

# DEM-LBM method for the study of submerged and cohesive granular flows



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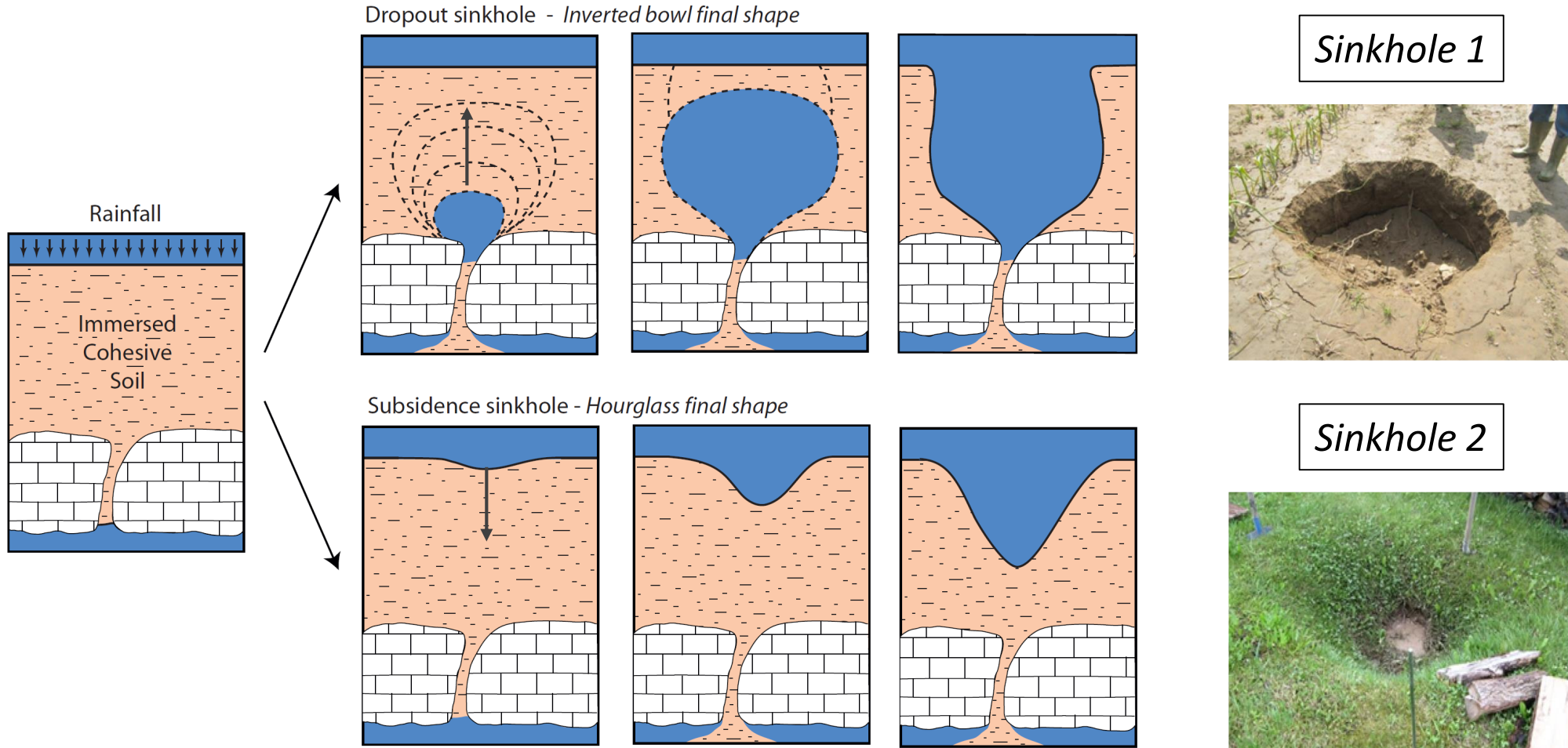
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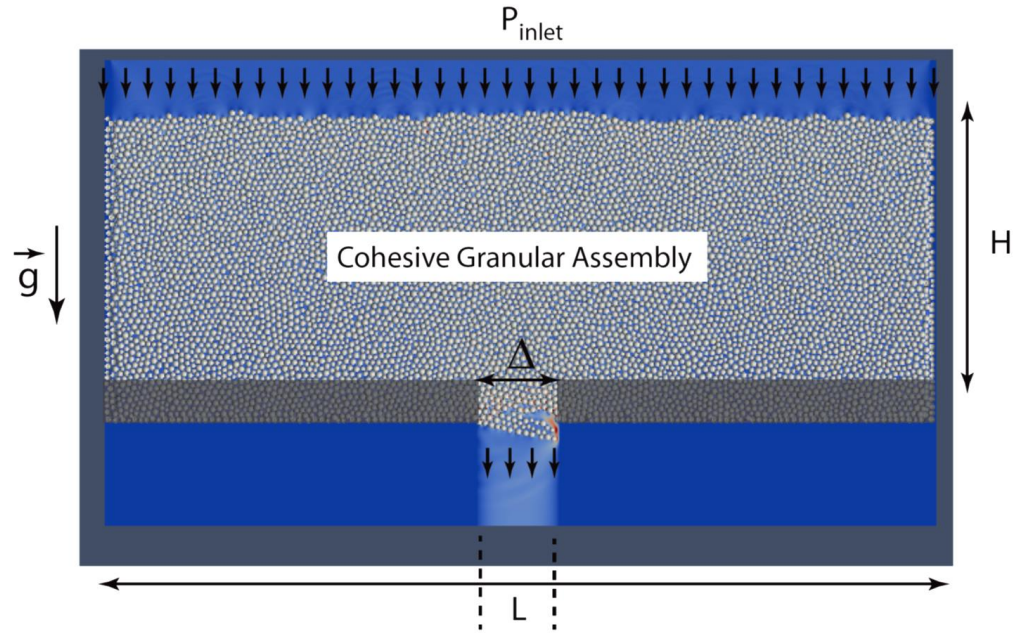
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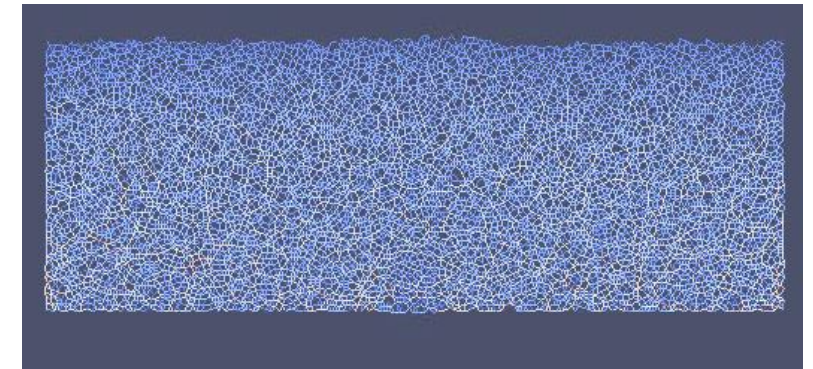
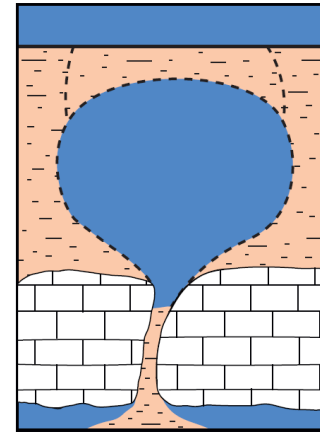


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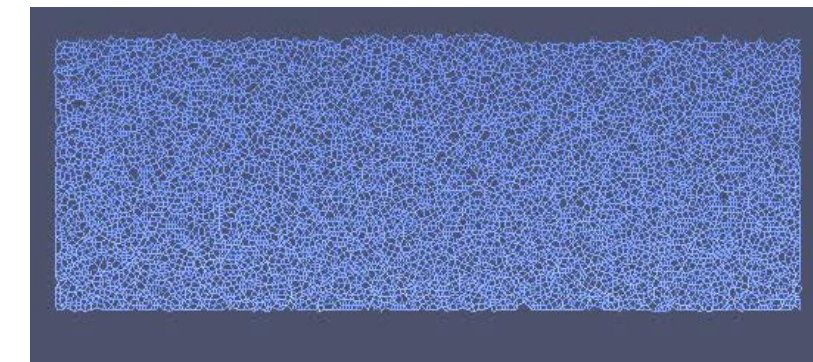
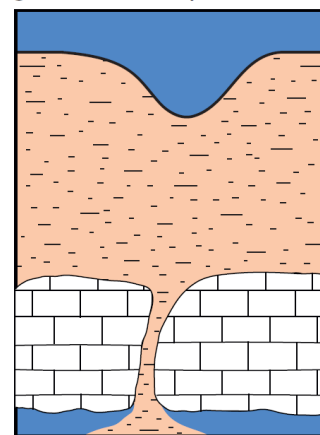


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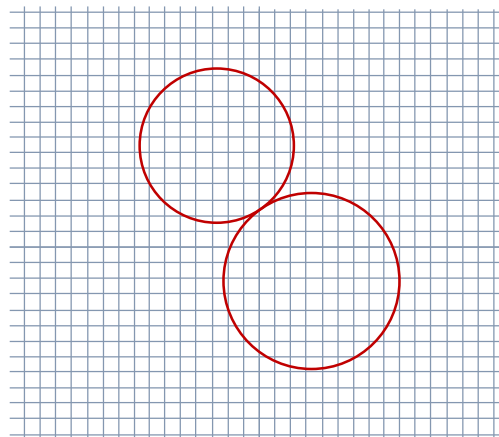
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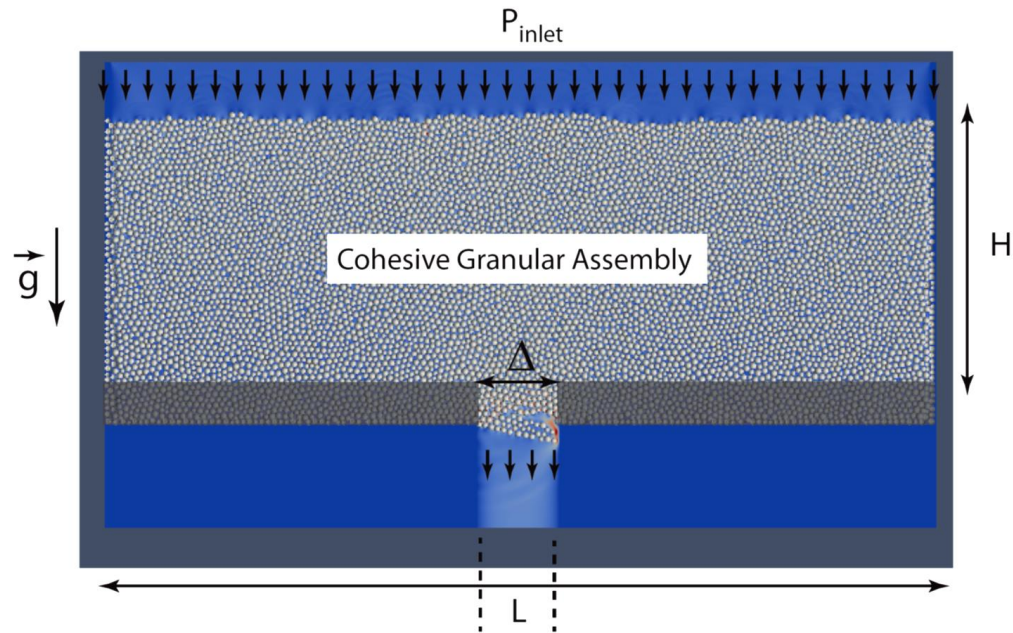
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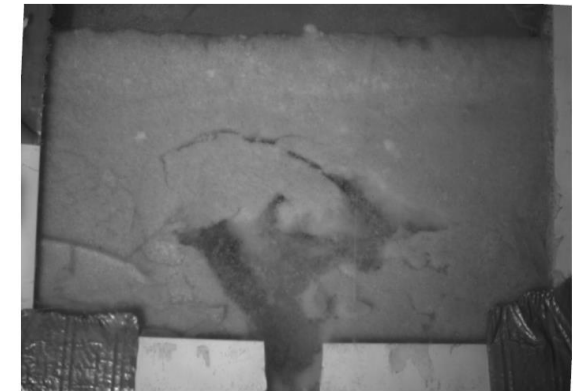
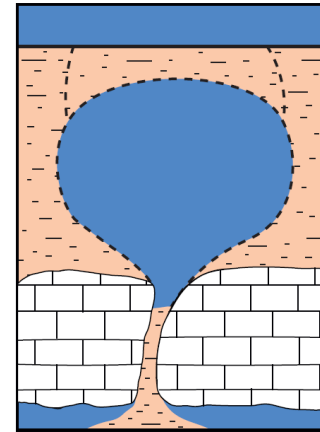


