

# *Dense granular flows down inclines*

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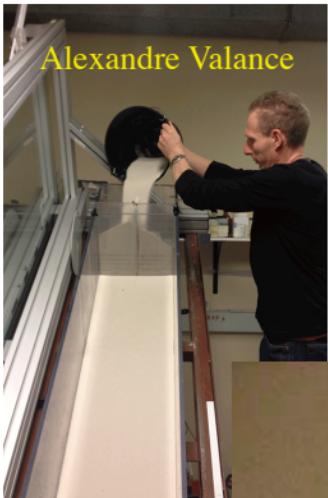
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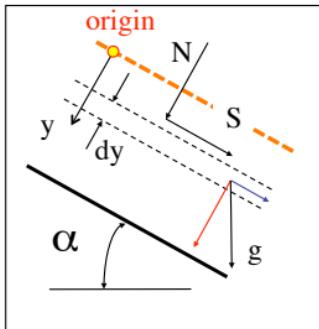


# Dense inclined granular flow



# Steady, fully-developed force balance

Steady  $(\partial / \partial t \equiv 0)$ , fully-developed  $(\partial / \partial x \equiv 0)$  flow



Force balance

$$\frac{dS}{dy} = \rho g \sin \alpha$$

$$\frac{dN}{dy} = \rho g \cos \alpha$$

$$S = \rho g y \sin \alpha$$

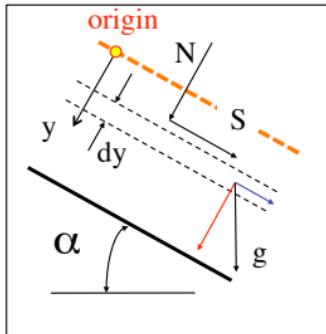
$$N = \rho g y \cos \alpha$$

$$\mu_{\text{eff}} = \frac{S}{N} = \tan \alpha$$



# Newtonian viscous fluid

## laminar flow



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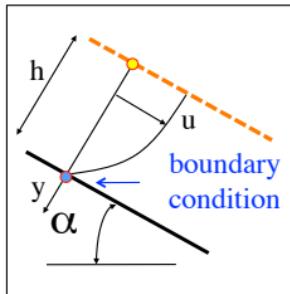
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Constitutive relation

$$S = -\mu \frac{du}{dy}$$

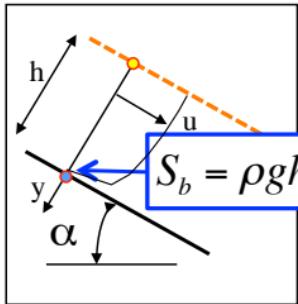


$$u = \frac{\rho g \sin \alpha}{2\mu} (h^2 - y^2)$$

$$\frac{\dot{m}}{W} = \left( \frac{\rho^2 g \sin \alpha}{3\mu} \right) h^3$$

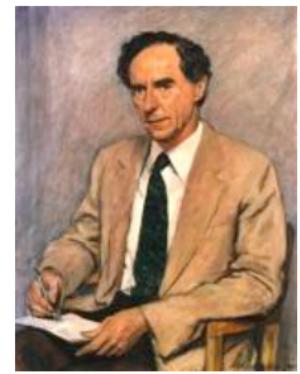
# Newtonian viscous fluid

## turbulent flow



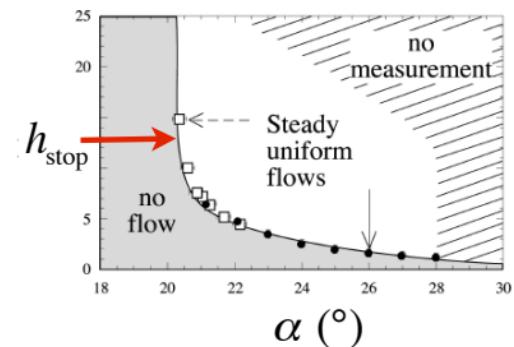
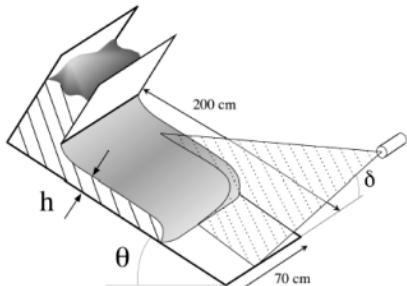
$$\text{cst} = \left( u^* / \bar{u} \right)^2 \approx 3 \cdot 10^{-3}$$

$$\frac{\dot{m}}{W} = \rho \bar{u} h = \rho \sqrt{\frac{g \sin \alpha}{\text{cst}}} h^{3/2}$$



George Batchelor

# Shallow flows, far sidewalls, bumpy base

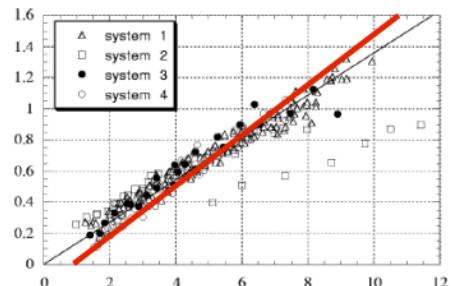


Pouliquen, Phys. Fluids 1999

$$\frac{\dot{m}}{W} \propto \text{cst } \rho_s \bar{v} \frac{\sqrt{g \cos \alpha}}{h_{\text{stop}}} h^{5/2}$$

