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.05 Macroscopic view of sediment transport



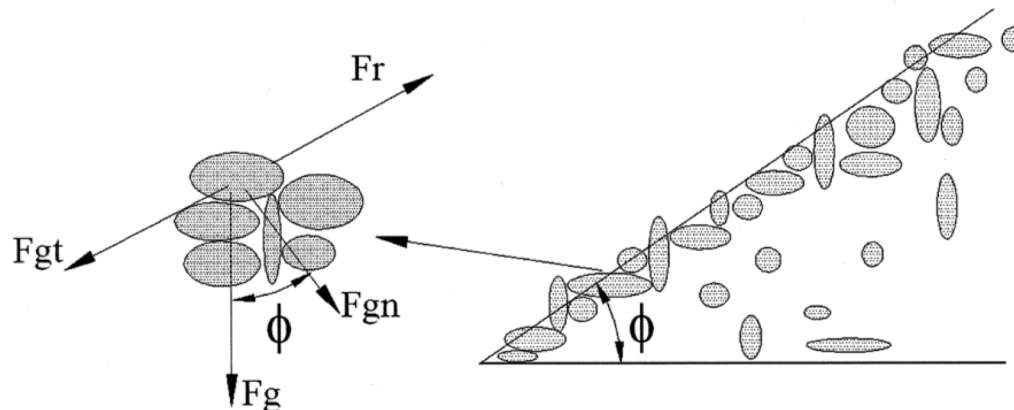
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1. Submerged Angle of Repose

- If granular particles are allowed to pile up while submerged in a fluid, there is a specific slope angle beyond which spontaneous failure of the slope occurs.
- This angle is the angle of repose (or friction angle).
- The coefficient of Coulomb friction

$$\mu = \frac{\text{tangential resistive force}}{\text{downward normal force}}$$





1. Submerged Angle of Repose

- The forces acting on the particle along the slope are:
 - The submerged force of gravity, which has a downslope component F_{gt} and normal component F_{gn}
 - A tangential resistive force F_r due to Coulomb friction.

$$F_{gt} = (\rho_s - \rho)gV_p \sin\phi$$

$$F_{gn} = (\rho_s - \rho)gV_p \cos\phi$$

$$F_r = \mu F_{gn}$$

- The condition for incipient motion is

$$F_{gt} = F_r$$

- Down slope impelling force of gravity should just barely balance with the Coulomb resistive force.



1. Submerged Angle of Repose

- From the previous four relations, it is found

$$\mu = \tan \phi$$

- The angle of repose is an empirical quantity.
- Test with well-sorted material indicate that this angle is near 30 degree for sand, gradually increasing to 40 for gravel.
- Poorly-sorted angular material tends to interlock, giving greater resistance to failure, and as a result, a higher friction angle of repose.



2. Critical Stress for Flow over a Granular Bed

- When a granular bed is subjected to a turbulent flow, it is found that virtually no motion of the grains is observed at some flows, but that the bed is noticeably mobilized at other flows.
- Factor that affect the mobility of grains subjected to a flow are
 - Randomness: including grain placement, and turbulent
 - Forces on grains: Gravity and fluid
 - Fluid : lift and drag (mean & turbulent)
- In the presence of turbulent flow,
 - random fluctuations typically prevent the clear definition of a critical or threshold condition for motion



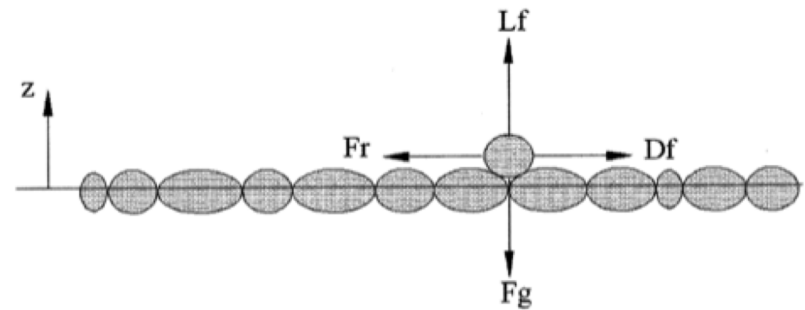
2. Critical Stress for Flow over a Granular Bed

- But, still we need some conditions for describing it.
- Ikeda-Coleman-Iwagaki model for threshold conditions.
- Assumptions:
 - The forces acting on a particle taken to “dangerously placed”.
 - The flow is taken to follow the turbulent rough logarithmic law near the boundary.
 - Turbulent forces on the particle are neglected.
 - Drag and lift forces act through the particle center
 - On drag force, boundary effects can be neglected
 - Very low streamwise slopes
 - Roughness height is equated to diameter of sediment



2. Critical Stress for Flow over a Granular Bed

- Particle is centered at $z=D/2$
- To solve this problem, it is necessary to use some information about turbulent boundary layers to define effective fluid velocity u_f acting on the particle.



