Simulation of Granular Two-phase flow

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Important example: gas fluidized beds



Three basic models for two-phase granular flow:



Outline

I. DNS models for granular two-phase flow

II. DEM models for granular two-phase flow

III. Example: Vibrated granular beds

I. DNS models for granular two-phase flow



I. DNS models for granular two-phase flow



- 1. Models for the solid phase
 - Phase consists of individual particles \rightarrow Lagrangian
 - Methods borrowed from classical "molecular dynamics"
 - Two different methods A. Soft-sphere model
 - B. Hard-sphere model

1A. Solid Phase Models: Soft-Sphere

Position of particle a: \mathbf{R}_a

Newton's equation of motion:

$$M \frac{d^2 \mathbf{R}_a}{dt^2} = \mathbf{F}_{a,tot}$$

is integrated numerically:

$$\mathbf{R}_{a}(t+\delta t) = 2\mathbf{R}_{a}(t) - \mathbf{R}_{a}(t-\delta t) + \frac{\mathbf{F}_{a,tot}(t)}{M} \,\delta t^{2}$$

total force:

$$\mathbf{F}_{a,tot} = \sum_{b} \mathbf{F}_{ab} + M\mathbf{g}$$

 \rightarrow Time driven scheme

→ Interaction force \mathbf{F}_{ab} follows from a continuous potential → "soft-sphere model"

1A. Solid Phase Models: Soft Sphere

Interaction force:
$$\mathbf{F}_{ab} = \mathbf{F}_{ab}^{coll} + \mathbf{F}_{ab}^{el} + \mathbf{F}_{ab}^{coh}$$

Collision force: Spring-dashpot model



Electrostatic force
$$\mathbf{F}_{ab}^{el} = -\frac{q^2}{4\pi\epsilon} \frac{\mathbf{n}_{ab}}{R_{ab}^2}$$

$$\mathbf{F}_{ab}^{coh} = \frac{Ad}{6} \frac{\mathbf{n}_{ab}}{S_{ab}^2}$$

1A. Solid Phase Models: Soft-Sphere



1B. Solid Phase Models: Hard-sphere

Simplified MD: hard-sphere model

• Collision time between spheres can be calculated analytically:

b

 \mathbf{R}_{ab}

 $\overline{v}_a t_{ab}$

a

R_c

R

 $\overline{v}_b t_{ab}$

 $R_a + R_b$

$$t_{ab} = \frac{-\mathbf{R}_{ab} \cdot \mathbf{V}_{ab} - \sqrt{(\mathbf{R}_{ab} \cdot \mathbf{V}_{ab})^2 - V_{ab}^2 \left[R_{ab}^2 - 4R^2\right]}}{V_{ab}^2}$$

- Evolution in time: free-flight to nearest collision event followed by instantaneous binary collision (event driven scheme)
- Collision: change of momentum does not follow from forces, but is calculated via:

$$\Delta \vec{v}_a = \left(\frac{1+e}{2}\right) \frac{\mathbf{R}_{ab} \cdot \mathbf{V}_{ab}}{4\mathbf{R}^2} \mathbf{R}_{ab}$$

1B. Solid Phase Models: Hard-Sphere

Advantages of hard-sphere over soft-sphere

- Much faster for dilute systems
- Soft potential often "too soft" to model e.g. glass spheres

Disadvantages of hard-sphere over soft-sphere

- HS breaks down for dense (close packed) systems
- Update not based on forces: more difficult to include other interactions

Outline



2. Models for the fluid phase (CFD, LBM)

- Continuum description of the phase \rightarrow Eulerian
- Time evolution governed by Navier-Stokes (NS) equation
- Two basic methods for solving the NS equations on a grid
 - A. Computational Fluid Dynamics
 - B. Lattice Boltzmann Method

Basic idea: solve the set of differential equations:

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} = 0$$

$$\partial_t \mathbf{u} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \nabla P - \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} \mathbf{u} - \nabla \cdot \tau$$

by finite difference methods

Closures for P and τ

$$P = \frac{RT}{M}\rho$$

$$\tau = -(\lambda - \frac{2}{3}\mu)(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u})I + \mu((\nabla \mathbf{u}) + (\nabla \mathbf{u})^T)$$

