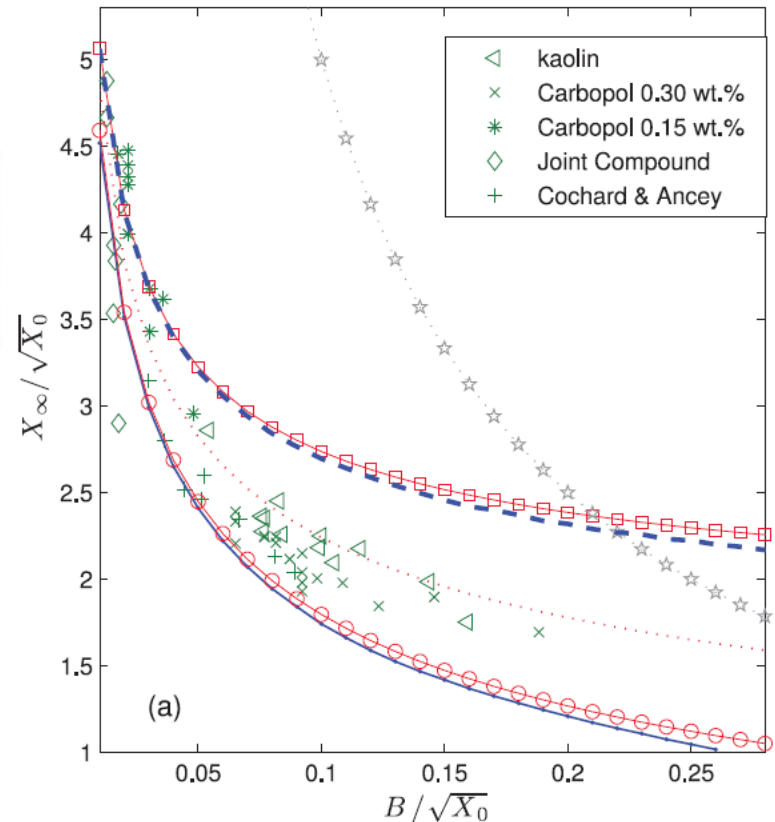
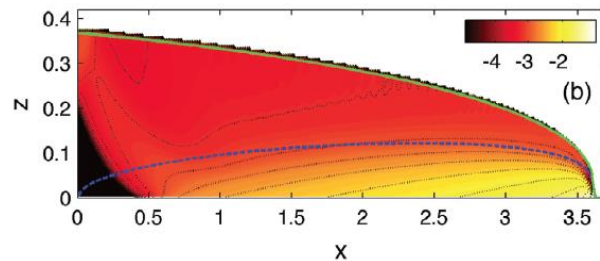


# Model fluids versus *real* fluids

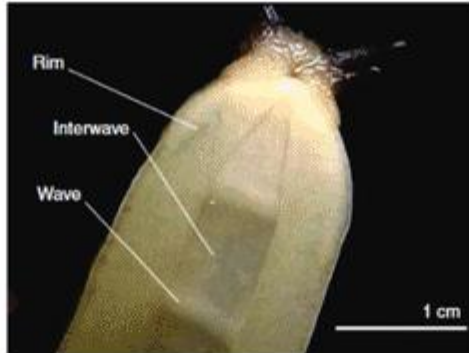
How can we compare experimental and modelling results on complex fluids?



Guillaume Chambon

# Viscoplastic fluids

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➤ Yield stress (solid-fluid transition)

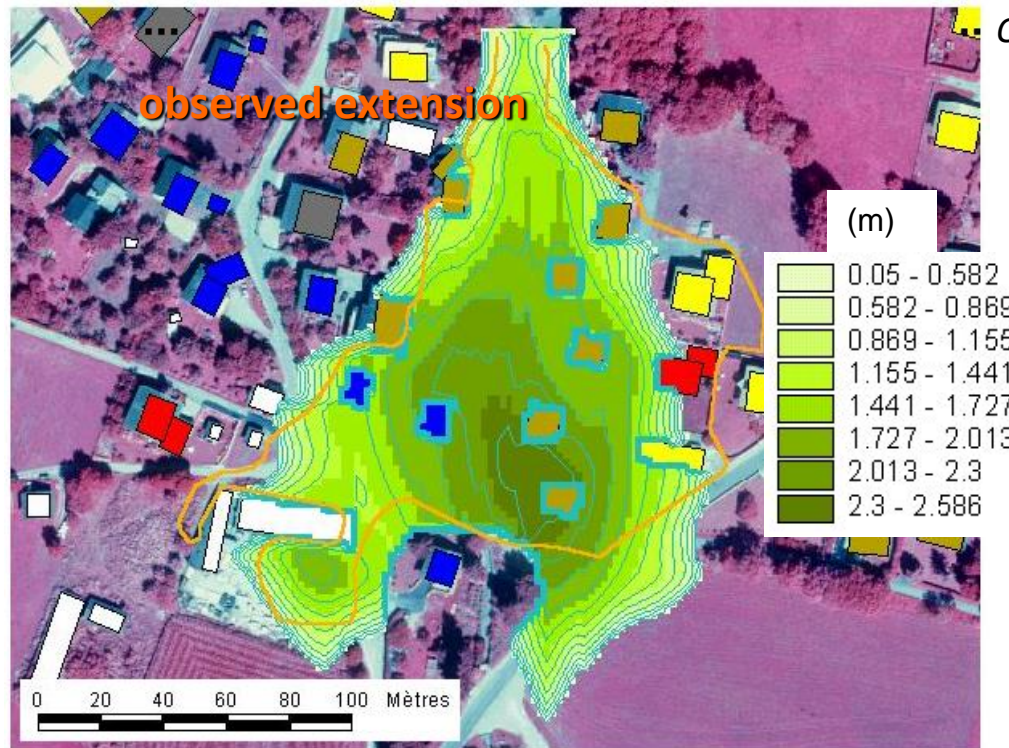


## Formation of deposits

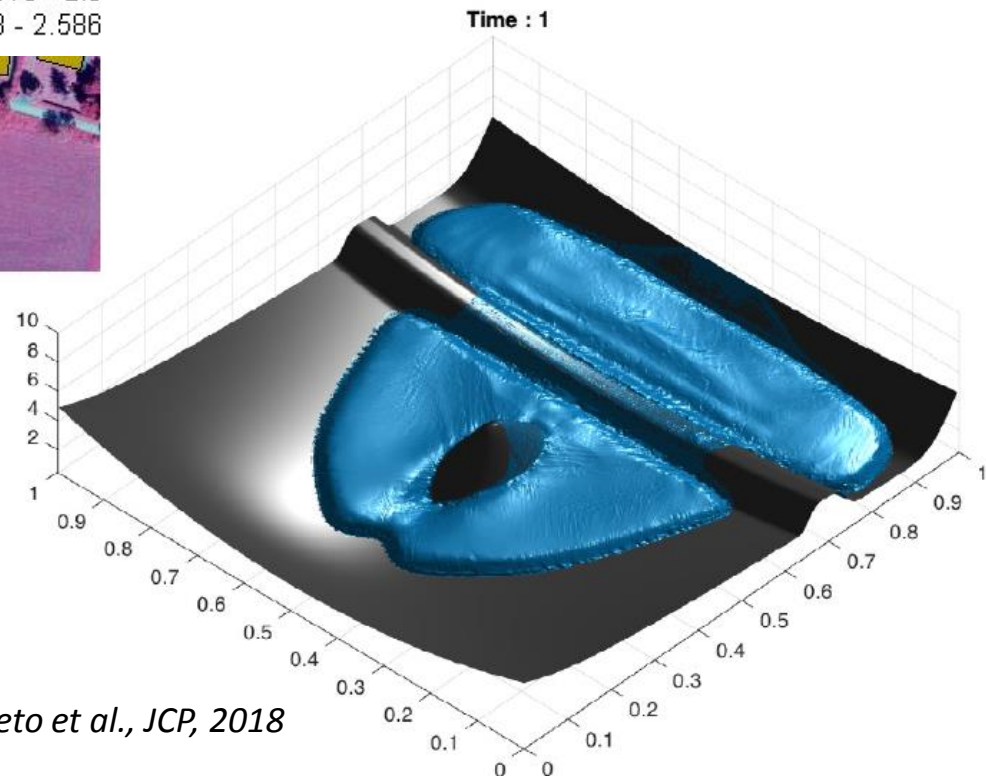




## Models: depth-averaged...

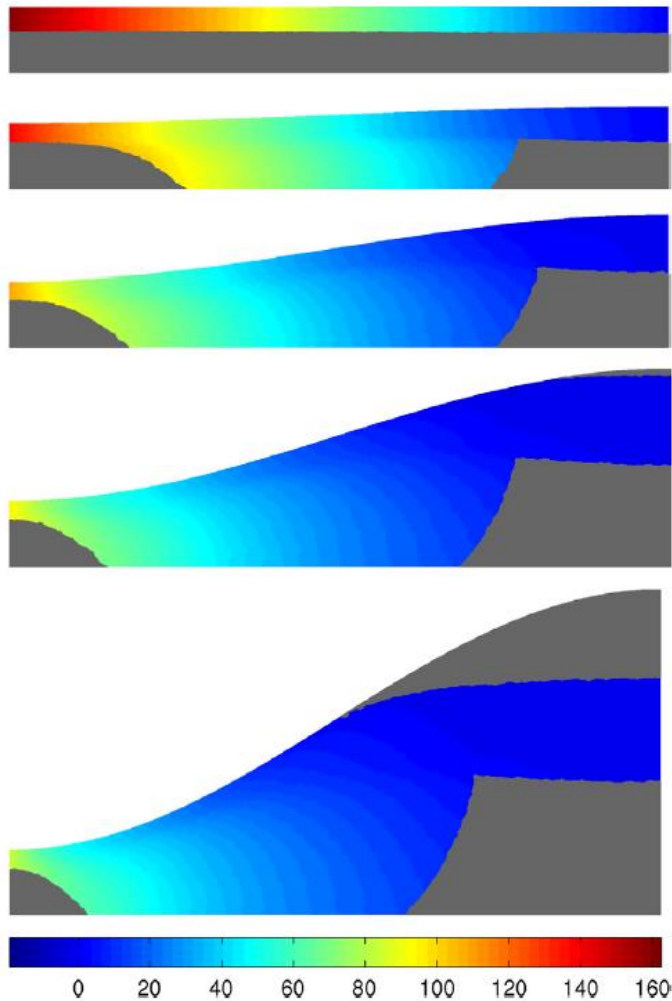


Operational model (LAVE2D, Irstea)



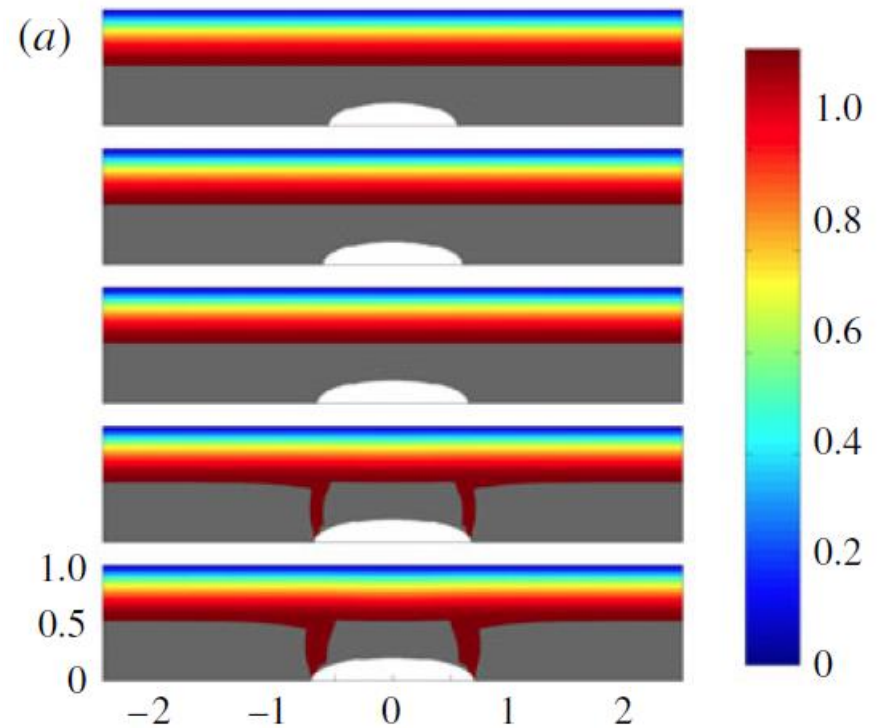
## Models: ... vs DNS

Fouling layers



*Roustaei & Frigaard, JNNFM,, 2013*

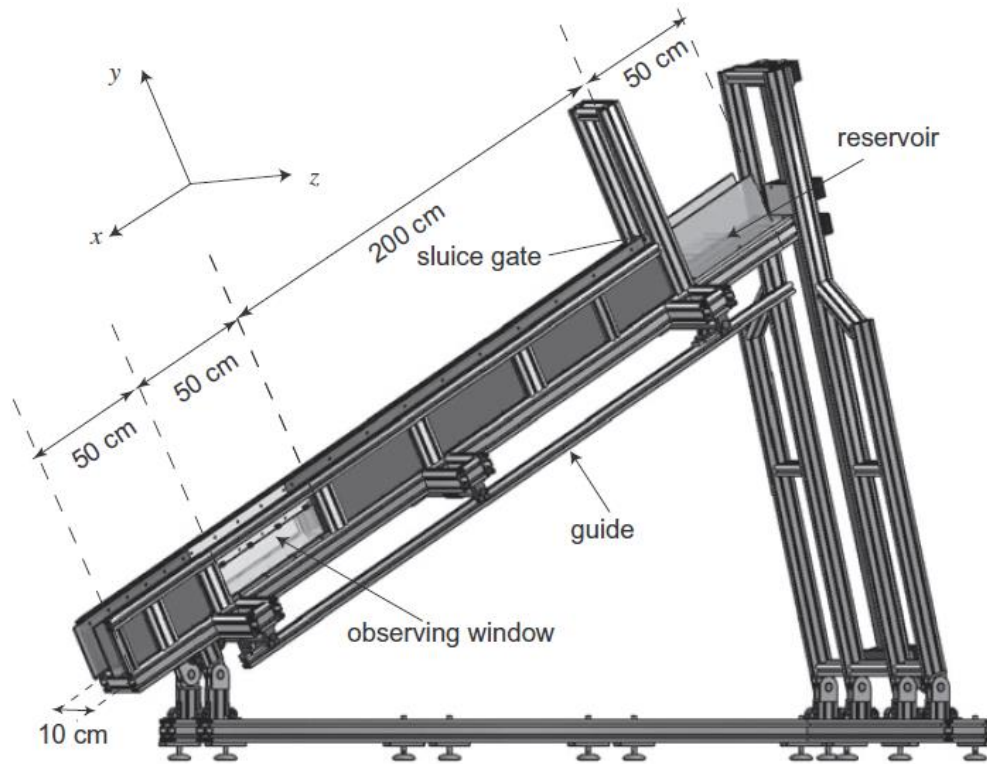
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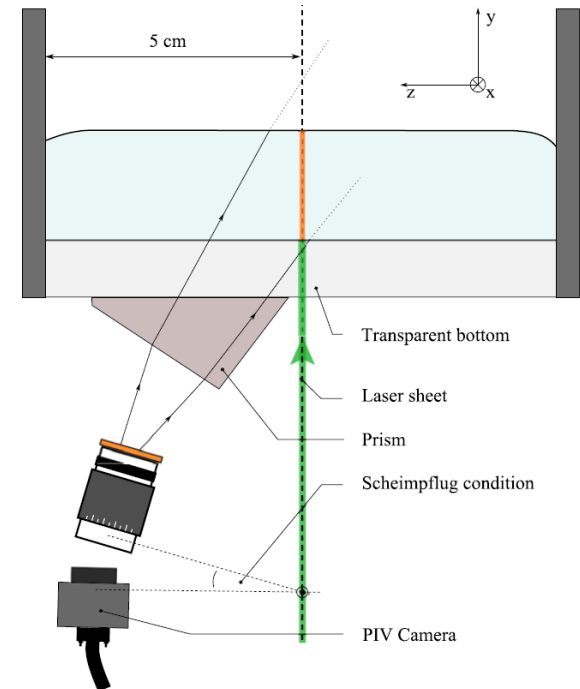
*Maleki et al., JFM,, 2015*

# A first case study

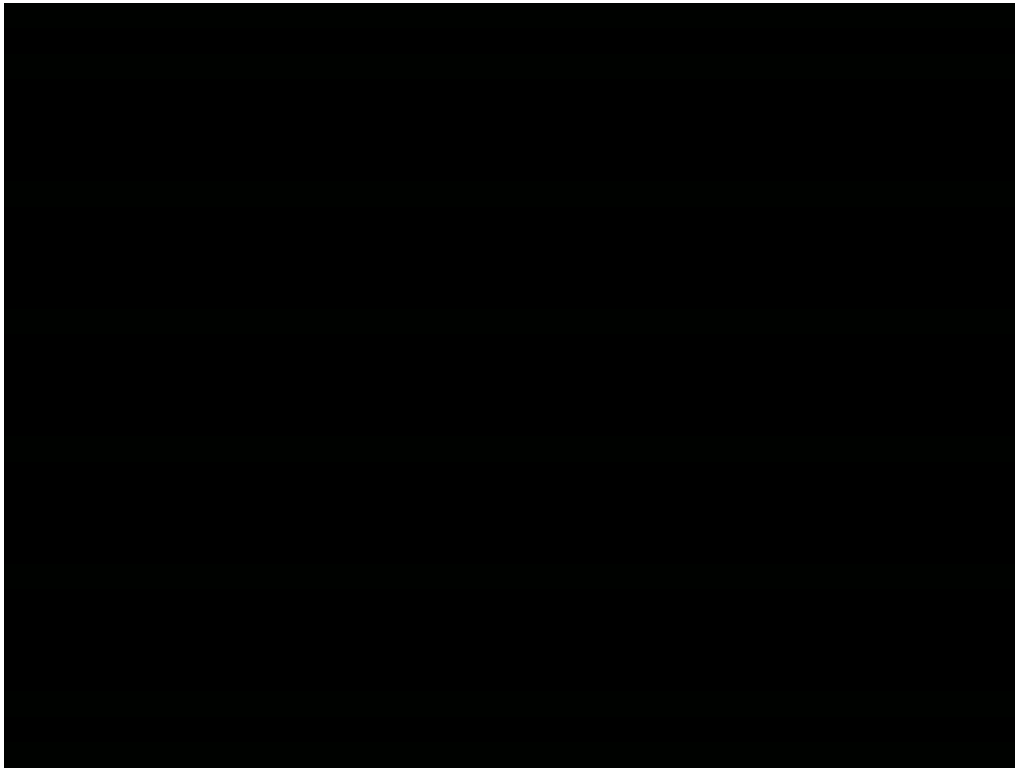
## Dam break experiments



## advanced measuring techniques

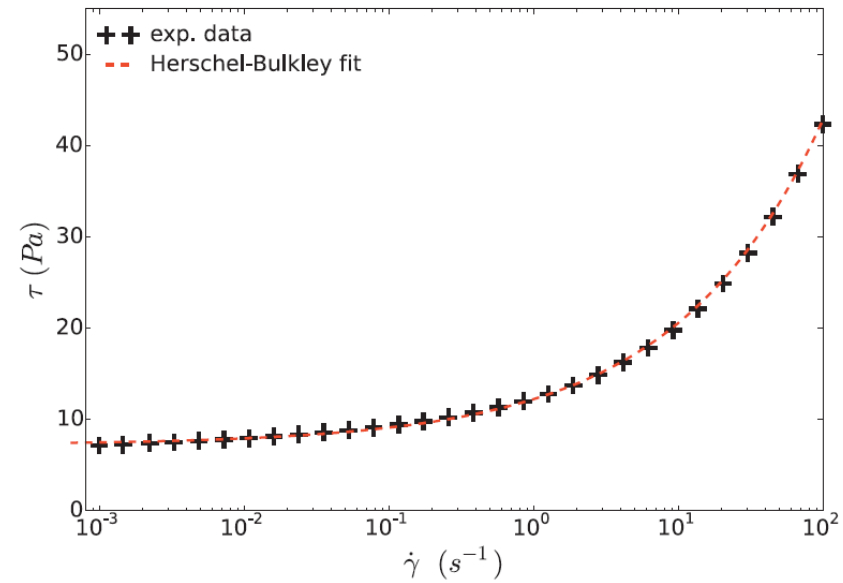


# A model viscoplastic fluid: Carbopol



LHE, EPFL

Independent measurements of rheological parameters



Herschel-Bulkley law

$$\begin{cases} \dot{\gamma} = 0 & \text{si } \tau < \tau_c \\ \tau = \tau_c + K\dot{\gamma}^n & \text{si } \tau \geq \tau_c \end{cases}$$

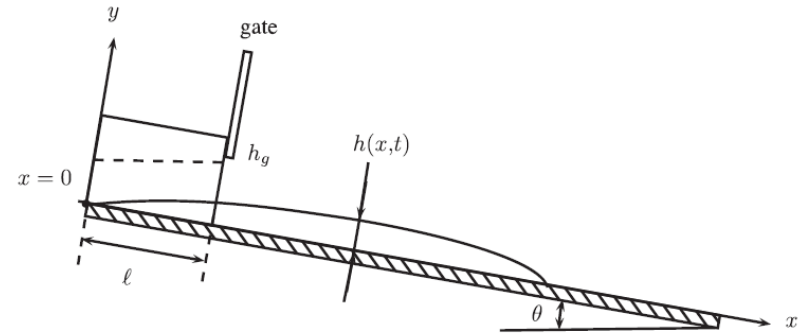
## Comparison with 3 flow models of increasing complexity:

- Kinematic-wave model  
(assumption of locally uniform flow)

$$\frac{\partial h}{\partial t} + f'(h) \frac{\partial h}{\partial x} = 0,$$

with

$$f'(h) = Ah(h - h_c)^{1/n} \text{ and } A = \left( \frac{\rho g \sin \theta}{\mu} \right)^{1/n}.$$



- Advection-diffusion model  
(account for longitudinal pressure gradient in frame of lubrication approximation)

$$\frac{\partial h}{\partial t} + nK \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left[ \left( \tan \theta - \frac{\partial h}{\partial x} \right)^{1/n} \frac{h(1+n) + nh_c}{(n+1)(2n+1)} Y_0^{1+1/n} \right] = 0,$$

$$\text{with } Y_0 = \max \left( 0, h - h_c \left| 1 - \cos \theta \frac{\partial h}{\partial x} \right|^{-1} \right).$$

- 2-equation shallow-water model  
(empirical rheological closure of Coussot)

$$\frac{\partial h}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial h \bar{u}}{\partial x} = 0,$$

$$\frac{\partial h \bar{u}}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial h \bar{u}^2}{\partial x} + gh \cos \theta \frac{\partial h}{\partial x} = gh \sin \theta - \frac{\tau_b}{\rho}$$

$$\tau_b = \tau_c (1 + 1.93G^{3/10}) \quad \text{with } G = \left( \frac{\mu}{\tau_c} \right)^3 \frac{\bar{u}}{h}$$

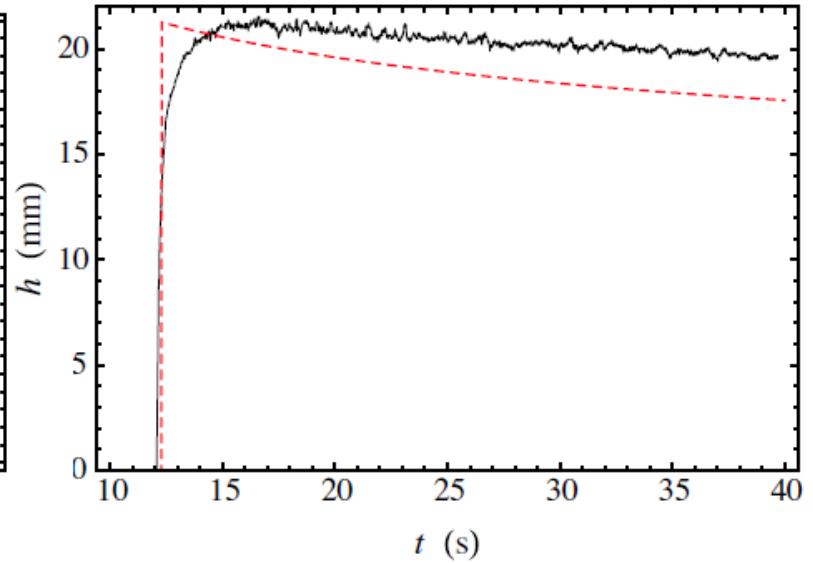
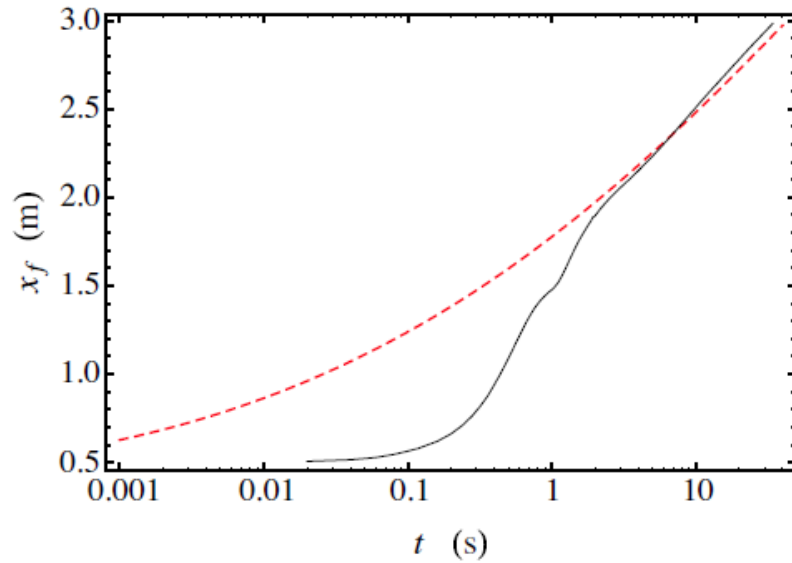


# Kinematic-wave model:

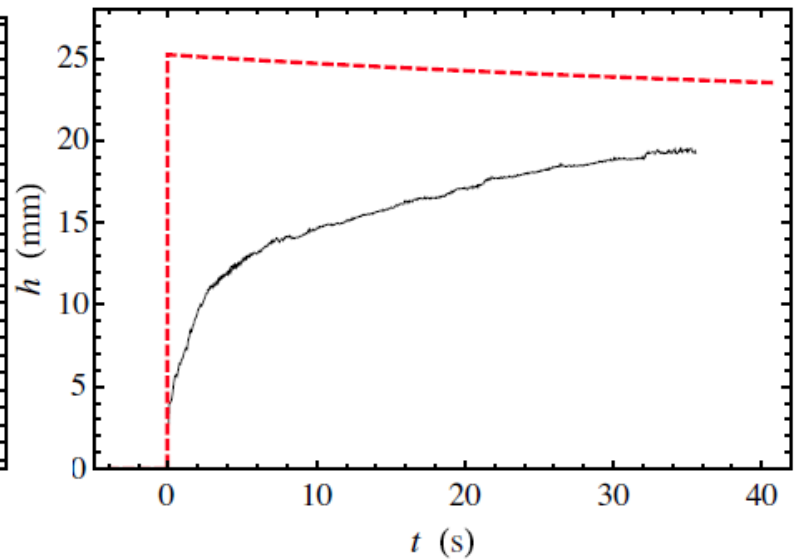
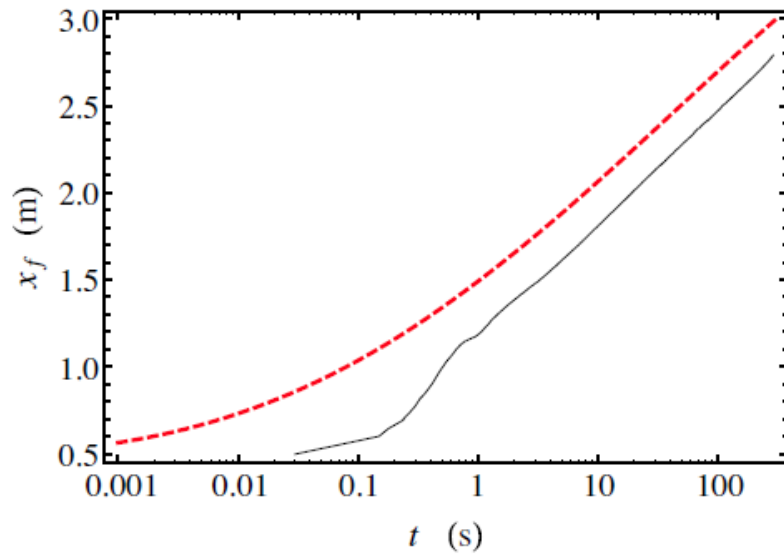
## front position

## free-surface shape

$\theta = 25^\circ$



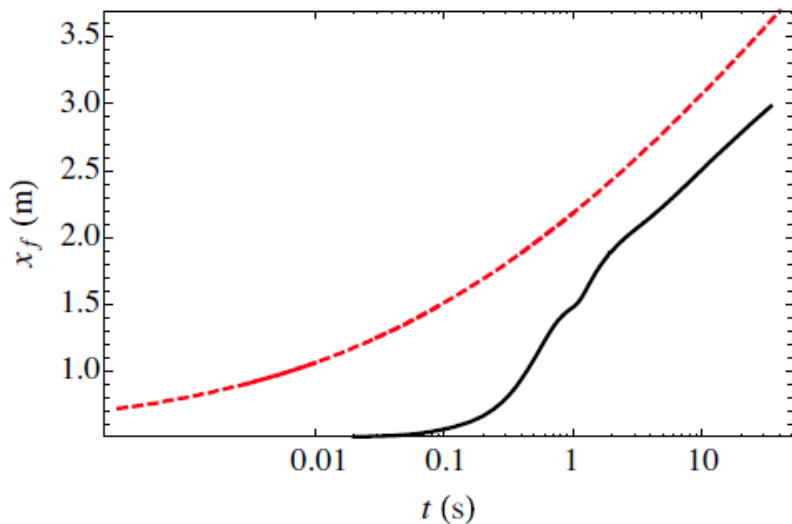
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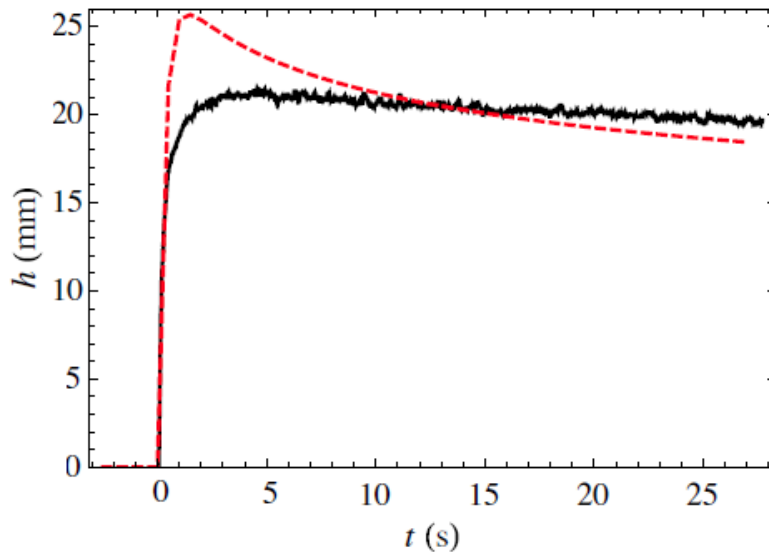
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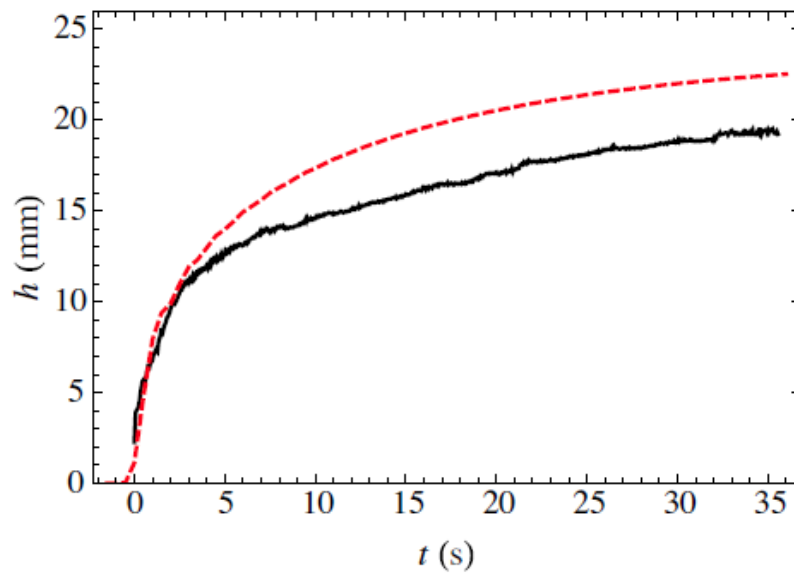
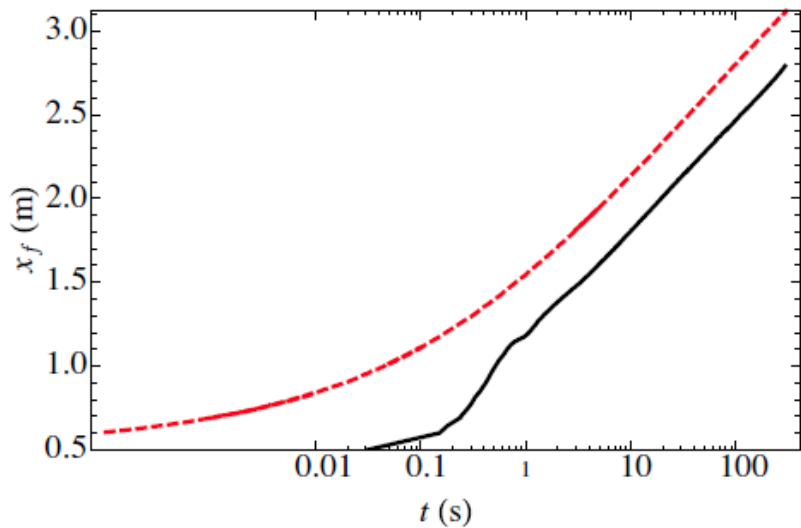
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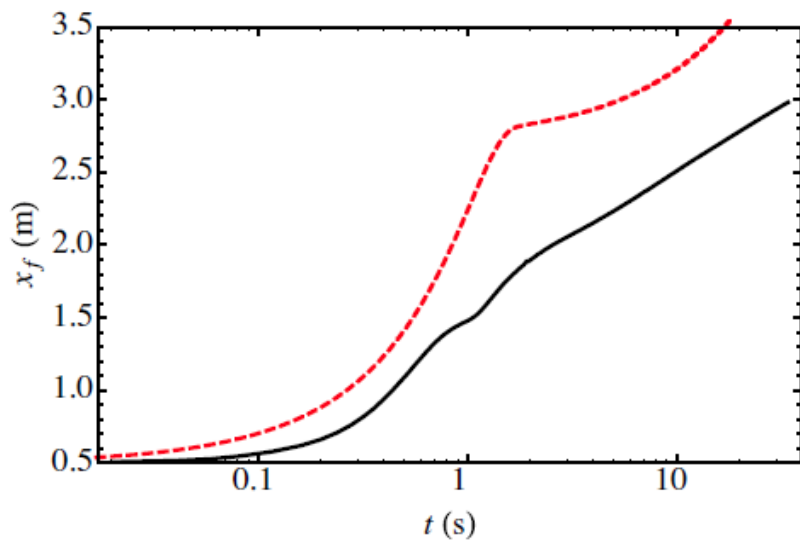
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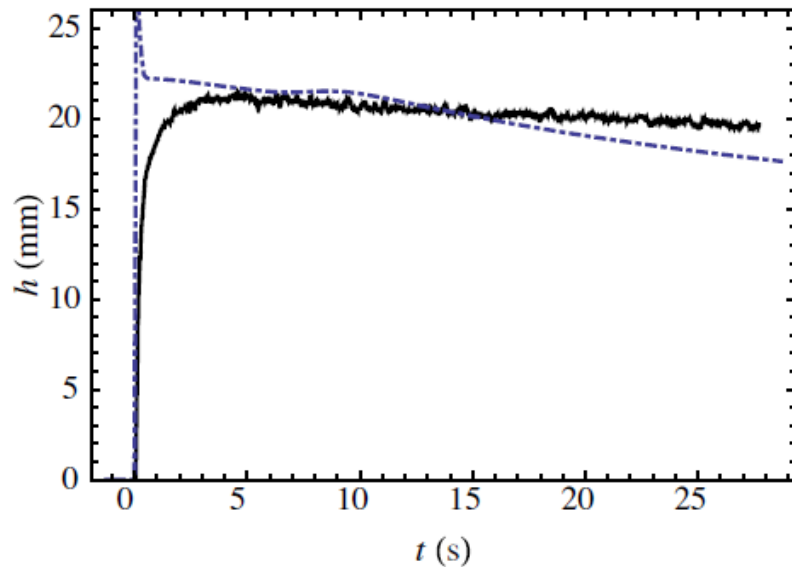
# Kinematic-wave model:

## front position

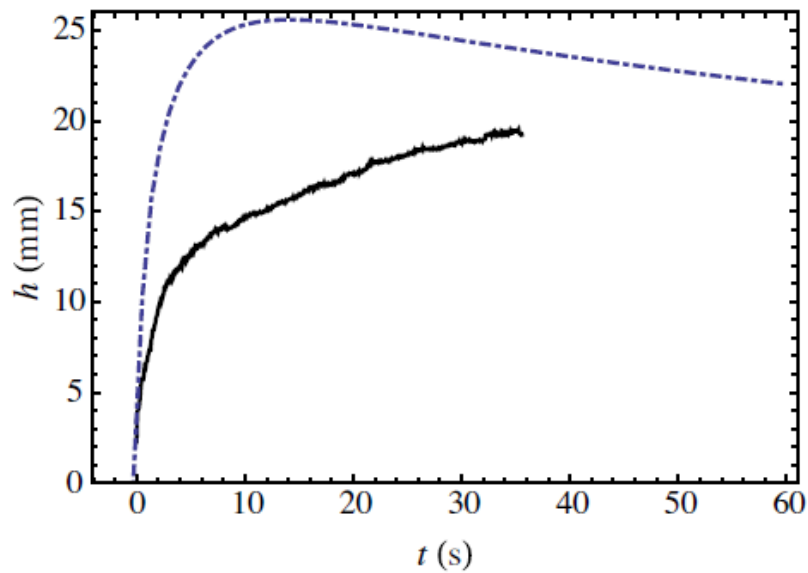
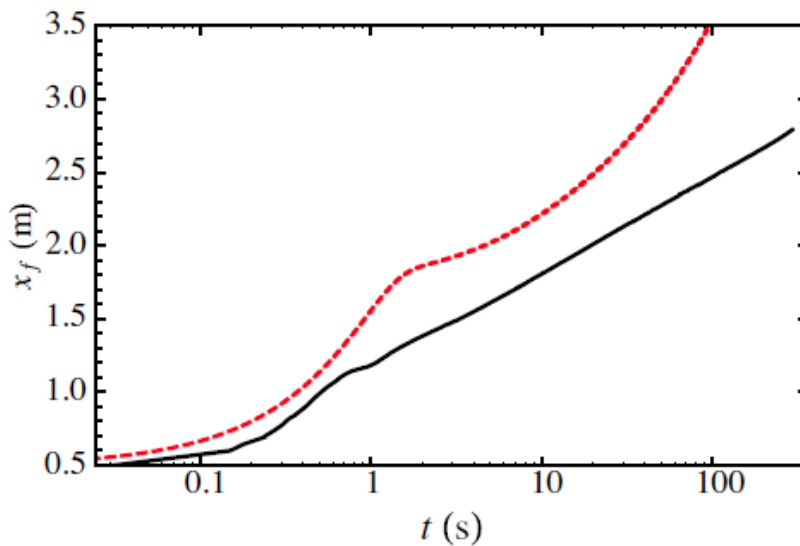
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## free-surface shape



$\theta = 15^\circ$



## Conclusions of the authors:

- Simple models are not outperformed by more sophisticated models
- Best agreement with data is obtained with the simple kinematic-wave model, in particular for front position at large times
- Predictions of shallow-water model are particularly poor, notably at large times

### Avalanche models are “cloudy”

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**Des modèles d'avalanches brumeux**

La simulation des coulées neigeuses reste un exercice incertain. Un spécialiste met en garde contre son utilisation inconsidérée dans la définition des zones à risque en montagne.

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Par Viviane Thivent

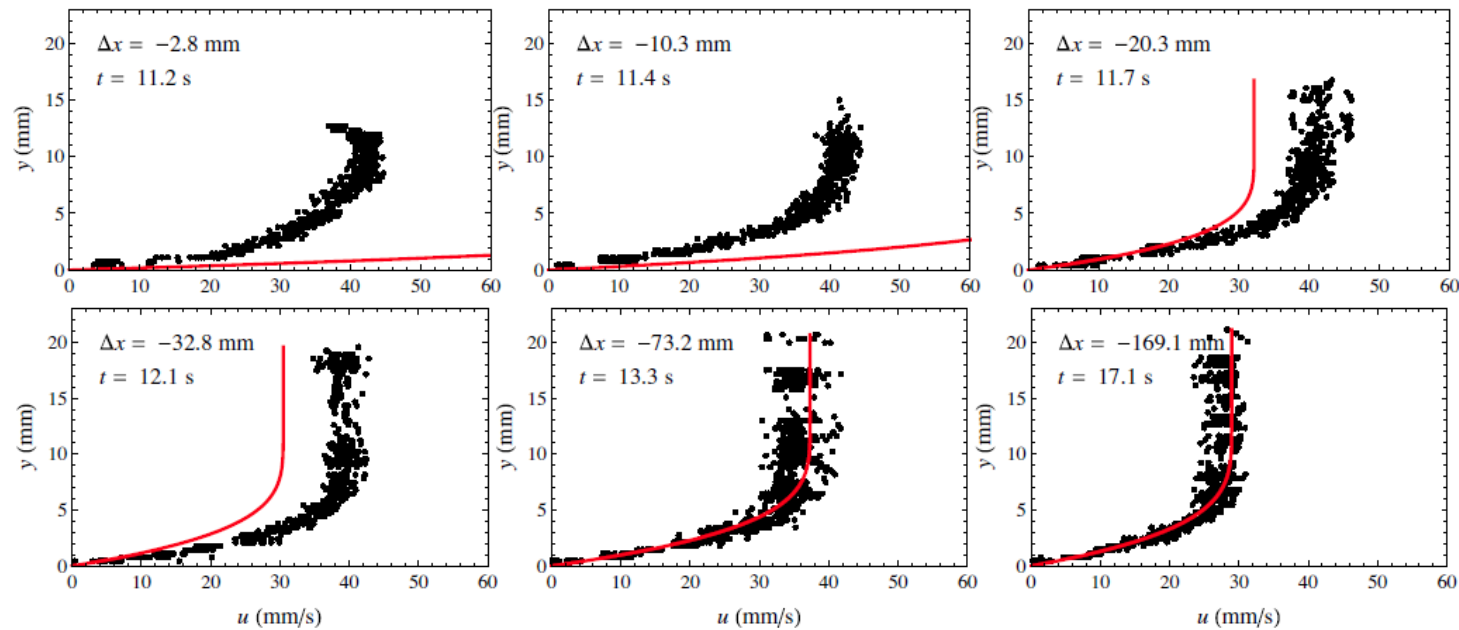
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An aerial photograph showing a massive, white, billowing cloud of snow and ice cascading down a dark, forested slope. The avalanche's leading edge is turbulent and dense, with a distinct white trail visible on the ground below.