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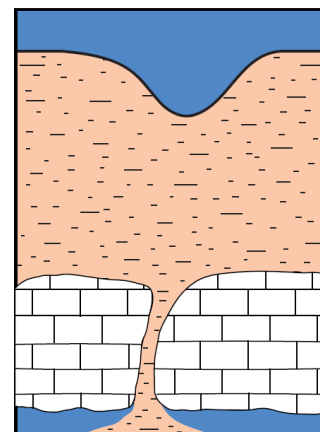


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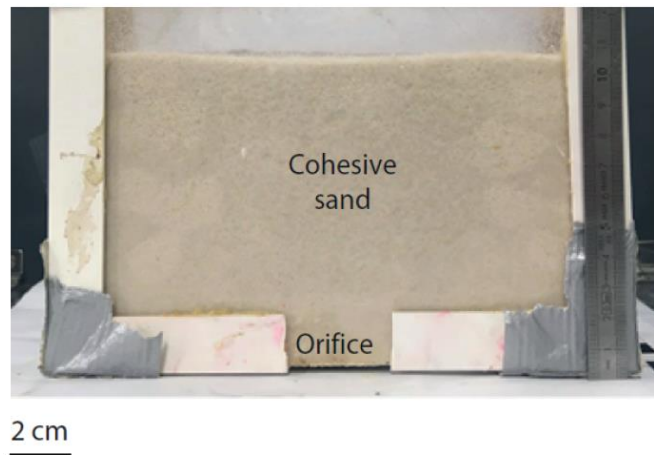


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## Experimental study

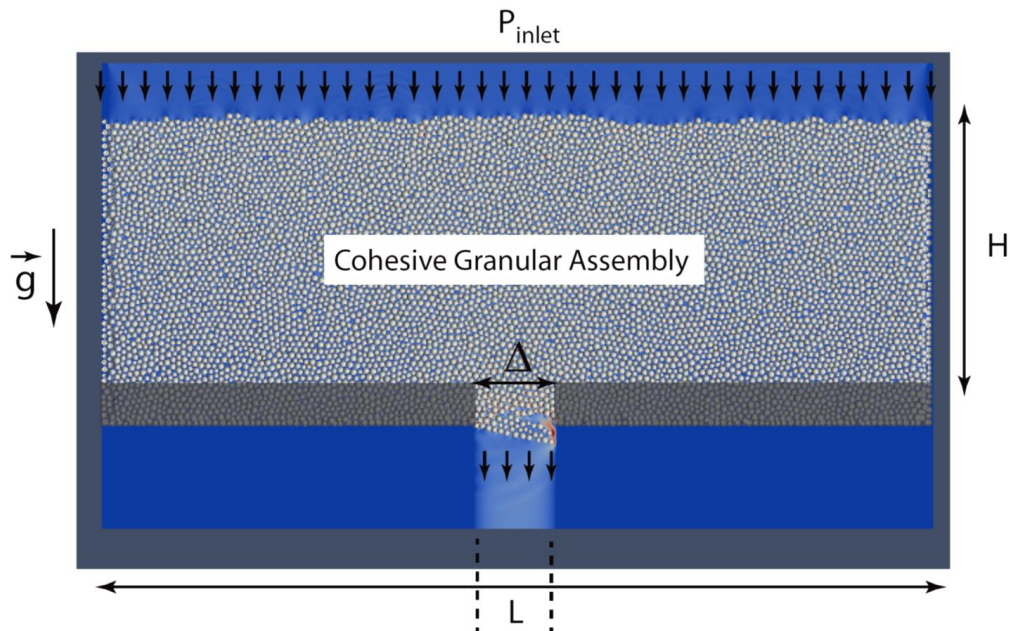
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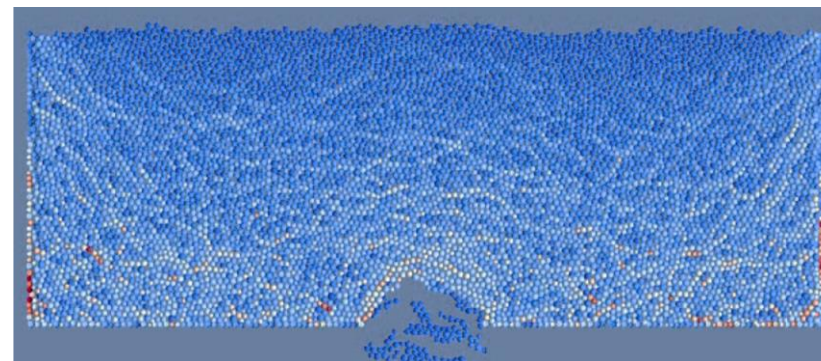
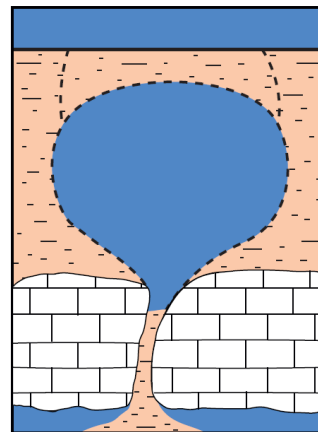


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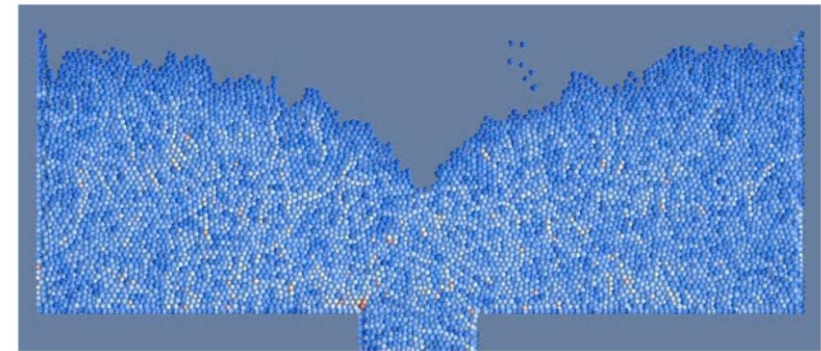
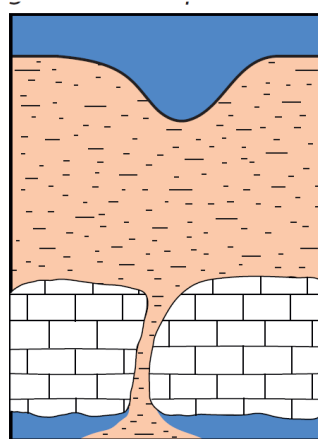
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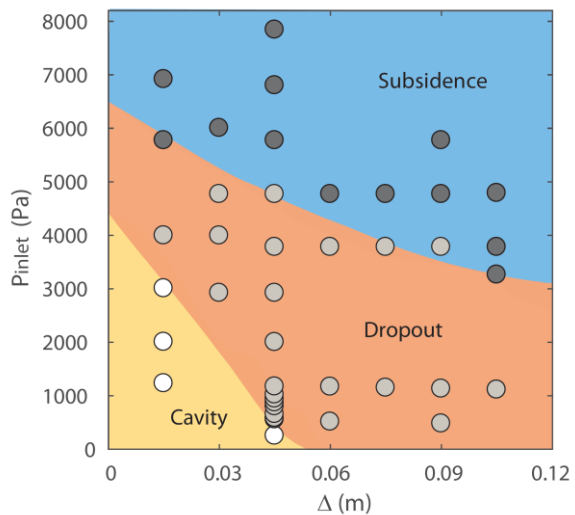


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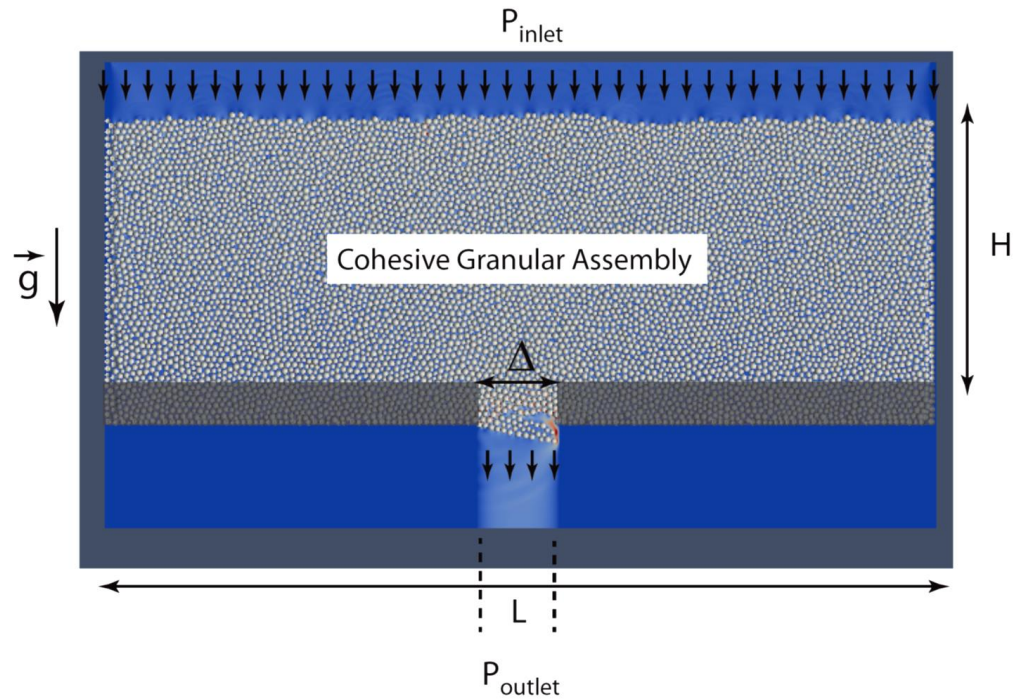


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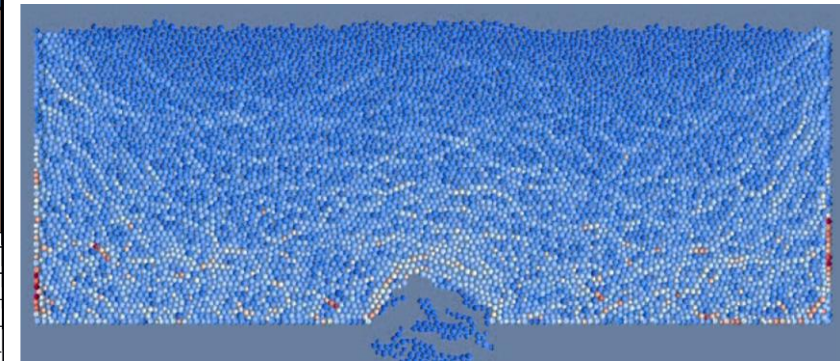
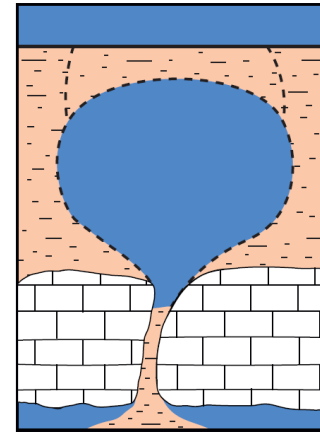


