

# From particle simulations to continuum theory for GM

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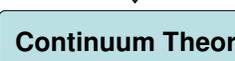
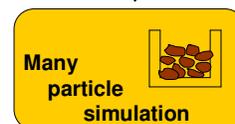
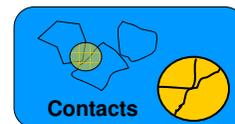
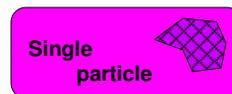
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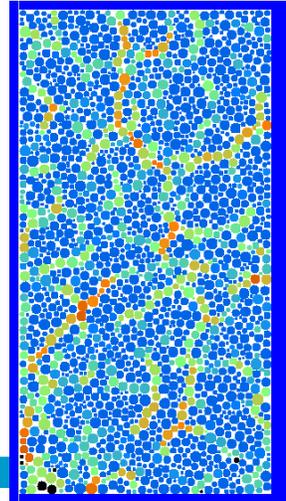
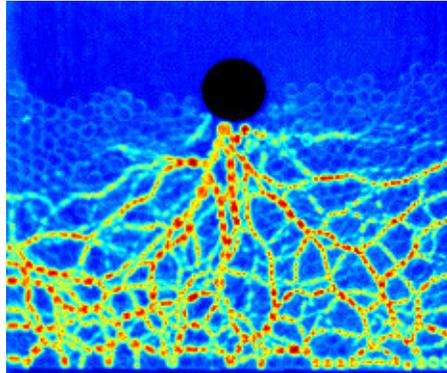
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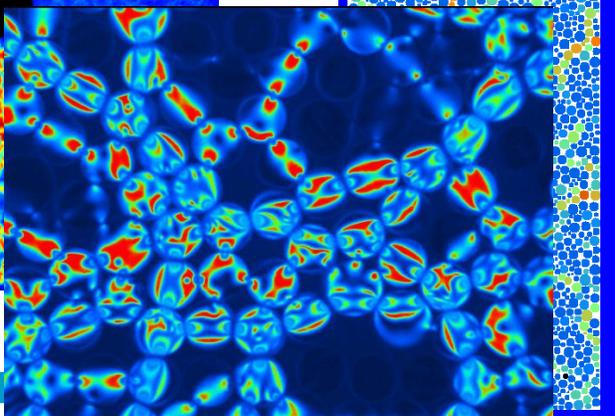
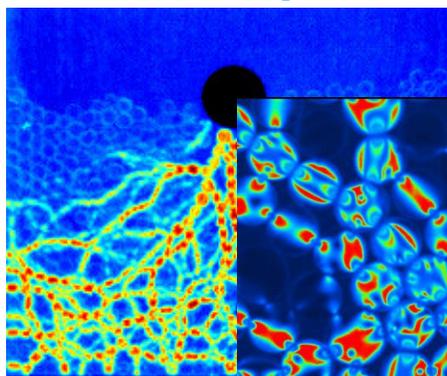
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## Force-chains experiments - simulations



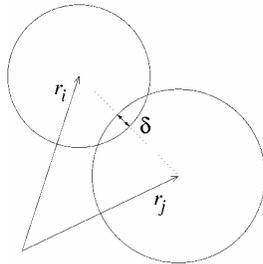
## Force-chains experiments - simulations



## What? Why? How?

- DEM = MD simulations  
... based on contact models
- simulation of granular materials
- account for disorder/inhomogeneity
- applications:  
*sand, clay, concrete, ...*  
*powders, ceramics, tableting, ...*

## Discrete particle model



Equations of motion

$$m_i \frac{d^2 \vec{r}_i}{dt^2} = \vec{f}_i \quad I_i \frac{d\vec{\omega}_i}{dt} = \vec{t}_i$$

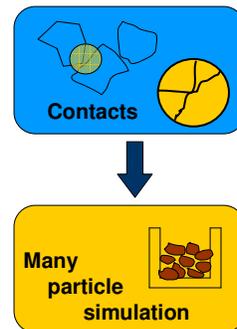
Forces and torques:

$$\vec{f}_i = \sum_c \vec{f}_i^c + \sum_w \vec{f}_i^w + m_i g$$

$$\vec{t}_i = \sum_c \vec{r}_i^c \times \vec{f}_i^c$$

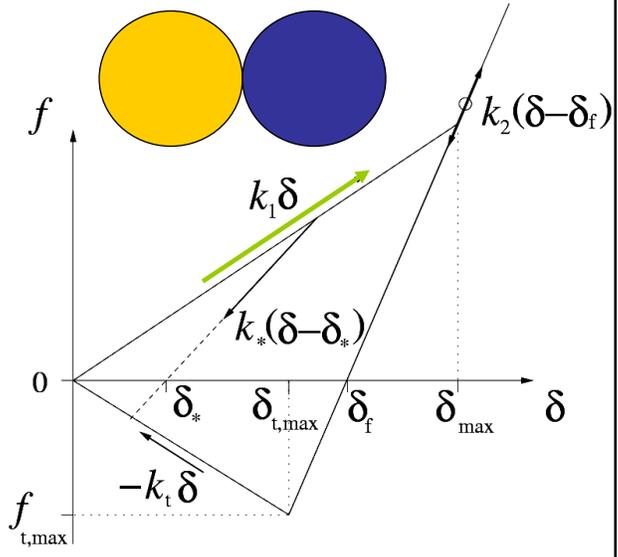
Overlap  $\delta = \frac{1}{2}(d_i + d_j) - (\vec{r}_i - \vec{r}_j) \cdot \vec{n}$

Normal  $\hat{n} = \vec{n}_{ij} = \frac{(\vec{r}_i - \vec{r}_j)}{|\vec{r}_i - \vec{r}_j|}$



# Contacts

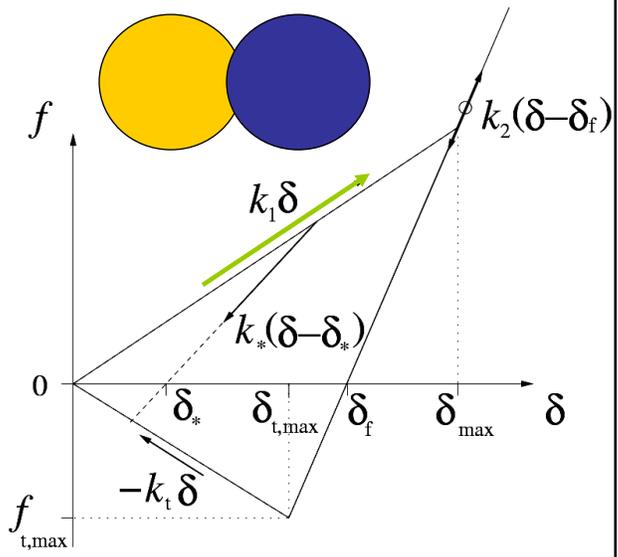
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stiffness:  $k_1$



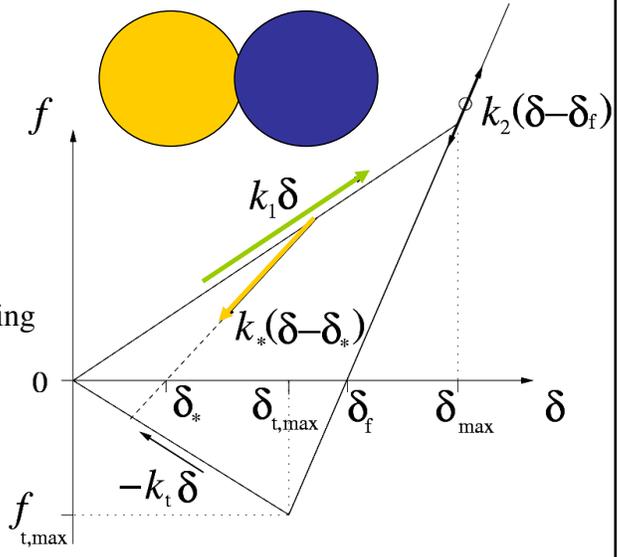
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elastic un/re-loading  
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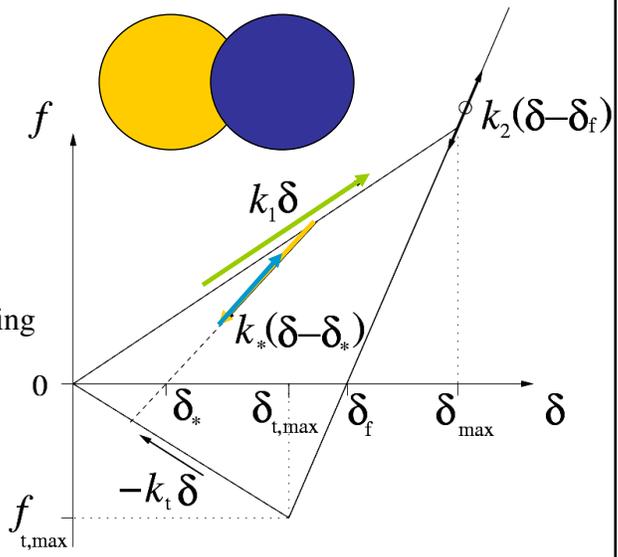
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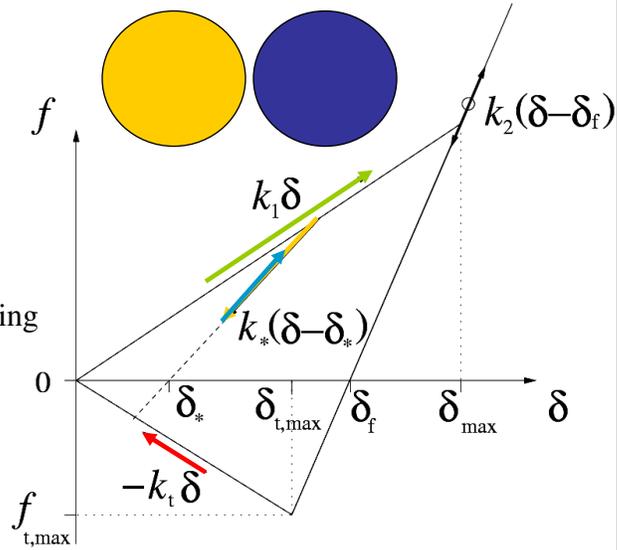
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### 4. tensile failure

tensile force



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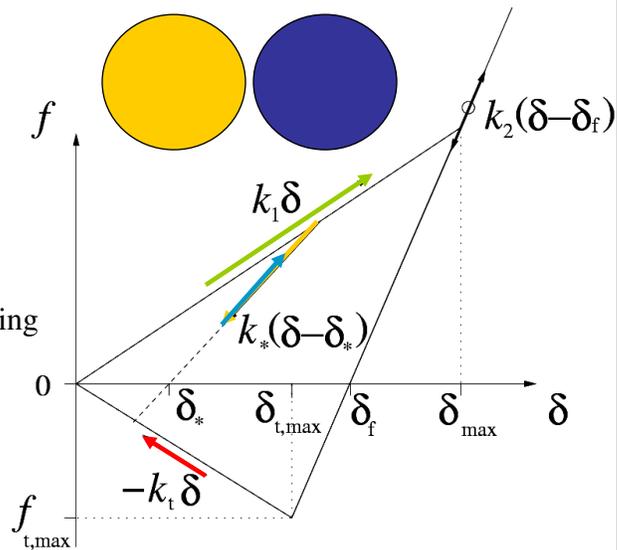
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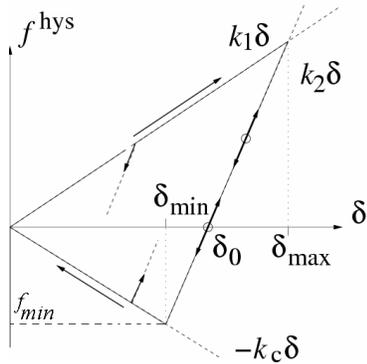
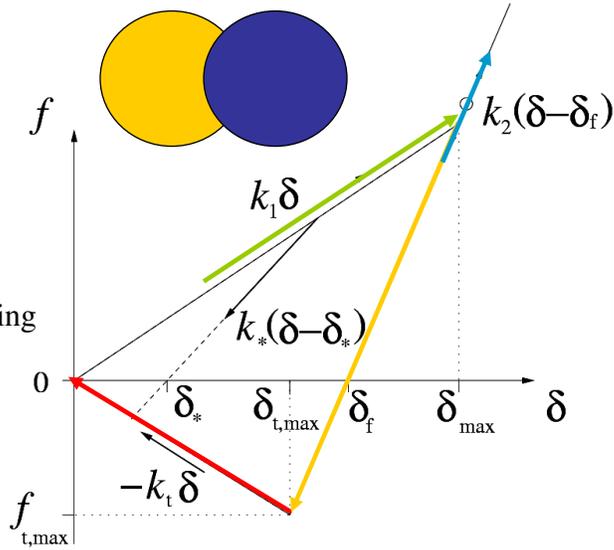
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# Contacts

