



Activated Hopping, Dynamic Heterogeneity, and Nonlinear Rheology in Dense Particle Suspensions & Glasses

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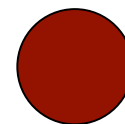
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GOAL: Predictive Microscopic “Mean Field” Theories @ Level of Forces
NO Fitting, Adjustable Parameters, Avoided Singularities

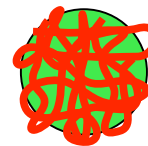
*THE BASICS: Hard Sphere Colloids

Erica Saltzman (*quiescent*)

Kang Chen, Vladimir Kobelev (*mechanically driven*)



* Tunably Soft Repulsive Particles: Jian Yang

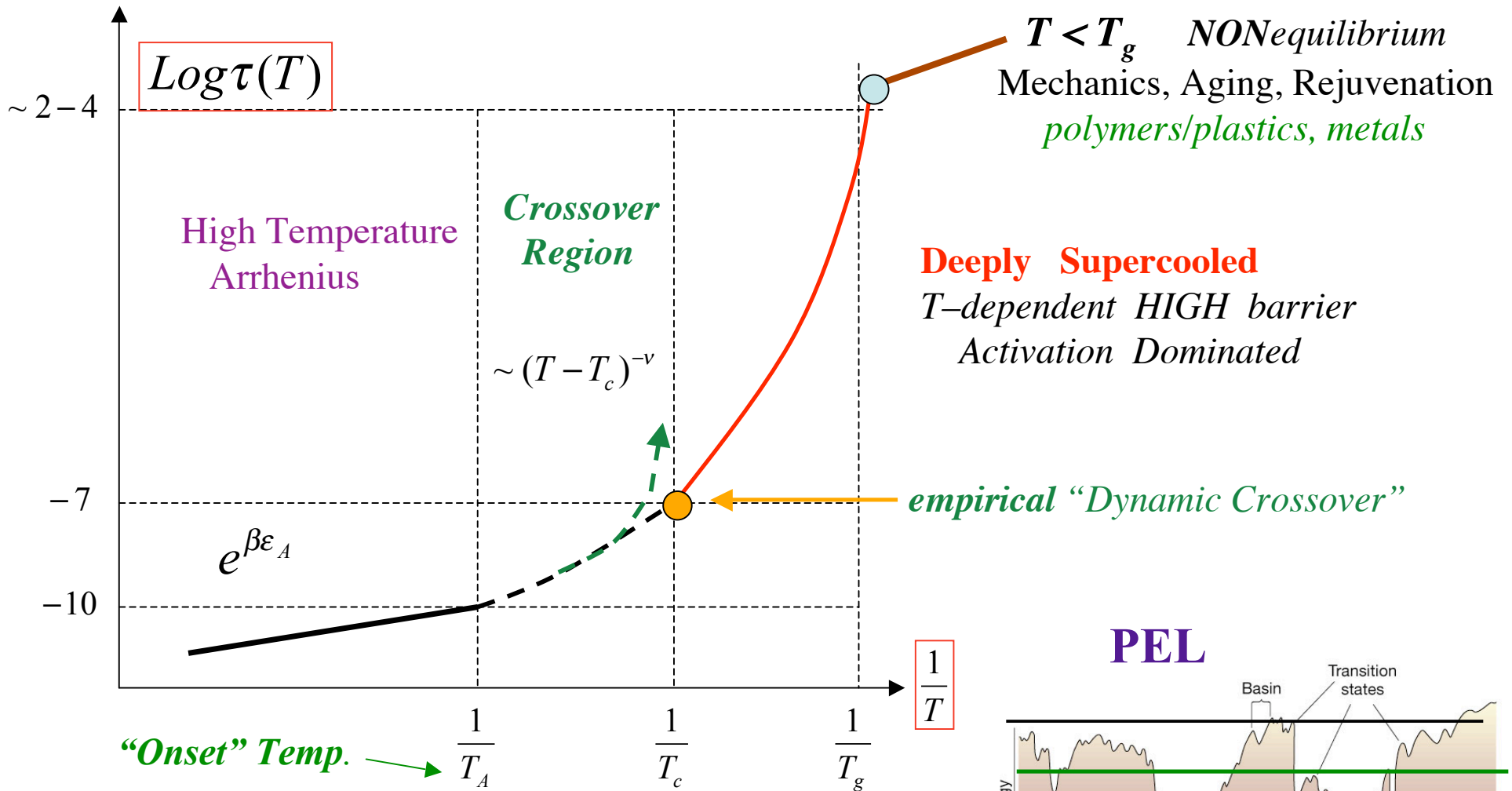


* Molecular Colloids & Liquids: Rui Zhang



Coupled Translate-Rotate

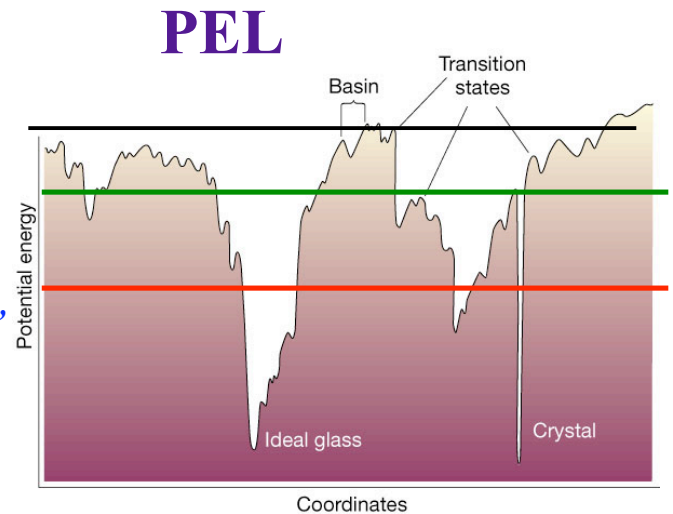
Alpha Relaxation Map & Regimes



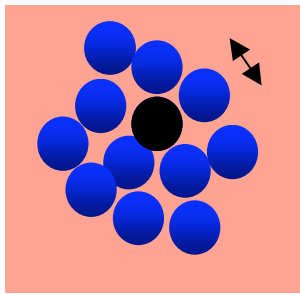
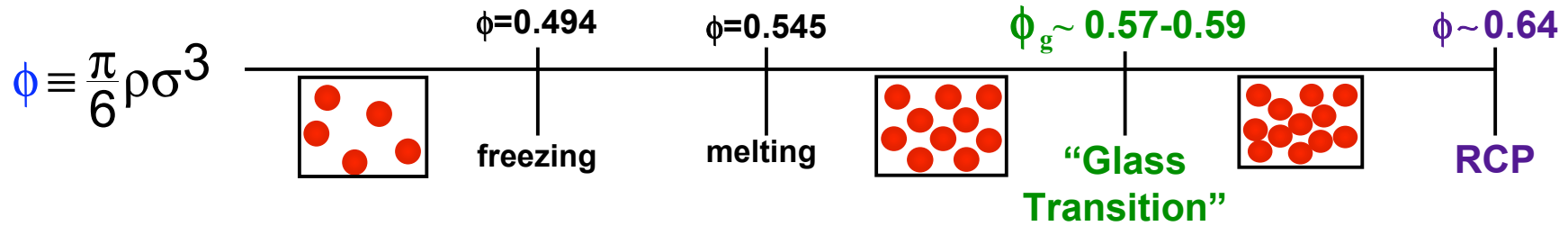
mode coupling effects + low barriers: "landscape influenced"

$$T^{-1} \langle \dots \rangle \phi$$

COLLOIDS: ϕ_A, ϕ_c, ϕ_g



HARD SPHERE Suspensions (and fluids)



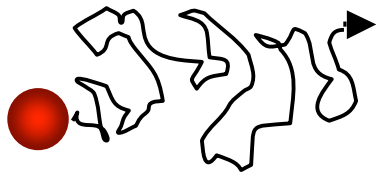
$\sigma \sim 100 \text{ nm} - 2 \mu\text{m}$

Brownian time: $\tau_0 = \sigma^2 / D_0 \sim 0.01-30 \text{ sec}$

Kinetic "Vitrify": Relaxation Time > Expt time $\sim 10,000 \text{ secs}$

$\sigma \sim \mu\text{m}$ vs nm : "glassy" dynamics probed only over $\sim 3-5$ orders magnitude
*ala MD computer simulations*

CONFOCAL Microscopy & Simulations

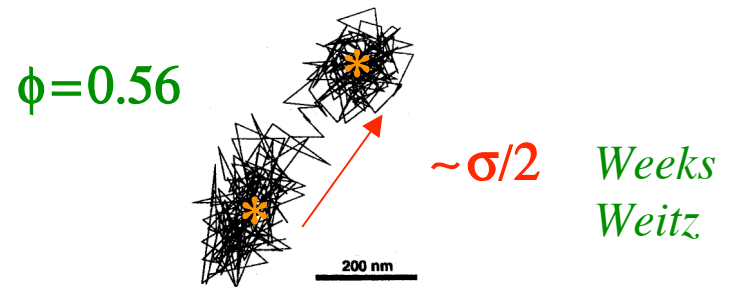


Collective, but Small Steps \sim **Gaussian**



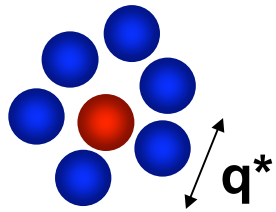
"High" volume fraction

"Solid - Like" ...intermittent hopping

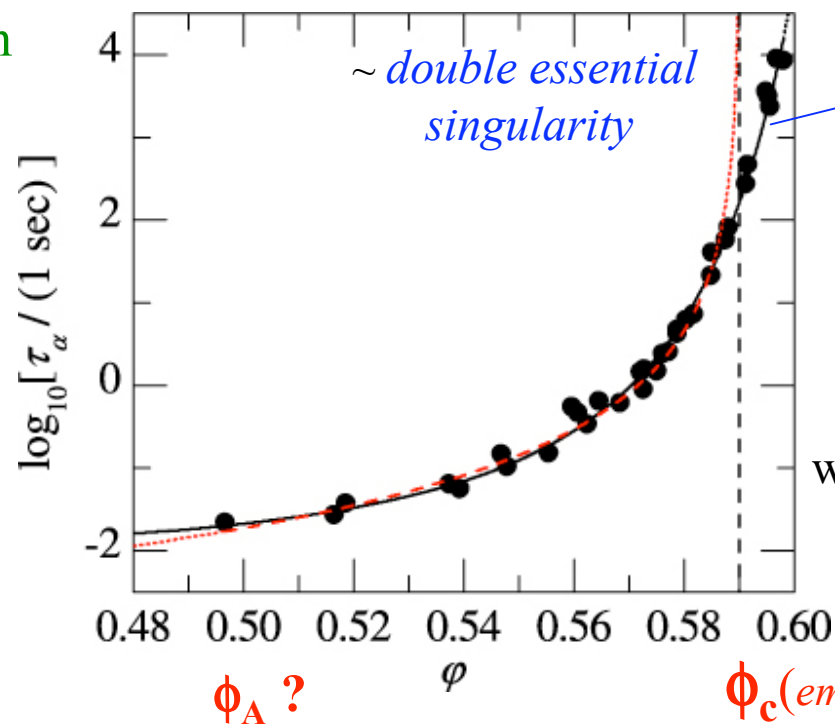


Colloid Experiments & Computer Simulations

Incoherent
Alpha Relaxation



Cipelletti, Berthier, et al, PRL, 2009



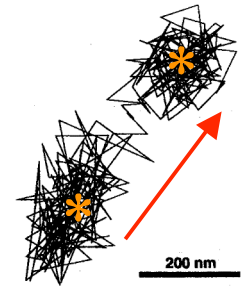
$$\propto \exp\left(\frac{B}{(\phi_{RCP} - \phi)^2}\right)$$

MCT fit : $\propto (\phi_c - \phi)^{-2.5}$

works over ~ 3-4 orders magnitude

*In regime where can fit MCT, see strong NONgaussian effects (“onset issue”) :

Nongaussian parameter, Decoupling of diffusion & relaxation, Exponential tails in van Hove function, Growing dynamic length scale,



.....suggests large amplitude, intermittent activated processes important

Microscopic Theoretical Approach

build on Ideal MCT: *retain Structure, Forces, Slow Dynamics connection*

BUT go beyond to treat **Activated Intermittent Dynamics**

@ *Single Particle level*...especially relevant @ long times

.....*“theory of simulation or confocal microscopy particle trajectories”*

→ *restores ergodicity, destroys “ideal” MCT glass transition*

allows treatment of some space-time Dynamic Heterogeneity effects

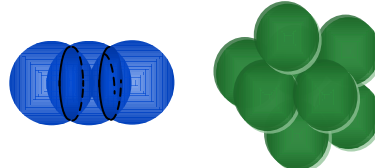
can generalize to NONlinear Viscoelasticity in fluid & “glass”

Relative simplicity: can go far beyond hard spheres :

Complex Colloids

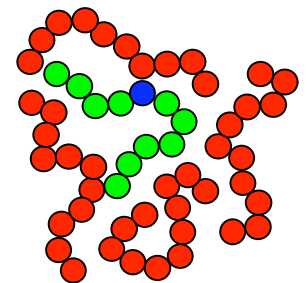


Molecules



*Polymer
Liquids &
Glasses*

(Mark Ediger)



Seek Stochastic Equation of Motion **NOT** closed equation for time correlation functions

$\hat{\rho}_s(\vec{r}, t) = \delta(\vec{r} - \vec{r}_i(t))$

 $\mathbf{r}(t) = \text{scalar displacement of a particle from initial position}$

\mathbf{D}_s : dissipative, short time, "bare" process

Formally:

$$\frac{\partial \hat{\rho}_s(\vec{r}, t)}{\partial t} = D_s \nabla^2 \hat{\rho}_s(\vec{r}, t) + D_s \nabla \hat{\rho}_s(\vec{r}, t) \int d\vec{r}' \hat{\rho}(\vec{r}', t) \nabla V(\vec{r} - \vec{r}') + \eta_i \nabla \hat{\rho}_s(\vec{r}, t)$$

Physical Ideas & Technical Approx.

Solid State
View

CONTRACT to lowest level, $\mathbf{r}(t)$

* Key "slow variable" : density fluctuations ...ala MCT

* Average over local packings: dynamical caging constraints via $\mathbf{S}(\mathbf{q})$

...Effective interparticle pair force : $\vec{f}(r) = k_B T \vec{\nabla} C(r)$ from Structure (ala MCT)

** Local Equilibrium Approx: relate 1 and 2 body dynamics

Dynamic "closure" ala DDFT

$$\frac{\rho^{(2)}(\vec{r}, \vec{r}'; t)}{\rho^{(1)}(\vec{r}; t)} \approx \rho g(|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|)$$

➔ Nonlinear Langevin Eqn Theory (General for Spheres)

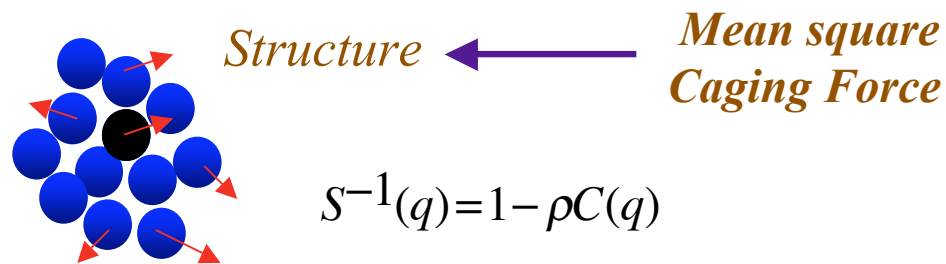
...force balance in overdamped regime

$$\zeta_s \frac{\partial r(t)}{\partial t} = -\frac{\partial}{\partial r} F_{eff}(r(t)) + \eta(t) \quad \leftarrow \text{white noise}$$

Instantaneous Force due to surroundings

“Dynamic Free Energy” = *Spatially-resolved, Time Local, Displacement-Dependent “Field”*

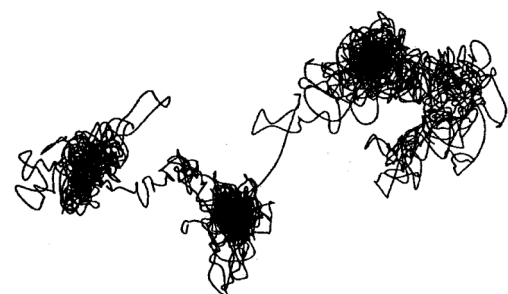
$$\beta F_{eff}(r) = -3\ln(r) - \frac{1}{3} \int \frac{d\vec{q}}{(2\pi)^3} C^2(q) \rho S(q) e^{-q^2 r^2 (1+S^{-1}(q))/6} \equiv F_{ideal} + F_{cage}$$



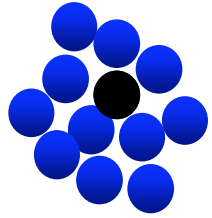
$$S^{-1}(q) = 1 - \rho C(q)$$

Favors: Delocalized Liquid Localized Solid

↑ compete ↑



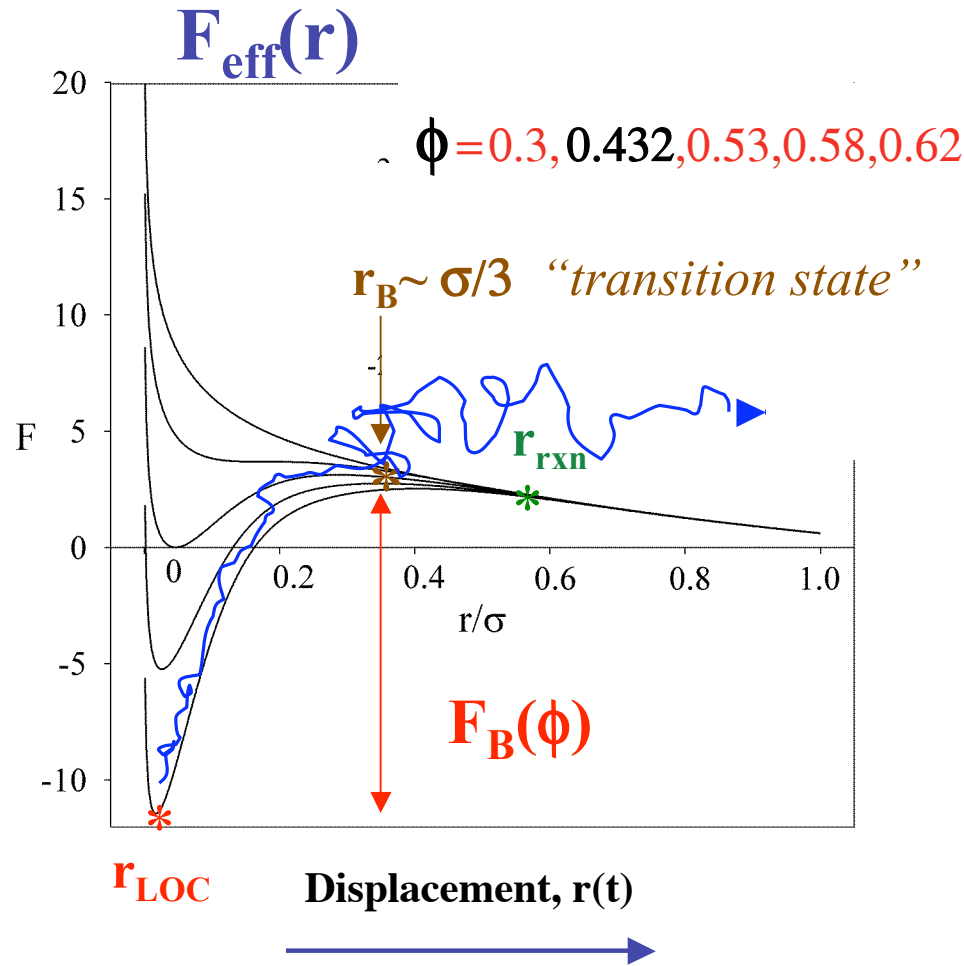
FULL Dynamics ~ Sequence of independent, locally complex, space-time stochastic & heterogeneous “events”



