

# Thermal Runaway in Jammed Networks

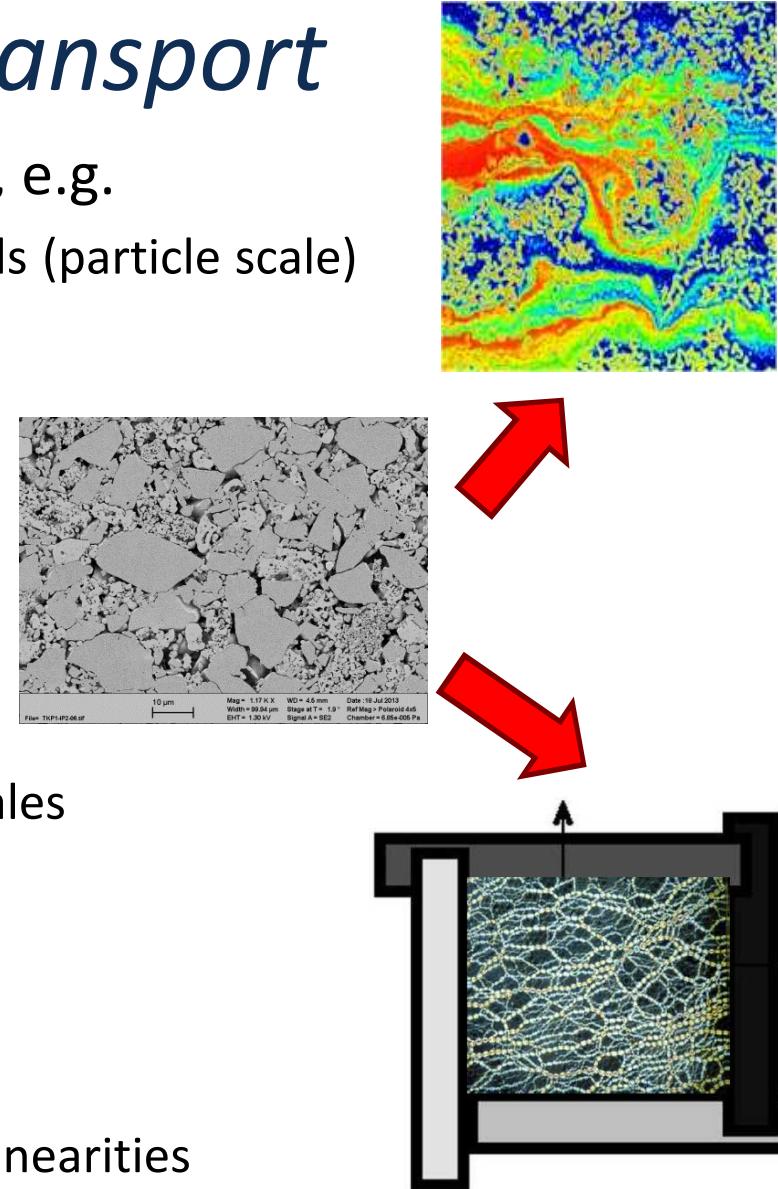
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Fluid and Reactive Processes

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# Property Prediction and Role of Microstructure in Transport

- Need better prediction and control of, e.g.
  - Thermal transport in pyrotechnic materials (particle scale)
  - Reliability of composite materials
- Heterogeneous materials
  - Inhomogeneous & “discontinuous”
    - material properties and microstructure
      - multi-phase, multi-material → interfaces
- Heterogeneous “dynamics”
  - Spatial distribution of (relaxation) timescales
    - “Anomalous” stochastic behavior
      - E.g., non-Fickian diffusion
  - Generalized Stochastic Models
    - CTRW or GME
  - How do these fluctuations couple to nonlinearities



# Discretizing the Mesoscale

- Reduced-order, network modeling approach based on random walk simulations/analysis for thermal conduction in particle

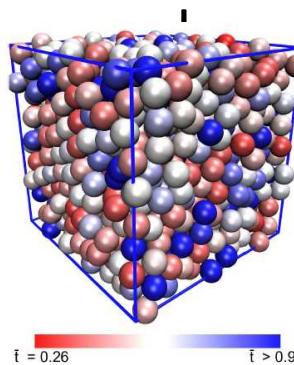
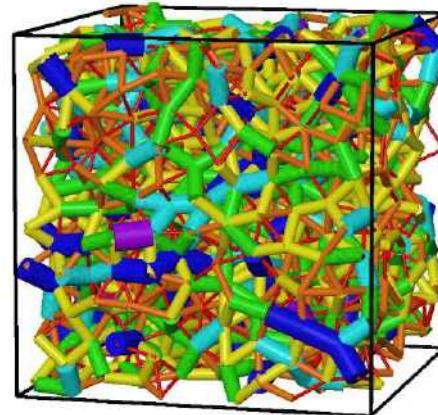
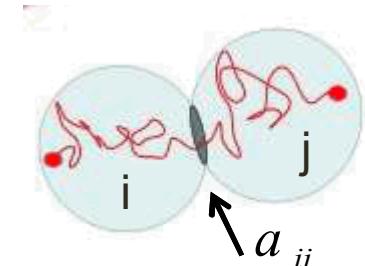


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or simulated  
 $\mu$ structure

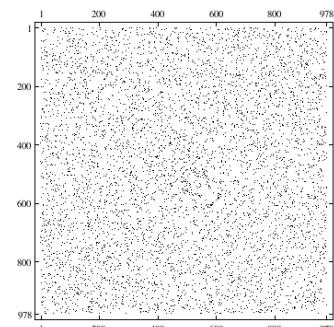
Determine segmentation: clustering & connectivity



graph of contact network



Determine: edge weights (interfacial resolution and physics models)



$$L_{ij} = \frac{1}{\tau_{ij}} \approx \frac{4D_i a_{ij}}{V_i}$$

$$\frac{\partial T_i(t)}{\partial t} = \sum_{j \neq i} L_{ij} T_j(t) + \frac{Q c_0 k_0}{\rho c_v} \exp\left(-\frac{U}{R T_i}\right)$$

Graph Laplacian, Transition Rate Matrix, ...

# Simulate Markov Process on Contact Network

- Discretize Continuous-Time Equation

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{T}(t)}{\partial t} = \mathbf{L} \mathbf{T}(t)$$

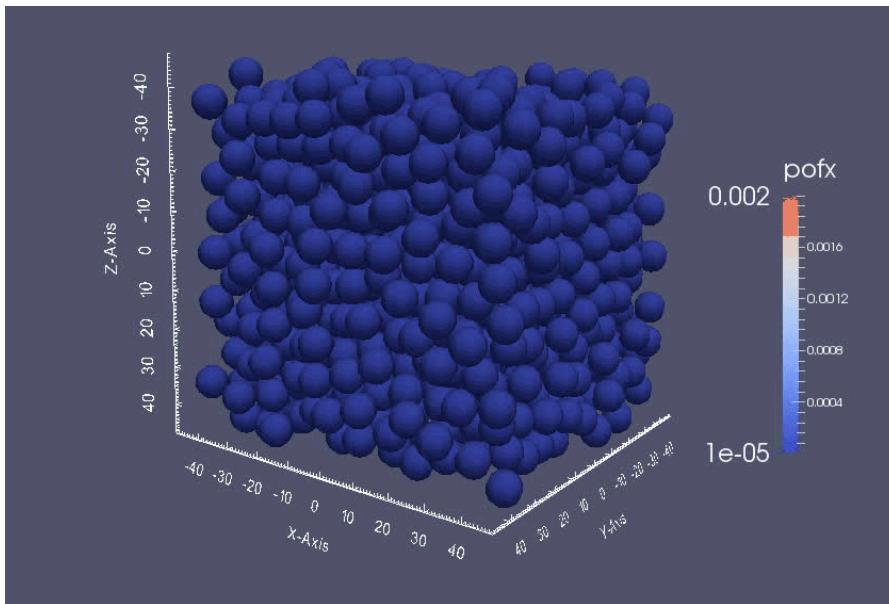
■ I.C.  $\mathbf{T}_0 = \hat{\mathbf{e}}_1 \quad \|\hat{\mathbf{e}}_1\| = 1$