- 1. loading**  
transition to stiffness:  $k_2$
- 2. unloading**
- 3. re-loading**  
elastic un/re-loading stiffness:  $k_2$
- 4. tensile failure**  
max. tensile force



## Contact model

- (too) simple ☺
- piecewise linear
- **easy** to implement

$$f_i^{hys} = \begin{cases} k_1 \delta & \text{for loading} \\ k_2 (\delta - \delta_0) & \text{for un-/reloading} \\ -k_c \delta & \text{for unloading} \end{cases}$$

Maximum overlap  
stress-free overlap

$$\delta_{max} \\ \delta_0 = (1 - k_1 / k_2) \delta_{max}$$

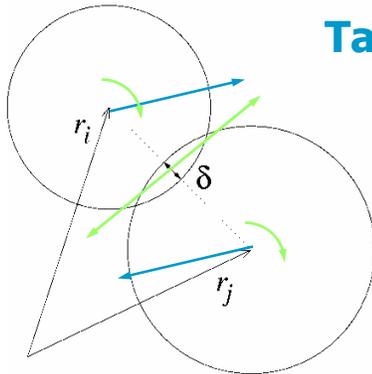
strongest attraction at:

$$\delta_{min} = \frac{k_2 - k_1}{k_2 + k_c} \delta_{max}$$

the max. attractive force:  $f_{min} = -k_c \delta_{min}$

**stiffness**  
**plastic deform.**  
**adhesion**

## Tangential contact model



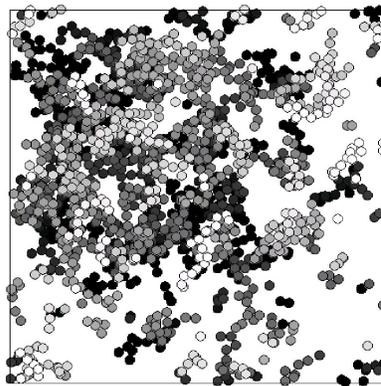
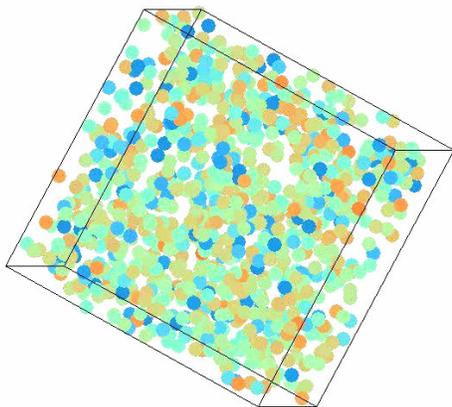
*Sliding* contact points:

- static Coulomb friction
- dynamic Coulomb friction
- objectivity

*Sliding/Rolling/Torsion*

$$v_t = \begin{cases} (v_i - v_j)^t + \hat{n} \times (a_i \omega_i + a_j \omega_j) & \text{sliding} \\ a_{ij} \hat{n} \times (\omega_i - \omega_j) & \text{rolling} \\ a_{ij} \hat{n} \hat{n} \cdot (\omega_i - \omega_j) & \text{torsion} \end{cases}$$

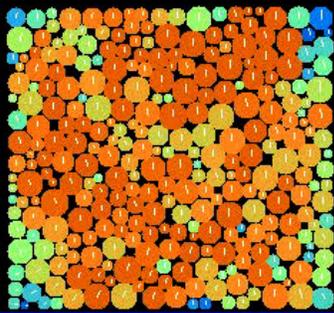
## ... Details of interaction



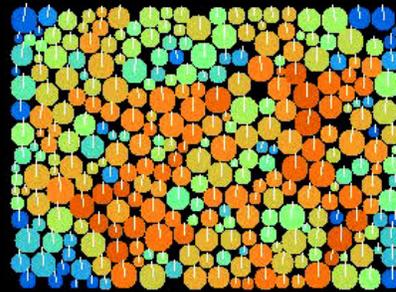
**Attraction + Dissipation = Agglomeration**

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## 7. Vibration test



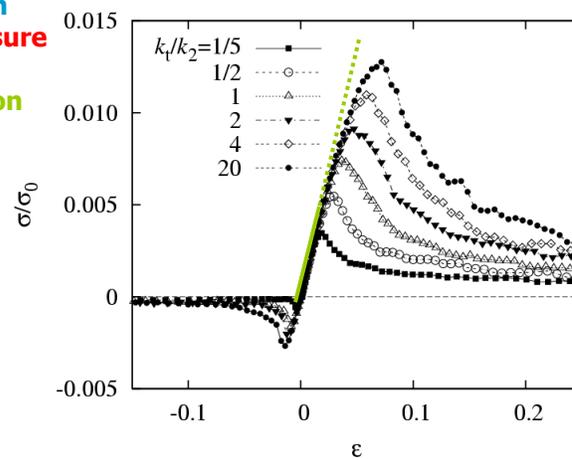
$p=100$



$p=10$

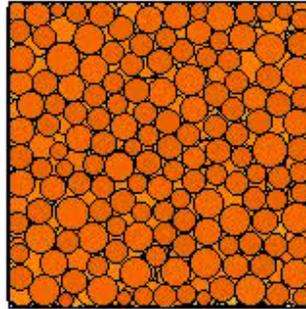
## compression-tension

1. Preparation
2. **HIGH pressure**
3. Relaxation
4. Compression



## tension

$$k_1/k_2 = 1/2$$



## Biaxial box set-up

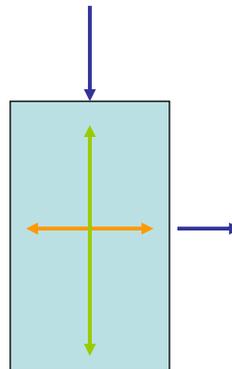
- Top wall: strain controlled

$$z(t) = z_f + \frac{z_0 - z_f}{2} (1 + \cos \omega t)$$

- Right wall: stress controlled

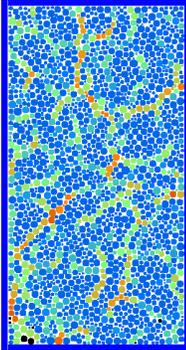
$$p = \text{const.}$$

- Evolution with time ... ?

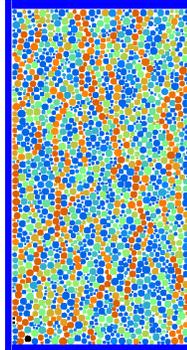


## Simulation results (closer look)

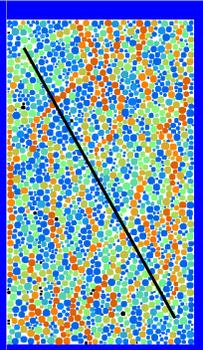
$\epsilon_{zz}=0.0\%$



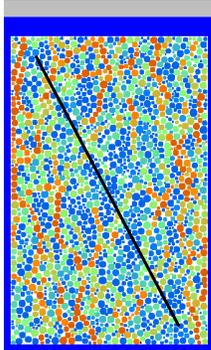
$\epsilon_{zz}=1.1\%$



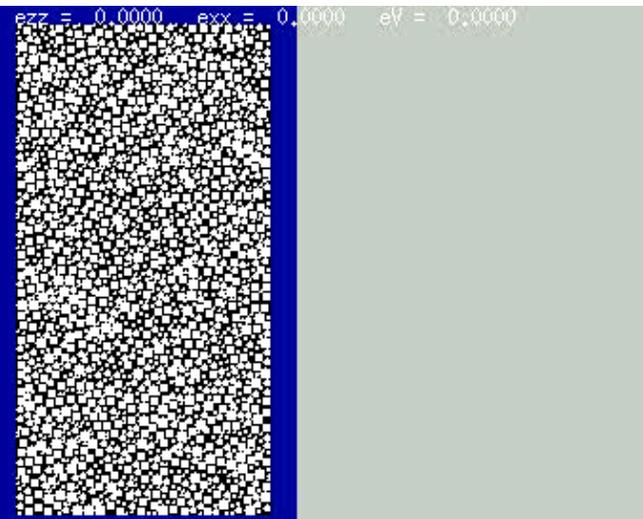
$\epsilon_{zz}=4.2\%$



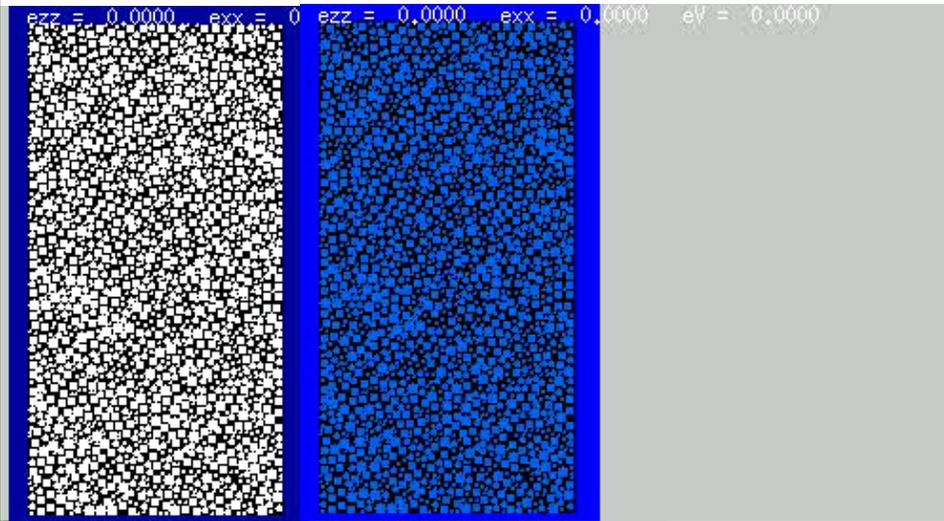
$\epsilon_{zz}=9.1\%$



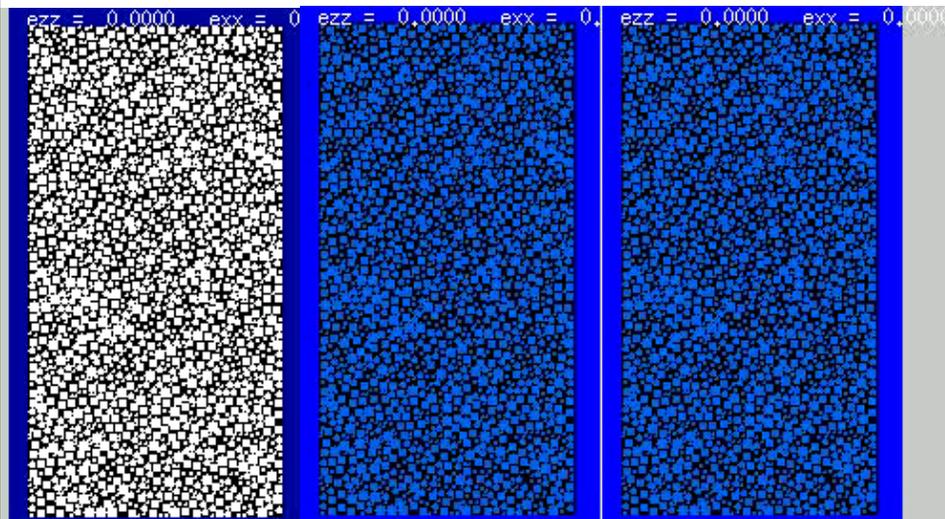
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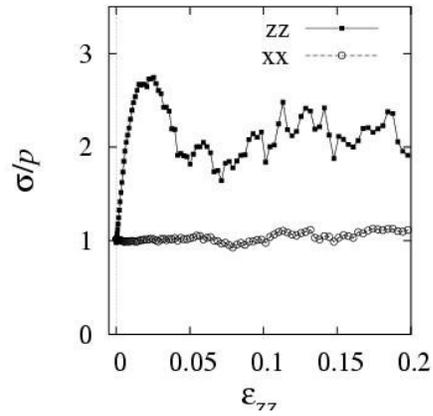
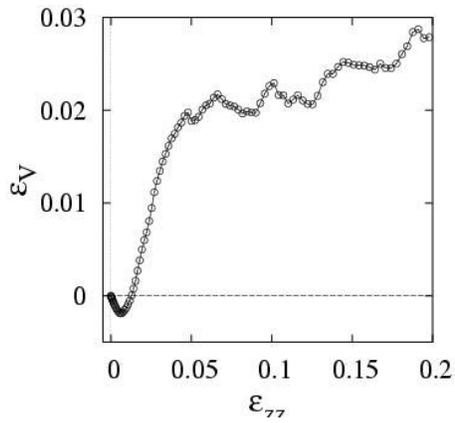
## Bi-axial box (kinetic energy)



