

# Modelling slow dynamics and hysteresis using non-equilibrium strain theory

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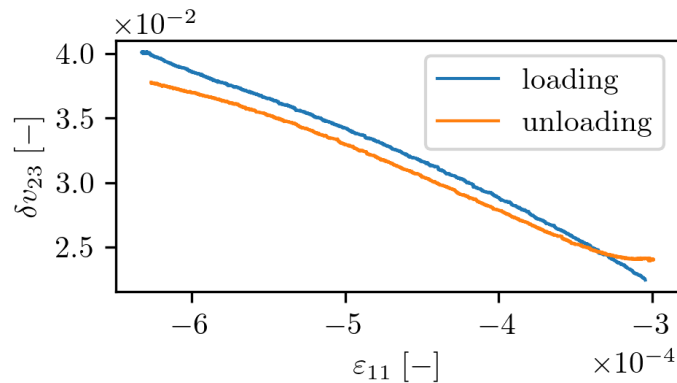
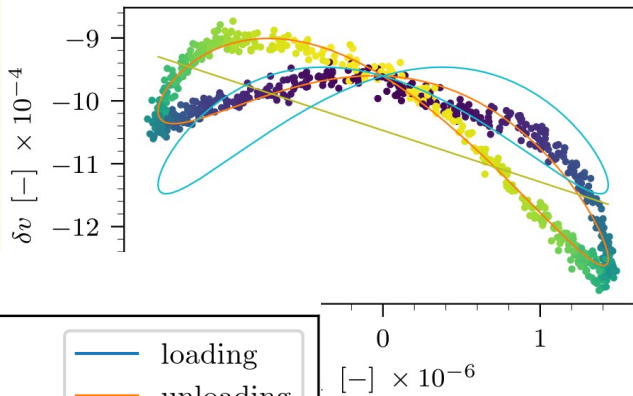
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# Nonlinear behavior of consolidated granular materials

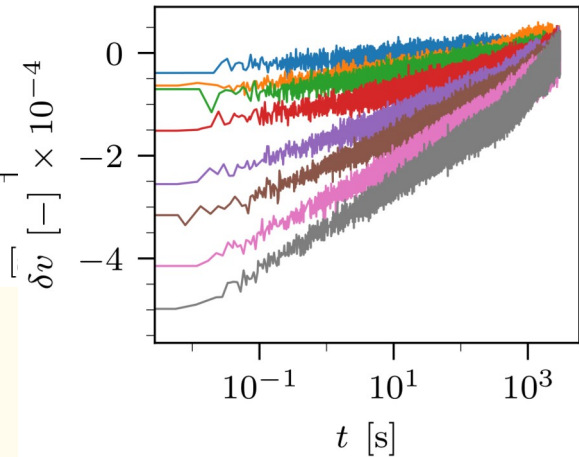
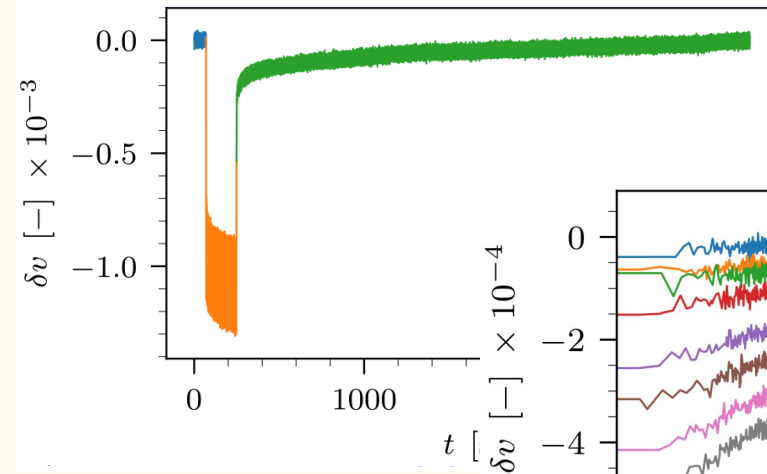
## Fast processes

