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Transition rates for slip-avalanches in soft athermal disks under quasi-static simple shear deformations

Sharp drops in the stress of soft athermal disks are triggered by restructuring of force-chain networks. The transition rate of contact forces and angles is a measure of statistical weights for the restructuring. It bridges the gap between microscale mechanics and macroscopic avalanche-sizes. The two pictures highlight different features of slip-events (left) and shear localization (right) in soft athermal disks. Note that the pictures are made from different data.



