

# Modeling the Shape and Evolution of Normal-Fault Facets: Supplemental Information

This document contains supplemental information for the manuscript “Modeling the Shape and Evolution of Normal-Fault Facets” by G.E. Tucker, D.E.J. Hobley, S.W. McCoy, and W.T. Struble. The supplemental information includes analysis of the Grain Facet model’s sensitivity to grain-motion rules and surface roughness, a derivation of the method to calculate vertical erosion rate from a model snapshot, and the procedures used to generate several of the figures in the manuscript. This material is provided mainly in the form of PDF representations of a collection of Jupyter Notebooks, which combine text, mathematics, figures, and Python code.

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## S1. Sensitivity to Motion Rules and Rates

The Lattice Grain model of grain motion (Tucker et al., 2016) uses a set of lattice transition rules to represent, in a heuristic way, the mechanics of a granular medium in a gravitational field. One of the assumptions underlying its application to hillslope evolution is that the details of grain motion have little influence on long-term behavior, provided that there exists a clear scale separation between the time scale of grain movement (which is expected to be on the order of seconds) and the time scale of morphologic evolution ( $10^4$  years or more) (Tucker et al., 2018).

This document presents two brief tests of that assumption. The first test changes the gravitational parameter. The second compares model behavior with and without a component of elastic rebound in grain collisions.

### Varying gravitational parameter

In the Lattice Grain framework, the rates of motion and collision use a rate parameter,  $\gamma$  (with dimensions of 1/time) that derives from gravitational acceleration. As described by Tucker et al. (2016), the probability distribution for time intervals between (for example) episodes of grain motion derives from treating motion as a Poisson process. Recall that movement of regolith is represented by a cell-pair transition in which the moving-regolith and air cells swap states, indicating that the regolith has moved by one lattice unit. The movement transition is taken to have a fixed probability per unit time of occurring, such that the probability distribution of the time interval between successive motion events is

$$p(t) = \gamma e^{-\gamma t}$$

(note that this probability distribution is conditional on no other transitions occurring that would change the state of either cell in the pair). The same rate parameter  $\gamma$  is used for all of the motion, gravitational, and collision transitions. The time scale  $T = 1/\gamma$  is taken to be the time required for a grain to fall a distance of one cell unit,  $\delta$ , assuming that it starts from rest and that there is no air resistance. In this case,

$$T = 1/\gamma = \sqrt{\frac{2\delta}{g}},$$

where  $g$  is gravitational acceleration.

In the sensitivity experiment below, we run the model with two different values of  $g$ : one for earth ( $9.8 \text{ m/s}^2$ ) and one for mars ( $3.7 \text{ m/s}^2$ ). The other parameters are configured to represent  $w' = 5$  and  $d' = 0.5$ .

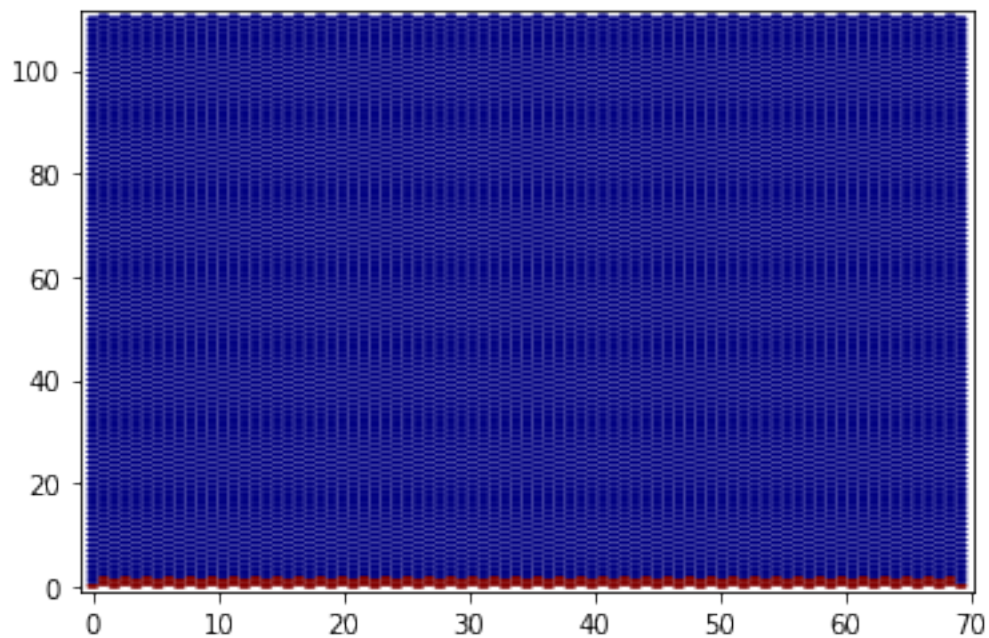
### Control run

The code in the next three cells imports the necessary packages, sets the input parameters, and runs the model for 30,000 years.

```
[1]: import numpy as np
import datetime
from grainhill import GrainFacetSimulator
from grainhill import SlopeMeasurerer
import landlab
from landlab.io.native_landlab import save_grid
import os
```

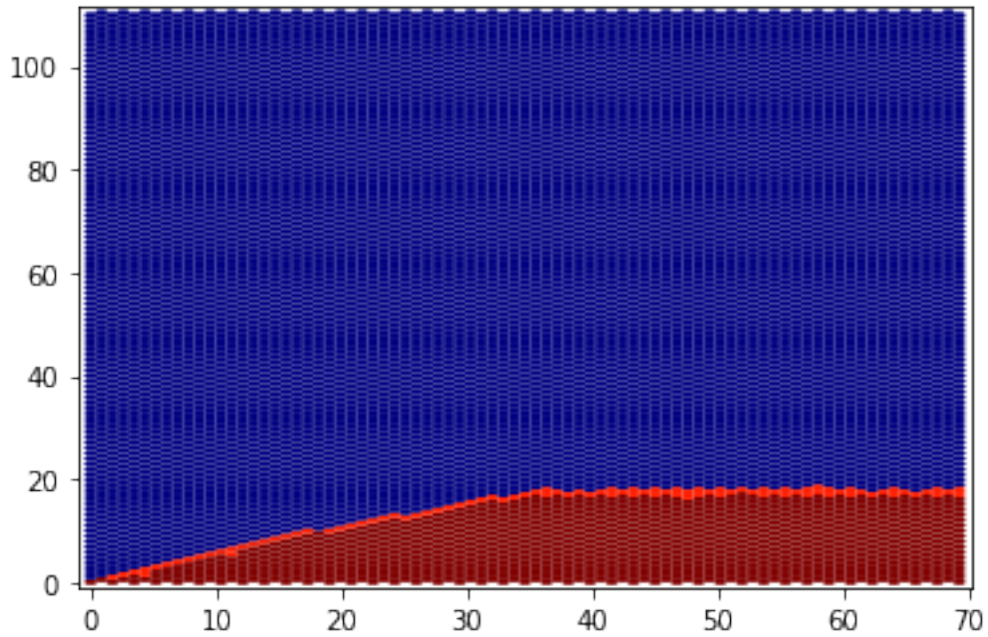
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[2]: params = {  
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    'output_interval' : 1.0e99,  
    'disturbance_rate' : 0.001,  
    'weathering_rate' : 0.01,  
    'dissolution_rate' : 0.0,  
    'uplift_interval' : 866.0,  
    'plot_interval' : 10000.0,  
    'friction_coef' : 1.0,  
    'fault_x' : -0.01,  
    'cell_width' : 0.5,  
    'grav_accel' : 9.8,  
}
```

```
[3]: gfs = GrainFacetSimulator(**params)  
gfs.run()
```

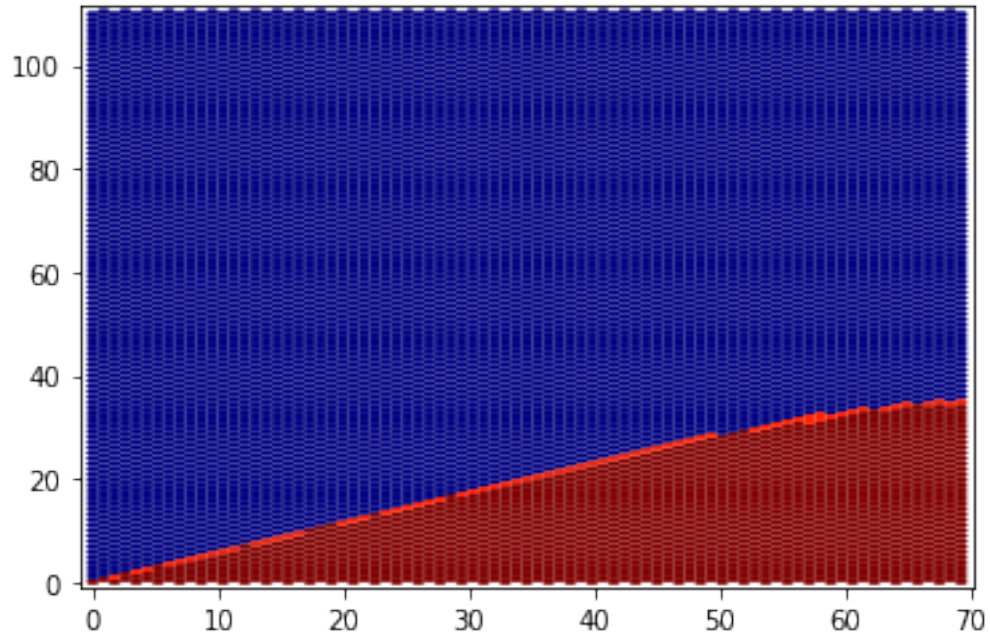


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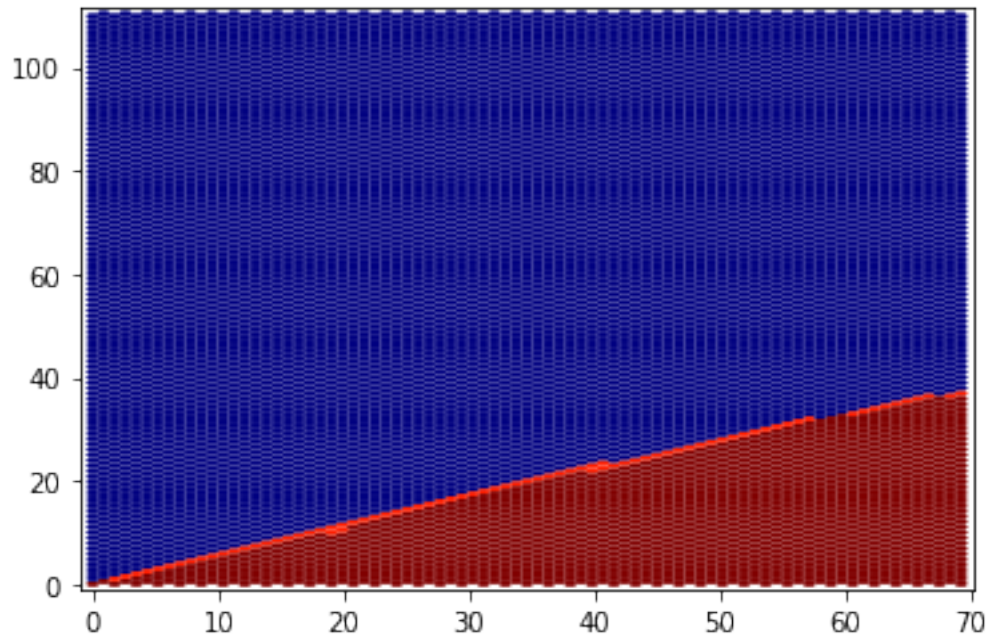
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Current sim time16454.0(54.846666666666664%)  
Running to...17320.0  
Running to...18186.0  
Running to...19052.0  
Running to...19918.0  
Current sim time19918.0(66.39333333333333%)  
Running to...20000.0



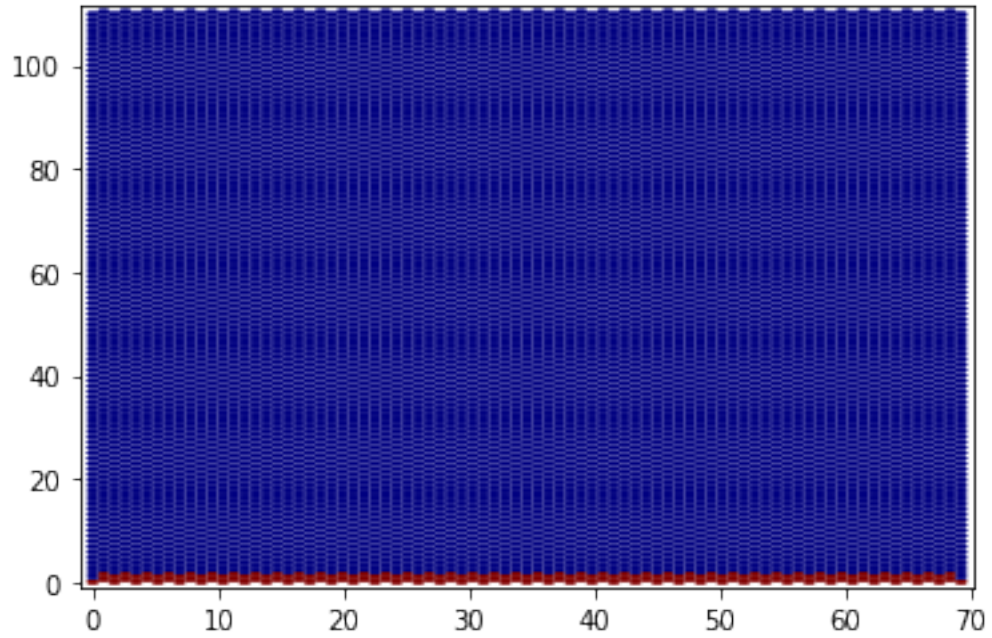
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Running to...25114.0
Current sim time25114.0(83.71333333333334%)
Running to...25980.0
Running to...26846.0
Running to...27712.0
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Running to...28578.0
Running to...29444.0
Running to...30000.0
```



### Run with reduced gravitational parameter

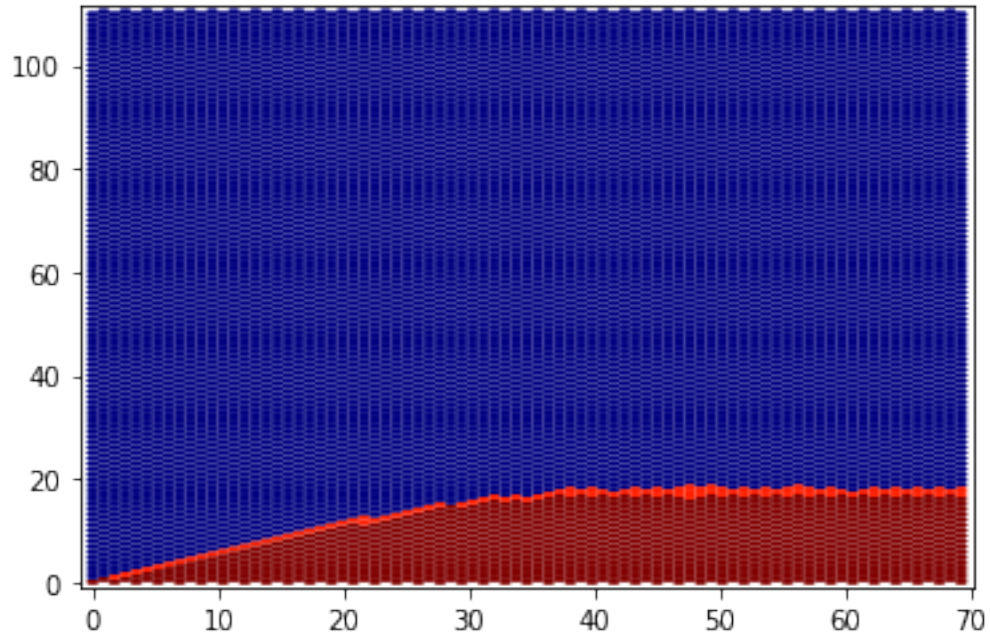
Below the gravitational parameter is changed, a new model object is instantiated, and the model is run. All other parameters are the same as those in the control run.

```
[4]: params['grav_accel'] = 3.7  
gfs = GrainFacetSimulator(**params)  
gfs.run()
```



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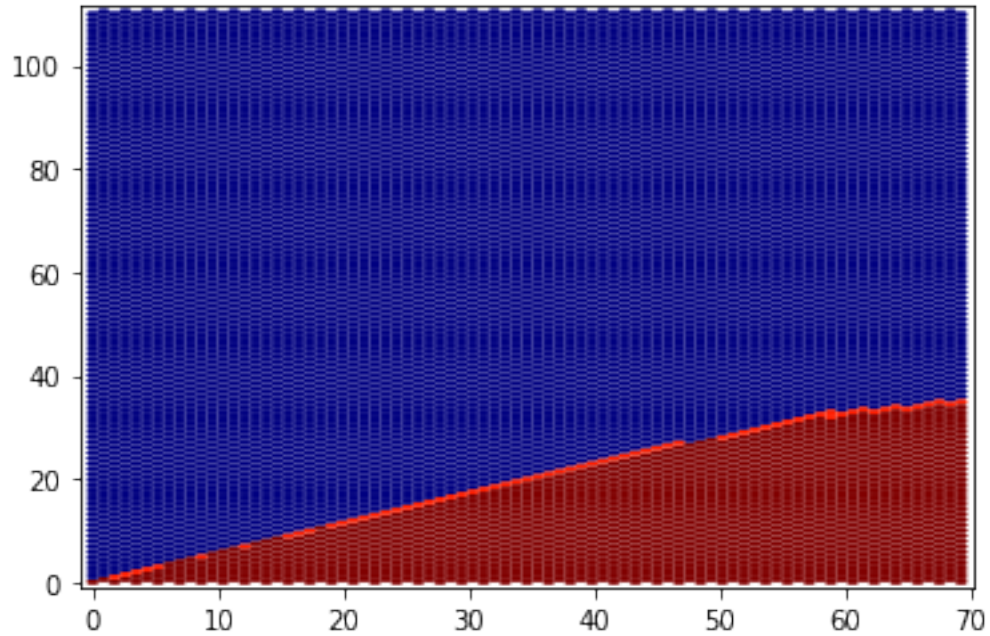


