



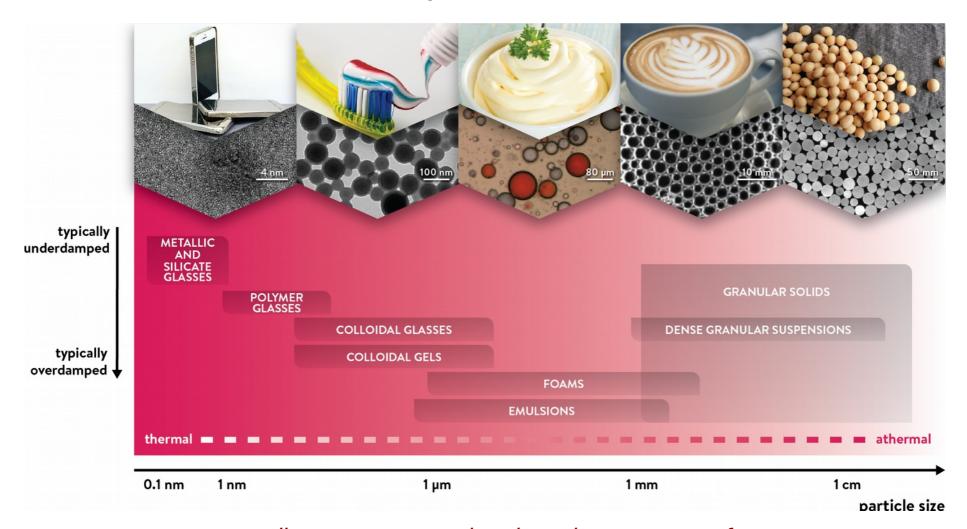
Criticality in elastoplastic models of amorphous solids with stress-dependent yielding rates

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Amorphous materials



very diverse systems... but they share common features

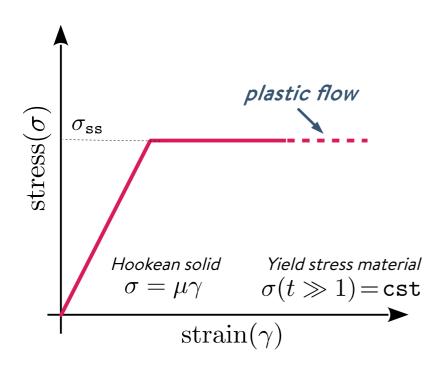
Structurally disordered

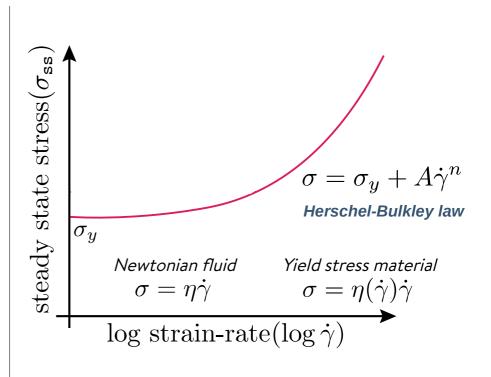
Solid-like (elastic) behavior below yield stress

Flow under stress bigger than threshold

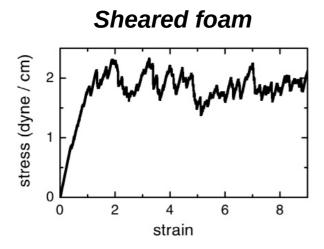
A. Nicolas, EEF, K. Martens, J.-L. Barrat, Rev. Mod. Phys. 90, 045006 (2018)

Yield stress systems





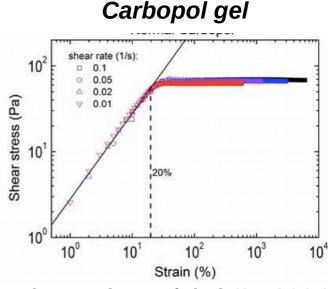
Typical stress-strain and flow curves



J. Lauridsen et al. PRL 89 098303 (2002)

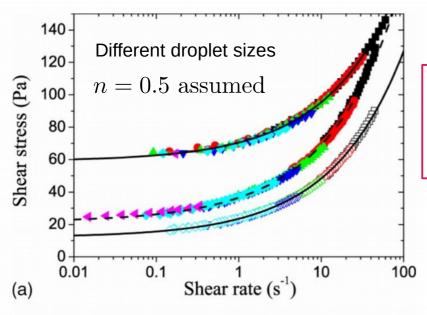
Compressed BMG 1800 1800 1820 1820 1820 1800 1800 S=Δσ 1780 1800 1780 1780 1780 1780 1780 1780 1780 1780 177

J. Antonaglia et al. PRL **112** 155501 (2014)



Dinkgreve et al. Jour. of Rheol. 62, 773 (2018)

