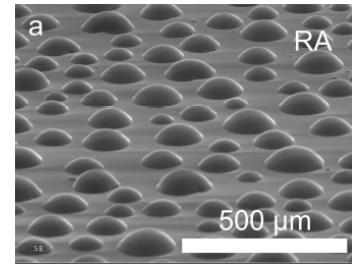
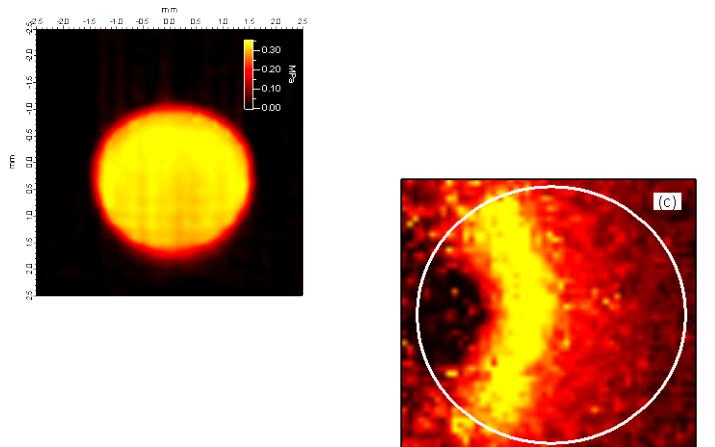


# Local friction of soft materials on rough surfaces



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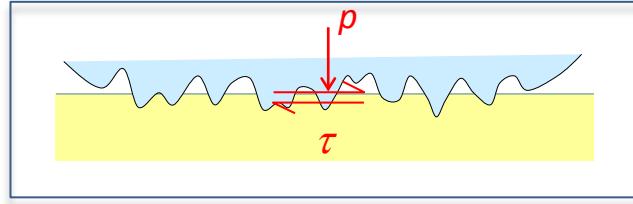


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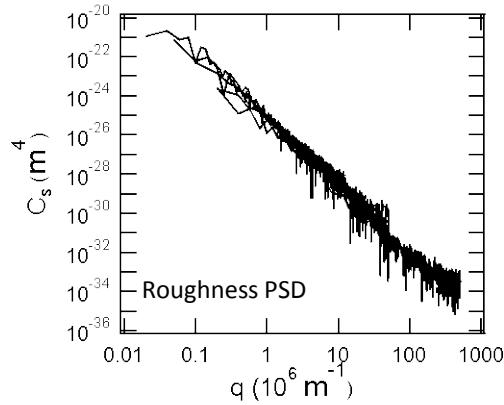


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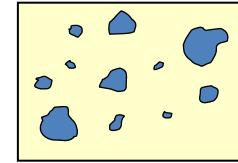
# Dry friction of multi-contact interfaces



- Surface geometry, contact mechanics



Micro-contacts distribution



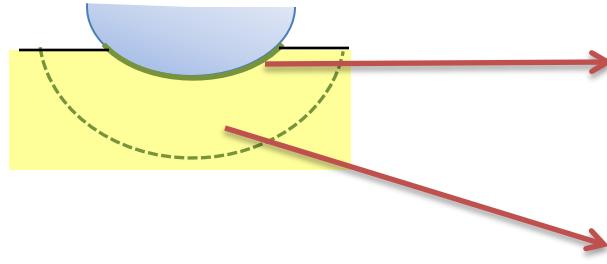
Real contact area ??

Persson, Muser, Robbins,...

Viscoelasticity  
Non linear material response  
Adhesion

....

- Frictional energy dissipation mechanisms



Pinning / depinning

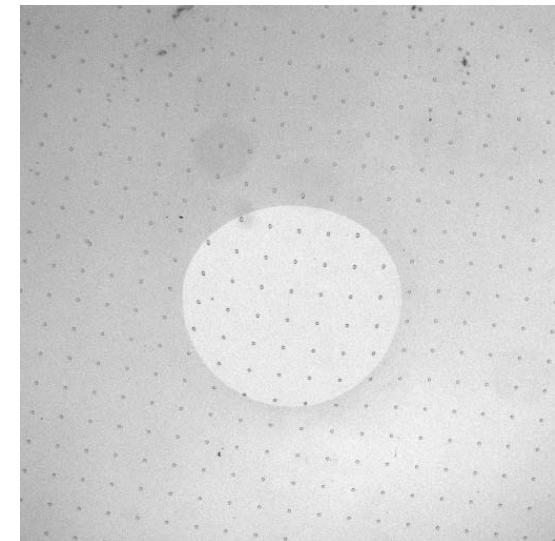
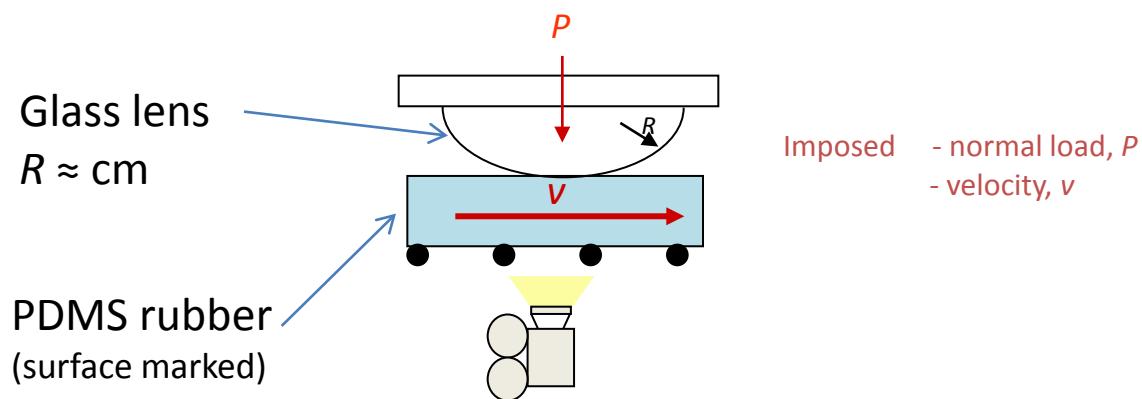
Schallamach, Chaudhury,..

Bulk viscoelastic dissipation

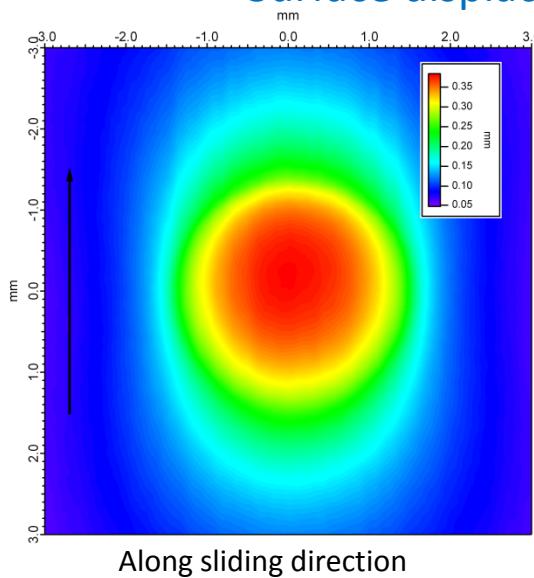
Grosch, Persson...

Local friction law  $\tau(p)$  ??

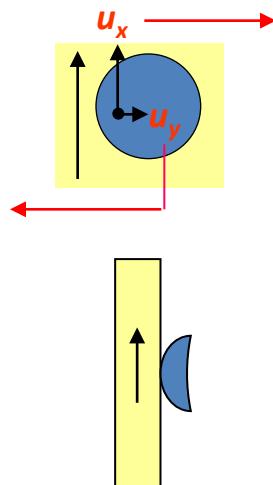
# Displacement field measurements within contacts with rubbers



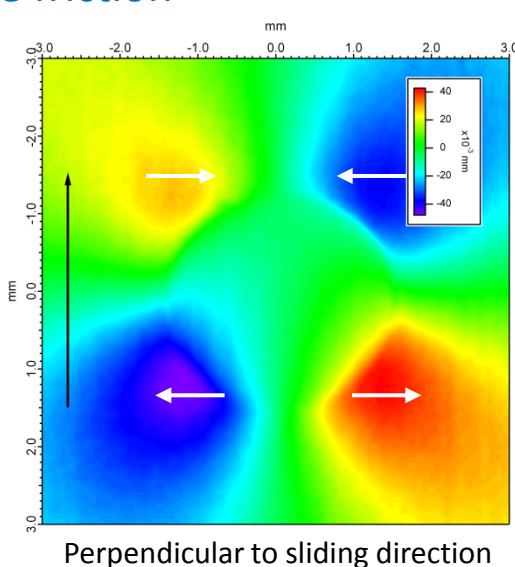
Surface displacements during steady state friction



Along sliding direction



Spatial resolution  $\sim 10 \times 10 \mu\text{m}^2$



Perpendicular to sliding direction

# Contact stresses : inversion of the displacement field

Inversion???

