

# Simuler les Propriétés *Mécaniques* des *Verres*, et des matériaux *désordonnés*.

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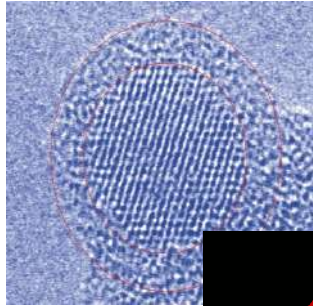
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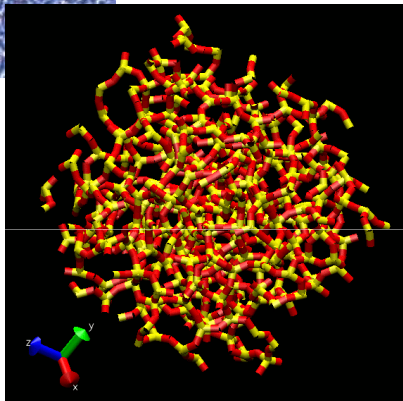
# Examples of *amorphous* materials

Covalent glasses:  
a-Si, silica...

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SiO<sub>2</sub>, F. Léonforte



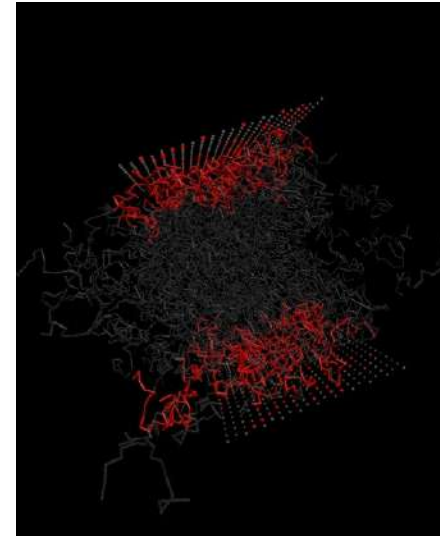
Metallic glasses:  
Zr-Ti-Cu-Ni-Be, Mg-Cu-Y,  
Fe-B...



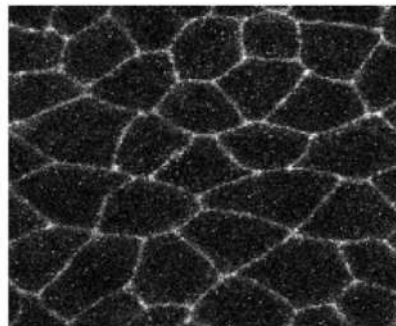
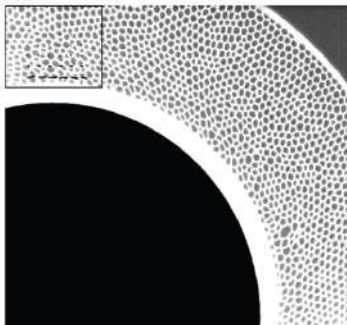
Metallic glasses, Vitreloy



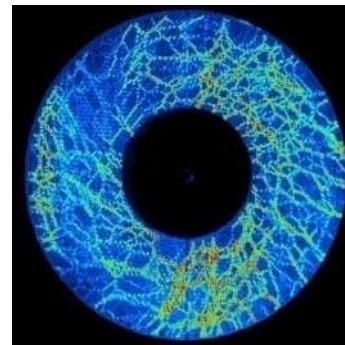
Polymeric glasses:  
PMMA, PC, PS...



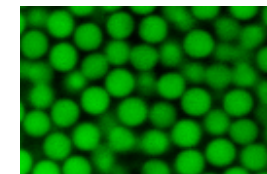
Disordered dense assemblies:  
Foams, cells,...



Granular media



Colloids



**Colloids:** 2 micron diameters  
3D confocal microscopy.  
E.R. Weeks (2006)

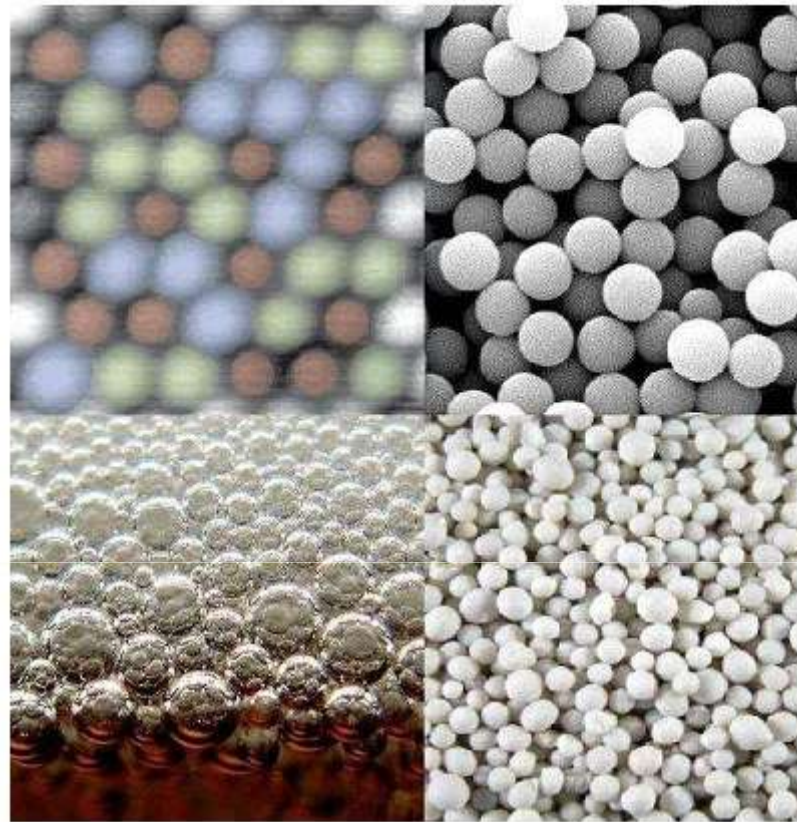


FIG. 1 Glassy phases occur at low temperature or large density in many different systems spanning a broad range of lengthscales, such as atomic (top left, atomic force spectroscopy image of an alloy linear size 4.3 nm (Sugimoto *et al.*, 2007)), colloidal (top right) systems, foams (bottom left, a beer foam with bubbles of submillimeter size) and granular materials (bottom right, a fertilizer made of millimeter size grains).

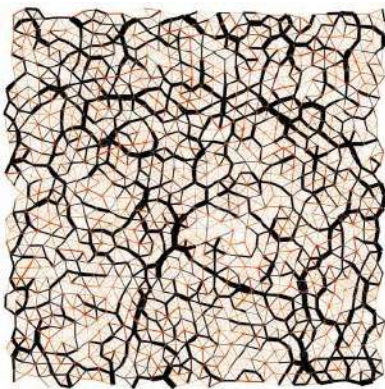
L. Berthier (2010)

# Classical Simulations on different systems

## The crucial choice of the **empirical** interactions

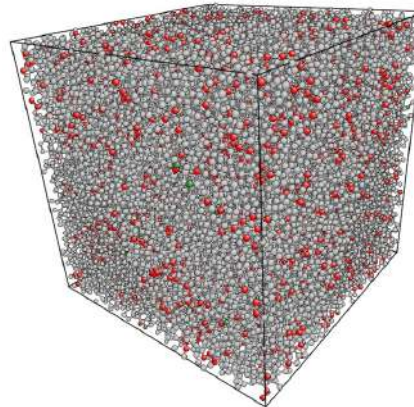
Examples:

### Lennard-Jones Glasses



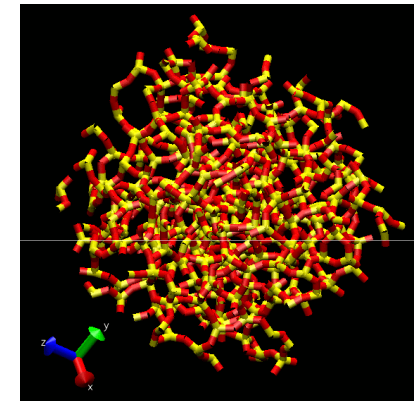
N = 100 to 400 000 particles  
 L: 10  $\sigma$  to 630  $\sigma$  (2D)  
       5  $\sigma$  to 74  $\sigma$  (3D)  
 $\rho$ : 0.87 to 1.4

### Amorphous « silicon »



N = 32 768 atoms  
 L = 84.8 Å  
 $\rho$  = 2.4 g/cm<sup>3</sup>

### Silica glass



N = 3 000 to 192 000 atoms  
 L = 36 to 143 Å  
 $\rho$  = 2.2 to 3 g/cm<sup>3</sup>

$$V_{ij}(r) = 4\epsilon_{ij} \left\{ \left( \frac{\sigma_{ij}}{r} \right)^{12} - \left( \frac{\sigma_{ij}}{r} \right)^6 \right\}$$

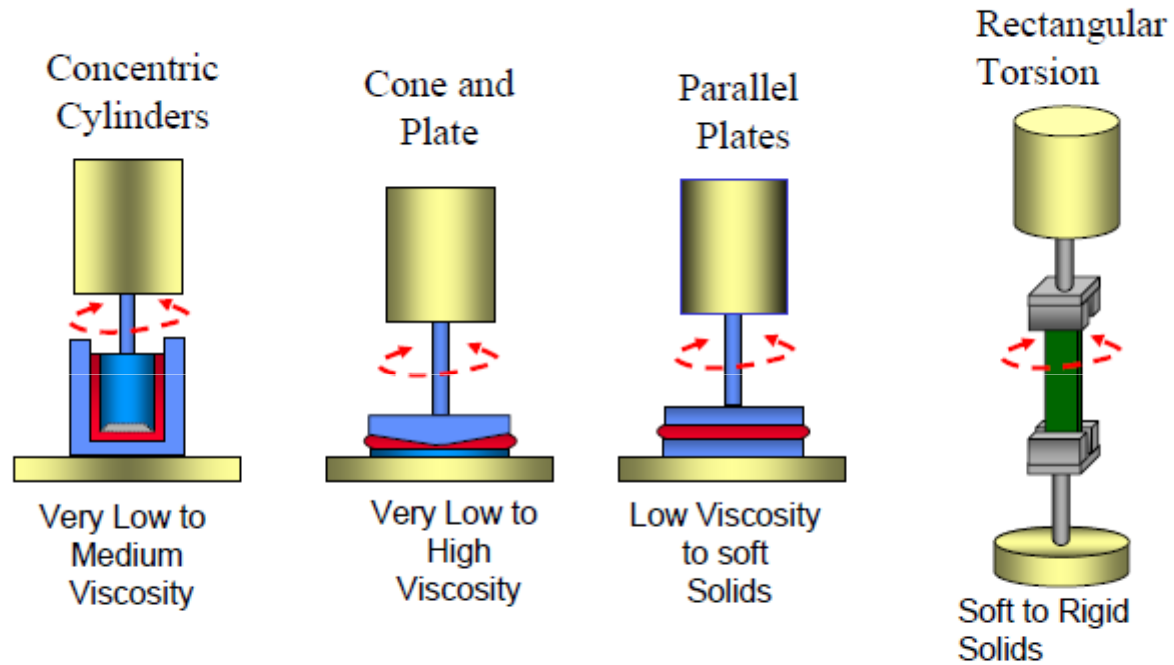
$$E_{\text{SW}} = \sum_{i,j} (A_{ij} r_{ij}^{-4} - B) \cdot e^{-(r_{ij}-a)^{-1}} + \sum_{i,j,k} \lambda (\cos \theta_{jik} + 1/3)^2 \cdot e^{\gamma \cdot (r_{ij}-a)^{-1} + \gamma \cdot (r_{ik}-a)^{-1}}$$

$$E_{\text{BKS}}(r) = \frac{q_i q_j}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r} + A_{ij} e^{-B_{ij}r} - \frac{C_{ij}}{r^6}$$

with (i, j)  $\in$  {Si, O}

i-j	Short-range parameters			Atomic charges
	$A_{ij}$ (eV)	$b_{ij}$ (Å <sup>-1</sup> )	$c_{ij}$ (eV Å <sup>6</sup> )	
O-O	1388.7730	2.76000	175.0000	$q_O = -1.2$
Si-O	18003.7572	4.87318	133.5381	$q_{Si} = 2.4$

## Measuring Systems - Geometries

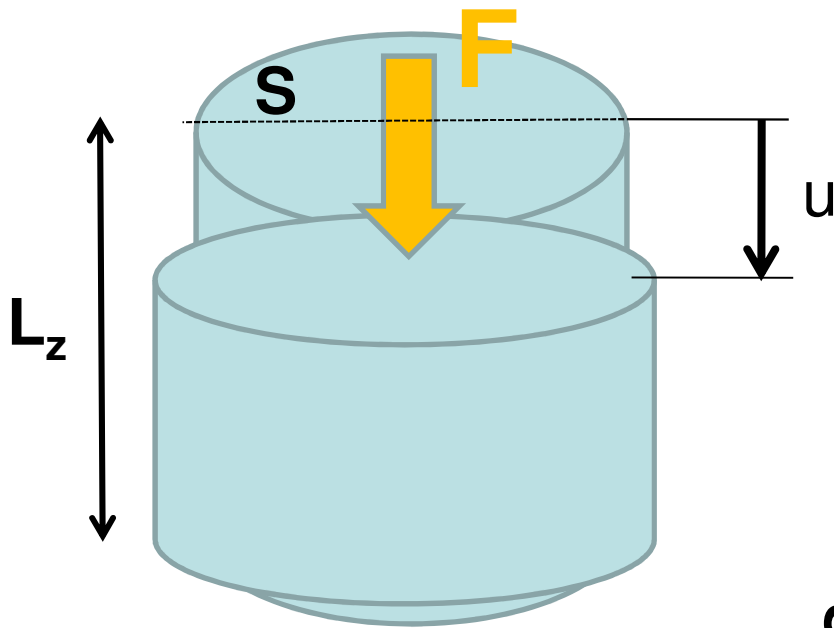


Dense Liquids

Pastes

Solids

# Example: Elasto-Plastic Mechanical Response



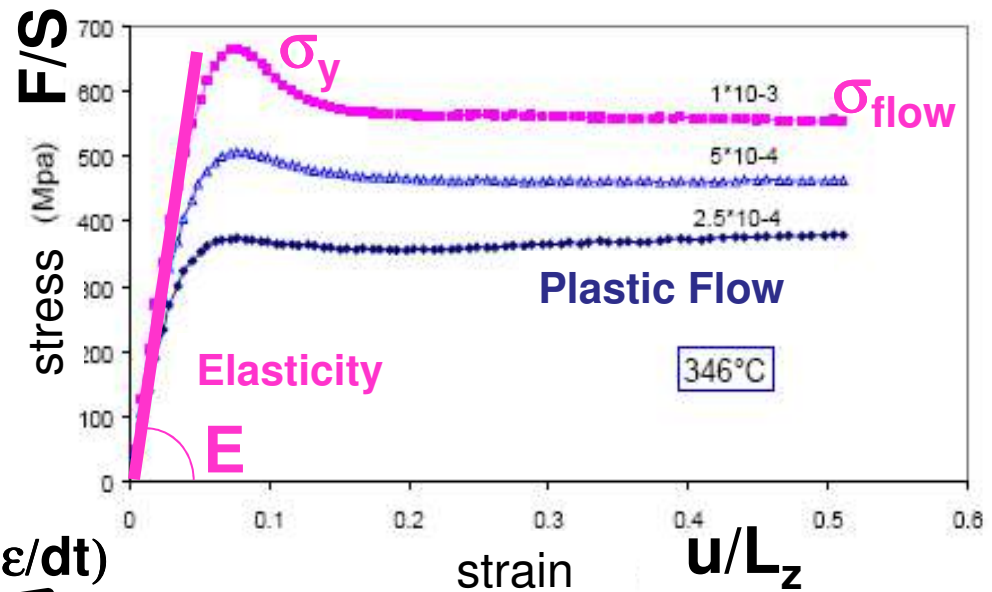
vitreloy

Linear Response:  
 $F/S = E \cdot u/L_z$   
 stress  $\sigma$       elastic modulus      strain  $\epsilon$

Yield stress  $\sigma_y$

Visco-Plastic Flow stress  $\sigma_{flow} (d\epsilon/dt)$

Strain rate  $d\epsilon/dt$





# Specific Mechanical Properties:

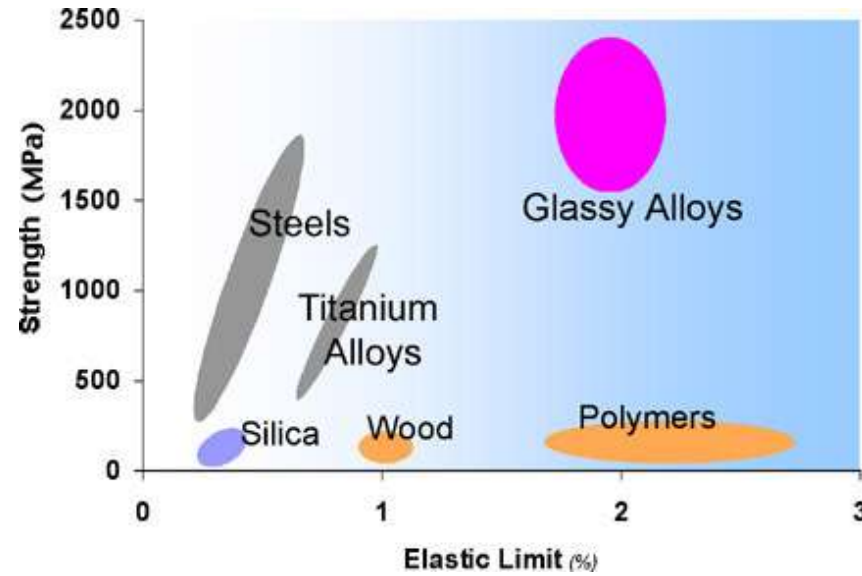
## Elastic Moduli:

Tableau II.-Module d'Young (E), coefficient de température ( $\frac{1}{E} \cdot \frac{dE}{dT}$ ) et rapport de E à l'état cristallisé à E à l'état amorphe ( $E_{crist.}/E_{am}$ ) mesurés à 20°C pour différents verres métalliques.

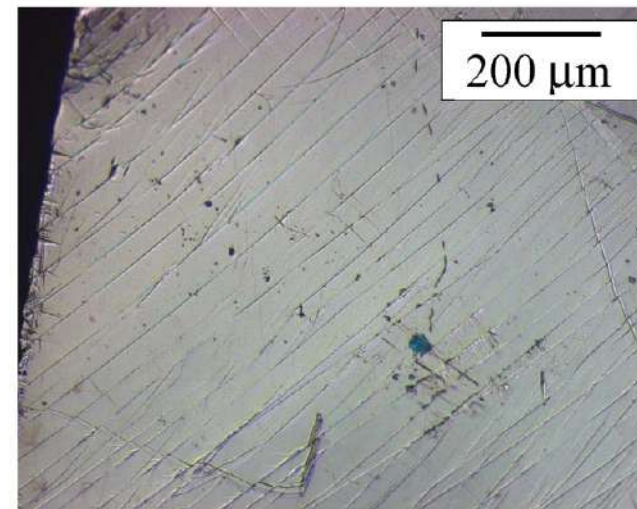
ALLIAGE	E(GPa)	$\frac{1}{E} \cdot \frac{dE}{dT} / ^\circ C (X10^4)$	$E_{crist.} / E_{am}$	Réf.
Pd <sub>82</sub> Si <sub>18</sub>	78	- 2,9	1,28	(3)
Pd <sub>80</sub> Si <sub>20</sub>	65	- 7,3	1,24	(26)
Fe <sub>80</sub> P <sub>15</sub> C <sub>5</sub>	124	- 3,4		(1)
Fe <sub>75</sub> P <sub>15</sub> C <sub>10</sub>				
- désaimanté	128	- 0,6	1,45	(3)
- aimanté à saturation	150	- 2,6	1,23	
Fe <sub>83</sub> B <sub>14</sub> Si <sub>1,5</sub> C <sub>1,5</sub>				
- brut d'hyper-trempe	130	- 0,7	1,37	
- état relaxé	91	+ 12,5	1,75	(23)
Co <sub>80</sub> P <sub>20</sub>	105	- 2,8	1,23	(3)
Ni <sub>76</sub> P <sub>24</sub>	95	- 9,2	1,32	(27)

$$E_{amorphous} \approx E_{crist.} / 1.3 < E_{crist.}$$

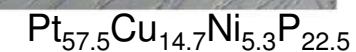
## Very high Elastic Limit:



## Strain Localization along shear bands:



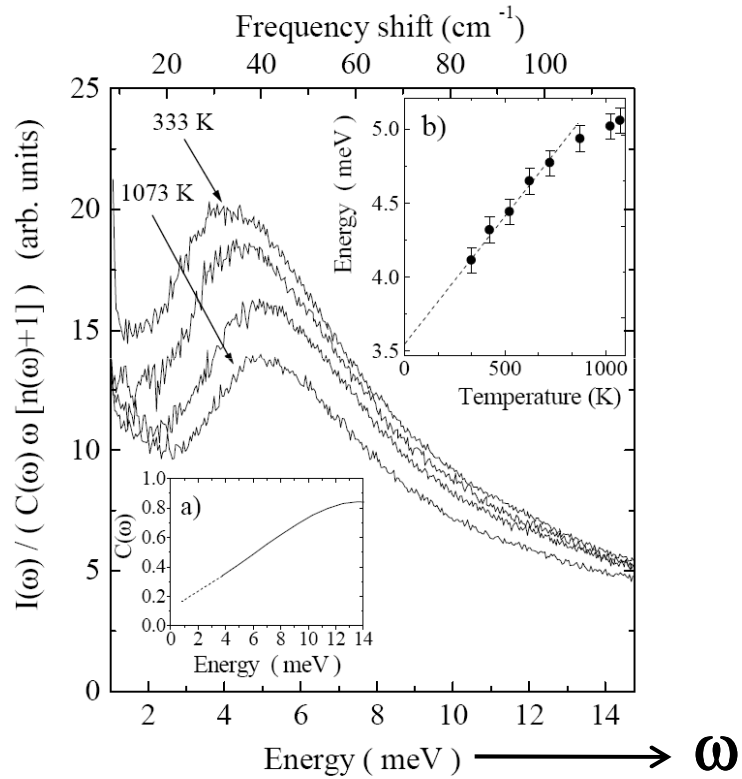
Scroers et Johnson (2004)



# « Anomalous » density of Low $\omega$ Vibration Modes:

## Boson Peak

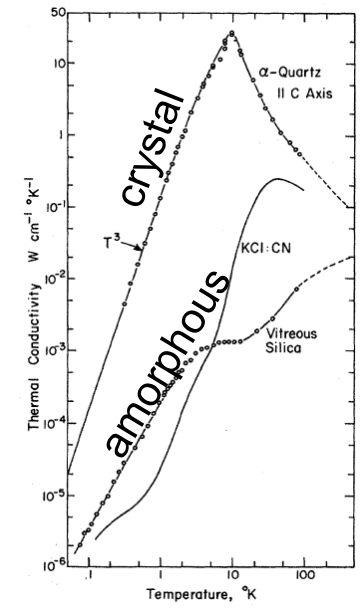
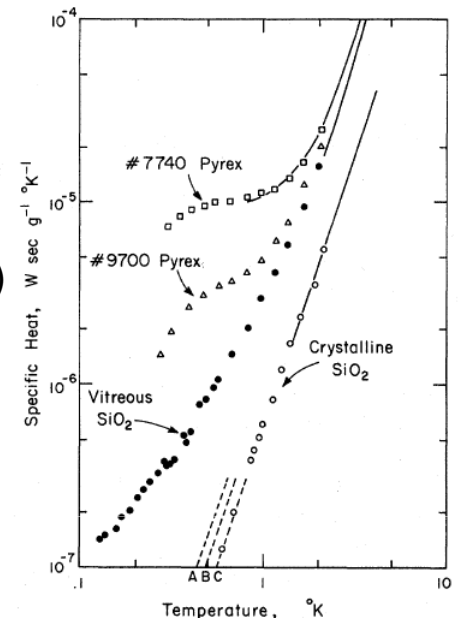
$$\frac{g(\omega)}{\omega^2} \propto \frac{g(\omega)}{g_D(\omega)}$$



Raman Spectra of  $\alpha$ -SiO<sub>2</sub>  
by C. Masciovecchio et al.(1999)

High Heat Capacity:  
 $\delta Q = C_v \cdot dT$   
(density of vibrations)

Low Thermal Conductivity:  
 $du / dSdt$   
 $= -\lambda \cdot dT / dx$   
(mean free path)



# Macroscopic and Microscopic description of the Elastic Behaviour:

## Classical Theory of Elasticity:

$$\delta E = \underline{\underline{\sigma}}^0 : \underline{\underline{\varepsilon}} + \frac{1}{2} \underline{\underline{\varepsilon}} : \underline{\underline{C}} : \underline{\underline{\varepsilon}} + \dots$$

linearized strain tensor  $\varepsilon_{\alpha\beta} \equiv \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\partial u_\alpha}{\partial x_\beta} + \frac{\partial u_\beta}{\partial x_\alpha} \right)$

stress tensor  $\sigma_{ij} \equiv \frac{\partial E}{\partial \varepsilon_{ij}} \approx \sigma_{ij}^0 + \sum_{k,l} C_{ijkl} \cdot \varepsilon_{kl}$

Hooke's Law: 21 Elastic Moduli  $C_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta}$  in the most general 3D case.

