

# *Critical scaling of avalanches, stress and spatial correlations in shear <sup>M2</sup>of disordered systems*

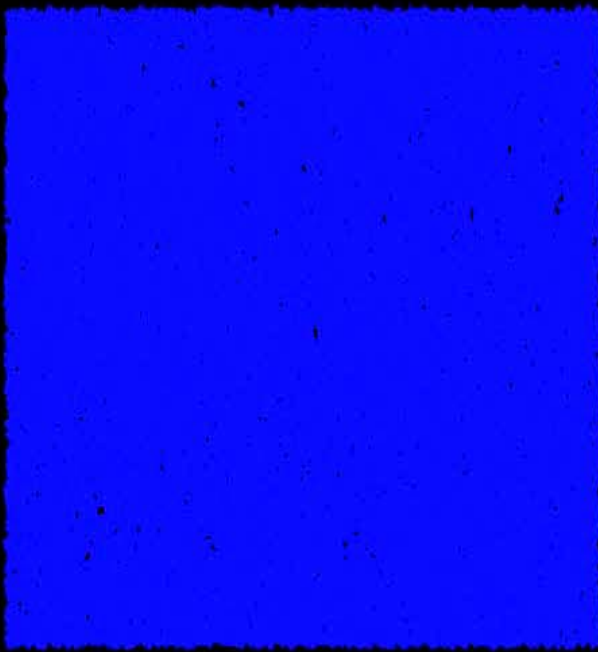
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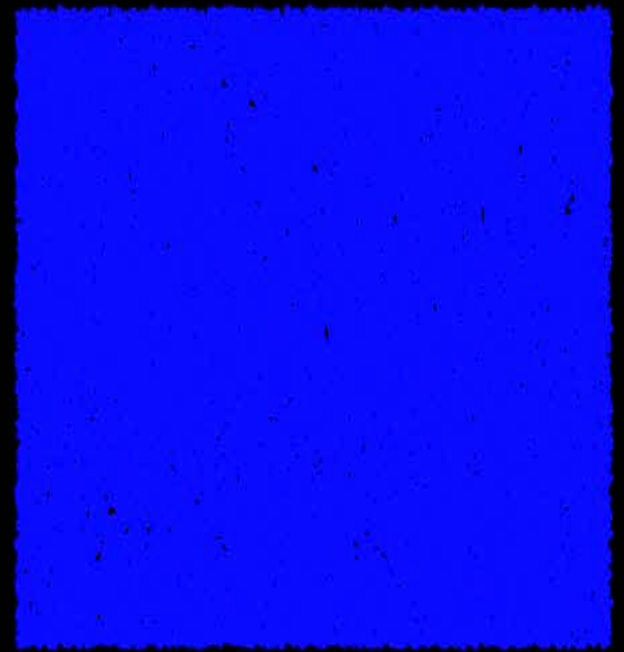
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Plastic Deformation



Kinetic Energy

# Motivation

Find power law distribution of events, avalanches, earthquakes in a wide variety of systems and on wide range of scales as long as they are driven slowly  $\Rightarrow$  quasistatic

- Charge-density waves, fluid invasion, contact line motion, flux lattices, magnetic domains (Barkhausen noise), ...
- Deformation of solids, granular media, colloids, foams, ... (acoustic emission, dislocation bursts, cracks, earthquakes)

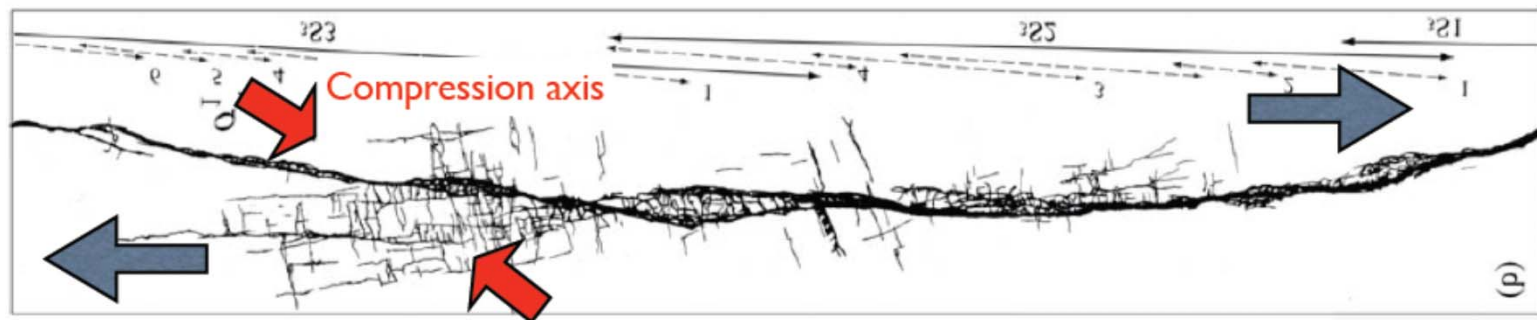
Above models usually studied with overdamped dynamics

Solids are generally underdamped at large scales

$\Rightarrow$  Does inertia drive system away from criticality?

$\Rightarrow$  Stress transmission and dynamic scaling exponents

$\Rightarrow$  Spatio-temporal correlations between avalanches



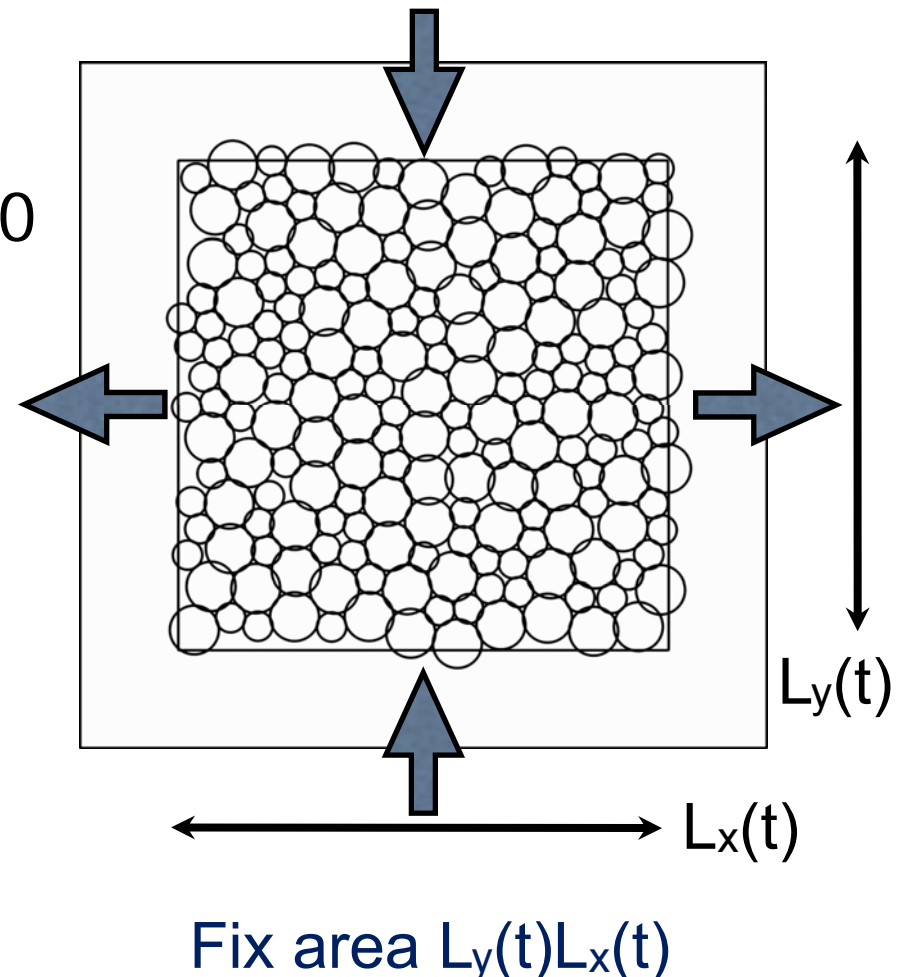
# *Athermal Simulations of Shear*

Molecular Dynamics for 2D or 3D systems

- Binary Lennard-Jones to prevent crystallization  
mean diameter  $a$ , binding energy  $u$ , time  $t_{LJ}=a(m/u)^{1/2}$

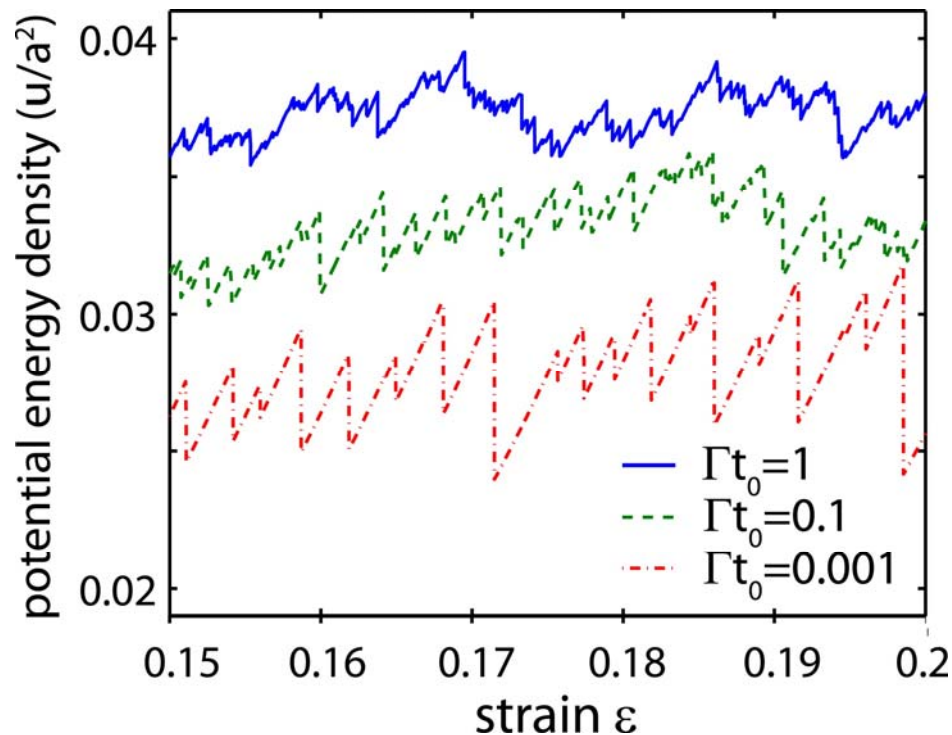
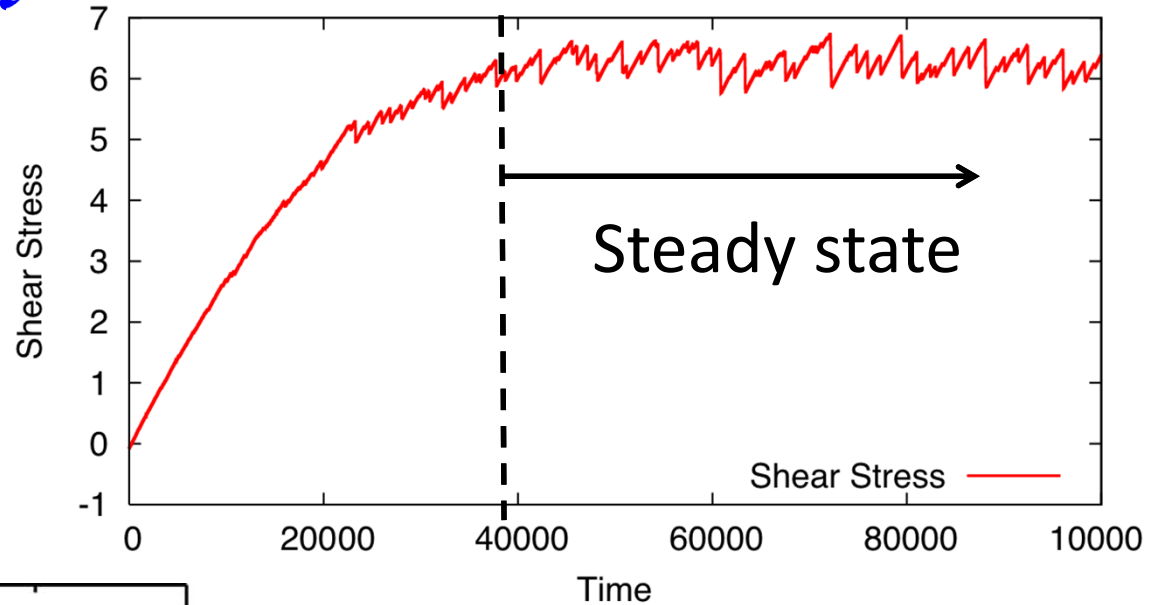
$$V(r) = 4u \left[ \left( \frac{a_{ij}}{r} \right)^{12} - \left( \frac{a_{ij}}{r} \right)^6 \right]$$

