# Recent advances in jamming: Packing probabilities, geometrical families, and anharmonicity



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# Jamming Phase Diagram



Liu and Nagel, Nature 396 (1998) 21 O'Hern, Silbert, Liu, Nagel, PRE 68 (2003) 011306.

# Simulations of Jamming



Temperature (T), packing fraction ( $\phi$ )



Shear stress ( $\sigma$ ), packing fraction ( $\phi$ )



# Jamming along the $\phi$ -axis



## Focus Questions

• Are jammed packings points or continuous geometrical families in configuration space?

• Are jammed packings equally probable? If not, what determines their probabilities? How do the probabilities depend on packing-generation protocol?

• Can the vibrational response be determined from *static* jammed packings?



http://jamming.research.yale.edu/



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# What are jammed granular packings?



### Distinguishing features of granular meida: athermal, dissipative, driven

Jammed = mechanically stable (MS) configuration with extremely small particle overlaps; net forces (and torques) are zero on each particle; stable to small perturbations Disorder versus Order



Are jammed packings points in configuration space?



### **Deposition Algorithm in Simulations**



- •All geometric parameters identical to those for experiments •Terminate algorithm when  $F_{tot} < F_{max} = 10^{-14}$
- •Vary random initial positions and conduct  $N_{trials} = 10^8$  to find 'all' mechanically stable packings for small systems N=3 to 10.

### Mechanically Stable Frictionless Packings



•Distinct MS packings distinguished by particle positions  $\{\vec{r}_i\}$ •# of constraints  $\geq$  # of degrees of freedom **Configuration Space of Mechanically Stable Packings** 

$$R = \left\{ \vec{r}_1, \vec{r}_2, \dots, \vec{r}_N \right\}$$



• $\Delta R_D$  = distance in configuration space between distinct MS packings • $\Delta R_C$  = error in measuring distinct MS packings

### Separation in Configuration Space



• MS frictionless packings are discrete points in configuration space

# **Discrete MS Packings**



How is the quantitative agreement between sims and exps?



•95% of distinct MS packing match; others are unstable in sims

Are jammed packings equally probable?

### Sorted Probabilities



•7 (4) orders of magnitude variation in probabilities in simulations (experiments)

# MS Packing Probabilities Are Robust



• Rare MS packings in exps are rare in sims; frequent MS packings in exps are frequent in sims

What determines the packing probabilities?

# Protocol Dependence of Granular Packings



### Rate dependence and basin volume



fast rate;  $\phi_f = 0.622$ 

slow rate;  $\phi_f = 0.730$ 

fast rate; different IC;  $\phi_f=0.730$ 

Density landscape for hard spheres



N. Xu, D. Frenkel, and A. J. Liu, xxx.lanl.gov/cond-mat1101.5879

### Method 1 (small l): Probability to return to a given MS packing



#### Prob=0.413250%



Prob=6.065950%

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#### Prob=26.197200%

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#### Prob=30.415850%

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#### Prob=0.000050%



#### Prob=0.187150%

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Prob=2.868100%

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#### Prob=33.852450%



### Distinct N=4 Packings





### Particle-label permutations



## Method 2 (large 1): Random initial conditions



# **Basin Volumes**

$$P_{i} = \frac{V_{i}}{L^{dN}} \qquad \qquad V_{i} = \int_{0}^{\sqrt{dN}} S_{i}(l) dl$$

$$S_i(l) = A_{dN} f_i(l) l^{dN-1} \mathbf{P}_i N_s ! N_l !$$

Weighted/Unweighted basin profile functions



Probability of MS packing determined by large l, not core region l<sub>c</sub>
Large probability near peak in MS packing separation distribution

# Floaters

![](_page_32_Figure_1.jpeg)

Particles with fewer than 3 contacts

![](_page_32_Figure_3.jpeg)

### **Future Directions**

Probability for MS packings determined by large l, not nearby regions of configuration space
Study φ<sub>i</sub> and quench rate dependence of probabilities

![](_page_33_Figure_2.jpeg)

# Vibrational Response in Granular Media

![](_page_34_Figure_1.jpeg)

Figure 1: [left] Sound (force) propagation at 4 times and [right] frequency response to a sinusoidal vertical compression of a packed composite material under constant pressure.

### Harmonic Solids

![](_page_35_Figure_1.jpeg)

- •Atomic and molecular systems
- •Pair potentials have `double-sided' minimum and are long-ranged
- •Equilibrium positions are well-defined
- •Vibrations at low T captured using harmonic approximation
# Causes of nonharmonicity in granular solids

- Nonlinear Hertzian interaction potential  $\mathbf{X}$
- Dissipation from normal contacts  $\chi$
- Sliding and rolling friction  $\chi$
- Inhomogeneous force propagation
- Breaking existing contacts and forming new contacts

## Model Particulate Media



Total potential energy  $V = \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle} V(r_{ij})$ 

# Harmonic approximation: Normal Modes from Dynamical Matrix

$$M_{\alpha,\beta} = \frac{\partial^2 V(\vec{r})}{\partial r_{\alpha} \partial r_{\beta}} \bigg|_{\vec{r} = \vec{r}_0}^{\alpha,\beta=x, y, z, \text{ particle}}$$

Calculate d N- d eigenvalues;  $m_i = \omega_i^2 > 0$ .

