

About elasto-plasticity, anisotropy, dilatancy  
and an alternative macro-view on jamming  
under isotropic and deviatoric deformations

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# Introduction

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- Granular materials are the combination of **discrete** solid (macroscopic) particles
- **many interesting phenomena - can we understand them all together?**
  - history, slow relaxation, creep, shear-localization, “avalanches”, ...**
  - jamming “point” – and shear jamming**
- Everywhere in nature/industry and used in day-to-day life.

Examples:



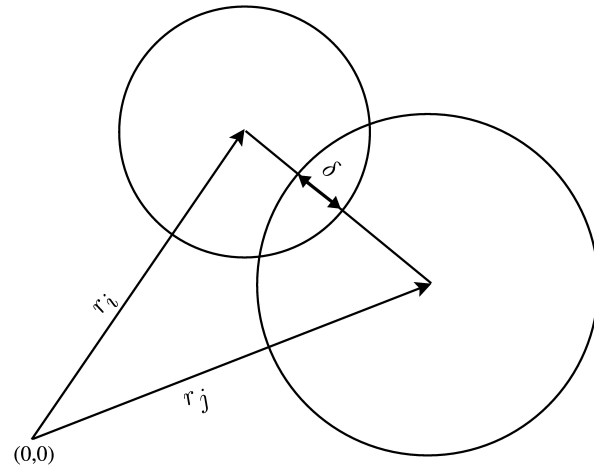
# Overview – where do we start?

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- Jam-**packed** systems ... not a (single) jamming point ...
- **Simplest** model system (linear, no friction, no cohesion, no walls)
- **no(?)** dynamics, jiggling, granular temperature, Brownian dynamics
- microstructure+dilatancy+anisotropy+history

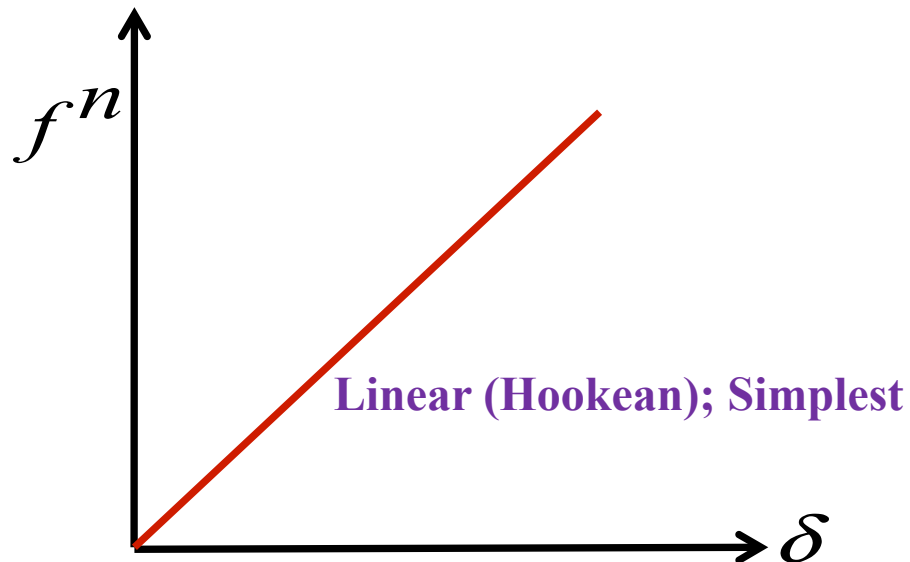
# DEM (Discrete element method) = MD

Develop **force – delta (overlap) interaction relation**, when two entities interact



Solve Newton's equation of motion

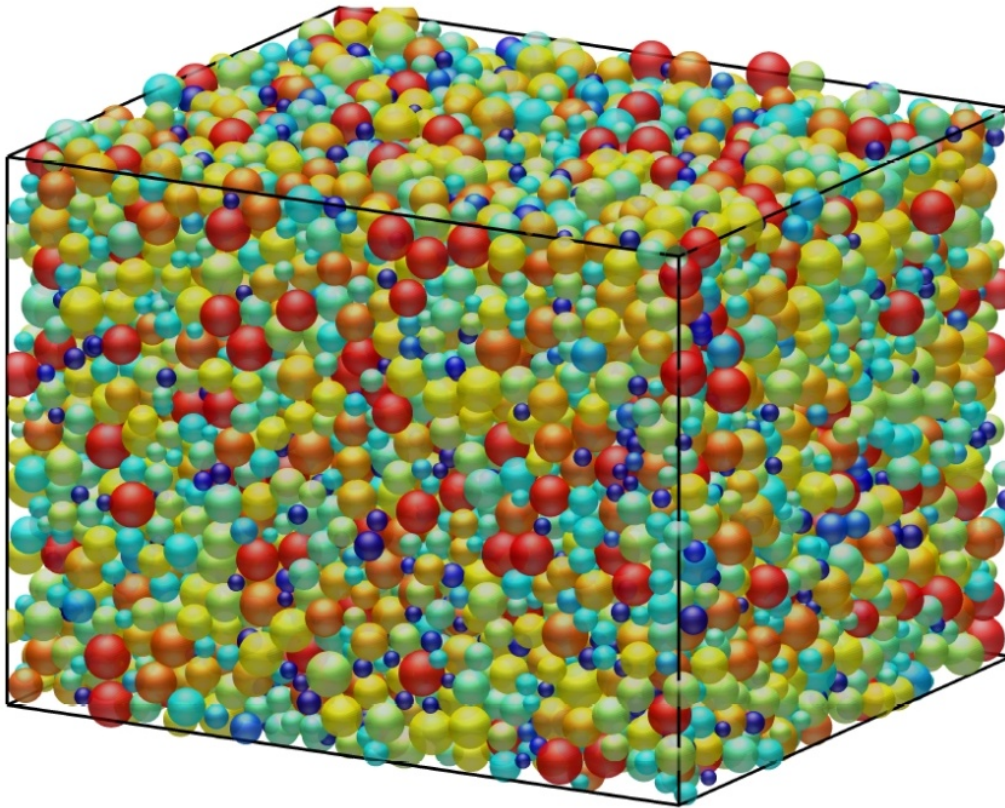
$$m_i \ddot{\mathbf{r}}_i = \mathbf{F}_i + \sum_{j \in N: j \neq i} \mathbf{F}_{ij}$$



**Exclude:**  
nonlinear elastic  
nonlinear plastic  
Friction  
Cohesive

# Simplest Model System

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- 3D (true) tri-axial periodic box
- Linear visco-elastic contact model
$$f^n = k\delta + \gamma \dot{\delta}$$
- Strain controlled
- Quasi-static deformation
- Polydisperse spheres
- Frictionless samples
- No gravity
- Homogeneous / no walls

# Material parameters

Parameter	Symbol	Material A
Number of Particles	$N$	$N = 21^3$
Average radius	$\langle r \rangle$	$\langle r \rangle = 1 \text{ mm}$
Polydispersity	$w = r_{\max}/r_{\min}$	3
Particle density	$\rho$	$\rho = 2000 \text{ [kg/m}^3\text{]}$
Normal stiffness	$k^n$	$k^n = 5 \cdot 10^8 \text{ [kg/s}^2\text{]}$
Normal Viscosity	$\gamma$	1 [kg/s]
Background viscosity	$\gamma^b$	0.1 [kg/s]

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... and its history / protocol dependence ...

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tapping ... => accepted procedure ...

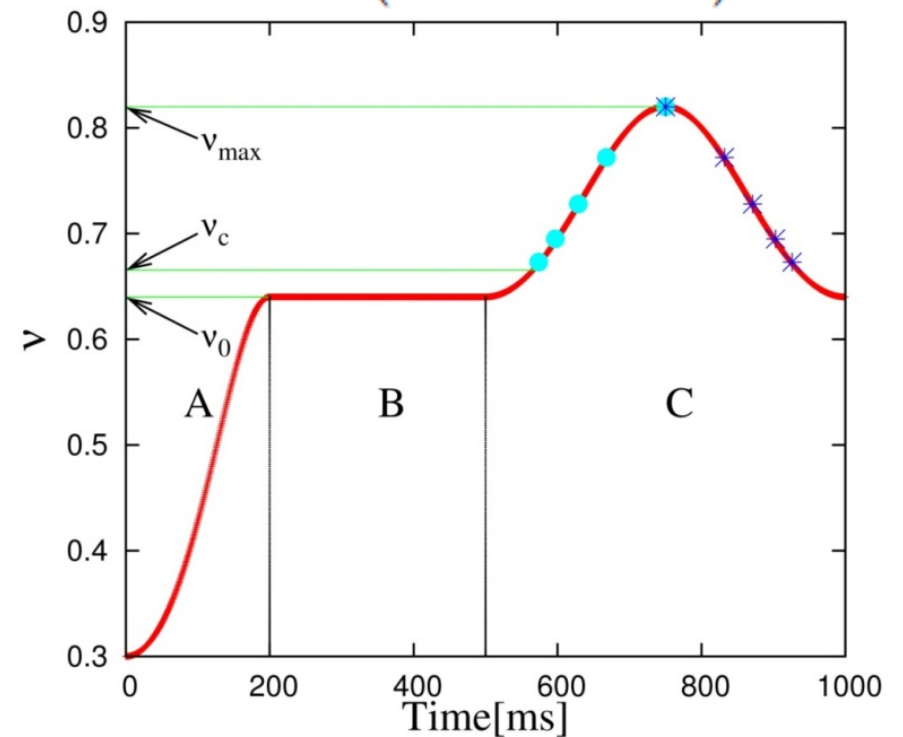
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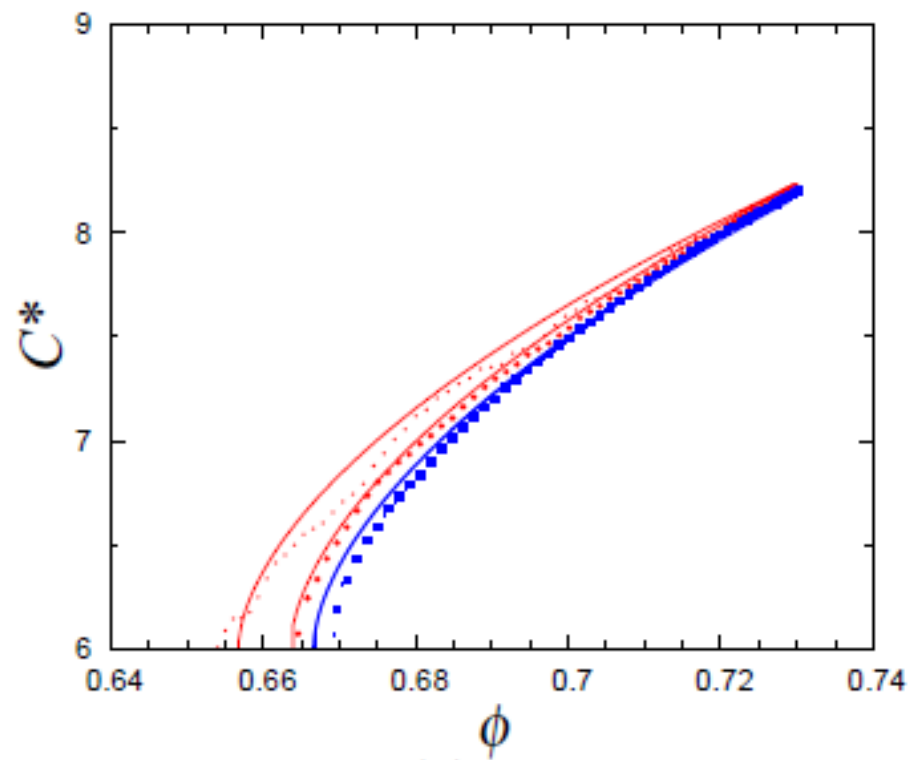
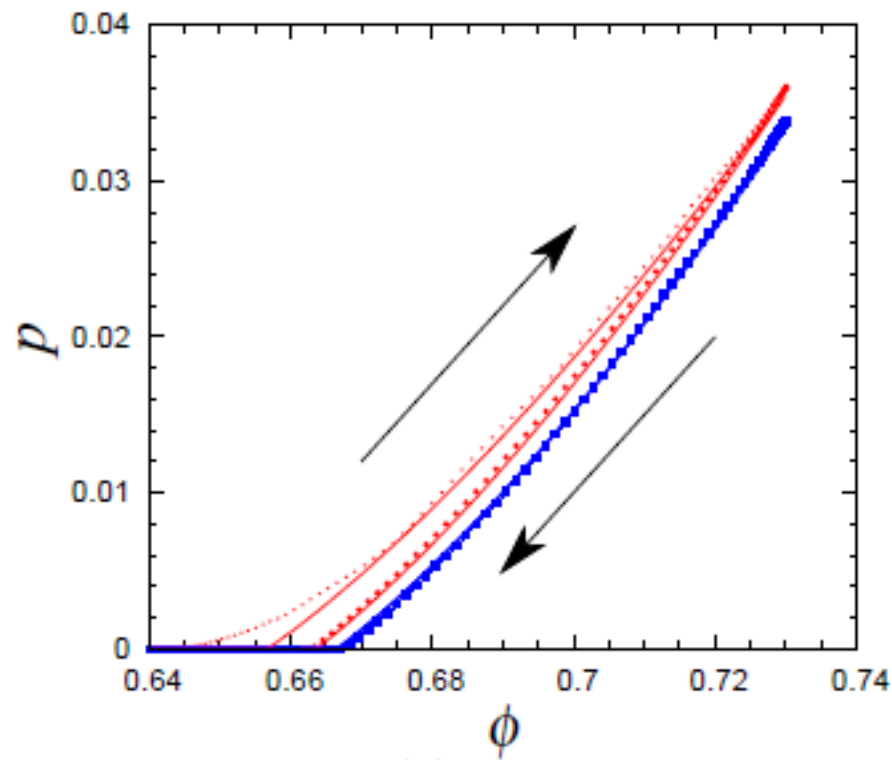
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# (cyclic) isotropic deformation

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- Intermediate cyclic over-compression (amplitude 0.73)
- red: 1<sup>st</sup> cycle ... blue: 100th cycle ...



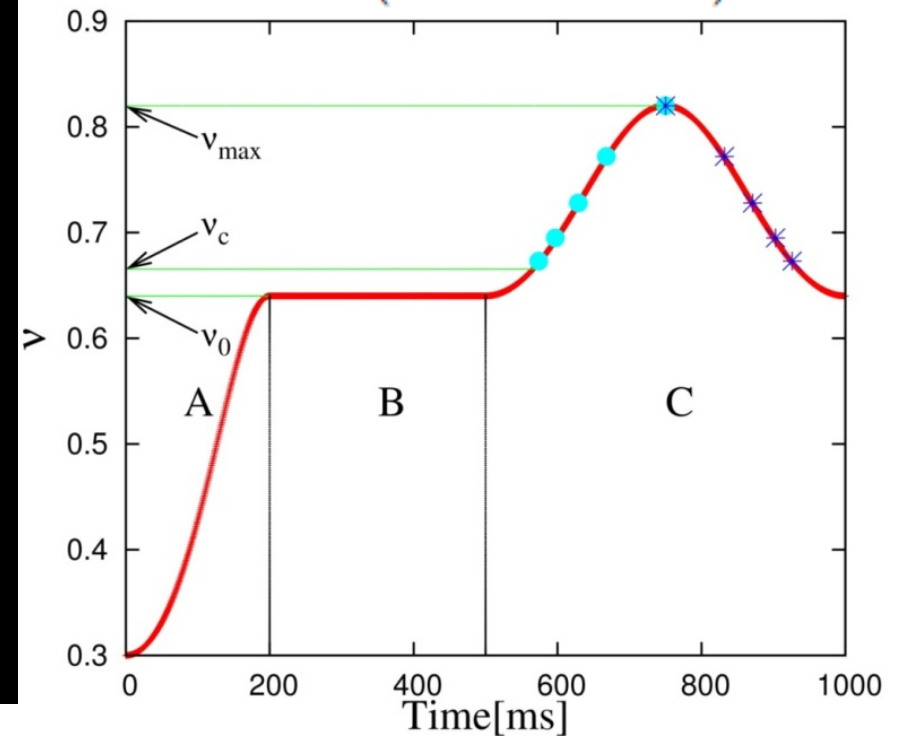
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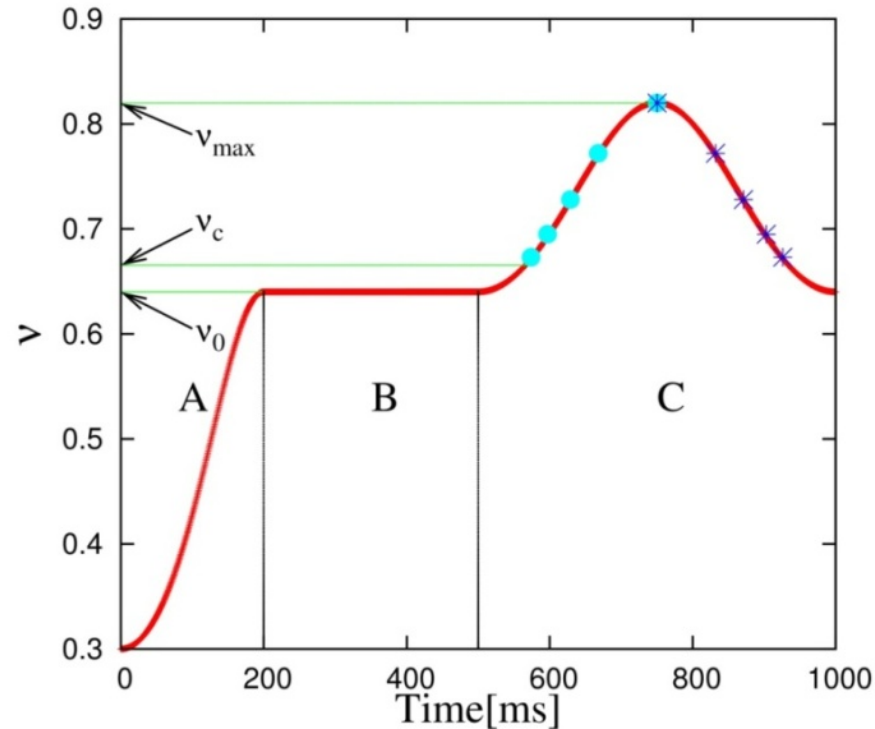
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# Main Experiments

Two types of deformation:



**Cyclic isotropic (de-)compression**

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**Cyclic deviatoric (volume-conserving) shear**

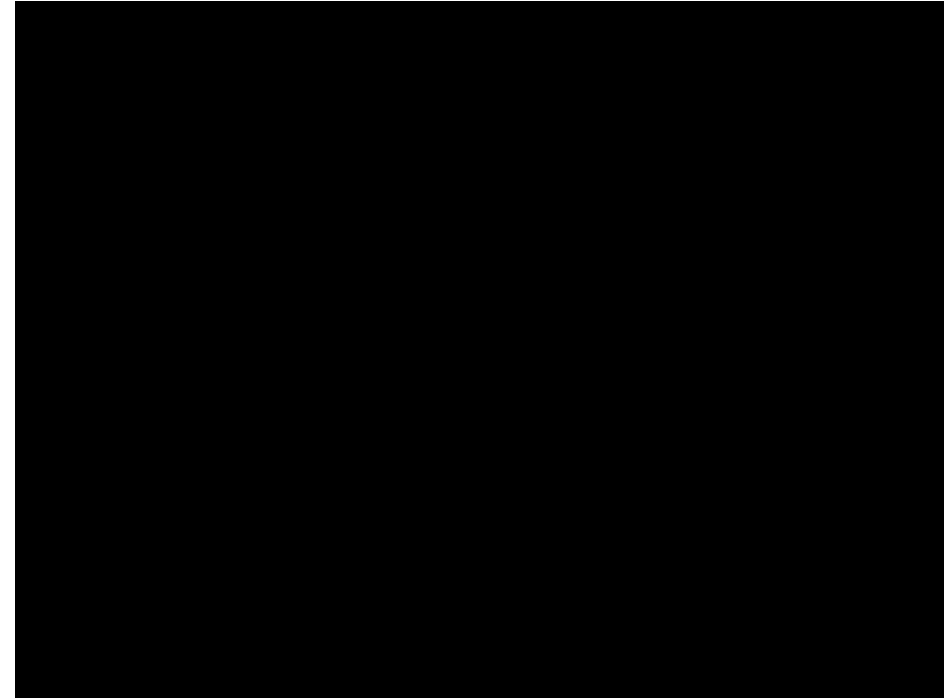
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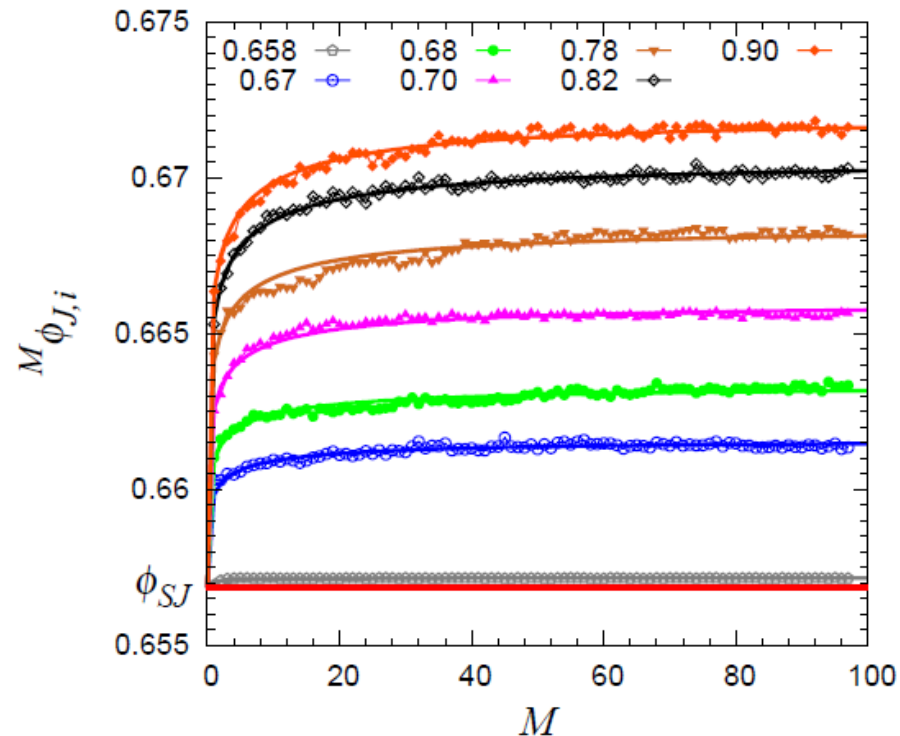
Choose a un-jammed state.

Perform cyclic isotropic (de-)compression for  $M=100$  cycles.

Perform for different over-compression amplitudes.  $\phi_i^{\max}$

**Measure the jamming point**  $\bar{M} \phi_{J,i} = \phi_J(M, \phi_i^{\max})$

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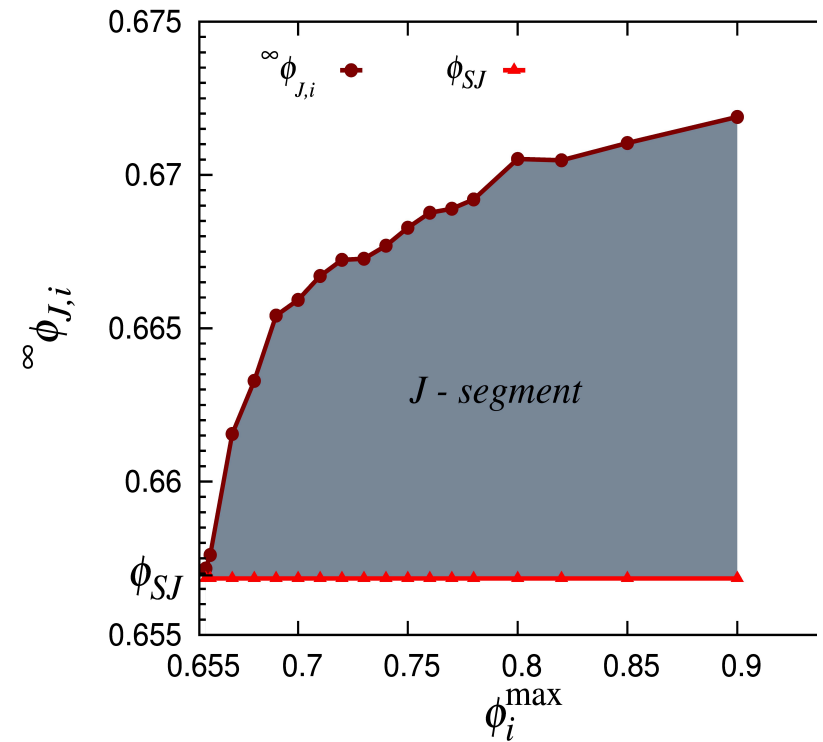
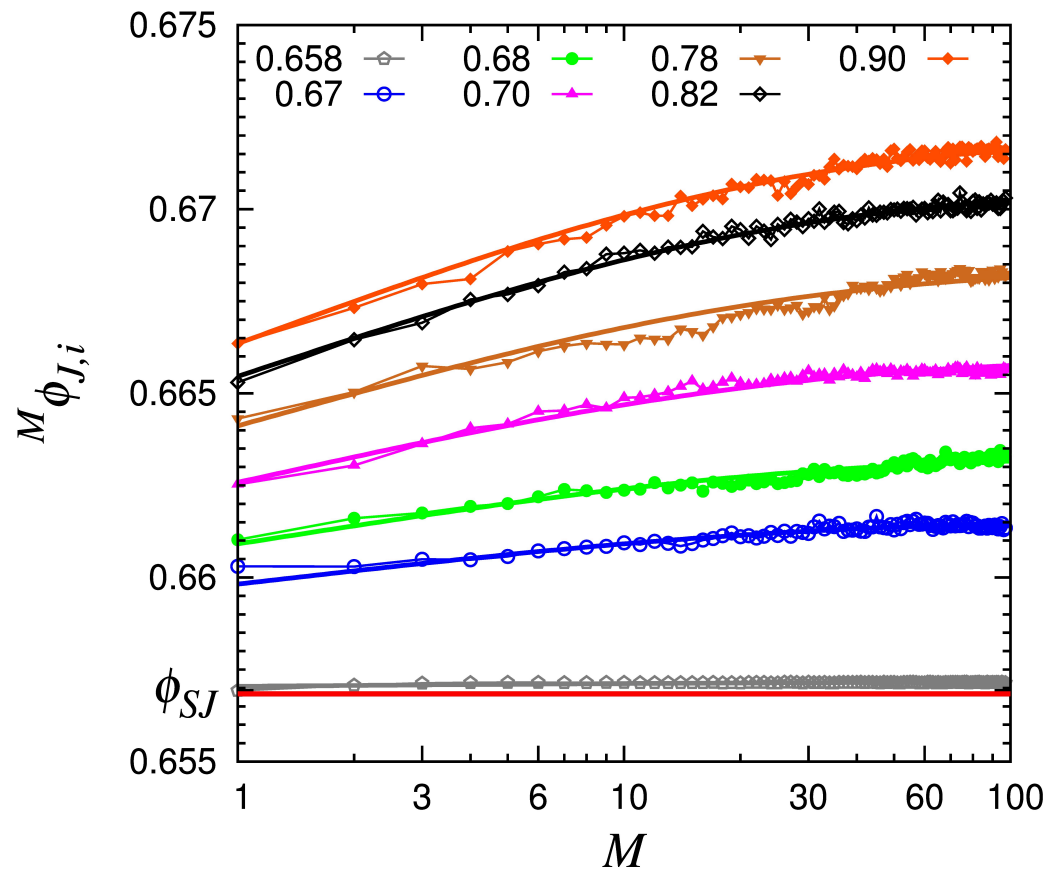
- For higher over-compression, jamming point is higher
- Jamming point increases (KWW stretched exponential function).

