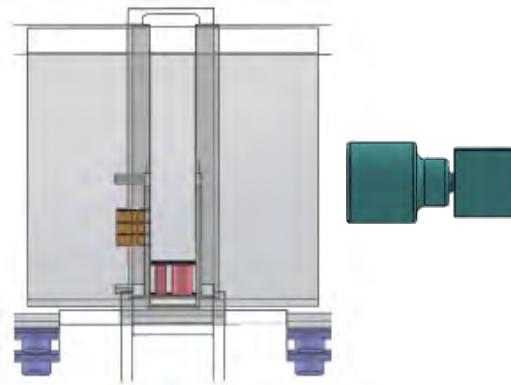
at depth  $y_1$ ,  $y_2$ ,  $y_3$



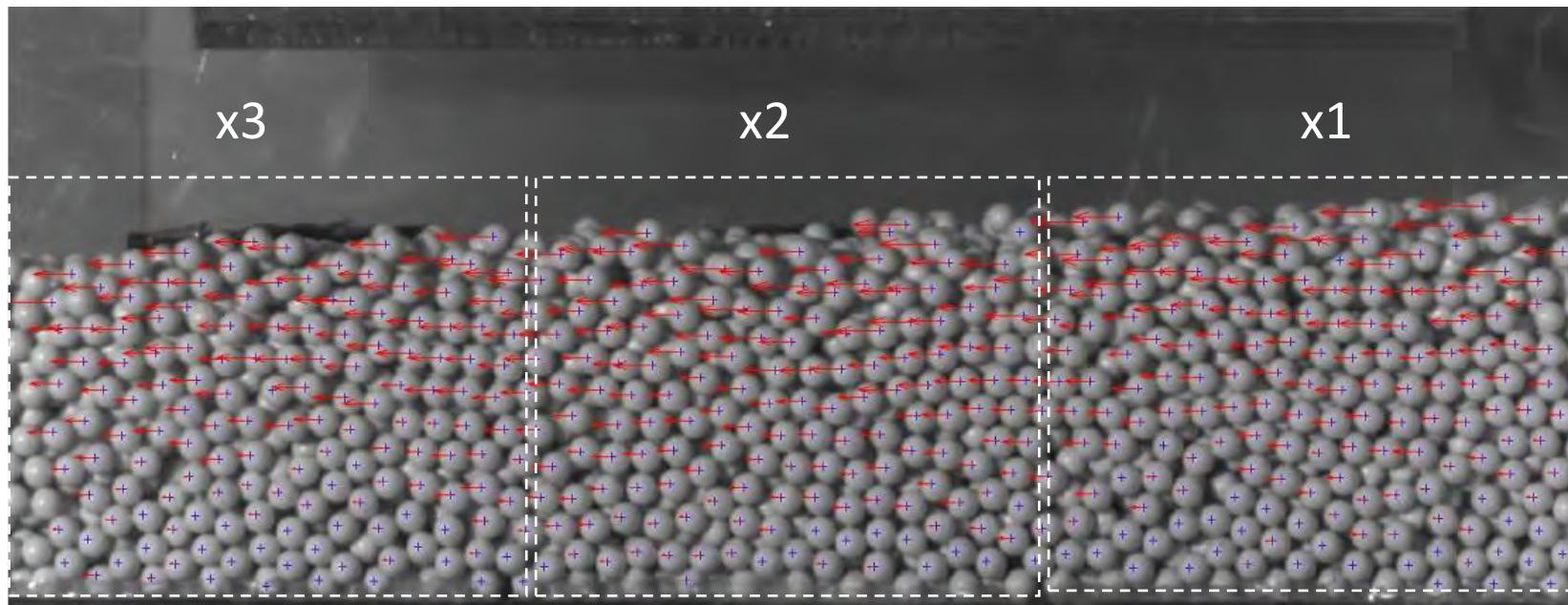
Concurrent N and S @ base

Roughened by spheres

## Concurrent high-speed imaging

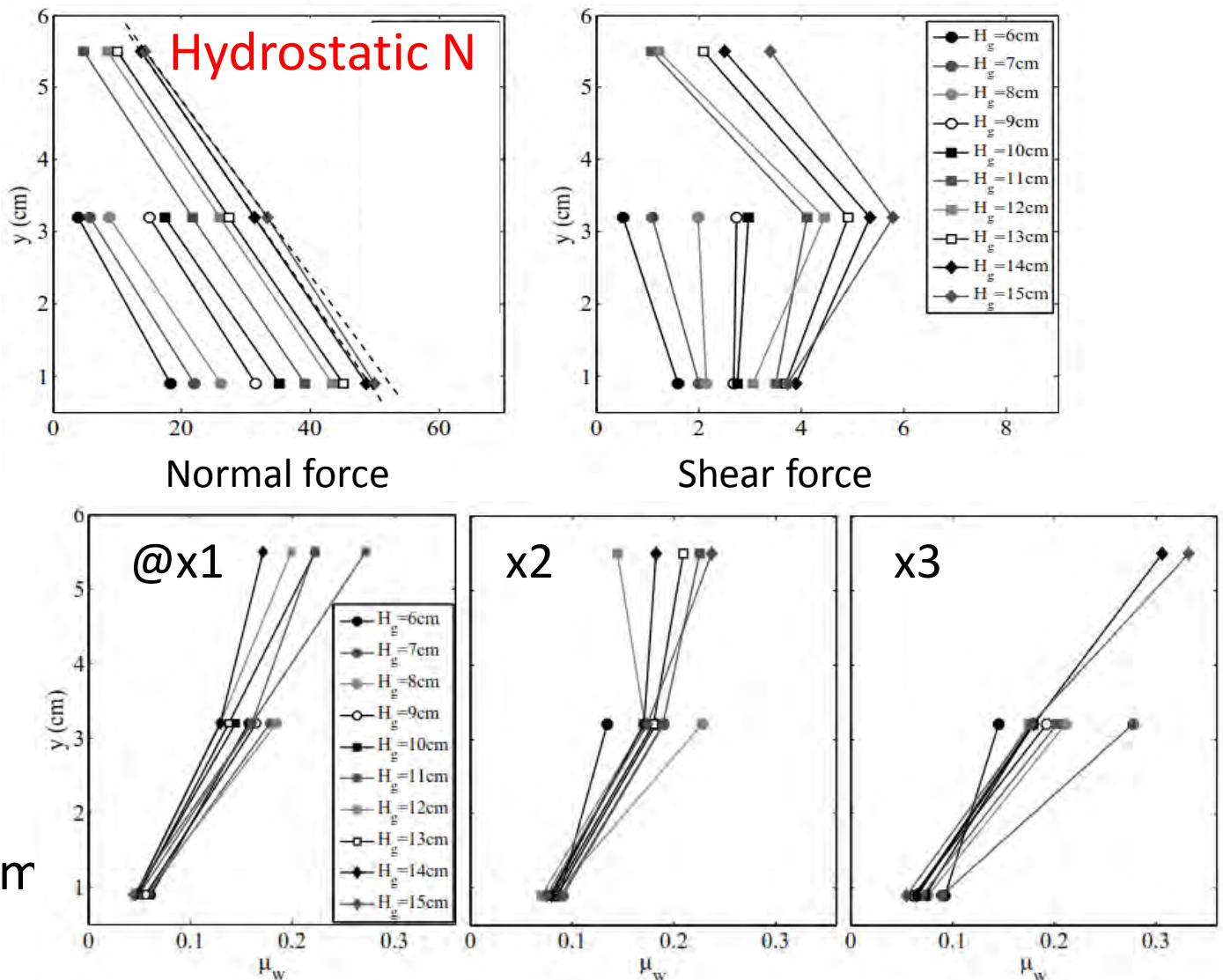


Indirect measurement [500pfs]  
+ PTV (particle tracking velocimetry)  
@ side: flow height  $h(x)$   
: solid volume fraction  $\phi(x,y)$   
: velocity  $u(x,y)$



