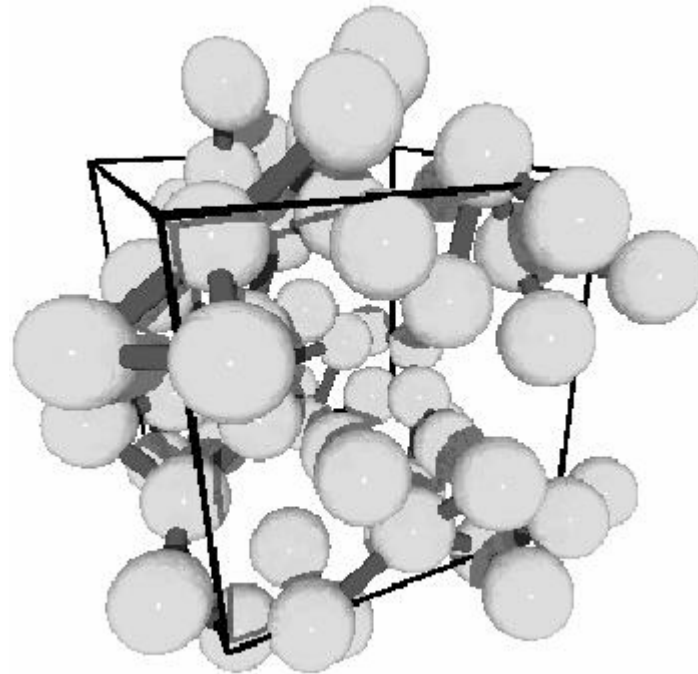


# Fluctuations, Geometry and Entropic Elasticity

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# Outline

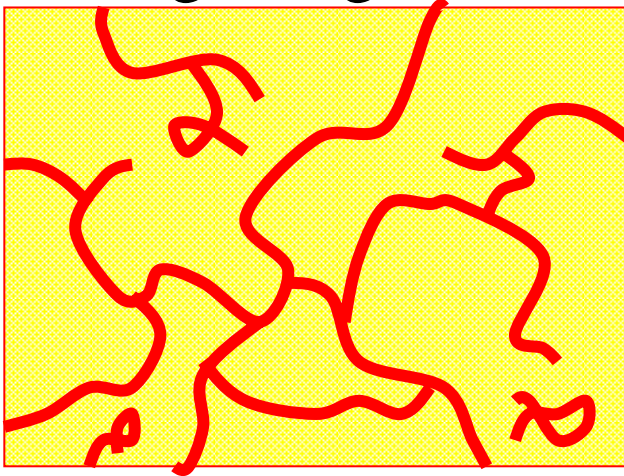
- *Entropy-dominated systems - examples*
- *Percolating systems - conductivity vs. elasticity*
- *Elasticity: energy vs. entropy*
- *New method for calculating elastic constants*
- *Entropic elasticity of 2D and 3D percolating systems*
- *Hard ellipse solid – order and elasticity*
- *Conclusions*



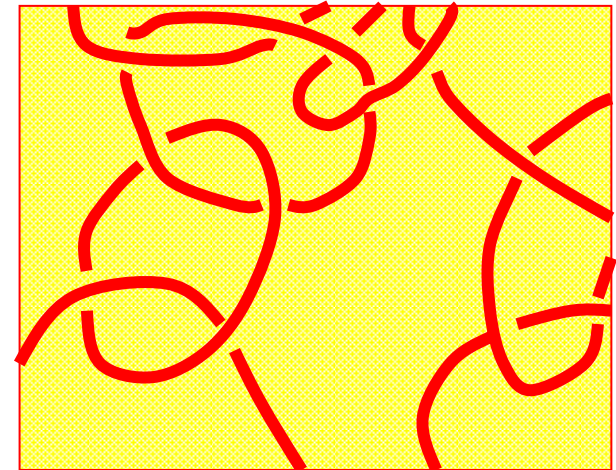
# *Systems with Entropic Elasticity*

P.G. de Gennes, *Scaling Concepts  
in Polymer Physics* (1979)

Regular gel



Olympic gel



# Entanglements in DNA

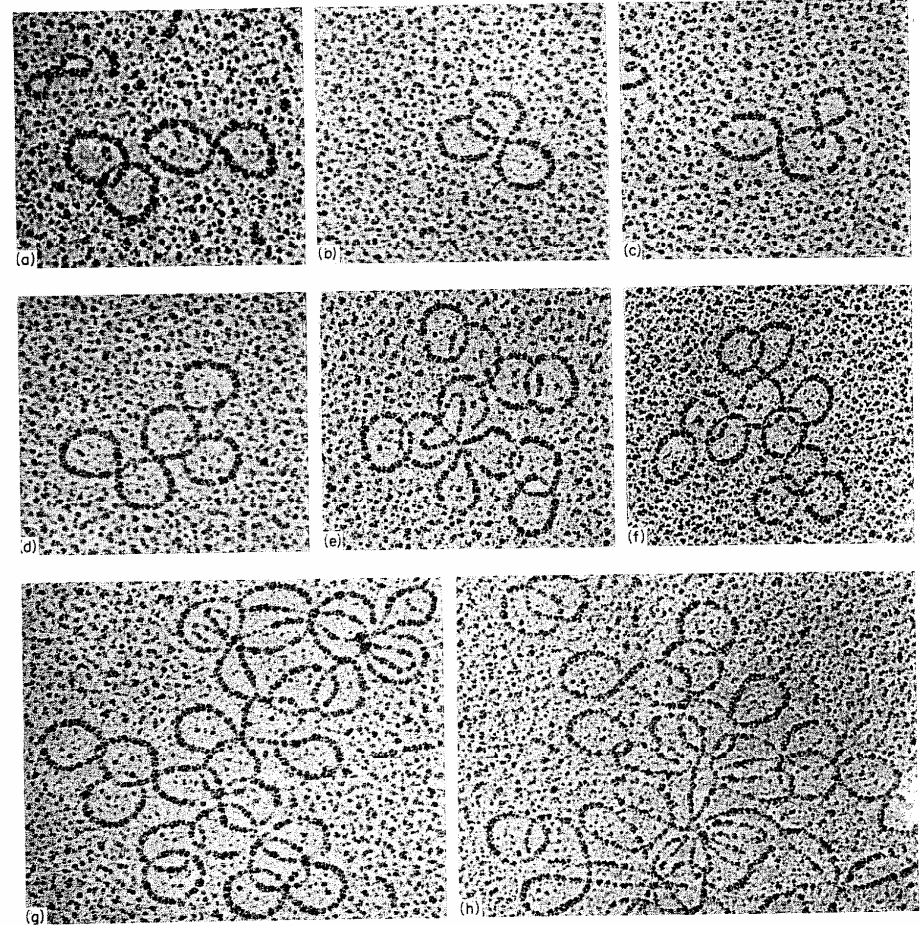
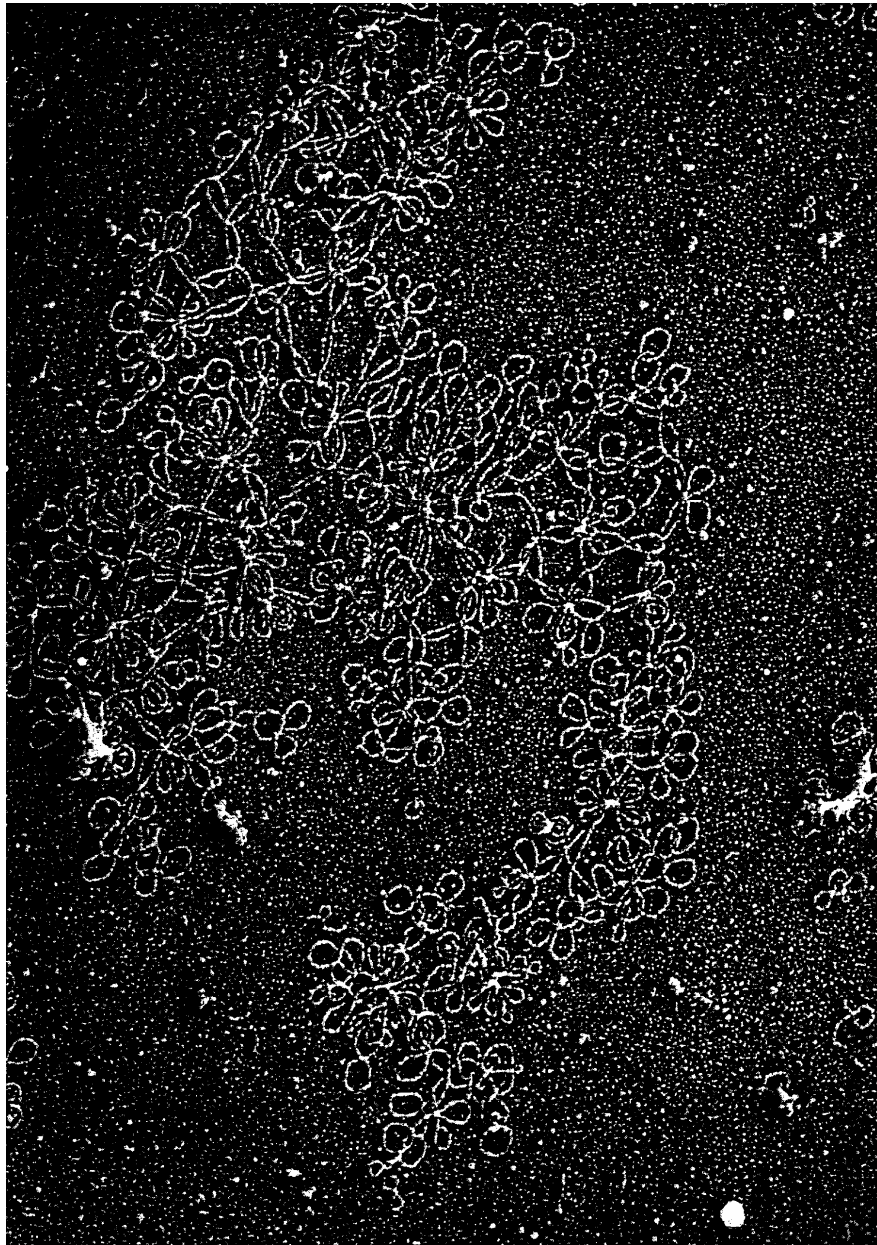


PLATE II. Electron micrographs of different molecular configurations seen in K-DNA. The contour length of a minicircle or one loop of a figure 8 is equal to  $0.29 \mu$ .