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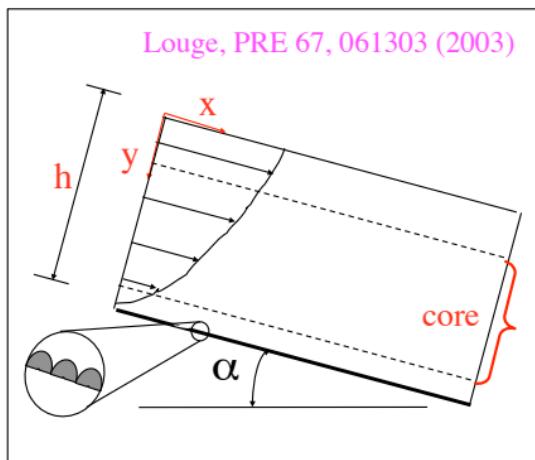
$$\text{Fr} \equiv \frac{\bar{u}}{\sqrt{N / \rho}} = \frac{\bar{u}}{\sqrt{gh \cos \alpha}}$$



$$(h / h_{\text{stop}}) - 1$$

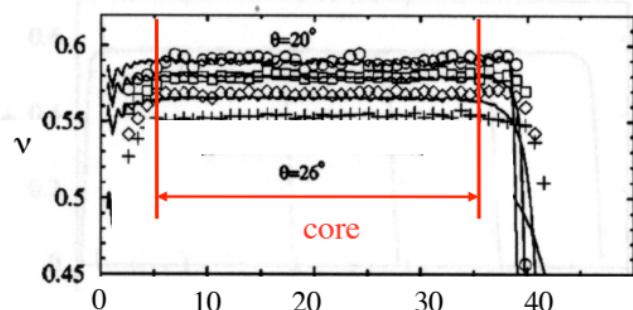
Deboeuf, et al, PRL 2006

# Shallow flows, far sidewalls, bumpy base



$$20^\circ < \alpha < 26^\circ$$

$$0.595 > v > 0.545$$

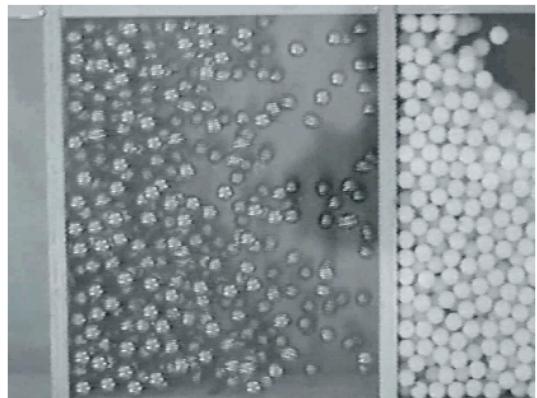


Silbert, et al. PRE 2001

$$\frac{\dot{m}}{W} \propto \text{cst } \rho_s \bar{v} \frac{\sqrt{g \cos \alpha}}{h_{\text{stop}}} h^{5/2}$$

Leo Silbert

# Granular temperature



$$\text{“temperature”} \quad T = \frac{1}{3} \overline{u'_i u'_i}$$

fluctuation velocity  $u'_i$

# Transport coefficients



James Jenkins

viscosity

$$\mu = \rho_s d \sqrt{T} f_1(v; g_{12})$$

conductivity

$$\kappa = \rho_s d \sqrt{T} f_2(v; g_{12})$$

dissipation

$$\gamma = f_3(v; g_{12}; e) \rho_s T^{3/2} / d$$

equation of state

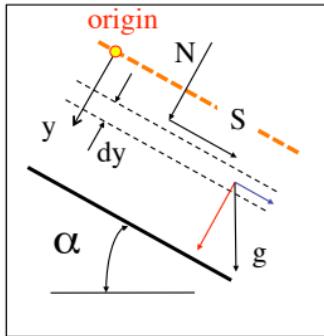
$$N = f_4(v; g_{12}) \rho_s T$$



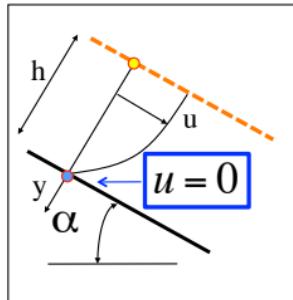
Stuart Savage

# Kinetic theory cartoon

Ralph Bagnold



bumpy base



viscosity

$$S = \rho_s v g y \sin \alpha = -f_1 \rho_s d \sqrt{T} \frac{du}{dy}$$

$$f_1(v; g_{12})$$

$T$  = “granular temperature”