Surface displacement  $\rightarrow$  Surface stresses

- Linear elasticity  $\rightarrow$  Green's tensor

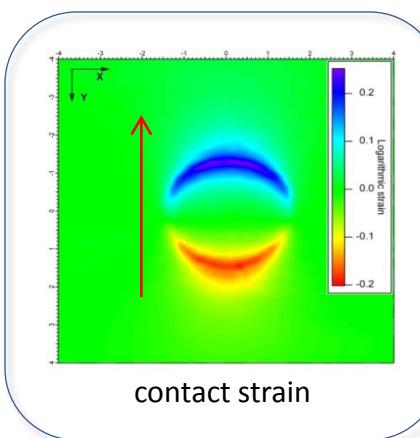
Incompressible materials,  $\nu=0.5$

Lateral displacements

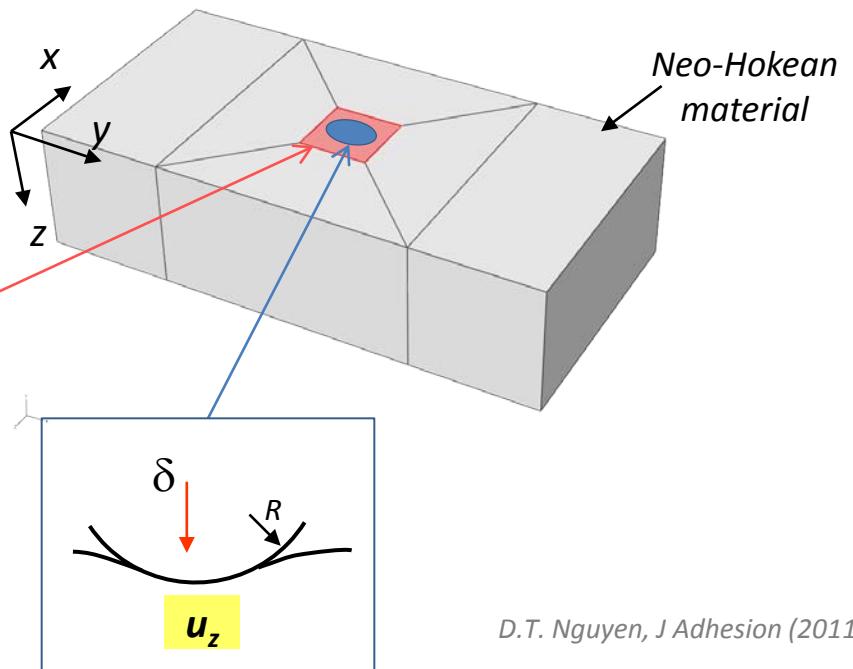
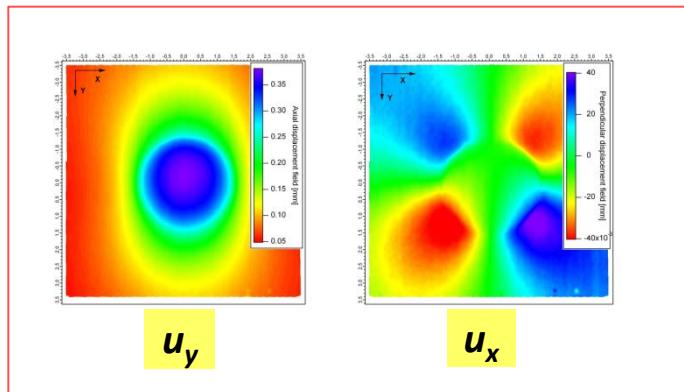
$$u_i = G_{ij} * \sigma_{jz} \quad i, j = x, y$$

Vertical displacement

$$u_{zz} = G_{zz} * \sigma_{zz}$$



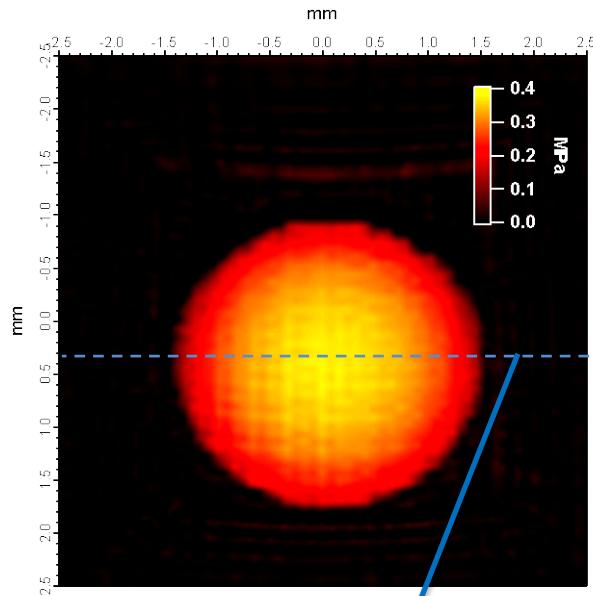
- Experimentally : large strains !  $\rightarrow$  Numerical inversion using FEM



# Contact stresses: single asperity contact

## Smooth Glass/PDMS contact

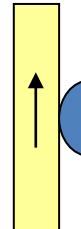
### Contact pressure



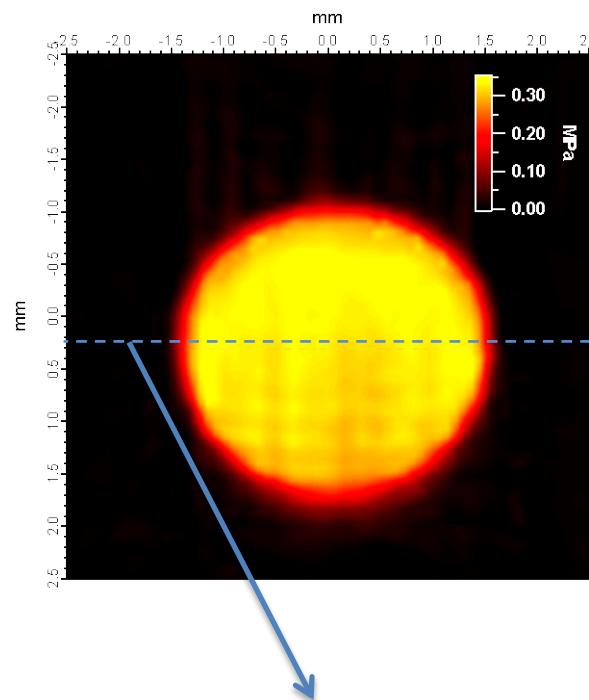
Contact pressure (MPa)

PDMS Displacement

mm



### Surface shear stress



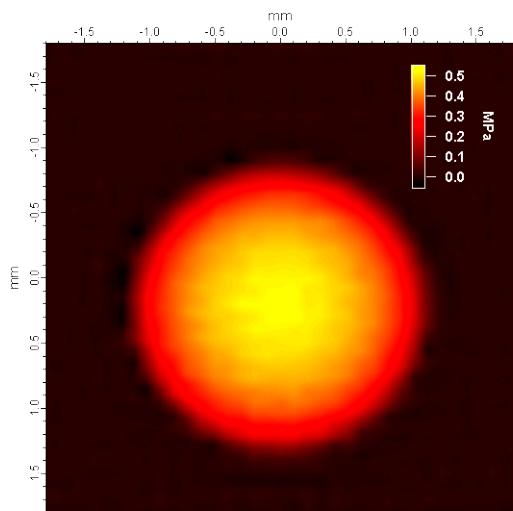
Shear stress (MPa)

mm

PDMS displacement

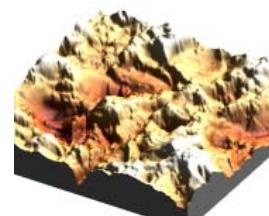
# Contact stresses: randomly rough contact interfaces