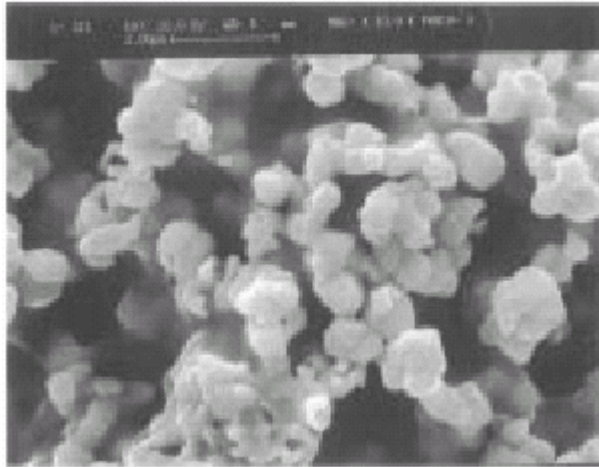
K-DNA (catenated network of DNA) is located in  
*kinetoplast* = organelle at the base of flagellum

L.Simpson, A. da Silva  
J.Mol.Biol. **56**, 443 (1971)

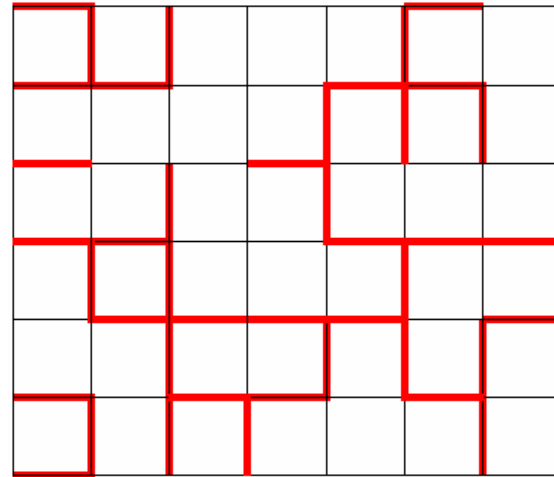


# Random (percolating) system

porous ceramics



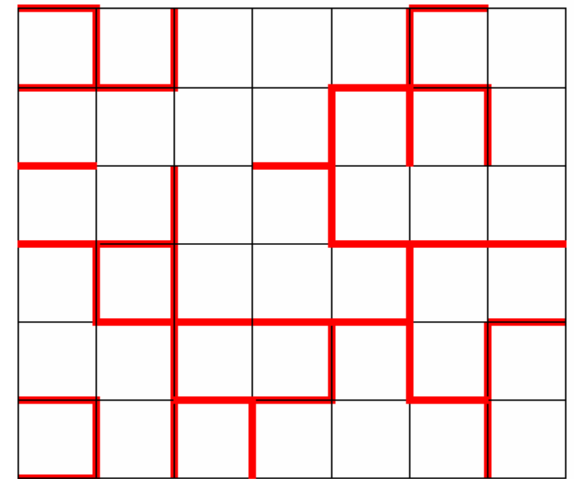
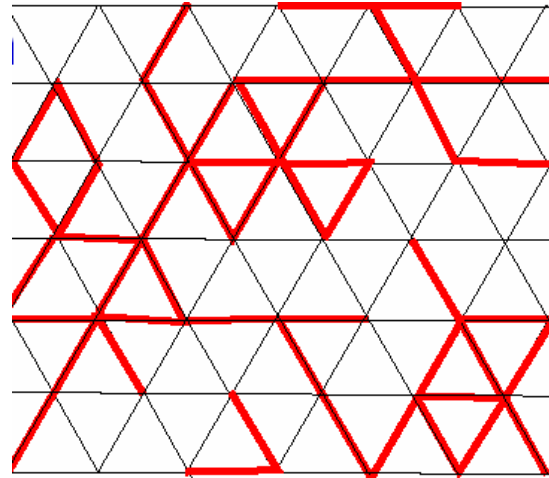
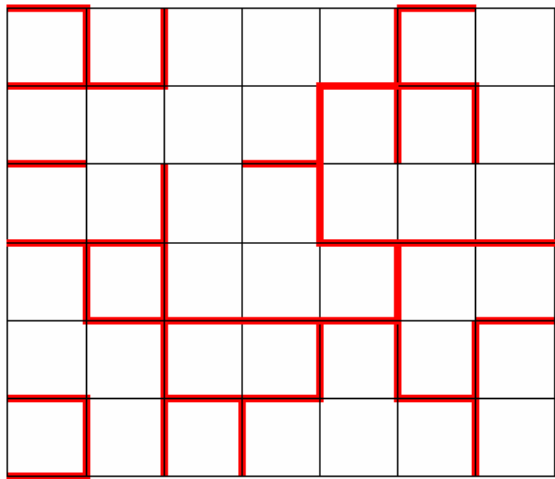
F.Craciun,C.Galassi,E.Roncari  
Europhys.Lett. **41**, 55 (1998)



$$\kappa, \mu \sim (p - p_c)^\tau$$



# Percolating systems



Conductivity of  
percolating system

$$\sigma \sim (p - p_c)^t \quad t = 1.3, 1.9$$

$$I = \sigma V \quad \text{2D} \quad \text{3D}$$

$$\sum I = 0$$

Rigidity percolation

$$p_r > p_c$$

Thorpe, J. Non Cryst. Mat. **57** (1983)  
Feng, Sen PRL **52** (1984)  
Jacobs, Thorpe PRL **75** (1995)

Bending elasticity

$$\kappa, \mu \sim (p - p_c)^\tau \quad \tau = 3.6, 3.8$$

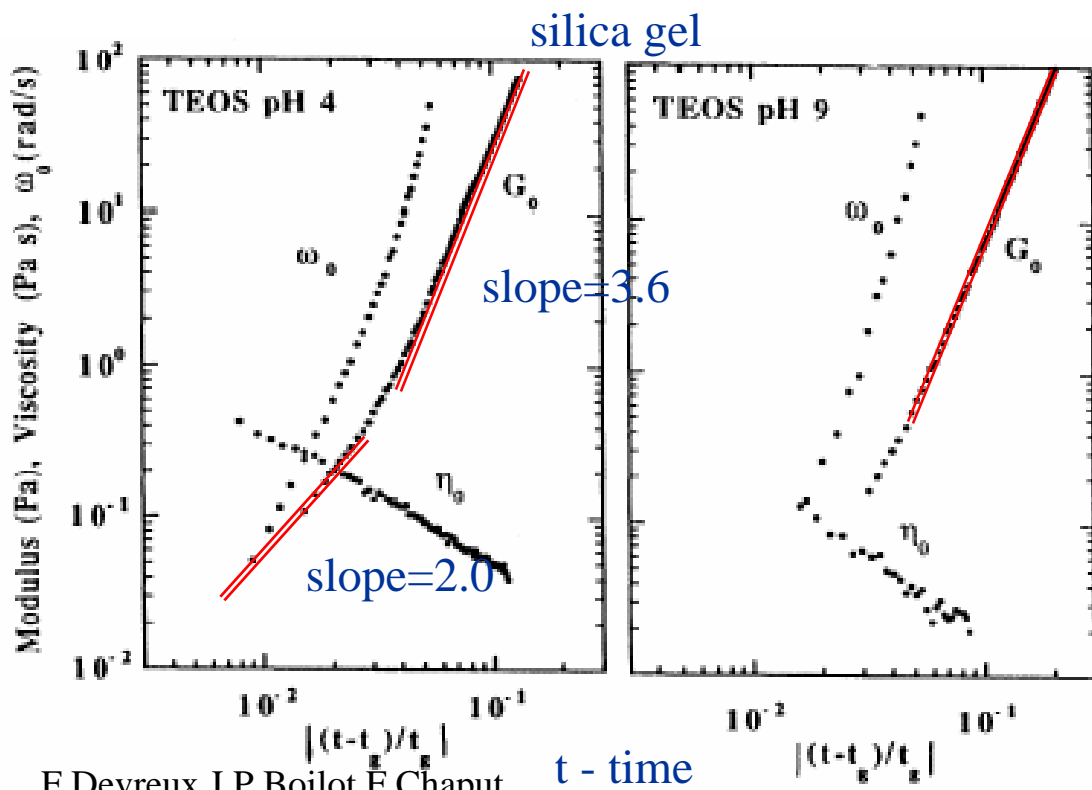
$$\tau > t \quad \text{2D} \quad \text{3D}$$

