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Abstract

This is an experimental study of the discharge of seeds in a silo in a mass flow regime. It

demonstrates how the flow parameters involved in Beverloo's equation (C and k) can be

correlated with some of the shape parameters belonging to the seed grains. Results show

that the concept of empty annulus introduced through the parameter k is dependent on the

size and on the specific surface area. Besides, the circularity of the grains, alone, is not

enough to predict the value of k in a grain discharging process.

Keywords: flow; silo; Beverloo's equation.

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