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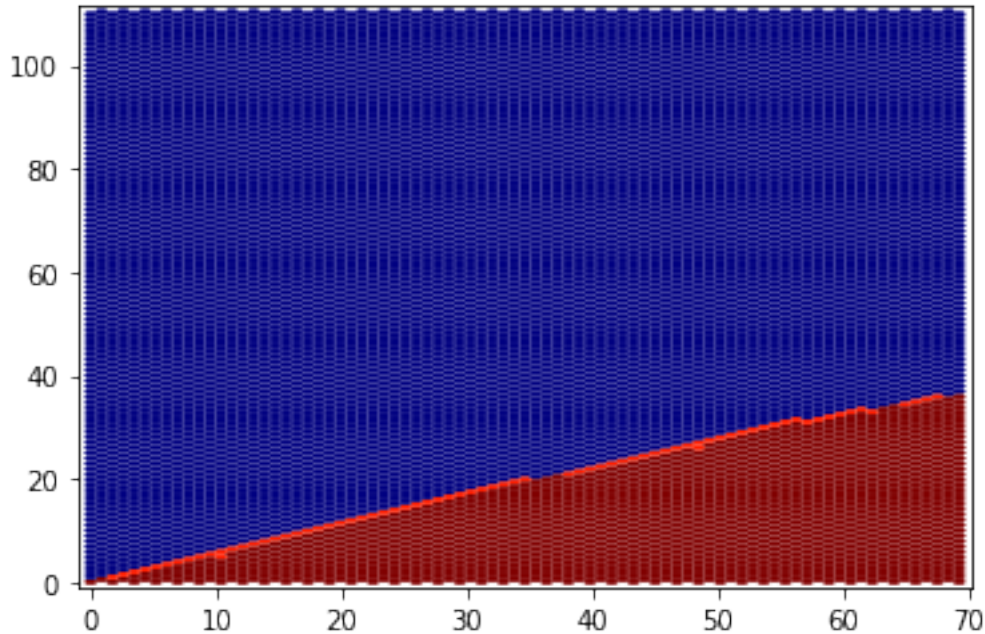
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Running to...15588.0
Running to...16454.0
Current sim time16454.0(54.84666666666664%)
Running to...17320.0
Running to...18186.0
Running to...19052.0
Running to...19918.0
Current sim time19918.0(66.39333333333333%)
Running to...20000.0

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Current sim time25114.0(83.71333333333334%)
Running to...25980.0
Running to...26846.0
Running to...27712.0
Current sim time27712.0(92.37333333333333%)
Running to...28578.0
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Running to...30000.0
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The runs with higher and lower gravitational acceleration are nearly identical.

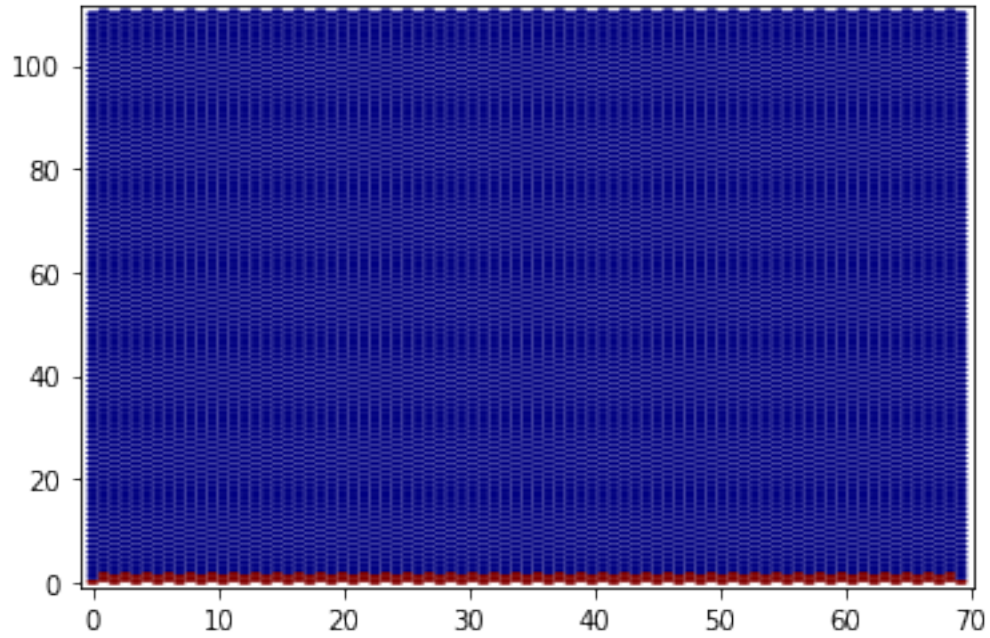
### Frictional versus partly elastic behavior

The Lattice Grain cellular representation of grain dynamics includes a frictional parameter  $f$  that is analogous to a restitution coefficient. The parameter expresses the relative probability that a collision event (whether head-on or angular) will be frictional, as opposed to elastic. In frictional collisions, the impacting grain(s) cease motion, whereas with elastic collisions, there is a change in motion direction(s).

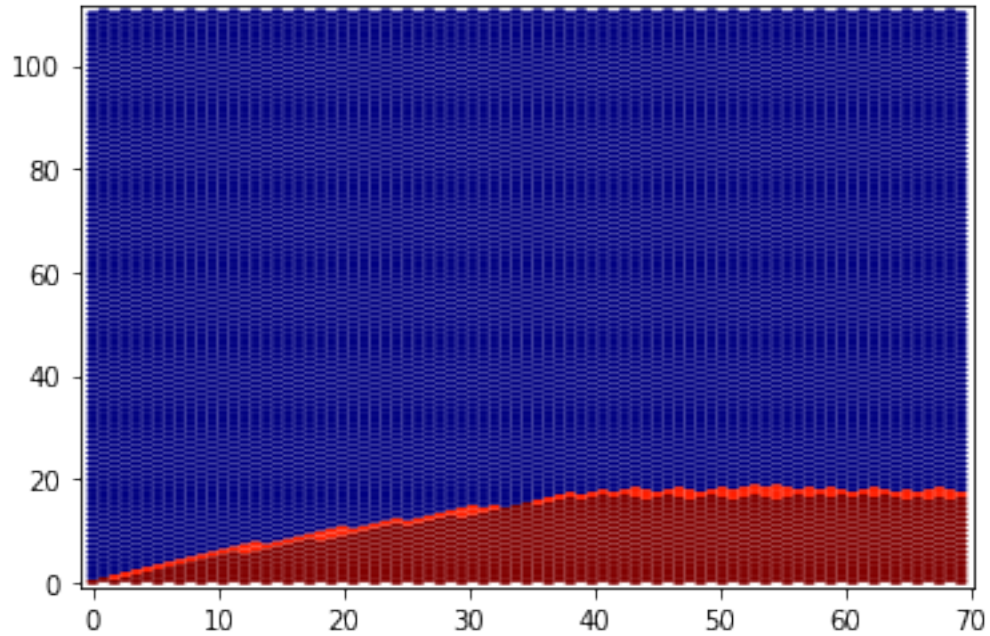
All of the runs explored in the paper use  $f = 1$ , with no possibility of elastic rebound. This treatment is motivated by two considerations: first, that a moving-regolith cell contains an amalgam of moving particles (as for example would be the case with a handful of grains tossed upward by a burrowing animal), and second that the surfaces that come into contact during a collision event are likely to be rough and, in the case of soil, deformable. Nonetheless, it is worth considering what would happen if elastic rebound did commonly occur during collisions between particles or between particles and rock.

Nino et al. (1994) reported restitution coefficients ranging from 0 to 0.5 from gravel saltation experiments. In the experiment below, a friction coefficient of 0.5 is used, meaning that on average half of collisions will result in rebound, while half will result in the moving material coming to rest. The cell below sets the friction coefficient to 0.5, resets the gravitational acceleration back to  $9.8 \text{ m/s}^2$ , and runs the model.

```
[5]: params['friction_coef'] = 0.5
      params['grav_accel'] = 9.8
      gfs = GrainFacetSimulator(**params)
      gfs.run()
```



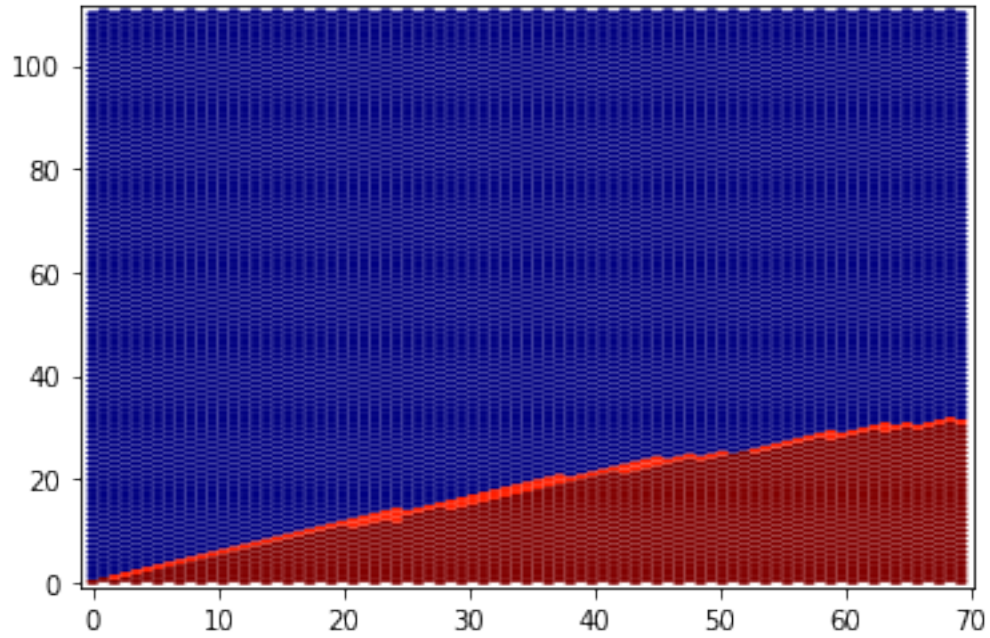
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Running to...9526.0  
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Running to...19918.0
Running to...20000.0

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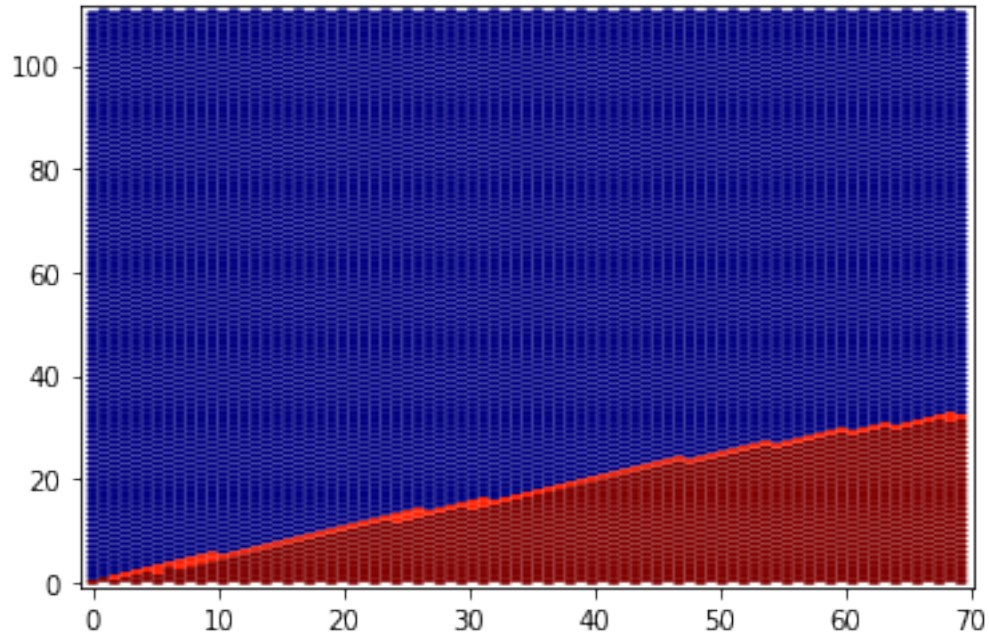


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Running to...25114.0
Running to...25980.0
Current sim time25980.0(86.6%)
Running to...26846.0
Running to...27712.0
Current sim time27712.0(92.37333333333333%)
Running to...28578.0
Running to...29444.0
Running to...30000.0

```





The slope angle is slightly lower than in the control run, reflecting the increased mobility of regolith when elastic collisions are frequent. The effect of an increase in the frequency of elastic collisions is similar to the effect of a small increase in the disturbance-frequency parameter  $d$ . On the whole, however, the resulting facet slope is quite similar to the control case.

## S2. Relationship between domain length, surface roughness, and weathering rate

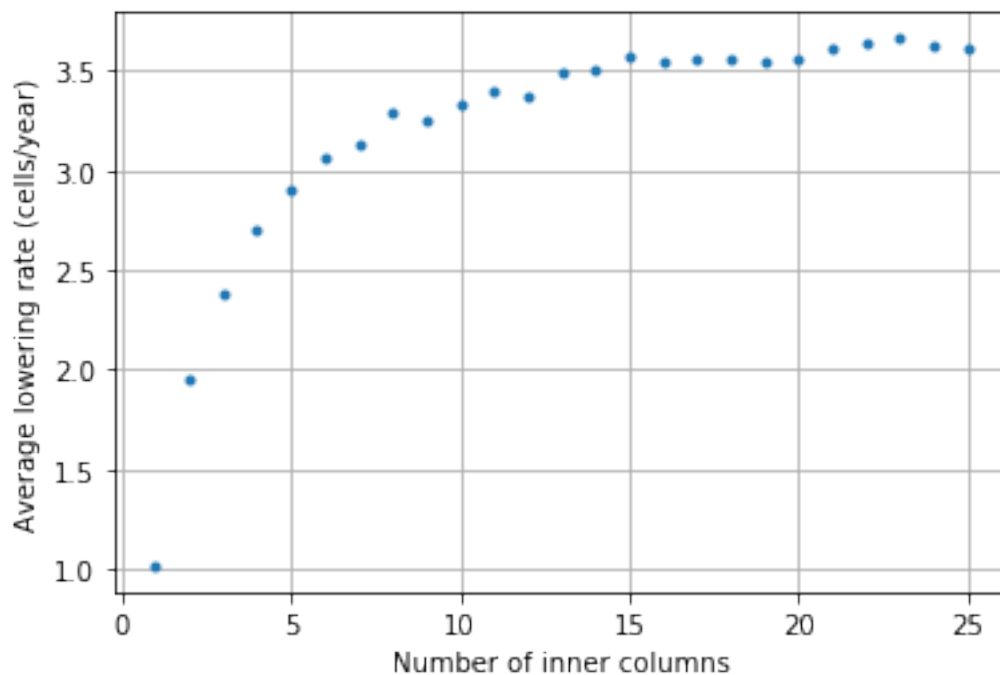
This section reports a set of tests that examine the predicted relationship between the surface roughness and the rate of descent of a weathering front. The test consists of running the model in “dissolution model” (all rock weathering results in removal of mass, rather than conversion to regolith), with a starting condition consisting of a column of rock that fills the domain except for a single interior row of air cells at the top. The question to be answered is: how does the lowering rate of the surface vary according to the width of the domain?

If there is only one interior column, the surface available for weathering is one cell width. In this case, the expected average descent rate is equal to the given dissolution rate parameter,  $s$ , times the cell width,  $\delta$ . For these experiments, both parameters are set to unity, and the initial rock column height is 1000 cells. Thus, the expected lowering rate is 1.

With more than one interior column, the lowering rate should be faster because the surface area exposed to weathering is greater. These experiments are designed to answer the questions: how much faster, and is there an apparent asymptote as the number of columns increases? To answer these questions, experiments were run with a range of 1 to 25 interior columns, with three replicate runs (using different random seed values) for each. The results are plotted below.