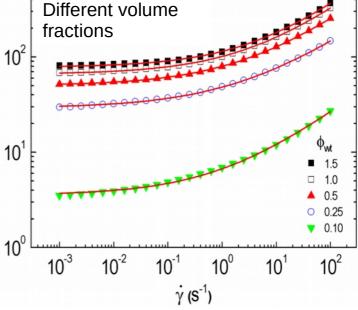
Castor-oil emulsion



In general:

$$\sigma = \sigma_y + A\dot{\gamma}^n$$

$$n \in [0.4, 0.6]$$

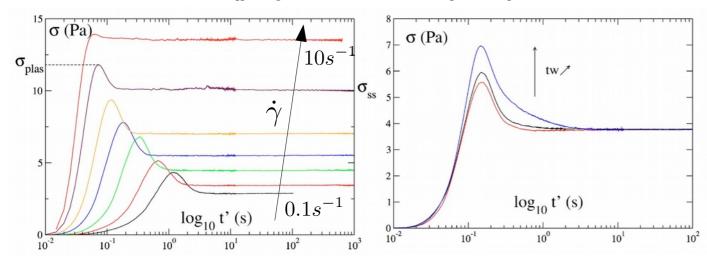


Dinkgreve et al. PRE 92, 012305 (2015)

Ovarlez et al. PRE 78, 036307 (2008)

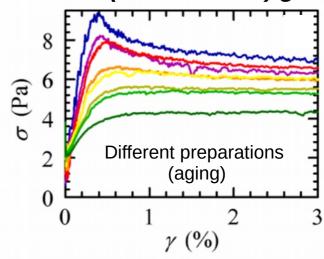
Further complex stress-strain curves

Silica colloids (polymer-stabilized) suspensions



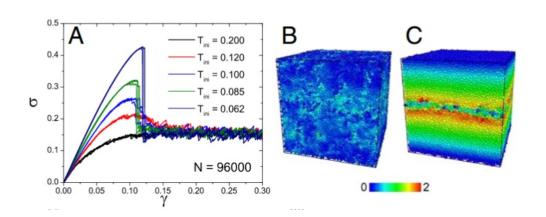
Derec, Ducouret, Adjari, Lequeux PRE 67, 061403 (2003)

Colloidal (carbon black) gel



Sprakel et al PRL 106, 248303 (2011)

Hot Topic: distinction among "brittle" and "ductile" yielding



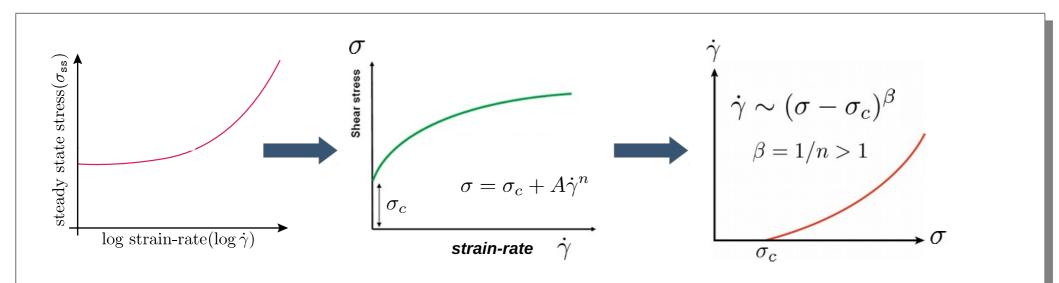
Overshoot, discontinuous stress jump, shear localization, hysteresis, ...

Relevance of the initial configuration

What we do: not-hot topic, the steady state

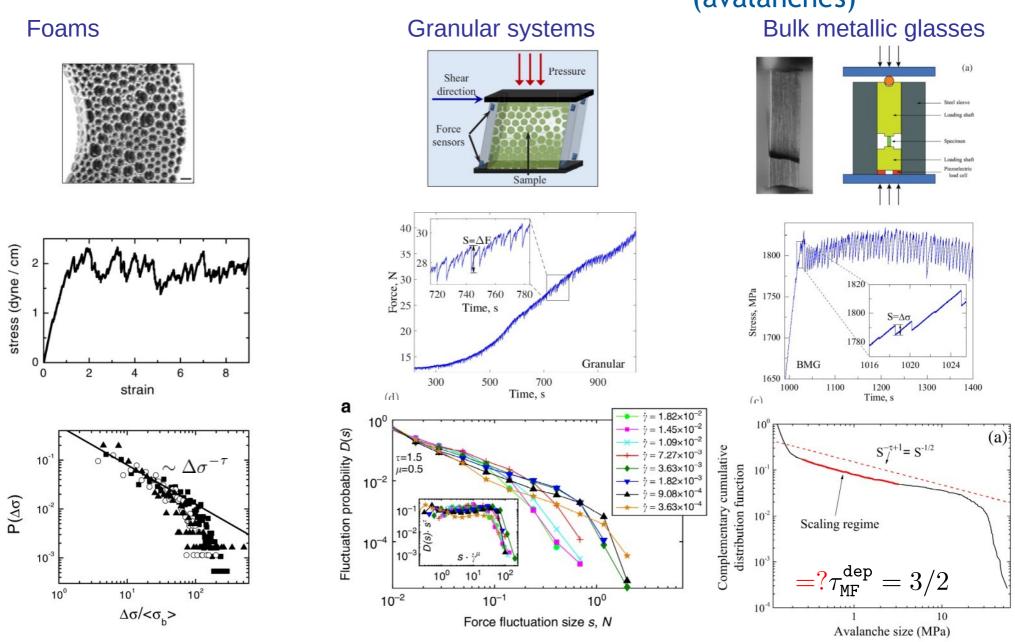
M. Ozawa, L. Berthier, G. Biroli, A. Rosso, G. Tarjus PNAS 115, 6656 (2018)