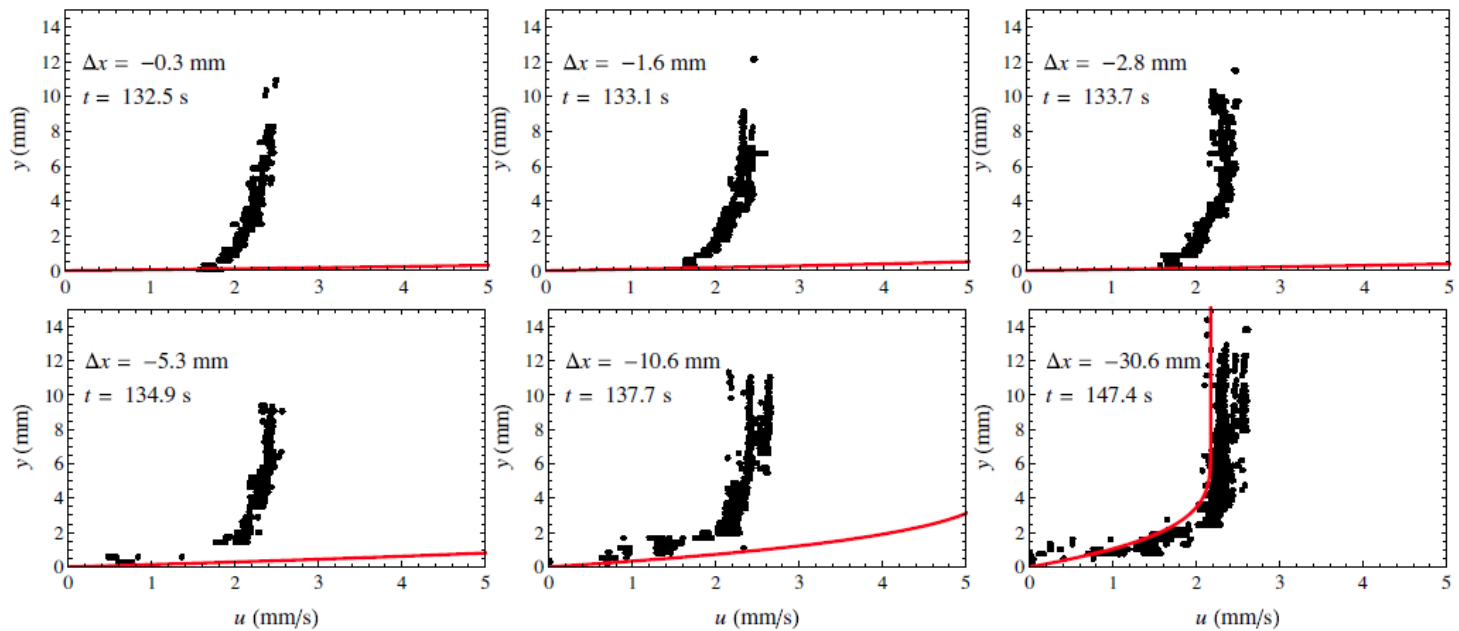


Velocity profiles:  
(based on measured values of  $\partial_x h$ )

$\theta = 25^\circ$



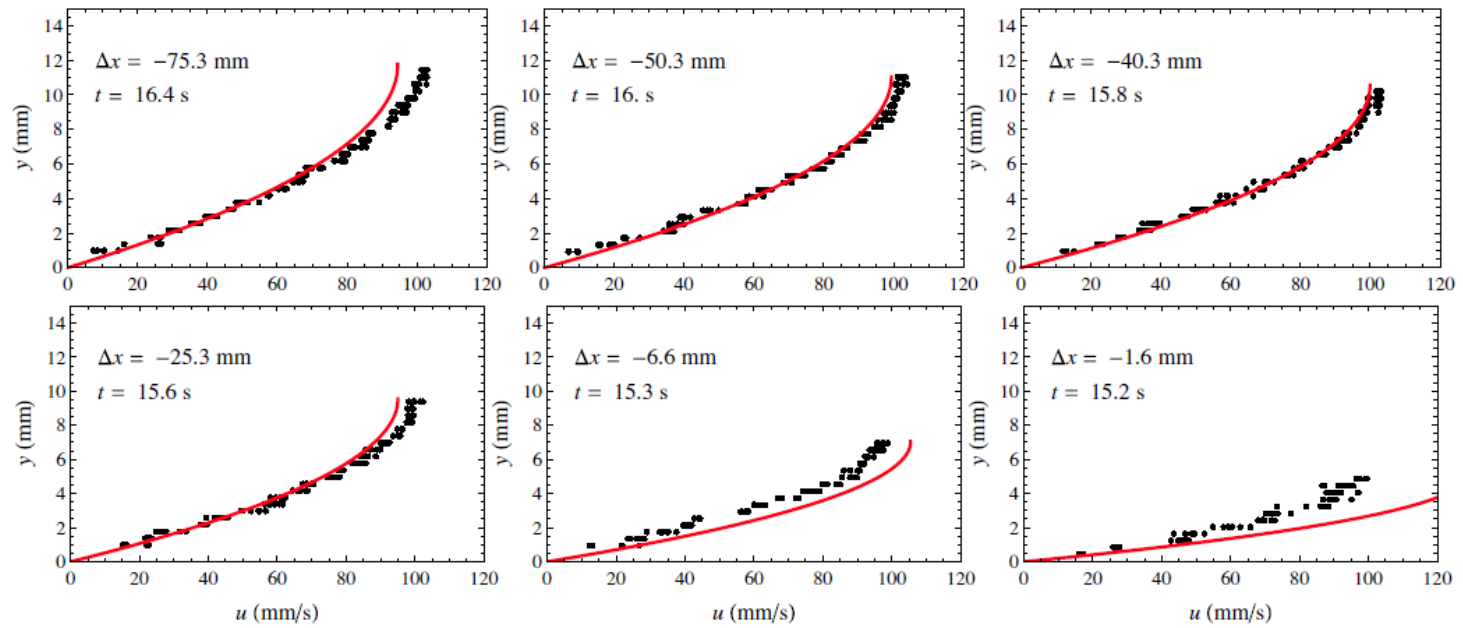
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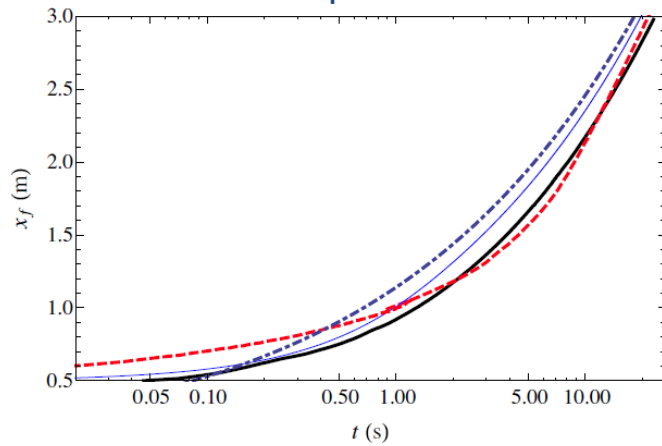
➤ Flow conditions within the head significantly depart from lubrication conditions

# Comparisons with a Newtonian fluid:

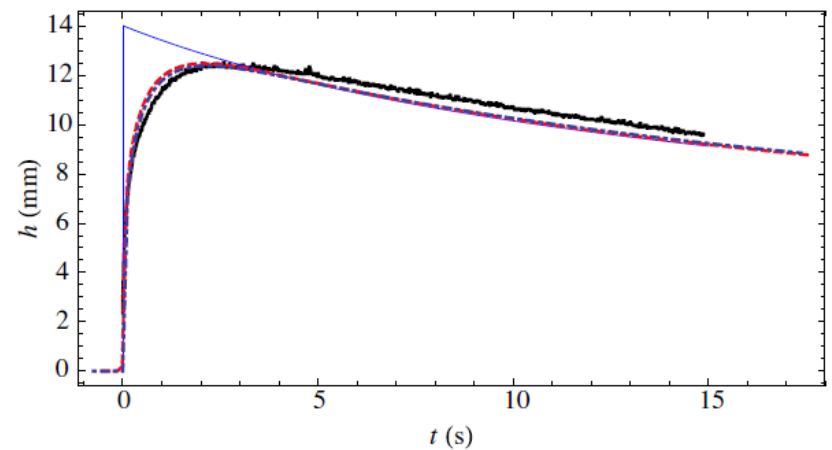
## velocity profiles



## front position

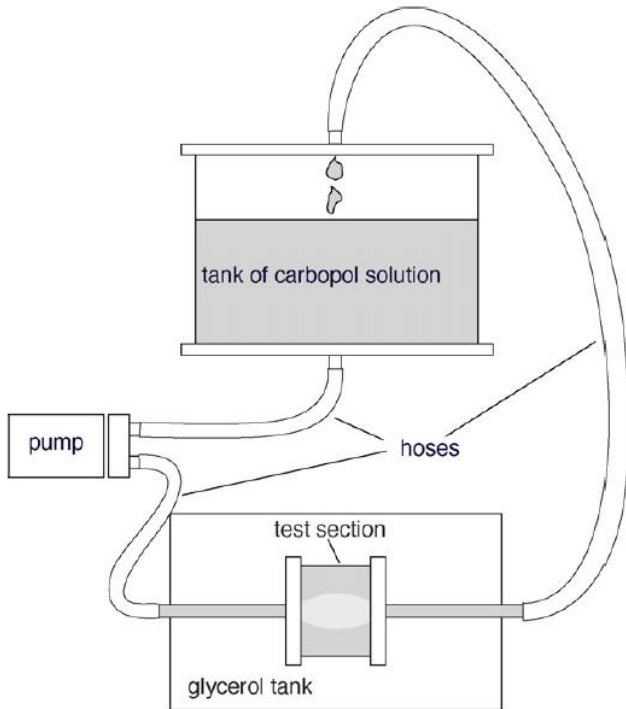


## free-surface shape

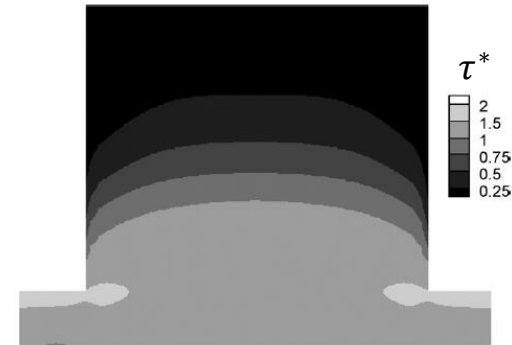


# A second example

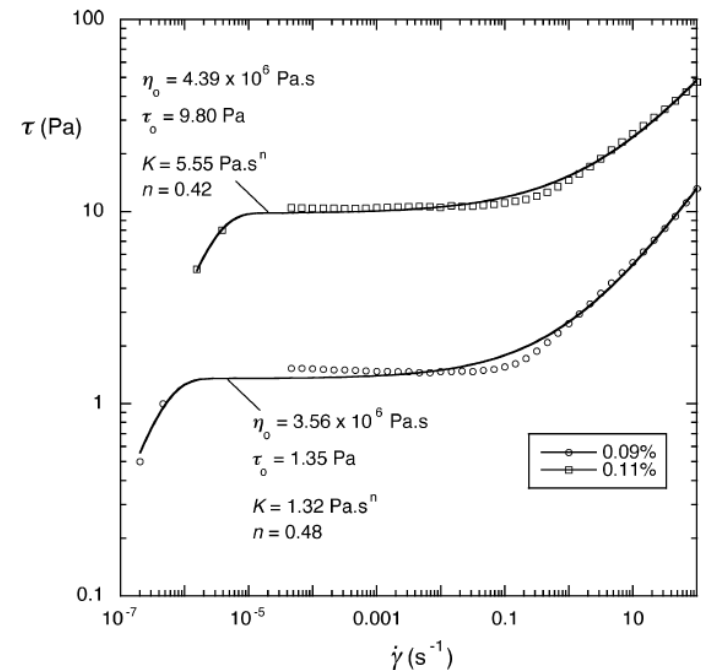
## Flow in an expansion-contraction (cavity)



numerical solution based on a regularized viscoplastic model

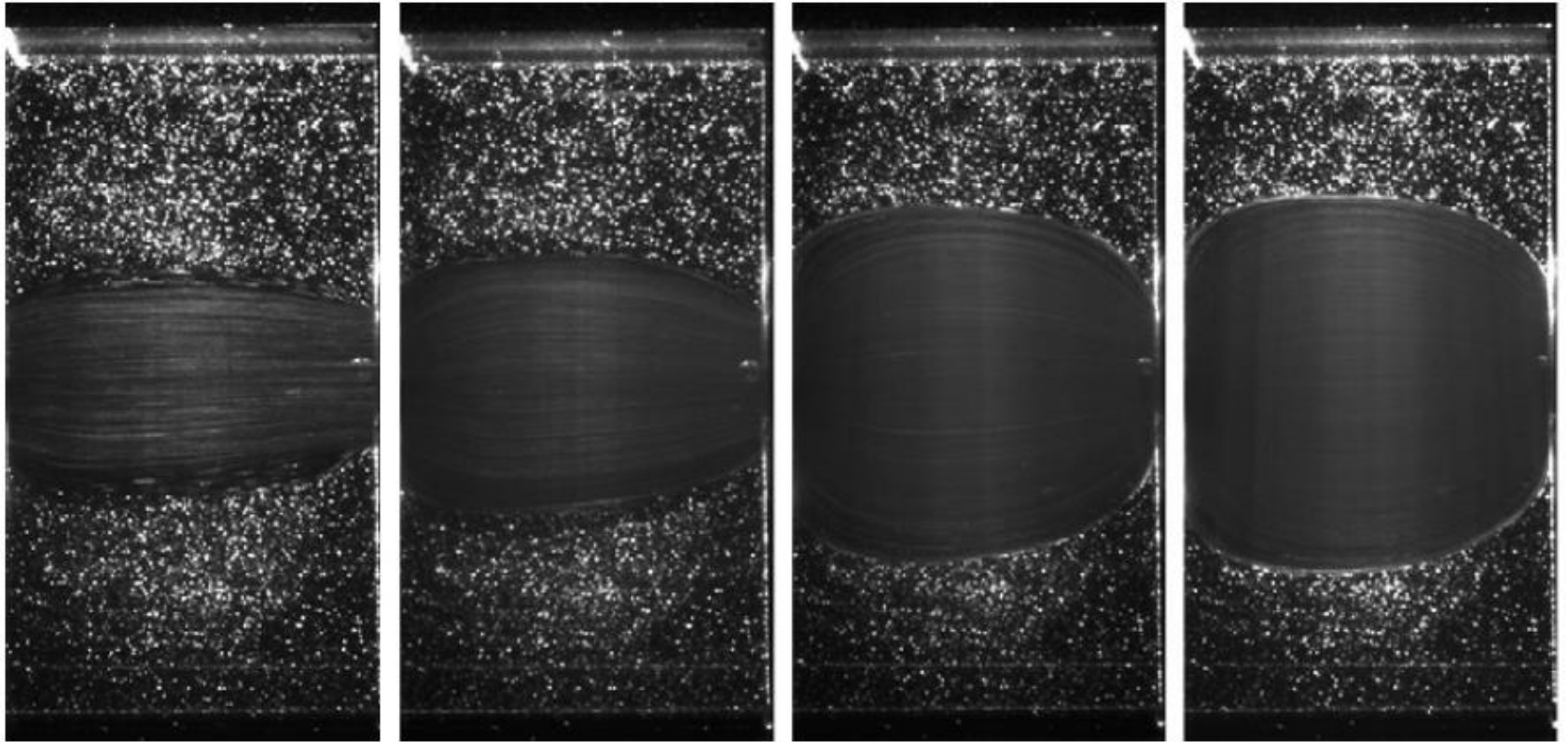


$$\tau = \left[ 1 - \exp\left(-\frac{\eta_0 \dot{\gamma}}{\tau_c}\right) \right] (\tau_c + K \dot{\gamma}^n)$$



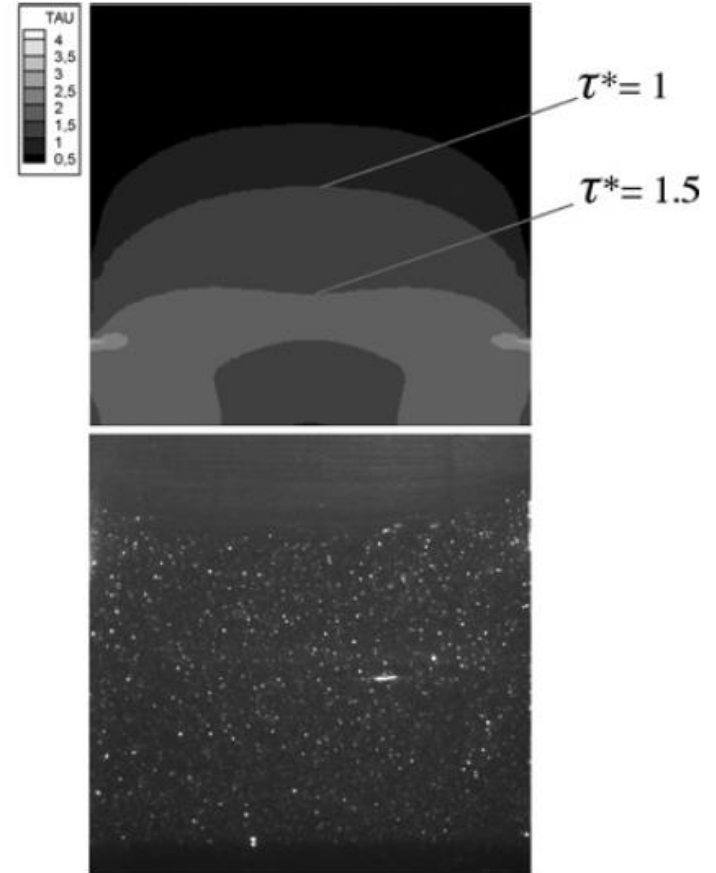
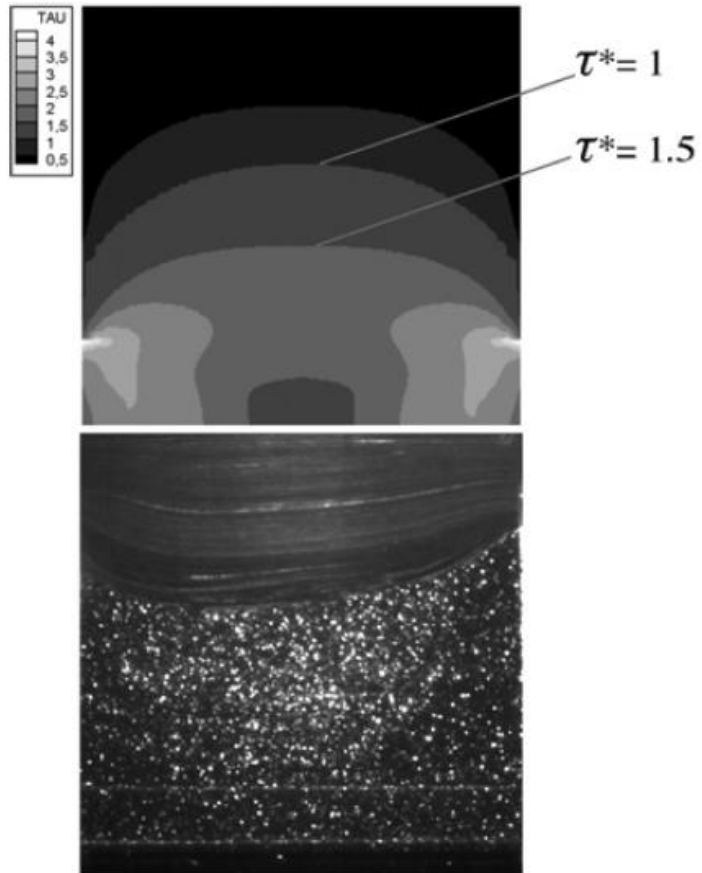
## Experimental flow patterns

Decreasing values of  $\tau_c$





## Model comparison



- Significant overestimation of the size of the yielded zone
- Prediction of symmetric yield surfaces

## Shortcomings and open questions:

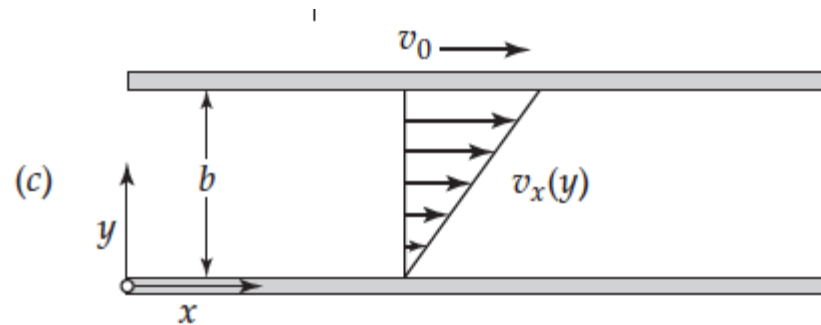
- Origin of the discrepancies for viscoplastic fluids?
  - model assumptions
    - thin-layer assumptions
    - rheological closures
  - numerical methods
    - numerical schemes
    - regularization
  - comparison methods
    - yield surfaces
    - “cumulative” discrepancies (case of velocity profiles)
- What about experimental uncertainties?
  - dynamical measurements (PIV, fronts, etc.)
  - 3D effects (front)
  - rheological characterization
    - repeatability
    - more complex rheological trends of the fluids
- How to circumvent these difficulties?
  - How credible are rheometrical measurements?
  - Are “real” yield-stress materials really viscoplastic?
  - How to account for experimental uncertainties in the comparisons with models?
  - Possible to “measure” plug zones?

# Rheometrical measurements

## Laboratory rheometers



### Simple-shear (viscosimetric) flow



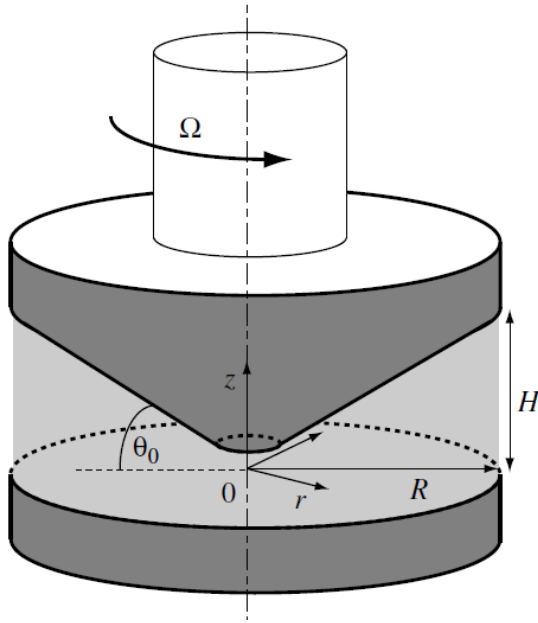
$$D(\mathbf{v}) = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \dot{\gamma} & 0 \\ \dot{\gamma} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \boldsymbol{\Sigma} = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_{xx} & \sigma_{xy} & 0 \\ \sigma_{xy} & \sigma_{yy} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \sigma_{zz} \end{pmatrix}$$



$$\begin{aligned} \tau &= \sigma_{xy} = f(\dot{\gamma}) \\ N_1 &= \sigma_{xx} - \sigma_{yy} = g_1(\dot{\gamma}) \\ N_2 &= \sigma_{yy} - \sigma_{zz} = g_2(\dot{\gamma}) \end{aligned}$$

- stress-imposed or strain-rate imposed
- in the former case:  $\dot{\gamma}_{min} \approx 10^{-3} - 10^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$

## Cone and plate device

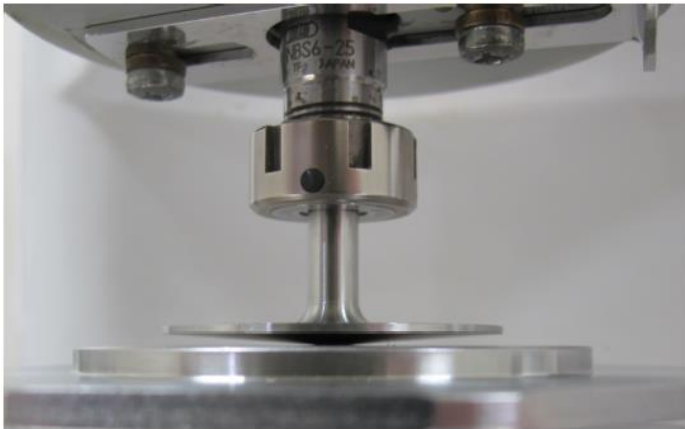


Raw measurements:

- $\Omega$ : rotation velocity
- $\Gamma$ : torque
- ( $F_N$ : normal force)

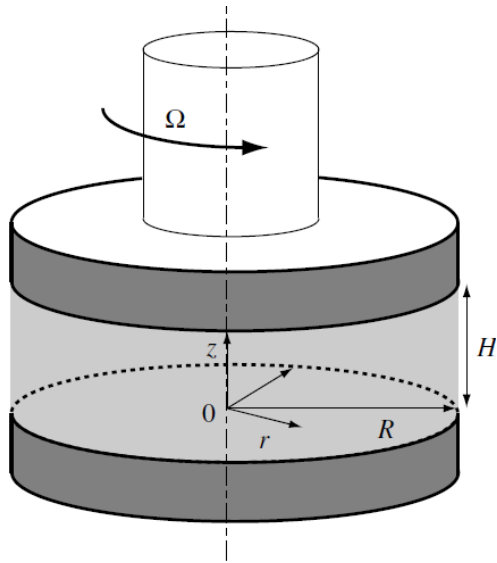
$$\dot{\gamma} \approx \frac{\Omega r}{\theta_0 r} = \frac{\Omega}{\theta_0} \Rightarrow \text{constant}$$

$$\Gamma \approx \int_0^R 2\pi r^2 \tau dr \Rightarrow \tau = \frac{3\Gamma}{2\pi R^3}$$





## Parallel-plates device



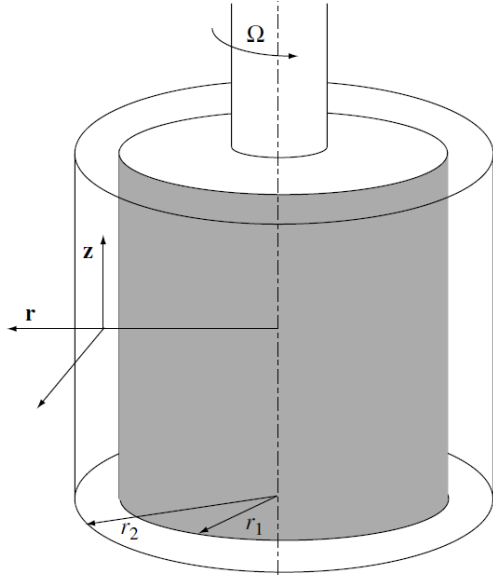
$$\dot{\gamma}(r) \approx \frac{\Omega r}{H} \Rightarrow \text{heterogeneous}$$

$$\Gamma = \int_0^R 2\pi r^2 \tau(r) dr \Rightarrow \tau \approx \frac{3\Gamma}{2\pi R^3}$$

$$\Rightarrow \tau(R) = \frac{\Gamma}{2\pi R^3} \left( 3 + \frac{\dot{\gamma}(R)}{\Gamma} \frac{\partial \Gamma}{\partial \dot{\gamma}(R)} \right)$$

numerical differentiation  
is required

## Couette (concentric cylinder) device



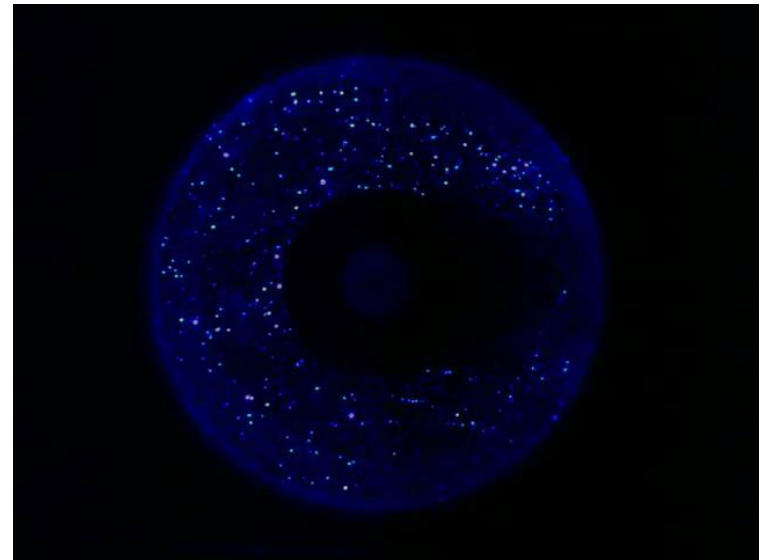
$$\tau(r) = \frac{\Gamma}{2\pi H r^2}$$

$$\Omega = \int_{r_1}^{r_2} \frac{\dot{\gamma}(r)}{r} dr \Rightarrow \text{inverse problem}$$

➤ small gap approximation ( $r_2 - r_1 \ll r_1$ ):  $\Omega \approx \dot{\gamma} \frac{r_2 - r_1}{r_1}$

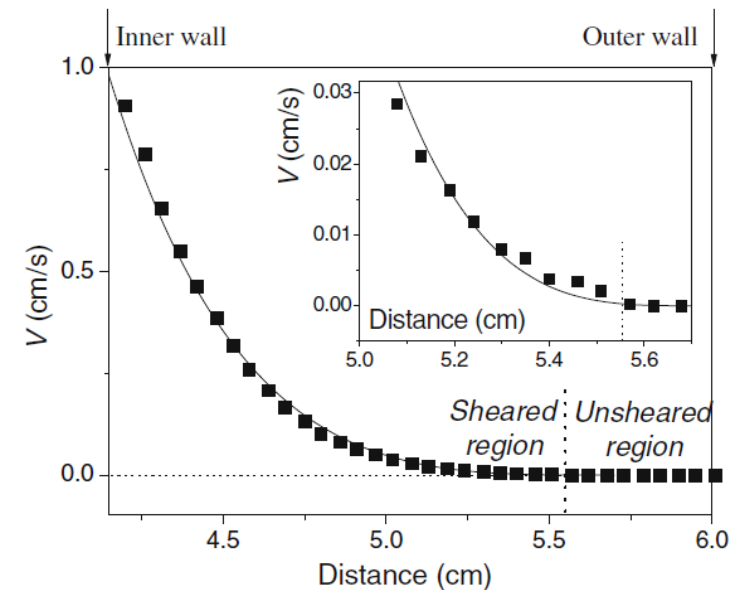
➤ in general:

- series expansion
- Tikhonov regularization
- Wavelet-vaguelette decomposition
- ...



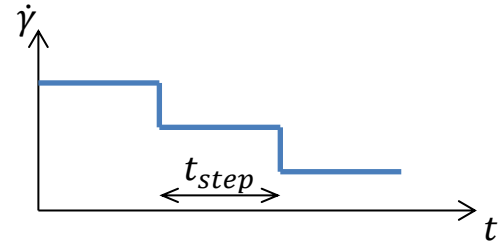
LHE, EPFL

shear-rate heterogeneity

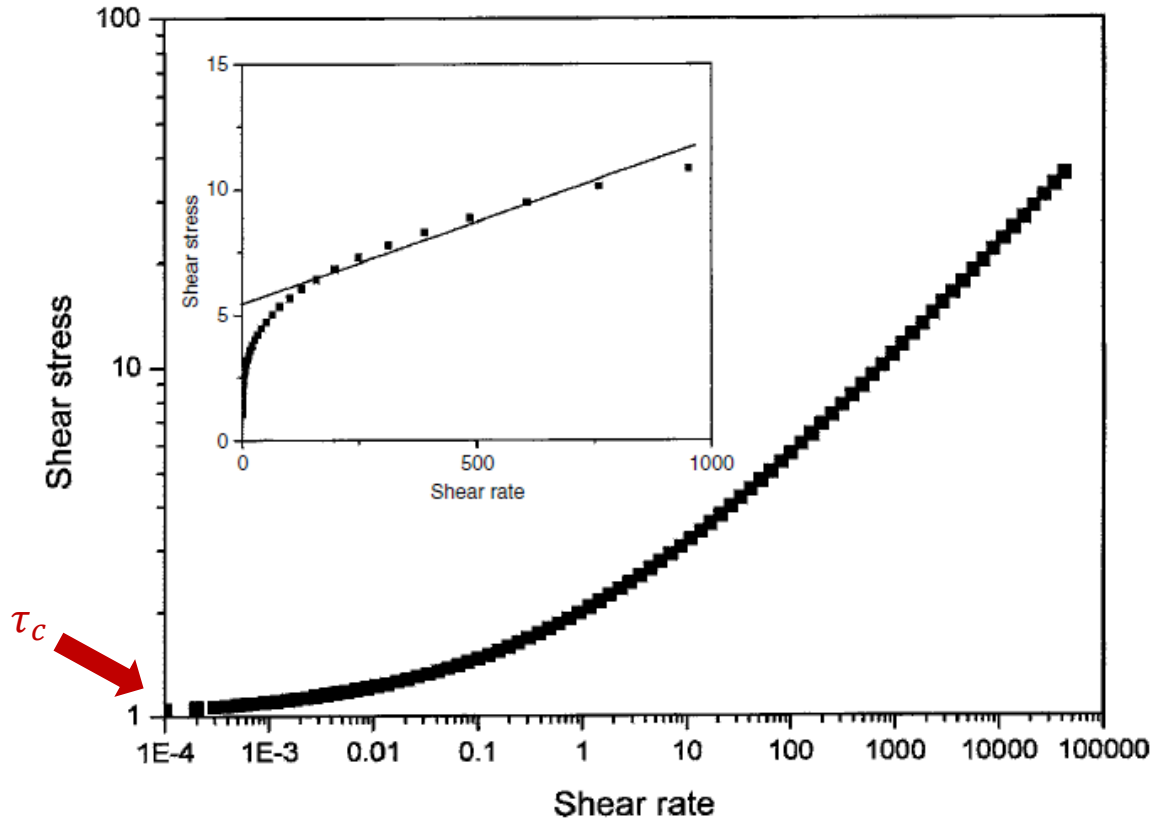


Ovarlez et al., 2009

# Experimental procedures

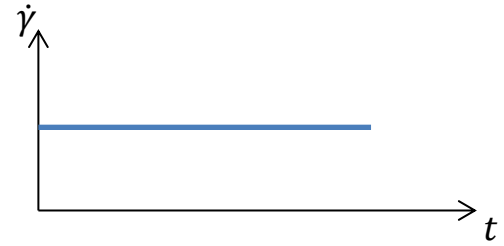


Strain-rate (or stress) “ramps”: flow curve

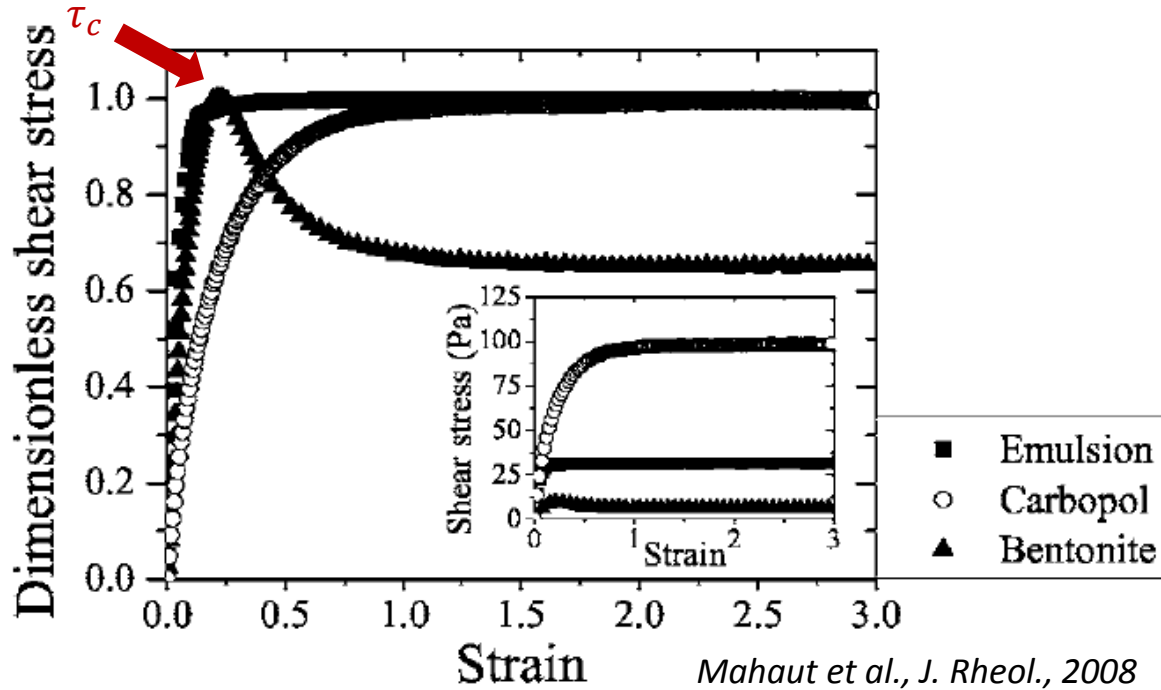


- Flow curve
- Yield stress (extrapolation: fitting)
- Influence of  $t_{step}$  (steady-state)?

