

# Jamming as the Extreme Limit of a Solid

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# Physics of Perfect Crystals

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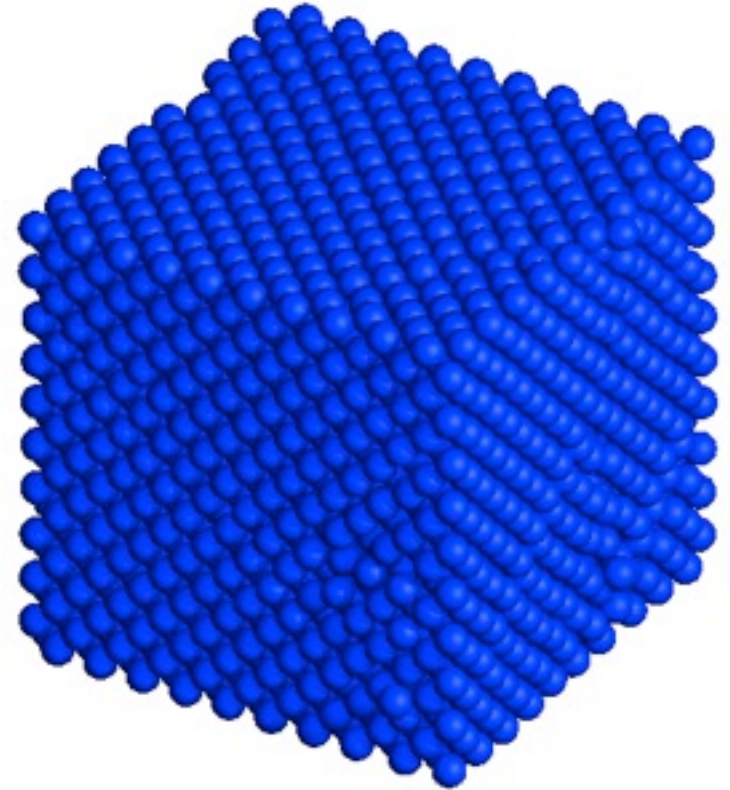
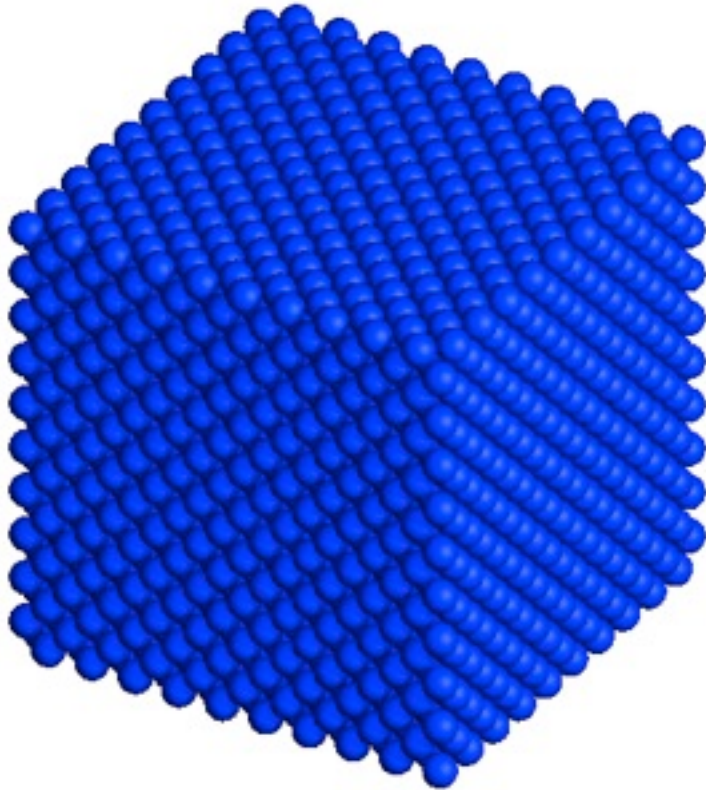


SOLID STATE PHYSICS

- Start with  $T=0$  perfect crystal
  - look at vibrational, electronic, etc. properties
  - add defects as perturbation (chapter 30)

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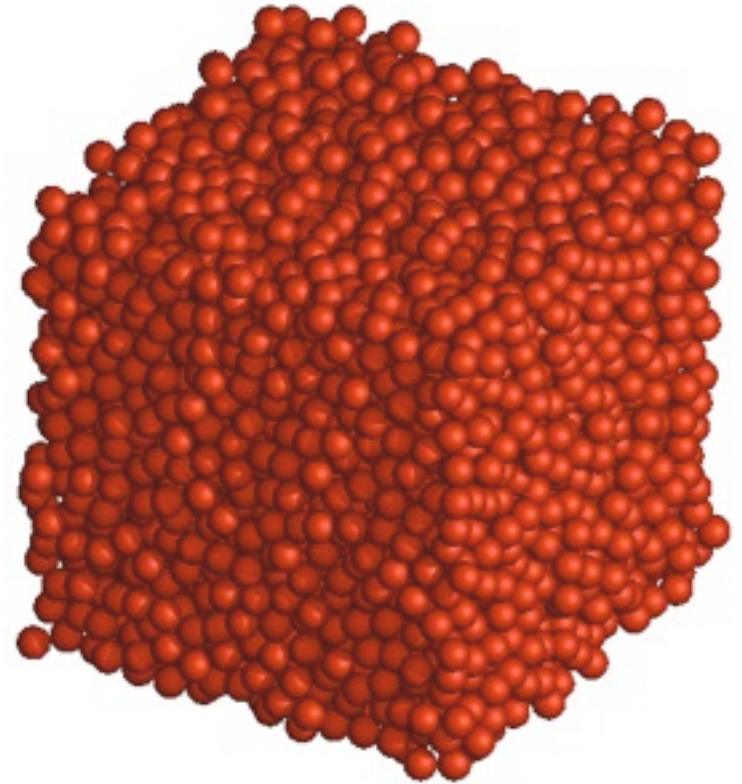
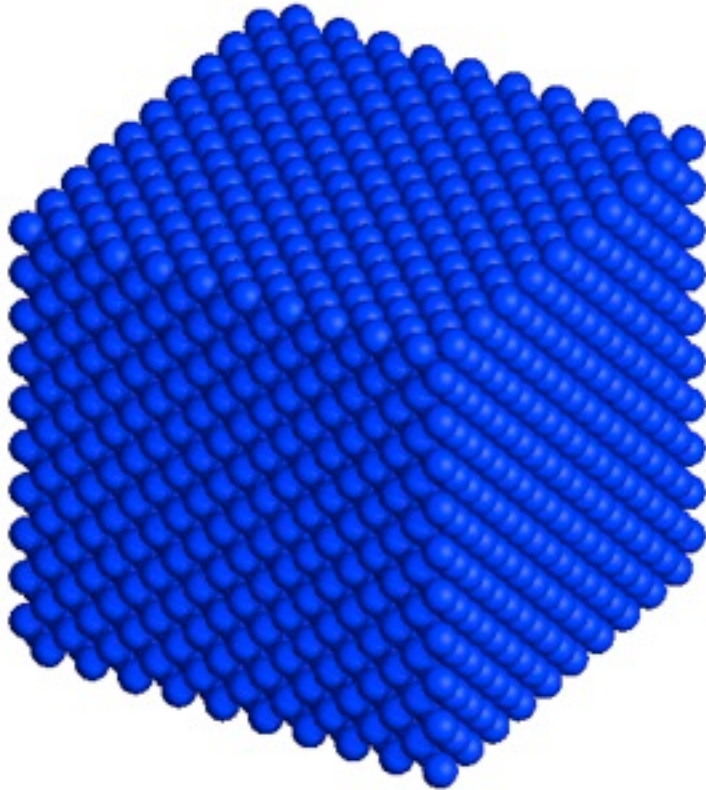
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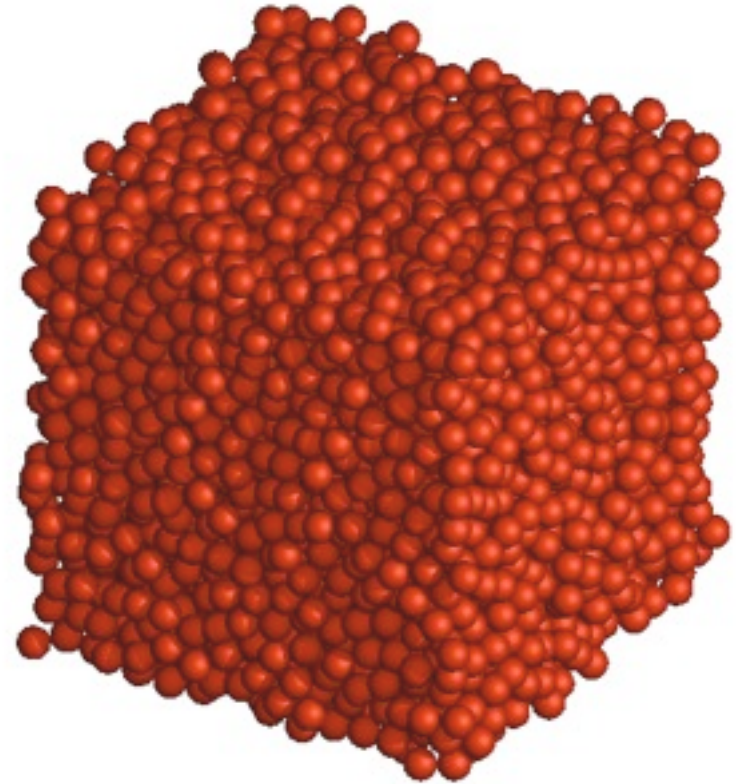
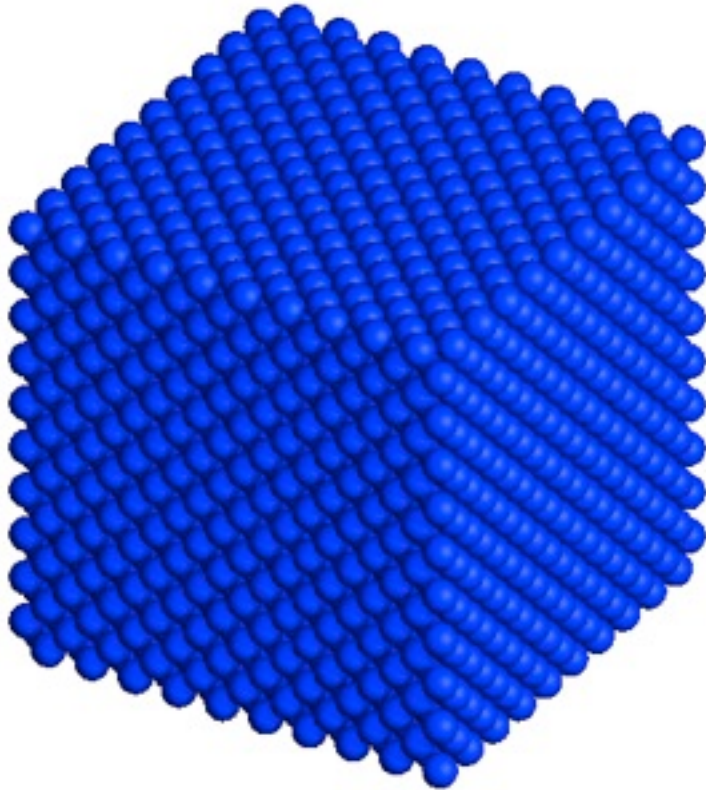
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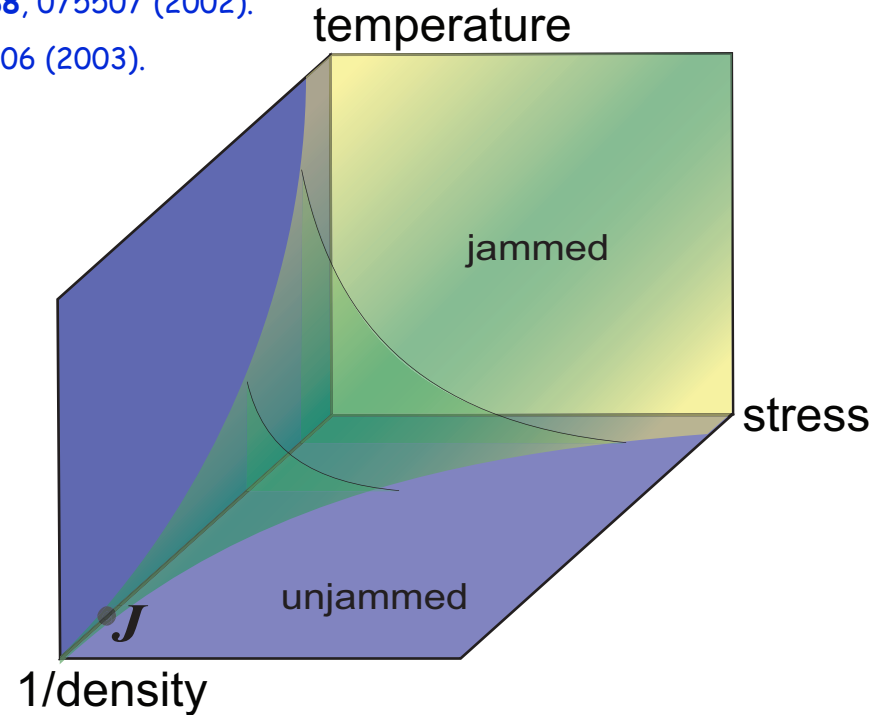
Is there an opposite pole to the perfect crystal,  
corresponding to rigid solid with complete disorder?

If so, we could describe ordinary solids as somewhere in between

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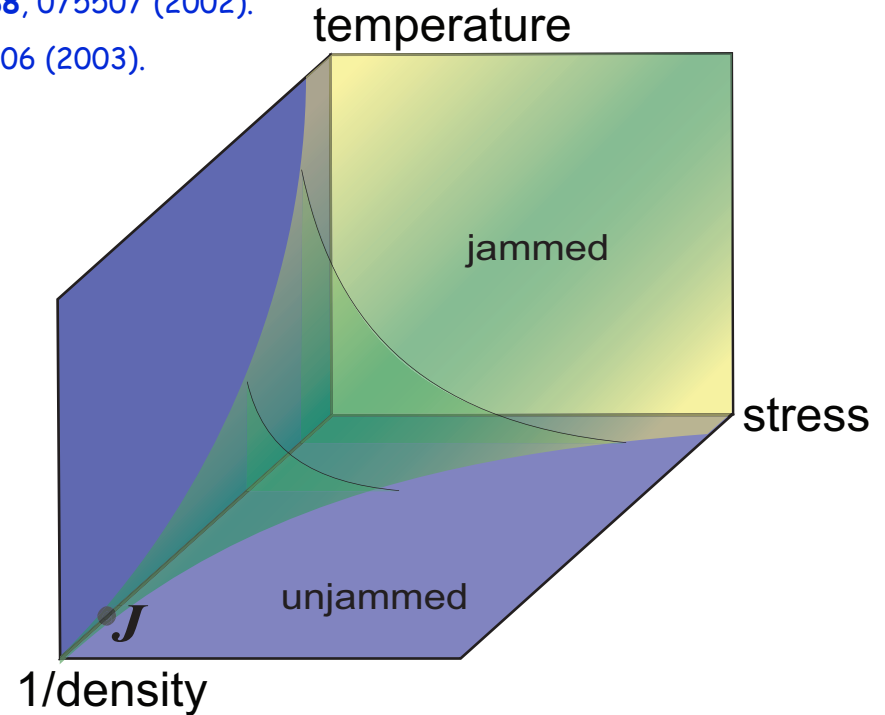
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$$V(r) = \begin{cases} \frac{\varepsilon}{\alpha} \left(1 - \frac{r}{\sigma}\right)^\alpha & r \leq \sigma \\ 0 & r > \sigma \end{cases}$$



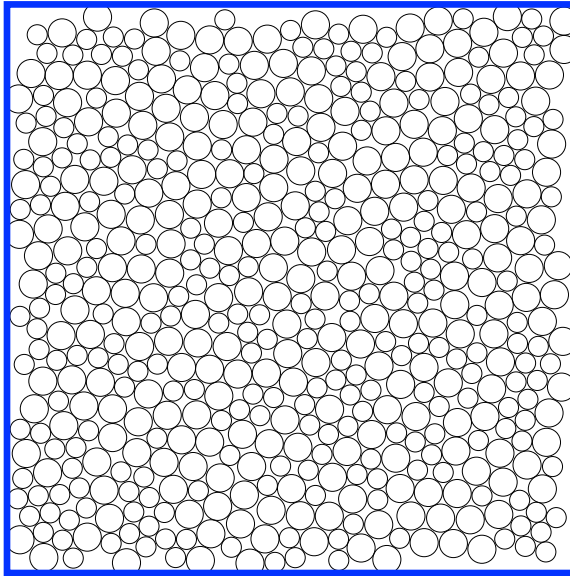
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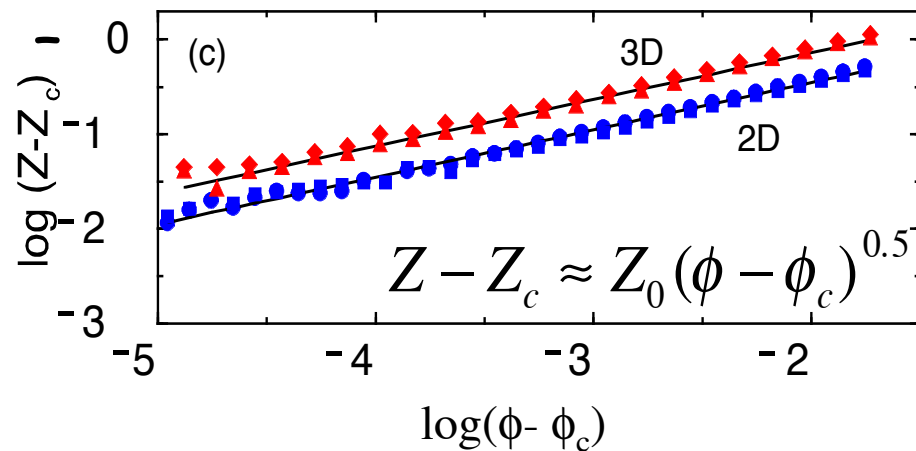
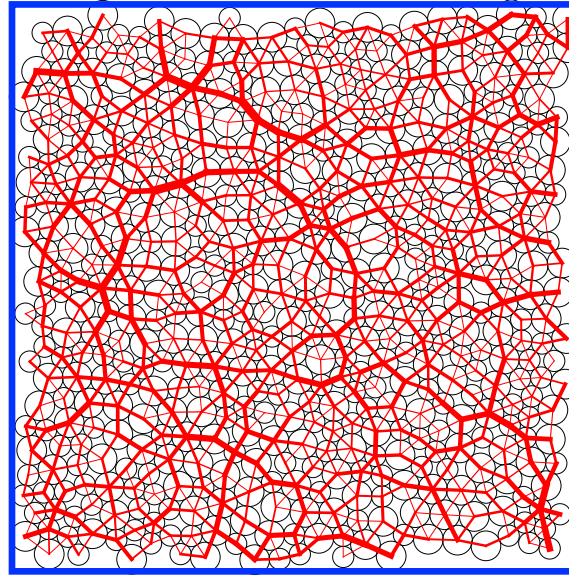
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# Onset of Jamming in Repulsive Sphere Packings

