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1 **Bedform genesis in bedrock substrates: insights into formative**
2 **processes from a new experimental approach and the**
3 **importance of suspension-dominated abrasion**

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25 **Abstract**

26 Bedrock channels are common in the natural environment, and bedrock channel
27 erosion sets the pace of denudation in many river catchments. However, in comparison to
28 the large number of studies concerning the formation of alluvial bedforms, relatively few
29 investigations have concerned bedrock bedform genesis. Field-based analysis of sculptured
30 forms within bedrock channels has been restricted notably by the slow rate of bedform
31 development in such environments. Furthermore, only a limited number of flume-scale
32 experiments have been conducted that attempt to simulate the genesis of sculpted
33 bedforms in bedrock channels. This study demonstrates that optimisation of clay beds
34 through analysis of clay strength enables the development of features analogous to bedrock
35 river channel bedforms — even at a scale that is orders of magnitude smaller than some
36 natural examples. Three sets of suspended sediment-laden experiments were carried out
37 using hard, medium, and soft clay bed substrates. A suite of erosive bedforms (including
38 potholes, flutes, and furrows) developed on all experimental beds. All observed erosional
39 features have clear equivalents to those observed in natural bedrock rivers. Bed shear
40 strength was found to be a significant factor for the genesis of different types of simulated
41 bedrock bedforms in our experiments with other factors, such as flow velocity, bed slope,
42 and flow depth held approximately constant. Importantly, in a subset of experiments
43 performed with an absence of suspended sediment, fluid flow did not result in the erosion
44 and development of bedforms in the clay bed. Hence, this work illustrates that abrasion by
45 suspended sediments is the key process required for the formation of these simulated

46 bedrock bedforms in our experiments, in the absence of bedload abrasion; other processes
47 such as plucking, cavitation, and dissolution will have been negligible.

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49 *Keywords:* Physical modelling; Bedrock bedforms; Bedrock erosion; Suspension-dominated
50 abrasion

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52 **1. Introduction**

53 Bedrock rivers exhibit a diverse array of erosional forms that, in turn, influence flow
54 fields and sediment dynamics (Kor et al., 1991; Richardson and Carling, 2005; Munro-Stasiuk
55 et al., 2009). These erosive features range in scale over at least three orders of magnitude
56 from forms that are tens of centimetres in length to those reported to form in megafloods
57 the width of which can reach up to 500 m (Baker and Milton, 1974; Kor et al., 1991; Herget,
58 2005; Richardson and Carling, 2005; Martini et al., 2009; Munro-Stasiuk et al., 2009). The
59 genesis and formative processes of these erosional features are poorly understood and
60 remain an area where the major knowledge gap is (Lamb et al., 2015). This omission is
61 largely because field studies are limited by the slow rate of development of erosion within
62 bedrock substrates and by the difficulty and danger of attempting to measure processes
63 during infrequent high magnitude flow events in such channels (Wilson et al., 2013; Lamb et
64 al., 2015). Physical experiments offer the opportunity to examine processes at much faster
65 development rates and under controlled conditions (Peakall et al., 1996; Lamb et al., 2015).
66 However, relatively few studies of erosive bedforms in substrates analogous to those
67 observed in bedrock rivers have been conducted (Shepherd and Schumm, 1974; Wohl and

68 Ikeda, 1997; Carter and Anderson, 2006; Johnson and Whipple, 2007, 2010; Wilson et al.,
69 2013; Wilson and Lavé, 2014). Furthermore, these studies have only reproduced a small
70 number of the features identified in natural channels (Richardson and Carling, 2005). Model
71 studies on actual rock substrates have been restricted to forming upstream facing convex
72 surfaces (Wilson et al., 2013; Wilson and Lavé, 2014). In contrast, studies utilising artificial
73 substrates exhibit a wider range of features, with those on weak concrete (Carter and
74 Anderson, 2006; Johnson and Whipple, 2007, 2010) and mixed sand/mud substrates
75 (Shepherd and Schumm, 1974; Wohl and Ikeda, 1997) producing longitudinal grooves,
76 potholes, furrows, and step-pools. Even in these cases, experiments with initially broad
77 erosion surfaces are dominated by longitudinal grooves that over time form 'emergent
78 channel geometries' where the flow is concentrated into a single channel form (Shepherd
79 and Schumm, 1974; Wohl and Ikeda, 1997; Finnegan et al., 2007; Johnson and Whipple,
80 2007, 2010; Lamb et al., 2015). Consequently, despite these advances, experiments have
81 failed to produce the wide variety of bedforms observed in natural systems and the broad
82 spatial distribution of these erosive features. In particular, previous experiments have failed
83 to reproduce most kinds of flutes and hummocky forms, along with certain obstacle marks
84 (e.g., those with reversed furrows in front of them) and various types of potholes (e.g.,
85 spiral-furrowed potholes with a spiral rib). In turn, this raises questions as to the nature of
86 the experimental conditions and physical processes required to reproduce many of these
87 bedrock bedforms. Here, we utilise compacted clay substrates to reproduce most of the
88 observed features present in bedrock rivers. The nature of the formative conditions are
89 discussed and compared to existing physical modelling and field studies. In particular, we

90 utilise the nomenclature and typology of Richardson and Carling (2005) to compare our
91 experiments to natural examples of bedforms formed in natural rock substrates.

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93 1.1. Previous erosional experiments with clay beds

94 Although clay substrates have been used to study erosional bedforms in physical
95 experiments, these studies produced features such as flutes and longitudinal grooves that
96 have been compared with natural erosion in cohesive muddy substrates such as deep-sea
97 muds and river floodplains (e.g., Dzulynski and Sanders, 1962; Dzulynski and Walton, 1963;
98 Dzulynski, 1965, 1996; Allen, 1969, 1971). Furthermore, the applicability of these mud-rich
99 cohesive sediments as an analogue to bedrock rivers has been questioned (e.g., Lamb et al.,
100 2015) because of the absence of brittle fracturing that typically occurs in bedrock erosion
101 (Engel, 1976). The majority of experiments that have been undertaken on weak muddy
102 substrates typically used beds formed *in situ* by settling of clays in water for periods of hours
103 to days (e.g., Dzulynski and Walton, 1963; Dzulynski, 1965, 1996; Allen, 1969, 1971),
104 producing a range of features such as flutes and groove marks. In contrast, very little work
105 on firm or hard mud beds has been conducted. Allen (1971) undertook a series of 13
106 experiments in a Perspex pipe, where particulate-flows eroded beds of kaolin-based
107 modelling clay, producing flute-like features. Run times were between 27 and 74 minutes,
108 although these experiments could not be continued beyond these timescales as a series of
109 bed waves developed (Allen, 1971). Dzulynski and Sanders (1962) also used modelling clay to
110 examine tool marks, but these experiments were undertaken by rolling objects by hand
111 across subaerially exposed clay. Whilst these experiments on weak and firm clay beds have

112 demonstrated a range of erosive features, quantitative data on substrate strength is absent,
113 such as the shear strength or tensile strength and on flow properties such as basal shear
114 stress, with which to explore the boundary conditions of such erosive features. The
115 experiments presented here revisit the utility of clay substrates for modelling bedrock
116 erosion, but under conditions where the substrate strength and basal shear stress are
117 quantified, to examine the development of erosive features in the absence of brittle
118 fracturing.

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120 *1.2. Erosive mechanisms in bedrock substrates*

121 The major erosional mechanisms postulated to control the morphology and genesis of
122 bedrock channels are (i) abrasion (Sharpe and Shaw, 1989; Kor et al., 1991; Sjogren and
123 Rains, 1995; Hancock et al., 1998; Wohl, 1998; Whipple et al., 2000a; Sklar and Dietrich,
124 2001, 2004; Johnson and Whipple, 2007; Wilson et al., 2013; Wilson and Lavé, 2014); (ii)
125 plucking (Baker, 1974, 1978, 1979; Baker and Komar, 1987; Sharpe and Shaw, 1989; Hancock
126 et al., 1998; Whipple et al., 2000a, 2000b; Lamb and Fonstad, 2010; Anton et al., 2015); (iii)
127 cavitation (Baker, 1974; Baker and Costa, 1987; Wohl, 1992, 1998; Baker and Kale, 1998;
128 Hancock et al., 1998; Whipple et al., 2000a, 2000b); (iv) dissolution or corrosion (Sharpe and
129 Shaw, 1989; Wohl, 1992, 1998; Whipple et al., 2000a); (v) fluid stressing (Allen, 1971;
130 Sjogren and Rains, 1995; Richardson and Carling, 2005; Carling et al., 2009; Wilson and Lavé,
131 2014); and (vi) physical weathering (Sharpe and Shaw, 1989; Whipple et al., 2000a, 2000b;
132 Carling et al., 2009). Of these, abrasion and plucking are considered the most important
133 processes, with plucking effective when rocks are fractured and exhibit discontinuities,

134 whilst abrasion is thought to dominate in massive rock with weak jointing (Hancock et al.,
135 1998; Whipple et al., 2000a; Chatanantavet and Parker, 2009; Lamb and Fonstad, 2010).
136 Abrasion can occur as a result of traction load, saltating bedload, or as suspended-load —
137 with debate on the relative efficacy of these three modes in bedrock rivers (Lowe, 1979;
138 Hancock et al., 1998; Whipple et al., 2000a). Evidence for the importance of cavitation in the
139 field and experiments is lacking, although theoretically it is thought to be a plausible
140 contributing factor (Whipple et al., 2000a; Carling et al., 2009). Weathering of bedrock
141 through corrosion, physical frost weathering, and chemical weathering may also be
142 important but has been little studied (Büdel, 1982; Lamb and Fonstad, 2010; Pelletier and
143 Baker, 2011).

