

Shear Modulus and Dilatancy Softening above Jamming

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Overview

- Introduction

 - Elasticity of Jammed materials

- Probing jamming in a system of photo-elastic (soft) discs

 - Preparing a jammed granular glass

 - Exploring the vicinity of point J

- Mechanical response to a point like disturbance

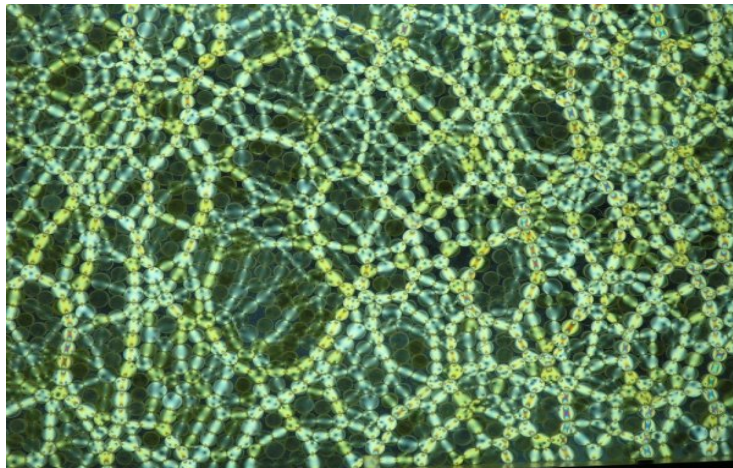
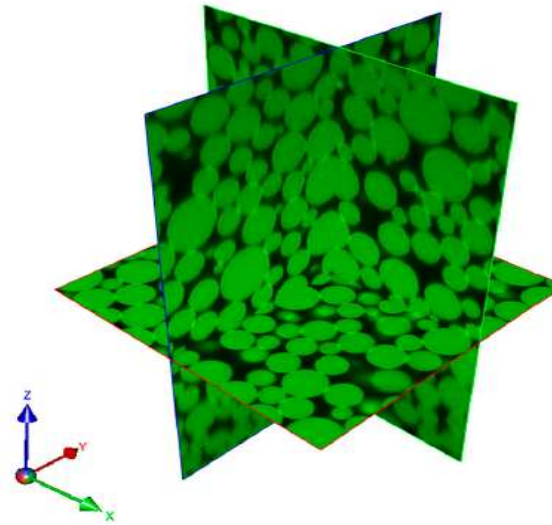
 - Dilatancy and Shear Softening around an Inflator

Experimental samples of jammed materials

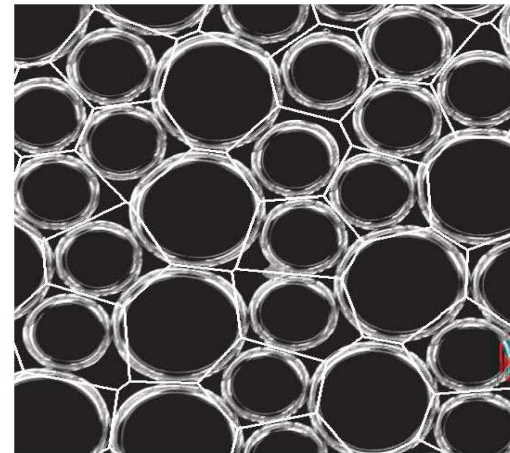
Green peas, Hales, 1727



Emulsion, Jorjadze et al., 2011



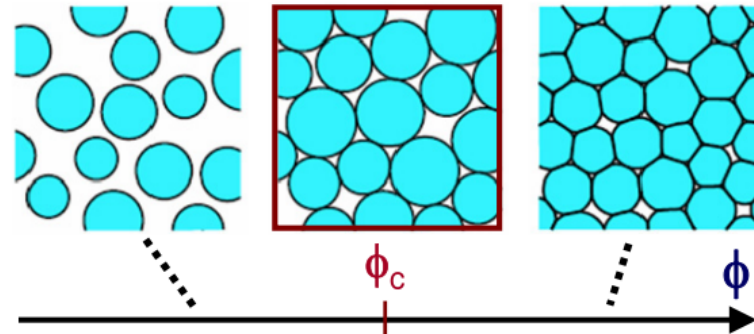
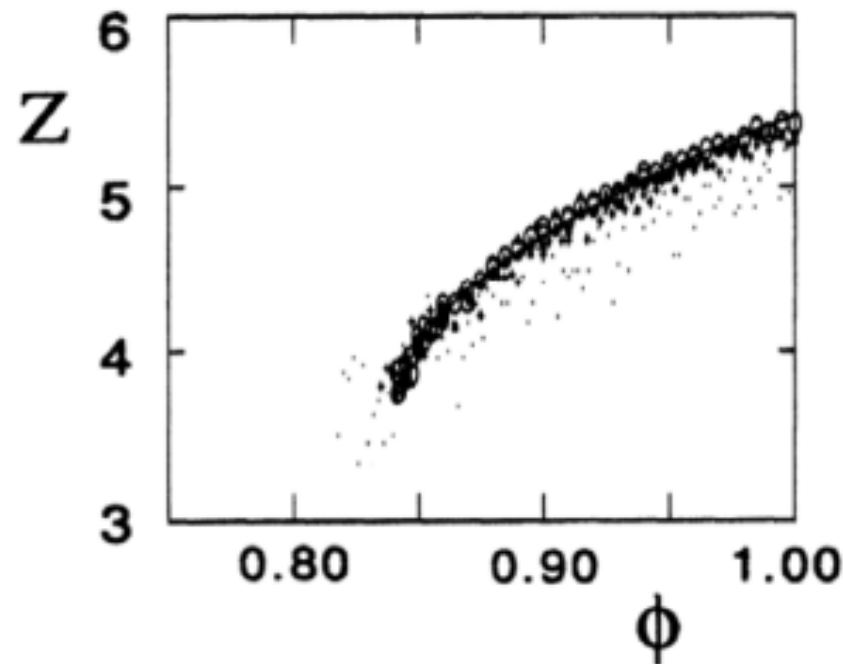
Grains, Behringer



