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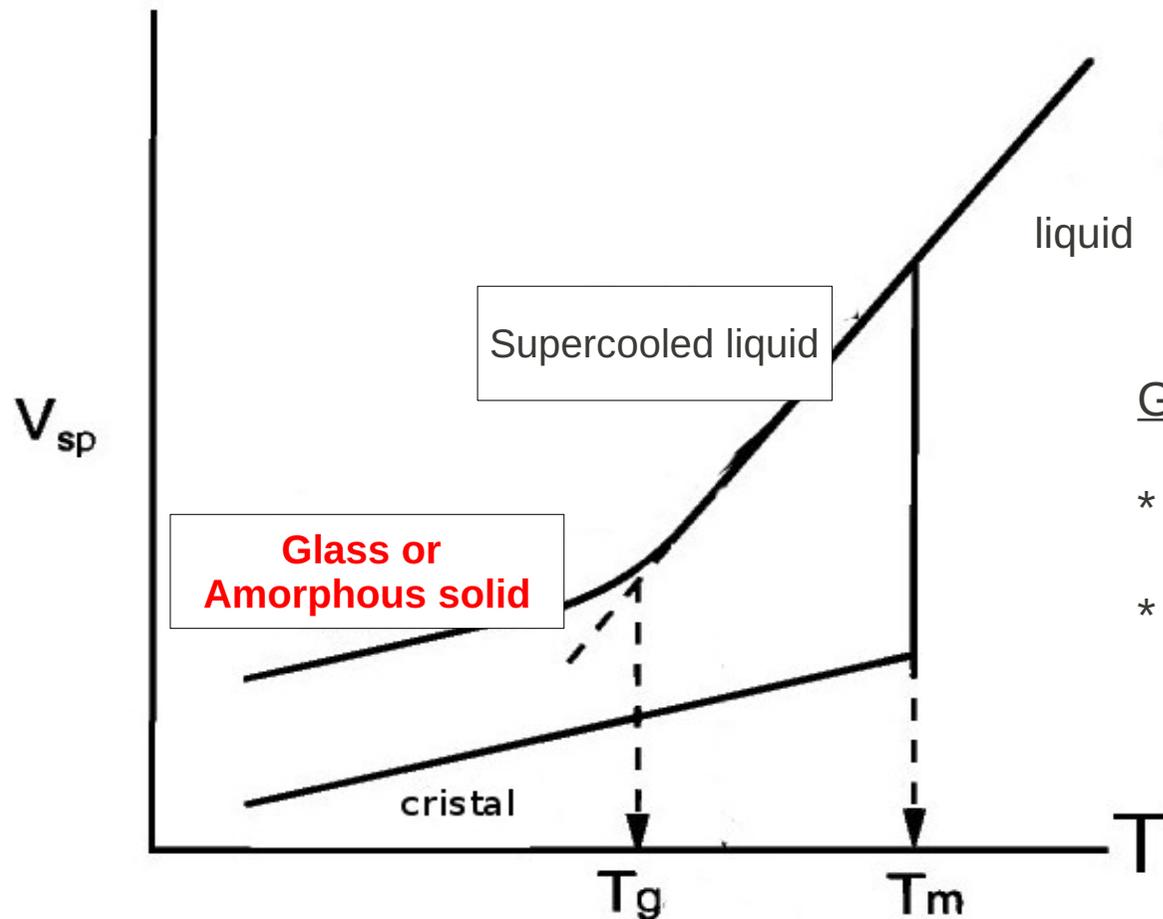
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Amorphous Solids

(structural glasses, granular material, colloids, dense emulsions)

How to obtain ?



Glass transition:

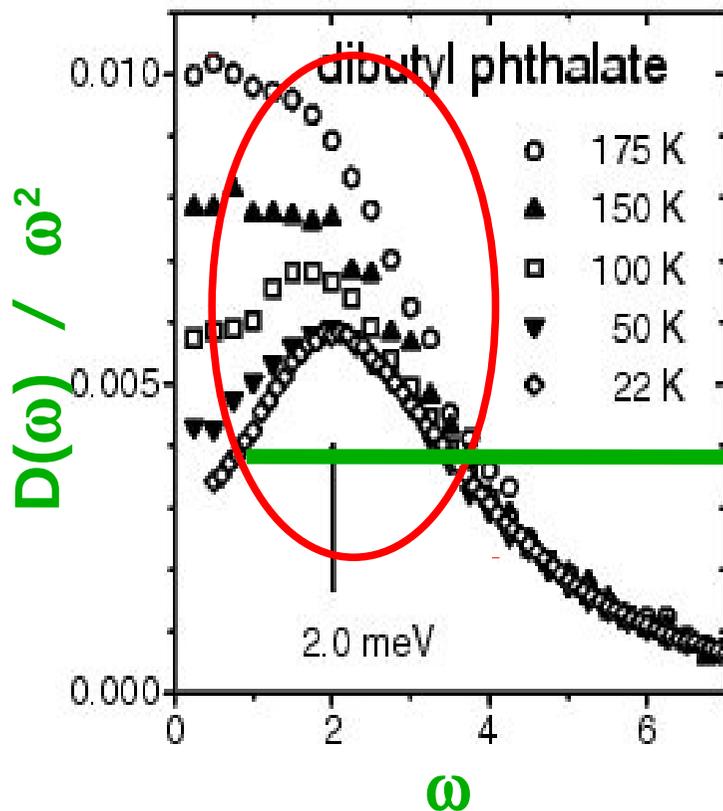
- * without break of symetry between phases (picture of a glass= picture of a liquid)
- * no divergent static length scale

Amorphous solids have different behaviors compared to crystals

- properties of transport, force propagation
- Vibrational density of states $D(\omega) \equiv N(\omega) / V \omega$

“Boson Peak”

excess of modes of low frequency



In continuous solids :

$$D(\omega) \sim \omega^2 \text{ Debye}$$

phonons are plane-waves

⇒ Nature of these modes in glasses ?

Outline of this presentation

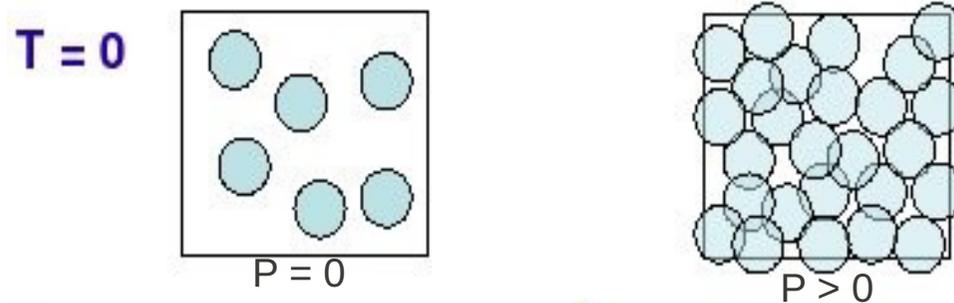
- Vibrations in amorphous solids
- Vibrations in hard sphere glasses
 - How to compute the vibrational modes
 - What can we learn from them
- Generalized isostaticity and avalanches

Model of amorphous solid

(O'hern, Silbert, Liu, Nagel, 2003)

soft spheres

- repulsive interaction,
- short range



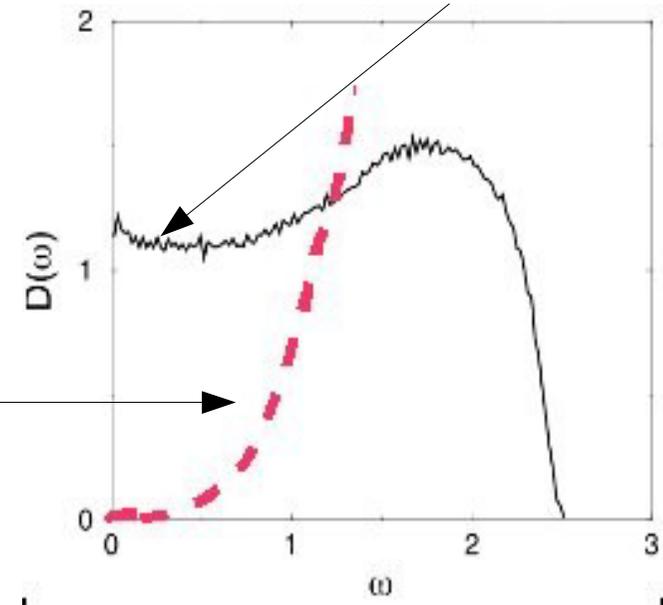
$\phi = \phi_J$
($p \rightarrow 0$)
jamming transition

excess of modes

$z = z_c; z_c = 2d$
isostatic limit

in crystal: $z = 6(2d); = 12(3d)$

inherent difference between amorphous and crystals

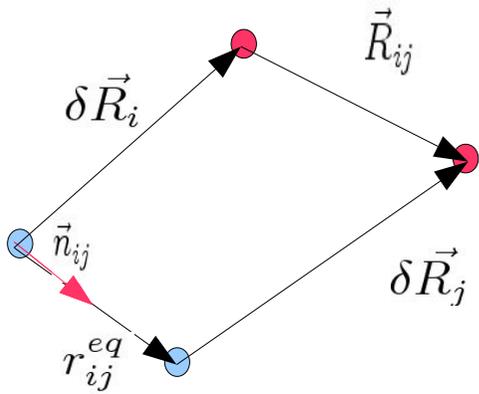


Z : microscopic key parameter to describe vibrational properties in amorphous

Vibrations in amorphous solids

- A** mechanical stability of a solid can be studied through its vibrational modes
- B** rigidity & soft modes
- C** Effect of the pre-stress term

mechanical stability of a solid can be studied through its vibrational modes



$$\delta E = \sum_{ij} V'(r_{ij}^{eq}) \delta r_{ij} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{ij} V''(r_{ij}^{eq}) \delta r_{ij}^2 + \mathcal{O}(\delta r_{ij}^3)$$

$$\delta r_{ij} = \|\vec{R}_{ij}\| - \|r_{ij}^{eq}\| = (\delta \vec{R}_j - \delta \vec{R}_i) \cdot \vec{n}_{ij} + \frac{[(\delta \vec{R}_j - \delta \vec{R}_i)^\perp]^2}{2r_{ij}^{eq}} + \mathcal{O}(\delta \vec{R}^3)$$

(Alexander, RMP, 1999)

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dN eigenvectors: vibrational modes

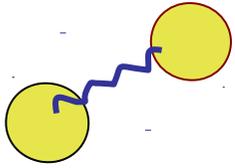
eigenvalues λ : frequencies ω^2

$$\delta E = \langle \delta \mathbf{R} | \mathcal{M} | \delta \mathbf{R} \rangle$$

dynamic matrix

$$e^{i\omega t} \Rightarrow \begin{array}{l} \omega \text{ real} \Rightarrow \text{stable mode} \Rightarrow \omega > 0 \\ \omega \text{ imag} \Rightarrow \text{unstable mode} \Rightarrow \omega < 0 \end{array}$$

rigidity & soft modes -- Maxwell



What guarantees the rigidity of a system ?