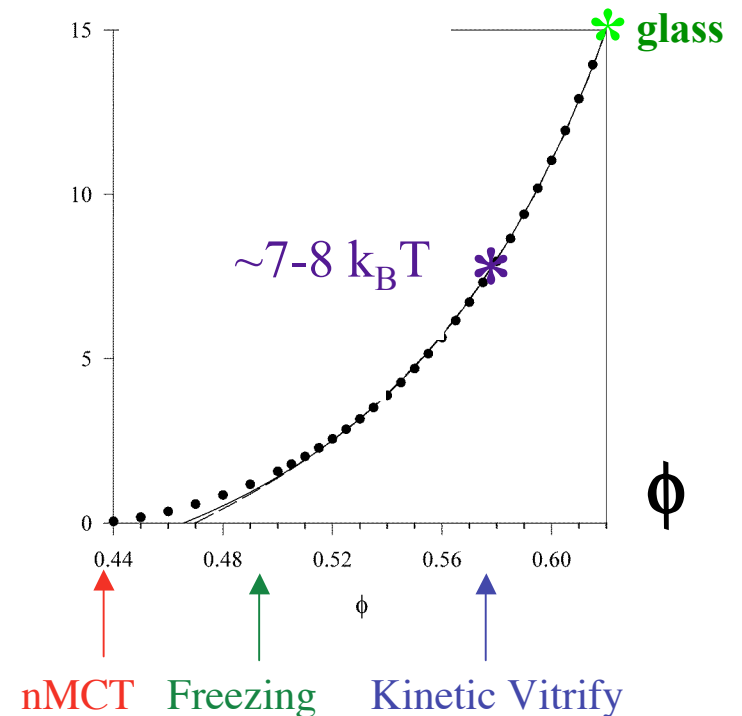
Dynamic Free Energy : Hard Spheres

simplified MCT “ideal glass transition” (*if NO hopping*) @ $\phi_C \sim 0.432$

= *Dynamic Crossover*



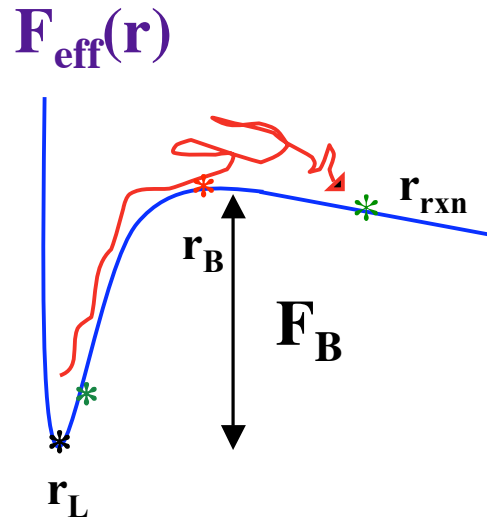
Entropic Barrier



Reaction Point: Onset of IRReversibility
....negligible localizing *force*

Analytic Analysis

KSS, JCP, 2007

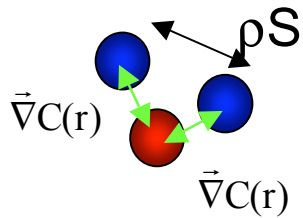


Kramers theory: *mean first passage time over barrier*

$$\frac{\bar{\tau}_{hop}}{\tau_0} = \frac{2\pi (\zeta_s / \zeta_0) e^{F_B}}{\sqrt{K_0 K_B}}$$

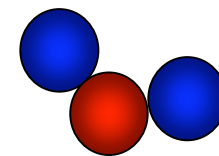
~ **mean** alpha time
@ cage q^*

High Barrier Limit : (ultra-local) Real Space Picture



“mean square effective force”

$$V_\infty \equiv \phi g^2(\sigma) \propto F_B$$



Impulsive Collisions

“contacts”

“SOLID” only at RCP
Jamming

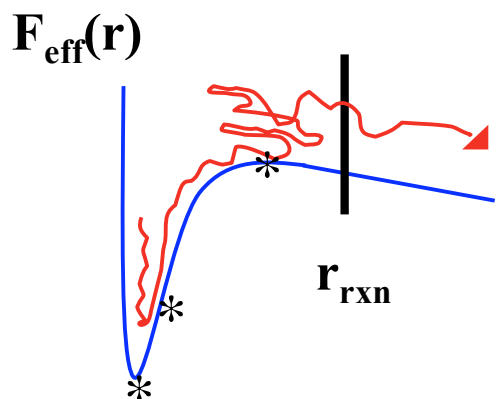
$$F_B \propto \phi g^2(\sigma) \propto (\phi_{RCP} - \phi)^{-2} \rightarrow \infty$$

Double Pole

Full Numerical Soln: Includes Dynamic Fluctuation Effects

JCP & PRE
2006 & 2008

$$\zeta_s \frac{\partial r(t)}{\partial t} = -\frac{\partial}{\partial r} F_{eff}(r(t)) + \eta(t)$$



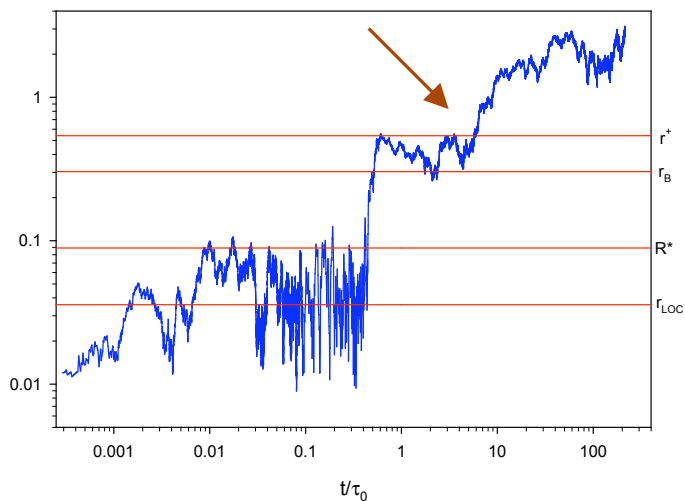
*Noise-Driven
Trajectory Fluctuations*



*Sole
Origin of
Heterogeneous
Dynamics*

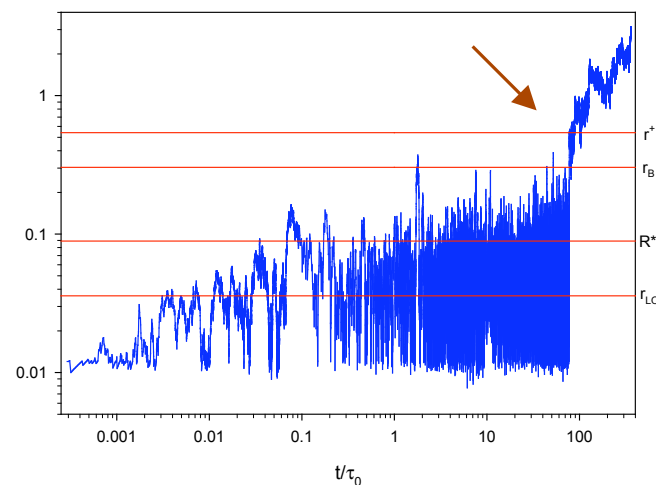
$r(t)/\sigma$ trajectories

$\phi=0.55$; Barrier ~ 5



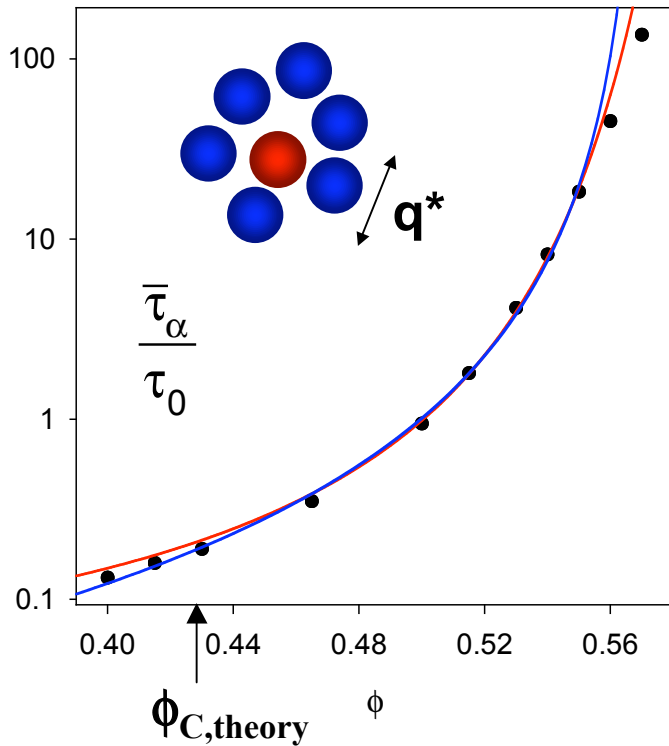
Reaction point
Barrier
Maximum force
Localization length

*Re-crossings
"back-hops"
Large Fluctuations*



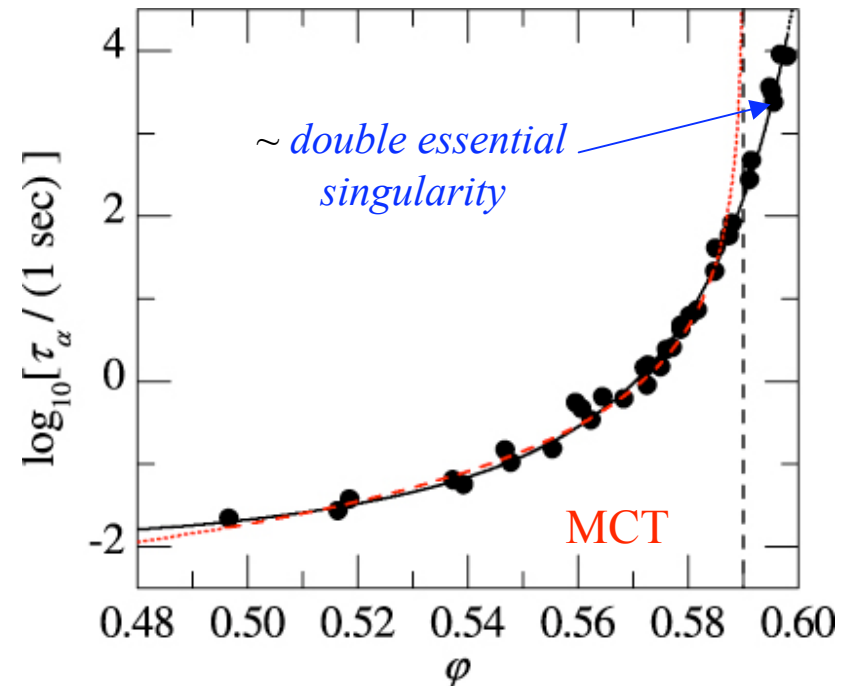
Alpha (cage scale) Relaxation

$F_s(q^*, t)$



$\sigma = 1 \mu\text{m}$	
τ_α	ϕ
$5 \times 10^4 \text{ s}$ (14 hrs)	0.57
5 months "glass"	0.61

Cipelletti et al, PRL, 2009
extra 2 orders magnitude



Ideal MCT power law fits NLE THEORY & EXPT over ~3 orders of magnitude...then breaks downno critical singularity

NLE prediction (2007): $\tau^*/\tau_0 \propto \exp(F_B(\phi)) \underset{\substack{\text{approach} \\ \text{RCP}}}{\propto} \exp\left(B / (\phi_{RCP} - \phi)^2\right)$ *ala new expts*

QUESTION : Dynamic Fluctuation consequences of Hopping ?.....Many

Growing Dynamical Length Scale

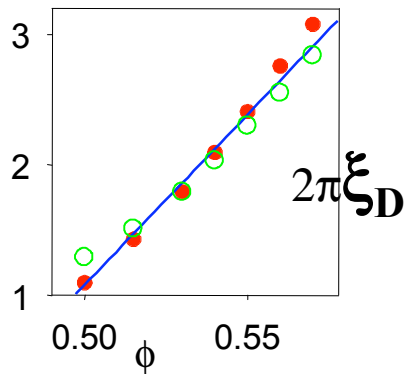
$$F_s(q,t) = \exp(-t/\tau(q)) \neq \text{Fickian} \approx \text{MCT}$$

Expt; Sims

$$q\sigma = 2.6 \sim q^*/3 \rightarrow 2q^* \sim 14$$

**IF* Activated, we find :*

$$\frac{1}{\tau(q)} \cong \frac{q^2 D}{1 + (q\xi_D)^2} \equiv q^2 D(q)$$



$$D(q) \approx D (q\xi_D)^{-2}, \quad q\xi_D \gg 1$$

$\tau(q) \approx q$ -independent

$$\xi_D(\phi)$$

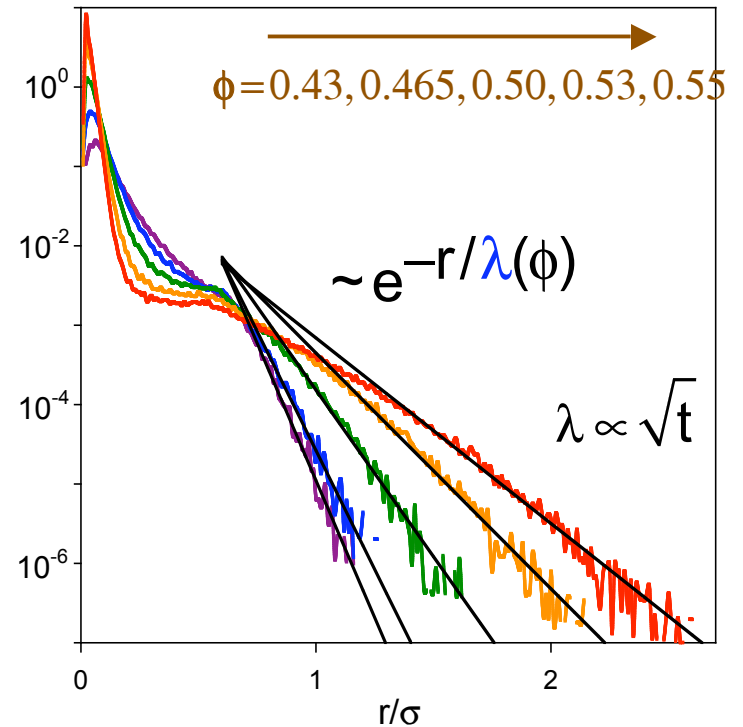
Growing Length Scale for Recovery of Fickian diffusion

$$\lambda \approx \xi_D / 2$$

Mobility Bifurcation

Real Space Van Hove @ alpha time

$$\text{Log } G_s(\mathbf{r}, t = \tau_\alpha)$$

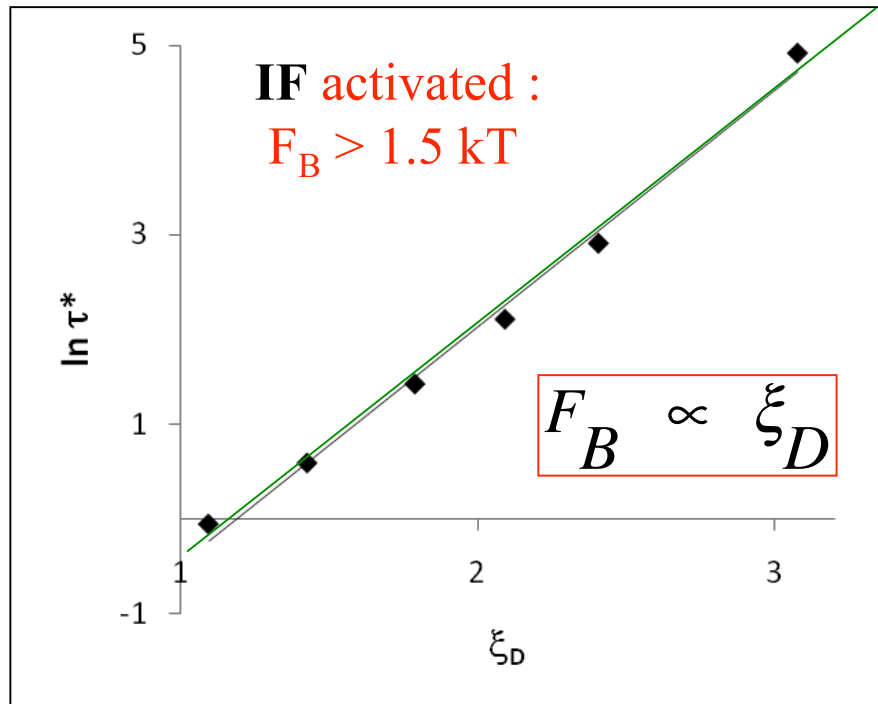


Exponential tail.... "fast hoppers"

Jump Length $\sim [0.07-0.24]\sigma$

Consistent with simulations [Berthier, Kob, Szamel,...] & Expt [Ediger, Weitz/Weeks,..]

