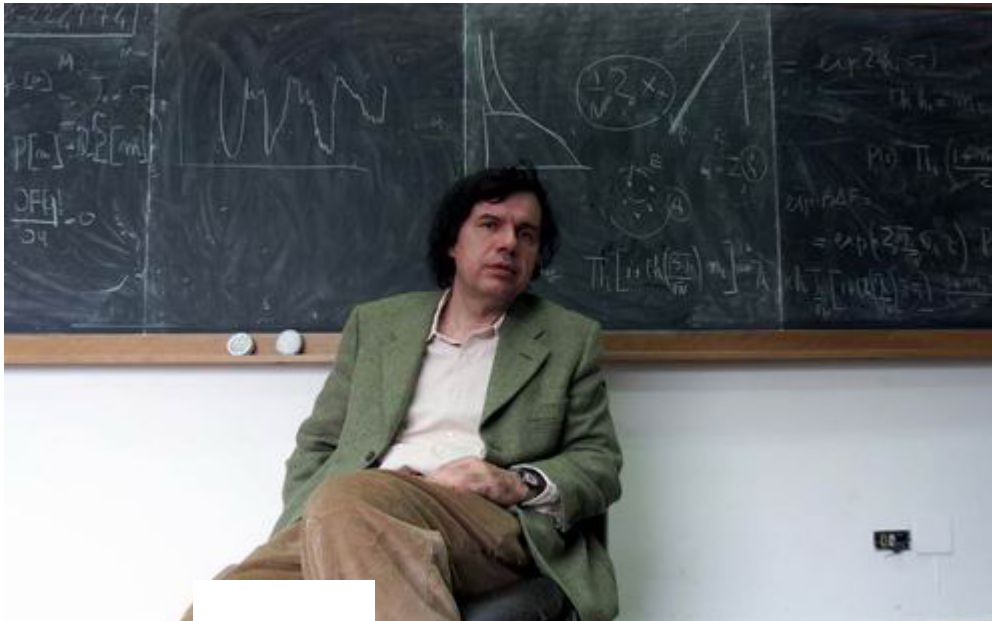


Real spin glasses slowly relax in the shade of hierarchical trees

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Giorgio Parisi's 60th birthday

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What is a spin glass ?

Theory : $H = -\sum J_{ij} S_i \cdot S_j$
random bonds
 $\{J_{ij}\}$ gaussian, or $\pm J$
a disordered *and* frustrated magnetic system

"Real" spin glasses :

Random dilution of magnetic ions
Same generic behaviour in all samples
($T_c \neq 0$ in 3d, slow dynamics, aging...)

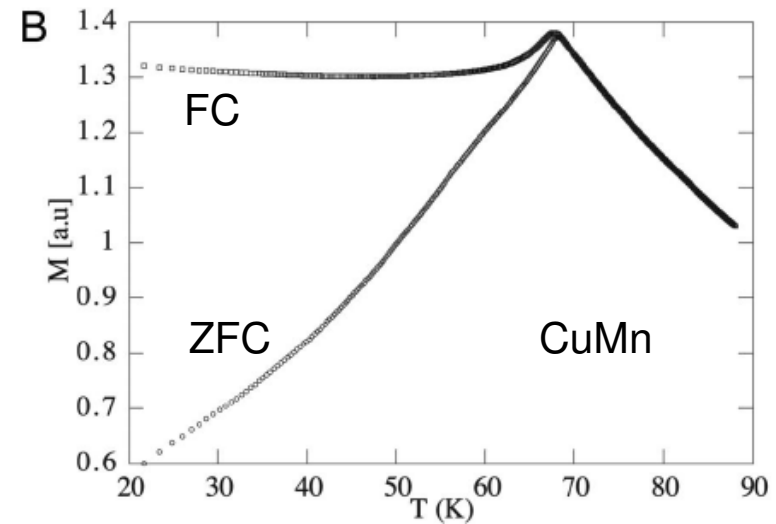
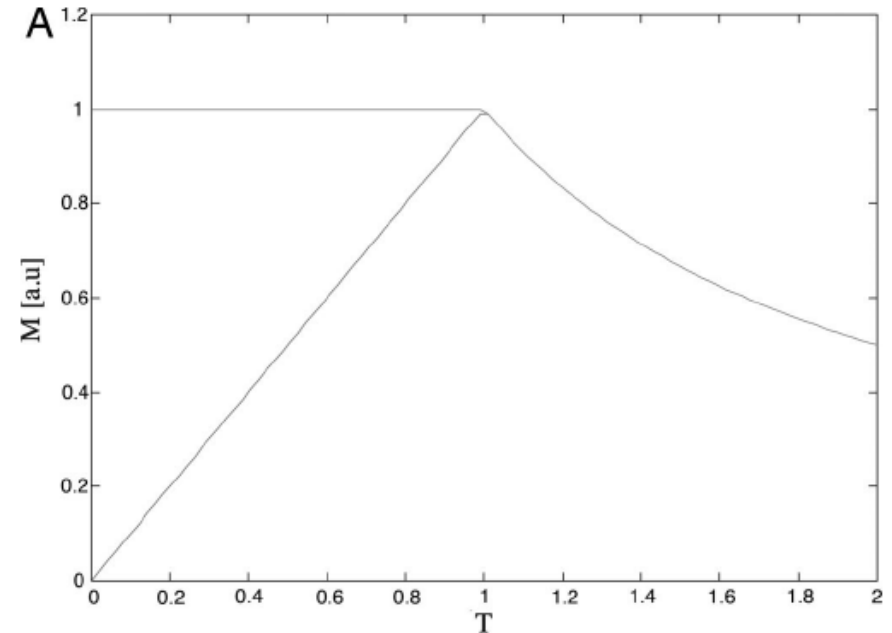
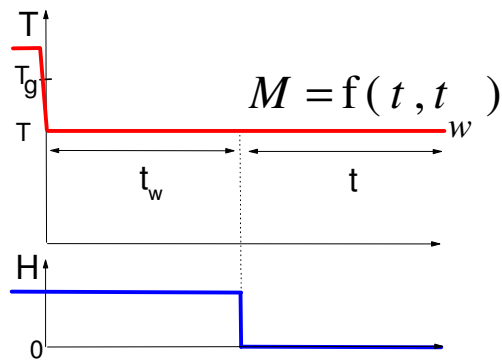


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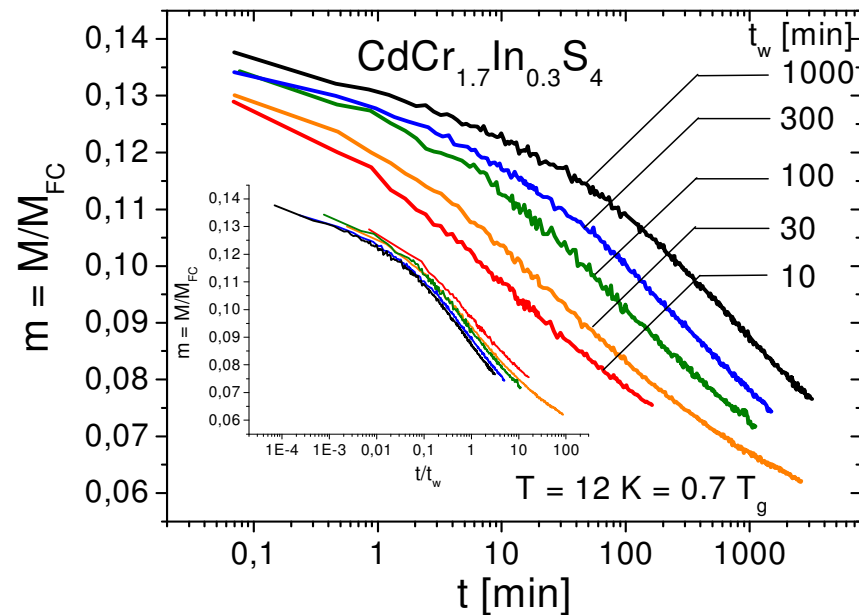
Spin glass : slow dynamics + aging *non-stationary dynamics*

Relaxation of the Thermo-Remanent Magnetization (TRM)

80' Uppsala (Lundgren, Nordblad)
Saclay (Hammann, Ocio, Alba, Vincent)



t_w : waiting time
 t : observation time



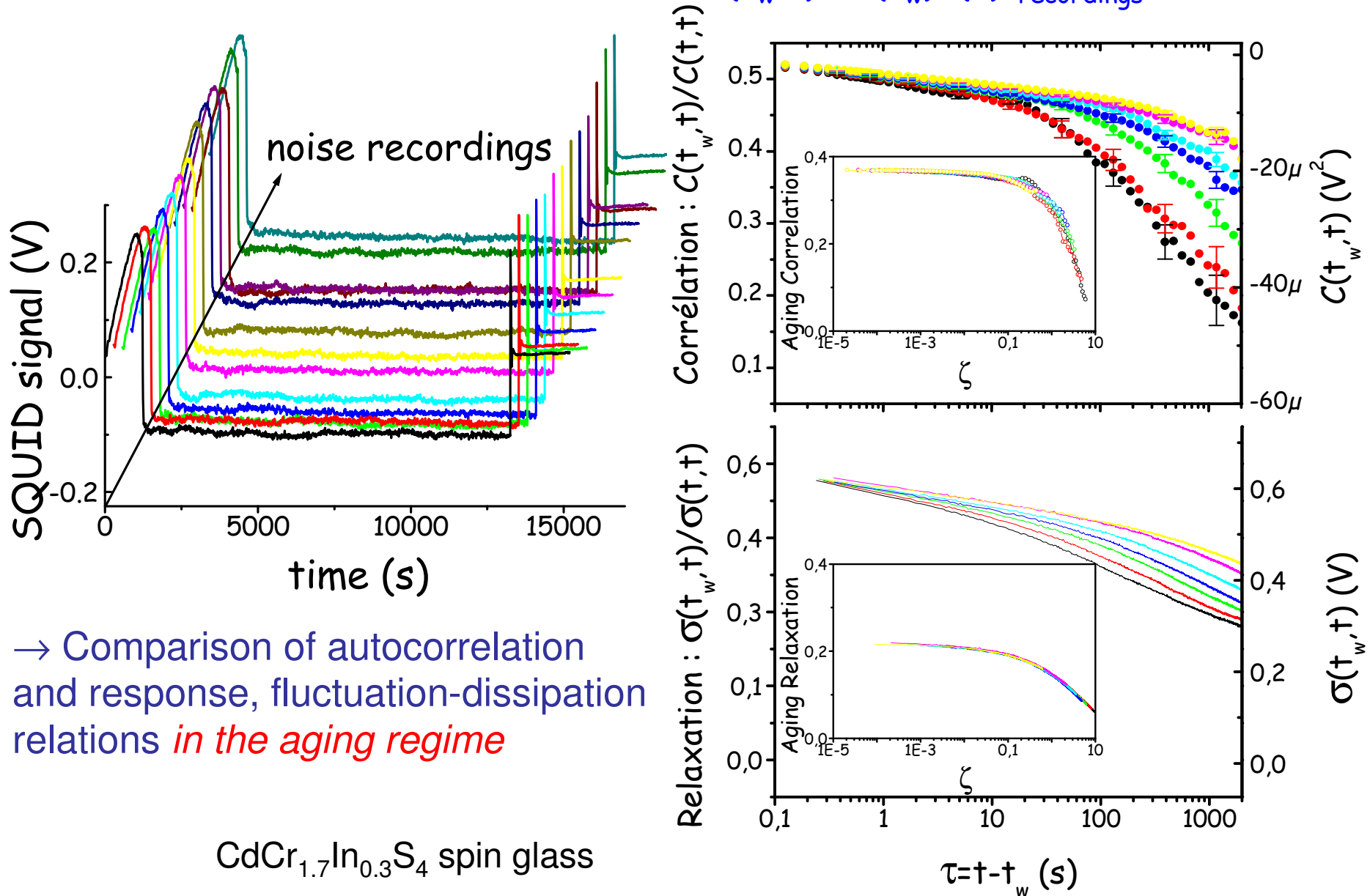
The relaxation curves depend on the waiting time t_w (aging)