$$\delta E = \frac{\kappa}{2} \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} [(\delta \vec{R}_j - \delta \vec{R}_i) \cdot \vec{n}_{ij}]^2 \longrightarrow \text{if } \delta E = 0, \text{ system is NOT rigid (Soft Mode)}$$

constraints: N_c

degrees of freedom: Nd

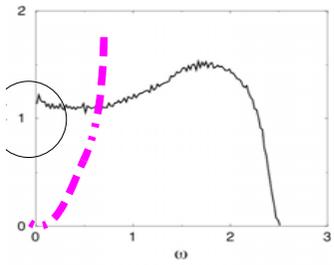
In order to *not* exist a solution:

$$N_c > Nd$$

$$z = 2 N_c / N \geq 2d$$

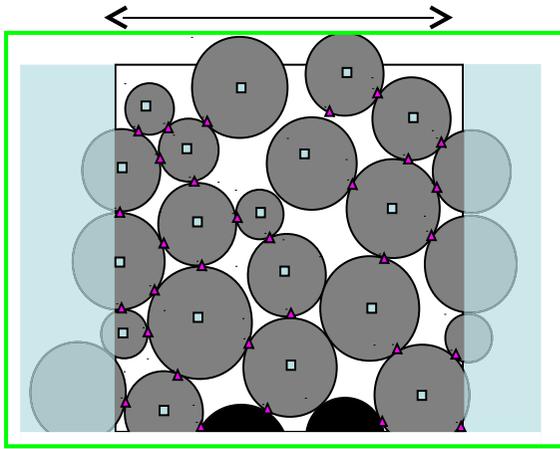
$z_c = 2d$ *isostatic*
marginal rigidity

Excess of modes and marginal stability

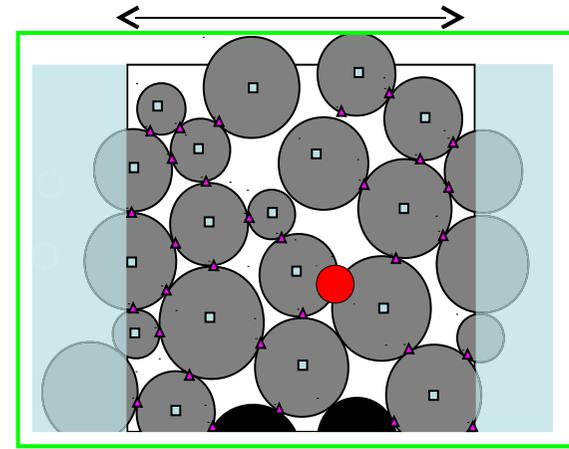


- “just” rigid: **remove 1 contacts ...generates 1 soft mode**

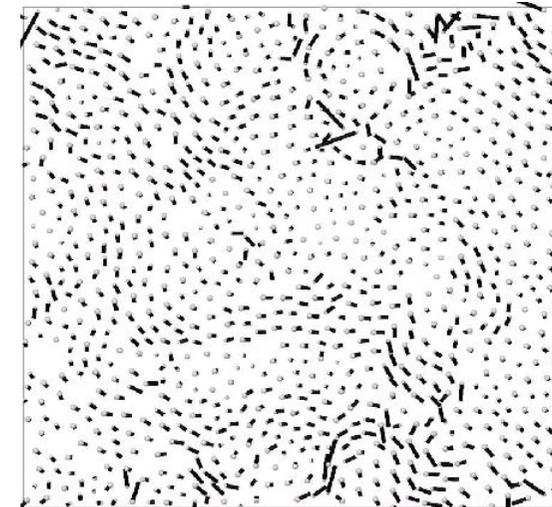
Original system



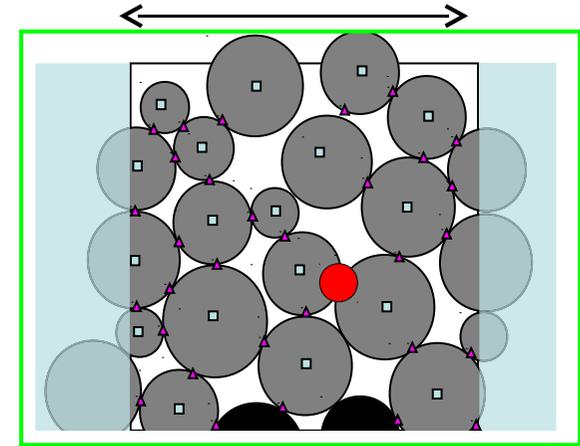
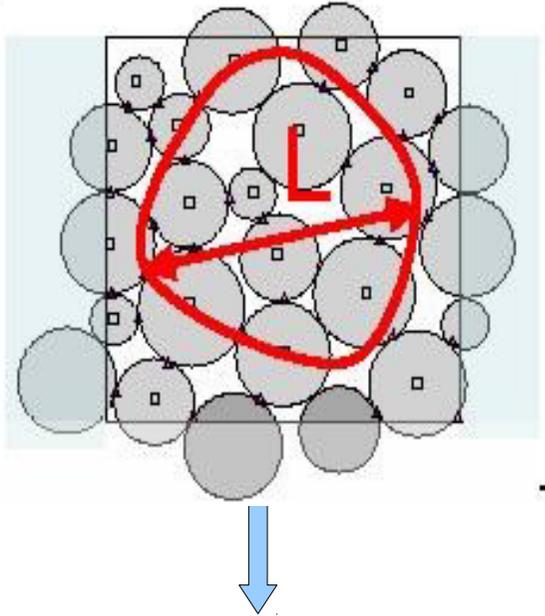
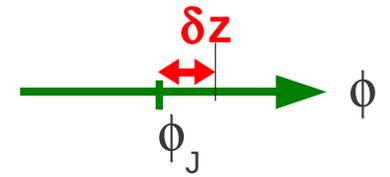
$Z=Z_c \Rightarrow$ marginally rigid



soft mode:
extended,
heterogeneous



Modes of the original system



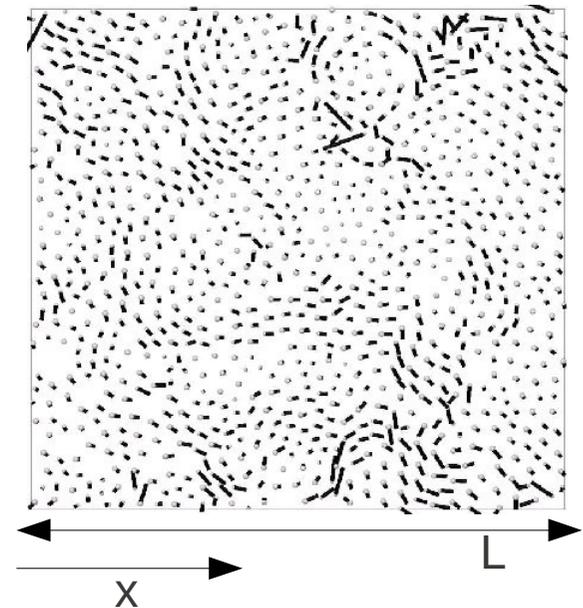
anomalous modes:

soft modes modulated by $\sin(x/L)$

✓ $\omega^* \sim B^{1/2} \delta z$

✓ extension $L^* \sim \delta z^{-1}$

$\delta z = z - z_c$



Effect of the pre-stress term: extended Maxwell criterion

$$\delta E = \underbrace{\left[\sum_{ij} V'(r_{ij}^{eq}) \frac{[(\delta \vec{R}_j - \delta \vec{R}_i)^\perp]^2}{2r_{ij}^{eq}} \right]}_{\text{pre-stress}} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} V''(r_{ij}^{eq}) [(\delta \vec{R}_j - \delta \vec{R}_i) \cdot \vec{n}_{ij}]^2}_{\text{harmonic}} + O(\vec{R}^3)$$

$$V' \sim -f_{ij} \quad \text{pre-stress}$$

It decreases the frequency of the modes:

⇒ repulsive system: $f_{ij} > 0$

decreases the energy of the system:
 $\Delta E \sim V' \sim -f$

$$\omega_a^2 = (\omega^*)^2 - A_1 f = A_0 B \delta z^2 - A_1 f$$

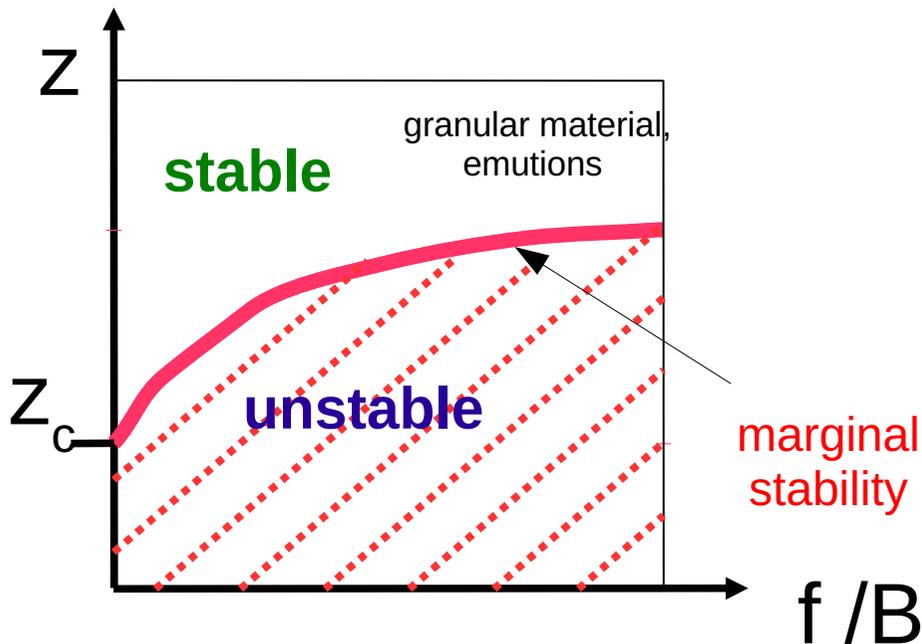
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• stability $\Rightarrow \omega_a > 0 \Rightarrow$

$$\delta z^2 \geq f/B$$

\forall subsystem with $L > L^*$

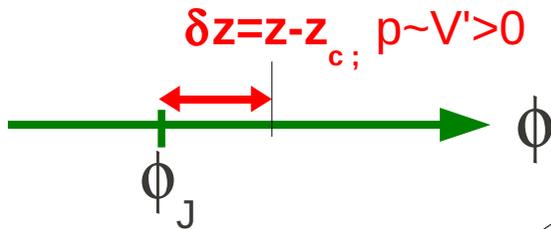
Summary so far:

- rigid material \Leftrightarrow all vibrational modes are stable
- rigidez vs z: Maxwell: necessary condition to be rigid?

$$z \geq z_c = 2d$$

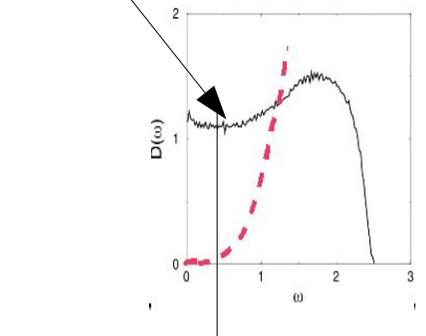
\Rightarrow at the jamming transition: the solid is *marginally* rigid
 boson peak: = **excess of modes on the verge of instability**

- And when $\phi > \phi_c$?



