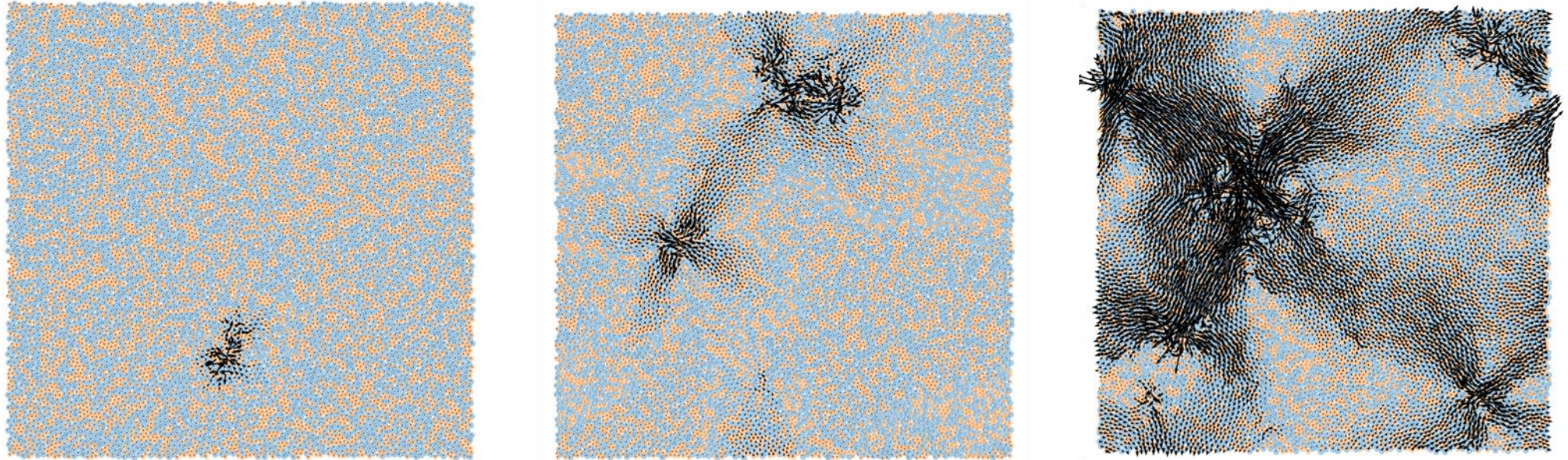


Avalanche criticality of rearrangements in aging glasses



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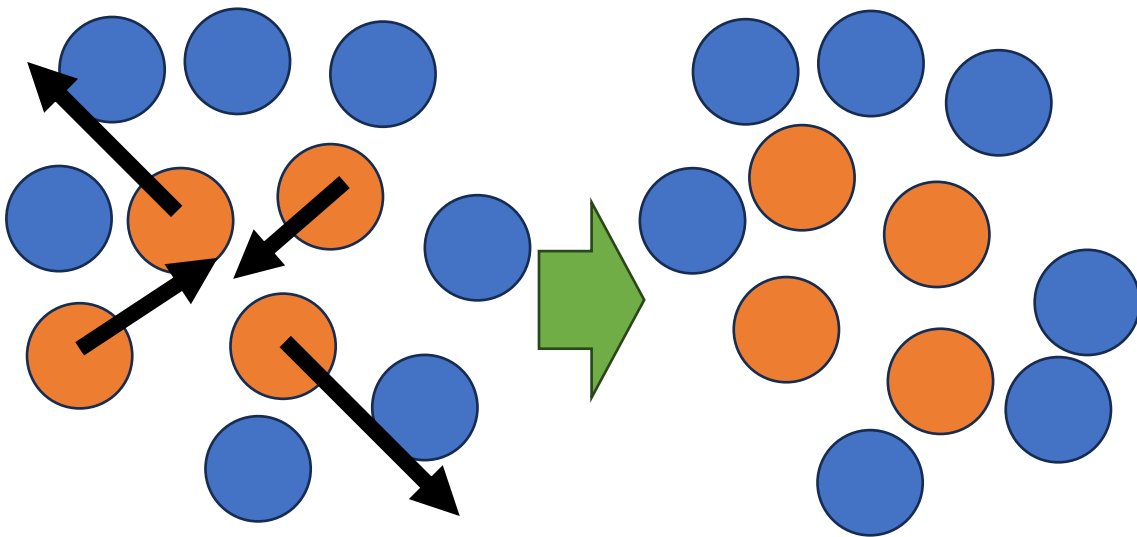
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Intermittent particle rearrangements

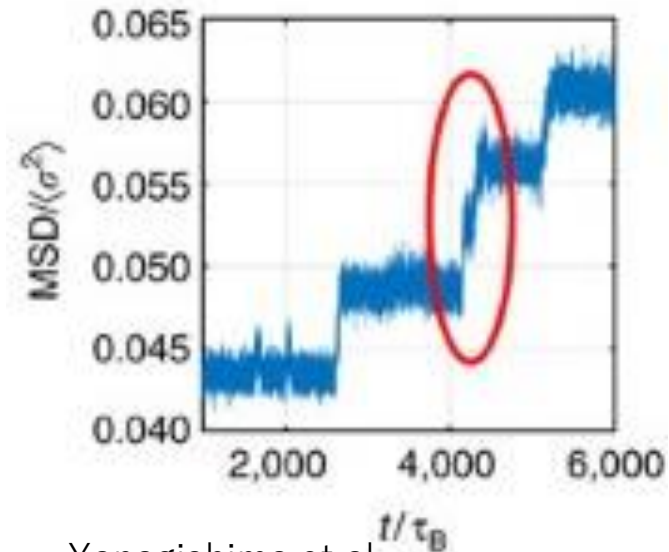
Particle rearrangement

- Elemental relaxation process
- Different from vibrational motion



Aging glass

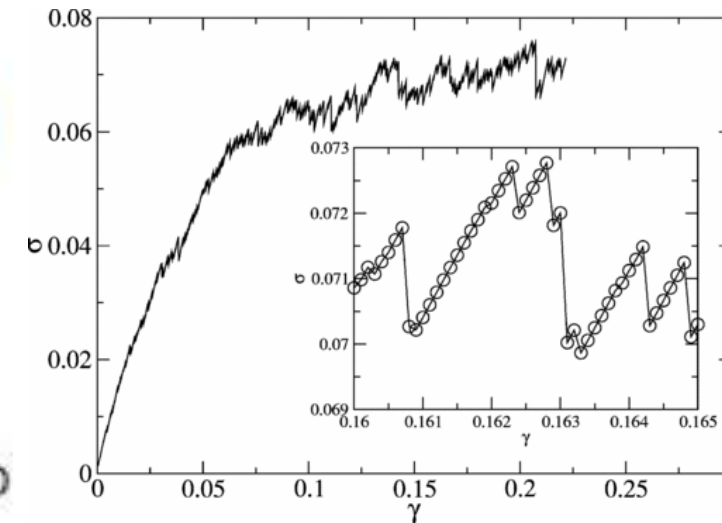
Thermal and quiescent



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Stress drop under shear

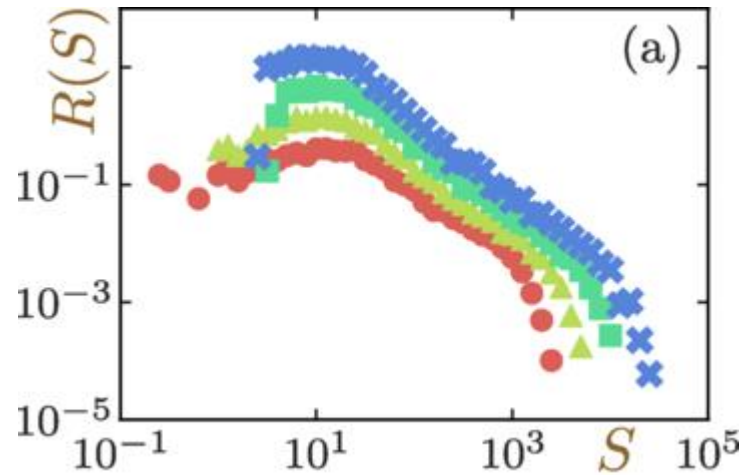
Sheared athermal system



Maloney and Lemaitre,
Phys. Rev. E **74**, 016118(2006)

Intermittent dynamics is ubiquitous in amorphous solids.

Avalanche critical phenomena under shear

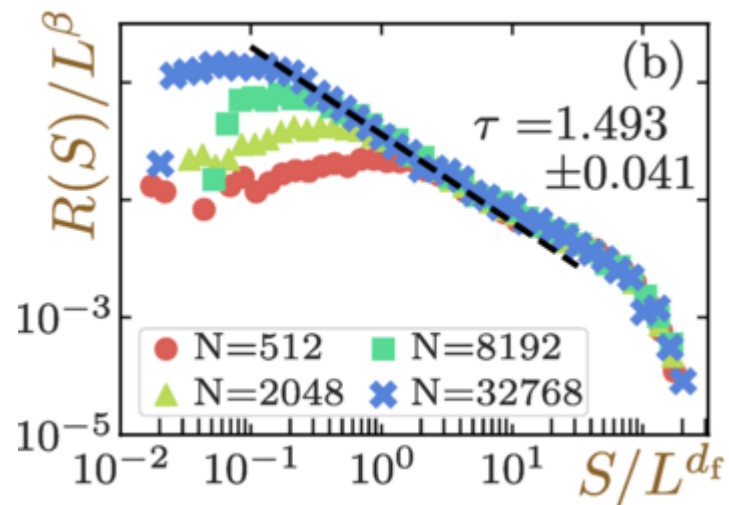


Distribution of size of stress drop

- The power-law region
- Scaling relation of the distribution $R(S, L)$

$$R(S, L) \sim L^\beta f(S/L^{d_f})$$

- Finite size scaling



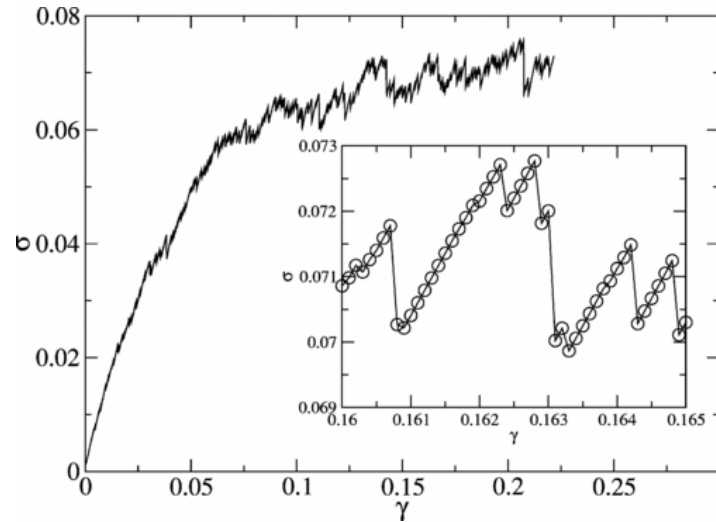
Avalanche critical phenomena

- Self-organized critical phenomena
- Earthquake
(Fisher et al., *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **78**, 4885(1997))
- Crackling noise in crumpled sheet
(Kramer and Lobkovsky, *Phys. Rev. E* 53, 1465(1996))
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Oyama et al,
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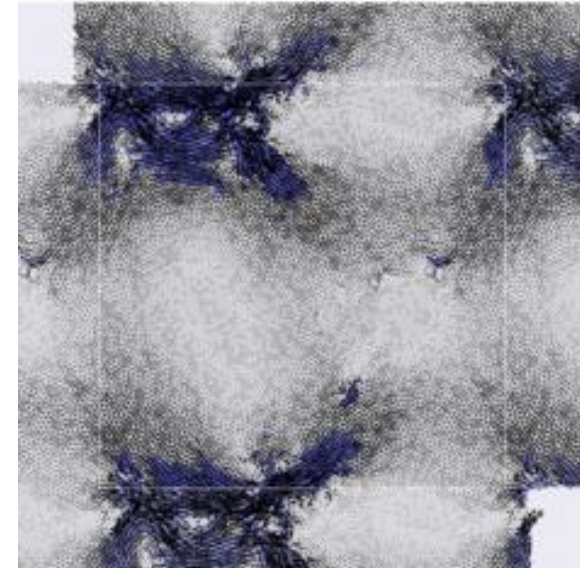
Elasticity & plasticity in sheared amorphous solids