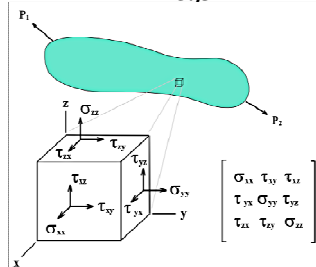
2 Elastic Moduli in the isotropic case:

$$\sigma_{\alpha\beta} = \sigma_{\alpha\beta}^0 + \lambda \text{tr} \underline{\underline{\varepsilon}} \cdot \delta_{\alpha\beta} + 2\mu \varepsilon_{\alpha\beta}$$

Equations of motion:

$$\rho \frac{\partial^2 \underline{u}}{\partial t^2}(\underline{r}) = \nabla \cdot \underline{\underline{\sigma}} + \underline{f}$$

$$\rho \frac{\partial^2 \underline{u}}{\partial t^2}(\underline{r}) = \nabla \cdot (\underline{\underline{C}}(x, y, z) : \underline{\underline{\varepsilon}}) + \underline{f}$$



## Atomic Scale Description:

$$E(\{\underline{r}_{ij}\}) = \sum_{(i,j)} E_{ij}(\underline{r}_{ij}) + \sum_{(i,j,k)} E_{ijk}(\underline{r}_{ij}, \underline{r}_{jk}, \underline{r}_{ik}) + \dots$$

2-body interactions  
(Cauchy model)  
Ex. Lennard-Jones  
Foams  
BKS model for Silica

3-body inter.  
Ex. Silicon

Displacements  $\underline{u}(\underline{r}_i) \equiv \underline{r}_i - \underline{r}_i^0$

Equations of motion on the particles:

$$m_i \cdot \frac{\partial^2 u_\alpha}{\partial t^2}(\underline{r}_i) = - \frac{\partial E_{total}}{\partial r_{i\alpha}} \approx - \sum_j M_{ij}^{\alpha\beta} \cdot u_\beta(\underline{r}_j) + f_\alpha(\underline{r}_i)$$

# Molecular Dynamics Simulations:

$$m_i \frac{d\vec{v}_i}{dt} = \vec{F}_i$$

$E = \text{cste}$  in the *Micromechanical ensemble* (isolated system. No damping):

$$\vec{F}_i = -\frac{\partial}{\partial \vec{r}_i} (\mathcal{V}(\vec{r}_1, \vec{r}_2, \dots, \vec{r}_N))$$

$$E = \mathcal{H}(\vec{r}_i, \vec{p}_i) = \sum_i \frac{p_i^2}{2m_i} + \mathcal{V}(\vec{r}_1, \vec{r}_2, \dots, \vec{r}_N) \quad \text{Total energy}$$

$T = \text{cste}$  in the *Canonical ensemble*:

$$\langle E_c \rangle = \frac{3}{2} N k_B T \quad \sum_i m_i \delta v_i^2 = \text{cste}$$

Different choices of *Thermostats*:

**Langevin:**  $m_i \frac{dv_i}{dt} = -\Gamma \cdot v_i + F_i + \kappa(t)$  with  $\langle \kappa(t) \cdot \kappa(t') \rangle = \text{cste} \cdot 2\Gamma k_B T \cdot \delta(t-t')$

**Andersen:** *prob. of collision*  $\nu \Delta t$ . *Maxwell-Boltzmann velocity distr.*

**Nosé-Hoover:**

$$m_i \frac{d\vec{v}_i}{dt} = \vec{F}_i - m_i \zeta \vec{v}_i$$

$$Q \frac{d\zeta}{dt} = \sum_i m_i \vec{v}_i^2 - (3N + 1) k_B T$$

**Simple Rescaling:**  $(\delta v_{\text{new}} / \delta v_{\text{old}})^2 = T / T_{\text{inst}}$

**Berendsen:**  $v_i' = \lambda v_i$  with  $\lambda = \left(1 - \frac{dt}{\tau} \left[\frac{T}{T_0} - 1\right]\right)^{1/2}$

Microscopic determination of **different physical quantities**:

-**Density** profile, pair distribution function  $\hat{\rho}(\vec{r}) = \sum \delta(\vec{r} - \vec{r}_i)$

$$\rho^{(2)}(\vec{r}, \vec{r}') = \langle \hat{\rho}(\vec{r}) \hat{\rho}(\vec{r}') \rangle \equiv \lim_{\tau \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\tau} \int_0^\tau \hat{\rho}(\vec{r}, t) \hat{\rho}(\vec{r}', t) dt \quad g(\vec{r}, \vec{r}') = \rho^{(2)}(\vec{r}, \vec{r}') / \rho(\vec{r}) \rho(\vec{r}')$$

$$S(\vec{k}) = \frac{1}{N} \langle \sum_{i,j} \exp(-i\vec{k} \cdot (\vec{r}_j - \vec{r}_i)) \rangle$$

-**Velocity** profile

-**Diffusion constant**  $D = \frac{1}{6t} \langle (\vec{r}_i(t) - \vec{r}_i(0))^2 \rangle = \frac{1}{3} \int_0^\infty \langle \vec{v}_i(t) \cdot \vec{v}_i(0) \rangle dt$

-**Stress tensor** (Irwin-Kirkwood, Goldenberg-Goldhirsch)

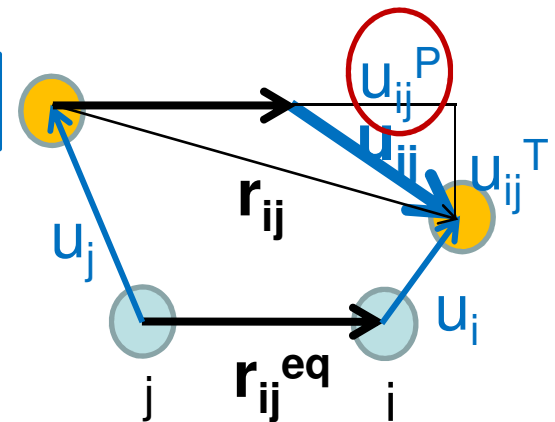
$$P_{\alpha\beta} = \sum_i \frac{p_{i\alpha} p_{i\beta}}{m_i} + \sum_i r_{i\alpha} F_{i\beta}$$

-**Pressure**

$$PV = Nk_B T + \frac{1}{3} \langle \sum_i \vec{r}_i \cdot \vec{F}_i \rangle \rightarrow \text{Barostat}$$

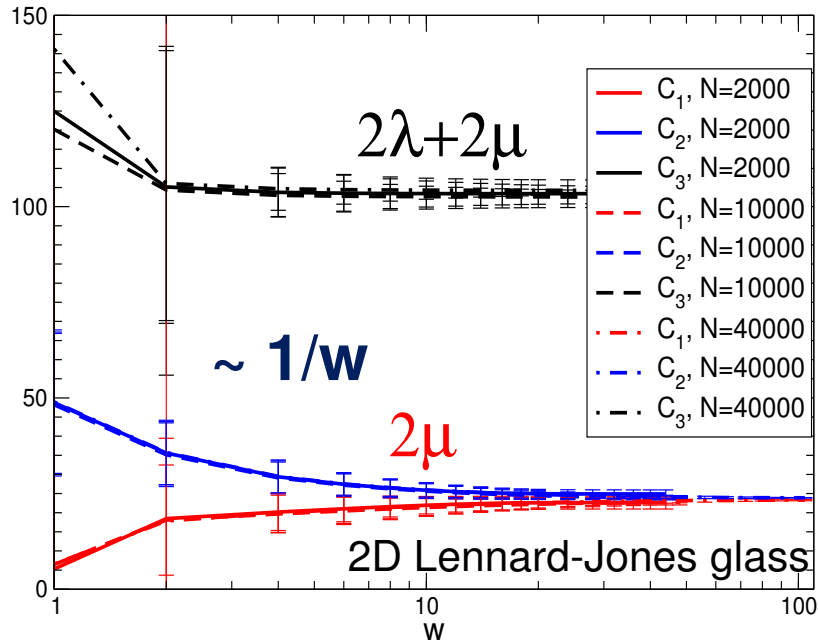
-**Strain**

$$\mathbf{u}_{ij}^P = \mathbf{u}_{ij} \cdot \frac{\mathbf{r}_{ij}^{eq}}{r_{ij}^{eq}} \approx \sum_{\alpha} \sum_{\beta} \frac{r_{ij}^{eq,\alpha} \cdot \mathbf{r}_{ij}^{eq,\beta}}{r_{ij}^{eq}} \cdot \mathcal{E}_{\alpha\beta}$$

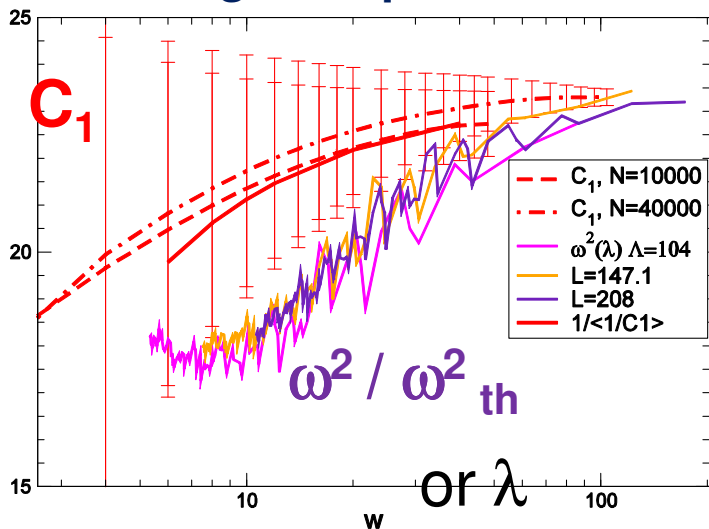


# Length Scales:

## Elastic Moduli:



## Eigenfrequencies:



← Linear Elasticity

Coarse Graining	0	5	10	15	20
Hooke's law	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES
Homogeneity $\frac{\langle \epsilon \rangle - 2\mu}{2\mu} < 10\%$	NO	NO	YES	YES	YES
$\frac{\Delta C}{\langle C \rangle} < 10\%$	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES
Isotropy $\frac{C_2 - C_1}{2\mu} < 10\%$	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES

M. Tsamados et al. EPJE (2009)

↑ Isotropic Elasticity

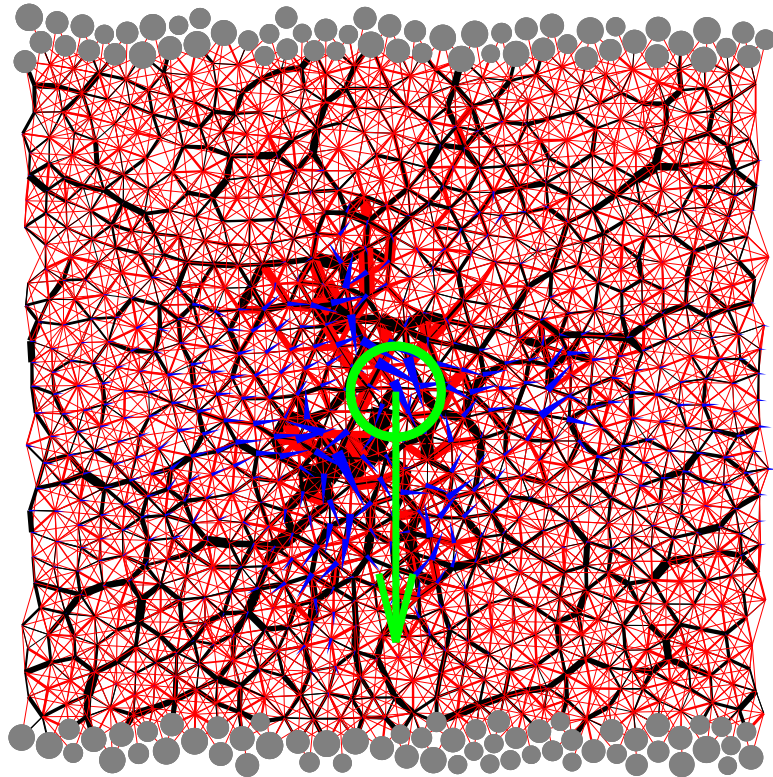
$$\omega_{th}^2 \sim C_1 \infty / \lambda$$

$$\omega \rightarrow \omega_{th} \text{ for } \lambda > 20a \sim 2 \text{ nm}$$

**Box Size  $L > 2 \text{ nm}$**

A. Tanguy et al. PRE (2002)

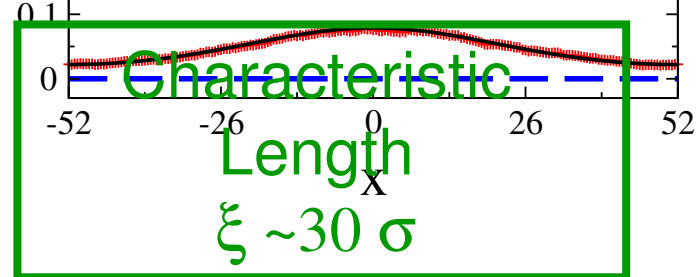
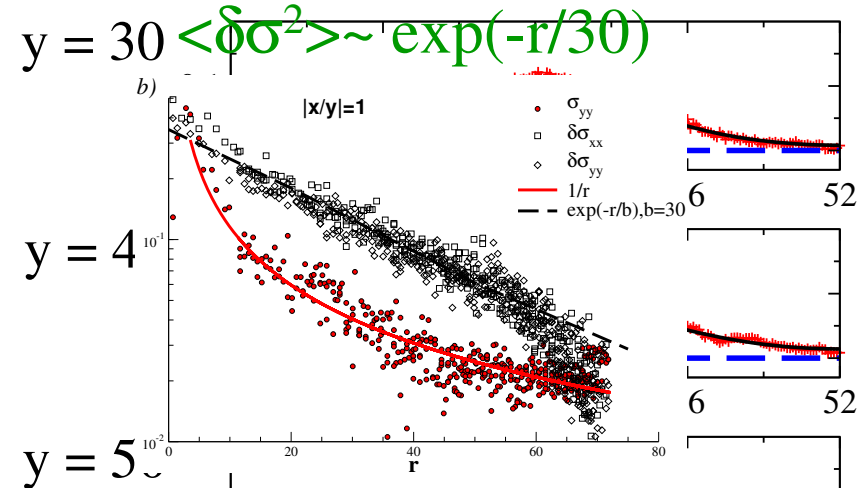
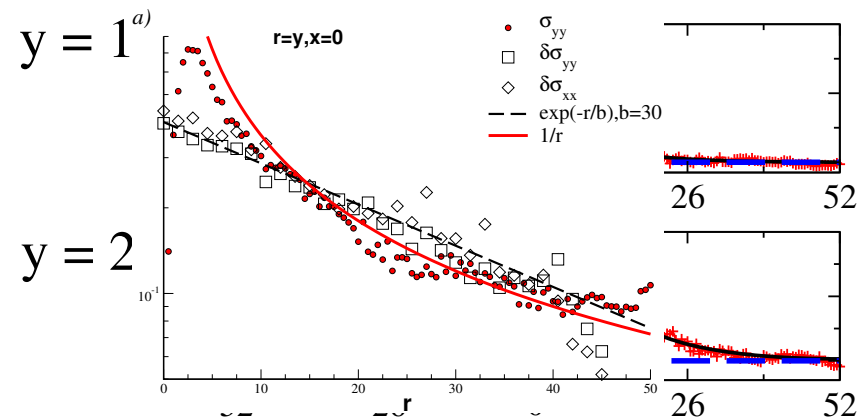
# 2D Lennard-Jones Glass:



F. Léonforte et al (2004)

Heterogeneous Displacements

## Large fluctuations $\langle \sigma_{yy}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{v}) \rangle$



## Time Scales:

Length scales  $\sigma_{ij} \approx 10 \text{ \AA}$

Masses  $m_i \approx 10^{-25} \text{ kg}$

Energy  $\epsilon_{ij} \approx 1 \text{ eV} \approx 2 \cdot 10^{-19} \text{ J} \approx k_B T_m$

$$\text{Time scale } \tau \approx \sqrt{\frac{m_i \cdot \sigma^2}{\epsilon_{ij}}} \approx 10^{-12} \text{ s} \text{ or } \tau \approx \frac{(0.1\sigma)^2}{D(T=1)} \approx \frac{10^{-20}}{10^{-8}} \approx 10^{-12} \text{ s}$$

$N=10^6$  particles, Box size  $L=100\sigma \approx 10 \text{ nm}$  for a mass density  $\rho=1$ .

$3 \cdot N \cdot N_{\text{neig}} \approx 10^8$  operations at each « time » step.

Time step  $\Delta t = 0.01\tau \approx 10^{-14} \text{ s}$

$10^6$  MD steps  $\approx 10^{-8} \text{ s} = 10 \text{ ns}$

or  $10^6 \times 10^{-4} = 100\%$  shear strain in quasi-static simulations

Quench rate  $\sim 1000 \text{ }^\circ\text{K} / 10 \text{ ns} = 10^{11} \text{ }^\circ\text{K/s} \gg 10^6 \text{ }^\circ\text{K/s}$



# Thermal Regimes:

## Athermal Limit

M. Tsamados et al. (2010)

Typical Relative displacement  
due to the **external strain**  $a \cdot \dot{\gamma} \cdot t$

larger than

Typical vibration of the atom  
due to **thermal activation**

$$\sqrt{\frac{k_B T}{k_h}}$$

$$\sqrt{\frac{k_B T_c}{m \omega_0^2}} \lesssim \frac{2\pi \dot{\gamma} \sigma}{\omega_0}$$

**Ex.** Lennard-Jones systems:

$$T_c \lesssim 40 \dot{\gamma}^2 \quad T_c \approx 4 \cdot 10^{-3} \text{ at } \dot{\gamma} = 10^{-2}$$

$$\omega_0 = \sqrt{k_h/m} \quad T_c \approx 4 \cdot 10^{-7} \text{ at } \dot{\gamma} = 10^{-4}$$

**Ex.** Colloids:  $T = 300^\circ\text{K} \quad \dot{\gamma} > 10^{-6} \text{s}^{-1}$

## Efficient Damping

F. Varnik et al. (2008)

Time needed to **dissipate** heat created

$$t_d = \frac{L}{c}$$

smaller than

Time needed to generate  $k_B T$   
by **plastic activation**

$$t_Q = \frac{k_B T}{\sigma_{xy} \cdot \dot{\gamma}}$$

$$\dot{\gamma} \ll \frac{k_B T \cdot c}{L \cdot \sigma_{xy} \left( \dot{\gamma} \right)}$$

after setting  $T = 0.2$  and  $\sigma = 0.6$ , yields

$$\dot{\gamma}_{\text{tot}} \leq 3 \times 10^{-2}$$

# Athermal Regime: 2D Lennard Jones $T=10^{-7}$

at constant Strain Rate and Temperature

M. Tsamados (2010)

Competition between nucleation and diffusion



Low strain rate  $\dot{\gamma} = 10^{-4}$   
Progressive Diffusion of Local Rearrangements  
Finite Size Effects

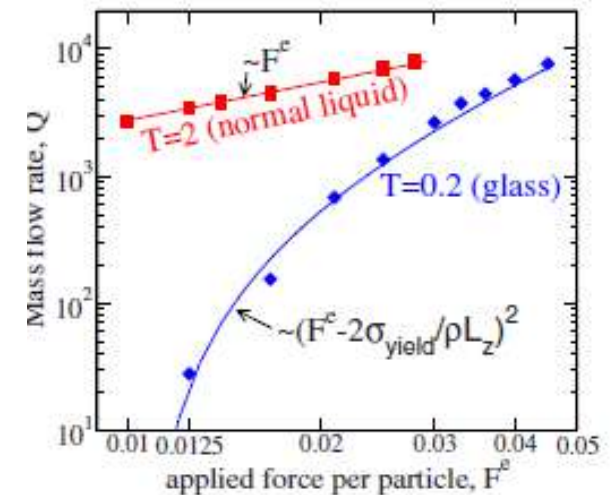
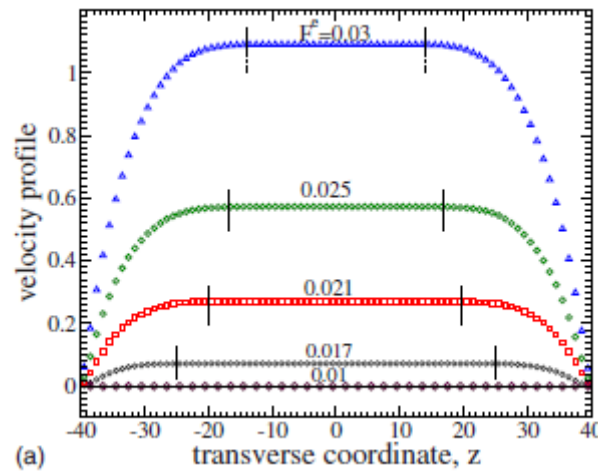
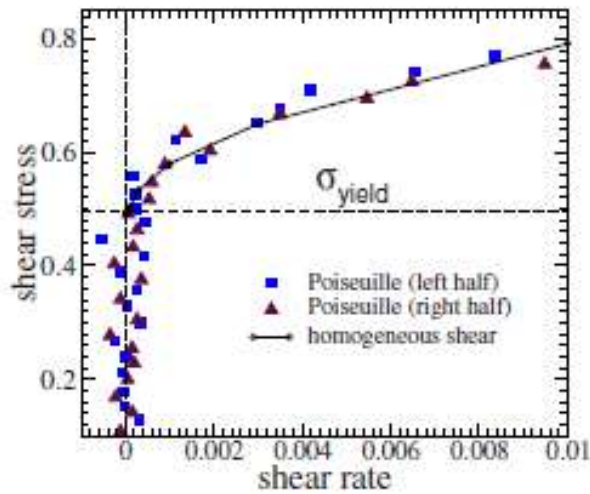
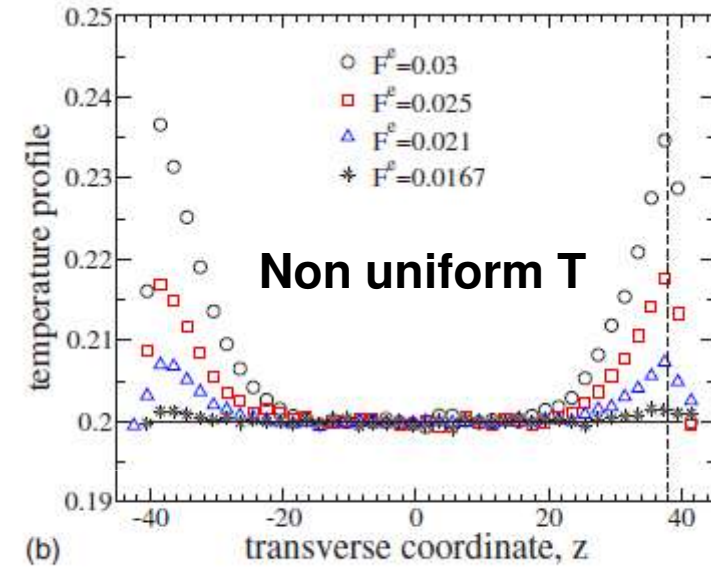
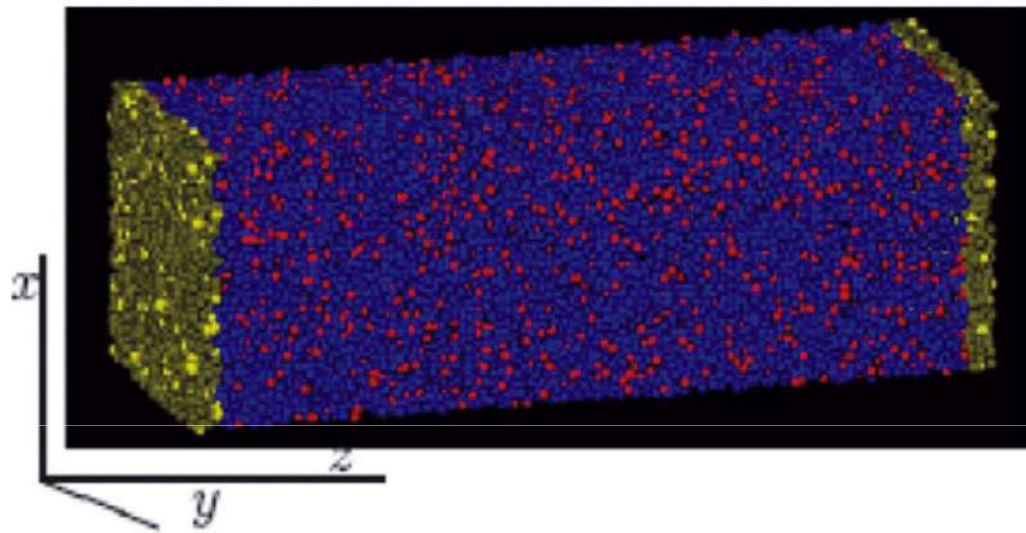


Large strain rate  $\dot{\gamma} = 10^{-3}$   
Nucleation of Local Rearrangements

# Non-Uniform Temperature Profile and viscosity

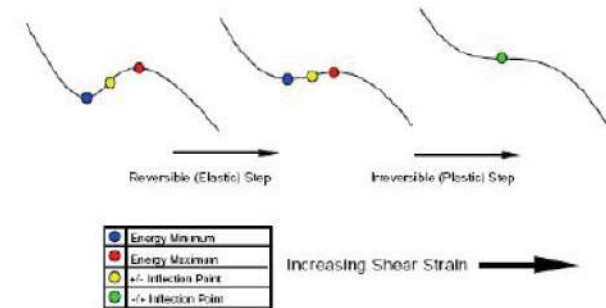
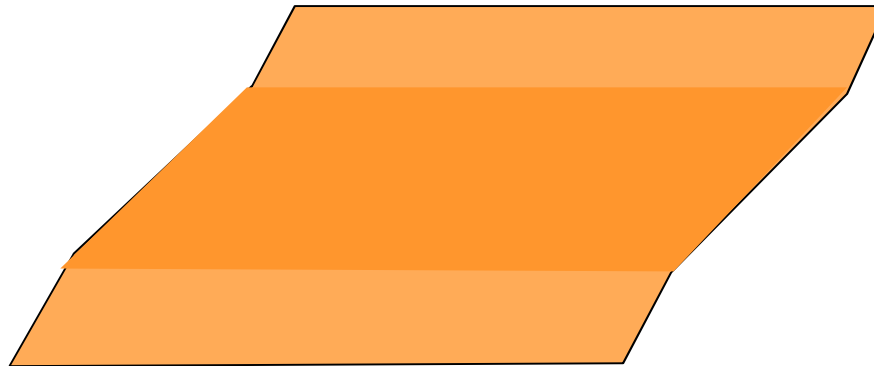
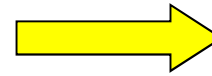
## Efficient damping regime - F. Varnik (2008)

### Visco-Plastic Behaviour:



# Energy Minimization

quasi-static simulations in the athermal limit:

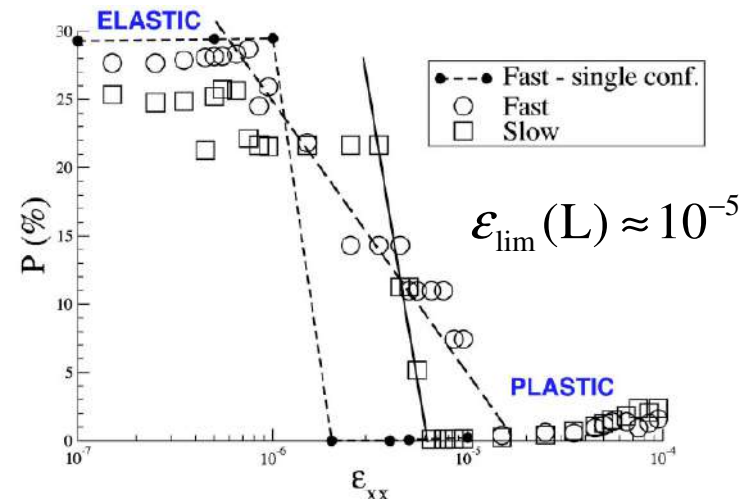


At each step, apply a small strain  $\delta\epsilon$  ( $L \approx 10^{-4}$ ) on the boundary, and Relax the system to a local minimum of the Total Potential Energy  $V(\{\mathbf{r}_i\})$ . Dissipation is assumed to be total during  $\delta\epsilon$ .

