

# Methods of Structural Geology

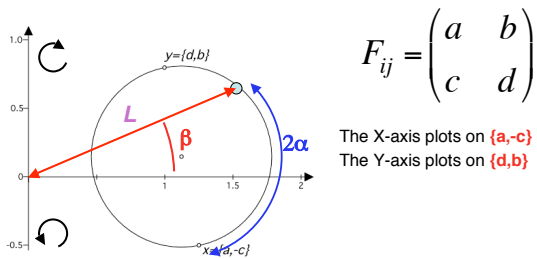
## lecture 6

### This lecture

- Last lectures
  - Mohr circle for strain
- This lecture
  - Look at deformation history of individual lines/planes
  - Different deformation histories: same result?
  - The difference between pure and simple shear
  - Stretching & shortening

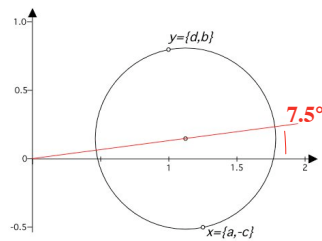
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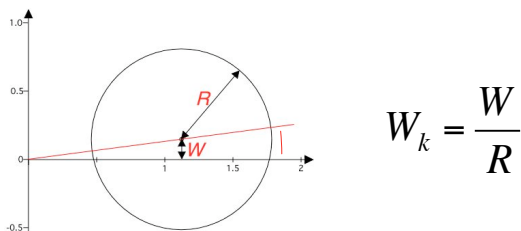
### Vorticity

- Vorticity is the average rotation of lines
- Vorticity is strain dependent
  - Here:  $7.5^\circ$



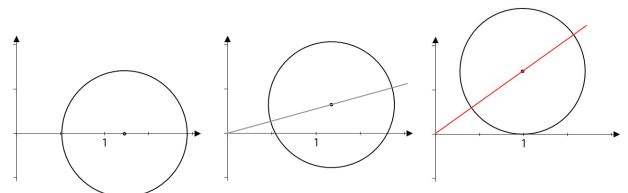
### Kinematic vorticity number: $W_k$

- We need a "number" which tells us what the type of deformation is
- And that is independent of strain:  $W_k$



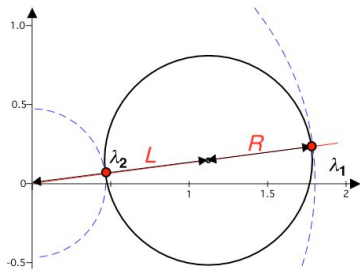
### $W_k$ and type of strain

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|--------------|-----------------|----------------|
| • $W_k = 0$  | • $0 < W_k < 1$ | • $W_k = 1$    |
| • Pure shear | • General shear | • Simple shear |



## Finite strain ratio and area change

- Maximum ( $\lambda_1$ ) and minimum ( $\lambda_2$ ) stretch are points on circle furthest and closest from origin



$$R_f = \frac{\lambda_1}{\lambda_2}$$

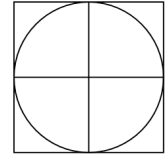
$$\Leftrightarrow R_f = \frac{L+R}{L-R}$$

Area change ( $\Delta A$ )