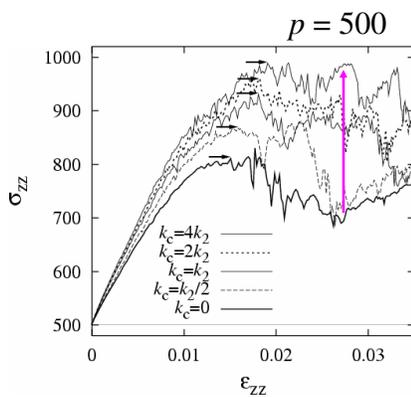
## Bi-axial box (rotations)



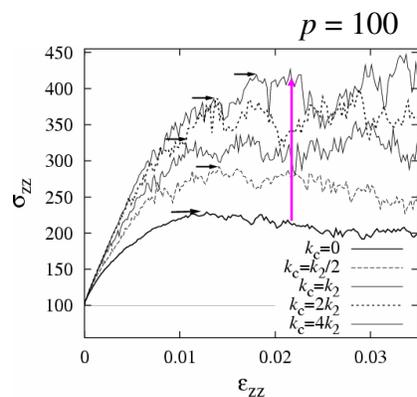
## Bi-axial compression with $p_x = \text{const.}$



## Modulus and yield stress cohesion

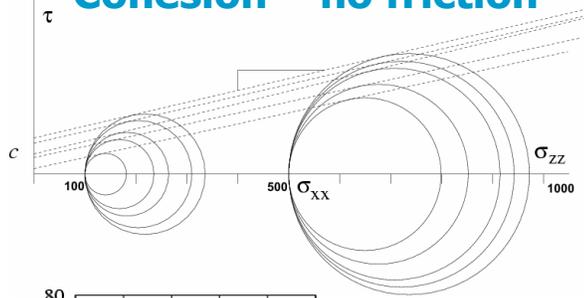


**Modulus**  
(initial slope)



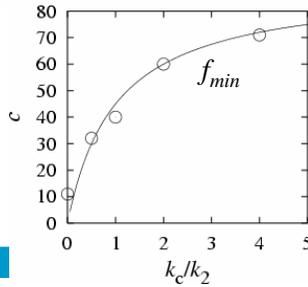
**Yield Stress ....**  
(peak value)

## Cohesion – no friction



$k_c / k_2 = 0, 1/2, 1, 2, \text{ and } 4$

geometrical friction angle  
 $\phi \approx 13^\circ$

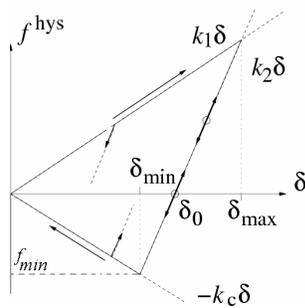


macro cohesion

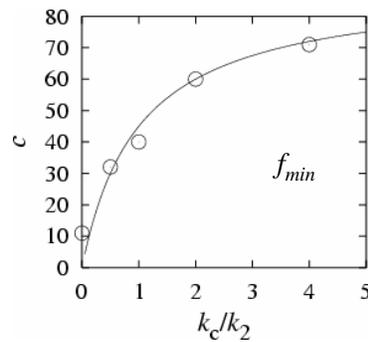
$$c = 1.8 \times 10^{-3} \frac{1 - k_1/k_2}{1 + k_2/k_c}$$

$k_c/k_2$	$p_x$	$\sigma_{zz}$	$p_x$	$\sigma_{zz}$	$c$
0	100	183	500	798	11
1/2	100	234	500	853	32
1	100	264	500	915	40
2	100	310	500	941	60
4	100	336	500	972	71

## Micro-macro for cohesion



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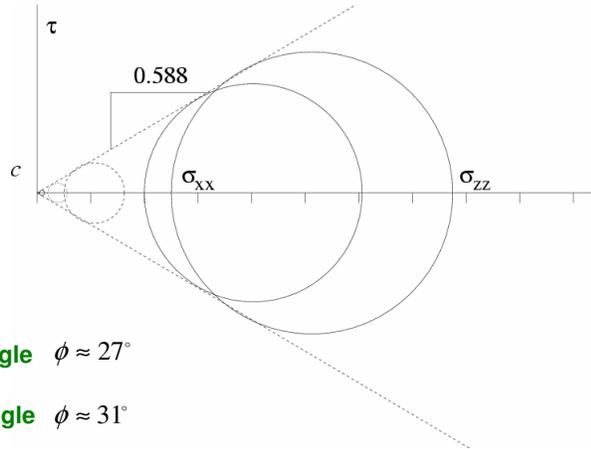


micro adhesion:  $f_{min}$

macro cohesion  $c = c_0 \frac{1 - k_1/k_2}{1 + k_2/k_c}$

## Friction – no cohesion

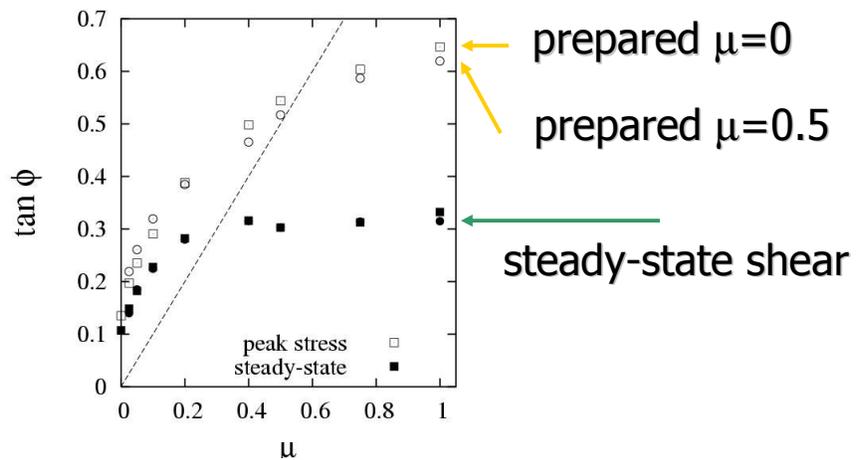
$k_c = 0$  and  $\mu = 0.5$



Internal friction angle  $\phi \approx 27^\circ$

Total friction angle  $\phi \approx 31^\circ$

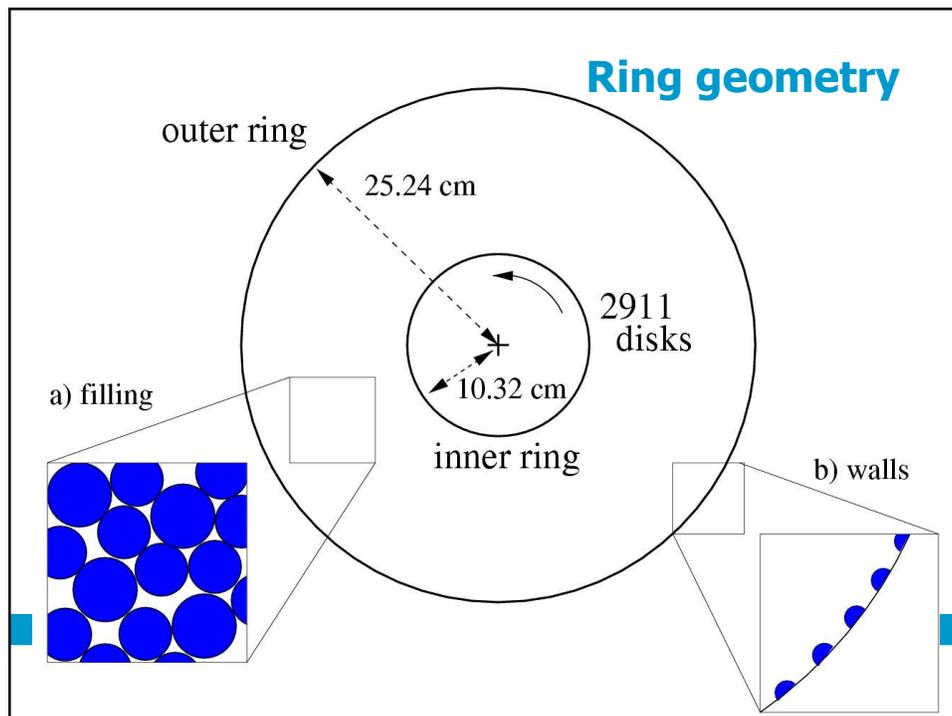
## Micro-macro for friction



micro contact-friction  $\mu$       macro friction-angle  $\phi$

## Summary micro-macro GLOBAL

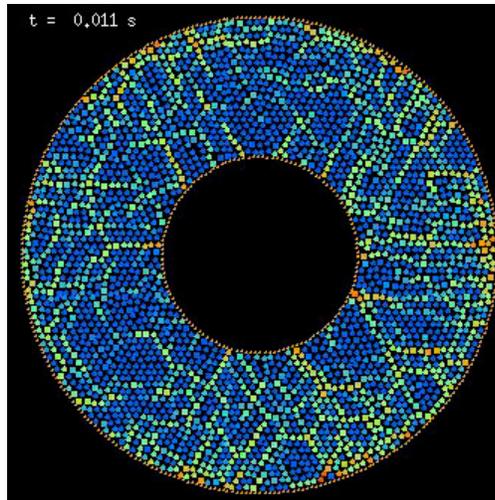
- Micro-/Macro-Flow Rheology
  - micro-adhesion ... macro-cohesion
  - micro-contact-friction ... macro-friction-angle
- Non-Newtonian Rheology (**Anisotropy?**, Micro-polar?)
- **Does global averaging make sense anyway?**