■ Periodic B.C.'s

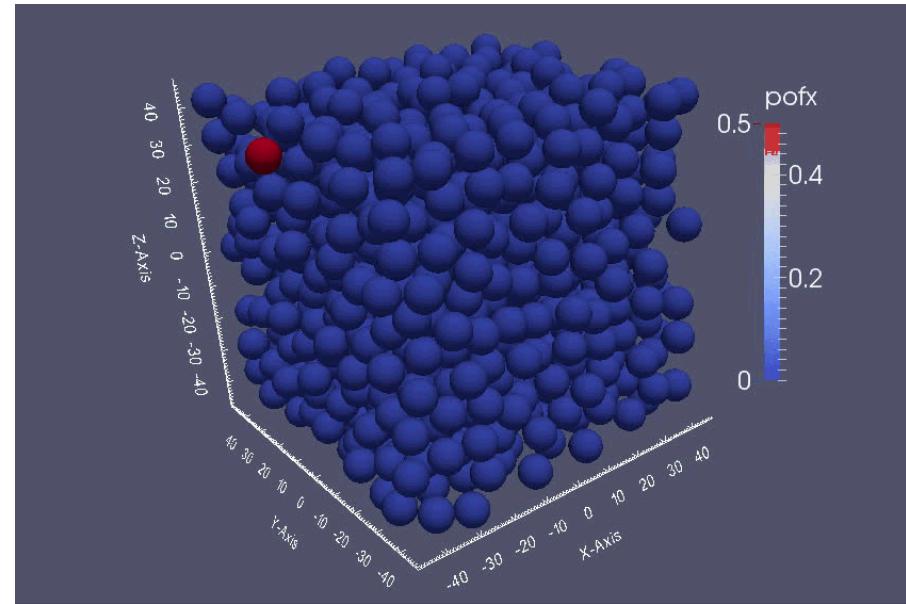
$$L_{ij} = \begin{cases} \frac{3D}{\pi R^2} \sqrt{\frac{\delta_{ij}}{R}} & i \neq j \\ -\sum_{j \neq i} L_{ij} & i = j \end{cases}$$

$\mathbf{T}_{n+1} = \mathbf{M} \mathbf{T}_n$

$\mathbf{M} = \mathbf{I} + \Delta t \mathbf{L}$



$p = 0.0004$



$p = 0.00004$

# Evolution of Temperature Fluctuations

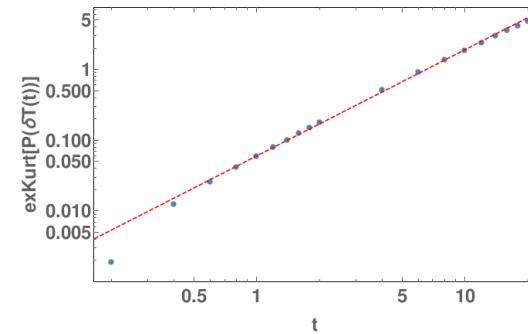
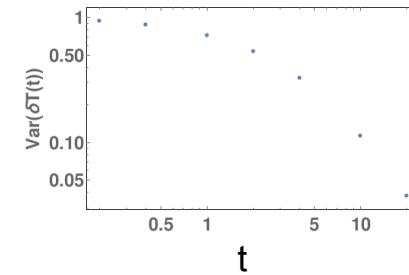
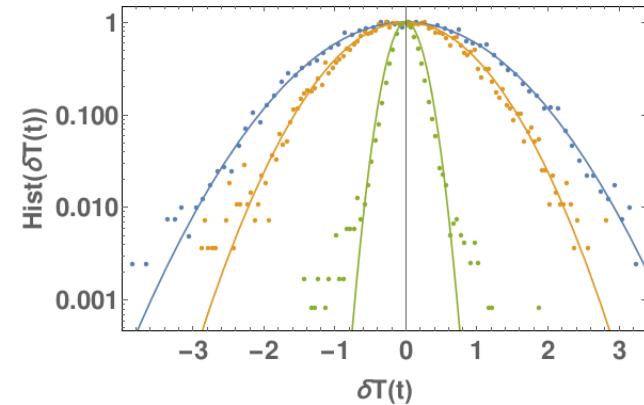
- Calculate distribution of temperature fluctuations based on Eigen decomposition

$$\delta T(t) = T(t) - T_{eq} = \sum_{j=2}^N e^{-\lambda_j t} v_j \quad \delta T_i(t) = \sum_{j=2}^N e^{-\lambda_j t} (v_j)_i$$

- Fluctuations decay in time as system homogenizes
  - For sum of IID Gaussian random variables, a large deviation (LD) approximation can be obtained

$$P(\delta T_N = \delta T) \sim \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2} N \left(\frac{\delta T}{\sigma(t)}\right)^2\right] \quad \text{var}[\delta T(t)] = \sigma^2(t) = \sum_{i=2}^N e^{-2\lambda_i t}$$

- Initially, Gaussian seems to work
- However, scaling of excess Kurtosis does not follow Gaussian behavior
  - FATTER TAILS! Fluctuations decay but slower than Gaussian

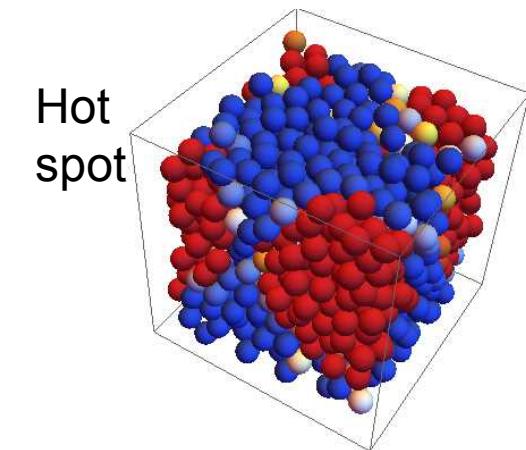
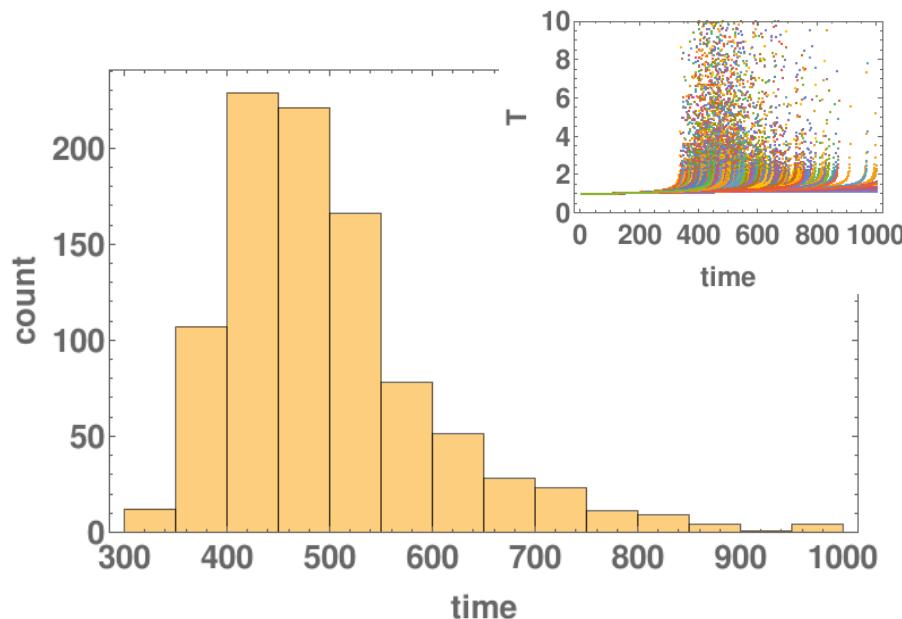


# Thermal Runaway

- Add nonlinearity
  - 1<sup>st</sup> order, irreversible reactions

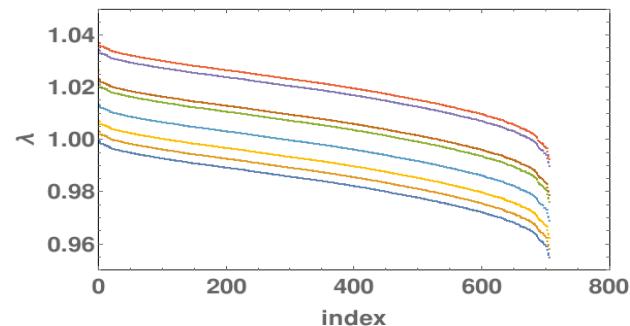
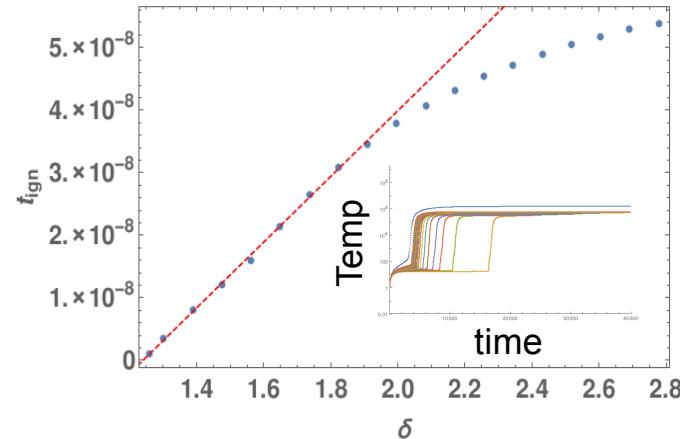
$$\frac{\partial T_i(t)}{\partial t} = \sum_{j \neq i} L_{ij} T_j(t) + \frac{Q}{\rho C_V} k c_0 \exp[-U/RT_i]$$