## Quasi-Static Limit

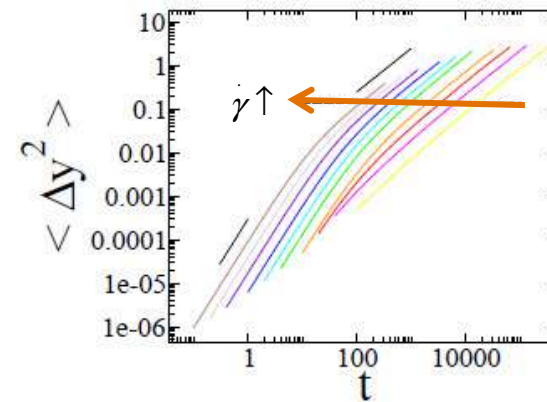
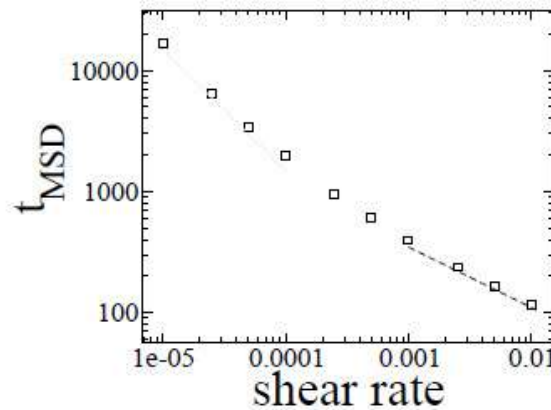
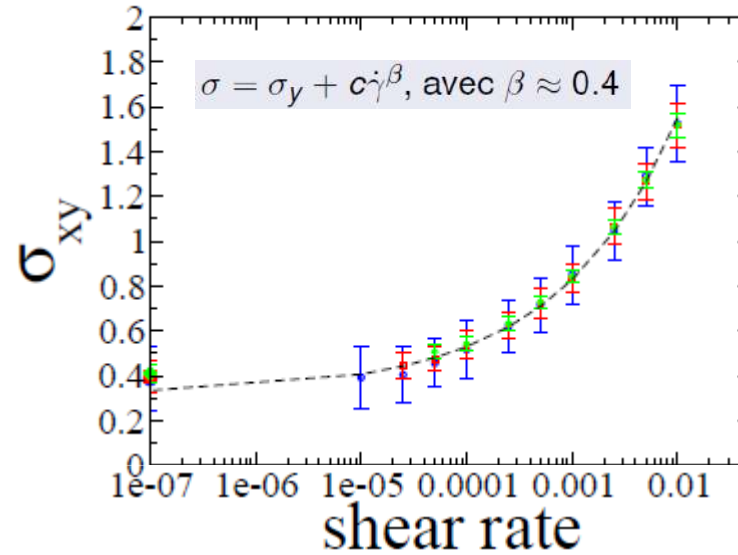
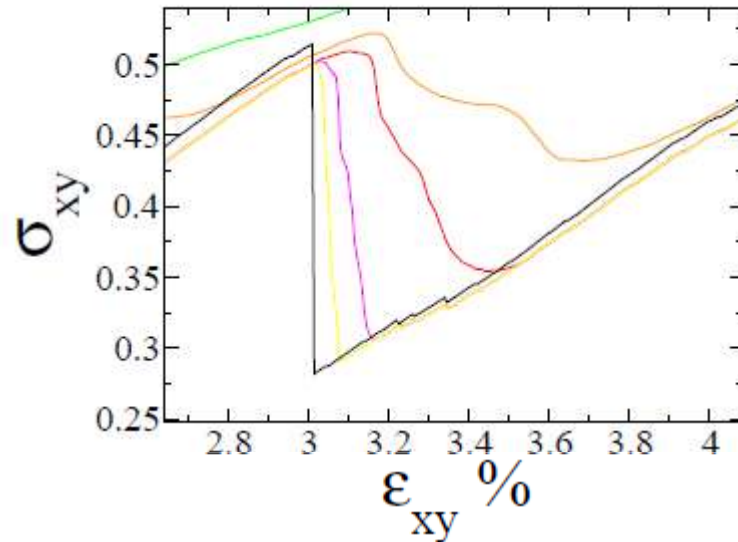
$$\delta t \gg a/c \approx 10^{-12} \text{ s}$$

$$\frac{\delta\epsilon}{\delta t} \ll \frac{\delta\epsilon \cdot c}{a} \ll \frac{\epsilon_{\text{lim}}(L) \cdot c}{a} \approx 10^7 \text{ s}^{-1} (\approx 10^{-5} u_{\text{LJ}}).$$



# MD versus Energy Minimization in the athermal limit:

At  $T=10^{-8}$  (rescaling of the transverse velocity  $v_y$  et each step)



M. Tsamados  
(2010)

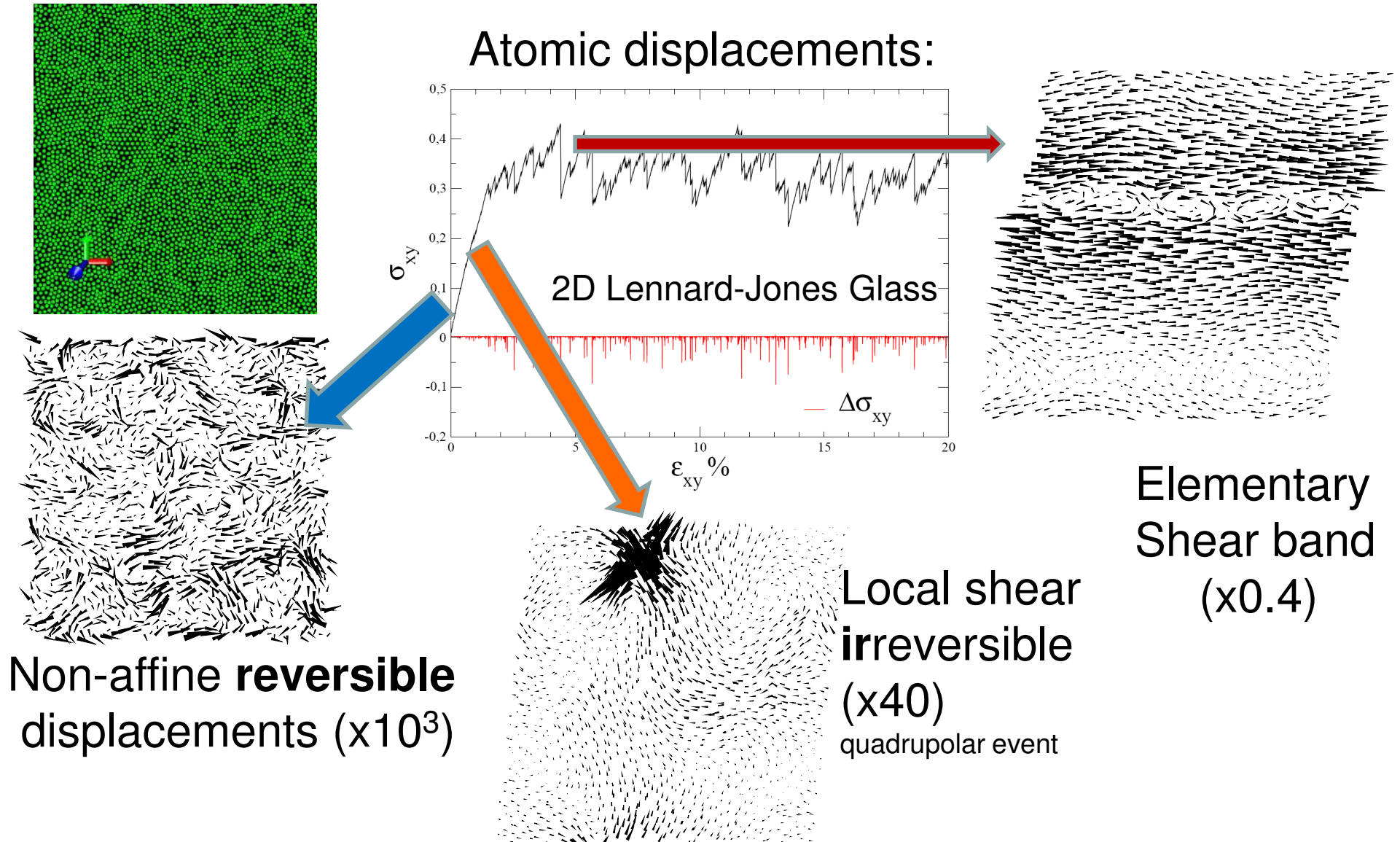
$\dot{\gamma} \gtrsim \dot{\gamma}_c \Rightarrow t_{1/e} \propto \dot{\gamma}^{-\nu_2}, \nu_2 \approx 0.6$  (régime dynamique)  
 $\dot{\gamma} \lesssim \dot{\gamma}_c \Rightarrow t_{1/e} \propto \dot{\gamma}^{-1}$  (régime QS)

$$\sigma \approx \eta \cdot \dot{\gamma} \approx \left( \dot{\gamma} \right)^{0.4}$$

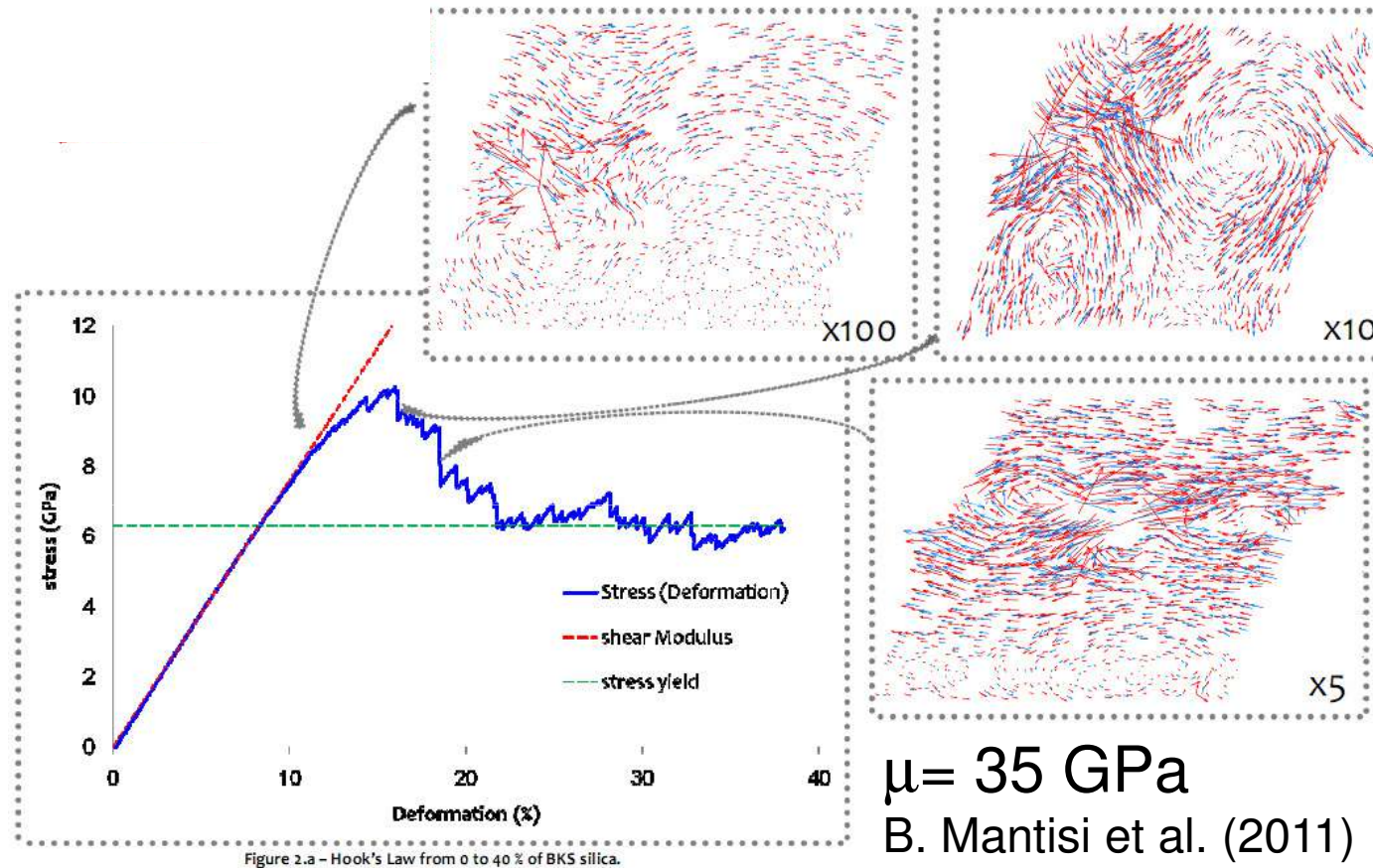
$$\sigma \approx \eta \cdot \dot{\gamma} \approx cste$$

# The Stress-Strain behaviour in the QS limit:

A. Tanguy et coll. Phys. Rev. B (2002), J.P. Wittmer et coll. Europhys. Lett. (2002), A. Tanguy et coll. App. Surf. Sc. (2004)  
F. Léonforte et coll. Phys. Rev. B (2004), F. Léonforte et coll. Phys. Rev. B (2005), F. Léonforte et coll. Phys. Rev. Lett. (2006),  
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# Silica-like glass



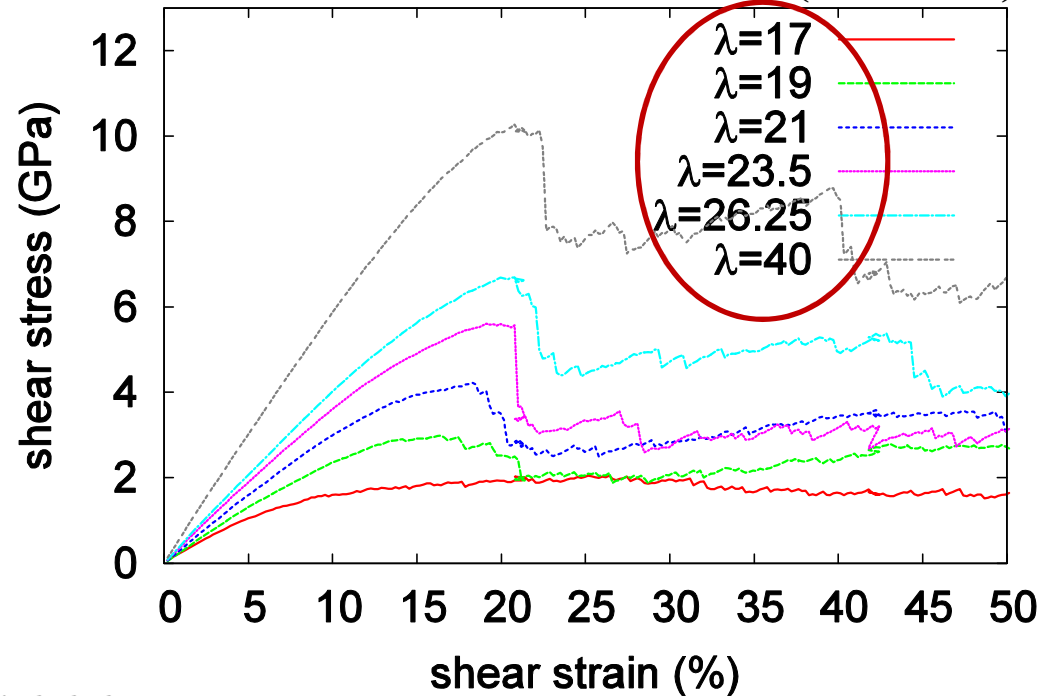
BKS Potential.  $P_0 = 0 \text{ GPa}$ .  $N = 24\,000$  atoms.  $L = 71.66 \text{ \AA}$

$$\phi_{\alpha\beta}^{BKS}(r) = \frac{E_{\alpha\beta}}{r} + \left( A_{\alpha\beta} e^{-B_{\alpha\beta} \cdot r} - \frac{C_{\alpha\beta}}{r^6} \right) + \left( \frac{D_{\alpha\beta}}{r} \right)^{12}$$

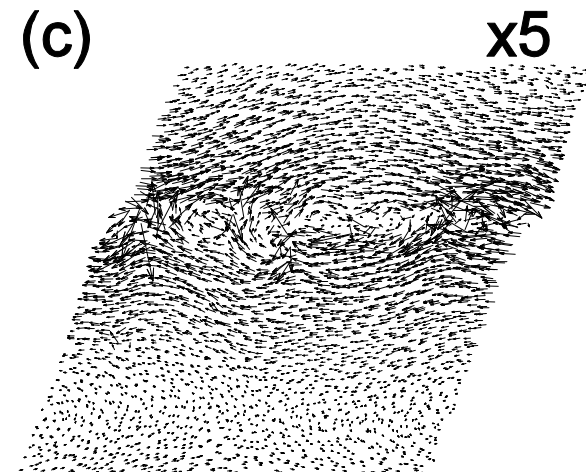
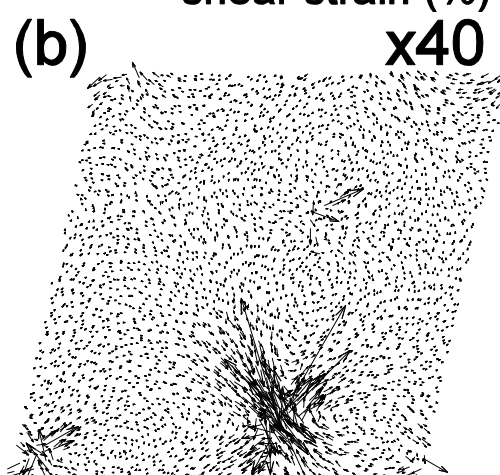
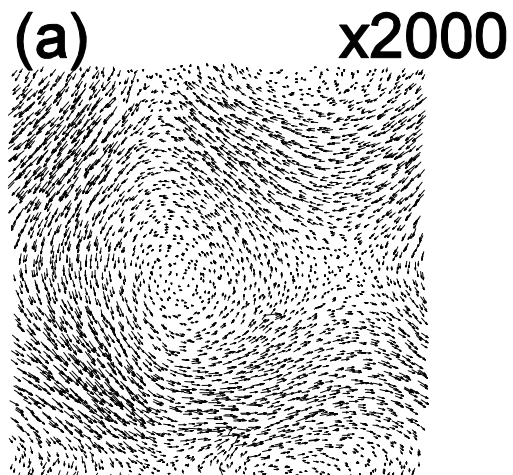
A. Carré et al. (2007)

# a-Silicon

$$E_{\text{SW}}(1,2,\dots,N) = \sum_{(i,j)} (A.r_{ij}^{-4} - B).e^{-(r_{ij}-a)^{-1}} + \sum_{i,j,k} \lambda \left( \cos \theta_{jik} + \frac{1}{3} \right) . e^{\gamma.(r_{ij}-a)^{-1} + \gamma.(r_{ik}-a)^{-1}}$$

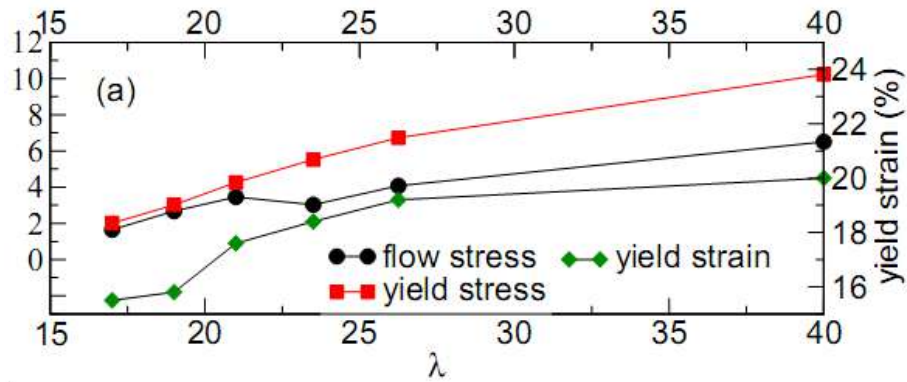
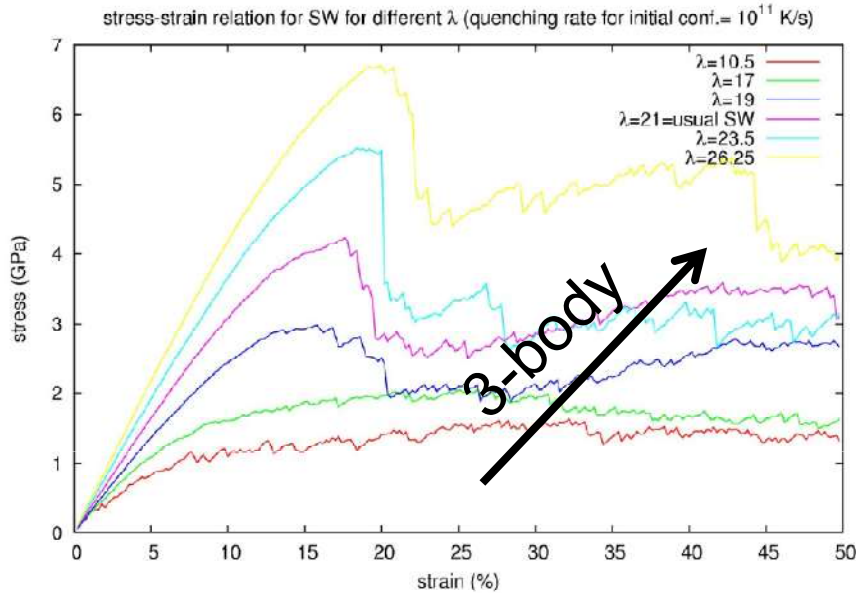