Foam, Katgert et van Hecke, 2010

A paradigm: Jamming of soft spheres at $T=0$

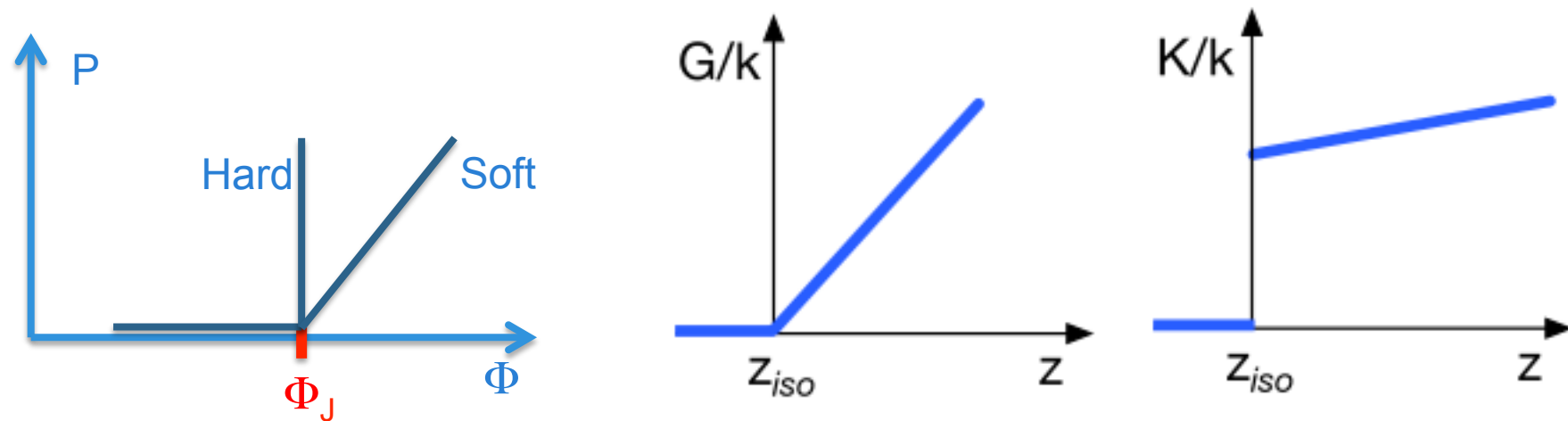
- A well defined concept,
(*O'Hern et al. (2002)*)



A geometrical transition

- # of contacts jumps to $z_J = z_{iso}$
- $\delta Z = Z - Z_{iso} \sim (\Phi - \Phi_J)^{1/2}$
- $g(r=d) = \text{delta function}$

Rigidity transition of frictionless packings



A mechanical transition

- Pressure scales as prescribed by elasticity of the individual grains $P \sim \delta\phi^\mu$
- Elastic moduli scaling $K/k \sim \delta z^0$; $G/k \sim \delta z \sim \delta\phi^{0.5}$
- NB : k is the stiffness of the individual grains $k \sim \delta\phi^{\mu-1}$
- In all cases $G/K \sim \delta\phi^{0.5}$

Length scales

- Two length scales associated with the jamming transition

Lerner, E. et al (2014). Soft Matter, 10(28), 5085–5092.

- $l^* \sim 1/\delta z$: length below which stability feels boundaries

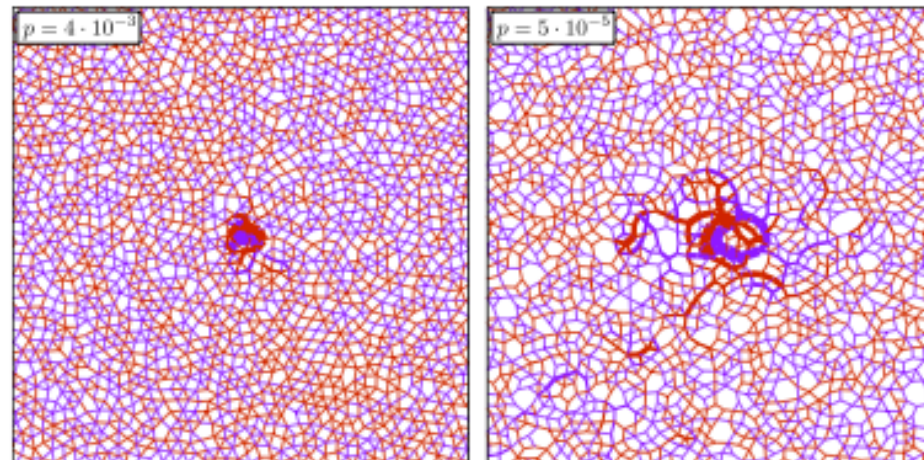
can be seen as a point to set lengthscale

- $l_c \sim 1/\delta z^{0.5}$: length of 2-points correlations , or response to point perturbation

also the length scale beyond which continuum elasticity holds

- However numerical study $l_c \sim 1/\delta z$

Ellenbroek, et al (2006).PRL 97(25), 258001



Finite size effects

- Validity of linear elasticity close to jamming : a long standing debate
- Shear softening for strain $\gamma > \gamma_c$

Hayakawa H. et al. *PRE* **90**, 042202 (2014)

- $G \sim \delta\phi^{\mu-1/2} \gamma^{-1/2}$
- $\gamma_c \sim \delta\phi^\mu$

- More Recent finite size scaling analysis

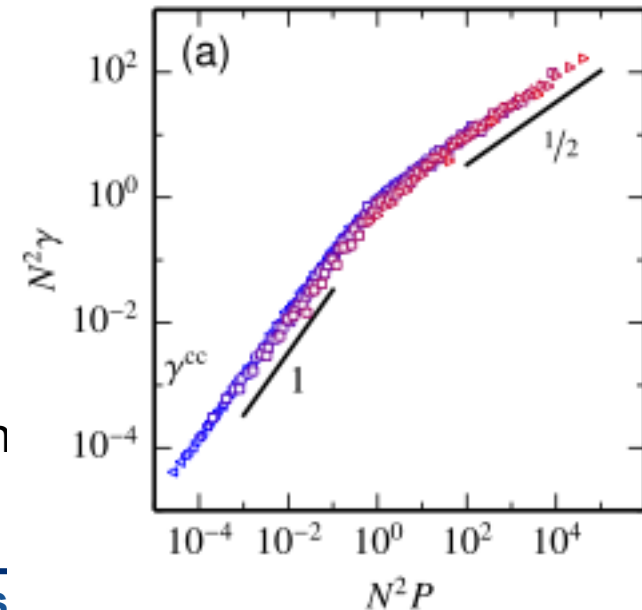
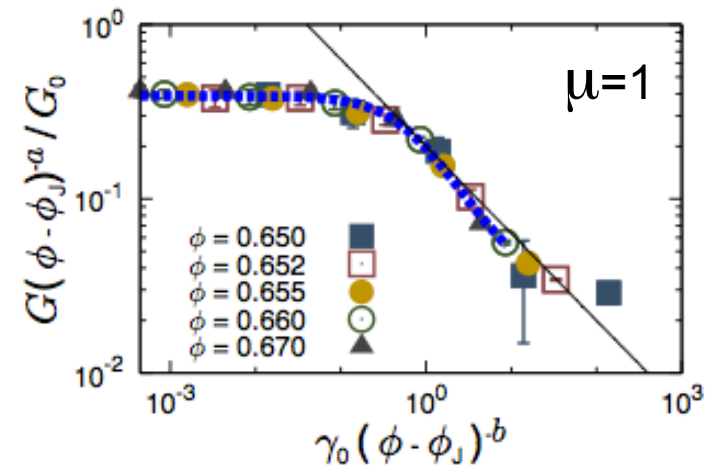
Goodrich et al (2014). *PRE*, **90**(2), 022138;

van Deen et al (2014). *PRE*, **90**(2), 020202

- $\gamma_c \sim P$ for $N^2 P \ll 1$
- $\gamma_c \sim P^{1/2} / N$ for $N^2 P \gg 1$