Inflection point at $\log t \sim \log t_w$ (figure insert : plot vs t/t_w)

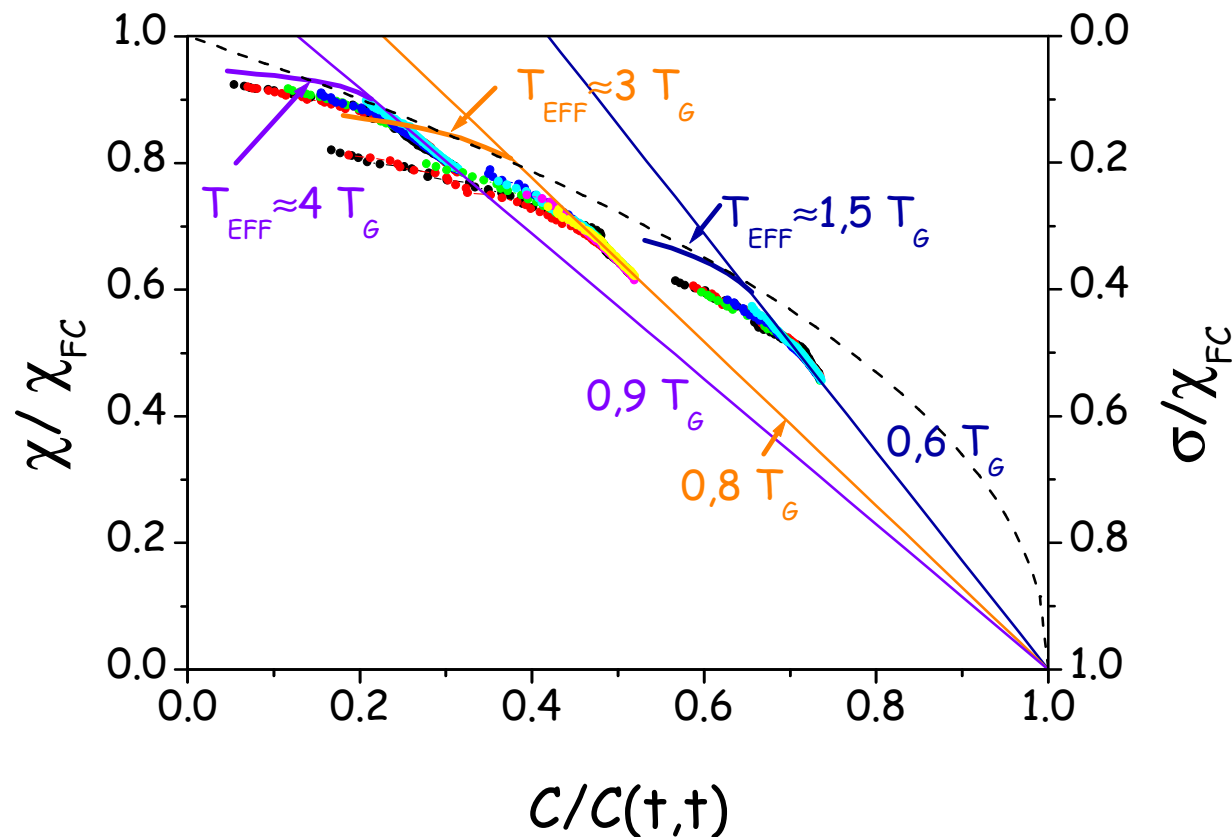
Given a relaxation curve, one can guess t_w

Noise measurements and Fluctuation-Dissipation ratio

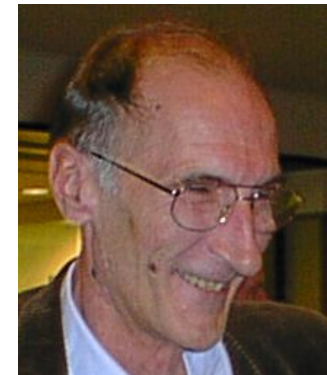
determination of the autocorrelation $C(t_w, t) = \langle v(t_w)v(t) \rangle_{\text{recordings}}$



FD relation graph



D. Hérisson and M. Ocio,
Phys. Rev. Lett. **88**, 257202
 (2002)
Eur. Phys. J. B **40**, 283
 (2004)



Miguel Ocio
 (1943-2003)
 D. Hérisson
 PhD thesis

- clear $1/T$ regime, and crossover to aging regime $1/T_{eff}$
- vanishing t_w -dependence in the 'extrapolation' $\rightarrow T_{eff} = f(C)$

Extension of FDR to non-equilibrium situations:

$X = C \cdot F(C)/kT$ (for large t_w) $T / F(C) \equiv$ effective temperature

Cugliandolo & Kurchan, *J. Phys. A* **27**, 5749 (1994),

Franz & Mézard, *Europhys. Lett.* **26**, 209 (1994)

P(q) vs S(C) : a relation between statics and dynamics

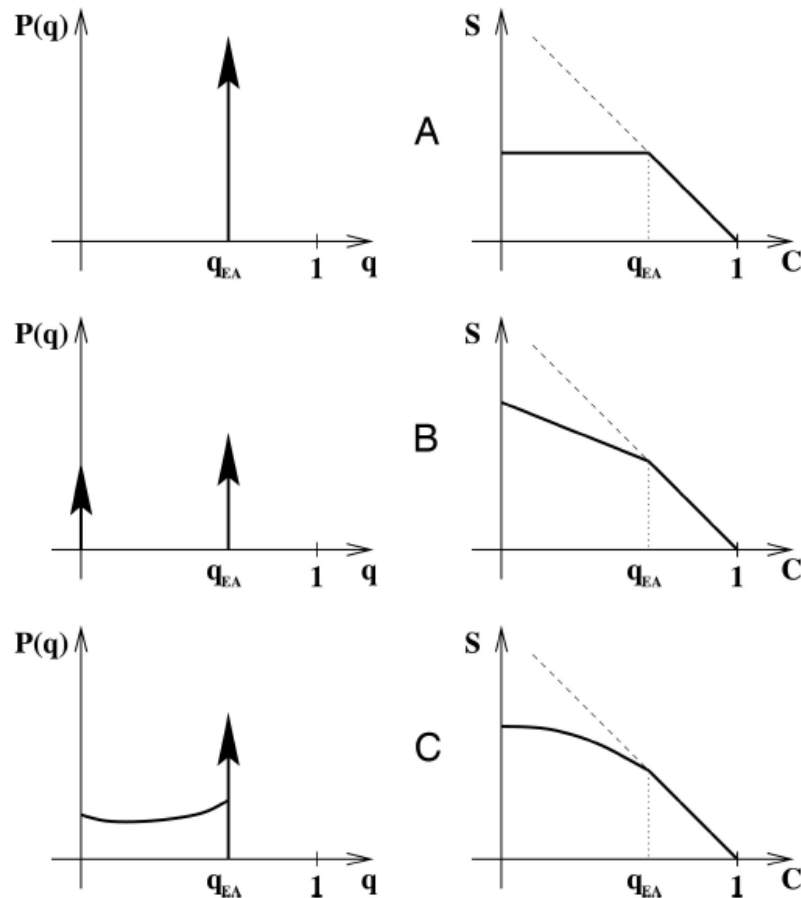
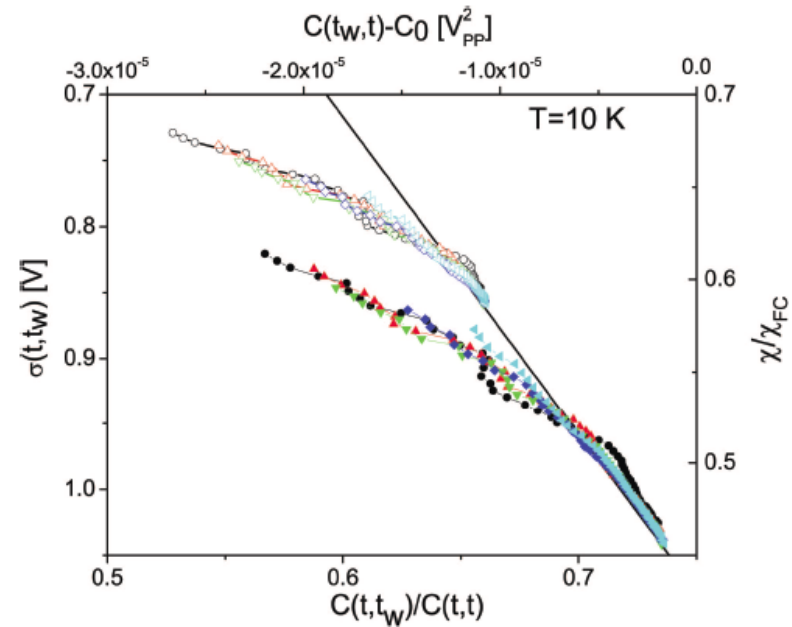
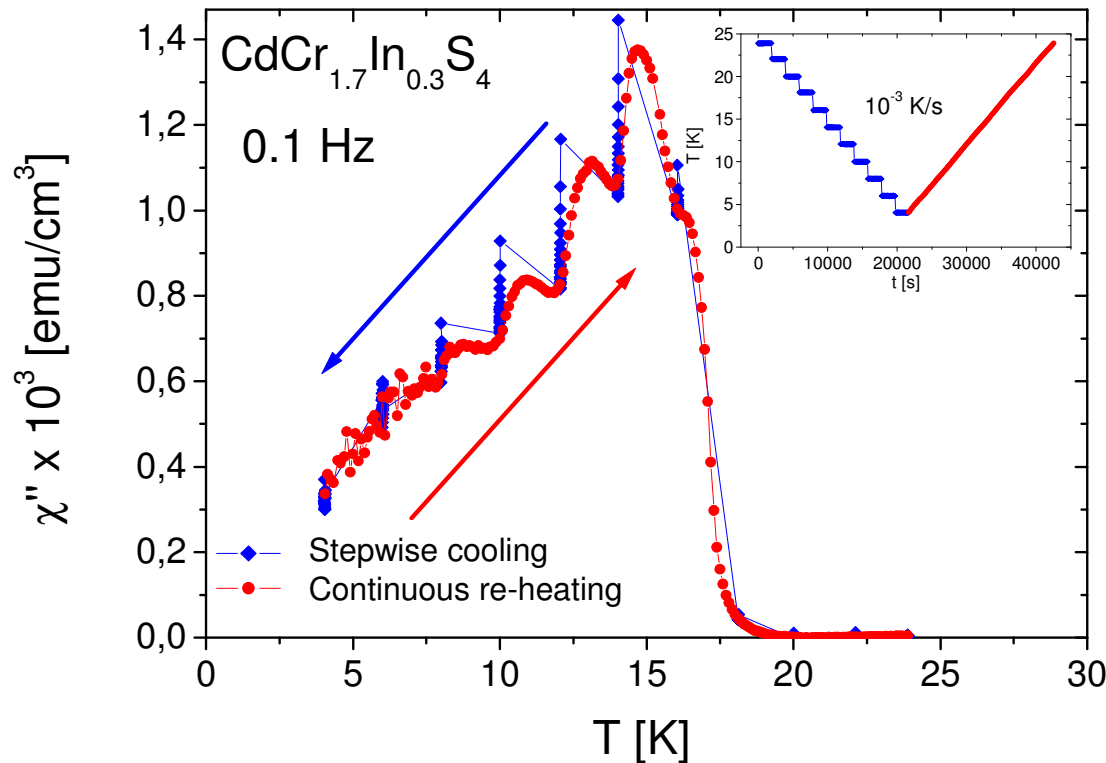


