



Particle Laden Flow: Theory and Experiment

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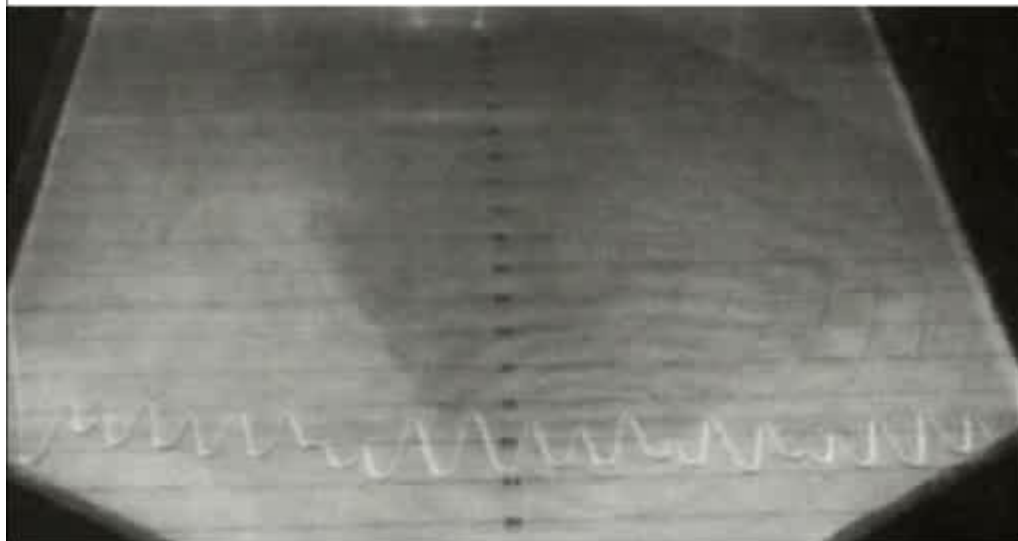
Thick oil from the Deepwater Horizon spill is found on a beach in Gulfport, Miss.



Photo from USA Today



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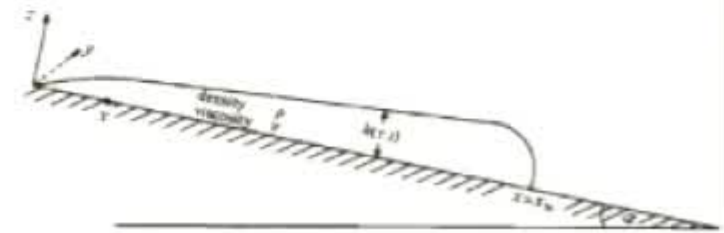
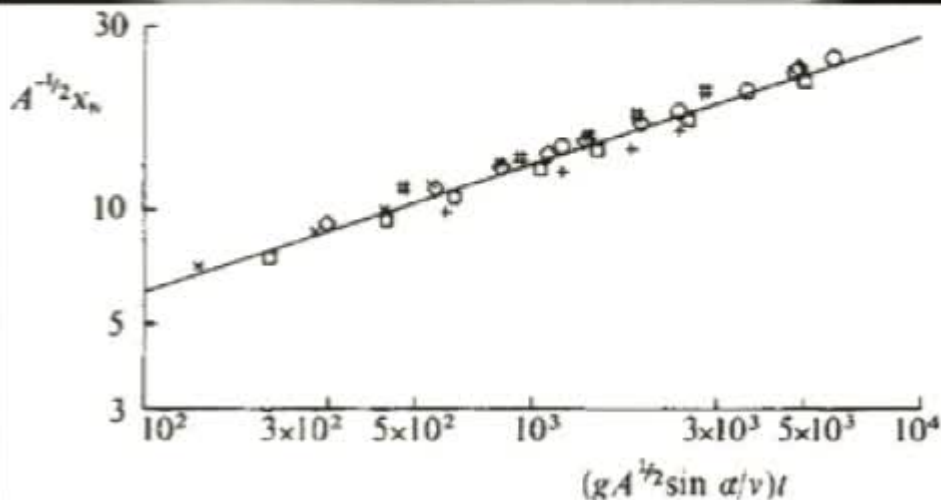


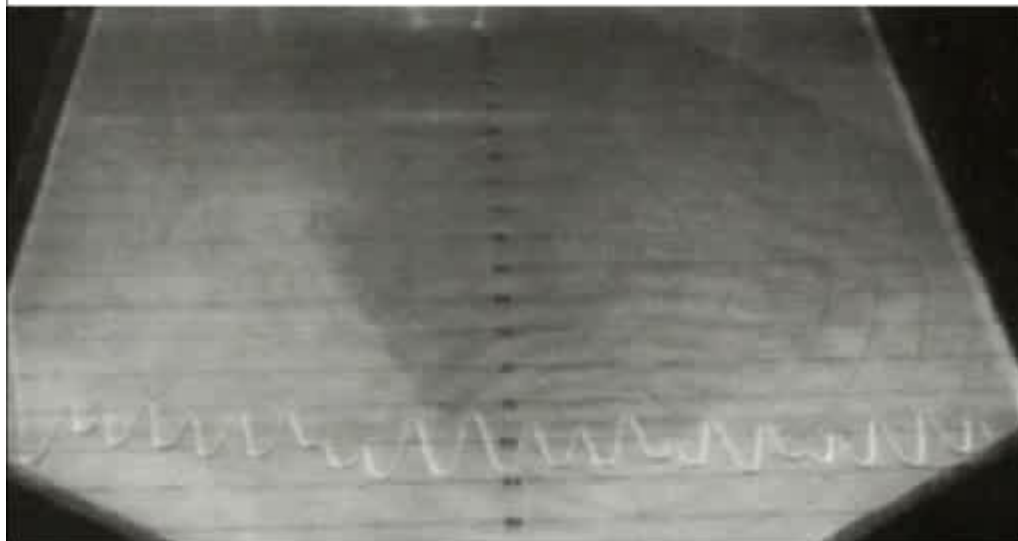
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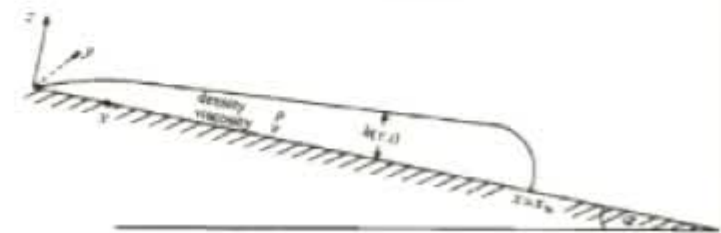
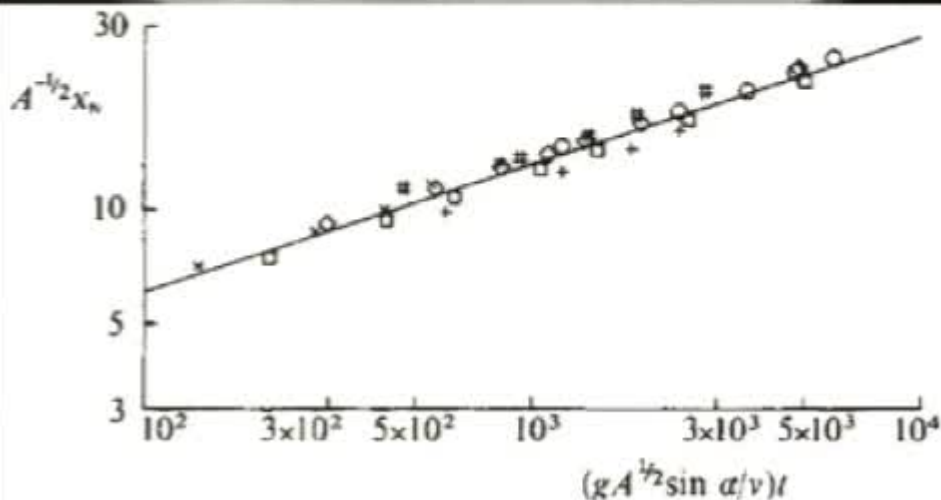