Stress drop



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Local plastic event and elastic field

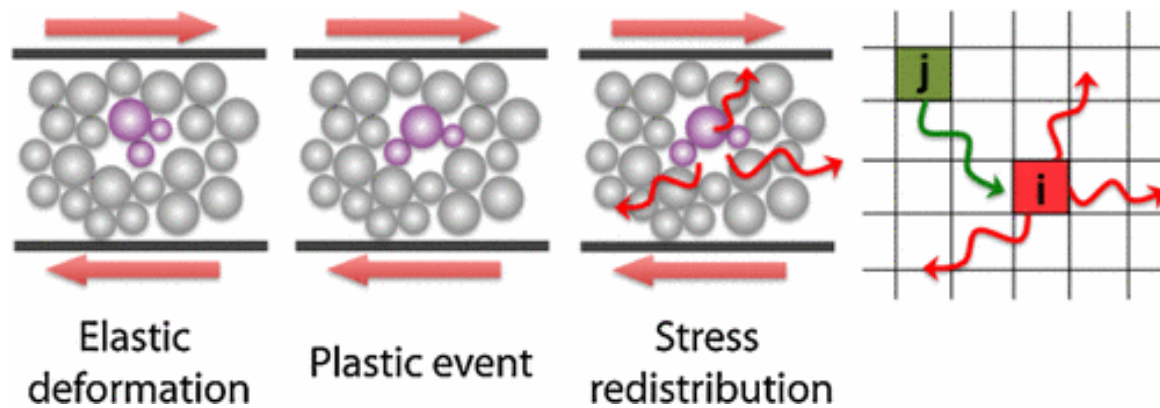


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- Local regions in large motion
- Eshelby-like field

Intermittent events correspond to local plastic events interacting via elastic fields.

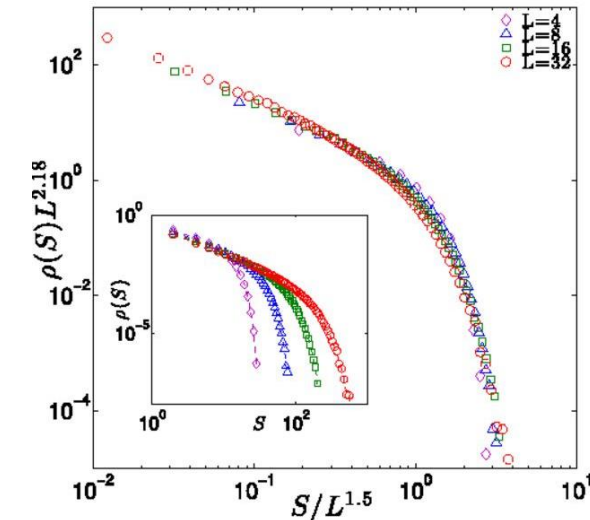
Elastoplastic model(EPM)



Bocquet et al,
Phys. Rev. Lett. **103**, 036001(2009)

- Local plastic event causes stress redistribution around the site.
- The stress change sometimes triggers other local events.
⇒ rare system-spanning event.
- Avalanche critical phenomena

Power-law distribution of stress drop

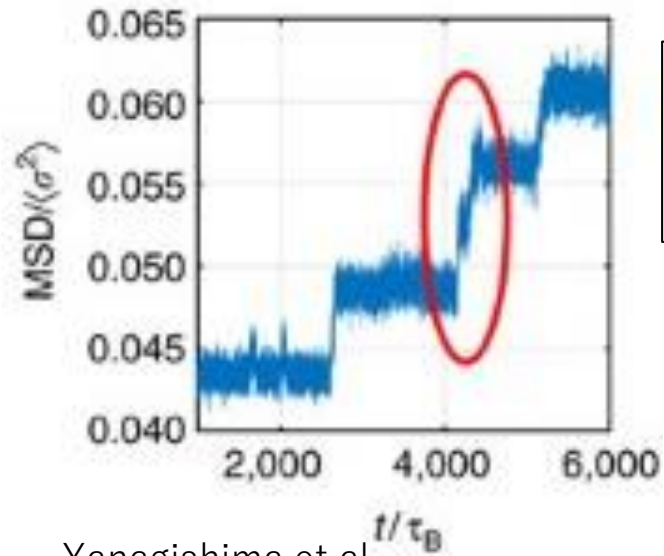


Lin et al.
Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA **111**(40), 14382-14387(2014)

Elasticity and plasticity play an important role to form avalanche.

How about aging glass?

Aging glass



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**Are elasticity and plasticity important?
Are there avalanche critical phenomena?**

- Without shear, driven only by thermal noise

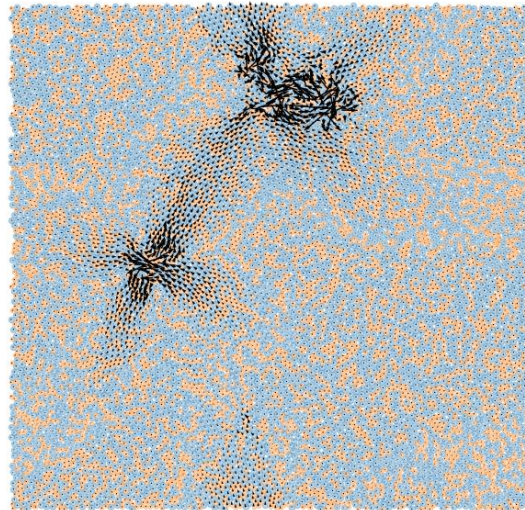
Particle rearrangements just after fast quench

Method

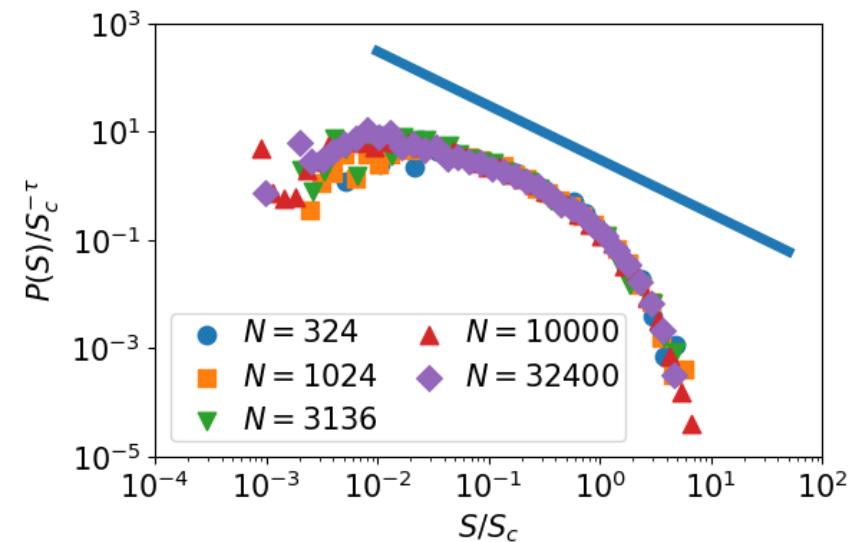
- Molecular dynamics(MD) simulation just after fast quench
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Results

Displacement field



Power-law distribution



We observe a critical phenomenon in a quiescent glass.

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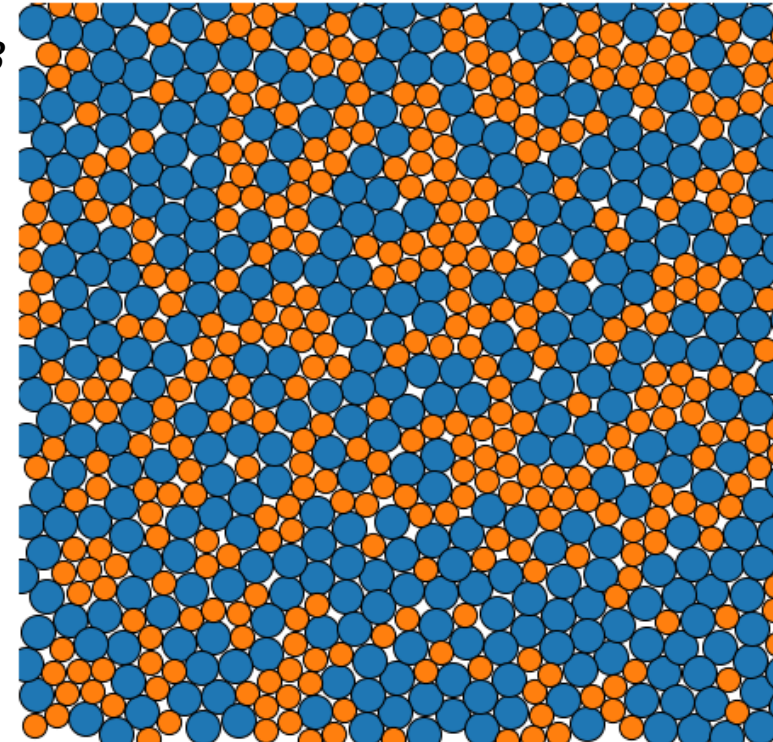
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Methods: Binary mixture

Model

- Binary in 2D
 - Effective diameter $\sigma_A:\sigma_B = 1:1.4$. Equimolar system.
 - $v_{12}(r) = \epsilon \left(\frac{\bar{\sigma}}{r}\right)^{12}$, $\bar{\sigma} = (\sigma_1 + \sigma_2)/2$
- Unit: length σ_A , mass m , time $\sigma_A\sqrt{m/\epsilon}$, temperature ϵ/k_B



Methods: MD simulation

- Initial state: Inherent structure (nearest minima of PEL, IS) of liquids ($T = 10$)
- Dynamics: Underdamped Langevin equation with Stoke drag $\mathbf{f}_i^{\text{drag}} = -\mathbf{r}_i$.
 - Temperature: $T = 0.1$
 - Packing fraction: $\phi = 0.93$
 - Observation time: $0 \leq t < 100$