# Experimental procedures



Constant strain rate: flow startup

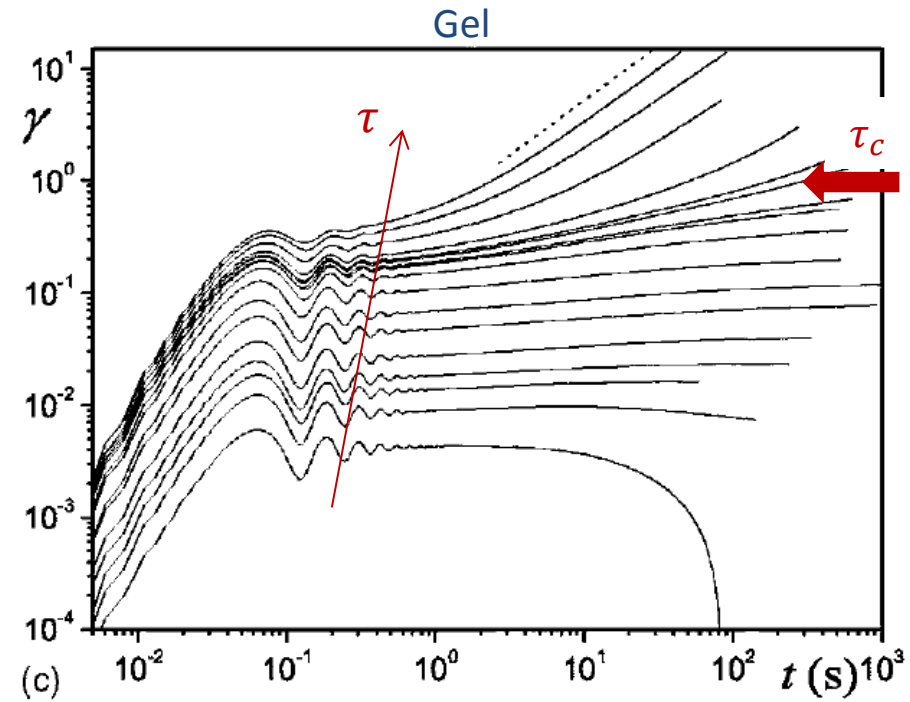
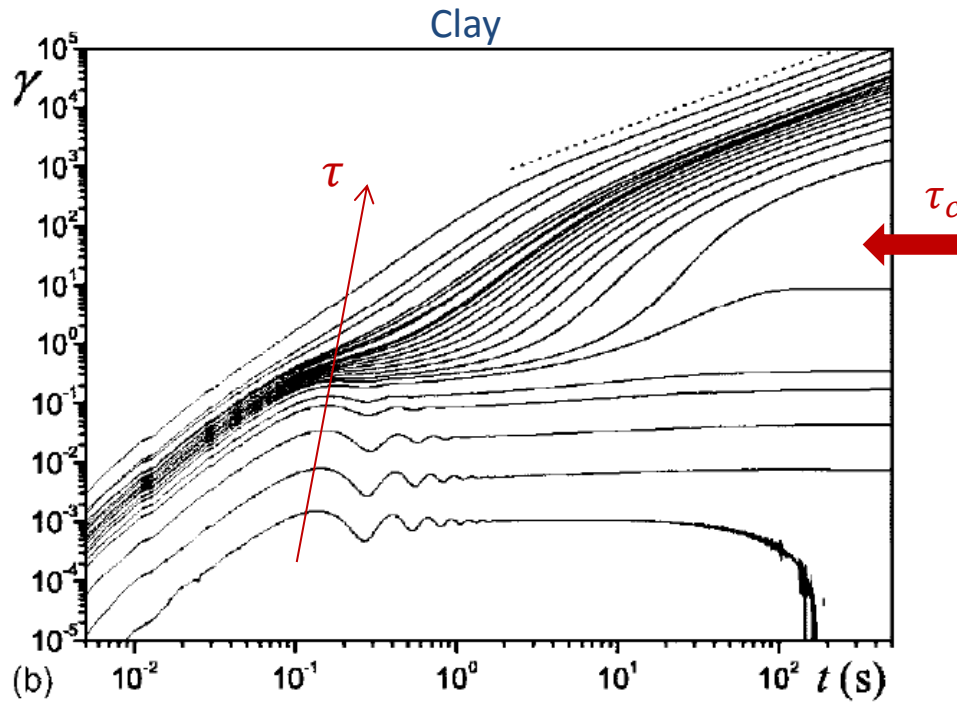


- Yield stress
- Pre-yielding behavior



# Experimental procedures

Constant stress: creep test



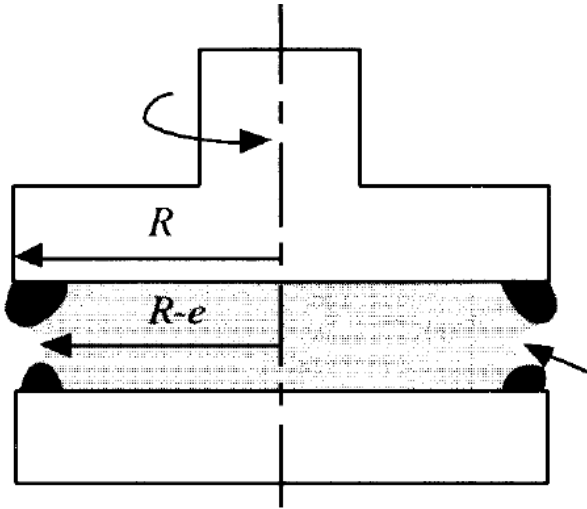
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➤ Yield stress

# Perturbative factors in rheometry

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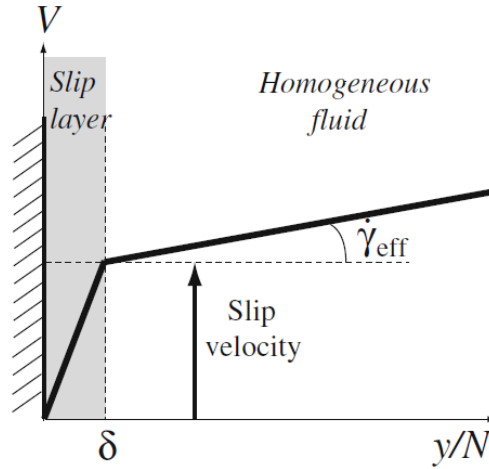
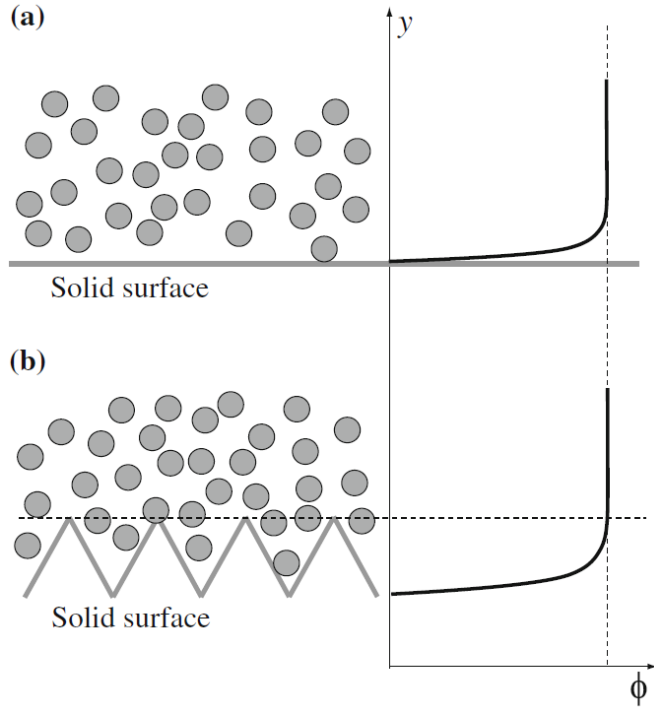
## Free-surface perturbations



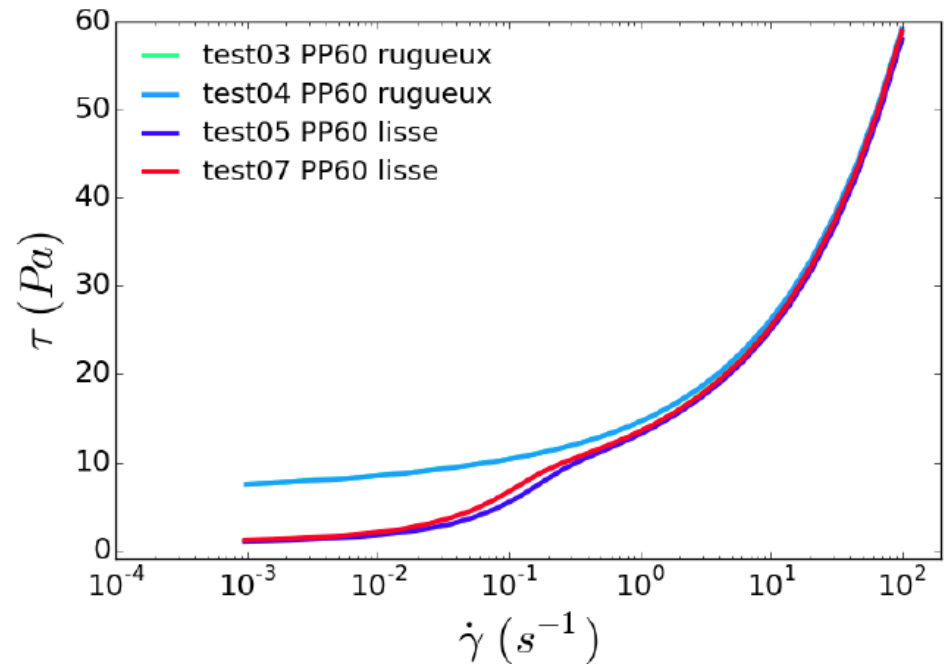
$$\tau \approx \frac{3\Gamma}{2\pi R^3}$$

strong influence of  
geometry errors

# Wall-slip



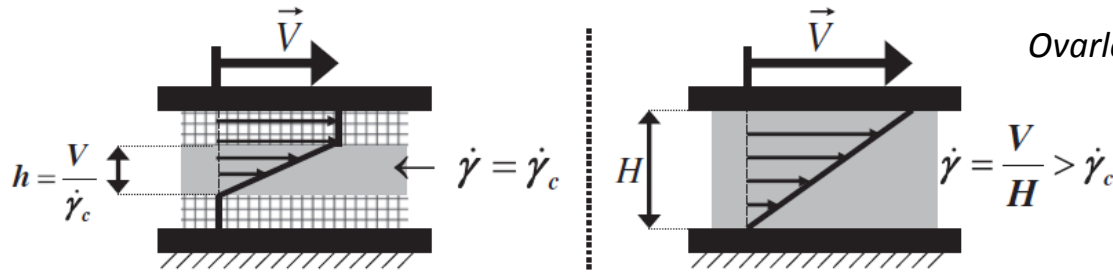
influence on flow curve  
(Carbopol)



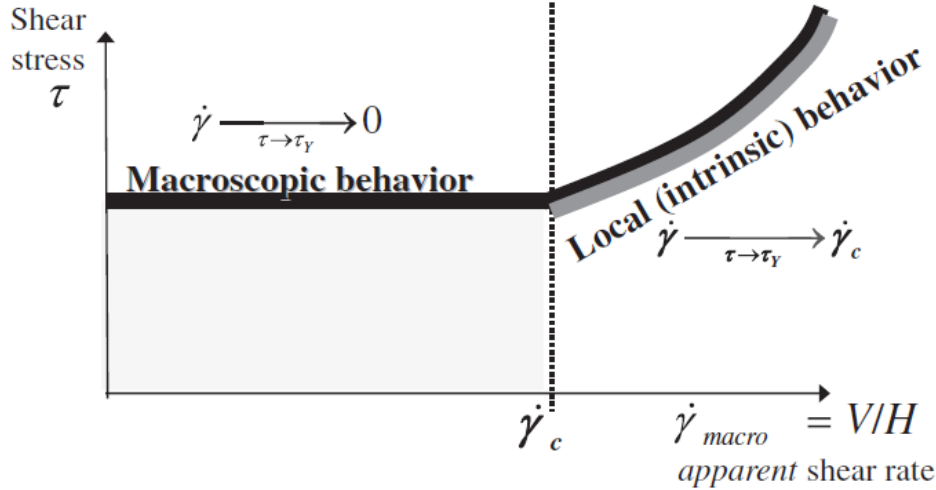
use of rough tools



# Shear-banding, cracking



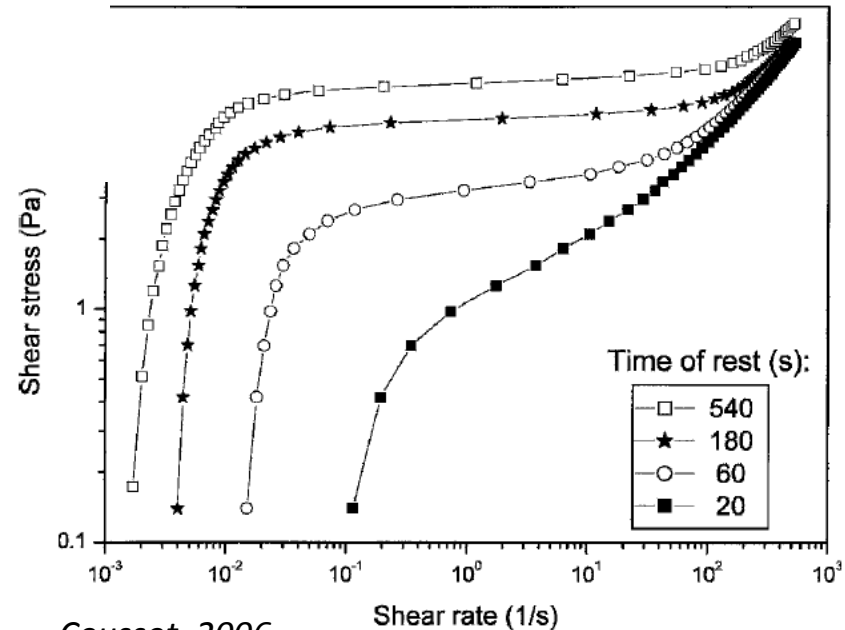
Ovarlez et al., JNNFM, 2012



critical shear rate below which flow becomes **heterogeneous**

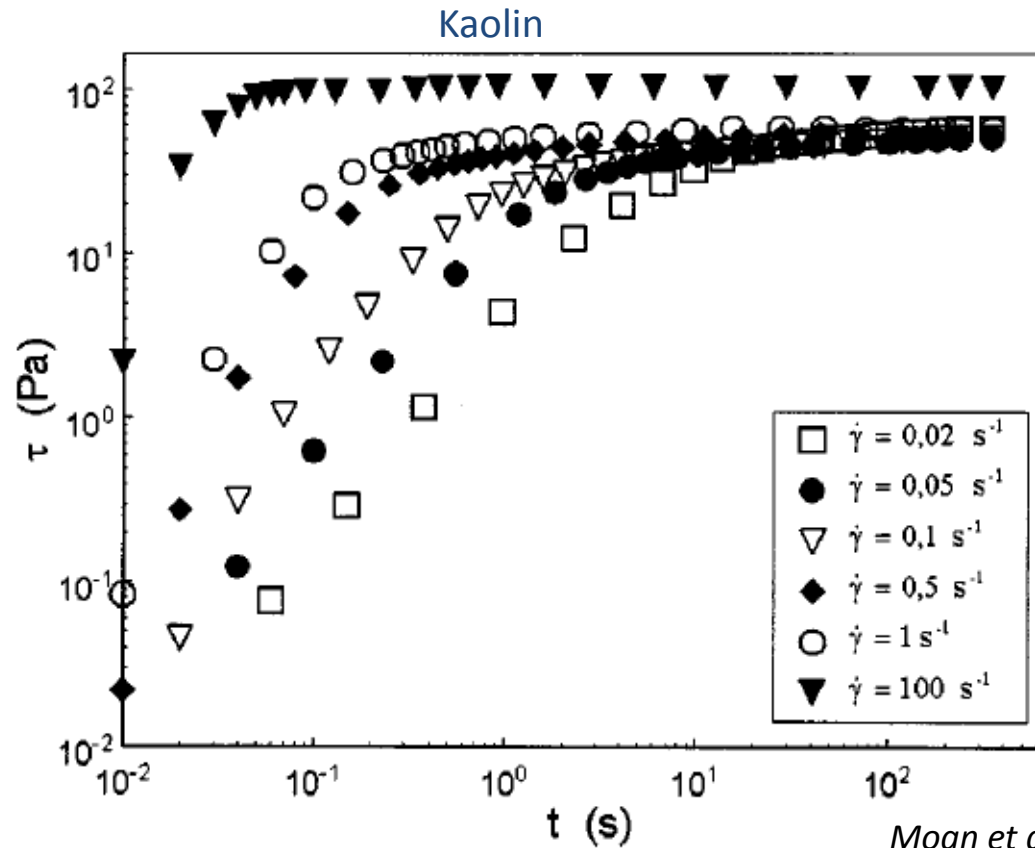
⇒ related to thixotropic behavior of the material

apparent plateau in flow curves (bentonite)



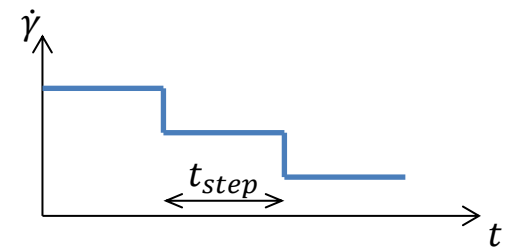
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# Steady-state

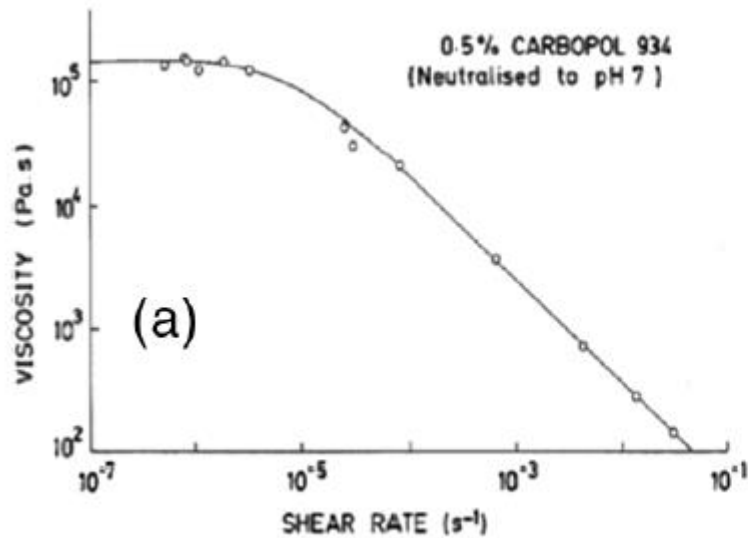


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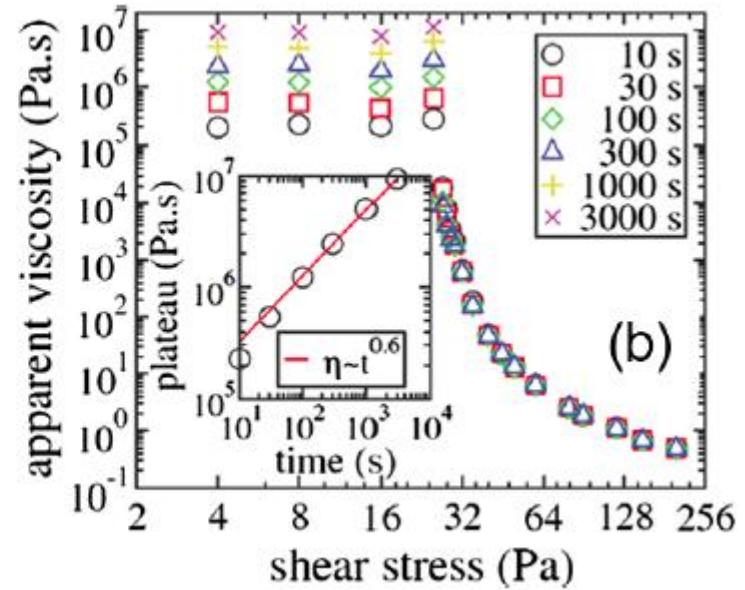
- Time to reach equilibrium increases when  $\dot{\gamma}$  decreases
- Need to be accounted for when measuring the flow curve:  $t_{step} > t_{eq}$



# Steady-state



Barnes & Walters, *Rheol. Act.*, 1995



Moller et al., *EPL*, 2009



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The yield stress—a review or ‘παντα ρει’—everything flows?

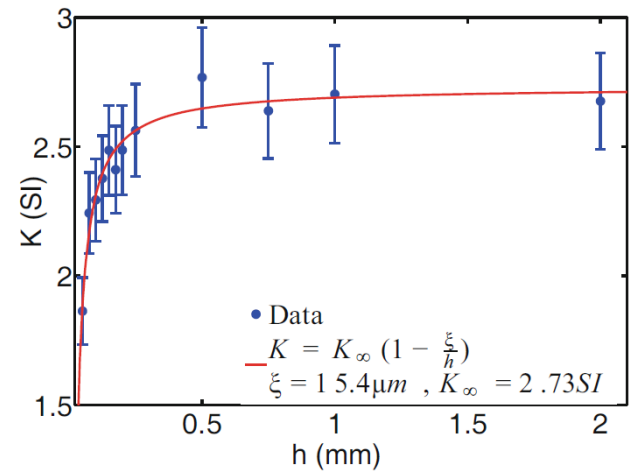
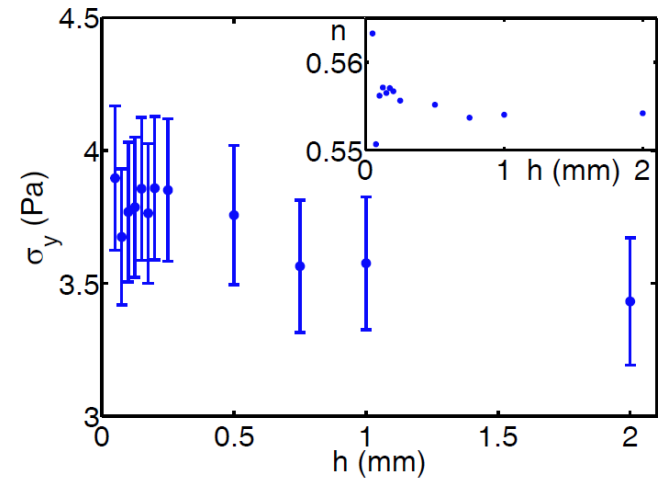
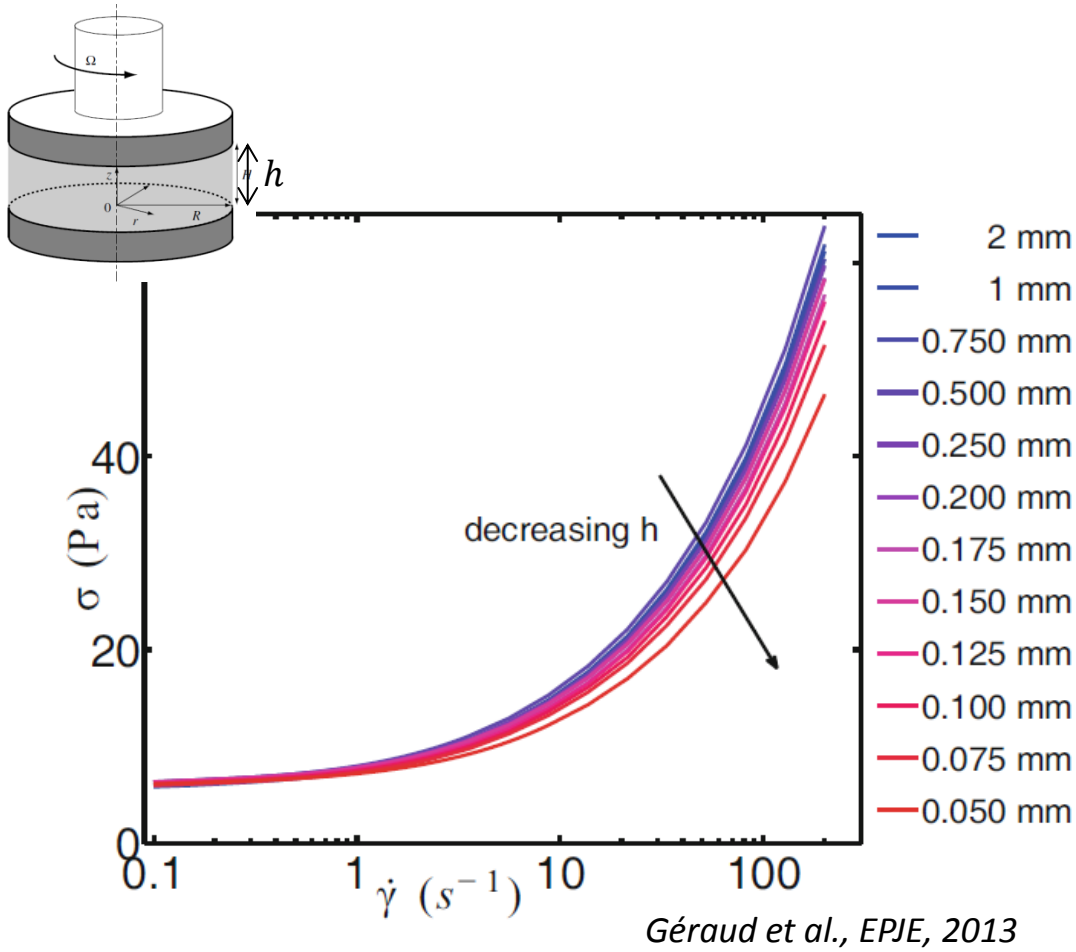
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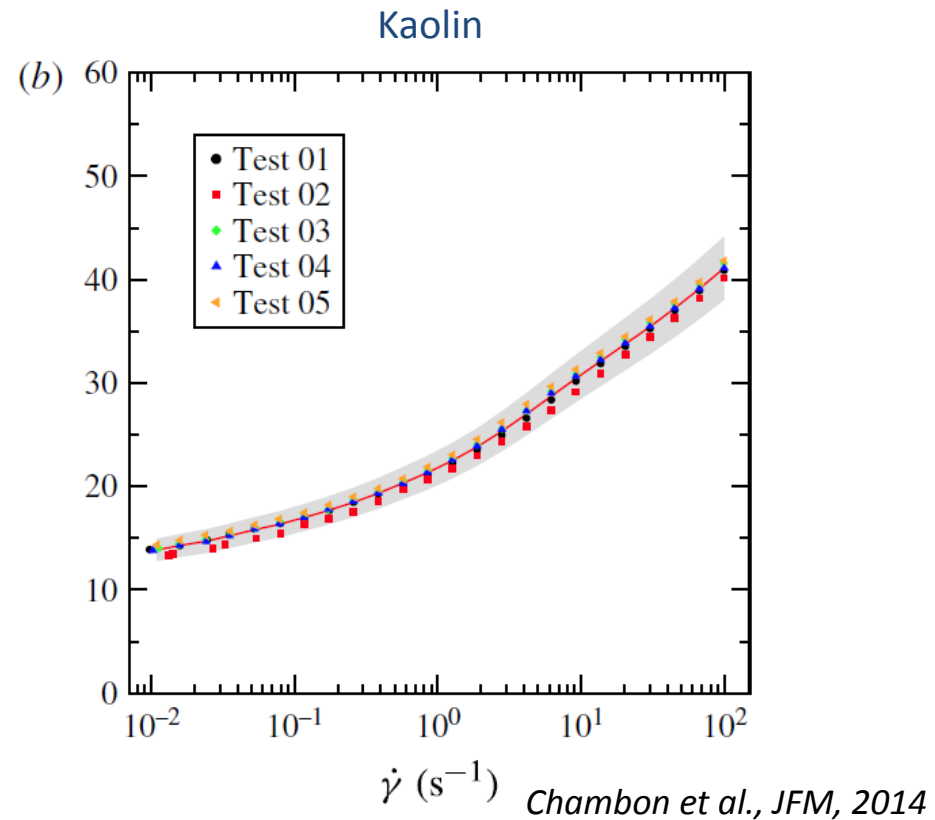
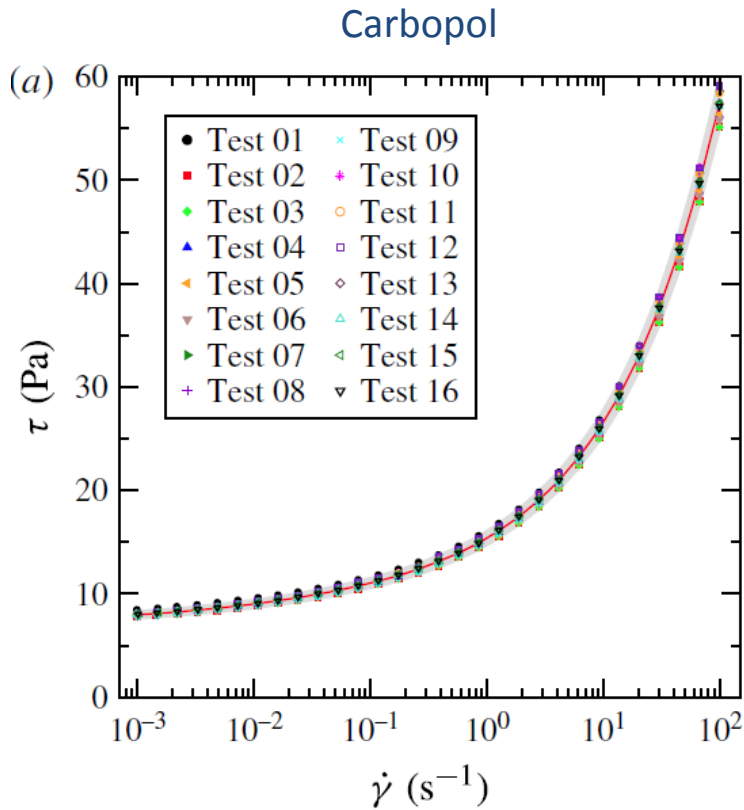


# Confinement effects



Effects relative to microstructure size (cooperativity length  $\xi$ )

## Conclusion: measurement repeatability



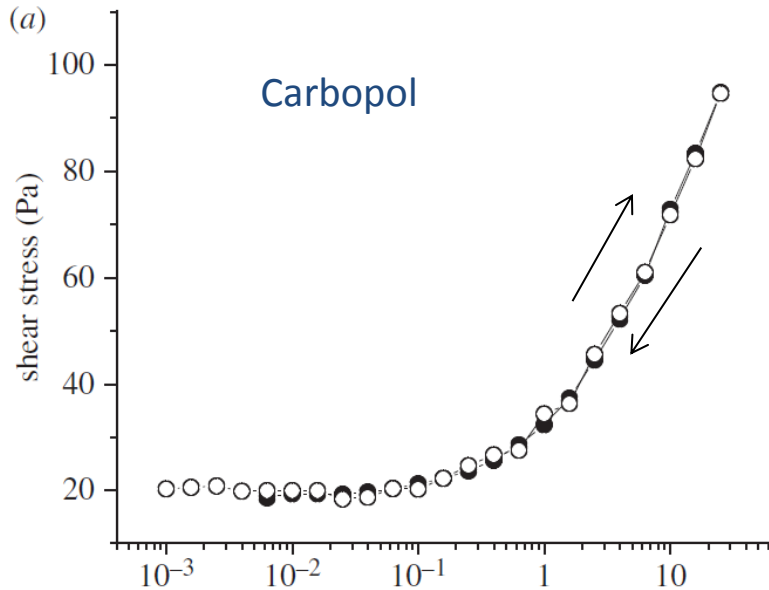
- Rheometry of viscoplastic fluids is an art!
- Typical uncertainty levels on HB parameters (for a given protocol!):
  - $\tau_c$  and  $K$ :  $\pm 5 - 10\%$
  - $n$ :  $\pm 1\%$

# Complex rheological trends of yield-stress materials

Thixotropy: dependence on flow/deformation history

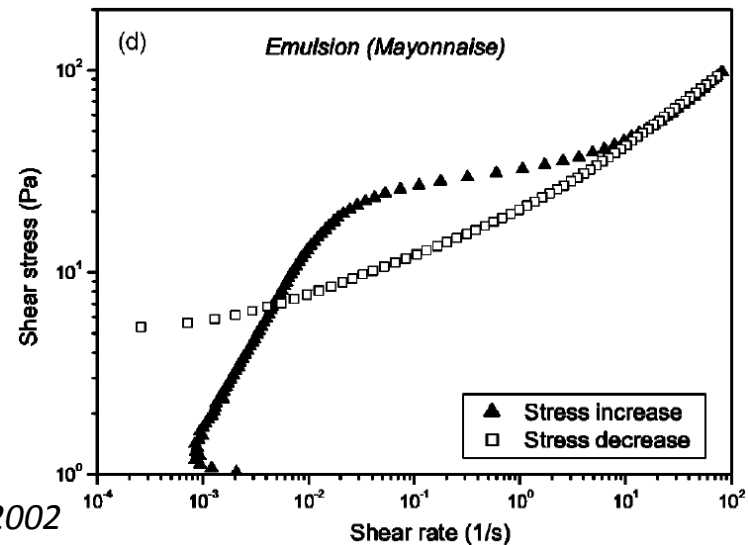
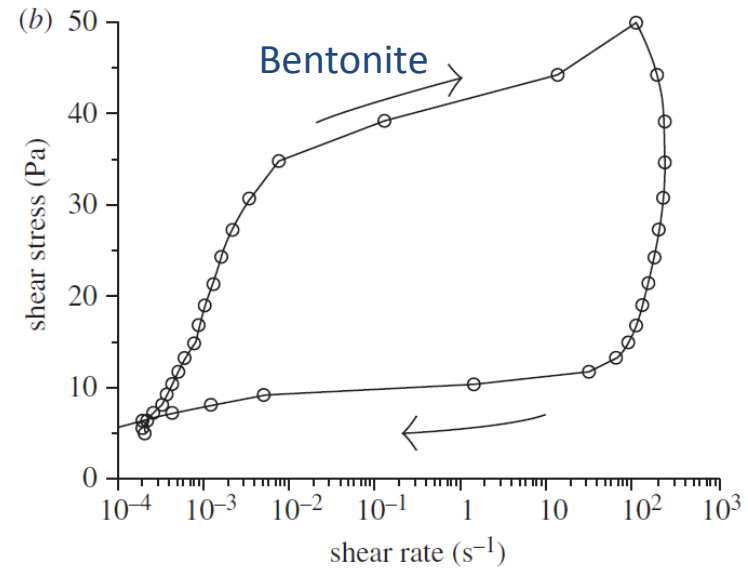
Up and down ramps

“simple” yield-stress fluid



Moller et al., *Phil. Trans. Roy. Soc. A*, 2009

thixotropic yield-stress fluids



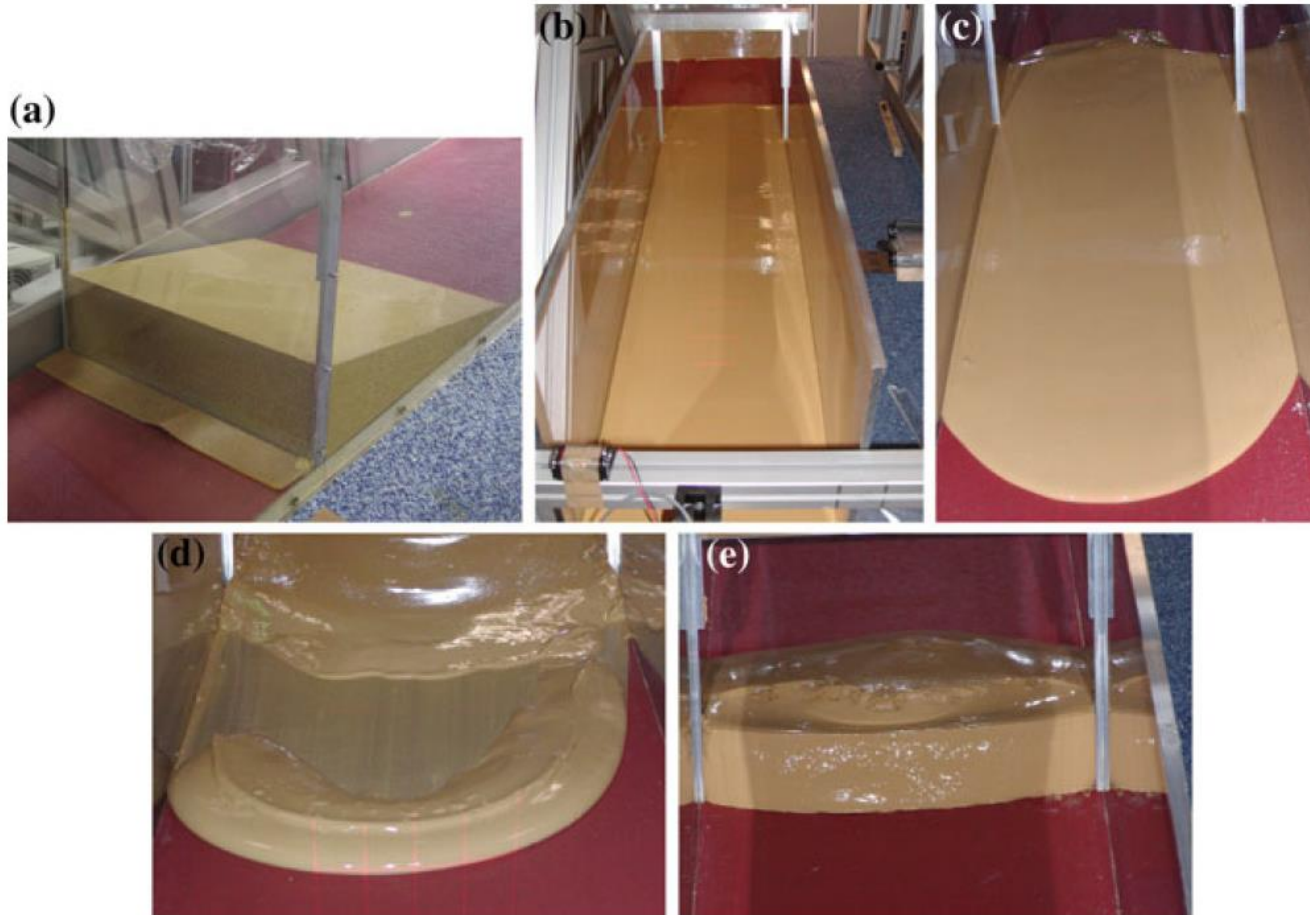
Da Cruz et al., *PRE*, 2002

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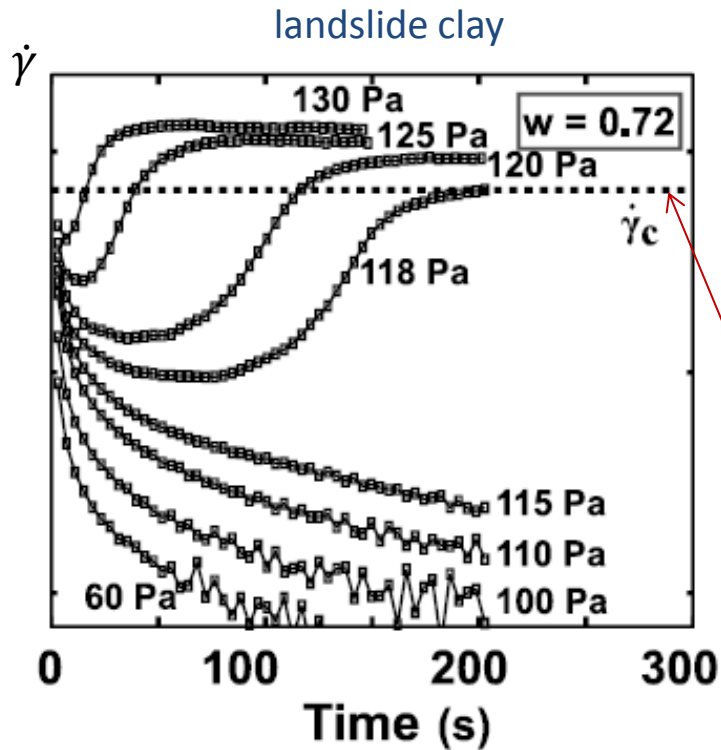
Thixotropy: ageing

Bentonite suspension:  
dam break with increasing rest times

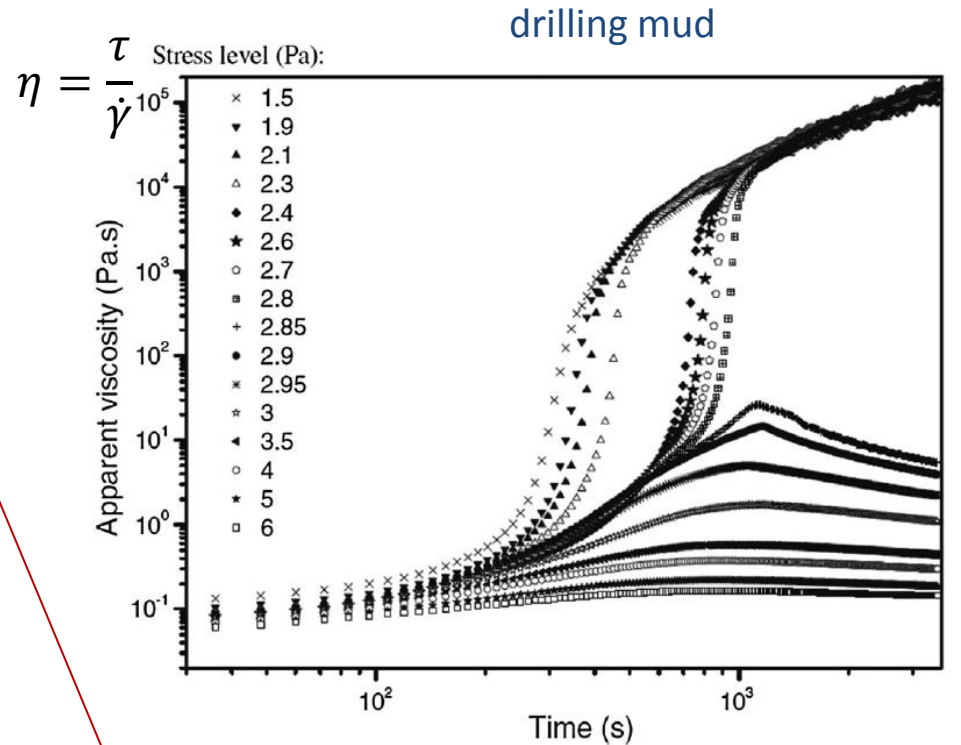


# Viscosity bifurcation

Creep tests:



Mainsant et al., Geophys. Res. Lett., 2012



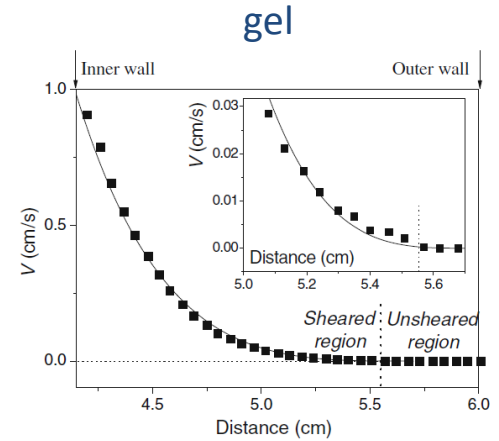
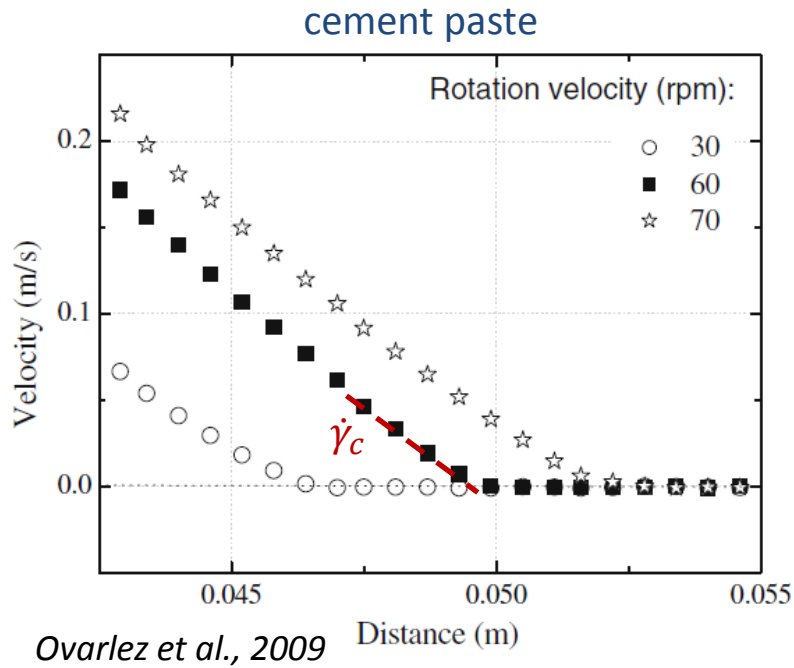
Raguilliaux et al., Rheol. Act., 2006

existence of a **critical shear rate** below which no steady flows are possible

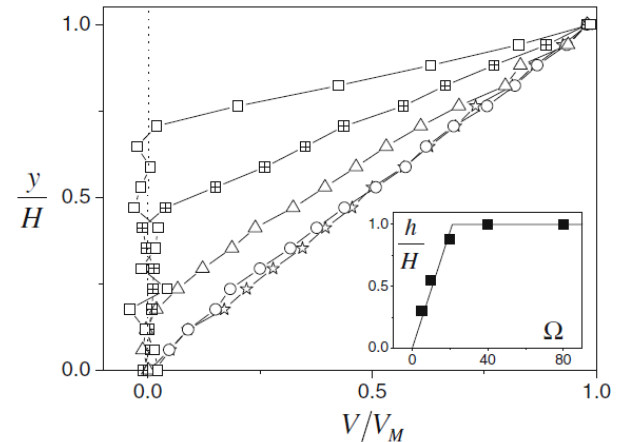
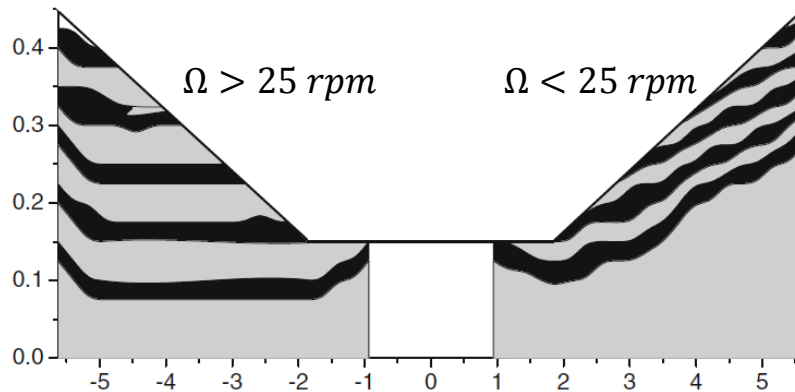
# Consequences on flow behavior

Shear localization:

Couette cell:



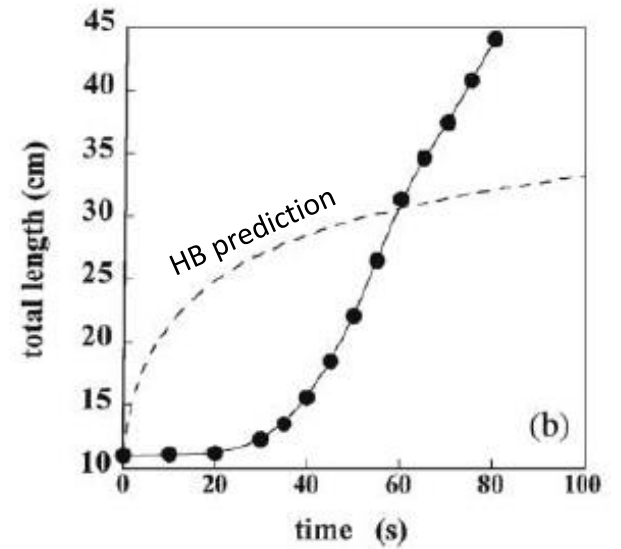
Cone and plate:





## Consequences on flow behavior

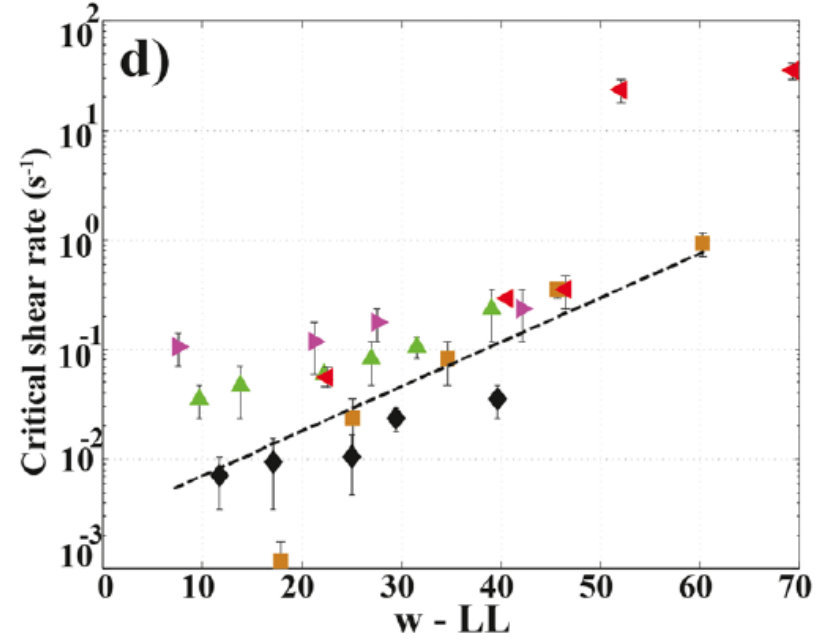
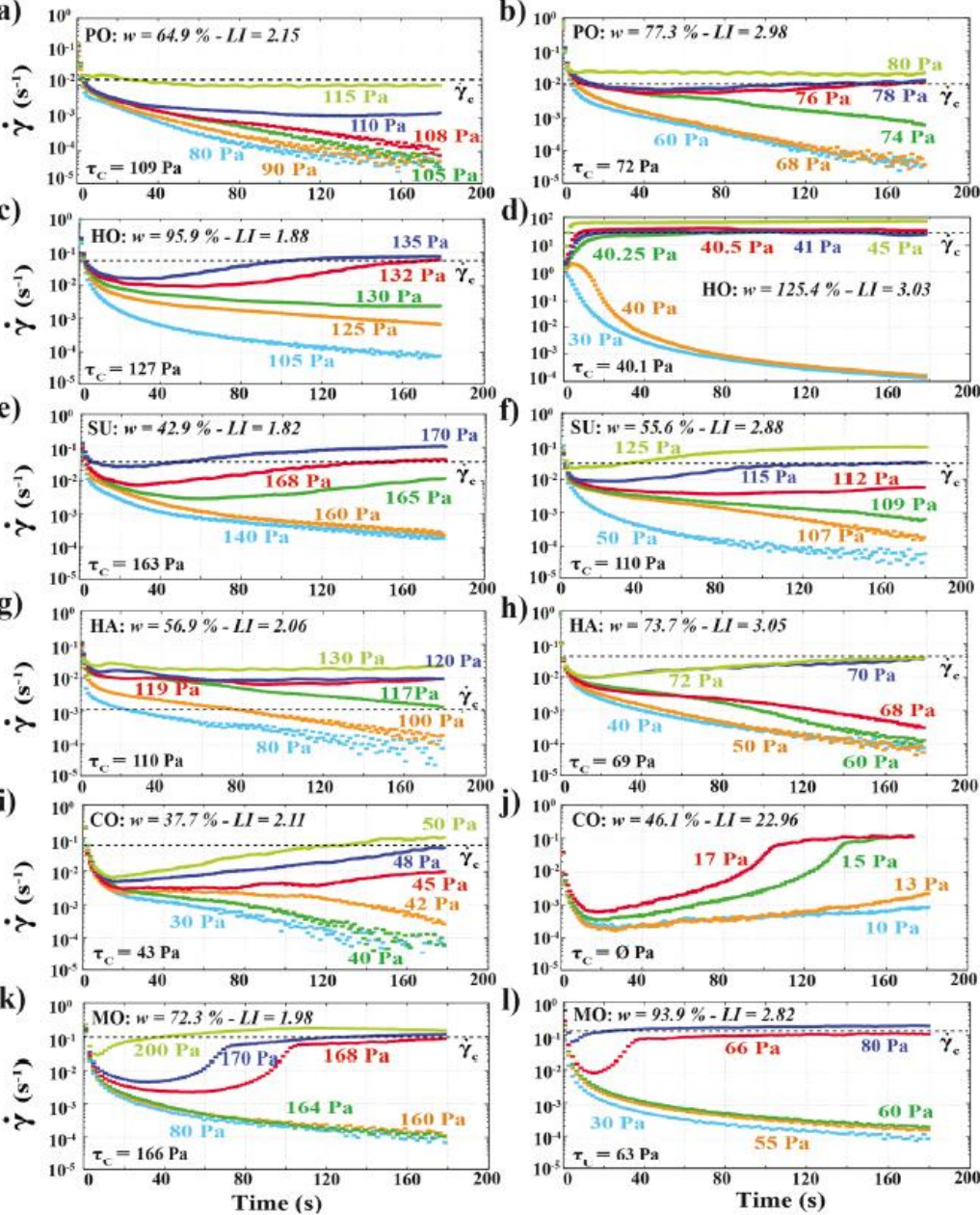
“Catastrophic” fluidization:



*Coussot et al., Phys. Rev. Lett., 2002*

# A rather generic behavior

Creep tests on clay materials sampled in different landslides



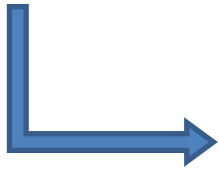
*Carrière et al., Landslides, 2018*

thixotropy observed as soon as Brownian effects and/or attractive interactions between constituents exist

# A simple toy model

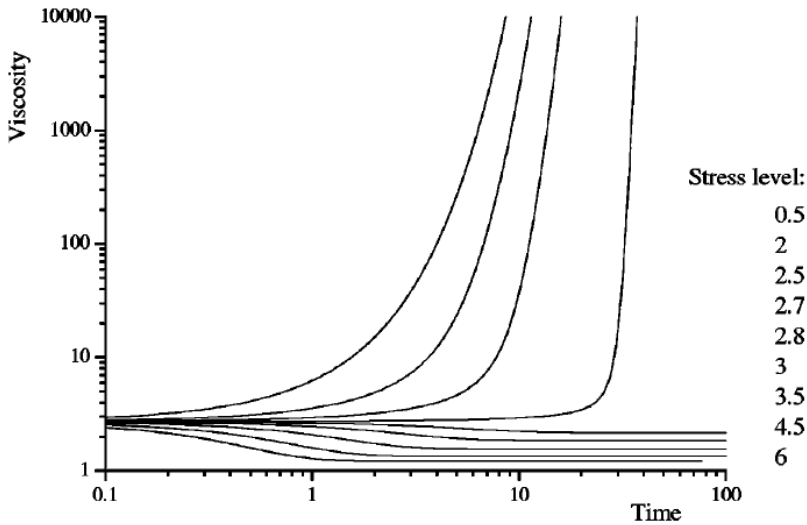
competition between ageing and shear rejuvenation

$$\left\{ \begin{aligned} \frac{d\lambda}{dt} &= \frac{1}{T} - \alpha\lambda\dot{\gamma} \\ \eta &= \eta_0(1 + \lambda^n) \end{aligned} \right.$$



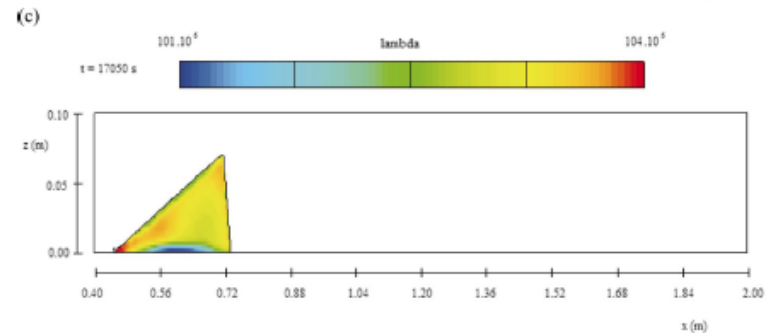
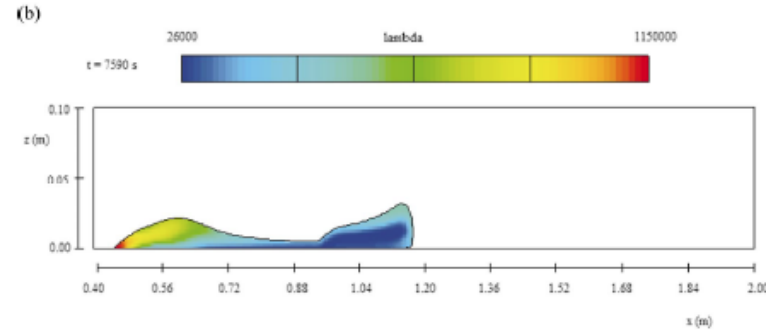
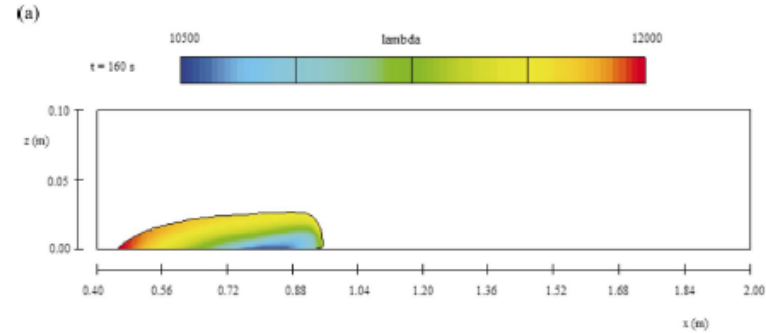
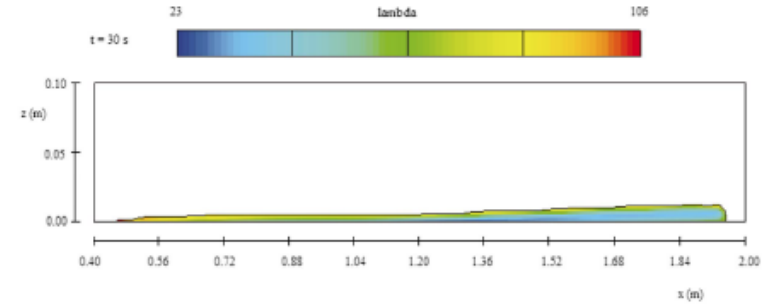
$$\dot{\gamma}_c = \frac{(n-1)^{1/n}}{\alpha T}$$

$$\tau_c = \frac{\eta_0}{\alpha T} \lambda_0^{n-1}$$



Coussot et al., J. Rheol., 2002

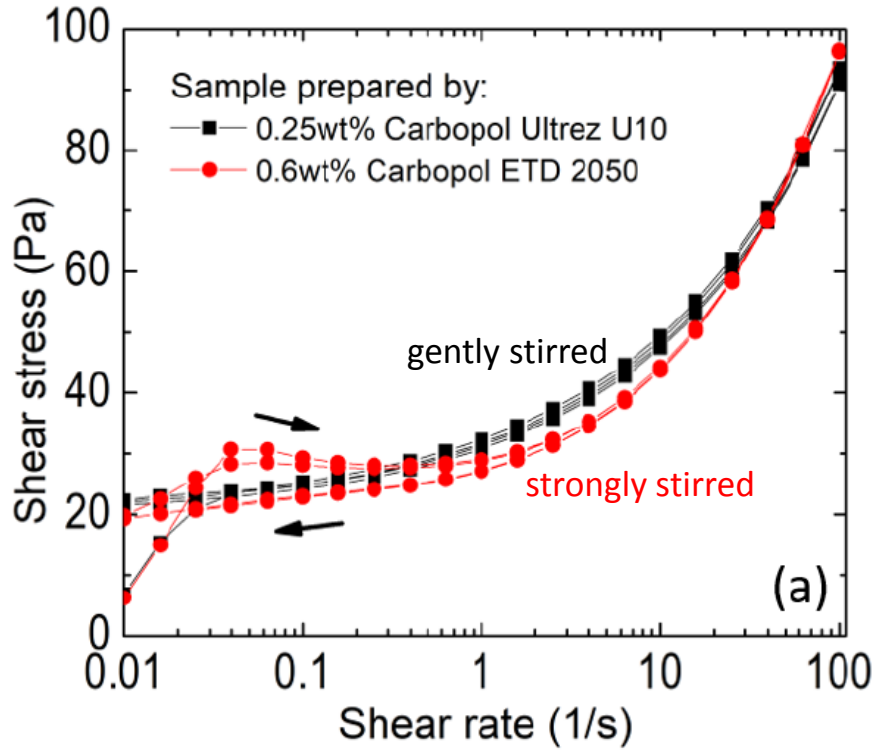
## Different rest times



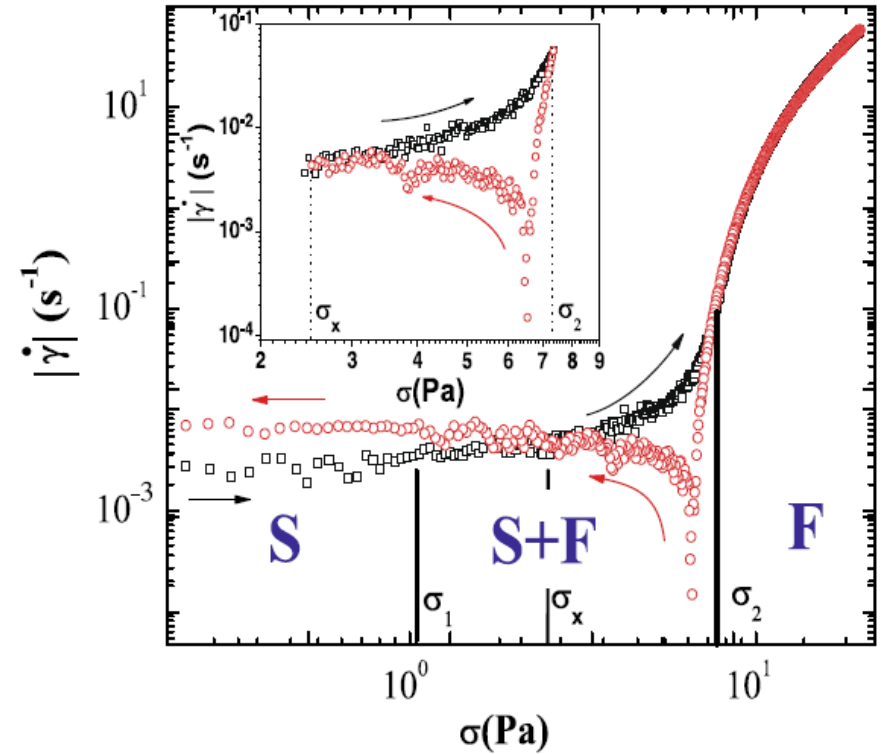
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# Transition from simple to thixotropic yield-stress behaviour

## Carbopol samples



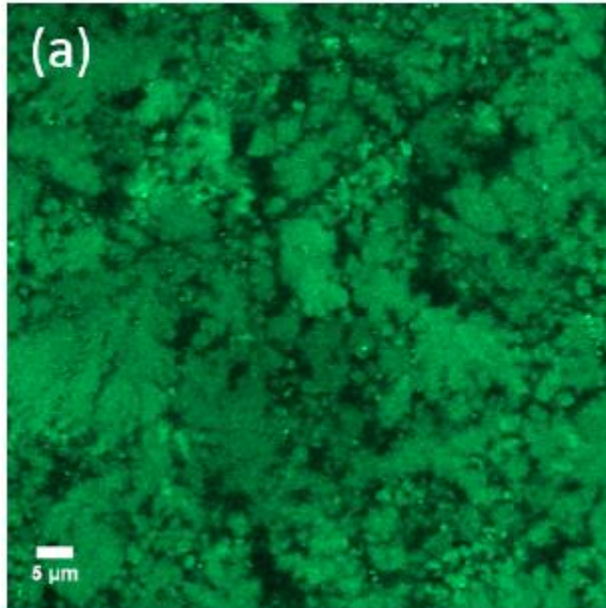
M. Dinkgreve, PhD, 2018



Putz & Burghelea, Rheol. Acto, 2009

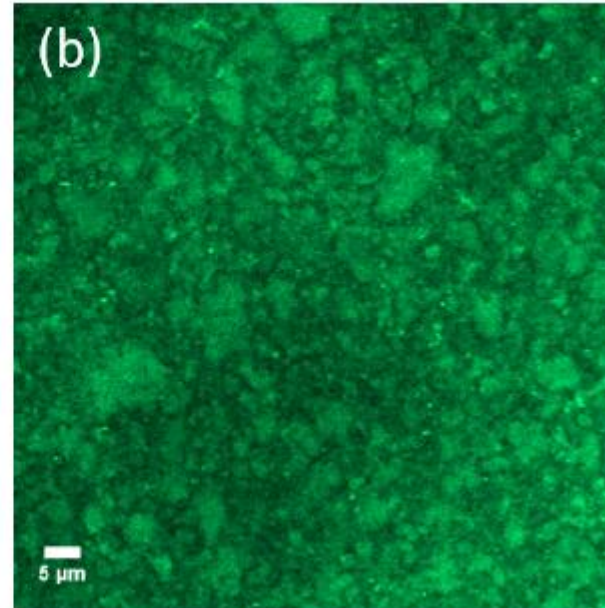
# Carbopol microgel microstructure

gently stirred



Large cross-linked sponges

strongly stirred



Smaller structures: Brownian effects

*M. Dinkgreve, PhD, 2018*

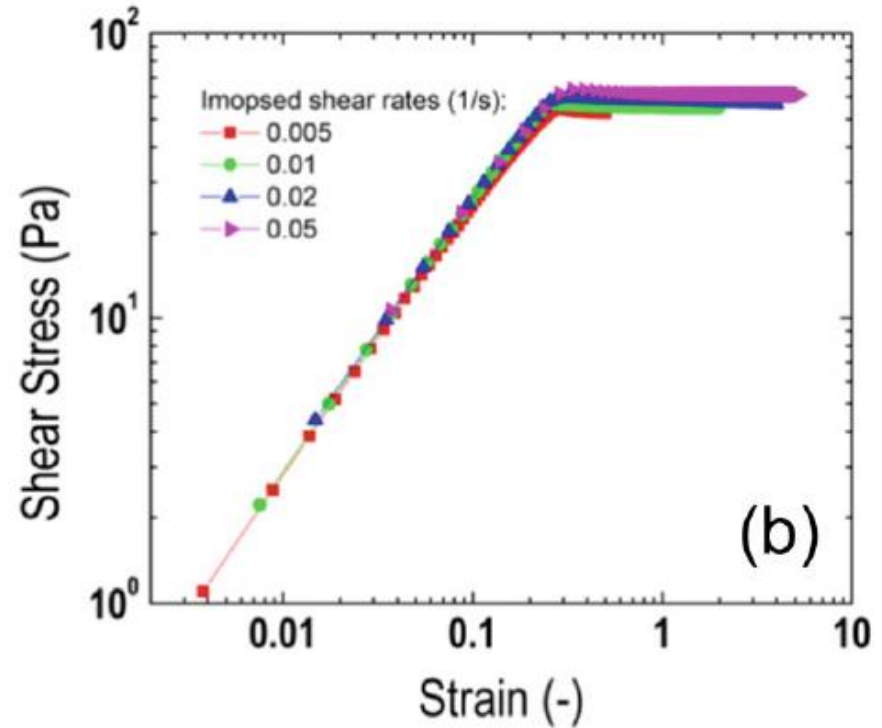
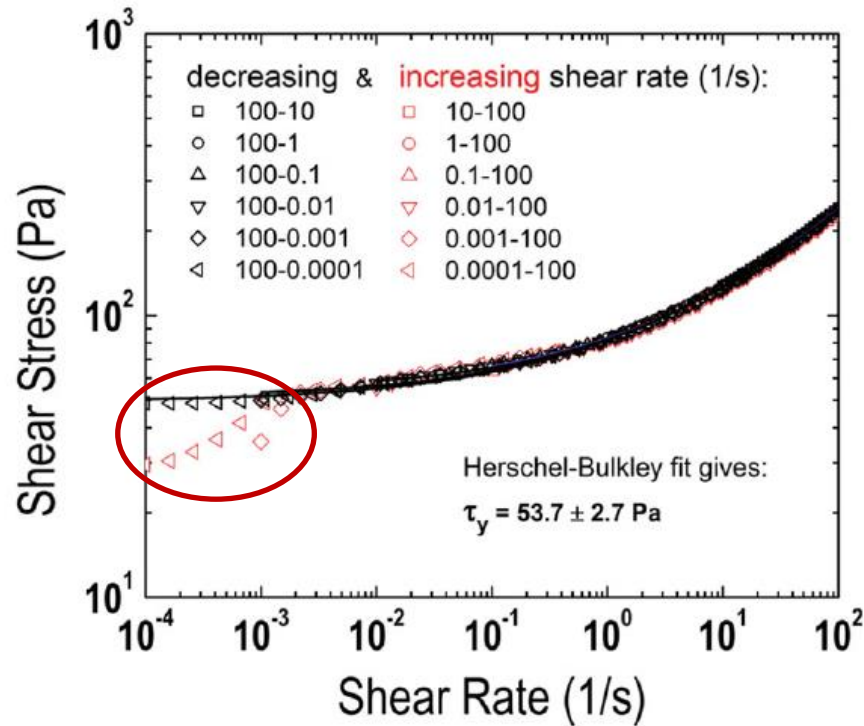
➤ Strong influence of preparation protocol!



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## Elasticity

Carbopol samples



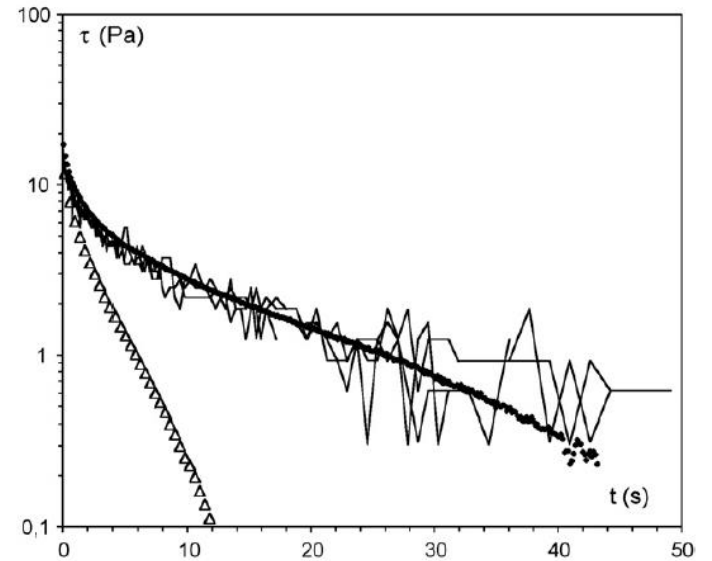
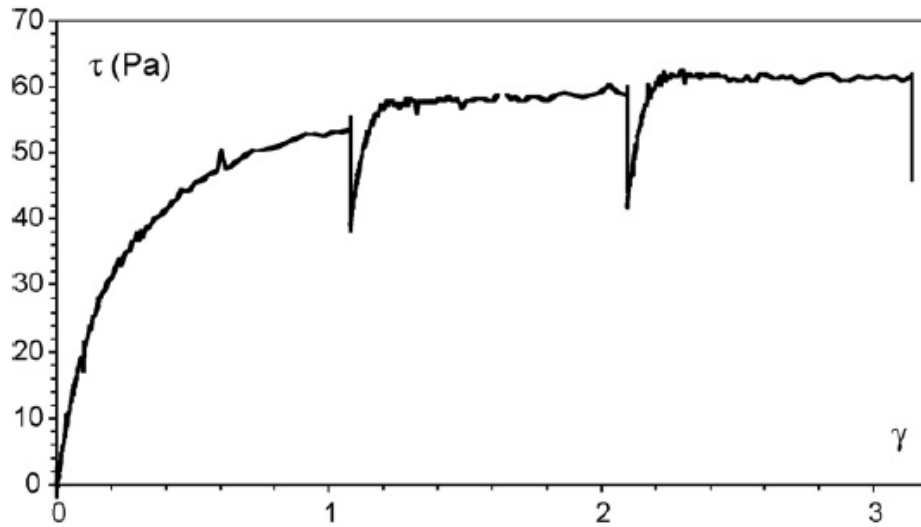
Dinkgreve et al., Rheol. Acta, 2017

Elastic pre-yielding deformation



# Elasticity

## Stress relaxation experiments (Carbopol)



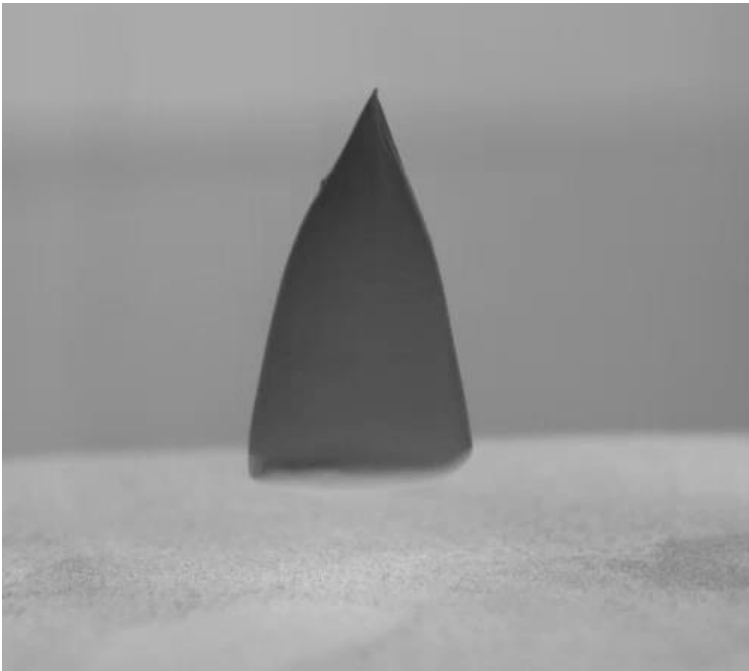
*Piau, JNNFM, 2007*

Significant elastic strains even above the yield stress

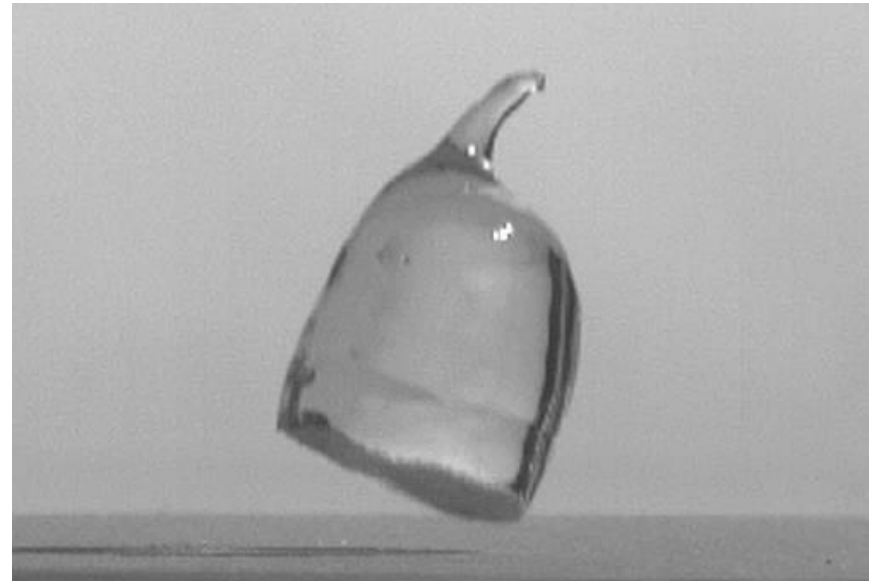
Influence on the flow: unsteady flows

Impact of yield stress fluids on a hydrophobic surface

Kaolin clay

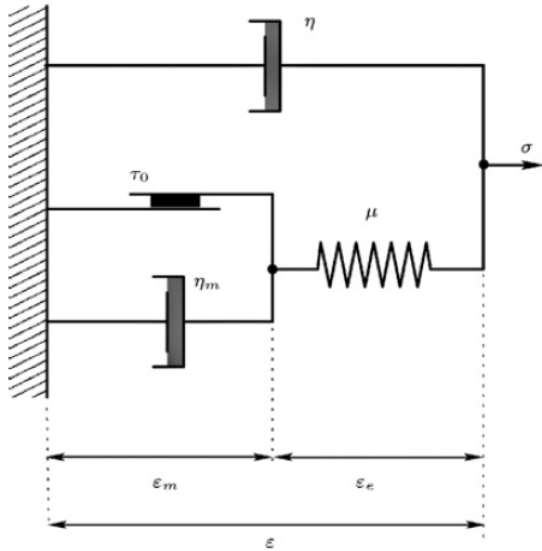


Carbopol



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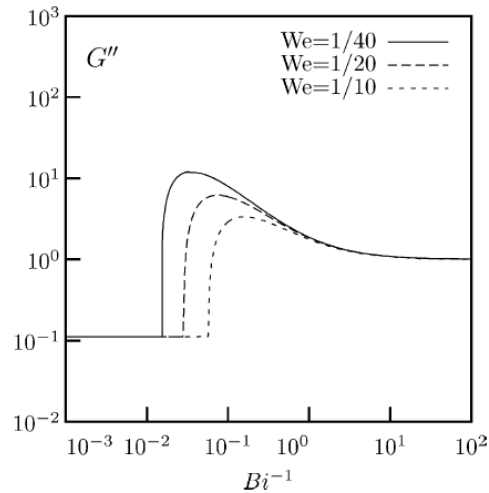
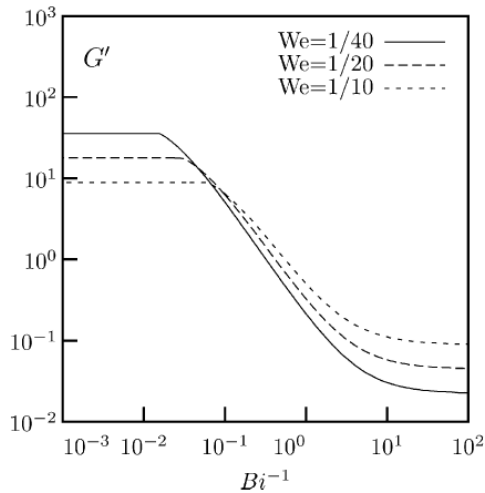
# Elasto-viscoplastic models



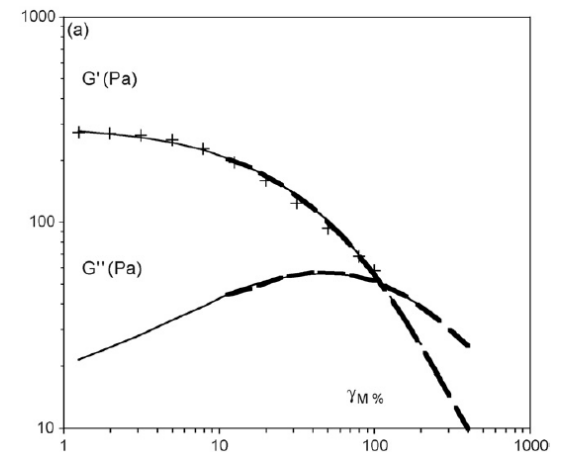
$$\lambda \dot{\tau} + \max \left( 0, \frac{|\tau_d| - \tau_0}{|\tau_d|} \right) \tau - 2\eta_m D(\mathbf{v}) = 0,$$

Saramito, JNNFM, 2007

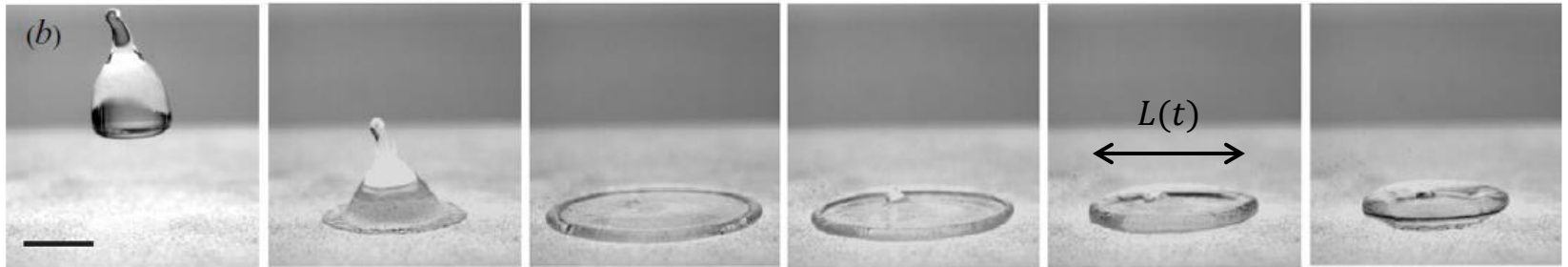
## Large amplitude oscillations: model



## Experiments (Carbopol)

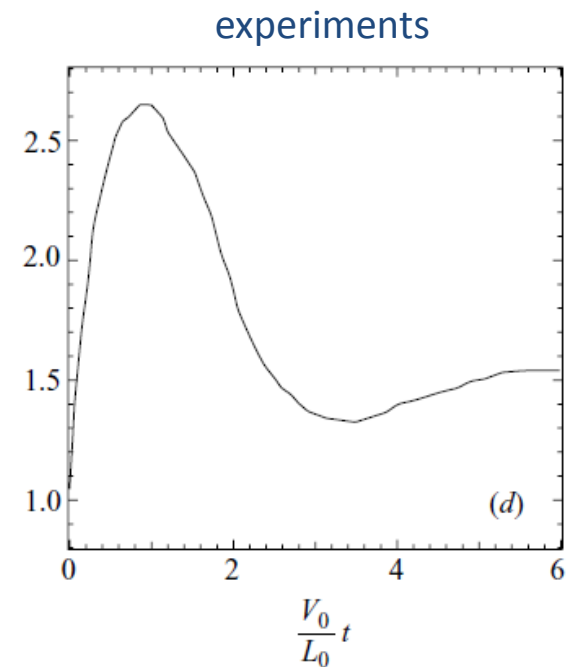
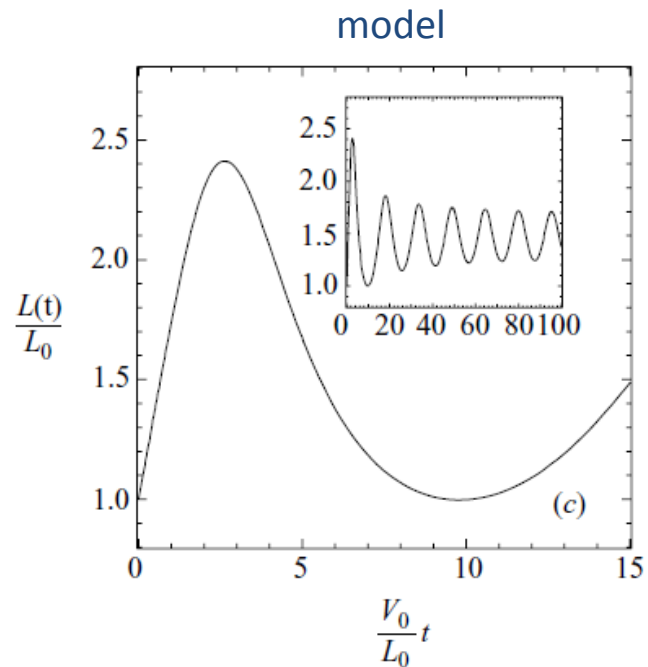


## Drop rebound



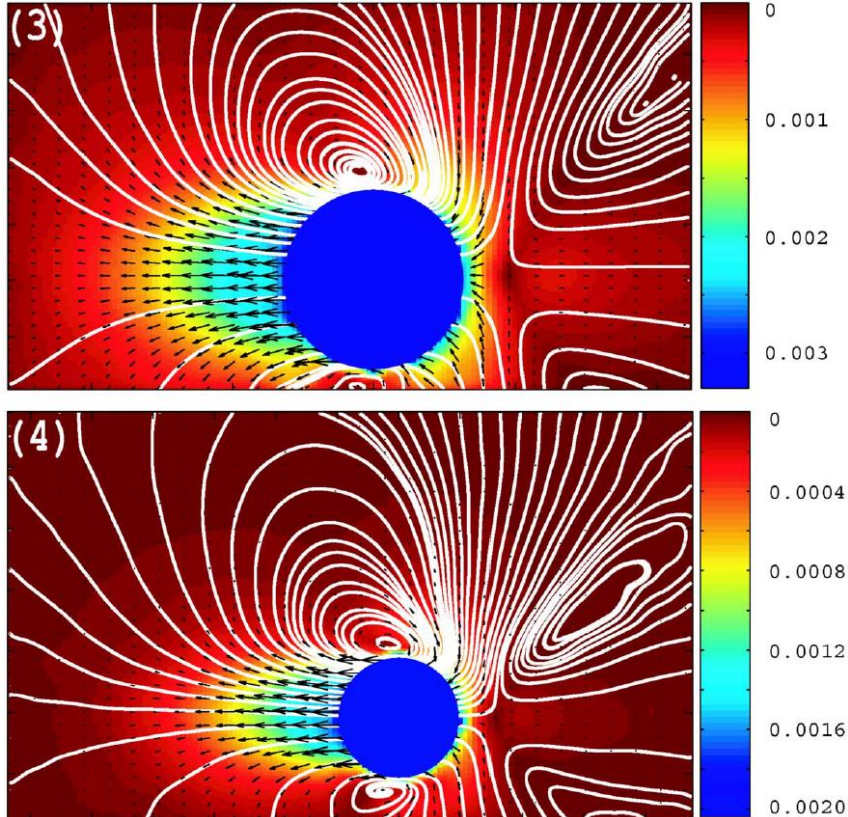
*Luu & Forterre, JFM, 2009*

Shows importance of elastic (reversible) deformations above yielding

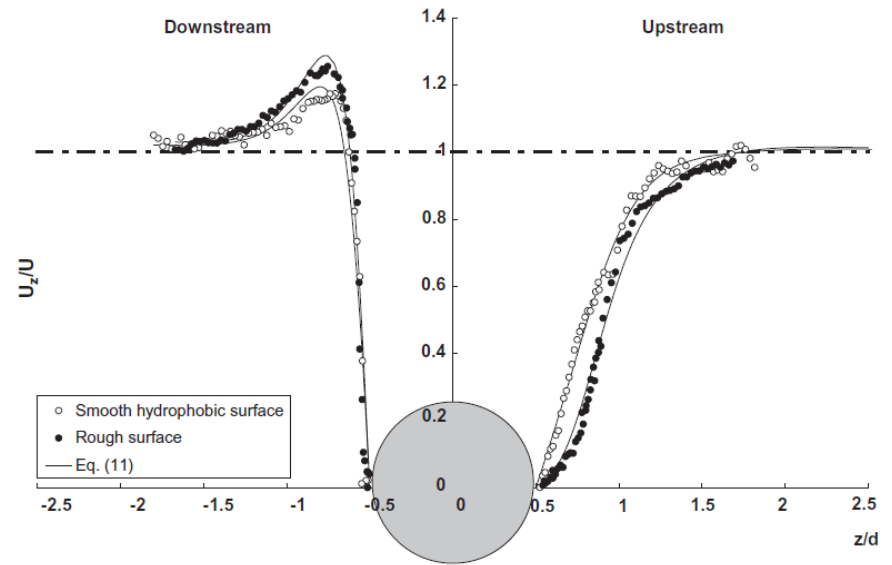


# Influence on the flow: steady flows

## Flow around a sphere (low $Re$ )



Putz et al., *Phys. Fluids*, 2008

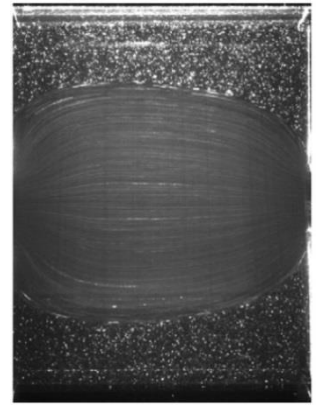


Ahonguio et al., *JNNFM*, 2014

strong fore-aft asymmetry of the velocity field

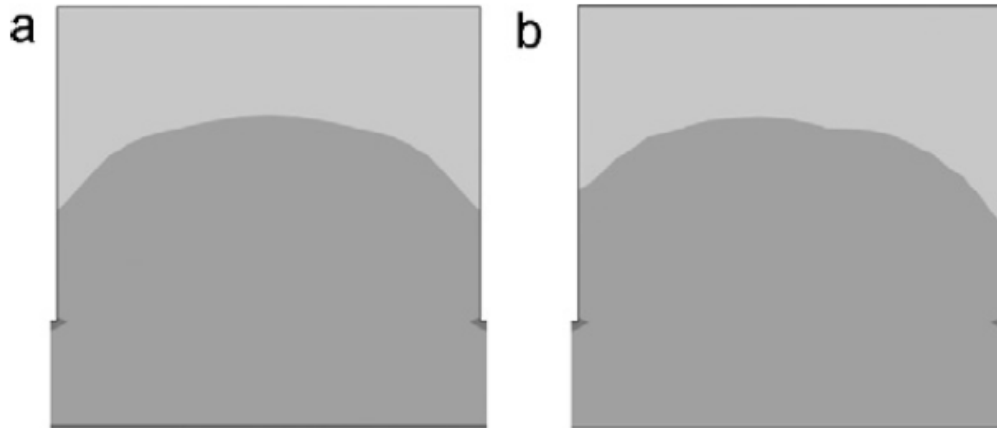
# Influence on the flow: steady flows

## Expansion-contraction geometry



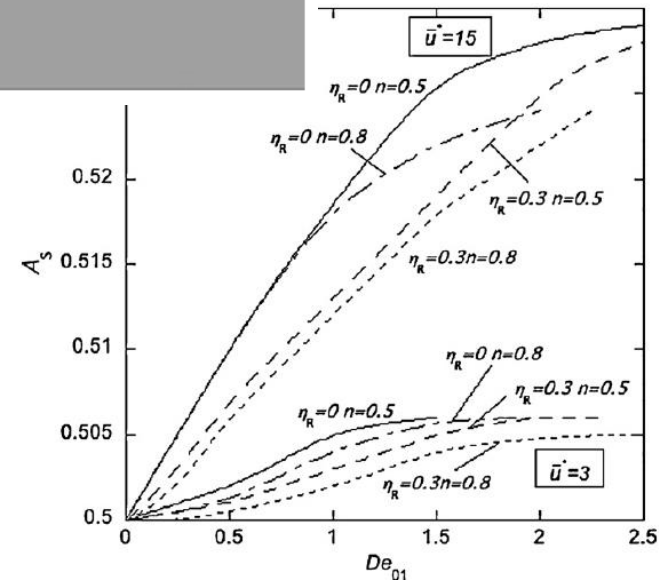
de Souza Mendes et al., JNNFM, 2007

## Numerical simulations for increasing Deborah number



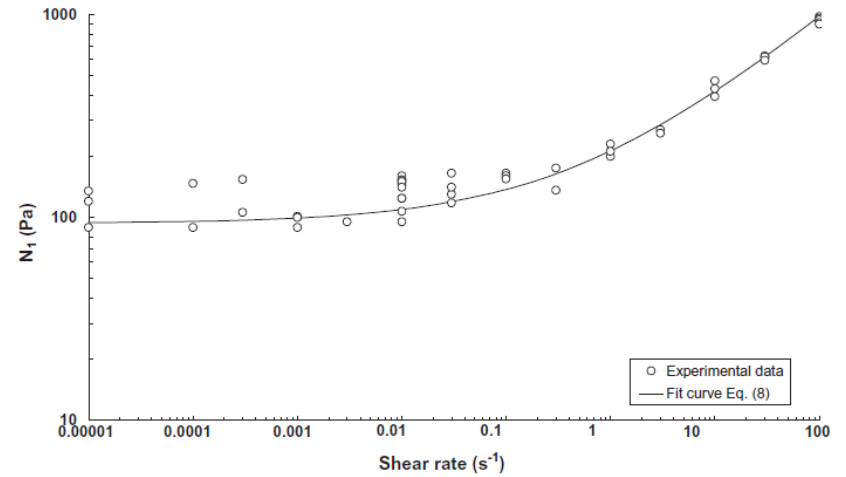
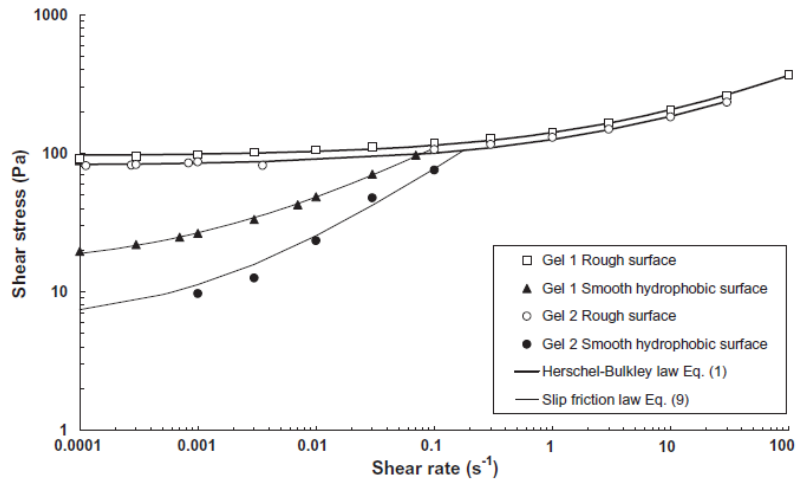
Nassar et al., JNNFM, 2011

Asymmetry of the yield surface is explained by elasticity





## Normal stresses



*Ahonguio et al., JNNFM, 2014*

Very few data on normal stresses in yield-stress materials

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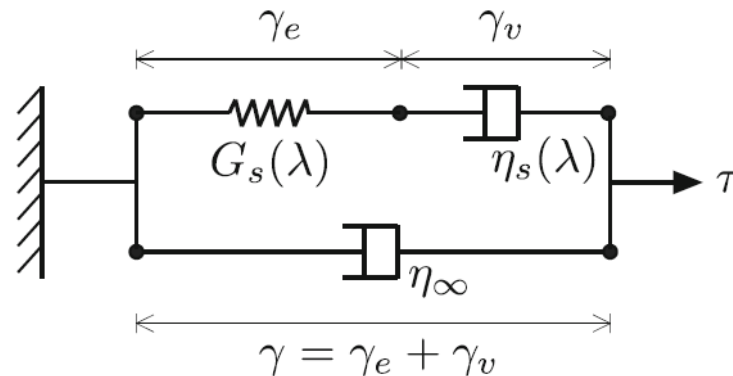
More: towards thixotropic elasto-viscoplastic models?

