



Granular Materials

Numberless applications:

- constructions, industry (silos), agricultur
- everyday life (e.g. coffee powder, sugar,



Challenges for Comp. & Statistical Physics

- many particle system classical mechanics
- non-linear, non-equilibrium, statistical physics

segregation (mixing), pattern formation (dunes), force chains (wide distributions) localization (shearbands, avalanches, clusters)







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- More dissipation
- Lower Pressure
- etc.
- ... is that all ?

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How to approach ?

<u>Continuum theory</u> (micropolar, ...) **Statistical Physics**

+ Kinetic theory + dissipation + friction **Numerical**

- Monte Carlo (for non-equilibrium ?)
- Molecular dynamics simulations (MD)
- PDEs (FEM, FV or CFD)











$$\mathbf{P} = \frac{E}{V} \left(1 + (1 + \mathbf{r}) v g_{2a}(v) \right)$$

$$g_{2a}(v) = ?$$























































































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Granular flow ...

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- MohrCoulomb-like yield stress?
- shear viscosity?
- inhomogeneity? (force-chains)
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> INTERESTING ... for higher densities > TRICKY in presence of anisotropy (later)





























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Constitutive model – scalar

(in the biaxial box eigen-system)

 $\delta \sigma_{V} = E \varepsilon_{V} + A \varepsilon_{D}$ $\delta \sigma_{D} = A \varepsilon_{V} + B \varepsilon_{D}$

Global average vs. Local average

- Global
 - + Experimentally accessible data
 - Wall effects
 - Averaging over inhomogeneities
- Local
 - Difficult to compare to experiment
 - + Averages away from the walls
 - + Average over `similar' volume elements














































Summary MD particle simulations of 3D steady shear: + advanced particle interaction force models + *micro-macro transition* (LOCAL!!!) \Rightarrow Yield surface ... from ONE simulation \Rightarrow understand the interplay: micro-macro Outlook Non-spherical particles ... Shear rate -> shear path dependence ...

