$$\Delta A = \lambda_1 \lambda_2 - 1$$

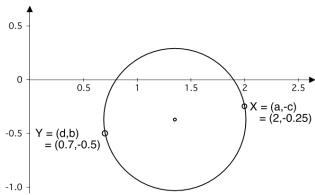
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- The position gradient tensor is:  $F_{ij} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -0.5 \\ 0.25 & 0.7 \end{pmatrix}$
- Draw the Mohr circle
- How much do the X and Y axes stretch and rotate?
- What are  $R_f$ ,  $\Delta A$ , and  $W_k$ ?
- What are the orientations of the finite stretching axes (FSAs) in the undeformed state?
- Draw the box shown here:
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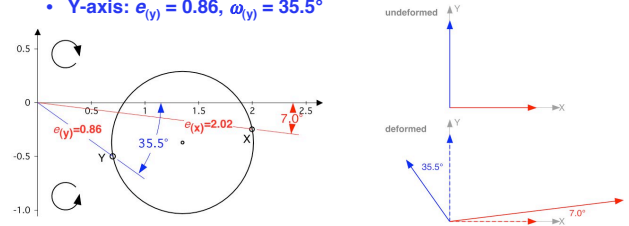
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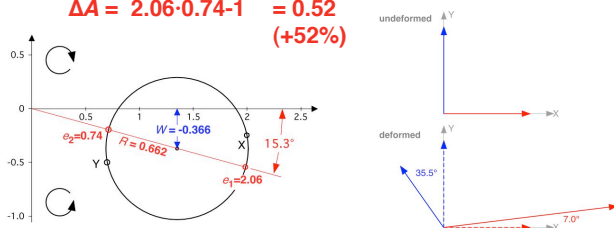
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- How much do the X and Y axes stretch and rotate?
  - X-axis:  $e_{(x)} = 2.02$ ,  $\omega_{(x)} = 7.0^\circ$
  - Y-axis:  $e_{(y)} = 0.86$ ,  $\omega_{(y)} = 35.5^\circ$



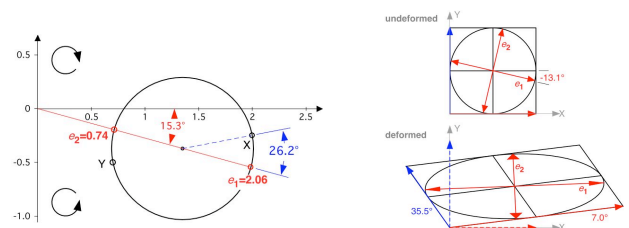
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  - $R_f = 2.06/0.74 = 2.78$
  - $W_k = -0.366/0.662 = -0.55$
  - $\Delta A = 2.06 \cdot 0.74 - 1 = 0.52$  (+52%)

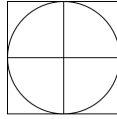


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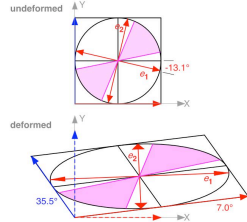
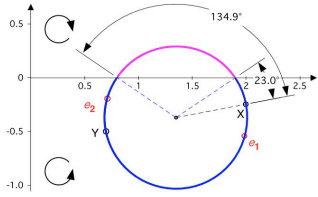
- What are the orientations of the finite stretching axes (FSAs) in the undeformed state?
  - $e_1$  makes angle of  $-26.2/2 = -13.1^\circ$  with the X-axis
  - And rotated  $15.3^\circ$



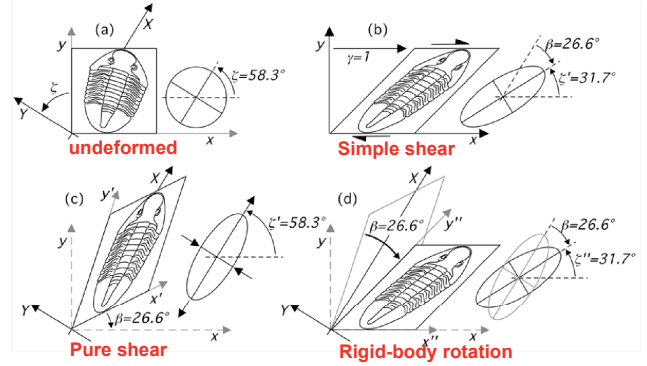
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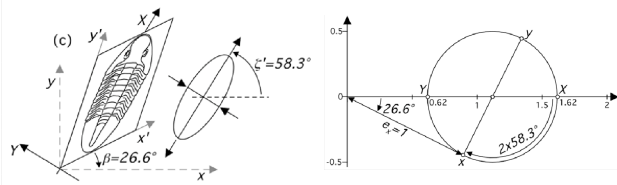
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## Different paths to same result

