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Fragile Matter



Polymer



Granular media



What is the origin of fragility ?



Sound speed 6000 m/s

The geometry of fragile objects





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Sound speed ≈ 0

Piston pushing at a constant speed







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 $v_S(u_p)$?





Standard solid state approach

H = harmonic + anharmonic





Phonons: excitations of rigid matter

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Contact Mechanics: Hertz law





The material the grain is made of satisfies **linear** elasticity

Speed of sound: granular chain



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

 $c \sim \sqrt{k} \delta_0^{\frac{1}{4}}$

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Sound speed vanishes



Stable fronts: one dimensional model



$$L = \sum_{n} \frac{1}{2} \dot{u}_n^2 - \frac{A}{\alpha} (u_n - u_{n+1})^{\alpha}$$

$$\delta$$



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An equation of motion for shocks

$$\frac{R^2}{3}\delta_{ttxx} - \delta_{tt} + \frac{4R^2\varepsilon}{m} [\delta^{\alpha-1}]_{xx} = 0. \qquad \alpha = \frac{5}{2}$$

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





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Non-linear waves and shocks



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Collapse on single master curve





Comparison to simulations



Preliminary experimental results



Dashed line has the predicted slope



Dynamic crossover



Global non linearities: shear shocks in networks







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Velocity of Shear Front



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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$$L \approx \int \left(\frac{1}{2}\dot{\phi}^2 + \frac{1}{24}(\dot{\phi}')^2 - \frac{1}{\alpha}(-\phi')^\alpha\right) dx \qquad \text{Lagrangian}$$

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