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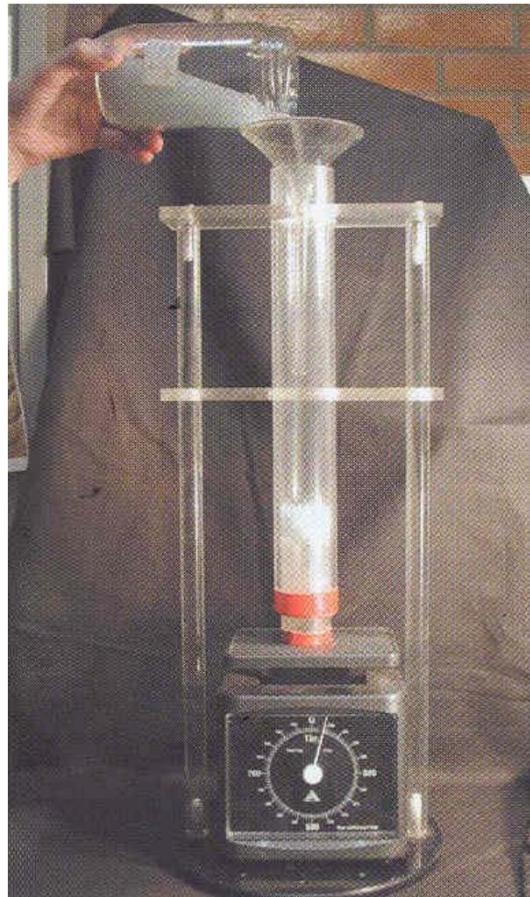


Applications:

- “ Stability of silos
- “ Initial state before powder flowing
(mixing processing...)

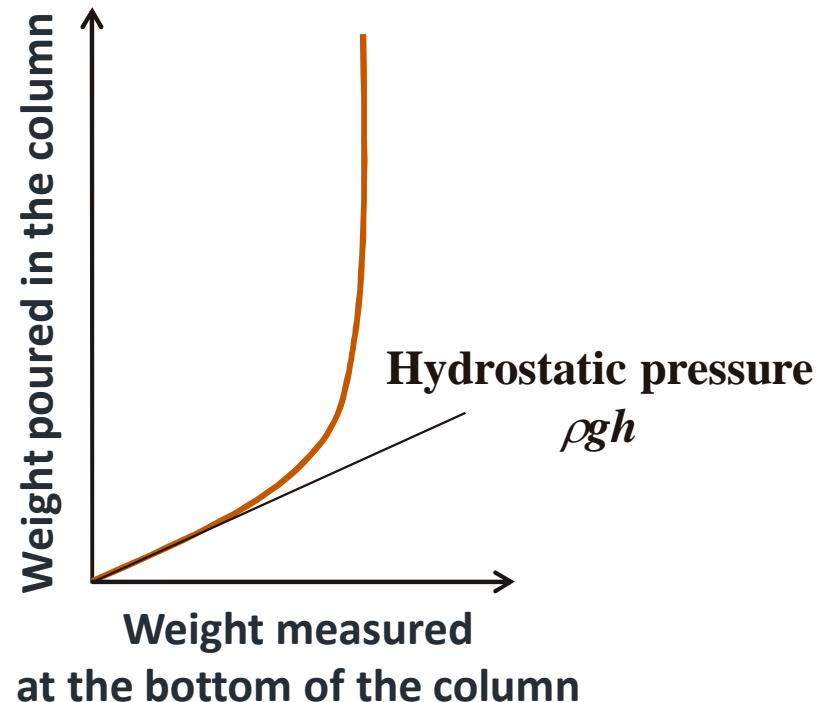
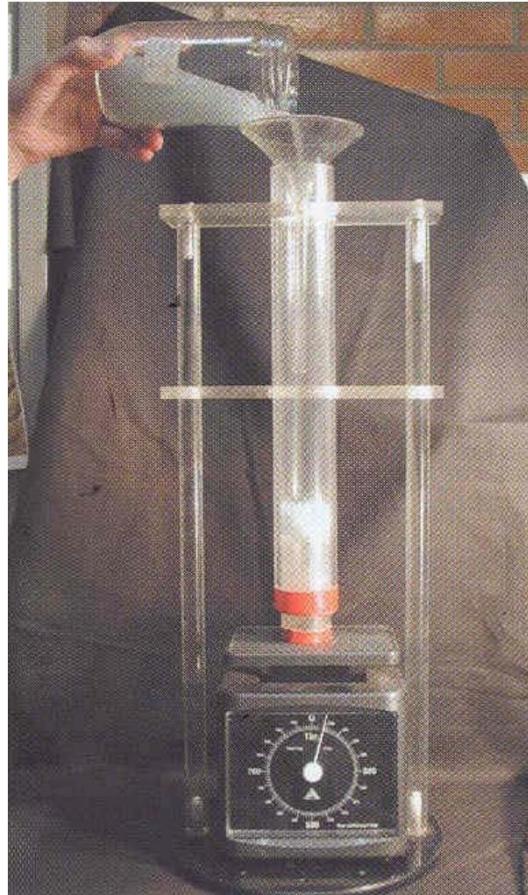
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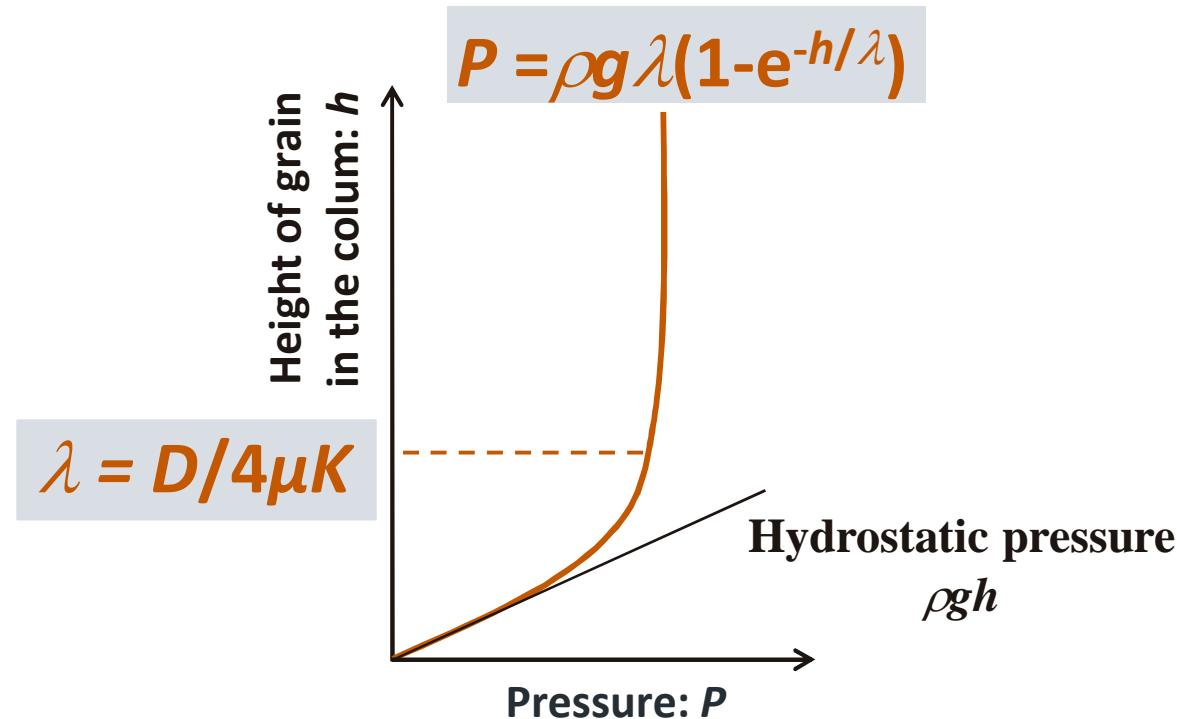
From a certain height of bed, any powder addition does not make any variation of mass weighed at the bottom

