

Part 1, Best ≡ Lowest Density Jammed Packing



RC Dennis, El Corwin, PRL (2021)

Tunneled Crystals: Sparsest (Then) Known

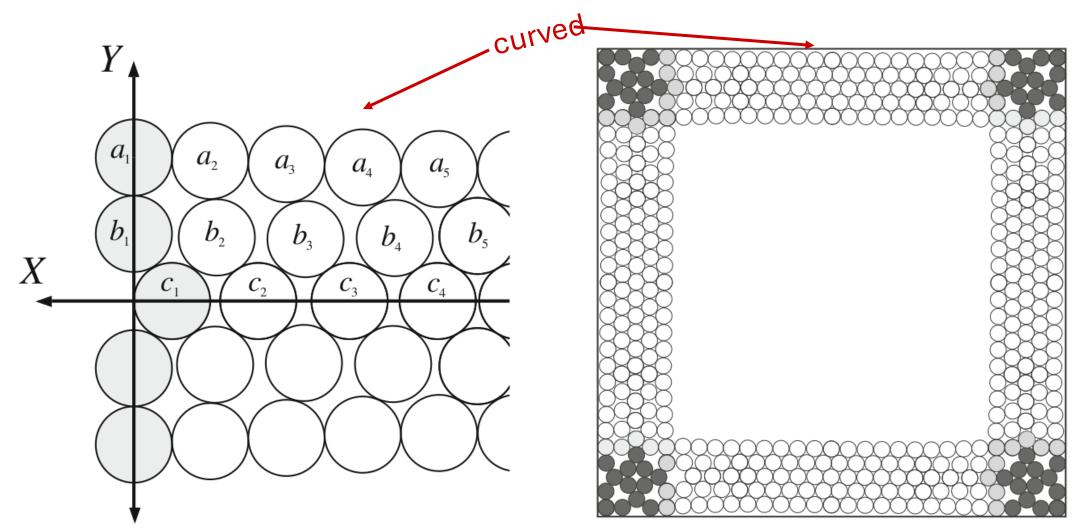
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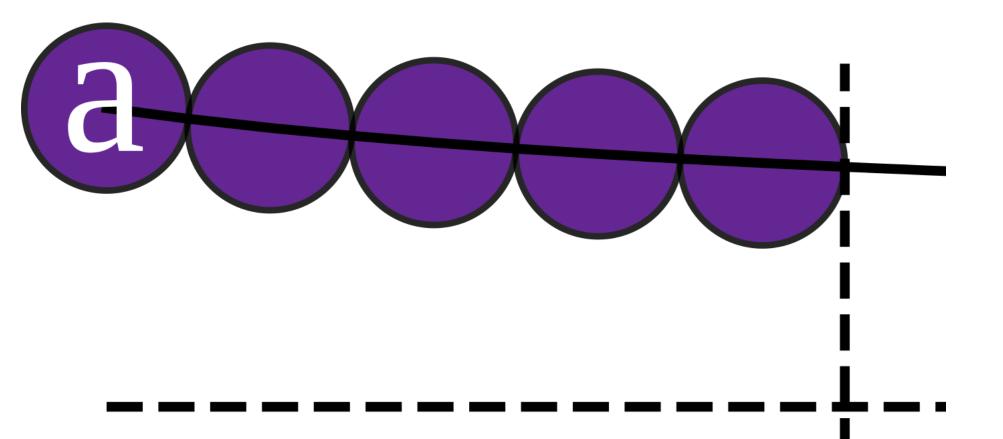
Density = 0.680

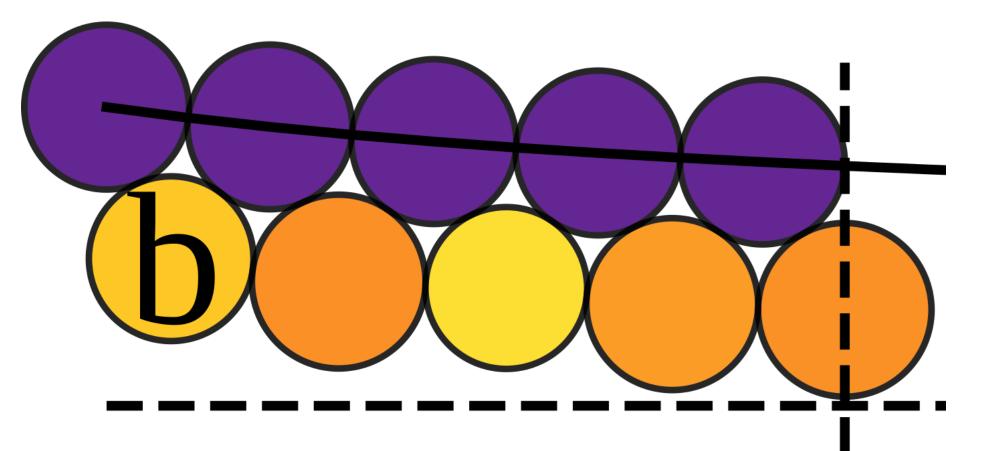
S Torquato, FH Stillinger, Journal of Applied Physics (2007)

