

Slow relaxations and noise in glassy systems

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A few examples of "glasses" in physics

Silicates, etc.

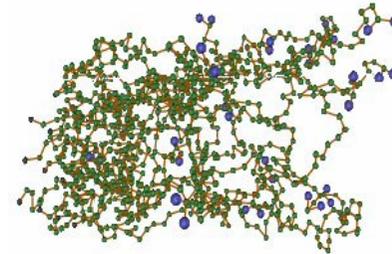


Molecular glasses

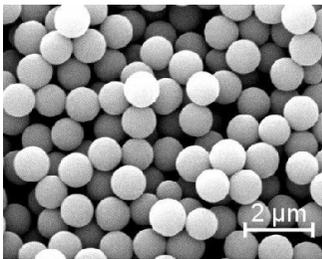


(ex: glycerol)

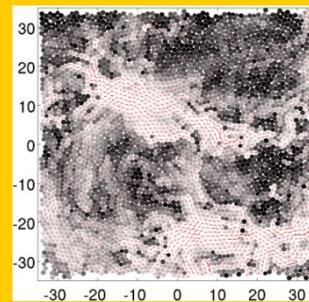
Polymers



Colloids

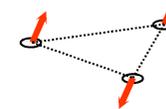


Granular matter



Spin glasses

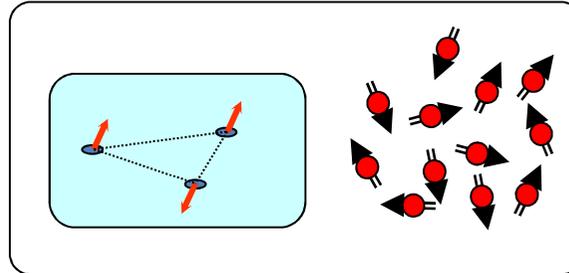
$$H = - \sum J_{ij} S_i S_j$$



What is a spin glass ?

Theory : random bonds $H = -\sum J_{ij} \mathbf{S}_i \cdot \mathbf{S}_j$ $\{J_{ij}\}$ gaussian, or $\pm J$

*conceptually
simple...*

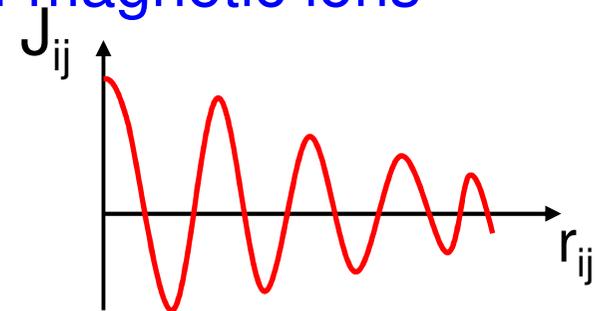


a disordered *and* frustrated magnetic system

"Real" spin glasses : random dilution of magnetic ions

example: metallic alloys, Cu:Mn 3%

RKKY interactions



same generic behaviour in all samples
($T_c \neq 0$ in 3d, slow dynamics, aging...)

→ « model » disordered systems

1. Response: slow relaxations,
aging
2. Fluctuations (noise):
comparison with response

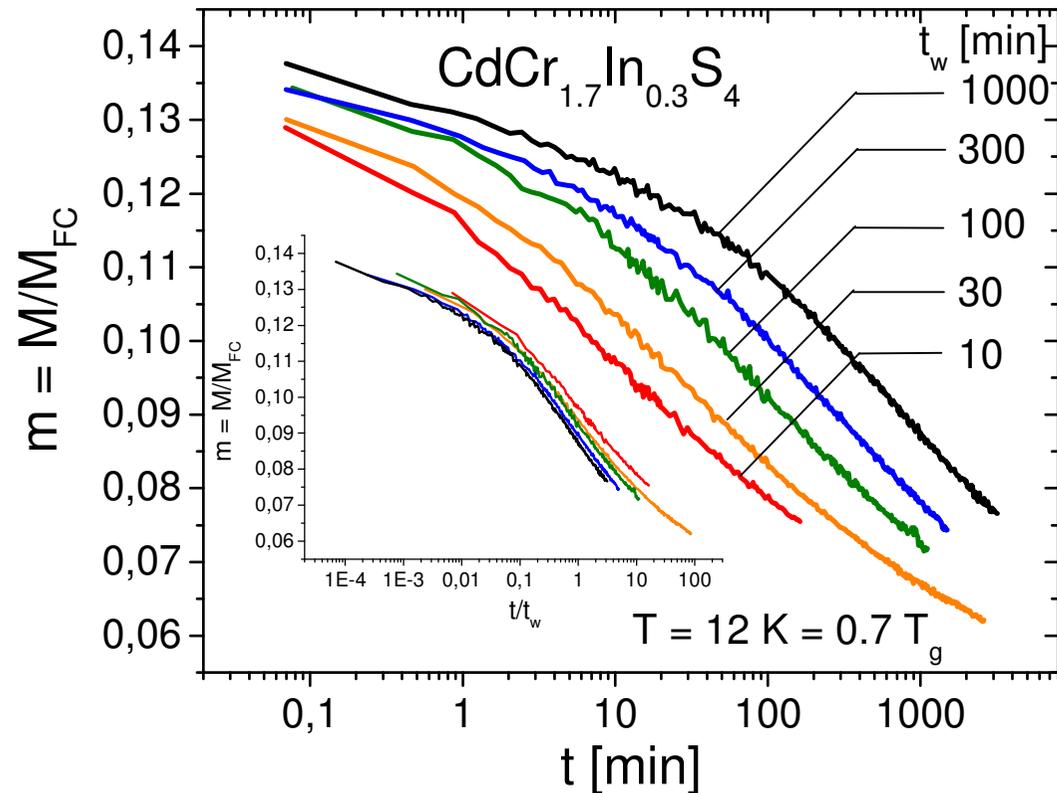
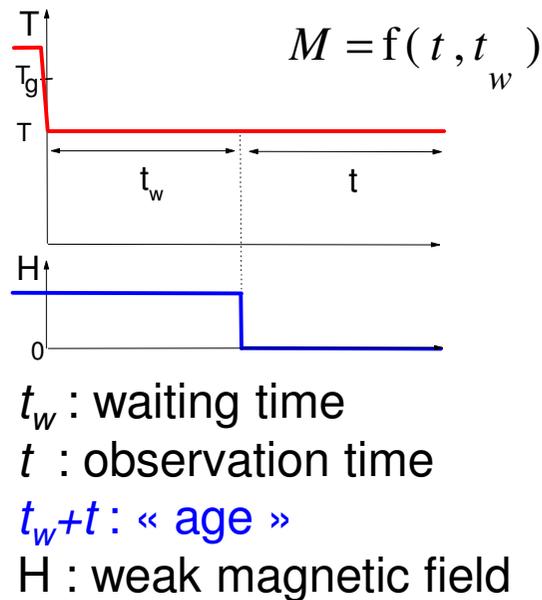
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Spin glasses: slow dynamics + aging