- classical nonlinearity
- hysteresis



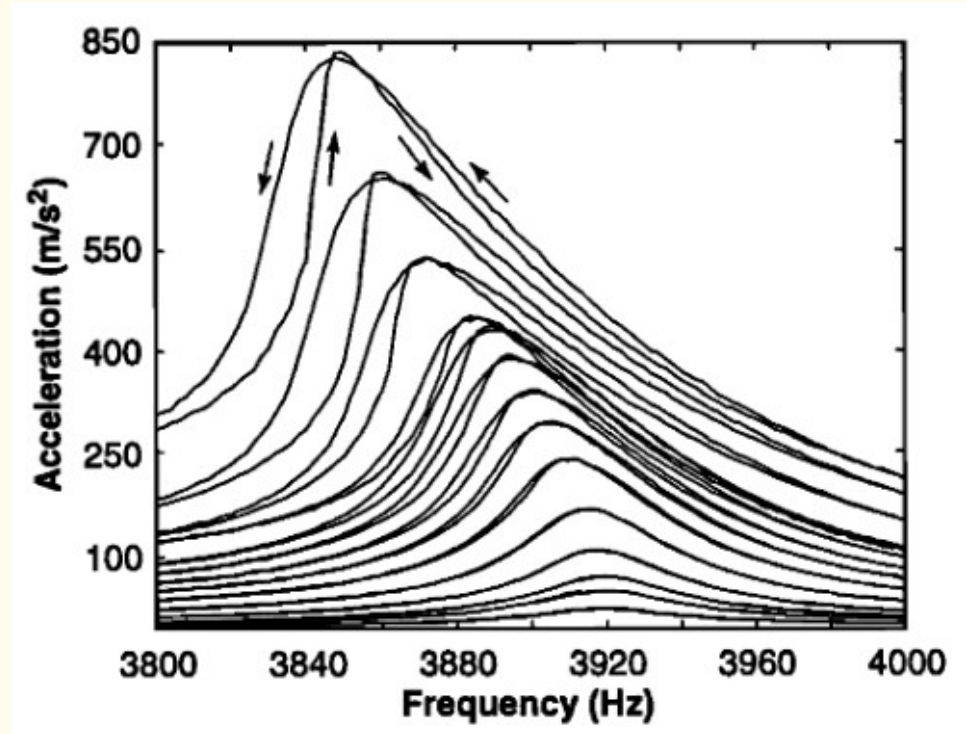
## Slow processes

- slow dynamics
- creep



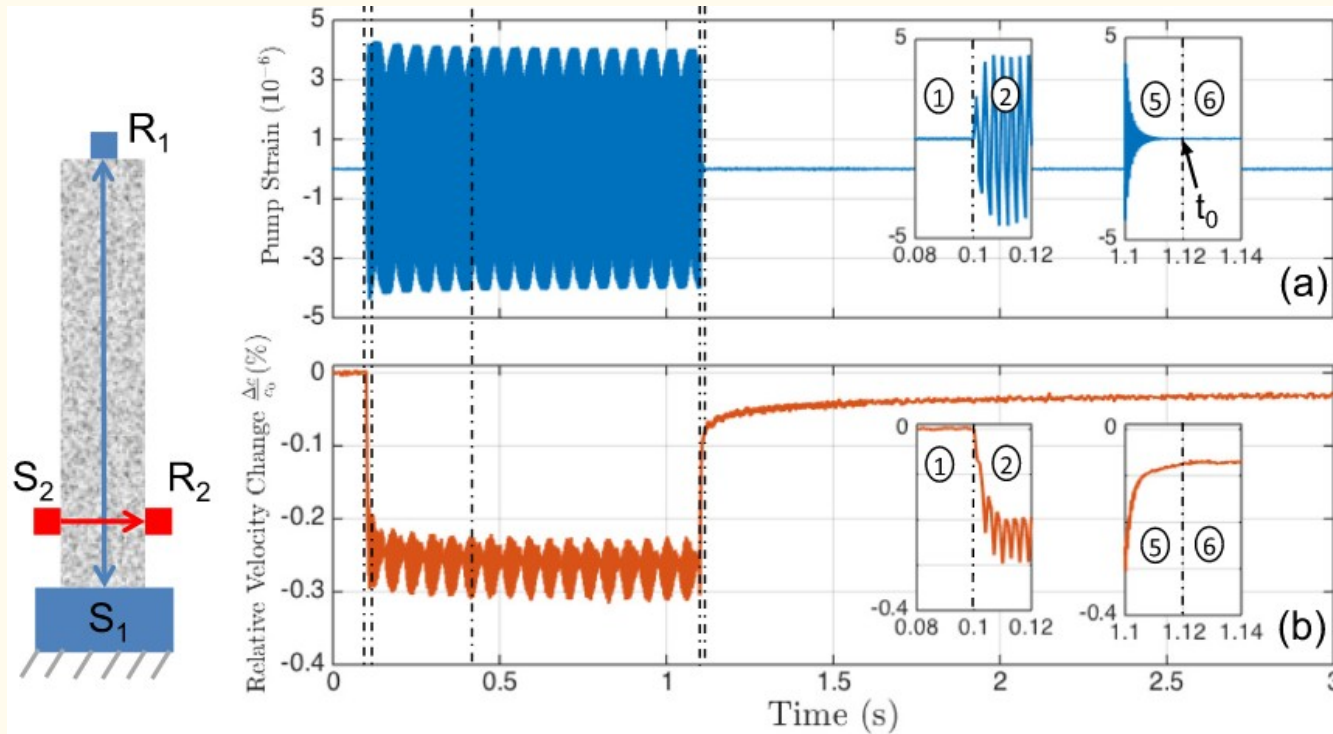
# Bar resonance measurements

- sandstone bar
- depend on amplitude:
- modulus (frequency) decreases,
- classical nonlinearity
- nonlinear resonance ultrasonic spectroscopy (NRUS)
- depend on sweep direction, timing
- memory effects



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# Dynamic acoustoelastic testing



- Conditioning: high strain excitation, softening / decrease in modulus, new equilibrium is reached
- Relaxation: no excitation, log-time recovery
- Fully reversible

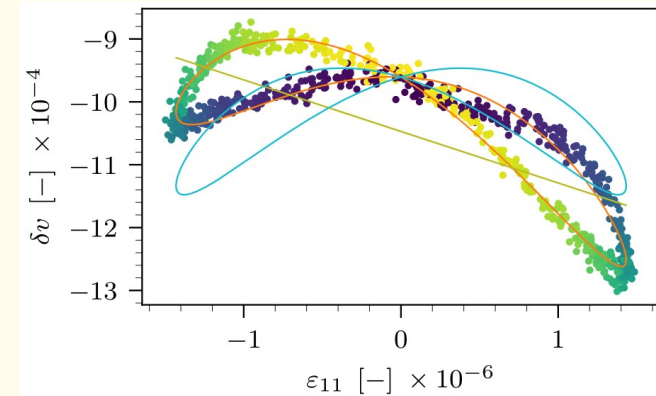
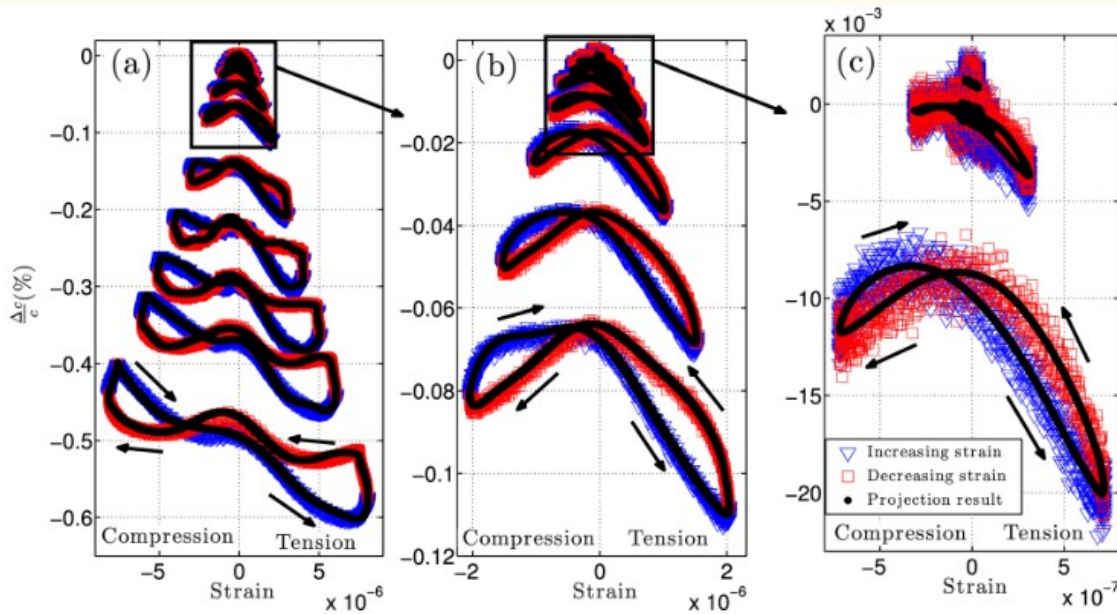
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# Dynamic acoustoelastic testing

Classical nonlinearity and hysteresis:

- strain and strain rate dependent modulus / velocity

$$\delta v(\varepsilon(t)) = \beta\varepsilon + \delta\varepsilon^2 + \alpha(\Delta\varepsilon + \varepsilon\text{sign}\dot{\varepsilon})$$



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# Multirelaxation process

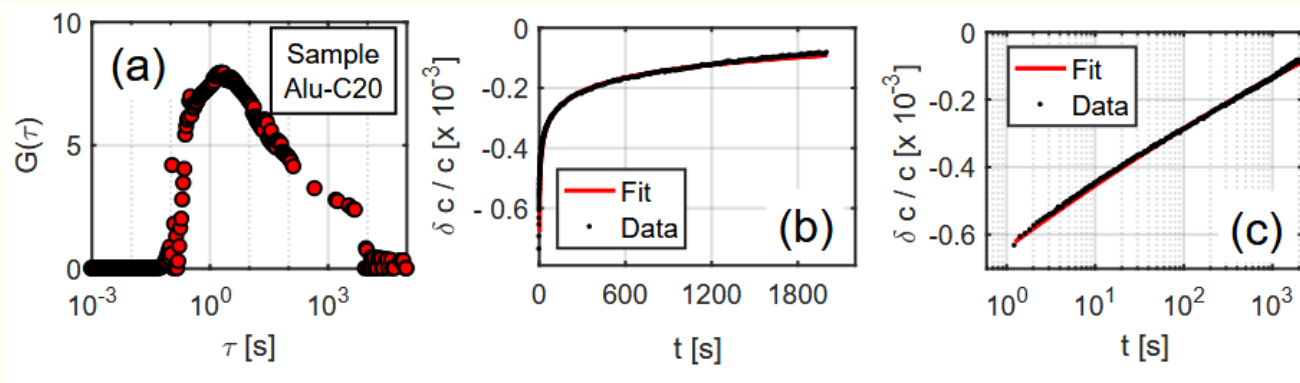
$$\delta v = \lambda \int_0^{+\infty} F(\tau) \exp\left(-\frac{t}{\tau}\right) d\tau$$

distribution of relaxation times  $F(\tau)$

- material property
- challenging to derive from experiments
  - discrete relaxation times
  - continuous distribution – generalized Weibull

$$F(\tau) \sim \left(\frac{\tau}{a}\right)^b \exp\left[-\left(\frac{\tau}{a}\right)^c\right]$$