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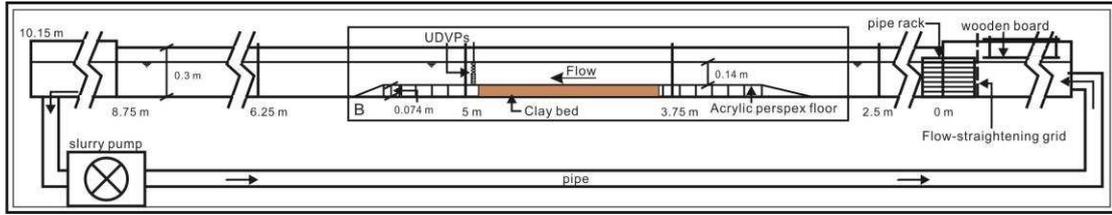
145 **2. Methodology**

146 A series of four experimental runs were undertaken to examine the nature of erosion in
147 clay beds by open channel flow, three containing a particulate load of fine-grained sand
148 (silica sand with a d_{10} of 82 μm , d_{50} of 143 μm , and d_{90} of 245 μm) and one without
149 particulate load (clear water). Air-dried modelling clay (Potter's Scola Clay) was used as the
150 substrate, with the initial undrained shear strength of the clay beds adjusted between runs
151 through presoaking of the clay bed.

152 *2.1. Experimental setup*

153 The experiments were conducted in the Sorby Environmental Fluid Dynamics
154 Laboratory (SEFDL) in the School of Earth and Environment, University of Leeds. An 8.75-m

155 long, tilting, recirculating hydraulic slurry flume (0.30 m wide by 0.30 m deep) was used for
156 the experiments (Fig. 1). The flume contained a false floor into which a tray (0.90 m long and
157 0.075 m deep) containing the clay bed could be inserted, such that the upper surface of the
158 clay bed was flush with the false floor (Fig. 1). The water depth was set to 0.14 m above the
159 clay bed in all experiments, and uniform flow was obtained by adjusting the flume slope to
160 0.005. An array of ten 4 MHz ultrasonic Doppler velocimetry probes (UDVP; Best et al., 2001)
161 were positioned downstream of the clay bed, pointing upstream, with the ends of the
162 transducers positioned level with the end of the clay bed (Fig. 1). The UDVP collected data
163 for 99 seconds at a temporal resolution of 8 Hz; the operating parameters for the UDVP are
164 shown in Table 1. The UDVP probes enabled flow velocity profiles, initial basal shear stress
165 (Exp. 1: $\tau \approx 3.1 \text{ Nm}^{-2}$; Exp. 2: $\tau \approx 4.8 \text{ Nm}^{-2}$; no data for Exp. 3 but of similar order to
166 experiments 1 and 2), and mean flow velocity ($u_{\text{mean}} = 0.75\text{-}0.81 \text{ ms}^{-1}$) to be measured above
167 the clay bed. These data allow calculation of the Froude number ($Fr = 0.64\text{-}0.69$) (Table 2).
168 Three experiments were undertaken with a suspended sediment load (Exps. 1-3). A further
169 experiment (Exp. 4) was run for 720 min without sediment load, with undrained shear
170 strength of 10.5 kPa, initial basal shear stress of 3.1 Nm^{-2} , and flow velocity of $\sim 0.81 \text{ ms}^{-1}$ (Fr
171 $= \sim 0.69$). Water temperature during the experiments varied between 8 and 12°C. The
172 experiments undertaken herein altered substrate resistance between runs and examined
173 the role of suspended sediment; whilst slope, water depth, initial flow velocity, and
174 discharge were held approximately constant.



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176 **Fig. 1** Schematic drawing of the current experimental setup of the hydraulic slurry flume.

177 The dark area represents the clay bed with a tray that was lowered into position so that the

178 top surface of the clay bed was flush with the surrounding false floor.

179 **Table 1**

180 Parameters for the UDVP used in the current experiments

| Ultrasonic frequency | Bin width | Bin distance | Measurement window | Number of bins | Multiplexing time delay | Number of profiles per transducer | Ultrasound velocity | Transducer diameter | Bins for analysis |
|----------------------|-----------|--------------|--------------------|----------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| 4 MHz | 1.48 mm | 0.74 mm | 5-101.2 mm | 128 | 15 ms | 500 | 1480 ms ⁻¹ | 8 mm | 31-38 |

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182 **Table 2**

183 The hydraulic parameters of the experiments

| | |
|---|-----------|
| Flow depth (m) | 0.14 |
| Bed slope | 0.005 |
| Mean velocity (u_{mean}) (ms ⁻¹) | 0.75-0.81 |
| Temperature (T) (°C) | 8-12 |

| | |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| | D ₁₀ : 82 |
| Grain size (d) (μm) | D ₅₀ : 143 |
| | D ₉₀ : 245 |
| Froude number (Fr) | 0.64-0.69 |
| Flow Reynolds number (Re) | 84635-91406 |
| Impact Stokes number (St) | for d ₅₀ : 27 |
| | for d ₉₀ : 47 |
| Initial basal shear stresses (τ) | Exp. 1: 3.1 |
| (Nm ⁻²) | Exp. 2: 4.8 |

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185 *2.2. Clay preparation and undrained shear strength measurement*

186 Air-dried modelling clay (Potter's Scola Clay) was used as the substrate and consisted
187 primarily of illite-smectite, kaolinite, and quartz (Table 3). The dissolution of these materials
188 in water under laboratory conditions (clear tap water with water temperature of 8-12°C),
189 will be negligible (Huang and Keller, 1971). The beds were soaked in clear water prior to
190 each run, with this presoaking time being altered to adjust the initial undrained shear
191 strength of the substrate from 10.5 kPa (Exp. 1), through 7.5 kPa (Exp. 2) to 5.5 kPa (Exp. 3)
192 (Fig. 2) — referred to herein as hard, medium, and soft. Shear strength was measured using
193 a hand shear vane meter with a four-blade vane (25.4 mm wide by 50.8 mm deep). After
194 soaking to the required strength, the clay was placed in a tray and inserted into the flume. In

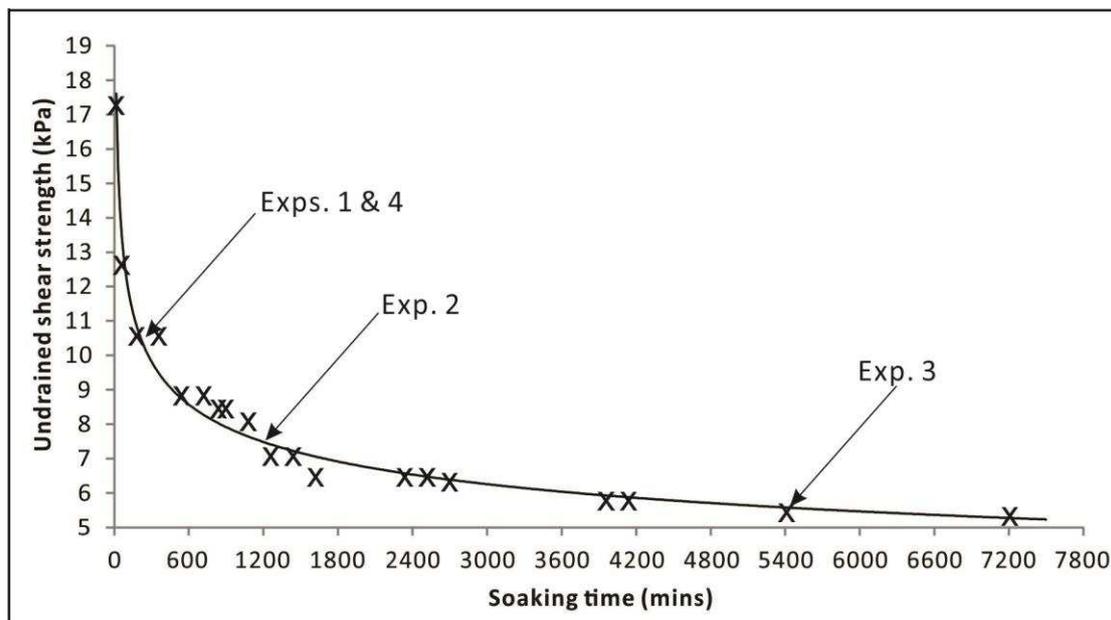
195 order to ensure the original bed surface was flat, the clay surface was smoothed by hand
 196 using a metal board to the same level as the surrounding Perspex floor.

197 **Table 3**

198 X-ray diffraction analysis for composition of modelling clay used in the experiments

| | Quartz | Illite-smectite | Kaolinite | Hematite |
|--------------------------|--------|-----------------|-----------|----------|
| Chemical composition (%) | 35.3 | 39.1 | 21.1 | 4.5 |

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201 **Fig. 2** Variation in undrained shear strength with soaking time. Positions of the initial

202 undrained shear strengths are shown for each experiment; Exps. 1 & 4: hard: 10.5 kPa; Exp.

203 2: medium: 7.5 kPa; Exp. 3: soft: 5.5 kPa.

