

**Discontinuous change of shear modulus for frictional jammed granular materials**Michio Otsuki<sup>1,\*</sup> and Hisao Hayakawa<sup>2</sup><sup>1</sup>*Department of Physics and Materials Science, Shimane University, 1060 Nishikawatsu-cho, Matsue 690-8504, Japan*<sup>2</sup>*Yukawa Institute for Theoretical Physics, Kyoto University, Kitashirakawa-iwake-cho, Sakyo-ku, Kyoto 606-8502, Japan*

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The shear modulus of jammed frictional granular materials with harmonic repulsive interaction under an oscillatory shear is numerically investigated. It is confirmed that the storage modulus, the real part of the shear modulus, for frictional grains with sufficiently small strain amplitude  $\gamma_0$  discontinuously emerges at the jamming transition point. The storage modulus for small  $\gamma_0$  differs from that of frictionless grains even in the zero friction limit, whereas they are almost identical with each other for sufficiently large  $\gamma_0$ , where the transition becomes continuous. The stress-strain curve exhibits a hysteresis loop even for a small strain, which connects a linear region for sufficiently small strain to another linear region for larger strain. We propose a scaling law to interpolate between the states of small and large  $\gamma_0$ .

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When the packing fraction  $\phi$  exceeds a critical value  $\phi_c$ , amorphous materials consisting of repulsive particles such as granular materials, colloidal suspensions, foams, and emulsions turn into jammed solids which have rigidity. Such a transition, known as the jamming transition, has been the subject of extensive studies over the last two decades [1,2]. For frictionless grains, the pressure increases continuously from  $\phi_c$ , while the coordination number  $Z$  exhibits a discontinuous transition at  $\phi_c$  in the hard core limit [3,4].

An assembly of frictionless grains under a simple shear exhibits a rheological continuous transition: the viscosity diverges as  $\phi$  approaches  $\phi_c$  from below, while the yield stress increases continuously above  $\phi_c$  [5–27]. The jamming transition is also characterized by the appearance of rigidity under an oscillatory strain above  $\phi_c$ . For sufficiently small strain, the elastic modulus of frictionless grains is independent of the strain and the critical exponents for the jamming transition depend on the type of the local interaction [3,4,28]. We call this regime the linear response regime. For large strain, recent studies [29–34] have revealed that the real part of the shear modulus, the storage modulus  $G$ , of frictionless particles decreases with increasing strain as a result of nonlinear response because of slip avalanches [35,36]. The present authors have proposed a scaling law of  $G$  to interpolate between the linear and the nonlinear responses [30]. Note that the storage modulus as the ratio of the stress to the strain can be used even in the nonlinear response regime.

Most previous studies, however, assume that grains are frictionless, though it is impossible to remove contact friction in experiments of dry granular particles and the friction causes drastic changes in rheology such as a discontinuous shear thickening with a hysteresis loop near  $\phi_c$  [37–52]. Somfat *et al.* [53] numerically investigated the elastic moduli of a frictional system with the aid of the density of state and found that  $G/B$  with the bulk modulus  $B$  in the linear response regime is proportional to  $\Delta Z$ , the excess coordination number relative to the isostatic value. They also found that  $\Delta Z$

discontinuously appears at  $\phi_c$  for frictional grains [53]. This suggests that frictional grains with the harmonic repulsive interaction exhibit a discontinuous change of  $G$  at  $\phi_c$  even in the frictionless limit contrast to a continuous change for frictionless grains [3,4,28].

The difference of the linear elasticity between the frictionless limit and the frictionless case casts doubt on the expectation that the scaling laws for the elasticity of frictionless grains can be confirmed in experiments of grains with sufficiently small friction coefficient. The accessible shear strain in the experiment [29], however, is too large and does not correspond to the previous theoretical studies [3,4,30]. Also, little is known on the nonlinear elasticity of jammed frictional grains. To clarify the effects of the contact friction on the linear and the nonlinear elasticities, we numerically investigate the shear modulus of two-dimensional frictional granular materials near the jamming point under an oscillatory shear.

The organization of this paper is as follows. In Sec. II, we explain our setup and model. Section III deals with effects of the friction on the storage modulus. In Sec. IV, we present a scaling law for the storage modulus of frictional grains. We discuss and conclude our results in Sec. V. In Appendix A, we exhibit the dependence of the complex shear modulus on the angular frequency  $\omega$ . In Appendix B, we discuss the critical condition of the appearance of the second plateau of the storage modulus. Appendix C deals with the stress-strain curves for various  $\gamma_0$ . We explain the method to determine the transition point depending on the friction coefficient  $\mu$  in Appendix D. In Appendix E, we present the method to estimate the exponents for the scaling law.

**II. SETUP OF SIMULATION**

Let us consider a two-dimensional assembly of  $N$  frictional granular particles. They interact with each other through the Cundall-Strack model with an identical mass density  $\rho$  in a square periodic box of linear size  $L$  [54]. The position, the velocity, and the angular velocity of the grain  $i$  are respectively denoted by  $\mathbf{r}_i$ ,  $\mathbf{v}_i$ , and  $\omega_i \hat{\mathbf{z}}$ , where we have introduced the unit vector  $\hat{\mathbf{z}}$  parallel to the  $z$  axis (perpendicular to the considering plane). To avoid crystallization, we use a bidisperse system

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which includes an equal number of grains of diameters  $d_0$  and  $d_0/1.4$ , respectively.

The contact force  $\mathbf{F}_{ij}$  between grain  $i$  and grain  $j$  consists of the normal part  $\mathbf{F}_{ij}^{(n)}$  and the tangential part  $\mathbf{F}_{ij}^{(t)}$  as  $\mathbf{F}_{ij} = \mathbf{F}_{ij}^{(n)} + \mathbf{F}_{ij}^{(t)}$ . The normal contact force  $\mathbf{F}_{ij}^{(n)}$  is given by

$$\mathbf{F}_{ij}^{(n)} = \mathbf{F}_{ij}^{(n,\text{el})} + \mathbf{F}_{ij}^{(n,\text{vis})}, \quad (1)$$

where

$$\mathbf{F}_{ij}^{(n,\text{el})} = k^{(n)}(d_{ij} - |\mathbf{r}_{ij}|)\Theta(d_{ij} - |\mathbf{r}_{ij}|)\mathbf{n}_{ij}, \quad (2)$$

$$\mathbf{F}_{ij}^{(n,\text{vis})} = -\eta^{(n)}v_{ij}^{(n)}\Theta(d_{ij} - |\mathbf{r}_{ij}|)\mathbf{n}_{ij}, \quad (3)$$

with the normal spring constant  $k^{(n)}$  and the normal viscous constant  $\eta^{(n)}$ . Here,  $\mathbf{r}_{ij}$ ,  $\mathbf{n}_{ij}$ ,  $v_{ij}^{(n)}$ , and  $d_{ij}$  are respectively given by  $\mathbf{r}_{ij} = \mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{r}_j$ ,  $\mathbf{n}_{ij} = \mathbf{r}_{ij}/|\mathbf{r}_{ij}|$ ,  $v_{ij}^{(n)} = (\mathbf{v}_i - \mathbf{v}_j) \cdot \mathbf{n}_{ij}$ , and  $d_{ij} = (d_i + d_j)/2$  with the diameter  $d_i$  of grain  $i$ . In Eqs. (2) and (3), we have introduced the Heaviside step function  $\Theta(x)$  defined by  $\Theta(x) = 1$  for  $x \geq 0$  and  $\Theta(x) = 0$  otherwise.

