

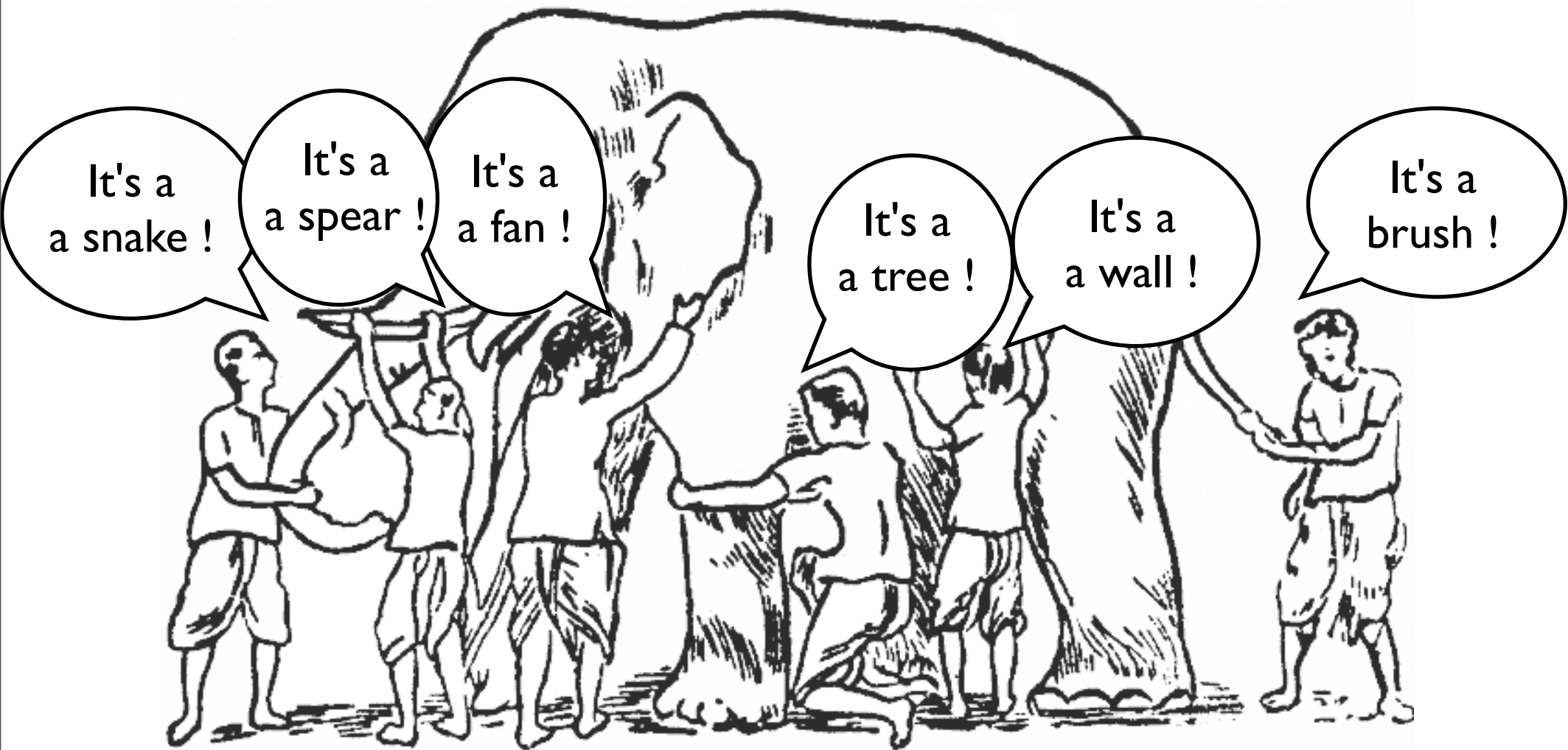
Plastic deformation of metallic and hard-sphere colloidal glasses

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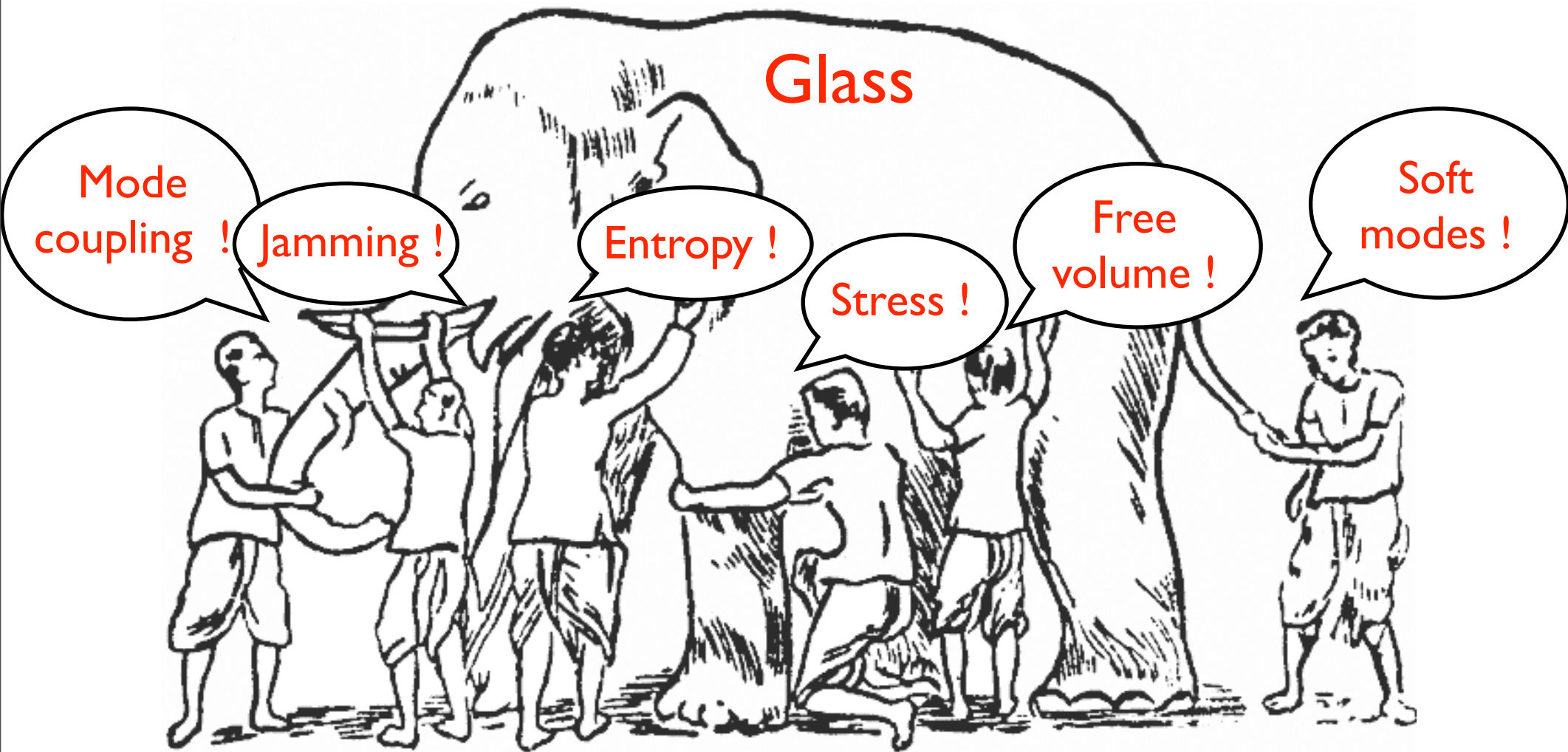


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The blind men and the elephant



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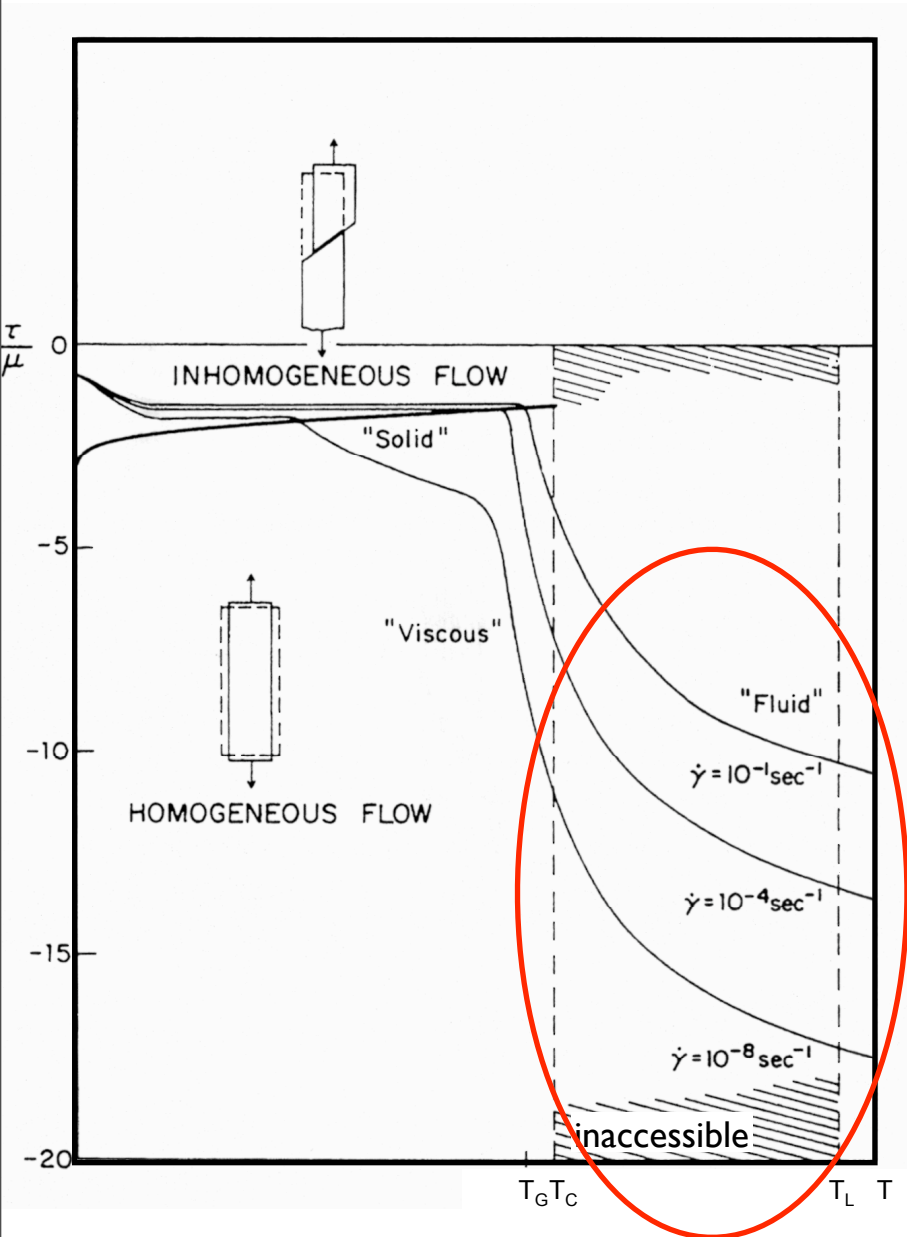


*And so these men of Indostan
Disputed loud and long,
Each in his own opinion*

*Exceeding stiff and strong.
Though each was partly in the right,
They all were in the wrong.*

-- John Godfrey Saxe (1816-1887)

Liquid flow



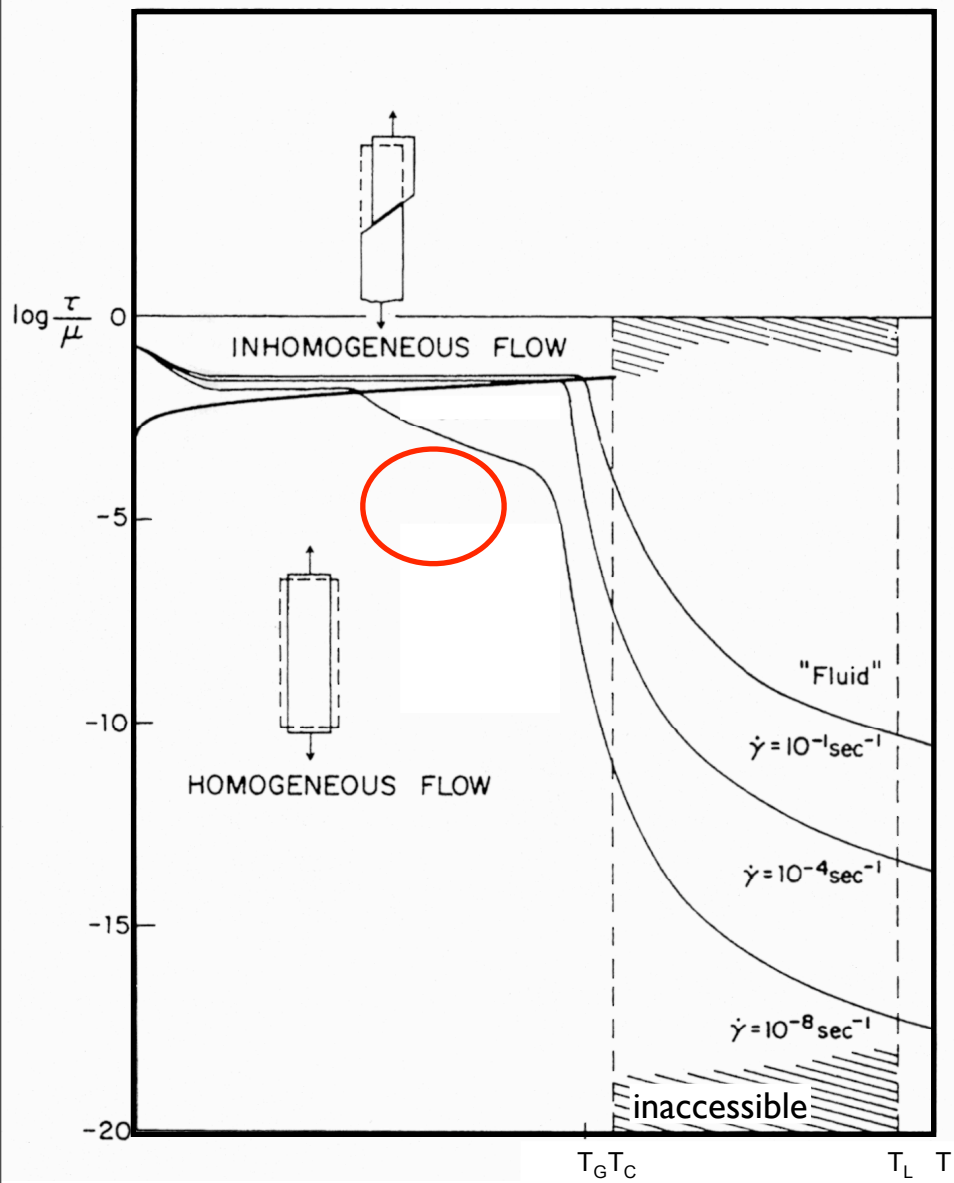
Newtonian viscous:
strain rate \propto stress

viscosity

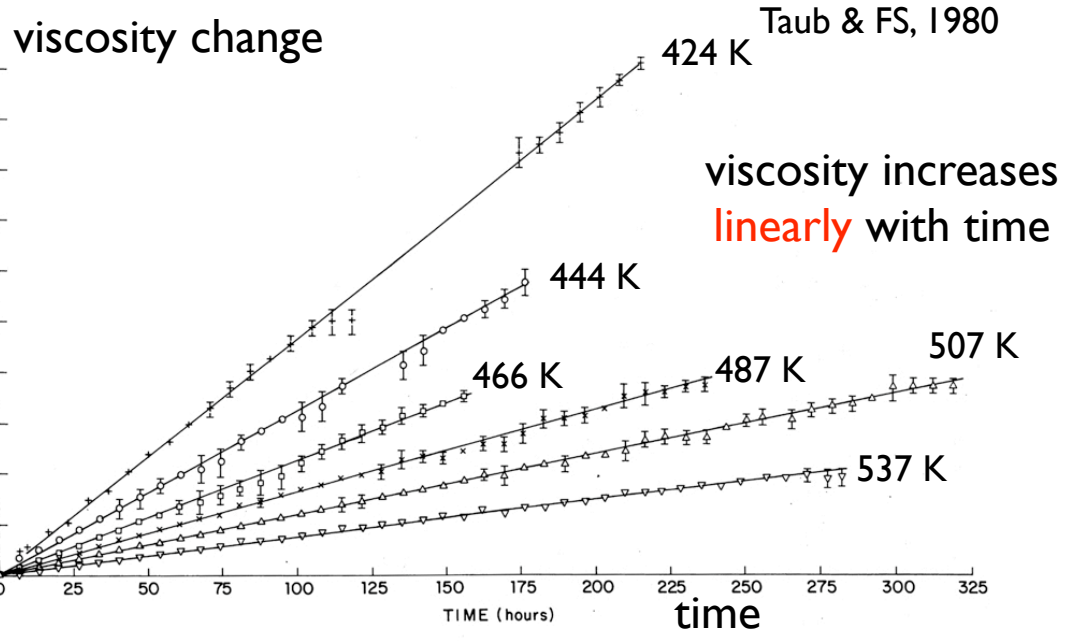
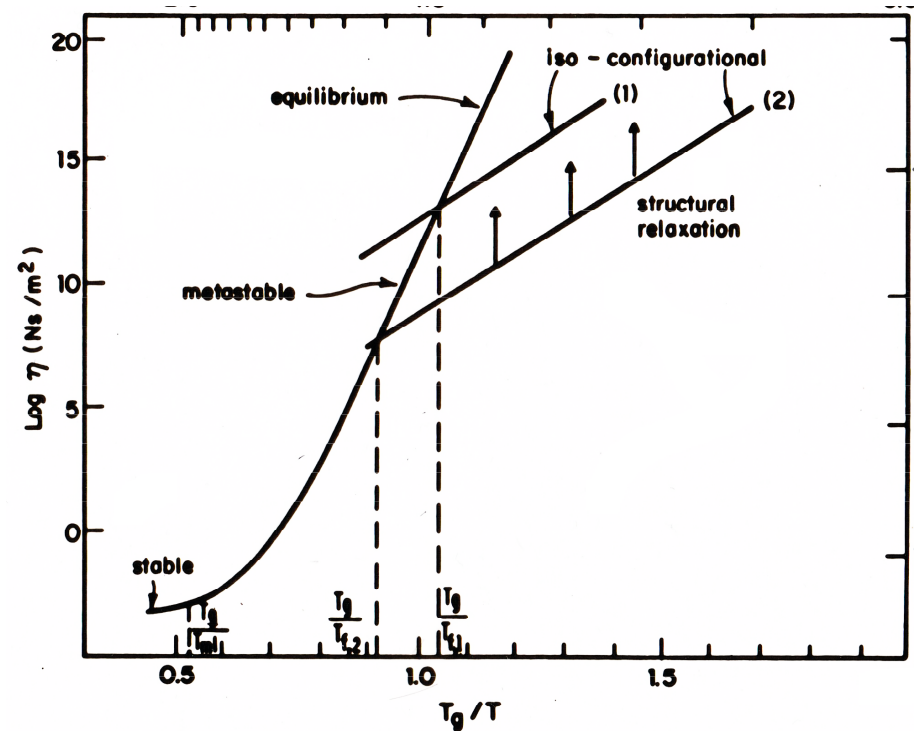
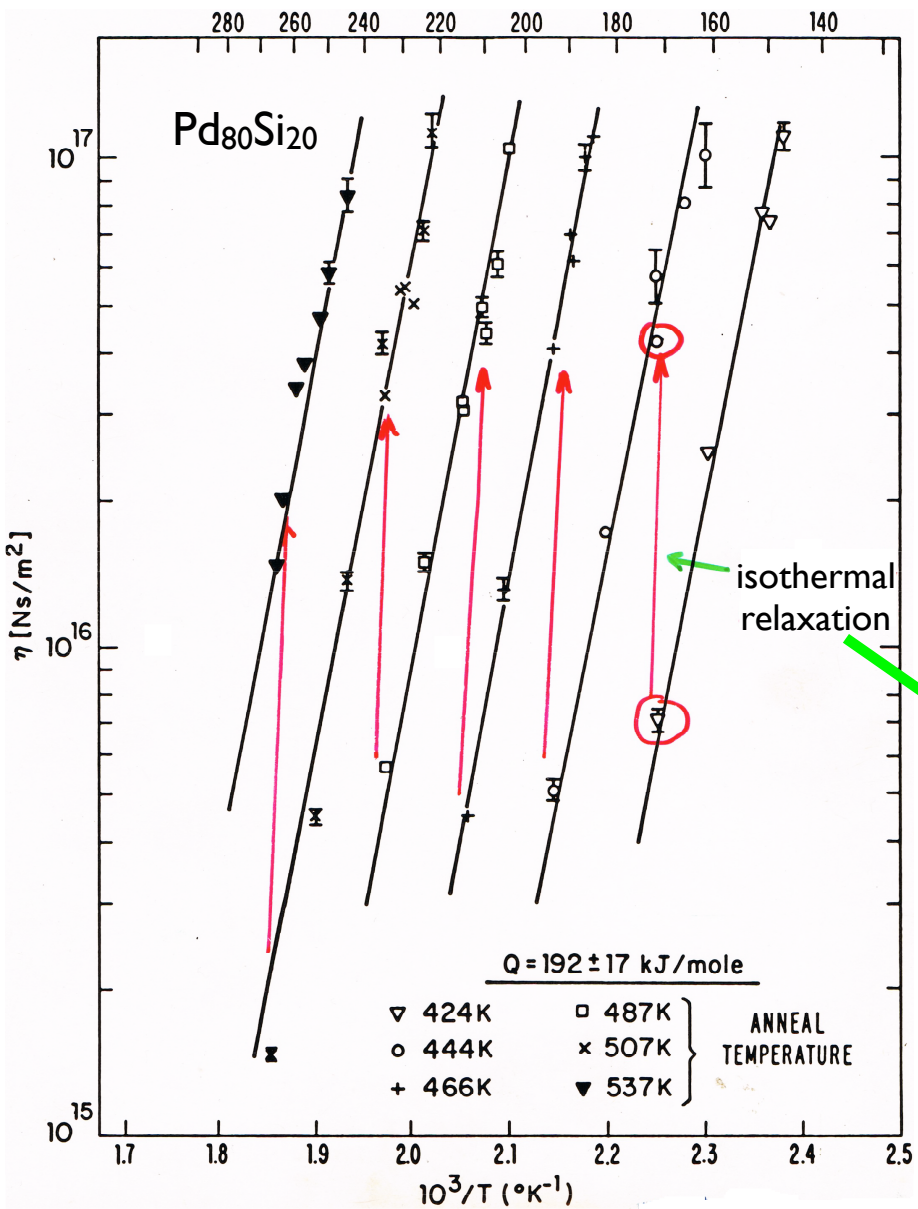
Fulcher-Vogel-Tammann form

$$\eta = \eta_o \exp\left(\frac{B}{T - T_o}\right)$$

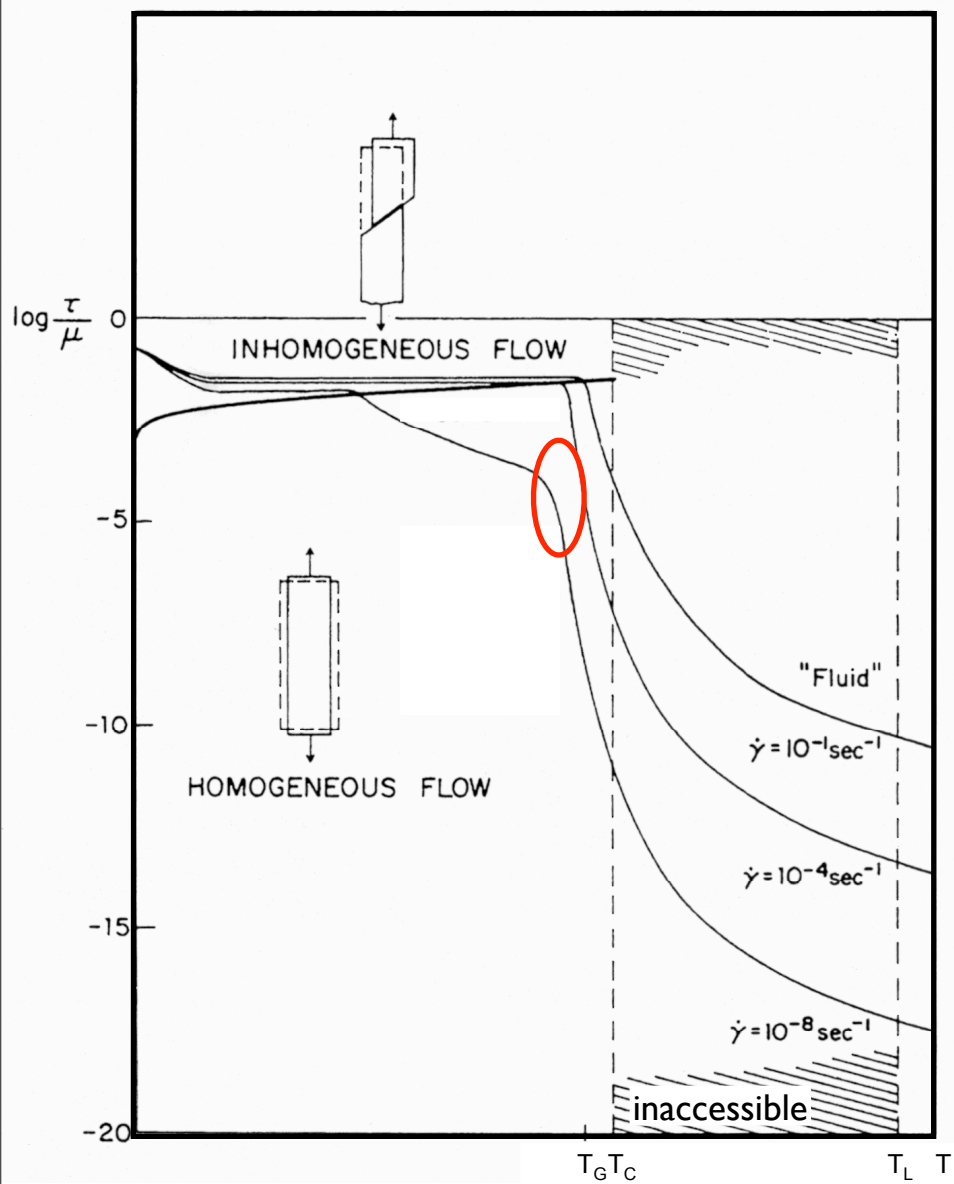
Glass at low stress, far from equilibrium



