

# From shear transformations to depinning transitions

---

## Lattice models for amorphous plasticity

Zoe Budrikis

*ISI Foundation Torino*

Stefano Zapperi

*IENI-CNR Milano & ISI Foundation Torino*

Phys. Rev. E 88, 062403 (2013)



# Outline

---

Lattice-based depinning models for amorphous materials

→ Yield as a depinning phase transition

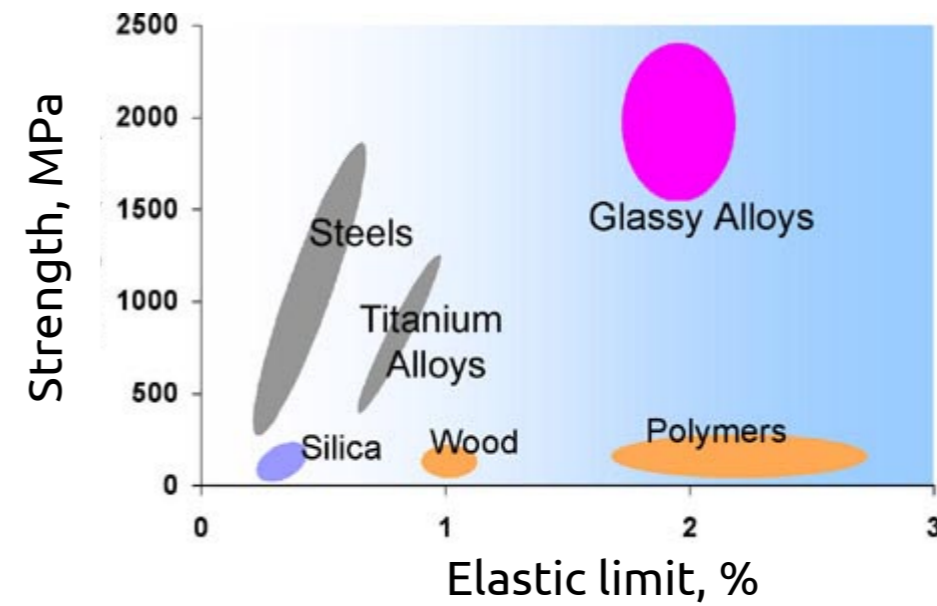
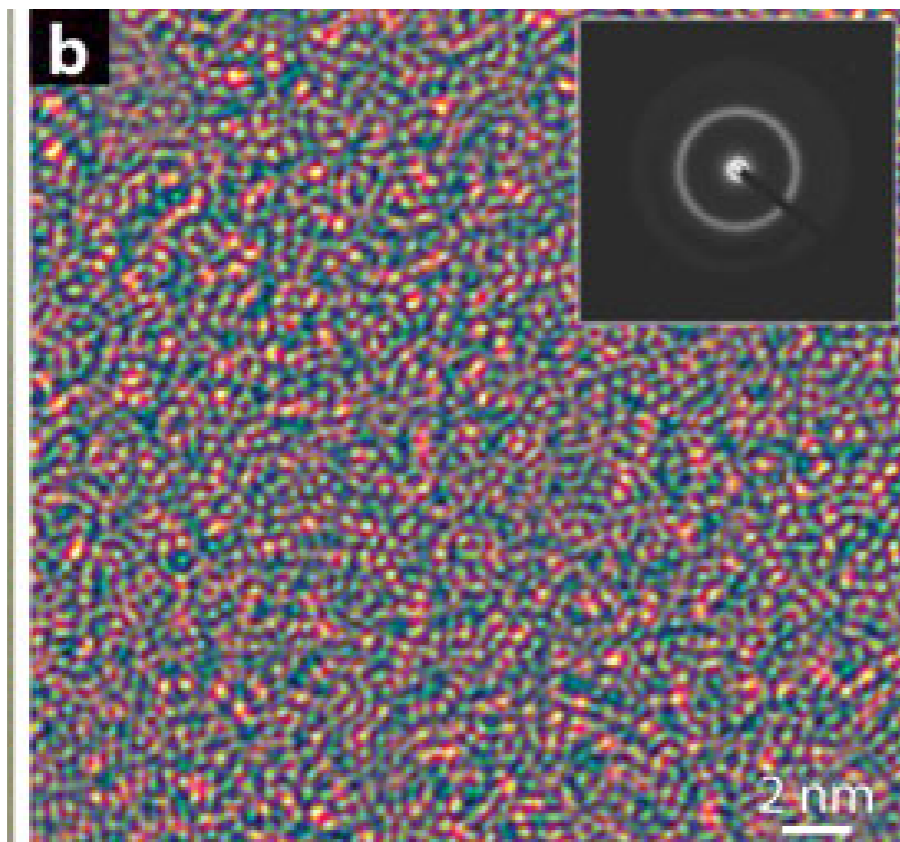
→ Universality class?

→ Nonuniversal localization effects

Verifying and moving beyond scalar models

# Amorphous materials

## Bulk metallic glasses

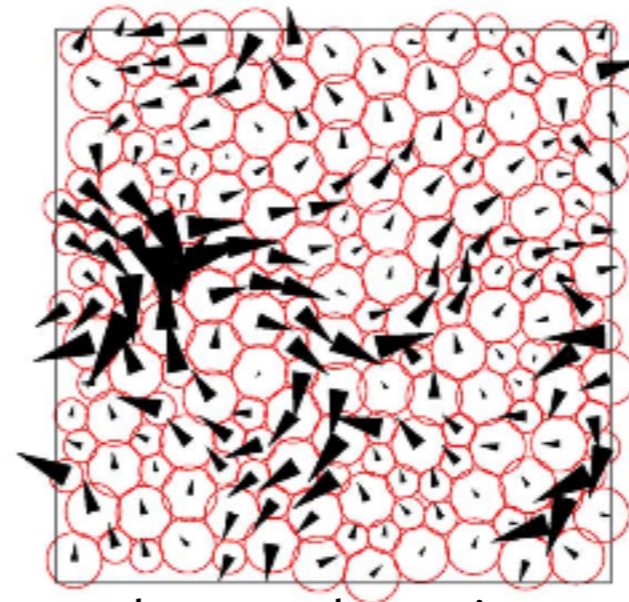


# Amorphous materials

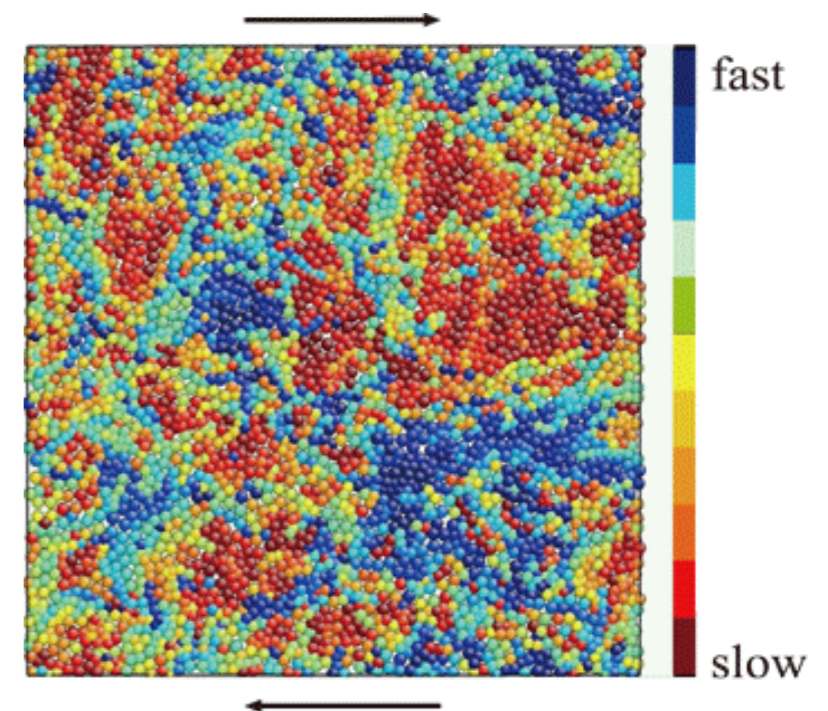
## 2d particle mixtures



University of Cambridge



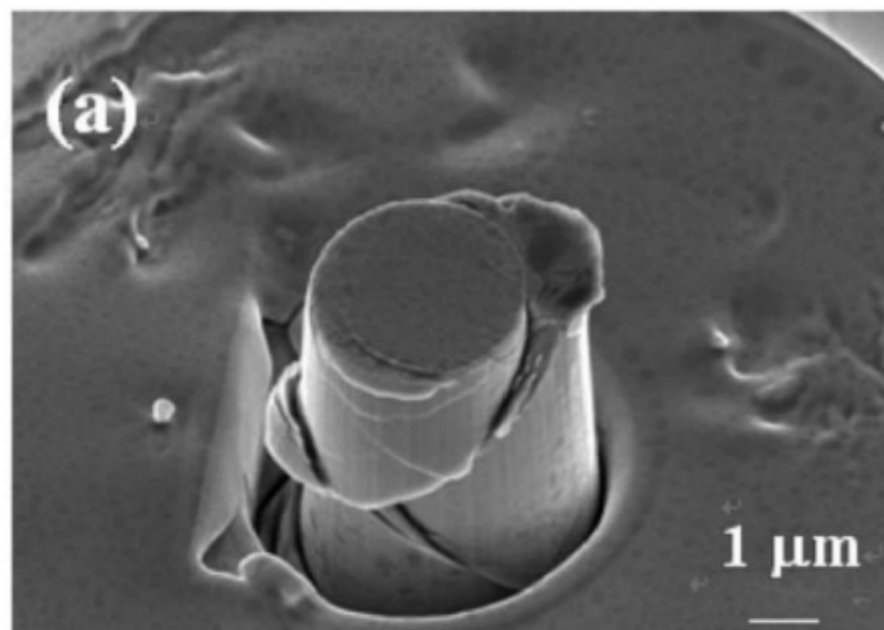
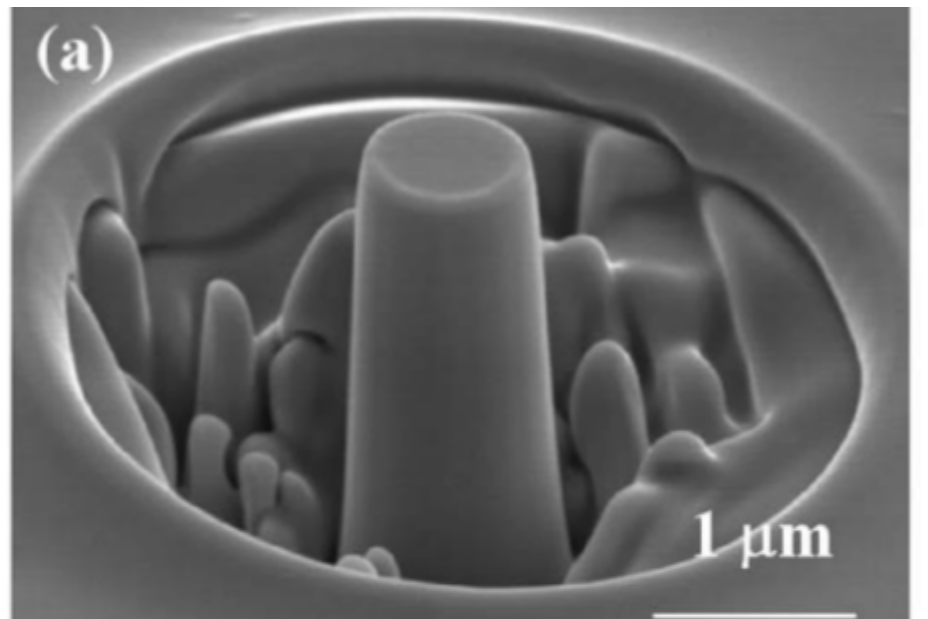
Maloney and Lemaitre,  
Phys Rev E 74, 016118 (2006)



H. Hayakawa: JPSJ Online—News and  
Comments [December 10, 2008]

# Deformation tests

## Compression tests



Lee et al, Appl. Phys. Lett. 91 161913 (2007)

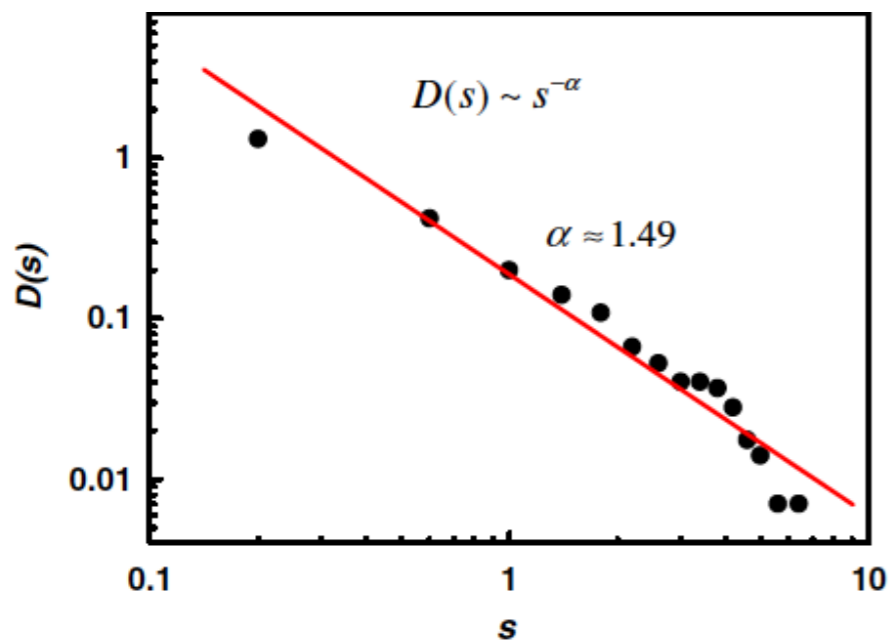
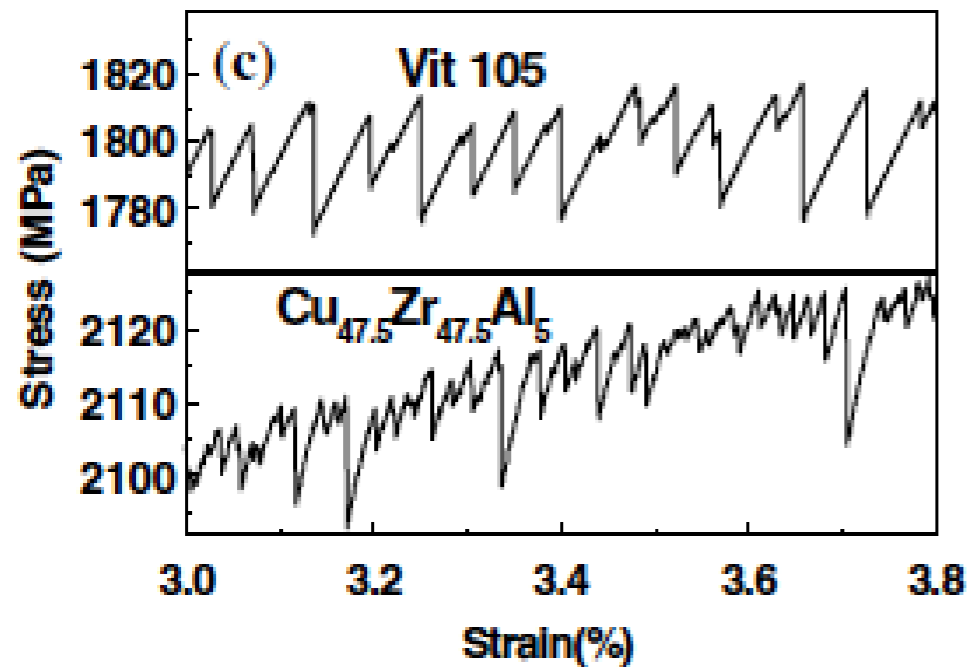
## Shear in Couette cell