$${}^M \phi_{J,i} := \phi_J(\phi_i^{\max}, M) = \infty \phi_{J,i} - (\infty \phi_{J,i} - \phi_{SJ}) \exp \left[ - (M/\mu_i)^{\beta_i} \right]$$

- Minimum value is achieved  $\phi_{SJ} = 0.6567$   $\mu_i = 1$   $\beta_i = 0.3$



# Evolution of isotropic jamming points



$$\phi_{J,i} = \phi_{SJ} + \alpha_{\max} \left( \phi_i^{\max} / \phi_{SJ} - 1 \right)^{\beta}$$

$$\phi_{SJ} = 0.6567$$

$$\mu_i = 1 \quad \beta_i = 0.3 \quad \alpha_{\max} = 0.02$$

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at different densities for different protocols (same material)

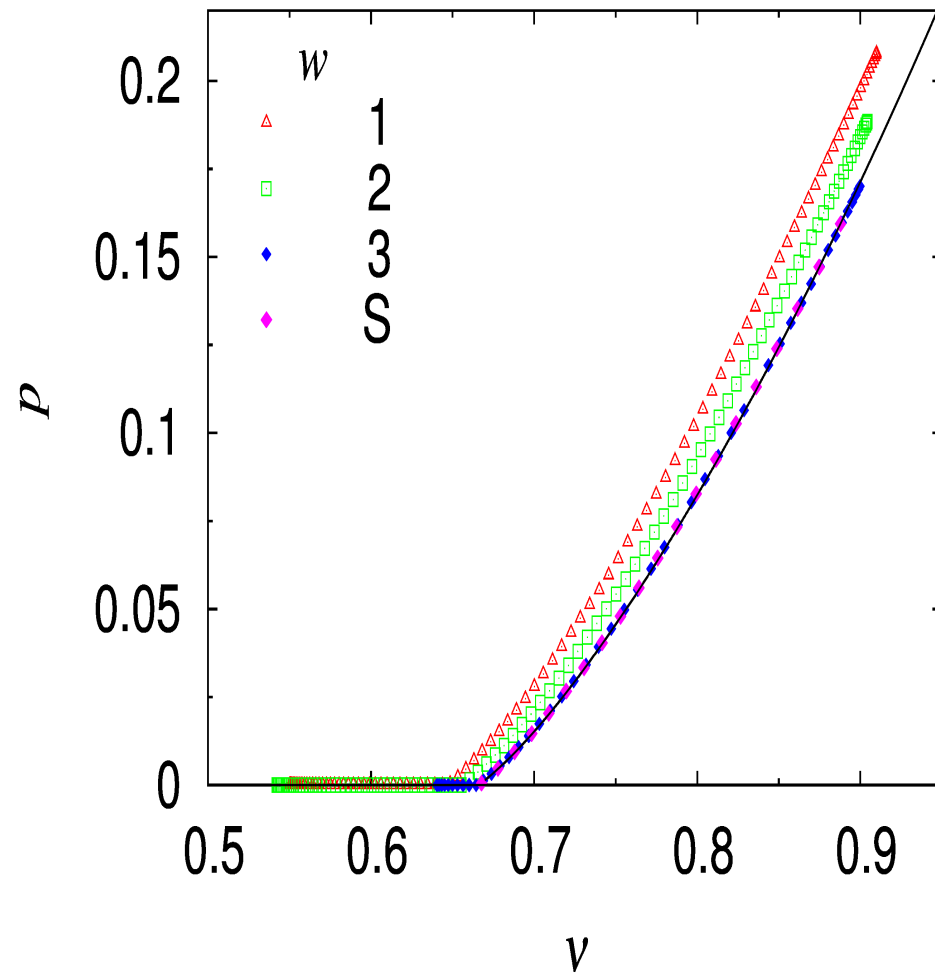
**jamming “point” slowly increases!**

# Constitutive model for Pressure

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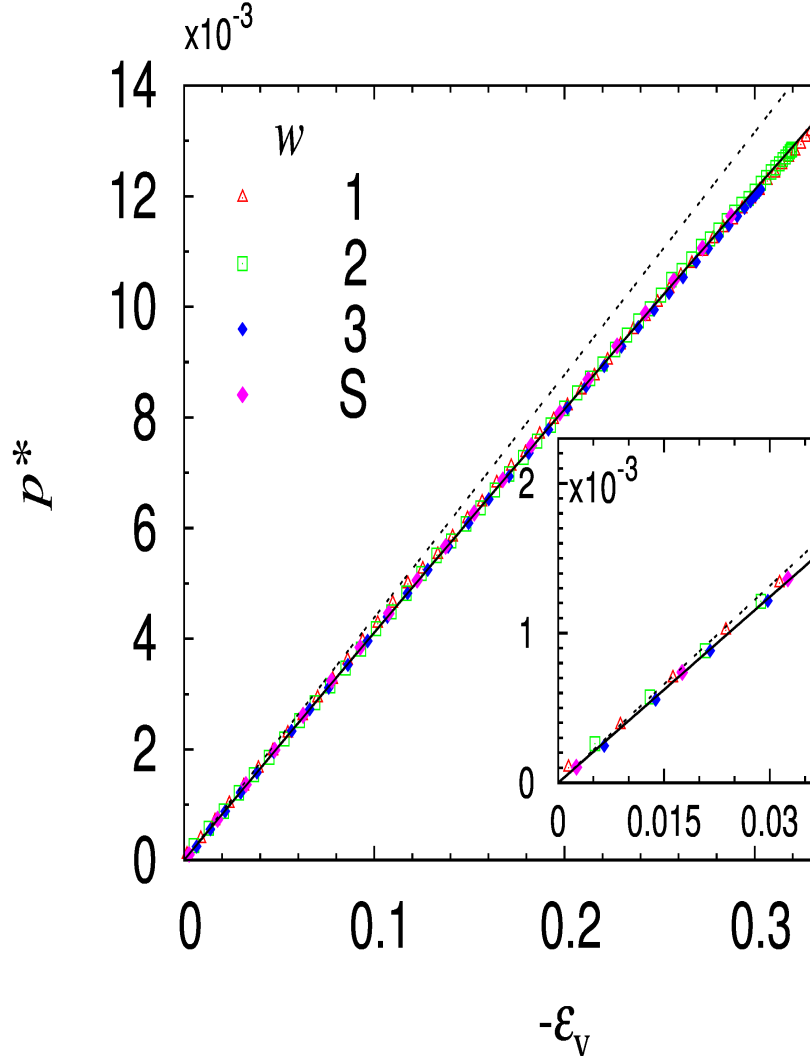
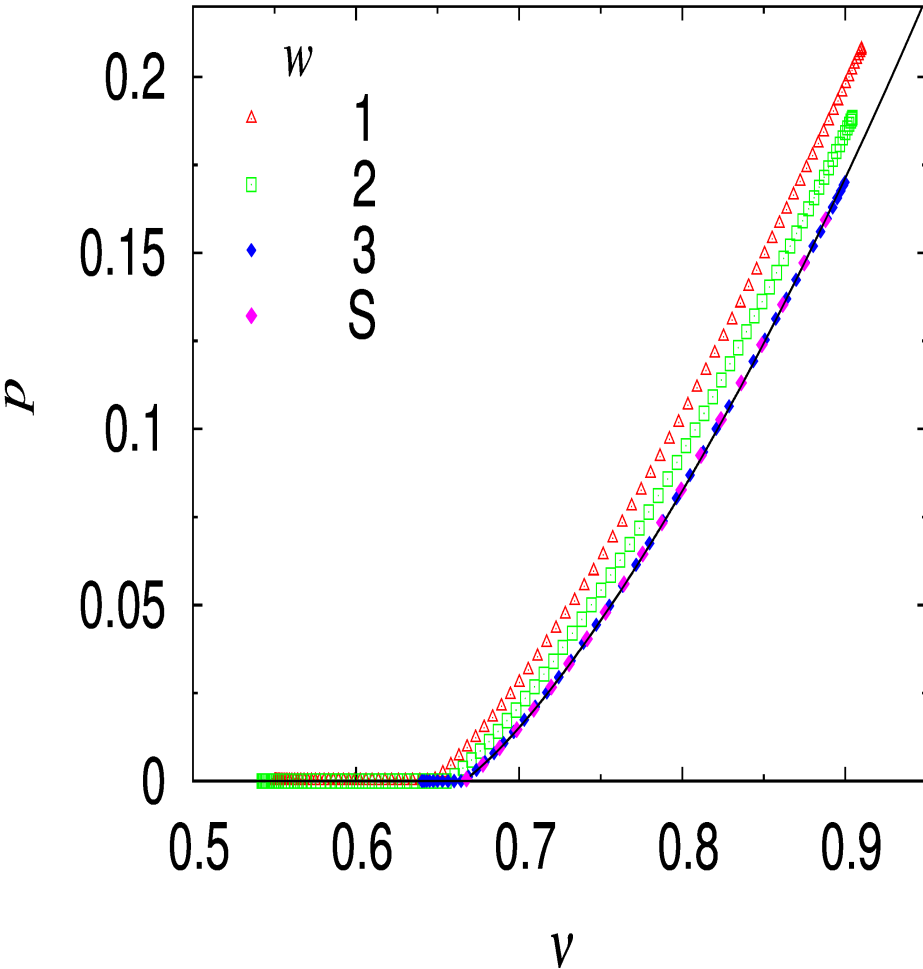
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linear ☺

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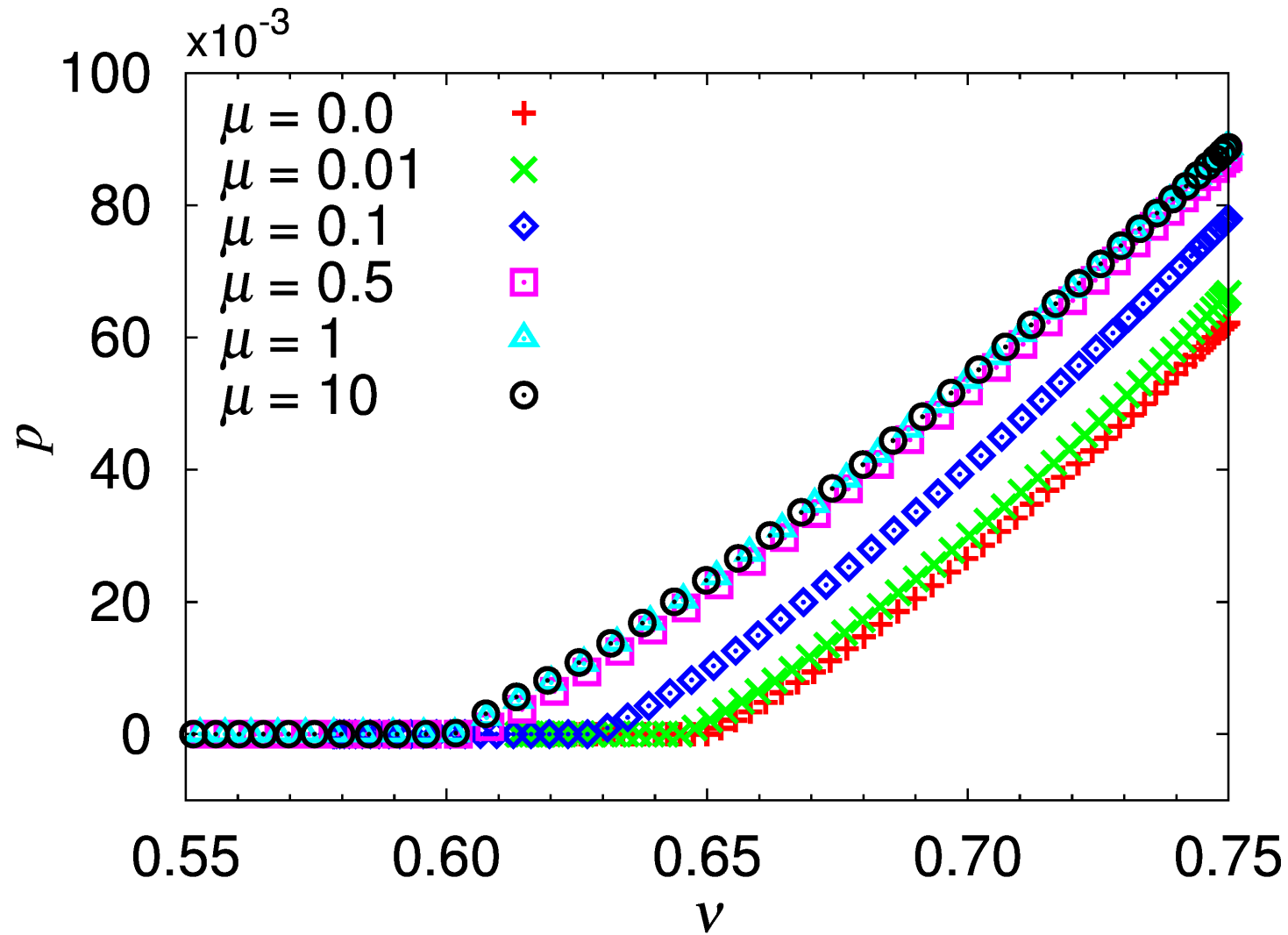
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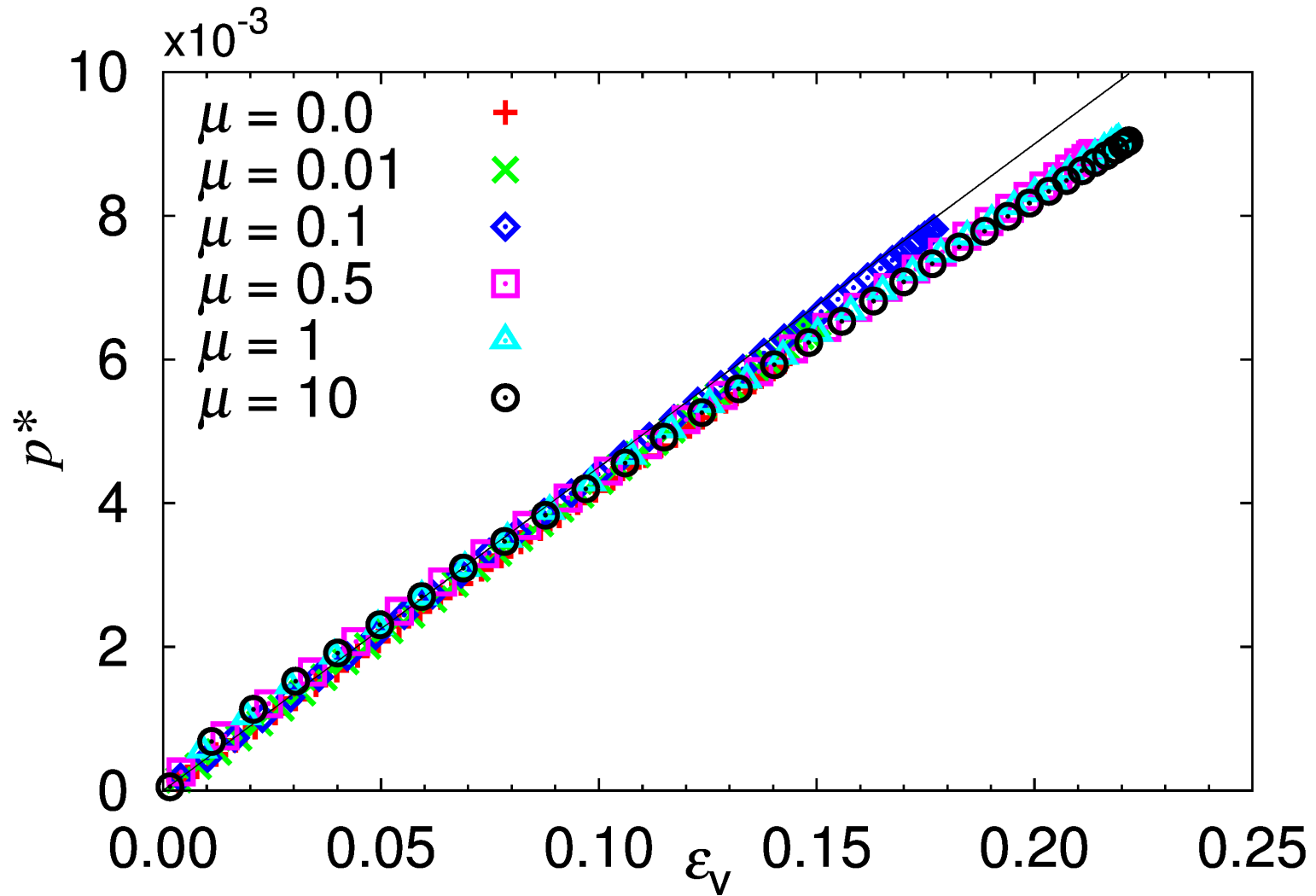
How to calibrate/measure them – done ...  
(some of them are even known analytically)

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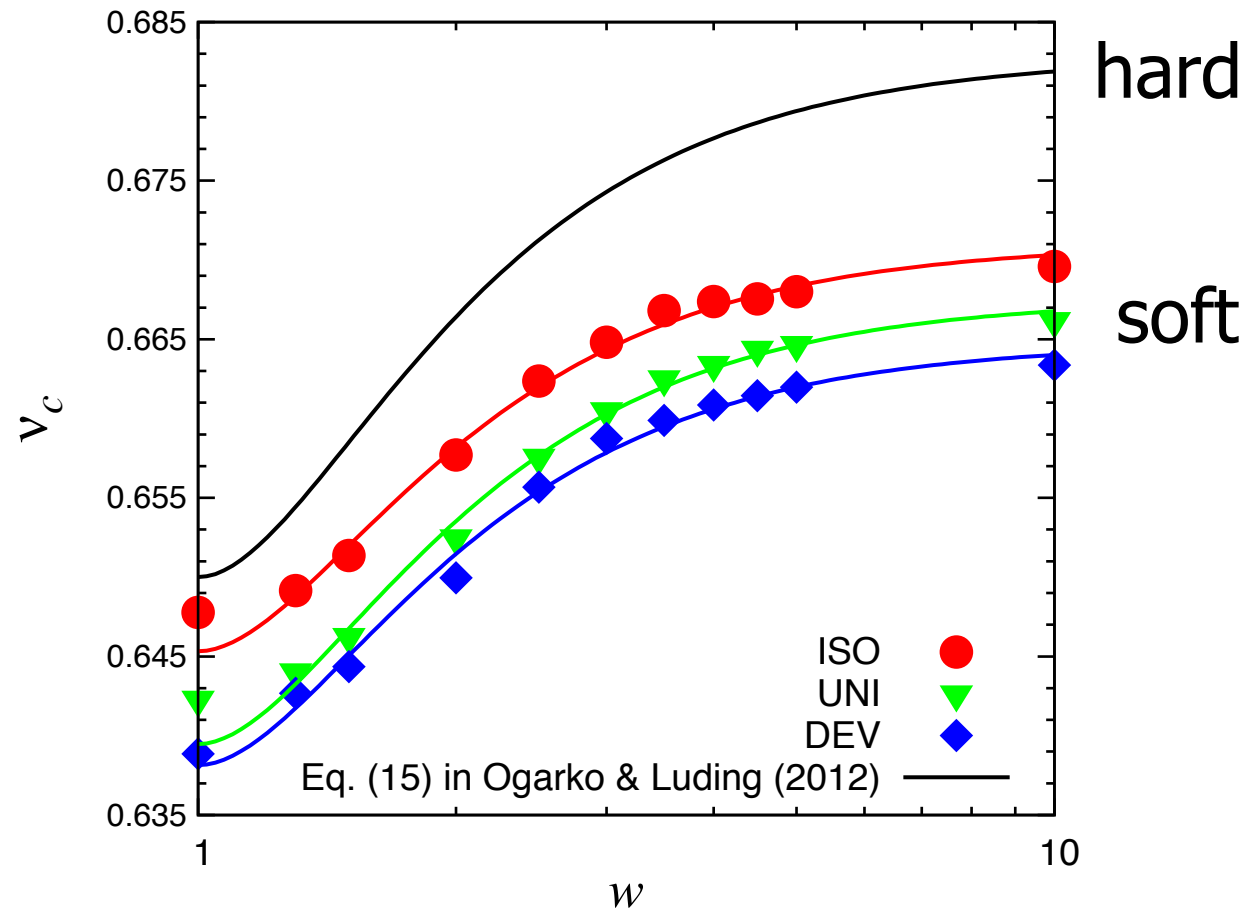
# Isotropic de-compression $M=1$ ; effect of friction



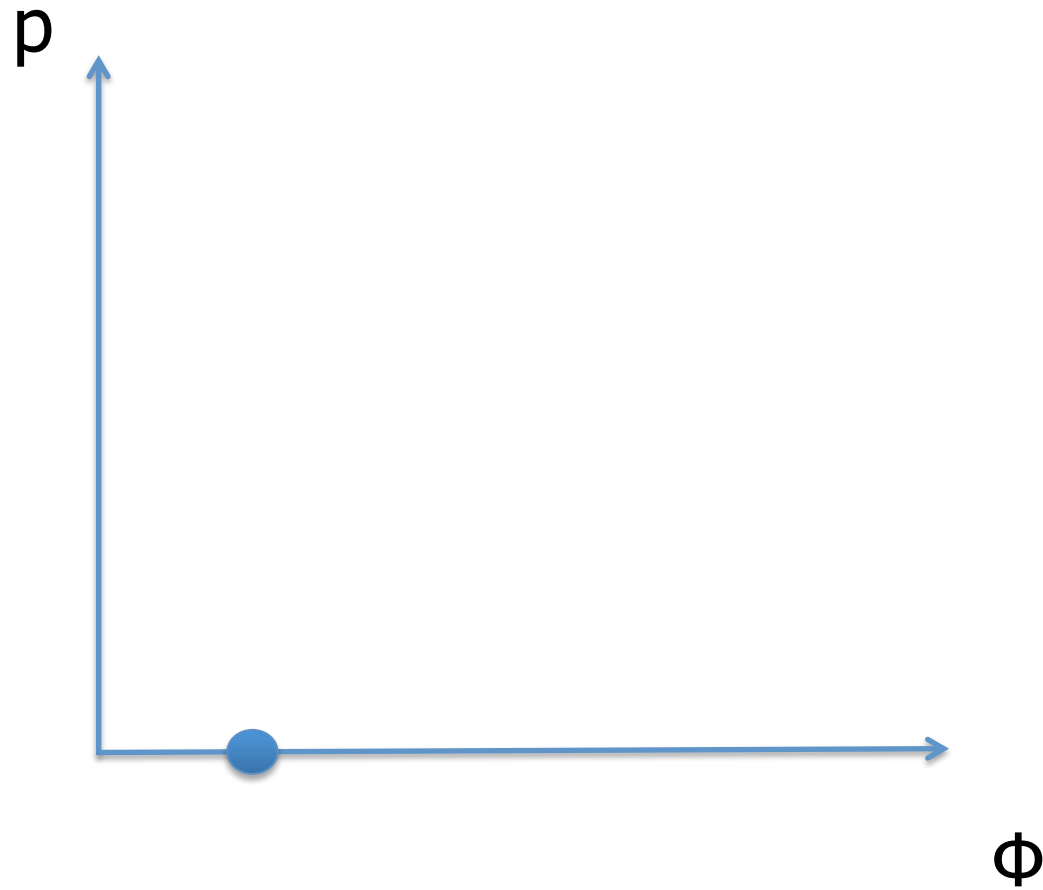
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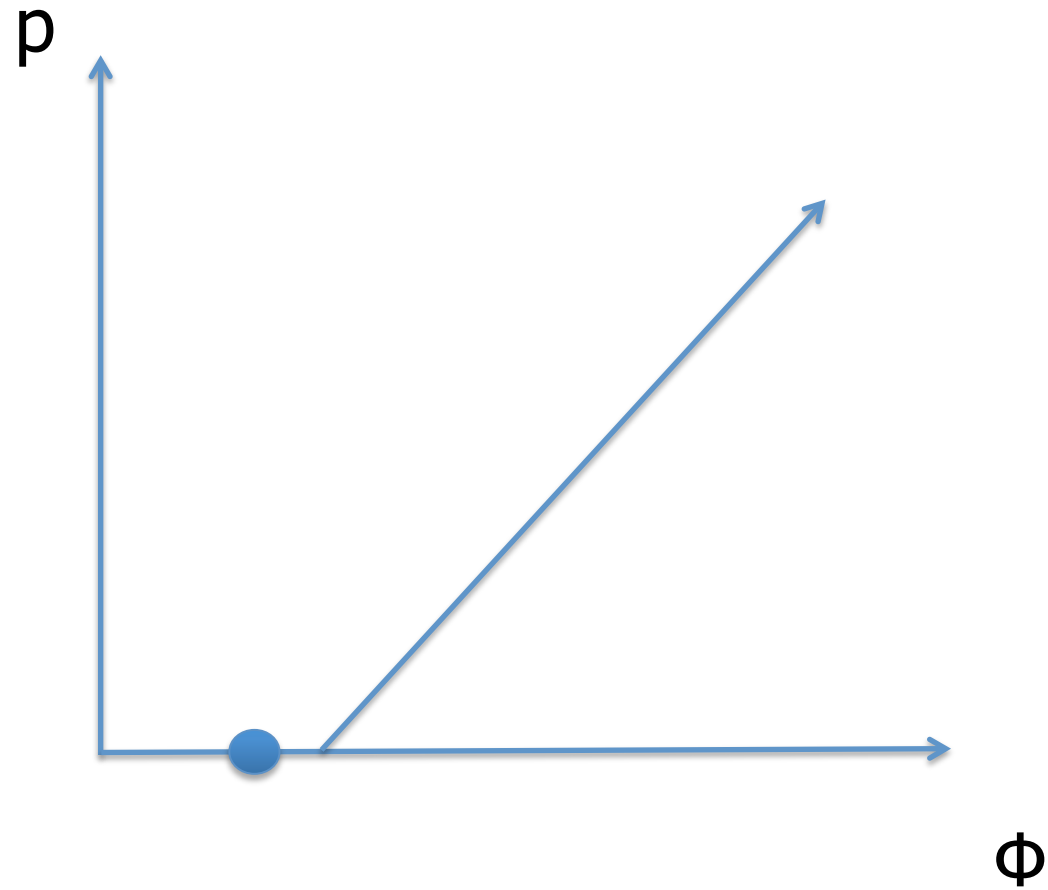
# Polydispersity and whats the difference between ISO and SHEAR?