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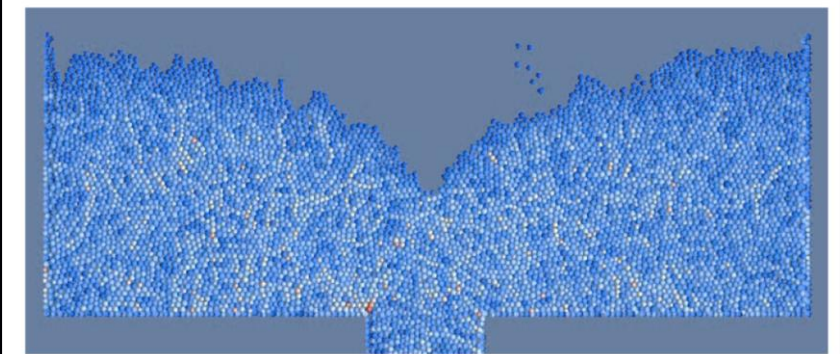
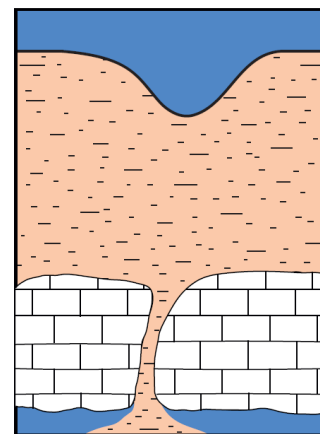


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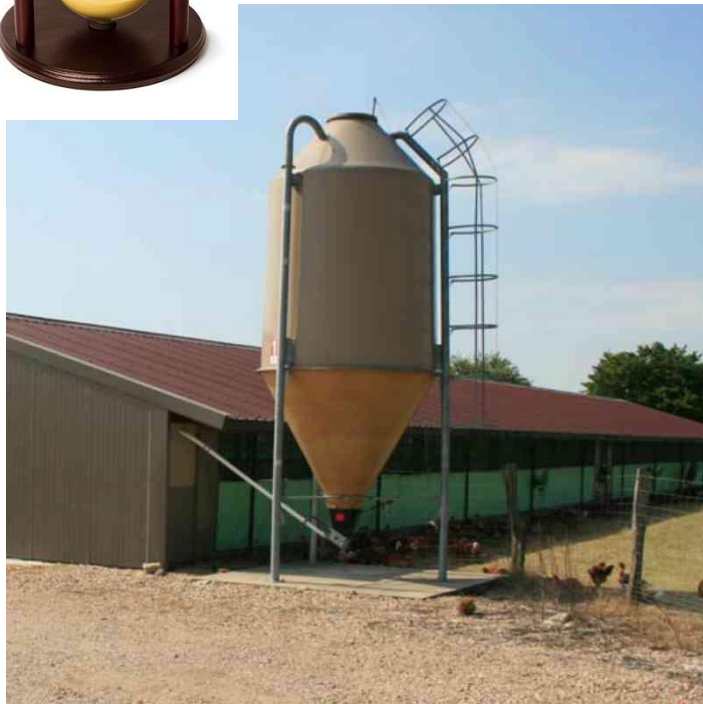
**Granular flow rate ?**

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HOPPER / HOURGLASS



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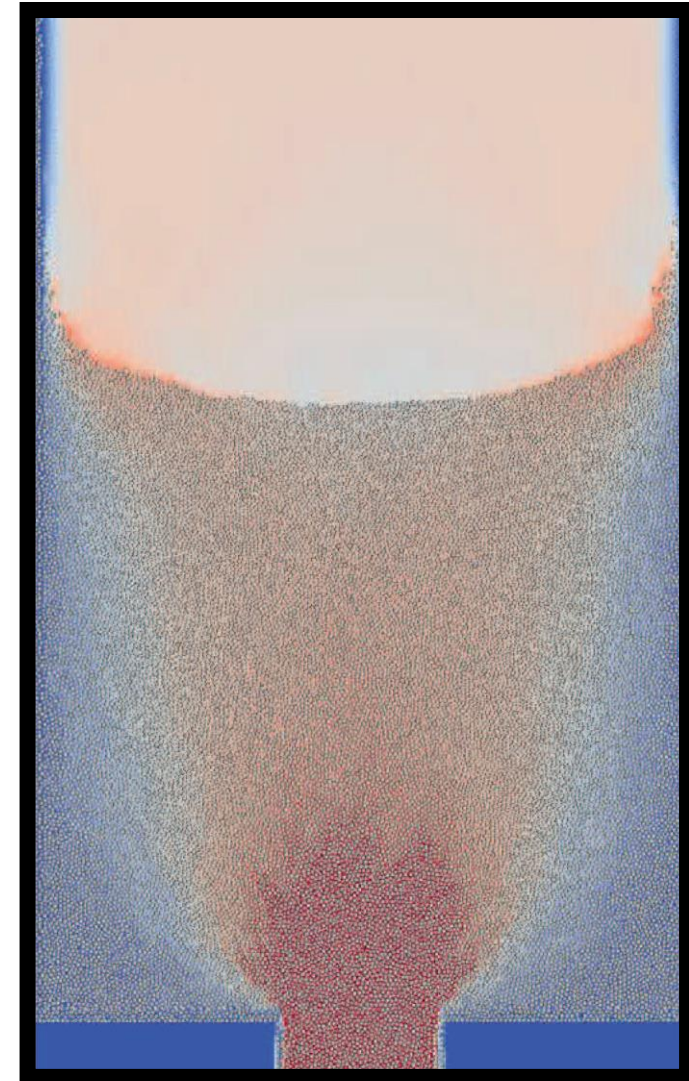
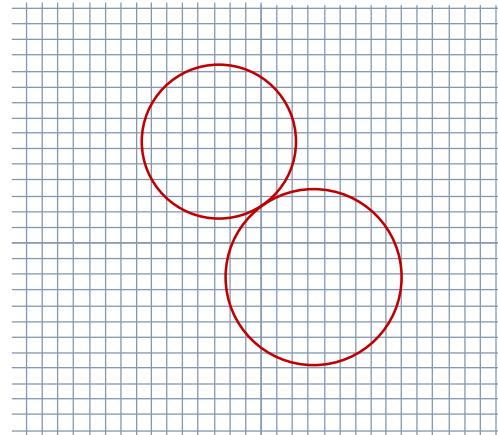
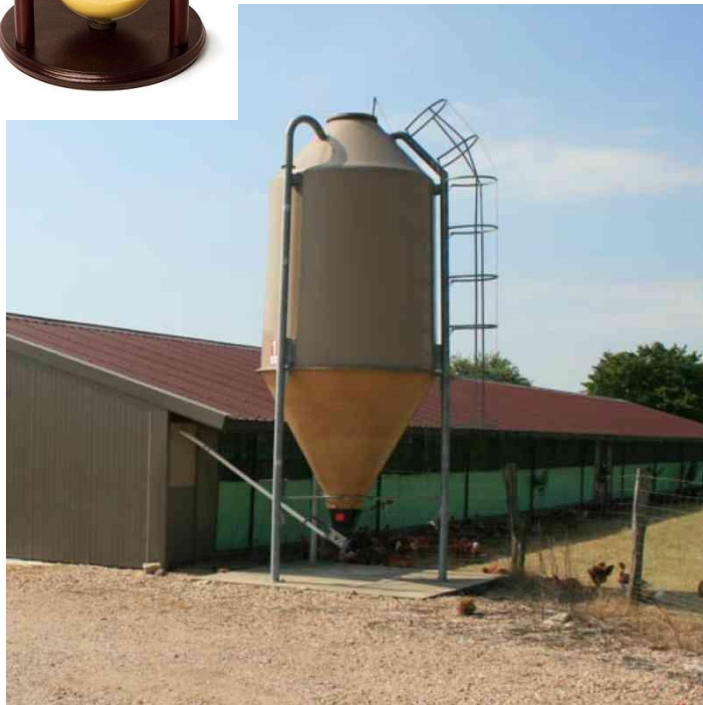
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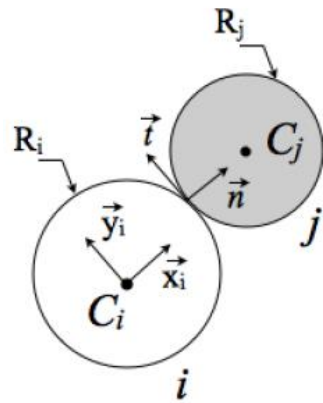
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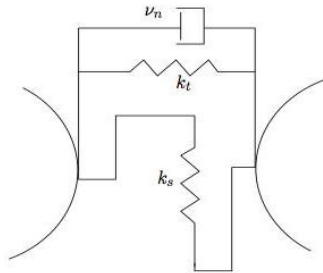
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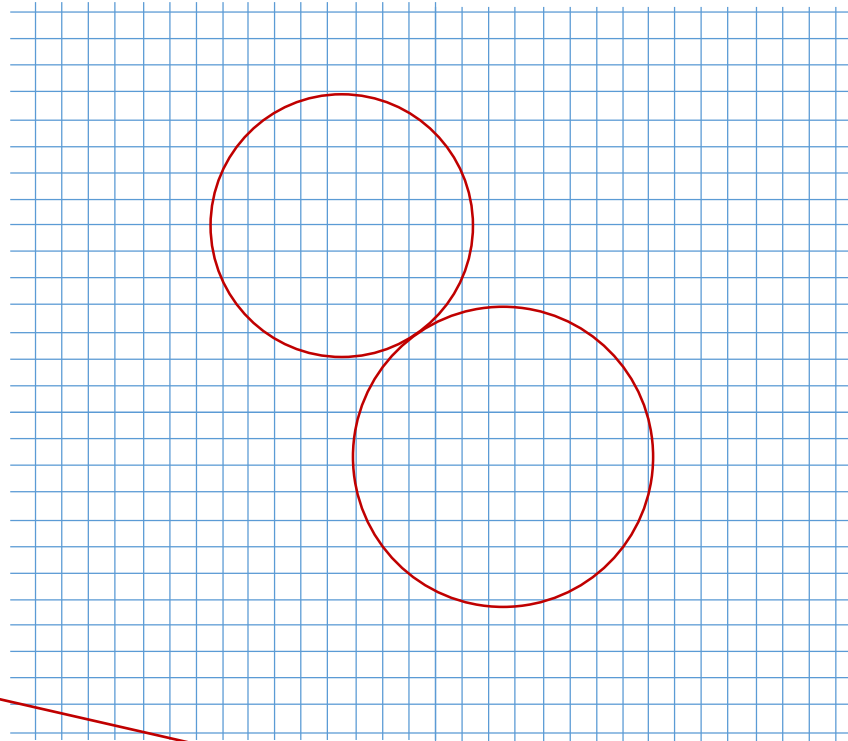
(Cundall & Strack, 1979)

## Contact models



$$\begin{aligned}
 ma &= F + F_c + F_h \\
 J\omega' &= T + T_c + T_h
 \end{aligned}$$

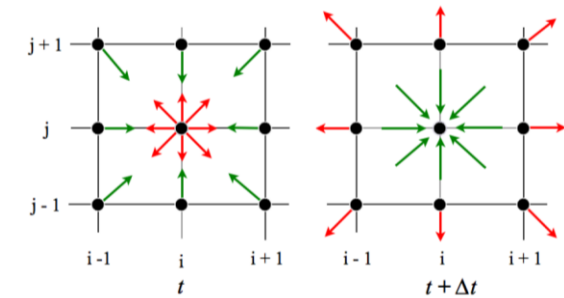
## Lattice Boltzmann Method (LBM) Fluid phase