S. Schöllmann, S. Luding  
<http://www.icp.uni-stuttgart.de/movies/>

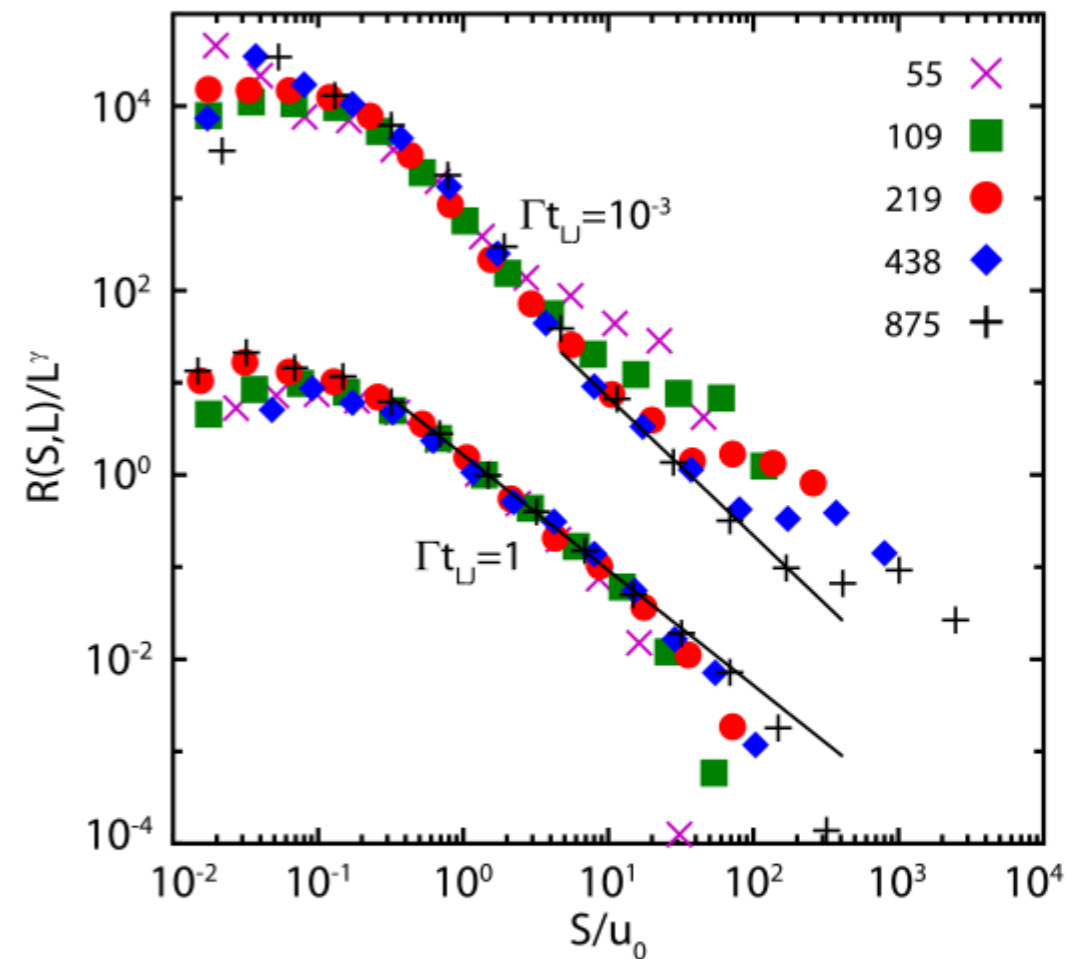
# Avalanches in amorphous plasticity

## Bulk metallic glasses



Sun et al PRL 105, 035501 (2010)

## 2d particle mixtures

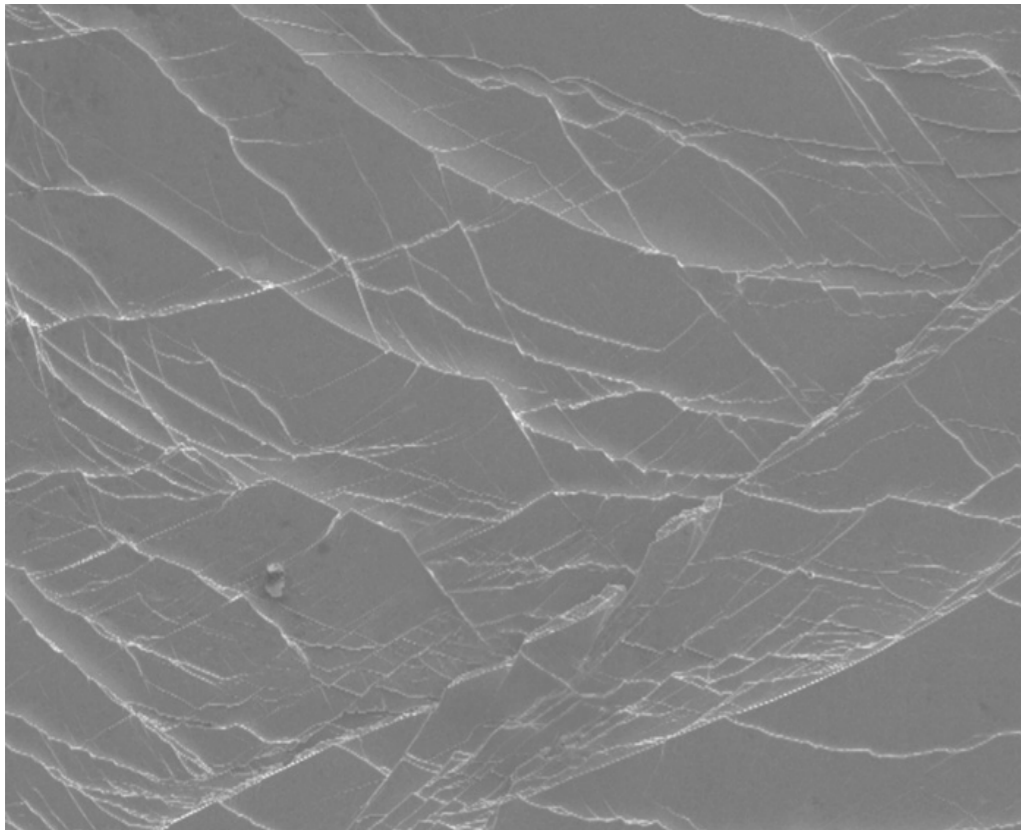


Salerno et al PRL 109 105703 (2012)

# Strain localization

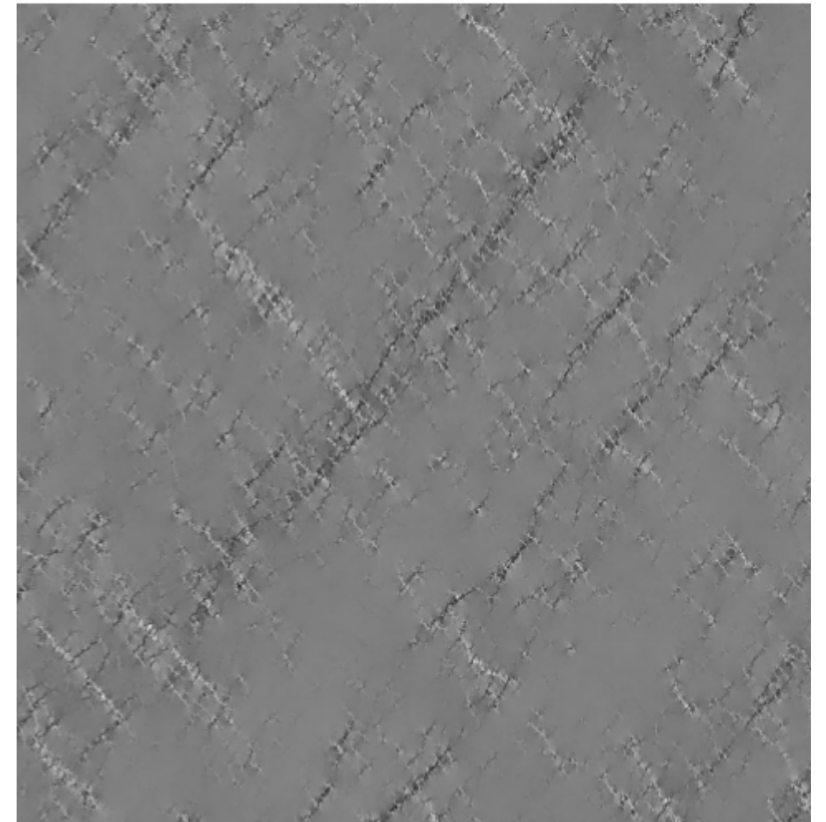
---

Bulk metallic glasses



Sun et al. Appl. Phys. Lett. 98, 201902 (2011)

2d particle mixtures



Maloney & Robbins,  
PRL 102 225502 (2009)

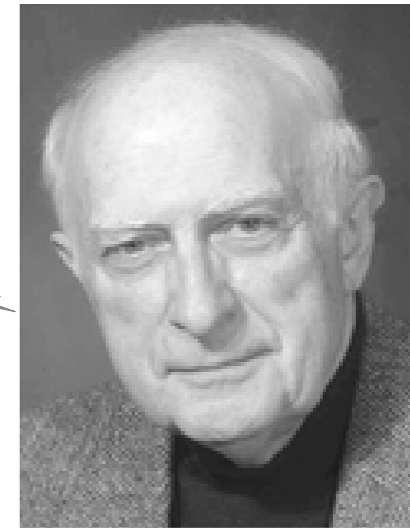
**A coarse-grained picture:**

Lattice-based depinning model

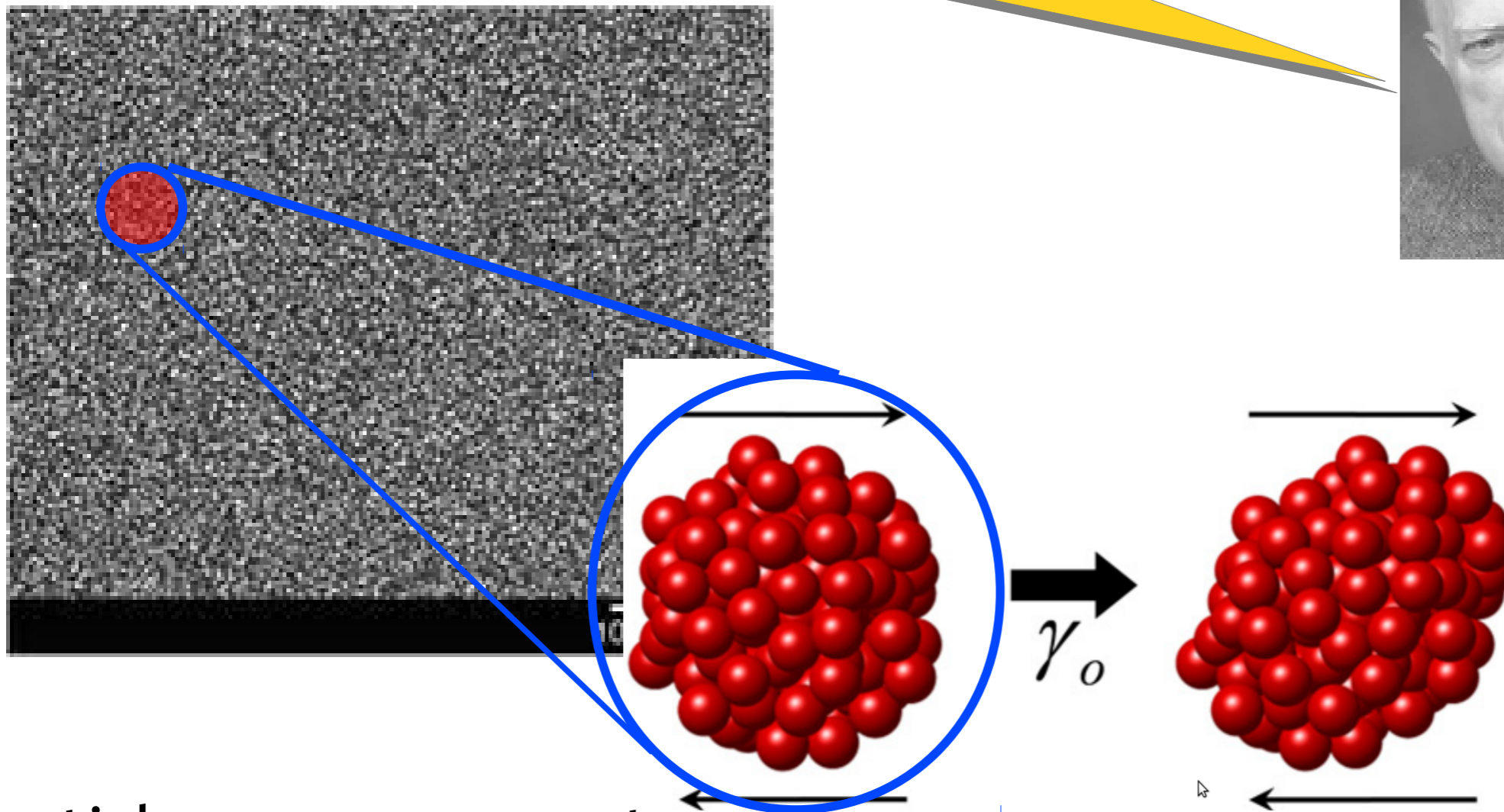


# How do amorphous materials deform?

Shear transformations



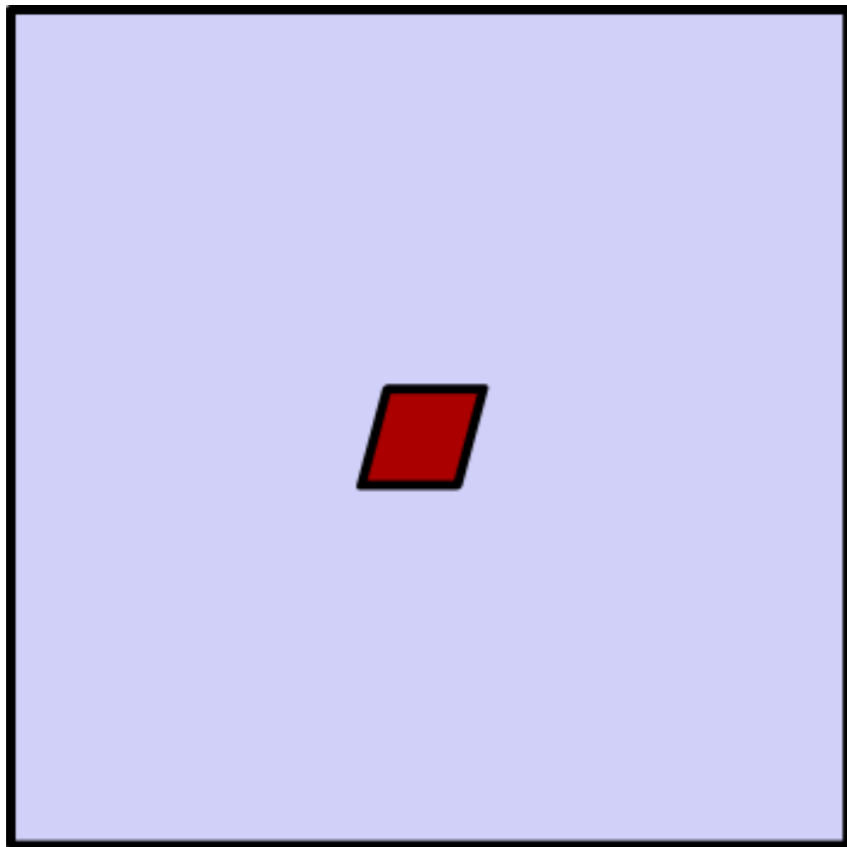
Argon



Particle rearrangement  
→ relieves stress

# Long-range interactions

---



**Inclusion:** plastic strain  $\epsilon$   
**Matrix:** stresses  $\sigma$

Linear elasticity  $\rightarrow$  have Green's function:

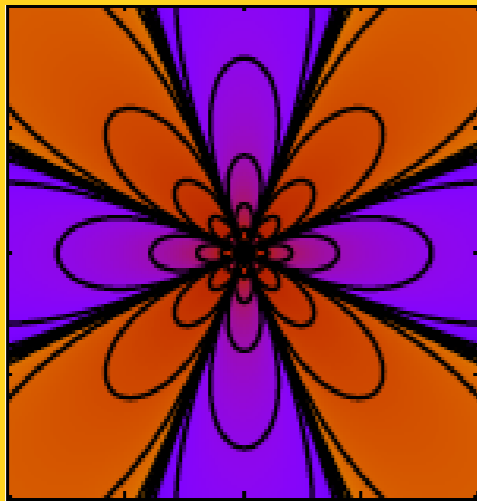
$$\sigma(r) = \sum K(r-r') \epsilon(r')$$

