



Dispersion in granular media: rheology, diffusion, segregation

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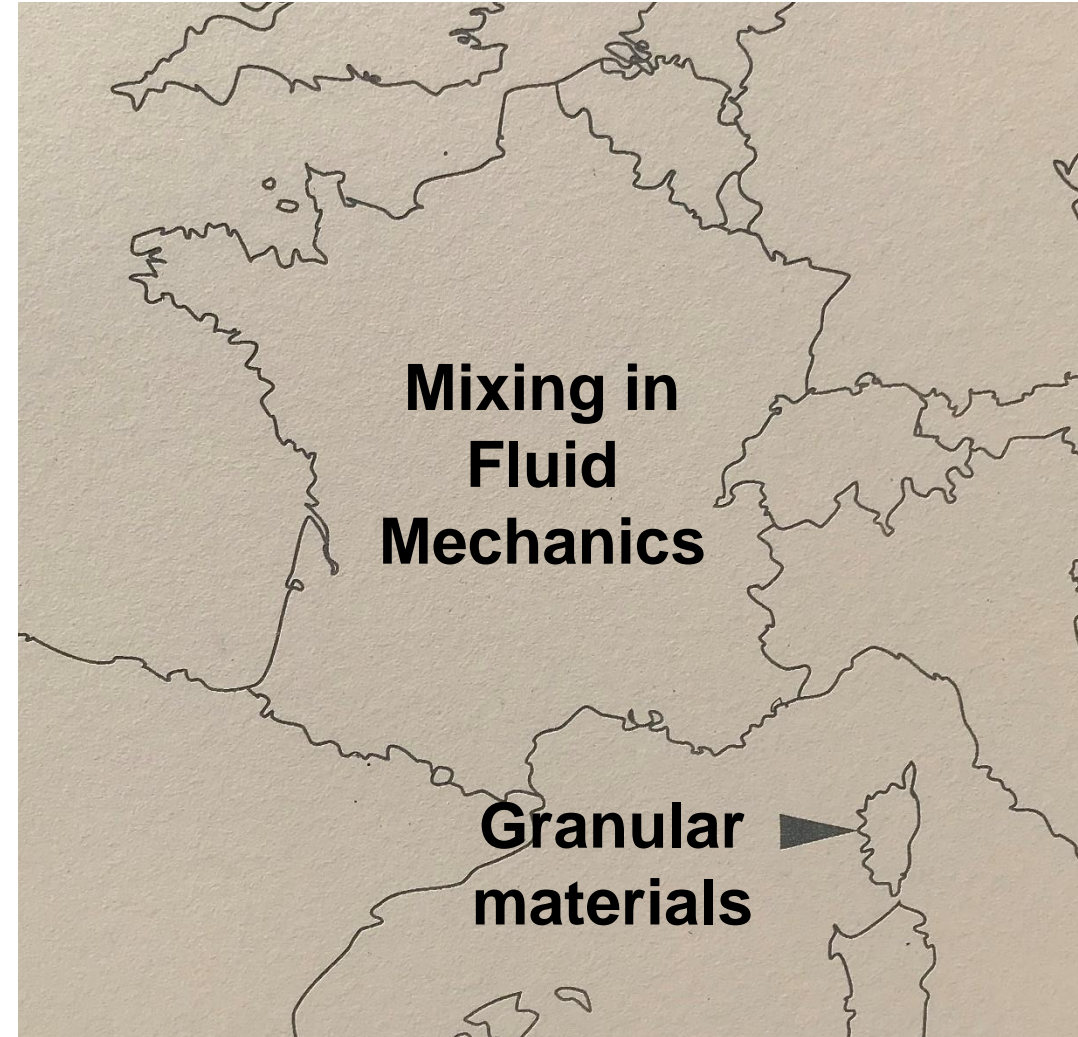
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Dispersion in granular media

- ➔ Granular media
- ➔ Rheology
- ➔ Diffusion
- ➔ Segregation



Industrial context

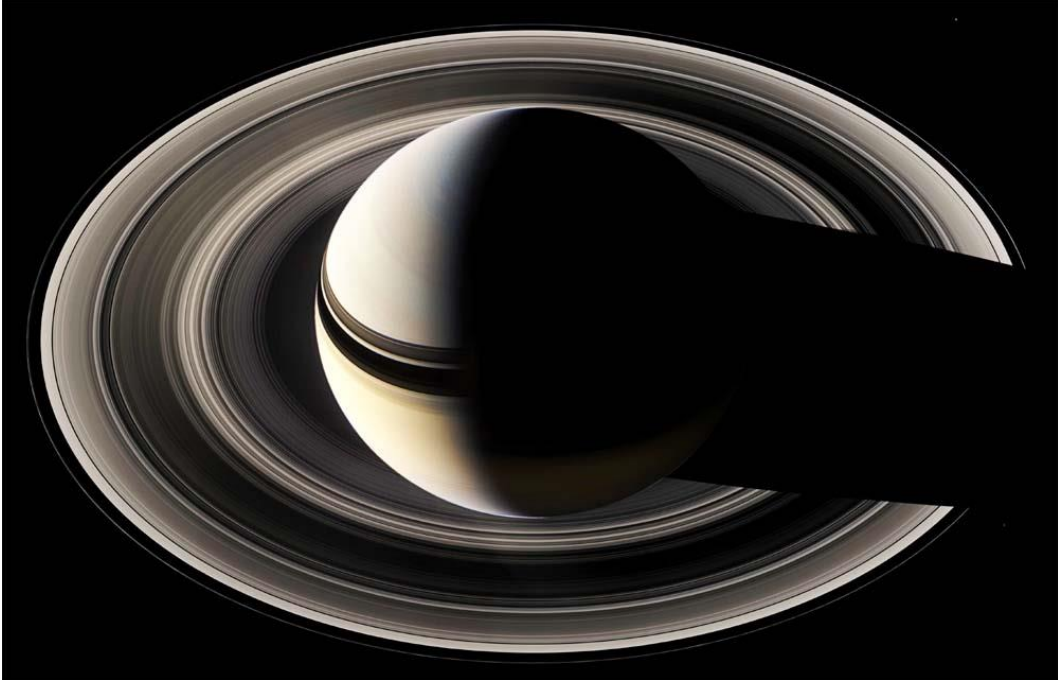


Materials as granular media are the 2nd most frequently used



Food
Mining
Building materials
Chemical engineering
Pharmaceutical

Issues for storage, transport, process





In every day life



Mixing is ubiquitous in industry

➡ Food industry

- Usually in close batch (sanitary issues)
- Textural properties, rheology

➡ Chemical products

➡ Pharmaceutical

- Homogeneity, mostly powders

➡ Building materials

► Cohesive grains from sand grains in glass production to powders



Grains/powders
+ liquids



GRANULAR MATERIALS



1 μm

colloid



100 μm

powder



granular materials

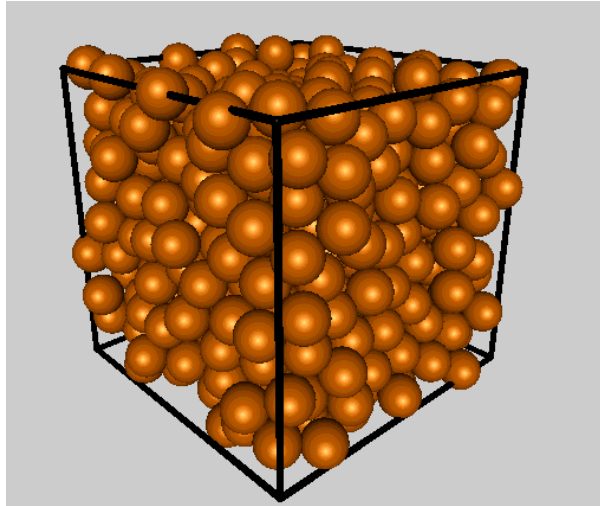
Large particles : no thermal energy

$$kT \ll mgd \quad \text{no Brownian motion}$$

Hard particles : steric exclusion

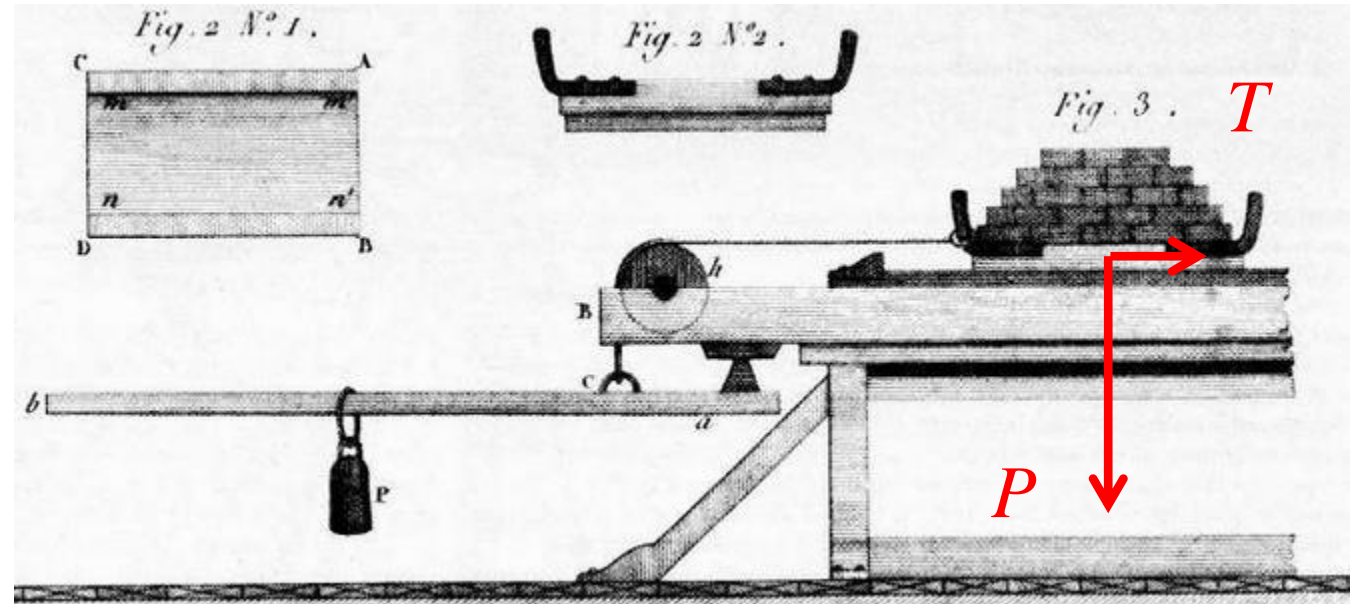
friction, cohesion, viscous fluids
between grains in contact

SOLID FRACTION Φ



J. Kepler (1611), T. Hales (2014)

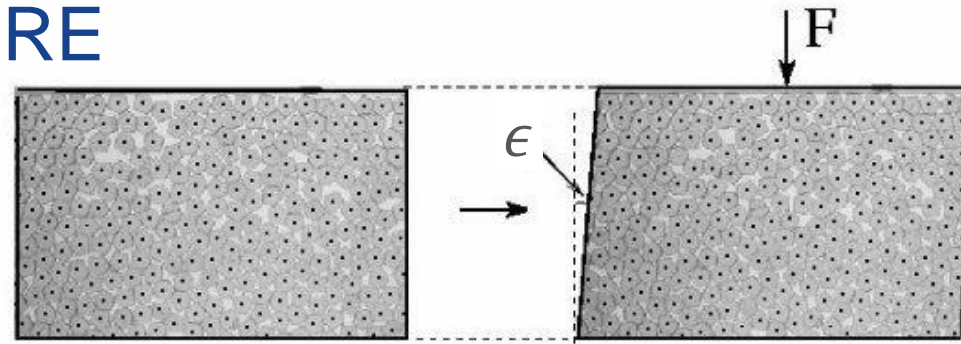
Charles-Augustin Coulomb 1736-1806



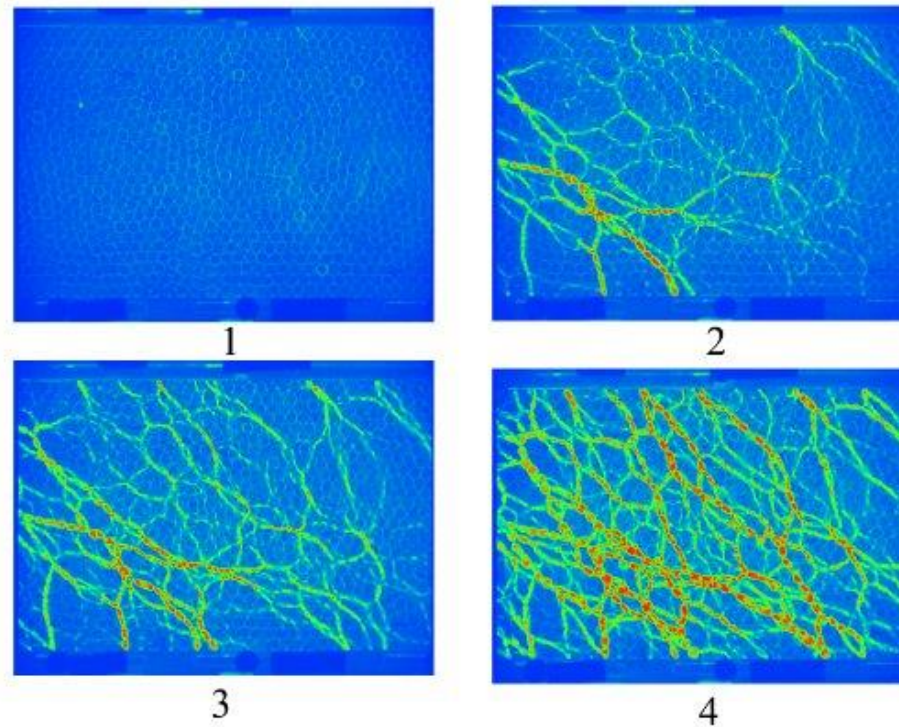
The tangential force T is equal to the normal force P times a friction coefficient μ

$$T = \mu P$$

EXAMPLE—SIMPLE SHEAR CREATES TEXTURE



(a)



(b)

Fabric tensors to describe the anisotropy of contacts orientation, of contact forces, ...

Dispersion in granular media

➡ Granular media

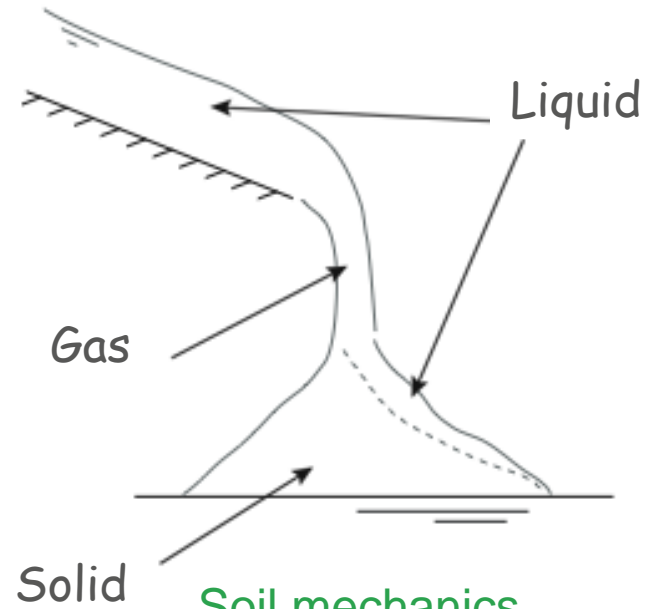
➡ Rheology

➡ Diffusion

➡ Segregation

BETWEEN SOLID AND LIQUID

Kinetic theory
(fast, dilute, collisions)

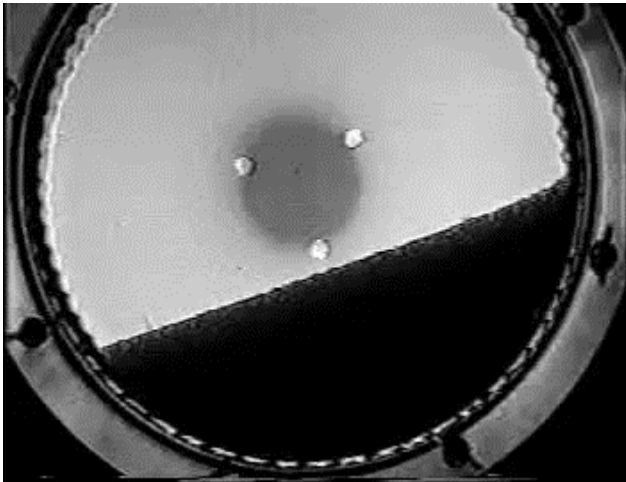


« Fluid mechanics »

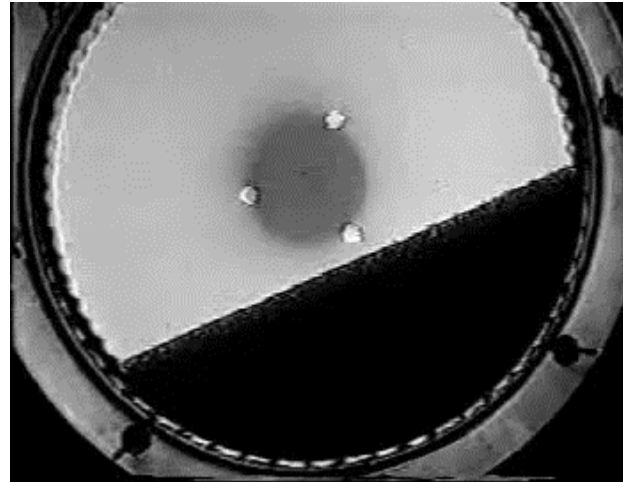
Dense, flowing, fast

Soil mechanics

(quasi-static deformation, dense, frictional)

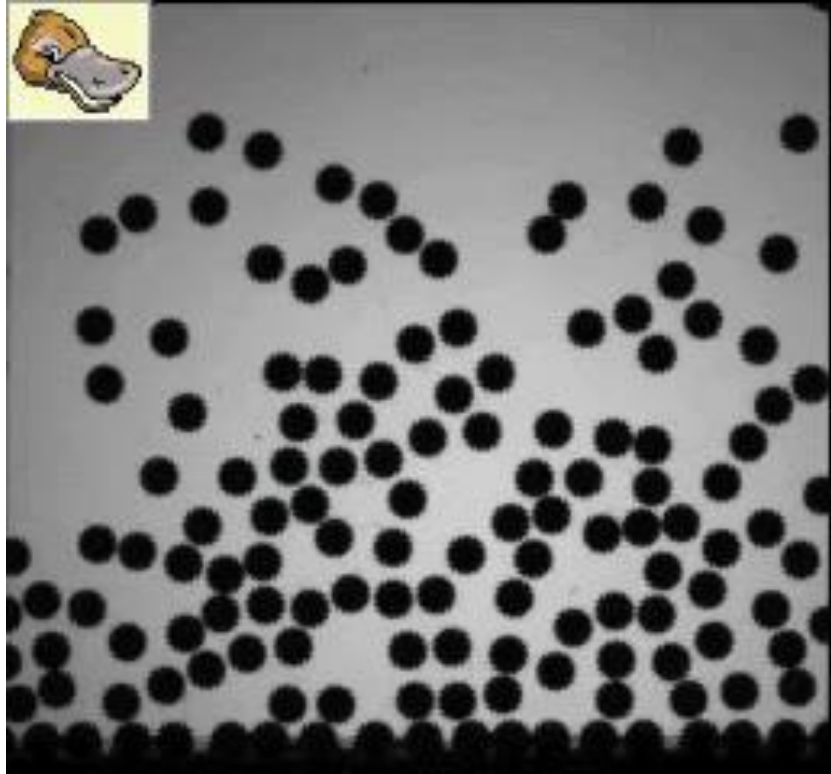


Avalanches

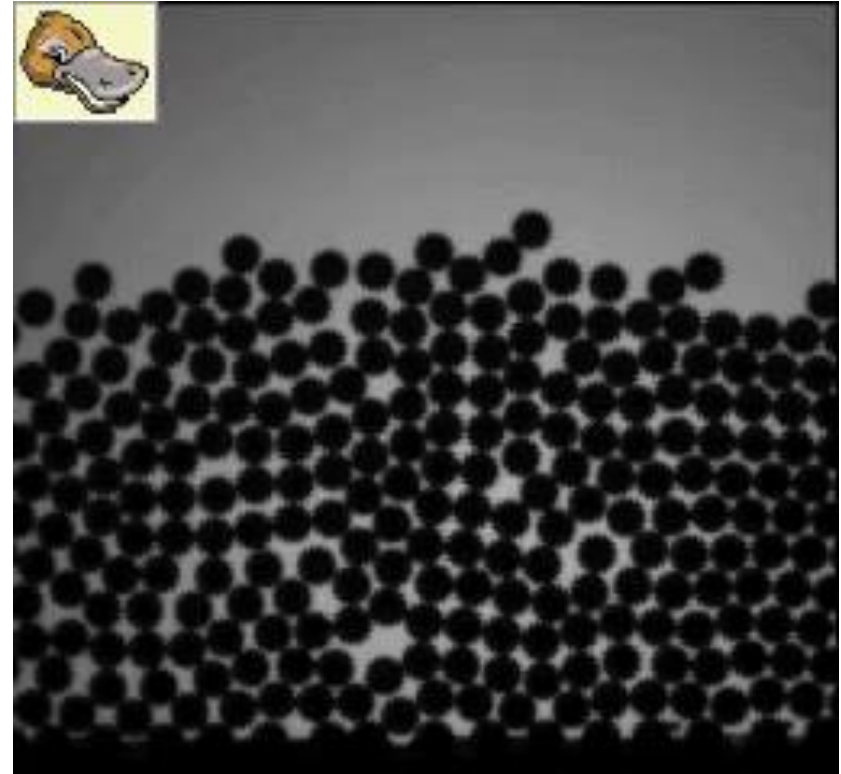


Continuous flow

FLOW REGIMES



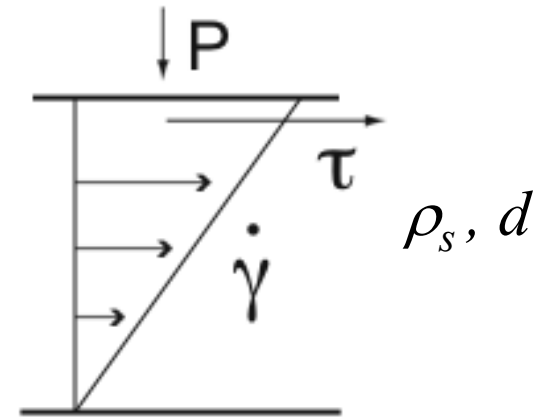
Dilute



Dense

Locale frictional rheology $\mu(I)$

(no elasticity)



Model materials :

- disks, spheres : diameter d , mass m
(mass density ρ_s)
- slight polydispersity

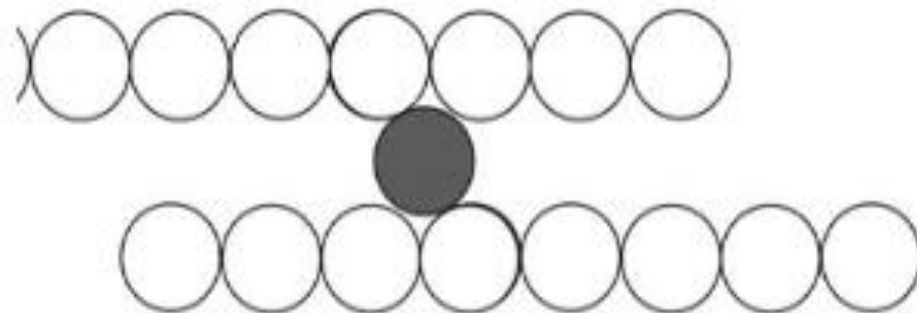
Dimensional analysis

$$\frac{\tau}{P} = \mu(I) \quad \text{Friction coefficient}$$

$$I = \frac{\gamma d}{\sqrt{P/\rho_s}} \quad \text{Inertial number}$$

Elastic collision τ_c $\tau_c \ll T_1, T_2$

$$I = \tau_1/\tau_2 : \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{rearrangement time } \frac{d}{\sqrt{P/\rho_s}} \\ \text{shear time scale } \dot{\gamma}^{-1} \end{array} \right.$$