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} = 0$$

$$\partial_t \mathbf{u} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \nabla P - \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} \mathbf{u} - \nabla \cdot \tau$$

$$\frac{\mathbf{u}^{n+1} - \mathbf{u}^n}{\delta t} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \nabla P^{n+1} - \left[\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} \mathbf{u} + \nabla \cdot \tau \right]^n \quad \text{finite diff. form}$$

$$\mathbf{u}^{n+1} = \mathbf{u}^n - \frac{\delta t}{\rho} \nabla P^{n+1} - \delta t \mathbf{A}^n$$

$$\hat{\mathbf{u}}^{n+1} = \mathbf{u}^n - \frac{\delta t}{\rho} \nabla \hat{P}^{n+1} - \delta t \mathbf{A}^n \quad \text{tentative velocity}$$

$$-\mathbf{u}^{n+1} + \hat{\mathbf{u}}^{n+1} = \frac{\delta t}{\rho} \nabla \left[\Phi^{n+1} - \hat{P}^{n+1} \right] \qquad \Phi = P^{n+1} - \hat{P}^{n+1}$$

taking $\nabla \cdot$

$$-\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}^{n+1} + \nabla \cdot \hat{\mathbf{u}}^{n+1} = \frac{\delta t}{\rho} \nabla^2 \Phi$$

$$P^{n+1} = \hat{P}^{n+1} + \Phi$$

$$\mathbf{u}^{n+1} = \hat{\mathbf{u}}^{n+1} + \frac{\delta t}{\rho} \nabla \Phi$$

Initial guess:

 $\widehat{P}^{n+1} \Rightarrow \nabla \widehat{P}^{n+1}$

Solution procedure to calculate variables at time
$$n+1$$

$$\hat{\mathbf{u}}^{n+1} = \mathbf{u}^n - \frac{\delta t}{\rho} \nabla \hat{P}^{n+1} - \delta t \mathbf{A}^n$$

$$\bigvee$$

$$\nabla \cdot \hat{\mathbf{u}}^{n+1} = \frac{\delta t}{\rho} \nabla^2 \Phi \qquad \Phi \qquad P^{n+1} = \hat{P}^{n+1} + \Phi$$

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Finite differences in space: requires discretization of space Divide space up in cells of $\delta l \cdot \delta l \cdot \delta l$

Define P_{ijk} as the pressure at the **center** of the cell $\{i, j, k\}$

Then for instance

$$\left(\frac{dP}{dx}\right)_{i+\frac{1}{2},j,k} = \frac{P_{i+1,j,k} - P_{i,j,k}}{\delta l}$$

Note: velocity is calculated from an equation like:

$$\mathbf{u}^{n+1} = \mathbf{u}^n - \frac{\delta t}{\rho} \nabla P^{n+1} - \frac{\delta t}{\rho} \mathbf{A}^n$$

→ Requires that velocities are defined at the **faces** of the cell

$$[u_x]_{i+\frac{1}{2},j,k} \qquad [u_y]_{i,j+\frac{1}{2},k} \qquad [u_z]_{i,j,k+\frac{1}{2}}$$

Then for instance $\left[\frac{du_x}{dx}\right]_{i,j,k} = \frac{u_{i+\frac{1}{2},j,k} - u_{i-\frac{1}{2},j,k}}{\delta l}$ is again defined at the cell **center**

Staggered grid

Define scalar variables at the cell centers, vector variables at the cell faces



- scalar variables P, ρ
- x-velocity component u_x
- y-velocity component u_y
- z-velocity component u_z

Resolution in time and space set by $\delta t, \delta l$

Any instability will originate from the explicit term in the velocity update

$$\mathbf{u}^{n+1} = \mathbf{u}^n - \frac{\delta t}{\rho} \nabla P^{n+1} - \frac{\delta t}{\rho} \mathbf{A}^n \qquad \mathbf{A} = \nabla \cdot \rho \mathbf{u} \mathbf{u} + \nabla \cdot \tau$$

Stability condition from explicit treatment of

i) Convective term:
$$u_x + u_y + u_z < \frac{\delta l}{\delta t}$$
 (Courant)
ii) Stress term: $6\nu < \frac{(\delta l)^2}{\delta t}$

Hydrodynamic variables for the gas phase: $\rho(\mathbf{r})$ and $\mathbf{u}(\mathbf{r})$ These 4 variables can be captured by 1 variable: $f(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{c})$

$$\int d\mathbf{c} f(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{c}) = \rho(\mathbf{r})$$
$$\int d\mathbf{c} \mathbf{c} f(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{c}) = \rho(\mathbf{r}) \mathbf{u}(\mathbf{r})$$