Similarly, the tangential friction force  $\mathbf{F}_{ij}^{(t)}$  is given by

$$\mathbf{F}_{ij}^{(t)} = \min(\tilde{F}_{ij}^{(t)}, \mu|\mathbf{F}_{ij}^{(n,\text{el})}|)\text{sign}(\tilde{F}_{ij}^{(t)})\mathbf{t}_{ij}, \quad (4)$$

where  $\min(a, b)$  selects the smaller one between  $a$  and  $b$ ,  $\text{sign}(x)$  is 1 for  $x > 0$  and  $-1$  for  $x < 0$ , and  $\tilde{F}_{ij}^{(t)}$  is given by

$$\tilde{F}_{ij}^{(t)} = k^{(t)}\delta_{ij}^{(t)} - \eta^{(t)}v_{ij}^{(t)} \quad (5)$$

with  $\mathbf{t}_{ij} = (-r_{ij,y}/|\mathbf{r}_{ij}|, r_{ij,x}/|\mathbf{r}_{ij}|)$ . Here,  $k^{(t)}$ ,  $\eta^{(t)}$ , and  $\mu$  are the tangential spring constant, the tangential viscous constant, and the friction coefficient, respectively. The tangential velocity  $v_{ij}^{(t)}$  and the tangential displacement  $\delta_{ij}^{(t)}$  are respectively given by

$$v_{ij}^{(t)} = (\mathbf{v}_i - \mathbf{v}_j) \cdot \mathbf{t}_{ij} - (d_i\omega_i + d_j\omega_j)/2, \quad (6)$$

$$\delta_{ij}^{(t)} = \int_{\text{stick}} dt v_{ij}^{(t)}, \quad (7)$$

where ‘‘stick’’ on the integral implies that the integral is only performed when the condition  $|\tilde{F}_{ij}^{(t)}| < \mu|\mathbf{F}_{ij}^{(n,\text{el})}|$  is satisfied. Equations (4)–(7) indicate that the tangential contact force  $\mathbf{F}_{ij}^{(t)}$  in quasistatic motion is constrained by the Coulomb criterion:  $|\mathbf{F}_{ij}^{(t)}| = k^{(t)}\delta_{ij}^{(t)}$  in the ‘‘stick region’’ for  $|\delta_{ij}^{(t)}| < \mu|\mathbf{F}_{ij}^{(n)}|/k^{(t)}$ , while  $|\mathbf{F}_{ij}^{(t)}|$  remains  $\mu|\mathbf{F}_{ij}^{(n)}|$  in the ‘‘slip region’’ for  $|\delta_{ij}^{(t)}| \geq \mu|\mathbf{F}_{ij}^{(n)}|/k^{(t)}$ . Additionally, we have introduced the torque  $T_i$  on grain  $i$  as

$$T_i = -\sum_j \frac{d_i}{2} \mathbf{F}_{ij}^{(t)} \cdot \mathbf{t}_{ij}. \quad (8)$$

In this model, we apply an oscillatory shear along the  $y$  direction under the Lees-Edwards boundary condition [55]. The Sllod equations of motion are used to stabilize the uniform

sheared state as

$$\frac{d\mathbf{r}_i}{dt} = \frac{\mathbf{p}_i}{m_i} + \dot{\gamma}(t)r_{i,y}\hat{\mathbf{x}}, \quad (9)$$

$$\frac{d\mathbf{p}_i}{dt} = \sum_{j \neq i} \mathbf{F}_{ij} - \dot{\gamma}(t)p_{i,y}\hat{\mathbf{x}}, \quad (10)$$

$$I_i \frac{d\omega_i}{dt} = T_i, \quad (11)$$

where we have introduced the time dependent shear rate  $\dot{\gamma}(t)$ , the peculiar momentum  $\mathbf{p}_i$  defined by Eq. (9), the unit vector parallel to the  $x$  direction,  $\hat{\mathbf{x}}$ , the mass  $m_i = \pi\rho d_i^2/4$ , and the moment of inertia,  $I_i = m_i d_i^2/8$ .

As an initial state, the disks are randomly placed in the system with the initial packing fraction  $\phi_1 = 0.75$ . After relaxing the system to a mechanical equilibrium state, we compress the system without shear in small steps until the packing fraction reaches a given value  $\phi$ . In each step, we change the linear system size and the position of grain  $i$  as

$$L^{(n_s+1)} = L^{(n_s)} \sqrt{\frac{\phi^{(n_s)}}{\phi^{(n_s+1)}}}, \quad (12)$$

$$\mathbf{r}_i^{(n_s+1)} = \mathbf{r}_i^{(n_s)} \sqrt{\frac{\phi^{(n_s)}}{\phi^{(n_s+1)}}}, \quad (13)$$

and relax the grains to the mechanical equilibrium state. Here,  $L^{(n_s)}$ ,  $\mathbf{r}_i^{(n_s)}$ , and  $\phi^{(n_s)}$  denote the system size, the position of the grains  $i$ , and the packing fraction at the  $n_s$ th step, respectively. The increment of the packing fraction in the compression process is denoted by  $\Delta\phi \equiv \phi^{(n_s+1)} - \phi^{(n_s)}$ . Here, we regard the state for  $T < T_{\text{th}}$  as the mechanical equilibrium state, where we have introduced the kinetic temperature  $T \equiv \sum_i |\mathbf{p}_i|^2/(2m_i N)$  and a threshold  $T_{\text{th}}$ . It should be noted that the origin of the coordinate axes is located at the center of the system.

