Granular impact drag force and its material-dependent scaling

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Impact!

- Fundamental process from planetary scale to our everyday
- Fundamental physics of granular matter
 - Solid fluid solid transition
 - Response to disturbance

Contradictory previous works?



Experimental Apparatus

- Sand is fluidized before each impact.
- Free fall is triggered by an electromagnet holder.
- Dropping transparent stripe is captured by a line-scan camera.





impact & stop time



 $v = H(t-t_0)\{v_0 + g(t-t_0)\} + H(t_0 - t)\{v_0 + (g - v_0^2/d1)(t-t_0) + ([v_0^3 - 2gd_1v_0^2]/d_1^2)(t-t_0)^2\}$

Various drop heights :

- Low speed impact takes longer time.
- Velocity is NOT linear function of time.
- Acceleration shows discontinuity at the stopping point.

(1" steel ball & glass beads)



Empirical laws & our new data









Coulomb friction



The data are completely consistent with empirical laws.



What is the stopping force?

Stopping force model



 d_1 : independent of depth zf(z): independent of velocity v

Inertial drag

$$a + g = (1/d_1)v^2 + f(z_i)/m$$
$$z_i = \{0, -1, -2, -3, -4 \text{ [cm]}\}$$



Friction force

 $f(z)/m = a + g - (1/d_1)v^2$



Unified Force law

 $\Sigma F = -mg + k|z| + m\frac{v^2}{d_1}$ gravitational force / velocity dependent inertial drag (depth independent)
depth proportional frictional drag (velocity independent)



H. Katsuragi & D.J. Durian (2007)

Solving equation





Clark & Behringer, EPL (2013)



$$v = -\left[v_0^2 e^{-\frac{2|z|}{d_1}} - \frac{kd_1|z|}{m} + (1 - e^{-\frac{2|z|}{d_1}})\left(gd_1 + \frac{kd_1^2}{2m}\right)\right]^{1/2}$$

Katsuragi & Durian, PRE (2013)

v(z) & force model

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 $d_1 = 8.7 \text{ cm} \ k/m = 1040 \ s^{-2}$



Universality

Two parameters d_1 and k/m determine the dynamics.

For steel ball vs glass beads:

 $d_1 = 8.7 \text{ cm}$ $k/m = 1040 \ s^{-2}$



How can we predict these values for other material impacts?

Expectation for inertial drag

 $\frac{m}{d_1}v^2 \sim \rho_g A v^2$

(momentum transfer)



 ρ_p : density of projectile ρ_g : density of granular media D_p : diameter of projectile

 $\begin{array}{l} A: \text{ impact area} \\ \alpha = 3/2 \text{ (ball)}, \, 4/\pi \text{ (cylinder)} \\ \text{ (ratio of area and volme factor)} \end{array}$

Expectation for friction force

$k|z| \sim \mu g \rho_g |z| A$

(hydrostatic pressure + Coulomb friction)



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 $\begin{array}{l} A: \text{ impact area} \\ \mu = \tan \theta_r: \text{friction coefficient} \\ \alpha = 3/2 \text{ (ball)}, 4/\pi \text{ (cylinder)} \\ \text{ (ratio of area and volme factor)} \end{array}$

Various projectiles and sand



1" Tungsten, steel,polymer, wood 2" - 1/8" steel



1/2" - 1/4" diameter2" - 6" length aluminum



glass beads



beach sand



rice



sugar



Scaling of parameters



Internal friction dependence



μ

UNIFIED FORCE LAW

final form of the drag force:

$$\Sigma F = -mg + k|z| + m\frac{v^2}{d_1}$$

Scaling by material properties:

$$\frac{d_1}{D_p} = \frac{0.25}{\mu} \frac{\rho_p}{\rho_g}$$
$$\frac{k}{m} \frac{D_p}{g} = 12\mu \left(\frac{\rho_p}{\rho_g}\right)^{1/2}$$

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