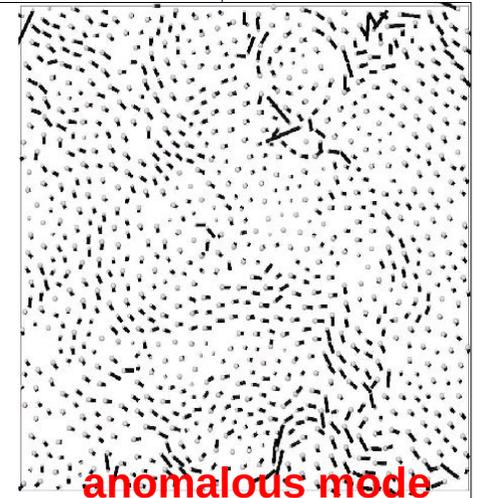
$$\delta z \geq (p / B)^{1/2}$$

Maxwell extended criterion



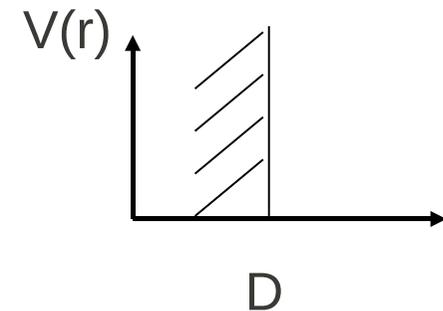
*Solids at the limiar of stability
 (marginal solids)*
 excess of low frequency modes:

- extended $L^* \sim (\delta z)^{-1}$
- heterogeneous
- $\omega^* \sim B^{1/2} / L^* \sim B^{1/2} \delta z$

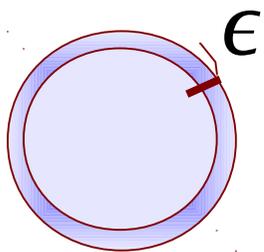
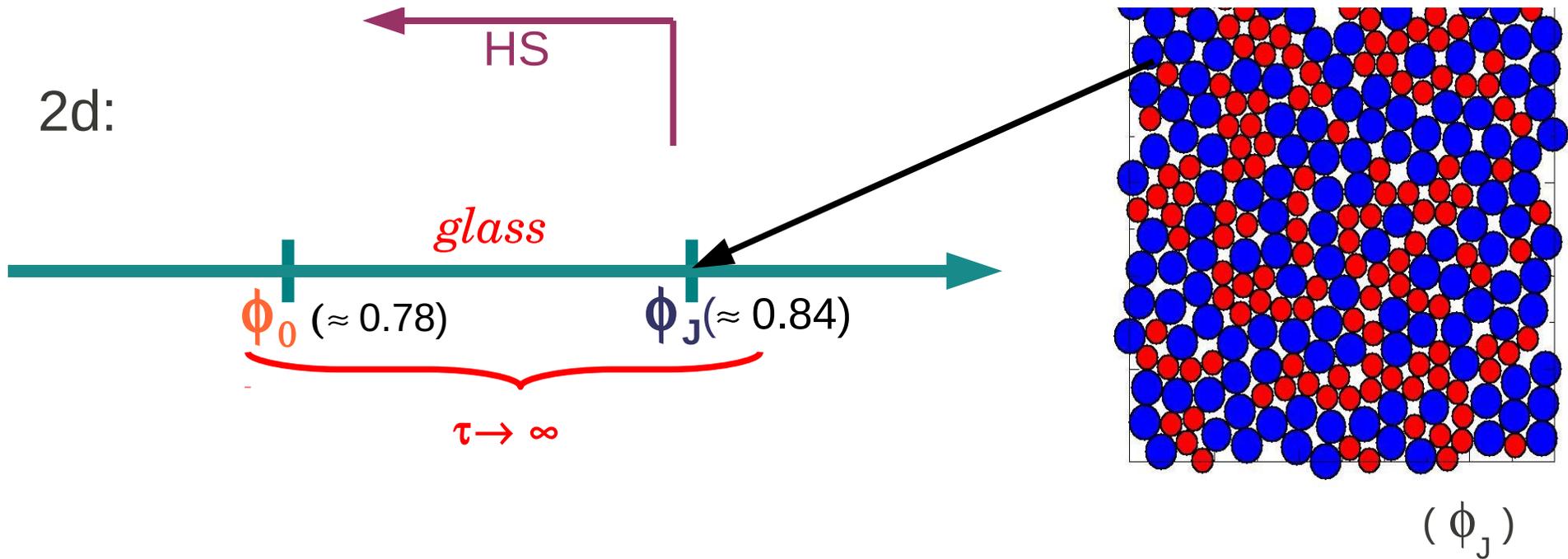


Vibrations in hard sphere glasses

- How to compute modes in HS systems



- What can we learn from / with them?

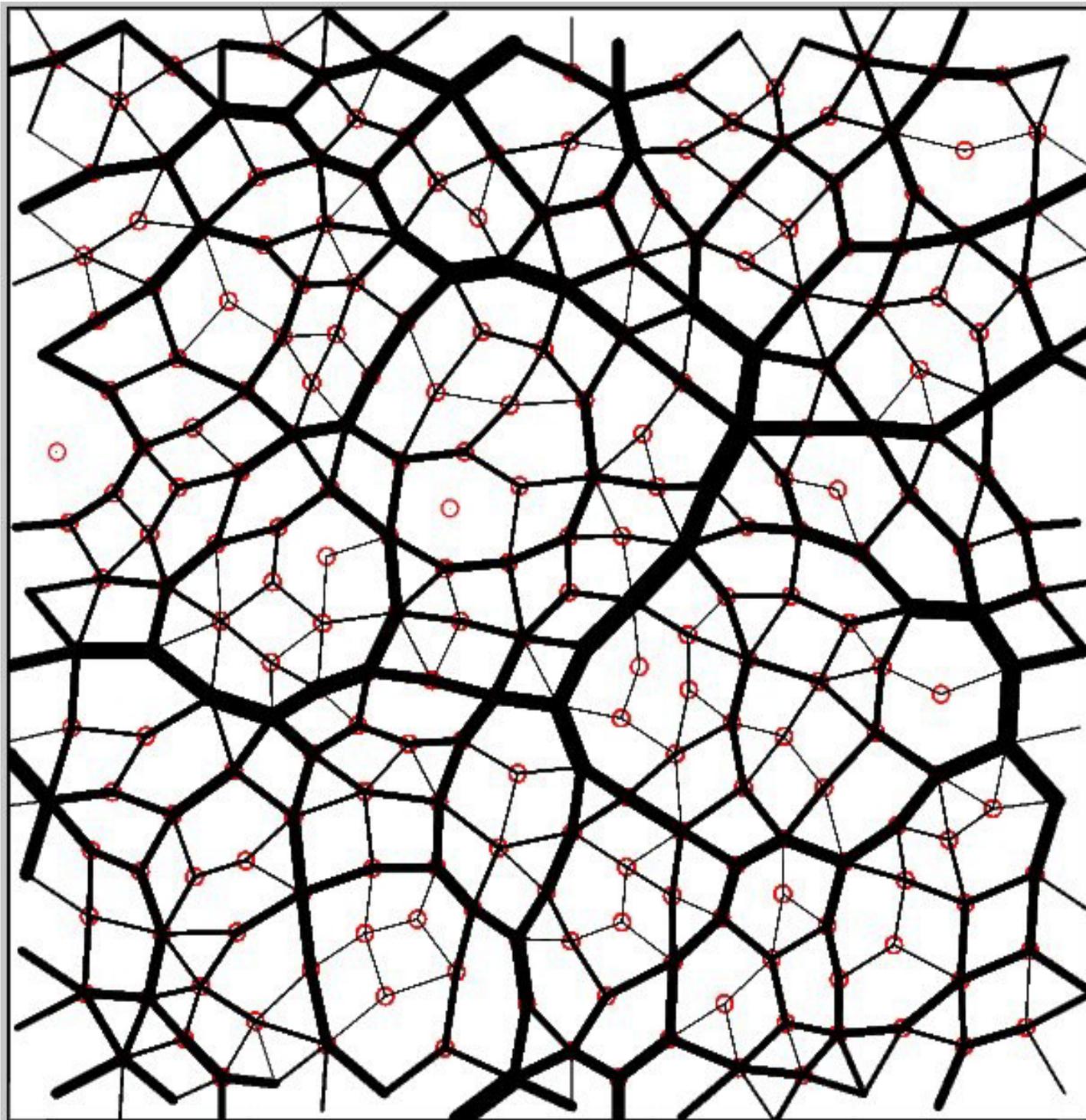


- ✓ *Event-driven simulation*
- ✓ $\langle v^2 \rangle = \text{const}$
- ✓ Periodic boundary conditions

\Rightarrow during $t_c \ll t_1 \ll \tau$, one defines:
contact, contact forces \mathbf{f}_{ij}

Z: if i, j touch each other,
 they are in contact

$$\vec{f}_{ij} = \frac{1}{t_1} \sum_{n=1}^{n=n_{col}} \Delta \vec{P}_n$$

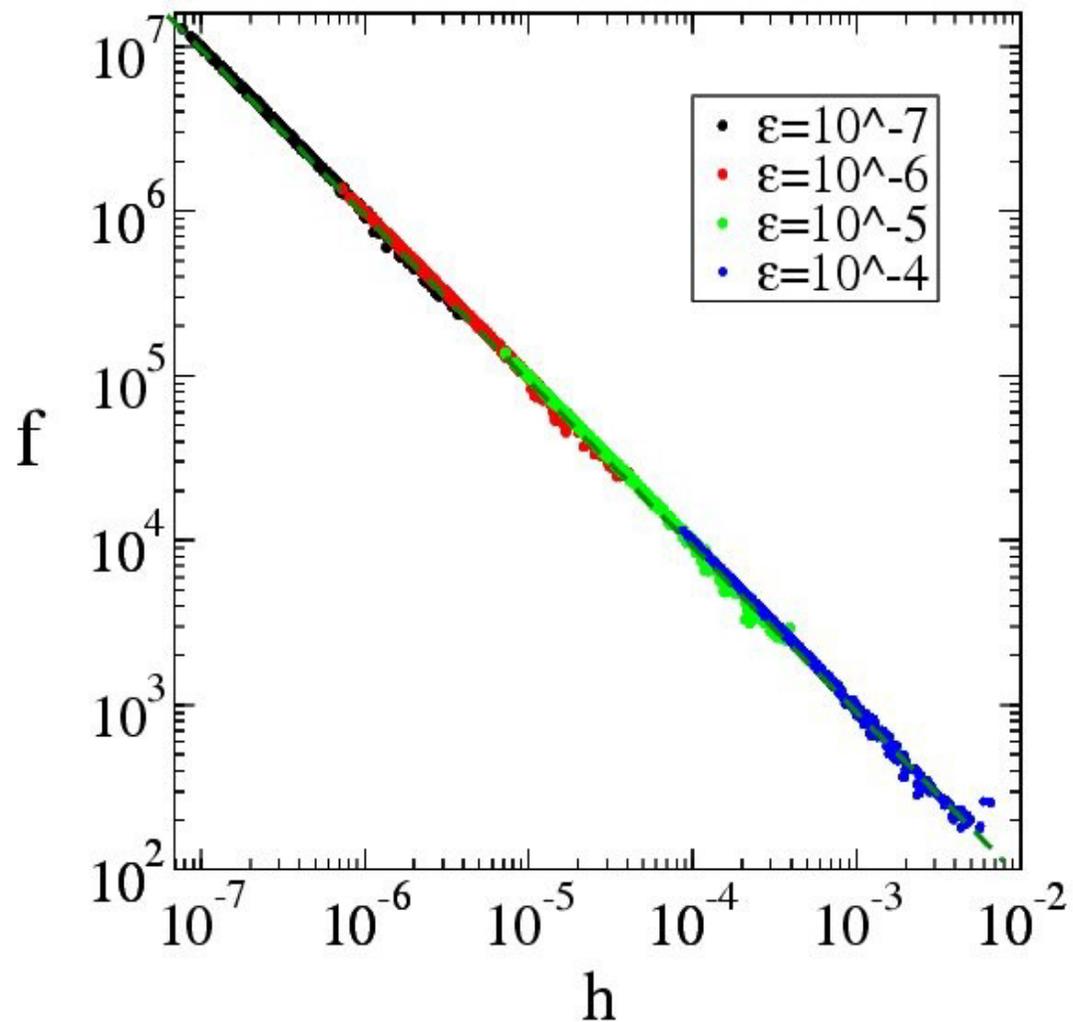
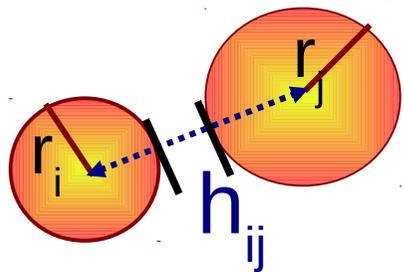


$$\epsilon = 10^{-4}$$

$$N = 256$$

$$t_1 \approx 100N$$

Effective potential – scale argument



$$f_{ij} = \nu t_1 \frac{||\Delta P||}{t_1}$$

$$\nu \sim \frac{v}{\langle h_{ij} \rangle}$$

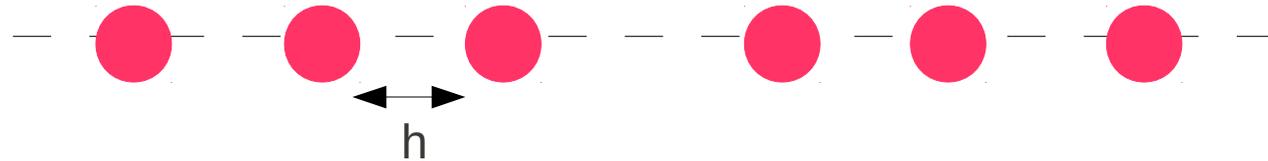
$$||\Delta P|| \sim mv$$

$$f_{ij} \sim \frac{\langle v^2 \rangle}{\langle h_{ij} \rangle} \sim \frac{1}{\beta \langle h_{ij} \rangle}$$