$a > 0, b, c < 0$



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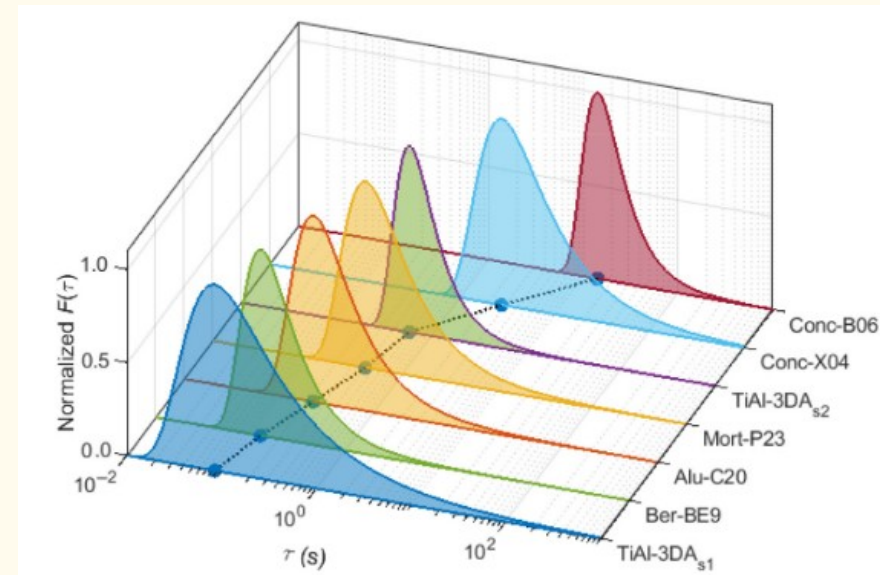
# Multirelaxation process

Materials exhibiting SD

- consolidated granular materials (sandstone, limestone, concrete, mortar)  
metal alloys, unconsolidated granular materials

distribution of relaxation times  $F(\tau)$

- related to microstructure
- relaxation times increasing with grain size
- defects manifested as additional relaxation times



J. Kober, A. S. Gliozzi, M. Scalerandi, and M. Tortello, "Material Grain Size Determines Relaxation-Time Distributions in Slow-Dynamics Experiments," Phys. Rev. Applied, 2022.



# Modeling nonlinear elasticity

- classical nonlinearity:  
stress-strain relations, strain-dependent modulus, hysteresis

$$\delta v(\varepsilon(t)) = \beta\varepsilon + \delta\varepsilon^2 + \alpha(\Delta\varepsilon + \varepsilon\text{sign}\dot{\varepsilon})$$

K. E.-A. Van Den Abeele, A. Sutin, J. Carmeliet, and P. A. Johnson, "Micro-damage diagnostics using nonlinear elastic wave spectroscopy (NEWS)," NDT & E International, 2001.

- slow dynamics
  - physical origin: unknown
    - redistribution of fluids, adhesion and friction, rearrangement of dislocations
    - restoration of microscopic contacts inhibited by a smooth energy barriers spectrum
      - J. A. TenCate and T. J. Shankland, "Slow dynamics in the nonlinear elastic response of Berea sandstone," Geophys. Res. Lett. 1996.
    - evolution of defects, exponential models
    - modulus proportional to concentration on defects
- the aim: universal viscoelastic model

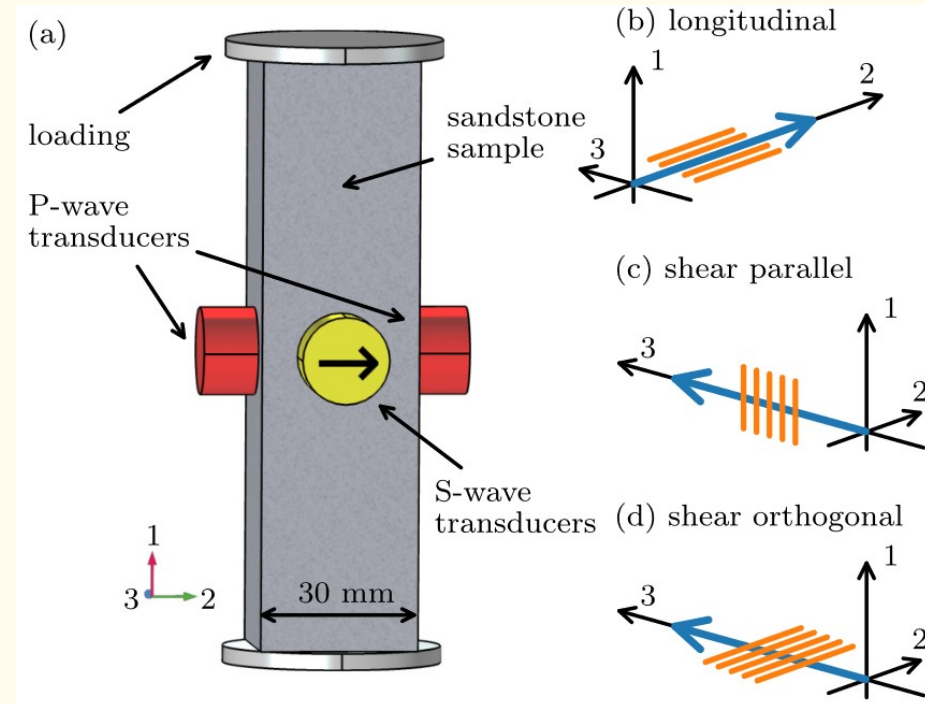


# Non-equilibrium strain

- same anisotropy in static uniaxial loading, conditioning, relaxation
  - stronger effect in the direction of loading
- non-equilibrium strain introduces conditioning into the classical non-linearity

$$\delta v_{ij} = \beta_{ij} (\varepsilon_{11} + \varepsilon_{\text{neq}})$$

- accumulates during loading (conditioning), depends on strain amplitude
- relaxes to zero when applied stress is removed
- describes hysteresis and slow dynamics



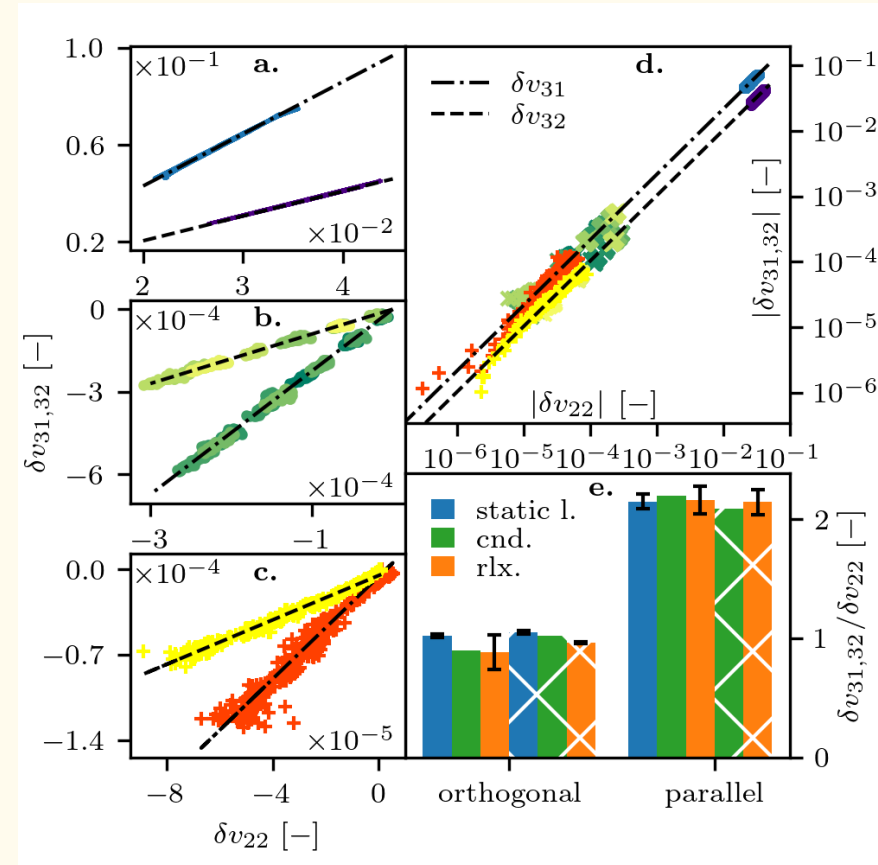
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# Model of non-equilibrium strain