- In the viscous sublayer, a linear velocity profile

$$\frac{u}{u_*} = \frac{u_* z}{\nu} \quad \longrightarrow \quad \frac{u_f}{u_*} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{u_* D}{\nu} \quad \left(\text{when } \frac{D}{\delta_v} = \frac{u_* D}{\nu} < 0.5 \right)$$

$D / \delta_v > 2$ then no viscous sublayer exist.



2. Critical Stress for Flow over a Granular Bed

- If no viscous sublayer exists, apply the rough pipe log v velocity profile

$$\frac{u_f}{u_*} = 2.5 \ln \left(30 \frac{z}{D} \right) \Bigg|_{z=\frac{1}{2}D} = 6.77$$

- Then the general form for the both cases,

- Where $\frac{u_f}{u_*} = F \left(\frac{u_* D}{\nu} \right)$

~~$$F = \frac{1}{2} \frac{u_* D}{\nu} \quad \text{for} \quad \frac{u_* D}{\nu} < 13.5$$~~

→ Since rough flow

$$F = 6.77 \quad \text{for} \quad \frac{u_* D}{\nu} > 13.5$$



2. Critical Stress for Flow over a Granular Bed

- However, it would be more convenient to have a continuous function

$$F = \left\{ \left(\frac{2\nu}{u_* D} \right)^{10/3} + \left[\kappa^{-1} \ln \left(1 + \frac{\frac{9 u_* D}{2 \nu}}{1 + 0.3 \frac{u_* D}{\nu}} \right) \right]^{-10/3} \right\}^{-0.3}$$

- Forces acting on the particle

$$D_f = \rho \frac{1}{2} \pi \left(\frac{D}{2} \right)^2 c_D u_f^2, \quad L_f = \rho \frac{1}{2} \pi \left(\frac{D}{2} \right)^2 c_L u_f^2, \quad F_g = \rho R g \frac{4}{3} \pi \left(\frac{D}{2} \right)^3$$

- Coulomb resistive force

$$F_r = \mu (F_g - L_f)$$



2. Critical Stress for Flow over a Granular Bed

- For a channel with a downstream slope angle, the downslope effect of gravity has to be included in the force balance presented earlier, resulting in

$$\tau_c^* = \frac{4}{3} \frac{\mu}{C_D + \mu C_L} \frac{1}{F^2 (u_{*c} D / \nu)}$$

- This is dimensionless critical shear stress and called as “the Shields parameter”

$$\tau_c^* = \frac{\tau_{bc}}{\rho g R D}$$



2. Critical Stress for Flow over a Granular Bed

- The critical condition for incipient motion of the particle is that the impelling drag force is just balanced by the resisting Coulomb frictional force:

$$D_f = F_r$$

- With all forces above,

$$\frac{u_f^2}{RgD} = \frac{4}{3} \frac{\mu}{c_D + \mu c_L}$$

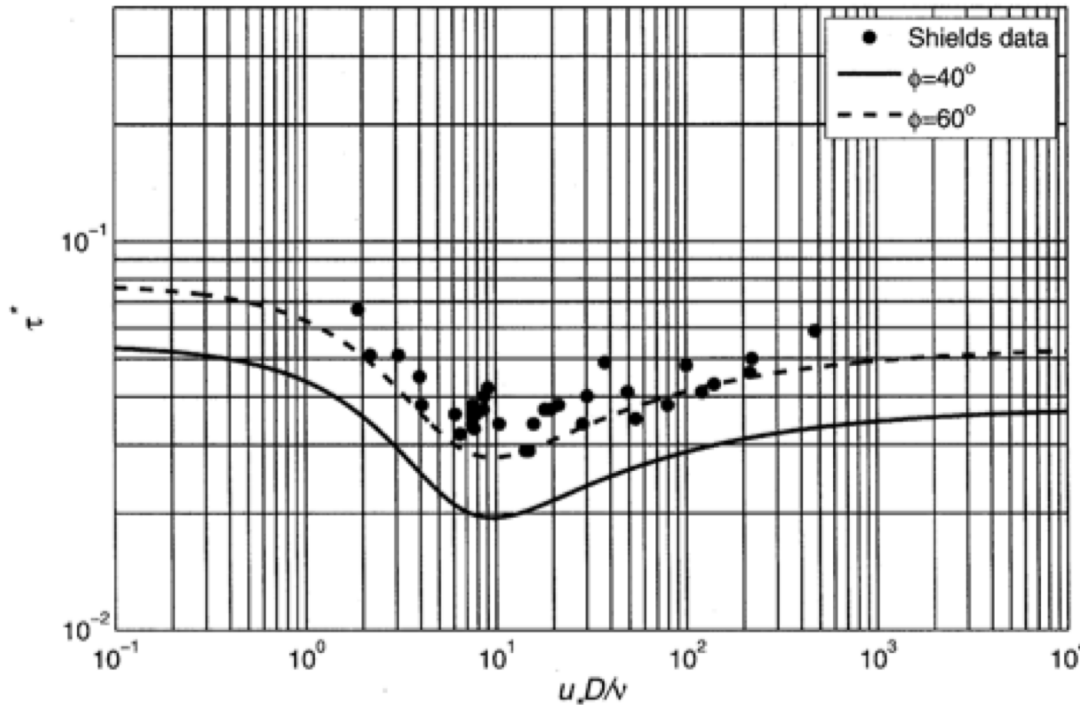
- Since $\frac{u_f}{u_*} = F\left(\frac{u_* D}{\nu}\right)$ and $\tau_b = \rho u_*^2$

- Ikeda-Coleman-Iwagaki

$$\tau_c^* = \frac{4}{3} \frac{\mu}{(c_D + \mu c_L)} \frac{1}{F^2(u_*^* D / \nu)}$$



2. Critical Stress for Flow over a Granular Bed



$\phi = 40^\circ$ and 60°

$$k_s = 2D \quad C_L = 0.85C_D$$

- Comparison of Ikeda-Coleman-Iwagaki model for initiation of motion with Shields data



3. Shields Diagram

- Shields elucidate the condition for which sediment grains would be at the verge of moving.
- He used the fundamental concepts of similarity and dimensional analysis.
- He said shield number should be function of shear Reynolds number

$$\tau_c^* \sim \text{function} \left(\frac{u_{*c} D}{\nu} \right)$$

- Key parameters for the system are

$$\tau_{bc}, \gamma \text{ and } \gamma_s, D, u_{*c} = \sqrt{\tau_{bc} / \rho}, \nu$$

- So simply

$$\tau_c^* = \frac{\tau_{bc}}{\rho g R D} = F_* \left(\frac{u_{*c} D}{\nu} \right)$$



