

Statistical Mechanics of Jamming

of frictional grains

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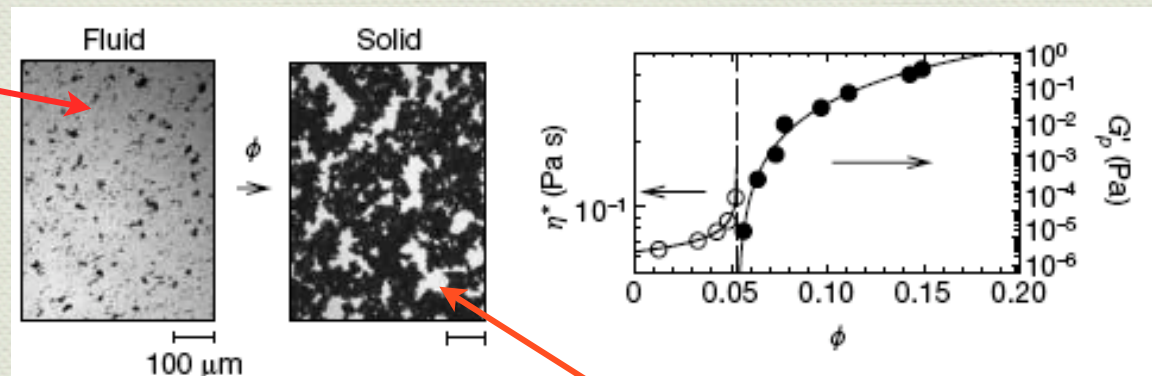
Jamming

“A wide variety of systems, including granular media, colloidal suspensions and molecular systems, exhibit non-equilibrium transitions from a fluid-like to a solid-like state characterized solely by the sudden arrest of their dynamics.”

(Trappe et al, Nature, 411, 772 (2001))

Dry Granular: A special class since a solid can only be produced through external stress

Unjammed phase flows like a liquid



Increasing volume fraction

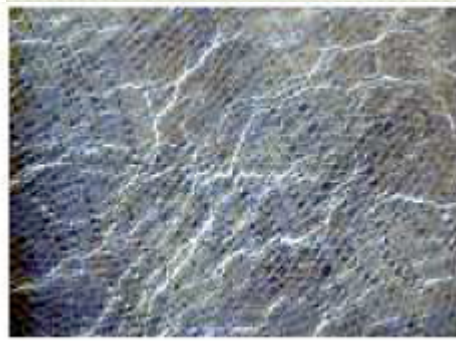
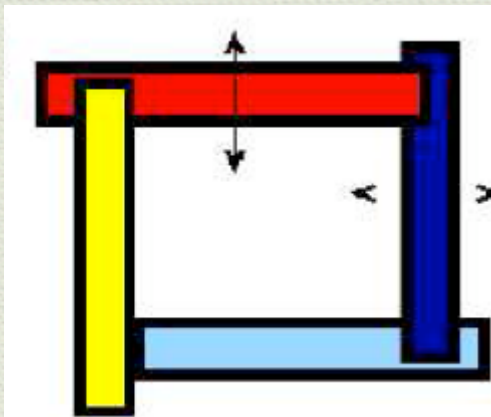
Jammed (resists shear)

Jamming is the transition between them: is this a phase transition?

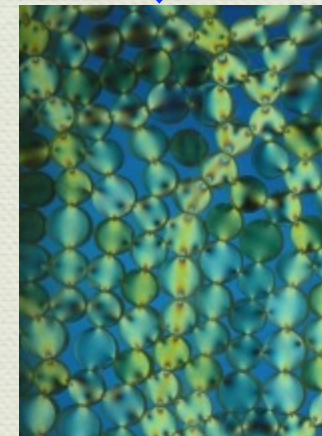
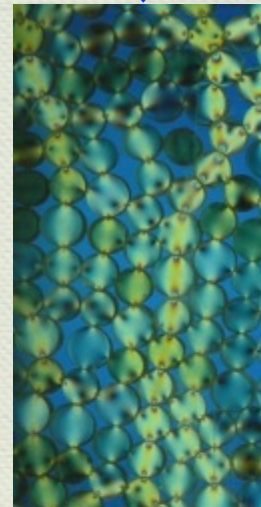
Granular: Shear can lead to jamming!

Experiments in 2D Packings of Grains with Friction

Solidity stems from applied stress itself



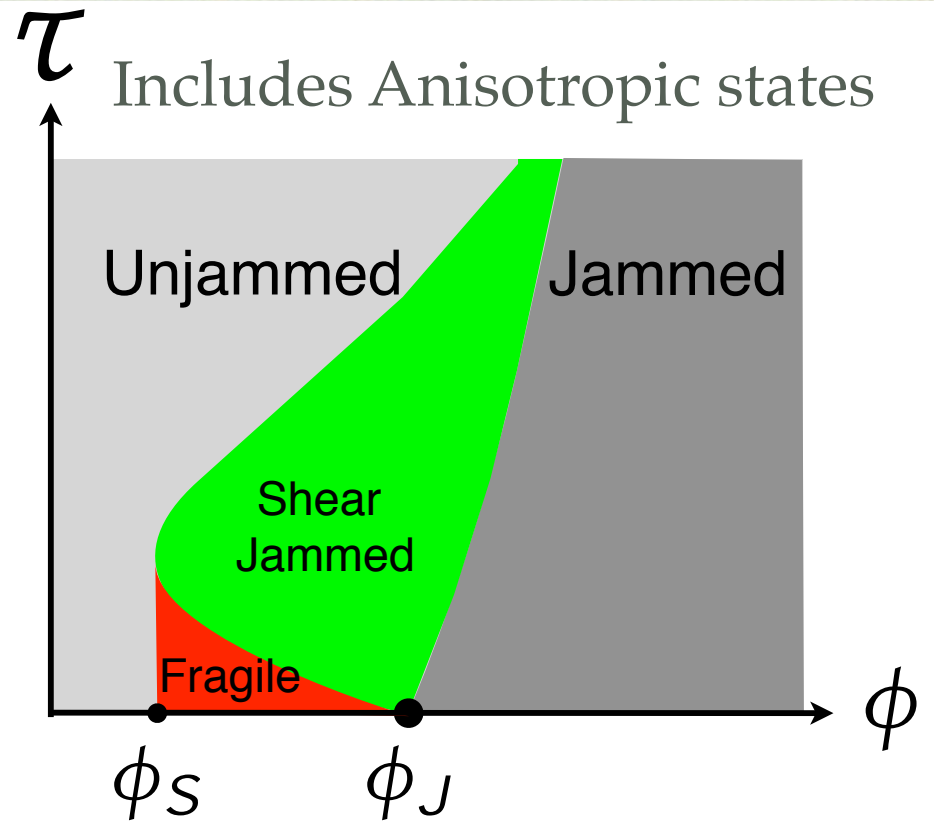
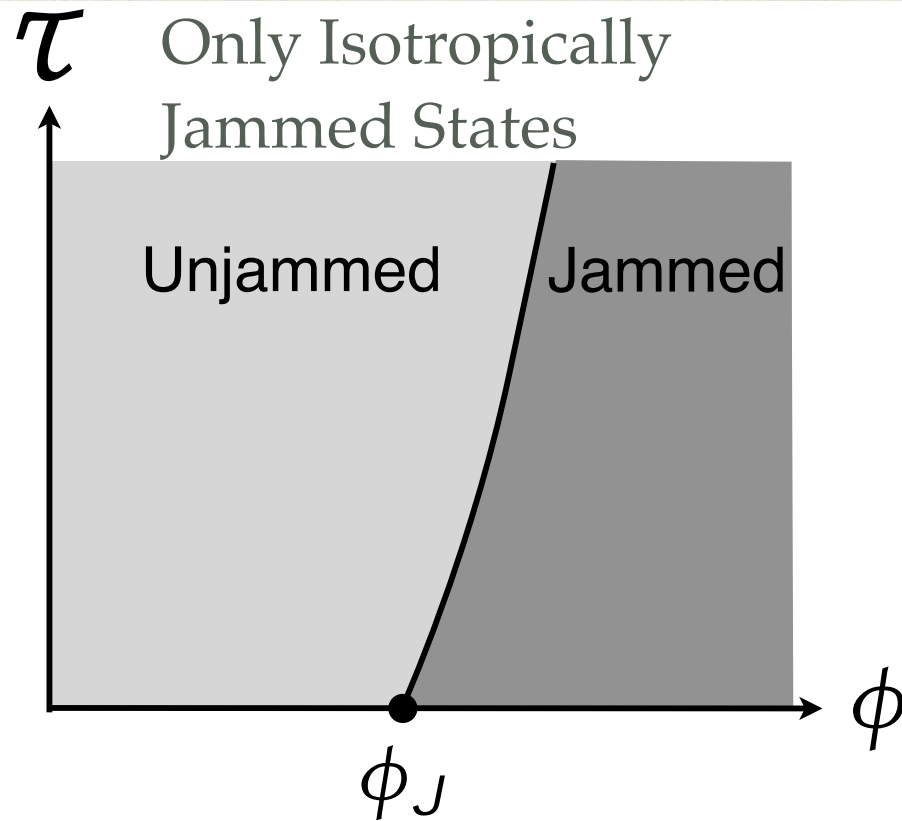
Quasistatic shear



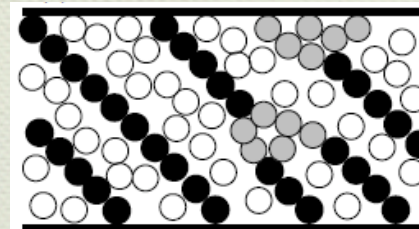
$$\hat{\sigma} = \frac{1}{V} \sum_{i \neq j} \vec{r}_{ij} \otimes \vec{f}_{ij};$$

$$\hat{R} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i \neq j} \frac{\vec{r}_{ij}}{\|\vec{r}_{ij}\|} \otimes \frac{\vec{r}_{ij}}{\|\vec{r}_{ij}\|}$$

Jamming Diagram (Old) and (New)

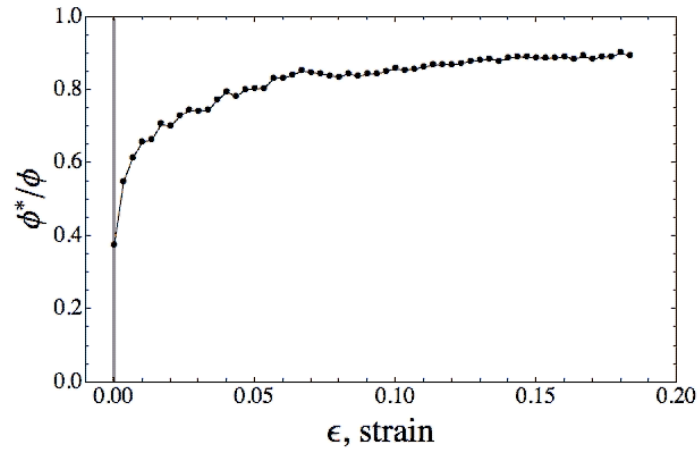


(Cates et al, PRL, 81, 1841 (1998))