Effective potential

Tonks, PR (1936)

1d, $p=cte$



$$\mathcal{Z} \sim \prod_i \int_0^\infty dh_i e^{-\beta p h_i} \quad \longrightarrow \quad p = k_b T / \langle h \rangle$$

$d > 1$, in the isostatic limit:

$$\mathcal{Z} = \prod_{\langle ij \rangle} \int_{h_{ij} \geq 0} dh_{ij} e^{-f_{ij} h_{ij} / k_b T}, \quad \longrightarrow \quad f_{ij} = \frac{k_b T}{\langle h_{ij} \rangle}$$

$d \geq 3$, numerically: P. Charbonneau et al, arXiv:1107.4666

Effective potential

- In the isostatic limit:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{ll} V_{ij}(r) = \infty & \text{If } \langle h_{ij} \rangle < 0 \\ V_{ij}(r) = -\frac{1}{\beta} \ln(\langle h_{ij} \rangle) & \text{If } i \text{ and } j \text{ are in contact} \\ V_{ij}(r) = 0 & \text{If } i \text{ and } j \text{ are } \textit{not} \text{ in contact} \end{array} \right.$$

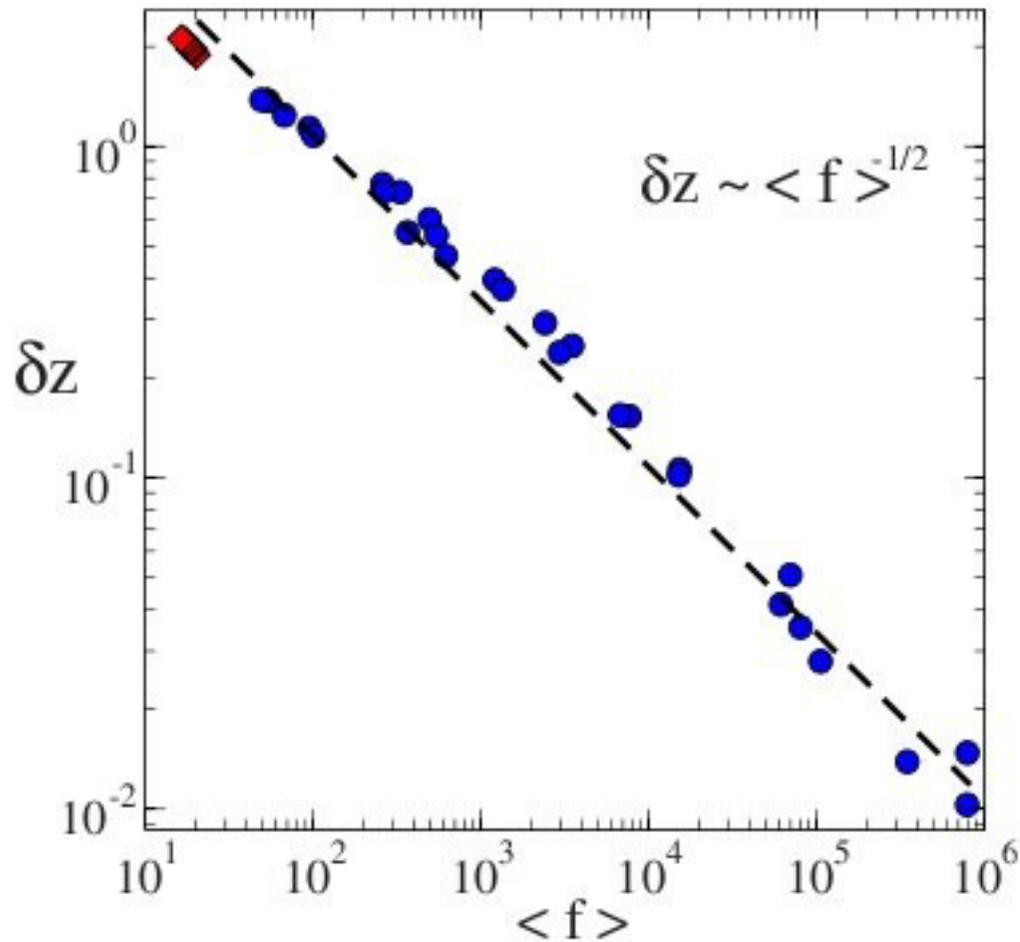
- when $\delta z = z - z_c > 0$, correction to the force

$$f_{ij} = \frac{k_b T}{\langle h_{ij} \rangle} (1 - c \delta z)$$

Mechanical stability

Rigidity criterion $\Rightarrow \delta z^2 \geq f/B \Rightarrow (B \sim V'' \sim f^2) \Rightarrow \delta z \geq f^{-1/2}$

HS glass is *marginally* rigid !