The system is subjected to an oscillatory shear with the shear strain  $\gamma(t) = \gamma_0\{1 - \cos(\omega t)\}$ , where  $\gamma_0$  and  $\omega$  are the strain amplitude and the angular frequency, respectively. Then, we measure the storage modulus defined by [56]

$$G(\gamma_0, \mu, \phi) = -\frac{\omega}{\pi} \int_0^{2\pi/\omega} dt \sigma(t) \cos(\omega t) / \gamma_0 \quad (14)$$

with the shear stress given by

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma(t) = & -\frac{1}{L^2} \sum_i^N \sum_{j>i} r_{ij,x}(t) F_{ij,y}(t) \\ & - \frac{1}{L^2} \sum_i^N \frac{p_{i,x}(t) p_{i,y}(t)}{m_i}. \end{aligned} \quad (15)$$

Note that the loss modulus exhibits only a linear dependence on  $\omega$  and its  $\phi$  dependence is relatively small. We also point out that  $G$  is almost independent of  $\omega$  when the time period of the oscillatory shear is sufficiently larger than the relaxation time of the configuration of the grains. We, thus, focus on the dependence of  $G$  only on  $\gamma_0$ ,  $\mu$ , and  $\phi$  for sufficiently small  $\omega$ . The detailed  $\omega$  dependence of the storage and the loss moduli are shown in Appendix A.

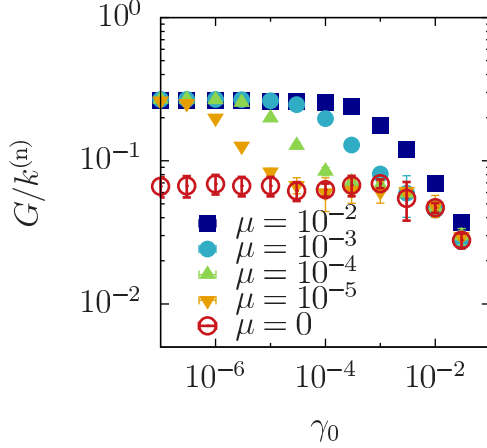


FIG. 1. The storage modulus  $G$  against  $\gamma_0$  for  $\mu = 10^{-2}$ ,  $10^{-3}$ ,  $10^{-4}$ ,  $10^{-5}$ , and 0 at  $\phi = 0.87$ .

Let us summarize a set of parameters used in our simulation. We use  $k^{(l)} = k^{(n)}$  and  $\eta^{(l)} = \eta^{(n)} = \sqrt{m_0 k^{(n)}}$ , where  $m_0$  is the mass of a grain with diameter  $d_0$ . This set of parameters corresponds to the constant restitution coefficient  $e = 0.043$ . We adopt the leapfrog algorithm with the time step  $\Delta t = 0.05\tau$ , where  $\tau$  is the characteristic time of the stiffness, i.e.,  $\tau = \sqrt{m_0/k^{(n)}}$ . The number  $N$  of grains is 4000. We have checked that the shear modulus is independent of  $N$  for  $N \geq 4000$ . We fix the parameters  $T_{\text{th}} = 10^{-8}(k^{(n)}d_0^2)$ ,  $\Delta\phi = 10^{-4}$ , and  $\omega = 10^{-4}\tau^{-1}$ . We have confirmed that our results in the main text are insensitive to  $T_{\text{th}}$ ,  $\Delta\phi$ , and  $\omega$  if they are sufficiently small.

### III. STORAGE MODULUS FOR A GIVEN PACKING FRACTION

To begin with, we study the dependence of the storage modulus on the friction coefficient  $\mu$ . In Fig. 1, we plot  $G$  against  $\gamma_0$  for various  $\mu$  at  $\phi = 0.87$ . For each  $\mu$ ,  $G$  is almost independent of  $\gamma_0$  in the linear response regime, while  $G$  decreases with  $\gamma_0$  in the nonlinear response regime. In the linear response regime,  $G$  for  $\mu > 0$  is almost independent of  $\mu$  but differs from that for  $\mu = 0$  [53]. In the nonlinear response regime, the storage moduli for  $\mu = 0$  and  $\mu > 0$  are almost identical to each other. It is noteworthy that the range of the linear response becomes narrower as  $\mu$  decreases, and  $G$  for  $\mu = 10^{-5}$  and  $10^{-4}$  have second plateaus. As is shown in Appendix B, there is no second plateau for relatively large  $\mu$  (see the details of the critical condition in Appendix B). We confirm that storage moduli for various  $\phi$  depend on the order of the limits:

$$\lim_{\mu \rightarrow +0} \lim_{\gamma_0 \rightarrow +0} G(\gamma_0, \mu, \phi) \neq \lim_{\gamma_0 \rightarrow +0} G(\gamma_0, \mu = 0, \phi). \quad (16)$$

The dependence of  $G$  on  $\mu$  and  $\gamma_0$  in Fig. 1 can be explained from the stress-strain curves shown in Fig. 2, where we plot the intrinsic shear stress  $\sigma(\gamma) - \sigma(0)$  against the shear strain  $\gamma$  for various  $\mu$  at  $\gamma_0 = 10^{-6}$  and  $\phi = 0.87$ . For each  $\mu$ ,  $\sigma(\gamma) - \sigma(0)$  is proportional to  $\gamma$  for sufficiently small  $\gamma$ . The proportionality constant for  $\mu > 0$  is independent of  $\mu$  but is larger than that for  $\mu = 0$  as in Eq. (16). The range

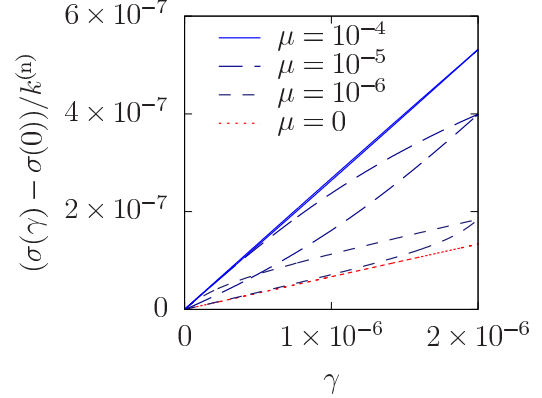


FIG. 2. The intrinsic shear stress  $\sigma(\gamma) - \sigma(0)$  against  $\gamma$  with  $\mu = 10^{-4}$ ,  $10^{-5}$ ,  $10^{-6}$ , and 0 for  $\gamma_0 = 10^{-6}$  and  $\phi = 0.87$ .

of the linear response becomes narrower as  $\mu$  decreases, and the stress-strain curve at  $\mu = 10^{-6}$  exhibits a hysteresis loop which connects the first linear region for sufficiently small  $\gamma$  with the second linear region. The gradient for the second linear region is identical to that of the frictionless grains, which results in the second plateau shown in Fig. 1. This behavior has its origin in the change of the tangential friction from the stick region to the slip region. The  $\gamma_0$  dependence of the stress-strain curve is shown in Appendix C.