Time evolution of $f(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{c})$: the Boltzmann Equation (BE)

$$\begin{array}{c} \partial_t f + \mathbf{c} \cdot \nabla f = \mathcal{C}(f) \\ \downarrow \\ \int d\mathbf{c} \end{array} \Rightarrow \quad \partial_t \rho + \nabla \cdot (\rho \mathbf{u}) = 0 \\ \int d\mathbf{c} \mathbf{c} \end{array} \Rightarrow \quad \partial_t (\rho \mathbf{u}) + \nabla \cdot (\rho \mathbf{u}\mathbf{u}) = -\nabla p - \nabla \cdot \tau \end{array}$$

Discretization of coordinate and velocity space



$$f(\mathbf{r},\mathbf{c}) \rightarrow f_i(\mathbf{r})$$

r restricted to lattice sites \downarrow discrete velocities c_i , such that $r+c_i\delta t$ is located on

a neighboring lattice site

For the 2-D square lattice: 4 velocities:

$$\{\mathbf{c}_1, \mathbf{c}_2, \mathbf{c}_3, \mathbf{c}_4\} \qquad |\mathbf{c}_i| = \frac{\delta t}{\delta t}$$

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Continuous $f(\mathbf{r},\mathbf{c},t)$ $\rho(\mathbf{r},t) = \int d\mathbf{c} f(\mathbf{r},\mathbf{c},t)$ $\rho(\mathbf{r},t) \mathbf{u}(\mathbf{r},t) = \int d\mathbf{c} \, \mathbf{c} \, f(\mathbf{r},\mathbf{c},t)$ $\partial_t f + \mathbf{c} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{f} = \mathcal{C}(\mathbf{f})$ $\mathcal{C}(f) = -\frac{f - f^{\text{eq}}(\rho, \mathbf{u})}{f^{\text{eq}}(\rho, \mathbf{u})}$

Discrete $f_i(\mathbf{r},t)$ $\rho(\mathbf{r},t) = \sum_{i} f_{i}(\mathbf{r},t)$ $\rho(\mathbf{r},t) \mathbf{u}(\mathbf{r},t) = \sum_{i} \mathbf{c}_{i} f_{i}(\mathbf{r},t)$ $f_i(\mathbf{r}+\mathbf{c}_i\delta t,t+\delta t) = f_i(\mathbf{r},t)+C_i$ $\mathcal{C}_i = -\frac{f_i - f_i^{\mathsf{eq}}(\rho, \mathbf{u})}{\tau}$ $f_i^{\text{eq}} = \rho \, e^{-(\mathbf{c}_i - \mathbf{u})^2 / c_s^2}$

Update in lattice-Boltzmann scheme:



All calculations are local

Advantages Lattice-Boltzmann:

- Easy to program
- Ideally suited for parallelization
- Simple boundary conditions
- Faster than CFD ?

Disavantages Lattice-Boltzmann:

- Stability conditions not as clear as in CFD
- Conversion to SI units is less straightforward
- Not straightforward to include heat transer, and/or GLS flow

Outline





Resolved flow with <u>LBM</u>: Bounce Back at boundary nodes



Define boundary node as point halfway an exterior and interior lattice site

In the propagation step: distribution "bounces back" at boundary nodes, and returns to its original site \rightarrow average flow velocity is zero at boundary site



Update with boundary rules

Fluid phase:

Solid phase:



Fluid-particle force for a (infinite) random array (Stokes flow)



$$F(\phi) = \frac{F_{f,p}}{3\pi\mu du} = \frac{10\phi}{(1-\phi)^2} + \frac{1+1.5\phi^{1/2}}{(1-\phi)^{-2}}$$

7.0 Equation (31) Carman 6.0 Koch & Sangani □ Simulation (this work) △ Simulation (Ladd) 5.0 • Simulation (Hill et al) $rac{F_{f,p}}{3\pi\mu du}\cdot(1\!-\!\phi)^2$ 4.0 3.0 2.0 1.0 0.0 0.0 0.1 0.2 0.3 0.4 0.5 0.6 0.7 Ø

Relations have also been obtained for general Re and polydisperse systems



Immersed Boundary Method (Uhlmann (2005)):



Define marker point on the surface, each of which applies a force \mathbf{F}_m on the fluid, such that the velocity \mathbf{u}_m of the fluid at the marker point is equal to the surface velocity \mathbf{w}_m

$$\mathbf{F}_m = C \,\delta l^3 \cdot \frac{\rho}{\delta t} \left(\mathbf{w}_m - \tilde{\mathbf{u}}_m \right)$$

Velocity from update <u>without</u> forcing

$$C = \frac{4\pi}{N} (\frac{R}{\delta l})^2$$

Force at marker point location:

$$\mathbf{F}_m = C \, \delta l^3 \cdot \frac{\rho}{\delta t} \left(\mathbf{w}_m - \tilde{\mathbf{u}}_m \right)$$
 —