204 **2.3. Experimental conditions**

205 Experiments were initiated with smooth clay beds (Exps. 2 and 3) and with a number of

206 circular bed defects (Exp. 1; Fig. 3). The defects consisted of five holes 2.4 cm in diameter

207 and 0.3 cm in depth, two medium-sized hollows 0.9 cm in diameter and 0.2 cm in depth, and
208 two smaller holes 0.6 cm in diameter and 0.2 cm in depth (Exp. 1; Fig. 3). Silica sand with a
209 d_{10} of 82 μm , d_{50} of 143 μm , and d_{90} of 245 μm was added to the flow. In order to maintain a
210 constant sediment supply, 1.5 kg of sand was progressively introduced every 15 min, thus
211 compensating for sediment slowly accumulating within the pipework of the hydraulic flume.
212 Sediment concentration was monitored via water samples collected at a depth of ~ 7 cm
213 above the Perspex floor and ~ 10 cm downstream of the clay beds every 20 min; 95% of all
214 SSC measurements were in the range of 0.10% to 0.20% by weight. Notably, the eroded clay
215 was also recirculated within the flume; however, this makes a very minor contribution to the
216 suspended sediment concentration because the total volume of clay eroded is small. The
217 Rouse number, Z , is calculated to provide an estimation of the transport condition of
218 particles within a flow:

$$219 \quad Z = \frac{W_s}{kU_*} \quad (1)$$

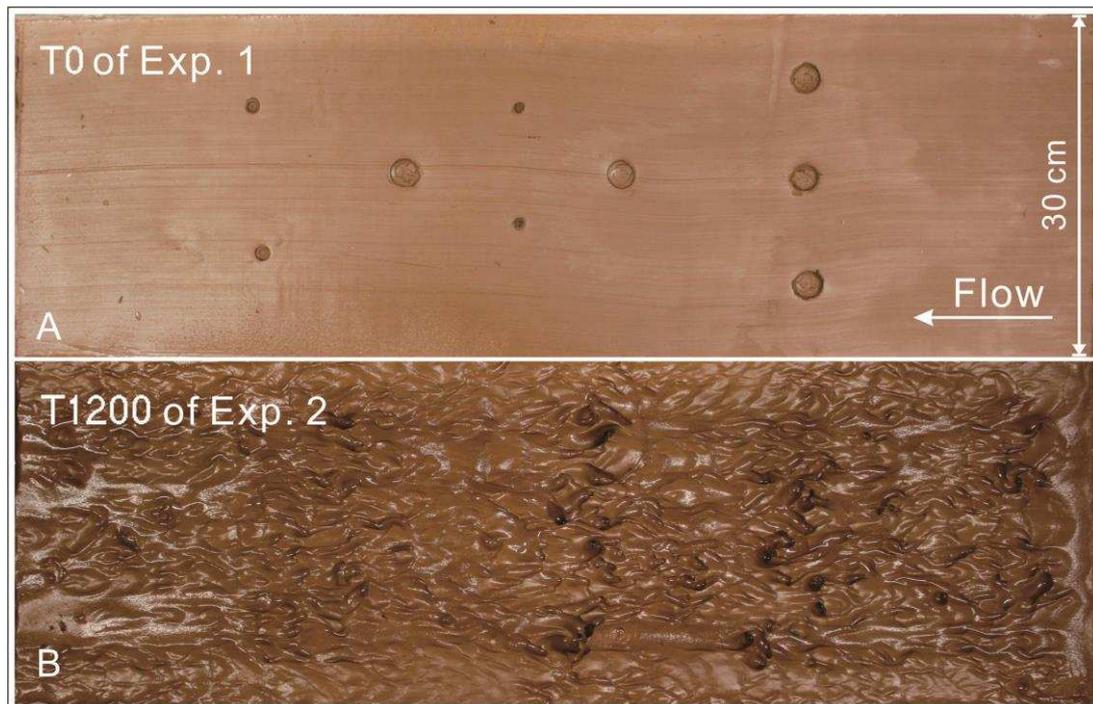
220 where W_s is the sediment fall velocity, calculated here using the expression of Gibbs et al.
221 (1971), k is von Karman's constant taken as 0.4, and U_* is the shear velocity. For our
222 experiments, Rouse numbers were ~ 0.4 - 0.6 for the d_{50} of 143 μm and ~ 1 for the d_{90} of 245
223 μm .

224 The impact Stokes number, St , is also calculated. The St characterises particles
225 impacting a wall, with larger particles rebounding whilst particles below a certain size are
226 viscously damped.

$$227 \quad St = \frac{\rho_s U_i D}{9\mu} \quad (2)$$

228 where ρ_s is sediment density, U_i is particle impact velocity, D is grain diameter, and μ is
229 dynamic fluid viscosity (e.g., Lamb et al., 2015). For saltating grains the particle impact
230 velocity is calculated using the equation proposed by Wiberg and Smith (1985); however,
231 expressions are not available for suspended load particle impact velocity. Here we take the
232 impact velocity as the vector sum of the mean downstream velocity and the fall velocity; the
233 latter calculated using the expression of Gibbs et al. (1971). This yields impact Stokes
234 numbers of ~ 27 for the d_{50} and ~ 47 for the d_{90} particle sizes.

235 Each experiment was then run until no further morphological change of the clay bed
236 was observed, in part corresponding with the substrate beginning to be covered by sand
237 deposited from suspension. This deposition of sand at the end of the runs occurred because
238 of the progressive erosion and lowering of the clay bed, resulting in the clay surface being
239 lower than the surrounding Perspex floor, leading to progressive trapping of sediment. The
240 total run times of experiments 1-3 (hard, medium, soft) were 1680, 1800, and 1080 min,
241 respectively. The experiments were stopped periodically in order to take photographs after
242 slowly draining the flume (e.g., Fig. 3B). In addition, the bathymetry of the experimental
243 substrates was scanned using a SeaTek Ultrasonic ranging system consisting of 12
244 transducers operating at 5 MHz in order to measure the erosive amount/rate and the depth
245 of the erosional features. These breaks in each experimental run took place at 60 and 120
246 min and then every 120 min until the end of the experiment, with an additional sampling
247 point at 30 min for experiment 1. In order to rectify the distorted photographs, four straight
248 control bars with 10 control points on each of them were distributed around the edges of
249 the clay bed and corrections were undertaken using DxO ViewPoint software.



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251 **Fig. 3** (A) The initial experimental bed of Exp. 1: hard, the preformed larger holes are 2.4 cm
 252 in diameter and 0.3 cm in depth; the medium-sized hollows are 0.9 cm in diameter and 0.2
 253 cm in depth, and the smallest hollows are 0.6 cm in diameter and 0.2 cm in depth. (B) The
 254 fully developed experimental bed of Exp. 2 after 1200 min run time. The initial bed of Exp. 2
 255 was a flat bed without hollows. Flow was from right to left in both cases.

256

257 **3. Results**

258 *3.1. Clear water experiment*

259 The experiment undertaken without sediment load or bed defects (Exp. 4) and run over
 260 720 min exhibited no bed erosion. The lack of erosion was confirmed by the absence of
 261 discolouration of the water in the flume channel by clay.

262 *3.2. Evolution of the clay bed*

263 The evolution and erosion rate of the clay bed differed between the three experiments with
264 a suspended-load (Exps. 1-3) as a function of the undrained shear stress. For the hard clay
265 bed (Exp. 1: 10.5 kPa), the bed barely altered until after 960 min and stopped eroding after
266 1440 min, whilst for the medium bed (Exp.2: 7.5 kPa) bedforms initiated after 720 min and
267 stopped eroding after 1320 min. The erosion of the softest experimental bed (Exp. 3: 5.5 kPa)
268 began after 480 min and ended at 960 min, although this run was initiated with a series of
269 bed defects restricting direct temporal comparison. Whilst bedform development occurred
270 at different rates in experiments 1-3, the final forms in each showed strong similarities, with
271 the three experiments producing an array of erosional features. Details of the most common
272 types and geometries of these erosional features (including four types of potholes, three
273 types of flutes, two types of furrows, and two types of convex and undulating bedforms) are
274 given below together with a comparison with natural bedrock sculpted forms.

275 *3.3. Individual simulated erosional bedrock bedforms*

276 *3.3.1. Potholes*

277 Potholes are one of the most evident abrasion sculpture forms in bedrock channels
278 (Elston, 1917, 1918; Alexander, 1932; Maxson and Campbell, 1935; Ives, 1948; Allen, 1971,
279 1982; Kor et al., 1991; Wohl, 1992, 1993; Zen and Prestegaard, 1994; Wohl and Ikeda, 1998;
280 Richardson and Carling, 2005; Munro-Stasiuk et al., 2009) as well as the most commonly
281 observed erosional features on the experimental clay beds. The potholes observed in the
282 present experiments can be classified into the following categories of Richardson and Carling
283 (2005): (i) simple potholes; (ii) potholes with extended exit furrows; (iii) open potholes; (iv)

284 spiral-furrowed potholes with a spiral rib; (v) spiral furrowed pothole; (vi) potholes with
285 entry and extended exit furrows; (vii) potholes with exit furrows; (viii) potholes with
286 horizontal furrows; (ix) potholes with lateral external secondary furrows; (x) complex
287 potholes / convoluted potholes; and (xi) hierarchical potholes. Importantly, potholes
288 representing all 11 categories were observed. For brevity, only the details of the four most
289 common types of potholes are described herein (Fig. 4). Extensive discussion of all the
290 features observed is provided by Yin (2013).

291 *Simple Potholes:* This kind of isolated, quasi-round pothole with a cylindrical form is
292 common in natural bedrock channels and was common in the current experiments (Figs. 4A1,
293 A2; note that dimensions of features are provided in the figures). Simple potholes could be
294 observed on the bed as part of more complex features or sometimes in the early stage of
295 the experiments. These potholes typically evolved into other forms (e.g., flutes and short
296 furrows), widening and deepening their quasi-round opening, and thus were rarely stable
297 over the duration of the experiments. The radius of the opening was usually slightly larger
298 than that of the internal radius of its base, but the form is still regarded as approximately
299 cylindrical. The diameter of the opening enlarged with time and extended in a specific
300 direction, usually downstream, to form exit furrows. As a consequence, the rims of solitary
301 potholes typically did not maintain a quasi-round geometry.