```
[1]: import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
%matplotlib inline

x = np.loadtxt('dissolution_width_vs_ero_rate.csv', delimiter=',')
plt.plot(x[:,0], x[:,1], '.')
plt.xlabel('Number of inner columns')
plt.ylabel('Average lowering rate (cells/year)')
plt.grid(True)
```





The results show that, as expected, the lowering rate for a model with a single column is unity, and the lowering rate increases as the number of columns increases. The data show an asymptotic curve, with an asymptotic value of about 3.6.

As discussed in the main text, if the surface were purely level, the exposure of (on average) two faces per grid cell should produce a lowering rate of

$$\dot{e} = 2\delta w.$$

Surface roughness increases the rate by a factor  $a$ , such that the actual rate is

$$\dot{e} = 2a\delta w.$$

The column-dissolution experiments imply that, as the width of the domain grows much larger than the characteristic scale of disturbance ( $\delta$ ),  $2a\delta w \approx 3.6\delta w$ . Hence,  $a \approx 1.8$ .

### S3. Obtaining erosion rate from a snapshot of model topography

Building on Tucker et al. (2011), consider the cross-sectional profile of a facet with a uniform dip angle  $\theta$ . The dip angle of the fault is  $\alpha$  and its slip rate is  $V$ . We want to know what is the implied *vertical* erosion rate for a given  $\theta$ ,  $\alpha$ , and  $V$ .

Consider a location in the footwall at a horizontal distance  $x$  from the fault trace. The time  $t$  taken for rock to reach that location from the fault trace is equal to the distance,  $x$ , divided by the horizontal component of slip rate,  $v_h$ . This in turn implies that

$$x = v_h t.$$

By simple geometry, the horizontal component of slip rate is

$$v_h = V \cos \alpha.$$

If  $\alpha = 60^\circ$ , as we'll generally assume here, then  $v_h = V/2$ .

We can imagine a triangle formed by the cumulative fault slip  $Vt$  (the hypotenuse), the horizontal component  $v_h = V \cos \alpha$ , and the vertical component  $v_v = V \sin \alpha$ . Thus, the three sides of the triangle are  $Vt$  (hypotenuse),  $Vt \cos \alpha$  (base), and  $Vt \sin \alpha$  (height). If  $\alpha = 60^\circ$ , the sides of the triangle are  $Vt$ ,  $Vt/2$ , and  $\sqrt{3}Vt/2$ , respectively.

Now consider the case when the facet dip is less than that of the fault dip. This implies that at horizontal position  $x = v_h t$ , there is an uneroded vertical column of rock of height  $H$ , where  $\tan \theta = H/x$ , and therefore

$$\begin{aligned} H &= x \tan \theta = v_h t \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta} \\ &= Vt \frac{\cos \alpha \sin \theta}{\cos \theta}. \end{aligned}$$

As a check on this math, note that if  $\theta = 0$ , then  $H = 0$  (the surface is flat), whereas if  $\theta = \alpha$ , then we simply have the height of original (uneroded) triangle  $Vt \sin \alpha$ .

The cumulative erosion depth  $h_e$  is the difference between the total column height if there were no erosion, and the actual column height:

$$\begin{aligned} h_e &= Vt \sin \alpha - H = Vt \sin \alpha - Vt \frac{\cos \alpha \sin \theta}{\cos \theta} \\ &= Vt \left( \sin \alpha - \frac{\cos \alpha \sin \theta}{\cos \theta} \right). \end{aligned}$$

The cumulative vertical erosion  $h_e$  at position  $x$  is also equal to the vertical erosion rate  $E_v$  times the elapsed time,  $t$ , which implies

$$E_v = V \left( \sin \alpha - \frac{\cos \alpha \sin \theta}{\cos \theta} \right).$$

We can do a basic sanity check. If  $\theta = \alpha$  then the erosion rate should be zero, as it is above (the quantity in parentheses is zero). If  $\theta = 0$ , then the vertical erosion rate should equal the vertical component of slip. And indeed because the right-hand term in parentheses is zero when  $\theta = 0$ , we have  $E_v = V \sin \alpha$ , which is the vertical component of slip rate.

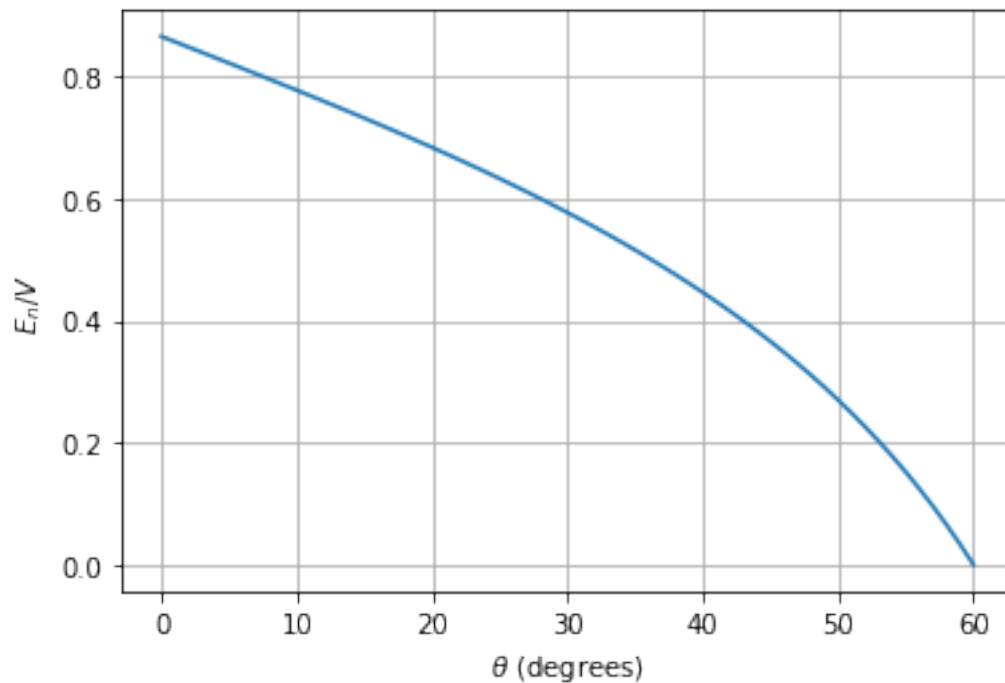
Below, we plot this relationship, and look at some example scenarios.

```
[1]: def normalized_ero_rate(theta, alpha=60.0):
      """Calculate and return erosion rate over slip rate for given theta and
      →alpha."""
      alphas = np.radians(alpha)
      thetas = np.radians(theta)
      return np.sin(alphas) - np.cos(alphas) * (np.sin(thetas)
          / np.cos(thetas))

[2]: import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
      import numpy as np

[3]: alpha = 60.0
      theta = np.arange(0, 61) # range of facet angles from 0 to 60 degrees
      EvV = normalized_ero_rate(theta, alpha) # corresponding normalized erosion rate

[4]: plt.plot(theta, EvV)
      plt.xlabel(r'$\theta$ (degrees)')
      plt.ylabel(r'$E_n / V$')
      plt.grid(True)
```



As expected, when the facet and fault dip are the same, the erosion rate is zero. When the facet angle is zero, meaning the surface is flat, erosion is vertical and its rate is equal to the vertical component of the slip rate. That vertical component is:

$$v_v = V \sin \alpha,$$

which for  $\alpha = 60^\circ$  again is  $\sqrt{3}/2)V$ :

```
[5]: normalized_ero_rate(0.0)
```

```
[5]: 0.8660254037844386
```

And for  $\alpha = 30^\circ$ :

```
[6]: normalized_ero_rate(30.0)
```

```
[6]: 0.5773502691896257
```

Suppose, for example, the slip rate is  $\sqrt{3}$  mm/yr. (Because of the grid geometry in the Grain-Facet model, this is rate one gets using  $\delta = 1$  m and  $\tau = 1,000$  yr.) Then for a flat slope, the vertical component of slip rate,  $v_v$ , and the vertical erosion rate,  $E_v$ , should be identical. Using the result above, we can calculate  $v_v$  as:

```
[7]: V = np.sqrt(3)
     V * np.sin(np.radians(60.0))
```

```
[7]: 1.4999999999999998
```

And we can calculate  $E_v$  as:

```
[8]: V * normalized_ero_rate(0.0, 60.0)
```

```
[8]: 1.4999999999999998
```

Indeed we see they are the same, and the maximum erosion rate for this particular scenario is 1.5 mm/yr.

Consider next the example of a  $30^\circ$  facet. Here the vertical erosion rate corresponding to the above slip rate would be:

```
[9]: V * normalized_ero_rate(30.0, 60.0)
```

```
[9]: 0.9999999999999999
```

So, for a  $30^\circ$  facet, the erosion rate is  $2/3$  of the theoretical maximum (i.e., what it would be for a flat "facet", where any uplifted material is immediately shaved off).

Just for completeness, we can look at the cases of  $15^\circ$  ...

```
[10]: V * normalized_ero_rate(15.0, 60.0)
```

```
[10]: 1.2679491924311224
```

... and  $45^\circ$  ...

```
[11]: V * normalized_ero_rate(45.0, 60.0)
```

```
[11]: 0.6339745962155612
```

## Slope-normal erosion rate

The vertical and slope-normal erosion rates are related by:

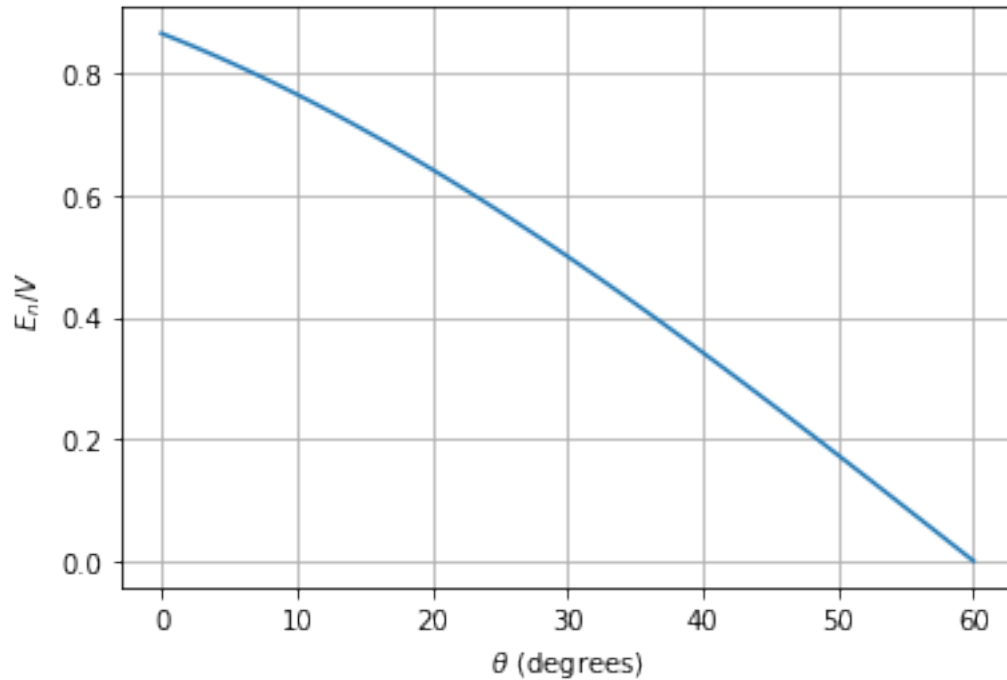
$$\frac{E_n}{E_v} = \cos \theta.$$

If we substitute this above, we find that:

$$E_n = V (\sin \alpha \cos \theta - \cos \alpha \sin \theta).$$

We plot this below:

```
[12]: theta = np.arange(0, 61)
thetar = np.radians(theta)
alphan = np.radians(60.0)
EnV = np.sin(alphan) * np.cos(thetar) - np.cos(alphan) * np.sin(thetar)
plt.plot(theta, EnV)
plt.xlabel(r'\theta$ (degrees)')
plt.ylabel(r'$E_n / V$')
plt.grid(True)
```



For  $\theta = \alpha = 60^\circ$ , there is no erosion and the fault plane is unmodified. For  $\theta = 0$ ,  $E_n = E_v = \sqrt{3}/2$ .

Note that this differs from the result in Tucker et al. (2011), which reported the case of an arc-wise erosion vector.

We can simplify the above formula by using two trigonometric identities:

$$\sin \alpha \cos \theta = (1/2)(\sin(a + b) + \sin(a - b)),$$

and

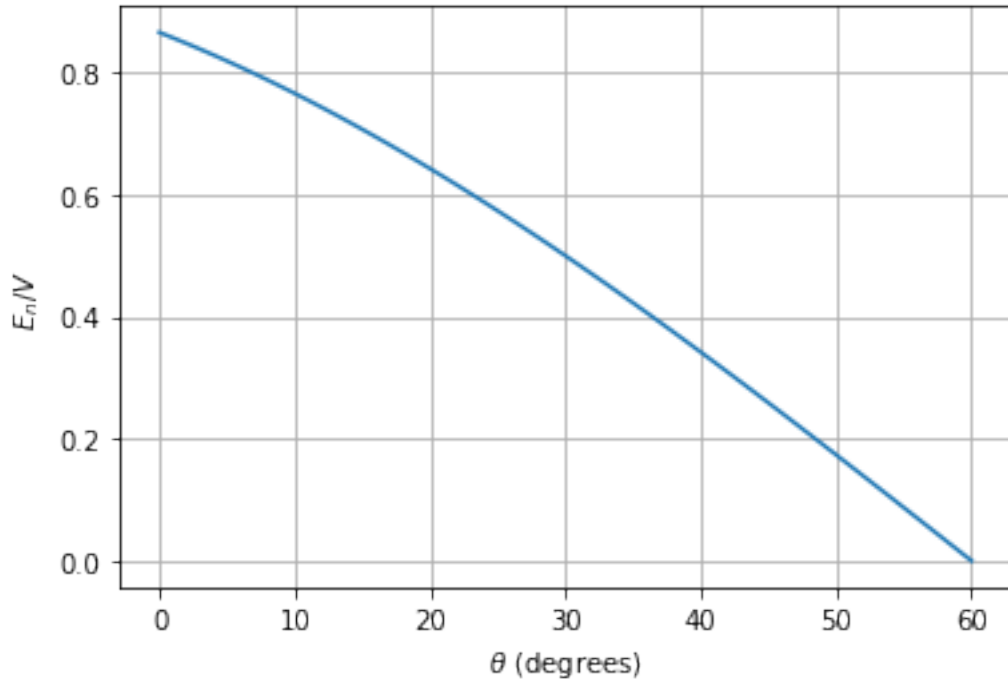
$$\cos \alpha \sin \theta = (1/2)(\sin(a + b) - \sin(a - b)).$$

Subtracting the two, as in the above equation, we get:

$$E_n/V = \sin(\alpha - \theta).$$

Let's just verify it by plotting:

```
[13]: EnV = np.sin(alphar - thetar)
plt.plot(theta, EnV)
plt.xlabel(r'$\theta$ (degrees)')
plt.ylabel(r'$E_n / V$')
plt.grid(True)
```



Voilà: c'est la meme truc.

### How to calculate vertical erosion rate from a facet simulation

Suppose you have a snapshot from a GrainFacet simulation run that is in quasi-steady state with respect to tectonic forcing. How do you calculate the erosion rate? It is not quite as simple as it is for models with “vertical uplift” because mass can escape due to tectonic slip out the right side and possibly the top. However, we can use the basic theory above to calculate an effective erosion rate for each model column, and then average them together. Here’s how it works.

#### Horizontal position of a column

Let  $c$  denote the column number in a run, starting from column zero at  $x = 0$ . The spacing between columns is  $\sqrt{3}/2$  cell widths. Thus, the  $x$  coordinate, in cell widths, is:

$$x(c) = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}c.$$

## Height of a column

We can ask: what is the effective height of the column at that location? It's easy enough to count the number of nonzero cells in the column. We'll call this count  $N(c)$ . But how does that translate into height? First, let's assume that the land surface lies at the *center* of the top-most cell (of course, in plots, it *looks* like the surface is at the top of the filled cell, but this assumption is more consistent with how the fault is approximated in the model).

If we happen to be in an even-numbered column, the center of the bottom-most cell is at  $y = 0$ , and so the center of the top cell is  $N - 1$ . But if we happen to be in an odd-numbered column, the column is shifted up by half a cell width. So for these, the center of the top cell is  $N - 1/2$ . We can generalize as follows to get the height,  $H(c)$ , of any arbitrary column:

$$H(c) = N - \frac{1}{1 + (c \bmod 2)}.$$

This expression sets  $H = N - 1$  for even columns, and  $H = N - 0.5$  for odd columns.

## Calculating erosion rate at a column

To calculate the erosion rate at a single column, we start with the expression for  $E_v$  derived above:

$$E_v/V = \sin \alpha - \frac{\cos \alpha \sin \theta}{\cos \theta}.$$

Using  $\alpha = 60^\circ$ , and using numerical values of  $\sin \alpha$  and  $\cos \alpha$ , this becomes:

$$E_v/V = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} - \frac{1 \sin \theta}{2 \cos \theta}.$$

Noting that  $\sin \theta / \cos \theta = \tan \theta = H/x$ , we have:

$$\frac{E_v}{V} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} - \frac{H}{2x}.$$

This is the formula we use to calculate vertical erosion rate,  $E_v$ , from column height,  $H$ , and horizontal position  $x$ .

The calculation is encapsulated in the following function:

```
[14]: def vert_ero_rate(c, N):
    """Normalized vertical erosion rate in column c with N solid cells.

