

# On dense flows of grains and suspensions



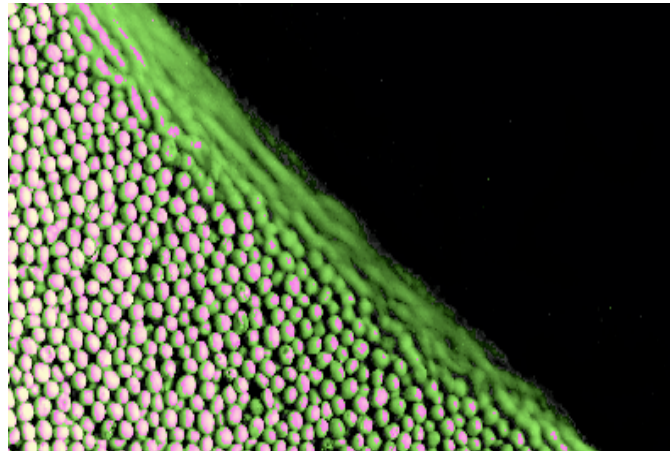
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# Amorphous materials

- Granular materials, suspensions, glasses...
- Solid phase?
- Liquid phase?
- Transition between the two?



- Here: transition at zero temperature for hard particles (e.g. grains or non-Brownian suspensions)

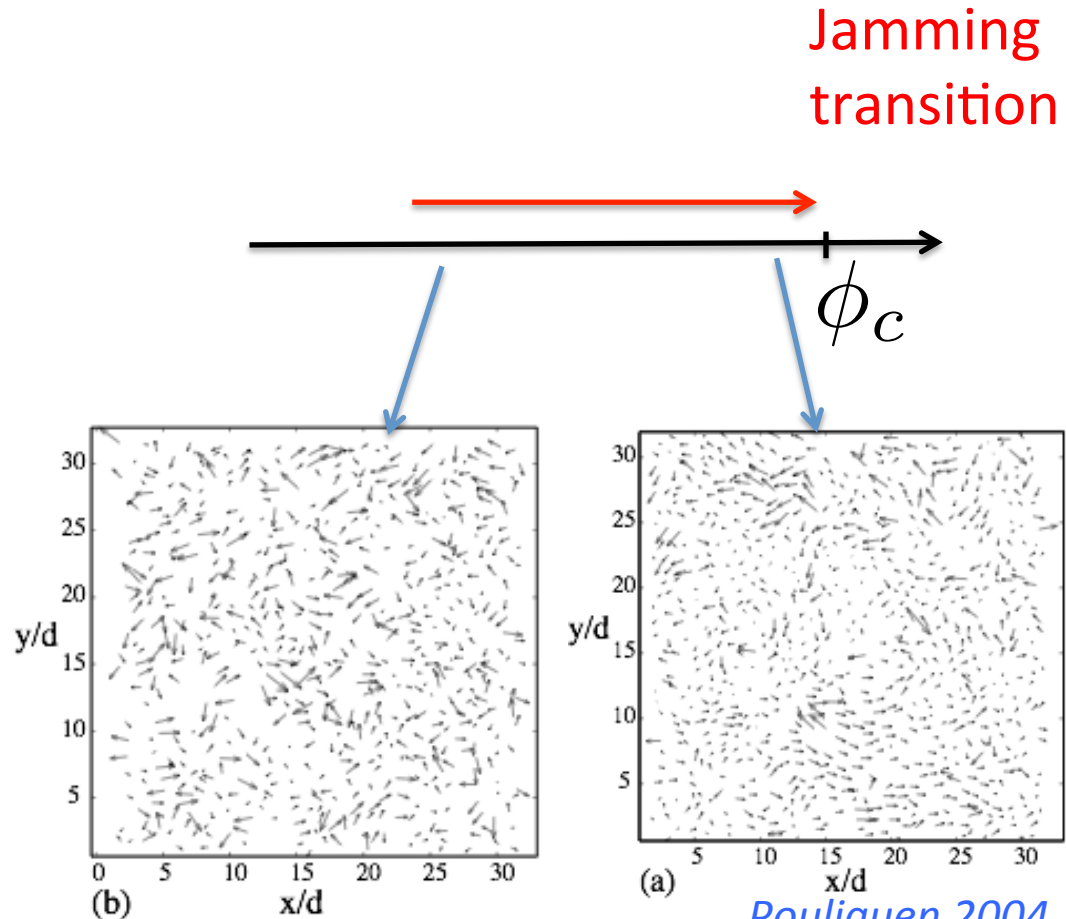
# Jamming transition

*Geometrical question: How particles can avoid each other and flow in a dense environment?*

- Glass transition, dense granular flows

$\Phi$ : packing fraction

Dynamics becomes more and more collective as jamming is approached. Length scale?

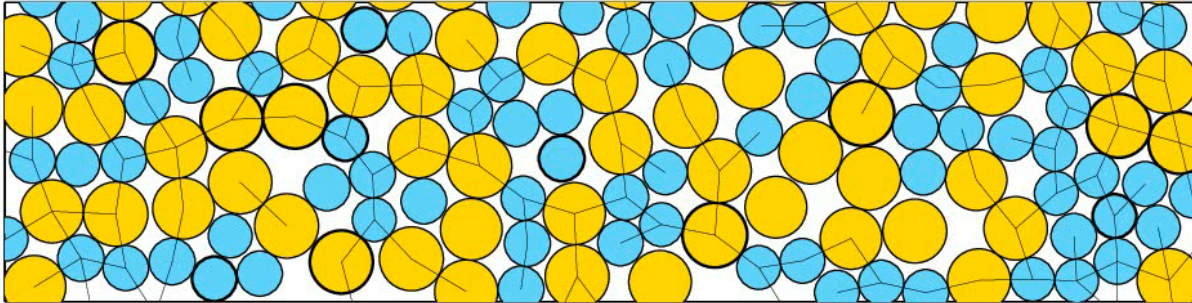


*Pouliquen 2004*  
*Nordstrom et al 2011*

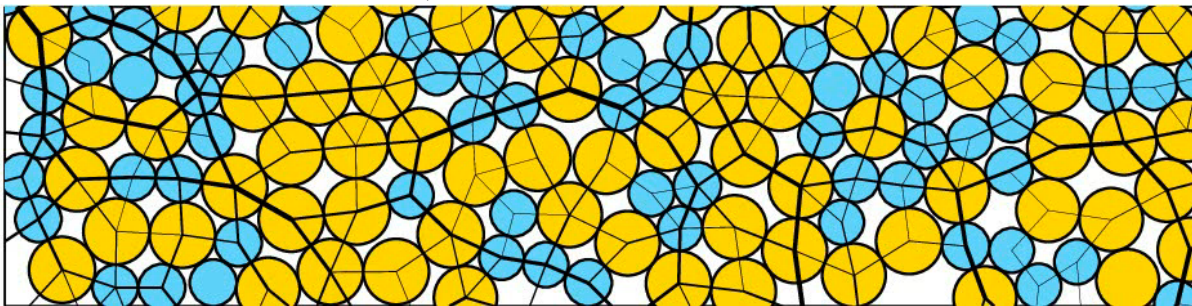
# Model of non-Brownian suspensions

*Lerner, During, MW, PNAS 2012*

$$\phi = 0.8$$



$$\phi = 0.83$$



- percolated network of contacts
- Growing length scale



# Jamming in suspensions = critical point

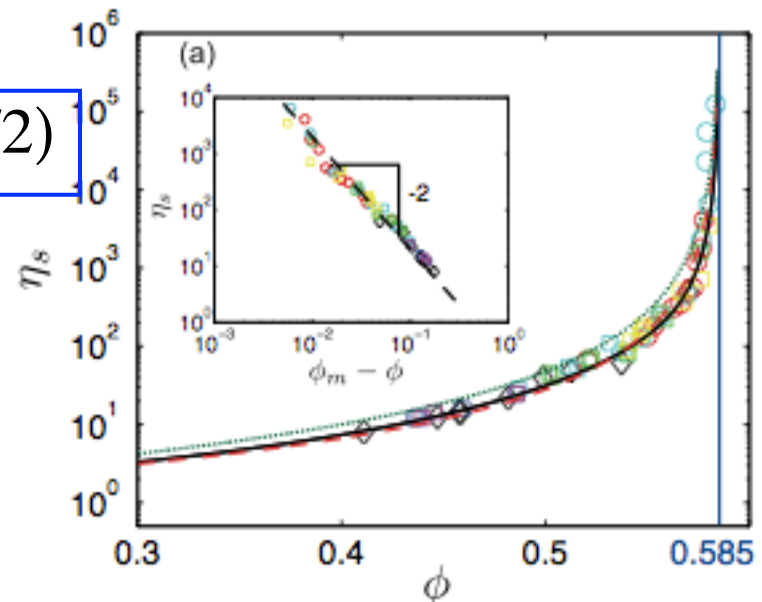
- Non-deformable particles immersed in liquid of viscosity  $\eta_0$ .