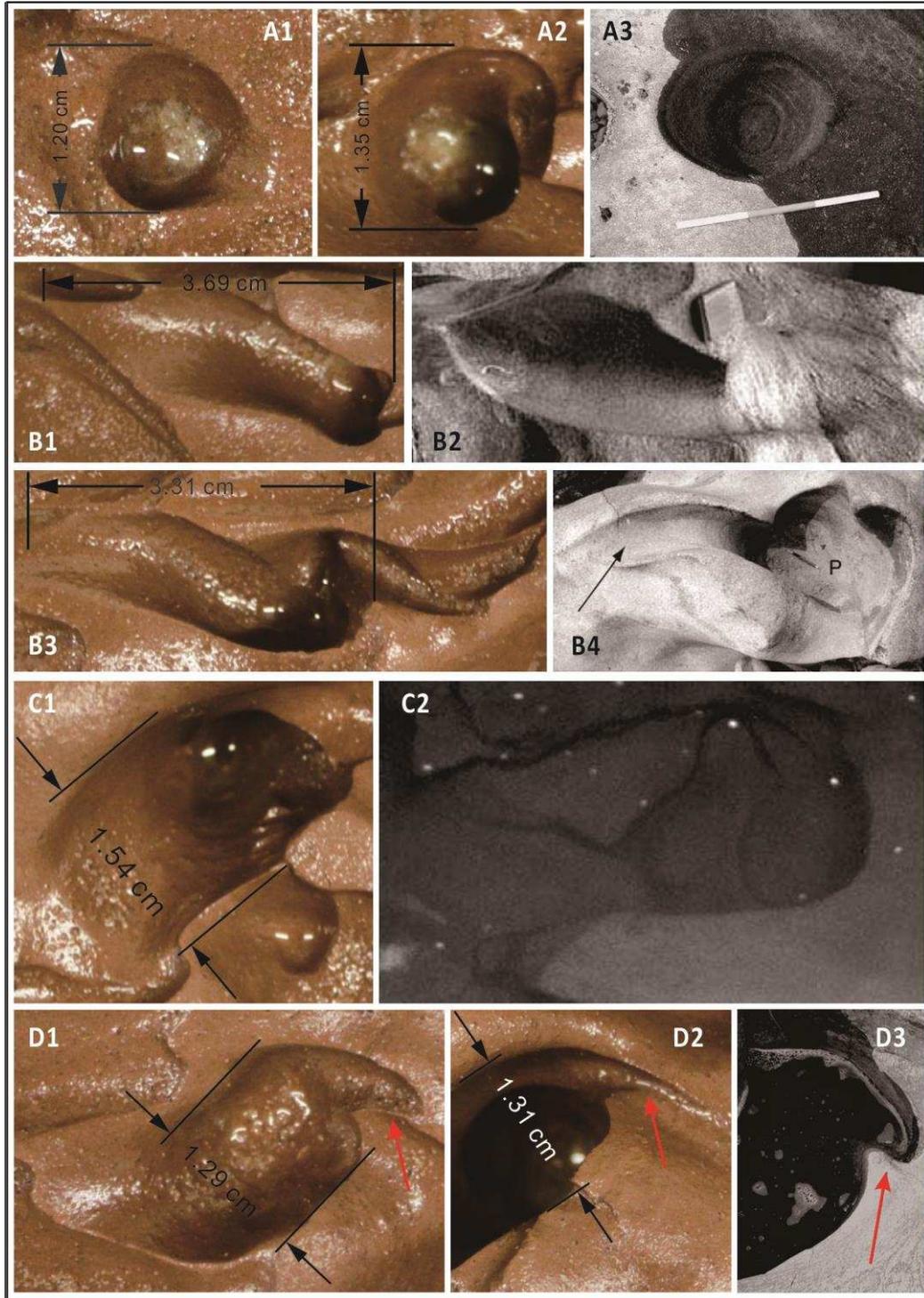
302 *Potholes With Extended Exit Furrows:* Potholes with extended exit furrows were the
303 most common pothole developed in the experimental beds (Figs. 4B1 to B4). The
304 downstream ends of the exit furrows were not always closed, and the lengths of the exit
305 furrows were much bigger than the diameters of the primary potholes. The ratio of length to

306 diameter ranges from 3.1 to 4.5 in the experiments conducted. The exit furrows usually
307 exhibited a curved planform profile in the downstream direction with lengths more than
308 twice as long as the widths. These features were still considered potholes because they
309 developed from individual hollows located at the upstream end that are much deeper than
310 the rest of the bedforms. The rims of these exit furrows were parallel, and in some cases
311 they were closed at their downstream end (Figs. 4B1, B2). In other cases, the exit furrows
312 were totally open at their downstream ends (Figs. 4B3, B4). Individual simple potholes could
313 develop in time into potholes with extended exit furrows, or open potholes, if they did not
314 connect to adjacent bedforms.

315 *Open Potholes:* Open potholes were defined as a pothole that has an open end in
316 planview (Figs. 4C1, C2) that is almost as wide as the diameter of the primary hollow. These
317 open potholes usually lack a lee side edge and have an entire open end; the dominant
318 orientation is in the downstream direction. On some occasions, their upstream end rims
319 were not closed, and they could be eroded by other marks in front of them, for example
320 when an entry furrow developed.

321 *Spiral-furrowed Potholes With A Spiral Rib:* On the experimental clay beds, many of the
322 erosional marks had entry spiral ribs (e.g., (Figs. 4D1 to D3) that are widely observed in
323 natural bedrock channels (Alexander, 1932; Ängeby, 1951; Allen, 1982; Jennings, 1983;
324 Baker and Pickup, 1987; Wohl, 1992; Kor and Cowell, 1998; Richardson and Carling, 2005).
325 The spiral rib is a small curved part extending in the upstream direction adjacent to the
326 upstream rim of a pothole. The head of the spiral rib was usually cusped or approximately
327 cusped and pointed predominantly in the upstream direction. The length and width of the

328 spiral rib was normally far less than the primary pothole with which it was connected. The
329 length of the spiral rib is normally no greater than one third of the diameter of the primary
330 pothole. Sometimes, near the top open rim of potholes, a secondary lateral furrow extends
331 from the rib, with cusped rims forming on the inner wall of the pothole (Fig. 4D2).



332

333 **Fig. 4** Morphology of potholes in the experiments and in bedrock channels. Unless
 334 mentioned otherwise flow is from right to left. (1) Simple potholes: A1 and A2 from Exp. 2.
 335 A3 shows a simple pothole in fine-grained sandstone from the River Lune (Halton), UK (from
 336 Richardson and Carling, 2005). The scale bar in A3 is 0.6 m long. (2) Potholes with extended

337 exit furrows: The exit furrows of this kind of pothole were much longer than in potholes with
338 an entry furrow. B1 and B3 from Exp. 2. B2 and B4 are two examples from the field (from
339 Richardson and Carling, 2005). In B2, the notebook is 0.15 m long. B3 and B4 illustrate
340 compound potholes with extended exit furrows. See pen (P) in B4 for scale, flow from top
341 right to bottom left in B4. (3) Open potholes: C1 from Exp. 2. C2 is from the River Lune
342 (Halton), UK. It is 1.20 m long with a diameter of 0.60 m (from Richardson and Carling, 2005).
343 (4) Spiral-furrowed pothole with a spiral rib: the examples in D1 and D2 were observed in
344 the central part of the bed in Exp. 2. D3 shows a natural example observed in Woolshed
345 Creek, Australia. The pothole is ~1.5 m across in its short dimension (from Richardson and
346 Carling, 2005). The arrow points to the spiral ribs of the potholes in D3. A3, B2, B4, C2, and
347 D3 are reprinted from Richardson and Carling (2005) with permission from GSA.

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349 *3.3.2. Longitudinal features*

350 Besides potholes, another principal type of erosional mark in bedrock channels are
351 longitudinal features, commonly flutes and furrows (King, 1927; Allen, 1971, 1982; Kor et al.,
352 1991; Wohl, 1992, 1993; Tinkler, 1997a; Hancock et al., 1998; Richardson and Carling, 2005).
353 Flutes and furrows are relatively shallow compared with potholes, with their depth usually
354 being much smaller than their length (Richardson and Carling, 2005). In our experiments the
355 average depth of the flutes was 0.82 cm compared with an average depth of 1.93 cm for the
356 potholes (Appendix 1).