- Quench at pressure  $p=0$  to  $T=0$   
 $\Rightarrow$  protocol not important
- Periodic boundaries
- Pure shear - fix area or vol.
- Fix strain rate or stop strain until event over
- Vary effect of inertia by adding damping  $-\Gamma \mathbf{v}_i m/t_{LJ}$  or  $-\Gamma (\mathbf{v}_i - \mathbf{v}_j) f(\mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{r}_j) m/t_{LJ}$

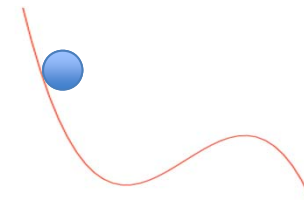


# Steady-State Shear

- Elastic regions: stress & energy rise linearly
- Plastic regions:
  - mechanical instability
  - energy & stress drop



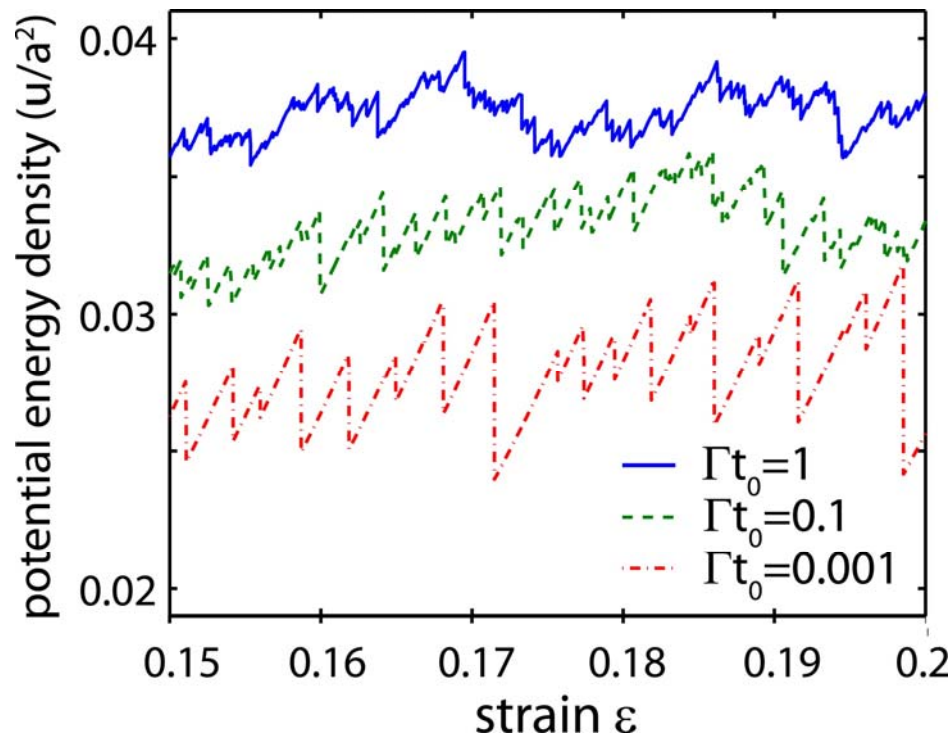
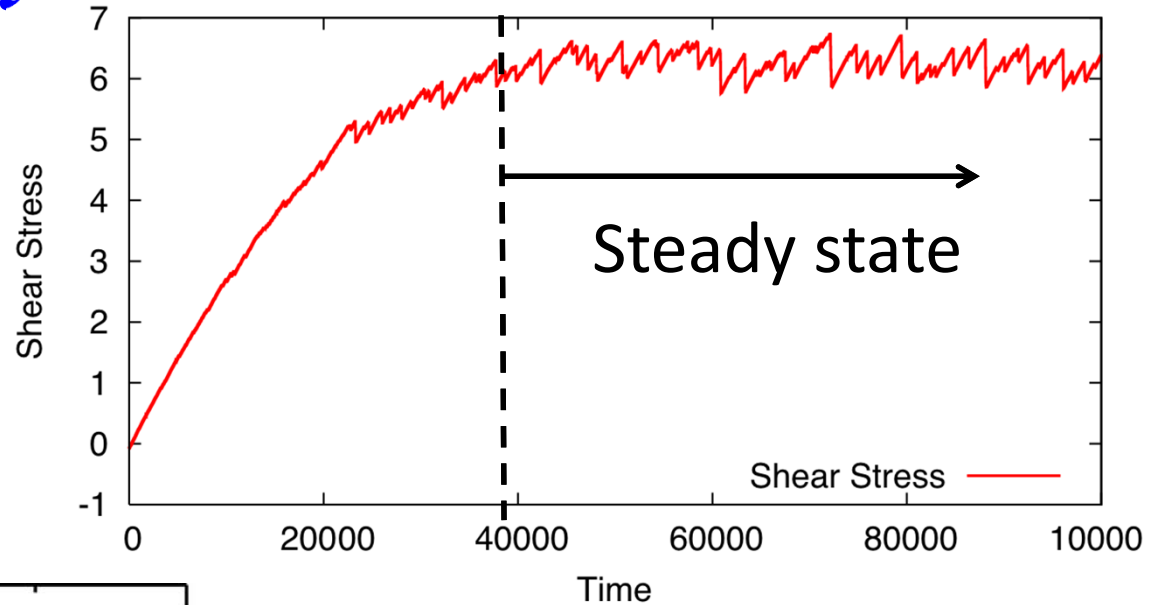
Inertia changes energy ensemble  $\Rightarrow$  lower minima



Clear change in relative probability of large events

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Define extensive stress drop:

$$S = (\Delta\sigma_s)L^d \langle \sigma_s \rangle / 4\mu$$

$d$ =dimension,  $\mu$ =shear mod.

$S \propto E$  for large events

$$\int dE E R(E,L) = \int dS S R(S,L)$$

$R$  = # events per unit  $E$  and strain in system of size  $L$

Not usual normalized prob.

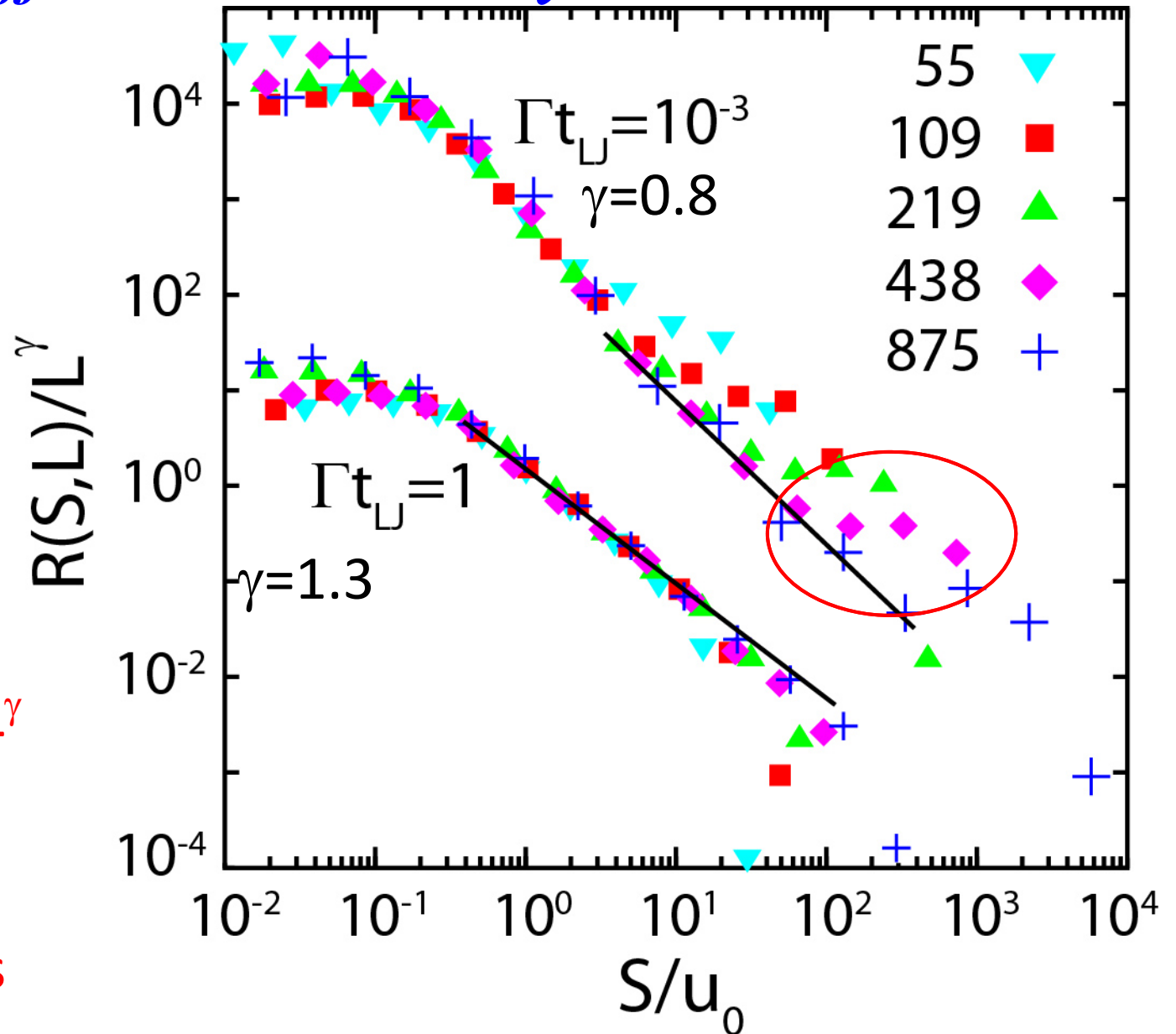
# Overdamped and Underdamped Both Critical, Different Universality Classes

Range where  
 $R \propto S^{-\tau}$

Largest event  
grows with  
increasing  
system size

Num. small  
events is not  
extensive:  $\propto L^\gamma$   
with  $\gamma < d$

Inertia - bump  
at large events



# *Finite-Size Scaling Relations*

Define  $R(X,L)=\#$  of events of energy  $X=E,S$  in system of edge  $L$  per unit energy per unit strain

Expect:  $R(E,L) = L^\beta g(E/L^\alpha)$  –  $g$  universal scaling function

Mean yield stress  $\langle\sigma\rangle$  indep. of  $L \rightarrow$  dissipation =  $\langle\sigma\rangle L^d$

$$\int dE E R(E,L) = L^{\beta+2\alpha} \int dx x g(x) \sim L^d \quad \rightarrow \beta+2\alpha=d$$

For small  $x=E/L^\alpha$ ,  $g(x) \sim x^{-\tau} \rightarrow R(E,L) \sim L^{\beta+\alpha\tau} E^{-\tau} \rightarrow \gamma=\beta+\alpha\tau$

Usually  $R(E,L) \sim L^d$ , i.e. is extensive  $\rightarrow \beta+\alpha\tau=d \rightarrow \tau=2$  ( $\alpha \neq 0$ )

Find small events are strongly suppressed by large events and  $\gamma \equiv \beta+\alpha\tau \sim 1.3 \ll 2$  in 2d ( $\gamma \sim 2 \ll 3$  in 3d)