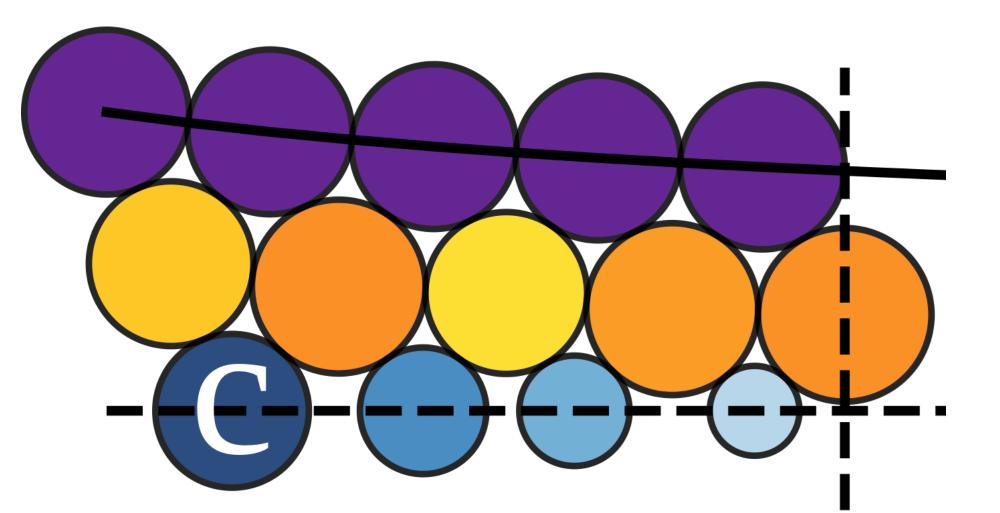
Just Locally Stable: Böröczky's Packing

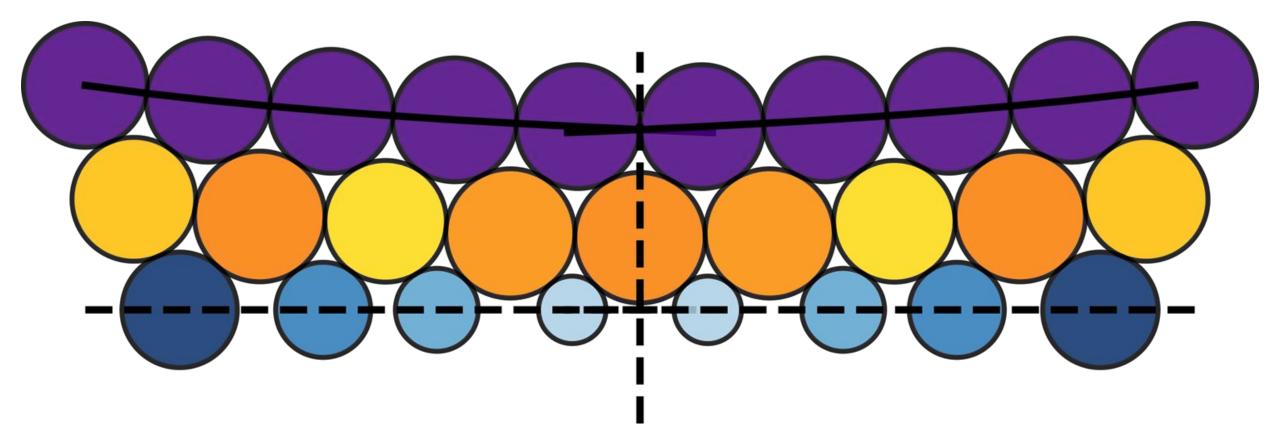


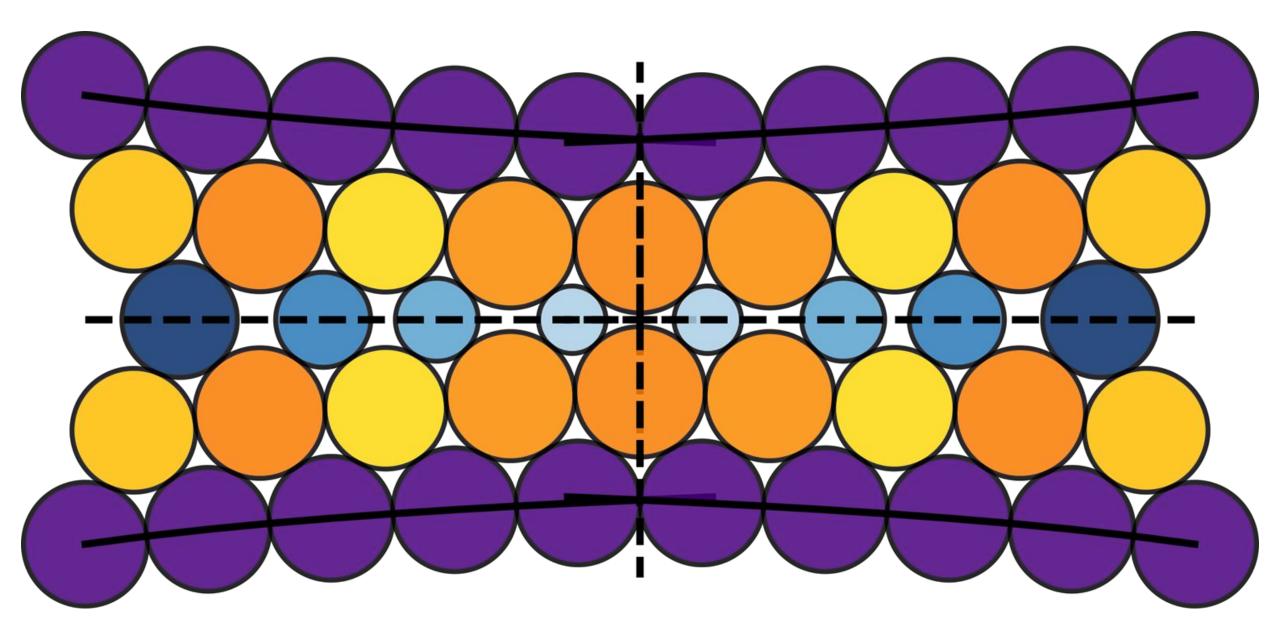
Kahle, Matthew. "Sparse Locally-Jammed Disk Packings." Annals of Combinatorics 16 (2012): 773-780.