# Wall $\mu_w$

Steady mean  
LC data



$$\mu_w = S_w / N_w$$

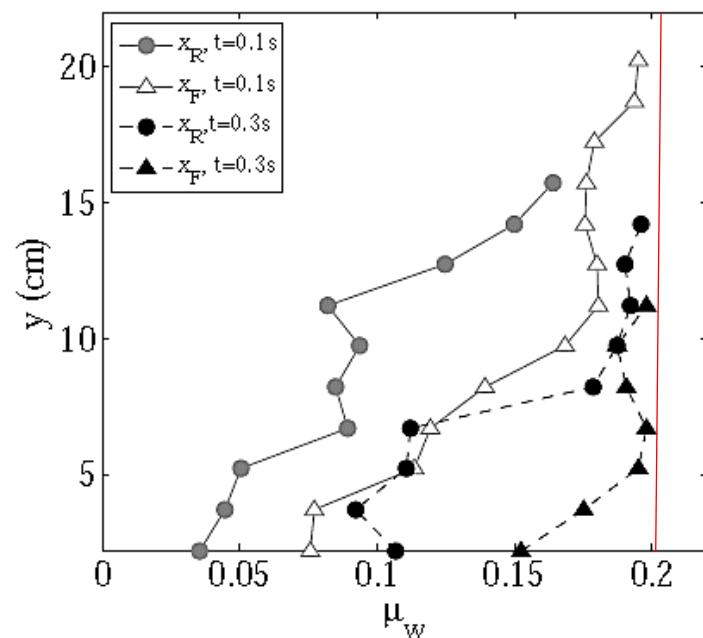
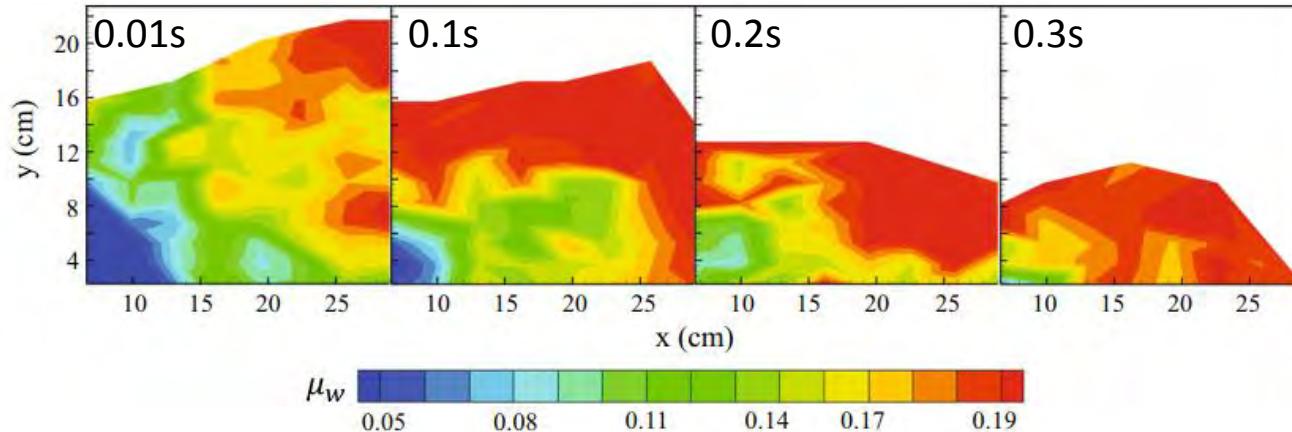
**Non-constant**  
Decays in depth  
Grows downstream

**Boundary condition:  $\mu_w$**   
**DEM simulated avalanche**

## DEM-rendered $\mu_w$

$$\sigma_w = \sum_{\alpha \in A} \vec{F}^{\alpha w} / \Lambda$$

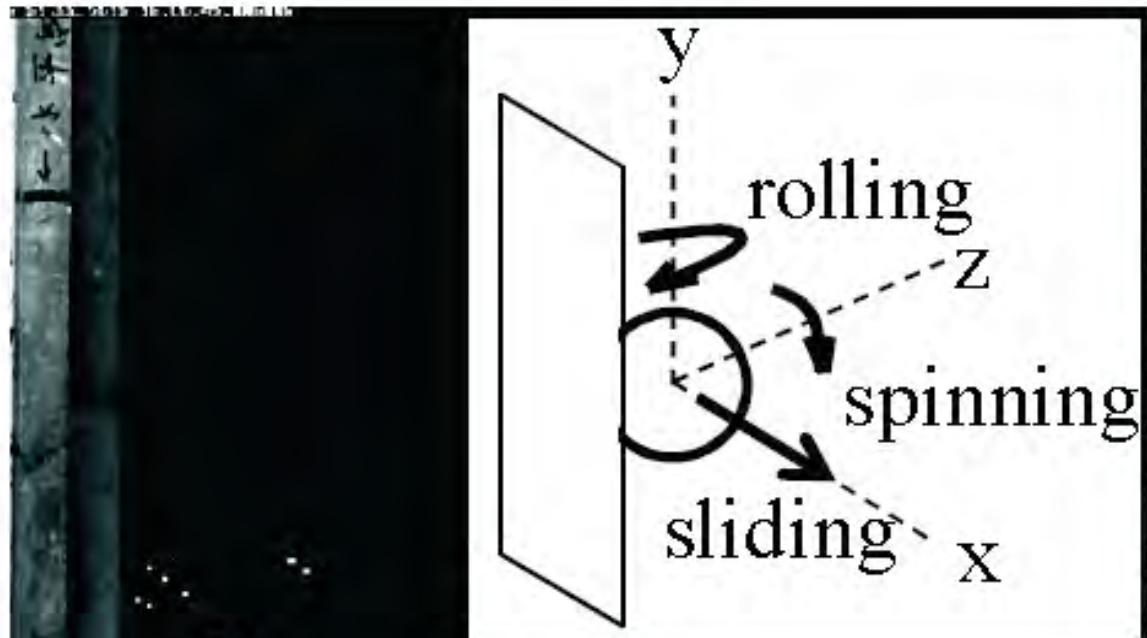
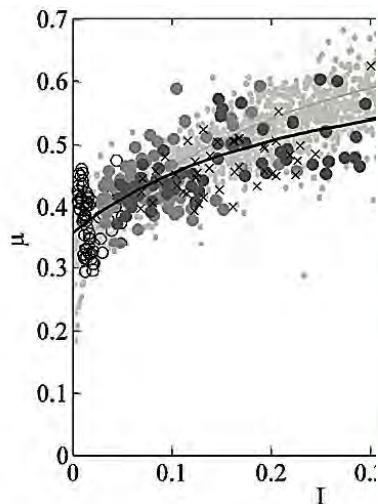
Bulk friction coefficient is non-constant: depth-weakening & flow-dependent  
 Always smaller than the microscopic sphere-wall  $f=0.2$



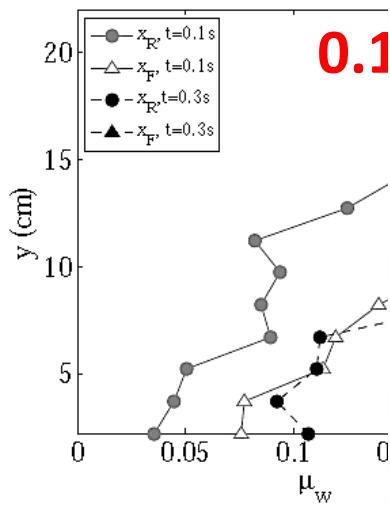
Depth-decaying  
 Growing towards  
 'microscopic'  $f$