$$N = \rho_s v g y \cos \alpha = f_4 \rho_s T$$

equation of state

$$f_4(v; g_{12})$$

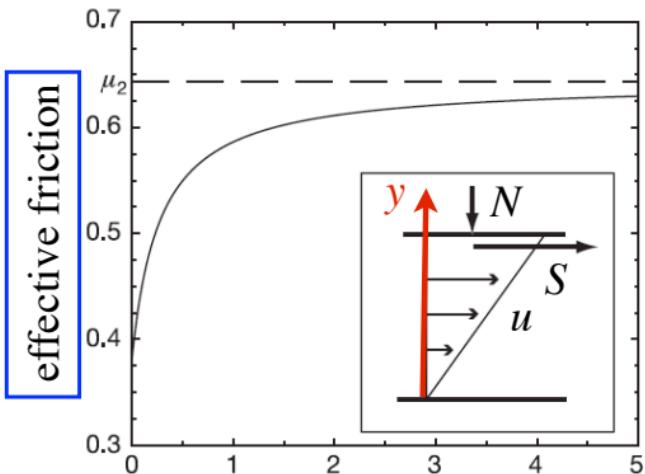
$$u = \frac{2}{3} \left( \frac{\sqrt{v f_4}}{f_1} \tan \alpha \right) \frac{\sqrt{g \cos \alpha}}{d} \left( h^{3/2} - y^{3/2} \right)$$

“Bagnold profile”

I

$$\frac{\dot{m}}{W} = \frac{2}{5} \frac{v^{3/2} f_4^{1/2}}{f_1} \frac{\rho_s g^{1/2}}{d} \frac{\sin \alpha}{\sqrt{\cos \alpha}} h^{5/2}$$

# Inertial number



effective friction

da Cruz, et al PRE 2005

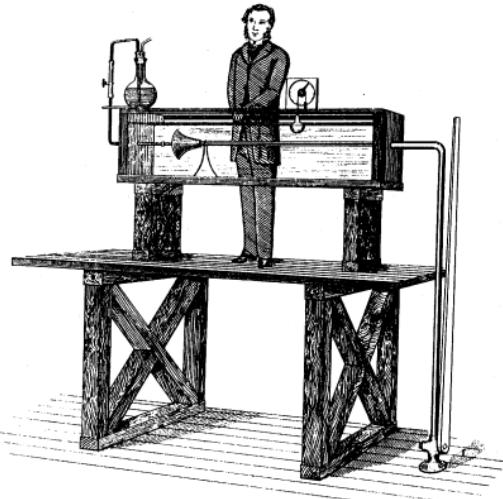
Jop, Forterre & Pouliquen Nature 2006

GDR MiDi, Eur. Phys. J. E 2003

Chevoir, et al Powder Tech. 2009

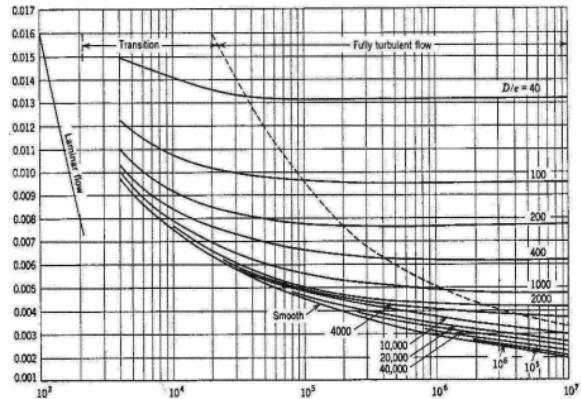
$$I \equiv \frac{|\mathrm{d}u / \mathrm{d}y| \cdot d}{\sqrt{N / \rho_s v}}$$

# Problem solved?



Osborne Reynolds, 1883

friction coefficient

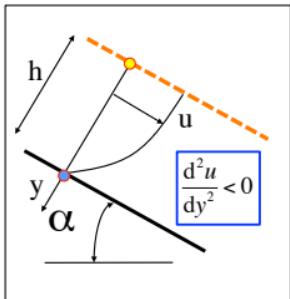


$$Re = \frac{ud}{\mu/\rho}$$

# Profile concavity and viscosity

$$S = \rho_s v g y \sin \alpha = -\mu \frac{du}{dy}$$

$$\frac{d^2u}{dy^2} = -\rho_s g \sin \alpha \left( \frac{v y}{\mu} \right) \left[ \frac{v'}{v} + \frac{1}{y} - \frac{\mu'}{\mu} \right]$$



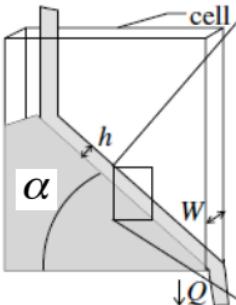
$$\frac{d^2u}{dy^2} < 0 \Leftrightarrow \frac{d \ln \mu}{d \ln y} < \frac{d \ln v}{d \ln y} + 1$$

bumpy base     $\frac{d \ln \mu}{d \ln y} = \frac{1}{2}$      $\frac{d \ln v}{d \ln y} = 0$