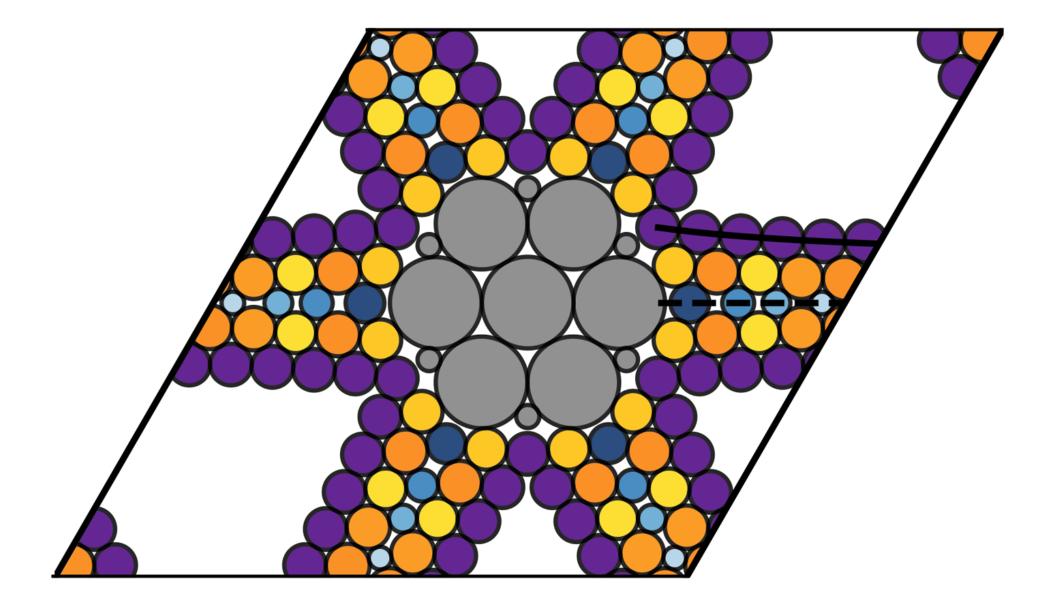




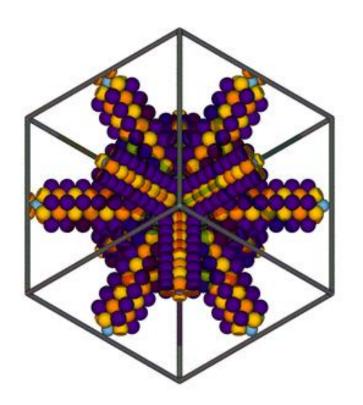




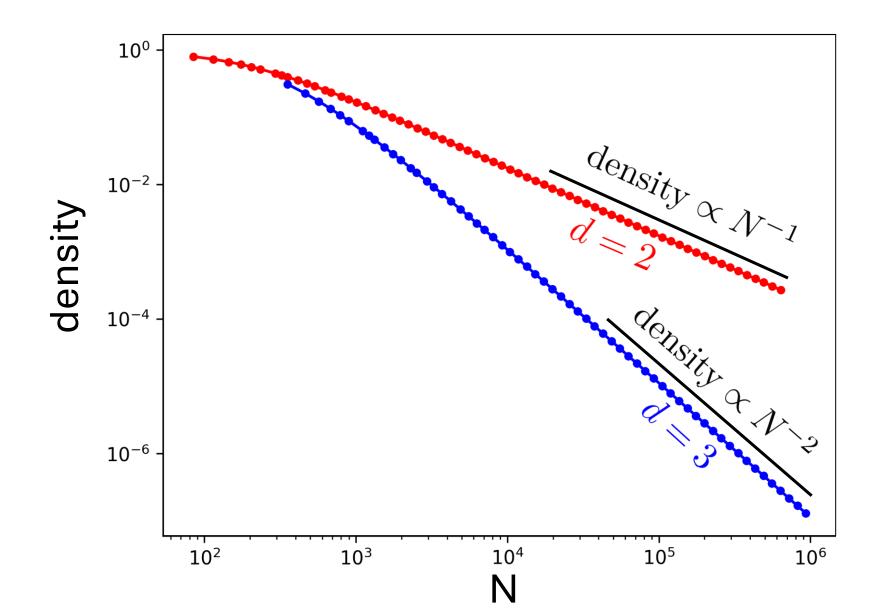




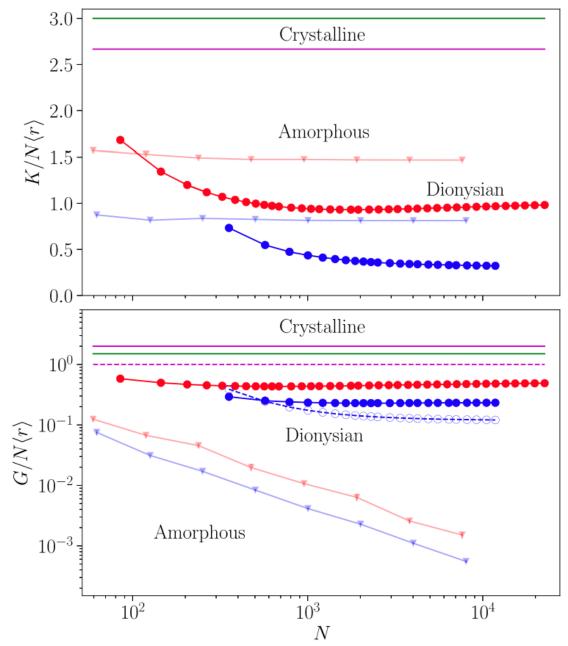
3D Dionysian Packing



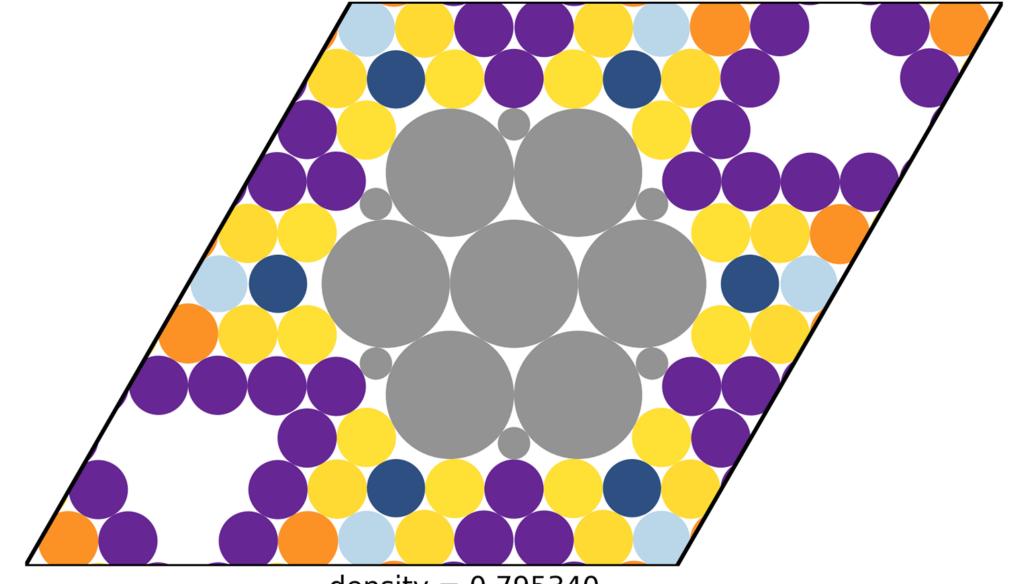
Density as a Function of Particle Number



Mechanically Stable at all N



Dionysian Packing is Best: Stable at Zero Density



density = 0.795340

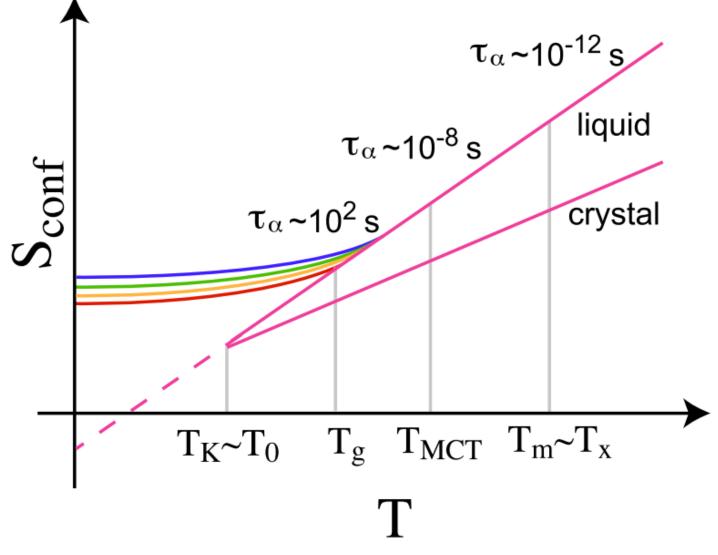
Part 3, Best = Densest Amorphous Packing

V Bolton-Lum, RC Dennis, P Morse, El Corwin, arXiv:2404.07492 (2024)

Kauzmann Paradox: An Amorphous Crystal

At low temperature

- Volume
- Heat Content
- Specific Heat
- Entropy of the forecasted supercooled liquid is lower than the crystal