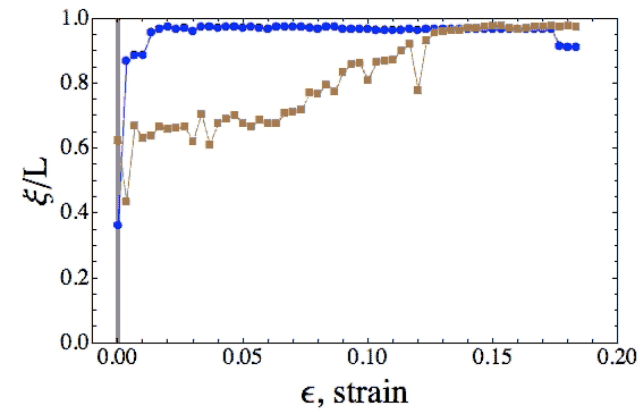


Experimental run at fixed packing fraction, $\phi=0.80$

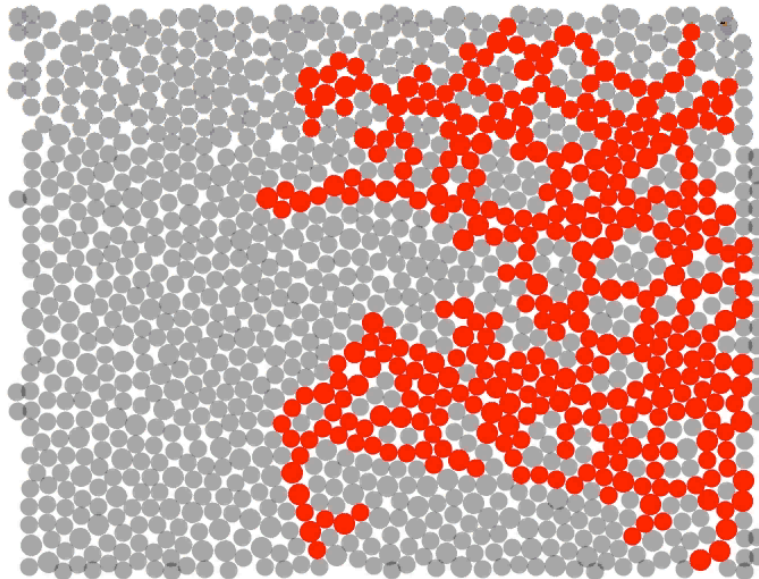
Evolution of the non-rattler fraction, ϕ^*/ϕ



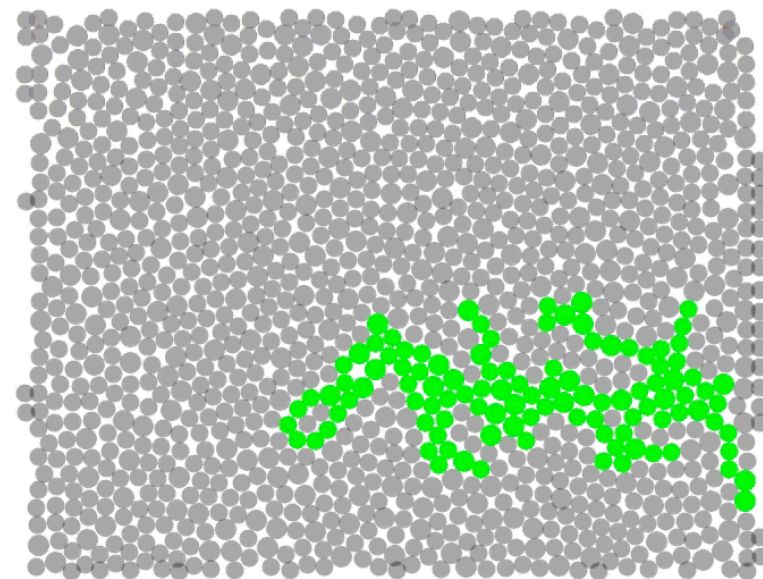
Blue ■ : Cluster Size ratio in the compressive direction
Brown ● : Cluster Size ratio in the expanding direction



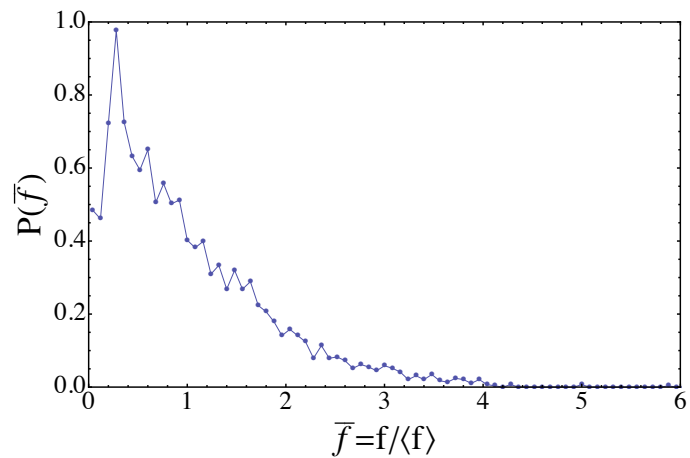
$f > 0$ (fabric) cluster



$f > f_{avg}$ cluster

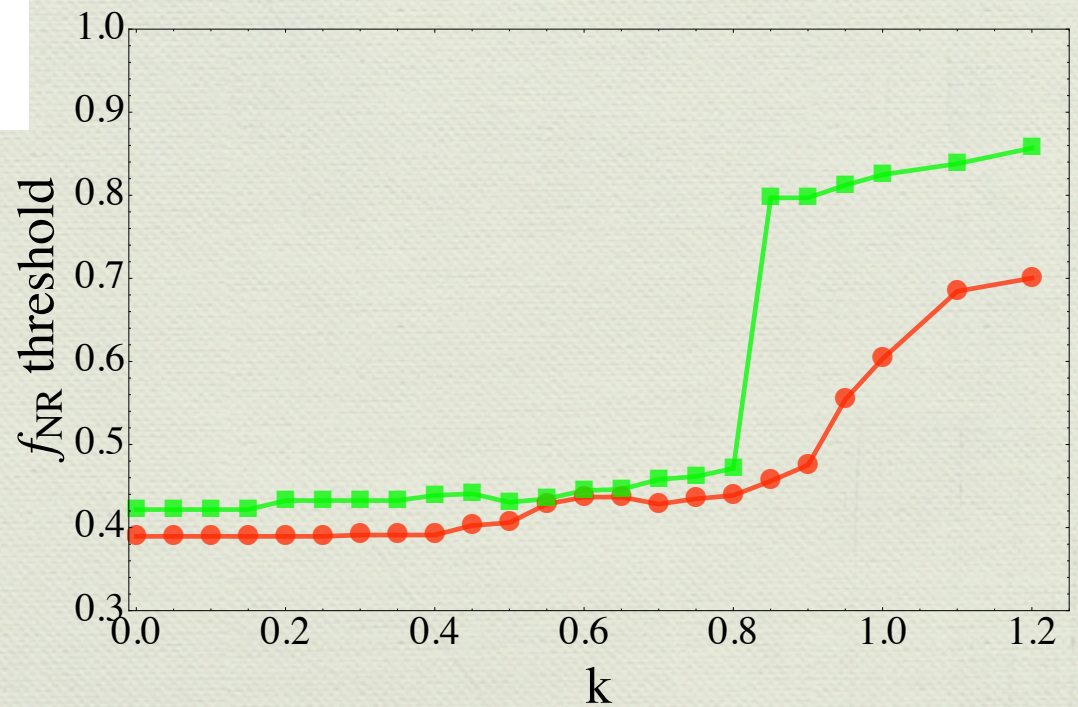


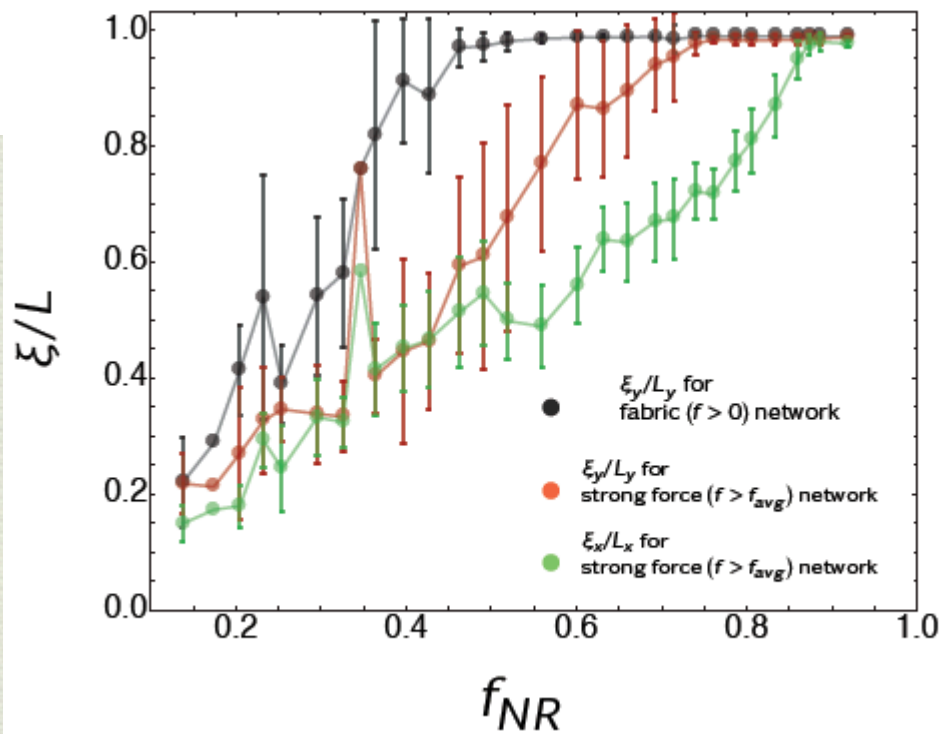
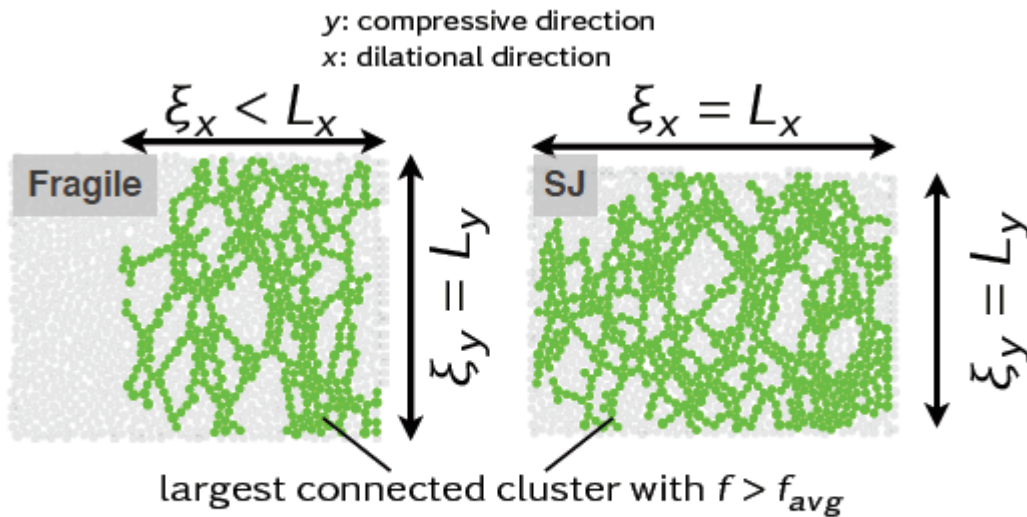
Force Networks