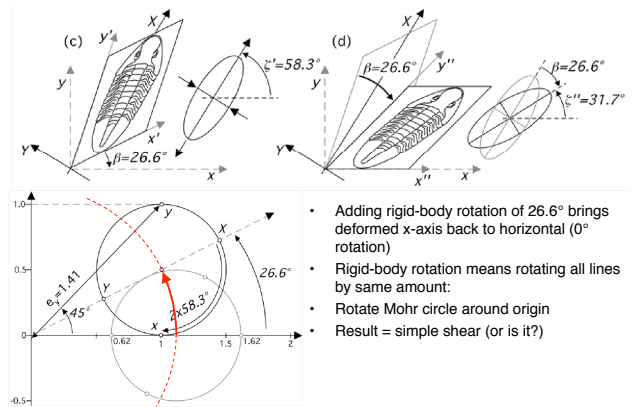


## Pure shear



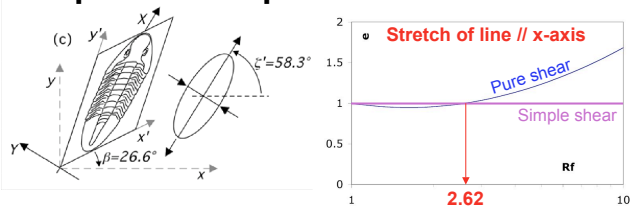
- Pure shear deformation with FSA's parallel to X-Y
  - $\lambda_1 = 1.62$       $R_f = 2.61$       $\Delta A = 0$  (no area change)
  - $\lambda_2 = 0.62$
- X makes angle of  $58.3^\circ$  with x-axis
- The x-axes rotates  $26.6^\circ$

## Pure shear + rotation



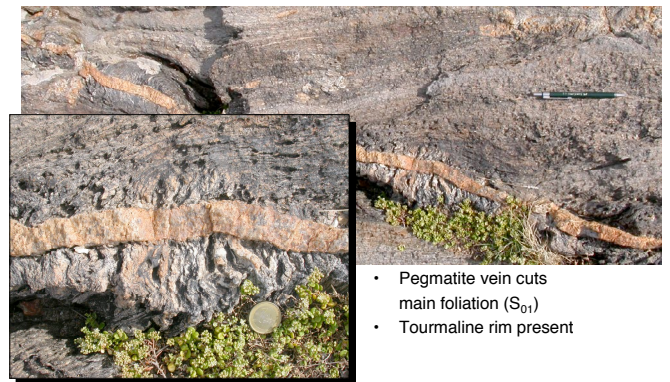
- Adding rigid-body rotation of  $26.6^\circ$  brings deformed x-axis back to horizontal ( $0^\circ$  rotation)
- Rigid-body rotation means rotating all lines by same amount.
- Rotate Mohr circle around origin
- Result = simple shear (or is it?)

## Simple shear $\stackrel{?}{=}$ pure shear + rotation



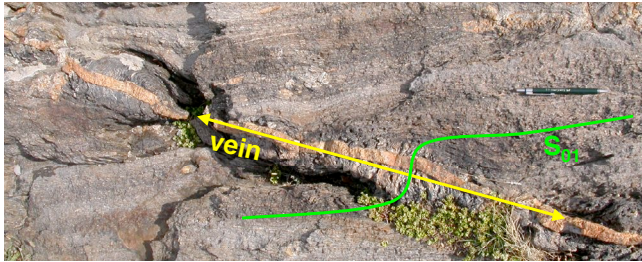
- With pure shear at  $58.3^\circ$  to the x-axis
- The line // x-axis first shortens and then stretches again
- At  $R_f = 2.62$  it has a stretch of exactly  $e_{(x)} = 1$
- With simple shear // x-axis
- The line // x-axis does not stretch or shorten ever

## Pegmatite vein at Cap de Creus

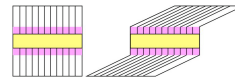


- Pegmatite vein cuts main foliation ( $S_{01}$ )
- Tourmaline rim present

# What are strain and kinematics?

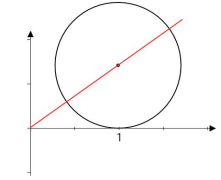
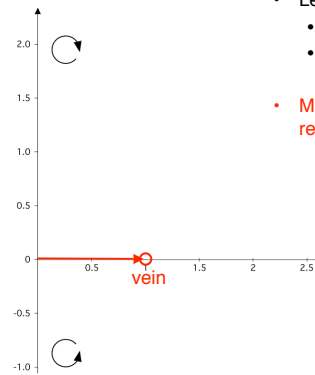