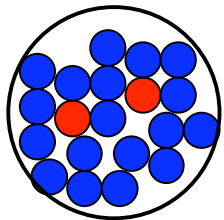
Connection of Alpha Time and Growing Length Scale



Slow *logarithmic* growth

$$2\pi \frac{\xi_D}{\sigma} \approx 1.1 + 0.44 \ln \left(\frac{\tau_\alpha}{\tau_0} \right)$$

**** Single particle Dynamic Heterogeneity vs. Many particle space-time ?**



expect connected if dynamics rare hopping controlled....several evidences

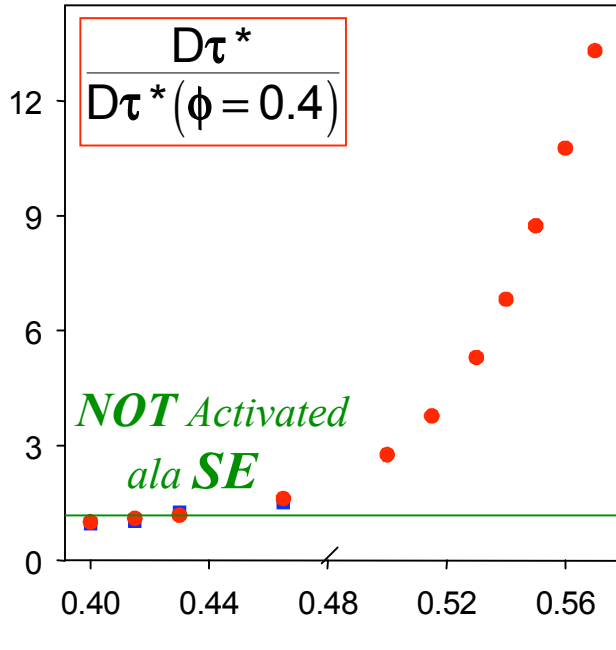
4-point "susceptibility" $\chi_4(t)$: time scale & dynamic correlation length

Dasgupta-Sastry simulations (2009 PNAS):

$$\ln(\tau_4) \propto F_B \propto (\xi_4)^{0.7}$$

“Decoupling” of Self-Diffusion & Alpha Relaxation

aka Stokes-Einstein breakdown



Mass Transport ENHANCED @ fixed relaxation time

PURE Dynamic Effect...and NOT change of KWW exponent

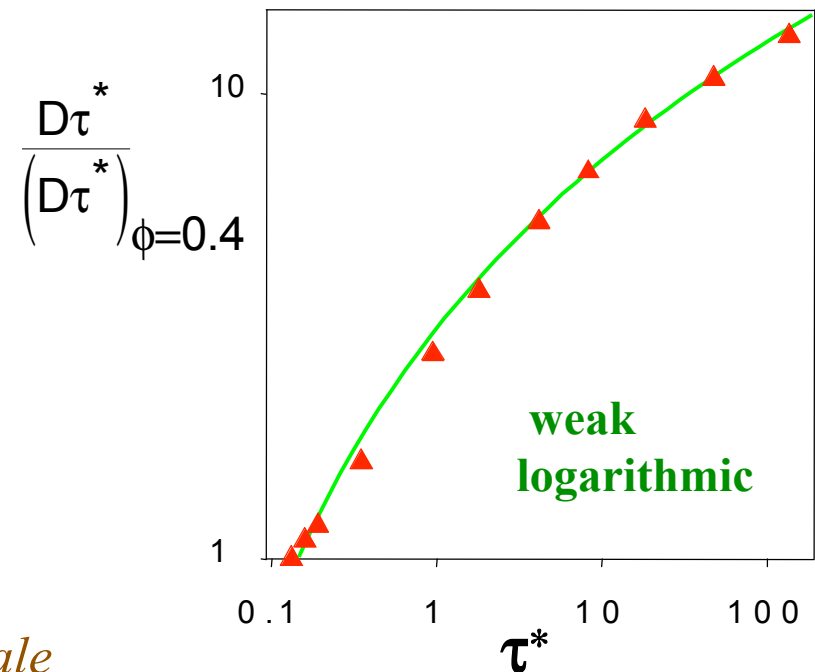
$$\sim \frac{D\tau^*}{(D\tau^*)_0} \approx 10-20; \phi = 0.58-0.59$$

*Kumar; Truskett
PD-Hard Sphere SIMS*

“Decoupling length”

$$L_d \equiv \sqrt{D\tau^*} \propto \xi_D \propto \lambda \propto \ln(\tau^*) \propto F_B$$

.....reflects Mobility = function of length scale



Relevant to Thermal Molecular Liquids ?

Simple Hard Sphere “Mapping”

$$T_g @ 100 \text{ s} \quad \frac{\tau_\alpha(T_g)}{\tau_0} = \frac{\tau_\alpha(T_g)}{\tau_\alpha(T_{c,\text{expt}})} \cdot \frac{\tau_\alpha(T_{c,\text{expt}})}{\tau_0}$$

(Novikov-Sokolov) $\sim 10^{8-10}$
 ~ 150 from HS theory @ $\phi_{c,\text{expt}}=0.58$

***NON-Fickian
crossover length**

$$2\pi \frac{\xi_D}{\sigma} \approx 1.1 + 0.44 \ln \left(\frac{\tau_\alpha}{\tau_0} \right)$$



$$\xi_D \approx 2\sigma \approx 2 \text{ nm (TNB)}$$

~ Ediger expt (2009)

*** Decoupling Ratio**

$$R \equiv \frac{D\tau_\alpha}{(D\tau_\alpha)_0} \approx \left[1.6 + 0.44 \ln \left(\frac{\tau_\alpha}{\tau_0} \right) \right]^2 \approx 4\pi^2 \left(\frac{\xi_D}{\sigma} \right)^2 \sim 150 @ T_g$$

Ediger expts: ~ 100 for OTP, TNB

Nonlinear Viscoelasticity: *Stress Perspective*

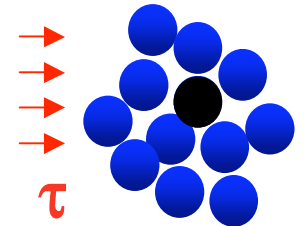
Motivating Idea: *External Deformation Reduces Barriers to Flow*

* *Eyring (1936)*
Frenkel (crystals)

“Tilted Landscape” idea

Mechanical Work

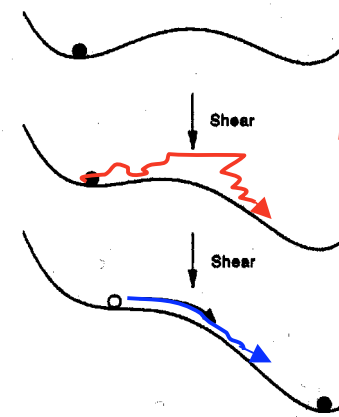
$$E_B(\tau) \approx E_B(0) - \tau V_A$$



* *Potential Energy Landscape simulations... Dan Lack*

Deformation

stress reduces and ultimately destroy barriers



*stress-assisted
 “thermal hop”*

* **Macroscopic Rheology** ↔ **Alpha Process**

Simulation Support : *Yamamoto-Onuki-Reichman*

Riggelman-dePablo ; Joerg Rottler.....

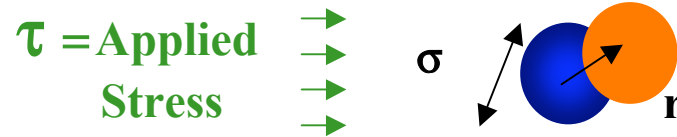
*Irreversible
 “Absolute Yield”
 aka
 T=0 Quasi-Static
 Granular limit*

* *Structure & Dynamics ~ Isotropic on CAGE scale*

Incorporation of Stress in NLE Theory

Kobelev+KSS
PRE 2005

External force on particle

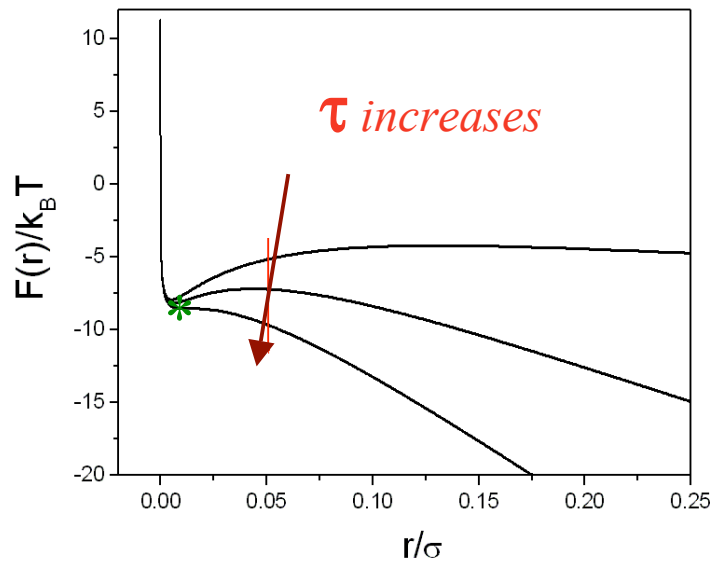


Mechanical Work

ala Eyring @ “instantaneous dynamical variable” level

$$F(r; \tau) = F(r; \tau = 0) - \# \sigma^2 \tau r$$

Stress “tilts landscape”



STRESS : *Reduces Modulus & Barrier*

$$F_B(\tau) \cong F_B(0) \left[1 - (\tau/\tau_{y,abs}) \right]^{5/2}$$

Accelerates Relaxation

“Absolute YIELD” \rightarrow Barrier destroyed

$$\frac{\bar{\tau}_{hop}}{\tau_0} = \frac{2\pi g(\sigma)}{\sqrt{K_0(\tau) K_B(\tau)}} e^{F_B(\tau)}$$

(transient) Glassy Modulus

$$G'(\tau) = \frac{1}{60\pi^2} \int_0^\infty dq q^4 \left(\frac{\partial \ln S(q)}{\partial q} \right)^2 e^{-q^2 r_{LOC}^2(\tau) / 3S(q)}$$

0th Order Generalized Maxwell Constitutive Eqn

Kang Chen+KSS
EPL, 2007
Macromolecules
& JCP, 2008

Nonlinear Boltzmann

$$\tau(t) = \int_0^t dt' G(t-t'; \text{stress}) \dot{\gamma}(t')$$

Minimal PHYSICS: Elastic Modulus and α -Time coupled to Stress via $\mathbf{F}_{\text{eff}}(\mathbf{r})$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t'} G(t'; \tau(t')) = -\frac{1}{\tau_\alpha(\tau(t'))} G(t'; \tau(t')) \quad \rightarrow \quad G(t-t'; \text{stress}) = G'(\tau(t')) \exp\left(-\int_{t'}^t dt'' \tau_\alpha^{-1}[\tau(t'')]\right)$$

NONlinear & Self-Consistent Constitutive Eqn

“effective time”

**** Constant STRAIN RATE**

$$\gamma = \dot{\gamma} t$$

$$\tau(\gamma) = \int_0^\gamma d\gamma' G'(\gamma') e^{-\int_{\gamma'}^\gamma \frac{d\gamma''}{\dot{\gamma} \tau_\alpha(\gamma'')}}$$

**** STEADY STATE SHEAR**

$$\tau = \eta(\tau) \dot{\gamma} \quad \eta(\tau) = \eta_\infty + G'(\tau) \tau_\alpha(\tau)$$

*** STEP STRAIN**

$$\tau(t) = G(t) \gamma$$

$$\xrightarrow{\text{quasi-static}} \tau = G'(\tau) \gamma$$

*** CREEP** $\gamma(t)$ @ fixed stress

SELF-Motion Under Steady Shear

Besseling, Weeks, Poon, PRL, 2007

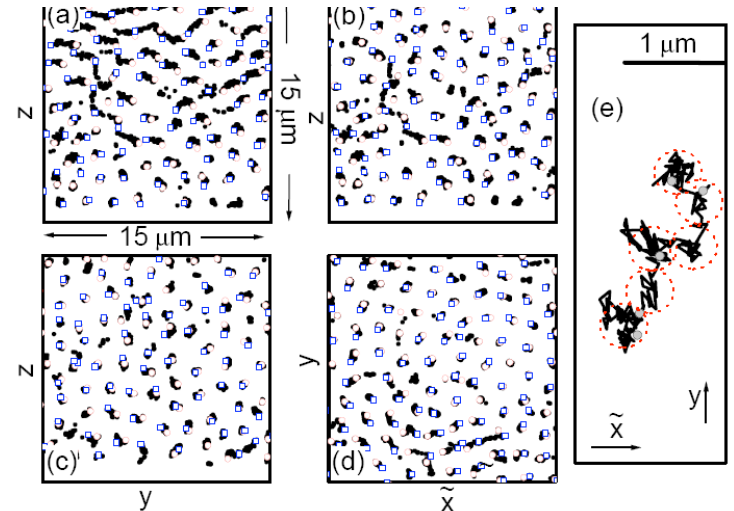
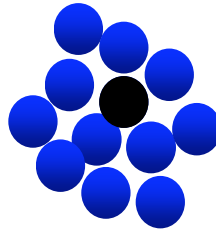
Confocal : direct microscopic probe of theory

$$F_s(\mathbf{q}^*, t)$$

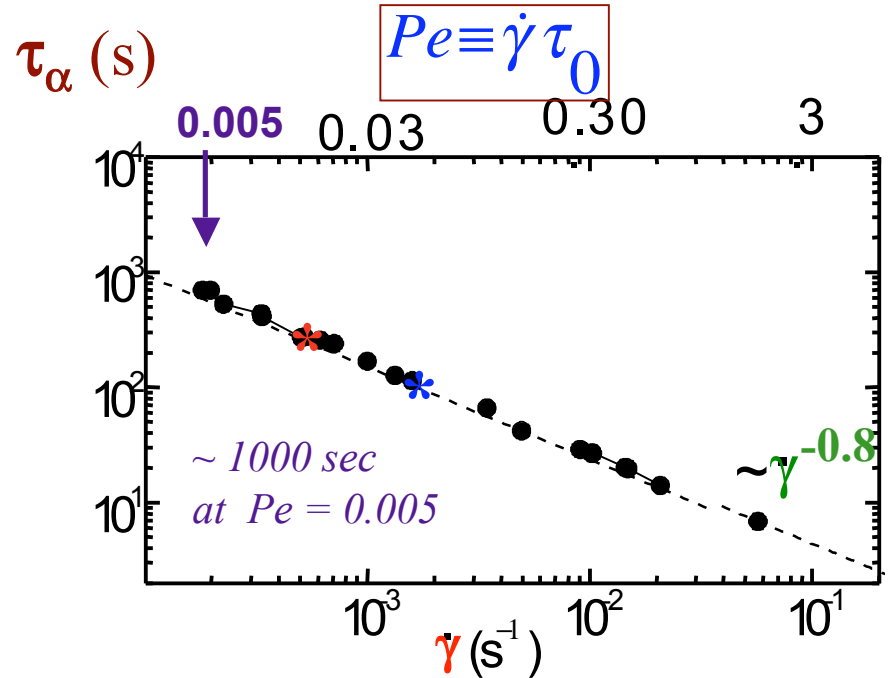
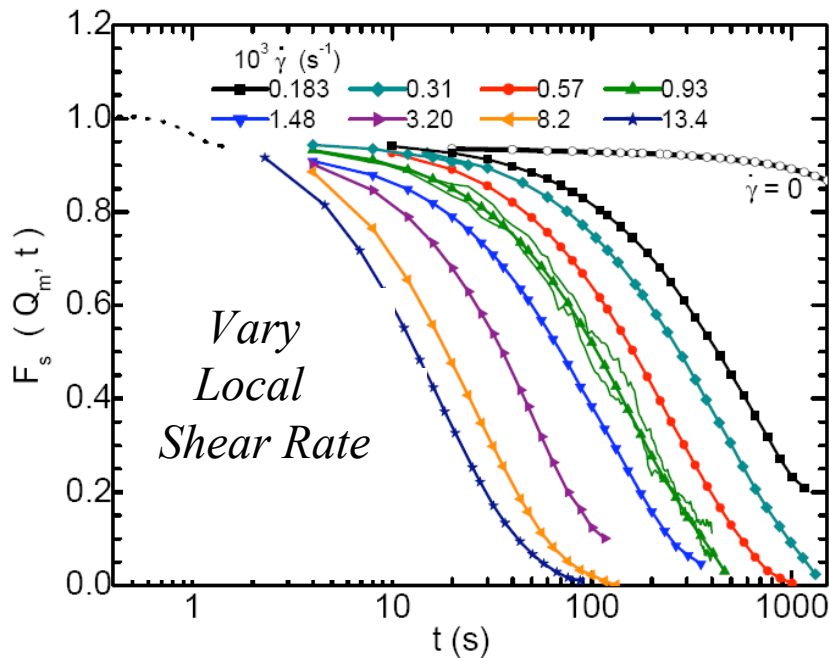
$$\phi = 0.62$$

$$\sigma \sim 2 \mu\text{m}$$

$$\tau_0 \sim 30 \text{ s}$$



~ Isotropic Intermittent Motion



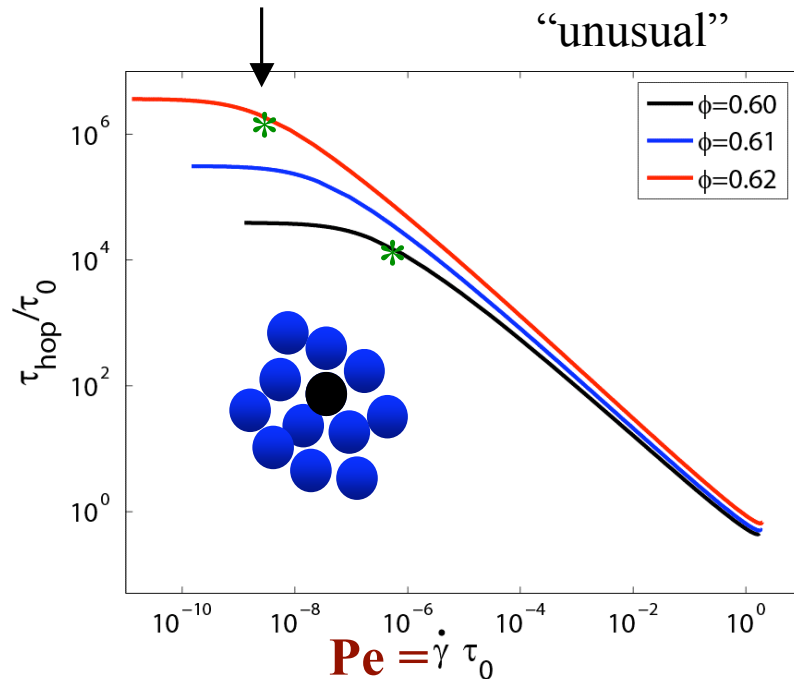
Exponential Relaxation

$$\tau_\alpha \sim 1/(\text{shear rate})^{0.8}$$

Steady State Predictions

Saltzman, Yatsenko, KSS, JPCM, 2007

$$Pe_c \equiv \dot{\gamma} \tau_\alpha(0) \approx 0.01 \ll 1$$



Entropic Barriers NOT Zero
per Intermittent Hopping seen in confocal

$$\tau_\alpha \propto \dot{\gamma}^{-\Delta(\phi)}, \quad \Delta \sim 0.7 - 0.9$$

for $\phi = 0.57 \rightarrow 0.635$

same story for D, Viscosity

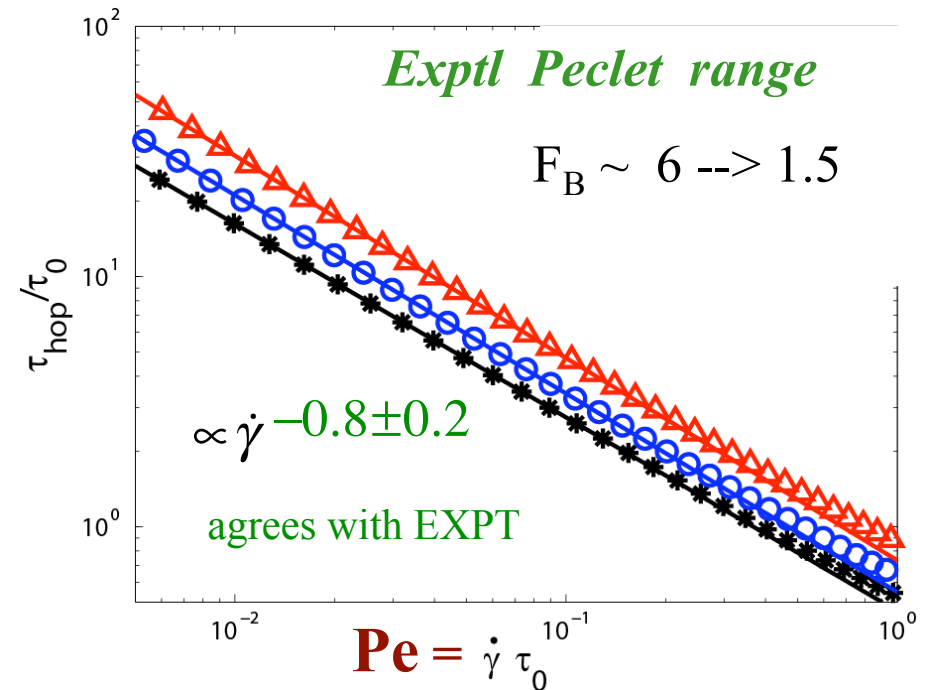
$$\phi = 0.62 \rightarrow F_B = \text{Barrier} \sim 15 \text{ kT}$$

NB: $E_f(\text{STZ}) \sim 16-18 \text{ kT}$ (Schall, Weitz, Spaepen)

$$\rightarrow \tau_\alpha \sim 60 \text{ million secs} \sim 2 \text{ Years}$$

AT lowest Pe = 0.005 : 900 secs ~ EXPT

“shear thins” by ~5 orders of magnitude !



