

the granular solid



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an old problem...



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(Matthew 7:24-27)

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soil mechanics



continuum (large scale) models:
stress and strength

book by R.M. Nedderman 1992

grain level physics ?



this lecture...

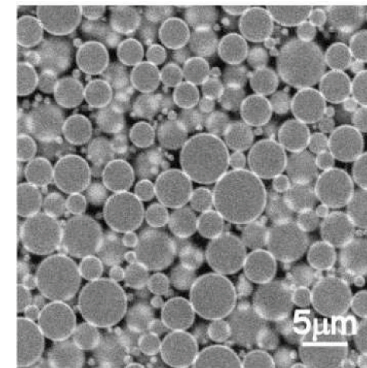
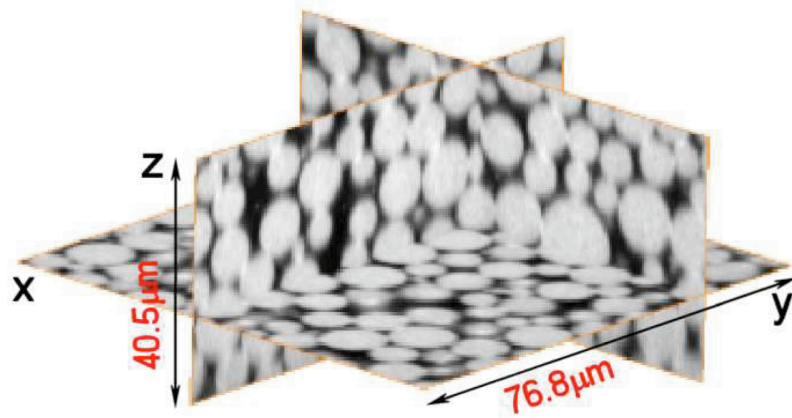


- granular packing as unusual solid
- experimental motivation
- some theoretical ideas

general question: can we understand
macroscopic from microscopic behavior?

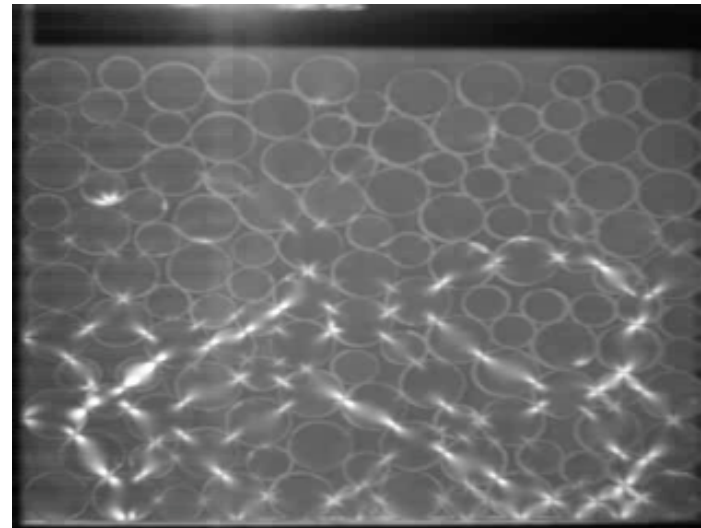
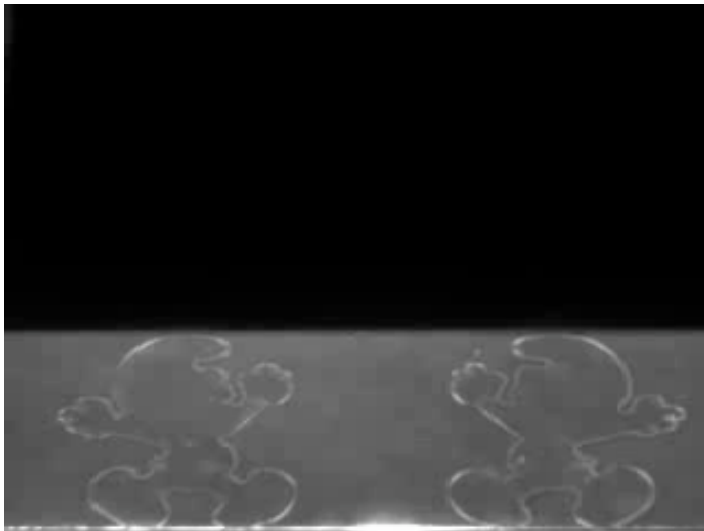
looking inside: emulsions

packing of oil droplets dispersed in liquid



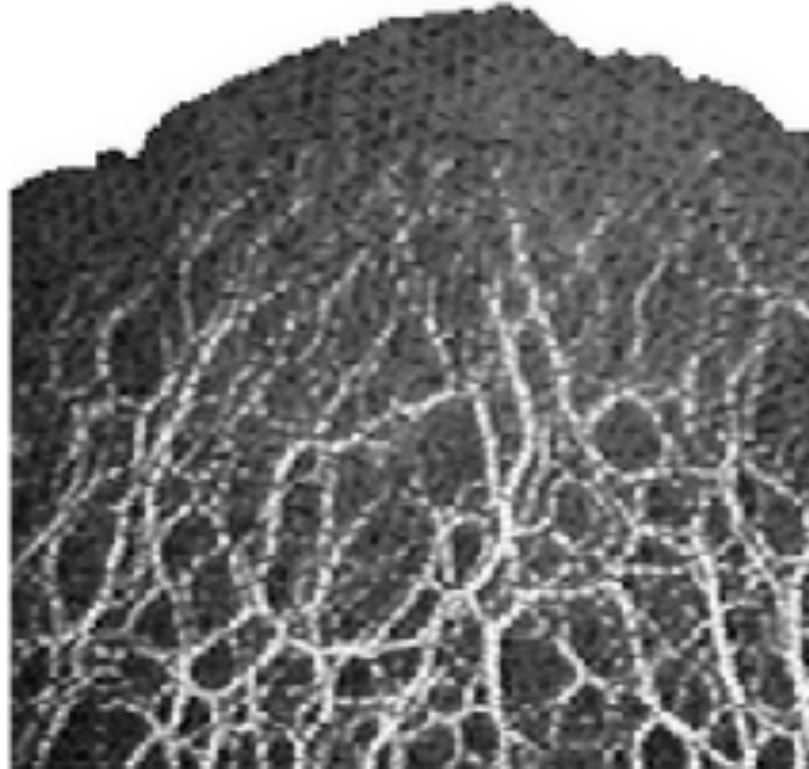
Brujic et al., Phys. A 2003
Zhou et al., Science 2006

photo elastics: stress



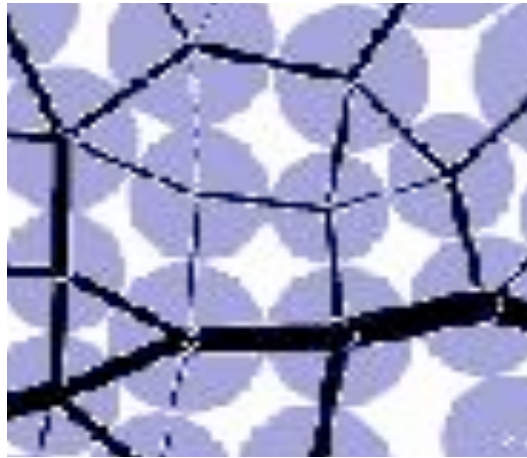
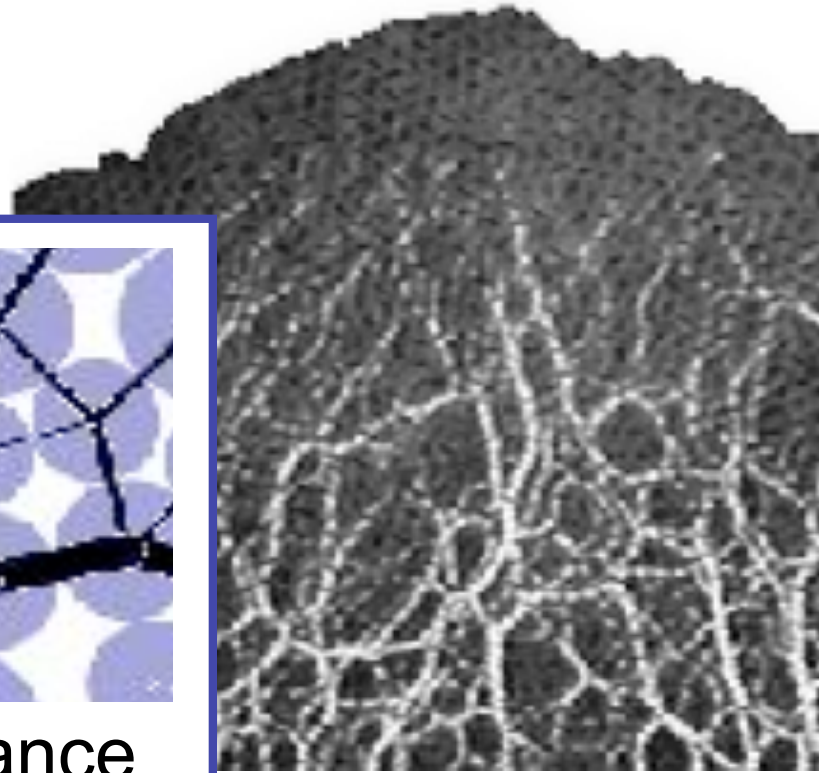
thanks to Martin van Hecke

force networks



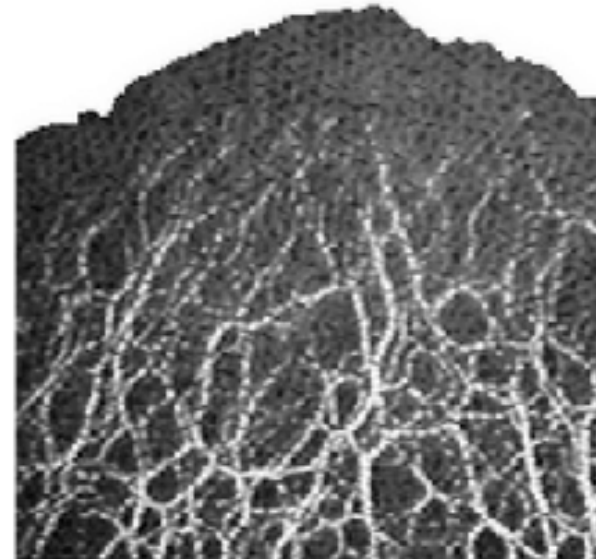
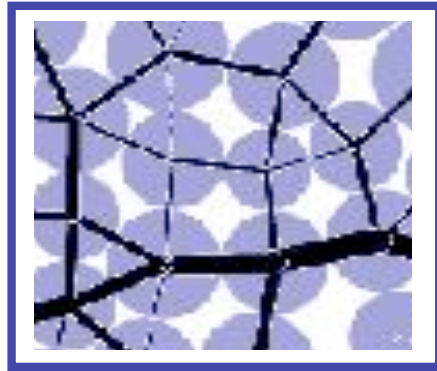
R.P. Behringer *et al.*

force networks



force balance

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1. inhomogeneity
2. structure: 'force propagation'

force propagation

hopper

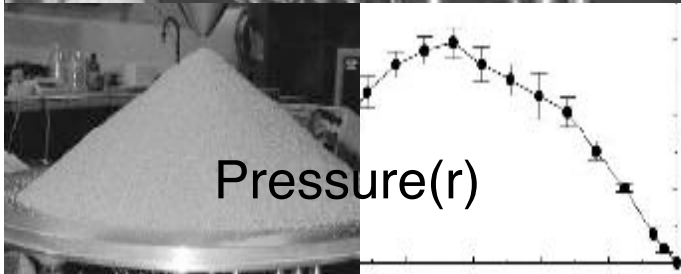


Pressure(r) ?