Update flow field on Eulerian grid:

$$\mathbf{u}_{ijk}^{n+1} = \mathbf{u}_{ijk}^n - \frac{\delta t}{\rho} (\nabla P^{n+1})_{ijk} - \frac{\delta t}{\rho} \mathbf{A}_{ijk}^n + \frac{\delta t}{\rho} \mathbf{f}_{ijk}$$



Required: Mapping

Lagrange \rightarrow Euler Euler \rightarrow Lagrange

Total force density at $\{ijk\}$

from all force points in

range of $\{ijk\}$

(note: for simplicity, we assume that the velocity is defined on gridpoints ijk (no staggered grid))



Lagrange \rightarrow Euler mapping: Volume weighing Basic idea shown in 2-D (surface weighing)



Mapping can formally be written as:



Initial guess:

$$\widehat{P}_{ijk}^{n+1} \Rightarrow \nabla \widehat{P}_{ijk}^{n+1}$$

$$\widetilde{\mathbf{u}}_{ijk}^{n+1} = \mathbf{u}_{ijk}^{n} - \frac{\delta t}{\rho} \nabla \widehat{P}_{ijk}^{n+1}$$

$$\tilde{\mathbf{u}}_m = \sum_{ijk} D(\mathbf{r}_{ijk} - \mathbf{r}_m) \cdot \tilde{\mathbf{u}}_{ijk}^{n+1}$$

$$\mathbf{F}_m = C \, \delta l^3 \cdot \frac{\rho}{\delta t} \left(\mathbf{w}_m \! - \! \mathbf{\tilde{u}}_m \right)$$

$$\mathbf{f}_{ijk} = \sum_m D(\mathbf{r}_{ijk} - \mathbf{r}_m) \cdot \mathbf{F}_m / \delta l^3$$

Solution procedure to calculate variables at time n+1 including IBM force f

Calculate velocity field without forcing

Map velocity field to marker point locations

Calculate IBM force at marker point locations Map IBM force to Eulerian grid

 $-\frac{\delta t}{\delta t}\mathbf{A}_{i}^{n}$

Initial guess:



First test: comparison with the exact expression by Hasimoto for a dilute SQ infinite array:

$$\mathsf{F} = \frac{\mathbf{F}_{f,a}}{3\pi\mu d(\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{V}_a)}$$



$$\mathsf{F}_{\mathsf{exact}} = \frac{1 - \phi}{1 - 1.7601\phi^{1/3} + \phi - 1.5593\phi^2}$$



Idea:

Use Hasimoto for setting an effective hydrodynamic diameter (calibration)



$$\mathsf{F}_{\mathsf{exact}} = \frac{1 - \phi}{1 - 1.7601\phi^{1/3} + \phi - 1.5593\phi^2}$$



Note that also in LBM an effective diameter is used!

Validation: drag for a dense square array:



WitWith diameter correction

Comparison with LB results for the drag for a dense random array:



Interaction force between two particles in relative motion



- Particles fixed at their position
- Particles have equal, but opposite velocities, with Re << 1
- Surface-to-surface distance s varied
- Results compared with exact solution from multipole expansion of the Stokes eq.



Thesis S.H.L. Kriebitzsch (2011)

Interaction force between two particles in relative motion



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Interaction force between two particles in relative motion

 $d_o/\delta l = 9$

 $d_o/\delta l = 17$



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Three basic models for two-phase granular flow:



II. DEM models for granular two-phase flow

DNS





 $\mathbf{F}_{f,a}$ follows from stick boundary conditions





Unresolved flow: implementation similar to resolved flow



 $\mathbf{F}_a = -\mathbf{F}_{f,a}$

=
$$3\pi\mu(\mathbf{v}_{a}-\mathbf{u}_{a})F(\phi)$$

 $\underbrace{\frac{10\phi}{(1-\phi)^{2}} + \frac{1+1.5\phi^{1/2}}{(1-\phi)^{-2}}}_{(1-\phi)^{-2}}$



$$\mathbf{F}_m = C \,\delta l^3 \cdot \frac{\rho}{\delta t} \left(\mathbf{w}_m - \tilde{\mathbf{u}}_m \right)$$

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Note that $F(\phi)$ is the same for all particles that occupy the same cell.

To evaluate \mathbf{u}_a , again a Euler-Lagrange mapping is required.