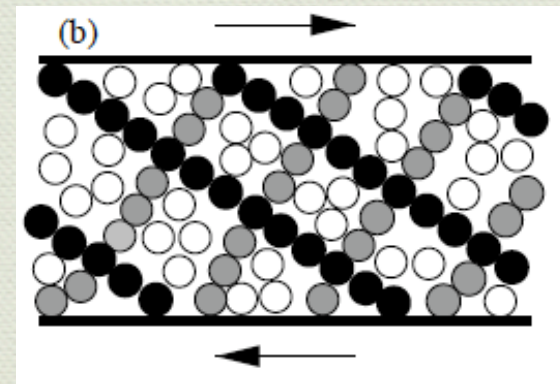
Define k-networks

$$f > k f_{\text{avg}}$$

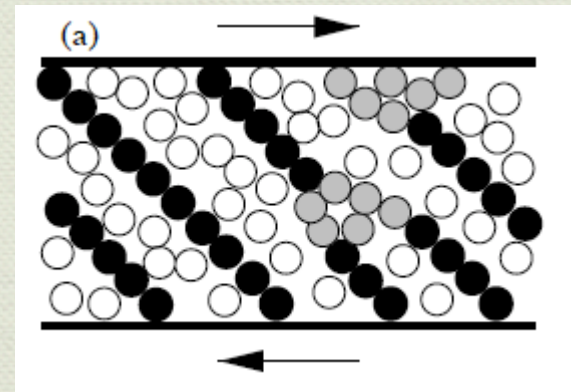




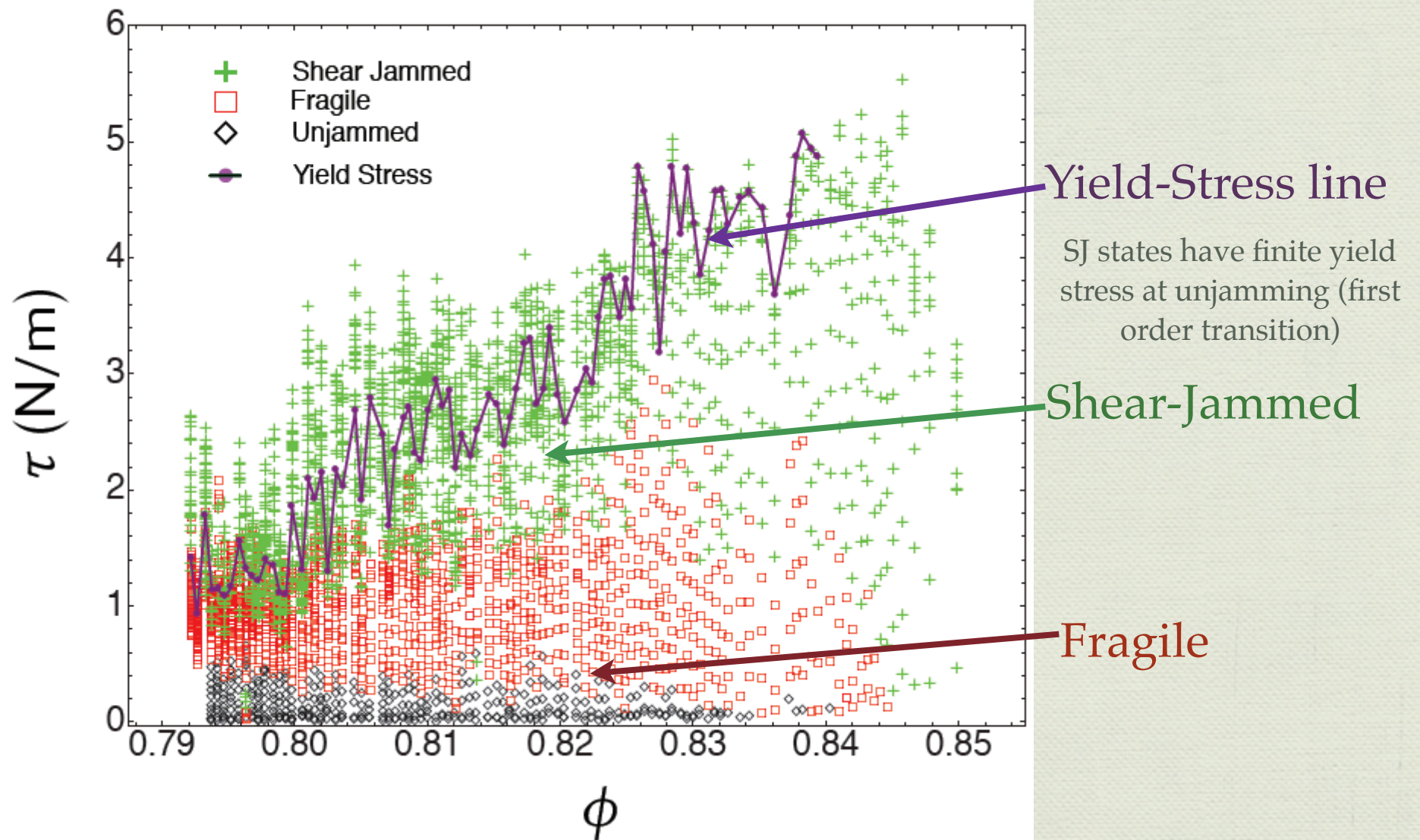
The fraction of non-rattlers can be used to distinguish between two types of states



(Cates et al, PRL, 81, 1841 (1998))

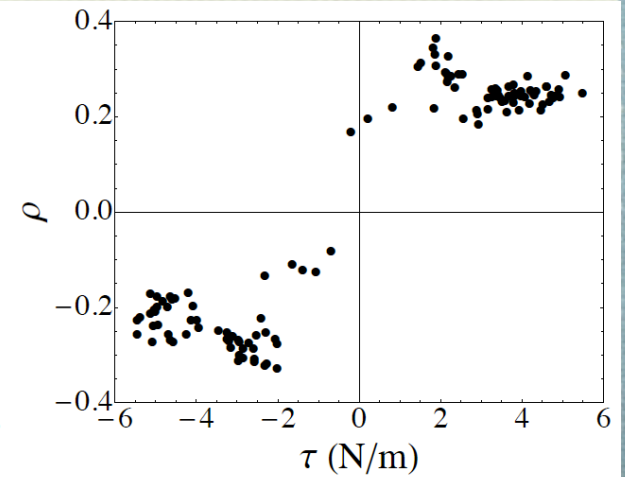
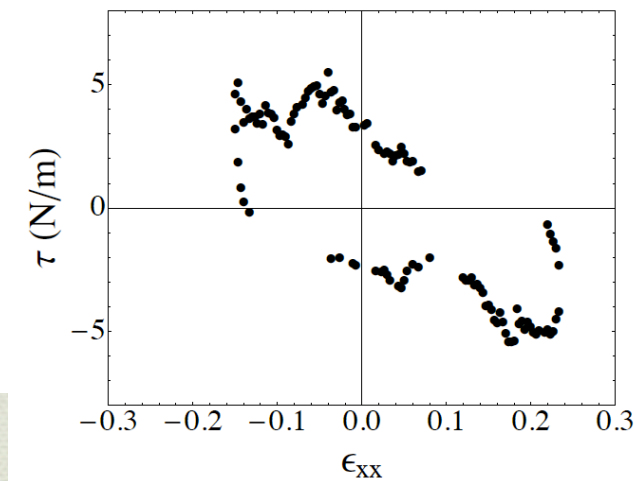
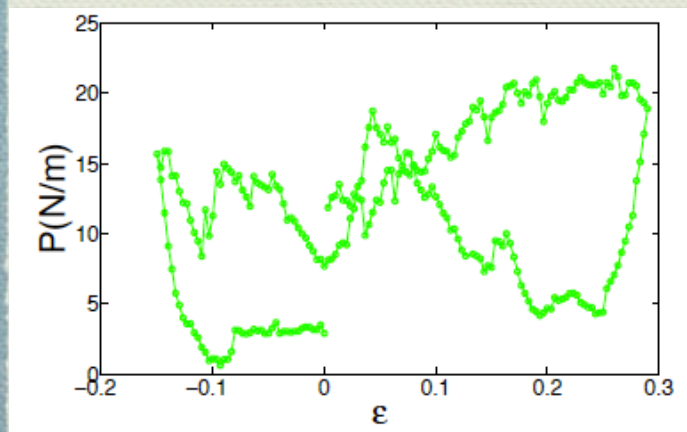
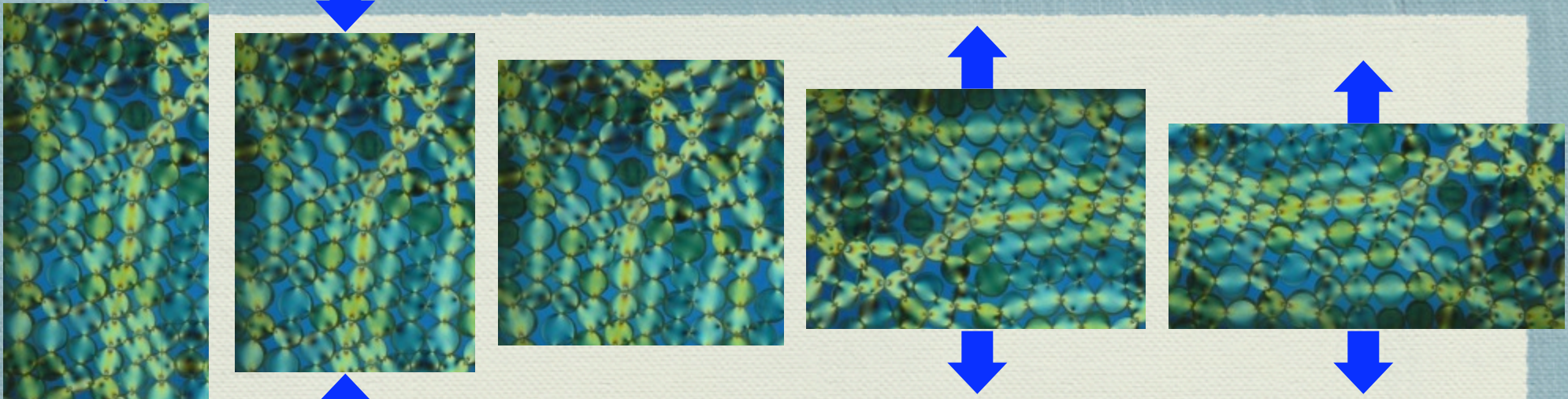