### IV. SCALING LAW

Next, we examine how the storage modulus depends on  $\phi$ . In Figs. 3 and 4, we plot  $G$  against  $\phi$  for various  $\gamma_0$  at  $\mu = 10^{-2}$  and  $\mu = 10^{-5}$ , respectively. For the smallest strain amplitude of each  $\mu$ ,  $G$  exhibits a discontinuous transition at  $\phi_c \simeq 0.84$ . As  $\gamma_0$  increases, the discontinuity at  $\phi_c$  decreases and the transition becomes asymptotically continuous, where  $G$  is approximately proportional to  $\phi - \phi_c$ . It should be noted that  $G$  for  $\mu = 10^{-5}$  is insensitive to  $\gamma_0$  between  $\gamma_0 \simeq 10^{-5}$  and  $10^{-4}$ , corresponding to the second plateau shown in Fig. 1.

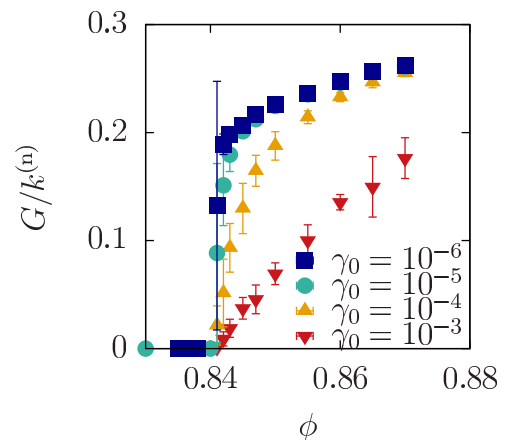


FIG. 3. The storage modulus  $G$  against  $\phi$  for  $\gamma_0 = 10^{-6}$ ,  $10^{-5}$ ,  $10^{-4}$ , and  $10^{-3}$  at  $\mu = 10^{-2}$ .

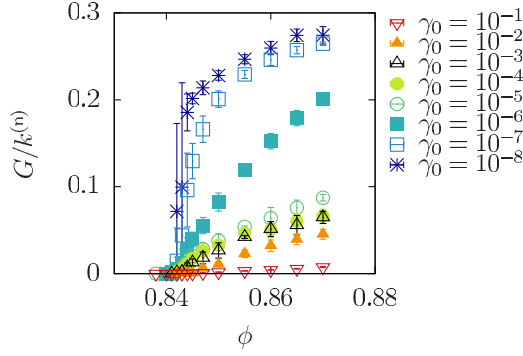


FIG. 4. The storage modulus  $G$  against  $\phi$  for  $\gamma_0 = 10^{-8}, 10^{-7}, 10^{-6}, 10^{-5}, 10^{-4}, 10^{-3}, 10^{-2}$ , and  $10^{-1}$  at  $\mu = 10^{-5}$ .

Here, we propose a scaling law for the storage modulus near the transition point:

$$G(\gamma_0, \mu, \phi) = G^{(\text{lin})}(\mu, \phi) \mathcal{F}\left(\frac{\gamma_0}{\mu^{b_1} \{\phi - \phi_c(\mu)\}^{b_2}}\right), \quad (17)$$

where  $\mathcal{F}(x)$  is the scaling function satisfying

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \mathcal{F}(x) = 1, \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \mathcal{F}(x) \sim x^{-c} \quad (18)$$

with exponents  $b_1$ ,  $b_2$ , and  $c$ , and we have introduced

$$G^{(\text{lin})}(\mu, \phi) \equiv \lim_{\gamma_0 \rightarrow +0} G(\gamma_0, \mu, \phi). \quad (19)$$

In Eq. (17), we have used the jamming point  $\phi_c(\mu)$  depending on  $\mu$ , which is determined by the method explained in Appendix D. Figure 5 confirms the validity of the scaling plot [Eq. (17)], where we have determined  $G^{(\text{lin})}(\mu, \phi)$  by the extrapolation of the limit  $\gamma_0 \rightarrow +0$  using the data for  $\gamma_0 \geq 10^{-7}$ . The critical exponents used in Eq. (17) are estimated as

$$b_1 = 1.00 \pm 0.02, \quad b_2 = 0.90 \pm 0.02, \quad c = 1.13 \pm 0.02, \quad (20)$$

which are determined by the method explained in Appendix E. It should be noted that the scaling law cannot be applied to the region of the second plateau in Fig. 1.

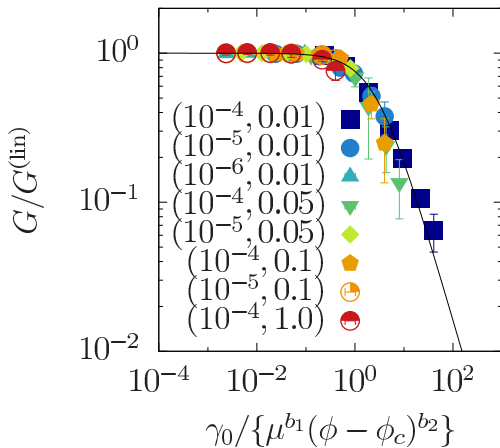


FIG. 5. Scaling plot of Eq. (17) of  $G$ . Each symbol in the legend is characterized by  $(\gamma_0, \mu)$ , but each one has the data for  $\phi - \phi_c = 0.0001, 0.0002, 0.0005, 0.001, 0.01$ , and  $0.03$ . The solid line represents scaling function (E1) in Appendix E.

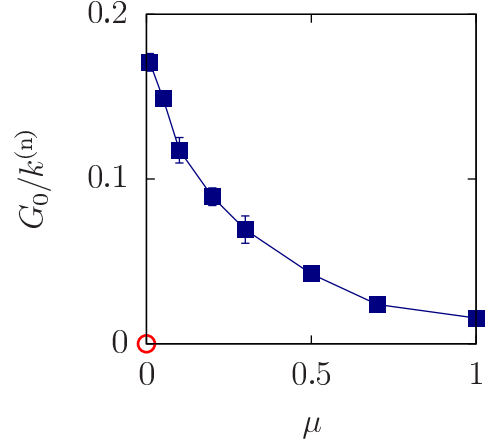


FIG. 6. The storage modulus  $G_0(\mu)$  for  $\mu > 0$  at  $\phi_c$  in the linear response region. The smallest value of  $\mu$  in this plot is 0.01. The open circle at the origin represents the result for frictionless grains.