Moderate increase in viscosity with depth for core flows over a bumpy base

# Inverted concavity for a soft base

Sidewall-stabilized heap

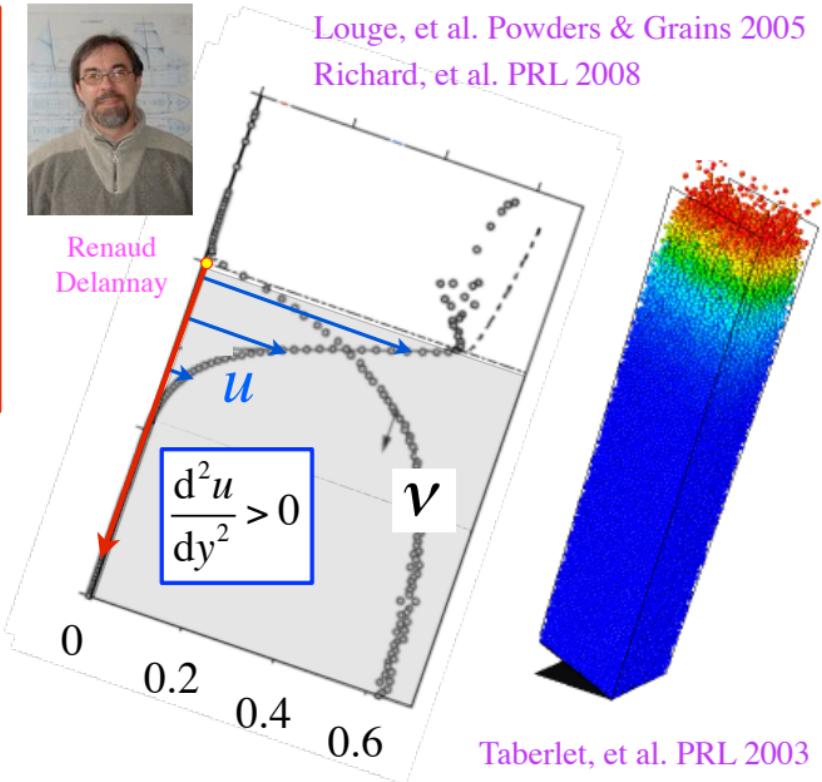


Louge, et al. Powders & Grains 2005  
Richard, et al. PRL 2008

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Delannay

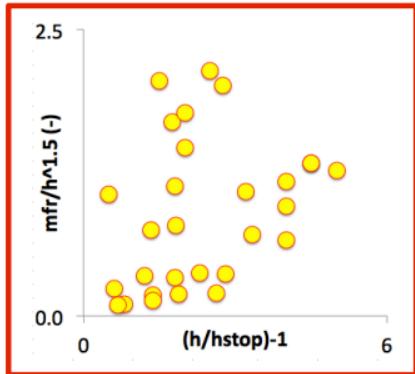
$$\frac{d^2 u}{dy^2} > 0 \Leftrightarrow \frac{d \ln \mu}{d \ln y} > \frac{d \ln \nu}{d \ln y} + 1$$

Rapid increase in volume fraction and viscosity with depth.

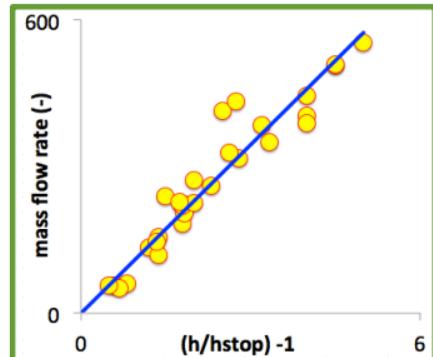


Taberlet, et al. PRL 2003

# Role of the base



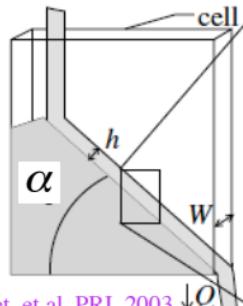
with inertial  
number scaling



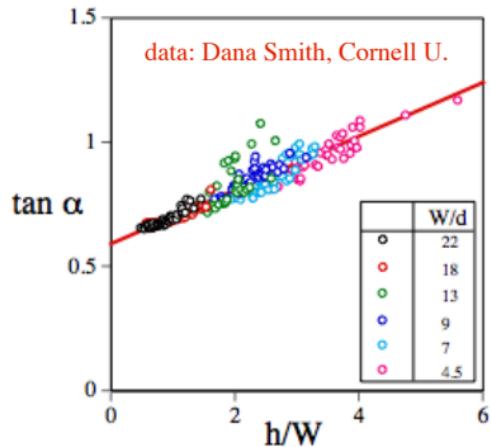
$$\frac{\dot{m}}{W} \approx \text{cst} \times \rho_s d \sqrt{gd} \left( \frac{h}{h_{stop}} - 1 \right)$$

# Role of side walls

## Sidewall-stabilized heap



Taberlet, et al. PRL 2003



$$\frac{\dot{m}}{W} \approx \text{cst} \times \rho_s W \sqrt{gW} \left( \frac{h}{W} - 1 \right)$$