Just below  $\phi_c$ , **no** particles overlap



Just above  $\phi_c$  there are  $Z_c$  overlapping neighbors per particle



$$Z_c = 3.99 \pm 0.01 \quad (2D)$$

$$Z_c = 5.97 \pm 0.03 \quad (3D)$$

Verified experimentally:

G. Katgert and M. van Hecke, *EPL* **92**, 34002 (2010).

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# Isostaticity

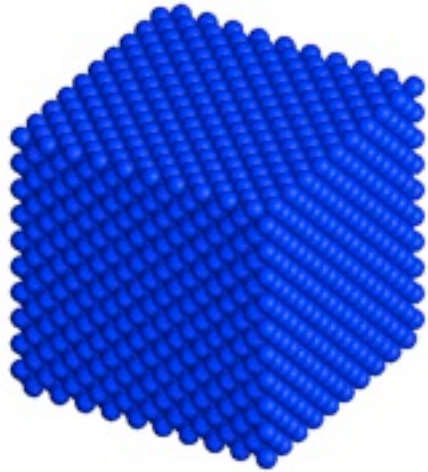
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- What is the **minimum** number of interparticle contacts needed for mechanical equilibrium?
- No friction,  $N$  repulsive spheres,  $d$  dimensions
- Match
  - number of constraints (number of interparticle normal forces) =  $NZ/2$
  - number of degrees of freedom =  $Nd - d$
- For large  $N$ ,  $Z \geq 2d$



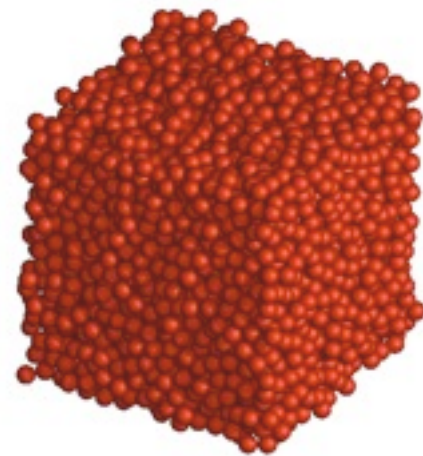
James Clerk Maxwell

# Contact Number of Crystal vs. Marginally Jammed Solid

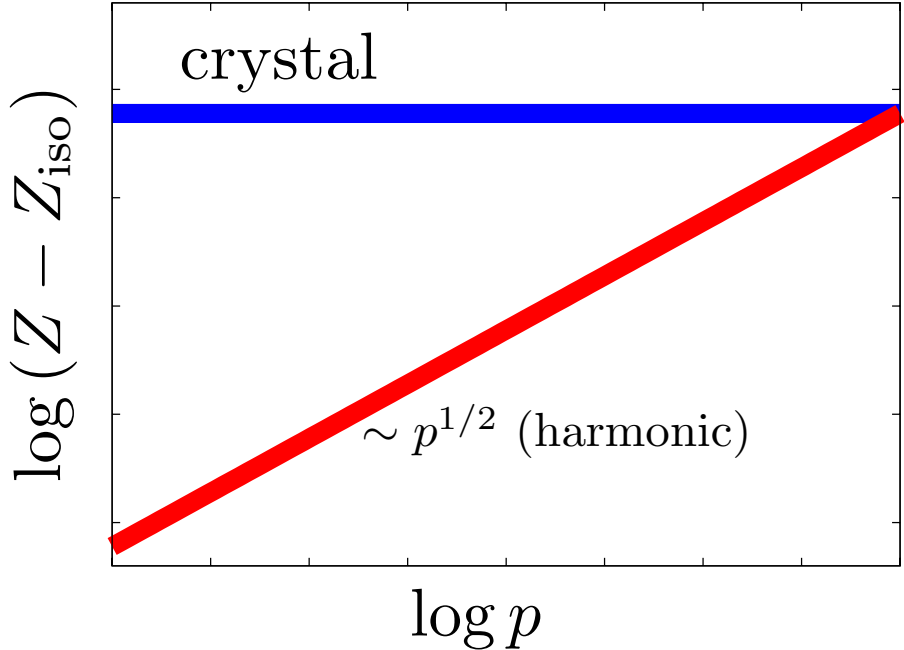


perfect crystal

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crystal:  $Z=12$

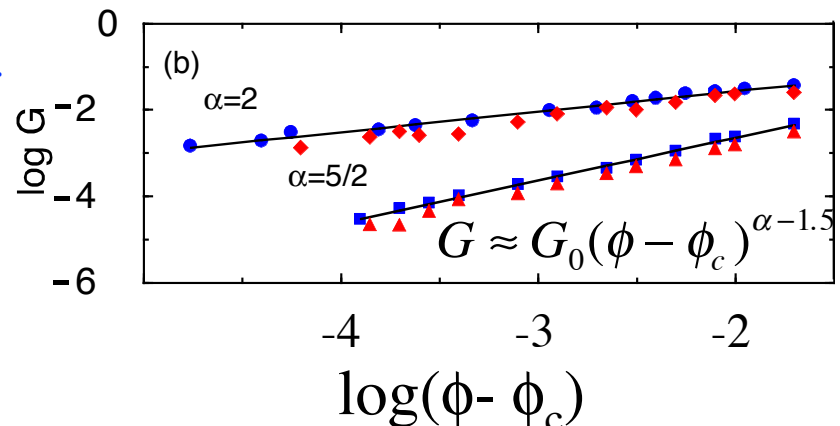
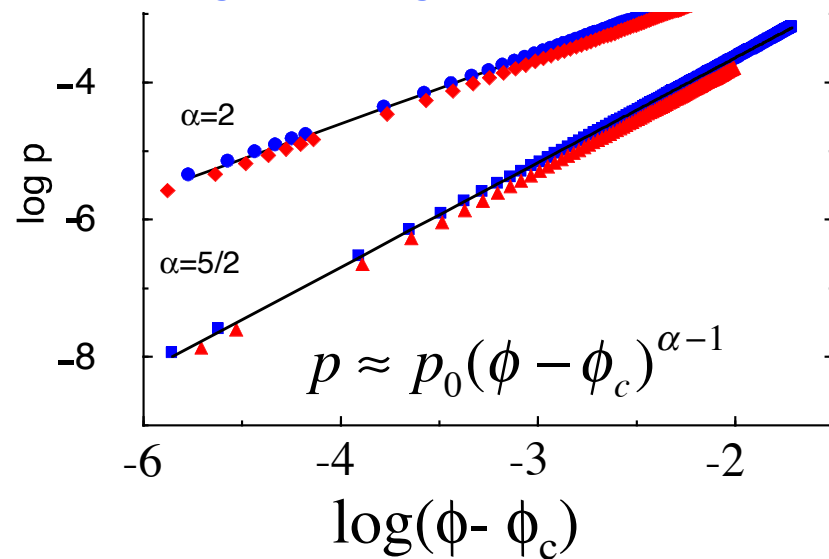
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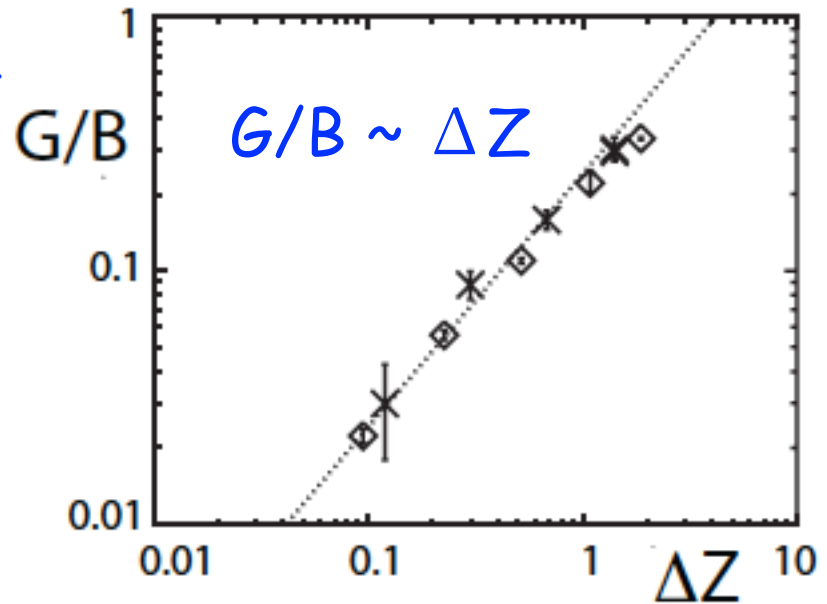
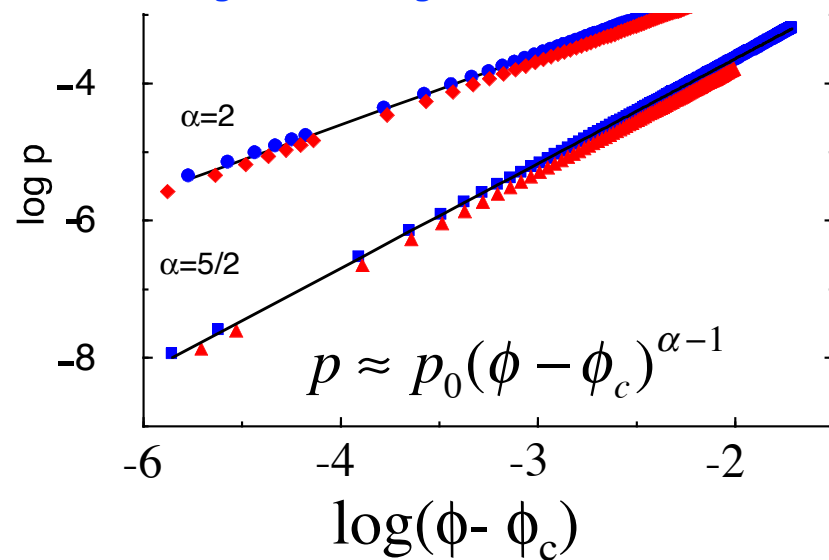
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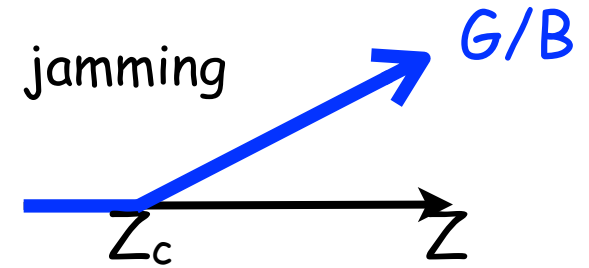
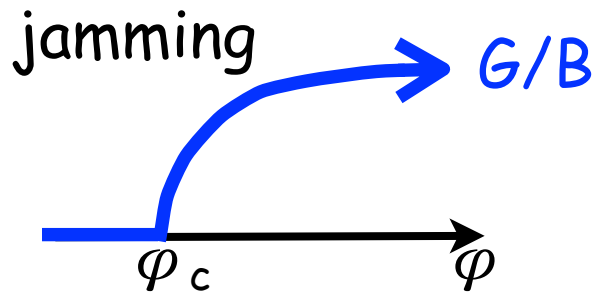
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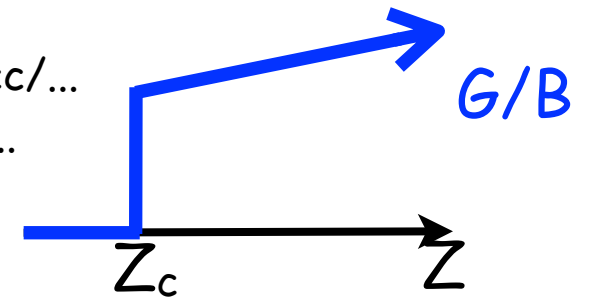


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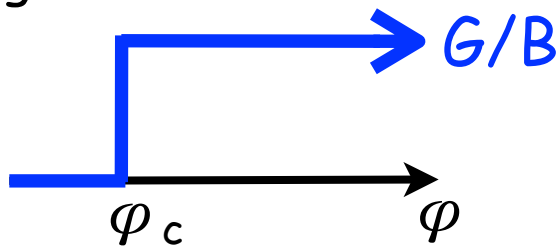
$G/B \rightarrow 0$  with  $(\varphi - \varphi_c)^{1/2}$  or  $Z - Z_c$  appears unique to jamming



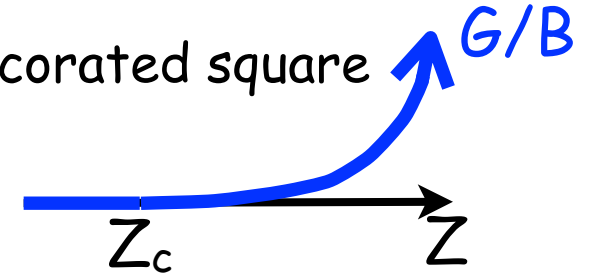
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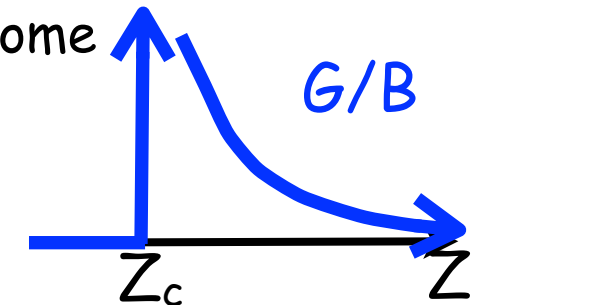
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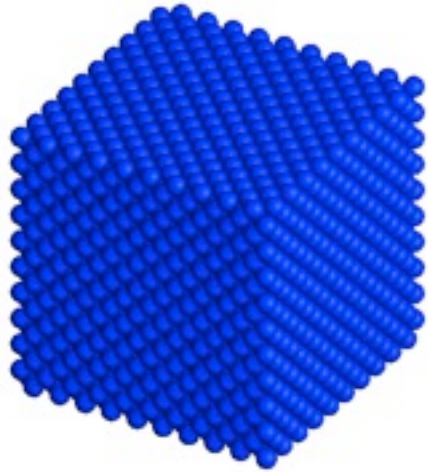


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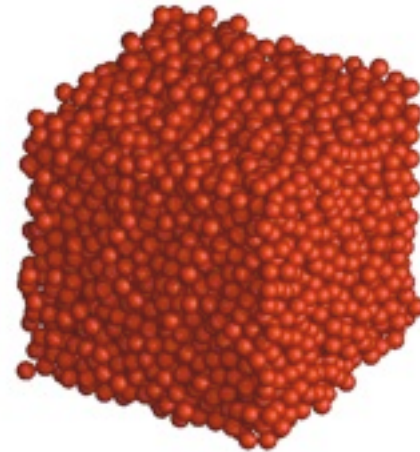
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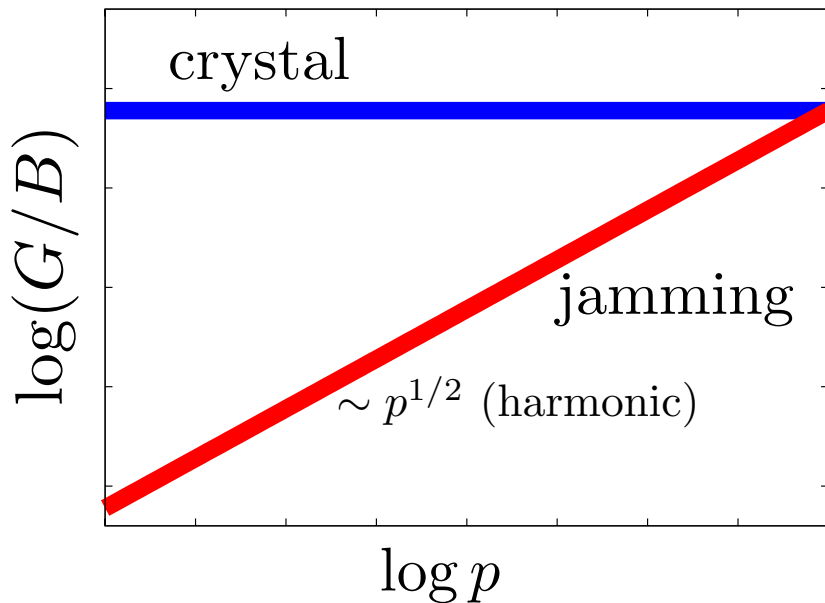