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Model Derivation II

- *Particle velocity v_R relative to fluid*

$$v_R = \frac{2}{9} \frac{(\rho_p - \rho_f)a^2}{\mu_f} \bar{f}(\phi) w(h) g$$

- *$w(h)$ wall effect*

$$w(h) = \frac{ah^2}{\sqrt{1 + (Ah^2)^2}}$$

- *Richardson-Zaki correction $m=5.1$*

$$\bar{f}(\phi) = (1 - \phi)^m$$

- *Flow becomes solid-like at a critical particle concentration*

$$\mu(\phi) = (1 - \phi / \phi_{\max})^{-2}$$

$\mu(\phi)$ = viscosity, a = particle size

ϕ = particle concentration

Lubrication approximation

dimensionless variables as in clear fluid*

$$\frac{\partial(\rho(\phi)h)}{\partial t} + \left\{ \frac{\rho(\phi)}{\mu(\phi)} h^2 h_{xxx} - D(\beta) \left[\frac{\rho(\phi)}{\mu(\phi)} h^3 (\rho(\phi)h)_x - \frac{5}{8} \frac{\rho(\phi)}{\mu(\phi)} h^4 (\rho(\phi))_x \right] + \frac{\rho(\phi)^2}{\mu(\phi)} h^3 \right\}_x = 0$$

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$$f(\phi) = (1 - \phi) \bar{f}(\phi)$$

Dropping higher order terms

* $D(\beta) = (3Ca) / 3\cot(\beta)$, $Ca = \mu_f U / \gamma$,
- Bertozzi & Brenner Phys. Fluids 1997

Reduced model

Remove higher
order terms

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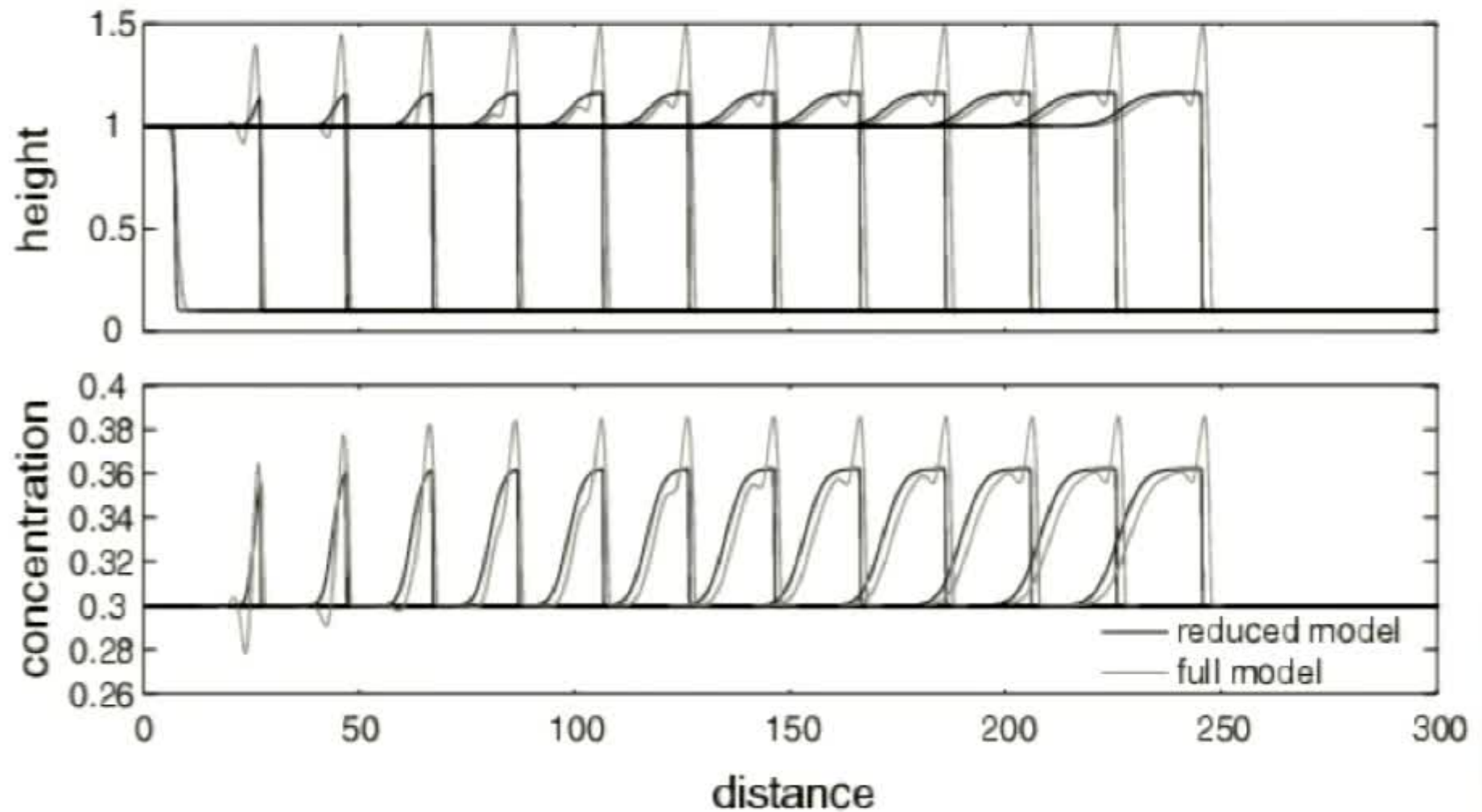
System of conservation
laws for $u = \rho(\phi)h$ and $v = \phi h$