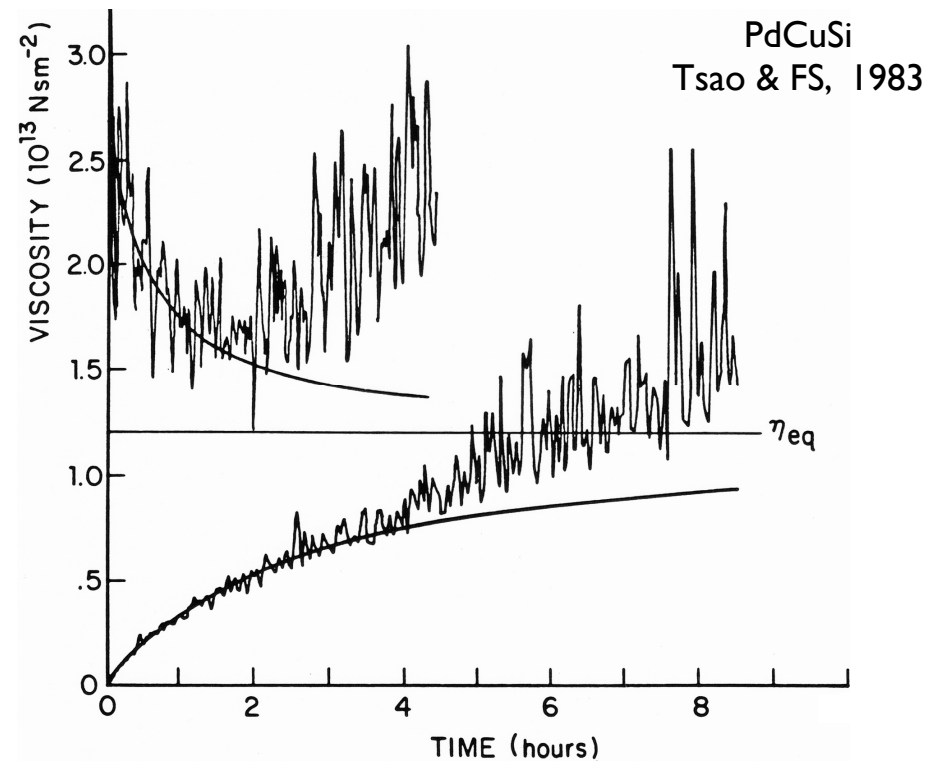
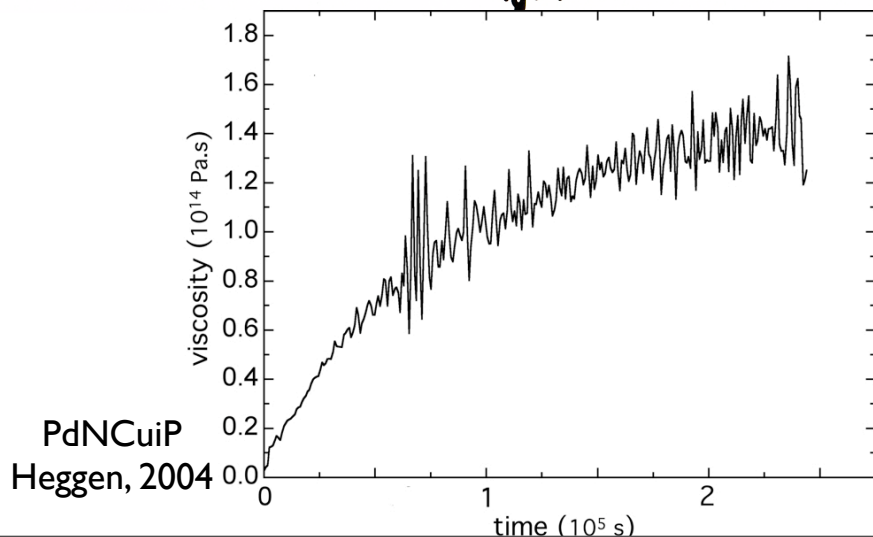
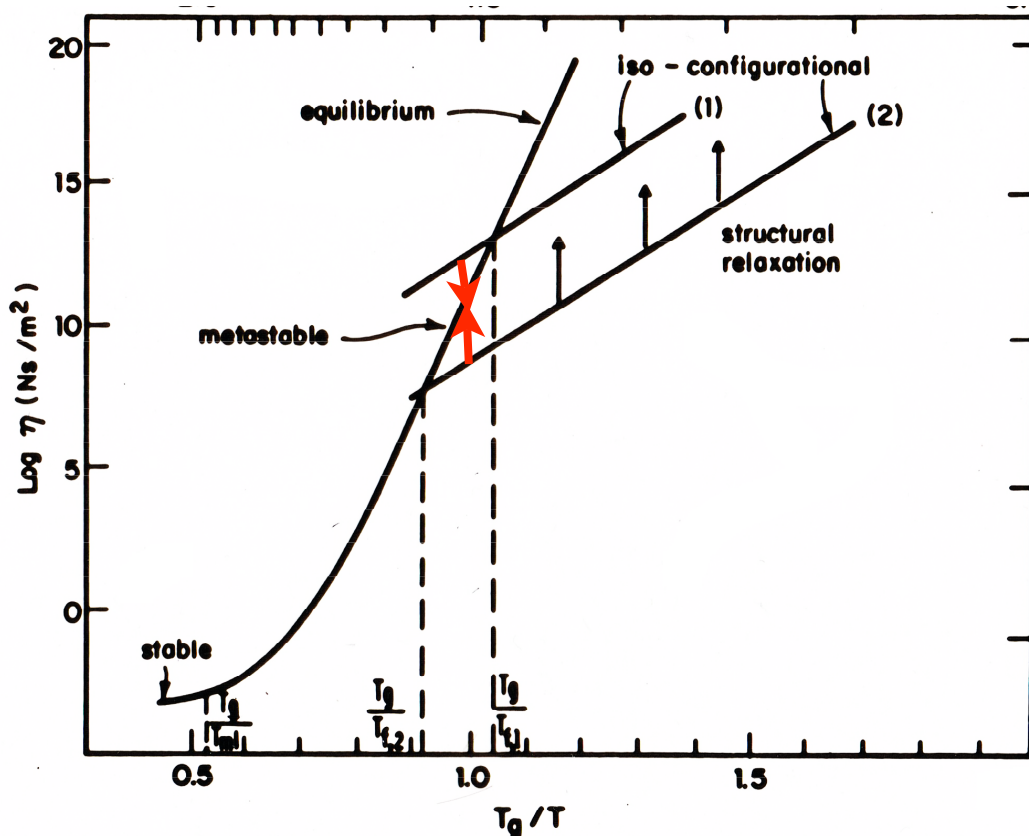
Effects of structural relaxation on viscosity



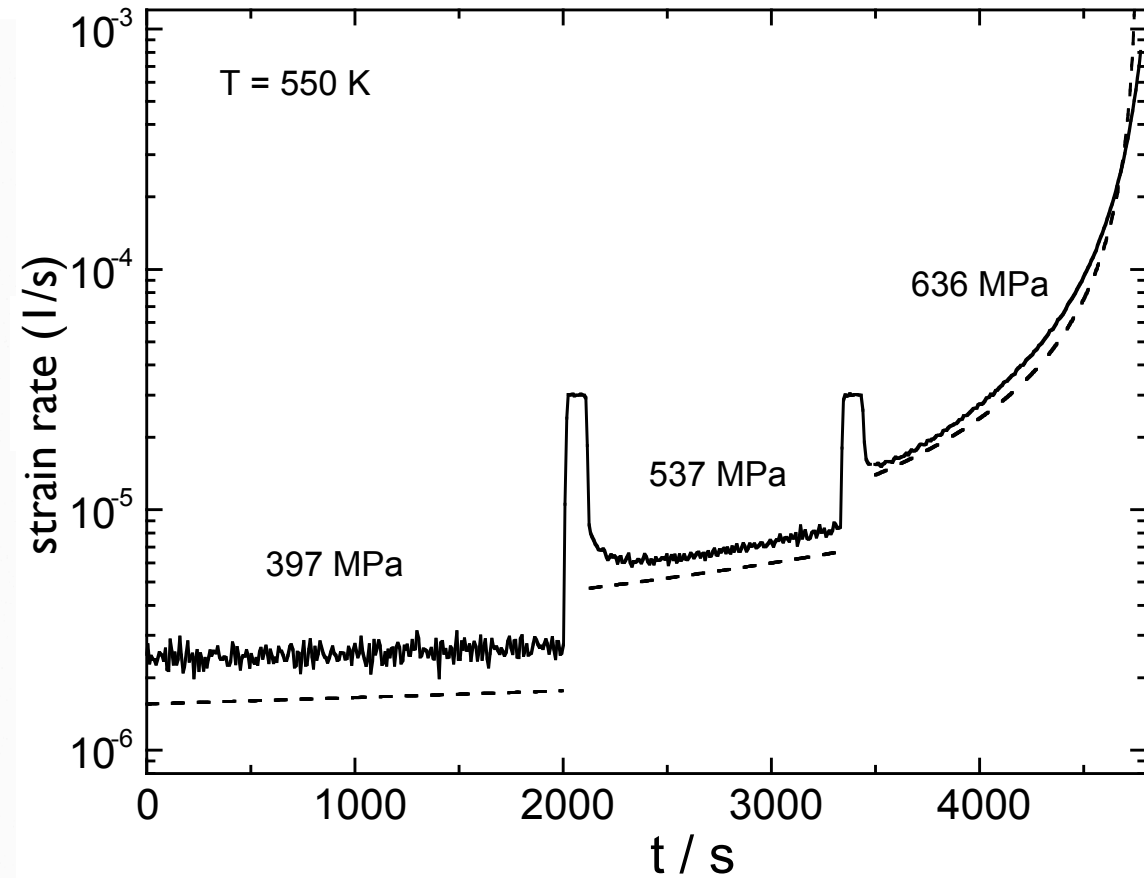
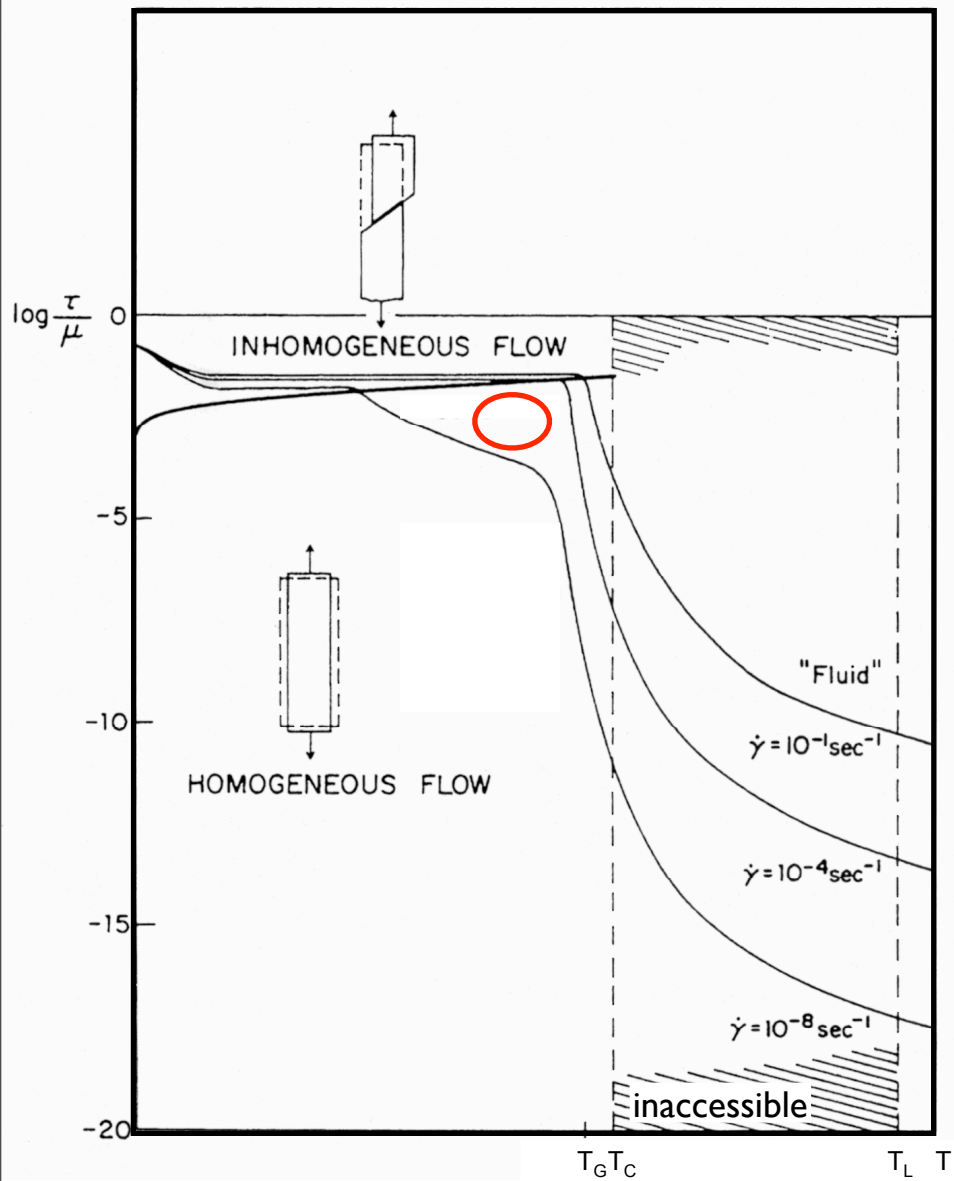
Glass at low stress, near equilibrium



Structural relaxation with saturation

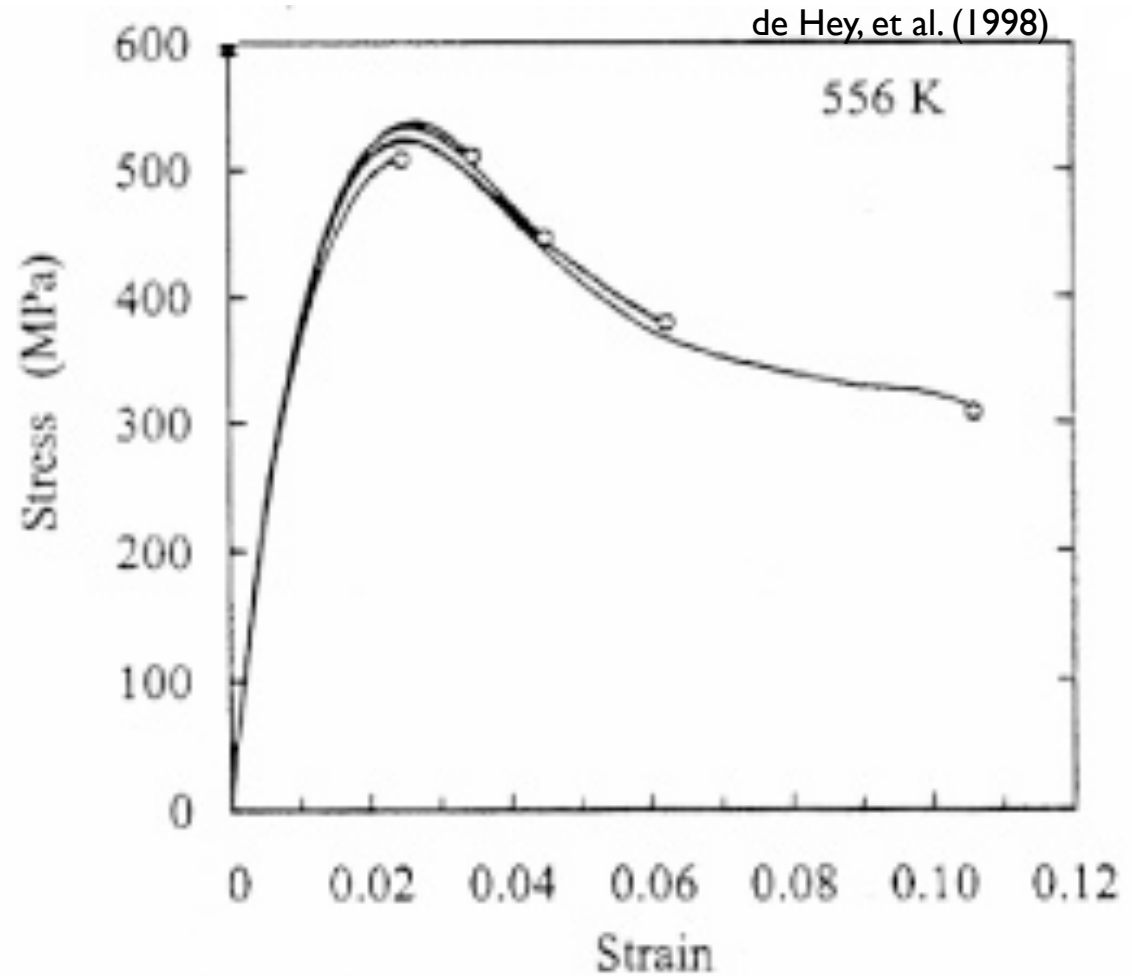
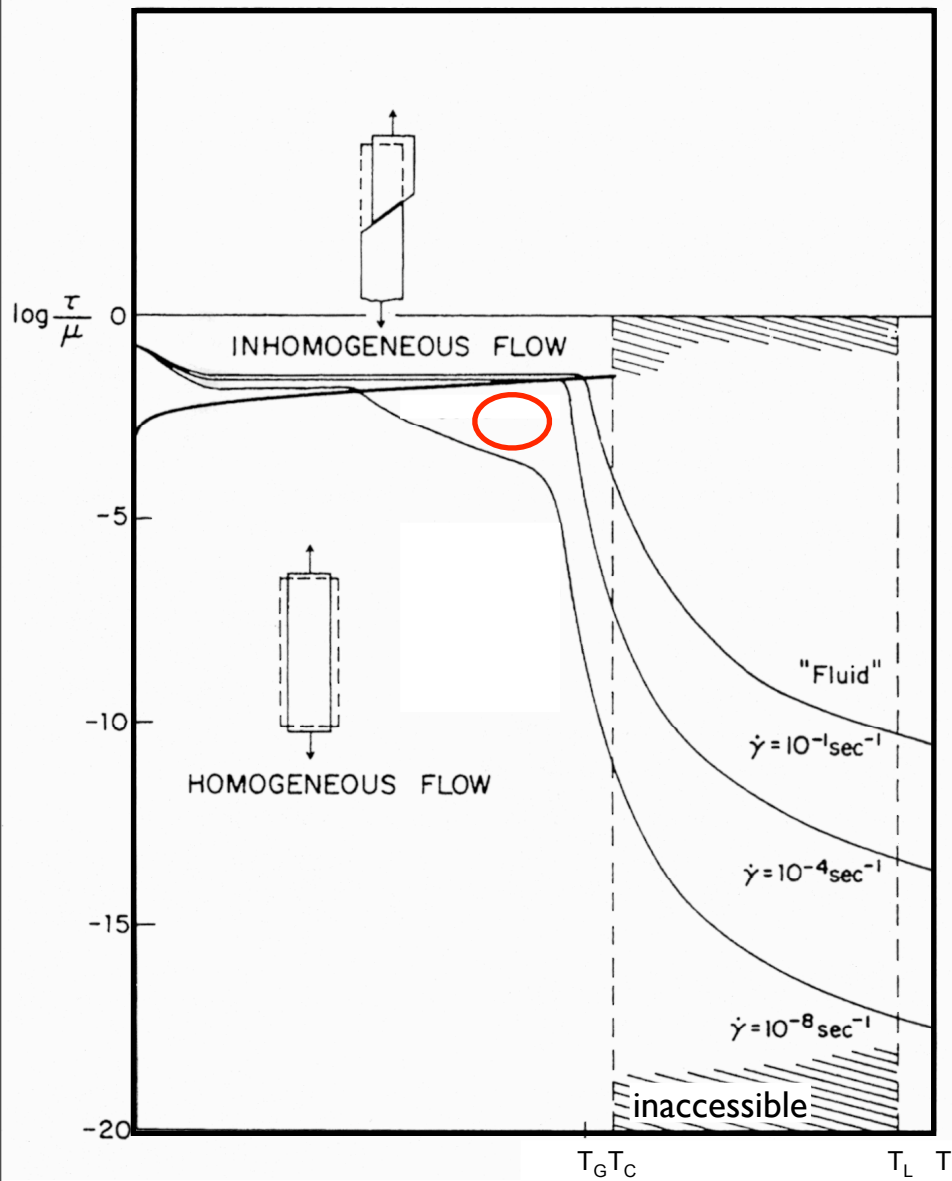


Glass at high stress



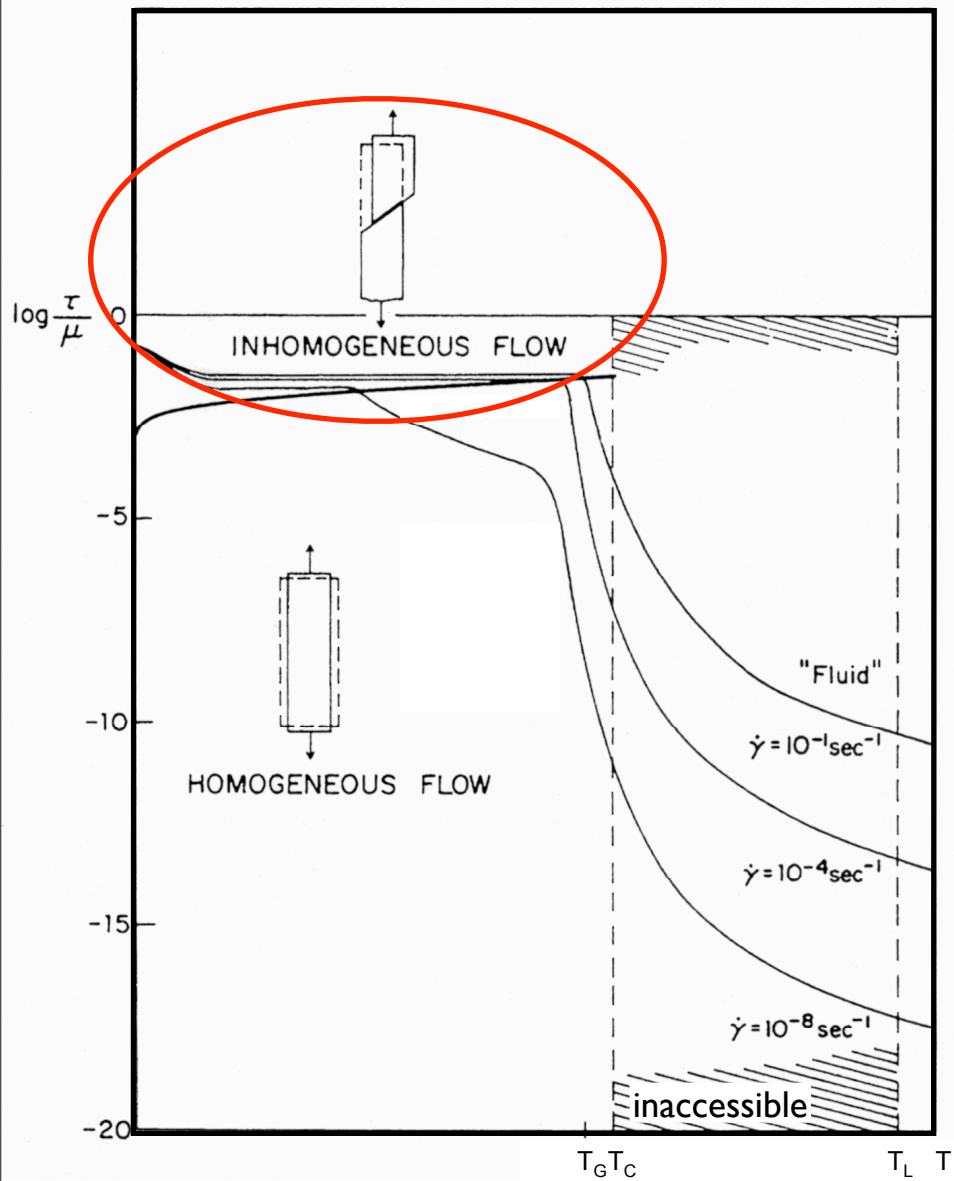
deformation-induced softening

Glass at high stress

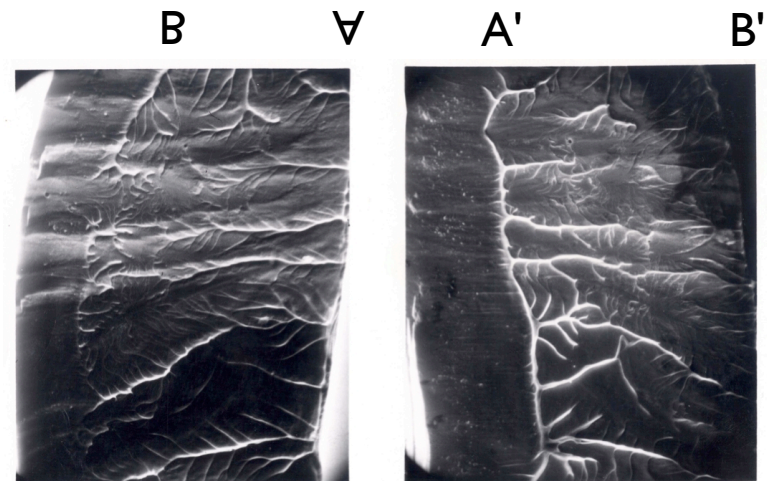
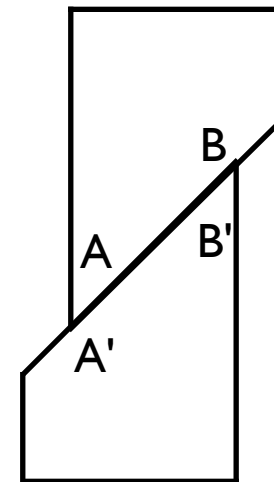


deformation-induced
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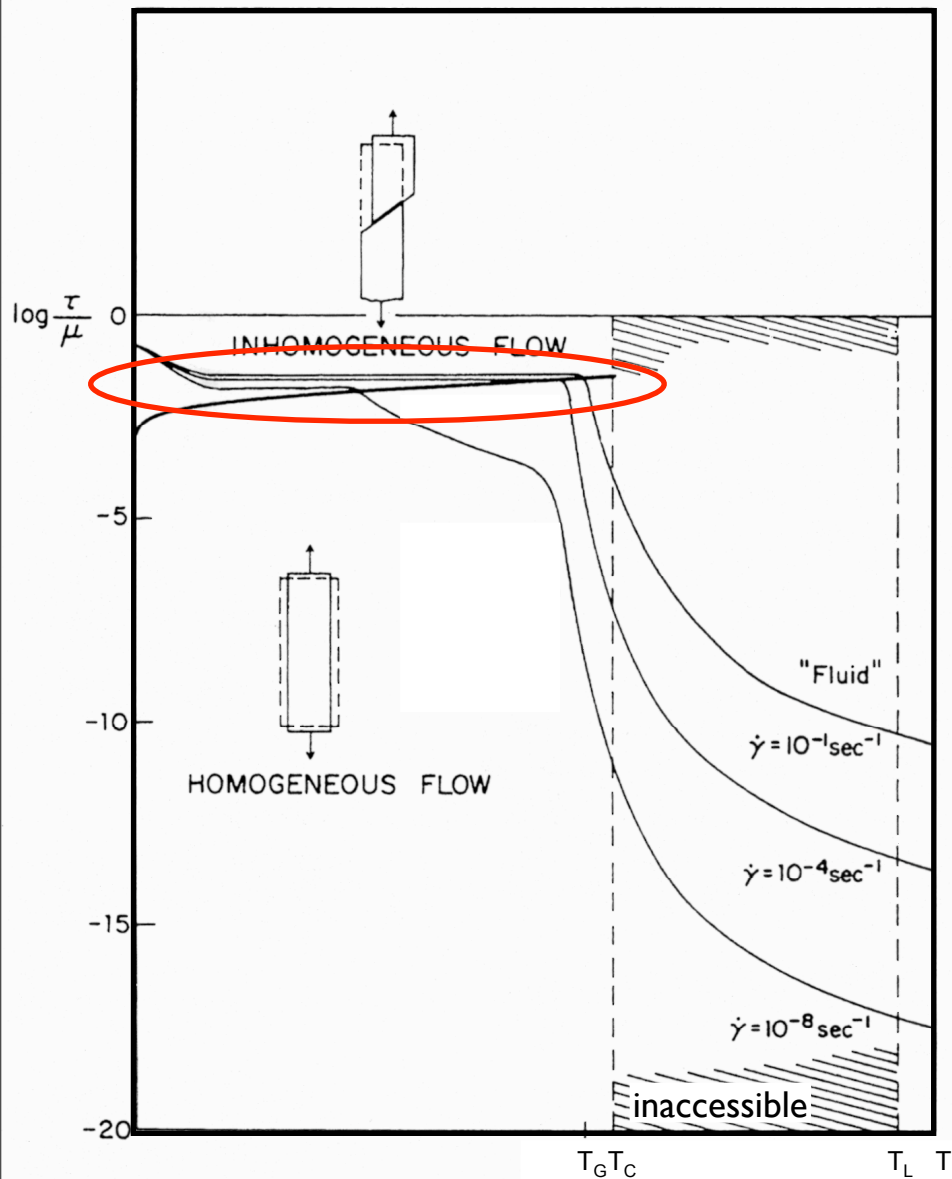
Inhomogeneous flow



catastrophic
deformation-induced
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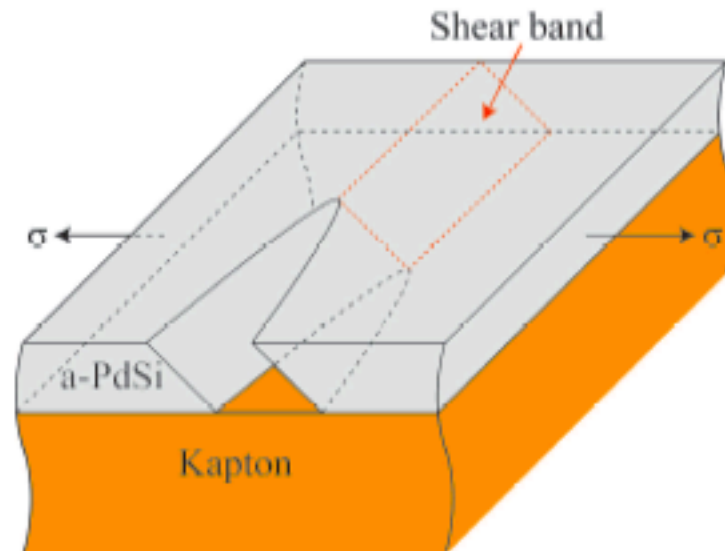
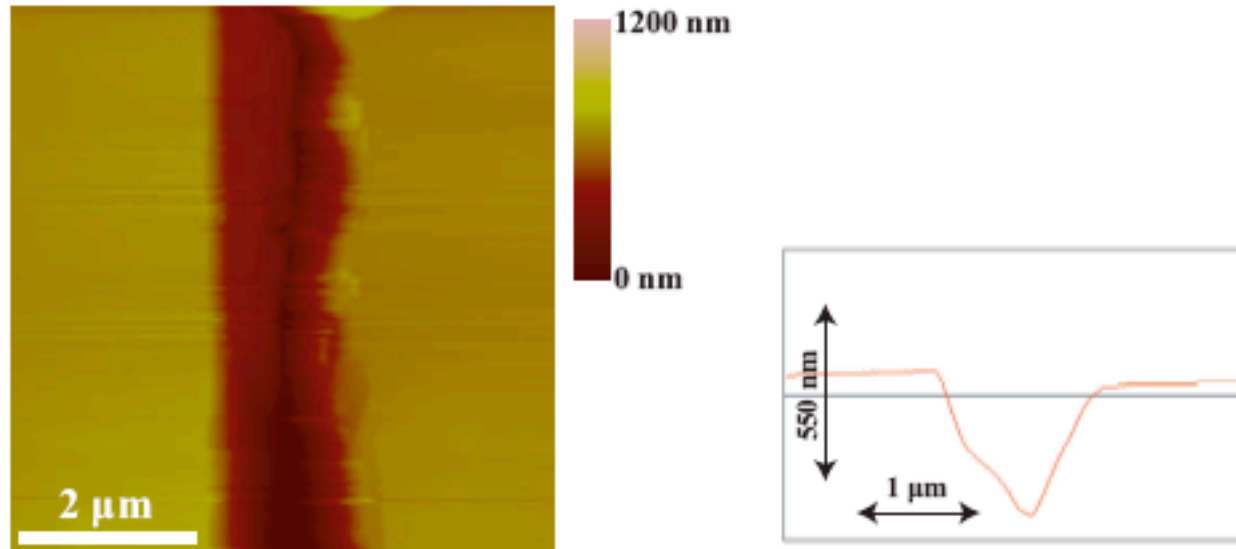
Homogeneous flow in the same regime