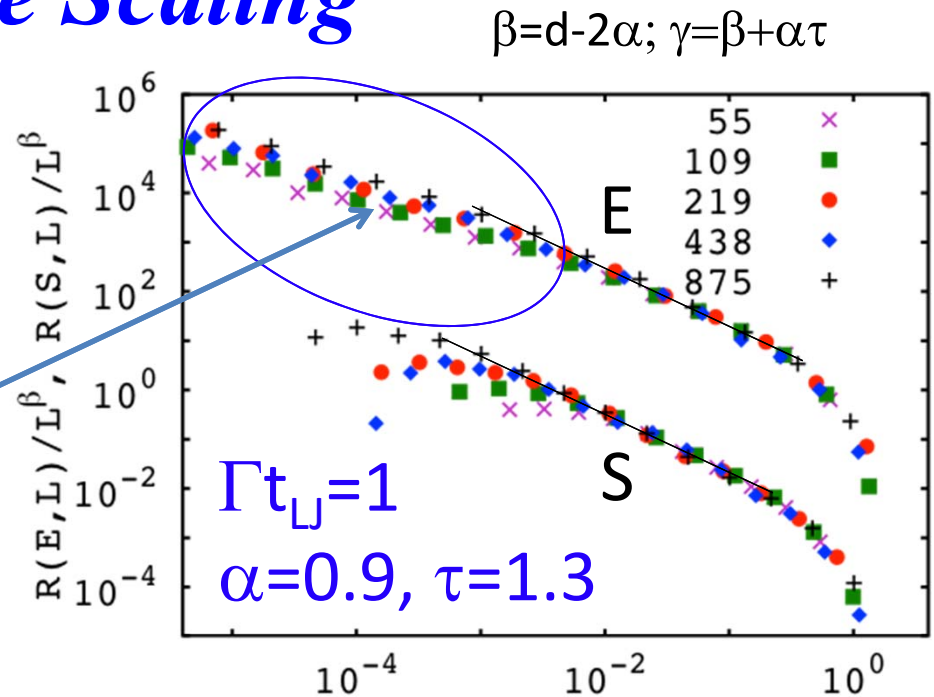
Determine  $\tau, \alpha, \beta, \gamma$  and test scaling relations

$$\gamma=\beta+\alpha\tau, \beta+2\alpha=d$$

# Finite-Size Scaling

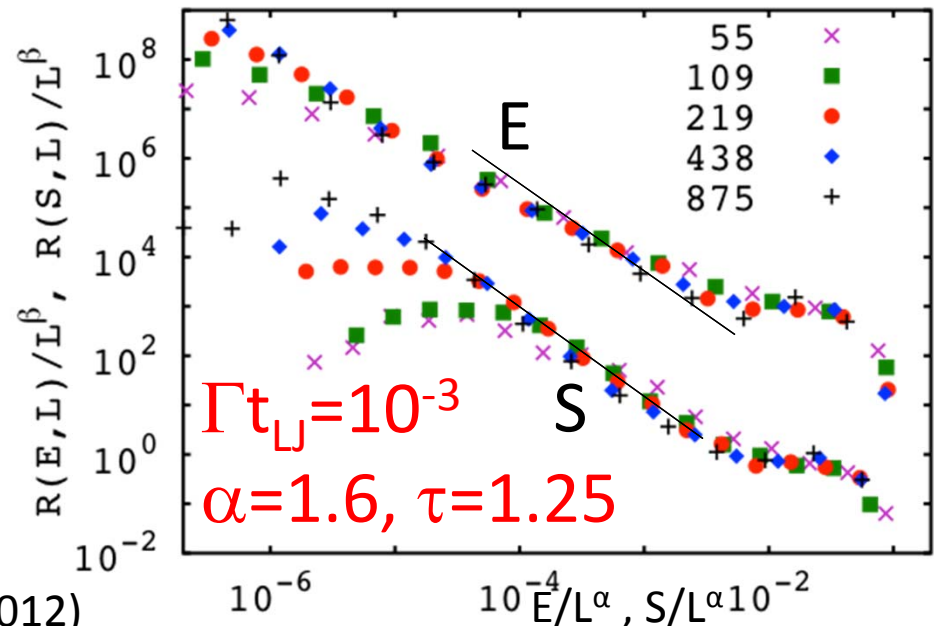
## Overdamped

- E, S scale over similar range
- Large avalanches grow more slowly than system size  $\sim L^{0.9}$
- Noncritical power law in E dominated past studies



## Underdamped

- Bump at large event size follows scaling law
- Large avalanches grow faster than system size  $\sim L^{1.6}$





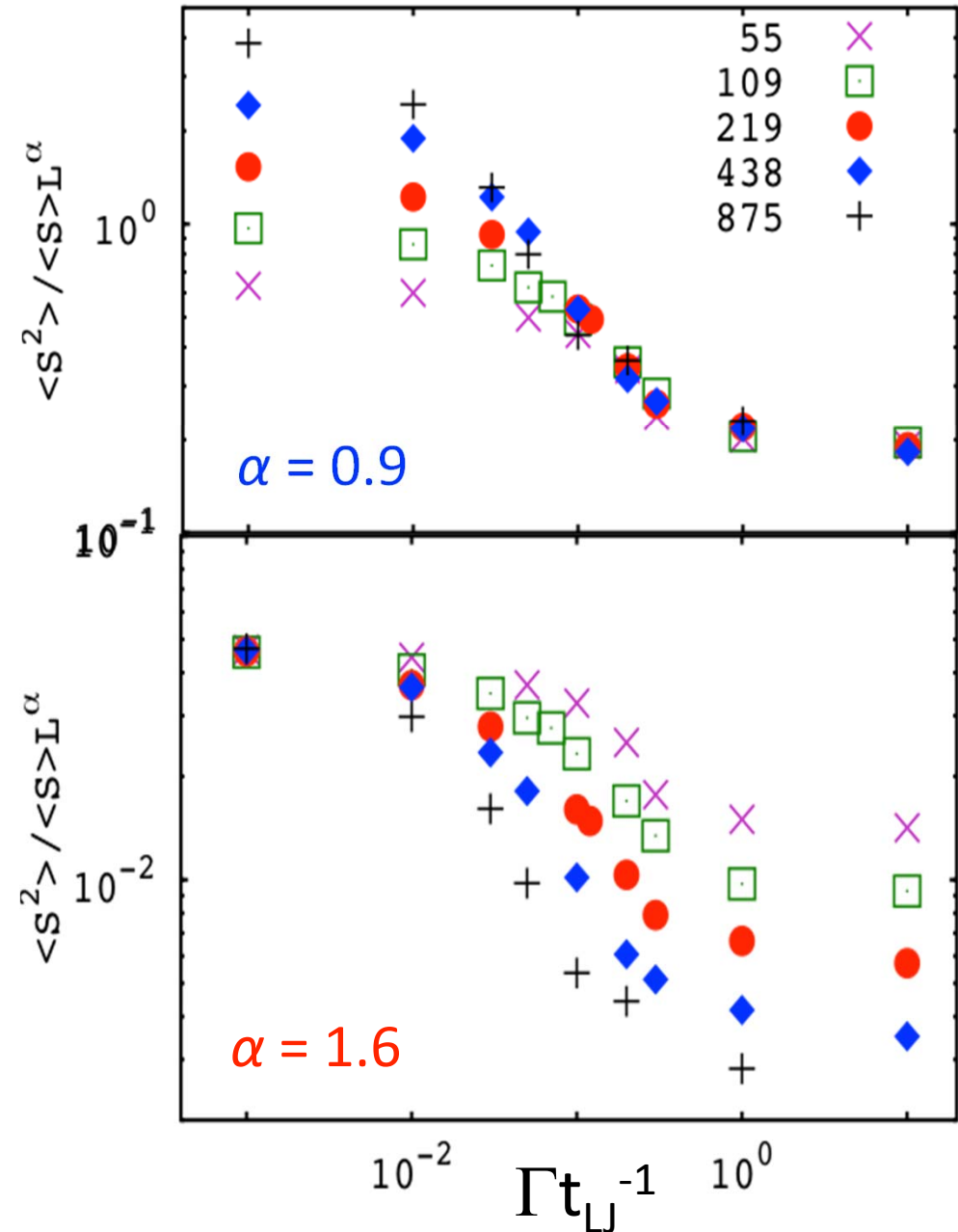
# Transition Between Overdamped and Underdamped

If maximum energy  $\sim L^\alpha$   
 then  $\langle E^2 \rangle / L^\alpha \langle E \rangle = \text{const}$

For  $\Gamma > \Gamma_c = 0.1 t_{\text{LJ}}^{-1}$  all data  
 scale with  $\alpha = 0.9$   
 curves separate for  
 lower damping

Small  $\Gamma$ , curves collapse  
 for  $\alpha = 1.6$

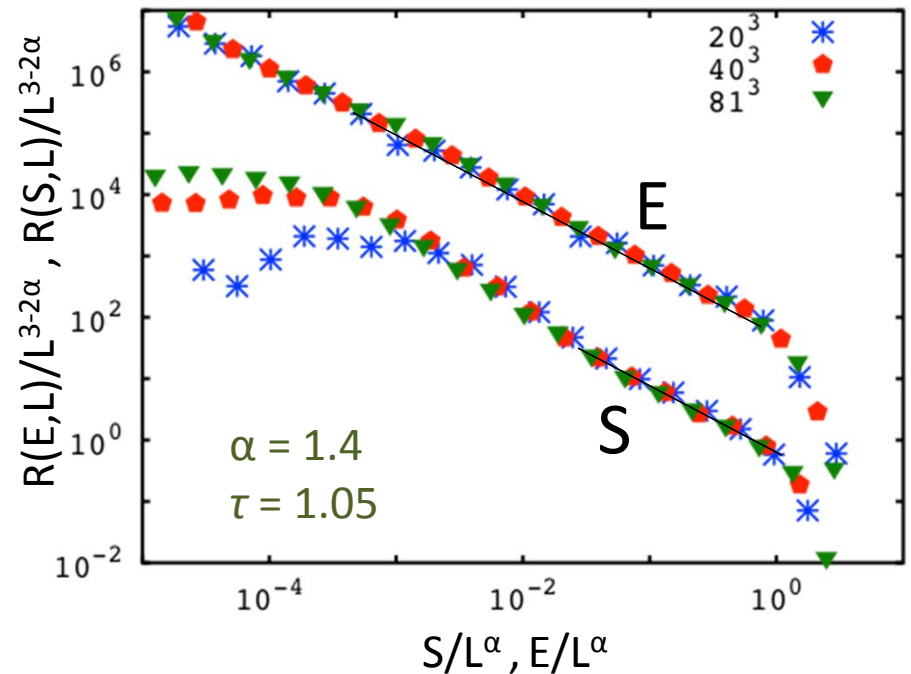
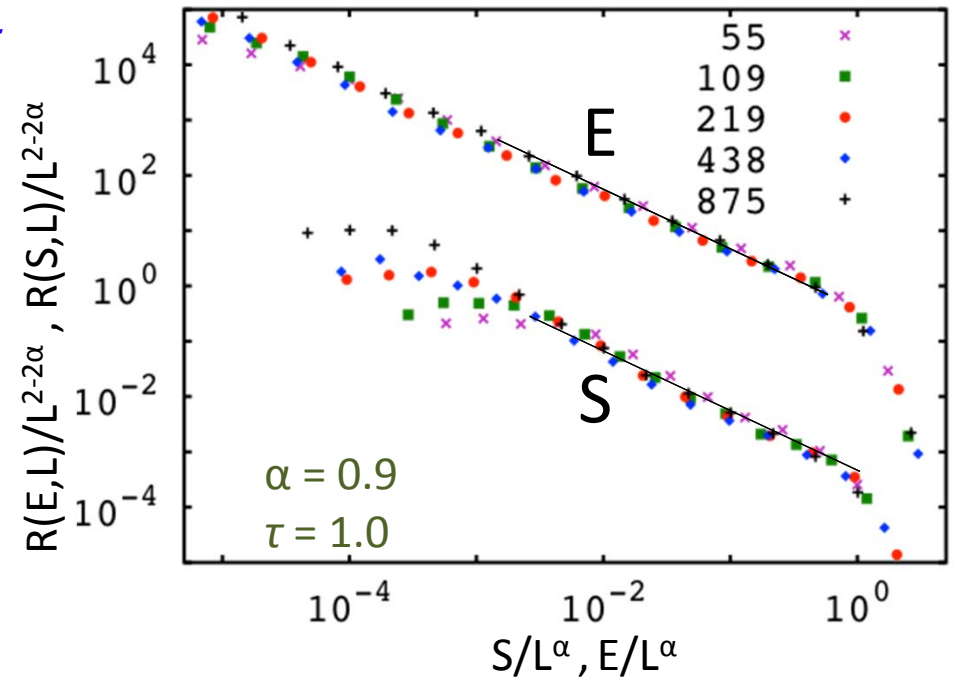
Multicritical point at  
 $\Gamma_c = 0.1 t_{\text{LJ}}^{-1}$



