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Komatsu *et. al.* PRL (2001)

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Plastic vs Inertial Flow: $I = \dot{\gamma} d/(P/\rho)^{1/2}$

Slow Granular Flows

Shear Bands

Classical Picture based on Friction Experiments on Wide Shear Zones What's inside?

Viscous vs Frictional Melting Sand by Stirring

Shear Bands





Nature **406**, 385 (2000)





Granular Media: Stationary vs Flowing



Granular Media: Analogy with Friction



Granular Media: Analogy with Friction



Granular Media: Yield Criterion







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 $\begin{array}{l} \text{Stresses} \rightarrow \text{Normal, shear components} \\ \text{Solid: } \tau/P < \mu_{\text{solid}} \\ \text{Flow: } \tau/P = \mu_{\text{sliding}} < \mu_{\text{solid}} \end{array}$

Narrow shearbands follow naturally

Granular Flows – Classical Picture

Narrow shear bands Grain details matter Solid-like regions Constant sliding friction.

Well ...



Smooth Granular Flows



Surface Velocity Profiles

Rate independent

Short transients

Azimuthal

 $\omega(\mathbf{r}):=\omega_{dim}(\mathbf{r})/\Omega$



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Shallow Layers



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3D Profile: What happens inside?

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Direct 3D Imaging!



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Location in Bulk

$$(R_s - R_c)/R_s = (H/R_s)^{5/2}$$

R_c in bulk: Scaling argument virtual bottom **OK**

$$R_{c}(R_{s}, H) = R_{c}(r, H - h). \qquad \alpha = 5/2 \qquad 0.95 \qquad \alpha = 5/2 \qquad 0.95 \qquad \alpha = 5/2 \qquad 0.95 \qquad \alpha = 5/2 \qquad 0.85 \qquad \alpha = 5/2 \qquad \alpha$$

Model: Friction in Continua



Constant Friction Torque minimalization

$$\int dz r^2(z) \sqrt{r'^2 + 1} \left(H - z \right)$$

Theory: first order transition

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Wide Shear Zones Limits of Frictional Picture 3D Imaging

Viscous vs Frictional Why Wide?

What is the influence of fluid on suspensions flows?

Compare Dry and Wet (Slow)



suspension



dry grains



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J. Dijksman et al in preparation

Rheology: Two Limits



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Slow Suspensions = Slow Dry Grains

Faster Suspensions = Stokes

What About Inertial Nr Framework?

Setup







Yield Criterion in presence of flow?

Yield stress is lowered!!!









K. Nichol et al, accepted for PRL

What happened to yield stress?

Yield stress vanishes - Archimedes Law

Mechanism? Agitations - Nonlocal









No yielding threshold in presence of flow









Viscous!!!

A Stationary Granular Fluid: Agitations



Contact Forces + Flow

Fragile (heating 1 grain by 1C....)

Hard Grains (mm/nm)

Rotation rate Ω sets probe speed?

A Stationary Granular Fluid: Mechanism



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Local flow sets sinking speed???

A Stationary Granular Fluid: Mechanism



Slow Granular Flows

Not Always Shear Bands Classical Picture based on Friction Fails

Suspensions & Dry Grains Experiments: Melting Sand by Stirring

Bonus: Shallow Layers: R_c



Bonus: Shallow Layers: R_c





Bonus: Shallow Layers: R_c



Bonus: Shallow Layers: W



Bonus: Wide & Universal Shear Zones

$$\begin{split} &\omega(r)=1/2+1/2 \; erf[(r-R_c)/W] \\ &(R_s-R_c)/R_s=(H/R_s)^{5/2} \; : \text{Independent of particles} \\ &W/d \sim (H/d)^{2/3} \; : \text{Independent of } R_s \end{split}$$

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Bonus: Deep Layers



Precession

 10^{2}

10⁴

