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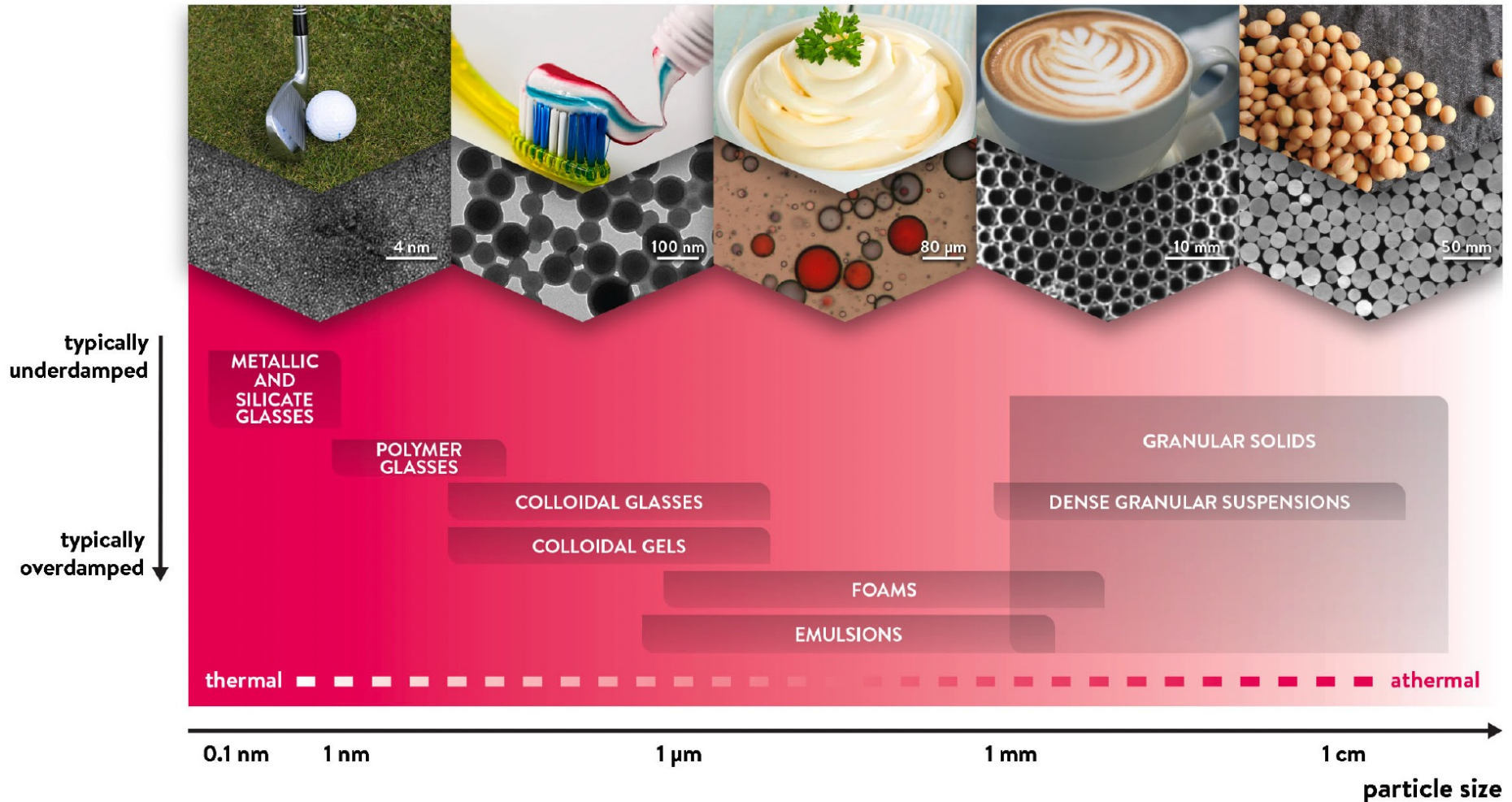
# Effective medium theory for viscoelasticity of soft jammed solids

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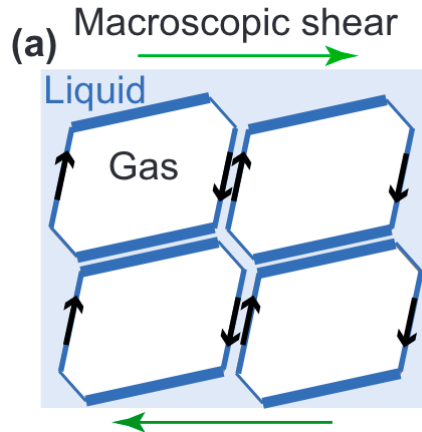
Mizuno and Ikeda, arXiv:2407.15323

# Soft jammed solids: foams, emulsions, soft colloids



- ✓ There are various amorphous solids at various scales in our world

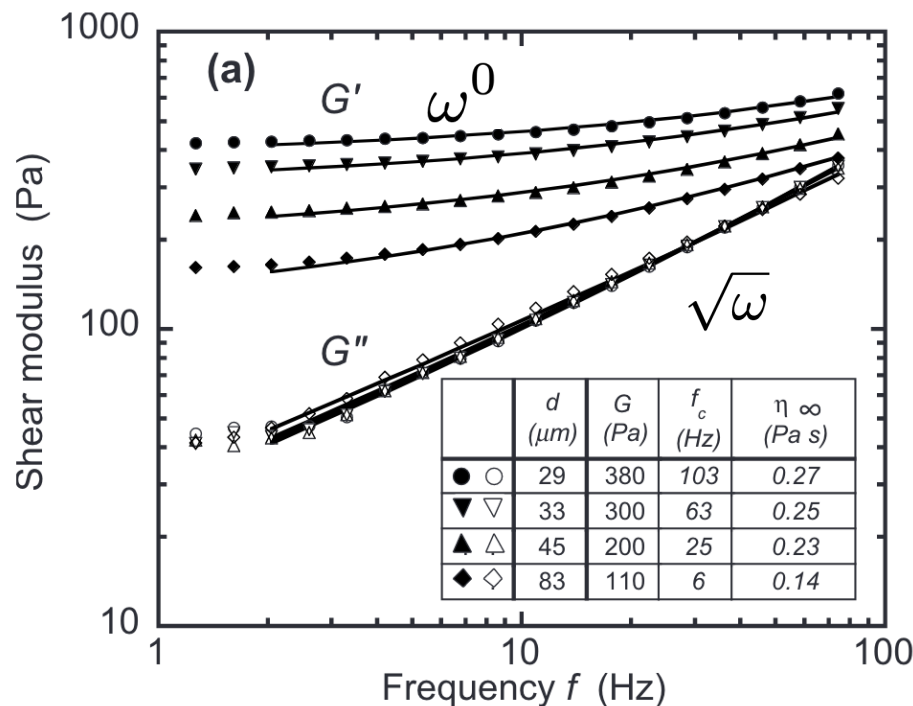
# Experimental measurements (1/2)



## Macrorheology experiment

Aqueous foams  
subjected to an oscillatory shear

→ Measure complex modulus



✓ Storage modulus (real part)

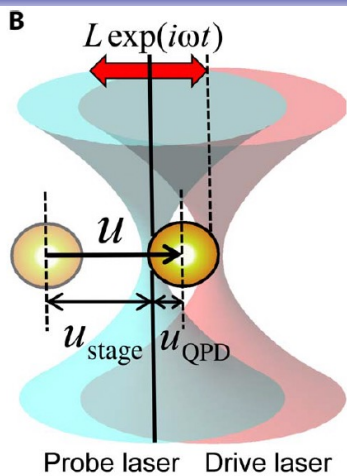
$$G' \propto \omega^0$$

✓ Loss modulus (imaginary part)

$$G'' \propto \sqrt{\omega}$$

**Anomalous viscous loss** has been  
observed in many experiments

# Experimental measurements (2/2)

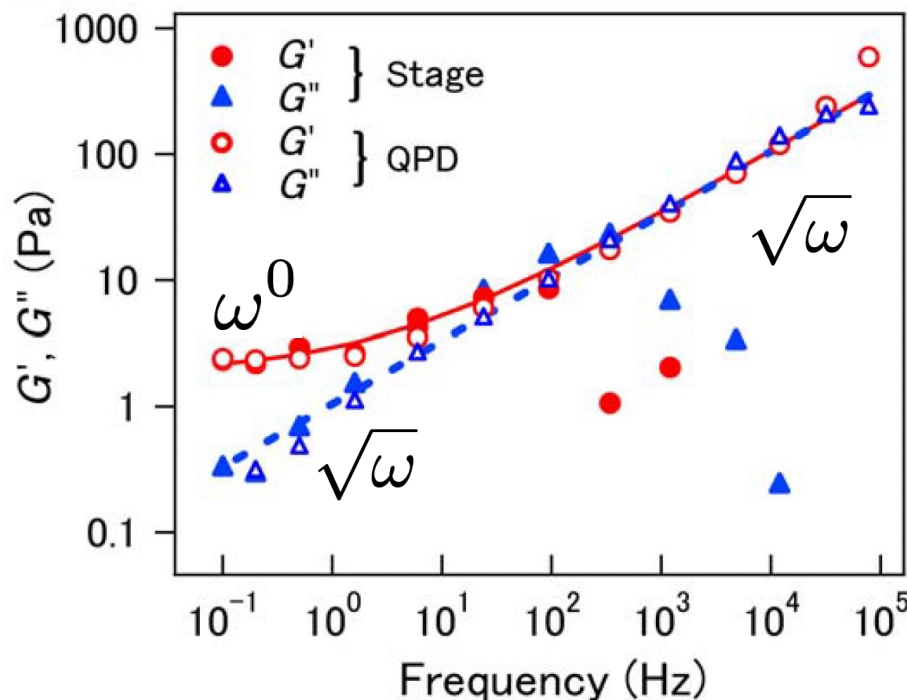


## Microrheology experiment

Measure microscopic displacements of a probe particle  $\alpha(\omega)$

→ Transform to complex modulus using generalized Stokes relation

$$G(\omega) = \frac{1}{6\pi a \alpha(\omega)}$$



- Lower frequencies

$$G' \propto \omega^0 \quad G'' \propto \sqrt{\omega}$$

Anomalous viscous loss

- higher frequencies

$$G' \approx G'' \propto \sqrt{\omega}$$

# Theoretical understanding (1/4)

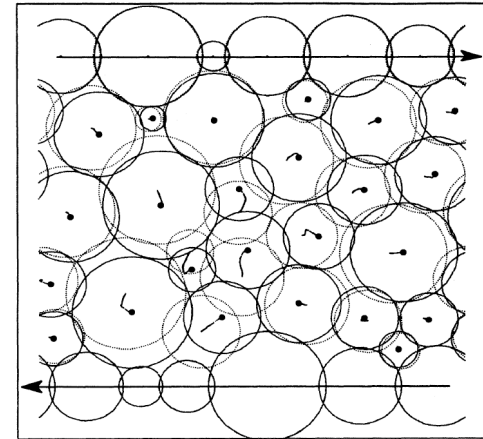
- ✓ Contact force (harmonic potential):

$$\phi(r) = \frac{k}{2} (\sigma - r)^2 H(\sigma - r)$$

- ✓ Contact damping:

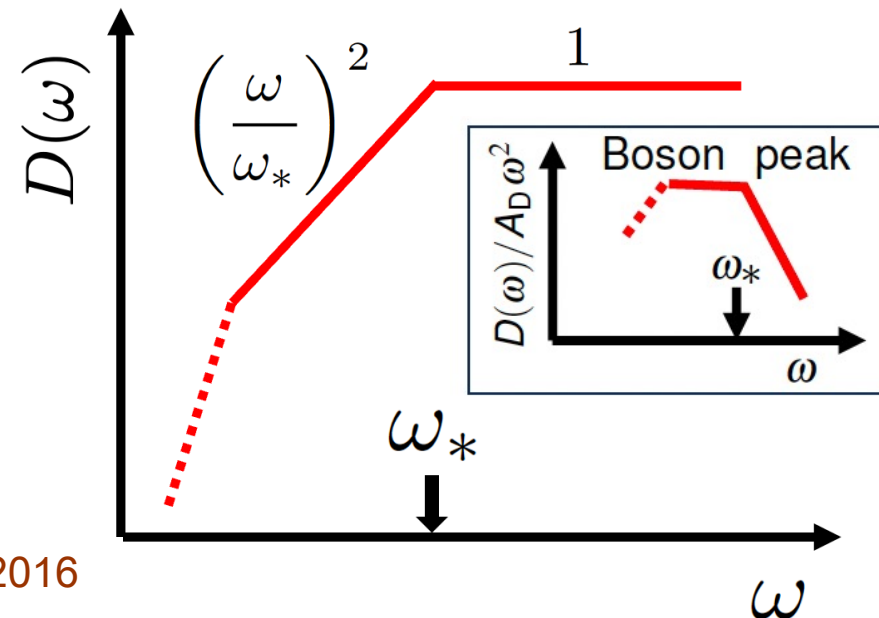
$$\vec{f}^{\text{visc}} = b \Delta \vec{v} \quad \text{Strong damping due to viscous forces}$$

Durian, PRL 1995



- Vibrational density of states (vDOS):

$$D(\omega) \propto \begin{cases} \left(\frac{\omega}{\omega_*}\right)^2 & (\omega < \omega_*) \\ 1 & (\omega_* < \omega) \end{cases}$$



# Theoretical understanding (2/4)

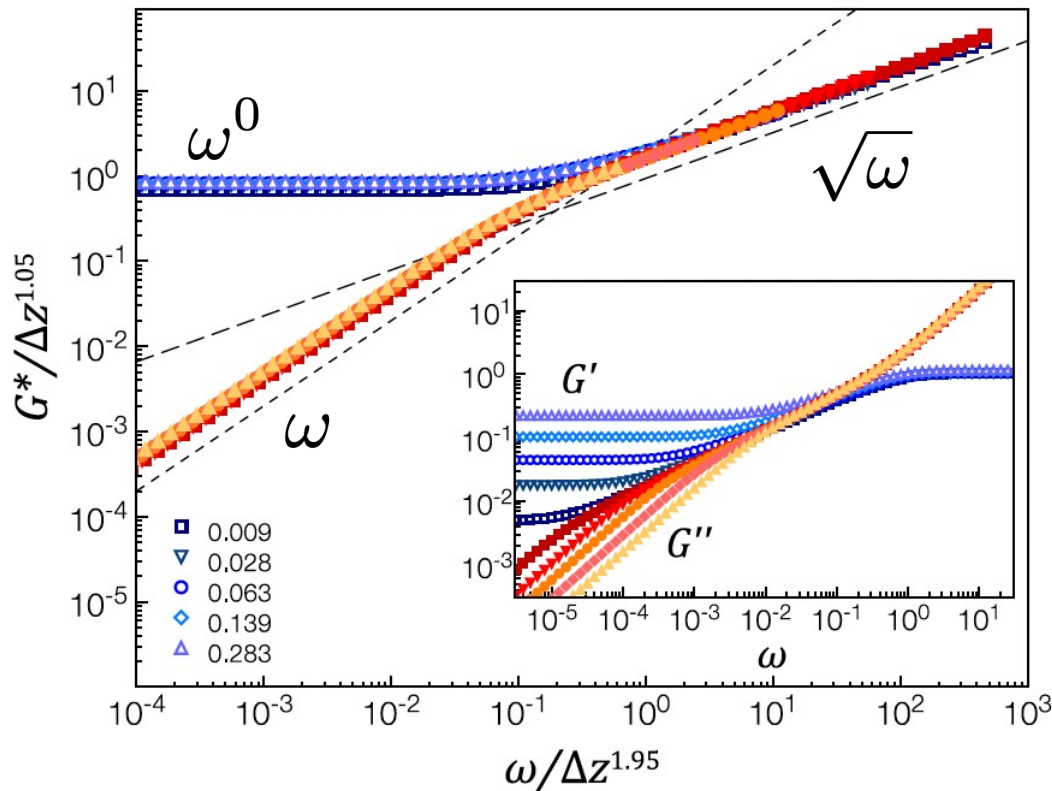
## Macrorheology

Tighe, PRL 2011

$$\frac{1}{G^*(\omega)} \cong \int_{s^*}^1 \frac{s^{-1/2} ds}{s + i\omega}$$

Formulate complex modulus based on vDOS

$s = \omega'^2$  : eigenvalues



✓ Scaling laws

$$G' \sim \begin{cases} \Delta z \\ \omega^{1/2} \\ 1 \end{cases}$$

$$G'' \sim \begin{cases} \omega/\Delta z, & \omega \lesssim s^*, \\ \omega^{1/2}, & s^* \lesssim \omega \lesssim 1, \\ \omega, & 1 \lesssim \omega. \end{cases}$$

● higher frequencies

$$G' \approx G'' \propto \sqrt{\omega}$$



# Theoretical understanding (3/4)

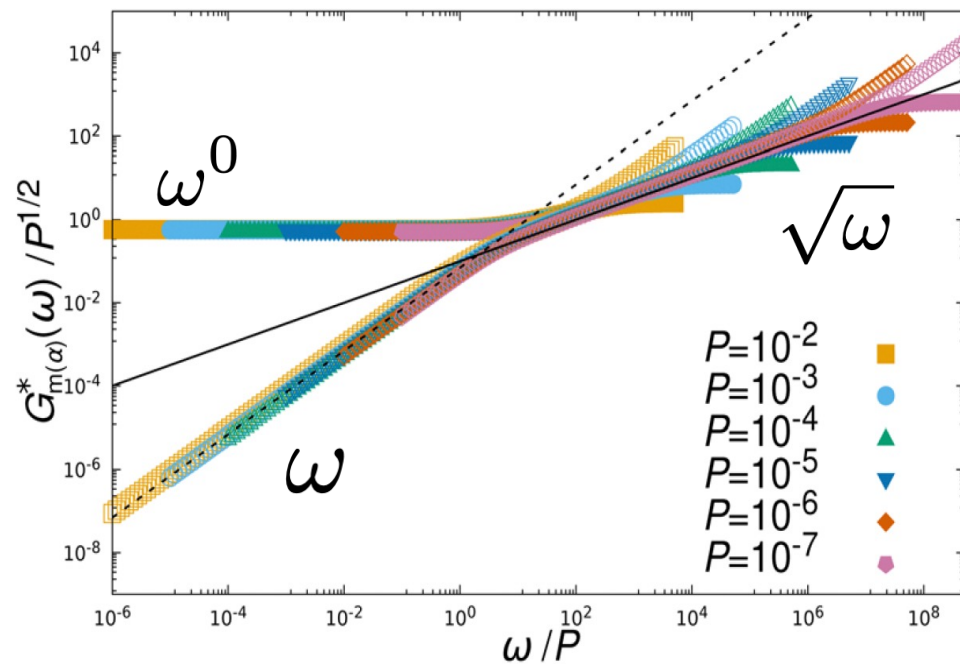
## Microrheology

Hara, et al., Soft Matter 2023

$$\frac{1}{G^*(\omega)} = \int d\omega' \frac{D(\omega')}{(\omega')^2 + i\omega}$$

Formulate complex modulus based on vDOS

$\omega'$  : eigenfrequency



## ✓ Scaling laws

$$G_{m(\alpha)}^*(\omega) \approx$$

$$\begin{cases} \sqrt{\omega} + i\sqrt{\omega} & (\omega_*^2 \ll \omega \ll 1) \\ \omega_* + i\frac{\omega}{\omega_*} & (\omega_*^3 \ll \omega \ll \omega_*^2) \\ \omega_* + i\sqrt{\omega_*\omega} & (\omega \ll \omega_*^3) \end{cases}$$