Yielding transition

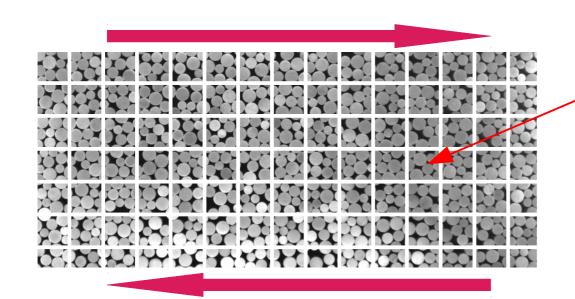


"Yielding transition": a **dynamical phase transition** between an **elastic solid**-like state and a **plastic flow** state when we overcome a **critical yield stress**.

Plastic flow and broadly distributed stress-drop sizes (avalanches)



A key point: density of shear transformations



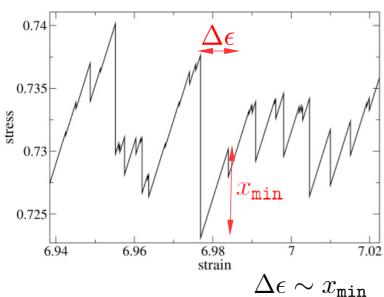
 x_i : "distance" to local instability

→ Distribution presents a pseudo-gap

$$P(x) \sim x^{\theta}$$

$$\theta > 0$$





Observation:

The rate at which plasticity occurs is not extensive

$$\langle \Delta \epsilon \rangle \sim \langle x_{\min} \rangle \sim 1/N^{\alpha} \gg 1/N$$
, $0 < \alpha < 1$

Maloney&Lemaitre *PRL* **93**, 016001 (2004)

It can be explained by extreme value statistics and pseudo-gap

$$P(x) \sim x^{\theta} \longrightarrow \langle x_{\min} \rangle \sim N^{-1/(1+\theta)}$$

(the inverse is not necessarily true!)

Karmakar, Lerner, Procaccia PRE 82, 055103R (2010)

Critical exponents related to yielding

In analogy with equilibrium phenomena and other driven phase transitions

$$\beta$$

$$\dot{\gamma} \sim (\sigma - \sigma_c)^{\beta}$$

Flowcurve

$$\theta$$

$$P(x) \sim x^{\theta}$$

Density of shear transformations

$$\tau$$
 d_f α

$$P(S) \sim S^{-\tau} f(S/S_{\text{cut}})$$

 $S_{\rm cut} \sim k^{-\alpha}$ or $S_{\rm cut} \sim L^{d_f}$

$$\delta$$
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$$\langle S \rangle \sim \langle T \rangle^{\delta} \quad \delta = d_f/z$$

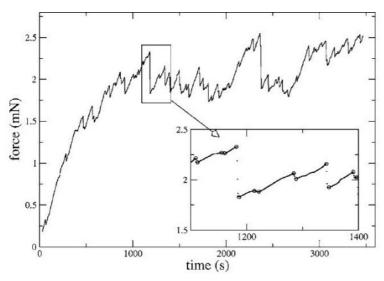
Avalanche mean size and duration

...and so on

Modeling: basic phenomenology

Local rearrangements

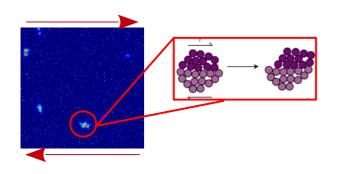
"jerky" aspect of the stress response



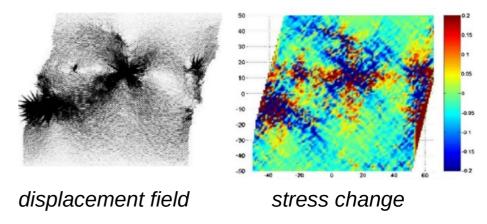
I. Cantat and O. Pitois Phys. Fluids 18 083302 (2006)



well identified, localized "plastic events", a.k.a. shear transformation zones (STZ), elementary excitations, Eshelbys, ...