NB : $P \sim \delta\phi^\mu$

the closer to jamming, the smaller the critical strain

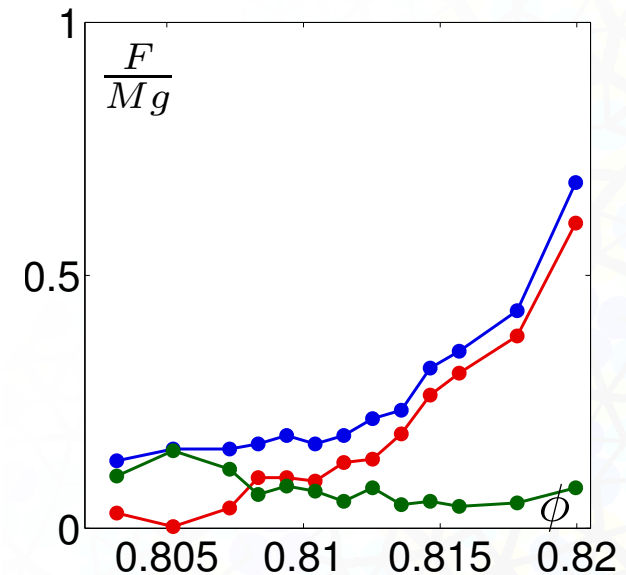
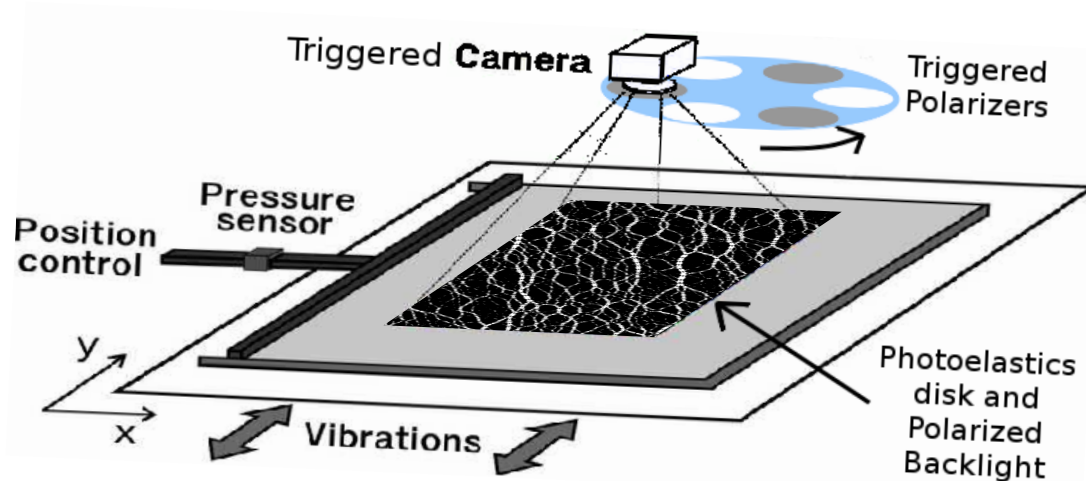


The present experimental study :

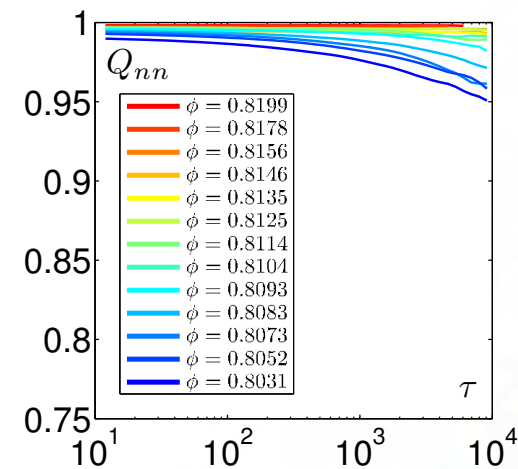
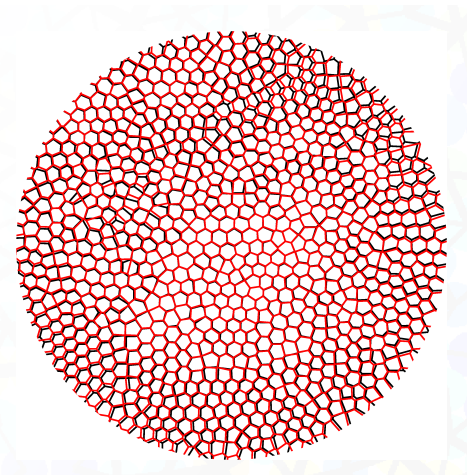
- Prepare a jammed granular glass
- Perform the inflater experiment
- Identify the linear and non linear regime for the response
- Qualify the scaling with the distance to jamming

Preparing a jammed granular glass

- A bi-disperse 2d packing $\mu \approx 1.7 \pm 0.1$

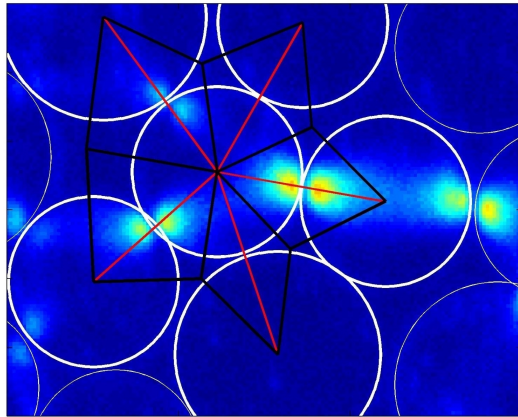


- A frozen structure



Signature of jamming within contacts ...