- higher frequencies

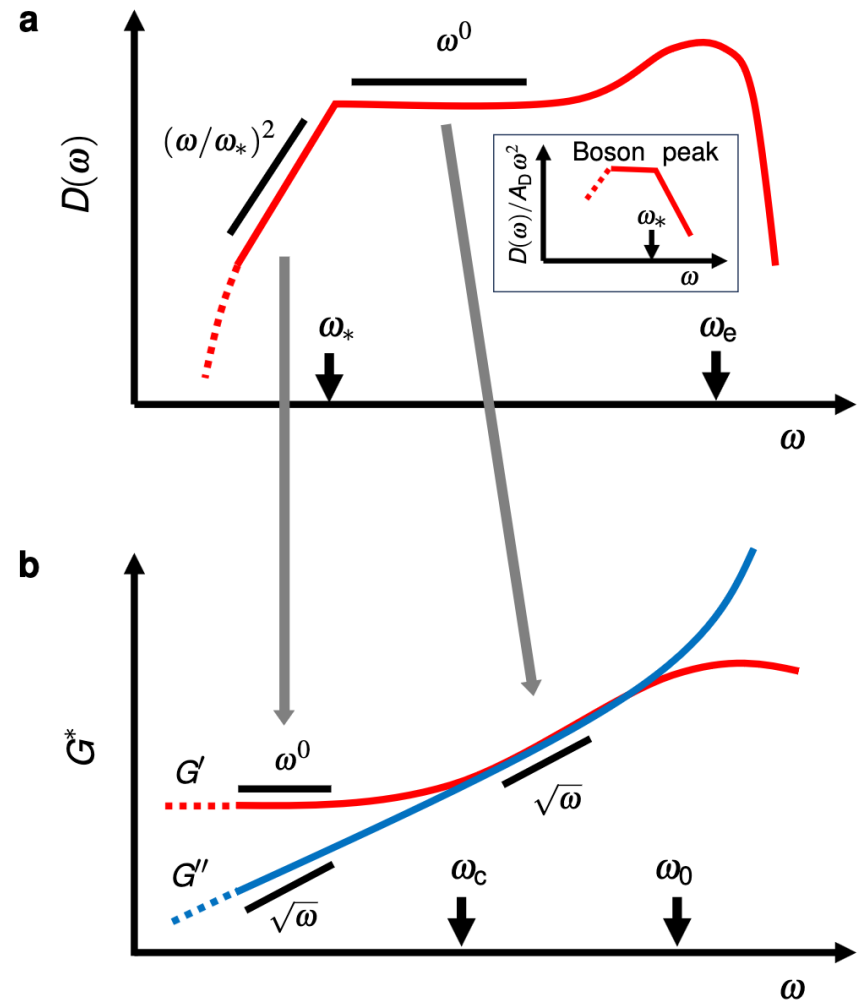
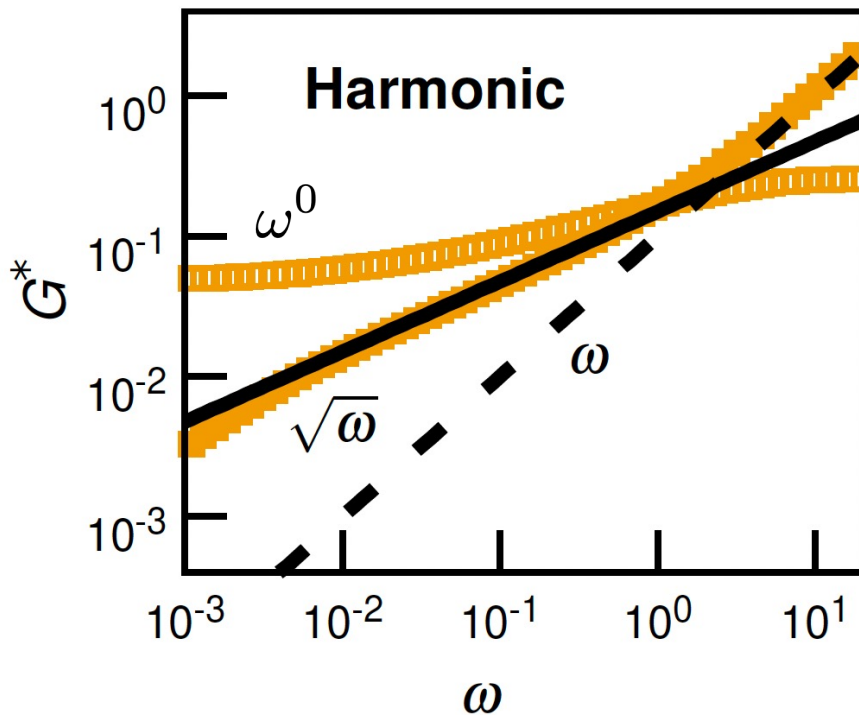
$$G' \approx G'' \propto \sqrt{\omega}$$

# Theoretical understanding (4/4)

## Microrheology

$$\frac{1}{G^*(\omega)} = \int d\omega' \frac{D(\omega')}{(\omega')^2 + i\omega}$$

Hara, et al., arXiv 2024



Anomalous viscous loss is linked to non-Debye scaling law (boson peak)



# Microscopic theory for soft jammed solids

## Effective medium theory (EMT)

[or coherent potential approximation (CPA) theory ]

- ✓ Electronic energy levels in disordered metallic alloys  
Yonezawa and Morigaki, Progress of Theoretical Physics Supplement 1973
- ✓ Conductance in electrical resistor networks  
Kirkpatrick, Rev. Mod. Phys. 1973
- ✓ Rigidity percolation problem in spring networks  
Feng et al., PRB 1985; He and Thorpe, PRL 1985
- ✓ Heterogeneous elasticity theory for glasses  
Schirmacher et al., EPL 2006, PRL 2006

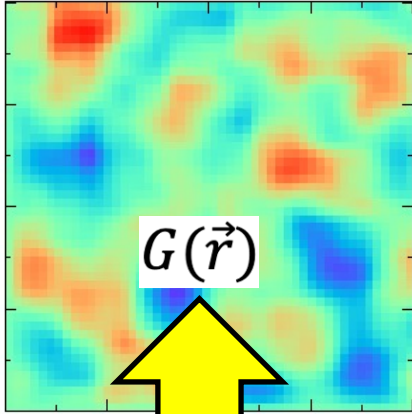
# Effective medium theory: Heterogeneous elasticity theory for glasses

- ✓ Equation of motion with fluctuating shear modulus

$$-\omega^2 \vec{u}(\vec{r}, \omega) = \frac{1}{\rho} \left( K + \frac{G(\vec{r})}{3} \right) \vec{\nabla} (\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{u}(\vec{r}, \omega)) + \frac{G(\vec{r})}{\rho} \vec{\nabla}^2 \vec{u}(\vec{r}, \omega)$$

- ✓ Green function

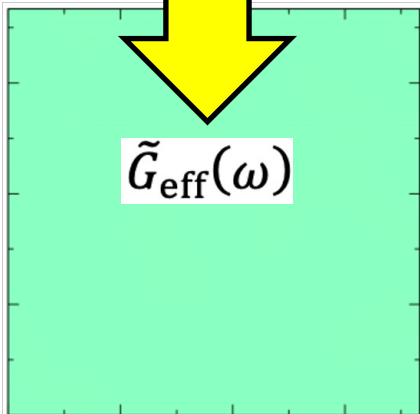
$$\mathcal{G}(\vec{r}, \omega) = \left[ -\omega^2 - \left( \tilde{K} + \frac{\tilde{G}(\vec{r})}{3} \right) \vec{\nabla} (\vec{\nabla} \cdot) - \tilde{G}(\vec{r}) \vec{\nabla}^2 \right]^{-1} I \delta(\vec{r})$$



- ✓ Effective Green function

$$\mathcal{G}_{\text{eff}}(\vec{r}, \omega) = \mathcal{M}_{\text{eff}}^{-1}(\vec{r}, \omega) I \delta(\vec{r}),$$

$$\mathcal{M}_{\text{eff}}(\vec{r}, \omega) = -\omega^2 - \left( \tilde{K} + \frac{\tilde{G}_{\text{eff}}(\omega)}{3} \right) \vec{\nabla} (\vec{\nabla} \cdot) - \tilde{G}_{\text{eff}}(\omega) \vec{\nabla}^2,$$



Theory explains characteristic properties of glasses

: nonaffine deformation, boson peak, scattering of sound waves,  
low thermal conductivity

# Effective medium theory: Jammed amorphous solids (1/4)

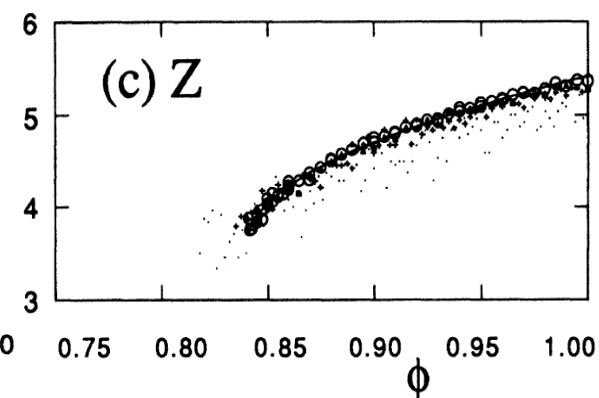
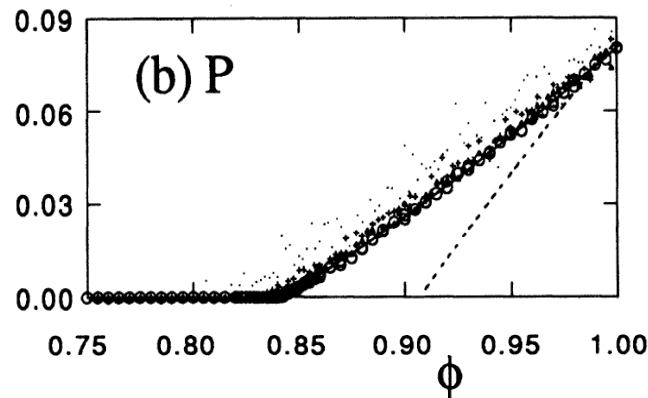
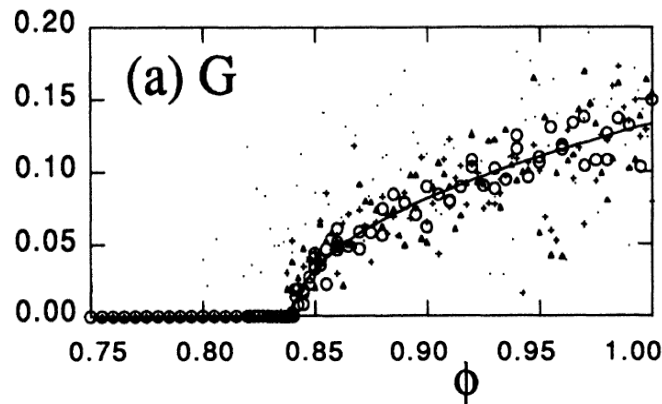
- ✓ Contact force (harmonic potential):  $\phi(r) = \frac{k}{2} (\sigma - r)^2 H(\sigma - r)$