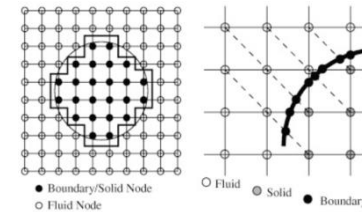
$$\underbrace{\frac{\partial f_\alpha}{\partial t} + \vec{c}_{\alpha,i} \frac{\partial f_\alpha}{\partial x_i}}_{\text{streaming}} = - \underbrace{\frac{1}{\tau} [f_\alpha(\mathbf{x}, t) - f_\alpha^{eq}(\mathbf{x}, t)]}_{\text{collision}}$$

streaming

collision

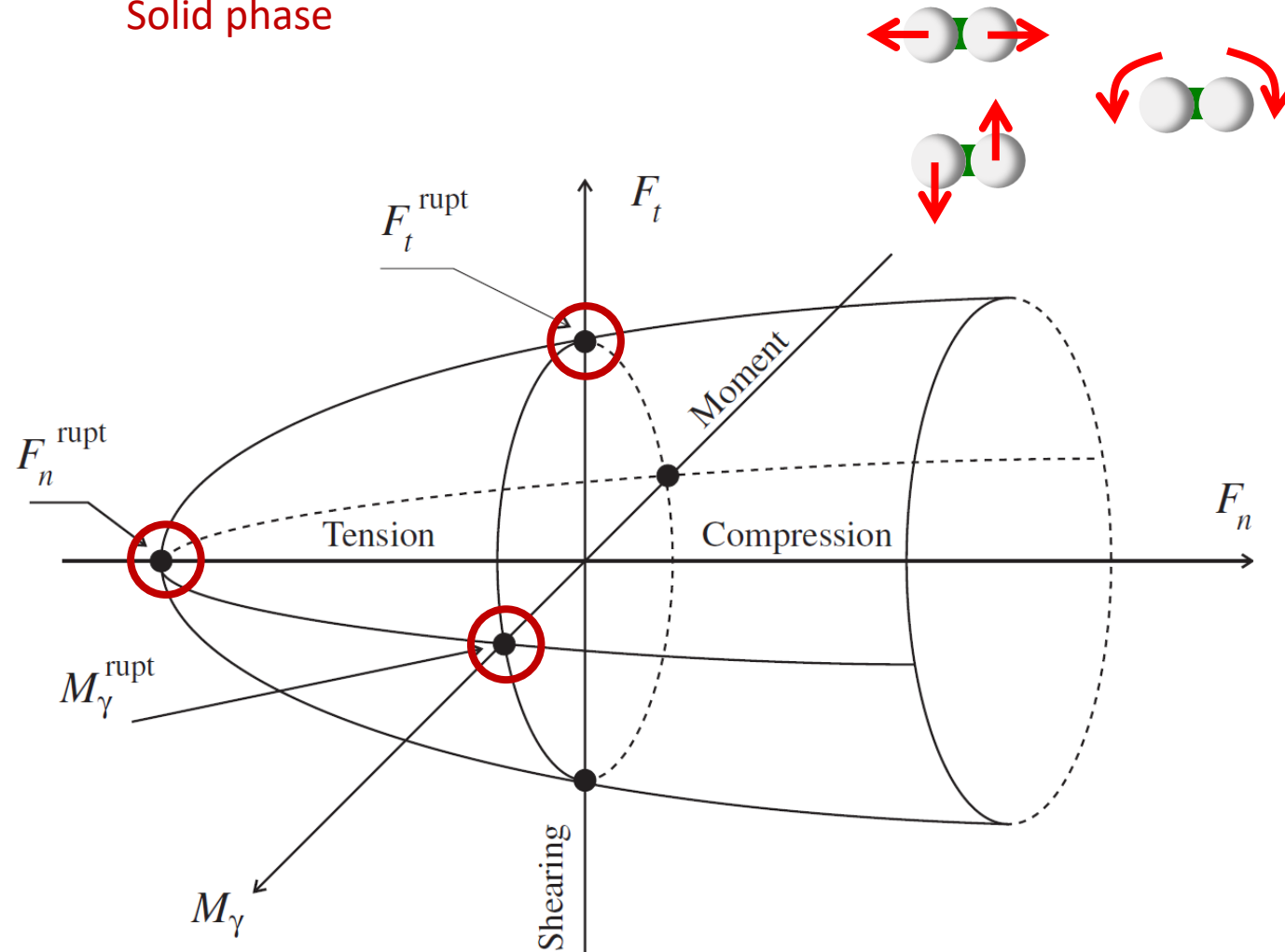


## hydrodynamics



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Solid phase



$$\zeta = \left( \frac{F_n}{F_n^{\text{rupt}}} \right) + \left( \frac{F_t}{F_t^{\text{rupt}}} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{M_\gamma}{M_\gamma^{\text{rupt}}} \right)^2 - 1$$

[Delenne *et al.*, 2004]

Experimental data  
with model material:

| Loading paths | Yield load                                 |
|---------------|--|
| Tension       | $F_n^{\text{rupt}} = 1500 \text{ N}$       |
| Compression   | No failure                                 |
| Shearing      | $F_t^{\text{rupt}} = 900 \text{ N}$        |
| Moment        | $M_\gamma^{\text{rupt}} = 2.9 \text{ N m}$ |

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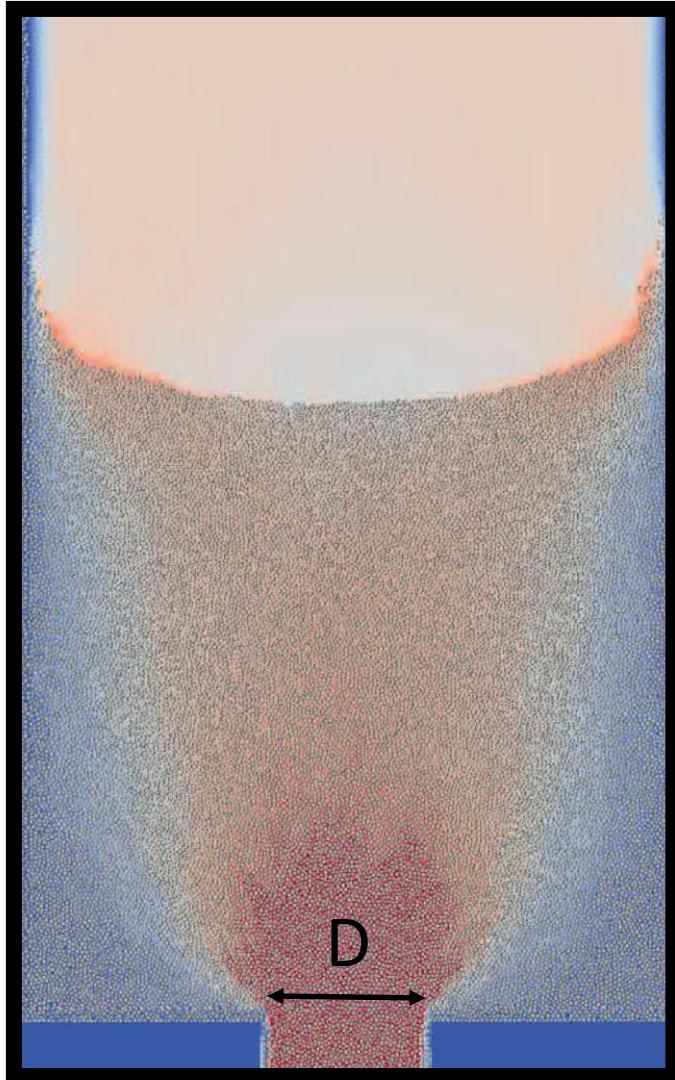
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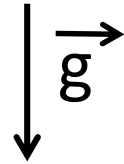
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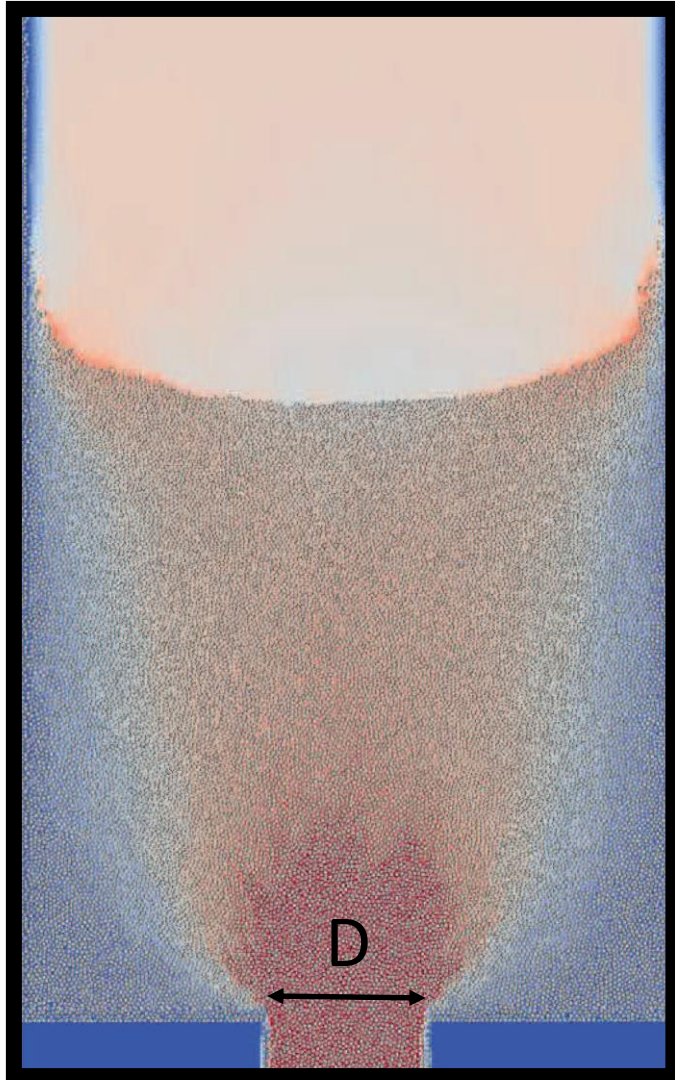
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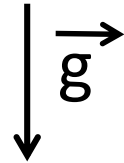
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Parallelized code

**GPU (CUDA)**

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**Computers and Geotechnics**  
(submitted)