$$\text{force law} + \sum \vec{F} = 0$$

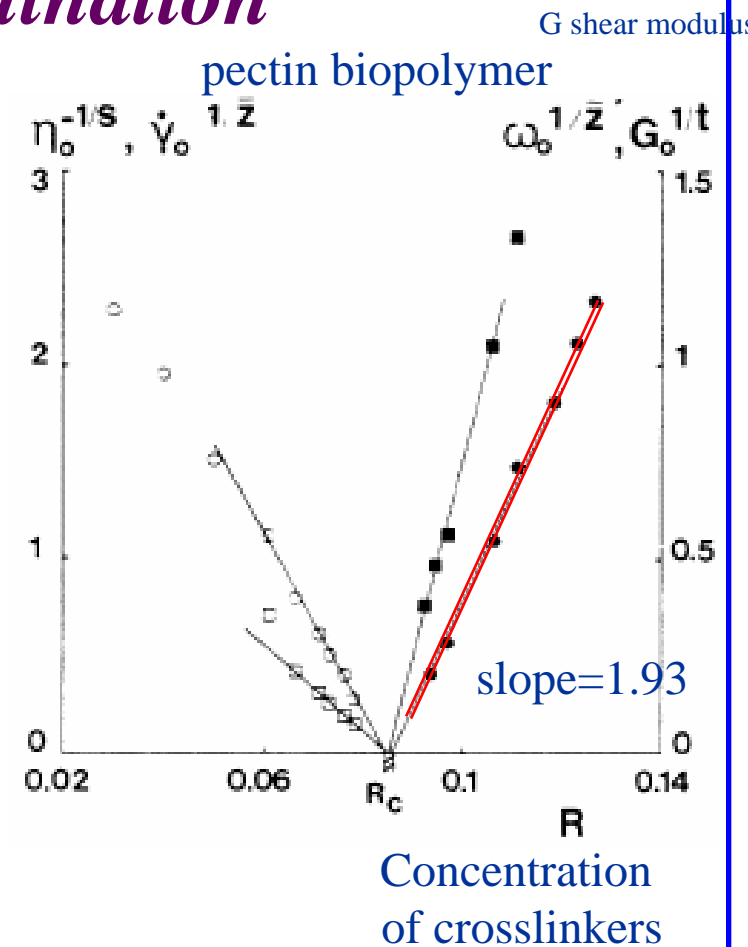
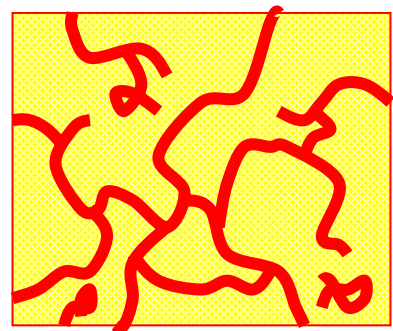
Kantor, Webman  
PRL **52** (1984)



# Critical index of elasticity – experimental determination



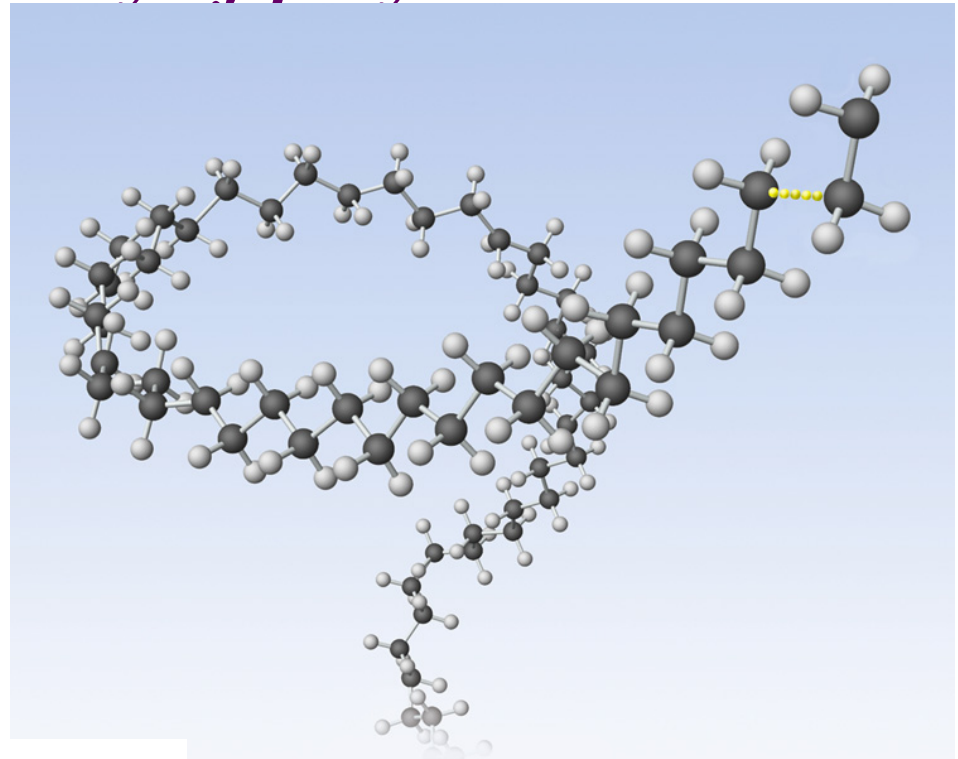
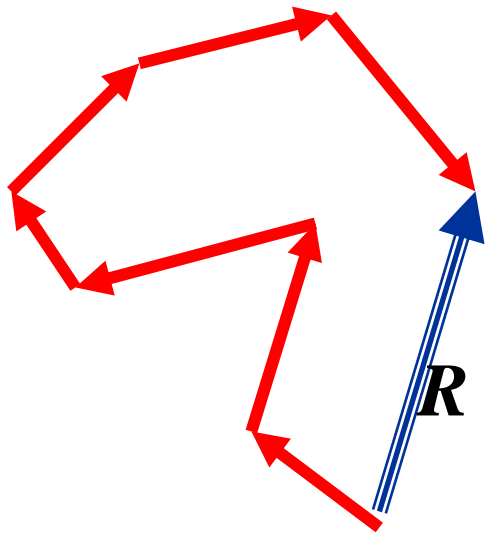
F.Devreux, J.P.Boilot, F.Chaput,  
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# Entropic elasticity of polymers

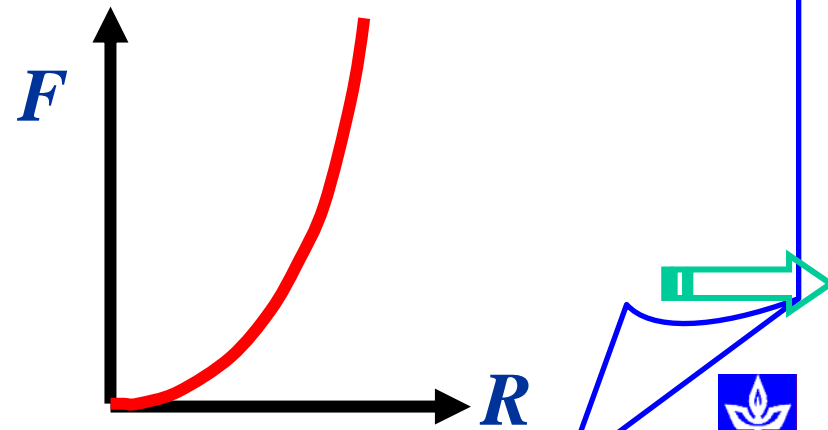


$$\vec{R} = \sum_1^N \vec{b}_i$$

$$Z_N(R) \sim P(\vec{R}) \Rightarrow \left( \frac{3}{2\pi N \langle b^2 \rangle} \right)^{3/2} \exp \left[ -\frac{3R^2}{2N \langle b^2 \rangle} \right]$$

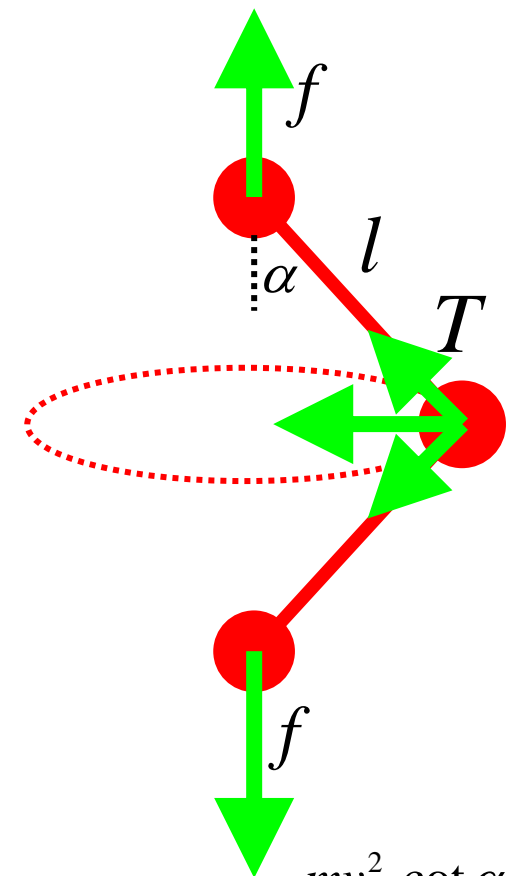
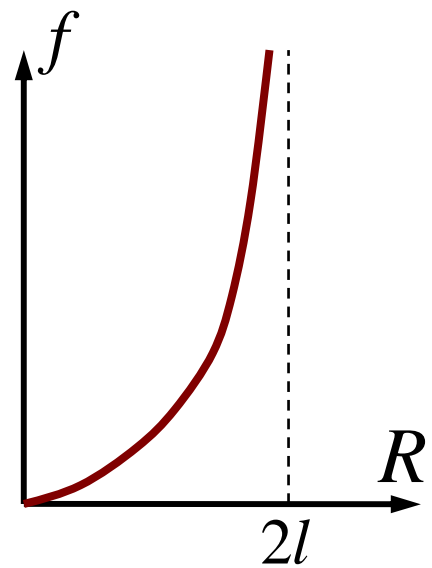
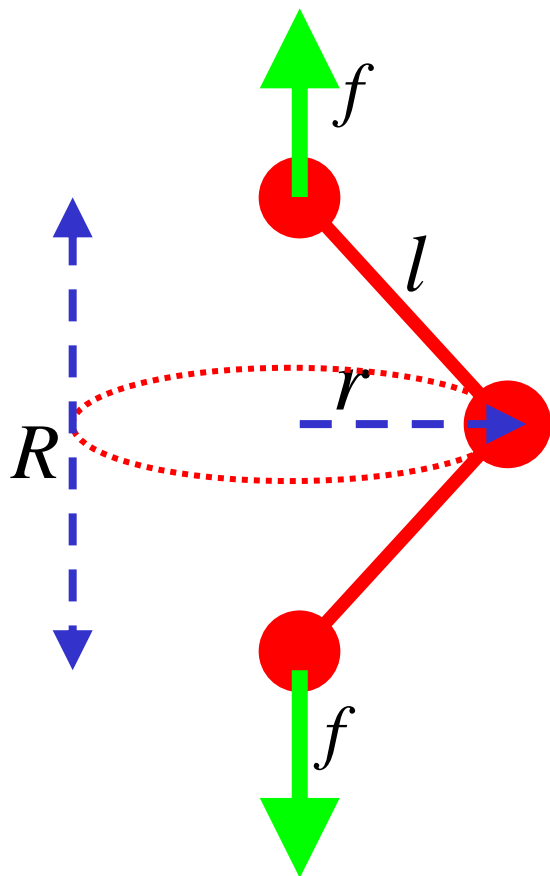
$$F(R) = -kT \ln Z(R) = \frac{1}{2} KR^2$$