FLOW REGIMES

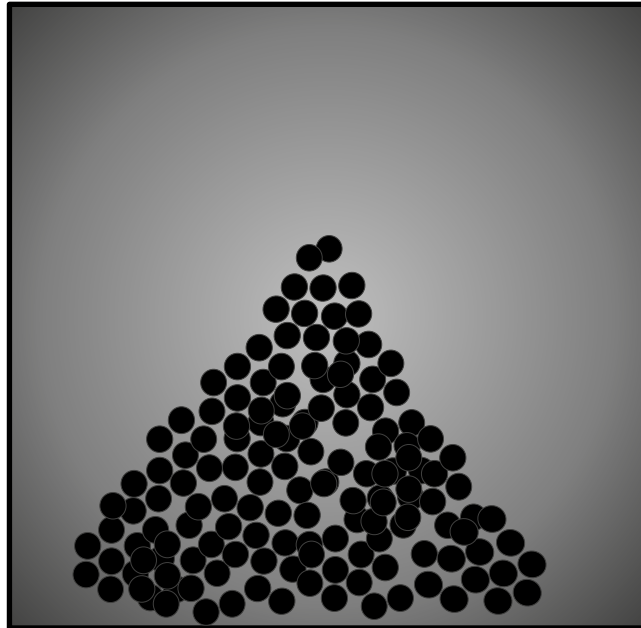
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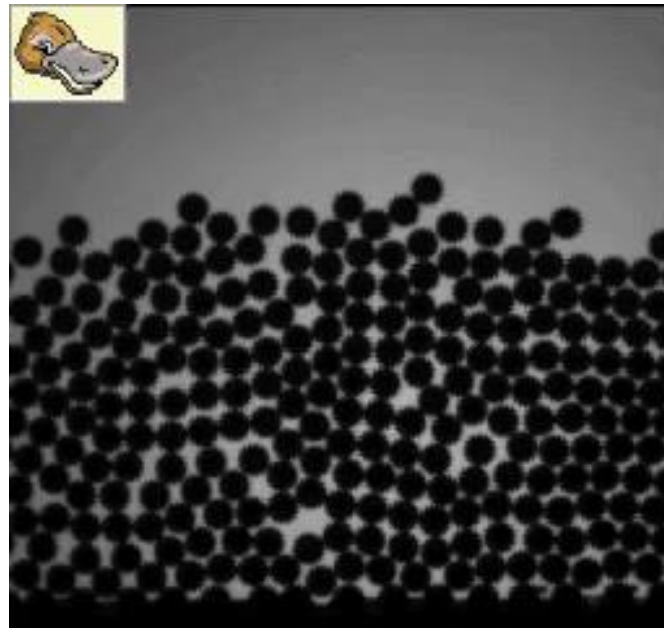
$$I = \frac{\gamma d}{\sqrt{P / \rho_s}}$$

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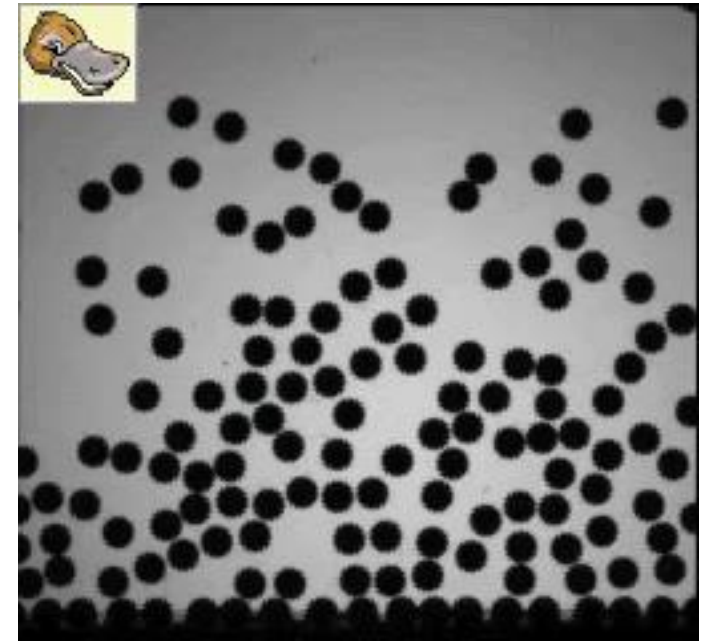
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Solid



Liquid



Gas

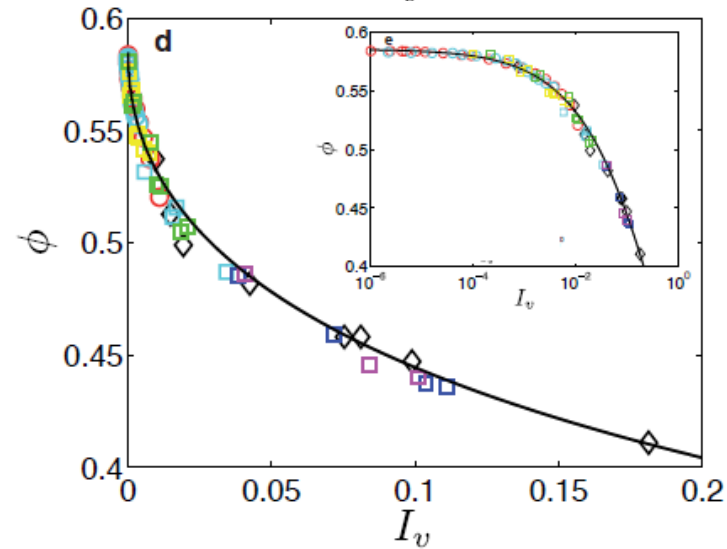
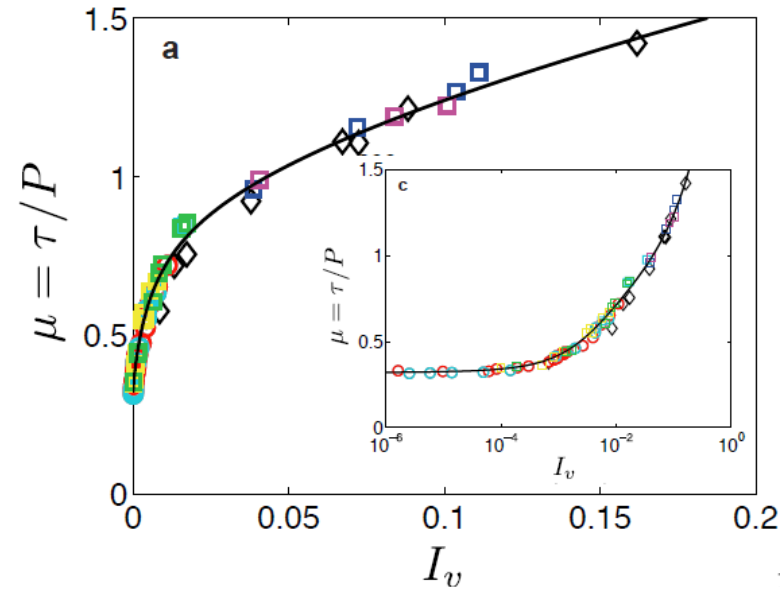
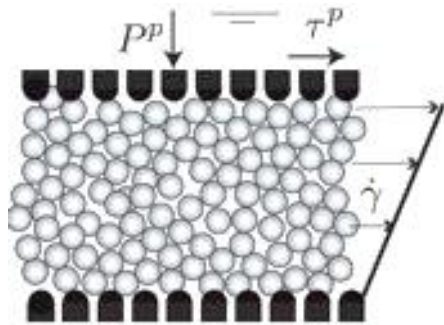
For dense suspensions? (at low Reynolds without inertia)

$$t_{micro} = \frac{\eta_f}{P_p}$$

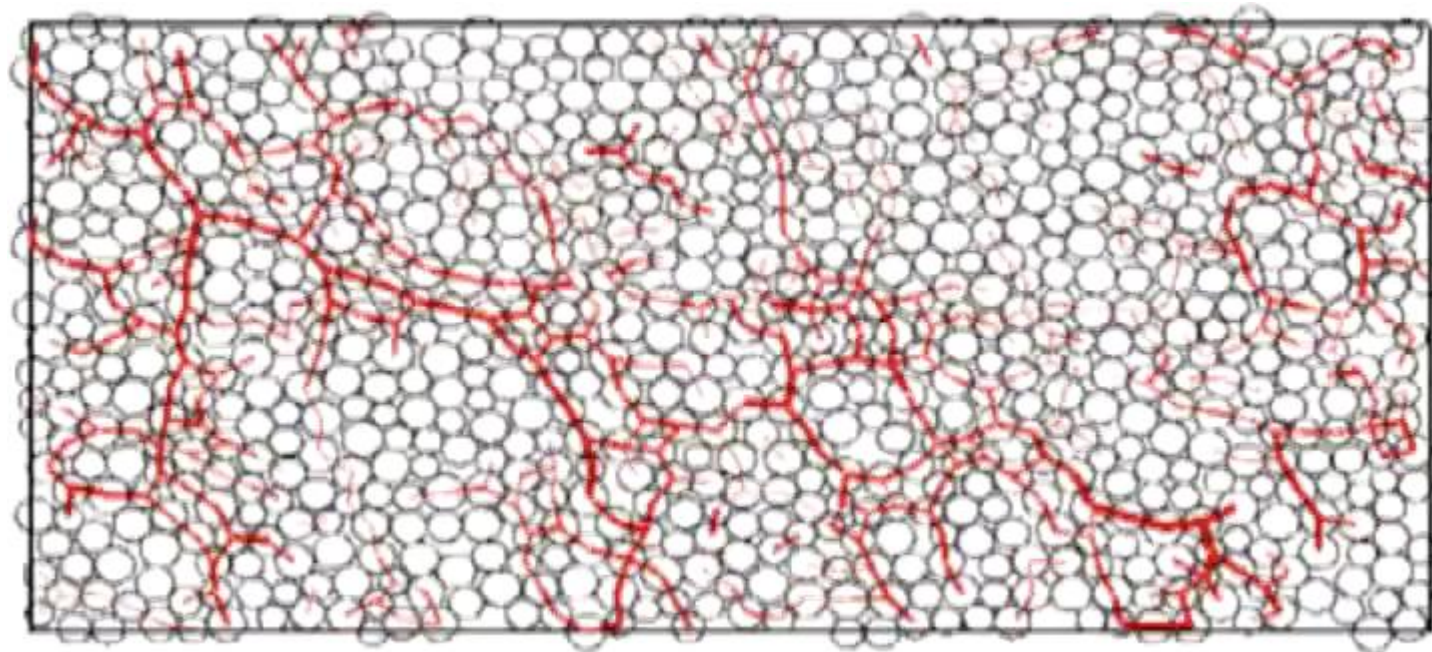
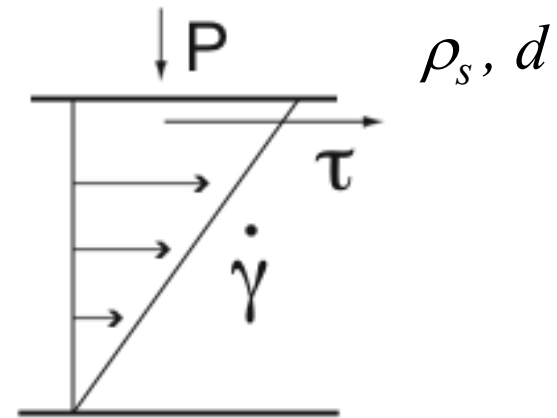
$$I_v = \frac{\eta_f \dot{\gamma}}{P_p}$$

$$\tau = \mu(I_v) P_p$$

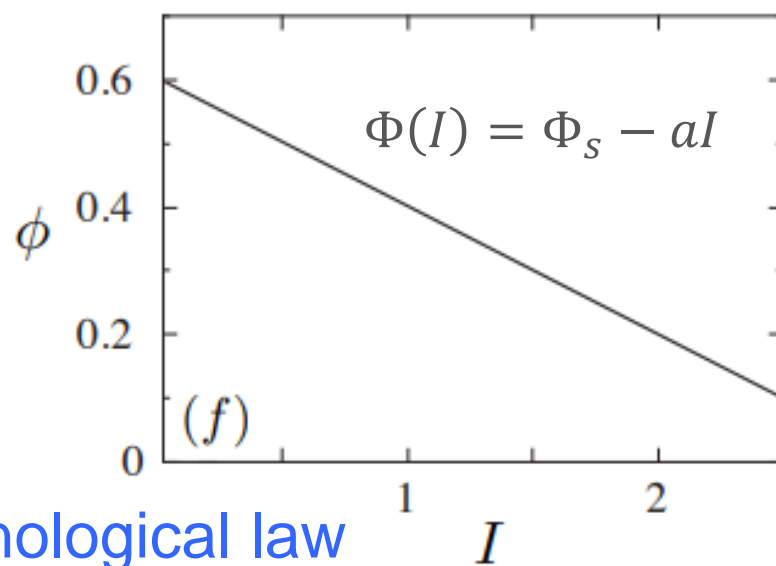
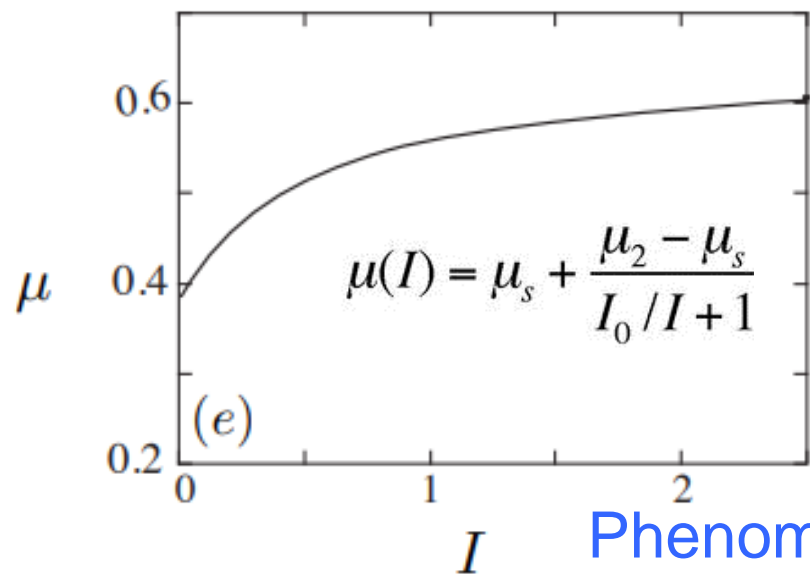
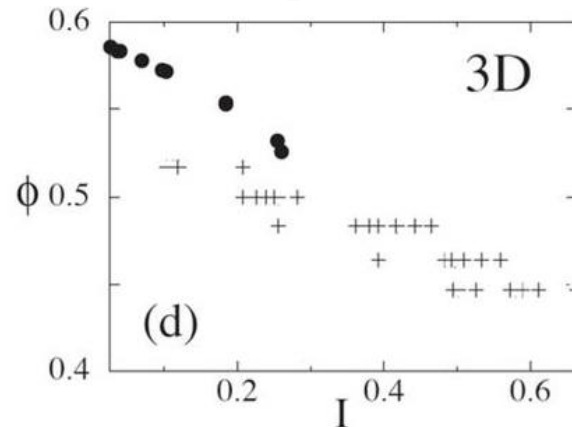
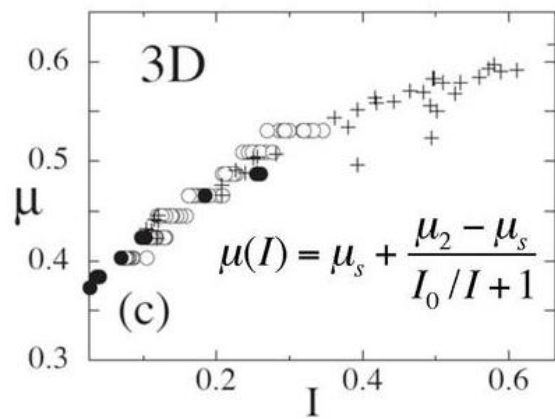
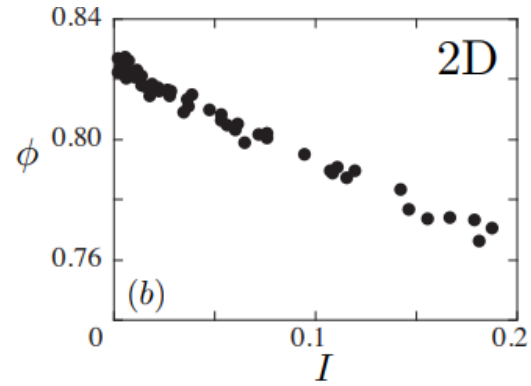
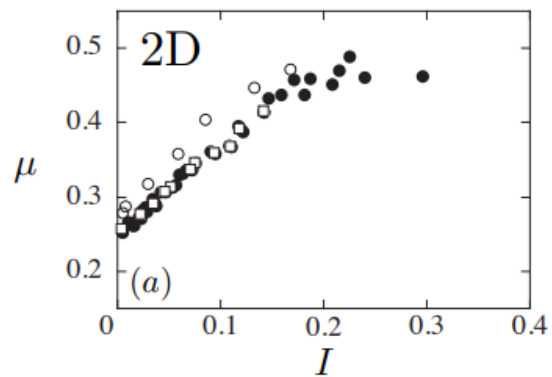
$$\phi = \phi(I_v)$$



Controlled pressure and shear rate Discrete numerical simulation



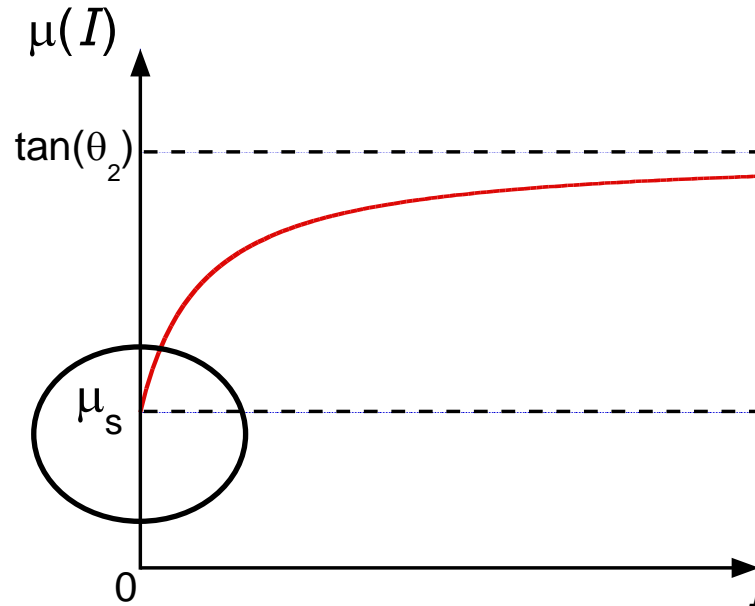
$\mu(I)$ FUNCTION



Phenomenological law

CONSTITUTIVE LAW FOR GRANULAR FLOW: $\mu(I)$ RHEOLOGY

Discrete numerical simulations and experiments



$$I = \frac{\gamma d}{\sqrt{P / \rho_s}}$$

$$\mu(I) = \mu_s + \frac{\mu_2 - \mu_s}{I_0 / I + 1}$$

eg. for glass beads : $\mu_s = \tan(20.9^\circ)$, $\mu_2 = \tan(32.76^\circ)$, $I_0 = 0.279$

Da Cruz and Chevoir PRE 2003, 2005
 Iordanoff and Khonsari ASME Journal of Tribology 2002
 GdR MiDi EPJE 2004
 Jop JFM 2005

Threshold No flow $\tau < \mu_s P$

$$I \ll 1 \quad \mu(I) \approx \mu_s + bI$$

$$\tau \approx \mu_s P + bd\sqrt{\rho_s P \dot{\gamma}}$$

Viscoplastic material, $\eta \propto P^{1/2}$!

HOW TO MEASURE THIS RHEOLOGY

Shear experiment

Controlled pressure (variation of volume fraction)

$$\Phi = \Phi(I)$$

$$\tau = \mu(I)P$$

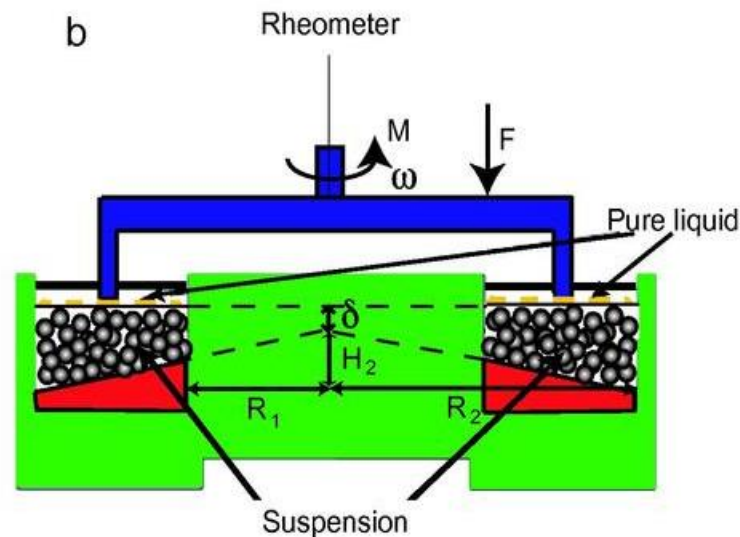
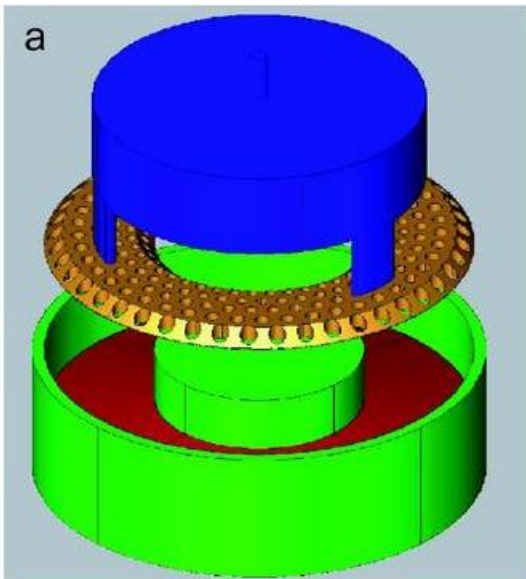
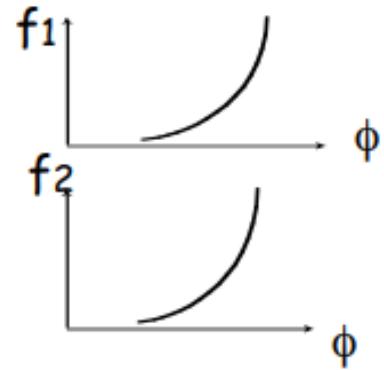
$$\Phi(I) = f_1^{-1}(1/I^2)$$

$$\mu(I) = I^2 f_2(f_1^{-1}(1/I^2))$$

Controlled volume (fixed volume fraction)

$$\tau = f_1(\Phi)\rho_s d^2 \dot{\gamma}^2$$

$$P = f_2(\Phi)\rho_s d^2 \dot{\gamma}^2$$

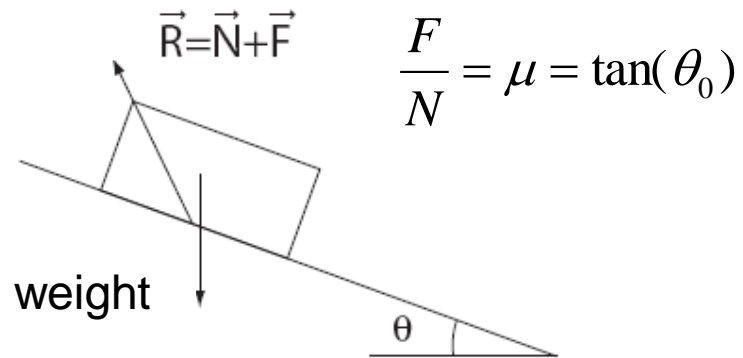


=> Fixed friction coefficient

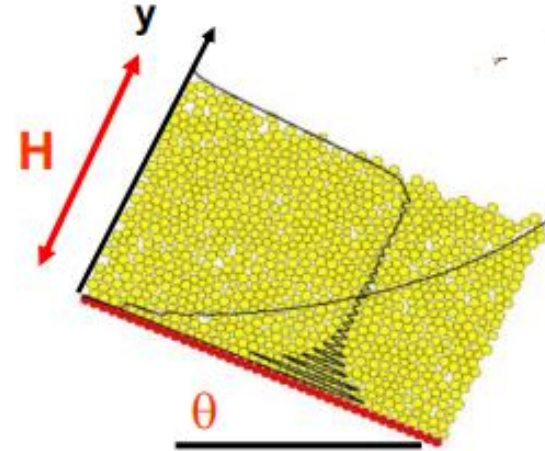
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Steady flows on inclined plane