Phase Diagram

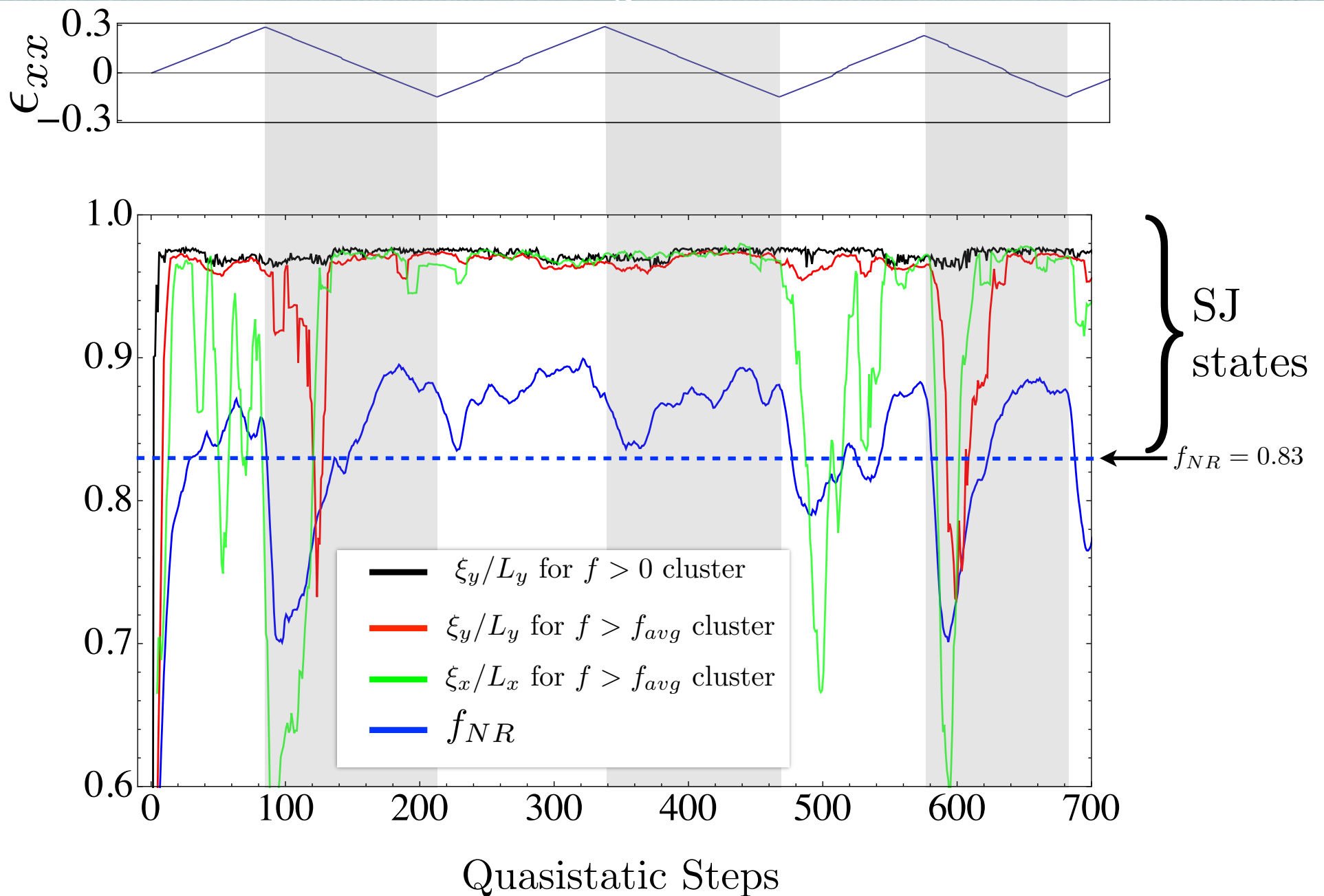


Cyclic Shear

Quasistatic cyclic strain creating jammed packings



Percolation (Cyclic Shear)



What types of Solids are these?

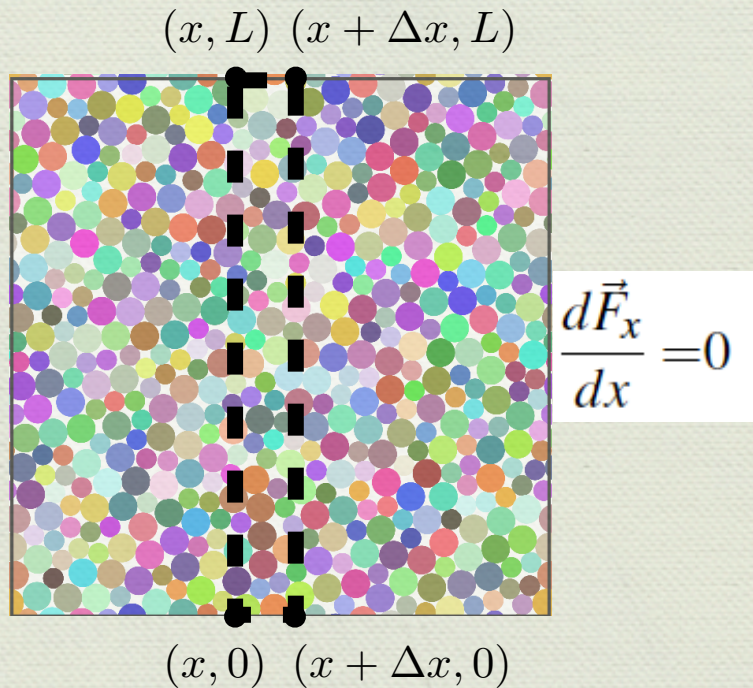
- ◆ Response of shear -jammed states
- ◆ Is Point J a special point?
- ◆ Fabric and Stress Relationship
- ◆ Statistical Framework: Force and torque balance are of paramount importance
- ◆ Concept of a Stress Temperature (Angoricity)

Topological Invariants of Mechanically Stable Packings

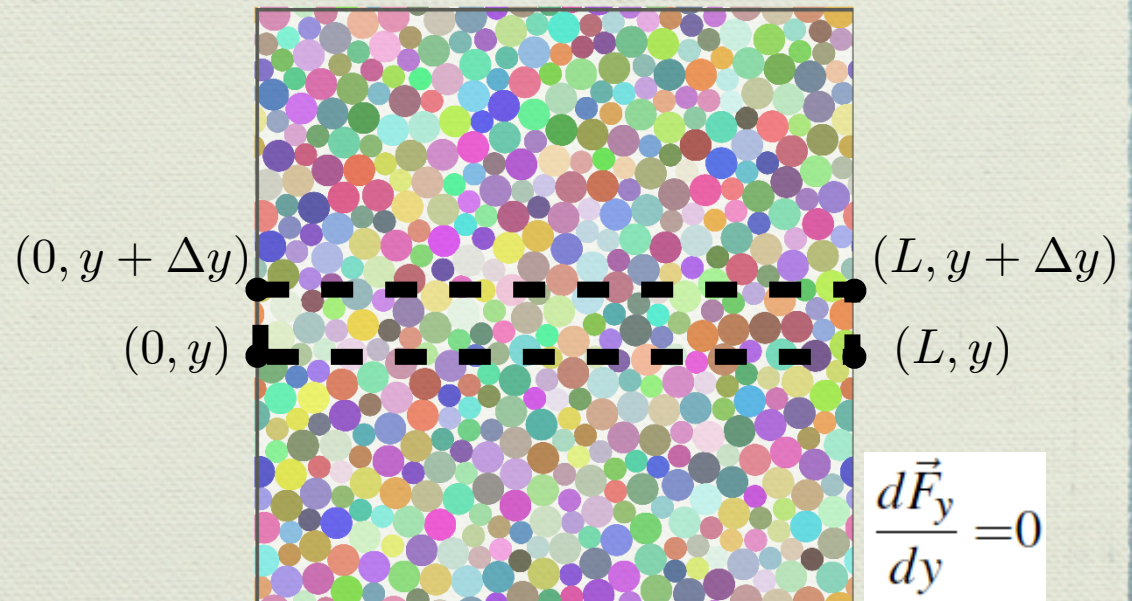
Force and torque balance: Take a continuum approach

$$\hat{\sigma}(\vec{r}) = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_{11} & \sigma_{12} \\ \sigma_{12} & \sigma_{22} \end{pmatrix} \quad \vec{\nabla} \cdot \hat{\sigma}(\vec{r}) = \vec{0}$$

Cleanest with periodic boundary conditions



$$\vec{F}_y = \int_0^L dx \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_{12}(x, y) \\ \sigma_{22}(x, y) \end{bmatrix}$$

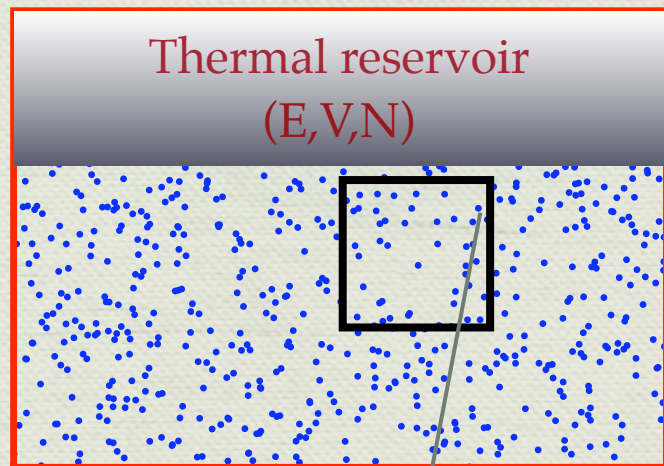


$$\vec{F}_x = \int_0^L dy \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_{11}(x, y) \\ \sigma_{12}(x, y) \end{bmatrix}$$