Equilibration at $T = 10$



Quench by FIRE2.0

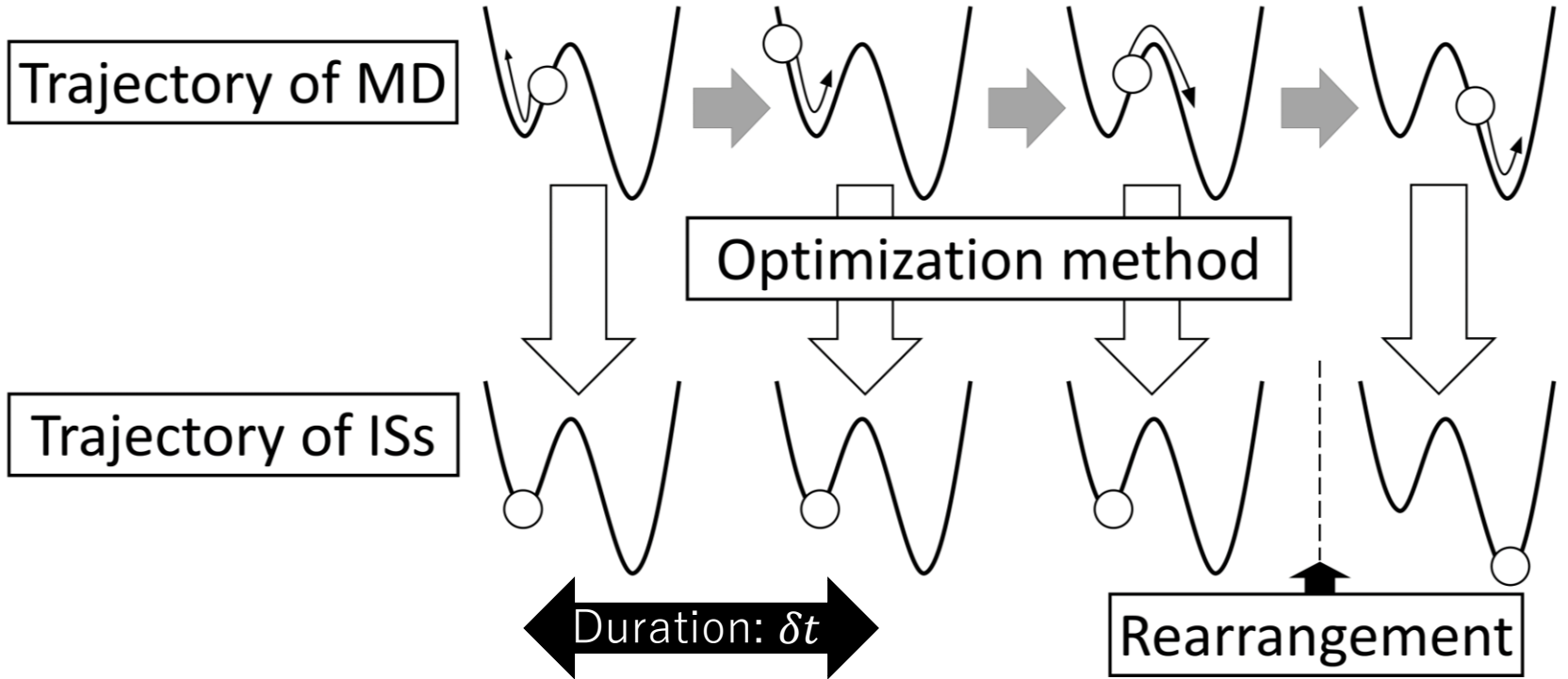
IS

Product run at $T = 0.1$

Glass just after fast quench

Definition of particle rearrangements

Analysis from the viewpoint of PEL

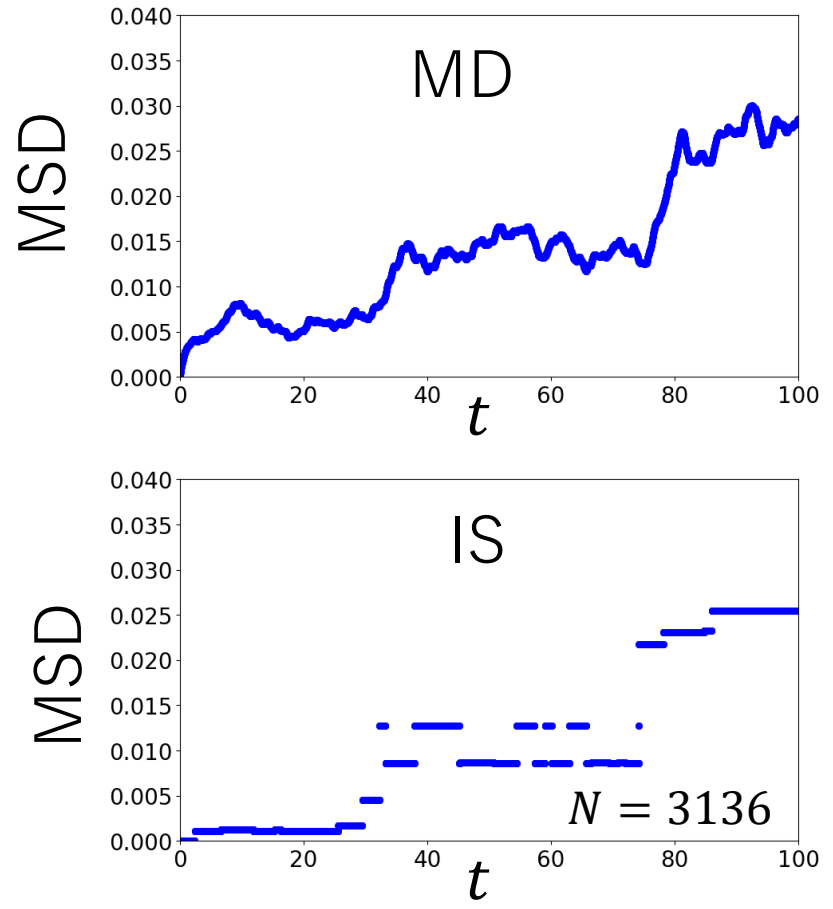


- Intermittent event = Transition between ISs
- Ignore vibration

• $\delta t = 0.02$ to separate into individual events

We track the IS-trajectory and detect the rearrangements.

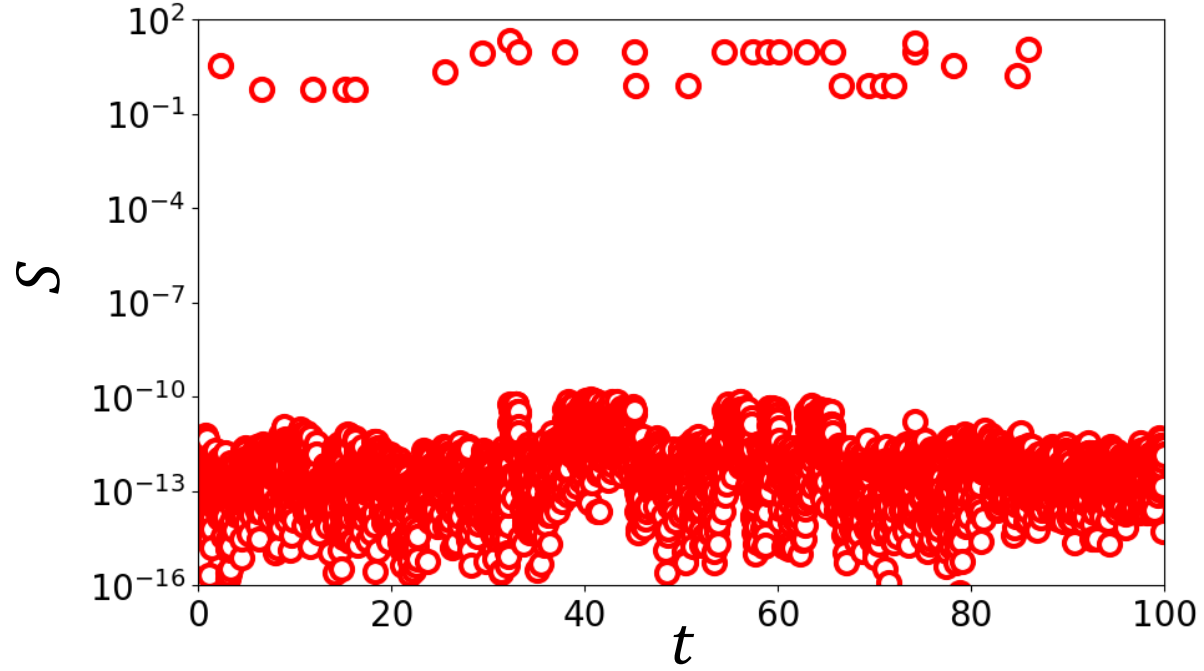
Definition of particle rearrangements



Clear intermittent events

$$S = \sum \left(r_i^{IS}(t) - r_i^{IS}(t + \delta t) \right)^2$$

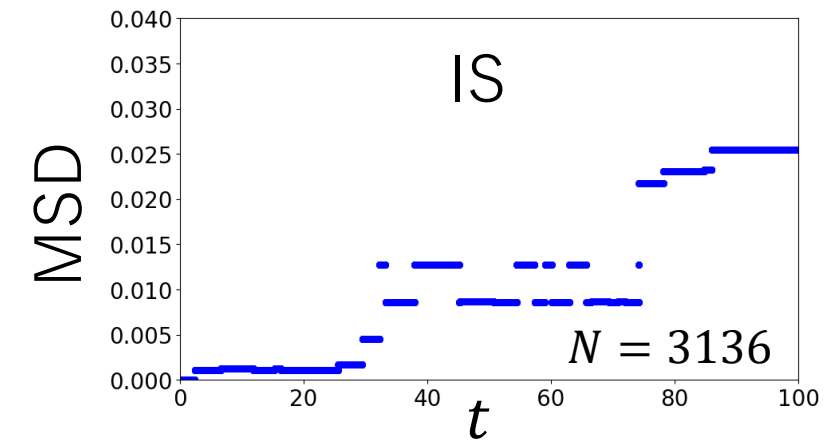
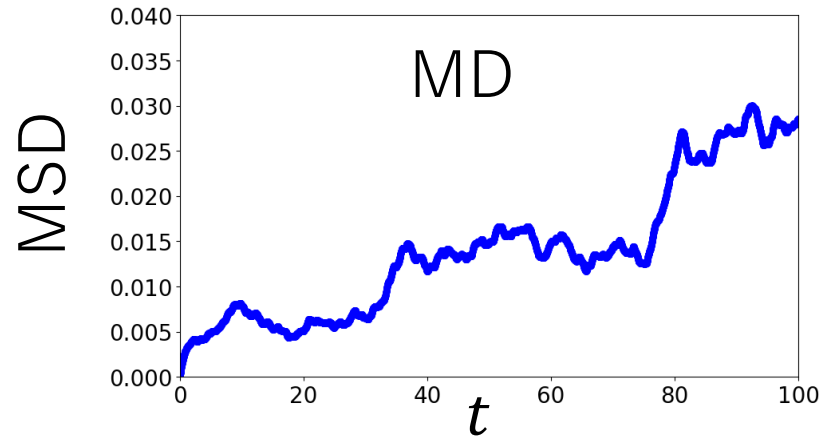
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- Rearrangement events: $S > 10^{-6}$
- S : Size of rearrangement event