- Low  $\phi$ : Einstein relation

$$\eta = \eta_0(1 + 5\phi/2)$$

- High  $\phi$ : steric hindrance dominates, viscosity continuously diverges at  $\phi_c$ : Jamming transition

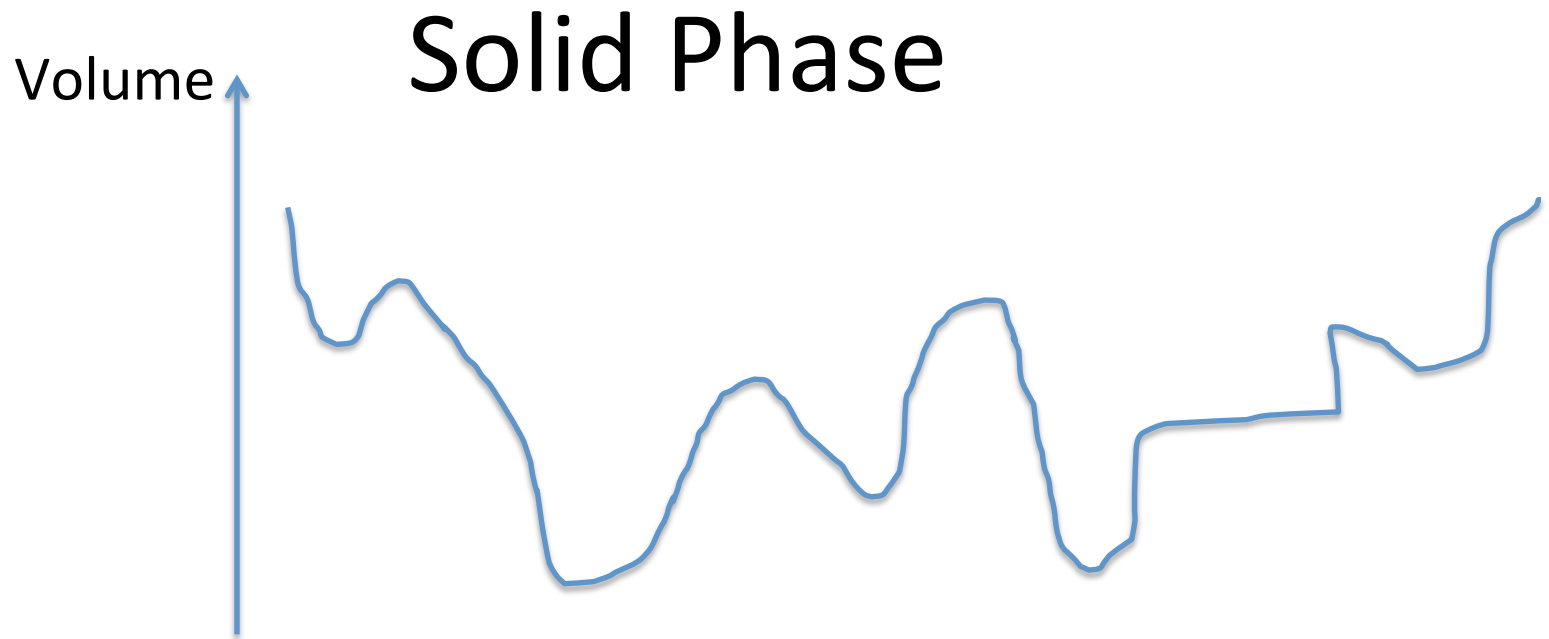


Boyer, Guazzelli, Pouliquen PRL 2011

$$\eta \sim \eta_0 / (\phi_c - \phi)^\beta$$

$$\beta \in [2, 2.5]$$

*Traditionally: Perturbation around dilute limit. Here: around the solid!*



Out-of-equilibrium:

landscape

Sampling? (Boltzmann distribution does not apply)

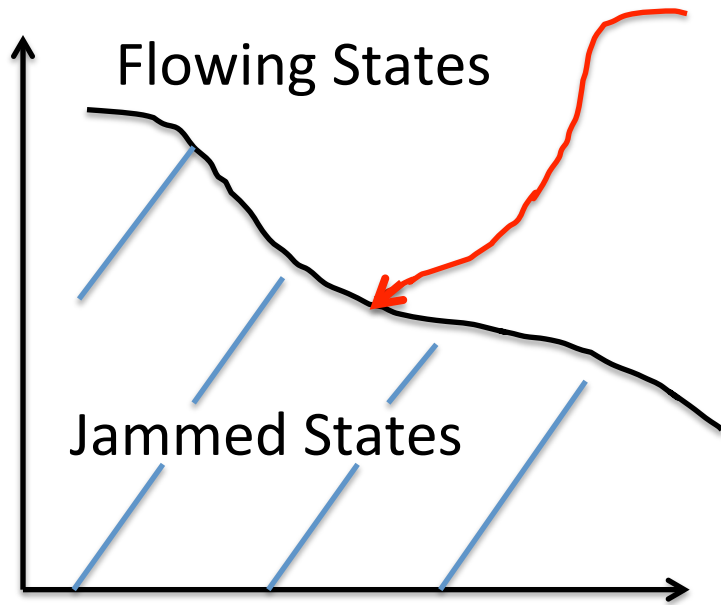
Is dynamics sampling all states democratically (Edwards)?

Is it sampling states that have special properties?

(same questions in many complex systems)

Granular materials: yes, provides guidance

# Does solid sand remember that it had to flow just before it jammed?



- Is the requirement of having a dynamical pathway a demanding constraint? *Marginal stability*
- Marginal stability presumably affects dynamics

## Similar notions in

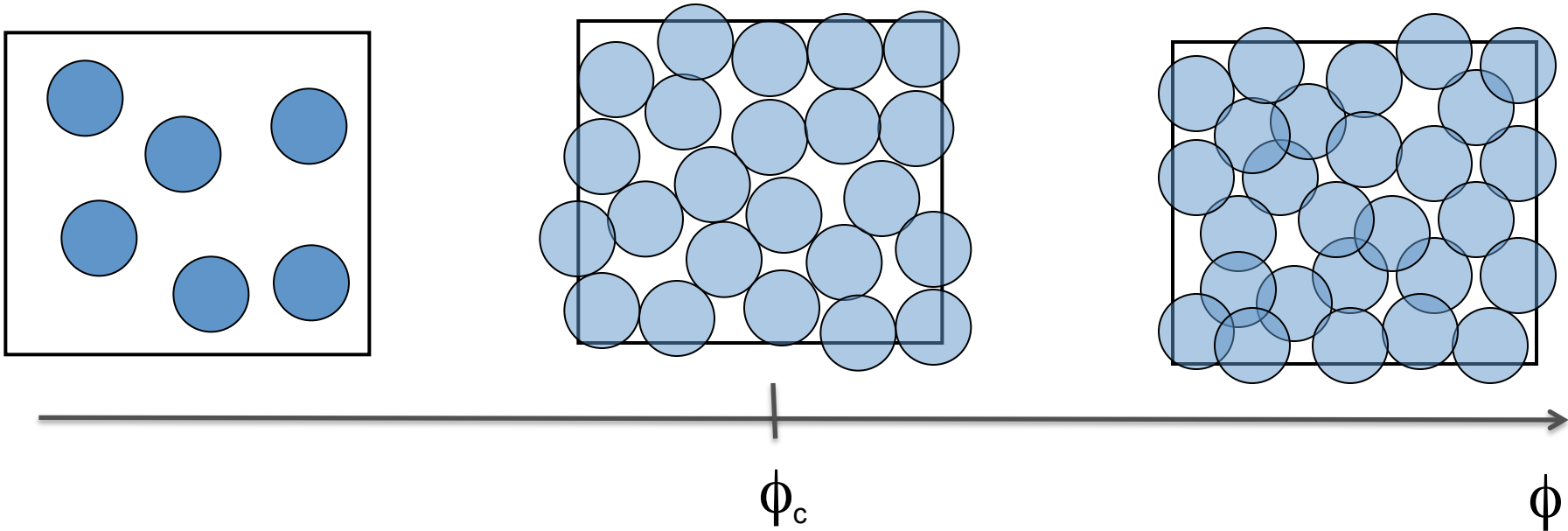
- Coulomb glasses *Effros, Schlovskii*

Stability toward moving an electron lead to a bound on density of states, which is saturated

