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# Experimental studies and continuum modelling of vibro-fluidized granular beds

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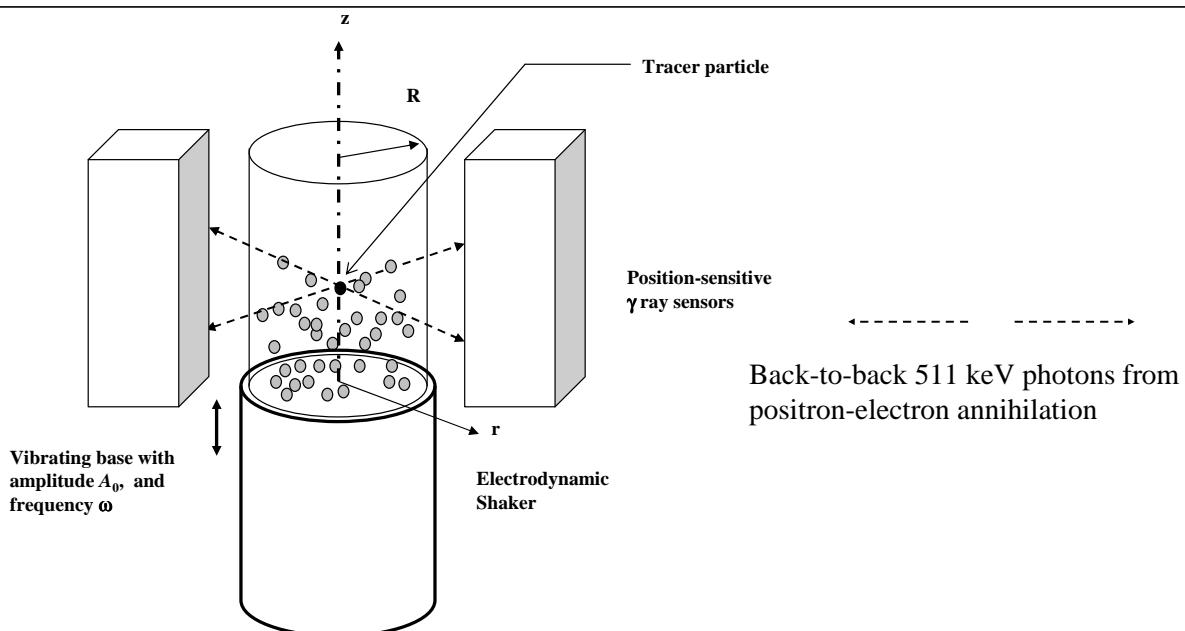
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# Outline

1. Time-averaged 3-D measurements using Positron Emission Particle Tracking (e.g. *PRE* **62** 3826 (2000), *PRE* **63** 061311 (2001), *PRL* **86** 3304 (2001))
2. 1-D hydrodynamic model (to appear in *JFM*)
  - Comparison of heat flux models
3. 3-D axisymmetric hydrodynamic model
4. Phase-resolved 3-D velocity measurements using dynamic nuclear magnetic resonance
5. Summary

## Positron Emission Particle Tracking (PEPT)<sup>\*</sup>

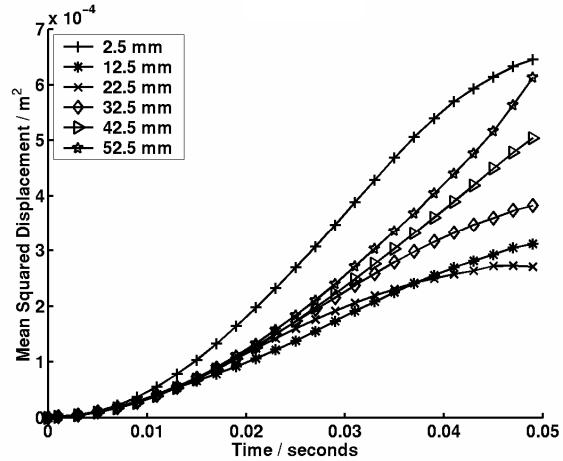
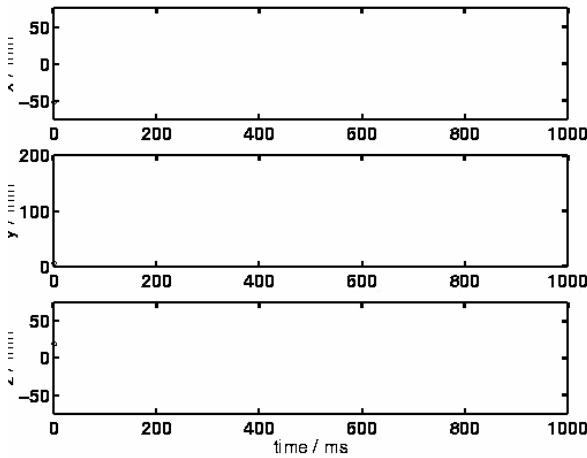


\* D J Parker, University of Birmingham UK

Wildman et al., *Phys Rev E* **62** 3826-3835 (2000)

