# GRAINSIZE DYNAMICS

MIXING, SEGREGATION, CRUSHING AND THEIR HETERARCHY

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Climbing Masada, Israel (2009)



### BACKGROUND

Vardoulakis first to support Breakage mechanics by a young researcher (in 2006, before publication)!



### VARDOULAKIS'S CHALLENGE (ATHENS, JUNE 2007)



Resolve mathematically the oldest industrial problem in human history – the simultaneous crushing, mixing and segregation of flour in stonemills.



### CONTENT

- WHY GRAIN SIZE
- 'GRAINSIZE DYNAMICS'
- 'HETERARCHY'
- GRAINSIZE DYNAMICS BY SEGREGATION
- GRAINSIZE DYNAMICS BY MIXING
- GRAINSIZE DYNAMICS BY CRUSHING
- COMBINED GRAINSIZE MECHANISMS
- DISCUSSION





# Disclaimer

The following graphs contain **nominal** values, and are not to be used for design purposes. The data is collated from the following sources:

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#### GSD varies in time and space















# SEGREGATION OF A SKIER AVALANCHE (WHISTLER, CANADA 01/11/2017)



# SEGREGATION OF A SKIER

#### ABS TWINBAG







### HUMAN SEGREGATION

SCHELLING MODEL/AUTOMATA (1971)

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# SCHELLING MODEL/AUTOMATA (1971)





# GRAIN SEGREGATION AUTOMATA IN 1D (STOCHASTIC LATTICE MODEL)



## **GRAIN SEGREGATION**

#### AUTOMATA IN 1D (STOCHASTIC LATTICE MODEL)

Mass balance of stochastic grainsize fluxes (eg, bi-mixtures)

$$\begin{bmatrix} \Phi_{s}(x,t+\Delta t) - \Phi_{s}(x,t) \end{bmatrix} \Delta x = \begin{bmatrix} \hat{u}_{s}(x+\frac{1}{2}\Delta x)\Phi_{s}(x+\Delta x,t)(1-\Phi_{s}(x,t)) \\ -\hat{u}_{s}(x-\frac{1}{2}\Delta x)\Phi_{s}(x,t)(1-\Phi_{s}(x-\Delta x,t)) \end{bmatrix} \Delta t$$
mass fraction of small particles
$$\partial_{t}\Phi_{s} = \partial_{s} \begin{bmatrix} \hat{u}_{s}\Phi_{s}(1-\Phi_{s}) \end{bmatrix}$$

Marks-Einav, GM, 2011

# GRAIN SEGREGATION AUTOMATA IN 1D (STOCHASTIC LATTICE MODEL)




## GRAIN SEGREGATION POSTERSIZE DYNAMICS



Ebrahim Alaei

 $\hat{u}_s \propto \nabla p_k \propto \nabla (T_g^2)$ 







## MIXING ANALOGOUS CONTINUUM FICK LAW $\partial_t c(x) = D \nabla^2 c(x)$

\* For derivation from Brownian motion see a paper by one called Einstein (1905)

# FICK LAW VS STOCHASTIC SIMULATION (CHECK AT HOME) turn into (T<sub>0</sub>) if crossing this boundary, and reappear in bottom boundary





### MIXING OF GRAINSCHAOTIC ADVECTION



Explainable by momentum and mass conservation equations for bulk motion...

## MIXING OF GRAINS SHEAR INDUCED DIFFUSION



#### **Stadium Shear Device** Miller-Rognon-Einav, PRL 2013







## **MIXING OF GRAINS GRAINSIZE DYNAMICS** $\partial_t \left[ \phi(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{s}, \mathbf{t}) \right] = \nabla^2 \left[ D \phi \right]$











## GRAIN CRUSHING CLOSED-SYSTEM TREATMENT SUFFICIENT





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## GRAIN CRUSHING OPEN-SYSTEM APPROACH REQUIRED













#### CRUSHING OF A SINGLE PARTICLE

#### CUSHIONING EFFECT













## COMBINED GRAINSIZE DYNAMICS





Marks-Einav, GM, 2017



#### SEGREGATION & MIXING

#### 'HETERARCHIAL' MATERIAL POINT POINT

#### see book chapter

Mass balance 
$$\partial_t \rho + \nabla \cdot (\rho \mathbf{u}) = 0$$

Momentum balance  $\partial_t(\rho \mathbf{u}) + \nabla \cdot (\rho \mathbf{u} \otimes \mathbf{u}) = \mathbf{F}_{\rho}$ 

with segregation velocity  $\hat{u}_s \propto \nabla p_k \propto \nabla (T_g^2)$ 




Marks-Einav, GRL, 2015





## FINAL WORDS ON VARDOULAKIS CHALLENGE



12 YEARS AFTER AND WE ARE NEARLY READY TO ADDRESS HIS CHALLENGE...

## FINAL WORDS - WHAT ABOUT SHAPE?

2ND ORDER

- 1) SIZE
- 2) ROUNDNESS
- 3) SPHERICITY
- 4) ANGULARITY
- 5) ELONGATION

+

7) SURFACE ROUGHNESS
8) SURFACE FRACTAL DIMENSION