Stress Ensemble

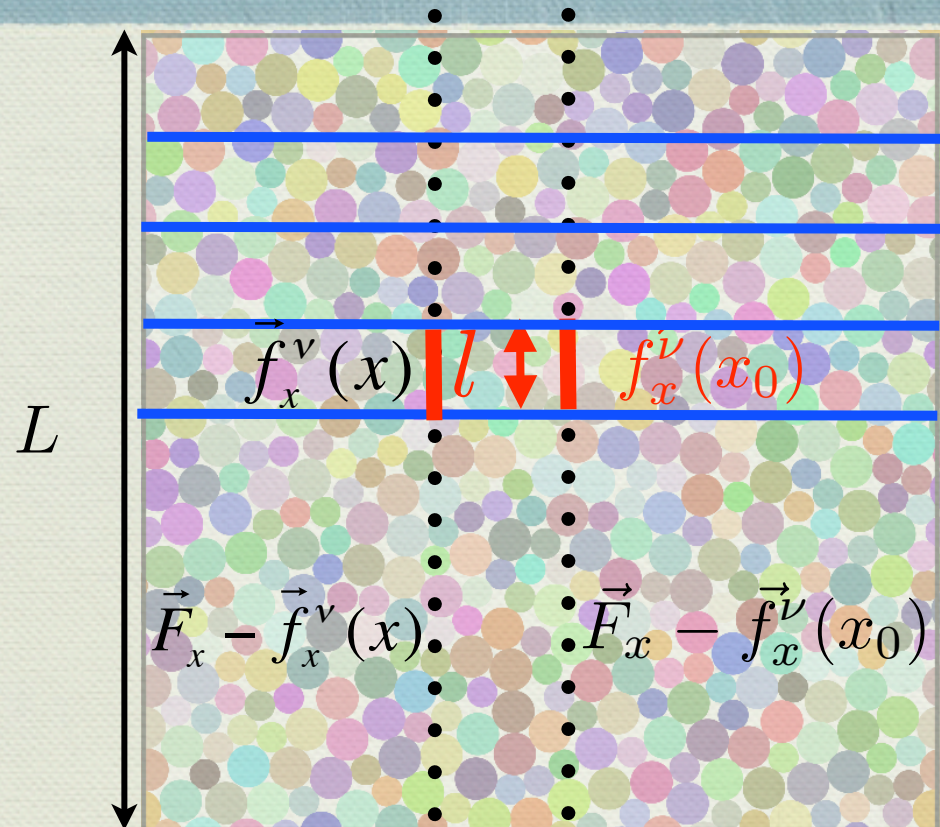
Thermal System

Granular materials (athermal)



The distribution of energy is then given by:

$$P(E_m) = \frac{1}{Z} \Omega(E_m, V_m, m) e^{-\beta E_m}$$

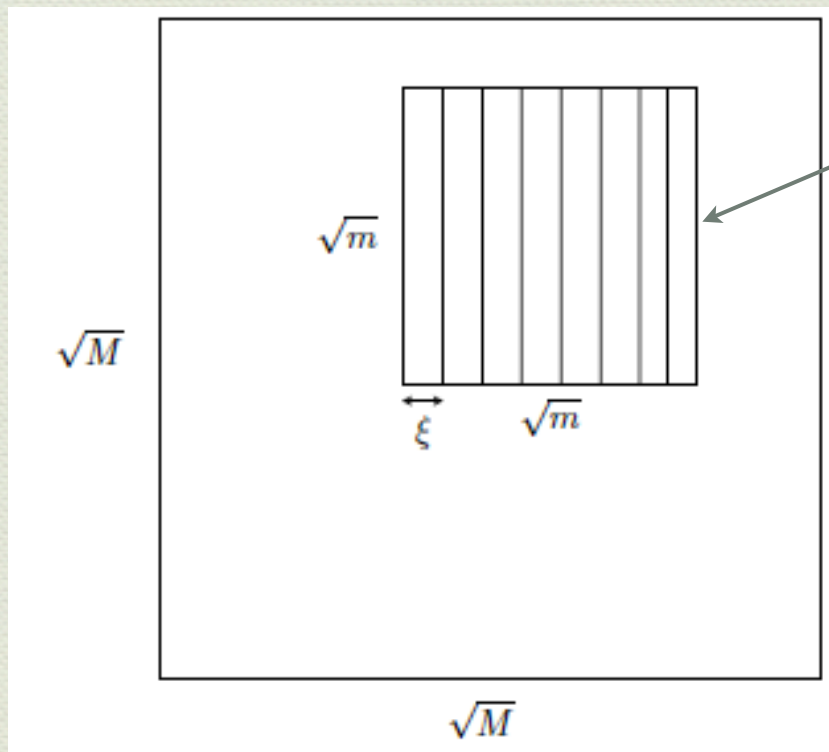


All blue lines have same \vec{F}_y

All blue strips have the same
"temperature" wrt to \vec{F}_x fluctuations

Need to consider a collection of 1d systems

Distribution of Local Stresses



The probability distribution of stresses in this subsystem

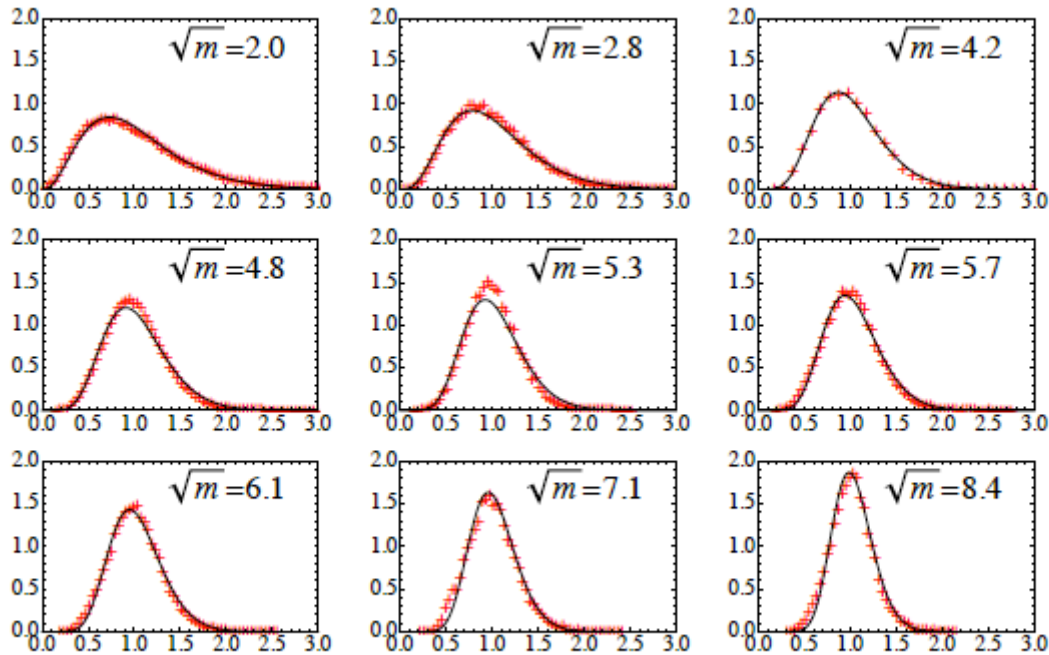
$$f_x(u_{xx}) = \frac{(m/\xi_x)^{2m+1}}{\Gamma(2m+1)} u_{xx}^{m+\sqrt{m}/\xi_x-1} e^{-(m/\xi_x)u_{xx}}$$

$$f_y(u_{yy}) = \frac{(m/\xi_y)^{2m+1}}{\Gamma(2m+1)} u_{yy}^{m+\sqrt{m}/\xi_y-1} e^{-(m/\xi_y)u_{yy}}$$

$$u_{xx} = \sigma_{xx}^{local} / \sigma_{xx}^{global}$$

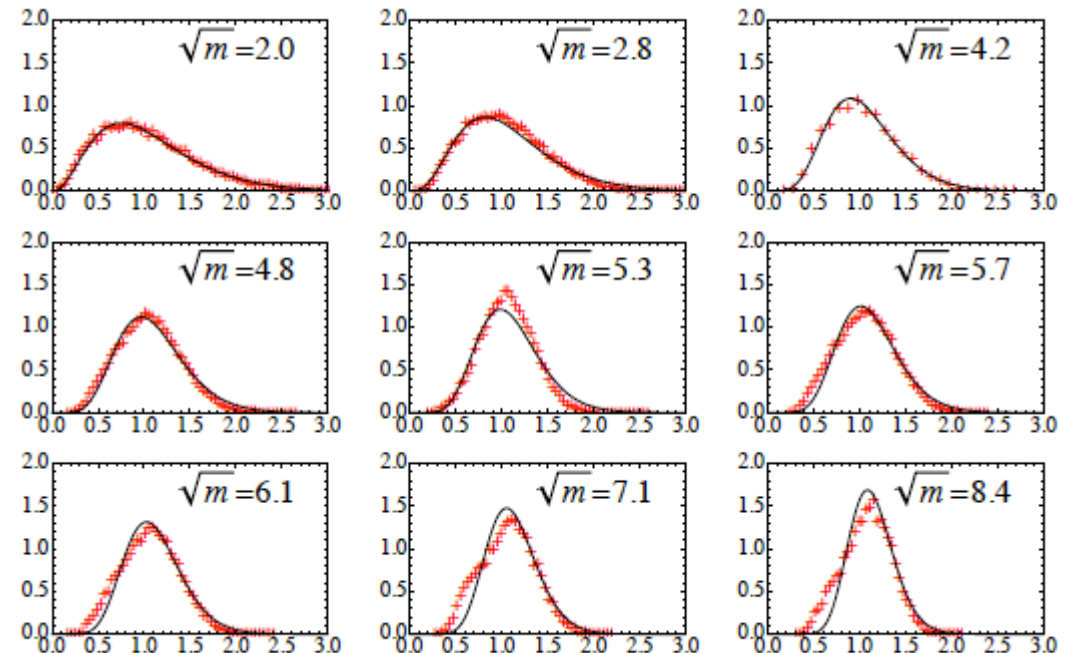
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Stress Ensemble Correctly Predicts Stress Distributions