# Long-range interactions

---

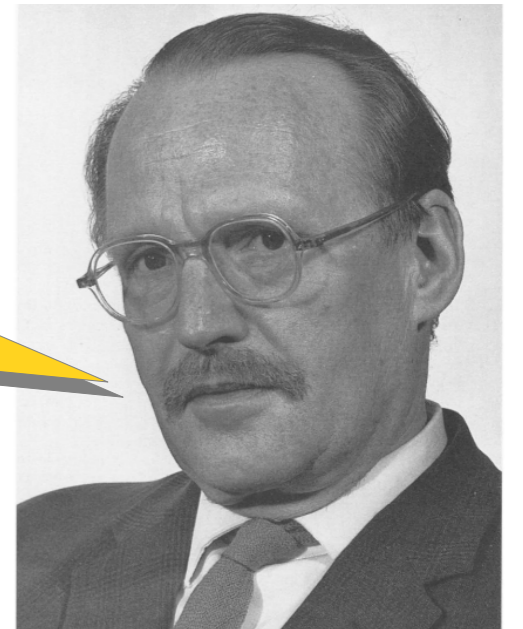
Pure shear → scalar Greens function

Pointlike Eshelby inclusion in 2d gives:



$$K(r) = \frac{\cos(4\theta)}{r^2}$$

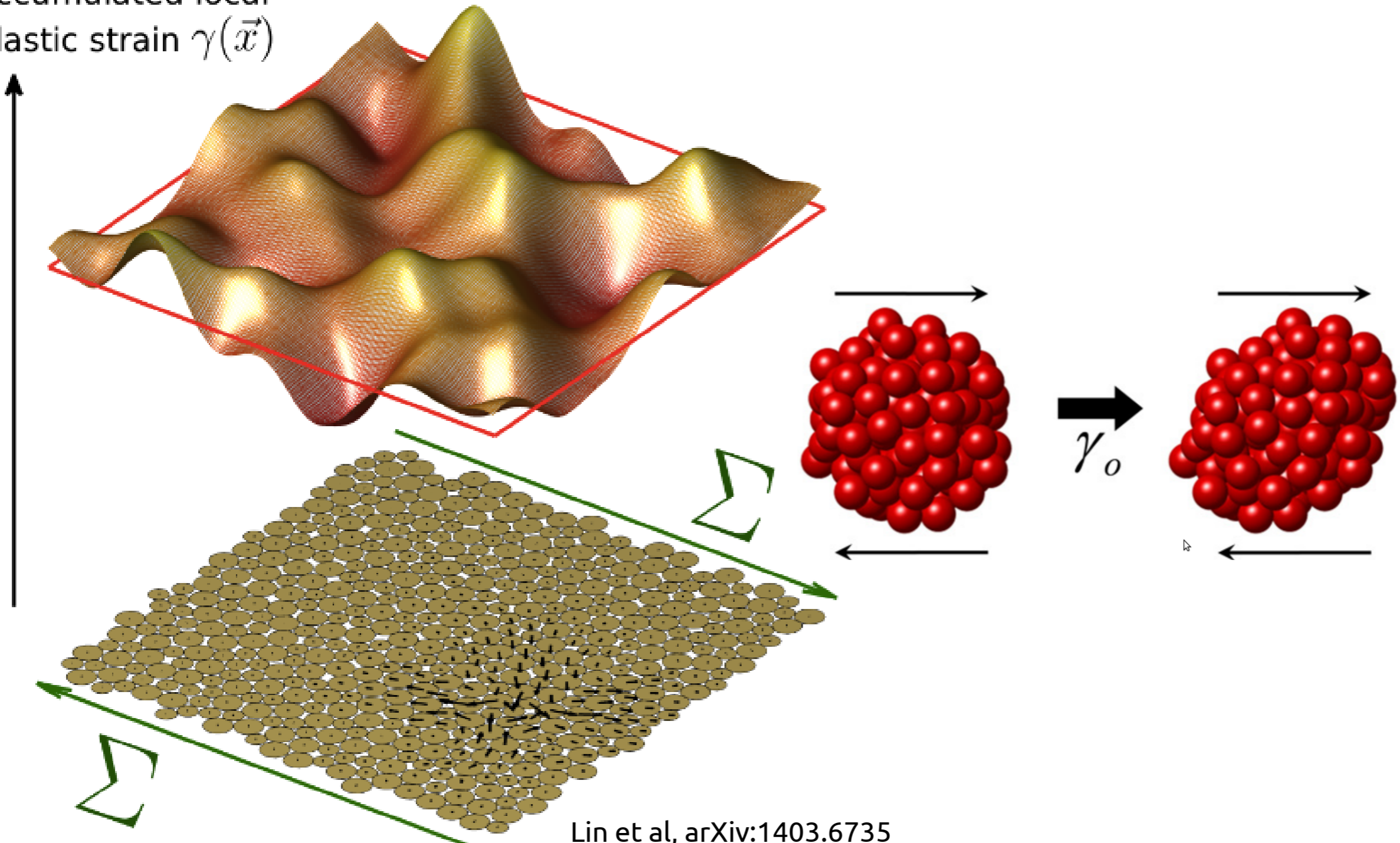
- Long range
- Anisotropic



Eshelby

# Collection of STZs → local strain map

accumulated local  
plastic strain  $\gamma(\vec{x})$



# Modeling: depinning transition

## 3 ingredients in competition:

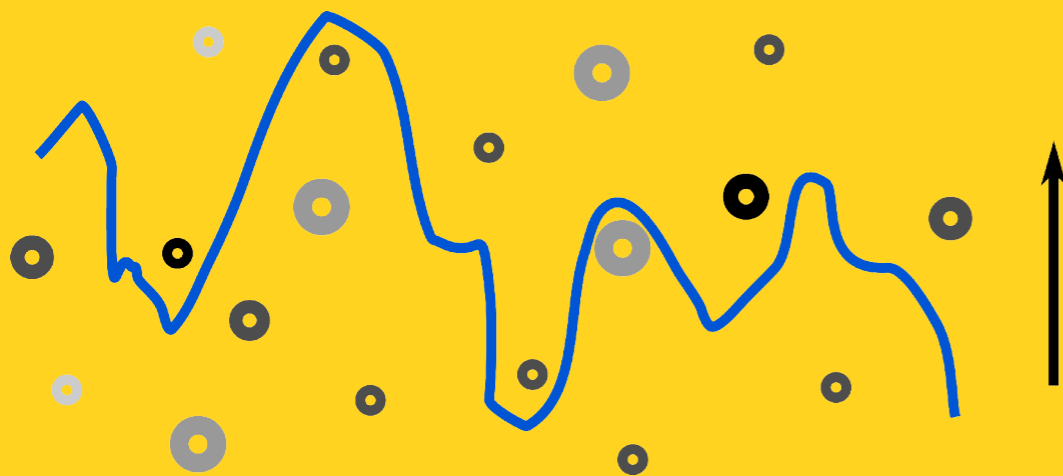
### Interface depinning:

$$f_{\text{tot}} = f + \nabla^2 u - \eta$$

External force

Interaction

Pinning potential



### Amorphous plasticity:

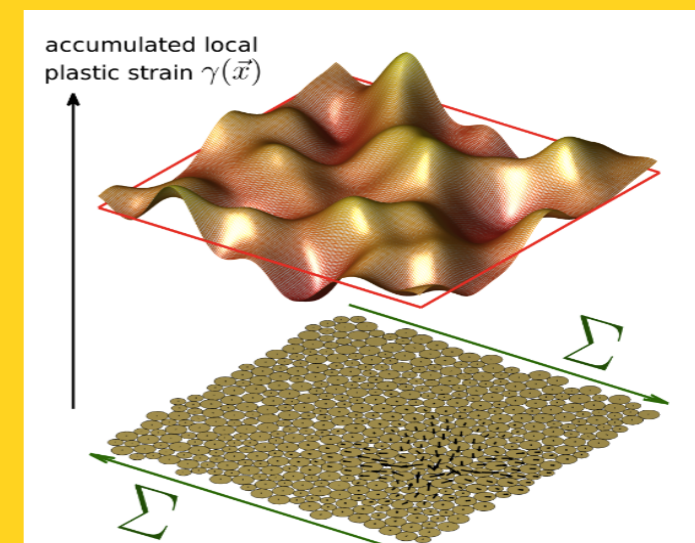
External stress  $\sigma_{ext}$

• Internal stress

$$\sigma_{int}(r) = \int d^2r' (\gamma(r') - \gamma(r)) K(r' - r)$$

• Random local yield thresholds

$$\sigma_c(r)$$



# Modeling: depinning transition

3 ingredients in competition:

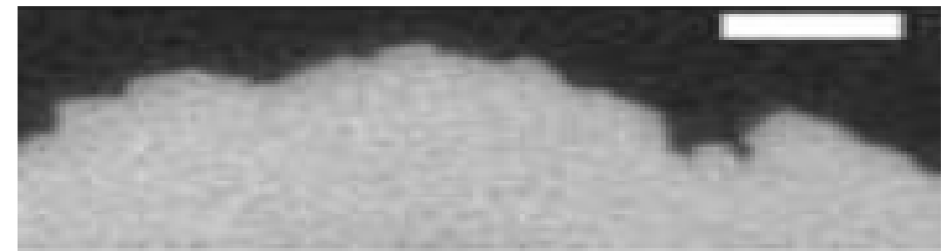
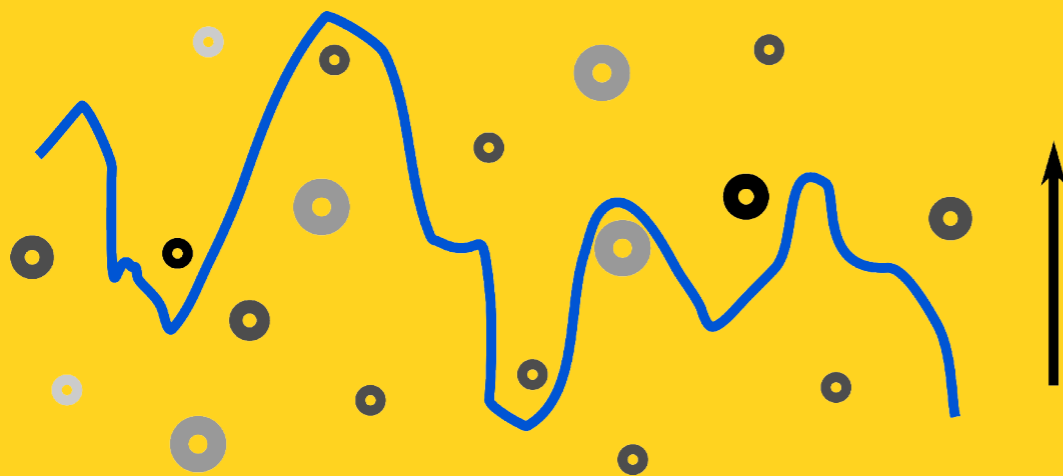
Interface depinning:

$$f_{\text{tot}} = f + \nabla^2 u - \eta$$

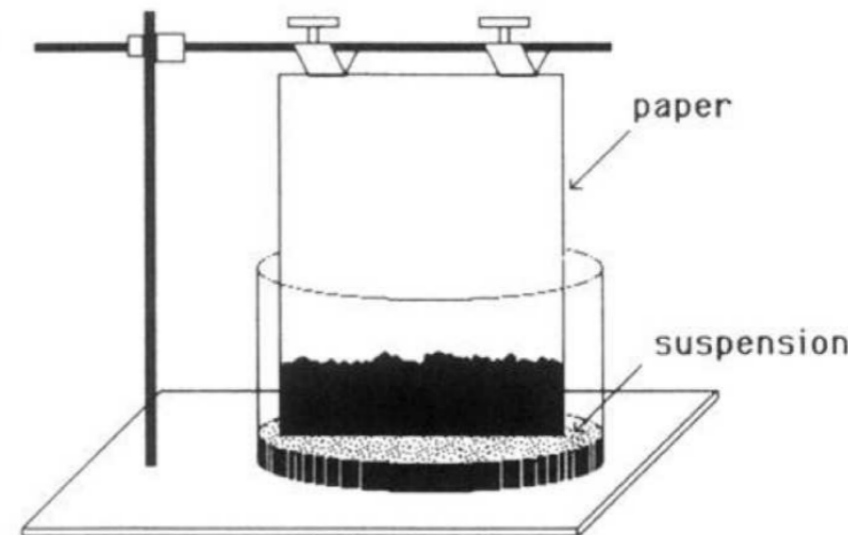
External force

Interaction

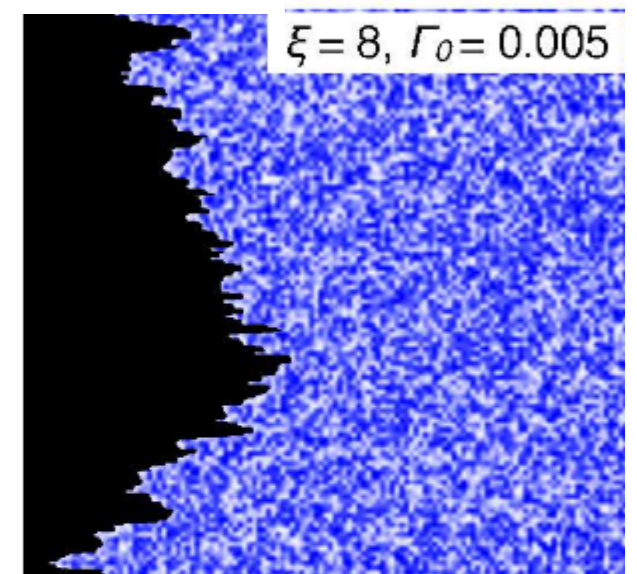
Pinning potential



Metaxas et al, PRL 99, 217208



Buldyrev et al, PRA 45, R8313



Laurson & Zapperi, J. Stat. Mech. (2010) P11014

# Modeling: depinning transition

3 ingredients in competition:

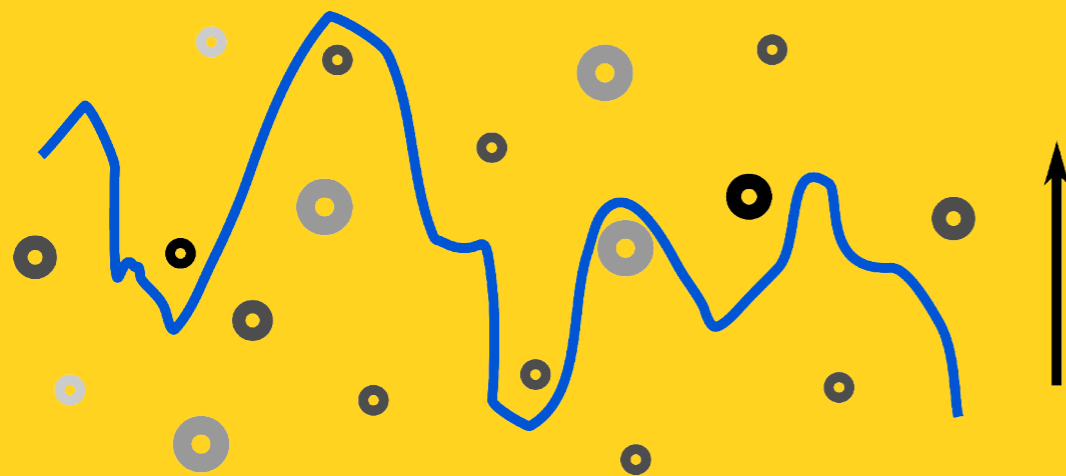
Interface depinning:

$$f_{\text{tot}} = f + \nabla^2 u - \eta$$

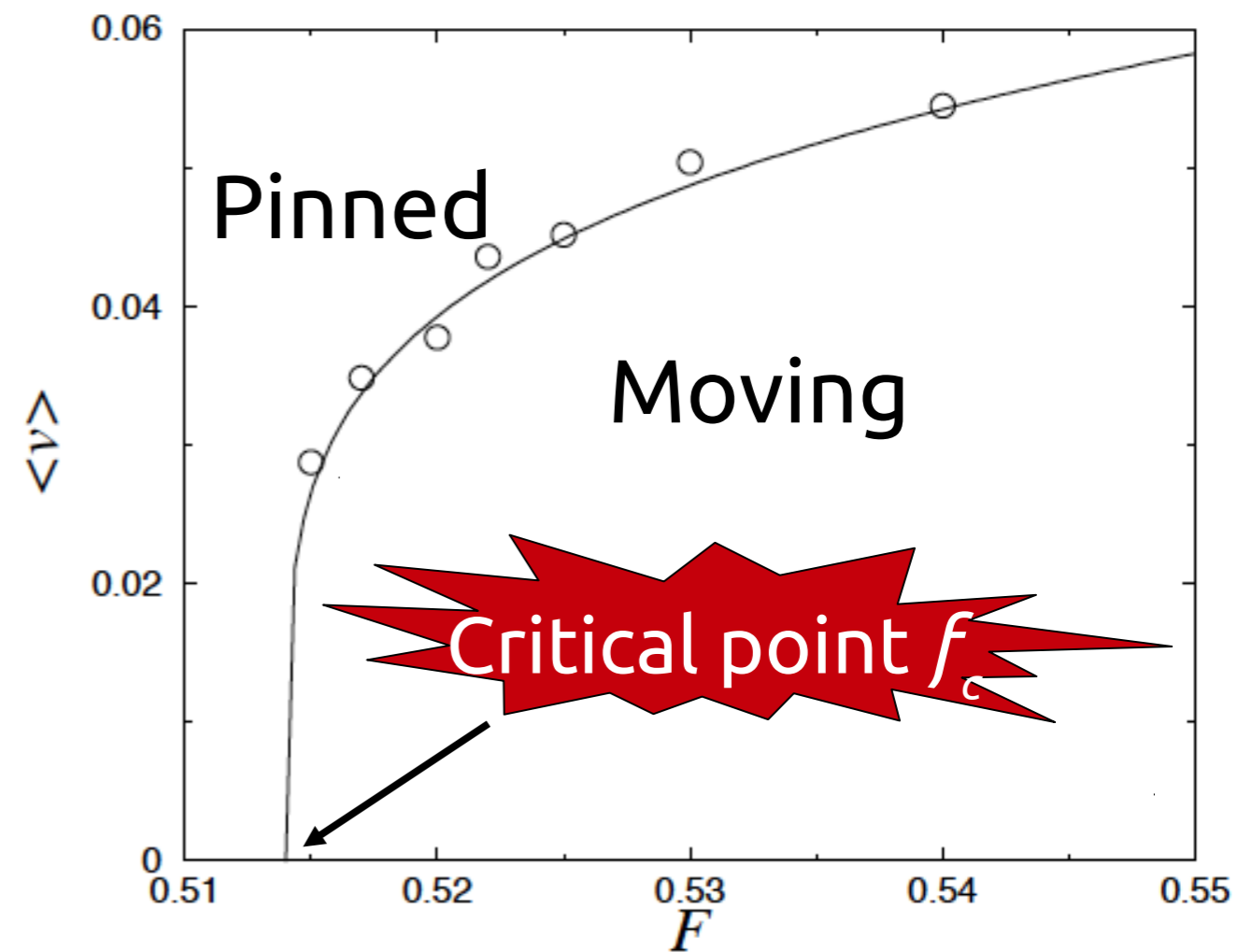
External force

Interaction

Pinning potential



Phase transition:



At criticality: **power-law distributed avalanches**, diverging size cutoff

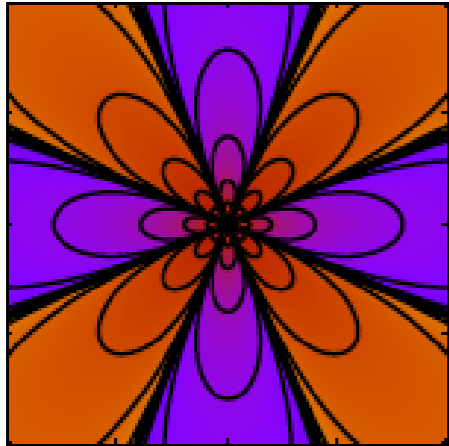
**2 questions:**

What is universality class?

What about localization?



# Depinning transition universality class



Internal stresses are long range:

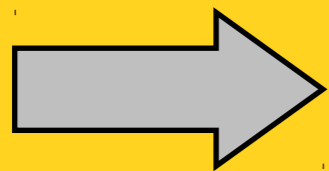
$$K(r) = \frac{\cos(4\theta)}{r^2} \quad \tilde{K}(q) = \frac{q_x^2 q_y^2}{q^4}$$

## Functional Renormalization Group:

If kernel in Fourier space is  $\tilde{K}(q) = q^\alpha$

Then upper critical dimension is  $d_c = 2\alpha$

For  $d > d_c$  mean-field theory holds



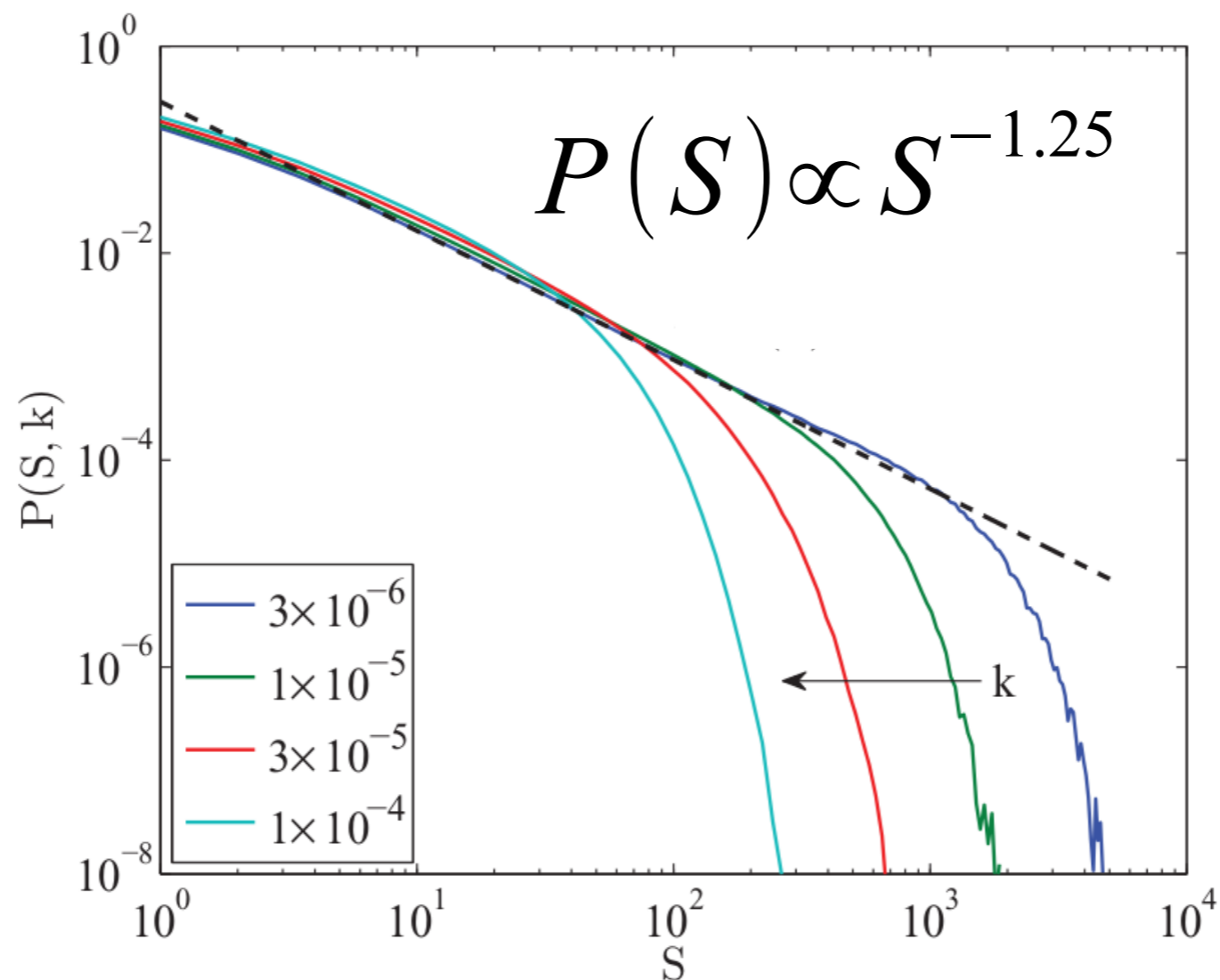
$$P(s) = s^{-3/2} \exp(-s/s_0)$$
$$s_0 \sim (f_c - f)^{-2}$$



# Depinning transition universality class

**But!** FRG assumes convex interaction kernel (“no passing” rule)

Simulations...?



Talamali, Petäjä, Vandembroucq and Roux, PRE 84 016115 (2011)

**2d simulations:**

Non-universal crossover  
from mean field

# Large scale simulations

---



Adiabatic driving

Discrete time, instantaneous stress redistribution

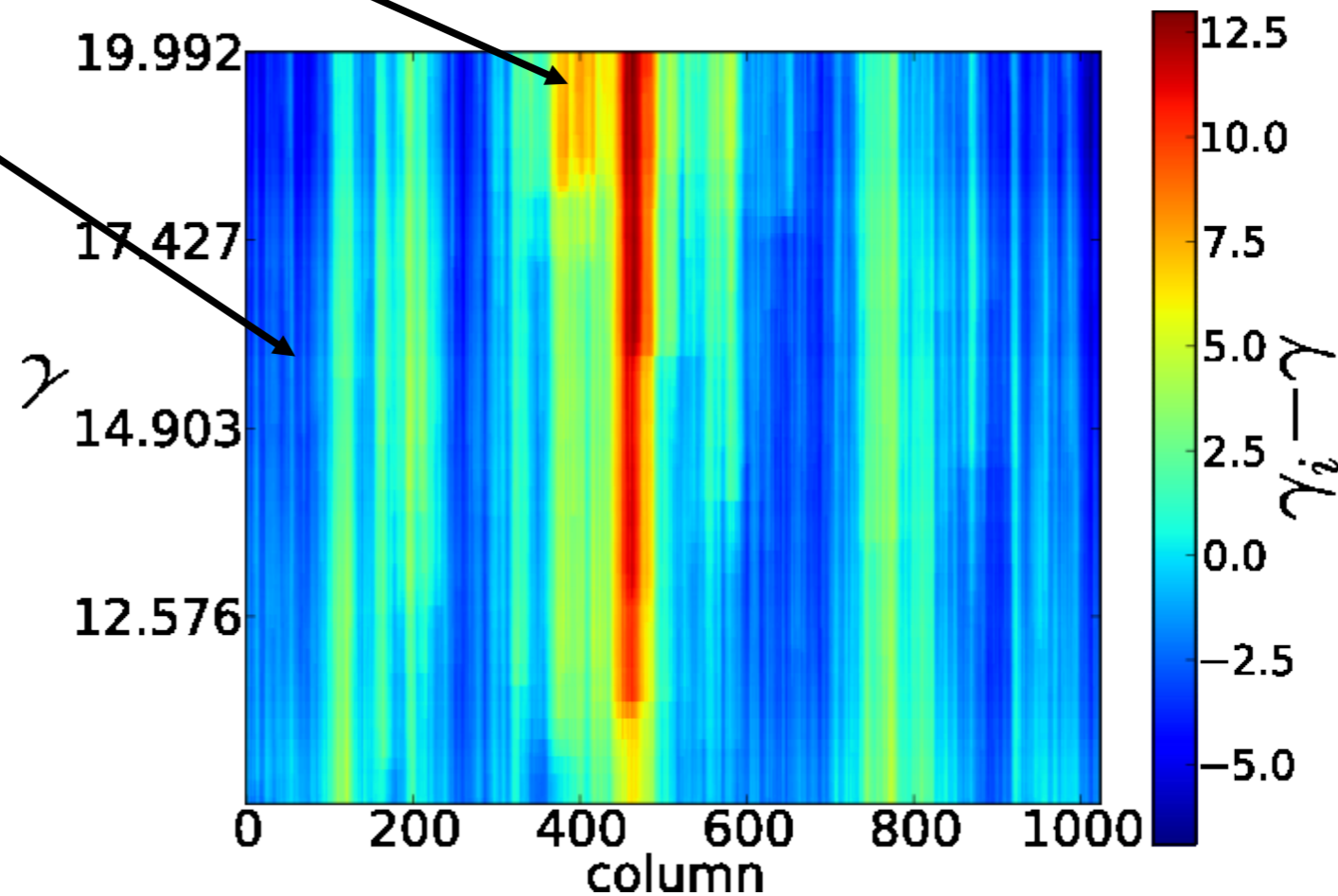
Pure shear

1024x1024 lattice, periodic BCs

# Strain localization

---

Features can **emerge** and **disappear**



# Periodic boundary conditions

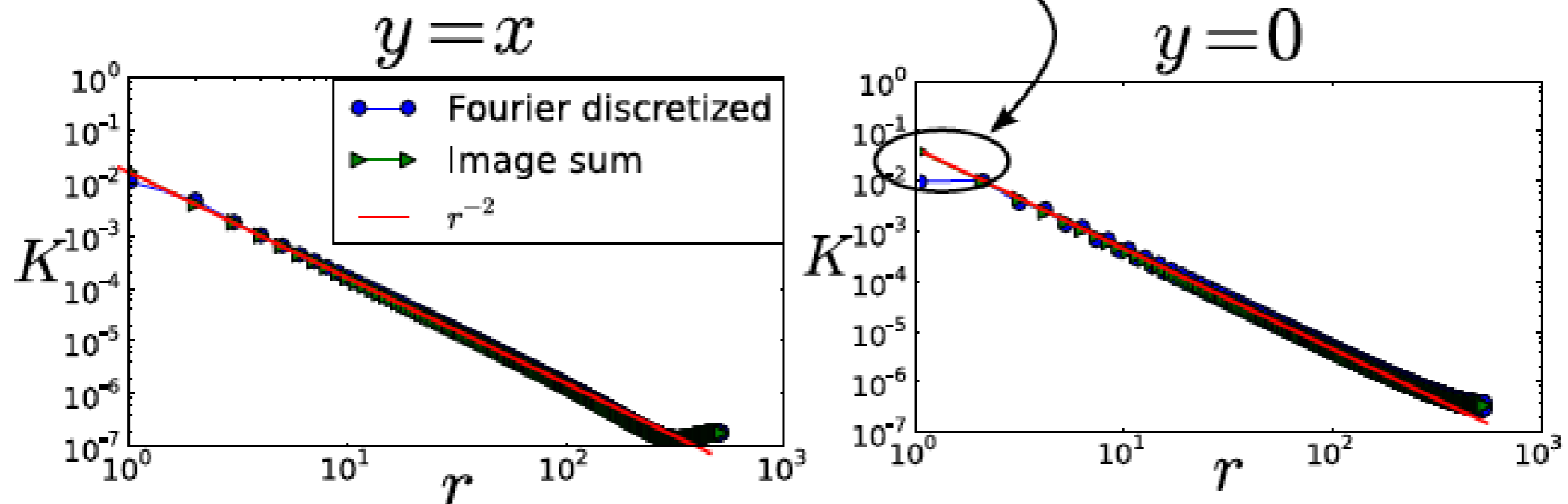
## Method 1: Fourier

- Fourier transform in infinite system
  - Discretize in Fourier space
  - Transform back to real space
- (Talamali et al)