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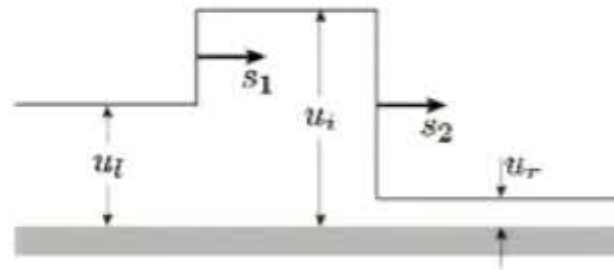
Comparison between full and reduced models

macroscopic dynamics well described by reduced model

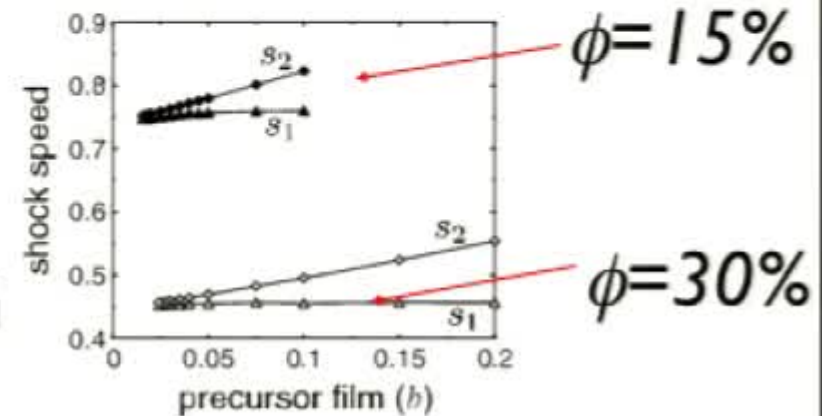


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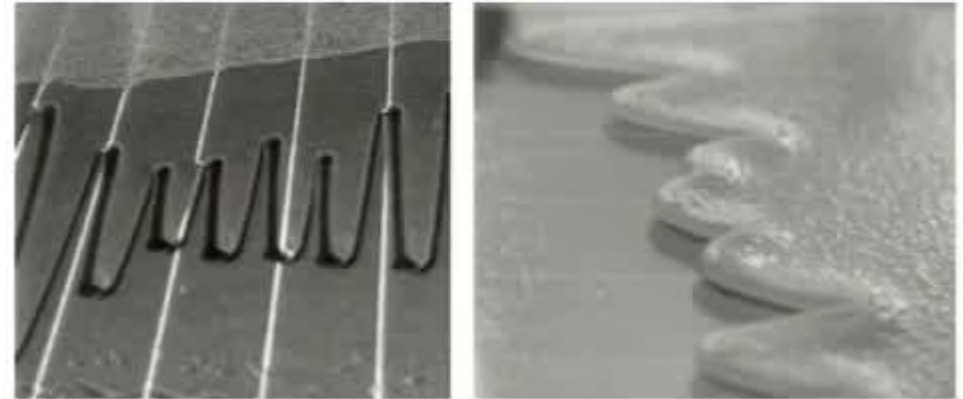


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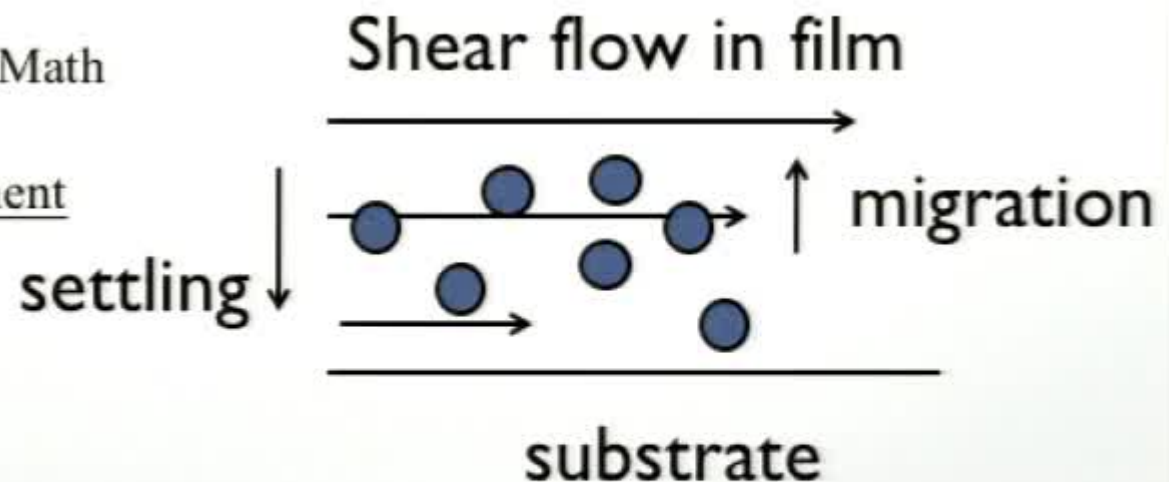
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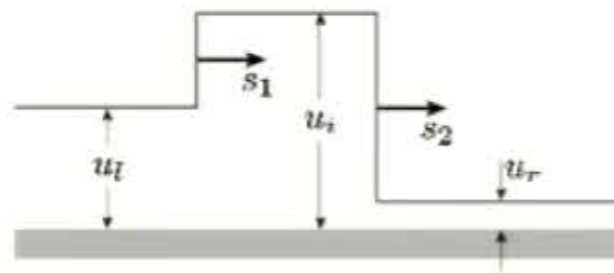
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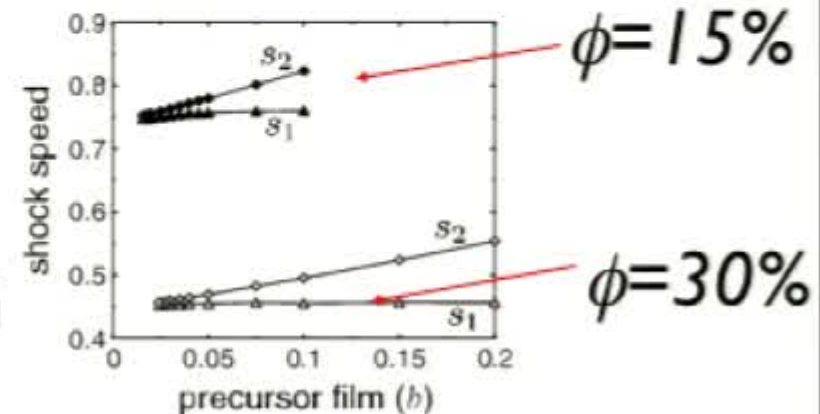
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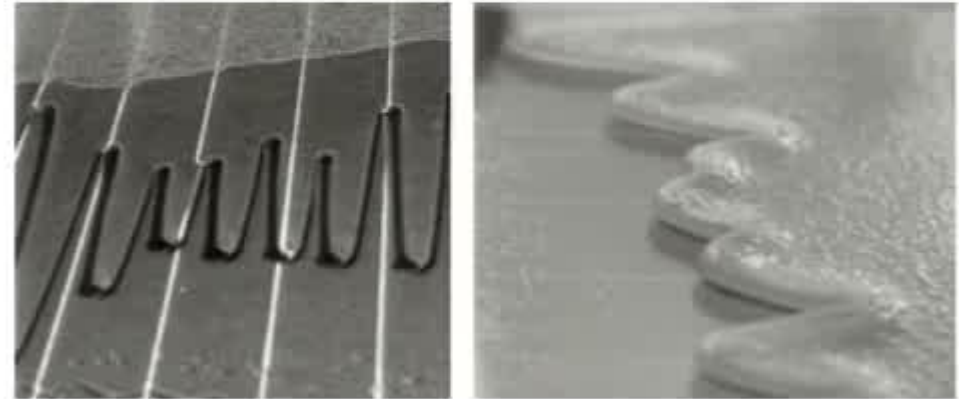