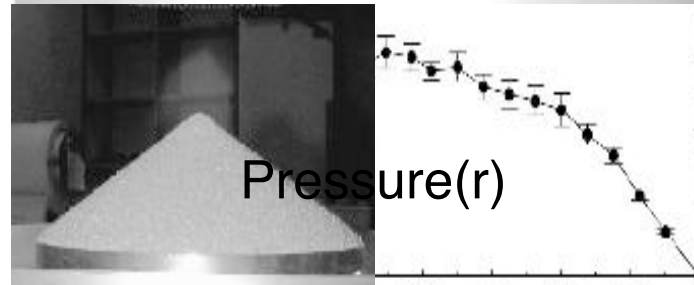
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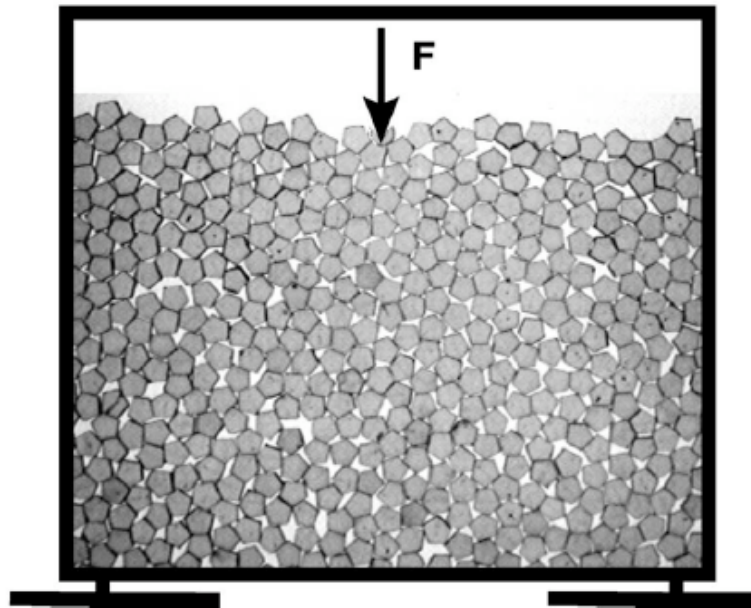
L. Vanel *et al.*, PRE **60**, R5040 ('99)

homogeneous 'rain'



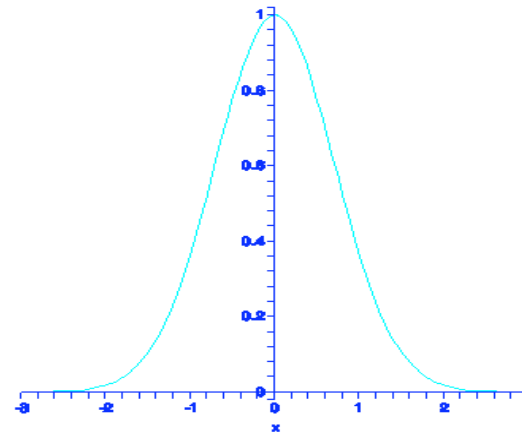
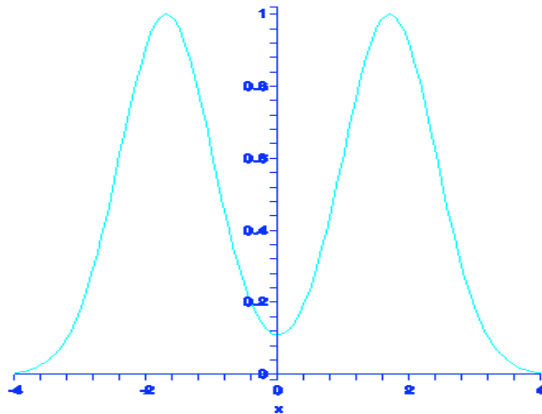
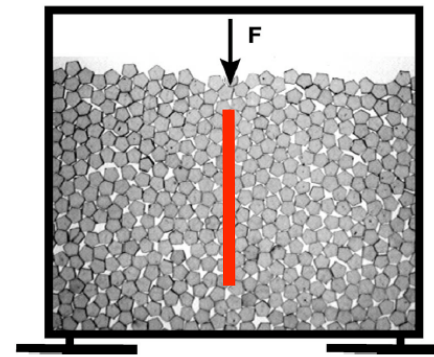
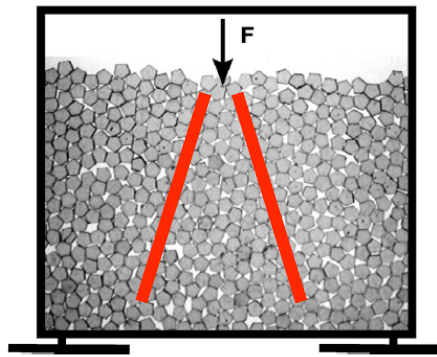
recent papers: Atman *et al.* 2005, Mullin 2007

response to local force ?

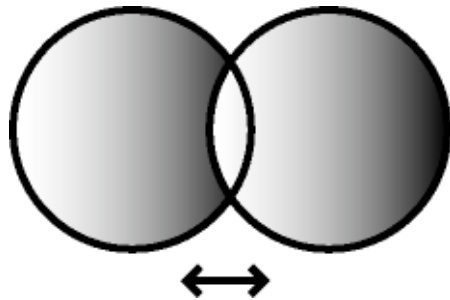
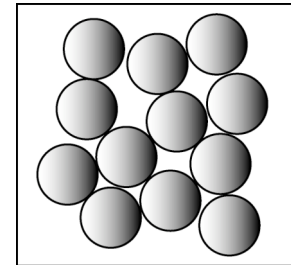
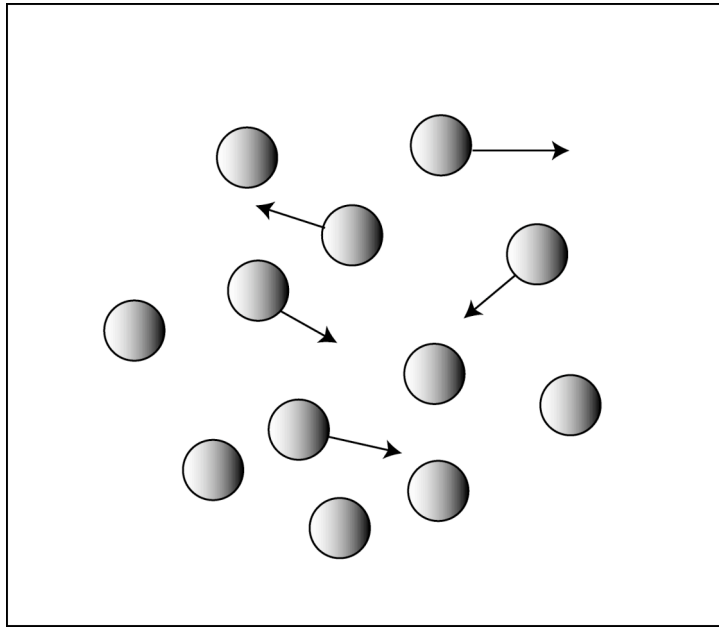


response to local force ?

force propagation vs 'usual' elastic behavior

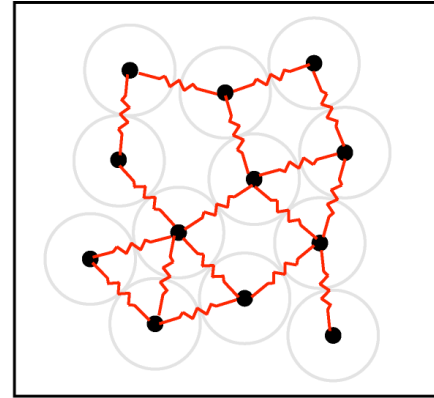
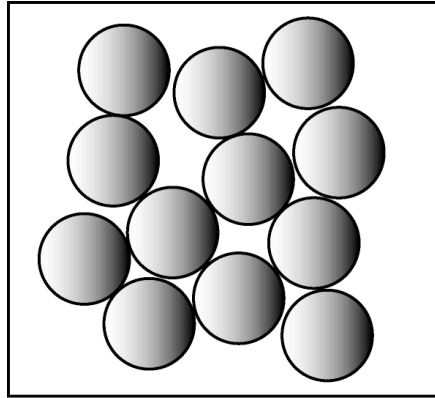


molecular dynamics

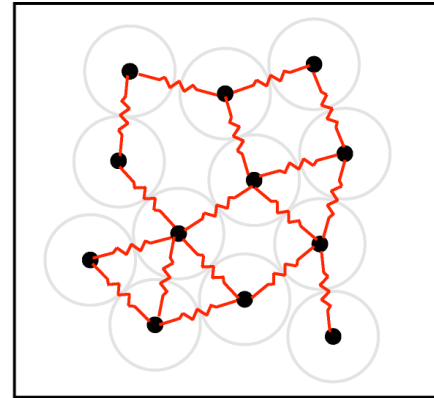
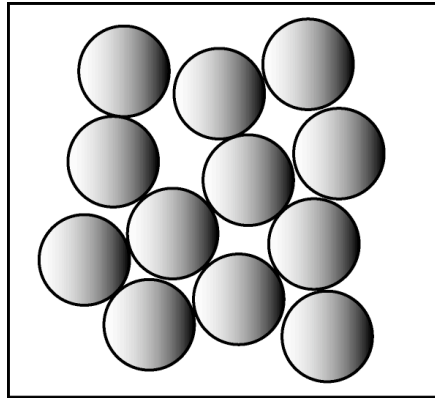


repulsive interaction:
nonlinear spring

response: mass-spring system



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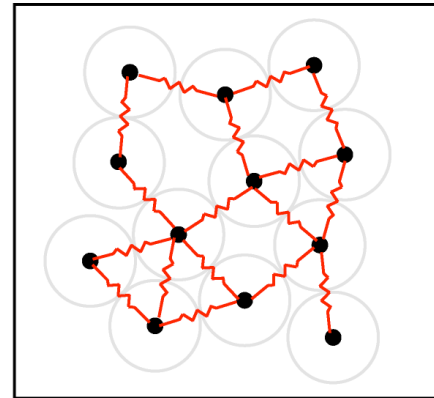
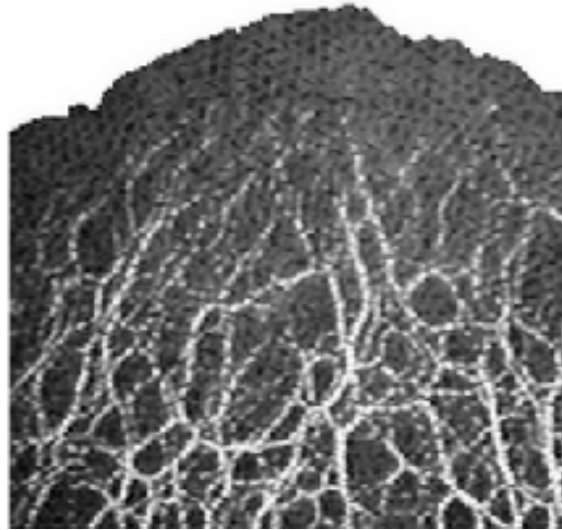
static granular:

friction, no attraction

amorphous molecular solid:

no friction, attraction, thermal fluctuations

two visions on static granulars



force propagation -- elastic behavior

theory: parameters

grain properties:

shape, sizes, friction, hardness, etc.