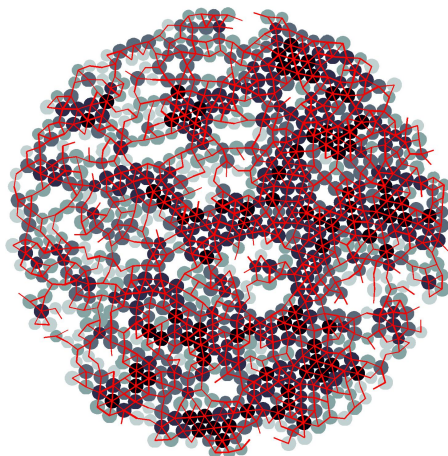
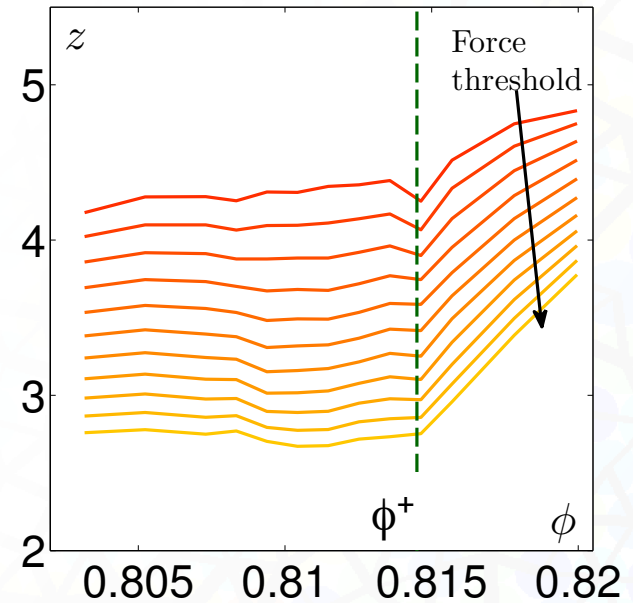
Interparticle force measurement



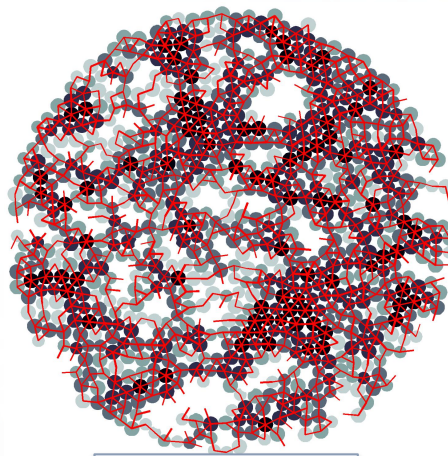
thresholding
gap $< \epsilon$



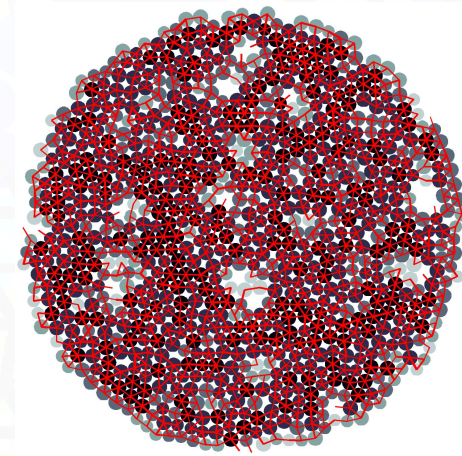
thresholding
force $> f_0$



$\phi < \phi^+$



$\phi^+ = 0.814$

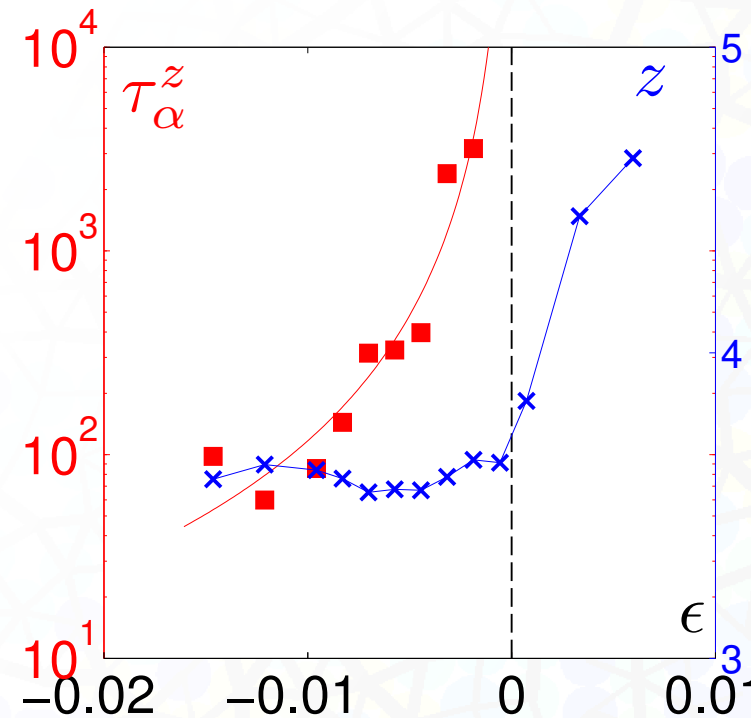
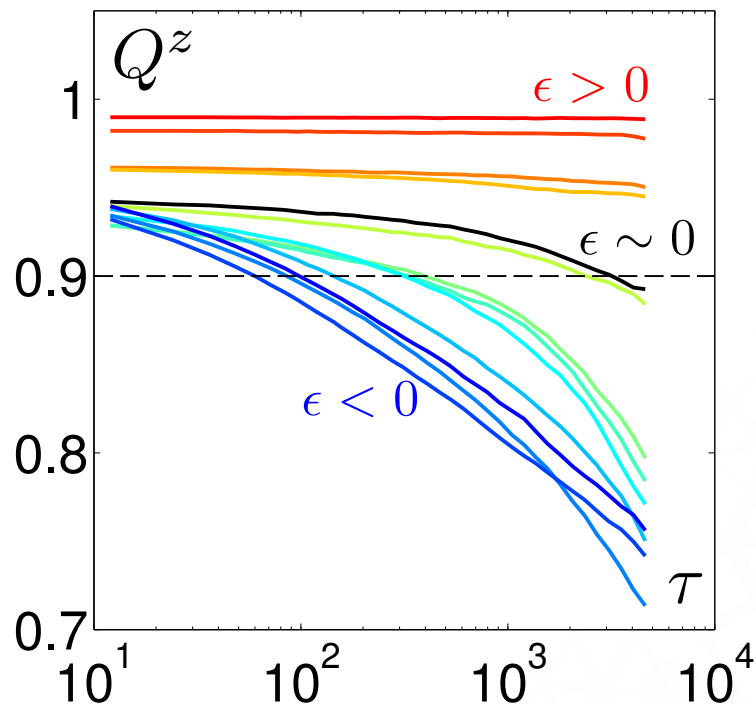


$\phi > \phi^+$

... and contact dynamics

$$Q^z(t, \tau) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_i Q_i^z(t, \tau) \quad \text{where } Q_i^z(t, \tau) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } |z_i(t + \tau) - z_i(t)| \leq 1 \\ 0 & \text{if } |z_i(t + \tau) - z_i(t)| > 1 \end{cases}$$