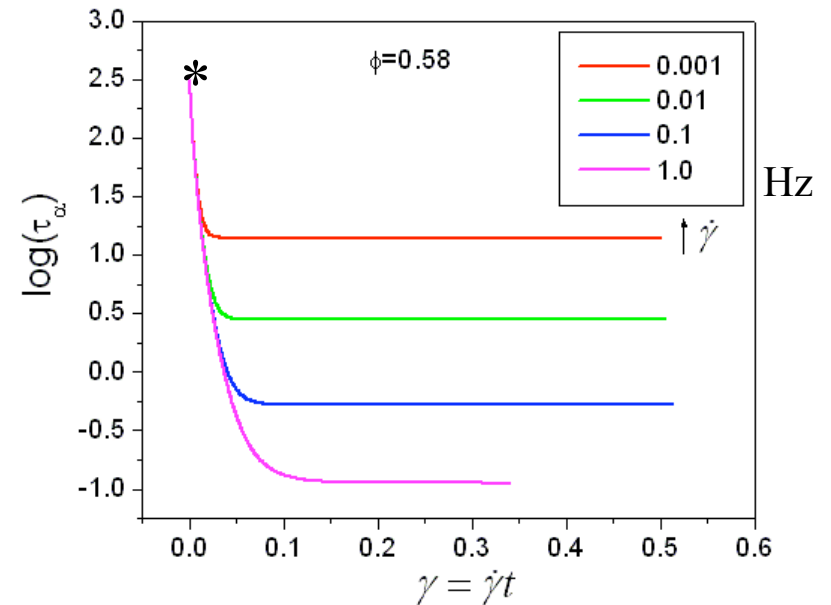
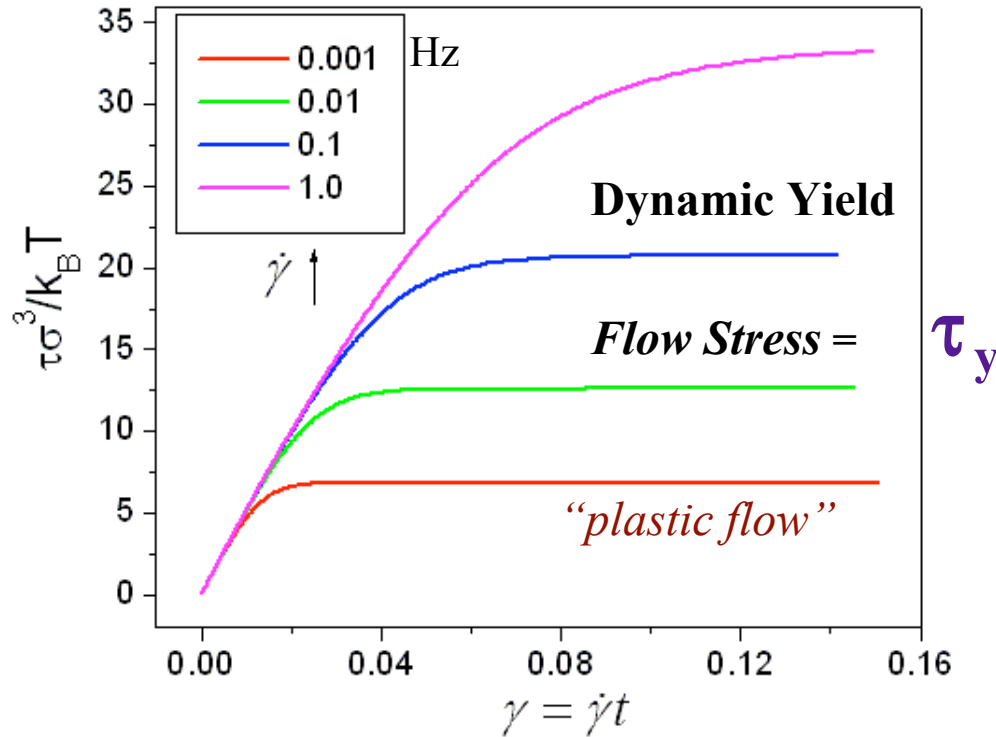
Constant Strain Rate Deformation

$$\gamma = \dot{\gamma}t$$

$$\tau_0 = 0.5 \text{ s}$$

$$\phi = 0.58$$

Deformation Accelerates Relaxation



ala mechanically-induced
"De-vitrification"

Steady State:

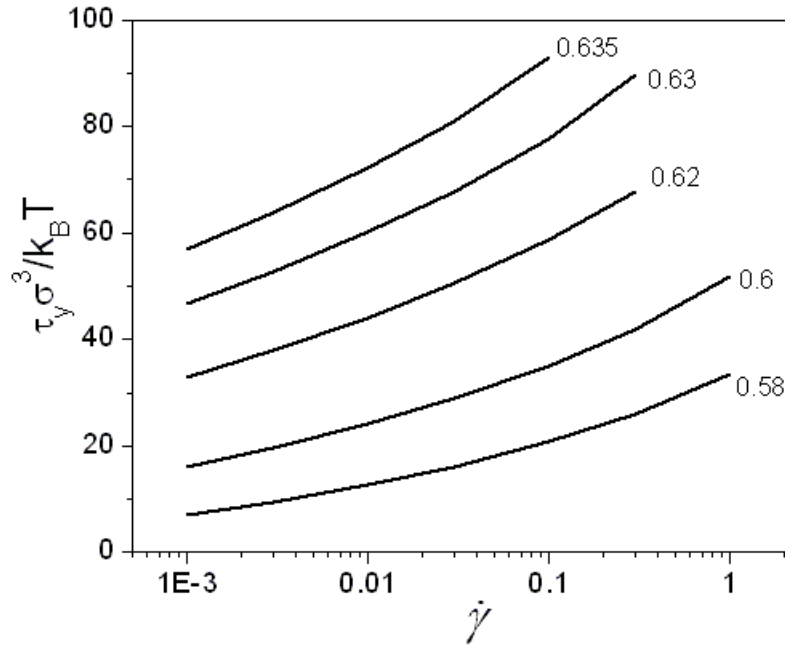
$$\left(\dot{\gamma} \tau_\alpha\right)_{yield} \approx 0.025 - 0.1$$

increases with strain rate and ϕ

$\phi = 0.58 - 0.635$
strain rate = 0.001-1 Hz

Flow Stress : Effect of Strain Rate & Volume Fraction

$\phi = 0.58 - 0.635$



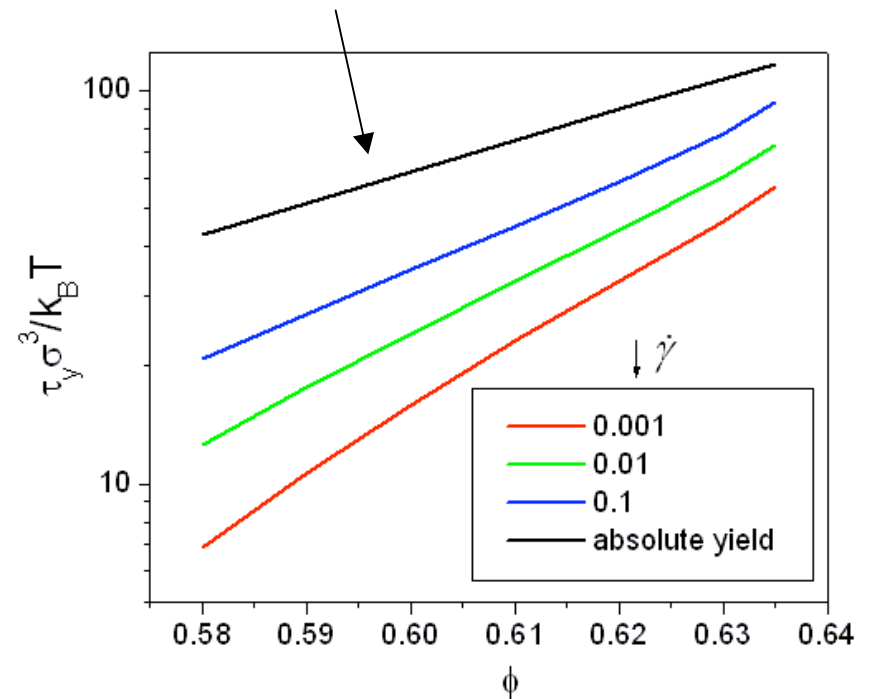
Roughly logarithmic in strain rate

~ Exponential Dependence

Stronger as strain rate decreases....

effect of thermally activated hopping

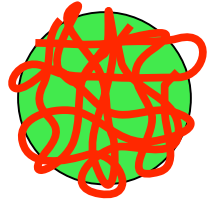
“Quasi-static” = NO hopping
“absolute yield”



Soft Repulsive Spheres ~ MICROGELS...important materials !

Vary Single Particle Stiffness (*crosslinks*) ...interparticle repulsion strength

→ Expect Big Change in Glassy Dynamics



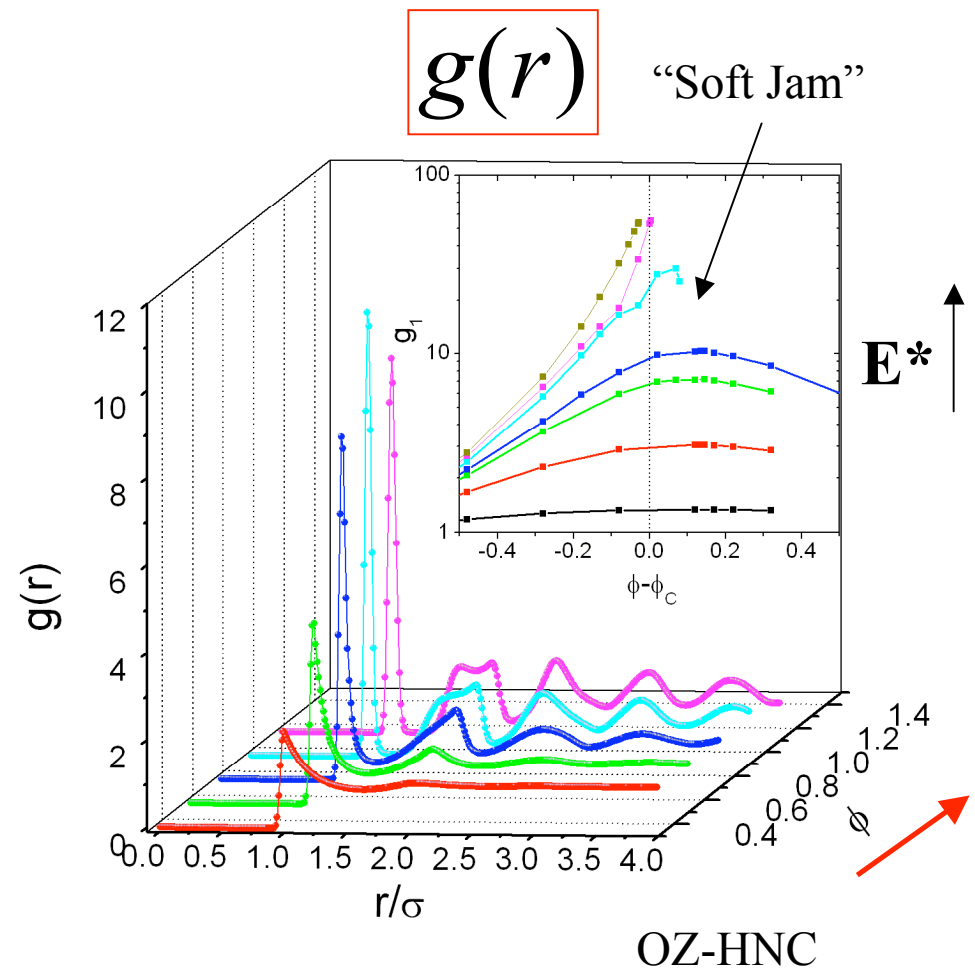
finite range Hertzian Contact model:

$$V(r) = \frac{4}{15} E^* \sigma^3 \left(1 - \frac{r}{\sigma}\right)^{5/2}, r \leq \sigma$$

$$= 0, r > \sigma$$

*Packing Complexity
as function of ϕ and E^**

*ala Yodh, Liu et al, Nature 2009
Expts and Simulations*

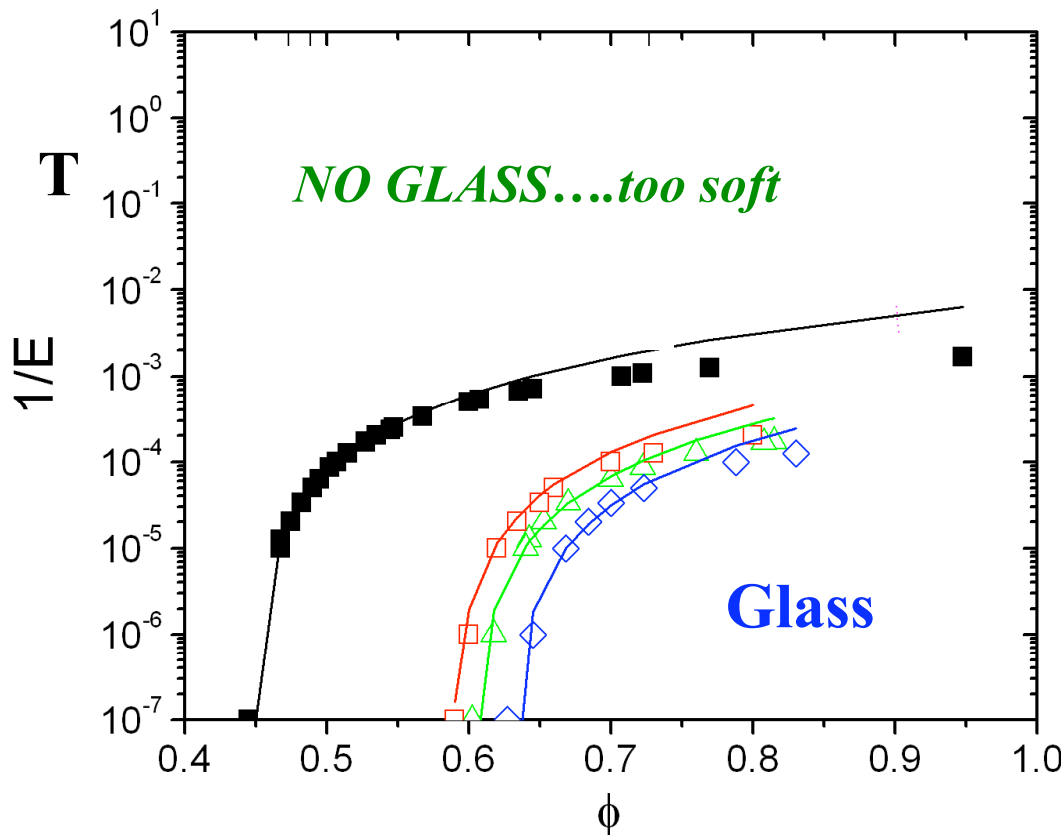
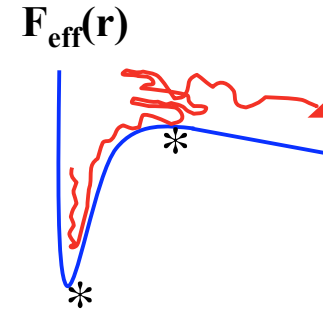


Dynamic Phase Diagram

Yang & KSS
submitted

$$\tau_{\alpha}(\phi, E)$$

$$\frac{\bar{\tau}_{hop}}{\tau_0} = \frac{2\pi (\zeta_s / \zeta_0)}{\sqrt{K_0 K_B}} e^{F_B}$$



Ideal MCT (crossover)