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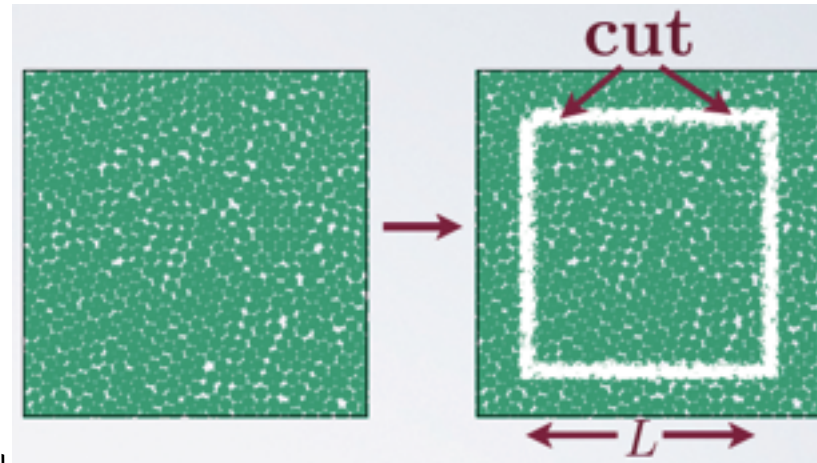


crystal:  $G/B \sim 1$

marginally jammed solid:  $G/B \rightarrow 0$

# Consequence: Diverging Length Scale

M. Wyart, S.R. Nagel, T.A. Witten, EPL 72, 486 (05)



- For system at  $\phi_c$ ,  $Z=2d$
- Removal of one bond makes entire system unstable by adding a soft mode
- This implies diverging length as  $\phi \rightarrow \phi_c$

For  $\phi > \phi_c$ , cut bonds at boundary of size  $L$

Count number of soft modes within cluster

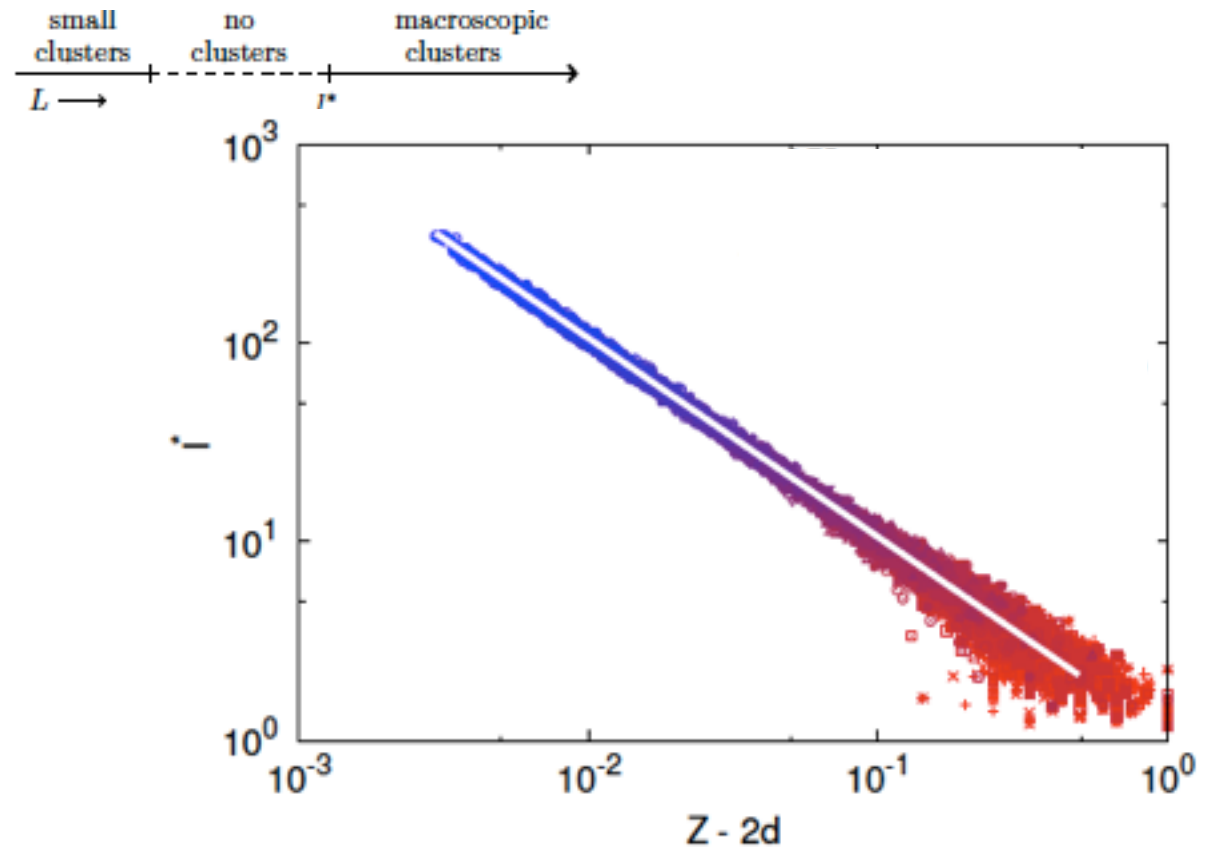
$$N_s \approx L^{d-1} - (Z - Z_c)L^d$$

Define length scale at which soft modes just appear

$$\ell_L \sim \frac{1}{Z - Z_c} \equiv \frac{1}{\Delta Z} \sim (\phi - \phi_c)^{-0.5}$$

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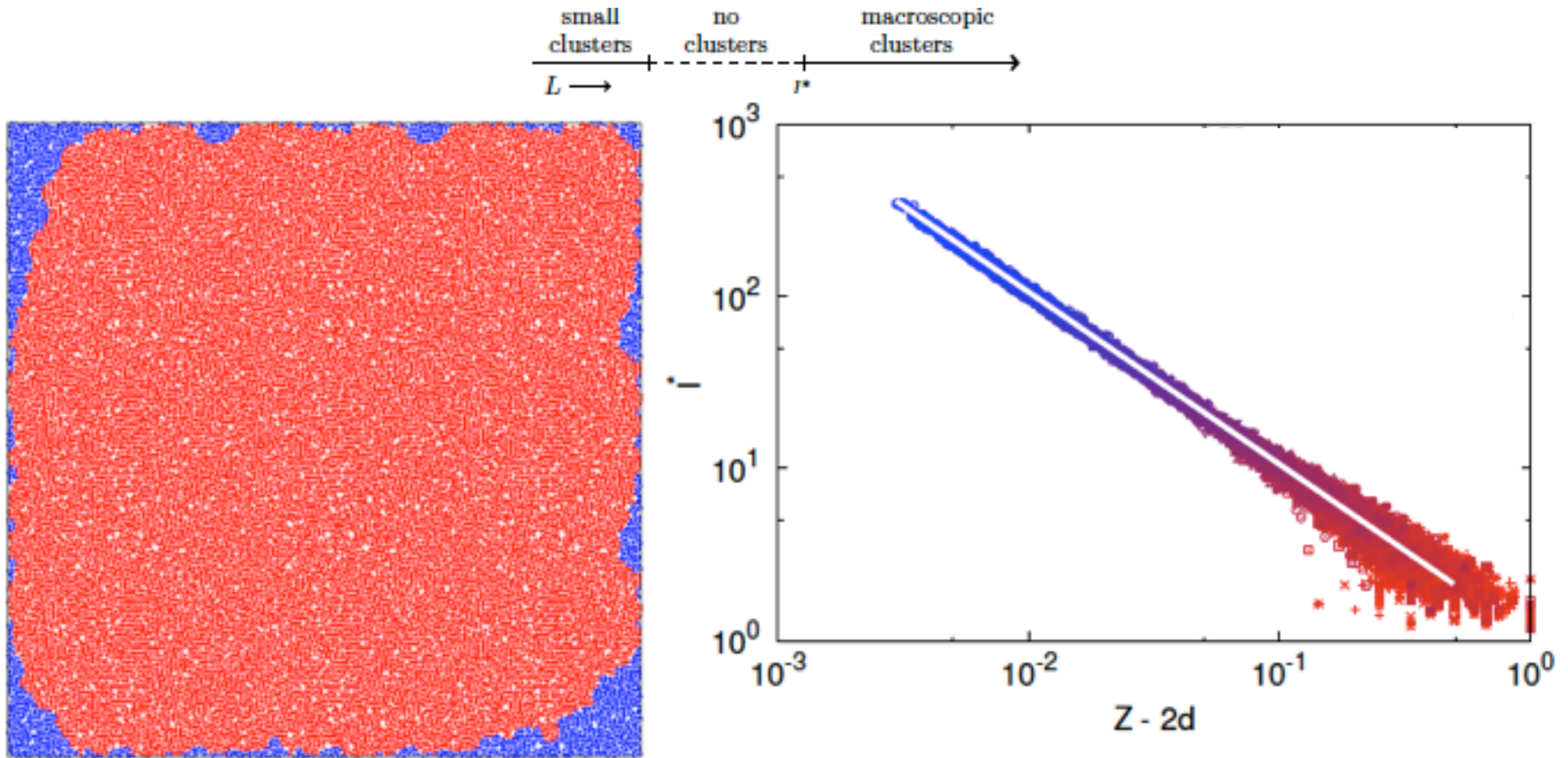


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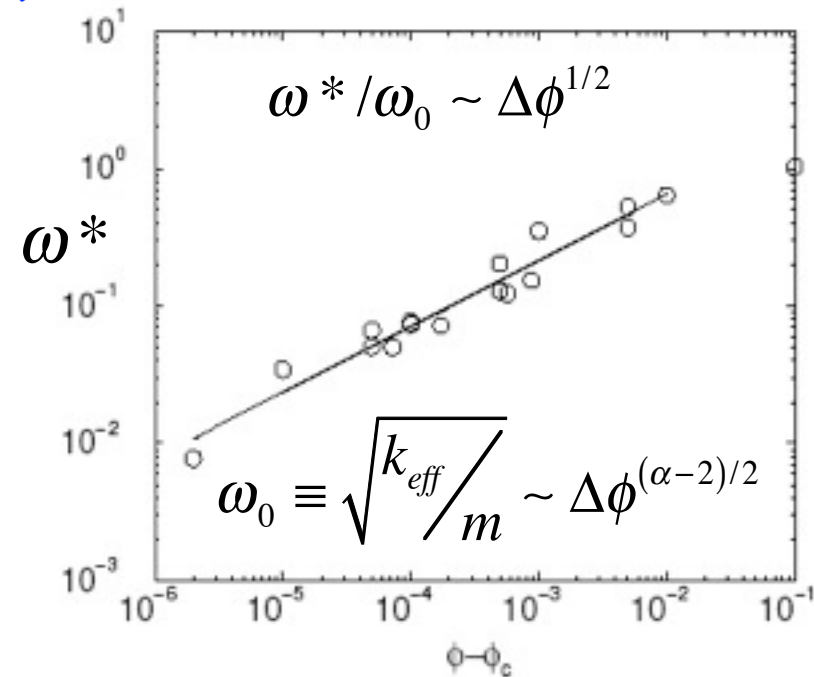
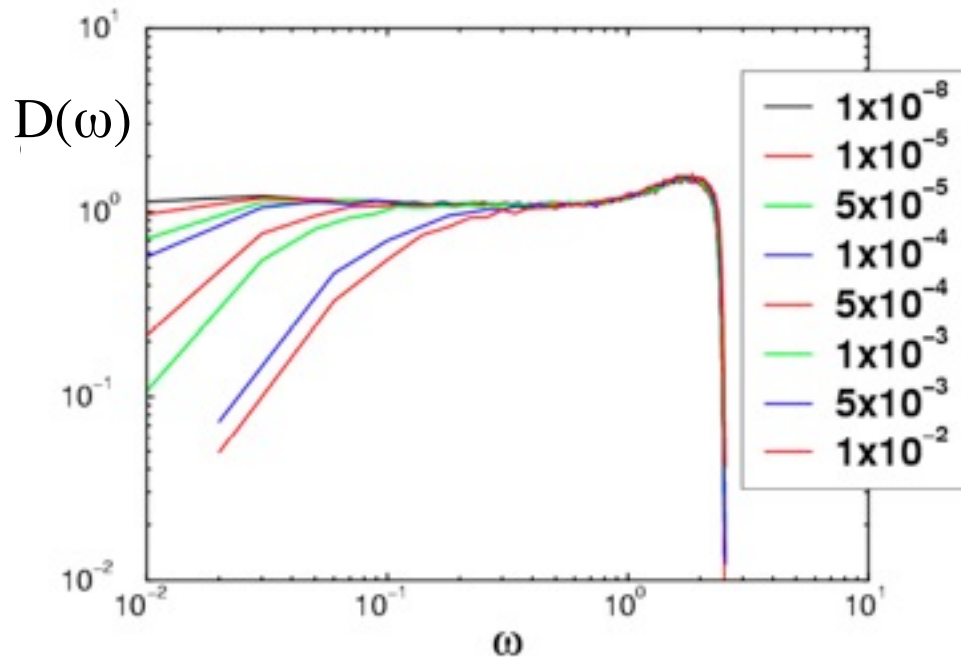
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**BUT** near at Point J, there is a diverging length scale  $\ell_L$

So what happens?

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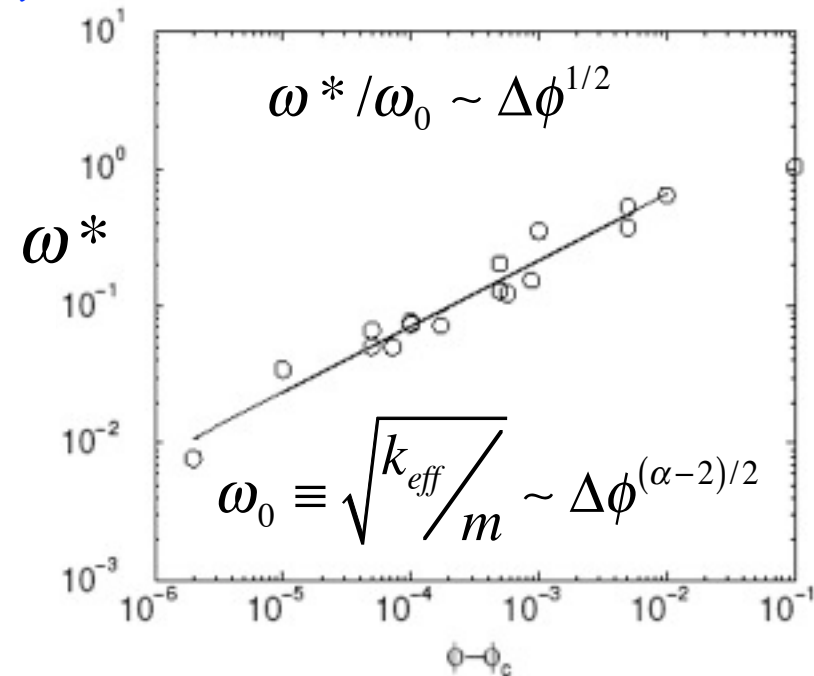
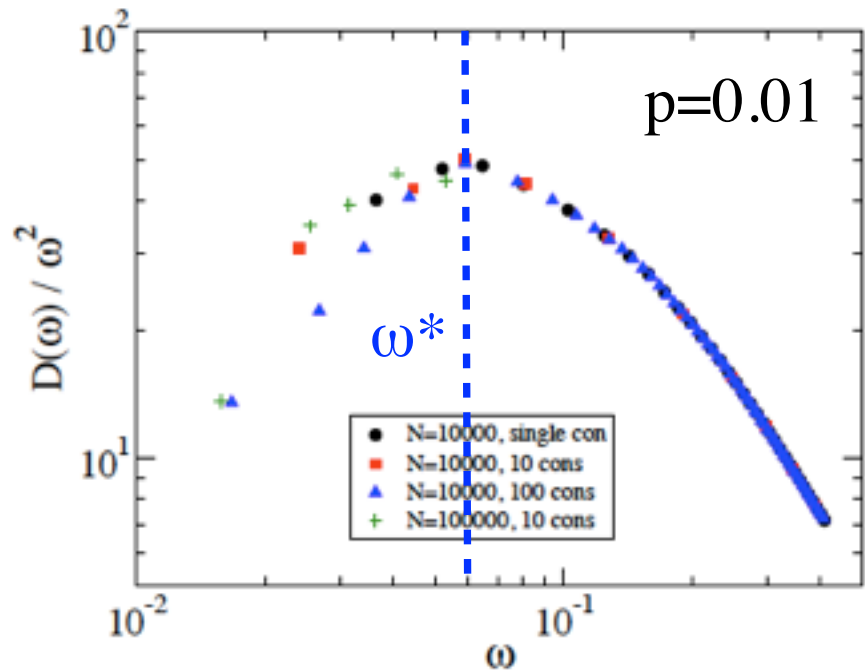
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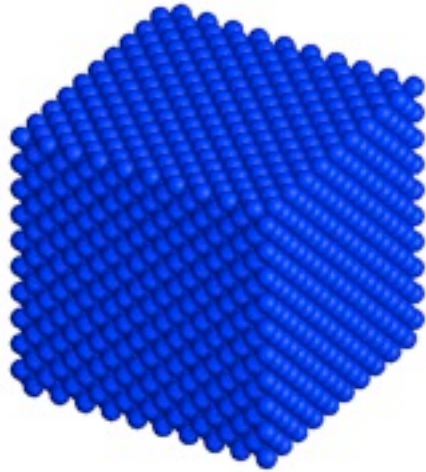
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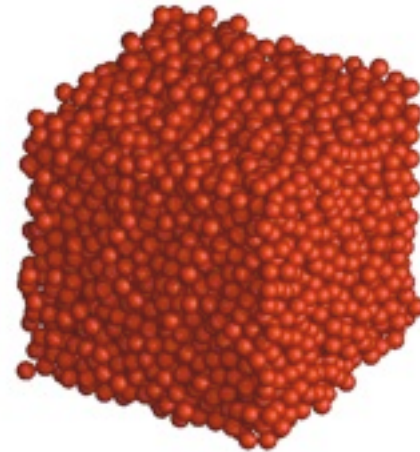
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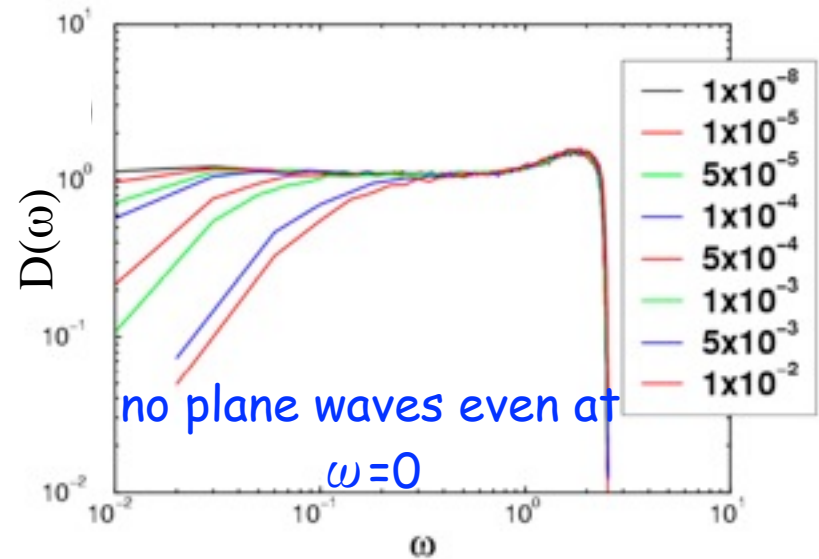
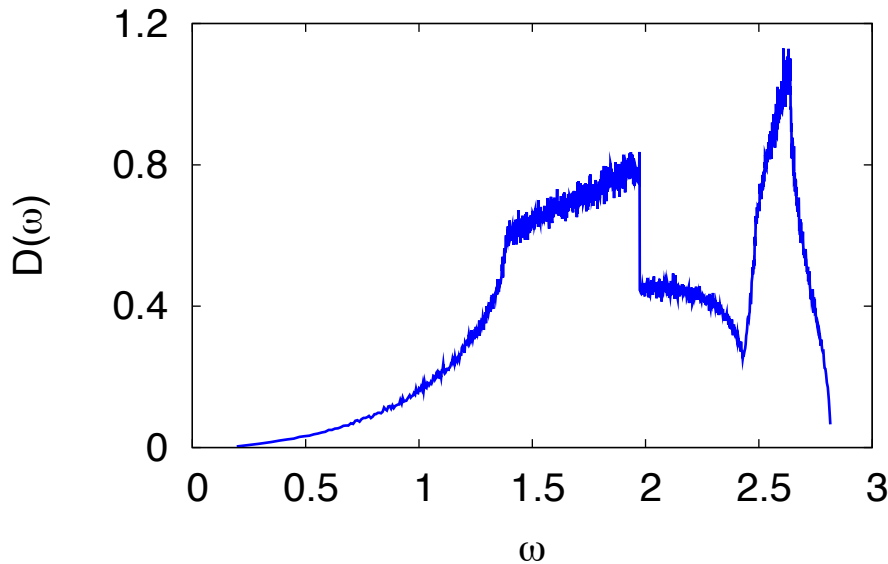