Pressure at the bottom of a cylindrical grain column

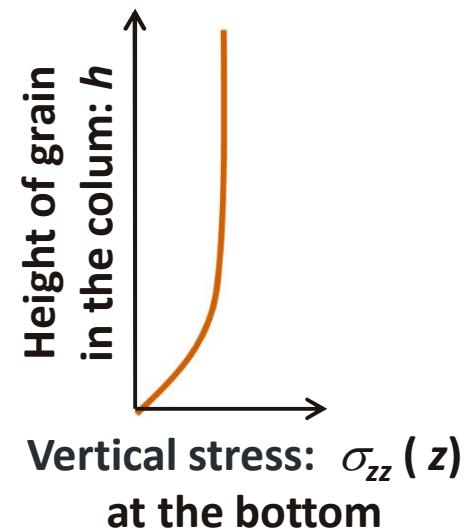
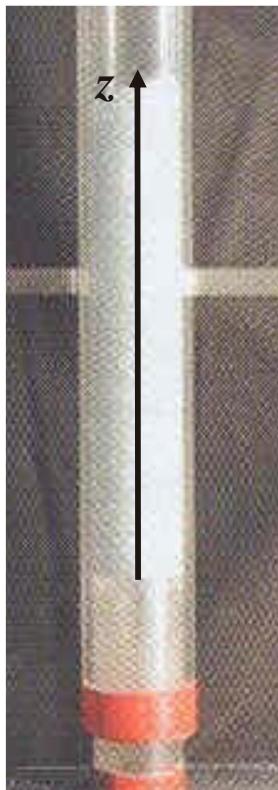
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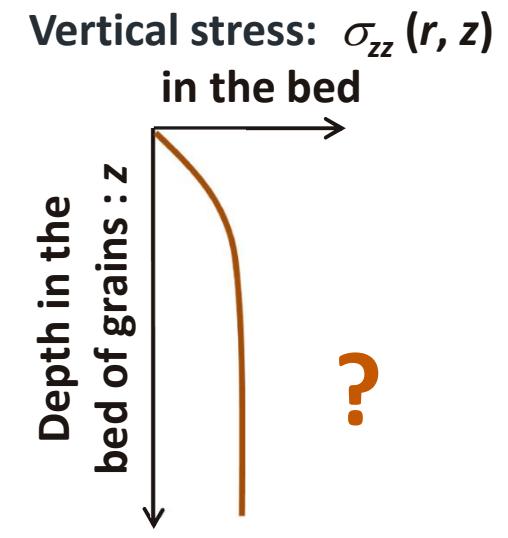
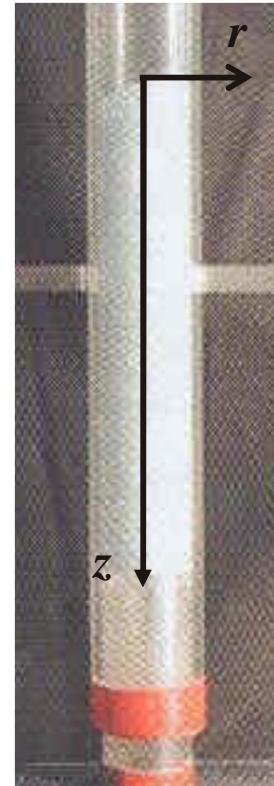
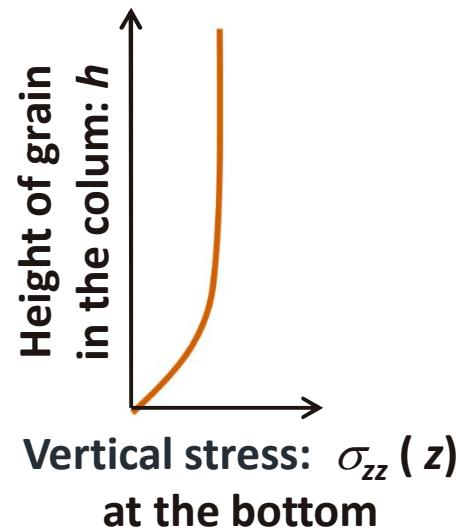
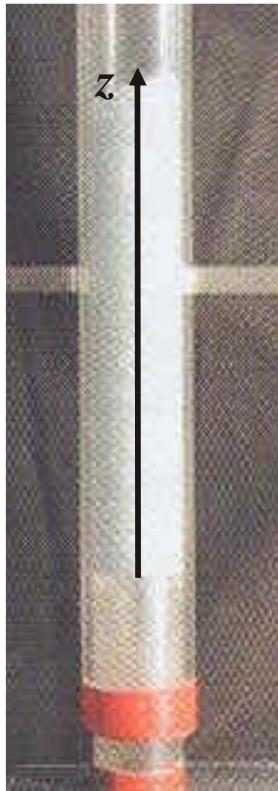
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Weight deflection into lateral sides of the column



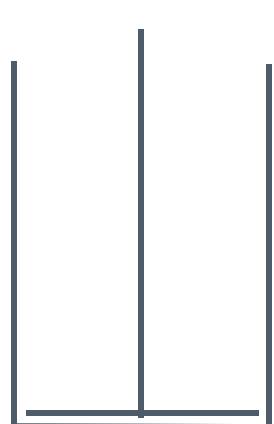
BOTTOM



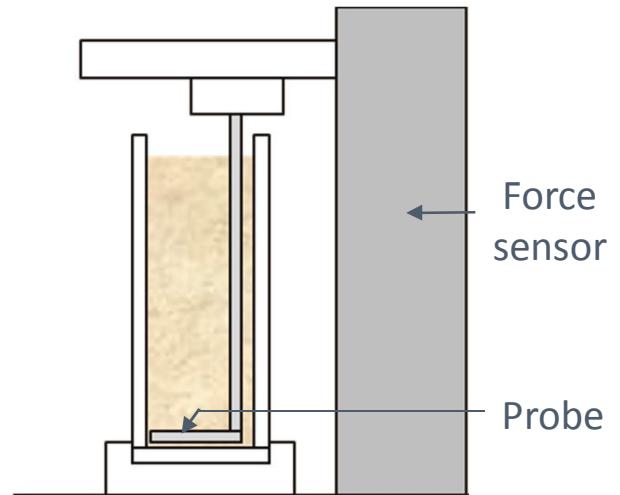
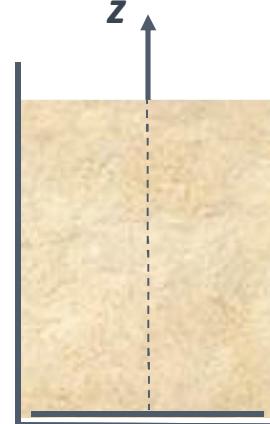
Profile of the local vertical stress in an ensiled granular media?
Effect of the particle size?

Rheological device

Janssen's experiment: large probe



*Front view
Large probe*

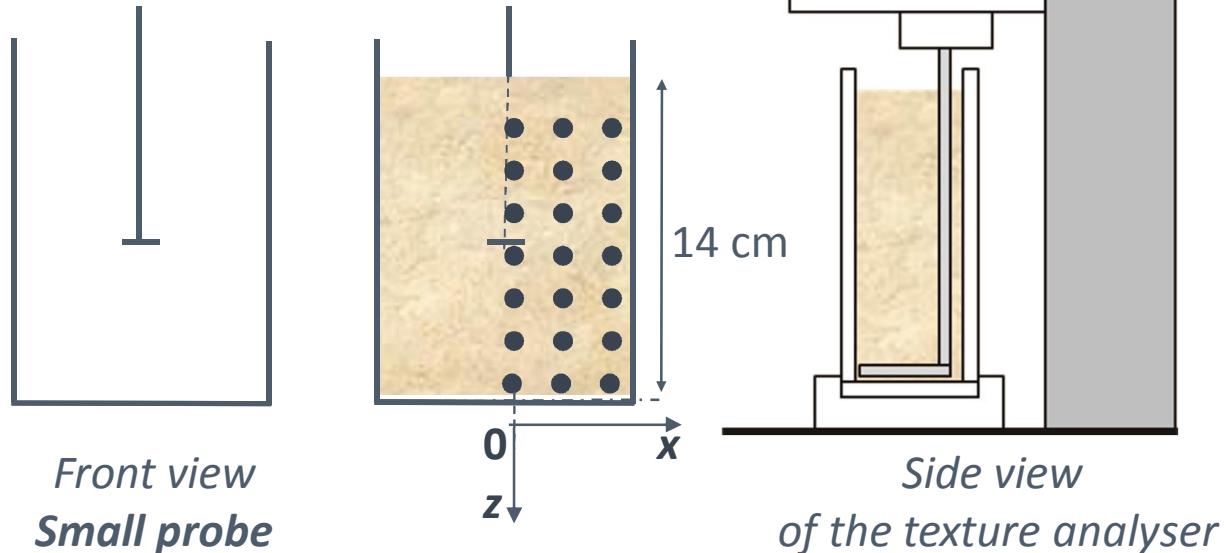


*Side view
of the texture analyser*

Measurement of the **vertical stress**
at the **bottom** of the cell
 $0 < z \leq 14$ cm (height of the bed)