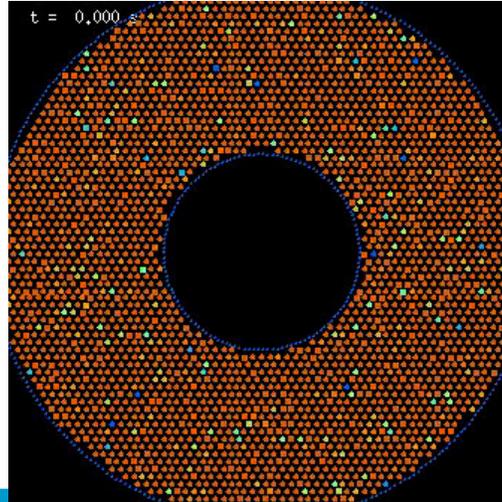
## Ring shear cell experiment



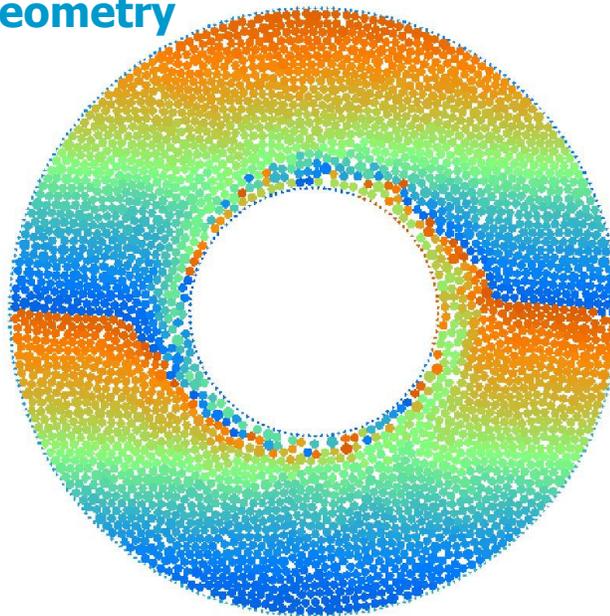
**2D shear cell – force chains**  
**= inhomogeneity**  
**+ anisotropy**



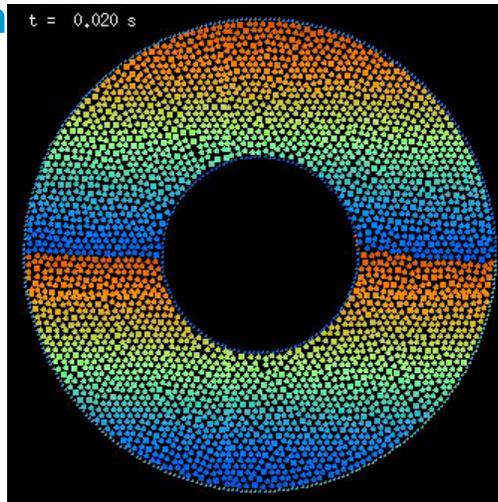
## 2D shear cell – energy



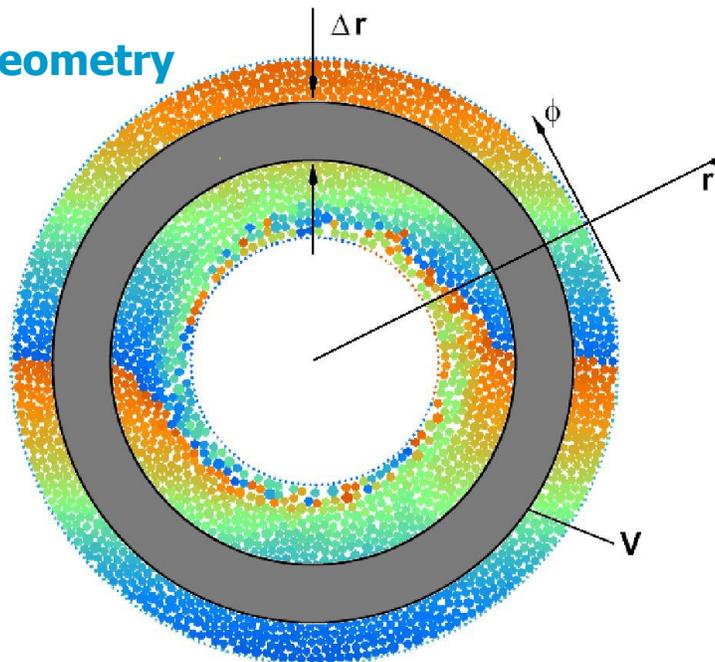
## Ring geometry



**2D shear cell  
shear localization  
non-Newtonian**



**Ring geometry**



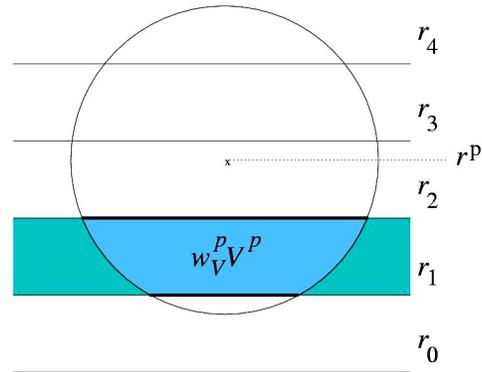
## Averaging Formalism

$$Q = \langle Q^p \rangle = \frac{1}{V} \sum_{p \in V} w_V^p V^p Q^p$$

Any quantity:

$$Q^p = \sum_c Q^c$$

- Scalar
- Vector
- Tensor



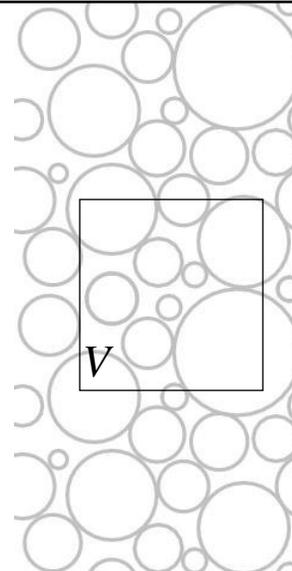
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In averaging volume:  $V$



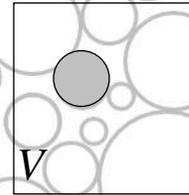
## Averaging Density

$$Q = \bar{v} = \frac{1}{V} \sum_{p \in V} w_V^p V^p$$

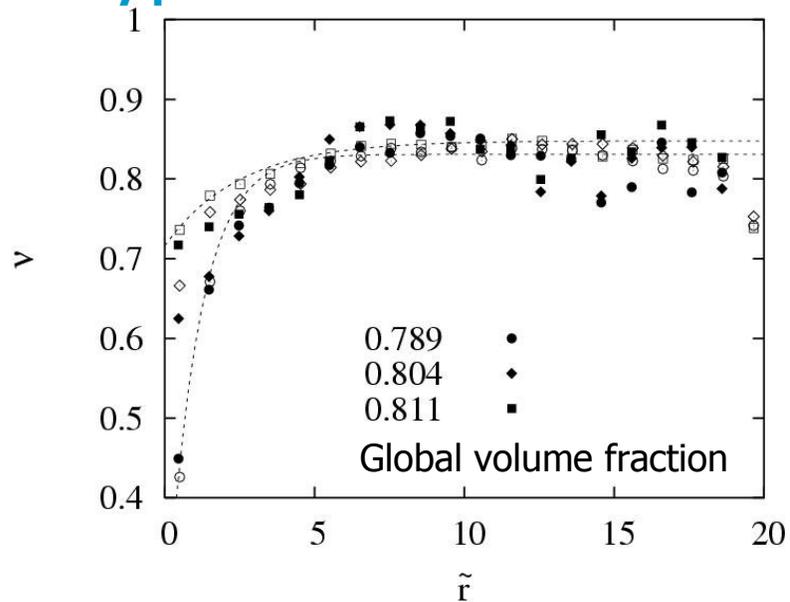
Any quantity:

$$Q^p = 1$$

- Scalar: Density/volume fraction



## Density profile



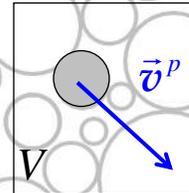
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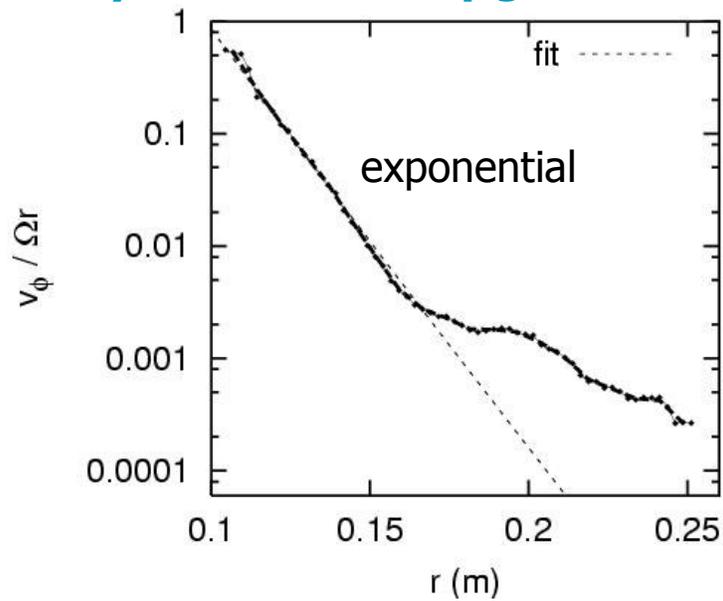
Any quantity:

$$Q^p = \bar{\mathbf{v}}^p$$

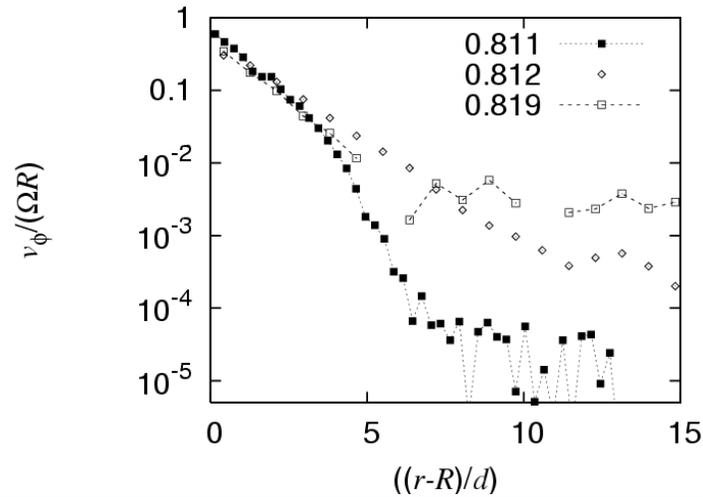
- Scalar
- Vector – velocity density



## Velocity field -> velocity gradient



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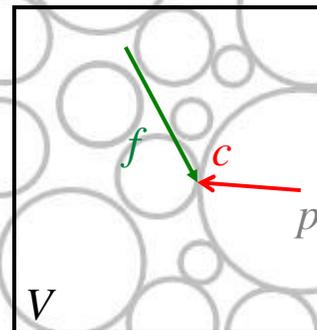
## Averaging Stress

$$Q = \underline{\underline{\sigma}} = \frac{1}{V} \sum_{p \in V} \sum_c w_V^p l^{pc} f^c$$

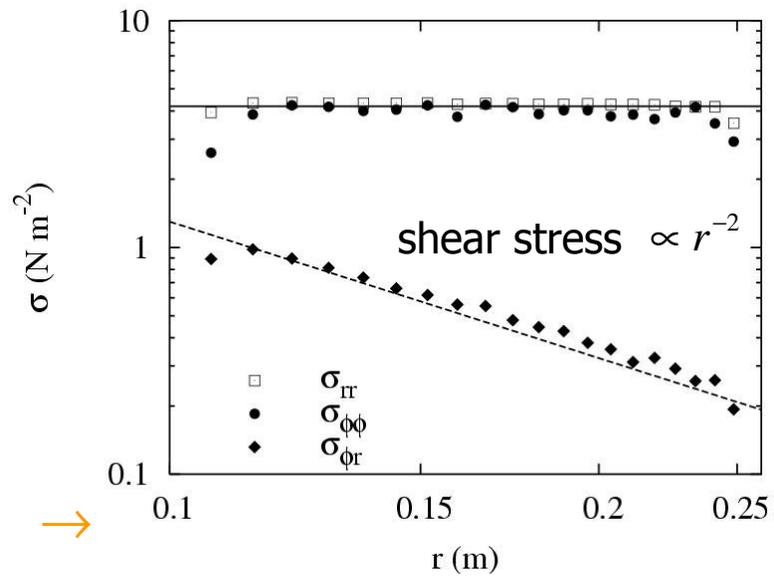
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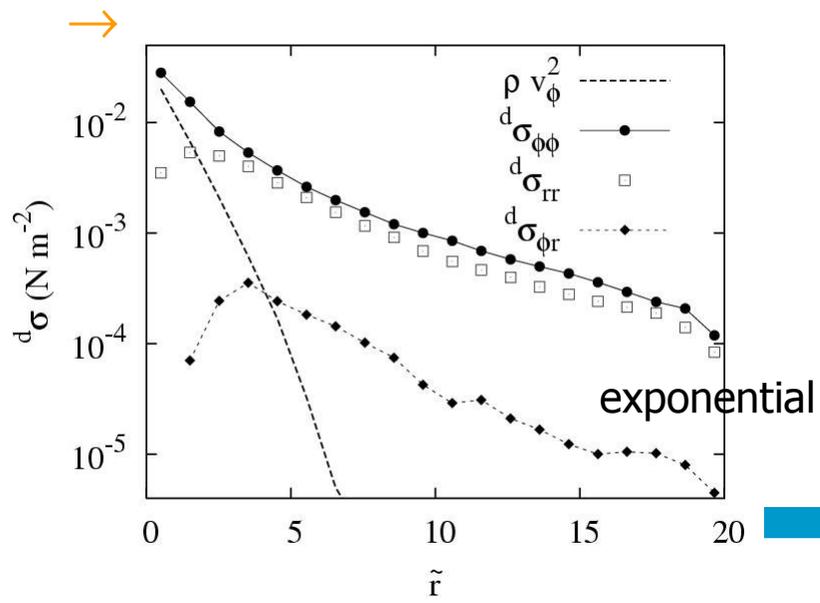
- Scalar
- Vector
- Tensor: Stress