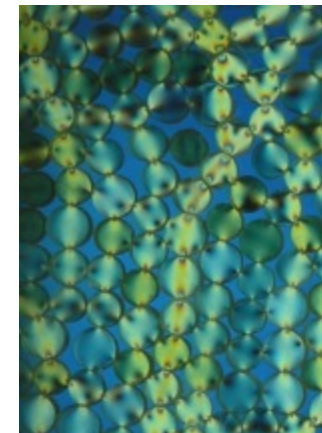
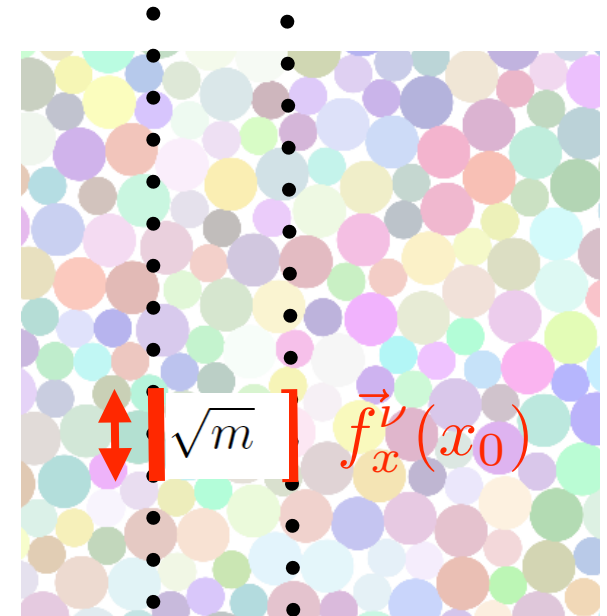
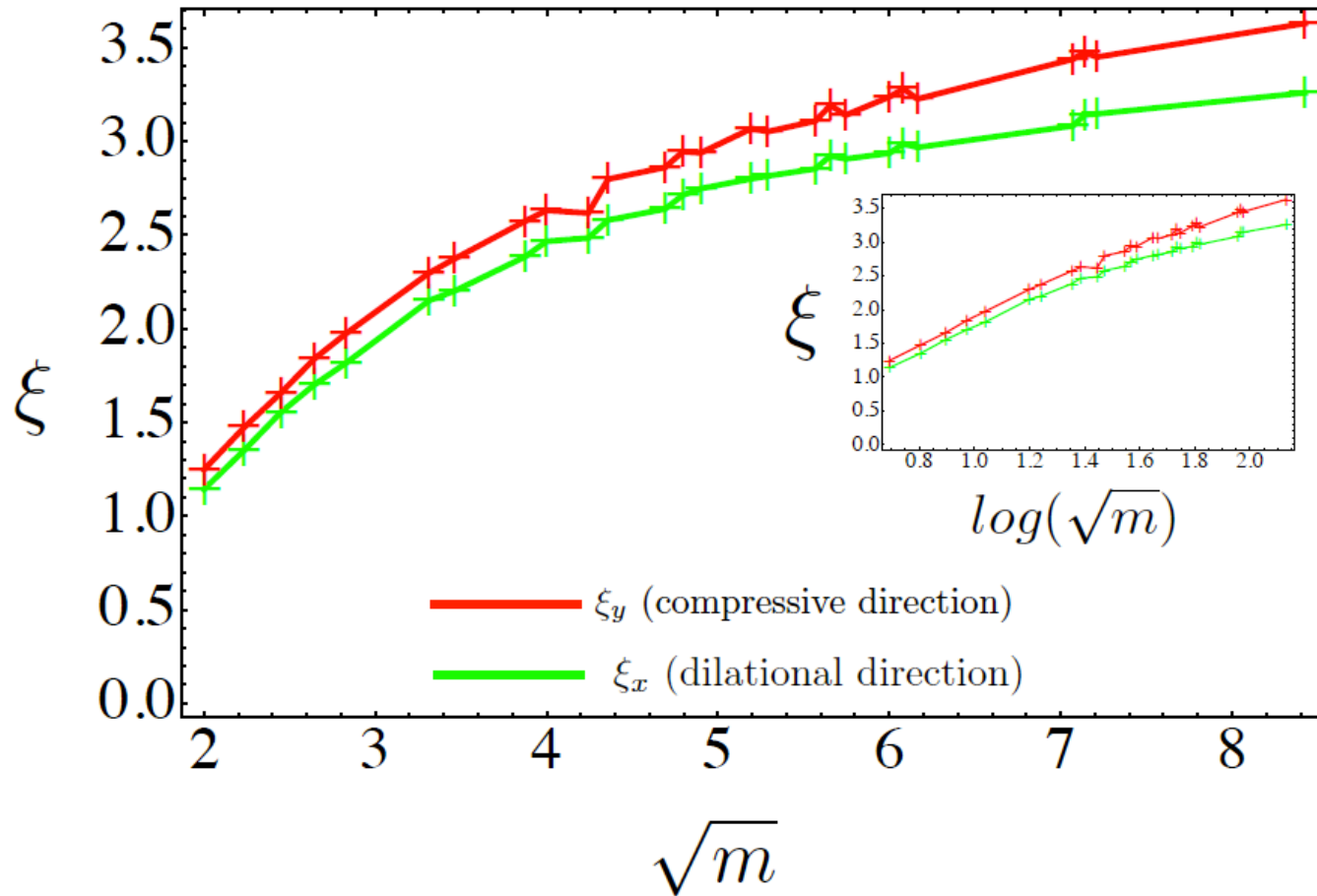
$$f_x(u_{xx})$$

Shear-jammed states have significant correlations
These are less evident for the states above Point J

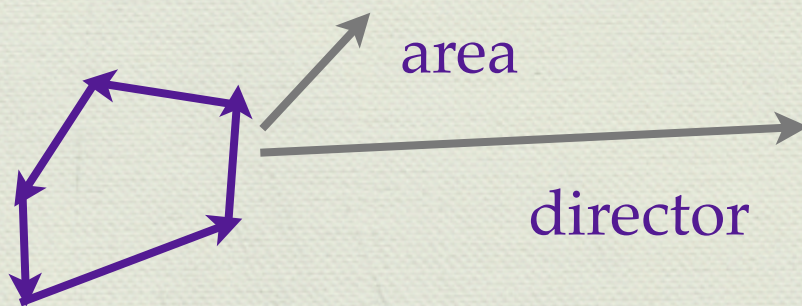
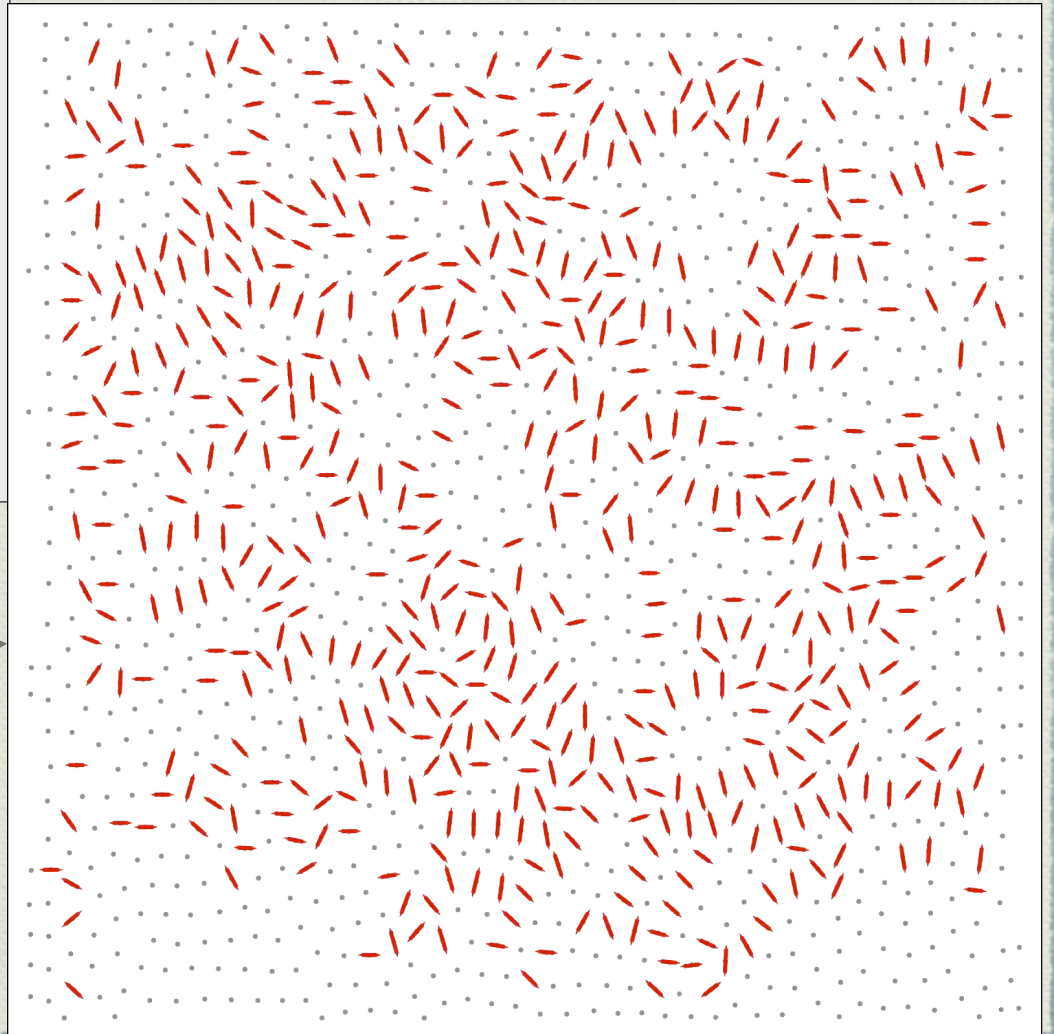


$$f_y(u_{yy})$$

Correlation Length



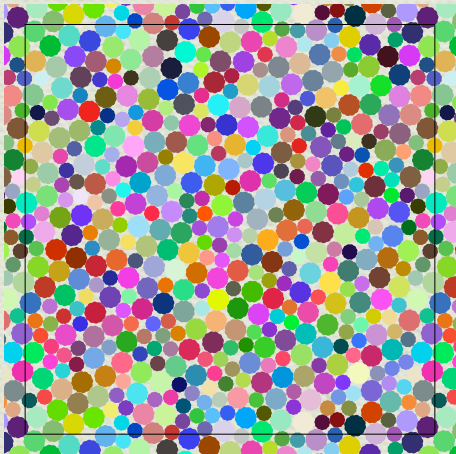
Increasing density: tiles
become more isotropic



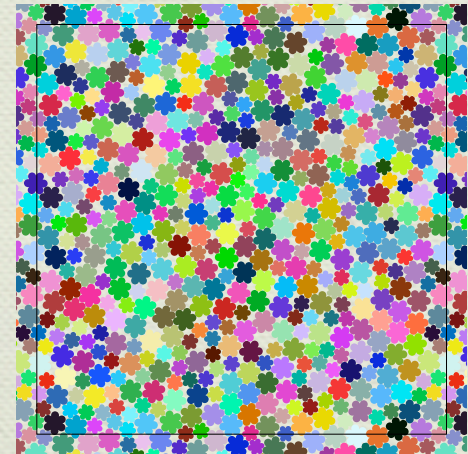
Force tile for a grain
with 5 contacts

Angoricity

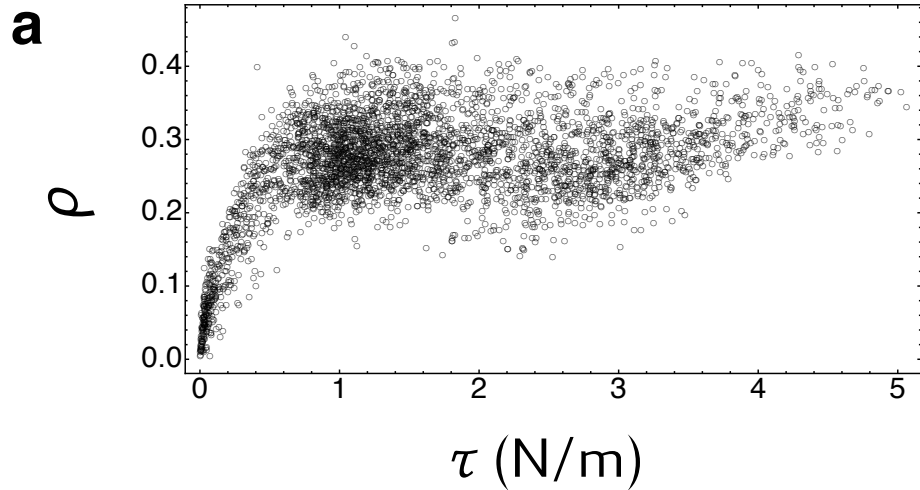
- The stress distributions of the packings are characterized by a temperature-like quantity, named angoricity
- Boltzman-like distribution
- Angoricity is a tensor that reflects the intrinsic 1d conservation principle
- Correlation length appear is distribution
- Fragile/SJ: Phase Transition ? Nematic Model, Simulations