Durian, PRL 1995

Shear modulus

Pressure

Contact number



$$G \propto (\phi - \phi_J)^{1/2}$$

$$P \propto \phi - \phi_J$$

$$z - z_c \propto (\phi - \phi_J)^{1/2}$$

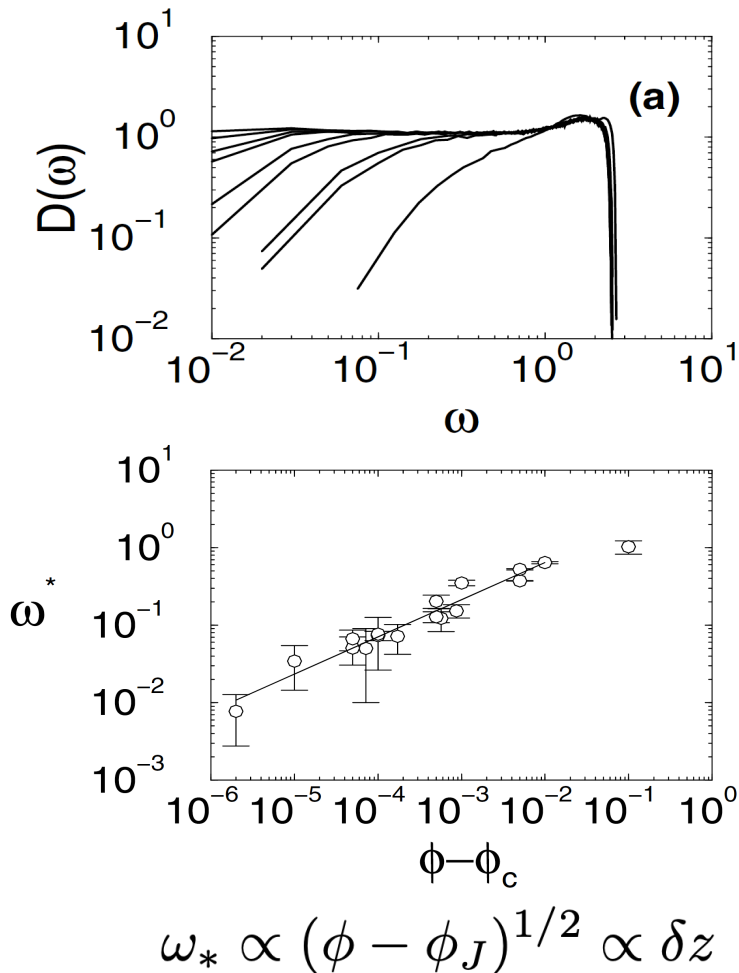
- ✓ Jamming transition occurs at  $\phi = \phi_J$
- ✓ At the transition, the system becomes isostatic with contact number  $z_c = 2d$
- ✓ Above the jamming, excess contact number controls the rigidity

$$G \propto z - z_c = \delta z$$

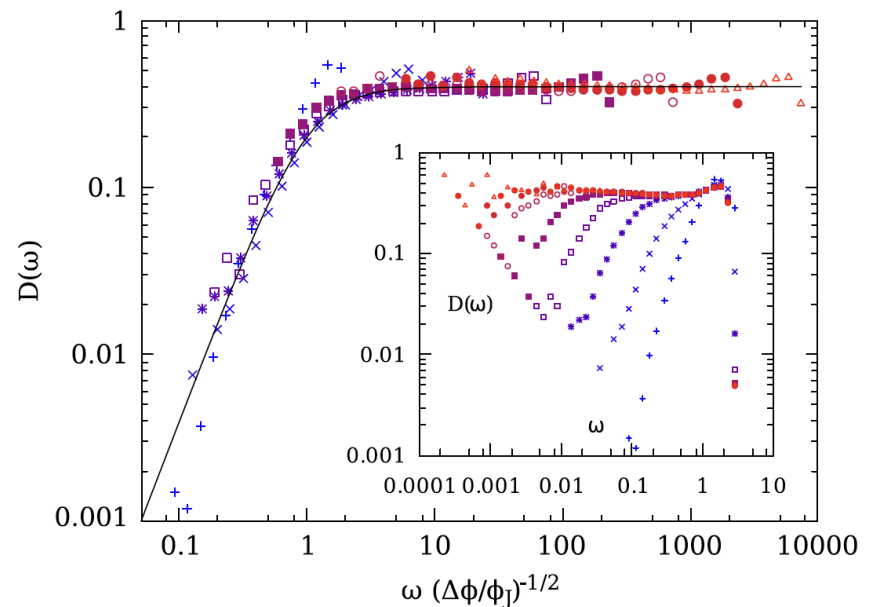
# Effective medium theory: Jammed amorphous solids (2/4)

- ✓ Contact force (harmonic potential):  $\phi(r) = \frac{k}{2} (\sigma - r)^2 H(\sigma - r)$

Silbert et al., PRL 2005



Charbonneau et al., PRL 2016



# Effective medium theory: Jammed amorphous solids (3/4)

## ✓ Random spring network

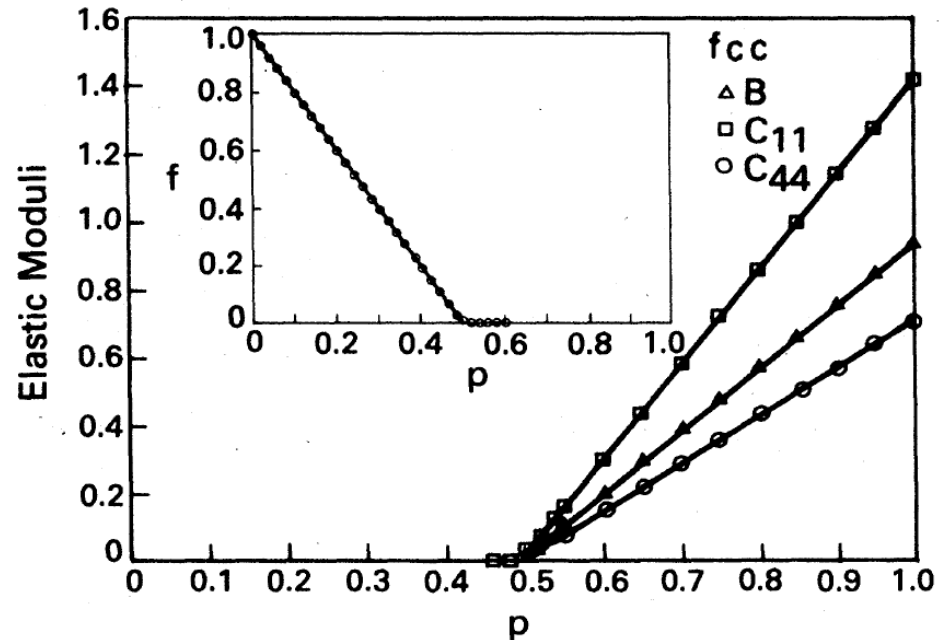
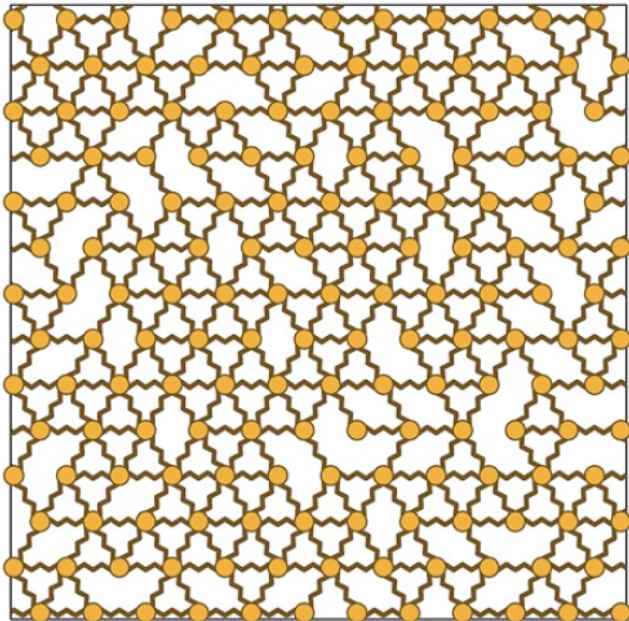
Feng et al., PRB 1985

$$V = \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} \frac{k_{ij}}{2} [(\vec{u}_i - \vec{u}_j) \cdot \vec{n}_{ij}]^2$$

$Nz/2$  pairs of particles are connected

$$P(k_{ij}) = \frac{z}{z_0} \delta(k_{ij} - 1) + \left(1 - \frac{z}{z_0}\right) \delta(k_{ij})$$

$$p = \frac{z}{z_0}$$



$$G \propto z - z_c = \delta z$$

# Effective medium theory: Jammed amorphous solids (4/4)

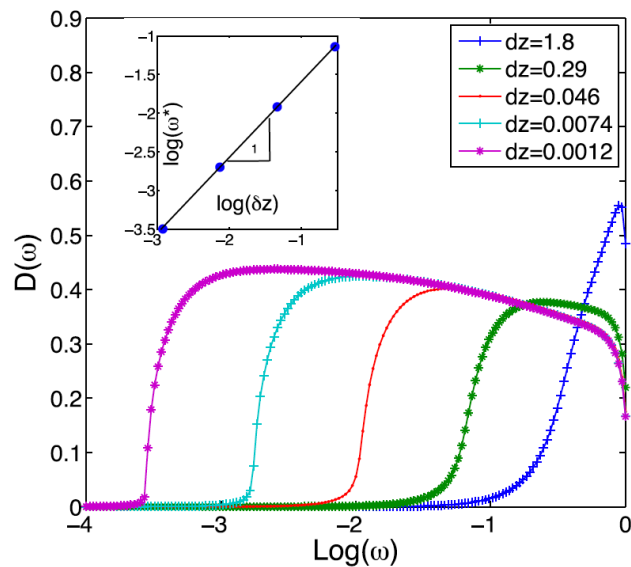
✓ Random spring network

Wyart, EPL 2010; DeGiuli et al., Soft Matter 2014

$$V = \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} \left\{ \frac{k_{ij}}{2} [(\vec{u}_i - \vec{u}_j) \cdot \vec{n}_{ij}]^2 - \frac{f_{ij}}{2\sigma_0} [(\vec{u}_i - \vec{u}_j) \cdot \vec{n}_{ij}^\perp]^2 \right\}$$

Energy reduction due to repulsive forces

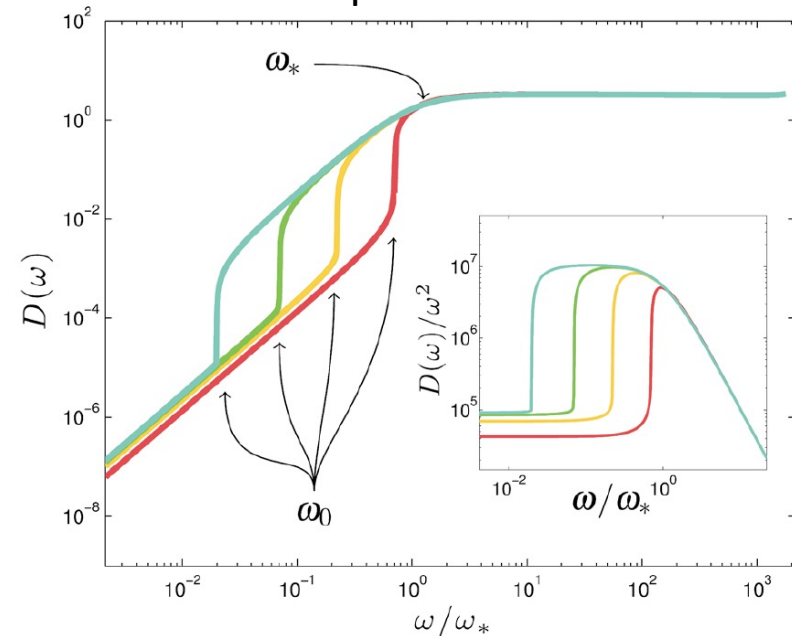
Without repulsive forces



$$\omega_* \propto z - z_c = \delta z$$

$D(\omega) \propto 1$  from connectivity

With repulsive forces



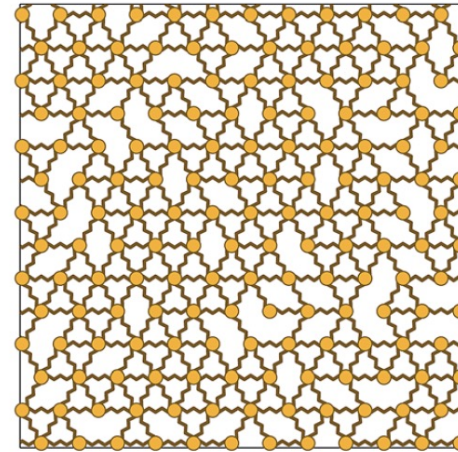
$D(\omega) \propto \left(\frac{\omega}{\omega_*}\right)^2$  from repulsive forces