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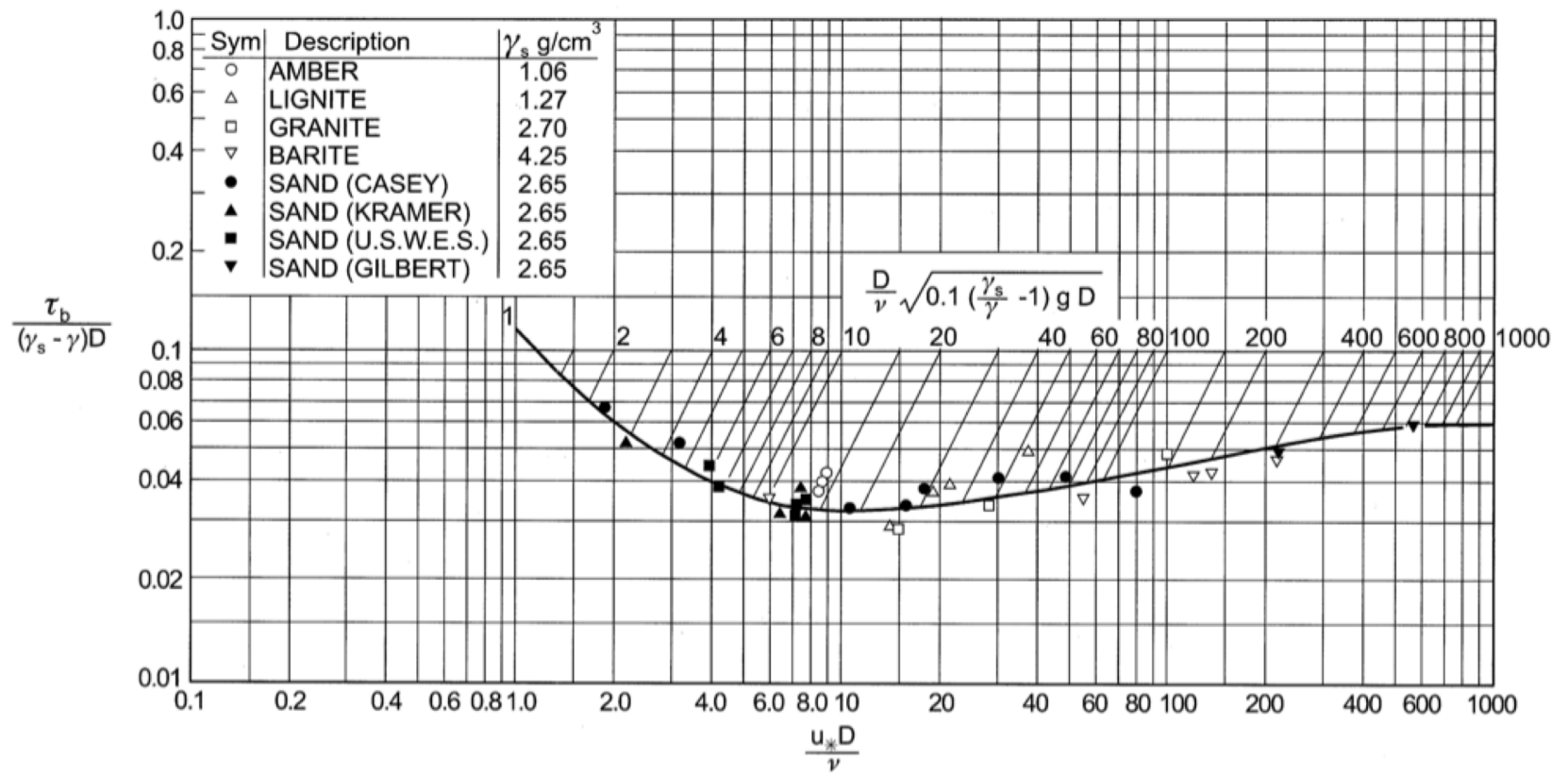
- But this form is not practical,
- Therefore, Vanoni (1964) proposed

$$\frac{u_* D}{\nu} = \frac{u_*}{\sqrt{g R D}} \frac{\sqrt{g R D D}}{\nu} = (\tau^*)^{1/2} R_{ep}$$

- Which was used in falling velocity relations



3. Shields Diagram





4. Granular Sediment on a Sloping Bed

- The work of Shields on initiation of motion applied only to the case of nearly horizontal slopes.
- Most streams, particularly in mountain areas, have steep gradients, creating a need to account for the effect of the downslope component of gravity on the initiation motion.
- Wiberg and Smith (1987)

$$\tau_c^* = \frac{4 (\tan \phi_0 \cos \alpha - \sin \alpha)}{3 (C_D + \tan \phi_0 C_L)} \frac{1}{F^2(z/z_0)}$$

α = Bed slope angle

ϕ_0 = Angle of repose of the grains



4. Granular Sediment on a Sloping Bed

- The effect of the streamwise bed slope on incipient sediment motion can be illustrated by considering the forces active on a particle lying in a bed consisting of similar particles over which water flows.
- Chiew and Parker (1994)

$$\frac{\tau_{c\alpha}^*}{\tau_{co}^*} = \cos \alpha \left(1 - \frac{\tan \alpha}{\tan \phi} \right)$$

ϕ : Repose angle

$\tau_{c\alpha}^*$: critical shear stress for sediment on a bed
with a longitudinal slope angle α