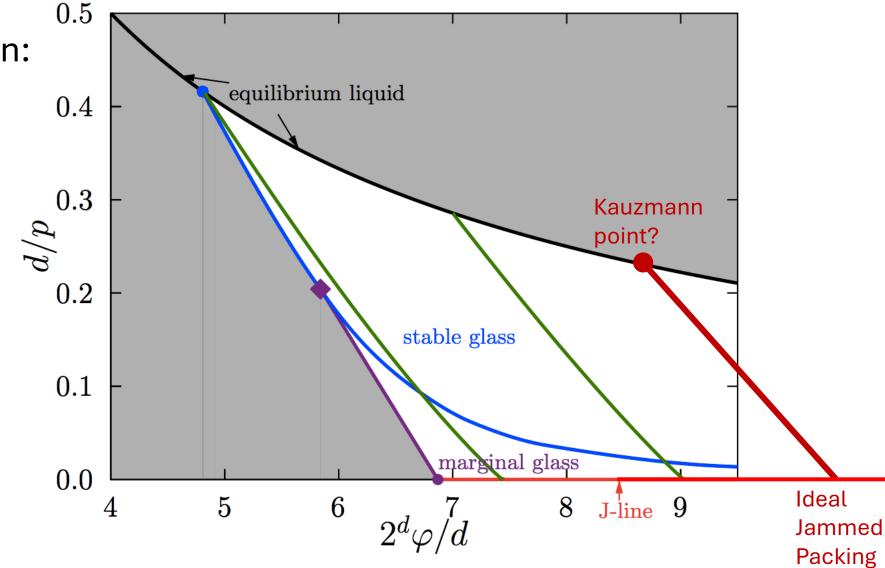
Kauzmann, Chem. Rev. 1948 Royall, et al J. Phys.: Condens. Matt. 2018

But, You Can Never Ever Get There

Past dynamical transition:

- Timescales diverge
- Fall out of equilibrium
- Glassy behavior

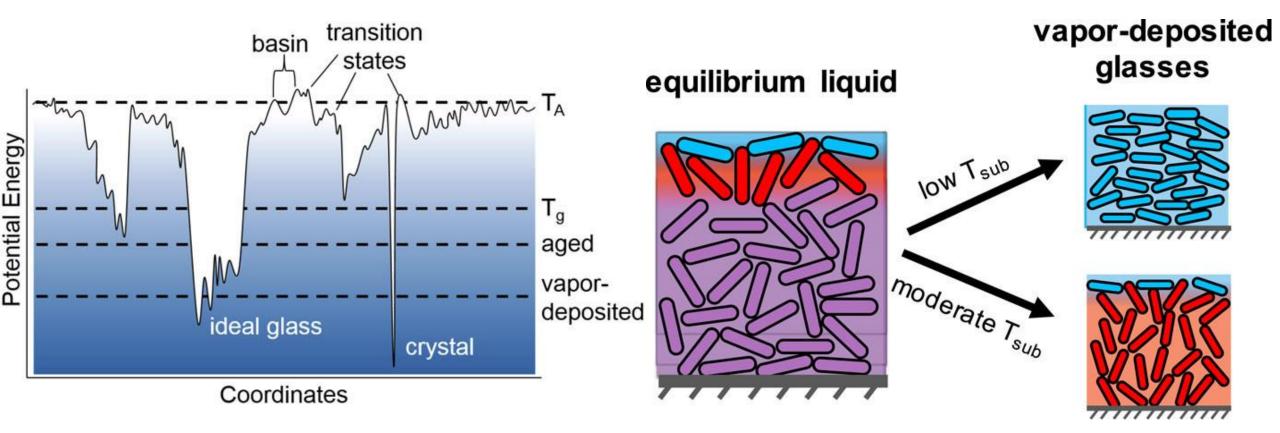
No thermal path to the ideal glass other than to wait forever



We can try to wait forever: 320 Million Year Old Amber



Vapor deposition speeds up clock



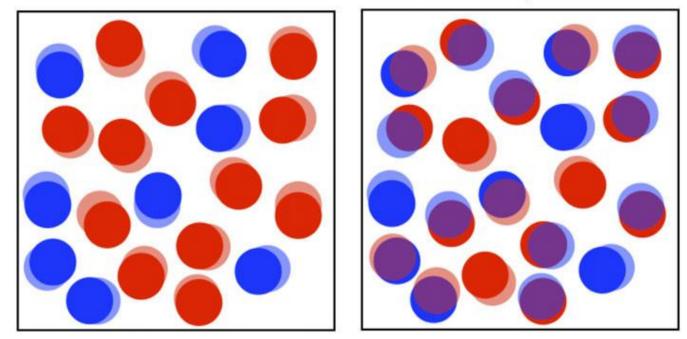
M. D. Ediger; J. Chem. Phys. **147**, 210901 (2017)

Numerical thermal systems speed up the clock

- Swap Monte Carlo
 - Particles exchange radii
- Breathing Modes
 - Radii fluctuate with an energy cost function proportional to $(r_i r_{i0})^2$

Standard MC

Swap MC

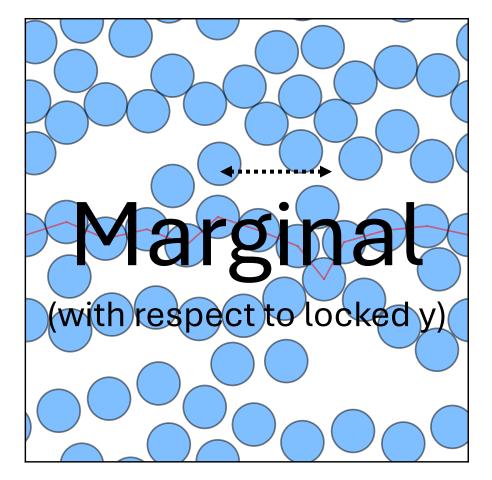


Approaching infinity, faster, still takes infinite time

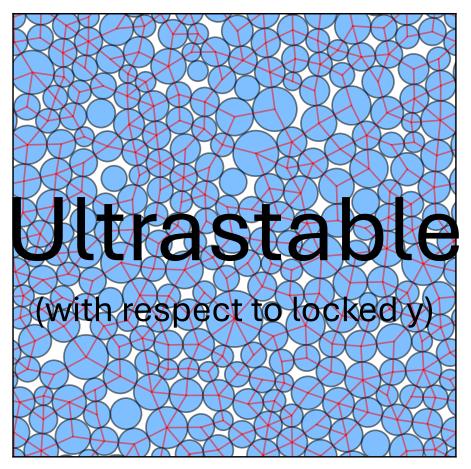
Andrea Ninarello, Ludovic Berthier, and Daniele Coslovich Phys. Rev. X **7**, 021039 (2017) Harukuni Ikeda; Francesco Zamponi; Atsushi Ikeda; *J. Chem. Phys.* **147,** 234506 (2017) Geert Kapteijns, Wencheng Ji, Carolina Brito, Matthieu Wyart, and Edan Lerner Phys. Rev. E **99**, 012106 (2019)

