## From particles to granular rheology

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## **G**ranular material regimes







## Solid+liquid+gas



[Forterre & Pouliquen, Annu. Rev. Fluid Mech. (2008)]

## Solid+liquid+gas



#### **Three regimes:**

- **solid** static particles interact via frictional contacts
- **liquid** dense, flow-like behavior both collisions and friction
- **gas** rapid dilute flow particles interact via collisions

[Jaeger et al. (1996), Forterre & Pouliquen, Annu. Rev. Fluid Mech. (2008)]

## Outline

- Introduction
- Internal force transmission
- Solid state
- Quasistatic regime and flow threshold
- Collisional and rapid granular flows
- Dense slow flows and inertial regime

## Internal forces transmission

### **Contact forces**

- Unique feature of granular material arises from internal force transmission
- Most fundamental microscopic property of granular materials: irreversible energy dissipation in the course of interaction collision between particles.

## Micro-macro transition Stress tensor

$$Q = \frac{1}{V} \sum_{c} \left( w_{V}^{p} \right) \boldsymbol{l}^{pc} \boldsymbol{F}^{c}$$

Any quantity:

- Scalar
- Vector
- Tensor: Stress

Overview of more complex formulations in [Weinhart et al. (2010)]



#### **Stress tensor**

#### a. Contact stress tensor

Due to the force transmission across interparticle forces

$$\sigma_{ij}^{c} = \frac{1}{V} \sum_{C=1}^{Nc} F_{i}^{C} l_{j}$$



**(b)** 

#### **b.** Streaming stress tensor

Due to the motion of a particle relative to the bulk material (Reynolds stress tensor in turbolent flows)

$$\sigma_{ij}^{s} = \frac{\rho_{p}\phi}{V} \sum_{p=1}^{Np} u'_{i}u'_{j}$$

#### **Stress tensor**

#### a. Contact stress tensor

In hoppers, chutes, landslides:  $\phi > 50\%$ is usually dominant in common granular flows

#### **b.** Streaming stress tensor

can usually be neglected



#### Hertzian contact law



Fig. 4.6. Two-dimensional photo-elastic fringe patterns (contours of principal shear stress): (a) point load (§2.2); (b) uniform pressure (§2.5(a)); (c) rigid flat punch (§2.8); (d) contact of cylinders (§4.2(c))

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**Contact stiffness** 

$$k = 6^{1/3} R^{1/3} \left(\frac{E}{1 - v^2}\right)^{2/3} F_n^{1/3}$$

## Solid state

**Classical solids:** elastic stiffness is a material constant **Granular materials:** elastic stiffness depends on **pressure** and **volume fraction** 







#### Soundspeed

$$V_p = V_p(\phi, p)$$
  
 $V_s = V_s(\phi, p)$ 

Elastic moduli

$$V_{p} = \sqrt{\frac{M_{bulk}}{\rho_{bulk}}}$$
$$V_{s} = \sqrt{\frac{G_{bulk}}{\rho_{bulk}}}$$

Soundspeed

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$$G_{bulk} \propto \frac{k}{R}$$

[Bathurst and Rothenburg, J. Appl. Mech. (1988)]

Because of Hertzian interaction we expect:

$$K(p) \propto G(p) \propto p^{1/3}$$



[Gland et al., PRE (2005)]

#### **Dependence on coordination number**



**Coordination number** Avarage number of contacts in the system  $\overline{Z}$  =

$$\overline{Z} = \frac{2Nc}{Np}$$

Quasitatic behavior and flow threshold

#### Shearing





#### **Quasistatic behavior**

#### Coulomb (1773)

Yielding of granular material as frictional process Interested in prediction of soil failures for Civil Engineering

 $\tau < c + \sigma \tan \phi$ 

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- c = cohesion
- $\phi$  = friction angle
- $\varphi$  and c are material **constant**



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A shearing granular material will ALWAYS approach a **critical** concentration This is the **ONSET OF FLOW** 



 $\varphi_{c}$  is again a material constant

The granular material **DILATES** 

Variation of critical concentration with applied stress



Most flows are characterized by low stress and large applied strain  $\rightarrow$  we can assume incompressible flow at the critical concentration  $\phi_c$ 

#### Soil mechanics: widely used

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#### N.B.!!

Application of Critical State theory on is based **on Janssen theory:** the pressure at bottom of the silo is independent of bed height

 $\rightarrow$  the whole bulk material is in the critical state.

#### **Dependence on microscopic properties**



#### **Critical state for silos - problems**

 $\phi$  is not constant in the silo



#### Critical state – can not describe hysteresis



#### Friction and dilatancy laws

In solid and quasistatic flow, forces are transmitted through force chains



#### Shear bands and dilatant zones

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## **Jamming phase diagram**



[Liu and Nagel., Nature (1998)]



# **Universal Gripper**

## U. Chicago, Cornell, iRobot May 2010

[Brown et al., PNAS (2010)]

## Collisional or rapid granular flows

#### **Dimensionless analysis (Buckingham Pi theorem)**

**Bagnold theory** 

$$\sigma_{ij} = f(\phi, \rho_p, d, \dot{\gamma})$$
  
$$\sigma_{ij} = f(\phi) \rho_p d^2 \dot{\gamma}^2$$

The shear stress varies as the square of the shear rate

#### **Granular Temperature**

granules moving in a flow = molecules in the kinetic theory of gases
 random velocities = thermal motion of molecules.