Kinetic vitrify

$$\tau_{\alpha}(\phi_g, E_g) / \tau_0 \equiv 10^x$$

x=2,3,5

ALL Parabolic

$$E_g^{-1} \propto T_g \propto (\phi - \phi_g)^2$$

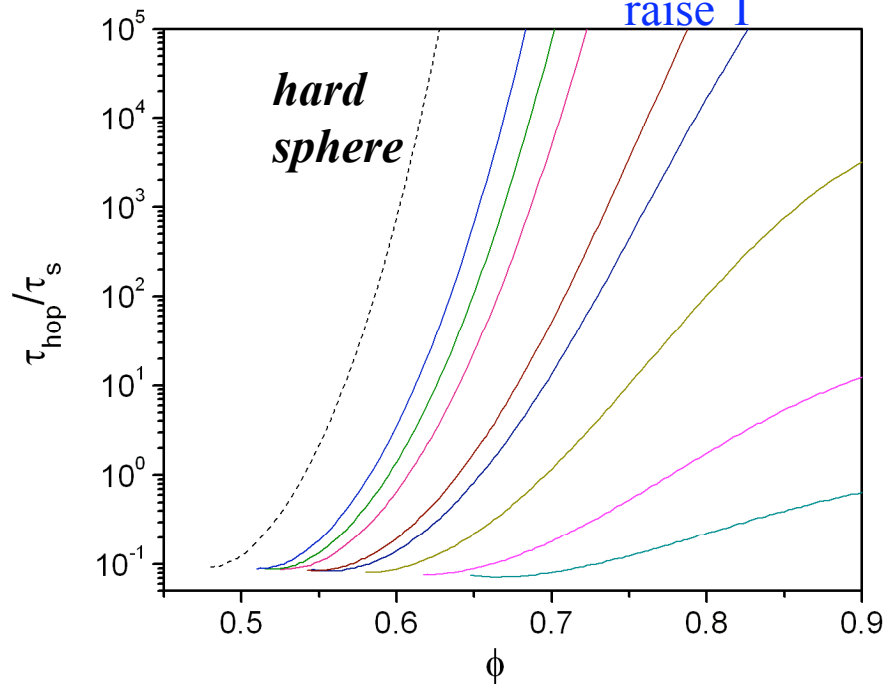
Hard Sphere potential:

$$E \rightarrow \infty, \quad T \rightarrow 0$$

ala simulations of Berthier-Witten: EPL+PRE, 2009

Relaxation Time : ϕ & T-dependences

Fix $E^* = \text{infinity}, (5,3,2,1)10^4, (8,5,3,2) 10^3$

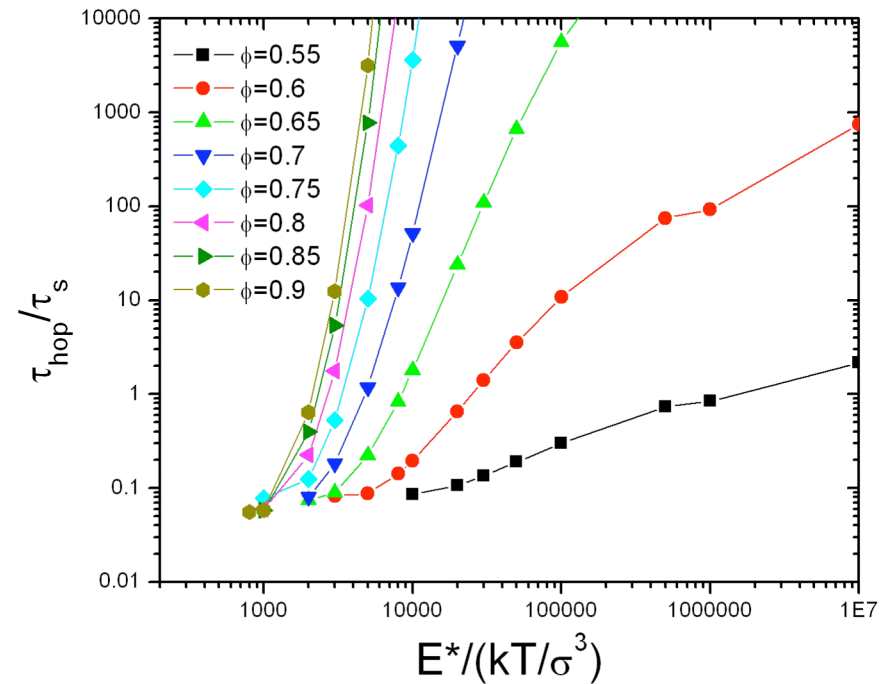


NONexponential Growth

Less “Fragile” as *Single Particle Softens*

ala Mattson, Weitz, et al, Nature 2009

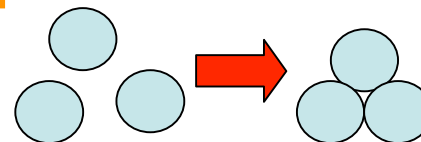
Fix ϕ and “Cool”



“Two ϕ -Regimes”

Greatly Enhanced Thermal Fragility as Volume Fraction grows

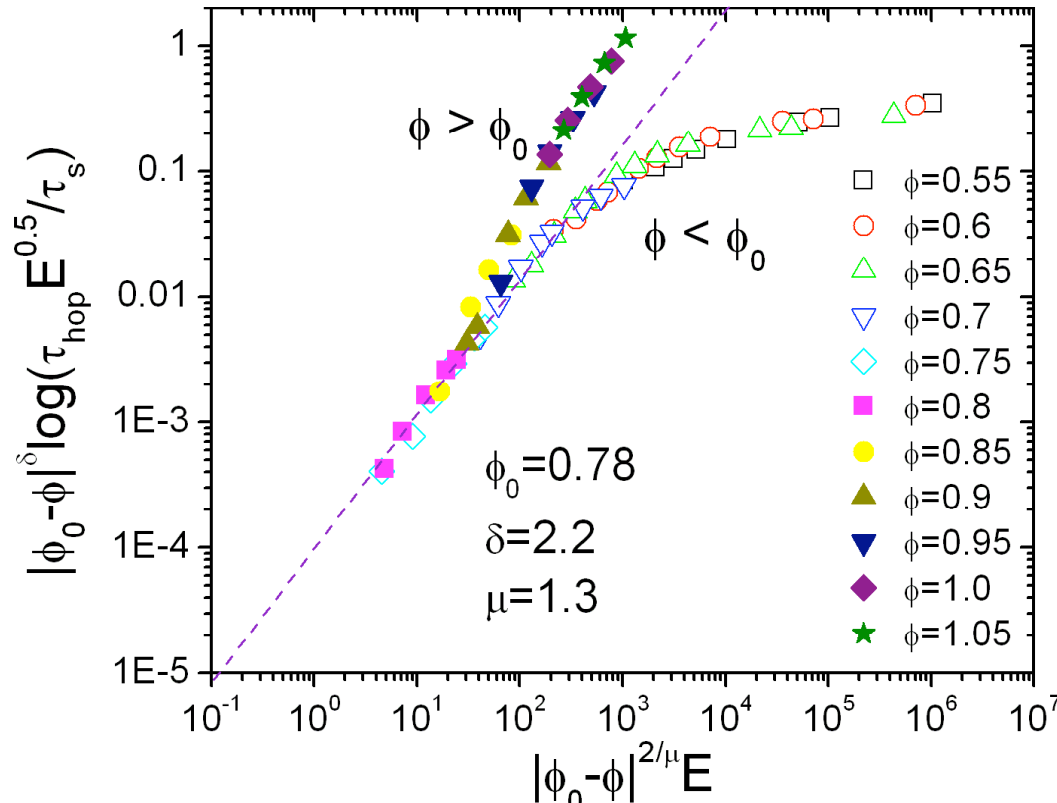
qualitative change of packing



Universal “2-Branch” Collapse *per Berthier-Witten Arguments*

$$\tau_\alpha(\varphi, T) \sim \exp \left[\frac{A}{|\varphi_0 - \varphi|^\delta} F_\pm \left(\frac{|\varphi_0 - \varphi|^{2/\mu}}{T} \right) \right],$$

Describes Simulations



Activated Hopping Theory also Collapses !

Hard sphere RCP

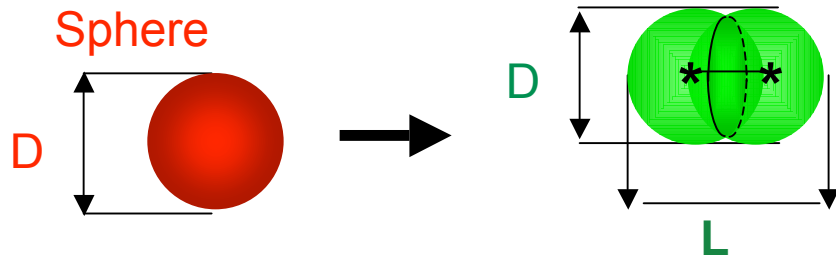
N.B.
Andrea Liu talk:

Use P, not ϕ

...1 master curve

μ, δ SAME as in simulation (*has theory motivation*)

BEYOND SPHERES : Hard *Uniaxial* Particles



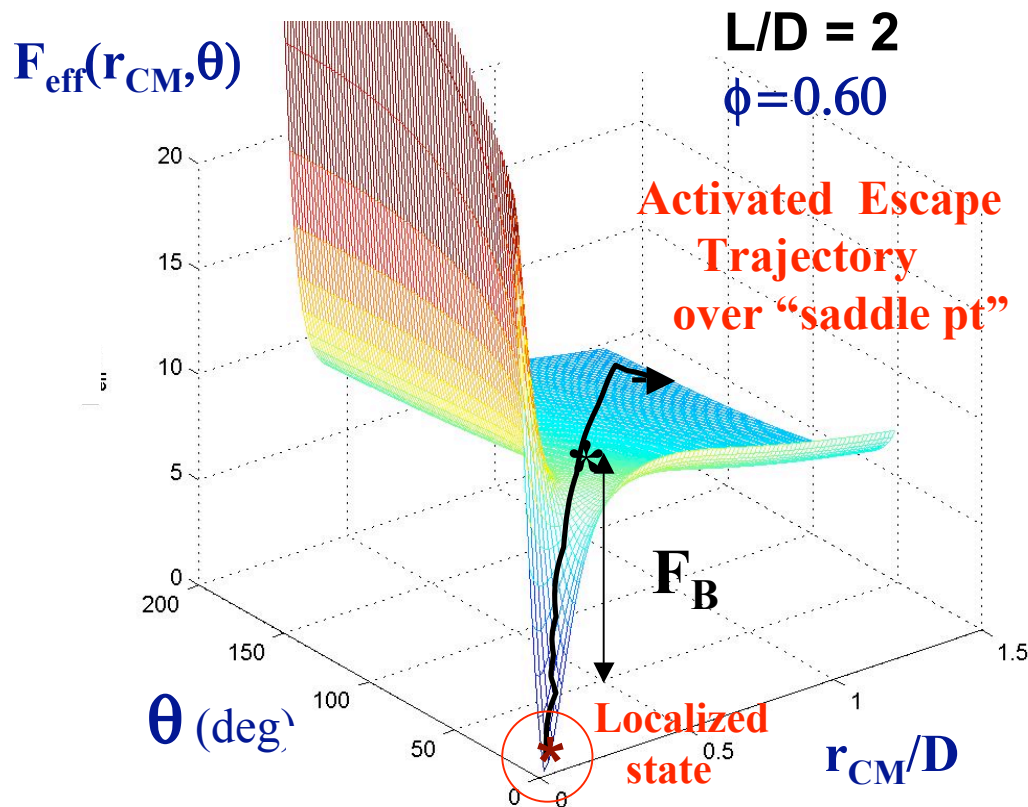
Diatomic

$$1 \leq L/D \leq 2$$

“Molecular Colloids”

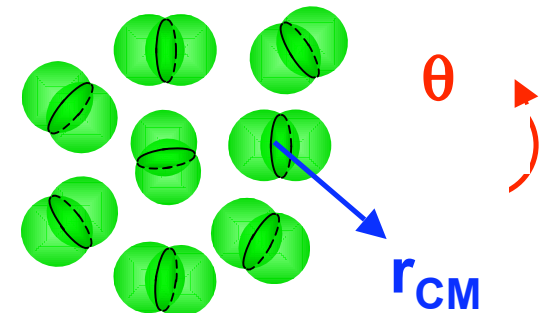
*A frontier of particle science
and engineering*

Dynamical Free Energy Surface



COUPLED Translation & Rotation

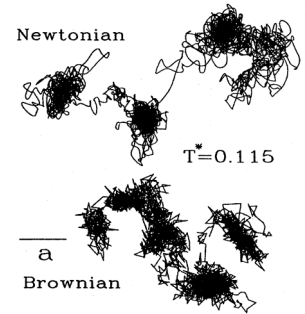
forces and torques



*Mechanistic picture ala
chemical reaction*

Summary

Microscopic theory of ACTIVATED dynamics @ SINGLE particle level
...NO singularities at $T > 0$ or below RCP



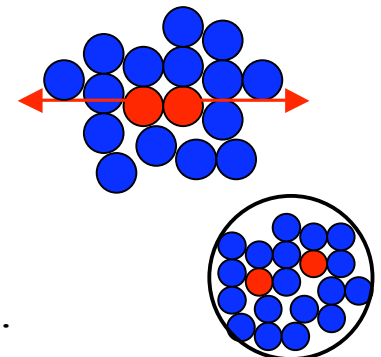
Allows integrated understanding of:

- * **Mean Dynamics** : *NONuniversal aspects*: kinetic arrest map, fragility, shear modulus,...
relevant to materials science & engineering
- * **Nongaussian Fluctuation or Dynamic Heterogeneity effects** :
Nongaussian parameters, Decoupling, Exponential tails & Mobility bifurcation,
NonFickian crossover, $\tau(q)$, Growing length scale,.....
- * **Nonlinear Rheology** : strain softening, shear thinning, dynamic yielding, flow curves,...
- * **Generalizable**: Soft Colloids; Nonspherical Molecular Colloids & Liquids; Gels;
Patchy Particles; *Polymer Melts & Glasses* (JPCM,2009; ARCP, August, 2010)

FRONTIERS : space-time correlated: **2 & beyond** particle dynamics

Role of “Harris disorder” ? **Rheology** : *role of anisotropy, heterogeneity* ?

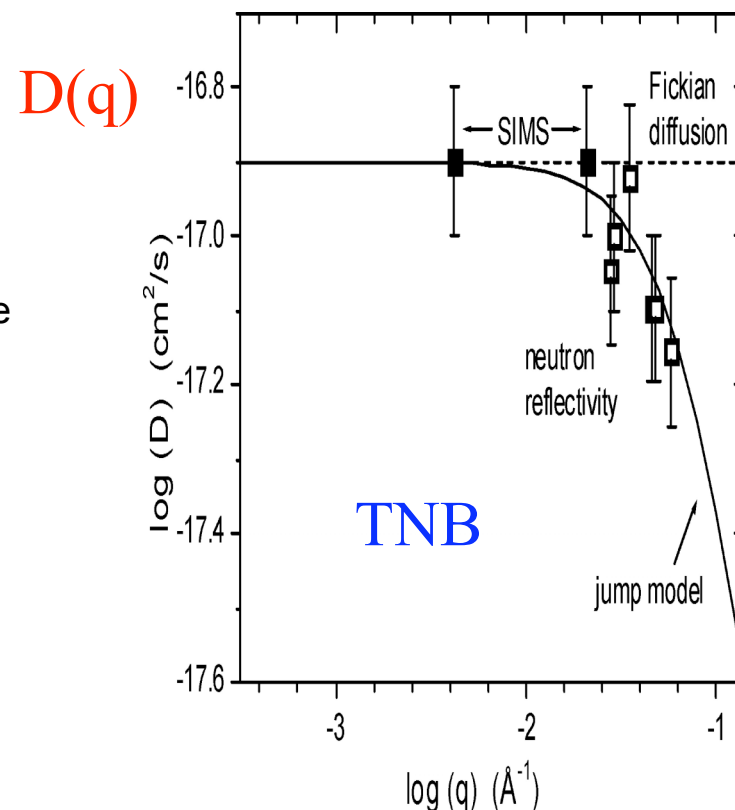
Below T_g : combined treatment of physical aging, rejuvenation, hardening.....



EXTRAS

Stephen F. Swallen; Katherine Traynor; Robert J. McMahon; **M.D. Ediger**;
 Published in: Thomas E. Mates; *J. Phys. Chem. B* **2009**, 113, 4600-4608.

Diffusion coefficient as a function of wavevector q at 342 K. SIMS data are shown as solid squares. Previously reported neutron reflectivity data are shown as open squares. Solid line is calculated with the jump diffusion model, with $\xi = 14 \text{ \AA}$, and $\log(D(q=0)/\text{cm}^2 \text{ s}^{-1}) = -16.9$. The dashed line is extrapolation of SIMS data to high q , assuming the Fickian model.