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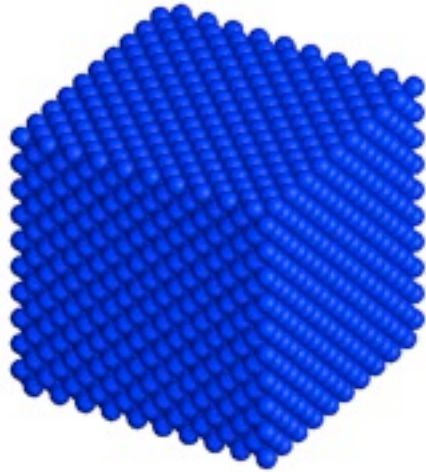
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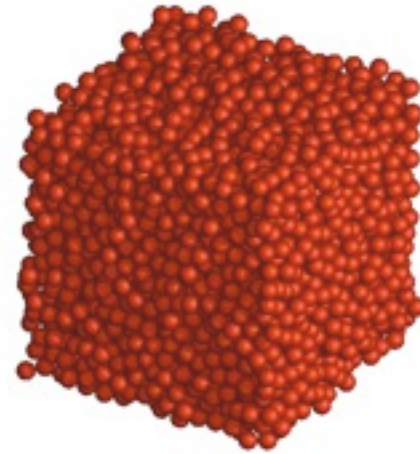


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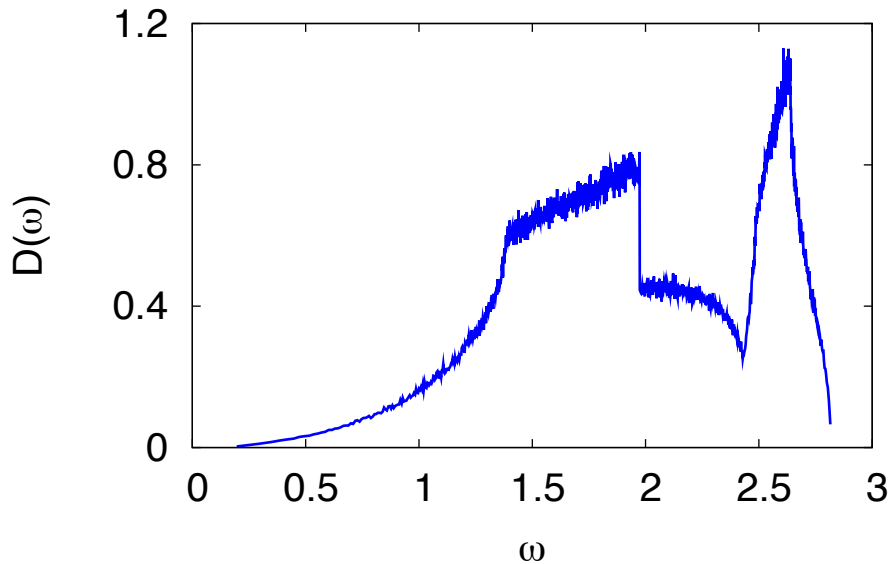


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$D(\omega)$

no plane waves even at  
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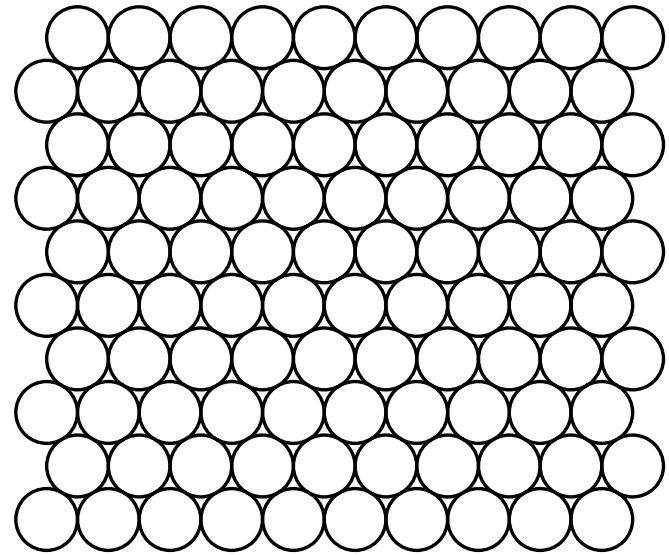
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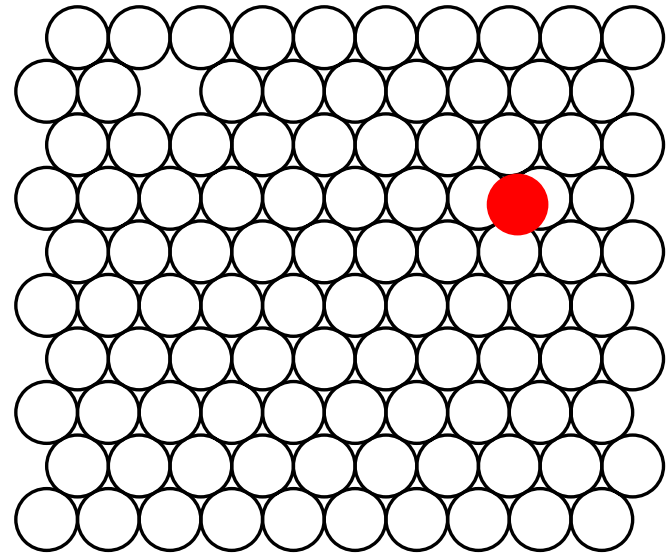
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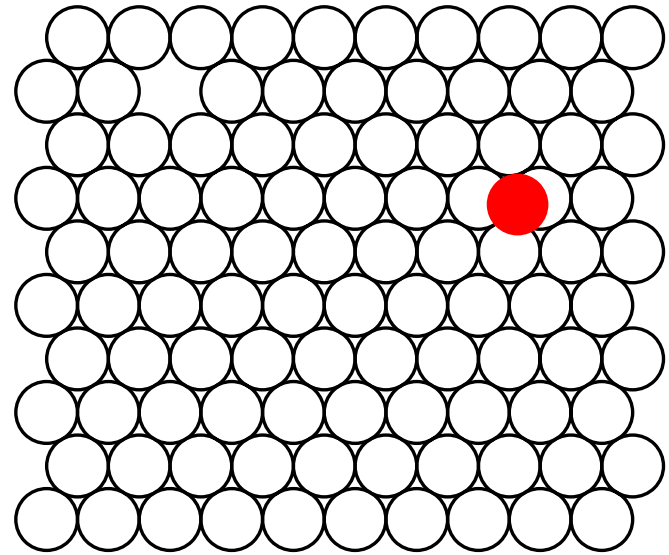
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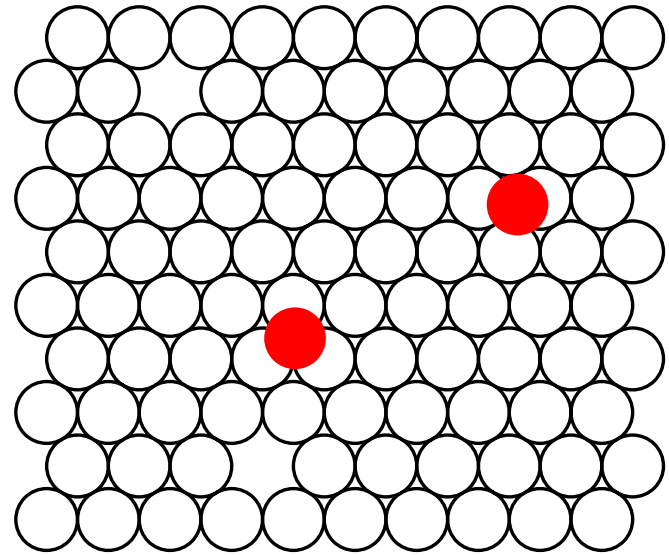
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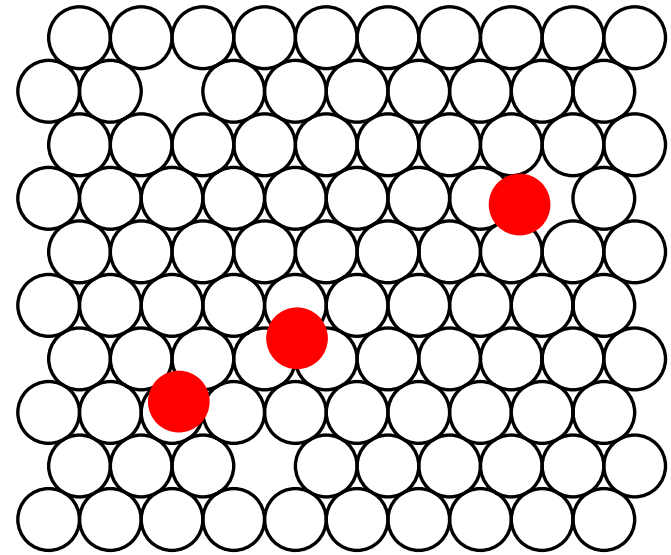
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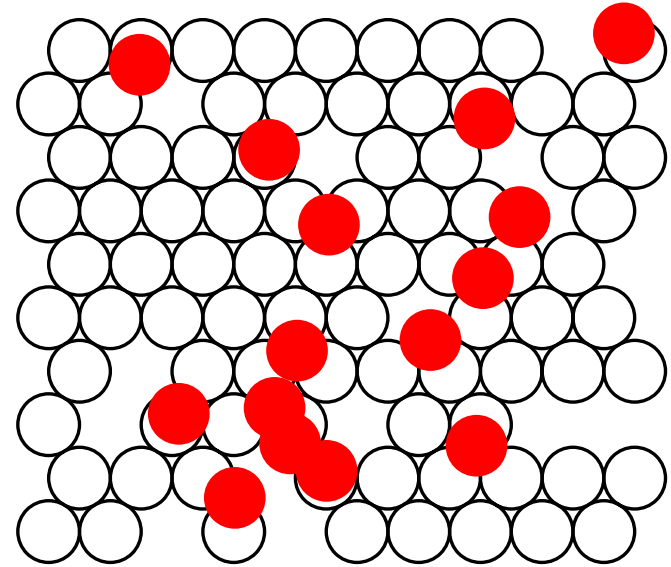
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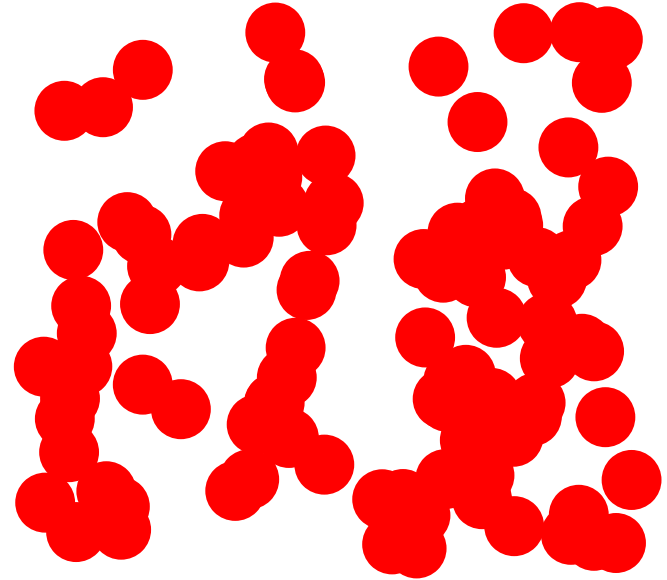
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# Order Parameter

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Bond-orientational order

$$q_{lm}(i) \equiv \sum_j Y_{lm}(\hat{\mathbf{r}}_{ij})$$

$$S_l(i, j) \equiv \sum_m q_{lm}(i) \cdot q_{lm}^*(j)$$

$f_6(i)$  = fraction  
of highly correlated  
neighbors (large  $S_6$ )

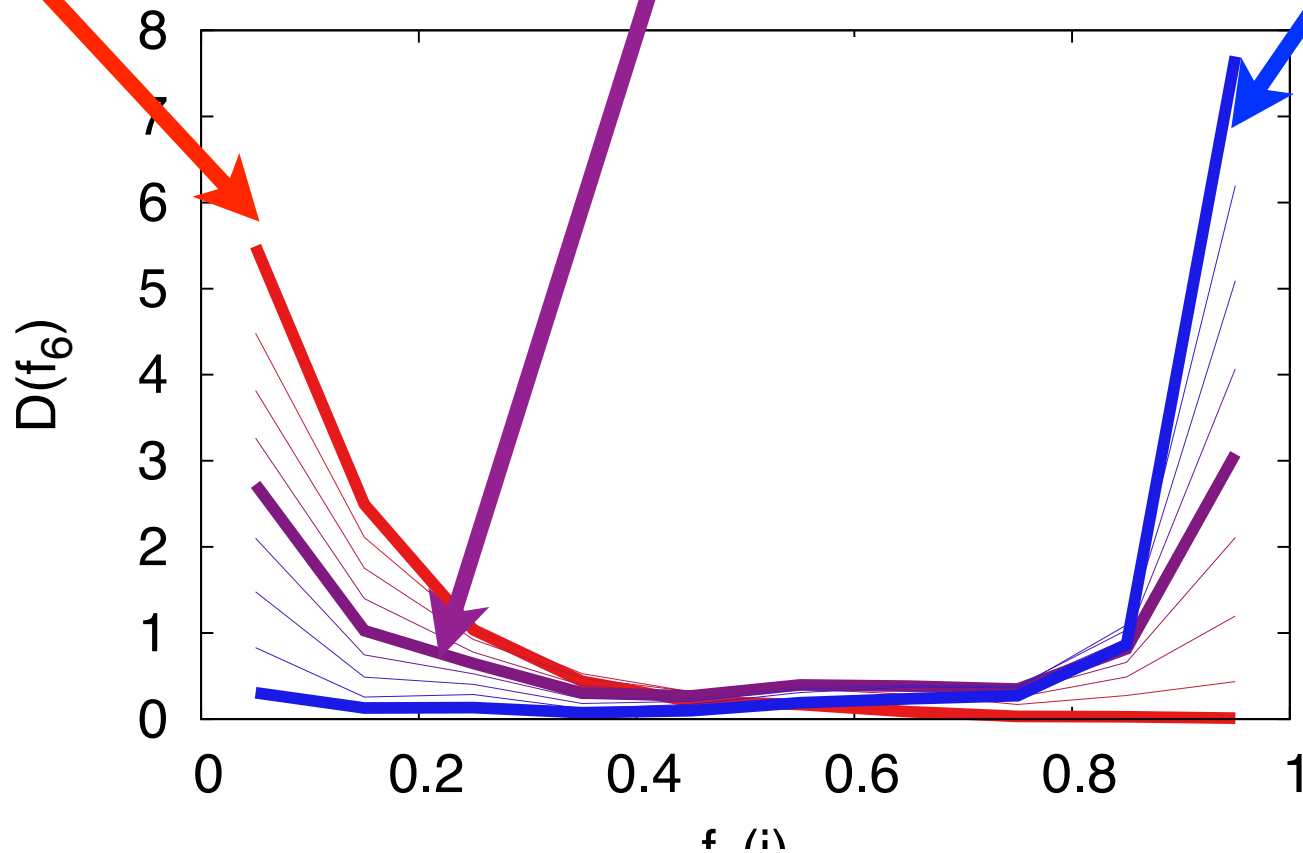
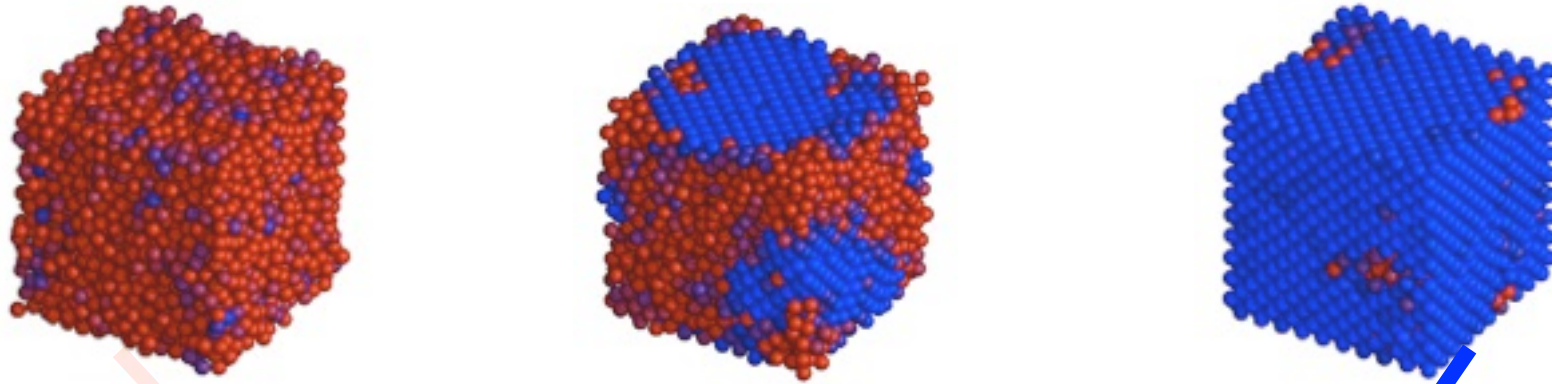
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$f_6 = 1 \rightarrow$  crystal