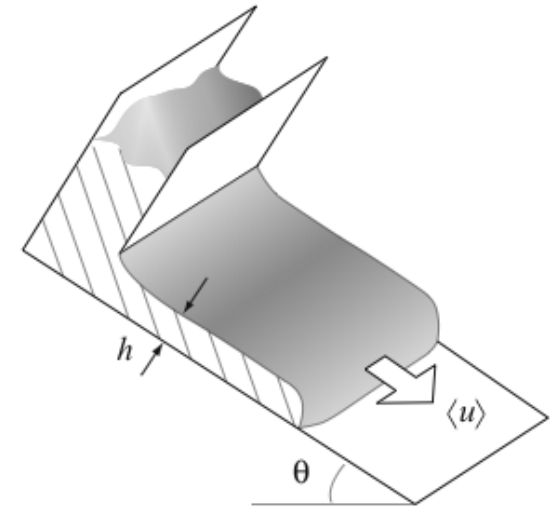
SOLID FRICTION / GRANULAR FLOW



$$\frac{F}{N} = \mu = \tan(\theta_0)$$

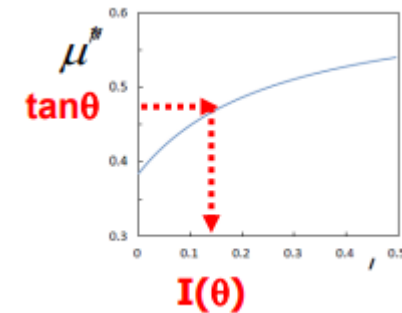


Control parameters:
 H et θ



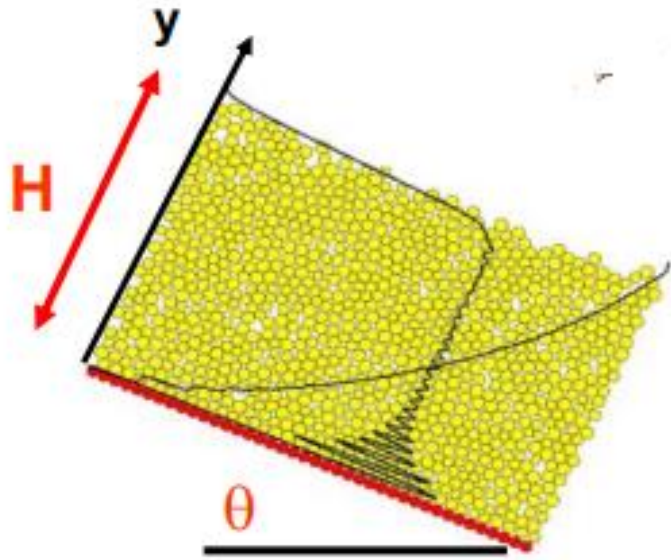
$$\begin{cases} P(y) \approx \rho g \cos \theta (H - y) \\ S(y) \approx \rho g \sin \theta (H - y) \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow \mu^* = \tan \theta$$



The inclined plane is a **rheometer!**

INCLINED PLANE FLOWS: VELOCITY PROFILE

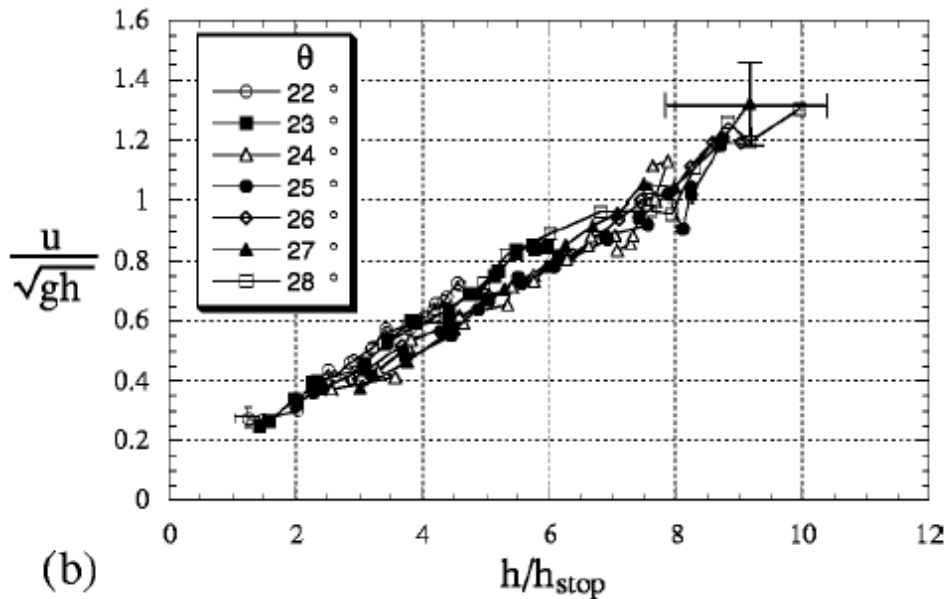


$$I = \frac{\gamma d}{\sqrt{P / \rho_s}}$$

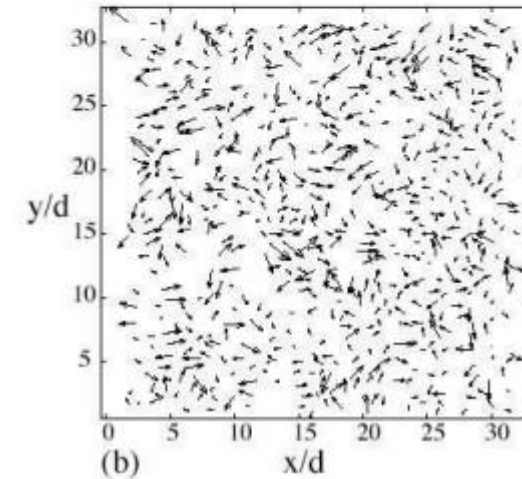
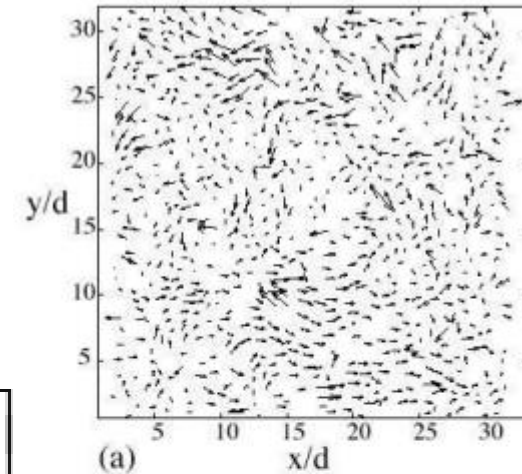
$$\Rightarrow \dot{\gamma}(y) \propto I(\theta)(H - y)^{1/2}$$

$$\Rightarrow u(y) \propto I(\theta) \left[H^{3/2} - (H - y)^{3/2} \right]$$

Bagnod velocity profile (1954)



fluctuations



2D equation for a visco-plastic fluid

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial z} = 0,$$
$$\rho_s \phi \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} \right) = \rho_s \phi g \sin \theta - \frac{\partial P}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \tau_{xx}}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \tau_{xz}}{\partial z},$$
$$\rho_s \phi \left(\frac{\partial v}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial v}{\partial z} \right) = -\rho_s \phi g \cos \theta - \frac{\partial P}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial \tau_{zx}}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \tau_{zz}}{\partial z},$$

$$\tau_{ij} = \frac{\mu(I)P}{\dot{\gamma}} \dot{\gamma}_{ij} \quad I = \frac{\dot{\gamma} d}{\sqrt{P/\rho_s}}$$

Pressure dependent viscosity

Limit of the model

(i) Toward quasistatic flows

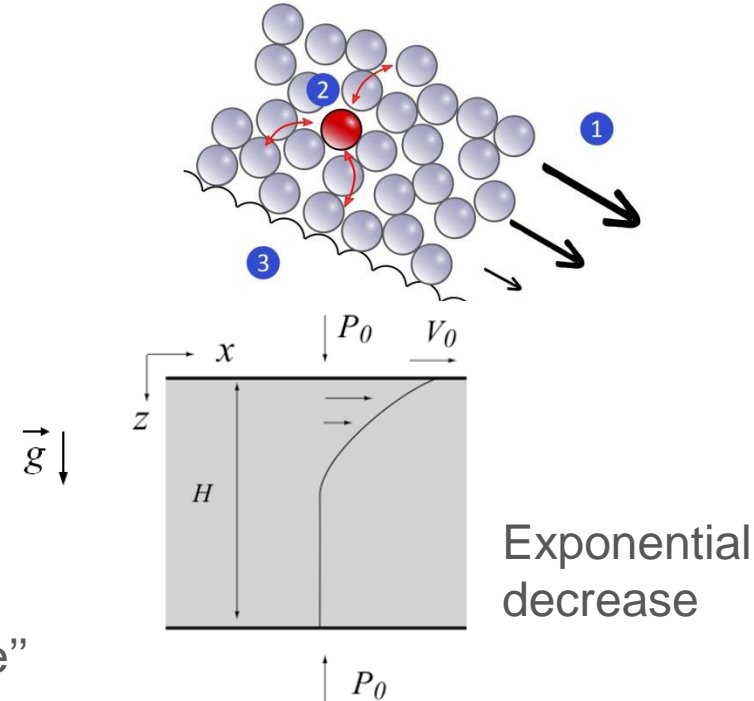
Bouzid PRL 2013
Henann PNAS 2013

A **mechanical noise** characterized by a **fluidity F** (inverse of “viscosity”)

Bocquet, PRL 2009

Laplacian operator \rightarrow propagate the “noise”

$$l^2 \Delta F = F - F_{bulk}(local)$$



It reproduces finite size effects

(deformed velocity profiles, jamming, ...)

Important for applications: silos, proppants)

Jop, CR Physics, 2015

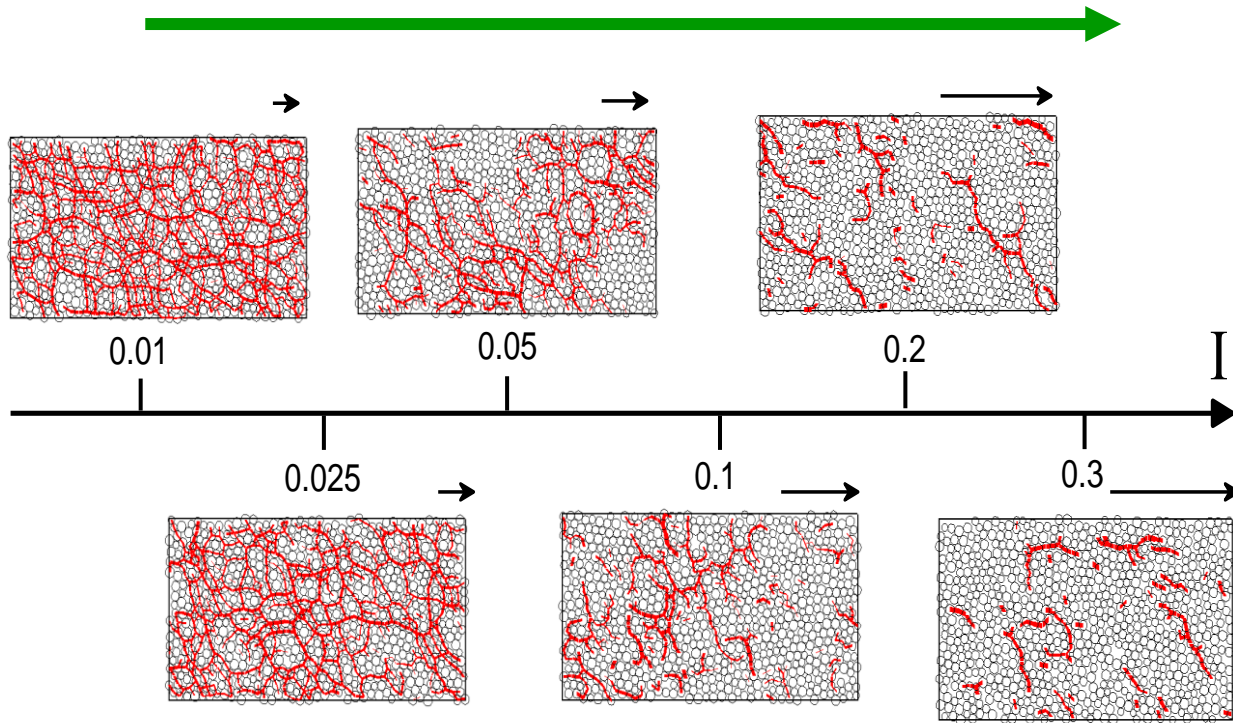
(ii) Toward collisional regime

Large fluctuations of velocities δV

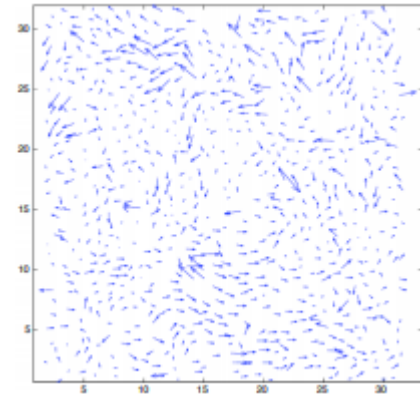
“Granular temperature” $T \sim \delta V^2$

BEYOND THE AVERAGE BEHAVIOUR: CONTACT FORCES, VOLUME FRACTION, FLUCTUATING DISPLACEMENT

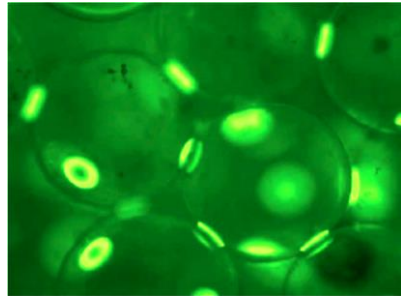
Dilation



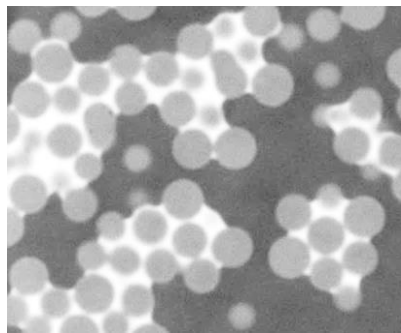
Fluctuations around
the mean velocity



Properties of wet granular matter



Herminghaus Adv. Phys. 2005



Tomography Saint-Gobain

pendular

0.032

funicular

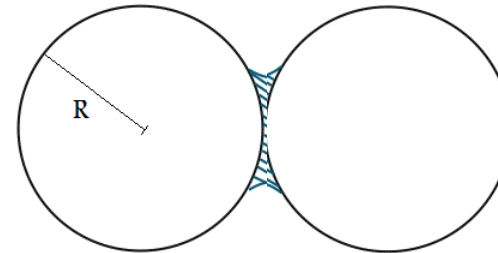
0.12

capillary

$$W = V_{\text{liq}} / V_{\text{tot}}$$

➡ Capillary bridges

- Capillary force :
- Cohesion of the medium



$$F_{\text{cap}} = 2\pi R \gamma \cos \theta$$

➡ Capillary bridges coalescence

- Reduction of the cohesion

➡ Percolation of liquid network

- Transition to a dense suspension

| Materials | Surface tension (mN/m) |
|---------------------|------------------------|
| Water | 70 mN/m |
| Water + surfactants | 20 mN/m |
| Molten metal | ~ 700 mN/M |
| Molten oxides | ~ 300 mN/m |

Fully cohesive granular flows

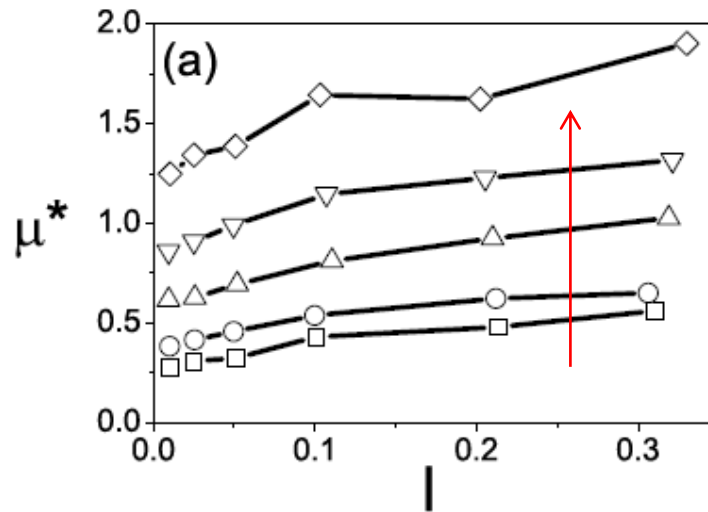
Cohesive number

$$\frac{Nc}{Pd^2} = \eta$$

$$I = \frac{\dot{\gamma}d}{\sqrt{P/\rho}}$$

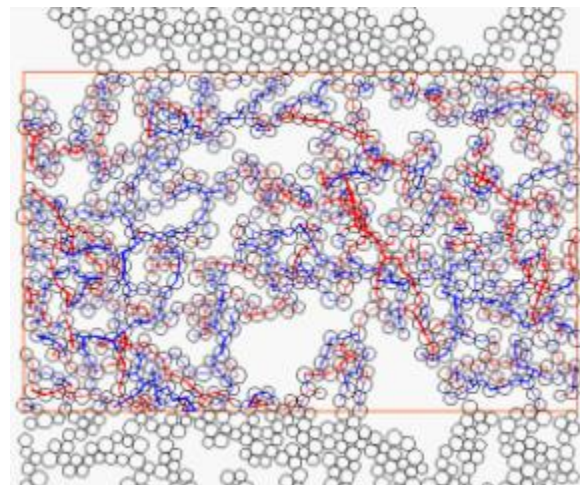
$$\frac{\tau}{P} = \mu(I, \eta)$$

Rognon, EPL 2006

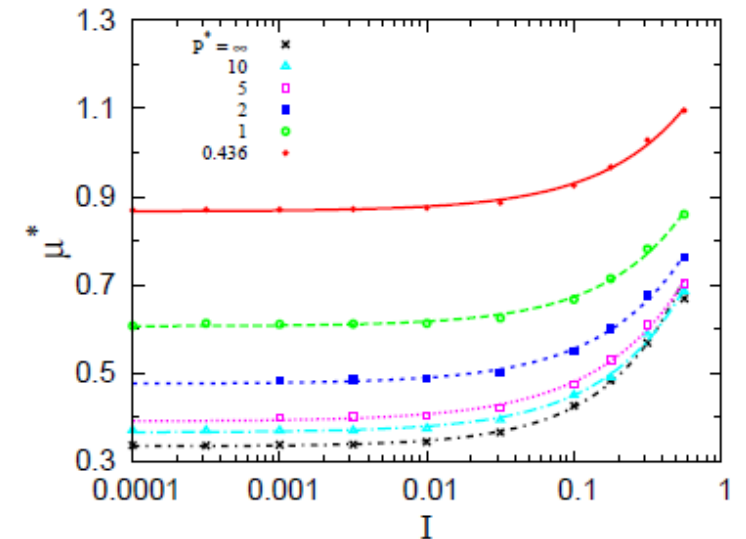


cohesion

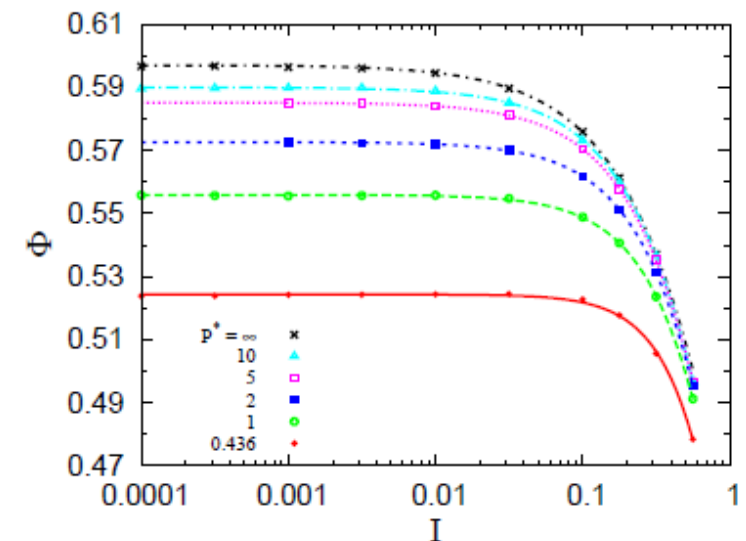
Increasing friction coefficient with the cohesion



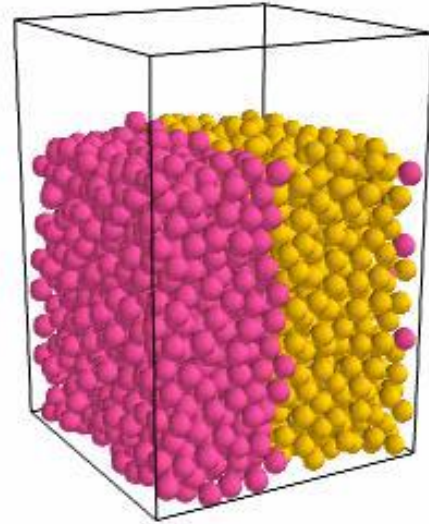
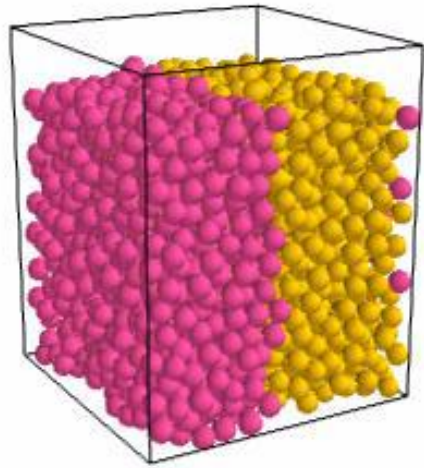
Khamseh 2013, 2015



(b)



MIXING GRAINS AT LOW SHEAR RATE



Dispersion in granular media

➡ Granular media

➡ Rheology

➡ Diffusion

➡ Segregation

Granular diffusion

No thermal agitation

Collisions between grains: random direction around the mean velocity.

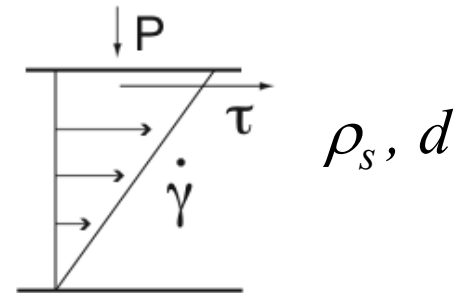
Length $l = d$, frequency $\nu = \delta v/d$

$$D = l^2 \nu$$



Dimensional analysis:
In a simple shear flow

$$D \sim \dot{\gamma} d^2$$



$$D \sim d^2 \dot{\gamma} f(\phi) \quad (\text{Savage 1993})$$

$$D \sim d^2 \dot{\gamma} f(I) \quad I = \frac{\gamma d}{\sqrt{P/\rho_s}}$$

Granular diffusion

Peclet number

Collisions between grains: random direction around the mean velocity.