Contact pressure



Gaussian roughness

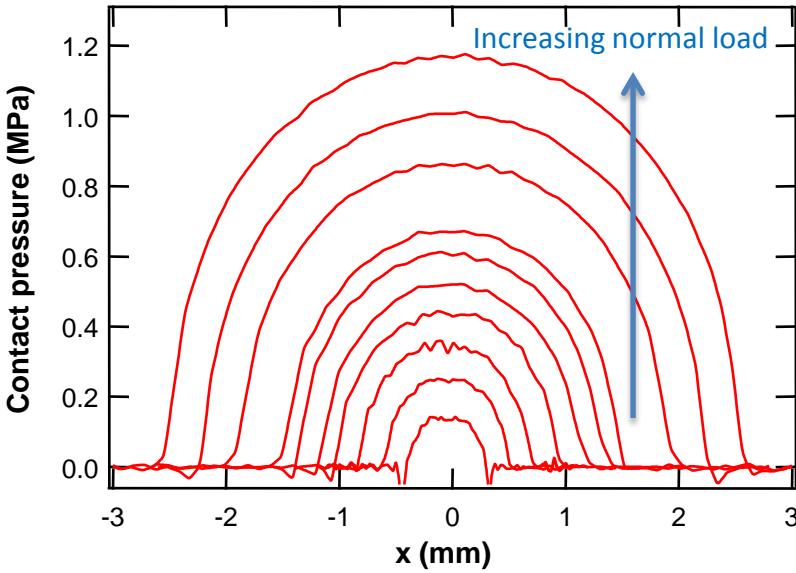
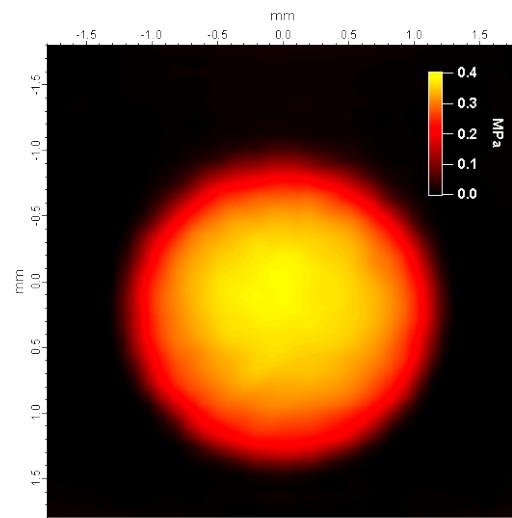
r.m.s roughness  $\sim 1 \mu\text{m}$



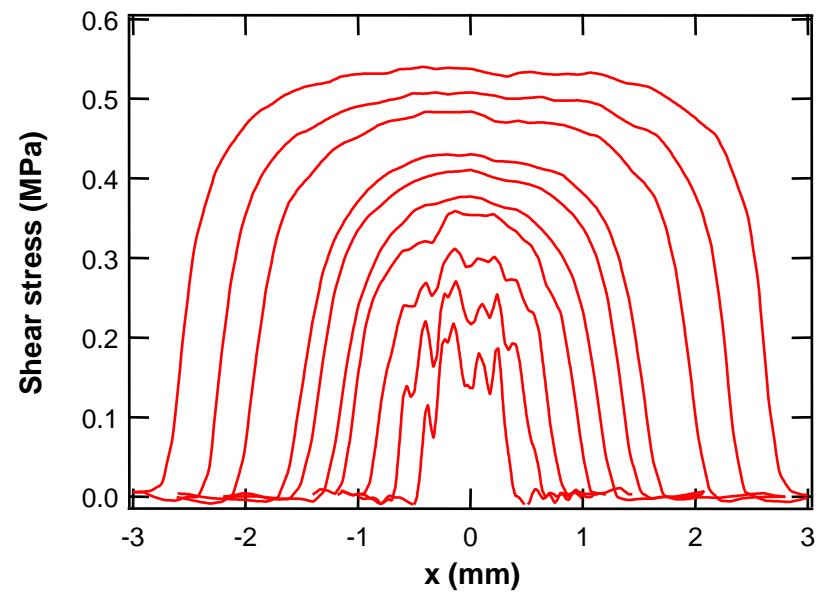
20 $\mu\text{m}$

Sand blasted glass lens

Shear stress

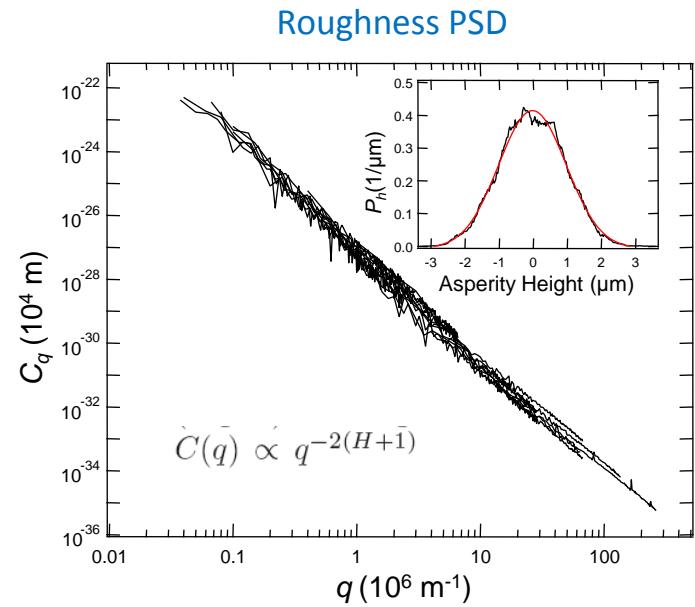
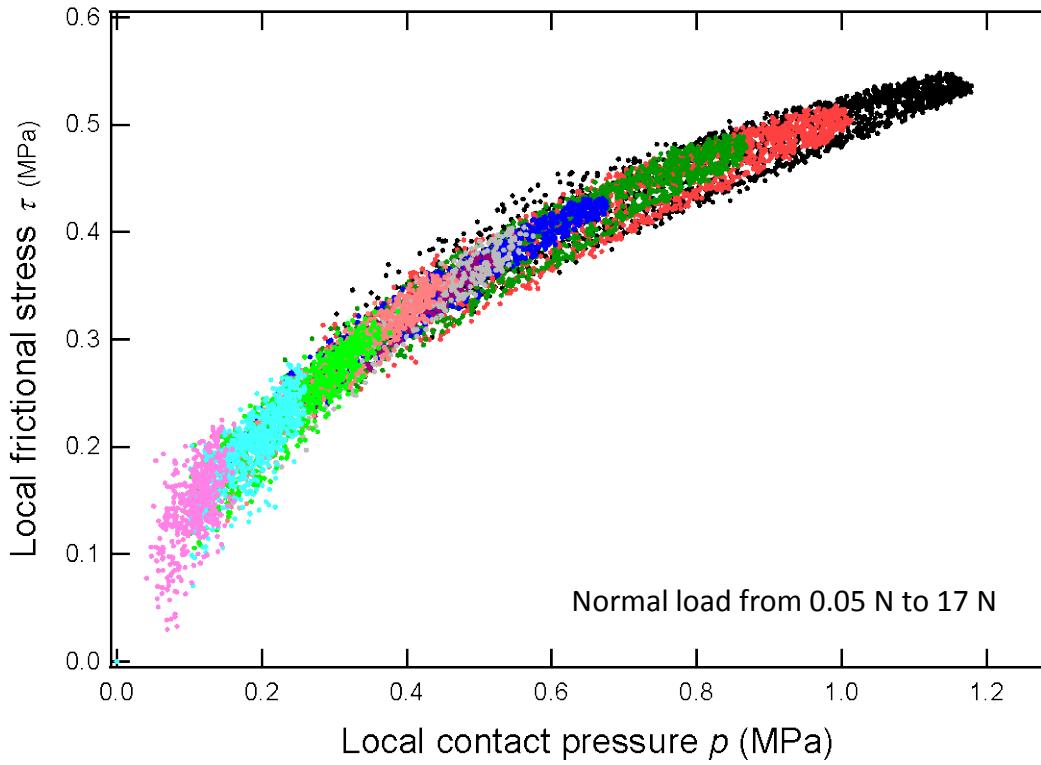