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packing properties - local geometry:

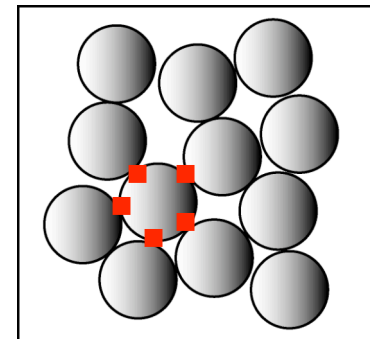
of contacts



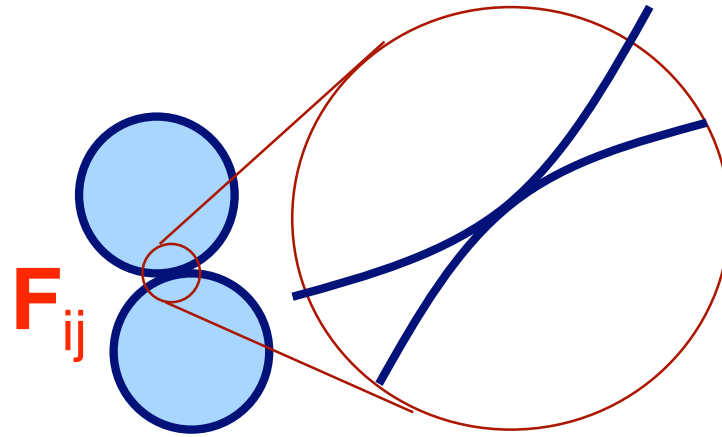
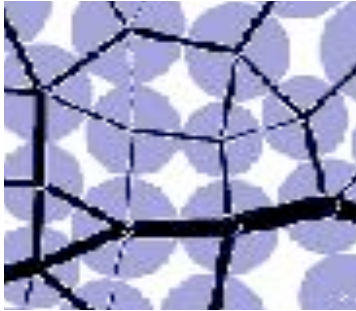
contact distribution

density

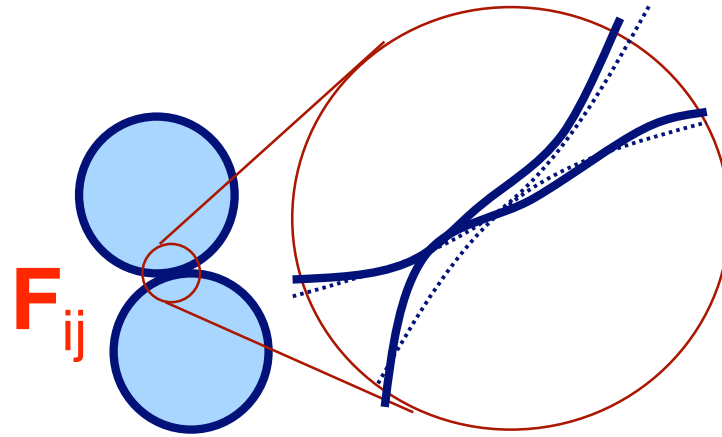
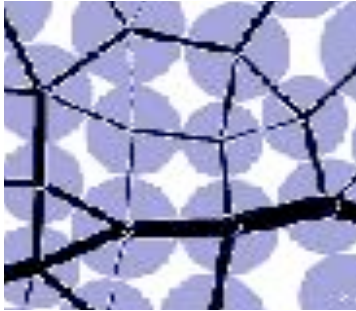
correlations, ... ???



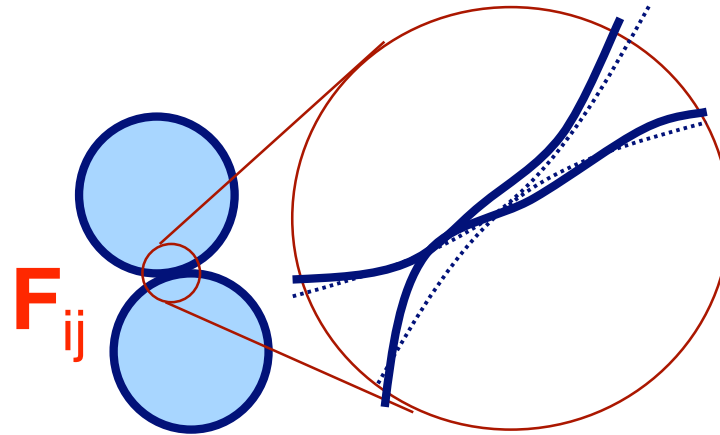
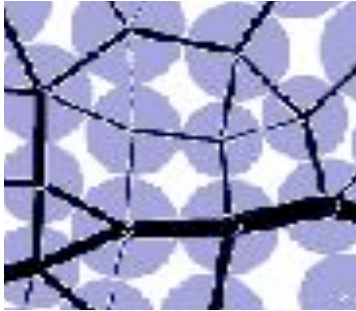
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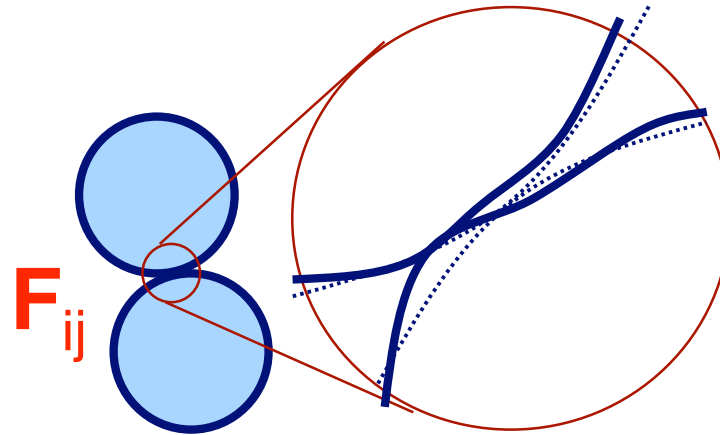
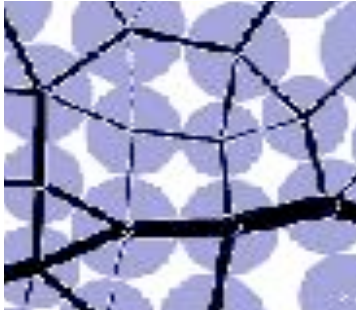
coordination number: z



treat F_{ij} as 'unknown variable':

$zN/2$ unknowns

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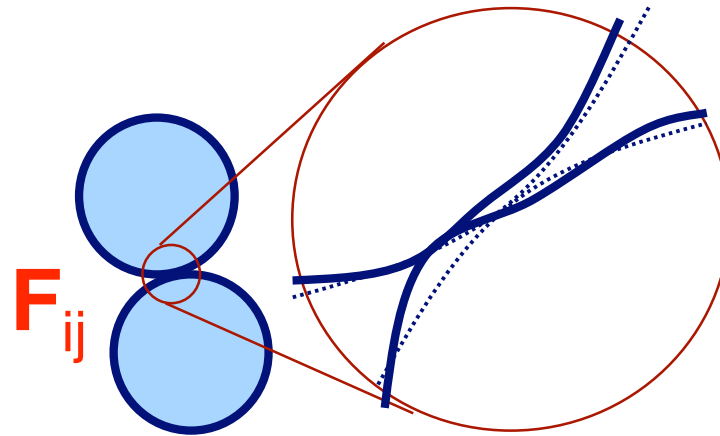
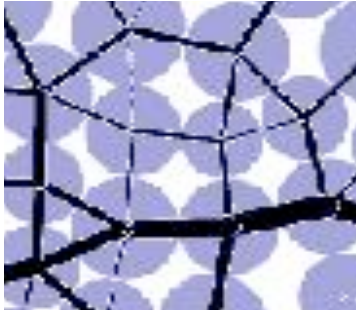


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mechanical equilibrium:

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 $2N$ equations

(2 dimensions, frictionless particles)

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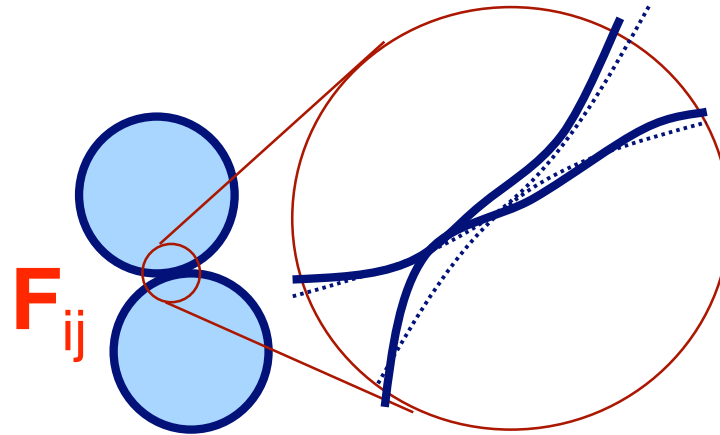
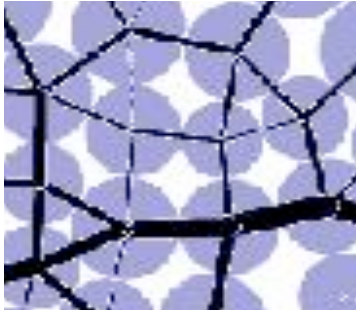
$2N$ equations

solutions exist if

$\#unknowns \geq \#equations$

$$z \geq 4$$

coordination number: z



$z = 4$: isostatic (unique force solution)