Length $l = d$, frequency $\nu = \delta v/d$

$$P_e \sim \frac{UL}{D} \sim \frac{\dot{\gamma}hL}{D} \sim \frac{hL}{d^2}$$

Dimensional analysis:

Flow around an intruder $hL \sim R^2$

Size of shear bands $h \sim 10d$

Size of a cluster $hL \sim s_0^2$

$$P_e \sim 10 - 1000$$

Independancy on $\dot{\gamma}$

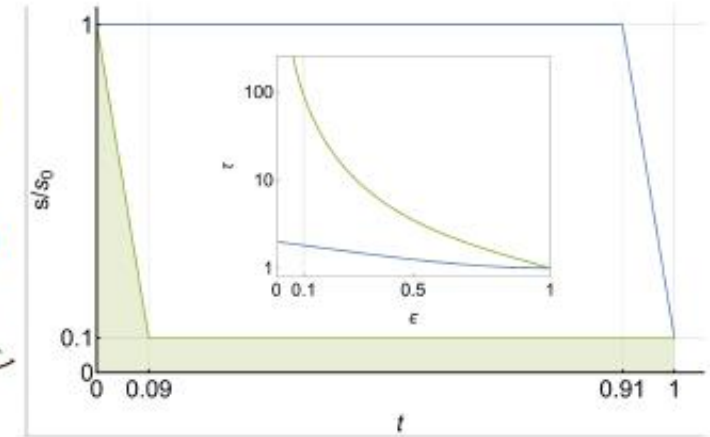
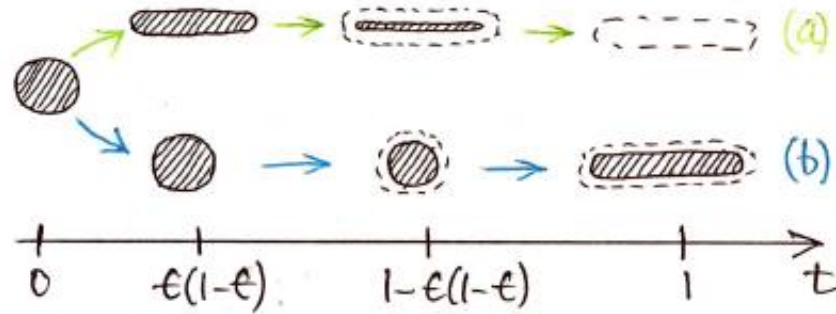
Diffusive profile during advection

Does history matter?

$$\sigma_{\xi} \approx \frac{1}{\sqrt{4\tau}}$$

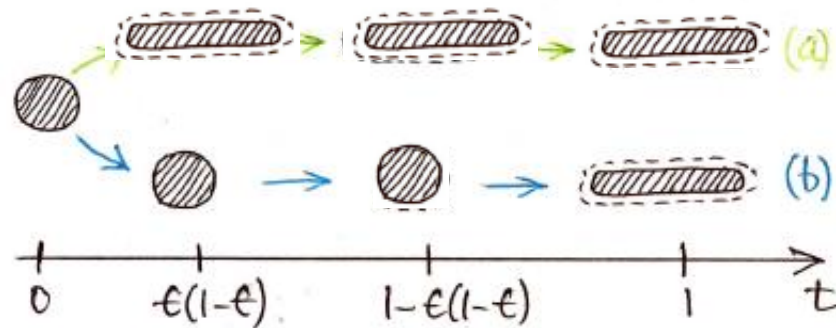
$$\tau = \int_0^1 dt' \frac{D}{s^2(t')}$$

Classical diffusion
 $D = cst$



Villermaux, Ann. Rev. 2019

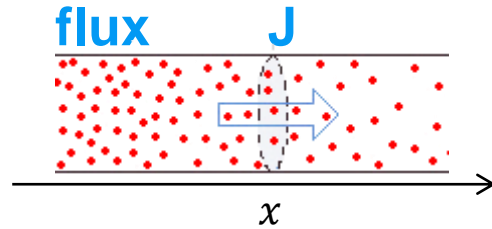
Granular diffusion



NOT in Villermaux, Ann. Rev. 2019

Equation of diffusion

Fick's law for the diffusive



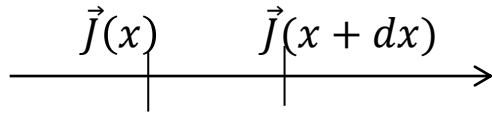
$$\vec{J} = -D\vec{\nabla}C$$

the flux is proportional to the gradient of concentration of the solute

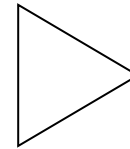
For 1D
$$j = -D \frac{\partial c}{\partial x}$$

D is the diffusion coefficient (m²/s)

Conservation of particles



$$\frac{\partial C}{\partial t} = -\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{J}$$



$$\frac{\partial C}{\partial t} = D\Delta C$$

Diffusion equation

Only if D is constant over the space

When D depends on space:

$$\frac{\partial C}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial D}{\partial x} \frac{\partial C}{\partial x} + D\Delta C$$

$$\frac{\partial C}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial C}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial D}{\partial x} \frac{\partial C}{\partial x} + D\Delta C$$

1D Advection - Diffusion equation

Origin of the granular diffusion:

Diffusive motion at large time:

Diffusion coefficient increases at low inertial number

$$D = A\dot{\gamma}d^2$$

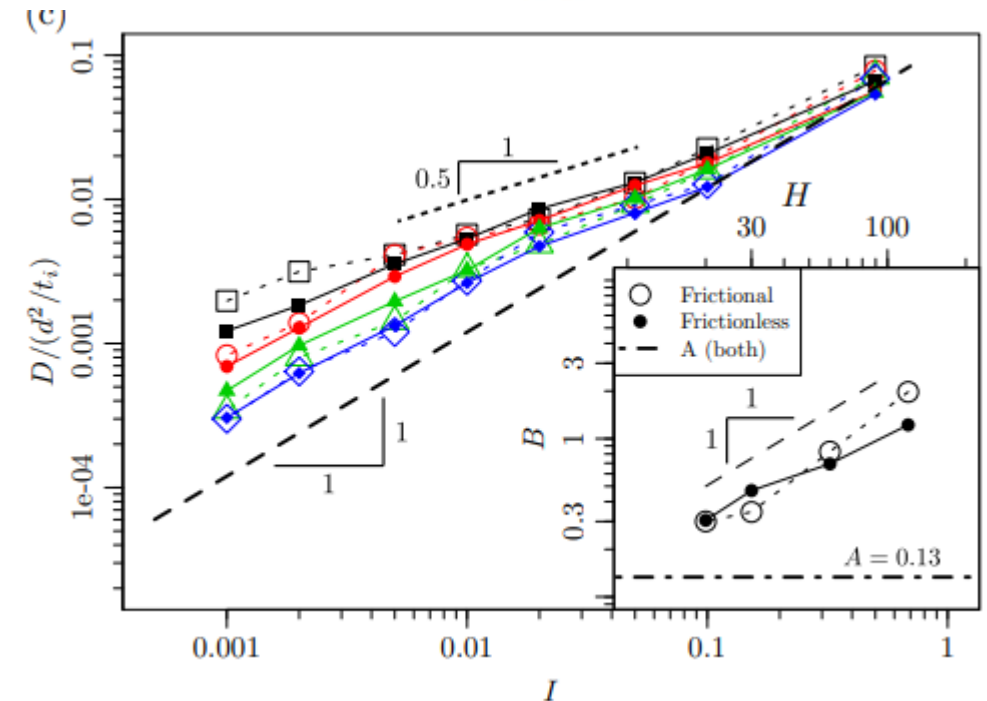
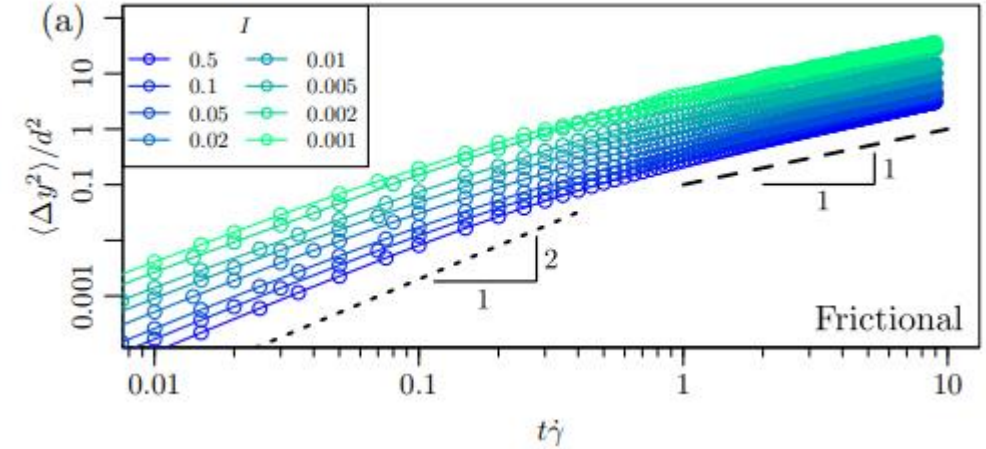
$$\frac{D}{d^2} = A\dot{\gamma}t_p = AI$$

OK at low and high Inertial number

$A \sim 0.1$ for large I

$A \sim 1$ for low I

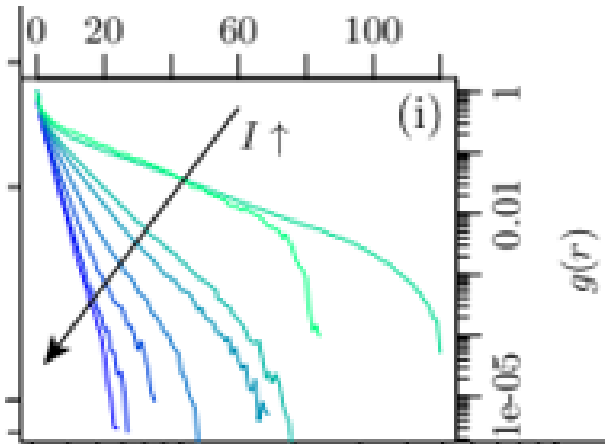
Different scaling in intermediate inertial number



Correlated movements

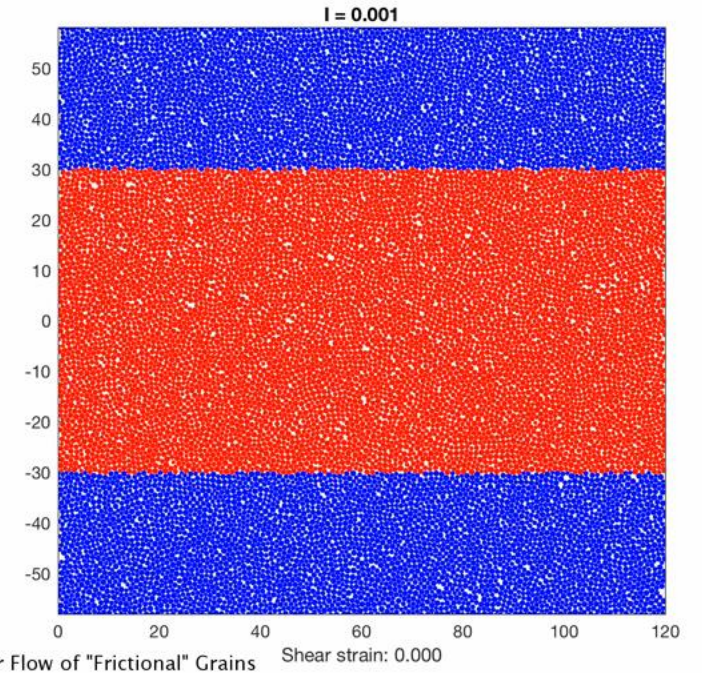
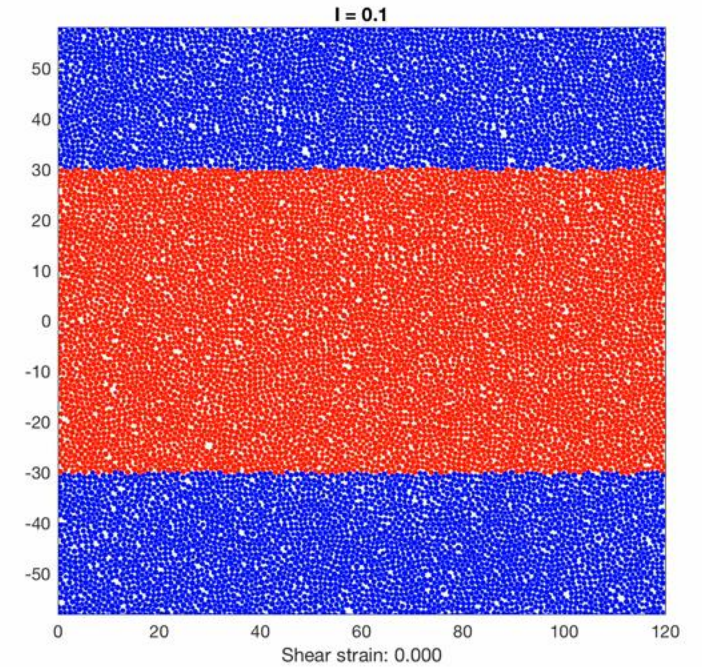
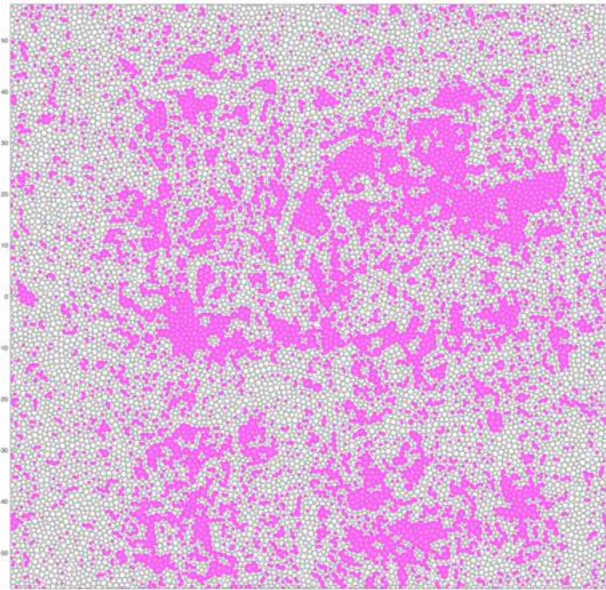
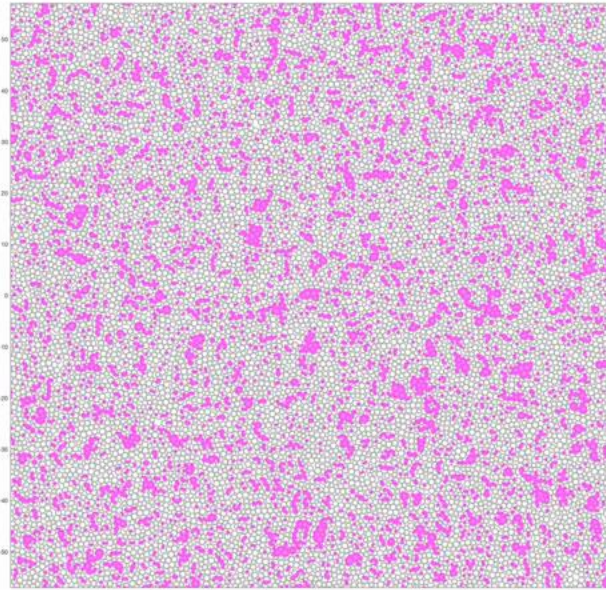
Clusters defined on correlated movements:

$g(r)$ correlation function: Probability that a grain belongs to the same cluster



$$\ell = \frac{\sum_r (r + d) g(r)}{\sum_r g(r)}$$

(Kharel PRL 2017)



Granular vortices (left) and Mixing (right) in Plane Shear Flow of "Frictional" Grains

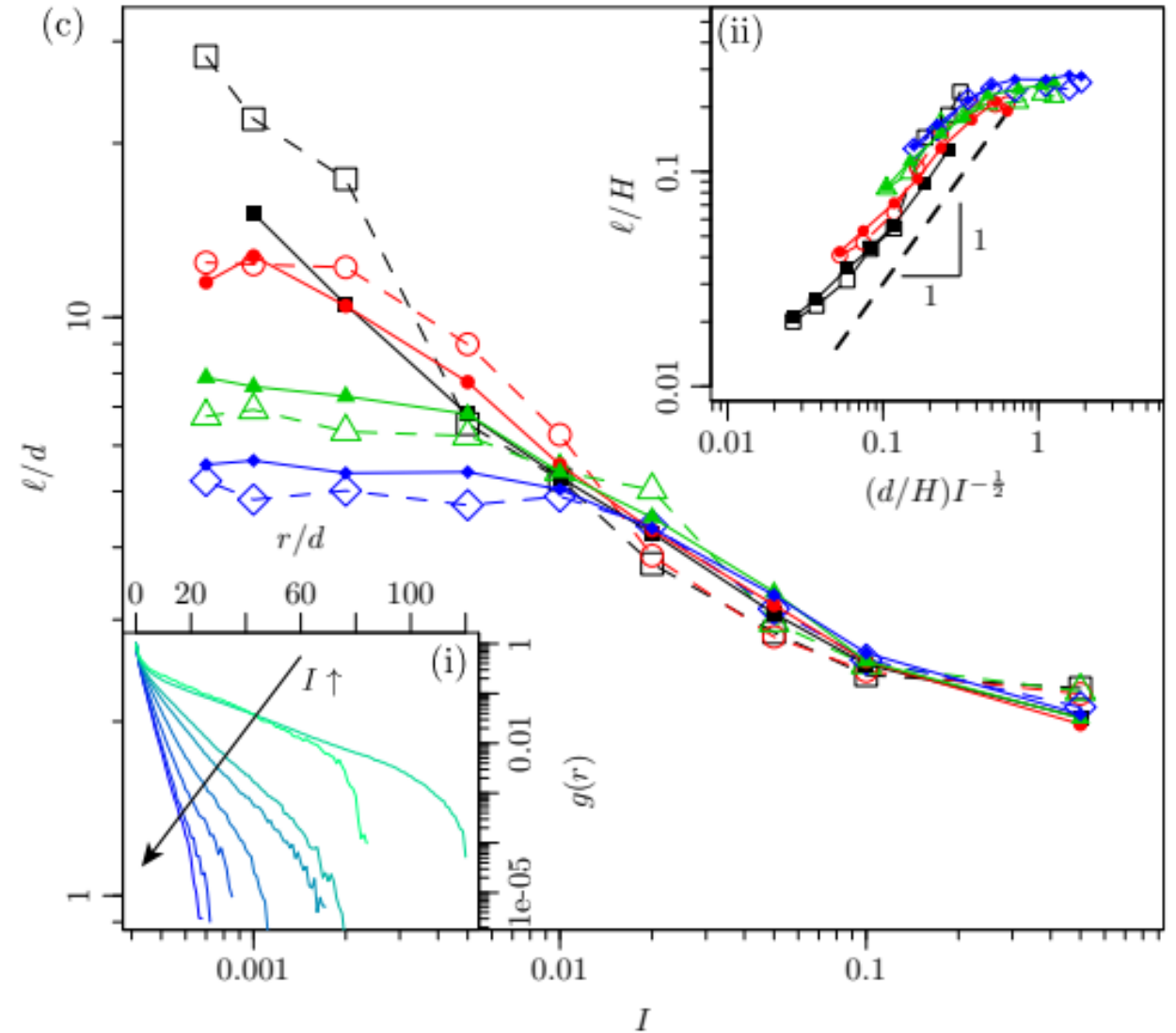
Origin of the granular diffusion:

Correlated movements

Clusters defined on correlated movements:

Scaling of the length at intermediate I

$$\frac{l}{d} \propto \frac{1}{\sqrt{I}}$$



(Kharel PRL 2017)

Origin of the granular diffusion:

Clusters defined on correlated movements:

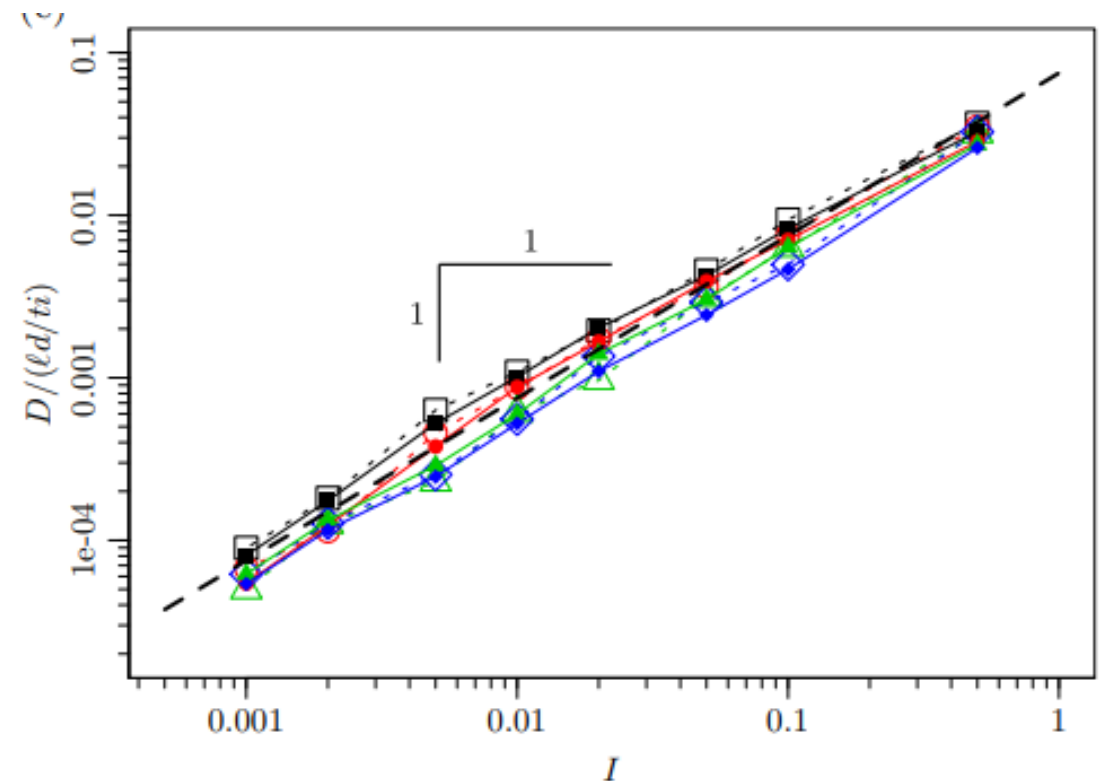
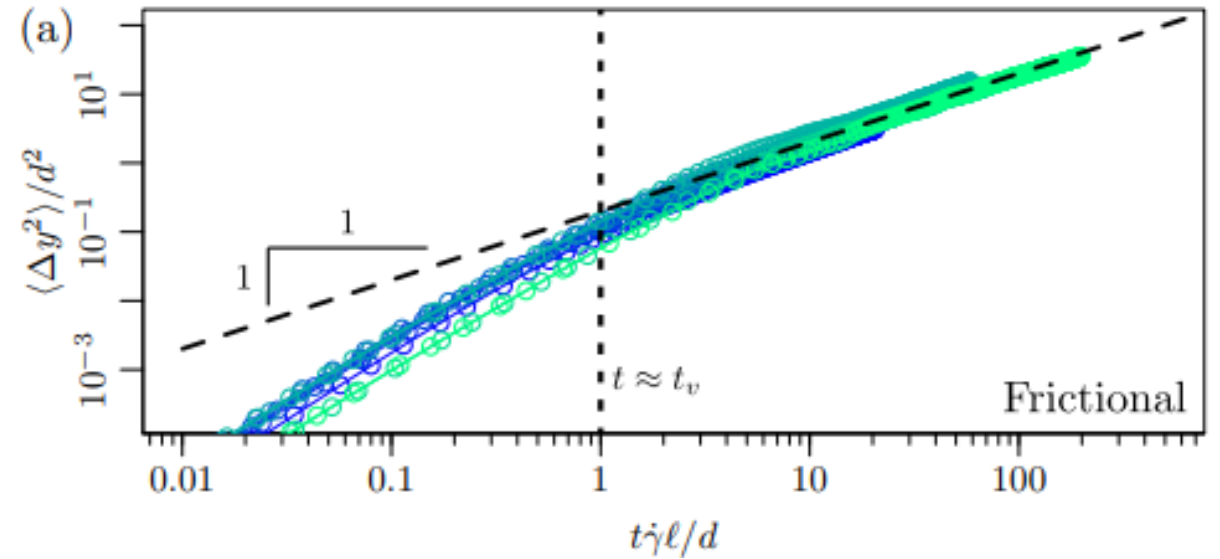
Simulation facts:

Length Vortex life time

$$\frac{l}{d} \propto \frac{1}{\sqrt{I}} \quad t_v \propto \frac{d}{\dot{\gamma} l}$$

$$D \propto \frac{d^2}{t_v}$$

$$D \sim \frac{d^2 \dot{\gamma}}{\sqrt{I}}$$



Origin of the granular diffusion:

Correlated movements

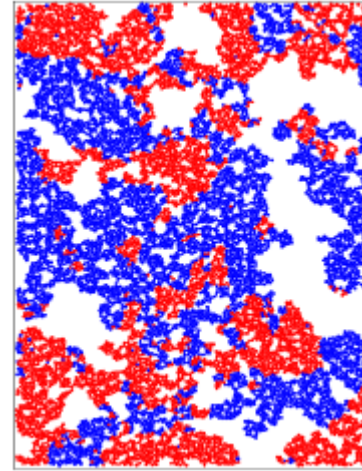
Cohesive case

Clusters Diam.