Rheol Acta (2013) 52:673–694  
DOI 10.1007/s00397-013-0699-1

ORIGINAL CONTRIBUTION

## A unified approach to model elasto-viscoplastic thixotropic yield-stress materials and apparent yield-stress fluids

Paulo R. de Souza Mendes · Roney L. Thompson



# Complex rheological trends of yield-stress materials

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## 3D rheology

Herschel-Bulkley law in simple shear:

$$\begin{cases} \dot{\gamma} = 0 & \text{si } \tau < \tau_c \\ \tau = \tau_c + K\dot{\gamma}^n & \text{si } \tau \geq \tau_c \end{cases}$$

3D extrapolation :

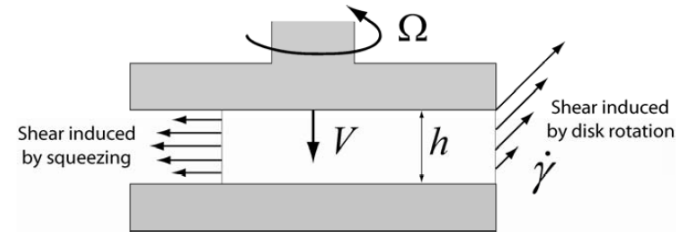
$$\begin{cases} \dot{\gamma}_{ij} = 0 & \text{if } |\tau| < \tau_c \\ \tau_{ij} = \tau_c \frac{\dot{\gamma}_{ij}}{|\dot{\gamma}|} + K\dot{\gamma}_{ij}^n & \text{if } |\tau| \geq \tau_c \end{cases}$$

$$|\tau| = \sqrt{\sum \frac{1}{2} \tau_{ij}^2} \quad |\dot{\gamma}| = \sqrt{\sum \frac{1}{2} \dot{\gamma}_{ij}^2}$$

von-Mises criterion

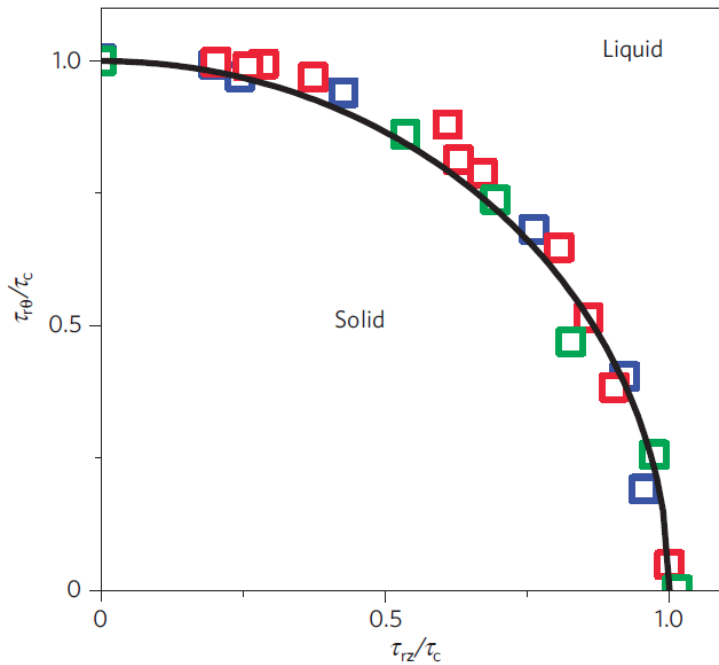
# Combination of shear and squeeze flow

Carbopol and emulsions



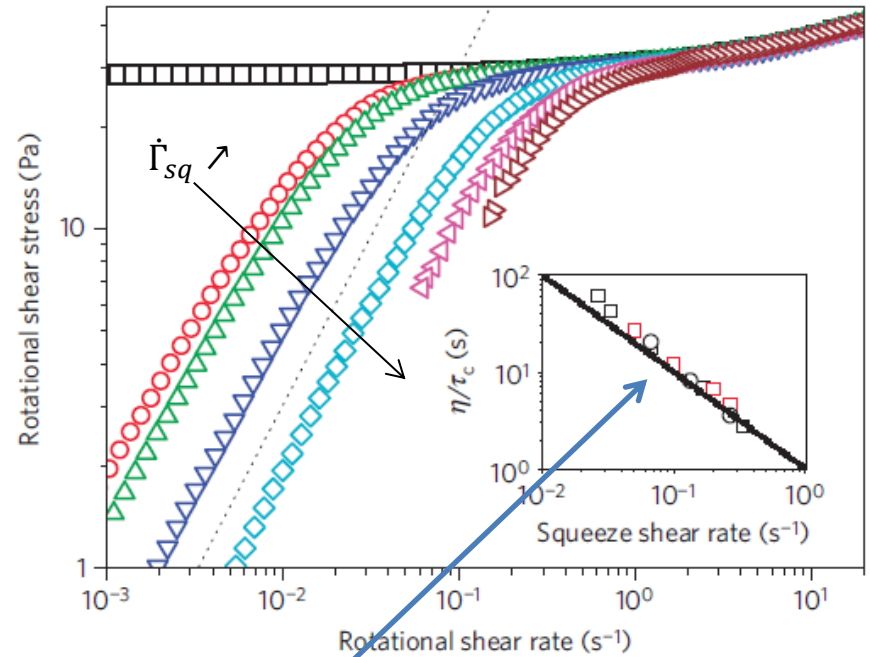
Ovarlez et al., Nature Mat., 2010

Yield criterion



$$\sqrt{\tau_{r\theta}^2 + \tau_{rz}^2} = \tau_c$$

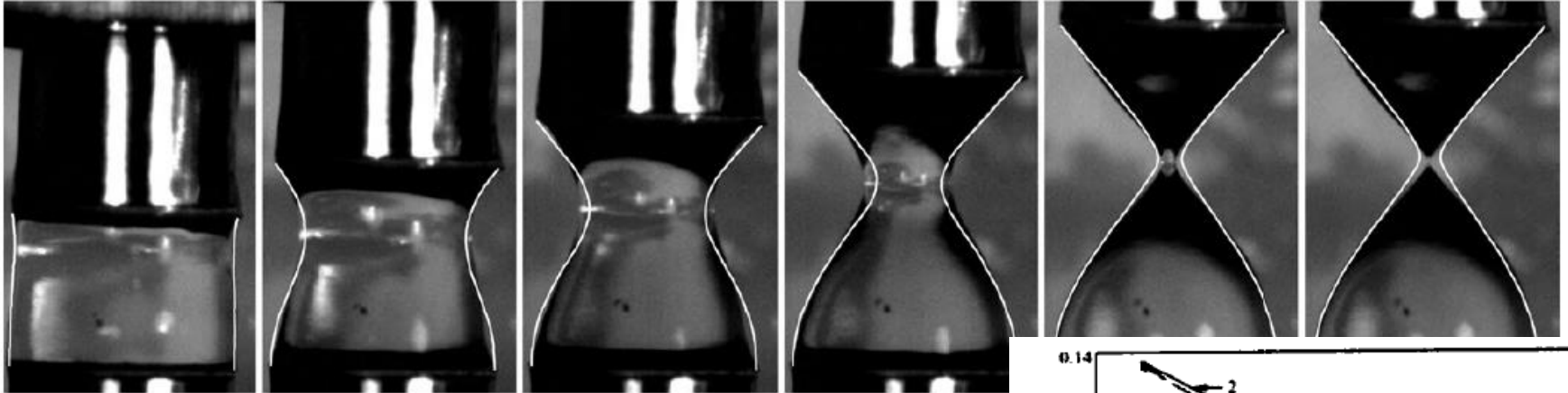
3D rheology



For  $\dot{\gamma}_{r\theta} \ll \dot{\gamma}_{sq}$ :  $\tau_{r\theta} \propto \eta(\dot{\gamma}_{sq}) \dot{\gamma}_{r\theta}$

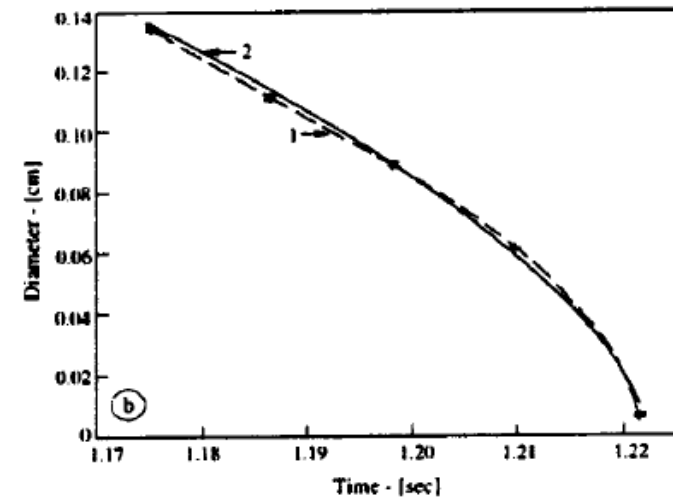
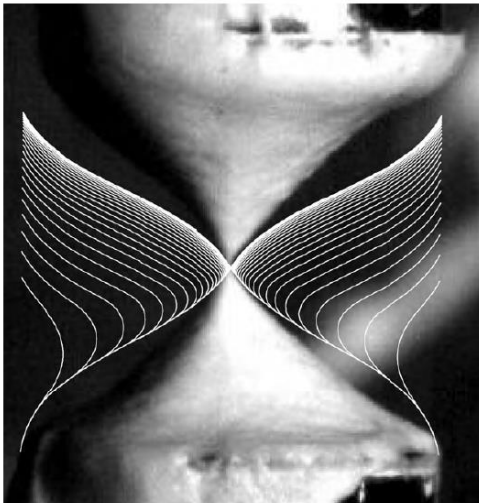
## Elongational behavior

### Carbopol



*Balmforth et al., JNNFM, 2010*

### Kaolin

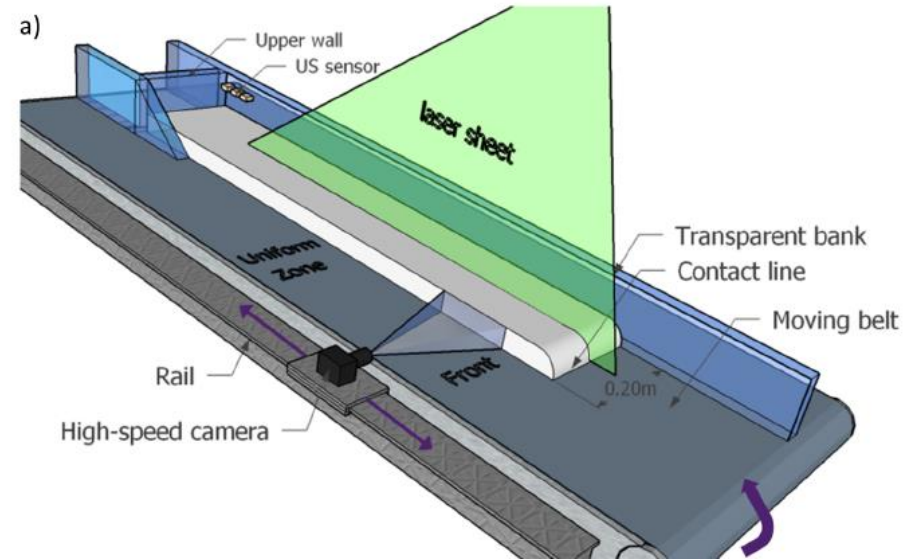
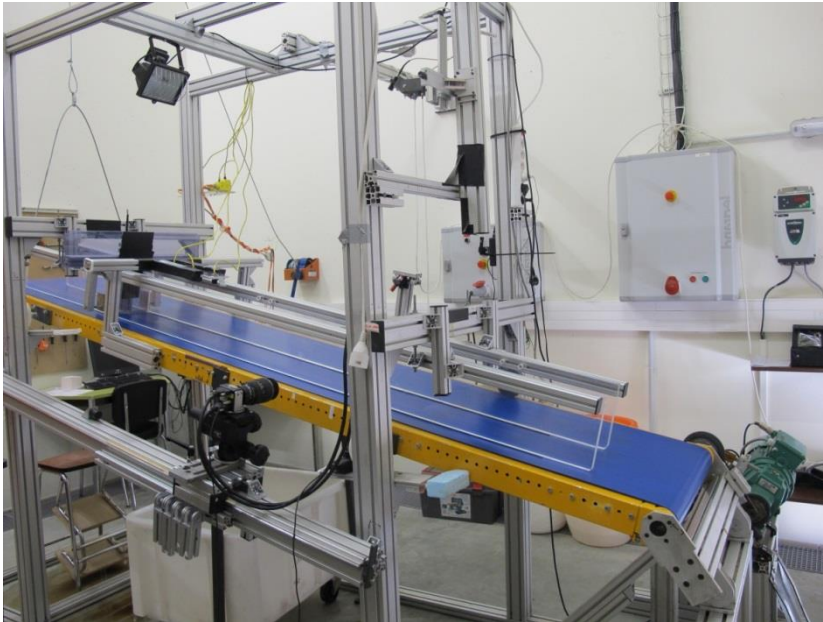


*Yarin et al., J. Rheol., 2004*

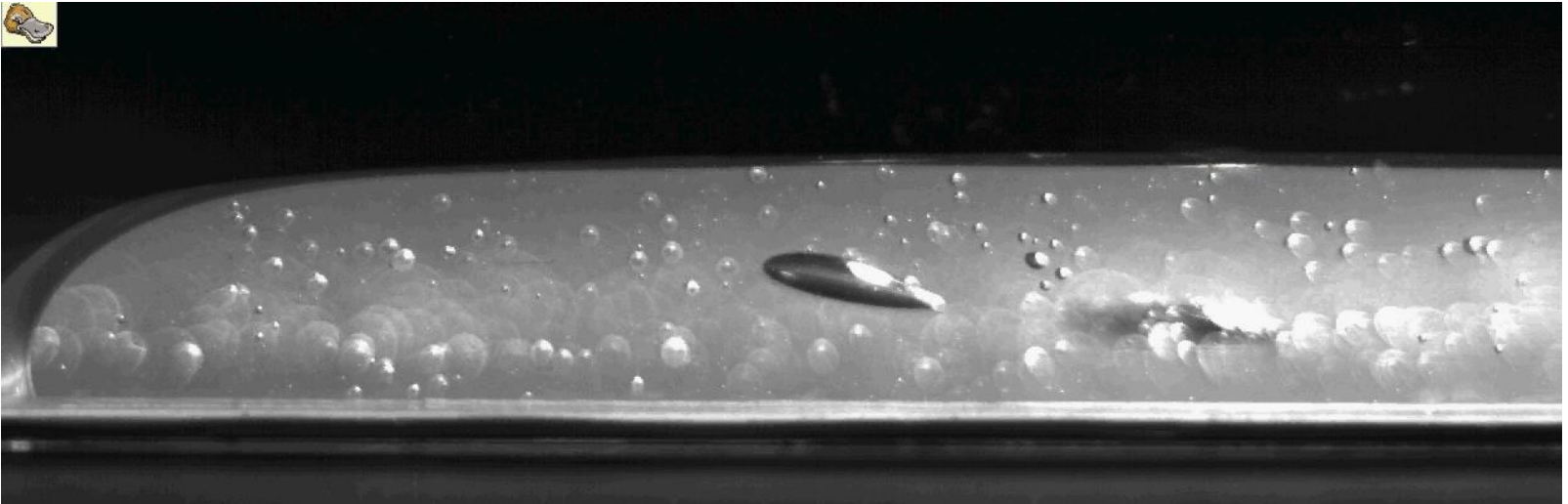
- Good validity of 3D rheology for Carbopol and simple yield-stress fluids
- What for more complex fluids?

# Free surface flow in steady uniform regime

## Conveyor belt channel



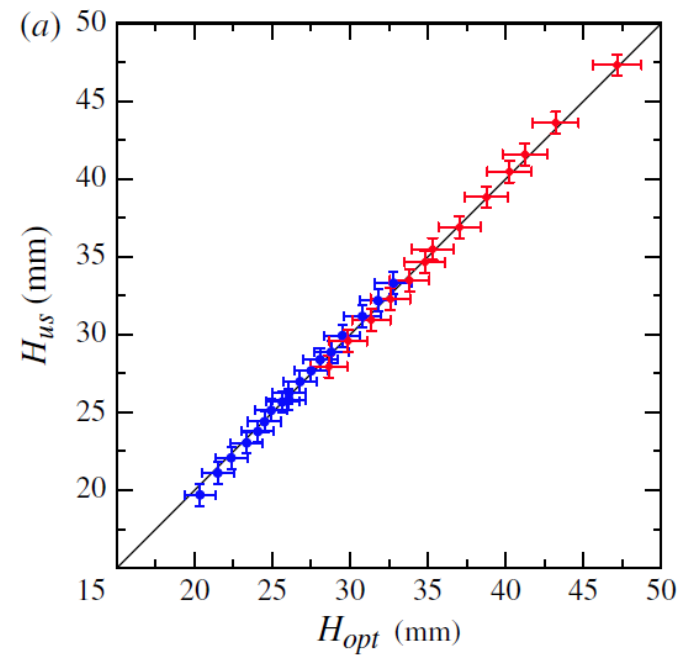
# Carbopol



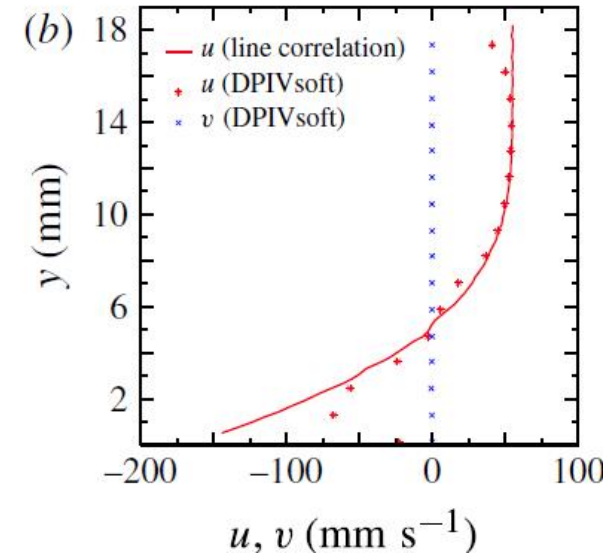
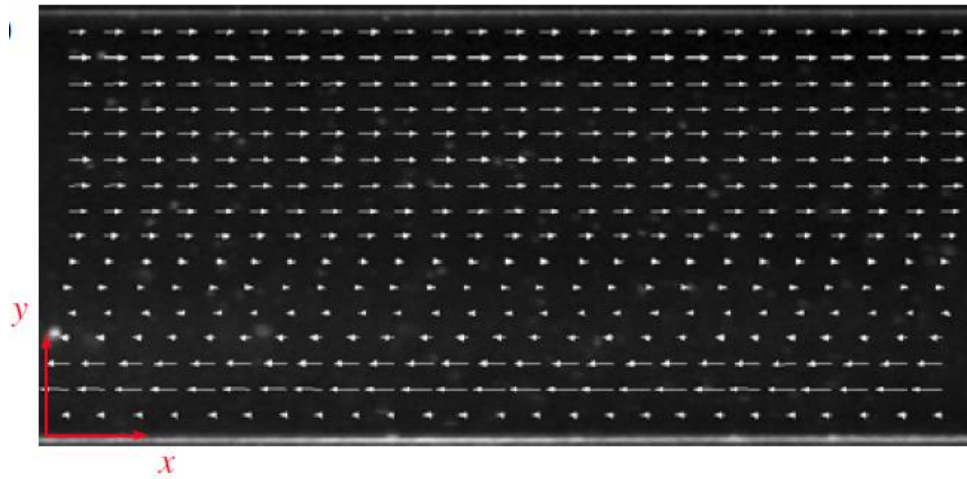


# Assessing measurement accuracy

Flow height



Velocity profiles (linear PIV)

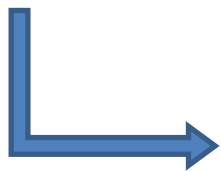
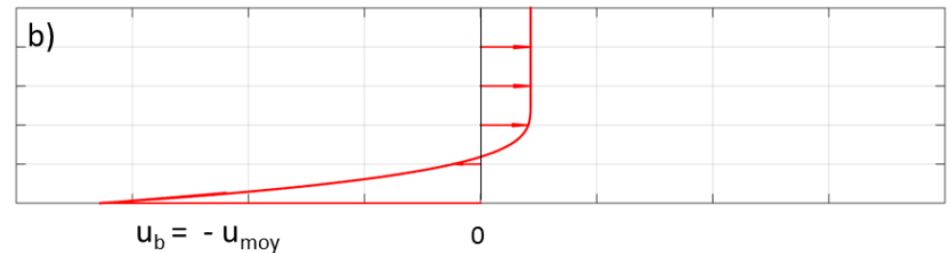
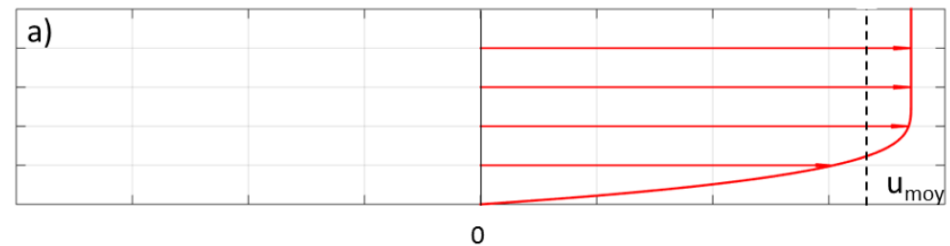


## Theoretical predictions in steady uniform regime

$$u(y) = \begin{cases} u_0 \left[ 1 - \left( 1 - \frac{y}{h - h_c} \right)^{(n+1)/n} \right] - u_b, & y < h - h_c \\ u_0 - u_b, & y \geq h - h_c \end{cases}$$

$$u_0 = \frac{n}{n+1} \left( \frac{\rho g \sin \theta}{K} \right)^{1/n} (h - h_c)^{(n+1)/n}$$

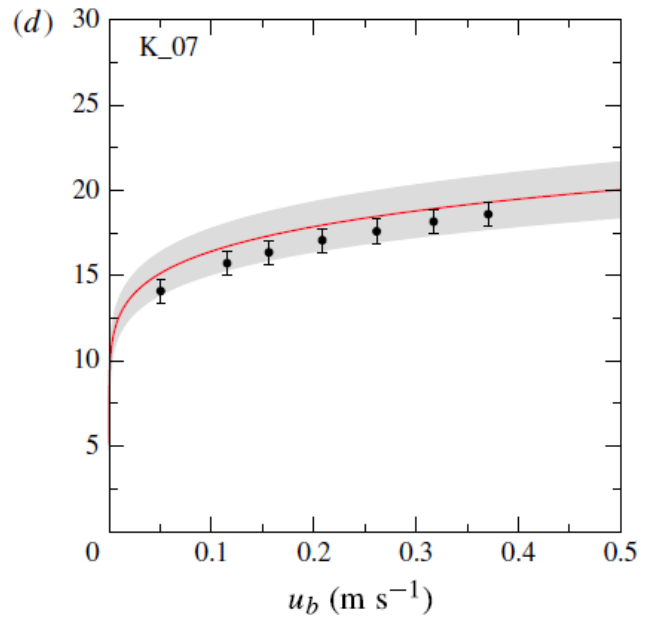
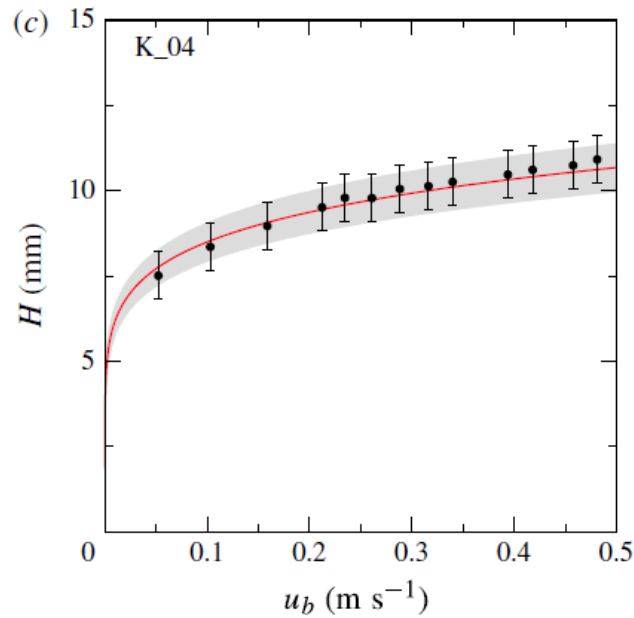
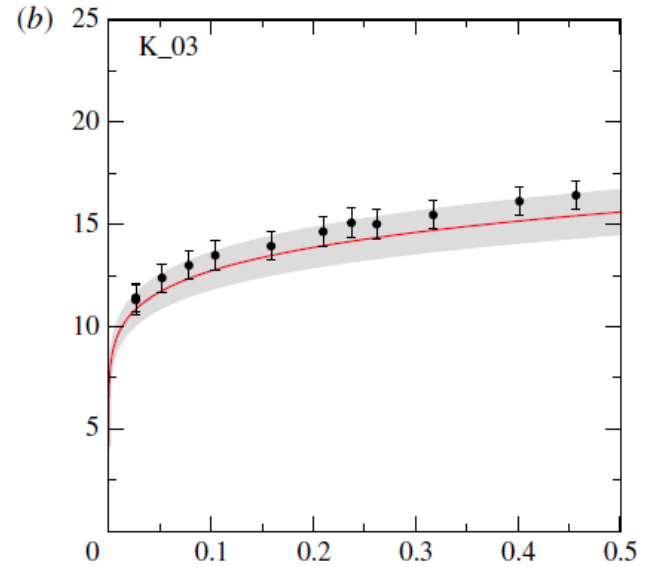
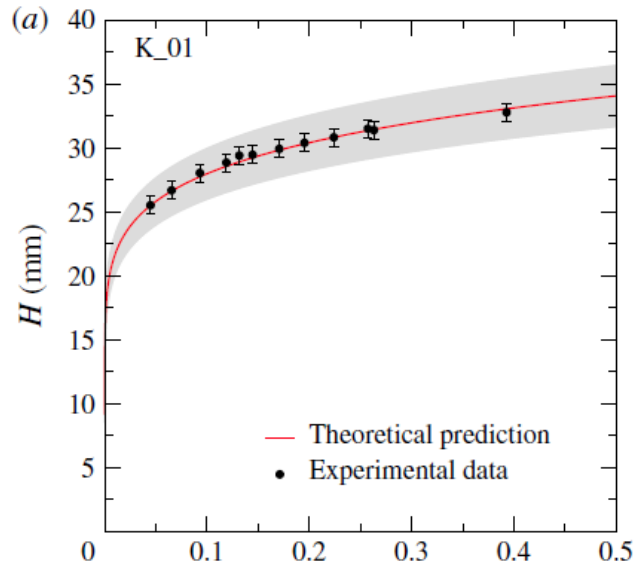
$$h_c = \frac{\tau_c}{\rho g \sin \theta}$$



Relation between  $h$  and  $u_b$ :  $u_b = u_0 \left( 1 - \frac{n}{2n+1} \frac{h-h_c}{h} \right)$

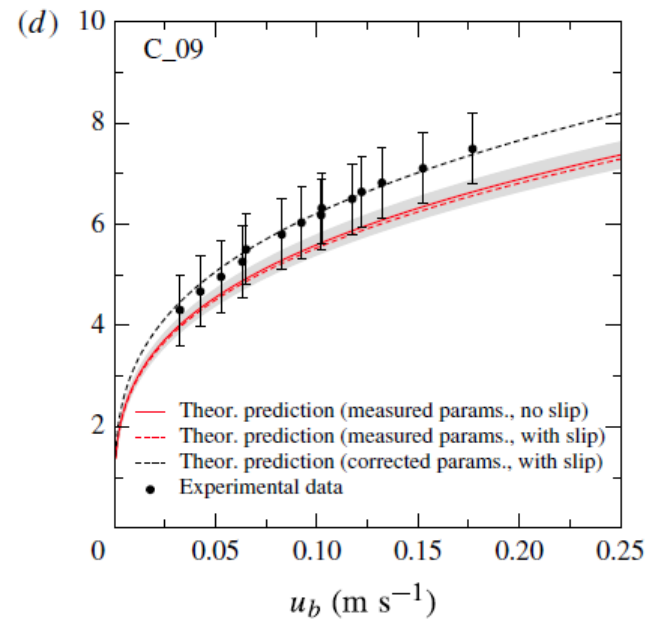
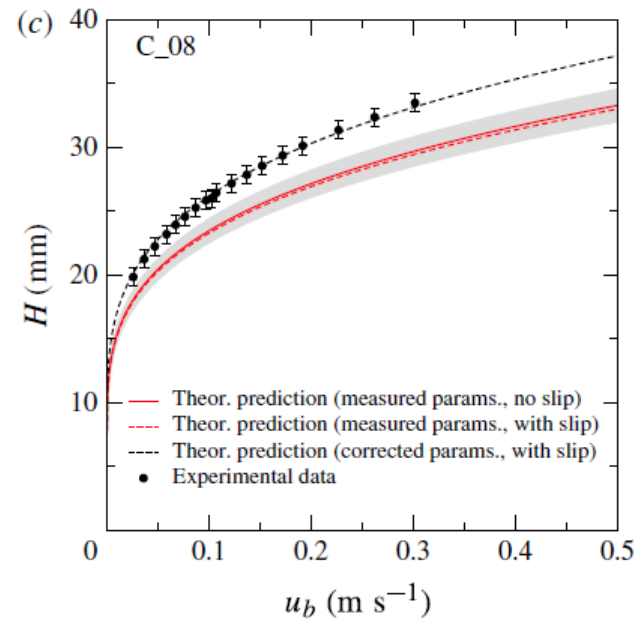
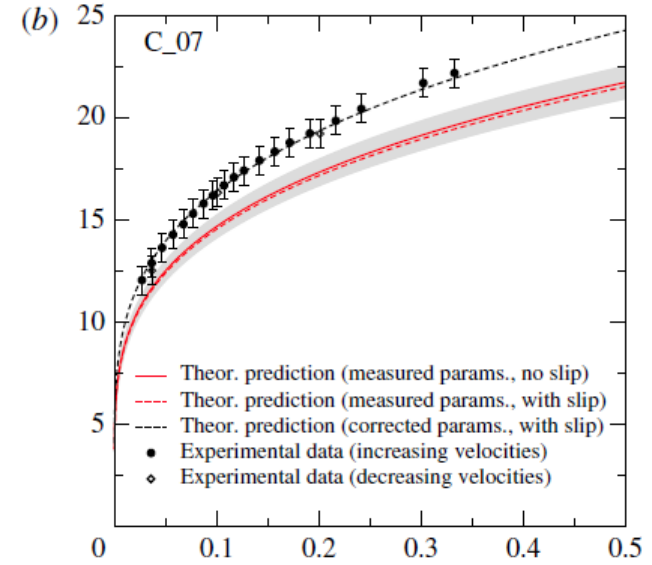
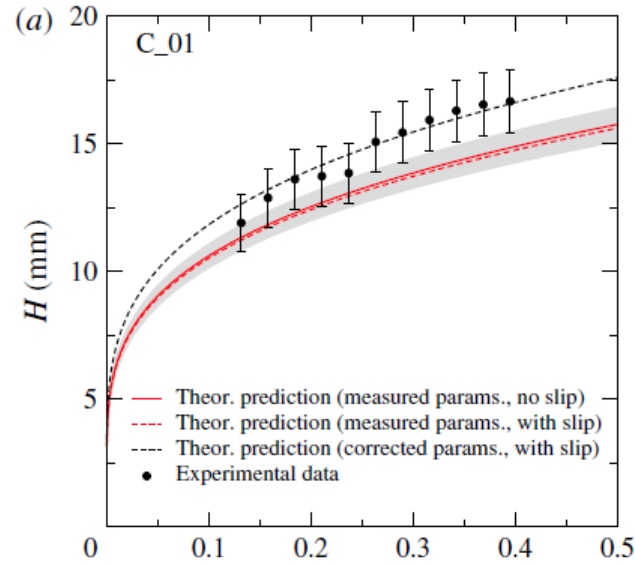
# Height-velocity relation

Kaolin



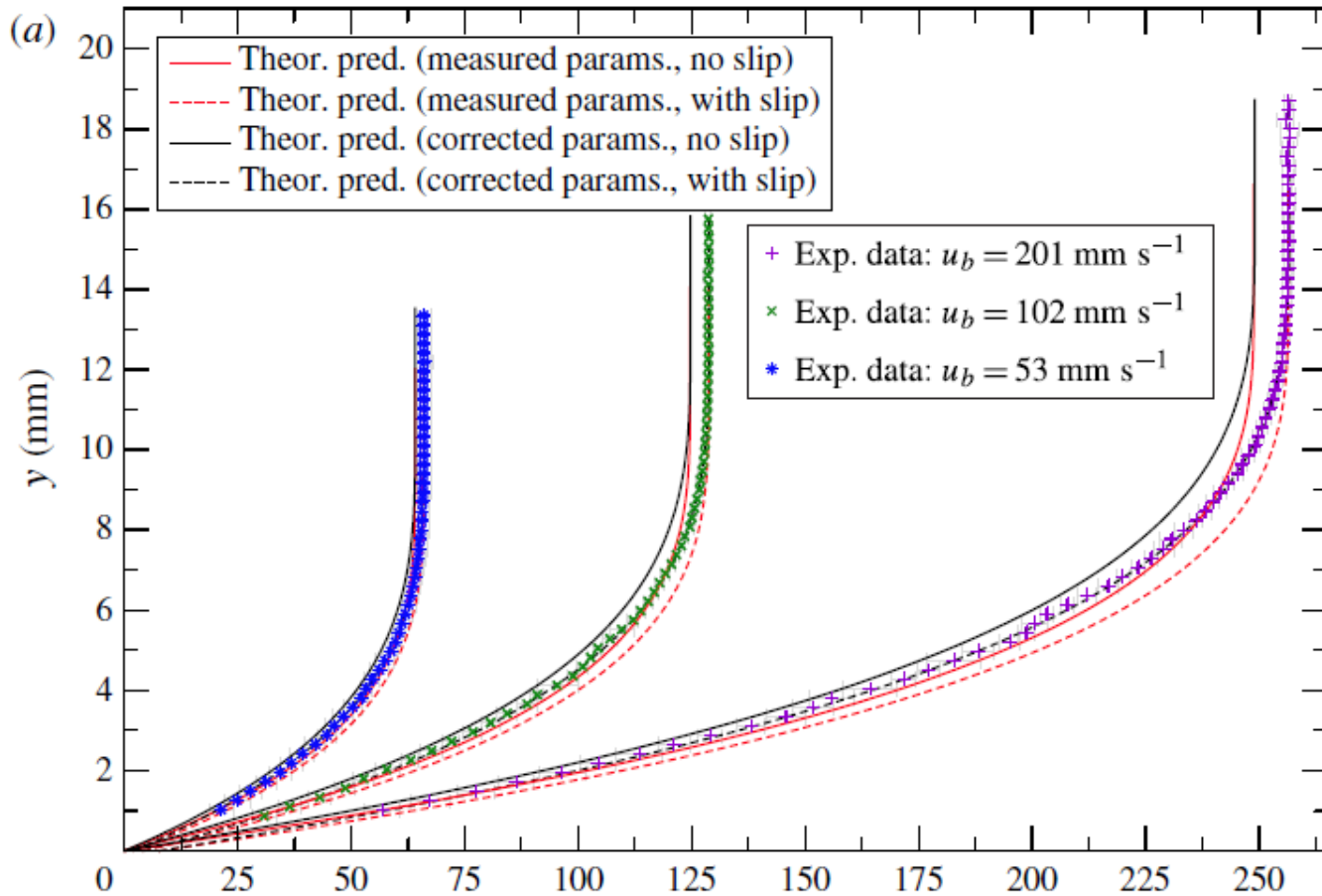
# Height-velocity relation

Carbopol

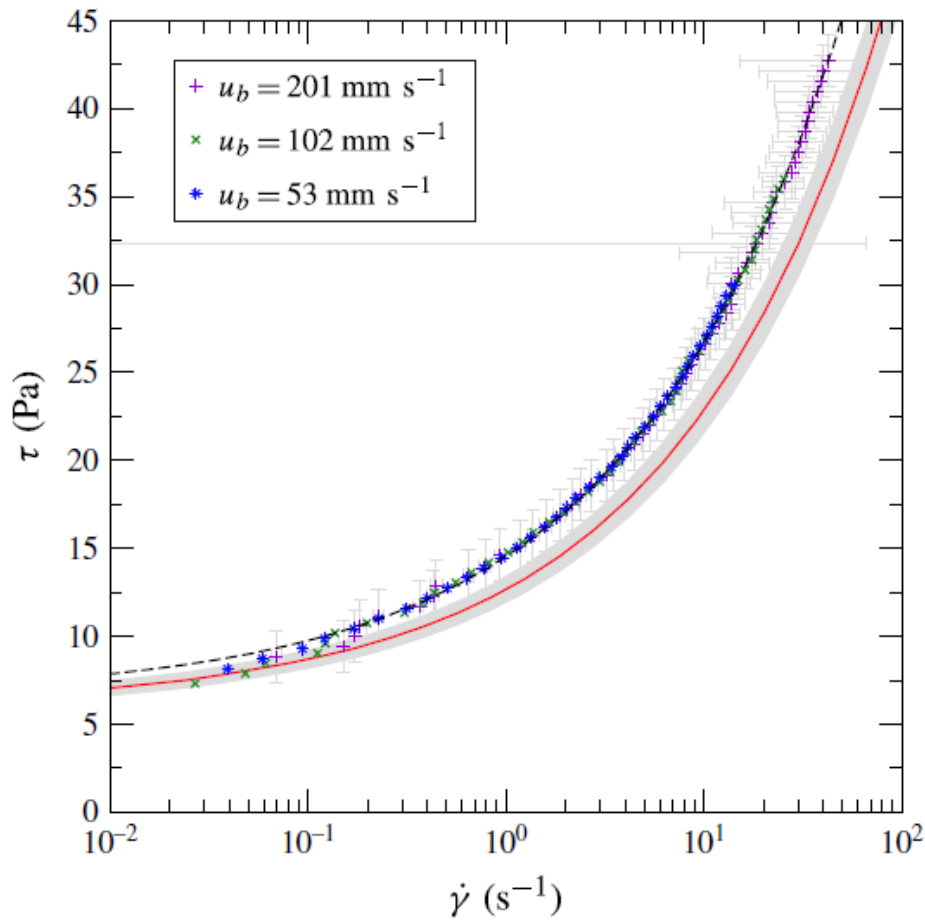


➤ Systematic discrepancy

# Velocity profiles



## Apparent flow curve

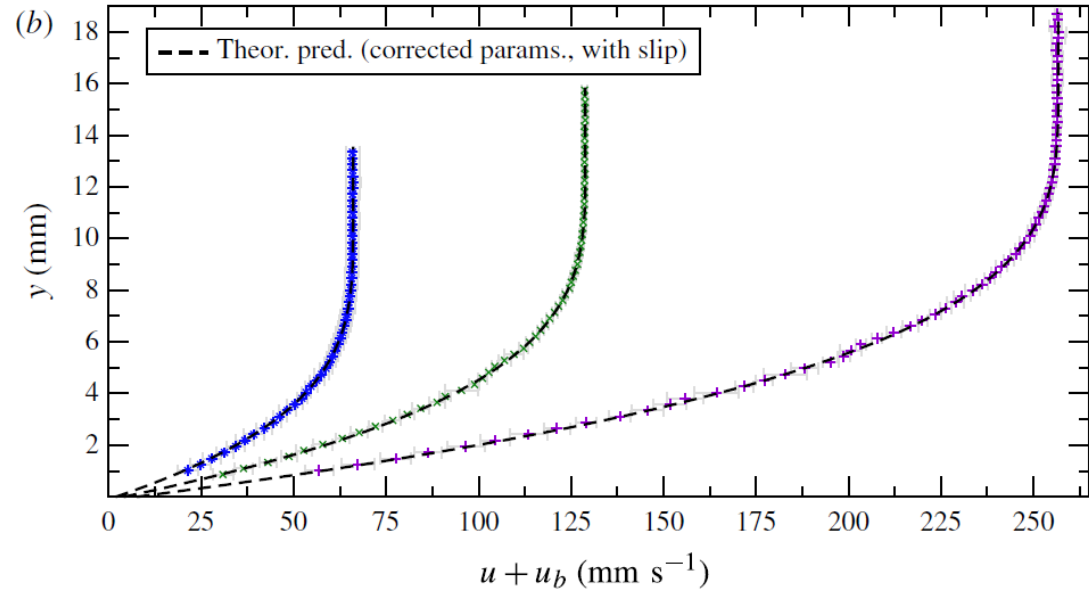
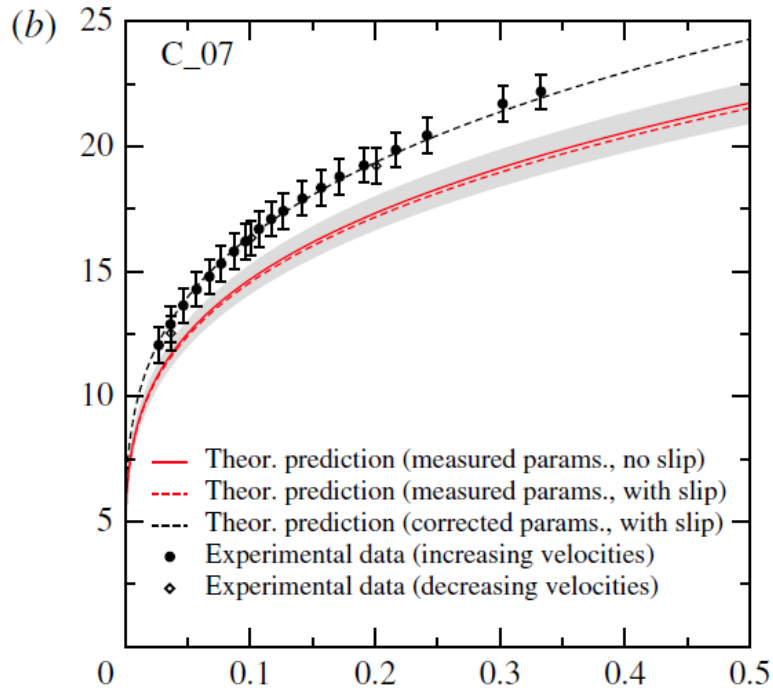


$$\tau = \rho g h \sin \theta$$
$$\dot{\gamma} = \frac{du}{dy}$$

➤ Need for a systematic correction of Carbopol rheological parameters:

- +10% on  $\tau_c$
- +20% on  $K$

# Rheological parameter correction

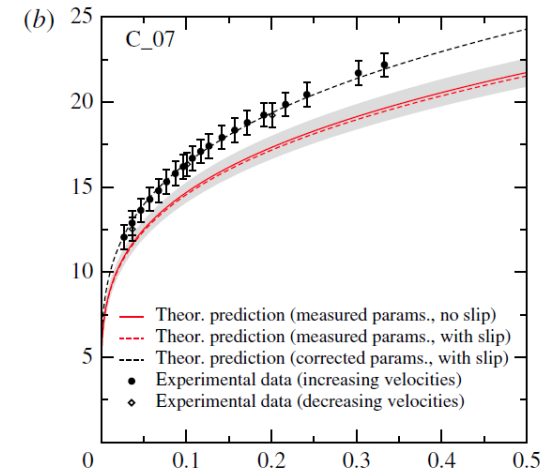


Origin of the correction: scale effects?