$$F(R) = \cancel{-TS}(R)$$





# Entropy and forces in “inertial regulator”



$$F = U - k_B T \ln(2\pi r) =$$

$$= \dots - k_B T \ln 2\pi \sqrt{l^2 - \left(\frac{R}{2}\right)^2}$$

$$f = \frac{dF}{dR} = \frac{k_B T R}{4l^2 - R^2}$$

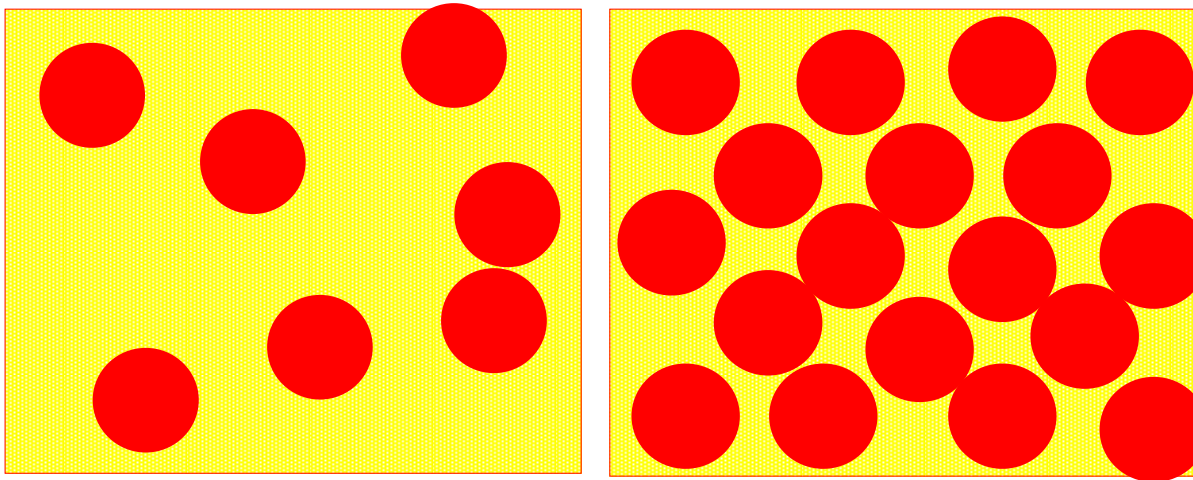
$$f = T \cos \alpha = \frac{mv^2}{r} \frac{\cot \alpha}{2}$$

$$\langle f \rangle = \frac{k_B T}{r} \frac{R}{4r}$$



# *Systems with Entropic Elasticity*

## Hard sphere (or hard disk) liquid/hexatic/solid

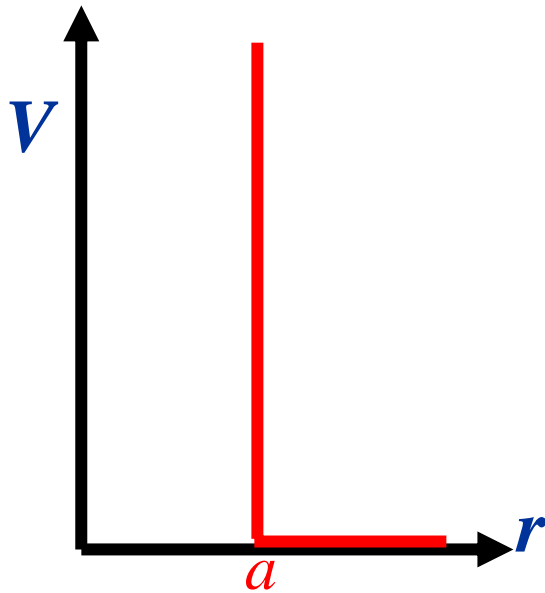


Metropolis et al. JCP **21** (53)  
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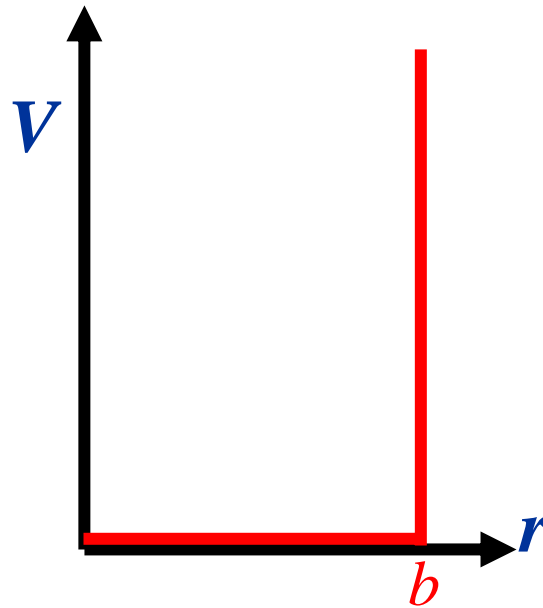
P. W. Bridgman, Phys. Rev. **3**, 153 (1914).  
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W. W. Wood and J. D. Jacobsen, J. Chem. Phys. **27**, 1207 (1957).  
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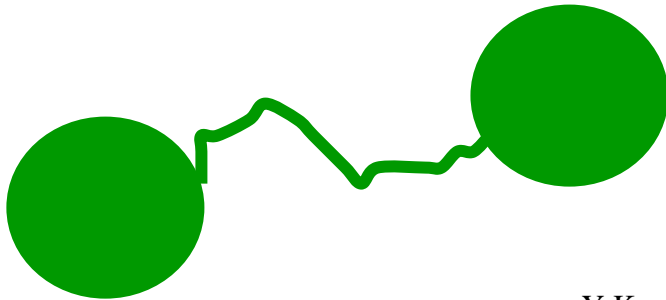
# Potentials



*Hard sphere  
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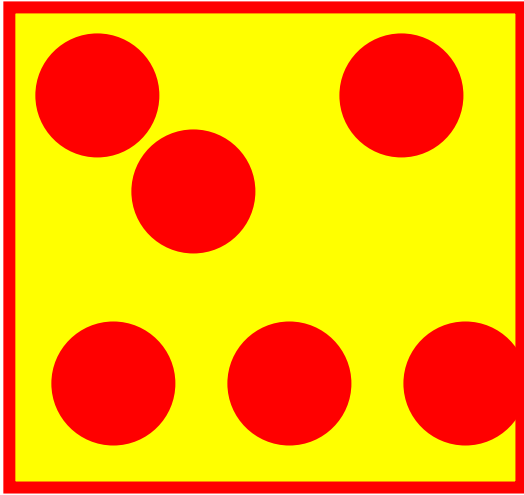
*Tethering  
potential*



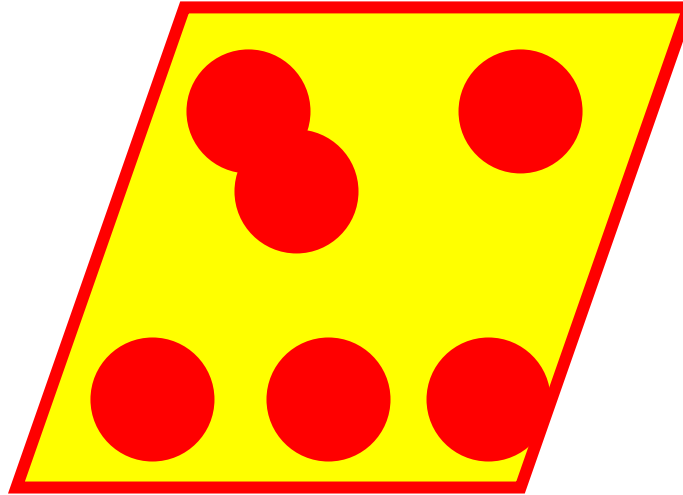
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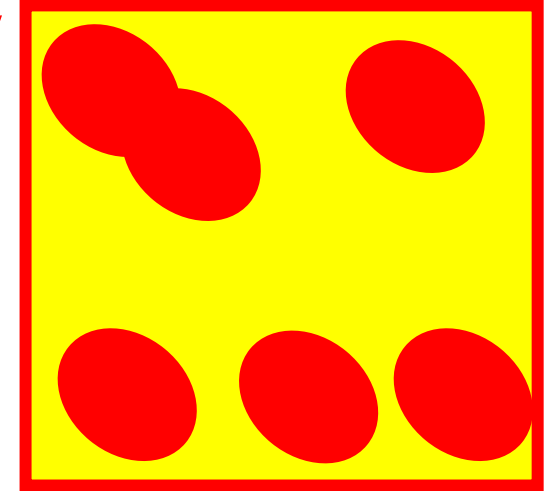
# *Calculation of Elastic Constants*



