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# **Perturbation Decay Experiments on Granular Materials**

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# Sakharov et al. Perturbation Decay Experiment

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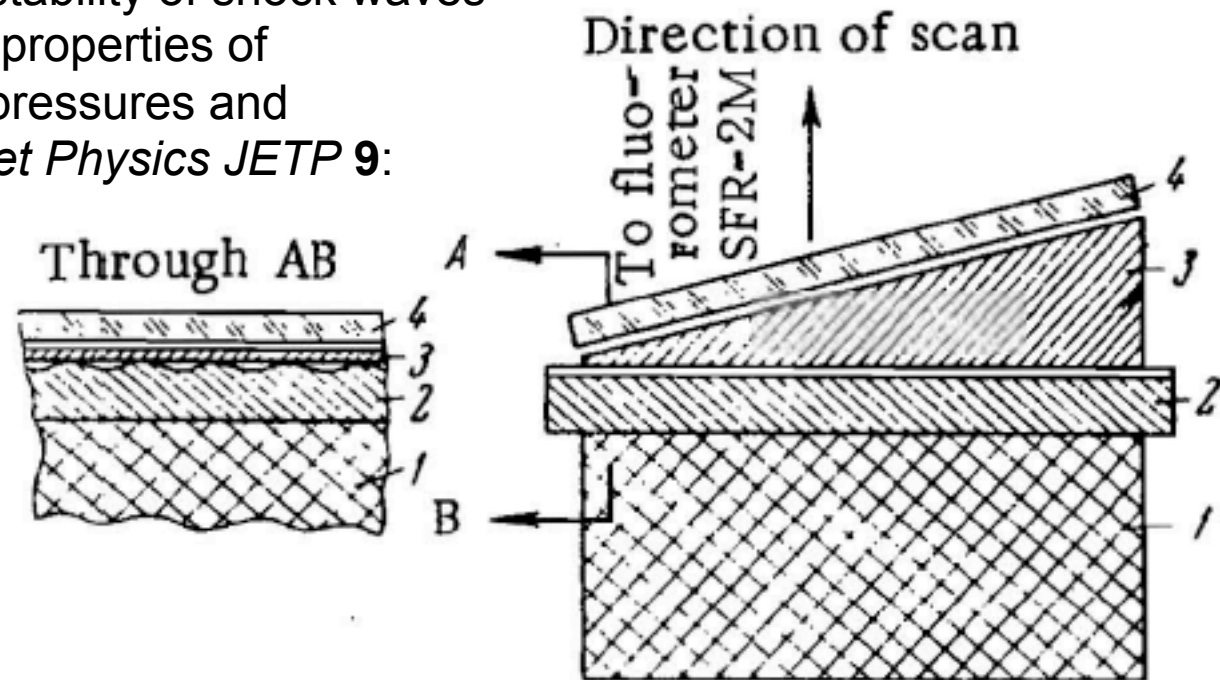
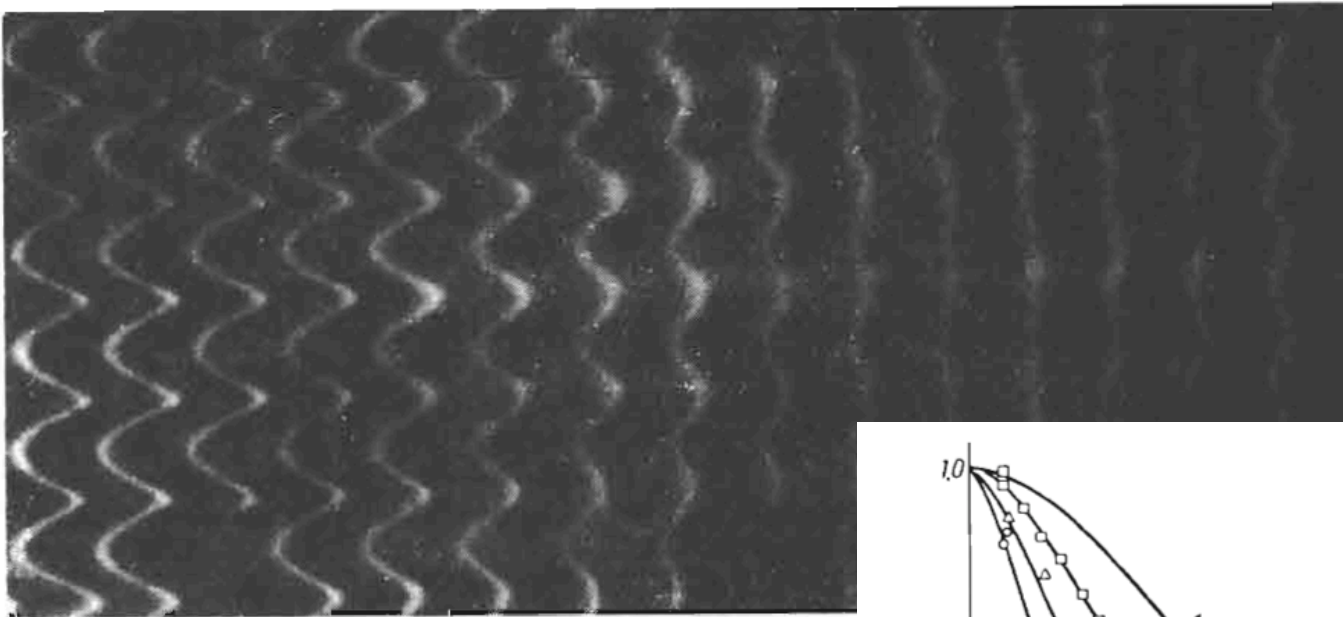


Fig. 1. Diagram of experimental arrangement:  
1) Explosive charge; 2) grooved disc; 3) wedge;  
4) plastic plate.



# Measured Perturbation Decay



*why no work of  
this type in the  
west?*

- tested solids (e.g. Al) and liquids (e.g.  $H_2O$ )
- *viscous fluid analysis*
- boundary conditions problematic

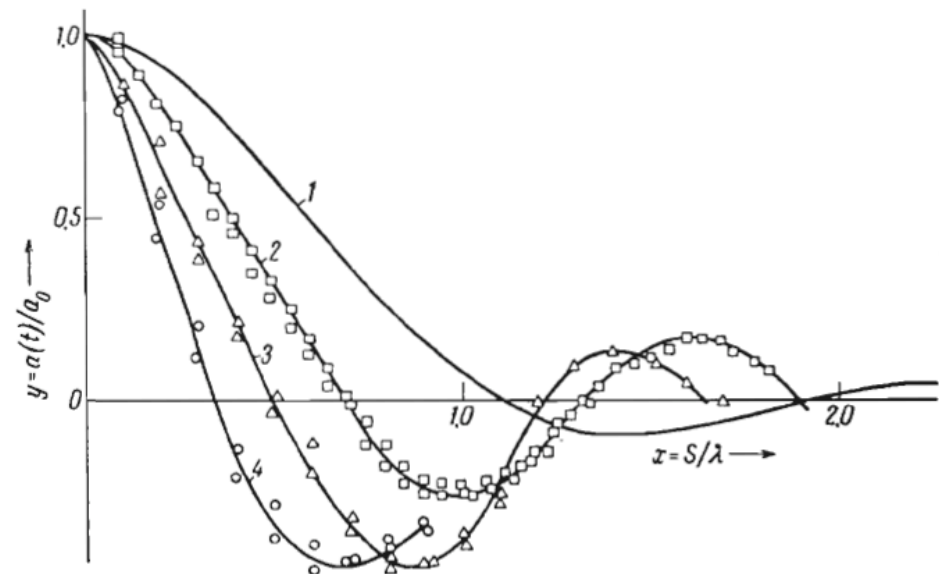


Fig. 3. Some experimental curves of the development of perturbations at a shock-wave front. 1) Calculated curve; 2)  $\lambda = 2$  cm;  $ka_0 = 0.872$ ; 3)  $\lambda = 1$  cm,  $ka_0 = 0.872$ ; 4)  $\lambda = 1$  cm,  $ka_0 = 1.74$ .