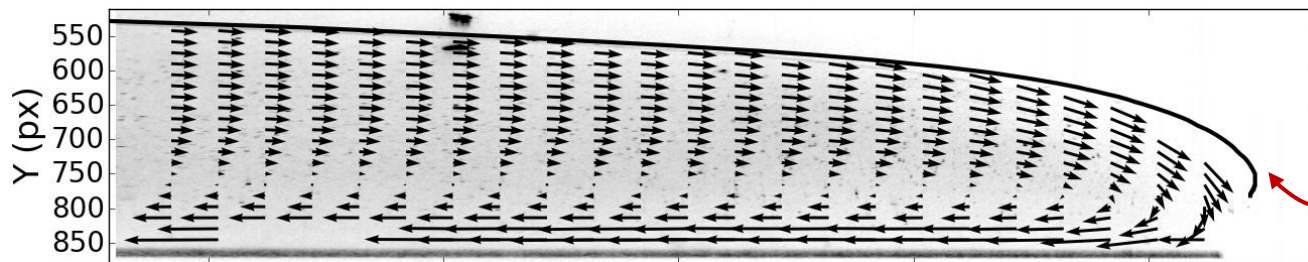
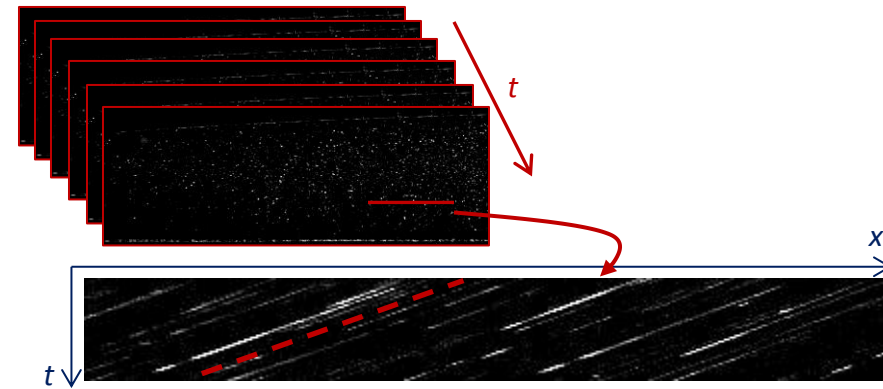
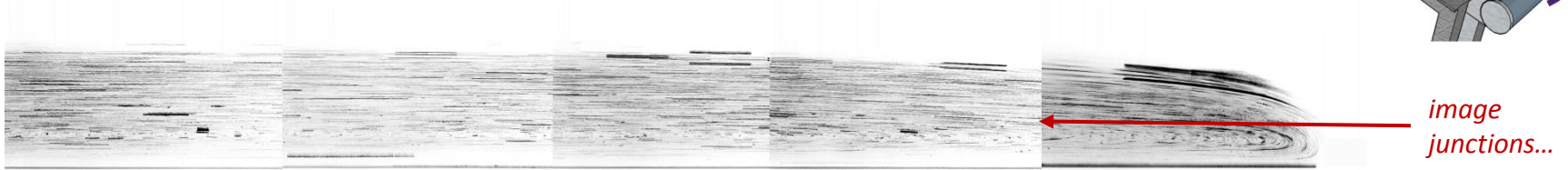
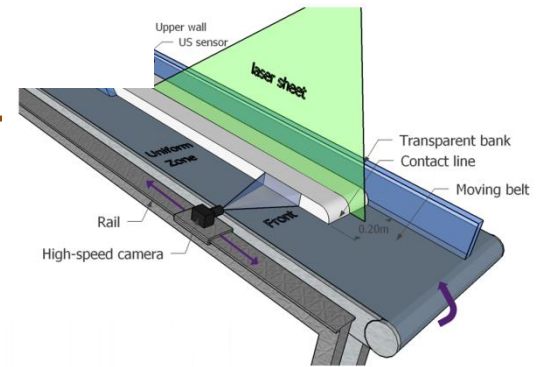
## Conclusions

- Uncertainties on rheological measurements
  - significant influence on theoretical predictions (height, velocity, etc.)
- If possible, infer rheological parameters from the flow itself



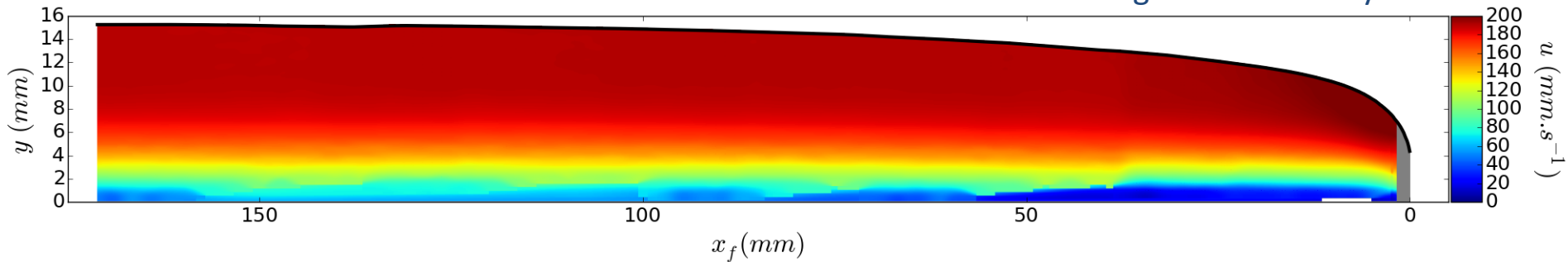
# Front internal dynamics

## High-resolution space-time velocimetry (STV)

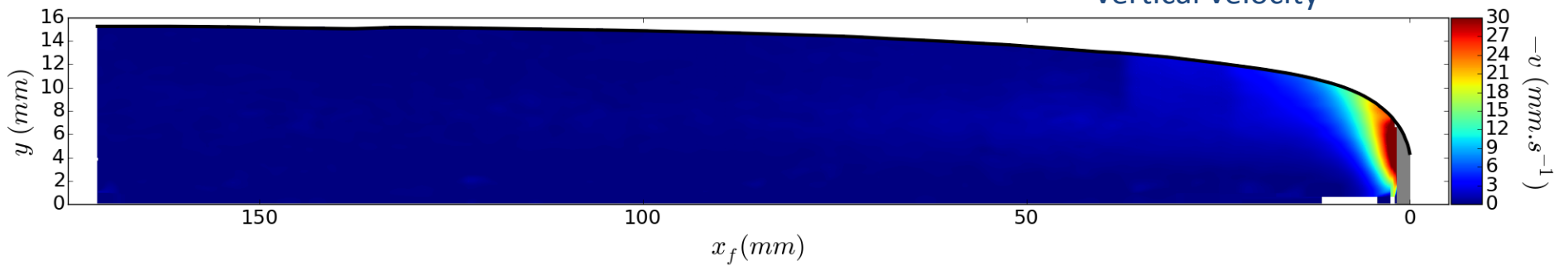


## Velocity fields

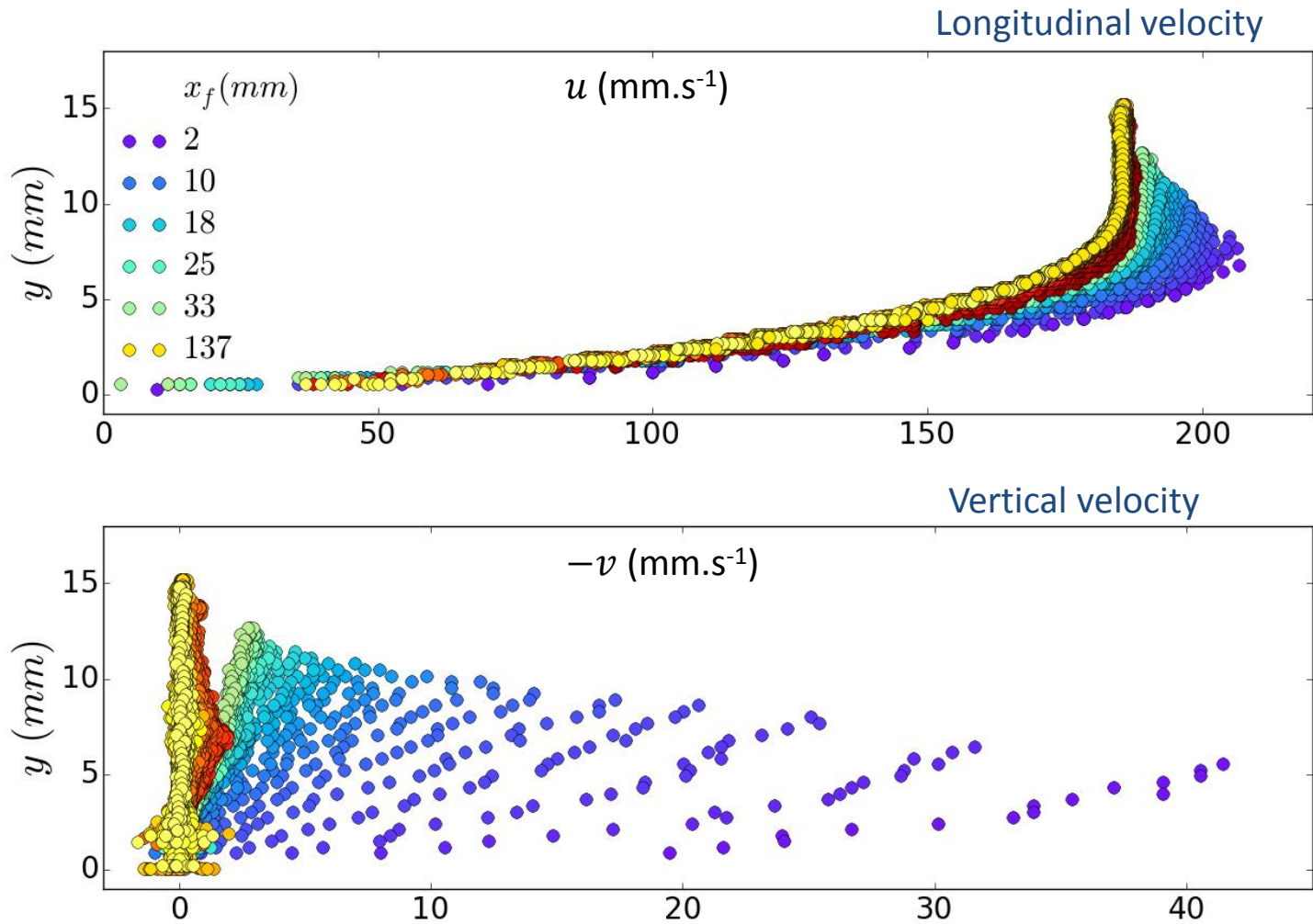
Longitudinal velocity



Vertical velocity

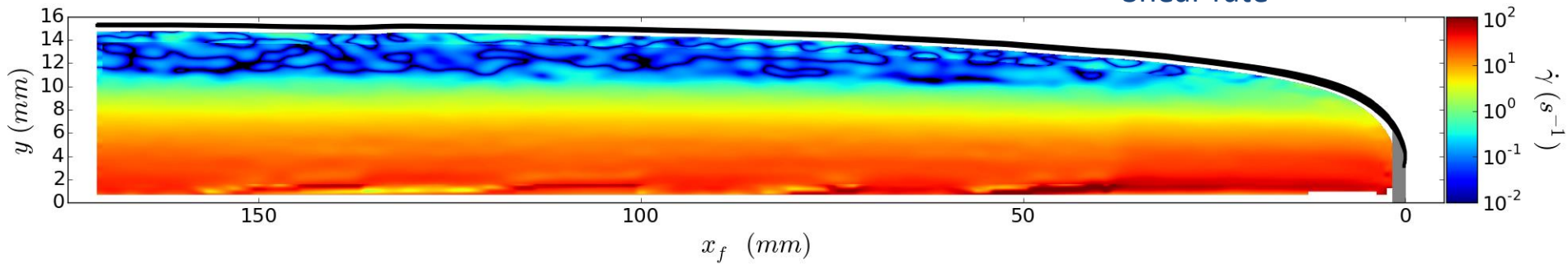


## Velocity profiles

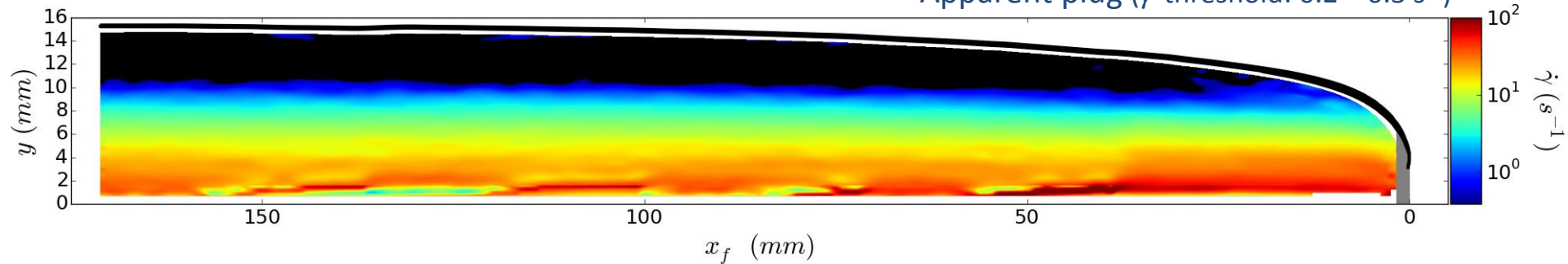


## Evolution of the plug zone

Shear rate



Apparent plug ( $\dot{\gamma}$  threshold: 0.2 – 0.3 s<sup>-1</sup>)



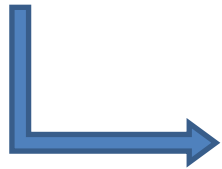
- Unsheared plug progressively thins, and disappears, in surge tip

## Order-0 model (lubrication)

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = 0$$

$$\epsilon Re \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right) = \overbrace{\frac{Re}{Fr^2} \tan \theta}^{\lambda} - \epsilon \frac{Re}{Fr^2} \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} + Bi \frac{\partial \sigma_{xy}}{\partial y} + \cancel{\epsilon Bi \frac{\partial \sigma_{xx}}{\partial x}}$$

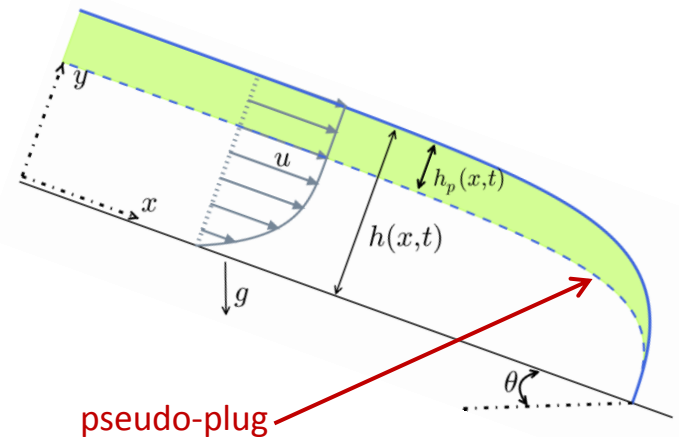
$$\epsilon^3 Re \left( \frac{\partial v}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \right) = -\epsilon \frac{Re}{Fr^2} - \epsilon \frac{Re}{Fr^2} \frac{\partial p}{\partial y} + \cancel{\epsilon^2 Bi \frac{\partial \sigma_{xy}}{\partial x}} + \cancel{\epsilon Bi \frac{\partial \sigma_{yy}}{\partial y}}$$



$$\begin{cases} u^{(0)} = u_p \left[ 1 - \left( 1 - \frac{y}{h-h_p} \right)^{\frac{n+1}{n}} \right] & \text{for } y < h - h_p \\ u^{(0)} = u_p & \text{for } y \geq h - h_p \end{cases}$$

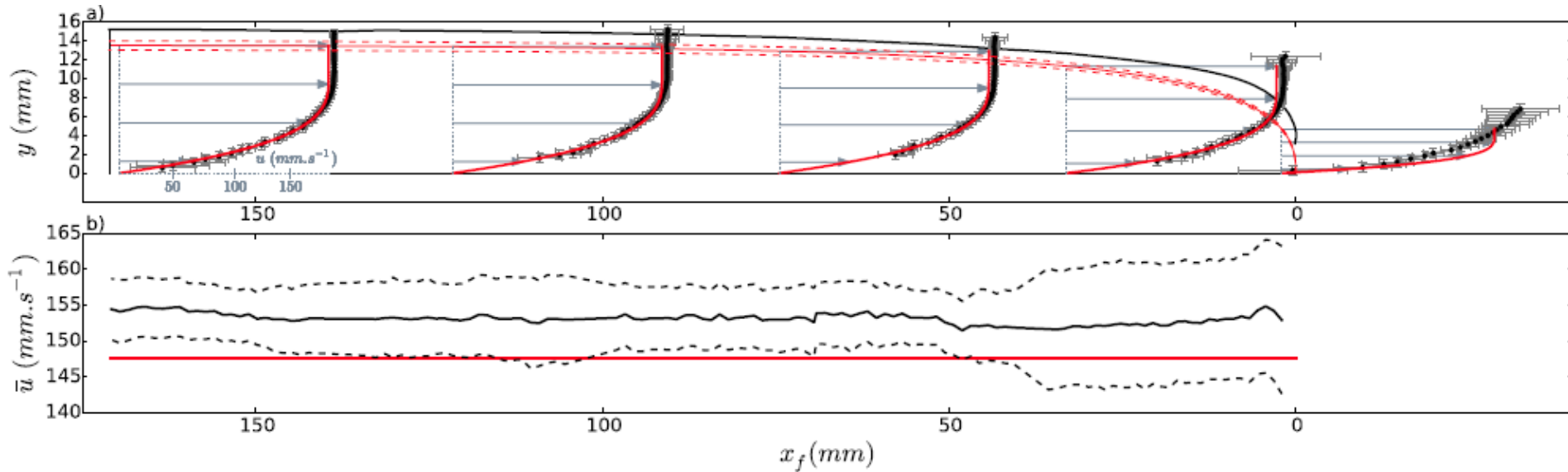
with  $u_p = \frac{n}{n+1} \Lambda^{1/n} (h - h_p)^{(n+1)/n}$

$$h_p = \frac{Bi}{\Lambda} \quad \Lambda = \lambda - \frac{\epsilon Re}{Fr^2} \partial_x h$$



## “Raw” comparison

*Theoretical profiles based on computed free-surface shape (traveling wave solution)*

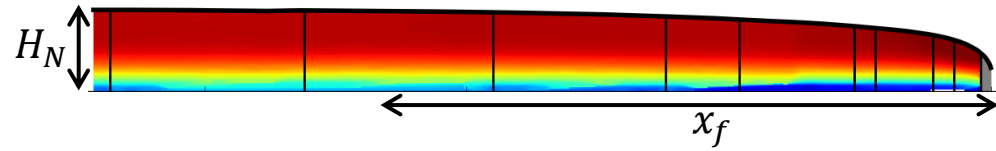


➤ Renormalization to account for experimental uncertainties on

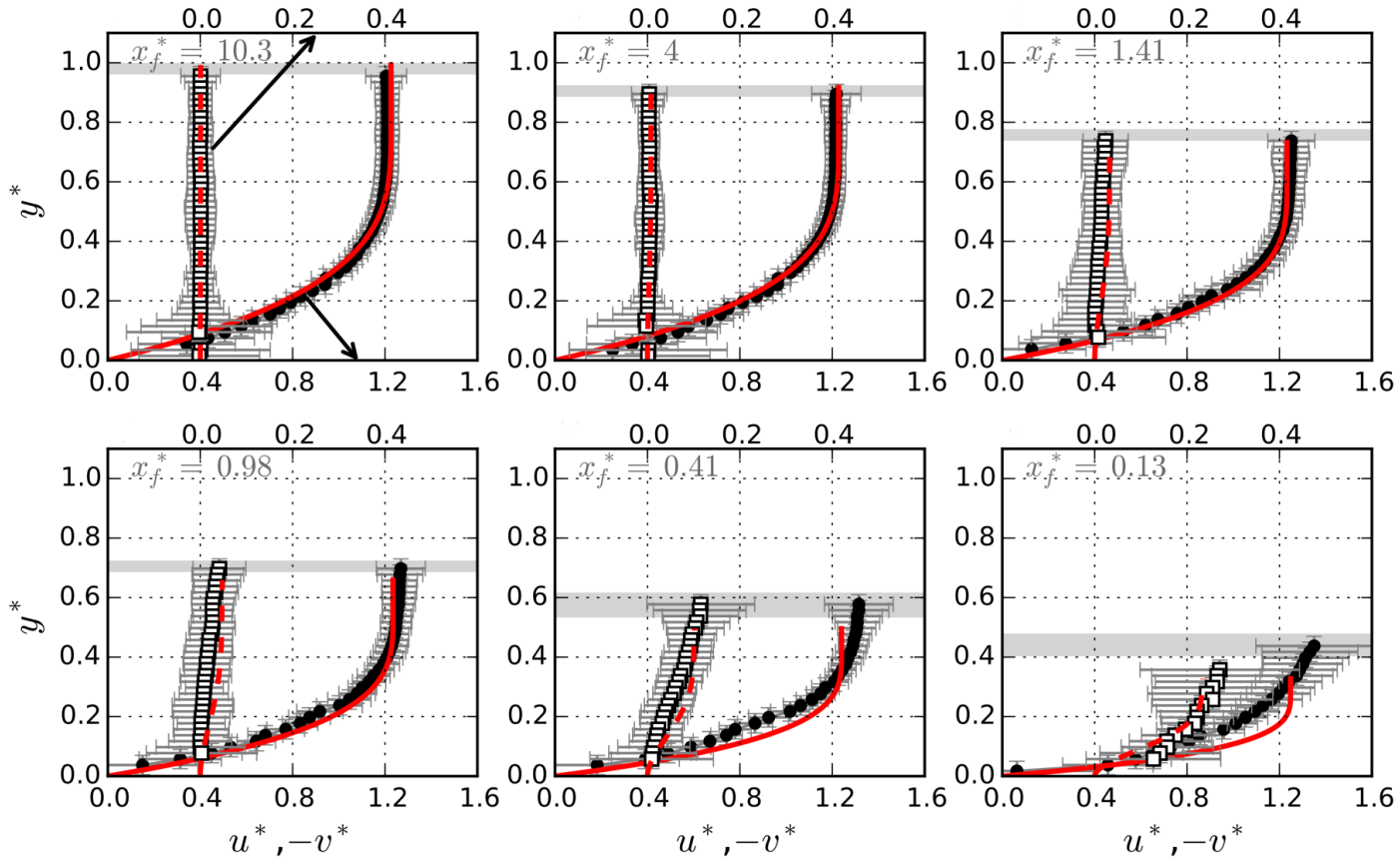
- rheological parameters:  $h \rightarrow h/H_N$
- average velocity (3D effects):  $u \rightarrow u/\bar{u}$



# Non-dimensionalized comparison

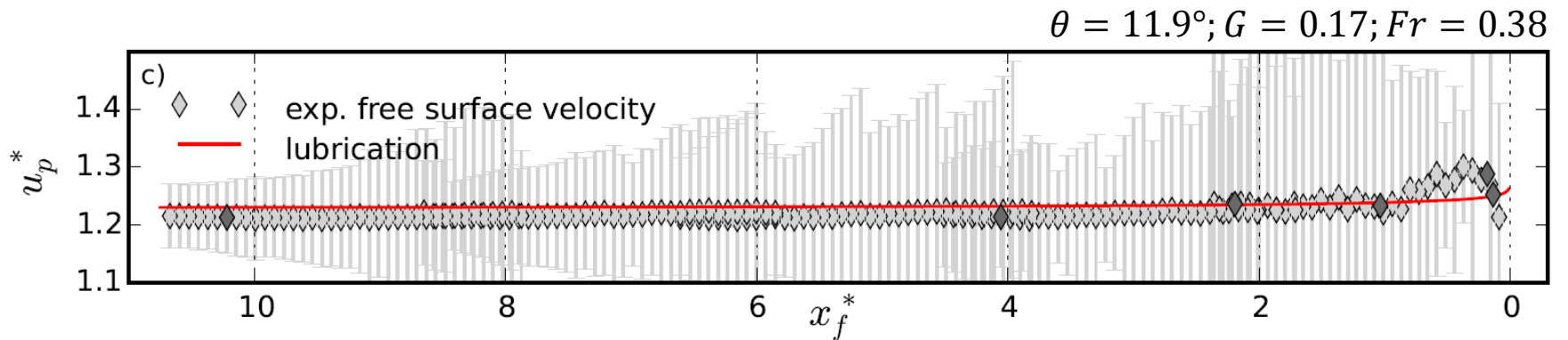
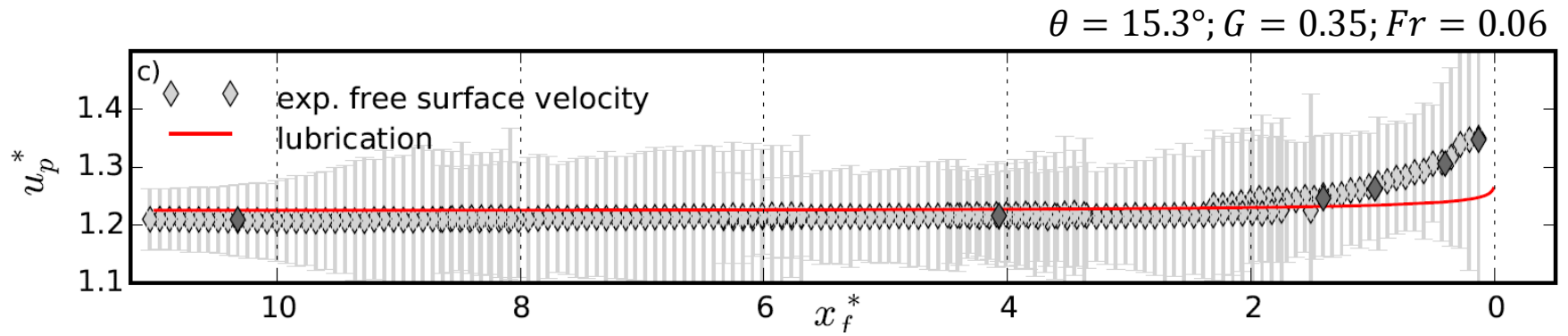


$x_f^*$  decreases

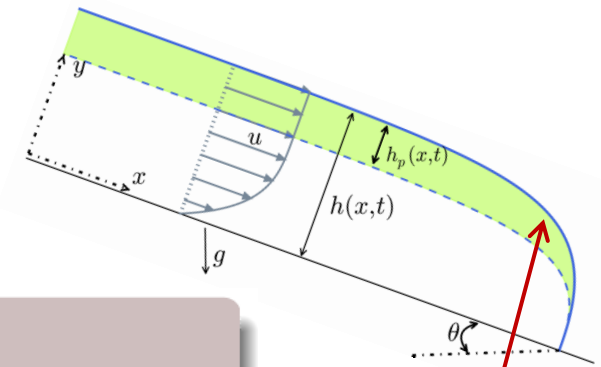


➤ Good agreement until  $x_f \approx 1$

## Surface velocity



## Order-1 model ( $\epsilon^1$ )



$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = 0$$

$$\epsilon Re \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right) = \frac{Re}{Fr^2} \tan \theta - \epsilon \frac{Re}{Fr^2} \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} + Bi \frac{\partial \sigma_{xy}}{\partial y} + \epsilon Bi \frac{\partial \sigma_{xx}}{\partial x}$$

~~$$\epsilon^3 Re \left( \frac{\partial v}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \right) = -\epsilon \frac{Re}{Fr^2} - \epsilon \frac{Re}{Fr^2} \frac{\partial p}{\partial y} + \epsilon^2 Bi \frac{\partial \sigma_{xy}}{\partial x} + \epsilon Bi \frac{\partial \sigma_{yy}}{\partial y}$$~~

plastic normal stresses  
in the pseudo-plug

$$|\sigma| = Bi \sqrt{\sigma_{xy}^2 + \sigma_{xx}^2} = Bi + O(\epsilon)$$

Balmforth & Craster,  
JNNFM, 1999

$u = u^{(0)} + \epsilon u^{(1)}$  with:

correction due to inertia

$$\begin{cases} u^{(1)} = Re \mathcal{U}_I(x, y, t) + Bi \mathcal{U}_N(x, y, t) & \text{for } y < h - h_p \\ u^{(1)} = Re \mathcal{U}_I(x, h - h_p, t) + Bi [\mathcal{U}_N(x, h - h_p, t) + \mathcal{U}_{np}(x, y, t)] & \text{for } y \geq h - h_p \end{cases}$$

corrections due to normal stresses

## Expressions of the corrective terms

Inertia:

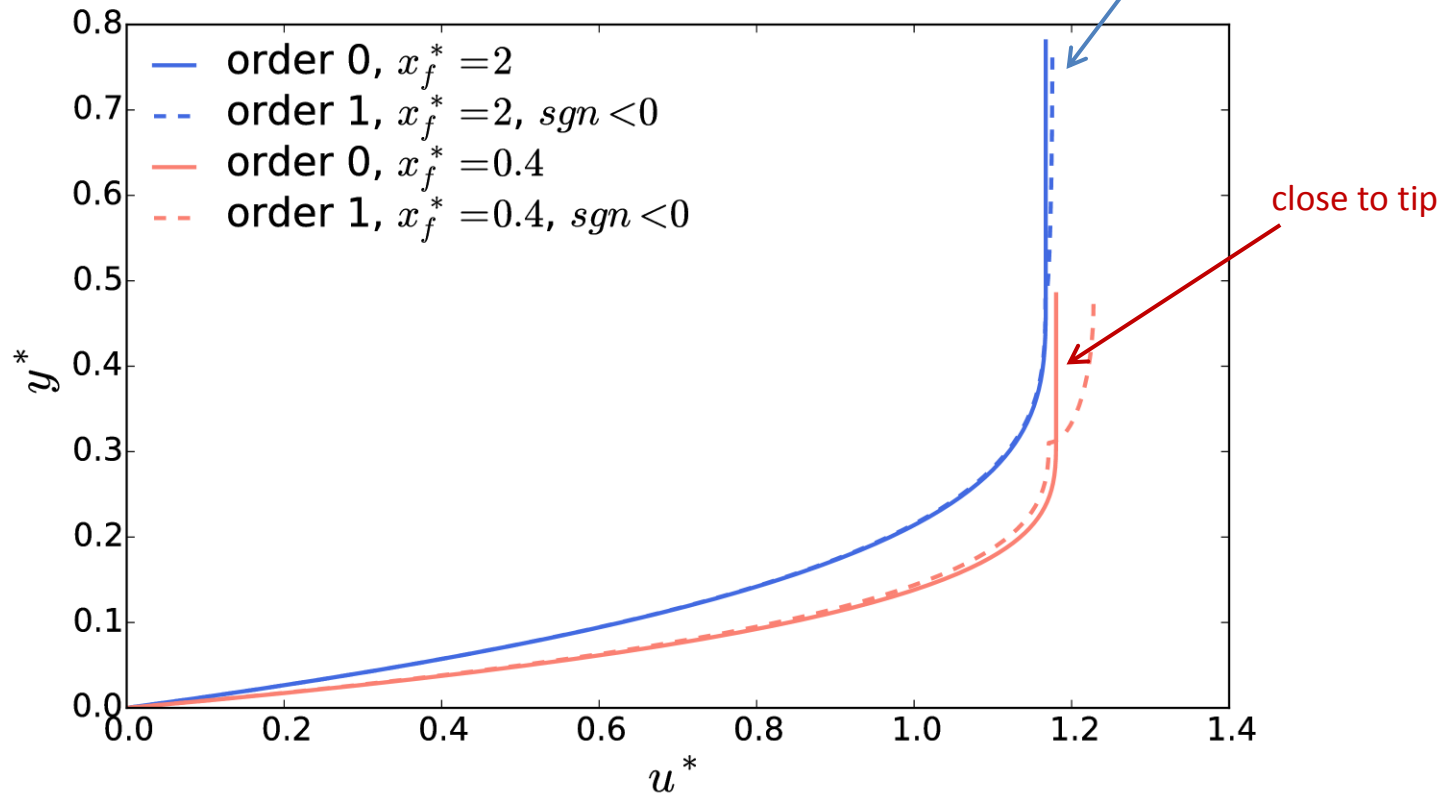
$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{U}_I = & \Lambda^{(3-n)/n} (h - h_p)^{(2n+3)/n} p_{u1} \left( \frac{y}{h - h_p} \right) \partial_x h \\ & + \Lambda^{(3-2n)/n} (h - h_p)^{(3n+3)/n} p_{u2} \left( \frac{y}{h - h_p} \right) \partial_x \Lambda \\ & - \Lambda^{(2-2n)/n} (h - h_p)^{(2n+2)/n} p_{u1} \left( \frac{y}{h - h_p} \right) \partial_t \Lambda \end{aligned}$$

Normal stresses:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{U}_N = & -\frac{\pi}{2} \Lambda^{(1-2n)/n} h_p (h - h_p)^{1/n} \left( 1 - \left( 1 - \frac{y}{h - h_p} \right)^{\frac{1}{n}} \right) \operatorname{sgn}(\partial_x u_p) \partial_x \Lambda \\ \mathcal{U}_{np} = & 2\Lambda^{(1-n)/n} (h - h_p)^{1/n} \sqrt{1 - \left( \frac{h - y}{h_p} \right)^2} \left[ \partial_x h + \frac{1}{n+1} (h + nh_p) \frac{\partial_x \Lambda}{\Lambda} \right] \operatorname{sgn}(\partial_x u_p) \end{aligned}$$

## Model comparison

### Longitudinal velocity profiles



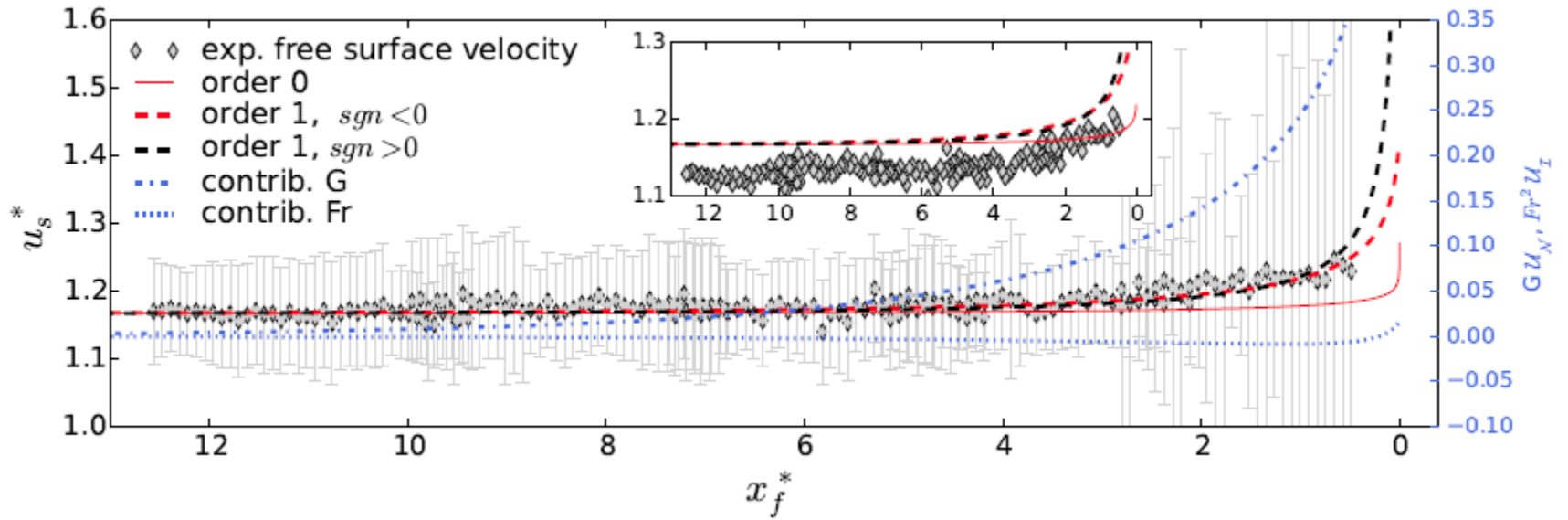
#### ➤ Close to tip:

- shear throughout the fluid layer
- surface velocity is (generally) larger

#### ➤ Non-differentiable matching at pseudo-plug interface...

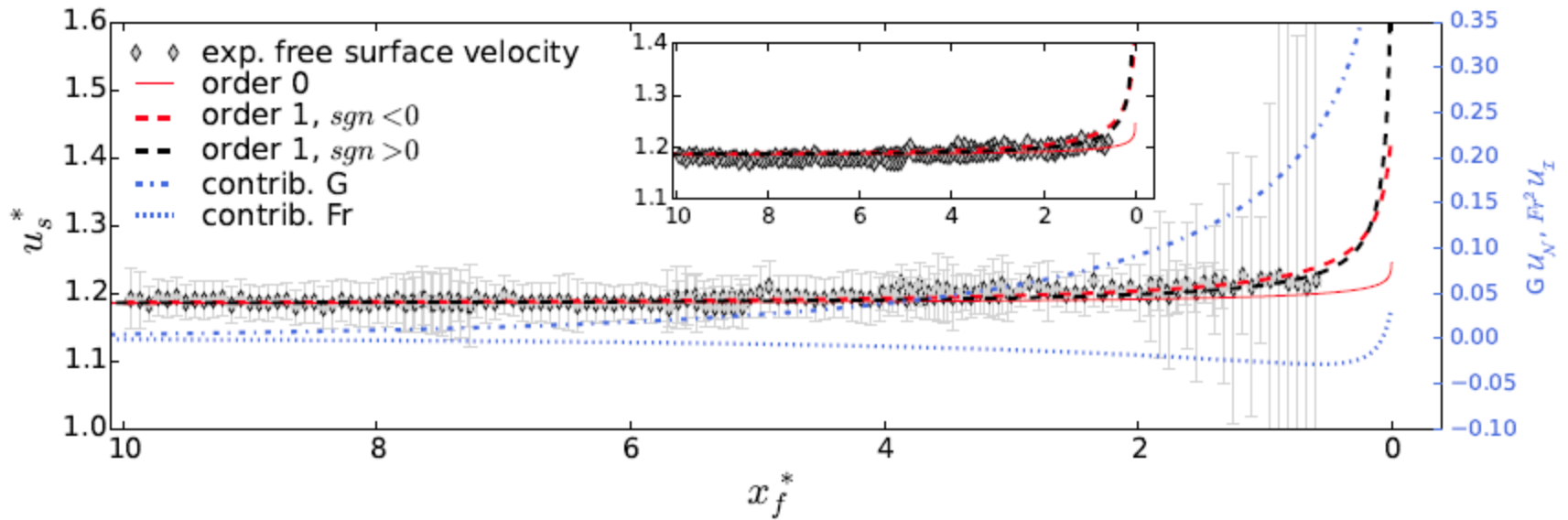
# Surface velocity

$\theta = 15.3^\circ; G = 0.35; Fr = 0.06$



# Surface velocity

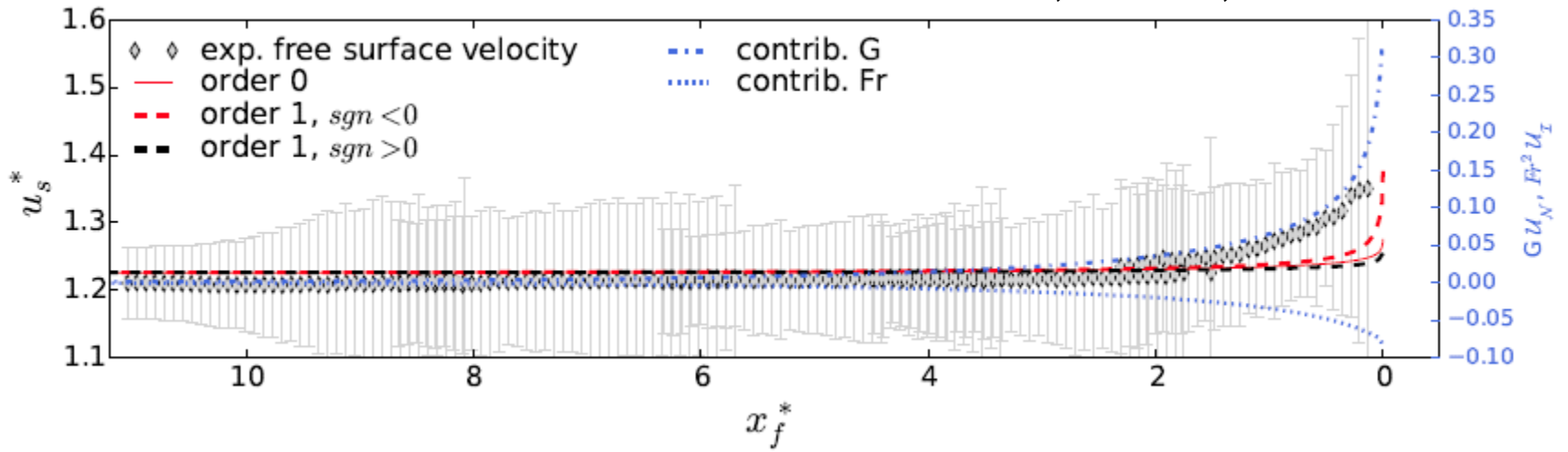
$\theta = 15.3^\circ; G = 0.29; Fr = 0.13$