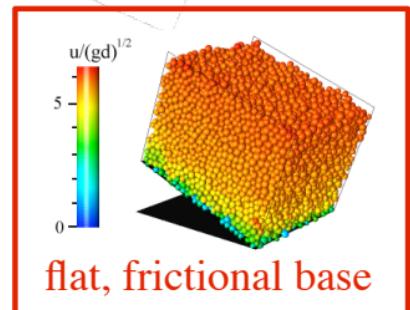
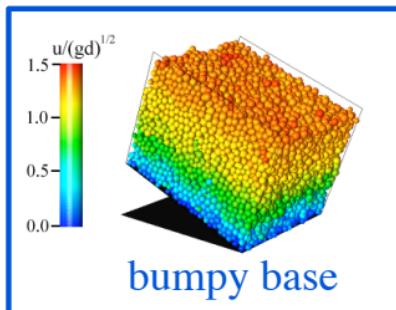
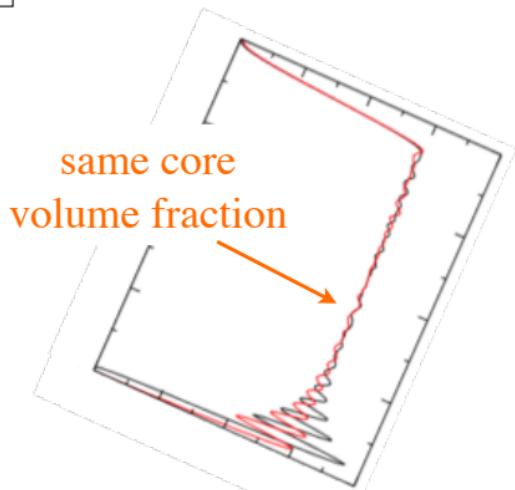
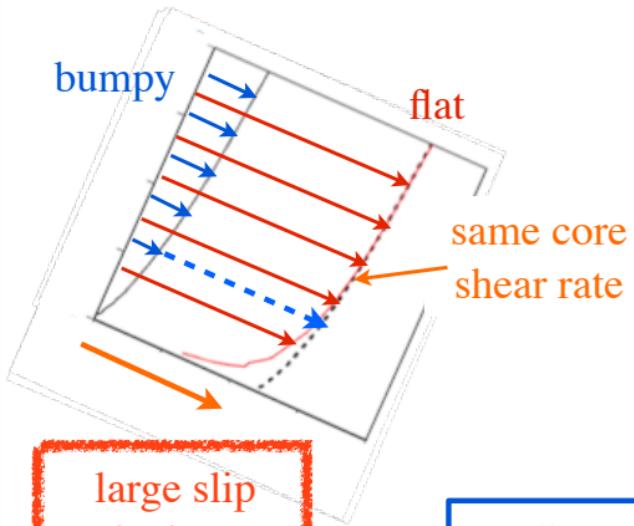
$$\tan \alpha = \mu_w \left( \frac{h}{W} \right) + \tan \alpha_{\min}$$

$$\frac{\dot{m}}{W} \approx \text{cst} \times \rho_s d \sqrt{gd} \left( \frac{h}{h_{\text{stop}}} - 1 \right)$$

soft base,  
far side walls

# Flat, frictional base

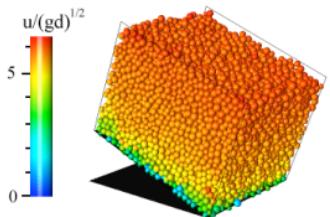
Delannay, et al, Nature Mat. 2007



Simulations:  
Nicolas Taberlet



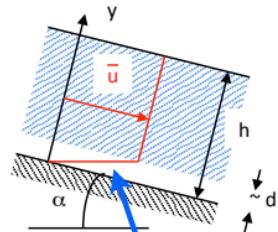
# Flat, frictional base cartoon



Louge and Keast, Phys. Fluids 2001

$$T_0 \sim \frac{\bar{v}}{f_4(v_0)} gh \cos\alpha$$

$$S \sim \rho_s g h \bar{v} \sin\alpha \sim f_1(v_0) \rho_s d \sqrt{T_0} \frac{\bar{u}}{d}$$



