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Irreversible Sound-Matter Interaction in Dense Granular Media

from acoustic probing to acoustic fluidization

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Oscillatory monitoring of the **transition** from **jammed** to **(plastic) flowing states:**

- ◆ Acoustic *probing* and *pumping* (HF) of granular media under quasi-static shear
- ♦ Monitoring *shear modulus (rigidity) decrease* by high-amplitude oscillatory shear (LF)
 → glassy behaviour

- I. Linear ultrasound propagation in jammed granular media
 - ♦ Coherent waves (EMT) & Multiply scattered waves
 - Probing shear band & precursor events
- II. Nonlinear ultrasound propagation in jammed granular media
 - ♦ Hertzian and Mindlin nonlinearities: harmonics generation
 - ◆ Wave velocity softening: reversible → irrevrsible regimes
 - ♦ Interfacial sliding /granular flow triggered by acoustic fluidization
- III. Low-frequency nonlinear shear wave in *marginally jammed* granular media (monitoring shear modulus softening: jammed → unjammed states)

Experimental set-up



I. Linear ultrasound propagation in *jammed* granular media (1/6)



Elastic anisotropy: stress-field anisotropy and fabric (2/6)

Khidas & Jia, PRE 81 (2010)







Correlation between induced elastic anisotropy and stress anisotropy (3/6)



Probing the internal dissipation in *dry* **and** *wet* **granular media with diffusively scattered waves** (4/6)

• Diffusively scattered shear waves: $\partial_t I - D\nabla^2 I + I / \tau_a = \delta(z)\delta(t)$

Jia, PRL 93 (2004)

with $D = (1/3) v_e l^*$ the diffusion coefficient and τ_a the inelastic absorption time



Absorption of multiply scattered waves by added liquids

Brunet, Jia & Mills, PRL 101 (2008)



Probing the shear band formation with shear wave (5/6)

♦ Mechanical response

1.0 0.8 S-wave Dense packing R 0.8-Time Loose packing 0.6-₹ 0.4 SU (b) 0.2 Е -0.8 50 100 150 (c) 0 Time 0.0 Time (µs) 1000 500 1500 2000 2500 3000 0 Displacement (µm) ◆ Shear wave velocity softening before failure **Dense packing** Loose packing 340 340 sbeed (m/s) 320-300-600-600-(s) Ш 320 (a) (b) 580 P-wav 560-Coordination 540 1000 1500 2000 2500 3000 Displacement (um) ΰ 280-260-260-5 10 15 20 Global Shear Strain % 0 500 1000 1500 2000 2500 3000 1000 500 0 1500 2000 2500 3000 Displacement (µm) Displacement (µm) **3D DEM simulations** $V_{\rm s} \propto \boldsymbol{z}^{1/3} \cdot \boldsymbol{\phi}^{-1/6} \cdot \boldsymbol{P}^{1/6}$ Cui & O' Sullivan 2006 Decrease of the coordination number z

(a)

Khidas & Jia, PRE 85 (2012)

Acoustic monitoring of granular failure by cyclic shear

Khidas & Jia, PRE 85 (2012)

Cyclic loading/unloading



Loose packing

Probing intermittent behavior with scattered waves (6/6)

• Cross-correlation of scattered waves (i.e., acoustic speckles or coda): $\Gamma_{ij}(\tau=0) \propto \int S_i(t) \cdot S_j(t+\tau) dt$



II. Nonlinear ultrasound propagation in jammed granular media (1/6)



Harmonic generation: reversible → irreversible regimes (2/6)



Compressional wave velocity softening: reversible \rightarrow **irreversible** (3/6)



Oscillation between softening and hardening (4/6)



• Sound-induced breaking and making of contacts via slippage :

 $V_L \propto (\mathbf{Z} / \mathbf{R} \rho_0)^{1/2} (k_n + 2k_t / 3)^{1/2}$



Unjamming transition by acoustic fluidization / T_{eff}

(cf threshold rheology perturbed by high-amplitude ultrasound)





Léopoldès, Conrad & Jia, PRL 110 (2013)

 Elastic softening k_T (interfacial stifness) under static shear



k_T softening under *oscillatory* shear and triggering of sliding



Acoustic probing/pumping of sheared interfaces up to failure (6/6)



3. LF shear wave propagation in marginally jammed granular media (1/4)



Softening of shear wave velocity from jammed to unjammed states (2/4)



• In the irreversible nonlinear regime, $\Delta V_s / V_s > 10\%$, the EMT qualitatively applies, e.g. harmonic generation, but quantitatively fails.



Indeed, the coordination number change would be:

$$V_{s} \propto (Z / R\rho_{0})^{1/2} (k_{n} + 3k_{t} / 2)^{1/2}$$
$$\Delta V_{s} V_{s} \approx 30\% \rightarrow \Delta Z / Z (\sim 2\Delta V_{s} / V_{s}) \sim 40\% !$$

This huge, irrevelant change implies the EMT breaks down due to the rearrangement of the contact network without visible grain motion (jammed → unjammed states!)

Softening of shear wave velocity in unjammed flowing states (3/4)

We investigate the plastic granular flow (with grain motion!) using the change of ultrasonic speckles patterns ($\lambda_{US} \approx 350 \ \mu m$ for $f_{US} = 4 MHz$).





Grains escape from the cage (dilatancy) at unjammed flowing state.

Grain motions ~ $d \ge \lambda_{US}/2$ are detectable by US speckles !



Softening of shear wave velocity in unjammed flowing states (4/4)

Multiscale Acoustics of Granular Media



Léopoldes & Jia , PRL 105 (2010)

Acoustic Probing & Pumping !