Fig. 6. Three different forms (A, B, and C) of the function $P(q)$ (Left) and the related function $S(q)$ (Right). Delta functions are represented as a vertical arrow (taken from ref. 46).

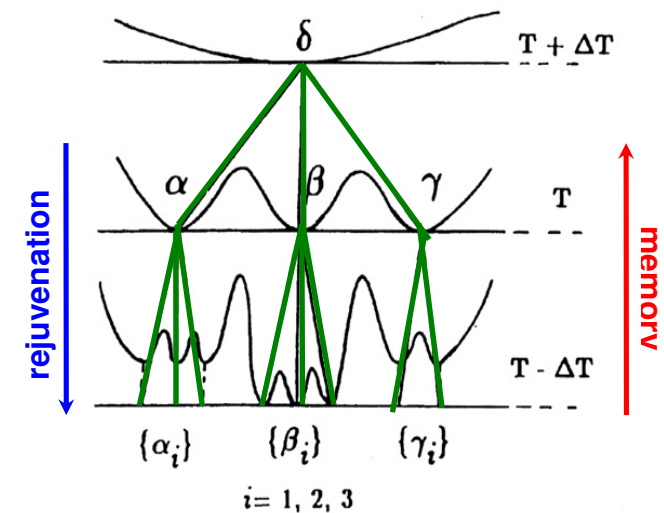


- **A ?** (domain growth-like, $1/T_{\text{eff}}=0$, horizontal line) - **NO**
- **B ?** (1-step RSB type models: straight lines of slope $1/T_{\text{eff}}$) - **compatible**
- **C ?** (continuous RSB models : SK, mean-field spin glass) – **compatible ?**

Rejuvenation and memory effects (*ac susceptibility*)



Hierarchical organisation of the metastable states as a function of T



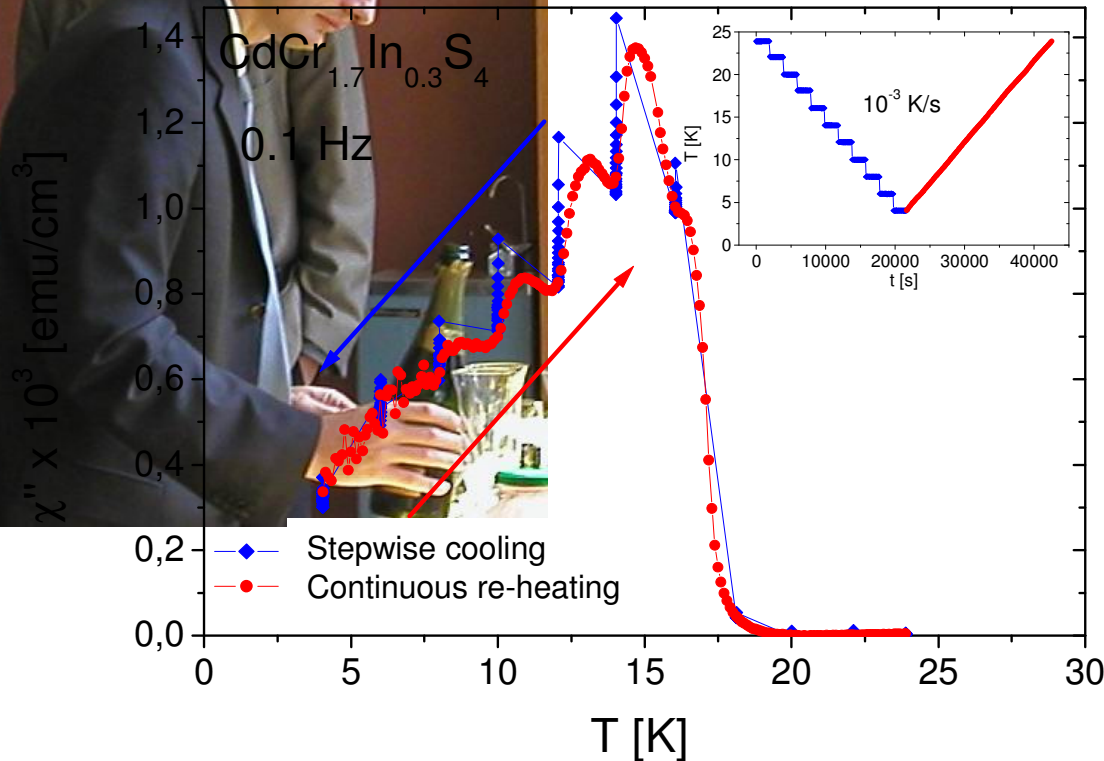
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Uppsala / Saclay *PRL* **81**, 3243 (1998)

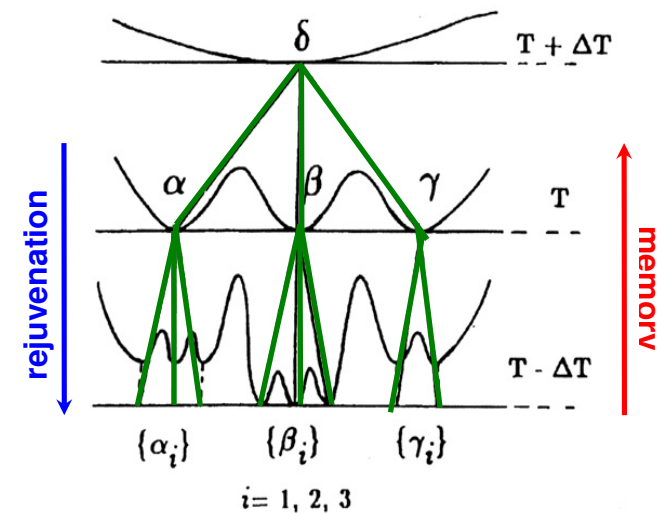
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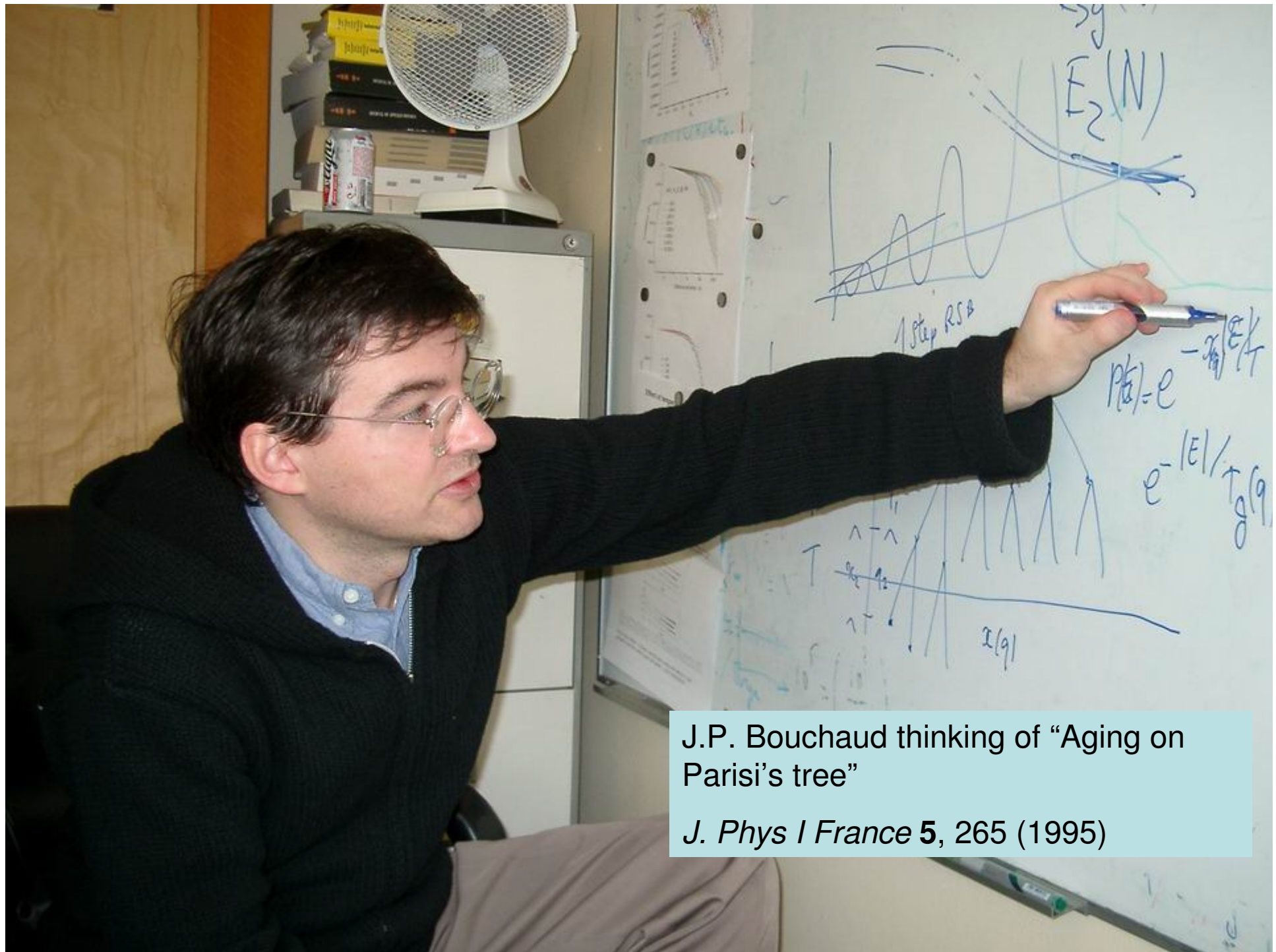