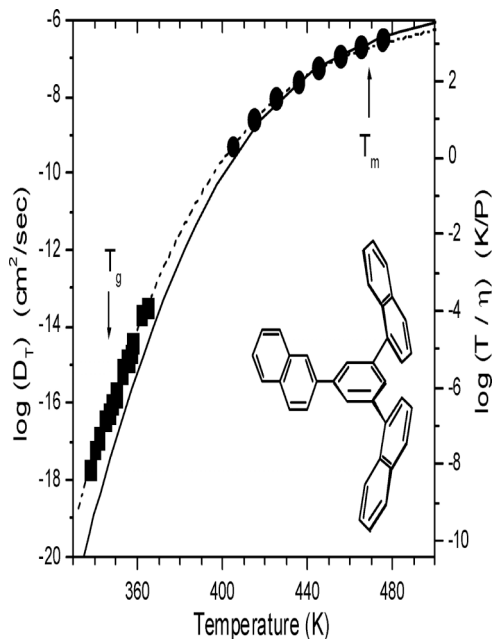
Extrapolate fit to NLE theory numerical results :

jump length: $\xi \sim 2\sigma \sim 2 \text{ nm}$ for TNB ($\sim 1.4 \text{ nm}$ for OTP) @ T_g

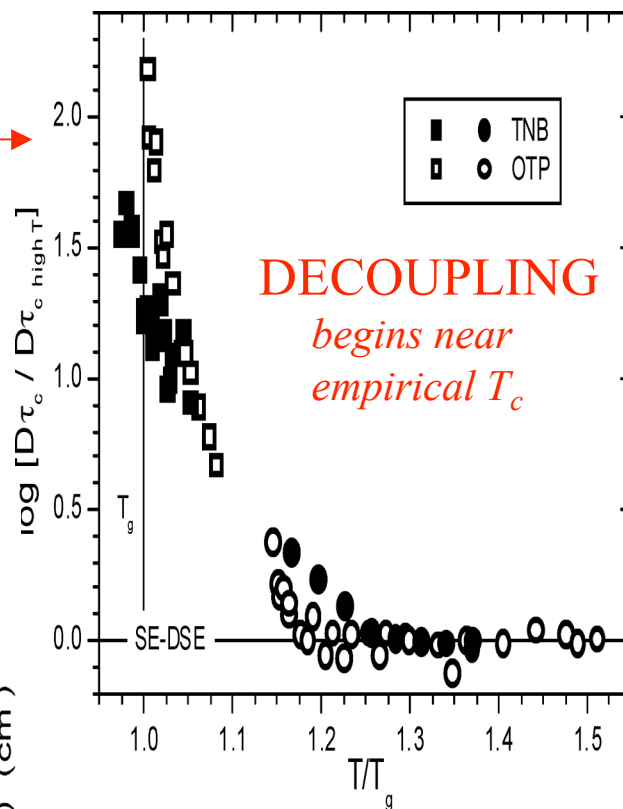
Mean Square jump length = $\text{sqrt}(6) \xi \sim 3.4 \text{ nm}$ (EXPT)...*ala 4-d NMR* ?

theory $\sim 3.4 \text{ nm}$ for OTP

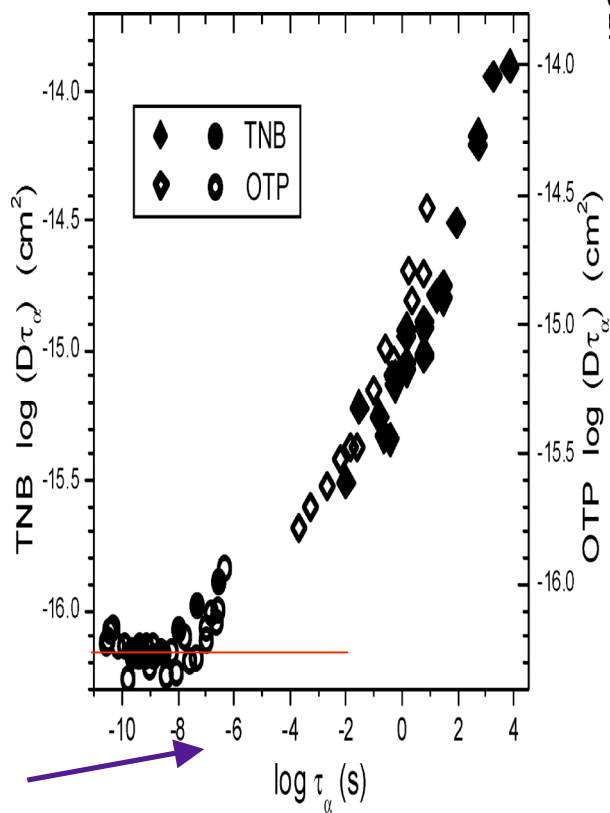
----- $1/\text{viscosity}^{0.87}$



$\sim 100 \rightarrow$

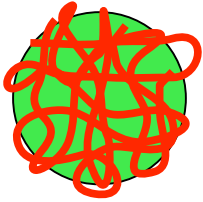


DECOUPLING
begins near empirical T_c



Sokolov
crossover
“magic time”

Decoupling factor NOT
Power Law in τ_α



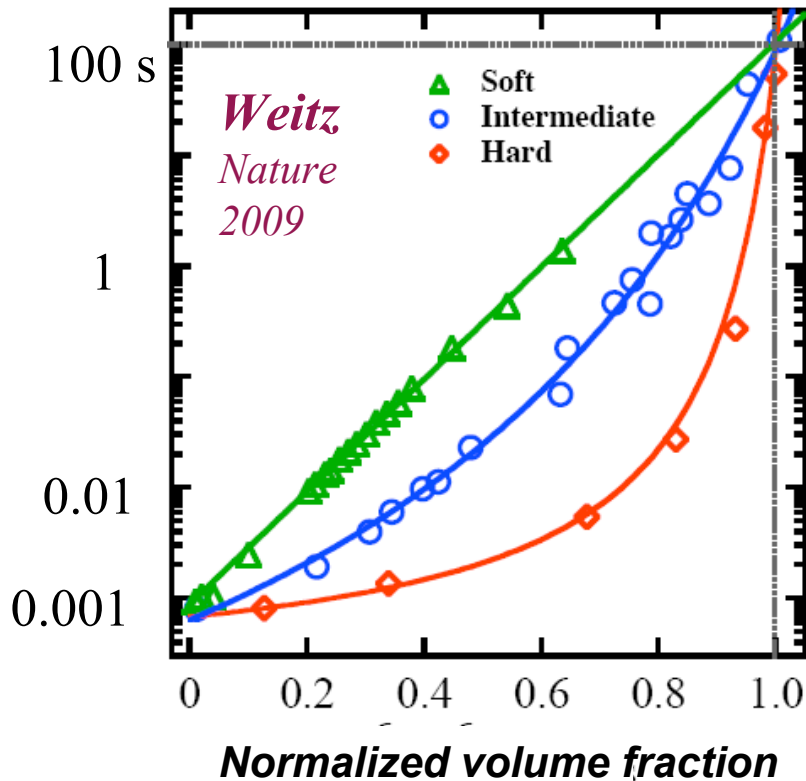
Microgels : Soft Repulsive Spheres

Hertzian Contact Model :

$$V(r) = \frac{4}{15} E^* \sigma^3 \left(1 - \frac{r}{\sigma}\right)^{5/2}, \quad r \leq \sigma$$

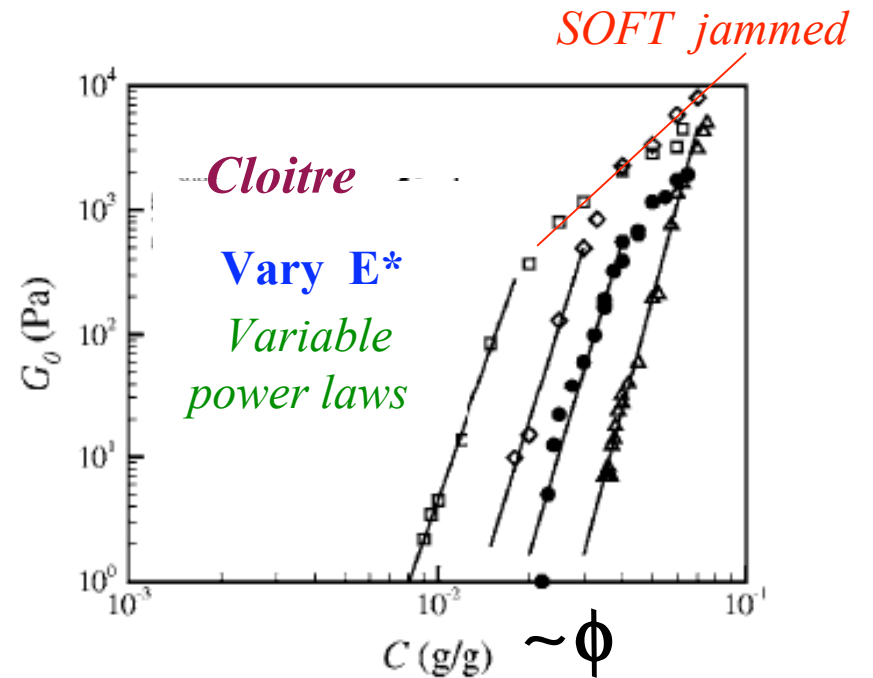
Vary Single Particle Stiffness, E^* , (crosslinks)
Massive change in Dynamic Fragility

Relax Time (ϕ) from DLS



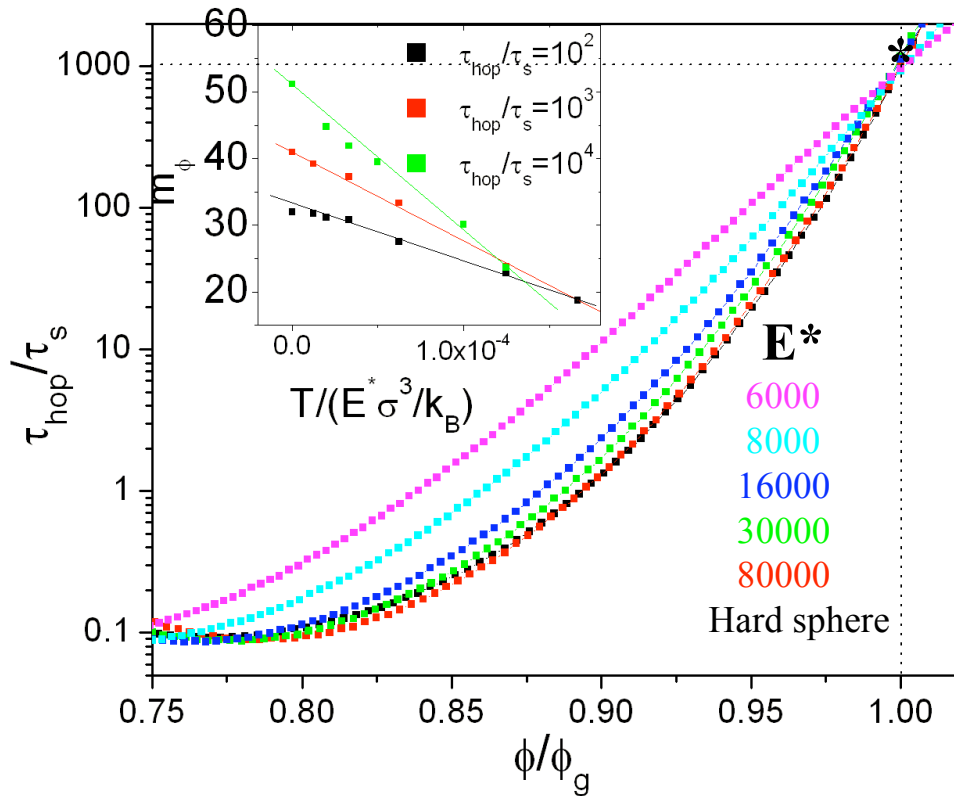
“glass”

Glassy Shear Modulus

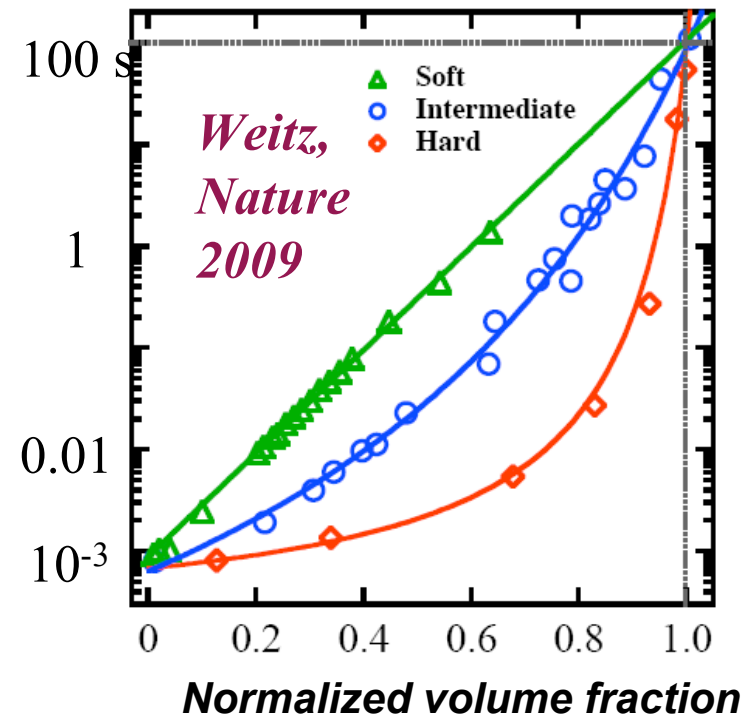


Tunable Dynamic Fragility via Particle Softness

Fragility Plot based on Kinetic Glass Criterion



Relax Time (ϕ) from DLS



$$m_\phi \equiv \frac{\partial}{\partial(\phi / \phi_g)} (\log \tau_{hop}) \Big|_{\phi_g}$$

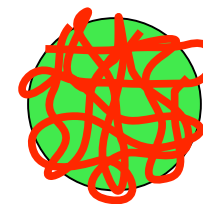
varies by factor
~ 3 - 4

*Decreases LOGARITHMICALLY
as Particle softens*

“Soft Particles Make
STRONG GLASSES”

Glassy Shear Modulus

Cloitre & Bonnecaze, JOR, 2006



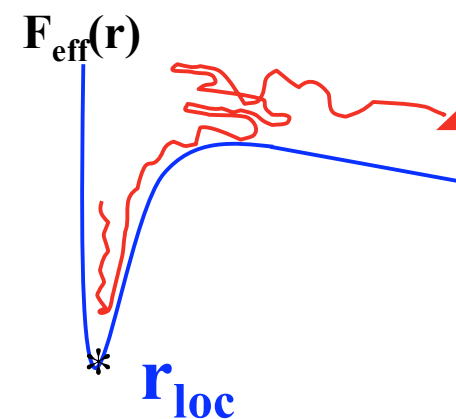
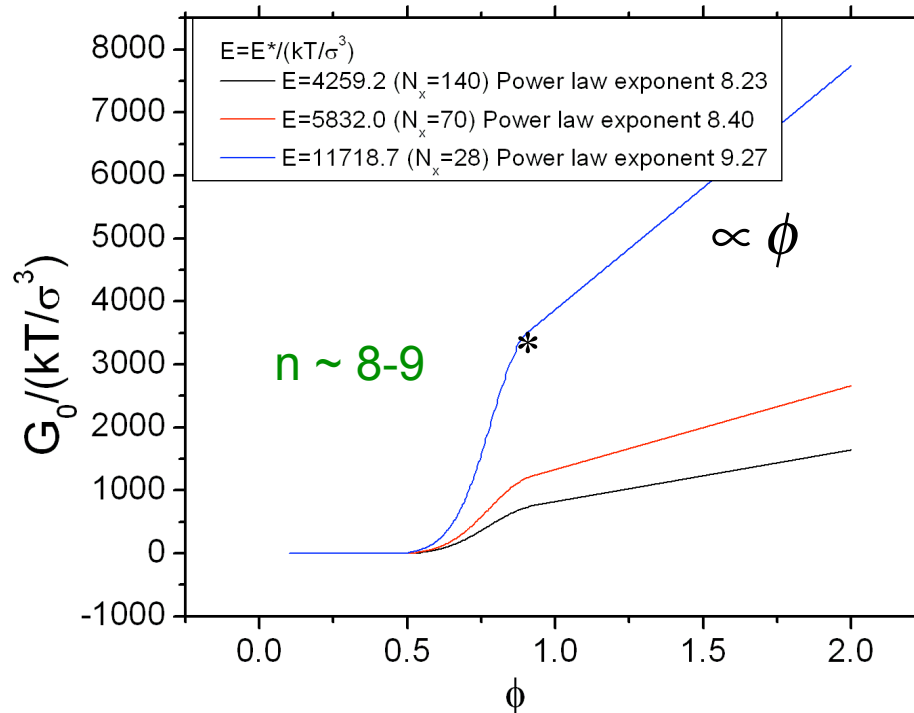
Vary crosslink density $R \sim 100\text{-}200\text{ nm}$, $E^* \sim 300\text{-}3000\text{ Pa}$

Power law: $G_0 \sim \phi^n$ $n \sim 7$ then much weaker...~ linear

$$E^* \propto N_x^{-1}$$

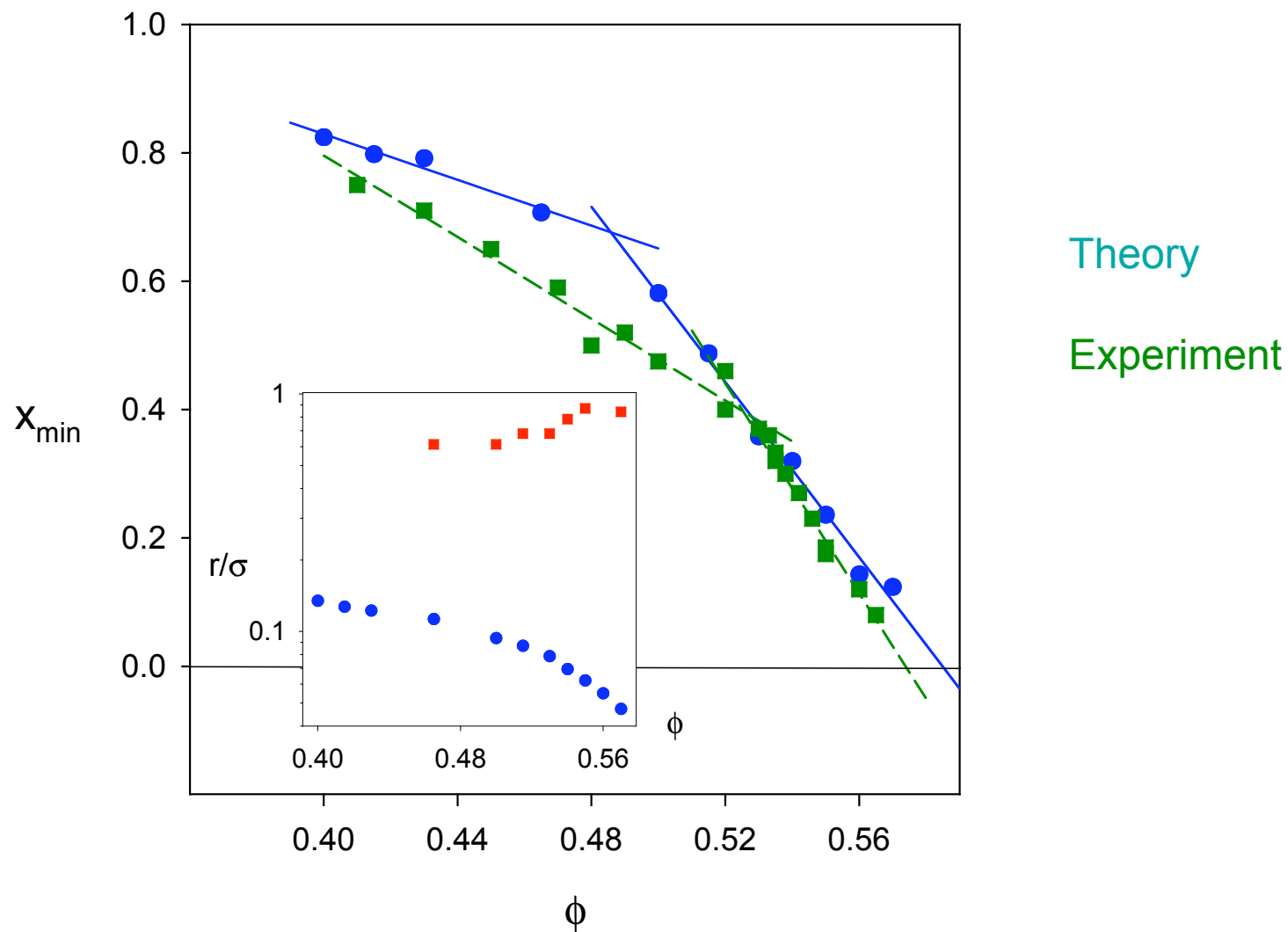
$$N_x = 28,70,140$$

THEORY



Minimum NO-Fickian Exponent of MSD(t)

