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Calculations of the Probabilities of Jammed Packings

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What is the best packing?

What is the most probable packing (given a protocol)? ${ }^{\circ}$


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## Outline

1. Jammed packings do not occur with equal probability.
2. Basins of attraction for jammed packings.
3. Contact percolation critical point(s).

## Important Point \#1

To accurately measure packing probabilities, one must identify all possible packings...
...first studies must be performed on small systems.

## Motivation

- In small systems, we can show that jammed packings occur with very different probabilities. So what?
- In large systems, it appears that packings occur with equal probability, i.e. each packing occurs once, but within a narrow set of structural properties (for a given protocol).
- But if the protocol is changed, a different narrow set of packings will occur.
- The problem of understanding packing probabilities in small systems is similar to understanding protocol dependence of packings in large systems.


GG, JB, CSO, MS, Phys. Rev. E 80
(2009) 061304.

## Deposition Algorithm in Simulations



$$
\bar{g}=\frac{m_{s} g}{k \sigma_{s}}
$$

-All geometric parameters identical to those for experiments
-Terminate algorithm when $\mathrm{F}_{\text {tot }}<\mathrm{F}_{\text {max }}=10^{-14}$
-Vary random initial positions and conduct $\mathrm{N}_{\text {trials }}=10^{8}$ to find 'all' mechanically stable packings for small systems $\mathrm{N}=3$ to 10 .

## Mechanically Stable Frictionless Packings




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-Distinct MS packings distinguished by particle positiduns -\# of constraints $\geq$ \# of degrees of freedom

## Mechanical Stability and Distinguishability

$$
\begin{aligned}
& M_{\alpha, \beta}=\left.\frac{\partial^{2} V(\vec{r})}{\partial r_{\alpha} \partial r_{\beta}}\right|_{\vec{r}=\vec{r}_{0}} \\
& \alpha, \beta=x, y, z, \text { particle } \\
& \text { index } \\
& \begin{array}{c}
\vec{r}_{0}=\begin{array}{c}
\text { positions of } \\
\text { MS packing }
\end{array}
\end{array}
\end{aligned}
$$

Calculate d N - d eigenvalues


## Packing Probabilities Are Robust*



- Rare MS packings in exps are rare in sims; frequent MS packings in exps are frequent in sims


## Calculations of Basin Volumes



## (Dissipation) rate dependence and basin volume



## $\mathrm{N}=4$ packings



Prob $=0.413250 \%$


Prob=6.065950\%


Prob=26.197200\%


Prob $=30.415850 \%$


Prob=0.000050\%


Prob=0.187150\%


Prob=2.868100\%


Prob $=33.852450 \%$


## $\mathrm{N}=6$



| $N$ | $N_{s}$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| 4 | $7^{*}$ |
| 6 | $75^{*}$ |
| 8 | 500 |
| 10 | 3983 |
| 12 | 16935 |

## What determines MS packing probabilities: Density landscape for hard spheres



Method 1 (small I): Probability to return to a given MS packing


Method 2 (large I): Random initial conditions


## Basin Volumes

$$
P_{i}=\frac{V_{i}}{L^{d N}} \quad V_{i}=\int_{0}^{\sqrt{d N}} S_{i}(l) d l
$$

$$
S_{i}(l)=A_{\mathrm{dN}} f_{i}(l) l^{d N-1} \rho_{i} N_{s}!N_{l}!
$$

$\mathrm{f}_{\mathrm{i}}(\mathrm{l})$
weighted basin profile function
unweighted basin profile function

## Weighted/Unweighted basin profile functions


-Probability of MS packing determined by large I , not core region $\mathrm{I}_{\mathrm{c}}$

Do local properties determine probability?


Thermal Quench Rate Dependence


## Future Directions

- Rattlers


Particles with fewer than 3 contacts

- Study $\phi_{i}$ and quench rate dependence of probabilities


What important processes signal jamming and determine packing probabilities?

Contact Percolation


## Cooperative Motion



## 'Random’ Continuum Percolation



Critical Scaling Exponents
Cluster Size Distribution




| $X_{c}$ | 1.13 |
| :--- | :--- |
| $\phi_{c}$ | 0.678 |
| $D$ | 1.91 |
| $\tau$ | 2.02 |
| $v$ | 1.33 |

## How is the percolation transition influenced by spatial correlations?



Constant NVE Hard Sphere Dynamics
"Porosity for the penetrable-concentric-shell model of two-phase disordered media:
Computer simulation results", S. B. Lee \& S. Torquato, J. Chem. Phys. 89 (1988) 3258.

## $\phi_{0}$-dependent Percolation



## Percolation Transitions



## Inelastic Hard Sphere Dynamics

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\begin{aligned}
& \phi_{0}=0.3
\end{aligned}
$$

## Inelastic Dynamics



## Sticky Disks



|  | elastic <br> disks | sticky <br> disks |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $D$ | 1.91 | 1.88 |
| $\tau$ | 2.02 | 2.04 |
| $v$ | 1.38 | 1.92 |

## Study cooperative motion/correlation lengths below jamming?



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