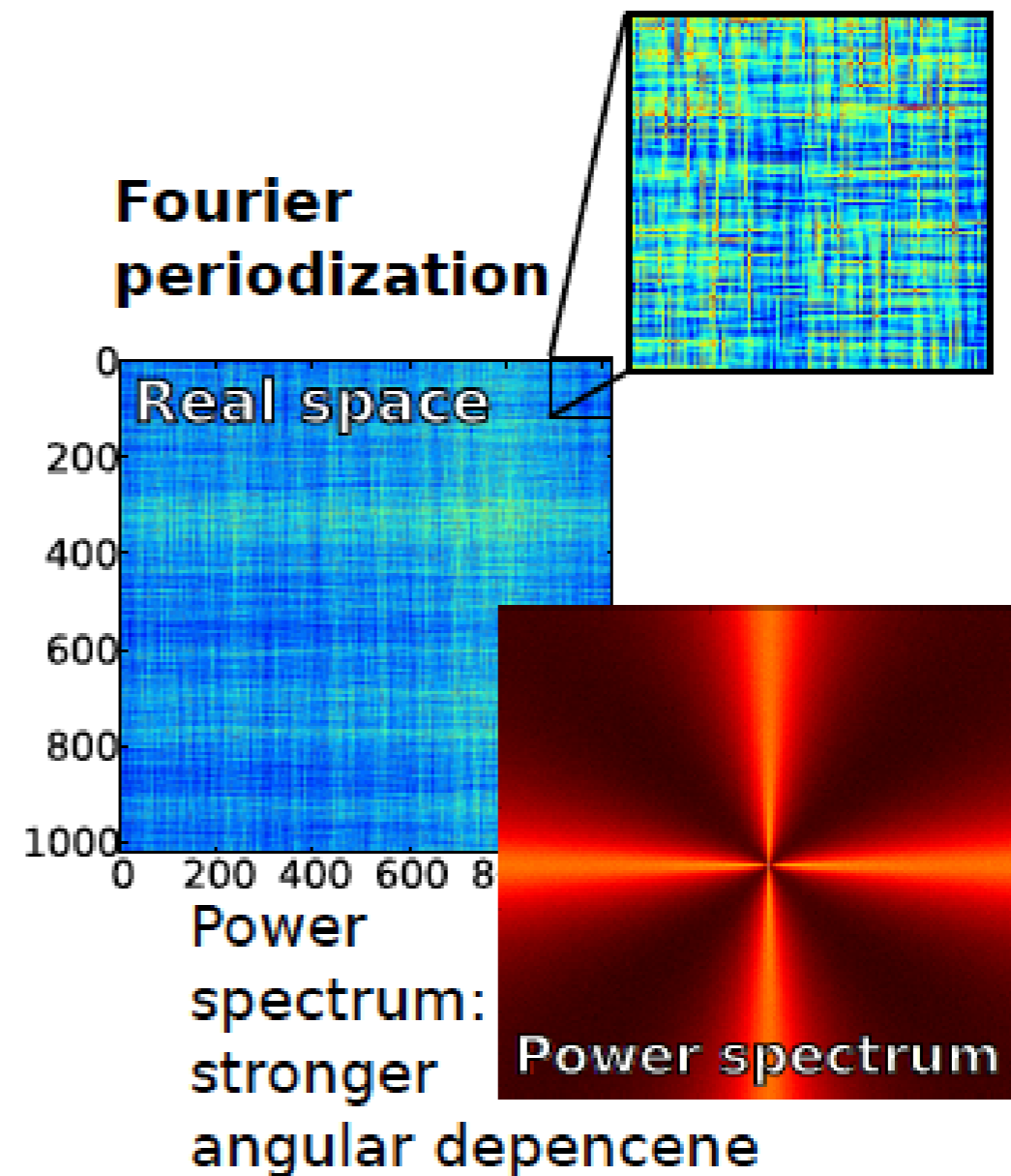
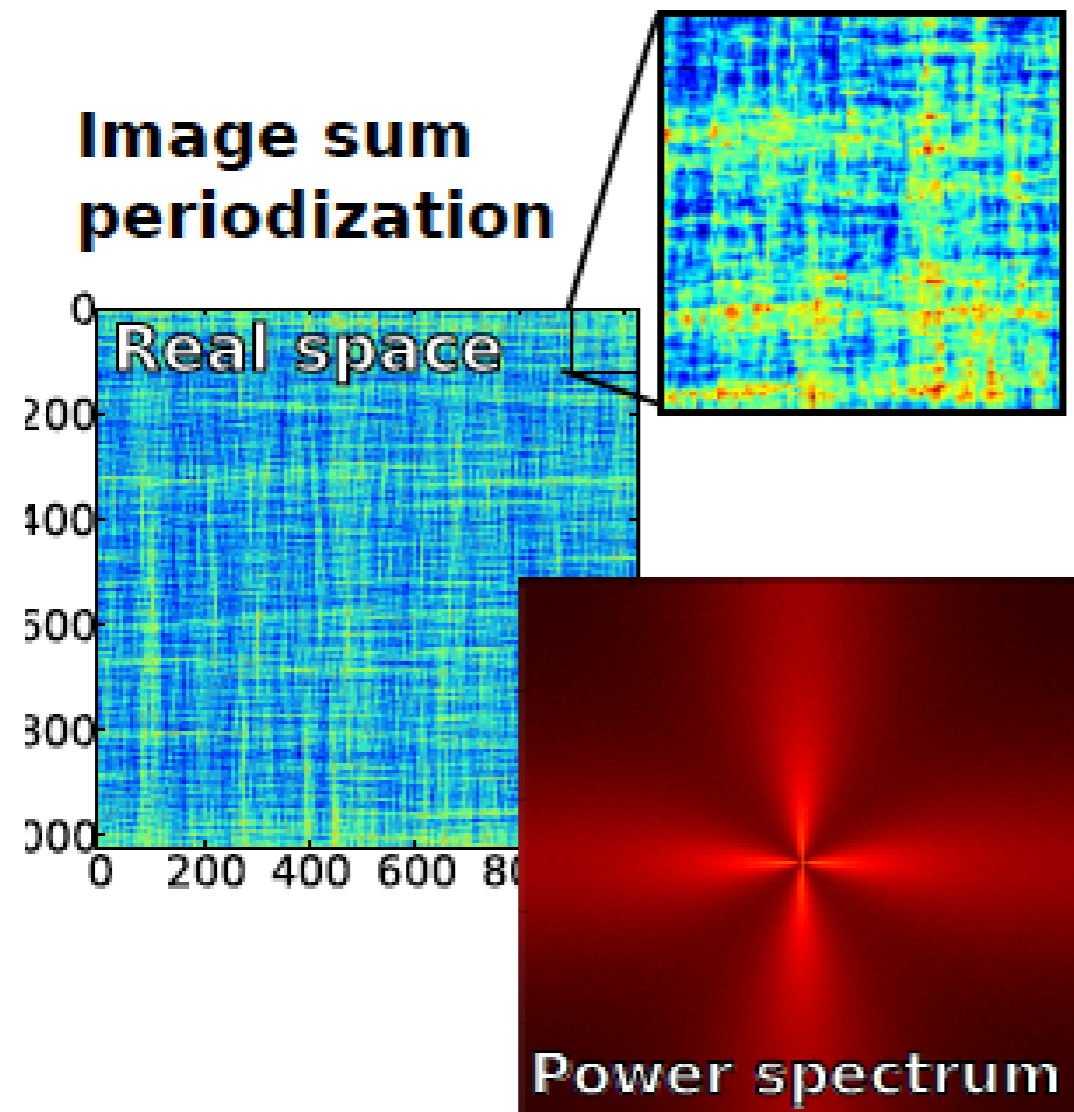
## Method 2: Image sum

- Sum over infinite images in  $y$
- Sum over fast-decaying terms in  $x$

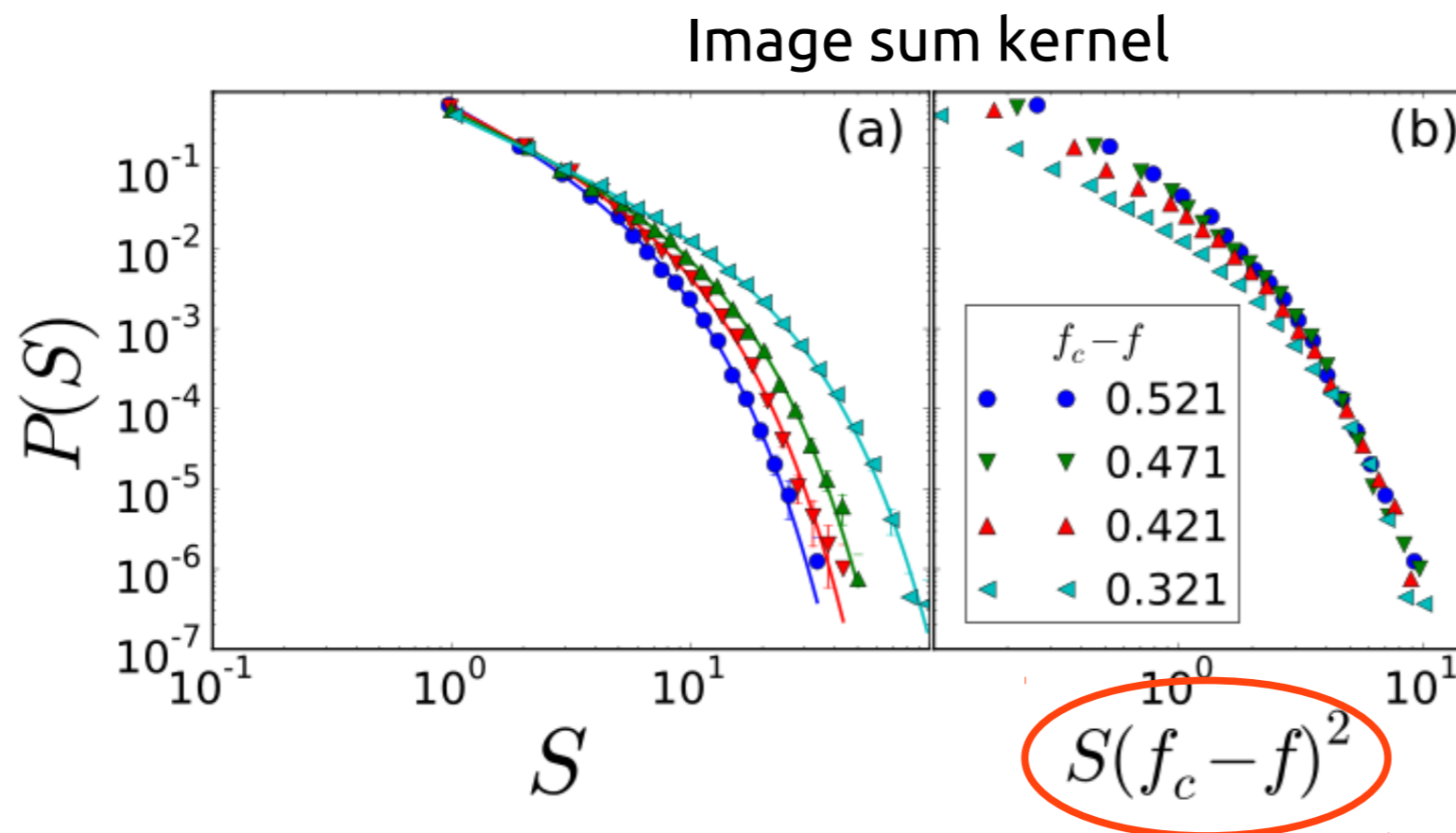
Same long range behavior but **different at short-range**



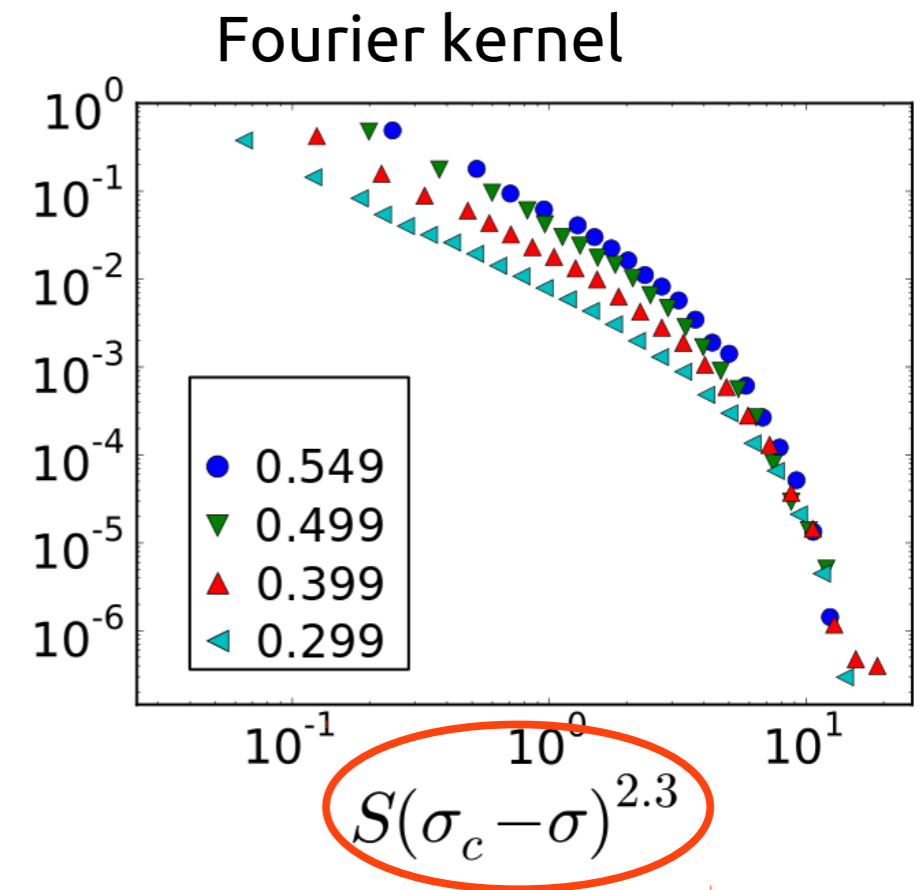
# Short range interactions: change localization



# Short range interactions: non-universal behaviour at small stresses



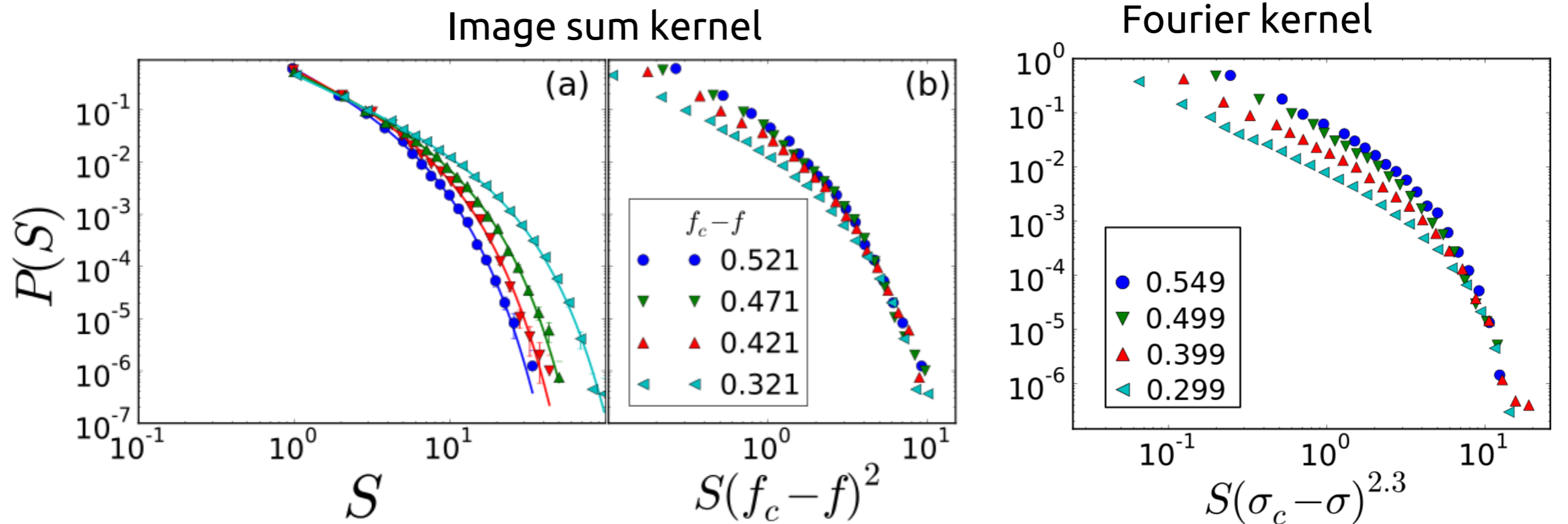
Mean field



Not mean field



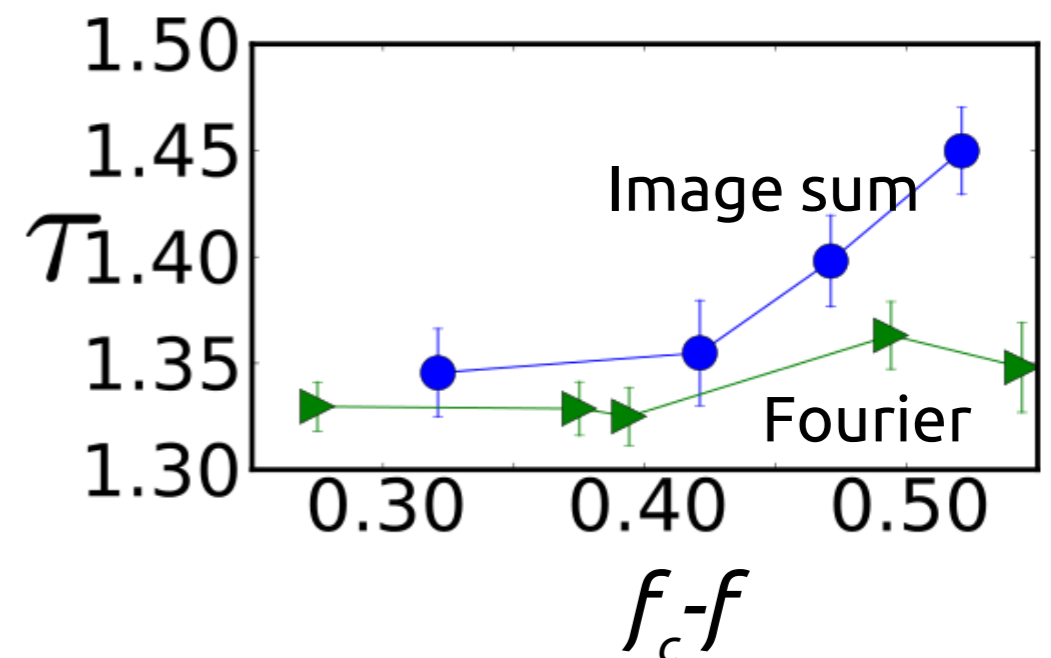
# Short range interactions: non-universal behaviour at small stresses