# Present work

## Aim

- ✓ Develop EMT for **viscoelasticity**
- ✓ Macrorheology and microrheology
- ✓ Random spring network model
- ✓ Integrate **contact damping** effect



## Results

- ✓ Explain experimental results

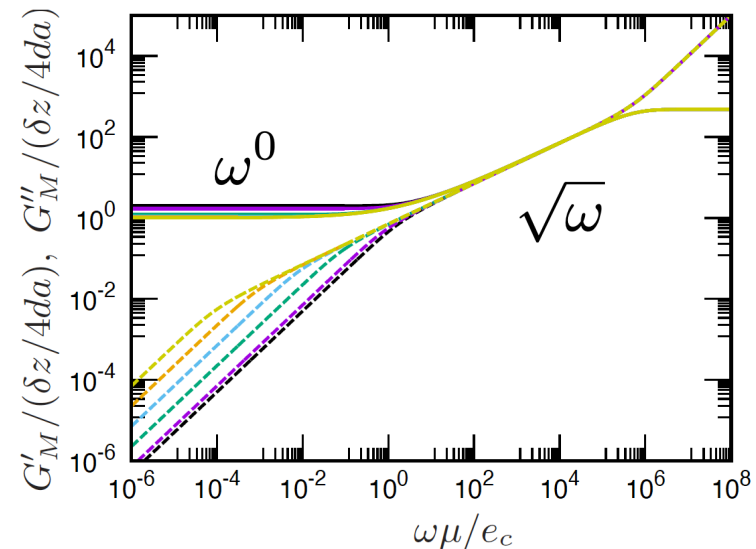
- higher frequencies

$$G' \approx G'' \propto \sqrt{\omega}$$

- Lower frequencies

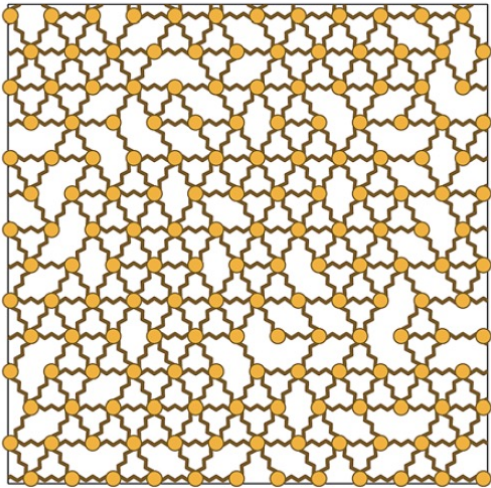
$$G' \propto \omega^0 \quad G'' \propto \sqrt{\omega}$$

**Anomalous viscous loss**



# Random spring network model (1/3)

Feng et al., PRB 1985; Wyart, EPL 2010; DeGiuli et al., Soft Matter 2014



- ✓ Point particles placed at lattice sites with contact number  $z_0$
- ✓ Connect nearest neighbors' particles by springs
- ✓ Repulsive forces between connected pairs of particles

$$e_{ij} = \frac{f_{ij}}{k_{ij}\sigma_0} \equiv e (> 0) : \text{Prestress}$$

- ✓ Randomly cut springs  $\rightarrow$  control contact number  $z (< z_0)$

$$V = \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} \left\{ \frac{k_{ij}}{2} [(\vec{u}_i - \vec{u}_j) \cdot \vec{n}_{ij}]^2 - \frac{f_{ij}}{2\sigma_0} [(\vec{u}_i - \vec{u}_j) \cdot \vec{n}_{ij}^\perp]^2 \right\}$$

$$P(k_{ij}) = \frac{z}{z_0} \delta(k_{ij} - 1) + \left(1 - \frac{z}{z_0}\right) \delta(k_{ij})$$

- ✓ Contact damping occurs between connected pairs of particles

$$\vec{f}_i^{\text{damp}} = -\mu(\vec{v}_i - \vec{v}_j) \quad \mu : \text{Viscosity}$$

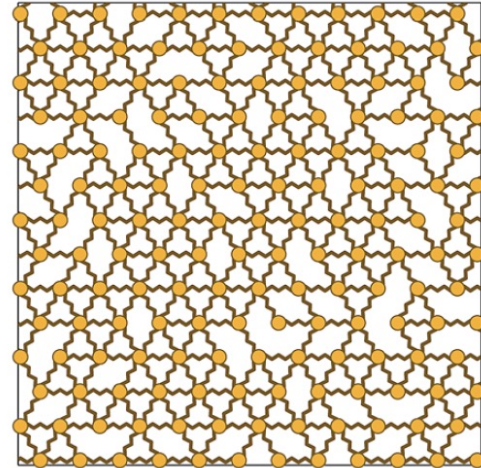
# Random spring network model (2/3)

- ✓ Equation of motion (overdamped dynamics)

$$C \frac{d}{dt} |u\rangle = -M |u\rangle + |F\rangle$$

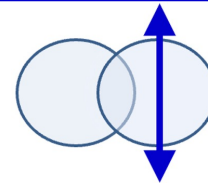
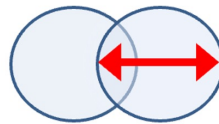
$$|u\rangle = [\vec{u}_1, \dots, \vec{u}_N] : \text{Displacement}$$

$$|F\rangle = [\vec{F}_1, \dots, \vec{F}_N] : \text{External force}$$



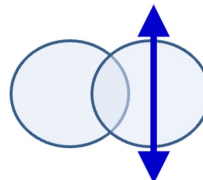
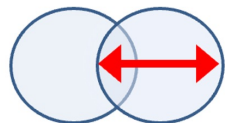
$$M = \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial \vec{r} \partial \vec{r}} = \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} |ij\rangle k_{ij} \left[ \underbrace{\vec{n}_{ij} \otimes \vec{n}_{ij}}_{\text{red}} - e \underbrace{(I_d - \vec{n}_{ij} \otimes \vec{n}_{ij})}_{\text{blue}} \right] \langle ij|$$

: Hessian matrix  
(contact force)



$$C = \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} |ij\rangle \mu k_{ij} \left[ \underbrace{\vec{n}_{ij} \otimes \vec{n}_{ij}}_{\text{red}} + \underbrace{(I_d - \vec{n}_{ij} \otimes \vec{n}_{ij})}_{\text{blue}} \right] \langle ij|$$

: Damping matrix  
(contact damping)

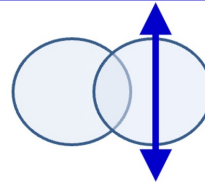
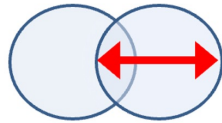


# Random spring network model (3/3)

$$G(\omega\mu) = (M - i\omega C)^{-1} = \widetilde{M}^{-1} : \text{Green function}$$

$$\widetilde{M} = M - i\omega C : \text{Complex hessian matrix}$$

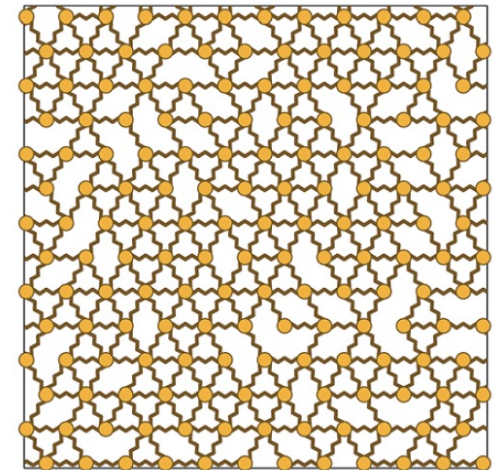
$$= \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} |ij\rangle \widetilde{k}_{ij} \left[ \underbrace{\vec{n}_{ij} \otimes \vec{n}_{ij}}_{\text{red}} - \underbrace{\widetilde{e} (I_d - \vec{n}_{ij} \otimes \vec{n}_{ij})}_{\text{blue}} \right] \langle ij|$$



$$P(\widetilde{k}_{ij}) = \frac{z}{z_0} \delta(\widetilde{k}_{ij} - \widetilde{k}) + \left(1 - \frac{z}{z_0}\right) \delta(\widetilde{k}_{ij})$$

$$\widetilde{k} = 1 - i\omega\mu : \text{Complex stiffness}$$

$$\widetilde{e} = \frac{e + i\omega\mu}{1 - i\omega\mu} : \text{Complex prestress}$$



✓ Effects of contact damping are integrated into complex stiffness and prestress

-> We can apply the effective medium theory

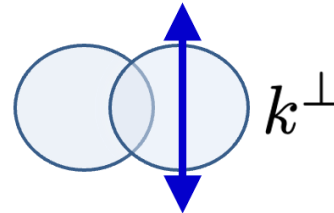
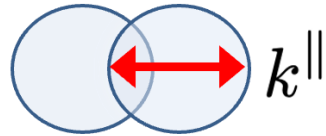
# Effective medium theory (1/2)

- ✓ Introduce effective green function

DeGiuli et al., Soft Matter 2014

$$G_{\text{eff}}(\omega\mu) = M_{\text{eff}}^{-1}$$

$$M_{\text{eff}} = \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} |ij\rangle \left[ \underbrace{k^{\parallel} \vec{n}_{ij} \otimes \vec{n}_{ij}}_{\text{red line}} - \underbrace{\tilde{e} k^{\perp} (I_d - \vec{n}_{ij} \otimes \vec{n}_{ij})}_{\text{blue line}} \right]$$



$$k_{\text{eff}} = k^{\parallel} - (d-1)\tilde{e}k^{\perp} : \text{Effective stiffness}$$

