

Downslope granular flow through a forest of obstacles

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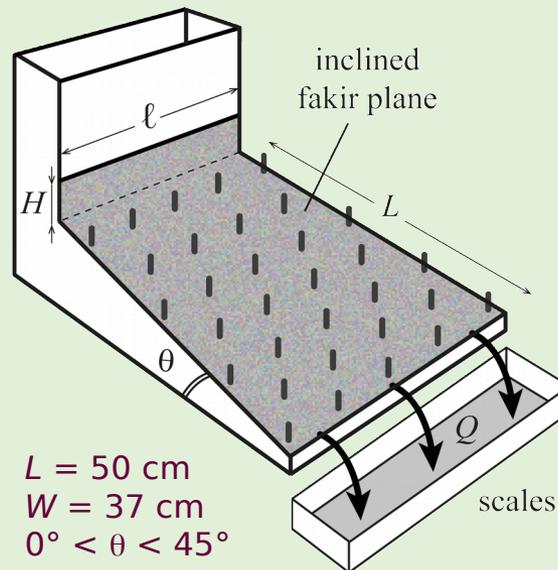
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CONTEXT

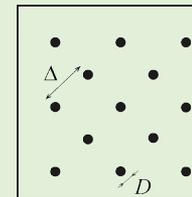


EXPERIMENTAL SETUP



$L = 50 \text{ cm}$
 $W = 37 \text{ cm}$
 $0^\circ < \theta < 45^\circ$

$d_g = 450 \text{ }\mu\text{m}$



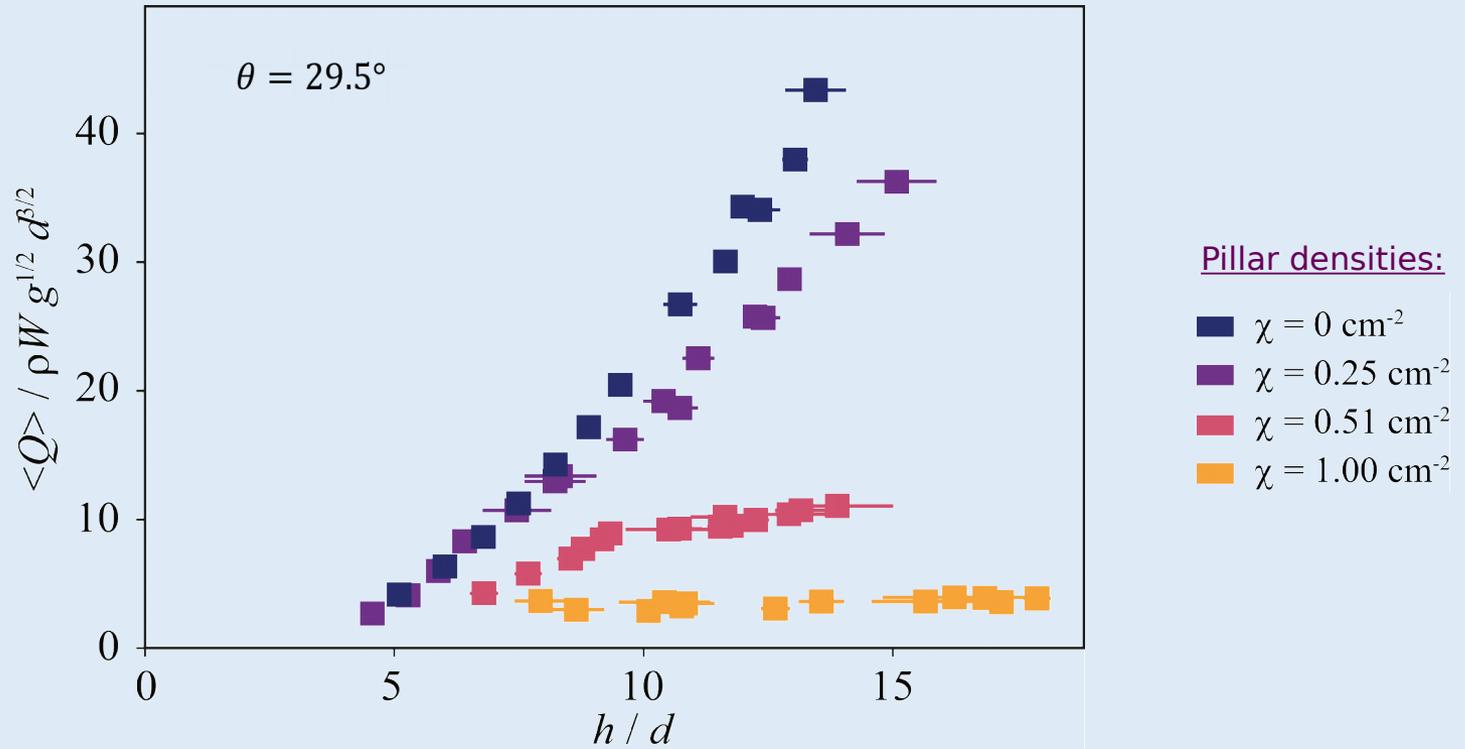
$D = 2 \text{ mm}$
 $\Delta = 10, 14 \text{ and } 20 \text{ mm}$

Pillar densities: $\chi = 1/\Delta^2$

- $\chi = 0 \text{ cm}^{-2}$
- $\chi = 0.25 \text{ cm}^{-2}$
- $\chi = 0.51 \text{ cm}^{-2}$
- $\chi = 1.00 \text{ cm}^{-2}$



STATIONARY FLOW



MODEL

$\mu(l)$ -rheology

Force balance with independent pillars:

$$\rho g h \sin \theta - \mu_b(u, h) \rho g h \cos \theta - \alpha \rho g \chi h^2 D \cos \theta - C_d \rho \chi h D u^2 = 0$$

$$\tilde{Q} = \frac{2I_0}{5} \frac{\tan \theta - \tan \theta_1 - \alpha \chi h D}{\tan \theta_2 + \alpha \chi h D - \tan \theta} \sqrt{\phi \cos \theta} \left(\frac{h}{d} \right)^{5/2}$$