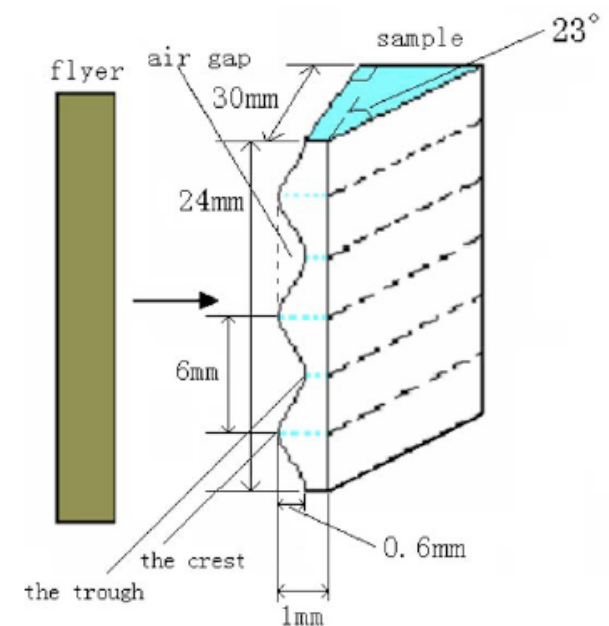
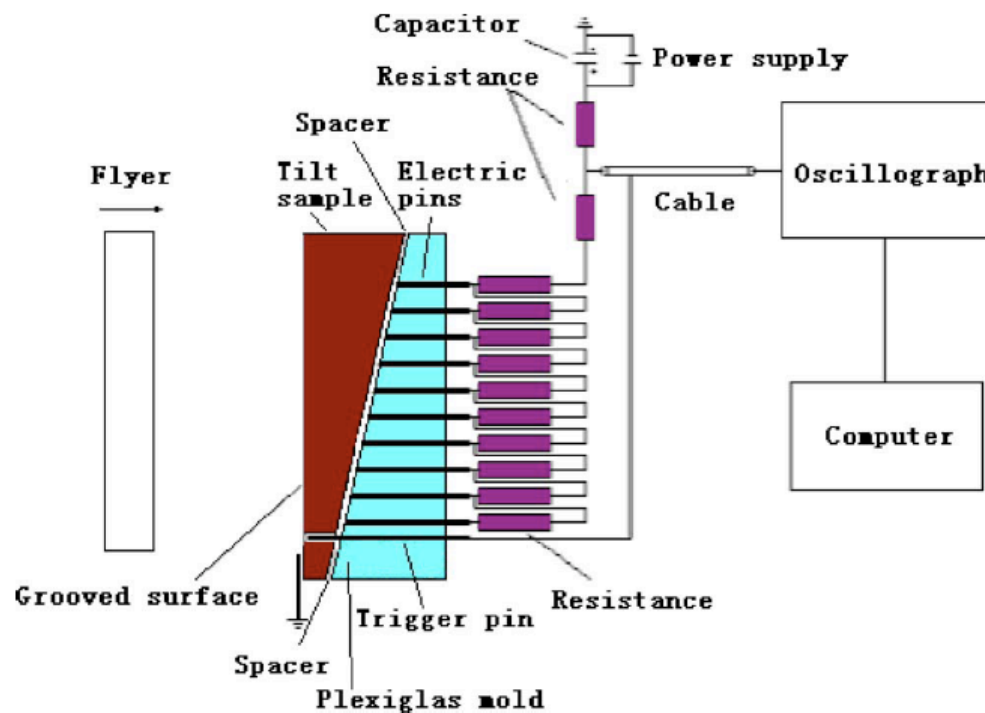


# Recent Chinese Studies

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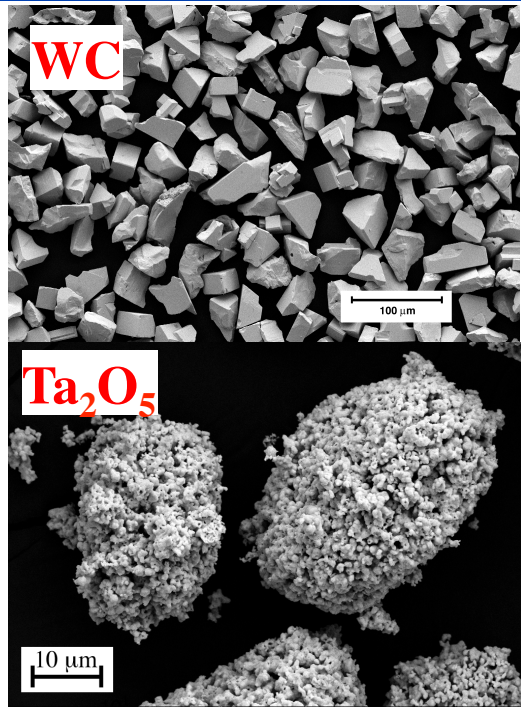
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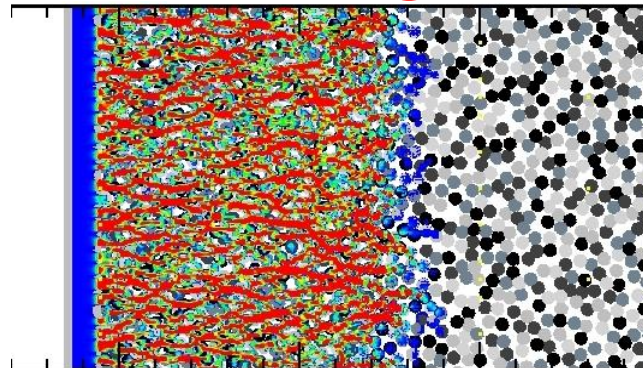




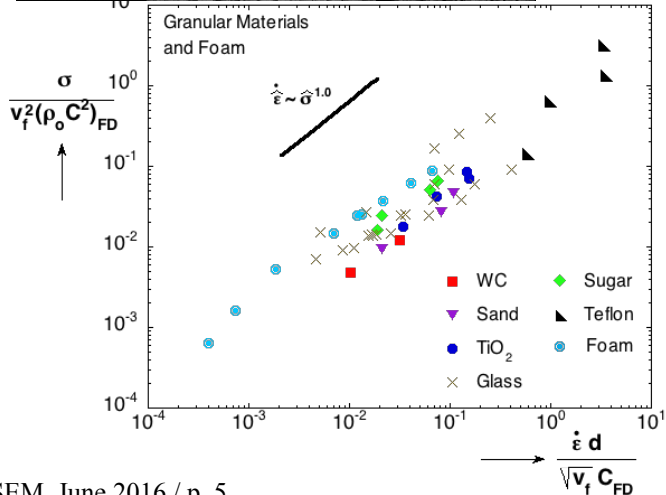
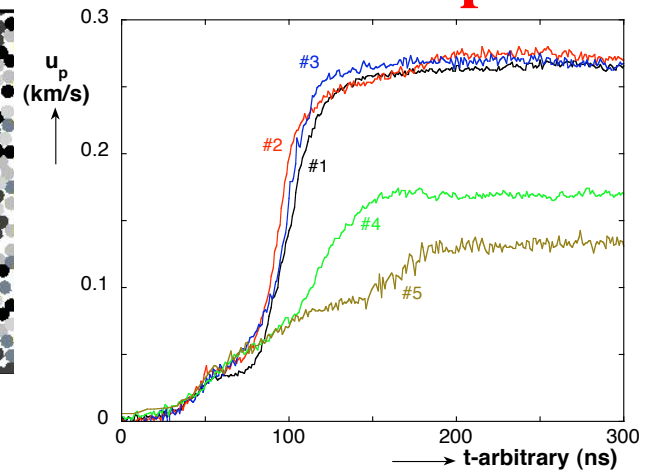
# Granular Materials Investigations