Pressure dependent shear stress



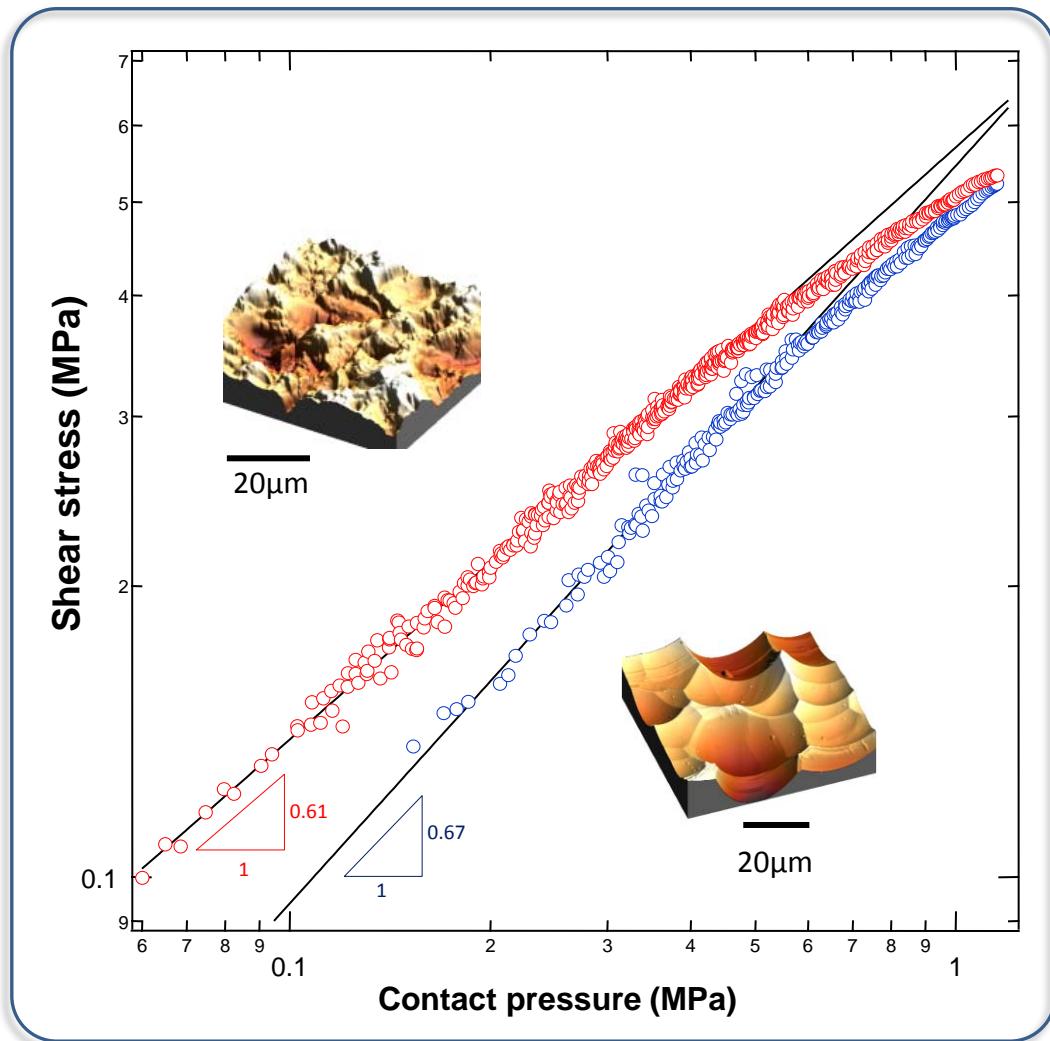
# Local friction law

- PDMS / self affine rough glass surface



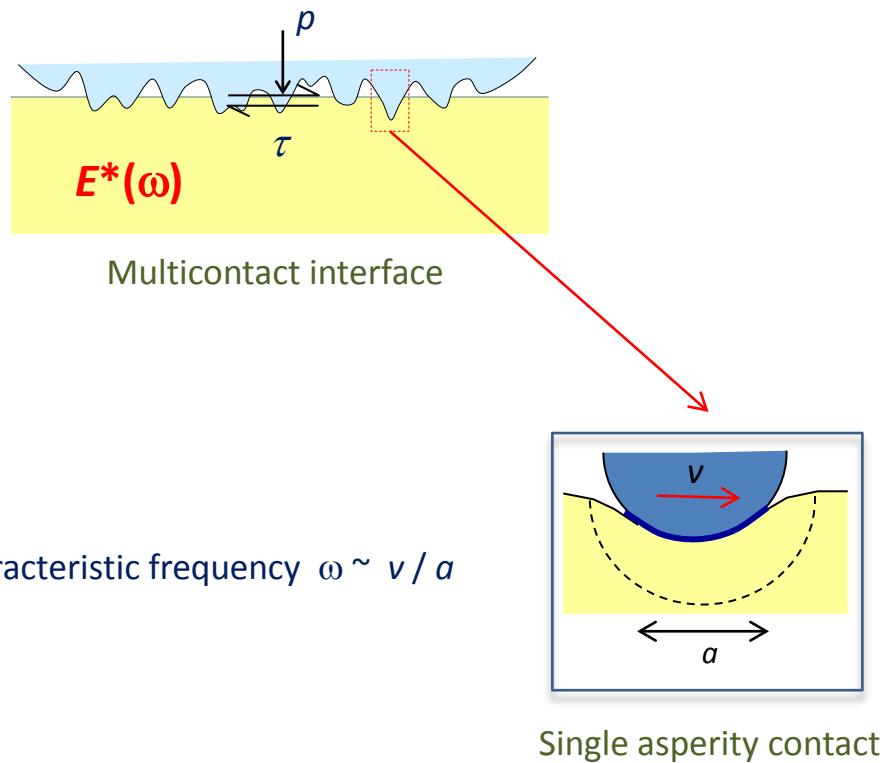
Non linear local friction law

# Gaussian vs non Gaussian surface roughness

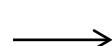


Local friction law

# Friction of rubbers with rough surfaces: the role of viscoelastic losses



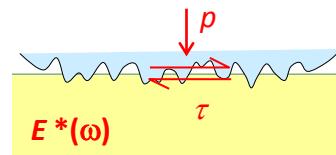
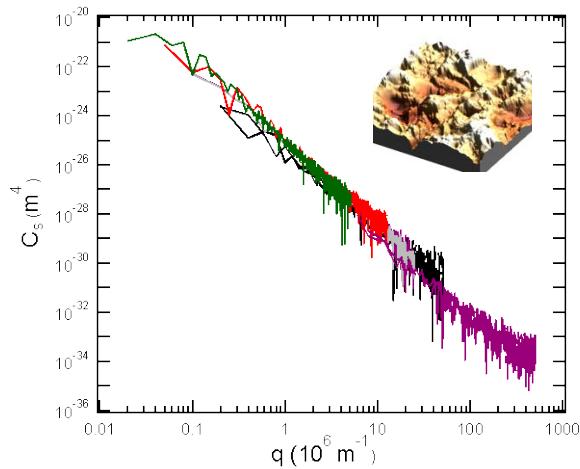
- Velocity and pressure dependence of the real contact area ?
- Viscoelastic losses at micro-asperity scale ?



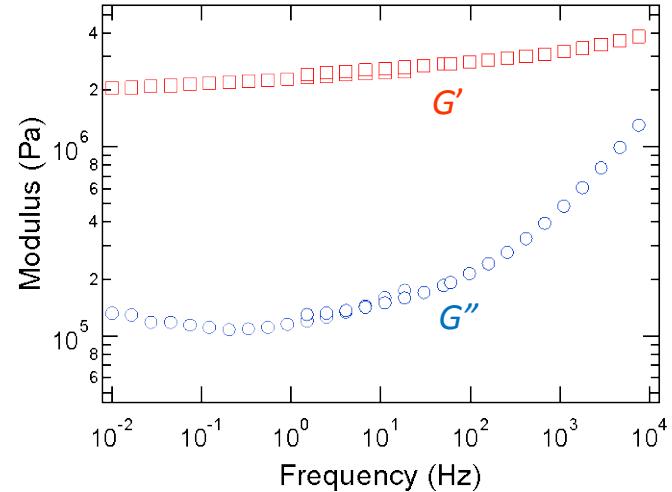
Surface topography, patterning  
Viscoelastic properties of the rubber