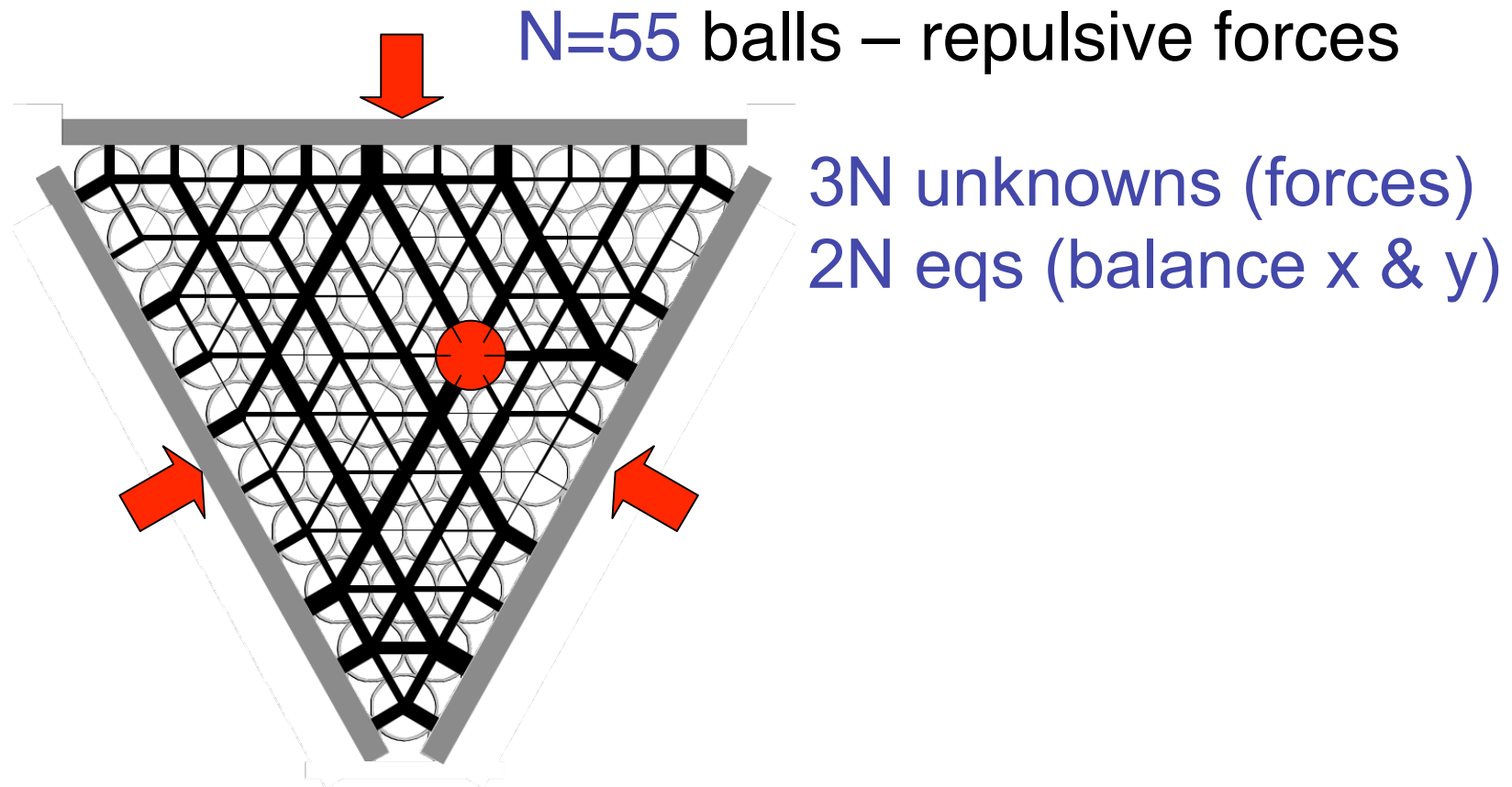
$z > 4$: hyperstatic (many possible force solutions)

$z < 4$: no equilibrium possible

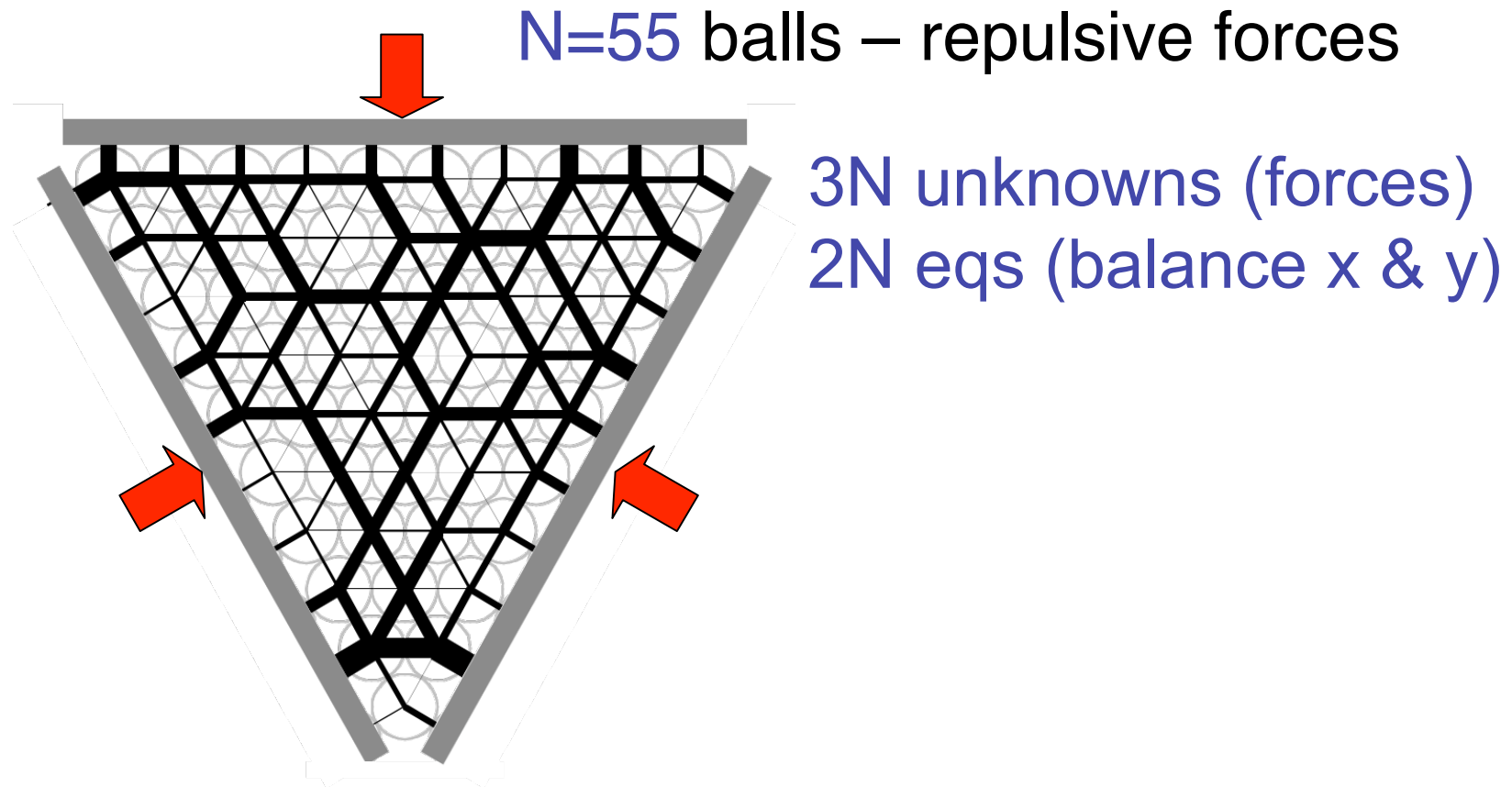
snooker!