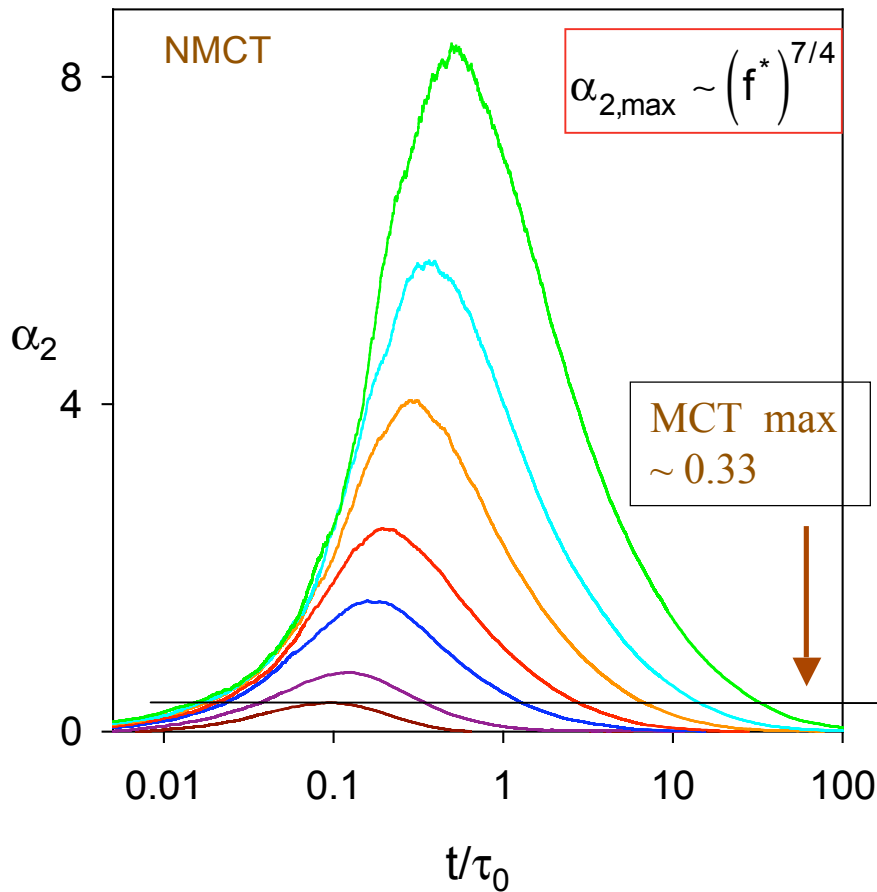
JCP,2006
JPCM,2008



Nongaussian Parameters : Classic and Alternate

Weights **Short** Times (α/β crossover)

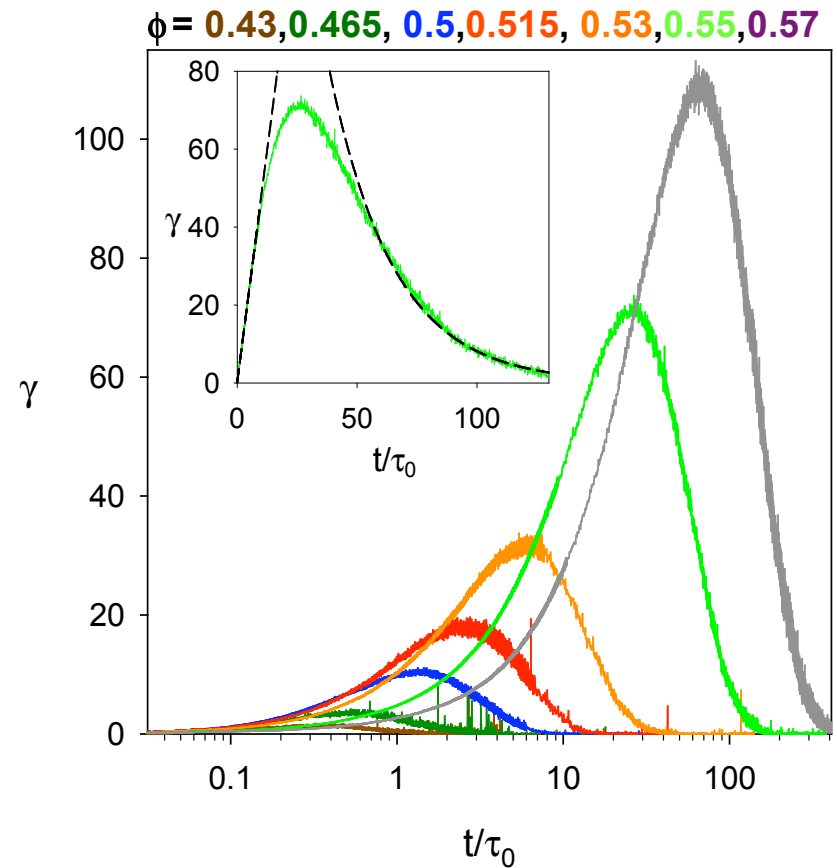
$\phi = 0.43, 0.465, 0.5, 0.515, 0.53, 0.54, 0.55$



$$\gamma(t) = \frac{1}{3} \left\langle r(t)^2 \right\rangle \left\langle \frac{1}{r(t)^2} \right\rangle - 1$$

Flenner and Szamel, *PRE* 2005

Quantifies Heterogeneity of **LONG** Time Alpha Process



ala Colloid confocal expts, PD-HS and BLJM simulations

“LOOKS LIKE” $\chi_4(t)$

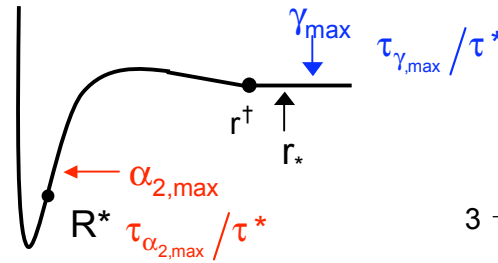
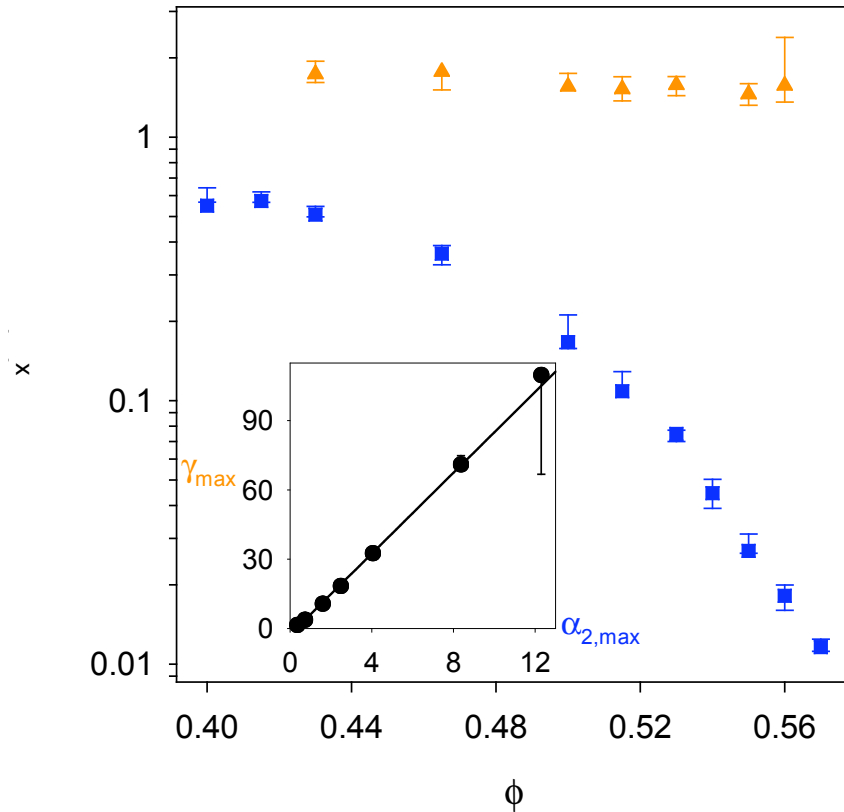
NONGaussian Parameters: Time Scales & Amplitudes

NGP and Alternate NGP
Maximum Times

$$\frac{\tau_i}{\tau^*}$$

a-NGP

- Timescale tracks τ^* vs. $\alpha_{2,\max}$ time
- Amplitude LARGER than NGP
- Different Shape : *sharp long time cutoff*

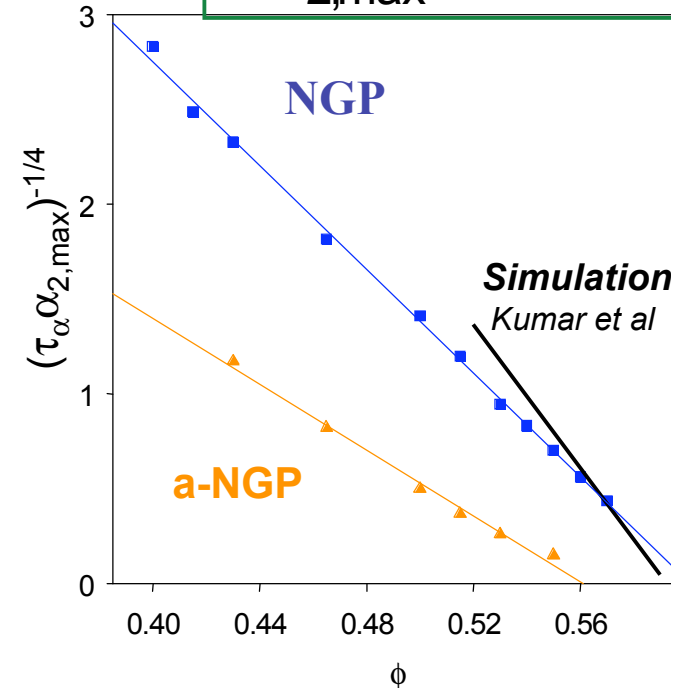


MSD at MAXIMUM

NGP : 0.3 --> 0.07 ~ R*...SHRINKS

a-NGP : ~ 0.4 --> 1 GROWS

$\{\tau_\alpha \alpha_{2,\max}\}^{1/4}$ vs. ϕ



$$\gamma_{\max} \sim 9\alpha_{2,\max} - 3$$

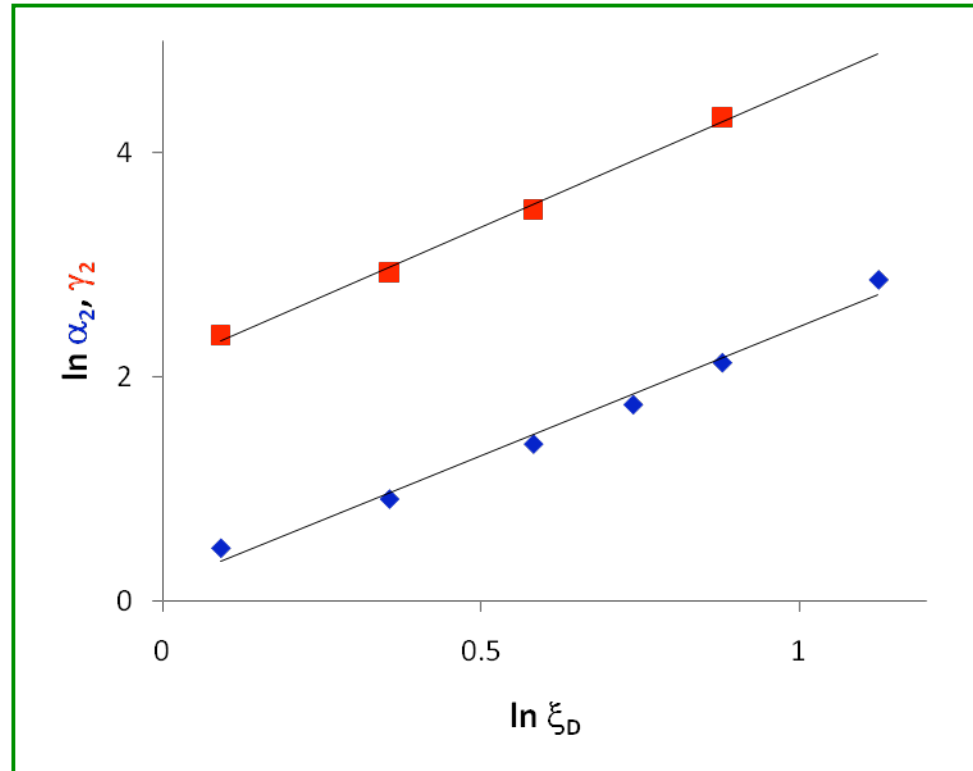
$$\alpha_{2,\max} \propto \gamma_{\max} \propto (\tau^*)^{0.56} \propto \xi_{SD}^{2.4}$$

Heterogeneity of EARLY stages of Cage Escape
and FINAL Relaxation strongly COUPLED

Amplitude of NGP and a-NGP ... analog of peak of $\chi_4(q=0,t)$?

$\phi=0.5 \rightarrow 0.57$

Barrier $\sim 1.5 \rightarrow 6.7$

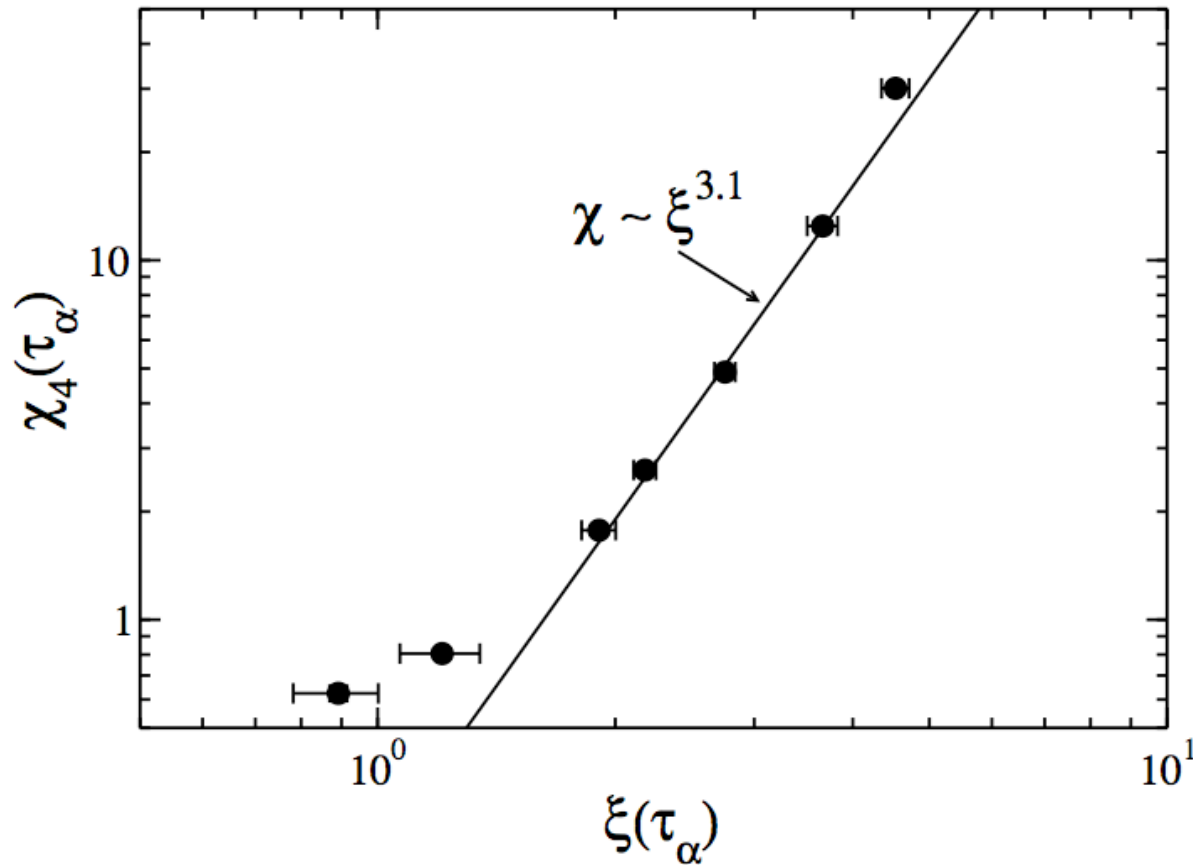


Fit exponents = 2.30 (standard ngp),
2.47 (alt ngp)

$$\text{Peak Amplitude} \propto \xi_D^{2.4 \pm 0.1}$$

psi_D = NonFickian crossover length \sim Jump Length \sim Decoupling length
from $F_s(q,t)$ scaling collapse via $D(q) \sim$ Lorentzian,
ala time peak $S_4(q)$

