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# From micro to macro in granular matter

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### Grains in nature and industry



Rotating blast-furnace chute

D Tunuguntla, O Bokhove (Chorus)

Vending machine canister K Imole (PARDEM)



- The Discrete Particle Method (DPM)
- 2 The coarse graining method



3 Micro-Macro transition for free surface flows



4 Conclusions and future work

- Particles have position r
  <sub>i</sub>, velocity v
  <sub>i</sub>, angular velocity w
  <sub>i</sub>, diameter d<sub>i</sub>, mass m<sub>i</sub>
- Governed by Newtonian mechanics:

$$m_i \frac{d^2 \vec{r}_i}{dt^2} = \vec{f}_i, \quad I_i \frac{d \vec{\omega}_i}{dt} = \vec{t}_i$$

Contact forces and body forces:

$$\vec{f}_i = \sum_j \vec{f}_{ij} + m_i \vec{g}_i, \ \ \vec{t}_i = \sum_j \vec{b}_{ij} \times \vec{f}_{ij}$$



### Objective

Define macroscopic fields such as mass density  $\rho$ , velocity  $\vec{V}$ , stress  $\sigma$ , ... based on particle data ( $\vec{r}_i$ ,  $\vec{v}_i$ ,  $m_i$ ,  $\vec{f}_i$ , ...).

The fields should satisfy mass and momentum balance exactly.

Example: A static system of 5 fixed and 5 free particles.



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$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\rho \vec{V}) = 0,$$

is satisfied:

$$ec{V}=rac{ec{p}}{
ho}, ext{ where } ec{p}=\sum_{i=1}^n m_iec{v}_i \varphi(ec{r}-ec{r}_i).$$

### Coarse graining: momentum balance

C) We define the stress s.t. momentum balance,

$$ho rac{D \, ec{V}}{D t} = - 
abla \cdot oldsymbol{\sigma} + ec{t} + 
ho ec{g},$$

is satisfied:

$$\begin{split} \sigma^{k} &= -\sum_{i=1}^{n} m_{i} \vec{v}_{i}' \vec{v}_{i}' \varphi(\vec{r} - \vec{r}_{i}), \\ \sigma^{c} &= -\sum_{\text{contacts } \{i,j\}} \vec{f}_{ij} \vec{r}_{ij} \int_{0}^{1} \varphi(\vec{r} - (\vec{r}_{i} + s \vec{r}_{ij})) \, ds \\ &- \sum_{\text{wall contacts } \{i,k\}} \vec{f}_{ik} \vec{b}_{ik} \int_{0}^{1} \varphi(\vec{r} - (\vec{r}_{i} + s \vec{b}_{ik})) \, ds, \\ \vec{t} &= -\sum_{\text{wall contacts } \{i,k\}} \vec{f}_{ik} \varphi(\vec{r} - \vec{c}_{ik}), \end{split}$$

with boundary interaction force density  $\vec{t}$ .

Weinhart, Thornton, Luding, Bokhove, GranMat (2012) 14:289

### A static system of 5 fixed and 5 free particles.



Density  $\rho$  for 2D-Gaussian CG function of width w = d/8.



Magnitude of stress  $|\sigma|_2$  and boundary interaction force  $|\vec{t}|_2$ .

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### Important result

Mass/mom. bal. is satisfied locally for any coarse-graining function.

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- ▶ many CG-functions: Gaussian, Heaviside, Polynomials (Lucy)
- many fields: temperature, displacement, fabric tensor, mixture drag, rotational dof, ...
- \* Grey items will be available in the next release

Glass particles flowing through a contraction

from: Vreman et al., J. Fluid Mech. 578 (2007) 233-269

### Free-surface flows: B) impingement on inclined plane

Sand particles impacting an inclined plane

from: Johnson, Gray, JFM 675 (2011) 87

### The granular shallow-layer equations



Depth- and width-averaged mass/mom. balance for shallow flow:

$$\frac{\partial h}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial h \bar{u}}{\partial x} = 0,$$
$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} (h\bar{u}) + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( h\alpha \bar{u}^2 + \frac{\kappa}{2} gh^2 \cos \theta \right) = gh(\sin \theta - \mu \frac{\bar{u}}{|\bar{u}|} \cos \theta),$$

Closure relations are required for velocity shape factor  $\alpha = \frac{u^2}{\bar{u}^2}$ , normal stress ratio  $\mathcal{K} = \frac{\bar{\sigma}_{xx}}{\bar{\sigma}_{zz}}$ , and bed friction  $\mu = \frac{|t_t|}{|t_n|}$  at z = b.

### Objective

# Find closure relations $\mu(h, \bar{u})$ , $\alpha(h, \bar{u})$ and $K(h, \bar{u})$ using small DPM simulations of steady uniform flow.