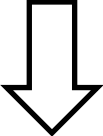
$$G^{\parallel} = \vec{n}_{ij} \langle ij | G_{\text{eff}} | ij \rangle \vec{n}_{ij} : \text{Longitudinal component}$$

$$G^{\perp} = \frac{1}{d-1} \left[ \text{Tr} \langle ij | G_{\text{eff}} | ij \rangle - G^{\parallel} \right] : \text{Transverse component}$$

- ✓ Effective medium theory maps Green function  $G$  to effective  $G_{\text{eff}}$

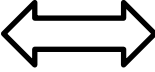
# Effective medium theory (2/2)

- ✓ Green function  $G = G_{\text{eff}} + G_{\text{eff}} \underline{T} G_{\text{eff}}$  DeGiuli et al., Soft Matter 2014


 $\langle \rangle = \int d\tilde{k}_{ij} P(\tilde{k}_{ij})$

Transfer matrix

- ✓ EMT equation  $\langle G \rangle = G_{\text{eff}} \iff \langle T \rangle = 0$



$$G^{\parallel} = \frac{k^{\parallel} - \tilde{k}(z/z_0)}{k^{\parallel} (k^{\parallel} - \tilde{k})} \quad G^{\perp} = - \left[ \frac{k^{\perp} - \tilde{k}(z/z_0)}{\tilde{k} k^{\perp} (k^{\perp} - \tilde{k})} \right]$$

- ✓ Assume isotropy of green function  $G^{\parallel} = G^{\perp}$

$G_{\text{eff}}(\omega\mu) = M_{\text{eff}}^{-1} \iff G^{\parallel} = G^{\perp} = \frac{2d}{z_0} \left[ \frac{1}{k^{\parallel} - (d-1)\tilde{k} k^{\perp}} \right]$

- ✓ We obtain closed equations for  $k^{\parallel}, k^{\perp}, G^{\parallel}, G^{\perp}$



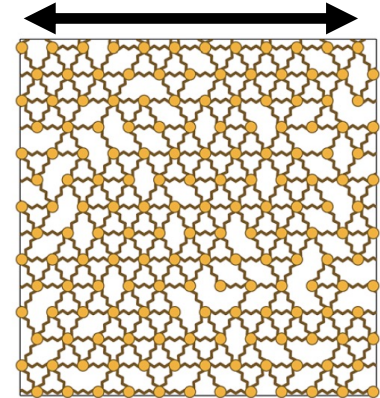
# Complex modulus

## ✓ Macrorheology experiment

Measures global modulus when applying an oscillatory strain

$$G'_M - iG''_M = k_{\text{eff}}$$

$$k_{\text{eff}} = k^{\parallel} - (d - 1)\tilde{e}k^{\perp} : \text{Effective stiffness}$$



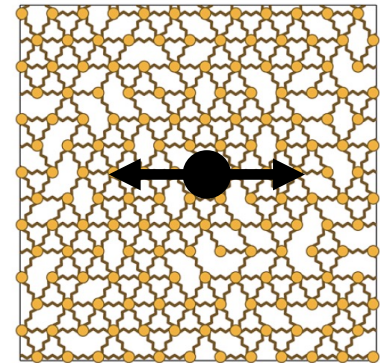
## ✓ Microrheology experiment

Measures microscopic displacements of a probe particle when applying an oscillatory external force to it

$$g = \frac{1}{d} \text{Tr} \langle i | G_{\text{eff}} | i \rangle = \frac{2d}{z_0} \frac{1}{k_{\text{eff}}} : \text{Response function}$$

→ Transform to complex modulus using generalized Stokes relation

$$G'_m - iG''_m = \frac{1}{3\pi\sigma_{pr}g} = \frac{1}{3\pi\sigma_{pr}} \frac{z_0}{2d} k_{\text{eff}}$$



## ✓ Macrorheology and microrheology output same complex moduli

# Set up

## ✓ EMT Equations

$$G^{\parallel} = \frac{k^{\parallel} - \tilde{k}(z/z_0)}{k^{\parallel} (k^{\parallel} - \tilde{k})}$$

$$G^{\perp} = - \left[ \frac{k^{\perp} - \tilde{k}(z/z_0)}{\tilde{e}k^{\perp} (k^{\perp} - \tilde{k})} \right]$$

$$G^{\parallel} = G^{\perp} = \frac{2d}{z_0} \left[ \frac{1}{k^{\parallel} - (d-1)\tilde{e}k^{\perp}} \right]$$

$$\tilde{k} = 1 - i\omega\mu$$

$$\tilde{e} = \frac{e + i\omega\mu}{1 - i\omega\mu}$$

$$k_{\text{eff}} = k^{\parallel} - (d-1)\tilde{e}k^{\perp}$$

$$G'_M - iG''_M = k_{\text{eff}}$$

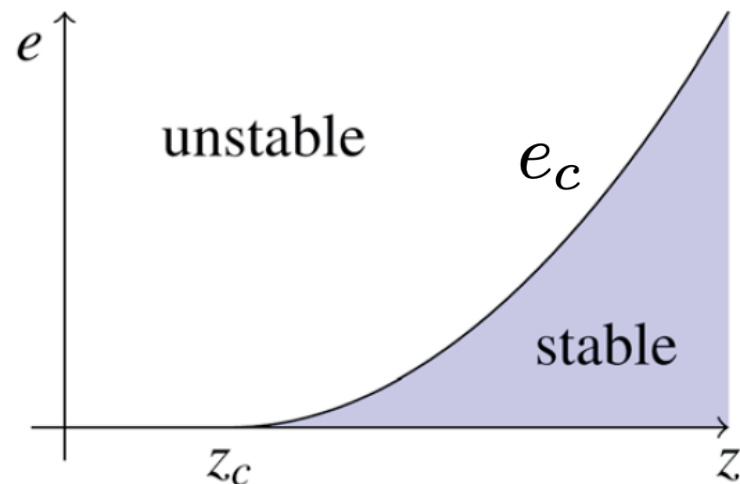
✓ Three dimensional space  $d = 3$

✓ FCC lattice sites  $z_0 = 12$

✓ Control parameters

$$\delta z = z - z_c \geq 0$$

$$0 \leq e \leq e_c (\propto \delta z^2)$$



# Results (1/5): Analytical solution

## ✓ Analytical solution

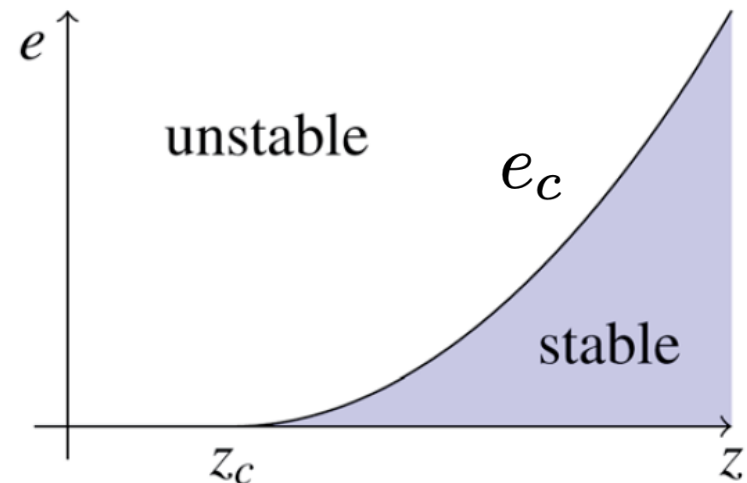
$$G'_M - iG''_M = \left( 1 + \sqrt{\frac{e_c - e - i\omega\mu}{e_c}} \right) \frac{\delta z}{4da} + o(\delta z)$$

$$e_c = \left( \frac{1}{32d^2a} \frac{z_0}{2d} \right) \delta z^2 \sim \omega_*^2 \propto \delta z^2$$

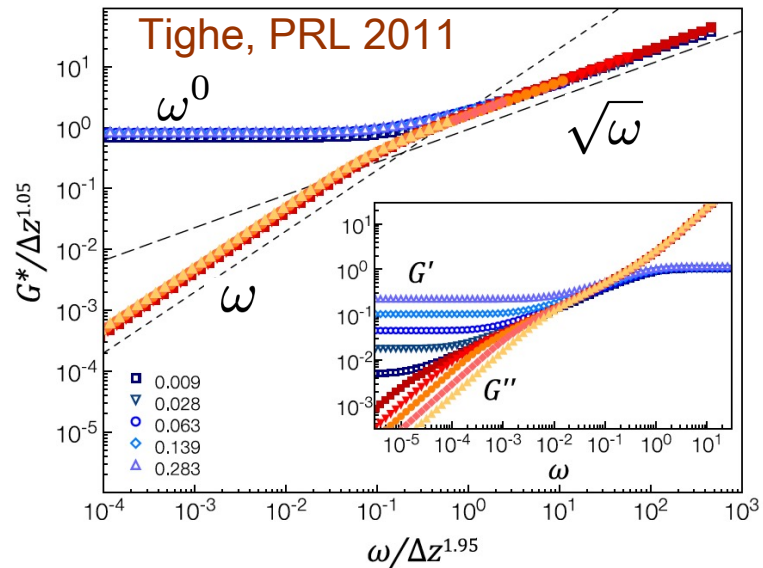
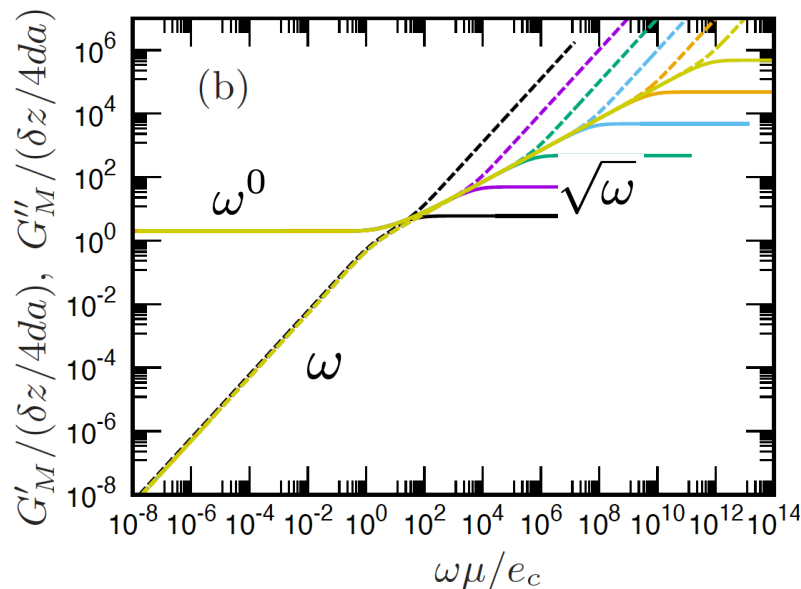
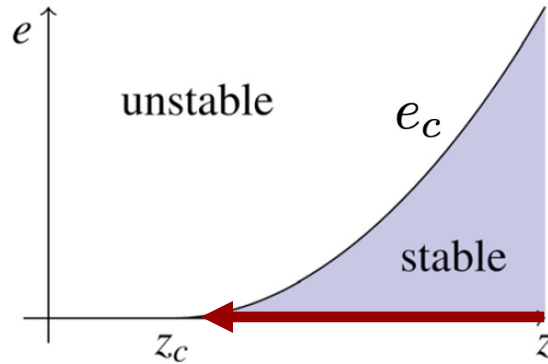
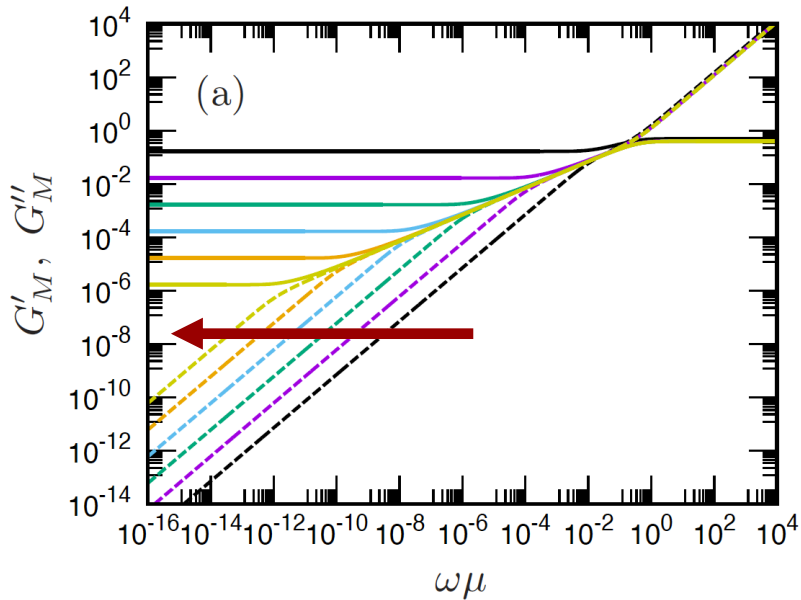
## ✓ Static modulus (zero frequency)