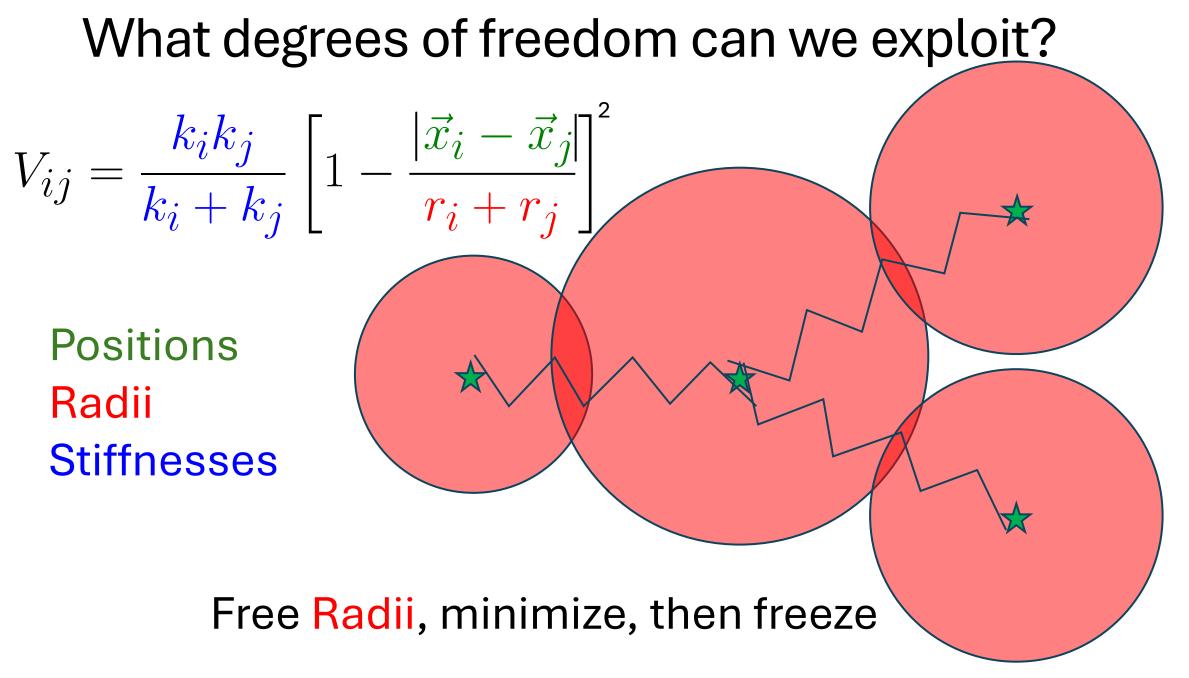
Trivial ultrastability: Freeze degrees of freedom

2D system with locked y-coordinate 1 DOF, 2 contacts per particle Isostatic



2D system with locked y-coordinate 2 DOF, 4 contacts per particle Very Hyper-static





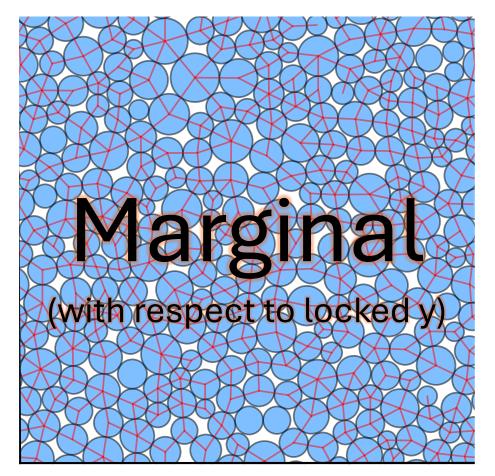
VF Hagh, SR Nagel, AJ Liu, ML Manning, El Corwin, PNAS 119

How to minimize with respect to radii DOFs

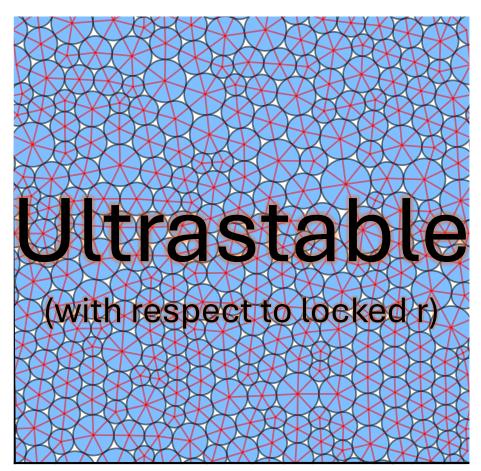
- 1. Fix φ by constraining $\sum r_i^d$
- 2. Require that no radii can become negative by constraining $\sum r_i^{-d}$
- 3. Require that no particle grows too big by constraining $\sum r_i^{2d}$
- 4. Orthonormalize these constraints to find constrained subspace
- 5. During minimization project motion into the subspace perpendicular to these constraints Three extra constraints to avoid "run away" scenarios
- 6. Refine away defects with "CirclePack" (Orick, Stephenson, Colins, Computational Geometry 64 (2017) or using Lagrange Multipliers

Ideal ultrastability: Unlock degrees of freedom

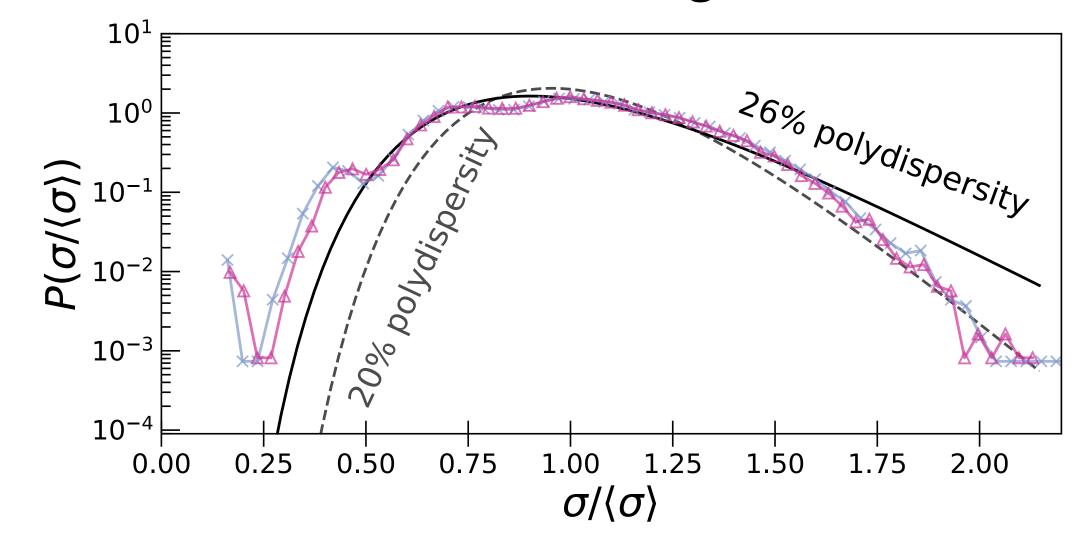
2D system with locked radii 2 DOF, 4 contacts per particle Isostatic