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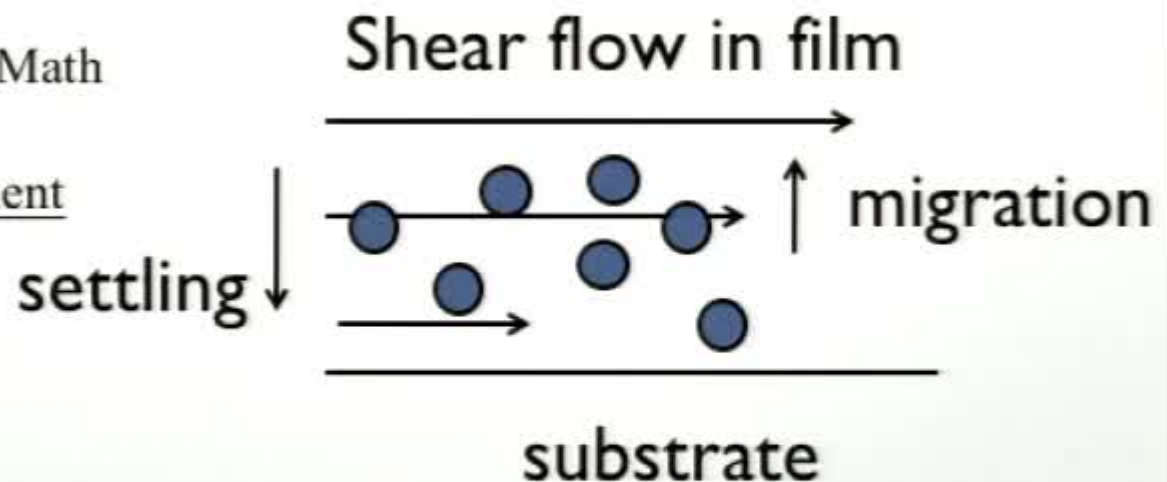
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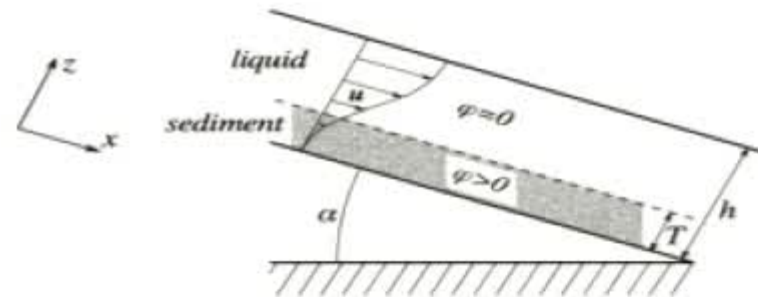


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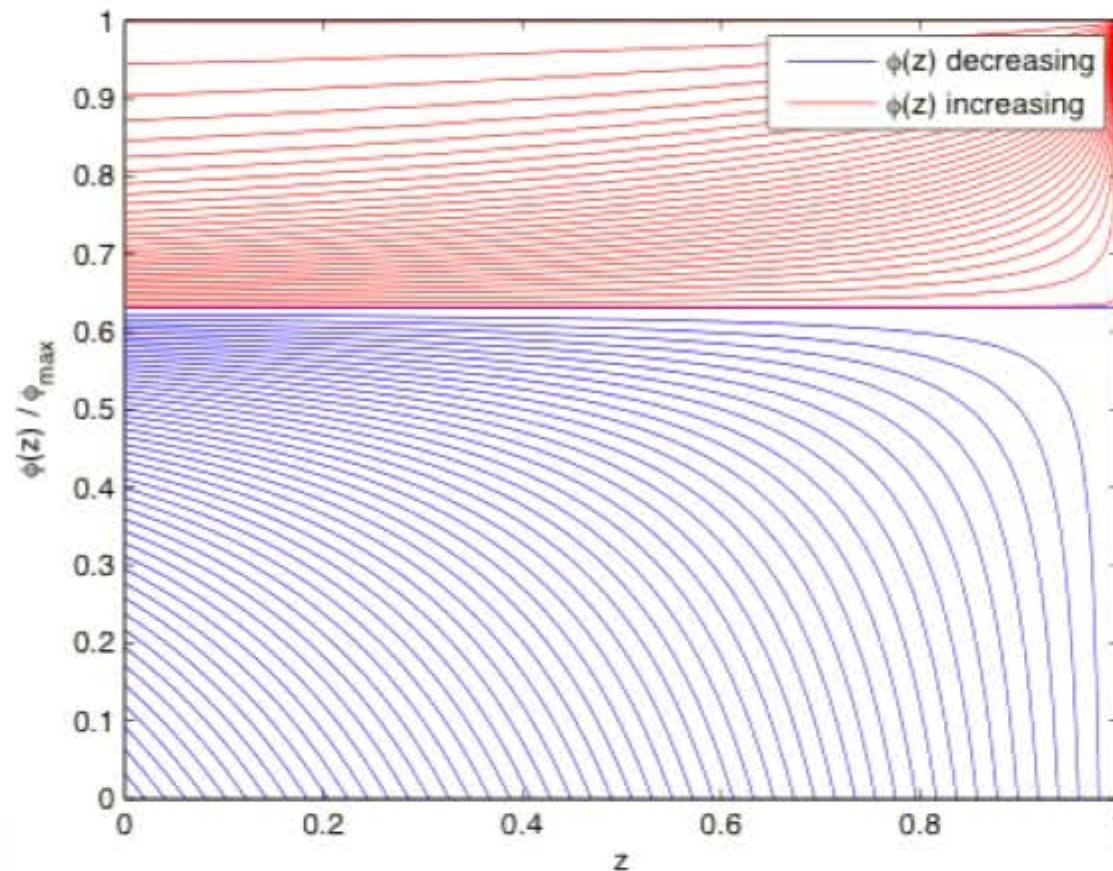
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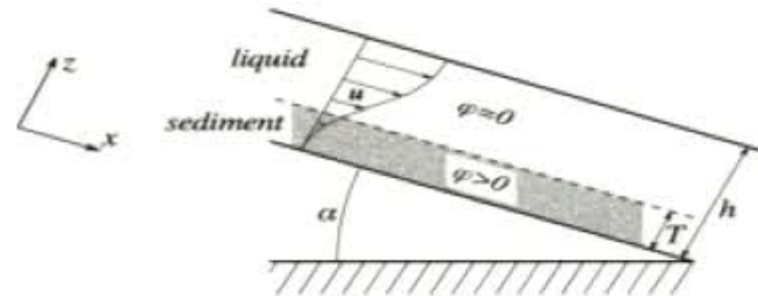