    Parameters
    -----
    c : int
        Column number
    N : int
        Number of solid cells in column
    """
    x = 0.5 * np.sqrt(3) * c
    if N <= 1: # if only one cell, assume it's totally eroded
        H = 0.0
    else:
```



```
H = N - 1.0 / (1.0 + (c % 2))
return 0.5 * np.sqrt(3) - 0.5 * H / x
```

## Examples

Suppose you have only 1 cell in column 2. That's the minimum number of cells possible in the numerical model: the bottom-most cell is a boundary, and always contains rock. The erosion rate should equal the vertical component of slip rate, so  $E_v/V$  should equal  $\sin 60^\circ = \sqrt{3}/2 \approx 0.866$ . Let's try it:

```
[15]: vert_ero_rate(2, 1)
```

```
[15]: 0.8660254037844386
```

The result should be the same in odd-numbered columns, say column 7:

```
[16]: vert_ero_rate(7, 1)
```

```
[16]: 0.8660254037844386
```

If we had a  $60^\circ$  slope, columns 3 and 4 would have 5 and 7 solid cells, respectively, and the erosion rate should be zero:

```
[17]: vert_ero_rate(3, 5)
```

```
[17]: 0.0
```

```
[18]: vert_ero_rate(4, 7)
```

```
[18]: -1.1102230246251565e-16
```

The latter result tells us there is a slight numerical inaccuracy: probably a subtraction-of-close-numbers error. To diagnose it, let's see how  $H/x$  compares with  $\sqrt{3}$ :

```
[19]: c = 4
      N = 7
      H = N - 1.0 / (1.0 + (c % 2))
      x = 0.5 * np.sqrt(3) * c
      print('Square root of 3 is approxately: ' + str(np.sqrt(3)))
      print('H is: ' + str(H))
      print('x is: ' + str(x))
      print('H / x is: ' + str(H/x))
```

```
Square root of 3 is approxately: 1.7320508075688772
H is: 6.0
x is: 3.4641016151377544
H / x is: 1.7320508075688774
```

We see that that there is a slight numerical error in  $H/x$ : it is off in the 16th decimal place (hence an error of order  $10^{-16}$ ). This seems perfectly acceptable.

As a last example, consider columns 5 and 6 on a  $30^\circ$  facet. The number of filled cells would be 3 and 4, respectively. From the analysis above, we expect a vertical erosion rate of  $\sqrt{3}/3$ , which is about:

```
[20]: np.sqrt(3.0)/3.0
```

[20]: 0.5773502691896257

```
[21]: vert_ero_rate(5, 3)
```

[21]: 0.5773502691896257

```
[22]: vert_ero_rate(6, 4)
```

[22]: 0.5773502691896257

## Summary

To summarize, the method for calculating average vertical erosion rate in each column (from columns 2 to the right-most inner column) of a snapshot of a GrainFacet model run consists of the following steps:

- (1) Calculate the position of the column:  $x(c) = \sqrt{3}c/2$ .
- (2) Calculate the height of the column:  $H(N, c) = N - \frac{1}{1+(c \bmod 2)}$ , if  $N > 1$ , and  $H = 0$  otherwise.
- (3) Calculate the column's erosion rate:  $E_v = \frac{\sqrt{3}\delta}{\tau} \left( \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} - \frac{H}{2x} \right)$ .

(Note that step 3 includes that  $V = \sqrt{3}\delta/\tau_s$ , where  $\delta$  is cell width,  $\tau_s$  is the slip interval, and  $\sqrt{3}\delta$  is the slip distance.)

Once the individual columns have been calculated, their vertical erosion rates are averaged.

## S4. Analysis and Plotting

### S4.1. Mean and standard deviation of facet and colluvial wedge angles from Wilkinson et al. (2015)

Data below are from figure 5 of Wilkinson et al. (2015), which reports facet, scarp, and colluvial wedge slope angles along the Campo Felice fault in the Italian Central Apennines.

```
[1]: import numpy as np
import pandas as pd
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
%matplotlib inline

[2]: hwdip = np.array([35.273, 34.000, 34.794, 35.248, 34.959, 37.323, 37.816, 34.
→052, 36.514,
34.526, 37.496, 34.974, 39.445, 36.003, 35.286, 33.962, 32.
→964, 34.315,
32.756, 32.337, 29.306, 38.188, 37.278, 36.432, 47.646])
fwdip = np.array([38.773, 36.761, 36.851, 36.385, 38.856, 40.236, 43.866, 35.
→715, 39.876,
38.502, 42.782, 50.129, 43.082, 38.386, 40.335, 45.245, 37.
→301, 35.804,
35.245, 36.919, 36.887, 39.073, 41.508, 44.534, 55.048])

[3]: np.mean(hwdip)
[3]: 35.715720000000005

[4]: np.std(hwdip)
[4]: 3.2233977665810962

[5]: np.mean(fwdip)
[5]: 40.32396

[6]: np.std(fwdip)
[6]: 4.631058958640021
```

## S4.2. Relationship between facet angle and dissolution-rate parameter

This notebook does calculation and plotting to test whether the GrainFacetModel, in its “dissolution” configuration—that is, detachment-limited with no production of sediment—obeys the geometric formulation in Tucker et al. (2011). Modified to account for the slope-normal instead of arc-wise erosion vector, the formulation says that the sine difference in angle between the fault plane ( $\alpha$ ) and the facet ( $\theta$ ) equals the ratio of slope-normal erosion rate rate,  $E_n$ , to slip rate,  $V$ :

$$\sin(\alpha - \theta) = E_n/V$$

For the case of pure dissolution (no regolith production),  $E_n$  corresponds to the slope-normal erosion rate due to dissolution. One problem, however, is that we do not know the erosion rate *a priori*. Instead, we set the dissolution transition probability,  $s$  (dimensions of 1/time). One might expect the resultant erosion rate to simply be cell size times transition rate,  $\delta s$ . This doesn’t quite work, for two reasons. First, there is a geometric correction related to the hex lattice geometry (a “cut” through the lattice would tend to produce two faces per cell). This first effect is straightforward to describe: because of the additive property of Poisson processes, the expected rate, if cells always expose exactly two faces, is simply  $2\delta s$ .

Second, surface roughness makes the actual slope-normal erosion rate a bit higher than the expected value of  $2\delta s$ , by a factor  $a$ . We therefore have

$$\sin(\alpha - \theta) = 2a\delta s/V.$$

Of note here is that a separate analysis of dissolution of a column predicts that surface roughness increases the lowering rate by a factor of  $a \approx 1.8$ , so that the effective rate is approximately  $E_n = 3.6\delta s$ . That factor comes from tests of vertical lowering; We can test whether it also applies to the simulated facet profiles.

We start by reading the results from a series of runs with  $s$  ranging from  $4 \times 10^{-5} \text{ yr}^{-1}$  to  $48 \times 10^{-5} \text{ yr}^{-1}$ , with  $\delta = 0.5 \text{ m}$ ,  $V = 0.001 \text{ m/yr}$ , and a domain width of 80 cells ( $\approx 69 \text{ m}$ ). Then we’ll add several runs with a longer domain to test the degree to which slope length matters.

```
[1]: import csv
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
%matplotlib inline

[2]: filename = 'data_analysis_dissolution20190604.csv'

[3]: # Count number of lines in file
num_lines = len(open(filename).readlines( ))

# Create data arrays
diss_param = np.zeros(num_lines - 2) # skip 2 header lines
facet_angle = np.zeros(num_lines - 2)
ero_rate = np.zeros(num_lines - 2) # slope-normal erosion rate, m/yr (NOT cells/
    →yr)

# Read data
with open(filename, 'r') as csvfile:
    myreader = csv.reader(csvfile)
    i = 0
```

```

for row in myreader:
    print(' '.join(row))
    if i >= 2:
        diss_param[i-2] = row[1]
        facet_angle[i-2] = row[2]
        ero_rate[i-2] = row[5]
    i += 1

```

```

Run name Dissolution rate parameter (1/y) Slope angle (deg) Slope gradient (m/m)
Intercept Average vertical erosion rate (m/y) Fractional soil cover
dissolve_dr36 36.0e-5 14.9569455272 0.267143960973 2.96105160662
0.000659129383784 0.0
dissolve_dr40 40.0e-5 11.9060025534 0.210842471723 2.62025316456
0.000689201405244 0.0
dissolve_dr48 48.0e-5 5.32663961368 0.093236165672 3.02336903603 0.0007411955448
0.0
dissolve_dr4 4.0e-5 56.3002742582 1.49945229357 1.34858812074 9.83170797729e-05
0.0
dissolve_dr24 24.0e-5 35.2759196107 0.707408676957 2.43135345667
0.000453180781893 0.0
dissolve_dr12 12.0e-5 47.1173946606 1.07678354976 2.58519961052
0.000293422087718 0.0
dissolve_dr32 32.0e-5 23.4877741013 0.434558673889 2.25024342746
0.000584352261214 0.0
dissolve_dr28 28.0e-5 30.1471422173 0.580779516163 1.80525803311
0.000531503000746 0.0
dissolve_dr44 44.0e-5 6.01398172095 0.105350964407 3.57838364167
0.000726271369592 0.0
dissolve_dr8 8.0e-5 51.2908623697 1.24779616114 2.21811100292 0.00020483469493
0.0
dissolve_dr20 20.0e-5 38.7117594638 0.801488100081 1.1723466407
0.000431691113396 0.0
dissolve_dr16 16.0e-5 42.8380938761 0.927245894841 2.94255111977
0.000361581616457 0.0

```

Read a set of runs with a longer domain:

```
[6]: filename = 'dissolution_long_domain20190311.csv'
```

```
[7]: # Count number of lines in file
num_lines = len(open(filename).readlines( ))

# Create data arrays
diss_param_long = np.zeros(num_lines - 2) # skip 2 header lines
facet_angle_long = np.zeros(num_lines - 2)

# Read data
with open(filename, 'r') as csvfile:
    myreader = csv.reader(csvfile)

```

```

i = 0
for row in myreader:
    print(' '.join(row))
    if i >= 2:
        diss_param_long[i-2] = row[0]
        facet_angle_long[i-2] = row[2]
    i += 1

```

```

Landlab version 1.7.0+15.g1764eb3f
Dissolution rate parameter (1/yr) Gradient (m/m) Slope angle (deg)
0.0002 0.82404884912 39.4901895413
0.00024 0.644706866237 32.810153595
0.00028 0.534296429598 28.115431014
0.00032 0.441043524674 23.7995670076
0.00036 0.288452281903 16.0903267272
0.0004 0.201972724765 11.4185726704
0.00044 0.10976357524 6.26391395369
0.00048 0.0224836295957 1.28800007937

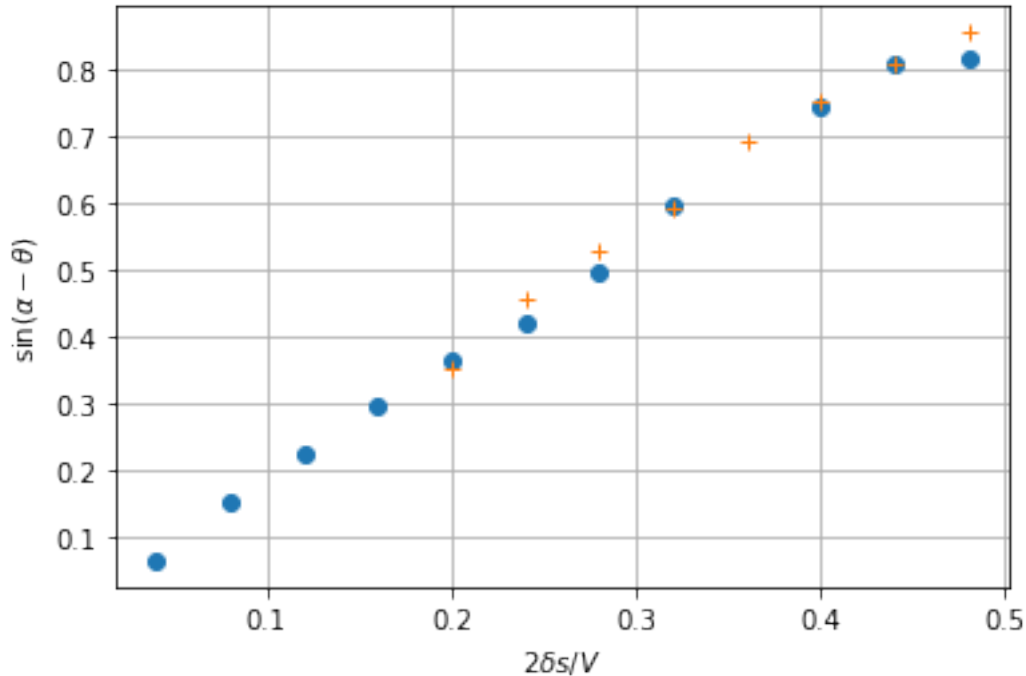
```

Plot  $\sin(\alpha - \theta)$  versus  $2\delta s/V$  to test the prediction that the relationship should be linear:

```

[8]: # Quick data plot to check linearity
V = 0.001
expected_sin_angle_diff = 2 * delta * diss_param / V
expected_sin_angle_diff_long = 2 * delta * diss_param_long / V
plt.plot(expected_sin_angle_diff, np.sin(np.radians(60.0 - facet_angle)), 'o')
plt.plot(expected_sin_angle_diff_long, np.sin(np.radians(60.0 -
→facet_angle_long)), '+')
plt.xlabel(r'$2 \delta s / V$')
plt.ylabel(r'$\sin ( \alpha - \theta )$')
plt.grid(True)

```



The linearity of the above plot means that part of the theory works: there is indeed a linear relation between the sine of the angle difference and the ratio of erosion to slip rate, and the relationship is insensitive to slope length. However, the fact that the observed slope difference is consistently greater than its predicted value implies that there is indeed a roughness effect that needs a correction.

Next, we'll fit the coefficient  $a$  in:

$$\sin(\alpha - \theta) = \frac{2a\delta}{V}s.$$

```
[9]: # To use linalg.lstsq, we need to transpose $w$
x = expected_sin_angle_diff[:, np.newaxis]
y = np.sin(np.radians(60.0 - facet_angle)) # angle difference

# Fit with zero intercept (the "rcond" parameter supresses a
# warning)
a, _, _, _ = np.linalg.lstsq(x, y, rcond=None)
print(a)
```

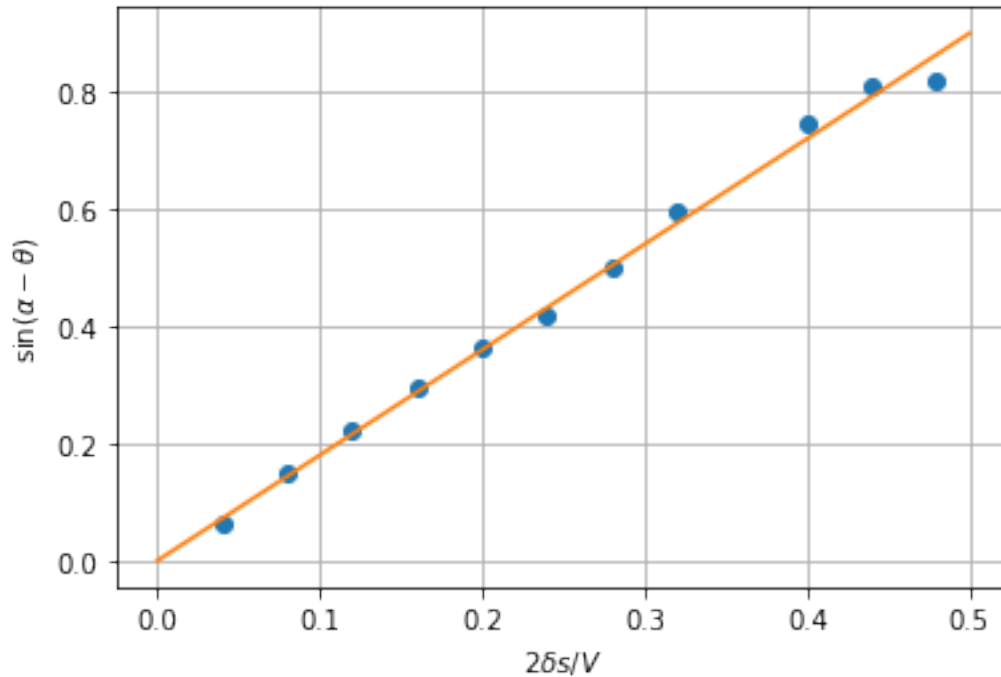
[1.7977213]

This value of  $a \approx 1.8$  matches a separate set of experiments on dissolution of a flat surface, where the actual rate is about 3.6 times  $\delta s$ , or 1.8 times  $2\delta s$ .

Verify that the fitting parameter makes sense by plotting. The line should go through the data.