# Scaling at Critical Damping

Near  $\Gamma=0.1$  for 2D and 3D

- Consistent  $\tau$  for 2D and 3D
  - 2D exponent  $\tau \sim 1.0$
  - 3D exponent  $\tau \sim 1.05$
- Unstable multi-critical point?
  - Systems near  $\Gamma = 0.1$  seem to flow away from critical point as system size grows



# Scaling of Stress Variations with $L$

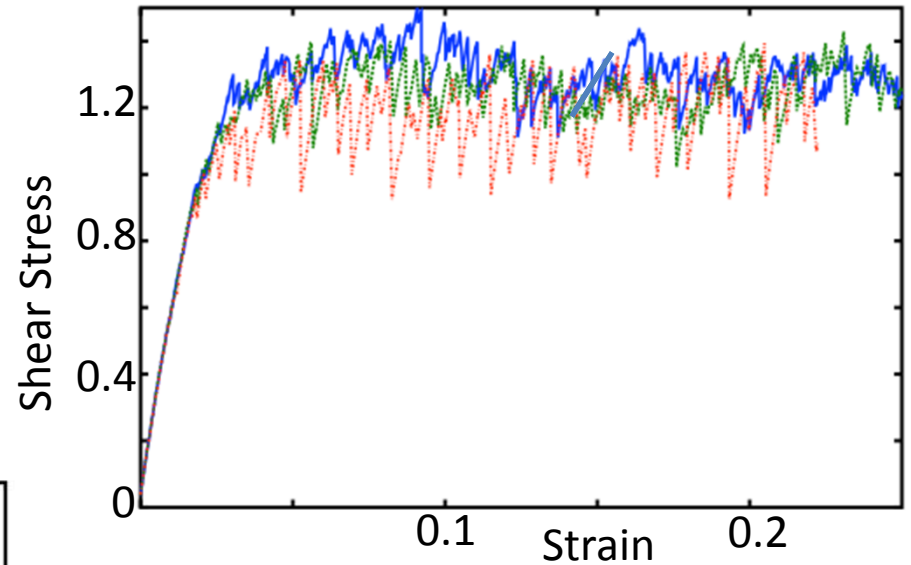
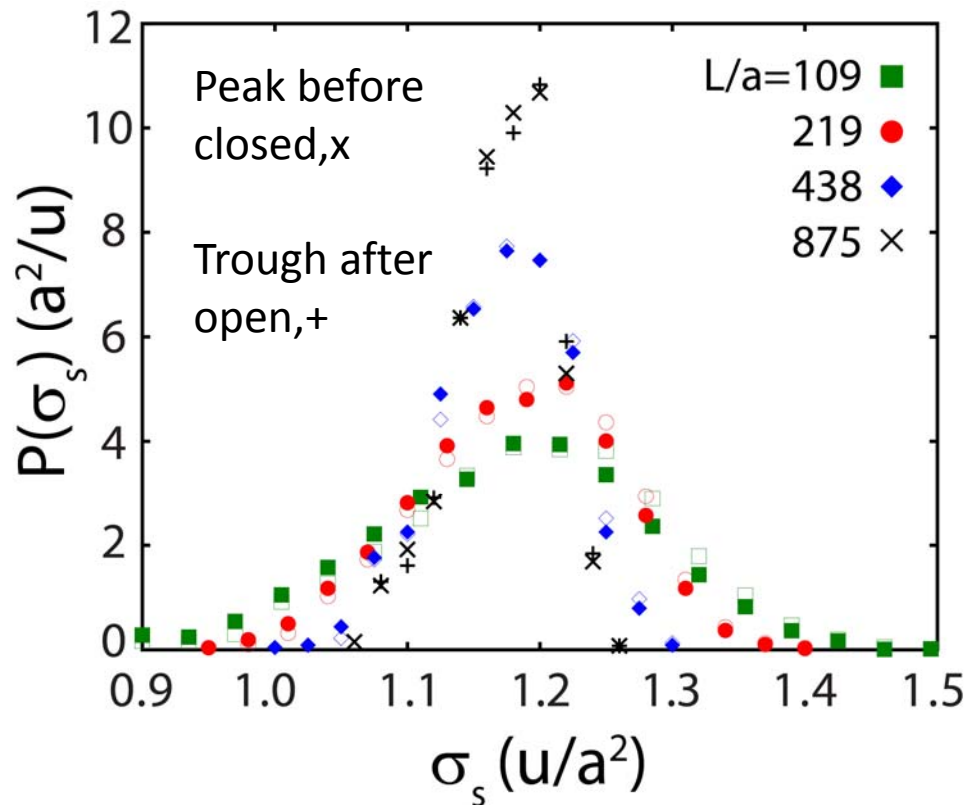
Does width narrow with rising  $L$ ?

$$\langle (\sigma_s - \langle \sigma_s \rangle)^2 \rangle \sim L^{-2\phi}$$

Or is there a gap like hysteresis in sand flow due to inertia?

Lower bound for stress variation

– largest events  $L^\alpha/L^d$ ,  $\phi = d - \alpha$



Stress narrows in all cases

Even for underdamped,  
distribution of peaks before and  
troughs after avalanches overlap  
No evidence of hysteresis

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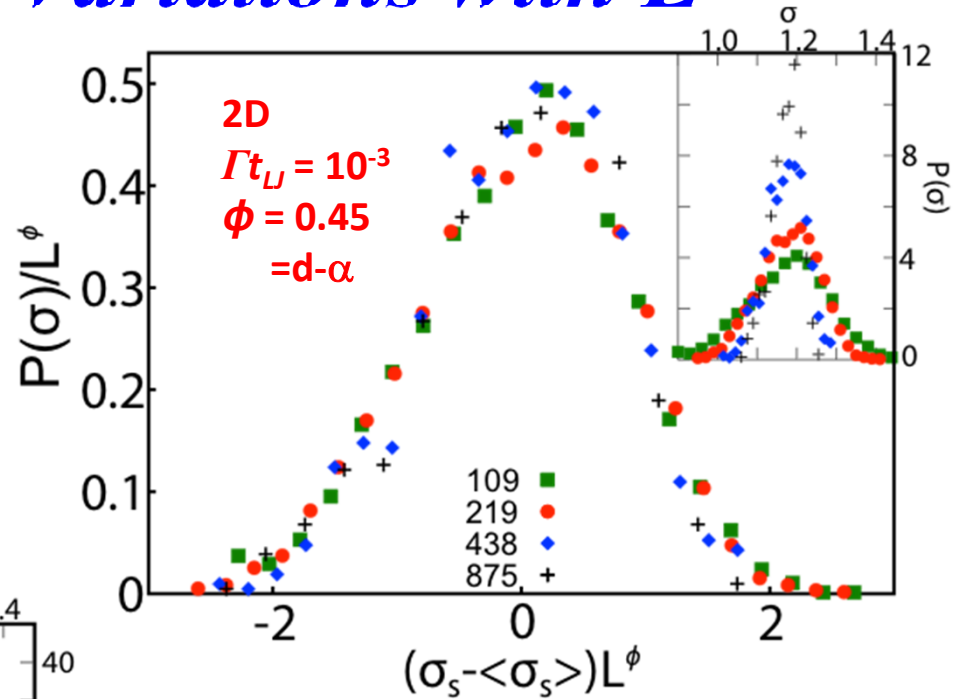
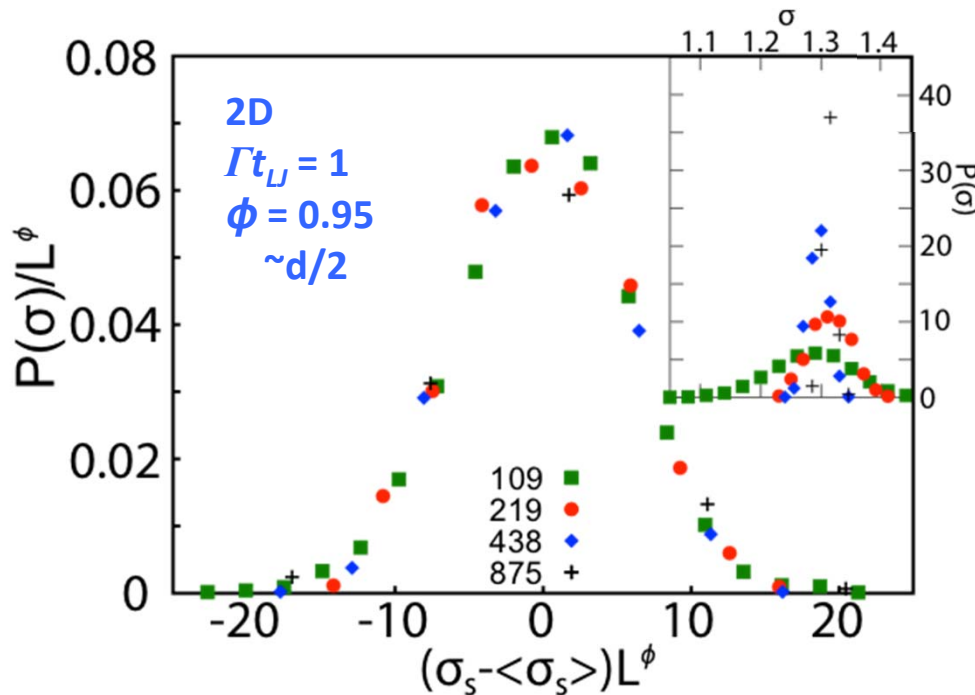
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But not quenched configuration,  
fluctuations in properties  $\sim L^{-d/2}$



Find  $\phi = \min(d - \alpha, d/2)$

For case where  $\phi = d - \alpha$ ,

reasonable that  $\phi = 1/\nu$

correlation length  $\xi \sim |\sigma - \sigma_c|^{-\nu}$

# Quasistatic Exponents for 2D & 3D

Overdamped and underdamped in different universality classes  
 Separated by critical damping with own exponents

Salerno & Robbins, PRE **88**, 062206 (2013)

$\Gamma$	$d$	$\tau$	$\alpha$	$\gamma$	$\phi$
1.0	2	$1.3 \pm 0.1$	$0.9 \pm 0.05$	$1.3 \pm 0.1$	$1.00 \pm 0.1$
0.1	2	$1.0 \pm 0.05$	$0.8 \pm 0.1$	$1.2 \pm 0.1$	$0.9 \pm 0.1$
0.001	2	$1.25 \pm 0.1$	$1.6 \pm 0.1$	$0.8 \pm 0.1$	$0.5 \pm 0.1$
1.0	3	$1.3 \pm 0.1$	$1.1 \pm 0.1$	$2.1 \pm 0.1$	$1.5 \pm 0.2$
0.1	3	$1.05 \pm 0.05$	$1.5 \pm 0.1$	$1.6 \pm 0.1$	$1.30 \pm 0.1$
0.001	3	$1.2 \pm 0.1$	$2.1 \pm 0.2$	$1.3 \pm 0.2$	$0.9 \pm 0.1$