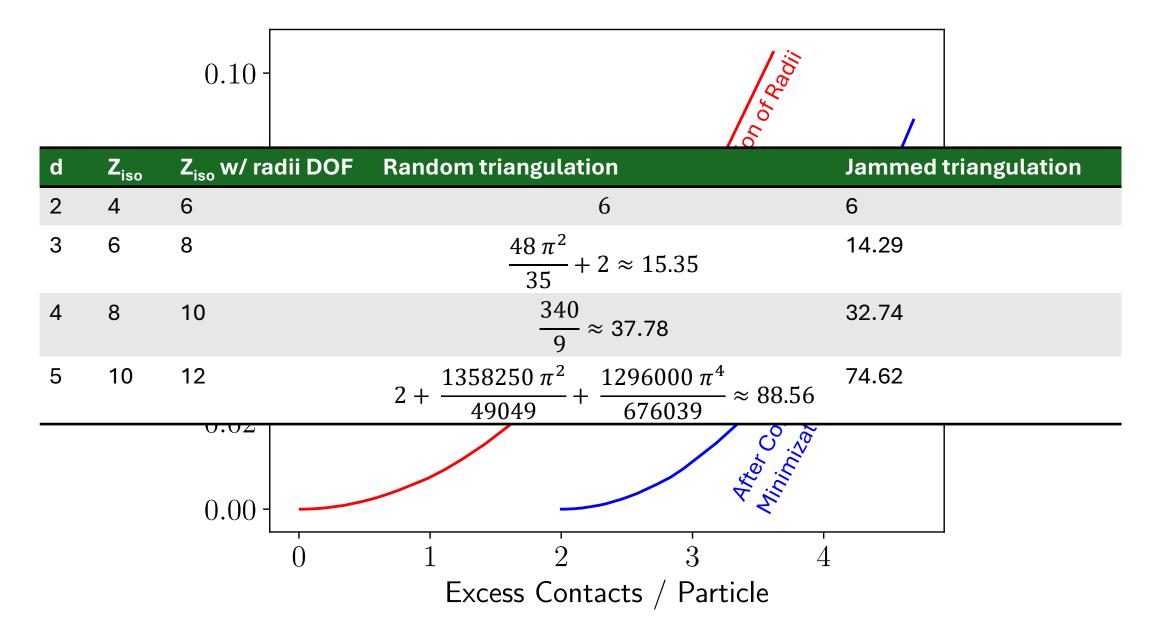
2D system with locked radii 3 DOF, 6 contacts per particle Very Hyper-static