- superposition of components with relaxation time  $\tau$

$$\varepsilon_{\text{neq}} = \int_0^{+\infty} \Psi(\tau) \varepsilon_{\text{neq}}^{\tau} d\tau$$

- independent evolution of components

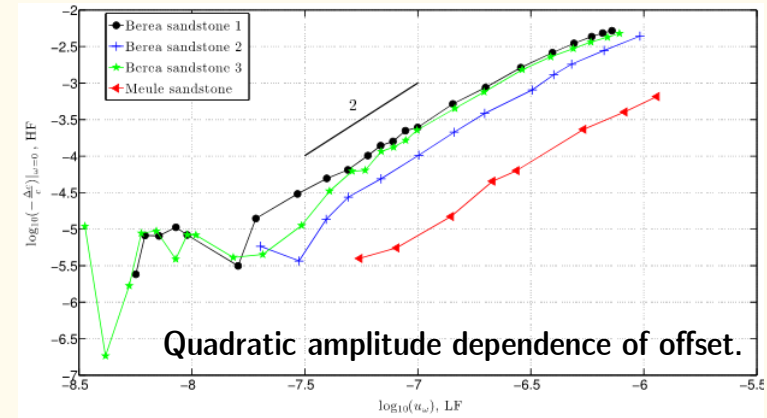
$$\dot{\varepsilon}_{\text{neq}}^{\tau} = (\varepsilon + \tau \dot{\varepsilon})^2 - \frac{1}{\tau} \varepsilon_{\text{neq}}^{\tau}$$

- conditioning term: accumulation, hysteresis loops
- relaxation term: exponential evolution

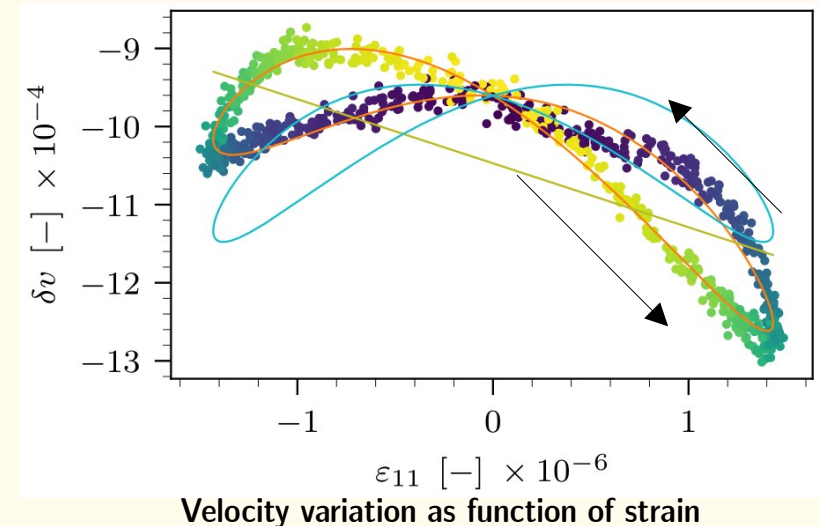
# Model of non-equilibrium strain

conditioning term:  $\dot{\varepsilon}_{\text{neq}}^{\tau} = \frac{(\varepsilon + \tau \dot{\varepsilon})^2}{\tau} - \frac{1}{\tau} \varepsilon^{\tau}_{\text{neq}}$

- non-negative, even function of strain or strain rate  
 ⇒ accumulation  
 ⇒ second harmonic oscillations (loops)
- phase shift
- $\tau$ -dependent combination  
 of strain and strain rate  
 ⇒ correct shape and orientation  
 of the loops for all components



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Velocity variation as function of strain

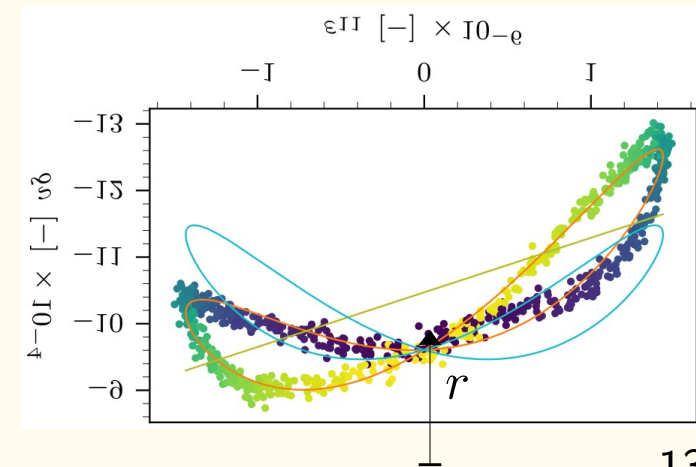
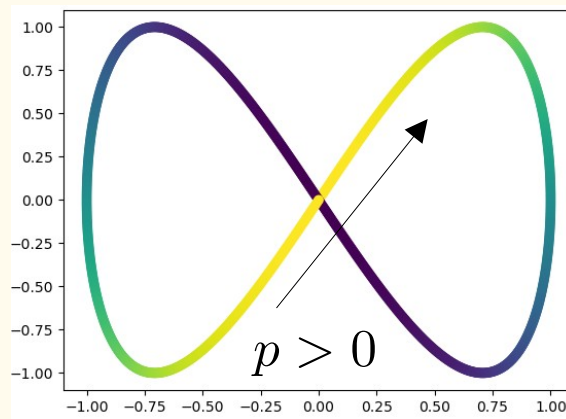
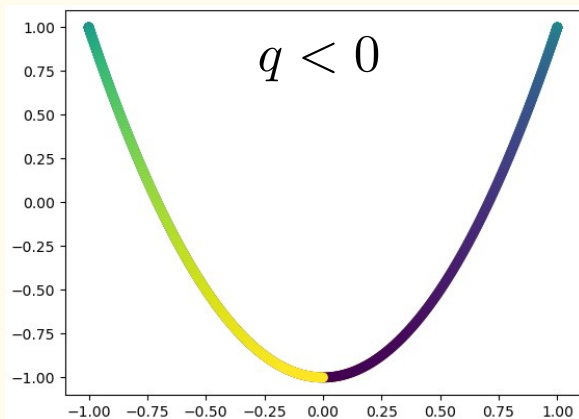
# Solution for components