$x, y, z$  versus  $t$

Mean-square displacement

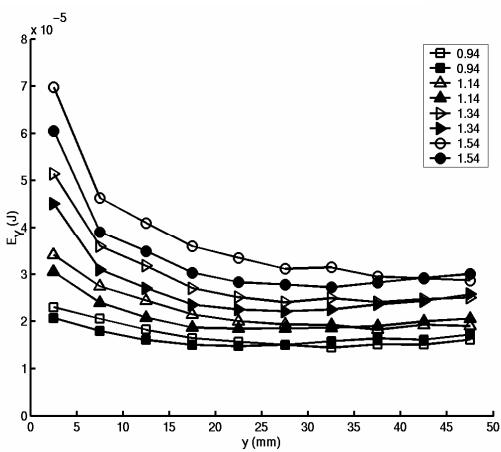


$$N = 350$$

## Example: convection in vertically vibrated bed

PRL 86 3304 (2001)

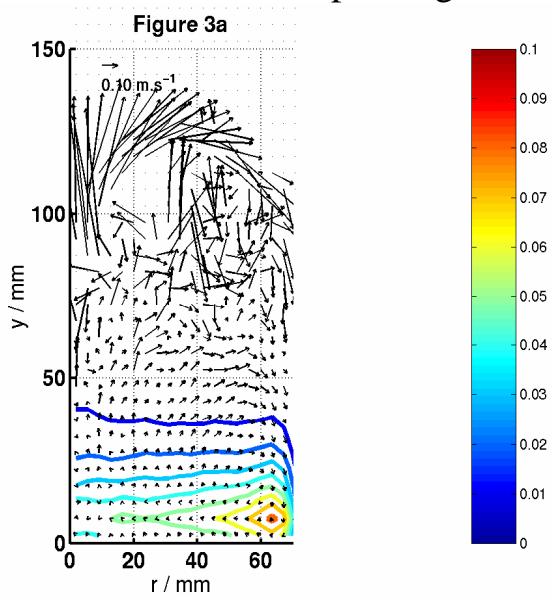
Granular temperature



Open symbols: averaged over  $r < 30$  mm

Closed symbols: averaged over  $30 < r < 60$  mm

Mean flow field, packing fraction



# 1-D hydrodynamic model of vibro-fluidized bed

[to appear in *J. Fluid Mech.*]

Force balance ( $z$  is vertical):

$$\frac{dP}{dz} = -\rho g$$

Energy flux:

$$J = -\kappa \frac{dT}{dz} - \mu \frac{d\eta}{dz}$$

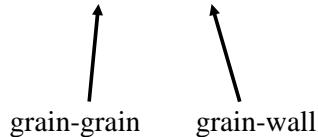
Equation of state:

$$P = \frac{6}{\pi d^3} \frac{\eta(1+\eta+\eta^2-\eta^3)}{(1-\eta)^3} T$$

(Carnahan and Starling 1967)

Energy dissipation:

$$\frac{dJ}{dz} = -\gamma_{gg} - \frac{2}{R} \gamma_{gw}$$



Hence set of 3 coupled first order ODEs

## Energy flux expressions, boundary conditions

Brey J J, Dufty J W, Kim C S, & Santos A *Phys. Rev. E* **58**, 4638-4653 (1998)

$$\kappa = \kappa^*(e)\kappa_0, \quad \mu = \mu^*(e) \frac{T}{\eta} \kappa_0 \quad \kappa_0 = \frac{75k_B}{64d^2} \left( \frac{k_B T}{\pi m} \right)^{1/2}$$

Jenkins J T In *Physics of Dry Granular Media*, Kluwer Academic 353-370 (1999)

$$\kappa = \frac{45}{8} \frac{\eta}{\sqrt{\pi} d^2} \left( \frac{T}{m} \right)^{1/2} \left[ \frac{5}{24} \frac{1}{G} + 1 + \frac{6}{5} \left( 1 + \frac{32}{9\pi} \right) G \right], \quad \mu = 0, \quad G = \frac{\eta(2-\eta)}{2(1-\eta)^3}$$

**Boundary conditions:** require  $\eta|_{z=0}, T|_{z=0}, \frac{dT}{dz}|_{z=0}$

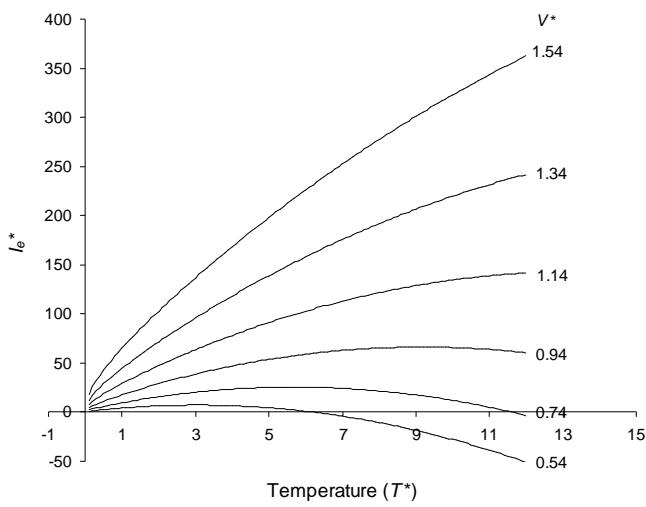
Know:  $J|_{z \rightarrow \infty} = 0, \quad \int_0^\infty \eta dz \propto N$