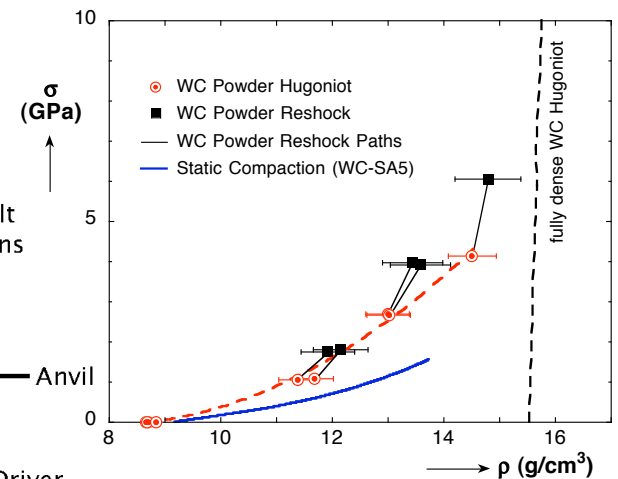
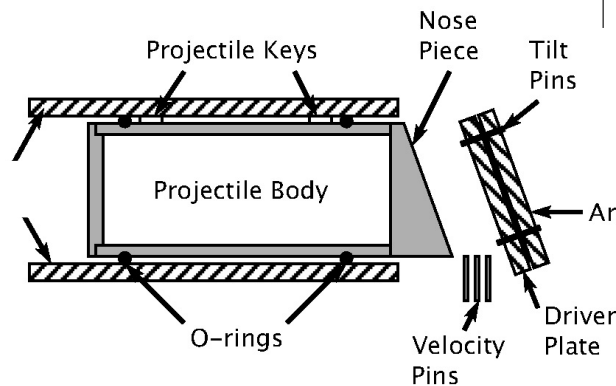
## Mesoscale Modeling