# Local friction of viscoelastic rubbers with randomly rough surfaces

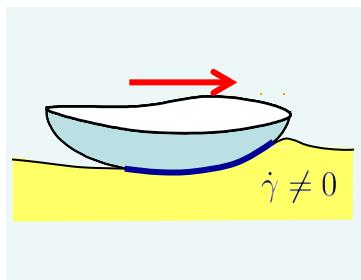
Sand blasted glass surface



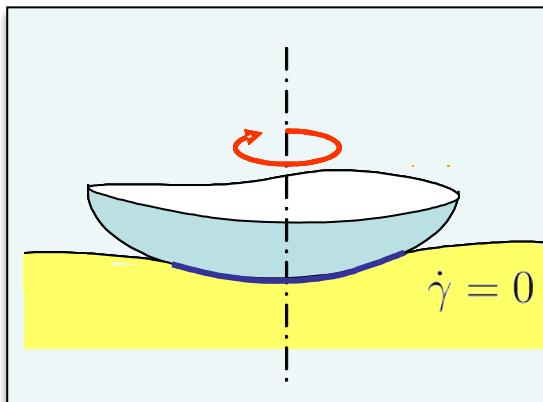
Epoxy rubber  $T_g = -42^\circ\text{C}$



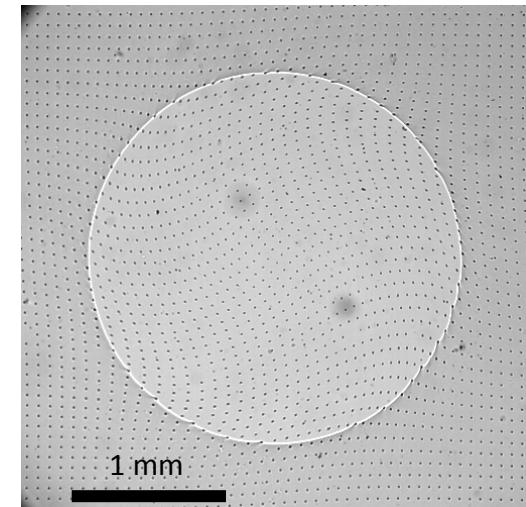
## Torsional contacts



Linear sliding

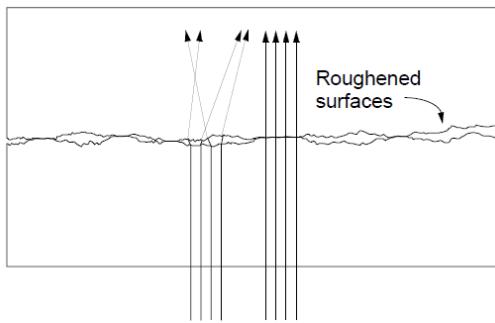
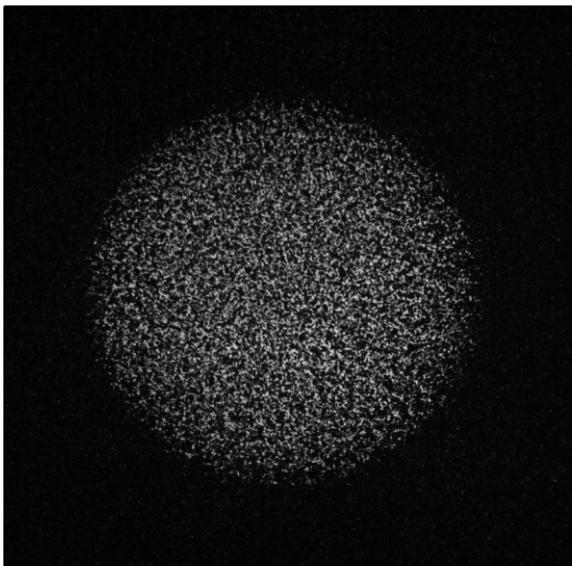


Bulk viscoelastic dissipation  
at contact scale !



# Light transmission through rough contacts

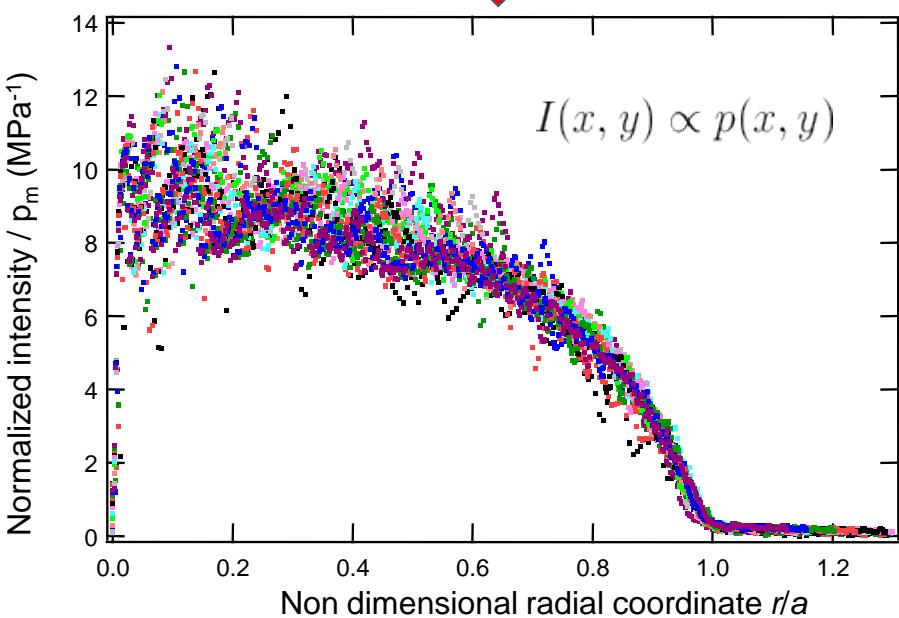
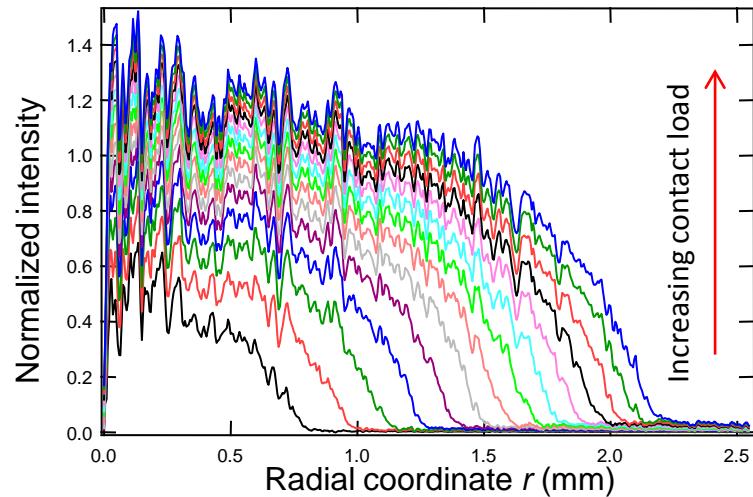
1 pixel =  $5.1 \mu\text{m}$



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Light transmitted through the interface more efficiently when only one interface is present