## Inference of reduced $\mu_w$

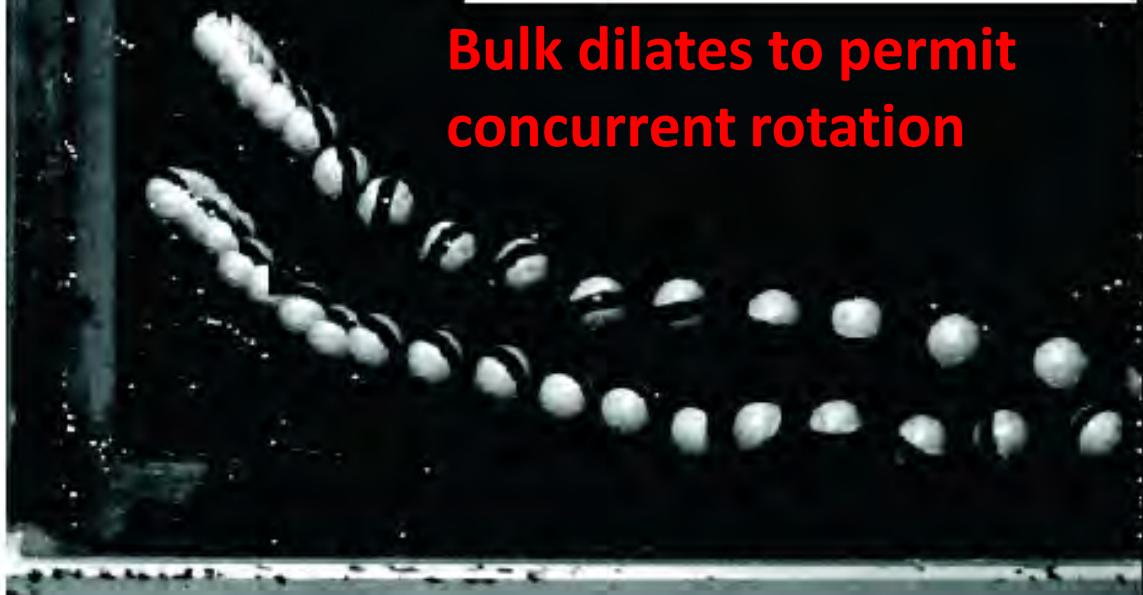
### 1. Decay of internal $\mu$ is physical



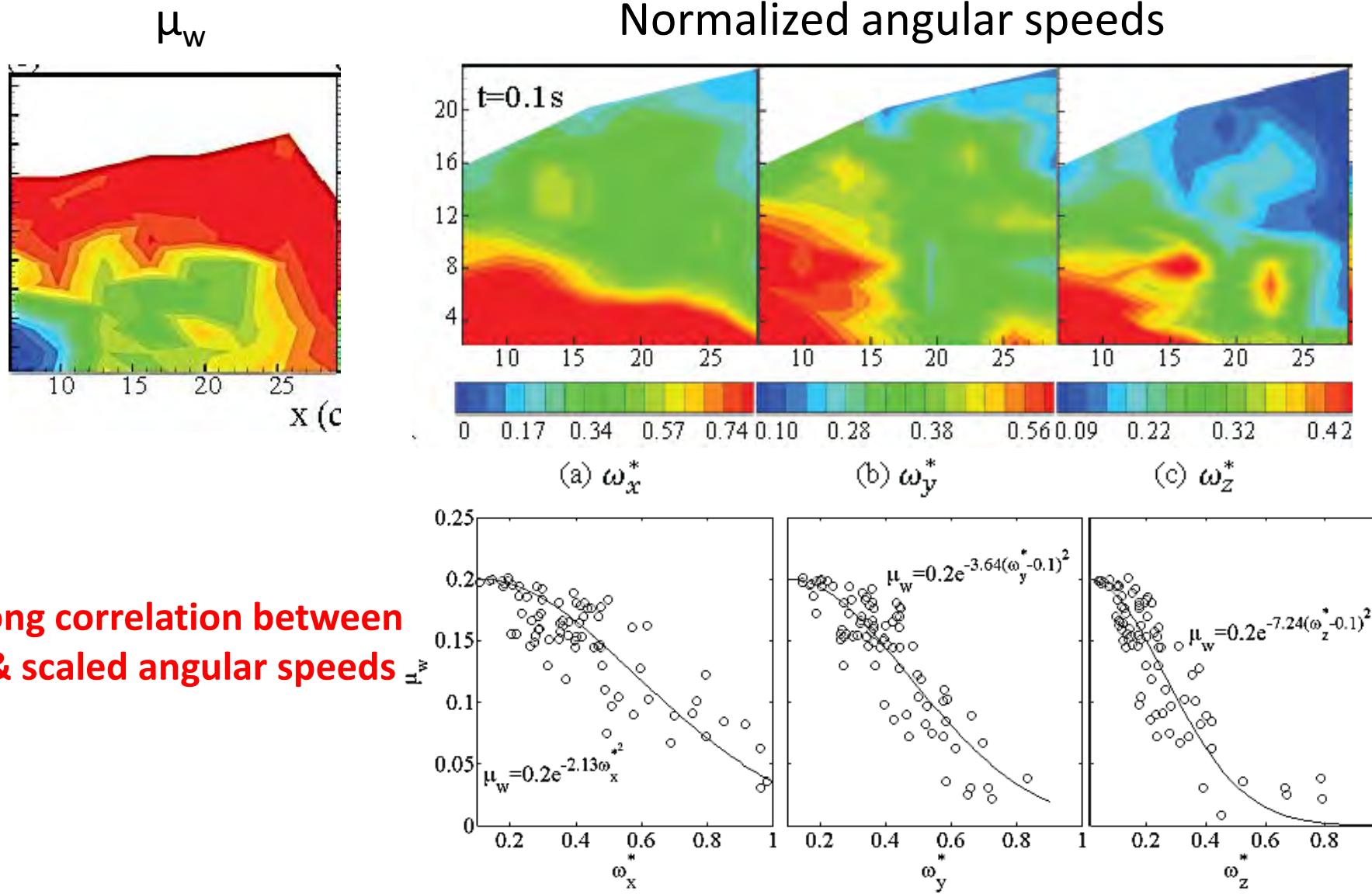
### 2. Simulated $\mu_w$ lower than static $\mu_s$



**Bulk dilates to permit concurrent rotation**

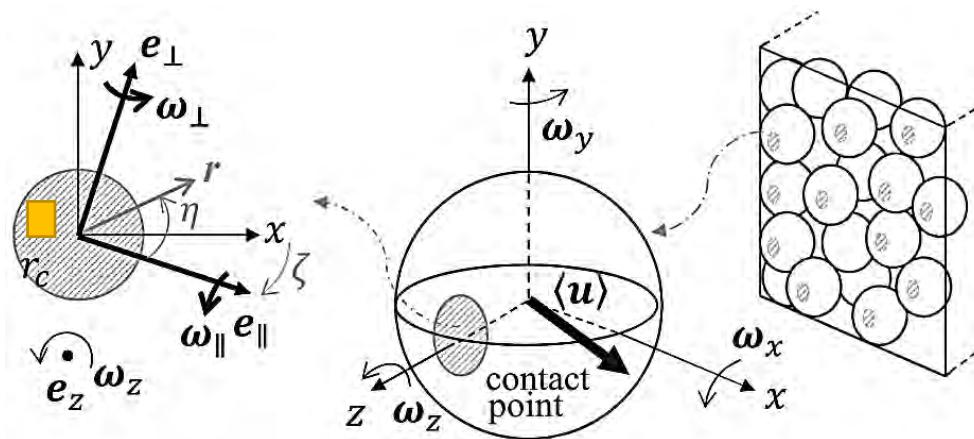
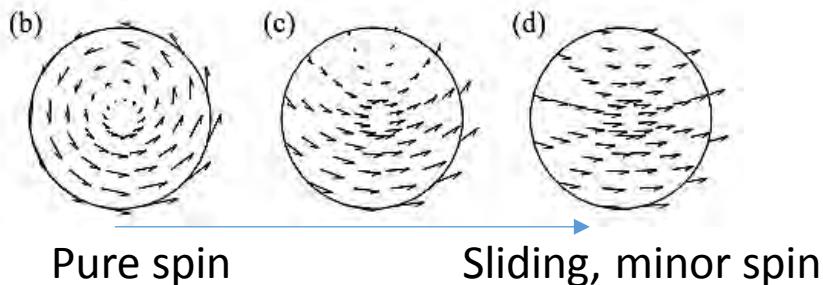


# Rotation as a weakening mechanism



# Microscopic interaction model

Farkas et al. (PRL 2002)