In Eq. (17), we have assumed that the critical strain  $\gamma_c$  characterizing the crossover from the linear to the nonlinear response regimes is proportional to  $\mu^{b_1} (\phi - \phi_c)^{b_2}$ . The exponents  $b_1$  and  $b_2$  in Eq. (20) may be understood as follows. First,  $\gamma_c$  is expected to satisfy  $\gamma_c \sim \delta_c^{(t)}$  with the critical tangential displacement  $\delta_c^{(t)}$  characterizing the change of the tangential friction  $F^{(t)}$  to the slip region. Then, we deduce  $\delta_c^{(t)} \sim \mu F^{(n)}$  with the average contact force  $F^{(n)} \sim (\phi - \phi_c)$  for grains with the harmonic repulsive interaction [10,11]. Thanks to the above relations, we obtain  $\gamma_c \sim \mu^{b_1} (\phi - \phi_c)^{b_2}$  with  $b_1 = 1$  and  $b_2 = 1$ , which are not far away from the estimated values in Eq. (20). We, however, do not identify the reason why the evaluation of  $b_2$  deviates a little from the numerical value.

It should be noted that the scaling form of Eq. (17) is analogous to that for the frictionless case proposed in Ref. [30], though the  $\mu$  dependence is not included and  $c$  is 1/2 in the conventional scaling. In addition, a numerical simulation of frictionless grains in Ref. [34] reveals that the linear response regime becomes narrower as  $\phi$  approaches  $\phi_c$ , which is consistent with the behavior described by Eq. (17). The main difference between Eq. (17) and the previous results is that Eq. (17) represents the crossover from the stick to the slip branch, while the previous studies deal with the crossover from the slip to the avalanche branch.

We have also confirmed that the storage modulus  $G^{(\text{lin})}(\mu, \phi)$  in the linear response regime exhibits a discontinuous transition at  $\phi_c$ . To give further evidence, we plot the storage modulus at  $\phi_c$  defined as

$$G_0(\mu) \equiv \lim_{\phi \rightarrow +\phi_c} G^{(\text{lin})}(\mu, \phi) \quad (21)$$

against  $\mu$  in Fig. 6, where  $G_0(\mu)$  has a maximum value in the frictionless limit.

The  $\mu$  dependence of  $G_0(\mu)$  can be explained by the relation between the storage modulus and the excess coordination number [53]. Figure 7 plots  $G_0(\mu)$  against the excess coordination number  $Z_0(\mu) - Z_{\text{iso}}$  for various  $\mu$ , where  $Z_0(\mu)$  and  $Z_{\text{iso}} = 3$  are the coordination number at  $\phi_c$  and the isostatic value of the coordination number for two dimensional frictional grains,

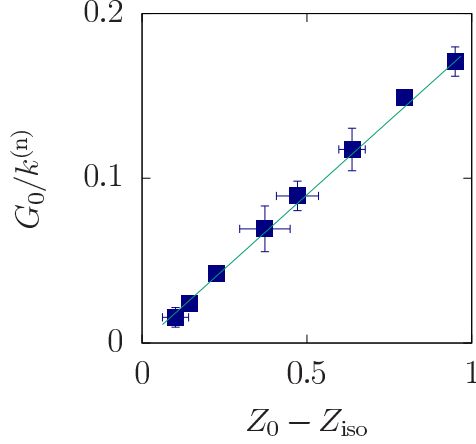


FIG. 7.  $G_0(\mu)$  against  $Z_0(\mu) - Z_{\text{iso}}$  for  $\mu = 0.01, 0.05, 0.1, 0.2, 0.3, 0.5, 0.7,$  and  $1.0$ . The solid line represents Eq. (22).

respectively. As shown in Ref. [53],  $G_0(\mu)$  satisfies

$$G_0(\mu) \propto Z_0(\mu) - Z_{\text{iso}}. \quad (22)$$

It is known that  $Z_0(\mu)$  continuously decreases with increasing  $\mu$  from the isostatic value, 4, for frictionless grains [37,53,57,58]. In fact,  $Z_0(\mu)$  in our model exhibits identical behavior to that in Ref. [37] as shown in Fig. 8. It should be noted that  $Z_0(\mu)$  in our system under oscillatory shear is qualitatively consistent with that of the previous result under steady shear [37]. These results explain the decrease of  $G_0(\mu)$  with increasing  $\mu$  shown in Fig. 6.

We have also found that  $G^{(\text{lin})}(\mu, \phi)$  satisfies

$$G^{(\text{lin})}(\mu, \phi) - G_0(\mu) \propto \{\phi - \phi_c(\mu)\}^a, \quad (23)$$

which is verified in Fig. 9. In the inset of Fig. 9, we plot the exponent  $a$  evaluated by the least squares method against  $\mu$ , which is almost independent of  $\mu$  and estimated as  $a = 0.52 \pm 0.1$ . It should be noted that the previous numerical results suggest  $a = 1/2$  [53].

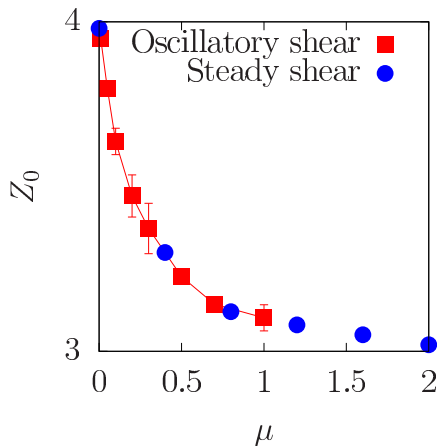


FIG. 8. The coordination number  $Z_0$  at the transition point  $\phi_c$  against  $\mu$  for the present system under oscillatory shear and the system in Ref. [37] under steady shear.

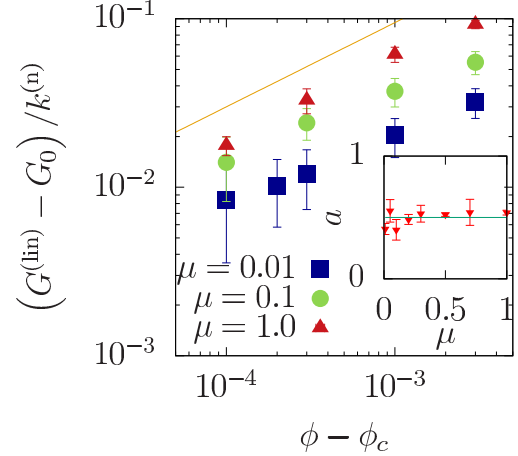


FIG. 9.  $G^{(\text{lin})}(\mu, \phi) - G_0(\mu)$  against  $\phi - \phi_c(\mu)$  for  $\mu = 0.01, 0.05, 0.1, 0.5,$  and  $1.0$ . The solid line represents Eq. (23) with  $a = 1/2$ . Inset: The exponent  $a$  evaluated by the least squares method against  $\mu$ . The solid line represents  $a = 1/2$ .