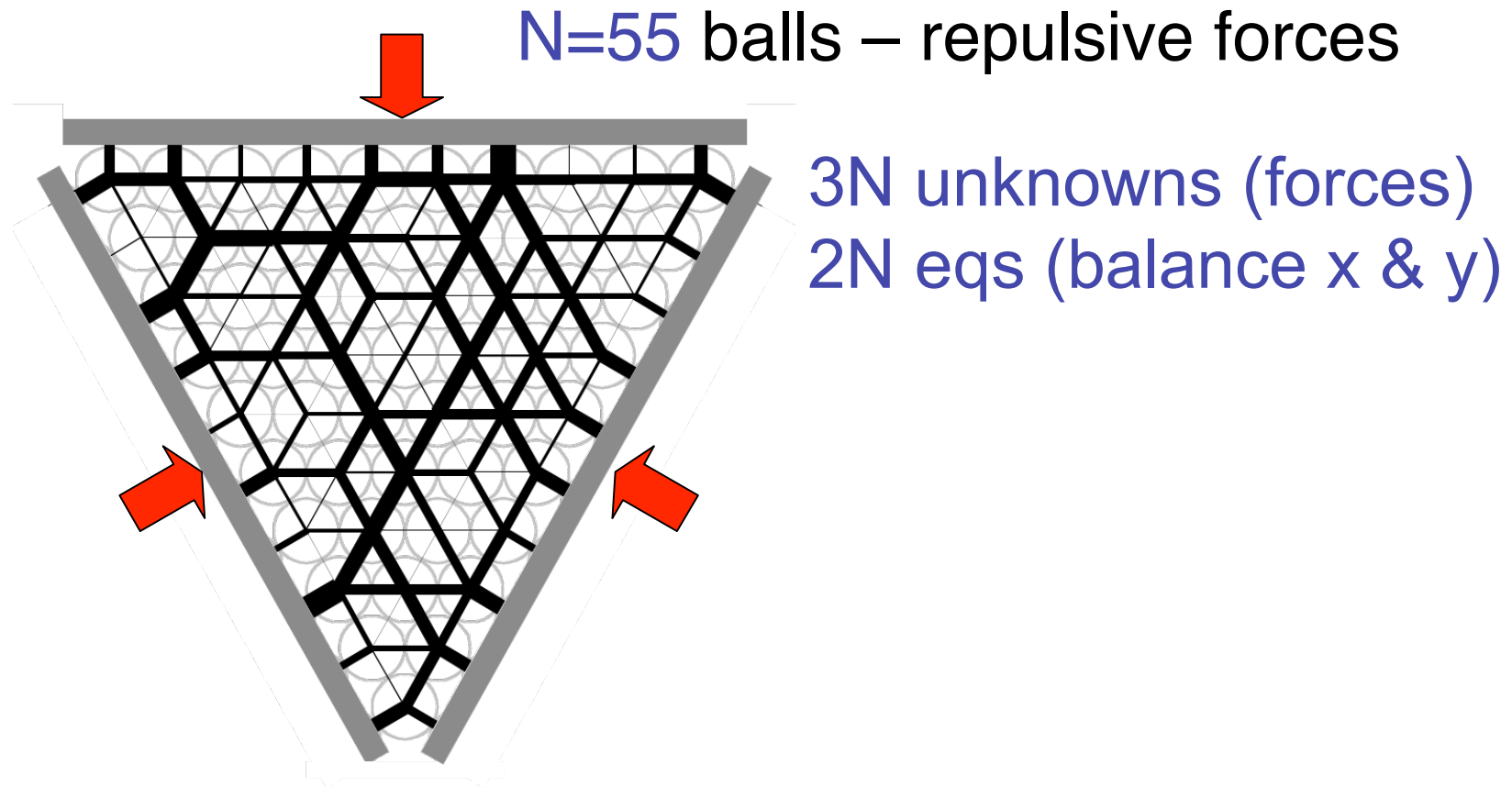
'snooker' packing



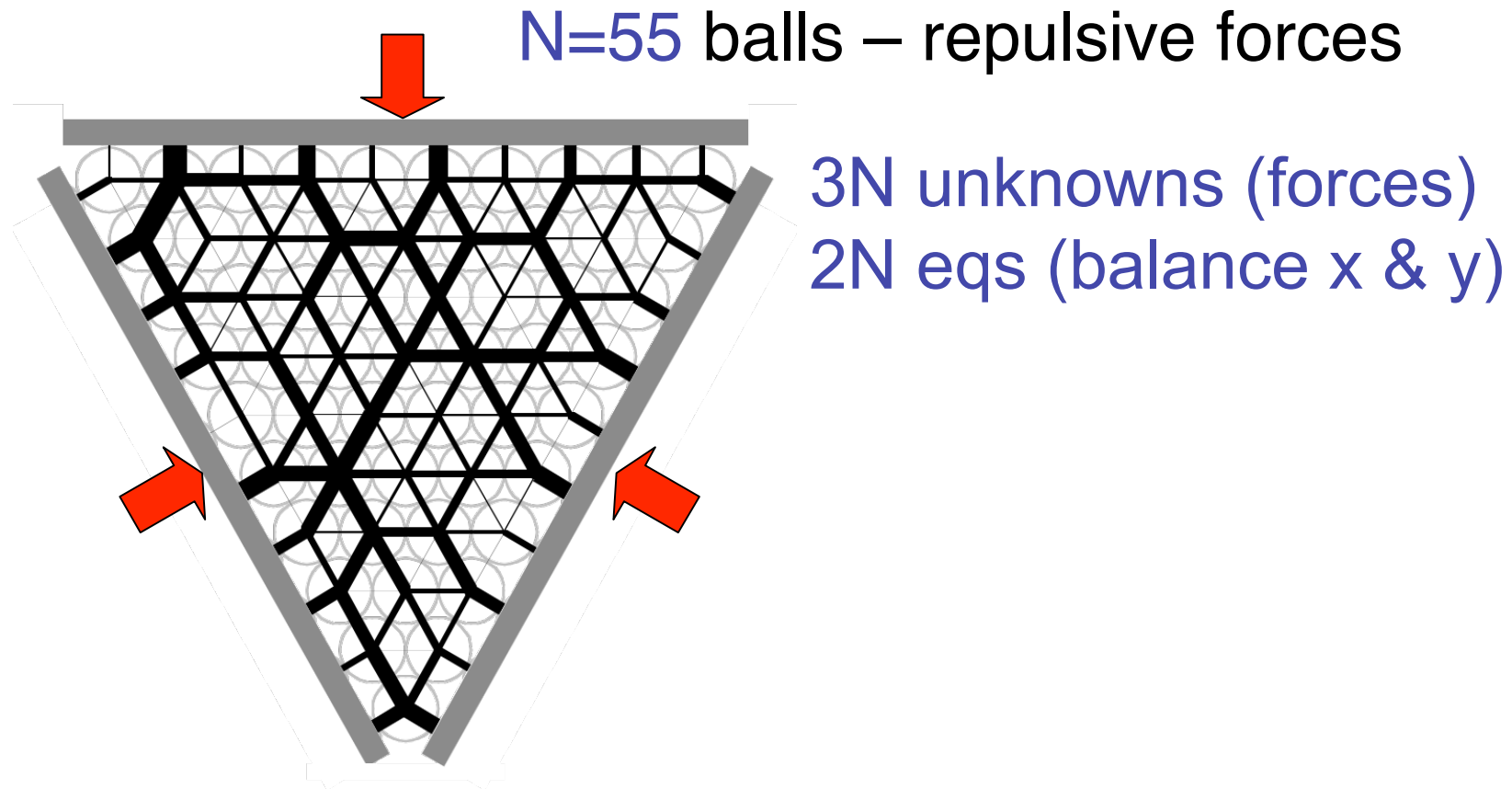
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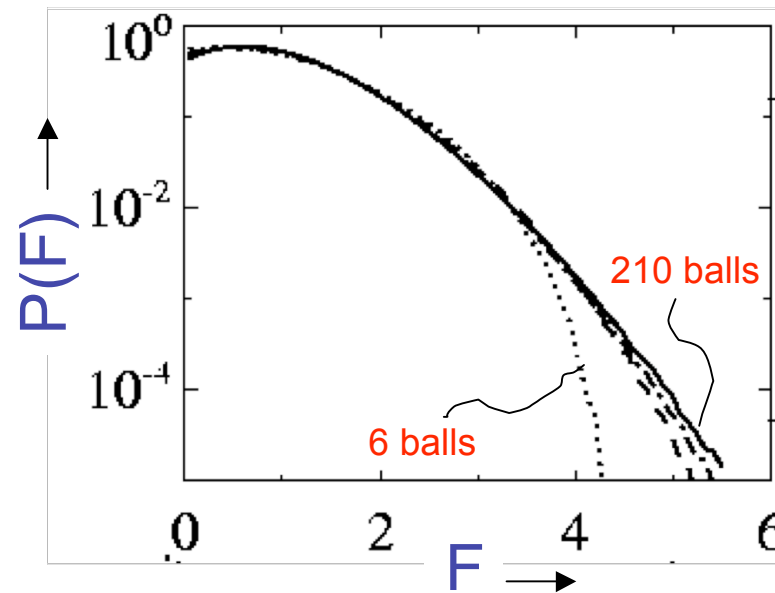
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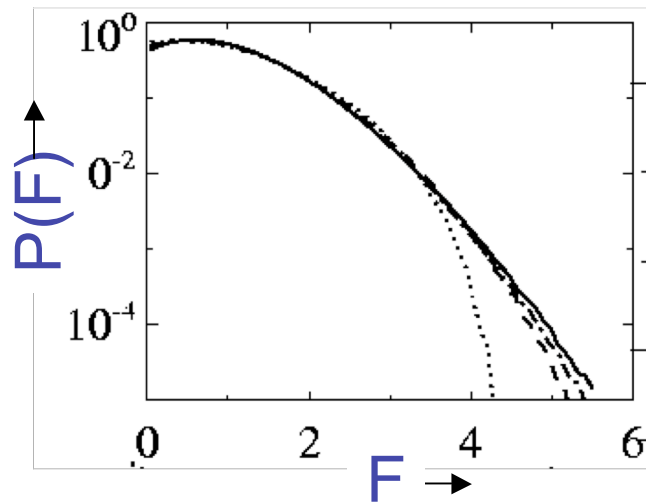


Snoeijer, Vlugt, van Hecke, van Saarloos, Phys. Rev. Lett. 2004
van Eerd, Ellenbroek, van Hecke, Snoeijer, Vlugt, Phys. Rev. E 2007

Tighe, Socolar, Schaeffer, Mitchener, Huber, Phys. Rev. E 2005

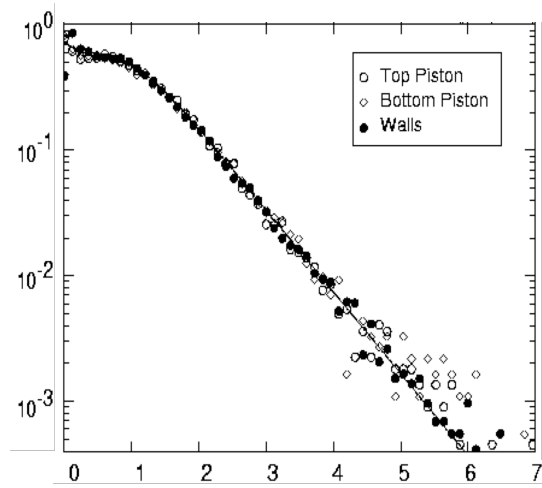
force statistics: $P(f)$?

Theory: snooker



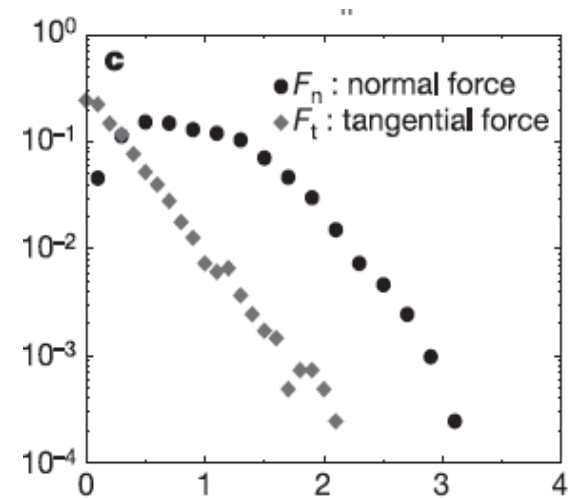
Experiments

glass beads (carbon paper)



Liu *et al.*, Science 1995
D. Blair *et al.*, PRE 2001

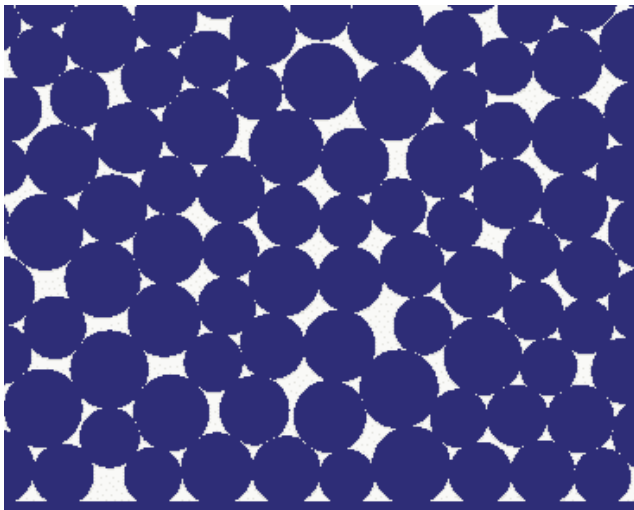
photo-elastic grains



Majmudar & Behringer, Nature 2005

shear stress

shear stress $\tau = \sigma_{xy} / \sigma_{xx}$



$$\sigma_{xx} = \sum_i F_i r_i \cos^2 \phi_i$$

$$\sigma_{yy} = \sum_i F_i r_i \sin^2 \phi_i$$

$$\sigma_{xy} = \sum_i F_i r_i \cos \phi_i \sin \phi_i$$

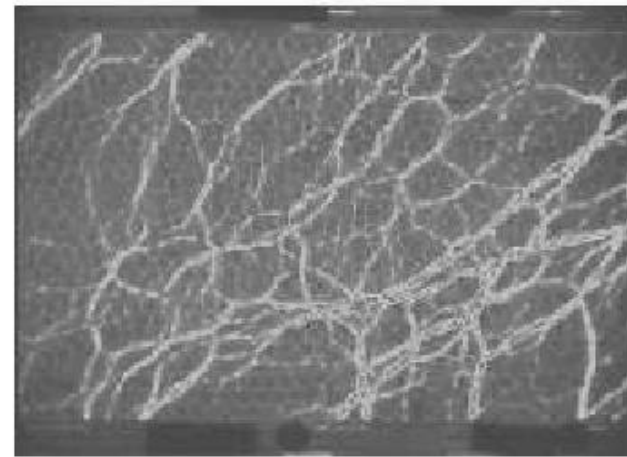
different solutions have different shear stress