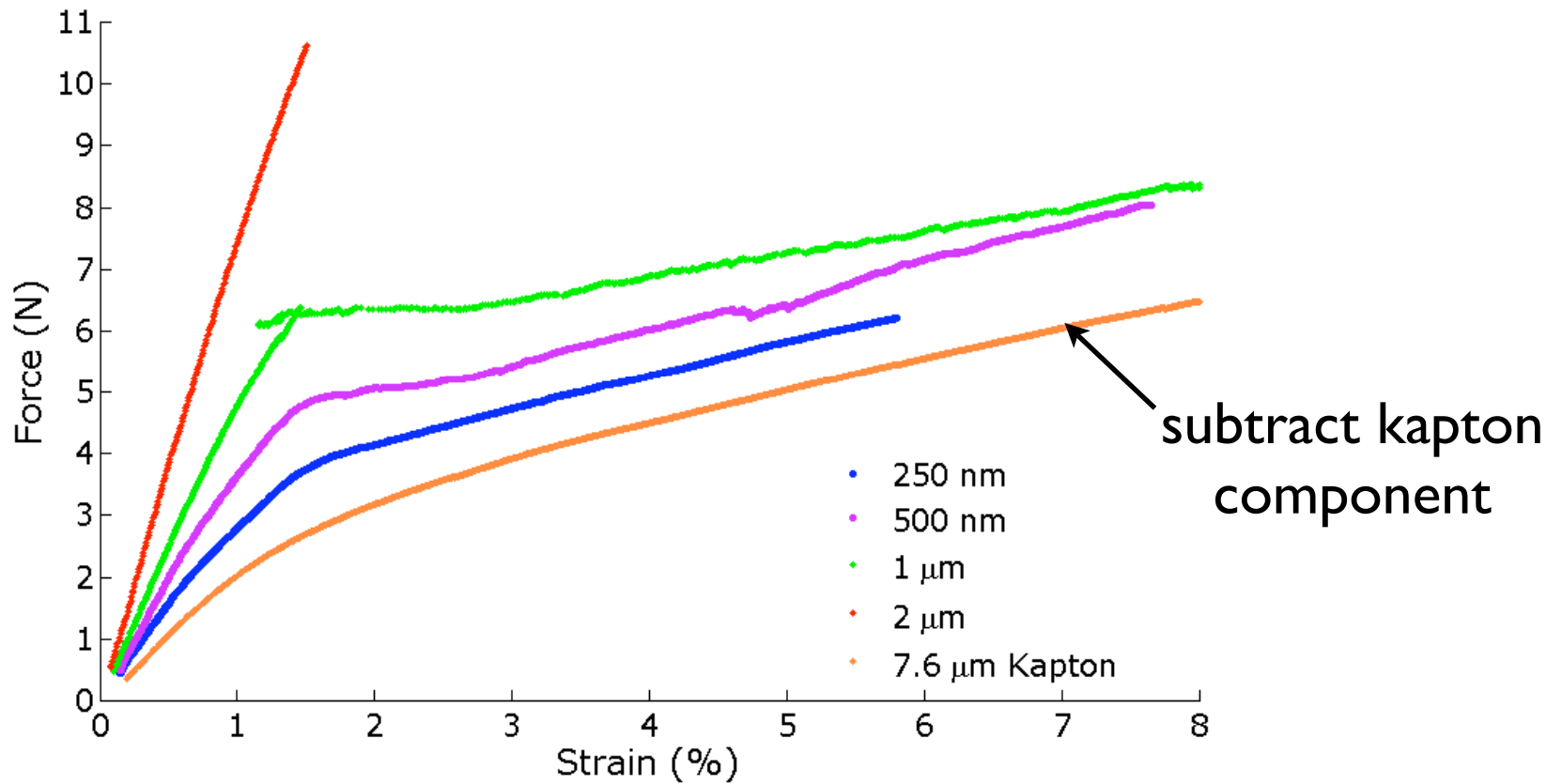
Minimize the effect of the shear bands:

metallic glass film
on compliant substrate
(Kapton)

AFM of a crack: shear band profile

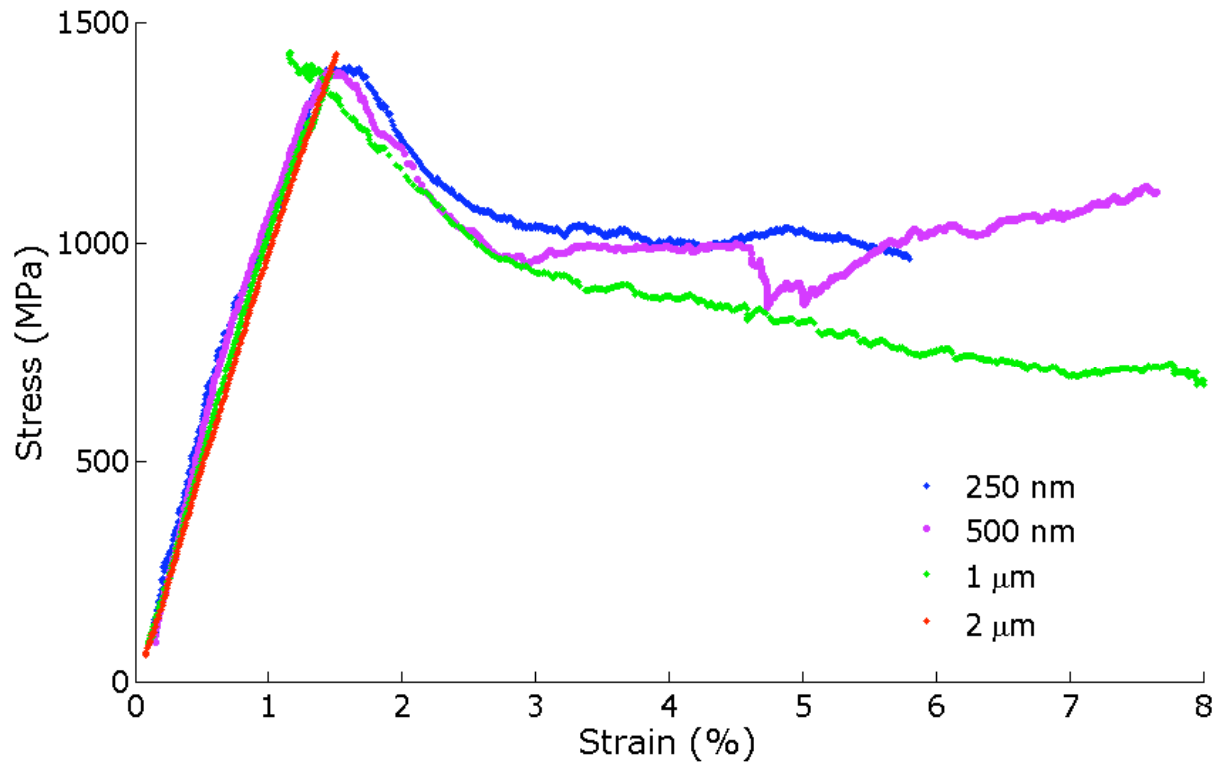


Thin film a-PdSi on kapton



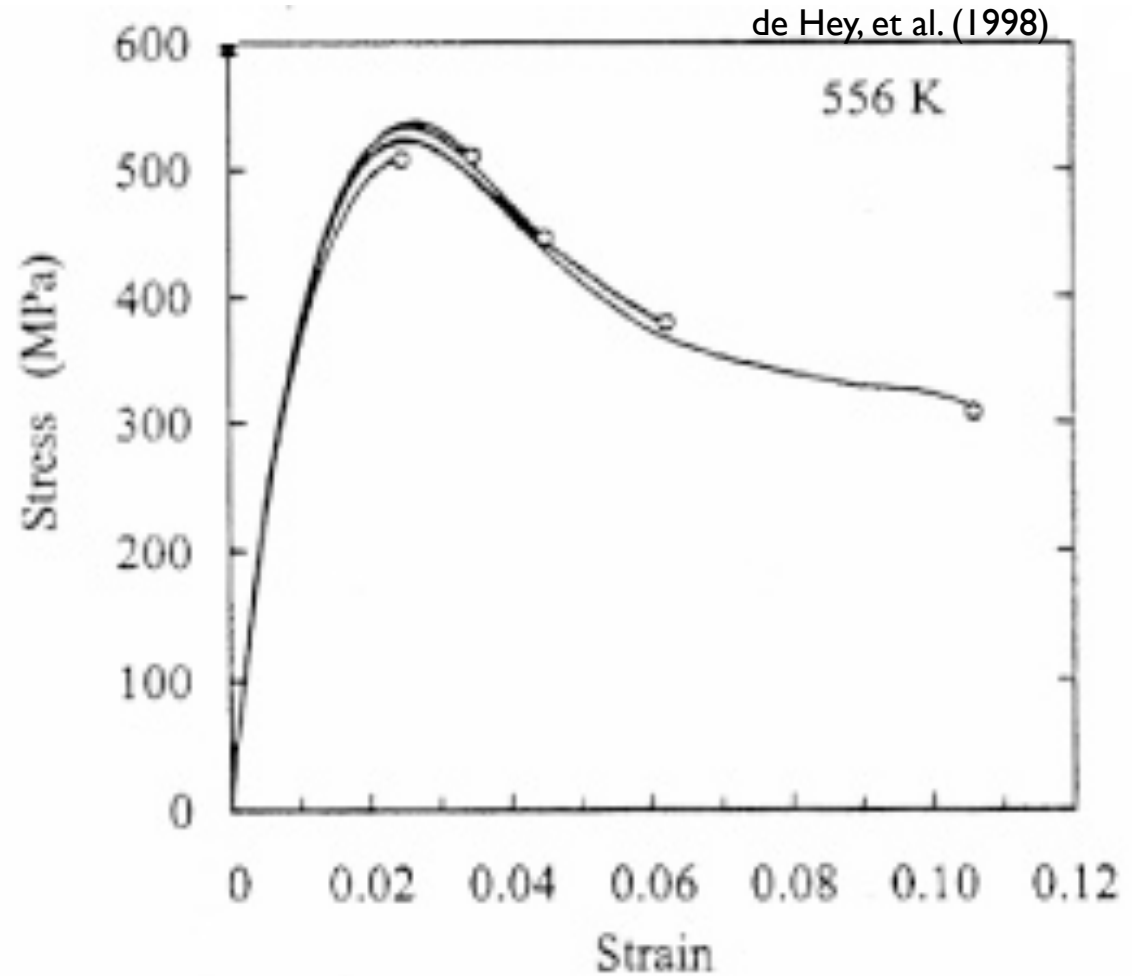
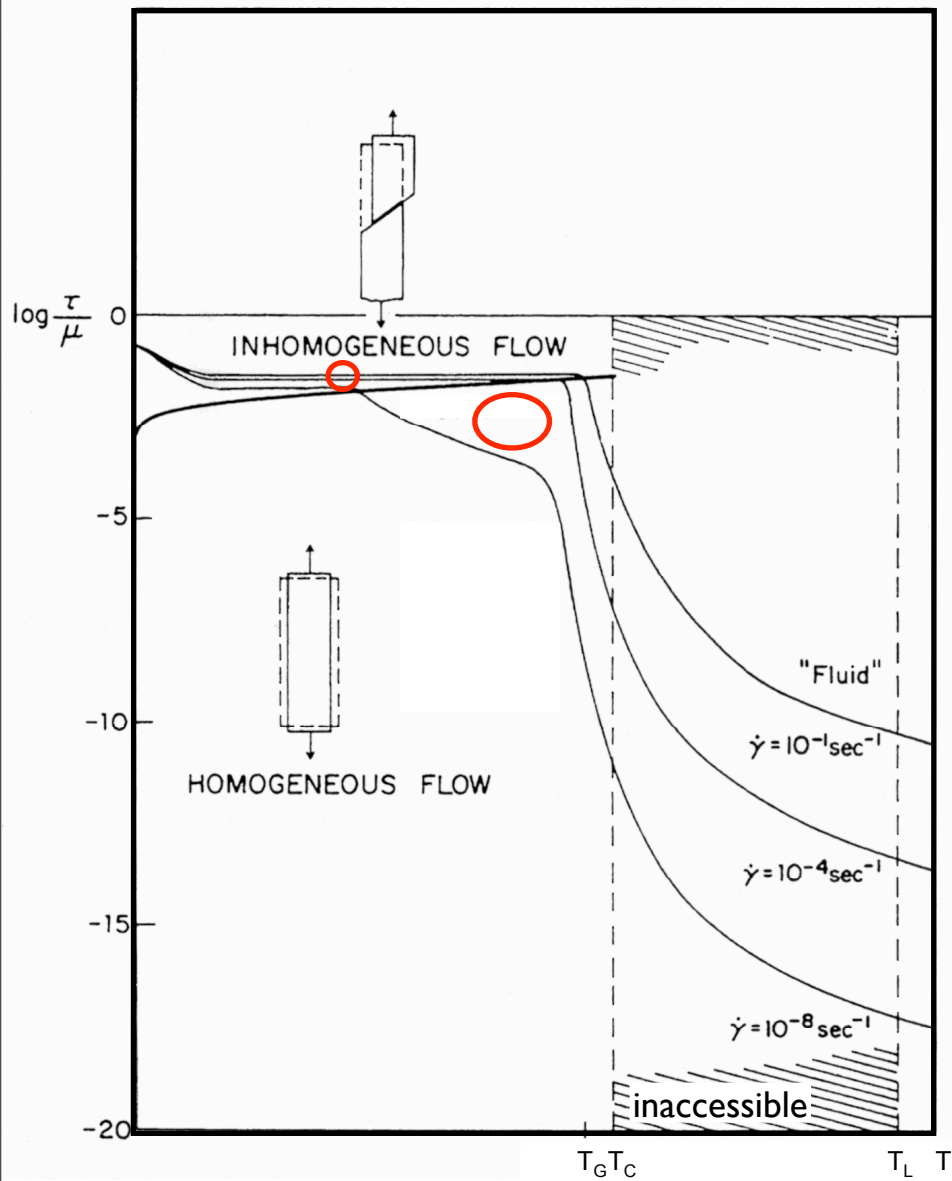
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Yield strength: 1.4 ± 0.2 GPa



Young's modulus: 95 ± 6 GPa

Glass at high stress

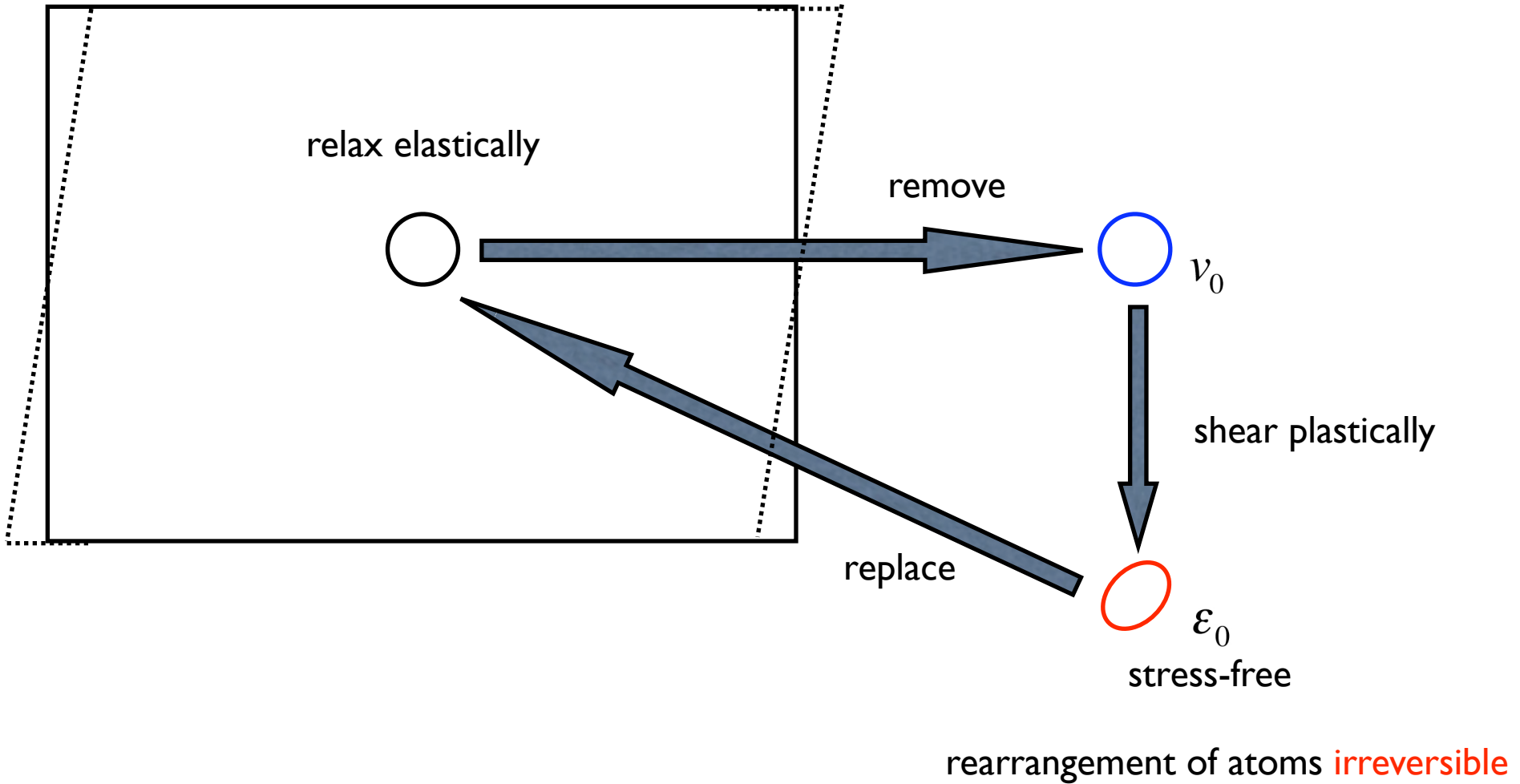


deformation-induced softening

What governs flow on the atomic scale ?

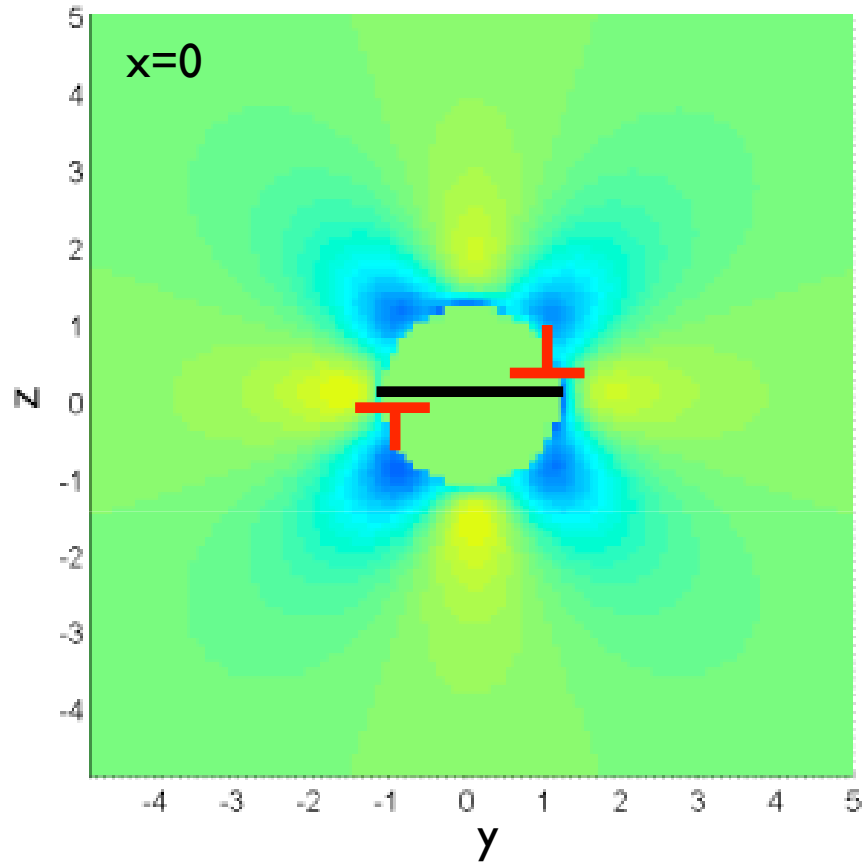
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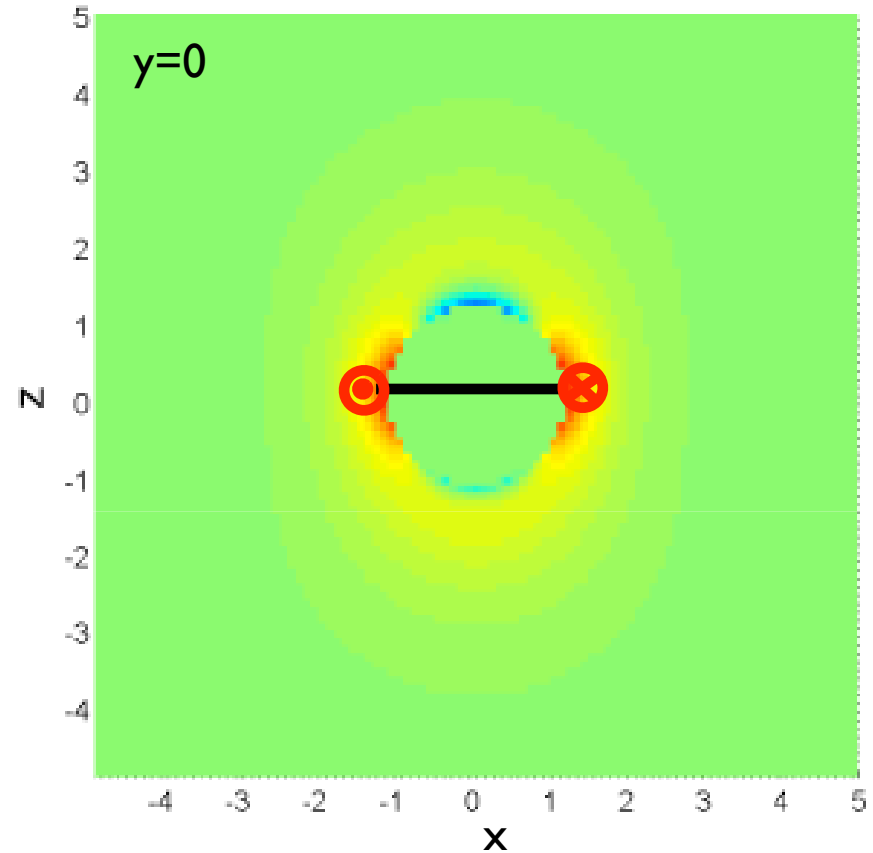