- Periodic BC's
- IC: unit impulse to particle  $i$
- Time to thermal runaway depends on particle,  $i$ 
  - Varying "sensitivity" for different particles
  - Stochastic problem due to disorder in pack
- Interaction of fluctuations (due to disordered mesostructure) and nonlinearity



# Extending spectral analysis to discrete approximation of Koopman Operator

- Use homogeneous IC and Dirichlet BC's
  - Scaling of time to ignition follows classical homogeneous result; exhibiting critical slowing down
 
$$t_{ign} \sim (1 - \delta/\delta_c)^{-1/2}$$
 where  $\delta$  is the Frank-Kamenetskii parameter
- Expected that system will be sensitive to “large deviations” (i.e., fluctuations stronger than Gaussian)
- DMD eigenvalues can be computed as a function of the strength of the nonlinearity
  - Interpretation and verification of analysis is ongoing



# Summary & Conclusions

- Reduced-order, network-type model of thermal transport on particulate materials is possible
  - Spectral analysis of conduction matrix allows for development of macro-scale models and analysis of thermal fluctuations due to disordered microstructure
- Addition of nonlinearity due to chemical reactions can be accomplished
  - Comparison to classical Frank-Kamenetskii problem shows similar critical slowing down near critical point
  - However, details of thermal runaway time show statistical characteristics due to disorder of microstructure
  - DMD-type analysis allows for possibility of extending spectral analysis from linear to nonlinear equations through approximation of (linear) Koopman Operator

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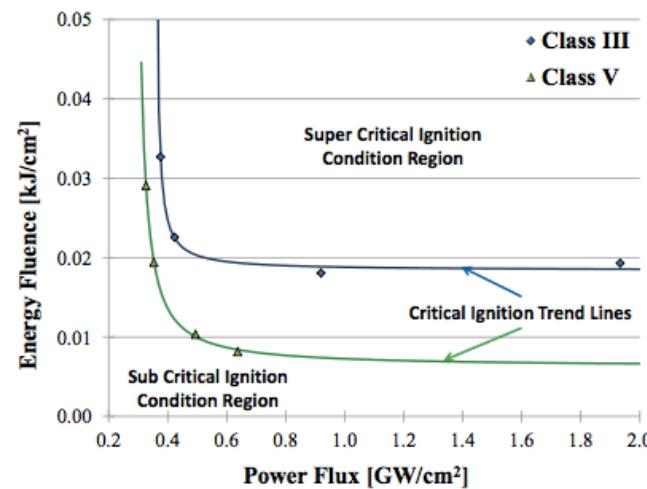
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# Backup Slides



# Motivation

- Methods are needed to both inform and guide the development of models that capture the effects of microstructure at the continuum scale
- Next generation microstructure aware continuum models based on stochastic microstructures will require analysis methods capable of bridging scales from the mesoscale to the continuum



**Figure 5.** HMX Class III and V ignition data with fitted trend lines (*Critical Ignition Conditions*). For illustration, we have also noted the *Super* and *Sub Critical Ignition regions*.

# Heterogeneous Materials Awareness at Sandia



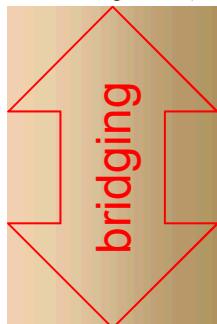
- Broad interest from Sandia's Engineering and Materials S&T community
  - Relevance to several significant application areas
- High-level focus on issues related to behavior of heterogeneous materials
  - E.g., Meso-scale fluctuations due to random microstructure
    - What is the nature of the noise/variability in these materials
    - How to "roll-up" uncertainties from micro through meso to macro scale
    - Top-down prediction and control
  - Also, increasing recognition of role manufacturing processes play in determining the distribution of material properties
- Motivation for strategic partnerships

# The Multi-scale Transport Picture *through* Particulate Media

## (1) Bulk, Macroscale

- Homogeneous
- “Continuum”
- Constant transport coef.

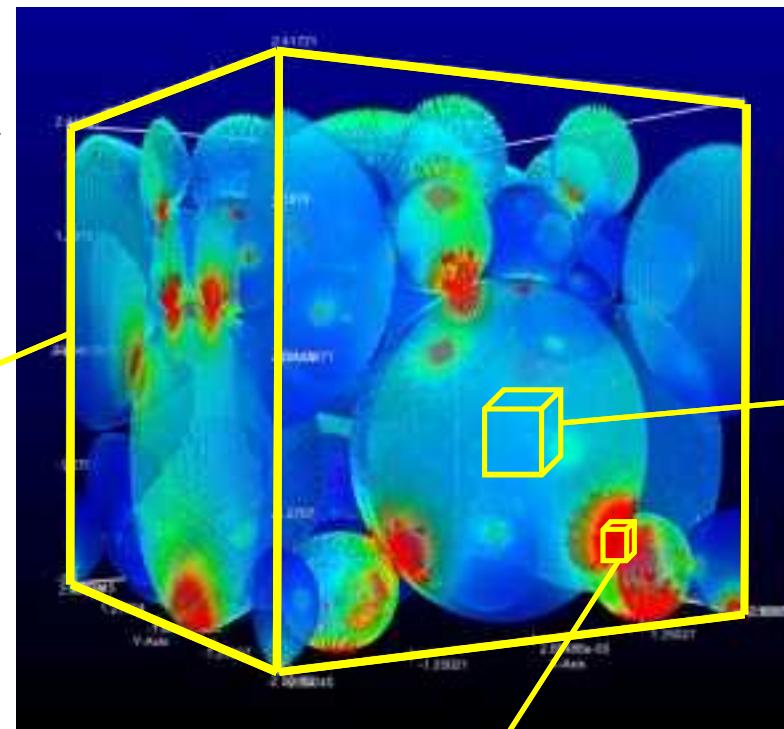
$$0 = \nabla \cdot \mathbf{q}(\mathbf{x}) = K_{eff} \nabla \cdot \langle \nabla T(\mathbf{x}) \rangle$$



## (2) Particle-Particle (Meso-structure) Scale

- Inhomogeneous
- “Discrete”; Disordered
- “Anomalous” transport

$$0 = \nabla \cdot \mathbf{q}(\mathbf{x}) = \nabla \cdot (K(\mathbf{x}) \nabla T(\mathbf{x}))$$



## (3) Sub-particle materials structure

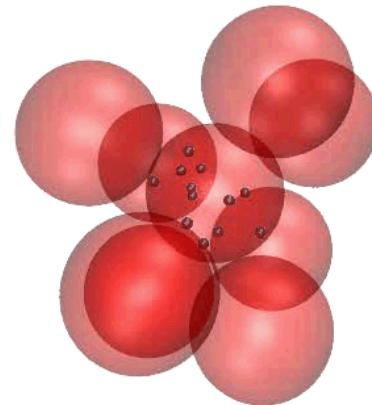
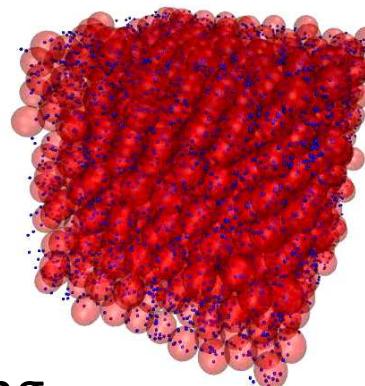
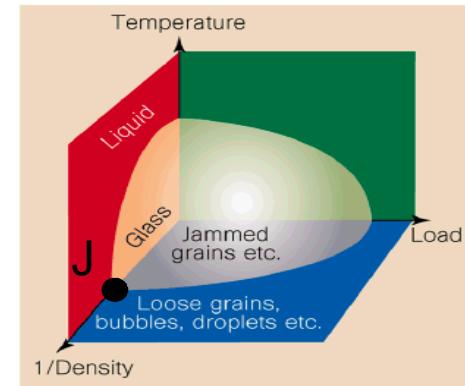
- Crystal structure
  - Anisotropy
  - defects, impurities, etc.
- Polycrystalline
  - Grain boundaries

## (4) Interfacial Scale

- Contact area, roughness, inter-diffusion
- Material types (e.g., phonon, electron dominated)