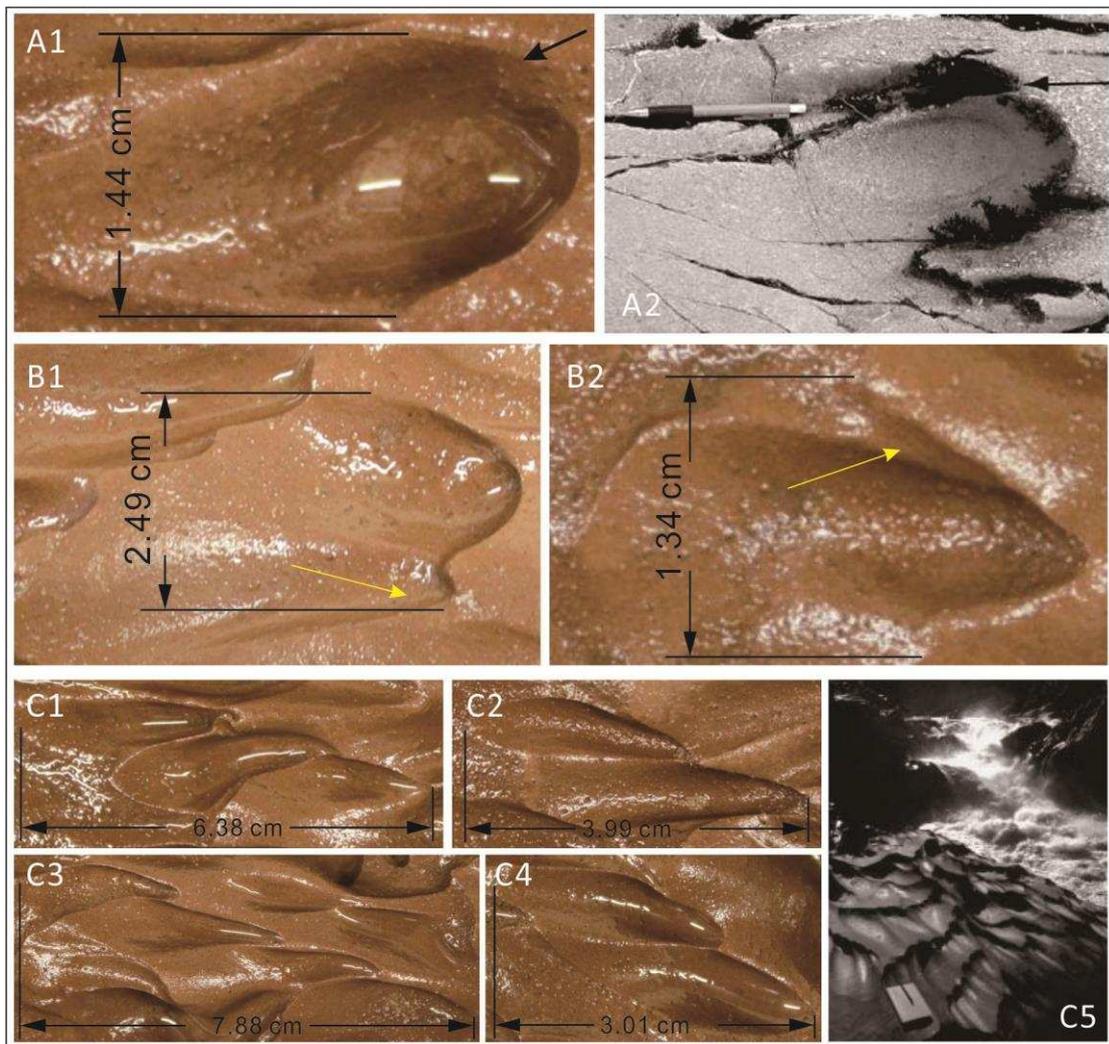
357 *Flutes:* Flutes are a common form typical of erosive bedforms in bedrock channels
358 (Maxson and Campbell, 1935; Allen, 1971; Kor et al., 1991; Tinkler, 1993; Baker and Kale,
359 1998; Hancock et al., 1998; Whipple et al., 2000b; Richardson and Carling, 2005;
360 Munro-Stasiuk et al., 2009). The experimental approach herein produced various types of
361 flutes that are almost identical with flutes present in natural bedrock channels (Fig. 5).

362 *Deep Flutes:* Deep flutes have been defined as those whose depth are >25% of their
363 length (Richardson and Carling, 2005). Figures 5A1 and 5A2 show deep flutes in our
364 experimental substrate and those from a natural bedrock channel, respectively, illustrating
365 that they are almost identical with both having a similar internal structure.

366 *Flutes With Internal Secondary Structure:* Flutes with internal secondary structures
367 (Allen, 1971) formed in the experiments and show strong similarities to flutes formed in
368 many bedrock substrates (Figs. 5A1 and 5A2; Richardson and Carling, 2005). However, this
369 type of flute was not as common as flutes with external secondary structures in the flume
370 experiments. This may, in part, be because the scale of flutes in the present experiments
371 was too small to contain visible smaller internal secondary structures (Figs. 5B1 and B2).

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373 *Flutes with external secondary structure:* Most of the flutes in these experiments were
374 classified as flutes with external secondary structures, formed outside the primary flutes
375 (Figs. 5C1 to C5). Previous studies have indicated that flutes with external secondary
376 structures may be caused by a discontinuity in the substrate (Hancock et al., 1998;
377 Richardson and Carling, 2005). However, the clay beds used herein were well mixed and
378 essentially homogenous and therefore lacked any significant discontinuities. Additionally,

379 the size of these features in the clay bed was variable, with some as large as, or only slightly
 380 smaller, than the primary flutes; whilst others were much smaller than the primary flutes.
 381 The ratio of the length of the secondary structures and the primary flutes ranges from 0.7 to
 382 0.9 (Figs. 5C1 to C4).



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384 **Fig. 5** Flutes. Unless mentioned otherwise flow is from right to left in all cases. (1) Deep
 385 flutes: A1: deep flute in Exp. 1; A2: deep flute in the Borrow Beck, UK (from Richardson and
 386 Carling, 2005, pen for scale). Both A1 and A2 contain internal secondary flutes close to their
 387 upper rims (black arrows). (2) Shallow flutes with internal secondary structure: B1 and B2
 388 show flutes with internal secondary furrows on one side of their flanks, Exp. 2 (arrowed).

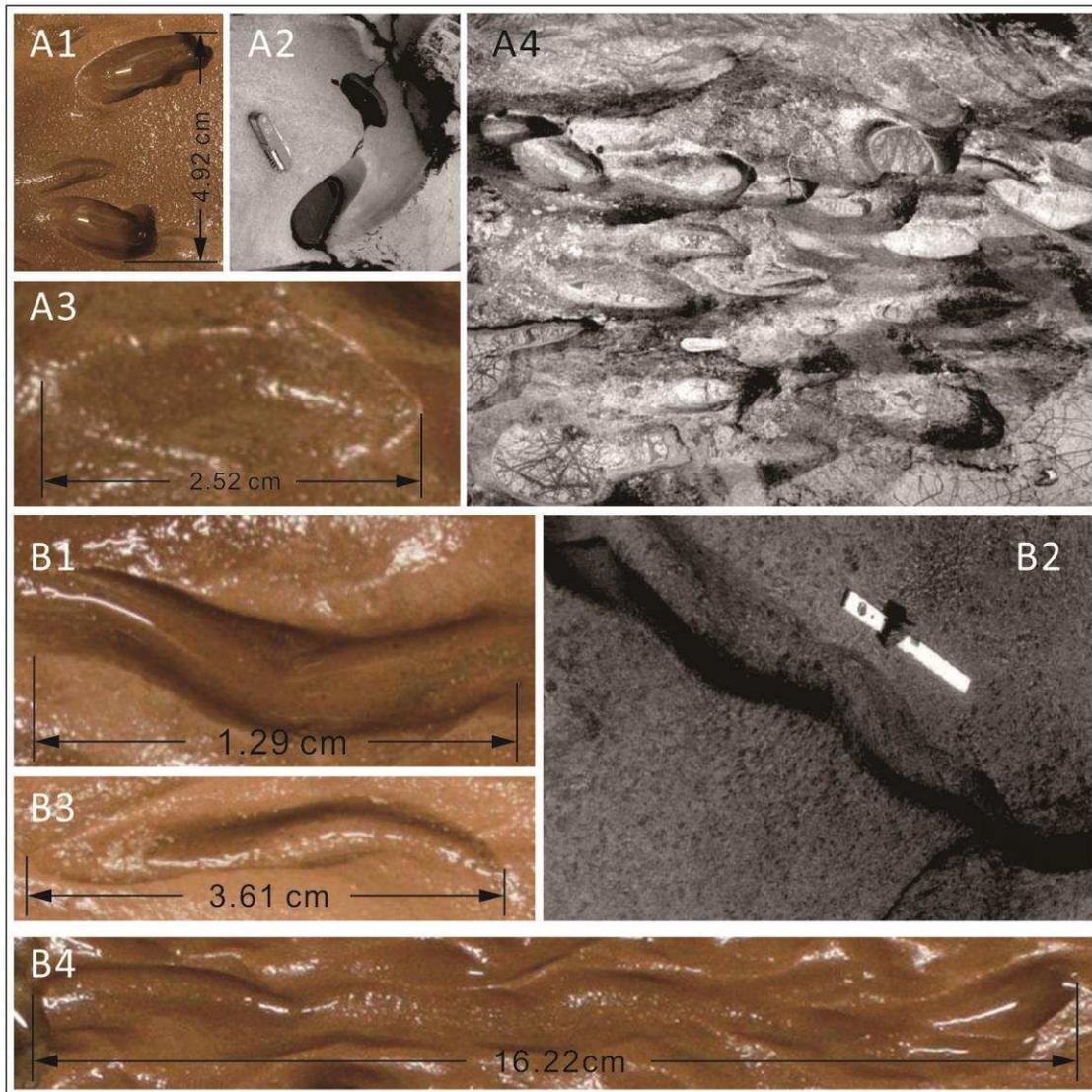
389 Flutes with external secondary structures: C1 to C4 demonstrate several rows of flutes
390 developing in Exp. 2. Normally the first flute in a row (the rightmost flute) was regarded as
391 the primary flute, with the remaining flutes defined as secondary. C5 shows a row of
392 rhythmic fine flutes and ripples from the Indus River near Nanga Parbat, Pakistan; notebook
393 measures 12 × 19 cm for scale (from Whipple et al., 2000a). Flow from top left to bottom
394 right. A2 and C5 are reprinted from Richardson and Carling (2005), and C5 is reprinted from
395 Whipple et al. (2000a) with permission from GSA.