Correlation time

$$\frac{l}{d} \propto \frac{a + bCo}{\sqrt{I}}$$

$$\tau_{co} \propto (c + kCo)I^{1/2}/\dot{\gamma}$$



Random step length

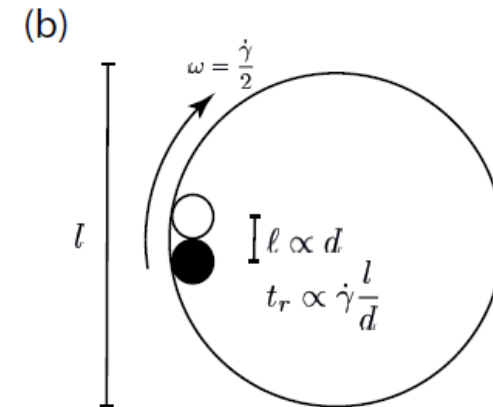
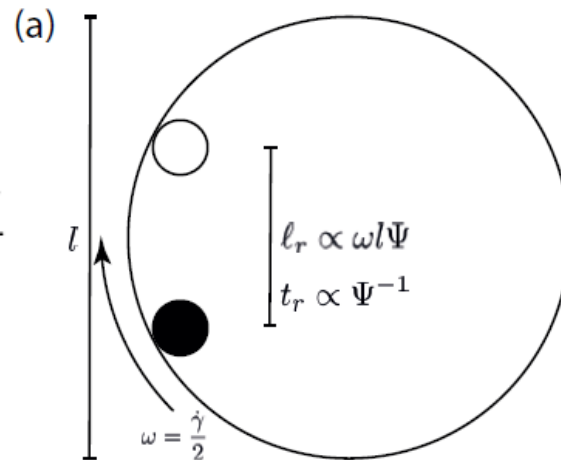
Frequency

$$l_c \dot{\gamma} \tau_{co}$$

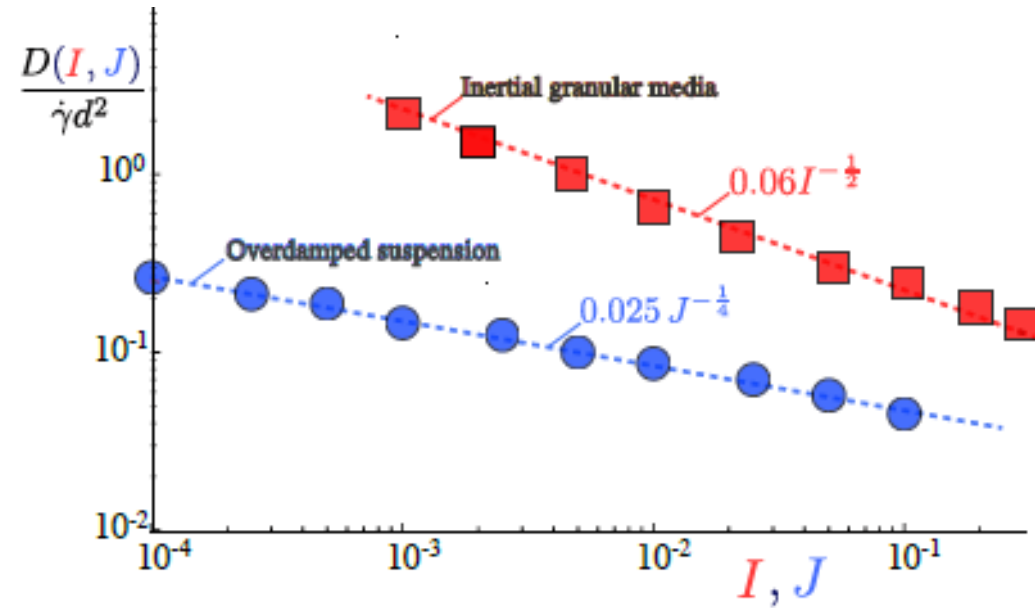
$$1/\tau_{co}$$

(Macaulay JFM 2019)

$$D(Co) = \frac{(l_c \dot{\gamma} \tau_{co})^2}{\tau_{co}} = f(Co) \frac{d^2 \dot{\gamma}}{\sqrt{I}}$$



Origin of the granular diffusion: in suspension?



courtesy of Bloen

Seems to governed finally by the volume fraction

Granular diffusion with constant D

Cohesive grains

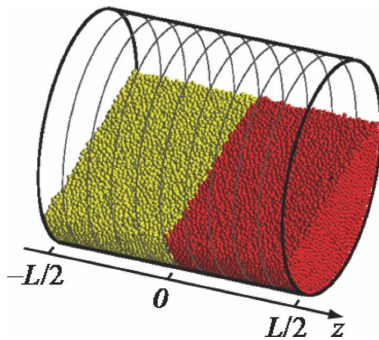
The diffusion coefficient decreases with the volume of added liquid.

Bond Number.
Capillary force to the weight of the particle

$$Bo = \frac{\pi \sigma d \cos \alpha}{\frac{1}{6} \pi g d^3 \rho}$$

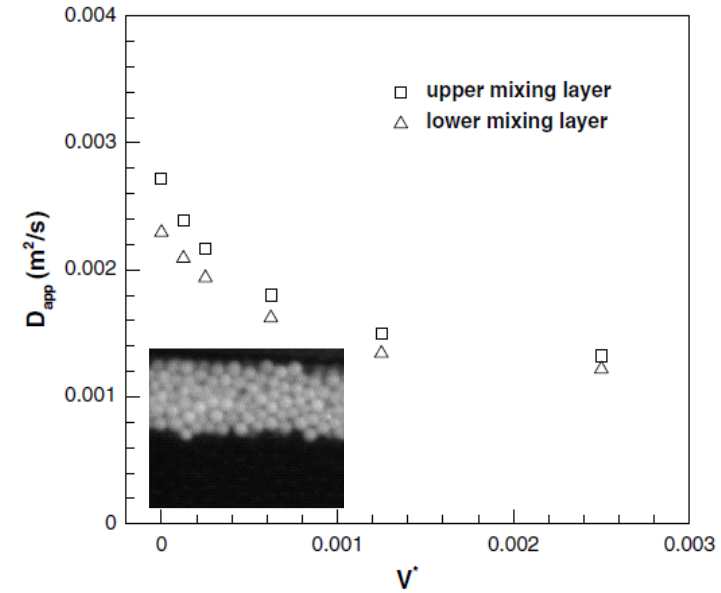
Cohesion Number
Capillary force to the pressure

$$Co = \frac{\pi \sigma d \cos \alpha}{\pi d^2 P}$$

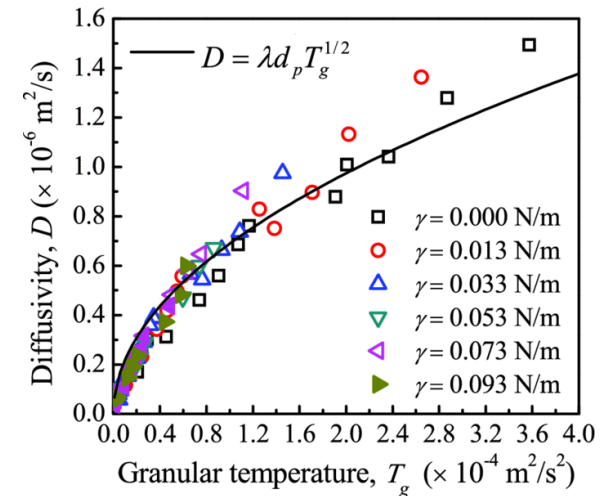


The fluctuations decrease with the volume of the liquid: « longer spring », and viscous dissipation

$$T_g = \frac{1}{3} \langle |\mathbf{v} - \langle \mathbf{v} \rangle|^2 \rangle$$



(Hsiau Int. J Mult. Flow 2008)



(Liu Phys. Fluids 2013)

Take home messages

- **Inertial number governs the flow of granular media**
- **Diffusion of the grains is related to the shear rate at first order**
- **The precise history of the stretching should not be critical.**

Dispersion in granular media

➡ Granular media

➡ Rheology

➡ Diffusion

- Diffusion
- Some flows

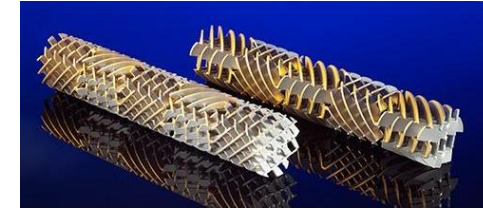
➡ Segregation

Type of industrial mechanical mixers

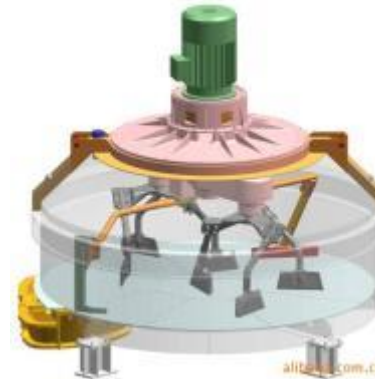
➡ **Passive mixers** : e.g. kenics mixer

➡ **Active mixers** :

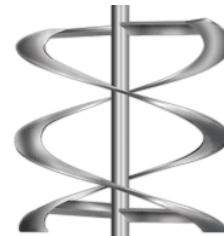
- Double shafts
- Planetary movement
 - ▶ Spatial homogeneity:
scrape the borders



Guntert & Zimmerman TSM Series Twin Shaft Compulsory Mixing System



• **Impellers**



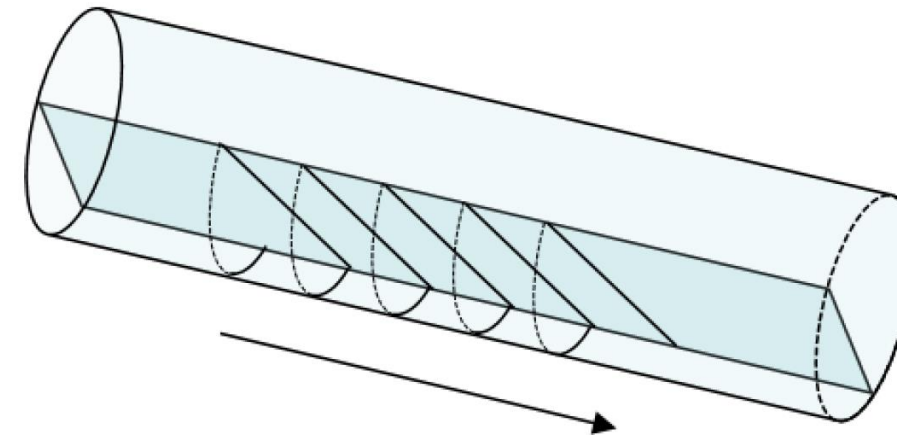
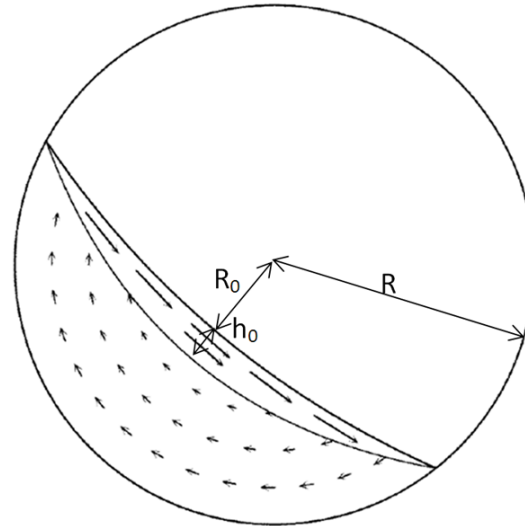
• **Specific for grains**



Curing materials in open flows

➡ Grains and powders

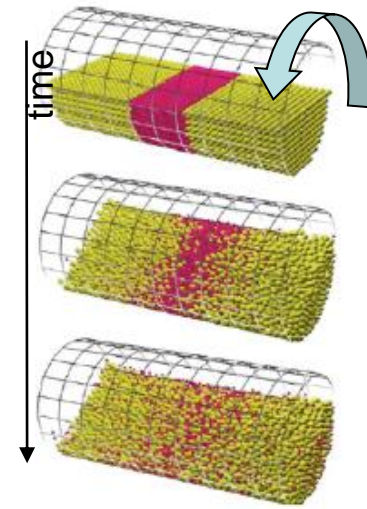
- Rotating kiln
- Powders
- Hot temperature
- Sintering



Axial dispersion in the rotating drum

Three origins of the dispersion of the grains

- the intrinsic horizontal diffusion,
- a geometrical effect linked to the shape of the flowing layer and the oblique path of the grains,
- a coupling between the velocity field and the vertical diffusion: the Taylor-Aris dispersion

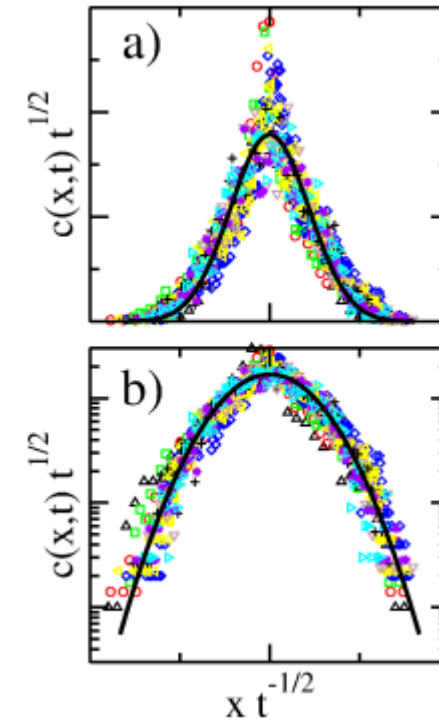


Dispersion in horizontal drum

$$c(x, t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi D(\beta, \omega, h, \dots)t}} \exp\left(\frac{-(x - V_{ax}t)^2}{4D(\beta, \omega, h, \dots)t}\right)$$

$$w = \sqrt{DL}$$

Horizontal diffusion coefficient:



Axial dispersion in the rotating drum

Horizontal diffusion of cohesive grains

Spreading of impacting agglomerates

The potential energy: $E_{\text{pot}} \sim \rho\phi d_{\text{aggl}}^3 gR$

Breaking energy of the agglomerate: $E_{\text{break}} \sim F_c Z \phi \frac{d_{\text{aggl}}^2}{d^2}$

Large aggregates break $d_{\text{aggl}} > \frac{F_c Z}{\rho g R d^2}$

Influence of the geometry

Length of the avalanche

$$l = 2y \left(\frac{\tan \beta}{\sin \theta_d} - \cot \theta_d \frac{dh}{dx} \right)$$

Period:

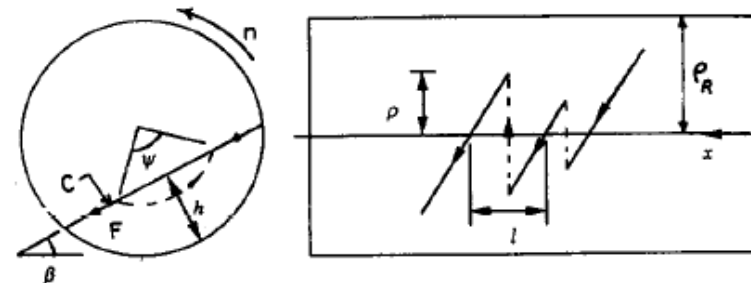
$$\theta = \frac{2y}{\omega(y^2 + (R - h)^2)^{1/2}}$$

with a probability of $P(y)$

$$P(y) = \frac{2y dy}{y_{\text{min}}^2}$$

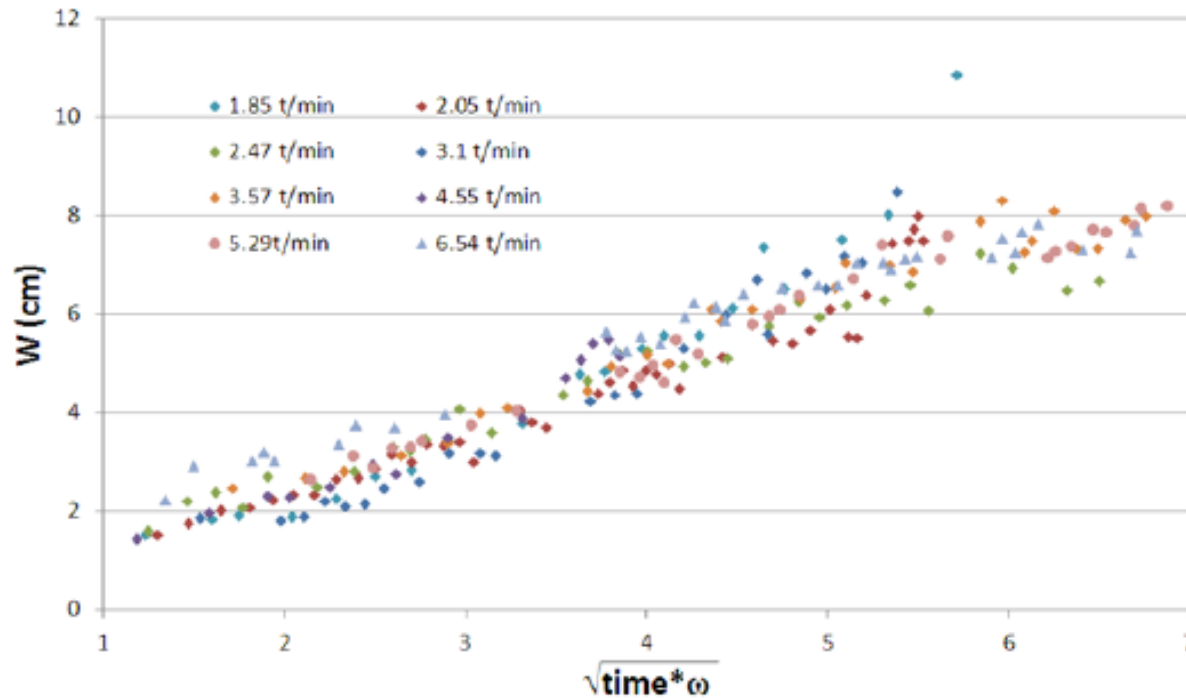
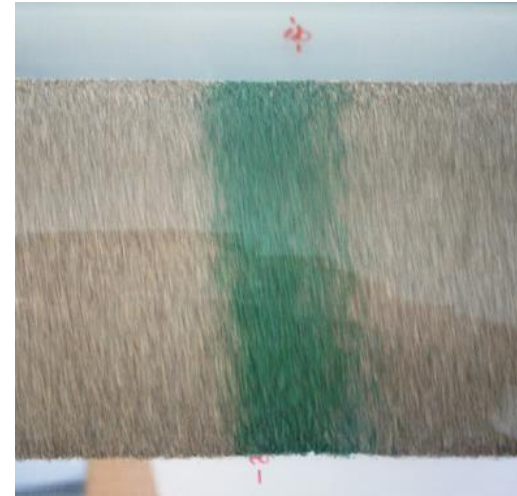
Dispersion coefficient:

$$D_{\text{hrz}} = \frac{\langle l^2 \rangle}{2\langle \theta \rangle} \approx \frac{\omega y_{\text{min}}^3}{R f(h)} \left[\frac{\tan \beta}{\sin \theta_d} - \cot \theta_d \left(\frac{dh}{dx} \right) \right]^2$$



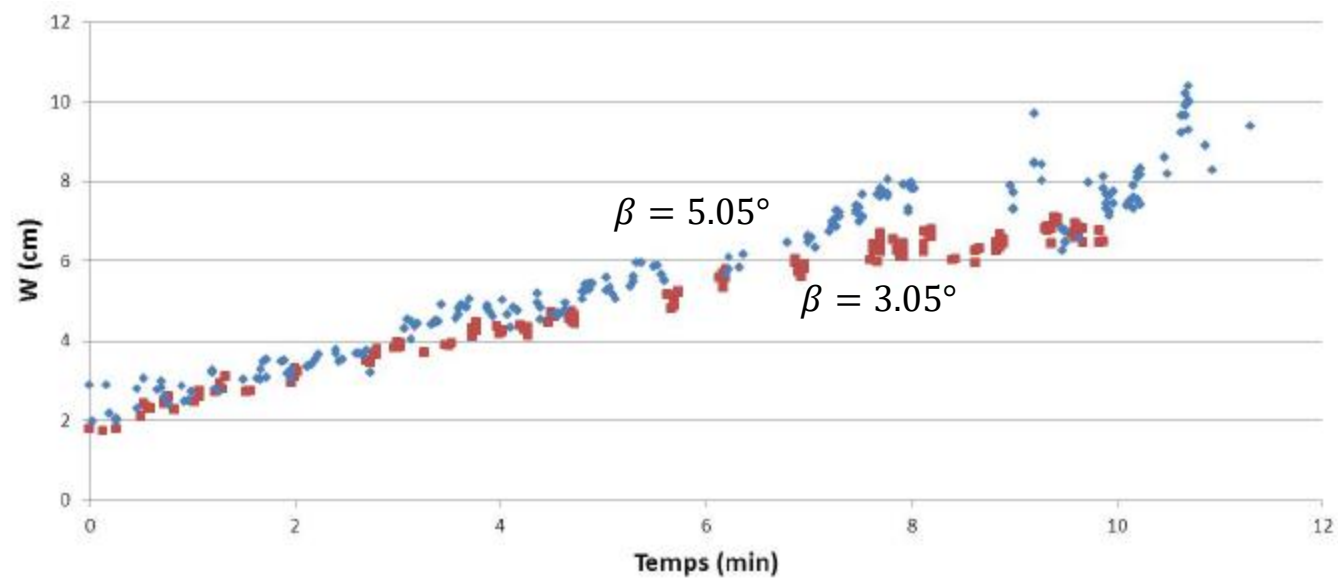
Fact checking: Experiments

- ▶ The diffusion of colored grains in inclined cylinder:
 - The grains diffuse during the transport.
 - The diffusion is controlled by the rotation rate



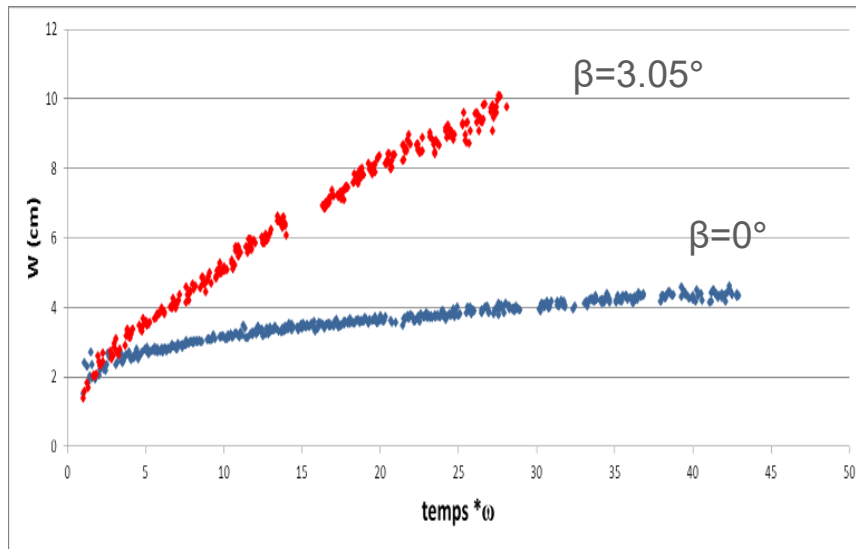
Role of the inclination

- ➡ Again, the diffusion is controlled by the time



$$W = \sqrt{\frac{D_{i0} \sin \beta_0}{\sin \beta_r} l}$$

But



➡ Diffusion is controlled by the time spent by grains in successive avalanches

- But what is the underlying mechanism?
 - Only dispersion of granulates during avalanches in the surface layer?
 - Coupled with longitudinal transport?