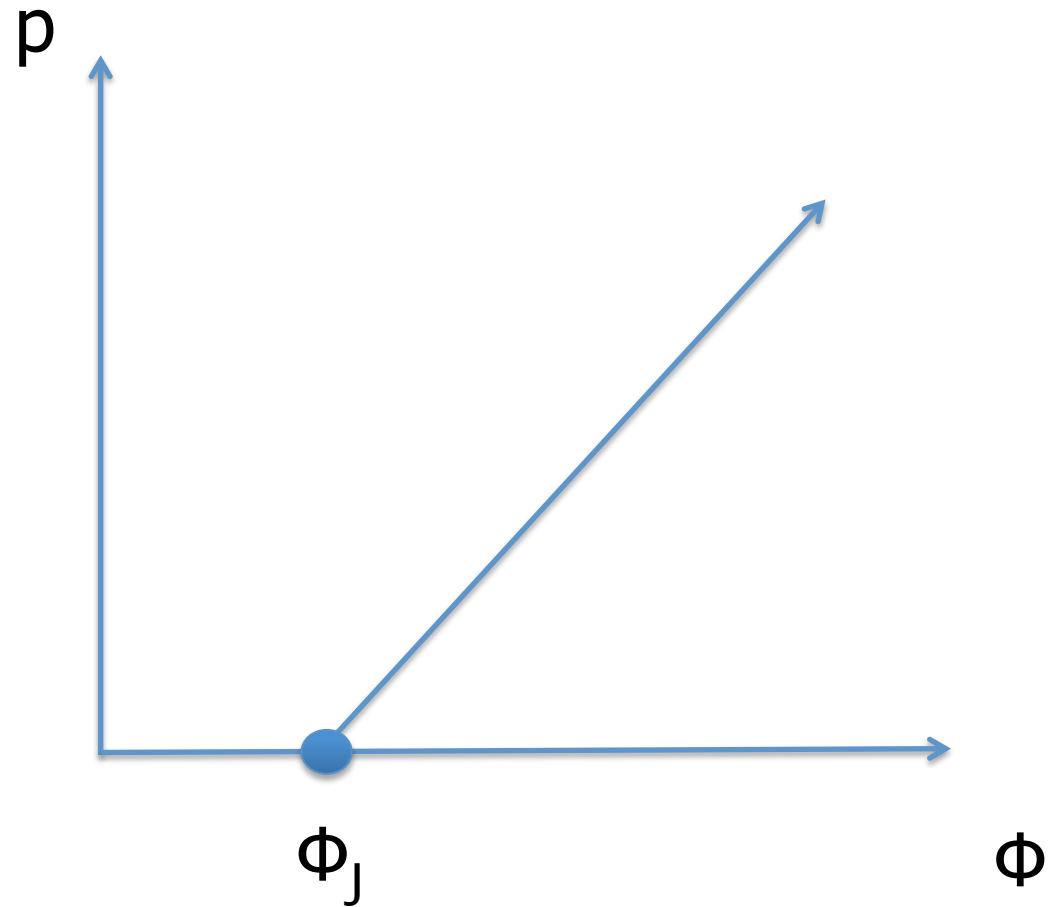
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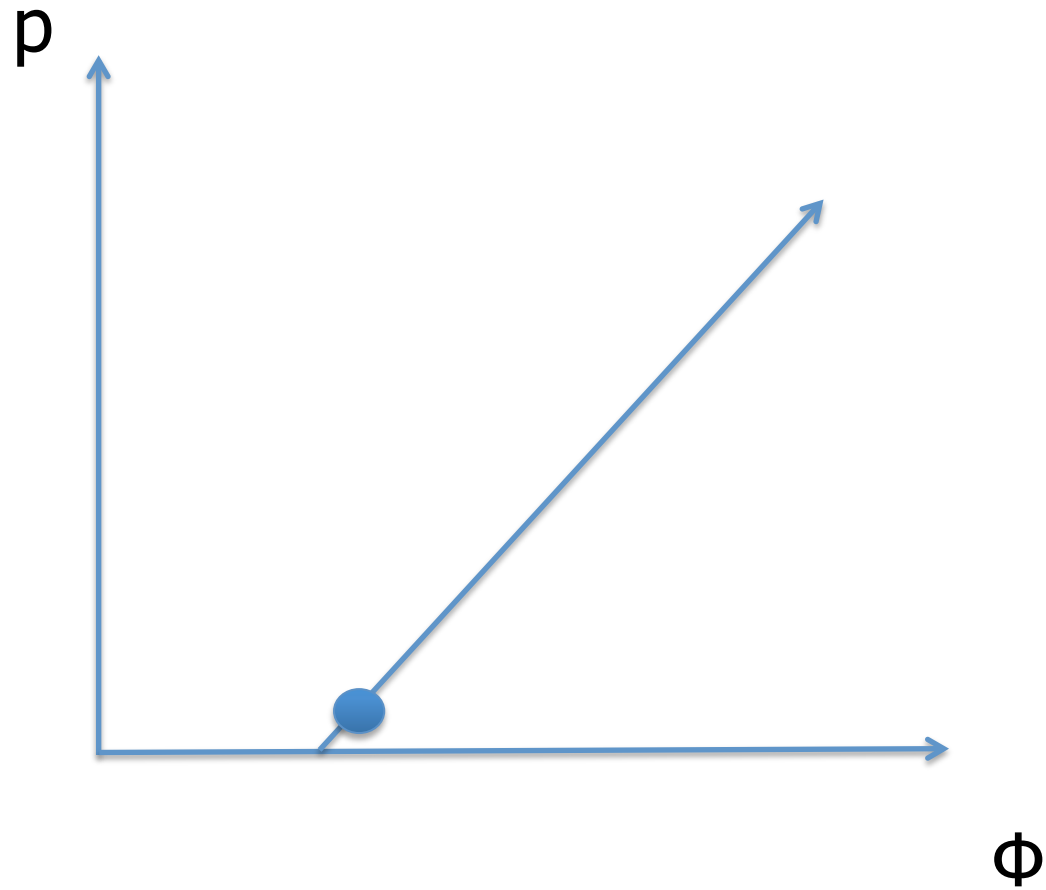
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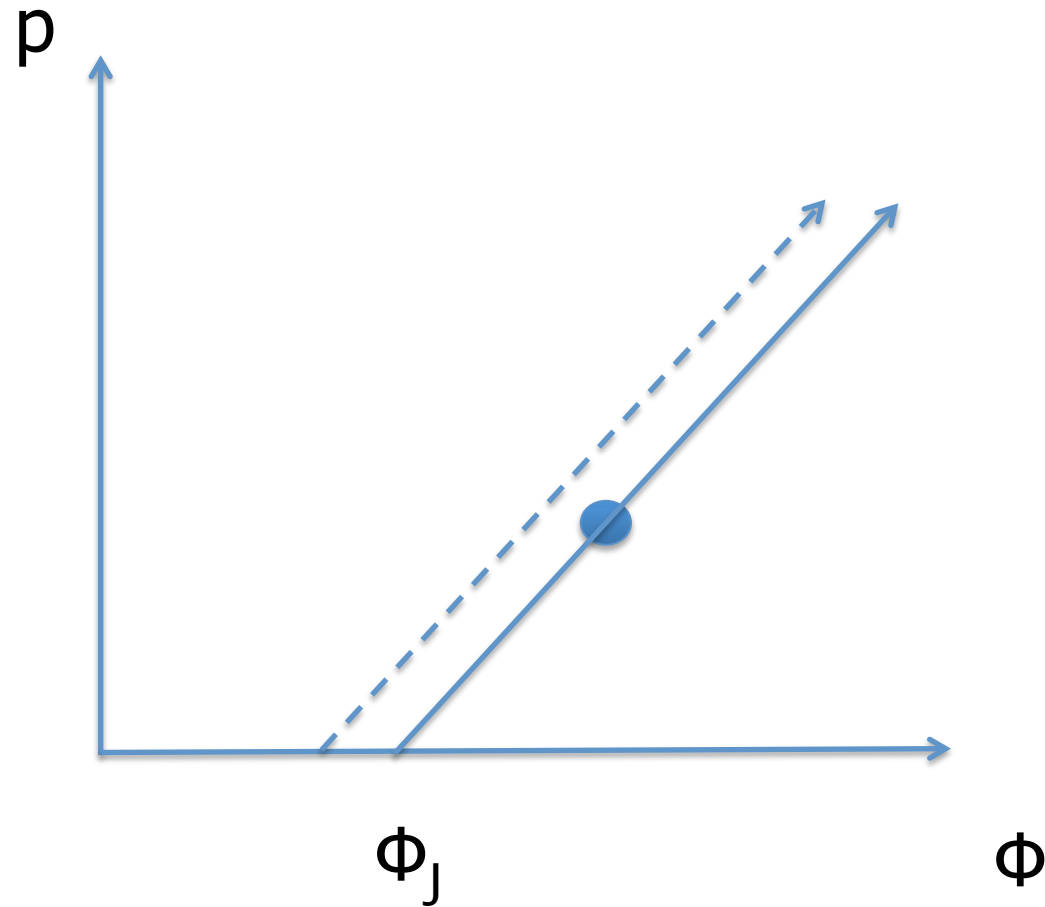


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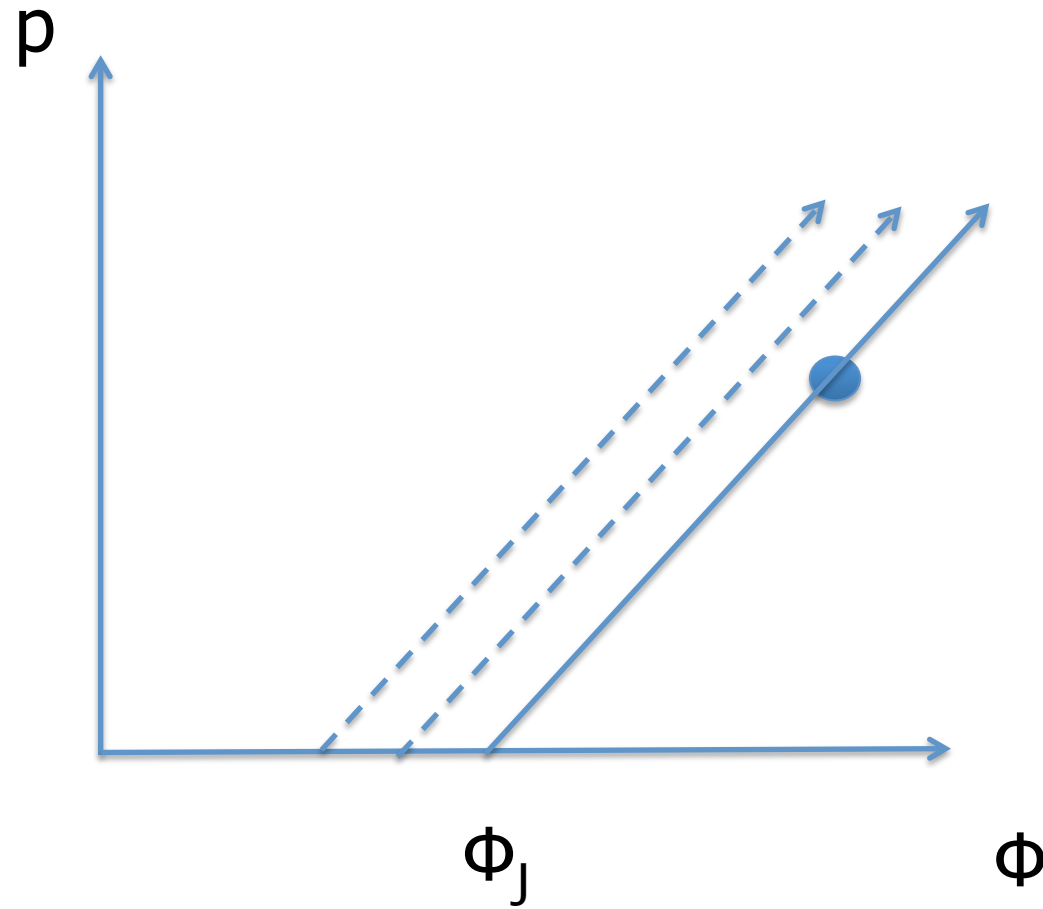




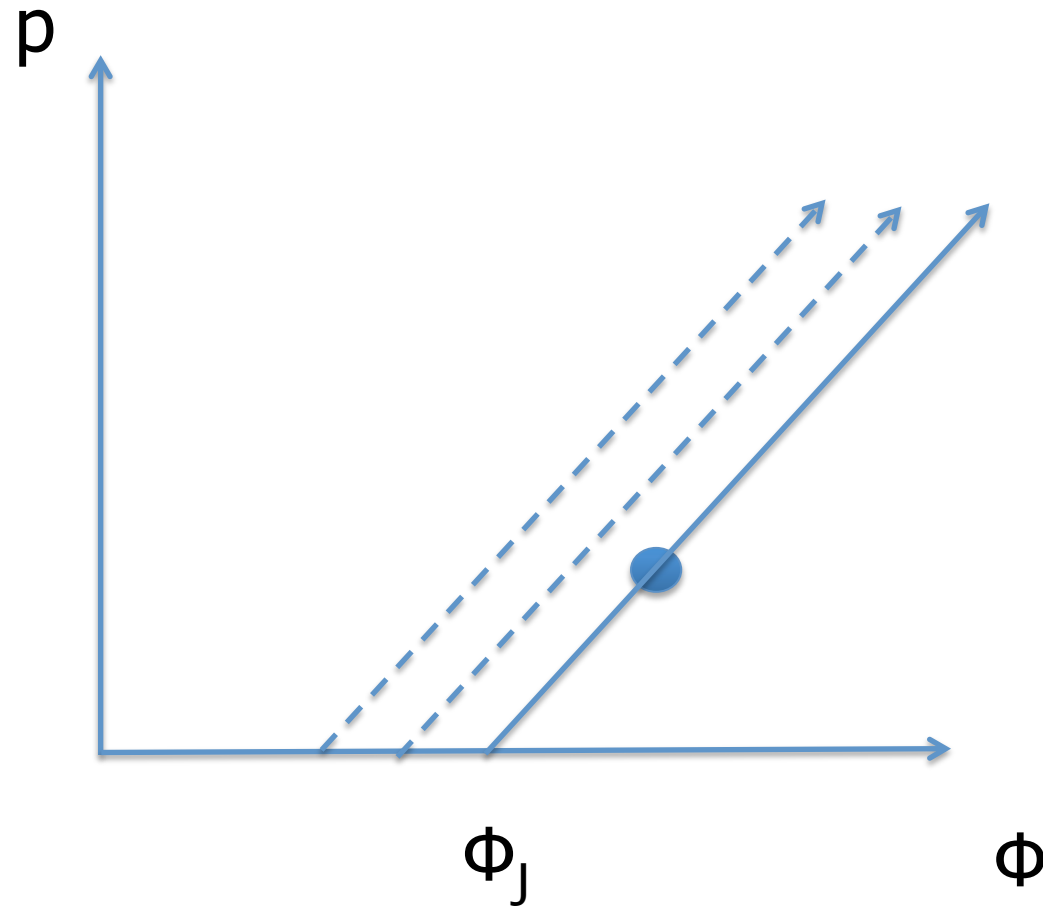
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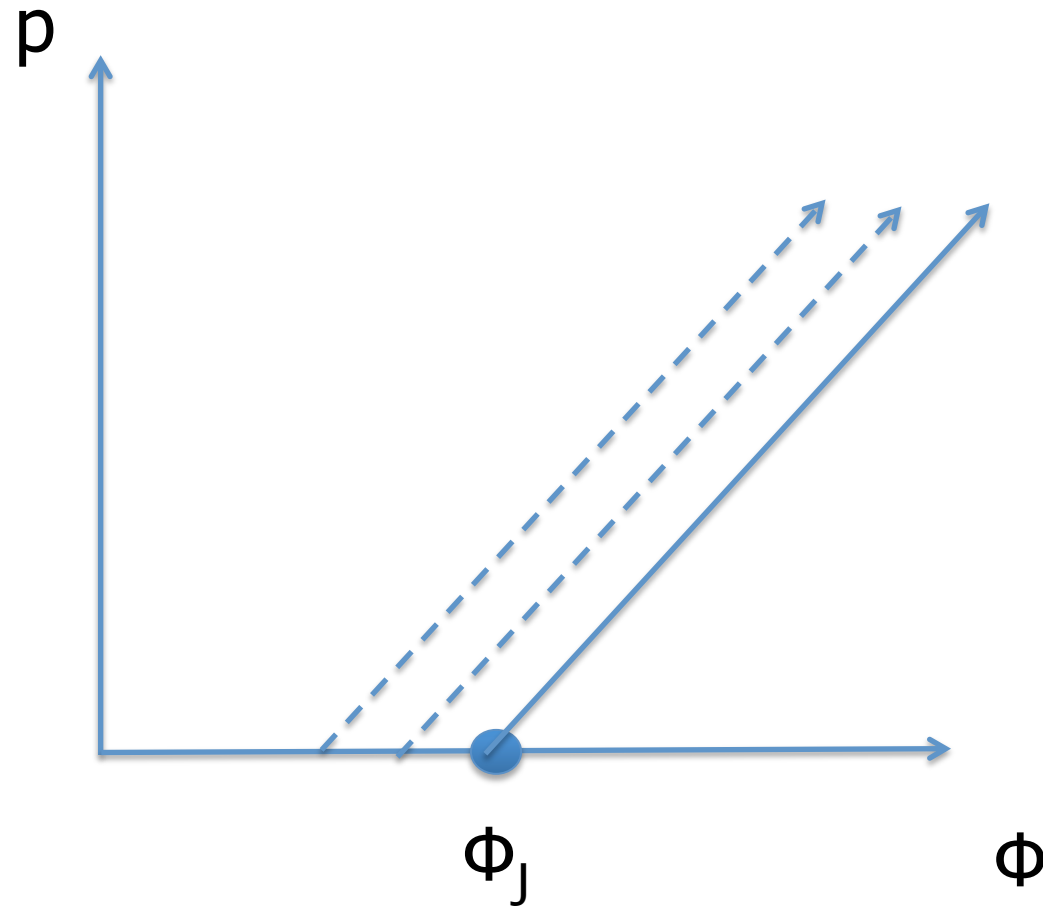
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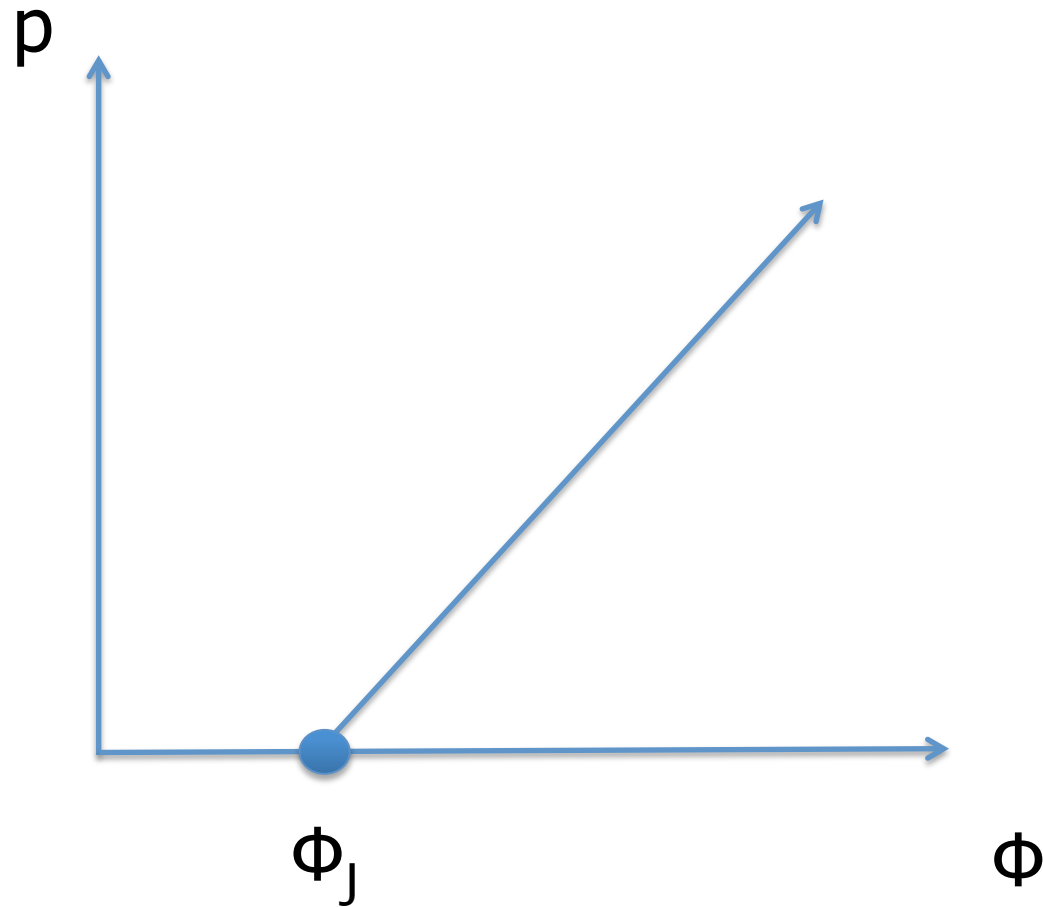
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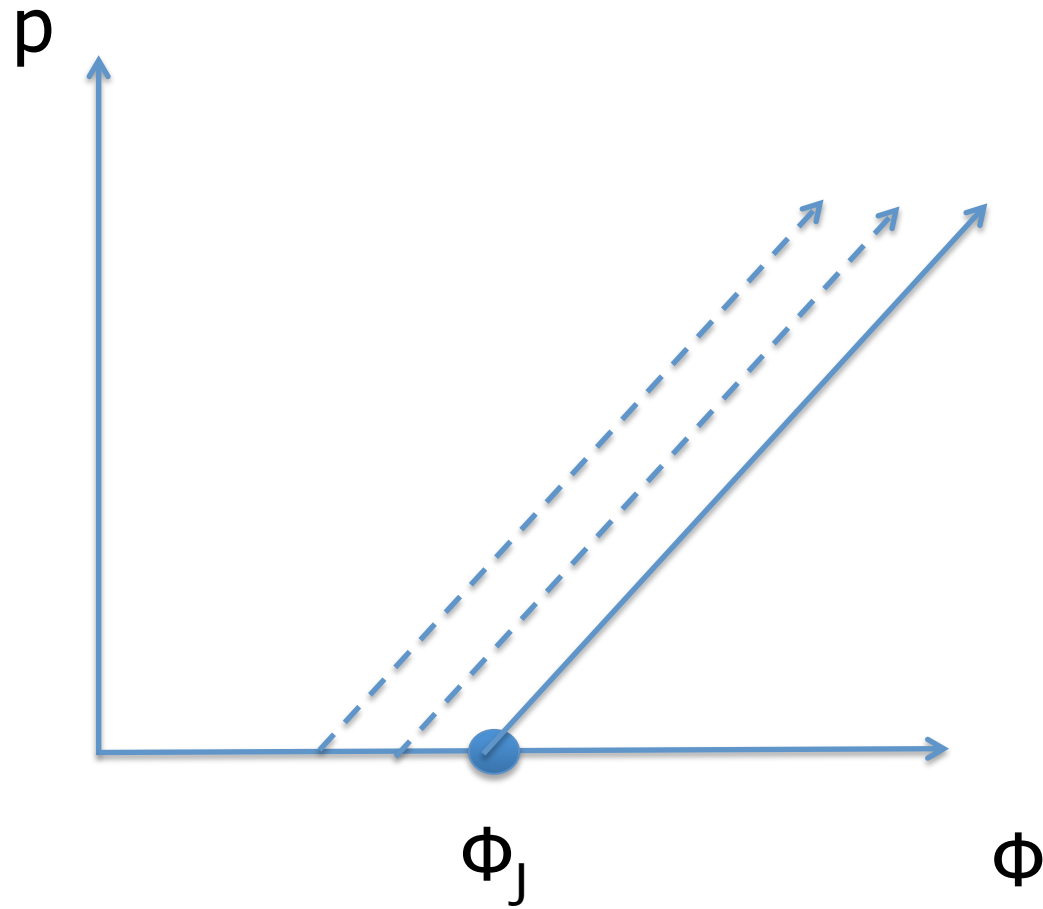
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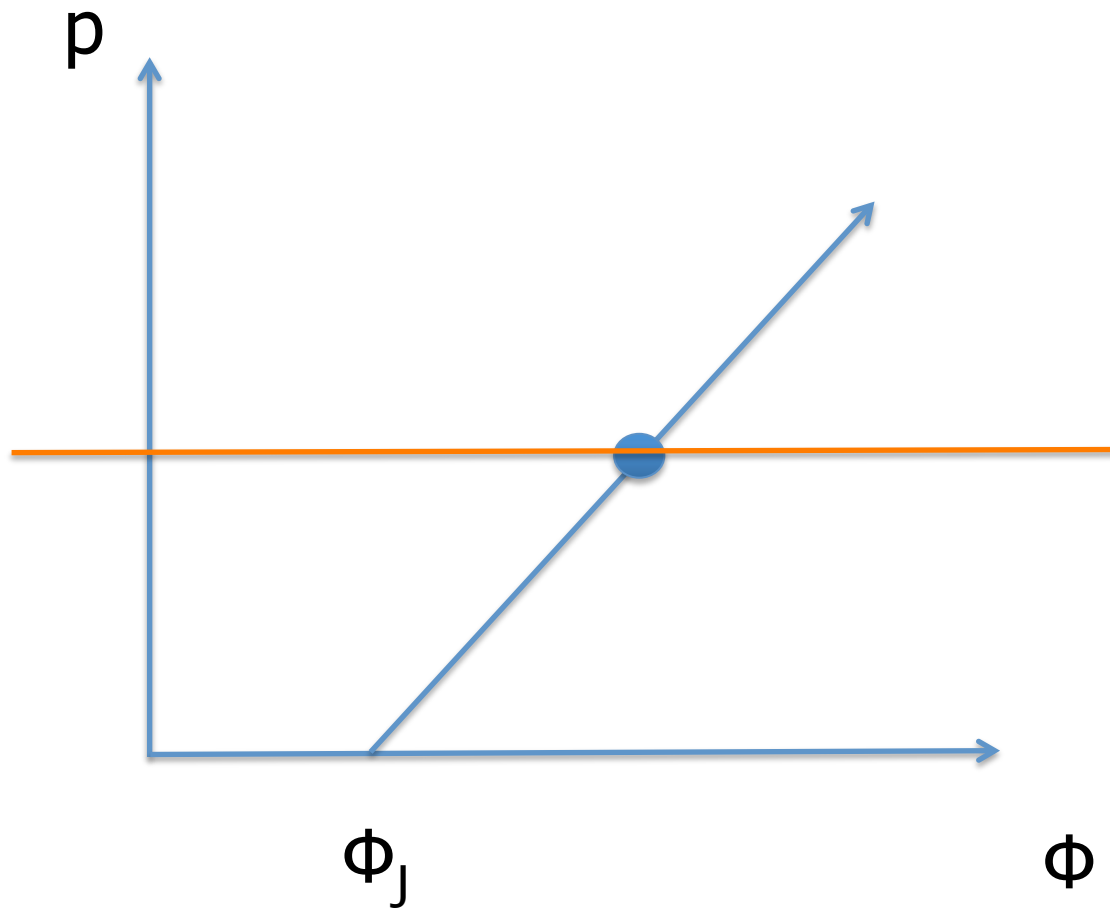
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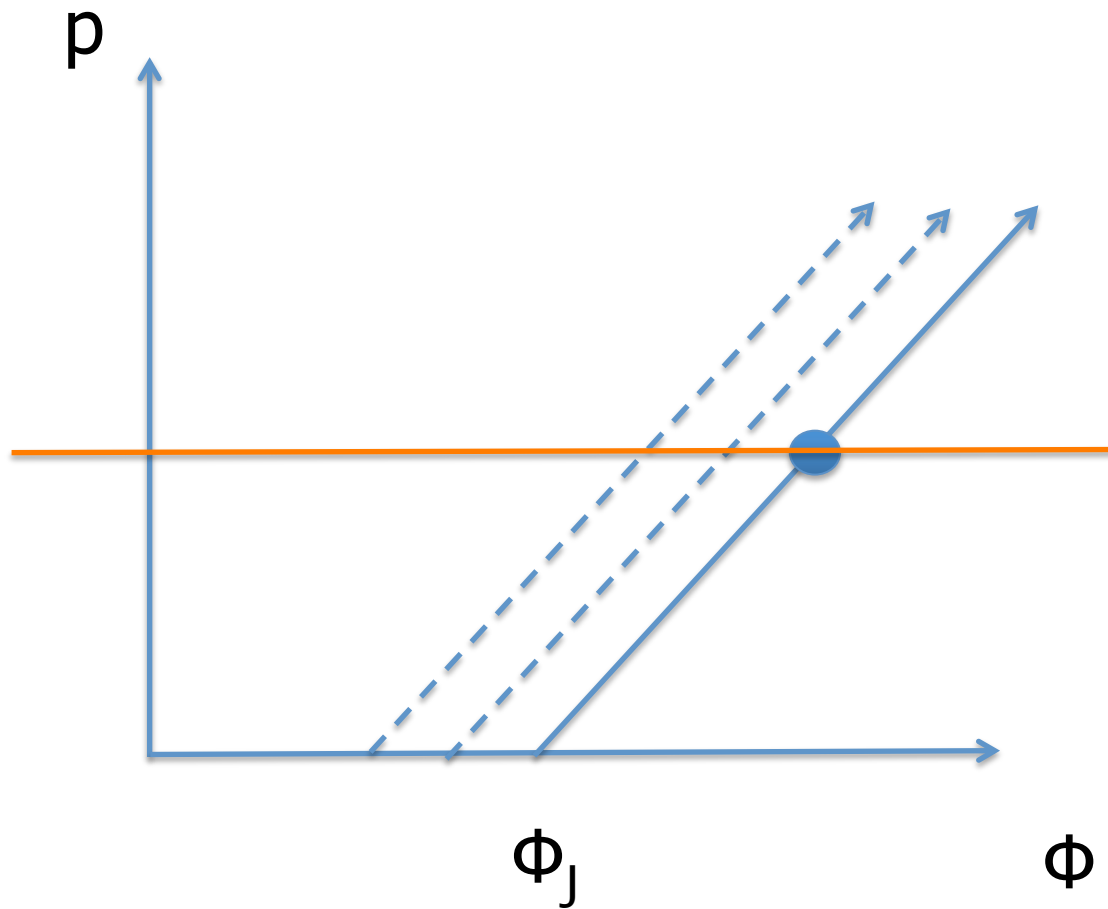
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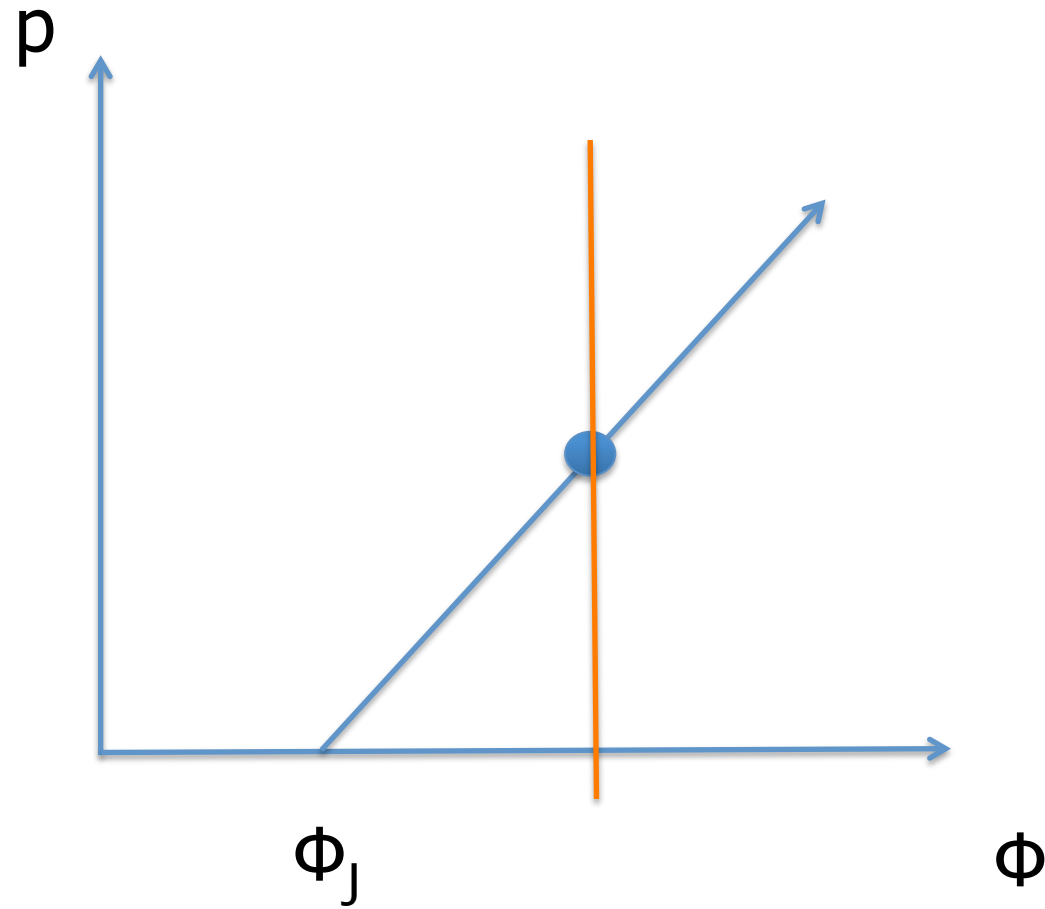