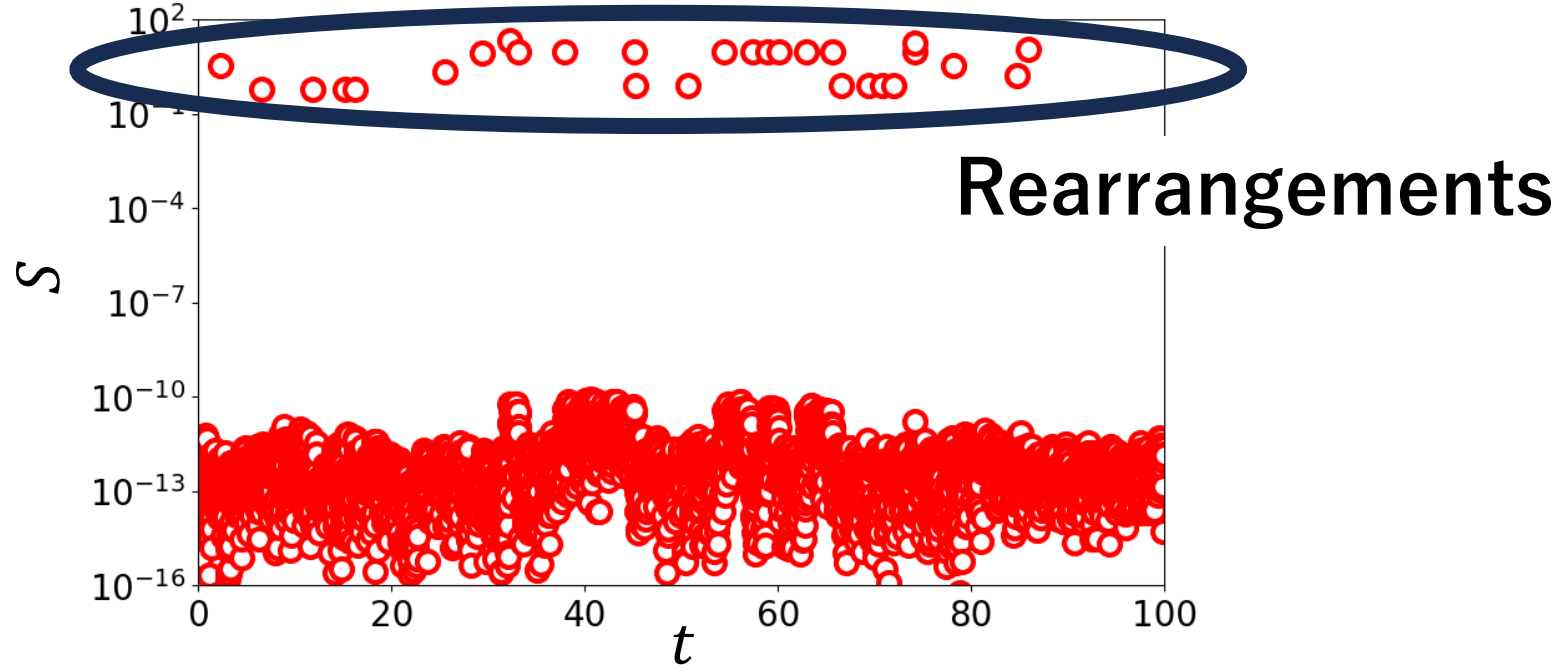
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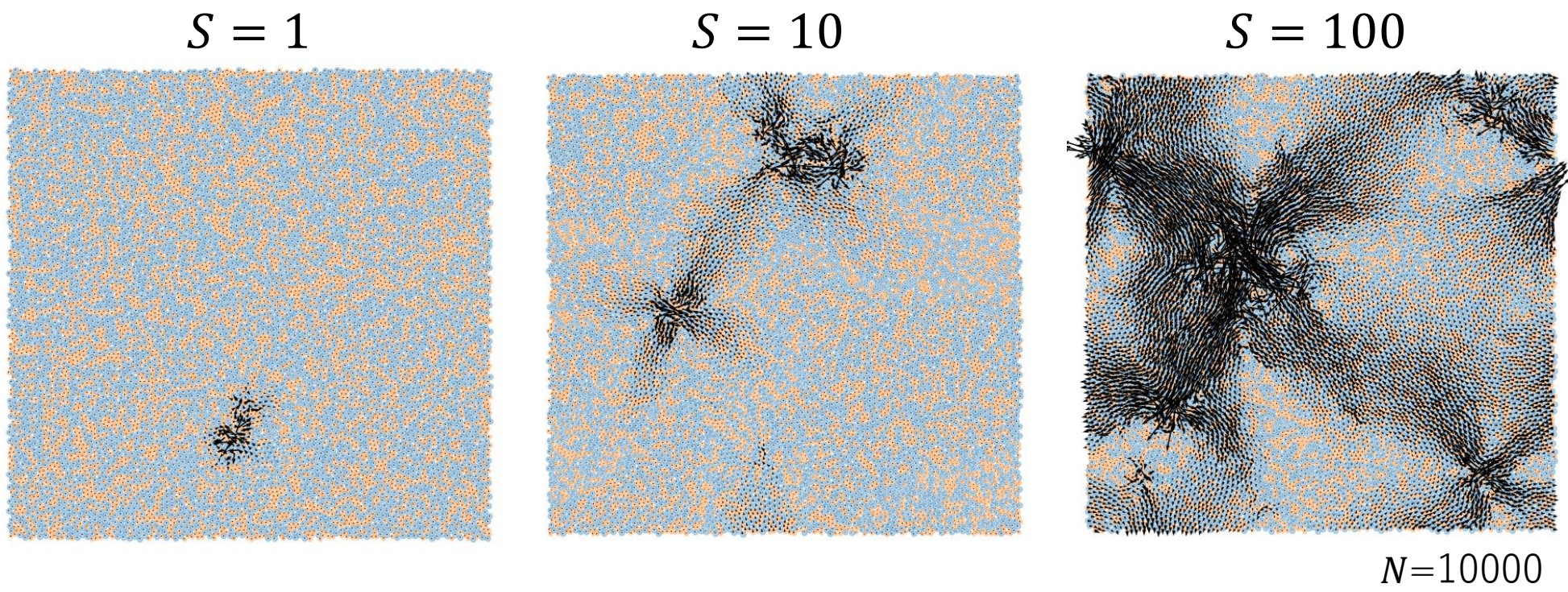
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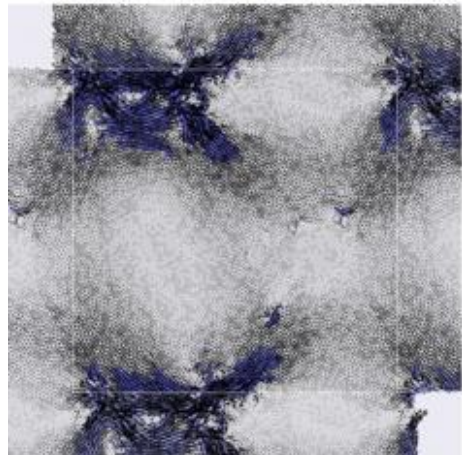
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Displacement fields of particle rearrangements

Displacement fields between the ISs



Under shear

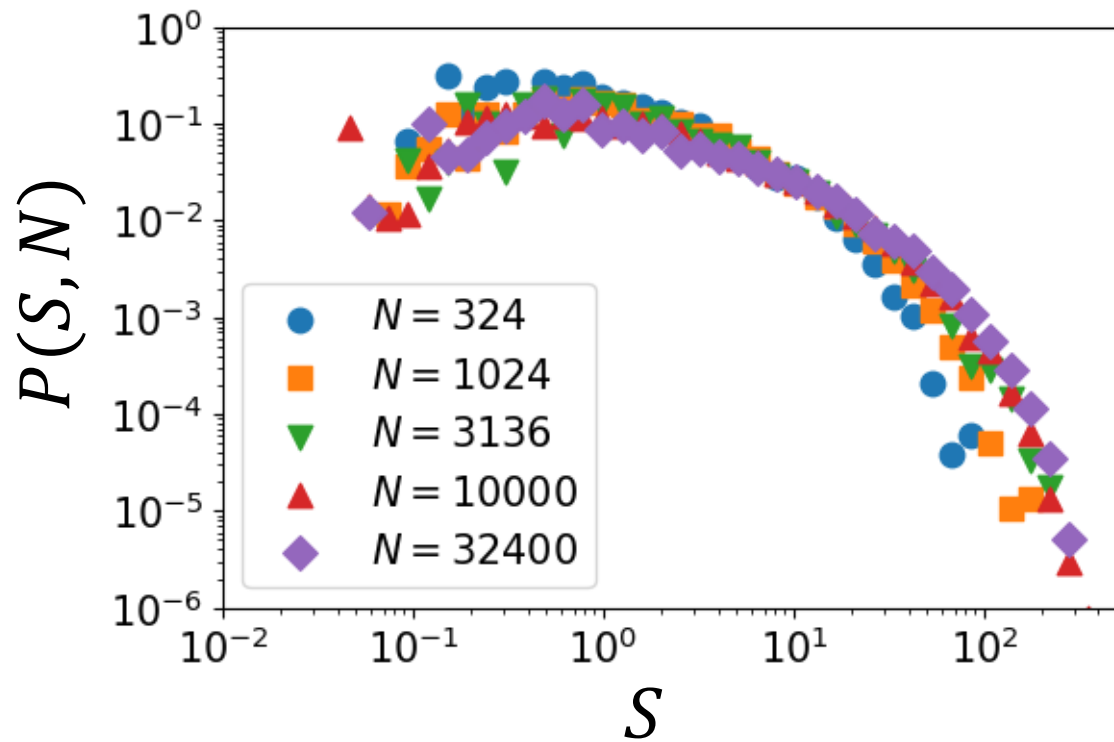


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Local events coupled via Eshelby-like fields