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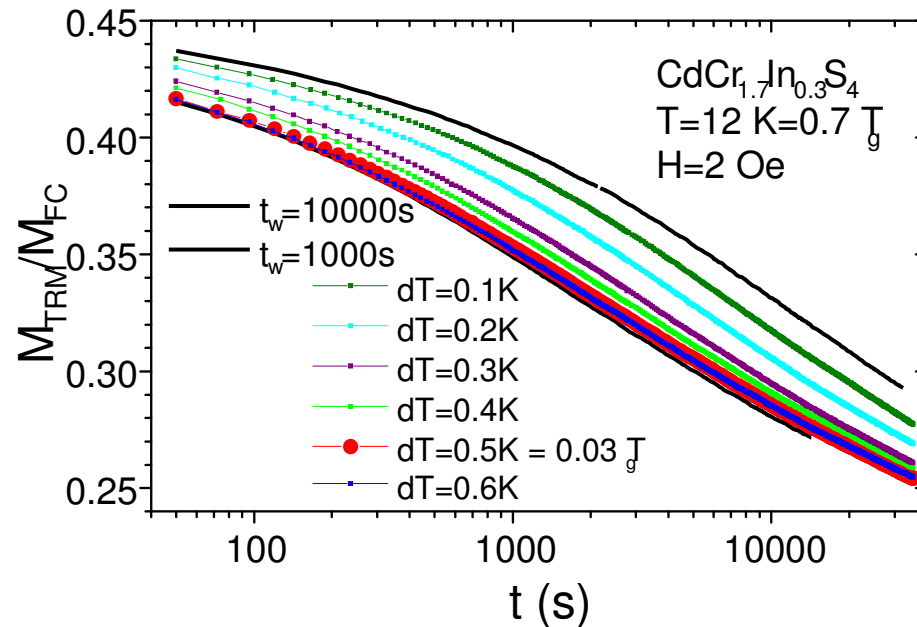
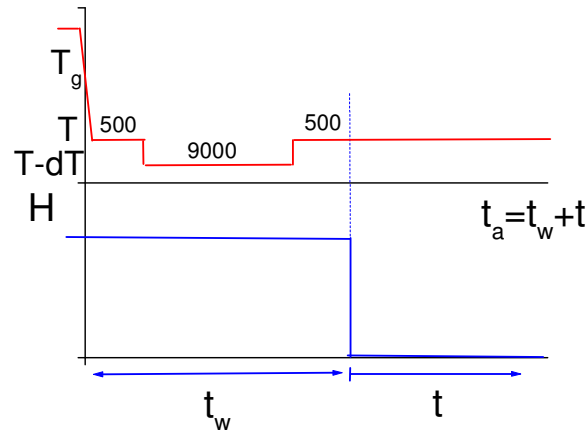


J.P. Bouchaud thinking of “Aging on Parisi’s tree”

J. Phys I France **5**, 265 (1995)

Hierarchical picture : quantitatively ?
 → *measure the T-dependence of the free-energy barriers*

TRM-relaxation with *temperature cycling* to T-dT during t_w → curve with inflection point at t_w^{eff}



$dT=0.5-0.6K$ → no effect at T of aging 9000s at T-dT (memory)
 smaller dT : curve with inflection point at $t_w^{eff} \in [1000, 10000]$

inflection point at $\sim t_w =$ maximum relaxation rate : defines a typical energy barrier Δ

$$t_w = \exp(\Delta / k_B T) \rightarrow \Delta(T) = k_B T \cdot \ln t_w \quad \Delta(T-dT) = k_B (T-dT) \cdot \ln t_w^{eff}$$

→ Temperature dependence of Δ

And the result:

- $d\Delta/dT < 0$ the barriers increases when T decreases
- all data collapse on a unique curve (dashed): $d\Delta/dT$ only depends on Δ

Dashed curve: $-d\Delta/dT = a \Delta^6$
 Integration: $\Delta \sim (T - T^*)^{-1/5}$, T^* = free integration constant = characteristic of a barrier which diverges at T^*

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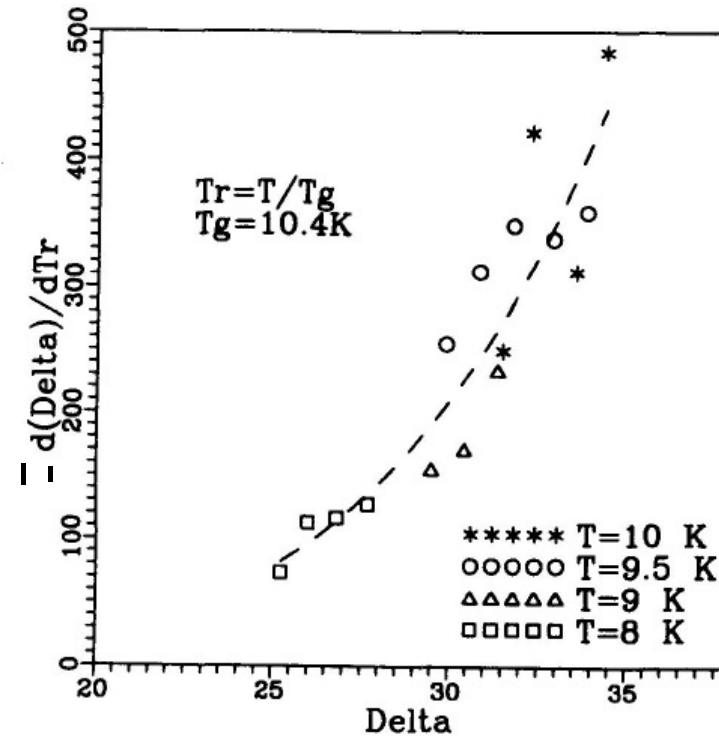
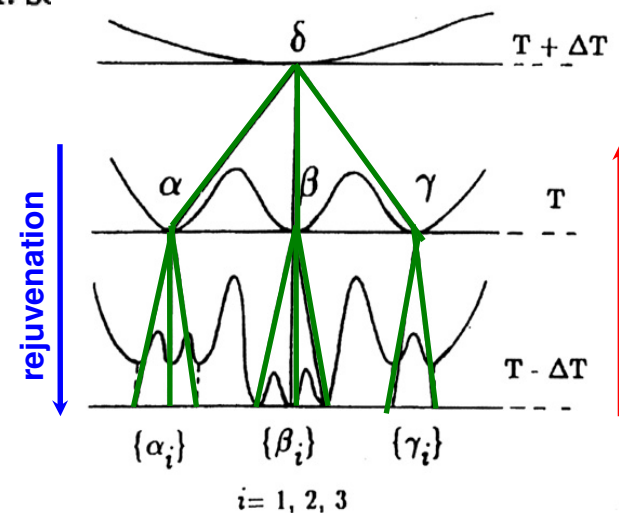


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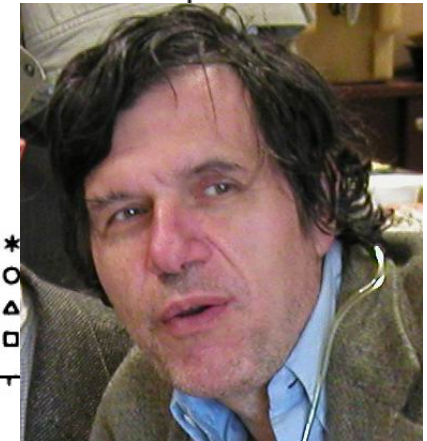
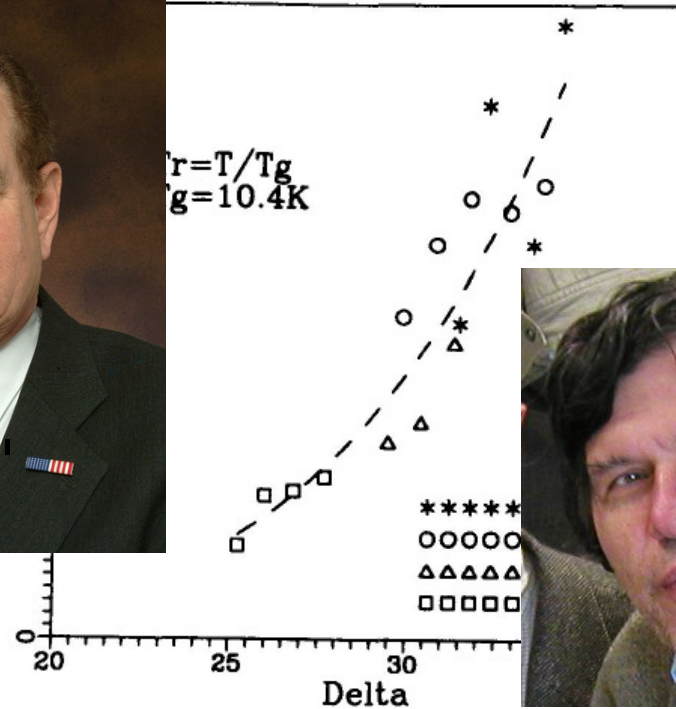
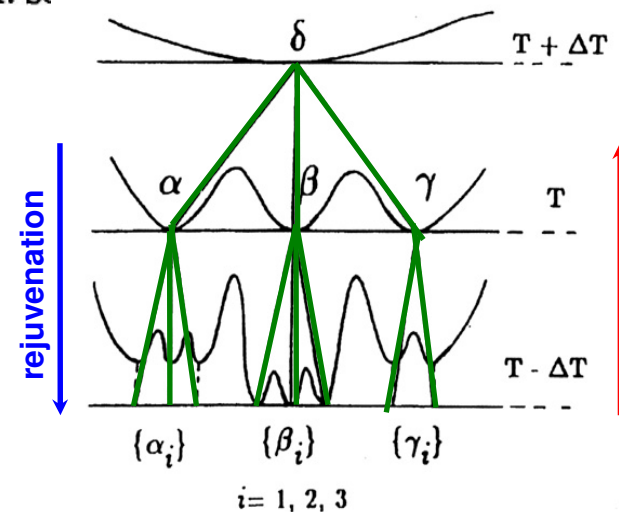


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Aging \equiv growth of a local random ordering ?