$f_6 = 0 \rightarrow$  disordered



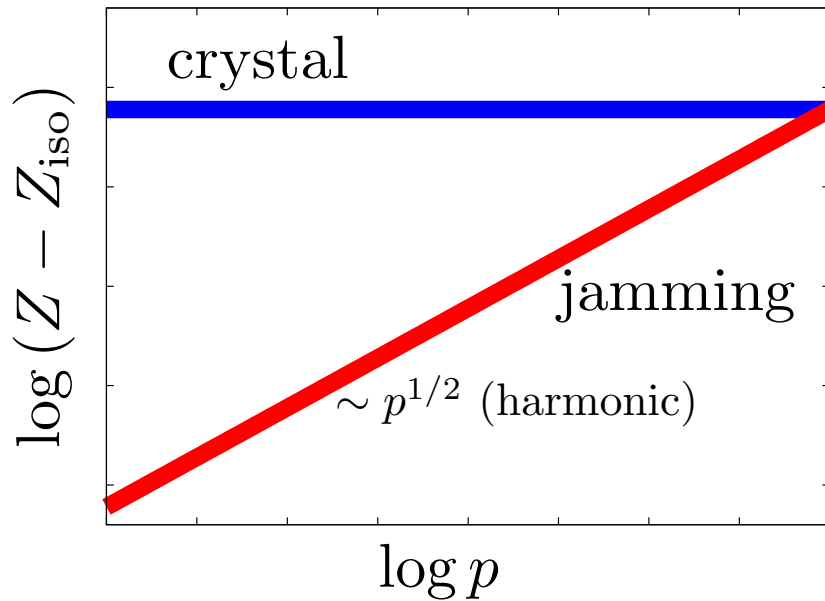
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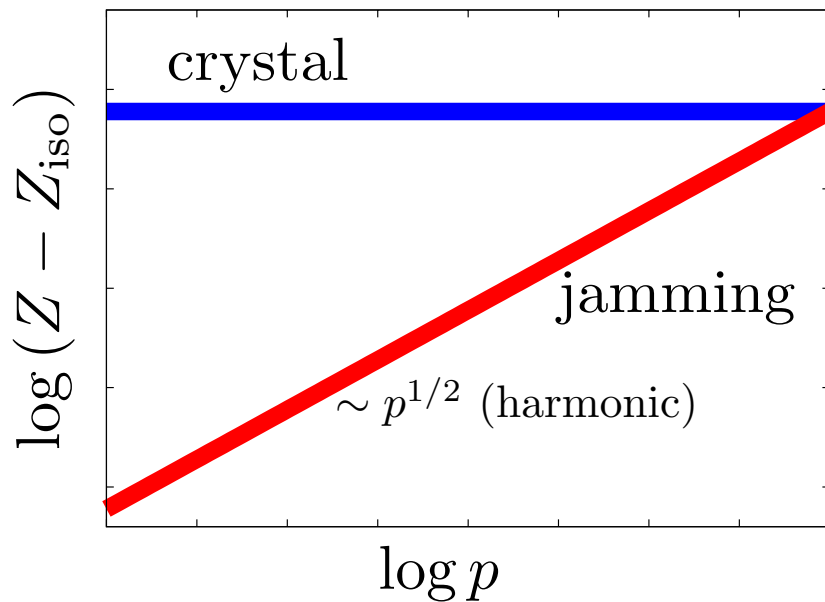
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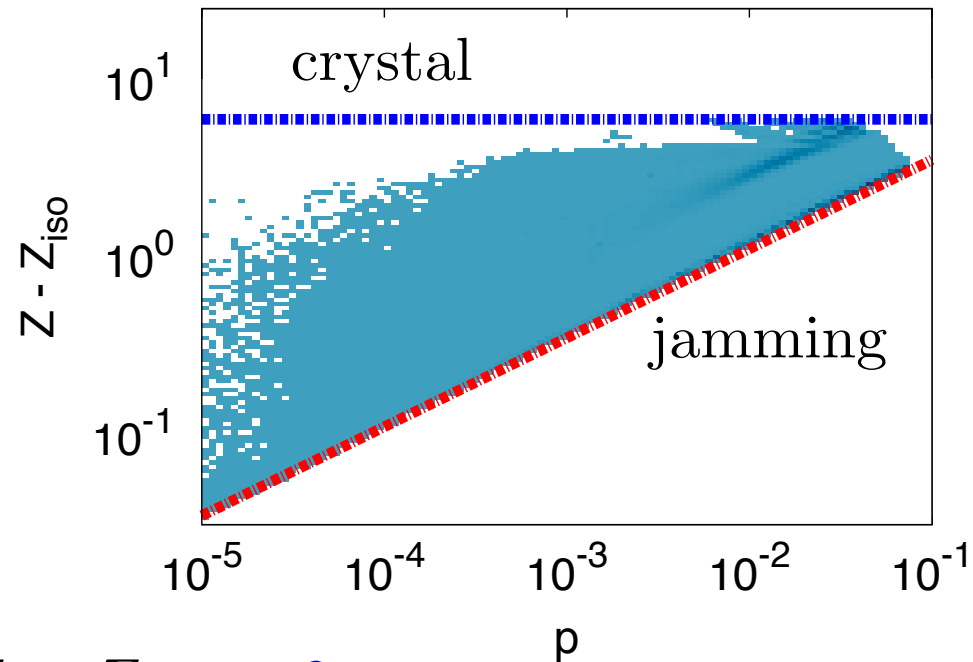
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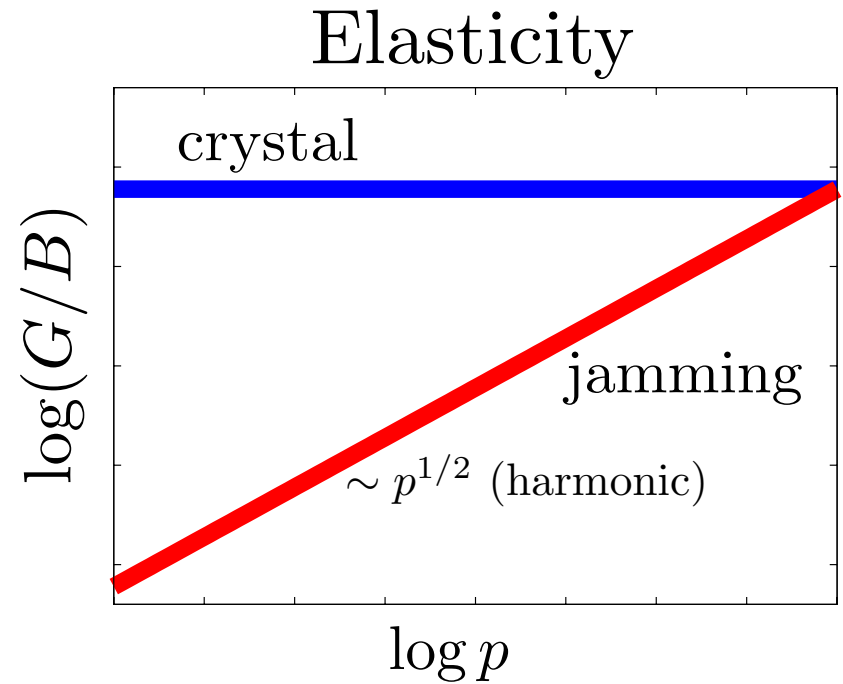
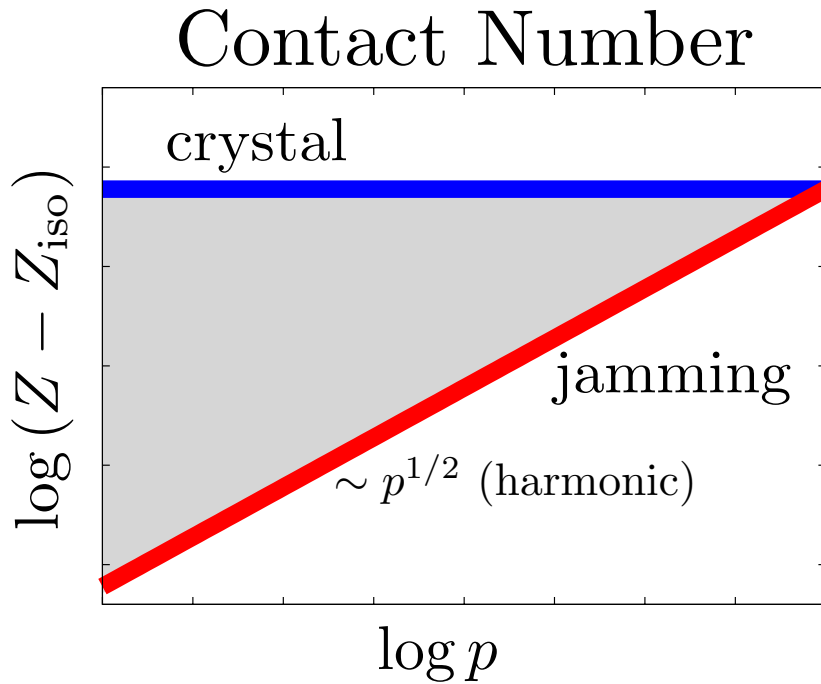
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Wyart, *et al.* PRE **72** 051306 (2005)

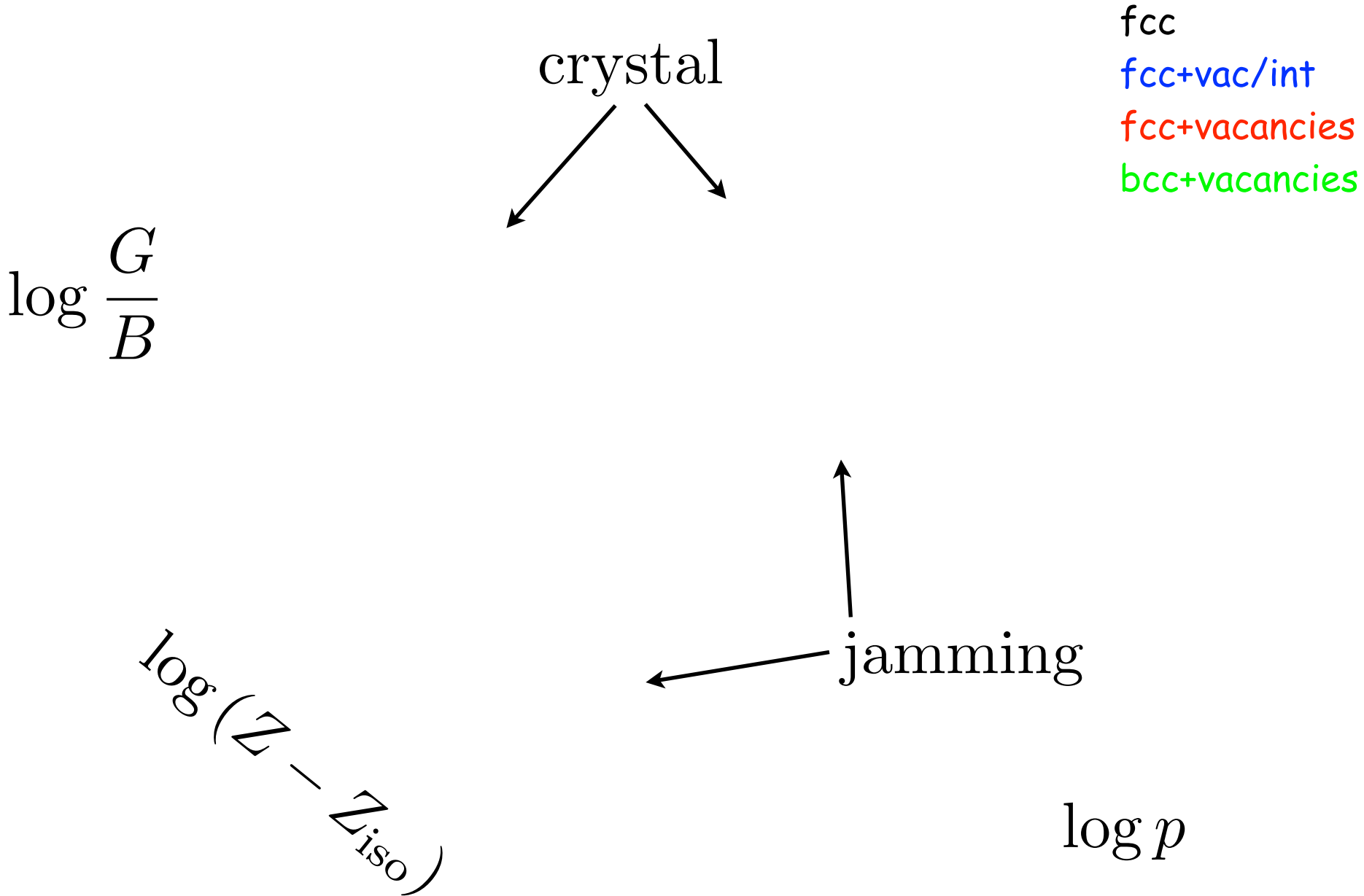
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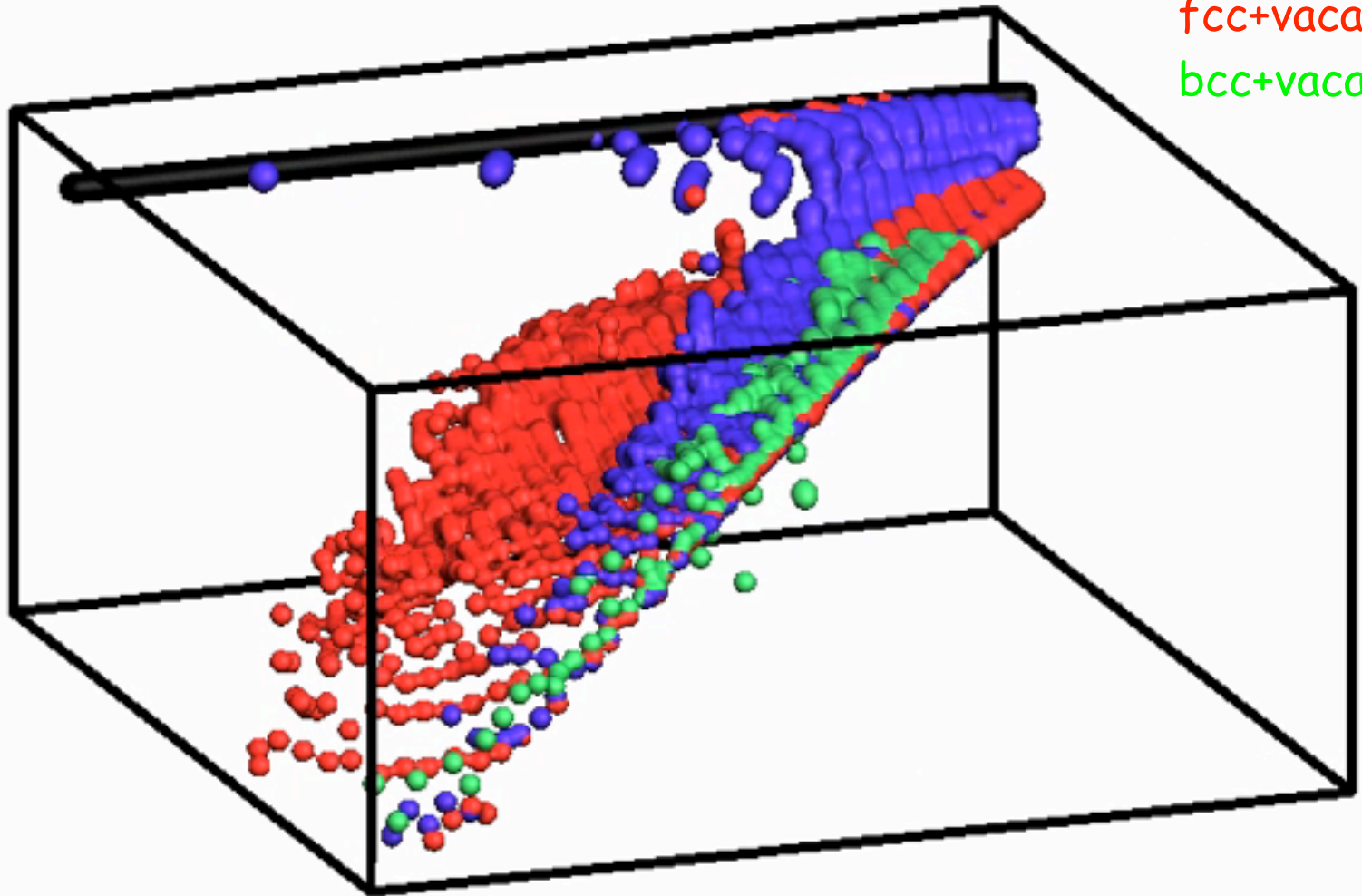
What about systems with intermediate order?