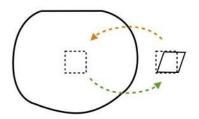
Medium elastic response



Maloney and Lemaitre PRL 93, 195501(2004)

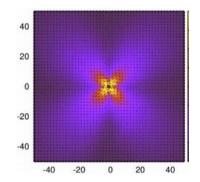
Continuum mechanics:

elastic response to a deformed inclusion



Eshelby propagator for the stress redistribution

$$G^{2D}(r,\theta) \sim \frac{\cos(4\theta)}{r^2}$$



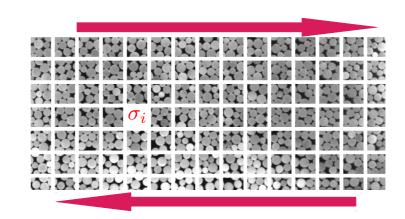
J.D. Eshelby Proc.Roy.Soc. A **241** 376 (1957)

F. Puosi, J. Rottler, J.-L. Barrat PRE 89 042302 (2014)

Coarse-grained Elasto-Plastic Models (EPM)

Simplifications:

- Meso-scale
- Scalar
- Athermal
- Overdamped
- ...



- configuration $\{\sigma_i\}$
- elastic loading
- local yielding (plastic event) and stress redistribution

$$\partial_t \sigma_i(t) = \mu \dot{\gamma}^{\text{ext}} - g_0 n_i(t) \frac{\sigma_i(t)}{\tau} + \sum_{j \neq i} G(i,j) n_j(t) \frac{\sigma_j(t)}{\tau}$$

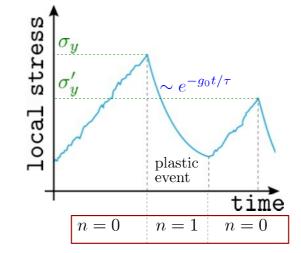
external strain-rate local plastic yield

"mechanical noise" due to plastic activity elsewhere

+ Dynamical **rules** for a "local state" n_i

$$n_i: \begin{cases} 0 \to 1 \text{ typically when } \sigma_i > \sigma_{y_i} \\ 1 \to 0 \text{ e.g., after a time } \tau_1 \end{cases}$$

$$n_i(t) = 0$$
 locally elastic $n_i(t) = 1$ locally plastic

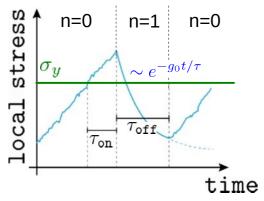


$$G_{ij}^{2D} = \frac{\cos(4\theta_{ij})}{\pi r_{ij}^2}$$

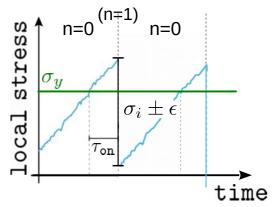
Eshelby propagator

EPM with stress-dependent rates

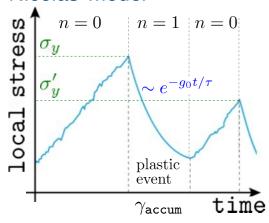
Picard's model



Lin's model



Nicolas' model



EEF & EA Jagla Soft Matter (2019)

$$\partial_t \sigma_i(t) = \mu \dot{\gamma}^{\text{ext}} - g_0 n_i(t) \frac{\sigma_i(t)}{\tau} + \sum_{j \neq i} G(i,j) n_j(t) \frac{\sigma_j(t)}{\tau}$$

Stochastic rules for local yielding:

 $g_0 \equiv -G_{ii} > 0$

Uniform rate

$$\tau_{\rm on}^{-1}=\lambda={\rm cst.}$$

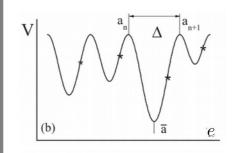
(all previous cases)

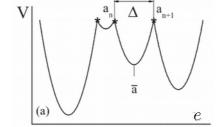
Progressive rate

$$au_{\mathrm{on}}^{-1} = \lambda(\sigma) \propto \sqrt{\sigma - \sigma_y}$$

New: site is more likely to yield as it is more overloaded

Similar to a sliding manifold on *parabolic* or *smooth* potentials

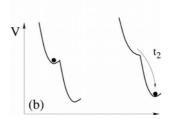




$$\eta \dot{e}_i = -\frac{dV_i(e_i)}{de_i} + \sum_j G_{ij}e_j + \sigma,$$



$$t_1 \sim \delta \sigma^{-1/2}$$



 $t_2 \sim {\sf cst.}$

Jagla, JSTAT 013401 (2018), Fernández Aguirre and Jagla, PRE 98, 013002 (2018)

Simulation protocols

EEF & EA Jagla Soft Matter (2019)

We simulate 6 different EPMs:

Picard's, Lin's and Nicolas' on their classic version and with progressive rates

Finite strain-rate

$$\frac{\partial \sigma_i(t)}{\partial t} = \mu \dot{\gamma}^{\text{ext}} + \sum_j G_{ij} n_j(t) \frac{\sigma_j(t)}{\tau};$$