## Planar Impact



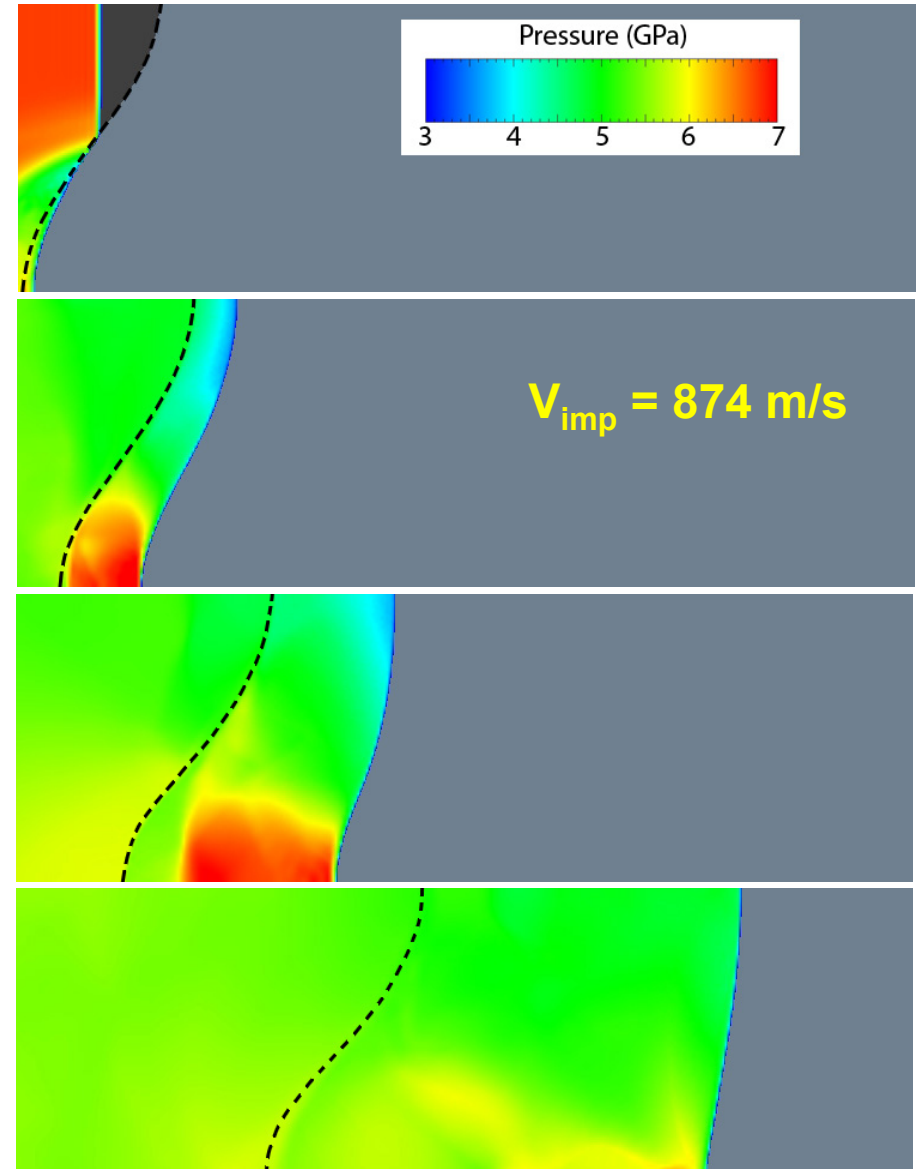
## Pressure-Shear





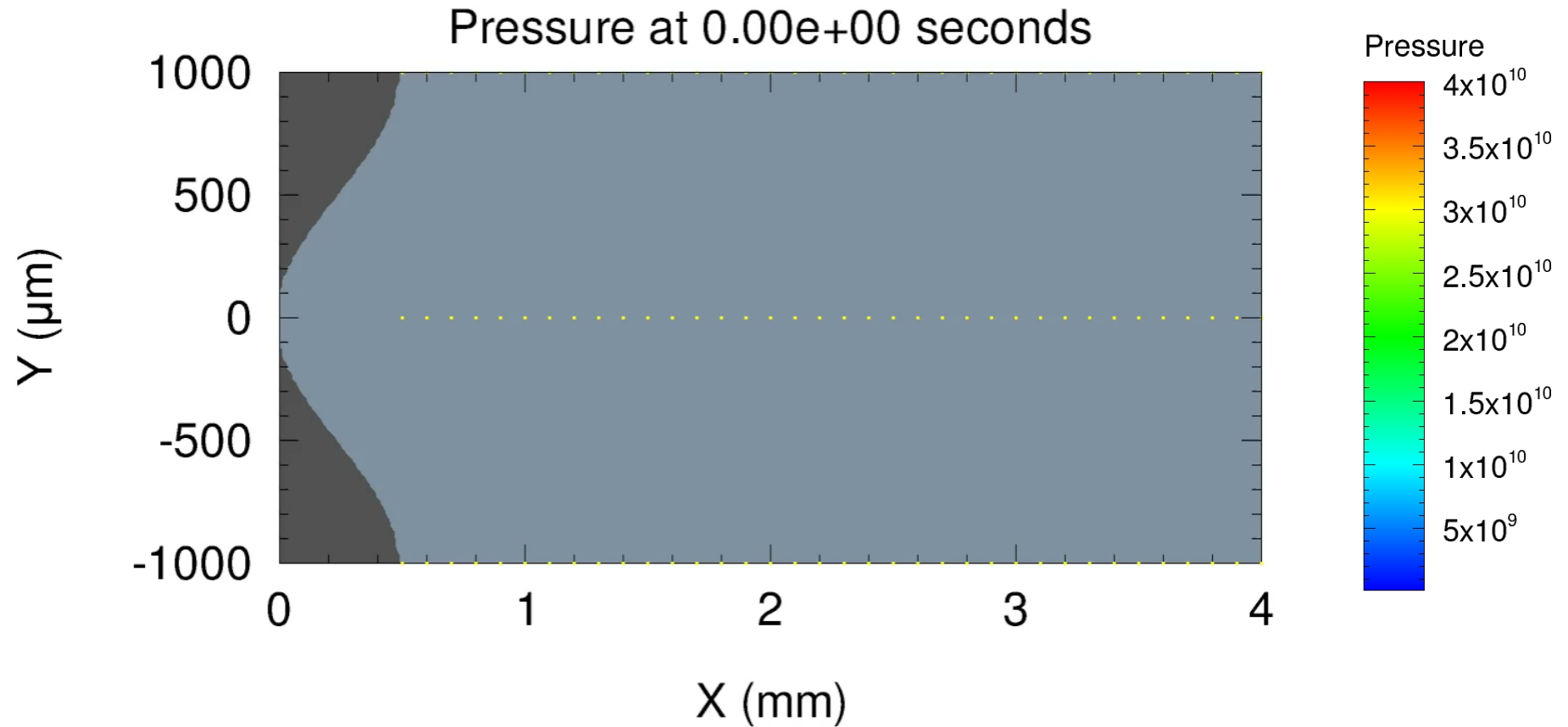
# Continuum Simulations

- performed with CTH
- symmetry BC at top and bottom
- aluminum impactor and driver with sinusoidal perturbation
- granular WC (gray) modeled with P- $\lambda$  compaction description (calibrated to planar impact shots) and a strength model
- wave propagates in sample and perturbation decays
- interface distorts small amount but remains stable
- $\sigma \sim 5$  GPa for 874 m/s impact



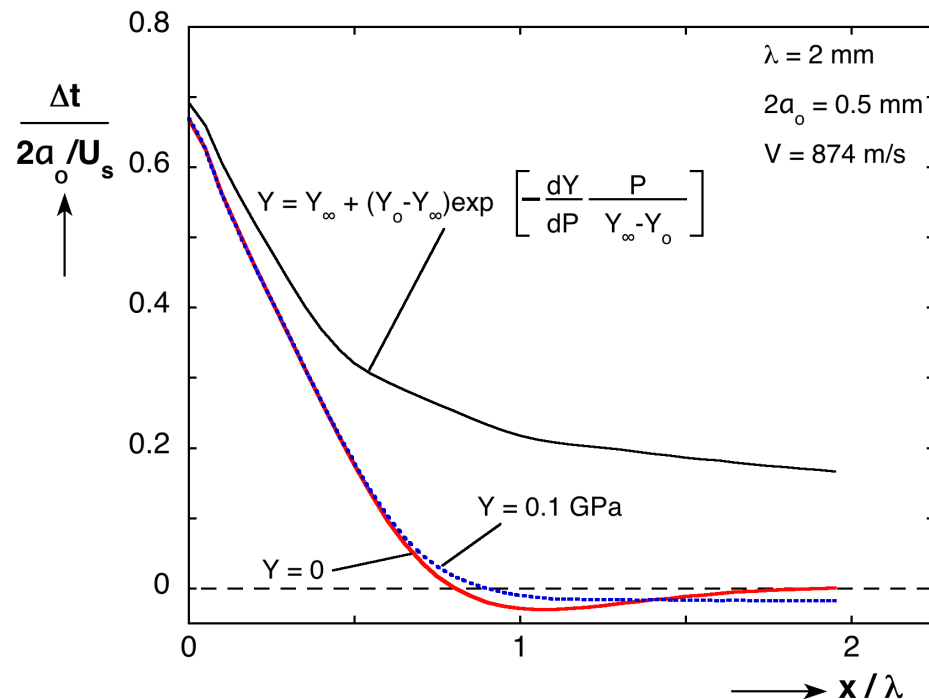


# Continuum Simulations





# Continuum Simulation Results

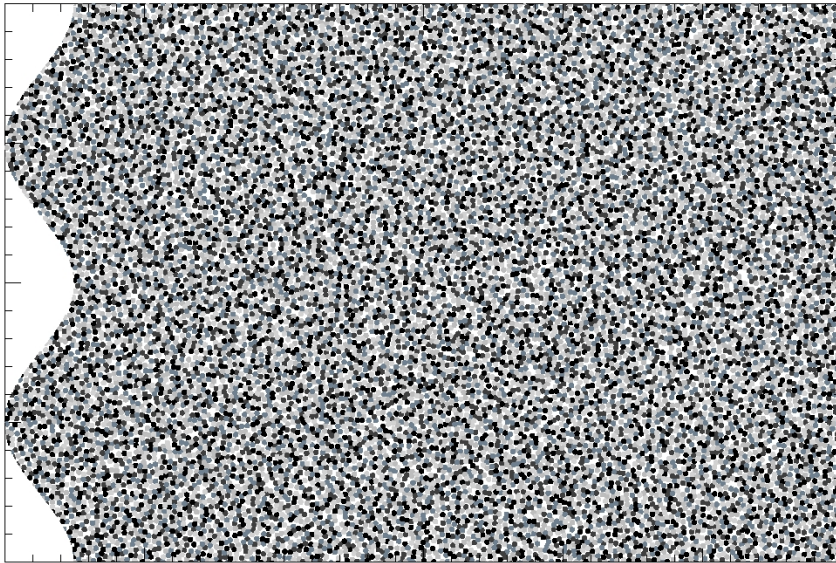


- consider three strength models:
  - $Y=0$
  - $Y=0.1$  GPa
  - pressure-dependent strength calibrated from pressure-shear data
- $Y=0$  case overshoots
- $Y=0.1$  GPa decays to  $\sim 0$
- pressure-dependent strength maintains finite  $\Delta t$  to  $x > 4$  mm
- 2 – 4 mm is optimal for distinguishing models
- mesh refinement, artificial viscosity, and compaction law have minimal effect on results when  $Y=0.1$  GPa