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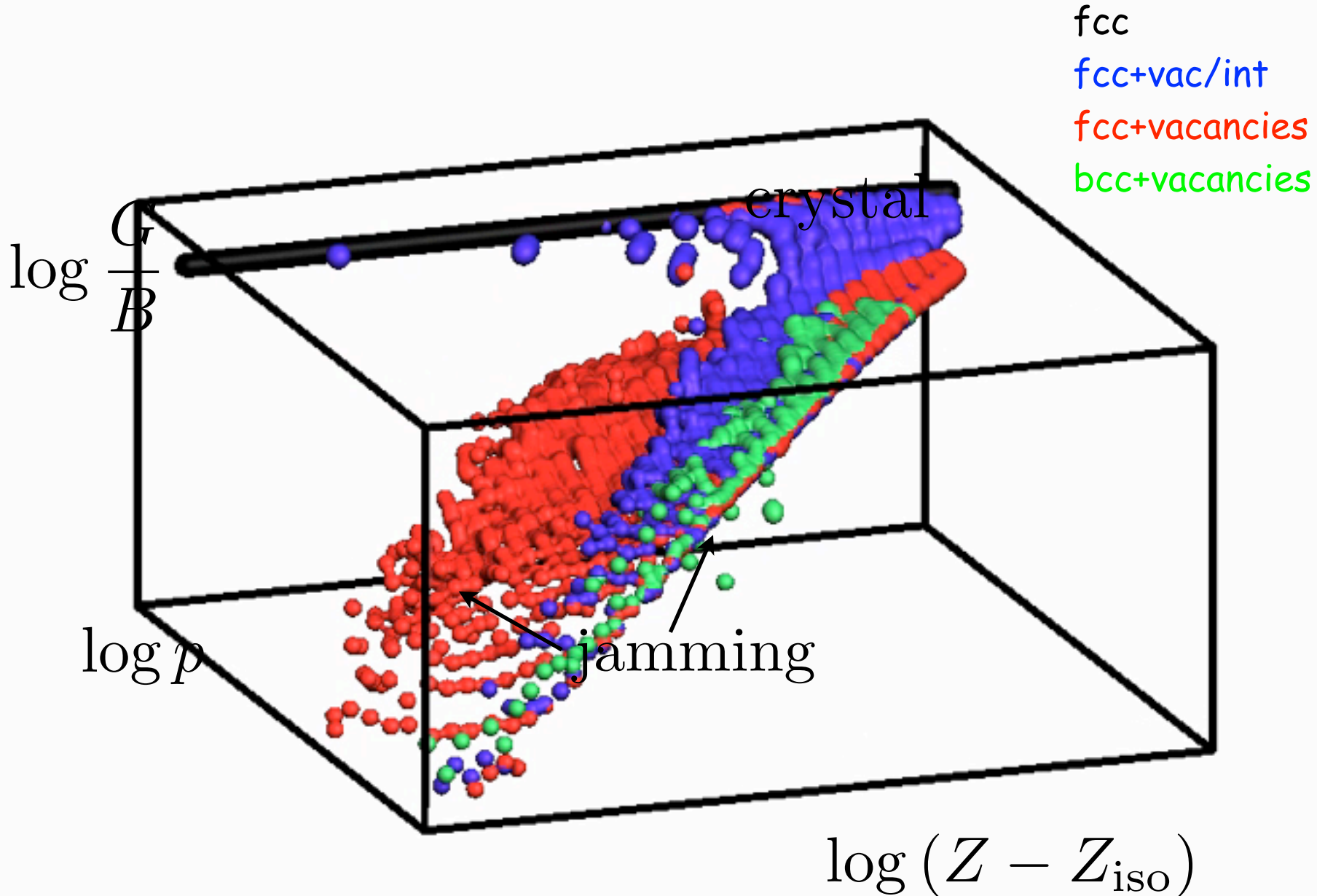
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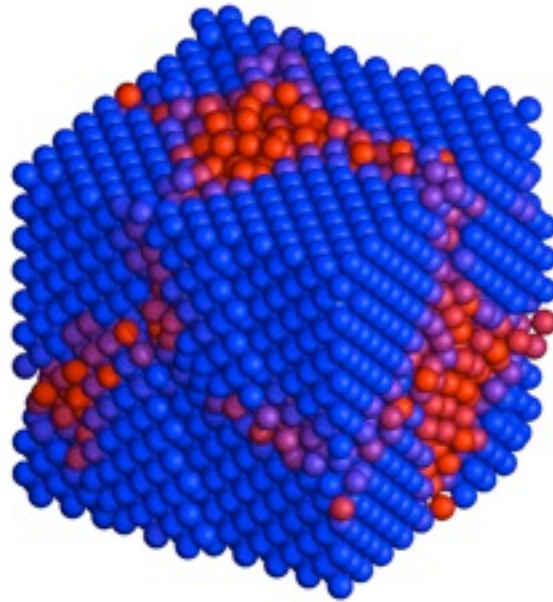
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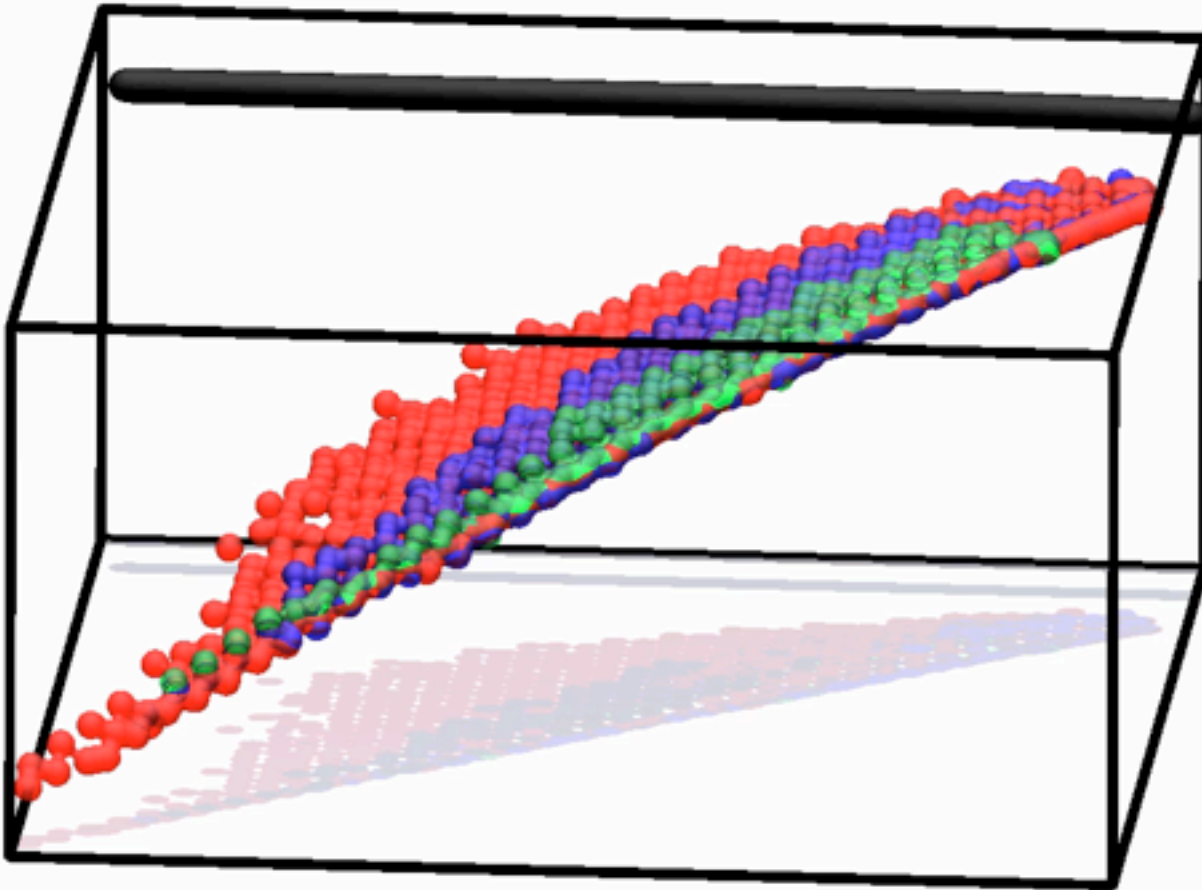
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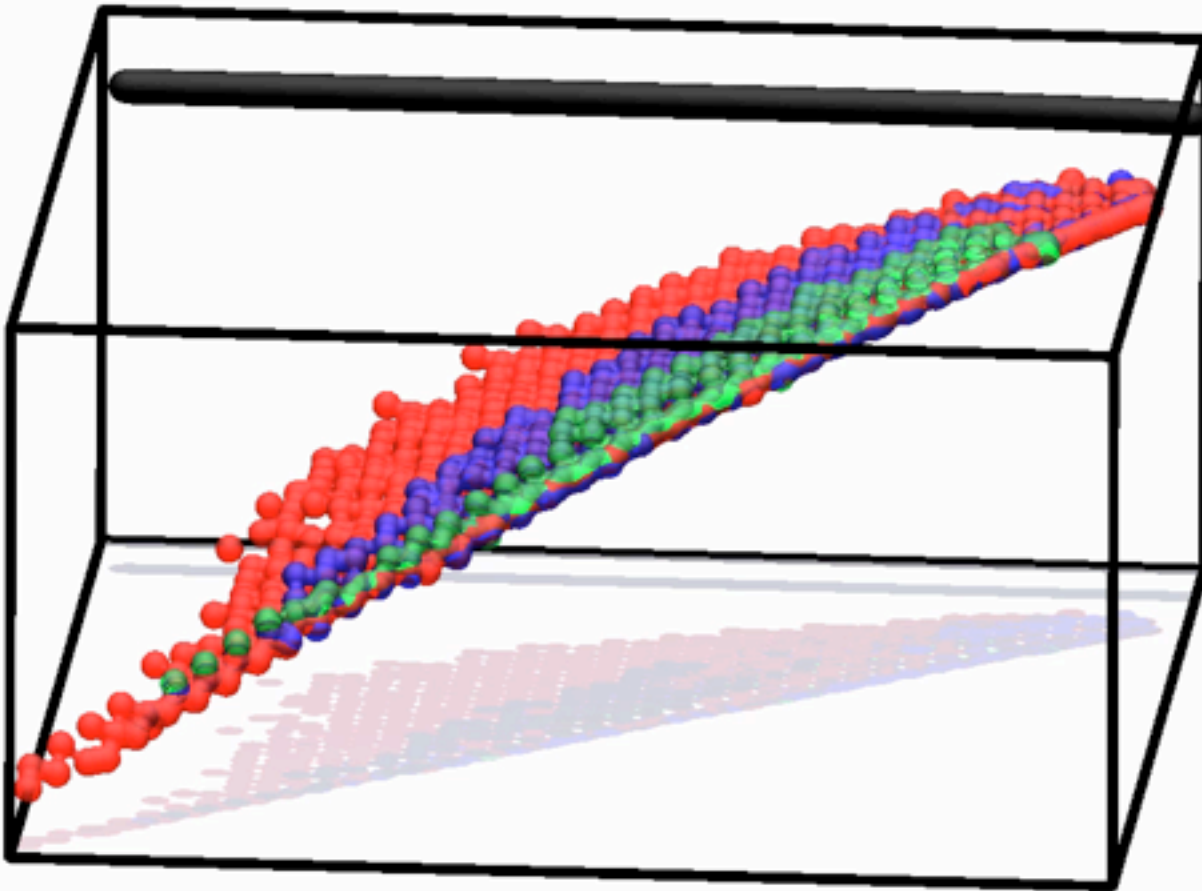
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States with intermediate to low order fall on "jamming surface"

Jammed state is not only extreme limit but also very robust

# How much does jamming scenario apply to real world?

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- What have we left out? **ALMOST EVERYTHING**

- **friction**

- K. Shundyak, et al. PRE 75 010301 (2007); E. Somfai, et al. PRE 75 020301 (2007); S. Henkes, et al. EPL 90 14003 (2010).

- long-ranged interactions/attractions

- N. Xu, et al. PRL 98 175502 (2007).

- non-spherical particle shape

- Z. Zeravcic, et al, EPL, **87**, 26001 (2009); M. Mailman, et al, PRL 102, 255501 (2009)

- **temperature**

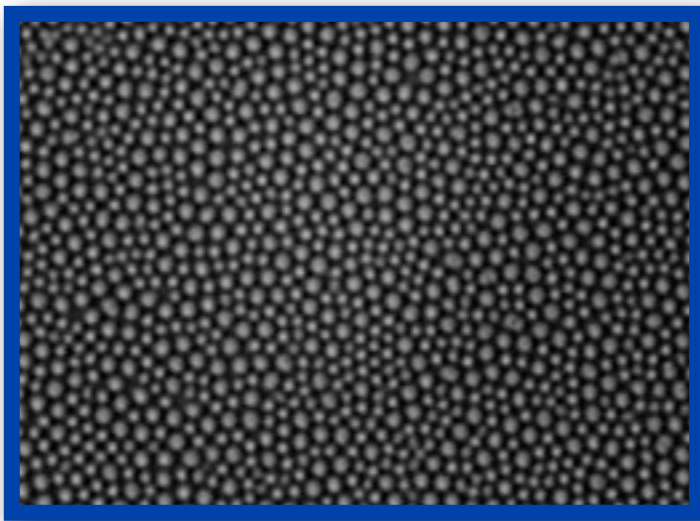
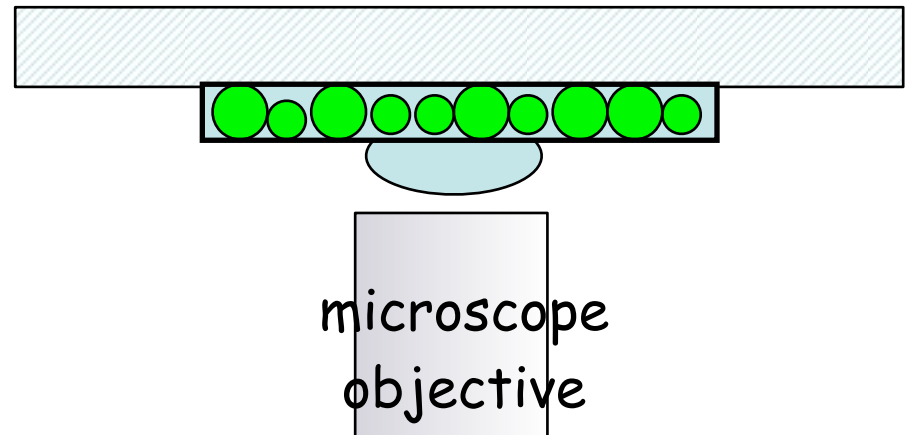
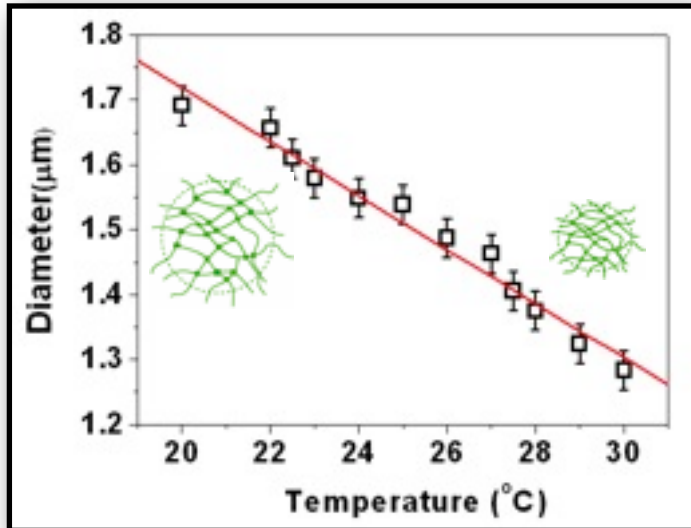
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# Real, Thermal Colloidal Glasses

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Video microscopy of 2D jammed packing of colloids

- NIPA microgel particles  $\Rightarrow$  tune packing fraction
- Track particles over  $\sim 30000$  frames  $\Rightarrow \mathbf{r}_i(t)$



Extract instantaneous displacements from average position

$$\mathbf{u}_i(t) = \mathbf{r}_i(t) - \langle \mathbf{r}_i(t) \rangle_t$$

and the displacement correlation matrix

$$C_{ij} = \langle \mathbf{u}_i(t) \mathbf{u}_j(t) \rangle_t$$

Chen et al., PRL **105**, 025501 (2010)

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# Colloids are damped, atoms/molecules are not

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- BUT displacement correlation is an **equilibrium property**, independent of **dynamics**