Fisher Huse droplet model idea (1988)

PHYSICAL REVIEW B **69**, 184423 (2004)

Aging dynamics of the Heisenberg spin glass

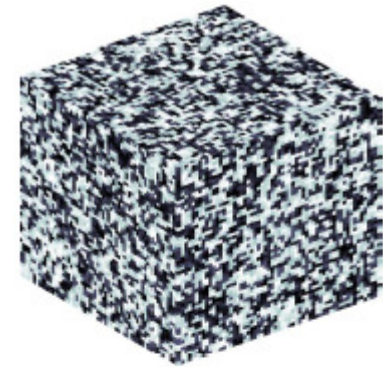
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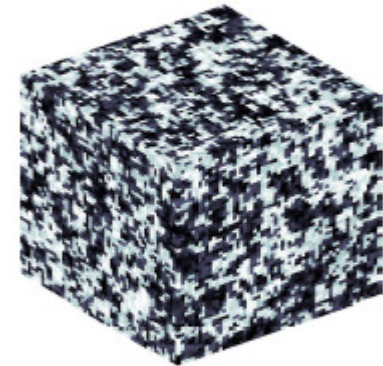
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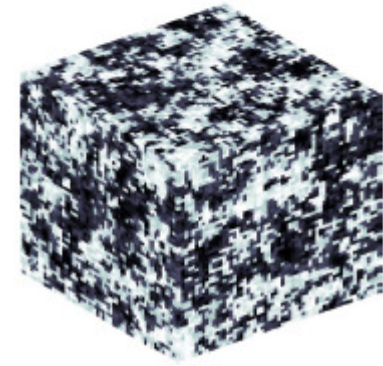
FIG. 5. The relative orientation of the spins in two copies of the system, Eq. (9), is encoded on a gray scale in a $60 \times 60 \times 60$ simulation box at three different waiting times $t_w = 2, 27, \text{ and } 57\,797$ (from top to bottom) at temperature $T = 0.04$. The growth of a local random ordering of the spins is evident.



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$t_w = 27$

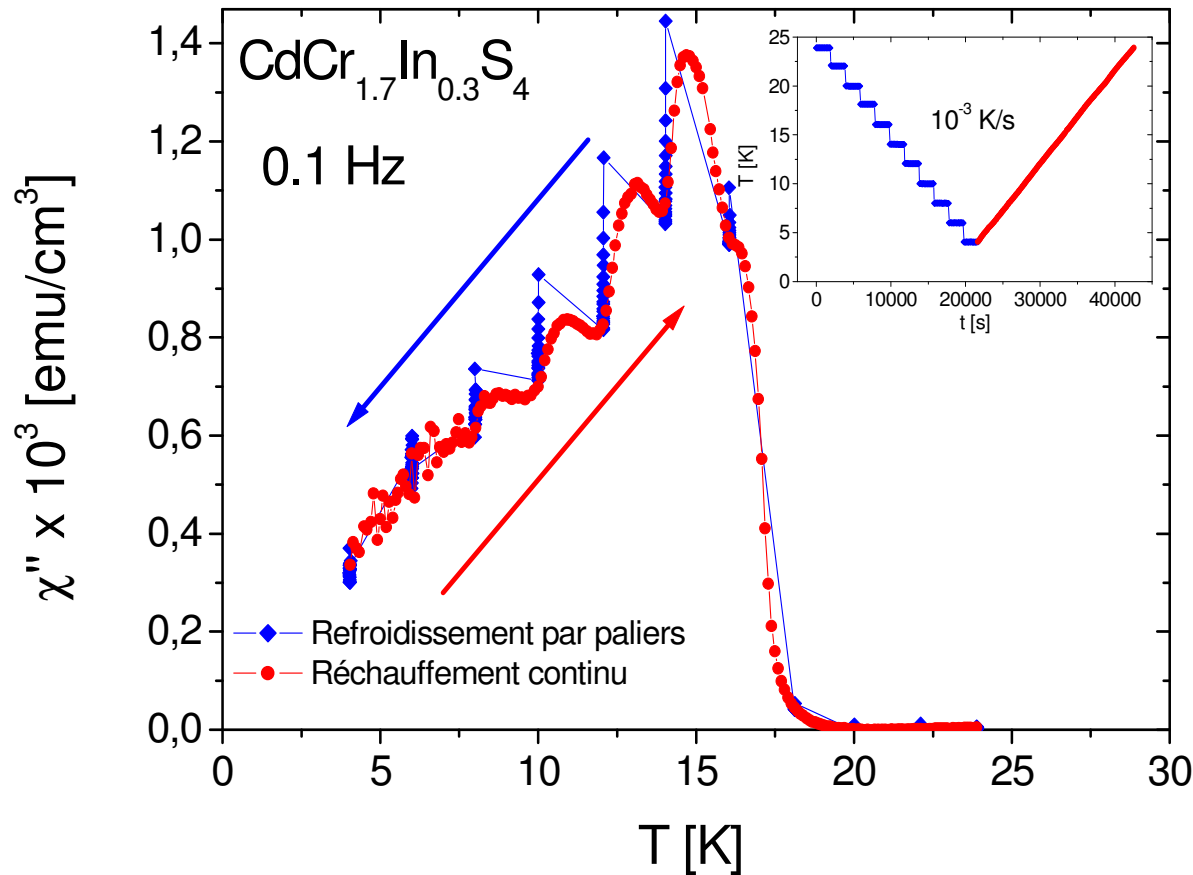


$t_w = 57797$

grey scale = $\cos \theta_i(t_w) = \mathbf{S}_i^a(t_w) \cdot \mathbf{S}_i^b(t_w)$

Rejuvenation and memory effects in terms of spins ?

not simply domain growth-like



T↓ : rejuvenation
T↑ : memory

Aging at fixed T : growth of SG-order up to some coherence length L_T^*

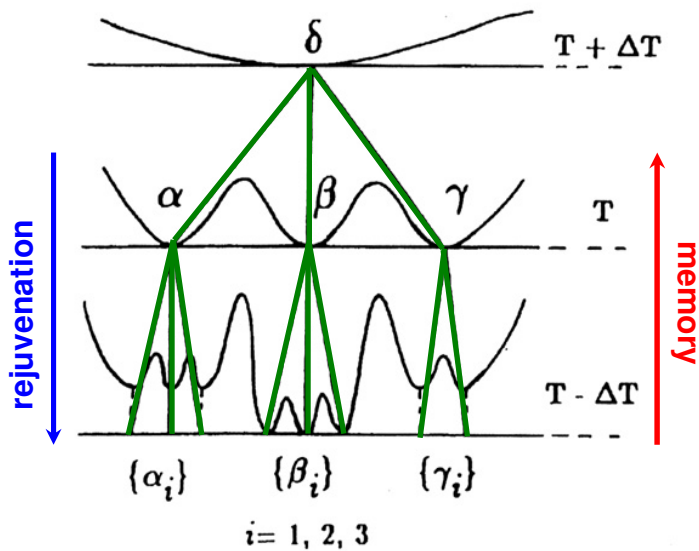
Rejuvenation ⇒ different equilibrium correlations at different T's (chaos-like ?)

Memory ⇒

- $L_n^* \ll \dots \ll L_2^* \ll L_1^*$
- hierarchy of length scales
 - net separation of L_i 's with temperature
- (« T-microscope » effect)

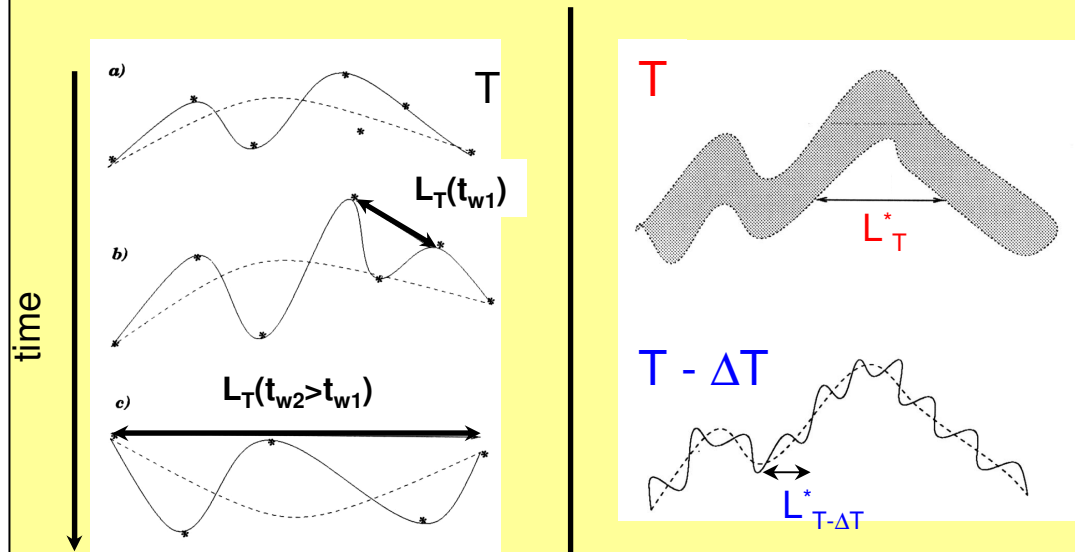
Rejuvenation and memory in « phase space » :