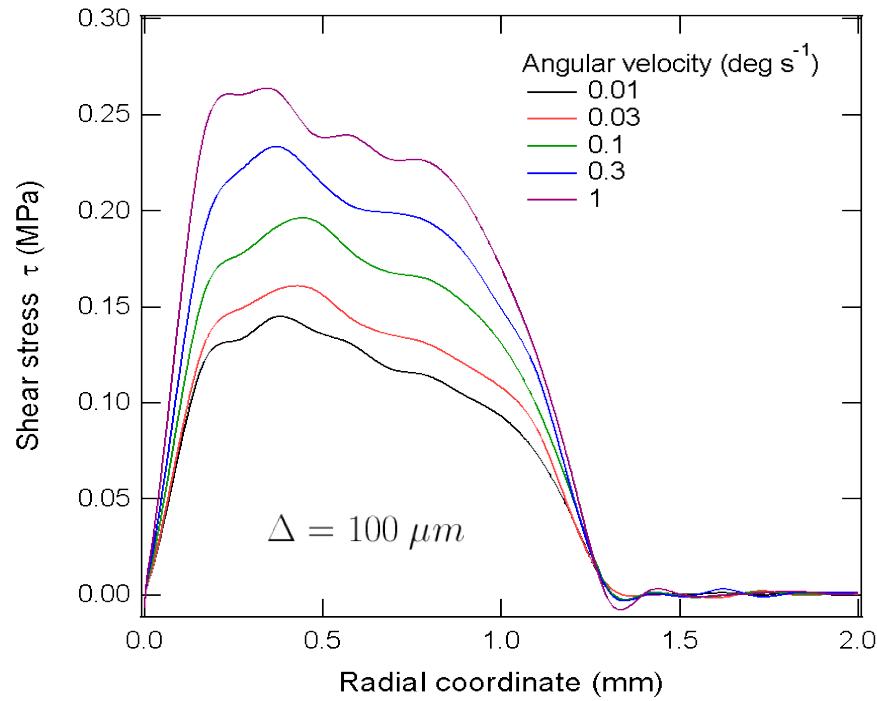
## Static indentation experiments



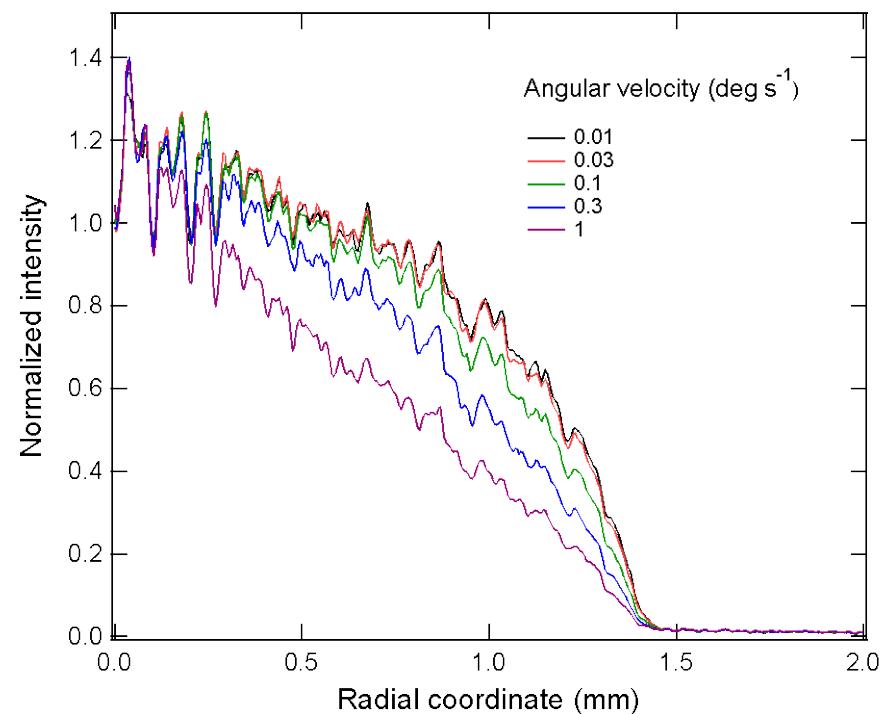
$$\text{Transmitted light intensity } I(x,y) \propto \text{Proportion of area in contact } A/Ao(x,y)$$

# Velocity dependence of the shear stress

Angular velocity



Transmitted light intensity

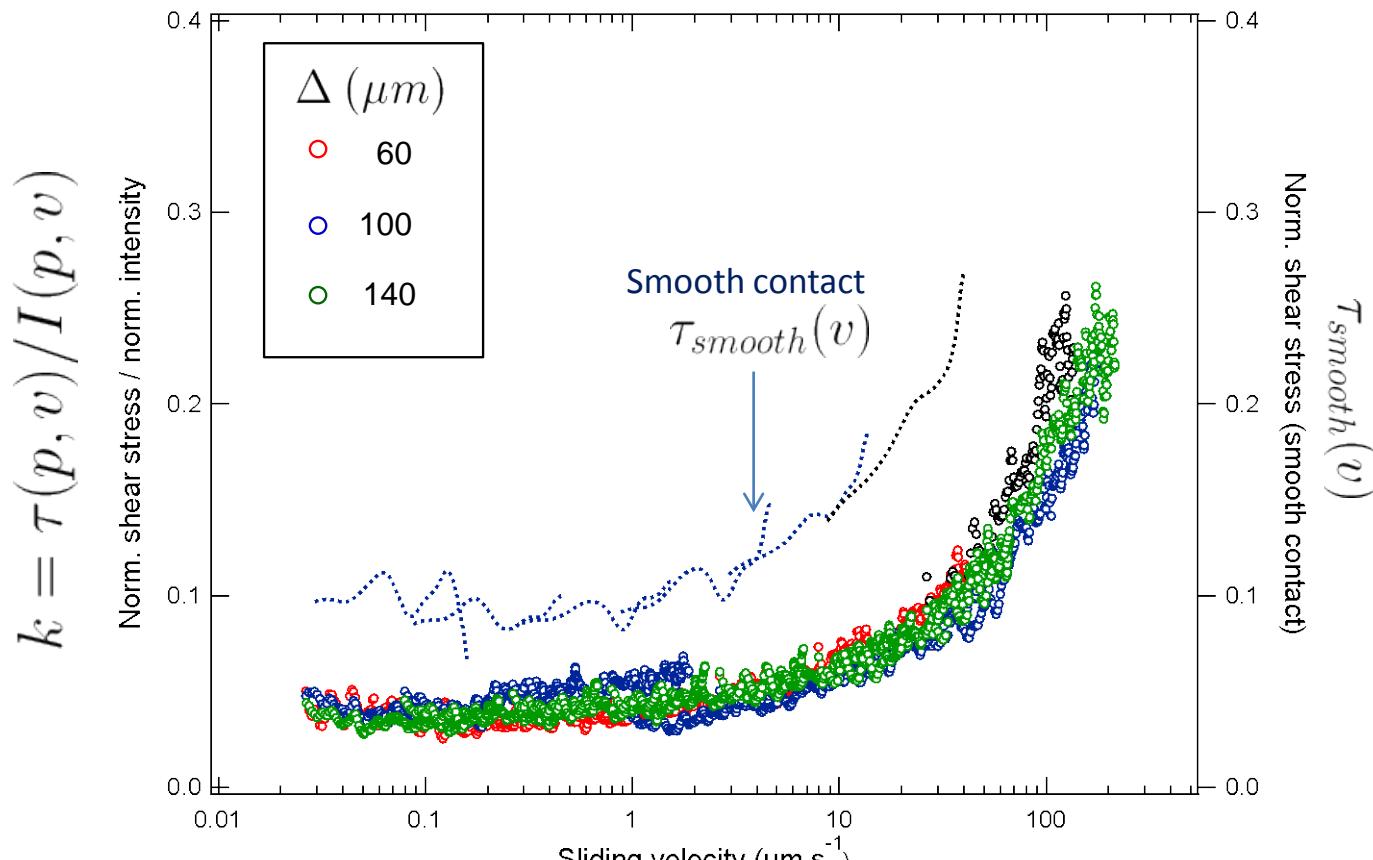


Dependence of the shear stress on the actual contact area :



$$\tau(p, v)/I(p, v) \quad ???$$

# Pressure and velocity dependence of the frictional shear stress



$$\tau(p, v) \propto k(v) A/A_0(p, v)$$

Average shear stress within micro-asperity contacts

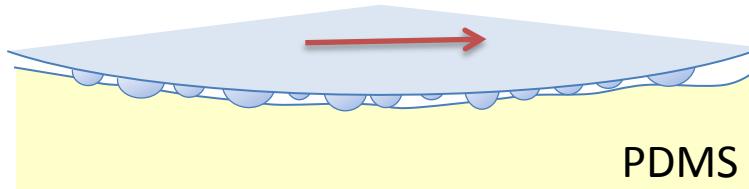
Real contact area: density of micro-contacts

$k(v) \approx \tau_{smooth}(v) \rightarrow$  Interface dissipation predominates over bulk viscoelastic dissipation

# Friction of model randomly rough surfaces

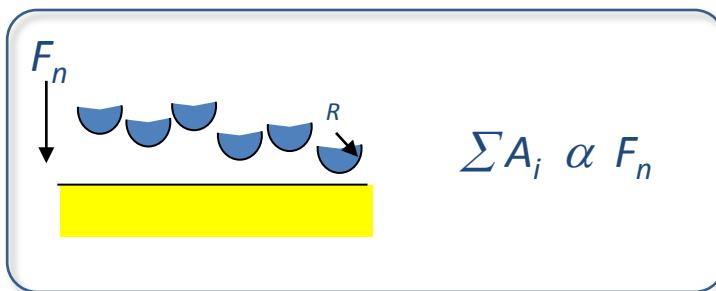
With Manoj Chaudhury and Shintaro Yashima