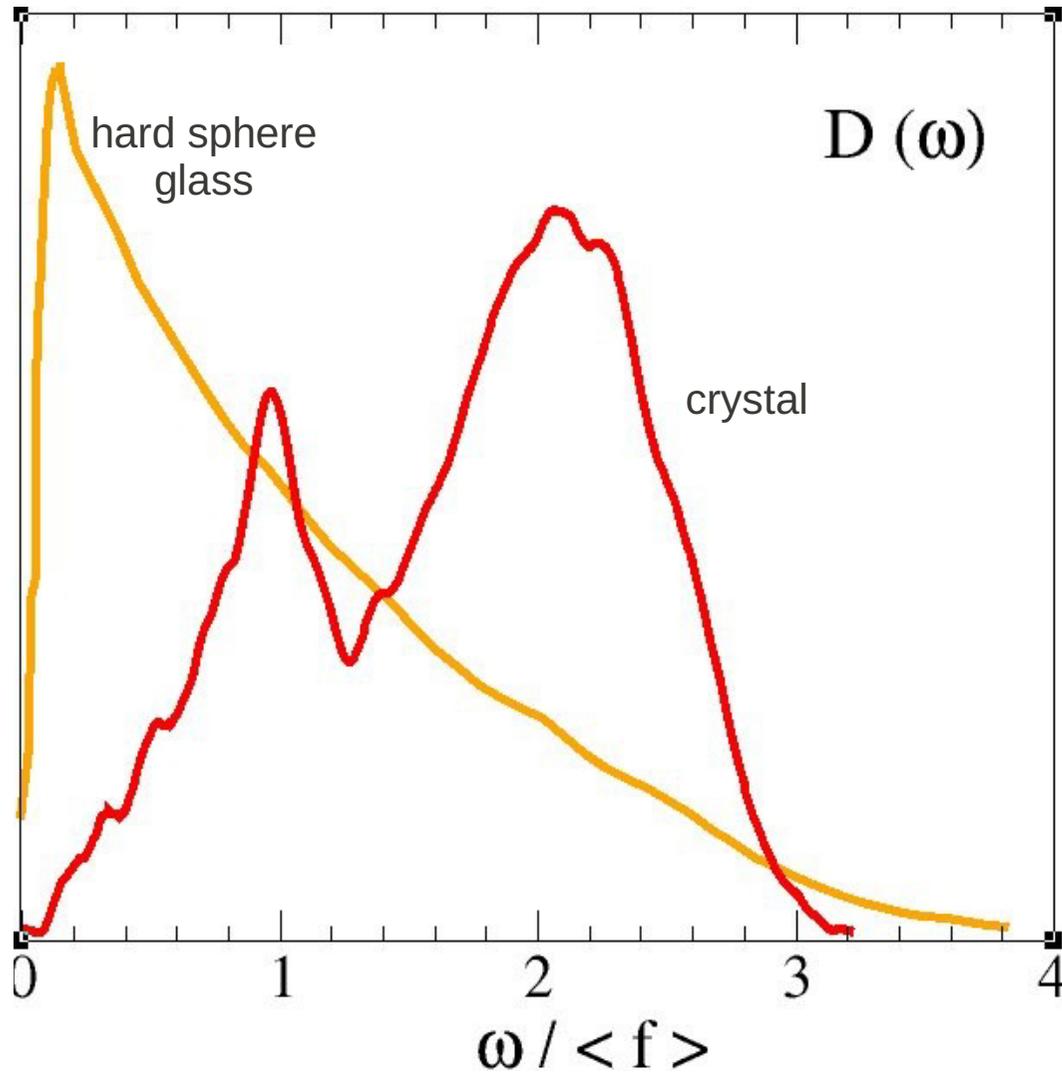


number of contacts is *exact* to keep rigidity

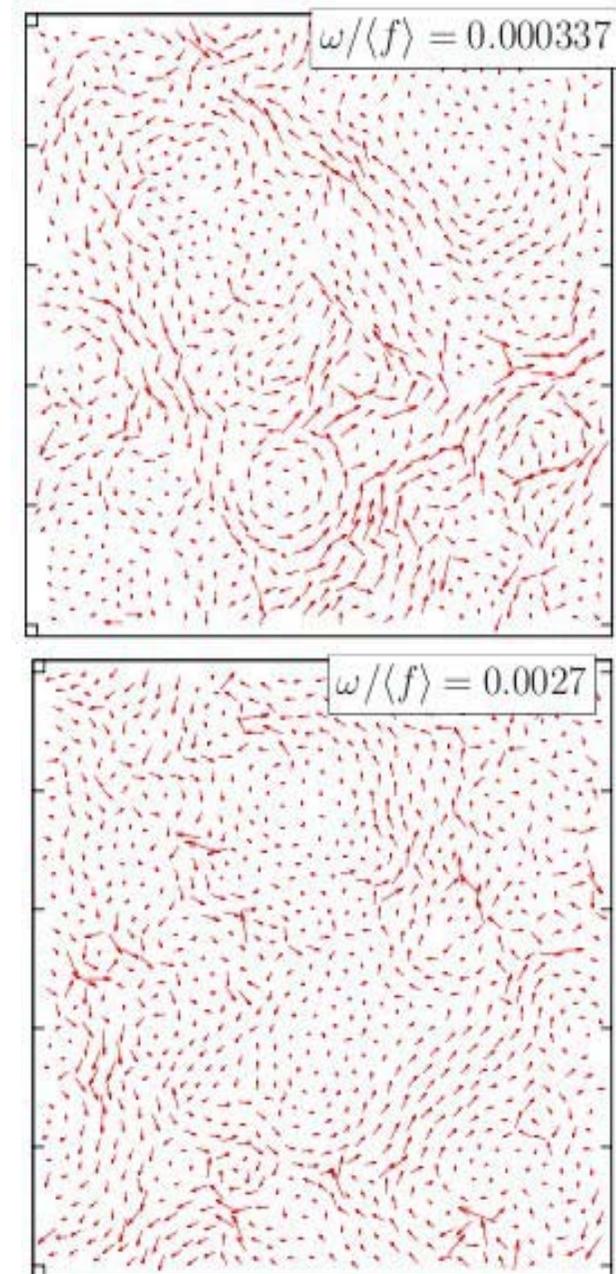
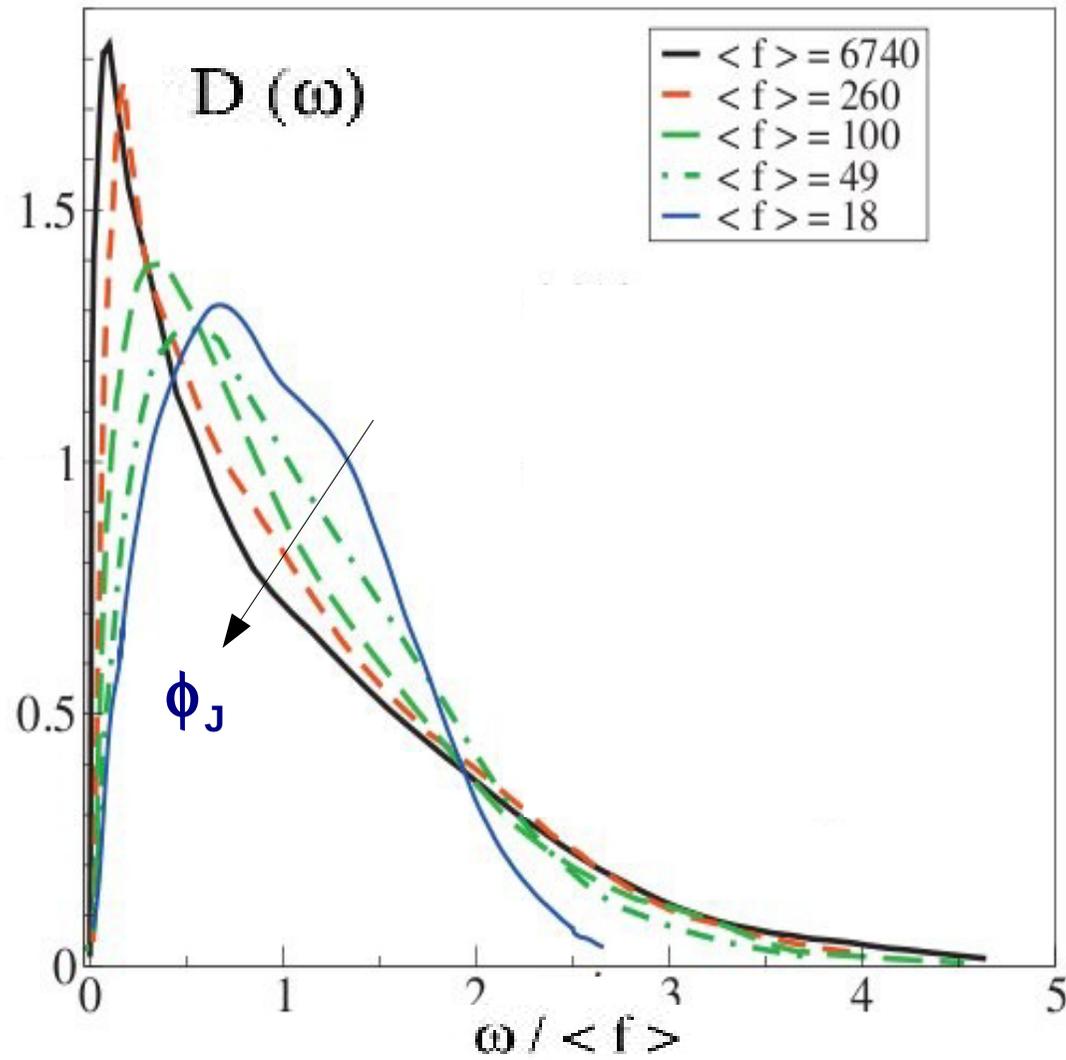


excess of low frequency modes:
on the verge of becoming soft...

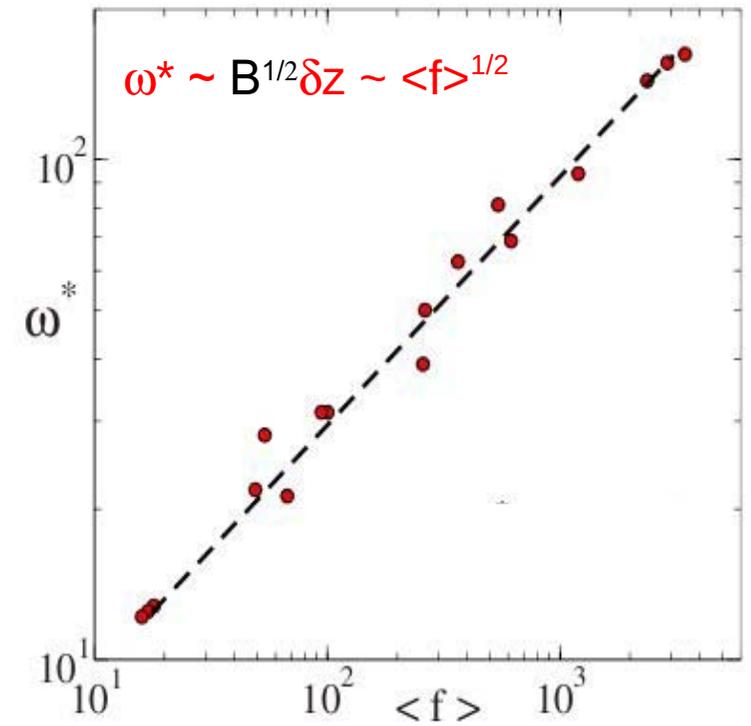
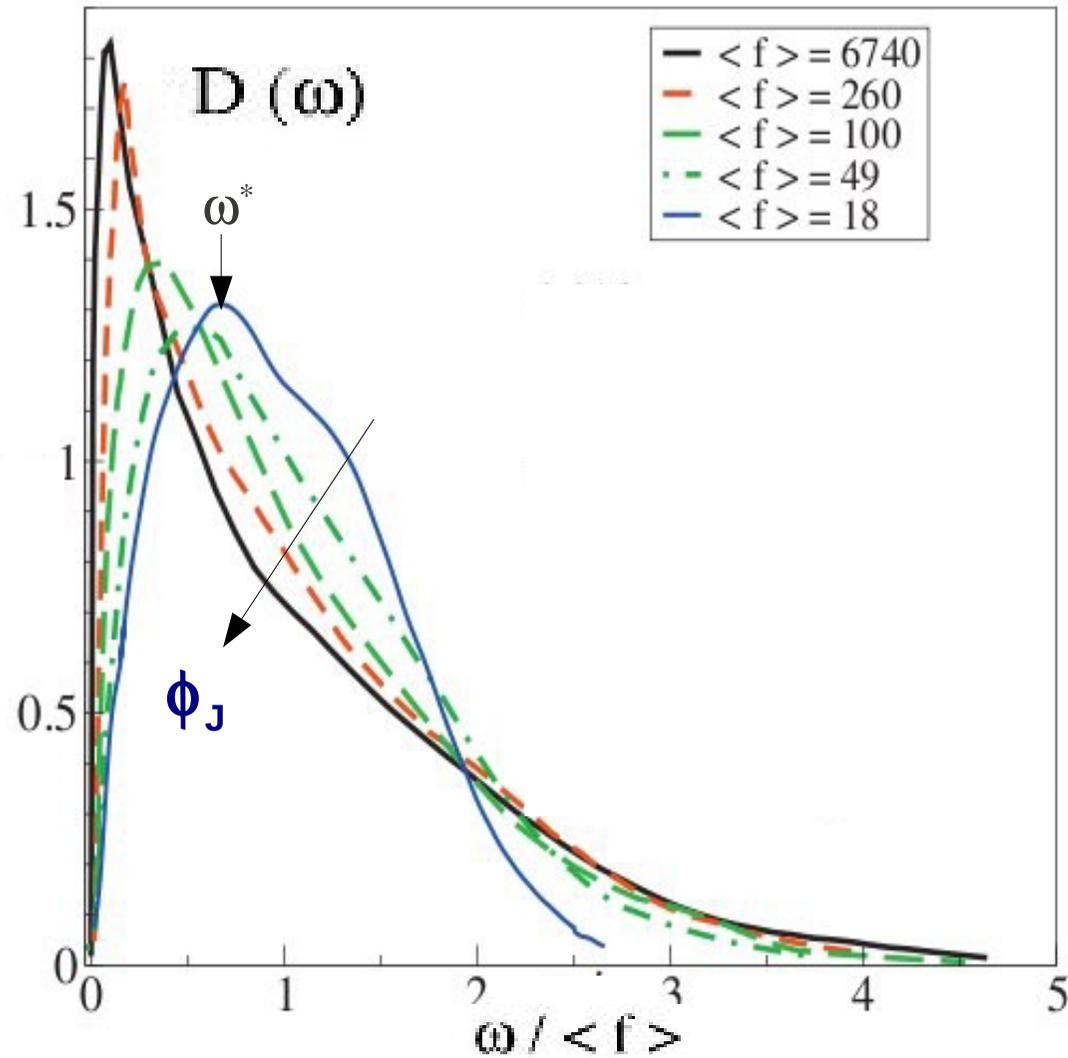
Microscopic dynamics: the vibrational density of states



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Microscopic dynamics: characteristic frequency



Microscopic dynamics: mean square displacement

$$\langle \delta \vec{R}^2 \rangle \sim \int_0^\infty \frac{D(\omega)}{\omega^2} d\omega \geq \int_{\omega^*}^\infty \frac{D(\omega)}{\omega^2} d\omega$$

- Amorphous:

$$D(\omega) \sim \frac{1}{B^{1/2}} \quad \omega > \omega^*$$

$$\langle \delta \vec{R}^2 \rangle \geq \frac{D(\omega^*)}{\omega^*} \sim \langle f \rangle^{-3/2} \sim h^{3/2}$$