3<sup>rd</sup> boundary condition: incorporate model for energy transfer from the vibrating base

## Comparison of base energy input rates (1)

Richman M W, *Mech. Mat.* **16** 211-218 (1993)

$$I_e^* = 8 \left( T^* + V^{*2} \right)^{1/2} \left[ 2V^{*2} - (1 - e_n) \left( T^* + V^{*2} \right) \right] T^{*1/2}$$



- Assumes Maxwellian distribution
- Calculates exact expressions for source and dissipation terms
- Closed form expression not possible in general - lowest order term in series expansion shown above left
- \* denotes non-dimensional quantities, e.g.

$$T^* = \left\langle (v_z - \langle v_z \rangle)^2 \right\rangle / gd$$

$d$  = particle diameter,

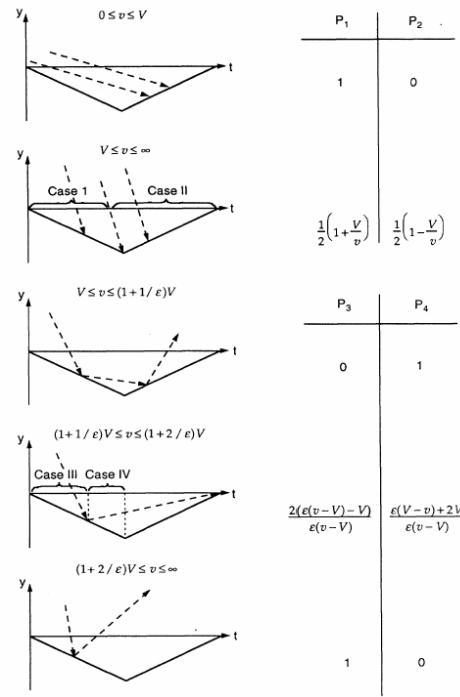
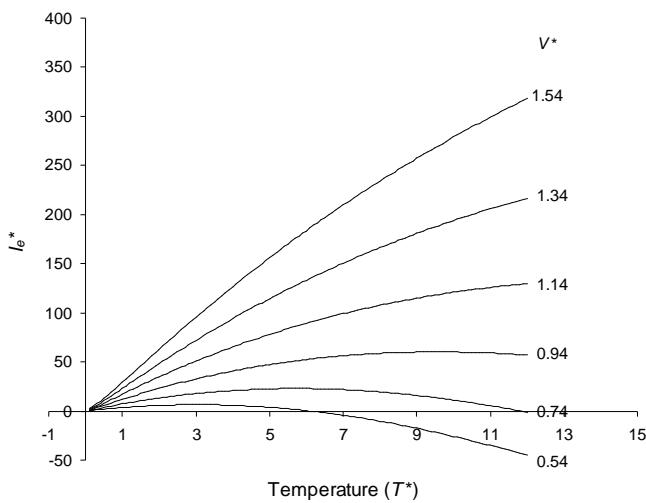
$g$  = acceleration due to gravity

$V^*$  = peak base velocity

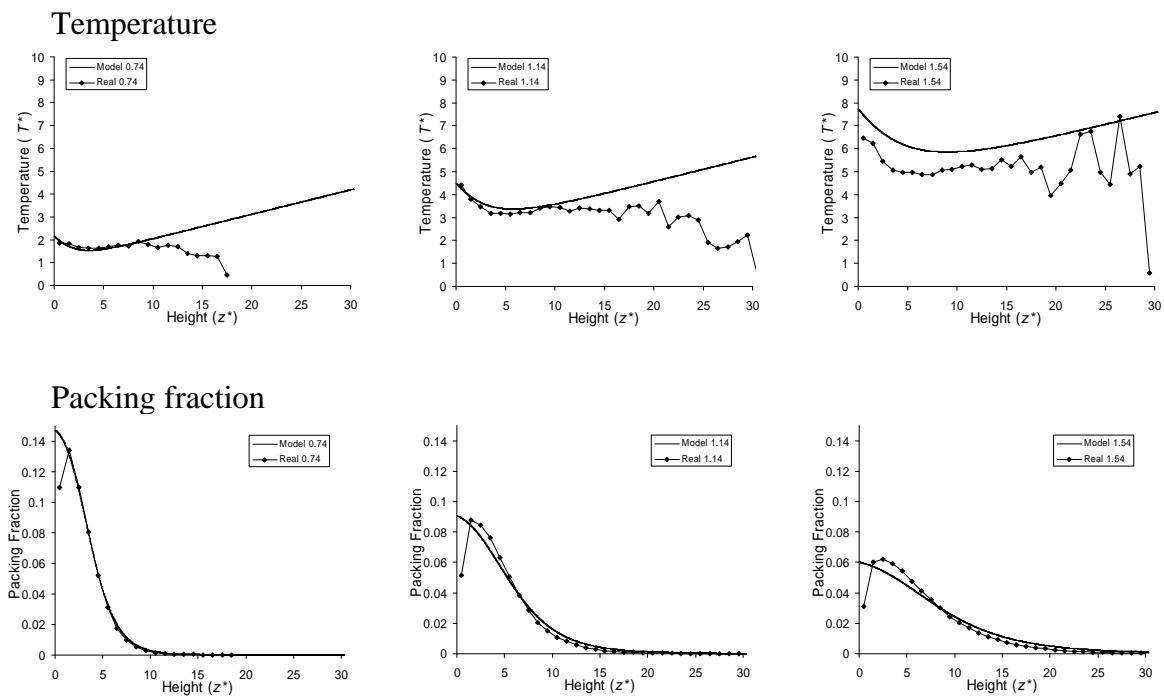
$e_n$  = grain-base restitution coefficient