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

relaxation of the Thermo-Remanent Magnetization (TRM)



→ Non-stationary dynamics : (t, t_w)
Approximate scaling variable : t/t_w (or t/t_w^μ with $\mu < 1$)

Shear stress relaxation and physical aging study on simple glass-forming materials

X. Shi, A. Mandanici, G.B. McKenna, Texas Tech University

Shear relaxation response at different aging times at 6K below T_g

m-toluidine (fragile glass-former)
 $T_g = 187\text{K}$

Master curve as a function of $t/a(t_w)$
 (offset by one decade for clarity).

Insert: shift factors $a(t_w)$ used for master curve

$\log a$ vs $\log t_w$: slope 0.61 ($\sim \mu$ for SG)

The leveling off of shift factors at longer aging times indicates that the sample has aged into equilibrium.

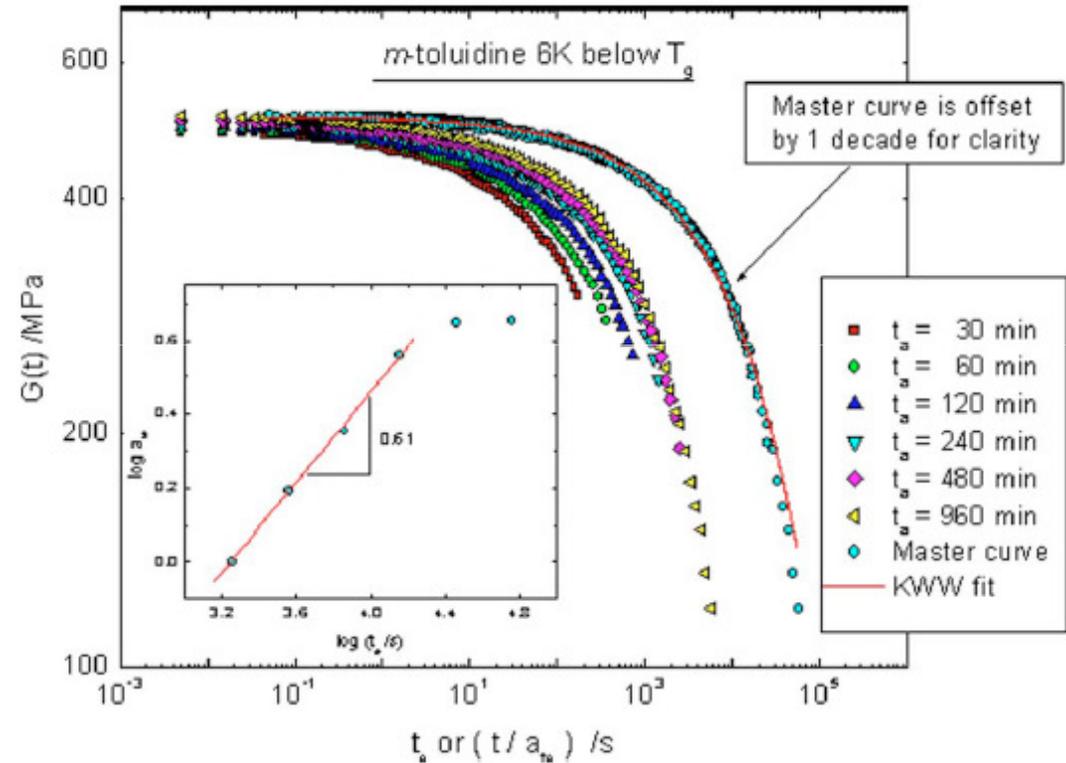


FIG. 7. Shear relaxation response at different aging times for m -toluidine at 181 K, which is 6 K below the nominal T_g . The time-aging time master curve was constructed and is offset by one decade for clarity. The curve represents the KWW function fit to the master curve. The insert shows the shift factors used. The leveling off at longer aging times indicates that the sample has aged into equilibrium.