We have summarized our results by two scaling laws derived from Eqs. (17) and (23):

$$\lim_{\gamma_0 \rightarrow +0} G(\gamma_0, \mu, \phi) = G_0(\mu) + A(\mu)\{\phi - \phi_c(\mu)\}^a \quad (24)$$

for the discontinuous transition in the linear response regime and

$$\lim_{\phi \rightarrow +\phi_c} G(\gamma_0, \mu, \phi) \propto G_0(\mu) \left( \frac{\mu^{b_1} (\phi - \phi_c(\mu))^{b_2}}{\gamma_0} \right)^c \quad (25)$$

for the continuous transition in the nonlinear response regime, where  $A(\mu)$  depends only on  $\mu$ . We note that the scaling law, Eq. (25), with  $b_2 = 0.90$  and  $c \simeq 1.13$  indicates  $G \sim (\phi - \phi_c)^{b_2 c} \simeq (\phi - \phi_c)$  in the nonlinear response regime. This might suggest that the scaling of  $G$  is identical to that of the pressure  $P$  [30].

## V. DISCUSSION AND CONCLUSION

Let us discuss our results. Tighe predicted that the storage modulus is independent of  $\omega$  and the loss modulus is proportional to  $\omega$  for a model of emulsions with sufficiently small  $\omega$  [59]. This prediction for small  $\omega$  is consistent with our results shown in Appendix A, but we have not confirmed the scaling of the complex shear modulus  $G^* \sim \omega^{1/2}$  predicted for intermediate  $\omega$ .

In this paper, we have proposed the scaling law for the shear modulus of grains with the harmonic repulsive interaction. From the analogy of the frictionless case [30], we expect the exponent  $b_2 = 3/2$  for a Hertzian contact model because of the relation  $\gamma_c \sim \delta_c^{(l)} \sim \mu F^{(n)}$  with  $F^{(n)} \sim (\phi - \phi_c)^{3/2}$ . The confirmation of this conjecture will be the subject of further study.

There are some studies to focus on the role of percolation in the jamming [60–63]. In the system exhibiting a conventional percolation, the critical exponents for the storage modulus depend on the spatial dimension [64], but the exponents of the jamming transition are independent of the dimensionality, at least for frictionless grains [11]. Further careful study

on the relation between percolation and jamming should be necessary.

An important finding of this paper is the scaling law (17) interpolating between the linear and the nonlinear response regimes for frictional grains. Somfai *et al.* found that the shear modulus of frictional grains in the linear response regime is proportional to the excess coordination number  $\Delta Z$  [53]. Based on this result, a recent review paper suggested that there is no scaling of the mechanical properties as a function of  $\phi - \phi_c$  for frictional grains because  $\Delta Z$  of the frictional grains remains finite even at  $\phi_c$  [2]. Our scaling plot based on Eq. (17), however, gives a counter evidence of the existence of the scaling law. We also note that Ref. [53] has ignored the change of the tangential contact force to the slip region, but this effect becomes significant in the vicinity of  $\phi_c$  for finite  $\gamma_0$  as can be seen in Eq. (17). To our knowledge, this effect has not been indicated in previous studies.

In conclusion, we have numerically investigated the frictional granular particles. The storage modulus in the linear response regime for frictional grains differs from that for frictionless grains even in the zero friction limit, whereas they are almost identical in the nonlinear response regime. This dependence on the tangential friction has been explained from the stress-strain curve shown in Fig. 2. We have also proposed a scaling law that interpolates between the discontinuous transition for infinitesimal strain and the continuous one for finite strain. This scaling law has been verified through our simulation.

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**APPENDIX A: FREQUENCY DEPENDENCE OF STORAGE AND LOSS MODULI**

In this appendix, we show the dependence of the complex shear modulus  $G^* = G + iG''$  on  $\omega$  in the linear response regime. In Fig. 10, we show the storage modulus  $G$  against  $\omega$  for various  $\phi$  at  $\mu = 1.0$  and  $\gamma_0 = 10^{-7}$ . As shown in Fig. 10,  $G$  for each  $\phi$  is almost independent of  $\omega$  for  $\omega\tau < 10^{-2}$ . Hence, we have not discussed the  $\omega$  dependence of  $G$  in the main text.

Figure 11 exhibits the loss modulus  $G''$  against  $\omega$  for various  $\phi$  at  $\mu = 1.0$  and  $\gamma_0 = 10^{-7}$ . Here,  $G''$  is given by

$$G'' = \frac{\omega}{\pi} \int_0^{2\pi/\omega} dt \sigma(t) \sin(\omega t) / \gamma_0. \quad (A1)$$

As shown in Fig. 11,  $G''$  is almost proportional to  $\omega$ . These  $\omega$  dependencies of  $G$  and  $G''$  indicate that the rheological properties in our model are essentially described by the Kelvin-Voigt model, which is in agreement with the prediction for sufficiently small  $\omega$  in Ref. [59]. This result is reasonable

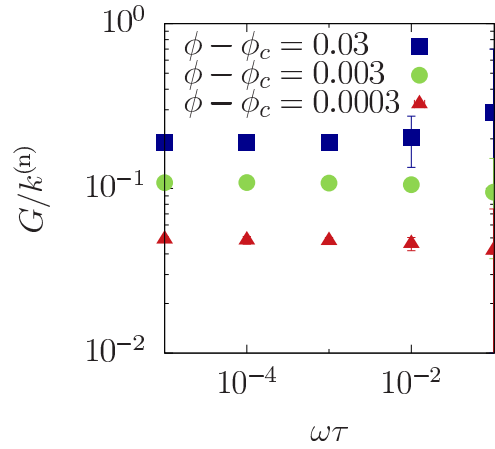


FIG. 10. The storage modulus  $G$  against  $\omega$  for  $\phi - \phi_c = 0.03$ , 0.003, and 0.0003 at  $\mu = 1.0$  and  $\gamma_0 = 10^{-7}$ .

because the Cundall-Strack model relies on the Kelvin-Voigt model [54]. Moreover, the  $\phi$  dependence of  $G''$  is not clearly visible. Hence, we have investigated only  $G$  in the main text.

Although we could not observe the scaling  $G'' \sim \omega^{1/2}$  proposed in Ref. [59] from our simulation as in Fig. 11, we still cannot eliminate the possibility that our condition does not satisfy that for the scaling. Indeed, the condition for the scaling is written as  $\omega\tau > \Delta Z^2$  where  $\tau = \sqrt{m_0/k^{(n)}}$  and  $\Delta Z = Z - Z_{iso}$ , but the largest  $\omega\tau$  is  $10^{-1}$  in Fig. 11 and  $\Delta Z \approx 0.1$  for  $\mu = 1.0$ . Therefore, it is obvious that the condition for the scaling is not satisfied in our case. In other words, the scaling might be observed for the model of the large friction constant in large  $\omega\tau$  regime. This is one of our future problems.