- mean-field spin glasses *Thouless, Anderson*

*Elementary Excitations in packing of particles?*

# Solid phase: frictionless spheres



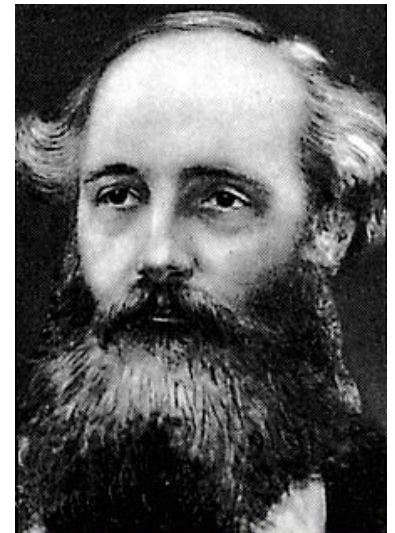
$\phi_c$   
Random close  
packing

Feature 1: Coordination

fixed at  $\phi_c$

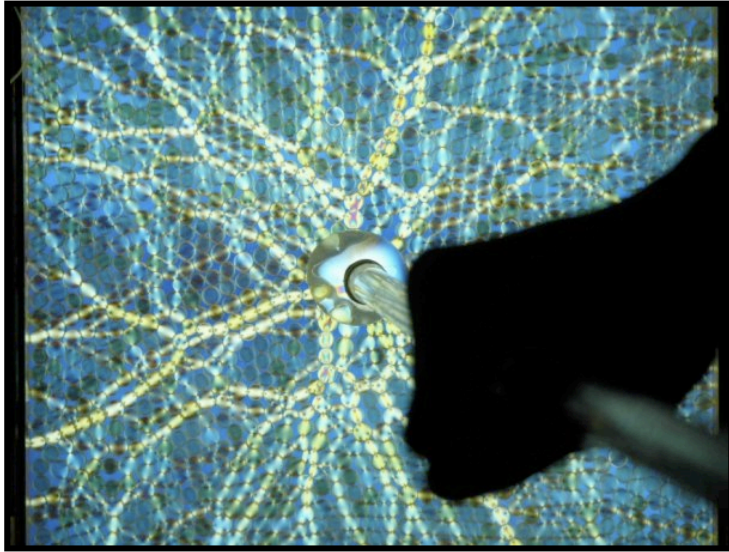
$$z = 2d$$

“isostatic”



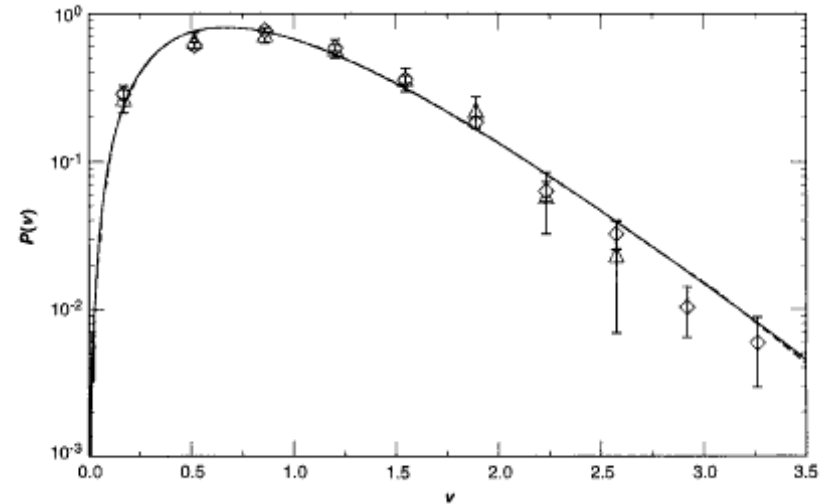
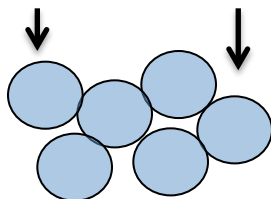
*(Moukarzel, Roux, Witten, Tkachenko,...)*

# Forces distribution

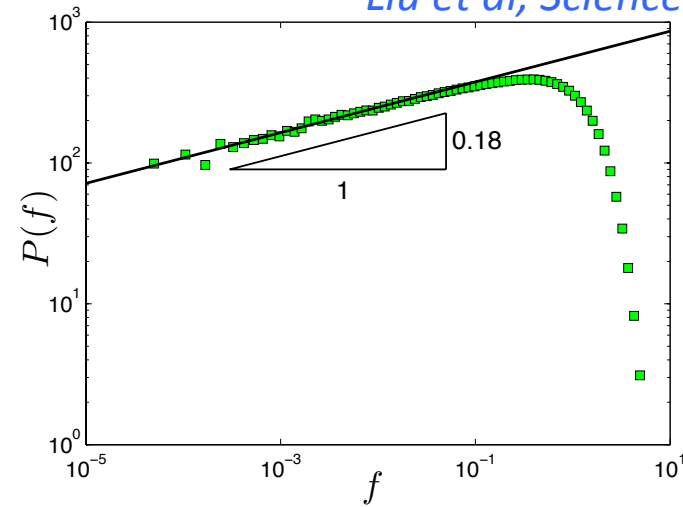


*Behringer's group*

Traditional Models:  
Force propagation in disordered  
Environment, e.g. Q-model  
*Coppersmith, Witten, Bouchaud, Cates  
Edwards*



*Liu et al, Science 1995*



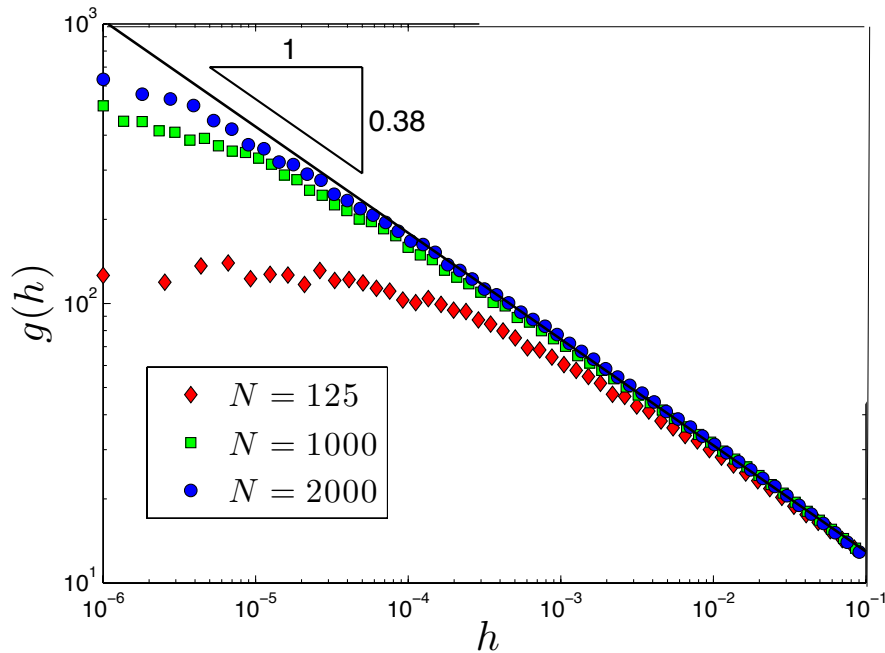
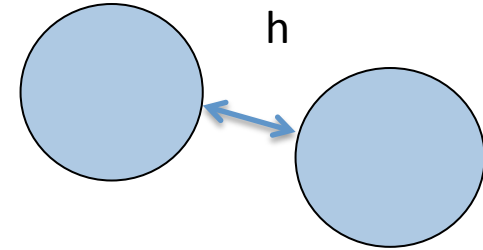
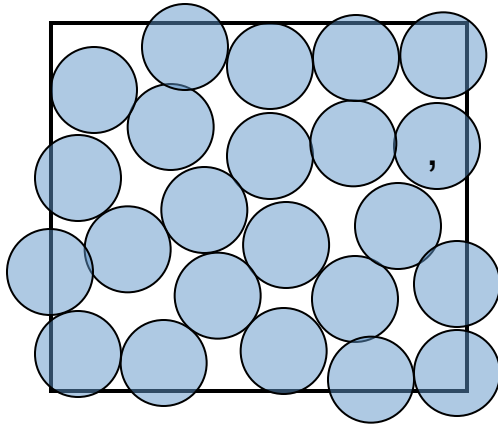
$$P(f) \sim f^\theta \quad \theta \approx 0.2$$