shear stress

Theory



Experiment



shear stress τ

force anisotropy

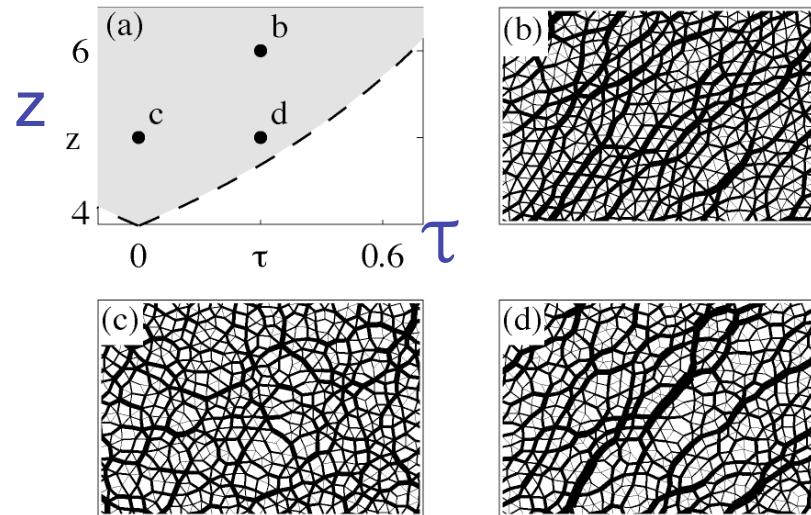
J. Geng *et al.*, *Physica D* ('03)
Atman *et al.*, *Eur. Phys. J. E* ('05)

observation:

no more solutions beyond critical τ !



observation:



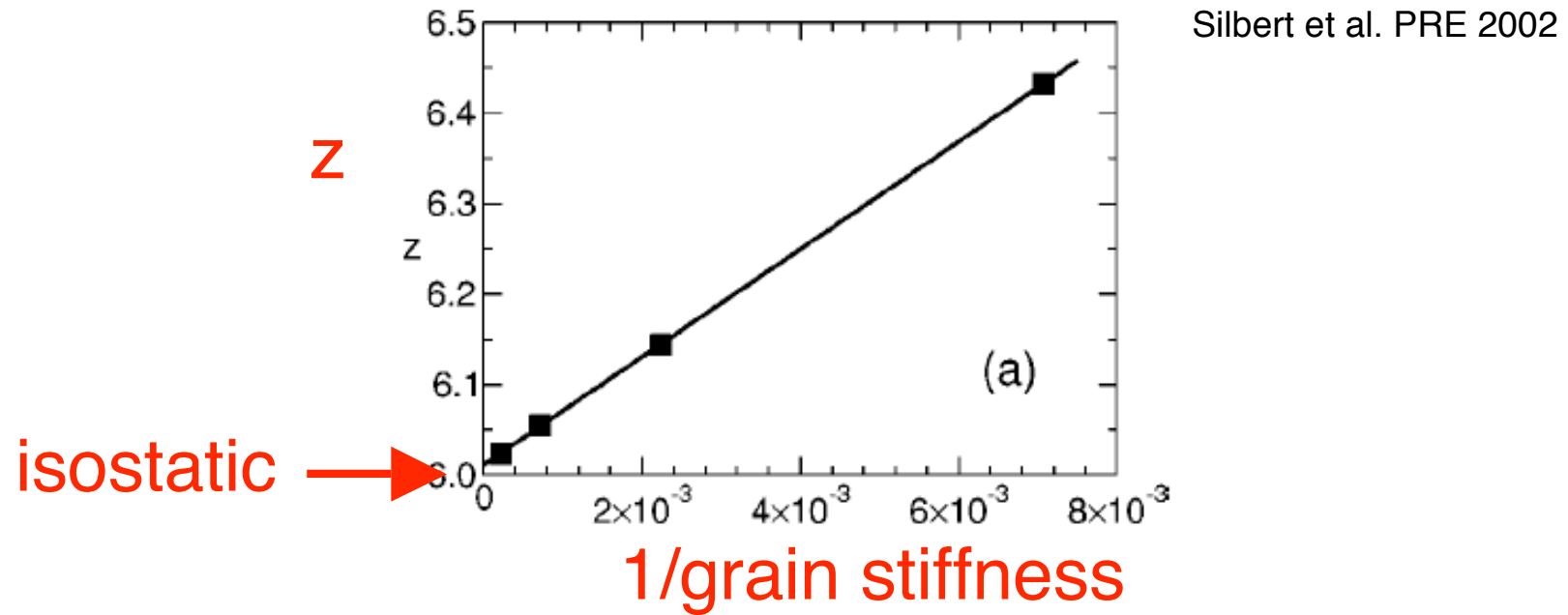
scaling with z :

$$\tau_{\max} \approx 2 \frac{z - z_c}{z}$$

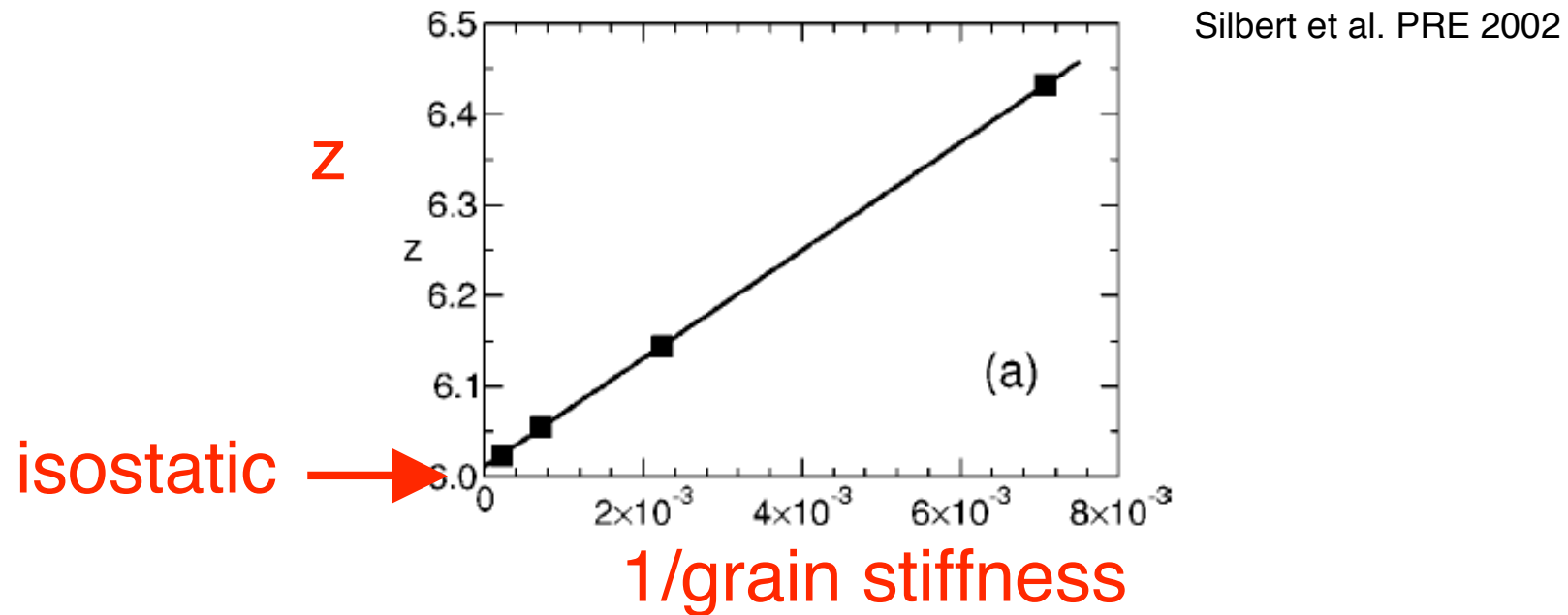
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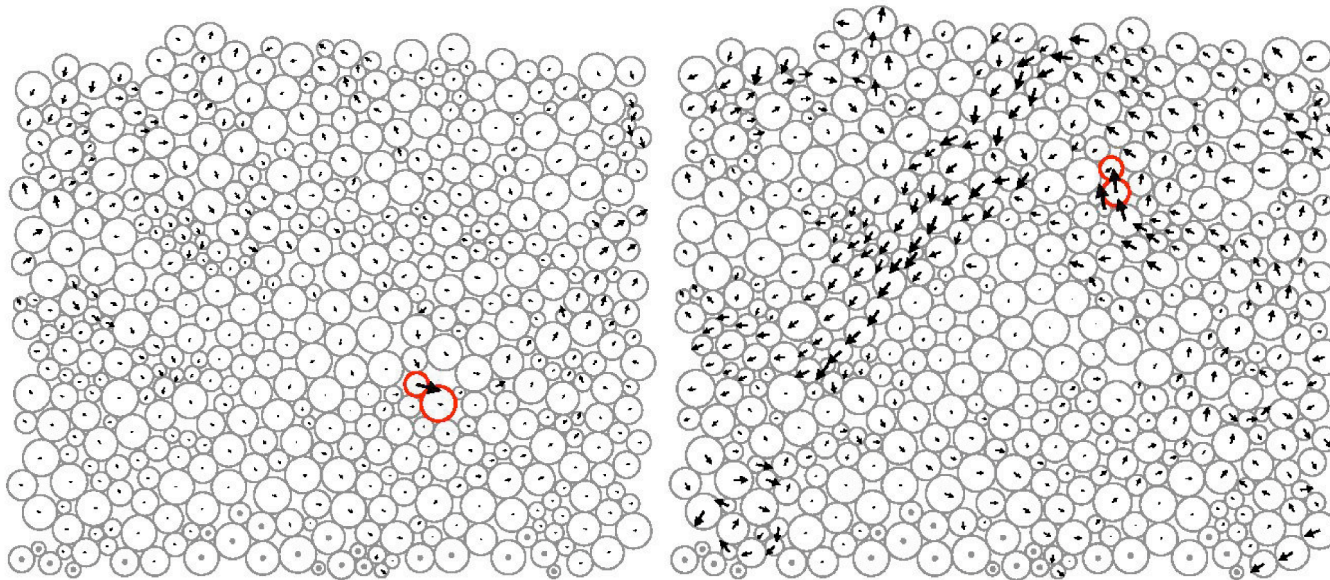


