# Avalanches and Diffusion in Amorphous Solids Under Athermal, Quasistatic Shear 



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## Outline

- Amorphous solids
- Types
- Athermal quasistatic shear (AQS)
- Slip lines in Lennard-Jones solids
- CEM + M.O. Robbins (J. Phys 2008, PRL 2009)
- Spatial structure of plasticity
- Effective diffusion
- Jamming
- (CEM. PRL Submitted)
- Bubble model / critical scaling near jamming
- Effective diffusion
- Avalanches


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## The question(s) I am asking

- For "simple" amorphous solids in AQS:
- What is the elementary mechanism(s) which accommodates applied shear?
- How are they organized in space and time?
- (How does this impact visceplastic rheology)?


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Local shear strain under driving:

(Schall et. al.)
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Polydisperse PMMA spheres in density-matched solvent

(Weeks et. al.)
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$\square$ Axial compression


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## Athermal, quasistatic shear (AQS)

- Differences in particle-scale physics (do they matter?):
- Inertial or overdamped?
- "Real" temperature
- Dissipation mechanisms / hydrodynamics
- Attractive forces / adhesion
- Coulomb friction / covalent bonding
- Energy landscape picture of AQS (Malandro and Lacks)

- $t_{\text {thermal }} \gg t_{\text {shear }} \gg t_{\text {rearrange }}$

- first Temperature to zero, then shear rate to zero.


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- Strain window, $\Delta \gamma$, plays role of time!


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"Canonical" atomistic Eshelby shear transformation:
pure shear $\epsilon_{1}>0 \epsilon_{2}=0 \omega=0$


Falk PRB 1998


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## $P(\omega ; \Delta \gamma)$



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## $P(\omega ; \Delta \gamma)$. Scale by $\Delta \gamma$, fit to $e^{-\omega / \omega^{*}}$



## RMS $\omega$ vs $\Delta \gamma$



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- $\omega^{\star} \sim 0.1$ compatible with yield strain $\varepsilon_{\text {yield }} \sim 0.05$


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Structure factor for $\Delta \mathrm{\gamma}=0.04 S(\vec{q})=\left|\int \omega(\vec{r}) \exp [i \vec{q} \cdot \vec{r}] d r\right|^{2}$


$$
S(q ; \theta)=A(\theta) q^{-\alpha(\theta)} \quad \begin{aligned}
& \alpha \text { depends on angle! } \\
& \alpha: \text { has "shear" symmetry }
\end{aligned}
$$

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## Compare to Talamali et. al. (Vandembroucq talk)



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$<$ LogS $>_{\theta}$ scaled by $\Delta \gamma$


## <LogS> ${ }_{\theta}$ best-rescaling



## Summary: Spatial structure of strain

- Measured vorticity, $\omega$, for various, $\Delta \gamma$
- In steady state, $\mathrm{S}(\mathrm{q}, \theta)=\mathrm{A}(\theta) \mathrm{q}^{\alpha}$ ( $\theta$ )
- $\alpha$ has "shear symmetry"
- A( $\theta)$ : Mohr-Coulomb effect
- $\mathrm{S} / \Delta \gamma$ collapse implies: $\omega$ is decorrelated



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Expect different spatial heterogeneity in steadily sheared systems!
 vanHecke group

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"Slow" shear at various density


$$
\phi=1.0
$$

$\mathrm{d} y / \mathrm{dt}=1.25 \times 10^{-6}$
$\phi=0.85$
How are they different?

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## Transverse displacement distribution



## $P(\Delta y)$ much

 broader for $\phi=1.0$ than $\phi=0.85$ at early $\Delta \gamma$$P(\Delta y)$ similar for $\phi=1.0$ and $\phi=0.85$ at late $\Delta y$

## 2nd and 4th moments ( $\varphi=1.0$ )



no rate dependence at plateau, we're quasistatic!

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## Non-gaussian parameter, $\alpha$


cross-over to Gaussian is roughly independent of $\phi$ and $d y / d t$.

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## Conclusion (Diffusion)

-Slip lines argument gives: slip amplitude $=\mathrm{a} \sim 0.8 \sigma$
strain quantum $=\Delta \gamma^{*} \sim a / L \sim 0.05$

- Displacement fields at $\Delta y \sim 0.05$ look like slip lines with consistent slip amplitude
- Seems surprisingly robust with respect to $\phi$ !
- systems near $\phi_{c}$ much less intermittent at small $\Delta \gamma$
- but surprisingly similar in Fickian regime!


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$$

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## THE END



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## Thanks!

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## Numerical models / algorithms

Various interaction potentials:
$U_{\text {harm }}=(\epsilon / 2) \mathrm{s}^{2}$
$U_{\text {hertz }}=\epsilon \mathrm{s}^{5 / 2}$
$U_{\text {Lennard-Jones }}=\epsilon\left(r^{-12}-r^{-6}\right)$
Binary distribution in 2D
Athermal, Quasistatic Procedure:


- Minimize potential energy
- Shear boundaries and particles
-Repeat
Represents: $\tau_{p l} \ll \tau_{d r} \ll \tau_{t h}$
-Bulk metallic glass in the zero temperature, zero strain rate limit
- Granular material or emulsion in zero strain rate limit


## Behavior:

-Discrete plastic jumps separate smooth, reversible elastic segments


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## Linear elastic response (at zero temperature)

- Take a binary LennardJones system
- Quench instantaneously from $\mathrm{T}=$ infinity to $\mathrm{T}=0$
- Apply infinitesimal shear strain
- Compute deviations from homogeneous shear
- Note vortex-like patterns... lengthscale?
A. Tanguy et. al. PRB 2002


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## Computing linear response

- Single particle toy problem:
- Start at $\mathrm{F}=0$


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- Single particle toy problem:
- Start at $\mathrm{F}=0$
- Apply affine shear
- Forces remain zero
- No correction necessary


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Use Hessian to find position correction

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \vec{\Xi}_{i}=\mathbf{H}_{i i} \overrightarrow{d r}_{i} \\
& \overrightarrow{d r}_{i}=\mathbf{H}_{i i}^{-1} \vec{\Xi}_{i}
\end{aligned}
$$

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## Computing linear response

- Back to full assembly:

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- Measure of local disorder.
- Only short range correlations in our samples.