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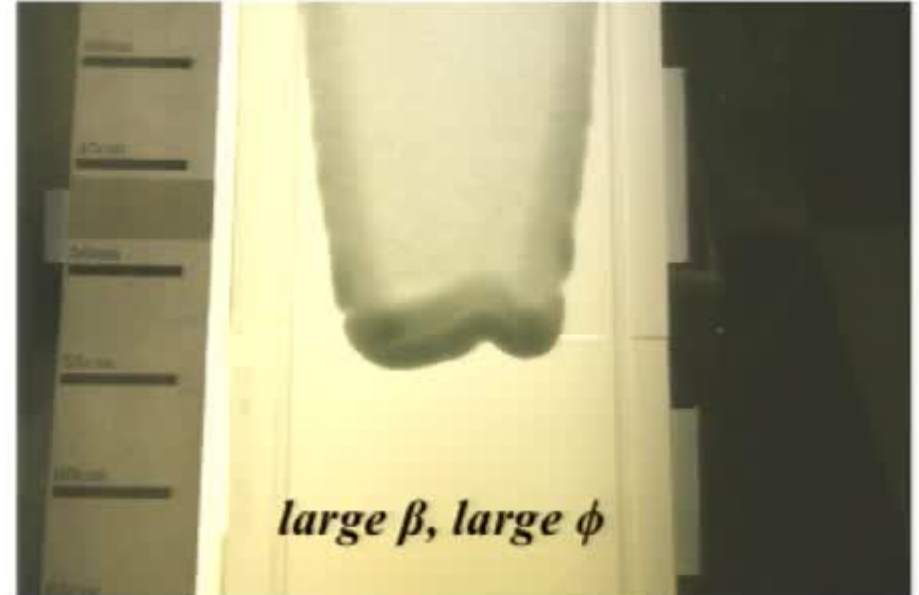
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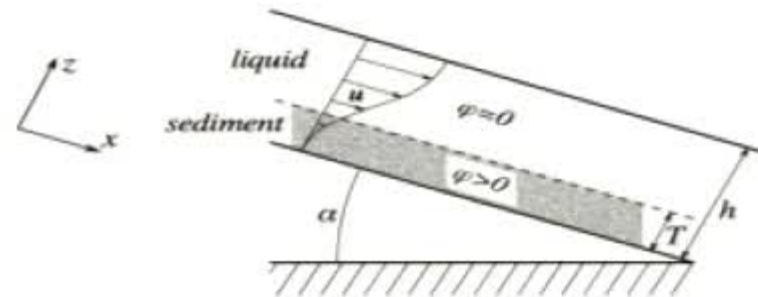


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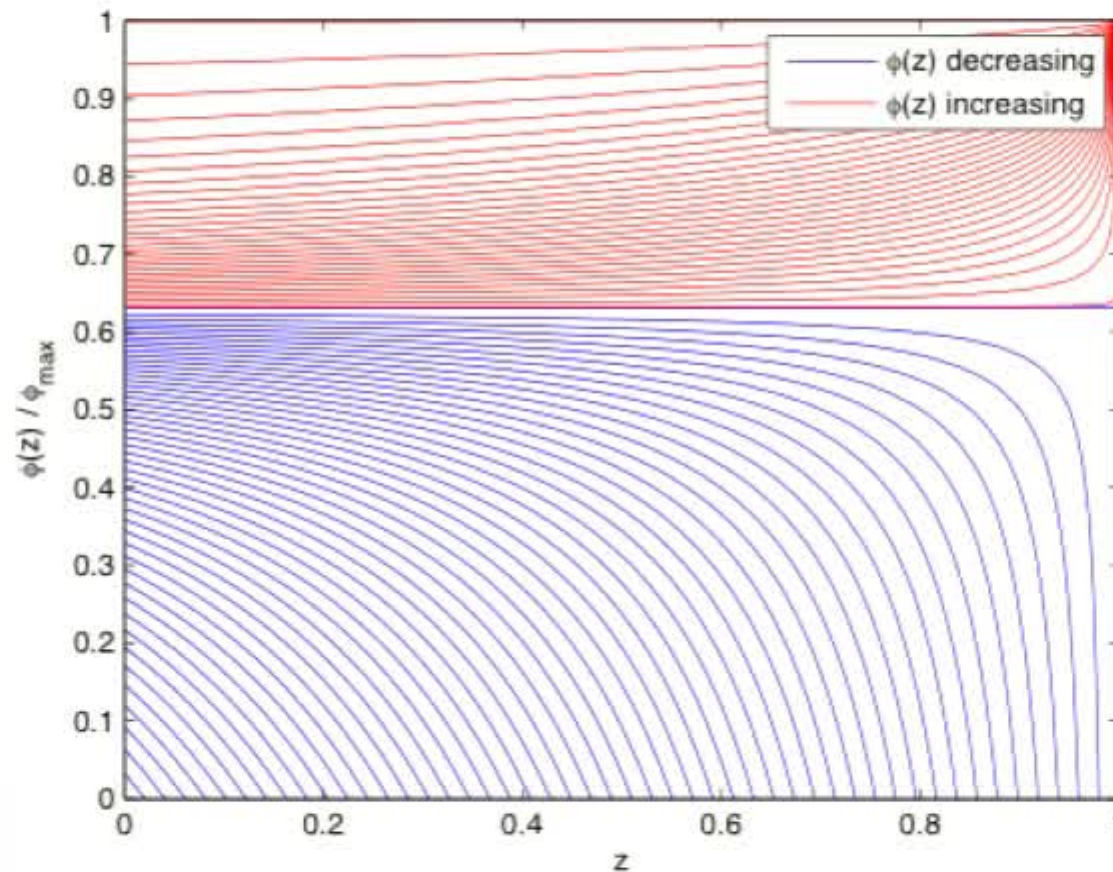
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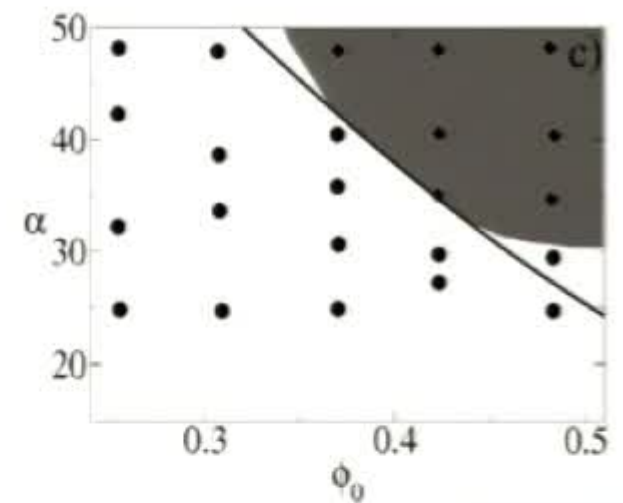
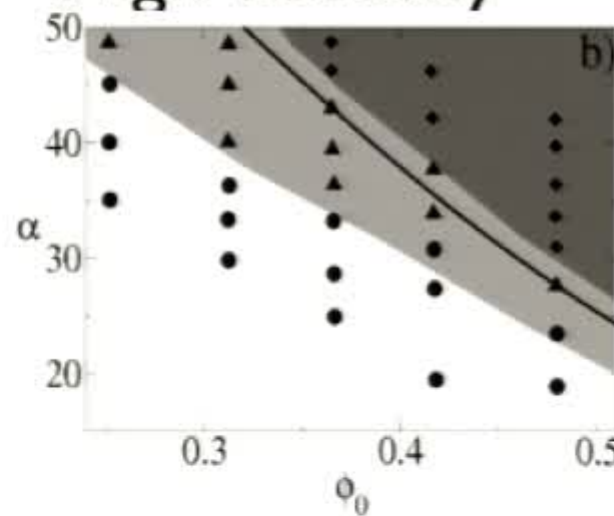
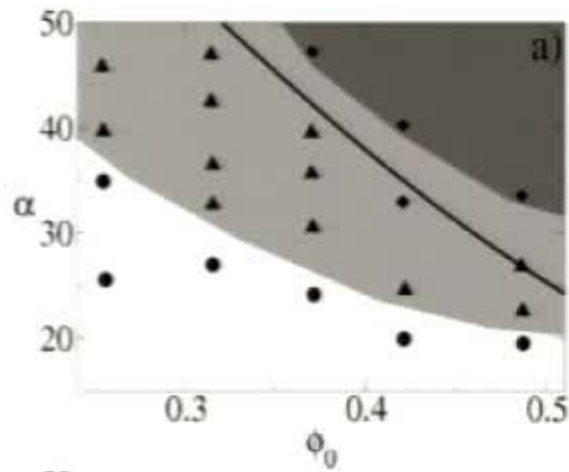
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- Consider a solution of the system where there is no variation of ϕ in z -direction ($\phi' = 0$; well mixed case):