## Stress tensor (static)



## Stress tensor (dynamic)



## Stress equilibrium (1)

$$\Rightarrow \nabla \cdot \sigma = \frac{1}{r} \left[ \frac{\partial(r\sigma_{rr})}{\partial r} - \sigma_{\phi\phi} \right] \vec{e}_r + \frac{1}{r} \left[ \frac{\partial(r\sigma_{r\phi})}{\partial r} + \sigma_{\phi r} \right] \vec{e}_\phi$$

acceleration:  $\vec{a} = \frac{d}{dt} \vec{v} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \vec{v} + (\vec{v} \cdot \nabla) \vec{v}$

$$\rho \vec{a} = \vec{\nabla} \cdot \sigma \Rightarrow 0 = \rho v_\phi^2 + r \frac{\partial \sigma_{rr}}{\partial r} + (\sigma_{rr} - \sigma_{\phi\phi}),$$

$$0 = r \frac{\partial \sigma_{r\phi}}{\partial r} + (\sigma_{r\phi} + \sigma_{\phi r}),$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial(r\sigma_{rr})}{\partial r} = \sigma_{\phi\phi}$$

$(\sigma_{rr} \propto \sigma_{\phi\phi} \propto r^0)$

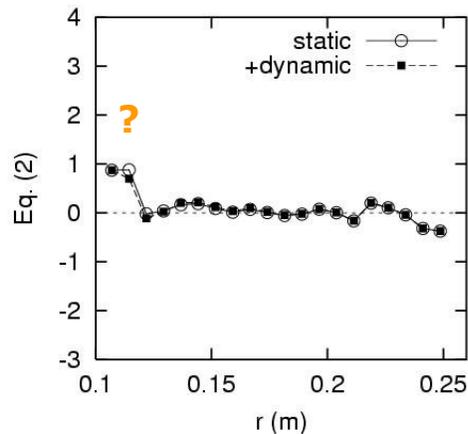
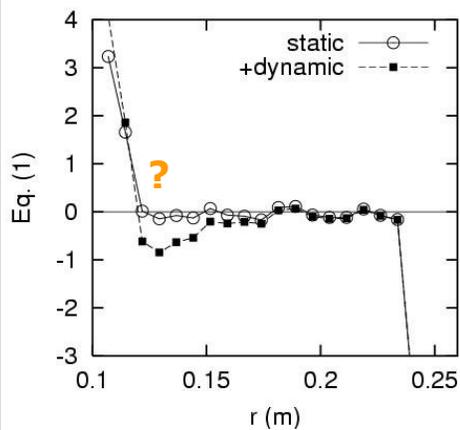
$$\frac{\partial(r\sigma_{r\phi})}{\partial r} = -\sigma_{\phi r}$$

$(\sigma_{r\phi} \propto \sigma_{\phi r} \propto r^{-2})$

## Stress equilibrium (2)

$$0 = \rho v_\phi^2 + r \frac{\partial \sigma_{rr}}{\partial r} + (\sigma_{rr} - \sigma_{\phi\phi}),$$

$$0 = r \frac{\partial \sigma_{r\phi}}{\partial r} + (\sigma_{r\phi} + \sigma_{\phi r}),$$



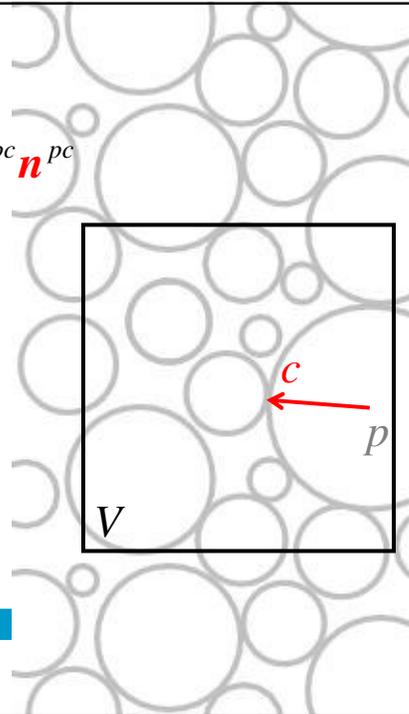
## Averaging Fabric

$$Q = \underline{\underline{\mathbf{F}}} = \frac{1}{V} \sum_{p \in V} w_V^p V^p \sum_c \mathbf{n}^{pc} \mathbf{n}^{pc}$$

Any quantity:

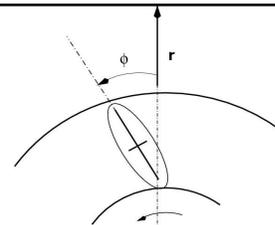
$$Q^p = \underline{\underline{\mathbf{F}}}^p = \sum_c \mathbf{n}^{pc} \mathbf{n}^{pc}$$

- Scalar: contacts
- Vector: normal
- Contact distribution

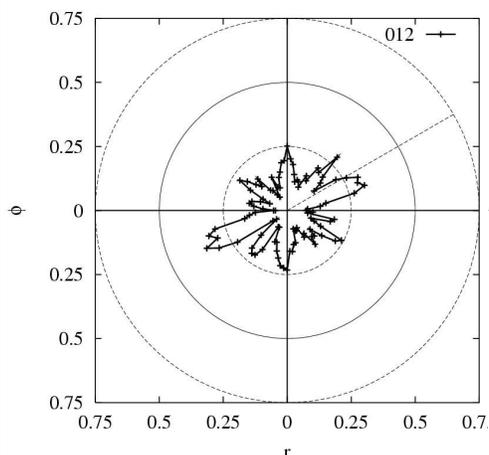


## Fabric tensor

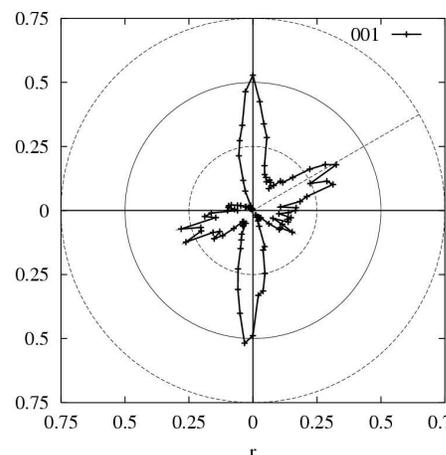
contact probability ...



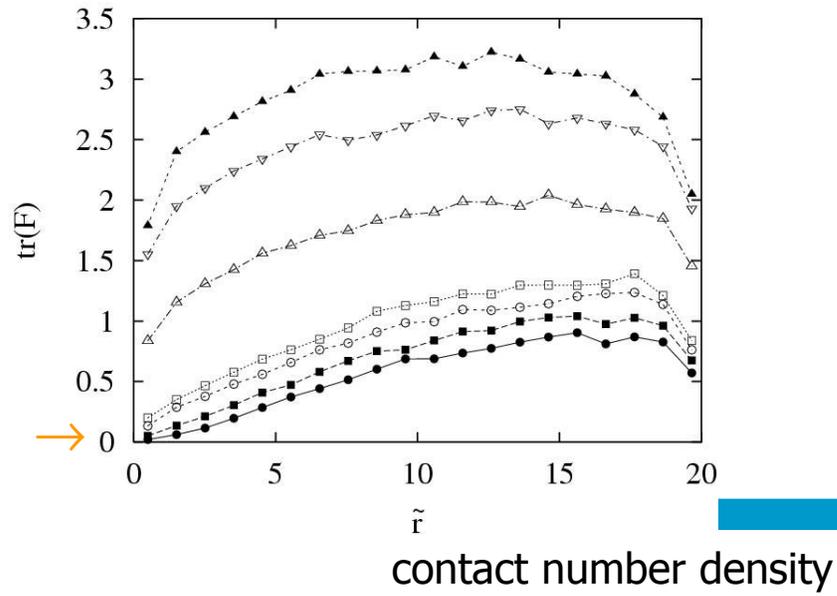
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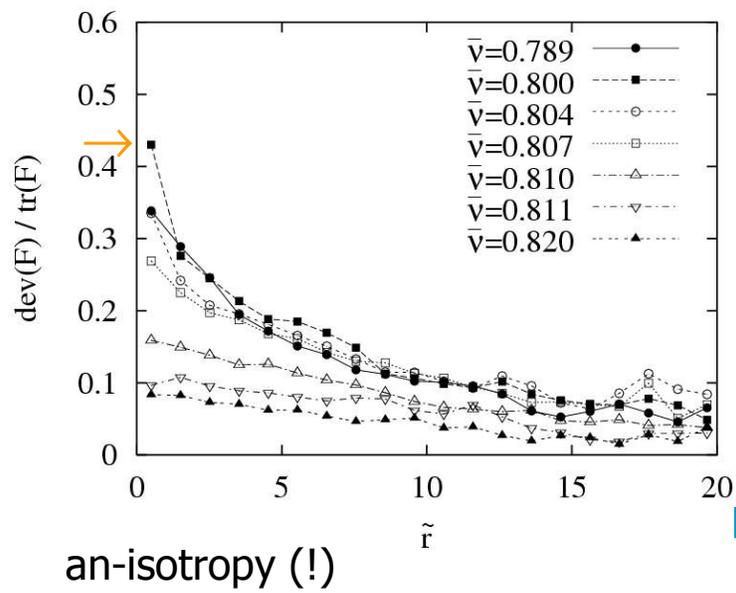
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## Fabric tensor (trace)



## Fabric tensor (deviator)



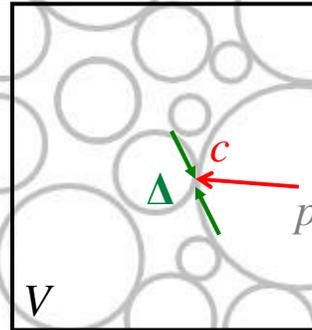
## Averaging Deformations

$$Q = \underline{\underline{\varepsilon}} = \frac{\pi h}{V} \left( \sum_{p \in V} w_V^p \sum_c l^{pc} \Delta^c \right) \cdot \underline{\underline{F}}^{-1}$$