Rearrangement = Local plastic events interacting via elastic field

Statistical property of particle rearrangements

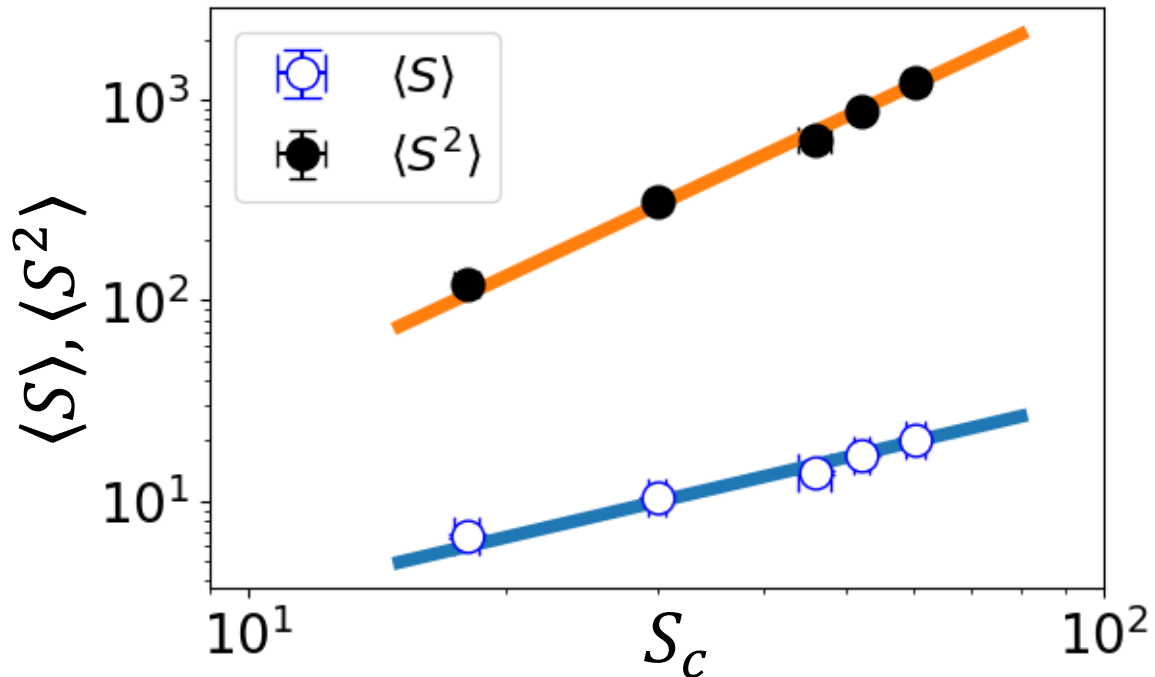
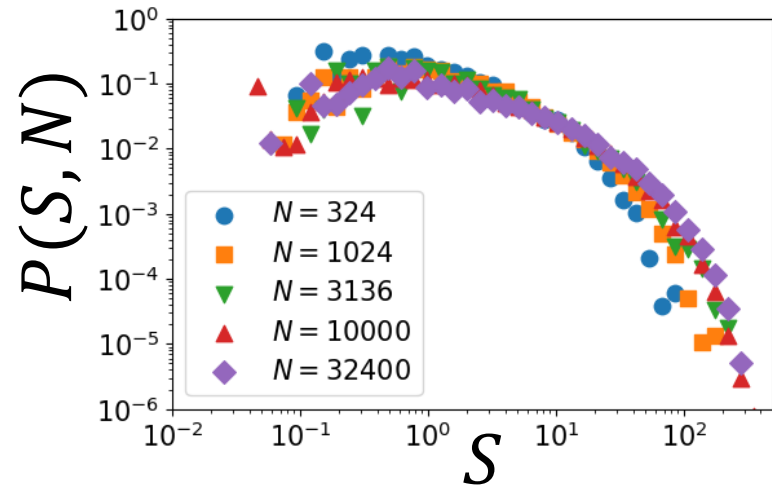


N	324	1024	3136	10000	32400
# of samples	1000	1000	100	100	10

$P(S, N)$: Probability distribution of the size S with the number N of particle

Power-law region
System-size dependence

Scaling analysis



Scaling assumption

$$P(S, N) \sim S^{-\tau} f(S/S_c) = S_c^{-\tau} g(S/S_c)$$

- τ : Predicted exponent
- S_c : Cutoff size

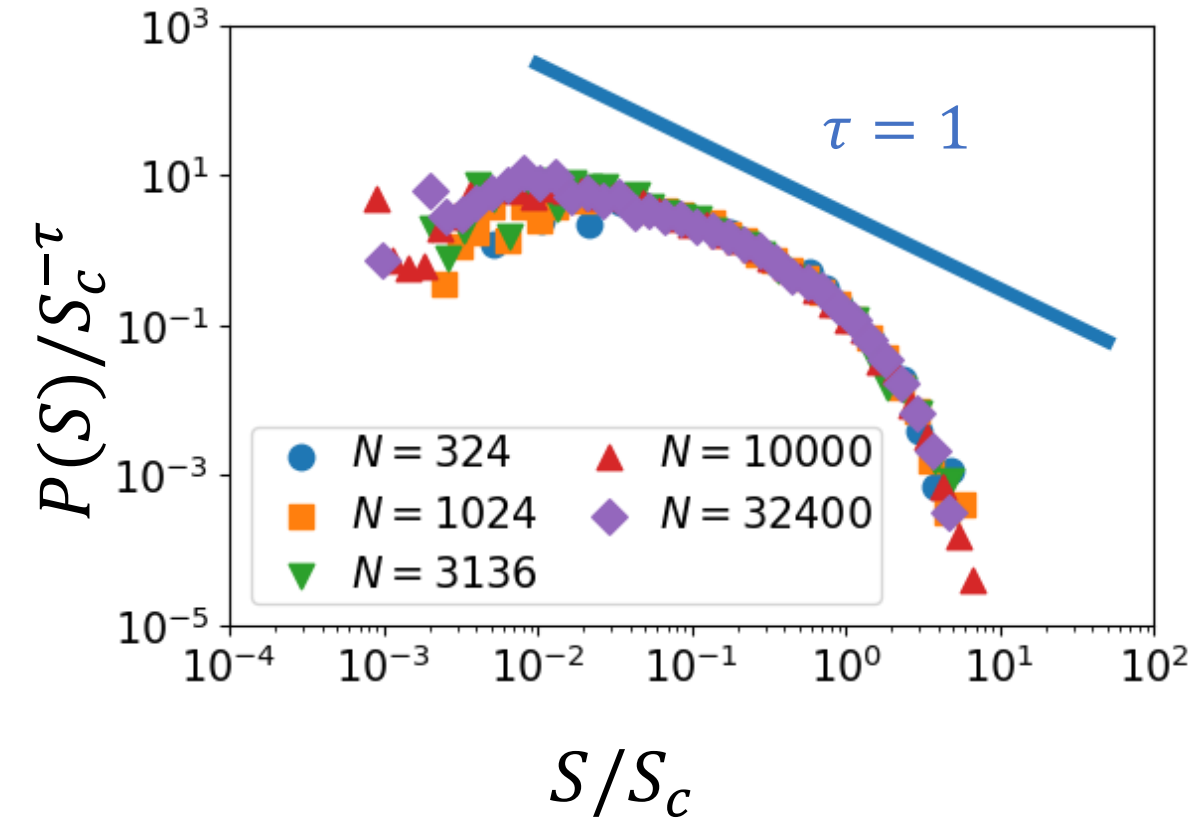
➔ $\langle S \rangle \sim S_c^{2-\tau}, \langle S^2 \rangle \sim S_c^{3-\tau}$

We evaluate the cutoff $S_c = \langle S^2 \rangle / \langle S \rangle$.

There is a power-law relation between moments and cutoff.

- $\tau \cong 1$

Collapse of the probability distribution



We check $P(S, N) \sim S_c^{-\tau} g(S/S_c)$.

We plot $P(S)/S_c^{-\tau}$ against S/S_c with $\tau = 1$.

The distribution collapse on the same curve.
 The power-law region has the almost same exponent.
 \Rightarrow **Particle rearrangements are critical phenomena.**

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Discussion: Why critical?

Why is our observation critical?

Examples of non-critical rearrangements in glasses.

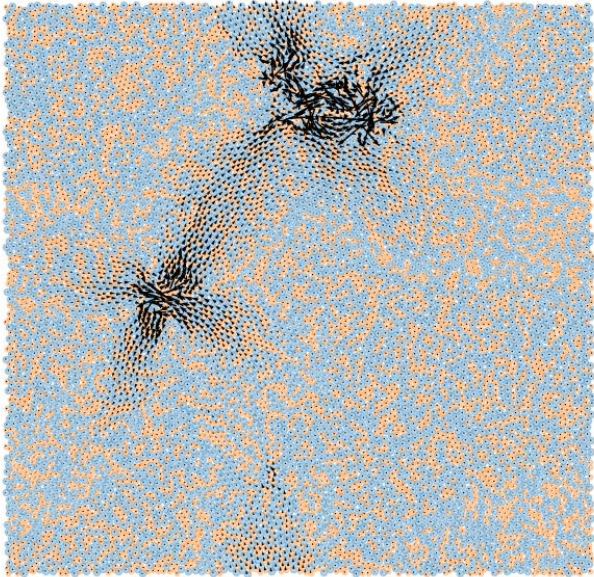
- Aging after a finite waiting time (Masri et al, *Phys. Rev. E* **82**, 031503(2010))
 - No system-spanning event
- Stationary dynamics in glasses (Mizuno et al, *J. Chem. Phys.* **153**, 154501(2020))
 - Intermittent dynamics does not have system-size dependence.

What does cause the difference?

⇒ **We discuss from the viewpoint of elastoplasticity.**

Discussion: Elastoplasticity

Local plastic event & elastic interaction



Quiescent glass as an elastoplastic material

- Local plastic event causes stress redistribution around the site.
- The stress change sometimes triggers other local events.
- **Without shear, driven only by thermal noise**

EPM will help us understand the criticality.

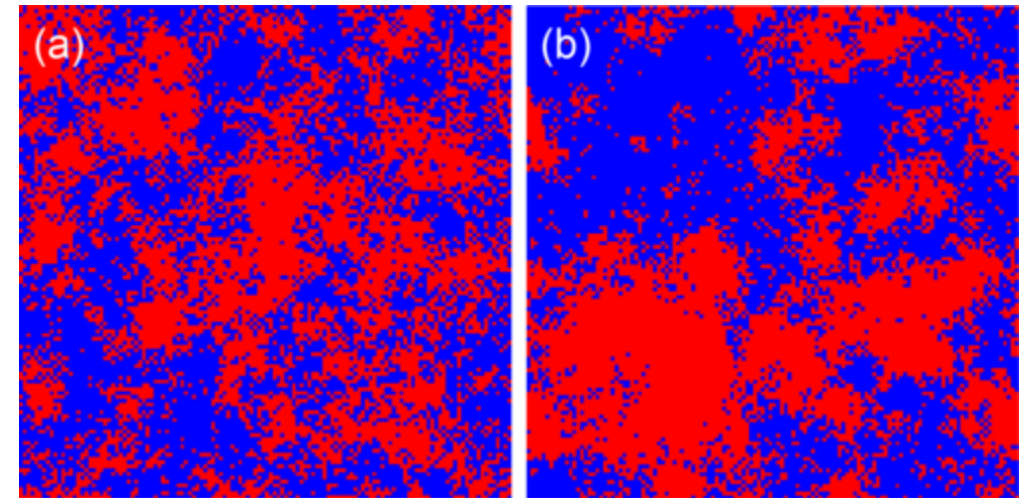
Discussion: Thermal EPM for supercooled liquids

Thermal EPM

(Ozawa and Biroli, *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **130**, 138201(2023))

- Driven by **only thermal noise**
- Elasticity facilitates dynamics.