## Comparison of base energy input rates (2)

Warr S and Huntley J M, *Phys. Rev. E* **52**  
5596-5601 (1995)

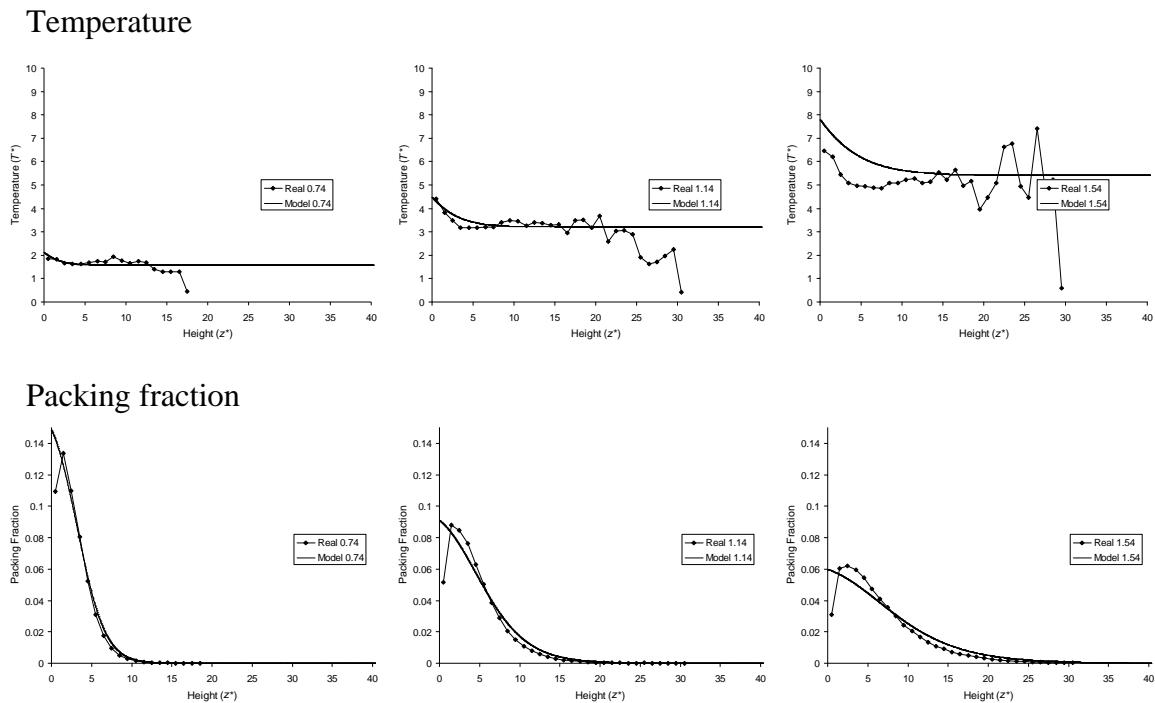


## Comparison of solutions with experiment (Brey)

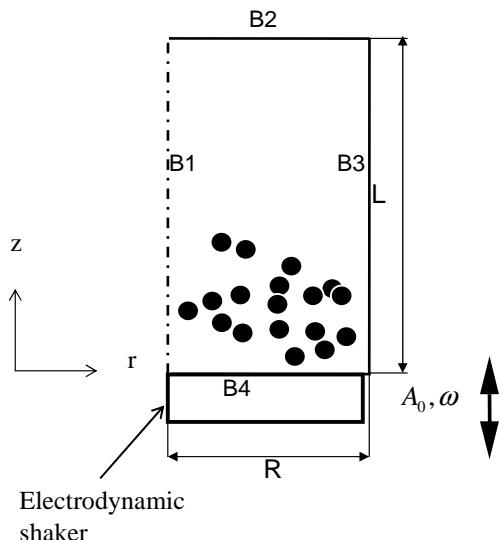


## Packing fraction

## Comparison of solutions with experiment (Jenkins)



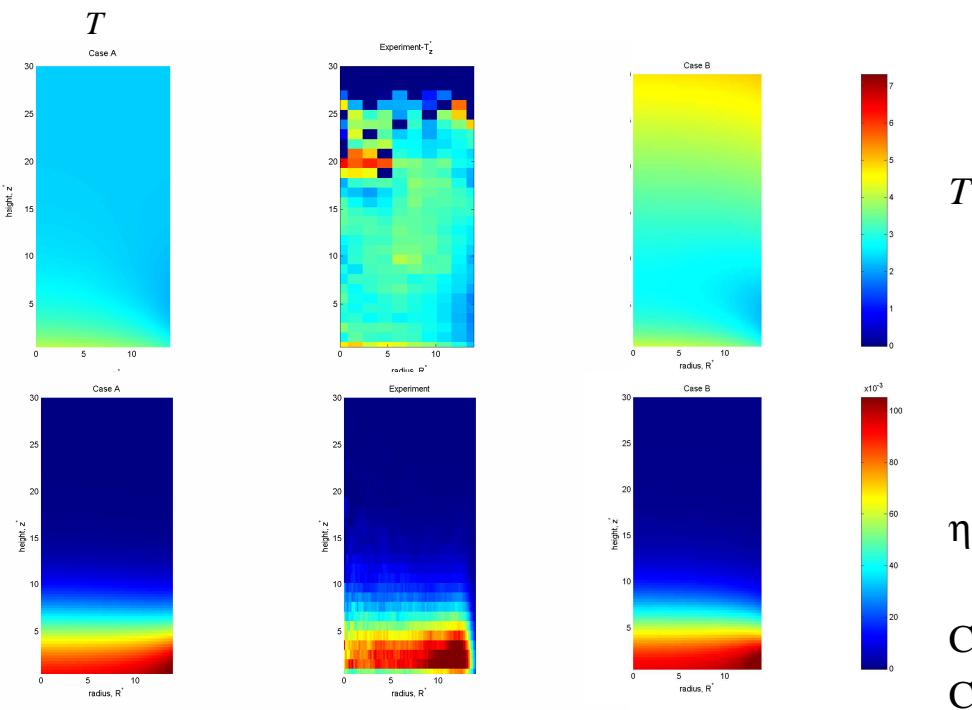
## Axisymmetric 3-D model



- Solve for  $P, T$  fields – post-process for  $\eta$