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High viscosity



Small beads-143um Medium beads-337um Large beads-625um



Dynamics:



thin film limit formal asymptotics

N. Murisic et al JFM 2013

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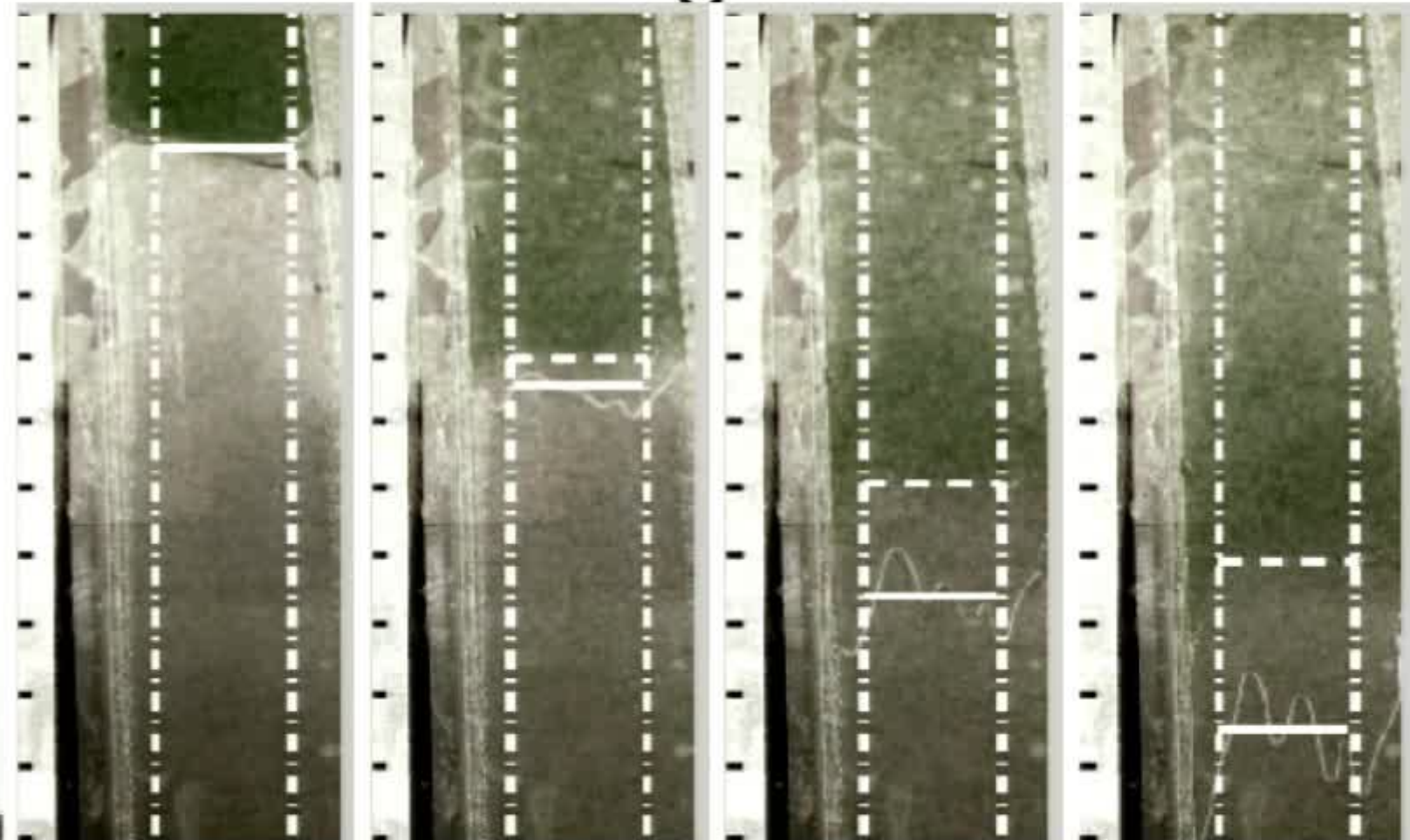
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Dynamic Experiments – Settled Regime



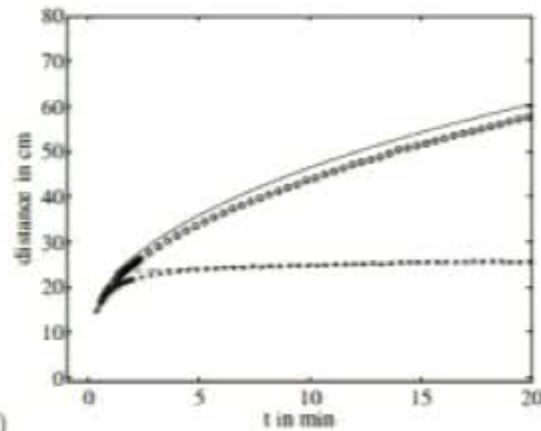


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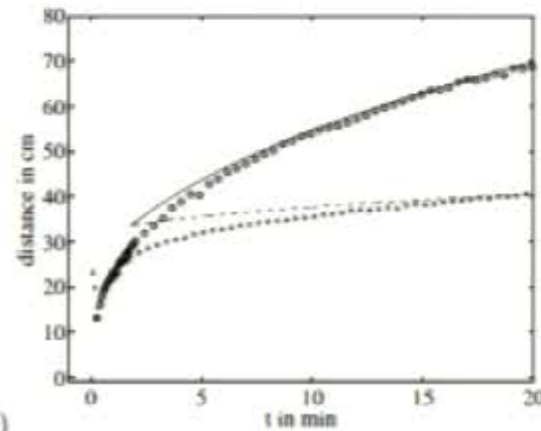