Past studies, overdamped, small  $L$  ( $\leq 100$ ), only reported  $\alpha$

2D: Maloney & Lemaître PRE 74, 016118, '06  $\alpha \sim 1$

Lerner & Procaccia, PRE 79, 066109, 2009  $\alpha \sim 0.75$

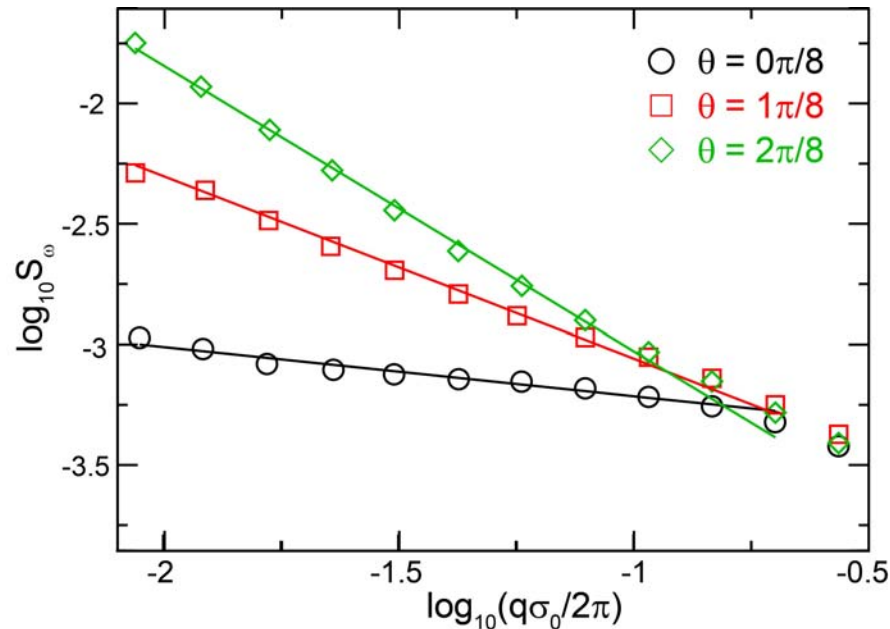
3D: Bailey, et al. , PRL 98, 095501, '07  $\alpha \sim 1.4$

# Relation Between Energy and Spatial Size

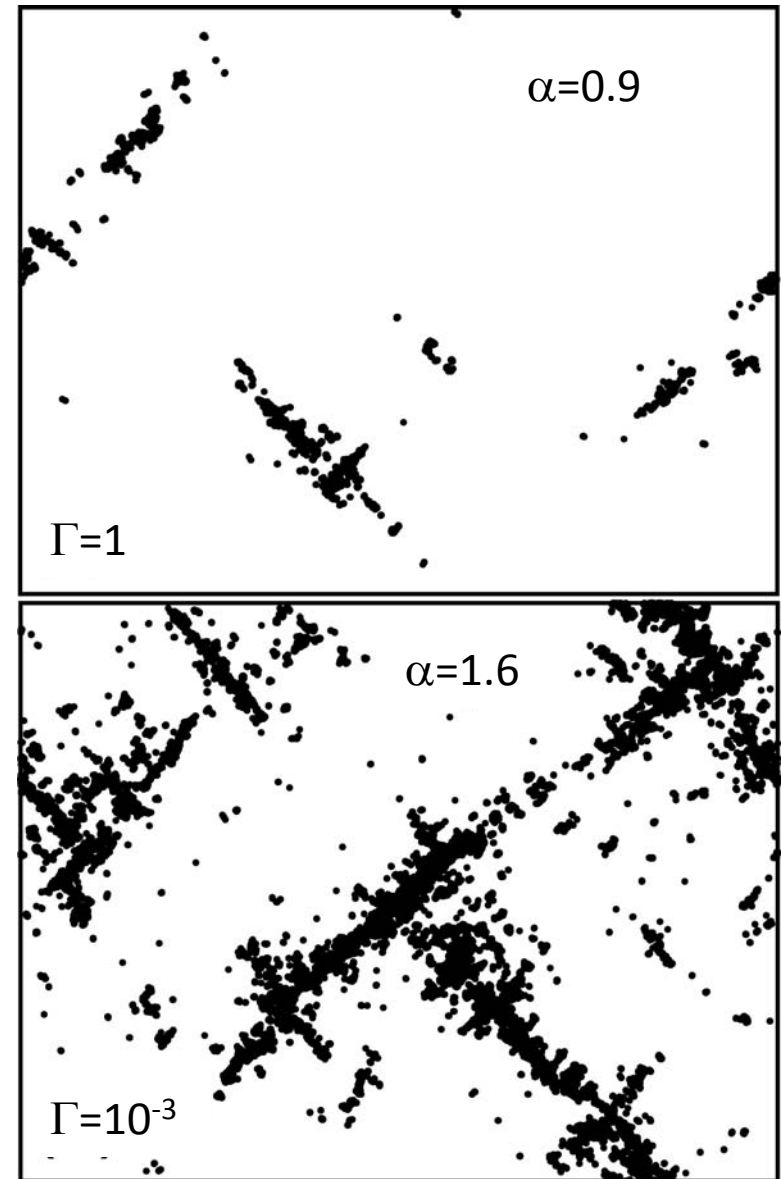
Find plastic area/volume  $\propto E$   
 $\Rightarrow$  Larger  $E$  deforms larger region  
but not with larger strains same  
in lattice models not earthquakes

Largest size event  $\sim L^\alpha$   
 $\rightarrow$  is  $\alpha$  a fractal dimension  $d_f$ ?

Anisotropic scaling exponents!



Maloney & Robbins, PRL **102**, 225502 (2009)



Salerno & Robbins, PRE **88**, 062206 (2013)

## ***Lattice Models → Mean Field Scaling to 2D***

K. Dahmen, Y. Ben-Zion, J. Uhl, Phys. Rev. Lett. 102  
175501 (2009), Nature Physics 7, 554 (2011)

Many lattice models and experiments show scaling  
consistent with mean-field exponents,  $\tau = 1.5$

**BUT models are all overdamped where we find  $\tau = 1.3$**

Above models have positive definite elastic coupling

- advance in one spot makes all spots more unstable
- ⇒ Obey no-passing rule – unique pinned states that flow to from different initial conditions

Shear produces quadrupolar field

- suppress instability at sites normal to shear plane
- no-passing rule does not apply

# *Lattice Models with Quadrupolar Coupling*

Talamali, Petaja, Vandembroucq, and Roux PRE, **84**,  
016115 (2011) found  $\tau=1.25$ , anisotropic clusters

Lin, Saade, Lerner, Rosso, Wyart Europhys Lett 105: 26003  
(2014); Lin, Lerner, Rosso, Wyart, PNAS, (2014)

Random kicks from nearby avalanches cause states to  
diffuse toward instability

Probability that a kick of magnitude  $\delta$  will cause instability  
goes to zero as  $\delta^\theta \Rightarrow$  leads to nonextensive scaling –  $\gamma < d$

Find  $\alpha=1.1$  vs. 0.9 in 2D; 1.5 vs. 1.1 in 3D

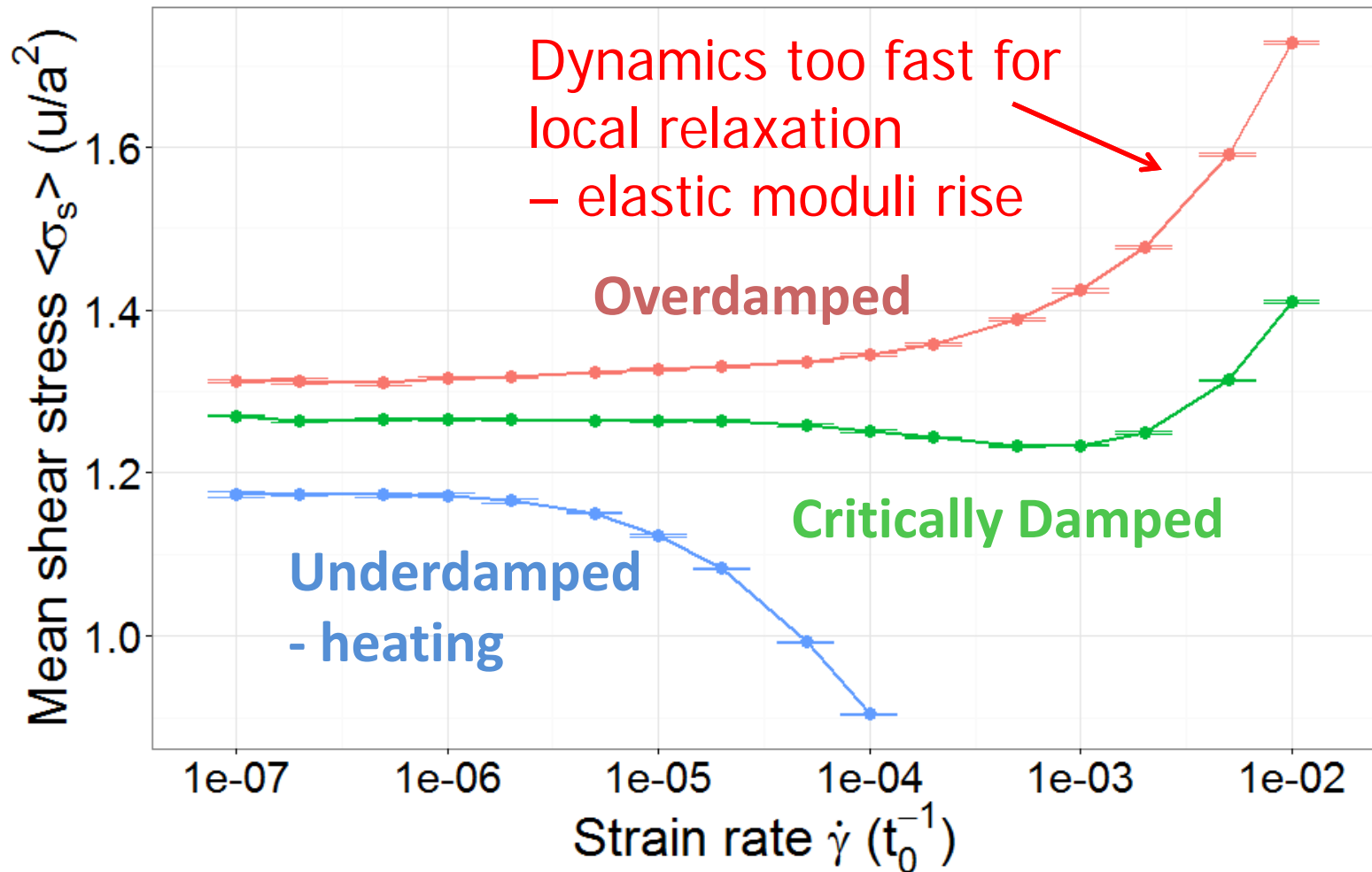
$\tau=1.35$  vs. 1.3 in 2D, 1.46 vs. 1.3 in 3d