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Force balance:
Affine forces, $\bar{\equiv}$, must be balanced by correction forces, $\mathrm{H}^{-1}{ }_{\mathrm{ij}} \mathrm{dx}_{\mathrm{j}}$


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## Spatial autocorrelation function $\mathrm{g}(\delta)$

$$
g(\vec{\delta}) \doteq \int \vec{v}(\vec{r}) \cdot \vec{v}(\vec{r}+\vec{\delta}) d \vec{r}
$$

-Usual autocorrelation

- Measures "vortex size"
-Characteristic length?


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Then $g(\delta)$ is:

$$
g(\vec{\delta}) \sim \sum_{k=(m, n)} \frac{\cos (2 \pi \vec{k} \cdot \vec{\delta} / L)}{k^{2}}
$$

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## $g(\delta)$ : theoretical form



Similar to DiDonna
+Lubenksy,
$\bullet g(k) \sim 1 / k^{2}$
but:
-Fully discrete derivation

Blue curve:
Semi-continuum
Red curve(s):
Partial sum ( $\mathrm{n}=40$ )
3 different angles
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## Summary: Elastic response

- Linear elastic (zero temperature) response is inhomogeneous.
- Displacement fluctuations appear as vortices
- Size scales with system size... no characteristic length
- "Affine forces": a new measure of local disorder.
- Fluctuations derived from approximating eigenmodes as plane waves and affine forces as a random dipoles.



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## Plastic response (Shear Transformation Zones)

No crystal... so no dislocations... but then what controls plasticity?

-Shear Transformation Zone (STZ) Mechanism:

- Argon and Kuo: bubble raft experiments
- Maeda and Takeuchi: computer simulations
-Bulatov and Argon: banding mechanism
-Falk and Langer: mean field theory


Analogous to dislocation glide:


What are the consequences of organization of local shear zones?

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## Typical plastic cascade



- Protocol: shear, relax...

- Single typical plastic event
-All relaxation at one strain
-"Number of minimization steps" analogous to time $<\mathrm{F}^{2}>\sim \mathrm{dU} / \mathrm{dt}$
-Descent is intermittent...
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## Typical plastic cascade

Initial portion of descent from previous slide:


Expected energy change after nucleation of localized slip:


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## Typical plastic cascade

At the end of the whole cascade, we are left with a slip line:
"Slip": $\vec{u}-\langle\vec{u}\rangle$
Displacement: $\vec{u}$


Analogous to dislocation glide:


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But with local shearing zones:


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-Elastic interval: $\Delta \gamma$

- Stress drop: $\Delta \sigma$
-Energy drop: $\Delta \mathrm{U}$


$$
\begin{gathered}
\Delta \gamma \sim \mathrm{a} / \mathrm{L} \\
\Delta \sigma \sim \mu \Delta \gamma \sim \mu \mathrm{a} / \mathrm{L} \\
\Delta \mathrm{U} \sim\left(\mathrm{~L}^{2} / \mu\right)<\sigma>\Delta \sigma \\
\sim \substack{\mathrm{a} L<\sigma>}
\end{gathered}
$$



Event size independent of potential and scales simply with system size!

Scaled distributions of $\Delta \gamma, \Delta \sigma, \Delta U$


Scaling argument: slip by length "a"

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## Summary: Plastic response

- Plastic response is intermittent with large, system-spanning events (avalanches)
- Avalanches composed of clusters of local slip (STZs)
- STZs interact elastically
- Universal yield strain $\varepsilon \sim 3 \% \ldots$ agrees with experiments
- Universal slip amplitude a $\sim$. 1 particle diameters...
experiments difficult


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## Zero temperature molecular dynamics

- 2D Molecular Dynamics:
- binary Lennard-Jones quenched at Pressure $=0$
- relative velocity damping (Kelvin/DPD)
- axial, fixed area strain
- periodic boundaries
- system sizes up to
$3000 \times 3000 \sim 10 \mathrm{M}$ particles
- Quasi-static limit (about 500 CPU days / run)
prescribed $\mathrm{L}_{\mathrm{y}}(\mathrm{t}), \mathrm{L}_{\mathrm{x}}(\mathrm{t})$
to conserve area


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## Local vorticity, $\omega$

For each triangle:

$$
\begin{gathered}
\frac{\partial u_{i}}{\partial x_{j}}=F_{i j} \\
\epsilon_{1}=\frac{F_{x x}-F_{y y}}{2} \\
\epsilon_{2}=\frac{F_{x y}+F_{y x}}{2}
\end{gathered}
$$

Invariants:
$\epsilon=\sqrt{\epsilon_{1}^{2}+\epsilon_{2}^{2}}$

$$
\omega=F_{x y}-F_{y x}
$$

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## Future directions

-Recall:

- Differences in elementary physics:
- Inertial or overdamped?
- "Real" temperature
- Dissipation mechanisms / hydrodynamics
- Coulomb friction
- Attractive forces / adhesion
- How do microscopic details affect the intermittency, slip avalanches, elasticity, rheology, and yield?
- Currently looking at:
- densities near random close packing (RCP)
- massless (mean field bubbles) and massive (frictionless granular DEM) models.


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