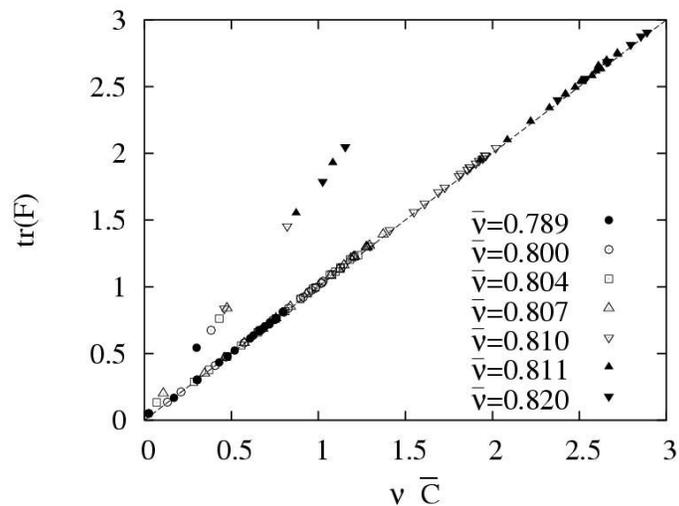
Deformation:

$$S = \left( \Delta^c - \underline{\underline{\varepsilon}} \cdot l^{pc} \right)^2 \quad \text{minimal !}$$

- Scalar
- Vector
- Tensor: Deformation

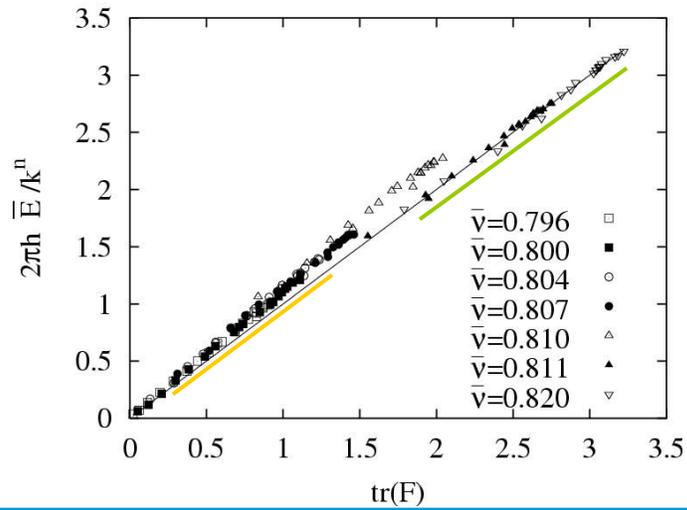


## Macro (contact density)



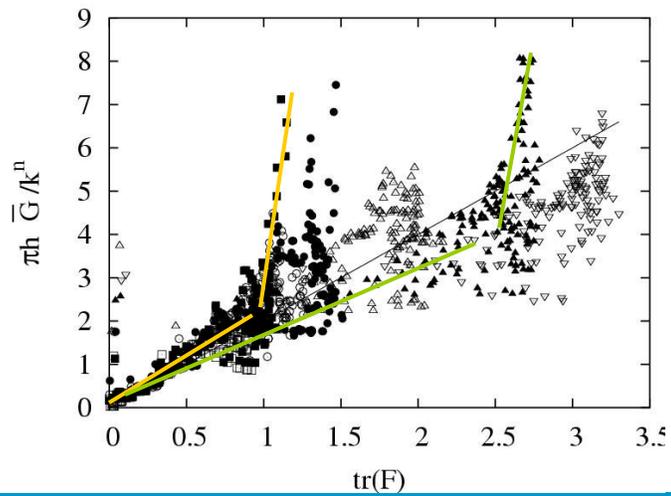
## Macro (bulk modulus)

$$\bar{E} = \frac{\text{tr}\sigma}{\text{tr}\varepsilon}$$

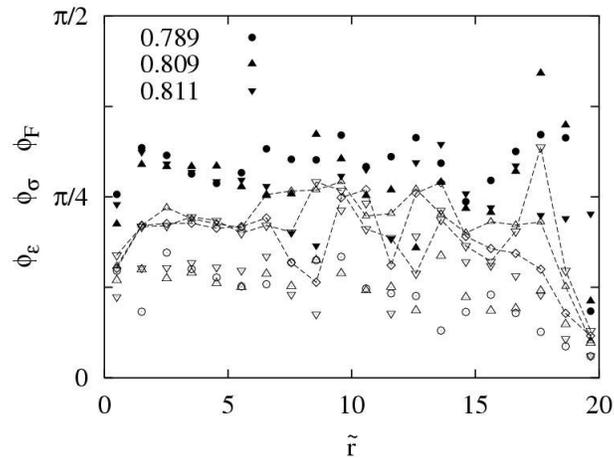


## Macro (shear modulus)

$$\bar{G} = \frac{\text{dev}\sigma}{\text{dev}\varepsilon}$$



## Anisotropy – non-colinearity



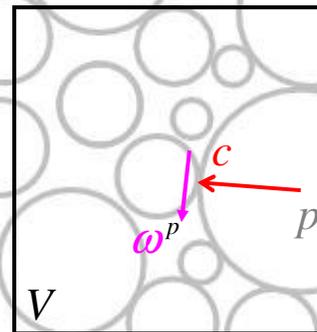
## Averaging Rotations

$$Q = v\omega = \frac{1}{V} \sum_{p \in V} \sum_c w_V^p V^p \omega^p$$

Deformation:

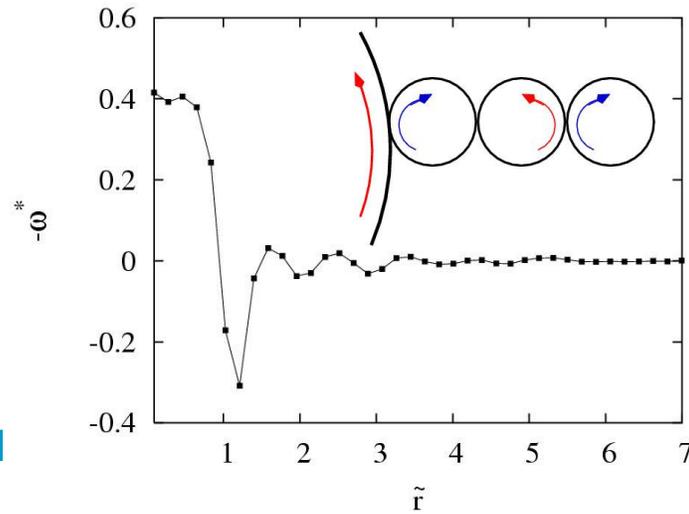
$$Q^p = \omega^p$$

- Scalar
- Vector: Spin density
- Tensor



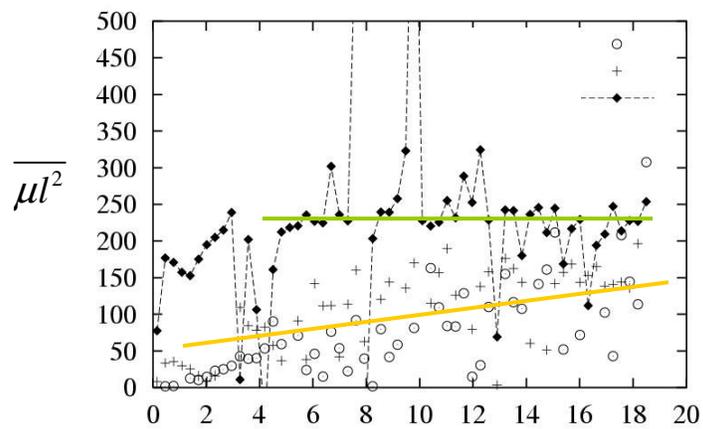
## Rotations – spin density

eigen-rotation:  $\omega^* = \omega - W_{r\phi}$



## Macro (torque stiffness)

$$\overline{\mu l^2} = \frac{M}{\underline{\underline{\kappa}}}$$

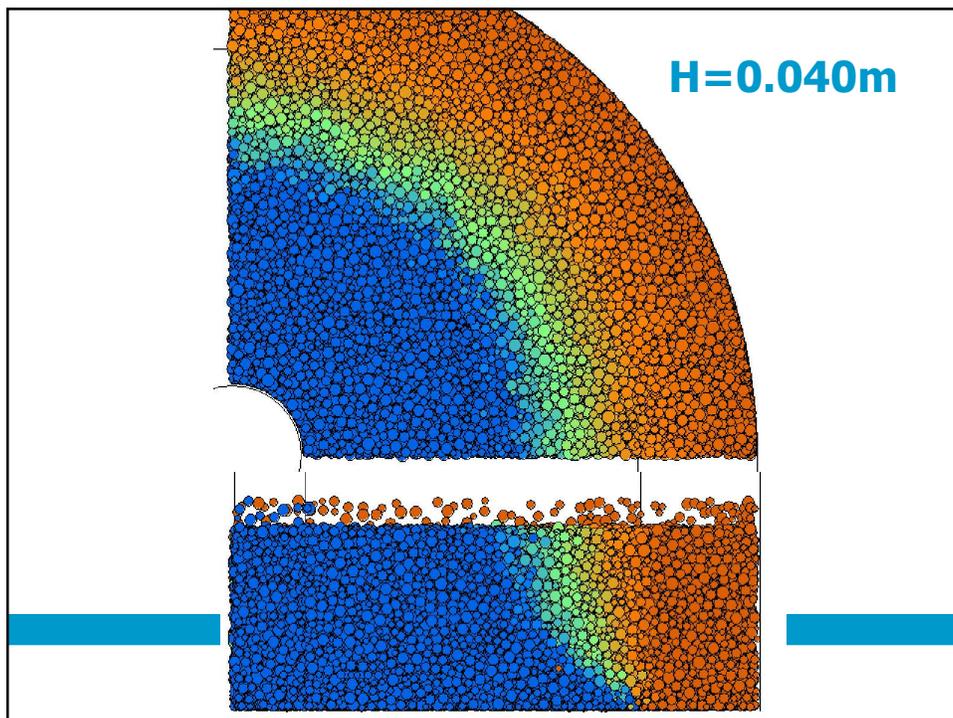
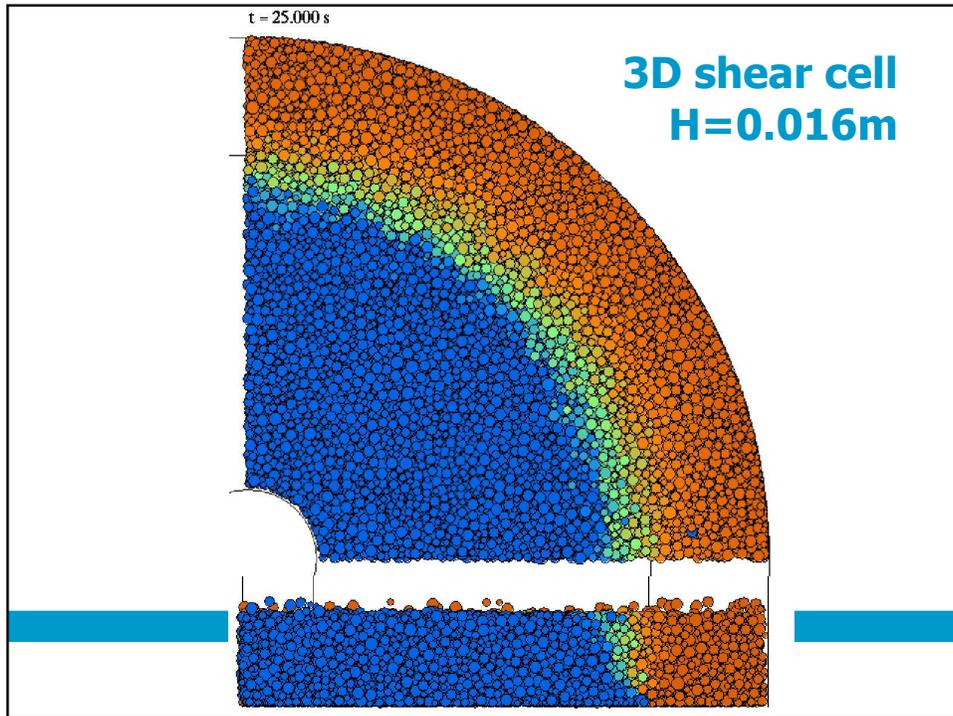