Axial dispersion in the rotating drum

► Taylor Aris dispersion

Concentration of the tracers

$$c(x, z, t) = \bar{c}(x, t) + c'(x, z, t)$$

$$V_x(z) = \bar{V} + V'_x(z)$$

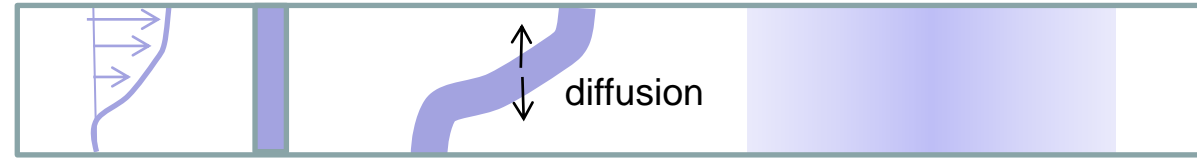
Conservation of the tracers

$$\frac{\partial c}{\partial t} + V_x(z) \frac{\partial c}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(D \frac{\partial c}{\partial x} \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left(D \frac{\partial c}{\partial z} \right)$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{\partial \bar{c}}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial c'}{\partial t} + V_x \frac{\partial \bar{c}}{\partial x} + V'_x \frac{\partial \bar{c}}{\partial x} + V_x \frac{\partial c'}{\partial x} + V'_x \frac{\partial c'}{\partial x} \\ &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(D \frac{\partial \bar{c}}{\partial x} \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(D \frac{\partial c'}{\partial x} \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left(D \frac{\partial \bar{c}}{\partial z} \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left(D \frac{\partial c'}{\partial z} \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\bar{c} \gg c'$$

$$t \gg e^2/\bar{D} \quad l/\bar{V}_x \gg e^2/\bar{D}$$



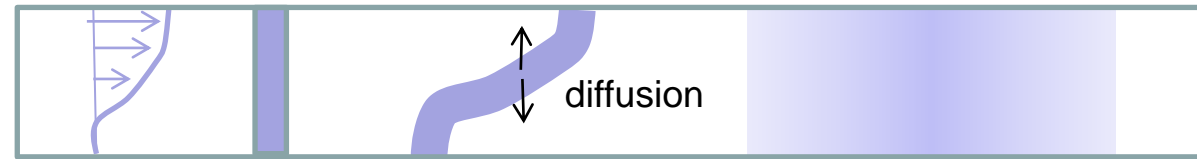
$$\frac{\partial \bar{c}}{\partial t} + V_x \frac{\partial \bar{c}}{\partial x} + \overline{V'_x \frac{\partial c'}{\partial x}} \approx D \frac{\partial^2 \bar{c}}{\partial x^2}$$

Axial dispersion in the rotating drum

► Taylor Aris dispersion

$$\bar{c} \gg c'$$

$$t \gg e^2/\bar{D} \quad l/\bar{V}_x \gg e^2/\bar{D}$$



$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial c'}{\partial t} + \bar{V}_x \frac{\partial c'}{\partial x} + V'_x \frac{\partial \bar{c}}{\partial x} + V'_x \frac{\partial c'}{\partial x} - \overline{V'_x \frac{\partial c'}{\partial x}} \\ = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left[(D - \overline{D}) \frac{\partial \bar{c}}{\partial x} \right] + D \frac{\partial^2 c'}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left(D \frac{\partial c'}{\partial z} \right) - \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\overline{D \frac{\partial c'}{\partial x}} \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left(D \frac{\partial c'}{\partial z} \right) \approx V'_x \frac{\partial \bar{c}}{\partial x}$$

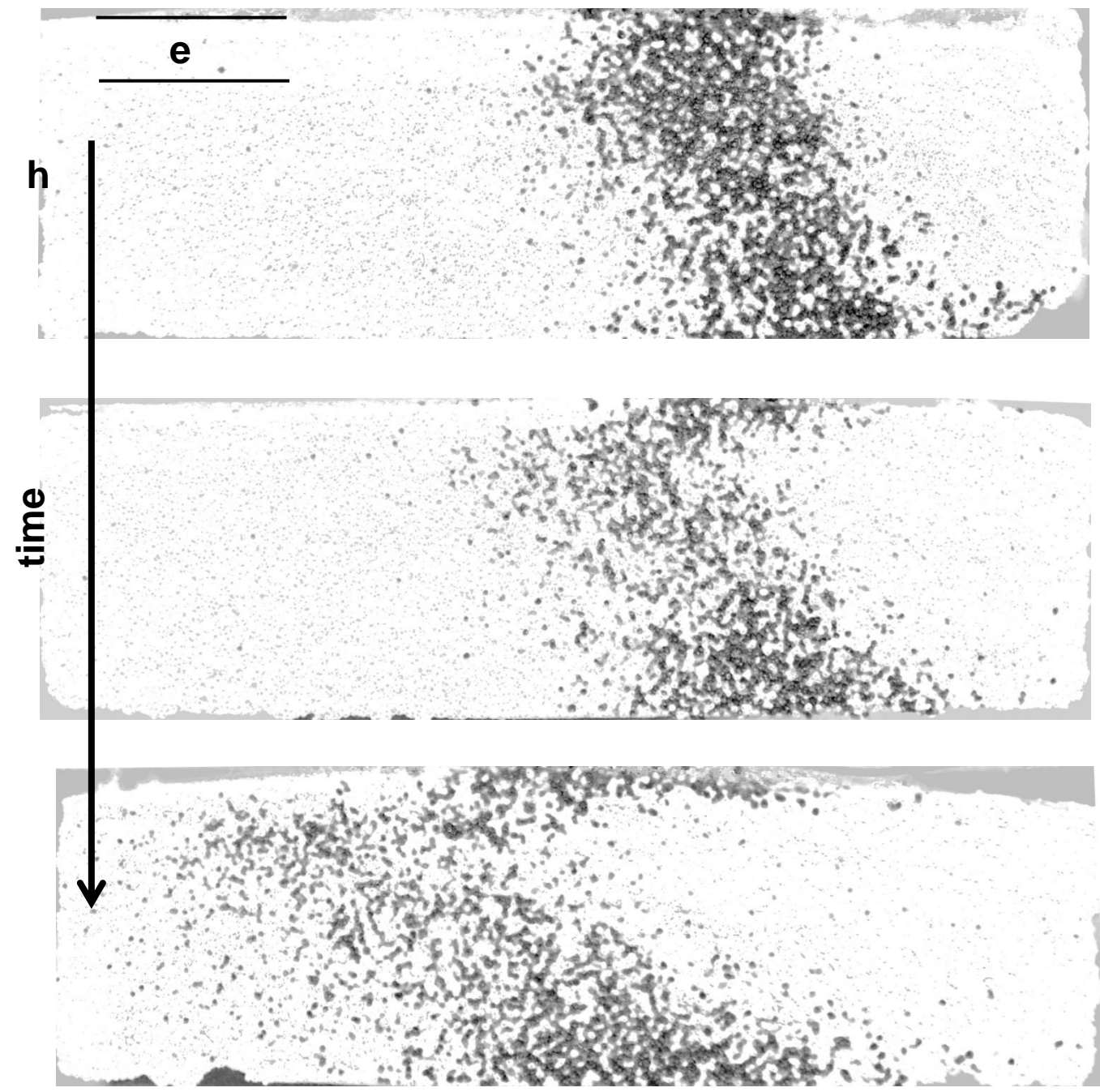
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$$\overline{V'_x \frac{\partial c'}{\partial x}} = \frac{\partial^2 \bar{c}}{\partial x^2} \left[\overline{V'_x(z) \int_0^z \frac{1}{D} \int_0^{z_1} V'_x(z_2) dz_2 dz_1} \right] = D_{shr} \frac{\partial^2 \bar{c}}{\partial x^2}$$

$$\frac{\partial \bar{c}}{\partial t} + \bar{V}_x \frac{\partial \bar{c}}{\partial x} = D_{eff} \frac{\partial^2 \bar{c}}{\partial x^2}, \quad \text{with, for a linear shear:}$$

$$D_{eff} = D_{hrz} \left[1 + \frac{\dot{\gamma}^2 e^4}{30 D_{hrz}^2} \right] = D_{hrz} \left[1 + \frac{Pe^2}{30} \right]$$

$$Pe \approx \frac{\dot{\gamma} e^2}{\dot{\gamma}_y d^2}$$



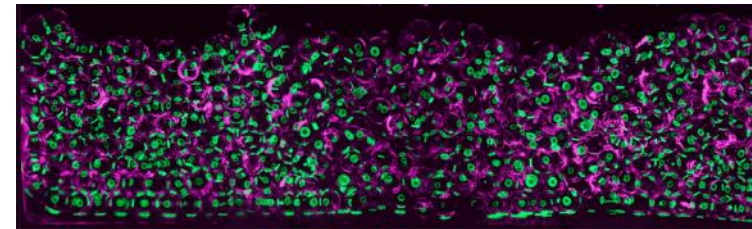
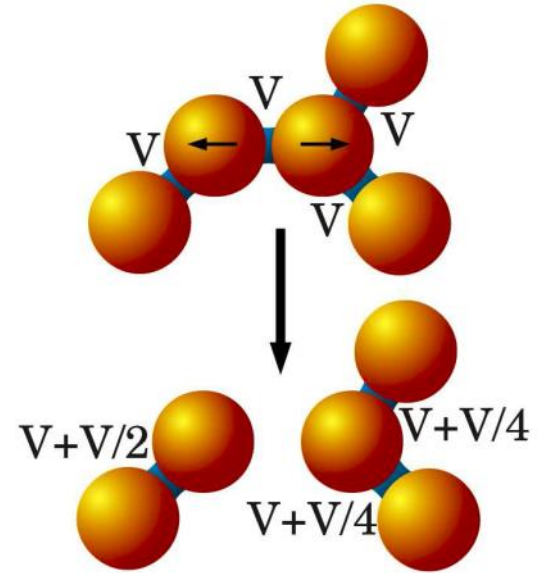
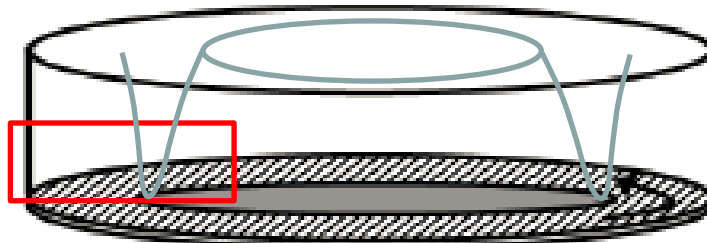
Spreading the liquid by shearing the grains

- ➡ **Rupture of the bridges in 2 identical volumes**
- ➡ Swelling of the thin films that allows a fast redistribution according the pressure gradients $\Delta V_i = (\gamma/r - P_i) / L_i$
- ➡ **Creation of a bridge**
- ➡ **Viscous relaxation toward equilibrium**

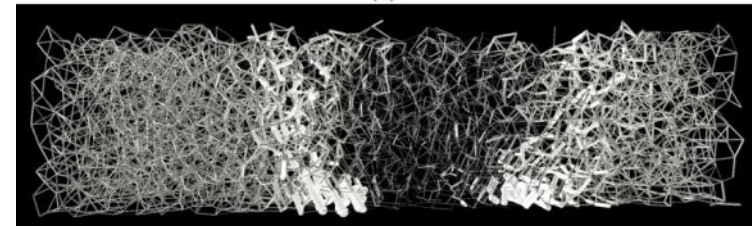
$$\partial_t V_i = \mu \Sigma_j (P_i - P_j)$$

- it takes some times,

➡ Steady state depending on the shear rate



(a)



(b)

Diffusion of the volume of the liquid bridges

► Flux of liquid in a slice of material

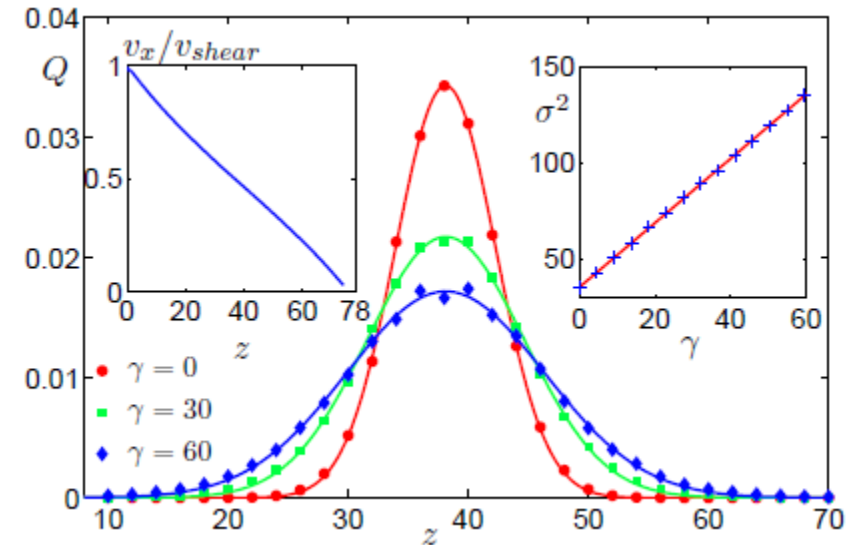
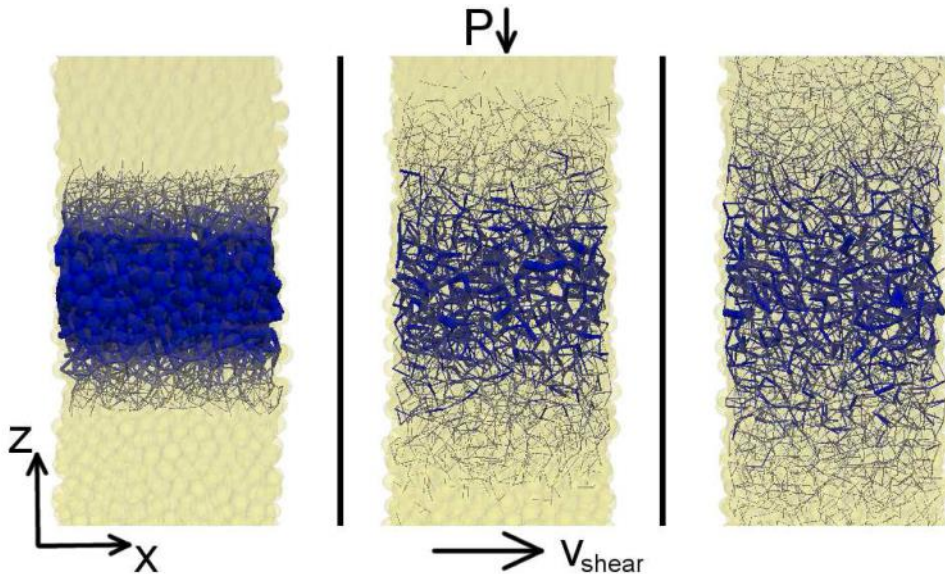
$$Q^i(t+dt) - Q^i(t) = A dt (B^{i-1} Q_b^{i-1} + B^{i+1} Q_b^{i+1} - 2B^i Q_b^i) / 2$$

B: rate of rupture
 Q_b : average volume per bridge

- “Diffusion” like equation

$$\partial_t Q_b = C \frac{\partial}{\partial z^2} (\dot{\gamma} Q_b)$$

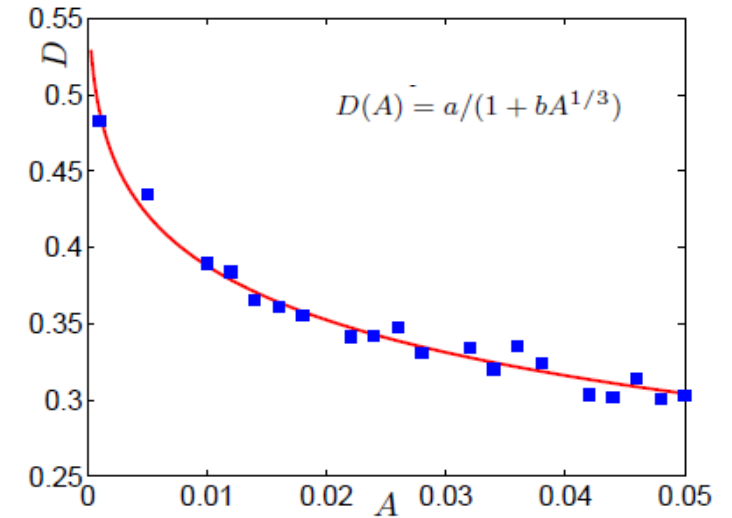
► Neglecting the cohesion ($P \gg 1$, $l \ll 1$), linear velocity profile



Influence of the amount of liquid on the spreading

➡ the amplitude of the initial distribution A

- $A \propto V \approx Q$
- Rupture distance: $s_c \approx V^{1/3}$
- The time for rupture increases with s_c :
- $T \propto \dot{\gamma}^{-1}(1 + sc/r)$



➡ Application :

- Coating of grains,
e.g. closing open porosity with a polymer on beads

Dispersion in granular media

➡ Granular media

➡ Rheology

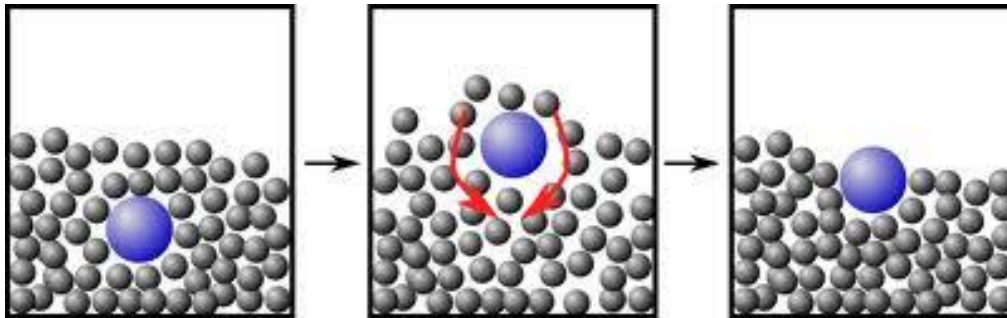
➡ Diffusion

➡ Segregation

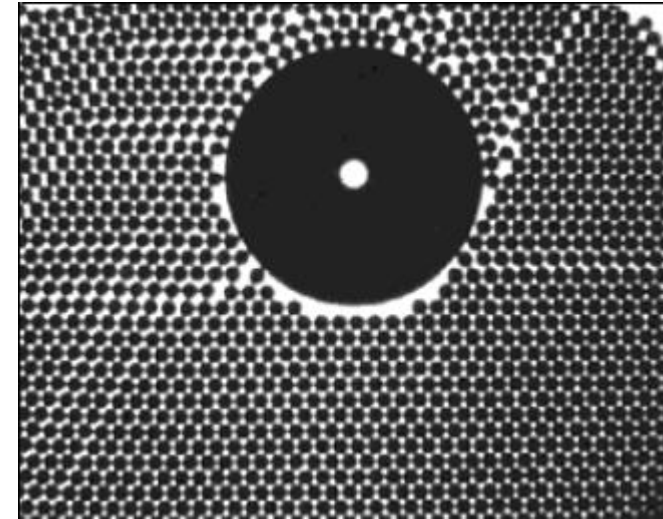
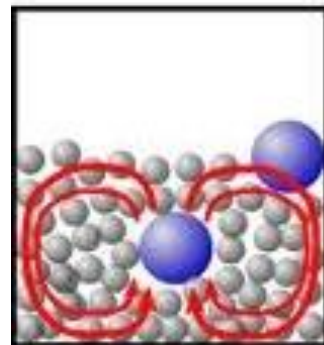
Steric effect

Large grains can not fill the space

But the small ones

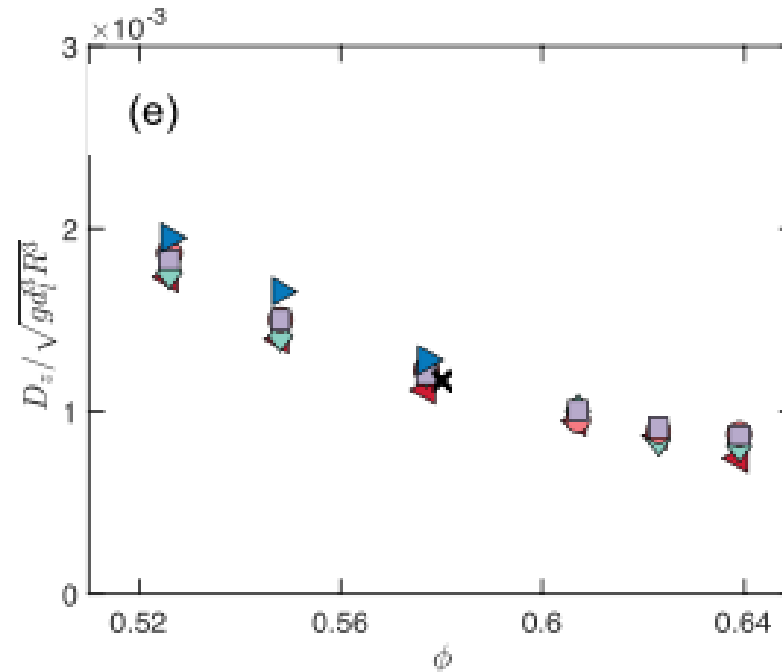
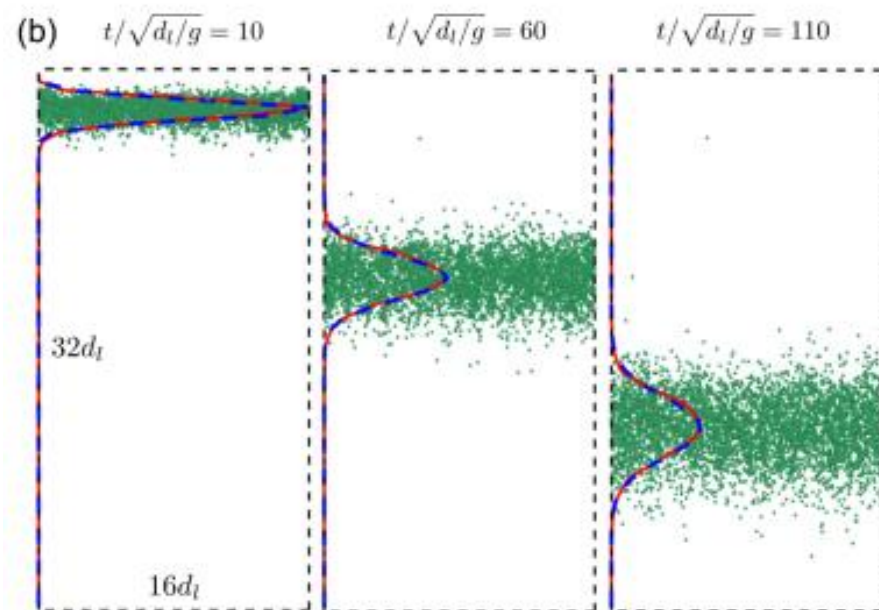
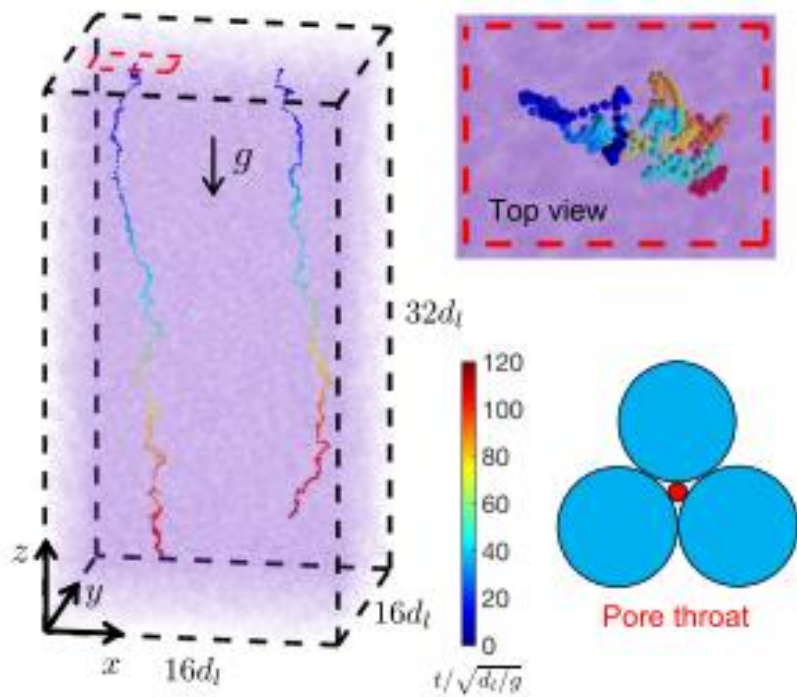