$T_0, v_0$

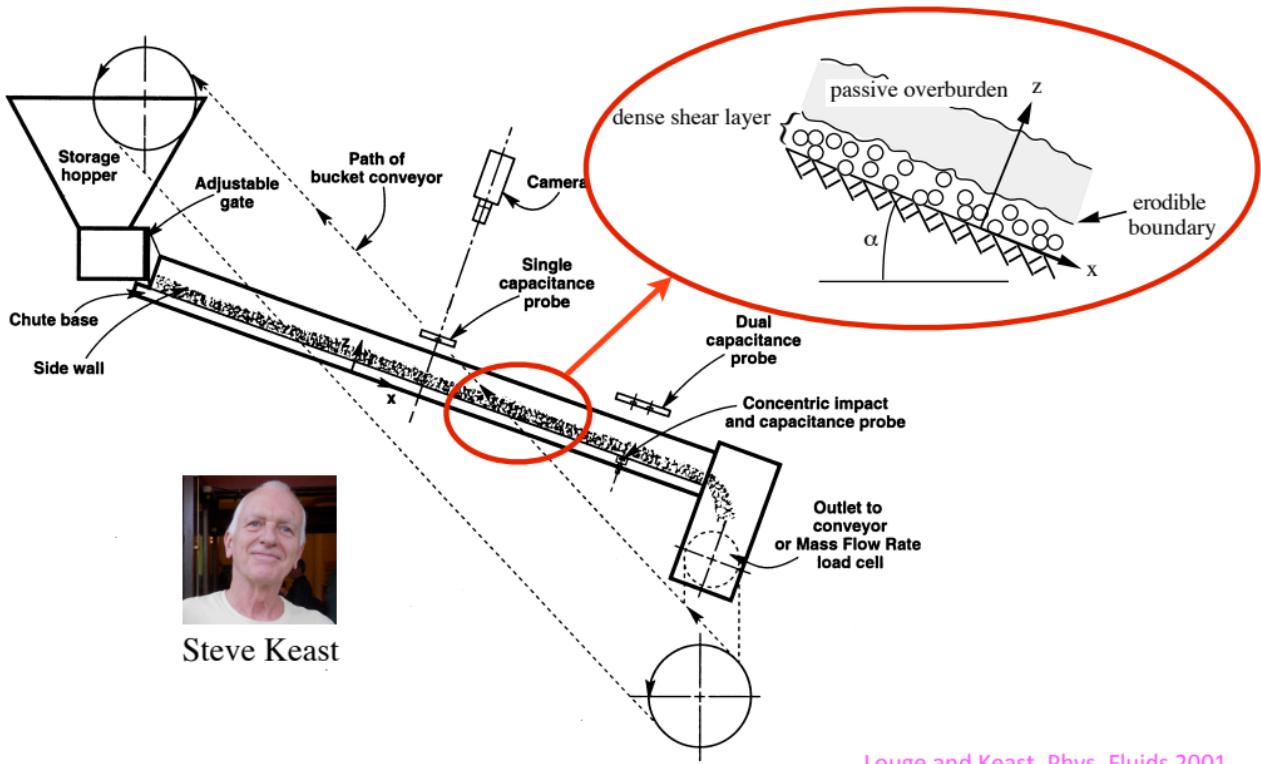
basal quantities

$$\text{Fr} = \frac{\bar{u}}{\sqrt{gh \cos\alpha}} \sim \left( \frac{\bar{v}^{1/2} f_4^{1/2}}{f_1} \right) \tan\alpha$$

length scale

$$\frac{\dot{m}}{W} \sim \rho_s g^{1/2} \frac{\bar{v}^{3/2} \sin\alpha}{\sqrt{\cos\alpha}} \left( \frac{f_4(v_0)^{1/2}}{f_1(v_0)} \right) h^{3/2}$$

# Flat, frictional base experiments



Steve Keast

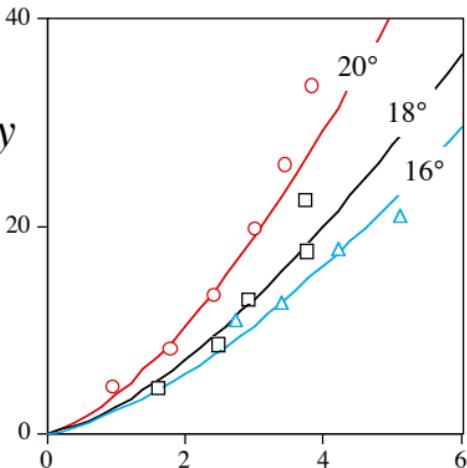
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# Flat, frictional base; shallow flows

Sustained flows exist at inclinations in the range  $15.5^\circ \leq \alpha \leq 20^\circ$ .

$$m^\dagger = \frac{1}{d\sqrt{gd}} \int_0^h uv dy$$

mass flowrate



$$H^\dagger = \frac{1}{d} \int_0^h v dy = \left( \frac{h}{d} \bar{v} \right)$$



Roy Jackson

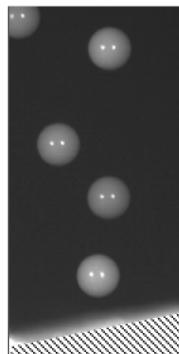
# Steady flows require variable friction

For steady, fully-developed flows:

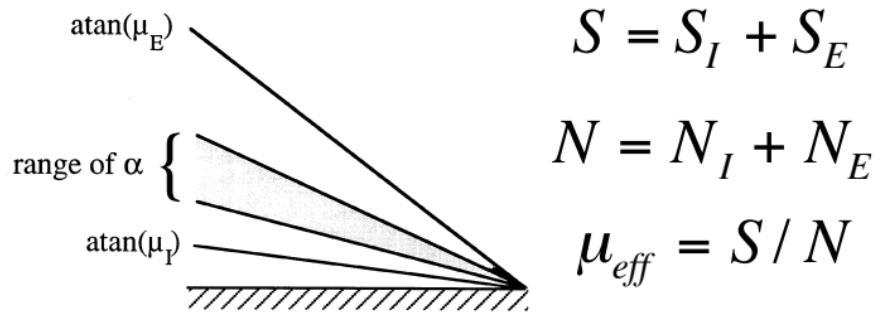
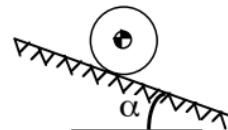
$$S/N = \mu_{eff} = \tan \alpha$$

