



Vibrational phenomena in athermal amorphous solids and the un-jamming transition

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Vibrations in glass: Density of states



- universal Boson peak in reduced vDOS
- excess above Debye for $\mathcal{T} \to 0$



^{*} Allen, Feldmann, Fabian, Phil. Mag 79, 1715 (1999); am Si

^{*} Wuttke et al., Phys. Rev. E 53, 4026 (1995); glycerol

Vibrations in glass: Sound damping



^{*} Baldi et al., Phys. Rev. Lett 110, 185503 (2013)

Un-jamming of disordered solid



- Force chains in jammed granular media



* Mizuno, Shiba, Ikeda, PNAS 114, E9767 (2017); soft repulsive

^{*} Majmudar & Behringer, Nature 435, 1079 (2005)

Outline

- Vibrational anomalies in glass
- Euclidean Random Matrix (ERM) ensemble
 - Exact diagonalization
 - vibrational density of states (vDOS)
 - sound damping
 - eigenmodes
 - Self-consistent field theory
 - non-planar Feynman diagrams
- Un-jamming in ERM model
 - cut-off spring function
 - Self-consistent transverse response theory



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Field theory

- Response function
$$G(\mathbf{q}, \omega = \sqrt{z})$$

$$G(q, z) = \frac{1}{V} \sum_{i,j=1}^{N} e^{iq \cdot (\mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{r}_j)} \left[\frac{1}{z - M} \right]_{ij}$$
$$= \frac{n}{\underbrace{z - \omega_0^2(q)}_{G_0^{-1}} - n\Sigma(q, z)}$$

- Self-energy $\Sigma(q, z)$ self-consistent[†]
- non-planar diagrams[‡]

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[†] Grigera et al. , Phys. Rev. Lett. 87, 085502 (2001)

[‡] Vogel, Fuchs, Phys. Rev. Lett. 130, 236101 (2023)

ERM self-consistent field theory*

heterogeneous elasticity in non-local stress-strain relation



perturbation expansion



‡ Schirmacher et al., J. Phys. A, 52, 464002 (2019)



- damping: Rayleigh $\Gamma \propto q^4$ (non-planar) hydrodynamic $\Gamma \propto q^2$ (planar)

HET[‡] disorder: $\gamma = (n\hat{f}''(0))^2$

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Baumgärtel. Vogel, Fuchs, Phys. Rev. E 109, 014120 (2024)

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Wigner semi-circle law for boson peak

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modes localized above boson peak

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level spacing (n = 1) $-\omega_0 = \omega_{\rm BP}$ $-\omega_0 = 4.5$ GOE - - Poisson (s)d2 3 S Wigner's surmise on level spacing at ω_{BP}

Stronger disorder in Gaussian ERM



- dynamic structure factor broadens beyond loffe-Regel limit (n = 1/16)

- propagons, diffusons, locons
- Wigner level repulsion

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Un-jamming transition

Maxwell's isostatic criterion

- Number of degrees of freedom
 number of constraints
- Each bond shared by 2 particles

 $\Rightarrow dN = \frac{z_c N}{2}$

- critical coordination number* z_c
- finite range f(r) gives: $\overline{z} = \overline{M}/N 1$ \overline{M} = average number of entries in M_{ij}

 $\bar{z} = V_d n$, with volume V_d of sphere of radius σ



- non-monotonous low-frequency vDOS
- floppy modes in un-jammed state

^{*} Wyart, Ann. Phys. 30, 1 (2005)

Self-consistent theory of transverse modes

- Transverse modes change character at transition
- Structure is frozen-in ($S_q(t) = S_q$) at $T \ll T_g$

Transverse velocity correlator



$$\mathcal{K}_{q}^{\perp}(s) = \frac{m}{Nk_{B}T} \langle v^{\perp}(\mathbf{q})^{*} \frac{1}{s - \Omega} v^{\perp}(\mathbf{q}) \rangle = \frac{1}{s + \frac{q^{2}}{mn} \mathsf{G}_{q}^{\perp}(s)}$$

with generalized viscosity

$$\mathsf{G}_{q}^{\perp}(s) = \frac{1}{V k_{B} T} \frac{1}{q^{2}} \langle F^{\perp}(\mathbf{q})^{*} \overbrace{\mathcal{Q}_{s-\mathcal{Q}}\Omega\mathcal{Q}}^{R'(s)} \mathcal{Q} F^{\perp}(\mathbf{q}) \rangle$$

projector: $Q = 1 - \mathcal{P} = 1 - \mathbf{v}^{\perp}(\mathbf{q}) \rangle \frac{m}{Nk_BT} \langle \mathbf{v}^{\perp}(\mathbf{q})^* \rangle$ (Hansen/McDonald)

Search for closure

Zwanzig Mori

Projector:
$$\mathcal{Q}_F = 1 - \mathcal{P}_F = 1 - \mathbf{F}^{\perp}(\mathbf{q}) \langle \frac{1}{k_B T V q^2 G_q^{\perp}(0)} \langle \mathbf{F}^{\perp}(\mathbf{q})^*$$

$$G_q^{\perp}(s) = \frac{G_q^{\perp}(t=0)}{s + W_q^{\perp}(s)} \qquad \left(\approx_{T > T_g} G^{gM}(s) = \frac{G_{\infty}}{s + \frac{1}{\tau}} \right)$$

Stress-current coupling

$$\dot{\boldsymbol{\sigma}}^{(p)}(\mathbf{q}) = \frac{2}{V} \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \delta \rho(\mathbf{p}) (-i\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{v}(\mathbf{k})) \Re\{\mathbf{X}(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{q})\}$$

Fluidity approximation

$$W_q^{\perp}(s) = \frac{1}{(c_q^{\perp})^2(d-1)} \sum_{k} \operatorname{Tr}\{V_{k,q} \cdot \mathcal{V}_{k,q}(s)\}$$

renormalized vertex $\mathcal{V}_{k,q}(s)$ captures topology of scattering events

Connection to the ERM-model

Small Fluidity (Small Vertex) Approximation

$$\chi_q(s) = -rac{\mathcal{K}_q(s)}{s} = -rac{1}{s^2 + (qc_q^{\perp})^2 - \underbrace{\mathcal{W}_q(s)/s}_{\hat{=} - \Sigma_{ERM}(oldsymbol{q},s)}}$$

Self-Energy contains renormalized vertex, recovers field theory expansion^{*} for $n \to \infty$

planar



q

q



* see also G. Szamel, arXiv:2407.13039 (2024)



dispersion relation softens (jammed)

Un-jammed state

Velocity response

$$\lim_{s\to 0} s K_q^{\perp}(s) = \kappa_q^{\perp}$$

quasi-static motion without restoring forces

$$\kappa_q^\perp o rac{1}{1+(q \lambda_-^\perp)^2} \quad ext{for} \ q o 0$$

cooperative motion of un-bonded clusters



Glass-instability in ERM & self-consistent transverse response theory



- const vDOS above $\omega_* \propto |z-z_c|$



- cluster size diverges (un-jammed)

Un-jamming in ERM, linear spring function: $f(r) = (1 - \frac{r}{\sigma})\Theta(\sigma - r)$



- percolation of bonds, length σ at $n \rightarrow n_p \approx 0.838$ ($z_p \approx 3.51$)

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