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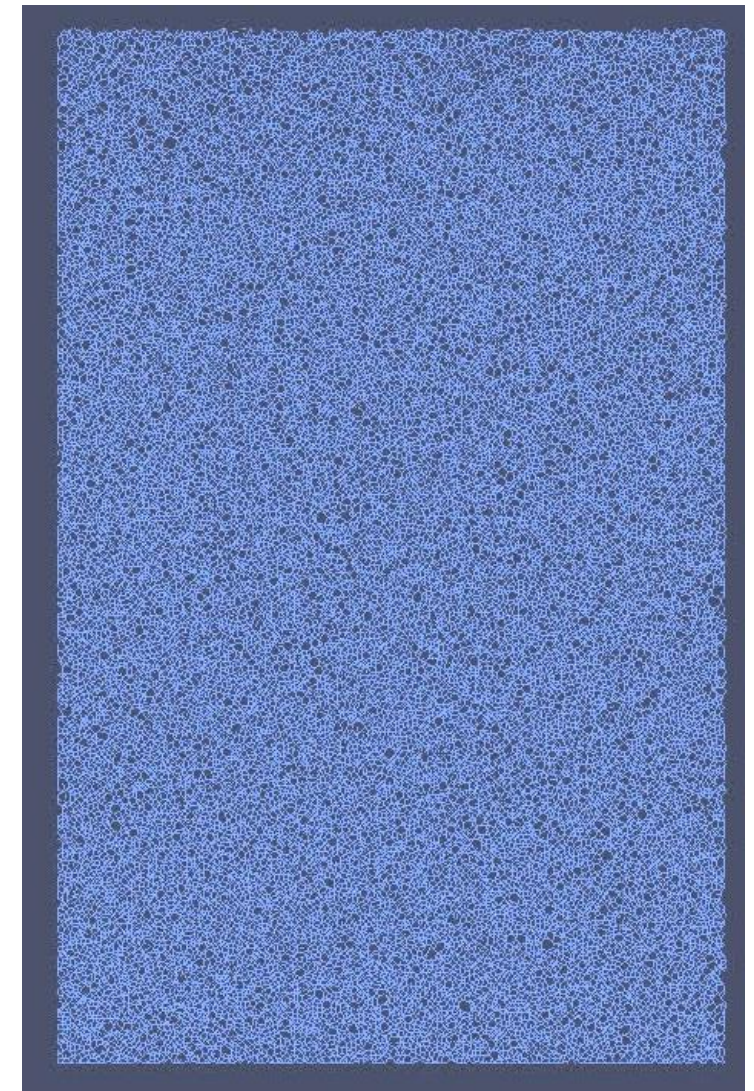
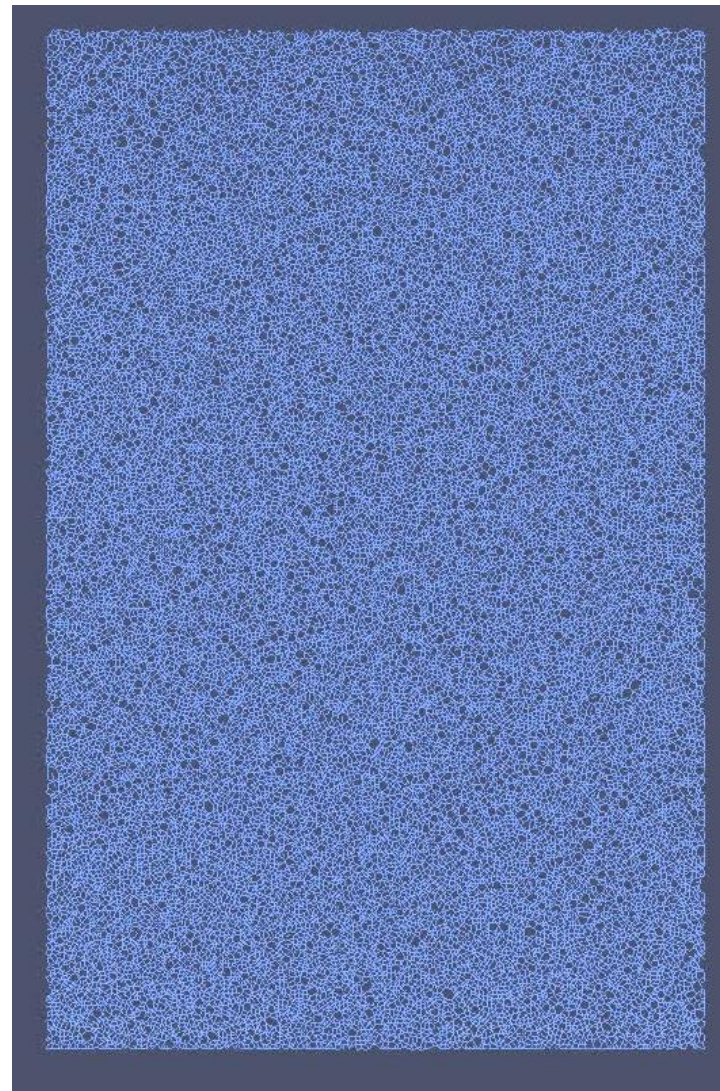
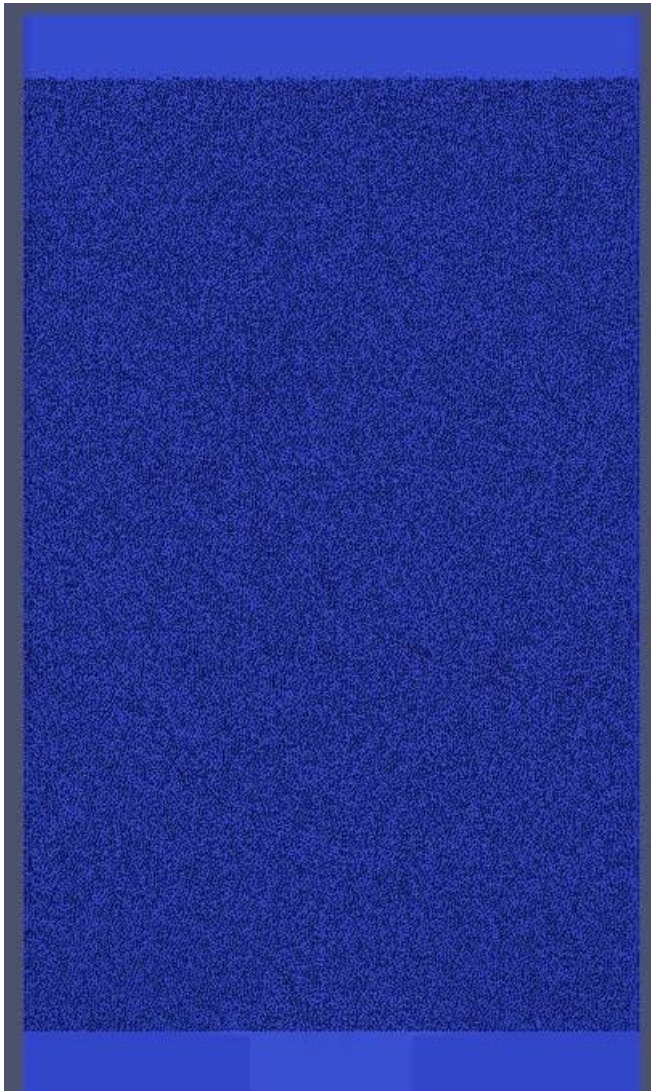
Particle + Fluid velocity

Interparticle force

$Coh=0$

$Coh=150$

$Coh=500$



## Dry non-cohesive discharge

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Beverloo et al. (1961)



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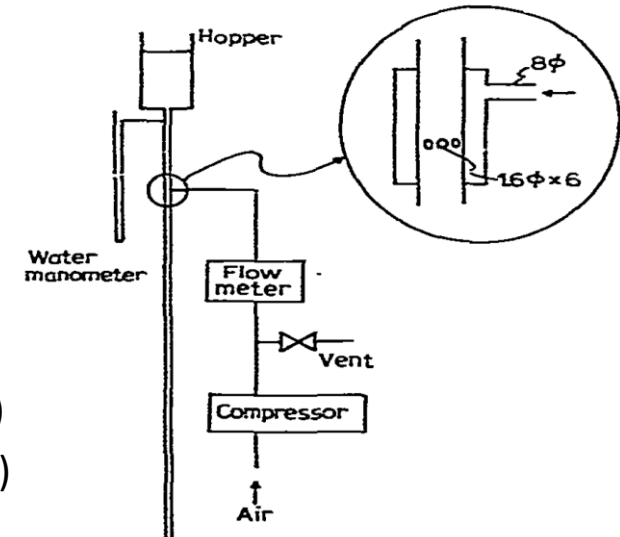
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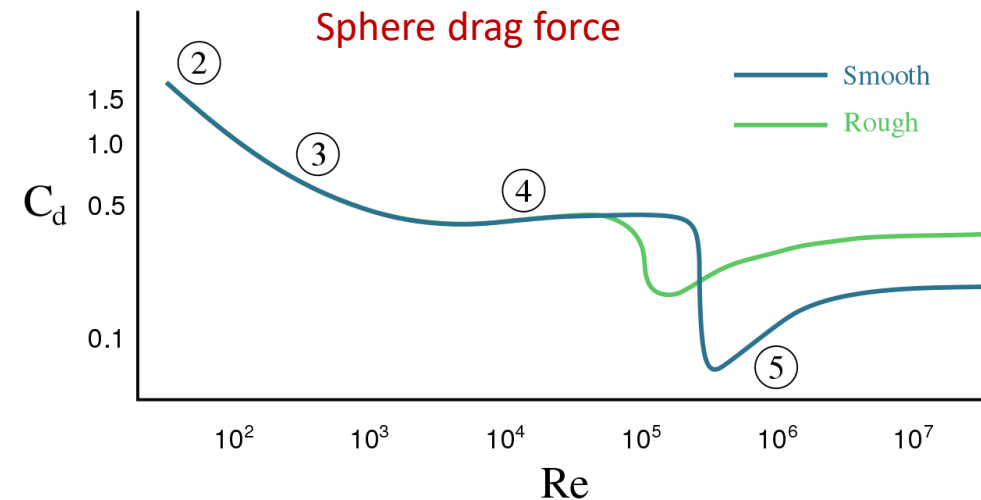
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*Terminal falling velocity in fluid*