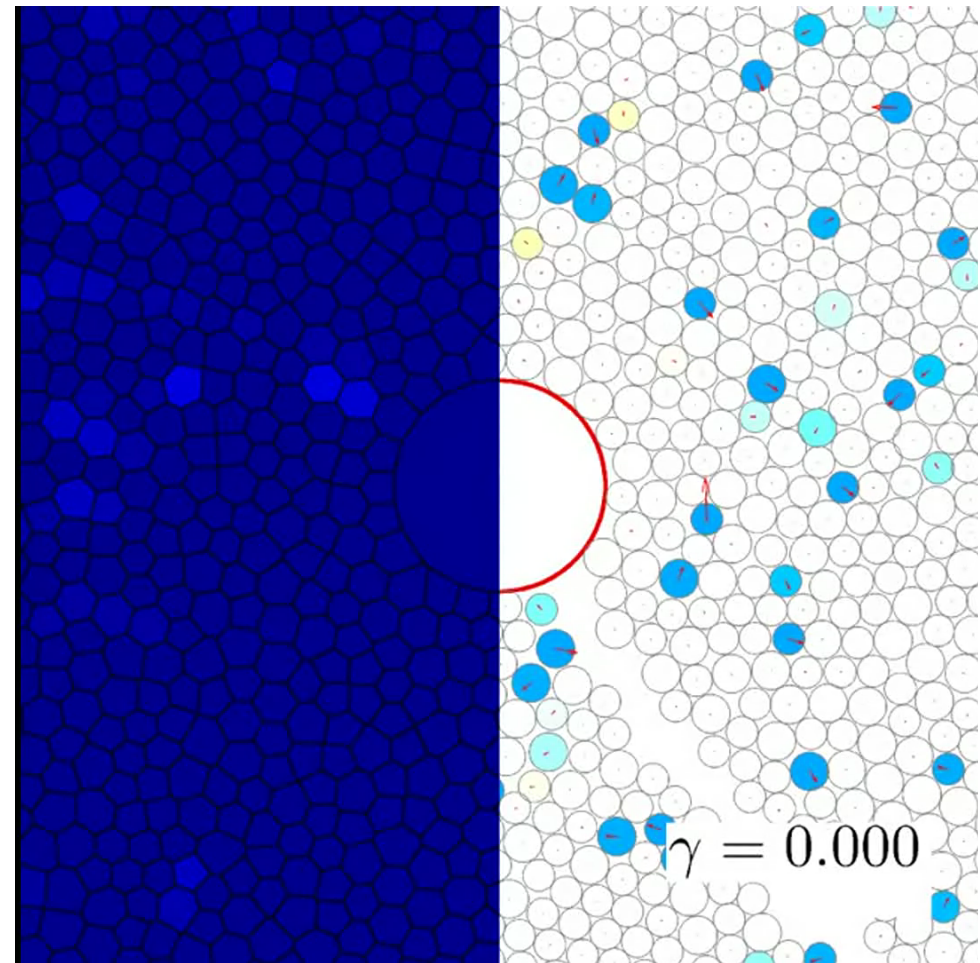
$$Q_z(\tau) = \langle Q^z(t, \tau) \rangle_t$$



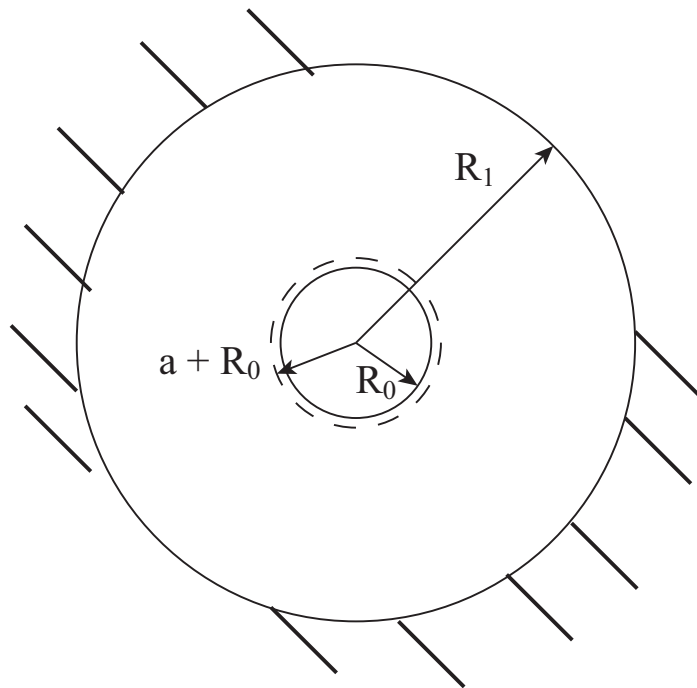
Probing elasticity : set up

- Prepare the system at large packing fraction (under vibration)
- Inflate an intruder in the center (the vibration is stopped)
- Decrease the packing fraction (under vibration)
- iterate

$$R_0 \rightarrow R_0 + a$$
$$\gamma = a/R_0$$



Probing elasticity : the linear elastic framework



$$A = \frac{R_0^2}{(R_1^2 - R_0^2)}$$

$$B = \frac{R_1^2}{(R_1^2 - R_0^2)}$$

- Nota Bene : In the limit of large R_1 ,
 $A \rightarrow 0$, $B \rightarrow 1$: **this is a shear test!**

$$\text{div}(\underline{\underline{\sigma}}) = 0$$

$$U(R_0) = a$$

$$U(R_1) = 0$$

$$\underline{\underline{\sigma}} = \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr}(\underline{\underline{\sigma}}) \underline{\underline{1}} + \underline{\underline{\tau}}$$

$$\underline{\underline{\sigma}} = K \text{Tr}(\underline{\underline{\varepsilon}}) \underline{\underline{1}} + 2G \underline{\underline{\gamma}}$$

$$\underline{\underline{\varepsilon}} = \frac{1}{2} [\underline{\underline{\nabla U}} + {}^t \underline{\underline{\nabla U}}] = \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr}(\underline{\underline{\varepsilon}}) \underline{\underline{1}} + \underline{\underline{\gamma}}$$

