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## **DEPARTMENT OF FOOD TECHNOLOGY**

## **COURSE CODE & NAME**: 23AGT207 & ENGINEERING PROPERTIES OF AGRICULTURE PRODUCE

## II YEAR / IV SEMESTER

## **UNIT : III THERMAL PROPERTIES**

**TOPIC 4** : Angle of repose and flow of bulk granular materials



# **Angle of Repose**

The angle of repose is the angle between the horizontal and the sloping side of a pile of granular material formed when it is poured or dropped onto a surface.

it's a measure of the material's flowability.





## **Angle of Repose – Measurement**



The angle of repose is measured with a square box, which is filled to the top and then removing lid, by allowing the granular material to fall freely, resulting in a conical shape of the sample

By measuring the base and height of the cone, angle of repose is calculated as per the following equation:

where:

•h= height of the pile,

•r = horizontal radius (or base length/2 for a symmetric pile).

 $\theta = \tan^{-1}(\frac{n}{n})$ 



- 1. Scale
- 2. Base holder
- 3. Circular base
- 4. Transparent face

<sup>5.</sup> Stand





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Dynamic angle of repose: It arises when bulk of the material is in motion.





## **Flow of Bulk Granular Material**

It is a complex phenomenon that involves the movement of individual particles, often in a non-uniform and chaotic manner

In general, the flow of bulk granular materials can be categorized into different regimes, including:

•A-type flow (easy flowing): characterizes the smooth, laminar flow of materials

•C-type flow (difficult flowing): describes the irregular, chaotic flow of materials

•B-type flow (transition): represents the intermediate flow regime,

#### •Granular Materials:

•These are materials composed of discrete particles, like sand, powders, or grains.

#### **Flowability:**

This refers to a material's ability to flow freely and consistently





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Factors Influencing Flow: • Particle Properties: Shape, size, surface texture, and density all play a role in how granular materials flow.

•Container Geometry: The shape and size of the container, as well as the presence of obstacles or openings, can significantly impact flow.

•External Forces: Gravity, vibration, and shear stress can induce or alter granular flow.

**Flow Regimes:** Granular flows can exhibit different behaviors, including:

• **Dense Flow:** Where particles are in close contact and the material behaves more like a solid.

 Dilute Flow: Where particles are more spread out and the material behaves more like a gas.

 Liquid-like Flow: Where the granular material can flow like a liquid under certain conditions





#### •Internal Force Transmission:

Granular materials transmit forces through inter-particle contacts, which can lead to phenomena like arches and segregation.

## •Segregation:

The separation of different types of particles within a mixture during flow, like the "Brazil nut effect".

•Flow Rate: The amount of material that flows through a given area in a certain time, which is influenced by the factors mentioned above.





## Activity

# Write an assignment on AI /ML aided flow of a granular materials in food industries





THANK YOU.