















Unique consequences for granular matter

➔ Issues: How to separate relevant scales? How to perform averages?

















Currently Hot Research Topics for Granular Materials (my obviously biased list)

Effect of particle shape on properties of jammed state

Jamming/unjamming transition under shear, away from point J

Nature of the granular fluid state (incl. interactions of particles with interstitial medium)

Effect of attractive interactions (cohesion, "wet" granular material)

→ These lectures: look at examples for items 2-4





- What keeps the jet so collimated? OR: How does a collectively liquid-like state emerge from a bunch of macroscopic, individually solid particles that interact via short-range (contact) forces?
- For dry, freely flowing grains, how does the emerging granular liquid differ from ordinary liquids?
- What can we learn about local grain-grain interactions from analyzing the structures formed by granular liquids?

































































To sum up Jets & Streams:

- Tiny attractive interactions (**nN**, **nm**) drive clustering and droplet formation...same as for molecules, but here acting between *macroscopic* constituents, therefore often masked by gravity
- Corresponding effective surface tension 4-5 orders lower than water → ultra-low regime not reachable with ordinary liquids under ambient conditions; break-up neither Rayleigh-Plateau nor thermal: where do aspect ratio, neck shape and 2/3 power law come from?
- Freely Falling Granular Streams: can probe wide range of behaviors from gas to liquid to plastically deforming solid; granular analog of molecular beam to probe subtle grain-grain interactions in situ

Next: add water....

























































AFM cannot provide complete picture!



Coarse sand: F_{coh} nearly identical to glass spheres, but clustering very different

AFM: only simple, head on collisions, measure max. force

Need **total energy loss** from cohesive & dissipative forces (including sliding and rolling motion)

Simplify: ÔtickyÕtollisions where head-on collisions dominate























Granular Liquids: "Zero" Surface Tension?

- Granular Hele-Shaw system:
 - patterns and cusps as predicted for vanishing surface tension
- Granular jets impacting targets:
 - quantitative agreement with high-We results for water
 - with increasing particle # density, transition from particulate to liquid-like behavior (thin sheets, "water bells")
 - "liquid" produced by brief interval of rapid collisions right in front of target; sheet is "finger print" of this interval, but no longer a liquid (density too low)