*Unstrained  
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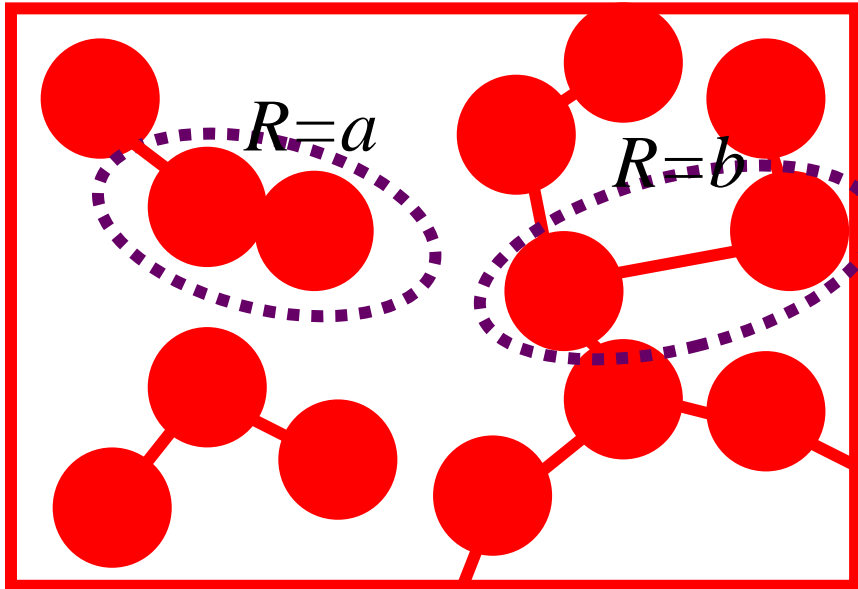
*Strained  
state*



*Boundaries  
restored to  
original state*



# Stress and elastic constants for “hard potentials”

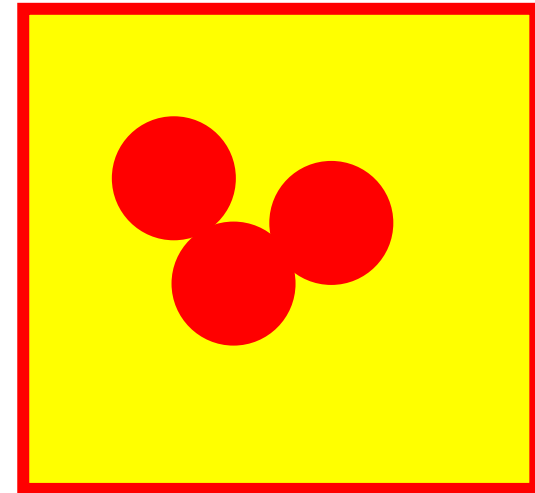
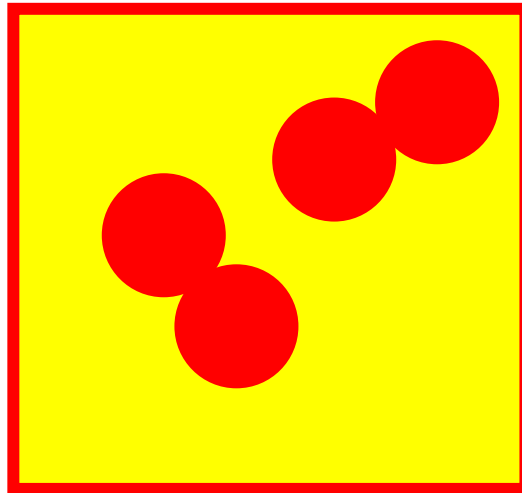


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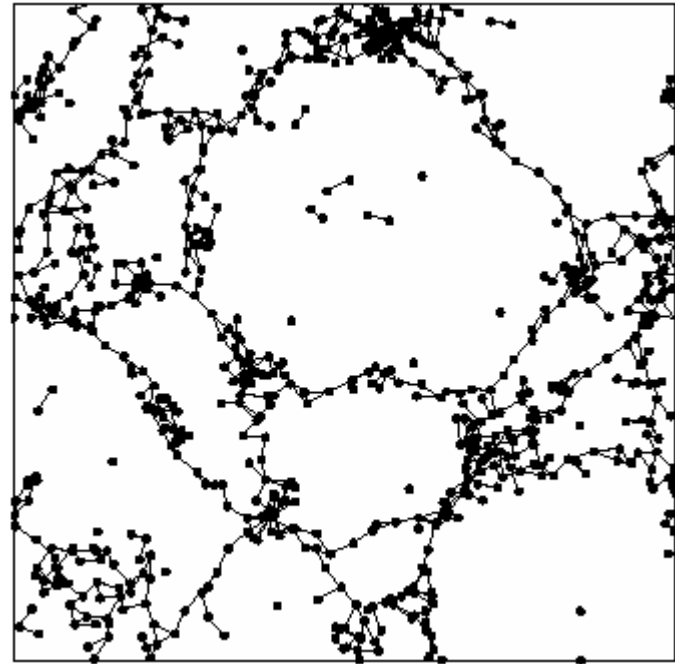
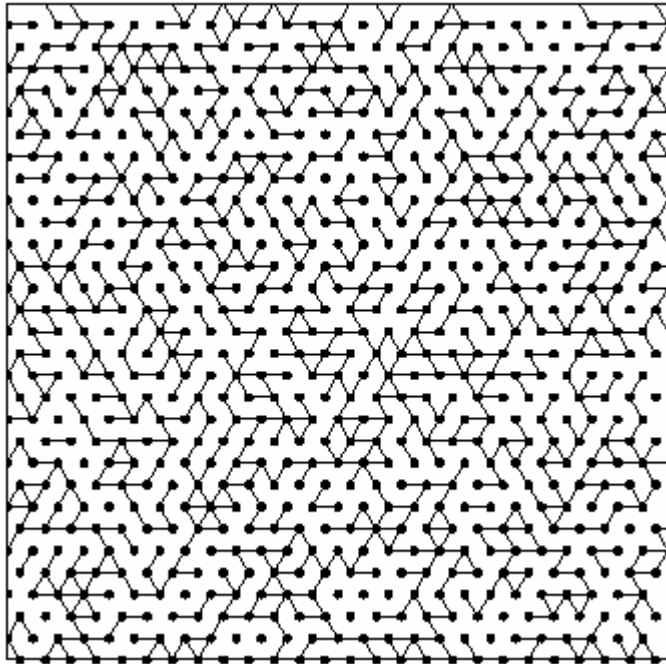
$$\sigma_{ij} = -\frac{kT}{V} \left[ \left\langle \sum_{\text{pairs}} \frac{R_i R_j}{R} \delta(R-a) - \sum_{\text{bonds}} \frac{R_i R_j}{R} \delta(R-b) \right\rangle + N_{\text{atoms}} \right]$$

*Elastic constants*

O.Farago, Y.Kantor  
Phys.Rev. E61 (2000)