2D rheological device

Local experiment: small probe

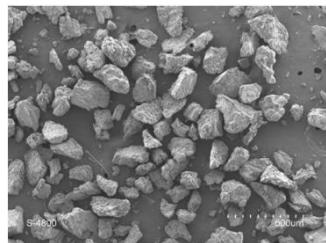


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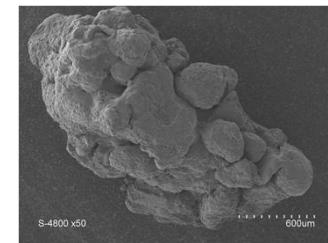
in the granular bed

$0 < x \leq 4 \text{ cm}$ & $0 < z \leq 14 \text{ cm}$ (position in the bed)

2D-cartography of the local vertical stress

*Semolina*

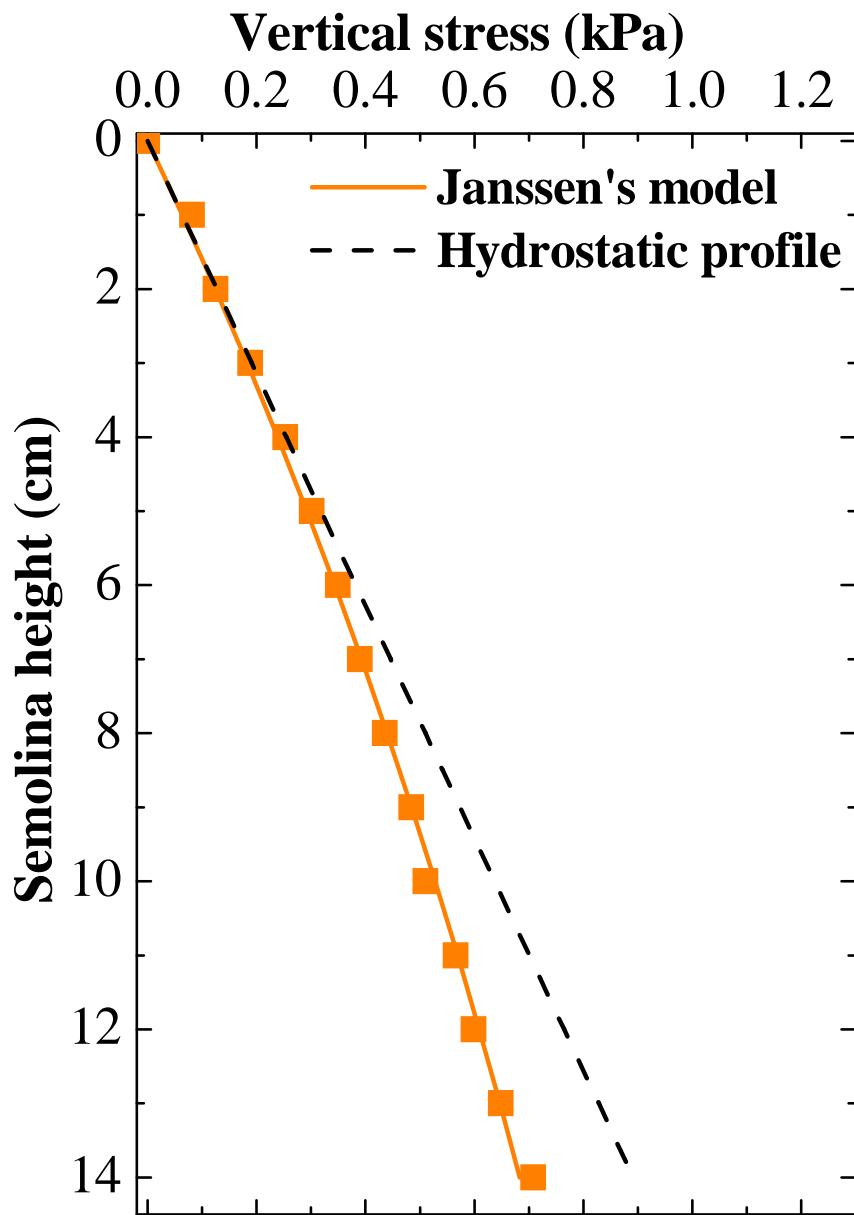
Wheat-based powders

*Couscous grain*

- “ Native powder : durum wheat semolina (pasta, noodle, couscous...) Characterisation of the local vertical stress profiles
- “ A range of 5 wheat-based powders : native and agglomerated particles Effect of the size and the structure on the local vertical stress profiles

Sample Name	d_{50} (μm)	dsp
Fine semolina	210	1.53
Medium semolina	300	1.46
Fine couscous	680	0.95
Medium couscous	950	0.54
Large couscous	1100	0.37

Janssen's profile



Janssen's approach



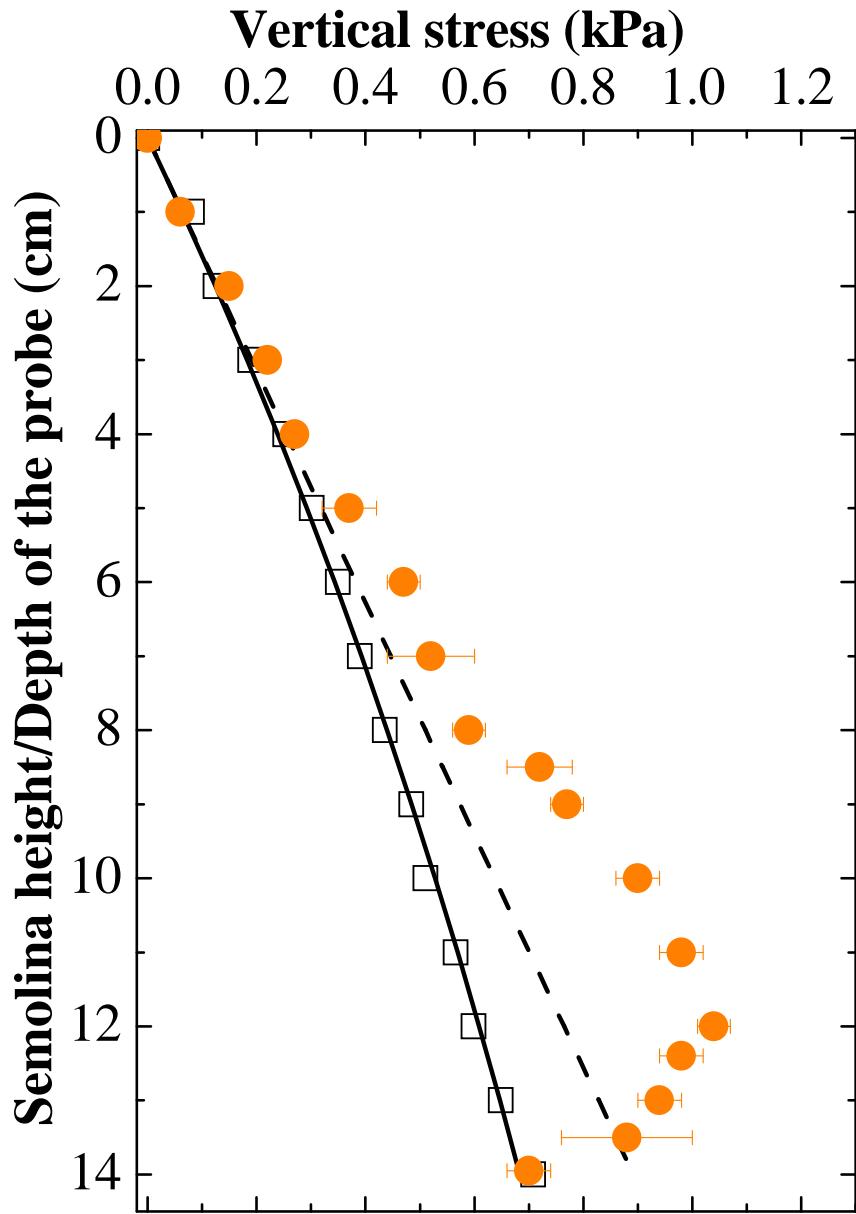
Janssen's profile:

“ Deviation from the hydrostatic profile

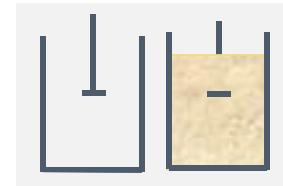
“ $\lambda = 23 \text{ cm}$

**Screening of the weight
by the lateral sides of the cell**

Janssen & local vertical stress profiles in the center of the cell

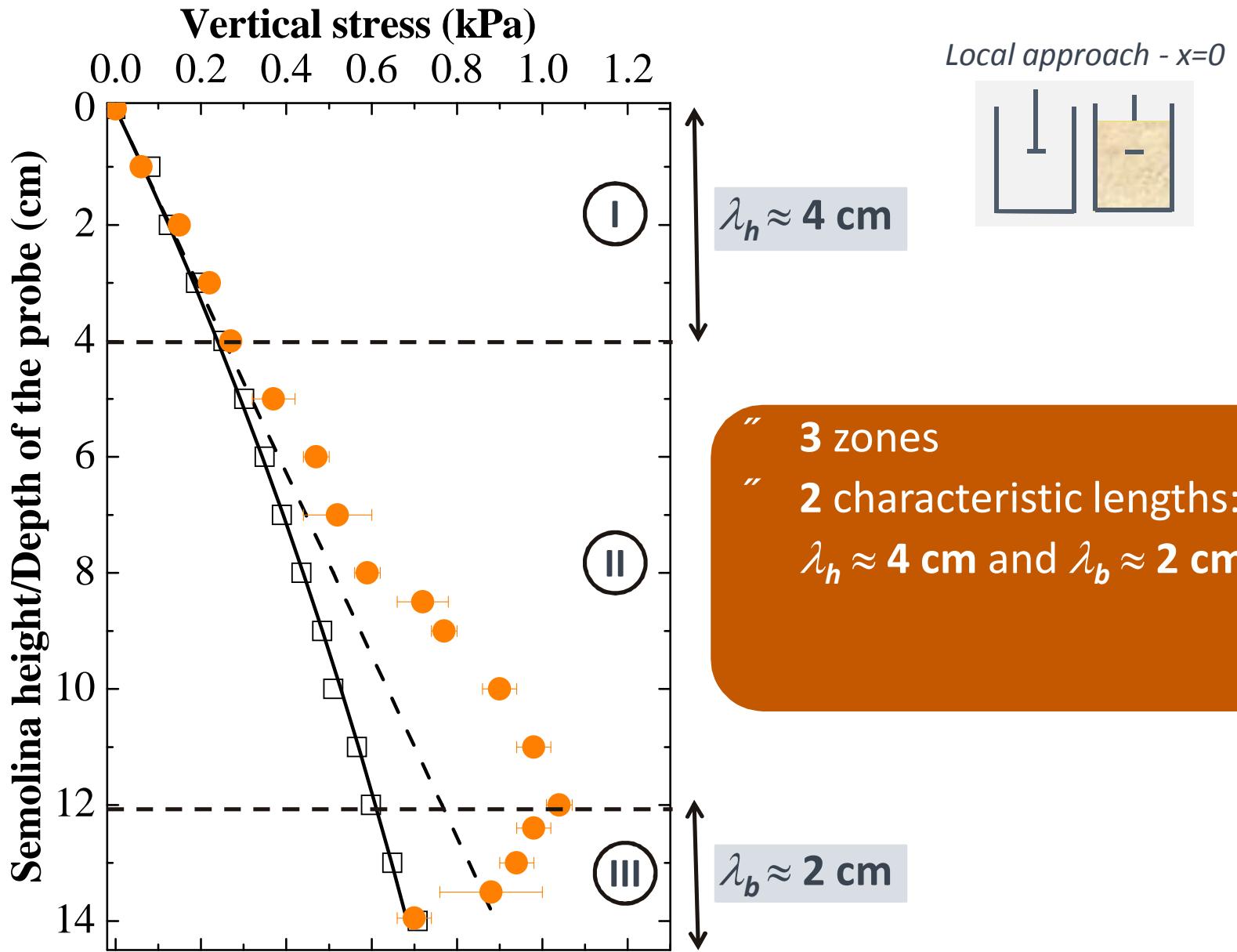


Local approach - x=0

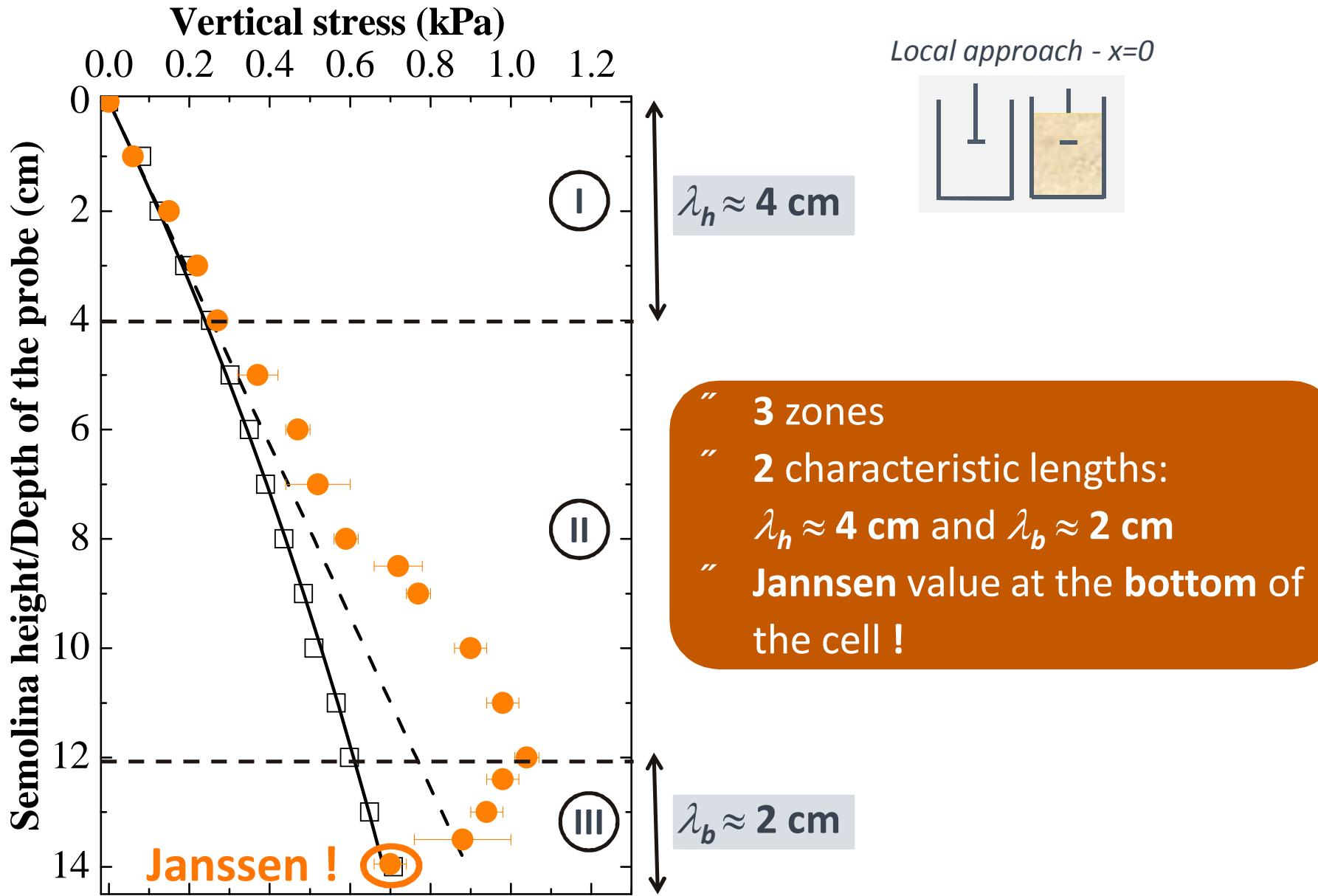