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Shear relaxation response at different aging times at 6K below T_g

Sucrose benzoate (fragile glass-former)
 $T_g = 337\text{K}$

Shift factors for master curve :
slope 0.26 (~ μ for SG)

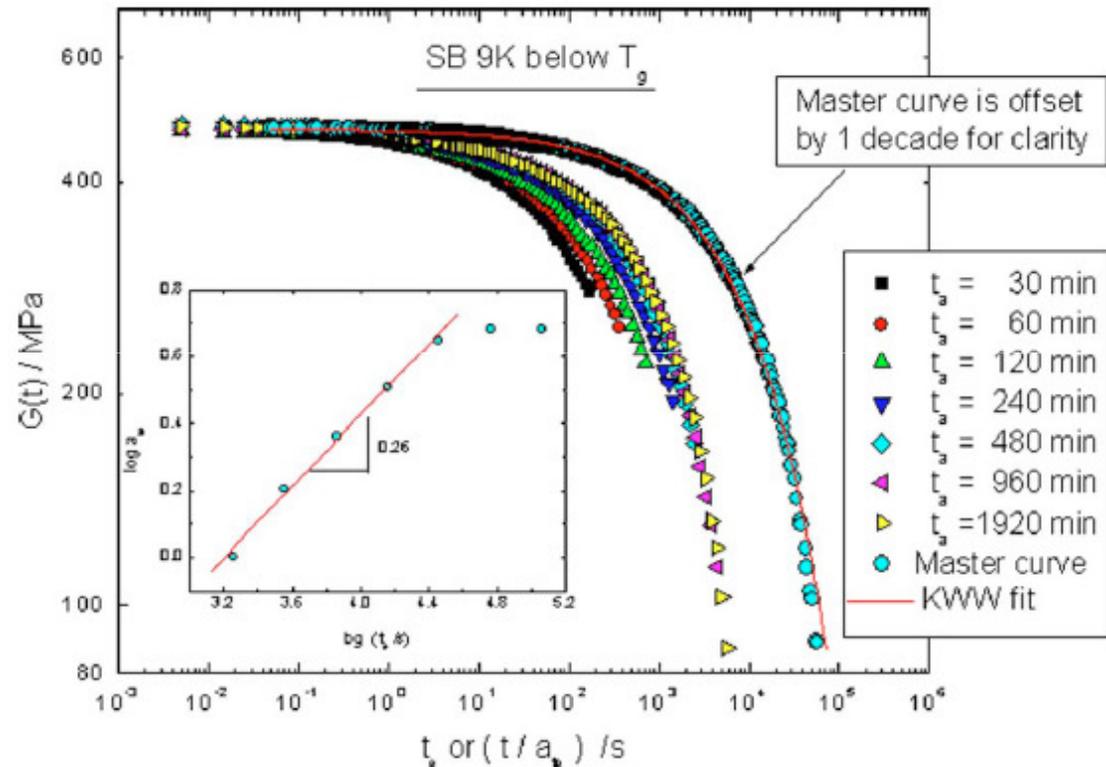
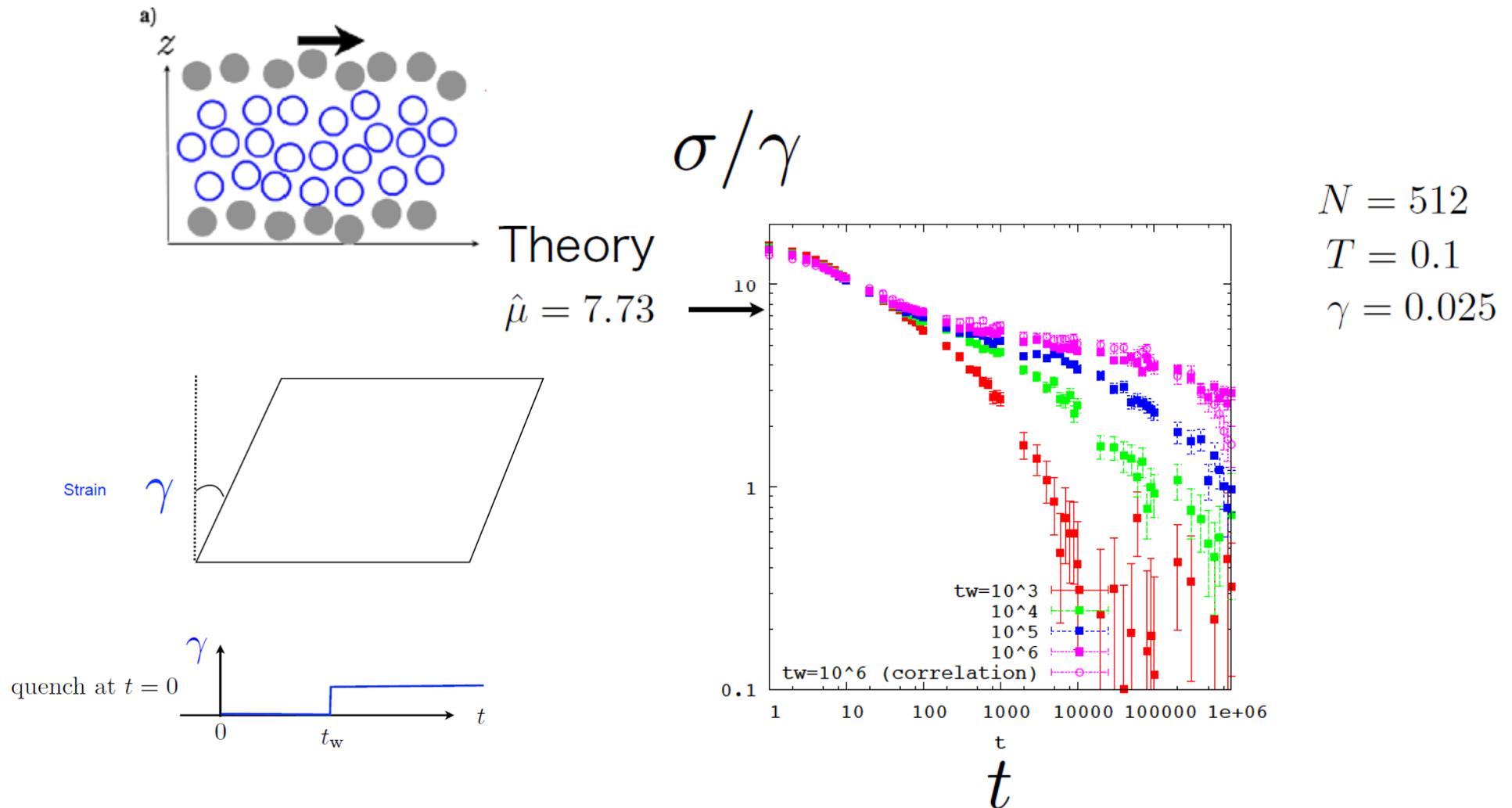


FIG. 10. Shear relaxation response at different aging times for sucrose benzoate at 328 K, which is 9 K below the nominal T_g . The time-aging time master curve was constructed and is offset by one decade for clarity. The curve represents the KWW function fit to the master curve. The inset shows the shift factors used. The leveling off at longer aging times indicates that the sample has aged into equilibrium.