Coulomb friction is ‘more’ valid over  $dA$  along  $\mathbf{u}_{tot}$  modified by grain rotation

$$\mathbf{F} = -\frac{f^{sw} P}{A_c} \int \mathbf{u}_{tot} / |\mathbf{u}_{tot}| dA$$

$$\tilde{\mathbf{u}}_{tot} = (\tilde{u}_{\parallel} + R\tilde{\omega}_{\perp} - r \sin \eta \tilde{\omega}_z) \mathbf{e}_{\parallel} + (-R\tilde{\omega}_{\parallel} + r \cos \eta \tilde{\omega}_z) \mathbf{e}_{\perp} + (\tilde{u}_z + r \sin \eta \tilde{\omega}_{\parallel} - r \cos \eta \tilde{\omega}_{\perp}) \mathbf{e}_z$$

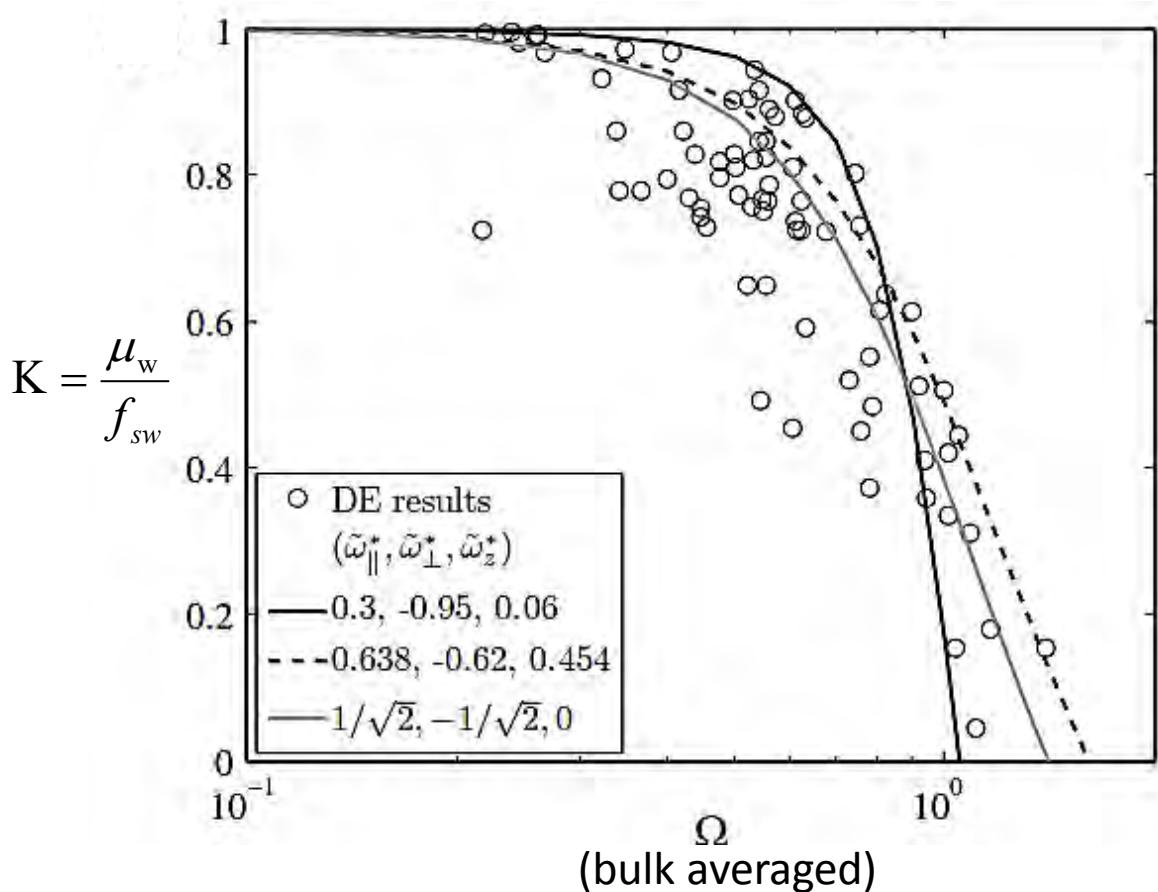
$$\mu_w = f^{sw} K(\Omega, \tilde{\boldsymbol{\omega}}^*),$$

Rotation index

$$K(\Omega, \tilde{\boldsymbol{\omega}}^*) = (\pi r_c^{*2})^{-1} \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{r_c^*} \frac{\tilde{\mathbf{u}}_{2D} \cdot \mathbf{e}_{\parallel}}{|\tilde{\mathbf{u}}_{2D}|} r^* dr^* d\eta$$

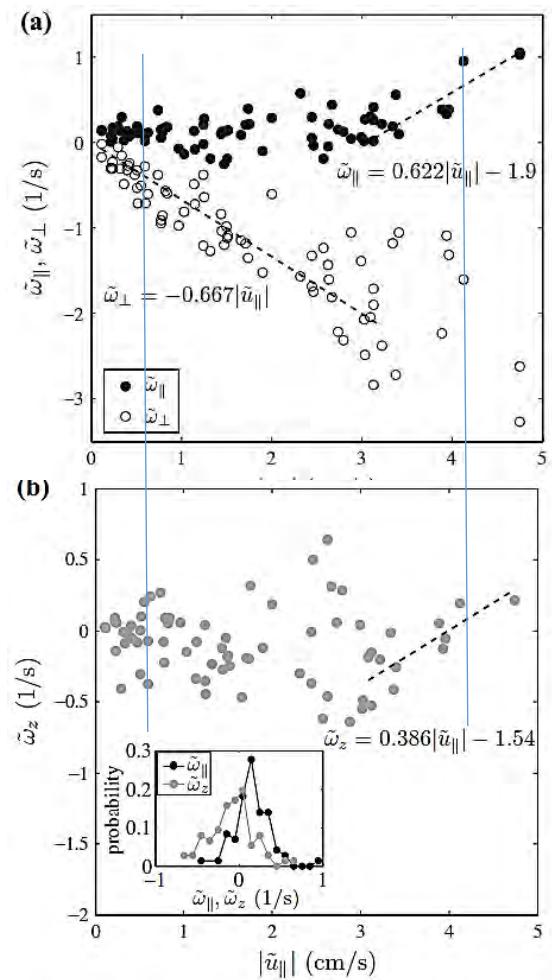
$$\Omega = \frac{R|\boldsymbol{\omega}|}{|u_{\parallel}|}$$

# Numerical evidence



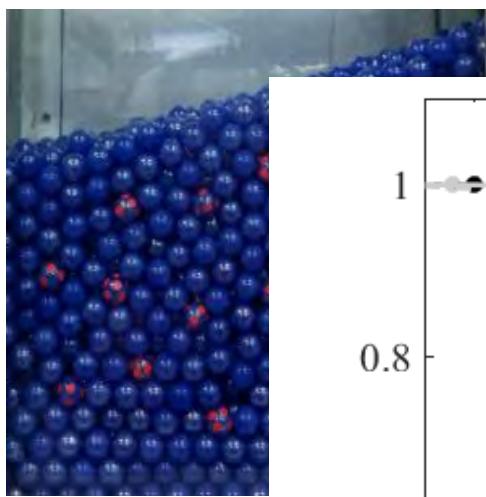
$$K(\Omega, \tilde{\omega}^*) = (\pi r_c^{*2})^{-1} \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{r_c^*} \frac{\tilde{\mathbf{u}}_{2D} \cdot \mathbf{e}_{\parallel}}{|\tilde{\mathbf{u}}_{2D}|} r^* dr^* d\eta$$

$$K_o(\Omega, \tilde{\omega}_{\parallel}^*, \tilde{\omega}_{\perp}^*) = \frac{1 + \Omega \tilde{\omega}_{\perp}^*}{[(1 + \Omega \tilde{\omega}_{\perp}^*)^2 + (\Omega \tilde{\omega}_{\parallel}^*)^2]^{1/2}}$$