*Lerner, During, Wyart 2012*

*Charbonneau, Corwen, Zamponi, Parisi 2012*



# Pair distribution function



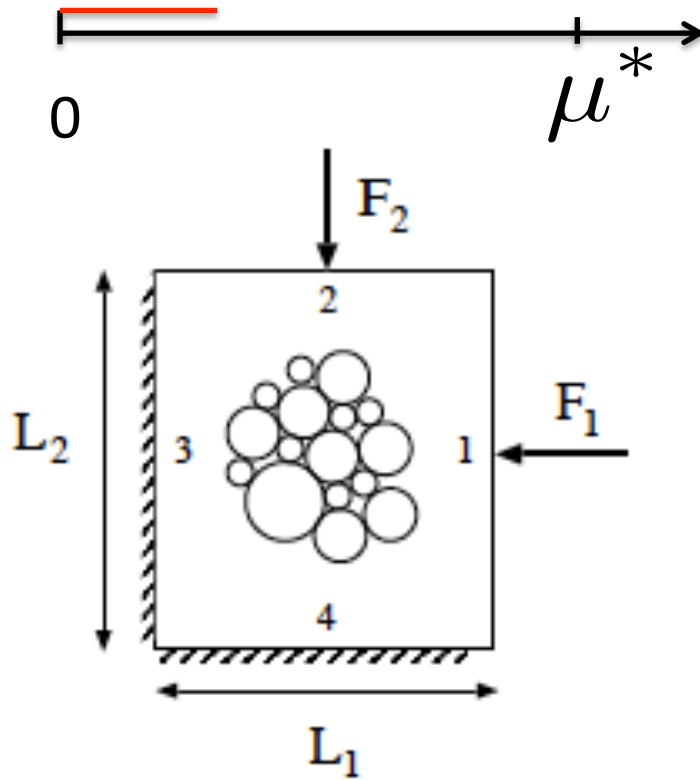
$$g(h) \sim h^{-\gamma} \quad \gamma \approx 0.4$$

*Lerner, During, Wyart 2013*

*silbert, Liu, Nagel 2006, Donev et al., 2005  
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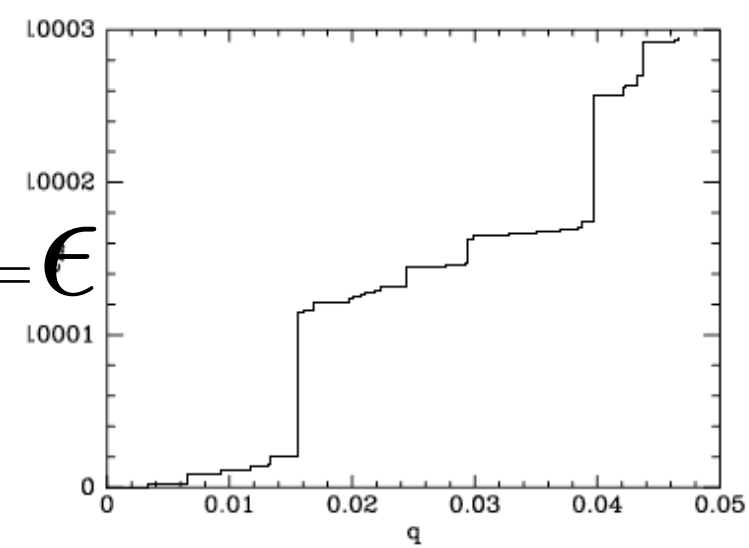
# Plastic flow in solid phase

Combe and roux, prl 2000



$$\frac{(F_2 - F_1)}{F_1}$$

$$\frac{|\Delta L_2|}{L_2} = \epsilon$$



$$P(\Delta\epsilon) \sim \Delta\epsilon^{-1.46}$$

- non-linear, plastic events: avalanches of rewiring of the contact network
- cracking : jump in strain are power-law no scale

*Different from the self-organized criticality of depinning*

# Stability of packings

MW, PRL 2012

Lerner, During and Wyart, soft matter 2013

- Packing of frictionless hard particles at Pressure  $p$ , in a box

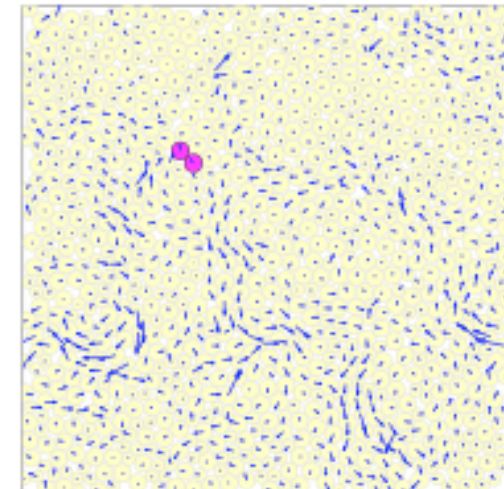
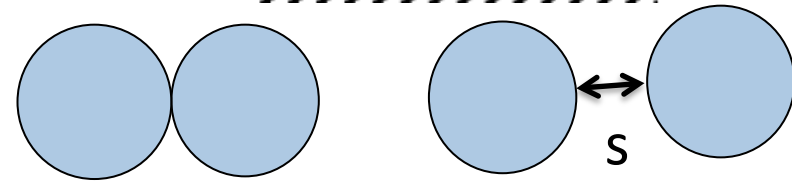
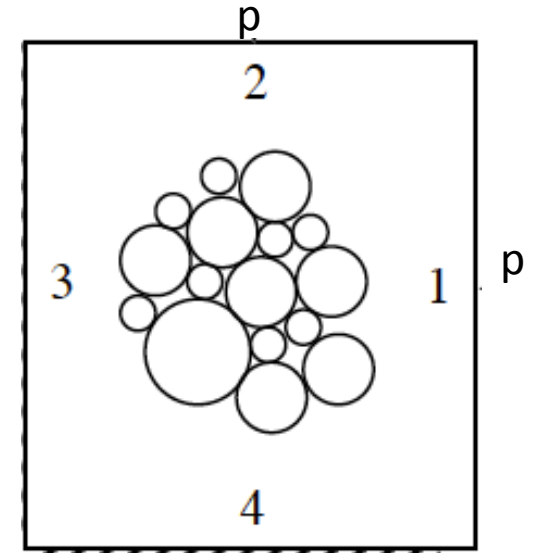
- $E = p V$

Decreasing volume by changing the network of contact?

- $z = z_c$  isostatic: just enough contact to be rigid

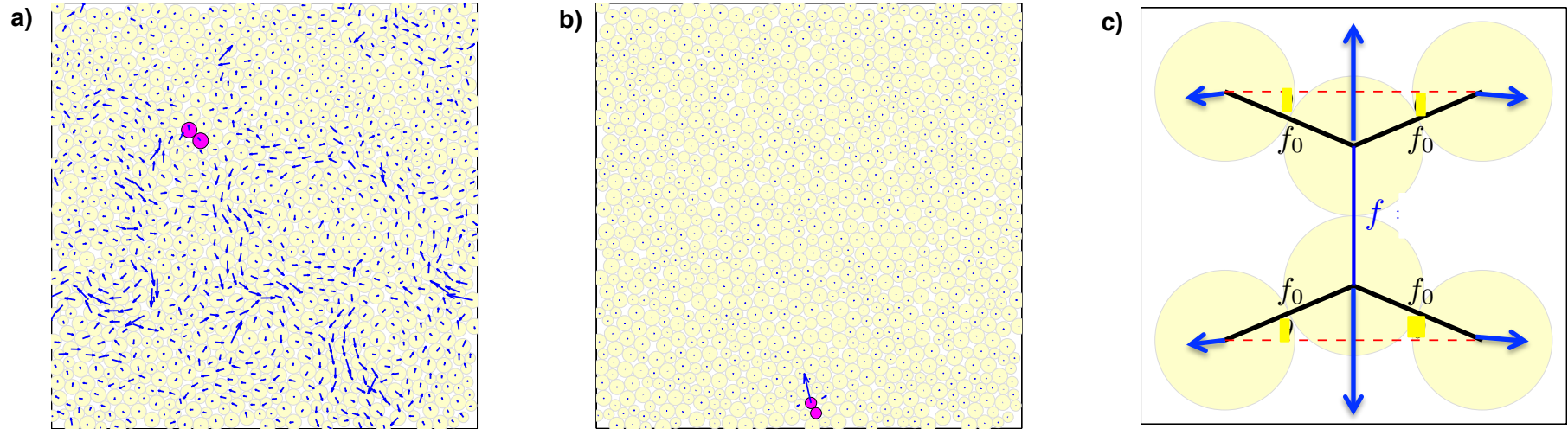
- One contact opened by  $s$ , one soft mode, displacement field  $\delta \vec{R}_i(s)$  until another contact is formed at  $s_c$

- Stability requires  $V(s) > V(s=0)$  for  $0 < s < s_c$



# Two kinds of contacts at low-forces

Lerner, During and Wyart, *soft matter* 2013



*Response not decaying with distance Wyart 05*

Extended excitations:

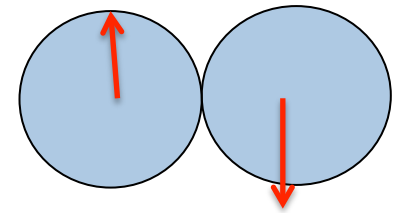
$$P(f_1) \sim f_1^{\theta_e} \quad \theta_e \approx 0.44$$