## Surface velocity

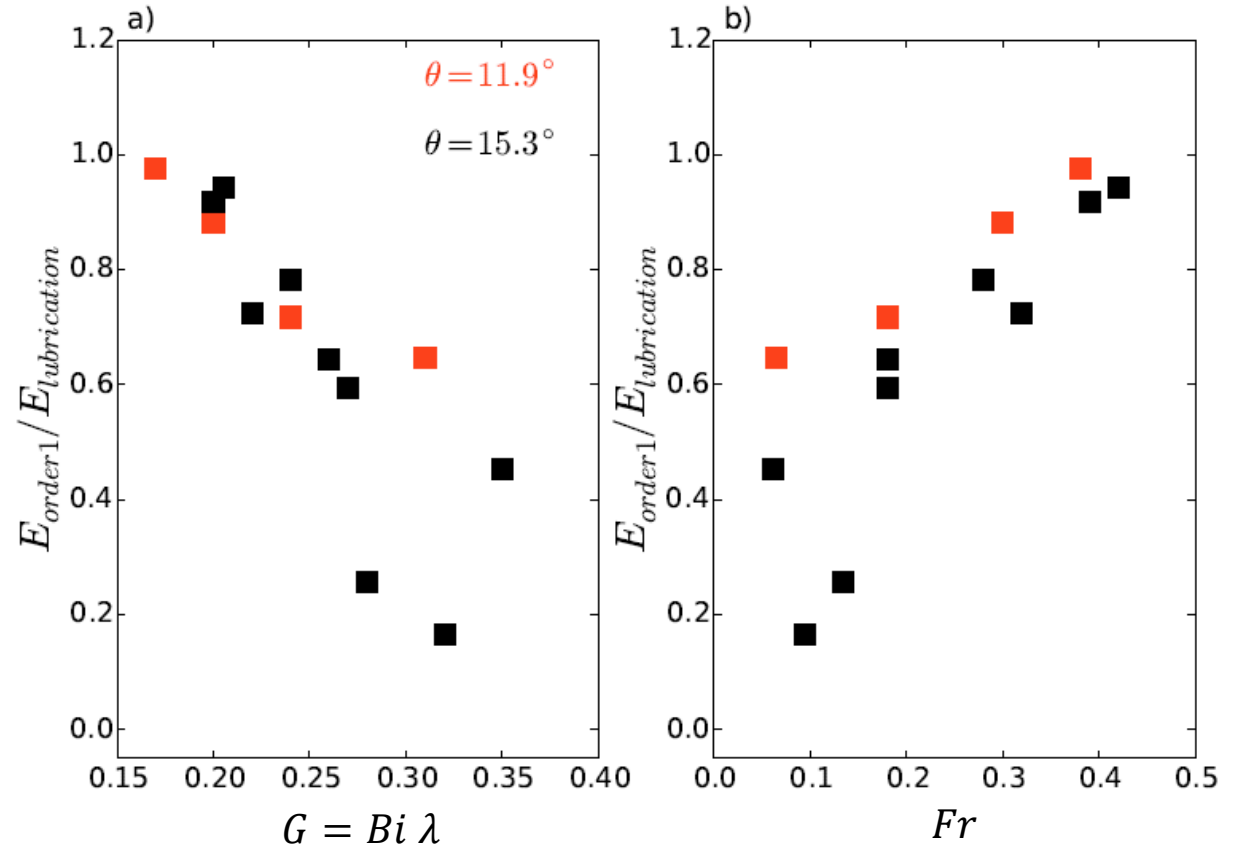
$\theta = 15.3^\circ; G = 0.24; Fr = 0.28$



## Global overview of all experiments

$$E = |u_{p,predicted} - u_{p,measured}|$$

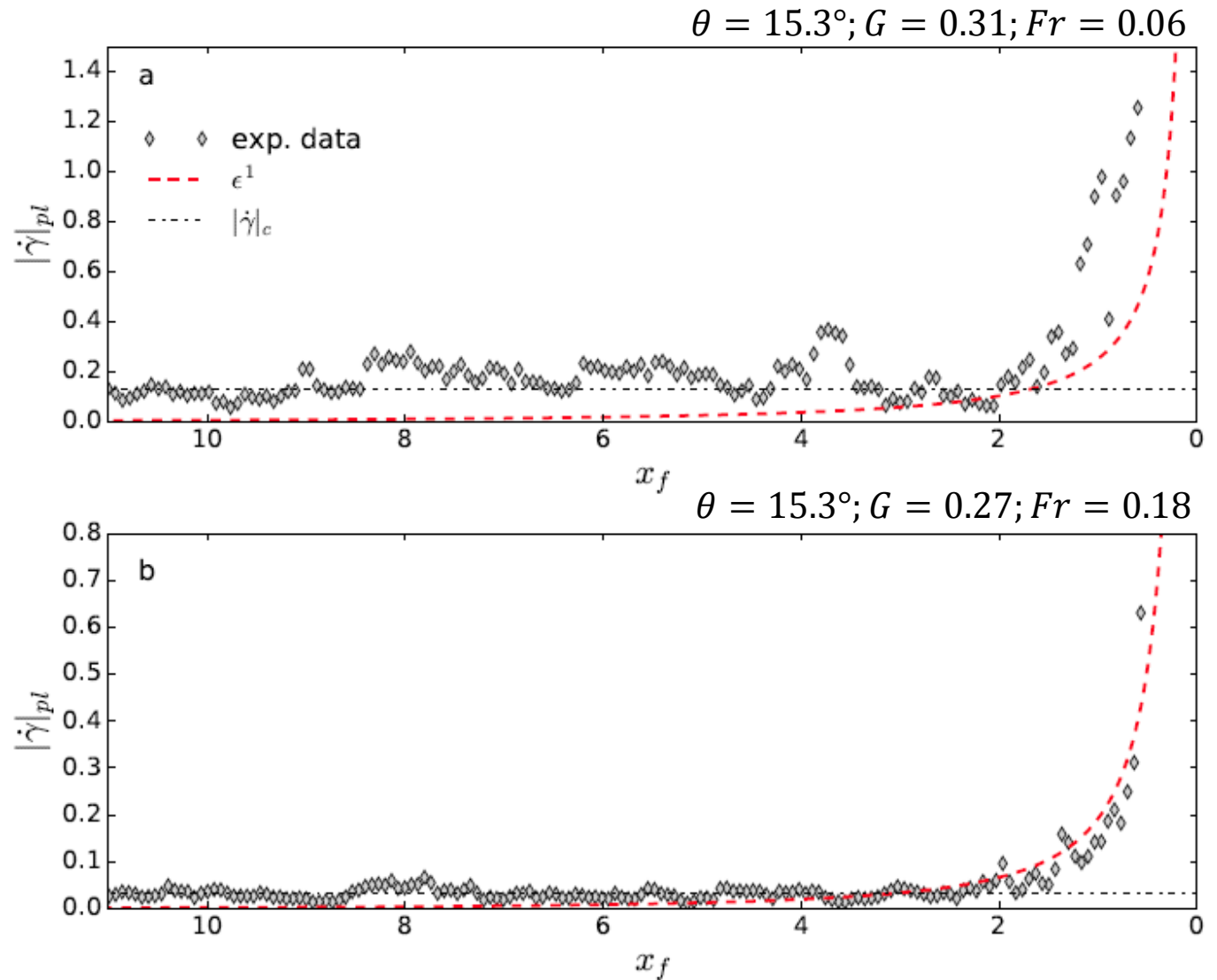
at  $x_f^* = 1$



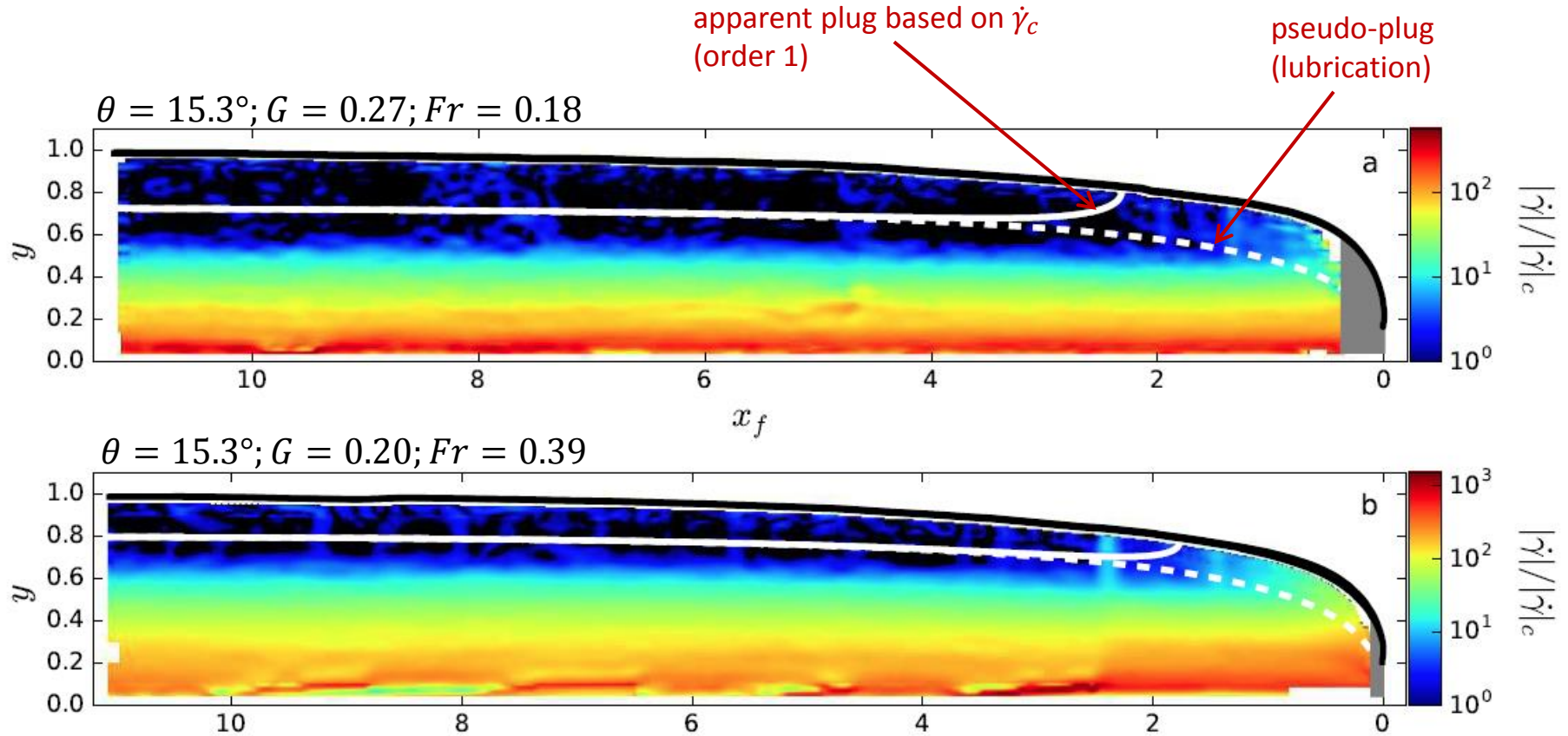
- $\epsilon^1$  approximation improves quantitative agreement in the tip region
- Gain remains marginal for large values of  $Fr$ 
  - *inertial correction terms need to be improved?*

## Shear rate

Average shear rate in the pseudo-plug zone

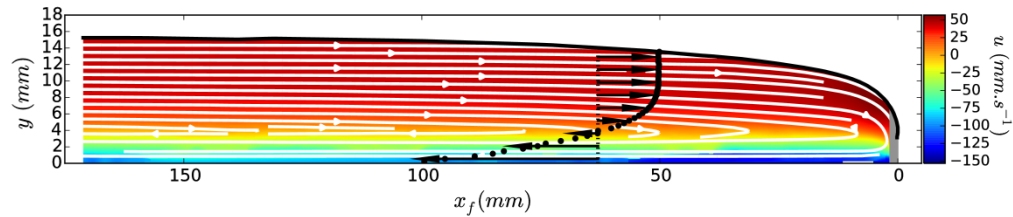


## Apparent plug



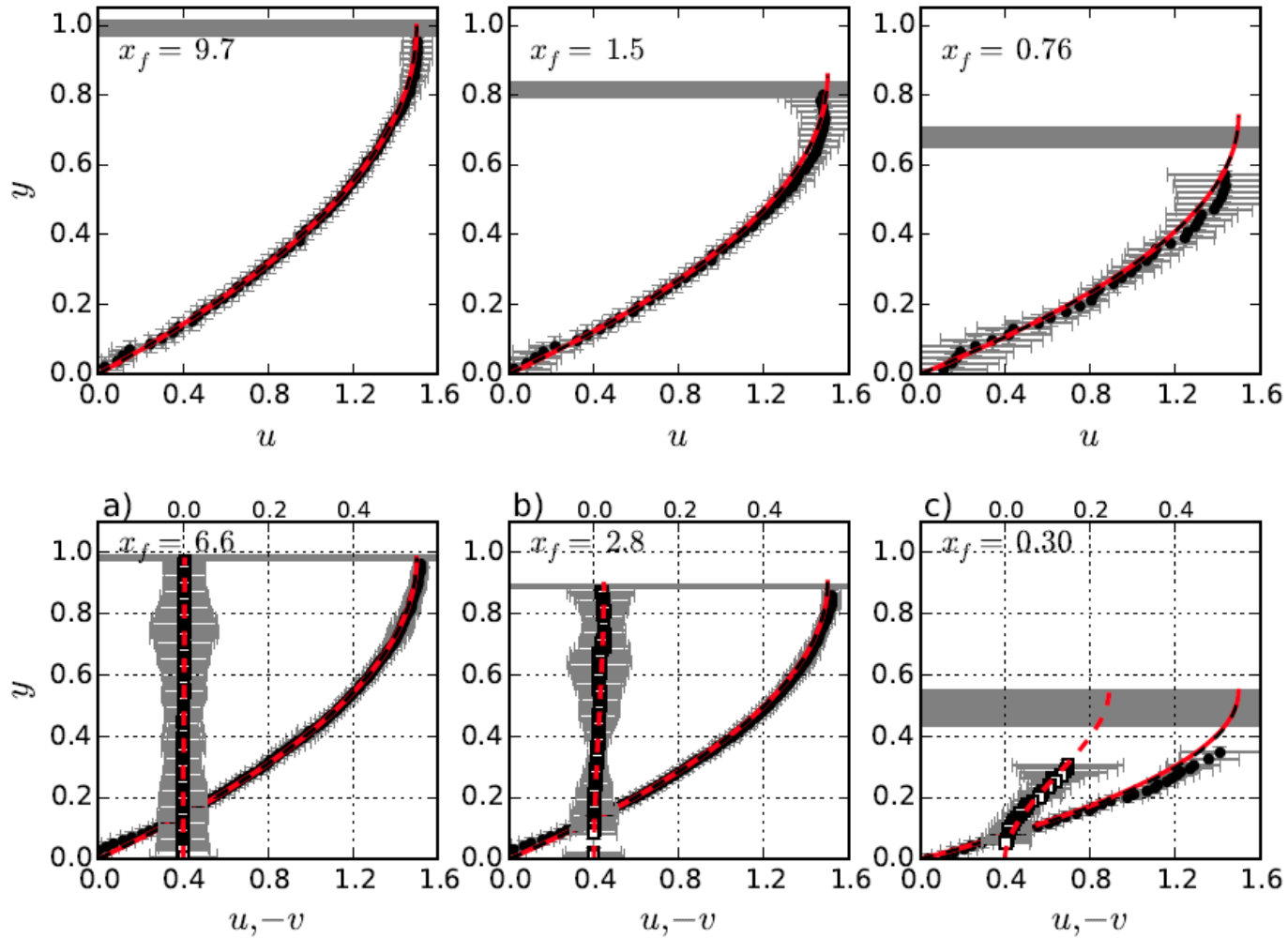
- Order-1 explains collapse of the unsheared region at the front

## Conclusions



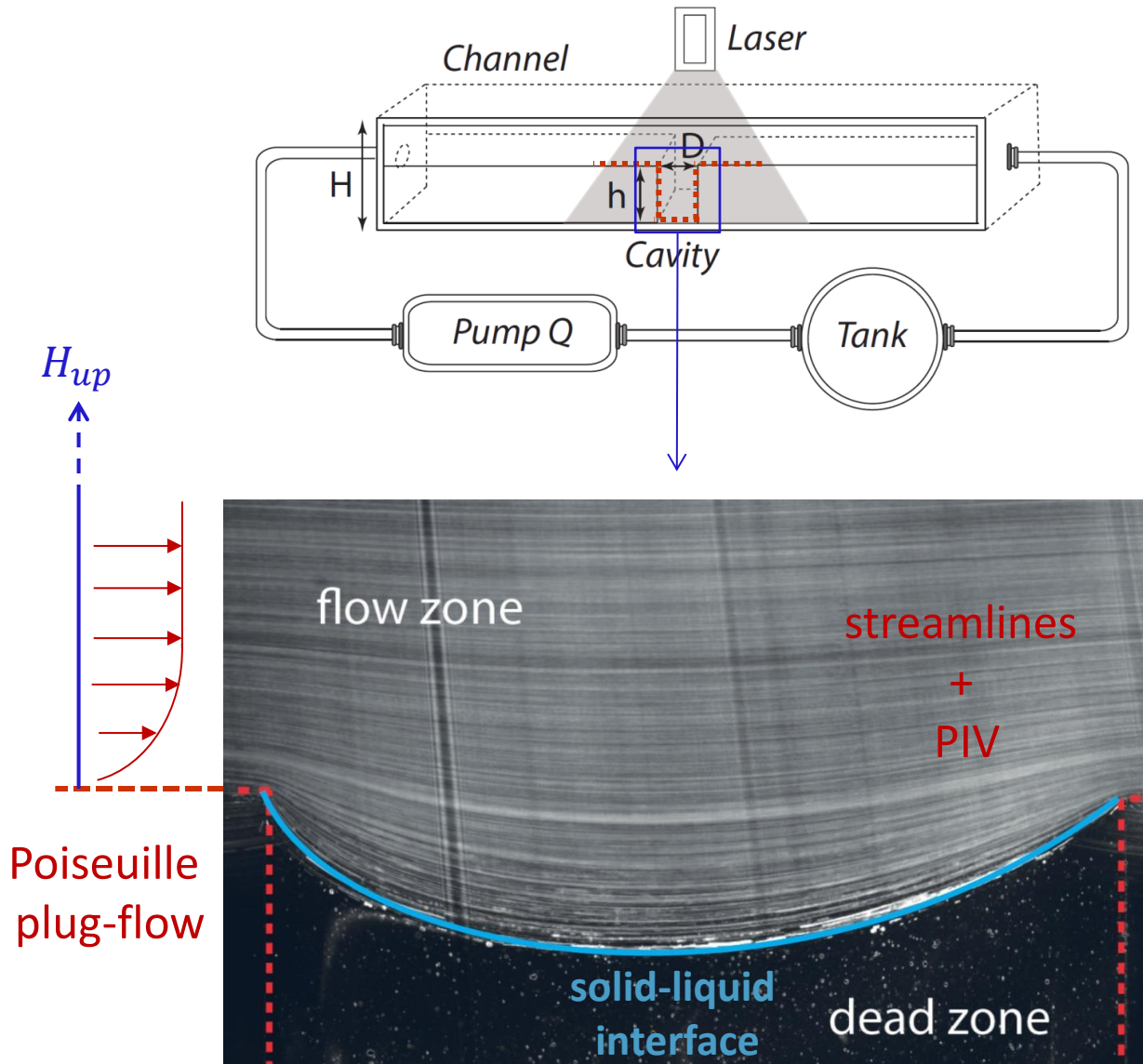
- Accounting for experimental uncertainties through proper non-dimensionalization of variables
- Experimental measurement of plug zones
- Quantitative comparisons of subtle features (e.g., pseudo-plug shear rate)
- Viscoplastic rheology enhances differences between  $\epsilon^0$  and  $\epsilon^1$  models!

## Comparison with a Newtonian fluid



➤ Predictions of  $\epsilon^0$  and  $\epsilon^1$  models are virtually indistinguishable

# Flow over a cavity





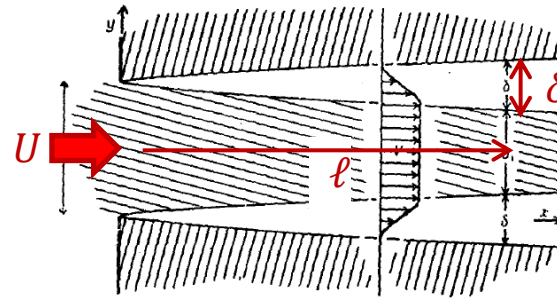
Viscoplastic boundary layer theory: large  $Bi$

$$\underbrace{\partial_y \tau_{xy}}_{\text{viscous + plastic}} + 2 \underbrace{\partial_x \tau_{xx}}_{\text{plastic}} = 0$$

$$Bi_\ell = \frac{\tau_c \ell}{K U}$$

- *Oldroyd's (1947)* self-similar solution:

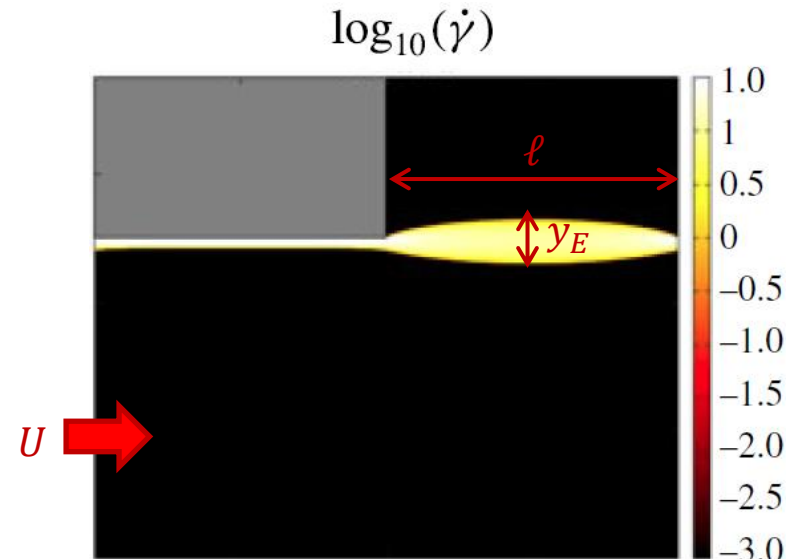
$$\delta \propto Bi_\ell^{-1/3} \ell$$



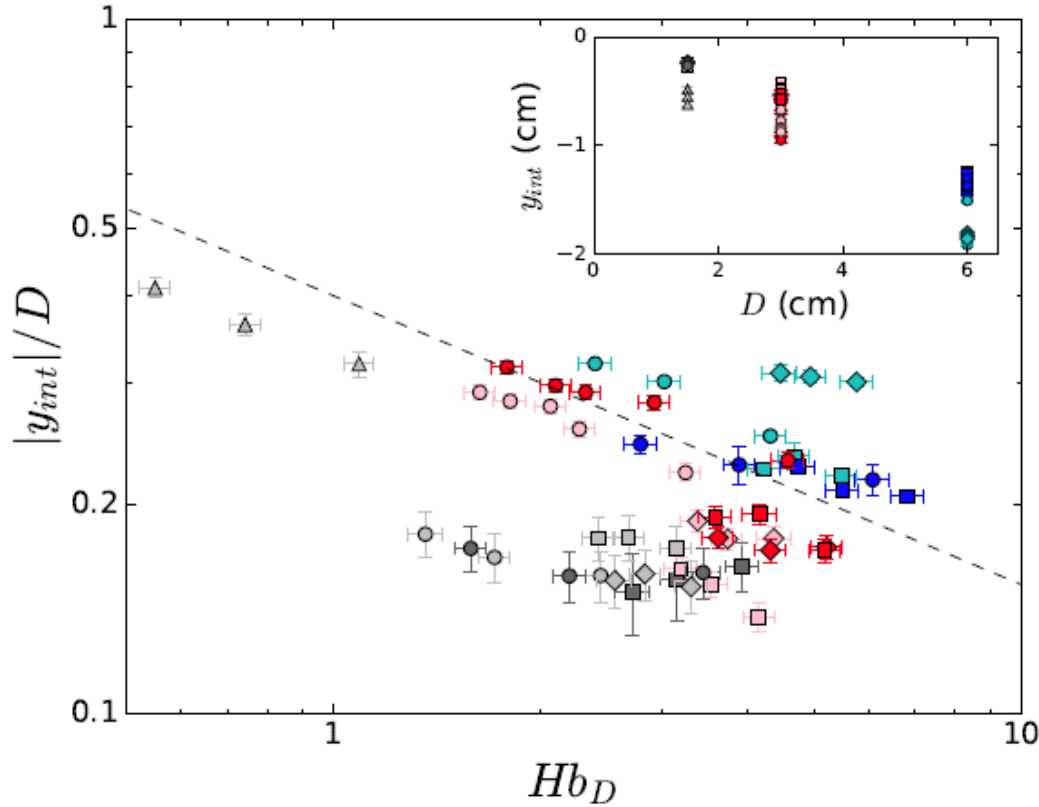
- *Piau (2002)*

- *Balmforth & Craster's (2017)* generalization (assume symmetric velocity profiles in the BL) :

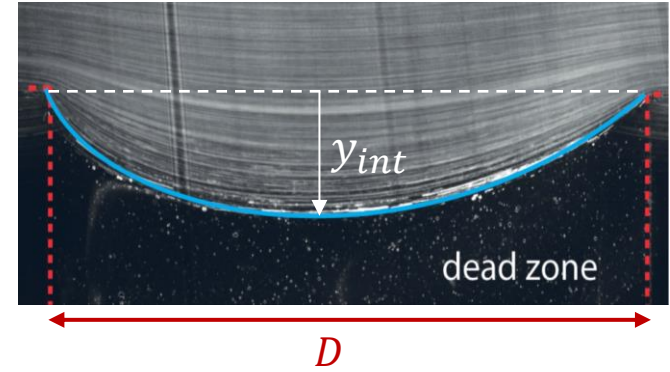
$$y_E \propto Bi_\ell^{-1/3} \ell$$



## Yield surface position



$$Hb_D = \frac{\tau_c}{K} \left( \frac{D}{U_{up}} \right)^n$$



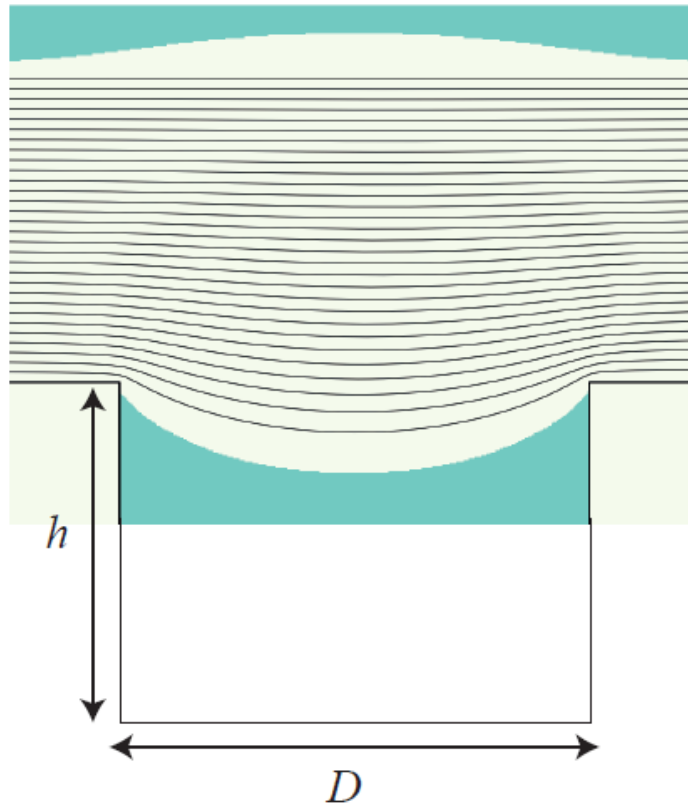
➤ Control of  $y_{int}$ ?

## Direct numerical simulations

- Augmented Lagrangian
- Highly-accurate numerical scheme

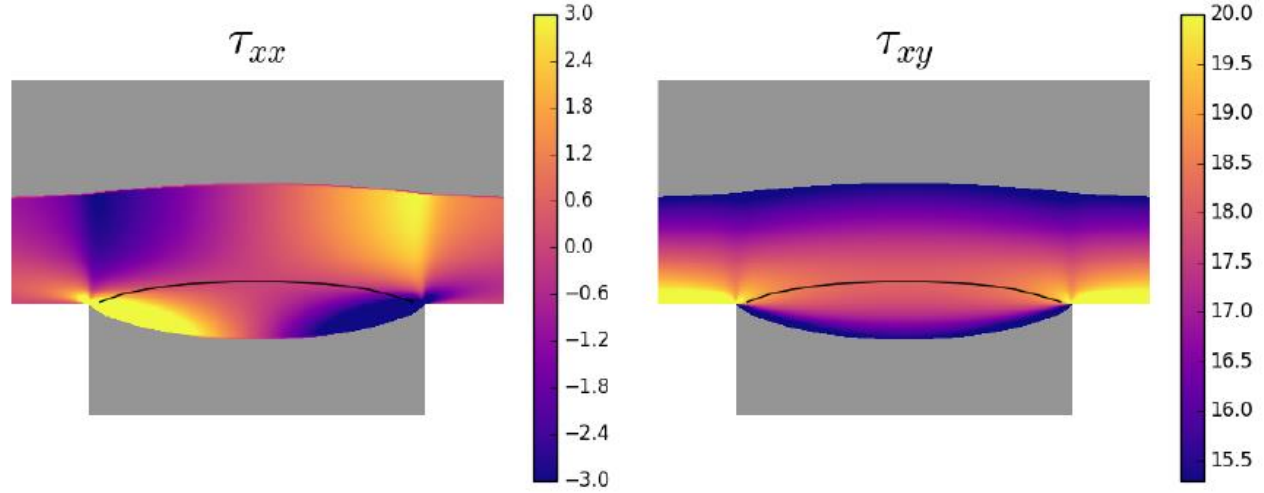
*Marly & Vigneaux, JNNFM 2017*

- Bingham rheology ( $n = 1$ ) 
$$\begin{cases} \dot{\gamma} = 0 & \text{si } \tau < \tau_c \\ \tau = \tau_c + \eta \dot{\gamma} & \text{si } \tau \geq \tau_c \end{cases}$$

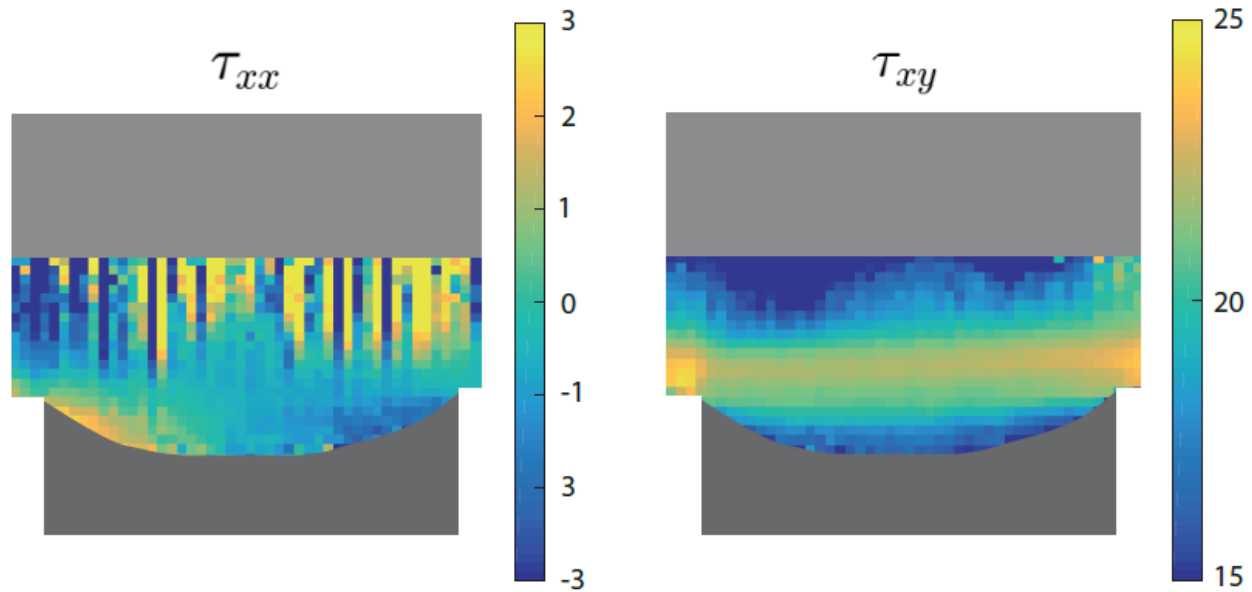


# First qualitative comparison: stress fields

Numerical simulations



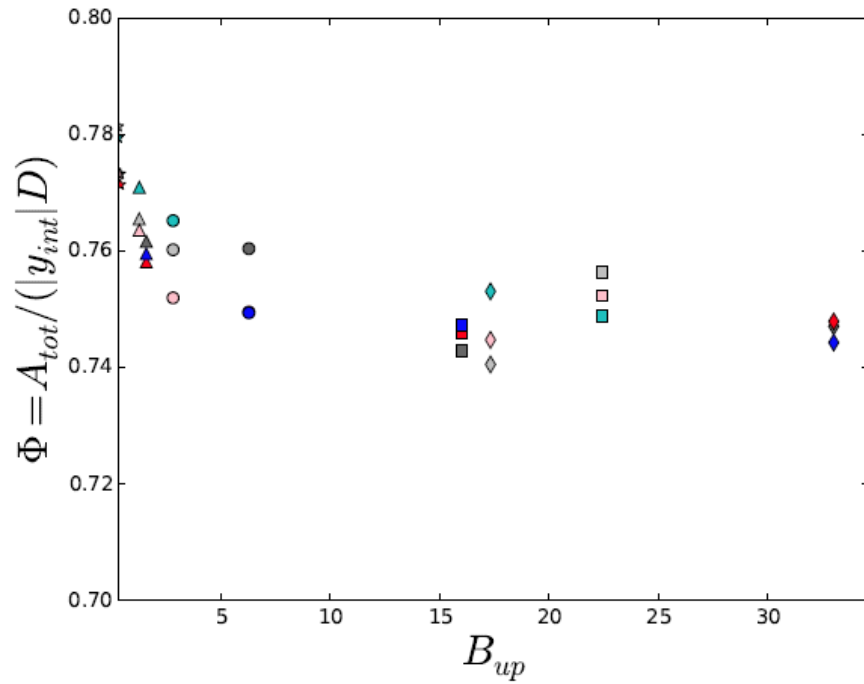
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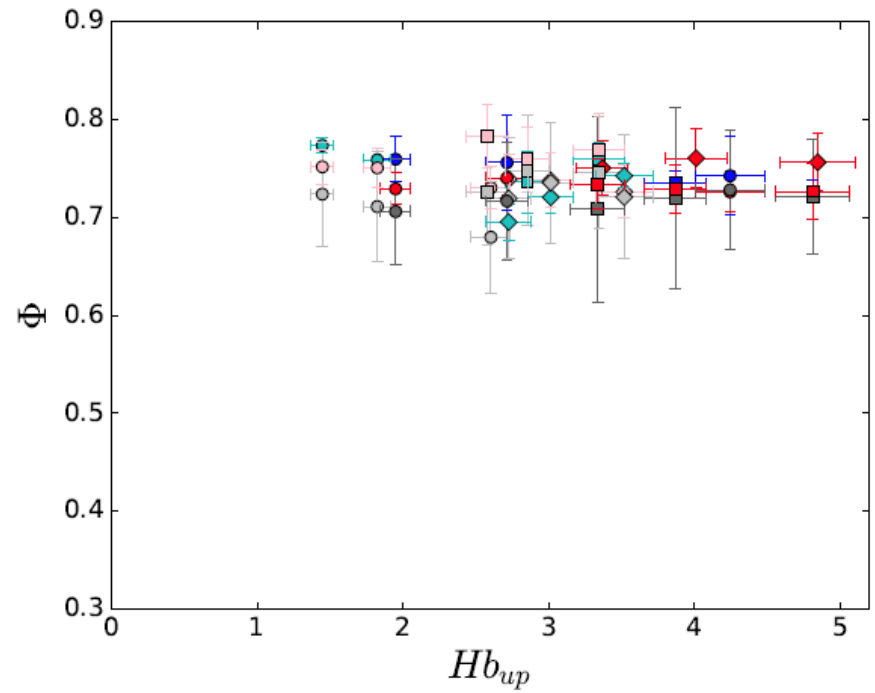
## First qualitative comparison: interface shape

$$A_{tot} = \int_0^D |y_{int}(x_{1/2})| dx$$

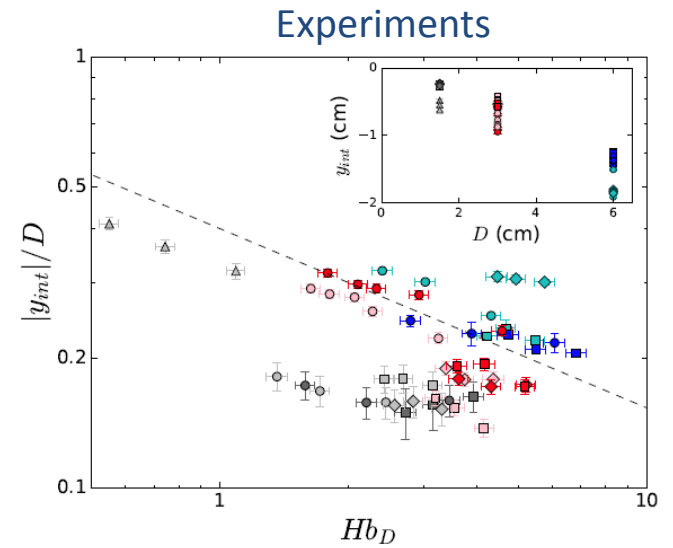
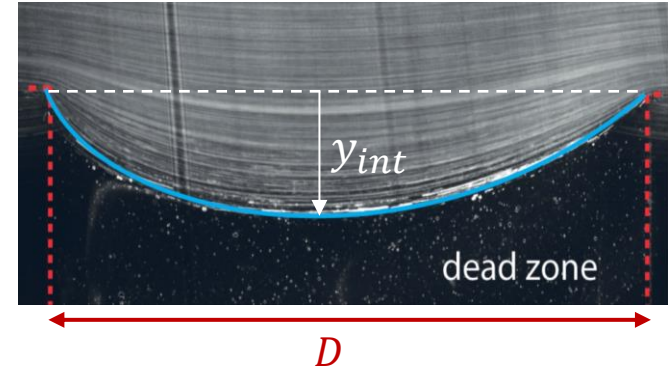
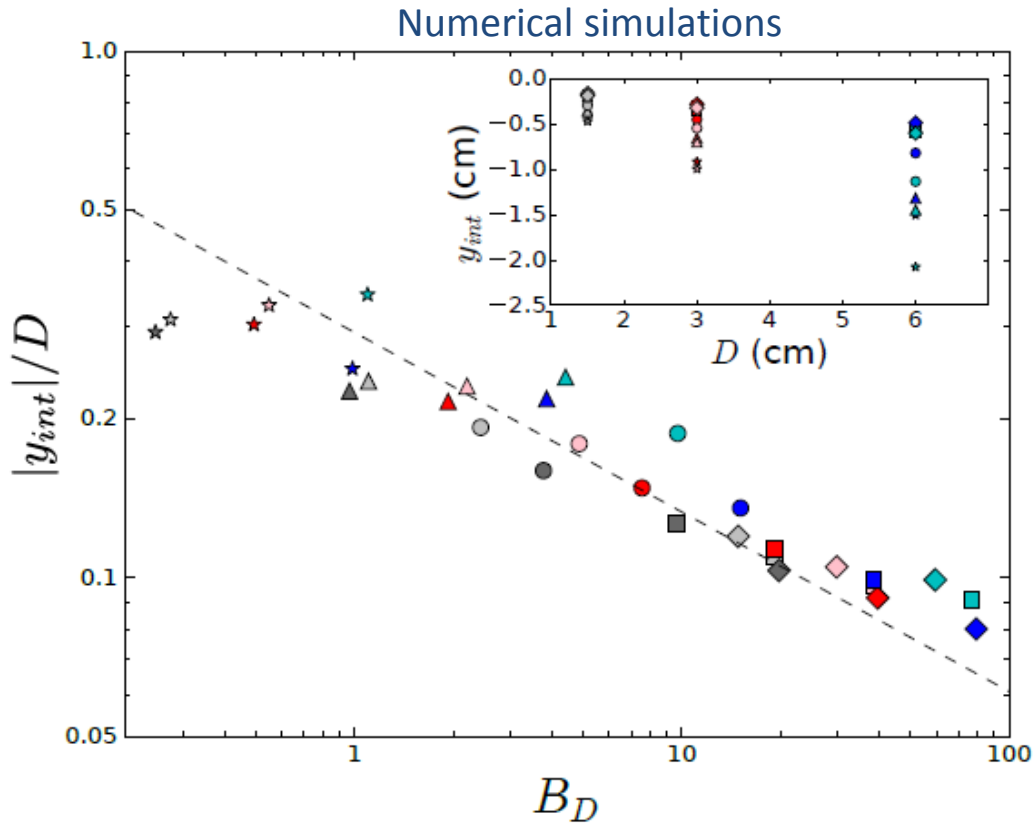
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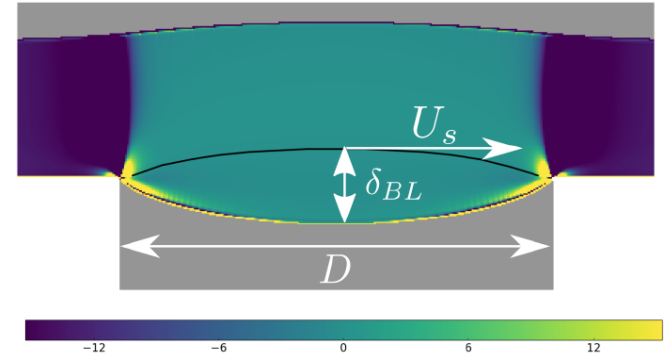
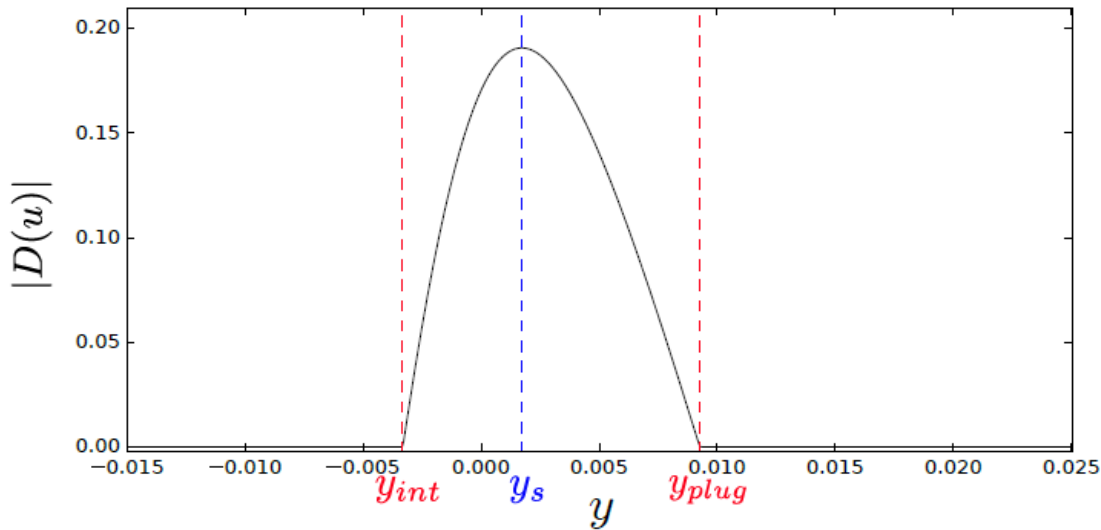
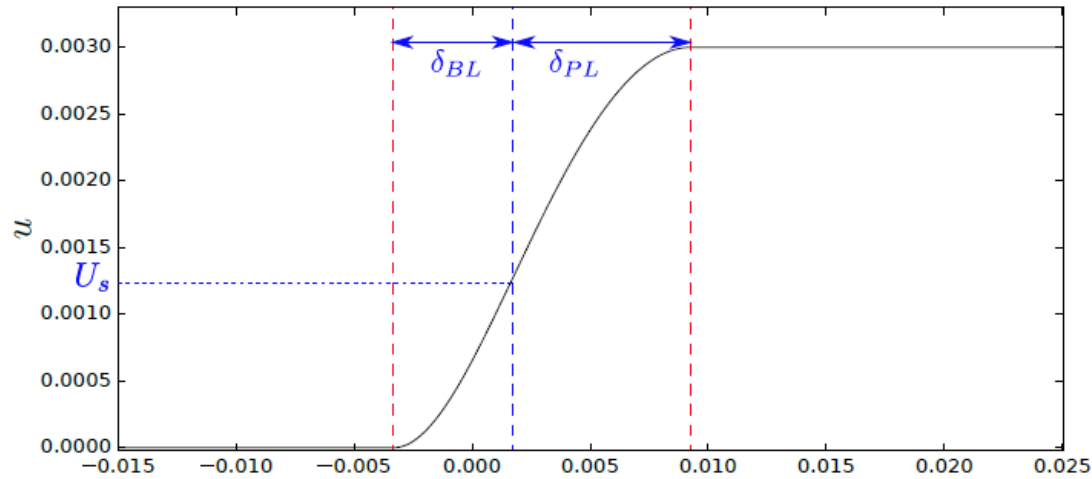