+ convection

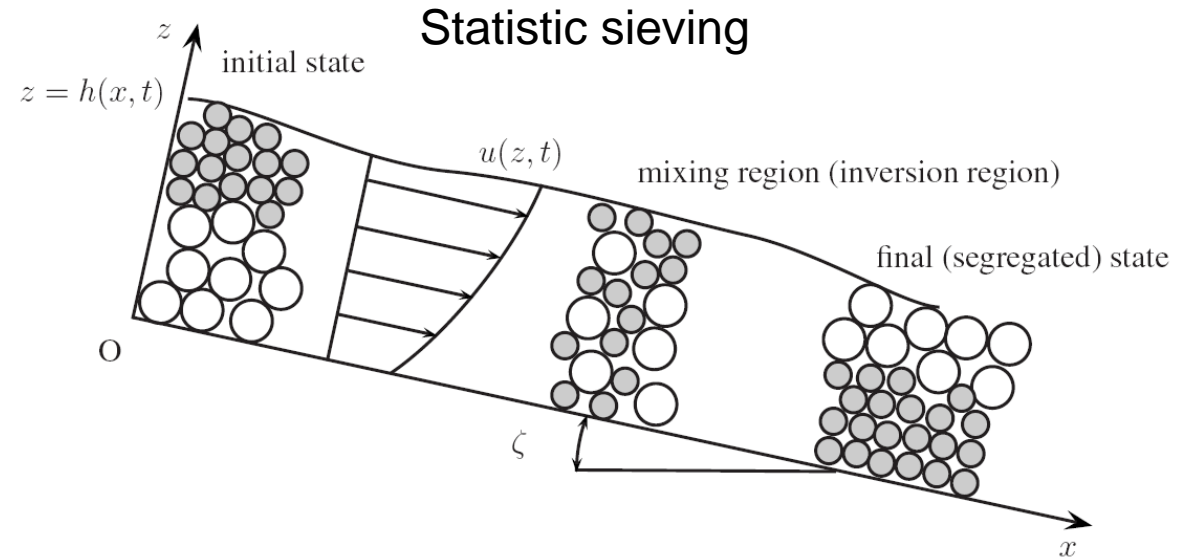


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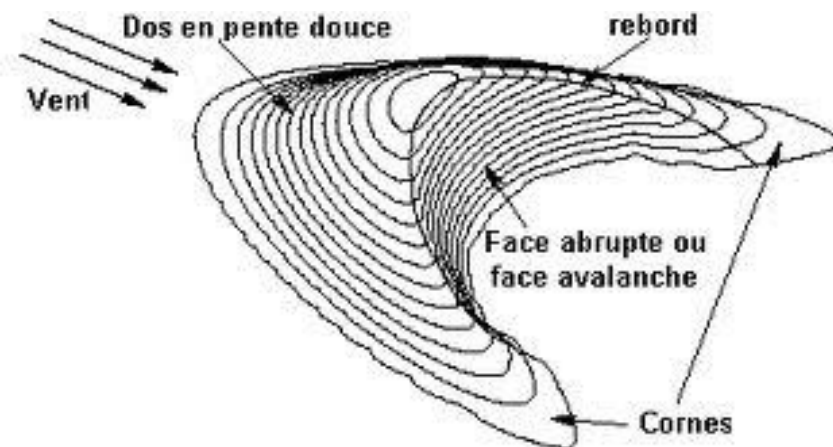
Percolation in a static media



Segregation during a flow



Avalanches on dunes

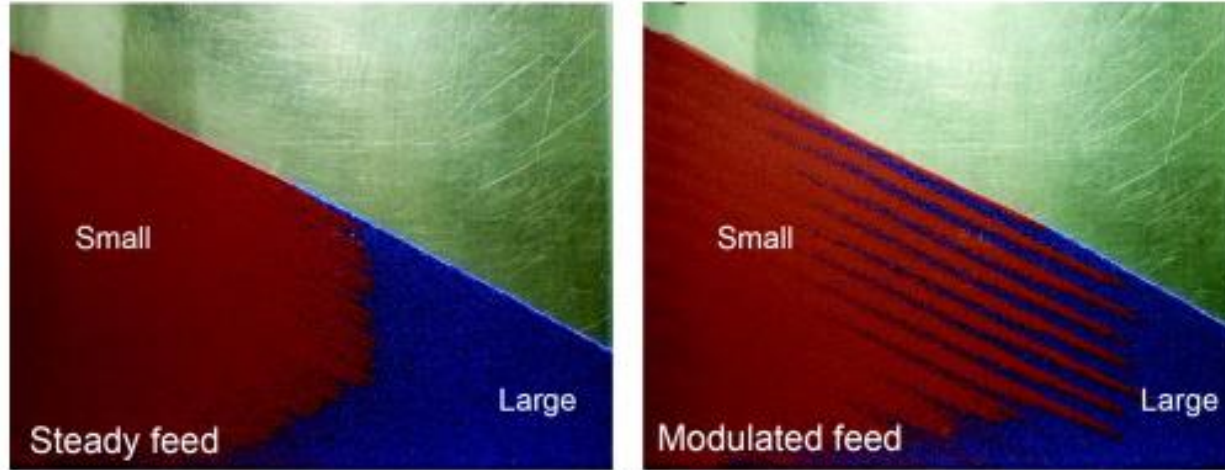


Pétra stone



Segregation in pile flow

Interplay with the flow rate and the segregation



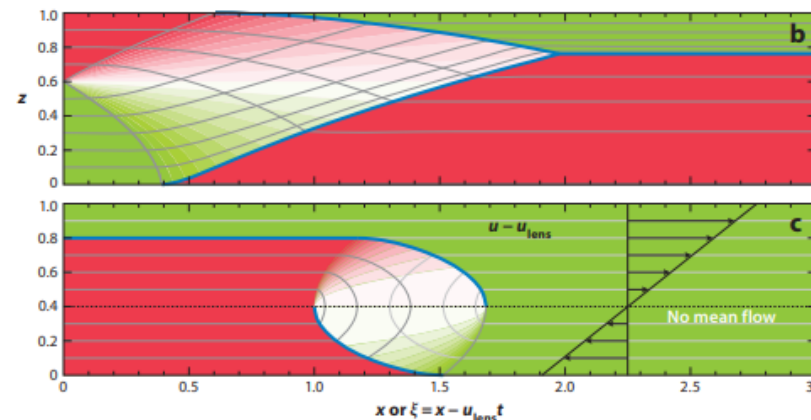
Xiao Powders Tech. 2027

Saint-Venant approach:

$$w_{p,s} = -S\dot{\gamma}(1 - c_s)$$

$$D \sim \dot{\gamma}d^2$$

$$\frac{\partial c_i}{\partial t} + \underbrace{\frac{\partial(uc_i)}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial(wc_i)}{\partial z}}_{\text{advection}} + \underbrace{\frac{\partial(w_{p,i}c_i)}{\partial z}}_{\text{segregation}} - \underbrace{\left[\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(D \frac{\partial c_i}{\partial x} \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left(D \frac{\partial c_i}{\partial z} \right) \right]}_{\text{diffusion}} = 0$$

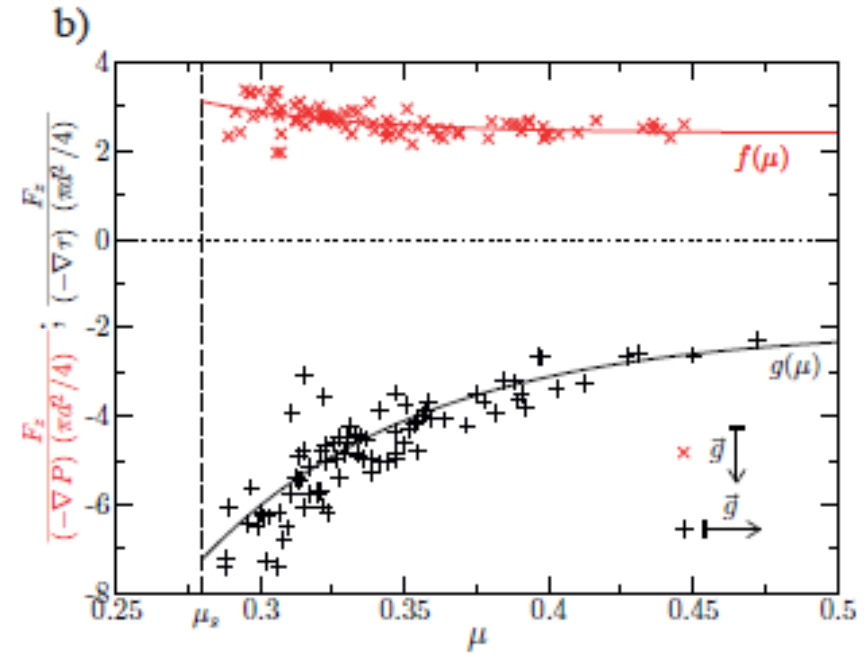
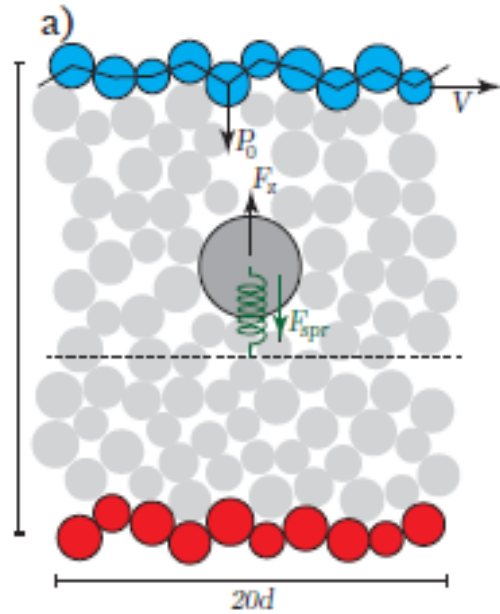


Thronton & Gray JFM 2006,2008

Segregation in a shear flow

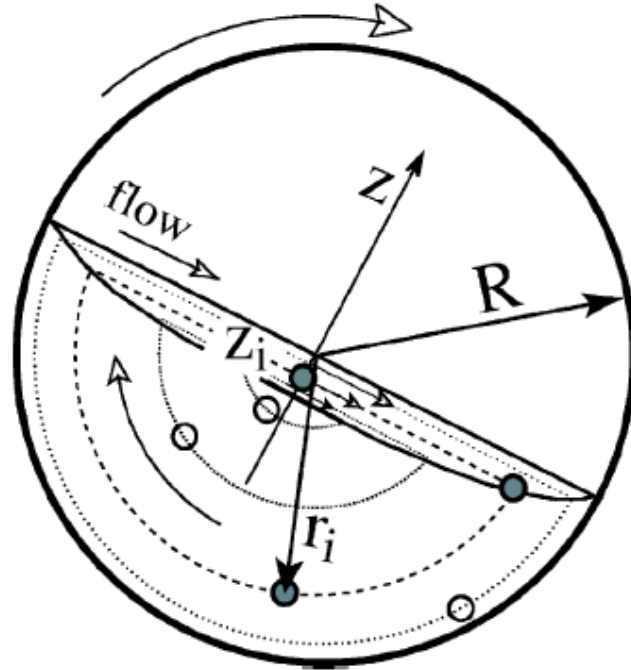
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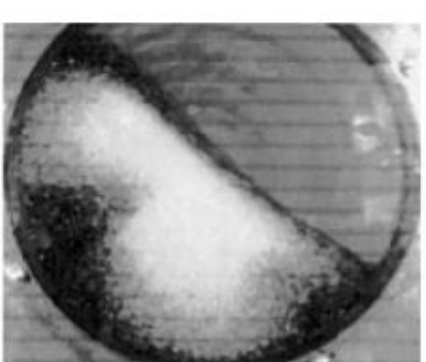
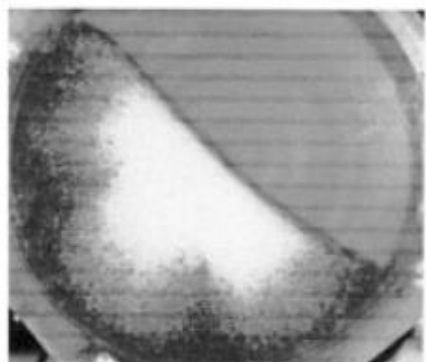
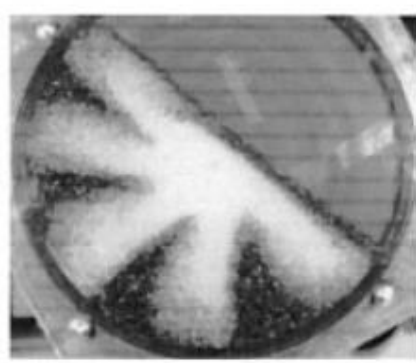
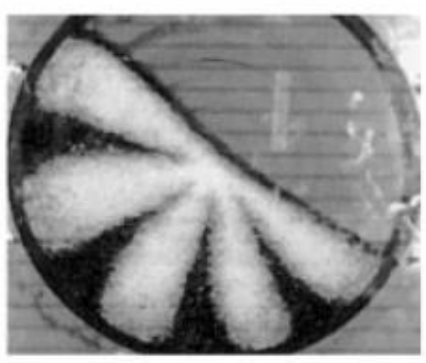
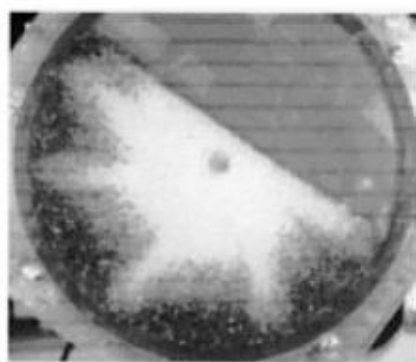
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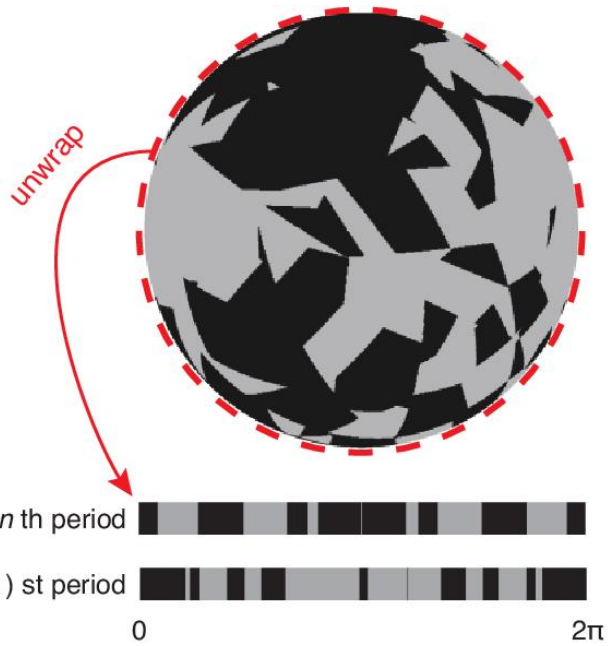
Segregation in rotating drum

Equilibrium position from a balance between buoyancy and weight

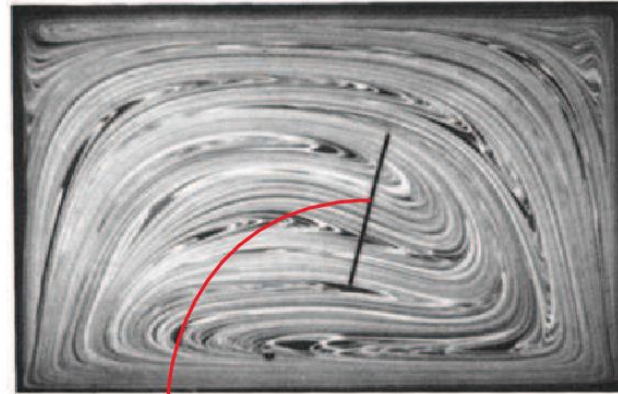




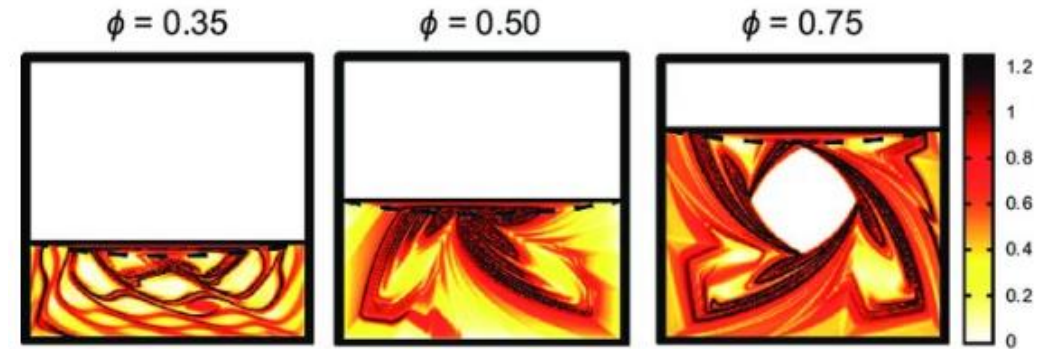
Cutting and shuffling strategy / streamlines jumping



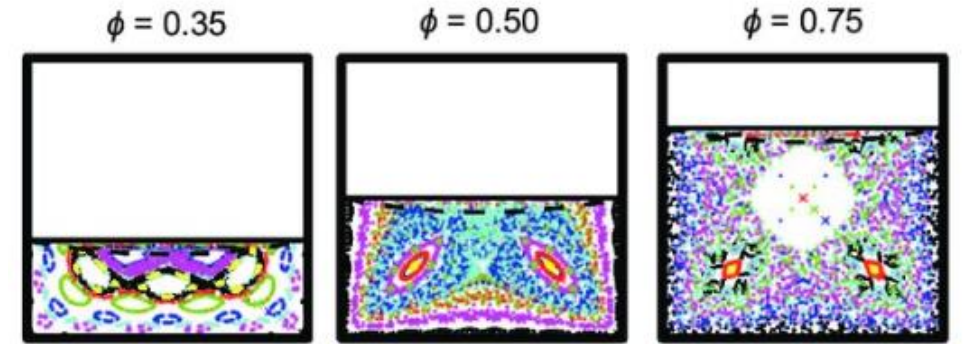
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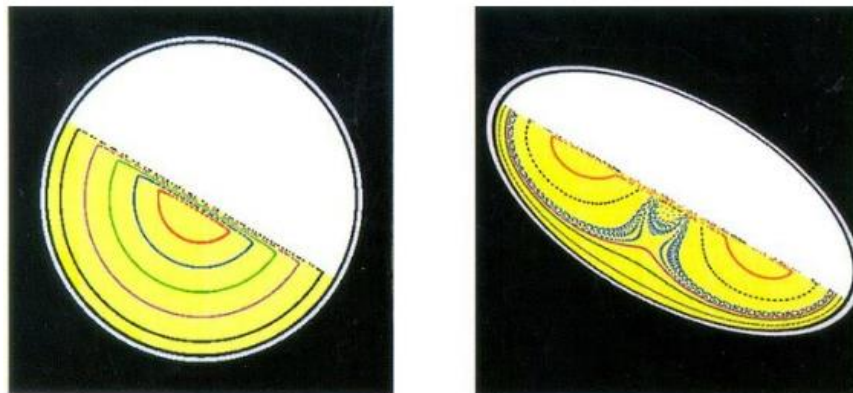
(b) fluid mixing experiment in a cavity with moving top wall



(a) FTLE field with respect to $t = -14T$



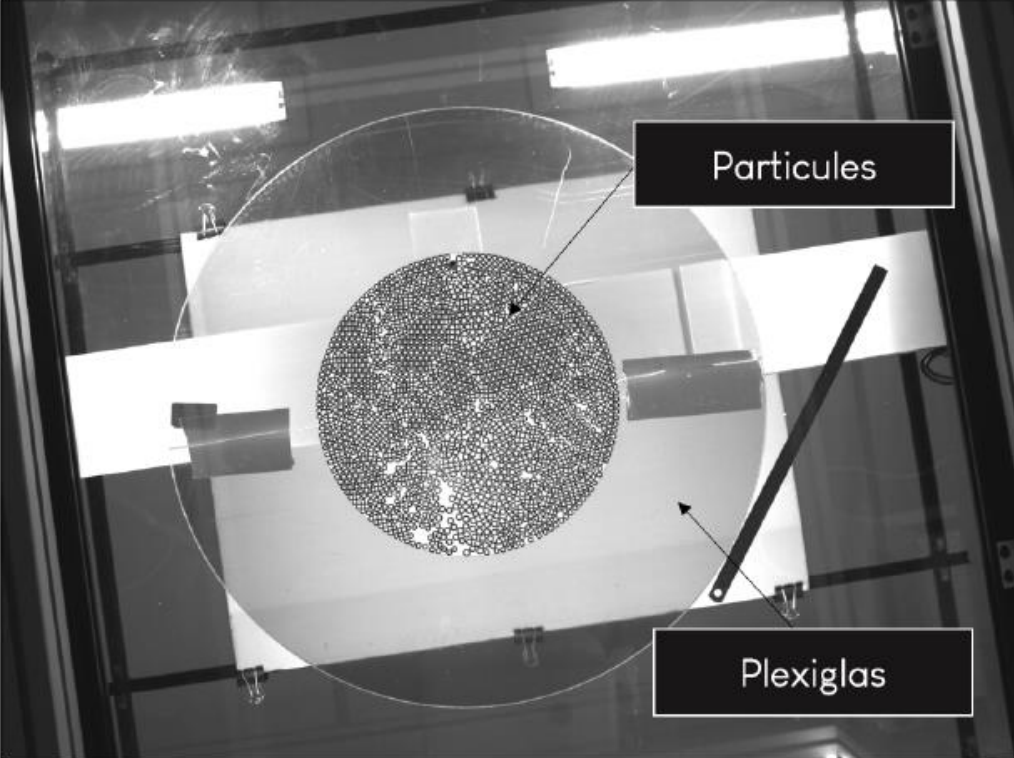
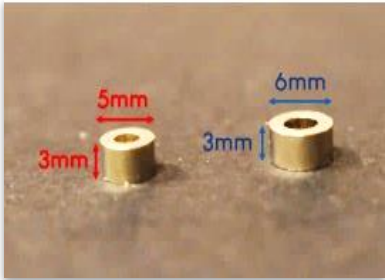
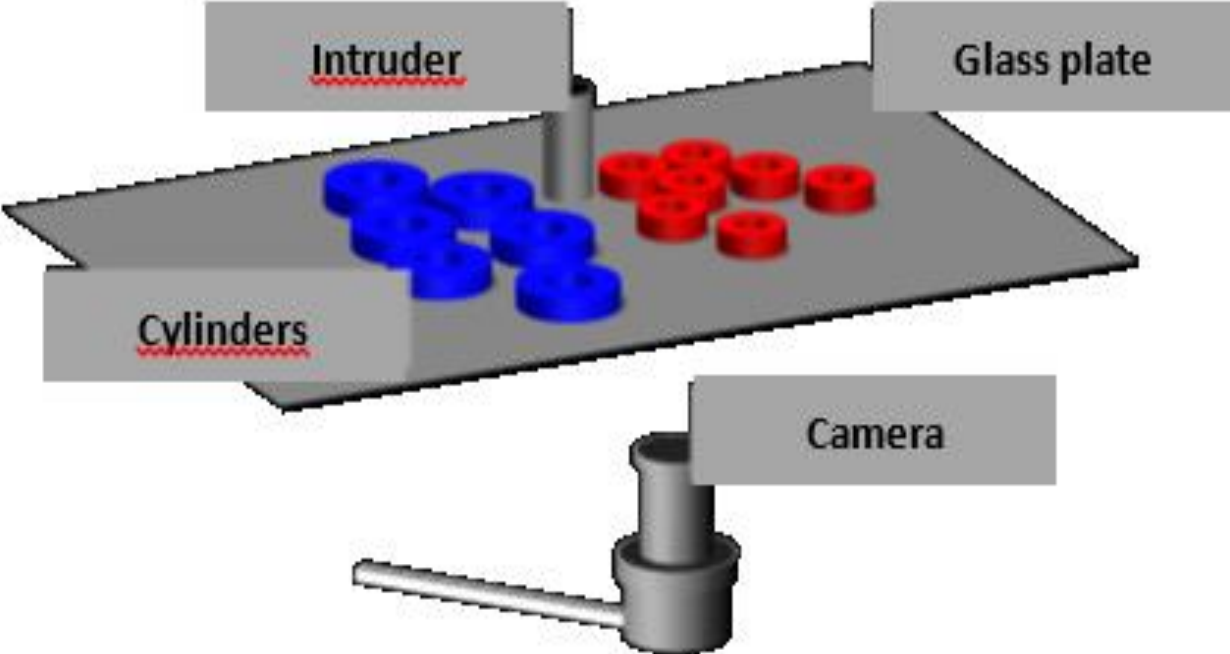
(b) Poincaré section over 500 periods