infinitely rigid (frictionless) grains: isostatic

Tkachenko and Witten PRE 1998

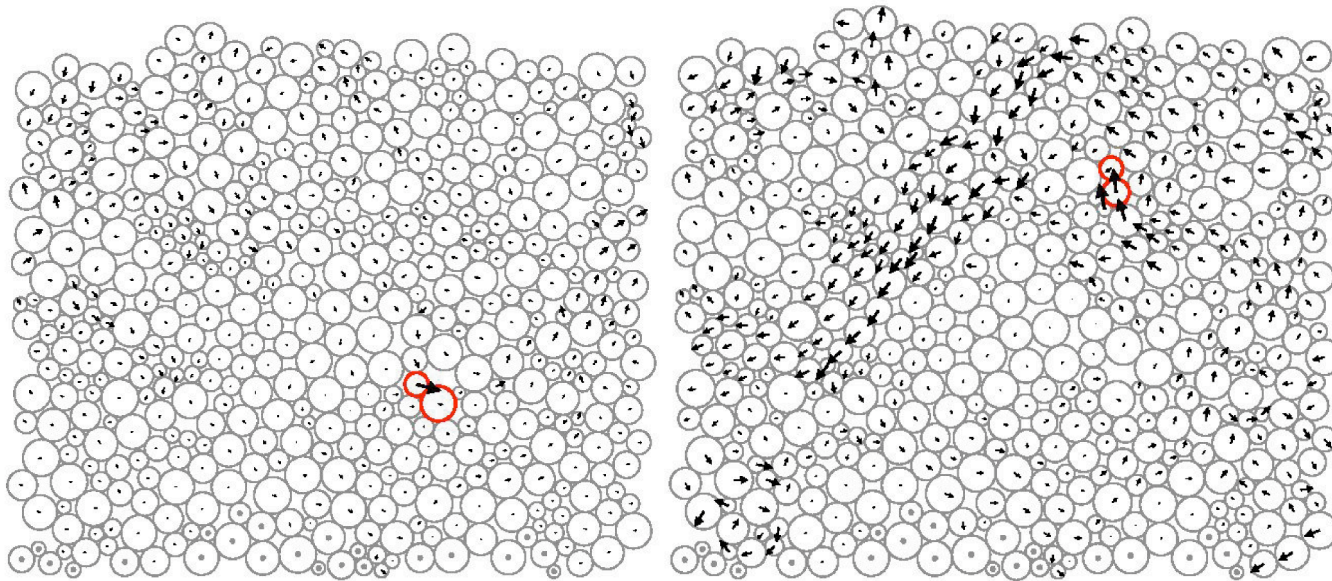
near isostatic packs...

removing 1 contact gives free motion



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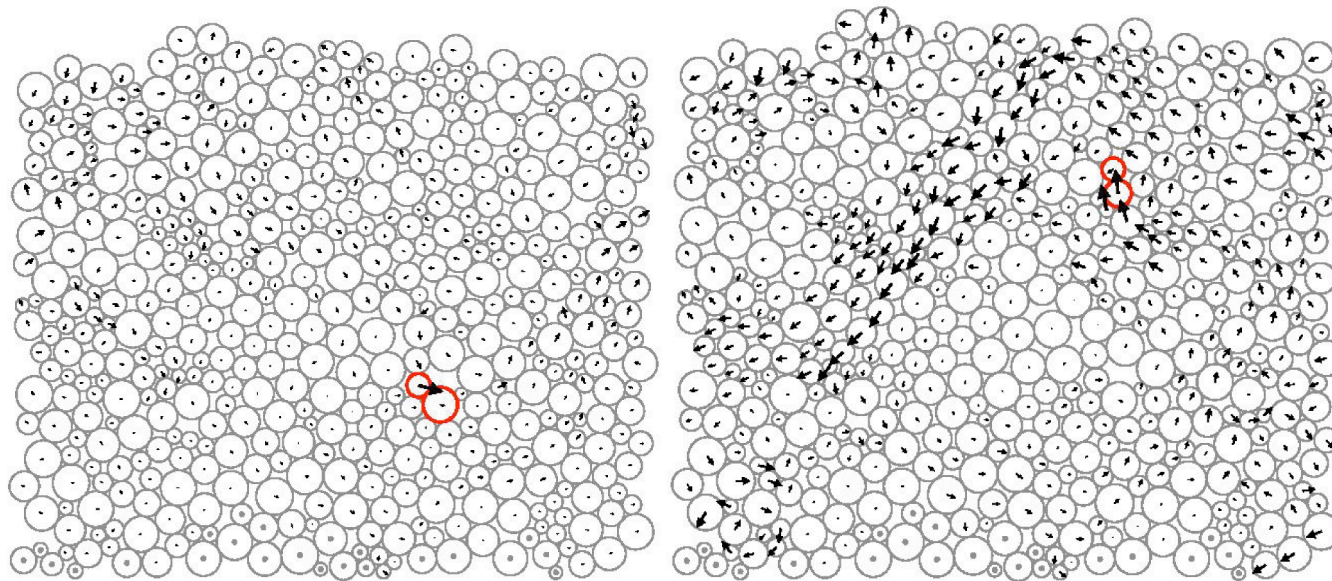
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non-local perturbation: 'propagation'

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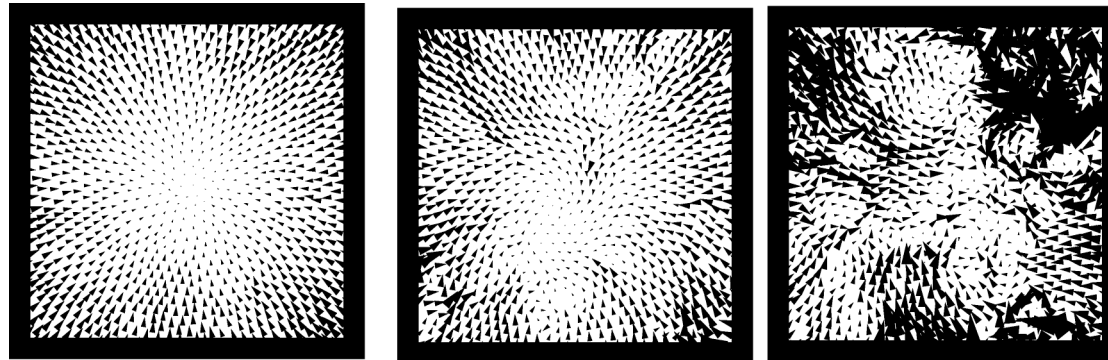


Wyart, Silbert, Nagel and Witten, 2005:

many 'soft modes': very different from elastic modes

near isostatic packs...

apply global compression

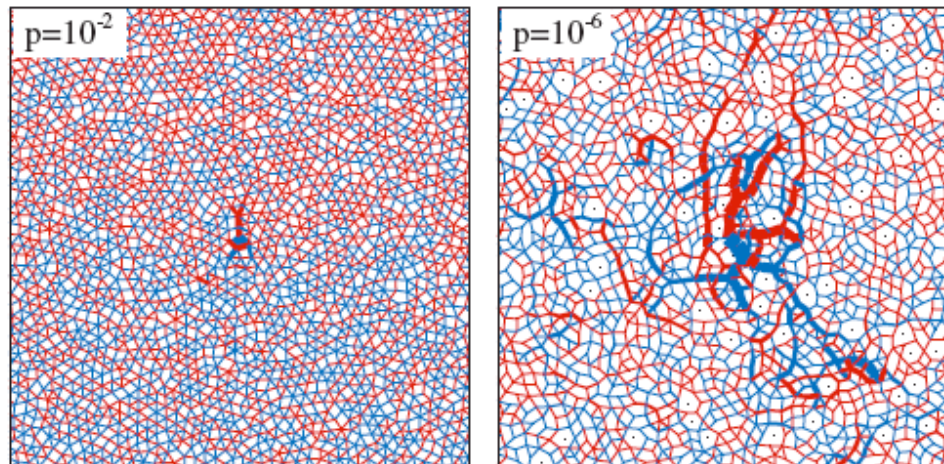


decreasing $z-z_c$ 

Wouter Ellenbroek, PhD thesis 2007

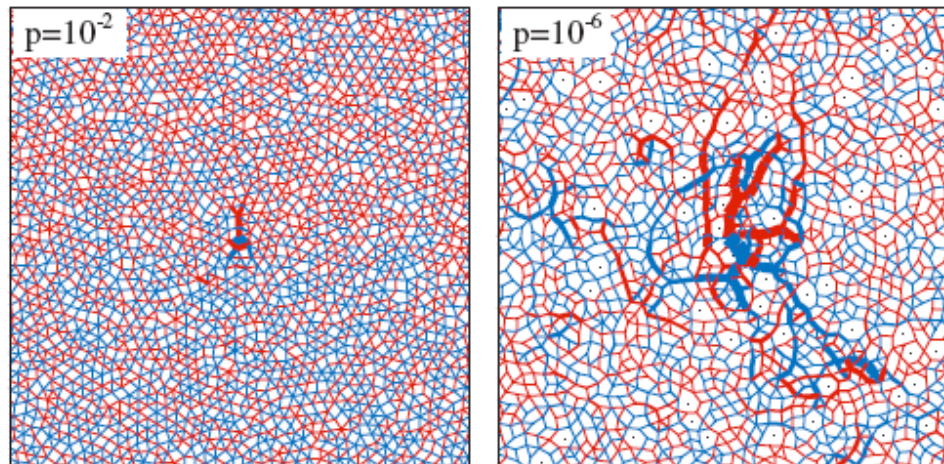
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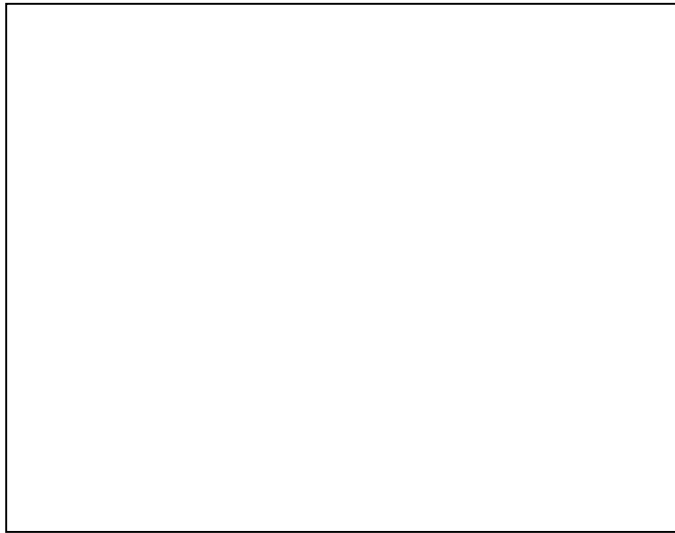
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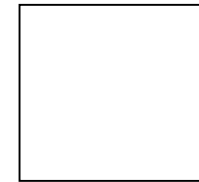
coarse graining length scale $\sim d / (z - z_c)$

final argument...