Dynamical heterogeneity



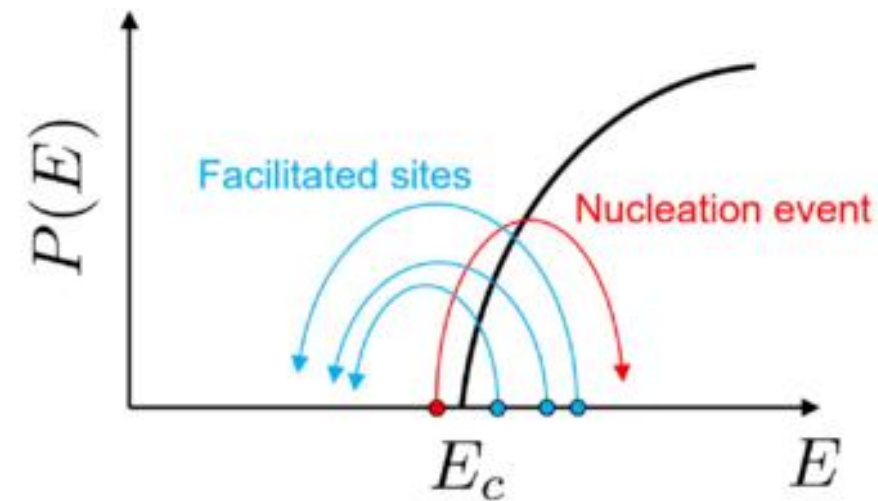
High temperature Low temperature

Elasticity and plasticity can explain dynamical heterogeneity.

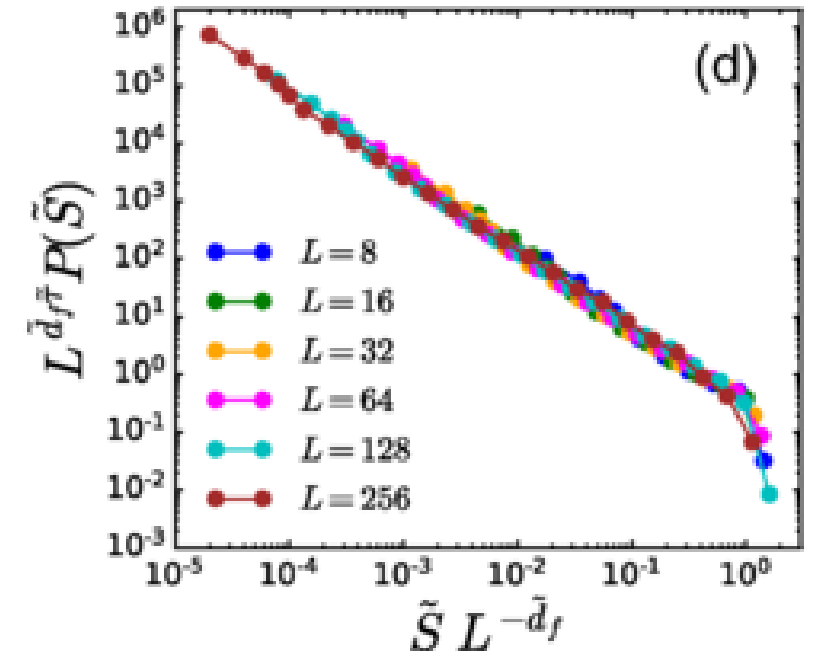
Discussion: Criticality in the thermal EPM

Stationary state with $T = 0^+$ in the thermal EPM

(Tahaei et al., *Phys. Rev. X* **13**, 031034(2023))

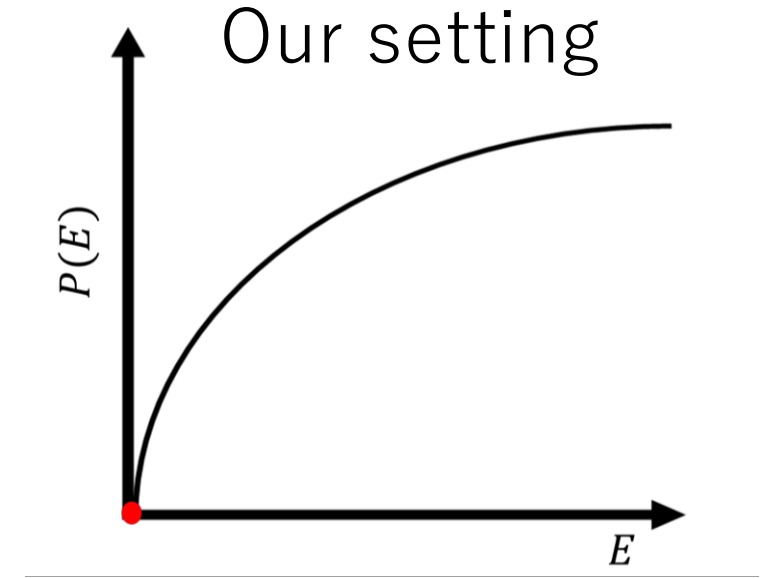
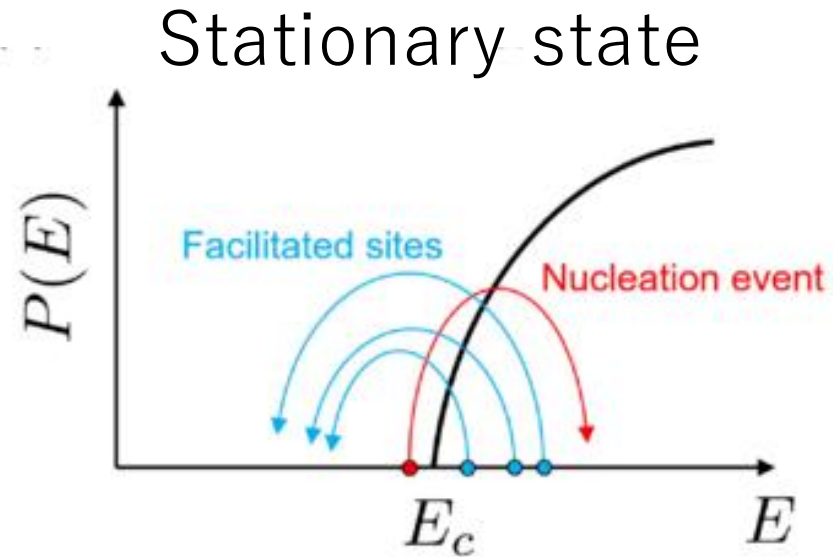


E_c defines \tilde{S}



- Edge E_c of the distribution of activation energy E corresponds to the critical point.
- The size of relaxed events on a timescale $\tau \sim e^{E_c/k_B T}$ is critical.

Discussion: Criticality in our setting



Our setting: Glass just after a fast quench

- Marginally stable (Karmaker et al., *Phys. Rev. E* **82**, 055103(2010),
Lin and Wyart, *Phys. Rev. X* **6**, 011005(2016))
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- **The size of particle rearrangements is critical.**

Discussion: Criticality in previous studies



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Previous studies: With finite waiting time

- $E_c > 0$. **The size of particle rearrangements is not critical.**

Summary

We study the particle rearrangements in glasses just after quench.

The particle rearrangements are critical.

We can interpret the critical phenomena from the viewpoint of elastoplasticity.

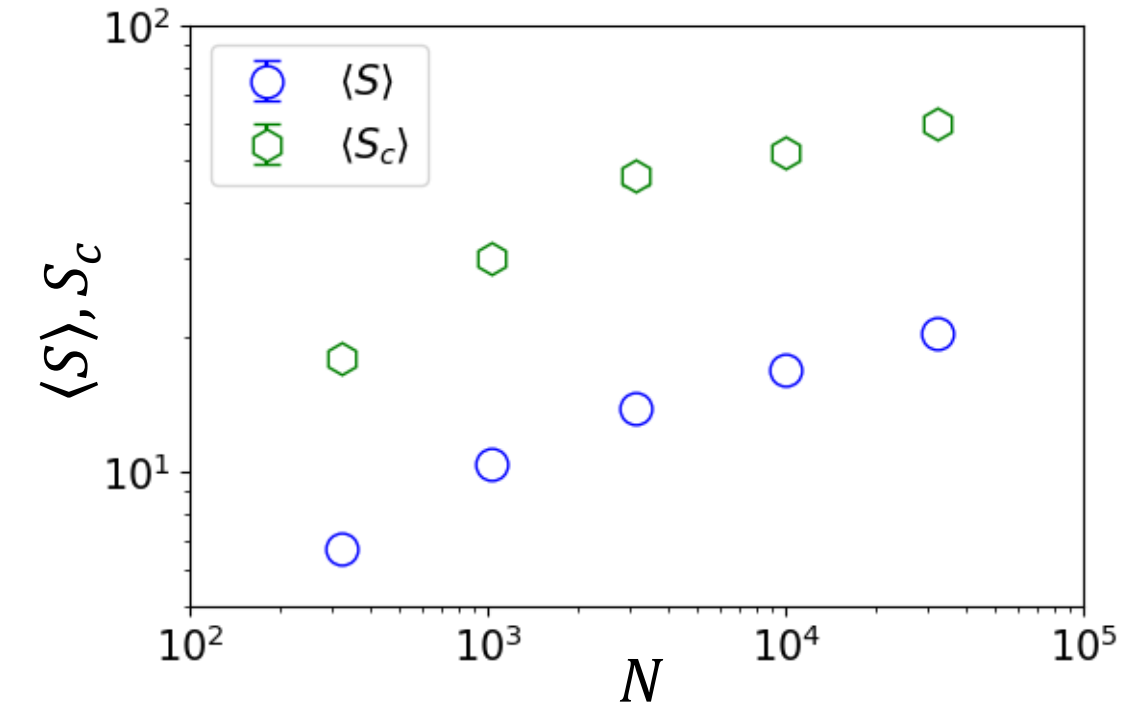
Unclear point

- The system size dependence of S is not power-law.
- The value of the exponent τ is smaller than that observed in previous research.