Initial guess:



Note: there are other implementations where Initial guess: velocity can be treated fully implicit \widehat{P}_{ijk}^{n+1} $\Rightarrow \nabla \widehat{P}_{ijk}^{n+1}$ Solid phase: $\mathbf{R}_{a}(t), \mathbf{V}_{a}(t)$ $ilde{\mathbf{u}}_{ijk}^{n+1}$ $\Leftarrow \nabla \hat{P}_{ijk}^{n+1}$ Input: drag $\tilde{\mathbf{u}}_a \leftarrow \tilde{\mathbf{u}}_{ijk}^{n+1}$ correlation F $\mathbf{F}_a = 3\pi\mu d \left(\mathbf{V}_a - \tilde{\mathbf{u}}_a \right) \cdot$ $\mathbf{F}^{coll.}$ $\mathbf{F}_{f,a} = -\mathbf{F}_a$ $\mathbf{f}_{ijk} \leftarrow \mathbf{F}_a$ ab $\mathbf{R}_a(t+\delta t)$ $\mathbf{V}_a(t+\delta t)$ $M\ddot{\mathbf{R}}_a = \sum \mathbf{F}_{ab}^{\text{coll.}} + \mathbf{F}_{f,a}$ $\widehat{\mathbf{u}}_{ijk}^{n+1}$ \mathbf{f}_{ijk} \Leftarrow $\Rightarrow \begin{vmatrix} P_{ijk}^{n+1} = \hat{P}_{ijk}^{n+1} + \Phi \\ \mathbf{u}_{ijk}^{n+1} = \hat{\mathbf{u}}_{ijk}^{n+1} + \frac{\delta t}{\rho} \nabla \Phi \end{vmatrix}$ Φ $\nabla \cdot \hat{\mathbf{u}}_{ijk}^{n+1} = \frac{\delta t}{\rho} \nabla^2 \Phi$

Comparison DEM/DNS

Deviation ΔF of true force % f(x)=0 force from DP force



DEM models for granular two-phase flow

Comparison DEM/DNS



1.DEM drag is 33% lower than the average true drag force2. For 1 out of every 3 of the particles the individual force for deviates more than 25% with the DEM force.

DEM models for granular two-phase flow

ldea: use **individual** volume fractions ϕ_i

$$\vec{F}_{g,i} = 3\pi\mu d(\vec{u} - \vec{v}_i) \cdot F(\phi_i, \text{Re})$$





Drag correlations derived for static system are not applicable to moving particles

Natural spreading in the fluid-particle drag is too large to capture with (advanced) drag models in DEM

Discrete element models are useful for obtaining insight, but should not be used for qualitative results. III. Example: Effect of air on vibrated granular beds

Equal-sized bronze and glass spheres (100 μ m)

Experiments by Burtally, King and Swift (Science 2002)

Simulations:

- Particles: "molecular dynamics" with soft-sphere model
- Gas phase: computational fluid dynamics model
- Gas-Particle interactions: unresolved, empirical drag force
- System size: $N_p = 25\ 000$, $W \times H \times D = 8 \times 6 \times 0.6\ mm^3$
- Parameters: f = 55 Hz, A = 1 mm $\Rightarrow \Gamma = \frac{A(2\pi f)^2}{g} = 12$



Vibrated glass-bronze beds



Burtally, King, Swift & Leaper, Gran.Mat. 2003

f = 550Hzlz A = 0.07mmm

Vibrated glass-bronze beds

Experimental phase diagram (Burtally et al)



Vibrated glass-bronze beds

Why do the light particles sink to the bottom?



Sandwich formation:

- Convection plays an important role
- Sensitive of the particle-particle and partice wall friction

$\mu_{\sf pp}\downarrow~\mu_{\sf pw}$ $ ightarrow$	0.0	0.1	0.4
0.0	Bottom	Bottom	Bottom
0.1	Middle (40 s)	Middle (10 s)	Тор
0.4	Middle (20 s)	Middle (10 s)	Тор

Concluding remarks

DEM simulations are a "cheap" way to incorporate the effect of air, however, they should only be used for getting qualitative insight

Almost all DNS simulations suffer from (large) grid resolution effects. The use of an effective diameter is essential for getting accurate results

Key features of the model:

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- Particles: soft-sphere model, 0.5 mm diameter
- Gas phase: computational fluid dynamics model
- Gas-Particle interactions: unresolved, empirical drag drag
- System size: $N_p = 14\ 000$, $W \times H \times D = 100 \times 50 \times 2.1 \text{ mm}^3$
- Parameters: f = 6.25 Hz, A = 10 mm $\Rightarrow \Gamma = \frac{A(2\pi f)^2}{g} = 1.6$

No air 🕨 🛛 Air 🕨

First documented by Da Vinci (1500) and Faraday (1831)

Mechanism for steady state heap