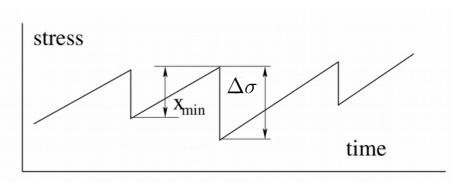
Solved with a pseudo-spectral method: back and forth from Fourier space

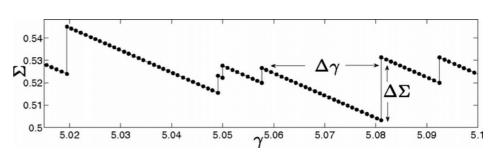
$$G_{\mathbf{q}} = -\frac{4q_x^2 q_y^2}{(q_x^2 + q_y^2)^2}.$$
 $G_{\mathbf{q}=0} = -\kappa$

 κ : stress non-conservation parameter typically $\kappa=1$

Quasistatic

Ideally: $\dot{\gamma} = 0$



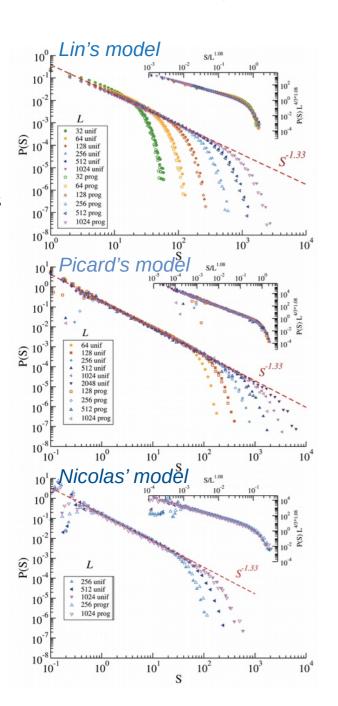


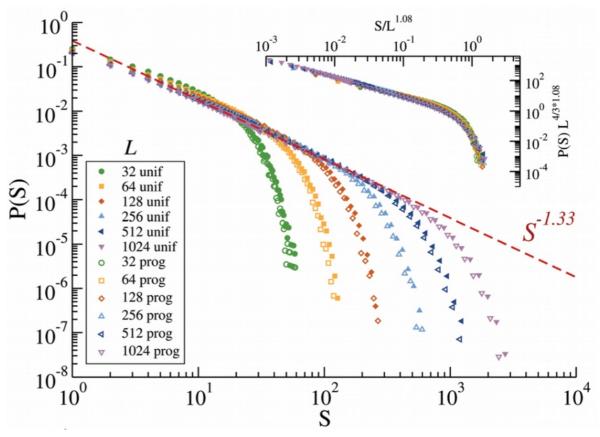
[Lin et al. PNAS 111 14382 (2014)]

Used for: flowcurves

Used for: avalanche statistics

Quasistatic avalanches size distribution





$$P(S) \sim S^{-\tau} f(S/S_{\text{cut}})$$

$$S \equiv \Delta \sigma L^d = \Delta \sigma N$$

$$S_{ exttt{cut}} \sim L^{d_f}$$

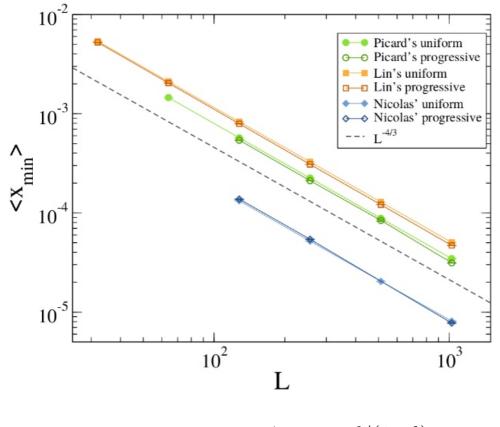
$$o au \simeq 1.33$$

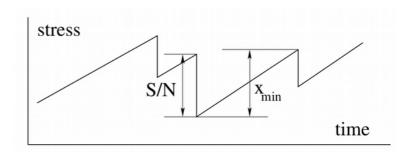
$$\rightarrow d_f \simeq 1.08$$

- **Independent** on rate rule, for all 3 models
- τ and d_f can be **sensitive** to fit criteria and finite size effects, but are **universal**