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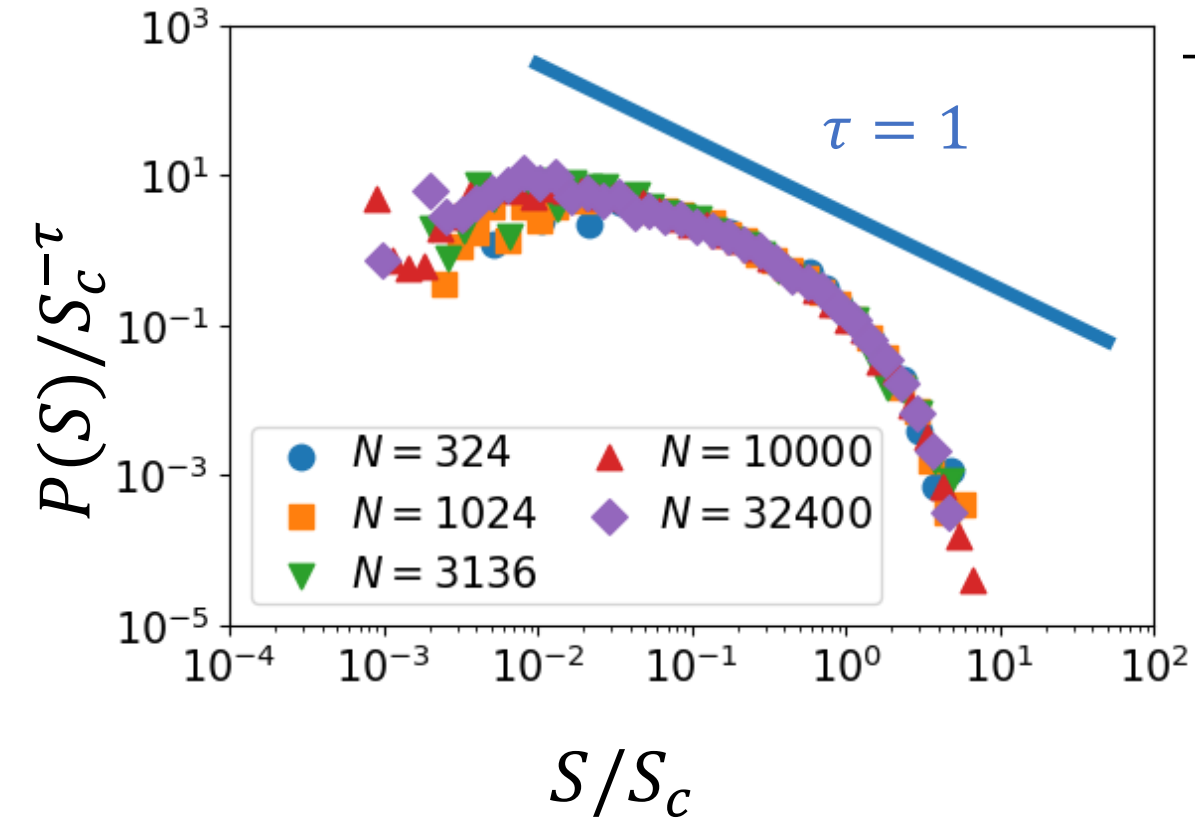
Unclear point: N -dependence of $\langle S \rangle$



$\langle S \rangle$ is not power-law dependent on N for large N .

We need more computational cost to refer the fully N -dependence.

Unclear point: exponent τ



The exponent $\tau = 1.2 \sim 1.5$ is usually observed.

- EPM under shear
- thermal EPM
- AQS MD under shear

$\tau = 1$ cases

- Elastic regime

(Shang et al., Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. in USA **117**(1), 86-92(2019))

- EPM with a particular protocol

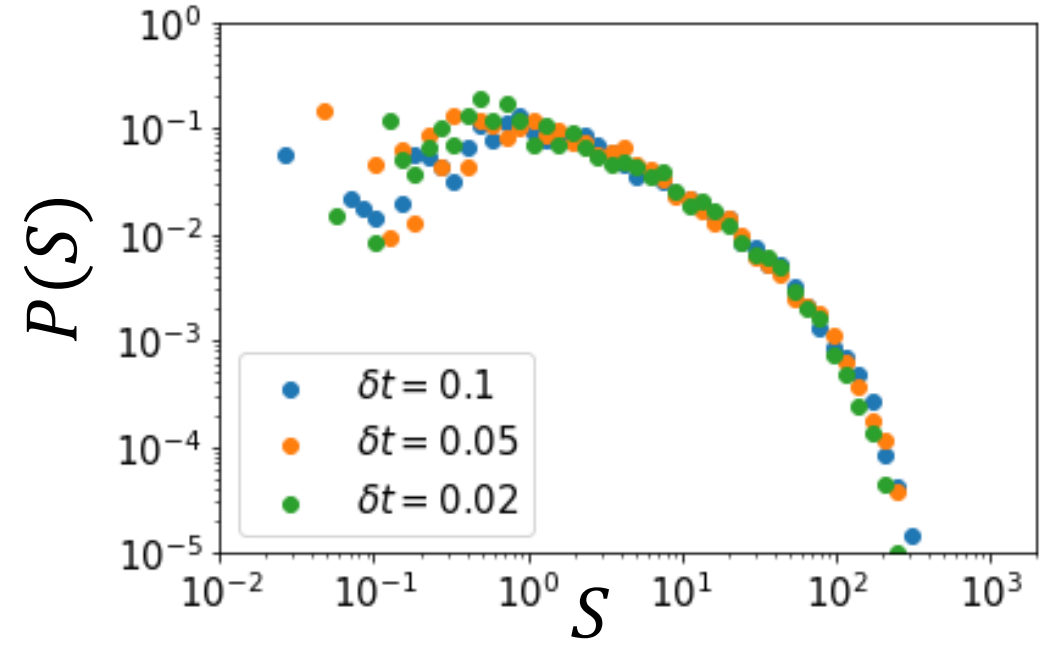
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- Random energy model

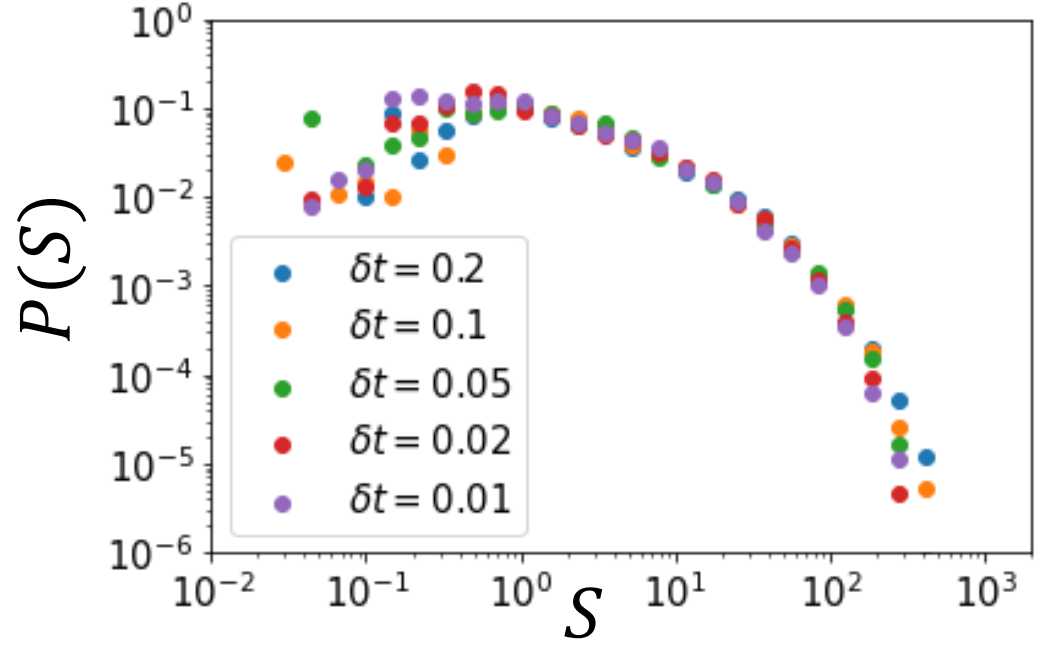
(Franz and Spigler, *Phys. Rev. E* **95**, 022139(2017))

The dependence of time duration δt

$N = 324$

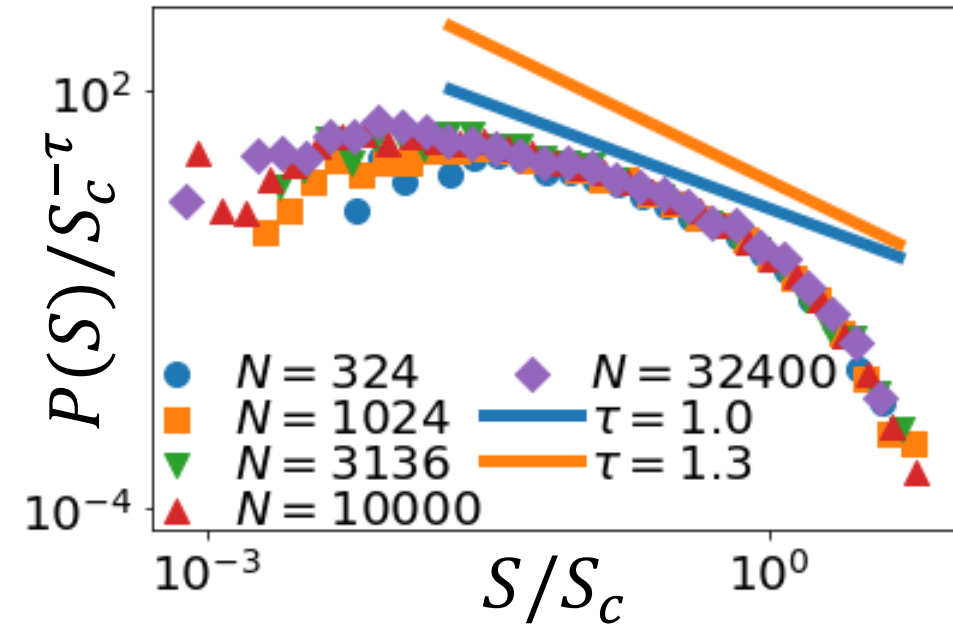
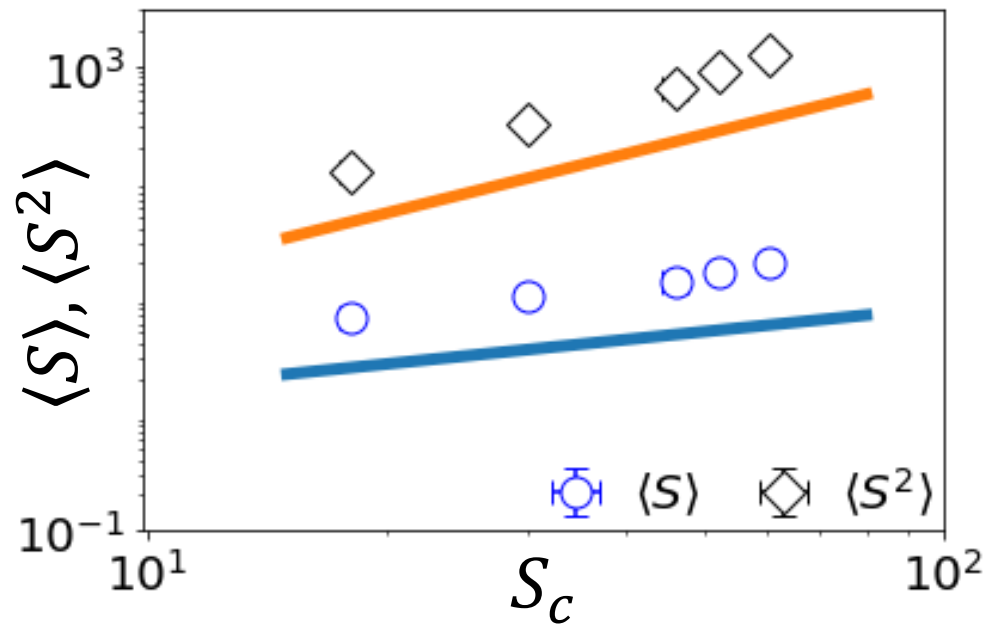