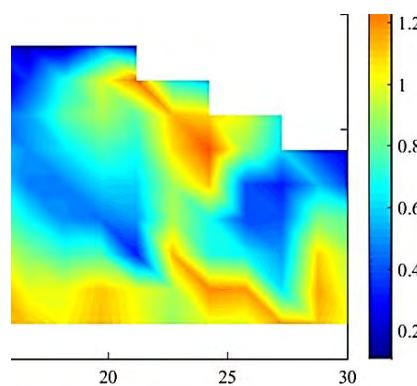
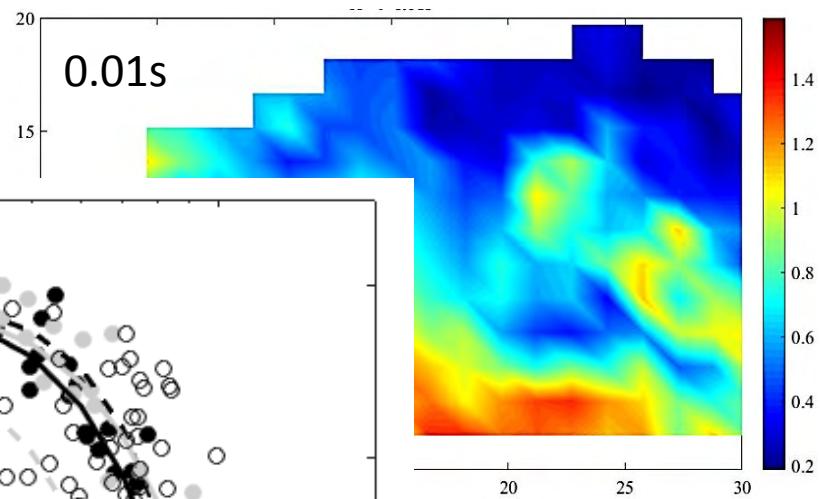
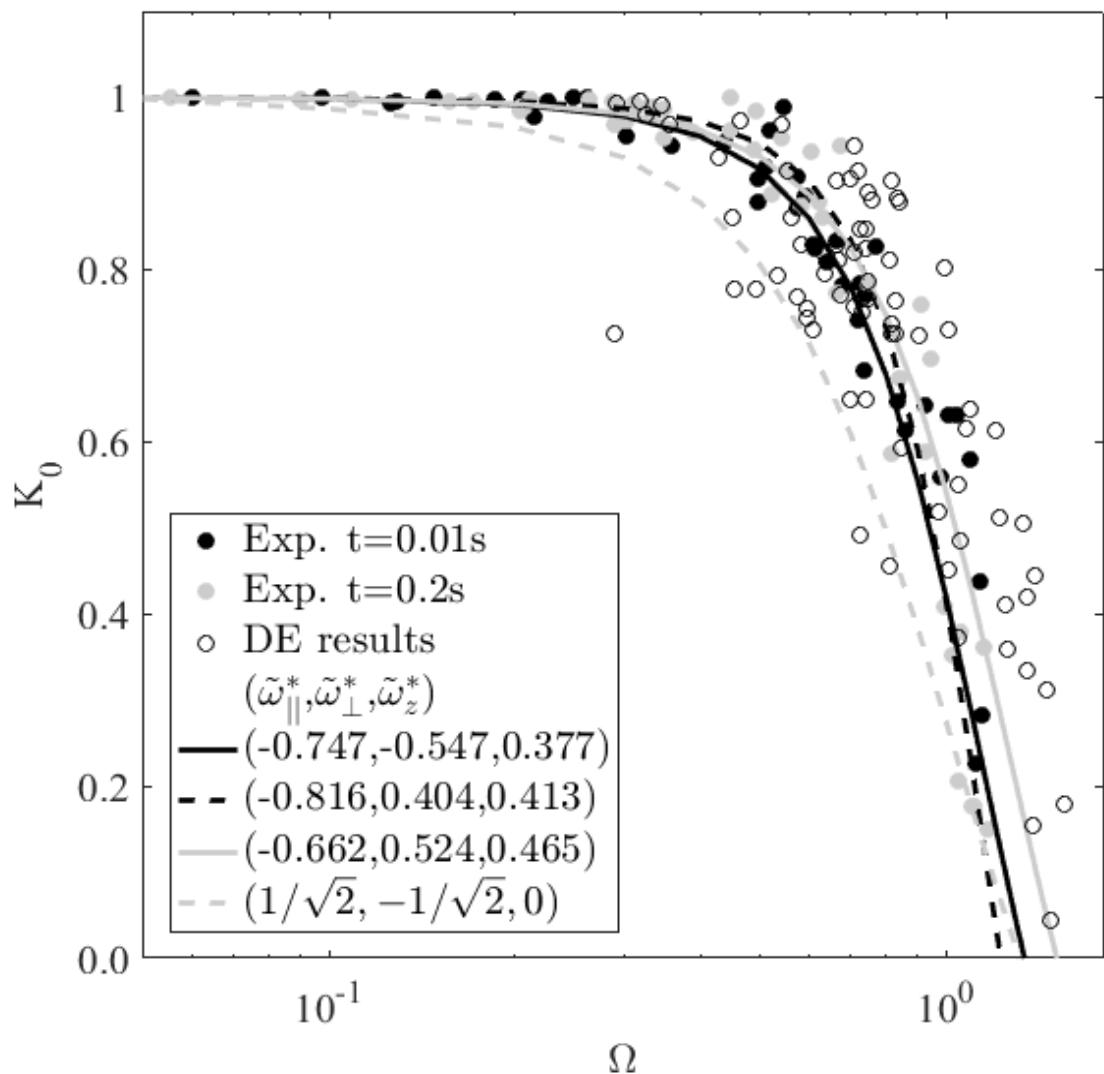


Explicit approximation

# Experimental evidence for $\Omega$

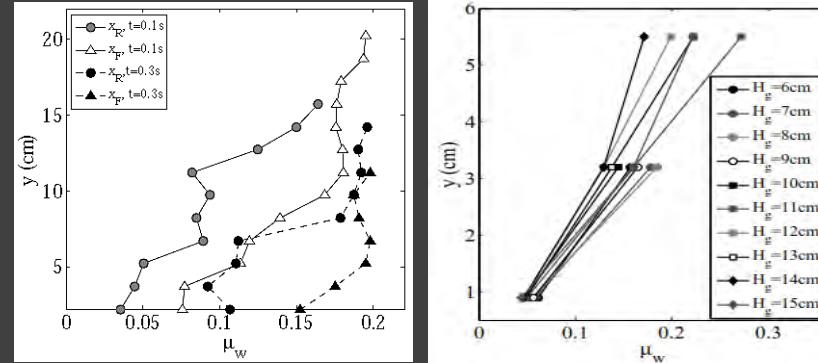


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## Summary II

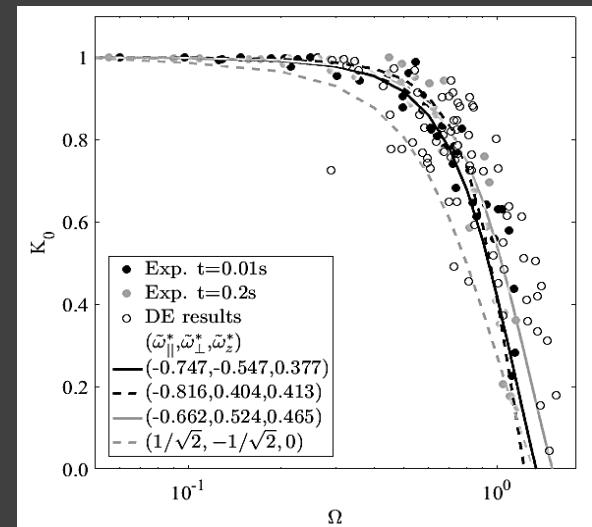
- Coulomb lateral wall friction requires a **non-constant developing  $\mu_w$**   
Depth-weakening      simulated avalanche / steady flow experiments