**APPENDIX B: THE SECOND PLATEAU OF G**

In this appendix, we discuss the critical condition of the appearance of the second plateau observed in Fig. 1. Figure 12 exhibits  $G$  against  $\gamma_0$  for various  $\mu$  at  $\phi = 0.845$ , which corresponds to  $\phi - \phi_c \approx 0.003$ . Because  $\phi$  is closer

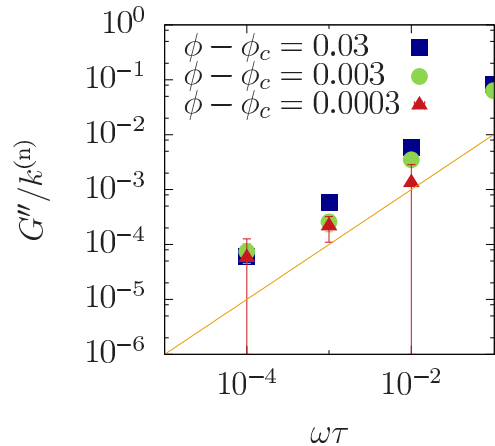


FIG. 11. The loss modulus  $G''$  against  $\omega$  for  $\phi - \phi_c = 0.03$ , 0.003, and 0.0003 at  $\mu = 1.0$  and  $\gamma_0 = 10^{-7}$ . The solid line represents  $G'' \sim \omega$ .

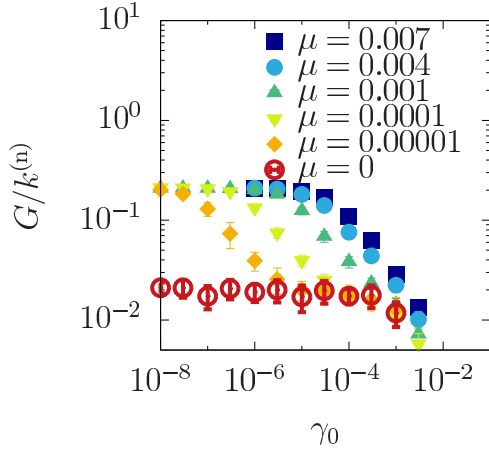


FIG. 12. The storage modulus  $G$  against  $\gamma_0$  for  $\mu = 0.007, 0.004, 0.001, 0.0001, 0.00001$ , and  $0$  at  $\phi = 0.845$ .

to  $\phi_c$ , the values of  $G$  at the first and the second plateaus is smaller than those in Fig. 1 for  $\phi = 0.870$ , which corresponds to  $\phi - \phi_c \approx 0.03$ . The qualitative behavior for  $\phi = 0.845$ , however, is similar to that for  $\phi = 0.870$ .

As shown in Figs. 1 and 12, the second plateau disappears as  $\mu$  increases. To discuss the critical friction coefficient  $\mu_c(\phi)$  at which the second plateau vanishes, we regard the existence of the inflection points in Figs. 1 and 12 as the index of the second plateau. In Fig. 13, we plot

$$Q(\gamma_0, \mu, \phi) \equiv \frac{d^2 \ln\{G(\gamma_0, \mu, \phi)/k^{(n)}\}}{d\{\ln \gamma_0\}^2} \quad (\text{B1})$$

against  $\gamma_0$  for  $\mu = 0.001$  and  $0.007$  at  $\phi = 0.845$ .  $Q$  for each  $\mu$  has a peak above  $\gamma_0 = 10^{-4}$ . Here, we define the maximum peak value as  $Q_{\text{peak}}$ , and  $Q_{\text{peak}} > 0$  corresponds to the existence of the inflection points  $Q = 0$ : the existence of the second plateau. Hence, we conclude that the second plateau exists for  $\mu = 0.001$ , while it vanishes for  $\mu = 0.007$  at  $\phi = 0.845$ .

In Fig. 14, we show  $Q_{\text{peak}}$  against  $\mu$  for  $\phi = 0.845$  and  $0.870$ . As shown in Fig. 14, the transition from  $Q_{\text{peak}} > 0$  to  $Q_{\text{peak}} < 0$  occurs around  $\mu \approx 0.004$  for  $\phi = 0.845$ , while  $Q$  is expected to be zero around  $\mu = 0.009$  for  $\phi = 0.870$ . This

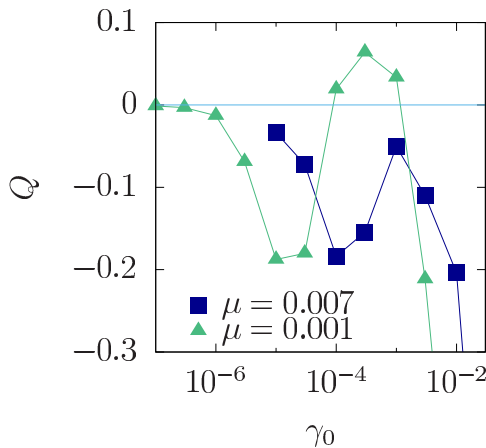


FIG. 13.  $Q$  against  $\gamma_0$  for  $\mu = 0.001$  and  $0.007$  at  $\phi = 0.845$ .

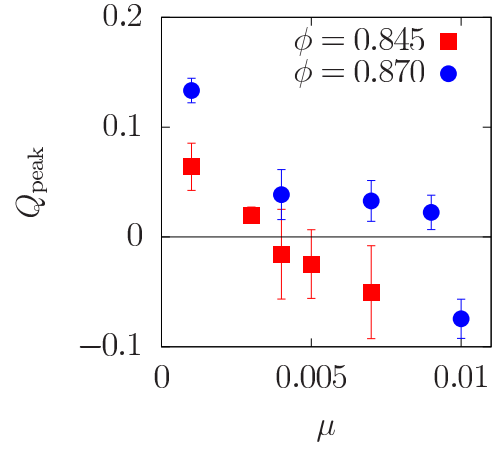


FIG. 14.  $Q_{\text{peak}}$  against  $\mu$  for  $\phi = 0.845$  and  $0.870$ .

indicates that  $\mu_c(\phi)$  depends on  $\phi$ . Further careful study on  $\mu_c(\phi)$  with extensive numerical efforts should be necessary but is out of the scope of this paper.