Extremal statistics of distances to threshold





stationarity
$$\rightarrow \langle x_{\min} \rangle = \langle \Delta \sigma \rangle$$

$$\langle x_{\rm min} \rangle \sim N^{-1/(1+\vartheta)} \sim L^{-d/(1+\vartheta)}$$

$$\langle \Delta \sigma \rangle \sim \langle S \rangle / N \sim L^{d_f(2-\tau)-d}$$

$$\langle x_{\min} \rangle \sim N^{-\phi} \sim L^{-d/(1+\vartheta)}$$

$$L^{-4/3} \to \vartheta \simeq 0.5$$

$$\to \tau \simeq 1.33$$
$$\to d_f \simeq 1.08$$

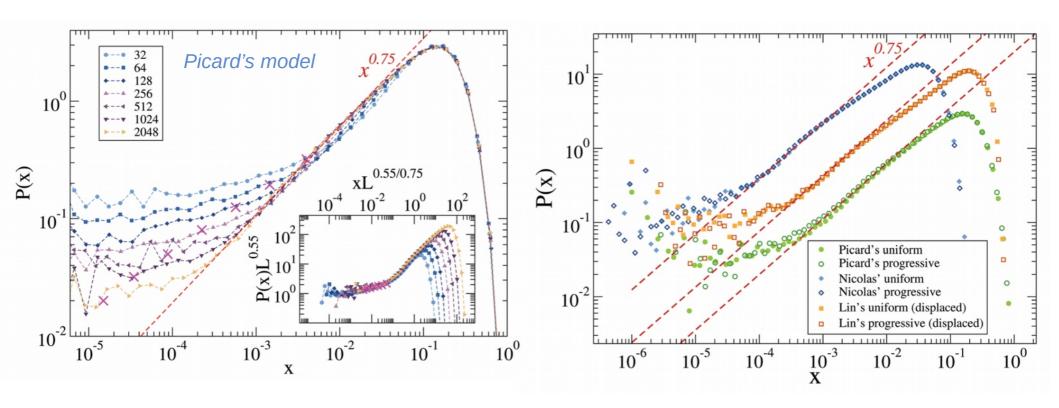
$$\tau = 2 - \frac{\vartheta}{\vartheta + 1} \frac{d}{d_f}$$

holds (within errors)

- Independent on rate rule, for all 3 models
- Independent on the model: universal

 $au, d_f, artheta$ 'static' critical exponents

Density of shear transformations P(x)



$$P(x) \simeq P(0) + x^{\theta}$$

$$P(0) \longrightarrow_{N \to \infty} 0$$
 $P(0) \sim N^{-a}$

The $\langle x_{min} \rangle$ values (crosses) are largely determined by the plateau scaling

A proposed θ =0.75 finds compatibility with all models in the range of x previous to the plateau

- **Independent** on rate rule, for all 3 models
- (Possibly) independent on the model.

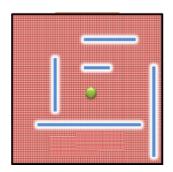
Also: Tyukodi et al. ArXiv:1905.07388, Ruscher&Rottler 1908.01081

Accumulated noise and mean-field description

Accumulated noise at a given point

$$\xi_i = \sum_{ ext{time}} \delta \xi_i$$

"time" = avalanche index



Let's describe it as a correlated noise with "Hurst" exponent H (random walk has H=0.5)

$$\xi(kx) = k^H \xi(x)$$

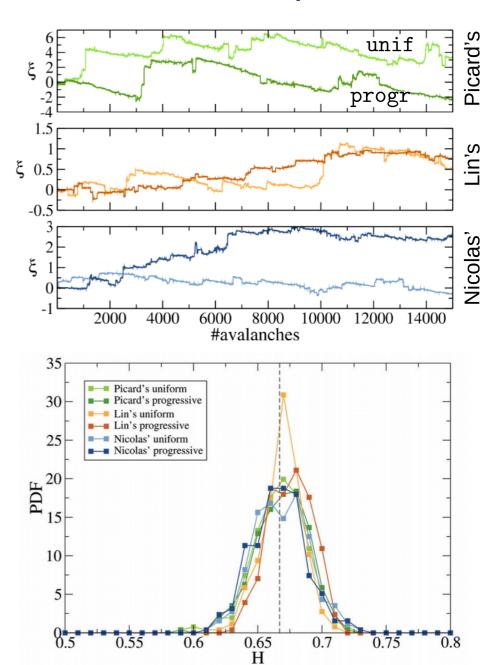
In a mean field description, $H=1/\mu$ where each "kick" contributing to ξ comes from a distribution

$$P(\delta \xi) \sim \frac{1}{|\delta \xi|^{\mu+1}} \qquad \mu = \frac{1}{H}$$

[Lin&Wyart, PRE 97, 012603 (2018)]

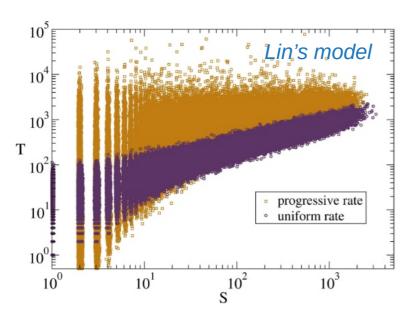
If we accept that those "kicks" come from far avalanches (instead of single-site events), we find a consistent MF description

$$\partial_t \sigma(t) = \mu \dot{\gamma}^{\text{ext}} - g_0 n(t) \frac{\sigma(t)}{\tau} + \delta \xi$$