- Reveal concurrent **rotation as the friction reduction mechanism**  
Degradation function  $K(\Omega)$  from grain-grain f

$$K_o(\Omega, \tilde{\omega}_\parallel^*, \tilde{\omega}_\perp^*) = \frac{1 + \Omega \tilde{\omega}_\perp^*}{[(1 + \Omega \tilde{\omega}_\perp^*)^2 + (\Omega \tilde{\omega}_\parallel^*)^2]^{1/2}}$$

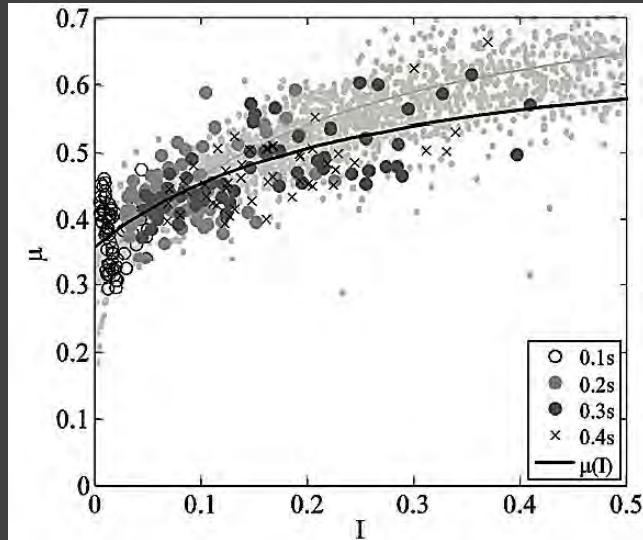
simulation / experiment



# Conclusion

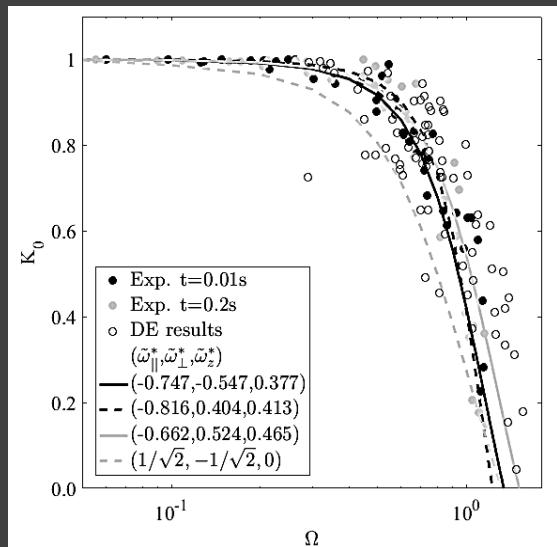
## Bulk internal friction coefficient

- Monotonic rise of  $\mu - I$  above  $I_c \sim 0.02$
- Decay trend below  $I_c$
- Non-monotonicity across  $I_c$  as a phase transition / bifurcation



## Coulomb wall friction coefficient

- Non-constant  $\mu_w$   
Depth-weakening, developing
- Grain rotation to friction degradation
- Degradation function  $K(\Omega)$  from micro f

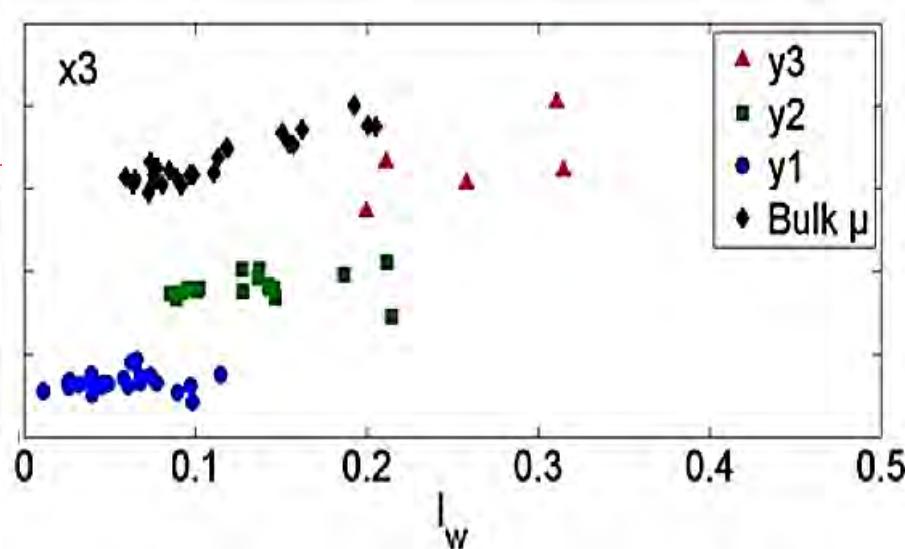
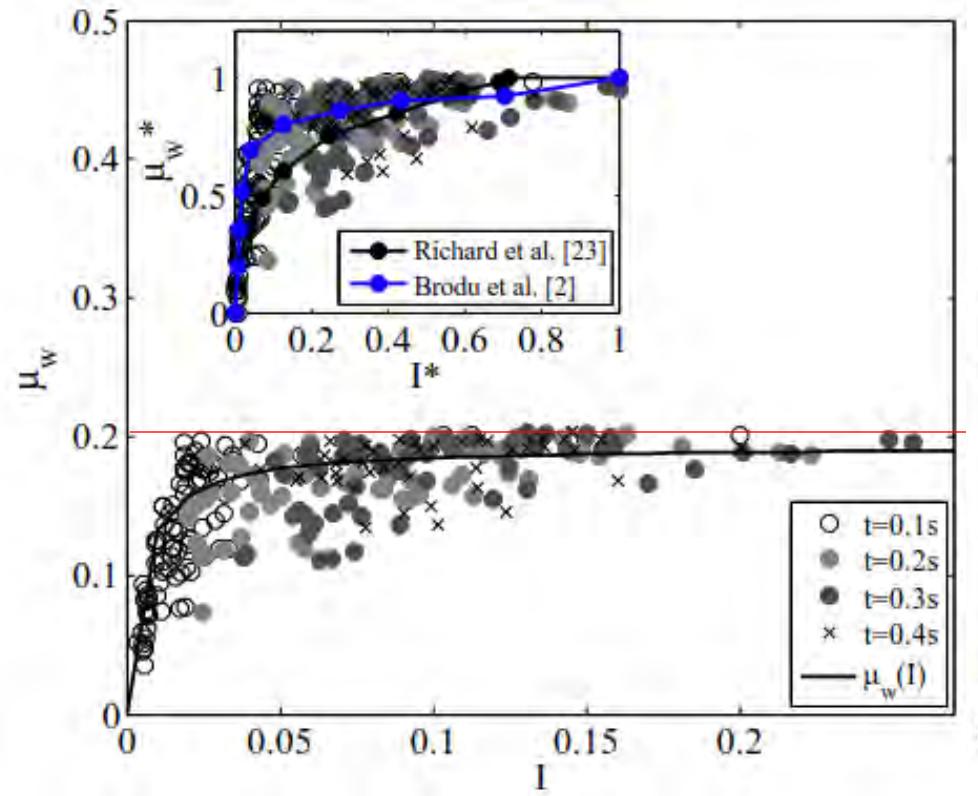




A black and white photograph of a dense forest scene. In the foreground, there's a path or clearing surrounded by tall trees with intricate branch patterns. The background is filled with more trees, creating a sense of depth and texture.

# Thank You

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$\mu_w$  much smaller than  $\mu$

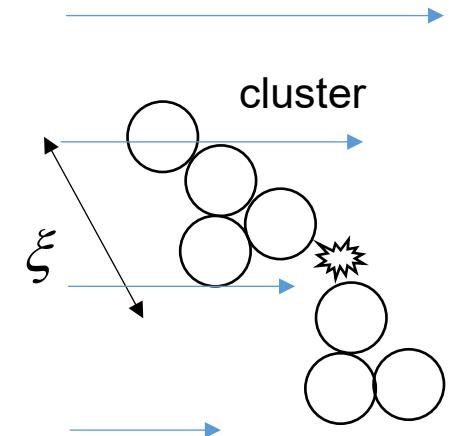
# Flow dynamics away from jamming

- Small non-local effect ( $l^2 \nabla^2 I \ll 1$ )
- By Taylor expansion and scaling arguments, we have  **$\beta=2$**  and an **eddy-viscosity-like stress scaling**

$$\tau \sim \rho \xi^2 \dot{\gamma}^2$$

- Correlation length  $\xi(\mu) = Ad [r(\mu) - r_c]^{-1/2}$
- Long-range momentum transmission due to collisions between clusters.