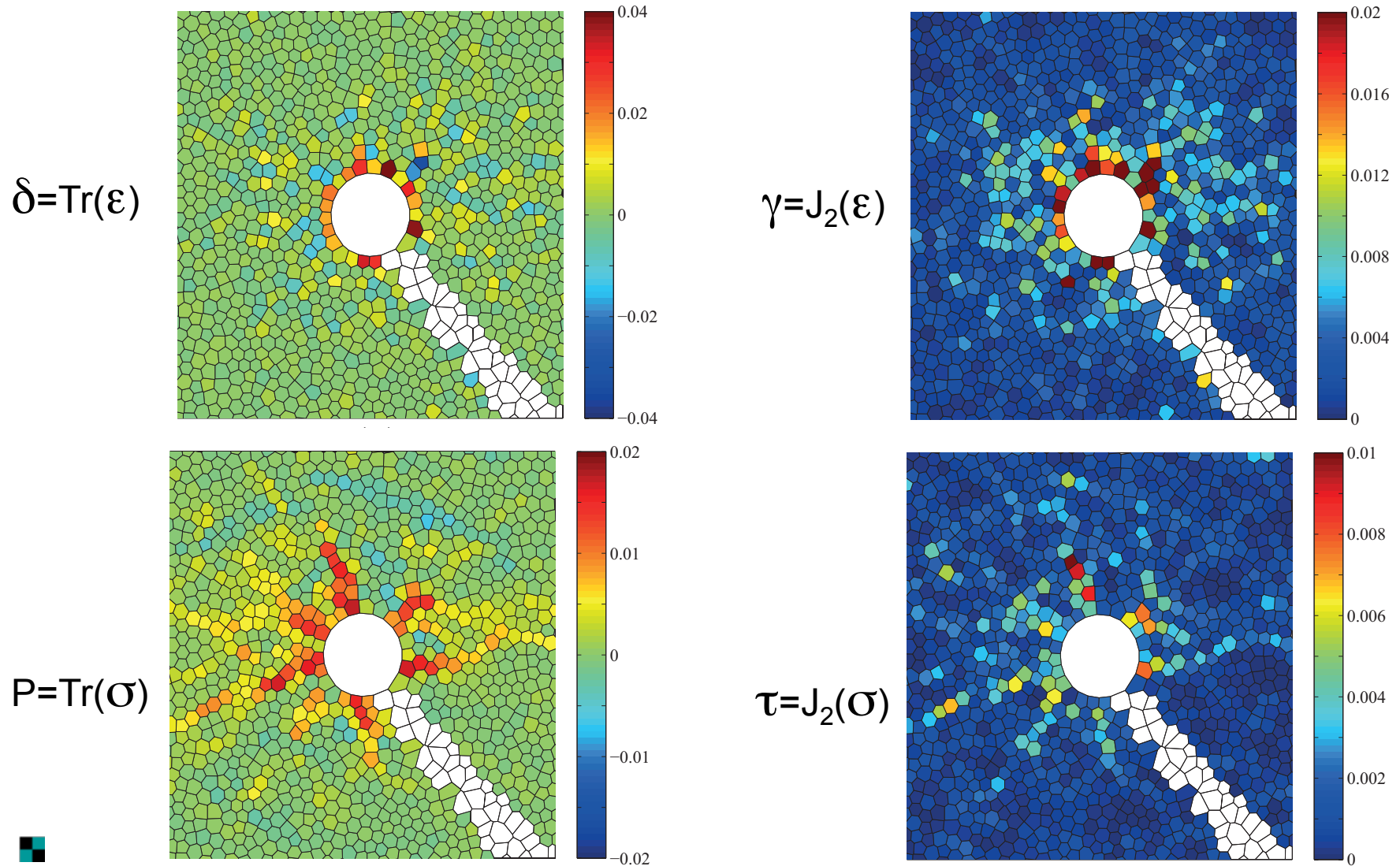
$$\delta \equiv \text{Tr}(\underline{\underline{\varepsilon}}) = -2 \frac{a}{R_0} A$$

$$\gamma \equiv J_2(\underline{\underline{\gamma}}) = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2} \underline{\underline{\gamma}} \circ \underline{\underline{\gamma}}} = \frac{a}{R_0} B \left(\frac{R_0}{r} \right)^2$$

$$P \equiv \text{Tr}(\underline{\underline{\sigma}}) = K \text{Tr}(\underline{\underline{\varepsilon}})$$

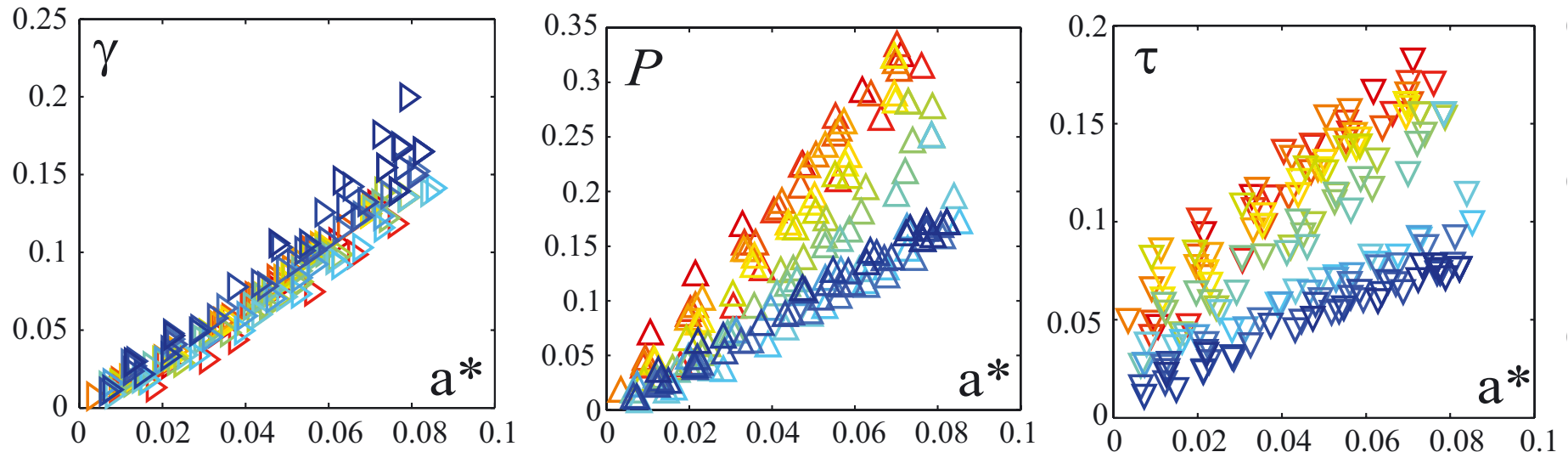
$$\tau \equiv J_2(\underline{\underline{\tau}}) = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2} \underline{\underline{\tau}} \circ \underline{\underline{\tau}}} = 2G J_2(\underline{\underline{\gamma}})$$