Local excitations:

$$P(f_2) \sim f_2^{\theta} \quad \theta \approx 0.2$$

Argument: Marginal stability fixes  $\theta_e$  and  $\theta$

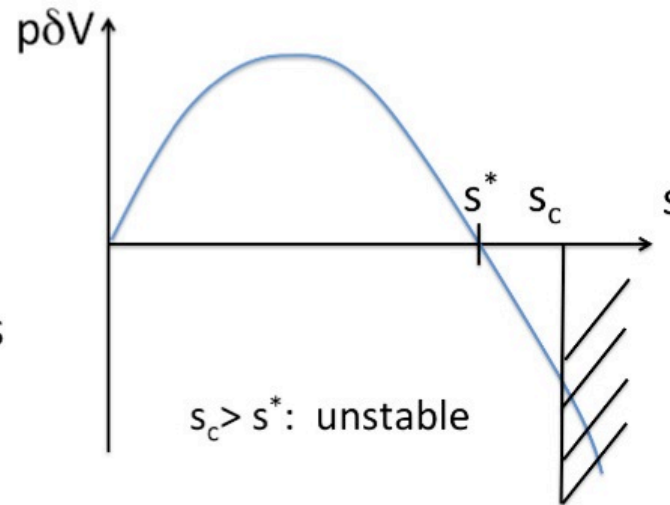
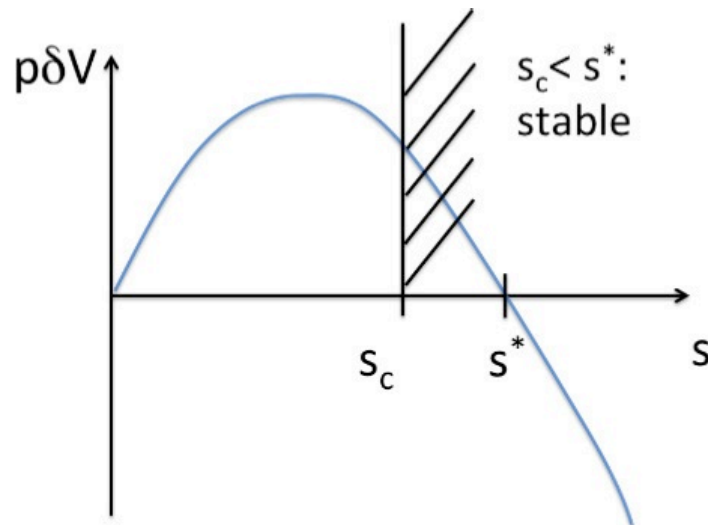
# Stability criterion (extended)



$$p\delta V(s) = s f_{\langle 12 \rangle} - \text{second order term}$$

- $s$  limited by the formation of a new contact

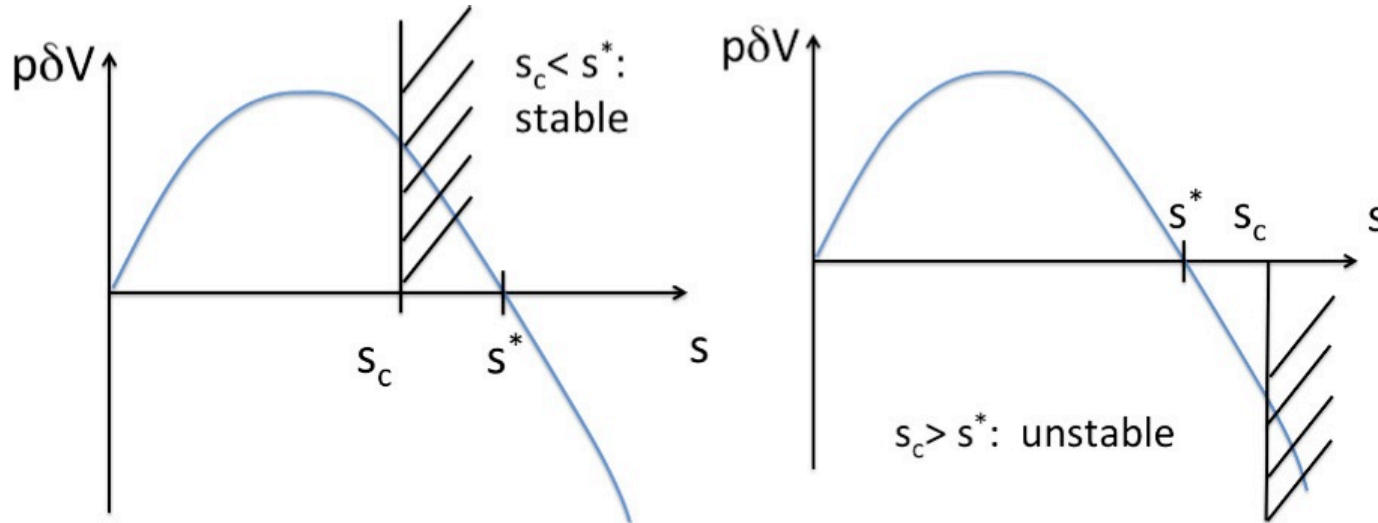
$$\sim N s^2$$



- Contact with weak forces more likely unstable
- Small gaps limit  $s$ , stabilize packings



# Stability of extended contact



$$s_c \sim h_{min} \sim N^{-1/(1-\gamma)}$$

cf

$$g(h) \sim \frac{1}{h^\gamma}$$

$$s^* \sim (f_1)_{min}/N \sim N^{-1/(1+\theta_e)-1}$$

cf

$$P(f_1) \sim f_1^{\theta_e}$$

$$\text{Stability} \Rightarrow s_c < s^* \Rightarrow$$

$$\gamma \geq \frac{1}{2 + \theta_e}$$

MW, PRL 2012

# Marginal stability of packing: Numerical evidence

*Lerner, During and Wyart, soft matter 2013*

- Extended contacts:

$$0.4 \approx \gamma \geq \frac{1}{2 + \theta_e} \approx 0.41$$

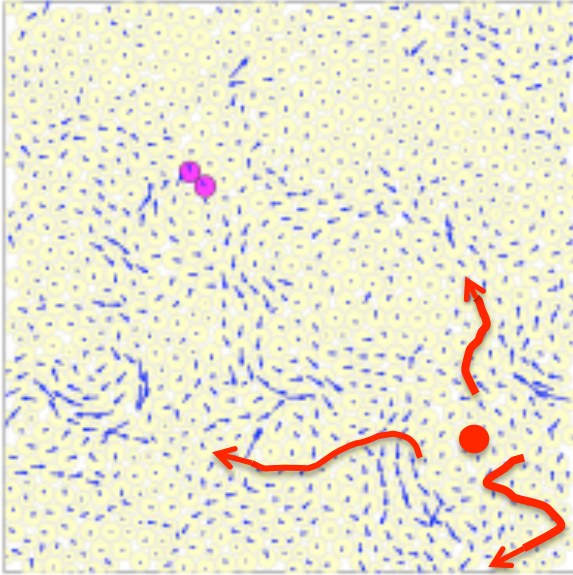
- Local Mode:

$$0.4 \approx \gamma \geq (1 - \theta)/2 \approx 0.41$$

- *Both excitations are marginally stable*
- *Force and structure coupled, have to be described in the same framework*

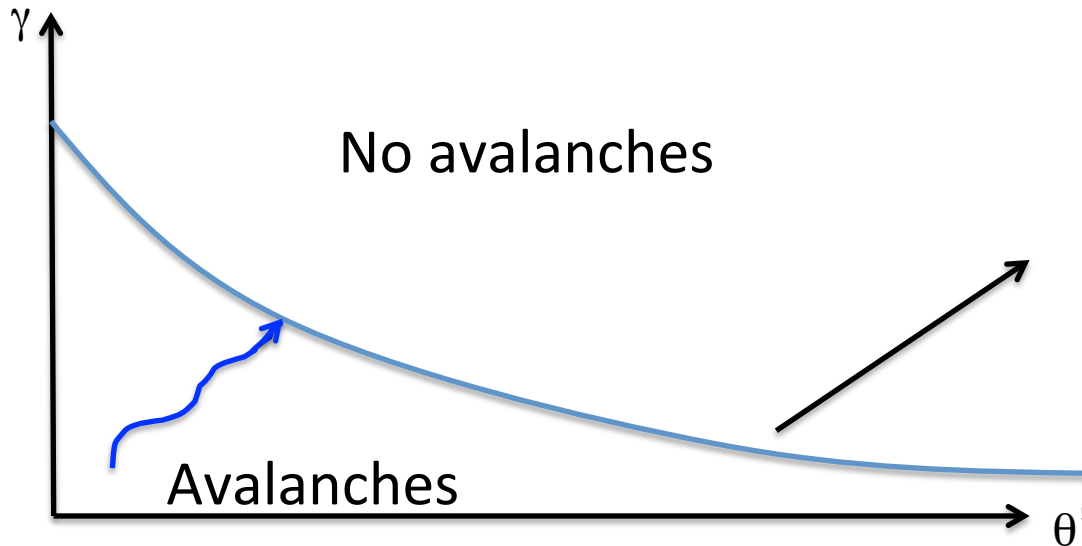
# Why Marginality?