```
[10]: plt.plot(x, y, 'o')
plt.plot([0, 0.5], [0, a * 0.5])
plt.grid(True)
plt.xlabel(r'$2 \delta s / V$')
plt.ylabel(r'$\sin (\alpha - \theta)$')
plt.grid(True)
```



The next step is to create a version of this plot that includes the roughness-correction factor  $a \approx 1.8$ . We define a dimensionless dissolution-erosion rate as:

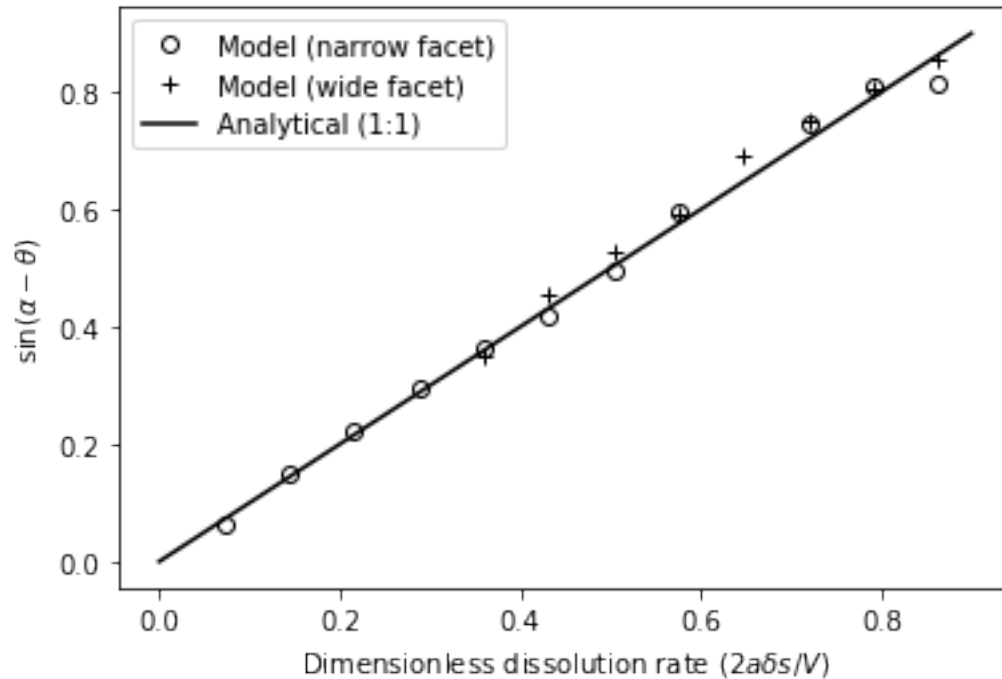
$$S' = 2a\delta/V.$$

```
[11]: # expected dimensionless dissolution-erosion rate
Sprime = 1.8 * 2.0 * delta * diss_param / V
Sprime_long = 1.8 * 2.0 * delta * diss_param_long / V

sin_ang_diff = np.sin(np.radians(60.0 - facet_angle))
sin_ang_diff_long = np.sin(np.radians(60.0 - facet_angle_long))

plt.plot(Sprime, sin_ang_diff, 'ko', fillstyle='none')
plt.plot(Sprime_long, sin_ang_diff_long, 'k+')
plt.plot([0.0, 0.9], [0.0, 0.9], 'k') # one-to-one line
plt.xlabel(r'Dimensionless dissolution rate ($2 a \delta s / V$)')
plt.ylabel(r'$\sin (\alpha - \theta)$')
plt.legend(['Model (narrow facet)', 'Model (wide facet)', 'Analytical (1:1)'])
```

```
plt.savefig('../modeling-shape-evolution/Figures/angle_vs_dissolution.pdf')
```



### Visualizing predicted dip angle

The following block of code produces plots of the predicted facet angle for different values of  $s$ .

Recall that the predicted relationship is:

$$\sin(\alpha - \theta) = 2a\delta s/V = S'.$$

Therefore,

$$\alpha - \theta = \sin^{-1} S',$$

or

$$\theta = \alpha - \sin^{-1} S'.$$

```
[18]: import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import numpy as np
from landlab.io.native_landlab import load_grid
from grainhill import plot_hill
%matplotlib inline

run_dir = '../ModelRuns/Dissolution/'
runs = ['dissolve_dr8', 'dissolve_dr20', 'dissolve_dr32', 'dissolve_dr44',
        'dissolve_dr_long20', 'dissolve_dr_long32']
xmax = [70.0, 70.0, 70.0, 70.0, 140., 140.]
```

```
s = np.array([8.0e-5, 20.0e-5, 32.0e-5, 44.0e-5, 20.0e-5, 32.0e-5])
sprime = 3.6 * s * delta / V
theta_pred = np.radians(60.0) - np.arcsin(sprime)

for i in range(len(runs)):
    run_name = runs[i]
    g = load_grid(run_dir + run_name + '/' + run_name + '.grid')
    plot_hill(g, show=False)
    x = np.array([0., xmax[i]])
    y = x * np.tan(theta_pred[i])
    plt.plot(x, y, 'r')
    plt.savefig(run_name + '.png', bbox_inches='tight')
    plt.clf()
```

<Figure size 432x288 with 0 Axes>

Note that the above code for plotting sends output to a set of .png files.

### S4.3. Facet slope angle as a function of $w'$ and $d'$

The code in this document plots facet slope angle as a function of dimensionless weathering efficiency,  $w'$ , and dimensionless disturbance efficiency,  $d'$ .

```
[1]: import csv
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
%matplotlib inline
```

Read in data from 124 model runs that have already been compiled into a .csv file. Read into arrays for the disturbance-rate parameter, the weathering-rate parameter, and the resulting facet slope angle.

```
[2]: filename = 'slope_analysis20180826.csv'
```

```
[3]: # Count number of lines in file
num_lines = len(open(filename).readlines( ))

# Create data arrays
dist_param = np.zeros(num_lines - 1) # skip 1 header line
weath_param = np.zeros(num_lines - 1)
facet_angle = np.zeros(num_lines - 1)

# Read data
with open(filename, 'r') as csvfile:
    myreader = csv.reader(csvfile)
    i = 0
    for row in myreader:
        print(', '.join(row))
        if i >= 1:
            dist_param[i-1] = row[1]
            weath_param[i-1] = row[2]
            facet_angle[i-1] = row[3]
    i += 1
```

```
Run name, Disturbance rate parameter, Weathering rate parameter, Slope angle,
Slope gradient
d-30w-23, 0.001, 0.00501187233627, 29.0636804385, 0.555762878404
d-40w-36, 0.0001, 0.000251188643151, 48.7387796742, 1.13983109863
d-40w-31, 0.0001, 0.000794328234724, 35.5636262297, 0.714969885448
d-30w-24, 0.001, 0.00398107170553, 28.5455444664, 0.54398538265
d-40w-38, 0.0001, 0.000158489319246, 51.6253692569, 1.26283425238
d-30w-12, 0.001, 0.063095734448, 28.8849563451, 0.55168713405
d-30w-15, 0.001, 0.0316227766017, 28.7180031788, 0.547892475513
d-30w-14, 0.001, 0.0398107170553, 28.7539123029, 0.548707624384
d-40w-39, 0.0001, 0.000125892541179, 53.5138751285, 1.35210710802
d-30w-13, 0.001, 0.0501187233627, 28.6312243124, 0.545924874791
d-30w-25, 0.001, 0.00316227766017, 28.7390563482, 0.548370321403
d-40w-30, 0.0001, 0.001, 34.147478064, 0.67826007768
```

d-40w-37, 0.0001, 0.000199526231497, 50.4526909383, 1.21105824479  
d-30w-22, 0.001, 0.0063095734448, 28.1363461643, 0.534765767835  
d-30w-40, 0.001, 0.0001, 54.5622697427, 1.40517611037  
d-20w-40, 0.01, 0.0001, 52.7881783203, 1.31688705509  
d-20w-22, 0.01, 0.0063095734448, 19.6126352524, 0.356332490872  
d-10w-32, 0.1, 0.00063095734448, 24.0932111102, 0.447179427095  
d-20w-25, 0.01, 0.00316227766017, 21.5391845182, 0.394700704964  
d-10w-35, 0.1, 0.000316227766017, 37.0188110111, 0.754068922666  
d-20w-13, 0.01, 0.0501187233627, 18.7694432138, 0.339832753384  
d-20w-14, 0.01, 0.0398107170553, 18.8444856762, 0.341294399635  
d-20w-15, 0.01, 0.0316227766017, 18.5569428376, 0.335700791866  
d-20w-12, 0.01, 0.063095734448, 18.6379581219, 0.337274872444  
d-20w-24, 0.01, 0.00398107170553, 20.7589237896, 0.379044224928  
d-10w-34, 0.1, 0.000398107170553, 33.9894462871, 0.674240550489  
d-20w-23, 0.01, 0.00501187233627, 20.1041391448, 0.366029951577  
d-10w-33, 0.1, 0.000501187233627, 28.0385730264, 0.532573298458  
d-10w-11, 0.1, 0.0794328234724, 3.75032803171, 0.0655492126461  
d-20w-39, 0.01, 0.000125892541179, 50.9098267664, 1.23093101209  
d-10w-16, 0.1, 0.0251188643151, 3.94271849627, 0.0689222424563  
d-10w-29, 0.1, 0.00125892541179, 11.8443103294, 0.209718128453  
d-10w-20, 0.1, 0.01, 3.7551388438, 0.0656335383913  
d-20w-30, 0.01, 0.001, 28.4074187176, 0.540865330075  
d-10w-27, 0.1, 0.00199526231497, 6.51524622868, 0.114205167659  
d-10w-18, 0.1, 0.0158489319246, 3.76796741664, 0.0658584070453  
d-20w-37, 0.01, 0.000199526231497, 47.9996320968, 1.11059817361  
d-10w-26, 0.1, 0.00251188643151, 6.32281123401, 0.110804029267  
d-10w-19, 0.1, 0.0125892541179, 4.23914456684, 0.0741223300805  
d-20w-36, 0.01, 0.000251188643151, 45.8914830876, 1.03161305889  
d-10w-21, 0.1, 0.00794328234724, 3.70061321809, 0.0646778466117  
d-20w-31, 0.01, 0.000794328234724, 30.8038673283, 0.596211127545  
d-20w-38, 0.01, 0.000158489319246, 49.2449516123, 1.16035036331  
d-10w-17, 0.1, 0.0199526231497, 3.74551716666, 0.0654648869008  
d-10w-28, 0.1, 0.00158489319246, 9.64025791799, 0.169860159528  
d-10w-10, 0.1, 0.1, 3.9683639264, 0.0693719797644  
d-40w-15, 0.0001, 0.0316227766017, 29.9528704232, 0.576254034501  
d-40w-12, 0.0001, 0.063095734448, 29.8621109244, 0.57414589087  
d-30w-38, 0.001, 0.000158489319246, 51.4515372985, 1.25499195807  
d-30w-31, 0.001, 0.000794328234724, 35.2641108947, 0.707099482558  
d-40w-24, 0.0001, 0.00398107170553, 30.0, 0.57735026919  
d-40w-23, 0.0001, 0.00501187233627, 29.8621109244, 0.57414589087  
d-30w-36, 0.001, 0.000251188643151, 48.2700560713, 1.12119510893  
d-40w-40, 0.0001, 0.0001, 54.7449923755, 1.41470491959  
d-30w-37, 0.001, 0.000199526231497, 49.4220826916, 1.16763048599  
d-40w-22, 0.0001, 0.0063095734448, 30.0386370201, 0.578249743806  
d-40w-25, 0.0001, 0.00316227766017, 30.6741840989, 0.593147292134  
d-30w-30, 0.001, 0.001, 33.3446681103, 0.657993790237  
d-40w-13, 0.0001, 0.0501187233627, 30.0, 0.57735026919  
d-30w-39, 0.001, 0.000125892541179, 53.1172864626, 1.33271218662

d-40w-14, 0.0001, 0.0398107170553, 29.9069062806, 0.575185908395  
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d-40w-32, 0.0001, 0.00063095734448, 39.287572793, 0.818128380479  
d-30w-27, 0.001, 0.00199526231497, 29.8512086704, 0.573892913634  
d-30w-20, 0.001, 0.01, 28.9010050782, 0.552052545613  
d-40w-35, 0.0001, 0.000316227766017, 46.002050409, 1.0356044775  
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d-30w-16, 0.001, 0.0251188643151, 28.8231842116, 0.550281704962  
d-30w-11, 0.001, 0.0794328234724, 28.6870272302, 0.54718976097  
d-30w-10, 0.001, 0.1, 28.6907453123, 0.547274086715  
d-30w-28, 0.001, 0.00158489319246, 31.1271385335, 0.603884770364  
d-30w-17, 0.001, 0.0199526231497, 28.7093317618, 0.547695715441  
d-40w-34, 0.0001, 0.000398107170553, 44.1117448863, 0.969464984632  
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d-30w-19, 0.001, 0.0125892541179, 28.7539123029, 0.548707624384  
d-30w-26, 0.001, 0.00251188643151, 29.2442393247, 0.559894839922  
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d-20w-26, 0.01, 0.00251188643151, 22.7248064928, 0.418817868107  
d-10w-36, 0.1, 0.000251188643151, 40.5083326112, 0.854332233776  
d-20w-19, 0.01, 0.0125892541179, 18.8055296764, 0.340535467928  
d-20w-21, 0.01, 0.00794328234724, 19.5297075312, 0.354702193131  
d-10w-31, 0.1, 0.000794328234724, 19.8153040547, 0.360323909481  
d-20w-17, 0.01, 0.0199526231497, 18.9093721731, 0.342559285814  
d-10w-38, 0.1, 0.000158489319246, 46.7690877623, 1.06374116783  
d-20w-28, 0.01, 0.00158489319246, 24.3289882389, 0.452126537484  
d-20w-10, 0.01, 0.1, 19.2014554869, 0.348265327909  
d-20w-11, 0.01, 0.0794328234724, 18.7838796544, 0.340113839201  
d-20w-16, 0.01, 0.0251188643151, 18.9151374287, 0.342671720141  
d-10w-39, 0.1, 0.000125892541179, 50.5510749115, 1.21530264064  
d-20w-29, 0.01, 0.00125892541179, 26.2081400274, 0.492237483644  
d-20w-20, 0.01, 0.01, 19.3463933239, 0.351104294666  
d-10w-30, 0.1, 0.001, 16.7437117152, 0.300846150494  
d-20w-27, 0.01, 0.00199526231497, 22.8589507218, 0.421572509119  
d-10w-37, 0.1, 0.000199526231497, 43.8323100193, 0.960048609745  
d-20w-18, 0.01, 0.0158489319246, 19.0174044917, 0.344667429445  
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d-10w-12, 0.1, 0.063095734448, 3.82729462492, 0.0668984245702  
d-10w-24, 0.1, 0.00398107170553, 4.11579393387, 0.0719579692856  
d-20w-34, 0.01, 0.000398107170553, 39.8360328571, 0.834234597823  
d-10w-23, 0.1, 0.00501187233627, 4.37046168319, 0.0764272337842  
d-20w-33, 0.01, 0.000501187233627, 38.109572176, 0.784369973794  
d-10w-40, 0.1, 0.0001, 52.1438341144, 1.28658600396  
d-10w-22, 0.1, 0.0063095734448, 3.95393856726, 0.0691190025286  
d-20w-32, 0.01, 0.00063095734448, 33.7729974652, 0.668759377048  
d-10w-25, 0.1, 0.00316227766017, 4.86008184482, 0.0850284598003  
d-20w-35, 0.01, 0.000316227766017, 43.5256901354, 0.949817085988  
d-10w-13, 0.1, 0.0501187233627, 3.65410075817, 0.0638626977409  
d-10w-14, 0.1, 0.0398107170553, 3.7551388438, 0.0656335383913

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d-40w-11, 0.0001, 0.0794328234724, 30.0, 0.57735026919
d-40w-16, 0.0001, 0.0251188643151, 29.9528704232, 0.576254034501
d-40w-29, 0.0001, 0.00125892541179, 33.1396370333, 0.652878028358
d-40w-20, 0.0001, 0.01, 29.9673765948, 0.576591337482
d-30w-35, 0.001, 0.000316227766017, 45.1395123886, 1.00488179764
d-30w-32, 0.001, 0.00063095734448, 37.2041897904, 0.759156575963
d-40w-27, 0.0001, 0.00199526231497, 30.0, 0.57735026919
d-40w-18, 0.0001, 0.0158489319246, 30.0, 0.57735026919
d-40w-26, 0.0001, 0.00251188643151, 30.0, 0.57735026919
d-30w-33, 0.001, 0.000501187233627, 41.207551197, 0.875666647325
d-40w-19, 0.0001, 0.0125892541179, 30.0, 0.57735026919
d-30w-34, 0.001, 0.000398107170553, 42.5177711916, 0.916901936756
d-40w-21, 0.0001, 0.00794328234724, 30.0, 0.57735026919
d-40w-17, 0.0001, 0.0199526231497, 29.9528704232, 0.576254034501
d-40w-28, 0.0001, 0.00158489319246, 30.7836644809, 0.595733281656
d-40w-10, 0.0001, 0.1, 29.9069062806, 0.575185908395

```

Convert the data into a pandas DataFrame. This allows us to sort the data set according to  $d'$  and  $w'$ , which in turn will make it possible to turn the data into 4 x 31 array in which each row represents one set of experiments at a fixed value of  $d'$ .

```
[4]: import pandas as pd
```

```

[5]: tau = 500.0 # average interval between unit slips, years (= tau_s, or "model_
      →input tau", divided by root 3)
dprime = dist_param * tau
wprime = weath_param * tau
data = {'dist_rate': dist_param, 'dprime': dprime, 'weath_rate': weath_param,
      →'wprime': wprime, 'angle': facet_angle}
df = pd.DataFrame(data)
df = df.sort_values(by=['dprime', 'wprime'])
df