For each packing fraction and each a/R_0



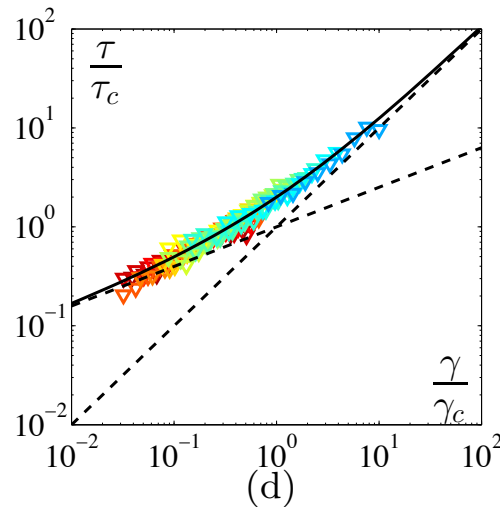
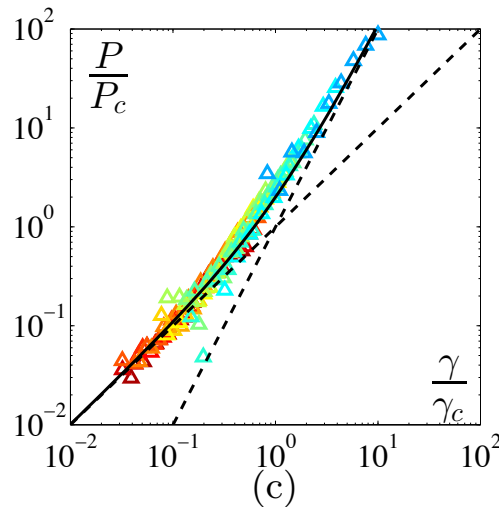
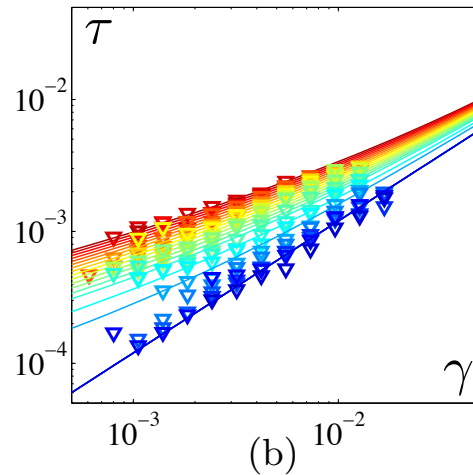
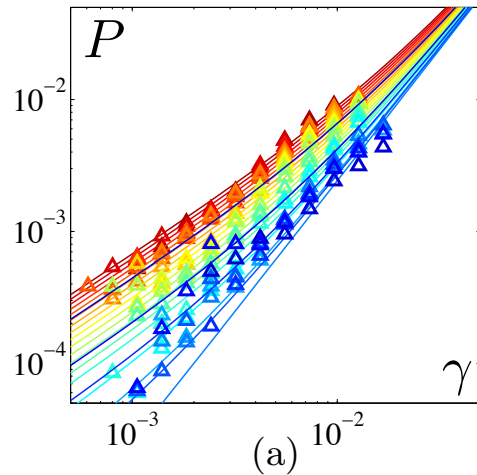
Spatially averaged quantities

$$a^* = a / R_0$$



- The average shear strain entirely controlled by a^*
- The stresses are non linear and depend on packing fraction

Parametric plot of local stress vs. local strain



$$P = [R_0 + R_{nl}(\Delta\phi, \gamma)] \gamma^2$$

$$\tau = 2 [G_0 + G_{nl}(\Delta\phi, \gamma)] \gamma$$

$$R_{nl}(\Delta\phi, \gamma) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{for } \phi < \phi_J \\ a\Delta\phi^\mu \gamma^{\alpha-2} & \text{for } \phi > \phi_J \end{cases}$$

$$G_{nl}(\Delta\phi, \gamma) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{for } \phi < \phi_J \\ b\Delta\phi^\nu \gamma^{\beta-1} & \text{for } \phi > \phi_J \end{cases}$$