Fit with

$$P(S) = c_1 S^{-\tau} \exp(c_2(-BS^{-\delta} + C\sqrt{S}))$$

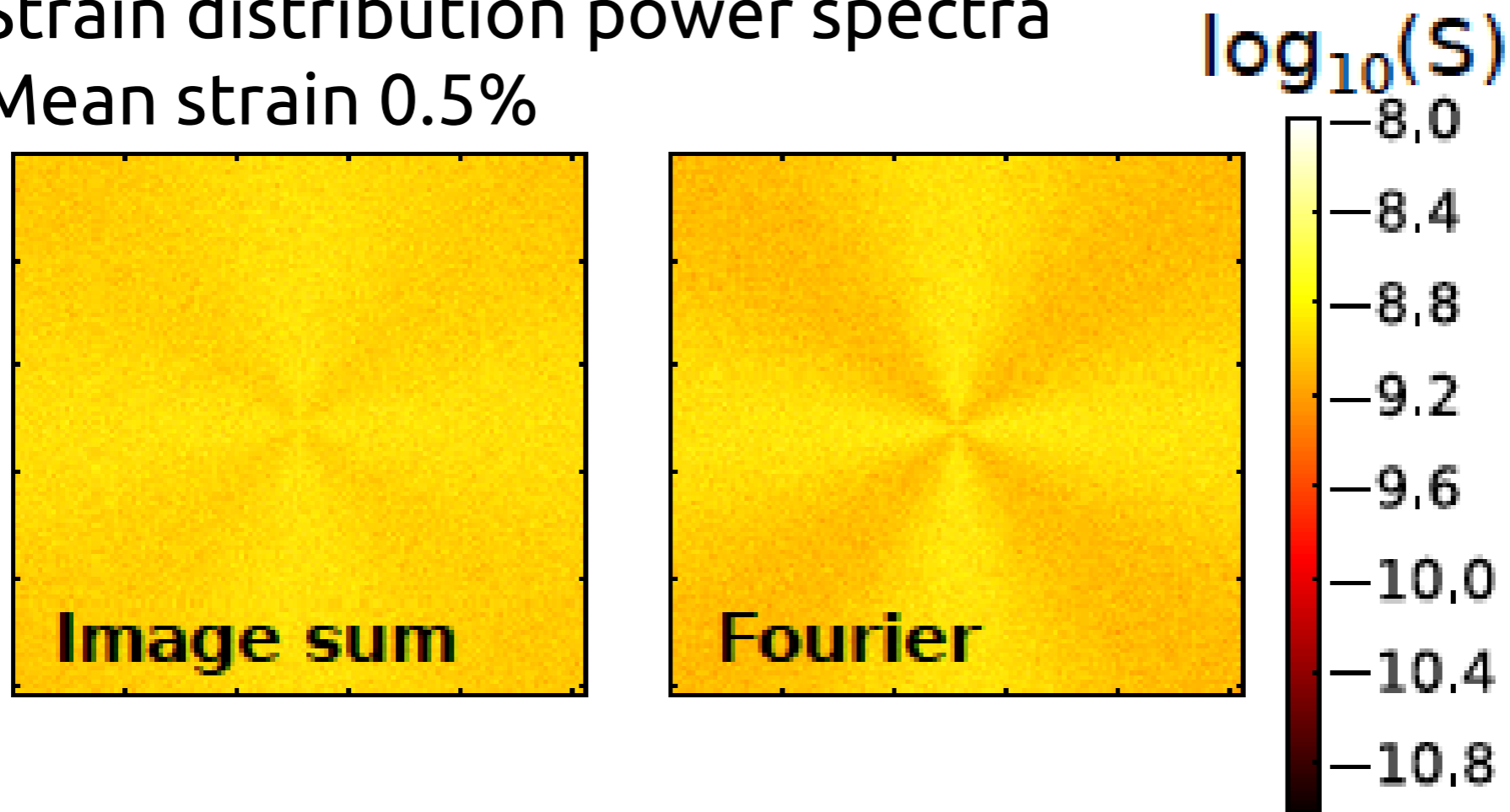
Le Doussal & Wiese, PRE 85 061102 (2012)



# Localization depends on short-range interactions

---

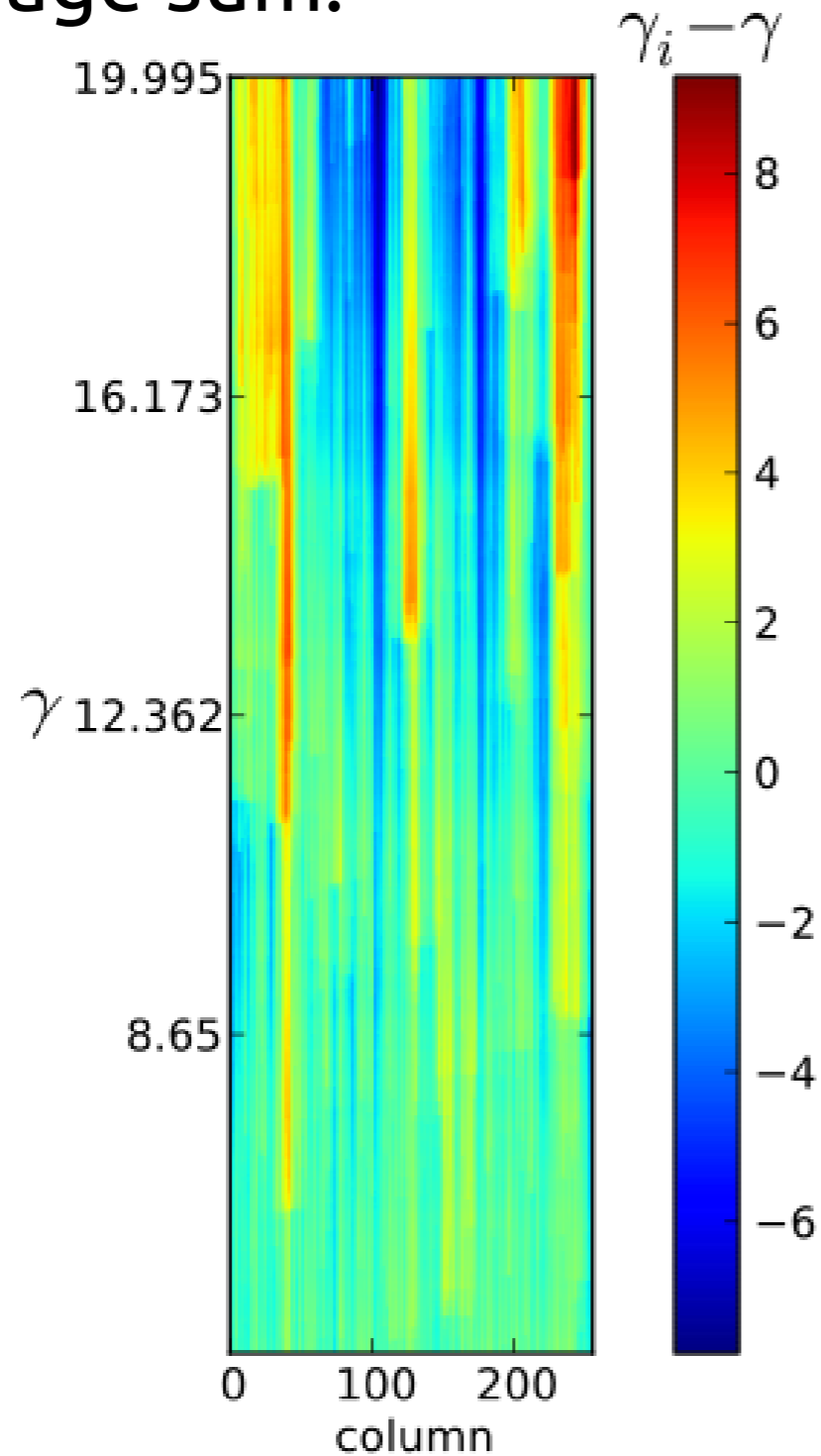
Strain distribution power spectra  
Mean strain 0.5%



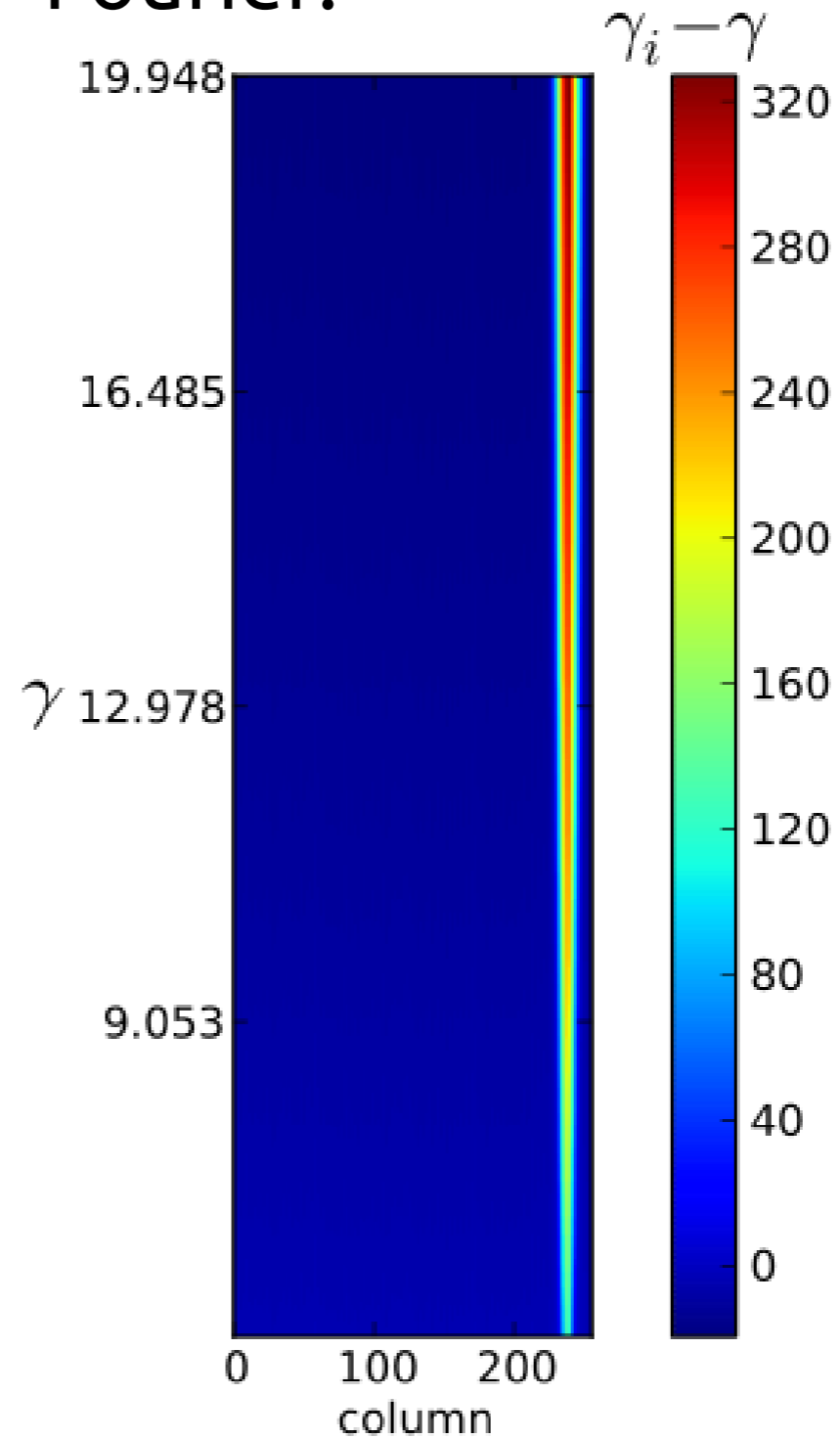
Fourier kernel shows stronger localization.  
➔ Origin of nonuniversal crossover?

# Localization depends on short-range

Image sum:



Fourier:



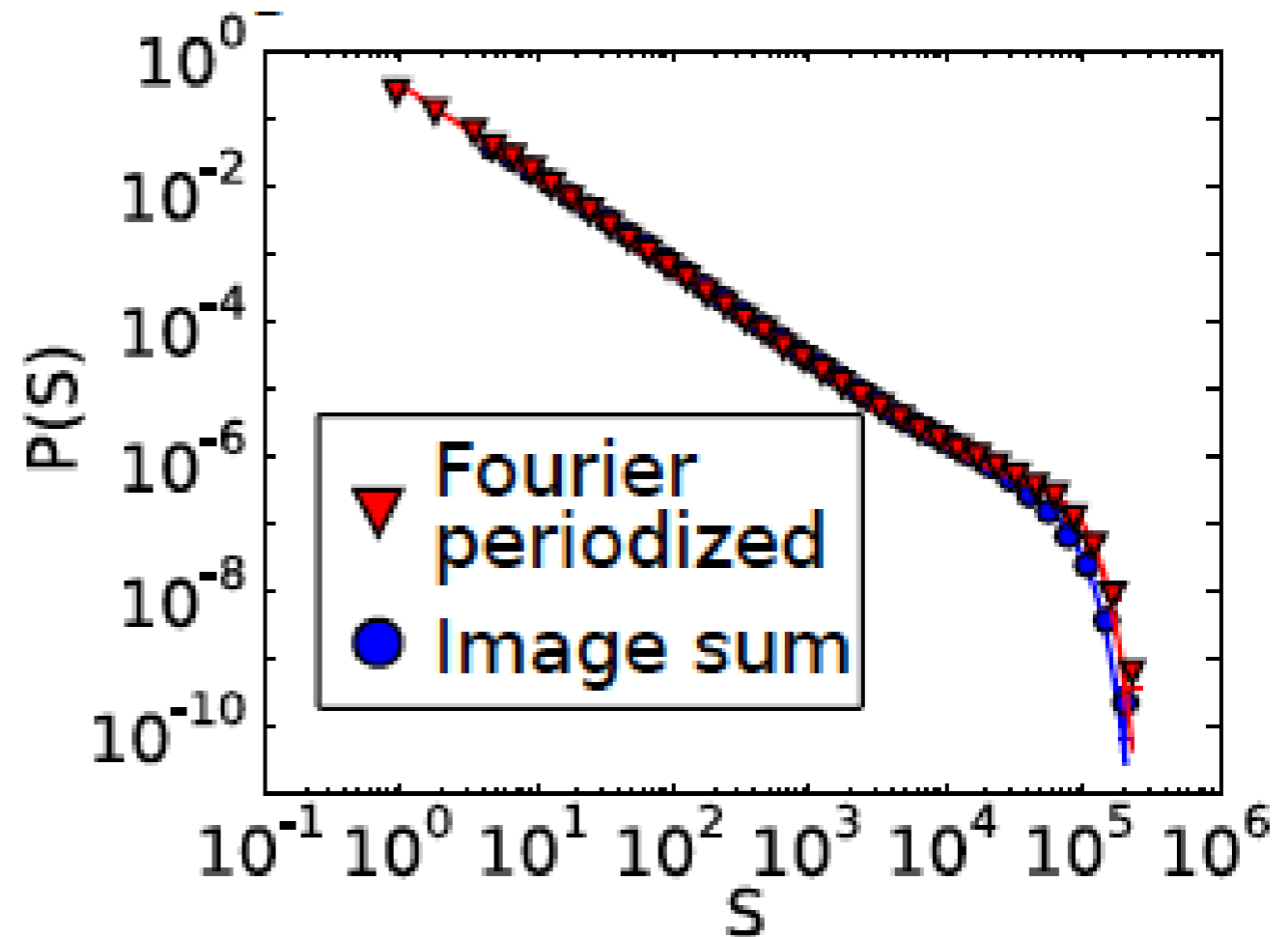
# At criticality: universal, not mean field

---

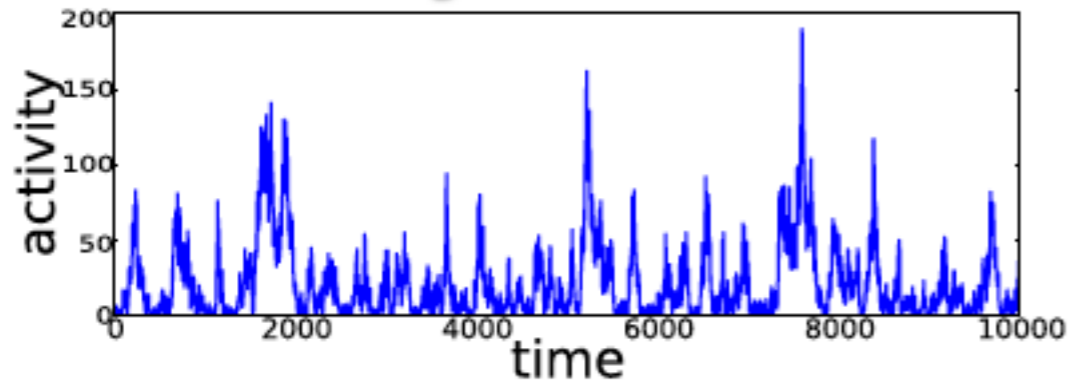
$$p(s) = as^{-\tau} \exp(bs - cs^2)$$

**Not mean field:**

$$\tau = 1.35$$



# Power spectrum



Bursty activity  
Power law distribution  
Universal

$$PS(\omega) \sim \omega^{-1/\sigma\nu z}$$

$$\langle S(T) \rangle \sim T^{1/\sigma\nu z}$$

$$1/\sigma\nu z(MF) = 2$$

Fourier periodized kernel:

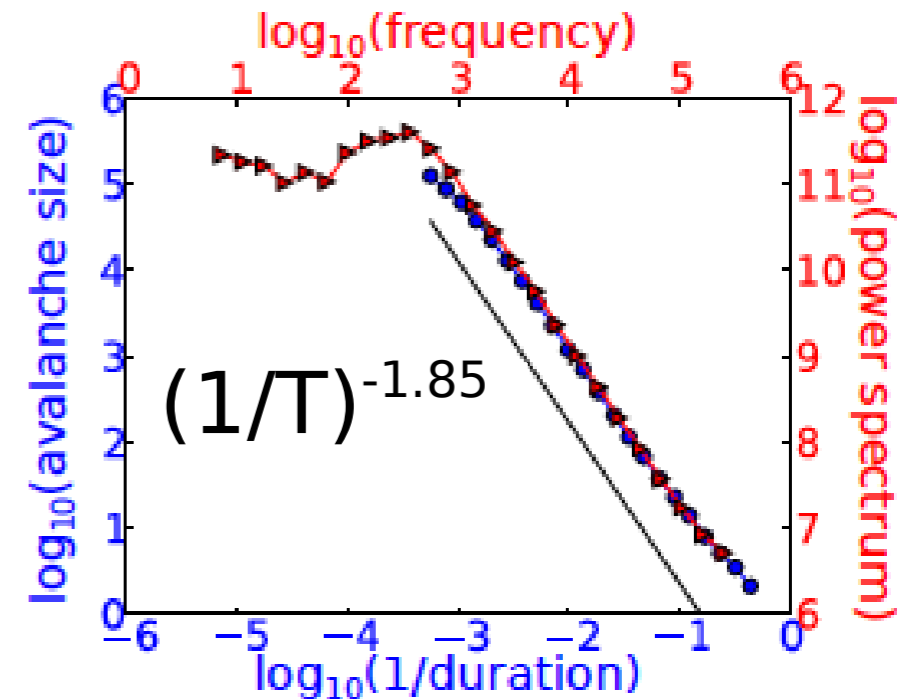
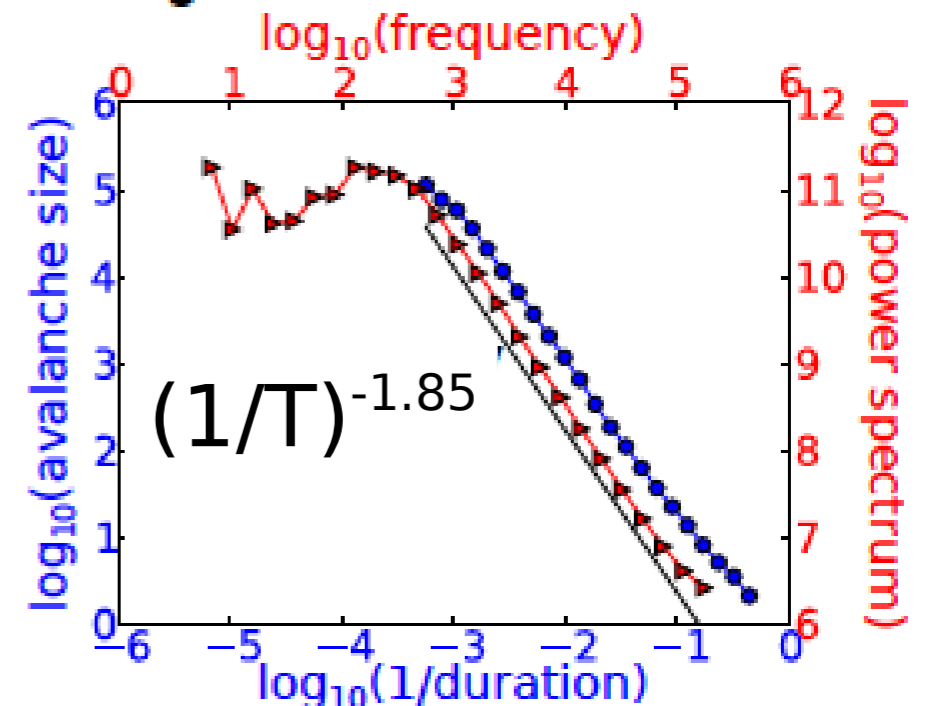


Image sum kernel:



# Universality class: not mean field!

---

		2d	MF
Size distribution	$\tau$	$1.342 \pm 0.004$	$3/2$
Size cutoff	$1/\sigma$	$2.3 \pm 0.05$	2
Duration distribution	$\alpha$	$1.5 \pm 0.09$	2
Power spectrum	$1/\sigma\nu z$	$1.85 \pm 0.05$	2

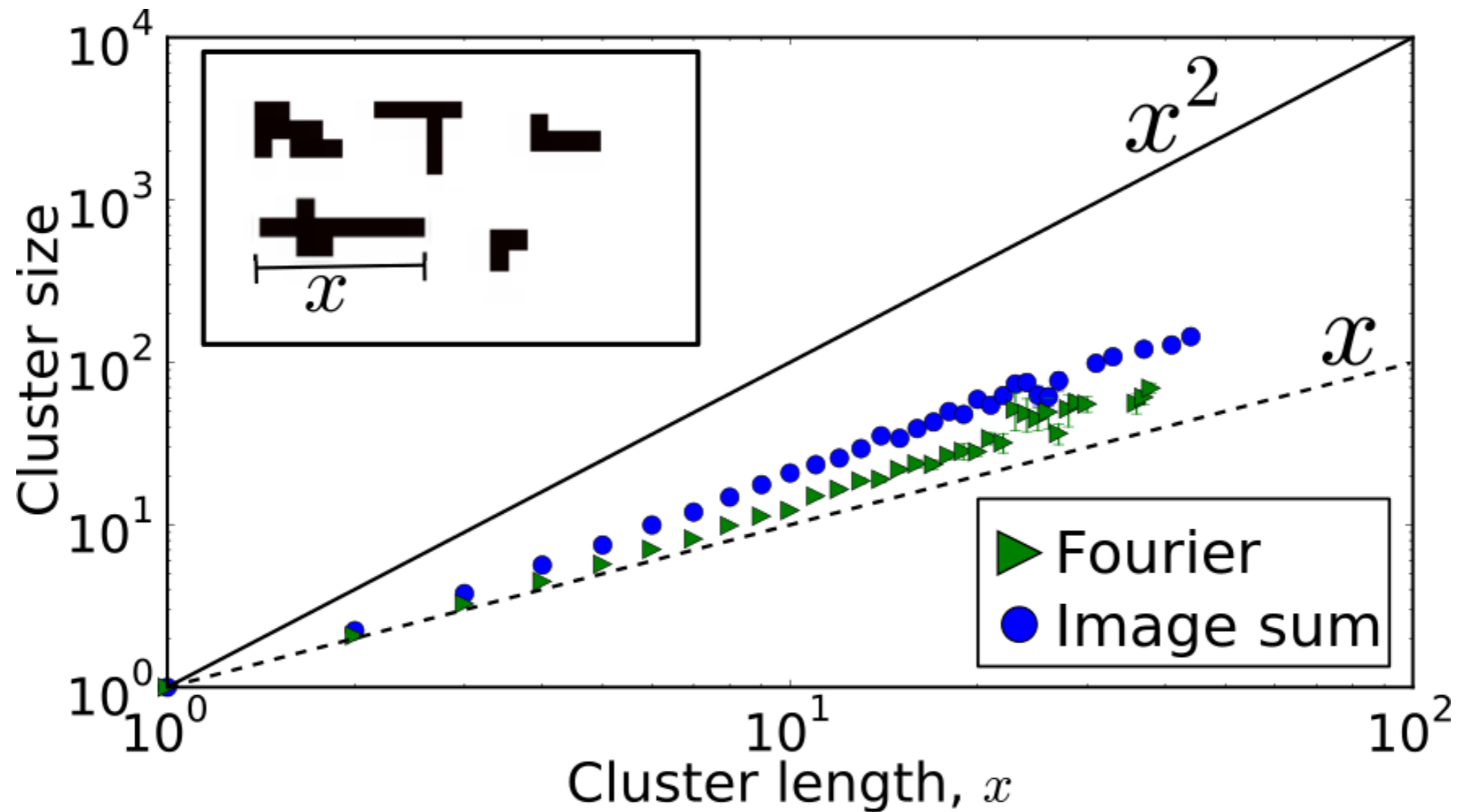
# Dimensional reduction?

---

		2d	MF	1d-LR
Size distribution	$\tau$	$1.342 \pm 0.004$	3/2	$1.25 \pm 0.05$
Size cutoff	$1/\sigma$	$2.3 \pm 0.05$	2	$2.1 \pm 0.08$
Duration distribution	$\alpha$	$1.5 \pm 0.09$	2	$\sim 1.43$
Power spectrum	$1/\sigma\nu z$	$1.85 \pm 0.05$	2	$\sim 1.7$

# Dimensional reduction?

Avalanches are made of “clusters” with  $d > 1$





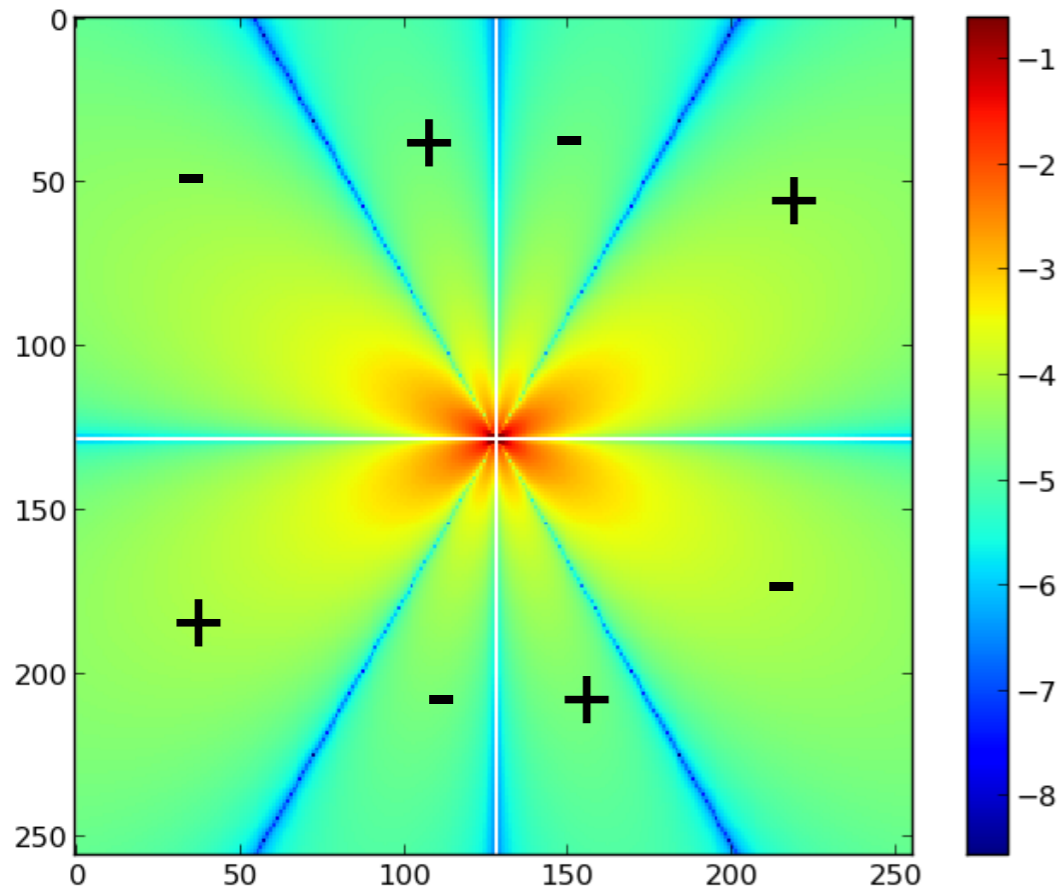
**Tensorial models:**

Beyond the scalar approximation

# Why tensorial models?

---

stress  $\sigma_{xx}$  due to plastic strain  $\epsilon_{xy}$

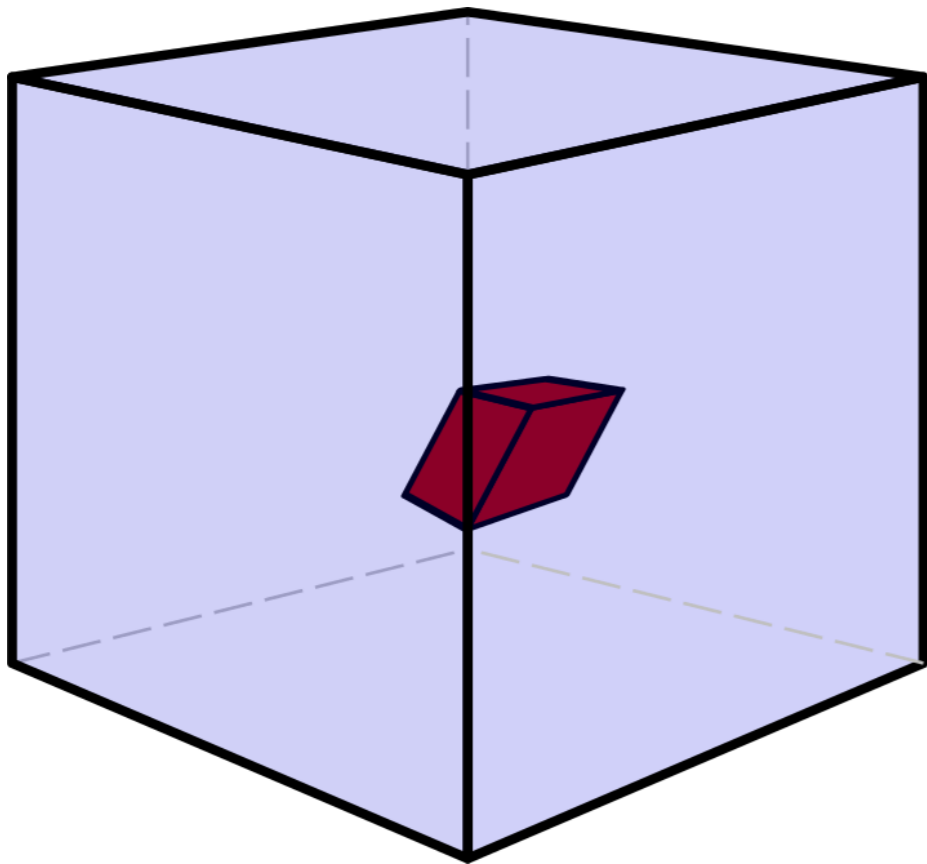


Local stresses **not** pure shear!  
→ plastic yield isn't pure shear

Generalized loading conditions?