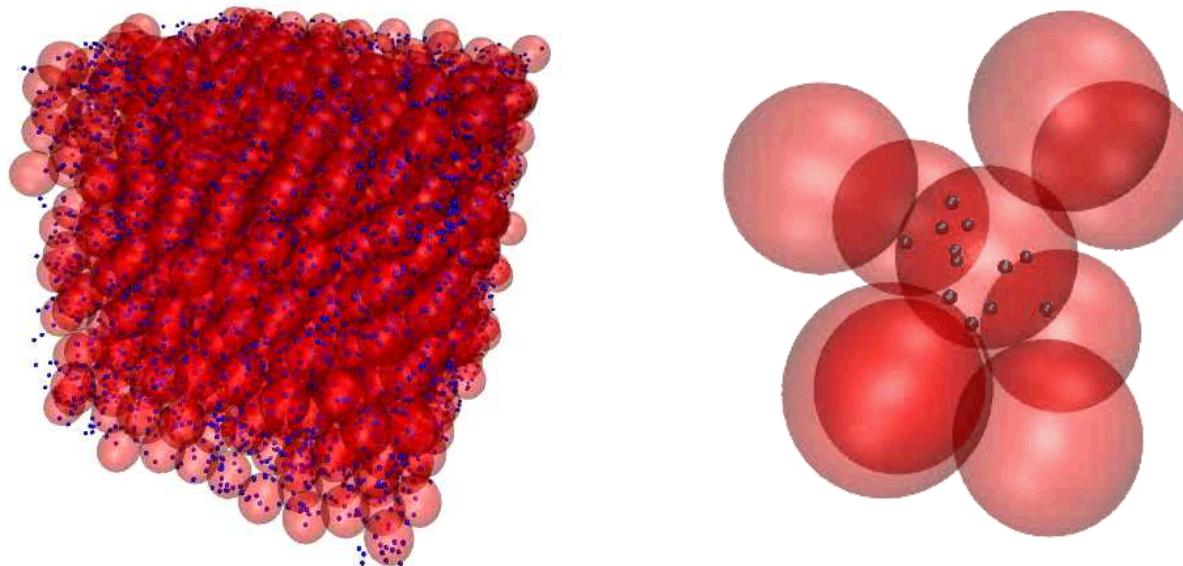
# Background: Random Walks in Particle Packs

- Jammed particles near “Point J”
  - Critical-like “point” of marginal mechanical stability
    - Control of apparent microstructural length scale
  - Well defined process for creating packs
    - Remove “rattlers”
- Random Walker Simulations
  - Random walkers initially uniformly distributed within particles
  - Particles conducting; voids insulating
    - Reflecting (specular) BC at interface
      - Neumann-like, no-flux
  - Global periodic simulation domain



# Example Simulation

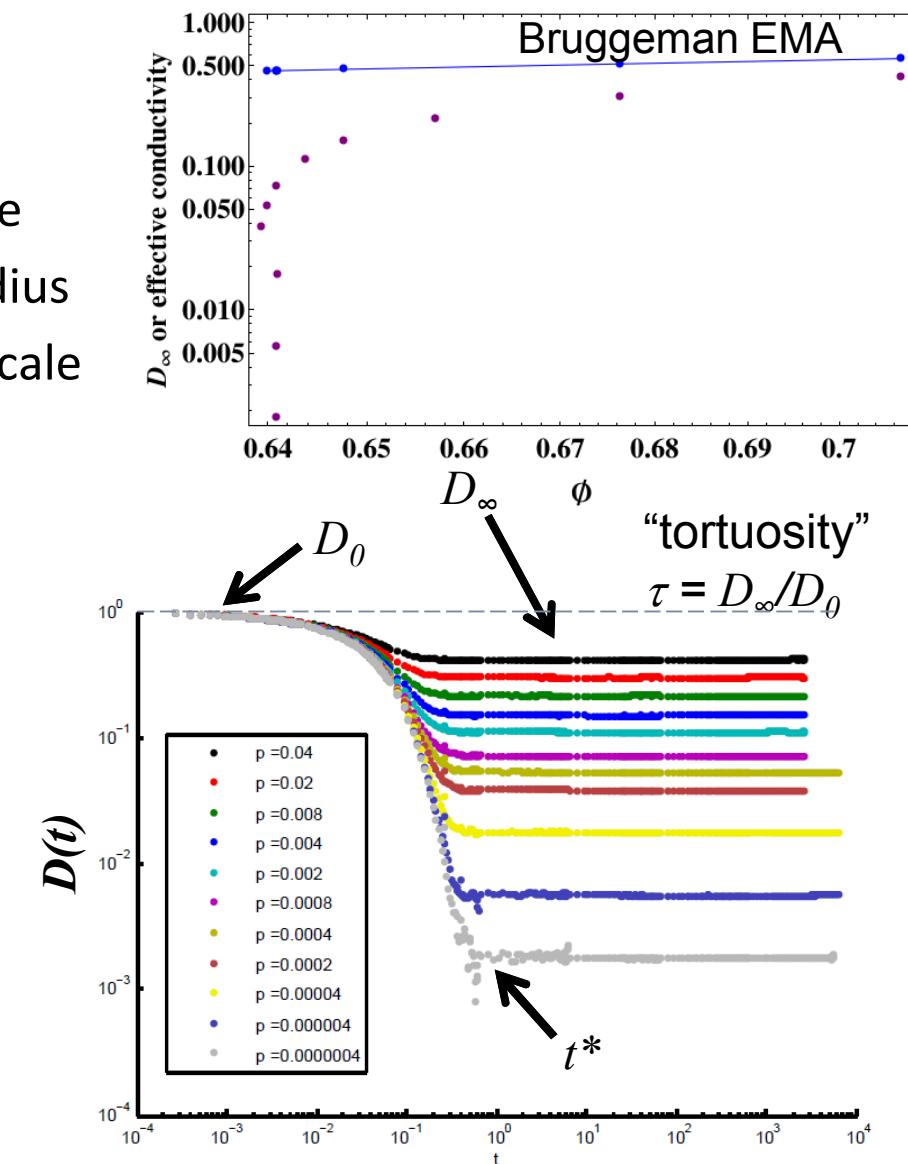
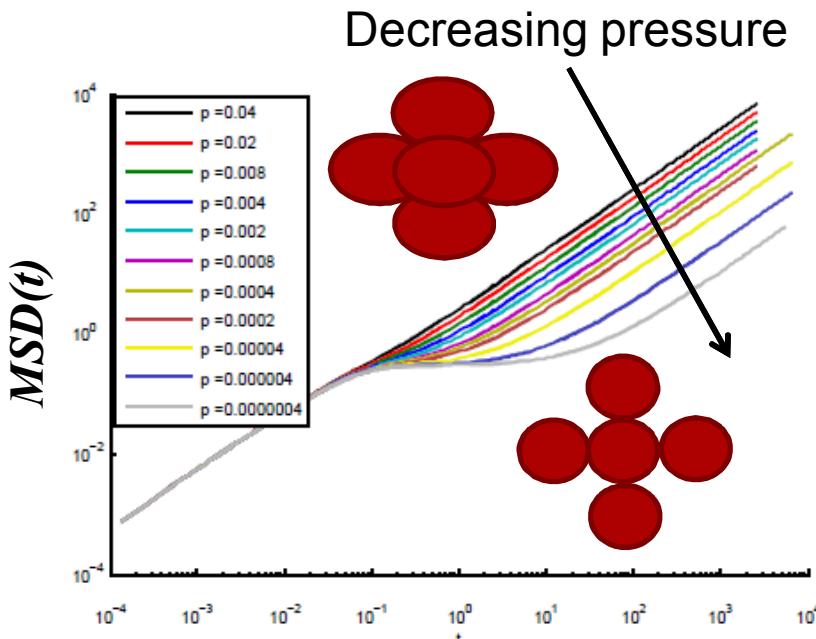
- Random walk through interior of particles, where diffusion coefficient  $D_0 = 1$
- Similar to method of Kim and Torquato<sup>1</sup> (“walk on spheres”), but modified to yield time-dependent behavior
- Random walker displacement relates to material properties
- “Narrow escape” hopping between neighboring particles requires long simulation times, but accounts for small contacts explicitly and accurately