C. Fusco et al. (2010)

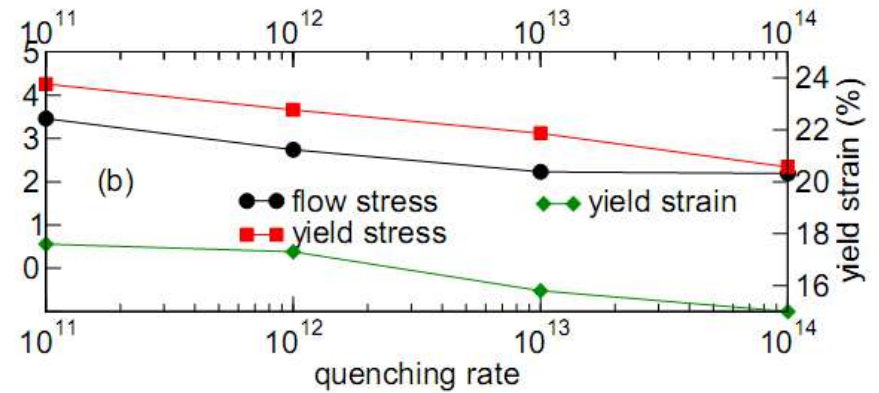
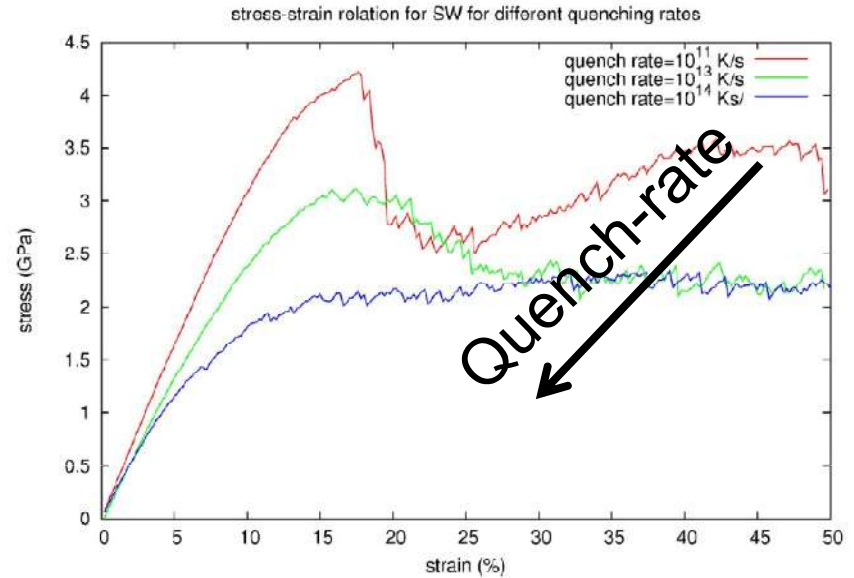




## Effect of the three body interaction $\lambda$ :

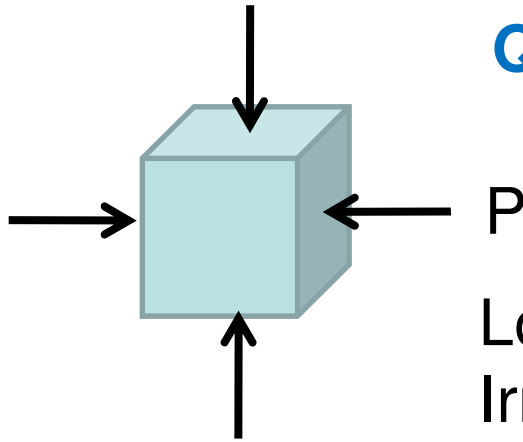


## Effect of the quenching rate (structure):



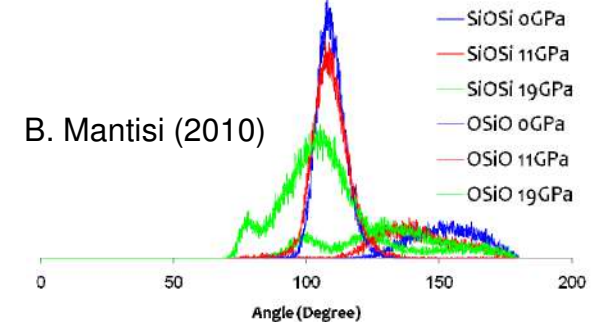
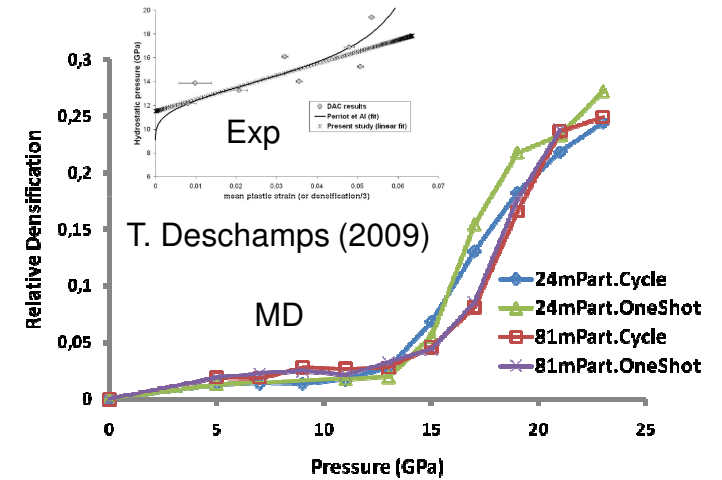
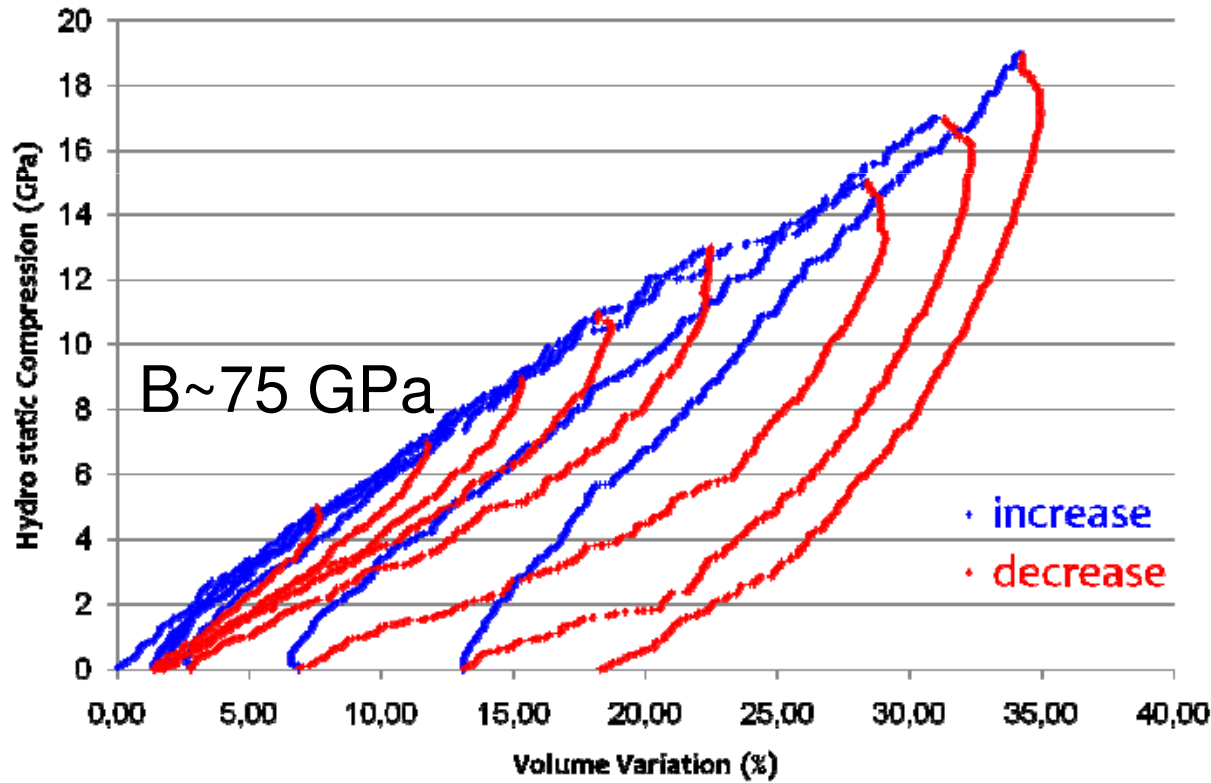
Transition to **strain softening**, and **heterogeneous flow**.

# Quasi-Static Response of Silica Glass under Hydrostatic Pressure



Load  $\neq$  Unloading

Irreversible densification from  $P \approx 13$  GPa

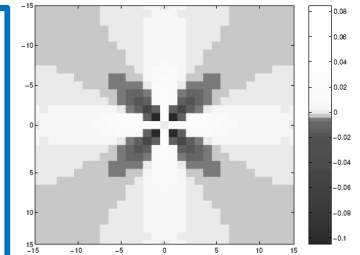


## Mesoscopic Modelling:

### Local rules and Long-range elastic Couplings

Ex. Roux et al. (2000)  
Picard et al. (2002)  
Dahmen et al. (2005)

Local Plastic Threshold  
+  
Long-range Elastic interactions



$$\epsilon_p(\mathbf{x}, t) = \sum_1^t \eta(t) \delta(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}^*(t))$$
$$\sigma_{xy}^1(\mathbf{r}) = 2\mu \int d\mathbf{r}' G^\infty(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}') \epsilon_{xy}^{pl}(\mathbf{r}')$$
$$G^\infty(r, \theta) = \frac{1}{\pi r^2} \cos(4\theta)$$

D. Vandembroucq et al.  
(2011)

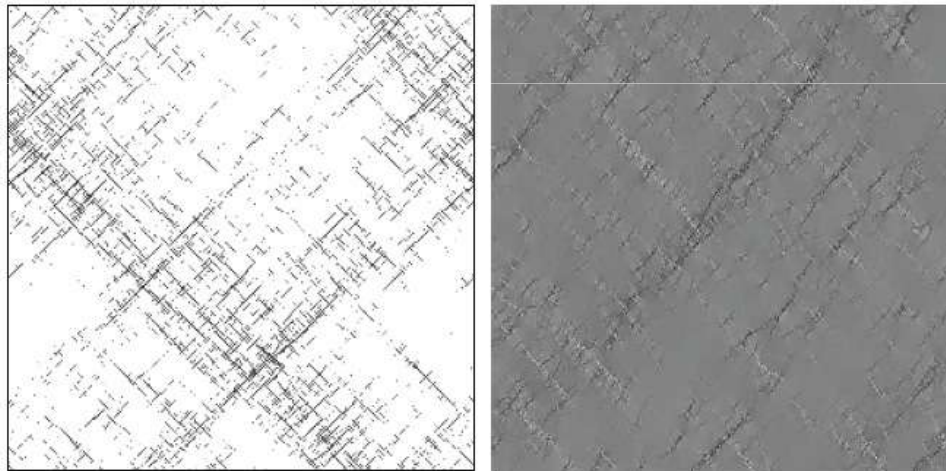
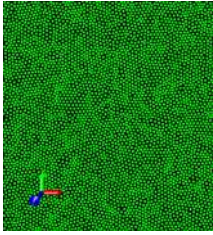


Figure 1. Left: Map of cumulated plastic activity in the stationary regime during a deformation window  $\Delta\epsilon = 0.01$  obtained with a mesoscopic model of amorphous plasticity[31]. A “diffuse” localization of the plastic deformation is observed along axes at  $\pm\pi/4$ . Right: for comparison, reproduction of a strikingly similar map of plastic activity (vorticity of the displacement field)[17]) on a 2D Lennard-Jones glass under compression.

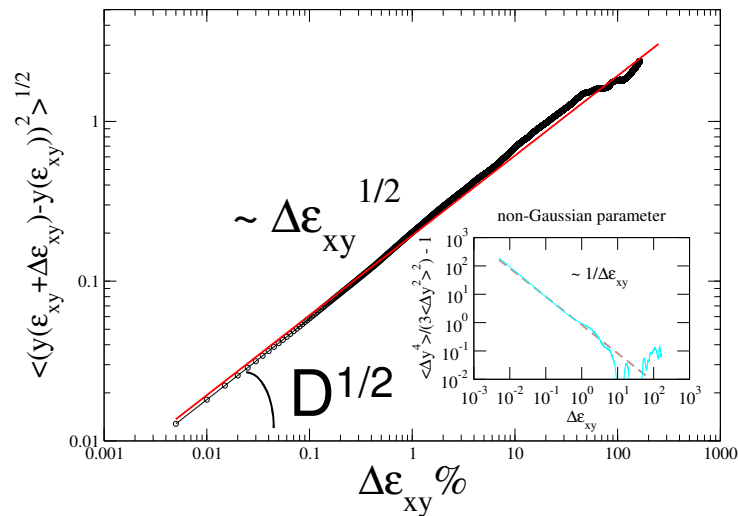
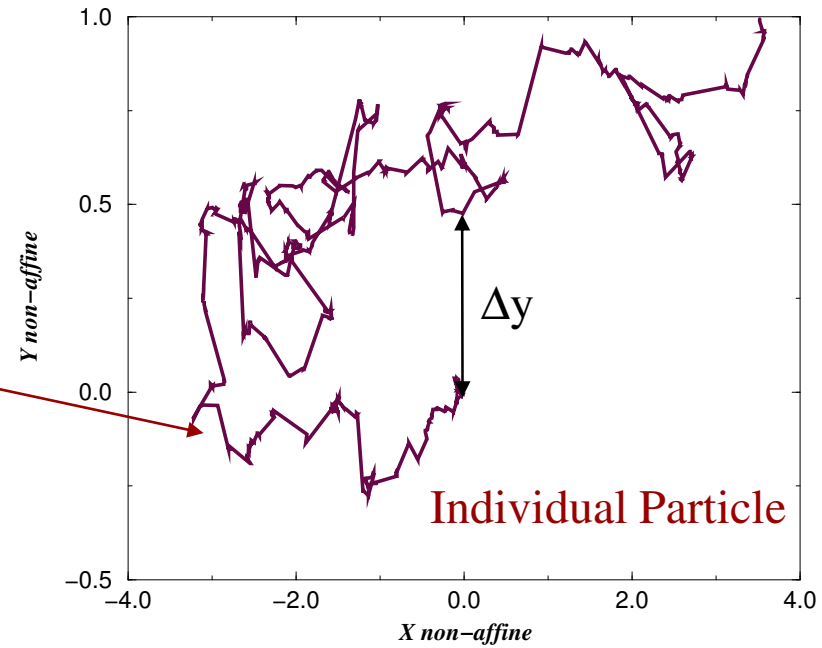
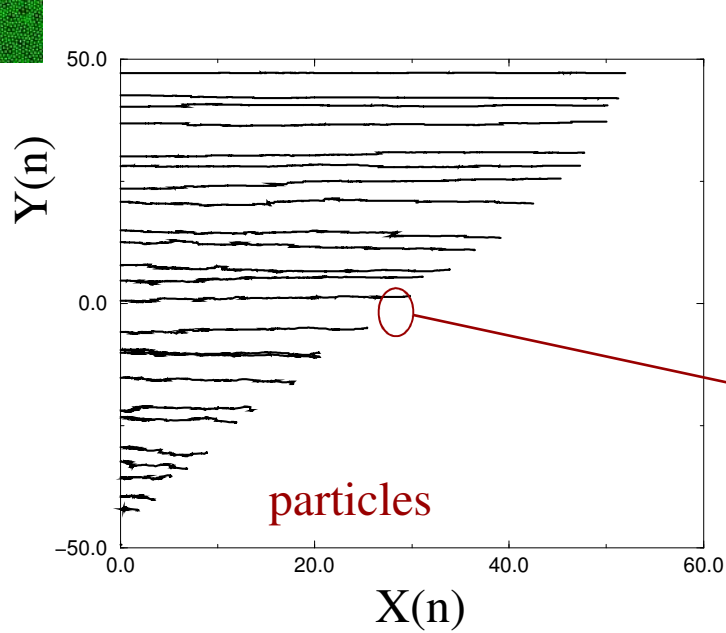
## **II. Statistical Analysis**

local dynamics

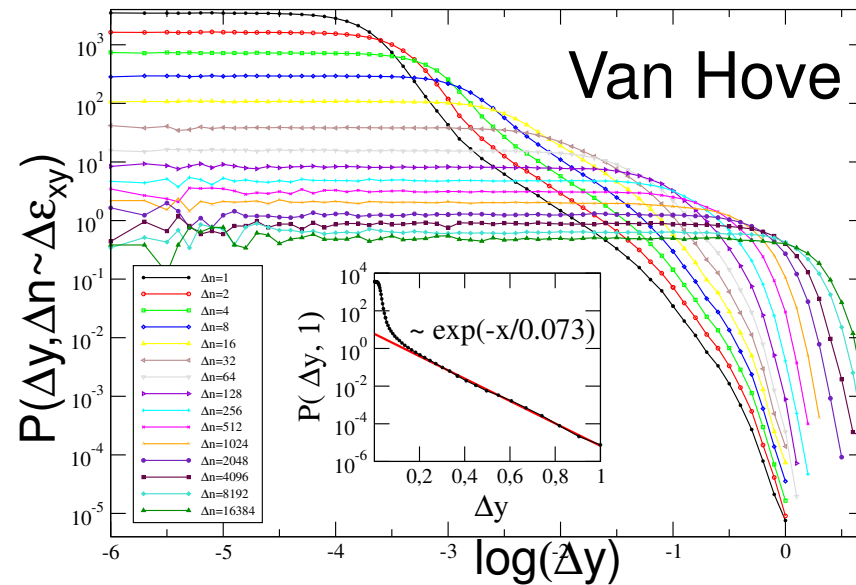
correlated motion

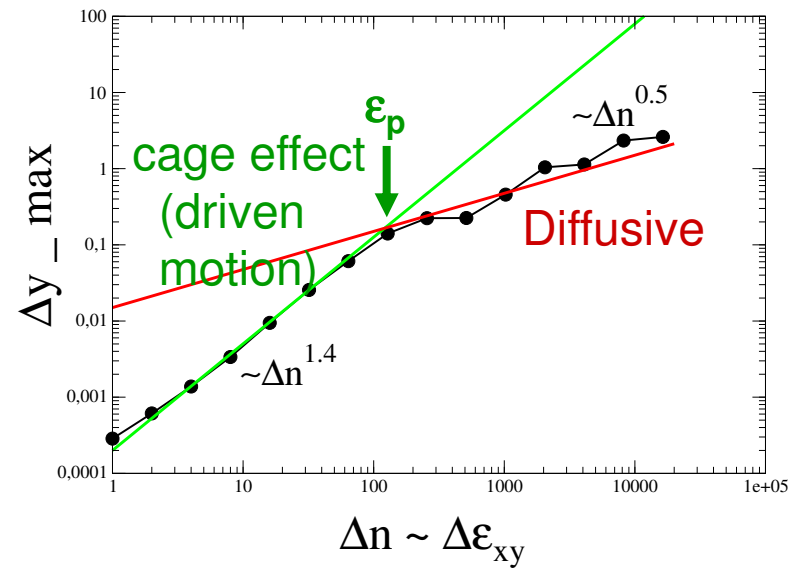
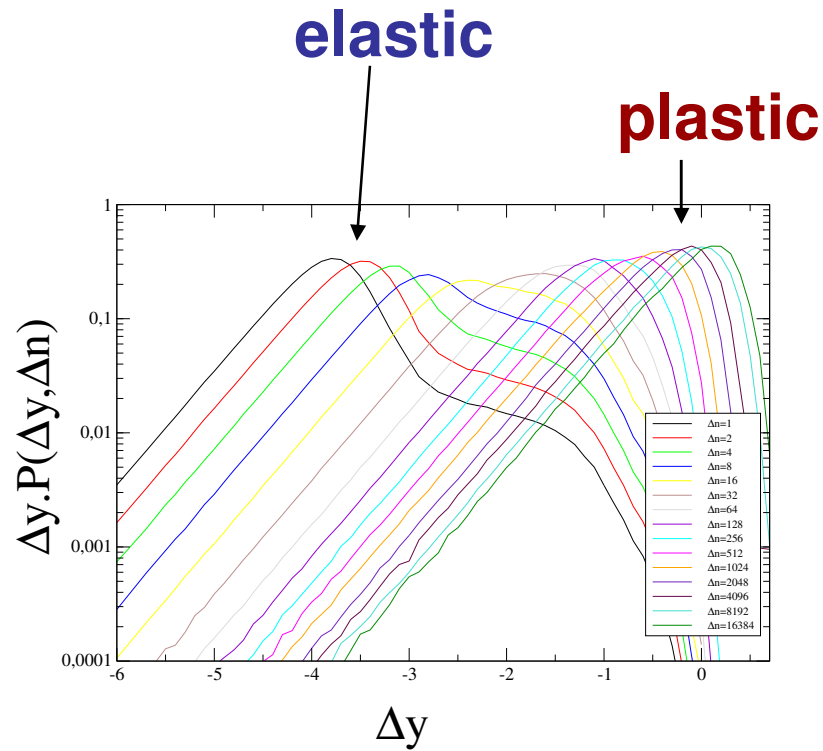


# Local Dynamics: Motion of an individual particle



Non-Gaussian Motion.





External Driving allows to recover a Diffusive Motion.

Tanguy et al. (2006), Besseling, Weeks et al. (2006), O. Dauchot et al. (2005), Roux et al. (2002)

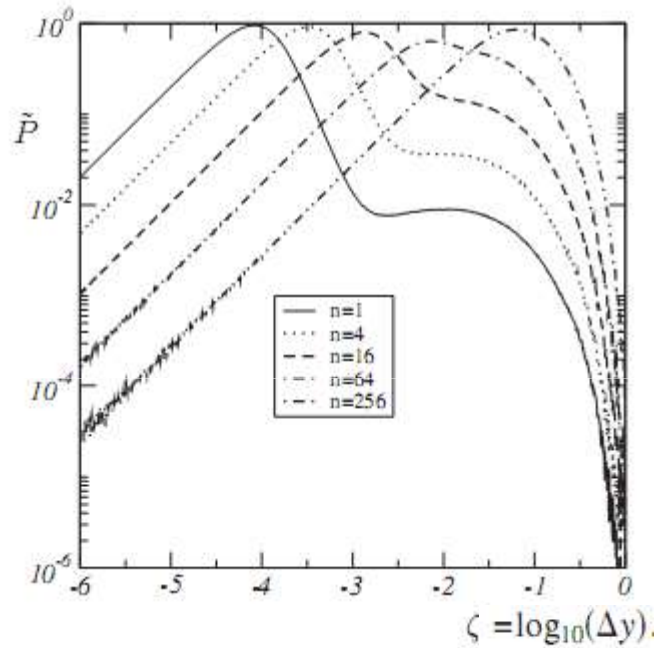


FIG. 3. The distribution  $\tilde{P}(\zeta; \Delta\gamma)$  of the scale variable  $\zeta = \log_{10}(\Delta\gamma)$  for increasing values of  $n = \Delta\gamma/\delta = 1, 4, 16, 64, 256$ . System size:  $L=20$ .

A. Lemaitre and C. Caroli (2007)

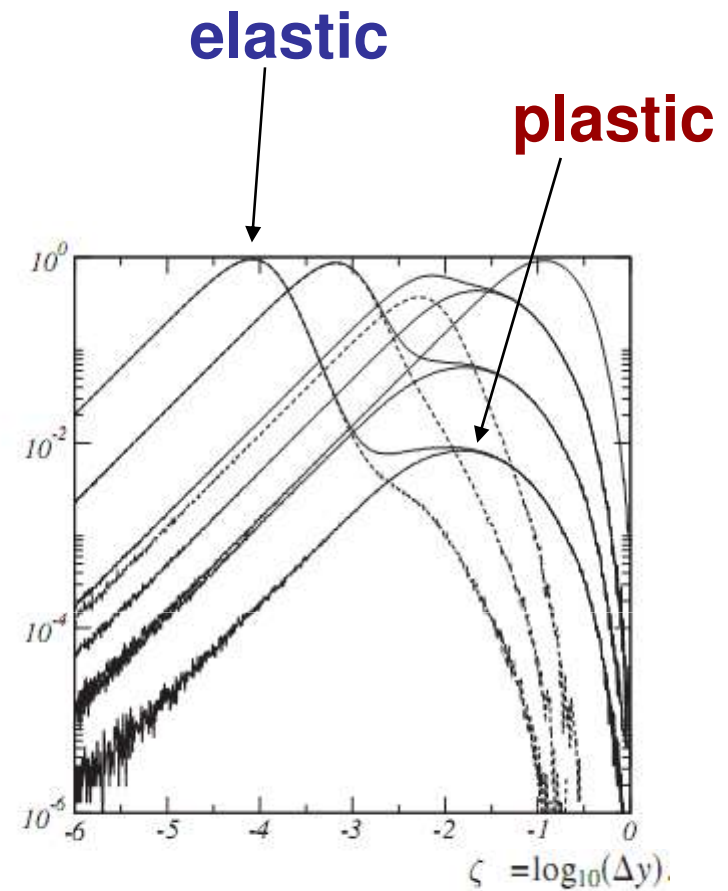


FIG. 4. Decomposition of the total distributions  $\tilde{P}(\zeta; \Delta\gamma)$  (thick solid lines), for  $n = \Delta\gamma/\delta = 1, 8, 64, 512$ . For increasing  $n$ 's, the maximum of the distribution shifts rightwards. Thin solid lines: contribution of plastic events; thin dashed lines: contribution of elastic branches (see text). System size  $L=20$ .