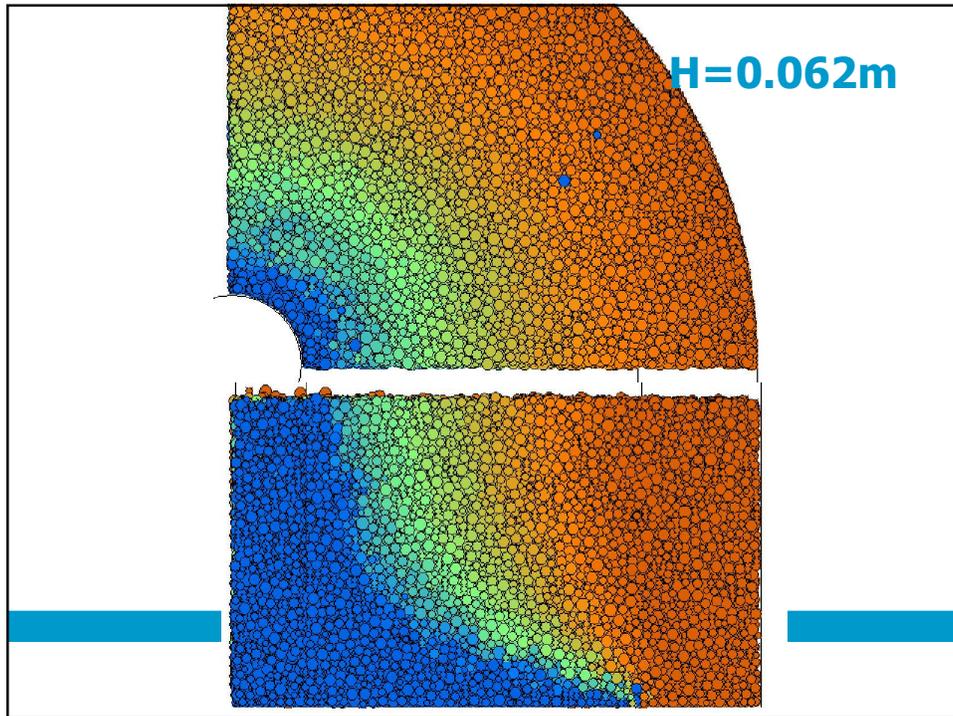
**The End ?**

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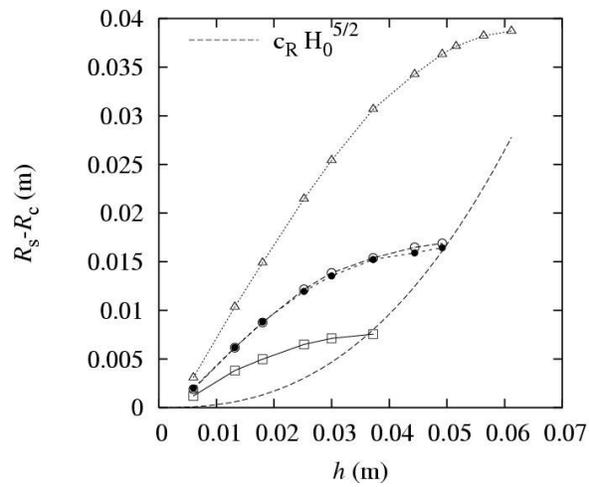
**3D ring shear cell  
micro-macro for shear viscosity**

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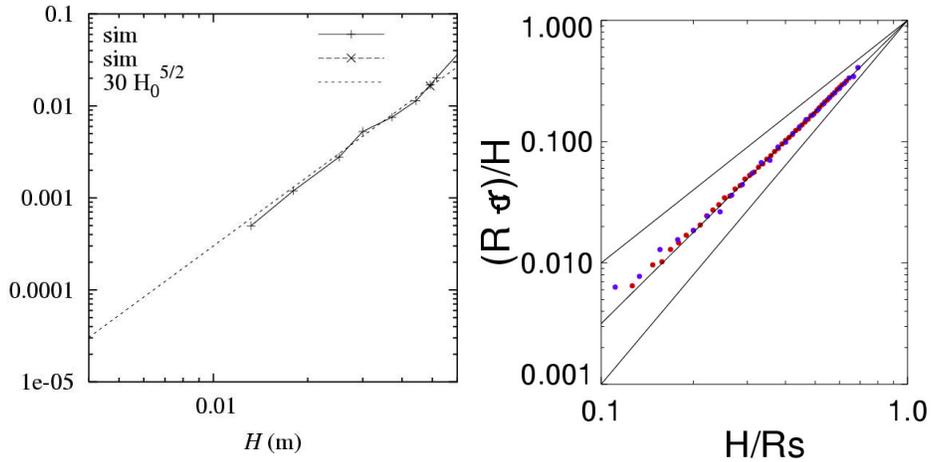


### 3D shear band center position



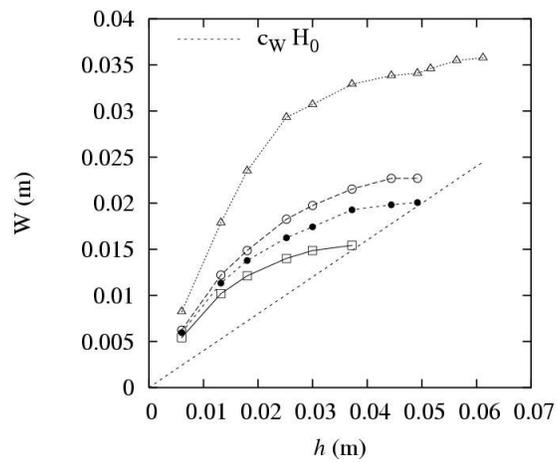
**80% agreement ... up to now**

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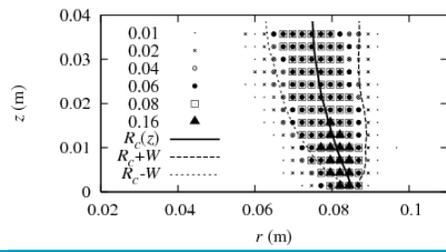
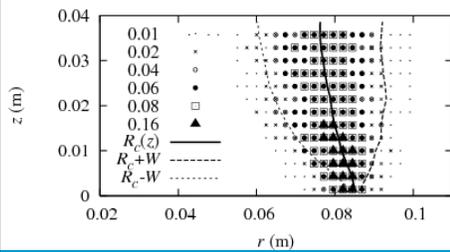
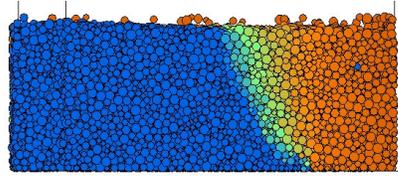
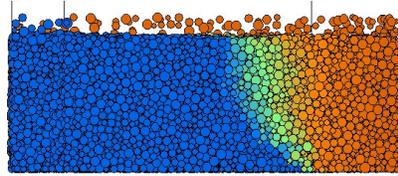
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## 3D shear band width



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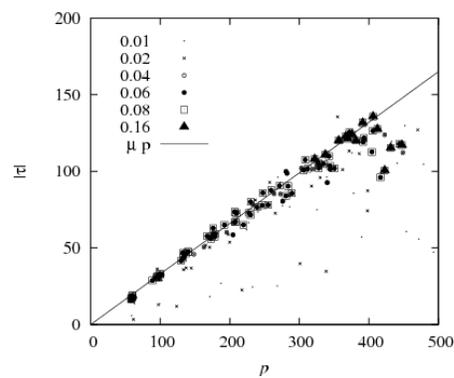
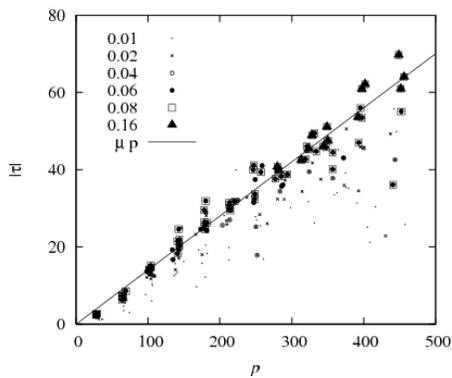
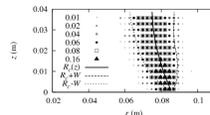
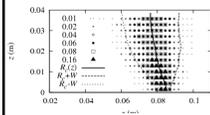
## Constitutive relations – shear rate $\dot{\gamma}$



no friction

friction

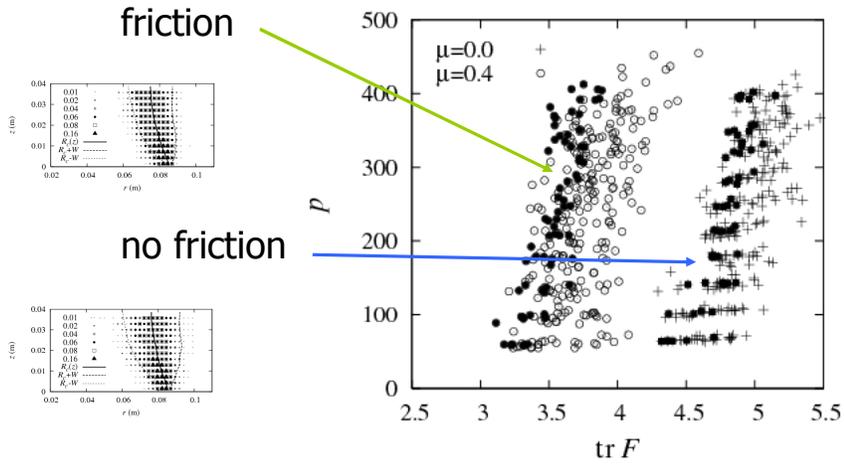
## Constitutive relations: Mohr-Coulomb



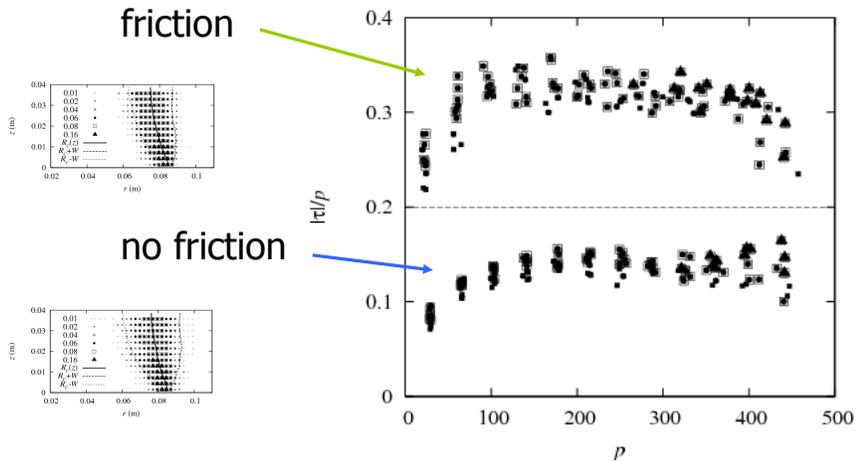
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friction

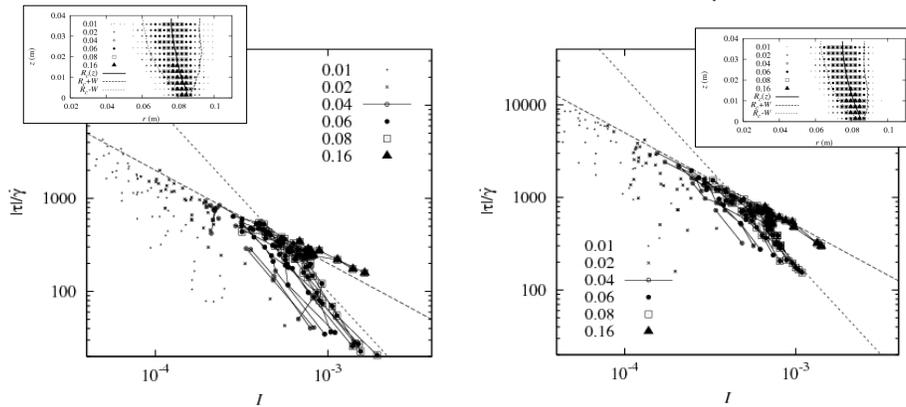
## Constitutive relations: stress-structure