Ertas & Halsey 2002; Pouliquen 2004; Staron 2008;  
Mills et al 2013



# Bistability-free approximation

- In the limit of  $\chi=0$

$$t_0 \frac{DI}{Dt} = \zeta^2 \nabla^2 I + [r(\mu) - r_c]I - BI^3,$$

- Single threshold  $\mu_{\text{stop}}$
- Steady-state energy balance

$$\tau \dot{\gamma} = \rho l_e(\mu)^2 \dot{\gamma}^3 - \frac{A_0 l_e(\mu)^2}{T_r} P \nabla^2 I, \quad l_e(\mu) = A_0^{-1} \sqrt{\mu} l(\mu)$$

Shear work      Dissipation

Diffusion of fluctuation during rearrangement via correlated motion

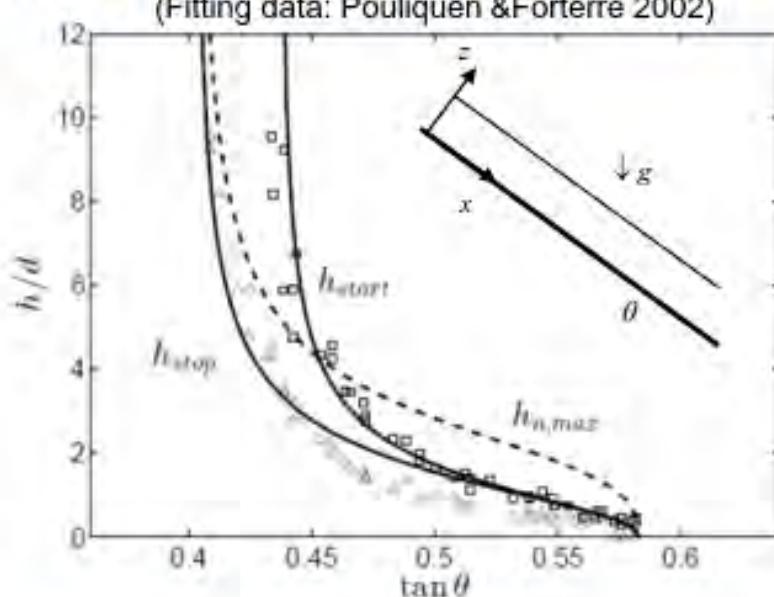
# Application to uniform incline flow

(Fitting data: Pouliquen & Forterre 2002)

- $h_{\text{start}}$  and  $h_{\text{stop}}$  phenomenon

$$h_{\text{stop}}(\theta) \approx \frac{\pi}{2} \frac{\zeta}{\sqrt{r(\theta) - r(\mu^*)}},$$

$$h_{\text{start}}(\theta) = \frac{\pi}{2} \frac{\zeta}{\sqrt{r(\theta)}}.$$



- In the **thick-layer limit**,

Predicted mean flow property

$$\bar{u} = (\pi \zeta / 5d) \sqrt{\phi g h} \cos \theta (h/h_{\text{stop}}),$$

Pouliquen flow rule (1999)

$$\bar{u} / \sqrt{gh} = \beta h / h_{\text{stop}}$$

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because of the following scaling equivalence:

$$\rho g h \sim \rho h_{\text{stop}}^2 (\bar{u}/h)^2 \quad \longrightarrow \quad \tau \sim \rho l^2 \dot{\gamma}^2$$

$h_{\text{stop}} \sim \text{Correlation length}$

(Ertas & Halsey 2002; GDR midi 2004; Staron 2008; Baran et al. 2006)

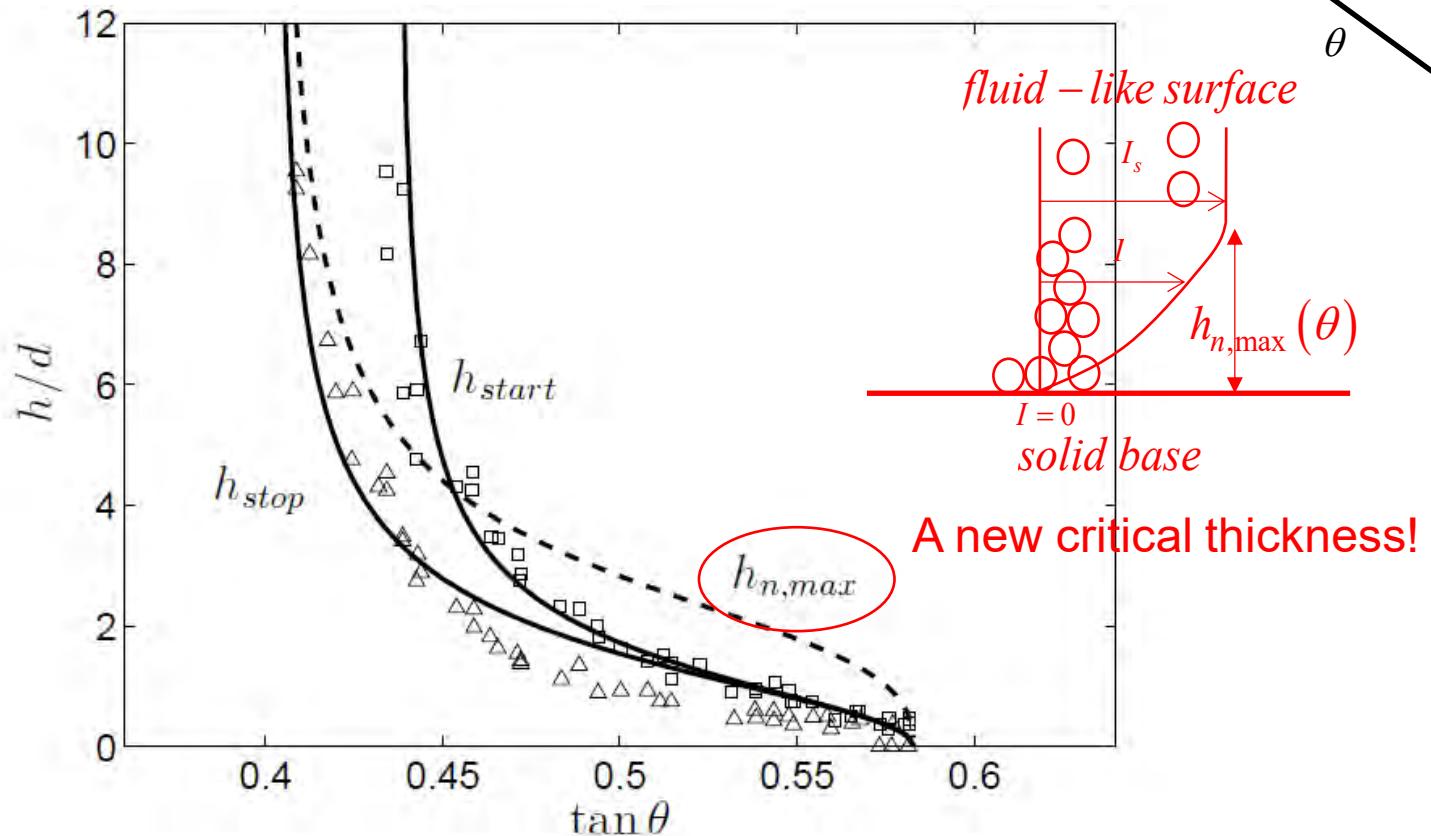
# Application to gravity-driven inclined flows

## ■ Hysteresis critical thickness.

At a specific angle  $\theta$ ,

- Static pile  $\rightarrow$  Flow, when  $h > h_{\text{start}}$
- Flow  $\rightarrow$  Static pile, when  $h < h_{\text{stop}}$

