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Memory loss in a particle swelling model¹ NATASHA PROCTOR,
NATHAN KEIM, California Polytechnic San Luis Obispo — Liquid suspensions of particles that are sheared back and forth repetitively will self-organize and “adapt” to that shearing so long as its amplitude is below some critical value. This organization creates a memory in the system that can later be “read out” by observing how many particles are perturbed by a given shear. We use a model that allows us to efficiently study this behavior. In place of shear, particles swell to a given amplitude, and overlapping particles are repelled. This process repeats while the system is monitored. By training the system on progressively larger memories, the system “forgets” memories at smaller amplitudes. We present a study of this “forgetting” as the system approaches the critical swelling amplitude.

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