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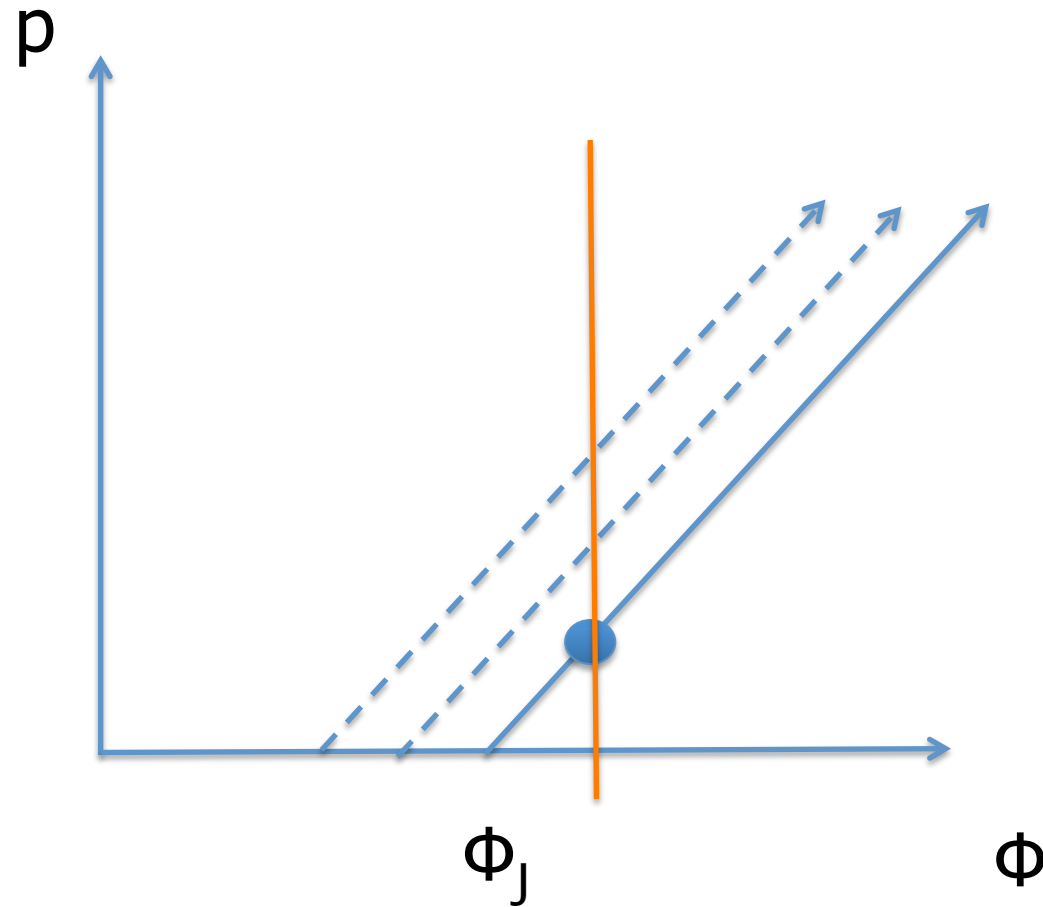




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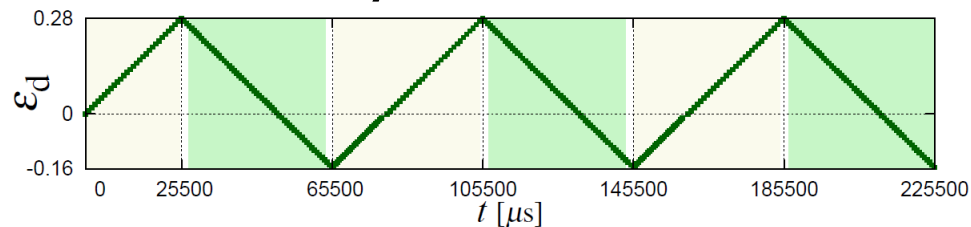
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# Main Experiment 2 – Shear (volume-conserving)

$$\dot{\mathbf{E}} = \dot{\epsilon}_{\text{dev}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1/2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1/2 \end{bmatrix}$$

2 => 3 cyclic: see later ...



Choose un-jammed states (with different preparation history).

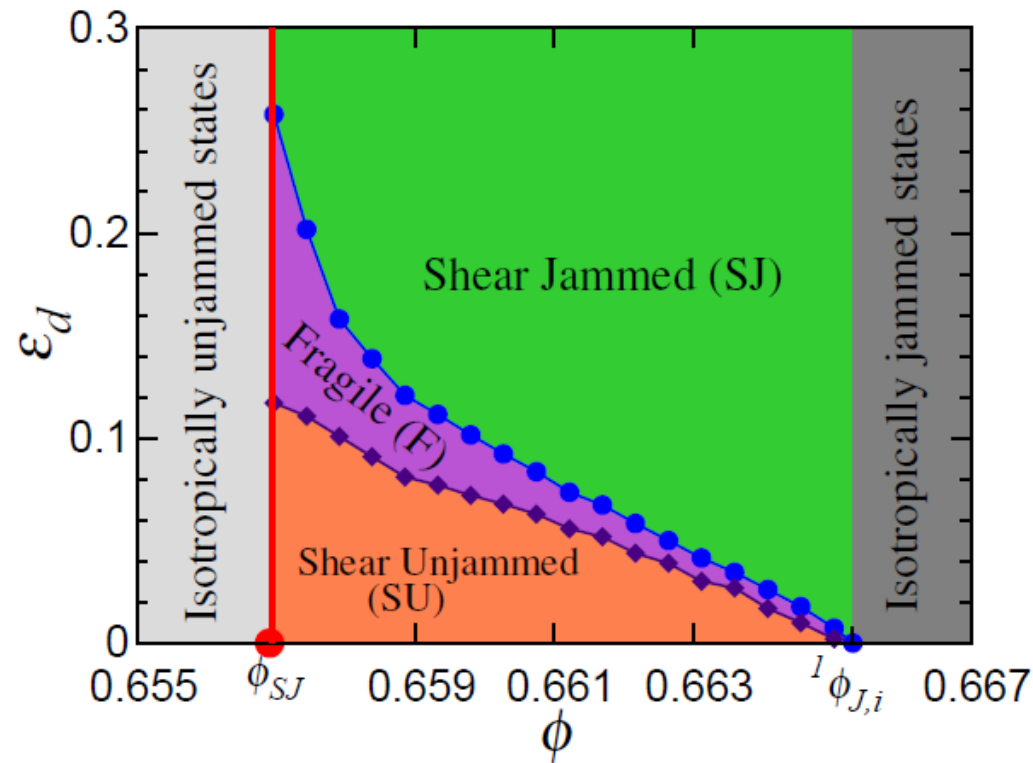
Perform deviatoric (volume conserving) shear deformation to strain 0.28.

**Measure the shear strain needed to jam the system.**

# Main Experiment 2 – Shear (volume-conserving)

Three stages observed: Shear Unjammed  $\rightarrow$  Fragile  $\rightarrow$  Shear jammed

Minimum volume fraction, below which incite shear is needed to jam the system.



For one over-compression amplitude (one history).

**How does it look for many different histories?**

# Message 2

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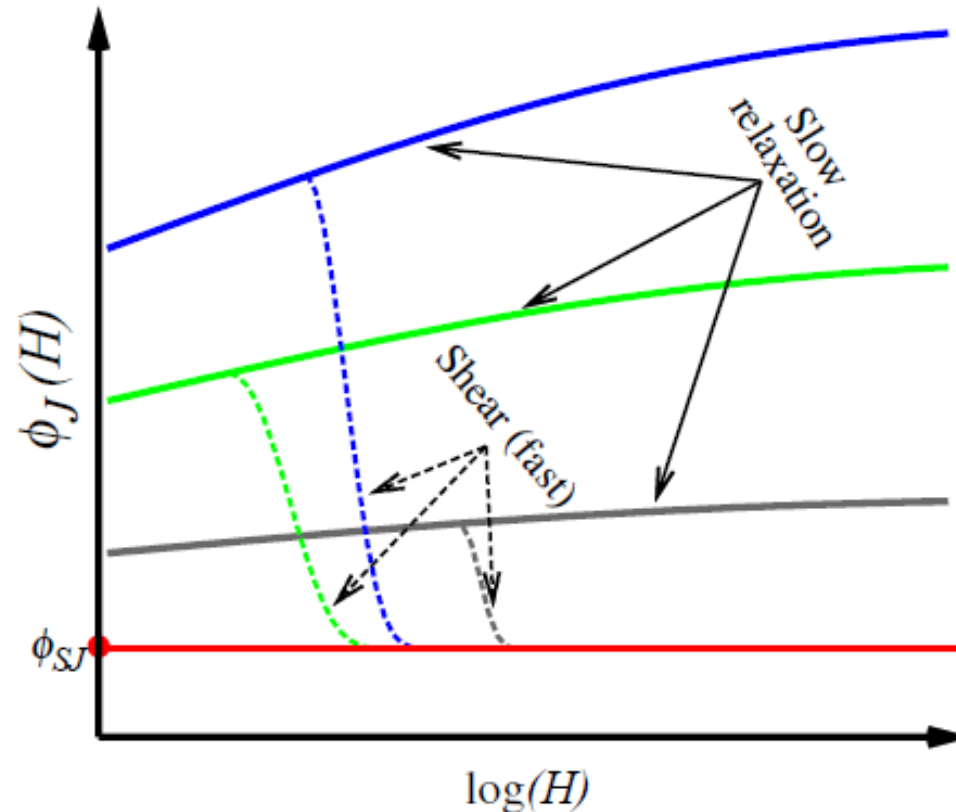
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response of **microstructure** to **deviatoric/shear deformations!**

- no **new state variable** is needed!
- **deviatoric** deformation leads to a decrease of  $\Phi_J$  (fast)

# Connecting the two Experiments



- Combining the two history-dependencies,  
by superposing the two limit experiments: isotropic and pure shear deformation.
- Rate of increase in the jamming point by isotropic deformation  
is much slower than the rate of decrease by pure shear.
- Ultimate lower bound, defined as the shear-jamming density ... minimal jamming point reached

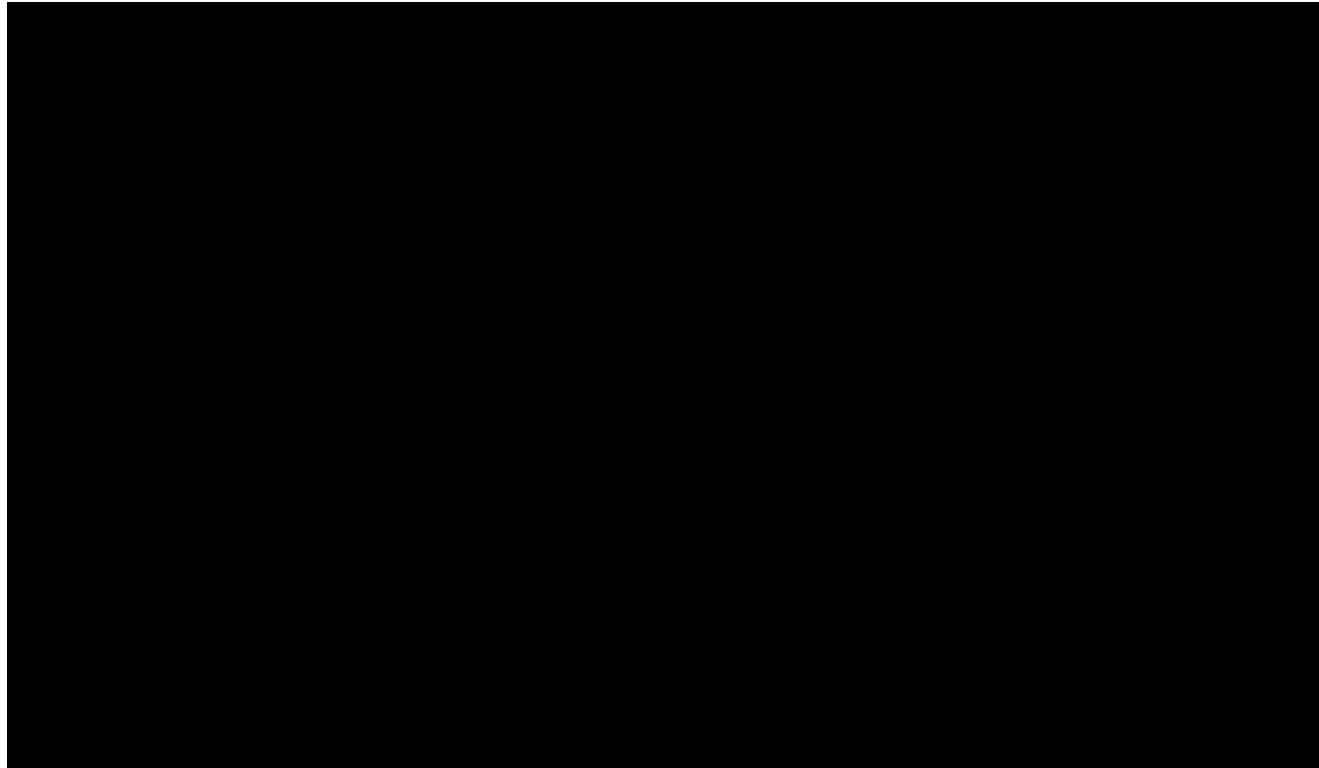
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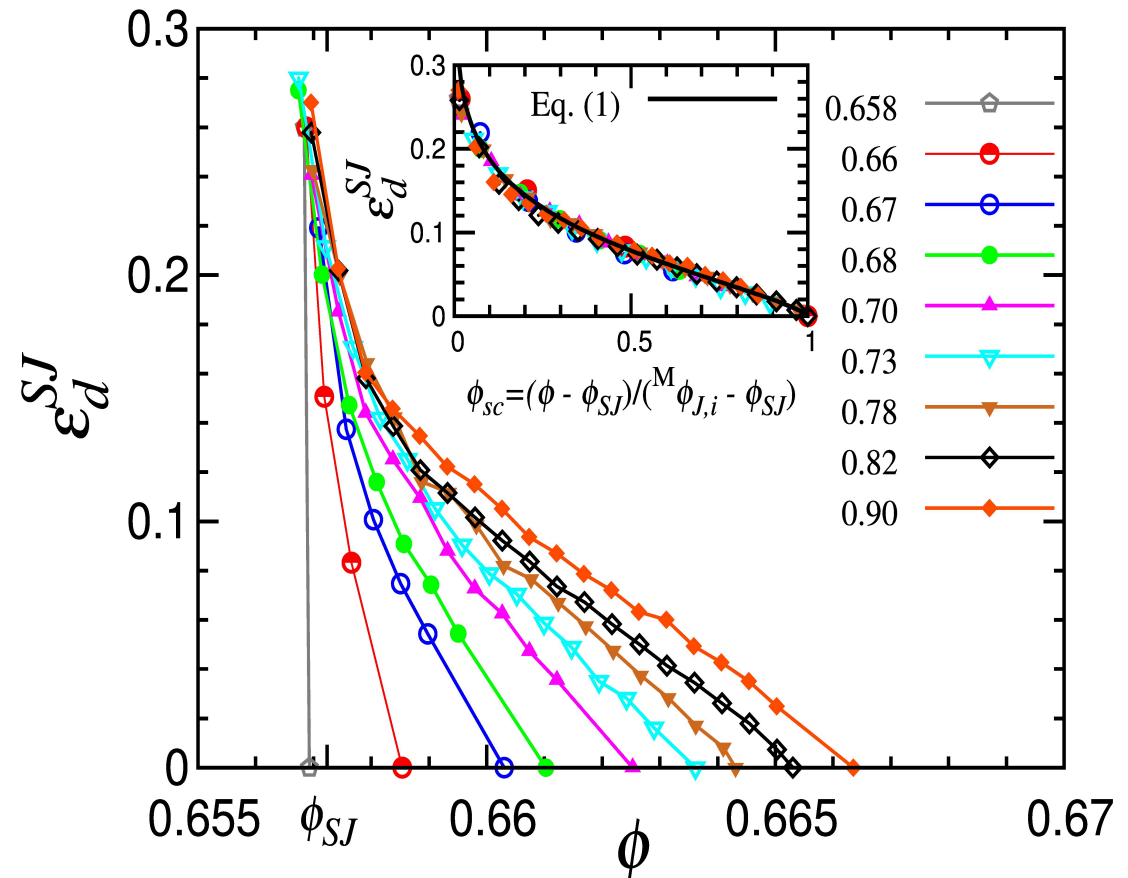
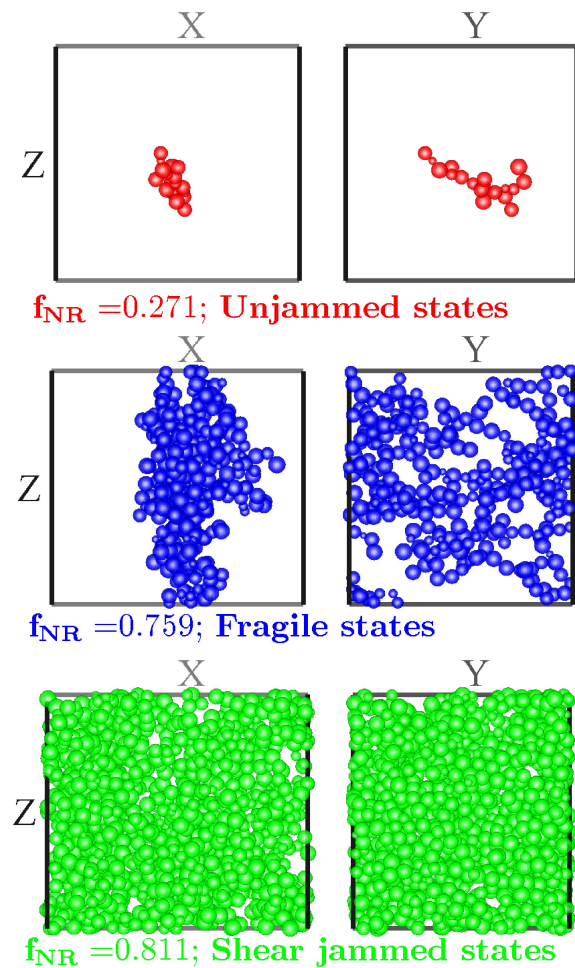
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**How to measure the shear strain needed to jam the system, based on different history.**

-Using percolation method (when strong force chain is percolated through the whole system)