hierarchical organization of the metastable states as a function of T



Rejuvenation and memory: a hierarchy of coherence lengths

model system:
 elastic line in pinning disorder
hierarchy of reformation length scales



$$T \rightarrow T - \Delta T \quad L_{T-\Delta T}^* \ll L_T^*$$

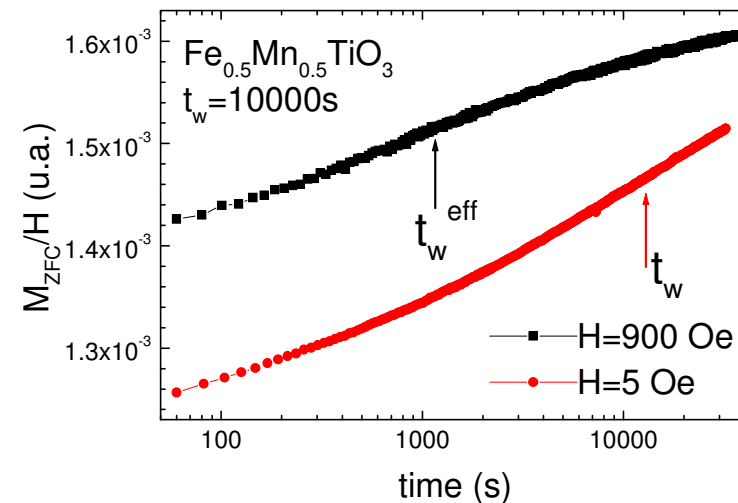
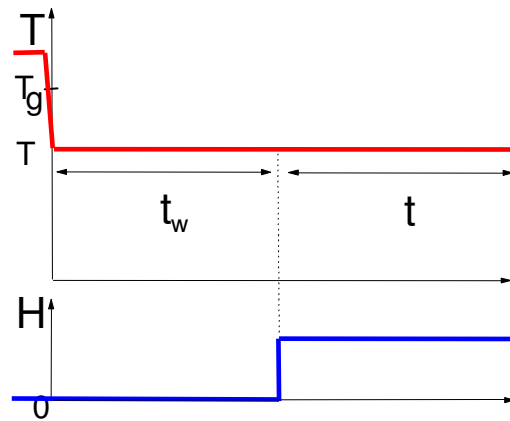
Bouchaud et al, *Phys. Rev. B* **65**, 024439 (2001)

Growing number of correlated spins (from field effect experiments)

Field amplitude influence on the *dc*-magnetization relaxation (TRM or ZFC)

Relaxation becomes faster with H (inflection point $t_w \rightarrow t_w^{eff}$)

(Ising SG example)



Inflection at $\sim t_w =$ maximum relaxation rate : typical energy barrier Δ

$$t_w = \exp(\Delta / k_B T) \rightarrow \Delta = k_B T \ln(t_w) \quad \Delta - E_Z(H) = k_B T \ln(t_w^{eff}(H))$$

$$E_Z = k_B T \ln(t_w / t_w^{eff}) \quad \text{Zeeman Energy : } H \leftrightarrow N_s(t_w) \text{ coupling after } t_w$$

Y.G. Joh et al, PRL 82, 438 (1999), R.Orbach's group in UCR + Saclay

F. Bert et al, Phys. Rev. Lett. 92, 167203 (2004)

What is the dependence of $E_Z = k_B T \ln(t_w / t_w^{eff})$ on $N_S(t_w)$?

Hyp. 1: $M(N_s) \propto \sqrt{N_s}$ (Ising spins)

then $E_Z(H, t_w) = \sqrt{N_s} m H$ ($m =$ moment of 1 spin)

Hyp. 2: $M(N_s) \propto N_s$ (Heisenberg-like spins)

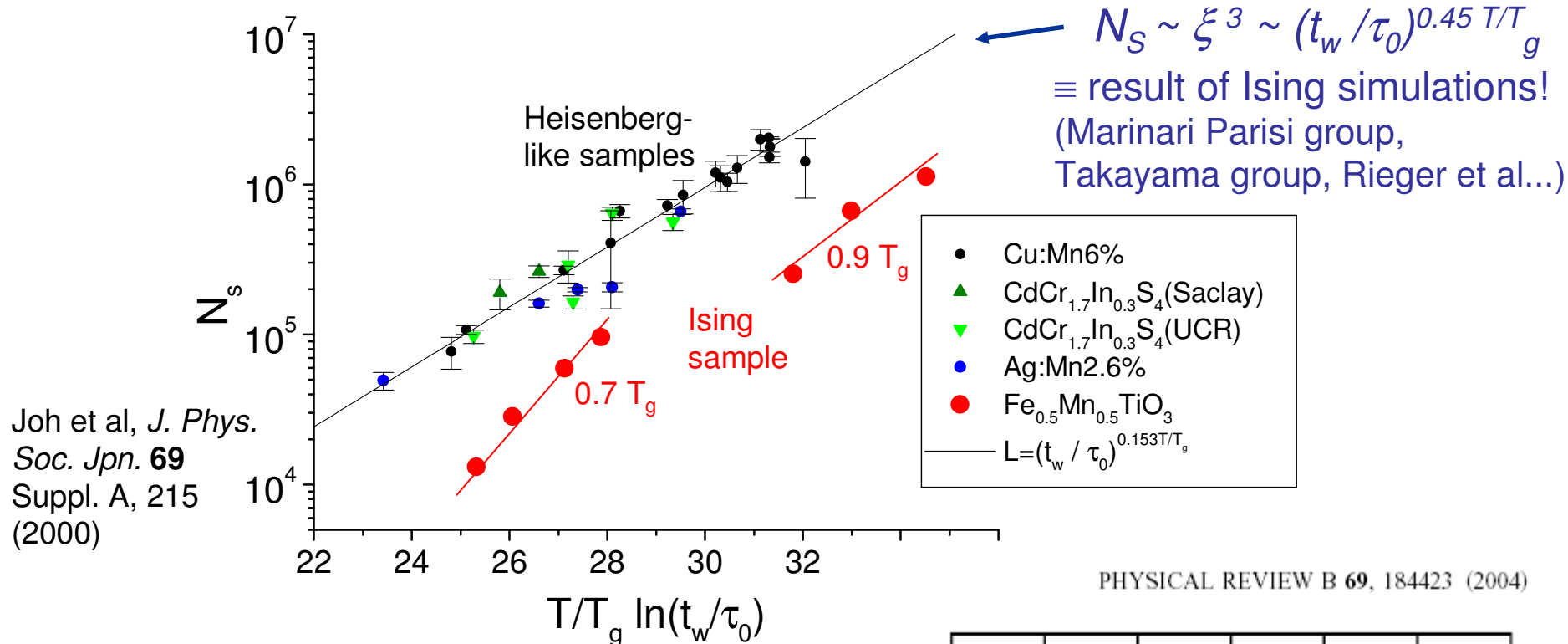
then $E_Z(H, t_w) = N_s \chi H^2$ ($\chi =$ susceptibility of 1 spin)

Measure at various H & t_w to construct $t_w^{eff}(H, t_w) \rightarrow E_Z(H, t_w)$

\rightarrow number of correlated spins $N_s(t_w)$ and $L = N_s^{1/d-\alpha}$

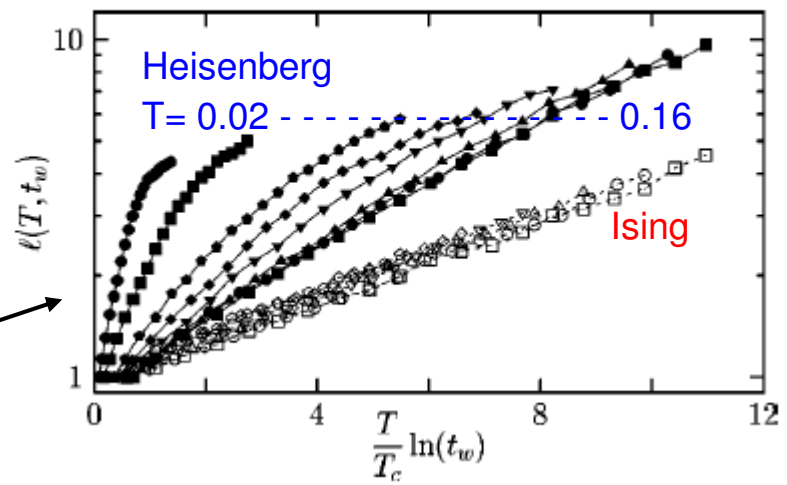
$(2 < d-\alpha < 3)$

Increase of $N_s(t_w)$ with $t_w \rightarrow$ slow growth of a “spin glass order”



Ising spin glass: smaller N_s , although growing faster

Ising + Heisenberg simulations by Berthier and Young (PRB 04) (at long times, same trend as exp. ?)



Ising + Heisenberg samples \Rightarrow go beyond the simple power law $L \sim t^{aT/T_g}$

Temperature microscope effect, separation of length scales... how much ?

Plot of $L(T,t) (\equiv \xi)$ as obtained from the experiments (Heisenberg, $L=N^{1/3}$)

Berthier & Young, *Phys. Rev. B* **71**, 314429 (2005)

Experimental time scales

Simulation time scales

Experiments: $L(T_1) \sim 25$, $L(T_2) \sim 15$

Simulations: $L(T_1) \sim 6$, $L(T_2) \sim 4.5$

Not a very powerful microscope !
Yet, rejuvenation and memory effects exist, even in simulations