- Finite element method implemented in FEMLAB
- Boundary conditions:

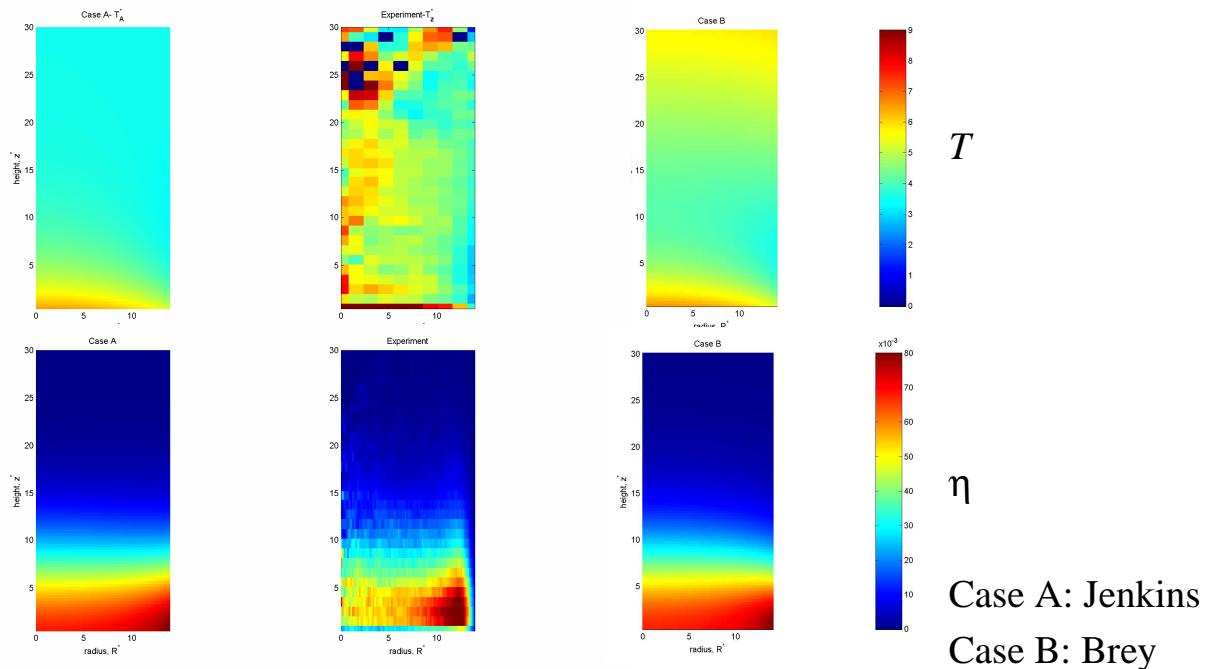
Boundary	$P$	$T$
B1	$\frac{\partial P}{\partial r} = 0$	$\frac{\partial T}{\partial r} = 0$
B2	$\frac{\partial P}{\partial z} = 0$	$J_z = 0$
B3	$\frac{\partial P}{\partial r} = 0$	$\frac{\partial T}{\partial r}$ (Richman)
B4	$P = Nmg / \pi R^2$	$\frac{\partial T}{\partial z}$ (Richman)