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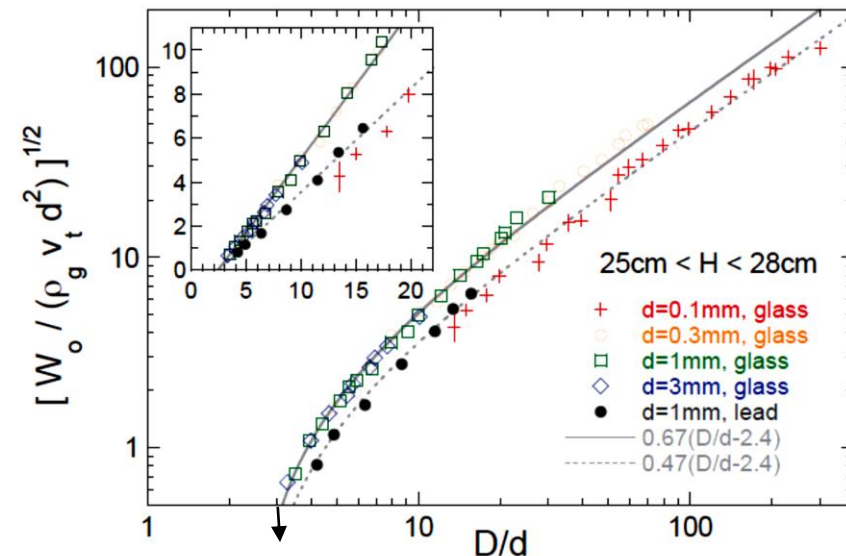
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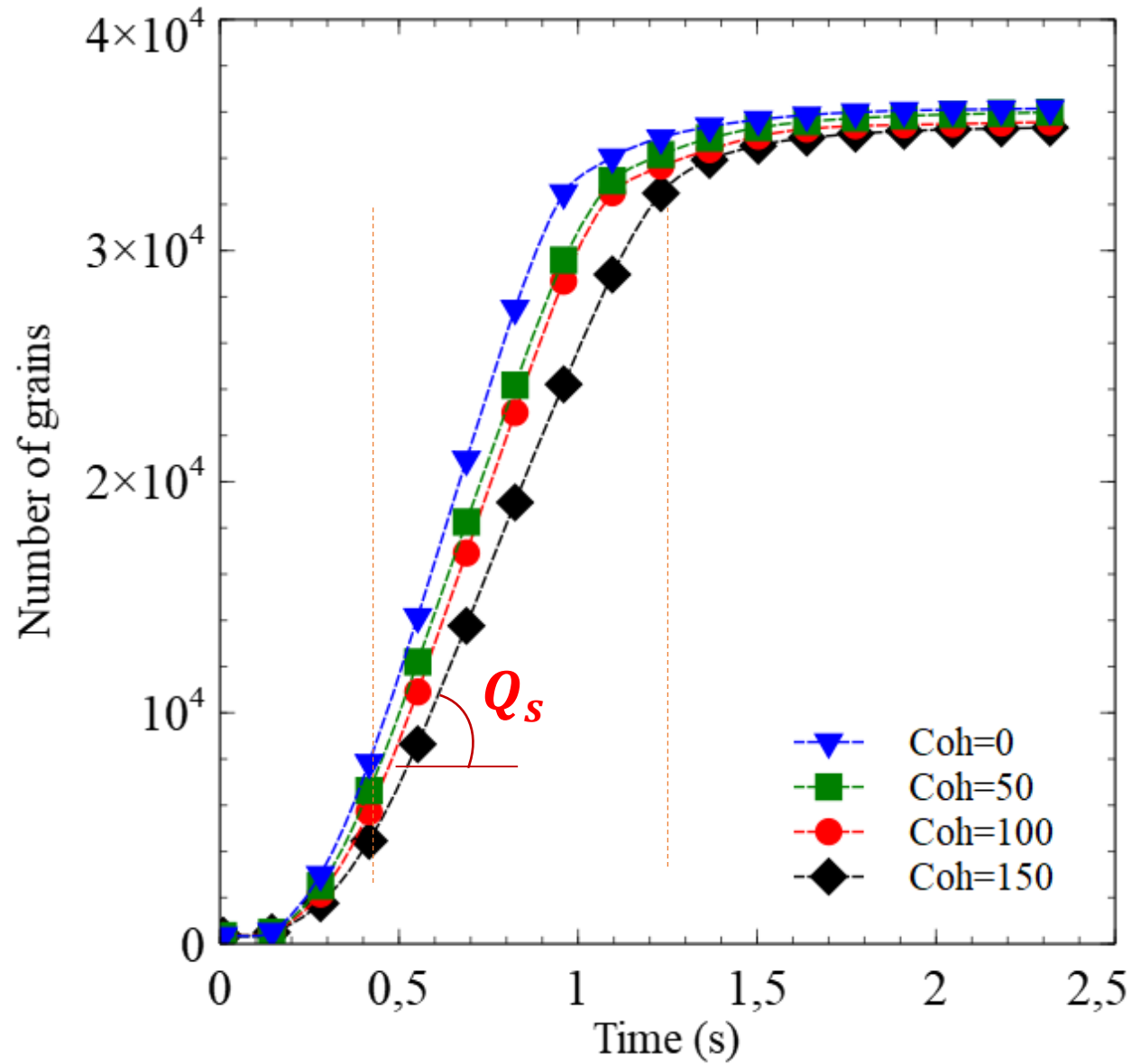
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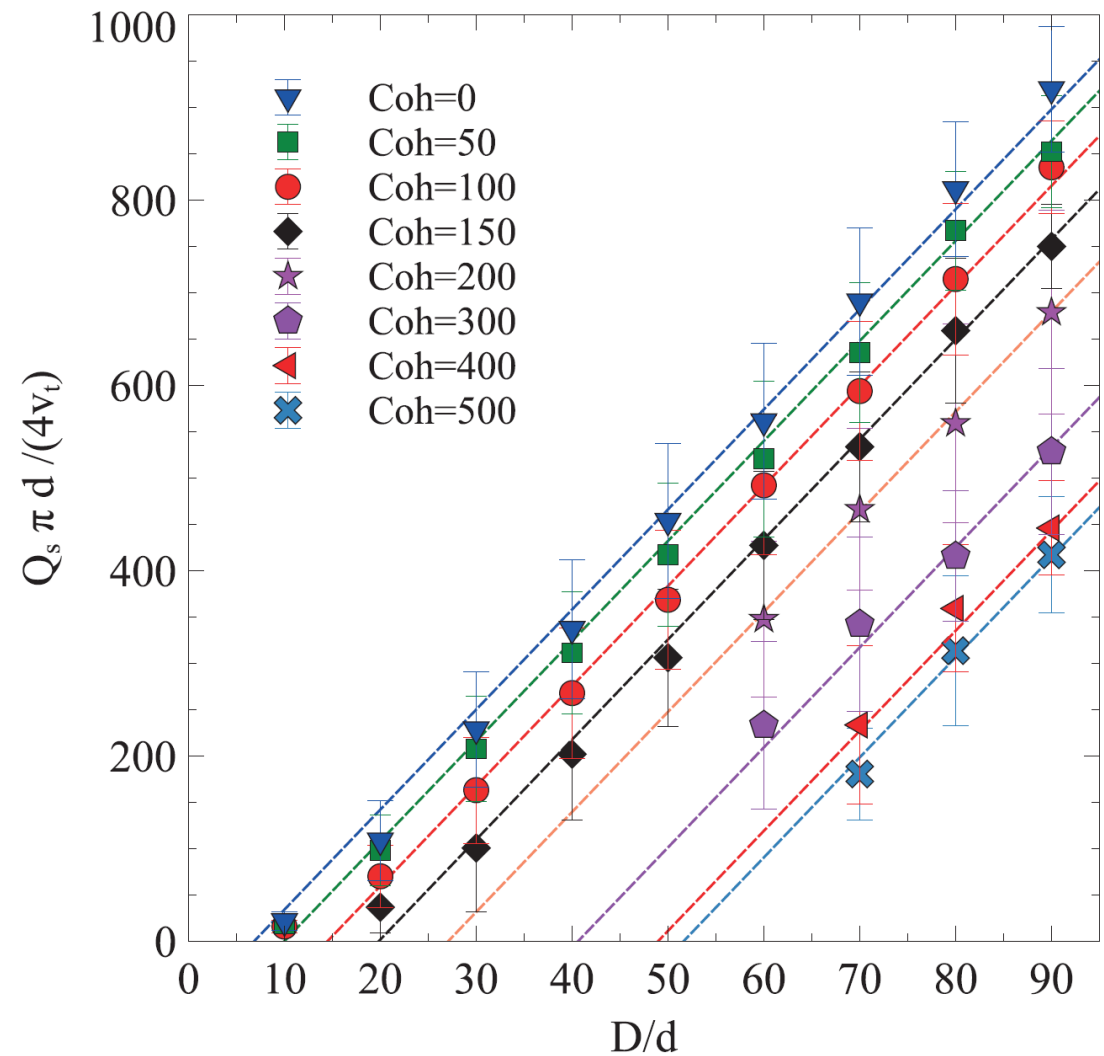
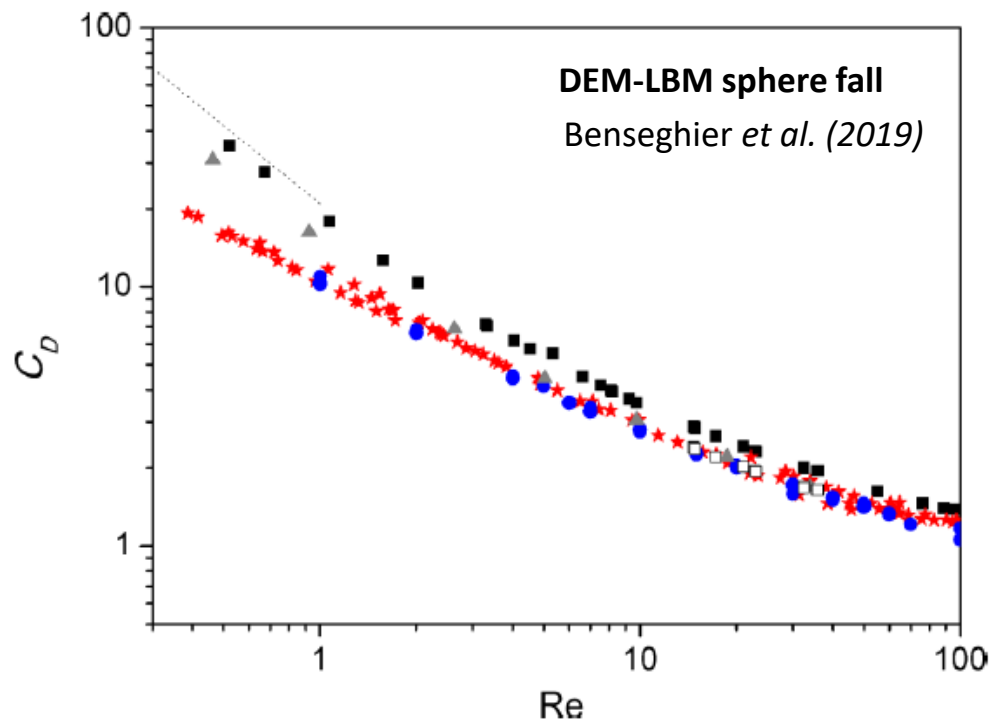


$k = 2.4 \pm 0.1$  instead of  $k=1.5$  in air



## Solid discharge rate

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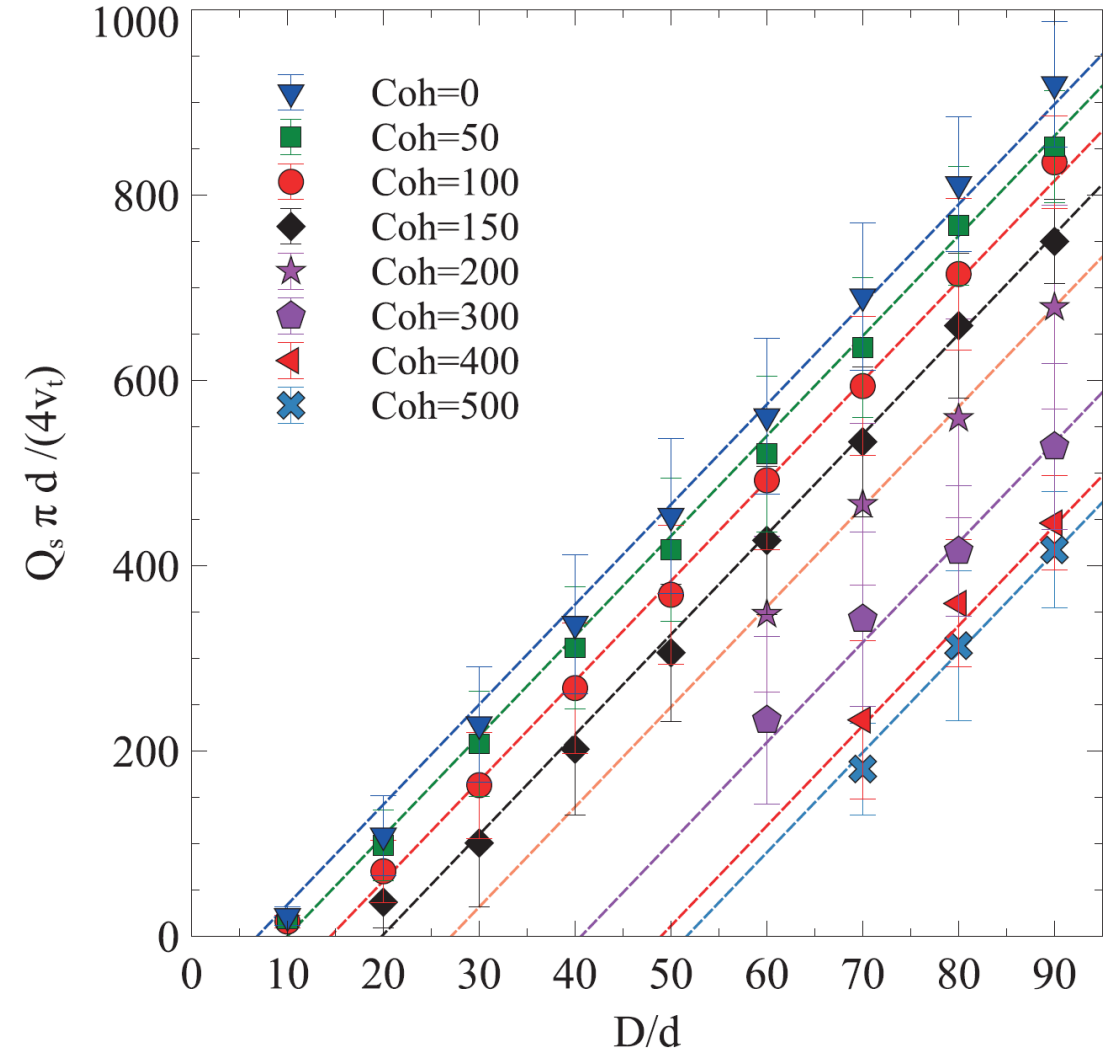
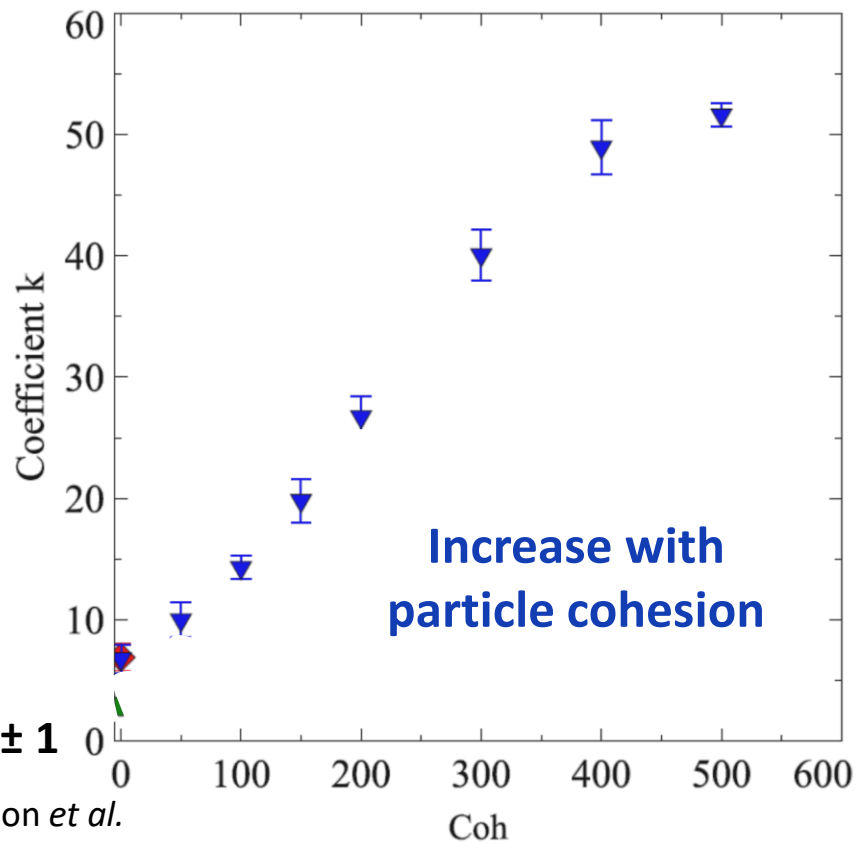