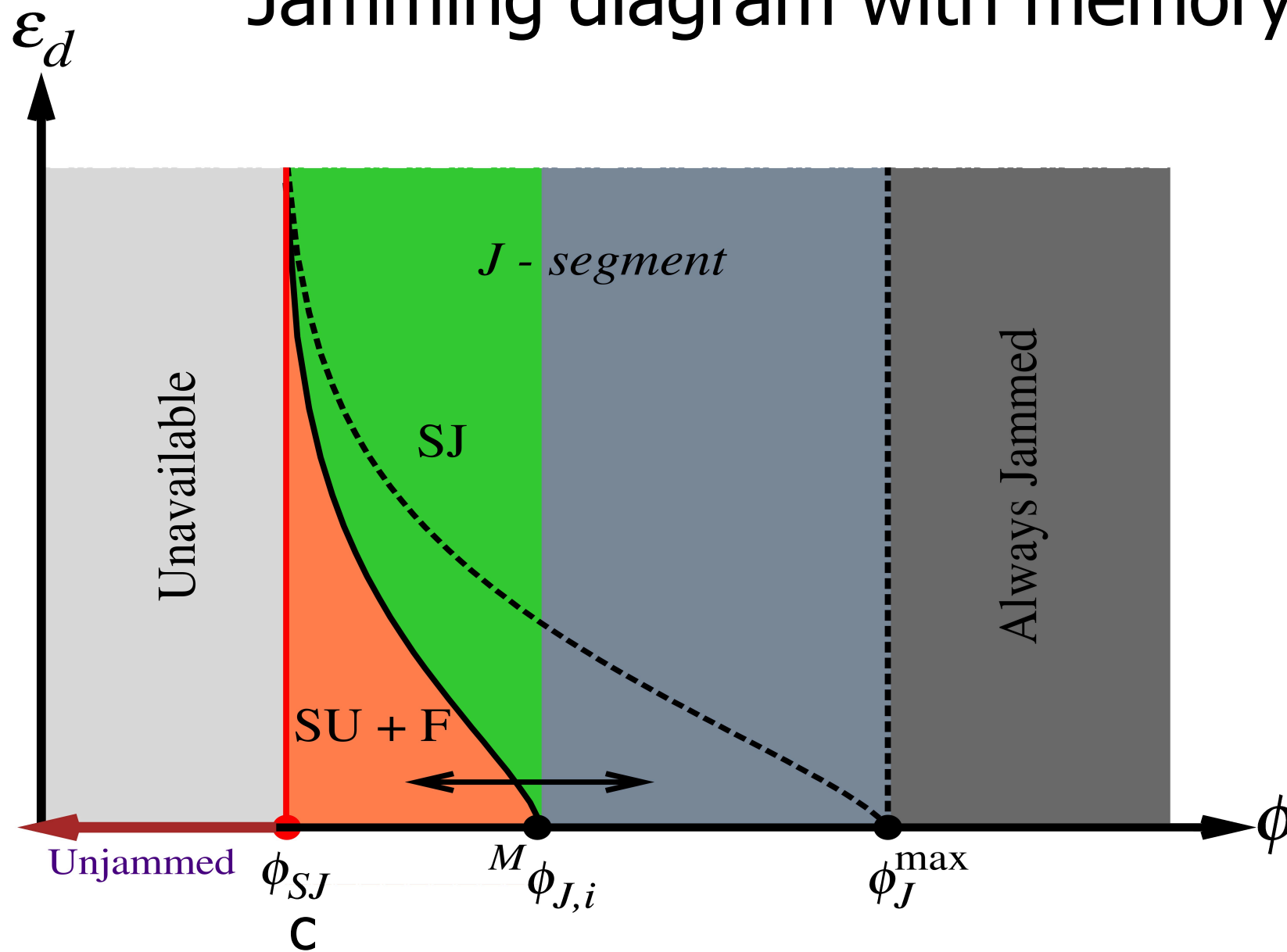


# Jamming by application of shear

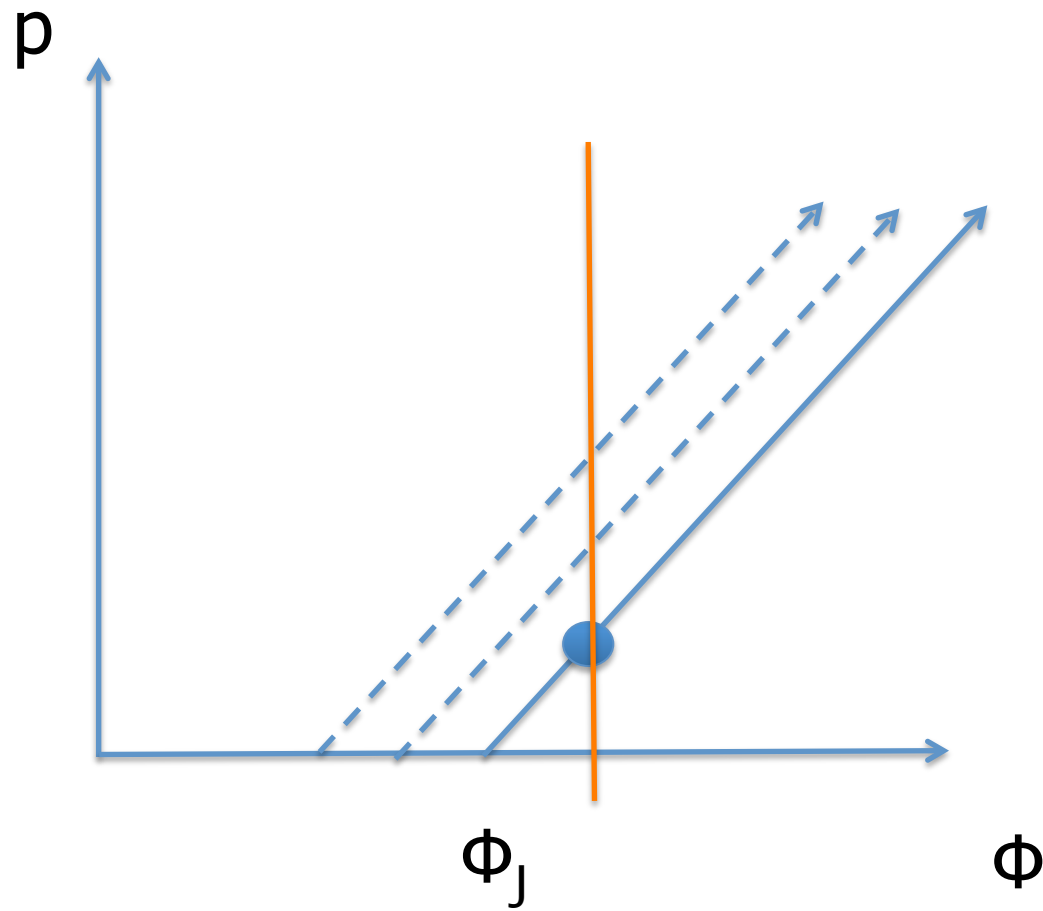




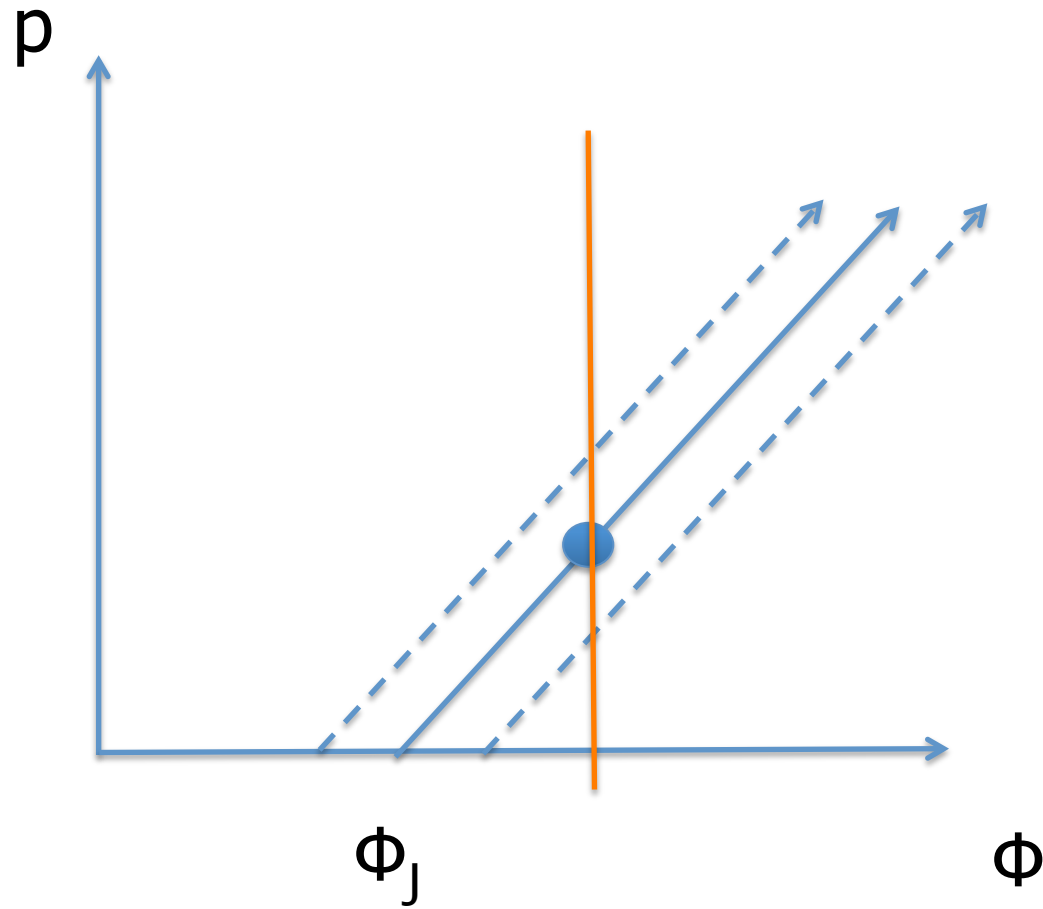
# Jamming diagram with memory



# BC “isochoric” shear

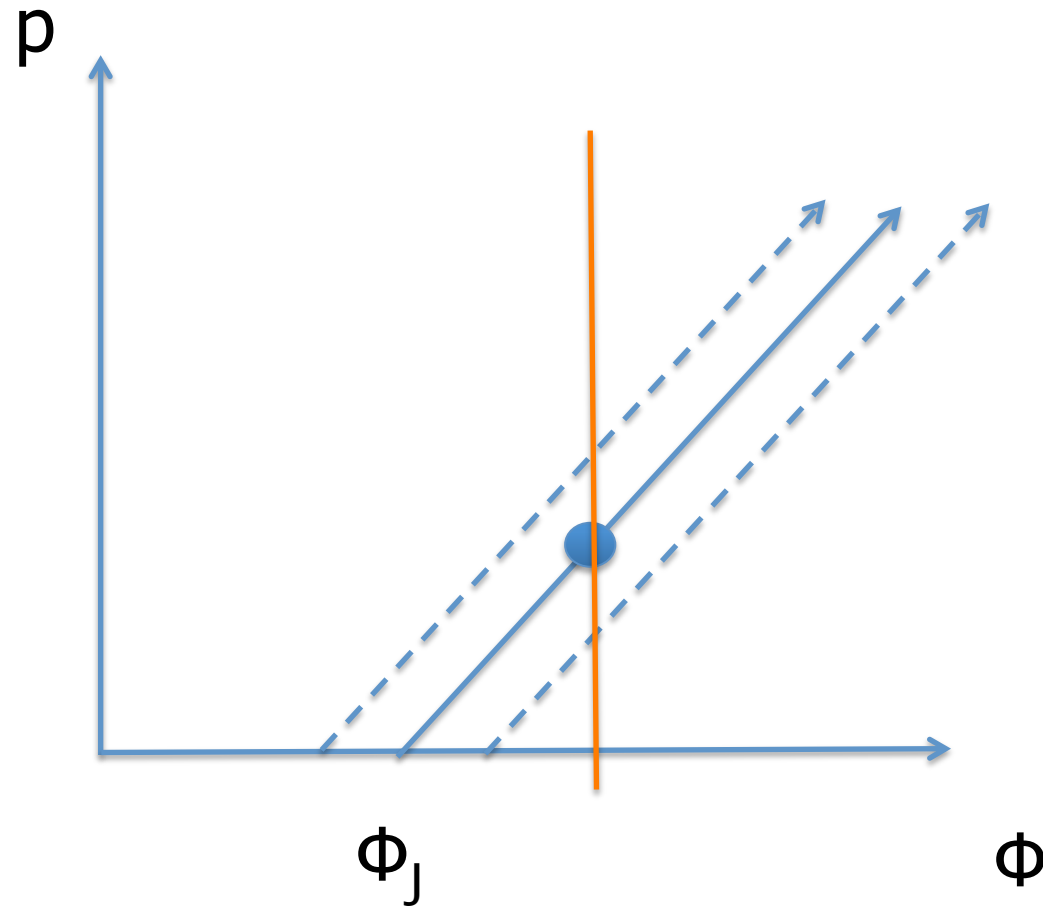


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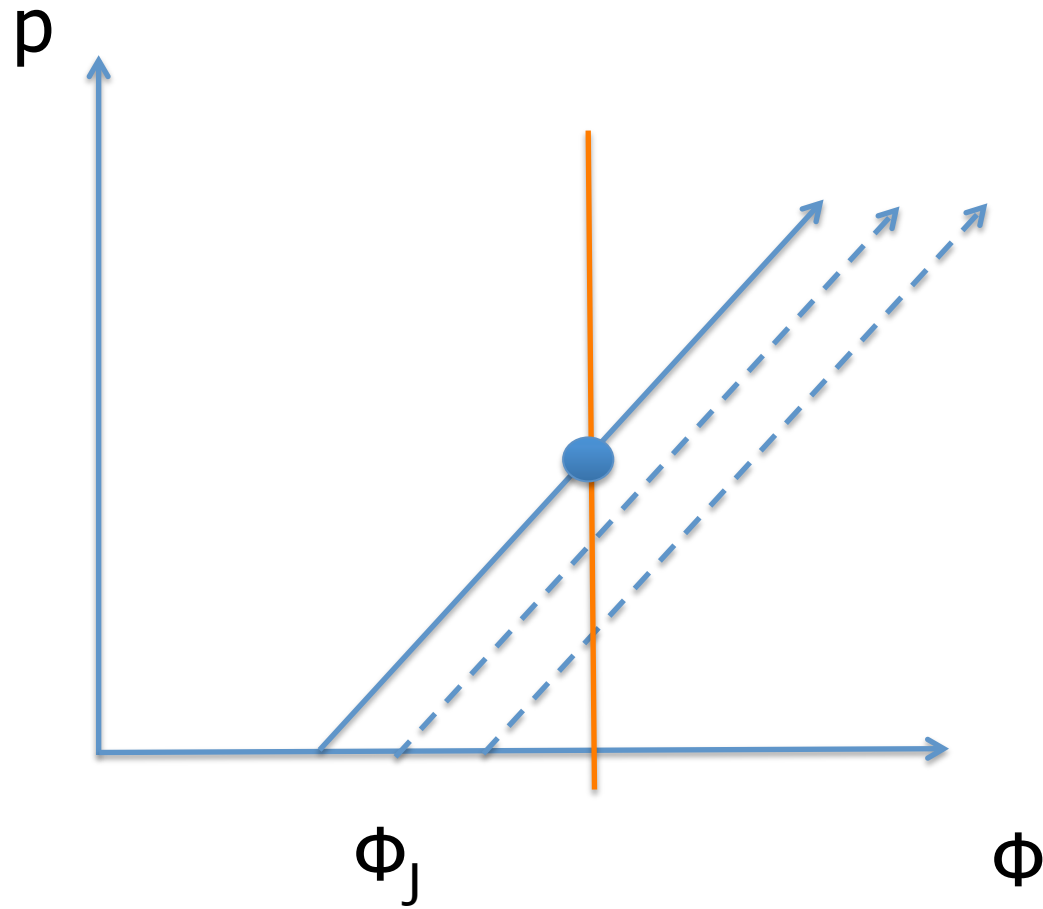


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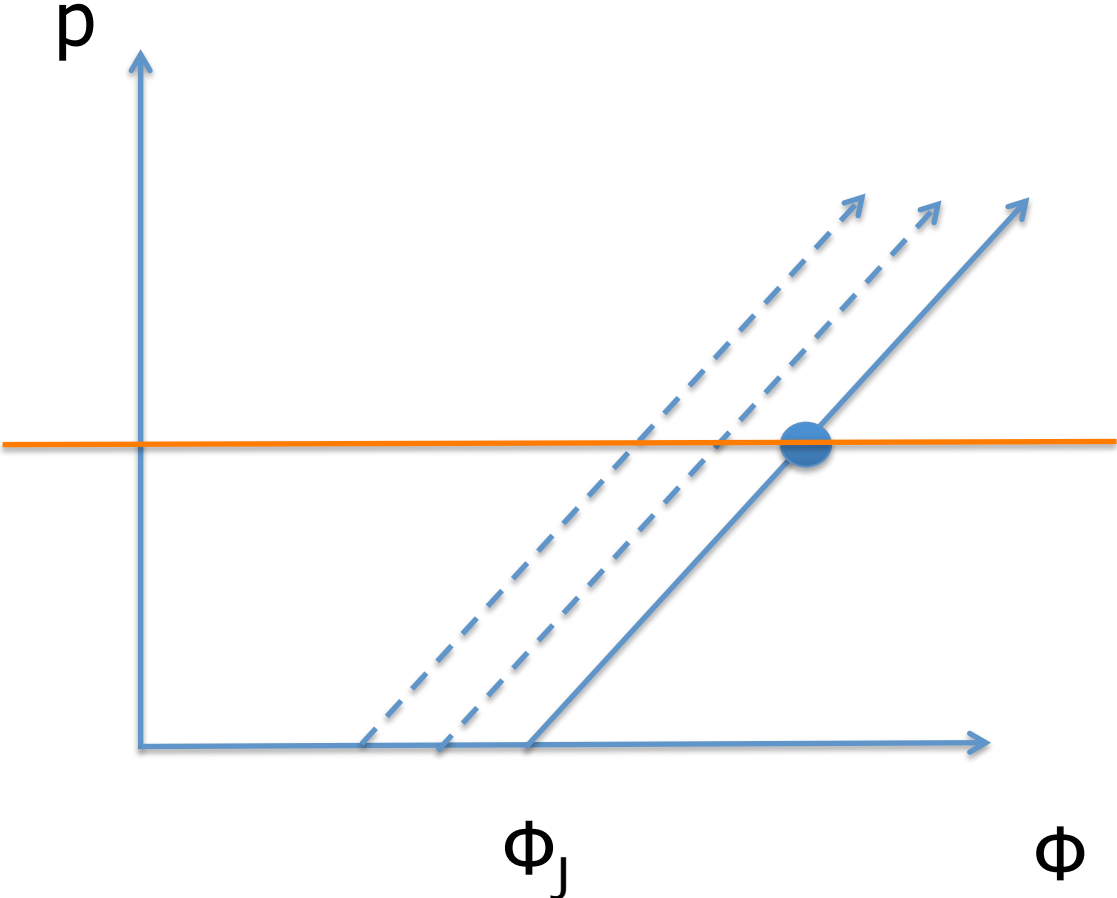
i.e. pressure-dilatancy



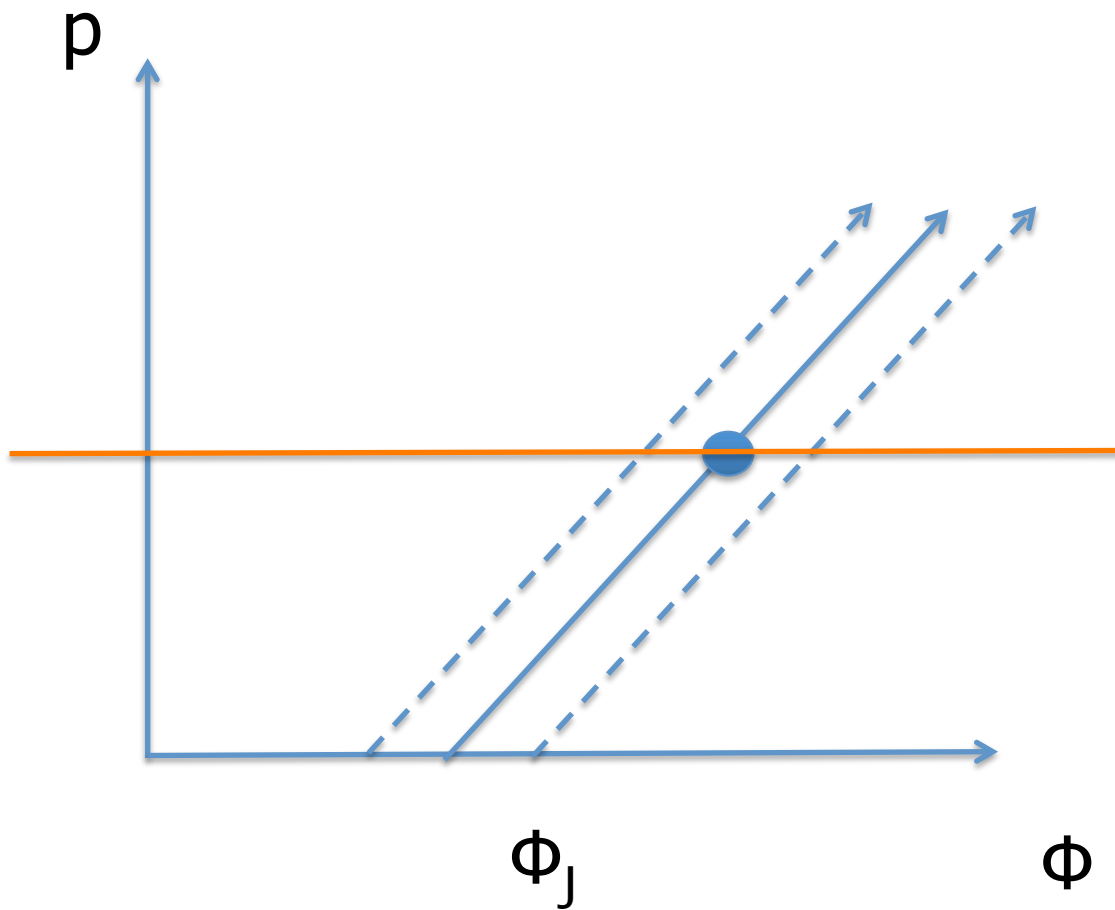
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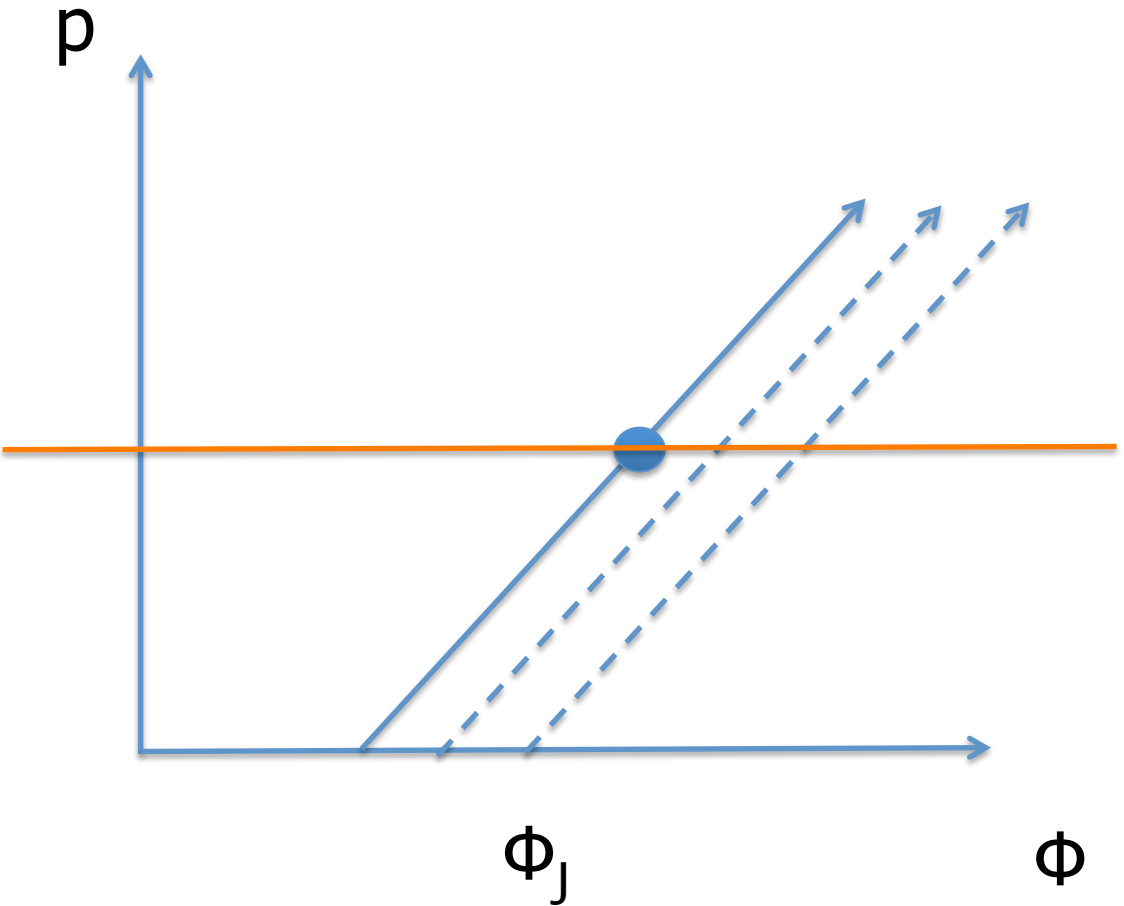
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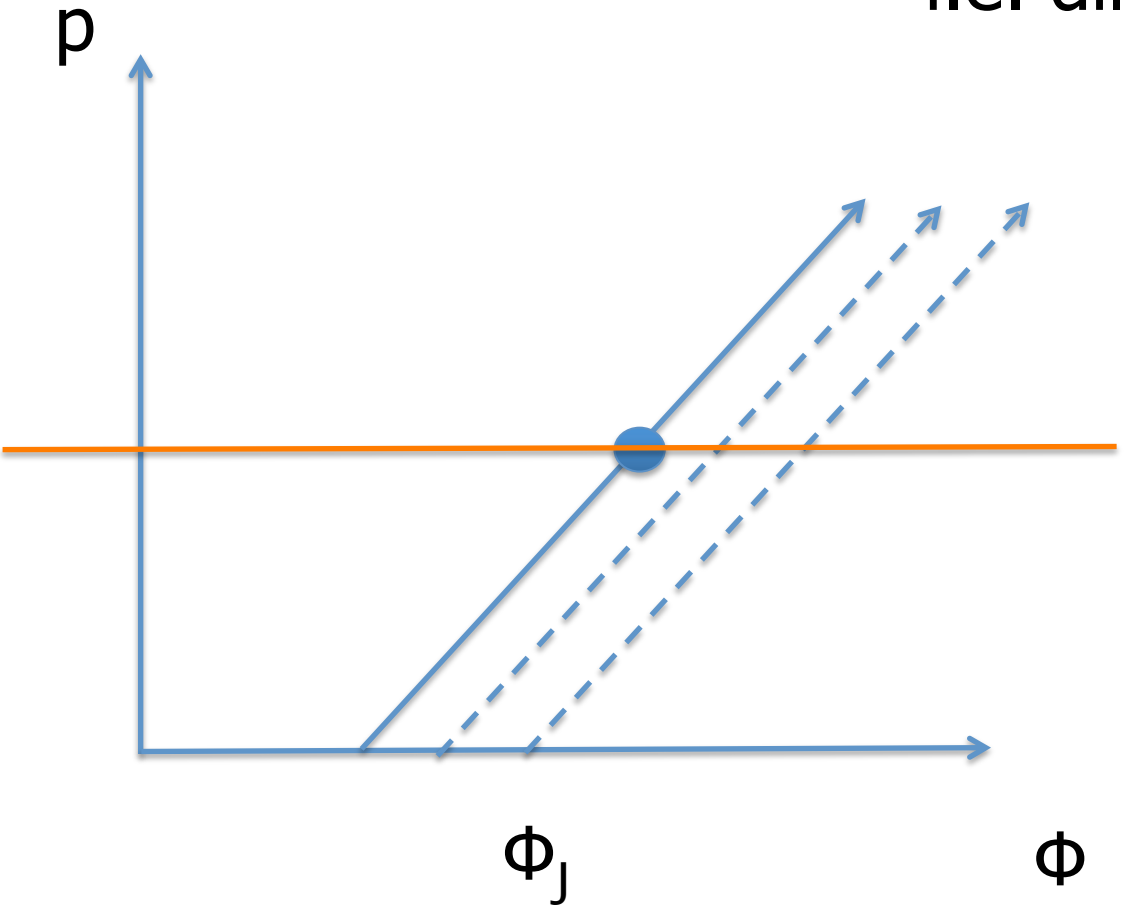
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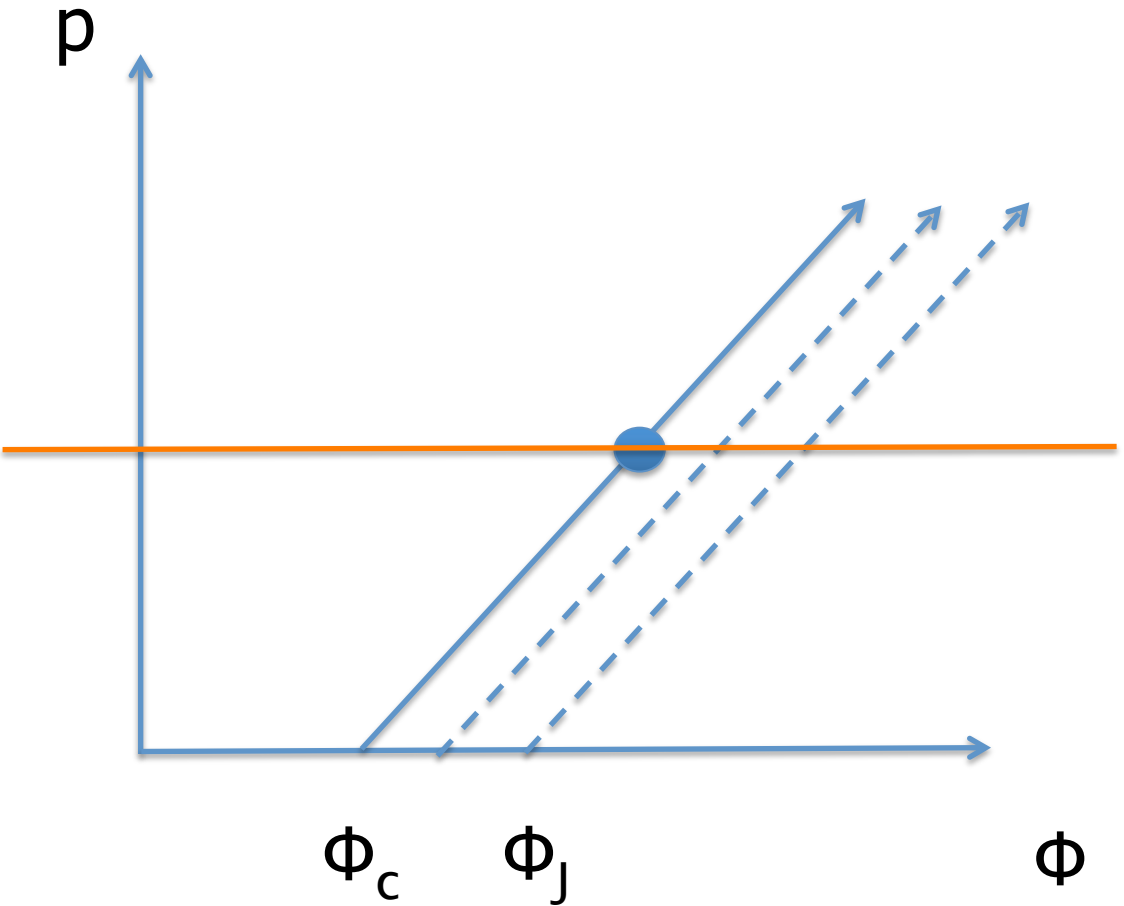