```

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[5]:   dist_rate  dprime  weath_rate  wprime  angle
53    0.0001    0.05    0.000100  0.050000  54.744992
8     0.0001    0.05    0.000126  0.062946  53.513875
4     0.0001    0.05    0.000158  0.079245  51.625369
12    0.0001    0.05    0.000200  0.099763  50.452691
1     0.0001    0.05    0.000251  0.125594  48.738780
65    0.0001    0.05    0.000316  0.158114  46.002050
72    0.0001    0.05    0.000398  0.199054  44.111745
76    0.0001    0.05    0.000501  0.250594  41.695198
62    0.0001    0.05    0.000631  0.315479  39.287573
2     0.0001    0.05    0.000794  0.397164  35.563626
11    0.0001    0.05    0.001000  0.500000  34.147478
110   0.0001    0.05    0.001259  0.629463  33.139637
122   0.0001    0.05    0.001585  0.792447  30.783664
114   0.0001    0.05    0.001995  0.997631  30.000000
116   0.0001    0.05    0.002512  1.255943  30.000000

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56	0.0001	0.05	0.003162	1.581139	30.674184
50	0.0001	0.05	0.003981	1.990536	30.000000
51	0.0001	0.05	0.005012	2.505936	29.862111
55	0.0001	0.05	0.006310	3.154787	30.038637
120	0.0001	0.05	0.007943	3.971641	30.000000
111	0.0001	0.05	0.010000	5.000000	29.967377
118	0.0001	0.05	0.012589	6.294627	30.000000
115	0.0001	0.05	0.015849	7.924466	30.000000
121	0.0001	0.05	0.019953	9.976312	29.952870
109	0.0001	0.05	0.025119	12.559432	29.952870
46	0.0001	0.05	0.031623	15.811388	29.952870
60	0.0001	0.05	0.039811	19.905359	29.906906
58	0.0001	0.05	0.050119	25.059362	30.000000
47	0.0001	0.05	0.063096	31.547867	29.862111
108	0.0001	0.05	0.079433	39.716412	30.000000
..	...	...	...	...	...
88	0.1000	50.00	0.000126	0.062946	50.551075
83	0.1000	50.00	0.000158	0.079245	46.769088
93	0.1000	50.00	0.000200	0.099763	43.832310
78	0.1000	50.00	0.000251	0.125594	40.508333
19	0.1000	50.00	0.000316	0.158114	37.018811
25	0.1000	50.00	0.000398	0.199054	33.989446
27	0.1000	50.00	0.000501	0.250594	28.038573
17	0.1000	50.00	0.000631	0.315479	24.093211
81	0.1000	50.00	0.000794	0.397164	19.815304
91	0.1000	50.00	0.001000	0.500000	16.743712
31	0.1000	50.00	0.001259	0.629463	11.844310
44	0.1000	50.00	0.001585	0.792447	9.640258
34	0.1000	50.00	0.001995	0.997631	6.515246
37	0.1000	50.00	0.002512	1.255943	6.322811
104	0.1000	50.00	0.003162	1.581139	4.860082
97	0.1000	50.00	0.003981	1.990536	4.115794
99	0.1000	50.00	0.005012	2.505936	4.370462
102	0.1000	50.00	0.006310	3.154787	3.953939
40	0.1000	50.00	0.007943	3.971641	3.700613
32	0.1000	50.00	0.010000	5.000000	3.755139
38	0.1000	50.00	0.012589	6.294627	4.239145
35	0.1000	50.00	0.015849	7.924466	3.767967
43	0.1000	50.00	0.019953	9.976312	3.745517
30	0.1000	50.00	0.025119	12.559432	3.942718
95	0.1000	50.00	0.031623	15.811388	3.856154
107	0.1000	50.00	0.039811	19.905359	3.755139
106	0.1000	50.00	0.050119	25.059362	3.654101
96	0.1000	50.00	0.063096	31.547867	3.827295
28	0.1000	50.00	0.079433	39.716412	3.750328
45	0.1000	50.00	0.100000	50.000000	3.968364

[124 rows x 5 columns]

Reshape into 4 x 31 arrays in which each row is a unique value of  $d'$ . Print the `dprime` values to make sure it worked.

```
[6]: facet_angle = df['angle'].values.reshape((4, 31))
wprime = df['wprime'].values.reshape((4, 31))
dprime = df['dprime'].values.reshape((4, 31))
dprime
```

```
[6]: array([[ 0.05,  0.05,  0.05,  0.05,  0.05,  0.05,  0.05,  0.05,  0.05,
           0.05,  0.05,  0.05,  0.05,  0.05,  0.05,  0.05,  0.05,  0.05,
           0.05,  0.05,  0.05,  0.05],
          [ 0.5 ,  0.5 ,  0.5 ,  0.5 ,  0.5 ,  0.5 ,  0.5 ,  0.5 ,  0.5 ,
           0.5 ,  0.5 ,  0.5 ,  0.5 ,  0.5 ,  0.5 ,  0.5 ,  0.5 ,  0.5 ,
           0.5 ,  0.5 ,  0.5 ,  0.5 ],
          [ 5. ,  5. ,  5. ,  5. ,  5. ,  5. ,  5. ,  5. ,  5. ,
           5. ,  5. ,  5. ,  5. ,  5. ,  5. ,  5. ,  5. ,  5. ,
           5. ,  5. ,  5. ,  5. ],
          [50. , 50. , 50. , 50. , 50. , 50. , 50. , 50. , 50. ,
           50. , 50. , 50. , 50. , 50. , 50. , 50. , 50. , 50. ,
           50. , 50. , 50. , 50. ]])
```

Read facet angle from dissolution-only runs. This is another set of model runs that we want to include on the figure.

```
[7]: # Name of file
filename = 'data_analysis_dissolution20190604.csv'

# Count number of lines in file
num_lines = len(open(filename).readlines( ))

# Create data arrays
diss_param = np.zeros(num_lines - 2) # we'll skip 2 header lines
diss_facet_angle = np.zeros(num_lines - 2)

# Read data
with open(filename, 'r') as csvfile:
    myreader = csv.reader(csvfile)
    i = 0
    for row in myreader:
        print(', '.join(row))
        if i >= 2:
            diss_param[i-2] = row[1]
            diss_facet_angle[i-2] = row[2]
        i += 1
```

Run name, Dissolution rate parameter (1/y), Slope angle (deg), Slope gradient (m/m), Intercept, Average vertical erosion rate (m/y), Fractional soil cover

```

dissolve_dr36, 36.0e-5, 14.9569455272, 0.267143960973, 2.96105160662,
0.000659129383784, 0.0
dissolve_dr40, 40.0e-5, 11.9060025534, 0.210842471723, 2.62025316456,
0.000689201405244, 0.0
dissolve_dr48, 48.0e-5, 5.32663961368, 0.093236165672, 3.02336903603,
0.0007411955448, 0.0
dissolve_dr4, 4.0e-5, 56.3002742582, 1.49945229357, 1.34858812074,
9.83170797729e-05, 0.0
dissolve_dr24, 24.0e-5, 35.2759196107, 0.707408676957, 2.43135345667,
0.000453180781893, 0.0
dissolve_dr12, 12.0e-5, 47.1173946606, 1.07678354976, 2.58519961052,
0.000293422087718, 0.0
dissolve_dr32, 32.0e-5, 23.4877741013, 0.434558673889, 2.25024342746,
0.000584352261214, 0.0
dissolve_dr28, 28.0e-5, 30.1471422173, 0.580779516163, 1.80525803311,
0.000531503000746, 0.0
dissolve_dr44, 44.0e-5, 6.01398172095, 0.105350964407, 3.57838364167,
0.000726271369592, 0.0
dissolve_dr8, 8.0e-5, 51.2908623697, 1.24779616114, 2.21811100292,
0.00020483469493, 0.0
dissolve_dr20, 20.0e-5, 38.7117594638, 0.801488100081, 1.1723466407,
0.000431691113396, 0.0
dissolve_dr16, 16.0e-5, 42.8380938761, 0.927245894841, 2.94255111977,
0.000361581616457, 0.0

```

Plot the data. First, we'll define four plotting symbols for each of the four values of  $d'$ , defined as  $d\tau$ . Then we'll plot, for each of the four, the facet angle as a function of weathering parameter ( $w'$ , defined as  $w\tau$ ).

Next, we add the dissolution runs (using the dissolution parameter, which corresponds to a weathering parameter in a world where  $d' \rightarrow \infty$ ).

Then add the curve that represents the analytical solution for the dissolution-only case:

$$\theta = \alpha - \sin^{-1} \left( \frac{2a\delta s}{V} \right) = \alpha - \sin^{-1} (2as\tau).$$

Because in the dissolution case  $w' = s\tau$ , this becomes:

$$\theta = \alpha - \sin^{-1} (2aw').$$

(Note that here  $\tau$  is as defined in the paper, the average time between slip events of one cell, rather than the time between numerical slips of  $\sqrt{3}$  cells used in the numerical model, which in the paper is called  $\tau_s$ ).

Also plot the model's effective  $30^\circ$  angle of repose for reference.

Finally, add axis labels, legend, etc., and save the figure to a file.

```
[8]: psyms = ['k.', 'k+', 'k^', 'k*']
```

```
[9]: # Plot the weathering + disturbance runs
```

```

for d in range(4):
    plt.semilogx(wprime[d,:], facet_angle[d,:], psyms[d])

```

```

# Plot the dissolution runs
diss_prime = diss_param * tau
plt.semilogx(diss_prime, diss_facet_angle, 'ko')

# Analytical solution for dissolution only
a = 1.8      # roughness factor, dimensionless
delta = 0.5  # cell width, m
V = 0.001   # slip rate, m/y
wprime_for_diss = 10.0 ** np.arange(-2, -0.6, 0.01)
diss_ang_pred = np.degrees(np.radians(60.0) - np.arcsin(2 * a * wprime_for_diss))
plt.plot(wprime_for_diss, diss_ang_pred, 'k')
plt.ylim([0, 60])

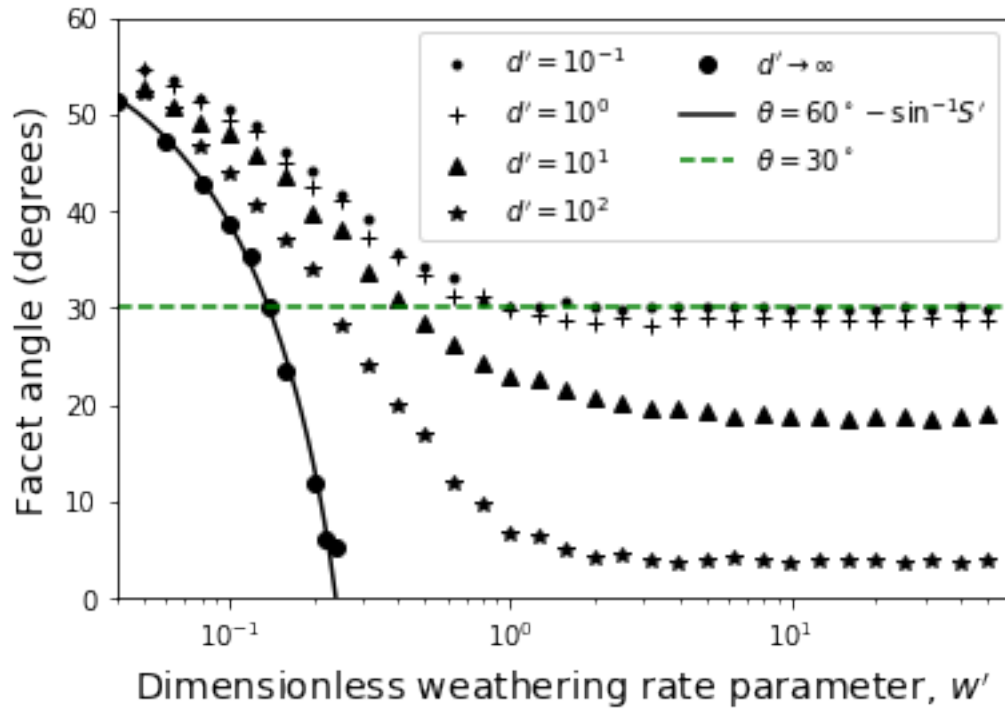
# Angle of repose
ww = np.array([0.04, 60.0])
angrep = np.array([30.0, 30.0])
plt.plot(ww, angrep, 'g--')

# Axis limits
plt.xlim([0.04, 60])

# Labels and legend
plt.xlabel(r"Dimensionless weathering rate parameter, $w'$", fontsize=14)
plt.ylabel('Facet angle (degrees)', fontsize=14)
plt.legend([r"$d' = 10^{-1}$", r"$d' = 10^0$", r"$d' = 10^1$", r"$d' = 10^2$", r"$d' \rightarrow \infty$", r"$\theta = 60^\circ - \sin^{-1}S$", r"$\theta = 30^\circ$"], ncol=2, fontsize=10)

plt.savefig('facet_angle_vs_wprime.pdf')

```



Fin.

#### S4.4. Fractional regolith cover as a function of $w'$ and $d'$

The code below reads and plots fractional regolith cover from a series of sensitivity analysis runs.

```
[1]: import csv
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import pandas as pd
%matplotlib inline

[2]: filename = 'regolith_analysis20180910.csv'

[3]: # Count number of lines in file
num_lines = len(open(filename).readlines( ))

# Create data arrays
dist_param = np.zeros(num_lines - 1) # skip 1 header line
weath_param = np.zeros(num_lines - 1)
reg_cover_proportion = np.zeros(num_lines - 1)
reg_thickness = np.zeros(num_lines - 1)

# Read data
with open(filename, 'r') as csvfile:
    myreader = csv.reader(csvfile)
    i = 0
    for row in myreader:
        print(','.join(row) + '\n')
        if i >= 1:
            dist_param[i-1] = row[1]
            weath_param[i-1] = row[2]
            reg_cover_proportion[i-1] = row[3]
            reg_thickness[i-1] = row[9]
        i += 1
```

Run name,Disturbance rate parameter,Weathering rate parameter,Proportion regolith,Proportion rock,Number regolith-air pairs,Number rock-air pairs,Number surface pairs,Total regolith cells,Regolith thickness

d-30w-23,0.001,0.00501187233627,0.643312101911,0.356687898089,101,56,157,51,0.645569620253

d-40w-36,0.0001,0.000251188643151,0.207171314741,0.792828685259,52,199,251,30,0.379746835443

d-40w-31,0.0001,0.000794328234724,0.40782122905,0.59217877095,73,106,179,38,0.481012658228

d-30w-24,0.001,0.00398107170553,0.906832298137,0.0931677018634,146,15,161,73,0.924050632911

d-40w-38,0.0001,0.000158489319246,0.211320754717,0.788679245283,56,209,265,31,0.392405063291

d-30w-12,0.001,0.063095734448,0.987261146497,0.0127388535032,155,2,157,78,0.987341772152

d-30w-15,0.001,0.0316227766017,0.936305732484,0.0636942675159,147,10,157,74,0.936708860759

d-30w-14,0.001,0.0398107170553,0.987261146497,0.0127388535032,155,2,157,78,0.987341772152

d-40w-39,0.0001,0.000125892541179,0.154098360656,0.845901639344,47,258,305,27,0.341772151899

d-30w-13,0.001,0.0501187233627,0.987261146497,0.0127388535032,155,2,157,78,0.987341772152

d-30w-25,0.001,0.00316227766017,0.867924528302,0.132075471698,138,21,159,74,0.936708860759

d-40w-30,0.0001,0.001,0.611428571429,0.388571428571,107,68,175,56,0.708860759494

d-40w-37,0.0001,0.000199526231497,0.267657992565,0.732342007435,72,197,269,40,0.506329113924

d-30w-22,0.001,0.0063095734448,0.905660377358,0.0943396226415,144,15,159,71,0.898734177215

d-30w-40,0.001,0.0001,0.16717325228,0.83282674772,55,274,329,29,0.367088607595

d-20w-40,0.01,0.0001,0.121813031161,0.878186968839,43,310,353,20,0.253164556962

d-20w-22,0.01,0.0063095734448,0.834394904459,0.165605095541,131,26,157,70,0.886075949367

d-10w-32,0.1,0.00063095734448,0.257918552036,0.742081447964,57,164,221,29,0.367088607595

d-20w-25,0.01,0.00316227766017,0.754716981132,0.245283018868,120,39,159,62,0.784810126582

d-10w-35,0.1,0.000316227766017,0.135458167331,0.864541832669,34,217,251,18,0.227848101266

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d-40w-26,0.0001,0.00251188643151,0.863354037267,0.136645962733,139,22,161,71,0.8  
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d-40w-21,0.0001,0.00794328234724,0.687898089172,0.312101910828,108,49,157,55,0.6  
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d-40w-17,0.0001,0.0199526231497,0.974522292994,0.0254777070064,153,4,157,77,0.97  
4683544304

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d-40w-10,0.0001,0.1,0.993630573248,0.00636942675159,156,1,157,79,1.0