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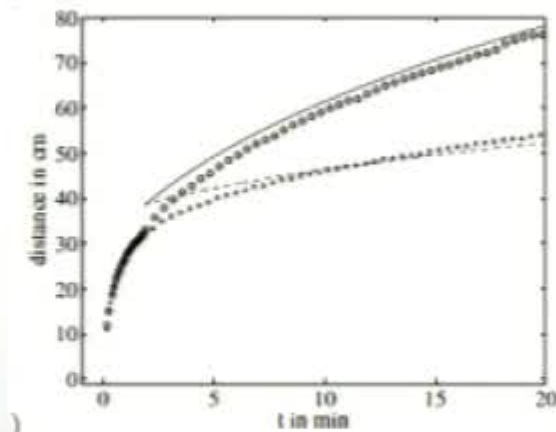
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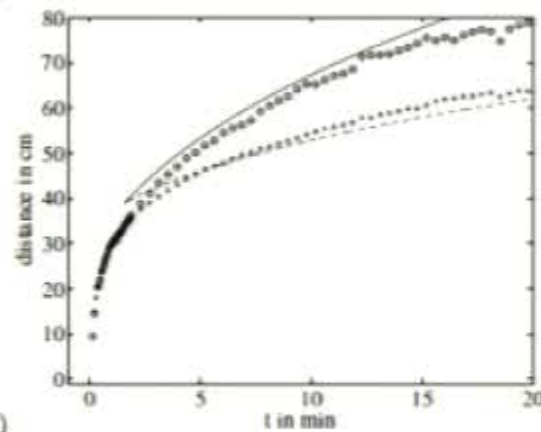
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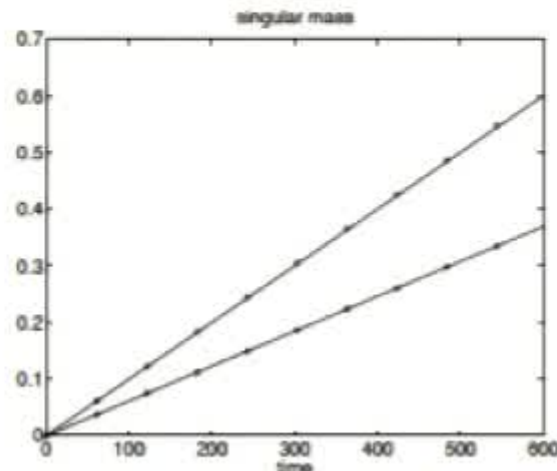
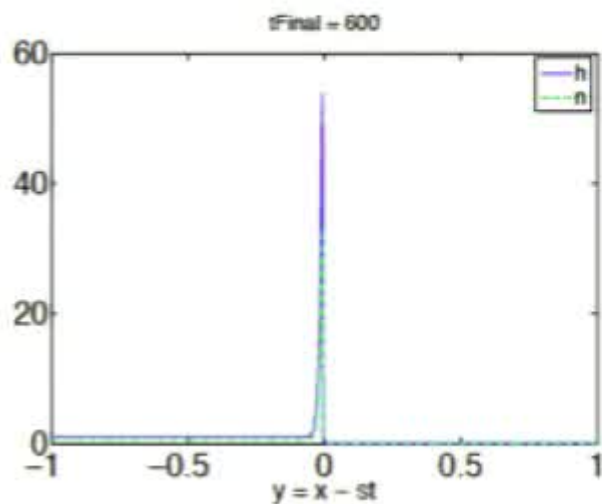


Shock Solutions

- Settled regime described by a double shock – Mavromoustaki and ALB, 2013
- Particle ridge regime described by a singular shock- Li Wang and ALB, 2013- mass concentration in the shock

$$\frac{dM_h}{dt} = s[h] - \left[h^3 f\left(\frac{n}{h}\right) \right], \quad \frac{dM_n}{dt} = s[n] - \left[h^3 g\left(\frac{n}{h}\right) \right]$$

$$s = \frac{(h_L^2 + h_R^2 + h_L h_R) (\phi_{max} f(\phi_L) - g(\phi_L))}{\phi_{max} - \phi_L}$$



Bidisperse flow

Conservation equation for particles:

- ▶ Shear-induced migration

$$\partial_t \phi + \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla \phi + \nabla \cdot \mathbf{J} = 0$$

$$\text{where } \mathbf{J} = \sum_{i=1}^m \mathbf{J}_i = \mathbf{J}_{grav,i} + \mathbf{J}_{tracer,i} + \mathbf{J}_{drift}$$