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397 *Longitudinal furrows:* Furrows are also a common longitudinal abrasion feature in
398 bedrock channels (Fig. 6). According to the definition of a typical furrow, the distal end
399 should be the mirror image of its proximal end (Wohl, 1993; Wohl and Achyuthan, 2002;
400 Richardson and Carling, 2005). The key difference between furrows and flutes is that furrows
401 are almost symmetrical in cross-sectional and in longitudinal profile. The experimental beds
402 demonstrated the development of most types of furrow that have been observed in the field
403 (Fig. 6).

404 Short furrows usually have closed elliptical rims in planview (Figs. 6A1 to A4), with their
405 depth being no more than a quarter of their length (Richardson and Carling, 2005). Typically,
406 the average depth of furrows in our experiments was 1.37 cm and therefore not as deep as
407 potholes (average depth: 1.93 cm), although potholes are sometimes elliptical in planform.
408 The cross section of a short furrow is a 'U' shape, with the inner walls and bottom of the
409 furrow usually being smooth (Richardson and Carling, 2005).

410 *Sinuuous parallel-sided furrows*: The lengths of sinuous parallel-sided furrows ranged
411 from 1 (1.3 cm) to >10 cm (16.2 cm) (Figs. 6B1, B2, B4), with their dominant orientation
412 being longitudinal, with either proximal or distal ends that curved away from the flow
413 direction. The rims of these furrows were mostly parallel, with their ends being either open
414 or closed, the slope of both ends being gentle, and the rims being either round or cusped.
415 The walls and the bottom of these furrows were usually smooth without secondary
416 structures or defects. Some long sinuous furrows developed from the connection of curved
417 or sinuous short furrows, and therefore the depth of the furrows was not always uniform.
418 Overall, the morphology of these furrows was similar to field examples (Fig. 6B2).



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420 **Fig. 6** Longitudinal furrows. Unless mentioned otherwise flow is from right to left. (1)
 421 Straight short furrows: A1 and A3 are straight short furrows in Exp. 2. A2 and A4 are field
 422 examples from the River Dee, UK; penknife in A2 and A4 (white) for scale (from Richardson
 423 and Carling, 2005). (2) Sinuous parallel-sided furrows: B1, B3, and B4: examples of features
 424 observed in Exp. 3, 2, and 1, respectively. B2 was observed in the River Lune (Halton), UK;
 425 the scale is 0.60 m long. Flow from bottom right corner to top left corner. A2, A4, and B2 are
 426 reprinted from Richardson and Carling (2005) with permission from GSA.

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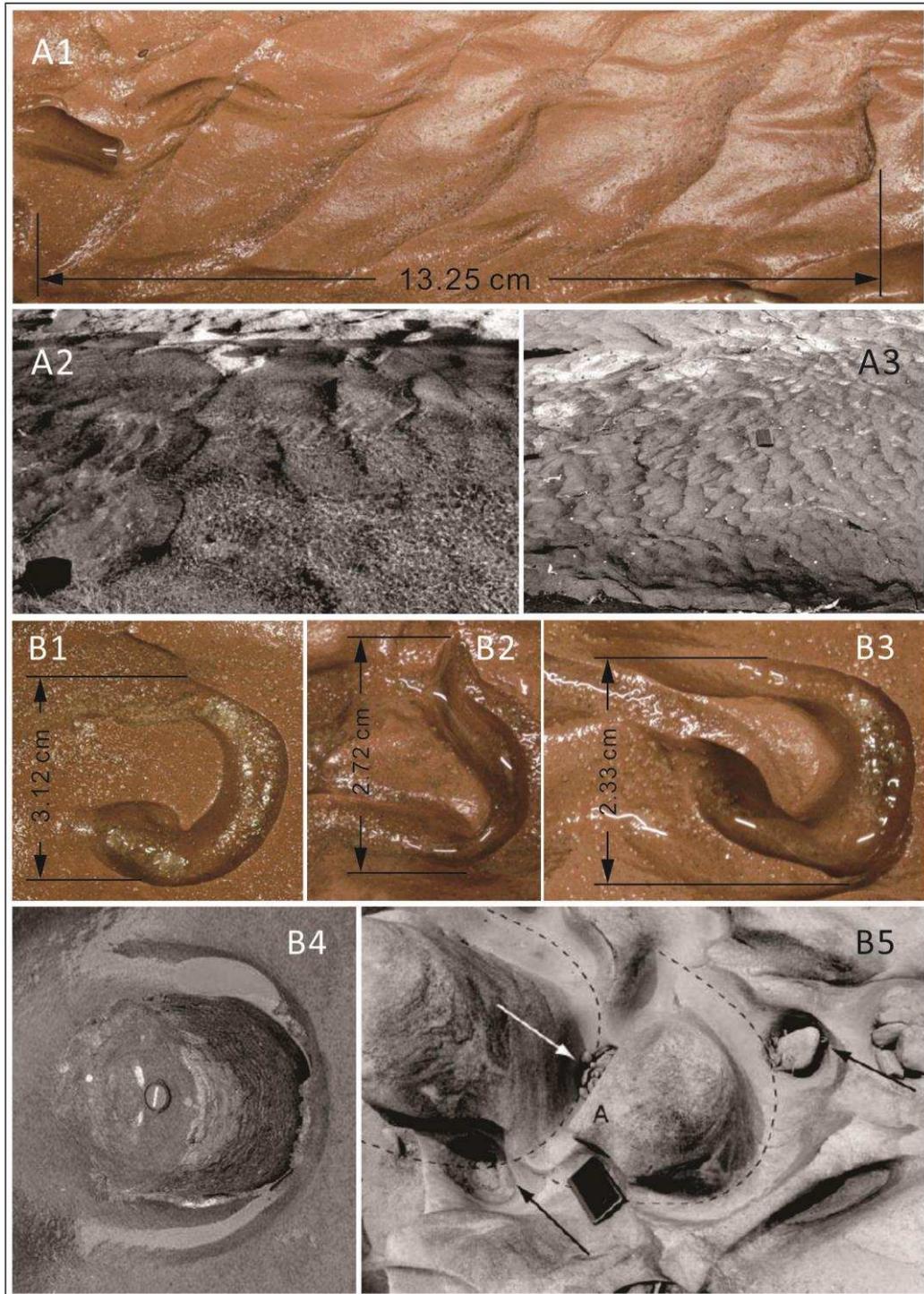
428 3.3.3. *Convex and undulating surfaces*

429 A number of convex and undulating surfaces also formed in the experiments, with
430 hummocky forms being the most common type within this category (Richardson and Carling,
431 2005). The most common kind of hummocky form was a sharp-crested hummocky
432 morphology, which resembles ripples and dunes found in cohesionless substrates, but
433 possessed more obvious sharp crests (Figs. 7A1 to A3). This morphology has led to these
434 features being termed: pseudo-ripples and pseudo-dunes (Richardson and Carling, 2005),
435 eversion marks (Ängeby, 1951), hummocky surfaces (Whipple et al., 2000b), or ripple-like
436 bedforms (Hancock et al., 1998; Whipple et al., 2000a) in previous studies.

437 *Sharp-crested hummocky forms:* The sharp crests of these features developed
438 nonlongitudinally and divided the convex form into two parts, having a stoss side and a lee
439 side (Fig. 7A1). The slope of the lee side (slope = 0.65) was often steeper than that of the
440 stoss side (slope = 0.27). In the experiments, the sinuous crests were parallel to each other,
441 and the form of the convex parts was similar. The convex forms were arranged in rows with
442 regular spacing and orientation parallel to the flow direction (Figs. 7A1, A2), thereby
443 producing regular trains of sharp-crested hummocky forms (Richardson and Carling, 2005).

444 *Obstacle marks:* Obstacle marks (Figs. 7B1 to B5) are the other typical composite
445 erosional morphology found in the field (Baker, 1974; Sharpe and Shaw, 1989; Kor et al.,
446 1991; Lorenc et al., 1994; Herget, 2005; Richardson and Carling, 2005; Munro-Stasiuk et al.,
447 2009; Euler and Herget, 2012; Herget et al., 2013), and they were also commonly developed
448 on all three experimental beds. In the field, obstacle marks are scour marks caused by flow
449 separation and the horseshoe 'junction' vortex generated when flow encounters an obstacle

450 (Simpson, 2001). These obstacles may consist of nontransported boulders; however, in
451 general the obstacle is a projecting part of the substrate and is an integral part of the
452 obstacle mark (Richardson and Carling, 2005). These obstacle marks possess a crescentic
453 planform shape (Allen, 1982), and in the present experiments they consisted of a raised
454 projection as an obstacle with average width of 0.9 cm and a crescentic reversed furrow
455 (average depth: 1.7 cm) upstream of it. The crescentic reversed furrows were parallel-sided
456 in planview with either open or closed ends.



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458 **Fig. 7** (1) Hummocky forms: A1: regular trains of sharp-crested hummocky forms observed in
 459 Exp. 2. A2 and A3: hummocky forms found in natural bedrock surfaces; camera bag at the
 460 bottom left corner of A2, 0.20 m across, and a 0.15 m long handbook in A3 for scale (from
 461 Richardson and Carling, 2005). (2) Obstacle marks: B1 and B2 are observed in Exp. 1, and B3

462 is in Exp. 2. B4 and B5: obstacle marks observed in the field; the lens cap in B4 and the
463 0.15-m-long notebook in B5 for scale (from Richardson and Carling, 2005). Flow from right to
464 left in all cases. A2, A3, B4, and B5 are reprinted from Richardson and Carling (2005) with
465 permission from GSA.