# *Percolating phantom network in 2D*

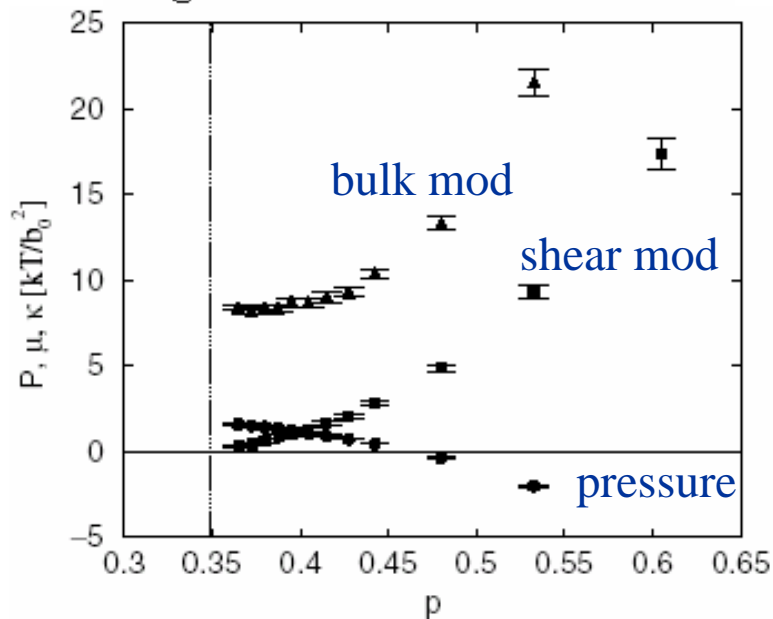
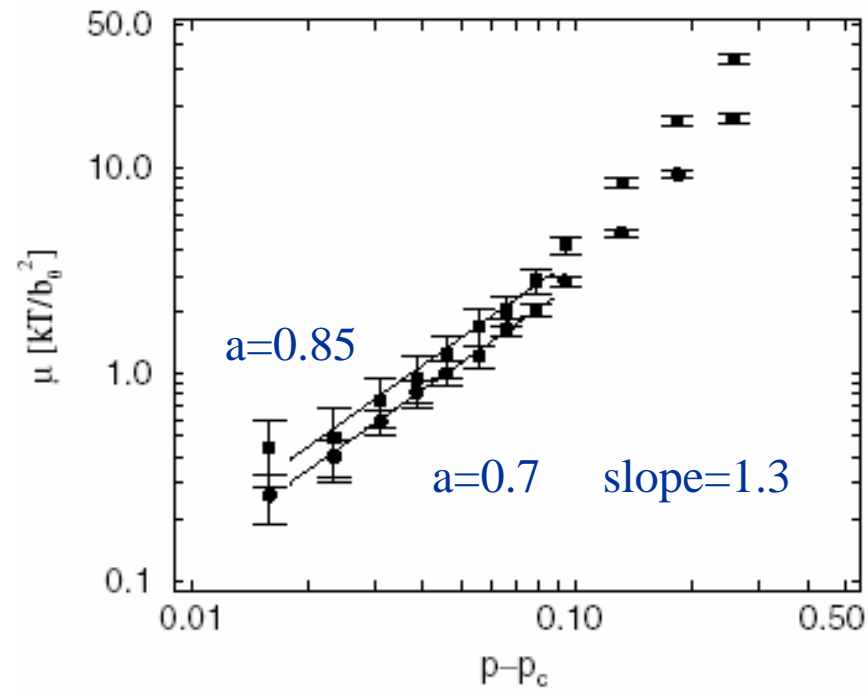
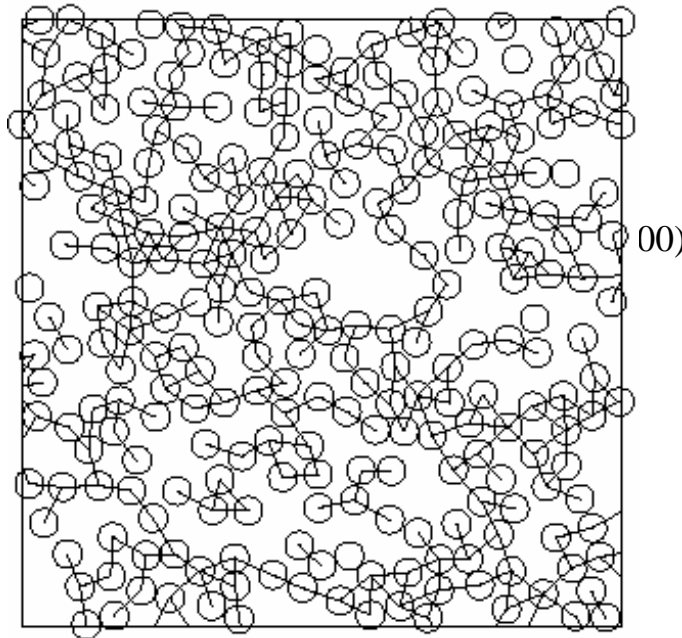


critical exponent 1.3

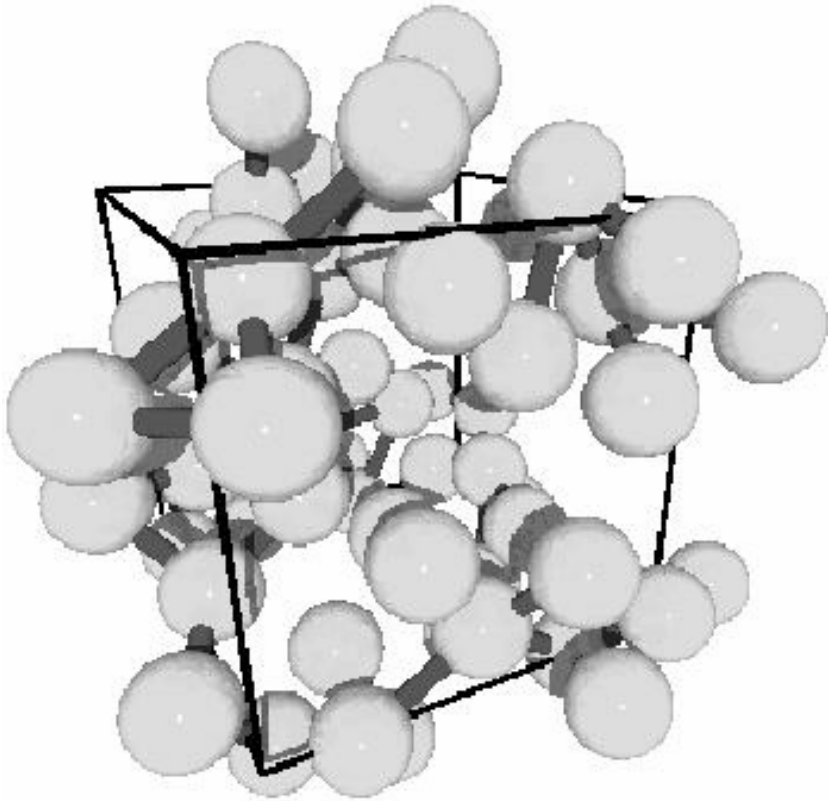
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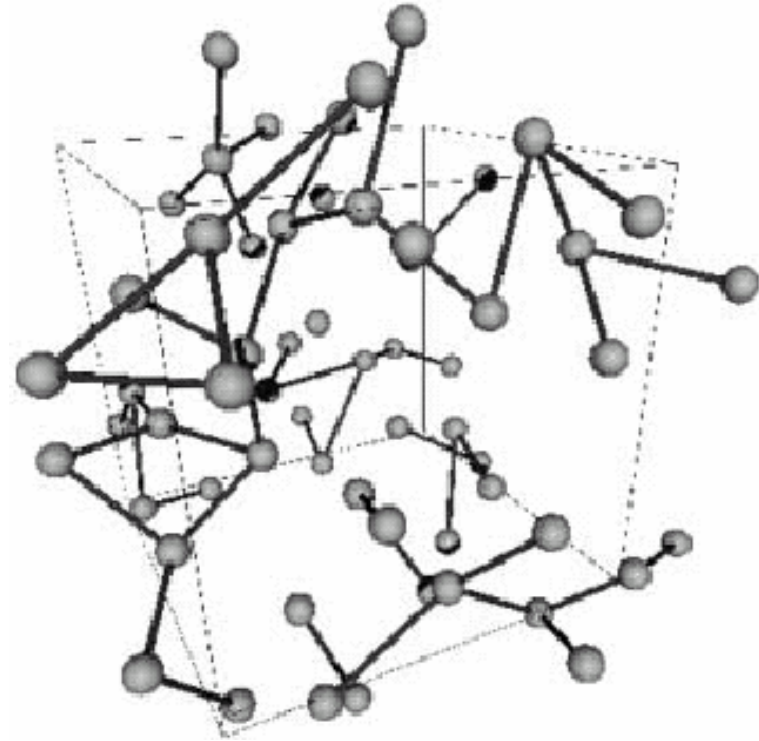
# Percolation with excluded volume in 2D



# *Percolation with excluded volume in 3D*



Actual size of excluded volume and



size of the spheres reduced to 1/3 of their size

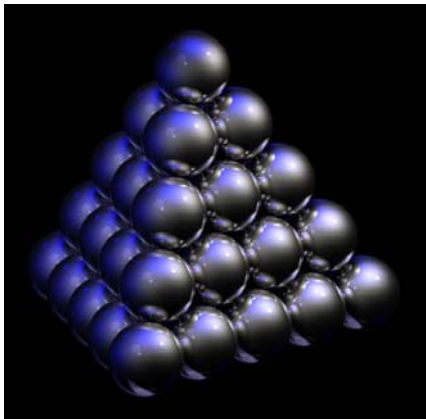
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critical exponent 2.0





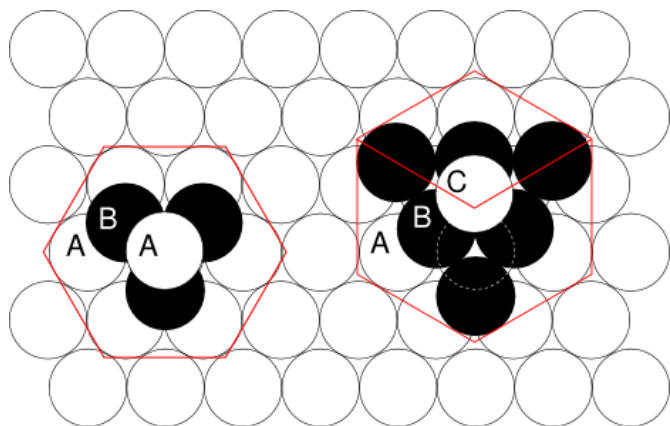
# Dense hard sphere solids



1585 Harriot – cannonball arrangement  
1611 Kepler's conjecture  
1831 Gauss' proof for periodic lattices  
1998 Hales' proof(?) for general case