Stress relaxation: Monte Carlo simulations

H. Yoshino and M. Mézard, paper in progress – see also PRL 105, 015504 (2010)

N particles interacting via 2-body potentials



Interplay between Shear Loading and Structural Aging in a Physical Gelatin Gel

O. Ronsin, C. Caroli, and T. Baumberger

$T_g = 29^\circ\text{C}$, $T = 20^\circ\text{C}$

Gelatin :

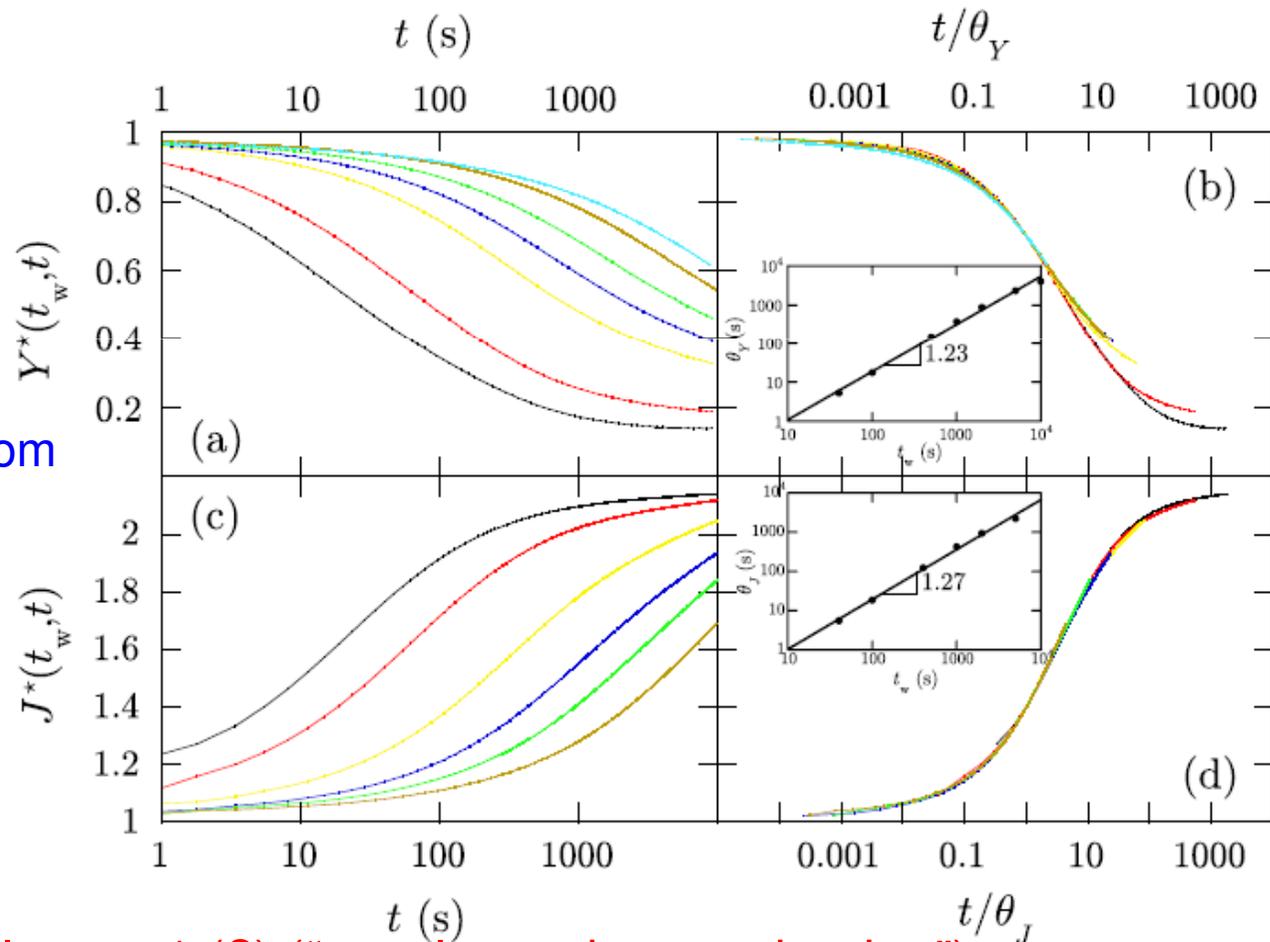
Thermo-reversible gel
Below T_g , renaturation of triple helix structure, stabilized by H-bonds

(a) Normalized stress relaxation modulus Y for waiting times, from bottom to top, $t_w = 40 - 10^4\text{s}$.