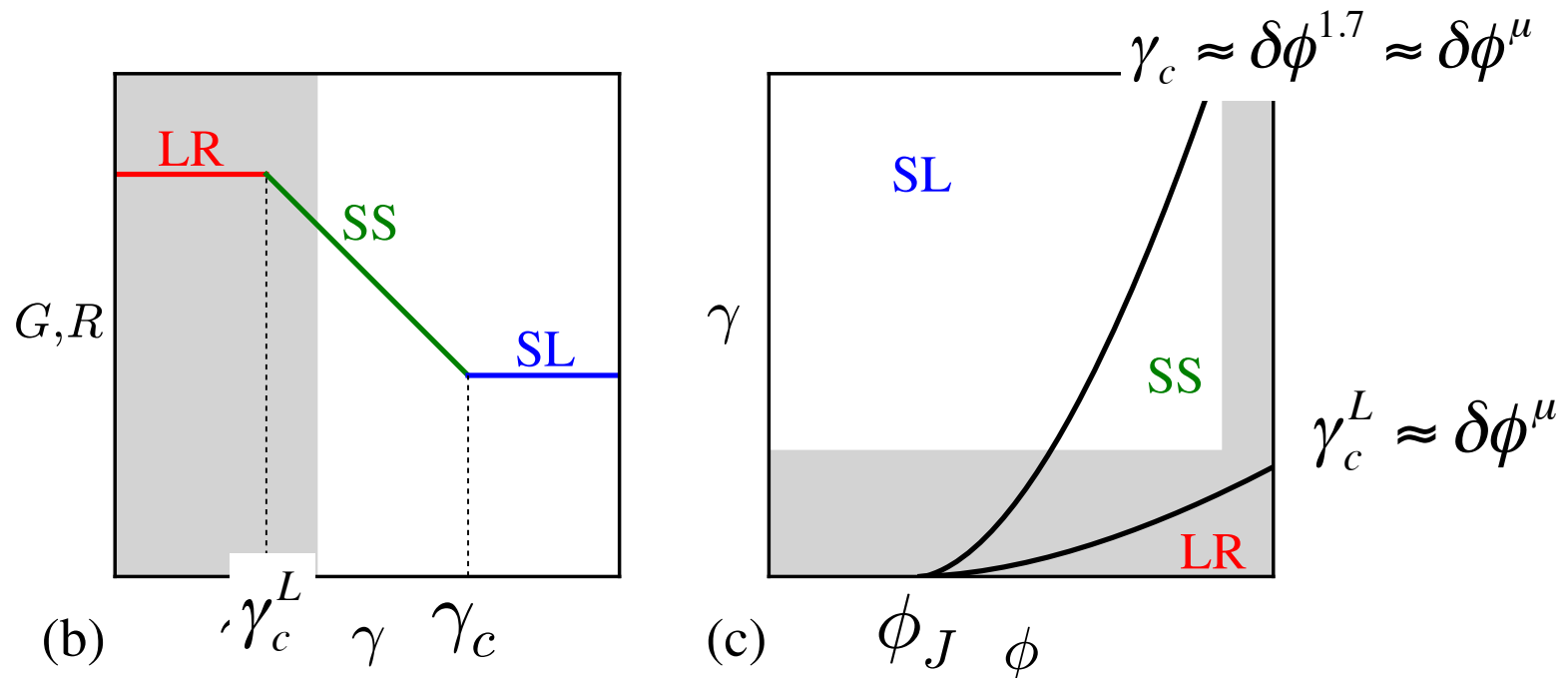
■ $\mu = 1.7 \quad \alpha = 1.0 < 2$

■ $\nu = 1.0 \quad \beta = 0.4 < 1$

=> **softening at small γ !**

$$\gamma_c \sim \Delta\phi^\xi, \quad \xi=1.7$$

Softening regime in the (ϕ, γ) plane



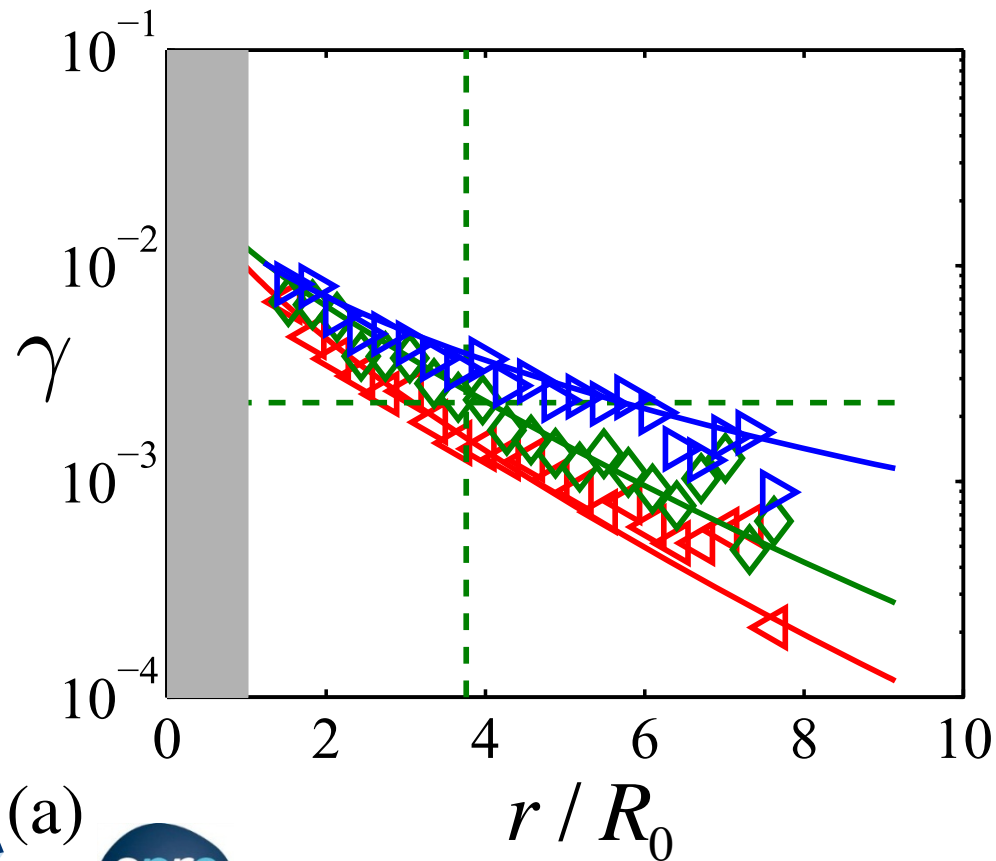
- We recover the softening regime observed by Hayakawa et al.
- The coupling to dilatancy is a key ingredient role as anticipated

Tighe B. Granular Matter (2014) 16:203–208

- What is captured here is the transition to a saturated linear regime

Radial profiles

- From $\text{div}(\underline{\underline{\sigma}}) = 0$ and the NL constitutive equation,
- Assuming azimuthal invariance,
- \Rightarrow radial strain profiles $\gamma(r)$, to be compared with direct observation



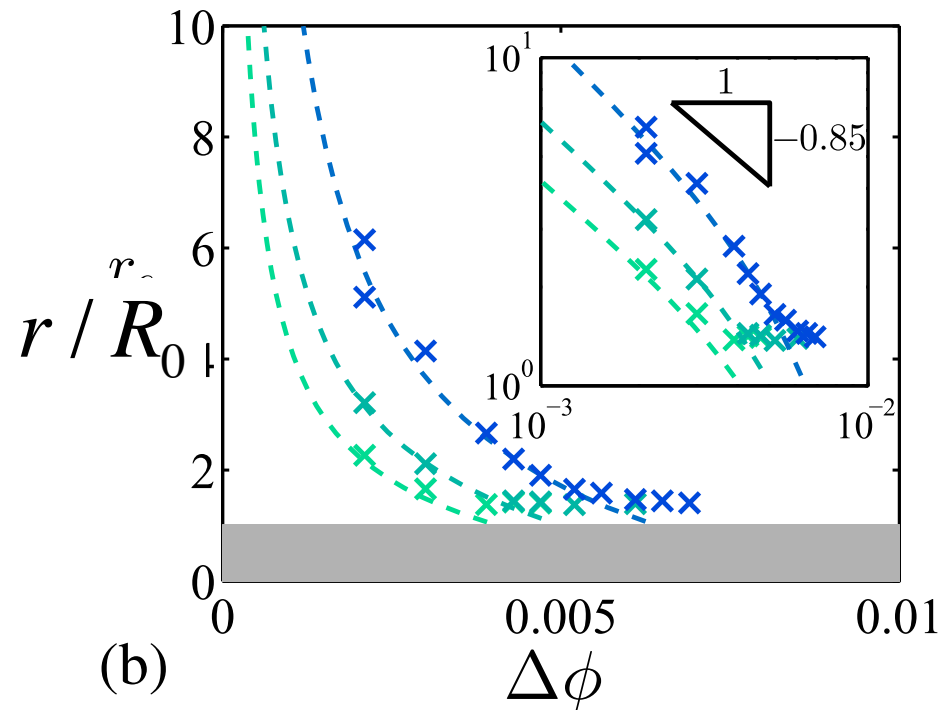
$$\gamma > \gamma_c \Leftrightarrow r < r_c$$

saturated linear regime

$$\gamma < \gamma_c \Leftrightarrow r > r_c$$

genuine non linear regime

Critical length diverging at jamming



$$\frac{r_c}{R_0} = \left(\frac{a^*}{\gamma_c} \right)^{1/2} \exp \left[\frac{R_0}{2G_0} a^* \left(1 - \frac{\gamma_c}{a^*} \right) \right].$$

$$r_c \sim \gamma_c^{-1/2} \sim \Delta\phi^{-0.85}$$

- Remember the 2 lengths : $l^* \sim 1/\delta z \sim 1/\delta\phi^{1/2}$ and $l_c \sim 1/\delta z^{0.5} \sim 1/\delta\phi^{1/4}$
 \Rightarrow none of these length scale; also here potential dependent
- Close to jamming $r_c > l^* > l_c$

Conclusion

- Probing experimentally the mechanical response to a point shear perturbation, we have shown that
 - We could not access linear response in the range of ϕ and strain explored here
 - It saturates to an effective linear regime at large strain
 - The critical strain scales like $\delta\phi^\mu$, where μ characterizes the grains stiffness.
 - In the non linear regime both shear modulus and dilatancy soften like $\text{strain}^{1/2}$
 - The critical distance from intruder length-scale above which non-linear effects can be seen diverges like $\delta\phi^{-\mu/2}$
- Thank you!

Further readings : ■ **Soft Matter, 2014, 10, 1519**
■ **PRL, 2014, 113 198001**