**Highest density**

$$\rho = \frac{\pi}{3\sqrt{2}} = 0.74048\dots$$



**HCP**

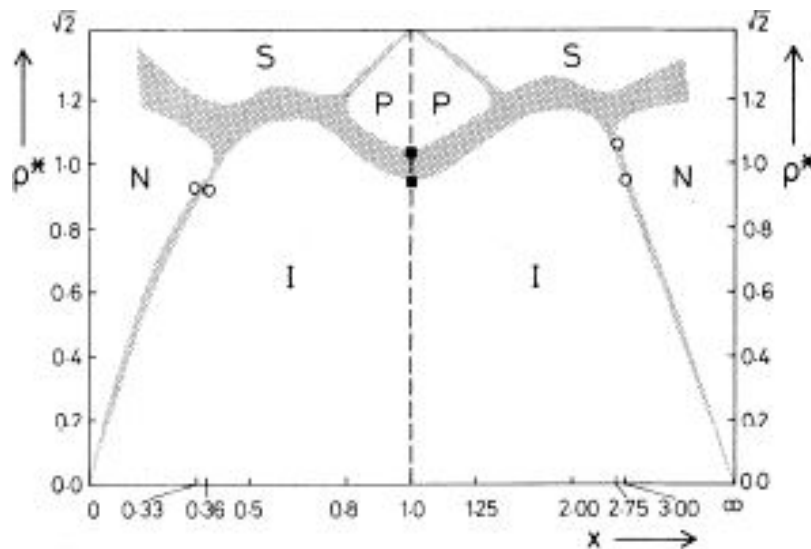
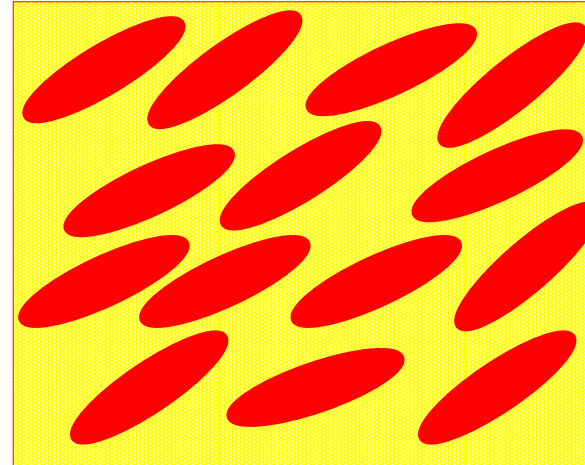
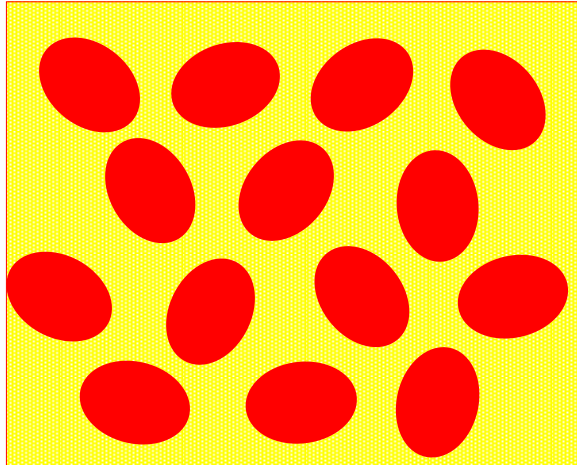
**FCC**

$$\Delta F \approx 0.001Nk_B T$$

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# Spheroids – phase diagram

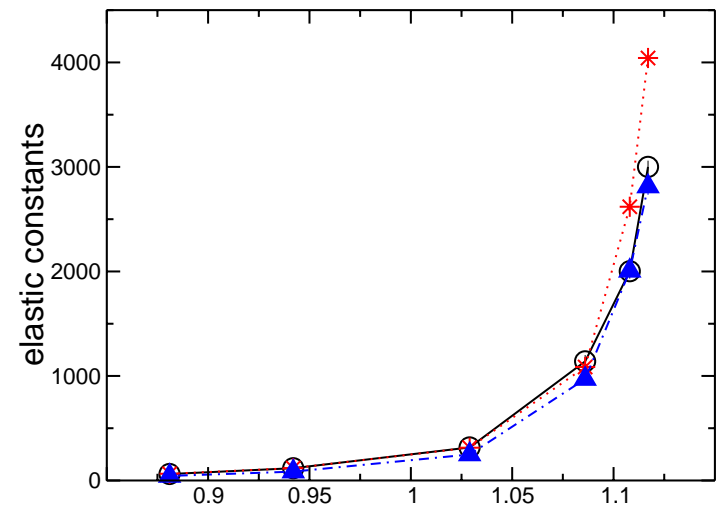
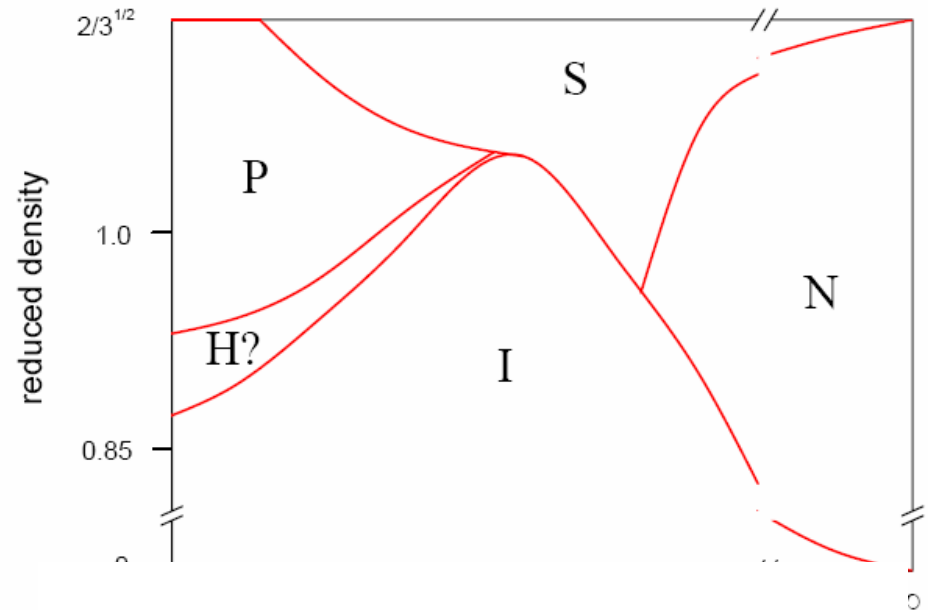
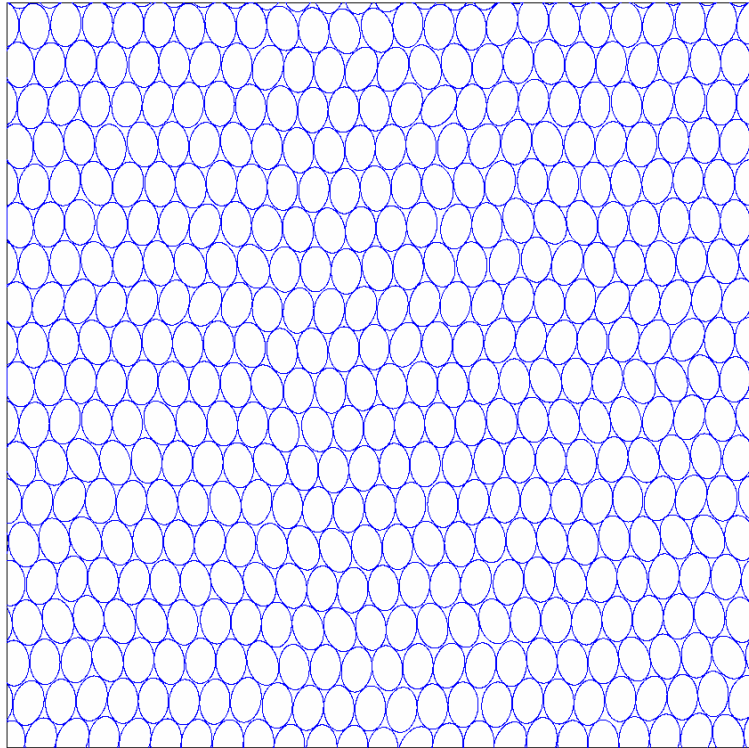


D.Frenkel, B.M.Mulder,  
J.P.McTague, PRL52,287 (1984)