- ▶ $\phi_i = \frac{n_i}{h}$
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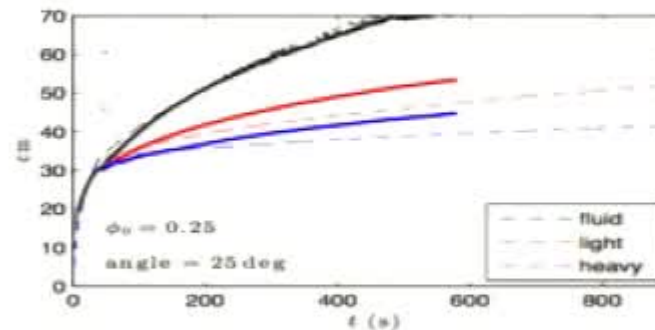
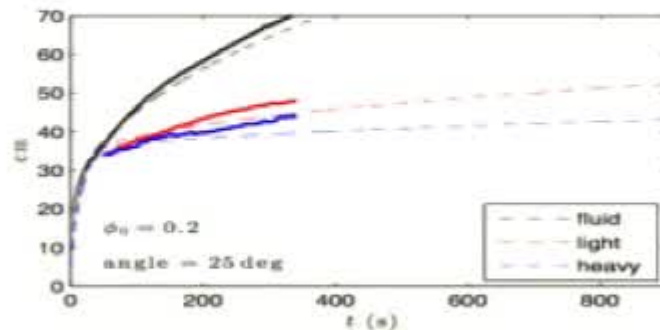
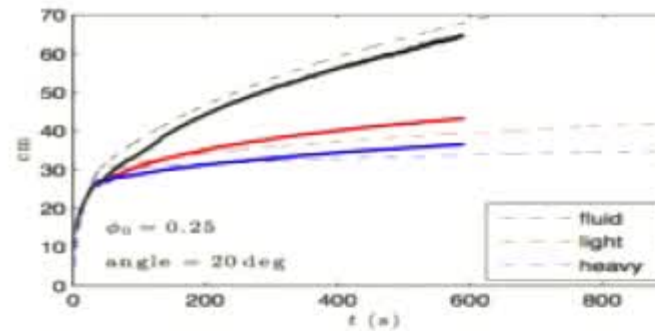
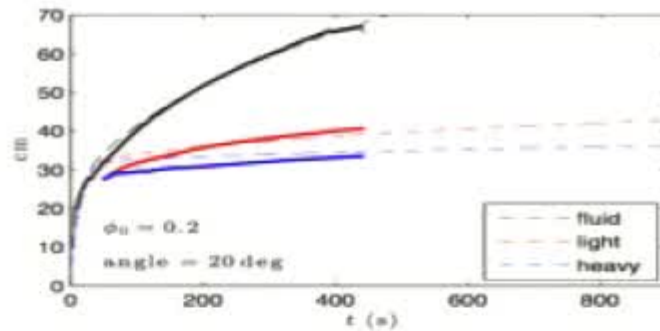
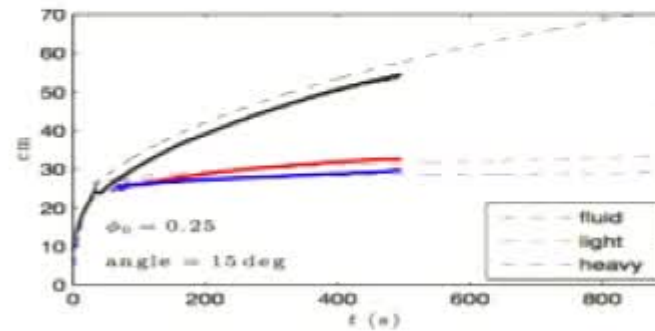
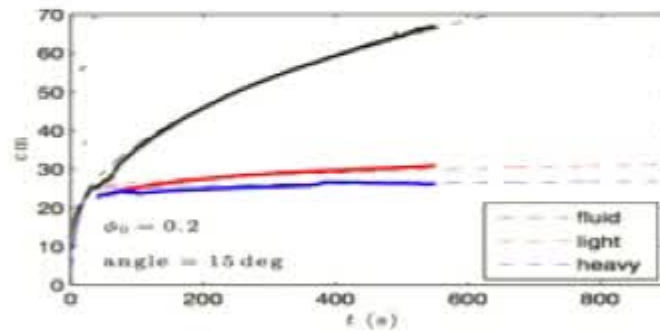




Bidensity Slurries – theory vs. experiment



Theory by Jeffrey Wong; Exps by REU student team



Phase separation mechanism: **helical separators**



Fig. 1. BIC Industrial Technology LTD
Helical separator
(debris+mud)

- used in mineral processing since 1940's to separate **solid-fluid** mixtures
- simultaneous application of **gravitational** and **centripetal** forces
- requires **no moving parts** (simple and robust)
- **no fundamental understanding** of the separation mechanism (mostly trial and error)

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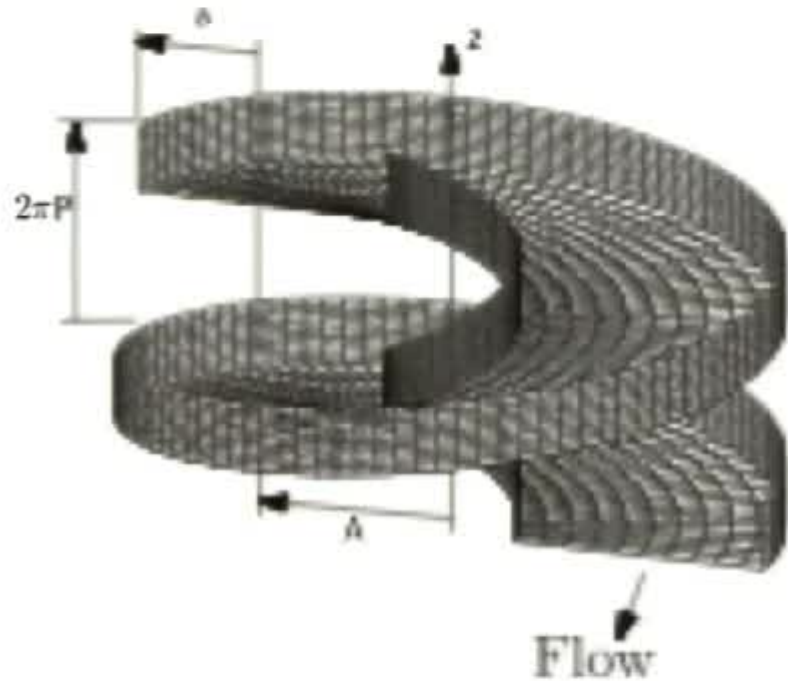


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modeling	experiments
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• mainly based on• Eggrust's effect (particle separation in fluid)• no 2-way coupling b/w fluids and particle dynamics• no secondary circulation• no secondary circulation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• secondary circulation in the tank• varying results depending on the separator used



Slurry flow in spiral separators (slides from Sungyon)



curvature

$$\epsilon = \frac{aA}{A^2 + P^2}$$

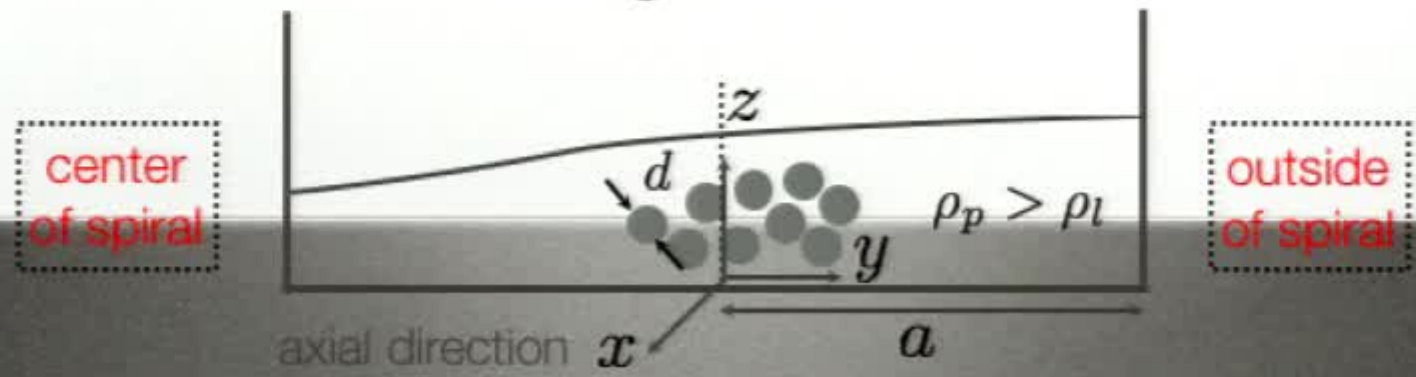
torsion

$$\tau = \frac{aP}{A^2 + P^2}$$

inclination angle

$$\alpha_0 = \arctan(\tau/\epsilon)$$

rectangular channel



center of spiral

outside of spiral