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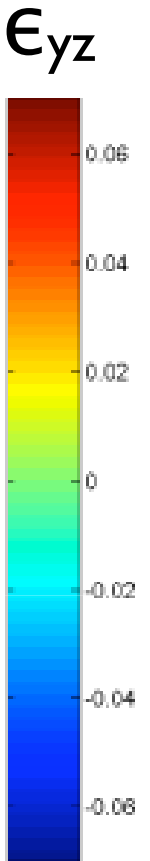
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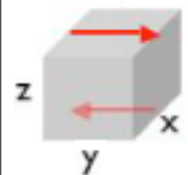
side view



head-on view

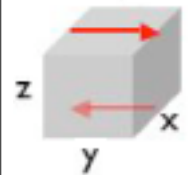
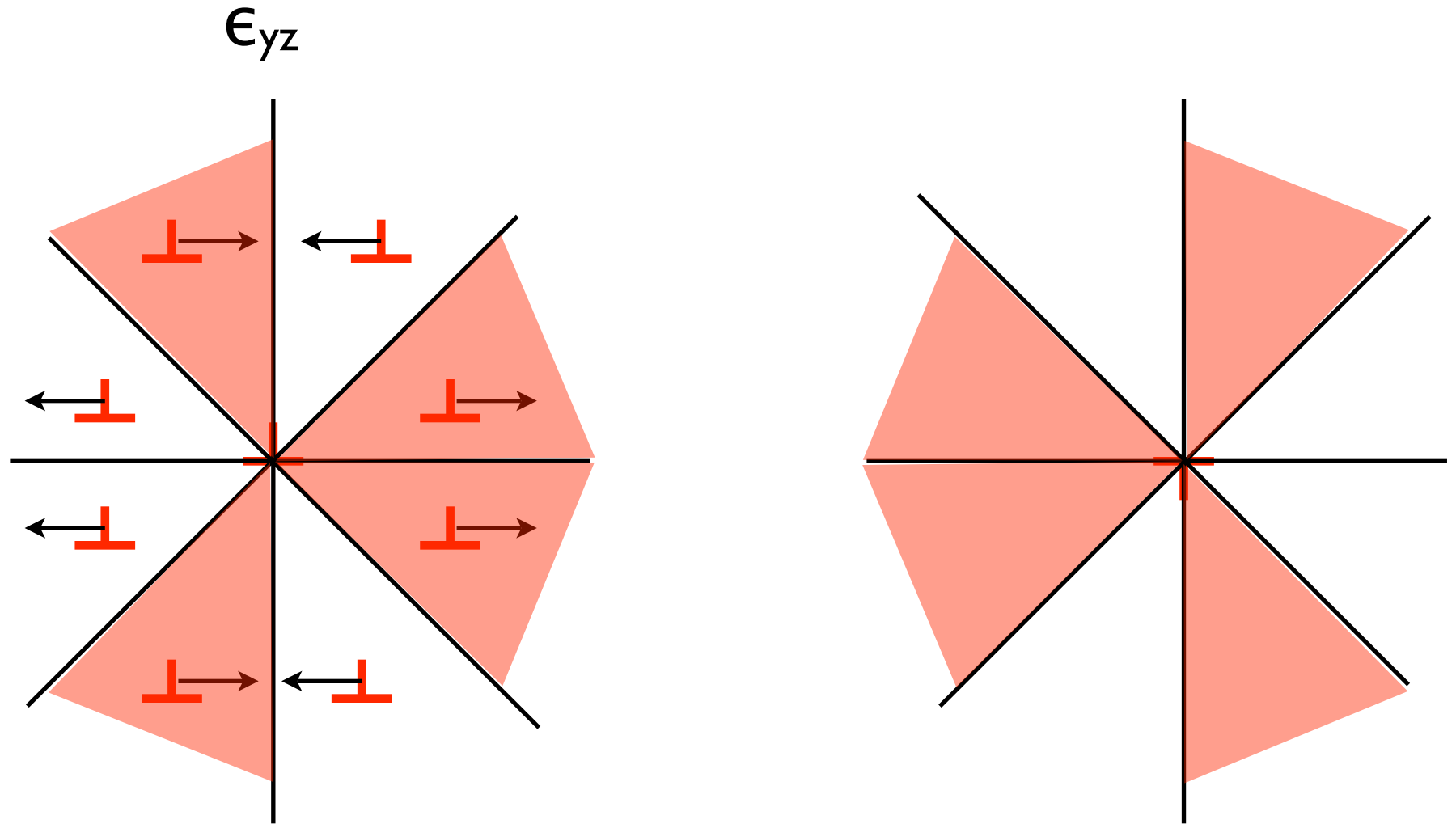


elastic field similar to that of a dislocation loop



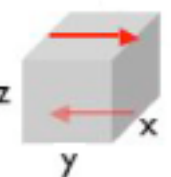
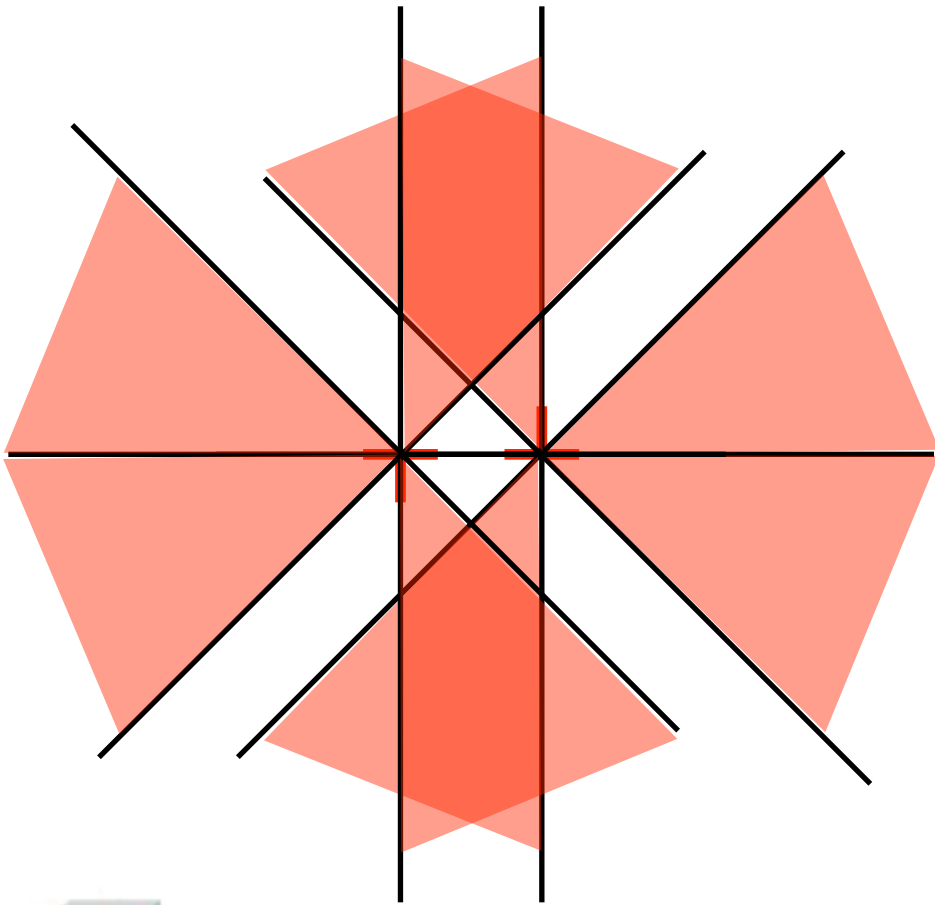
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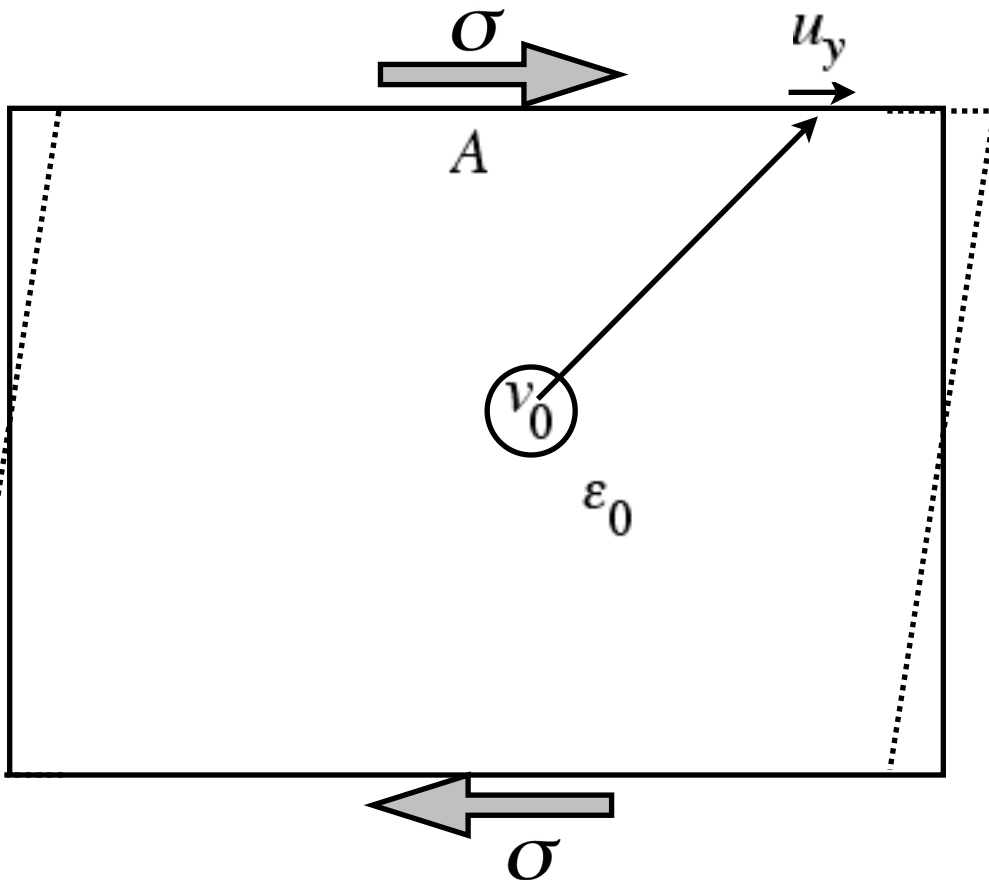
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far-field solution

$$u_y = \epsilon_0 \frac{4-5\nu}{20\pi(1-\nu)} v_0 \left[\frac{5(1-2\nu)}{2(4-5\nu)} \frac{z}{r^3} + 30 \frac{y^2 z}{r^5} \right]$$

$$\epsilon_{yz} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\partial u_y}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial u_z}{\partial y} \right) \propto \frac{1}{r^3}$$

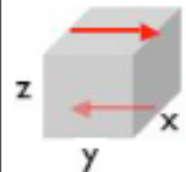
work done by external stress

$$W = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} u_y \sigma dx dy = \sigma \epsilon_0 v_0 = \sigma A \langle u_y \rangle$$

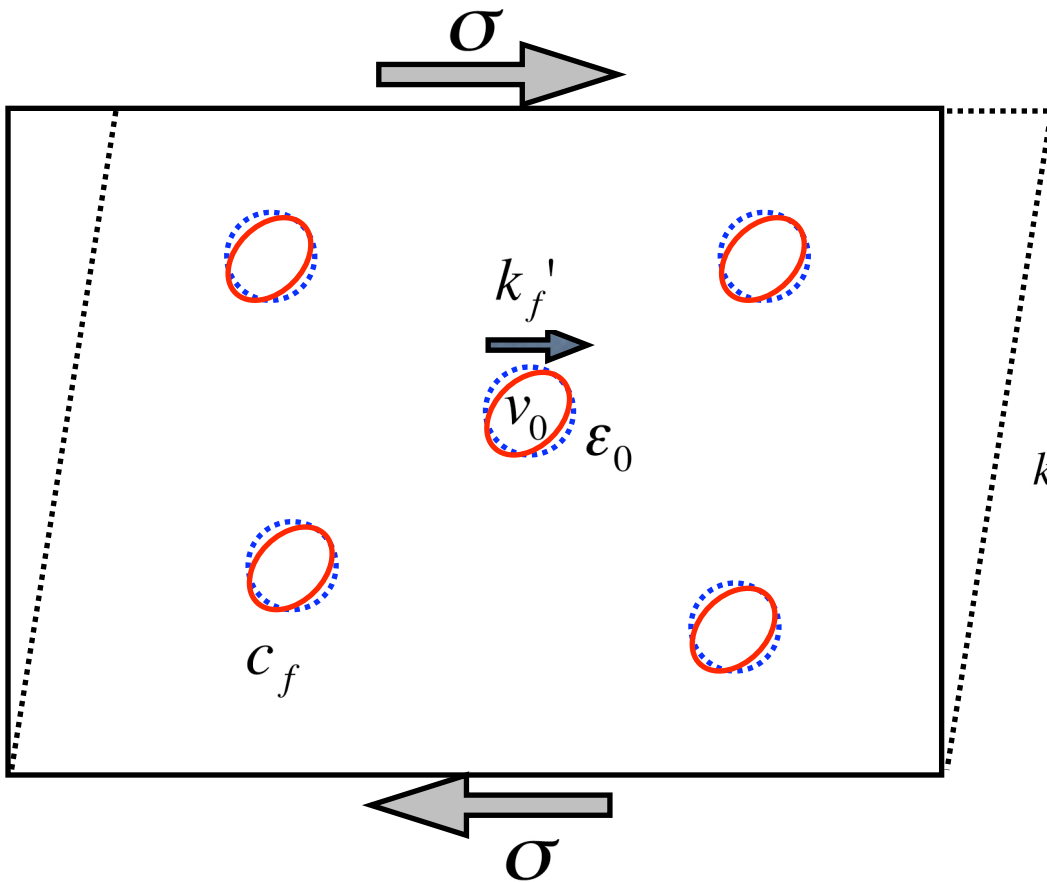
macroscopic strain

$$\epsilon = \frac{\langle u_y \rangle}{z} = \frac{\epsilon_0 v_0}{zA} = \epsilon_0 \frac{v_0}{V}$$

volume fraction of inclusion



General constitutive flow law



$$\dot{\epsilon} = \epsilon_0 v_0 k_f' \frac{c_f}{\Omega}$$

work upon jump $\sigma \epsilon_0 v_0$

$$k_f' = v \left[\exp\left(-\frac{Q - (\sigma \epsilon_0 v_0 / 2)}{kT}\right) - \exp\left(-\frac{Q + (\sigma \epsilon_0 v_0 / 2)}{kT}\right) \right]$$

$$k_f' = v \exp\left(-\frac{Q}{kT}\right) 2 \sinh\left(\frac{\sigma \epsilon_0 v_0}{2kT}\right)$$

$$\dot{\epsilon} = 2c_f k_f \frac{\epsilon_0 v_0}{\Omega} \sinh\left(\frac{\sigma \epsilon_0 v_0}{2kT}\right)$$

low stress $\sinh\left(\frac{\sigma \epsilon_0 v_0}{2kT}\right) \approx \frac{\sigma \epsilon_0 v_0}{2kT}$

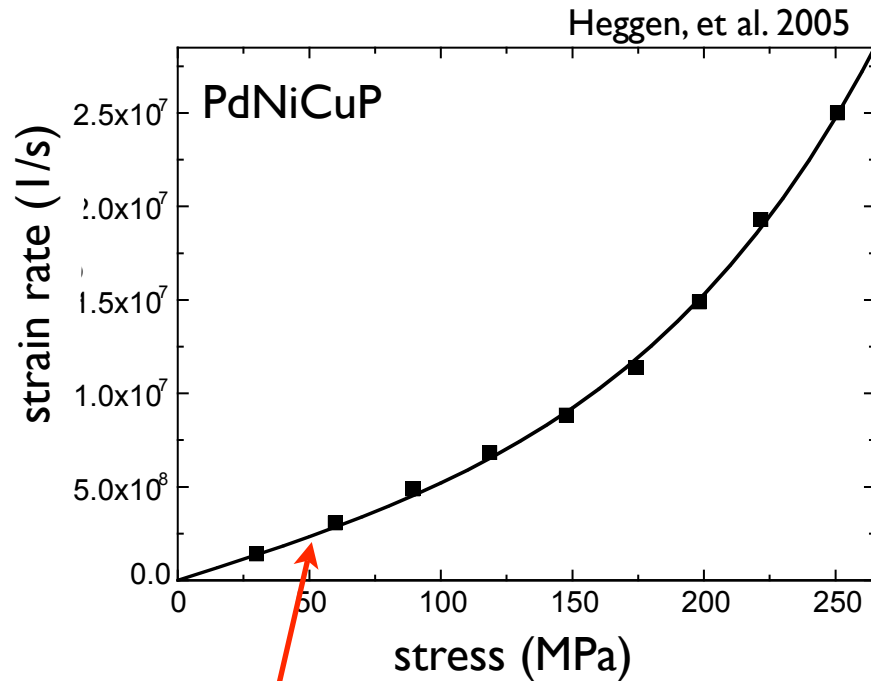
$$\dot{\epsilon} = \frac{c_f k_f (\epsilon_0 v_0)^2 \sigma}{\Omega kT}$$

Newtonian viscous

$$\eta \equiv \frac{\sigma}{\dot{\epsilon}} = \frac{\Omega kT}{c_f k_f (\epsilon_0 v_0)^2}$$

viscosity

Test of the constitutive law



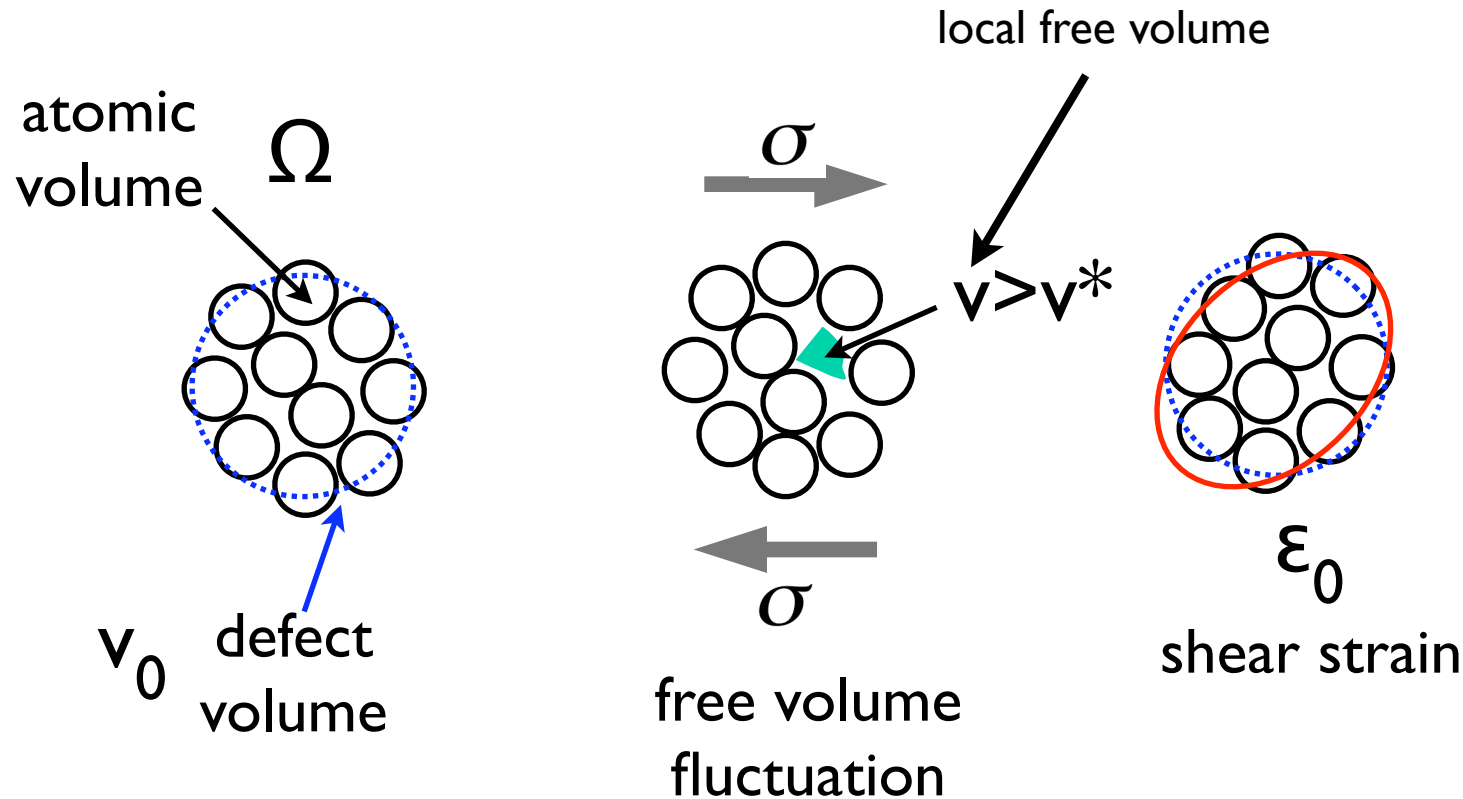
Newtonian

$$\frac{d\varepsilon}{dt} = 2c_f k_f' \frac{\varepsilon_o v_o}{\Omega} \sinh\left(\frac{\varepsilon_o v_o \sigma}{2kT}\right)$$

8 atomic volumes

Free volume model

M.H. Cohen and D. Turnbull, J. Chem. Phys. 31, 1164 (1959)

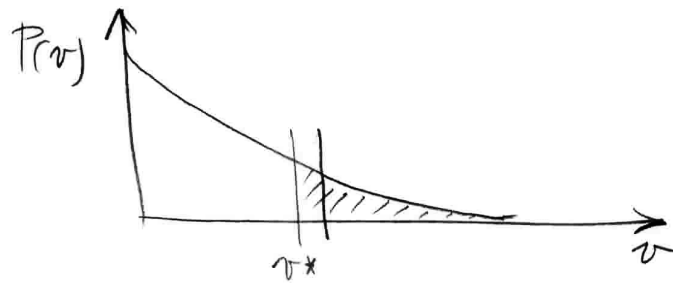


average free volume per atom

$$v_f = \Omega - \Omega_0$$

atomic volume at closest packing (infinite viscosity)

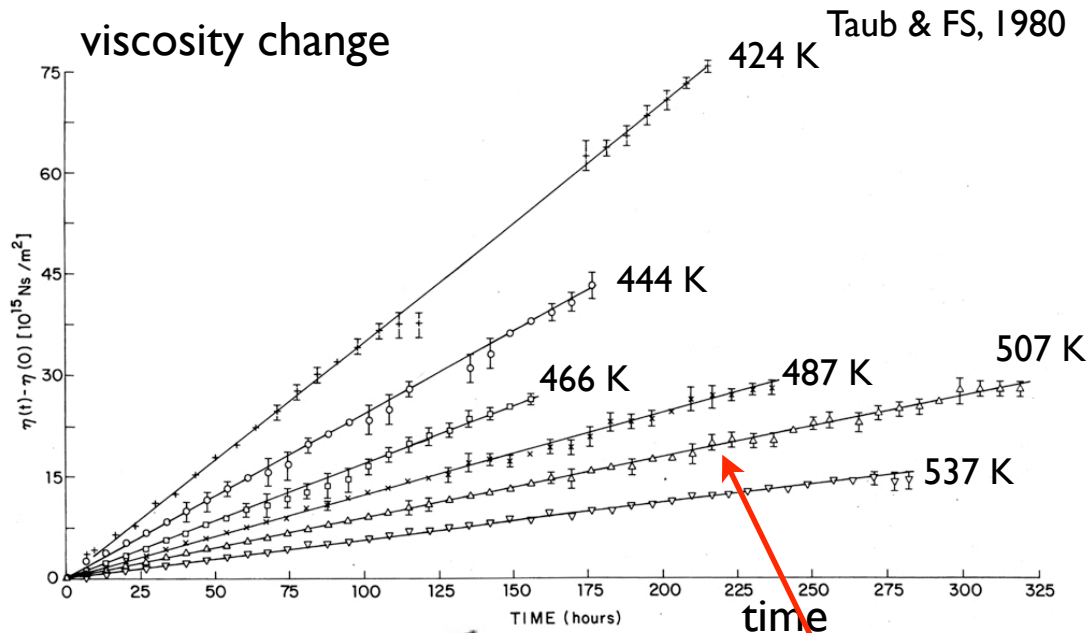
$$c_f \sim \exp\left(-\frac{\gamma v^*}{v_f}\right)$$



$$\eta = \eta_0 \exp\left(\frac{B}{T - T_0}\right)$$

Fulcher-Vogel-Tammann

Structural relaxation kinetics



$$\eta \propto \frac{1}{c_f}$$

$$\frac{d\eta}{dt} \propto -\frac{1}{c_f^2} \frac{dc_f}{dt} = \text{constant}$$

$$\frac{dc_f}{dt} = -k_r c_f^2$$

bimolecular annihilation

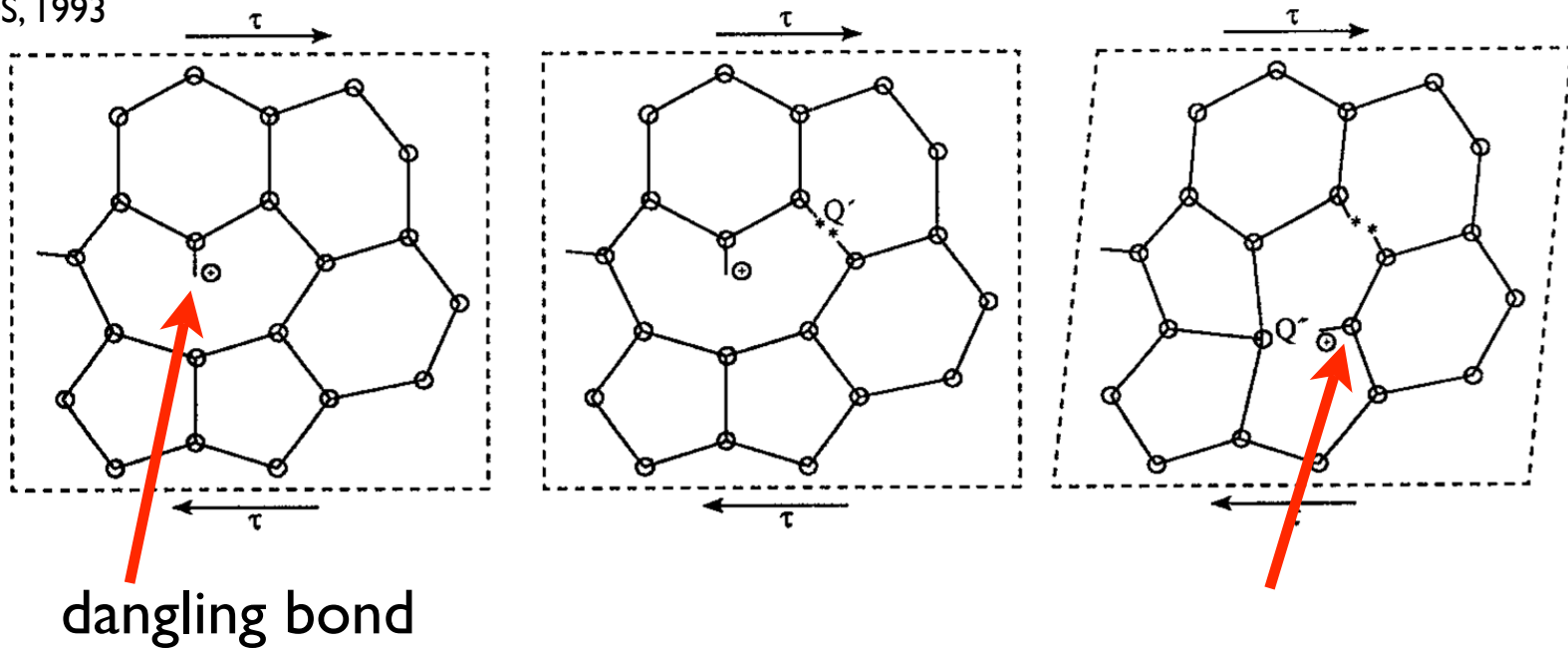
Structural relaxation kinetics

$$\frac{dc_f}{dt} = -k_r c_f^2$$

bimolecular defect annihilation

seen, as expected, in covalent networks (a-Si)