box of size $L \times L$

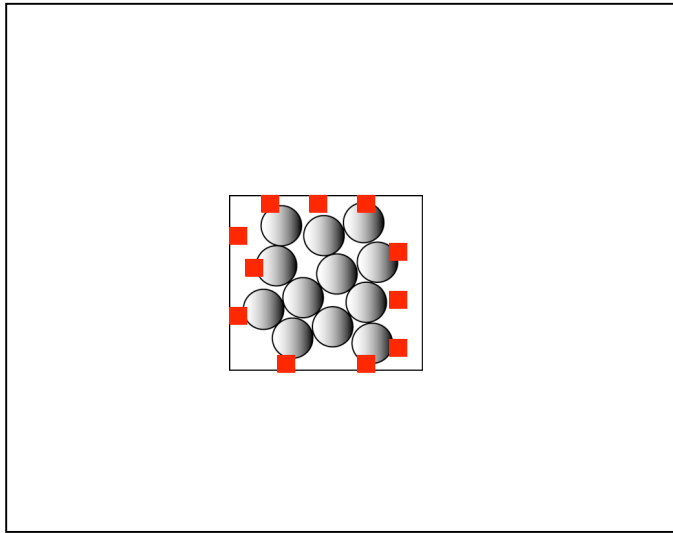
$$\# \text{contacts} = z/2 \rho L^2$$



box of size $\lambda \times \lambda$

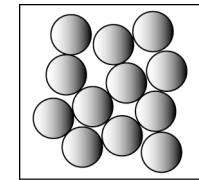
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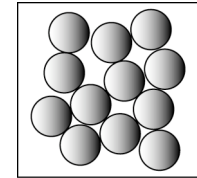
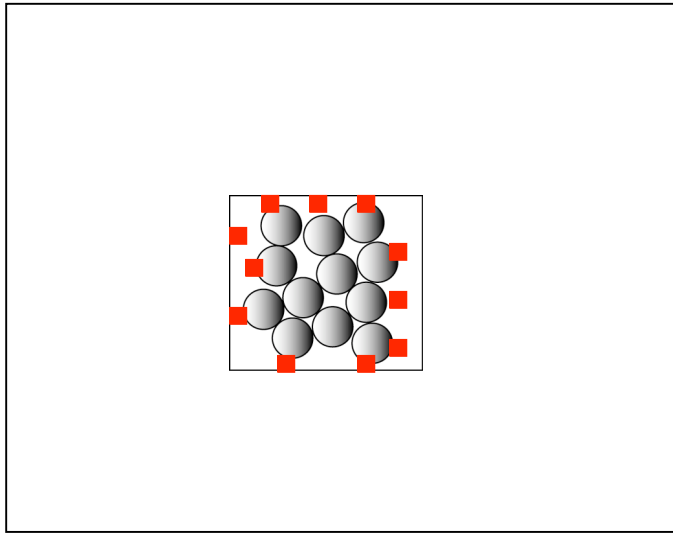
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$$z/2 \rho \lambda^2 - \alpha \lambda$$

final argument...

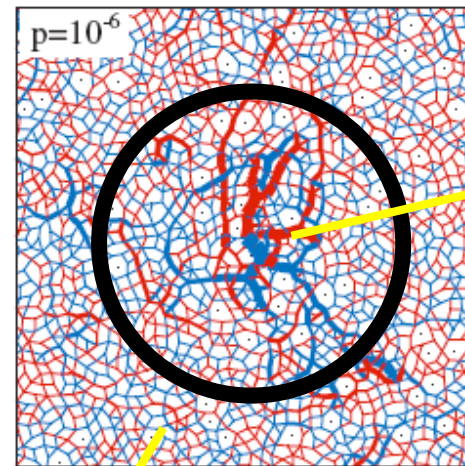
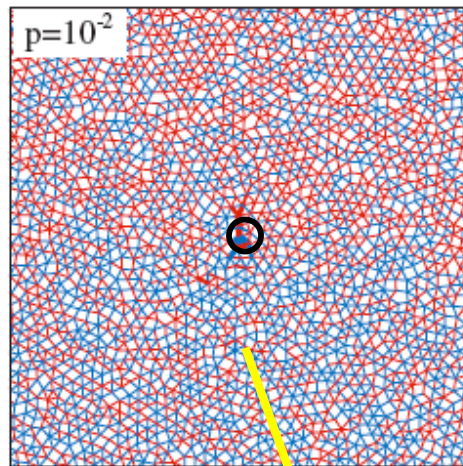


isostatic:

$$z/2 \rho \lambda^2 - \alpha \lambda = 2 \rho \lambda^2$$

$$\lambda \sim 1 / (z - z_c)$$

length scale



force
propagation

elastic like

conclusion



static grains are challenging:

- micro to macro -> dip
- coordination number: iso vs hyperstatic
- unusual elasticity and sound propagation
- ...

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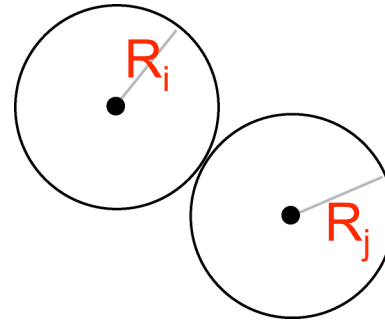
other problems:

- quasi-statics - rearrangements:
flow or weak vibrations

another counting argument...

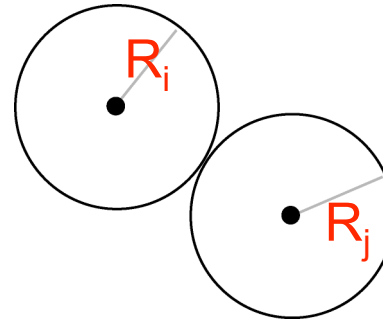
infinitely hard grains
at contact:

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positions x_i and y_i 'unknown variables': $2N$ unknowns

contact condition: $zN/2$ equations

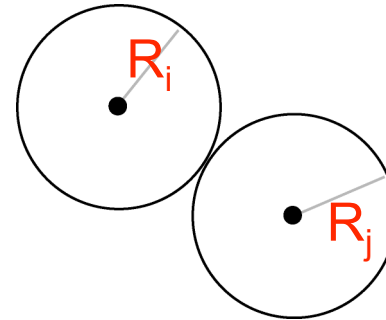
$\#unknowns \geq \#equations$

$z \leq 4$

another counting argument...

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force balance (frictionless case):

$$z \geq 4$$

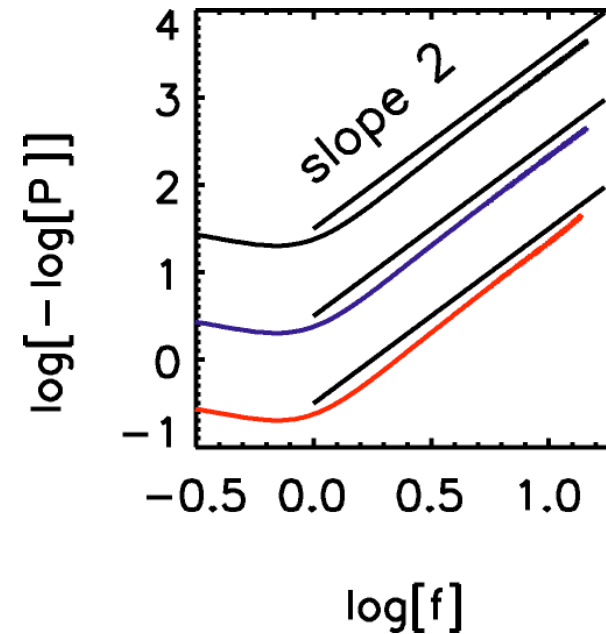
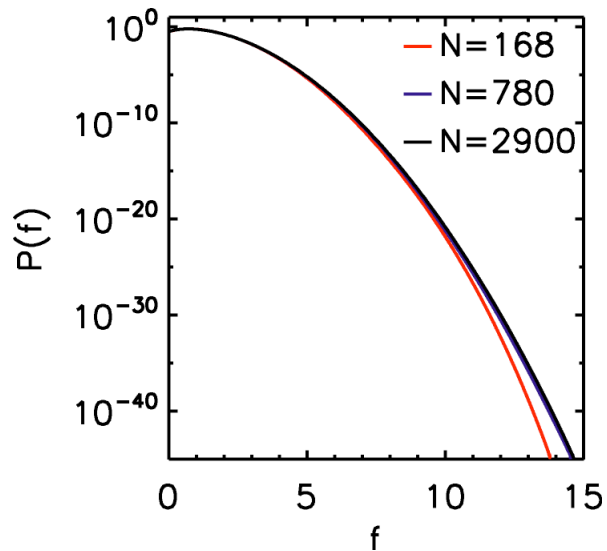
Tkachenko and Witten, 1998:

frictionless hard grains have $z = 4$

ensemble $P(f)$

2D hexagonal lattice

$$P(f) \propto \exp(-f^2)$$



van Eerd, Ellenbroek, van Hecke, Snoeijer, Vlugt, submitted to Phys. Rev. E

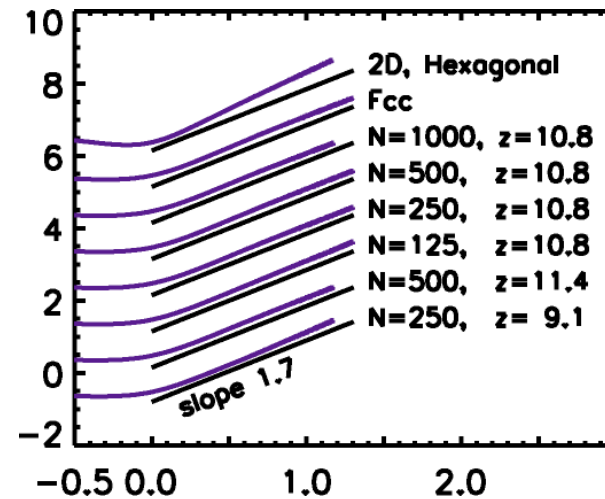
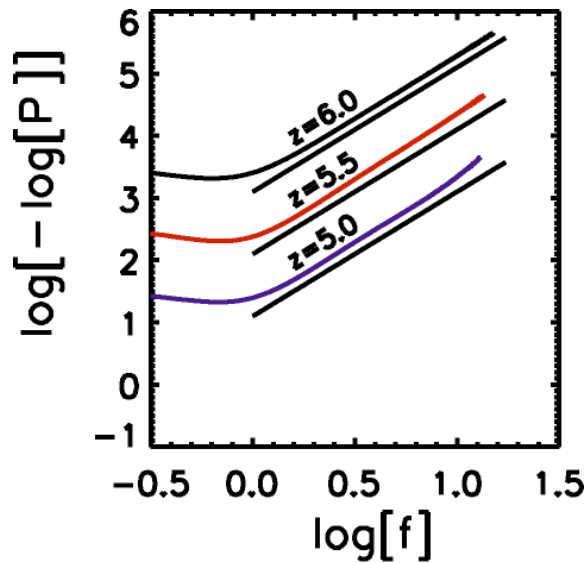
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2D disordered packs

3D disordered packs

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$$P(f) \propto \exp(-f^{1.7})$$



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