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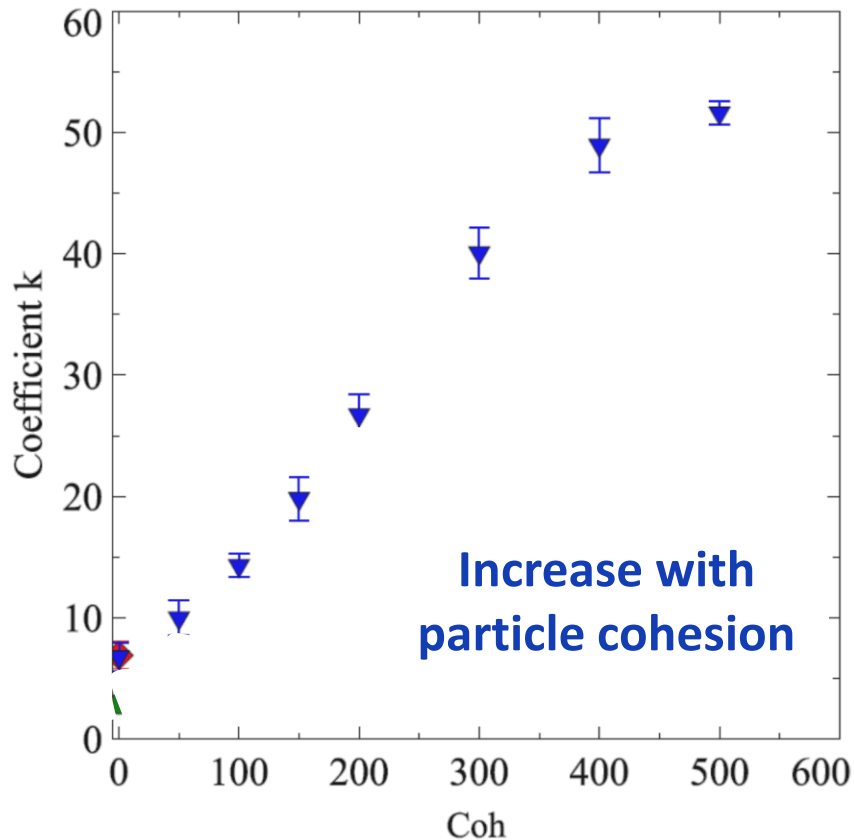
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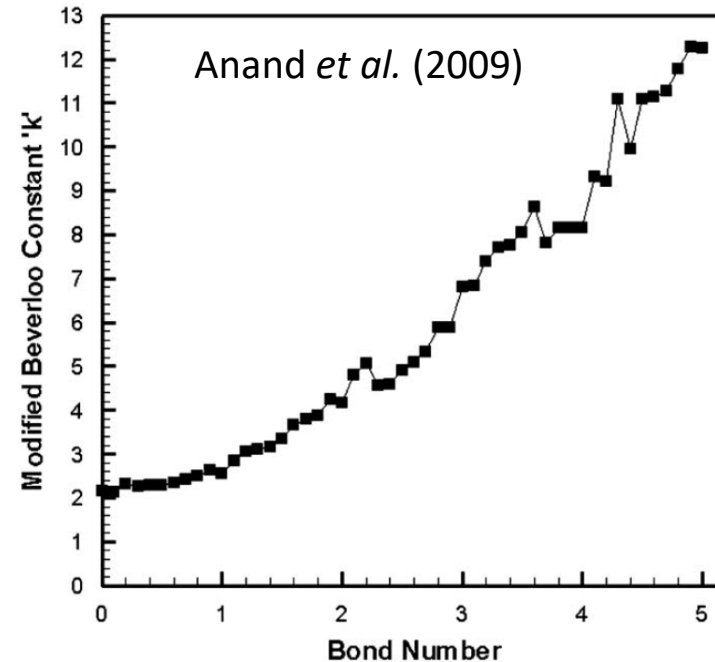
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Similar behavior  
→

## Dry case

DEM + cohesion  
Capillary liquid bonds



Dry non-cohesive discharge

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Beverloo et al. (1961)



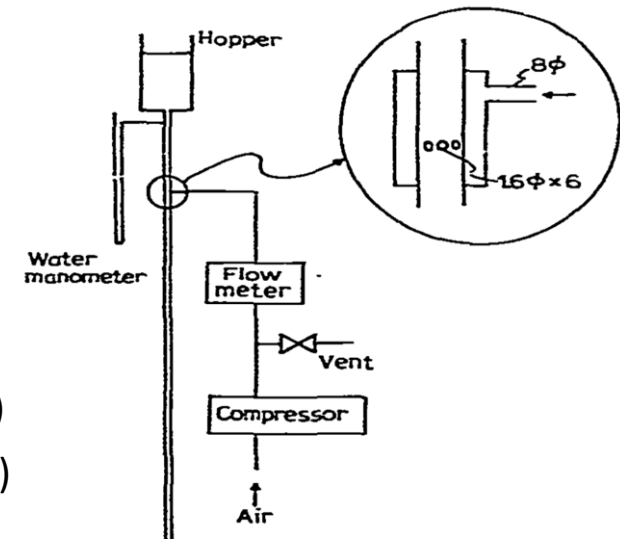
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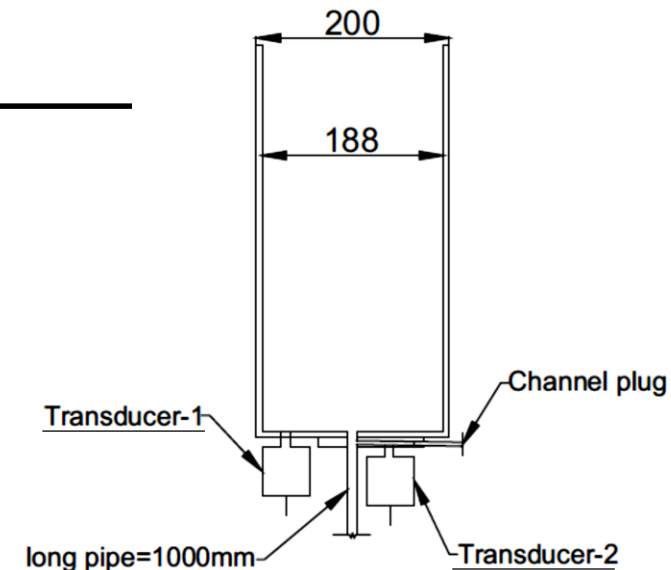
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**Above and Below** the orifice