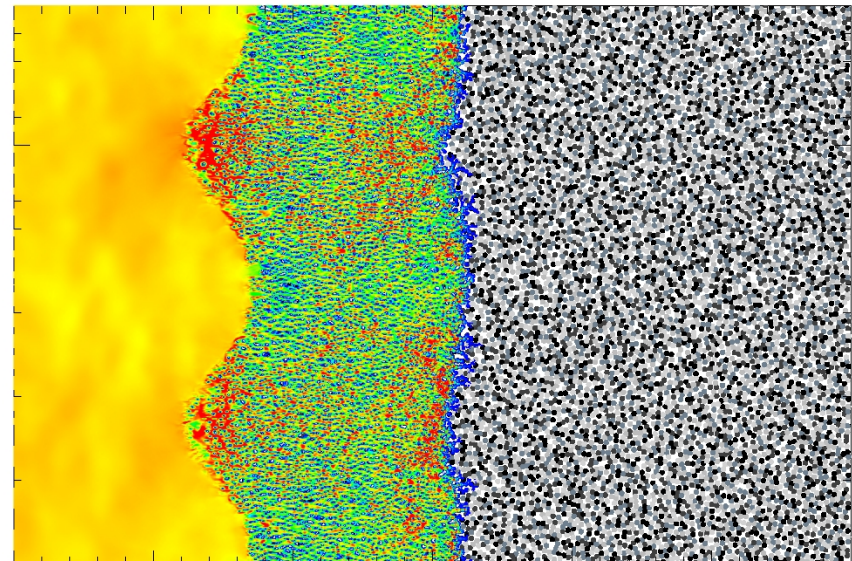
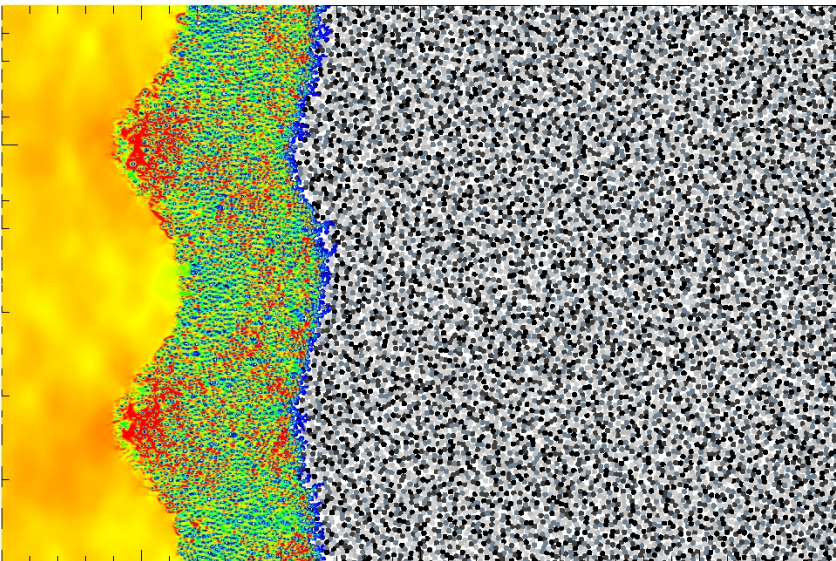




# CTH Mesoscale Simulations



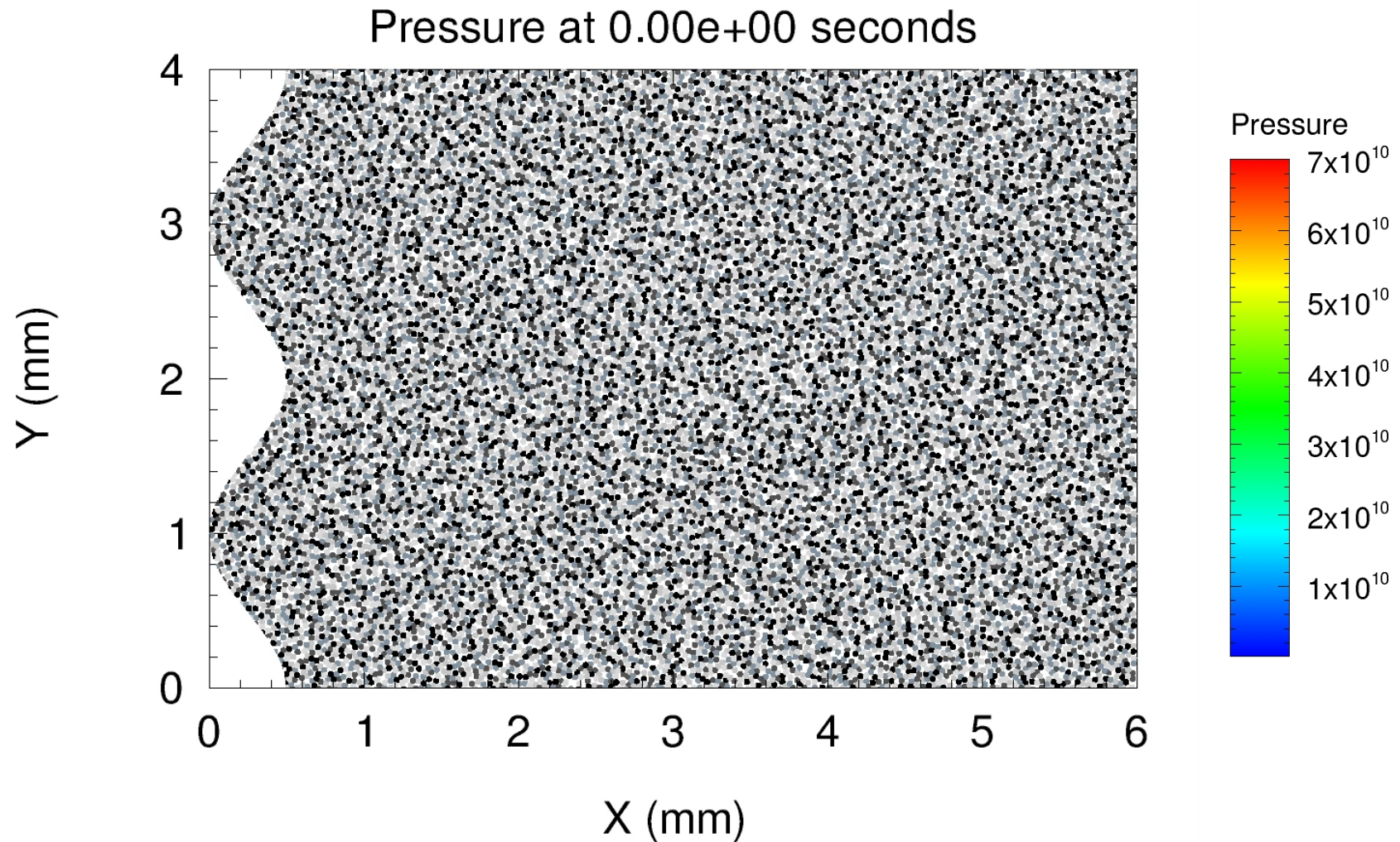
- 2-D mesoscale calculations similar to Borg & Vogler
- individual WC particles idealized as circles
- WC modeled with Mie-Gruneisen EOS and elastic-perfectly plastic strength