Local profile \neq Janssen's profile

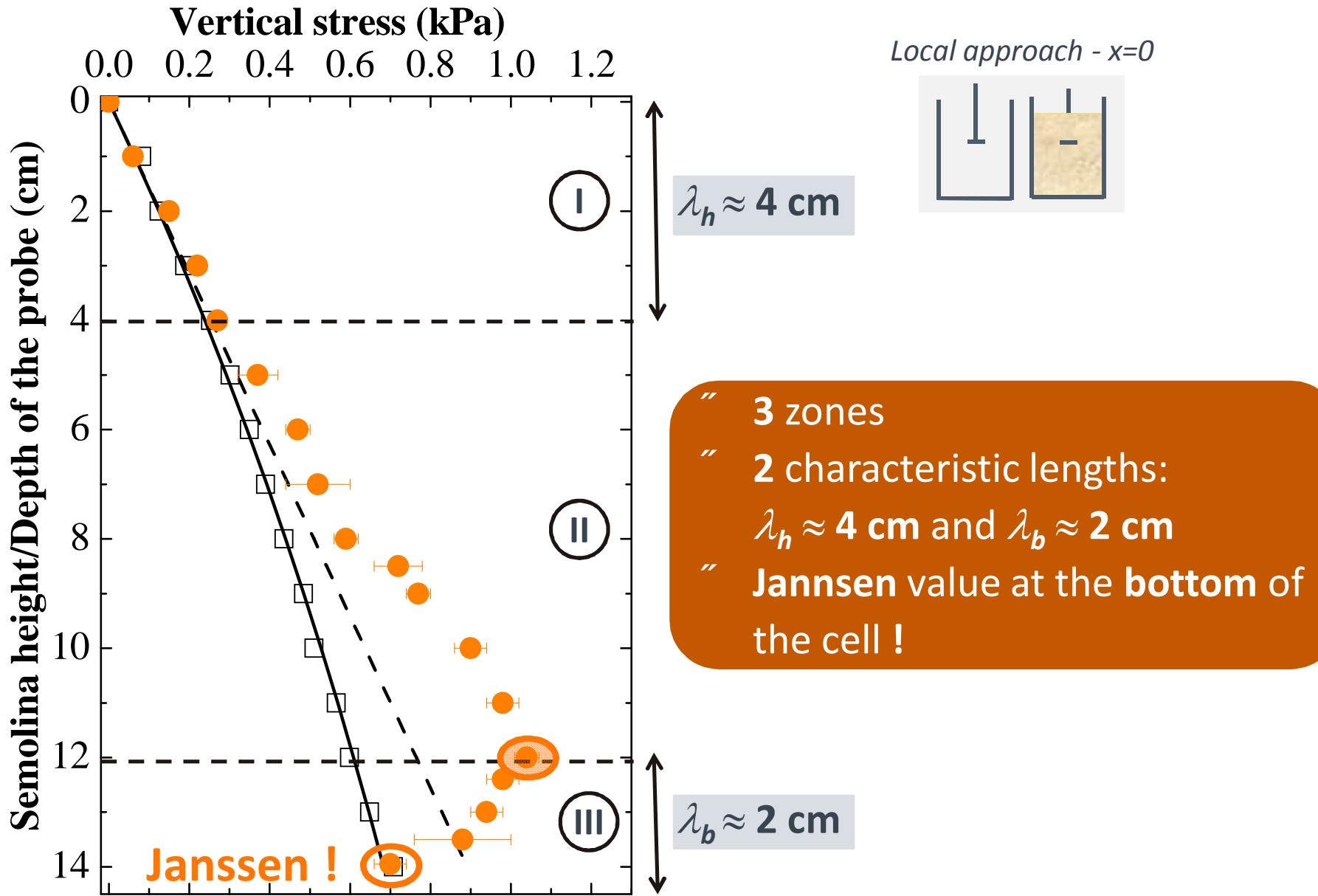
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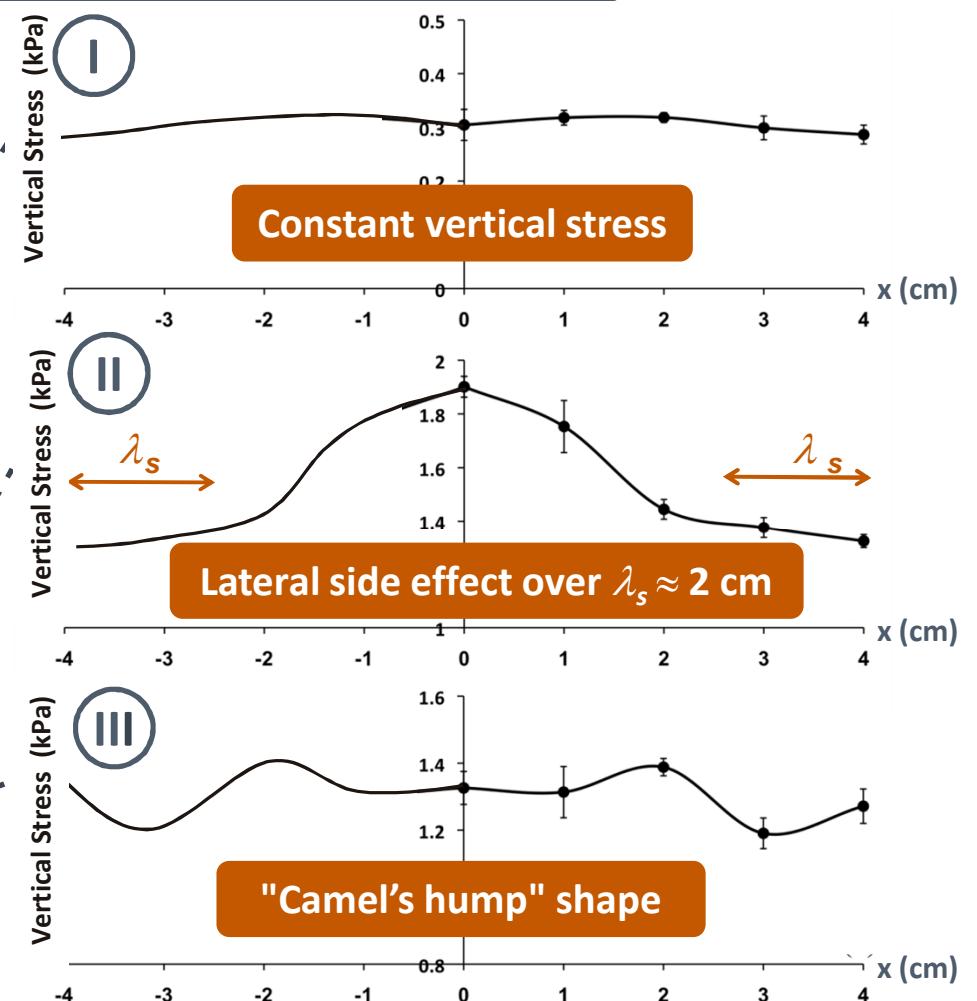
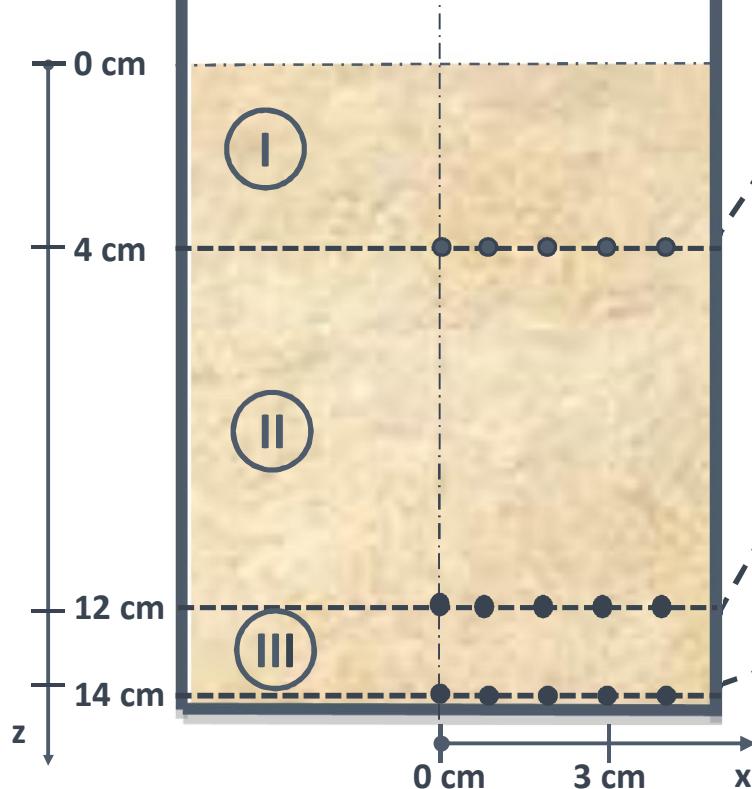
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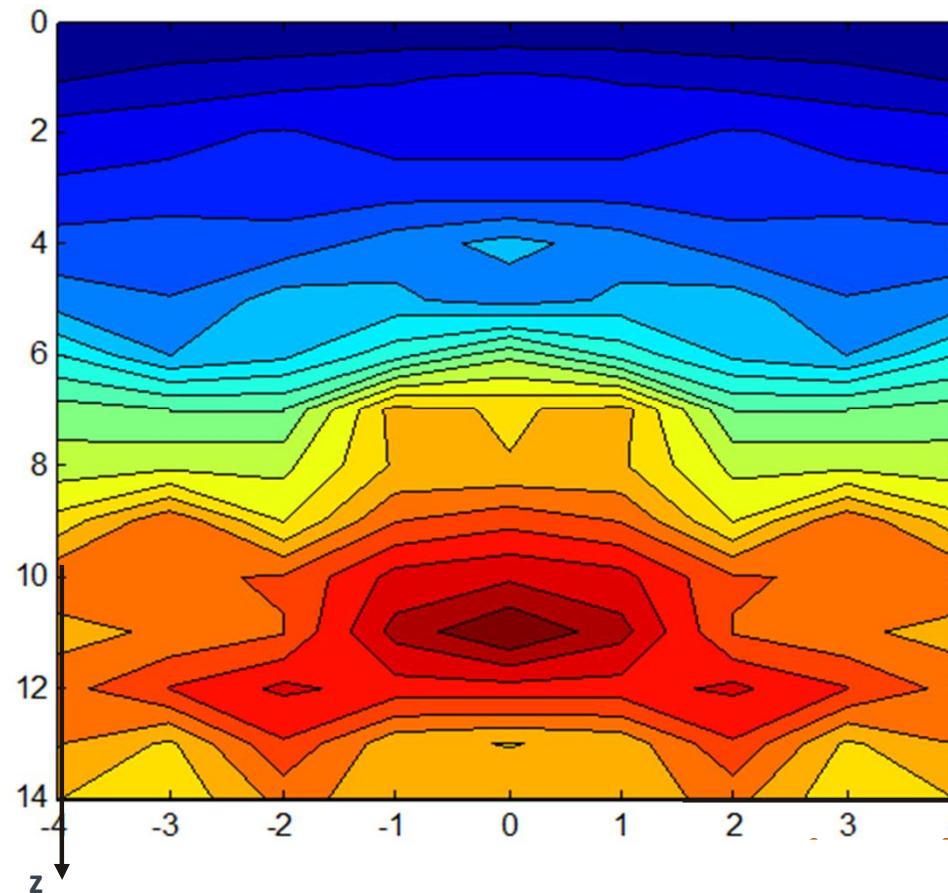
Local vertical stress profiles in horizontal plane