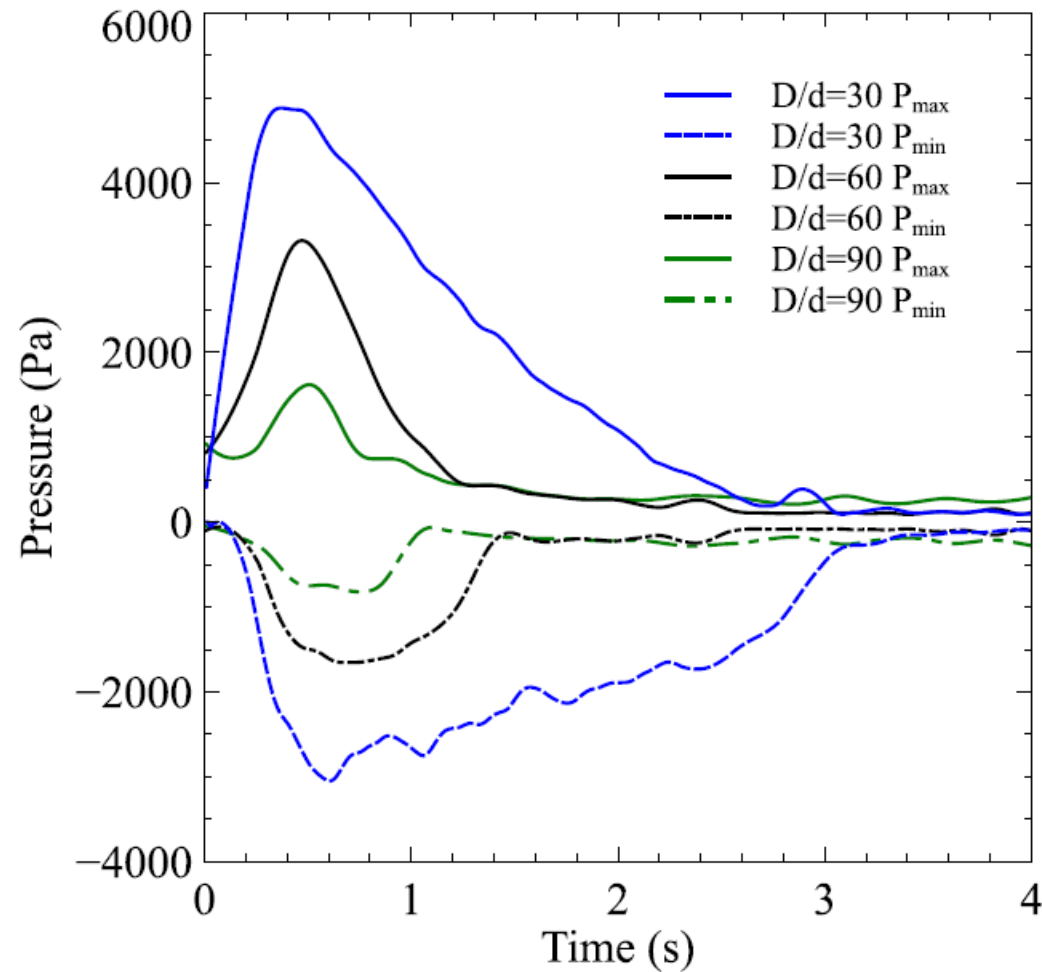
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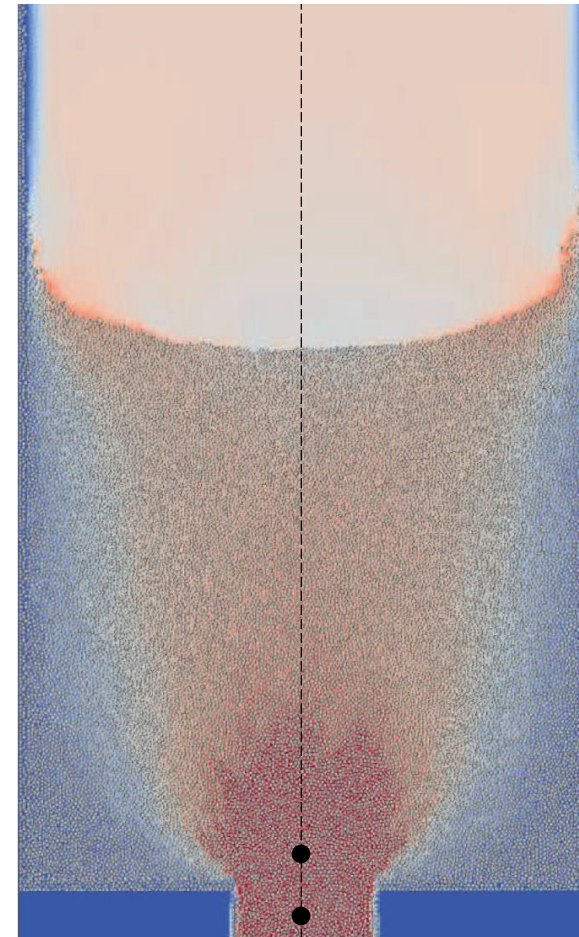
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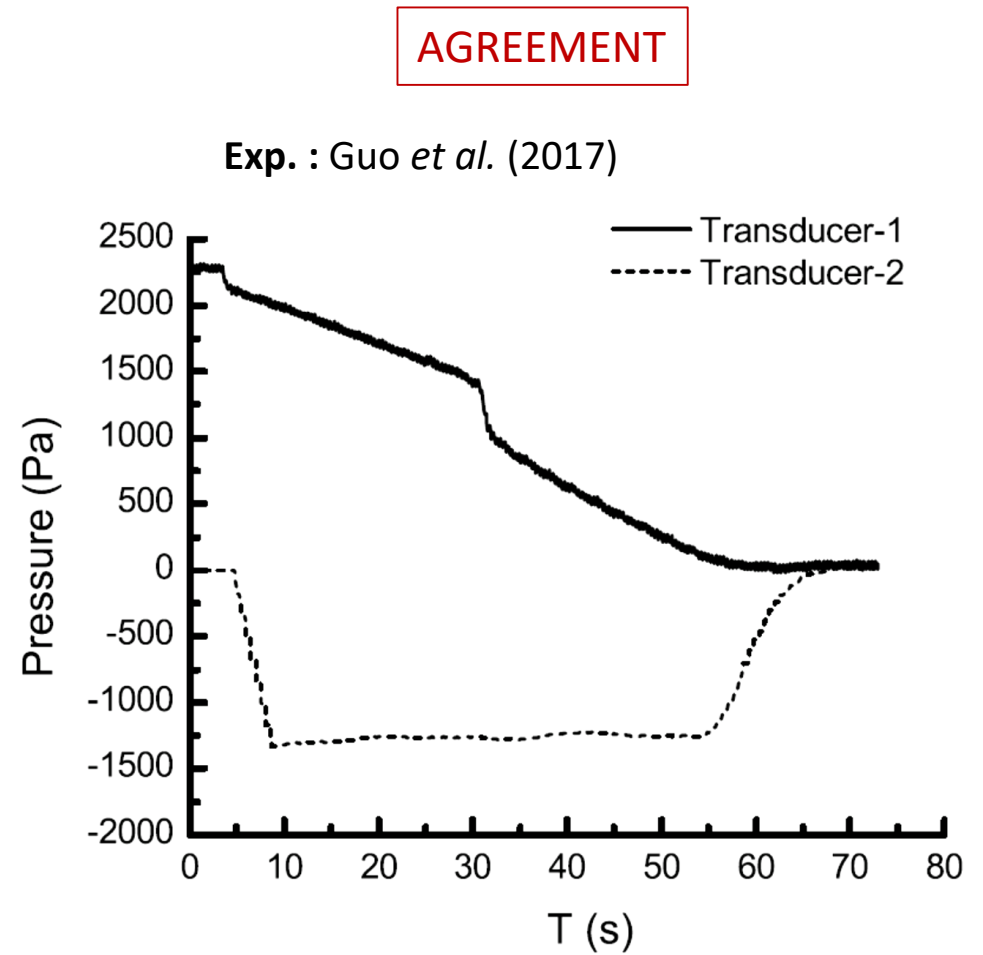
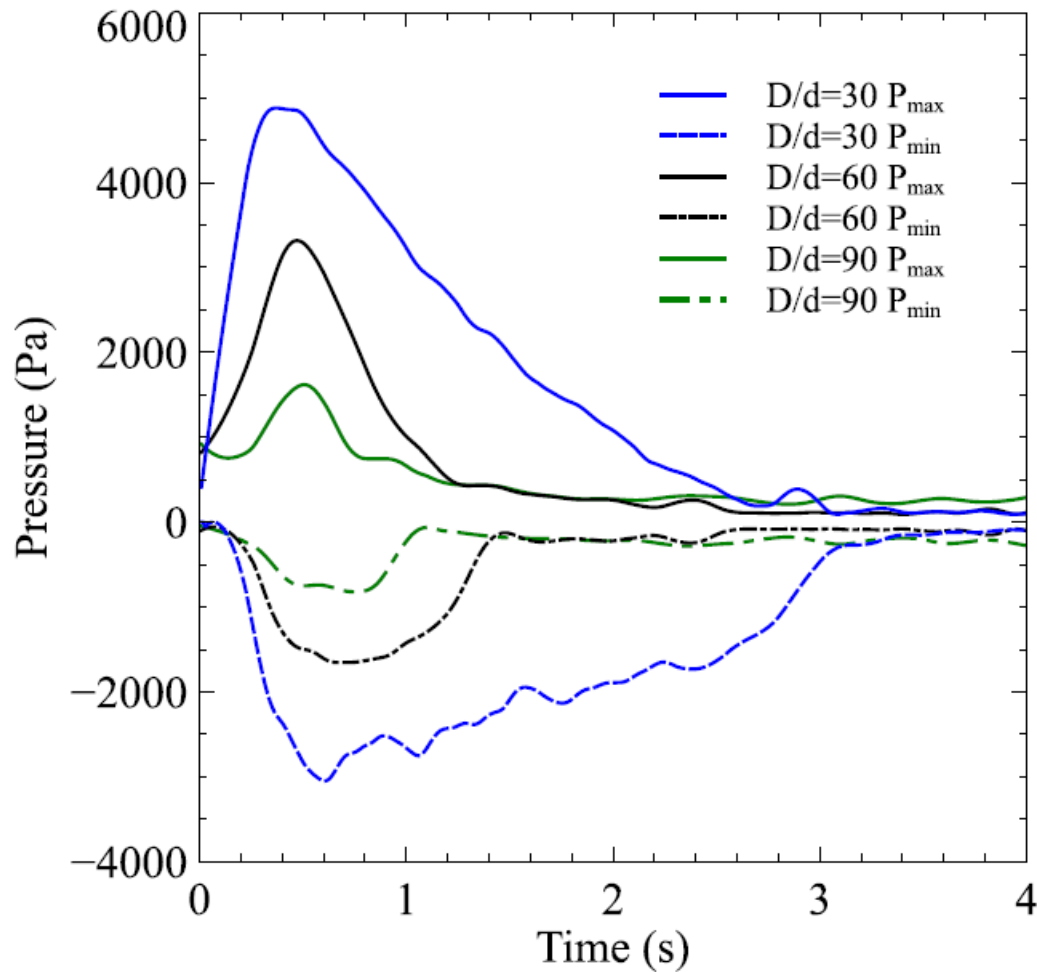


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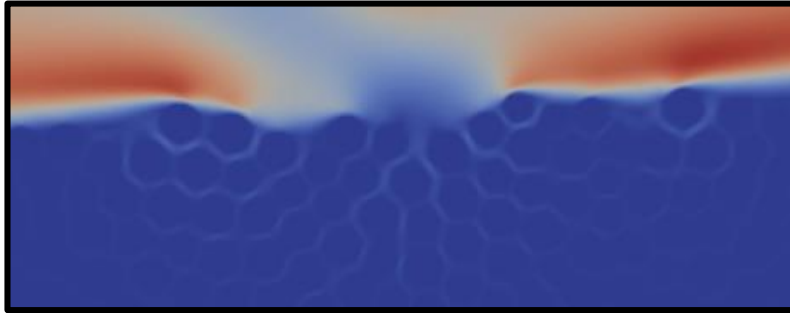
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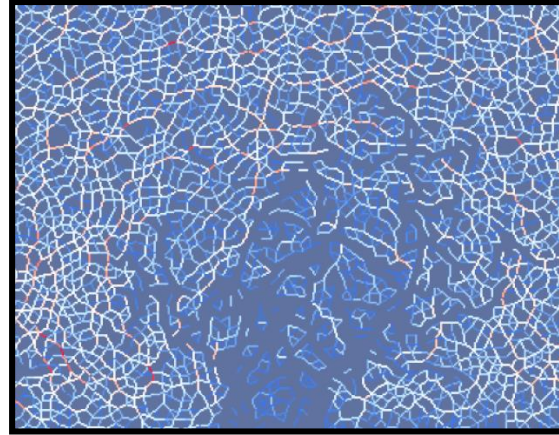
## IV - Conclusion

### Micromechanical approach

Particle and fluid flow



Bond network



### Solid flow rate

- **$Q_s$  increases linearly with the orifice size  $D$**  consistently with a 2D Beverloo law.
- **Apparent orifice size  $k$**  is higher in the submerged case consistently with experiments. and increases with the particle cohesion.

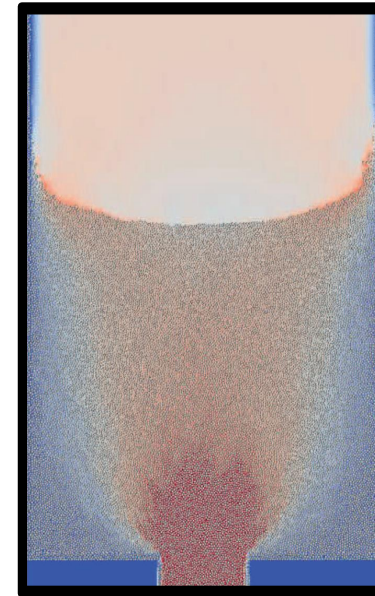
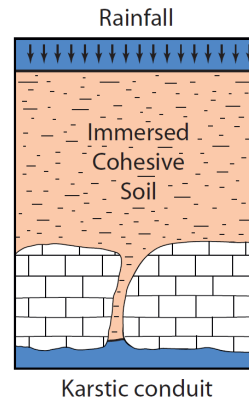
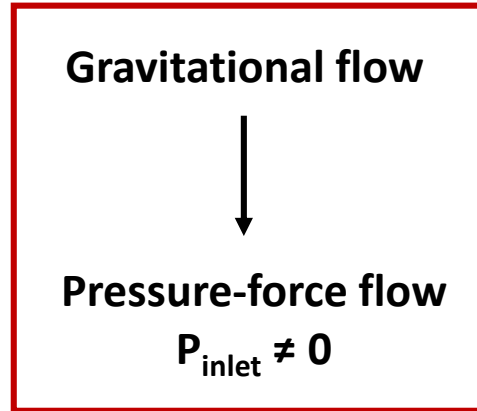
### Interstitial flow analysis

- **Fluid entrainment** by the particle motion.
- **Pressure drop** around the orifice consistent with experiments.



# IV - Perspectives

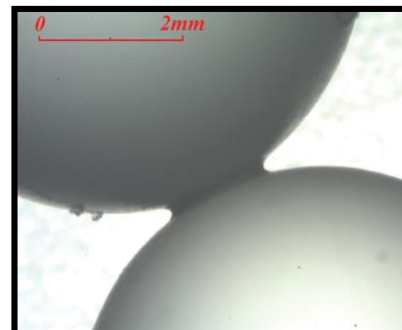
## Work in progress



- What about the **particle-fluid interaction** ?
- Can we properly correlate the particle cohesion with the **agregate size** ?
- Calibration with **experiments on artificial cemented material**

## Solid bridges with resin

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