$$G'_{M0} = \left( 1 + \sqrt{\frac{e_c - e}{e_c}} \right) \frac{\delta z}{4da} \propto \delta z$$

- ✓ Static modulus becomes real number  
in a stable region at  $e \leq e_c$

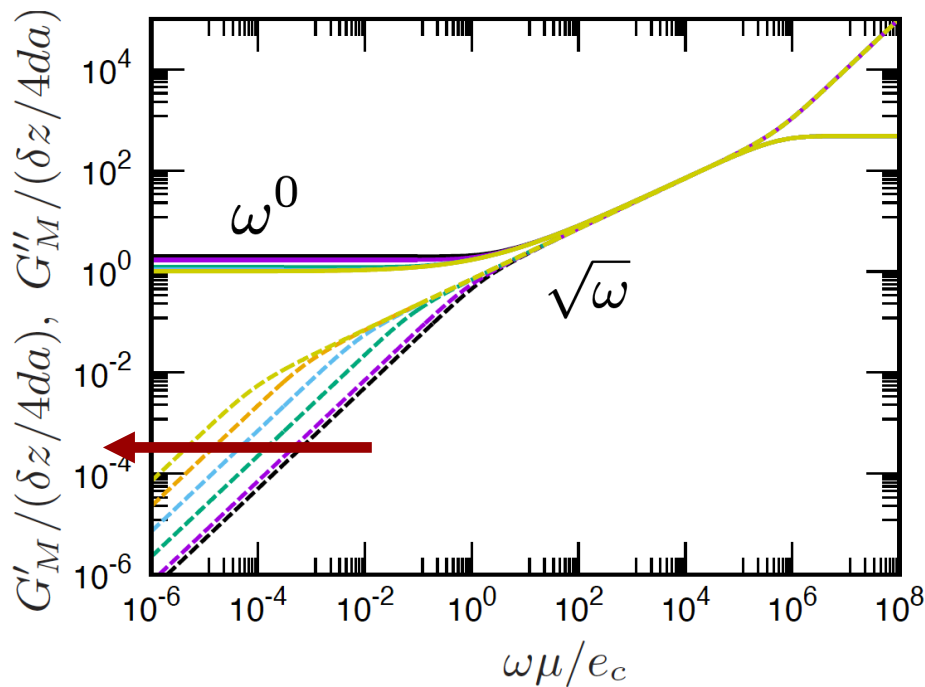
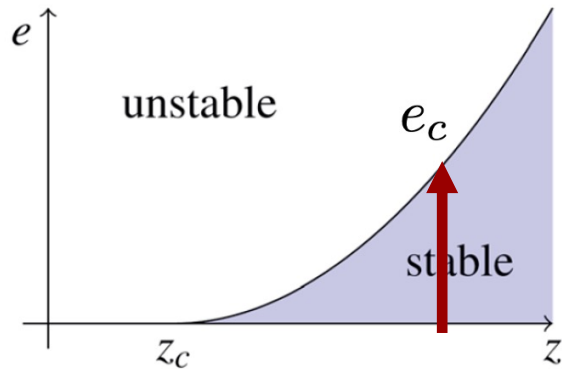


# Results (2/5): Zero prestress case $e = 0$



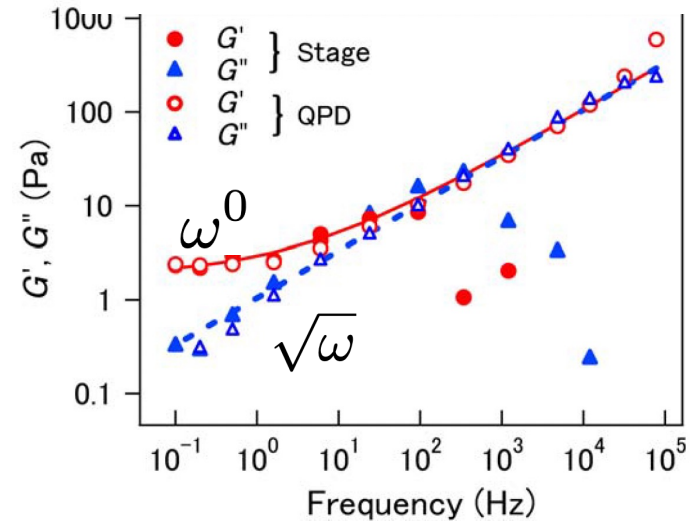
✓ EMT explains  $G' \approx G'' \propto \sqrt{\omega}$

