



# Vibrated granular experiments: Probing the vicinity of Jamming

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### **Overview**

- Vibrated granular experiments : probing the jamming critical regime
  - Two distinct signatures of criticality at finite vibration
  - Approaching the zero vibration limit
- Yielding close to jamming in hard discs
  - Yield stress of "vibration" origin below jamming

#### Probing elasticity

- Inflating an intruder : experimental set up and the linear elastic framework
- Integrated vs Local measurements
- Discussion : the interplay between shear and dilatancy



### Vibrating soft photo-elastic discs



### Heterogeneous Dynamics of the contacts





### **Two distinct signatures crossovers**





### **Decreasing the vibration**

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### Hence two crossover lines : Widom lines



#### How far from the critical point?



### **Comparison with thermal soft spheres...**



## **Discussion: in the light of the street-lamp**



## **Conclusion of the first part**





- They can constrain existing theories
- Theories have something to say about the real world...
- One cannot exclude effects of friction at the quantitative level



- => One step further (in the dark...)
  - Yielding close to jamming
  - A first attempt to probe elasticity close to jamming

### Yielding close to jamming : the motion of an intruder ...









#### Evidence of a fluidization transition







#### Indeed two very different rheological behaviors









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### **Probing elasticity : set up**

- Prepare the system at large packing fraction under vibration
- Inflate an intruder in the center (the vibration is stopped)
- Decrease the packing fraction while vibrating

iterate





### **Probing elasticity : the linear elastic framework**



$$A = \frac{R_0^2}{\left(R_1^2 - R_0^2\right)}; B = \frac{R_1^2}{\left(R_1^2 - R_0^2\right)}; B = \frac{R_1^2}{\left(R_1^2 - R_0^2\right)}$$

- Nota Bene
  - In the limit of large R<sub>1</sub>, A->0, B->1 : this is a shear test!
  - G and K are simply obtained by the ratio of the stress and strain tensor invariants



### For each packing fraction and each a/R<sub>0</sub>



## **Salient features :**



Overall dilatant behaviour in the region close to the intruder

Non linear constitutive law

? Pressure stiffening = > Dilatancy => Shear weakening ?



## Conclusion

- Vibrated granular media are suitable tools for probing the vicinity of jamming, (in particular low enough T\_eff)
- Two distinct crossovers (one dynamical, one structural) converge toward J-point in the limit of low vibration
- Pulling an intruder in vibrated hard discs has allowed us to probe the yield stress of "thermal origin" => Suggest to try in the soft photo-elastic discs to capture the yield stress of "jamming origin"
- Inflating an intruder in soft photo-elastic discs => First indications of intricate interplay between dilatancy and non linear shear law.
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### Integrated quantities vs. control parameter a/R<sub>0</sub>

#### Compressive part



Linear with a/R<sub>0</sub>

Nota Bene :  $Tr(\varepsilon)>0 => Overall dilatant behaviour.$ 



### Integrated quantities vs. control parameter a/R<sub>0</sub>

**Shear part** Shear Strain Shear Stress Shear Work 0.2 0.2 0.025 0.02 0.15 0.15 0.015 0.1 0.1 0.01 0.05 0.05 0.005 0 Ω 0.05 0.1 0.05 0.1 0.005 0.01 0 0 a/R0 a/R0  $(a/R0)^{2}$ 

Non linear behaviour of shear strain => a/R0 does not strictly control strain

- Both shear strain and shear stress are responses and non linear
- The shear work however is quadratic in a/R0 as prescribed by linear elasticity



### Radial profiles (azimuthally averaged)

#### Compressive part



- Dilatancy strongly localized close to inflating intruder
- Pressure decreases exponentially

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### Radial profiles (azimuthally averaged)



Deviation from the 1/r<sup>2</sup> law, expected from linear elasticity

Some dependence with the packing fraction

### Parametric plot shear stress vs. shear strain



- In both case, clear evidence for **non linear constitutive law**.
- **G\_**eff increases with the packing fraction, however shear weakening
  - => Suggest rather complex non linear interplay between shear and dilatancy