Pouliquen 1996, 1999; Daerr & Douady 1999

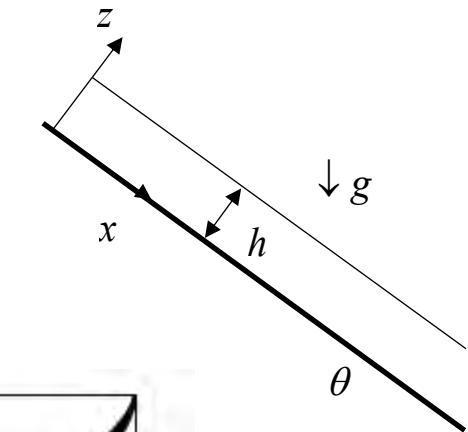
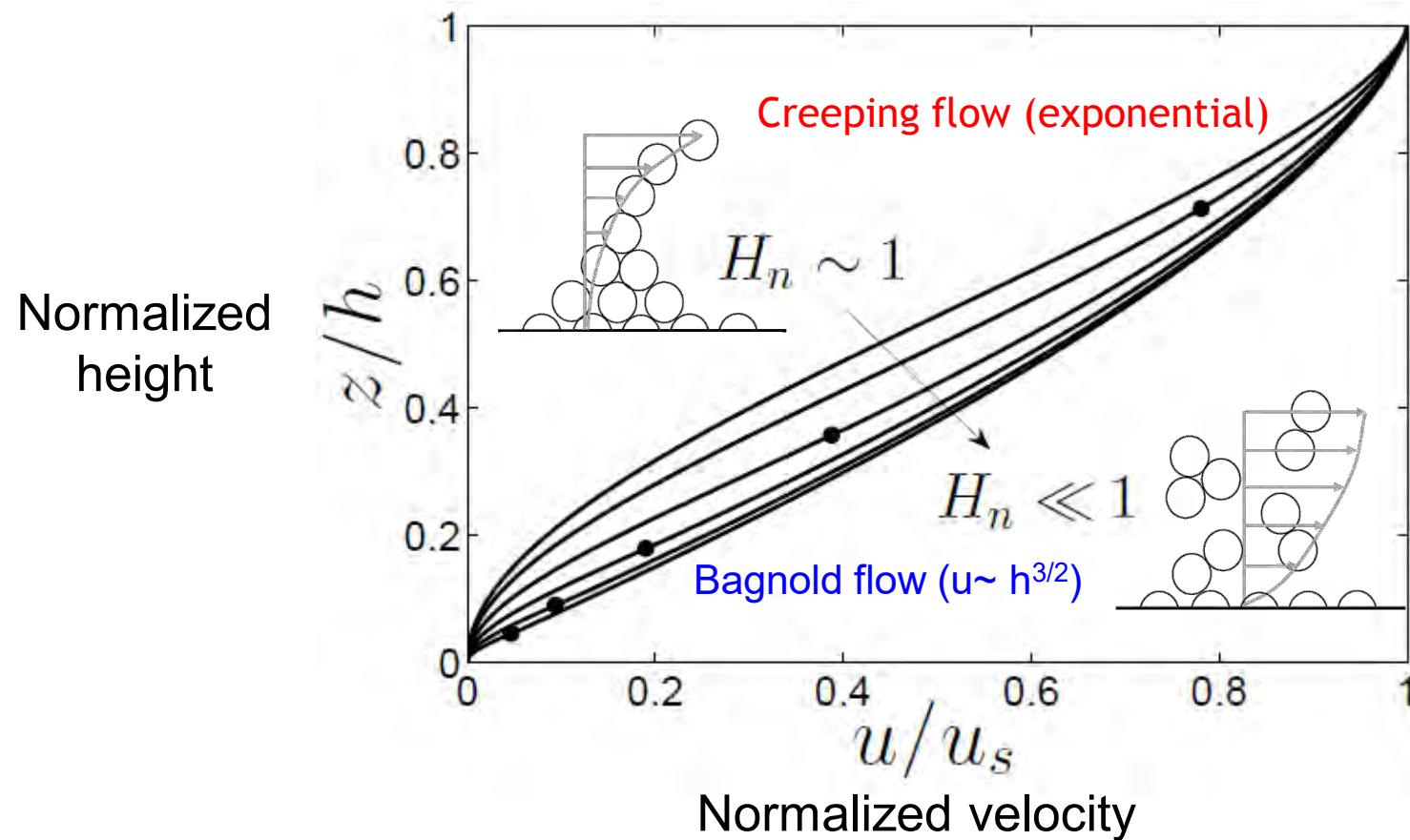


The data are extracted from Forterre & Pouliquen 2002

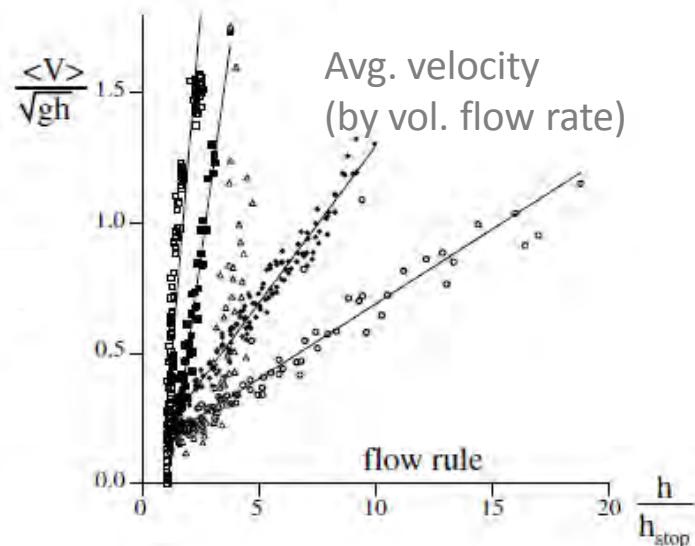
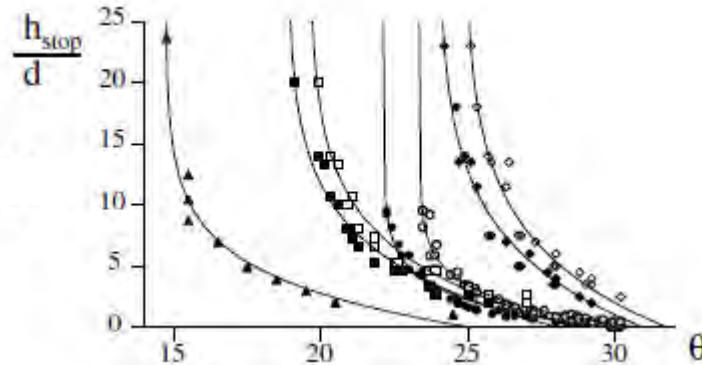
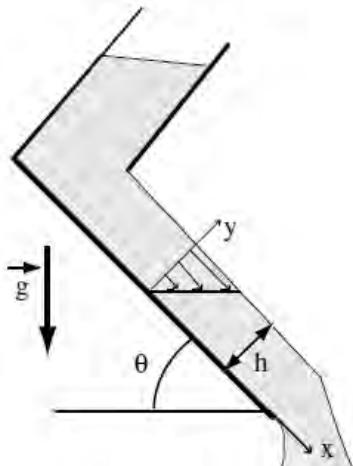
# Application to gravity-driven inclined flows

## ■ Creeping and Bagnold flow velocity profiles

- Non-local parameter:  $H_n \equiv h_{n,\max}(\theta)/h$
- Observed in DEM (Silbert et al 2003)



## 2D Inclined Free surface



### Empirical models:

$$\theta_{stop} \sim fn\left(\frac{h_{stop}}{d}\right)$$

$$\frac{\langle V \rangle}{\sqrt{gh}} = \alpha + \beta \frac{h}{h_{stop}(\theta)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \theta_{stop} = fn\left(\frac{d}{h_{stop}}\right) = \frac{\|U\|}{\sqrt{gh}} \frac{d}{h} - \alpha \frac{d}{h}$$

At equilibrium,  $\tan(\theta_{stop}) = \mu_{eff}$