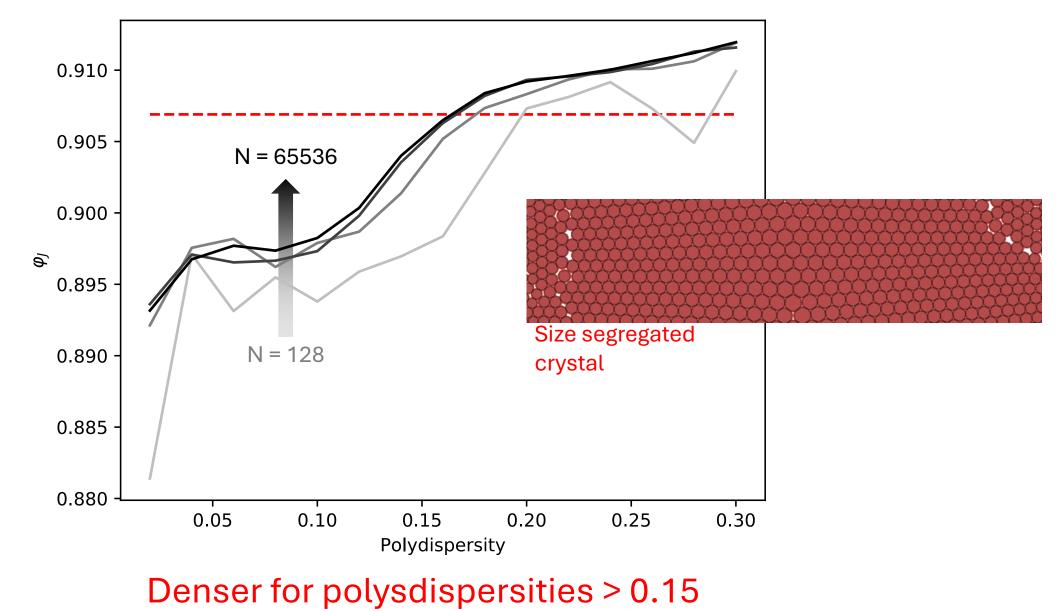
Distribution of radii is unchanged



Radii DOFs shift isostatic point by 2

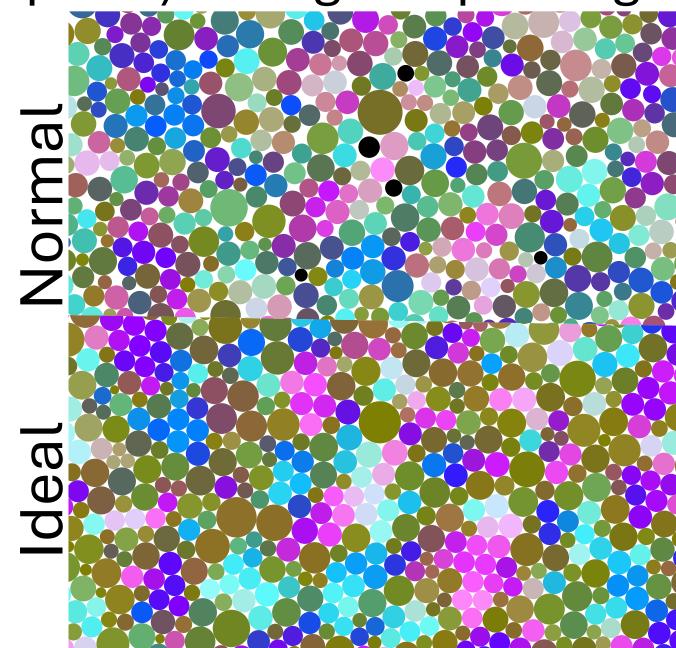


Denser than the size segregated crystal



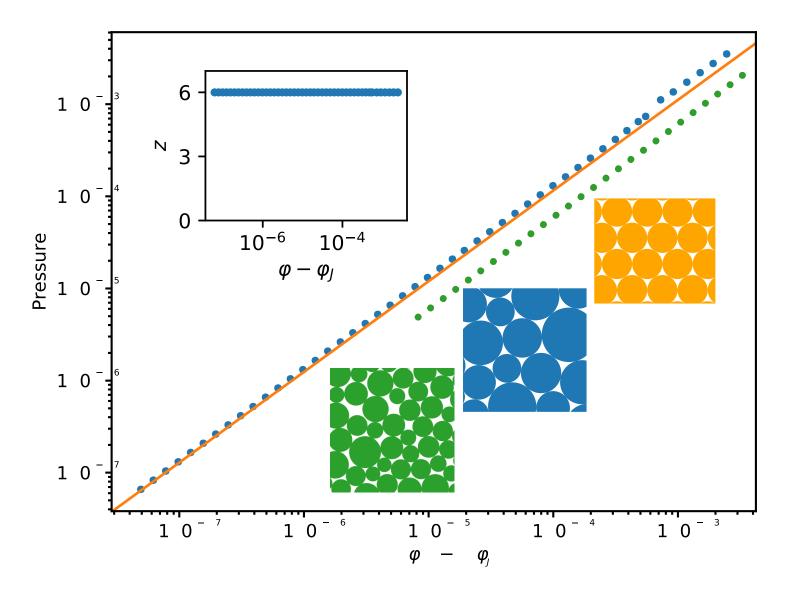
Claim: A zero T (polydisperse) ideal glass/packing must be...

- 1. Critically Jammed
- 2. Triangulated
- 3. Amorphous (no long range order)
- 4. Mechanically ultra-stable
- 5. Hyperuniform
- 6. Anomalously high melting $T=T_{K}$



1. Ideal glass is critically jammed

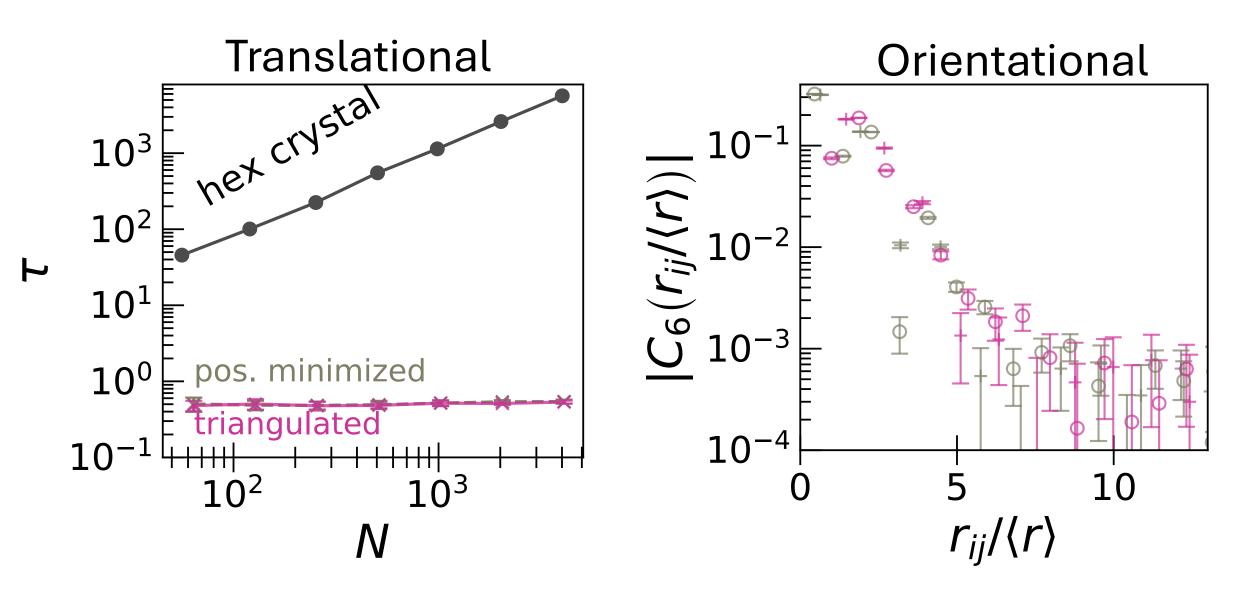
- Structure jammed at zero pressure
- Contacts don't decrease with density/pressure
- Same pressure scaling as crystal



2. Ideal glass is triangulated (by construction)

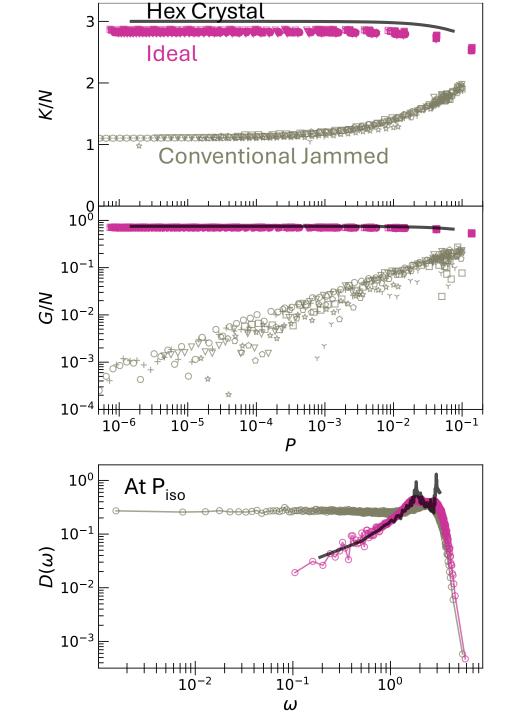
- Many possible disk packings for any connectivity graph
- $S_{graph} \leq S_{conf}$
- Theorem: triangulated graphs on spheres and torii have zero entropy
- Theorem: triangulated graphs are 1-1 with triangulated packings
- Therefore, triangulated packings have zero configurational entropy