 $H \simeq 0.67$ is found for all models and variants

Avalanche durations ('dynamical' exponent z)



$$S \sim \ell^{d_f}$$
 $T \sim \ell^z$ $T \sim S^{z/d_f}$

Uniform rate

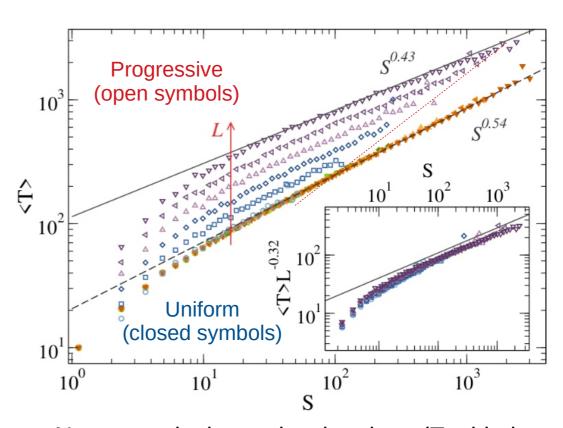
$$z/d_f \simeq 0.54$$
 $z \simeq 0.58$

Progressive rate

$$z/d_f \simeq 0.43$$
 $z \simeq 0.46$
 $z'/d_f \simeq 0.7$ $z' \simeq 0.76$

z depends on the yielding rule

Exponents differ, but also the behavior with L



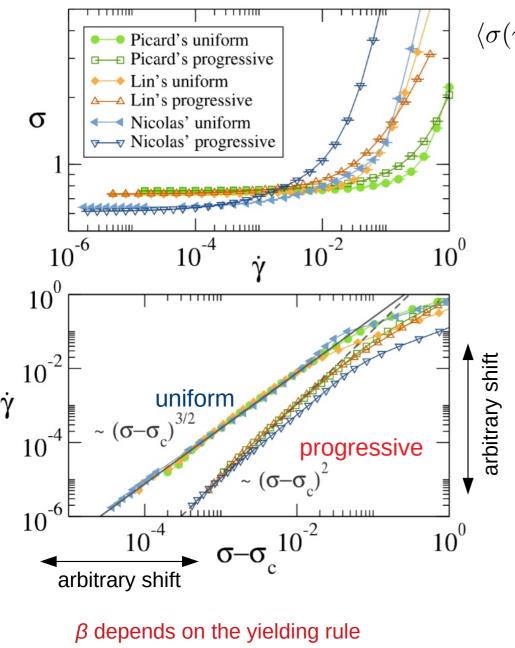
New event in the avalanche, time dT added

Uniform Progressive
$$dT \simeq \lambda^{-1} \sim 1 \qquad dT \simeq \lambda^{-1} \sim (\sigma - \sigma_Y)^{-1/2}$$

For progressive rates events that most contribute to the total duration have a small probability of happening but their observation increases with system size

$$T \sim N^{\alpha} S^{(1-\alpha)/2}$$

Flowcurves (β exponent)



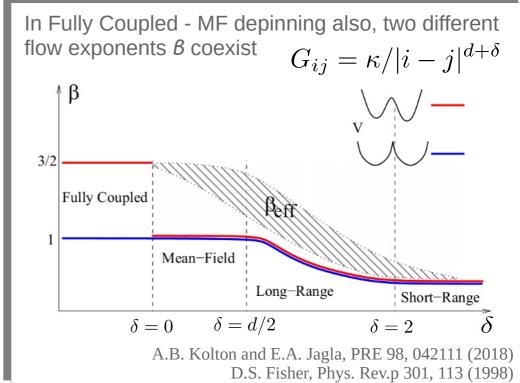
 $\langle \sigma(\dot{\gamma}) \rangle \propto \sigma_c + A\dot{\gamma}^n \quad \dot{\gamma} \propto (\sigma - \sigma_c)^\beta \quad \beta = 1/n$

Uniform rate

Progressive rate

$$\lambda = \text{cst.}$$
 $\lambda(\sigma) \propto (\sigma - \sigma_y)^{\frac{1}{2}}$ $\beta = 1.5$ $\beta = 2$

interestingly more similar to measured values $n\sim0.5$



Relation among exponents

We have already derived

$$\tau = 2 - \frac{\vartheta}{\vartheta + 1} \frac{d}{d_f}$$

A fractional Brownian motion with Hurst exponent $H=1/\mu$, signed jumps

$$P(\delta \xi) \sim \frac{1}{|\delta \xi|^{\mu+1}}$$

and an absorbing boundary at x=0 generates a $P(x)\sim x^{\theta}$ with $\theta=\mu/2$