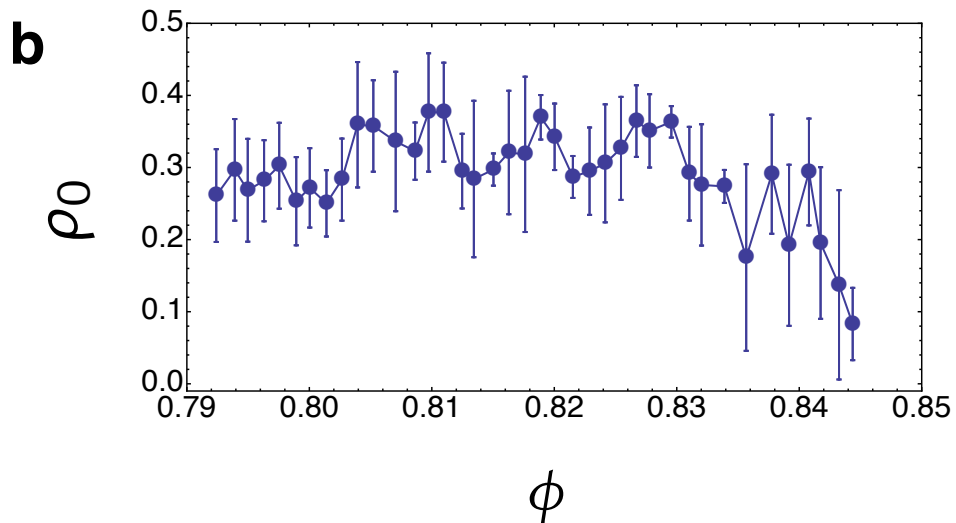
Bumpy Particles
(with Corey
O'Hern)



Order Parameter

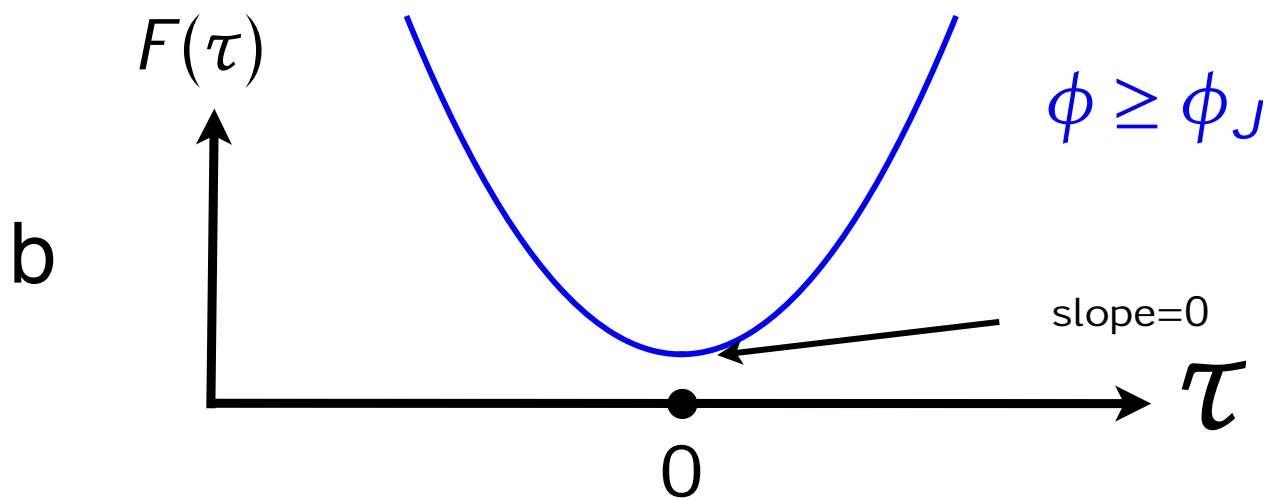
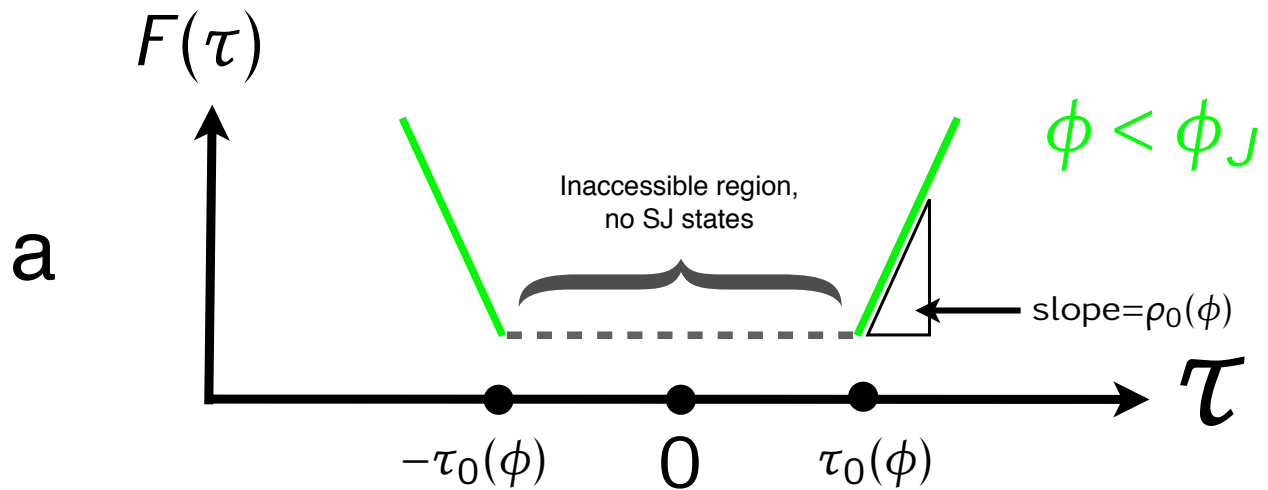


Anisotropy of fabric vs
Shear Stress

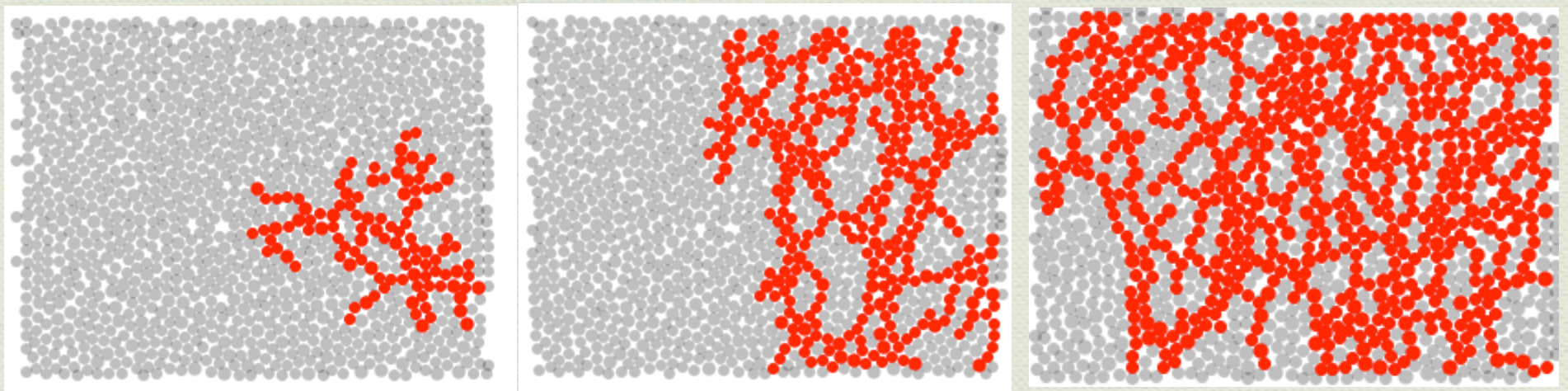


Minimum anisotropy of
SJ states

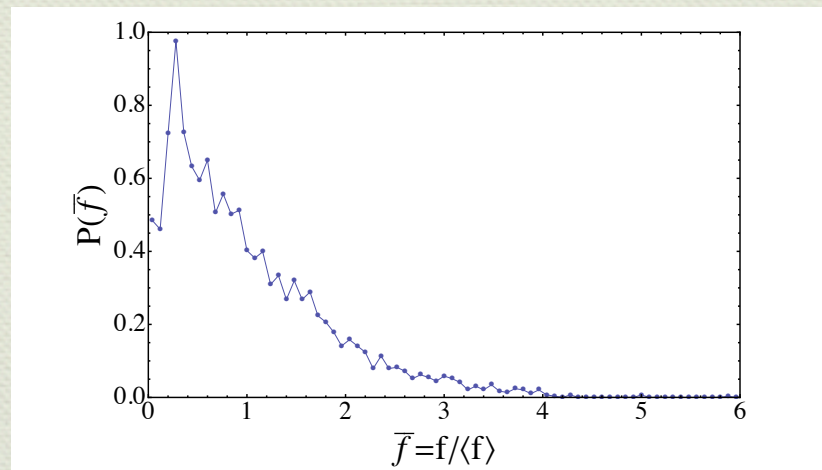
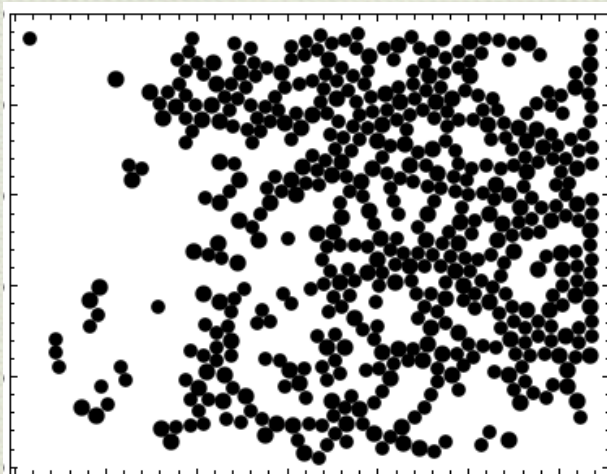
“Free energy”