(b) Same data rescaled

(c) Normalized creep compliance J

(d) Same data rescaled



Inserts: shift factor slope > 1 (?) (“accelerated strengthening”)

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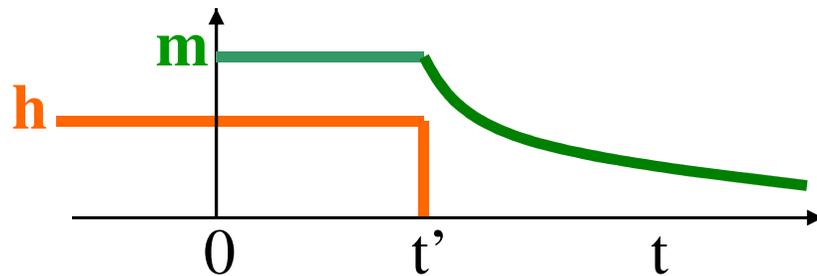
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Spontaneous magnetic fluctuations and response functions

→ *Fluctuation-Dissipation relation in an out-of-equilibrium system*



$$C(t',t) = \langle \text{fluctuation at } t' \text{ and } t \rangle$$

$\sigma(t',t) = m/h$ response at t after field cutoff at t'

$C(t',t) = \langle m(t').m(t) \rangle$ autocorrelation of the fluctuations

Fluctuation-Dissipation relation (FDR): $\sigma = C/kT$
(ergodic systems at equilibrium)

Extension of FDR to non-equilibrium situations:

$$\sigma = C \cdot F(C)/kT \quad (\text{for large } t')$$

$$T / F(C) \equiv \text{effective temperature}$$

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

spin glass in aging regime = example of out-of-equilibrium system

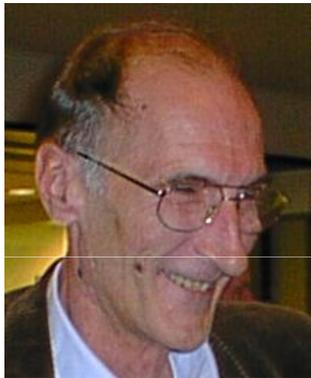
Measurement of fluctuations and response in the same setup

after the pioneering work of Ocio, Bouchiat, Monod, Refregier ~1985

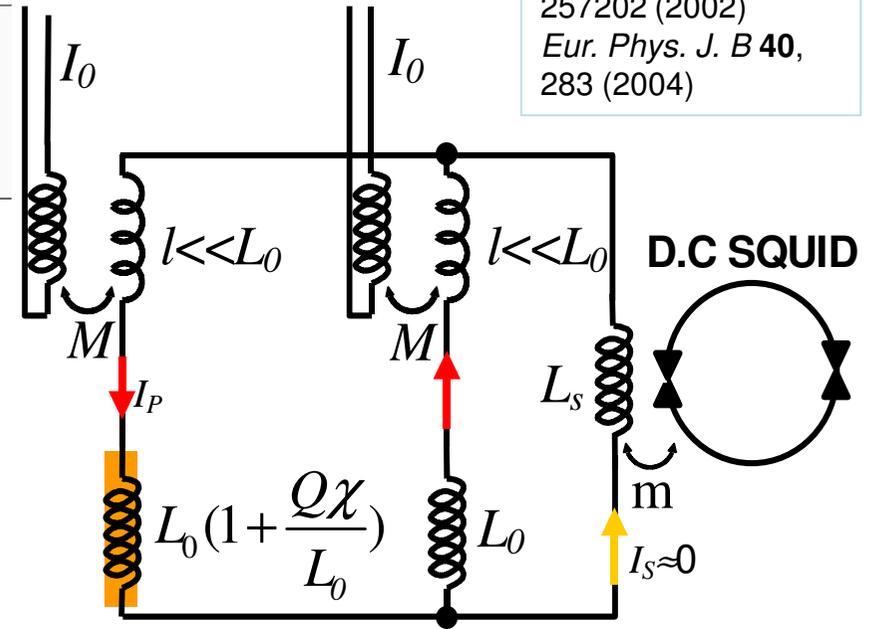
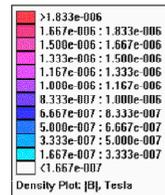
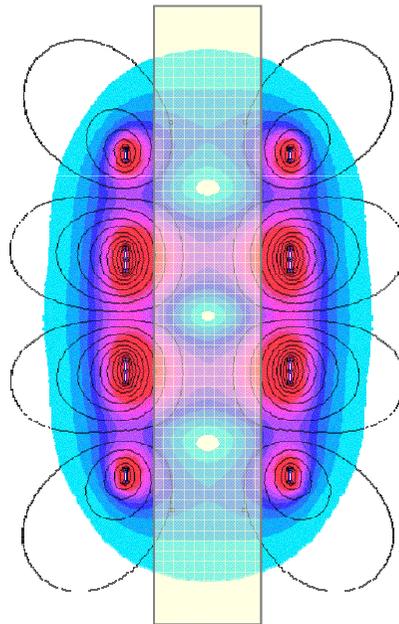
Fluctuations: measurement of spontaneous flux variations (noise)