- Lens covered by a random distribution of rigid spherical micro-asperities



Distributed asperity heights and radius of curvature

- Experimental analog to the surfaces of the Greenwood and Williamson model



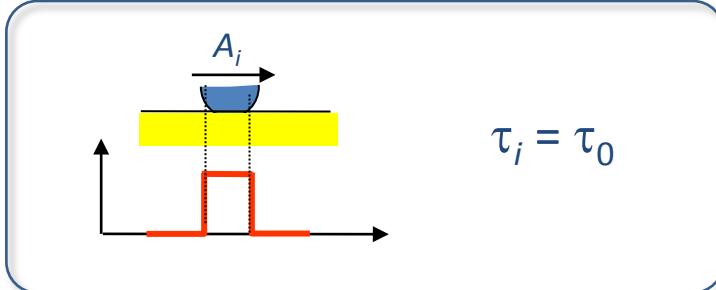
$$F_t = \sum A_i \tau_i$$

$$F_t \propto F_n$$

Coulomb's law retrieved  
as a consequence of surface  
roughness

$$F_t = \mu F_n$$

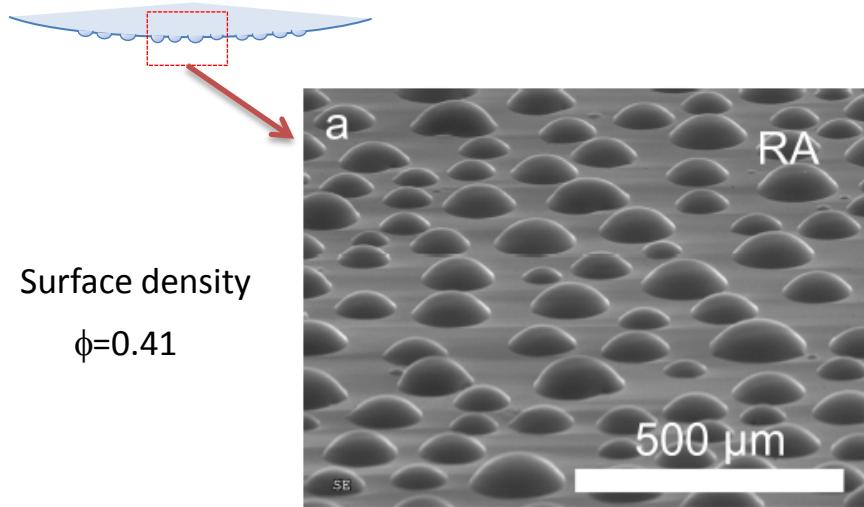
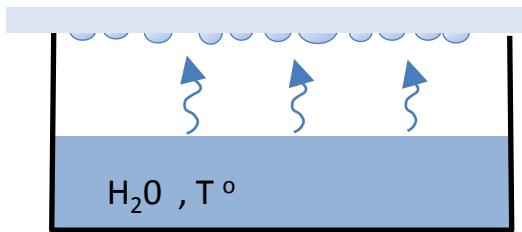
Greenwood & Williamson, 1965



Can we sum asperity contributions to friction ??  
With a single value of the interface frictional stress ??

# Fabrication of rigid asperities surfaces

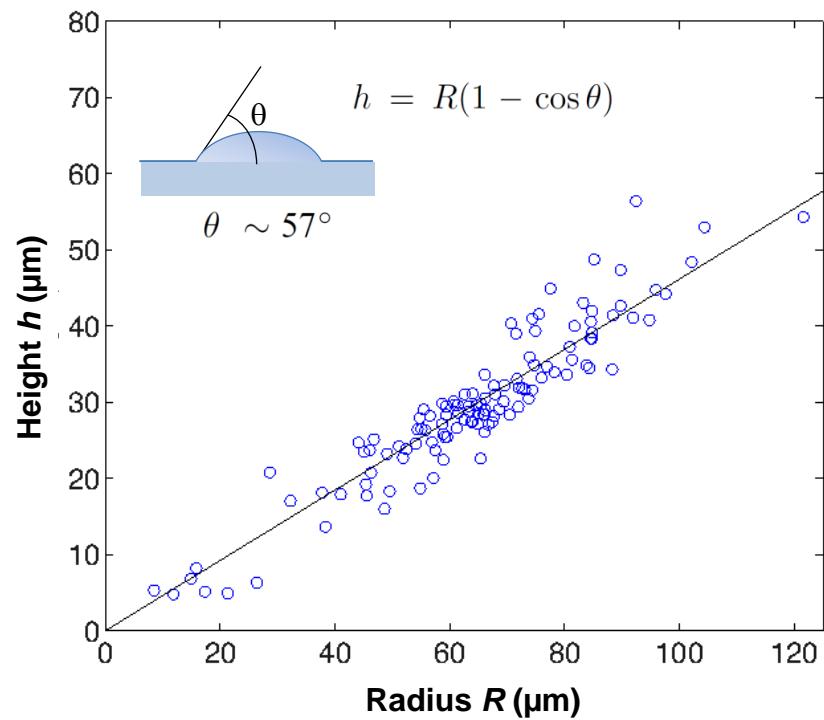
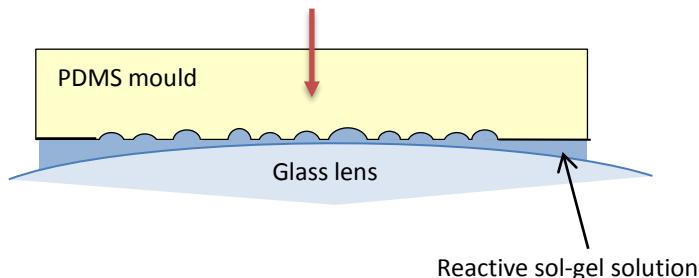
- 1. Water droplet condensation



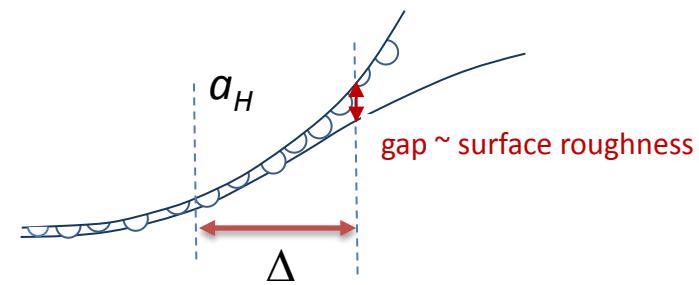
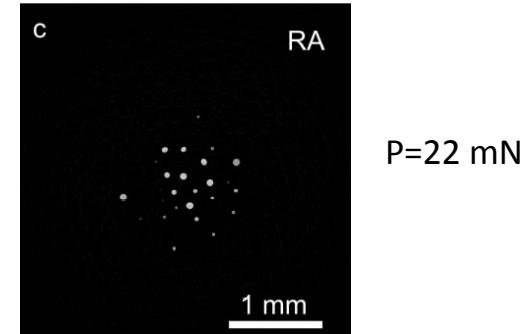
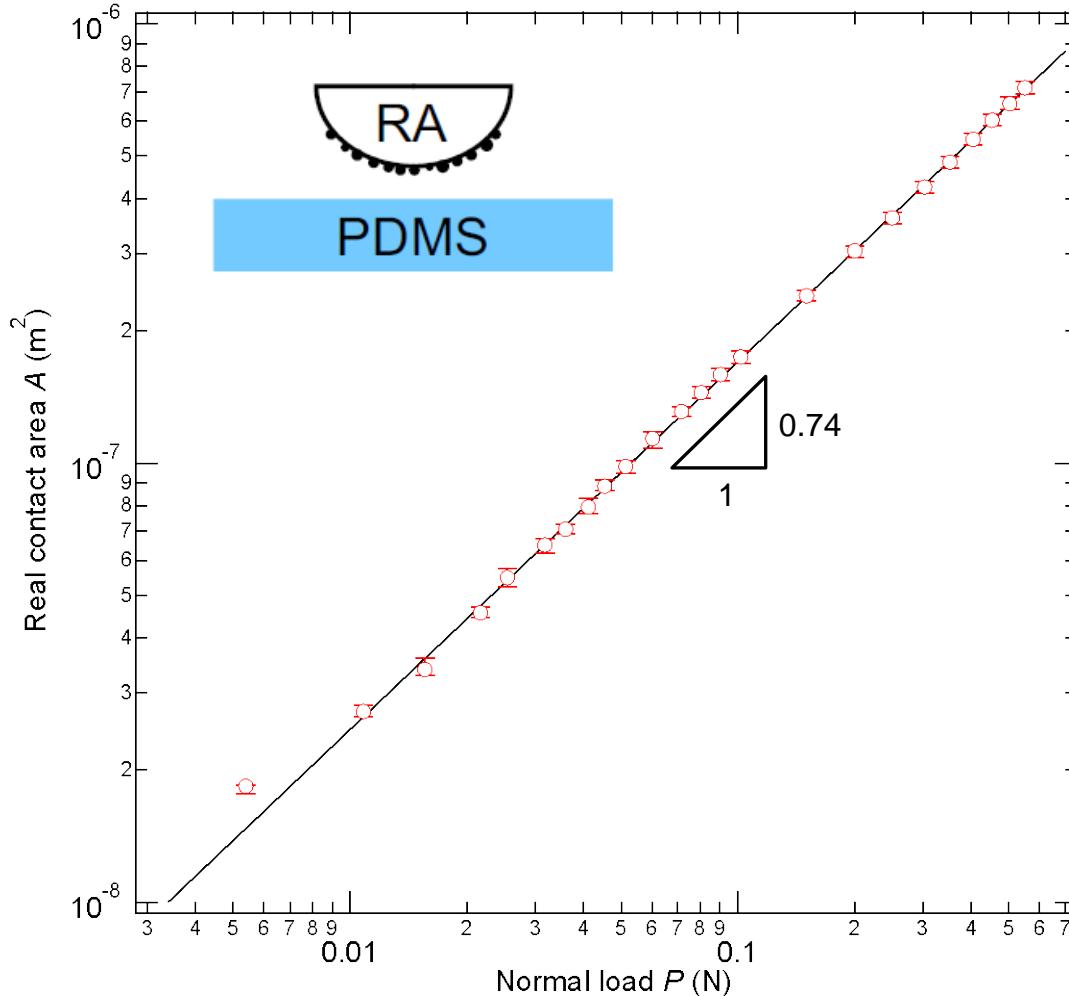
- 2. PDMS Replica