# Hard ellipses - 2D phase diagram

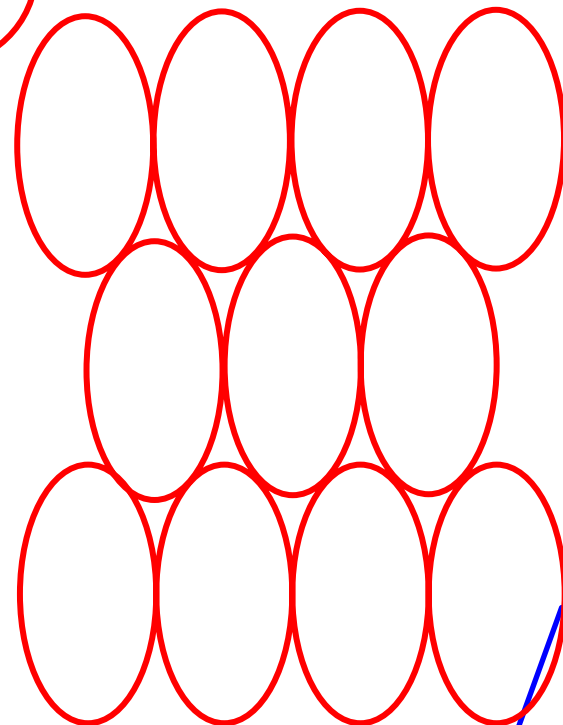
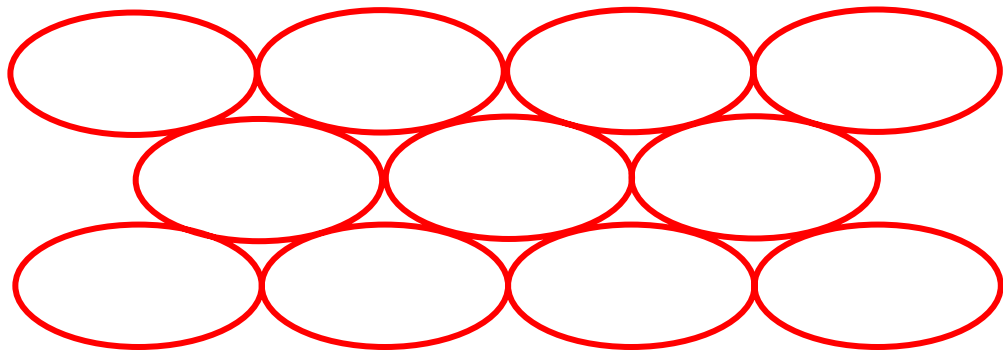
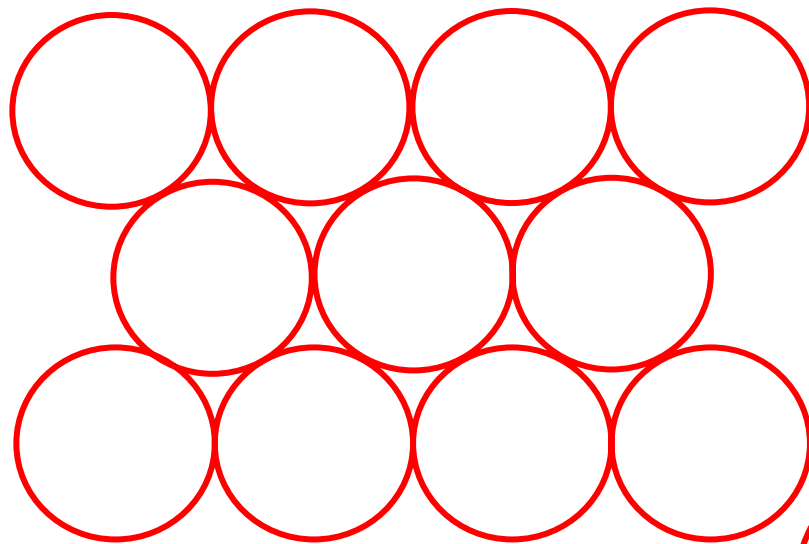
“Oriented” solid



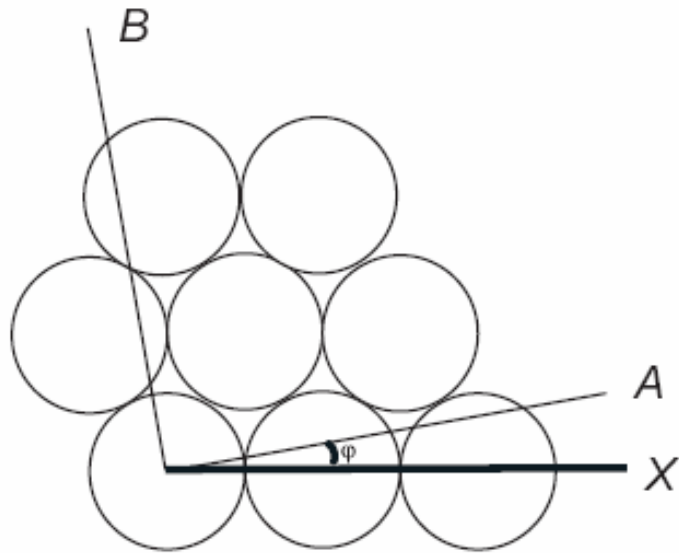
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$$\rho^* \equiv \rho \cdot 4ab, \quad \max \rho^* = \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} \approx 1.155\dots$$

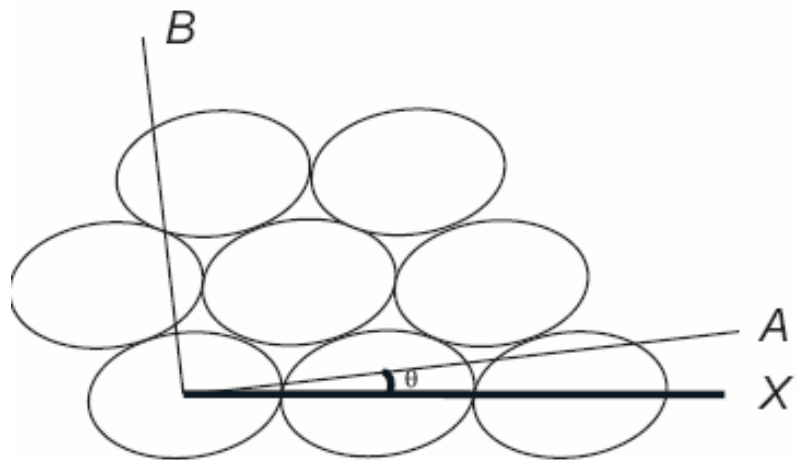
# *Possible dense states*



# Possible dense states (continued)



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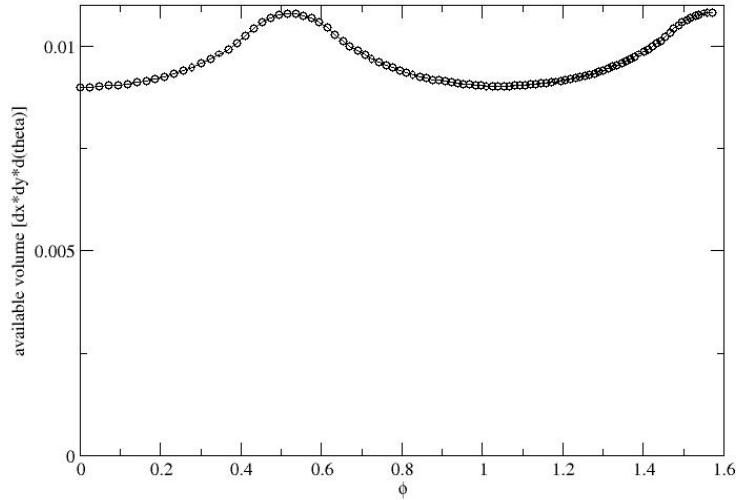


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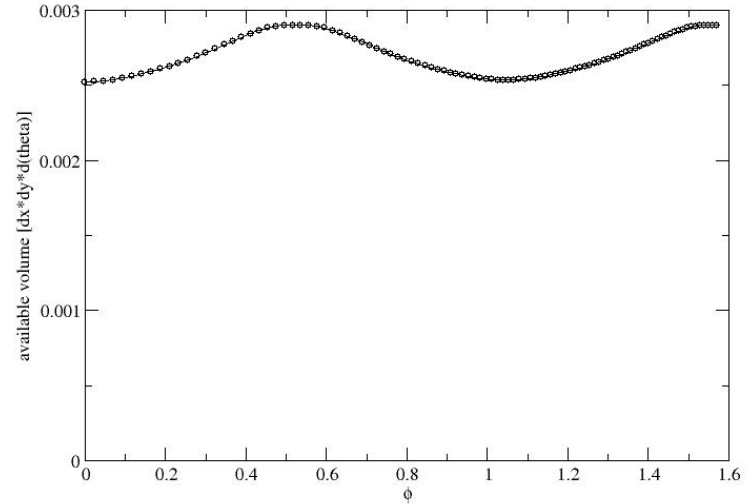


# “MF” free energy dependence on the angle

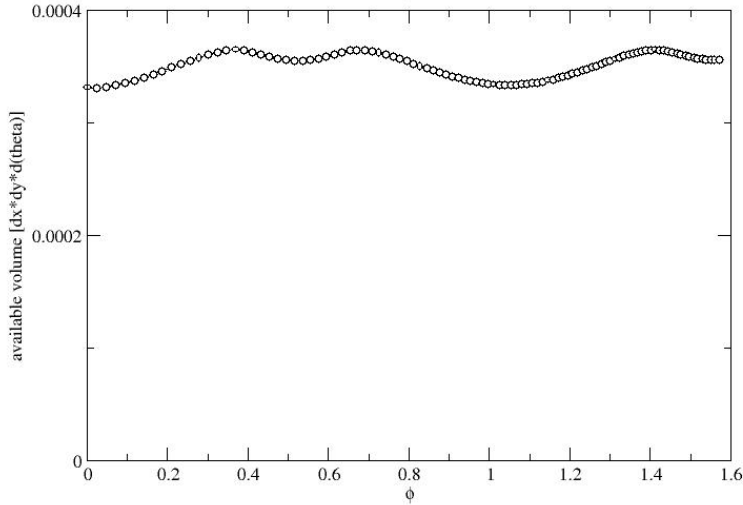
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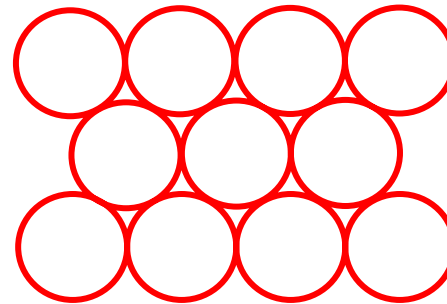
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$a/b = 1.5, \rho = 1.1$   
 $dr=0.001, dt=0.005$



$$\rho^* \equiv \rho \cdot 4ab, \quad \max \rho^* = \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} \approx 1.155\dots$$



# *Conclusions*

- *Direct calculation of elastic constants of hard potentials is possible*
- *Critical indices in 2D and 3D systems coincide with conductivity exponents (within the measurable range)*
- *Elasticity – useful tool in determining phase diagram*



That's all