- independent evolution of components

$$\dot{\varepsilon}_{\text{neq}}^{\tau} = (\varepsilon + \tau \dot{\varepsilon})^2 - \frac{1}{\tau} \varepsilon_{\text{neq}}^{\tau}$$

- analytical solution for harmonic loading  $\varepsilon(t) = A \sin \omega t$

$$\varepsilon_{\text{neq}}^{\tau}(t) = r \left[ 1 - \exp\left(-\frac{t}{\tau}\right) \right] + q (\cos 2\omega t - 1) + p \sin 2\omega t$$



# Distribution $\Psi(\tau)$

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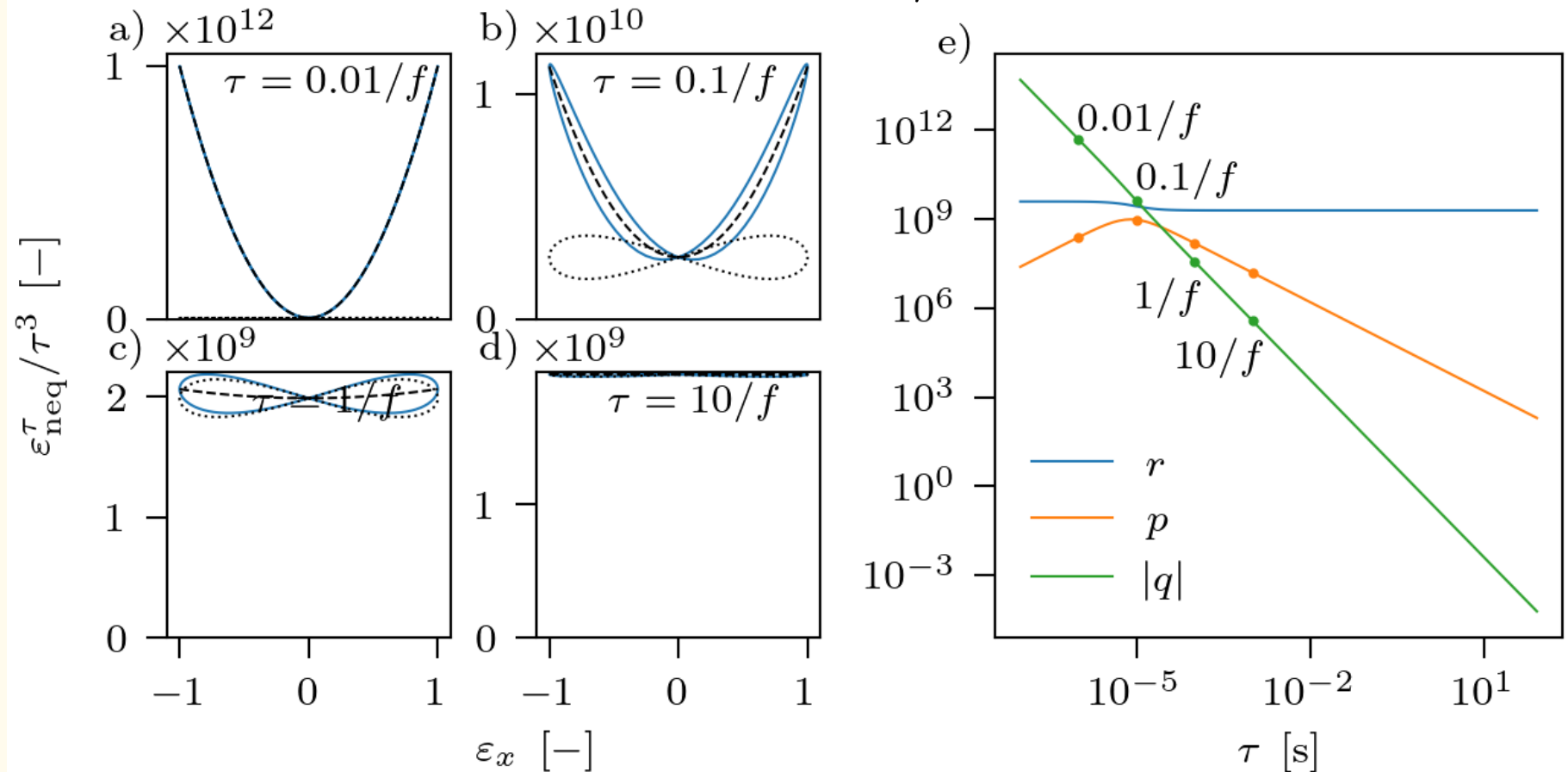
- distribution

$$\Psi(\tau) = k\tau^{-4}, \quad \tau \in (\tau_{\text{min}}, \tau_{\text{max}})$$

- same contribution of different timescales,  $\log(t)$  process
- $1/\tau^3$  normalization of components  $\langle \varepsilon_{\text{neq}}^{\tau} \rangle \sim \tau^3$
- $1/\tau$  underlying distribution (uniform distribution of  $\log(\tau)$ )
- different from relaxation distribution  $F(\tau)$

# Contribution of time scales

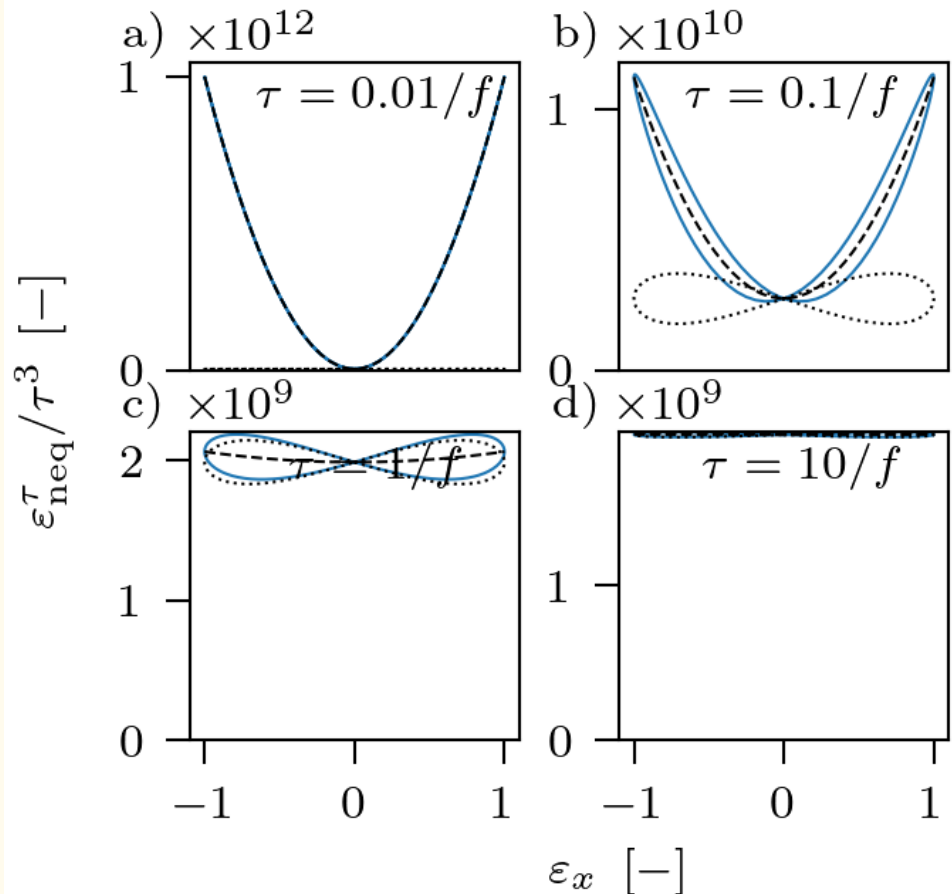
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# Contribution of time scales

$$\dot{\varepsilon}_{\text{neq}}^\tau = (\varepsilon + \tau \dot{\varepsilon})^2 - \frac{1}{\tau} \varepsilon_{\text{neq}}^\tau$$