“ Zone I: Lateral uniformity of the vertical stress
 “ Zone II & III: Lateral inhomogeneity of the vertical stress
 ⇒ Janssen's hypothesis not checked for semolina

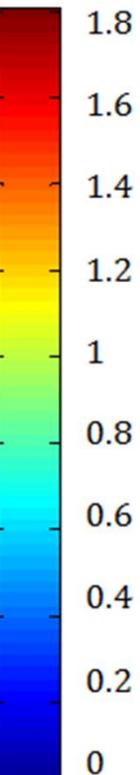
2D iso-stress cartography

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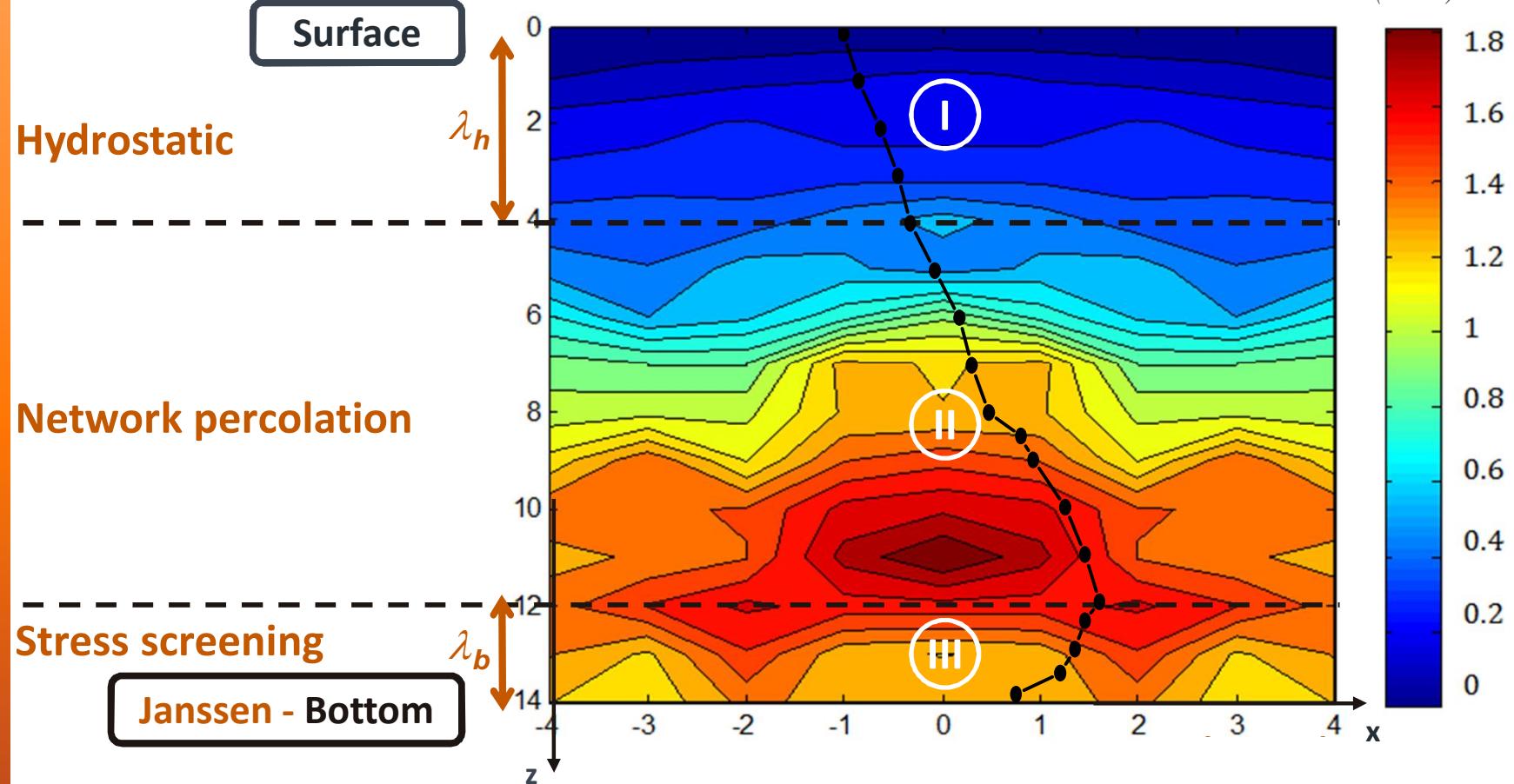


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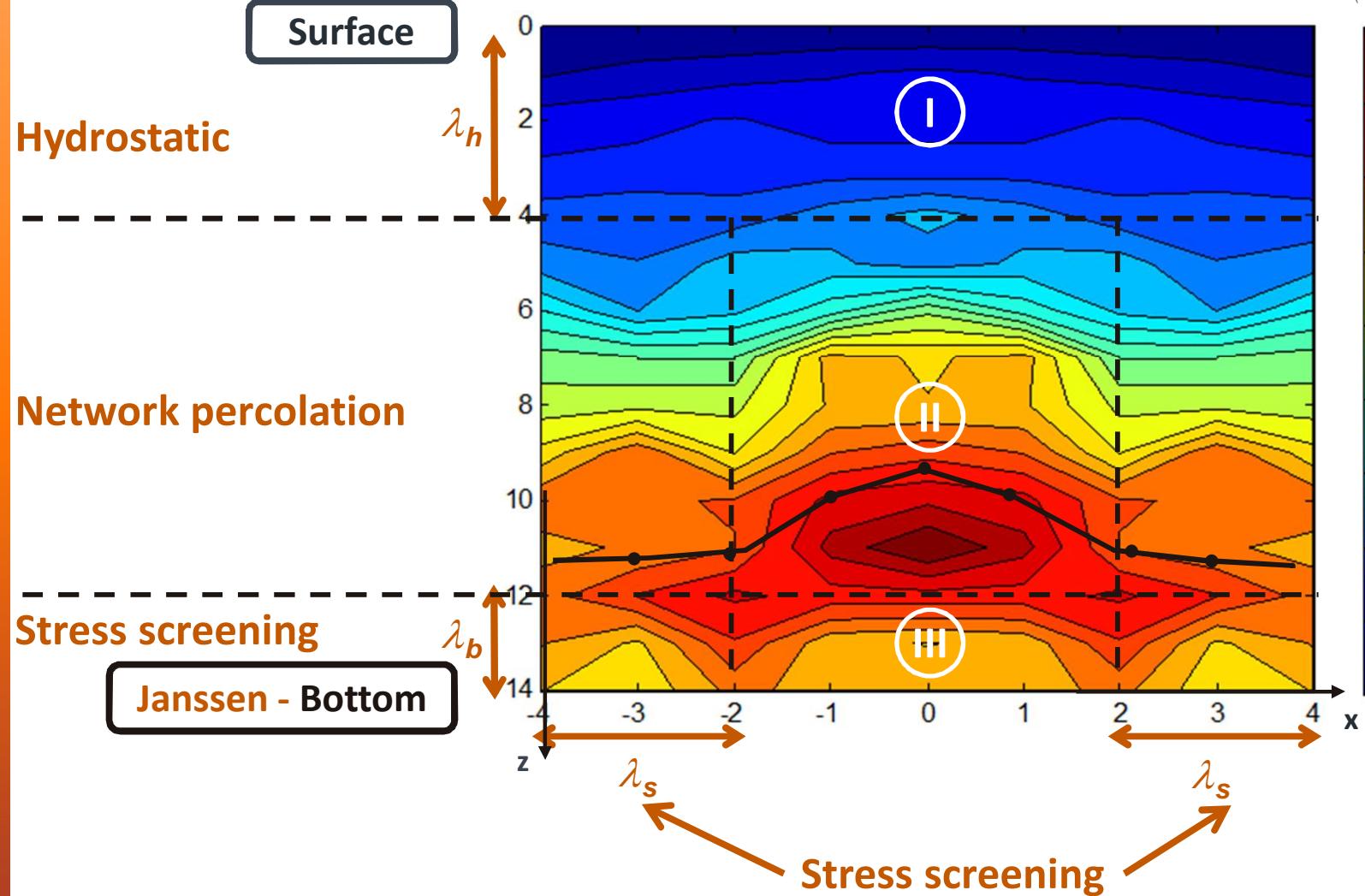
Vertical Stress
(kPa)