Response: the excitation field is applied via the detection coil

→ same field geometry as in fluctuation measurement



Miguel Ocio
(1943-2003)
D. Hérisson
thesis

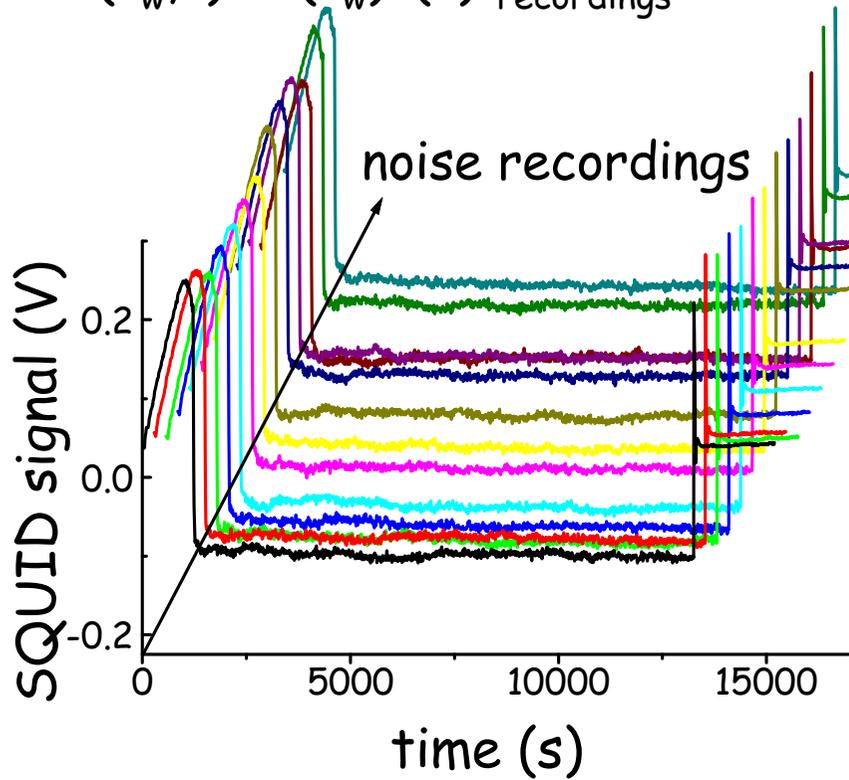


D. Hérisson and M. Ocio,
Phys. Rev. Lett. **88**,
257202 (2002)
Eur. Phys. J. B **40**,
283 (2004)

- fluctuations ~ response to 10^{-7} G
- setup calibration by *eddy current measurements* in pure Cu
- long time measurements \Rightarrow get rid of slow spurious drifts...

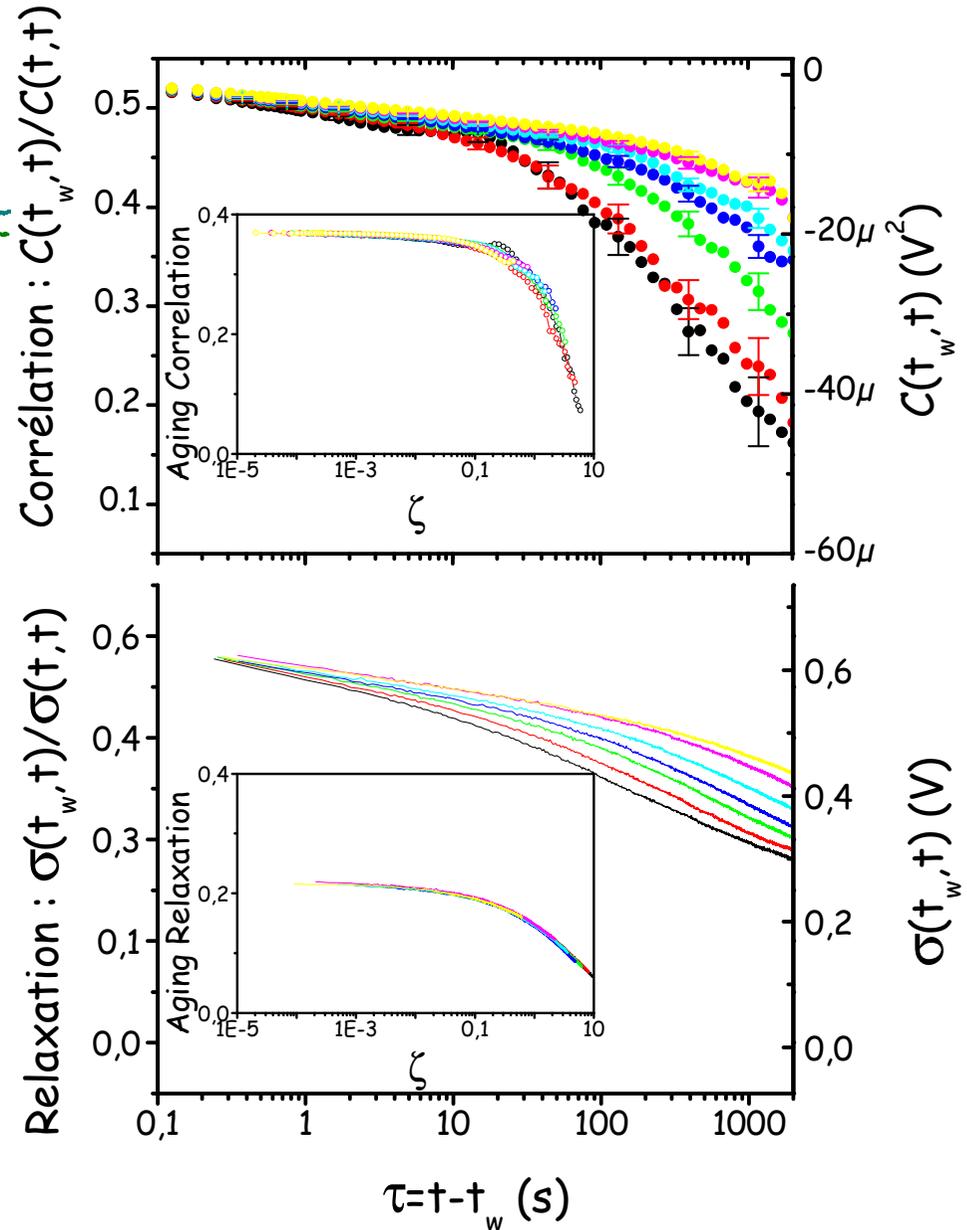
Noise measurements in a spin glass : autocorrelation function