Create a Pandas DataFrame, add  $d'$  and  $w'$ , and sort by  $d'$ :

```
[4]: tau = 500.0 # average interval between one-cell slip events (corresponds to
      ↪ numerical model interval of 866 yr)
      dprime = dist_param * tau
      wprime = weath_param * tau
      data = {'d': dist_param, 'dprime': dprime, 'w': weath_param, 'wprime': wprime,
      ↪ 'cover': reg_cover_proportion}
      df = pd.DataFrame(data)
      df = df.sort_values(by=['dprime', 'wprime'])
      df
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[4]:
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	d	dprime	w	wprime	cover
53	0.0001	0.05	0.000100	0.050000	0.175896
8	0.0001	0.05	0.000126	0.062946	0.154098
4	0.0001	0.05	0.000158	0.079245	0.211321
12	0.0001	0.05	0.000200	0.099763	0.267658
1	0.0001	0.05	0.000251	0.125594	0.207171
65	0.0001	0.05	0.000316	0.158114	0.297872
72	0.0001	0.05	0.000398	0.199054	0.280543
76	0.0001	0.05	0.000501	0.250594	0.449275
62	0.0001	0.05	0.000631	0.315479	0.406091
2	0.0001	0.05	0.000794	0.397164	0.407821
11	0.0001	0.05	0.001000	0.500000	0.611429
110	0.0001	0.05	0.001259	0.629463	0.449102
122	0.0001	0.05	0.001585	0.792447	0.534161
114	0.0001	0.05	0.001995	0.997631	0.704403
116	0.0001	0.05	0.002512	1.255943	0.863354
56	0.0001	0.05	0.003162	1.581139	0.726708
50	0.0001	0.05	0.003981	1.990536	0.076433
51	0.0001	0.05	0.005012	2.505936	0.968553
55	0.0001	0.05	0.006310	3.154787	0.446541
120	0.0001	0.05	0.007943	3.971641	0.687898
111	0.0001	0.05	0.010000	5.000000	0.798742
118	0.0001	0.05	0.012589	6.294627	0.891720
115	0.0001	0.05	0.015849	7.924466	0.929936
121	0.0001	0.05	0.019953	9.976312	0.974522
109	0.0001	0.05	0.025119	12.559432	0.929936
46	0.0001	0.05	0.031623	15.811388	0.968153
60	0.0001	0.05	0.039811	19.905359	0.993631
58	0.0001	0.05	0.050119	25.059362	0.993631
47	0.0001	0.05	0.063096	31.547867	0.974522
108	0.0001	0.05	0.079433	39.716412	0.993631

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...      ...      ...      ...      ...
88  0.1000  50.00  0.000126  0.062946  0.048159
83  0.1000  50.00  0.000158  0.079245  0.057143
93  0.1000  50.00  0.000200  0.099763  0.094395
78  0.1000  50.00  0.000251  0.125594  0.090301
19  0.1000  50.00  0.000316  0.158114  0.135458
25  0.1000  50.00  0.000398  0.199054  0.126638
27  0.1000  50.00  0.000501  0.250594  0.153527
17  0.1000  50.00  0.000631  0.315479  0.257919
81  0.1000  50.00  0.000794  0.397164  0.227513
91  0.1000  50.00  0.001000  0.500000  0.307263
31  0.1000  50.00  0.001259  0.629463  0.445714
44  0.1000  50.00  0.001585  0.792447  0.479290
34  0.1000  50.00  0.001995  0.997631  0.635220
37  0.1000  50.00  0.002512  1.255943  0.668790
104 0.1000  50.00  0.003162  1.581139  0.723270
97  0.1000  50.00  0.003981  1.990536  0.779874
99  0.1000  50.00  0.005012  2.505936  0.867925
102 0.1000  50.00  0.006310  3.154787  0.796178
40  0.1000  50.00  0.007943  3.971641  0.880503
32  0.1000  50.00  0.010000  5.000000  0.898089
38  0.1000  50.00  0.012589  6.294627  0.891720
35  0.1000  50.00  0.015849  7.924466  0.904459
43  0.1000  50.00  0.019953  9.976312  0.898089
30  0.1000  50.00  0.025119  12.559432  0.917197
95  0.1000  50.00  0.031623  15.811388  0.949045
107 0.1000  50.00  0.039811  19.905359  0.917197
106 0.1000  50.00  0.050119  25.059362  0.974522
96  0.1000  50.00  0.063096  31.547867  0.949045
28  0.1000  50.00  0.079433  39.716412  0.980892
45  0.1000  50.00  0.100000  50.000000  0.961783

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[124 rows x 5 columns]

Reshape into a 4 x 31 array, in which each row has a constant  $d'$ :

```
[5]: reg_cover_proportion = df['cover'].values.reshape((4, 31))
wprime = df['wprime'].values.reshape((4, 31))
dprime = df['dprime'].values.reshape((4, 31))
```

Plot the cover fraction versus  $w'$ , with a different symbol for each value of  $d'$ :

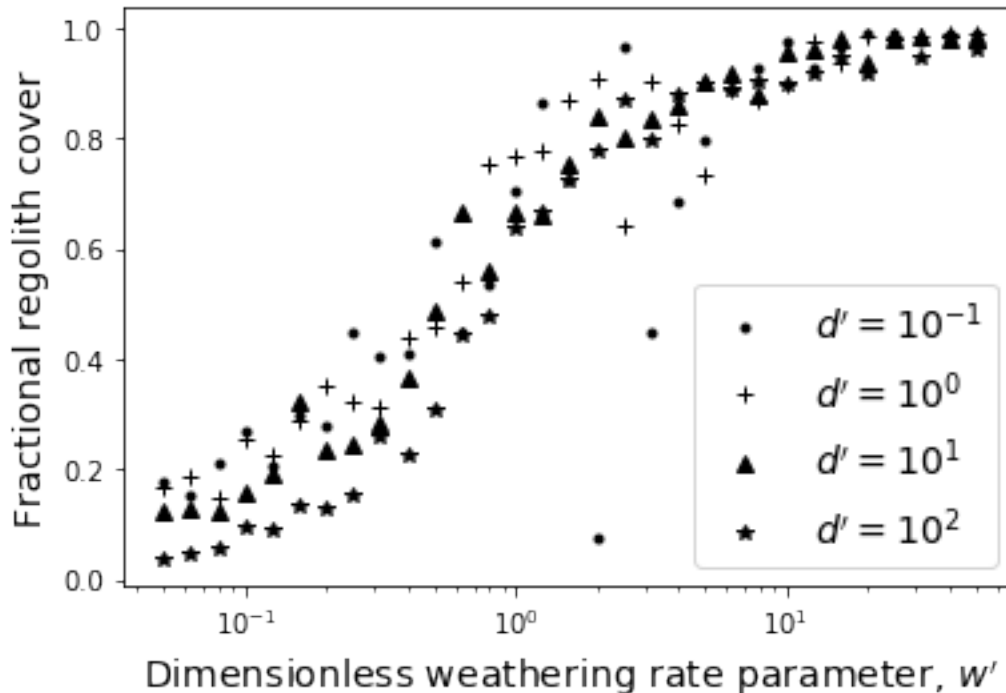
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[7]: psyms = ['k.', 'k+', 'k^', 'k*']

# Plot the weathering + disturbance runs
for d in range(4):
    plt.semilogx(wprime[d,:], reg_cover_proportion[d,:], psyms[d])

# Labels and legend
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plt.xlabel(r"Dimensionless weathering rate parameter, $w'$", fontsize=14)
plt.ylabel('Fractional regolith cover', fontsize=14)
plt.legend([r"$d' = 10^{-1}$", r"$d' = 10^0$", r"$d' = 10^1$", r"$d' = 10^2$"],
           →fontsize=14)

plt.savefig('reg_cover_vs_wprime.pdf')
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### S4.5 Relationships among erosion rate, slip rate, and regolith cover

The code below plots the relationship between erosion rate and facet angle, and how that relation varies with weathering efficiency  $W$  and regolith cover fraction. Also plot the relationship between slip rate and facet angle.

```
[1]: import csv
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
%matplotlib inline
```

Read in data from 121 model runs that have already been compiled into a .csv file. Read into arrays for the slip-interval parameter, the weathering-rate parameter, and the resulting facet slope angle.

```
[2]: filename = 'slope_erorate_vw_series20190517.csv'
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[3]: # Count number of lines in file
num_lines = len(open(filename).readlines( ))
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print('The file has ' + str(num_lines) + ' lines.')

# Create data arrays
slip_interval = np.zeros(num_lines - 1) # skip 1 header line
weath_param = np.zeros(num_lines - 1)
facet_angle = np.zeros(num_lines - 1)
ero_rate = np.zeros(num_lines - 1)
frac_soil = np.zeros(num_lines - 1)

# Read data
with open(filename, 'r') as csvfile:
    myreader = csv.reader(csvfile)
    i = 0
    for row in myreader:
        print(', '.join(row))
        if i >= 1:
            slip_interval[i-1] = row[1]
            weath_param[i-1] = row[2]
            facet_angle[i-1] = row[3]
            ero_rate[i-1] = row[6]
            frac_soil[i-1] = row[7]
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The file has 257 lines.

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tau32w-42, 1584.893192461114, 6.309573444801929e-05, 53.8169125141,

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1.36717330784, 1.24732229796, 8.53597603054e-05, 0.23659305993690852
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1.04965920156, 0.000474823714498, 0.9386503067484663

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Convert the data into a pandas DataFrame. This allows us to sort the data set according to  $\tau$  and  $w$ .

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[4]: import pandas as pd

[5]: data = {'tau_s' : slip_interval, 'w': weath_param, 'angle': facet_angle,
           → 'erorate': ero_rate,
           'fracsoil' : frac_soil}
df = pd.DataFrame(data)
df = df.sort_values(by=['w', 'tau_s'])
df

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[5]:
      tau_s      w      angle  erorate  fracsoil
175  100.000000  0.000010  59.549870  0.000013  0.000000
170  158.489319  0.000010  59.515503  0.000013  0.016722
140  251.188643  0.000010  59.513431  0.000012  0.029703
142  398.107171  0.000010  59.471927  0.000013  0.031646
127  630.957344  0.000010  59.325438  0.000013  0.031746
139  1000.000000  0.000010  59.225806  0.000013  0.077612
141  1584.893192  0.000010  59.182747  0.000015  0.120370
176  2511.886432  0.000010  58.512182  0.000018  0.084986
171  3981.071706  0.000010  57.808119  0.000017  0.086351
62   6309.573445  0.000010  56.017080  0.000017  0.183673
229  10000.000000  0.000010  53.641048  0.000014  0.191740
253  15848.931925  0.000010  50.820010  0.000013  0.262136
225  25118.864315  0.000010  46.058720  0.000011  0.227106
190  39810.717055  0.000010  40.873142  0.000010  0.362140
43   63095.734448  0.000010  32.437388  0.000007  0.360976
226  100000.000000  0.000010  25.748718  0.000005  0.393782
81   100.000000  0.000016  59.544078  0.000014  0.013468
79   158.489319  0.000016  59.473174  0.000020  0.013201
111  251.188643  0.000016  59.469018  0.000028  0.066667
113  398.107171  0.000016  59.397380  0.000028  0.071207
154  630.957344  0.000016  59.227493  0.000023  0.077612
112  1000.000000  0.000016  58.914798  0.000023  0.135057
114  1584.893192  0.000016  58.314235  0.000024  0.129310
80   2511.886432  0.000016  57.437759  0.000025  0.121813
78   3981.071706  0.000016  55.684682  0.000026  0.156156

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155	6309.573445	0.000016	54.172544	0.000024	0.184290
0	10000.000000	0.000016	50.825795	0.000020	0.267559
26	15848.931925	0.000016	45.825087	0.000017	0.222222
61	25118.864315	0.000016	41.051306	0.000014	0.195745
27	39810.717055	0.000016	34.612589	0.000011	0.367876
..	...	...	...	...	...
120	251.188643	0.006310	30.733715	0.001982	0.672727
107	398.107171	0.006310	29.997584	0.001193	0.898204
132	630.957344	0.006310	29.734770	0.000753	0.938650
119	1000.000000	0.006310	29.734770	0.000475	0.957055
106	1584.893192	0.006310	29.322652	0.000316	0.975460
71	2511.886432	0.006310	29.100581	0.000200	0.951515
87	3981.071706	0.006310	28.860256	0.000126	0.921212
183	6309.573445	0.006310	28.326367	0.000080	0.956522
21	10000.000000	0.006310	27.568557	0.000048	0.957055
5	15848.931925	0.006310	26.541647	0.000031	0.950920
33	25118.864315	0.006310	24.964918	0.000020	0.957055
54	39810.717055	0.006310	22.720696	0.000014	0.975460
216	63095.734448	0.006310	20.355114	0.000008	0.957055
34	100000.000000	0.006310	16.876534	0.000006	0.957055
209	100.000000	0.010000	33.720663	0.004518	0.381503
206	158.489319	0.010000	30.000000	0.002856	0.921212
240	251.188643	0.010000	29.952870	0.001991	0.963636
242	398.107171	0.010000	30.000000	0.001192	0.957055
25	630.957344	0.010000	29.818488	0.000753	0.938650
239	1000.000000	0.010000	29.618060	0.000475	0.950920
241	1584.893192	0.010000	29.322652	0.000316	0.957055
210	2511.886432	0.010000	29.168163	0.000200	0.975460
207	3981.071706	0.010000	28.805875	0.000126	0.968944
28	6309.573445	0.010000	28.383739	0.000080	0.981366
128	10000.000000	0.010000	27.534377	0.000048	0.950920
153	15848.931925	0.010000	26.289755	0.000031	0.957055
188	25118.864315	0.010000	25.207980	0.000020	0.950920
156	39810.717055	0.010000	22.961434	0.000013	0.975460
77	63095.734448	0.010000	20.497962	0.000008	0.950920
189	100000.000000	0.010000	16.997388	0.000006	0.957055

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Calculate the dimensionless slip rate. The slip rate is defined as:

$$V = \sqrt{3}\delta/\tau_s$$

The dimensionless slip rate is:

$$V^* = V/\delta d$$

We also want to calculate the  $w - d$  ratio, which we'll also call  $w^*$ .

For purposes of these calculations, we happen to know that the runs were performed with  $d = 10^{-4} \text{ yr}^{-1}$ .

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[6]: d = 1.0e-4
delta = 0.5
df['V'] = 3.0**0.5 * delta / df['tau_s']
df['Vstar'] = df['V'] / (delta * d)
df['wstar'] = df['w'] / d
df
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[6]:
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	tau_s	w	angle	erorate	fracsoil	V \
175	100.000000	0.000010	59.549870	0.000013	0.000000	0.008660
170	158.489319	0.000010	59.515503	0.000013	0.016722	0.005464
140	251.188643	0.000010	59.513431	0.000012	0.029703	0.003448
142	398.107171	0.000010	59.471927	0.000013	0.031646	0.002175
127	630.957344	0.000010	59.325438	0.000013	0.031746	0.001373
139	1000.000000	0.000010	59.225806	0.000013	0.077612	0.000866
141	1584.893192	0.000010	59.182747	0.000015	0.120370	0.000546
176	2511.886432	0.000010	58.512182	0.000018	0.084986	0.000345
171	3981.071706	0.000010	57.808119	0.000017	0.086351	0.000218
62	6309.573445	0.000010	56.017080	0.000017	0.183673	0.000137
229	10000.000000	0.000010	53.641048	0.000014	0.191740	0.000087
253	15848.931925	0.000010	50.820010	0.000013	0.262136	0.000055
225	25118.864315	0.000010	46.058720	0.000011	0.227106	0.000034
190	39810.717055	0.000010	40.873142	0.000010	0.362140	0.000022
43	63095.734448	0.000010	32.437388	0.000007	0.360976	0.000014
226	100000.000000	0.000010	25.748718	0.000005	0.393782	0.000009
81	100.000000	0.000016	59.544078	0.000014	0.013468	0.008660
79	158.489319	0.000016	59.473174	0.000020	0.013201	0.005464
111	251.188643	0.000016	59.469018	0.000028	0.066667	0.003448
113	398.107171	0.000016	59.397380	0.000028	0.071207	0.002175
154	630.957344	0.000016	59.227493	0.000023	0.077612	0.001373
112	1000.000000	0.000016	58.914798	0.000023	0.135057	0.000866
114	1584.893192	0.000016	58.314235	0.000024	0.129310	0.000546
80	2511.886432	0.000016	57.437759	0.000025	0.121813	0.000345
78	3981.071706	0.000016	55.684682	0.000026	0.156156	0.000218
155	6309.573445	0.000016	54.172544	0.000024	0.184290	0.000137
0	10000.000000	0.000016	50.825795	0.000020	0.267559	0.000087
26	15848.931925	0.000016	45.825087	0.000017	0.222222	0.000055
61	25118.864315	0.000016	41.051306	0.000014	0.195745	0.000034
27	39810.717055	0.000016	34.612589	0.000011	0.367876	0.000022
..	...	...	...	...	...	...
120	251.188643	0.006310	30.733715	0.001982	0.672727	0.003448
107	398.107171	0.006310	29.997584	0.001193	0.898204	0.002175
132	630.957344	0.006310	29.734770	0.000753	0.938650	0.001373
119	1000.000000	0.006310	29.734770	0.000475	0.957055	0.000866
106	1584.893192	0.006310	29.322652	0.000316	0.975460	0.000546
71	2511.886432	0.006310	29.100581	0.000200	0.951515	0.000345
87	3981.071706	0.006310	28.860256	0.000126	0.921212	0.000218
183	6309.573445	0.006310	28.326367	0.000080	0.956522	0.000137