Experiment versus models –  $V_{\text{rms}}^* = 1.14$



Case A: Jenkins  
Case B: Brey

## Experiment versus models – $V_{\text{rms}}^* = 1.54$



## NMR experiments – University of Cambridge



### Cell

Permanently anti-static co-polymer acetal  
Glass base insert  
Internal diameter 18 mm  
Evacuated to reduce air drag

### Mustard seed

Restitution coefficients:  
Mustard - plastic  $0.60 \pm 0.03$   
Mustard - glass  $0.58 \pm 0.05$   
Mustard - mustard  $0.68 \pm 0.10$

Diameter:  $2.04 \pm 0.23$  mm

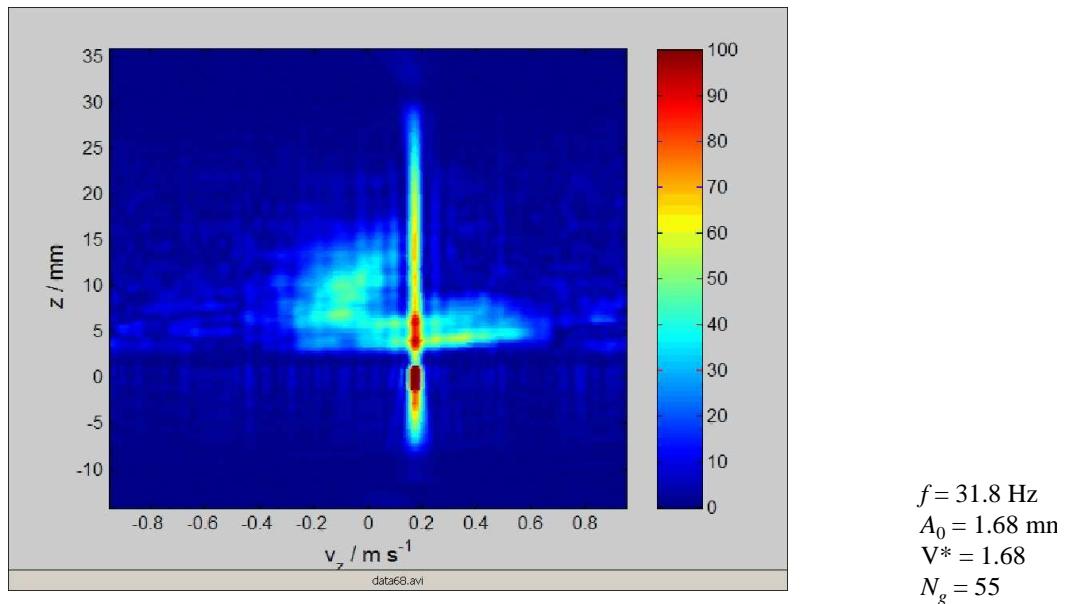
Aspect ratio:  $1.17 \pm 0.09$

Mean mass: 5.66 mg

Measures vertical velocity Probability Density Functions (PDFs):

- 64 velocities ( $v_z$ )
- 128 slices ( $z$ )
- 12 phases in driving cycle ( $\alpha$ )

## Phase-resolved velocity PDF (1)



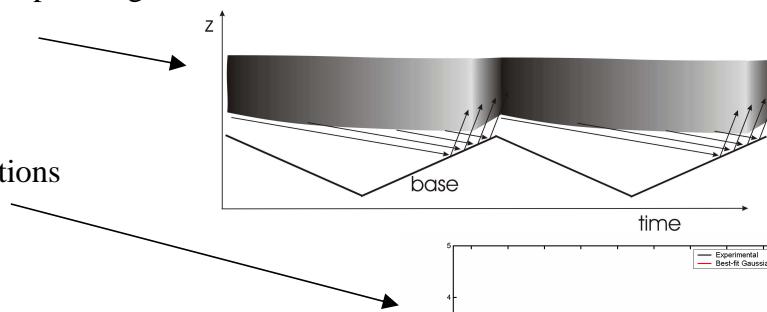
## Some interesting features

Large deviations from steady-state behaviour

Mean particle speed ( $\sqrt{\langle v_z^2 \rangle}$ ) is less than peak speed of base  $V$

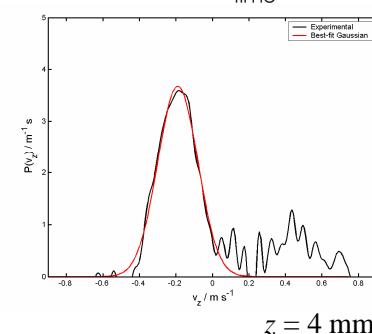
Rebounding particles have speed higher than  $V$