3. Ideal glass is amorphous

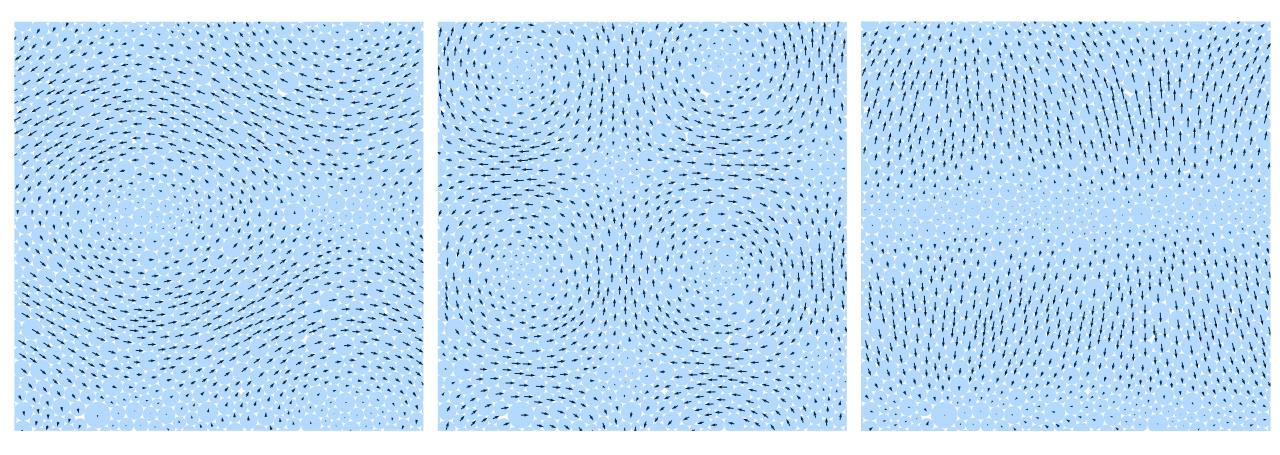


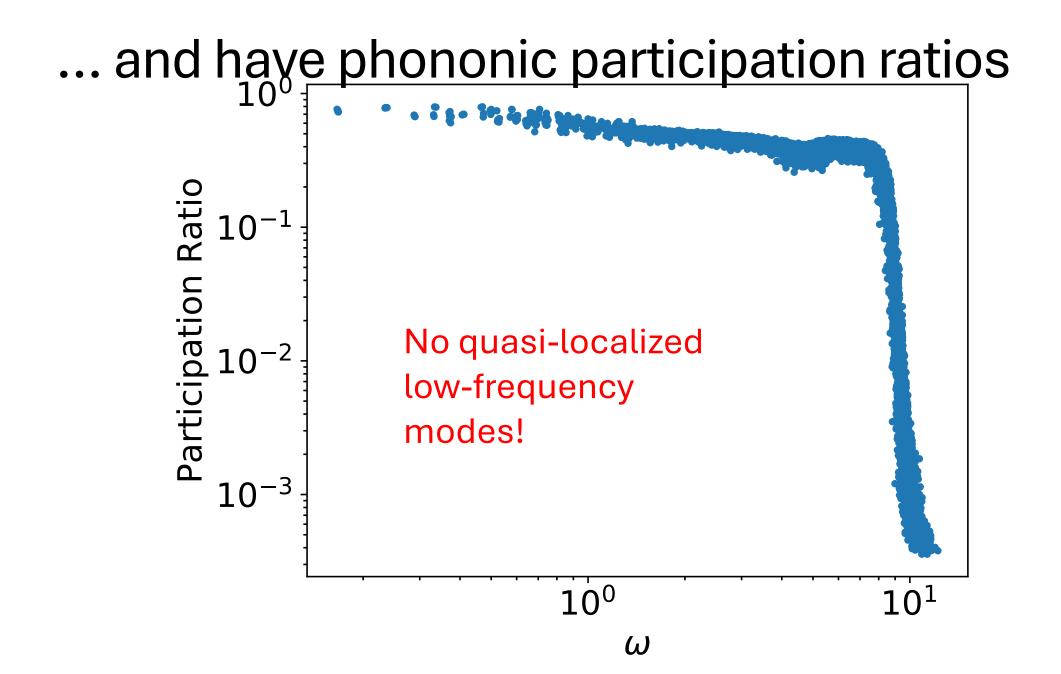
4. Ideal glass is ultrastable

- Shear and bulk moduli of crystal
- No changes with system size
- Vibrational density of states of crystal
- Debye scaling at low frequency



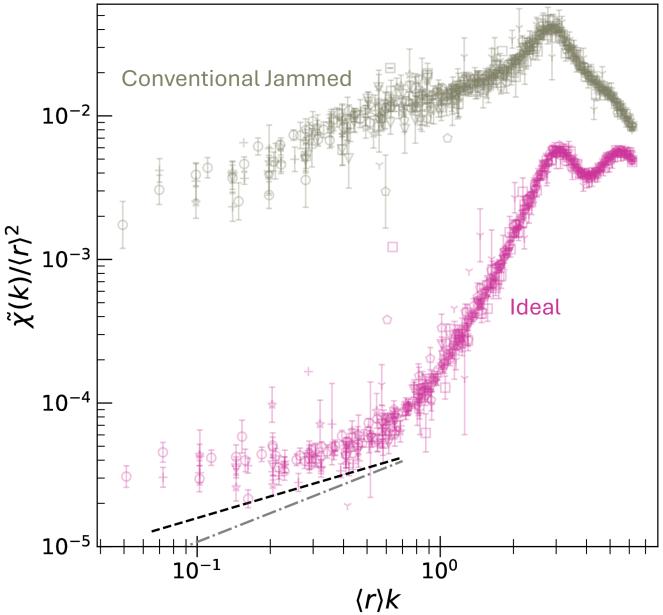
Low frequency modes look like phonons...





5. Ideal glass is hyperuniform

- Every sub-region should be ideal -> suppressed density fluctuations
- Fluctuations mean one could replace low density region with a copy of a high density region

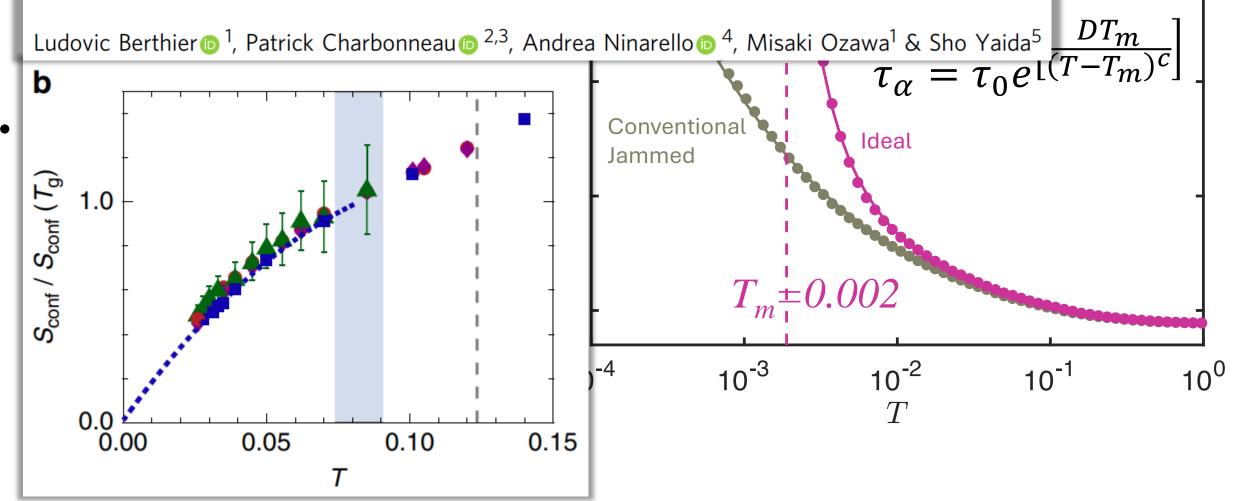


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Zero-temperature glass transition in two dimensions



Show me a better disk packing and I will give you \$5\$20

- Ideal glass exists!
- *"bona fide* thermodynamic phase"
- Made using radii minimization and CirclePack
- Need more DOFs to play same game in higher d
- There's a whole world of ideal glass physics to explore