Szamel chi4(t) : BHSM

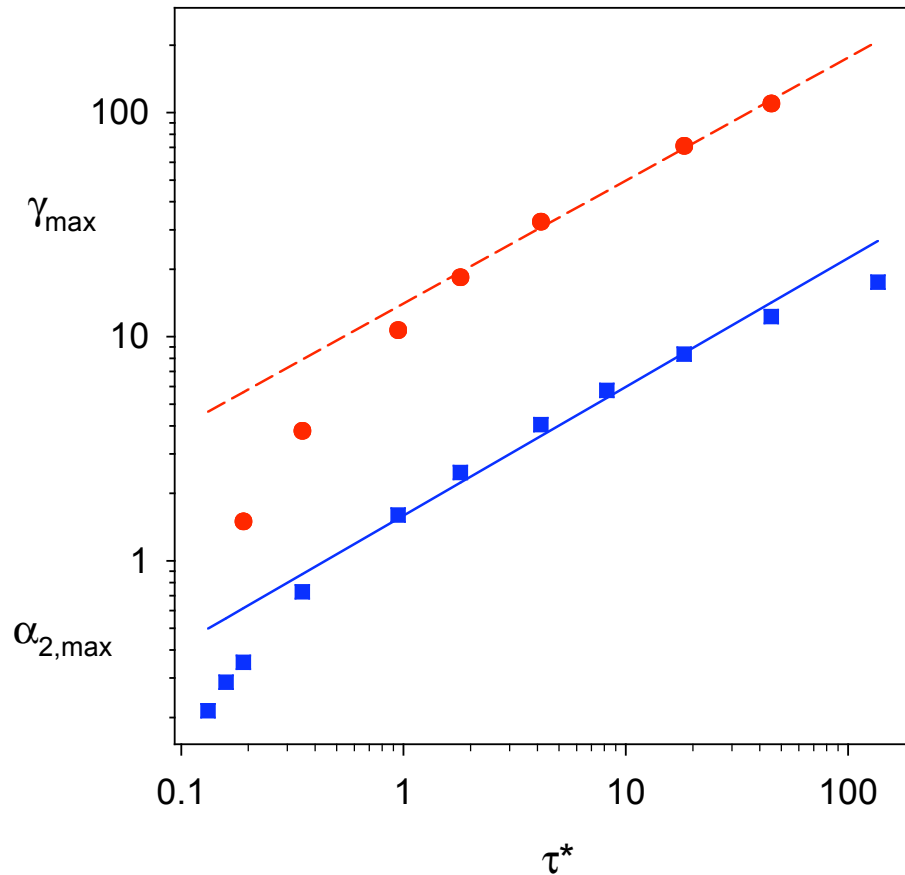


Dasgupta & Sastry (PRL 2010) : exponent $\sim 2.2-2.5$ for BLJM \sim NLE theory

IMCT : exponent ~ 4 ...poor despite good empirical MCT fit in this regime

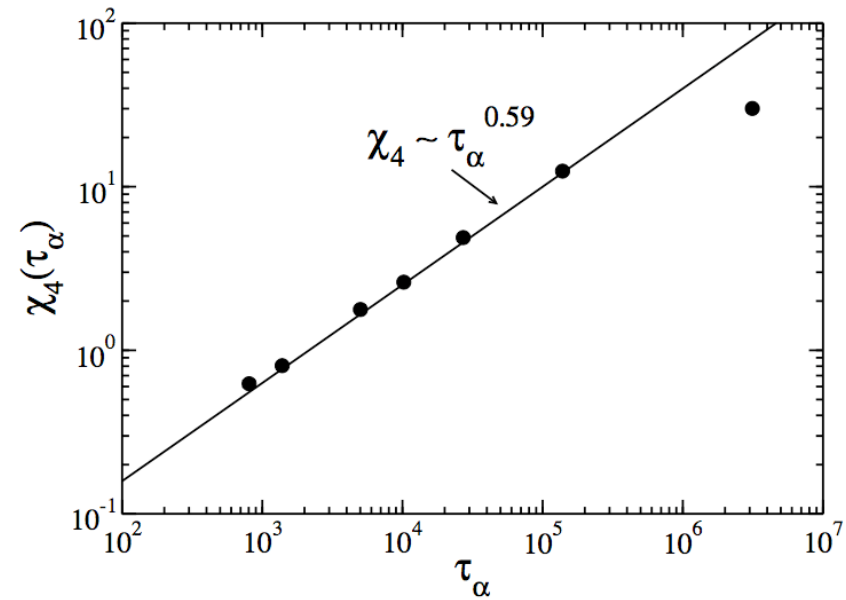
Peak Amplitude of NGP and a-NGP vs. Alpha Time

PRE 2006
JPCM 2008



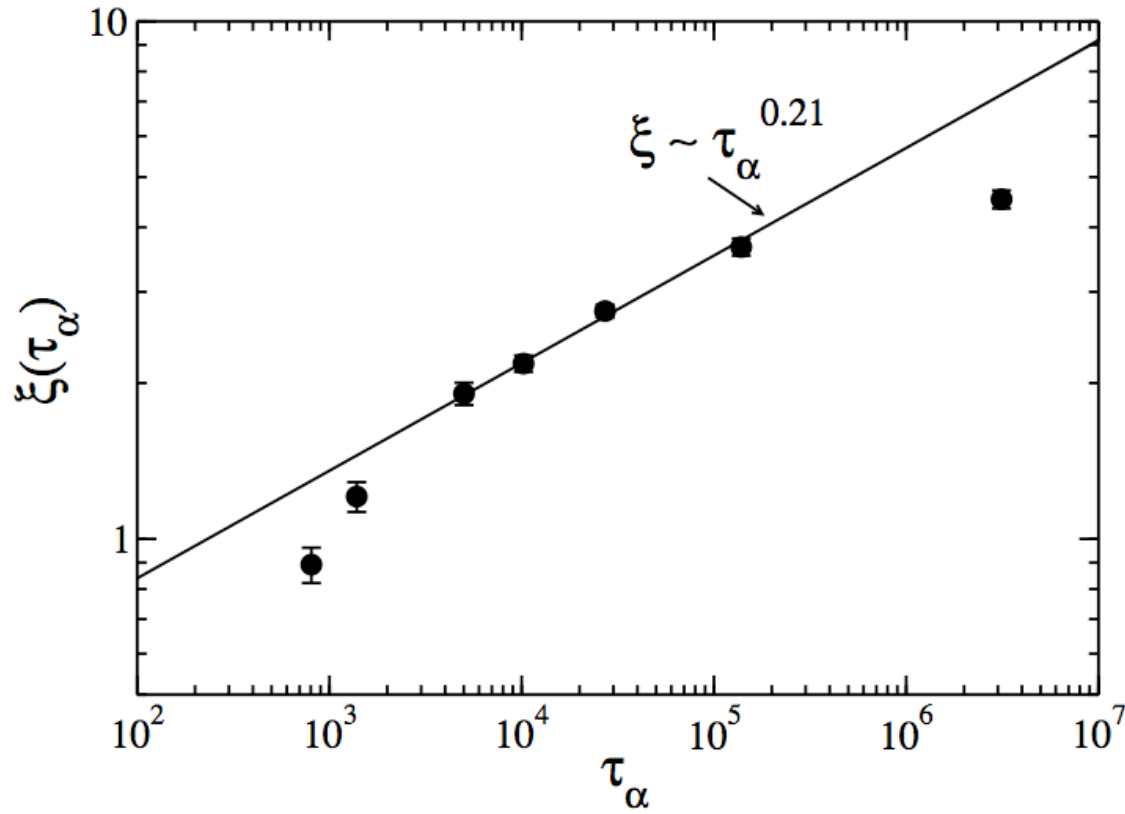
Scaling Exponent $\sim 0.55-0.57$

Ala Chi4 (Szamel)



Really more logarithmic ?? ;
intermediate power laws per chi4
deviations in HIGH and LOW barrier regimes

Szamel chi4(t)



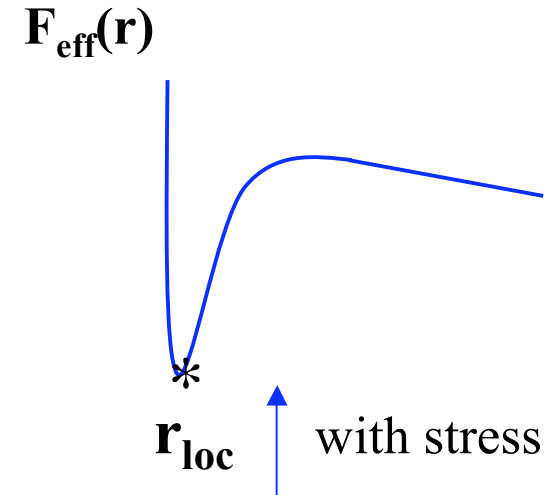
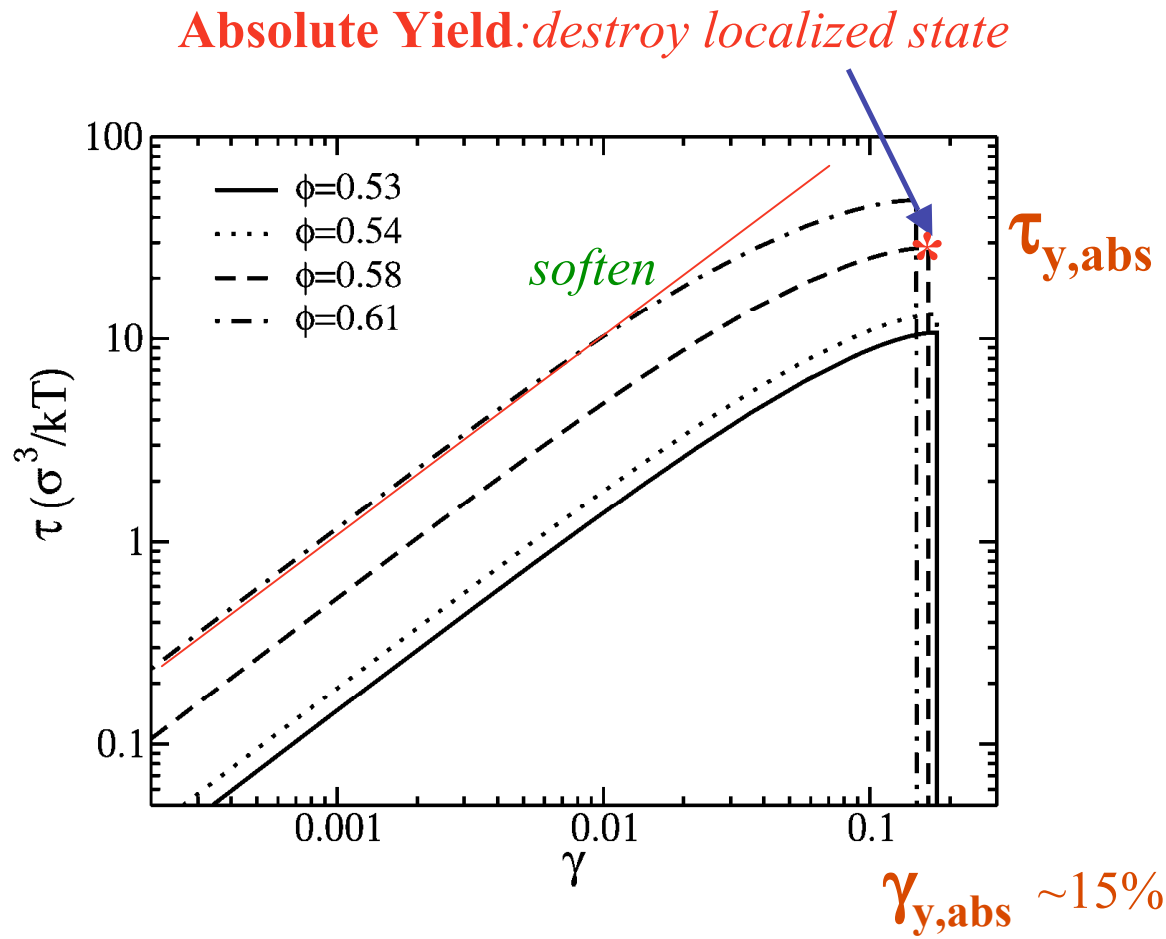
~ NLE theory

Private Communication:

Pretty good EXP, Barrier sub-linear with dynamic length ala D&S

Quasi-Static Limit (*no hopping*): ~ “solid-like” Step Strain Expt

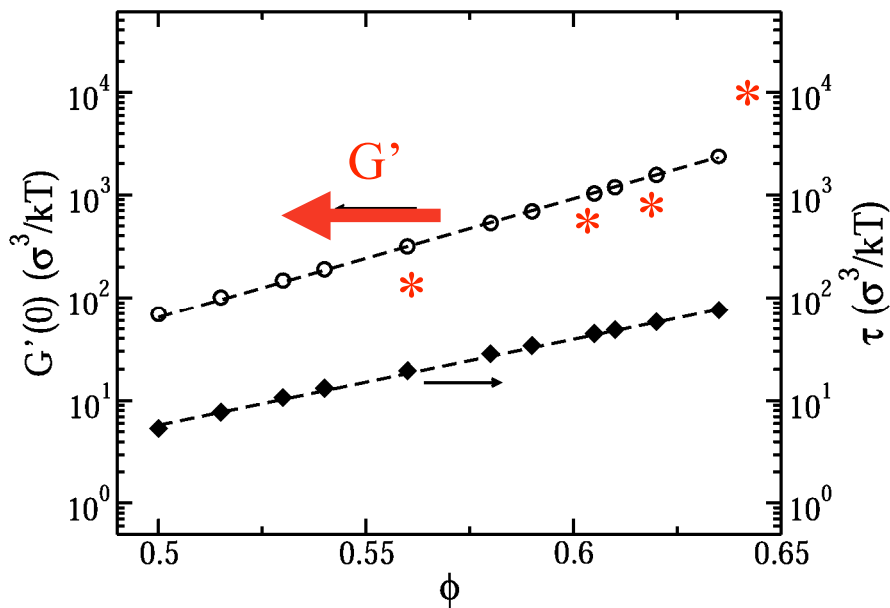
$$\tau = G'(\tau)\gamma$$



Linear Shear Modulus & Absolute Yield Stress

Units : $kT/\sigma^3 = 4 \text{ Pa}$ for 100 nm

* *Petekedis et al Expt (PRE,2002)*



$$G' \propto e^{27\phi} \propto \phi^{14}$$

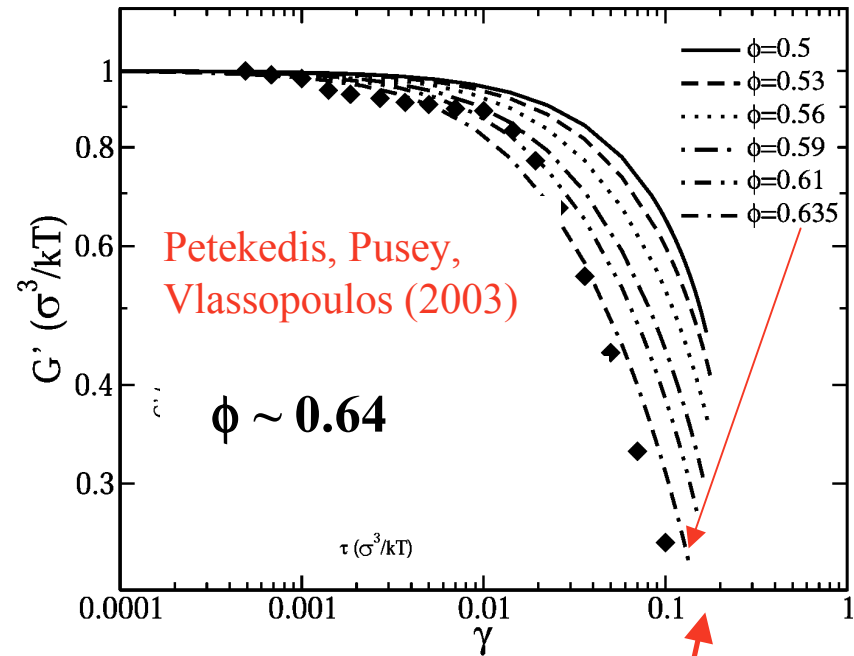
$$\tau_{y,abs} \propto e^{19\phi} \propto \phi^{11}$$

Magnitudes & Dependences Broadly consistent with variety of Expts

Strain Softening

Dynamic strain sweep Expt (100 Hz)

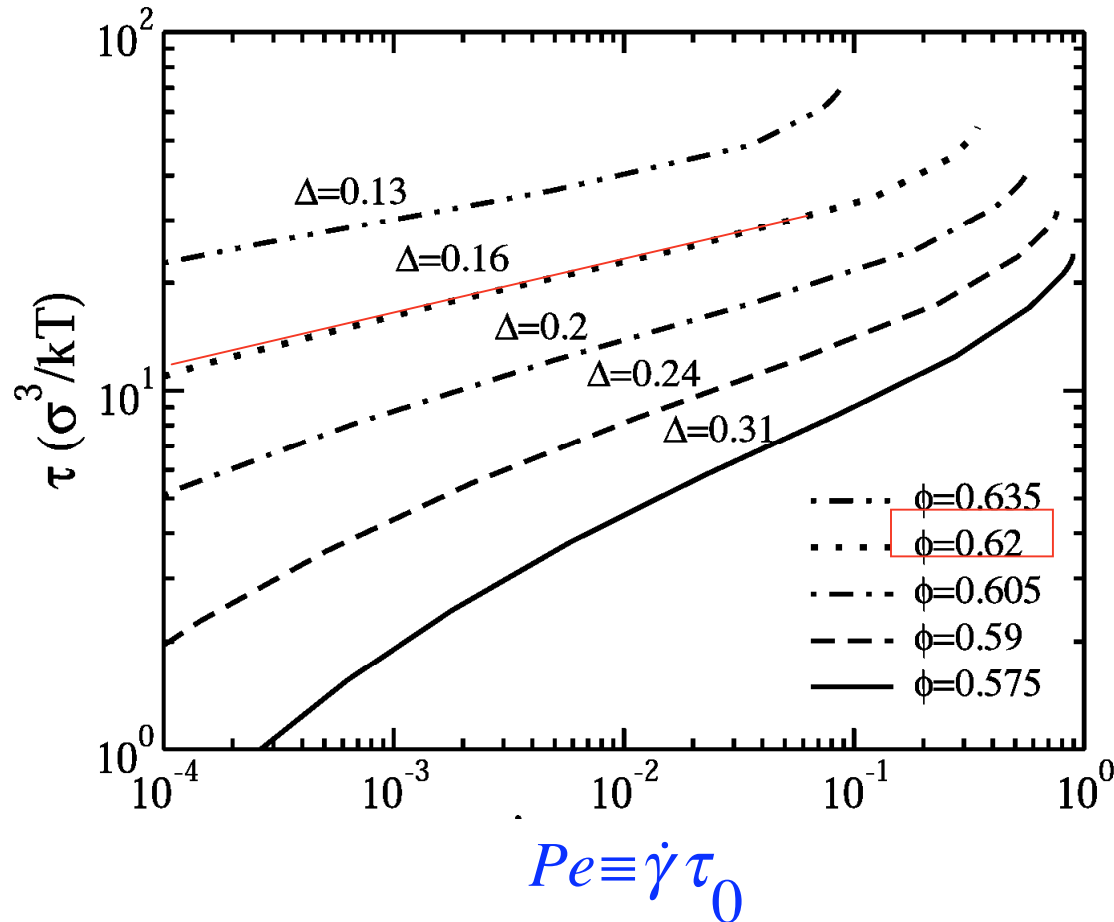
$G'(\text{strain})/G'(0)$



Softens by factor ~ 3-4 before Yield

Absolute Yield Strain ~ 10-20 %

Steady State (homogeneous) Flow Curves



No rigorous plateau

...hopping restores ergodicity

Apparent Power Laws :

$$\tau \propto \dot{\gamma} \Delta$$

$$\Delta(\phi) \sim 0.1-0.3$$



ϕ -dependent shear thinning exponent

Spaepen

$$\phi \sim 0.61$$

$$\sigma \sim 1.5 \mu\text{m}$$

$$F_B(\tau) \cong F_B(0) \left[1 - (\tau / \tau_{y,abs}) \right]^{5/2}$$

$$\sim 15 \text{ kT}$$

$$\text{Expt estimate of Stress : } \tau = \gamma_0 G' = (0.012)(0.056) \text{ Pa} \approx 7.7 * 10^{-4}$$

$$\text{Theory : } \tau_{y,abs} \approx 60 \frac{kT}{\sigma^3} \approx 60 \cdot (4.2 \text{ Pa})(1/15)^3 \approx 0.075$$

$$\text{Mechanical Barrier Reduction} \sim 15 \cdot \frac{5}{2} \cdot \frac{7.7 * 10^{-4}}{0.075} \approx 0.38 \quad k_B T$$

WITHIN FACTOR 2-3 OF EXPT ESTIMATE !