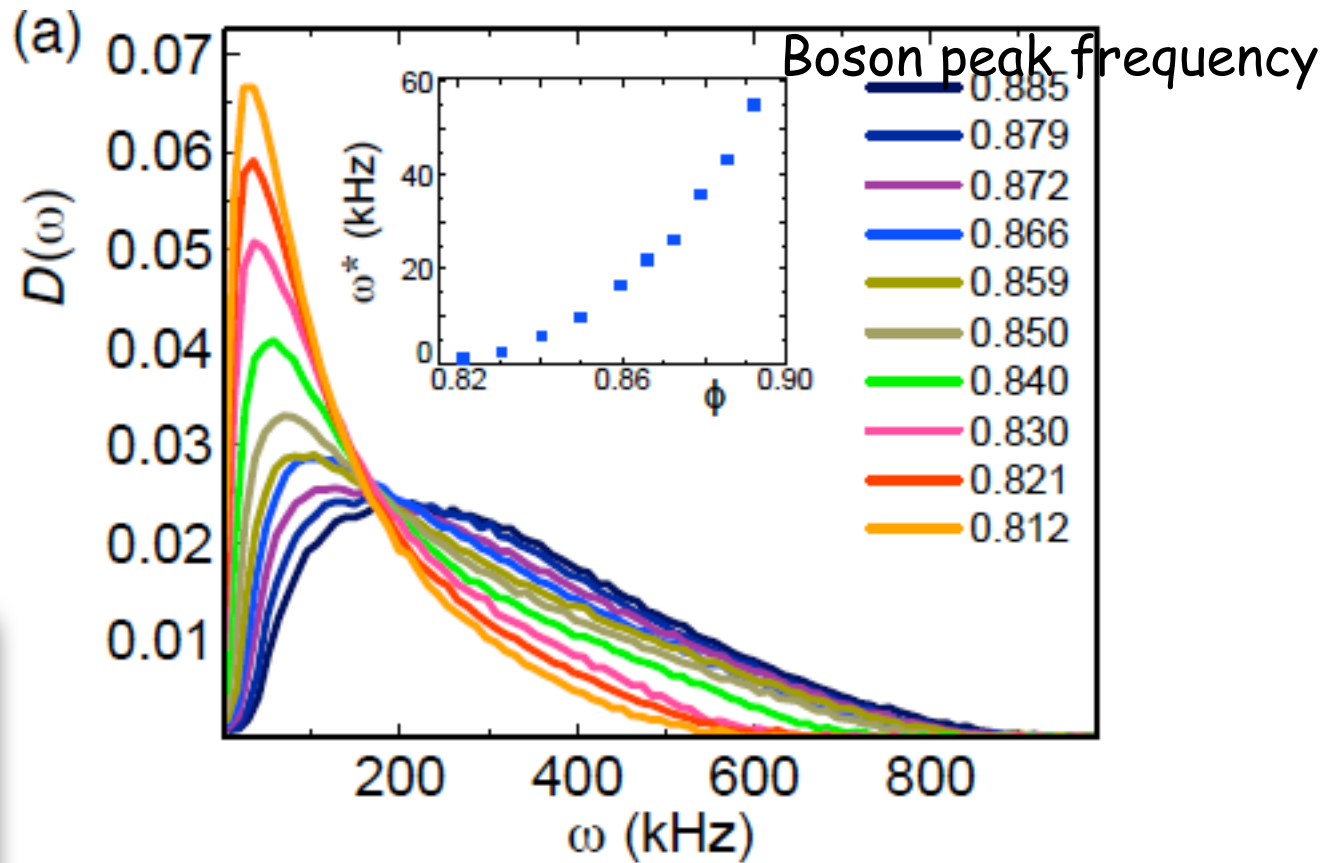
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- Can use it to obtain vibrational modes of **shadow system** with same configuration & interactions but **without damping**
- In harmonic approximation  $V = \frac{1}{2} u^T K u$
- Partition function  $Z = \int du \exp(-\beta V)$
- Correlation matrix is inverse of stiffness matrix  $K$

$$C = \langle uu \rangle = K^{-1}$$

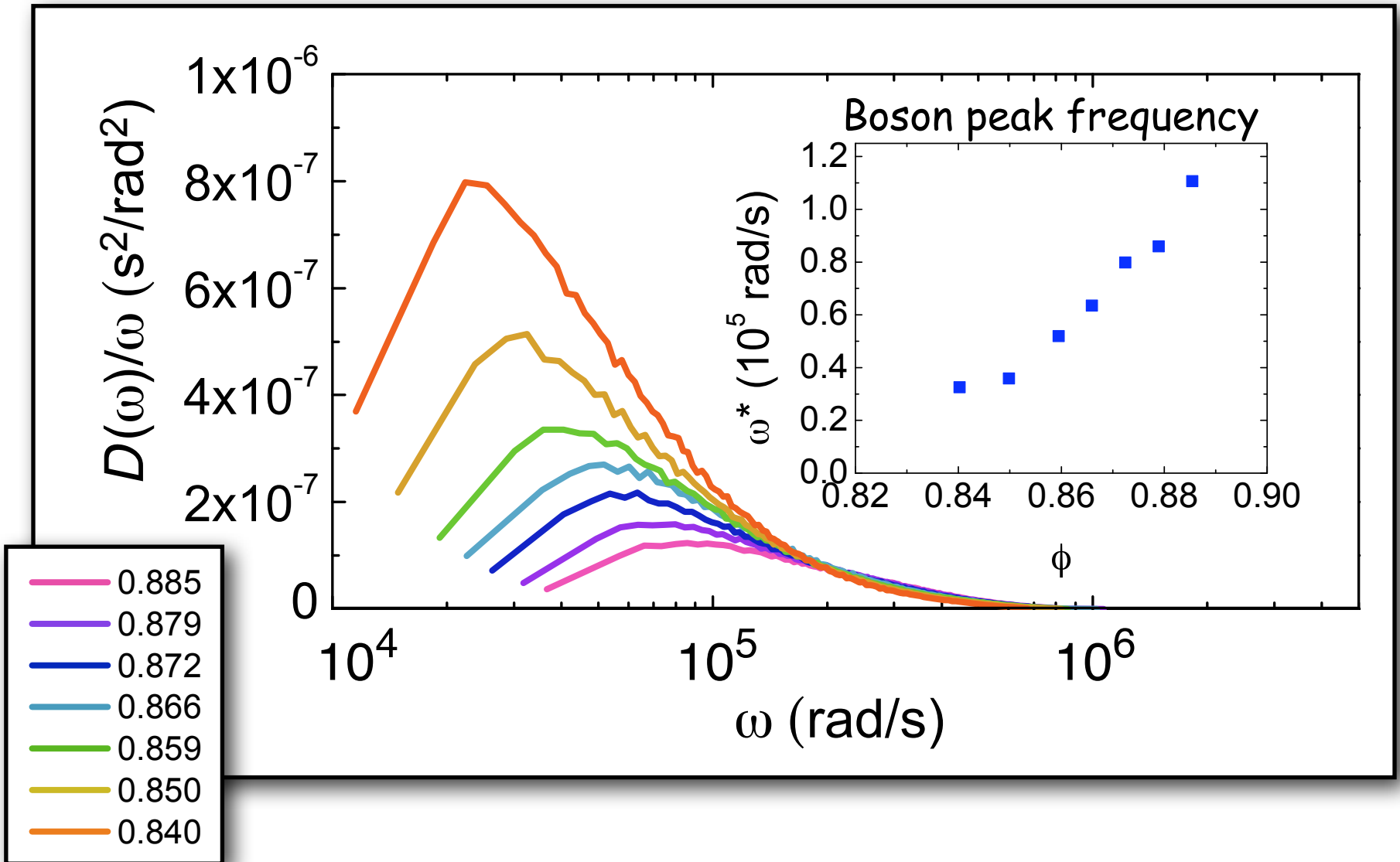
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# Boson Peak



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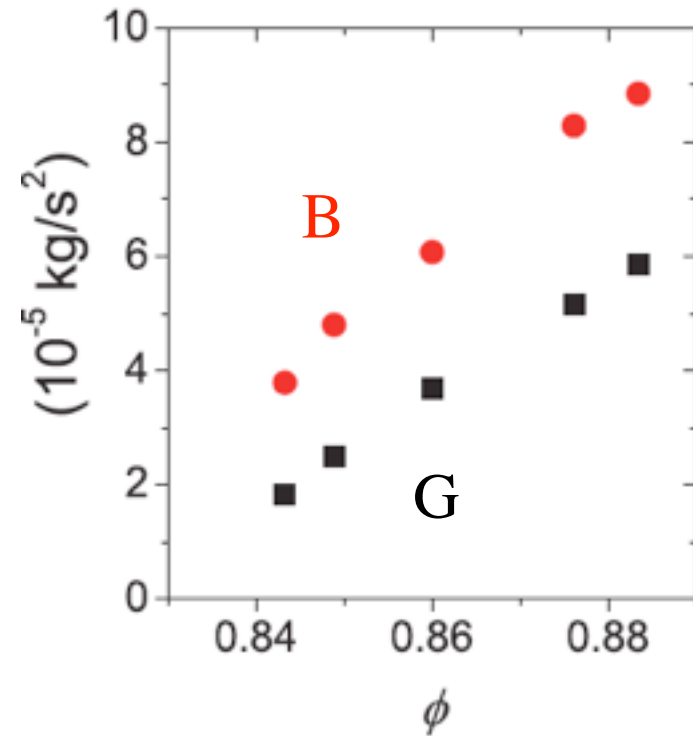
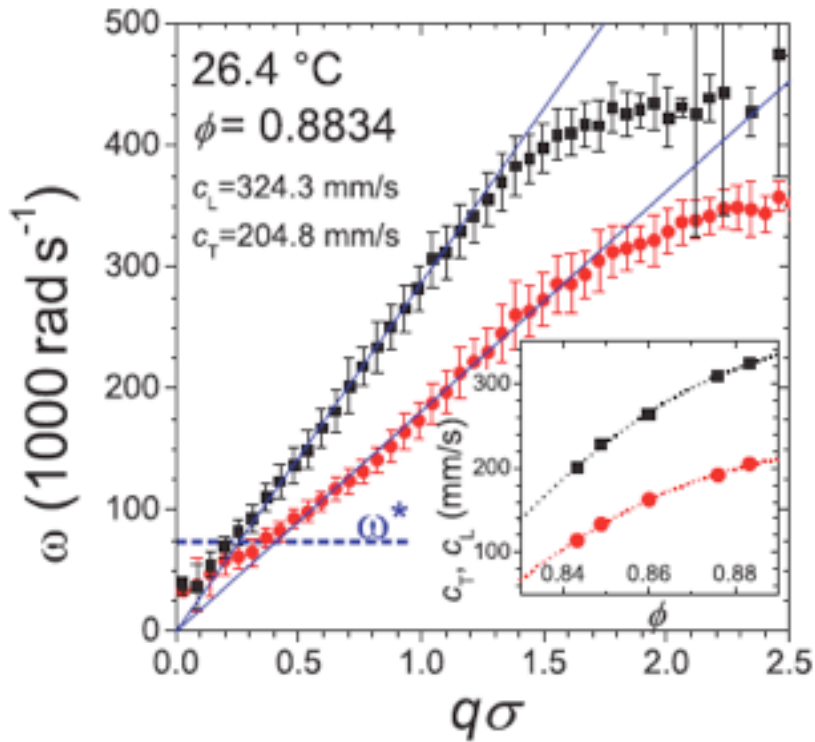
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# Dispersion relation and elastic constants



- From dispersion relation extract sound velocities
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# G/B behavior

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- Recall that  $G/B$  does not depend on potential
- For **frictionless** particles,

$$G/B \approx 0.23\Delta z(1 - 0.14\Delta z)$$

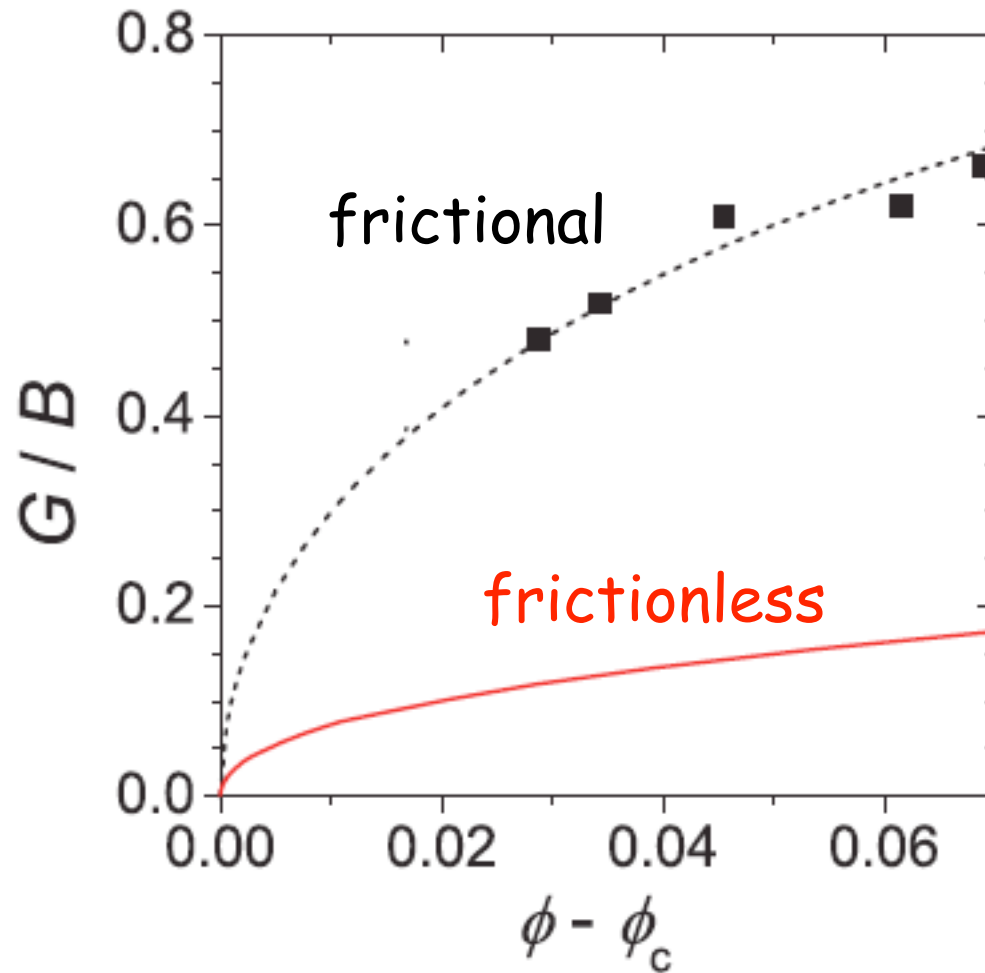
where  $\Delta z \equiv z - z_c^0 = 3.3(\phi - \phi_c^0)$

- For **frictional** particles, [E. Somfai, et al. PRE 75, 020301 \(2007\)](#).

$$G/B \approx 0.98\Delta z(1 - 0.23\Delta z)$$

where  $\Delta z \equiv z - z_c^\infty = 3.3(\phi - \phi_c^\infty)$

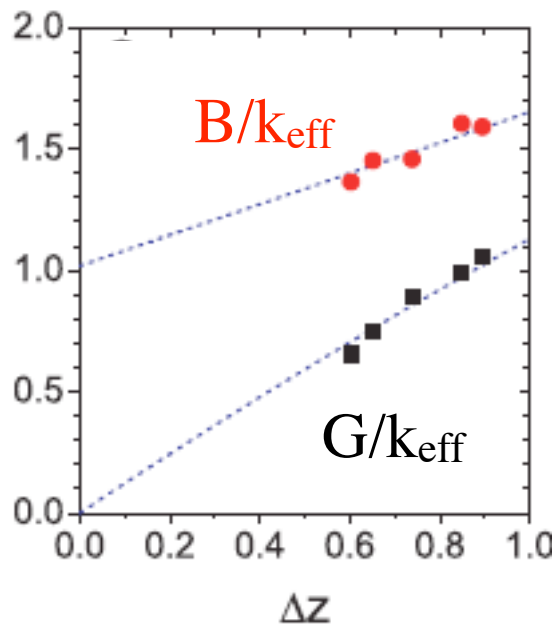
# PNIPAM particles are frictional



- one adjustable parameter  $\phi_c^\infty$

# G, B

- Interaction most consistent with Hertzian (K. Nordstrom, et al. PRL [105, 175701 \(2010\)](#))