- Pegmatite vein no stretch:  $e_{(v)} \approx 1.0$
- In tourmaline rim main foliation ( $S_{01}$ ) originally at  $90^\circ$  to vein
- $S_{01}$  at  $25^\circ$  to vein away from rim: rotated  $65^\circ$  clockwise

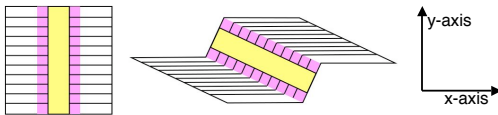


## Simple shear // vein

- Let us assume simple shear // vein
  - Vein does not stretch:  $e_{(v)} = 1.0$
  - Vein does not rotate  $\beta_{(v)} = 0^\circ$
- Make a Mohr graph and plot the point representing the vein



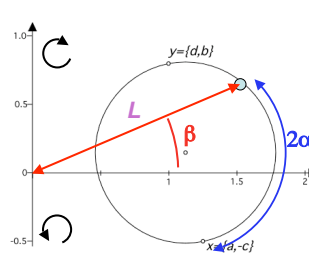
## Case 2: foliation does not rotate



- Now suppose the foliation did not rotate
  - Define foliation // x-axis
- Draw the new Mohr circle
  - What is the vorticity number?
  - What is the position gradient tensor?
- Is this scenario likely?
  - Consider the stretch history of the vein
- (still assume no area change)

## The Mohr circle for strain

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$$F_{ij} = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$$

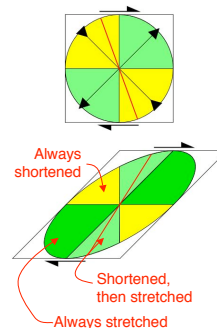
The X-axis plots on {a,-c}  
The Y-axis plots on {d,b}

## Shortening, then stretching



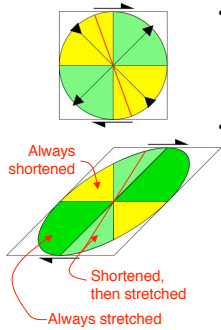
- Some layers may appear both stretched and shortened: **folding AND boudinage**

## Instantaneous stretching & shortening: simple shear



- The instantaneous stretching axes (ISA's) are at  $45^\circ$  to the shear plane
- There are 4 quadrants
  - 2 of instantaneously shortening lines
  - 2 of instantaneously stretching lines
- The orientations of ISA's do not change during steady-state deformation
- Lines rotate and may rotate from a shortening field into a stretching field

## Instantaneous stretching & shortening: simple shear

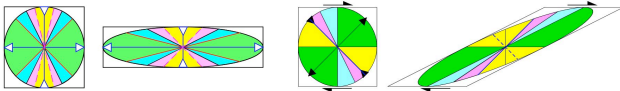


- Draw two Mohr circles for progressive simple shear
  - One for  $\gamma=1$
  - One for  $\gamma=2$
- Determine for both finite shear strains the fields of
  - Lines that always shortened
  - Lines that shortened, then stretched
  - Lines that stretched, then shortened
  - Lines that always stretched
  - Lines that have a finite stretch of  $e > 1$

## Now for pure shear

- Repeat the previous exercise for pure shear
- Use as the position gradient tensor:
 
$$F = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.5 \end{pmatrix}$$
- Compare the result with that for simple shear
- Can you think of field observations that help to determine the kinematics of flow?