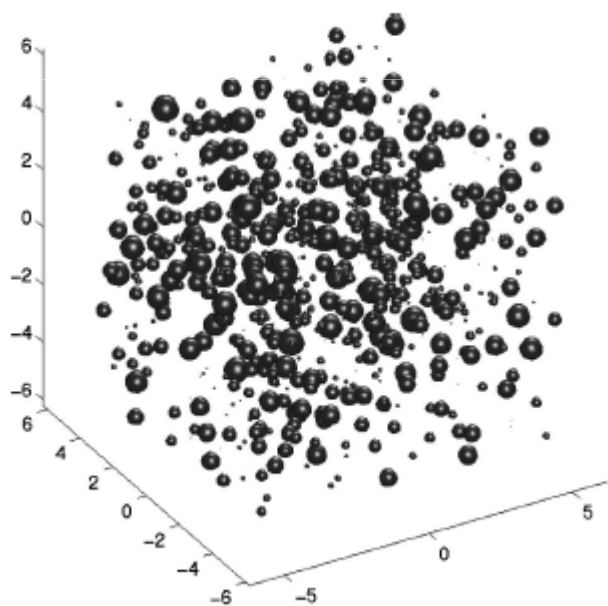
## Correlated Motion:

Ex. Dynamical Heterogeneities for  $T > T_g$ :

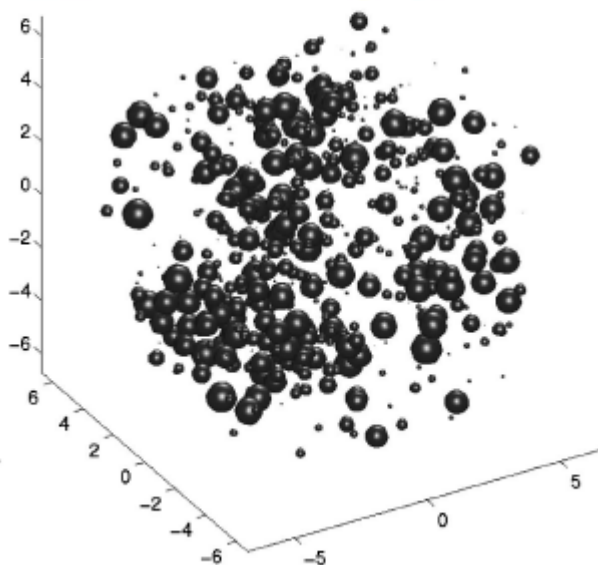
### Direct Experimental Evidence of a Growing Length Scale Accompanying the Glass Transition

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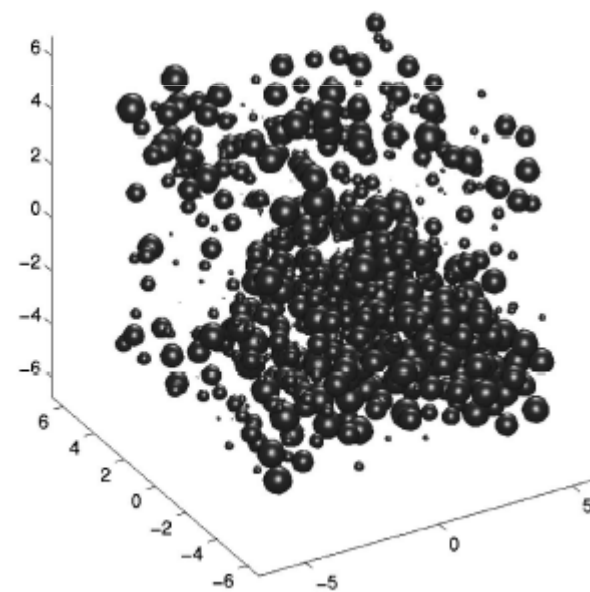
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LJ  $T=2$



$T=0.6$



$T=0.45 \sim T_g$

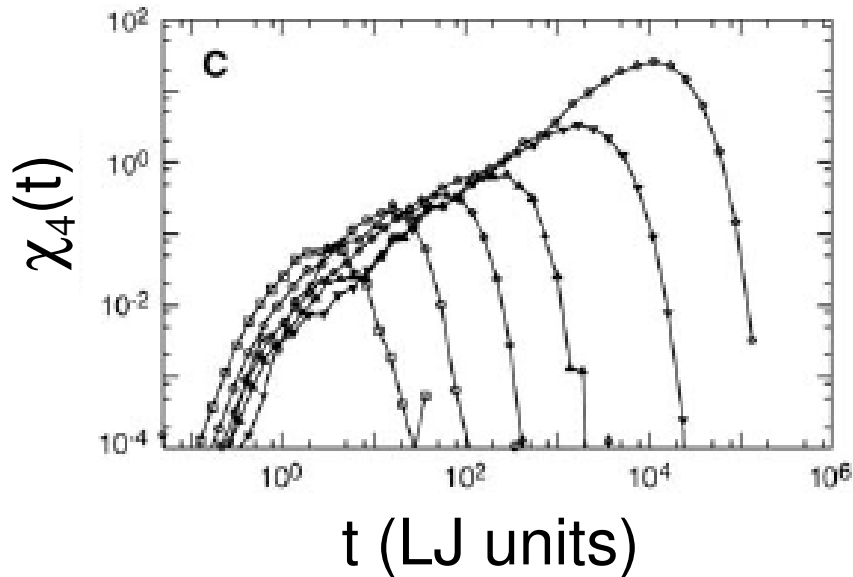


4-point correlation function  $\chi_4(t)$  on the local density:

$$\chi_4(t) = \frac{1}{V \rho^2} \int d\vec{r}_1 d\vec{r}_2 \langle \rho(\vec{r}_1, 0) \cdot \rho(\vec{r}_1, t) \cdot \rho(\vec{r}_2, 0) \cdot \rho(\vec{r}_2, t) \rangle - \langle \rho(\vec{r}_1, 0) \cdot \rho(\vec{r}_1, t) \rangle \langle \rho(\vec{r}_2, 0) \cdot \rho(\vec{r}_2, t) \rangle$$

$$\chi_4(t) = \frac{1}{V \rho^2} \left[ \langle Q_p^2(t) \rangle - \langle Q_p(t) \rangle^2 \right]$$

$$Q_p(t) = \int d\vec{r} \rho(\vec{r}, 0) \cdot \rho(\vec{r}, t)$$



Binary Lennard-Jones mixture

$$N_X^{\text{coop}} \equiv \frac{\text{Var}[\sum X_i]}{\sum \text{Var}[X_i]} = 1 + \frac{\sum_{i \neq j} \langle X_i X_j \rangle}{\sum \langle X_i^2 \rangle}$$

$$\chi_4(t) = N_X^{\text{coop}}$$

$$\text{when } X_i \equiv (\rho(\vec{r}_i, t) - \langle \rho(t) \rangle) (\rho(\vec{r}_i, 0) - \langle \rho(0) \rangle)$$

L groups with M identical  $X_i$

$$\Rightarrow N_X^{\text{coop}} = M$$

# Dynamical Heterogeneities upon Mechanical load at $T \ll T_g$

$$Q_s(a, \epsilon) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_i \exp\left(-\frac{\Delta y_i(\epsilon)^2}{2a^2}\right), \quad \chi_4(a, \epsilon) = N \left[ \langle Q_s(a, \epsilon)^2 \rangle_{i, \epsilon} - \langle Q_s(a, \epsilon) \rangle_{i, \epsilon}^2 \right]$$

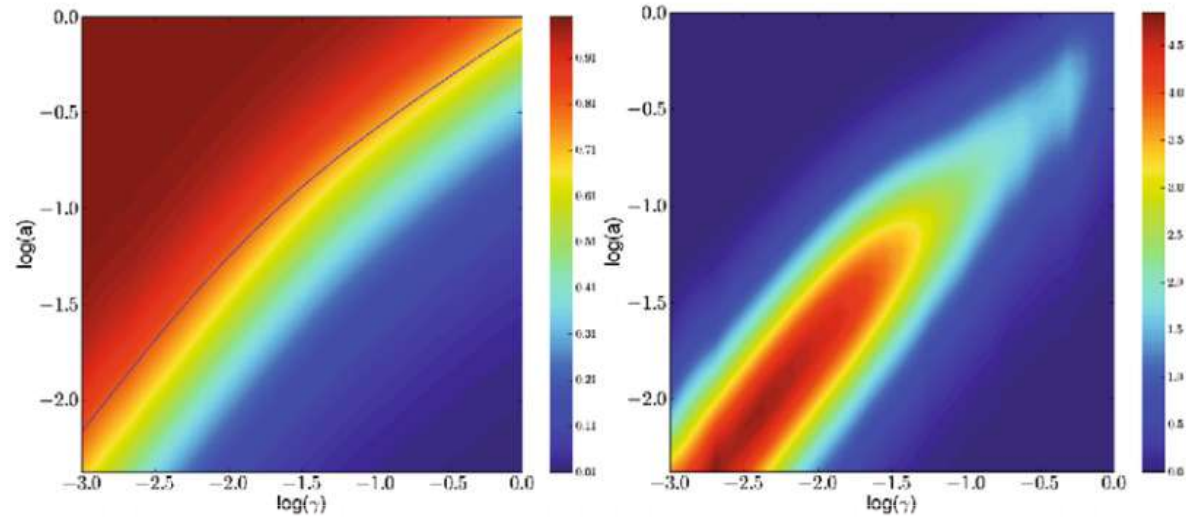
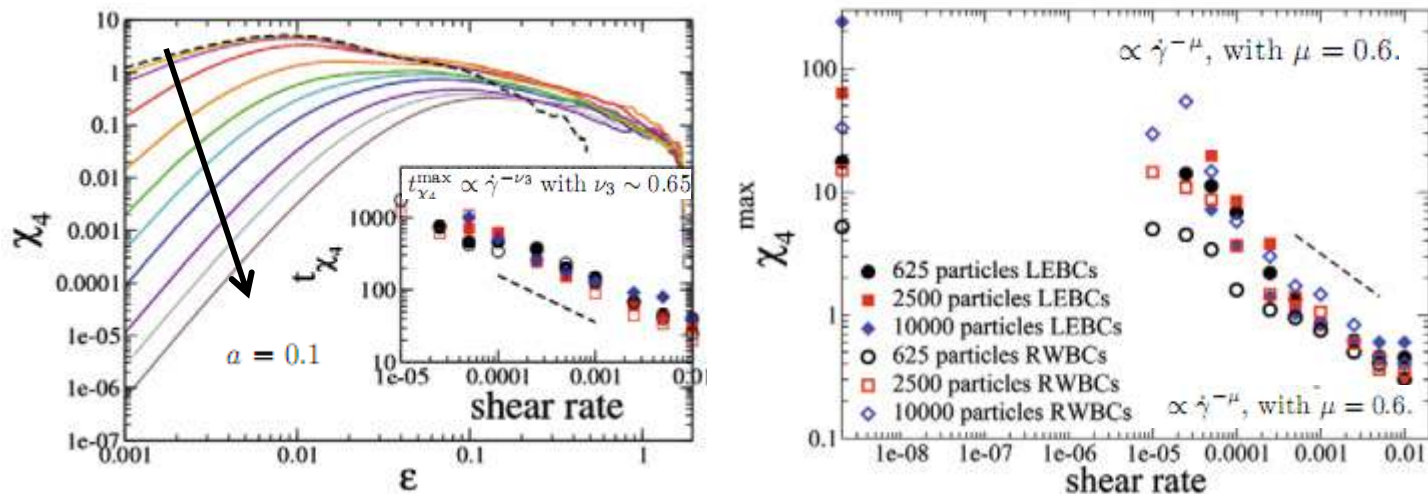
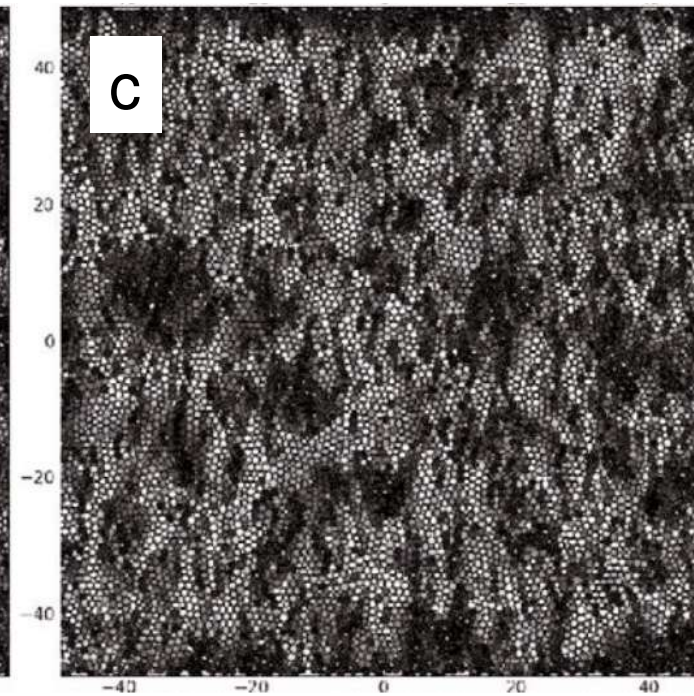
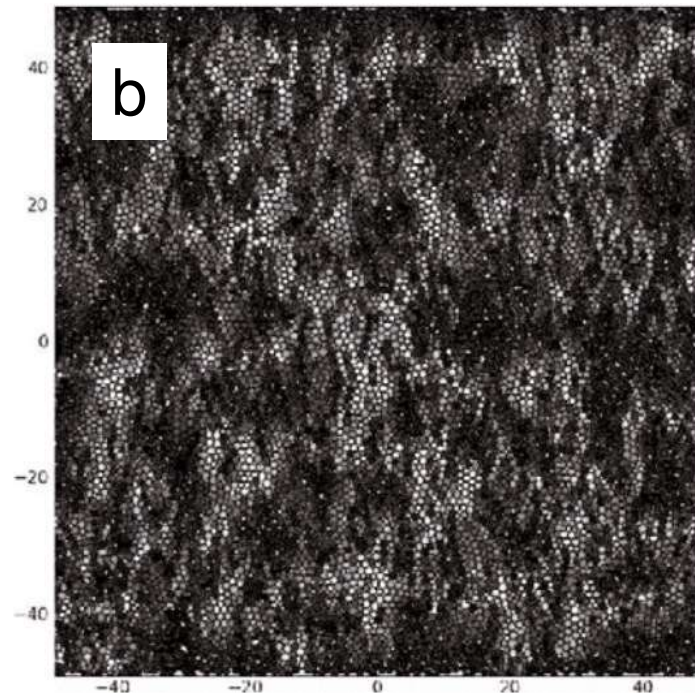
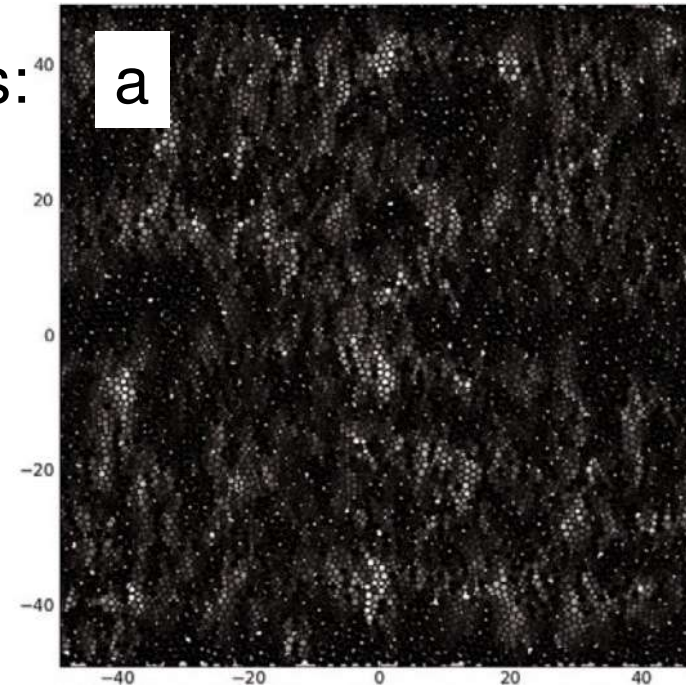
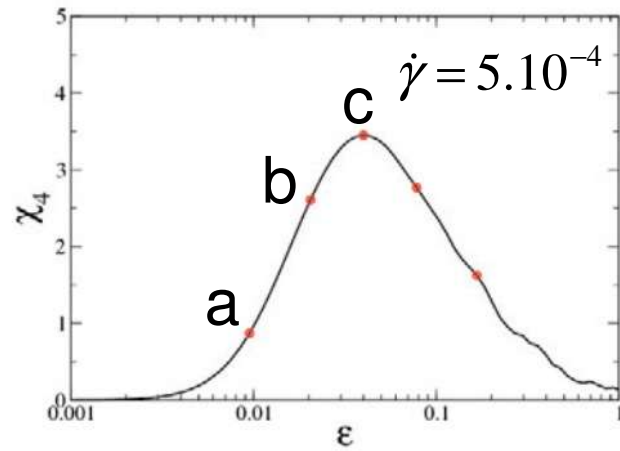
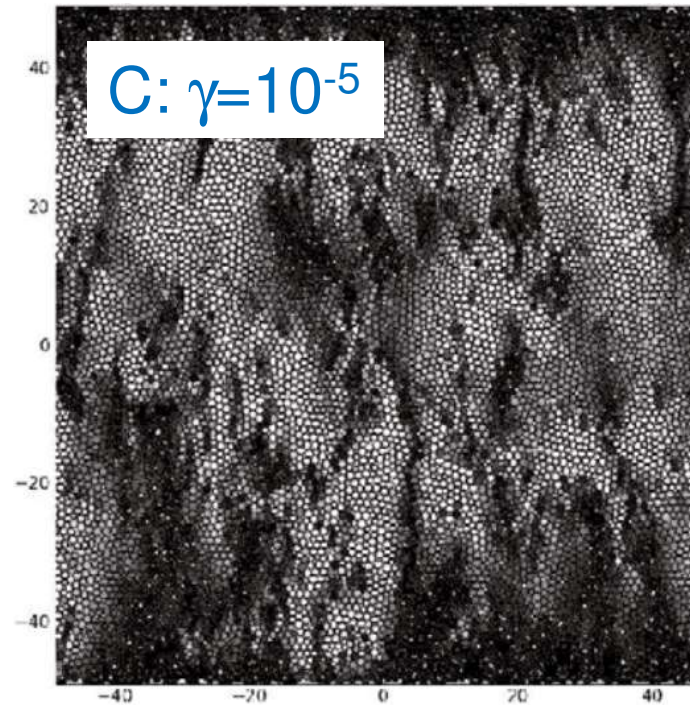
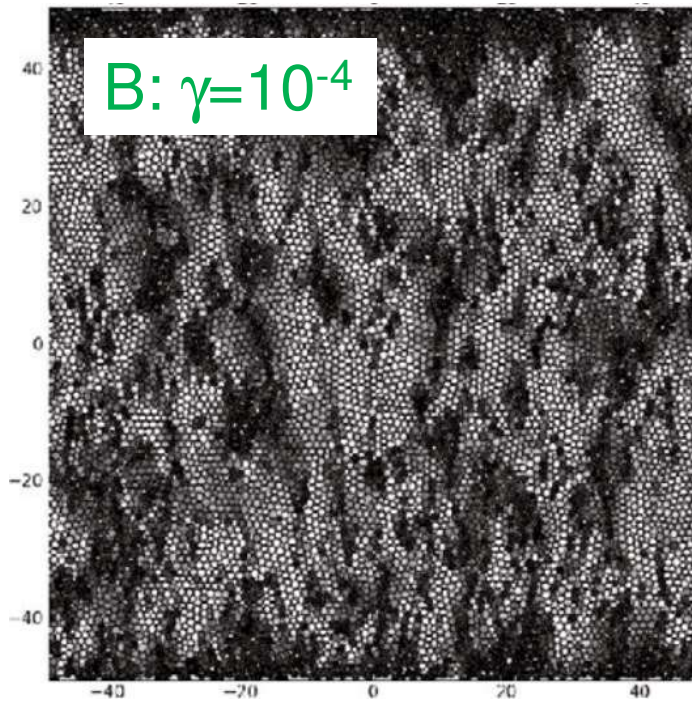
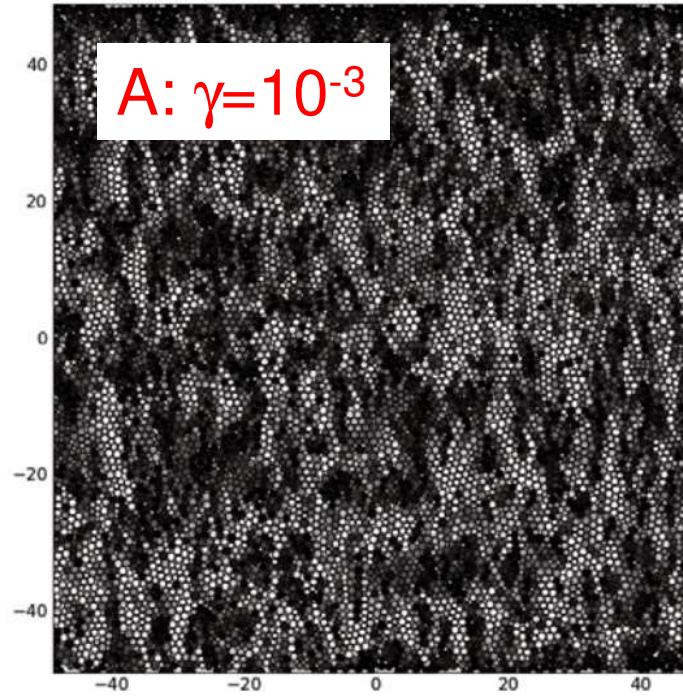
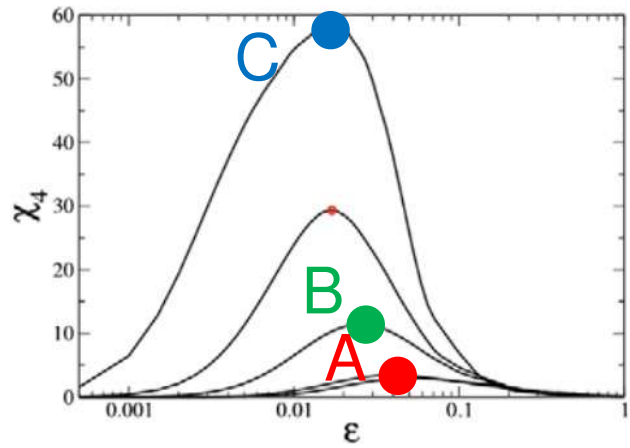


Fig. 10. (Color online) Dynamical correlation functions computed over the particles of sample containing 2500 particles and sheared at  $\dot{\gamma} = 10^{-4}$  under RWBCs for a total strain  $\epsilon_{\text{tot}} = 200\%$ . Left: correlation function  $Q_s(a, \gamma)$  as a function of the probing length  $a$  and the strain  $\gamma$  in a log-log colormap. Right: four-point correlation function  $\chi_4(a, \gamma)$  in a log-log colormap.