- fast  $\tau$ :
  - following  $\varepsilon^2$ , low phase shift, quadratic loop
- moderate  $\tau$ :
  - driven by strain rate, higher phase shift, hysteretic loop
- slow  $\tau$ :
  - only conditioning offset

# Numerical results

- **Finite conditioning induces limited spectrum**

- $S_\infty$  full spectrum from  $\tau_{\min}$  to  $\tau_{\max}$
- conditioning duration  $T_{\text{cnd}}$

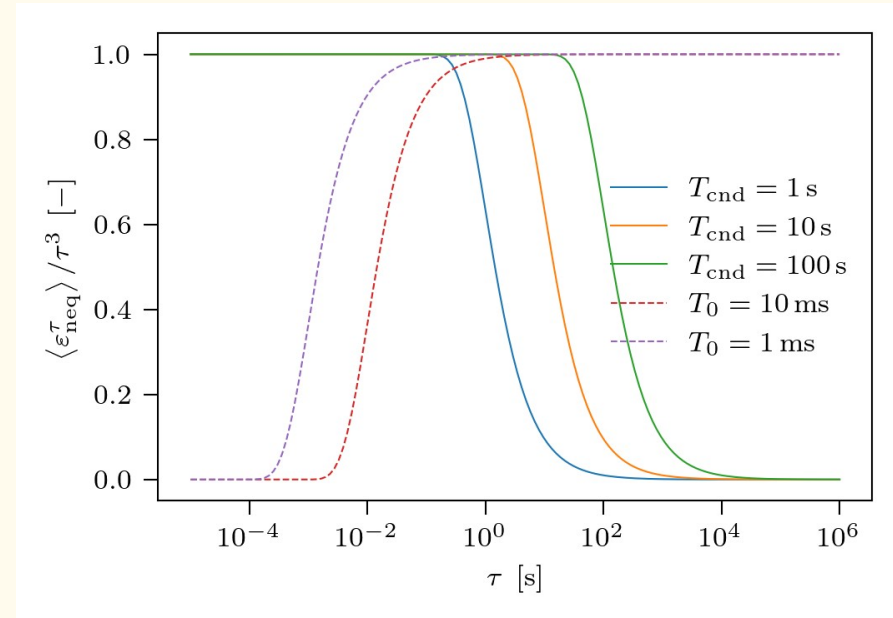
$$S_{T_{\text{cnd}}}(\tau) = S_\infty(\tau) \left( 1 - \exp\left(-\frac{T_{\text{cnd}}}{\tau}\right) \right)$$

- **Fast relaxation times not measurable**

- time gap before relaxation probing  $T_0$ ,  
fast rlx times gone  $S_{T_{\text{cnd}}}(\tau) \exp\left(-\frac{T_0}{\tau}\right)$
- leads to generalized Weibull

- ringdown, definition of  $t_0$
- Relaxation spectrum seen through window function

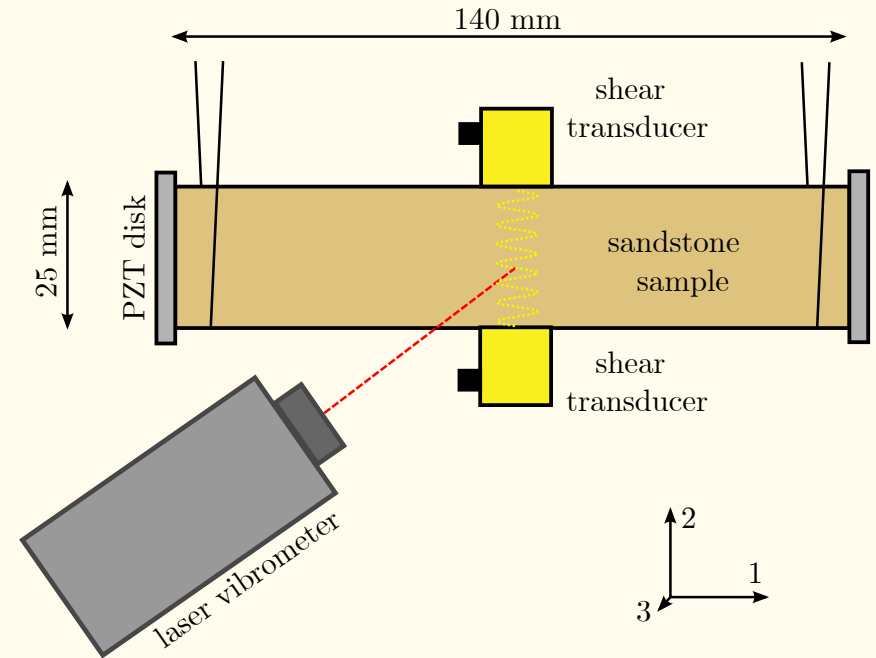
$$F(\tau) = S_\infty(\tau) W(\tau)$$



Normalized spectrum of non-eq. strain

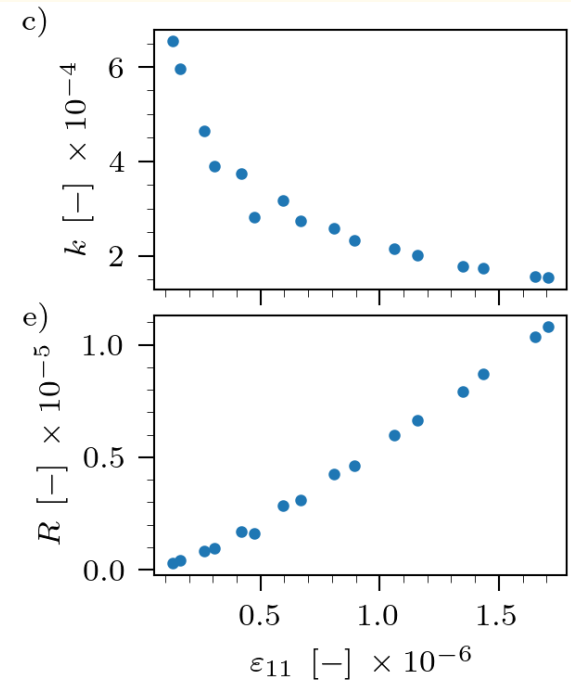
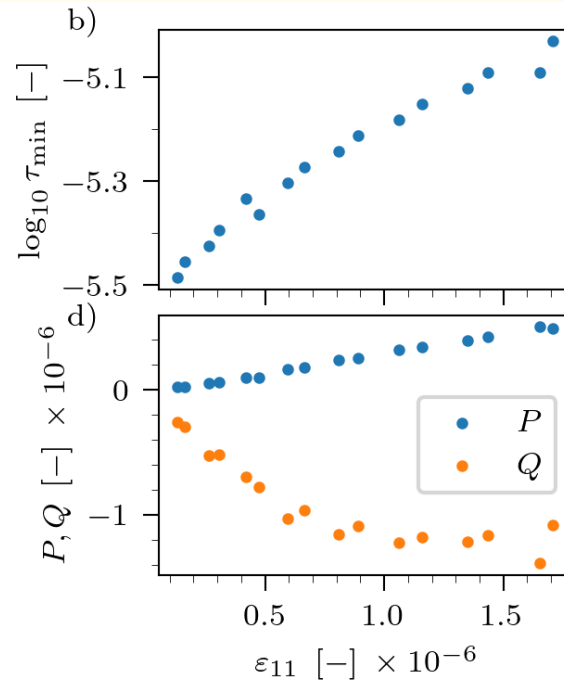
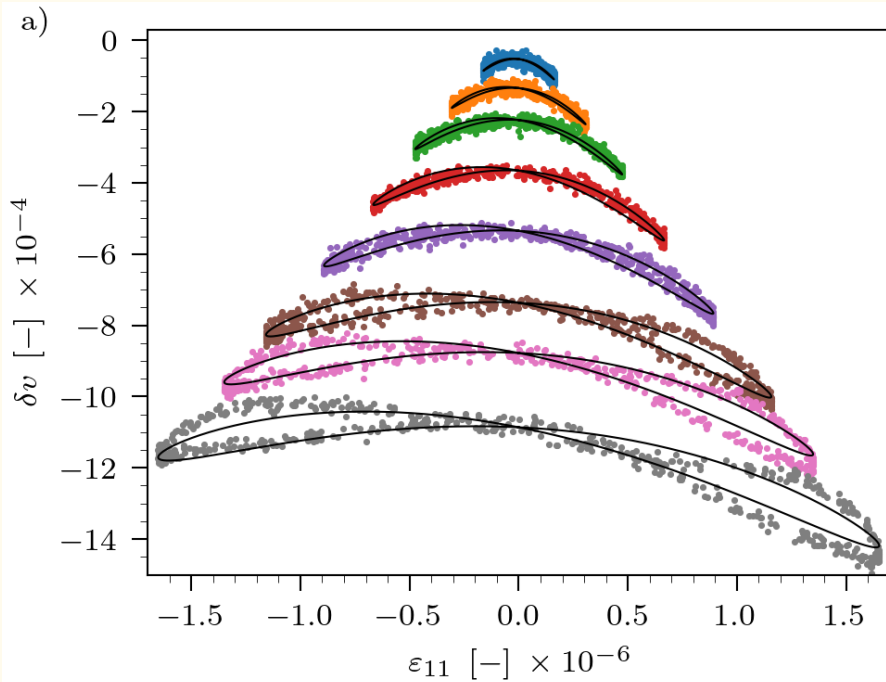
# DAET experiment