Wyart, PRL 2012



If unstable ( $\gamma < \frac{1}{2 + \theta_e}$ ):  
Extensive avalanche of contact  
Rewiring

Strictly stable ( $\gamma > \frac{1}{2 + \theta_e}$ ):  
no rearrangements possible



implies marginality  
Muller, Wyart 2014

# Summary static packings

- Description of packings in terms of 3 exponents  $\theta$ ,  $\theta'$ ,  $\gamma$

- Two scaling relations

$$\gamma = \frac{1}{2 + \theta_e}$$
$$\gamma = (1 - \theta)/2$$

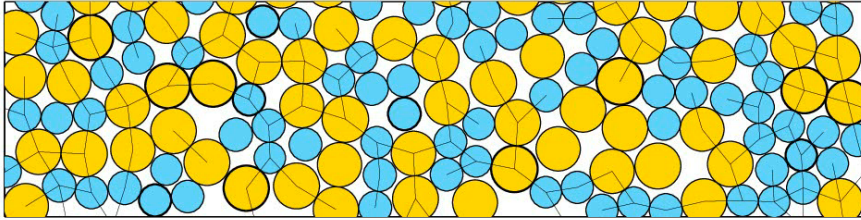
- Universality? Spatial dimension? Analytical value?

- *Charbonneau, Kurchan, Zamponi, Urbani, Parisi Nature 2014*

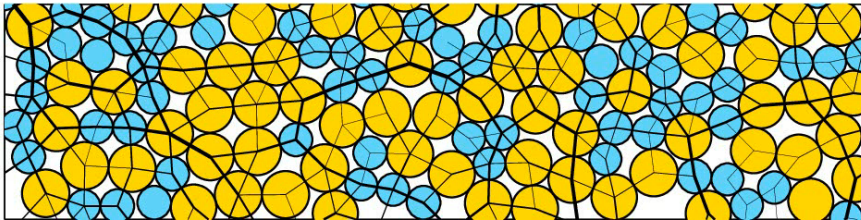
infinite dimension  $\gamma = 0.413$   $\theta = 0.423$

Satisfy 1<sup>st</sup> relation (no localized excitations)

# Dissipation in flow



Near jamming, relative velocities increase: more dissipation



Drag force:  $F_v \sim v_r$

Dissipation/particle:  $v_r^2$

Power injected/particle:

$$\sigma \dot{\gamma} \sim \eta \dot{\gamma}^2$$

Thus:  $\eta \sim v_r^2 / \dot{\gamma}^2 \sim \mathcal{L}^2$

Where  $\mathcal{L} = v_r / \dot{\gamma} = \delta R / \delta \gamma$  lever amplitude

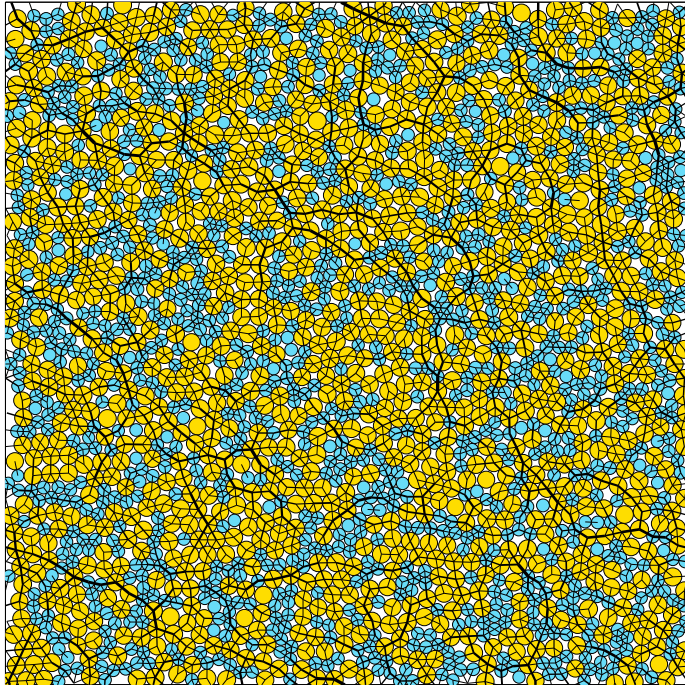


# Perturbation around jammed solid

*Lerner, During, MW, EPL 2012;  
Degiuli et al. Arxiv 1410.3535*

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$\mu_c + \delta\mu$

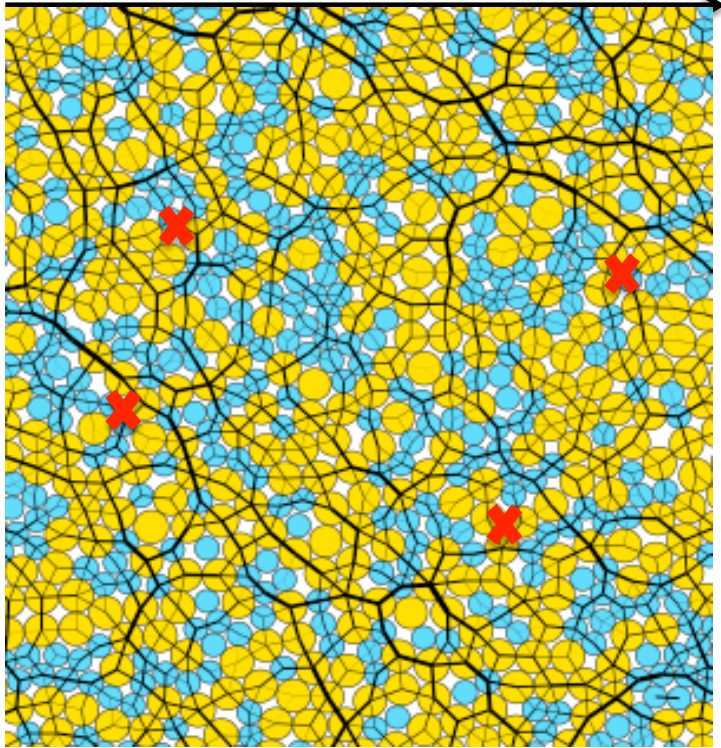


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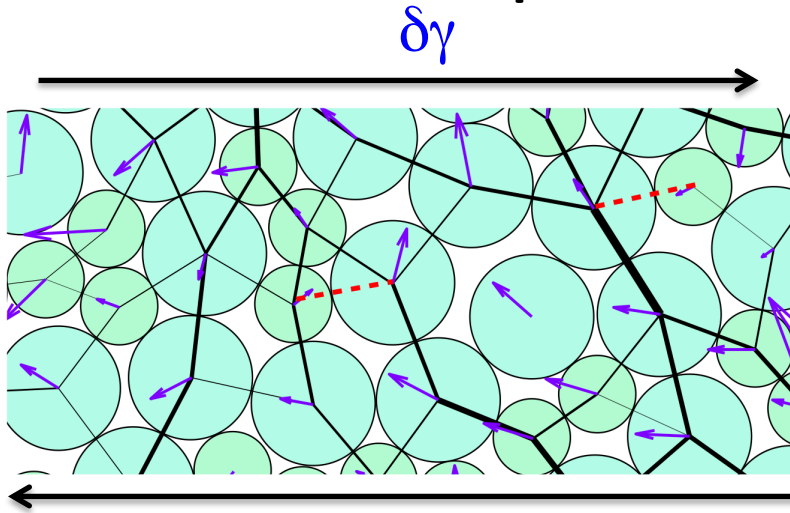
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# Lever amplitude and coordination

*Degiuli et al. Arxiv 1410.3535*



- Break  $N \delta z$  contacts, impose simple shear  $\delta\gamma$
- Geometry of floppy modes  
Constraints by force balance in the initial (jammed) state

Virtual work theorem:

$$V \sigma \delta\gamma = - \sum_{\alpha} f_{\alpha} \delta r_{\alpha} \sim N \delta z \delta r f(\delta z)$$

$$f(\delta z) \sim p \delta z^{1/(1+\theta_e)} \quad : \text{characteristic force of the contacts removed}$$

$$\mathcal{L} = \delta r / \delta\gamma \sim \delta z^{-(2+\theta_e)/(1+\theta_e)}$$

Valid up to  
 $\delta z \sim 1/N$

*Large lever because forces almost balance!*

# How many contacts open for a given kick $\delta\mu$ ?

*Dejiuli et al. Arxiv 1410.3535*

$$\delta\mu \sim \delta z^{y_\mu}$$

- Compute the stress anisotropy to break the first contact in a system of size  $N$ :

$$\delta\mu_N \sim 1/N^{y_\mu} \quad \text{Naïve } \delta\mu \sim f_{min} \text{ wrong}$$

- Here:

- think about hard spheres as soft sphere of stiffness unity as pressure vanishes

