Jamming and the Anticrystal

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Glasses and the Glass Transition



Earliest glassmaking 3000BC

Glass vessels from around 1500BC

- When liquid is cooled through glass transition
 - Particles remain disordered
 - Stress relaxation time increases continuously

- Can get 10 orders of magnitude increase in 20 K range

- When system can no longer equilibrate on a reasonable time scale, it is called a glass
- All liquids undergo glass transitions if cooled quickly enough

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amorphous

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Is There an OPPOSITE POLE to the Crystal?

- Perfect crystal is epitome of order at T=0
- What is the epitome of disorder —the anticrystal—at T=0?
- Why is this a useful question?
 - Important for understanding glasses
 - cannot get there by perturbing a crystal (ie adding defects)
 - Need new way of thinking about solids
 - To understand glass transition, it might help to understand what liquid is making transition to



Jamming Transition for "Ideal Spheres"



Onset of Overlap has Discontinuous Character





Just above φ_c there are Z_c overlapping neighbors per particle



Durian, PRL **75**, 4780 (1995). O'Hern, Langer, Liu, Nagel, PRL **88**, 075507 (2002). $Z_c = 3.99 \pm 0.01$ 2D $Z_c = 5.97 \pm 0.03$ 3D

Verified experimentally: G. Katgert and M. van Hecke, EPL **92**, 34002 (2010).

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James Clerk Maxwell

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Compare to crystal



- G/B \rightarrow 0 at jamming transition (like liquid)
- jammed solid marginally stable to pressure (Wyart)
- jammed state is anticrystal; opposite pole to perfect crystal
- anticrystal defined in terms of rigidity, not structure

Marginal Stability Leads to Diverging Length Scale

M.Wyart, S.R. Nagel, T.A. Witten, EPL **72**, 486 (05) • For system at ϕ_c , Z=2d

•Removal of one bond makes entire system unstable by adding a soft mode

•This implies diverging length as $\varphi\text{->}\varphi_{c}$ ^



For $\phi > \phi_c$, cut bonds at boundary of size L Count number of soft modes within cluster

$$N_s \approx L^{d-1} - (Z - Z_c)L^d$$

Define length scale at which soft modes just appear

$$\ell_L \sim \frac{1}{Z - Z_c} \equiv \frac{1}{\Delta z} \sim \left(\phi - \phi_c\right)^{-0.5}$$

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> BUT near at Point J, there is a diverging length scale ℓ_L So what happens?

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L. E. Silbert, A. J. Liu, S. R. Nagel, PRL **95**, 098301 ('05)



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- Number of overlapping neighbors per particle

$$Z = \begin{cases} 0 & \phi < \phi_c \\ Z_c + z_0 \Delta \phi^{\beta \equiv 1/2} & \phi \ge \phi_c \end{cases} \qquad V(r) = \begin{cases} \frac{\varepsilon}{\alpha} \left(1 - \frac{r}{\sigma}\right)^{\alpha} & r \le \sigma \\ 0 & r > \sigma \end{cases}$$

• Static shear modulus/bulk modulus

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Exponents are

- independent of potential
- independent of dimension

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2d illustration

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Look at thousandsy of packings



Even very ordered systems behave mechanically like jammed solids

What Have We Left Out? ALMOST EVERYTHING

long-ranged interactions

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• attractions

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• 3-body interactions (e.g. bond-bending)

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Long-ranged interactions & attractions





Attractions serve to hold system at high enough density that repulsions come into play (WCA)

- Point J lies inside liquid-vapor coexistence curve so it doesn't exist
- But in liquid state theory, physics is controlled by finiteranged repulsions

Lennard-Jones Interactions

- Can treat long-ranged interactions as correction in variational theory to predict shift in boson peak frequency (and G/B)
- Lennard-Jones polycrystal
- For >6 crystallites, G/B closer to disordered limit than to perfect crystal



Understanding the Scaling of G/B



Ellenbroek, et al. EPL (2009).

Bond Contributions to G, B

• Calculate contribution of each spring to G, B



- Distribution is continuous down to B_i, G_i=0 & fairly broad
- Perfect fcc: sum of a few delta functions





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Independence of bond-level response!











Auxetic Materials

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Poisson's ratio

$$\nu = \frac{d - 2G/B}{d(d-1) + 2G/B}$$

 $-1 \leq \nu \leq 0.5 \ ({\rm in} \ 3d)$



 Disordered networks can cover the entire range of allowed values

- Same density and connectivity at auxetic and incompressible limits—new physics
- procedure is experimentally natural

Macroscopic Origami/Kirigami Materials



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Spatially Textured Response



- Can create low or zero G or low or zero B strips for origami/kirigami materials
- Can target any quantity that can be written as sum over bond-level contributions, e.g. thermal expansion coefficient

- Jamming scenario provides "solid" T=0 starting point for understanding mechanical/thermal properties of disordered solids
 - jamming transition is mixed Ist/2nd order transition
 - jammed state is more robust starting point than perfect crystal
 - rationale for commonality in glasses, granular matter, colloidal glasses, foams, emulsions,
 - starting point for designing disordered mechanical metamaterials

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