<u>JMBC Workshop</u> Jamming and glassy behavior in colloids

3. Insight from Colloidal Glasses

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Colloidal suspensions



Why important ?







Colloidal Hard Spheres



Hard-sphere Phase Diagram



Colloidal Hard Spheres







(Alder, Wainwright 1957)

Colloidal Hard Spheres



Scaling of the Moduli Elastic Modulus ~ Energy / a³



Colloidal suspensions

Colloidal Glasses



1. Thermal Energy kT

3. Dense system⇒ Elastic modulus

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compression

σ_{kk}

 $\boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{kk}$

shear





Colloids: 3D Analogue Computers

Colloidal Systems Time Scale



Collision time $\tau = (1/100)$ s

Total "simulation" time :10 h \approx 3million τ Time increment :1 min \approx 6000 τ

Light Scattering



Time Auto Correlation Function $C(\tau) = \langle I(t)I(t + \tau) \rangle$ $C(\tau) \propto exp(-Dq^{2}\tau)$

Light Scattering



• Light scattering

van Megen *et al.* (PRE 1998)

Colloidal glass transition $\phi_g \sim 0.57$

Confocal Microscope Image



Colloidal Glasses



Free volume distribution



Heterogeneous!

Particle displacements



Application of str



Confocal microscopy

Strain and non-affine displacements



Affine transformation : γ

$$\boldsymbol{d_i}^{\text{aff}} = \boldsymbol{d_i} + \boldsymbol{\gamma} \boldsymbol{d_i}$$



Symmetric part of γ

Strain tensor
$$\varepsilon_{ij} = \begin{pmatrix} \varepsilon_{xx} & \varepsilon_{xy} & \varepsilon_{xz} \\ \varepsilon_{yx} & \varepsilon_{yy} & \varepsilon_{yz} \\ \varepsilon_{zx} & \varepsilon_{zy} & \varepsilon_{zz} \end{pmatrix}$$



STZ in colloidal glasses

Χ

r³

Incremental strain





(PS, Weitz, Spaepen, Science 2007)

Continuum elasticity





Spatial Correlations

$$C_{A}(\Delta) = \frac{\left\langle A(\bar{r})A(\bar{r} + \Delta) \right\rangle - \left(\left\langle A \right\rangle\right)^{2}}{\left\langle (A)^{2} \right\rangle - \left(\left\langle A \right\rangle\right)^{2}}$$

▲ : difference vector
⟨ ⟩ : spatial average

A(**r**+∆) A(r)

 $A = \mathcal{E}_{XZ}$ Strain correlation Non-affine correlation : $A = D^2_{min}$

Affine part: Shear Strain ε_{xz}



Non-affine part



Non-affine part



Solid-Liquid transition: Shear banding



Shear banding transition





Spatial distribution of Flow ?





Structural transition ?



Shear banding



Increasing Strain rate



Anisotropy of Strain correlations



New correlations with anisotropic, stress-dependent scaling

Shear banding transition





What is the right order parameter ?

First order transition ?



Soft Spheres: beyond the glass transition



... compress beyond close packing

Temperature-sensitive colloids



Quench beyond glass transition



Rhology: Hard and Soft Sphere Glasses



Soft Spheres: High elastic component!

Rhology: Hard and Soft Sphere Glasses



Soft spheres → Strong Glasses Hard Spheres → Fragile Glasses Mattsson, Weitz (*Nature* 2010)

Soft Spheres

Weaker volume fraction dependence

Soft Spheres : Hertzian Interaction

Hertzian Interaction

$$u = \frac{8}{15} \sqrt{\frac{R}{2}} E_p \, \delta^{2.5},$$

Suspension Modulus

$$G_{\infty} = \frac{2\pi}{15} n^2 \int_0^{2R} g(r) \frac{d}{dr} [r^4 \frac{du(r)}{dr}] dr,$$

Cloitre, Bonnecaze (J. Rheol. 2006)



Soft Spheres : Hertzian Interaction

1. Particle Modulus



(Atomic Force Microscopy)

2. Pair Distribution Function



(Confocal Microscopy)

Soft Spheres : Hertzian Interaction

Shear Modulus: Model & Measurement



How does elasticity affect microscopic relaxation?



Correlations of Displacements



Large Dynamic susceptibility!



Long-range correlations ...



... ubiquitous in Soft Matter!

Conclusions

Colloidal Glasses
 Insight into flow of amorphous materials

- Strain correlations : central to material arrest, flow and failure
- New anisotropic correlations:
 Stress-dependent anisotropic scaling → Strain localization
- \rightarrow Dynamic first order transition in 4D space-time