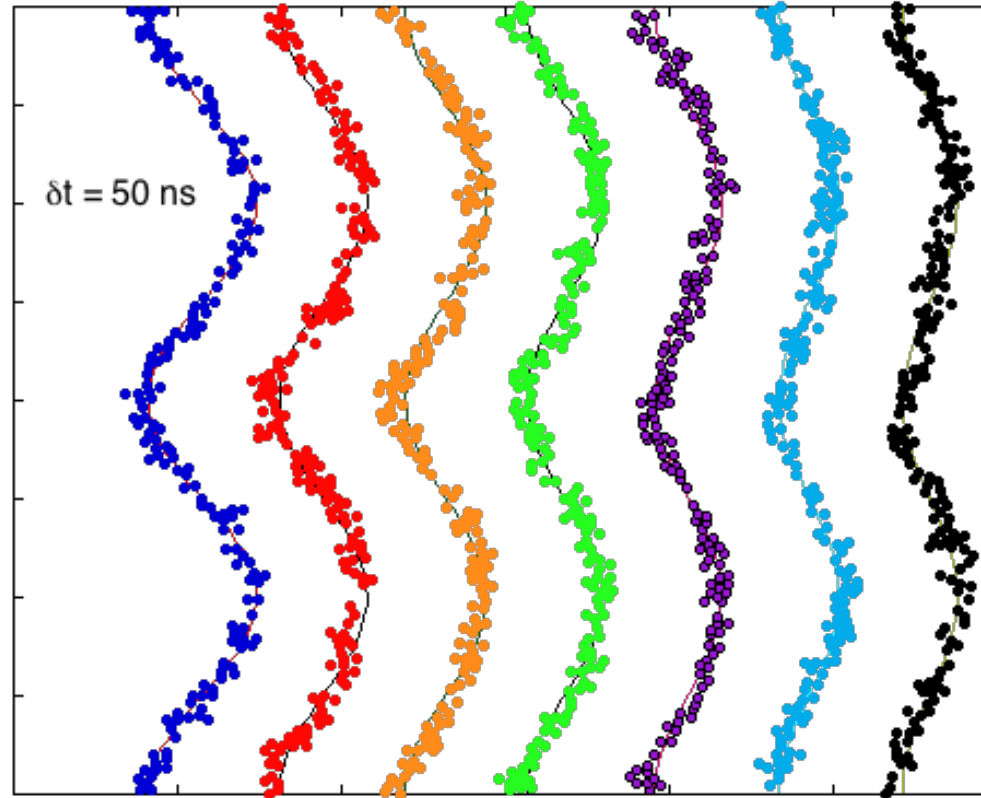
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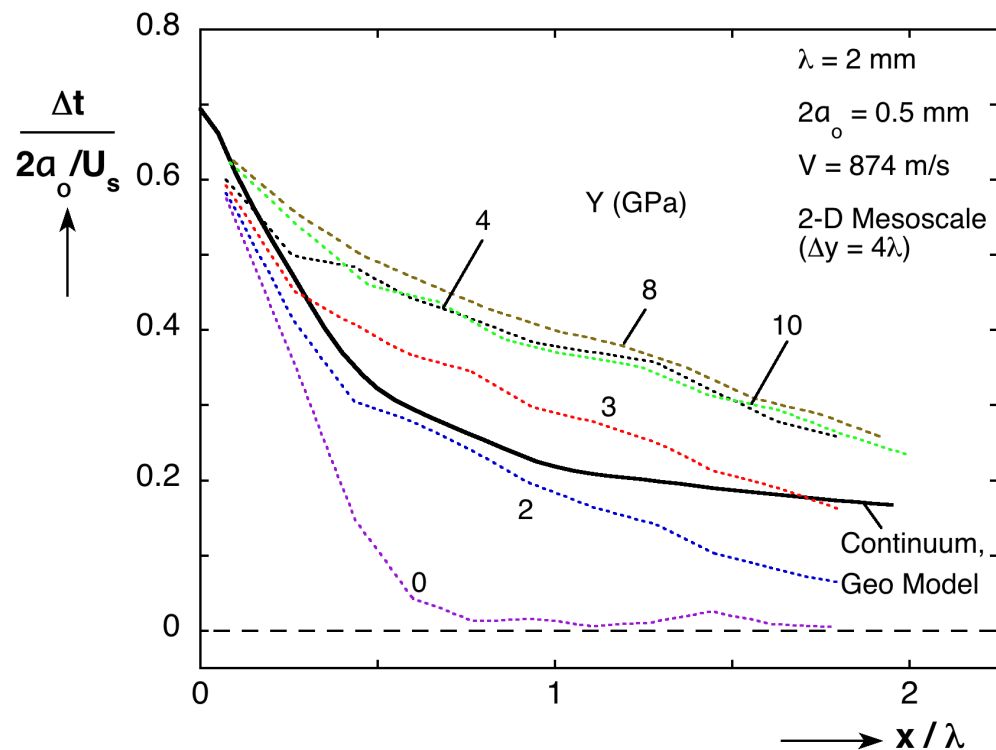
# CTH Mesoscale Simulations: Data Extraction



- monitor when each particle reaches half of steady state velocity
- consider particles that reach this level for a given  $\delta t$
- fit sine wave through resulting point to determine  $\Delta t$  of wave



# Decay in CTH Mesoscale Simulations



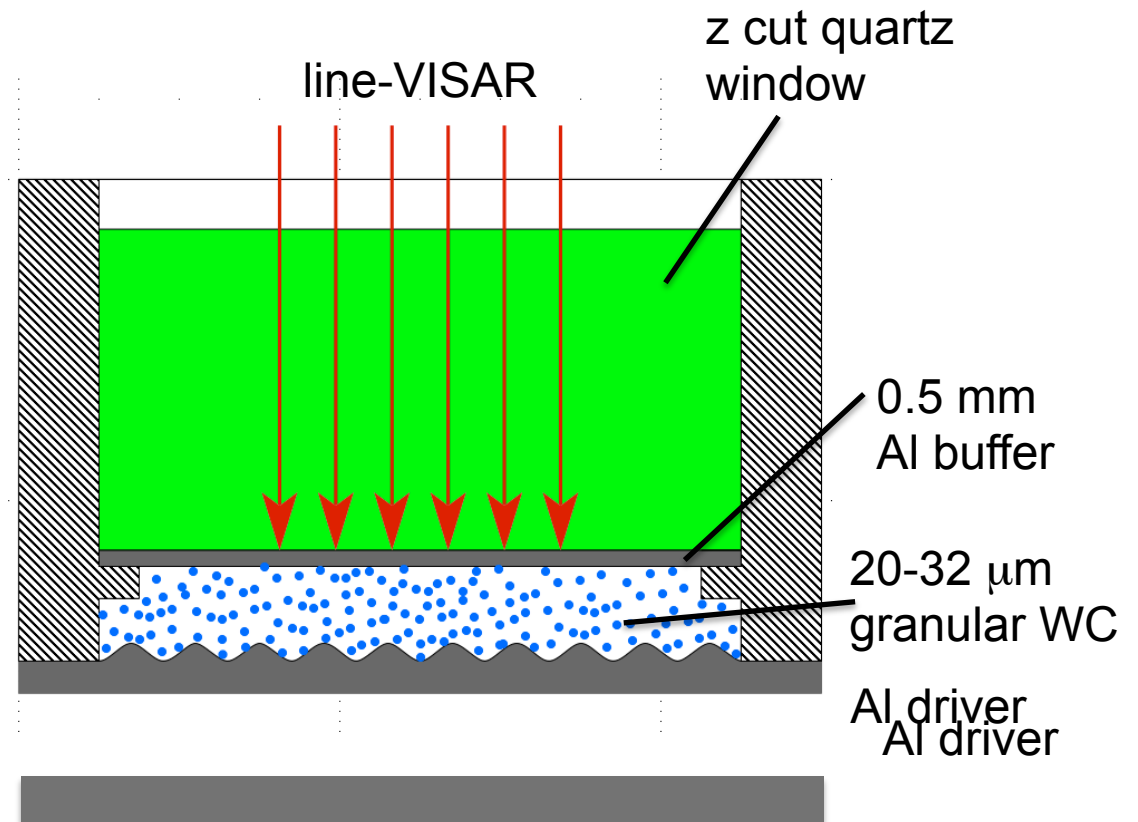
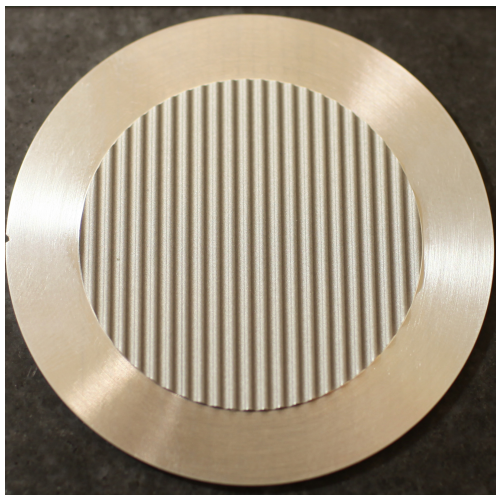
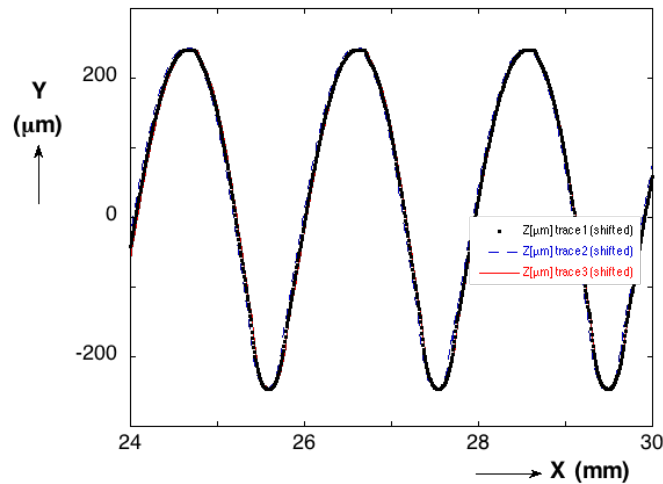
- mesoscale results dependent on strength; 2-D and 3-D very similar
- significant variability for different realizations, so  $\Delta y = 4\lambda$
- need to explore sensitivity to other phenomena not in mesoscale calculations
  - interface treatment / friction
  - fracture
  - etc.