- assume behavior elastic modulus known

$$G \sim 1/N$$

*O'hern et al 03, Wyart 05,08 Goodrich 12*

- Kick:  $\delta\sigma = p\delta\mu$  Energy per particle:

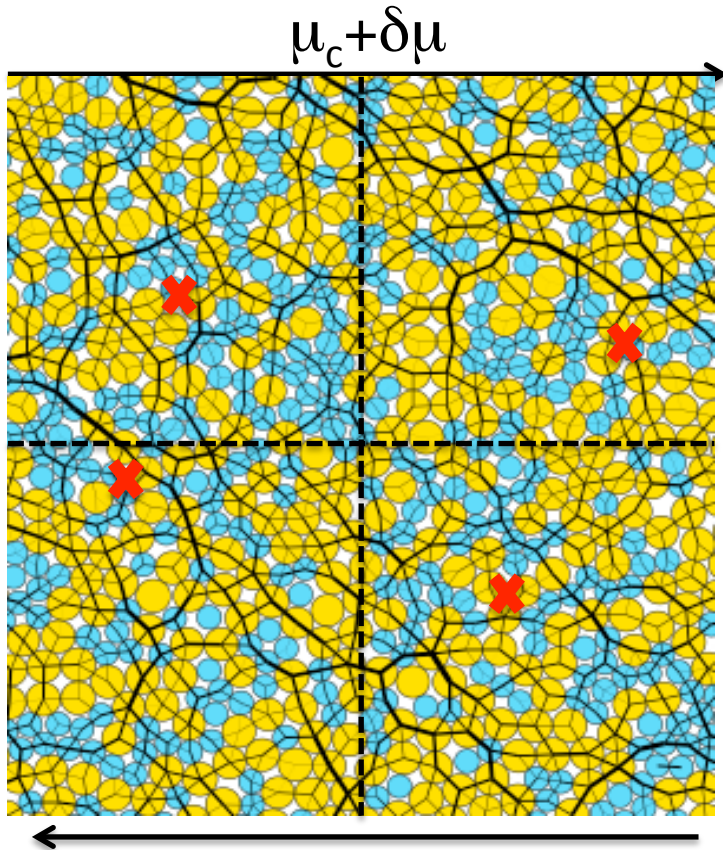
$$\delta E \sim \delta\sigma^2 / G \sim Np^2\delta\mu^2 \quad \} \implies \delta f \sim p\delta\mu\sqrt{N} \sim f_{min}$$

$$\delta E \sim \delta f^2$$

$$y_\mu = \frac{3 + \theta_e}{2(1 + \theta_e)}$$

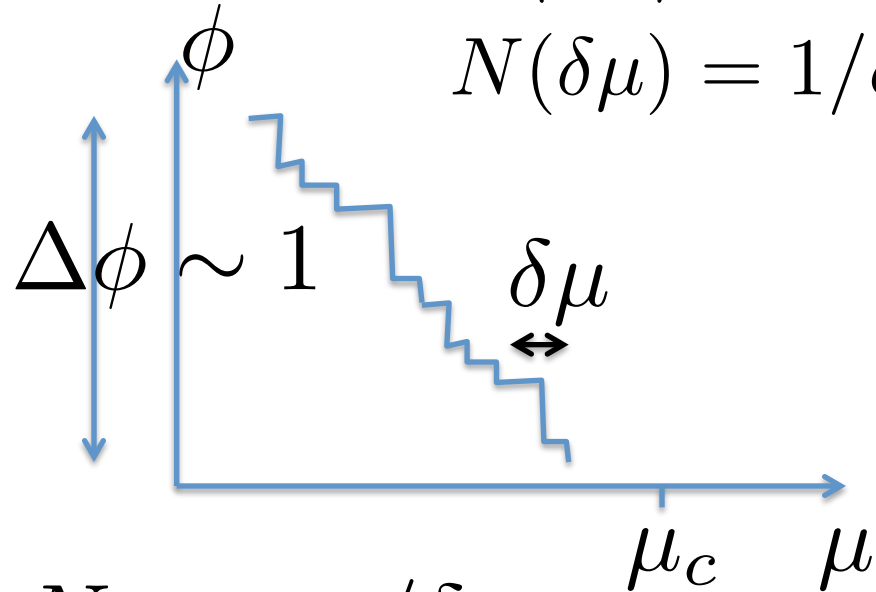
# Packing fraction vs stress anisotropy?

*Degiuli et al. Arxiv 1410.3535*



- In each sub-volume, one avalanche will start

- $\delta\phi$  given by  $\langle\delta\phi\rangle$  in system of size  $N(\delta\mu) = 1/\delta z(\delta\mu)$



- Number of avalanches  $N_a \sim \mu_c/\delta\mu$

$$\langle\delta\phi\rangle = \Delta\phi/N_a \sim \delta\mu$$

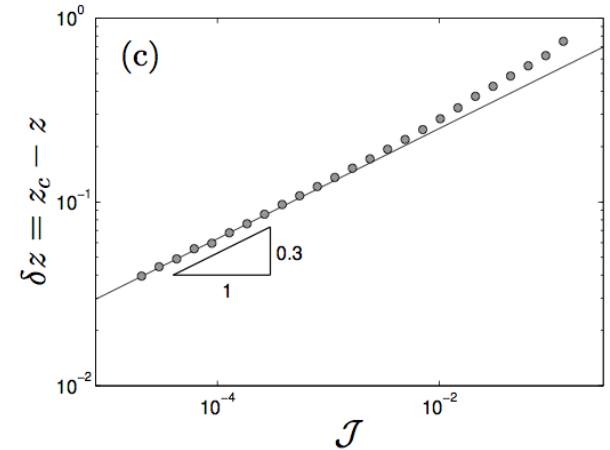
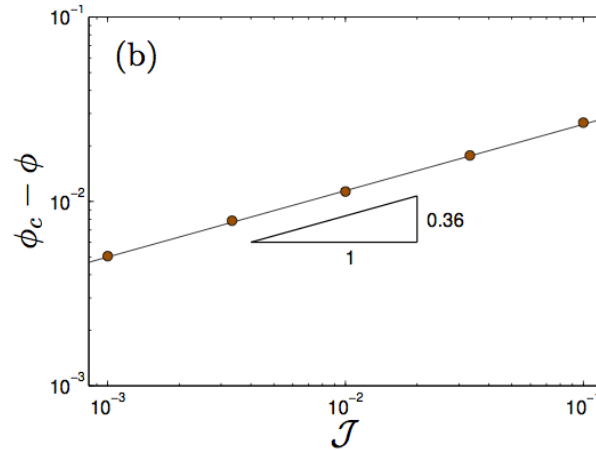
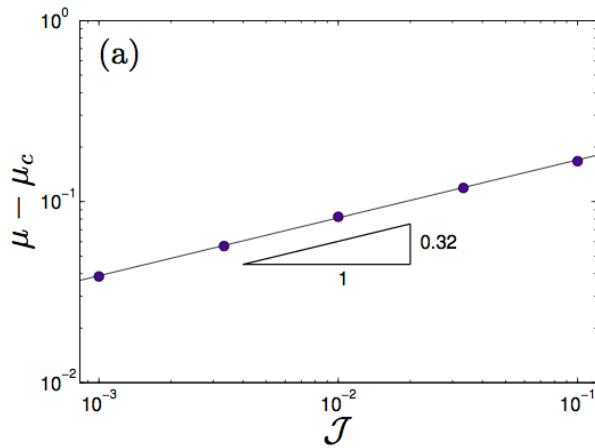
$$\boxed{\delta\phi \sim \delta\mu}$$



# Comparison with our numerics

*Degiuli et al. Arxiv 1410.3535*

$$\mathcal{J} \sim \dot{\gamma}/p$$



Theory: 0.35

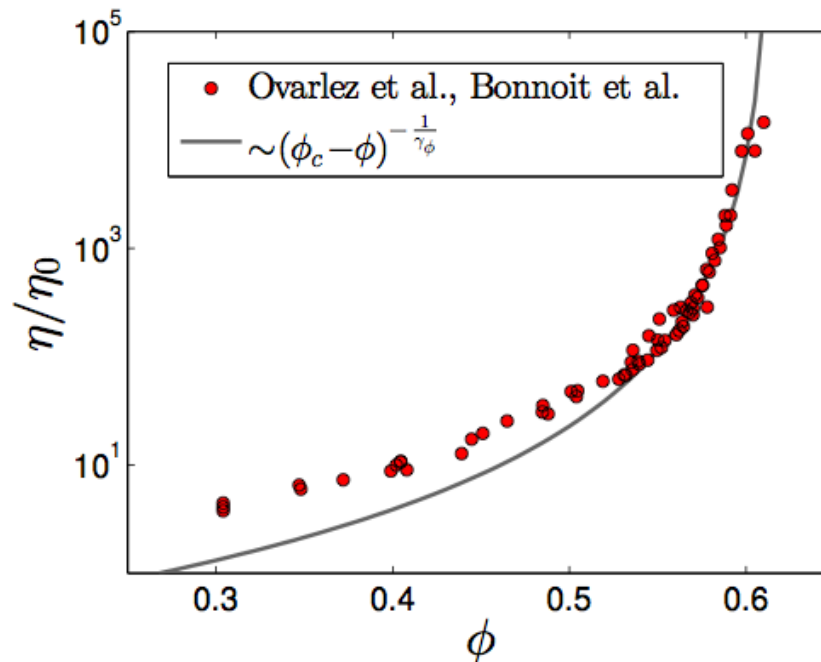
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0.3