→ *T-separation of time scales rather than length scales*

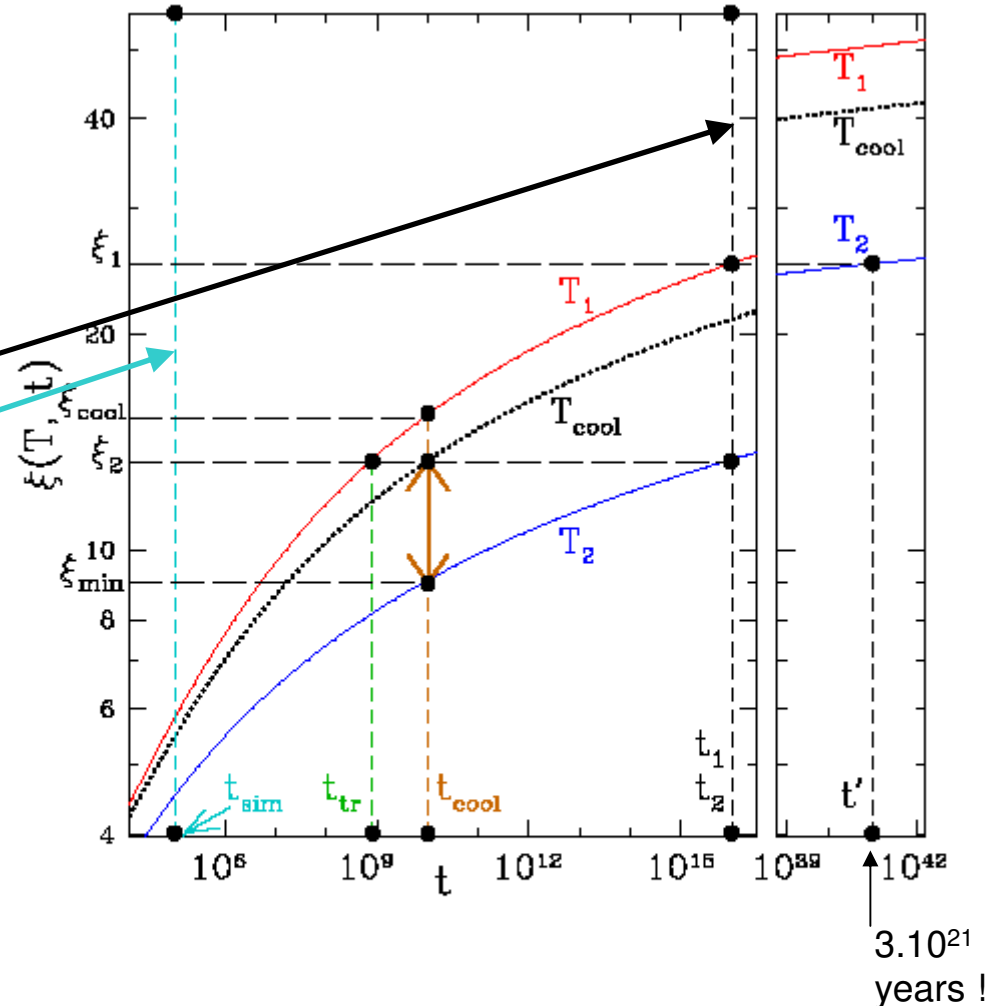


FIG. 12: Solid curves show $\xi(T, t)$ (with t in units of the microscopic time $t_0 = 10^{-12}$ s) inferred in Ref. [37] for a Heisenberg spin glass at temperatures $T_1/T_c = 0.825$, and $T_2/T_c = 0.7$. Note the break in the horizontal scale between

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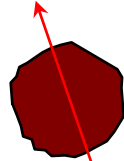
2.a Spin glass

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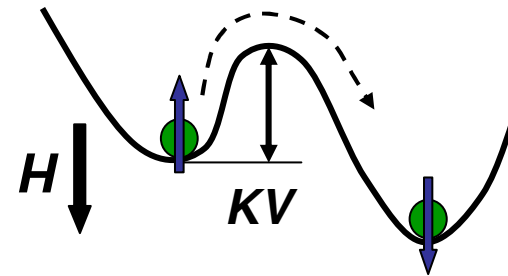
Super-spins, superspin glass

- Small enough ferromagnetic nanoparticle → single domain
- $T \ll T_c$: response of single nanoparticle \sim response of single spin

→ a 'superspin'



- Anisotropy → easy axis, barrier $\sim K \cdot V$
 $T \ll KV \rightarrow$ blocking of magnetization



- Varying concentration of nanoparticles in an aqueous dispersion changes dipole-dipole interparticle interaction

Dilute nanoparticle system



Non-interacting superspins
Superparamagnet
(dynamical freezing at T_g)

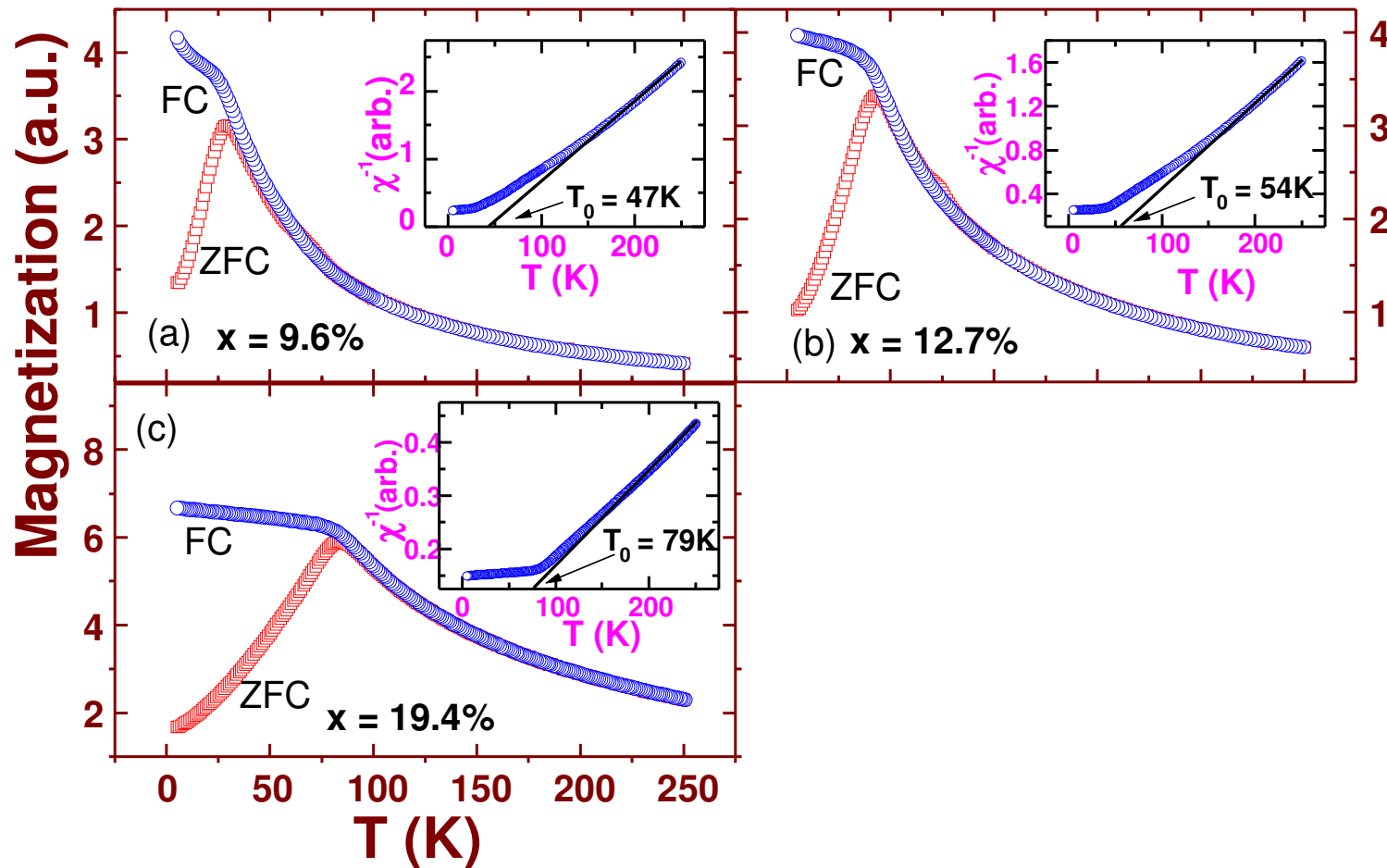
Concentrated nanoparticle system



Interacting superspins
Superspin glass ?
(phase transition at T_g)

Co nanoparticles in Ag matrix ($\text{Co}_x\text{Ag}_{1-x}$, metal matrix \rightarrow RKKY interactions)

X.X. Zhang group, Phys. Rev. B75, 014415 (2007)



With increasing x : increase of T_B and T_0 , flattening of FC curve

Absence of strong rejuvenation in a superspin glass

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Concentrated Fe₃N
nanoparticle system

Clear T-specific **memory**
effect, although not so well-
marked as in atomic SG's

SSG $\tau_0 \approx 10^{-9}$ s (or longer)

SG $\tau_0 \approx 10^{-12}$ s

*longer $\tau_0 \rightarrow$ shorter accessible
time scale t_{exp}/τ_0*

(see below)

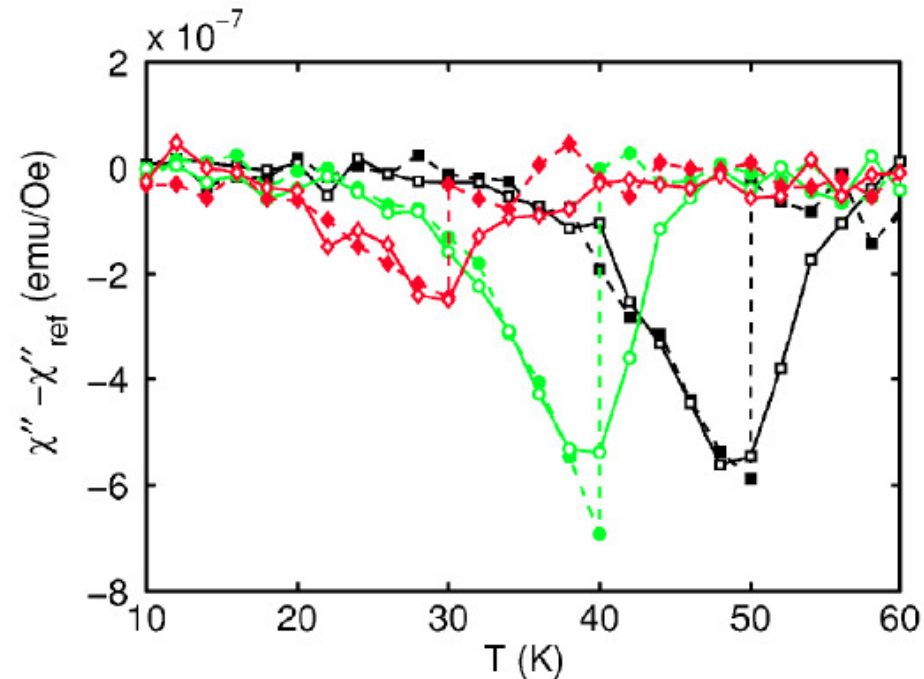
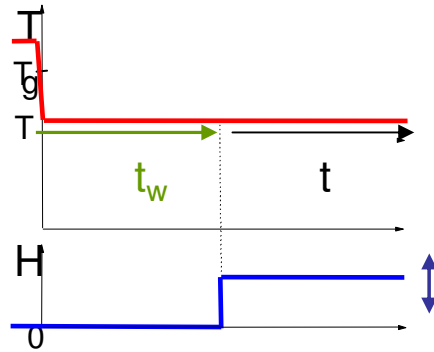


FIG. 7. (Color online) $\Delta\chi''$ vs temperature measured on cooling (filled symbols connected by dashed lines) and reheating (open symbols connected by solid lines). A temporary stop is made on cooling at $T_s=50, 40,$ or 30 K for $t_s=9000$ s. $\omega/2\pi=510$ mHz.