Witvrouw & FS, 1993

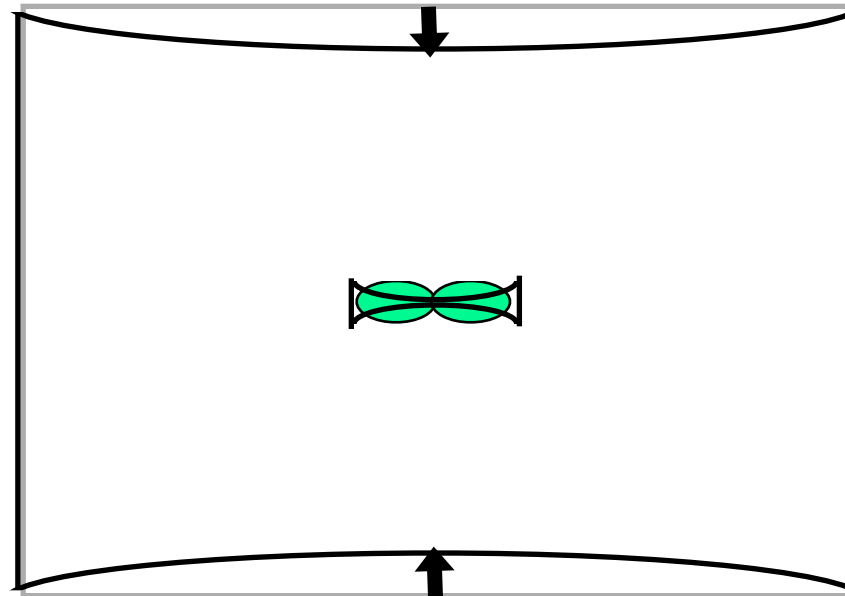
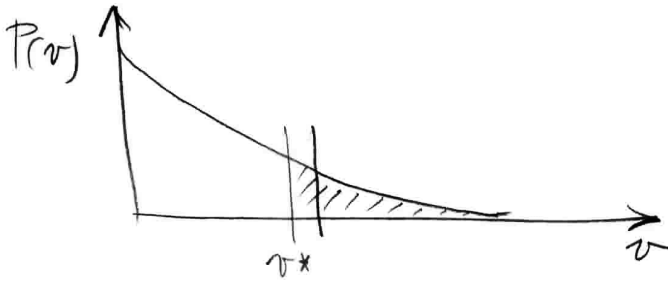


two dangling bonds annihilate to a full bond

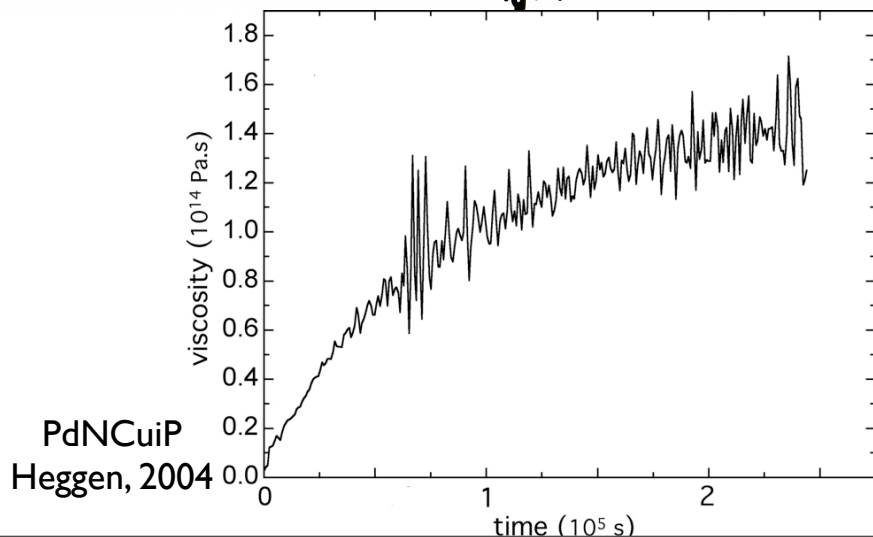
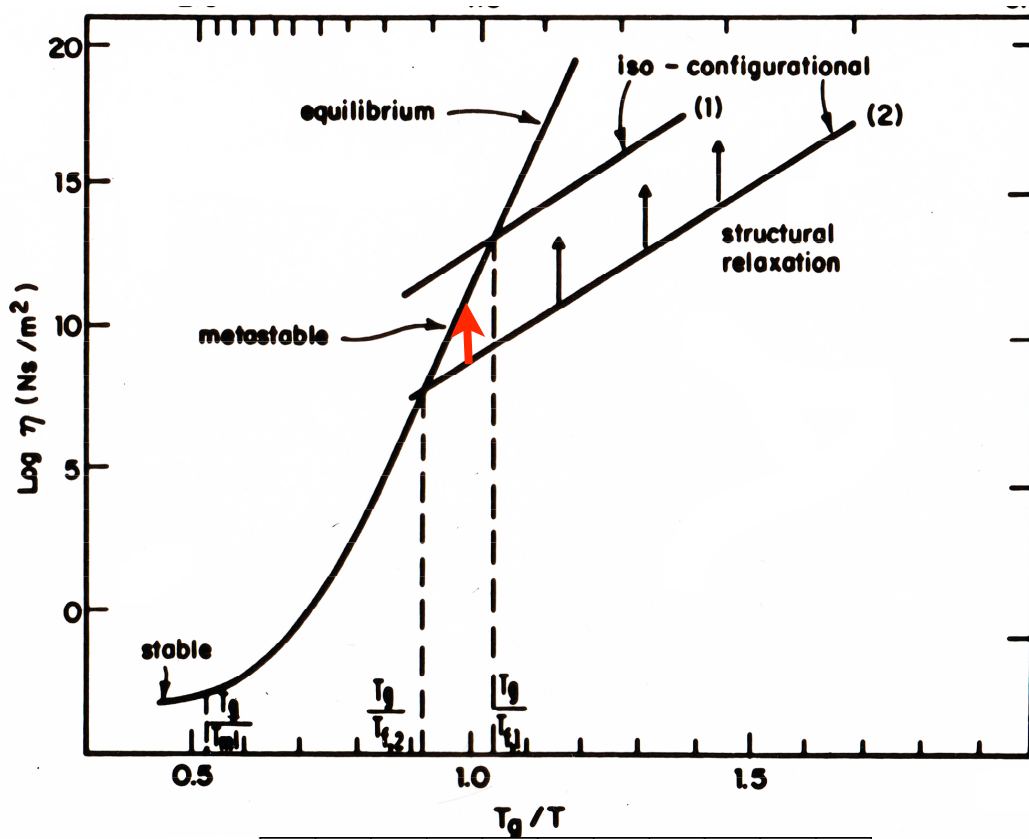
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Bimolecular mechanism
for free volume annihilation

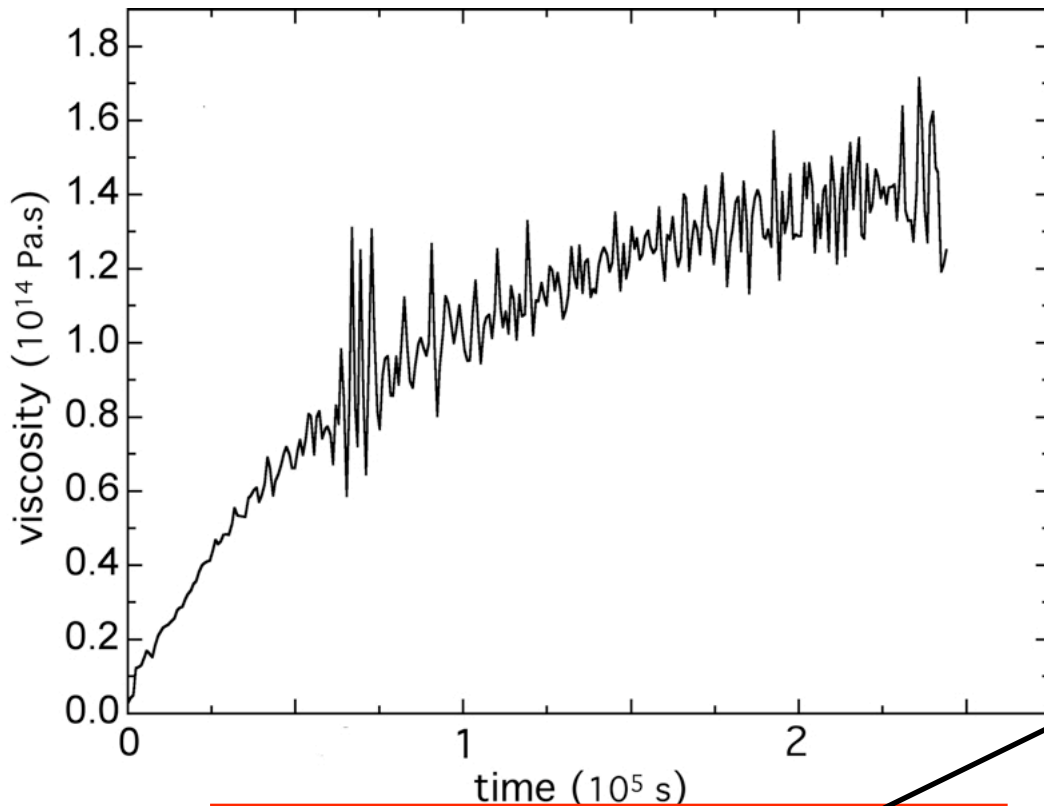


Structural relaxation with saturation



Structural relaxation with saturation

Heggen, 2004



bimolecular annihilation
(from before)

$$\frac{dc_f}{dt} = -k_r c_f^2$$

$$\frac{dc_f}{dt} = -k_r c_f (c_f - c_{f,eq})$$

$$\frac{dc_f}{dt} = -k_r (c_f - c_{f,eq})^2$$

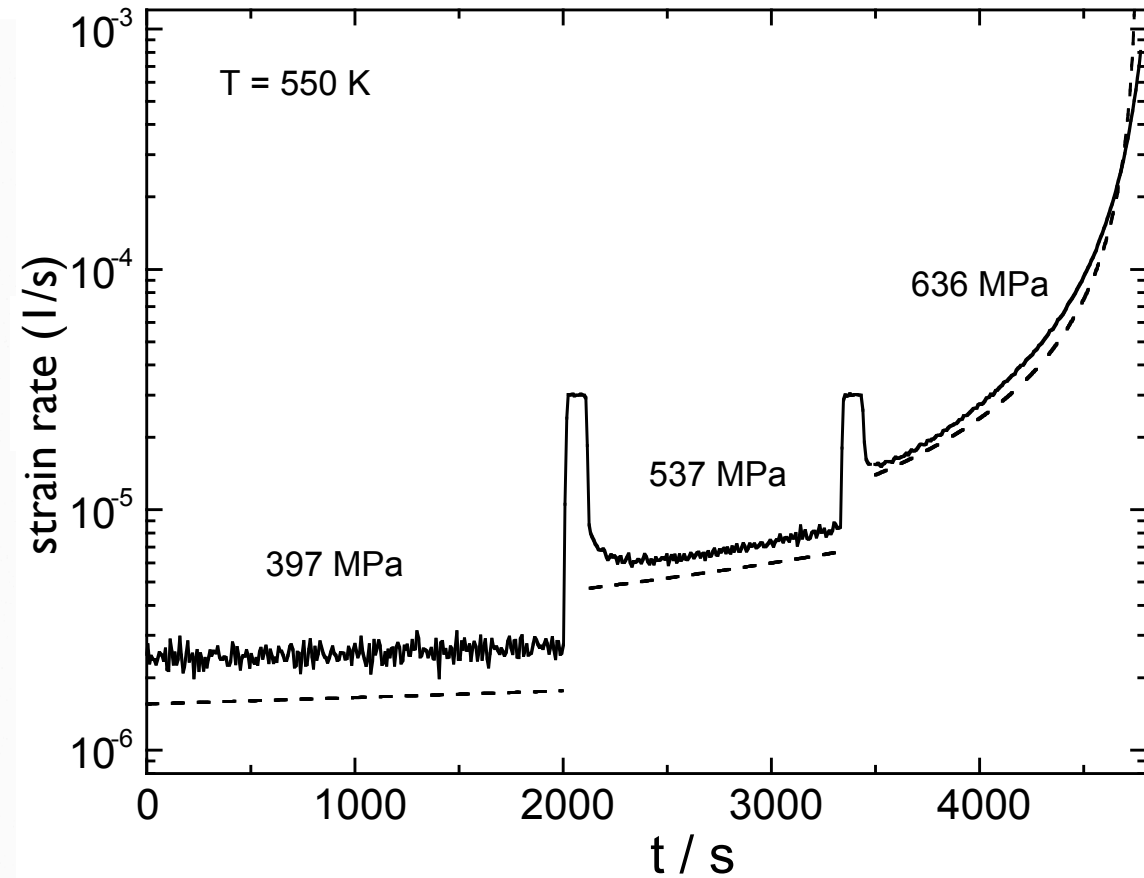
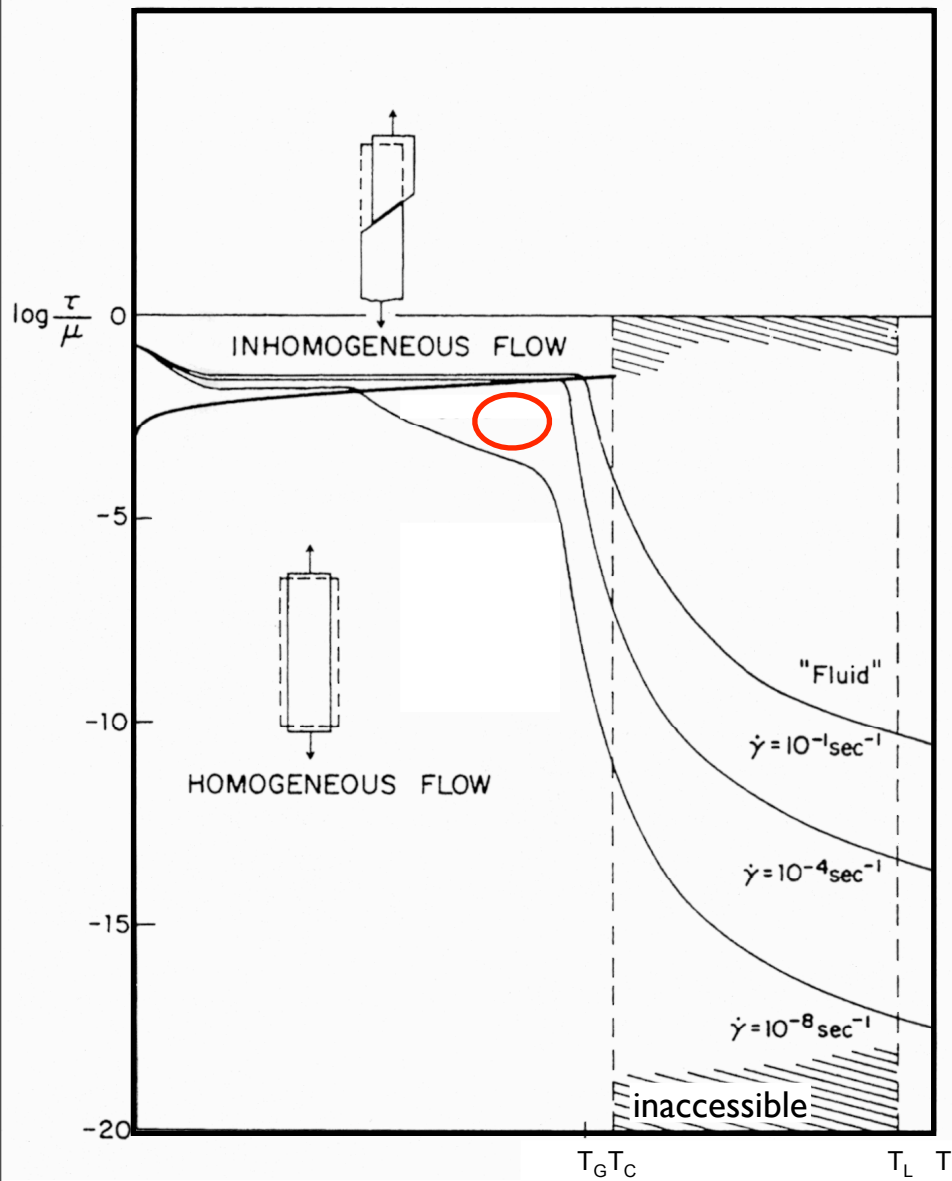
$$\frac{dc_f}{dt} = -k_r c_f^2 + (k_r c_{f,eq}) c_f$$

bimolecular
annihilation

unimolecular
creation

thermal

Glass at high stress



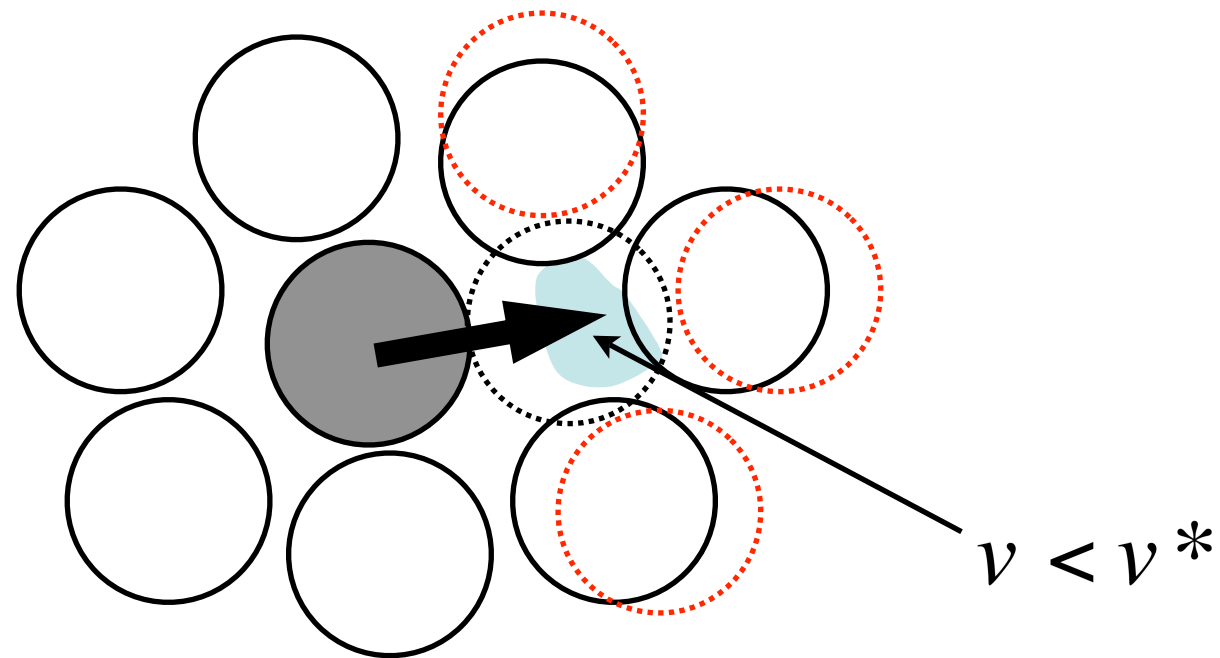
deformation-induced
softening

Shear flow causes dilatation



balloon packed with sand
saturated with water

Mechanism for creation of free volume



$$\frac{dv_f}{dt} = 3c_f k'_f \frac{kT}{\mu(1+\nu)} \frac{\gamma v^*}{v_f} \left[\cosh\left(\frac{\sigma \epsilon_o v_o}{2kT}\right) - 1 \right]$$

$$\propto \sigma^2 \quad \propto \sigma \frac{d\epsilon}{dt}$$

= applied power density

at small stress

Free volume creation parameters

fitted parameter $\dot{v}_f = a'_x \gamma v^* \dot{\epsilon} \sigma$

dilatation model $\dot{v}_f = \frac{1}{8} \frac{\Omega}{S} \frac{\gamma v^*}{v_f} \dot{\epsilon} \sigma$ ← applied power

$$a'_x = \frac{1}{8} \frac{\Omega}{v_f S}$$

Work to create one atomic volume
of free volume: 12-32 eV
Most energy dissipated as heat

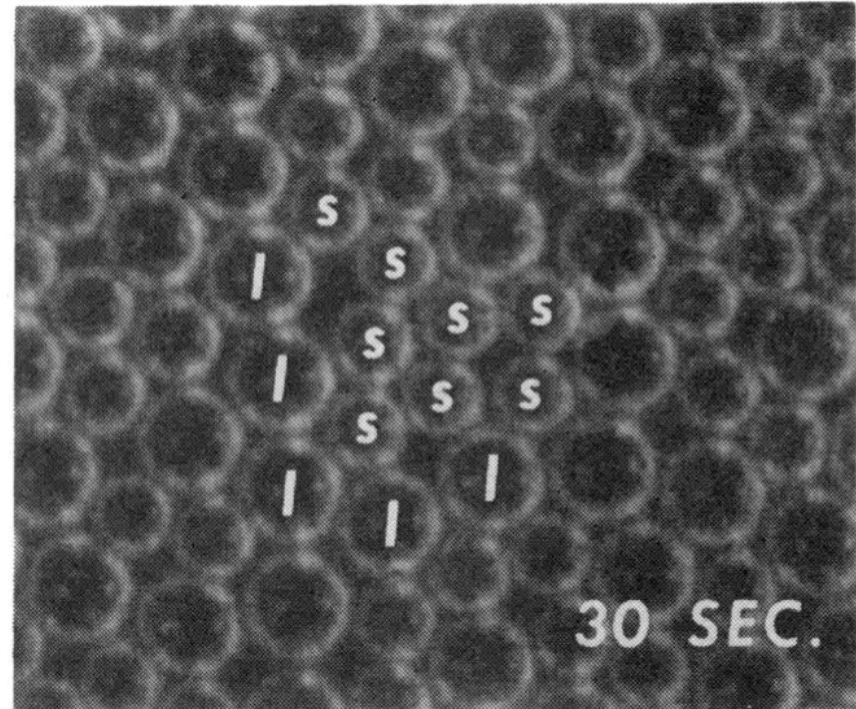
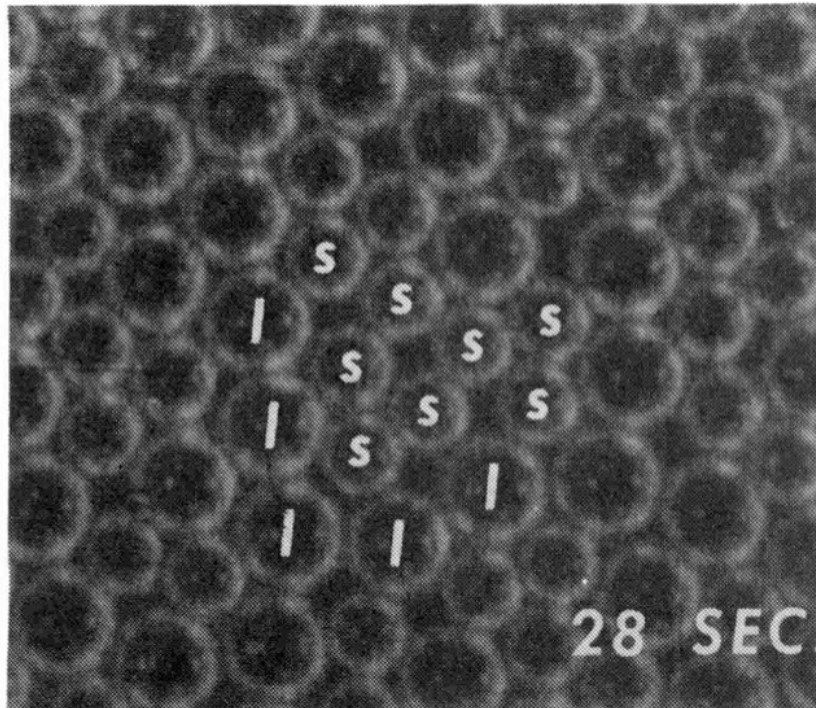
↑ $3 \cdot 10^{-11} Pa^{-1}$ ↑ $6 \cdot 10^{-10} Pa^{-1}$

only a small fraction (1/20) of the free volume
generated by the dilatation persists

Direct experimental evidence for the
structure of the flow defect

Dislocation in a crystal:
diffraction contrast of its strain field
in the electron microscopy

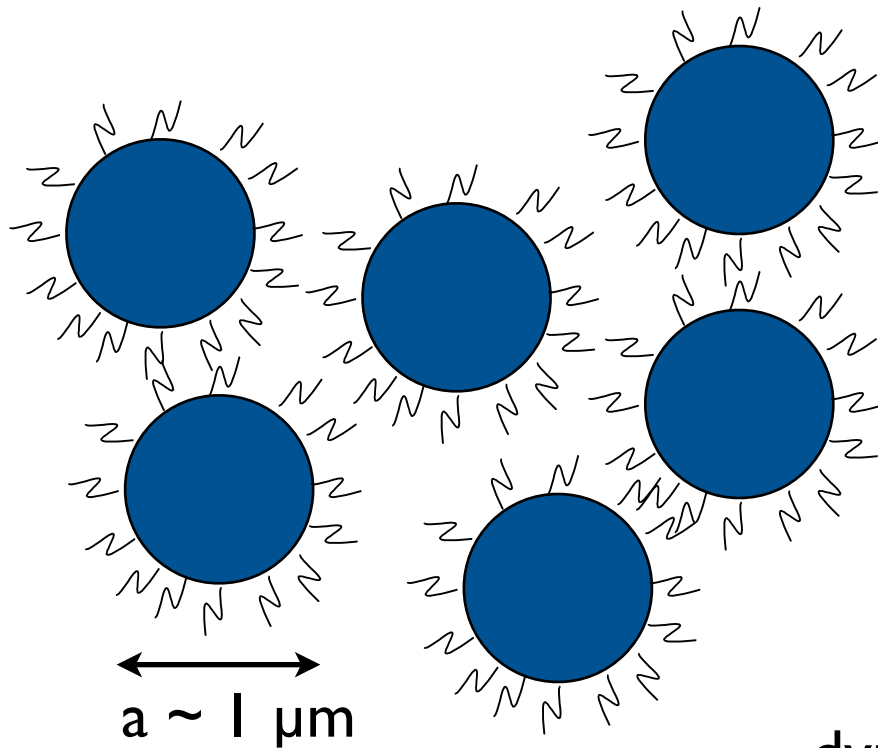
Amorphous bubble raft



Argon, 1979

Three-dimensional "bubble raft"

Colloids



Big
can be "seen"

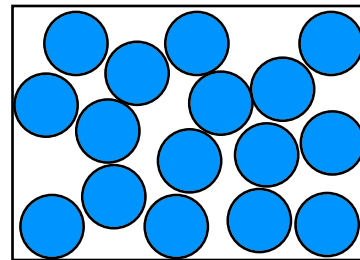
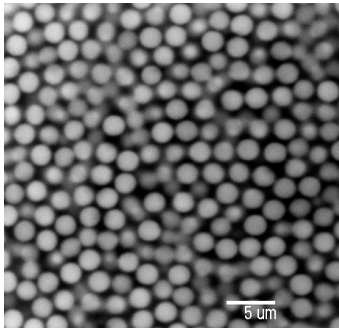
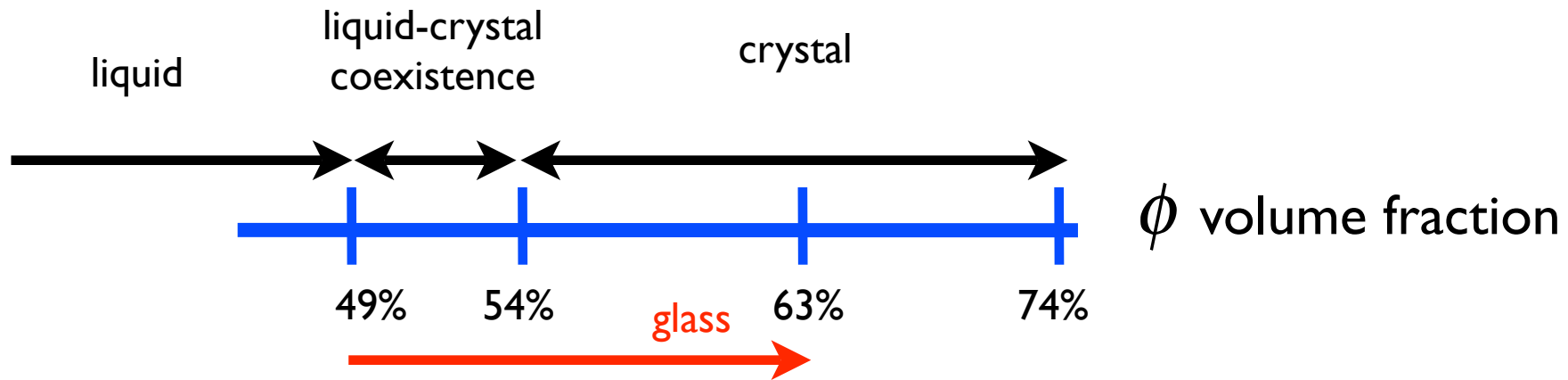
solid particles
in a solvent

short range repulsion
sometimes charged

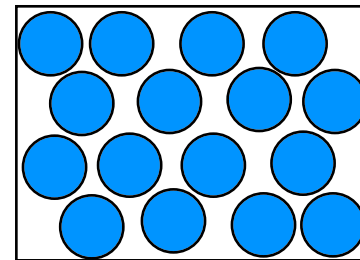
dynamics $\tau = \frac{a^2}{D} = \frac{\eta a^3}{kT} = 0.01-1 \text{ s}$

