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## Fragile Matter

## Glasses <br> 

## Polymer



## Granular media



## What is the origin of fragility ?

## Sound speed 6000 m/s

## The geometry of fragile objects



Sound speed $6000 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}$


Sound speed $\approx 0$

## Piston pushing at a constant speed



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## Piston pushing at a constant speed


¿ $v_{S}\left(u_{p}\right)$ ?

## Standard solid state approach

$$
H=\text { harmonic }+ \text { anharmonic }
$$



Phonons: excitations of rigid matter

## Strong non-linearities

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Shocks: "excitations" of fragile matter

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## Contact Mechanics: Hertz law



| typical <br> strain | $\gamma \sim \frac{\delta}{\sqrt{\delta R}} \sim \delta^{\frac{1}{2}}$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| typical <br> stress | $\sigma \sim \gamma \sim \delta^{\frac{1}{2}}$ |
| Force | $F \sim \sigma \delta \sim \delta^{\frac{3}{2}}$ |
| Energy | $U \sim k \delta^{\frac{5}{2}}$ |

The material the grain is made of satisfies linear elasticity

## Speed of sound: granular chain



$$
U \sim k x^{\frac{5}{2}}
$$

$$
k_{e f f}=\left.\frac{d^{2} U}{d x^{2}}\right|_{x=\delta_{0}}
$$

$$
c \sim \sqrt{k} \delta_{0}^{\frac{1}{4}}
$$

$$
\sqrt{k_{e f f}} \sim \delta_{0}^{\frac{5}{2-2}}
$$

## Solitons in the "sonic vacuum"


(Daraio Lab)

V. Nesterenko, J. Appl.
Mech. Tech. Phys. $\mathbf{5}, 733$
(1983).

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$$
\delta_{0} \rightarrow 0
$$

$$
\downarrow
$$

$$
c \rightarrow 0
$$

Sound speed vanishes

## Stable fronts: one dimensional model



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An equation of motion for shocks

$$
\begin{gathered}
\frac{R^{2}}{3} \delta_{t t x x}-\delta_{t t}+\frac{4 R^{2} \varepsilon}{m}\left[\delta^{\alpha-1}\right]_{x x}=0 . \quad \alpha=\frac{5}{2} \\
\delta(x, t)=\delta_{0}+g(\tilde{x}), \quad \tilde{x} \equiv x-v_{S} t
\end{gathered}
$$

$$
\frac{1}{2} \delta_{\tilde{x}}^{2}+W(\delta)=0
$$



## Non-linear waves and shocks



$$
c \sim \sqrt{k} \delta_{0}^{\frac{1}{4}}
$$


$v_{s} \sim \delta^{\frac{1}{4}}$
$M u_{p}^{2} \sim \delta^{\frac{5}{2}}$
$v_{s} \sim u^{\frac{1}{\overline{5}}}$

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## Collapse on single master curve



## Comparison to simulations


compressed uncompressed
Gomez et al.PRL 2012

## Preliminary experimental results



Dashed line has the predicted slope

## Dynamic crossover



Gomez, Turner, Vitelli, unpublished.

## Global non linearities: shear shocks in networks



## S. Ulrich, N. Upadhyaya, B. van Opheusden, V.Vitelli, unpublished

## Global non linearities: shear shocks in networks

$G \sim \delta z$

$$
\frac{\partial \sigma}{\partial x}=\rho_{0} \frac{\partial^{2} y}{\partial t^{2}}
$$

## Global non linearities: shear shocks in networks



$$
\begin{aligned}
& G \sim \delta z \\
& \eta \approx \frac{\eta_{0}}{\delta z}
\end{aligned}
$$

$$
\sigma \sim G \gamma+k \gamma|\gamma|+\eta \frac{d \gamma}{d t}
$$

Wyart et al. PRL 2009
Tighe et al. PRL 2009

## Velocity of Shear Front



## Linear regime vanishes when $\Delta z \rightarrow 0$

## Conclusion

At the critical point sound propagates by shocks only
Away from the critical point the same shocks control energy transport for large dynamical strains


## Disorder acts as an effective viscosity

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## Non-linear wave equation for ID front

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Taylor expand LHS

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