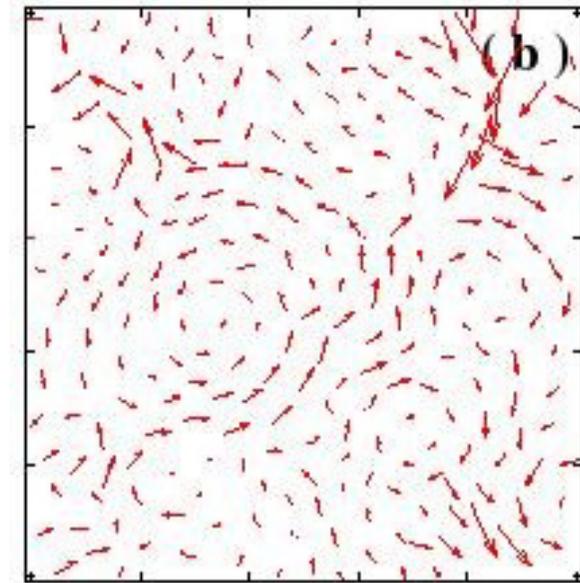
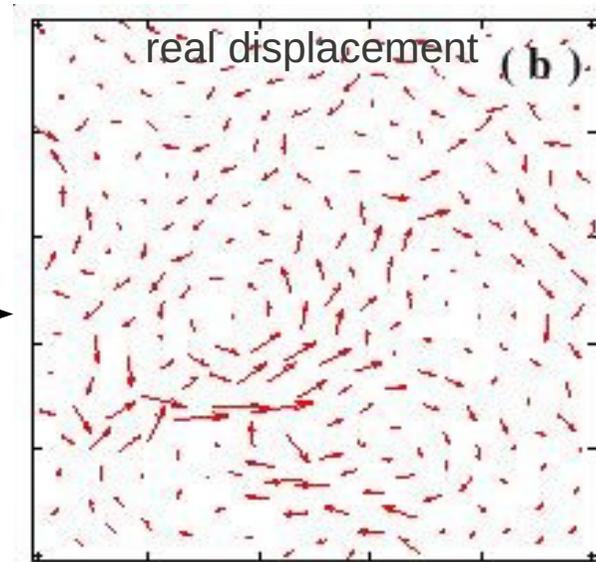
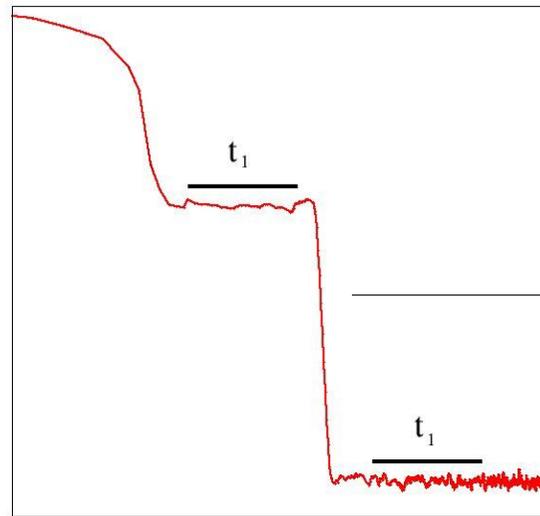
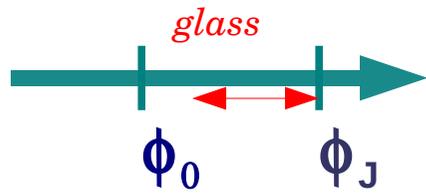
- Crystal :

$$D(\omega) \sim \omega \quad (2d)$$

$$\langle \delta \vec{R}_i^2 \rangle \sim \langle f \rangle^{-2} \sim h^2$$

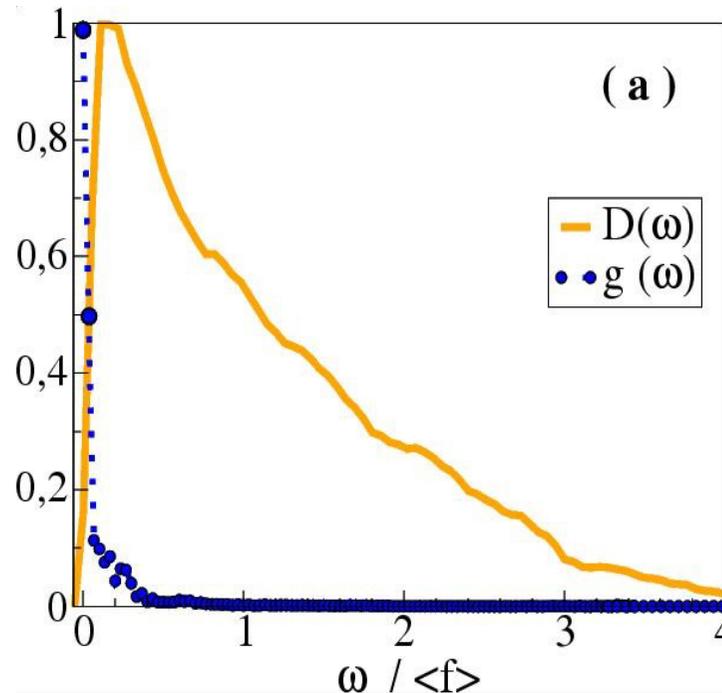
The existence of anomalous modes implies much higher fluctuations around a meta-stable state

Structural relaxation and the anomalous modes



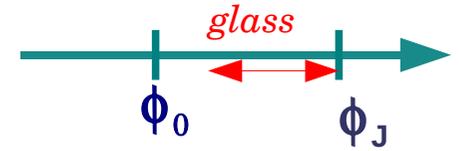
$$g(\omega) = \langle c^2(\omega) \rangle$$

$C(\omega)$ = projection on the mode w

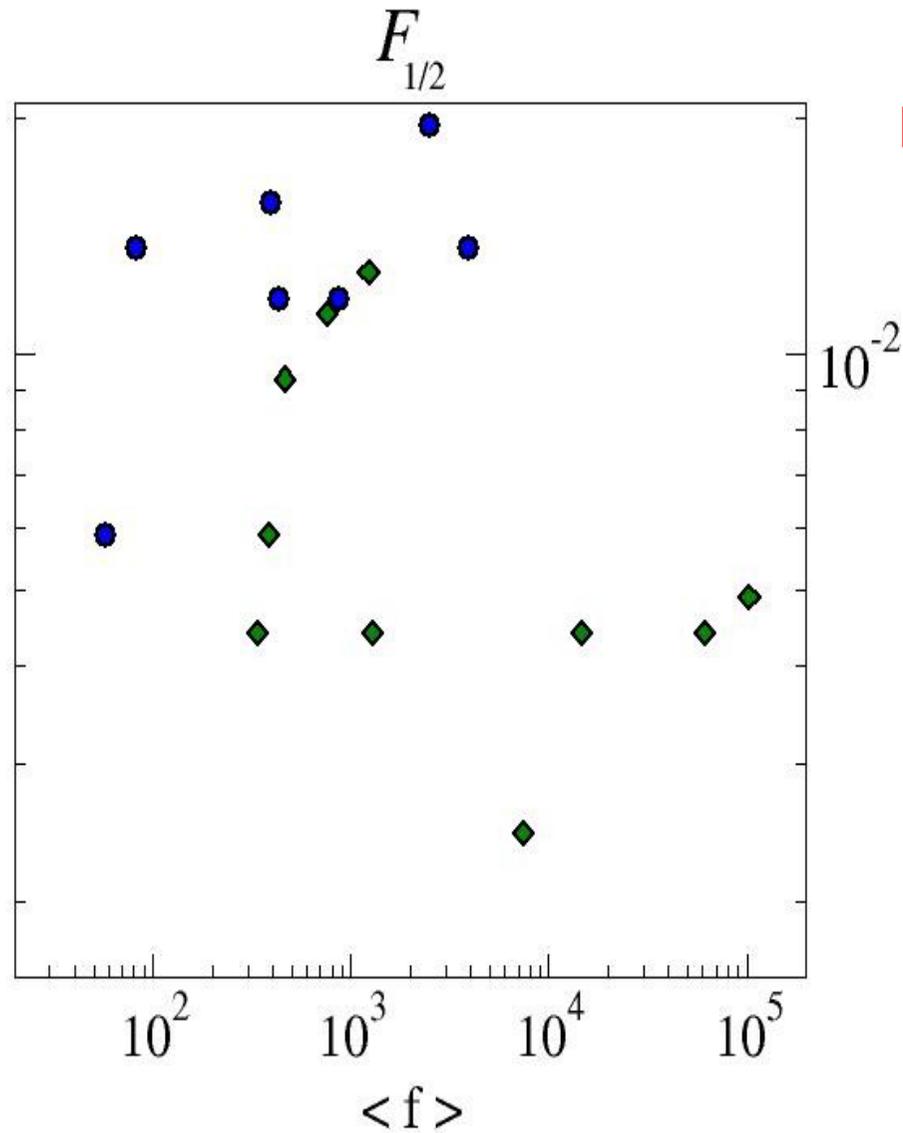


⇒ structural relaxation happens along the softest modes in the glass phase

sistematically ...

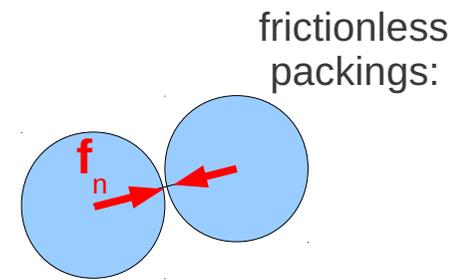
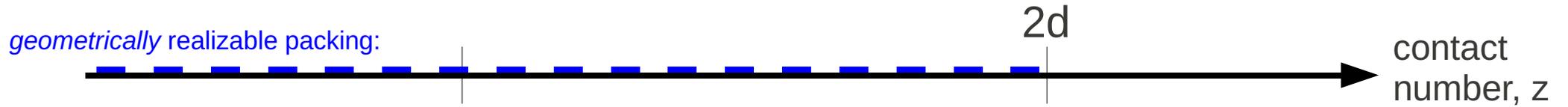


$F_{1/2}$:= fraction of the most important modes that contribute to 50% of the relaxation events



Less than **2%** of the modes contribute to the relaxation events

Avalanche in a granular packing & Generalized isostaticity



constraints

(from the mechanical stability of the pile)

dof of force

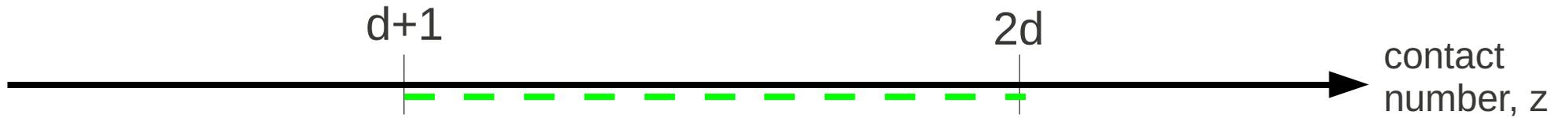
(linear system of eqs of total force)

$$Nd$$

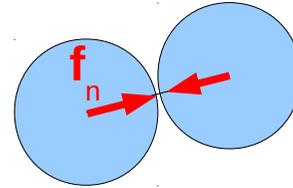
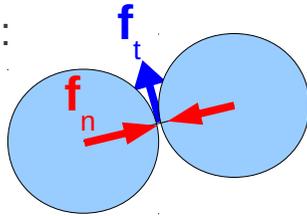
$$N_c$$

$$z \geq 2d \equiv z_{iso}^0$$

Avalanche in a granular packing & Generalized isostaticity



frictional packings:



constraints

(from the mechanical stability of the pile)

$$Nd + Nd(d-1)/2$$

$$Nd$$

dof of force

(linear system of eqs of total force)

$$N_c + N_c(d-1)$$

$$N_c$$

$$z \geq d+1 \equiv z^\mu_{iso}$$

$$z \geq 2d \equiv z^0_{iso}$$

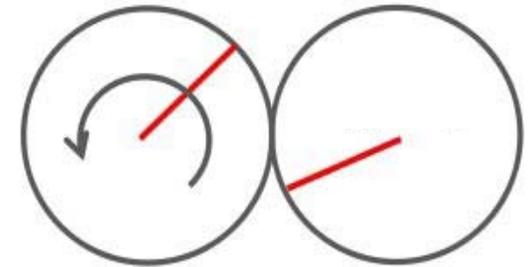
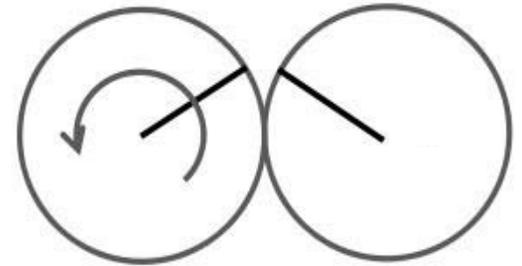
Critical (or fully mobilized) contacts

Coulomb's law
for friction:

$$|f_t| \leq \mu f_n$$

If $|f_t| < \mu f_n$: no slip motion

If $|f_t| = \mu f_n$: contacts slip



Fully mobilized

Generalized isostaticity

K. Shundyak et al., PRE (2007)
 L. Silbert et al., PRE (2002)
 J.-P. Bouchaud, Les Houches (2002)

If $F_t = \mu f_{n_t}$ the number of *dof* of forces is smaller!