# Conductivity of Particulate Microstructures

## ■ Results

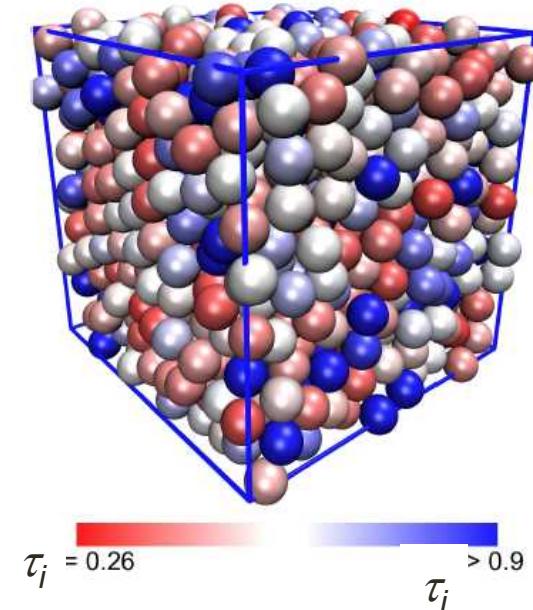
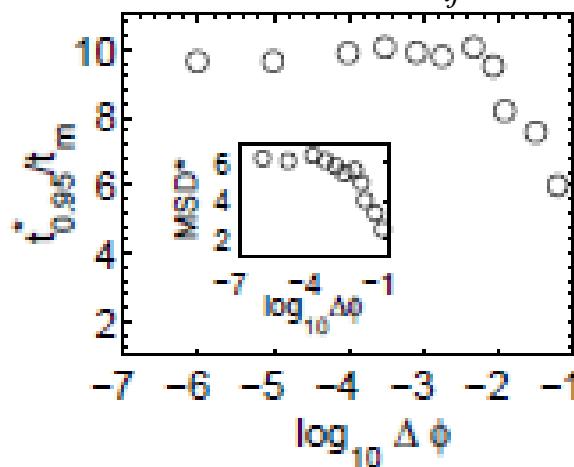
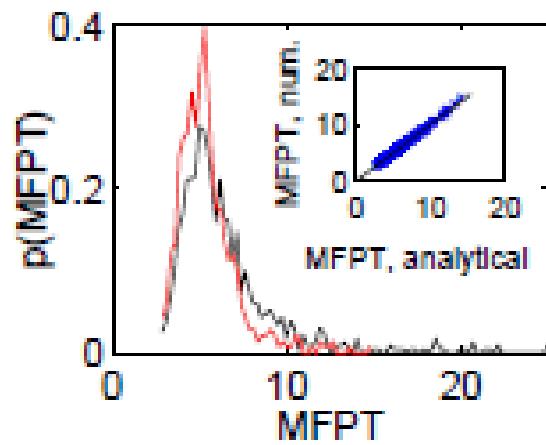
- Late-time  $D_\infty$  function of pressure
- Controlled by particle contact radius
- Apparently, single relevant timescale



# Bulk Thermal Conductivity

- Volume averaged MFPT per particle
  - Narrow Escape
    - Small, well separated contacts ( $a_{ij} \ll d, r_{ij} \ll d$ )
  - Largest Eigen value of Laplace operator in sphere with mixed BC's

Cheviakov et al. (2010), Multiscale Model. Simul., v.8, pp.836–870



$$\lambda_i = \frac{1}{\tau_i} \approx \sum_{j=1}^{z_i} \frac{4D_i a_{ij}}{V_i}$$

$$\bar{\tau} = \frac{1}{N_p} \sum_{i=1}^{N_p} \tau_i$$

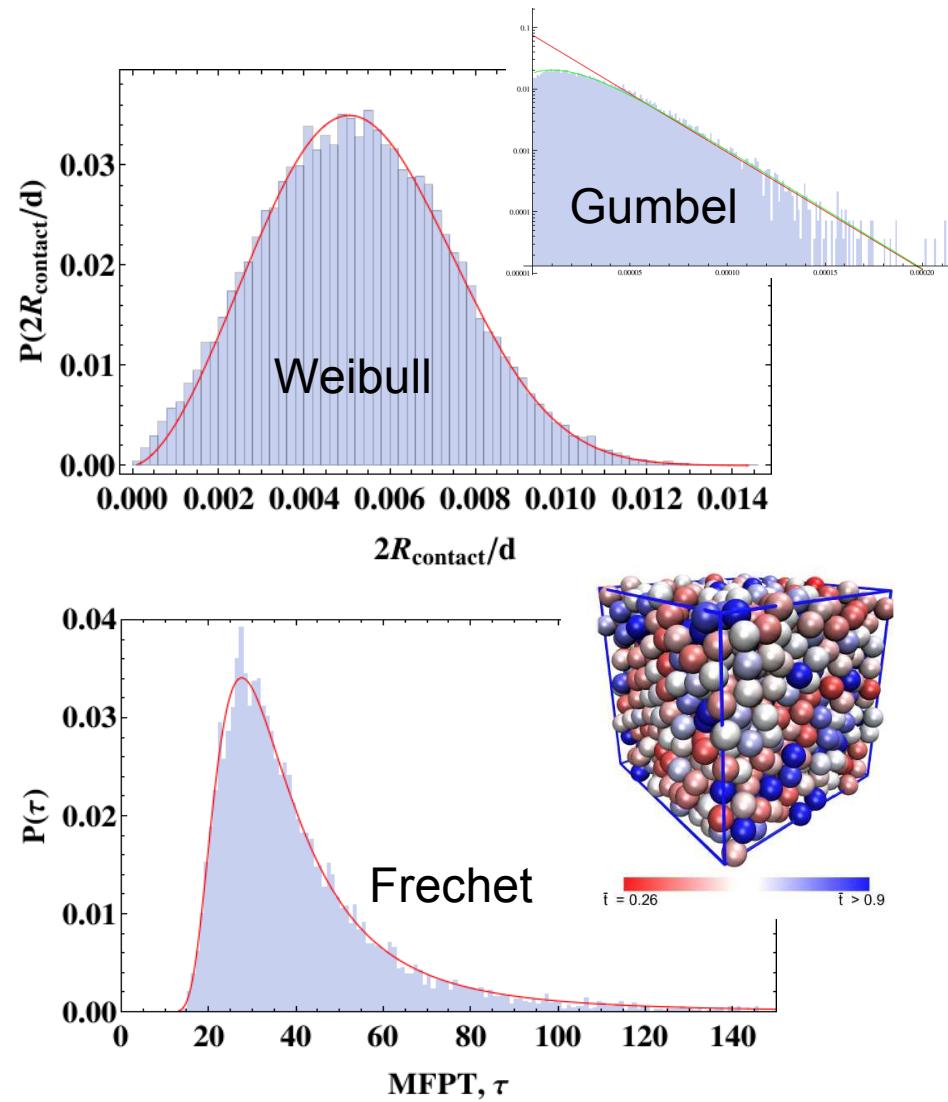
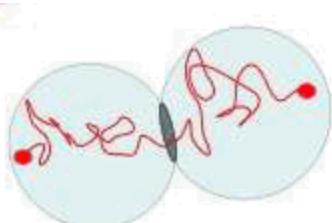
- Particle averaged, volume averaged MFPT  $\sim$  bulk conductivity

# Microstructural Details: Particle-Particle Interfaces

- **Difference from, say, SC lattice**
  - Disordered graph
  - Distribution of coord. #'s
  - Distribution of forces/“overlaps”
    - Distribution of contact radii
    - Distribution of volume-averaged MFPT
      - Narrow Escape
        - » Single and multiple contacts in well separated limit ( $a \ll d$ )
        - » Largest Eigen value of Laplace Operator in spherical domain with mixed (Dirichlet and Neumann) BC's

$$\bar{\tau} \sim \frac{1}{a}$$

$$\bar{\tau}_{z_i} \sim \sum_{j=1}^{z_i} \frac{1}{a_{ij}}$$



# Homogenized Models: Bridging particle meso-scale to Bulk scale

- Consider Continuous-Time Random Walk a la Montroll and Wiess
  - cf. Chaudhuri et al. (2010) PRL, v.99 , p.060604
  - Conditional probability of walker being at position  $r$  at time  $t$

$$G_s(k, s) = f_{vib}(k) \left[ \frac{1 - \phi_1(s) + f(k)(\phi_1(s) - \phi_2(s))}{s(1 - \phi_2(s)f(k))} \right] \quad p = 0.002$$
$$f(k) = f_{vib}(k)f_{jump}(k)$$