- 3. Sol gel replica on a glass lens



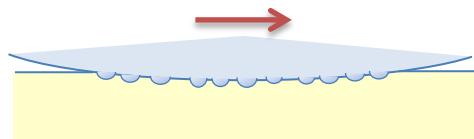
# Normal loading: real contact area



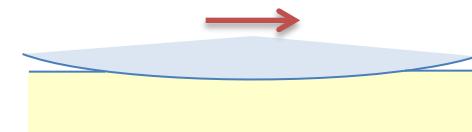
$$\Delta \propto R_l^{5/9} P^{-1/9}$$

- Only tops of micro-asperities make contact with the PDMS substrate
- Non linearity of the  $A(P)$  relationship accounted for by lens curvature

# Friction

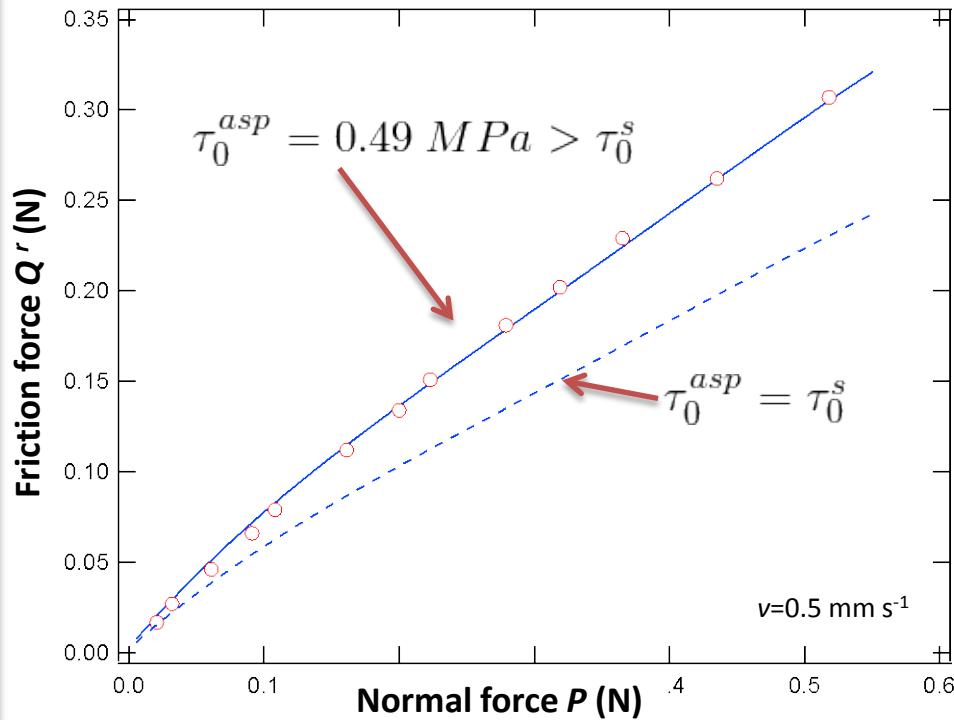


Rough lens with spherical micro-asperities

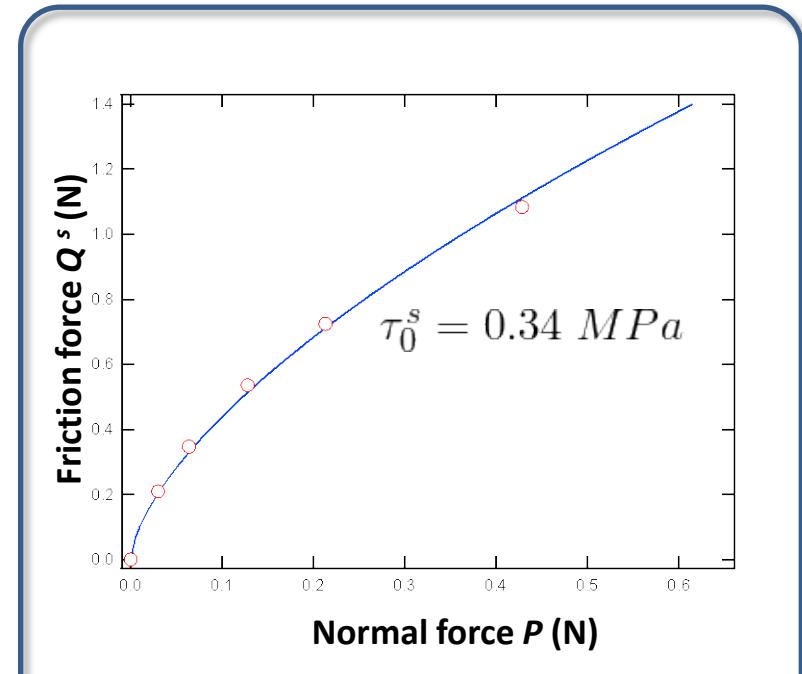


Smooth lens covered by a smooth sol-gel layer

- Velocity independent friction  $0.01 < v < 5 \text{ mm s}^{-1}$



$$Q^r = \sum_i q_i = \tau_0^{asp} \sum_i (\pi a_i^2)$$

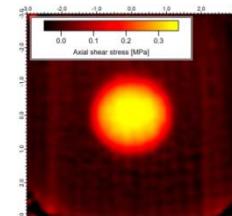


$$Q^s = \tau_0^s A \propto \tau_0 P^{2/3}$$

Frictional stresses at macroscopic length scales cannot be simply transposed to microscopic multi-contacts interfaces

# Summary/ Outlook

- ✓ Local friction law from displacement field measurements

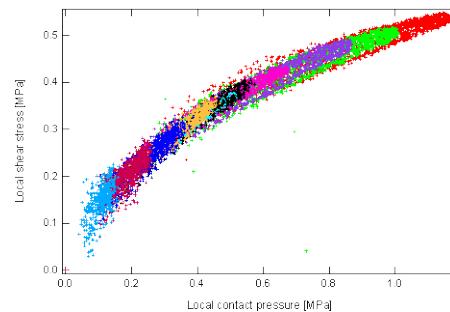


- ✓ Multi-contact interface with rigid randomly rough surfaces

Non linear local friction law

dependence on the details of surface roughness

Contribution of viscoelasticity to friction



- ✓ Friction of model randomly rough surfaces

Contact mechanics of multi-contact interfaces

Contribution to friction of microasperities at various length scales