- low frequency PZT disk
  - sinusoidal loading, first longitudinal mode  
8.4 kHz
  - output amplitudes 0.4 – 1.8 V, 0.2 V step,  
power amplifier
- shear transducers
  - 1 MHz pulses, 1 period, low amplitude
  - 100 Hz repetition rate
- laser vibrometer: strain estimation  
using normal surface velocity
- 60 s preconditioning, 180 s conditioning, 3000 s relaxation



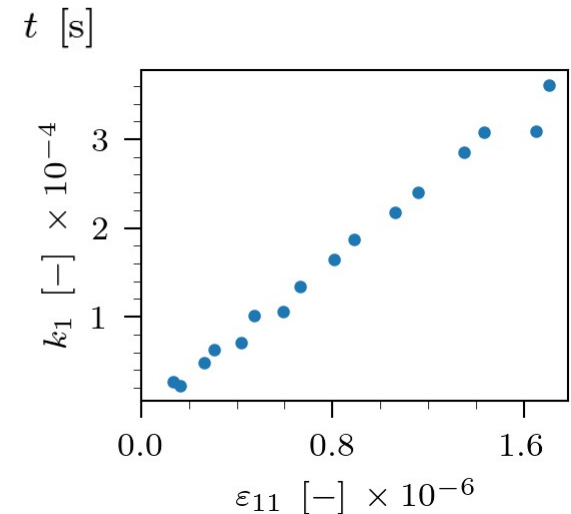
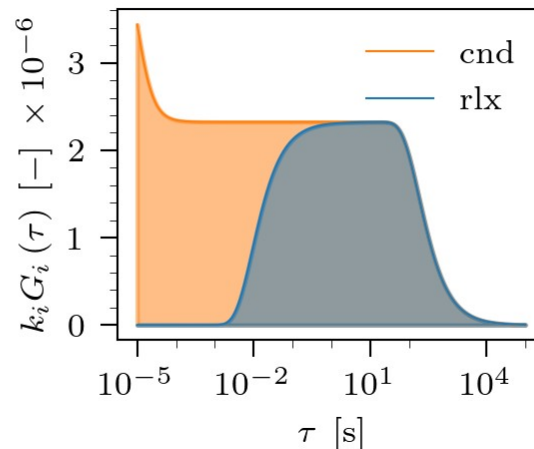
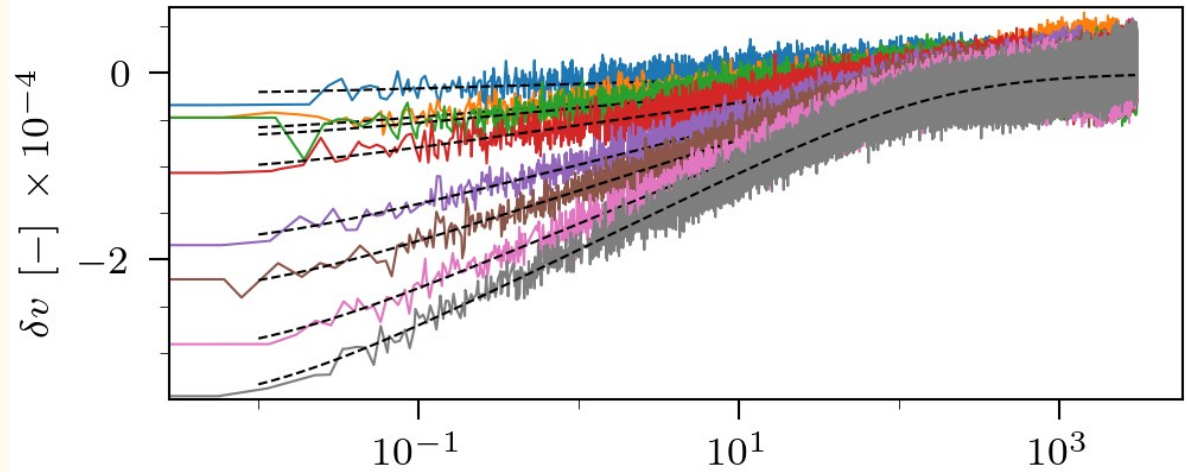
# DAET experiment

- fit distribution parameters:  $\tau_{\min}$ ,  $k$  (scaling)
- $\tau_{\max}$  irrelevant, upper bound given by conditioning duration
- amplitude-dependent,  $\tau_{\min} \approx 10^{-5}$  s



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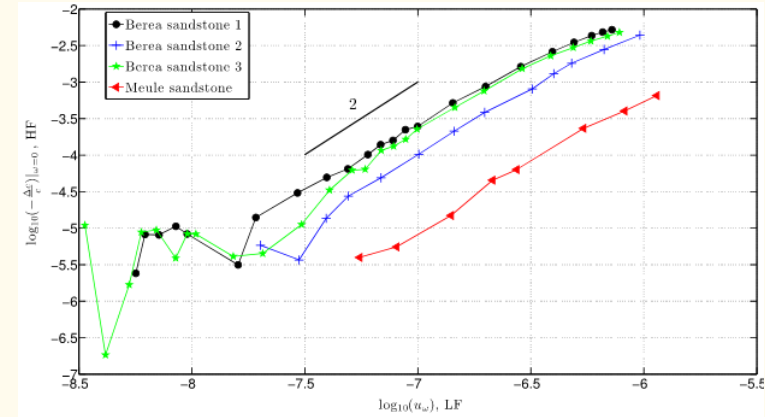
- relaxation spectrum given by conditioning duration and ringdown, same for all amplitudes
- exponential ringdown, 10 ms
- linear amplitude dependence