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

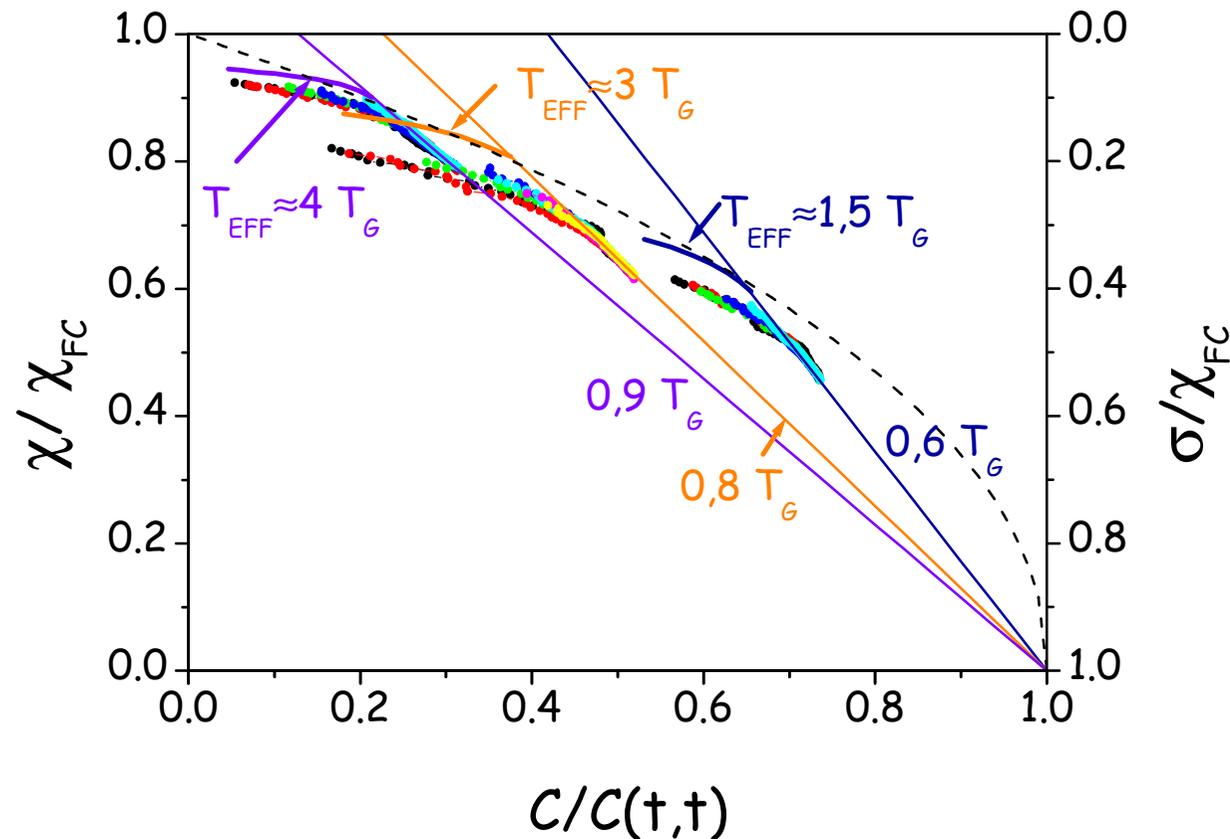


average of $C(t_w, t)$ over 300 measurements of 10000s

→ Comparison of autocorrelation and response, fluctuation-dissipation relations in the aging regime



Fluctuation-Dissipation Relation graph



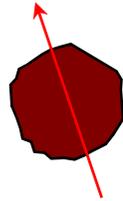
CdCr_{1.7}In_{0.3}S₄ spin glass

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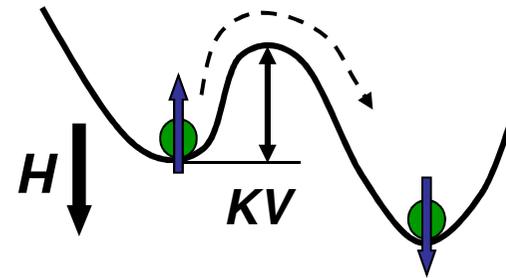
- clear $1/T$ regime, and crossover to aging regime $1/T_{eff}$
- vanishing t_w -dependence in the 'extrapolation' $\rightarrow T_{eff} = f(C)$
- not domain growth-like ($1/T_{eff}=0$, horizontal lines)
- 1-step RSB type models: *straight lines of slope $1/T_{eff}$ - compatible*
- continuous RSB models (SK, mean-field spin glass): $\chi = 1 - \sigma = (1 - C)^{0.47}$
(dashed line)

Super-Spins, Superspin Glass (SSG)

- Small enough ferromagnetic nanoparticle → single domain
- $T \ll T_{\text{Curie}}$: response of single nanoparticle ~ response of single spin
→ a 'superspin'



- Easy axis → anisotropy barrier $\sim K \cdot V$
- $T \ll KV \rightarrow$ blocking of magnetization below $T_B \sim KV$



- Varying concentration of nanoparticles changes interparticle interaction
Case of ferrofluid (liquid suspension - frozen): dipole-dipole interaction