Dynamic exponents strain rate  $d\gamma/dt \sim (\sigma - \sigma_c)^\beta$

$\beta=1.52-1.62$  vs. 1.78 in 2D, 1.38 to 1.41 in 3d

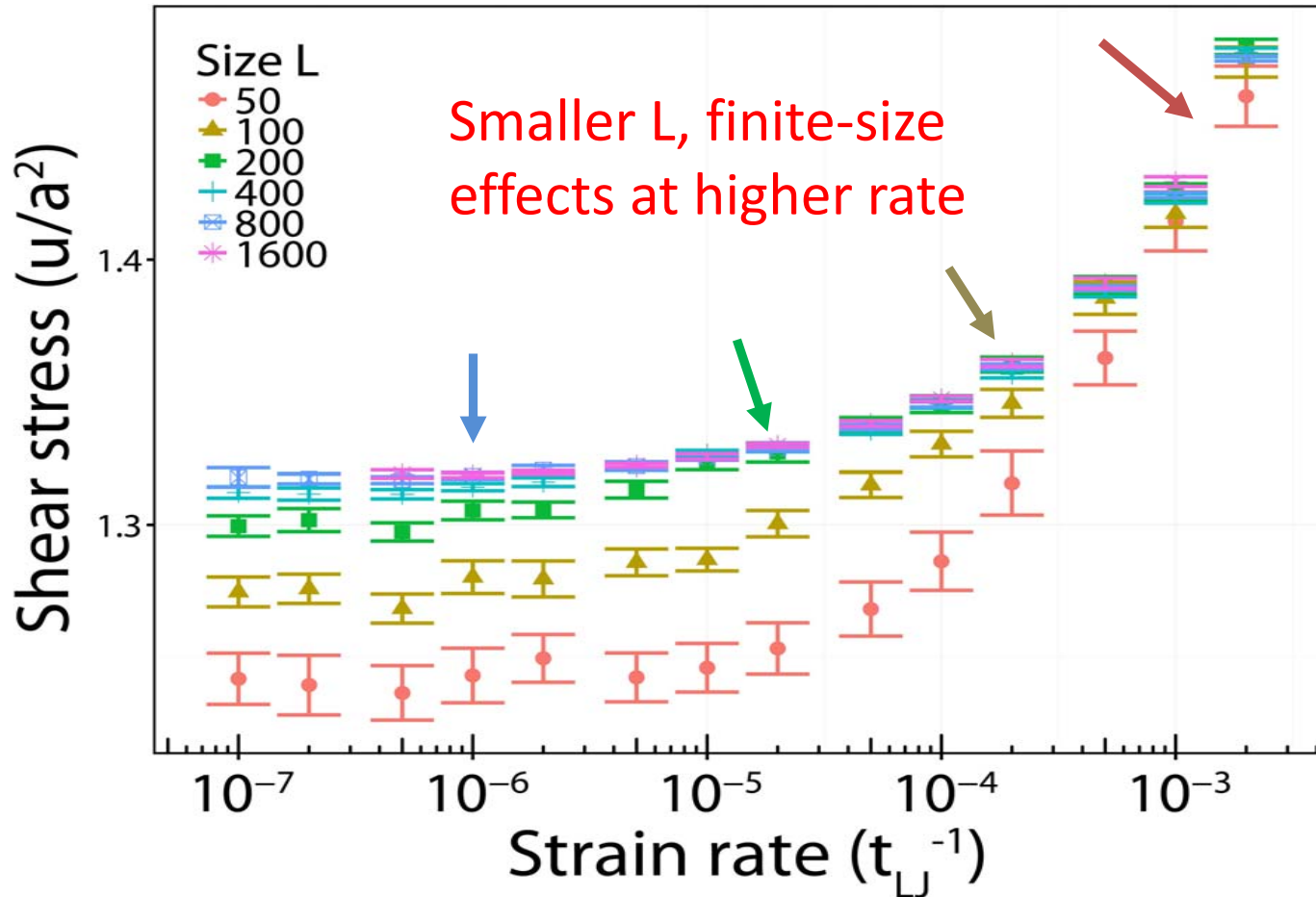


# Stress vs. Constant Strain Rate



Critical damping takes energy out at same rate generated by plasticity  
For  $\Gamma=1$  see overdamped behavior but most modes underdamped

# Stress vs. Strain Rate- Overdamped



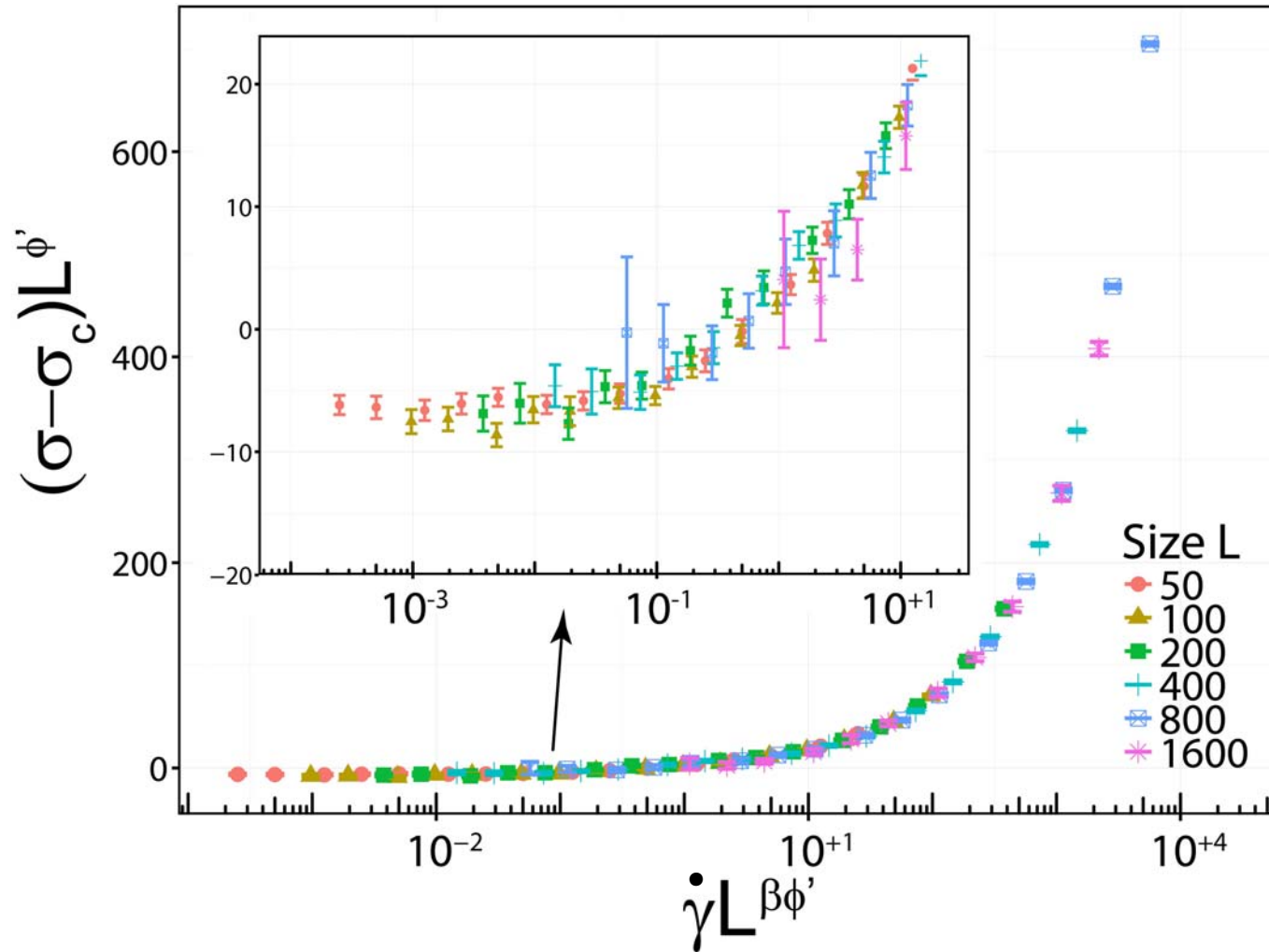
Finite-size scaling:  $d\gamma/dt \sim L^\gamma h[(\sigma - \sigma_c)L^{\phi'}]$

Large rate:  $d\gamma/dt \sim L^\gamma (\sigma - \sigma_c)^\beta L^{\beta\phi'}$  with  $\gamma = -\beta\phi'$

Small rate:  $(\sigma - \sigma_c)L^{\phi'} \sim \text{constant}$

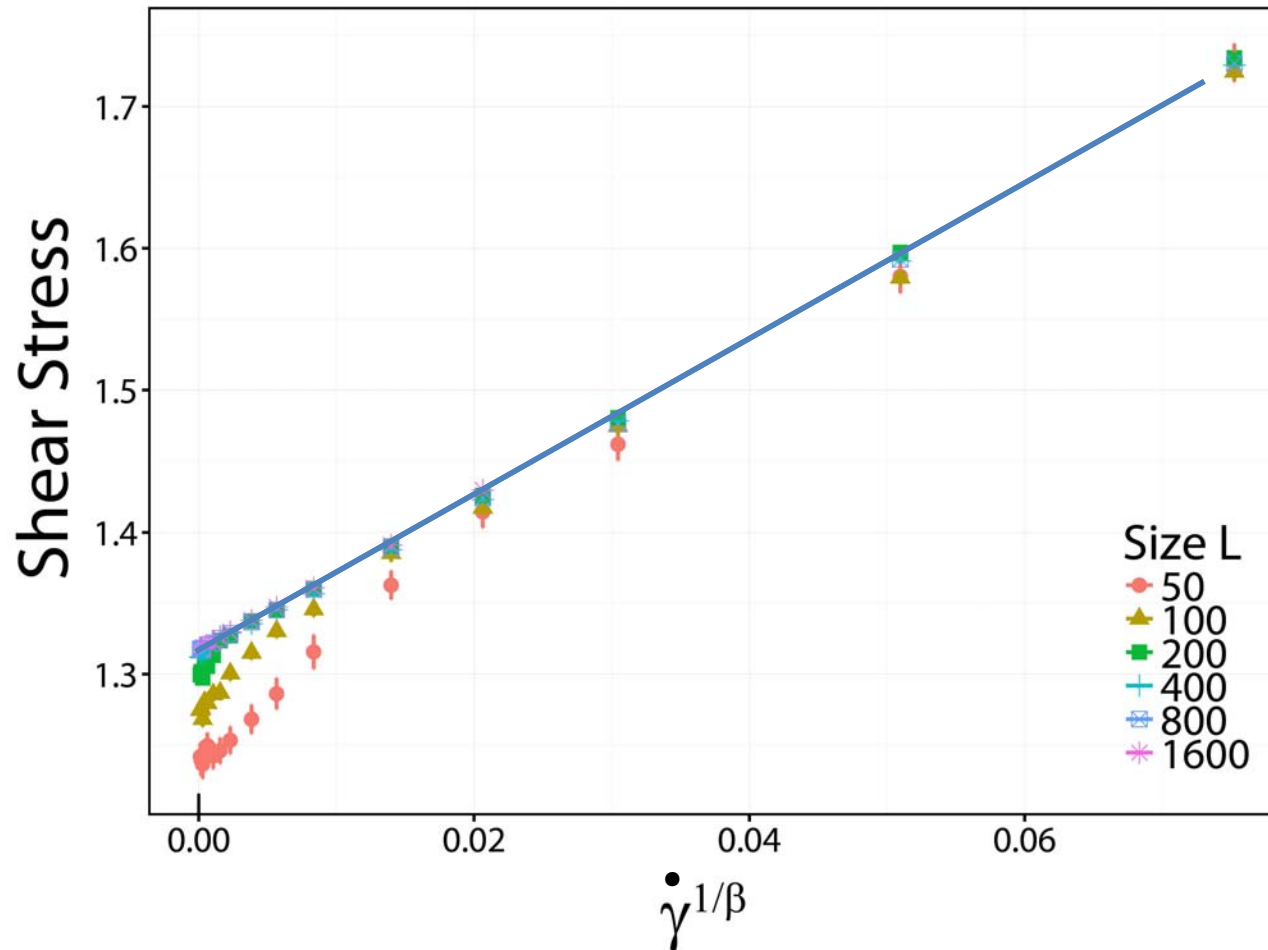
- average random ensembles  $\phi' = d - \alpha = 1.1 > d/2 = \phi$