Forces are exerted at contact with the base:

$$\mu_E = 0.59$$

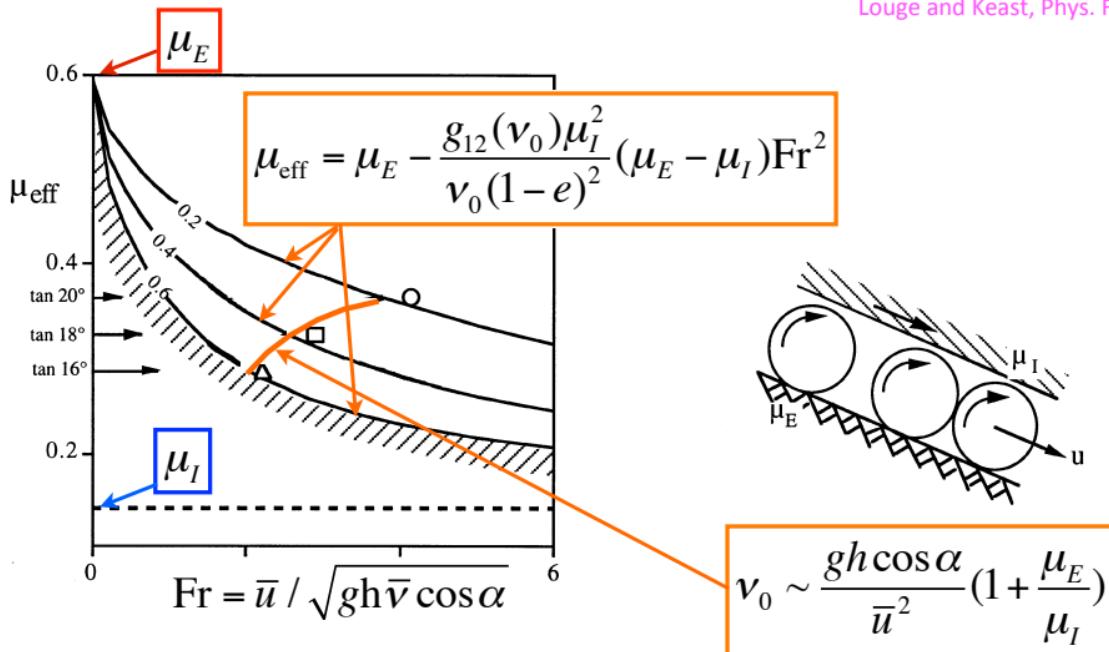


$$\mu_I = 0.14$$



# Effective friction set by basal rolling

Louge and Keast, Phys. Fluids 2001



# Fluctuation energy

$$0 = -\frac{dq}{dy} + S \frac{du}{dy} - \gamma$$

$$q = -\kappa \frac{dT}{dy}$$

heat flux gradient

$$\kappa = f_2 \rho_s d \sqrt{T}$$

$$\gamma = f_3 \rho_s T^{3/2} / d$$

shear work rate

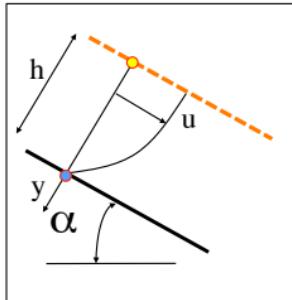
$$S = f_1 \rho_s d \sqrt{T} \frac{du}{dy}$$

# Flux conundrum

$$N \approx \rho_s \bar{v} g \cos \alpha y$$

$$S \approx \rho_s \bar{v} g \sin \alpha y$$

$$T \approx \bar{v} g \cos \alpha y / f_4$$



$$y^* \equiv \frac{y}{d}$$

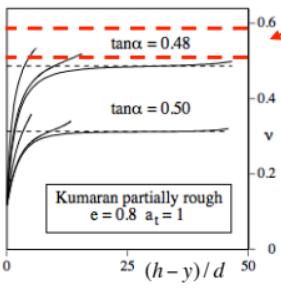
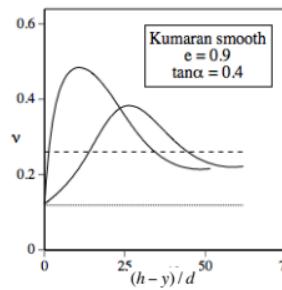
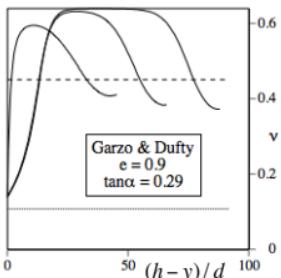
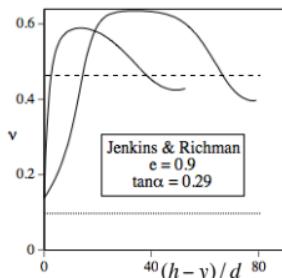
$$\frac{f_1}{f_4^{1/2}} \sqrt{y^*} \frac{d}{dy^*} \left\{ \frac{f_2}{f_4^{3/2}} \sqrt{y^*} \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{d \ln f_4}{d \ln v} \right) \left( \frac{d \ln v}{d \ln y^*} \right) \right] \right\} + y^{*2} \left[ \tan^2 \alpha - \frac{f_1 f_3}{f_4^2} \right] = 0$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \frac{dq}{dy} &\equiv 0 \\ T &\approx \bar{v} g \cos \alpha / f_4 \\ q &= -\kappa \frac{dT}{dy} \end{aligned} \right\} \quad \frac{d\kappa}{dy} \equiv 0$$