constraints

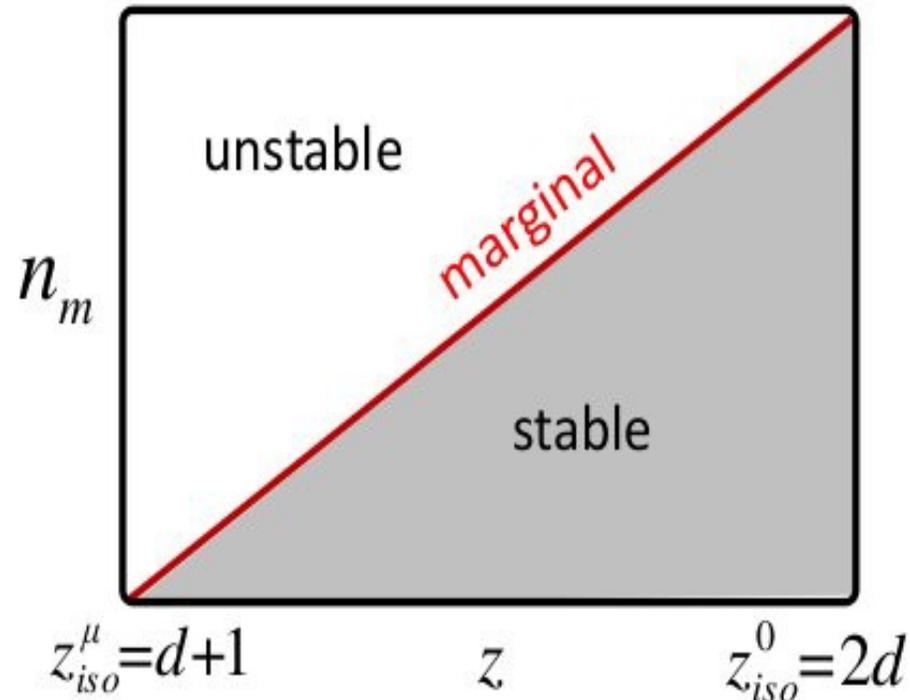
$$Nd(d+1)/2$$

dof of force

$$N_c d - N n_m$$

mean number of critical contacts per particle

$$z \geq \underbrace{(d+1)}_{z_{iso}^\mu} + 2n_m/d \equiv z_{iso}^m$$



Generalized isostaticity

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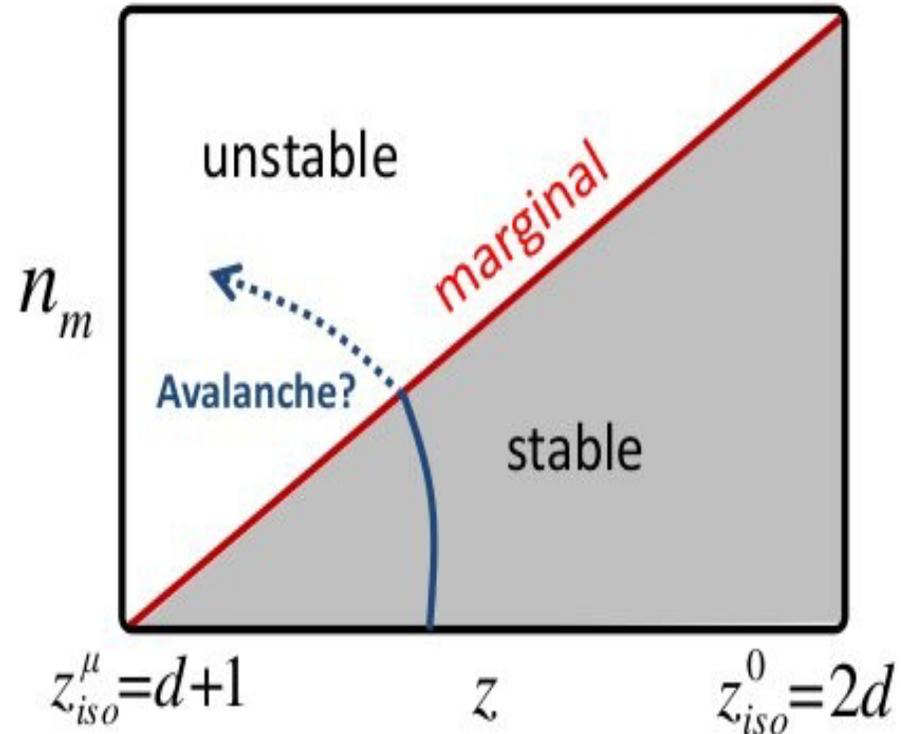
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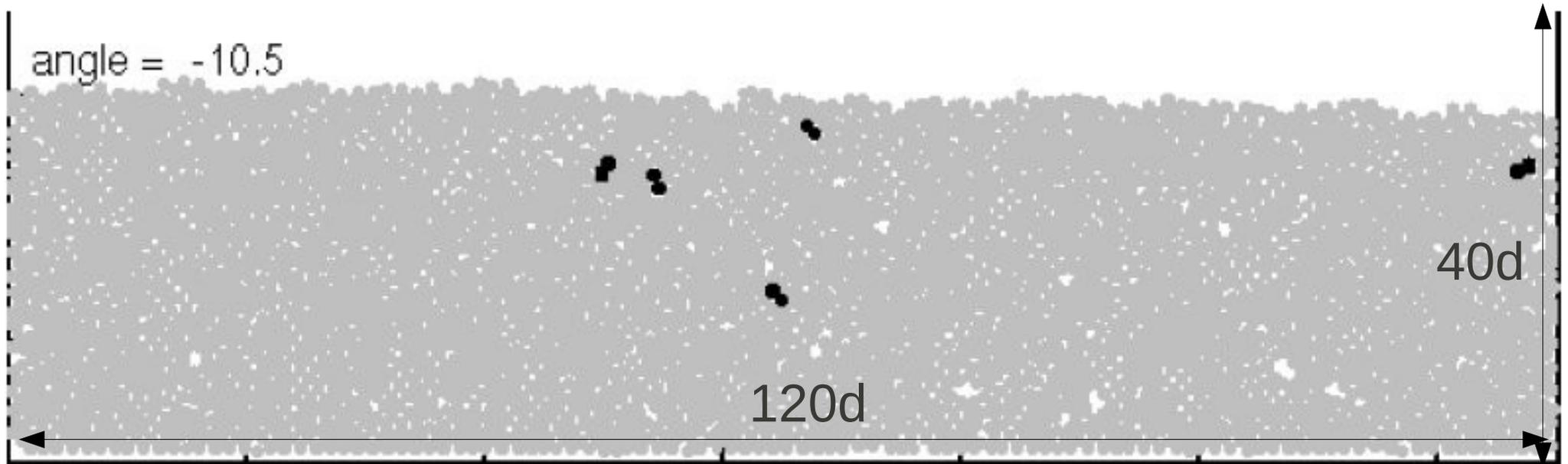
$$N_c d - N n_m$$

mean number of critical particles per particle

$$z \geq \underbrace{(d+1)}_{z_{iso}^\mu} + 2n_m/d \equiv z_{iso}^m$$



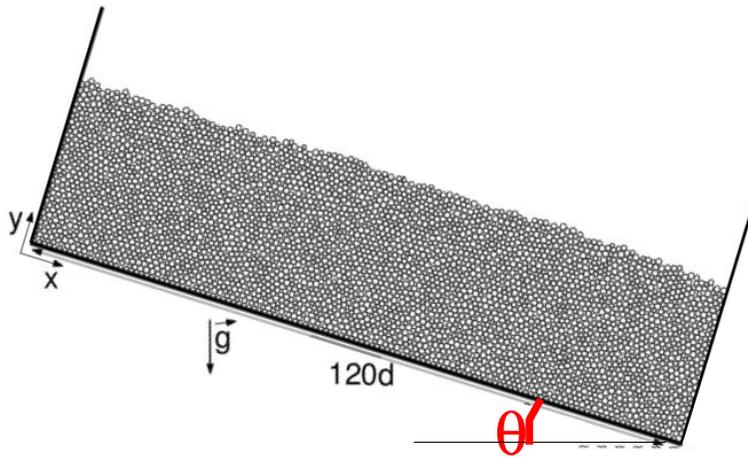
System: simulation of frictional grains



- Simulation method: contact dynamics
- Bed is slowly tilted (0.001 degree/frame)
- From -11 degree to +30 degree
- Average over 50 different initial condition
- 4000 particles, polydisperse

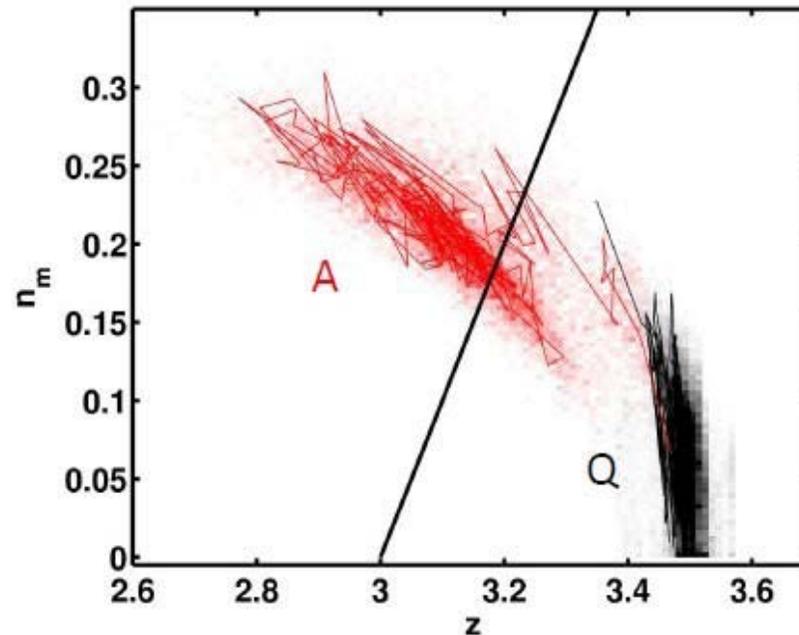
● Particle with critical contact

Simulation:
L. Staron and
S. Leboeuf (O. Dauchot)



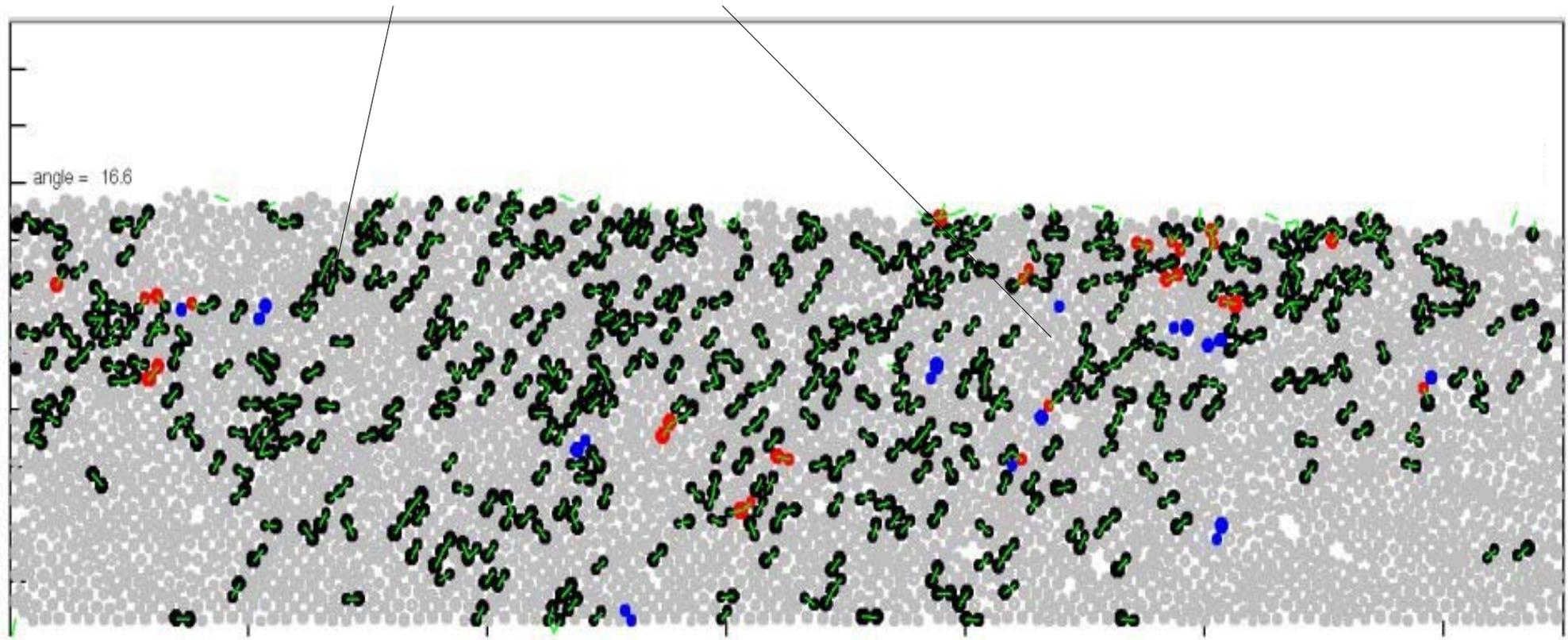
- criterion to identify the **quiet period** and the **avalanches**
- we define θ_m as the start of the avalanche
- 50 different Initial condition: $\theta_m \in (17^\circ, 21^\circ)$
- all ensemble averages are performed as a function of $\theta - \theta_m$

System becomes unstable before crossing
isostaticity line!