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467 **4. Discussion**

468 The three sediment-laden experiments described herein, using modelling clay as the
469 bed substrate with different initial shear strengths, produced a wide array of erosive
470 bedforms that closely replicate many features observed in natural bedrock river substrates.
471 This included replicating 7 kinds of potholes, 9 kinds of flutes, 15 kinds of furrows, and 4
472 examples of other bedforms (Appendix 1; Yin, 2013); of these, the main bedform types have
473 been illustrated herein. The degree of similarity is so strong that the morphology of many of
474 the bedforms in the clay bed was almost identical to examples observed in the field (Figs.
475 4-7), this despite the scale of the laboratory experiments, which is orders of magnitude
476 smaller than some natural examples. All of the forms were observed to originate on both flat
477 beds and on a bed with initial defects, suggesting that initial negative defects on the surface
478 of bedrock are not critical for the genesis of bedforms or for the overall variety of erosional
479 forms. However, the imposed defects were observed to alter the specific type of bedform
480 because obstacle marks formed more frequently in the vicinity of the imposed defects;
481 protrusions formed between pairs of furrows generated from the flanks of adjacent negative
482 defects (Fig. 7). Whilst the present experiments reproduced the majority of the different

483 bedforms recognised by Richardson and Carling (2005), a number of bedforms identified by
484 these authors were not observed in our experiments (Appendix). Some of the missing
485 features may be related to heterogeneities in natural substrates that were not present in the
486 experiments. In addition, lateral features (bedforms carved into vertical or subvertical faces
487 on the sides of channels) were not observed in the present experiments as all experiments
488 utilised a flat bed. If the lack of substrate heterogeneity and lack of lateral topography in the
489 experiments is taken into account, then a remarkable range of forms observed in natural
490 bedrock substrates were observed in the experiments.

491 Although all three experiments produced many types of erosional forms, some
492 differences in the diversity of forms were seen between the different substrates (number of
493 types: Exp. 1: 11; Exp. 2: 29; and Exp. 3: 6; Appendix), with experiment 2 (medium hard bed)
494 showing the greatest diversity of forms. In the absence of repeat runs, the degree of
495 variation between runs with nominally identical conditions cannot be quantified.
496 Nonetheless, the present experiments suggest that the given type of modelling clay — initial
497 undrained shear strength of 7.5 kPa and a shear flow with initial basal shear stress of 4.8
498 Nm^{-2} — appears to provide excellent characteristics for an analogue bedrock substrate for
499 creating erosional bedforms.

500 In the present experiments, erosion is concentrated within the erosional features (the
501 negative defects of the potholes, flutes, furrows, etc.), widening and deepening them with
502 time; whilst the areas between the bedforms have far less erosion. The uniform cohesive
503 substrate is unaffected by plucking processes; and similarly dissolution, corrosion, and
504 cavitation are either not present or negligible given the materials and timescales of the

505 experiments. As a consequence, erosion is overwhelmingly caused by abrasion from the
506 suspended particulate load. This was confirmed by the initial clear water run where no
507 features were formed. The concentration of erosion on the downstream side of bedforms
508 suggests that the abrasion is caused by suspended load because it is closely coupled to flow
509 dynamics rather than being caused by bedload saltation; the latter has been found to erode
510 preferentially the upstream parts of bed protuberances (Whipple et al., 2000a). For the
511 experiments herein, Rouse numbers, Z , were ~ 0.4 - 0.6 for the d_{50} of $143 \mu\text{m}$ and ~ 1 for the
512 d_{90} of $245 \mu\text{m}$ and thus well below the suspension threshold of $Z < 2.4$ (e.g., Lamb et al.,
513 2015), confirming that even the coarsest material was in suspension.

514 Impact Stokes numbers, St , for the experiments range from ~ 27 for the d_{50} and ~ 47 for
515 the D_{90} particle sizes. Previous work has shown that particles below St of ~ 10 - 20 exhibit
516 viscous damping (Joseph et al., 2001; Ruiz-Angulo and Hunt, 2010; Li et al., 2012), whilst
517 numeric modelling of erosion from bedrock rivers has used $St = 30$ (Lamb et al., 2008) or 75
518 (Scheingross et al., 2014) to define the extent of viscous damping and the position at which
519 erosion drops to zero. The calculated Stokes numbers in the experiments (Table 2) are
520 therefore in agreement with measurements and theory from individual grain collisions but
521 are less than the value used in the modelling of bedload erosion by Scheingross et al. (2014).
522 The critical Stokes range is a weak function of the elasticity of the impacting particles and
523 the substrate (Davis et al., 2002). The present experiments use a clay bed that likely exhibits
524 a different elasticity to weak concrete or bedrock, though the Youngs modulus of the
525 material is unknown; this may account for the observed differences between the present

526 experiments and numerical models of bedrock erosion (Scheingross et al., 2014; Lamb et al.,
527 2015).

528 The present experiments are also the first to reproduce large surfaces composed of
529 arrays of different and varied bedrock bedforms and in marked contrast to previous
530 experiments that tended to form a narrow range of features prior to formation of a single
531 'emergent channel' (Shepherd and Schumm, 1974; Wohl and Ikeda, 1997; Finnegan et al.,
532 2007; Johnson and Whipple, 2007, 2010; Lamb et al., 2015). In part, this may reflect
533 differences in initial conditions. Some previous experiments started with an initial channel
534 (Shepherd and Schumm, 1974; Finnegan et al., 2007) or with the centre being lower than the
535 edges (Johnson and Whipple, 2010), which will both encourage channelization. Other
536 experiments possessed very shallow flow depths (0.02-0.03 m) that may have restricted
537 macroturbulence and bedform development (Wohl and Ikeda, 1997). However, the
538 experiments of Johnson and Whipple (2007) did start with initial planar bed conditions and
539 greater flow depths (0.06-0.09 m), but still produced emergent channel geometries. A major
540 difference between the present experiments and those of Johnson and Whipple (2007) is
541 that the latter experiments were dominated by saltation-driven abrasion, rather than
542 suspension-driven abrasion. This is reflected in Rouse numbers of 18-67 for the d_{50} of 2.5
543 mm and 24-90 for the d_{90} of 3.76 mm based on Table 1 from Johnson and Whipple (2007)
544 and calculating fall velocities with Gibbs et al. (1971). Other experiments have largely been
545 undertaken with dominantly saltation-driven abrasion as reflected in their Rouse numbers, Z
546 $\sim 2.3-6.2$, with suspension-dominated abrasion only beginning to occur as narrower
547 channels emerged (Wohl and Ikeda, 1997; Finnegan et al., 2007; Johnson and Whipple, 2007,

548 2010). A second important difference is that the present experiments were in the subcritical
549 flow regime, $Fr \sim 0.6-0.7$ in contrast to previously published experiments that were mostly
550 strongly supercritical, $Fr \sim 1.4-3.5$ (Wohl and Ikeda, 1997; Finnegan et al., 2007; Johnson and
551 Whipple, 2007, 2010). These previous studies showed that the erosional morphologies are
552 not sensitive to the magnitude of the Fr number, although the Fr numbers in those
553 experiments were greater than those around $Fr = 1$ (transcritical) that are thought to be
554 typical in natural bedrock rivers, even at flood stage (Tinkler, 1997b; Tinkler and Wohl, 1998;
555 Richardson and Carling, 2006; Johnson and Whipple, 2007). Our experiments are consistent
556 with those results and demonstrate that even when the flow is subcritical ($Fr < 1$), erosional
557 bedforms can still be generated by flume-scale experiments with analogue bedrock
558 substrates. Lastly, the present experiments do not exhibit brittle fracturing unlike those
559 experiments with concrete-based or rock substrates or natural bedrock channels (Johnson
560 and Whipple, 2007; Wilson et al., 2013; Lamb et al., 2015), suggesting that brittle fracturing
561 is not critical for the genesis of these erosive bedrock features.

562 Field studies of polished rock surfaces composed of erosive bedforms and sculpted by
563 sediments have argued that these surfaces are dominated by suspension- rather than
564 saltation-driven abrasion (Hancock et al., 1998; Whipple et al., 2000a). The present study
565 provides support for these field studies and provides experimental confirmation of the
566 importance of suspension-driven abrasion in the genesis and maintenance of sculpted
567 surfaces of erosive bedforms.

568 Some previous experiments have concentrated on the effects of saltation-driven
569 abrasion in order to answer a host of important questions, for example, the effects of varied

570 bedload flux on the roughness of the bedrock substrate, incision rate, and channel
571 morphology (Hancock et al., 1998; Finnegan et al., 2007). Furthermore, the numerical
572 saltation-abrasion model (Sklar and Dietrich, 2004; Turowski et al., 2007) has been widely
573 utilised to model bedrock river erosion from reach scales, through river profile development,
574 to landscape evolution (e.g., Crosby et al., 2007; Cook et al., 2012; Egholm et al., 2013;
575 Scheingross et al., 2014). However, there is increasing recognition that suspension-load
576 abrasion is also important in many bedrock rivers and that a total-load model incorporating
577 the effects of abrasion from saltation-load and suspension-load is required for more
578 accurate modelling of many of these processes (e.g., Lamb et al., 2008; Scheingross et al.,
579 2014). Despite this recognition that suspension-load is important across a wide range of
580 problems such as bedload erosion rates, knickpoint dynamics, and slot canyons (Lamb et al.,
581 2015), a number of issues with extending existing experimental approaches to the
582 suspension-dominated abrasion regime still exist. Critically, the high tensile strengths of
583 existing experimental substrates means that large particles are required for any abrasion to
584 occur (diameter > 0.2 mm for a range of natural bedrock, as measured in a ball mill; Sklar
585 and Dietrich, 2001, 2004), and these particles require correspondingly high flow velocities to
586 be transported in the suspension regime. Additionally, even for larger particles erosion rates
587 across existing experimental substrates such as weak concrete may be very low, restricting
588 the utility of these experimental substrates because of the large timescales required for
589 measurable erosion. The present experiments demonstrate a method for extending the
590 range of conditions that can be studied experimentally within realistic timescales to this
591 suspension-driven abrasion regime. The method presented herein thus opens the potential

592 to examine the temporal evolution of erosive bedrock features, the coupled effects of
593 macroscopic turbulence and bedform development, incision rate, and the interaction of
594 multiple bedforms. In addition, this experimental approach enables study of the effects of
595 incorporating suspension-load abrasion on landscape evolution, and to the development of
596 total-load abrasion models incorporating suspension-load abrasion.