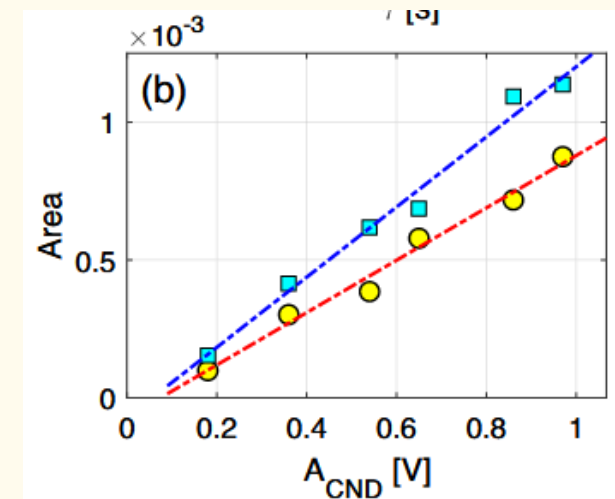
# Remarks, discussion, discrepancies

## Amplitude dependence

- linear, quadratic, more complicated
- range of amplitudes
- strain estimation: input voltage / linear approximation
- different conditioning function?
  - conclusions on relaxation times remain valid



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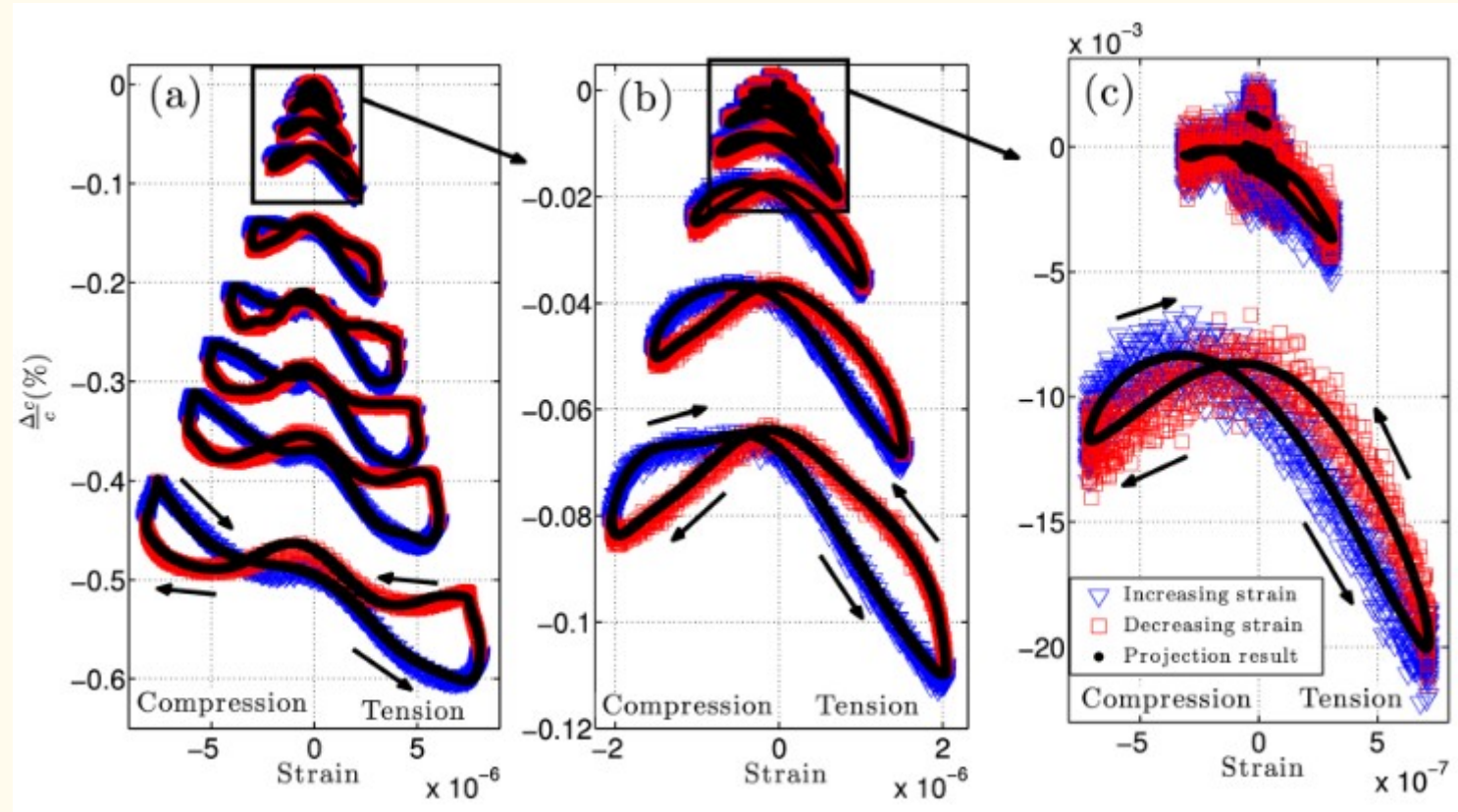


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## Amplitude dependence

- conditioning loops



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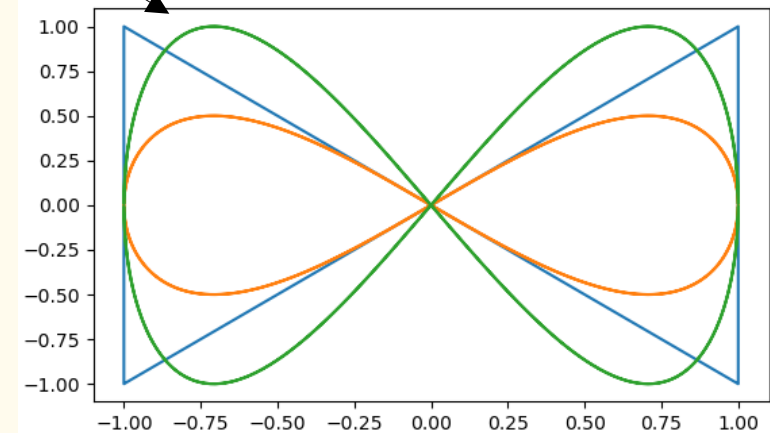
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## Link with strain-dependent modulus

$$\delta v = \beta \varepsilon + \underline{\delta \varepsilon^2} + \underline{\alpha (\Delta \varepsilon + \varepsilon \text{sign} \dot{\varepsilon})} + \underline{o} \qquad P, Q, R = \int_{\tau_{\min}}^{\tau_{\max}} \Psi(\tau) p, q, r(\tau)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \delta v &= \beta (\varepsilon + \varepsilon_{\text{neq}}) = \beta \varepsilon + \beta R(t) + \beta Q (\cos 2\omega t - 1) + \beta P \sin 2\omega t \\ &= \beta \varepsilon + \underline{\beta R(t)} - \underline{2\beta Q/A^2 \varepsilon^2} \pm \underline{\beta P/A^2 \varepsilon \sqrt{A^2 - \varepsilon^2}} \end{aligned}$$

- quadratic term:  $\delta \sim Q$
- hysteretic term:  $\alpha \sim P$
- offset:  $o + \alpha \Delta \varepsilon \sim R$
- $P, Q$  (ratio) determined by  $\tau_{\min}$
- offset + loop size given by  $k$



# Remarks, discussion, discrepancies

- relaxation spectrum determined by experimental protocol
- conditioning spectrum includes wider range of relaxation times
- fast relaxation times needed for conditioning loops

Thank you