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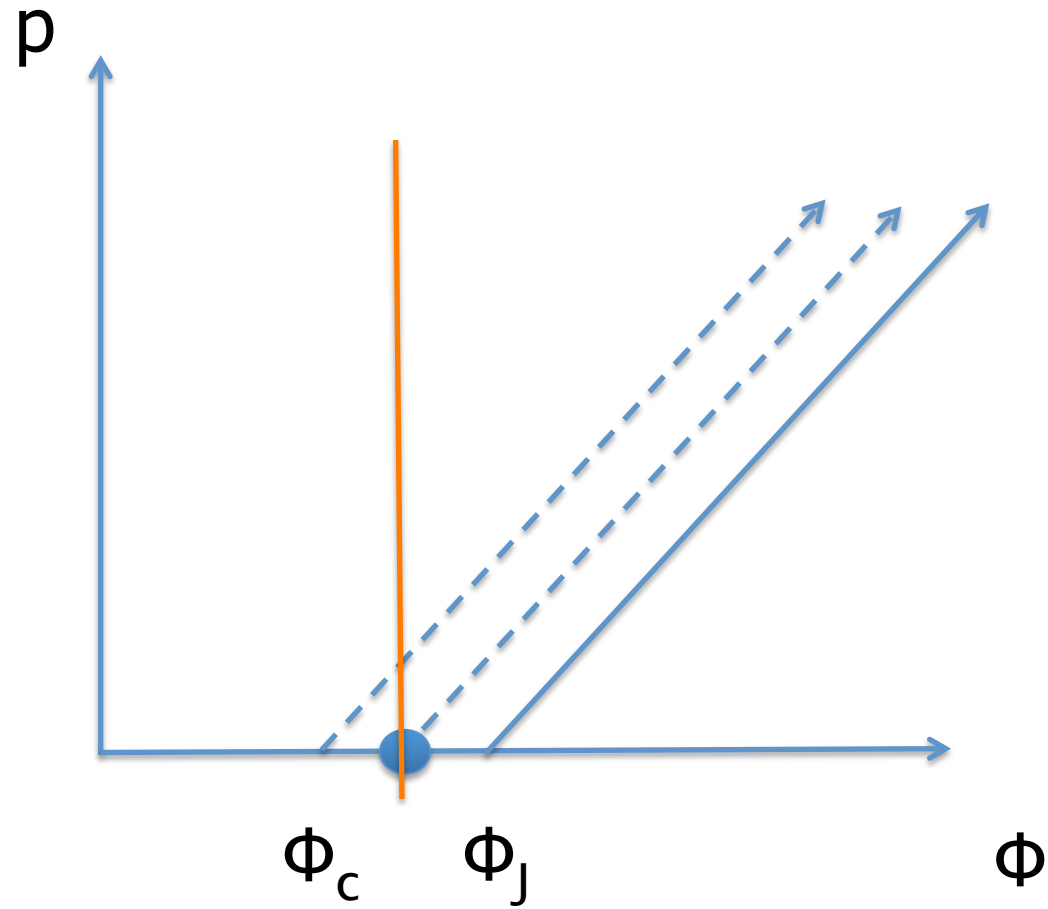
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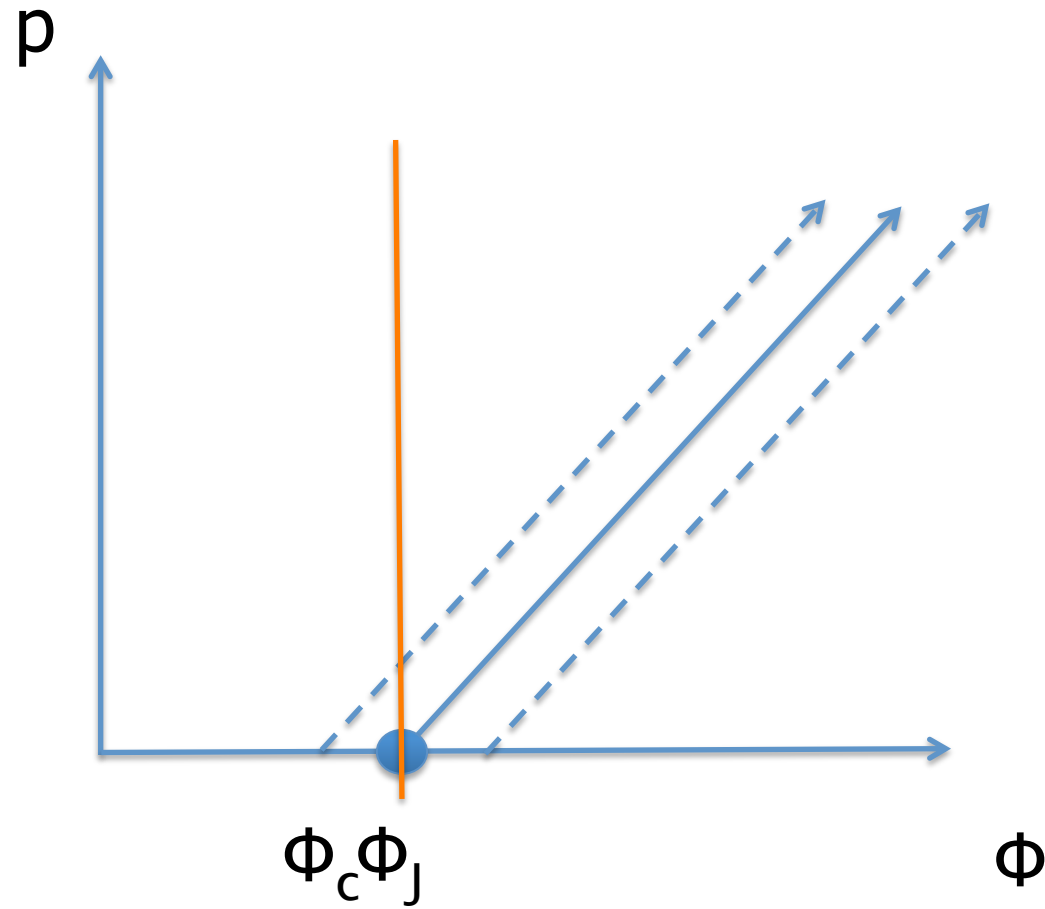
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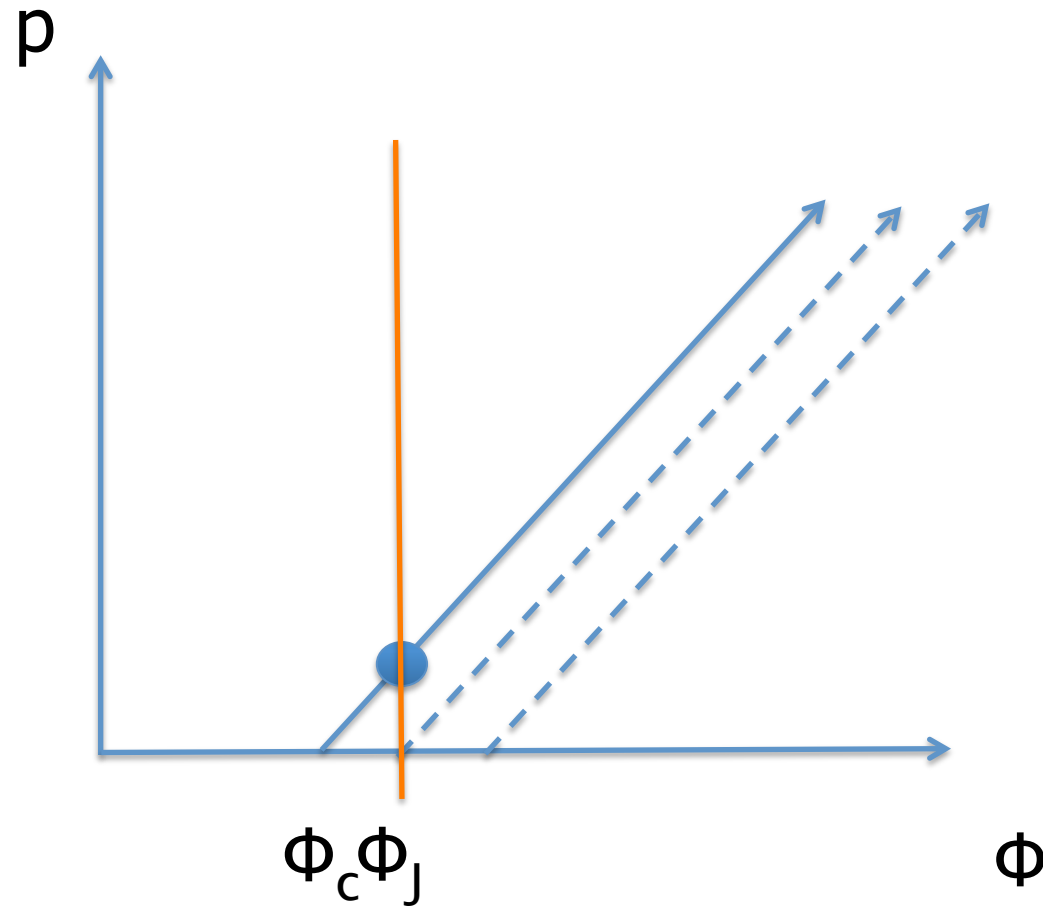
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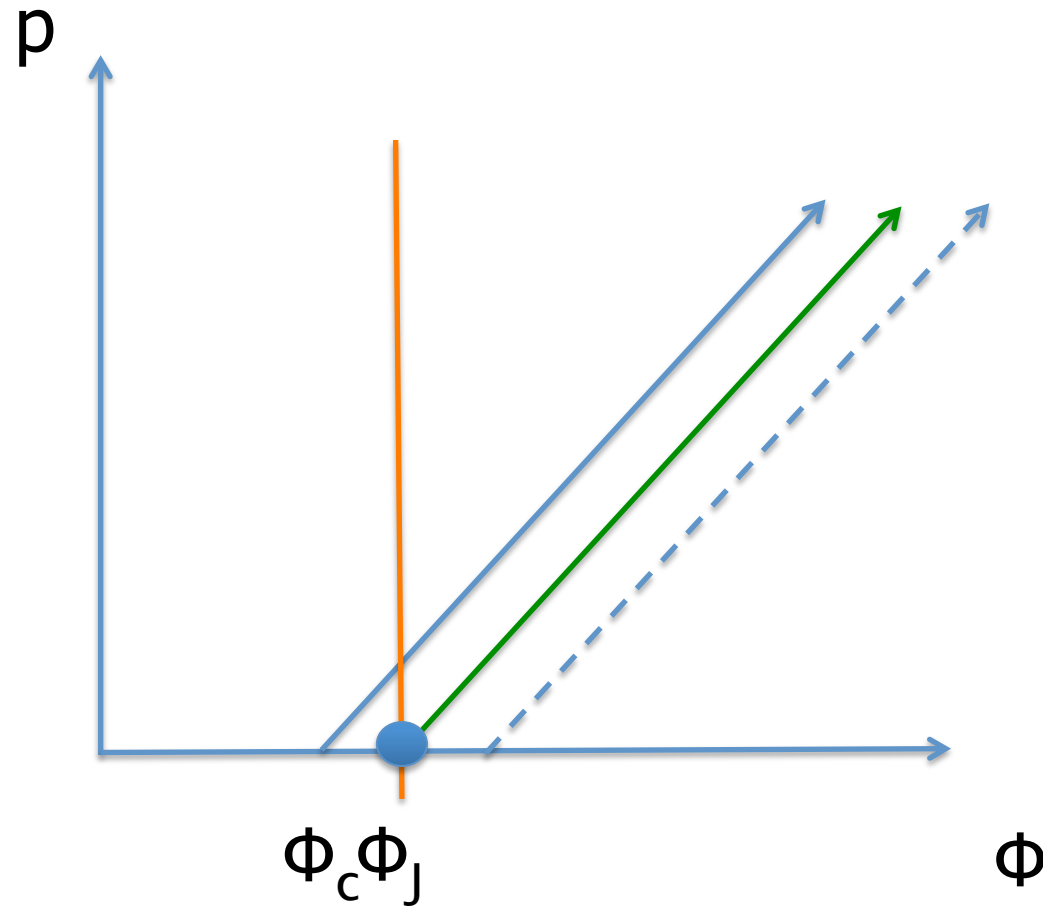


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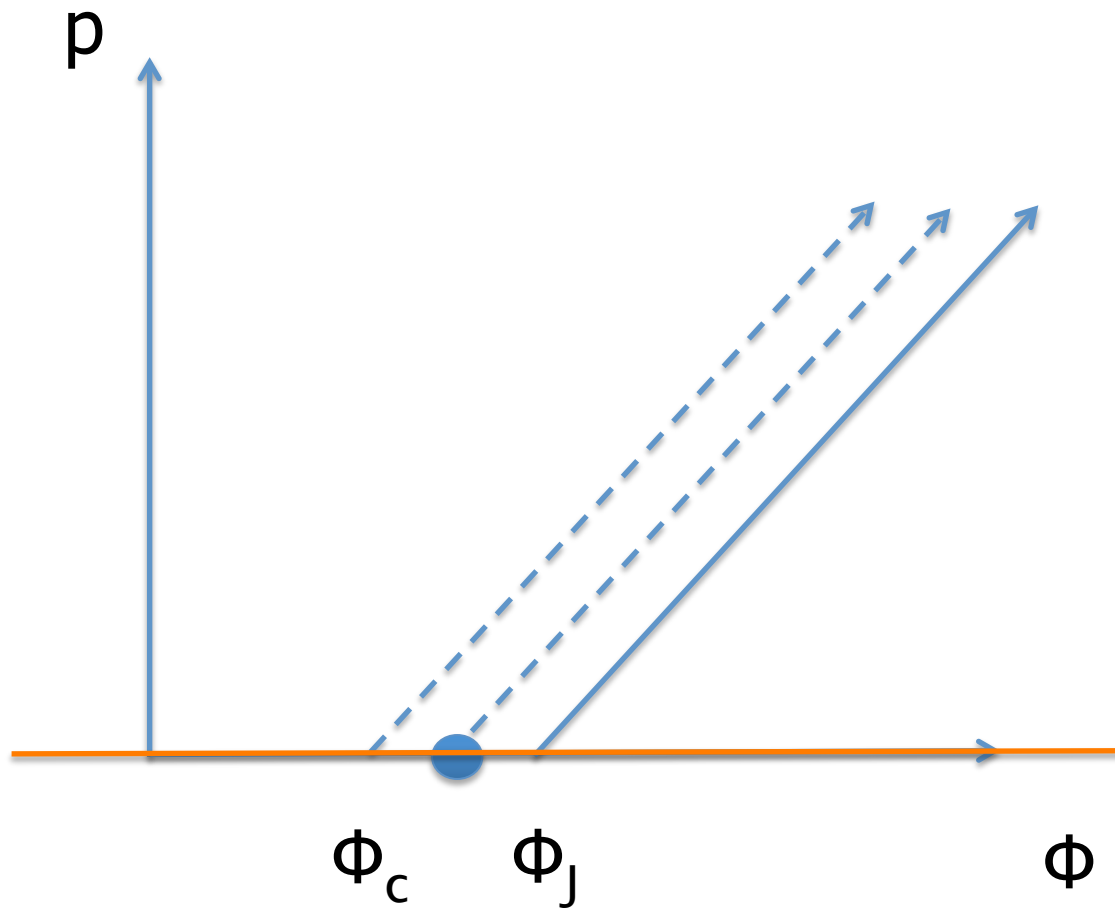


# BC “isochoric” shear-reversal

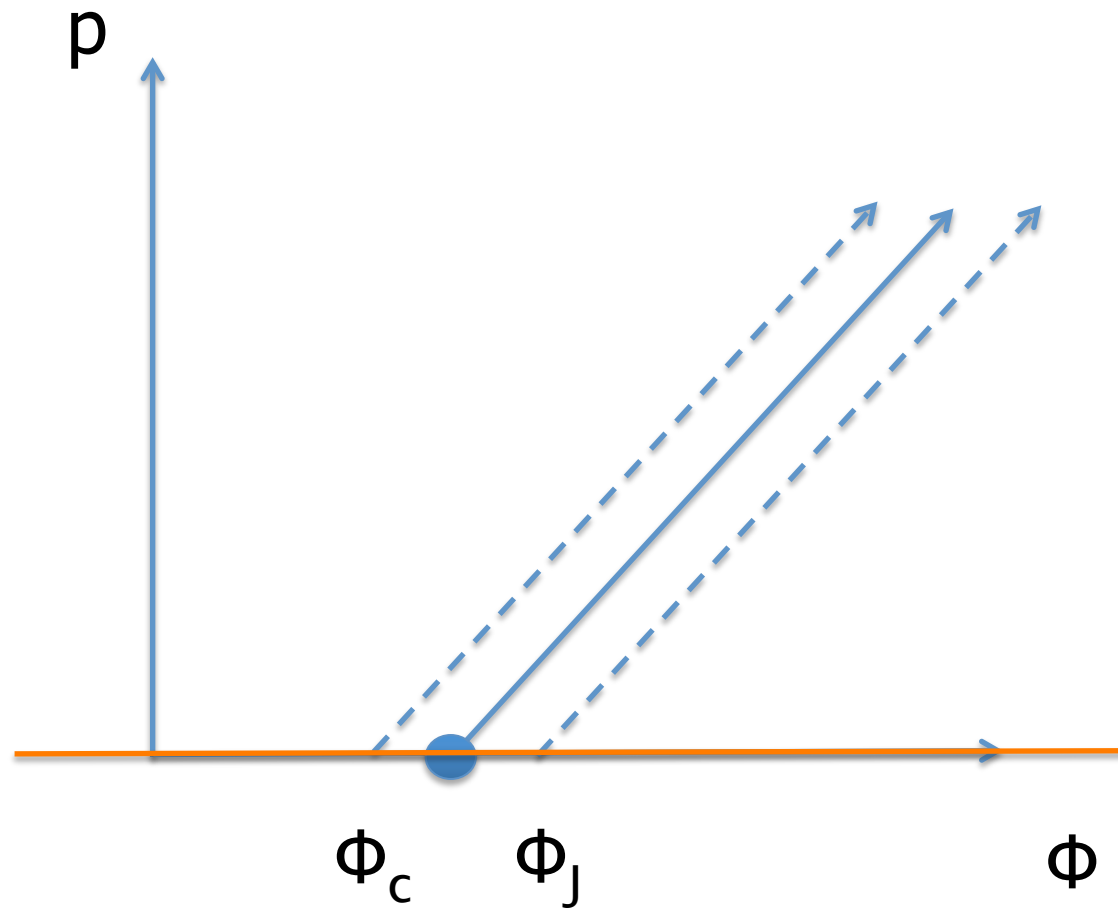
i.e. shear un-jamming



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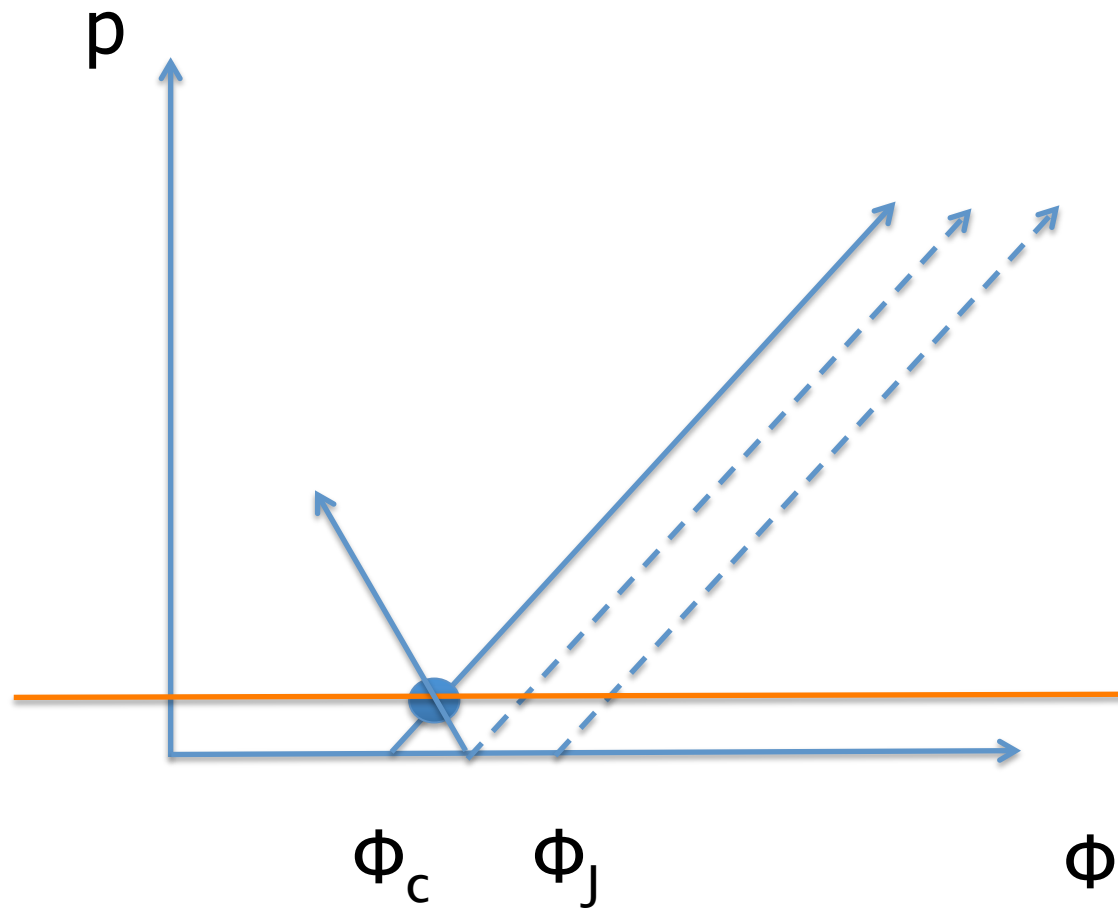


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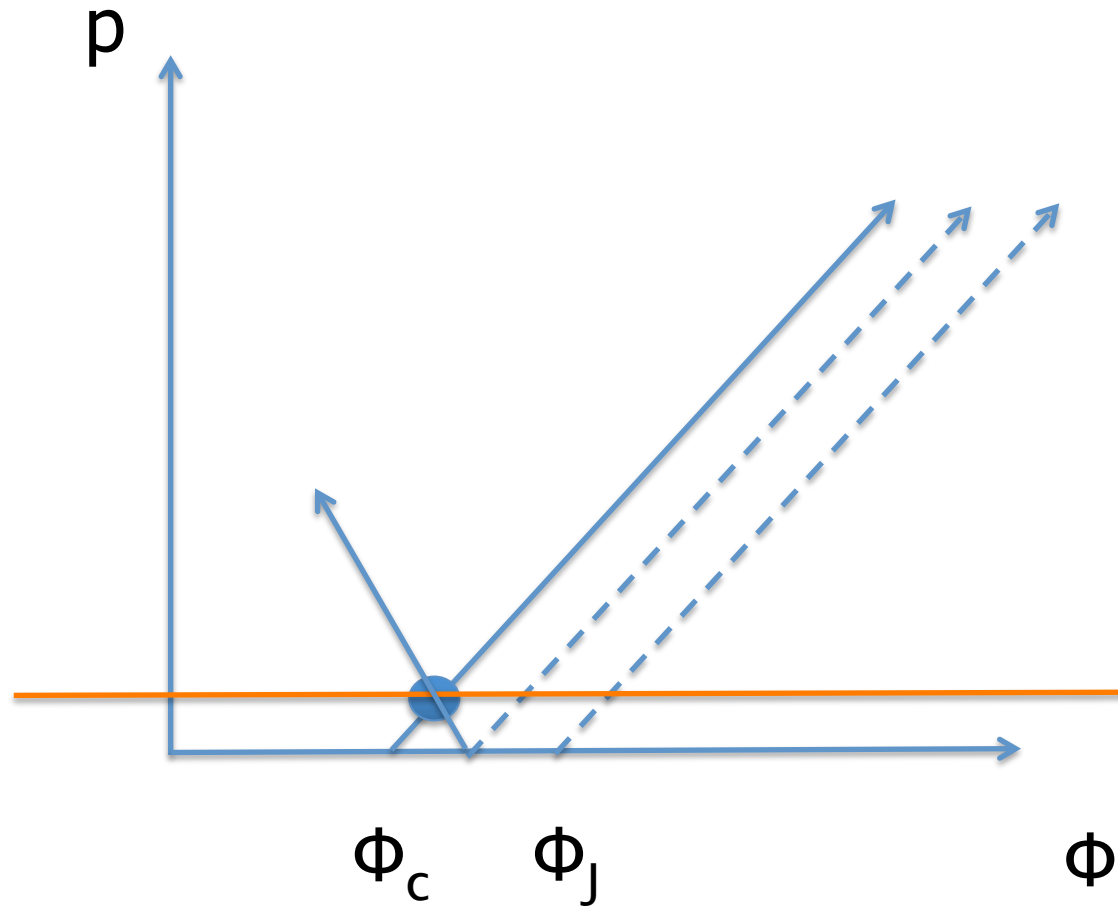




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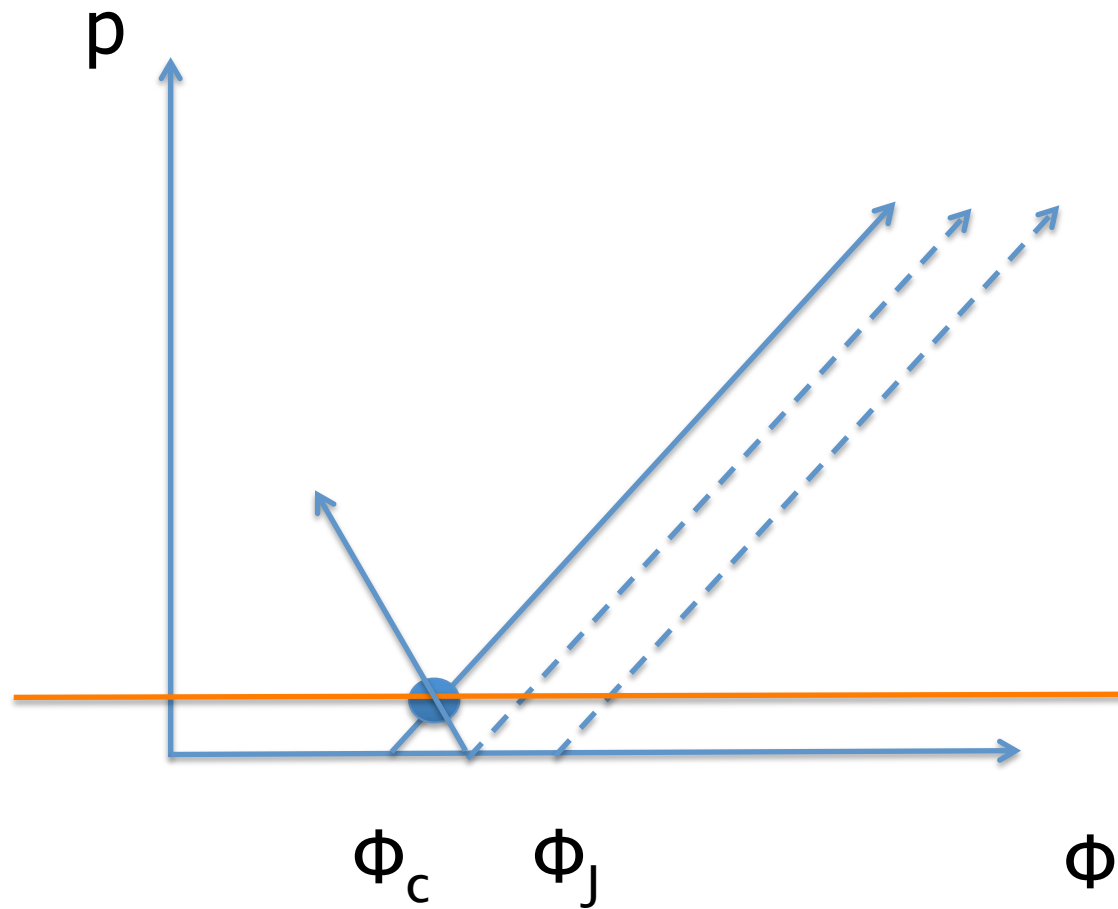