# 3d simulations

---



Matrix: stresses  $\sigma$

Inclusion: plastic strain  $\epsilon$

Tensorial Greens function

$$\sigma_{ij}(r) = \sum K_{ijkl}(r-r') \epsilon_{kl}(r')$$

Yield: von Mises criterion, radial return

Simulate cube with  $L=32$ , periodic BCs

Same algorithm as 2d scalar model

# Tensorial kernel

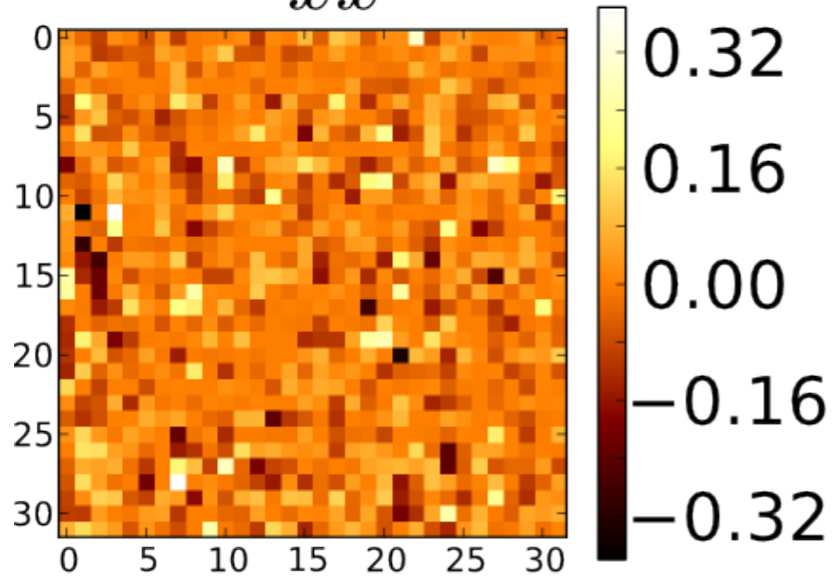
---

In 3d:  $1/r^3$  decay, all components anisotropic

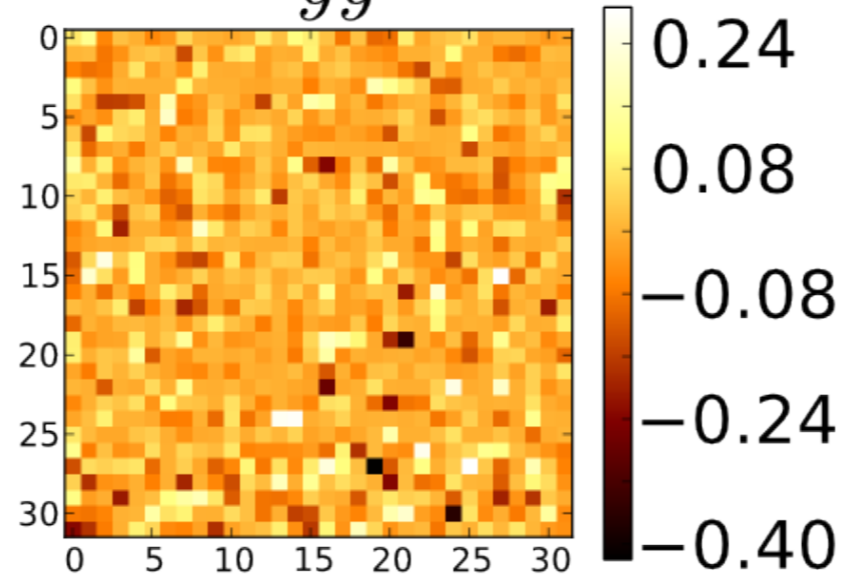


# 3d strain distributions (slice along z=0)

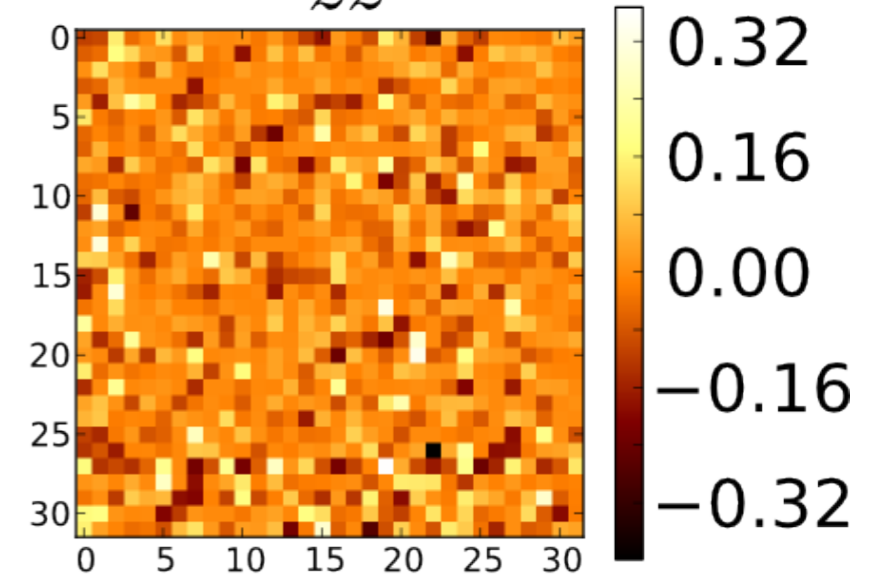
$$\epsilon_{xx}^{pl}$$



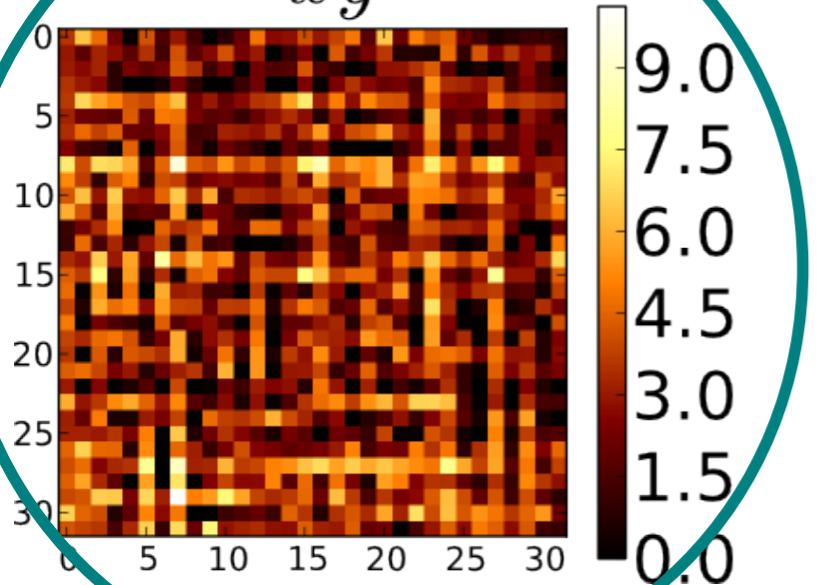
$$\epsilon_{yy}^{pl}$$



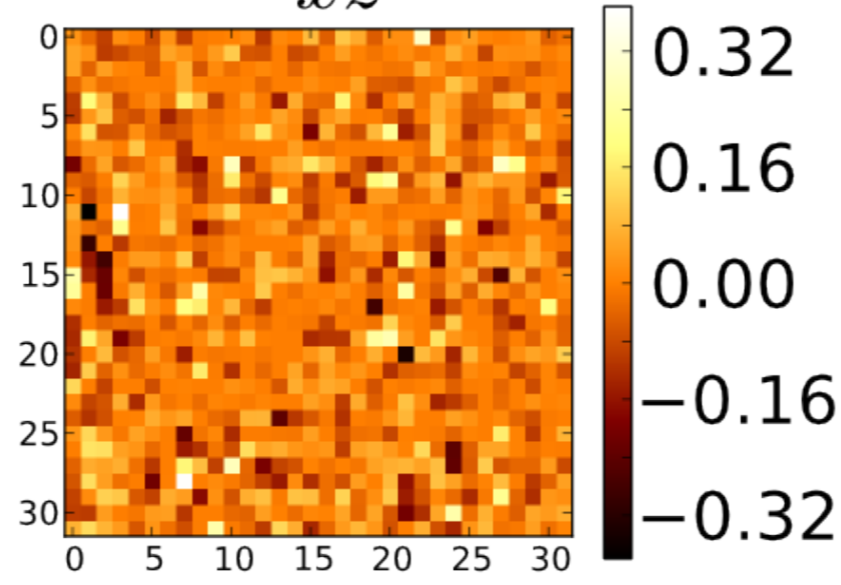
$$\epsilon_{zz}^{pl}$$



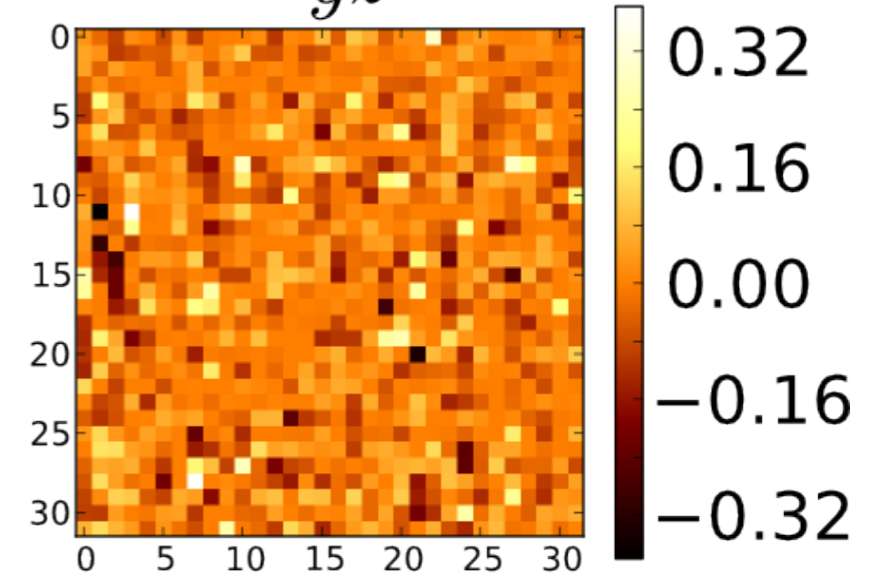
$$\epsilon_{xy}^{pl}$$



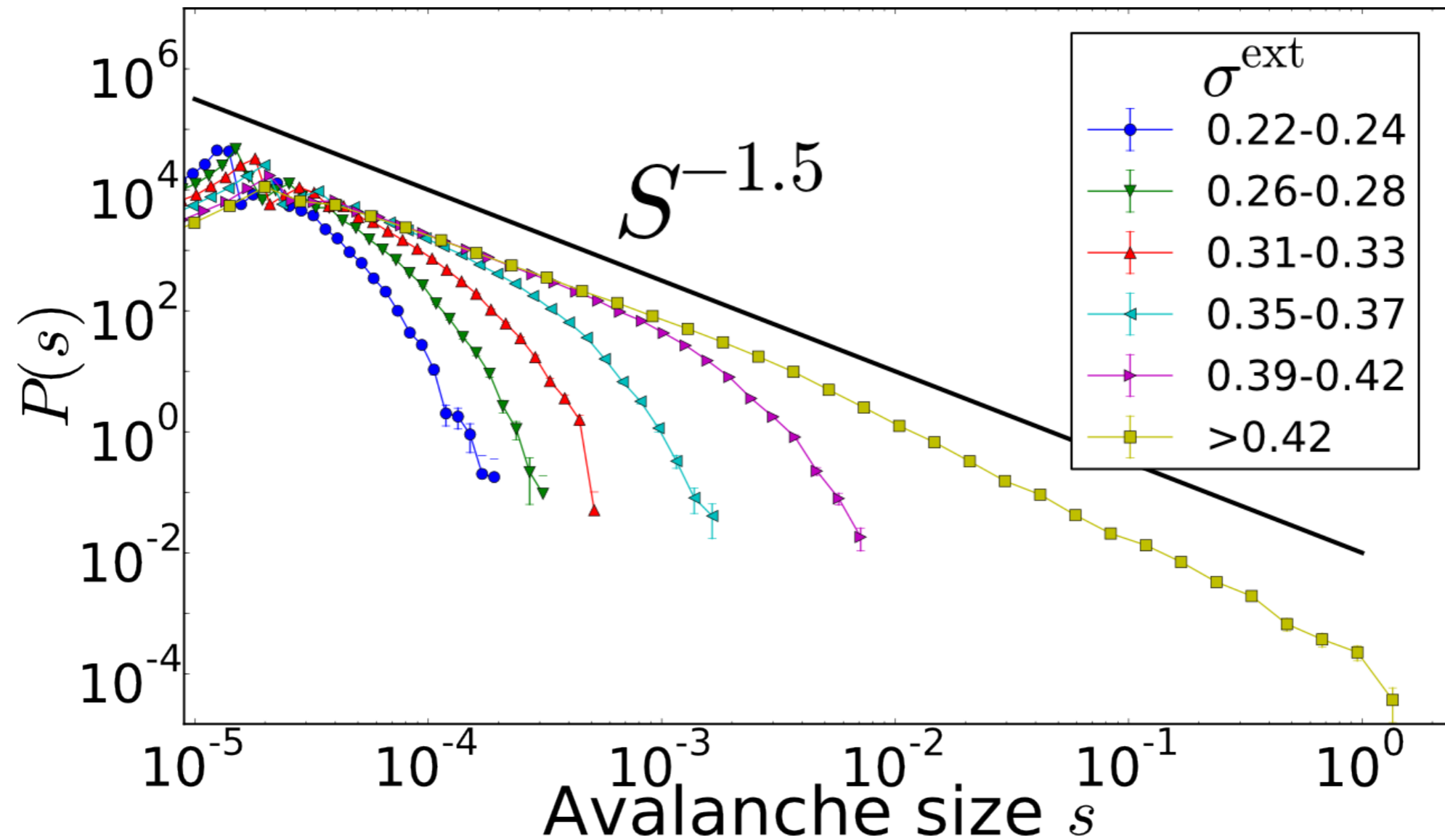
$$\epsilon_{xz}^{pl}$$



$$\epsilon_{yz}^{pl}$$



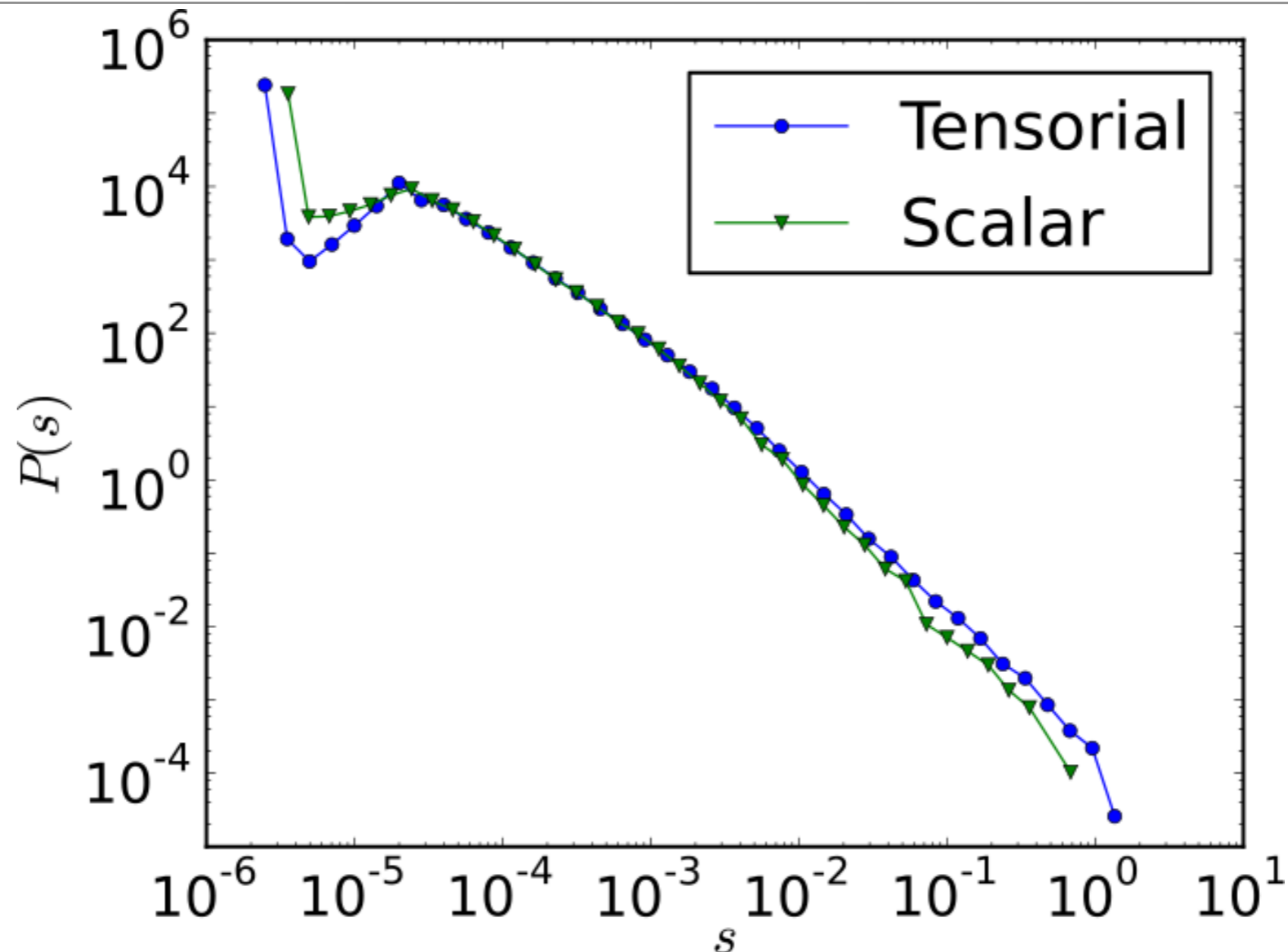
# Avalanche size distributions – tensorial



Avalanche size = change in  $\varepsilon_{xy}$

Exponent  $\tau \approx 1.5$

# Avalanche sizes consistent with scalar model



Size distribution near depinning the same for tensorial and scalar models  
c.f. Lin et al, arXiv:1403.6735

# Conclusions

---

- Under shear loading, scalar model works well
- Depinning model for plasticity in amorphous materials gives power law distributed avalanches
- The universality class is not mean-field (a new universality class for depinning?)
- Mean-field behavior only occurs far from the transition
- Localization (which depends also on short-range interactions) induces crossover from mean-field
- Paper at: **Phys. Rev. E 88, 062403 (2013)**