Slow
can be tracked

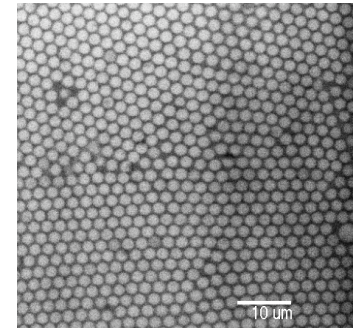
Hard sphere phases



$$\Phi_{\max} = 0.6366$$



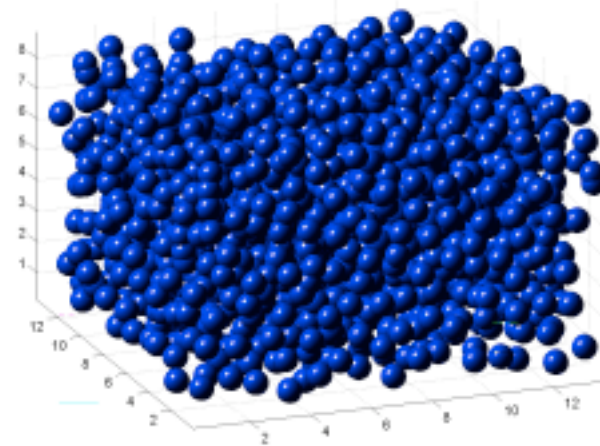
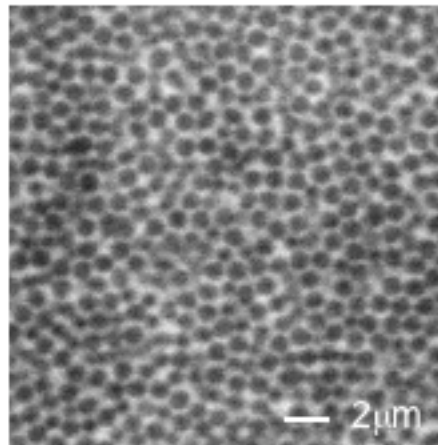
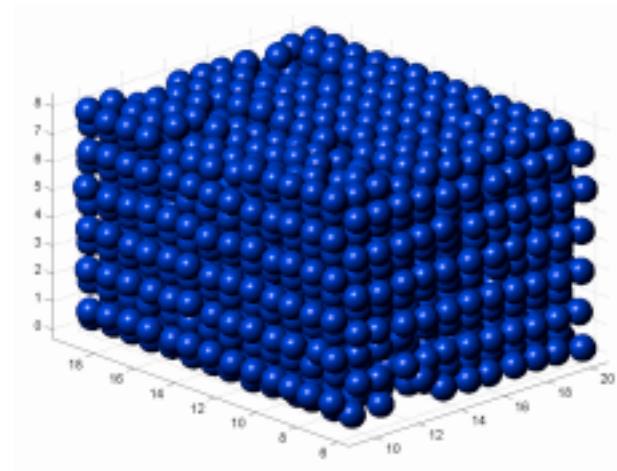
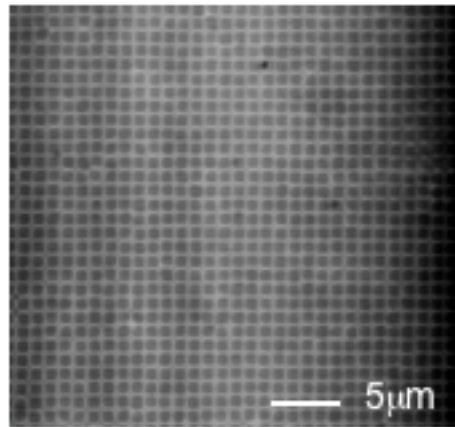
$$\Phi_{\max} = 0.7405$$



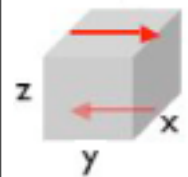
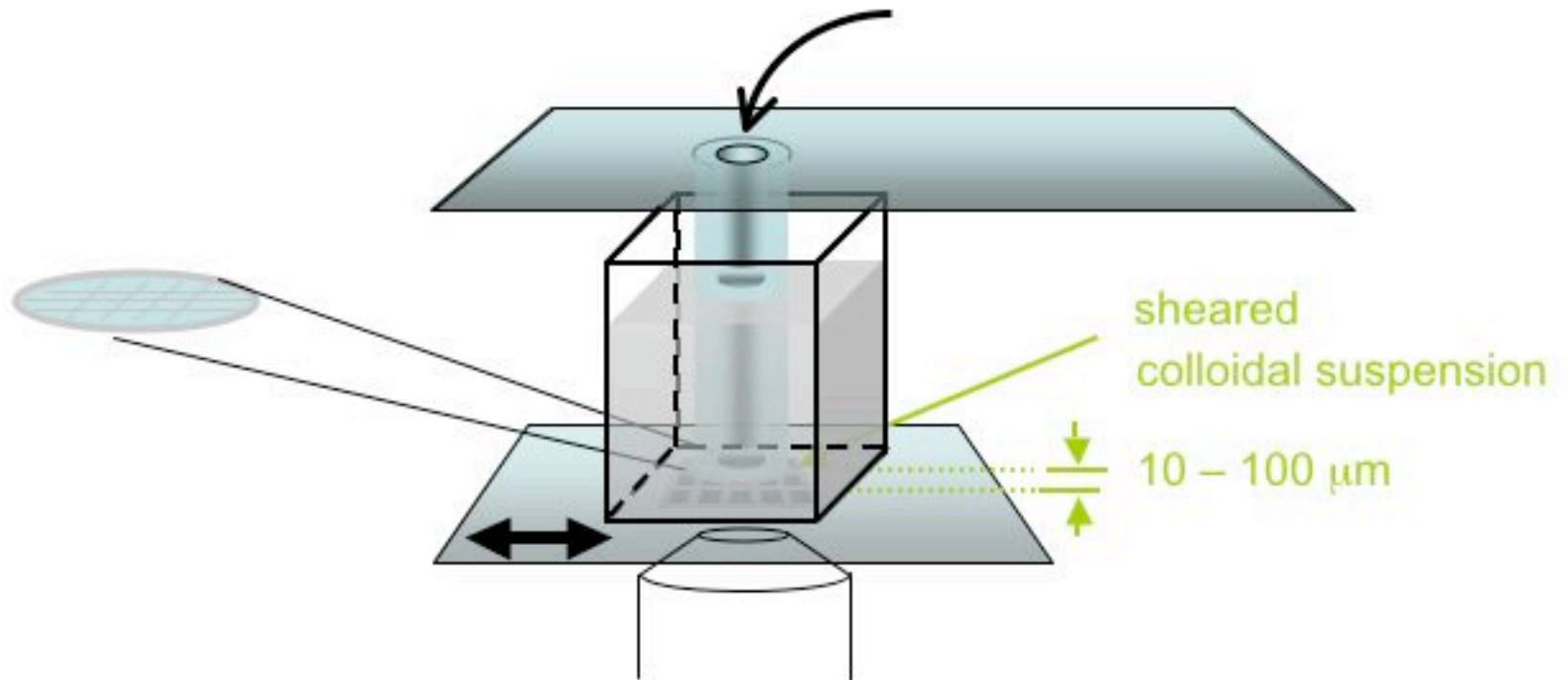
increase Φ decrease T
hard spheres atoms

←————→

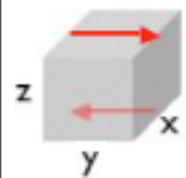
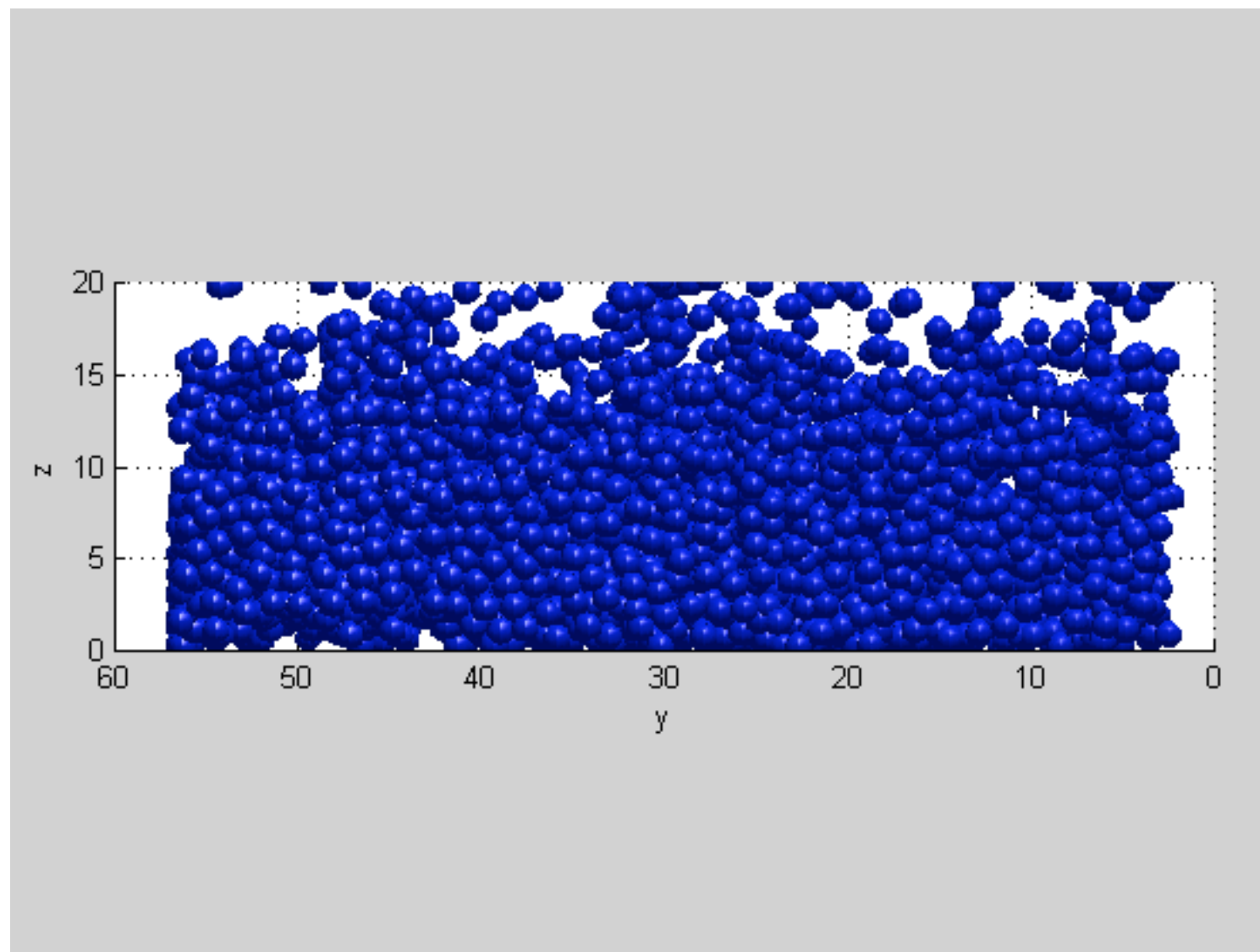
Crystalline and amorphous colloidal structures



Shear cell



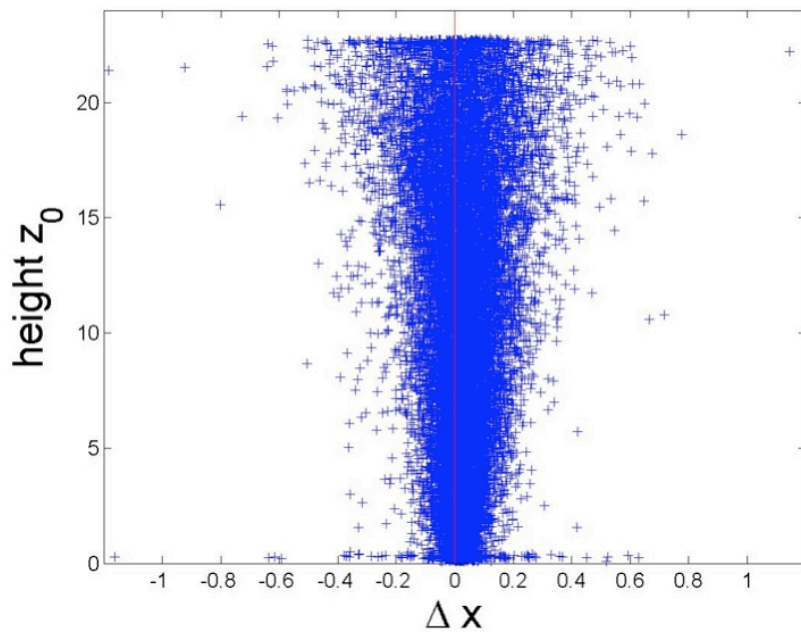
Shearing of a glass



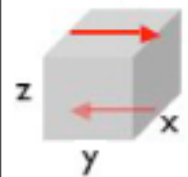
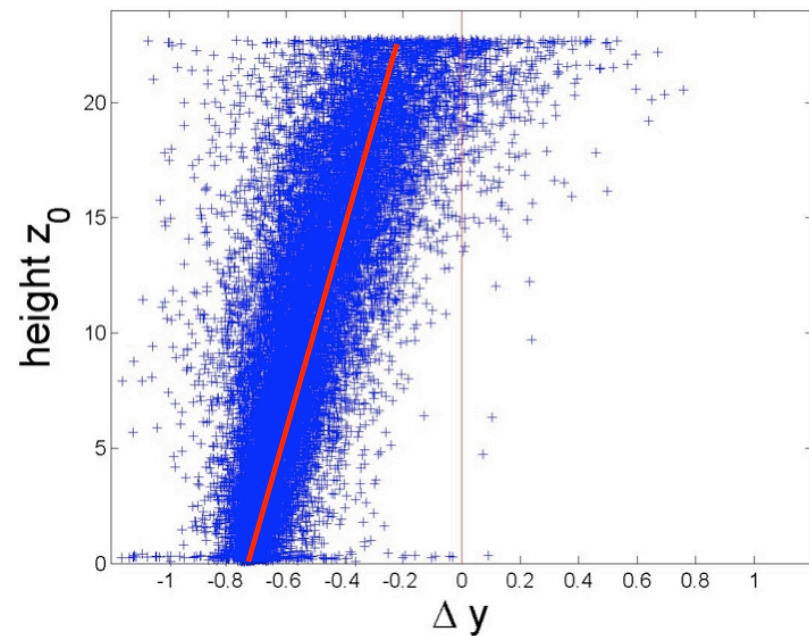
Particle displacements during shear

2.5% shear, 10^{-5} s^{-1}

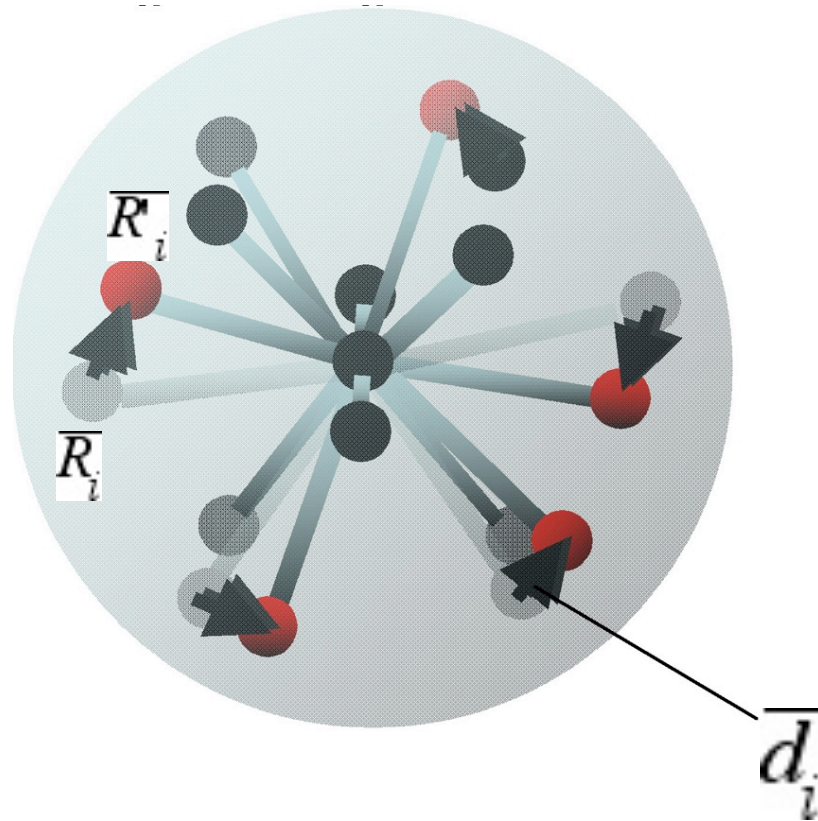
x-displacements



y-displacements



Calculation of the local strain tensor



best self-affine deformation

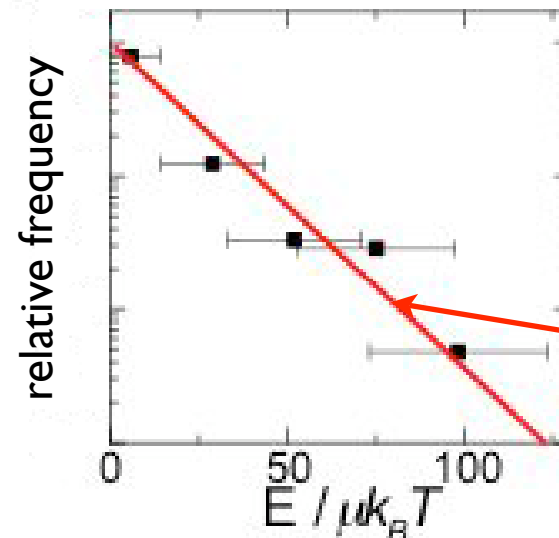
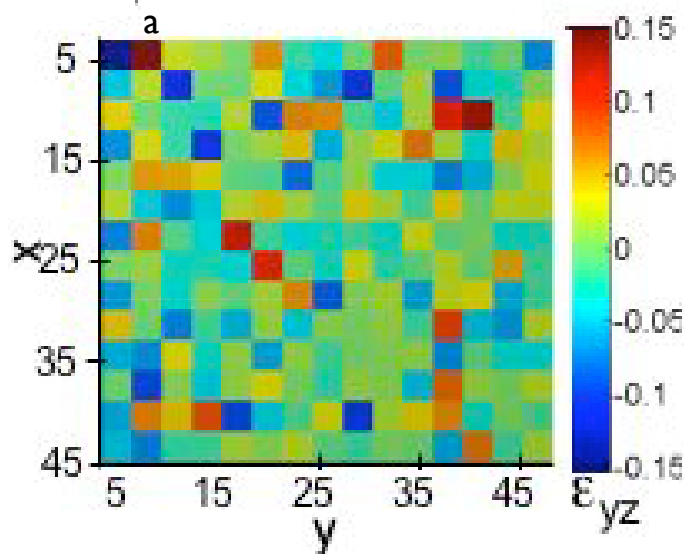
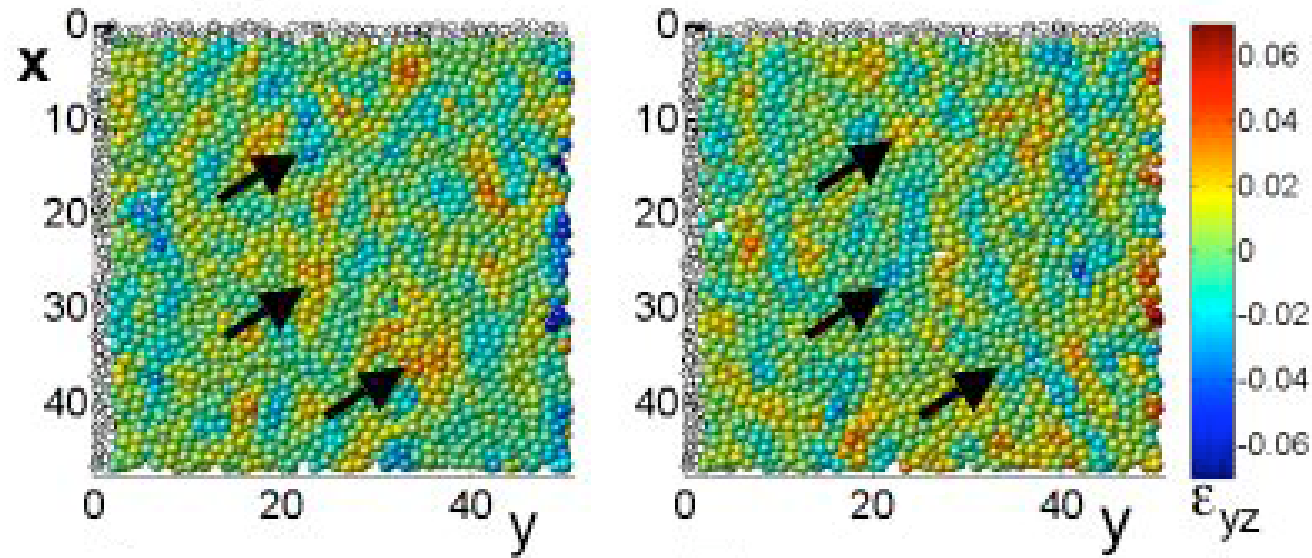
$$\overline{R}'_i = \overline{R}_i + \overline{\alpha} \cdot \overline{R}_i$$

optimize $\overline{\alpha}$ by minimizing

$$D^2 = \sum_i (\overline{d}_i - \overline{\alpha} \cdot \overline{R}_i)^2$$

$\overline{\epsilon}$ is the symmetric part of $\overline{\alpha}$

Thermal fluctuations of ϵ_{yz} (phonons)

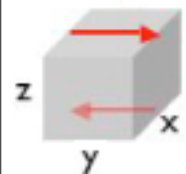


$$\frac{E}{\mu} = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_{yz}^2 a^3$$

$$f(E) = \exp\left(-\mu \frac{E/\mu}{kT}\right)$$

$$\mu = 0.056 \text{ Pa}$$

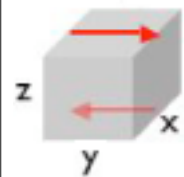
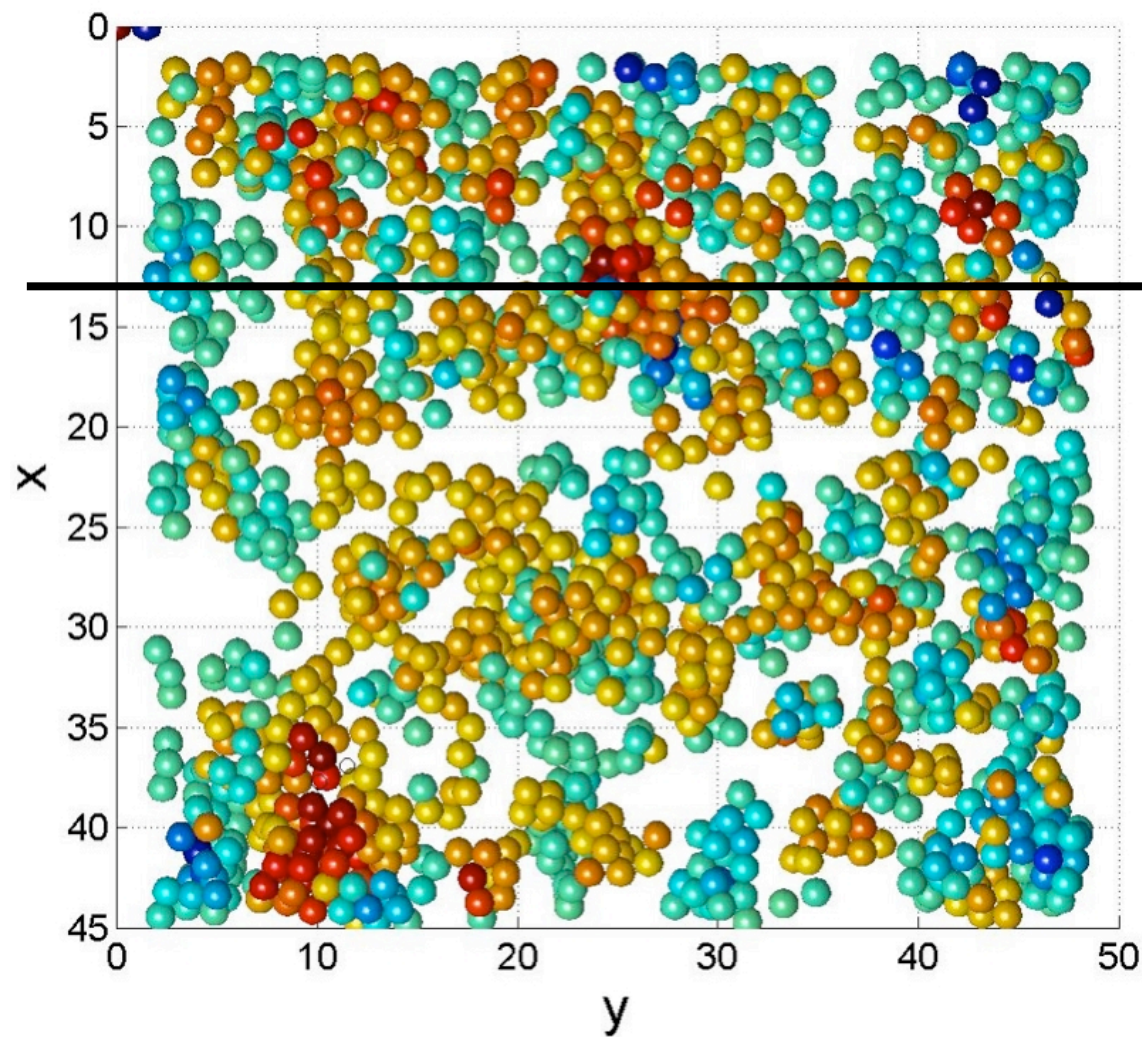
$$\approx \frac{kT}{\Omega}$$



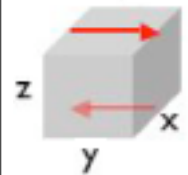
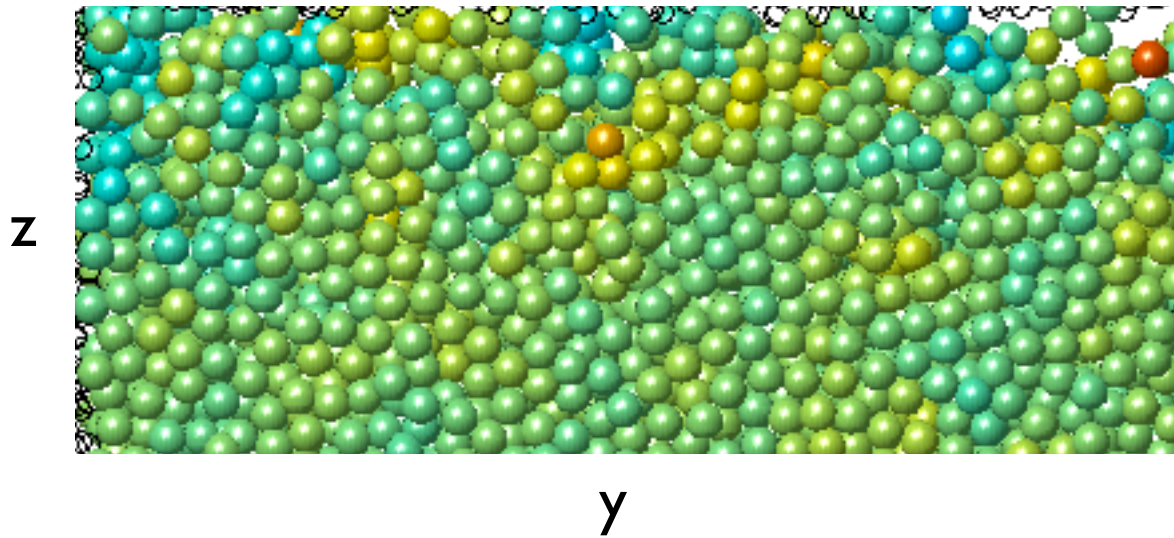
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top 5% shear strain in the direction of the applied shear

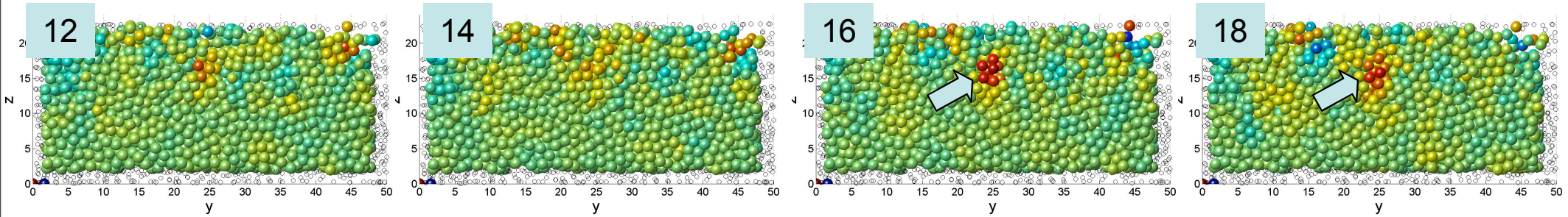
top 5% shear strain opposite to the applied shear