## Constitutive relations: anisotropy



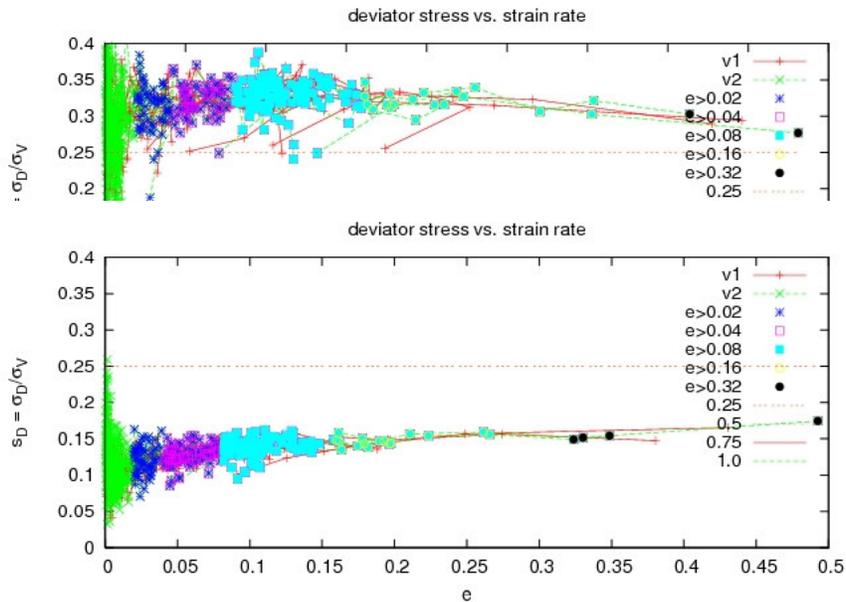
## Constitutive relations: shear softening viscosity $\frac{|\tau|}{\dot{\gamma}}$ vs. shear rate $I = \frac{\dot{\gamma} d_0}{\sqrt{p/\rho_0}}$

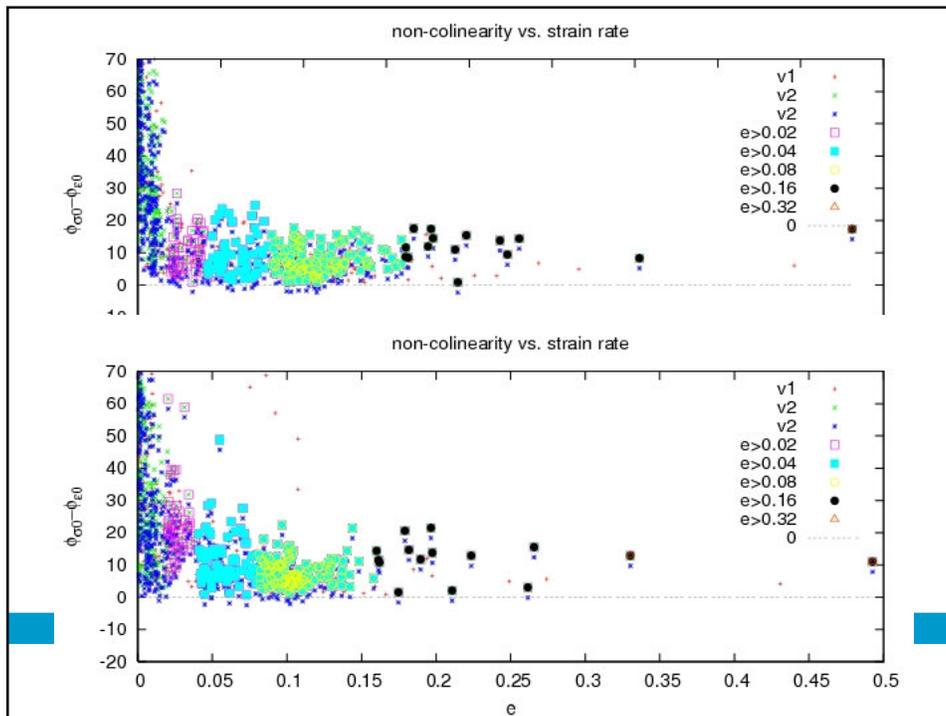


no friction

friction

## stress ratio vs. shear rate





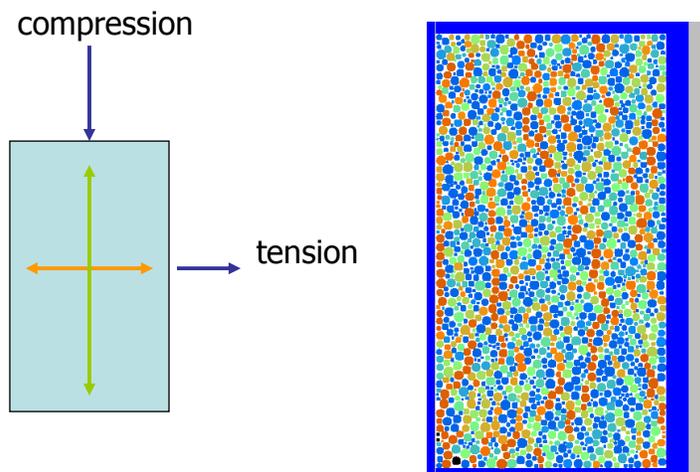
### 3D Flow behavior – steady state shear

Obtain constitutive relations from  
one SINGLE simulation:

- Mohr Coulomb **yield stress**
- shear softening **viscosity**
- **compression/dilatancy ...**
- **inhomogeneity** (force-chains)
- (almost always) **an-isotropy**
- micro-polar effects (**rotations**) ...

**The End**

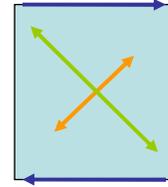
**Micro-macro for anisotropy – rheology**



## Anisotropy ↔ Shear ?

- Simple shear

$$\boldsymbol{\varepsilon} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 2\varepsilon_s \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \varepsilon_s \\ -\varepsilon_s & 0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \varepsilon_s \\ \varepsilon_s & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

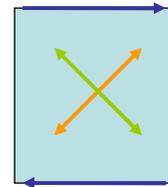


Rotation + symmetric shear

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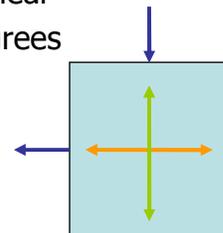
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Rotation + symmetric shear

- Rotate symmetric shear tensor by 45 degrees

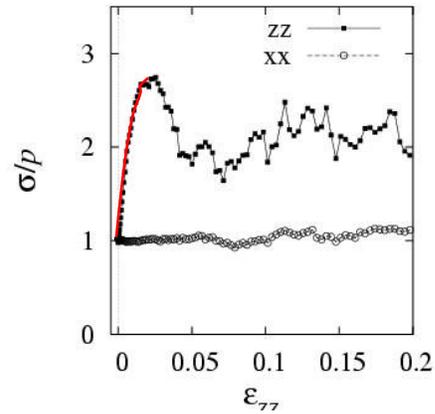
$$\mathbf{R}_{45} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \varepsilon_s \\ \varepsilon_s & 0 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \mathbf{R}_{45}^T = \begin{pmatrix} \varepsilon_s & 0 \\ 0 & -\varepsilon_s \end{pmatrix}$$



- Biaxial "shear": compression + extension

## An-isotropy

in stress



## An-isotropy (Stress)

- Stress: Isotropic:  $\text{tr } \sigma$ , and deviatoric:  $\text{dev } \sigma = \sigma_{zz} - \sigma_{xx}$ 
  - Minimal eigenvalue:  $\sigma_{xx}$
  - Maximal eigenvalue:  $\sigma_{zz}$

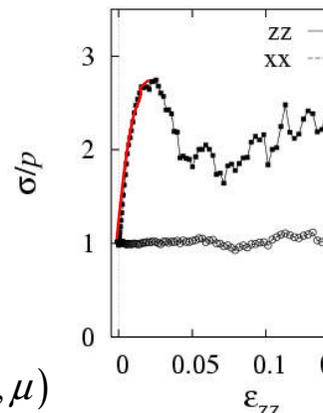
- Dev. Stress fraction  $s_D = \text{dev } \sigma / \text{tr } \sigma$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \epsilon_D} s_D = \beta_s (s_{\max} - s_D)$$

- Exponential approach to peak

$$1 - s_D / s_{\max} = \exp(-\beta_s \epsilon_D)$$

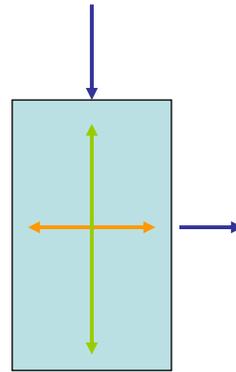
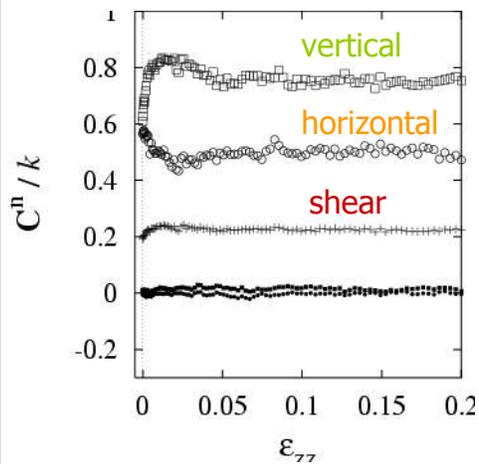
$$\beta_s(\rho, p, \mu)$$



## An-isotropy (Stress)

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \varepsilon_D} s_D = \beta_s (s_{\max} - s_D)$$

## Stiffness tensor



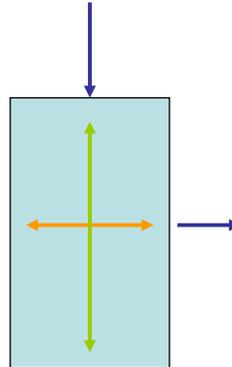
Different moduli:

- against shear  $C_2$
- perpendicular  $C_1$
- *one* shear modulus

## An-isotropy (Structure)

- Structure changes with deformation
- Different stiffness:
  - More stiffness against shear  $C_2$
  - Less stiffness perpendicular  $C_1$
- One (only?) shear modulus
- Anisotropy  $A = C_2 - C_1$  evolution

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \varepsilon_D} A = \beta_F (A_{\max} - A)$$



- Exponential approach to maximal anisotropy

... see Calvetti et al. 1997

## An-isotropy (Stress & Structure)

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \varepsilon_D} s_D = \beta_s (s_{\max} - s_D)$$
$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \varepsilon_D} A = \beta_F (A_{\max} - A)$$

## An-isotropy (Stress & Structure)

Modulus

Friction

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \varepsilon_D} s_D = \beta_s (s_{\max} - s_D)$$
$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \varepsilon_D} A = \beta_F (A_{\max} - A)$$

## Constitutive model – scalar

(in the biaxial box eigen-system)

$$\delta \sigma_V = E \varepsilon_V + A \varepsilon_D$$

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## Constitutive model – tensorial

(arbitrary eigen-system)

$$\delta\sigma_V = E\varepsilon_V + A\varepsilon_D \cos(2\phi_\varepsilon - 2\phi_C)$$

$$\delta\sigma_D = \left[ A\varepsilon_V + (2B - E)\varepsilon_D \cos(2\phi_\varepsilon - 2\phi_C) \right] \hat{\mathbf{D}}(\phi_C) \\ + (E - B)\varepsilon_D \hat{\mathbf{D}}(\phi_\varepsilon)$$

$$\delta\sigma_D = A\varepsilon_V \hat{\mathbf{D}}(\phi_C) + (2B - E)\varepsilon_D \cos(2\phi_\varepsilon - 2\phi_C) \hat{\mathbf{D}}(\phi_C) + (E - B)\varepsilon_D \hat{\mathbf{D}}(\phi_\varepsilon)$$

## Critical state flow – scalar

(in the biaxial box eigen-system)

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