$$f_{vib}(k) = (2\pi\ell^2)^{-3/2} \exp(-r^2/2\ell^2)$$

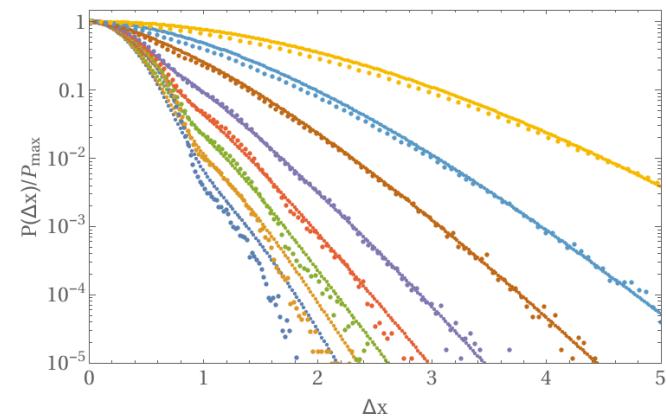
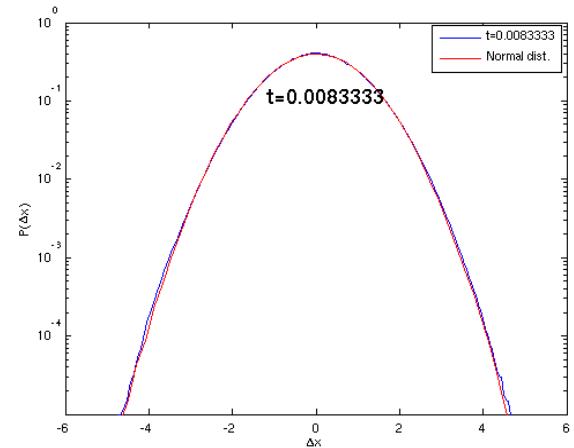
$$f_{jump}(k) = (2\pi\lambda^2)^{-3/2} \exp(-r^2/2\lambda^2)$$

$$\phi_1 = \tau_1^{-1} \exp(-t/\tau_1)$$

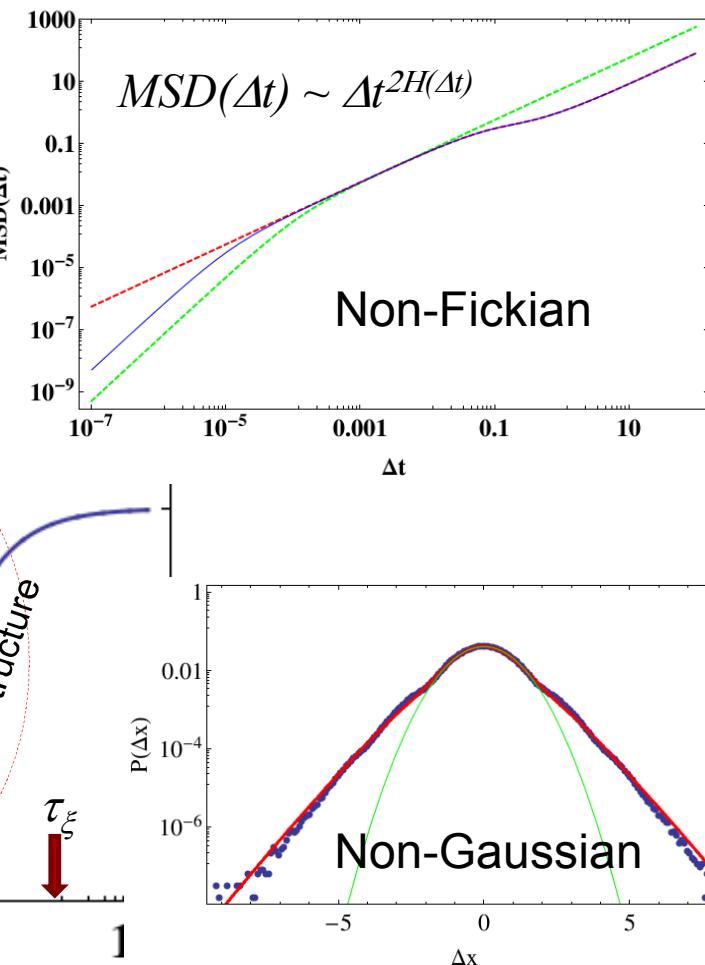
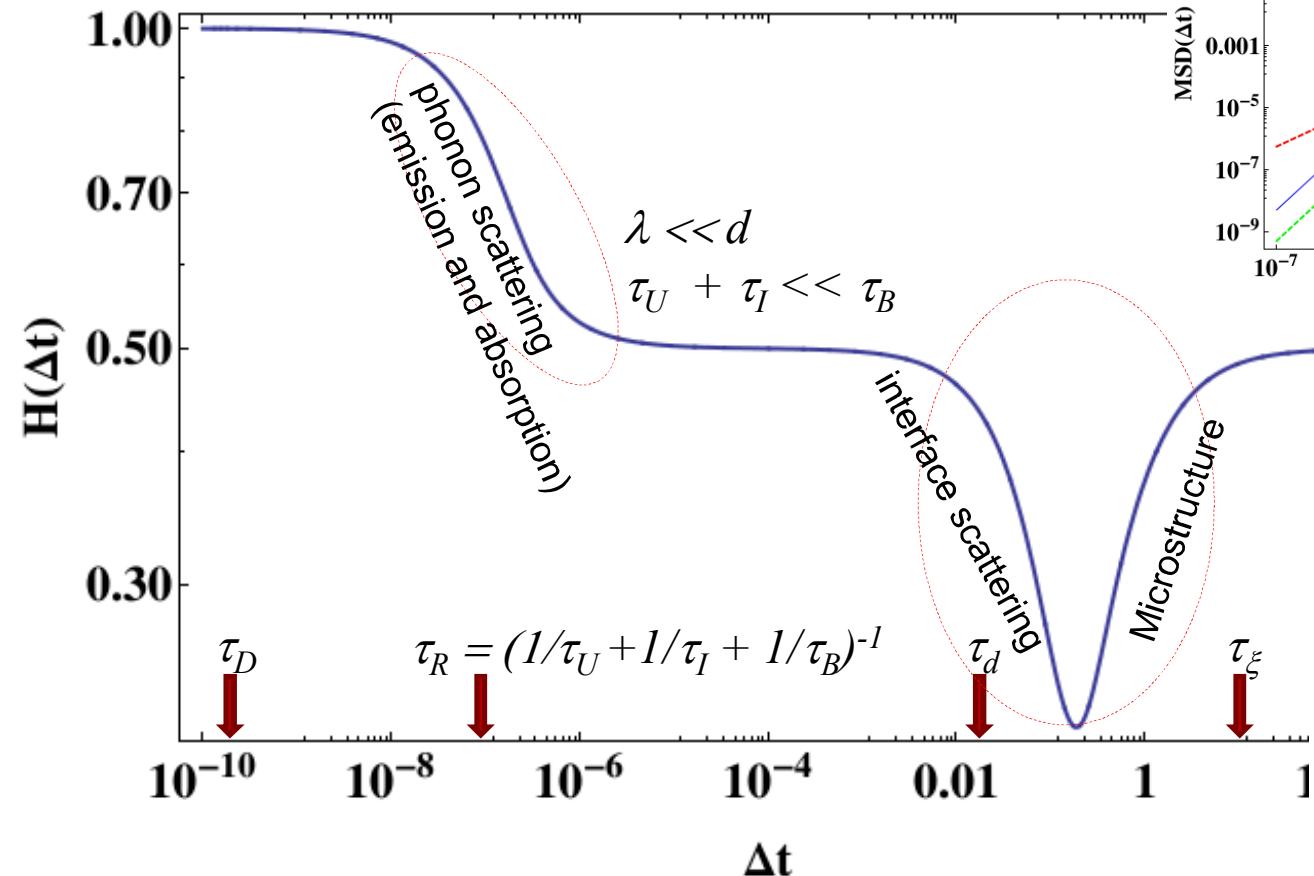
$$p = 0.0004$$