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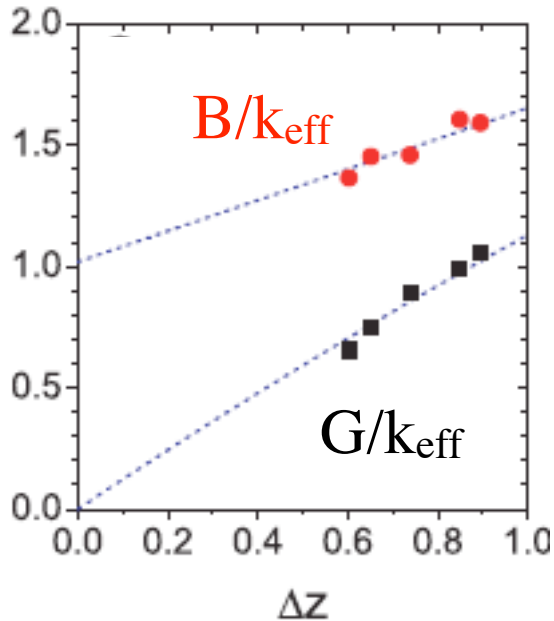
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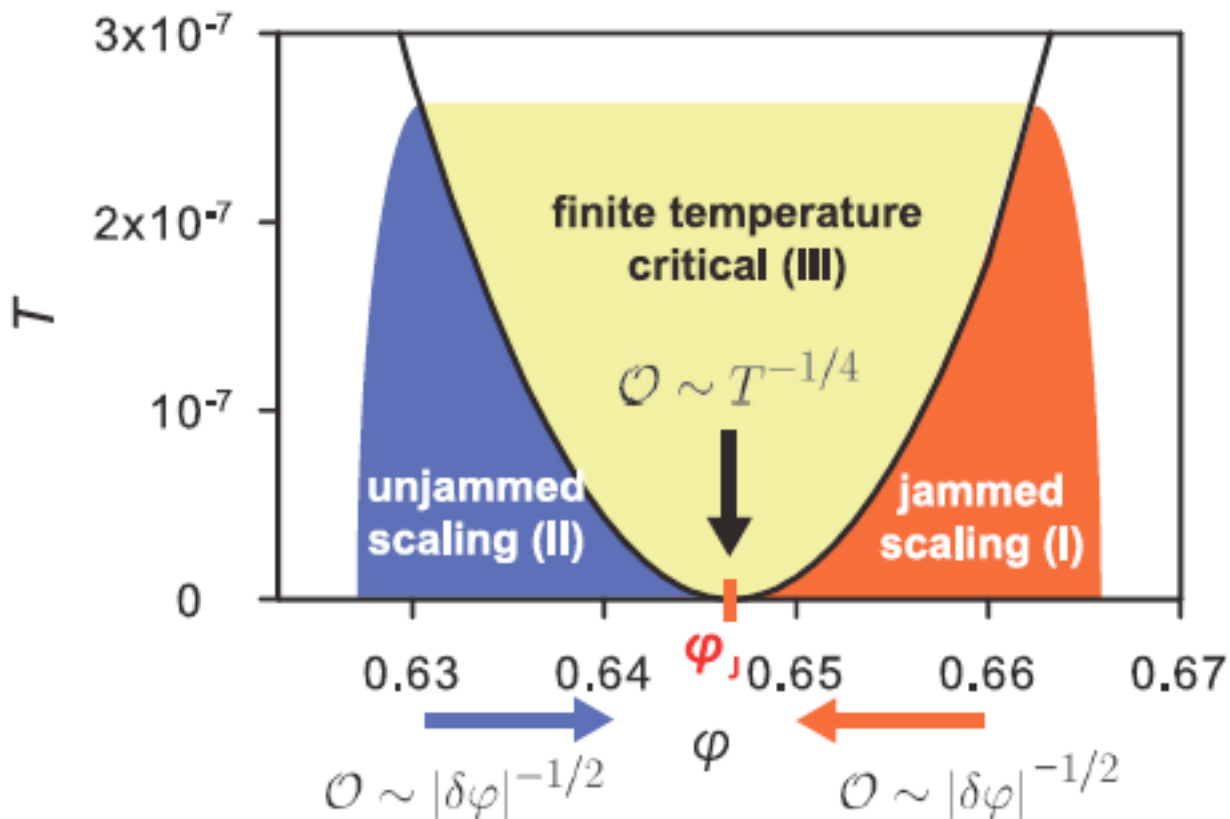
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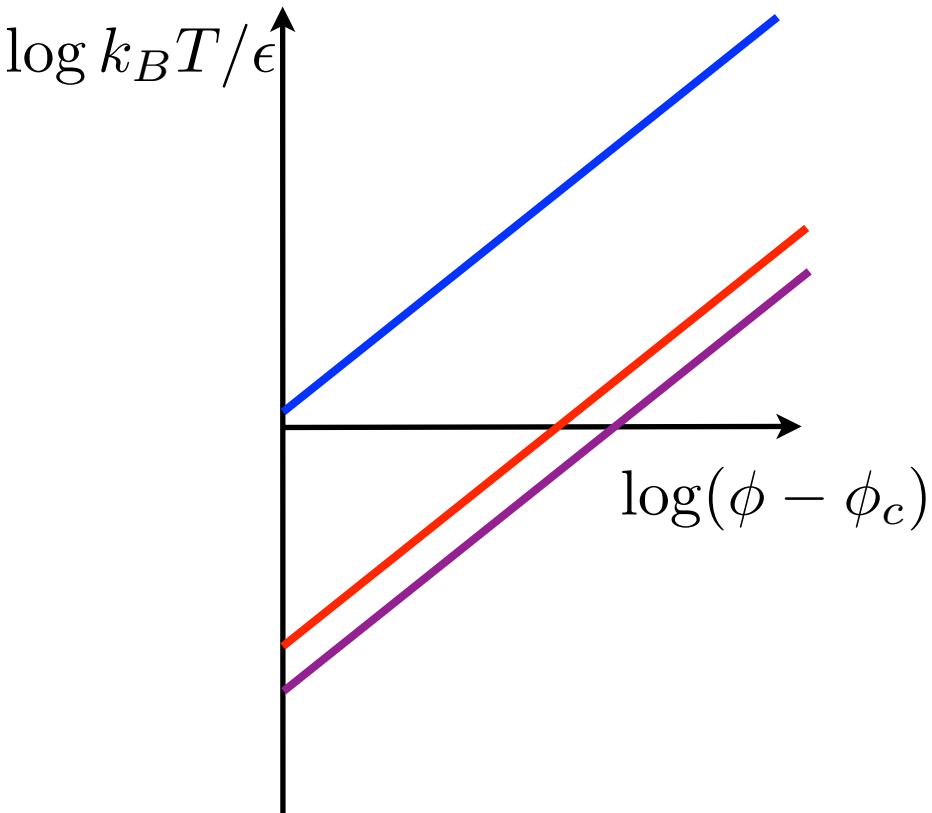
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# Jamming and temperature



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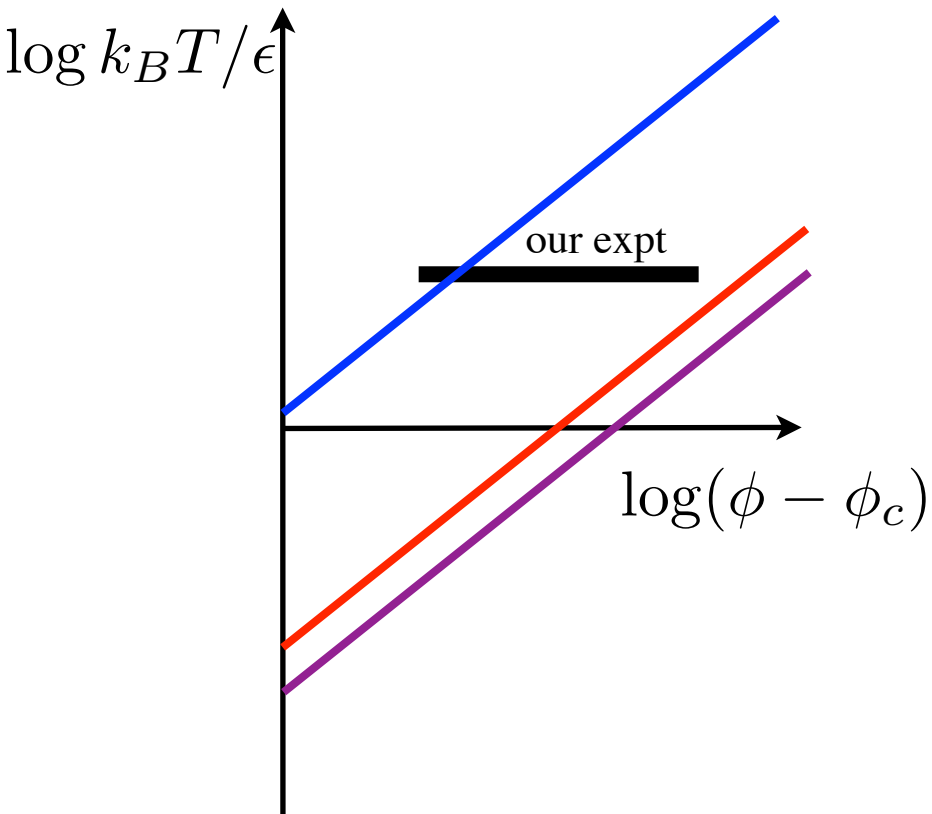
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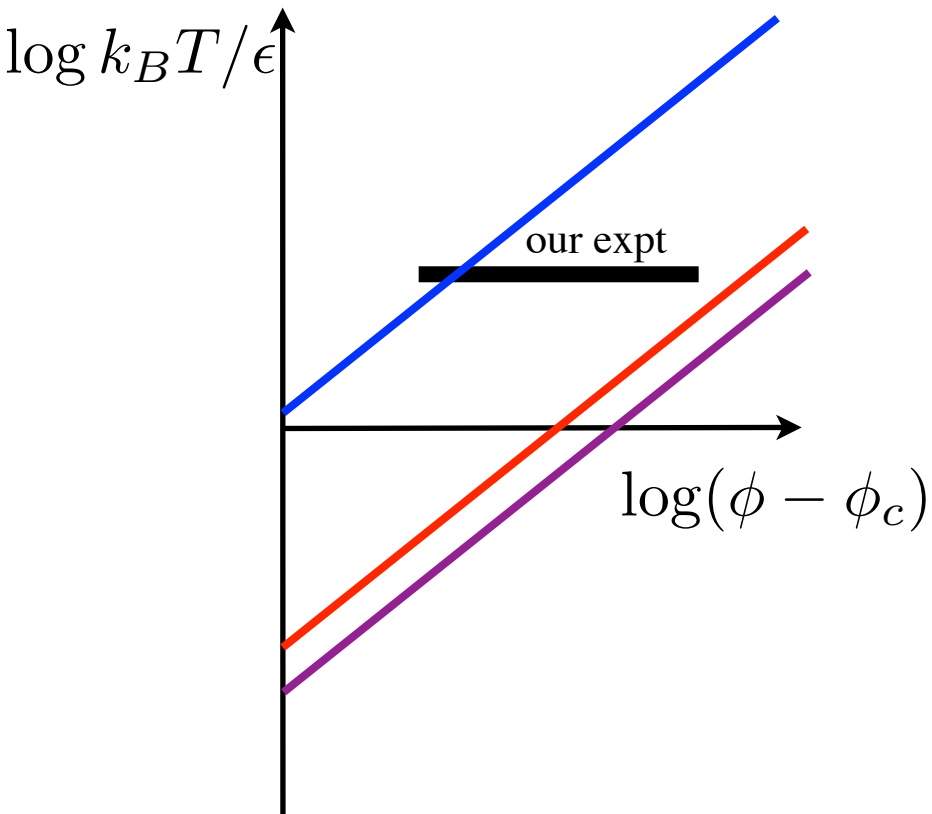
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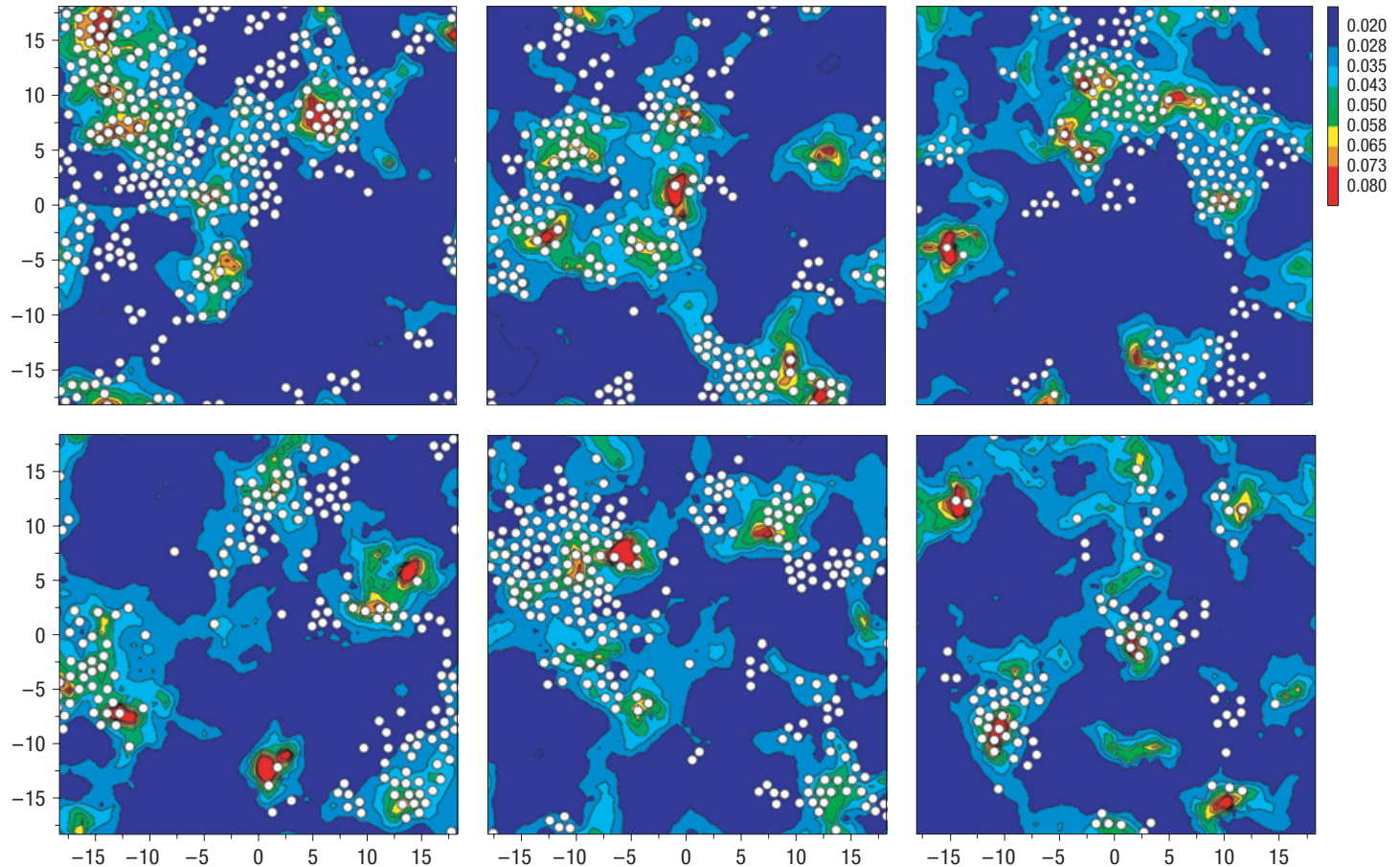
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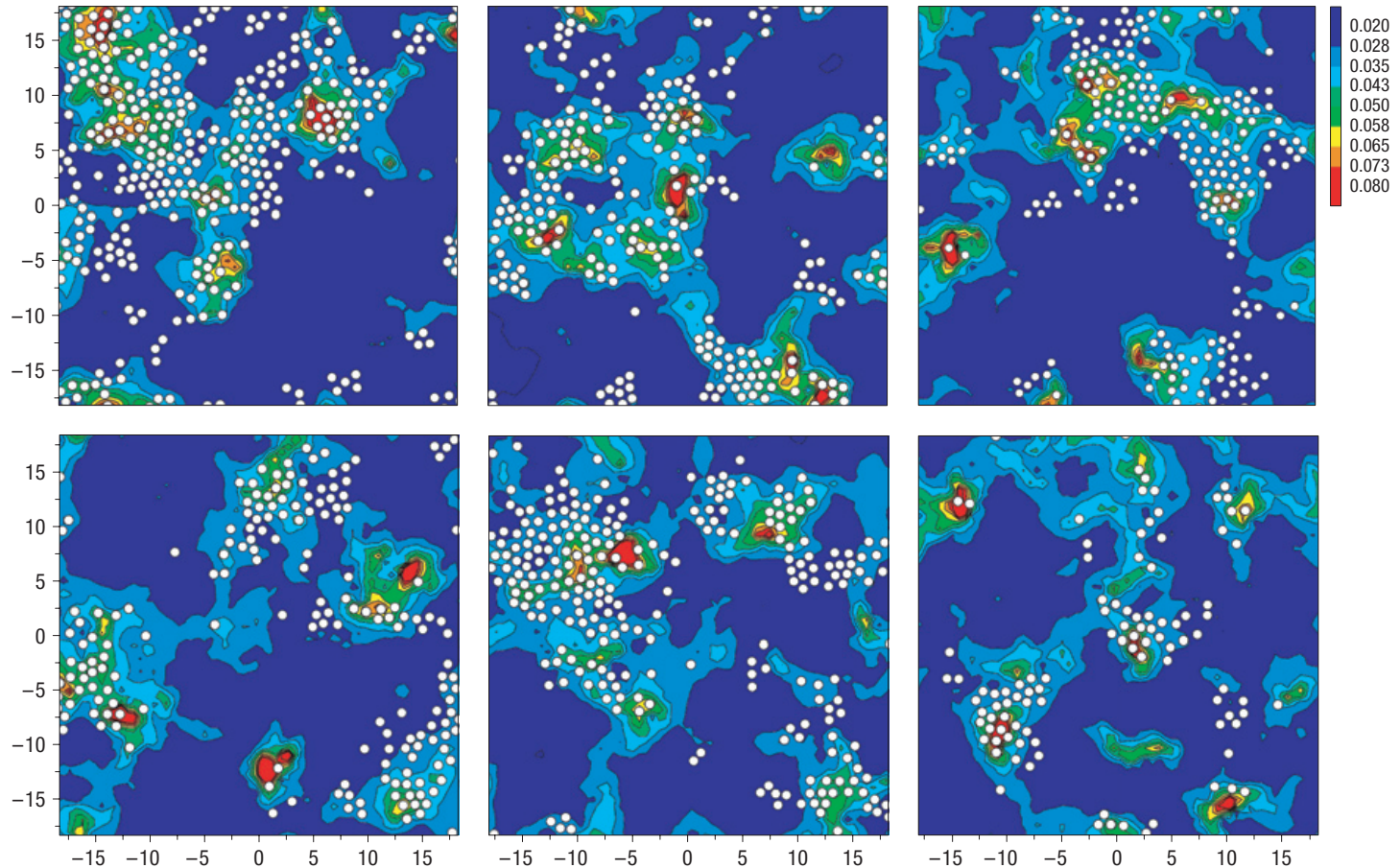
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# Summary

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- The marginally jammed state represents extreme limit at the **opposite pole** from the perfect crystal
- The behavior of systems over a wide range of order/disorder follows jamming scaling
- So the marginally jammed is a **robust** extreme limit--more robust than the perfect crystal
- Jamming scenario provides conceptual basis for commonality of low temperature/frequency properties of disordered solids
- relevance to glass transition is still an open question

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