Also, in mean-field* $\,\beta = \mu \,\,$ $\,$ for $\,1 < \mu < 2$

In general, taking into account the type of rate rule**

$$\beta = \frac{1}{H} + 1 - \frac{1}{\omega}$$

 ω =1 for uniform rates, ω =2 for progressive

For the HL model it can be shown that changing

$$u_{\rm HL}(\sigma, \sigma_{\rm c}) \equiv \frac{1}{\tau} \Theta(\sigma - \sigma_{\rm c}) \text{ to } \nu(\sigma, \sigma_{\rm c}) \equiv \frac{1}{\tau} (\sigma - \sigma_{\rm c})^{\eta} \Theta(\sigma - \sigma_{\rm c})$$

we obtain
$$\dot{\gamma} \sim (\sigma - \sigma_{\rm c})^{\eta+2}$$

Rate type	PT (<i>H</i> = 1)	$\mathrm{HL}\left(H=1/2\right)$	2d-EPM ($H = 2/3$)
Uniform	1	2	3/2
Progressive	3/2	5/2	2

β exponent. Prandtl-Tomlinson (PT), Hébraud-Lequeux (HL)

Exponents for 2*d* EPMs

	Uniform	Progressive
β	1.5 ± 0.1	2.0 ± 0.1
ϑ (from (x_{\min}))	0.5 ± 0.05	0.5 ± 0.05
θ (from $P(x)$)	0.75 ± 0.07	0.75 ± 0.07
$\tau_{\mathbf{S}}$	1.33 ± 0.03	1.33 ± 0.03
$d_{ m f}$	1.08 ± 0.05	1.08 ± 0.05
H	0.67 ± 0.03	0.67 ± 0.03
$z/d_{ m f}$	0.54 ± 0.02	0.43 ± 0.04
z	~0.583	~ 0.464

What's the relation between ϑ and θ or H?

$$H = 1/(3-\tau)$$
?

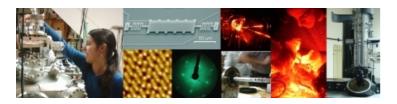
^{*}Lin&Wyart, PRE **97**, 012603 (2018)

Summary

- Amorphous solids undergo a yielding transition characterized by a power-law vanishing of the flowcurve at a finite stress.
- **Some consensus** has been reached in avalanche statistics exponents for **yielding** in EPMs (and MD) simulations in the quasistatic limit; **still unclear in experiments**.
- Within EPMs, different **local yield rules** strongly affect "dynamical" exponents (β , z) but not the static critical ones (τ , d_{τ} , ϑ , θ , H)
- P(x) suffers from strong finite-size effects and the picture is **not as simple** as $\sim x^{\theta}$.
- Yielding in finite dimensions can be described as an effective (not-depinning) mean-field, were we plug-in a dimension-dependent Hurst exponent to mimic the avalanche-induced noise.

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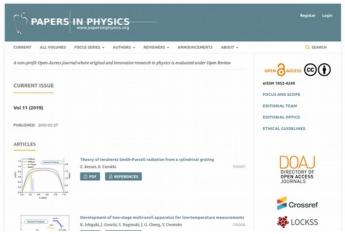
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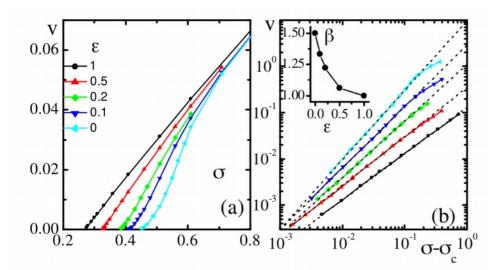
Elastic interfaces on disordered substrates: From mean-field depinning to yielding

EE Ferrero and EA Jagla, arXiv:1905.08771*

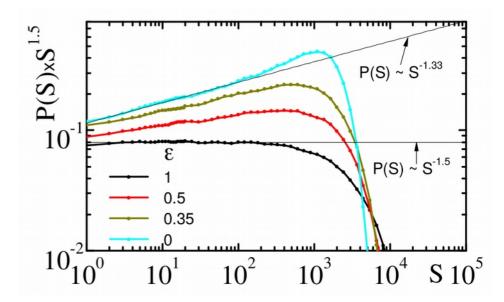
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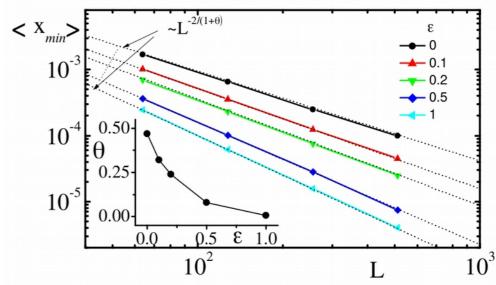
$$G_{\mathbf{q}} \equiv (1 - \varepsilon)G_{\mathbf{q}}^{\mathrm{Y}} + \varepsilon G_{\mathbf{q}}^{\mathrm{MFD}}$$

$$G_{\mathbf{q}}^{Y} = -\frac{(q_{x}^{2} - q_{y}^{2})^{2}}{(q_{x}^{2} + q_{y}^{2})^{2}} \qquad G_{\mathbf{q}}^{\text{MFD}} = -1$$



...and also depend on the kind of potential: cuspy (uniform rates) or soft (progressive r.)









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