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598 **5. Conclusion**

599 Our experiments produced bedforms with highly analogous morphology to natural field
600 examples, even at a scale that is orders of magnitude smaller than some natural examples.

601 The experiments have for the first time reproduced the majority of bedform types that have
602 been shown to occur on planar surfaces in homogenous bedrock substrates. Consequently,
603 the experiments reported herein reinforce field observations that such surfaces and their
604 erosive bedforms are primarily the result of suspension-driven abrasion rather than
605 bedload-driven, saltation-dominated abrasion. Our experiments also indicate that cavitation,
606 dissolution, corrosion, plucking, and supercritical flow conditions are not necessarily
607 required for the generation of these forms. Whilst the clay substrates used here do not
608 exhibit brittle fracturing, experiments were able to reproduce a variety of erosive bedforms.

609 The present work provides a viable approach for extending the physical modelling of
610 saltation-driven abrasion to the suspension-dominated abrasion regime within realistic
611 laboratory timescales. This approach using modelling clay thus opens up the potential to
612 study the evolution and fluid-bedform coupling of these bedforms, as well as experimentally
613 examine the influence of suspension-dominated abrasion on landscape evolution.

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830 **Appendix**

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832 Appendix 1. Bedform types and dimensions observed in the present experiments, and

833 comparison with those described by (Richardson and Carling, 2005). Remarks indicate which

834 experiment features observed from.

| | | Length | Width (cm) | Depth | Remarks |
|-------------------|---------------------------|--------|---------------|-------|-------------------|
| Types of bedforms | Rock type | (cm) | (lower parts) | (cm) | |
| Pothole | Ovoid pothole | 0.85 | 1.20 | 1.08 | Fig. 4: A1-Exp. 2 |
| | | 1.27 | 1.35 | 1.61 | : A2-Exp. 2 |
| | Spiral-furrowed pothole | 4.96 | 2.92 | 2.21 | Exp. 1 |
| | | 2.69 | 3.52 | 2.45 | Exp. 2 |
| | Incipient pothole | - | - | - | - |
| | Pothole with entry furrow | 2.67 | 1.29 | 0.96 | Fig. 4: D1-Exp. 2 |
| | | 3.96 | 1.31 | 2.20 | : D2-Exp. 2 |
| | Pothole with extended | 3.69 | 0.81 | 1.60 | Fig. 4: B1-Exp. 2 |

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| exit furrow | | 3.31 | 1.06 | 1.60 | : B3-Exp. 2 |
| Open pothole | Fine- grained sandstone | 2.41 | 1.54 | 2.71 | Fig. 4: C1-Exp. 2 |
| A pothole with horizontal furrows | Calcareous mudstone | - | - | - | - |
| Hierarchical pothole | Granitic gneiss | 5.03 | 4.38 | 2.55 | Exp. 1 |
| | | 3.82 | 3.03 | 2.33 | Exp. 3 |
| Convoluted pothole | Gneiss | 9.46 | 5.92 | 2.76 | Exp. 1 |
| | | 1.73 | 1.25 | 1.04 | Exp. 3 |
| Large isolated breached pothole | Granitic gneiss | - | - | - | - |
| Coalesced potholes | Granitic gneiss | - | - | - | - |
| Natural arch | Granitic gneiss | - | - | - | - |
| Natural pillar | Granitic gneiss | - | - | - | - |
| Closed lateral pothole | Granitic gneiss | - | - | - | - |
| Lateral pothole | Granitic gneiss | - | - | - | - |
| Conjugate linear lateral potholes | Granitic gneiss | - | - | - | - |

Compound lateral

pothole of the hierarchical variety Granitic gneiss - - - -

Paired lateral potholes Dolomit - - - -

Broad flute Limestone 0.94 2.75 0.59 Exp. 2

Narrow flute Granitic gneiss 1.56 0.79 0.56 Exp. 2

Flute with median ridge

and internal secondary structures Calcareous mudstone 2.65 1.47 1.07 Exp. 2

Spindle-shaped flute Rhyolitic agglomerate 2.62 0.65 0.59 Exp. 2

Flute

Flute with internal secondary structures 2.41 1.44 1.43 Fig. 5: A1-Exp. 1

secondary structures Calcareous mudstone 3.09 2.49 0.69 : B1-Exp. 2

secondary structures 2.71 1.34 0.47 : B2-Exp. 2

secondary structures 6.38 1.41 0.65 Fig. 5: C1-Exp. 2

Flute with external secondary structures Limestone 3.99 1.33 0.84 : C2-Exp. 2

secondary structures 7.88 2.44 0.71 : C3-Exp. 2

secondary structures 3.01 1.14 1.25 : C4-Exp. 3

En echelon flutes Granitic gneiss 4.75 4.15 1.28 Exp. 2

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| Paired flutes | Granitic gneiss | 2.89 | 2.07 | 1.24 | Exp. 1 |
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| Lineations | Limestone | 8.06 | 9.01 | 0.10 | Exp. 2 |
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| Straight short furrow | Limestone | 2.09 | 0.82 | 1.50 | Fig. 6: A1-Exp. 1 |
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| | | 2.52 | 0.80 | 0.99 | : A3-Exp. 2 |
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| Curved short furrow | Calcareous mudstone | 2.87 | 0.63 | 1.55 | Exp. 2 |
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| Cuspate, deep short furrow | Gneiss | 2.09 | 0.82 | 1.50 | Fig. 6: A1-Exp. 1 |
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| | | 2.52 | 0.80 | 0.99 | : A3-Exp. 2 |
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| Paired short furrows | Calcareous mudstone | - | - | - | - |
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Short furrow with

Furrow

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| internal secondary structures | Gneiss | - | - | - | - |
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| Straight parallel-sided furrow | Fine-grained sandstone | 2.81 | 0.51 | 1.24 | Exp. 2 |
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| Curved parallel-sided furrow | Granitic gneiss | 3.91 | 0.35 | 1.22 | Exp. 2 |
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| Sinuous parallel-sided furrow | Fine-grained sandstone | 1.29 | 0.54 | 1.19 | Fig. 6: B1-Exp. 3 |
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| | | 3.61 | 0.31 | 1.22 | : B3-Exp. 2 |
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| | | 16.22 | 0.90 | 1.90 | : B4-Exp. 1 |
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| Parallel-sided furrow with levees | Fine-grained sandstone | - | - | - | - |
| Chute furrow | Limestone | - | - | - | - |
| Chimney furrow | Interbedded limestone and marl | - | - | - | - |
| | | | 2.68 | | |
| Bifurcating furrows | Microgranite | 4.71 | 1.45 | 1.50 | Exp. 2 |
| | | 23.11 | (bifurcating point) | 1.50 | Exp. 3 |
| Group of parallel-sided furrows | Limestone | 2.20 (average) | 0.68 (average) | 0.76 (average) | Exp. 2 |
| Regular compound parallel-sided furrows | Andesite | 10.24 | 0.98 | 1.90 | Exp. 2 |
| Irregular compound parallel-sided furrows | Limestone | 10.62 | 0.37 | 1.22 | Exp. 2 |
| | | 10.52 | 0.61 | 1.34 | |
| Funnel-shaped furrow (underwater) | Medium-grained sandstone | 2.44 | 1.62 | 0.56 | Exp. 2 |
| Bulbous furrow (underwater) | Fine-grained sandstone | 3.28 | 1.55 | 1.10 | Exp. 2 |

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| Runnel with cusped margins | Fine-grained sandstone | - | - | - | - |
| Oblique sloping furrows | Granitic gneiss | - | - | - | - |
| Compound transverse furrows | Fine-grained sandstone | - | - | - | - |
| Cross-channel furrow (underwater). | Fine-grained sandstone | - | - | - | - |
| Straight reversed furrow | Granitic gneiss | - | - | - | - |
| Curved reversed furrow | Granitic gneiss | 4.02 | 0.61 | 2.00 | Exp. 3 |
| Open-ended reversed furrow | Granitic gneiss | 5.79 | 4.07 | 2.08 | Exp. 1 |
| Branched reversed furrow | Granitic gneiss | - | - | - | - |
| Group of parallel reversed furrows | Granitic gneiss | 3.28 | 2.78 | 1.68 | Exp. 1 |

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| Convex and undulating surfaces | Convergent furrow complex | Granitic gneiss | 6.66 | 1.96 | 1.08 | Exp. 2 |
| | Yin- yang furrow | Calcareous mudstone | - | - | - | - |

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| secondary sculpting) | | 2.33 | 2.99 (0.76) | 1.66 | : B3-Exp. 2 |
| Pseudoripples with short furrows | Andesite | - | - | - | - |
| Runnel with SCHF | Gneiss | - | - | - | - |
| Parallel runnels with step-pool structures | Granite | - | - | - | - |
| High relief Hummocky forms with current crescents | Limestone | - | - | - | - |
| Hummocky forms with steep lee faces | Limestone | - | - | - | - |