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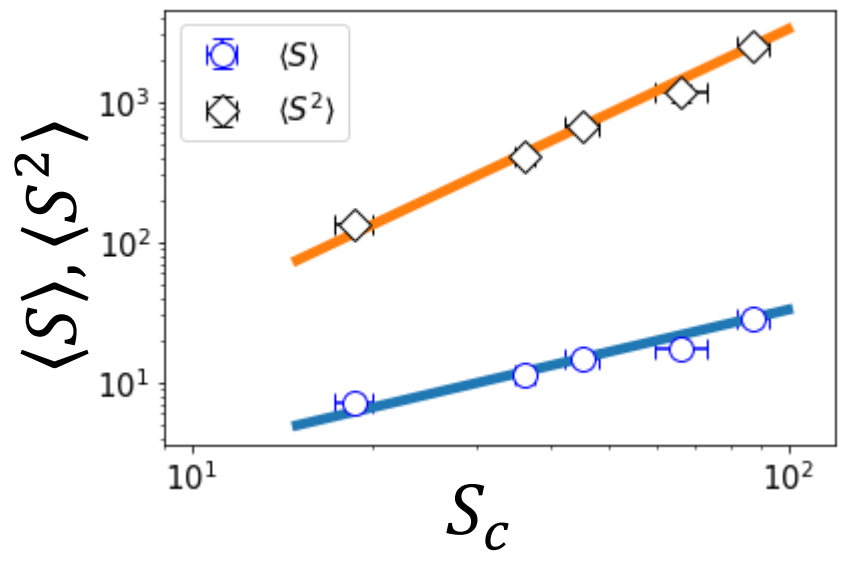


Evaluation of τ

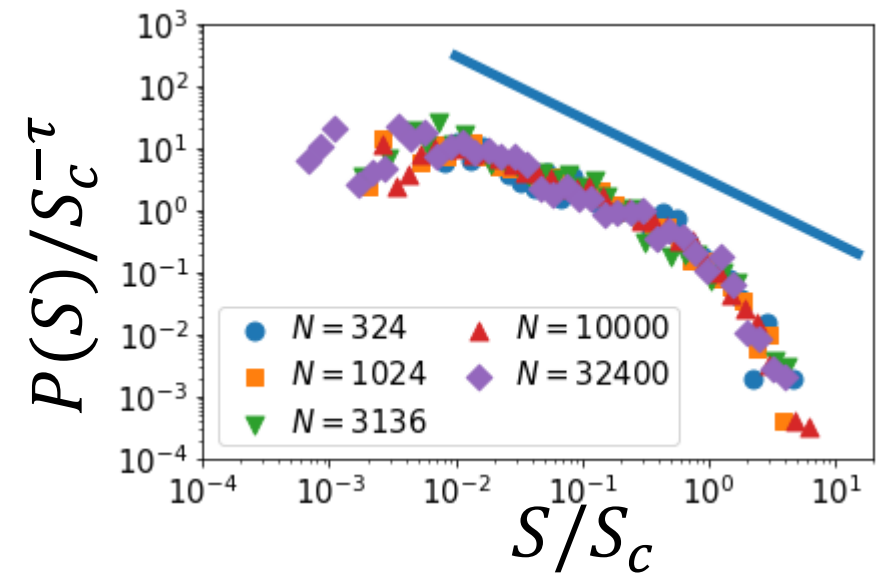
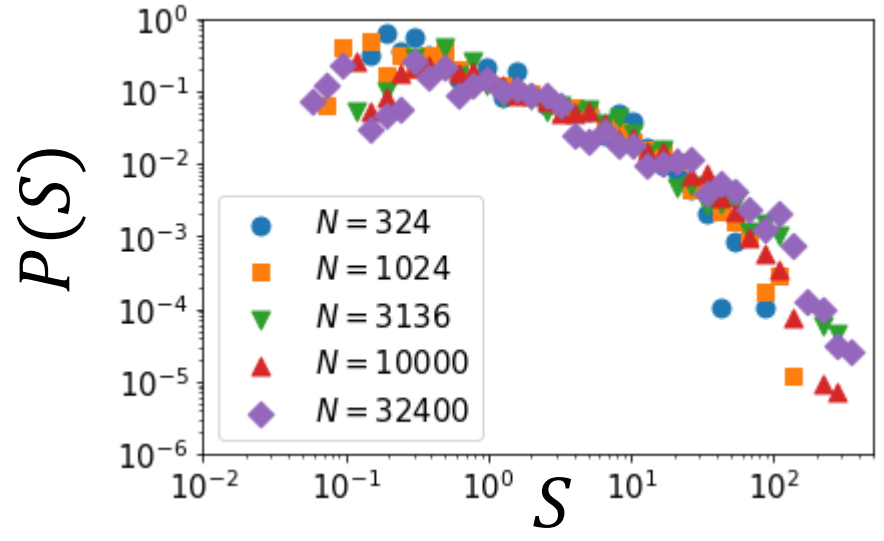
Scaling with $\tau = 1.3$



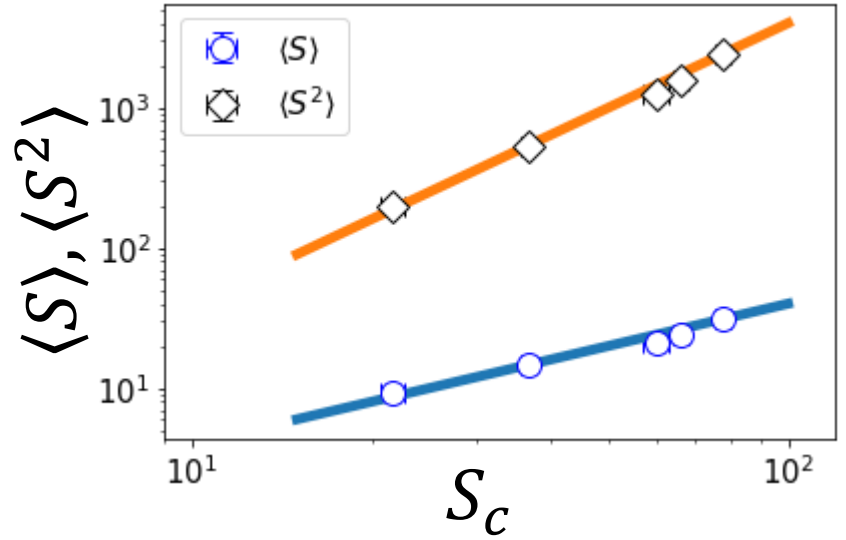
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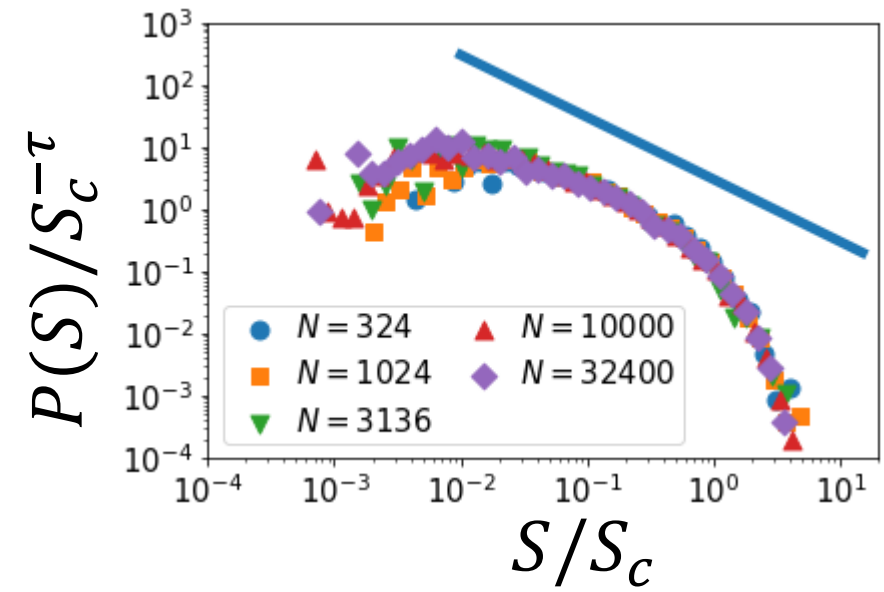
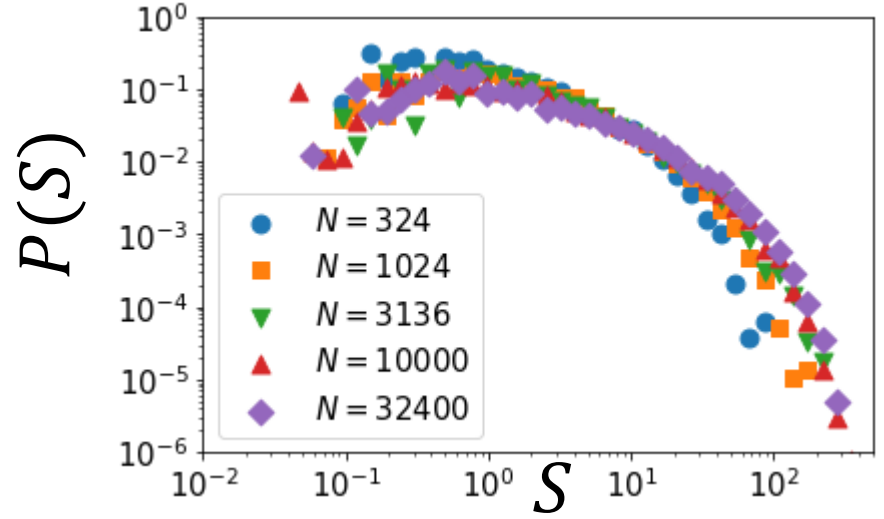
$\tau = 1$



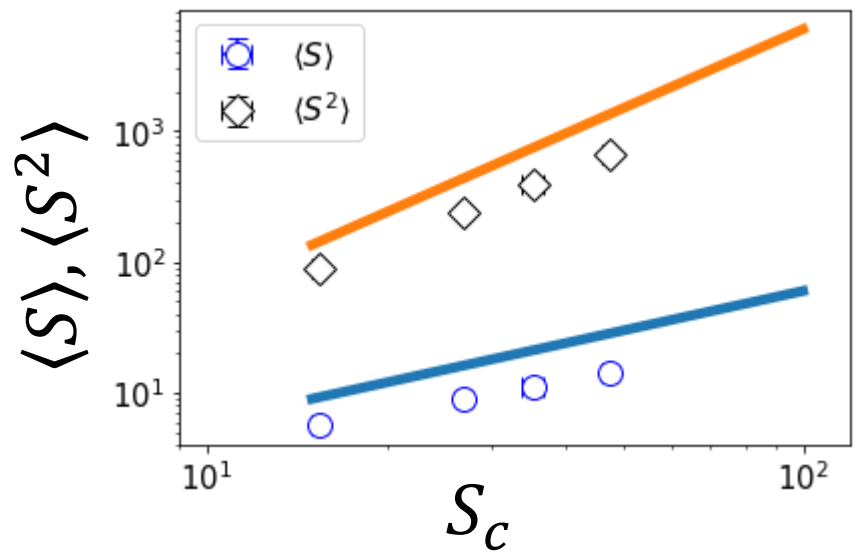
With shot time ($0 \leq t < 20$)



$\tau = 1$



With different thermostat(Nosé-Hoover)



$\tau = 1$