Bimodal velocity distributions

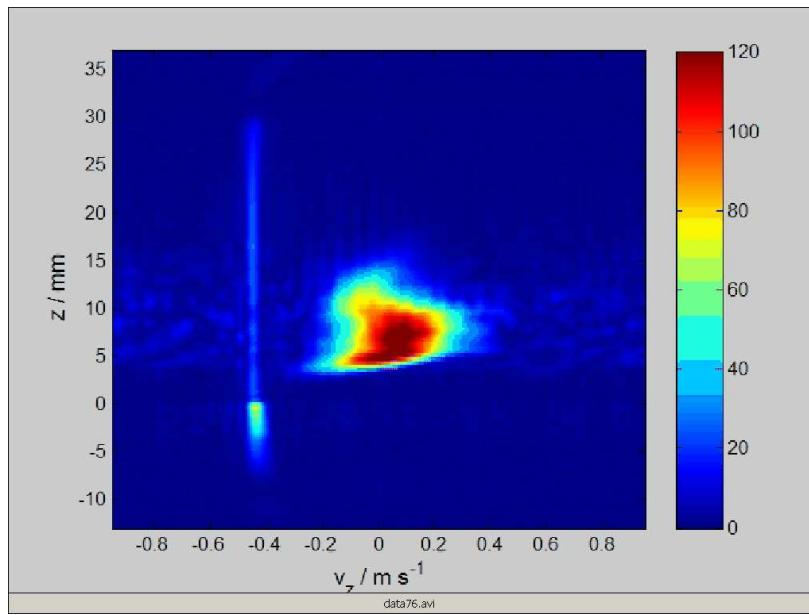


Particles cannot reach base for at least first half of cycle

- Granular gas expands into 'vacuum'
- Negative bias to velocity distribution close to base



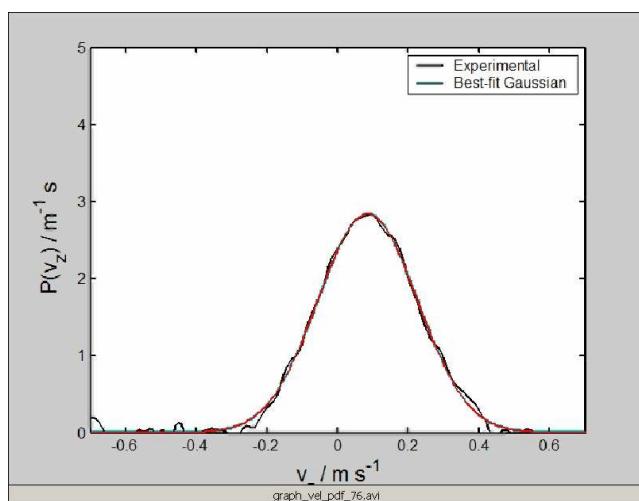
## Phase-resolved velocity PDF (2)



$f = 38.2 \text{ Hz}$   
 $A_0 = 1.84 \text{ mm}$   
 $V^* = 2.2$   
 $N_g = 110$

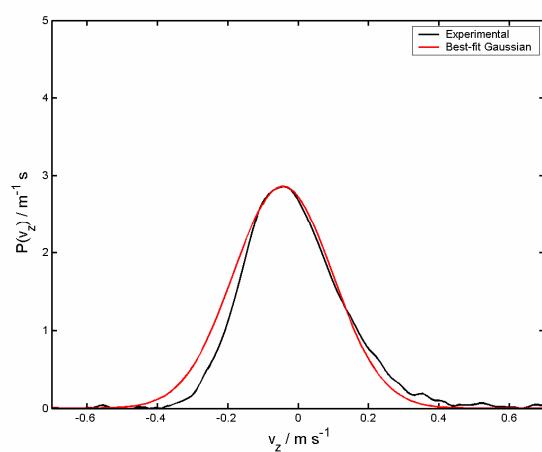
## Phase-resolved velocity PDFs: $z = 7.8 \text{ mm}$