# Comparison with the numerics of others

*Degiuli et al. Arxiv 1410.3535*

Regime	Relation	Prediction	Experiment	Frictionless Sim'n	Frictional Sim'n
Viscous	$\delta\mu \sim N^{-\alpha_N}$	$\alpha_N = 1.19$		1.16(4) [1]	
	$\delta z \sim \mathcal{J}^{\gamma_z}$	$\gamma_z = 0.3$		<u>0.3</u>	
	$\eta \sim  \delta\phi ^{-1/\gamma_\phi}$	$\gamma_\phi^{-1} = 2.83$	2 [2], 2 [3]	2.6(1) [4], 2.77(20) [5], 2.2 [6], 2.5 [7], <u>2.77</u>	
	$\delta\mu \sim \mathcal{J}^{\gamma_\mu}$	$\gamma_\mu = 0.35$	0.38 [8], 0.42 [8, 9], 0.5 [2]	0.37 [7], 0.25 [5], <u>0.32</u>	0.5 [10]

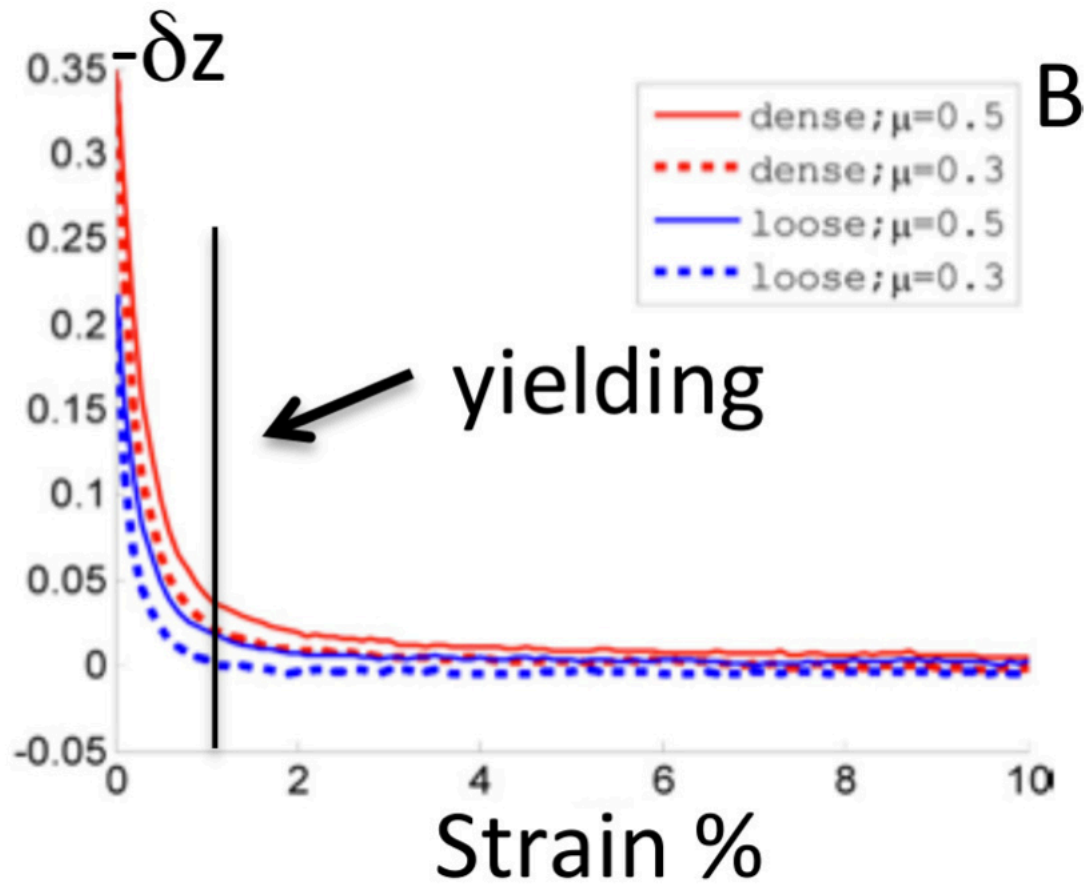


# Conclusion

- (i) Packings of particles are marginally stable, as electron glass
- (ii) Marginality governs force and pair distribution
- (iii) Hypothesis flow= perturbed solid  
agrees well with measurements both for inertial and viscous flows

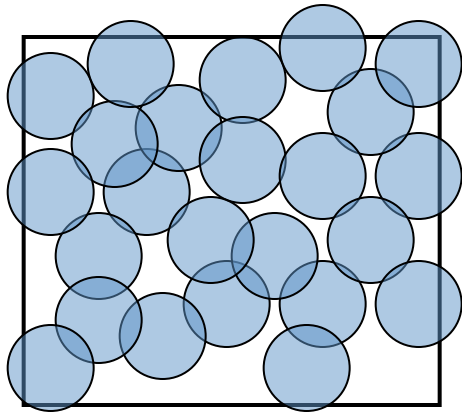
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- (i) Justify our hypothesis dynamically?
- (i) friction? Does not work for the inertial case...

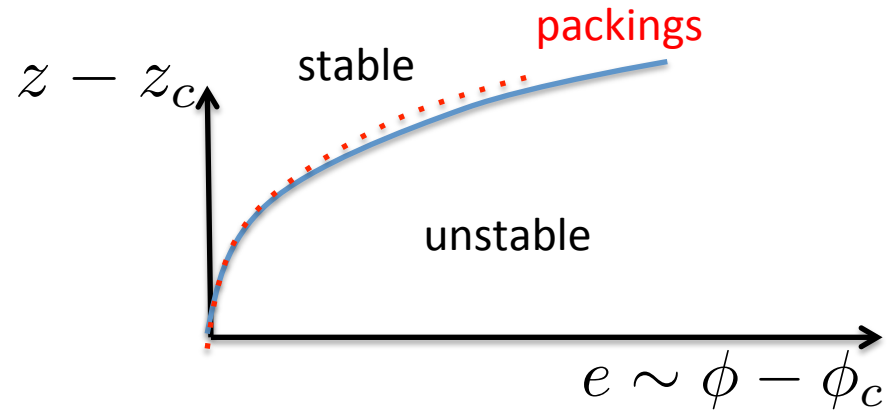


*Kruyt, 2010*

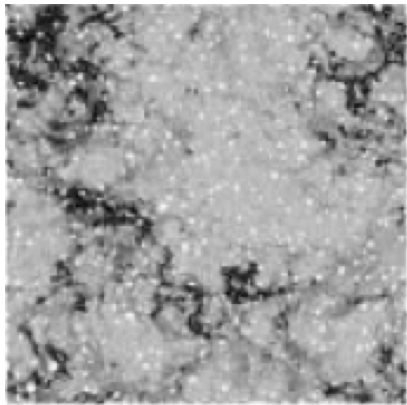
# Marginal stability and elasticity



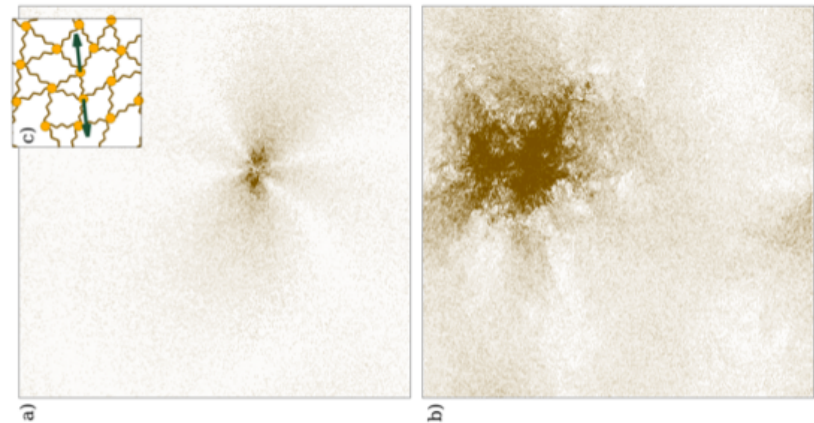
Stability of soft particles  
 $\phi > \phi_c$



*MW, Nagel, Witten, PRE 2005*  
*DeGiuli et al, soft matter 2014*



*Silbert et al. 2008*



*Lerner, DeGiuli, During, Wyart soft matter 2014*