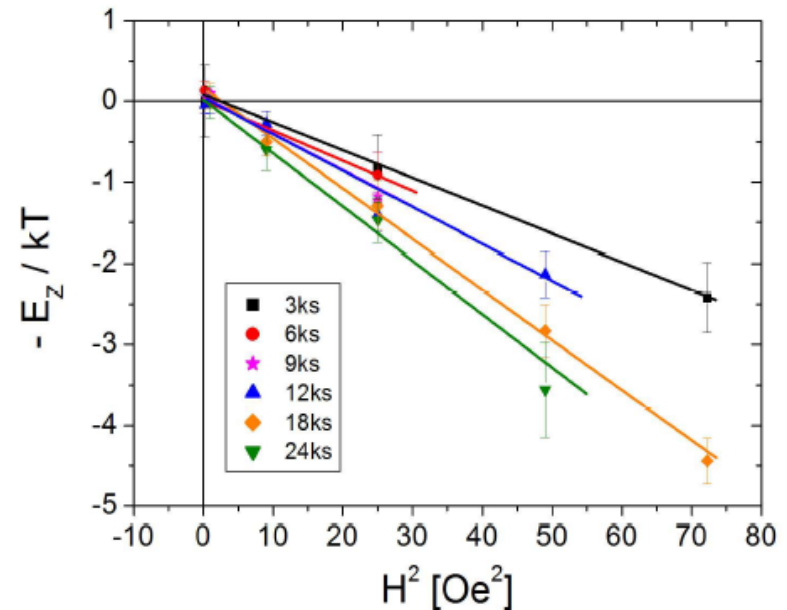
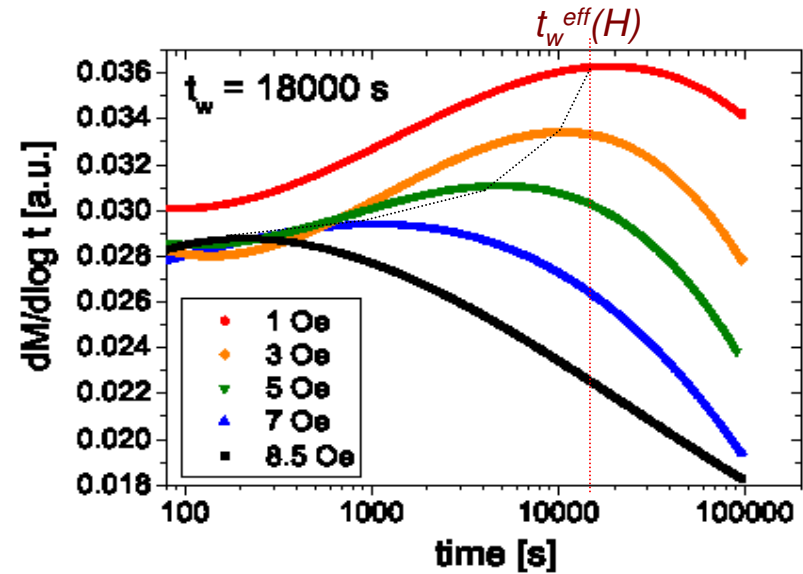
Relaxation of the superspin glass: field effect



- Vary H amplitude and t_w
- Find $t_w^{eff}(H)$

$$E_Z = k_B T \ln \left(\frac{t_w}{t_w^{eff}} \right)$$

result: $E_Z \propto N_s H^2$ (Heisenberg-like)



Aging \equiv growing number of correlated (super)spins

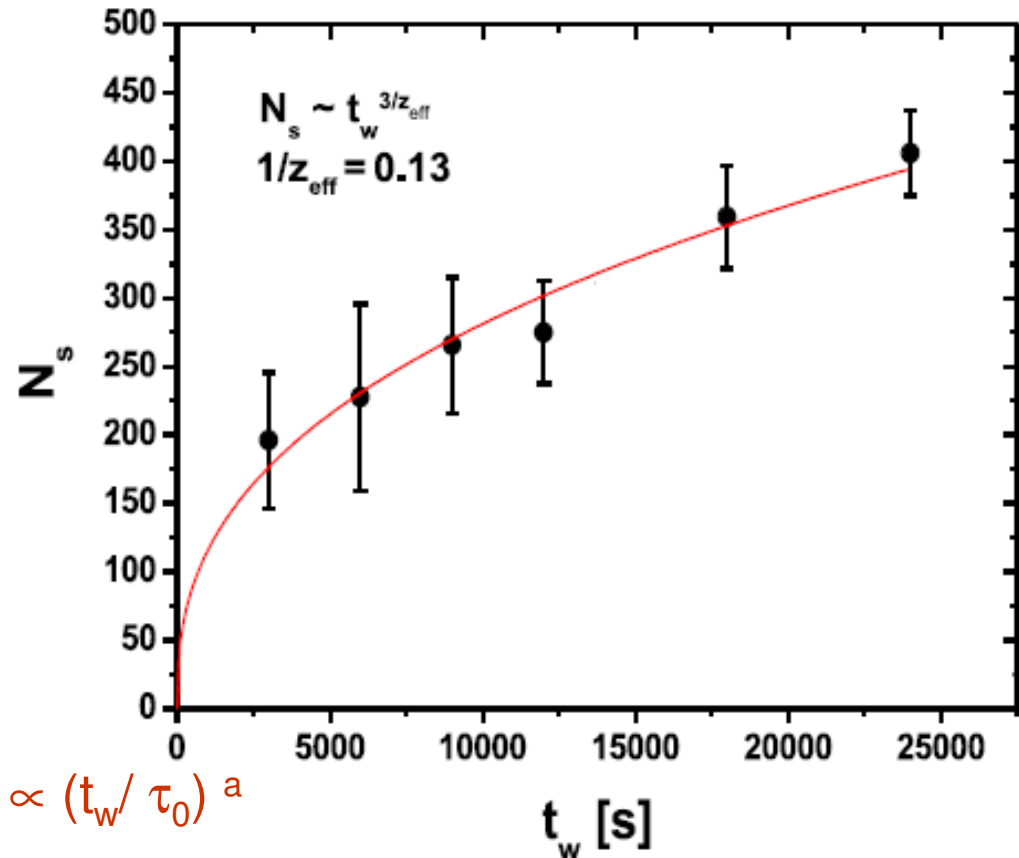
N_s is growing \sim as a power law of t_w (red curve = fit)

$$N_s \sim t_w^{3/z_{\text{eff}}} \text{ with } z_{\text{eff}} \sim 7.7$$

Similar power law as in Heisenberg-like spin glasses, but N_s smaller here:

$$N_s \sim 200 - 400 \text{ } (\sim 10^4 - 10^6 \text{ in SG})$$

$$L \sim N_s^{1/2-3} \sim 5-20 \text{ } (\sim 10-100-1000? \text{ in SG})$$

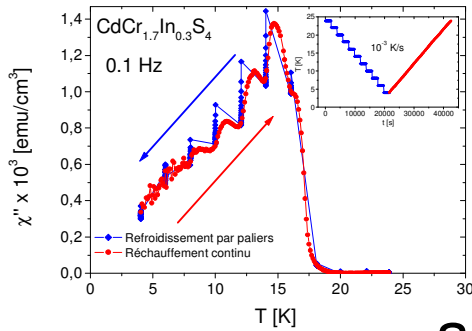


N_s grows with t_w in units of τ_0 : $N_s \propto (t_w / \tau_0)^a$

τ_0 in atomic SG $\sim 10^{-12}$ sec

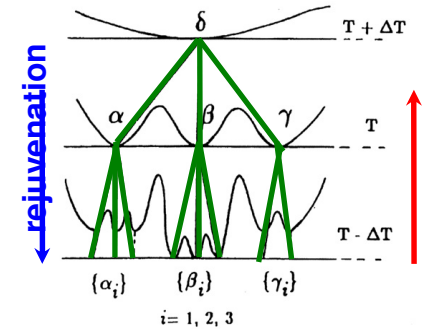
but τ_0 superspin is at least 10^{-8} - 10^{-9} s, or even $\sim \exp(E_d/k_B T)$, as large as μs \rightarrow shorter time regime explored in SSG than in SG in units of τ_0

$\rightarrow N_s$ smaller (possible explanation of weaker rejuv. and memory effects...)



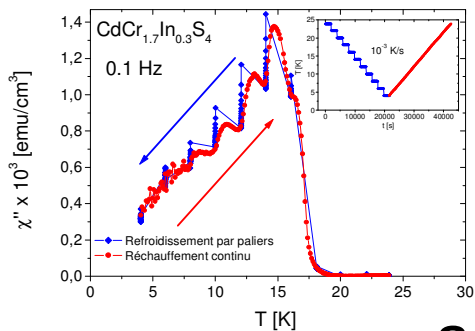
Conclusions

MF spin glass and RSB solution:
any relevance to real spin glasses ?



- Noise measurements → FD ratio in agreement with a « non-trivial » (RSB) scenario
- Rejuvenation and memory effects: hierarchy of metastable states, hierarchy of coherence lengths $L(T,t)$ (T-microscope)
- T-cycle experiments → possible divergence of barrier heights as $T \downarrow$... *hierarchy of metastable states* → *pure states* ?
- Field-effect experiments → determination of $L(T,t)$
- Superspin glass (nanoparticles) may bridge the gap between numerical ($L \sim 5$) and real ($L \sim 100$) spin glasses

Conclusions

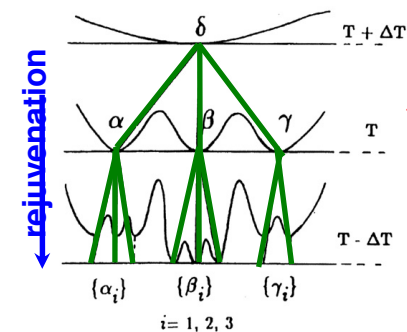


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- Noise measurement with a « non-trivial » (RSB)
- Rejuvenation states, hierarchical
- T-cycle experiments as $T \downarrow \dots$ hierarchical
- Field-effect experiments
- Superspin glass numerical (L)



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with a « non-

metastable (microscope)

barrier heights states ?

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gap between