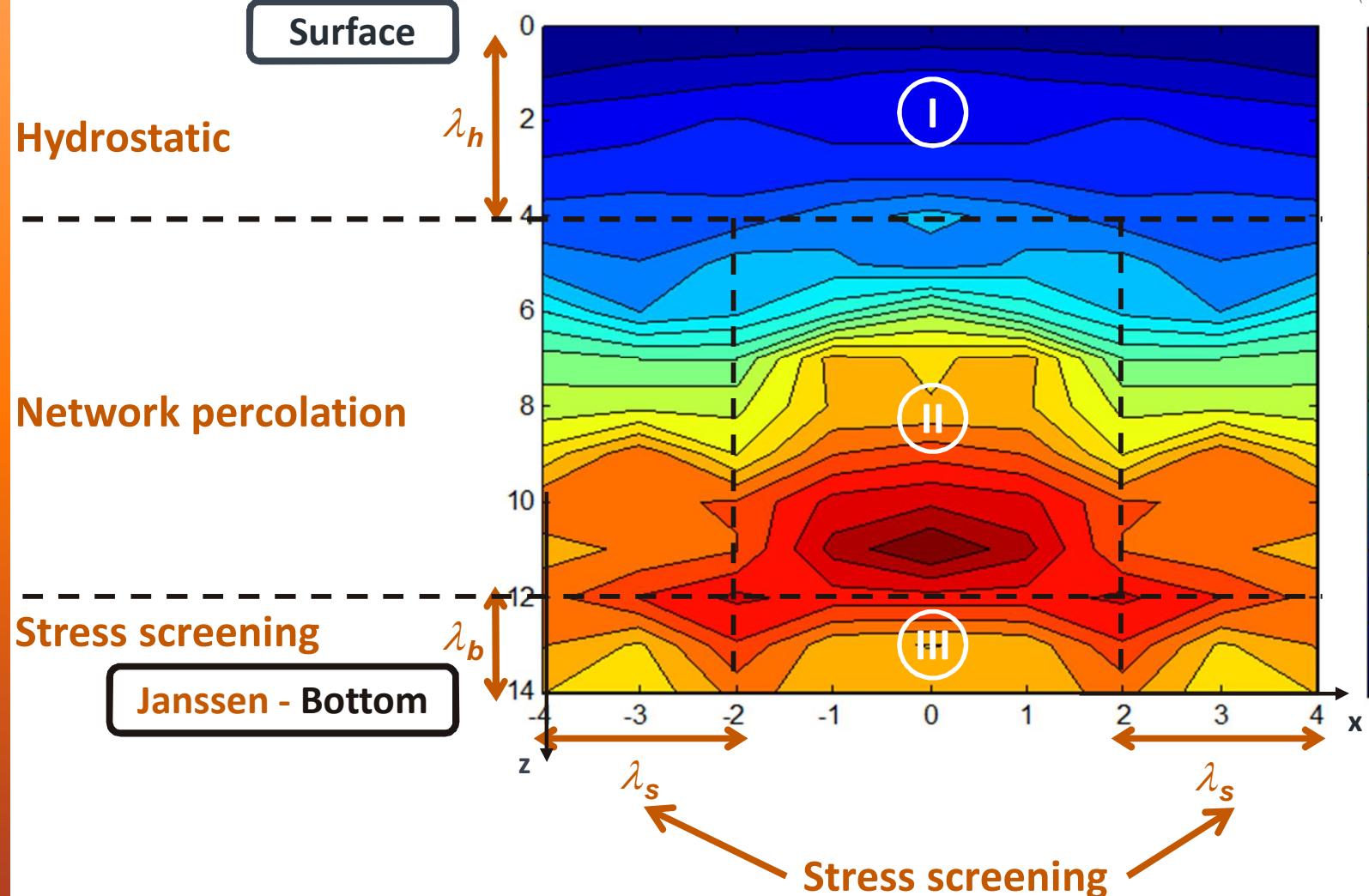
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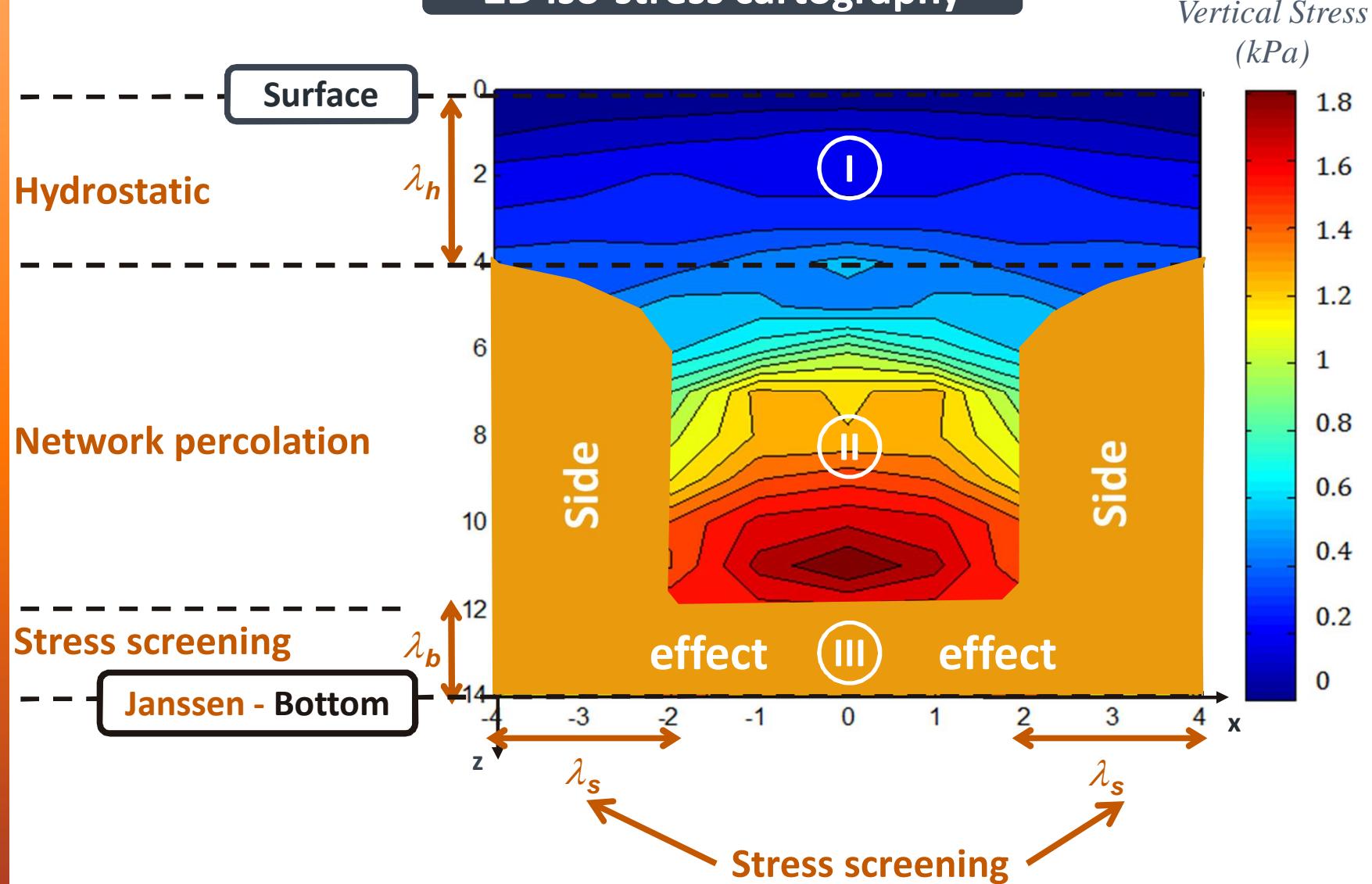
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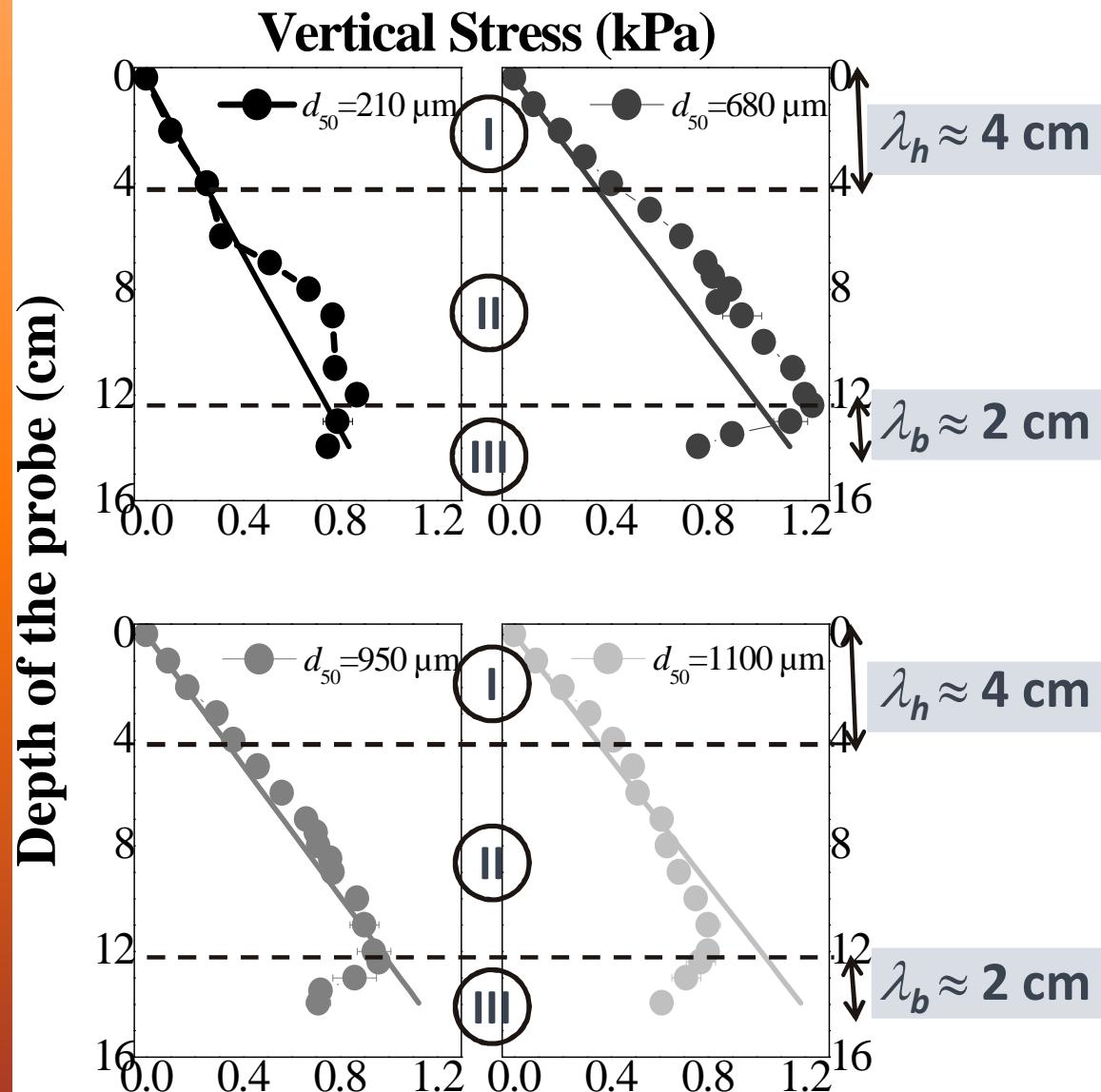