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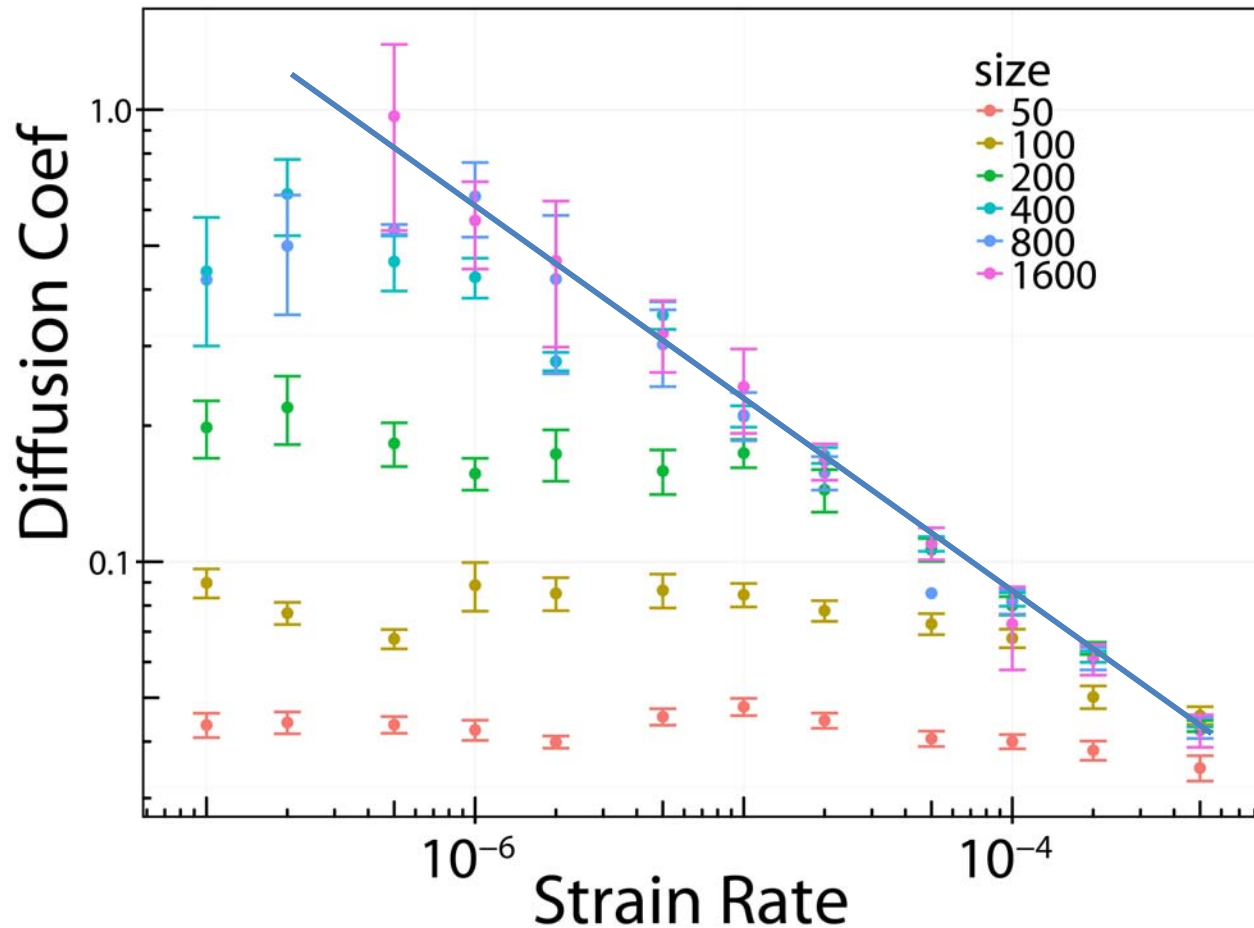
Finite-size scaling:  $d\gamma/dt \sim L^{-\beta\phi'} h[(\sigma - \sigma_c)L^{\phi'}]$   
 with  $\sigma_c = 1.318$ ;  $\beta = 1.78$ ,  $\phi' = d - \alpha = 1/\nu = 1.09 > d/2 = \phi$

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Is  $\nu=1/(d-\alpha)=0.92$ ?

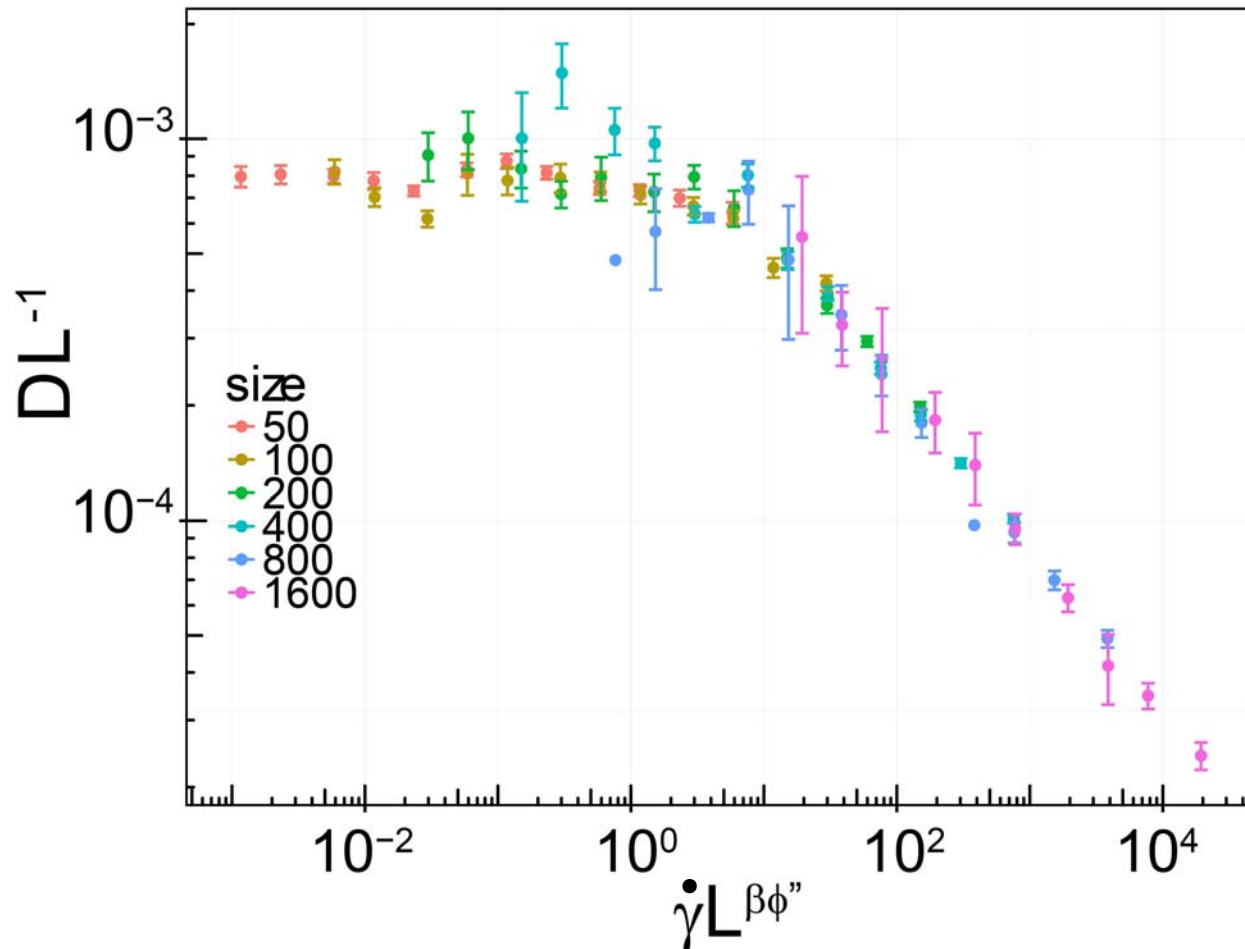
# Diffusion Constant vs. Rate



Non affine displacement  $dr$  scales as  $dr^2 = 2D \, d\gamma$   
where  $d\gamma$  is change in strain and  $\propto$  time

Find  $D \propto L$  at low rates because of long range correlations

# Diffusion Constant vs. Rate



See that diffusion scales as  $L$  for low rates.

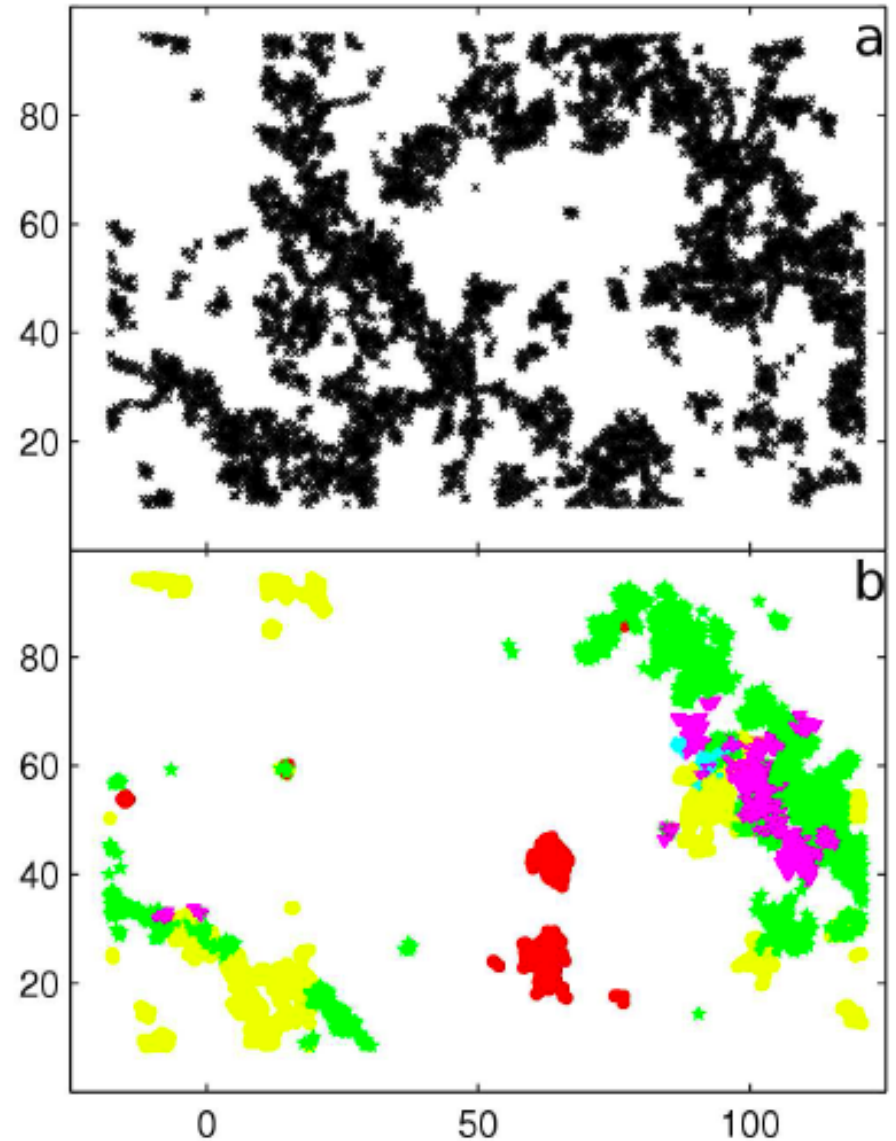
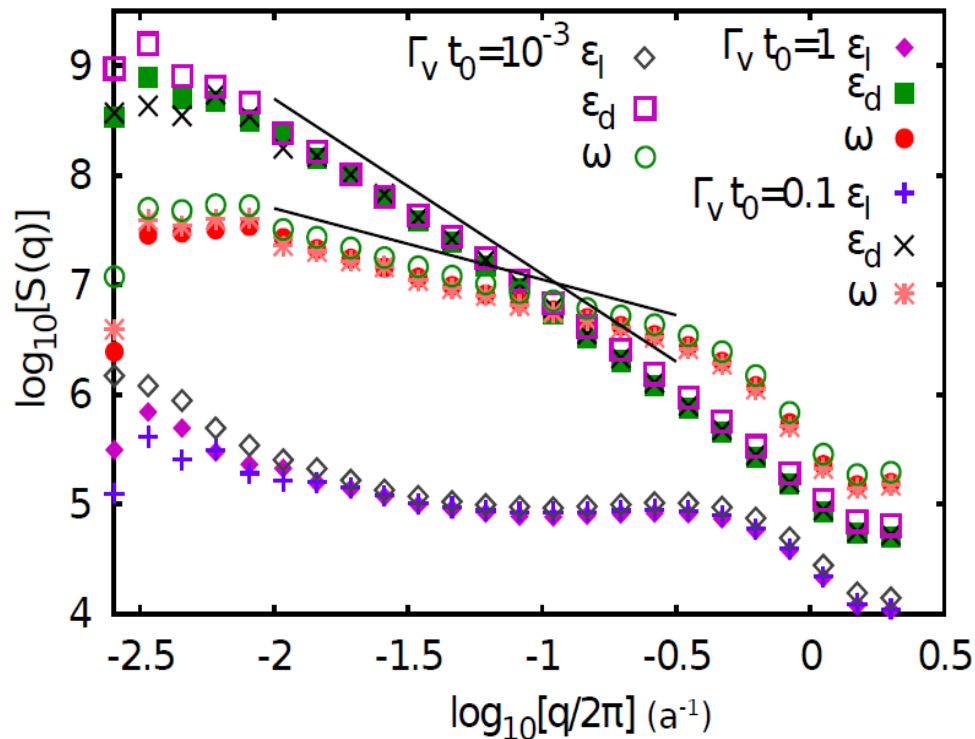
Find  $\beta\phi''=2.34$  vs.  $\beta\phi'=2$ .