## Pure versus simple shear

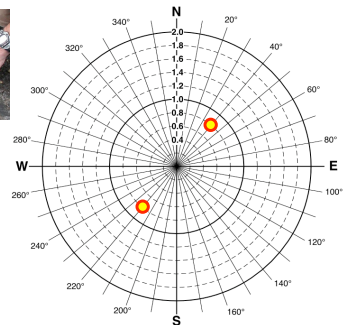


- Pure shear:
  - Shortened, then stretched lines distributed **symmetrically** around FSA
- Simple shear:
  - Shortened, then stretched lines distributed **asymmetrically** around FSA

## Practical determination in the field



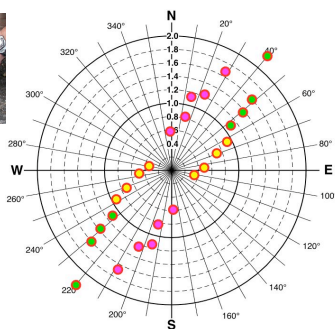
- Stretching/shortening can be measured in the field,
  - E.g. from veins
- Plot all measurements in stretch-direction plot
  - E.g. 0.8 in direction 040°
  - Equals 0.8 in direction 220°



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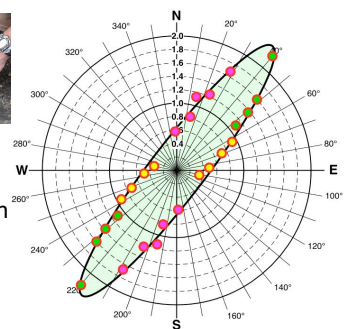
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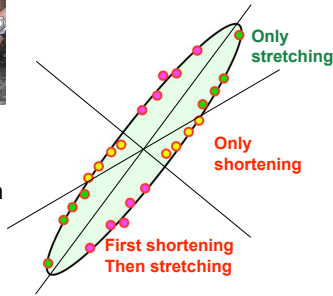
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- Example of result for many measurements
- Draw best-fit ellipse through data
  - $e_1 = 2.4$
  - $e_2 = 0.4$
  - $R_f = 6$



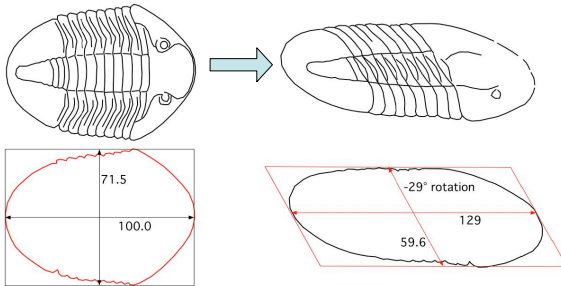
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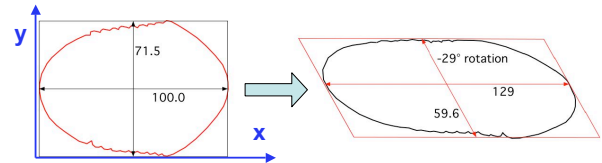
- Example of result for many measurements
- Draw best-fit ellipse through data
  - $e_1 = 2.4$
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  - $R_f = 6$
- So, what can you say about the kinematics of deformation?



- The above *Asaphus* trilobite is deformed
- What is the finite strain ratio?
  - We need to know the original shape



- We know that a normal *Asaphus* has a length-width ratio of 100 / 71.5
- The pleura are at 90° to the long axis of the trilobite
- What is the finite strain ratio?



- Let us define the x-axis // to the axis of the trilobite

- Current length is 129 mm
  - Assume original length 100 mm
  - $e_{\text{axis}} = 129/100 = 1.29$
- Current width // pleura is 59.6 mm
  - Original width 71.5 mm
  - $e_{\text{pleura}} = 59.6/71.5 = 0.83$
- Pleura rotated  $\beta_{\text{pleura}} = -29^\circ$  (anti-clockwise)

**Draw the Mohr circle  
For strain**

Assuming that the x-axis did not rotate, what is the position gradient tensor?



- Draw the Mohr circle for strain
- Assuming our original size assumption was correct, what is the area change?
- Assuming that the x-axis did not rotate, what is the position gradient tensor?
- Now assume there was NO area change
  - What is the position gradient tensor ( $F$ )?
  - What was the original size of the trilobite?
- Finally, draw the Mohr circle for reverse deformation
  - From the deformed state to the undeformed state
  - What is the position gradient for reverse strain ( $F^{-1}$ )