# Experimental Configuration

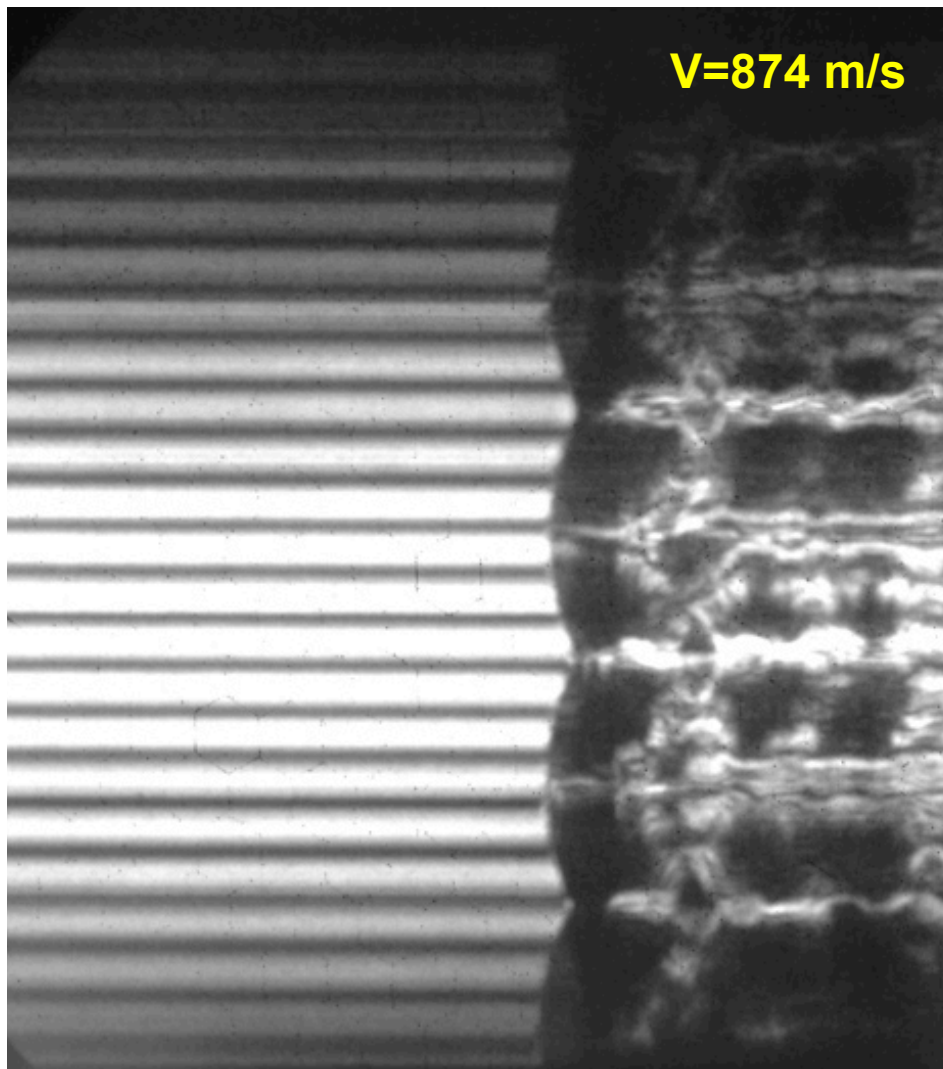


$\lambda = 2\text{mm}$ ,  $2a = 0.5\text{ mm}$





# Perturbation Decay Measurement with Line-VISAR

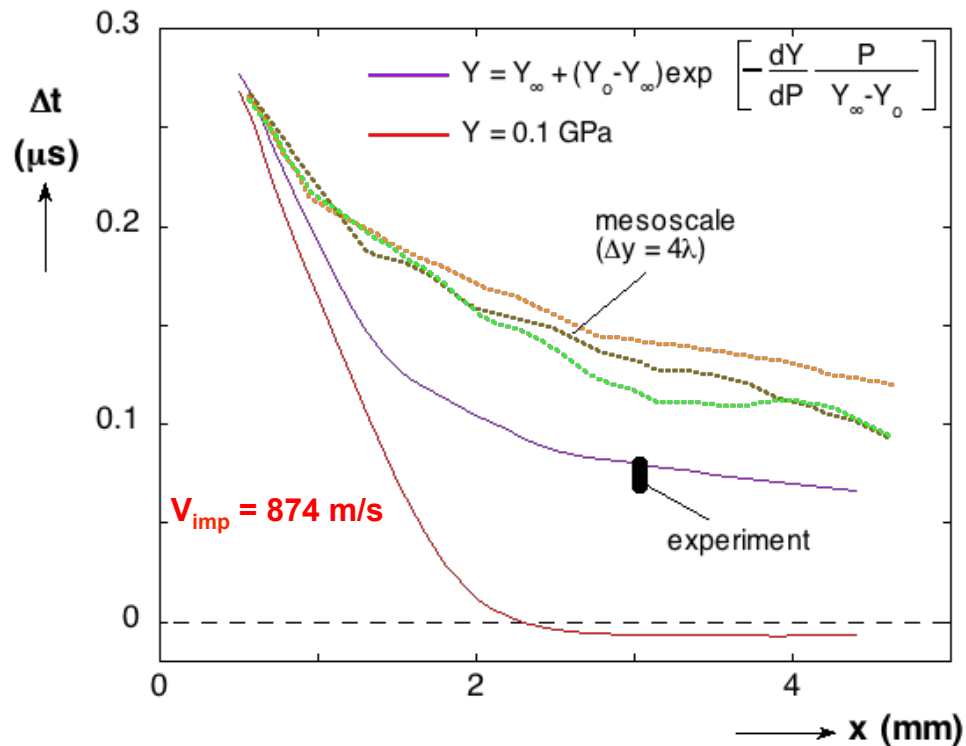


- sample was 2.53 mm from top of perturbation to buffer
- perturbation of flow obvious; post-shock arrival difficult to interpret
- analysis approach simplistic
- will require large number of shots to populate perturbation decay plot