Since  $\beta=1.78 \Rightarrow \nu=1/\phi=0.76$  or  $0.89$

# Plasticity From Same Initial State

Black-underdamped, colors  
different overdamped  
earthquakes in quasistatic limit

Same scaling of correlation  
function over given strain interval  
Independent of damping!

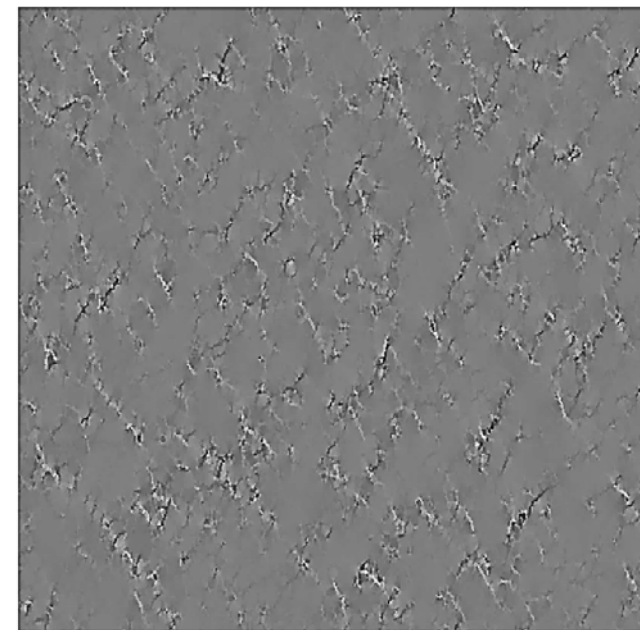
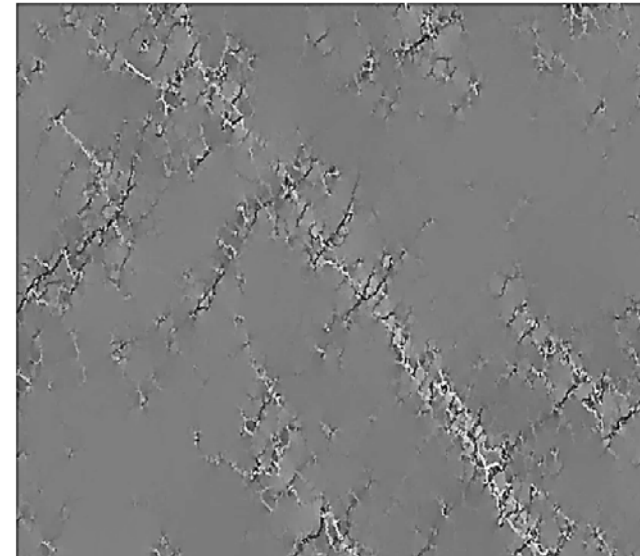
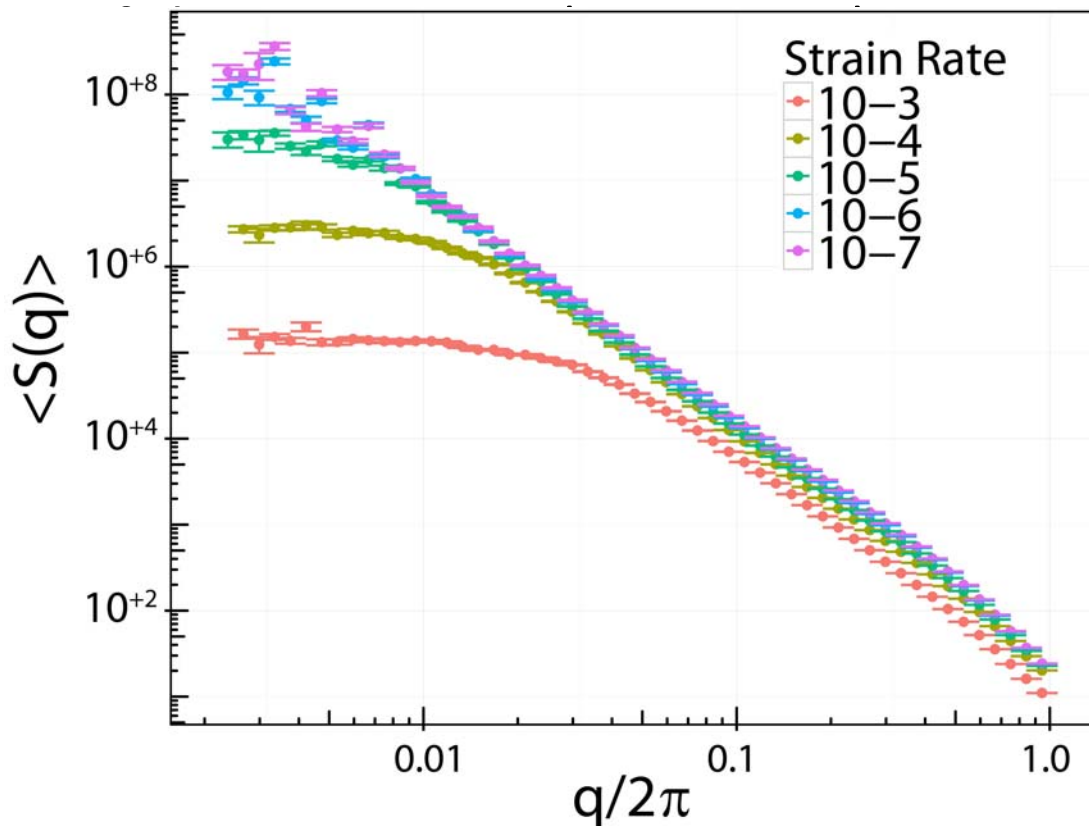


# *Finite Strain Rate $\rightarrow$ Limit Spatial Correlations*

Pattern of plastic deformation has finite extent

Fourier transform of correlation in nonaffine displacement

$$S(q) = \langle |u_x(q)|^2 + |u_y(q)|^2 \rangle$$



Increasing Strain Rate  $\downarrow$



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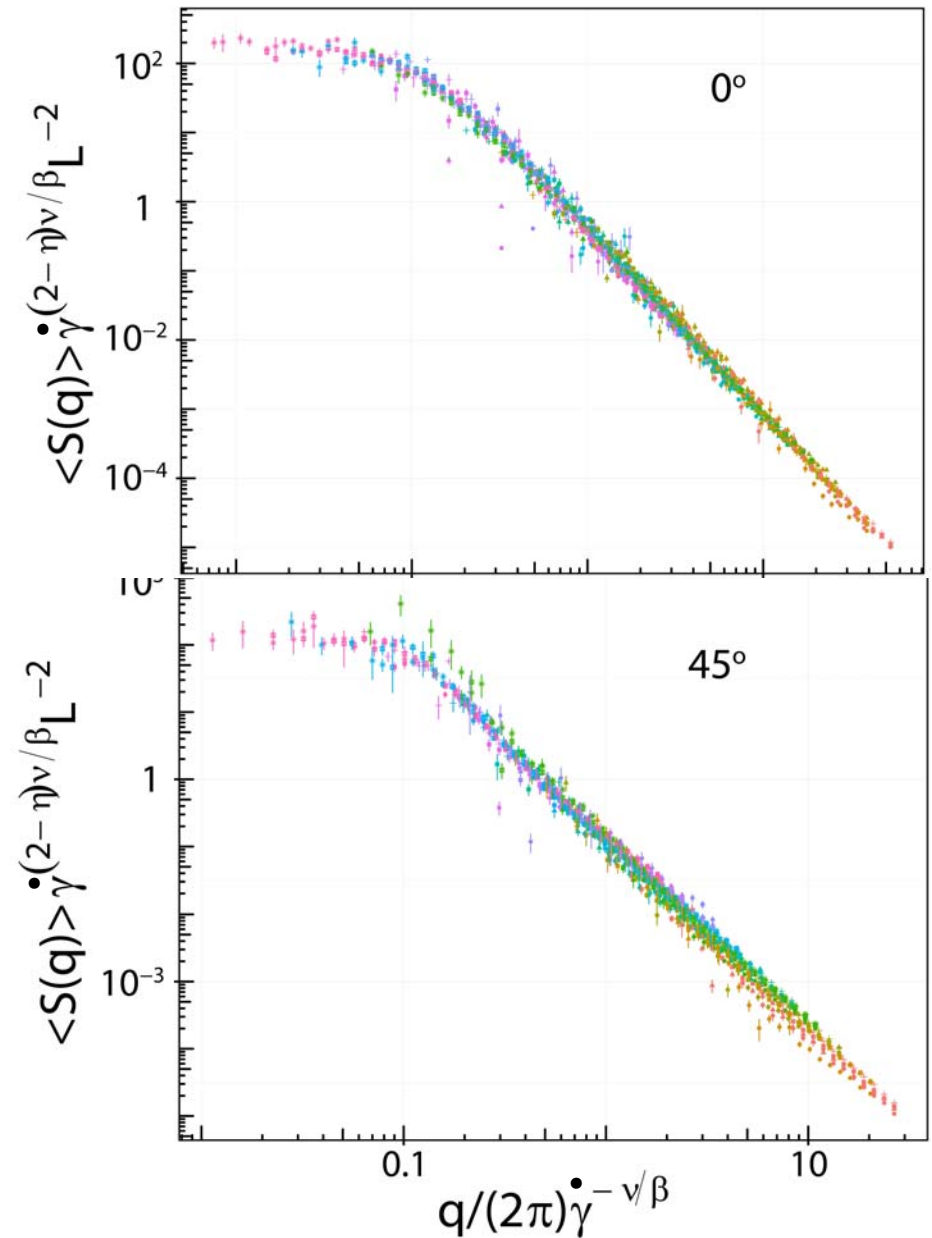
Finite size scaling collapse gives different exponents for different angles

$$\theta=0,90 \rightarrow \nu/\beta=0.46$$

$$\theta=\pm 45 \rightarrow \nu/\beta=0.39$$

Multiple exponents needed to describe spatial correlations

⇒ no single correlation length



# Conclusions

- Define  $R(E,L)$  = # of events per unit energy per unit strain  
Expect:  $R(E,L) = L^b g(E/L^\alpha)$  and  $R(E,L) \sim L^{b+\alpha\tau} E^{-\tau}$  for small  $E$   
with scaling relations  $\gamma = b + \alpha\tau$ ,  $b + 2\alpha = 2$
- Always find subextensive # of small events  $\gamma < d$   
→ Large events suppress small events
- Plateau of large events for underdamped, no hysteresis
- Different universality classes in overdamped and underdamped limits - similar  $\tau$ , very different  $\alpha$  and  $\gamma$
- Separated by critical damping – multicritical point  
→ just enough damping to remove energy as releasee  
underdamped – unstable drop in stress with rising rate
- Overdamped – finite size scaling of dynamics gives  $\beta = 1.78$   
Well-defined avalanche size, but multiple length scales  
different exponents along 0,90 than +/-45
- All cases – location correlates over many avalanches