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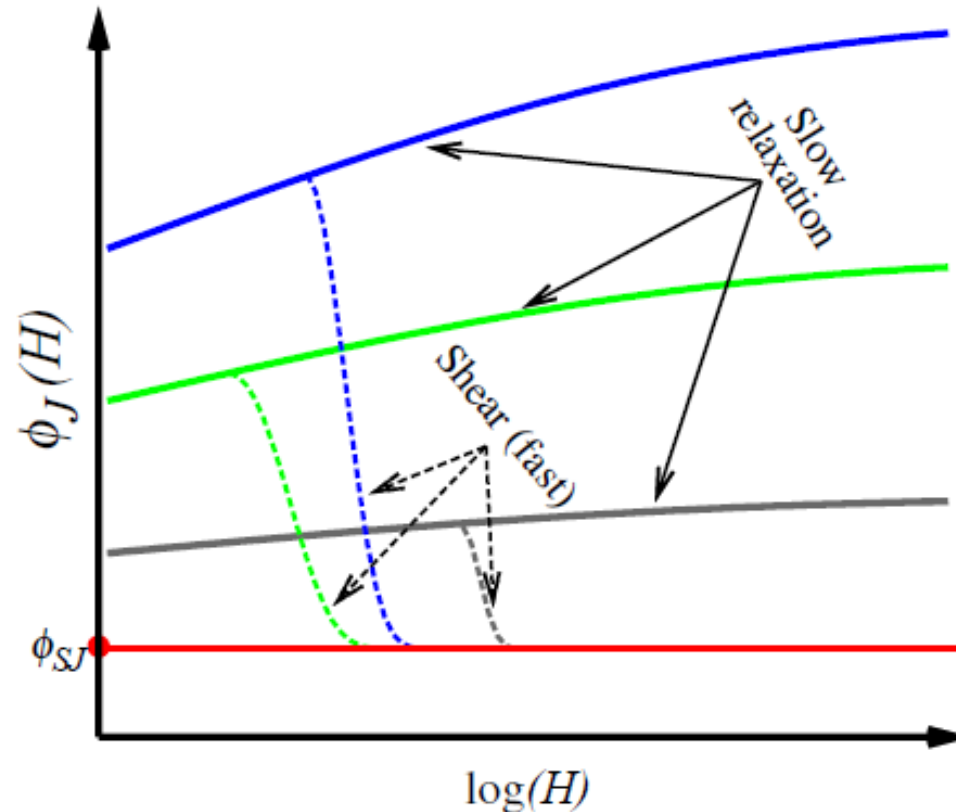


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finite  $N$ ,  $p + \text{tiny } \varepsilon$



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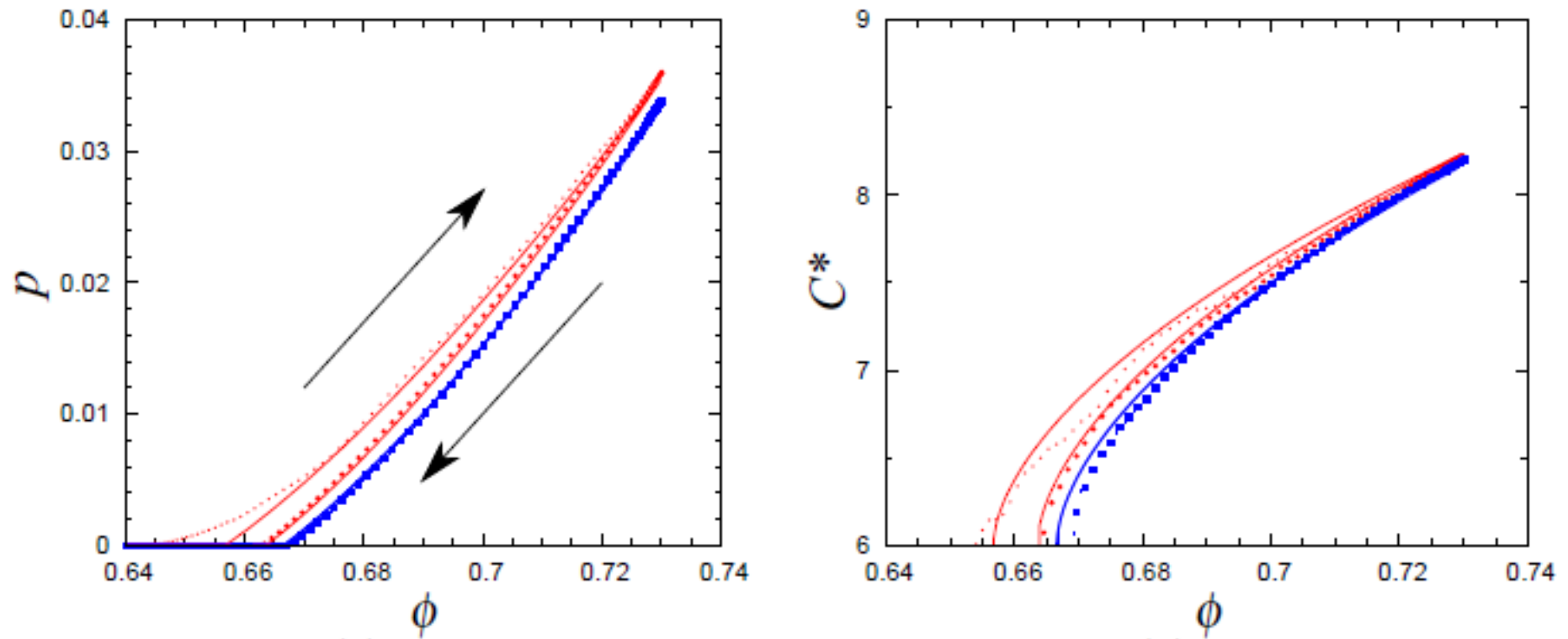


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is much slower than the rate of decrease by pure shear.
- Ultimate lower bound, defined as the shear-jamming density ... minimal jamming point reached

# Predictive power – cyclic isotropic deformation

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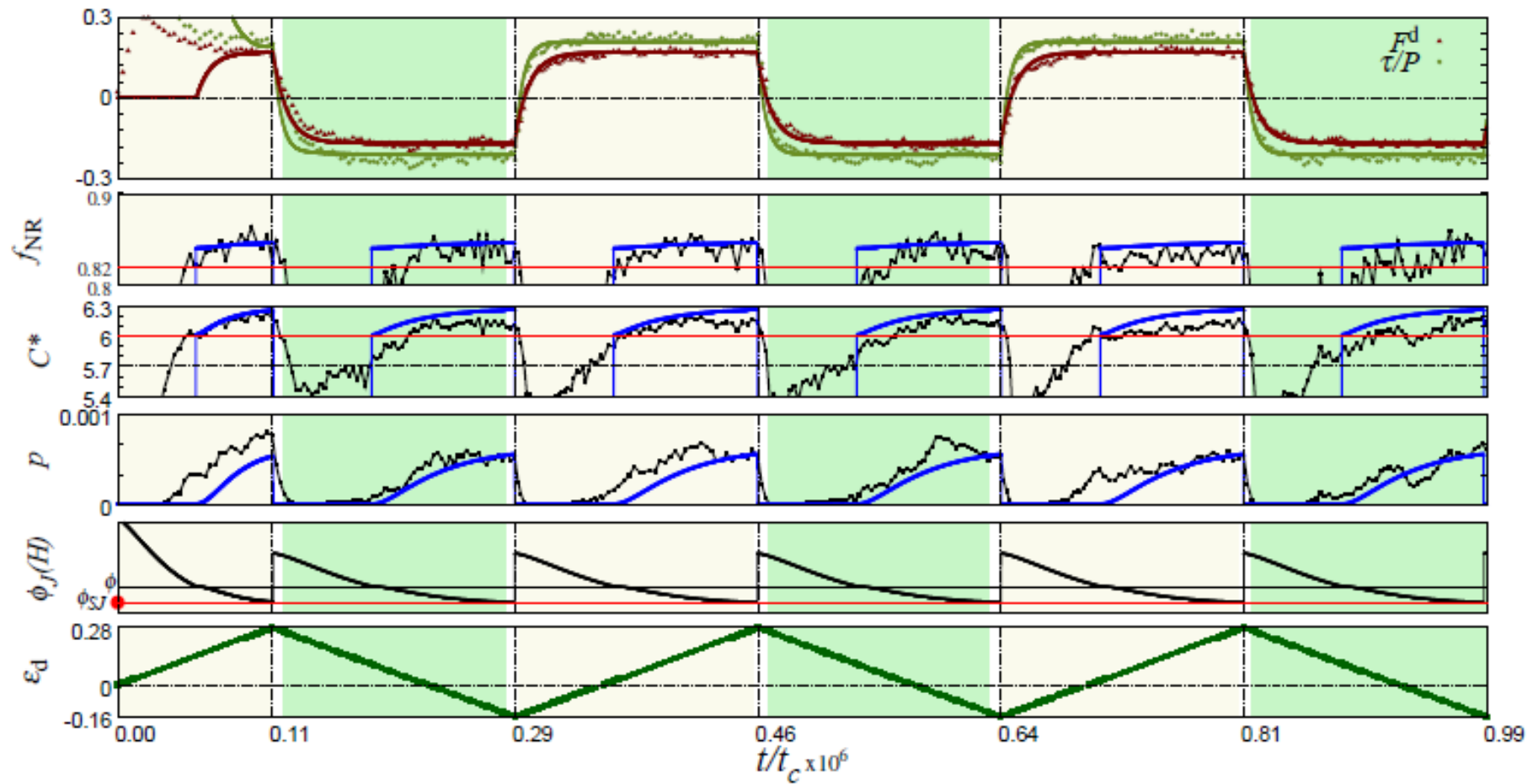
- Intermediate cyclic over-compression (amplitude 0.73) for 100 cycles.



- Well predicted isotropic - pressure and coordination number (during loading and un-loading).
- Only by adding motion of jamming-point in the constitutive model.
- Curves saturate for large cycles for loading and un-loading and is also predicted.

# Predictive power – cyclic pure shear deformation

- Cyclic shear for 3 cycles (after the first loading, system forgets history).

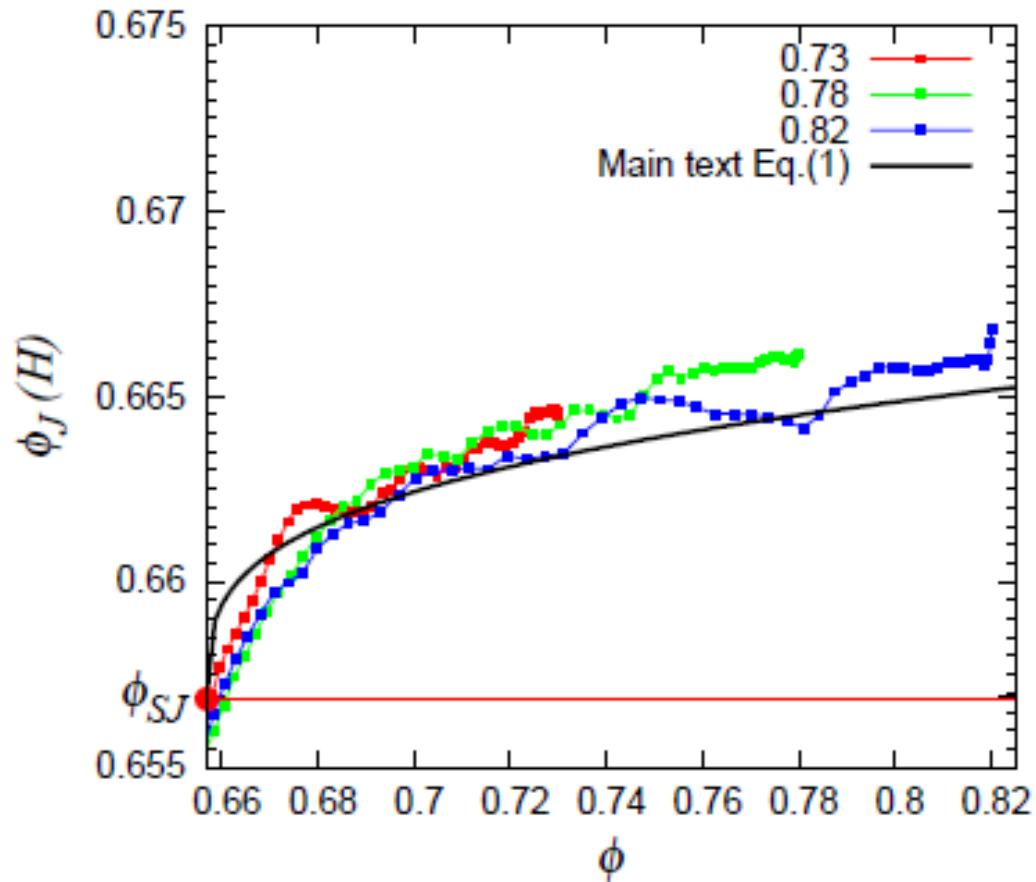


- Quantities like – fraction of non-rattlers, coordination number, pressure – by mainly modifying the constitutive model with non-constant jamming point.

# Something for experimentalists

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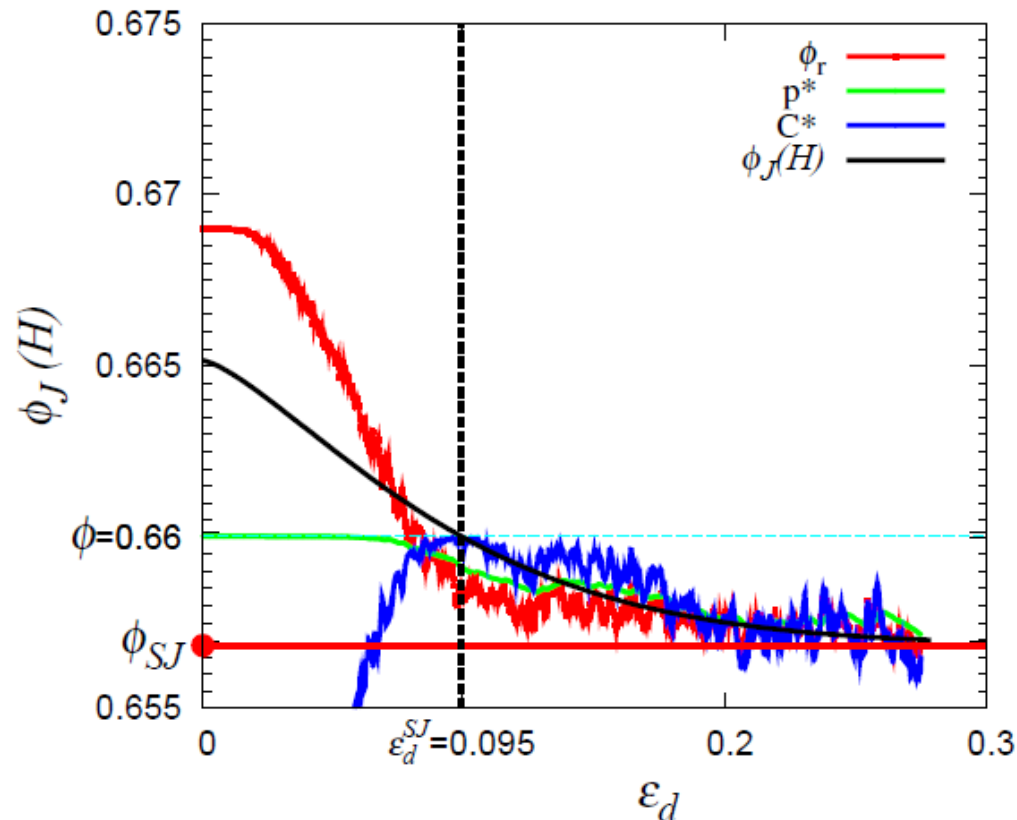
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During isotropic deformation at three different amplitudes, and extracting it from pressure. Comparison with the theoretical framework

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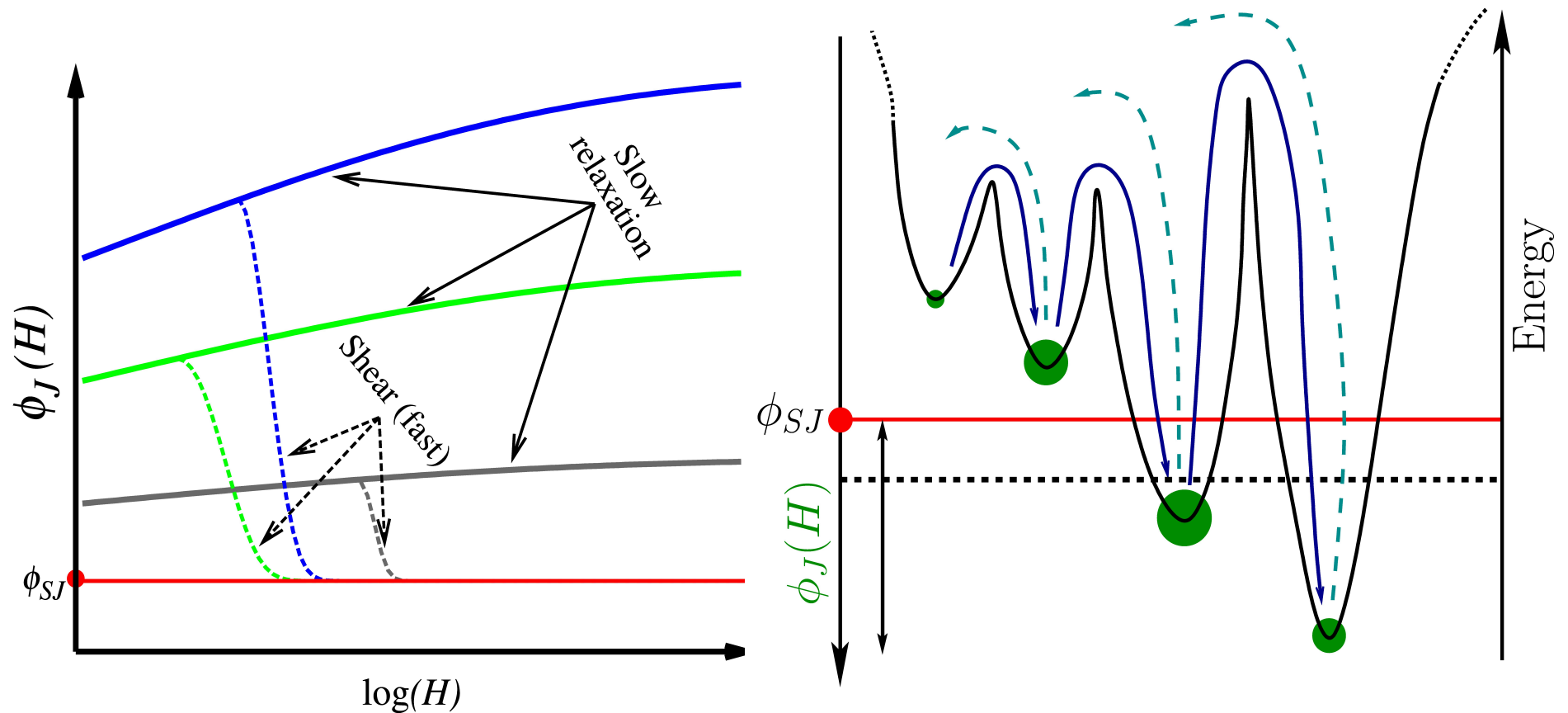
$$\frac{p\nu_c}{\nu C} = p_0(-\varepsilon_v) [1 - \gamma_p(-\varepsilon_v)]$$

$$\varepsilon_v = -\ln\left(\frac{\nu}{\nu_c}\right)$$

During shear deformation, and extracting it from pressure, coordination number.  
Comparison with the theoretical framework



# Evolution of jamming points with history



# Summary

there is:

- **dilatancy** in frictionless packings (Jean-Noel)
- **elasticity** (reversible) plasticity (irreversible) (Bulbul)
- **shear-jamming** in frictionless packs (Bob)
- new isotropic-state-variable! (for macro-view)
- => the jamming density  $\Phi(H)$   
... or an other related quantity
- energy-landscape model explains all 😊

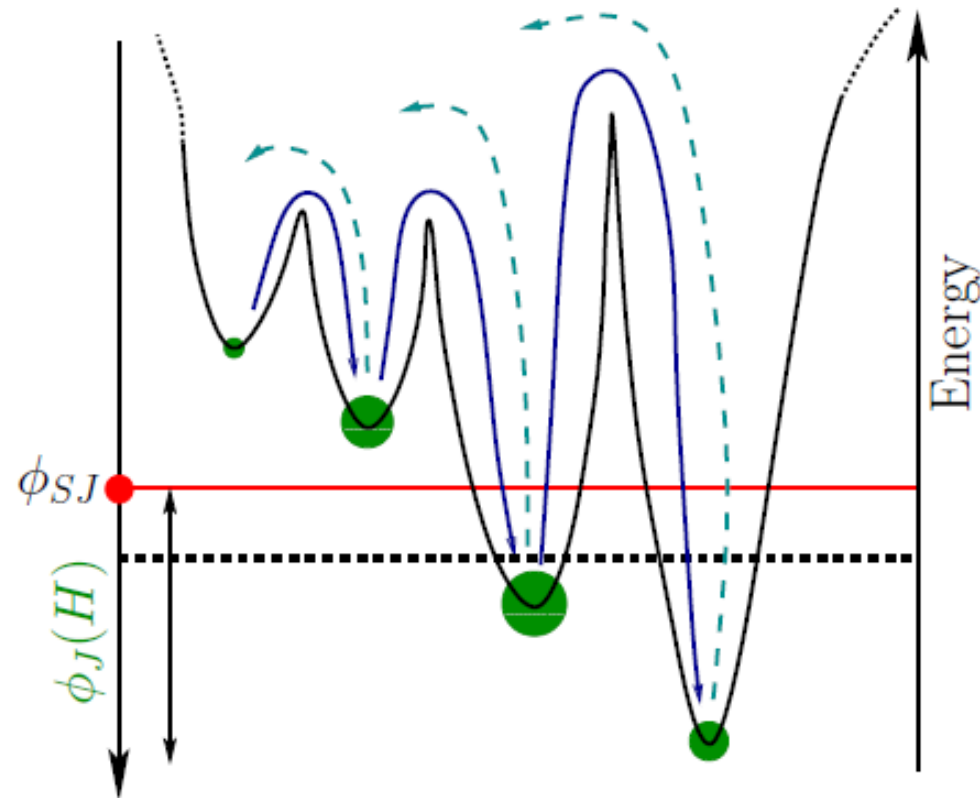
open issues?

- system size dependence? (Corey?)
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# Explanation – Energy landscape

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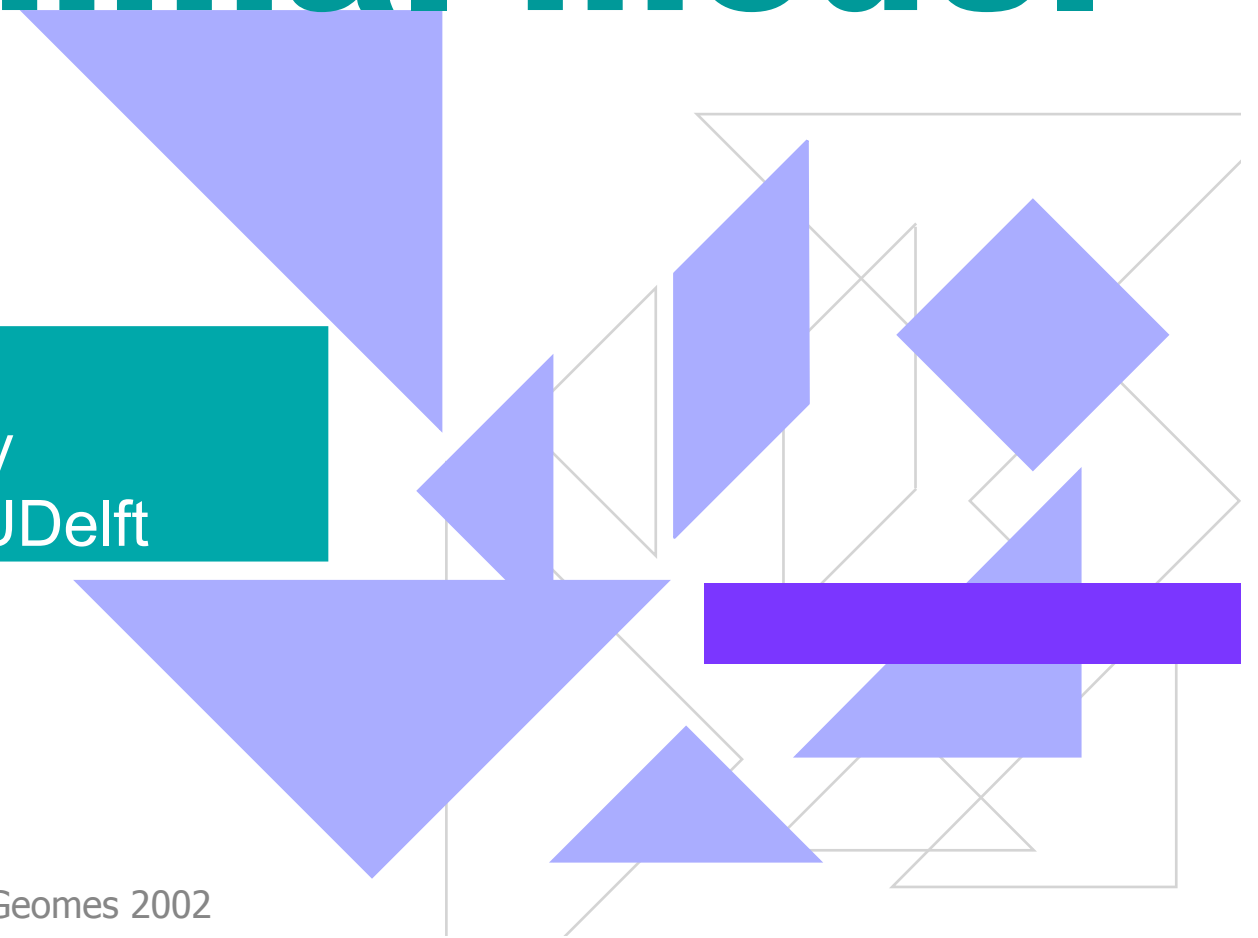
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- Isotropic deformation – leads to an increase in local and total jamming point, while the shear deformation decreases it.
- Deeper valleys with higher barriers, can be achieved with higher over-compression.