$$\phi_2 = \tau_1^{-1} \exp(-t/\tau_2)$$

- Equivalent to Generalized Master Equation



# Transport Heterogeneity: Crossing Scales



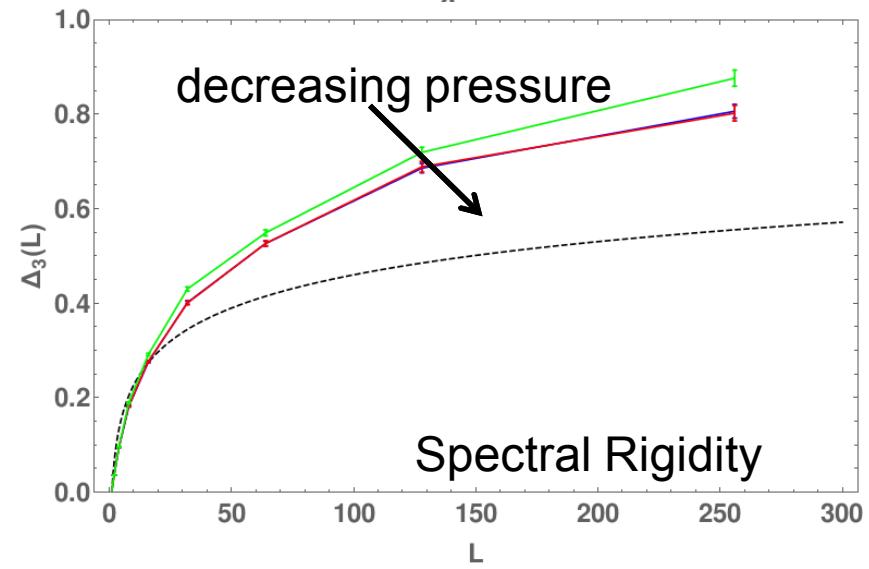
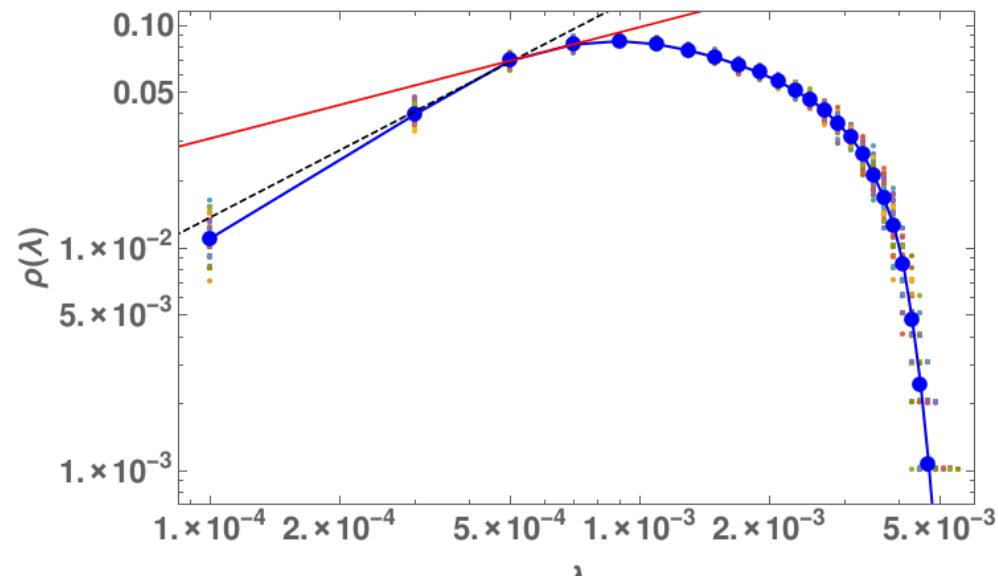
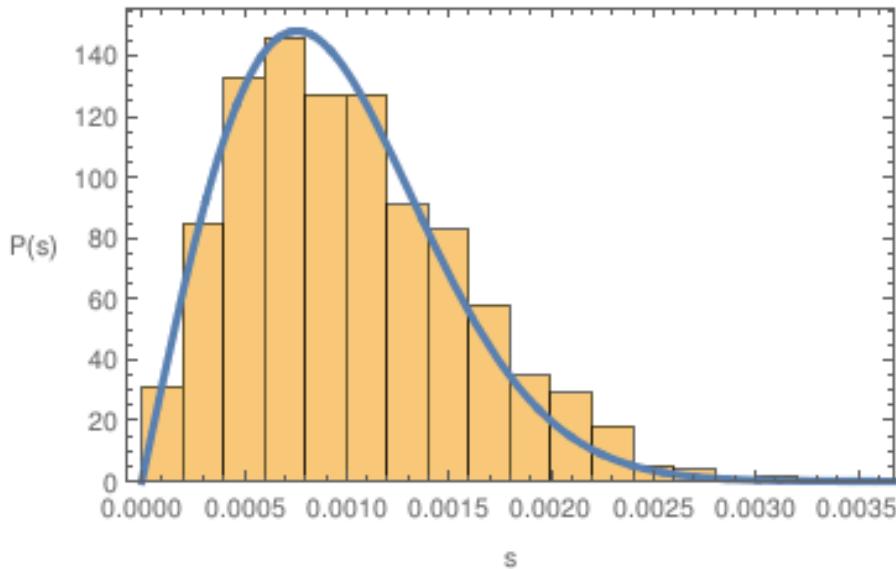
cf. K. Razi Naqvi and S. Waldenstrom (2005) *PRL* **95**, 065901

# Spectral Analysis

- **Transition Rate Matrix**

$$W_{ij} = \begin{cases} \frac{3D}{\pi R^2} \sqrt{\frac{\delta_{ij}}{R}} & i \neq j \\ -\sum_{j \neq i} W_{ij} & i = j \end{cases}$$

$$\delta_{ij} = 2R - \|\mathbf{r}_j - \mathbf{r}_i\| \geq 0$$



# Meso-Macro Model Development

- Temperature distribution in isotropic, homogeneous, 3-dimensional, infinite medium classically modeled by heat equation; heated by an instantaneous point source at  $r=0$

$$T(r,t) = \frac{Q \exp(-r^2/4Dt)}{8\pi\rho C(Dt)^{3/2}}$$

- Hence,  $T(0,t)$  scales as  $T(0,t) \sim t^{-3/2}$

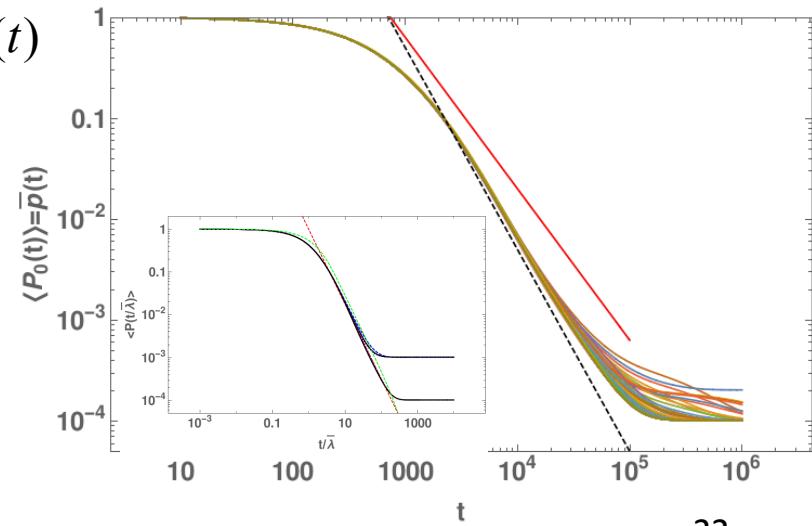
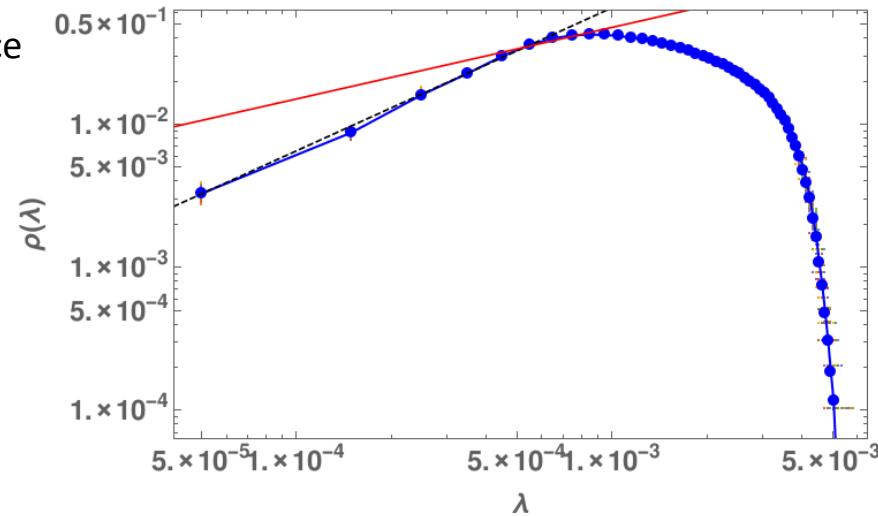
- Discrete case (transport on a graph) return probability

$$\bar{p}_{discr}(t) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N \exp(-\lambda_n t)$$

- In “thermodynamic” (continuum) limit,  $N \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $T(0,t) = \bar{p}(t)$

$$\bar{p}(t) = \int \rho(\lambda) \exp(-\lambda t) d\lambda$$

- Thus, if  $\rho(\lambda) \sim \lambda^\nu$ ,  $\bar{p}(t) \sim t^{-(1+\nu)}$  and  $\nu = d/2 - 1$ , with  $d = 3$  for the homogeneous, isotropic case above
- Hence, scaling is anomalous with respect to classical descriptions
- Could be measured...

