

# cooperative motion in sheared granular matter

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#### amorphous particulate systems: structure ?

2D granular matter close to jamming

spontaneous formation of long wavelength structure (detectable using appropriate quantity)

## the key: dynamical heterogeneity



supercooled liquid (Yamamoto & Onuki 1998)

particles with large displacement during some time window [t, t+dT]



(Lechenault at al. EPL 2008)

growing length and time scales  $\rightarrow$  critical point?



a critical point located on T=0 plane (athermal systems)
 T=0 critical point dominates the behavior of thermal systems?

NOTE: very controversial (e.g. Berthier & Witten 2008; Krzakara 2008)

#### outline of this talk

athermal particulate systems under shear

extracting from grain kinetics:
1. intrinsic length scale
onset of jamming
2. characteristic time scale
shear thinning

# model

#### an assembly of soft inelastic spheres

(without attractive force & friction)



## geometry, etc



#### <u>dispersity</u>

bidisperse mixture: d, 0.7d [50:50]

shear stress

$$\sigma_{yz} = V^{-1} \sum_{ij} F_{ij}^{(y)} \bullet r_{ij}^{(z)} \qquad S \equiv \left\langle \sigma_{yz} \right\rangle$$

# rheology of athermal particles



## power-law fluid at the onset of jamming



#### critical scaling of rheology

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$$x_{\Phi} = 1.5(1) \quad x_{\gamma} / x_{\Phi} = 2.5(2) \quad \Phi \equiv \phi_{J} - \phi$$



 $f_{-}(x) \propto x^{2}$  $\rightarrow$  Bagnold's scaling

 $f_+(x) \propto const.$  $\rightarrow$  yield stress

TH, J.Phys.Soc.Jpn. 2008; Otsuki & Hayakawa PRE 2009; TH, Prog. Theor. Phys. 2010; (cf. Olsson & Teitel 2007)

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1. yield stress 
$$S_0 \propto |\Phi|^{x_0}$$
  $\therefore f_+(0) = const.$ 

2. power-law fluid 
$$\Phi = 0 \longrightarrow f(x) \sim x^{x_{\gamma}} \longrightarrow S \propto \dot{\gamma}^{x_{\gamma}}$$

3. shear-thinning 
$$\dot{\gamma}_{th} \ge \left|\Phi\right|^{x_{\Phi}/x_{\gamma}}$$



## finite-size effect in power-law fluid



$$\phi = 0.847 \approx \phi_J$$

power-law fluid  $S \sim A \dot{\gamma}^{x_{\gamma}}$ 

system-size dependence at lower shear rates.

#### smaller system $\rightarrow$ higher stress

intrinsic length scale ?

#### non-affine response in sheared system

$$v_x = \dot{x}$$
  $v_y = \dot{y} - \dot{\gamma}z$   $v_z = \dot{z}$ 

- velocity fluctuation wrt. mean flow
- quantifies non-affine motion

non-affine parameter 
$$m_i = \exp\left[-\left(\frac{v_i}{\langle v \rangle}\right)^2\right]$$
 nonaffine  $\rightarrow 0$   
affine  $\rightarrow 1$ 



#### non-affine response (blue) is localized

- e.g. flow defect (Argon)
- e.g. shear transformation zone (Falk & Langer 1998) e.g. dynamical heterogeneity

(Yamamoto & Onuki 1998, Heuer et al. 1998, etc..)

slow

fast

## extracting length scale

#### spatial correlation function



(also Katsuragi et al., 2010)

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## finite-size scaling of rheology



consistent with correlation length

(intrinsic length scale) ~ (system size)  $\rightarrow$  yield stress



#### extracting time scale from non-affine response



#### autocorrelation of non-affine response

$$C_m(t) \coloneqq \left\langle \delta m_i(t) \bullet \delta m_i(0) \right\rangle / \left\langle \delta m^2 \right\rangle$$



#### time scale of non-affine response



$$\tau_{m} = |\Phi|^{-\zeta} g_{\pm} \left( \frac{\dot{\gamma}}{|\Phi|^{\Delta}} \right)$$
$$\Phi \equiv \phi_{J} - \phi$$
$$\zeta = 0.6(1) \qquad \Delta = 2.5(1)$$

also obeys scaling law!

## diffusion via non-affine motion



crossover from superdiffusion to diffusion



## diffusion coefficient vs shear rate



$$D \propto \dot{\gamma}$$

e.g. Brownian particles (E. Weeks, this morning)

#### another time scale: pressure autocorrelation



define  $\tau_P$  as  $C_P(\tau_P) = 0$  relaxation time of pressure

#### pressure relaxation time



(structural relaxation time)

 $au_P \sim c \dot{\gamma}^{-1}$ 

- rather trivial time scale
  weak dependence on density
- c is characteristic strain(depends on shear rate)
  - $c\sim 0.2$  (high shear rate)
  - $c \leq 0.1$  (lower shear rate)

NB. we obtain the same result for stress-stress corrrelation function.

# partial summary

#### **1. characteristic length of non-affine response**

 $\xi \sim \dot{\gamma}^{-y_{\gamma}} \qquad \xi \sim L \rightarrow \text{ yield stress}$ 

#### 2. two time scales of grain kinetics

A. non-affine response (spatially heterogeneous)  $\rightarrow$  obeys scaling law  $\tau_m = |\Phi|^{-\zeta} g_{\pm} \left( \frac{\dot{\gamma}}{|\Phi|^{\Delta}} \right)$ B. relaxation time of pressure & stress  $\rightarrow$  rather trivial  $\tau_P \sim c\dot{\gamma}^{-1}$ C. time scale for shear thinning?  $\dot{\gamma}_{th} \sim |\Phi|^{x_{\Phi}/x_{\gamma}} \sim \tau^{-1}$ 

#### characteristic time for shear thinning?

can show  $\tau \sim \left|\Phi\right|^{-3.0}$  using structural relaxation time

#### relaxation from stepwise shear strain



NOTE: 1. unjammed system 
$$\phi < \phi_J$$
  
2. overdamp dynamics  $\dot{r}_i = -\frac{\partial E(\{r\})}{\partial r_i}$ 

#### shear stress relaxation



#### structural relaxation time: 3D



$$\tau \sim (\phi_J - \phi)^{-\varsigma}$$
$$\varsigma = 3.2 \pm 0.3$$
$$\phi_J = 0.639$$

independent of initial strain
 irrespective of system size

(TH, PRE 2008)

#### structural relaxation time: 2D



$$\tau \sim (\phi_J - \phi)^{-\varsigma}$$
$$\varsigma = 3.0 \pm 0.2$$
$$\varphi_J = 0.848$$

irrespective of system size

outlook: characteristic time scale for shear thinning

$$au \sim \left|\Phi\right|^{-x_{\Phi}/x_{\gamma}} \sim \dot{\gamma}_{th}^{-1}$$

is structural relaxation time

(but not detectable in steady shear flow)

cf. in systems with inertia?

cf. in thermal systems 
$$\dot{\gamma}_{th}^{-1} \approx \left(\frac{\partial \eta}{\partial P}\right)_T$$
 (Furukawa & Tanaka 2006)

relation between thermal and athermal systems?