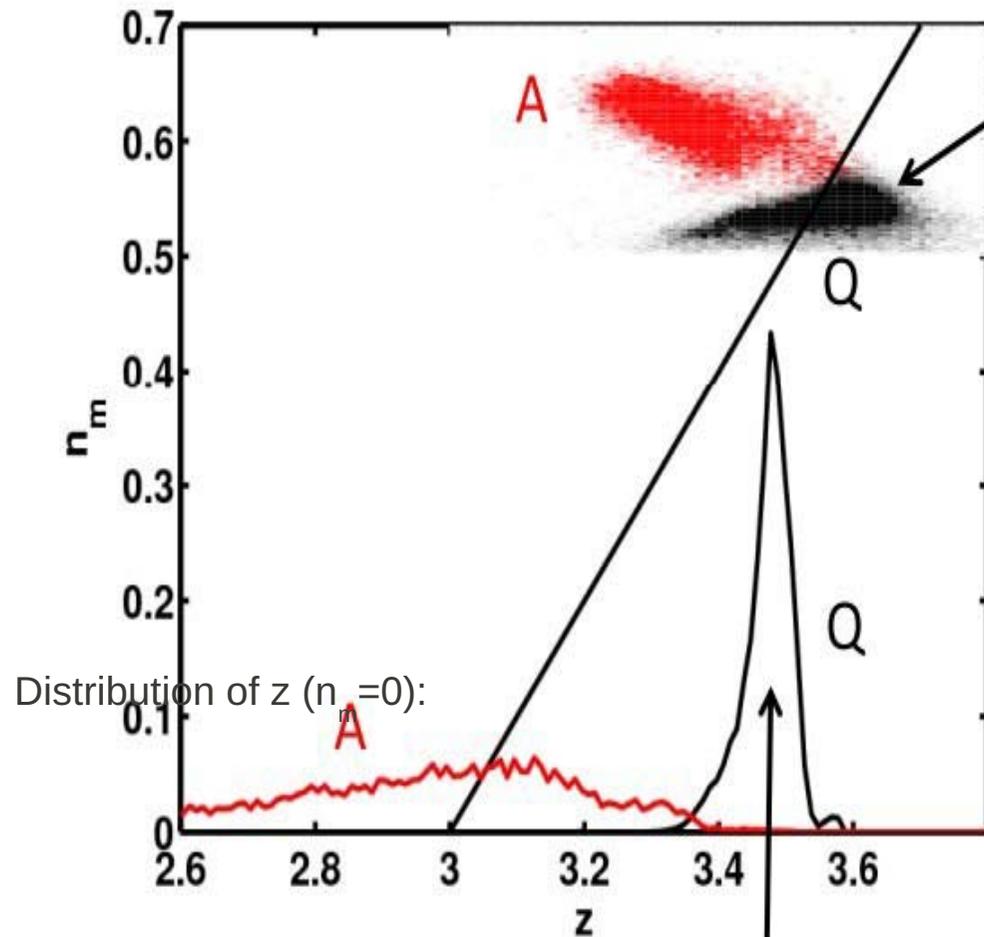


This picture supposes that the distribution of critical contacts is homogeneous, but ...

Separation into two populations:
with and **without** critical contacts



Generalized isostaticity for both subpopulation



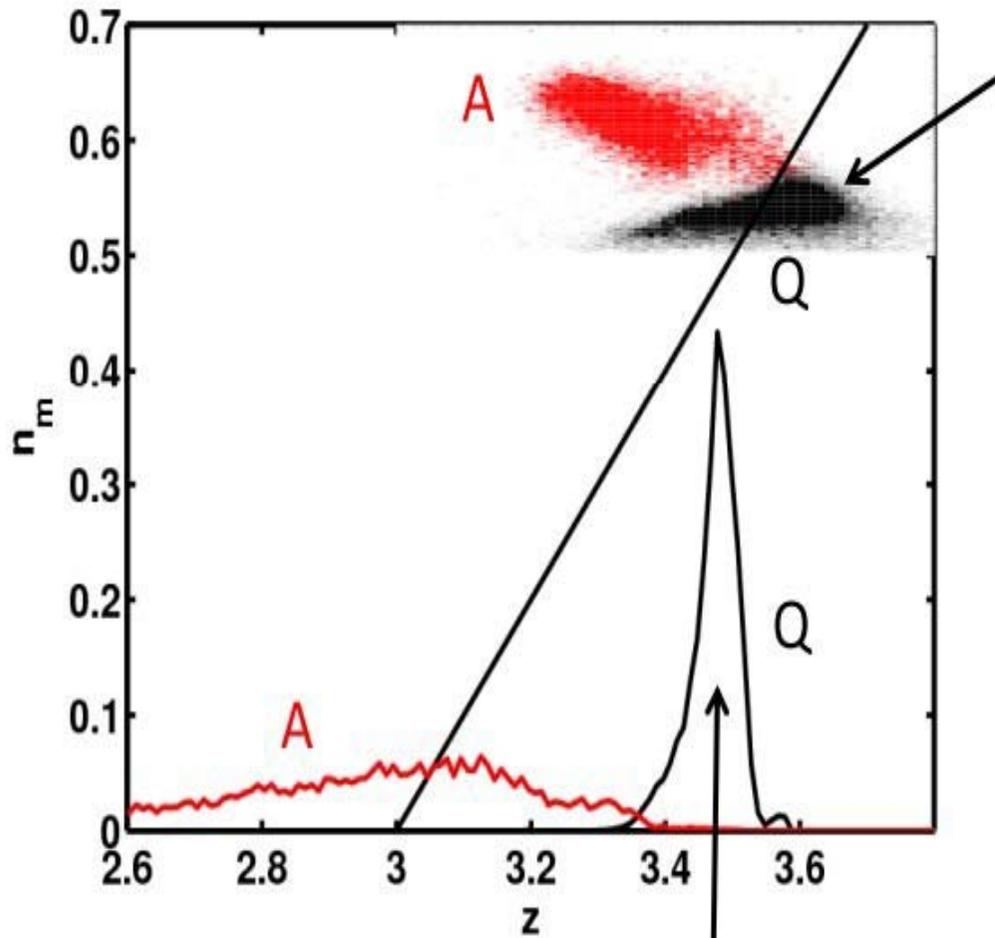
Clusters:

Around stability line during quiet period

In unstable region during avalanche

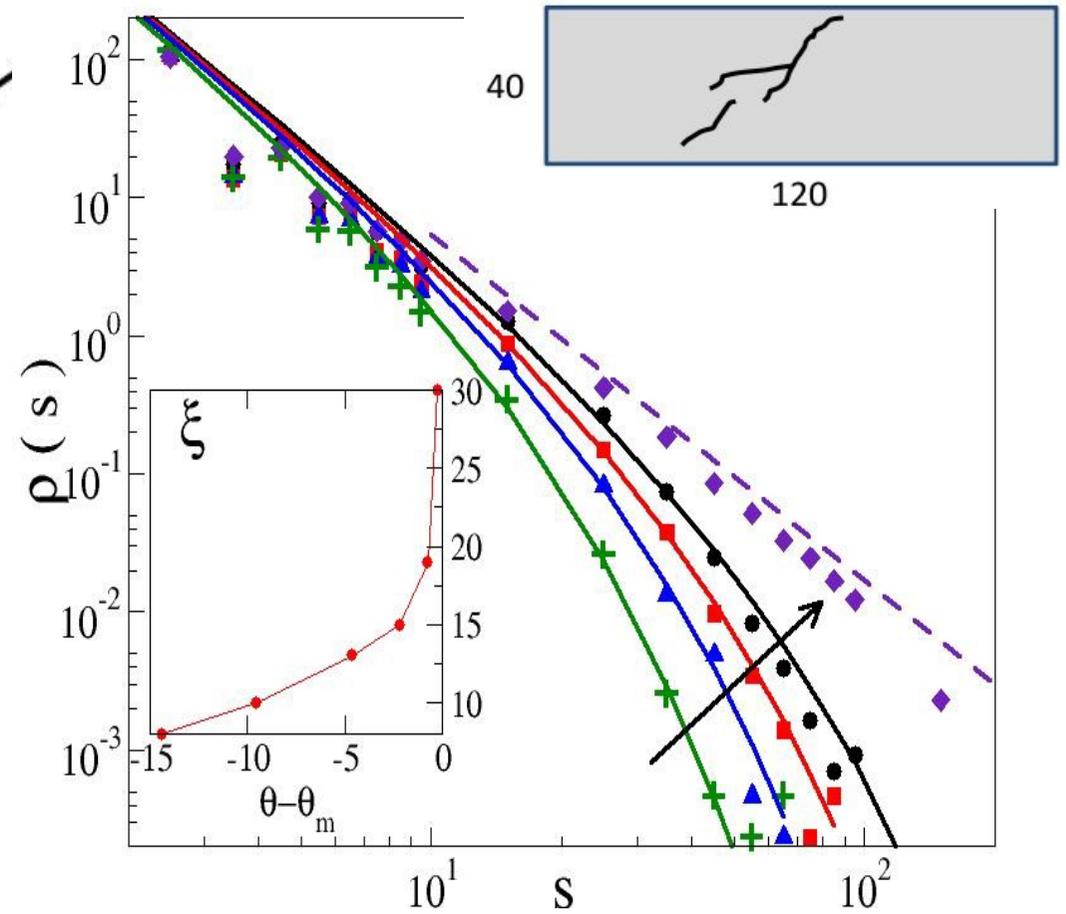
The dynamics is dominated by clusters appearing, failing, and reappearing.

Generalized isostaticity for both subpopulation



Rest of the system:

Stability determined by z only



Summary and Conclusions

Description of the amorphous solids:

properties emerge from fact that the system is about to lose its mechanical stability

→ Study of the HS system

- Computation of an effective potential

- HS glass is marginally rigid

- excess of vibrational modes

- amplitude of the fluctuations around a meta-stable state is anomalously big

- structural relaxation happens along the softest modes

→ Application of the diagram of rigidity to understand more complex situations

→ Statistical properties of these modes are needed!

Obrigada !



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