DPM of steady uniform chute flow over fixed-particle base, periodic in x- and y-direction, varying inclination  $\theta$  and particle number N.

### Parameters of the DPM

- ▶ Scaled s.t. diameter d = 1, mass m = 1, gravity g = 1.
- ► Linear elastic, dissipative and frictional contact forces:

$$\vec{f}_{ij} = f_{ij}^{n}\vec{n} + f_{ij}^{t}\vec{t},$$

$$f_{ij}^{n} = -k_{n}\delta_{ij} - \gamma_{n}v_{ij}^{n},$$

$$f_{ij}^{t} = -min(|k_{t}\vec{\delta}_{ij}^{t} + \gamma_{t}\vec{v}_{ij}^{t}|, \mu_{c}f_{ij}^{n}),$$

- Collision time  $t_c = 0.005\sqrt{d/g}$ , restitution r = 0.88, friction  $\mu_c = 0.5$ .
- Integration (Velocity-Verlet) until  $t = 2000\sqrt{d/g}$ .

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Demarkation line  $h_{stop}(\theta)$  between arrested and steady flow, fit to  $h_{stop}(\theta) = Ad \frac{\tan(\theta_2) - \tan(\theta)}{\tan(\theta) - \tan(\theta_1)}$ .

fit according to Pouliquen, Forterre, JFM, 2002

### Choosing the right coarse-graining scale



- $\Rightarrow$  the larger w, the less fluctuations
- $\Rightarrow$  the larger w, the more artificial smoothing.

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### Choosing the right time-interval



⇒ the larger *T*, the less fluctuations ⇒ we choose T = 500.

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Volume fraction  $\nu=\rho/\rho_{\text{p}}$  for varying w.

Two scale-independent ranges exist:

- sub-particle scale 0.005d < w < 0.1d (shows oscillations)
- particle scale 0.6d < w < d (only valid in bulk)

Here, we choose w = 0.1d.

# Kinetic stress $\sigma_{xx}^k$ and granular temp. $T_g$



▶ Kinetic stress is scale-dependent on the particle scale [1],

$$\sigma_{xx}^{k} = \sum_{i=1}^{N} m v_{ix}' v_{ix}' \mathcal{W}_{i} \text{ with } \vec{v}_{i}' = \vec{v}_{i} - \vec{V}(\vec{r})$$

The kinetic-theory definition is scale-independent,

$$\sigma_{xx}^{k\star} = \sum_{i=1}^{N} m v_{ix}^{\star} v_{ix}^{\star} \mathcal{W}_i \text{ with } \vec{v}_i^{\star} = \vec{v}_i - \vec{V}(\vec{r}_i).$$

• One can show  $\sigma_{xx}^k - \rho \dot{\gamma}^2 \frac{w^2}{3} \approx \sigma_{xx}^{k\star}$ .

[1] Glasser, Goldhirsch, Phys Fl. 13, 407 (2001)



Bagnold velocity profile in bulk, quadratic near base  $(z < b h_{stop}(\theta)/h)$ , linear near surface (z > h - 5).



Shape factor  $\alpha(h, \theta) = \alpha(h, \tan^{-1}(\mu))$ from simulations (markers) and fit (lines).

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<sup>\*</sup>see W, Hartkamp, Thornton, Luding, Phys. Fl. (2012) submitted

Closure for the bed friction  $\mu = -\frac{\sigma_{xz}}{\sigma_{zz}}$ 



$$\mu(h,\bar{u}) = \tan(\theta_1) + (\tan(\theta_2) - \tan(\theta_1)) \left(1 + \frac{\beta}{Ad} \frac{h}{F + \gamma}\right)^{-1}.$$

We closed the granular shallow-layer equations,

$$\begin{split} \frac{\partial h}{\partial t} &= -\frac{\partial h \bar{u}}{\partial x},\\ \frac{\partial h \bar{u}}{\partial t} &= -\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( h \, \alpha(h, \bar{u}) \, \bar{u}^2 + \frac{K(h, \bar{u})}{2} g h^2 \cos \theta \right) \\ &+ g h(\sin \theta - \mu(h, \bar{u}) \frac{\bar{u}}{|\bar{u}|} \cos \theta), \end{split}$$

for a given set of microscopic and geometric parameters.

### Objective

Study the dependence of the closure laws on the parameters M (the micro-macro transition).



Increasing basal roughness by increasing base particle diameter  $\lambda$ .

### Dependence of the basal roughness



Friction increases with increasing base particle diameter  $\lambda$ .

Steady disordered flows fitted to  $F = \beta \frac{h}{h_{stop}(\theta; \lambda = 1)} - \gamma$ .

# Conclusions 1/2

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# Future Work

Validate contact model by comparing DPM to lab-scale experiments
 Validate closure laws by comparing FEM and DPM simulations



Where no closure rules are known (transient/boundary effects), a two-way multi-scale coupling is desired.