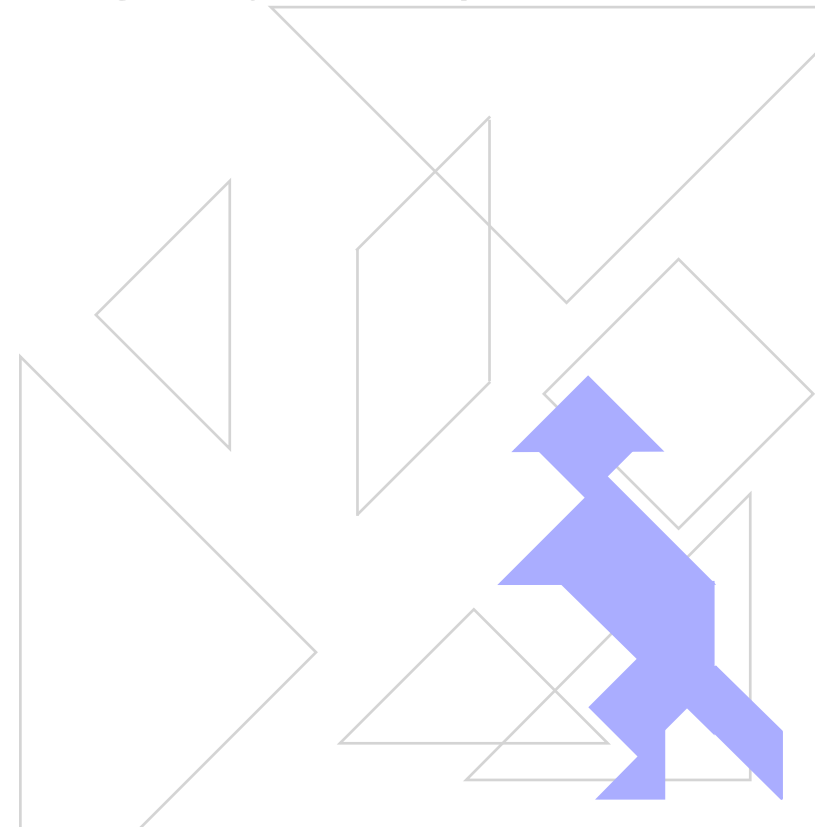
# Compaction: A minimal model

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Particle Technology  
DelftChemTech, TUDelft



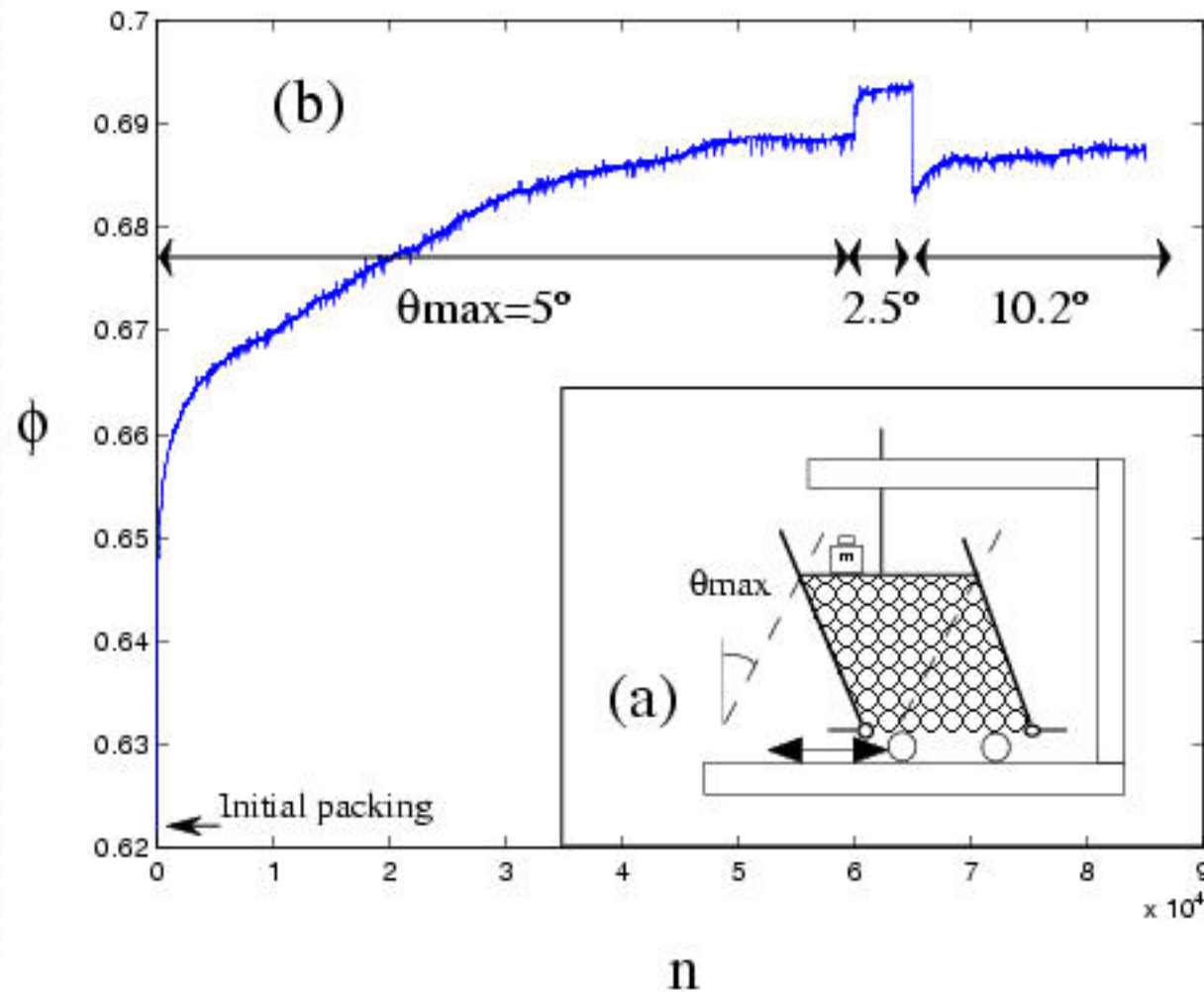
# Overview

- ◆ Experiment (O. Pouliquen, Marseille)
- ◆ & Model (developed during my visit)
- ◆ Results
  - Slow compaction
  - Cyclic compaction
- ◆ Summary
- ◆ Next steps ?



# Experiments

- ◆ Dense, monodisperse periodic shear



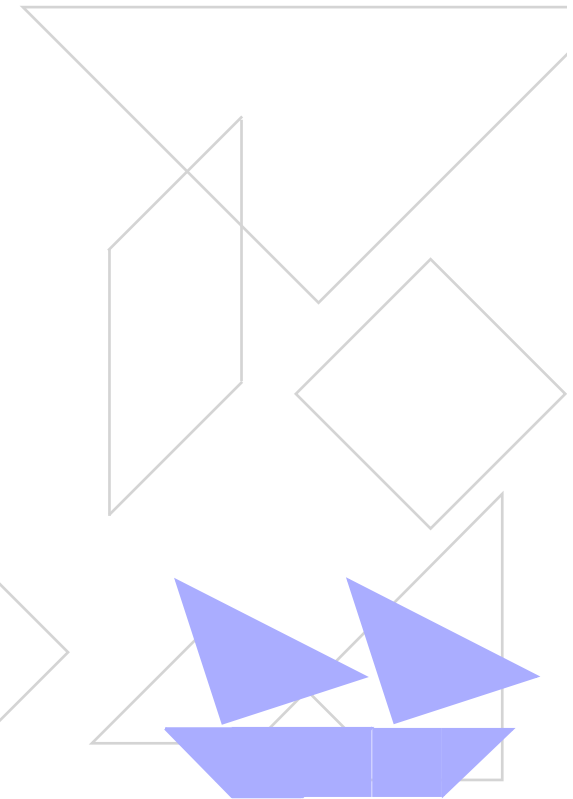
# Model

## ◆ Packing:

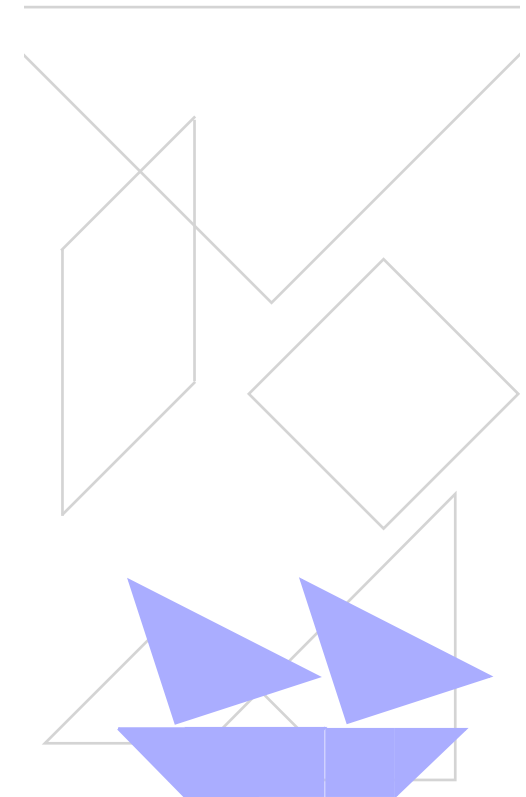
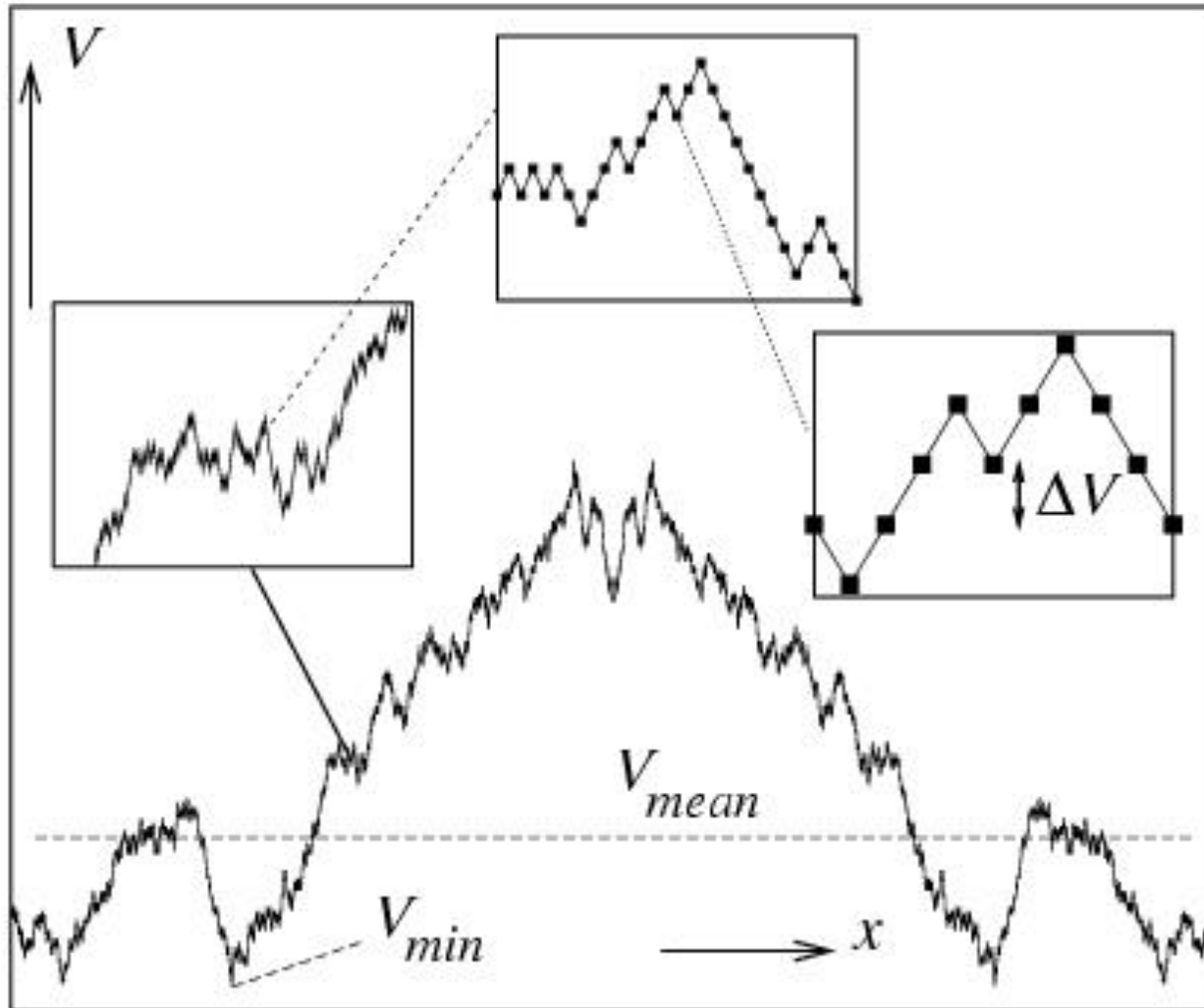
- Local configuration?
- Energy landscape
- Potential energy  $\rightarrow$  Density

## ◆ Particles:

- Explore the energy landscape
- Random walk = Sinai Diffusion



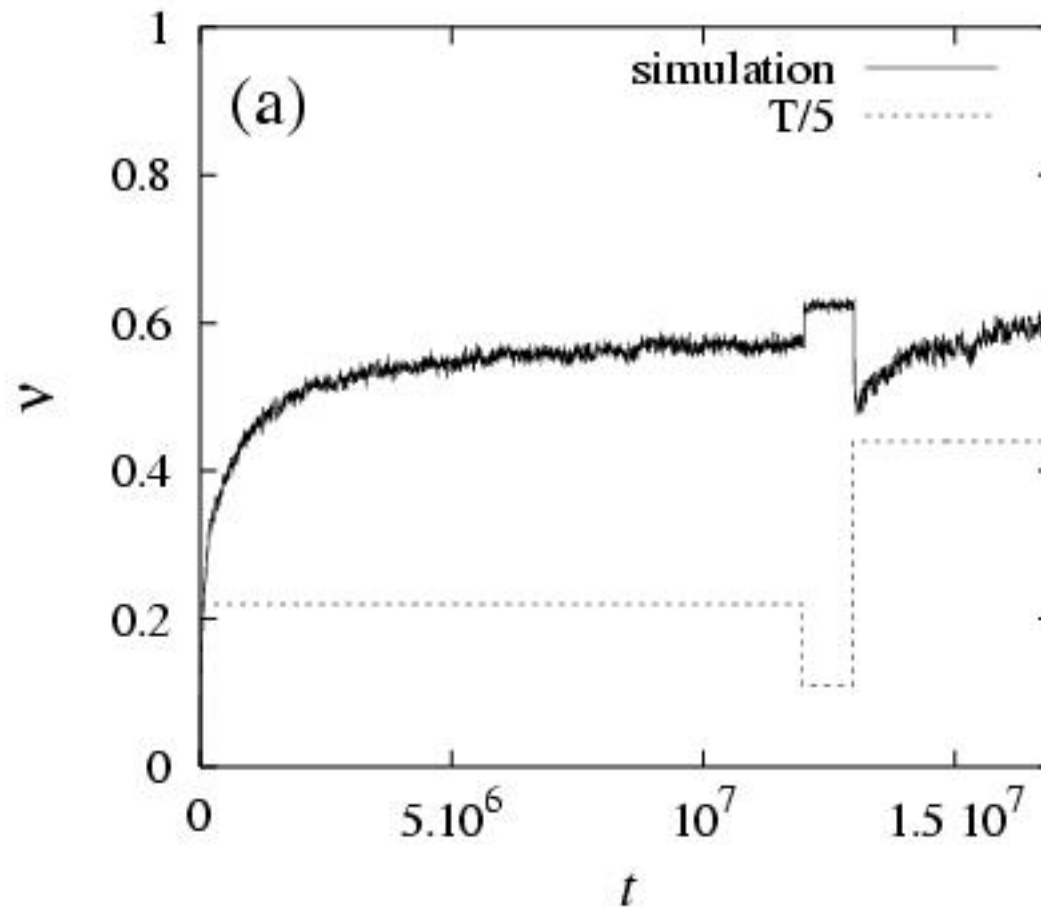
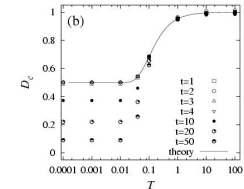
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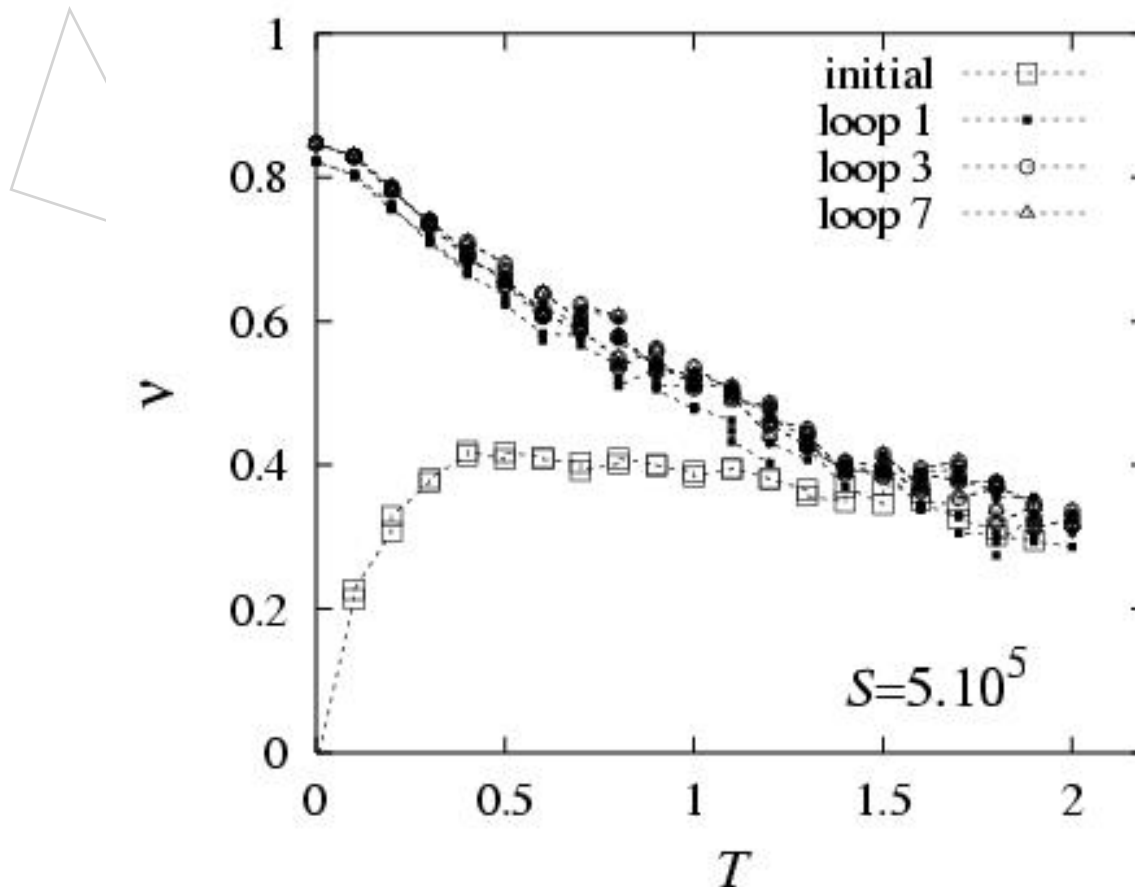
# Slow compaction

◆ Experiment vs. model simulation

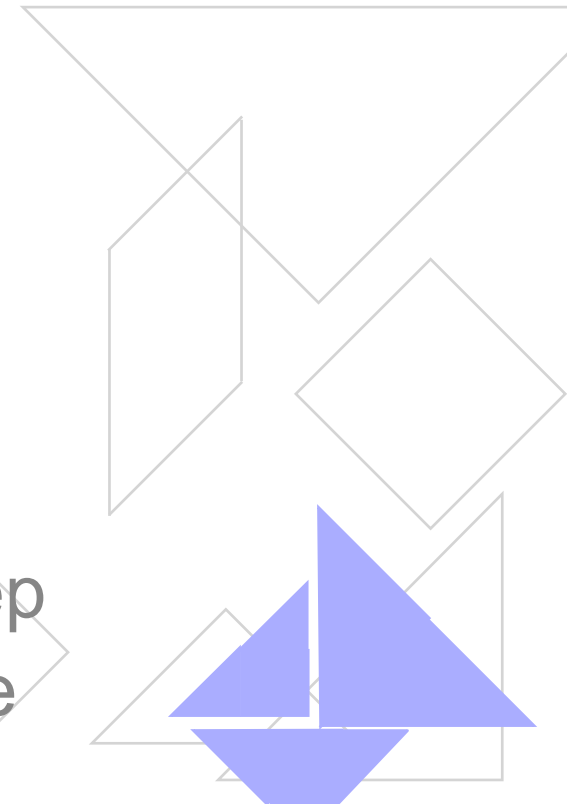


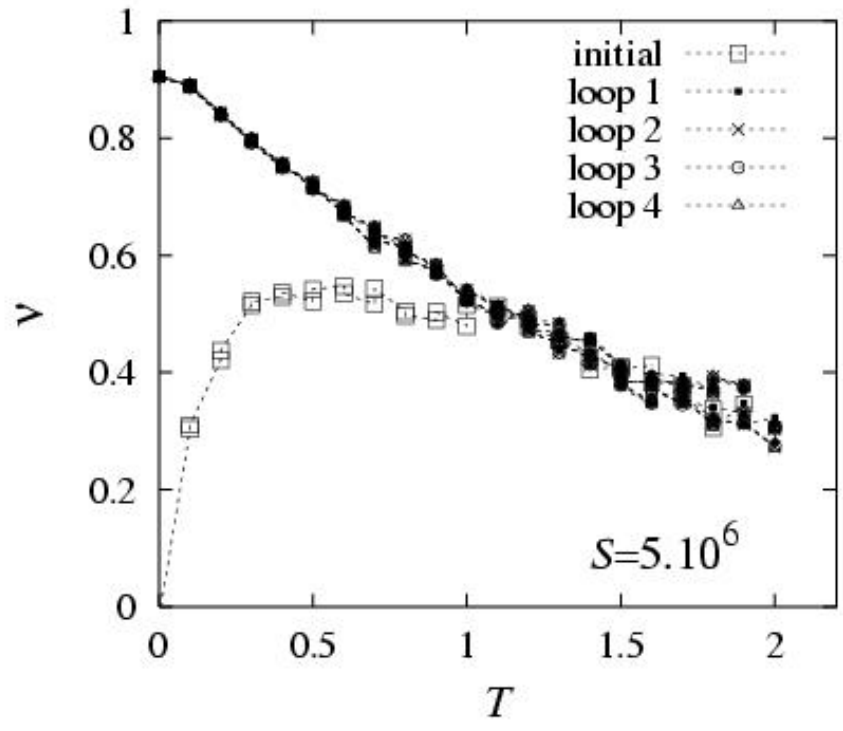
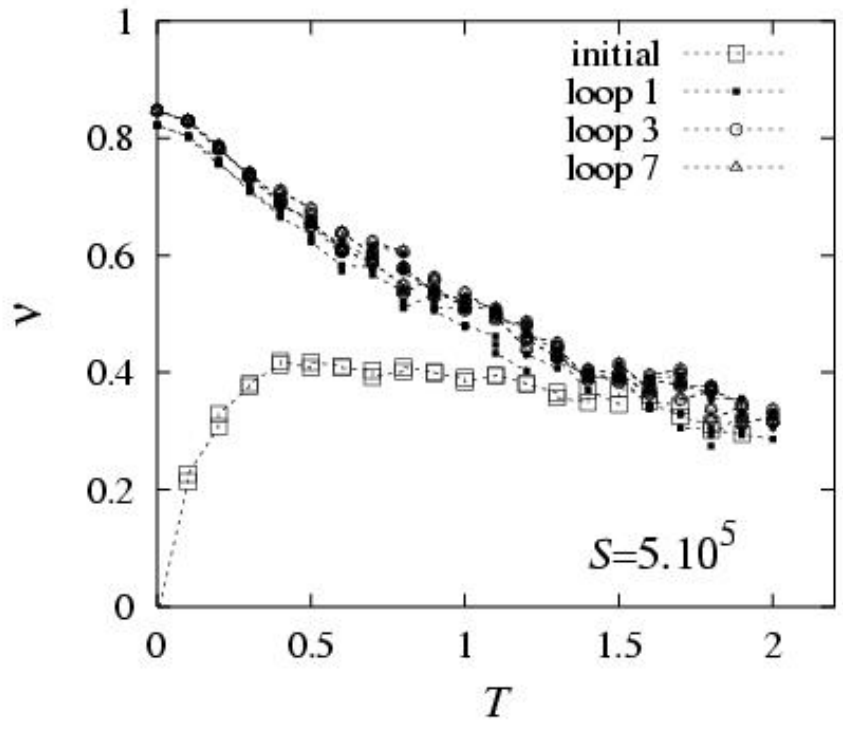
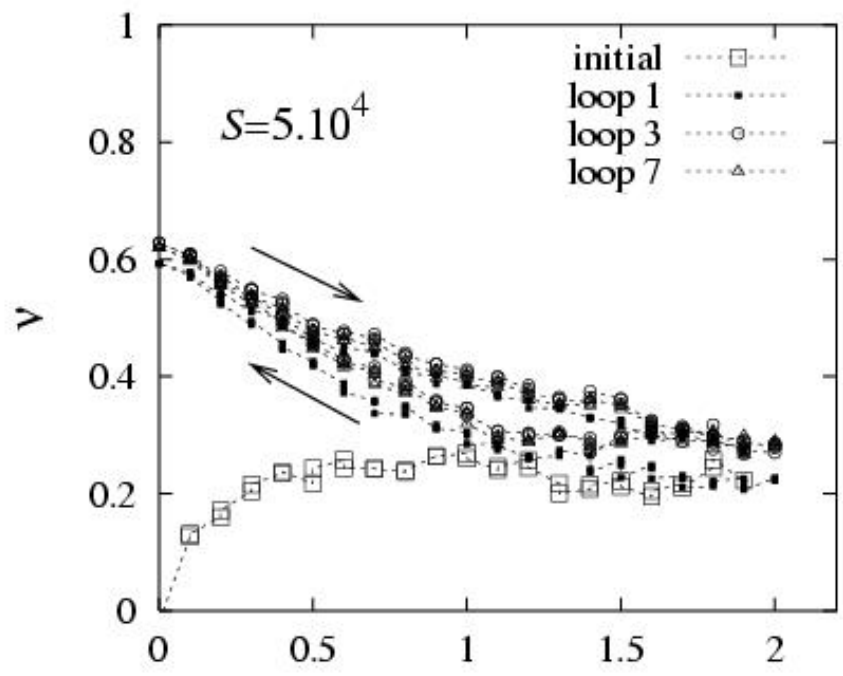
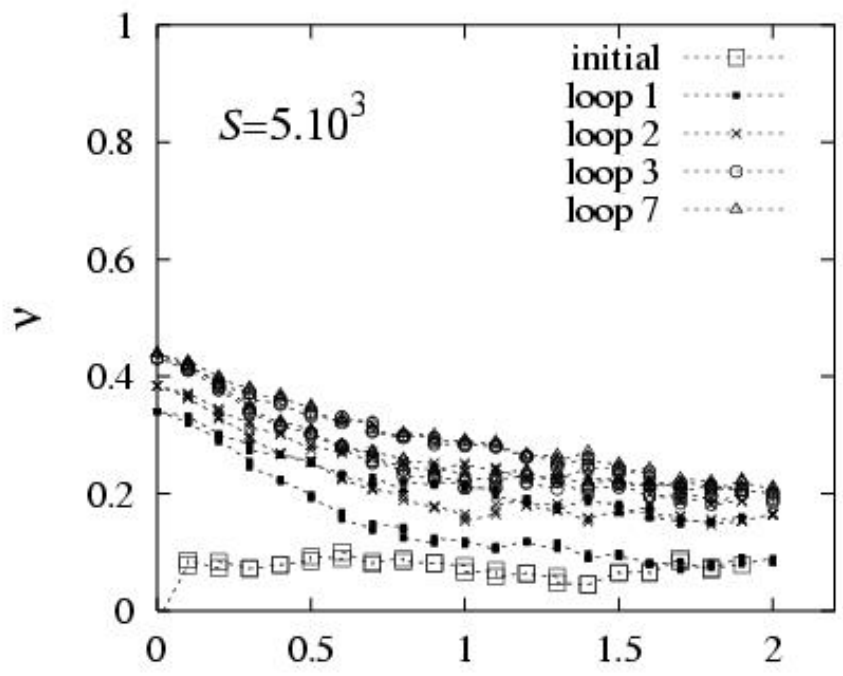
$$v = 1 - \frac{E - V_{\min}}{V_{\text{mean}} - V_{\min}}$$

# Cyclic compaction



- ◆ One Tap/Shear = Monte Carlo step
- ◆ Tapping Amplitude = Temperature





# Summary

- ◆ Minimal (?) model
- ◆ Define configuration energy landscape
- ◆ Tap/Shear = Explore landscape
- ◆ Experimental phenomenology



# Next Steps

- ◆ How to get the energy landscape ?
- ◆ Temperature = ?
- ◆ Monte Carlo time-scale ?
- ◆ Correlations ?
- ◆ Energy landscape as function of system parameters ?