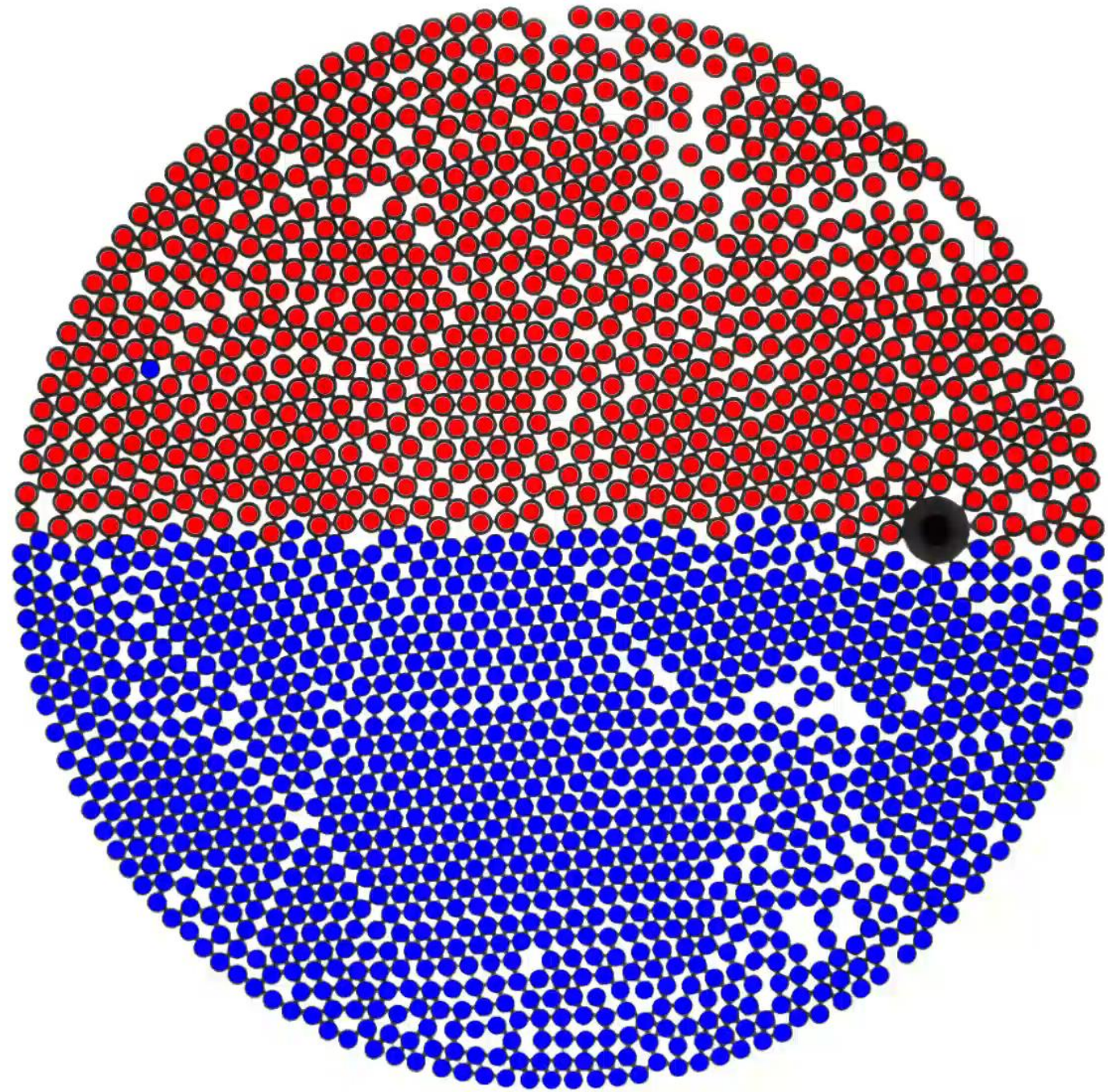


KAM islands, FTLE, ...

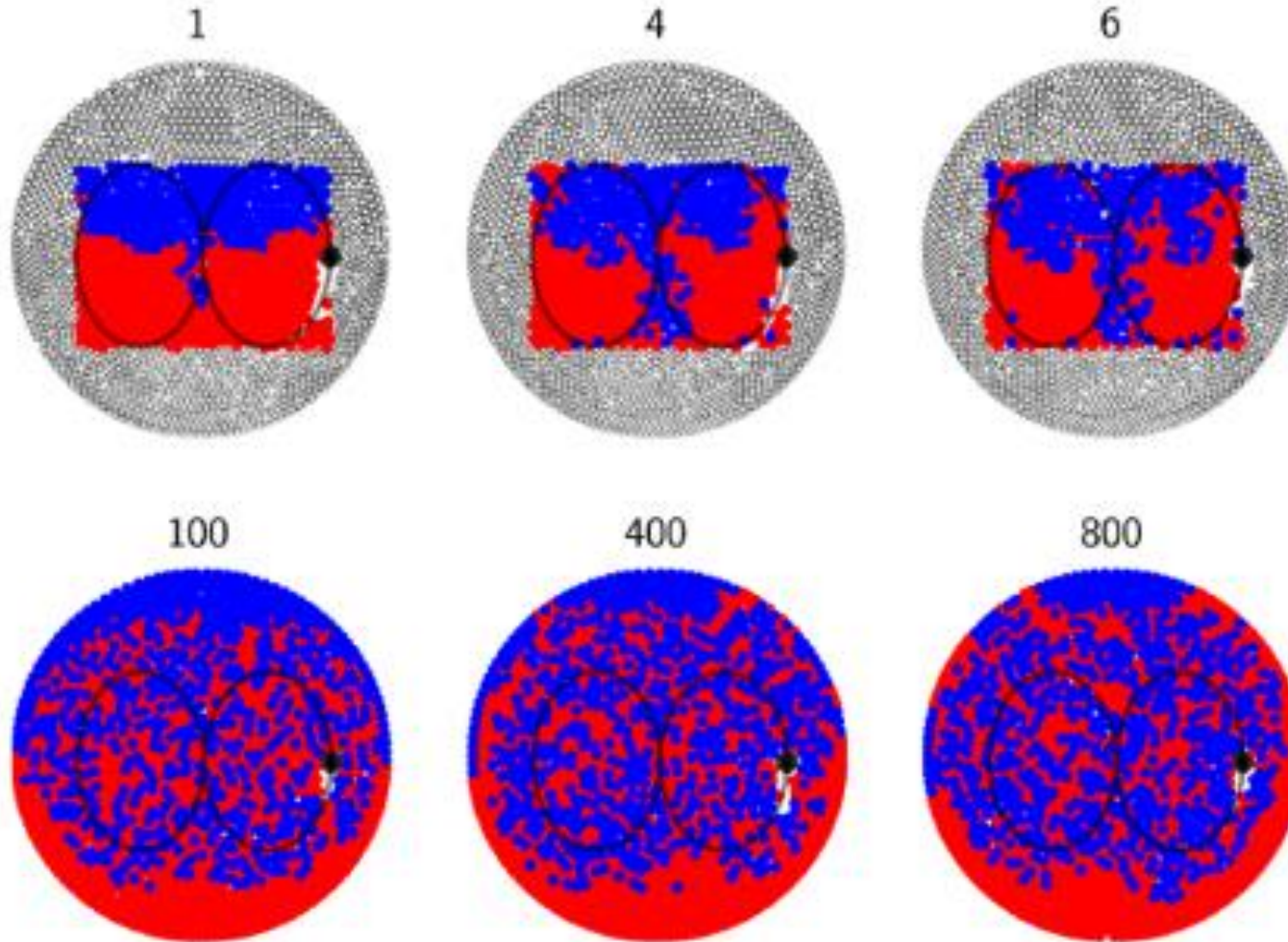
MIXING IN A 2D GRANULAR SYSTEMS :

2D SYSTEMS

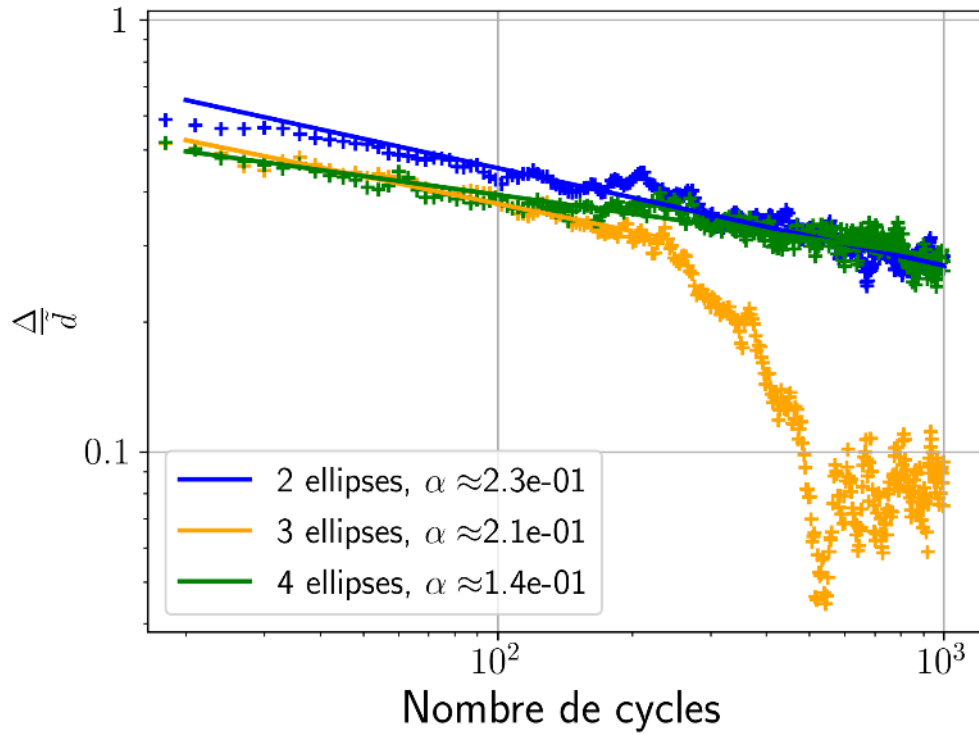




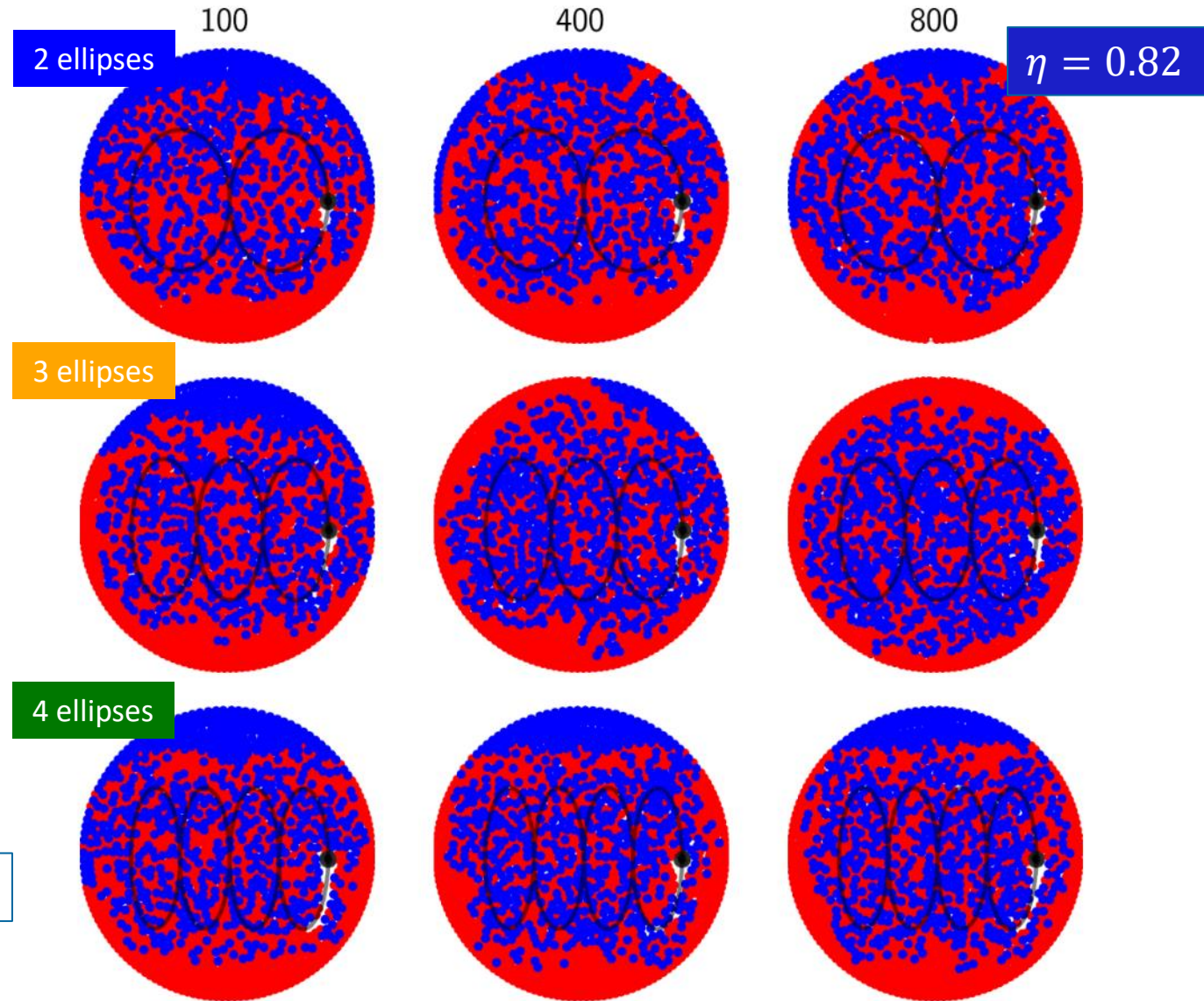
Example of large (blue) and small (red) segregated system that tends to homogenise with the number of



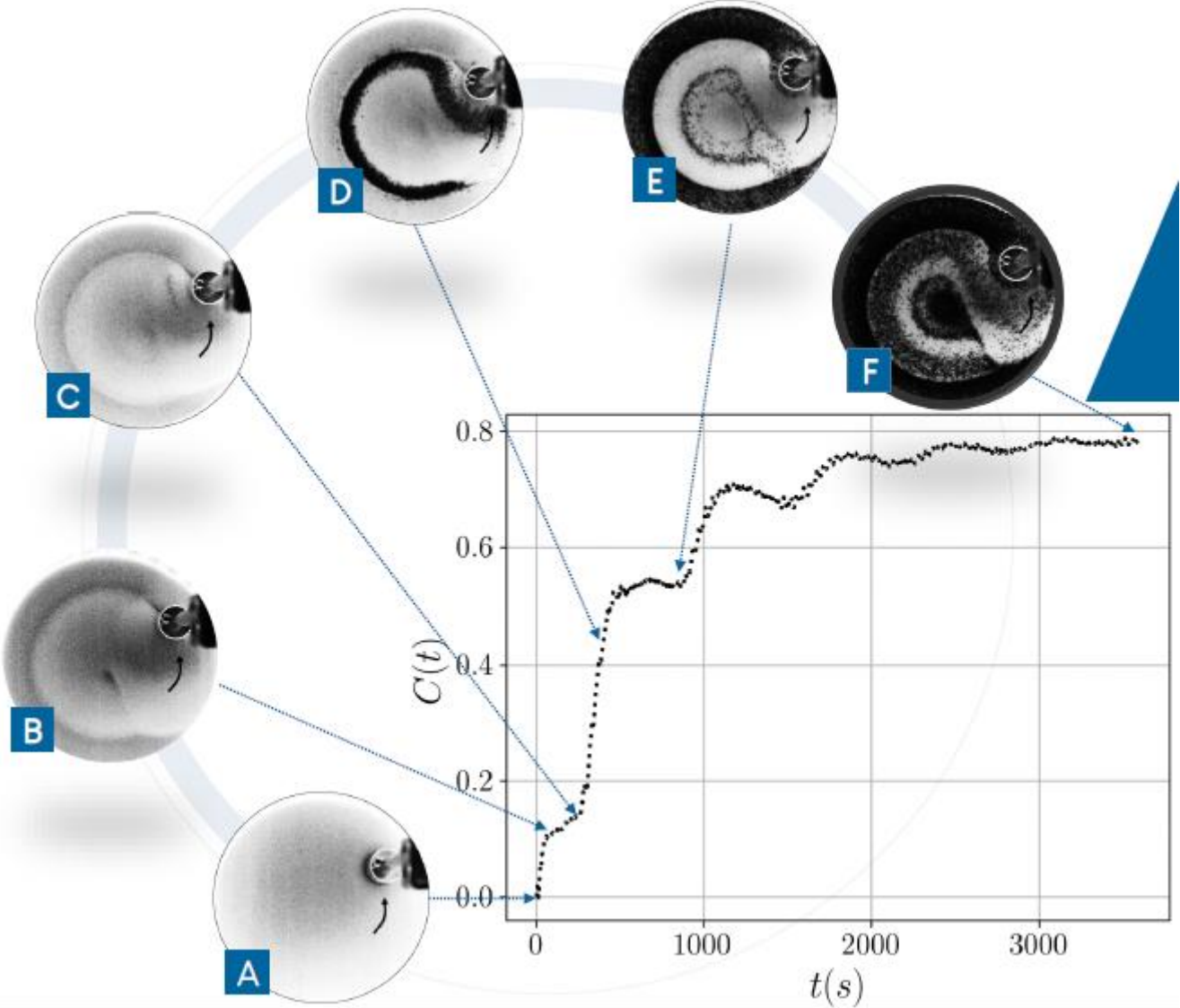
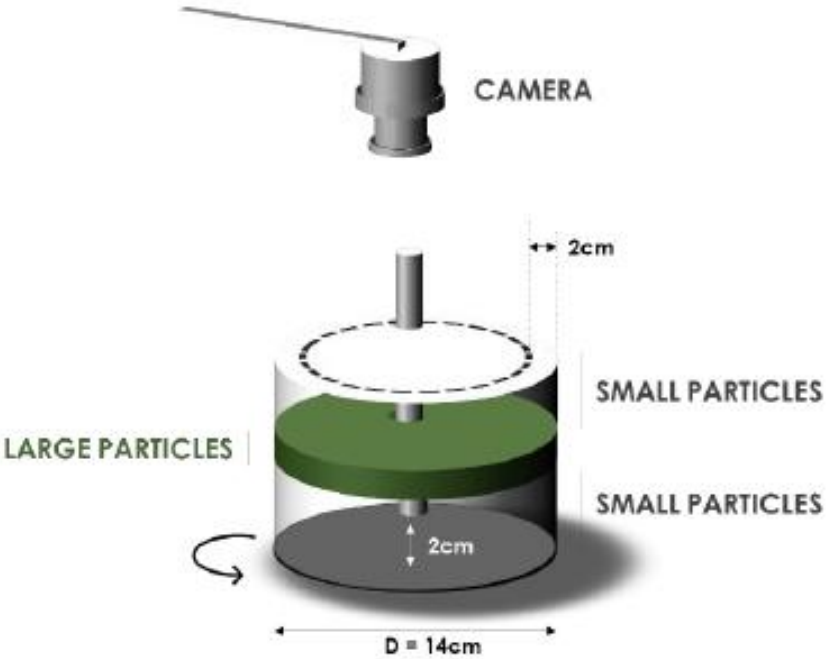
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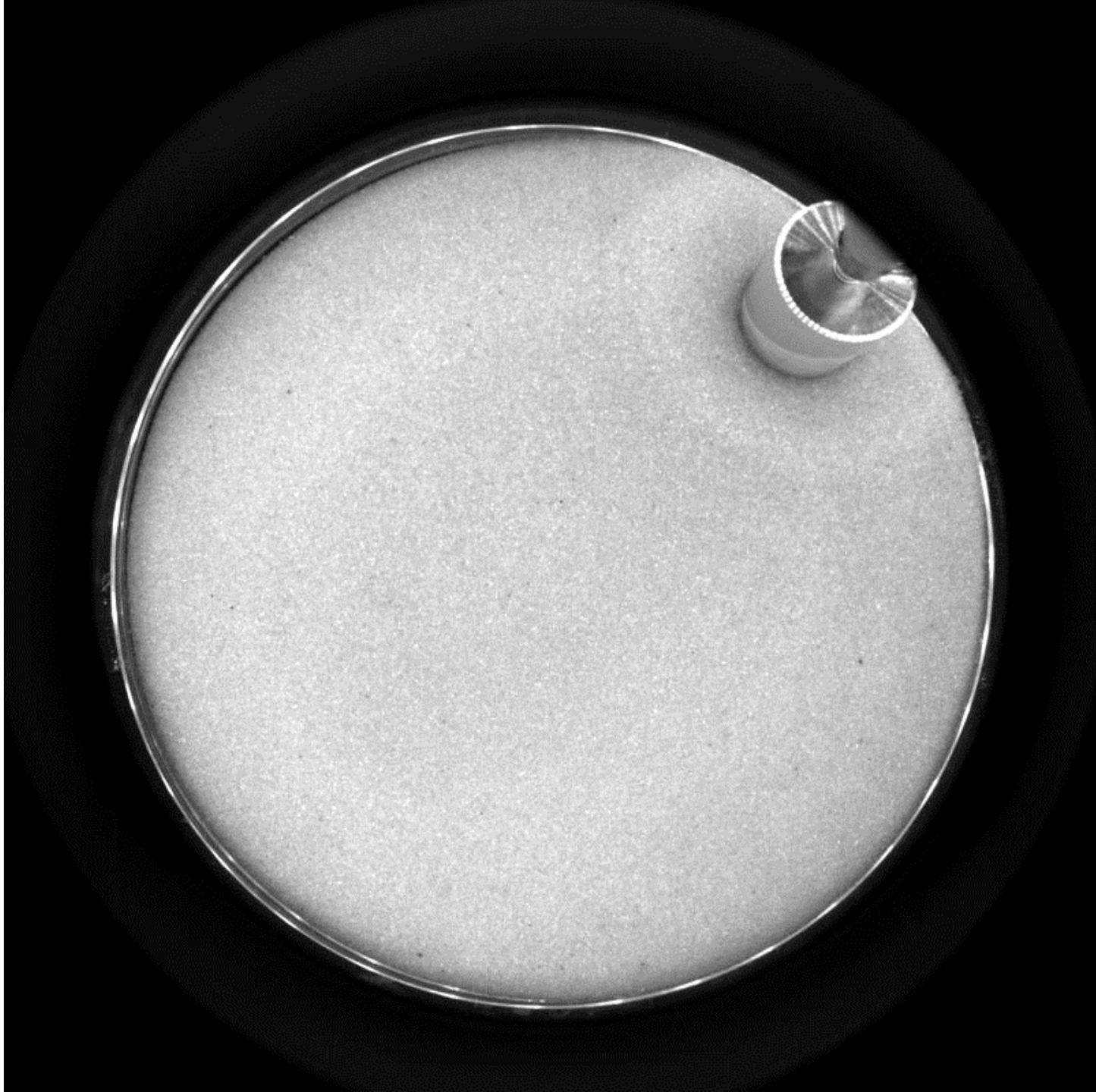


3 ellipses more efficient close to the boundary

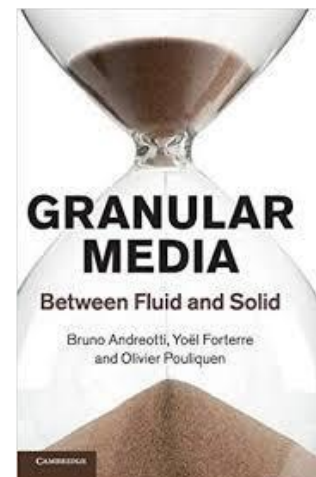


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Take home messages

- Dispersion in granular media is coupled with the flow
- Granular media can be the substrate for other processes (chemical reactions, ...)
- Homogeneization processes should often counteract segregation phenomenon
- Smooth complex flows are much less studied in the context of « mixing ».

Mixing in granular media
Jop's lecture



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