### APPENDIX C: THE STRESS-STRAIN CURVES FOR VARIOUS $\gamma_0$

In this appendix, we demonstrate the dependence of the stress-strain curve on  $\gamma_0$ . Figure 15 exhibits the intrinsic shear stress  $\sigma(\gamma) - \sigma(0)$  against the shear strain  $\gamma$  for various  $\gamma_0$  at  $\mu = 10^{-6}$  and  $\phi = 0.87$ . For  $\gamma_0 = 10^{-7}$ ,  $\sigma(\gamma) - \sigma(0)$  is proportional to  $\gamma$ , but the constant of proportionality is larger than that of frictionless grains indicated by the dotted line. The reason for the difference in the constant of proportionality is that the increase of the tangential friction force  $|F_{ij}^{(0)}|$  in the stick region enlarges  $\sigma(\gamma) - \sigma(0)$  for  $\mu > 0$  under sufficiently small  $\gamma$ . As  $\gamma_0$  increases, the stress-strain curve exhibits a nonlinear behavior: a hysteresis loop connects the first linear region for sufficiently small  $\gamma$  with the second linear region for  $\gamma > 10^{-6}$ , where the gradient of the second linear region is identical to that of the frictionless grains. The second linear

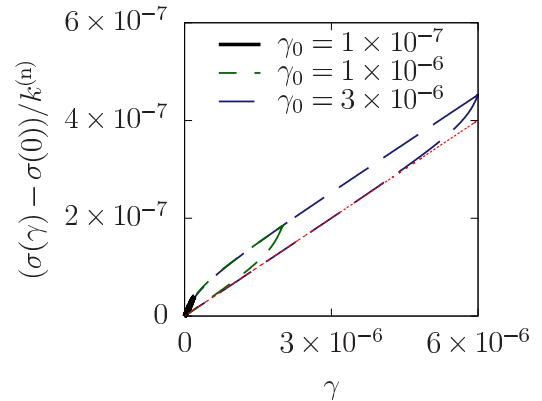


FIG. 15. The intrinsic shear stress  $\sigma(\gamma) - \sigma(0)$  against  $\gamma$  for  $\gamma_0 = 3.0 \times 10^{-6}, 1.0 \times 10^{-6}$ , and  $1.0 \times 10^{-7}$  at  $\mu = 10^{-6}$  and  $\phi = 0.87$ . The dotted line indicates  $\sigma(\gamma) - \sigma(0)$  for  $\gamma_0 = 3.0 \times 10^{-6}$  at  $\mu = 0$  and  $\phi = 0.87$ .

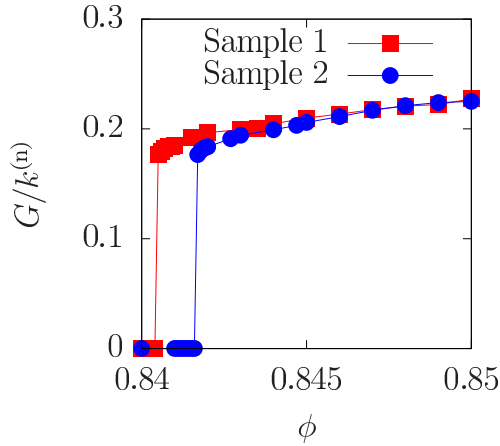


FIG. 16. The storage modulus  $G$  against  $\phi$  at  $\mu = 0.01$  and  $\gamma_0 = 10^{-7}$ . “Sample 1” and “Sample 2” indicate the data obtained from different initial configurations, respectively.

region originates from the fact that  $|\mathbf{F}_{ij}^{(0)}|$  remains constant in the slip region and does not contribute to enlarge  $\sigma(\gamma) - \sigma(0)$ .

#### APPENDIX D: DETERMINATION OF TRANSITION POINT

In this appendix, we explain the method to determine the transition point  $\phi_c(\mu)$ . To estimate  $\phi_c(\mu)$ , we first prepare assemblies with different packing fractions obtained from the same initial configuration of grains with the friction coefficient  $\mu$ . Then, we apply the oscillatory shear to measure  $G$  for sufficiently small shear amplitude ( $\gamma_0 = 10^{-7}$ ) and plot  $G$  against  $\phi$  as shown in Fig. 16, which plots the data at  $\mu = 0.01$  and  $\gamma_0 = 10^{-7}$  obtained from different initial configurations. The storage modulus  $G$  changes discontinuously around  $\phi = 0.84$ , but the critical fraction depends on the initial configuration. Then, we define  $\phi_c(\mu)$  for each initial configuration as the minimum value of  $\phi$  where  $G$  for a given initial configuration exceeds  $G_{\text{th}} = 10^{-3}k^{(n)}$ . In Fig. 17, we plot the average of

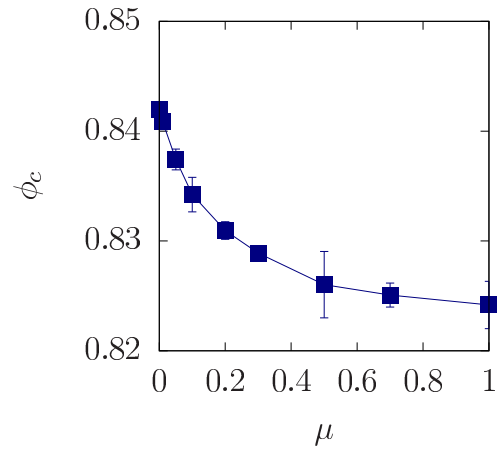


FIG. 17. The plots of transition points  $\phi_c$  against  $\mu$ .

$\phi_c(\mu)$  against  $\mu$ .  $\phi_c(\mu)$  decreases with increasing  $\mu$ , which is consistent with the previous numerical results [37,58]. Because the increment  $\Delta\phi$  of the packing fraction in the compression process is  $10^{-4}$ , the value of the precision for  $\phi_c$  is less than  $10^{-4}$ .

#### APPENDIX E: METHOD TO DETERMINE THE EXPONENTS

In this appendix, we explain the method to determine the exponents in the scaling plot proposed in the main text. Here, the exponents are determined by the Levenberg-Marquardt algorithm [65], where we have assumed the functional form of the scaling function as

$$\mathcal{F}(x) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{\sum_{n=0}^{N_n} A_n (\ln x)^n}} \quad (\text{E1})$$

with the fitting parameters  $N_n = 1$ ,  $A_0 = -1.13 \pm 0.22$ , and  $A_1 = 1.13 \pm 0.02$ . We have checked the numerical estimation of  $b_1$  and  $b_2$  with  $N_n \geq 2$ , but  $A_n$  for  $n \geq 2$  are almost zero, implying that the exponent  $c$  in Eq. (4) of the main text is approximately equal to  $c \approx A_1 = 1.13$ .

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