21	10000.000000	0.006310	27.568557	0.000048	0.957055	0.000087
5	15848.931925	0.006310	26.541647	0.000031	0.950920	0.000055
33	25118.864315	0.006310	24.964918	0.000020	0.957055	0.000034
54	39810.717055	0.006310	22.720696	0.000014	0.975460	0.000022
216	63095.734448	0.006310	20.355114	0.000008	0.957055	0.000014
34	100000.000000	0.006310	16.876534	0.000006	0.957055	0.000009
209	100.000000	0.010000	33.720663	0.004518	0.381503	0.008660
206	158.489319	0.010000	30.000000	0.002856	0.921212	0.005464
240	251.188643	0.010000	29.952870	0.001991	0.963636	0.003448
242	398.107171	0.010000	30.000000	0.001192	0.957055	0.002175
25	630.957344	0.010000	29.818488	0.000753	0.938650	0.001373
239	1000.000000	0.010000	29.618060	0.000475	0.950920	0.000866
241	1584.893192	0.010000	29.322652	0.000316	0.957055	0.000546
210	2511.886432	0.010000	29.168163	0.000200	0.975460	0.000345
207	3981.071706	0.010000	28.805875	0.000126	0.968944	0.000218
28	6309.573445	0.010000	28.383739	0.000080	0.981366	0.000137
128	10000.000000	0.010000	27.534377	0.000048	0.950920	0.000087
153	15848.931925	0.010000	26.289755	0.000031	0.957055	0.000055
188	25118.864315	0.010000	25.207980	0.000020	0.950920	0.000034
156	39810.717055	0.010000	22.961434	0.000013	0.975460	0.000022
77	63095.734448	0.010000	20.497962	0.000008	0.950920	0.000014
189	100000.000000	0.010000	16.997388	0.000006	0.957055	0.000009

	Vstar	wstar
175	173.205081	0.100000
170	109.285018	0.100000
140	68.954185	0.100000
142	43.507149	0.100000
127	27.451155	0.100000
139	17.320508	0.100000
141	10.928502	0.100000
176	6.895418	0.100000
171	4.350715	0.100000
62	2.745116	0.100000
229	1.732051	0.100000
253	1.092850	0.100000
225	0.689542	0.100000
190	0.435071	0.100000
43	0.274512	0.100000
226	0.173205	0.100000
81	173.205081	0.158489
79	109.285018	0.158489
111	68.954185	0.158489
113	43.507149	0.158489
154	27.451155	0.158489
112	17.320508	0.158489
114	10.928502	0.158489

80	6.895418	0.158489
78	4.350715	0.158489
155	2.745116	0.158489
0	1.732051	0.158489
26	1.092850	0.158489
61	0.689542	0.158489
27	0.435071	0.158489
..	...	...
120	68.954185	63.095734
107	43.507149	63.095734
132	27.451155	63.095734
119	17.320508	63.095734
106	10.928502	63.095734
71	6.895418	63.095734
87	4.350715	63.095734
183	2.745116	63.095734
21	1.732051	63.095734
5	1.092850	63.095734
33	0.689542	63.095734
54	0.435071	63.095734
216	0.274512	63.095734
34	0.173205	63.095734
209	173.205081	100.000000
206	109.285018	100.000000
240	68.954185	100.000000
242	43.507149	100.000000
25	27.451155	100.000000
239	17.320508	100.000000
241	10.928502	100.000000
210	6.895418	100.000000
207	4.350715	100.000000
28	2.745116	100.000000
128	1.732051	100.000000
153	1.092850	100.000000
188	0.689542	100.000000
156	0.435071	100.000000
77	0.274512	100.000000
189	0.173205	100.000000

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We can now look at how the weathering-rate parameter influences erosion rate. Start with some dimensional analysis. Our variables are:

- vertical erosion rate,  $E_v$  (L/T)
- slip interval,  $\tau_s$  (T)
- weathering rate parameter,  $w$  (1/T)
- disturbance rate parameter,  $d$  (1/T)



- cell width,  $\delta$  (L)
- facet angle,  $\theta$  (-)

From these, we can construct dimensionless parameters that are inter-related:

$$\frac{E_v \tau_s}{\delta} = f\left(\theta, \frac{w}{d}\right).$$

This suggests that a logical approach to plotting is to plot dimensionless erosion rate (basically erosion rate relative to slip rate) as a function of angle, for each value of  $w$ .

An alternative is:

$$\frac{E_v}{\delta d} = f\left(\theta, \frac{V}{\delta d}, \frac{w}{d}\right)$$

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[7]: Eprime1 = df['erorate'] * df['tau_s'] / delta
      Eprime2 = df['erorate'] / (delta * d)
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[8]: a = 1.8
      delta = 0.5
      max_wx_rate = 2.0 * a * delta * df['w']
      En = df['erorate'] * np.cos(np.radians(df['angle']))
      df['ero_w_ratio'] = En / max_wx_rate
      df
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[8]:
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	tau_s	w	angle	erorate	fracsoil	V \
175	100.000000	0.000010	59.549870	0.000013	0.000000	0.008660
170	158.489319	0.000010	59.515503	0.000013	0.016722	0.005464
140	251.188643	0.000010	59.513431	0.000012	0.029703	0.003448
142	398.107171	0.000010	59.471927	0.000013	0.031646	0.002175
127	630.957344	0.000010	59.325438	0.000013	0.031746	0.001373
139	1000.000000	0.000010	59.225806	0.000013	0.077612	0.000866
141	1584.893192	0.000010	59.182747	0.000015	0.120370	0.000546
176	2511.886432	0.000010	58.512182	0.000018	0.084986	0.000345
171	3981.071706	0.000010	57.808119	0.000017	0.086351	0.000218
62	6309.573445	0.000010	56.017080	0.000017	0.183673	0.000137
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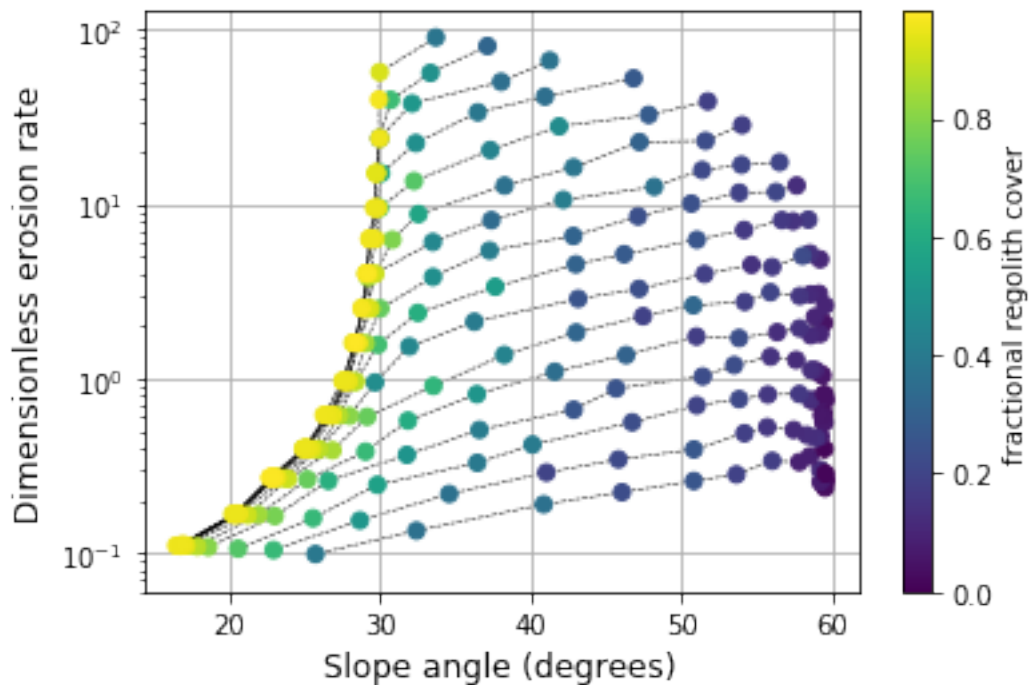
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[9]: facet_angle = df['angle'].values.reshape((16, 16))
nd_ero_rate = Eprime2.values.reshape((16, 16))
fracsoil = df['fracsoil'].values.reshape(16, 16)
psyms = ['ko-', 'k^-', 'k.-', 'k+-', 'kx-', 'k*-']
fig = plt.figure()
ax = plt.gca()
sc = ax.scatter(facet_angle, nd_ero_rate, c=fracsoil, zorder=2)
ax.set_yscale('log')
for i in range(0, 16, 1):
    ax.plot(facet_angle[i], nd_ero_rate[i], 'k--', zorder=1, linewidth=0.5)
plt.xlabel('Slope angle (degrees)', fontsize=12)
plt.ylabel('Dimensionless erosion rate', fontsize=12)
plt.grid(True)
fig.colorbar(sc, label='fractional regolith cover')
plt.savefig('ero_rate_vs_slope_angle_reg_cover.pdf')

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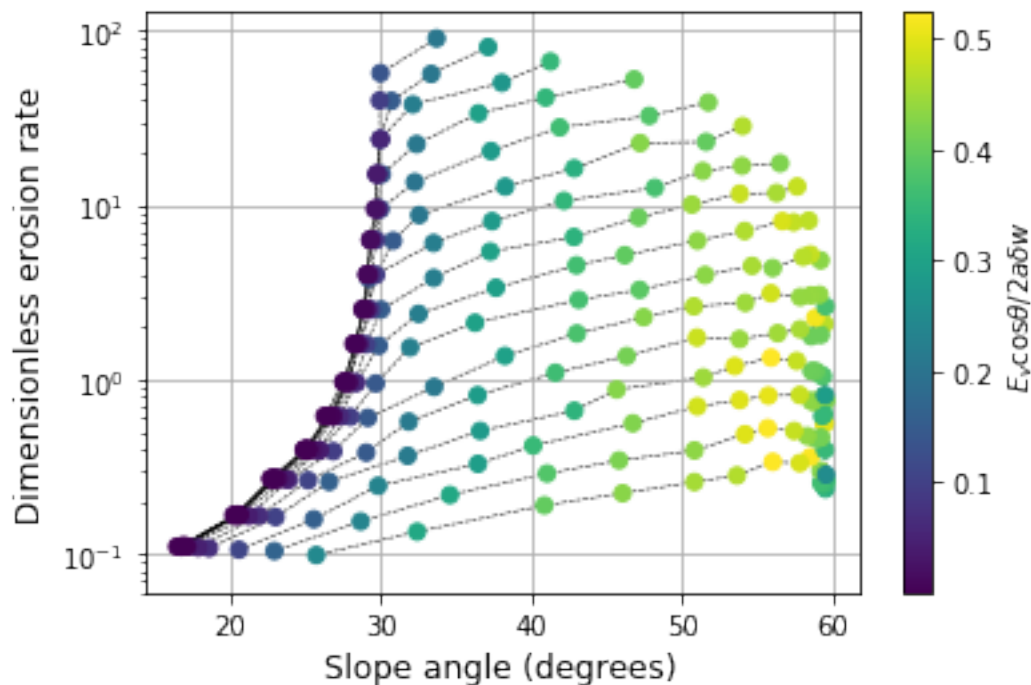
[10]: ero_w_ratio = df['ero_w_ratio'].values.reshape(16, 16)
ero_w_ratio_capped = np.minimum(ero_w_ratio, 1.0)
psyms = ['ko-', 'k^-', 'k.-', 'k+-', 'kx-', 'k*-']
fig = plt.figure()

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ax = plt.gca()
sc = ax.scatter(facet_angle, nd_ero_rate, c=ero_w_ratio, zorder=2)
ax.set_yscale('log')
for i in range(0, 16, 1):
    ax.plot(facet_angle[i], nd_ero_rate[i], 'k--', zorder=1, linewidth=0.5)
plt.xlabel('Slope angle (degrees)', fontsize=12)
plt.ylabel('Dimensionless erosion rate', fontsize=12)
plt.grid(True)
fig.colorbar(sc, label=r'$E_v \cos\theta / 2a\delta w$')
plt.savefig('ero_rate_vs_slope_angle_by_eroratio.pdf')

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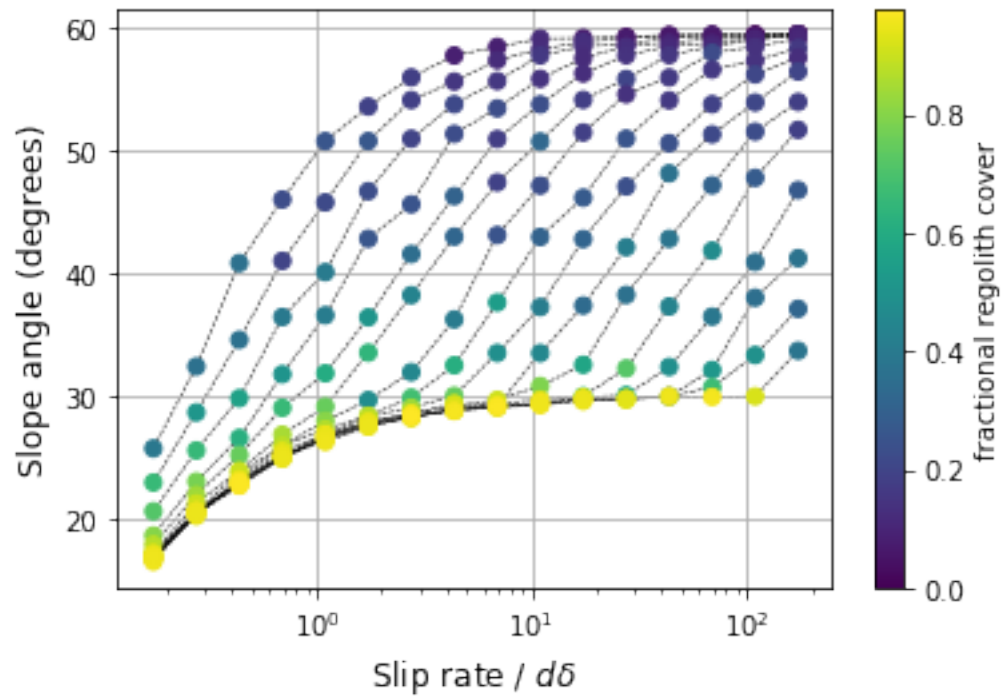
Plot slip rate versus facet angle:

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[11]: fracsoil = df['fracsoil'].values.reshape(16, 16)
nd_slip_rate = df['V'].values.reshape(16, 16) / (delta * d)
psyms = ['ko-', 'k^-', 'k.-', 'k+-', 'kx-', 'k*-']
fig = plt.figure()
ax = plt.gca()
sc = ax.scatter(nd_slip_rate, facet_angle, c=fracsoil, zorder=2)
ax.set_xscale('log')
for i in range(0, 16, 1):
    ax.plot(nd_slip_rate[i], facet_angle[i], 'k--', zorder=1, linewidth=0.5)
plt.ylabel('Slope angle (degrees)', fontsize=12)
plt.xlabel(r'Slip rate / $d\delta$', fontsize=12)
plt.grid(True)
fig.colorbar(sc, label='fractional regolith cover')

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plt.savefig('slope_angle_vs_slip_rate_by_frac_soil.pdf')
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## S5. Table of mathematical symbols

Table S1. List of mathematical symbols (L = length dimension, T = time dimension).

Symbol	Description	Dimensions
$a$	surface-roughness coefficient	-
$d$	disturbance transition frequency	$T^{-1}$
$d'$	dimensionless disturbance frequency = $d\tau$	-
$D$	characteristic disturbance rate = $\delta d$	$LT^{-1}$
$D_s$	soil-creep transport coefficient	$L^2T^{-1}$
$E_n$	slope-normal erosion rate	$LT^{-1}$
$E_v$	vertical erosion rate	$LT^{-1}$
$E'_v$	dimensionless vertical erosion rate = $E_v/\delta d$	-
$q_s$	sediment flux per unit width	$L^2T^{-1}$
$s$	dissolution transition frequency	$T^{-1}$
$S'$	dimensionless dissolution efficiency	-
$S$	slope gradient	-
$S_c$	critical slope gradient	-
$V$	fault slip rate = $\delta/\tau$	$LT^{-1}$
$w$	weathering transition frequency	$T^{-1}$
$w'$	dimensionless weathering efficiency = $w\tau$	-
$W$	characteristic weathering rate = $\delta w$	$LT^{-1}$
$W_s$	characteristic dissolution rate = $\delta s$	$LT^{-1}$
$\alpha$	fault dip angle	-
$\beta$	$\alpha - \theta$	-
$\delta$	cell width	L
$\theta$	facet dip angle	-
$\tau$	unit slip interval = $\tau_s/\sqrt{3}$	T
$\tau_s$	lattice slip interval	T

## S6. Coordinates of profiles in Figures 2 and 3.

Table S2. Coordinates of Wasatch fault system facet profiles shown in Figure 2.

Latitude (degrees N)	Longitude (degrees W)	Fault segment
39.7857	111.8232	Nephi
39.5562	111.8336	Levan
41.6406	112.0590	Brigham City
39.8223	111.8126	Nephi
39.4327	111.9142	Levan
39.6095	111.8273	Levan
39.2890	111.8642	Fayette
39.2510	111.8449	Fayette

Table S3. Coordinates of Wasatch fault system facet profiles shown in Figure 3.

Latitude (degrees N)	Longitude (degrees W)	Fault segment
Panel (a):		
39.9145	111.8013	Nephi
39.7804	111.8237	Nephi
39.9098	111.8002	Nephi
39.2890	111.8642	Fayette
Panel (b):		
39.7550	111.8290	Nephi
39.5224	111.8640	Levan
39.5281	111.8640	Levan
39.2510	111.8449	Fayette
Panel (c):		
39.8199	111.8128	Nephi
39.8187	111.8133	Nephi
39.7775	111.8243	Nephi
39.8173	111.8136	Nephi



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