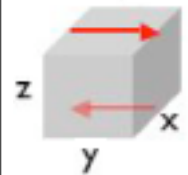
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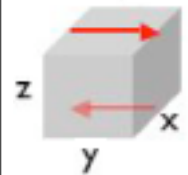
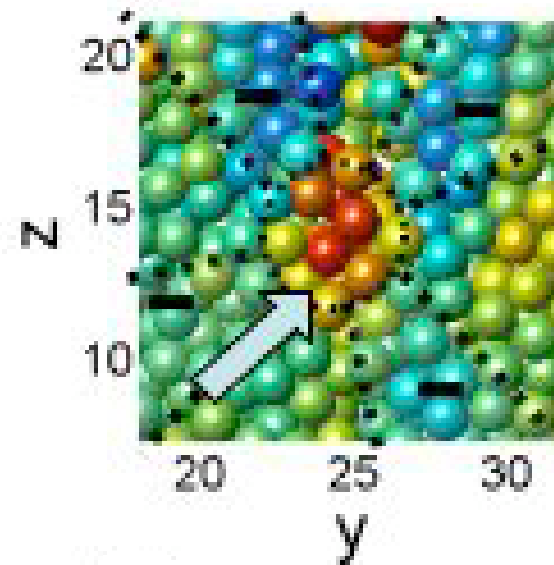
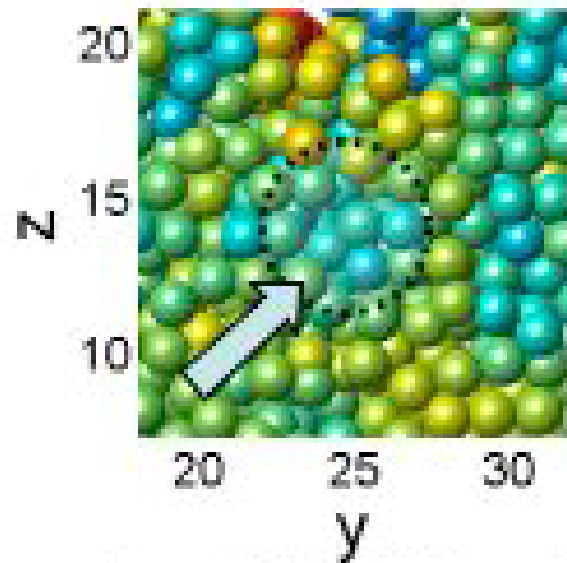
Shear event (ϵ_{yz})



irreversible

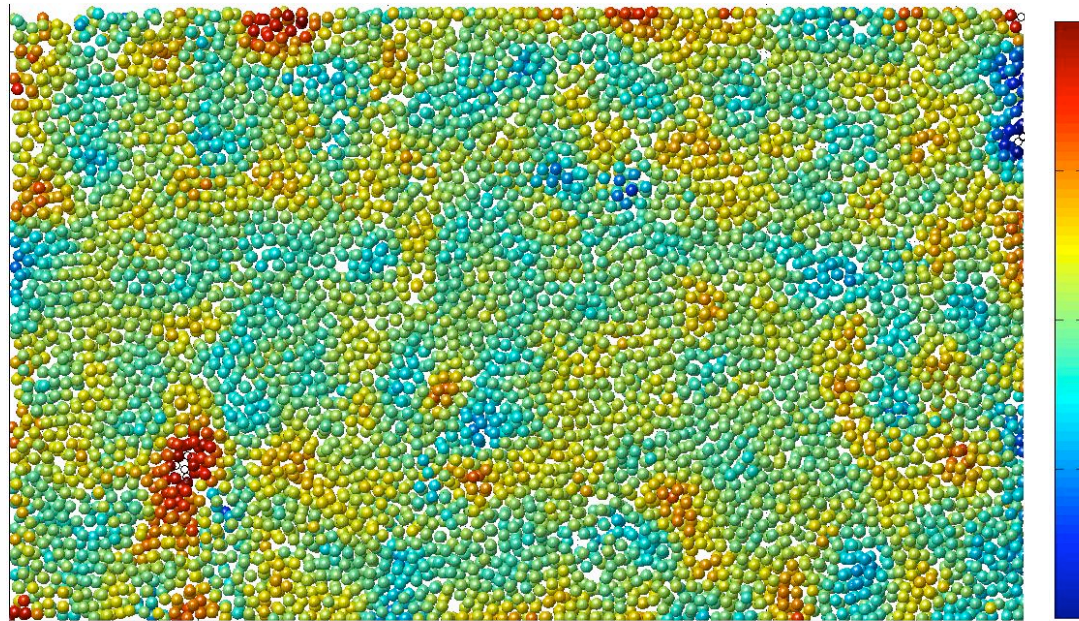


Stress distribution (ϵ_{yz}) around the flow defect



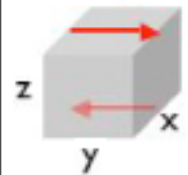
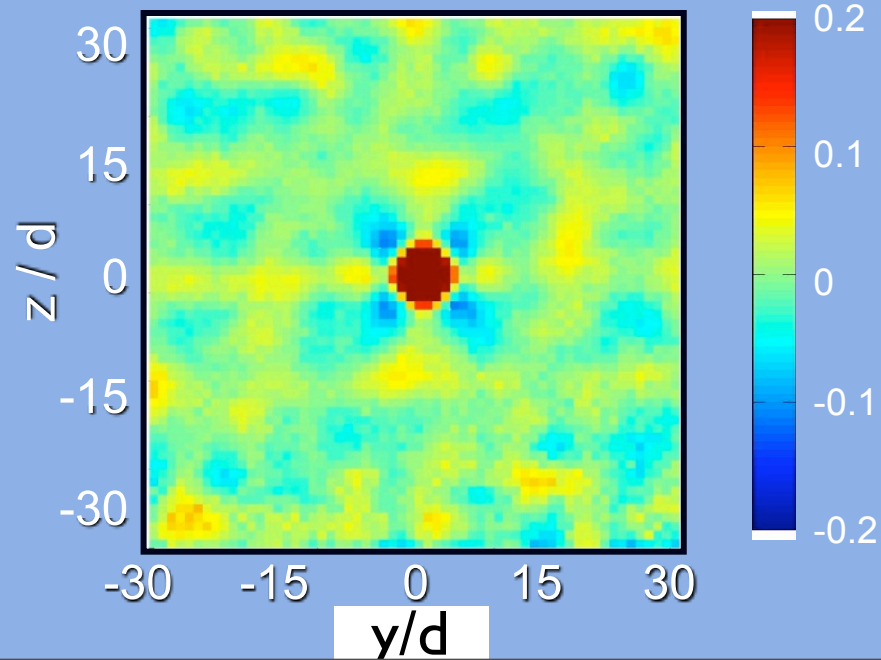
Correlations of ϵ_{yz} around the flow defect

V. Chikkadi, B. Nienhuis
and P. Schall (2010)

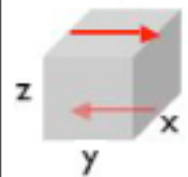
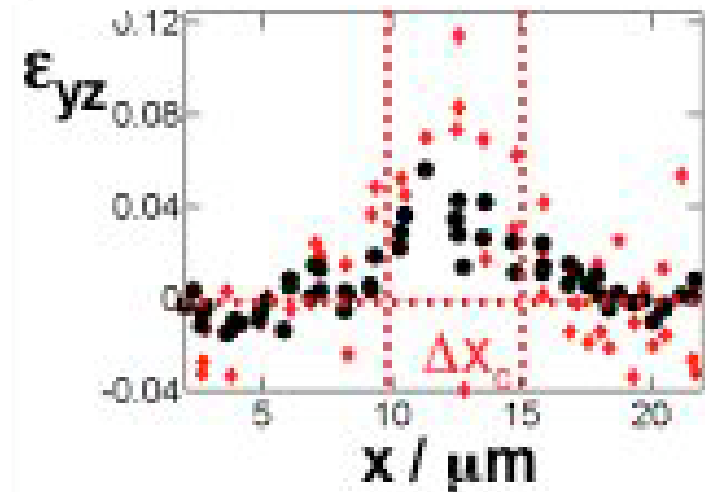
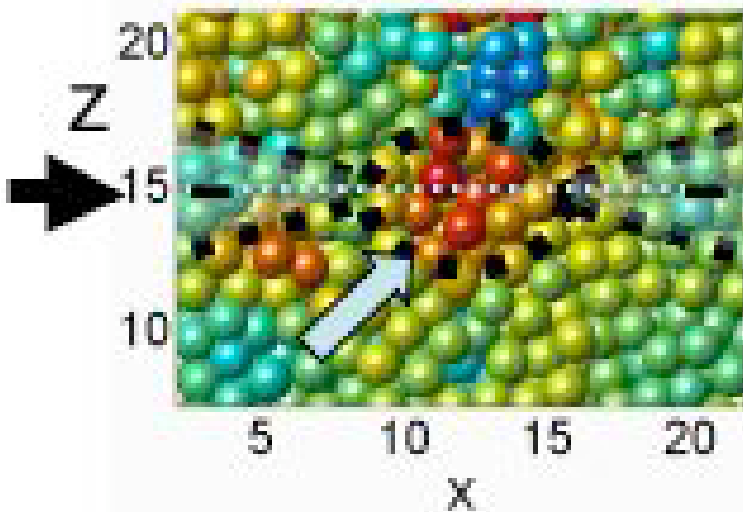
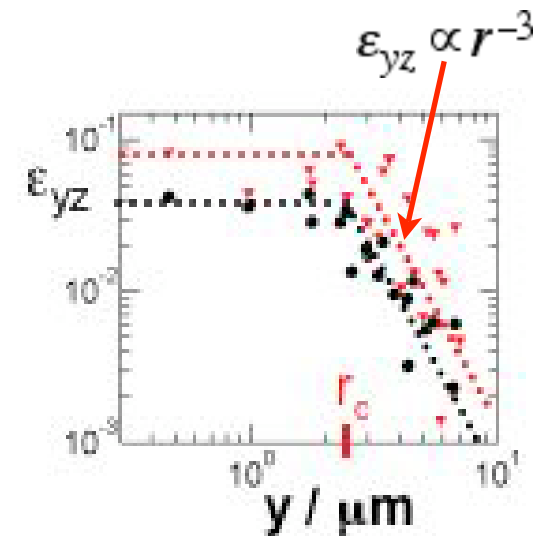
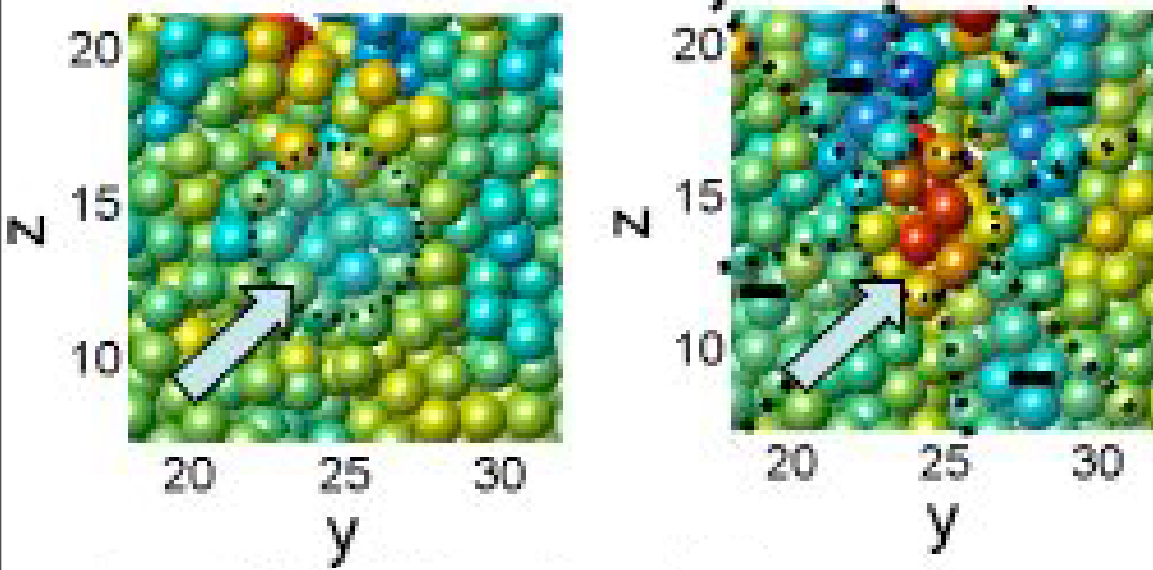


$$C_{\epsilon_{yz}}(\bar{\Delta}) = \frac{\langle \epsilon_{yz}(\bar{r}) \epsilon_{yz}(\bar{r} + \bar{\Delta}) \rangle - \langle \epsilon_{yz} \rangle^2}{\langle \epsilon_{yz}^2 \rangle - \langle \epsilon_{yz} \rangle^2}$$

Strain Correlation

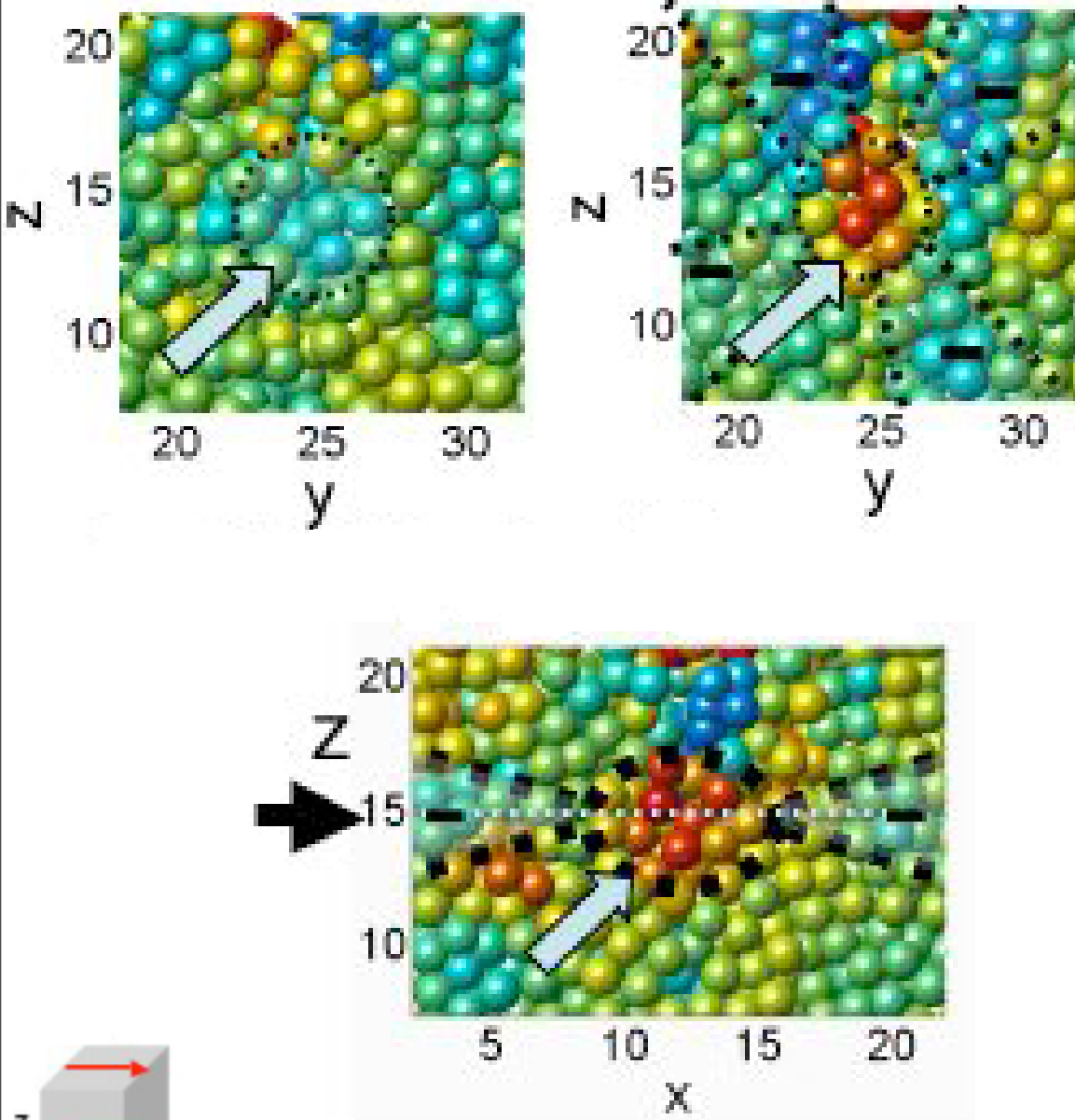


Stress distribution (ϵ_{yz}) around the flow defect



Activation volume

27 particles



$$\varepsilon_0 v_0$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{27} \varepsilon_{0,i} v_i$$

↑ unconstrained strain

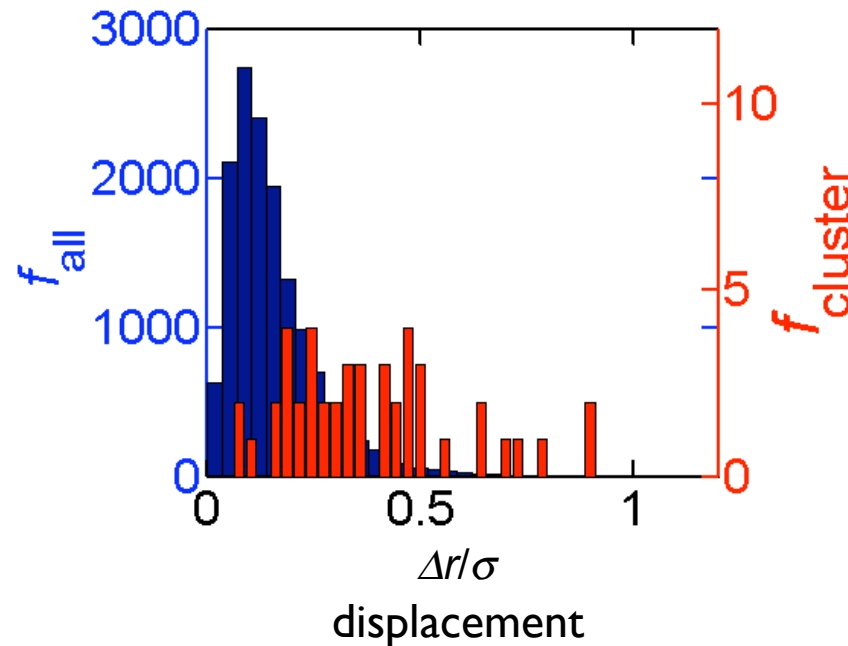
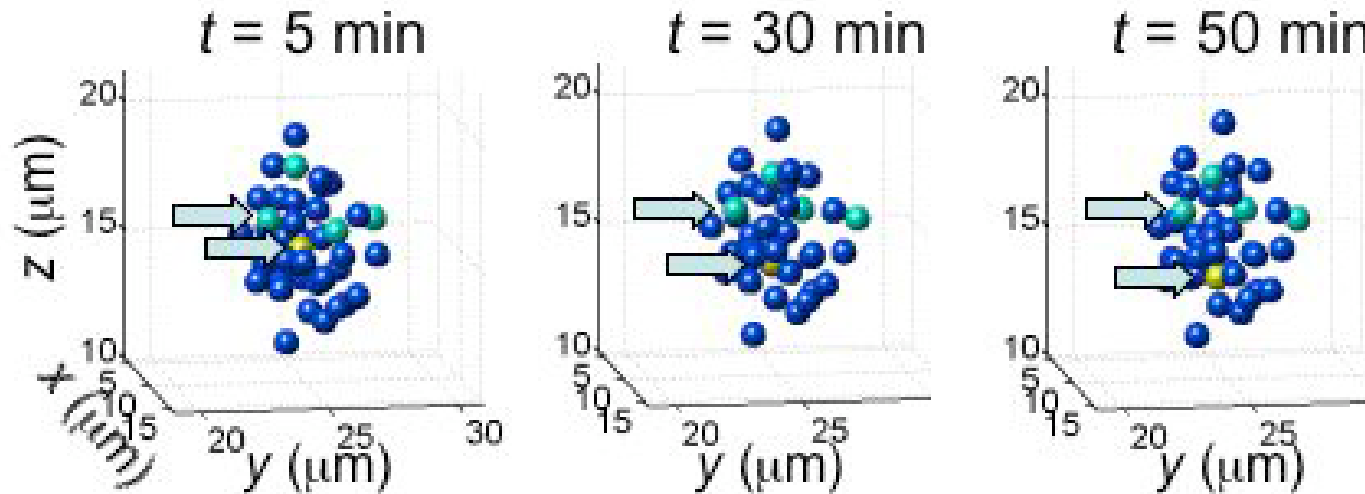
$$= \sum_{i=1}^{27} \frac{15(1-\nu)}{2(4-5\nu)} 2\varepsilon_{yz,i} v_i$$

↑ constrained strain (measured)

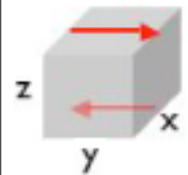
$$= \Omega \frac{15(1-\nu)}{(4-5\nu)} \sum_{i=1}^{27} \varepsilon_{yz,i}$$

$$= 8.5 \Omega$$

“Locking” of the shear (irreversibility)



distribution of
particle displacements
at $t = 30$ min

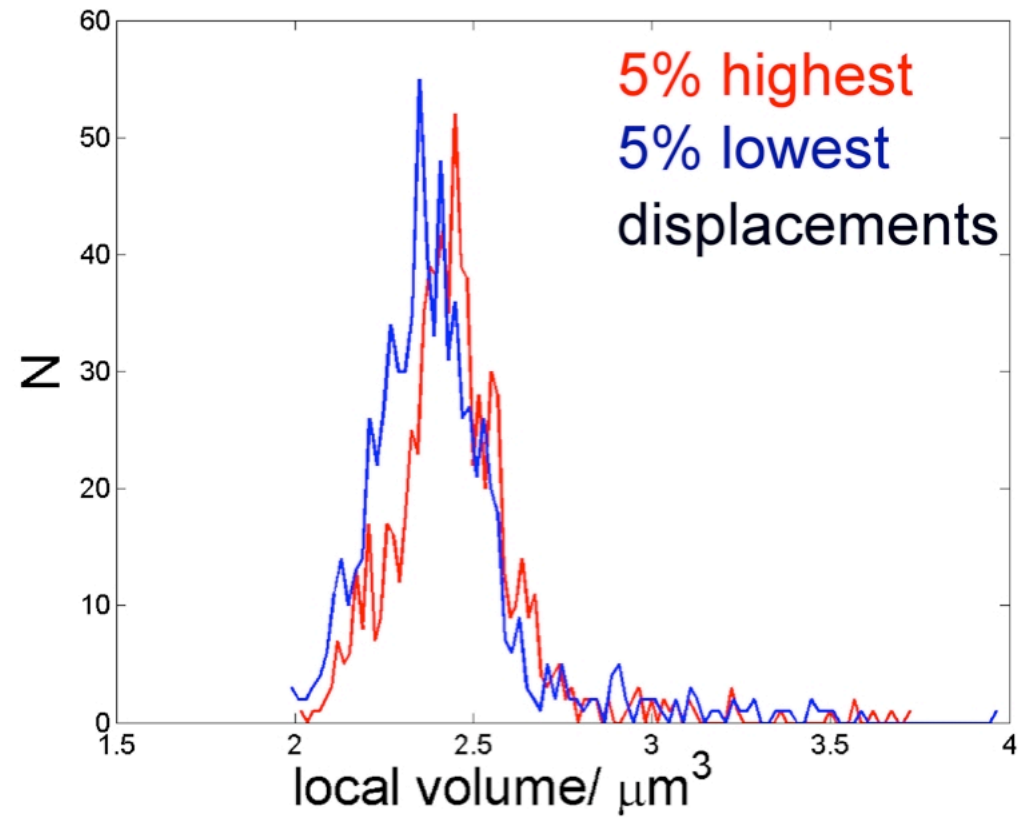
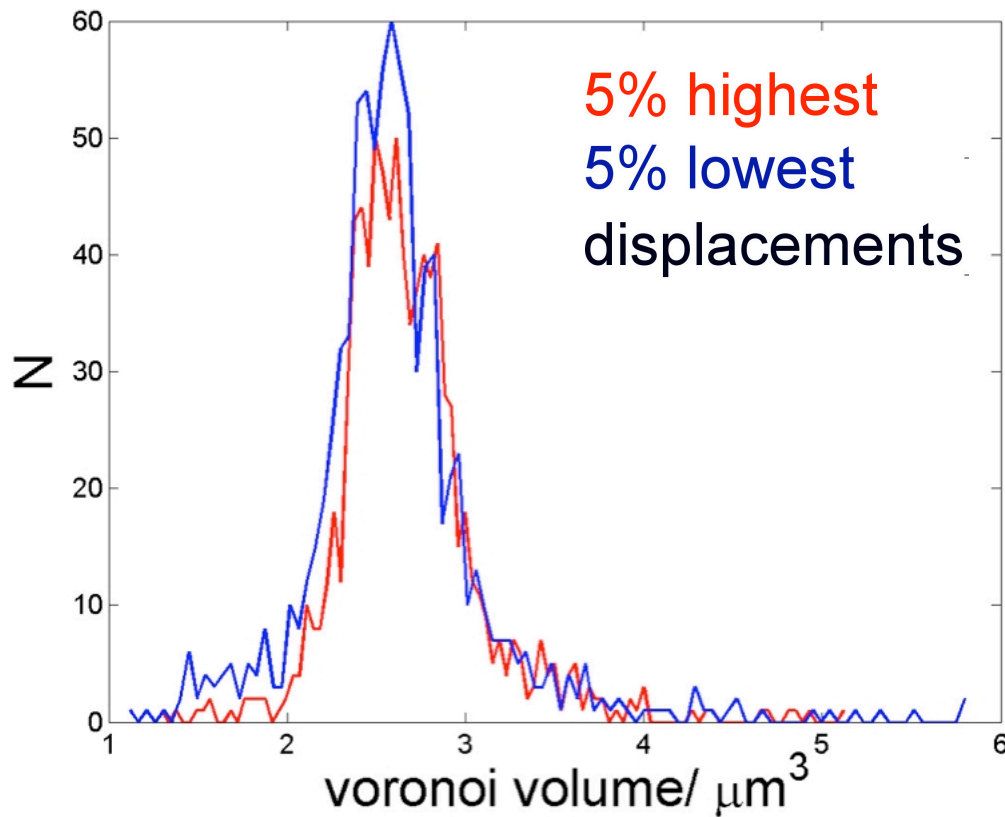
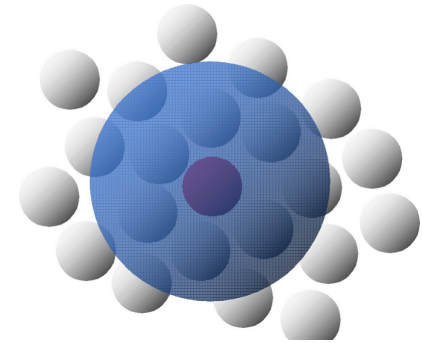


Effect of density (free volume)

Correlation of flow and free volume

Atomic volume
(Voronoi cell)