# Experimental Results



- experimental results appear similar to pressure-dependent model and below mesoscale
- additional data needed to better resolve behavior



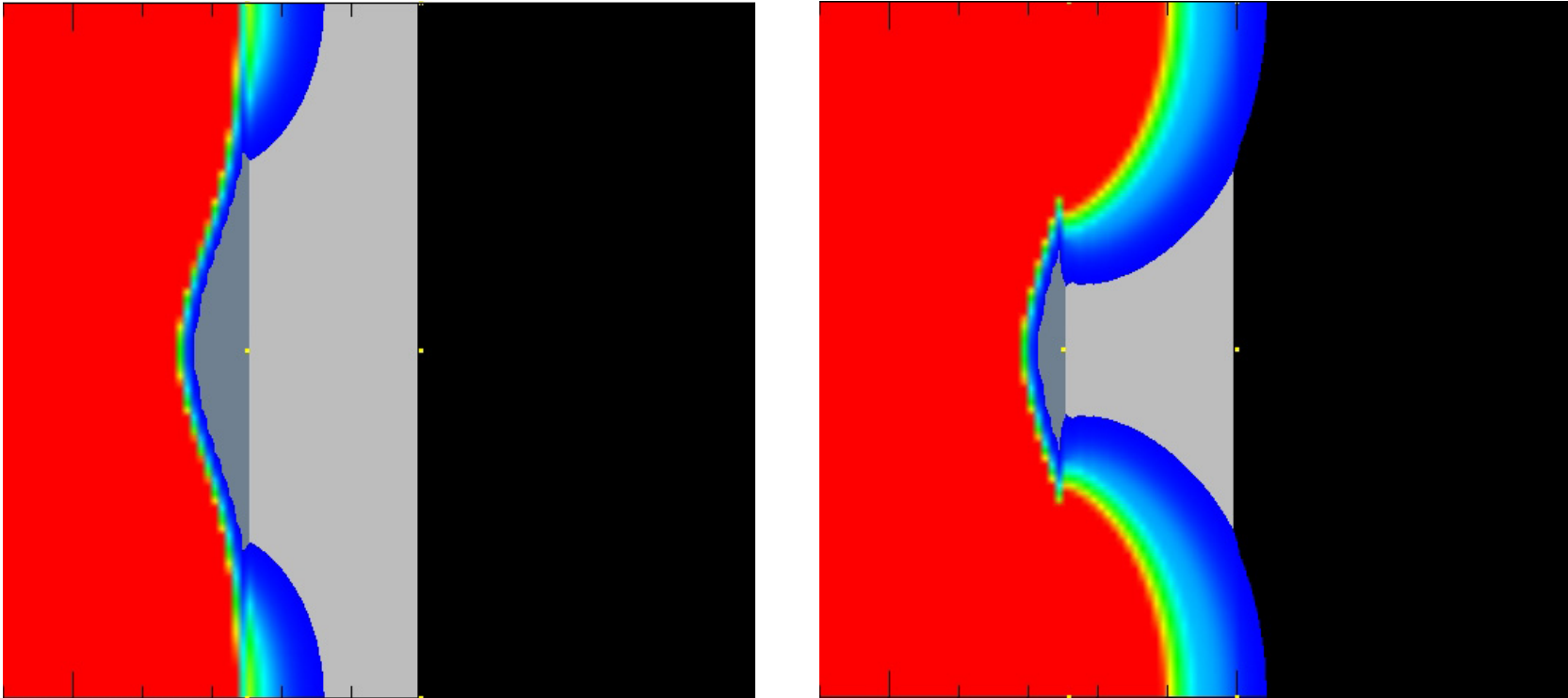
**But...**

**What about the buffer?**





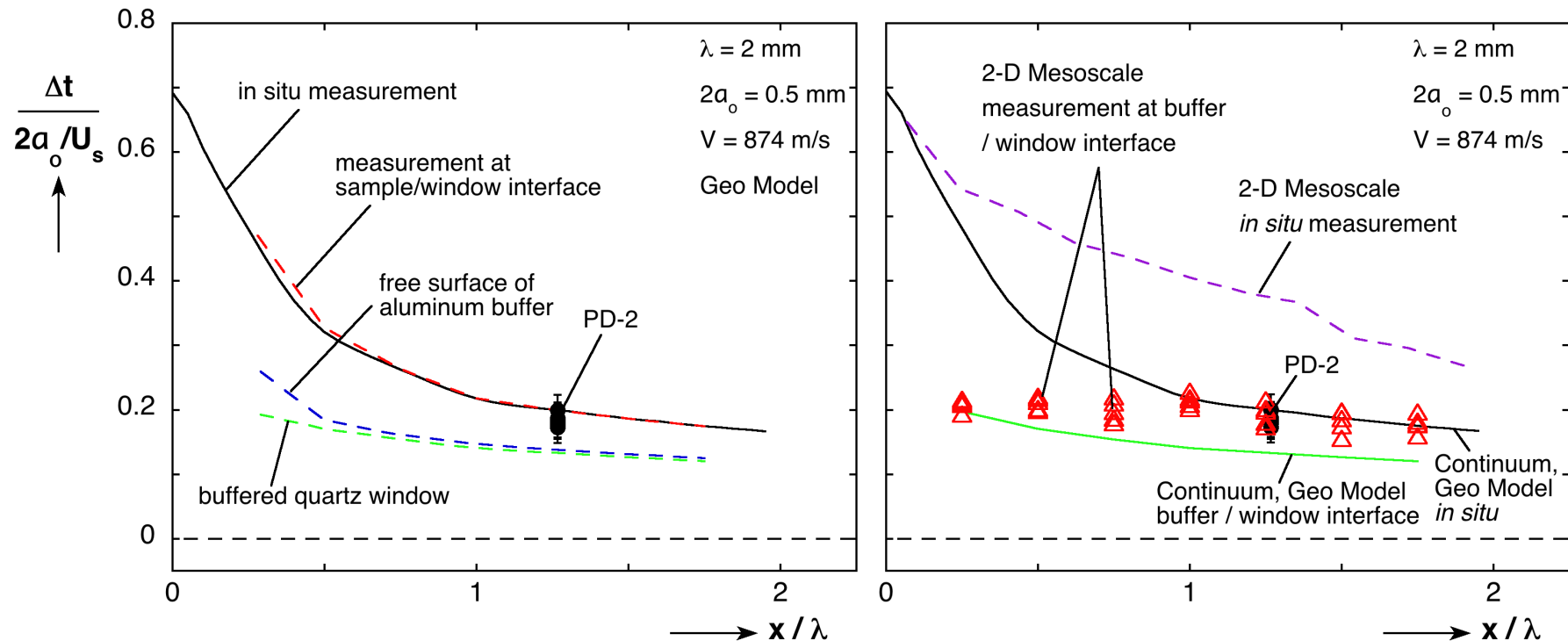
# Buffer Strongly Distorts Measurements



- sinusoidal wave front entering Al buffer (faster wave speed) converges ahead of wave in granular sample



# Buffer Strongly Distorts Measurements



- buffer makes wave appear to decay more rapidly
- experimental result agrees well with mesoscale simulations incorporating buffer/window, not as well with continuum calculations
- future experiments should minimize / remove buffer



# Conclusions

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- perturbation decay experiments appear capable of discriminating different strength behaviors for granular materials - increased strength delays perturbation decay
- initial experiments with line-VISAR are promising, but data return low; other approaches in development
- measurements strongly affected by AI buffer
- results at 874 m/s consistent with mesoscale model calibrated to compaction results
- alternate formulations for mesoscale model may provide additional insight