τ_{co}^* : critical shear stress for a bed with very small slope

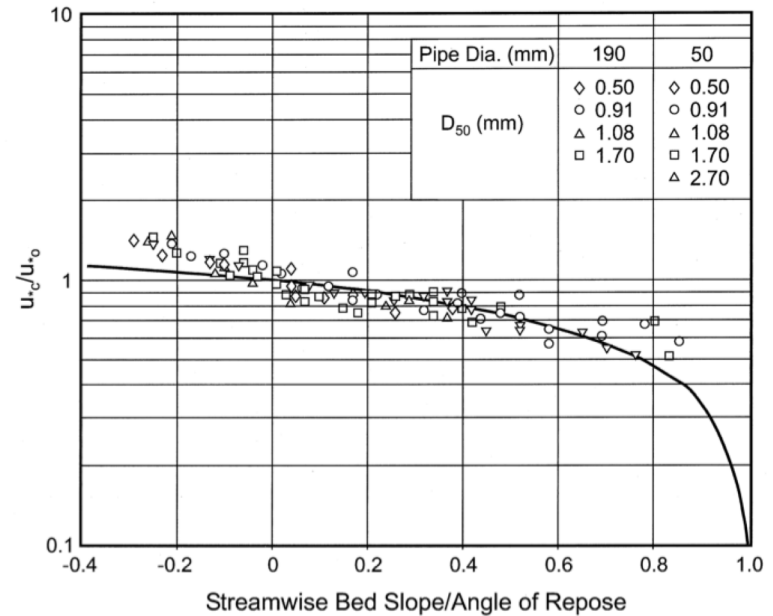


4. Granular Sediment on a Sloping Bed

- In terms of shear velocities,

$$\frac{u_{*c}}{u_{*o}} = \sqrt{\cos \alpha \left(1 - \frac{\tan \alpha}{\tan \phi} \right)}$$

- Right figure was done by Chiew and Parker in duct laboratory experiment





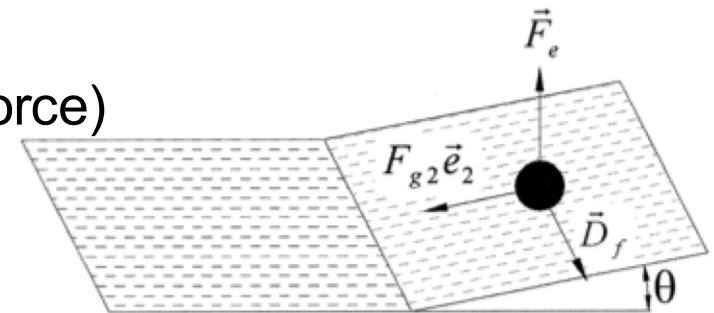
5. Threshold Condition on Side Slopes

- Until now, we just talk the horizontal in the transverse direction.
- In engineering application, side wall slope must be important.
- Simplification of the analysis:
 - Logarithmic upward normal from the bed.

$$D_f = \rho \frac{1}{2} \pi \left(\frac{D}{2} \right)^2 c_D u_f^2 \vec{e}_1 \quad (\text{Drag force})$$

$$F_g = F_{g2} \vec{e}_2 + F_{g3} \vec{e}_3 \quad (\text{Gravitational force})$$

$$(F_{g2}, F_{g3}) = -\rho R g \frac{4}{3} \pi \left(\frac{D}{2} \right)^3 (\sin \theta, \cos \theta)$$





5. Threshold Condition on Side Slopes

- The lift force is given as

$$L_f = \rho \frac{1}{2} \pi \left(\frac{D}{2} \right)^2 c_L u_f^2 \vec{e}_3$$

- Coulomb resistive force must balance the sum of the impelling forces due to flow and transverse downslope pull of gravity at the critical conditions

$$\mu^2 \left| F_{g3} \vec{e}_3 + L_f \right|^2 = \left| D_f \right|^2 + \left| F_{g2} \vec{e}_3 \right|^2$$

- With the previous terms

$$\left[\left(\frac{u_f^2}{RgD} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{4}{3c_D} \sin \theta \right)^2 \right]^{1/2} = \mu \left(\frac{4}{3c_D} \cos \theta - \frac{c_L}{c_D} \frac{u_f^2}{RgD} \right)$$



5. Threshold Condition on Side Slopes

- With some manipulations

$$\left[(\tau_c^*)^2 + \left(\frac{4}{3c_D F^2} \sin \theta \right)^2 \right]^{1/2} = \frac{4\mu}{3c_D F^2} \cos \theta - \mu \frac{c_L}{c_D} \tau_c^*$$

- The case of a transversely horizontal bed is recovering by setting $\theta=0$. The critical Shields stress is found as in the previous

$$\tau_c^* = \frac{4}{3} \frac{(\mu \cos \alpha - \sin \alpha)}{(c_D + \mu c_L)} \frac{1}{F^2 (u_{*c} D / \nu)}$$

- And denotes with the subscript of o.



5. Threshold Condition on Side Slopes

- Then

$$\left[\left(\frac{\tau_c^*}{\tau_{co}^*} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{(1 + \mu c_L / c_D) \sin \theta}{\mu} \right)^2 \right]^{1/2} = \left(1 + \mu \frac{c_L}{c_D} \right) \cos \theta - \mu \frac{c_L}{c_D} \left(\frac{\tau_c^*}{\tau_{co}^*} \right)$$

When $\mu = 0.84$ ($\phi = 40^\circ$), $c_L = 0.85 c_D$.

(c_D can be found in diagram)