# Yield surface position



# Velocity and strain-rate profiles

## Numerical simulations

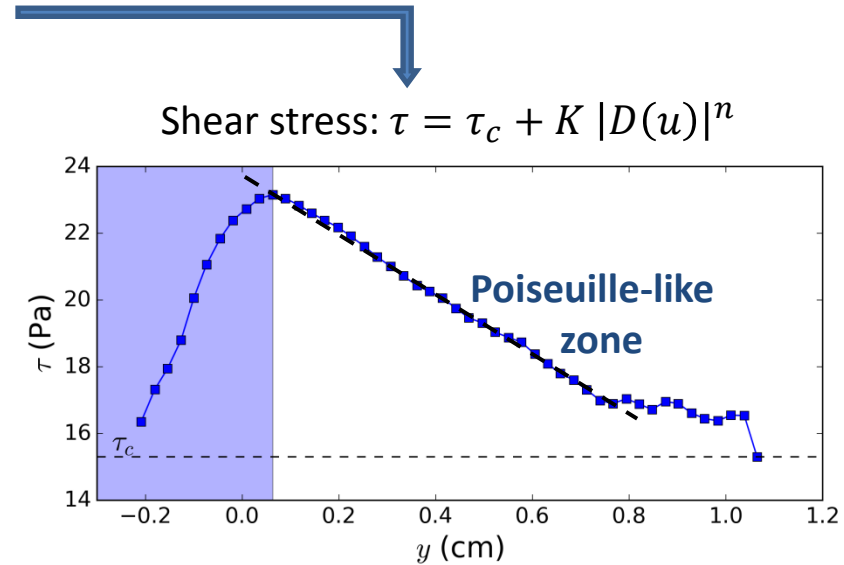
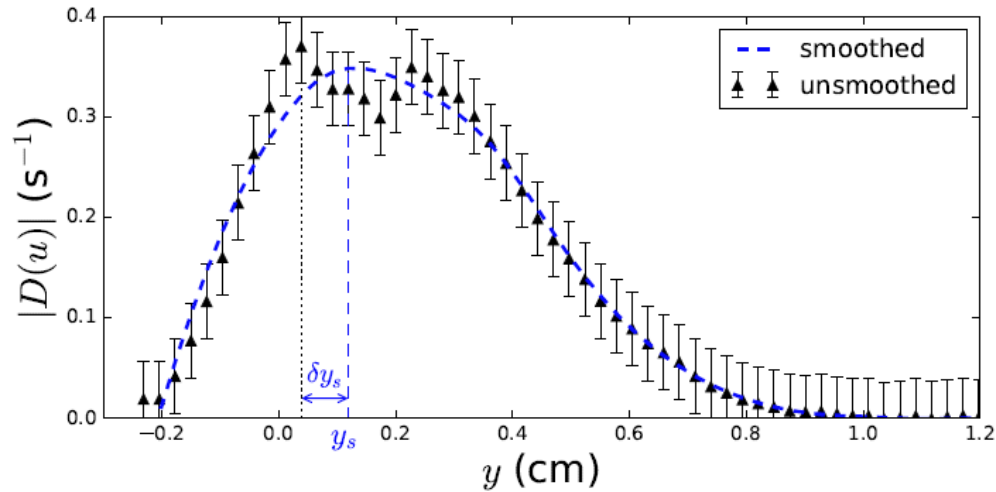
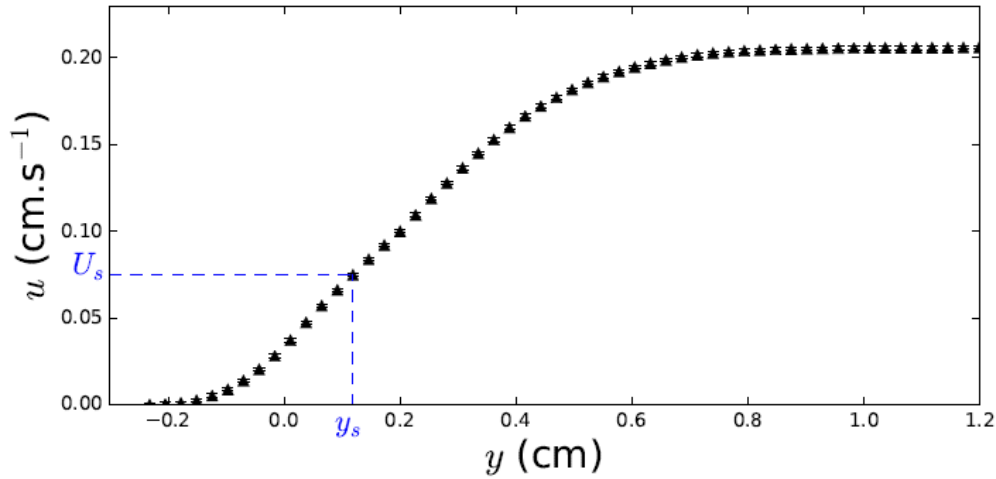


- Non-symmetric profiles
- 3 flow zones
  - *Upper plug*
  - *Poiseuille-like layer*
  - *Boundary layer*

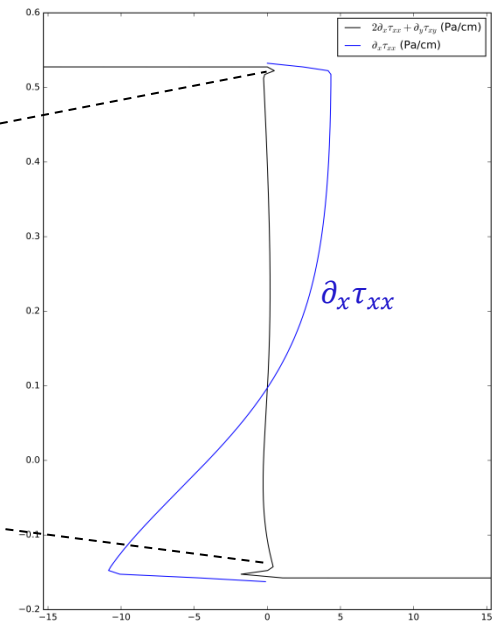
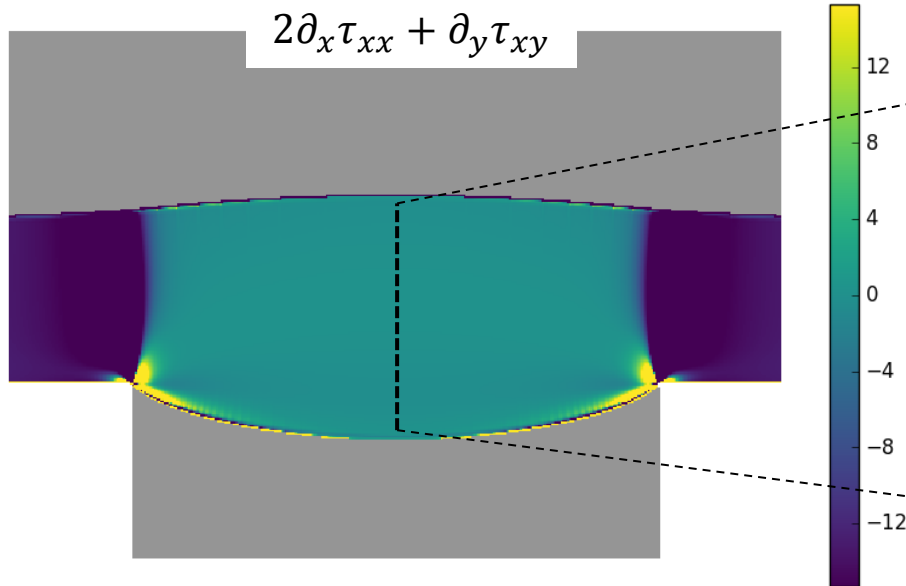
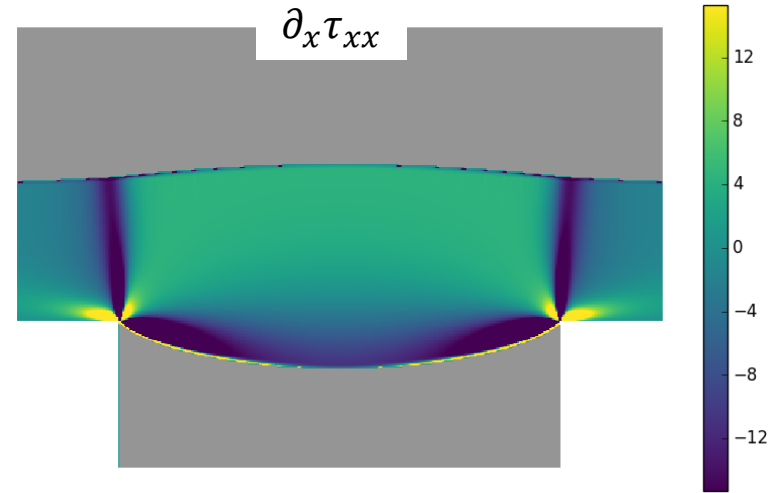
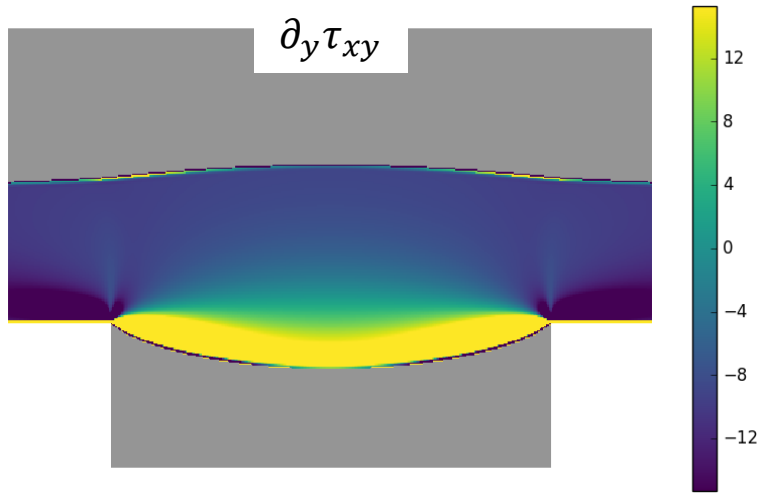


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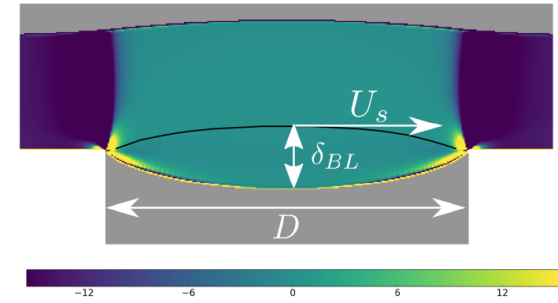
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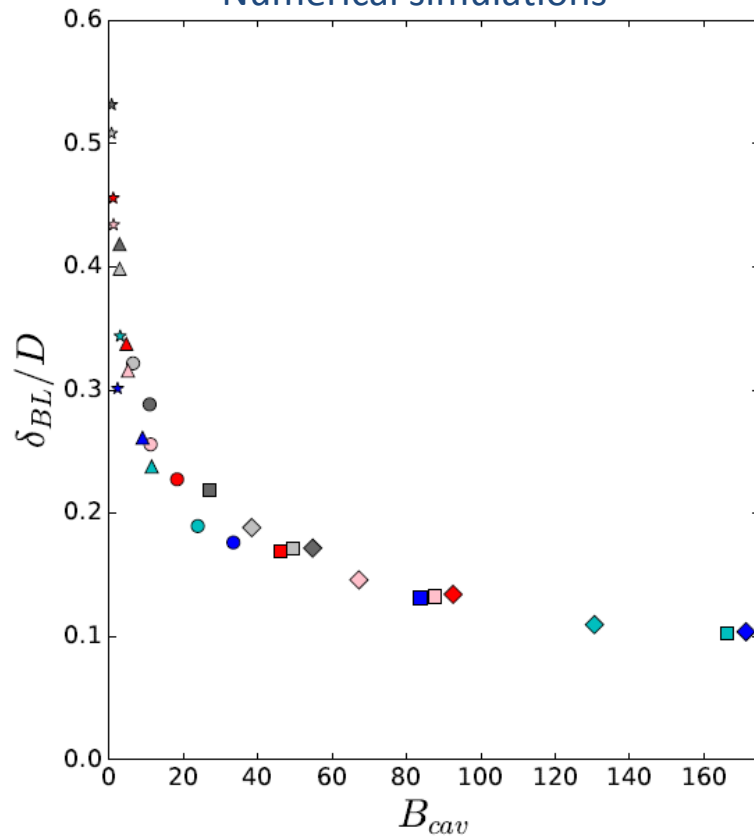
# Oldroyd's boundary layer equation



# New scaling for BL thickness

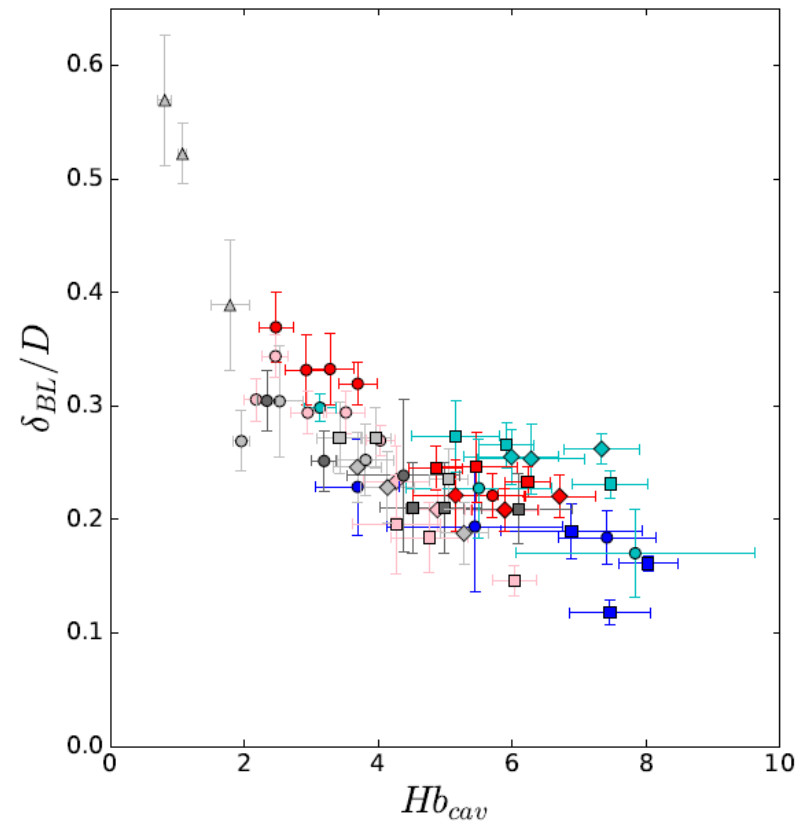


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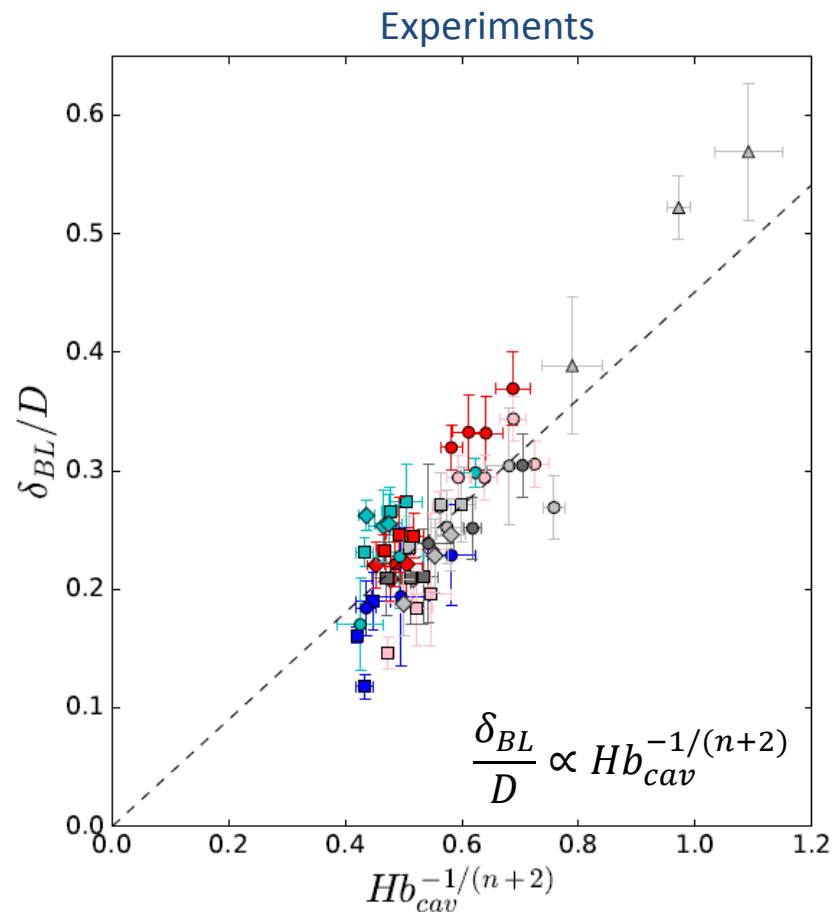
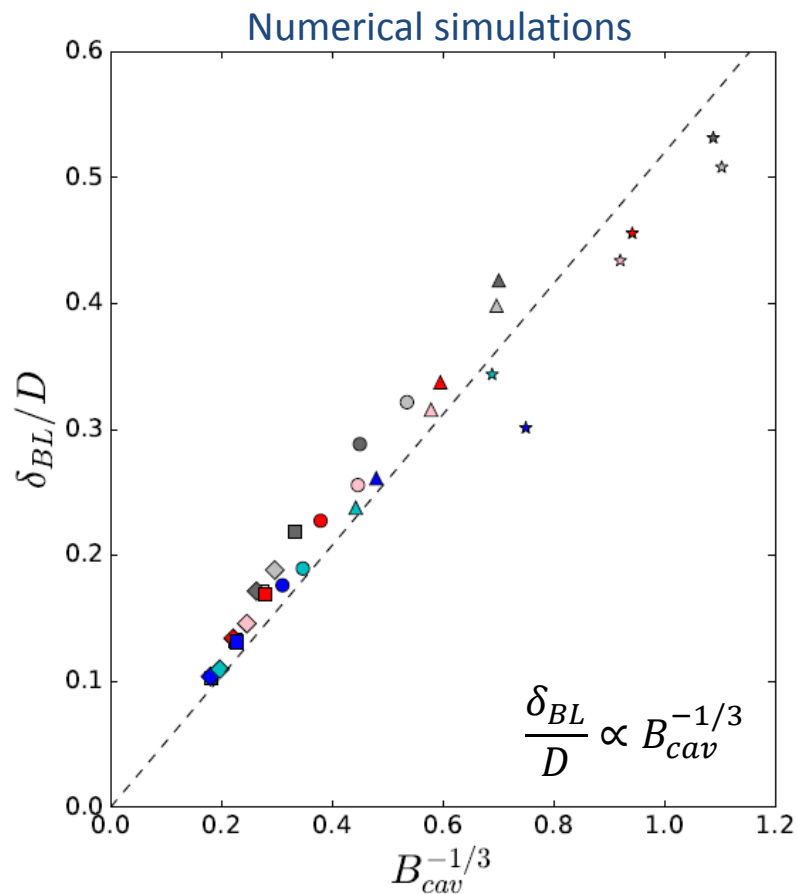
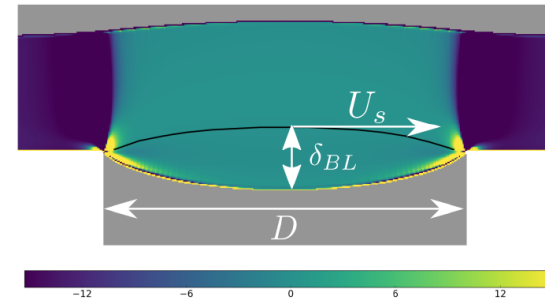
$$B_{cav} = \frac{\tau_c D}{\eta U_s}$$

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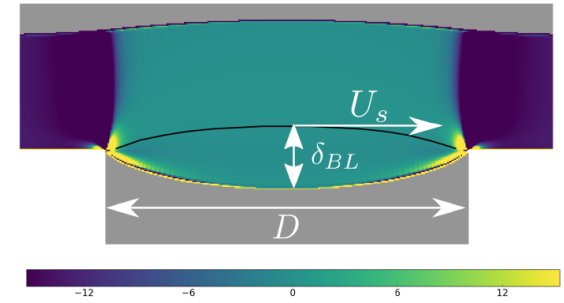
$$Hb_{cav} = \frac{\tau_c}{K} \left( \frac{D}{U_s} \right)^n$$

# Generalized Oldroyd's scaling

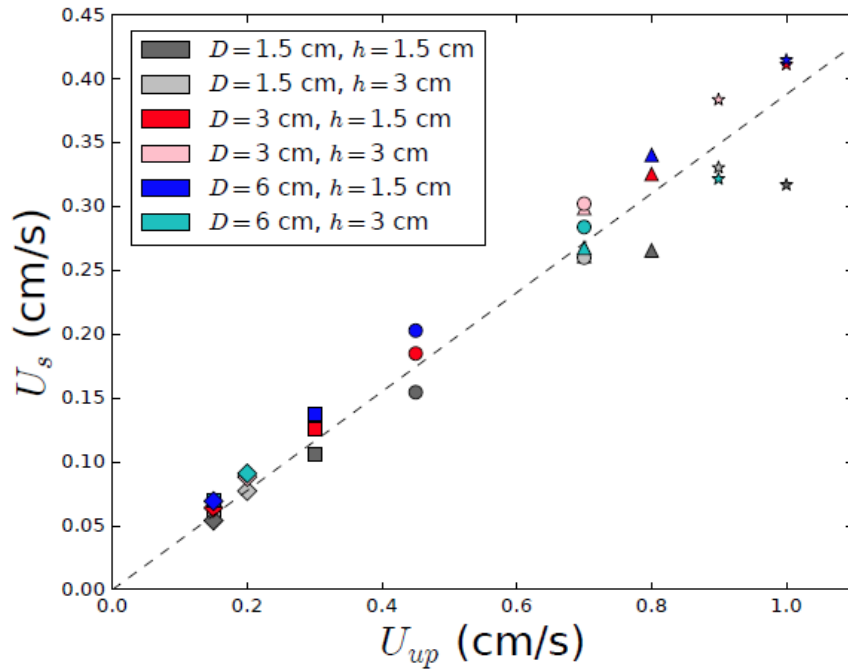


## Boundary layer – PL zone interface

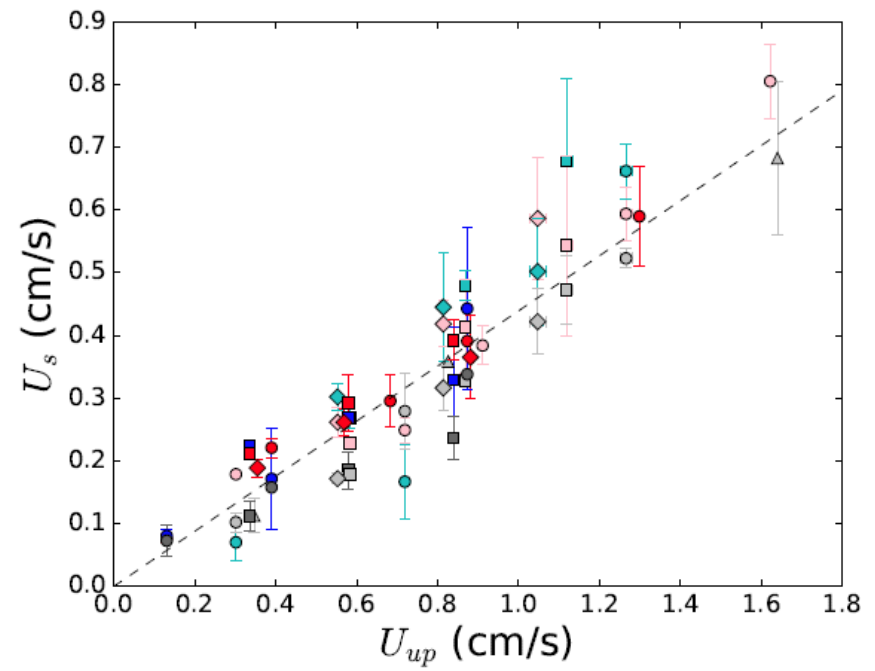
Slip velocity  $U_s$



### Numerical simulations

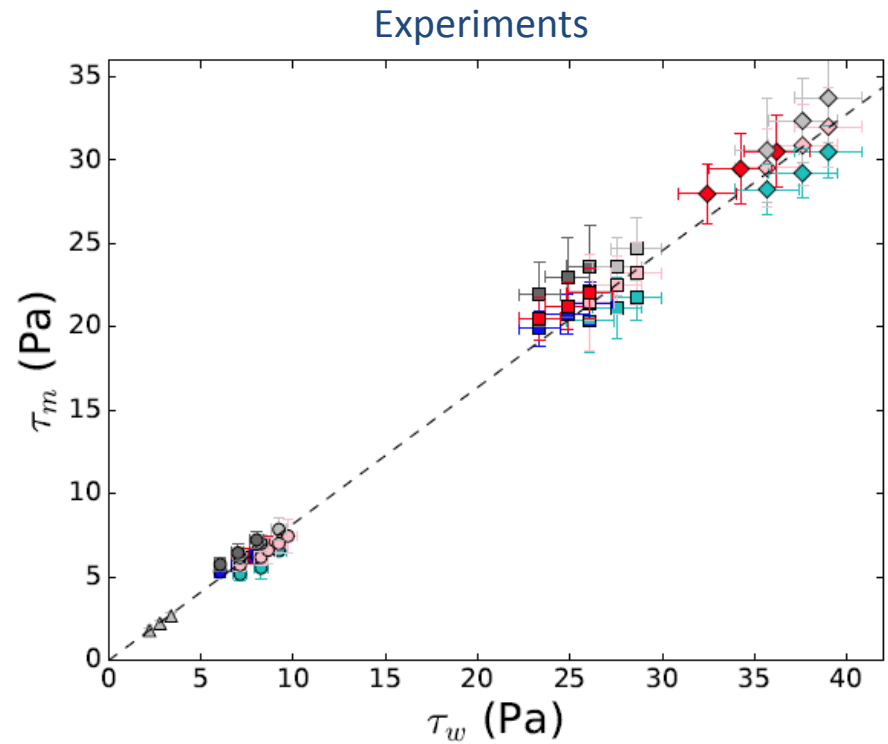
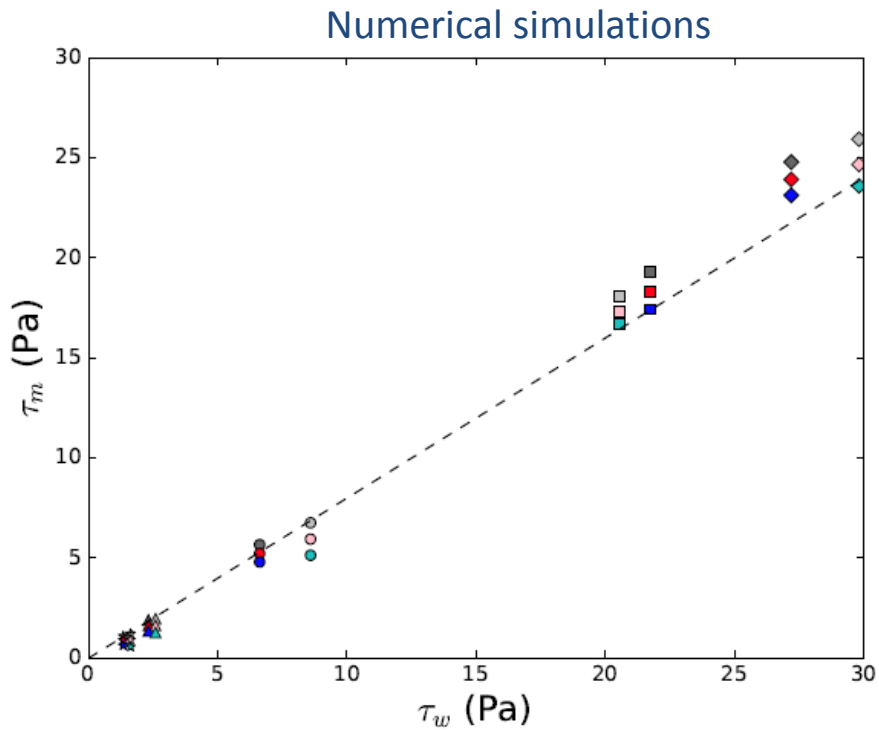
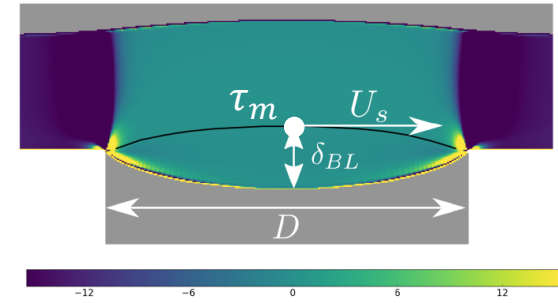


### Experiments



## Boundary layer – PL zone interface

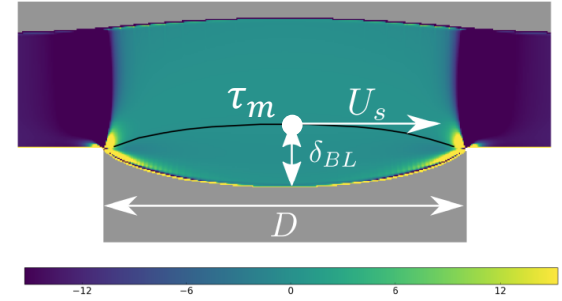
Maximum shear stress  $\tau_m$



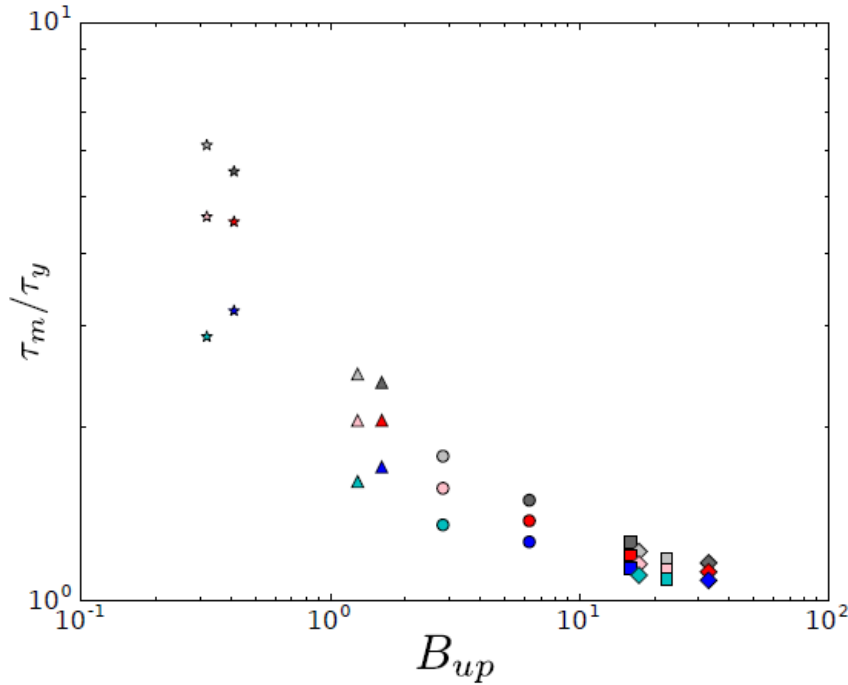
- Boundary condition of PL zone essentially controlled by upward flow

# Boundary layer – PL zone interface

Stress ratio  $\tau_m/\tau_w$

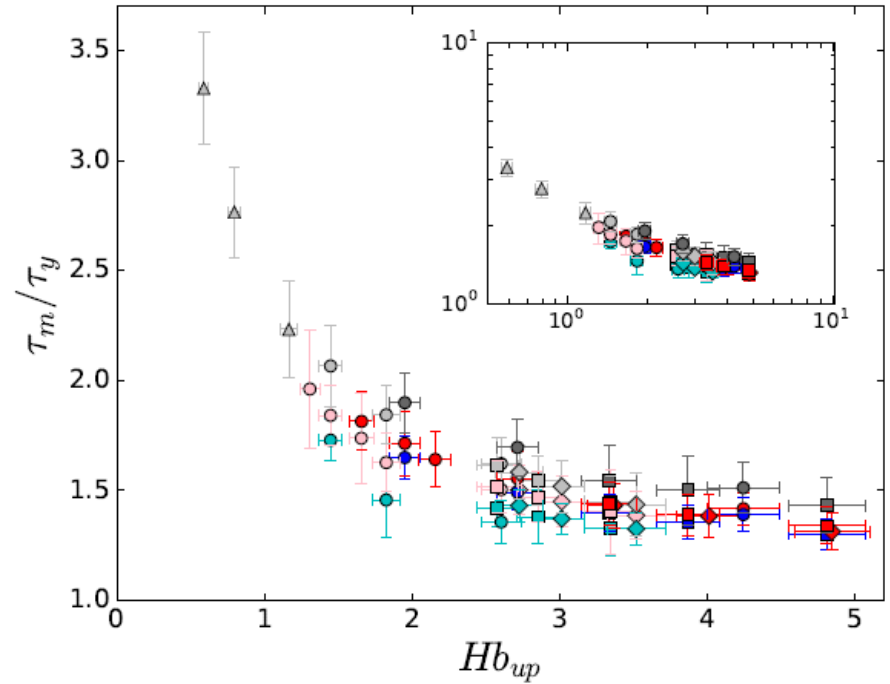


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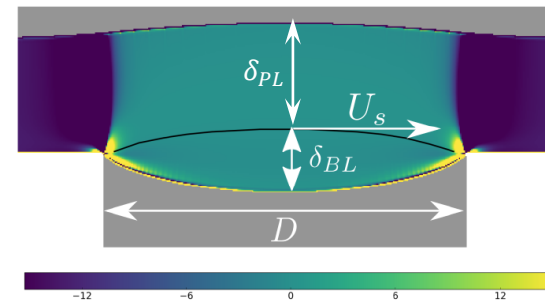
$$B_{up} = \frac{\tau_c H_{up}}{\eta U_{up}}$$

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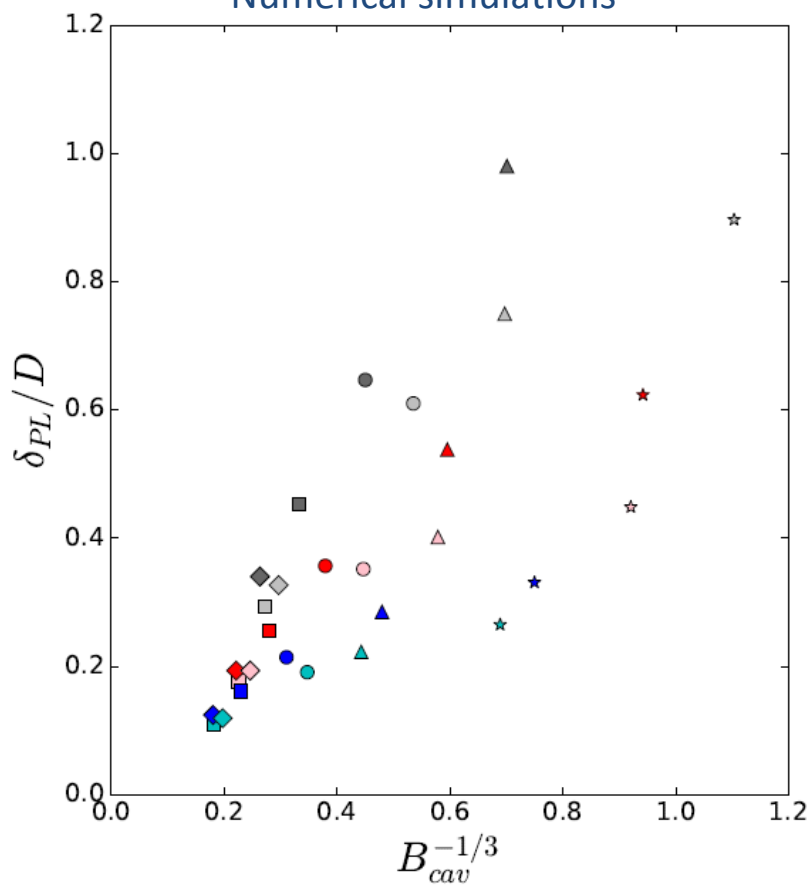


$$Hb_{up} = \frac{\tau_c}{K} \left( \frac{H_{up}}{U_{up}} \right)^n$$

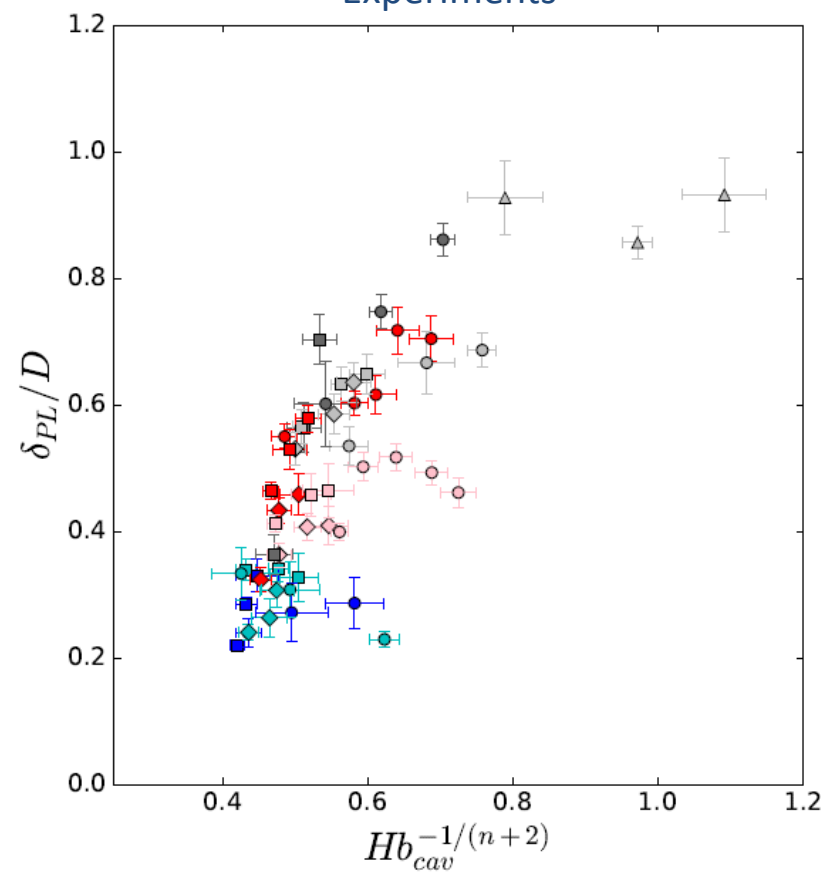
## PL zone thickness



### Numerical simulations

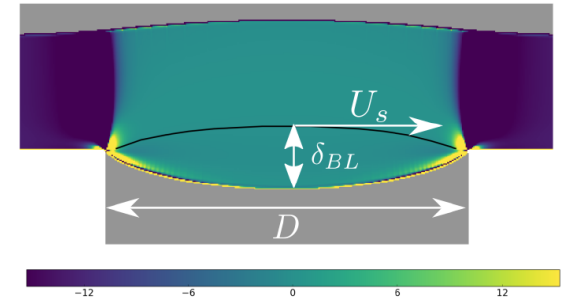


### Experiments





## Conclusions



- Experiment / model comparison based mainly on qualitative trends and scaling laws
- Allows in-depth exploration of viscoplasticity-related features
- Opens interesting prospects for the extension of existing viscoplastic boundary layer theories