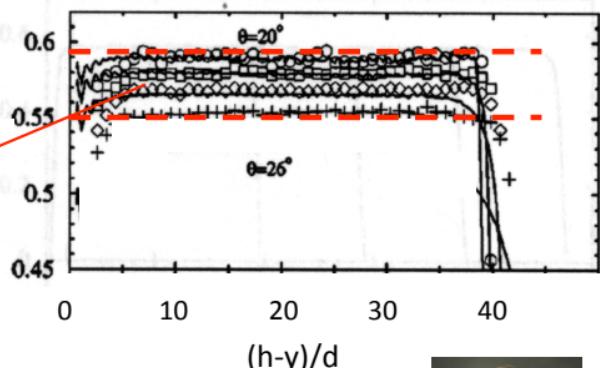
Invariant conductivity

$$0 = -\frac{dq}{dy} + S \frac{du}{dy} - \gamma$$

# Consequence on the volume fraction



Silbert, et al. PRE 2001



Kumaran



Jenkins & Richman 1985

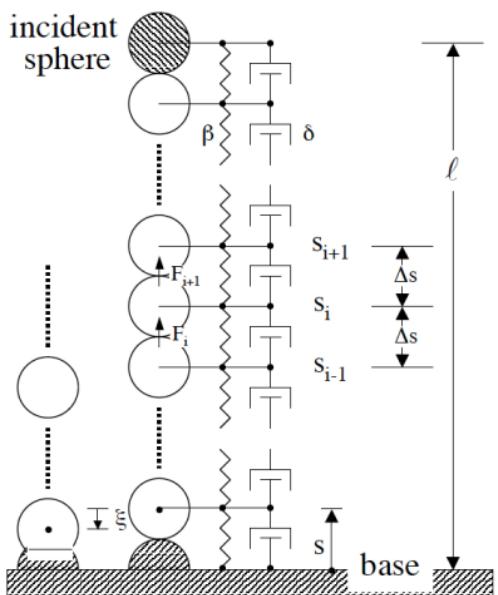
Garzo & Dufty PRE 1999

Kumaran JFM 2006



Jim Dufty

# Phonon conductivity



$$\frac{\partial^2 \xi}{\partial t^2} = c^2 \frac{\partial^2 \xi}{\partial x^2} + D \frac{\partial^3 \xi}{\partial t \partial x^2}$$

$$c^2 = \frac{\beta d^2}{m} \quad D = \frac{d^2 \delta}{m}$$

$$\tilde{\kappa} = \frac{3}{2} \rho_s v D \left[ 1 - \frac{j}{\sqrt{\varepsilon}} \right] \quad \varepsilon \equiv \frac{D^2 \omega^2}{c^4}$$

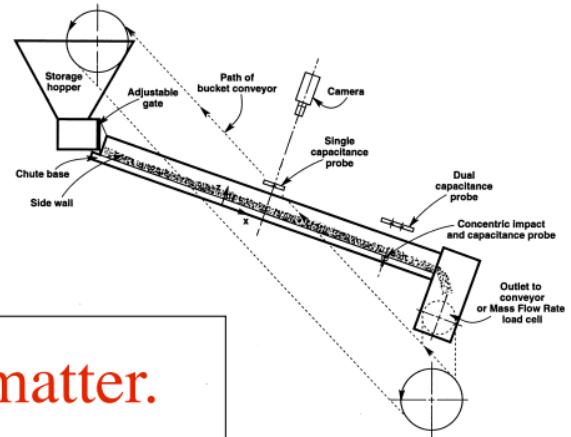
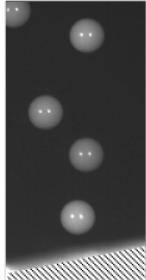
$$\kappa \approx \sqrt{\frac{54}{\pi^3}} v \left( \frac{\ell}{d} \right) \sqrt{\rho_s \beta d} \gg f_2 \rho_s d \sqrt{T}$$

# Mass flow rate versus flowing depth

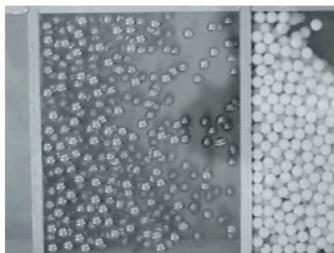
flow type	n
soft, dissipative base	1
Newtonian fluid, turbulent	1.5
flat, frictional base	1.5
core over a bumpy base	2.5
Newtonian fluid, laminar	3

$$\frac{\dot{m}}{W} \propto H^n$$

channel width W,  
flowing depth H



Boundaries matter.



<http://grainflowresearch.mae.cornell.edu>