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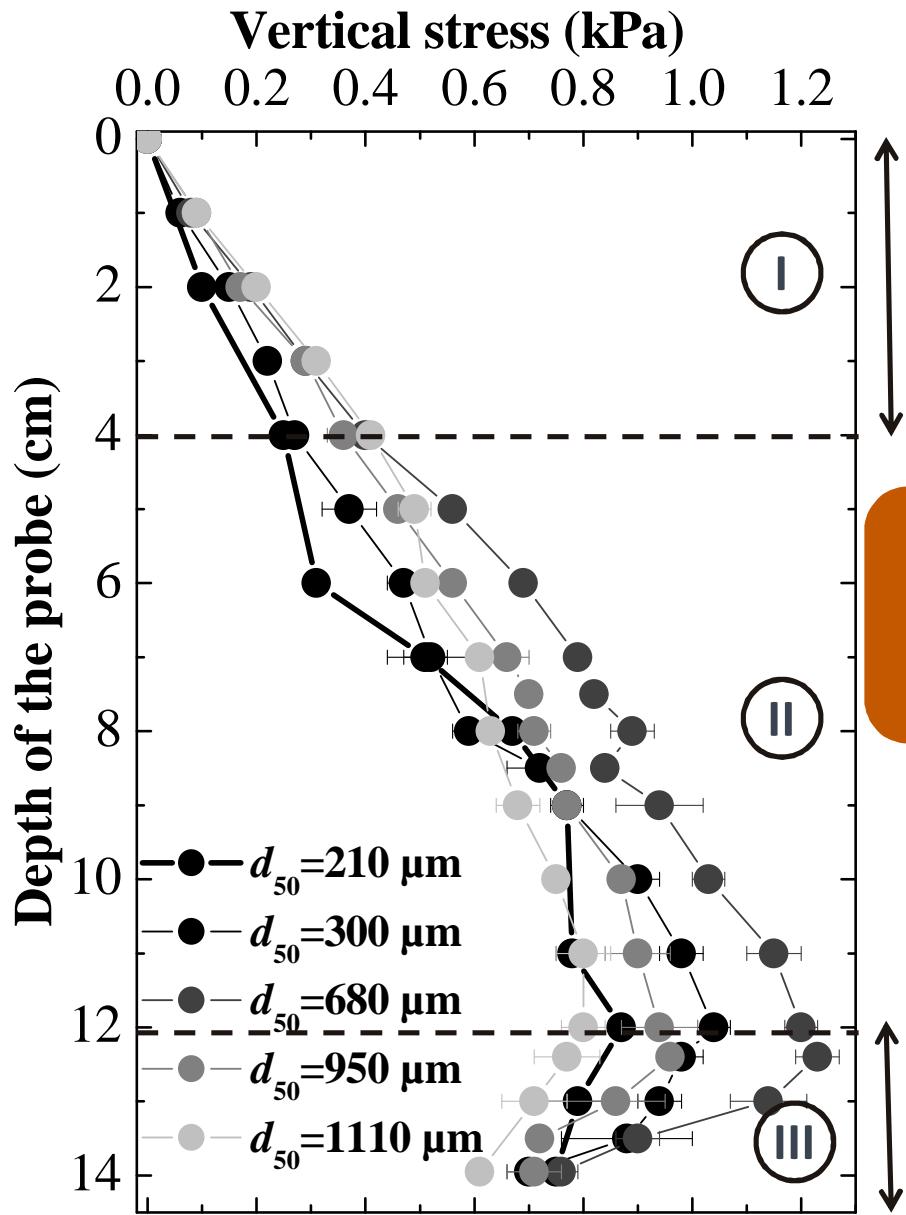
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Particle size effect ?



Particle size
does not affect:
 " Shape of the profile
 " Characteristic lengths

Particle size effect ?



$$\lambda_h \approx 4 \text{ cm}$$

Particle size affects :
Intensity of the local vertical stress

$$\lambda_b \approx 2 \text{ cm}$$

- “ Generic device implementation for measuring **2D-cartography** of the **vertical stress** in **ensiled granular powders**.
- “ **Non-equivalence** between **global** and **local** vertical stress measurements **except** at the **bottom** of the cell (**semolina**).
- “ **Particle size affects** the **intensity** of the **local vertical stress** but **not** the **shape** of the vertical stress profile and the **characteristic lengths**.

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T1.2 Particle property and inter-particle force characterization

Thank you for your attention

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