# Dynamical Heterogeneities:





### **III. Computation of Mechanical Quantities**

stress, strain, Elastic Moduli  
identification of plastic rearrangements

## Calculation of local elastic moduli from coarse-grained (continuous) fields:

displc<sup>ts</sup> 
$$\mathbf{U}^{\text{lin}}(\mathbf{R}, t) = \frac{\sum_i m_i \mathbf{u}_{i\alpha}(t) \phi[\mathbf{R} - \mathbf{r}_i(t)]}{\sum_j m_j \phi[\mathbf{R} - \mathbf{r}_j(t)]} + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^2) \quad \text{with} \quad \phi(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{1}{\pi w^2} e^{-(|\mathbf{r}|/w)^2}$$

stress 
$$\sigma_{\alpha\beta}(\mathbf{r}, t) = -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{ij; i \neq j} f_{ij\alpha} r_{ij\beta} \int_0^1 ds \phi[\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_i(t) + s \mathbf{r}_{ij}(t)] \quad \text{"contact stress"}$$

$\underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{=\phi[\mathbf{r}-\mathbf{r}_i(t)]+\mathcal{O}(|\mathbf{r}_{ij}|/w)}$

### 2D case:

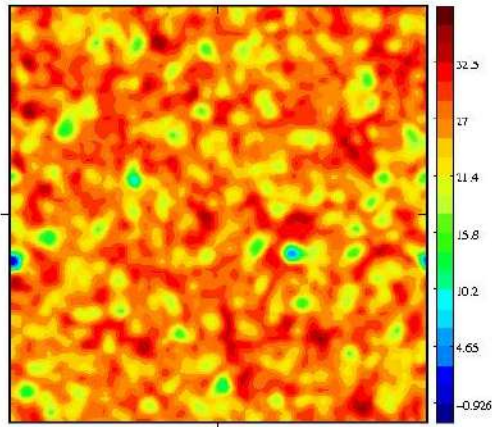
$$\begin{pmatrix} \delta\sigma_{xx} \\ \delta\sigma_{yy} \\ \sqrt{2}\delta\sigma_{xy} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \hat{C}_{xxxx} & \hat{C}_{xxyy} & \hat{C}_{xxxy} \\ \hat{C}_{xxyy} & \hat{C}_{yyyy} & \hat{C}_{yyxy} \\ \hat{C}_{xxxy} & \hat{C}_{yyxy} & \hat{C}_{xyxy} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \epsilon_{xx} \\ \epsilon_{yy} \\ \sqrt{2}\epsilon_{xy} \end{pmatrix}$$

- **Isotropic case:**

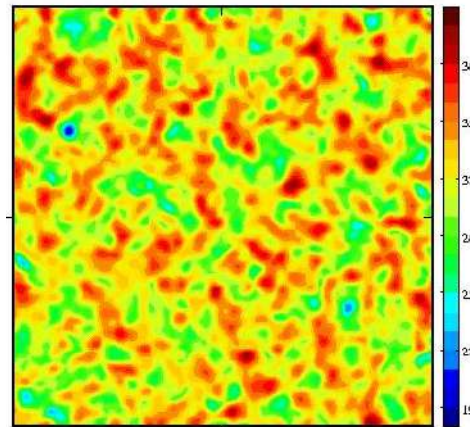
$$\hat{C} = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda + 2\mu & \lambda & 0 \\ \lambda & \lambda + 2\mu & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2\mu \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{matrix} \Lambda_1 = \Lambda_2 = 2\mu \\ \Lambda_3 = 2(\lambda + \mu) \end{matrix}$$

**6 unknowns**  $C_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta}$  obtained through 3 independent sollicitations (**9 eq.**)

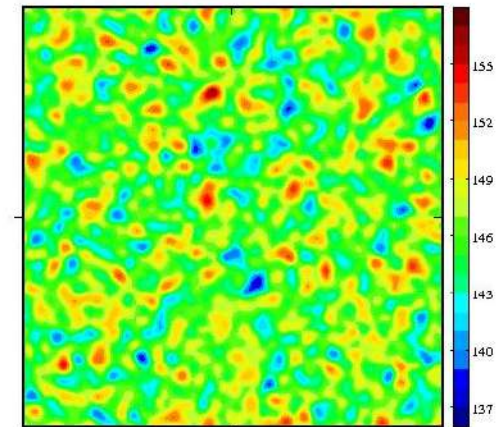
# Maps of **local** elastic moduli:



$$C_1 \sim 2 \mu_1$$

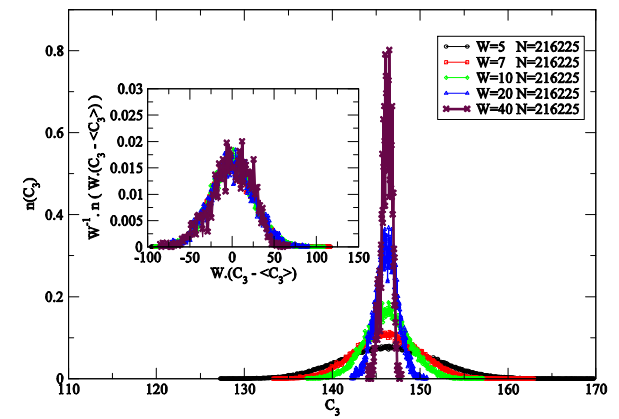
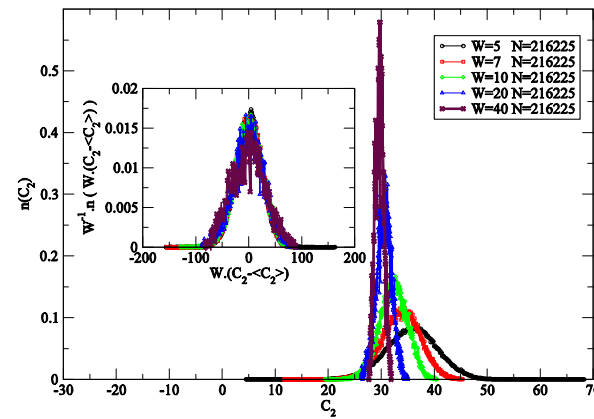
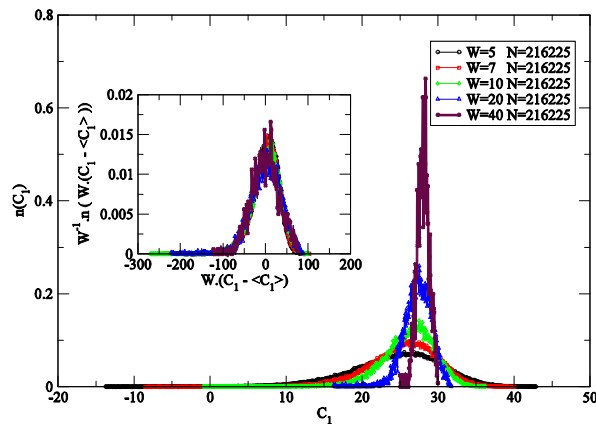


$$C_2 \sim 2 \mu_2$$



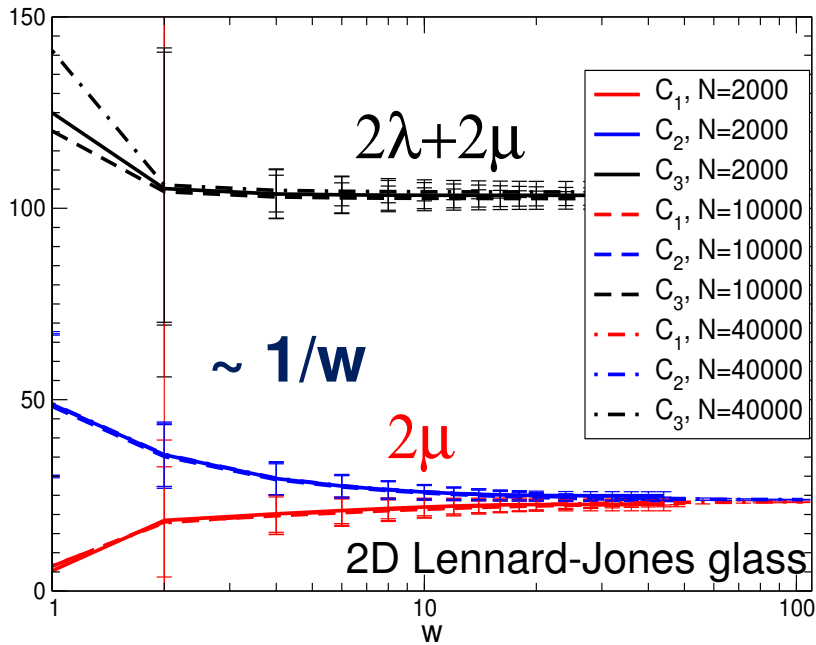
$$C_3 \sim 2 (\lambda + \mu)$$

2D Jennard-Jones  $N = 216\ 225$   $L = 483$   $\alpha$

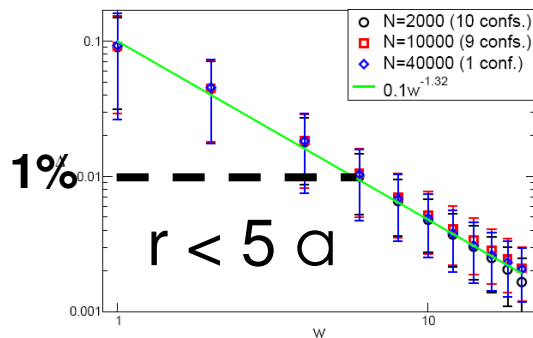


$$\Delta C \propto \langle C \rangle - C_\infty \propto \frac{1}{W}$$

# Large scale convergence to **homogeneous** and **isotropic** elasticity



$$\text{Error: } \Delta = \frac{|\sigma_{\text{computed}} - \sigma_{\text{measured}}|}{|\sigma_{\text{measured}}|}$$



← Linear Elasticity

Coarse Graining	0	5	10	15	20 $a$
Hooke's law	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES
Homogeneity $\frac{\langle \epsilon \rangle (P) - 2\mu}{2\mu} < 10\%$	NO	NO	YES	YES	YES
$\frac{\Delta C}{\langle \epsilon \rangle} < 10\%$	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES
Isotropy $\frac{c_2 - c_1}{2\mu} < 10\%$	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES

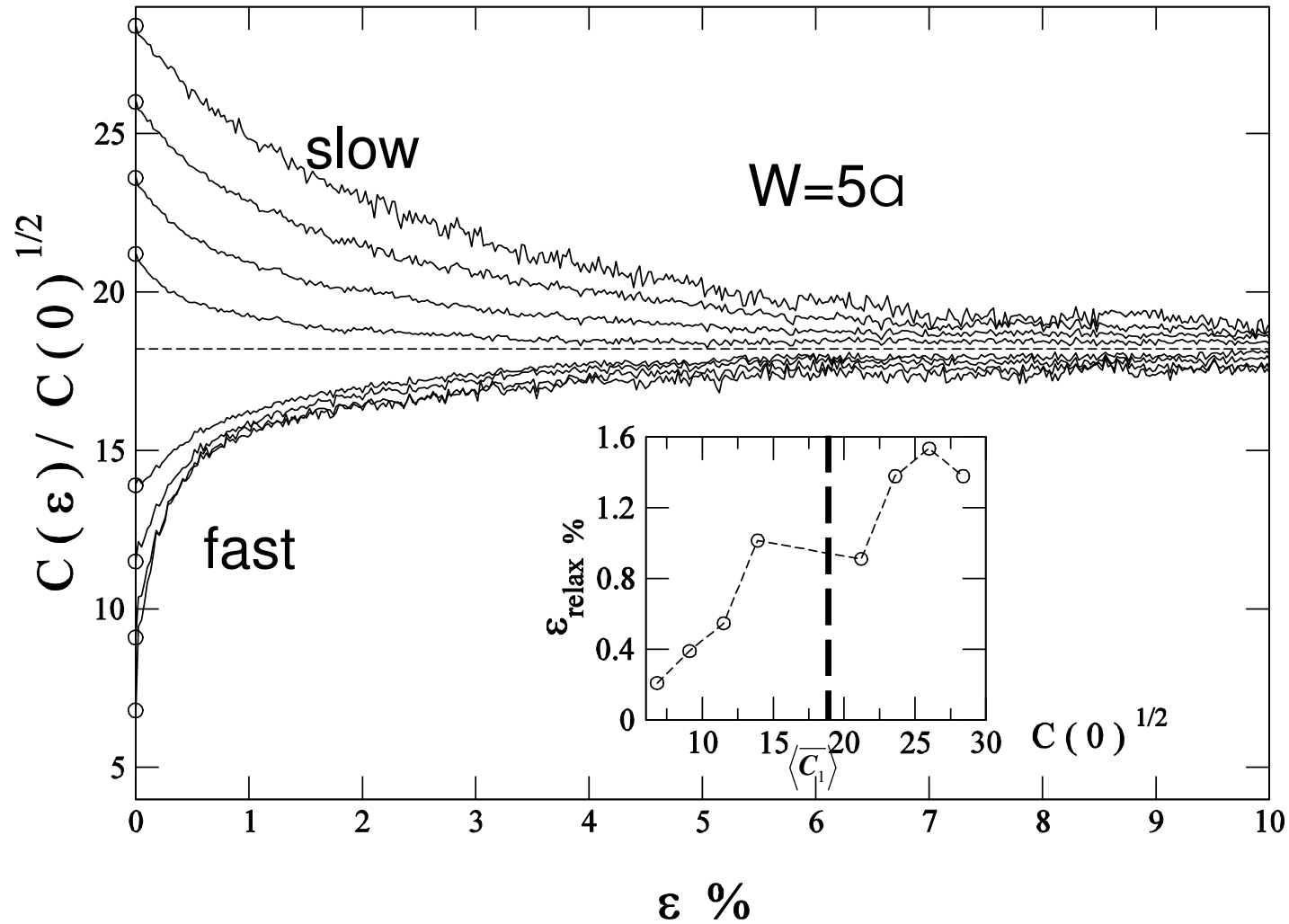
↑ Isotropic Elasticity

M. Tsamados et al. EPJE (2009)



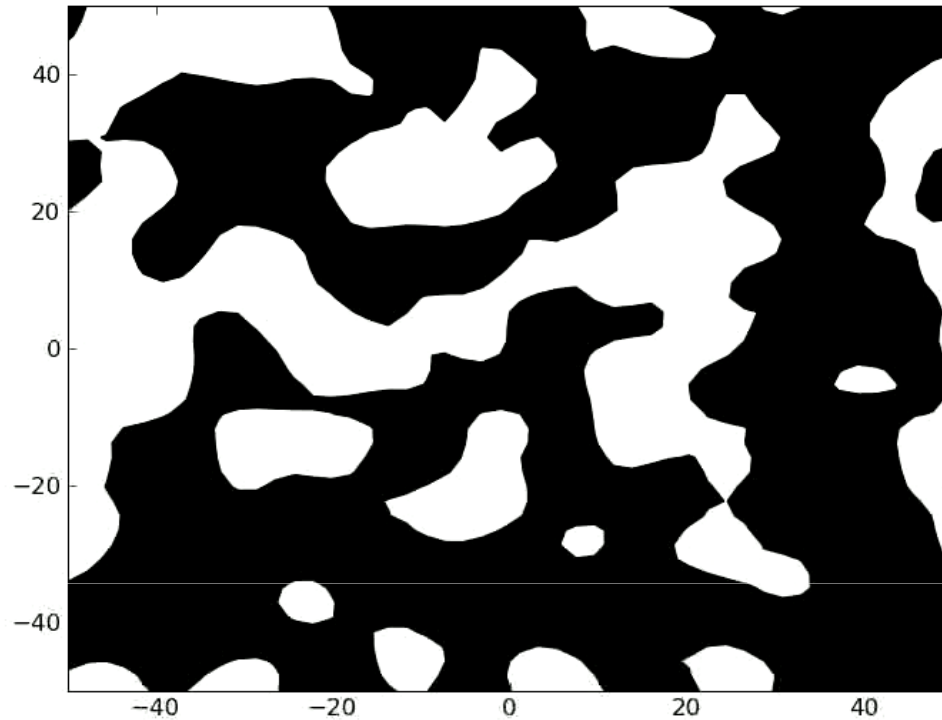
# Evolution of the Elastic Moduli during plastic deformation:

Modulus  $C_1(W=5a)$  during plastic deformation:



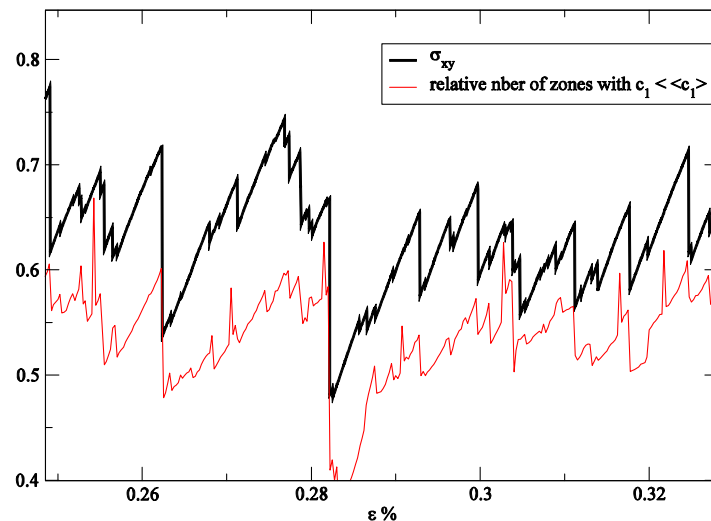
Splitting of the system into **rigids** ( $C_1 > \langle C_1 \rangle$ ) and **softs** zones ( $C_1 < \langle C_1 \rangle$ ).

## Shear Banding as a *Percolation of Soft Zones*:



White:  $c_1 < \langle \overline{c_1} \rangle$   
Black:  $c_1 > \langle \overline{c_1} \rangle$

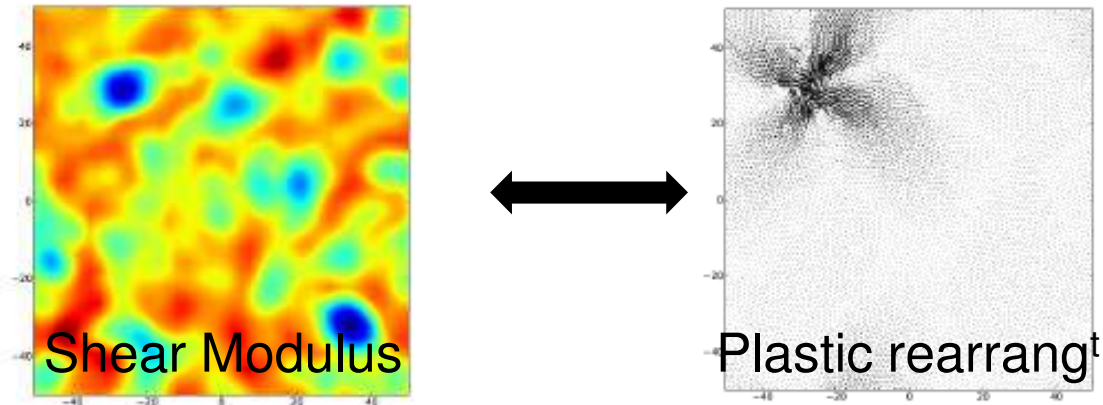
M. Tsamados et al.  
EPJE (2009)



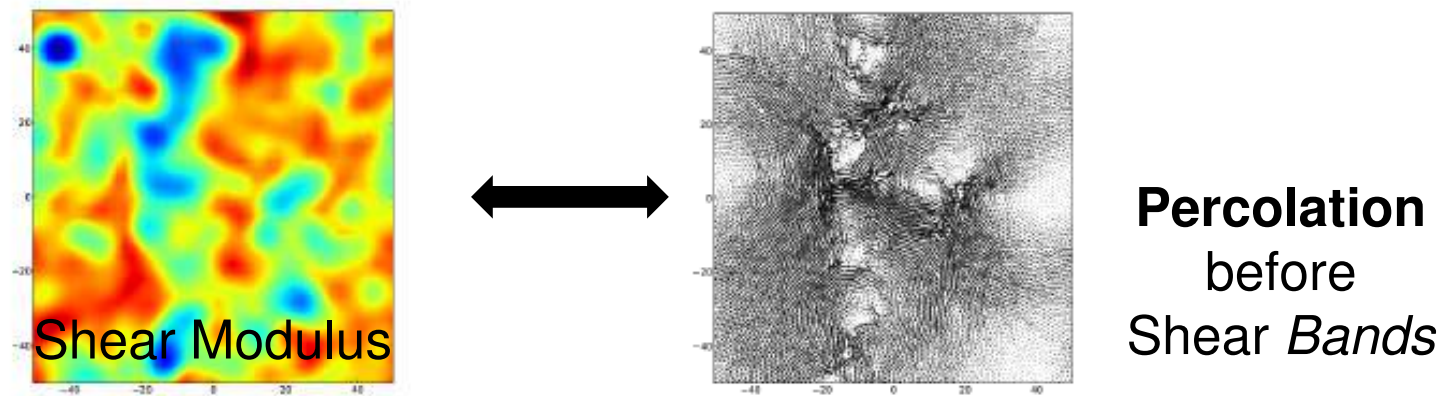
The proportion of  
*soft* zones evolves  
in parallel  
with the *total stress*.

***Percolation*** before  
Shear Bands

Local event:



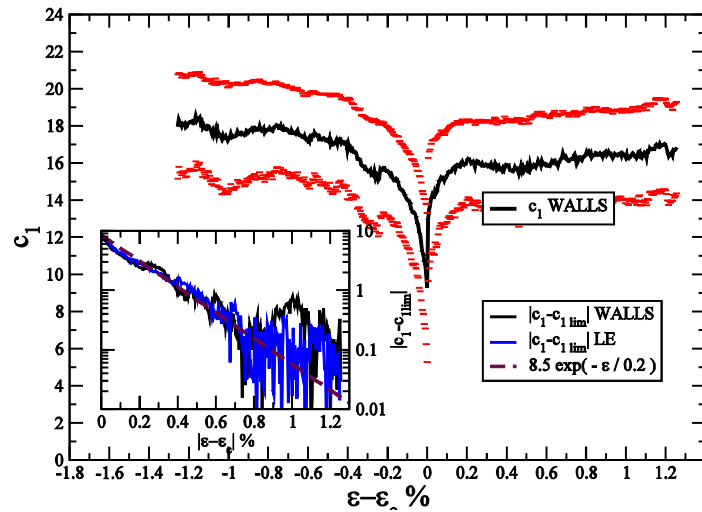
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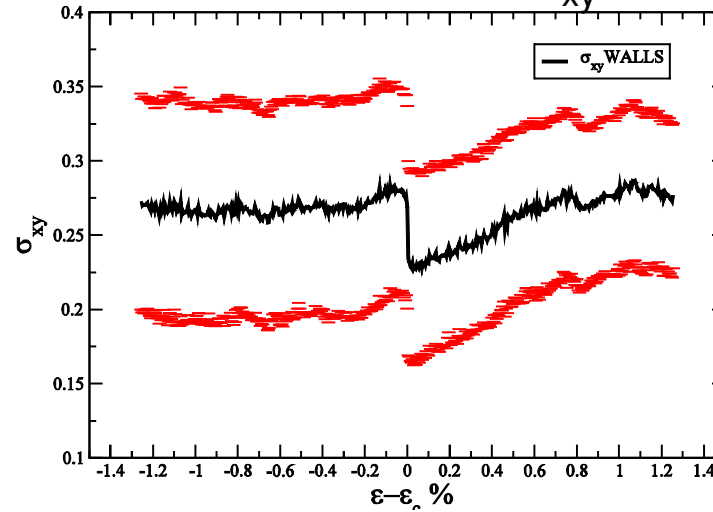
A. Tanguy and B. Mantsi EPL (2010)

# Other order parameters:

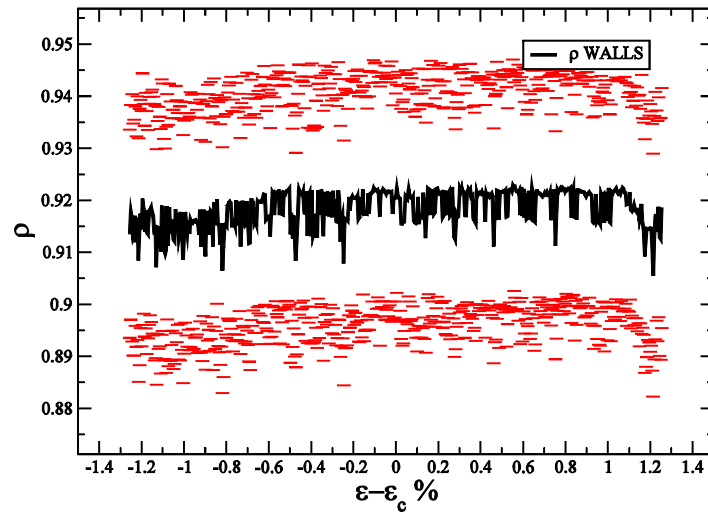
## Modulus $C_1$



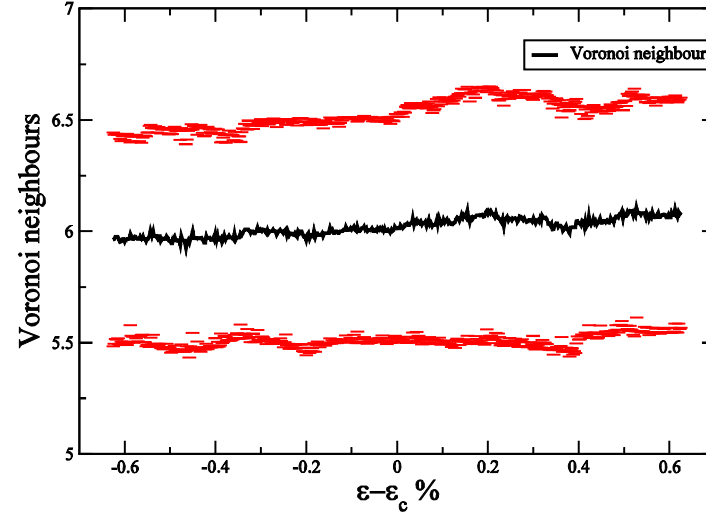
## Shear stress $\sigma_{xy}$



## Mass density:

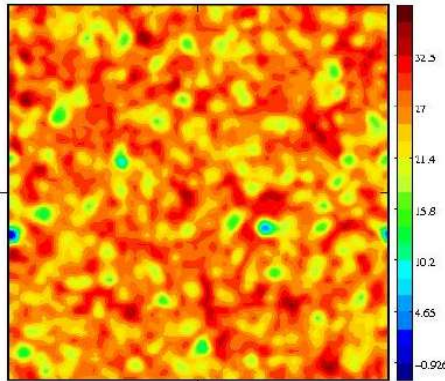


## Coordination number:



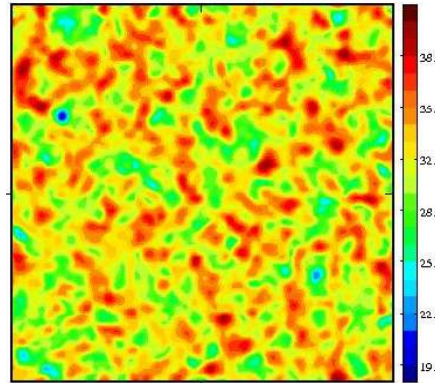
The lowest Local *modulus*  $C_1$  allows to anticipate *plastic activity*.