# Results (3/5): Finite prestress $0 < e \leq e_c$

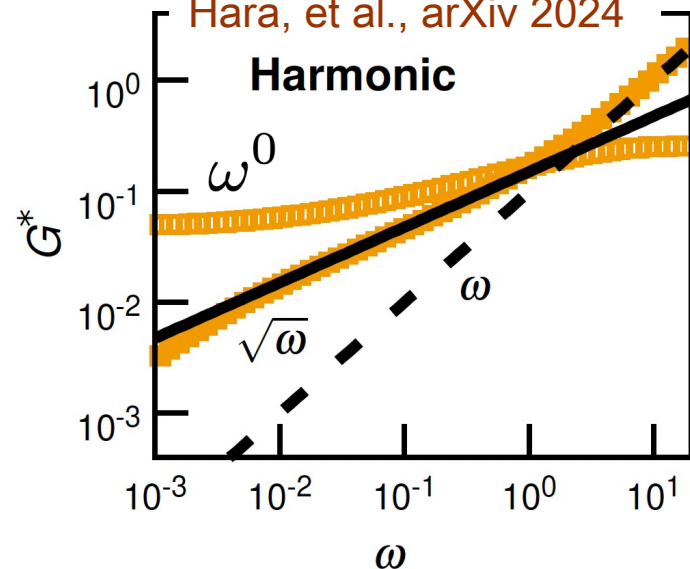


✓ EMT explains **anomalous viscous loss**

Nishizawa, et al., Sci. Adv. 2017

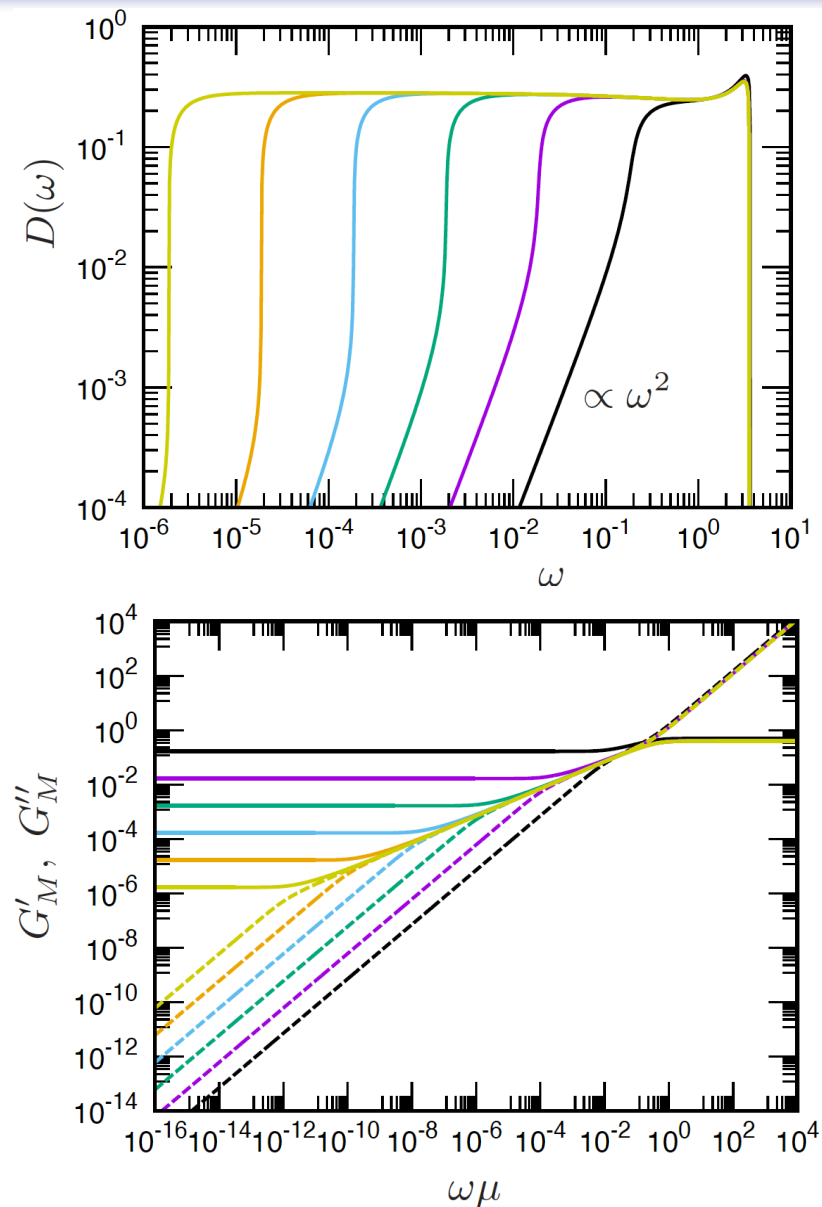
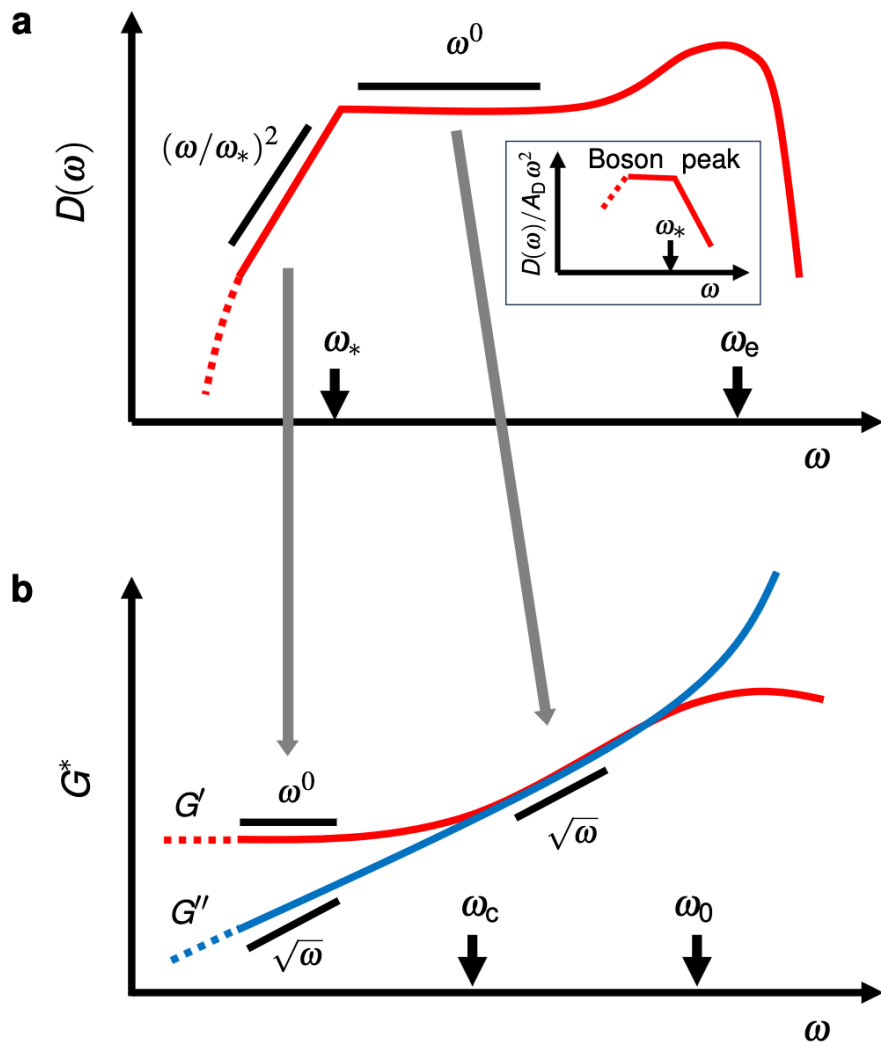


Hara, et al., arXiv 2024



# Results (4/5): vDOS and complex modulus at $e = 0$

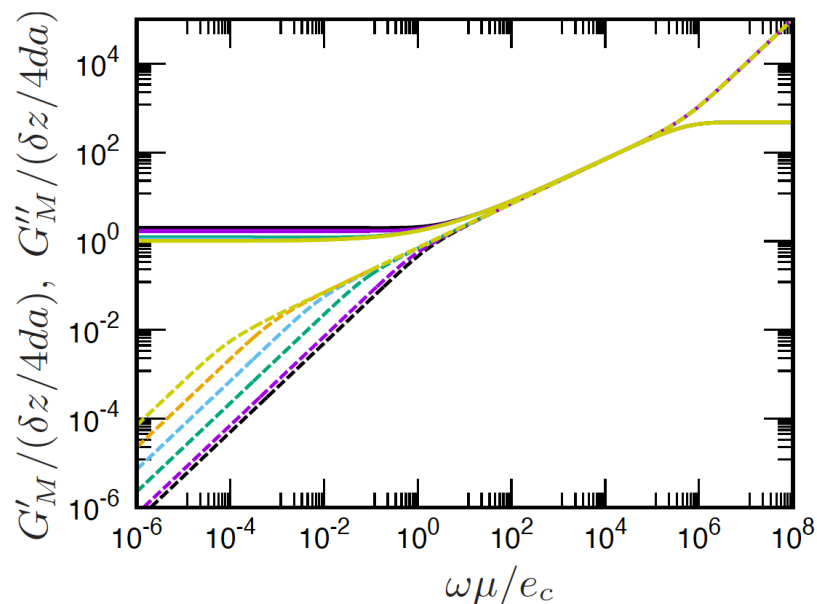
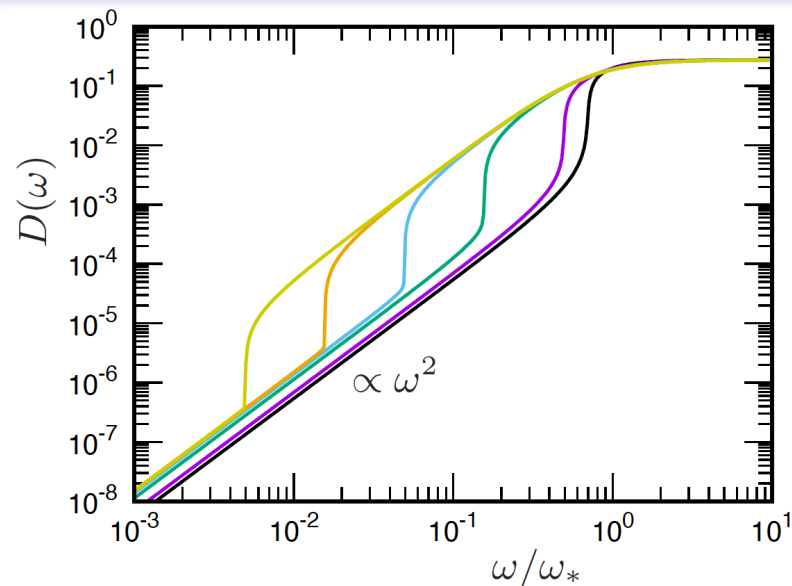
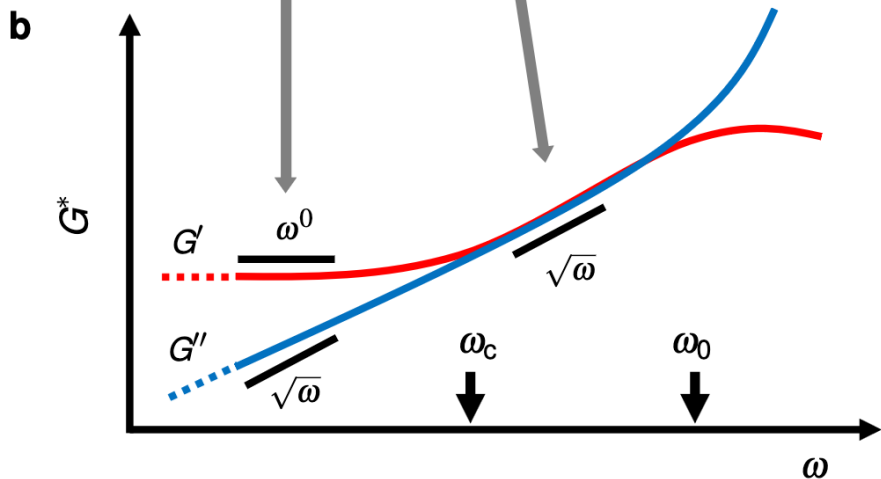
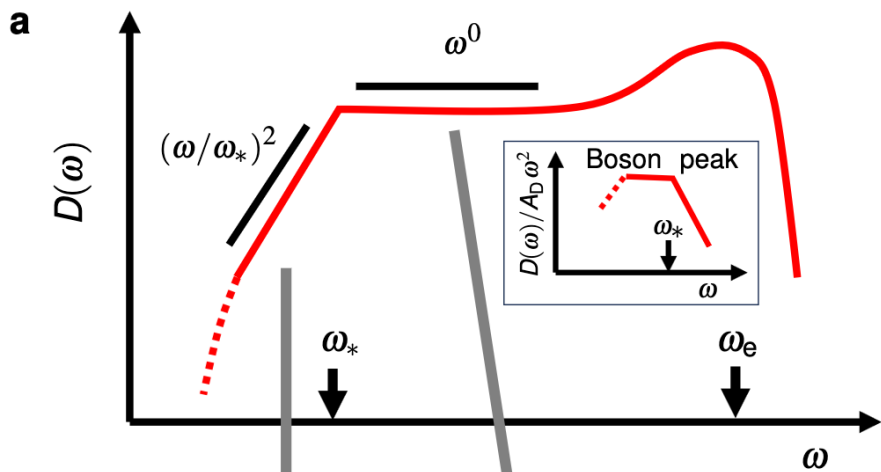
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## vDOS and complex modulus at $0 < e \leq e_c$

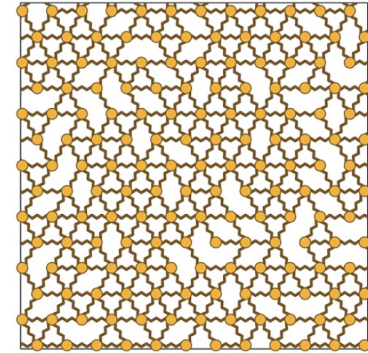
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# Conclusions

Mizuno and Ikeda, arXiv:2407.15323

- ✓ Develop EMT for viscoelasticity of soft jammed solids
- ✓ Random spring network model
- ✓ Integrate contact damping effect
- ✓ Theory explains experimentally observed viscoelasticity



- Macrorheology and microrheology show the same complex moduli

- higher frequencies  $G' \approx G'' \propto \sqrt{\omega}$

- Linked to plateau in vDOS

- Controlled by contact number  $\delta z$

- Lower frequencies  $G' \propto \omega^0$   $G'' \propto \sqrt{\omega}$

Anomalous viscous loss

- Linked to non-Debye law (boson peak) in vDOS

- Controlled by prestress  $e$