**Granular temperature = magnitude of fluctuating velocities** 

$$T_{g} = \frac{1}{3} \left| \left\langle u'^{2}_{i} \right\rangle \right| = \frac{1}{3} \left( \left\langle u'^{2} \right\rangle + \left\langle v'^{2} \right\rangle + \left\langle w'^{2} \right\rangle \right)$$

Trace of the streaming stress tensor

$$T_g = \frac{1}{3\rho\phi} tr(\sigma_{ij}^s)$$

deriving a set of equations for Rapid Granular Flows

#### **Granular Hydrodynamic**

**Conservation of mass** 

$$\frac{D\rho\phi}{Dt} = \rho\phi\nabla \cdot \underline{u} = \mathbf{0}$$

**Conservation of momentum** 

$$\rho \phi \frac{D\underline{u}}{Dt} = \nabla p(p, \phi, T_g, e) + \nabla \cdot \left( \eta(\rho, \phi, T_g, e) \nabla \underline{u} \right)$$

**Conservation of granular energy (granular temperature)** 

$$\rho\phi\frac{DT_g}{Dt} = \nabla\cdot\left(\alpha(\rho,\phi,T_g,e)\nabla T_g\right) + \underline{\sigma}\cdot\nabla\underline{u} - \Gamma(\rho,\phi,T_g,e)$$

## Kinetic Theory – Range of applicability

- Nearly elastic particles (e=0.9)
- Extremely small concentration: magnitude of thermal velocities is much larger than the relative velocities induced by shear

Binary collisions

- Isotropy in the angular distribution of collisions
- Molecular chaos: no correlations in the velocities or positions of colliding particles
- Absence of friction between particles and walls: silos can not be modeled with kinetic theory

### Kinetic Theory – Range of applicability



[Forterre and Pouliquen, Ann. Rev. Fluid Mech. (2008)]

## **Kinetic Theory – Extended theories**

Jenkins, *Dense shearing flows of inelastic disks*. Phys.Fluids (2006)

Vescovi, Di Prisco & Berzi, From solid to granular gases: the steady state for granular materials (2013)

[...]

## Granular material: continuum approach



Gas: kinetic theory





Liquid ??

Dense (slow) flows and inertial regime

#### Inertia number



For large systems – and rigid grains

Only based on dimensional analysis The transition can be described trough a **single dimensionless number** 



#### Inertia number





I = micro time scale / macro time scale



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 $\overline{\dot{v}}$ 

#### microscopic time scale

time needed for a particle to fall in a hole of size d under the pressure P

- typical time scale of rearrangements -

#### macroscopic time scale

linked to the mean deformation

[Da Cruz et al. (2005); Forterre and Pouliquen, Ann. Rev. Fluid Mech. (2008)]

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#### I = micro time scale / macro time scale

- *I* **small** quasi-static macroscopic deformation is slow compared to microscopic rearrangement
- *I* large rapid flows

quasi-static (solid) dense (liquid) rapid (gas)  

$$10^{-3}$$
  $10^{-1}$ 

## $\textbf{Quasistatic} \rightarrow \textbf{Dense} \rightarrow \textbf{Rapid}$



## Pouliquen µ-I rheology

$$\tau = \sigma \mu(I) \qquad \phi = \phi(I)$$



(rigid grains)



- inclined plane (exp, num)
- annular shear (exp)

glass beads :  $\mu_1 = \tan 21^\circ$  $\mu_2 = \tan 33^\circ$   $I_0 = 0.3$ 

[Forterre and Pouliquen, Ann. Rev. Fluid Mech. (2008)]

### Pouliquen $\mu$ -I rheology – local constitutive relation

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- annular shear (exp)

[Forterre and Pouliguen, Ann. Rev. Fluid Mech. (2008)]

### **Different geometries**



[Forterre and Pouliquen, Ann. Rev. Fluid Mech. (2008), Weinhart et al. Phy. Fluids (2013)]

## Pouliquen $\mu$ -I rheology – Tensorial extension

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OK for: free surface flows between rough walls (Jop, 2006) flows down an inclined plane (Forterre, 2006)

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[Jop et al. Nature (2006)]
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## Test of the viscoplastic law : I- Heap flows



### Test of the viscoplastic law : 2 - Surface instability





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## Limits of $\mu$ -l rheology

Microscopic origin

phenomenological – some work in [Weinhart et al. Phy. Fluids (2013)]

## Transition to Quasi-static regime shear bands not described Transition between rate-independent and rate-dependent regimes 1 solution: Non-local models

#### • Transition to Kinetic regime

collisional flows not correctly described modified kinetic theory by introducing a rate-independent term

#### Non local effects



[Singh et el., under review New J. Phys. (2015)]

#### Solid - fluid duality



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