# Vibrational Properties: The role of Local Elastic Moduli ?

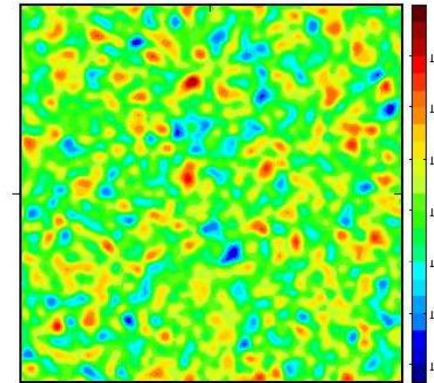


$$C_1 \sim 2 \mu_1$$

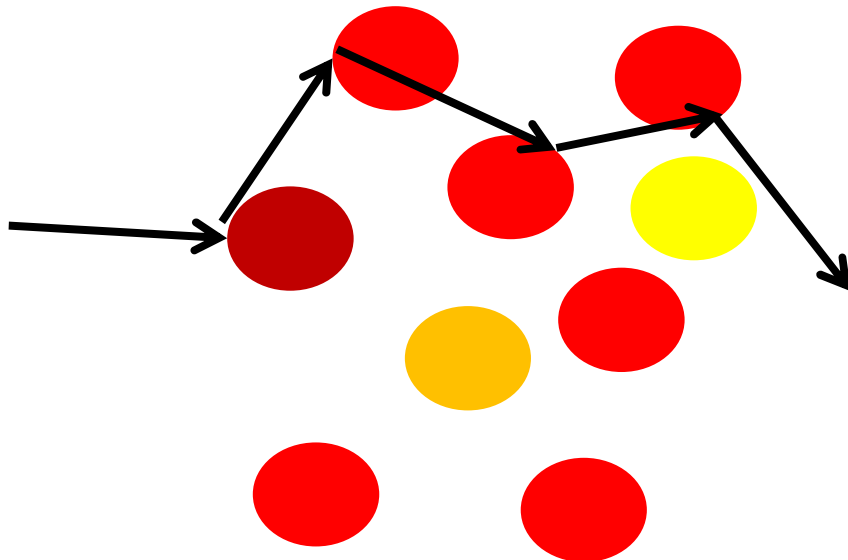
Verre modèle de LJ N=216 225 L=483



$$C_2 \sim 2 \mu_2$$



$$C_3 \sim 2 (\lambda + \mu)$$



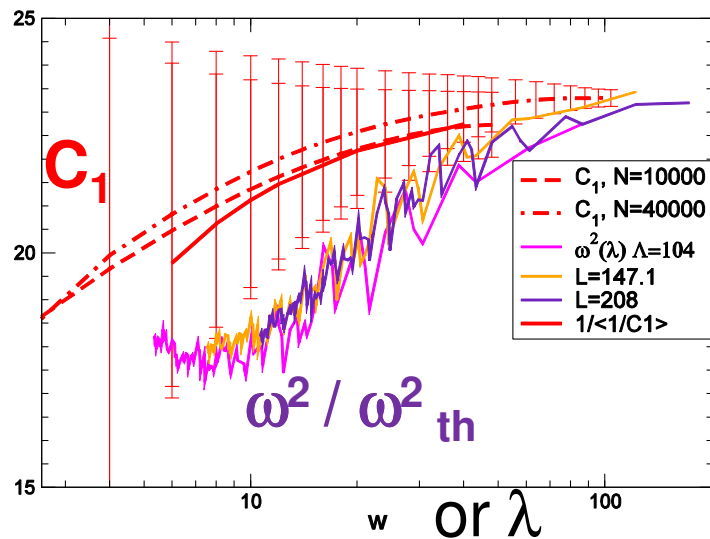
$$\rho \frac{\partial^2 \underline{u}}{\partial t^2}(\underline{r}) = \nabla \cdot (\underline{\underline{C}}(x, y, z) : \underline{\underline{\epsilon}}) + \underline{f}$$

4 possibilities:

- **Coherent propagation**
- **Low scattering** (Rayleigh)
- **Strong scattering**
- **Localisation** (Ioffe-Regel)

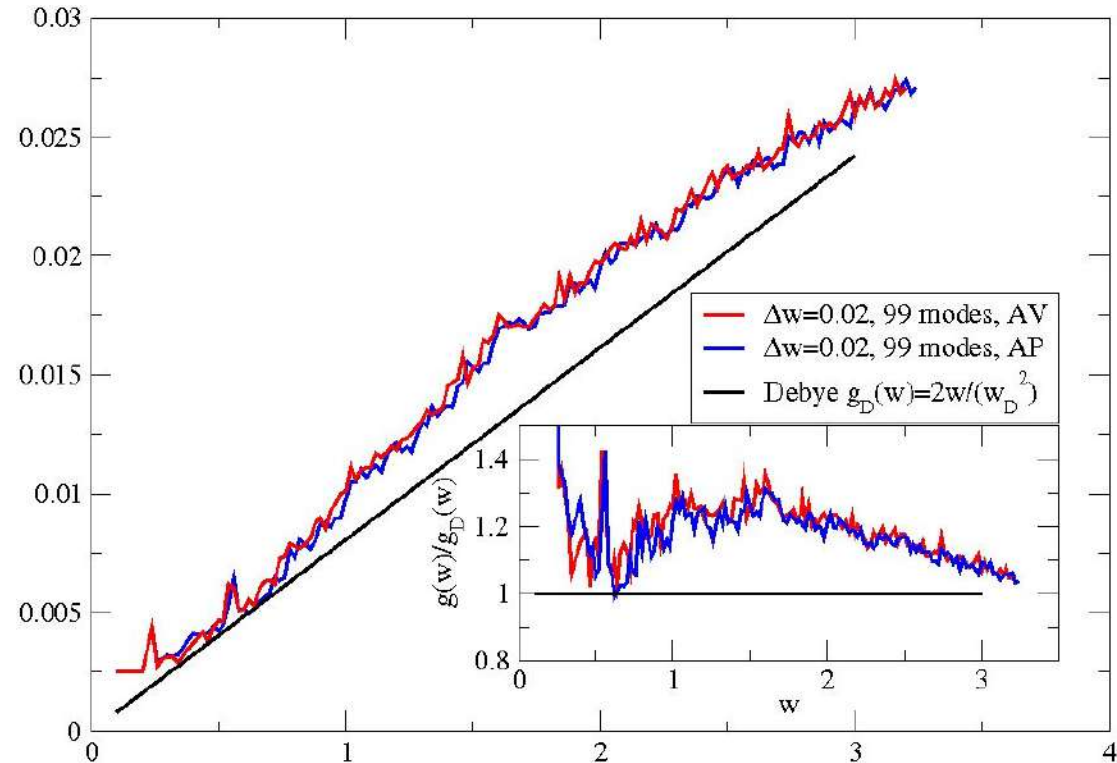
# Exact Diagonalization of the Dynamical Matrix:

## Moduli and Eigenfrequencies:



$$\omega_{th}^2 \sim C_{1\infty} / \lambda$$

## Density of vibrational states:



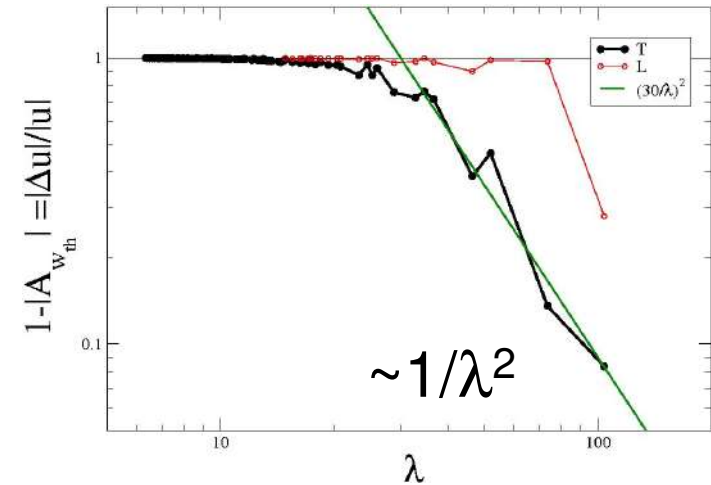
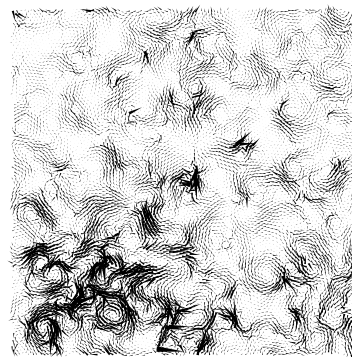
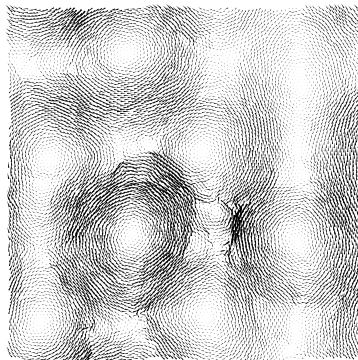
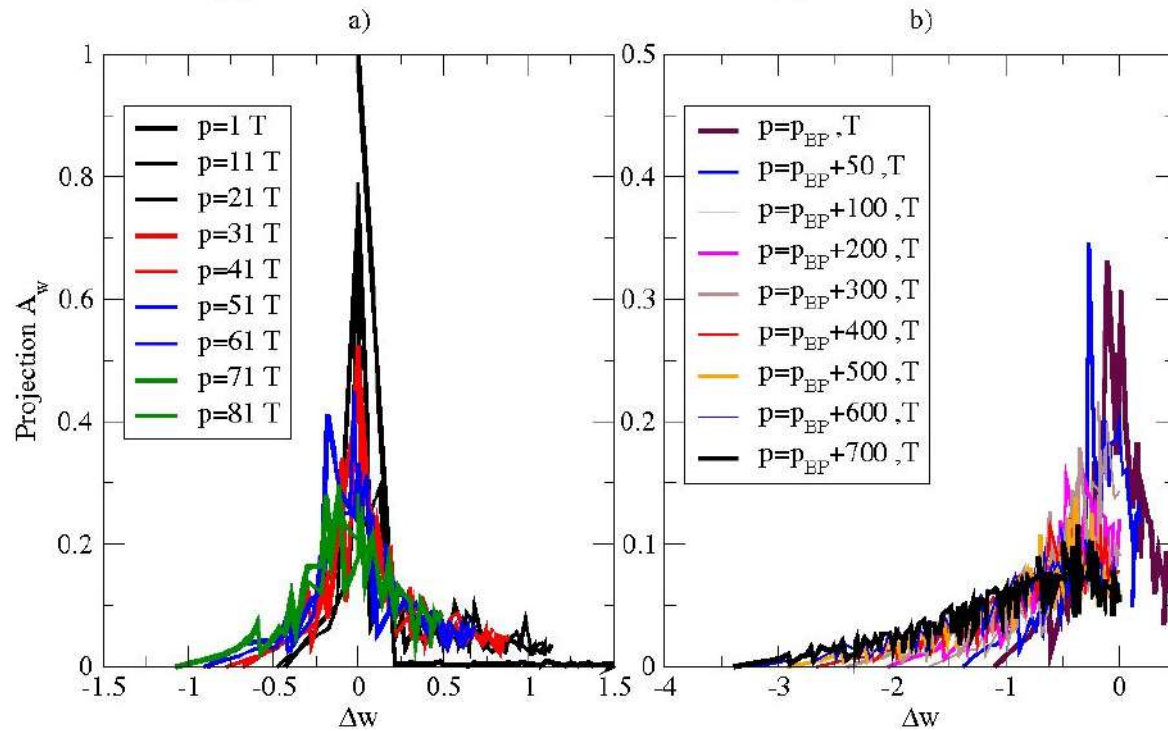
2D Lennard-Jones system,  
Boson Peak

A. Tanguy (2002) S. Mossa (2008) B. Mantisi (2010)

# Projection of the **vibration modes** on the plane waves:

$w < w_{BP}$ , Transverse modes

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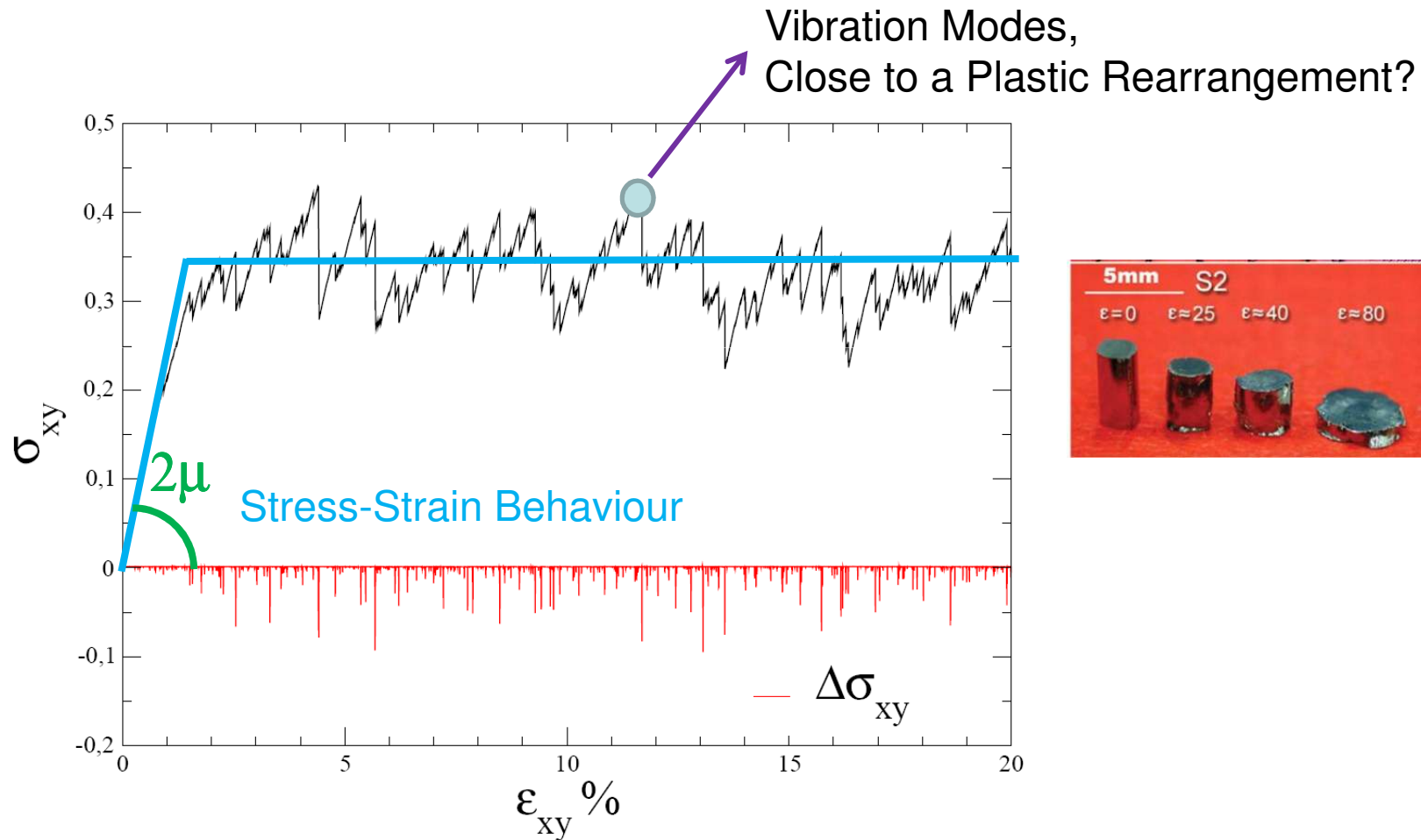
Rayleigh scattering

$$\xi \sim 25 \alpha$$

for  $w < w_{BP}$

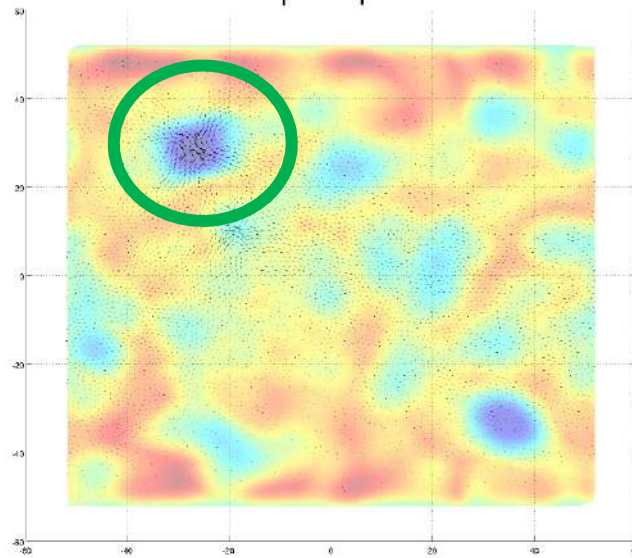
B. Mantsi (2010)

# Proximity to a Plastic Rearrangement: Localization at low frequency



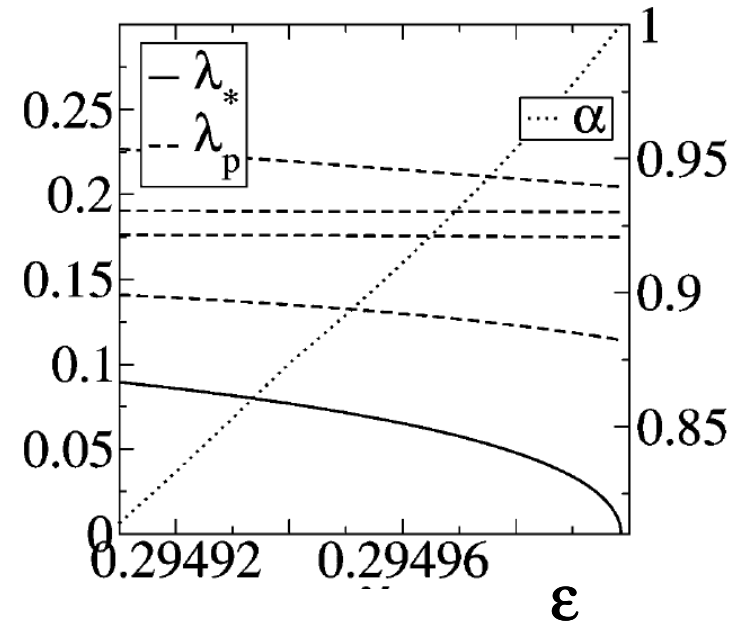


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(2007,2008)  
Lemaître (2004)

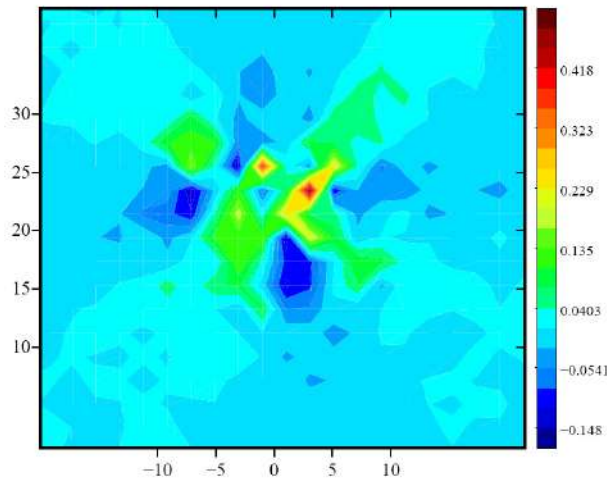


Local Shear Modulus

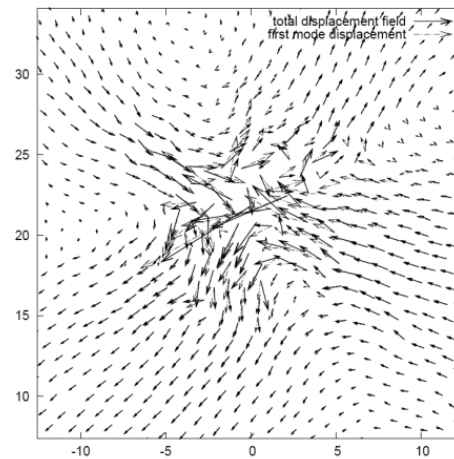
Eigenfrequencies:



Plastic Rearrangement:



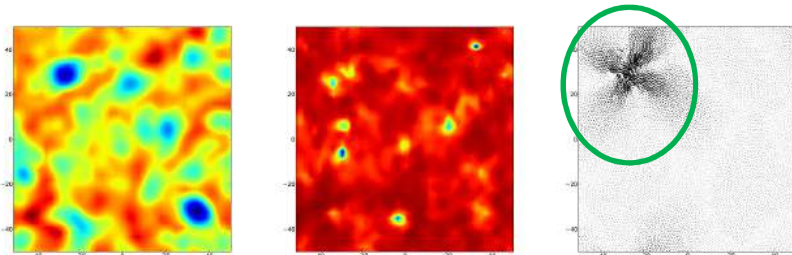
Localized vibration mode:



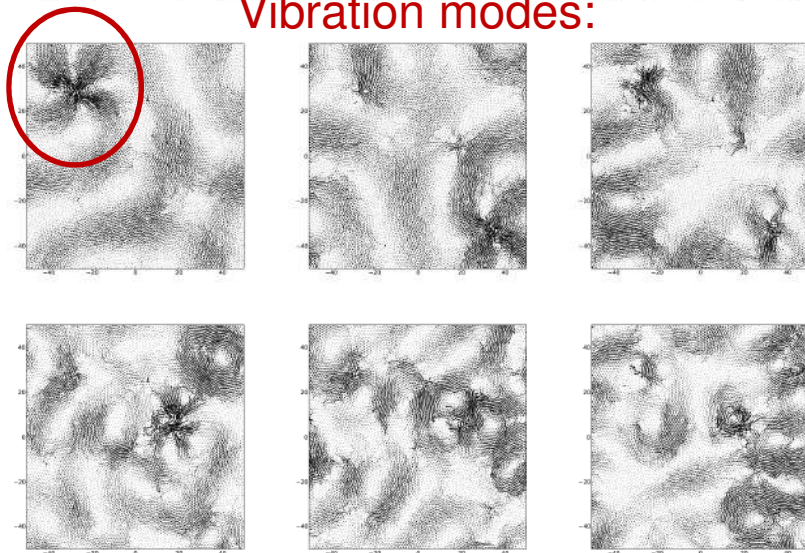
**Localization** on *Soft* zone  
of *Low* Frequency vibration

Just before  
a **plastic** rearrangement.