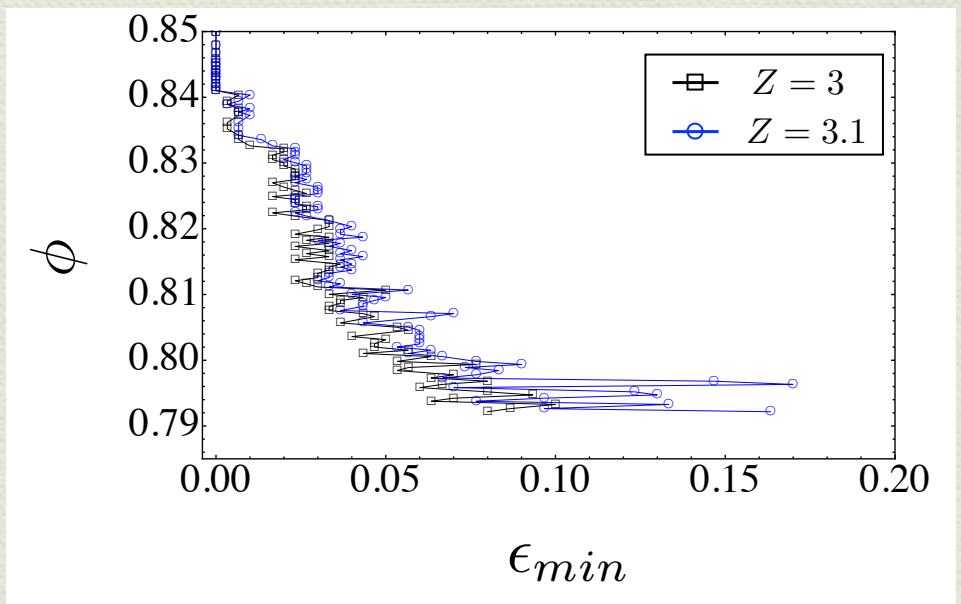
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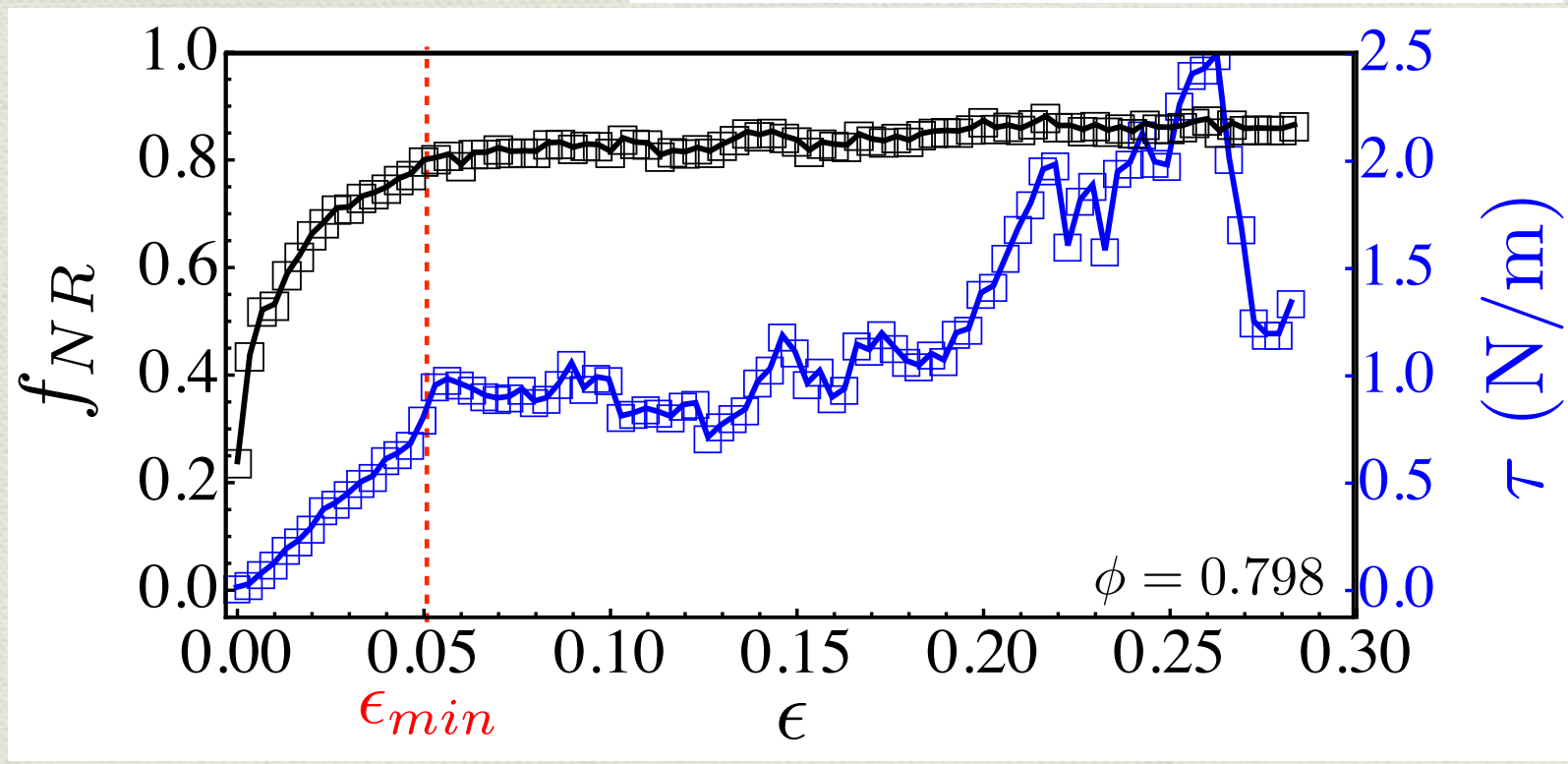
Increasing non-rattler fraction \longrightarrow



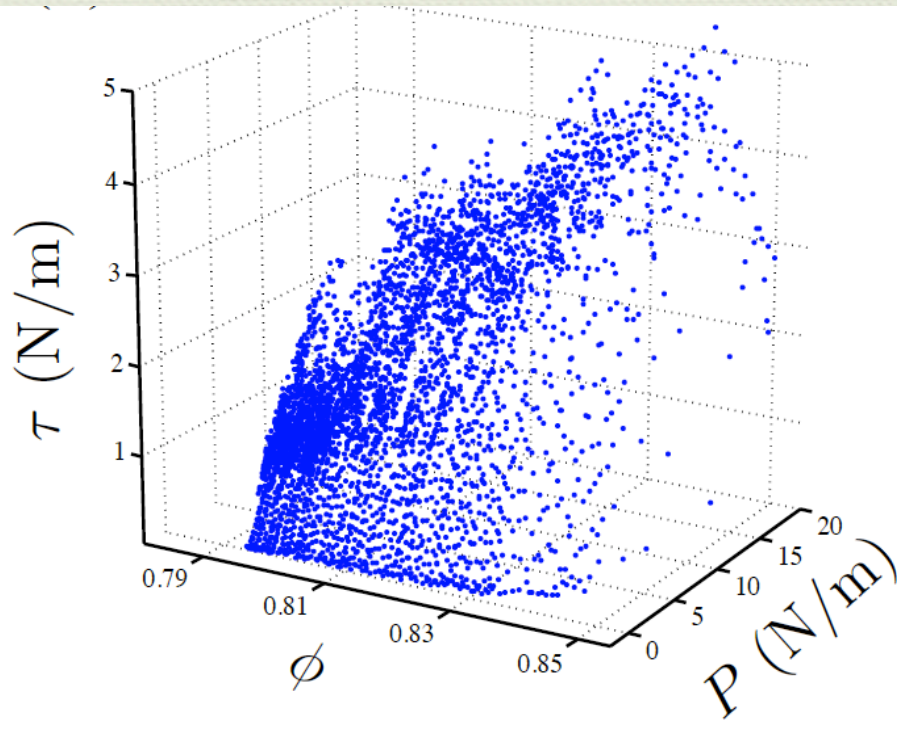
Forward Shear



Fraction of non-rattlers

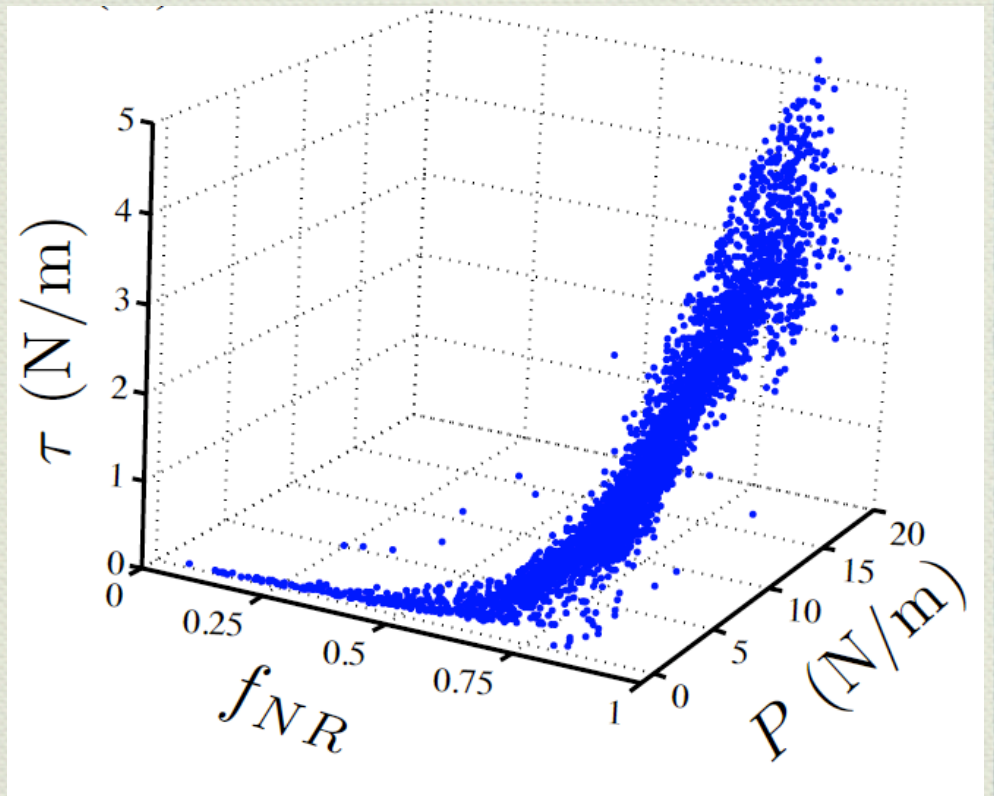


Shear Stress



Pressure is not just a function of packing fraction

Stresses are determined by fraction of non-rattlers



Summary so far

- ◆ Anisotropic jammed states occur in frictional systems at packing fractions well below the isotropic jamming threshold
- ◆ The fraction of non-rattlers emerges as parameter that controls the behavior of force networks, and therefore the rigidity
- ◆ Two qualitatively different classes of states: For infinitely rigid grains, fragile states cannot sustain any load that is not along their force-network axis. Both are fragile jammed states.
- ◆ Yield stress of SJ states vanishes discontinuously (Hayakawa, simulations)
- ◆ The observed anisotropic jamming is a reflection of dilatancy: under constant area conditions, shearing leads to jamming