#### Density of Vibrational Modes via Dynamical Matrix



$$D(\omega)d\omega = N(\omega + d\omega) - N(\omega)$$

•Why  $D(\omega)$  ? •Formation of plateau in  $D(\omega)$ (excess of low-frequency modes) as  $\Delta \phi = \phi - \phi_J \rightarrow 0$ 

A. J. Liu, S. R. Nagel, W. van Saarloos, and M. Wyart, "The jamming scenario--an introduction and outlook," Soft Matter (2010).

## Are jammed particulate systems harmonic?

$$\vec{r}_i' = \vec{r}_i + \delta \hat{e}_6$$



- Deform system along each 'eigenmode'  $\omega_i$
- Run at constant NVE, measure power spectrum of grain displacements
- Does system oscillate at frequency  $\omega_i$  from dynamical matrix?

# Power-spectrum of particle displacements



- System becomes strongly nonharmonic at extremely small  $\delta$
- First spreads to `harmonic' set of  $\omega$  (NH1); then continuum of  $\omega$  (NH2)





# Strongly Anharmonic Behavior



#### Are large jammed packings composed of highly probable sub-systems?



## Delaunay triangle packings



(a2)



#### Distribution of tile numbers





- Average values converge quickly with N
- `Compatibility' rules determine large N values

## **Future Directions**



• Form triangles, quadrilaterals, pentagons,... out of all links (from Delanauy triangulation) that surround particles.

When do jammed packings form continuous geometrical families?

## Continuous Range of Boundary Conditions, L



Continuous Range of Boundary Conditions, L<sub>min</sub> to L<sub>max</sub>

1. Enumeration: large number of unrelated L (sim)



2. Dynamics:Quasistaticcompression/decompression(sim,exp)





# How do slow, dense shear flows sample MS packings...with equal probability?



#### Quasi-static Couette Shear Flow $\dot{\gamma} \rightarrow 0$

B. Utter and R. P. Behringer Phys. Rev. Lett. 100 (2008) 203302H. A. Makse and J. Kurchan Nature 415 (2001) 614

#### Quasi-static shear flow at zero pressure



- 1. Initialize MS packing at zero shear strain
- 2. Take small step shear strain  $x_i = x_i + \Delta \gamma y_i$
- 3. Minimize energy
- 4. Find nearest MS packing at P=0 using growth/shrink procedure
- 5. Repeat steps 2, 3, 4



# Quasistatic Shear Flow at Zero Pressure



## Geometric Families Exist over Continuous Range of $\gamma$



•Rearrangement events cause system to switch geometric families

# **Complete Family Tree**



— complete family tree

— deterministic evolution of all  $\gamma=0$  packings

Small systems sample only negligible fraction of available geometric families!



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## Noise-generation Mechanism: Collinear Particles

(a)







(c)

$$\gamma = \gamma_0 - \Delta \gamma$$

$$\gamma = \gamma_0$$

#### **Frictional Geometric Families**



#### **Bumpy Particles**







## Sticky Disks



•Study C/ $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$  limit •50 - 50 binary mixtures of disks with R<sub>2</sub>/R<sub>1</sub>=1.4



## **Bond Percolation**



## **Rigidity Percolation**





### **Rigidity Percolation Exponents**



## **Contact Percolation in Repulsive Disks**



## **Percolation Critical Exponents**

	Nature	sticky	repulsive disks	Rod (a=3)	Rod (a=6)
η			1.127	0.734	0.479
фc		0.558	0.676	0.520	0.381
D	1.89	1.88±0.04	1.907±0.013	1.900±0.004	1.908±0.018
τ	2.06±0.02	2.04±0.04	2.01±0.03	1.99±0.03	1.97±0.03
ν	1.6±0.1	1.92±0.03	1.376±0.065	1.404±0.055	1.420±0.044
Cyclic Compression and Decompression



#### Packings of ellipse-shaped particles



compression method-fixed aspect ratio  $\alpha$ 

#### Pairwise Repulsive Interactions: True Contact Distance





$$V(r_{ij}) = \begin{cases} \frac{\varepsilon}{\alpha} \left(1 - \frac{r_{ij}}{\sigma_{ij}}\right)^{\alpha} & r < \sigma_{ij} \\ 0 & r \ge \sigma_{ij} \end{cases}$$

 $\alpha$ =2; linear springs

## Average Contact Number



- Not a discontinuous jump from  $\langle z \rangle = 4$  to 6.
- Quartic modes to the rescue!

#### **Eigenfrequency Spectra**



Two gaps in spectrum over range of aspect ratios
Onset of first gap depends on aspect ratio
Second gap closes at large aspect ratios

### Rotational/Translational Character of Eigenmodes



α=1.01

# What is the difference between between a dimer and an ellipse?



 $\alpha = a/b$ 

## **Structural Properties**