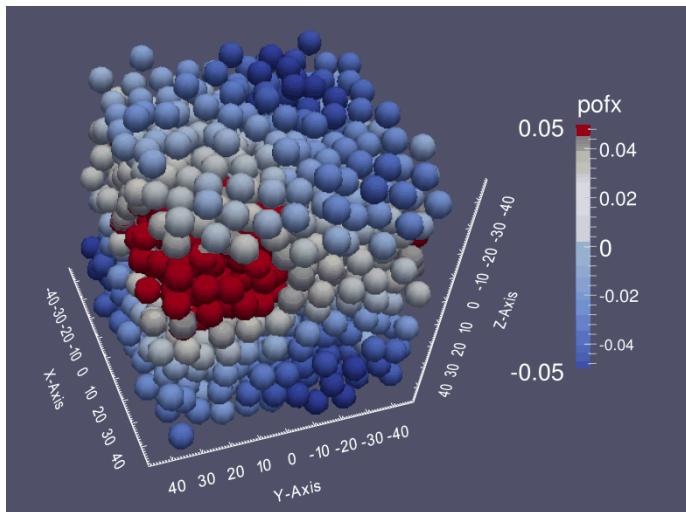


# Eigenvectors and Statistics

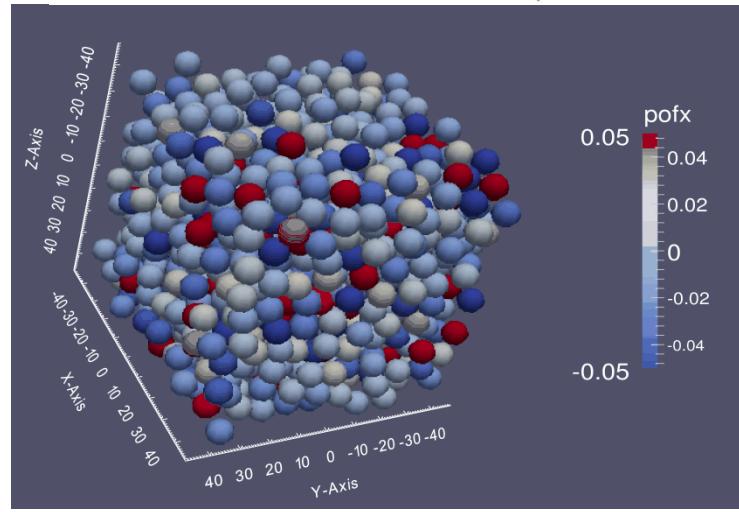
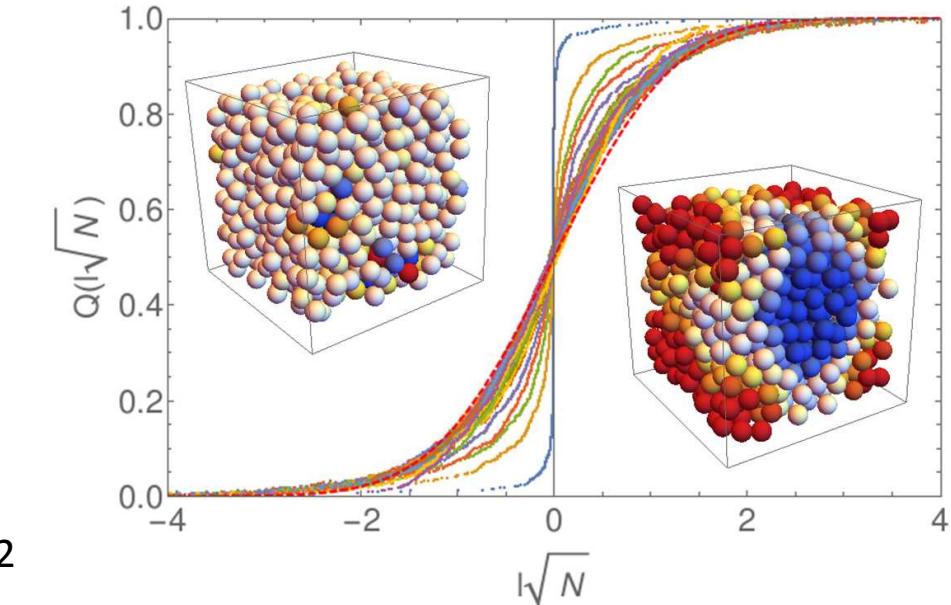
- Eigenvectors
  - small eigenvalues show plane
- Close to Porter-Thomas distribution
  - But, not quite

Cf. Silbert et al. (2009), PRE v.79, p.021308

cf. Manning and Liu (2015), EPL v.109, p.36002



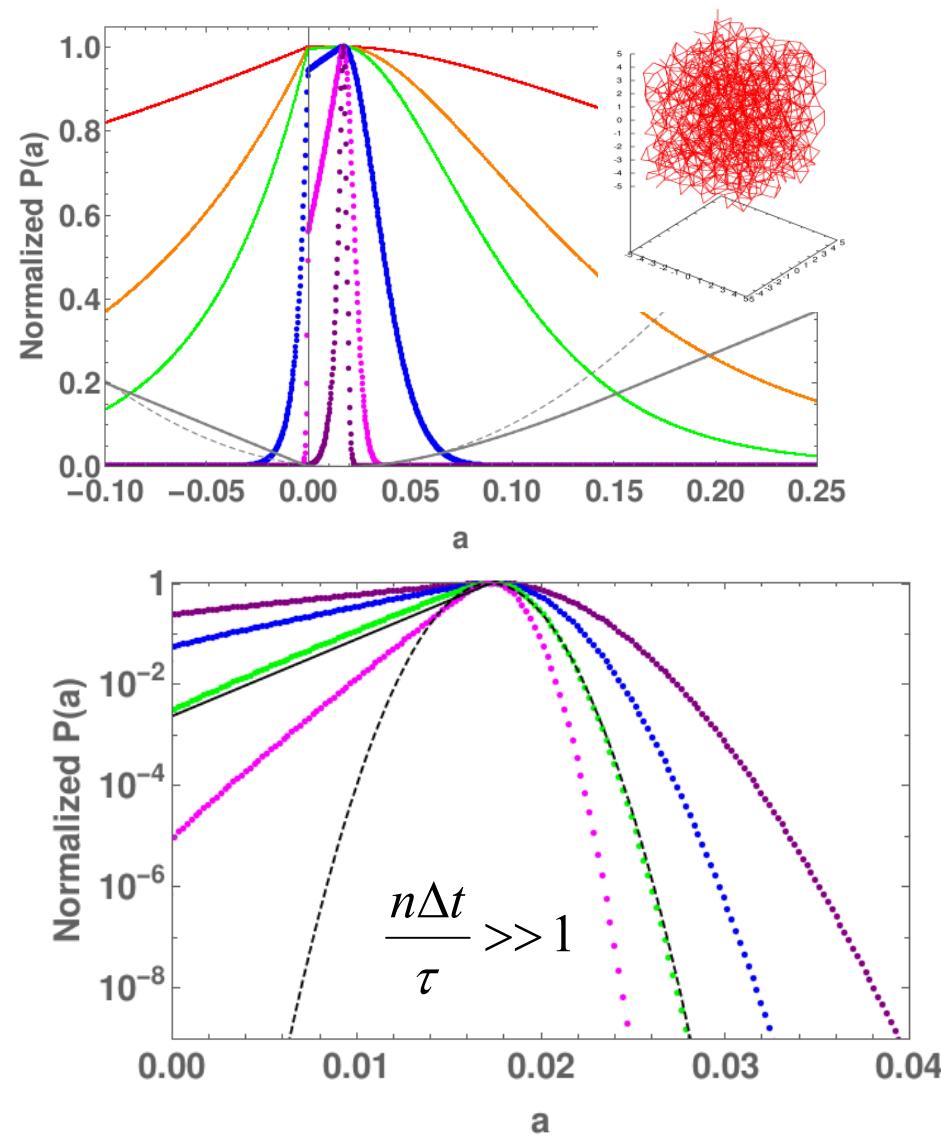
Eigenvector for large  $\lambda$



Eigenvector for small  $\lambda$

# Large Deviations in Disordered Networks

- Statistical Mechanics of “Trajectories”
- Use thermodynamic formalism for systems with Markovian dynamics
  - Largest Eigen value of *modified* transition rate matrix is dynamical free energy
  - The negative of the rate function can be viewed as a dynamical entropy
- Obtain convergence (in distribution) of fluctuations in diffusion coefficient
- Distributions reminiscent of “Extreme Value Statistics” (e.g., Gumbel distribution)



# Large Deviation Function

- SC lattice vs. Jammed network
  - Dynamic Phase Transition?