# Local event:

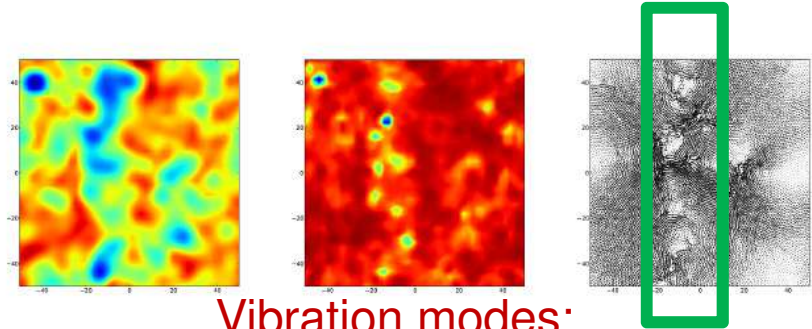


Vibration modes:

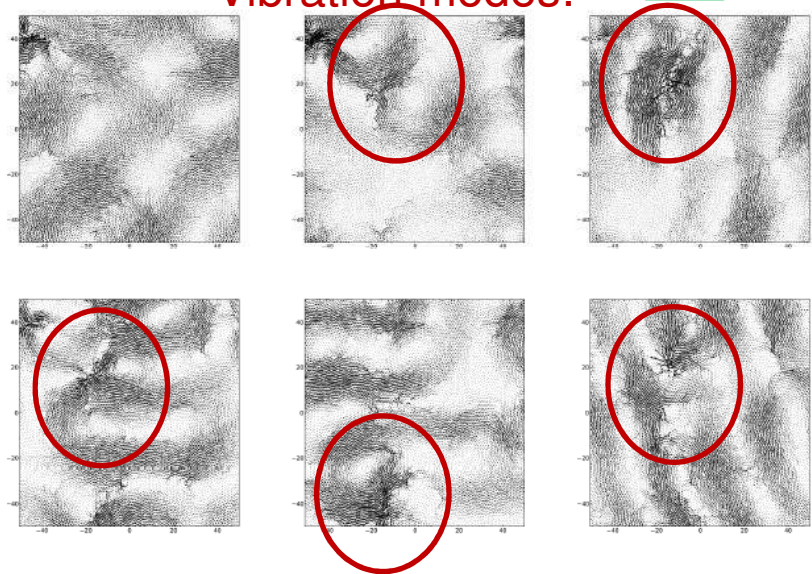


A single **localized** mode

# Elementary shear band:



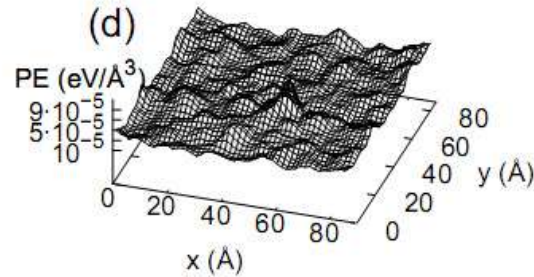
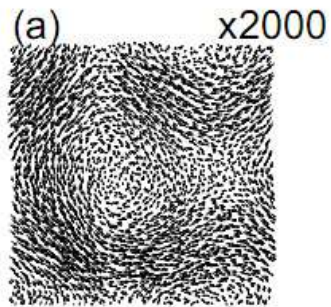
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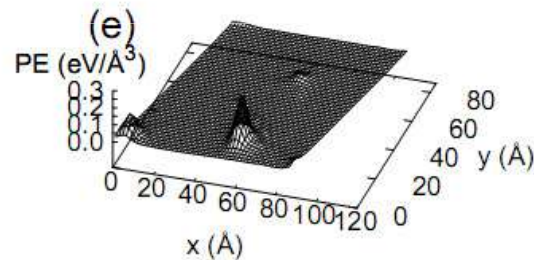
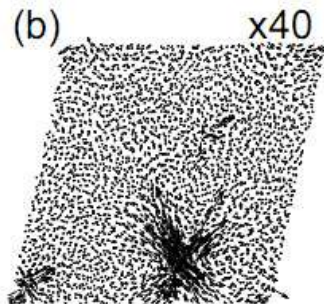
Superposition  
of **localized** modes

# Identification of Plastic Rearrangements

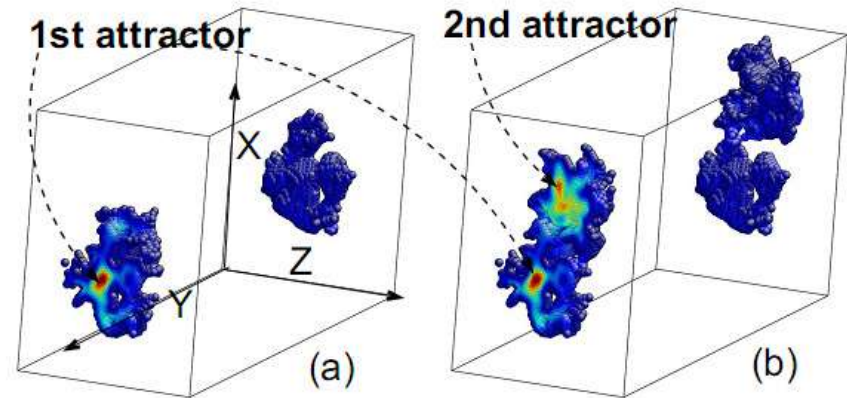
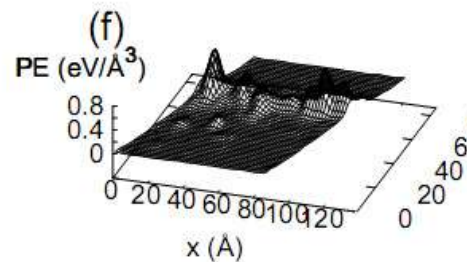
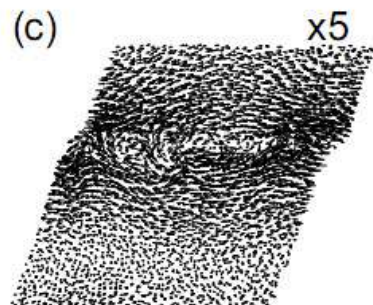
Determination of the size of the Plastic Events:  
Size of the basins in the Local Plastic Energy Function



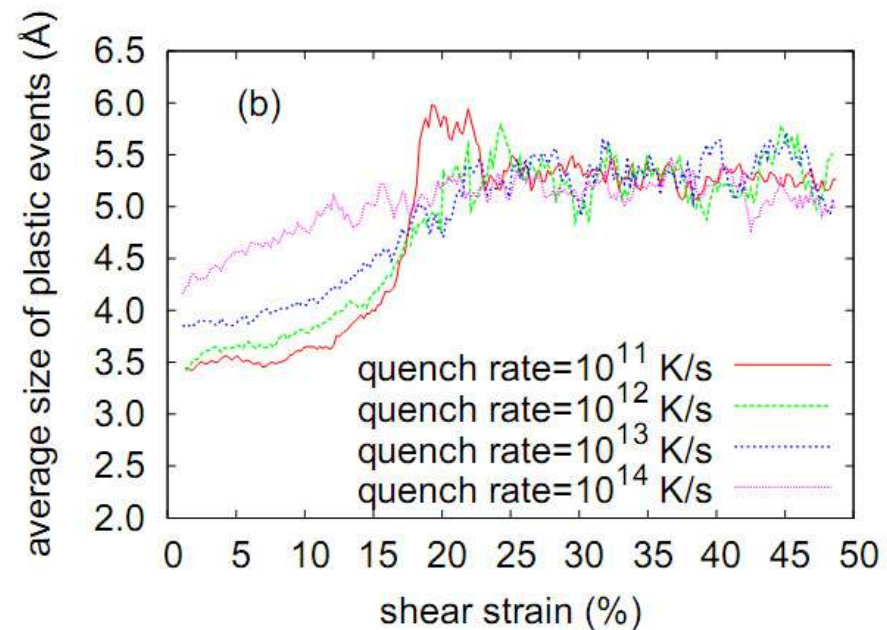
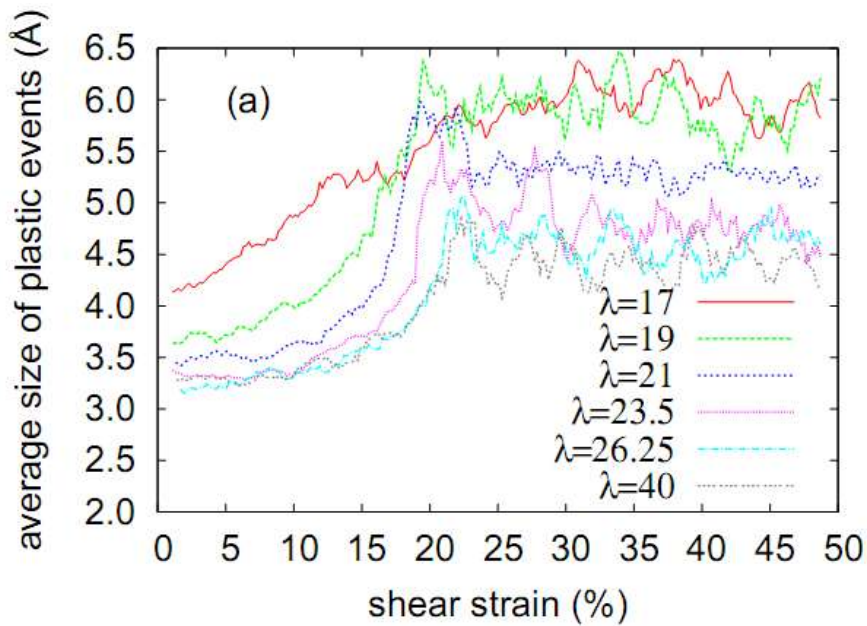
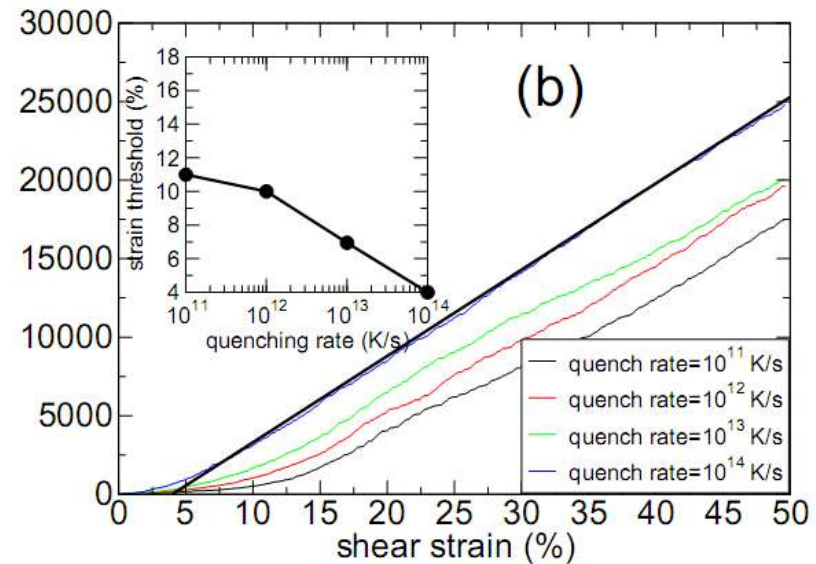
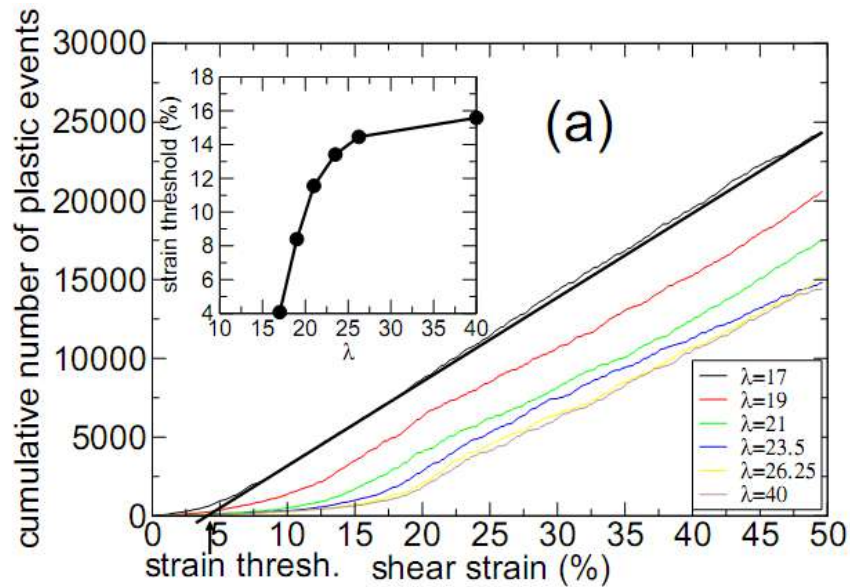
$$PE_{at}(i_a) = \left( \sum_{j_a} |V_{i_a, j_a}^{2b}(\epsilon_i^{ini}) - V_{i_a, j_a}^{2b}(\epsilon_i^{rev})|^2 + \sum_{j_a} \sum_{k_a} |V_{j_a, i_a, k_a}^{3b}(\epsilon_i^{ini}) - V_{j_a, i_a, k_a}^{3b}(\epsilon_i^{rev})|^2 \right)^{1/2}$$



$$PE(r) = \sum_{i_a} PE_{at}(i_a) \left( \frac{1}{(\pi\omega^2)^{3/2}} \exp -\frac{|r - r_{i_a}|^2}{\omega^2} \right)$$



## Example of « a-silicon »



# The Peierls stress

$$\sigma_{xy}^* = Ae^{-2\pi W/b}$$

where  $A = 2C_{44}/(1 - \nu)$

$$b \approx 1.6 \text{ \AA}$$

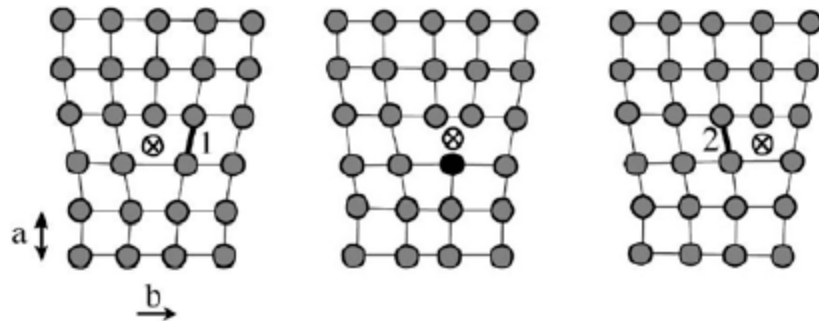
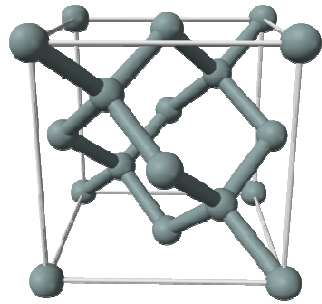


TABLE III: Yield stresses  $\sigma_Y$ , width of the plastic event at the yield point  $W$  and corresponding values of  $b$  obtained by using Eq. (5) for different values of  $\lambda$  for a A-Si system prepared with a quenching rate of  $10^{11}$  K/s, and for different values of the quenching rate at  $\lambda = 21$ .

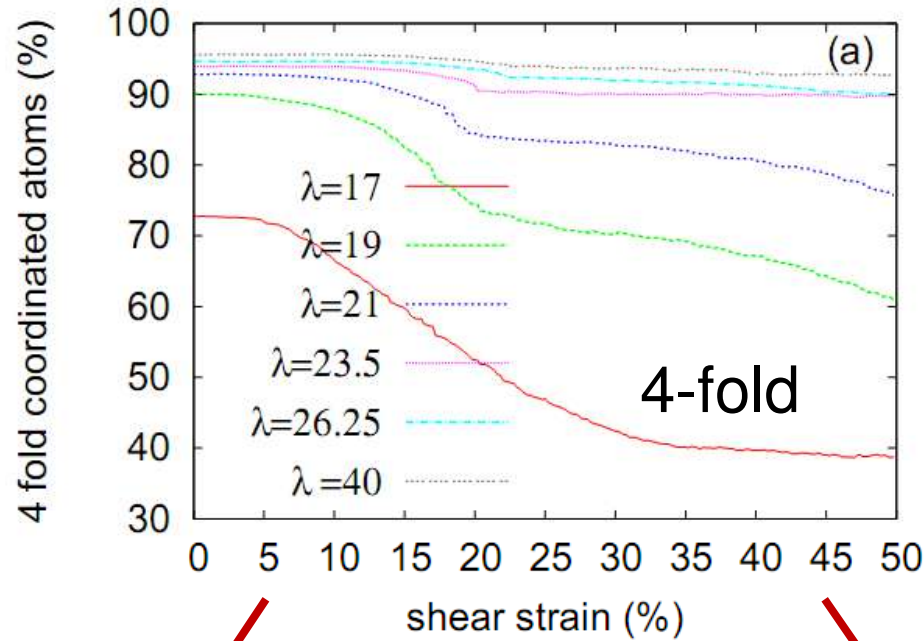
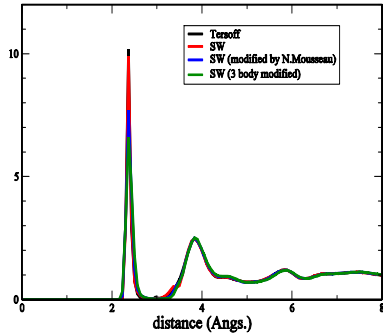
$\lambda$	$\nu$	$W$ ( $\text{\AA}$ )	$\sigma_Y$ (GPa)	$b$ ( $\text{\AA}$ )
17	0.389	6.11	2.01	1.64
19	0.365	6.11	2.80	1.75
21	0.347	5.63	4.23	1.75
23.5	0.331	5.13	5.47	1.67
26.25	0.318	4.73	6.64	1.59
40	0.273	4.57	10.13	1.59
quench. rate		$W$ ( $\text{\AA}$ )	$\sigma_Y$ (GPa)	$b$ ( $\text{\AA}$ )
$10^{11}$ K/s		5.63	4.23	1.75
$10^{12}$ K/s		5.39	3.53	1.61
$10^{13}$ K/s		5.39	3.0	1.56
$10^{14}$ K/s		5.30	2.32	1.45

Strong dependence of the **size** of the plastic events on  $\lambda$ .  
 Analogy with *dislocation's width* in crystals.

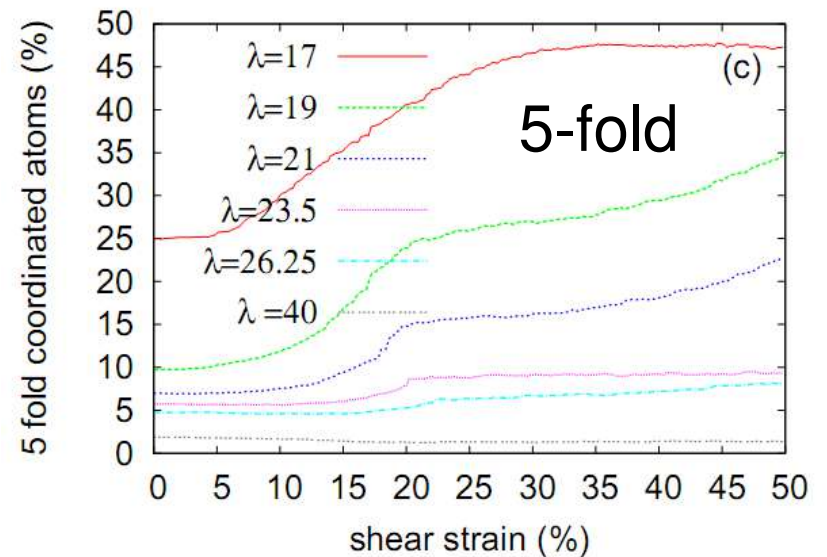
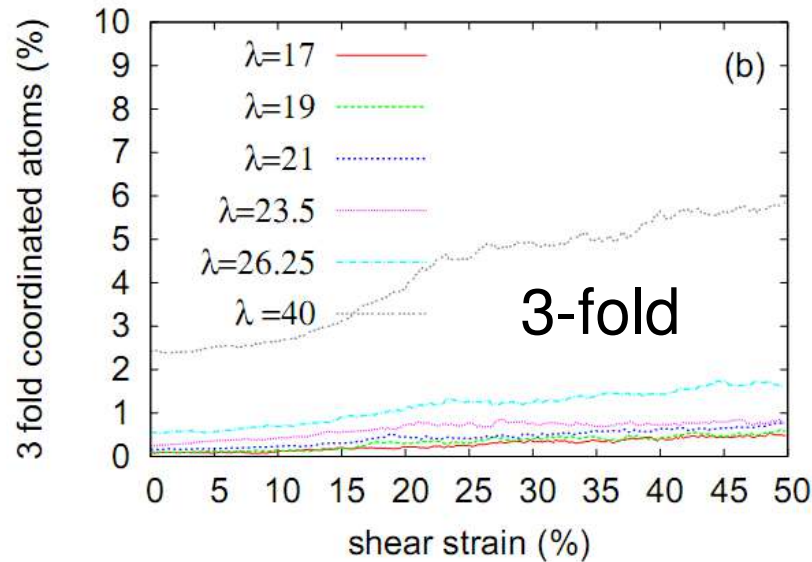
# Role of Local Coordination Defects:



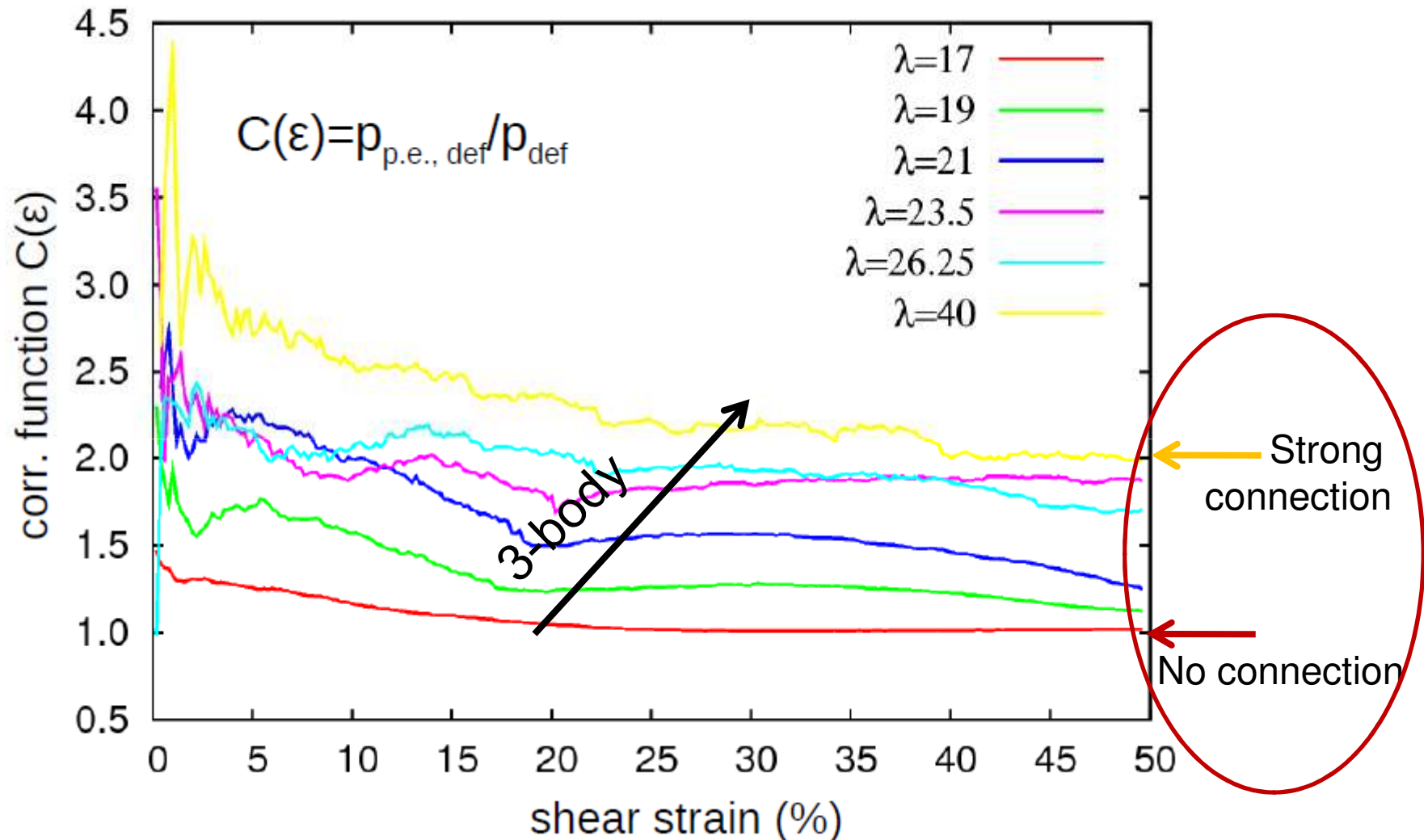
Calculated radial distribution function in ASI  
Structure obtained at 0 K after an MD quench (rate:  $10^5$  K/s)



The **type** and the **number** of defects depends strongly on  $\lambda$ .



Connection between **plastic events** and **defects**:  
as a function of the 3-body interaction  $\lambda$



The connection to the **local coordination defects** depends on the strength of the *3-body* interaction

# Conclusion

**Length Scales** ~ 3 nm

**Time Scales** ~ 10 ns or **Quasi-Static** athermal simulations

Role and description of the **Temperature**? Athermal regime?

**Universal phenomenology of plasticity in glasses:**

**Quadrupolar Events** and **Shear Bands** ~nm scale

The **Local Bound Directionality** affects:

The **Width** of the Plastic Event (**Peierls Stress**)

The **number**, the **type** of coordination defects and their **evolution** upon external strain

The **connection** between plastic events and Local coordination defects

Competition between **shear** and **densification** in **Silica-like Glasses**:

The pressure hardening favors a more **homogeneous** atomistic response

The **Dynamical Evolution** of the **Local Elastic Moduli** is directly connected to the **plastic Behaviour** in Lennard-Jones systems.

Its **heterogeneity** gives rise to **low scattering of acoustic waves** at low frequencies.

The **dynamical evolution** of the Elastic Moduli is related to a **significant change** of the **very low frequency Acoustic Modes** close to a **plastic rearrangement**.

