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### TENSOR-BASED, CONTACT-MODEL-AGNOSTIC APPROACH TO RECONSTRUCTION OF GRANULAR BULK'S CONTACT FORCES FROM ITS MACRO BEHAVIOR AND CONTACT NETWORK FABRIC

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# INTRODUCTION

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#### PRACTICAL PROBLEMS - X-RAY TOMOGRAPHY

stages of particle detection process: grayscale, binary, labelled

#### contact detection involves assessment of the 'amount of contact'







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### INTRODUCTION MATERIAL DESCRIPTION

#### CONTINUUM APPROACH

(uses mathematical models of structureless continuum)

#### STRUCTURAL (micro-mechanical) APPROACH

(obtaining the mechanics of the specimen is based on interactions among discrete particles)







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simulation

particle representation (morphology, material properties)

calibration

### GOAL

completing system's mechanics microstructural description without assumptions about interaction model and the need for calibration – only from measured (observed) values of micro and macro variables obtained in experiments?

## METHOD

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#### FABRIC

fabric = microstructure, represented via directional data

 $\left\{ \vec{e_{\iota}}^{\,n+1},\; \vec{e_{\iota}}^{\,n+1}, \ldots \, \vec{e_{\iota}}^{\,n+1} \right\}$ 

#### fabric tensor

$$A_{tot}^{n+1,a_1,..a_k} = \sum_{\iota=1}^{N} \frac{w_{\iota}^{n+1}}{w_{tot}^{n+1}} e_{\iota}^{n+1,a_1} e_{\iota}^{n+1,a_2} \dots e_{\iota}^{n+1,a_k}$$
$$w_{tot}^{n+1} = \sum_{\iota=1}^{N} w_{\iota}^{n+1} \quad \text{is a tensorial measure of the structural arrangement of a granular medium.}$$

For 
$$\iota = IJ$$
  $A_{bulk}^{n+1,a_1,..a_k} = \sum_{IJ \in \{IJ\}} \frac{w_{IJ}^{n+1}}{w_{bulk}^{n+1}} e_{IJ}^{n+1,a_1} e_{IJ}^{n+1,a_2} ... e_{IJ}^{n+1,a_k}$ 



SOURCE: https://s3-eu-west-1.amazonaws.com/ppreviewsplos-725668748/10884671/preview.jpg

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#### **CONNECTION POSITION - FABRIC - STRESS**

fabric tensors created using interaction directional data, are (easily) connectable to stress tensors

ASUMPTION ':  $\sigma_{bulk}^{n+1,ab} = func\left(\kappa_{bulk}^{n+1}, A_{bulk}^{n+1,ab}\right)$  or

$$\sigma_{bulk}^{n+1,ab} = func\left(\kappa_{bulk}^{n+1,ab}, A_{bulk}^{n+1,ab}\right)$$

according to the equations, relation is valid on different levels of description and...

I. K. Kanatani, Distribution of directional data and fabric tensors, vol. 12, no. 2, pp. 149–164, 1984.

### METHOD FABRIC AND STRESS TENSORS

...and different levels are connectable:





2. Bagi, K., Stress and strain in granular assemblies. Mechanics of Materials, 22(3), 165-177, 1996

### METHOD INTERACTION FORCES

#### interaction forces obtained using contact-force-model-agnostic approach, without assumptions about particles' material properties



$$\sigma_{bulk}^{(n+1),ab} = \frac{1}{V_{bulk}^{(n+1)}} \sum_{I \in \{I\}} \left\{ \sum_{J \in \{IJ\}} \left( F_{IJ}^{(n+1),a}(\vec{r}_{cp,IJ}^{(n+1),b} - \vec{r}_{I}^{(n+1),b}) \right) \right\}$$
only contact contribution

3. Goldhirsch, I., Stress, stress asymmetry and couple stress: form discrete particles to continuous fields. Granular Matter, 12:239-252, 2010

### METHOD DEGREE OF ANISOTROPY

fabric tensor is of the I<sup>st</sup> kind, rank 2

$$\hat{A}_{bulk}^{n+1} = \hat{N}_{bulk}^{n+1}$$
$$\hat{A}_{I}^{n+1} = \hat{N}_{I}^{n+1}$$
$$\hat{A}_{IJ}^{n+1} = \hat{N}_{IJ}^{n+1}$$

degree of anisotropy

$$\zeta\left(\hat{N}^{n+1}\right) = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}\left((N_1^{n+1} - N_2^{n+1})^2 + (N_2^{n+1} - N_3^{n+1})^2 + (N_3^{n+1} - N_1^{n+1})^2\right)}$$

$$\zeta \Big( \frac{\hat{\sigma}^{n+1}}{tr\hat{\sigma}^{n+1}} \Big) = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2} \Big( (\frac{\sigma_1^{n+1}}{tr\hat{\sigma}^{n+1}} - \frac{\sigma_2^{n+1}}{tr\hat{\sigma}^{n+1}})^2 + (\frac{\sigma_2^{n+1}}{tr\hat{\sigma}^{n+1}} - \frac{\sigma_3^{n+1}}{tr\hat{\sigma}^{n+1}})^2 + (\frac{\sigma_3^{n+1}}{tr\hat{\sigma}^{n+1}} - \frac{\sigma_1^{n+1}}{tr\hat{\sigma}^{n+1}})^2 \Big)}$$

I, 2, 3 are the tensor eigen values

# EXPERIMENT OVERVIEW

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## SIMULATION OVERVIEW



green lentils are approximately oblate spheroids with a = 2.33 mm mm and b = 1.8 mm

#### AVERAGE BULK STRESSES



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Normalized relative error of TCGM diagonal average bulk stress components for trials with the same/different imposed stress scaling component-wise, over axial strain

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Normalized relative error of TCGM diagonal average bulk stress components for trials with the 'natural' and imposed fabric, over axial strain

#### AVERAGE BULK STRESSES





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Normalized relative error of TCGM degree of anisotropy for trials with the 'natural' and imposed fabric, over axial strain

## CONCLUSION

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- Both imposed stress scaling and bulk fabric have influence on trends of degree of anisotropy and stress components curves:
  - fabric influences the curve shape of the progression of the degree of anisotropy and stress scaling scales it, whereas for macro stress response the influence cannot be separated
- Only together both influences yield proper outcome:
  - Correct fabric and wrong imposed stress scaling yield wrong outcome
  - Wrong fabric and correct imposed stress scaling yield wrong outcome
  - Correct fabric and correct imposed stress scaling yield best results
- Choice of contact directional data to construct the fabric influences curve trends of both average bulk stress components and degree of anisotropy not too significantly





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## ADDITION

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