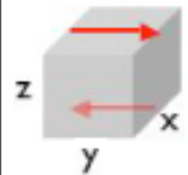
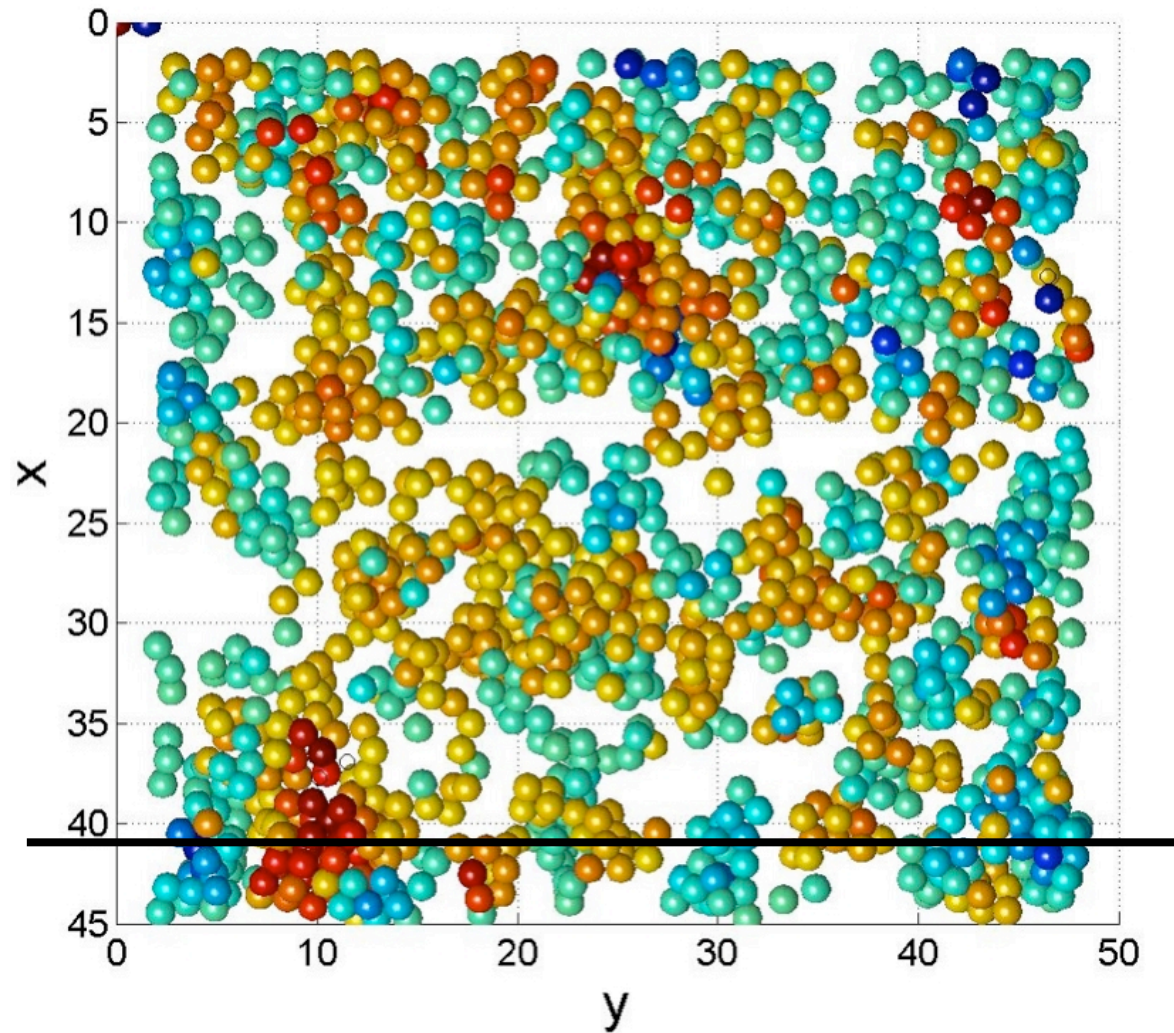
Local volume



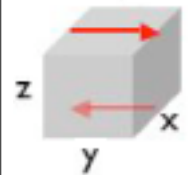
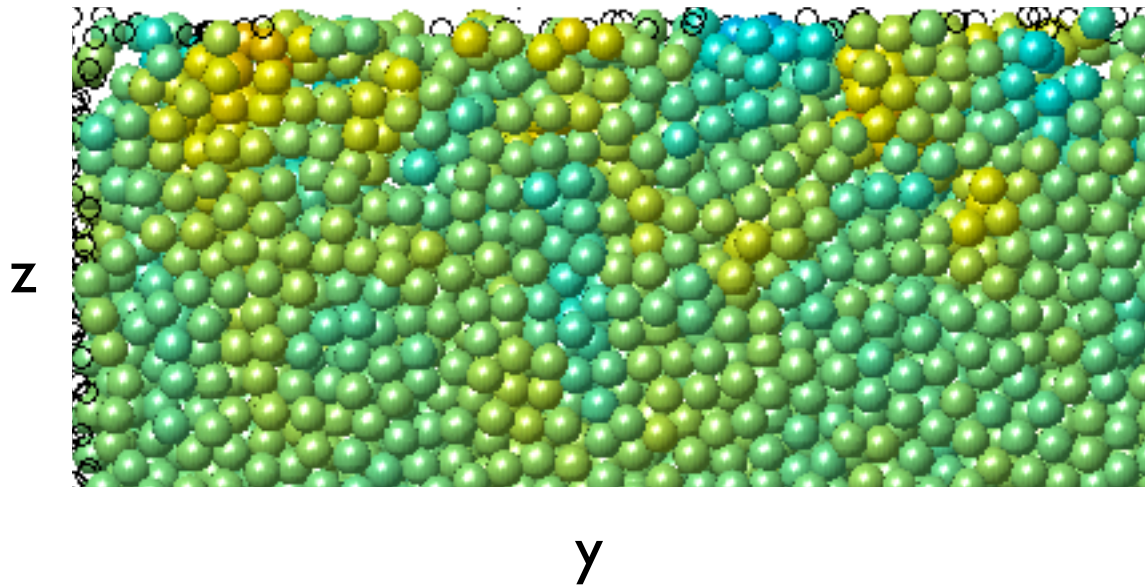
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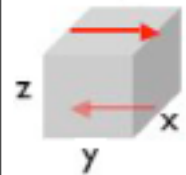
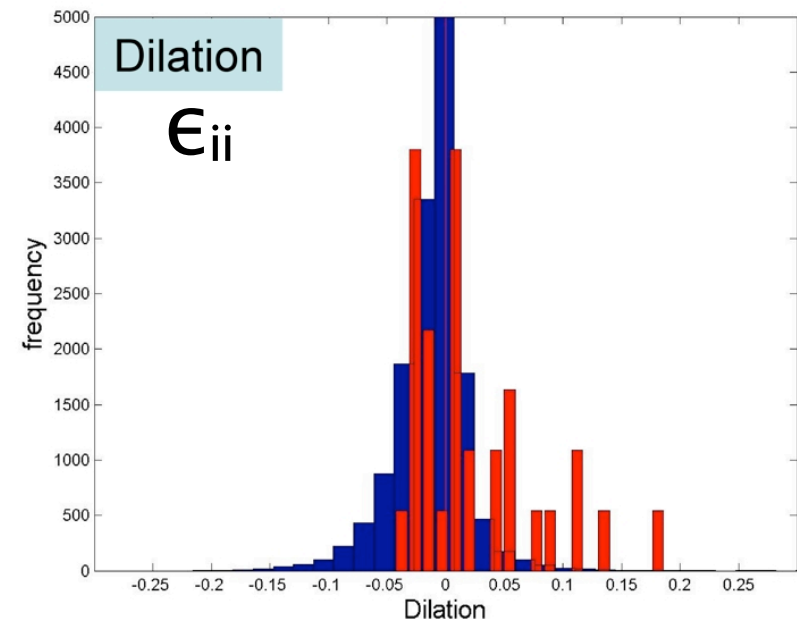
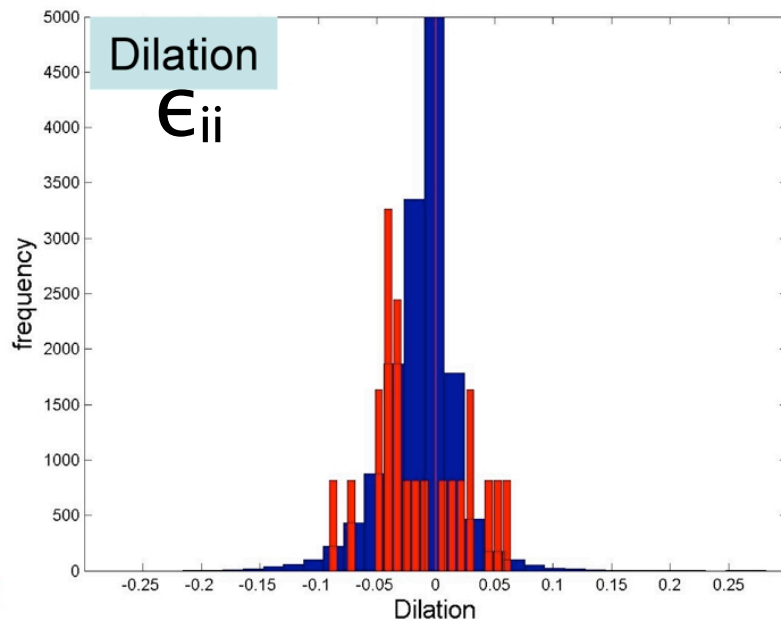
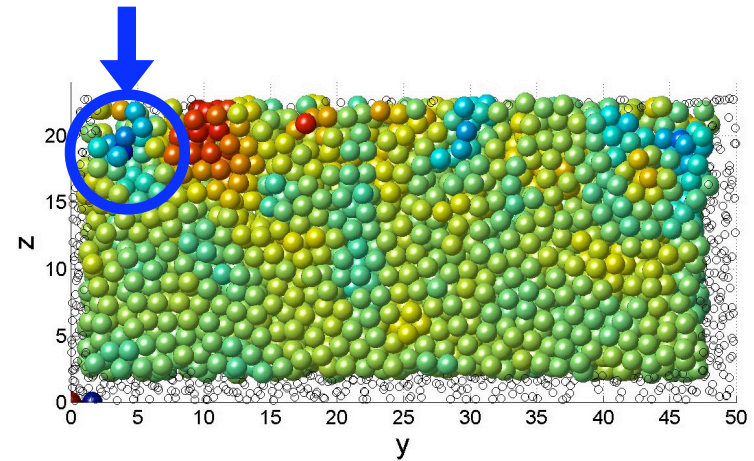
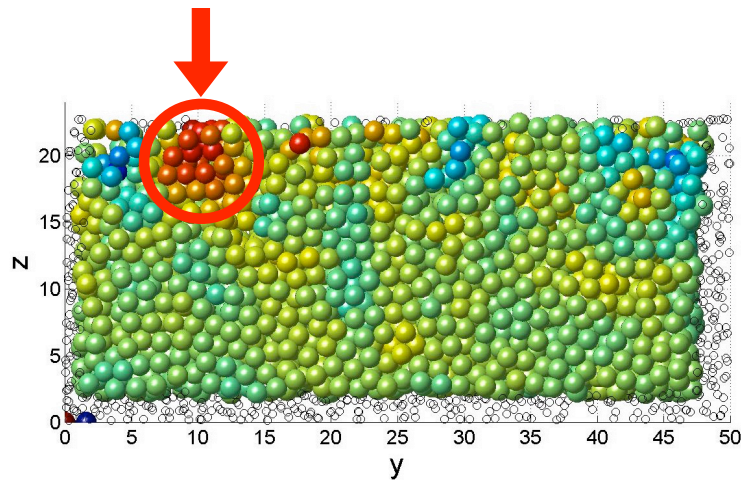
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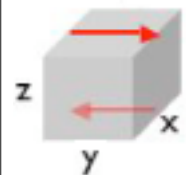
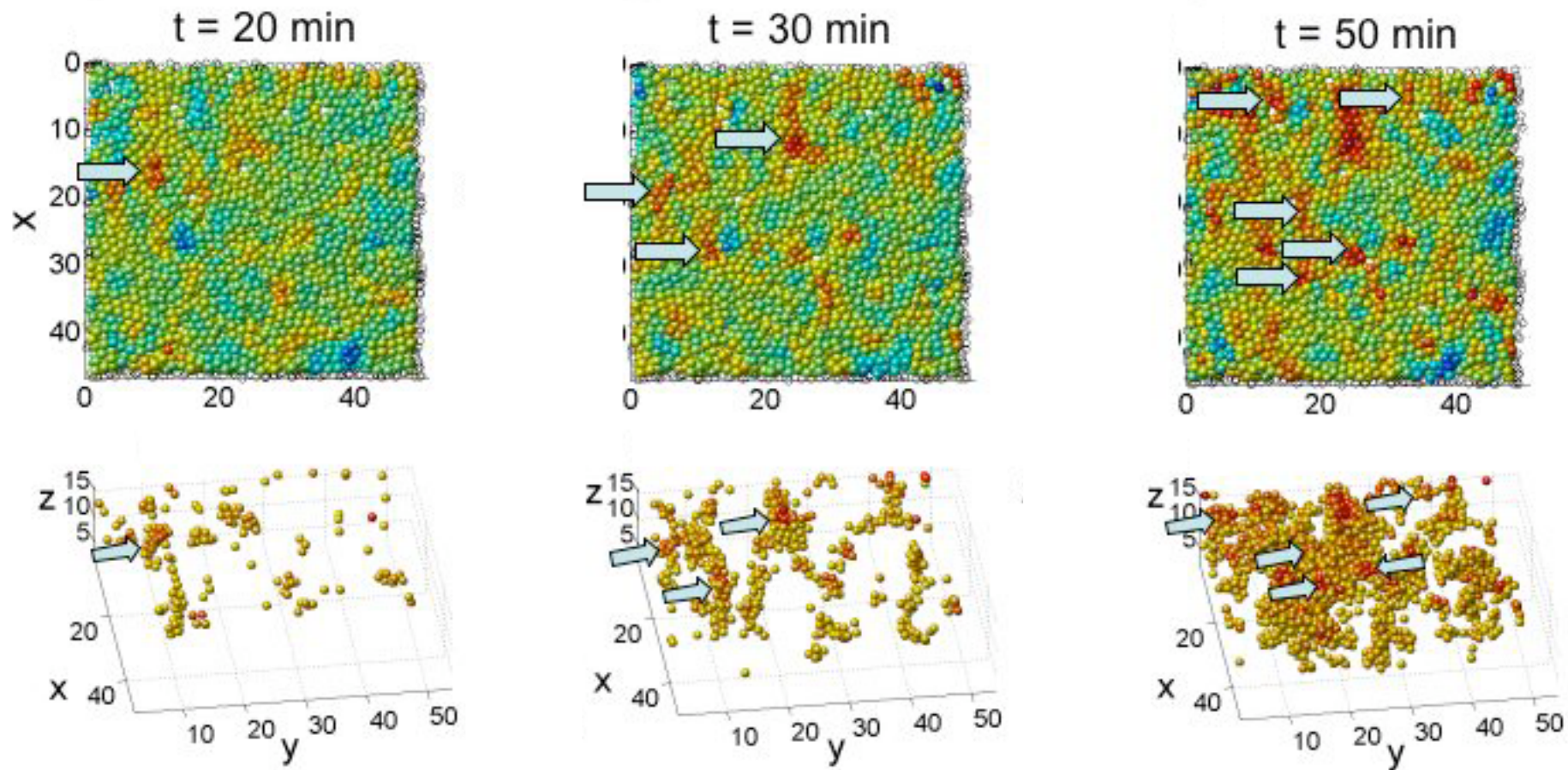
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Analysis of a flow defect



Correlation between shear events



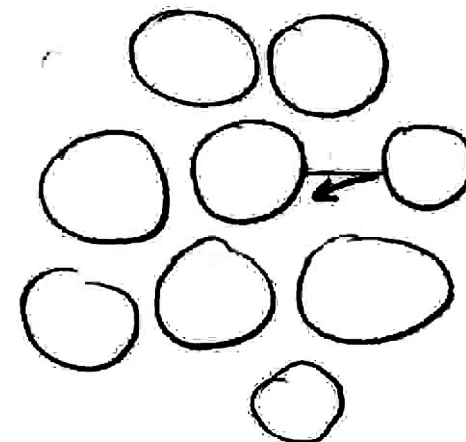
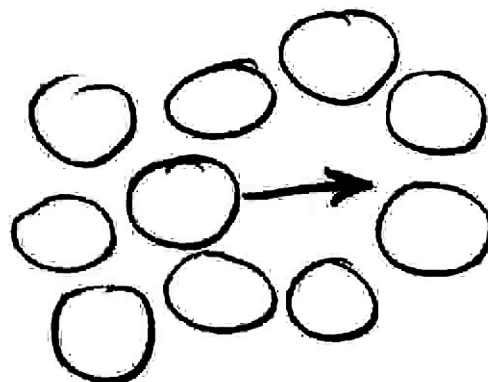
The free volume model

Density is the controlling parameter for hard spheres

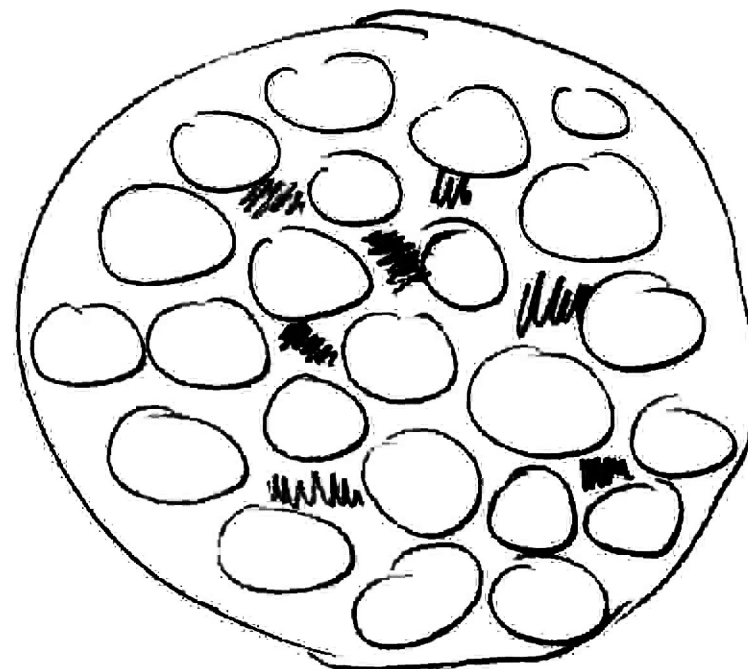
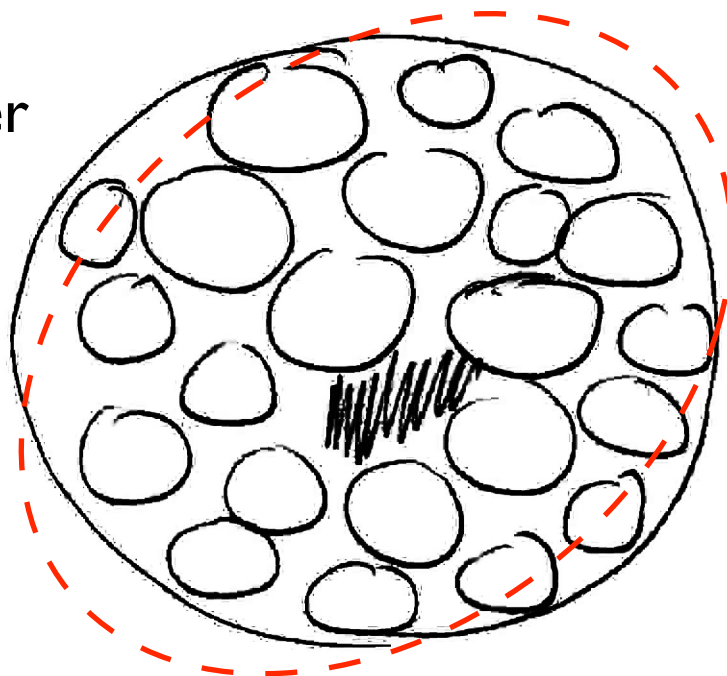
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Relation to the shear zone

Original Cohen-Turnbull
diffusion

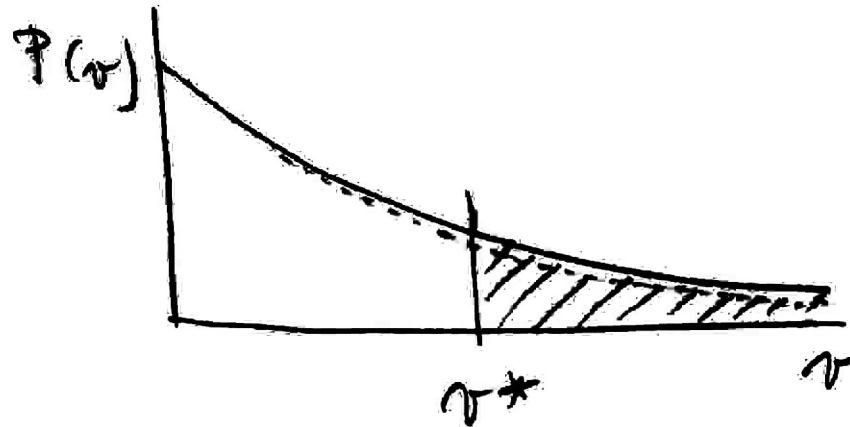


shear zone: larger



The free volume model

Ergodic vs non-ergodic distributions



pressure: non-ergodic
rescaling

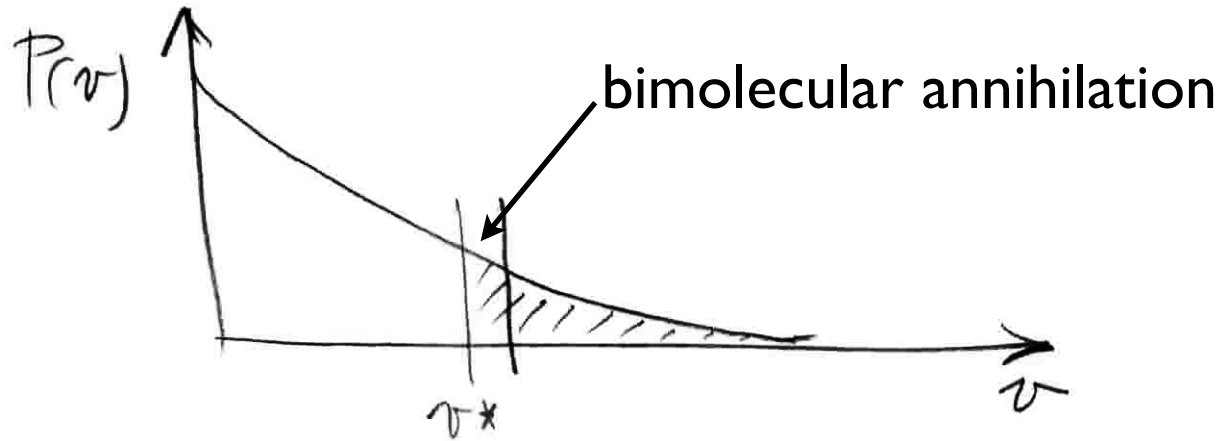
$$\exp\left(-\frac{\gamma v^*}{v_f - \epsilon v_f}\right)$$

pressure: ergodic
redistribution

$$\exp\left(-\frac{\gamma v^*}{v_f - \epsilon \Omega}\right)$$

The free volume model

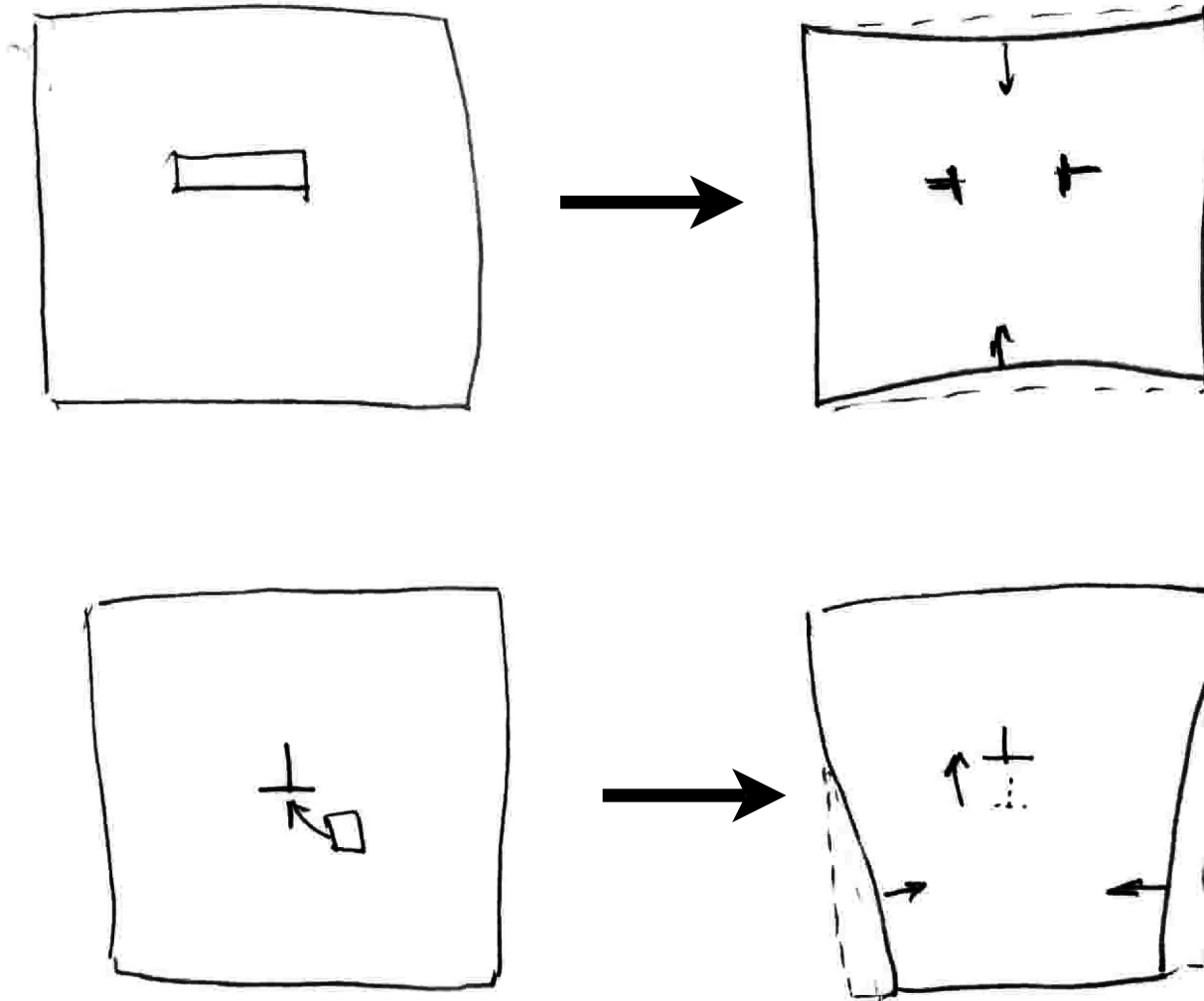
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Cohen-Grest model: low- and high-free volume clusters

The free volume model

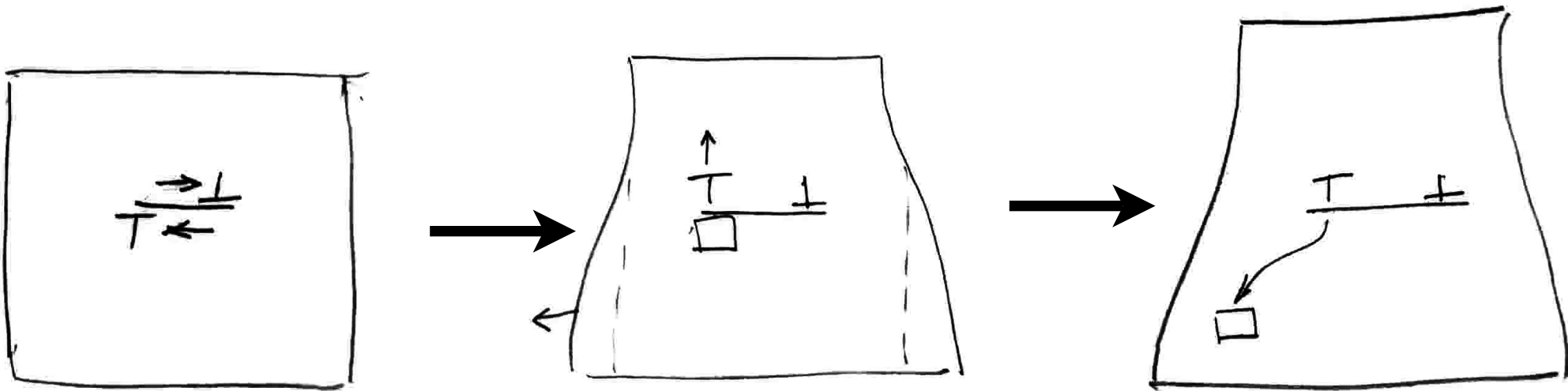
Annihilation and creation of volume: **singularities**



The free volume model

Annihilation and creation of volume: **singularities**

shear can create the singularity necessary for annihilation/creation



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