Phase-resolved



$$\overline{T}^* = 0.788$$

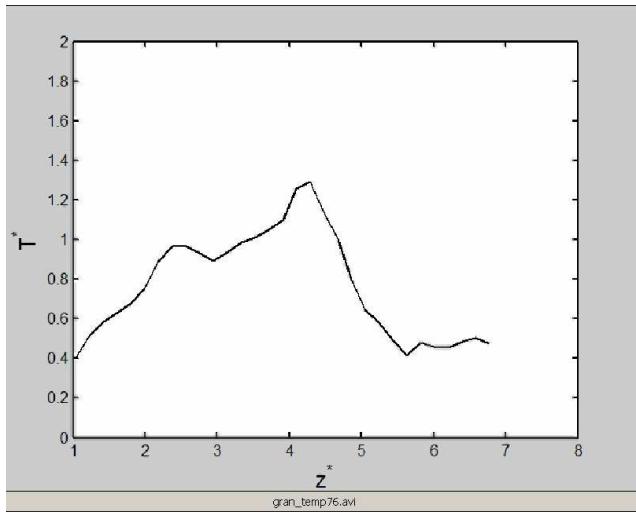
Time-averaged



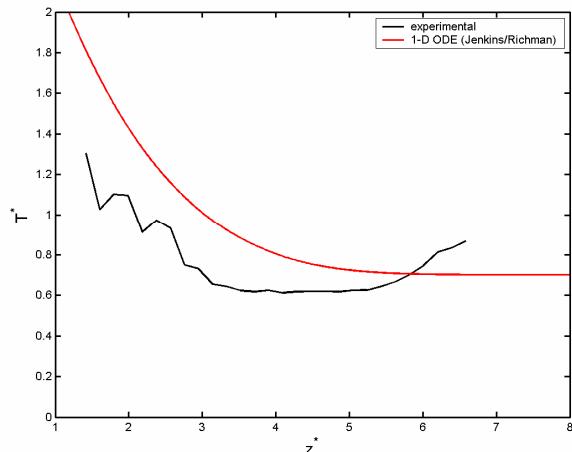
$$\overline{T}^* = 0.972$$

## Granular temperature distributions

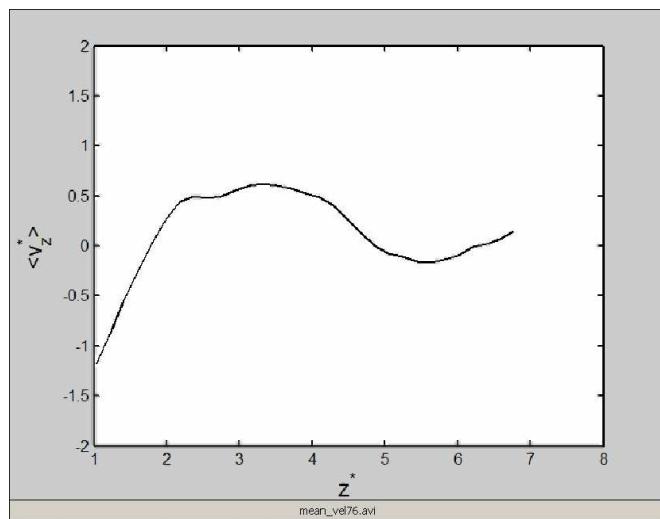
Phase-resolved



Time-averaged, compared to  
1-D Jenkins/Richman ODE solution



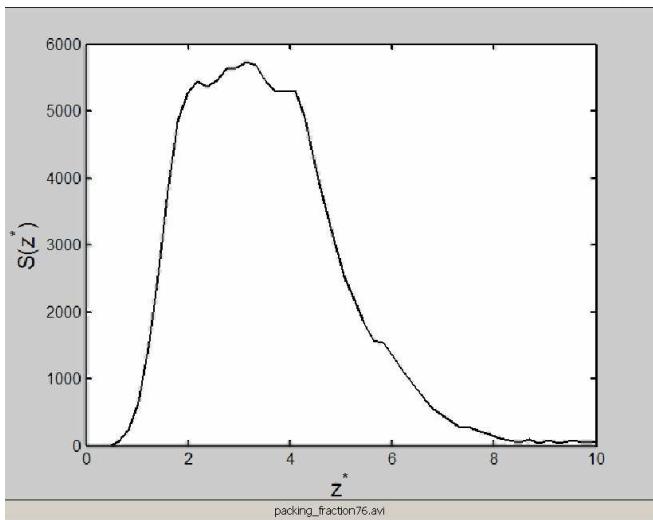
## Mean velocity distribution



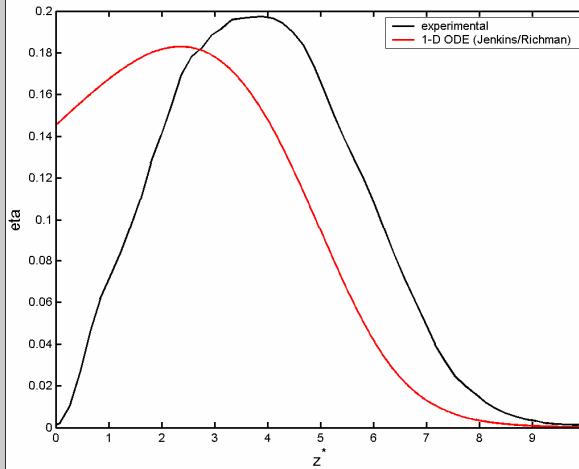
- Bed is expanding for most of the cycle
- Short intense compressional wave is not fully resolved

## Packing fraction distributions

Phase-resolved signal (not normalized)



Time-averaged  $\eta$



## Summary

- Experimental time-averaged and through-thickness-averaged 3-D PEPT data agrees reasonably well with 1-D ODE solutions using both Brey and Jenkins heat flux expressions
- 3-D Finite Element model reveals some radial dependence of  $T$ ,  $\eta$  fields
- Novel NMR technique developed to provide phase-resolved measurements of  $P(z, v_z)$  in a 3-D granular bed
- Time-averaged PDFs and temperature distributions mask several interesting phenomena
- When combined with a 1-D dynamic model, such data can be expected to provide a more sensitive test of existing constitutive equations