Dilute nanoparticle system



Non-interacting superspins
Superparamagnet

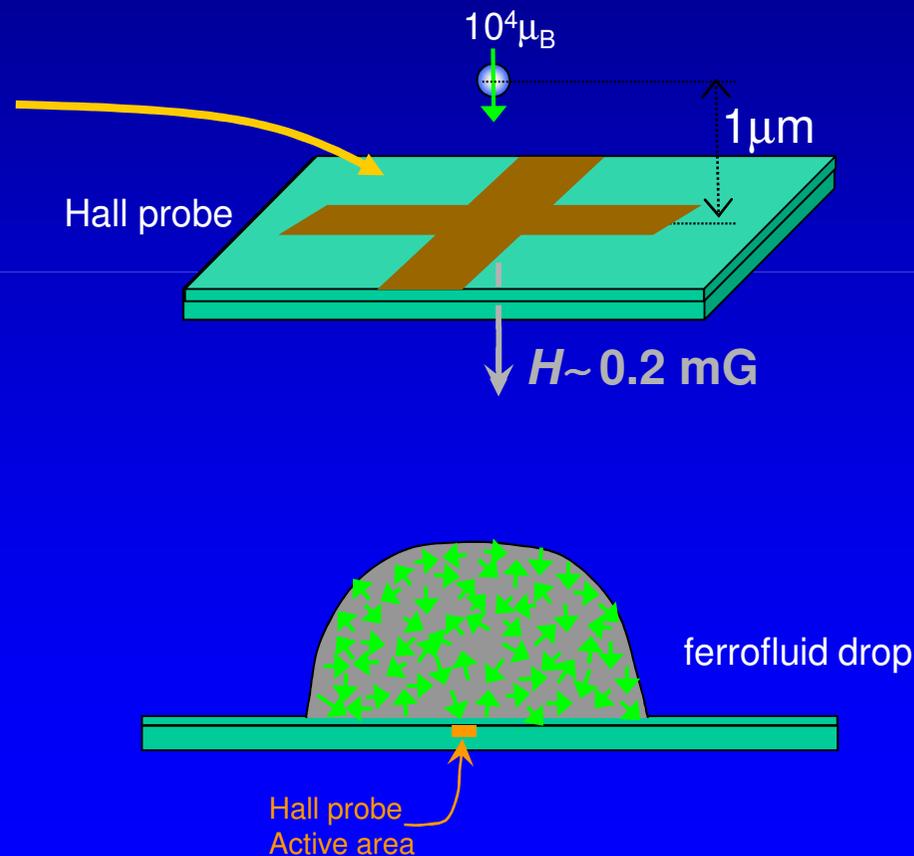
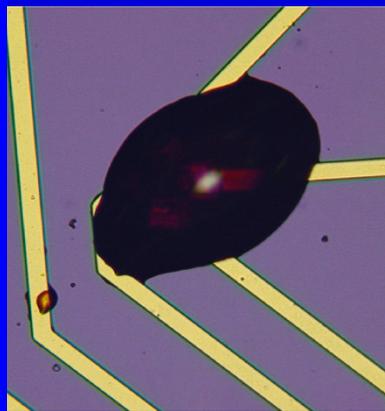
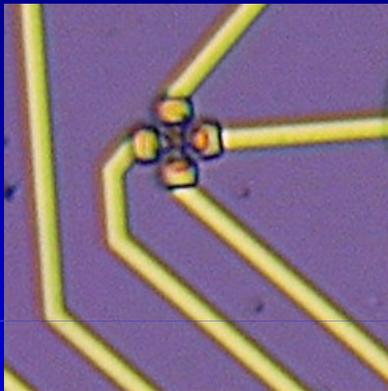
Concentrated nanoparticle system



Interacting superspins
« Superspin glass »

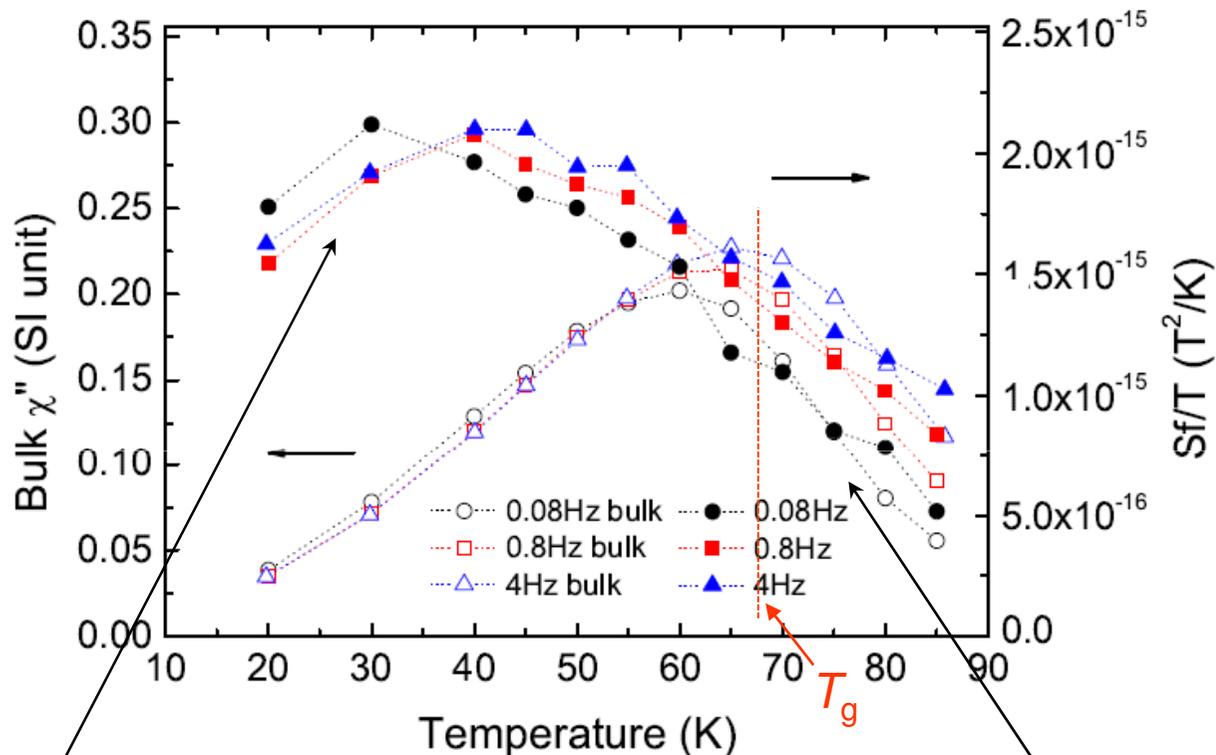
Noise measurements of interacting magnetic particles with high resolution Hall microprobes

Hall probes: 2DEG in AlGaAs/InGaAs/GaAs heterojunction. Size of active area $\sim 1-10 \mu\text{m}^2$
From 4 to 300K, from low to high fields, good resolution ($2\text{mG}/\text{Hz}^{1/2}$)



First results

$\gamma\text{-Fe}_2\text{O}_3$
nanoparticles
 $d=8\text{nm}$,
15% volume
fraction



FDT is violated below T_g

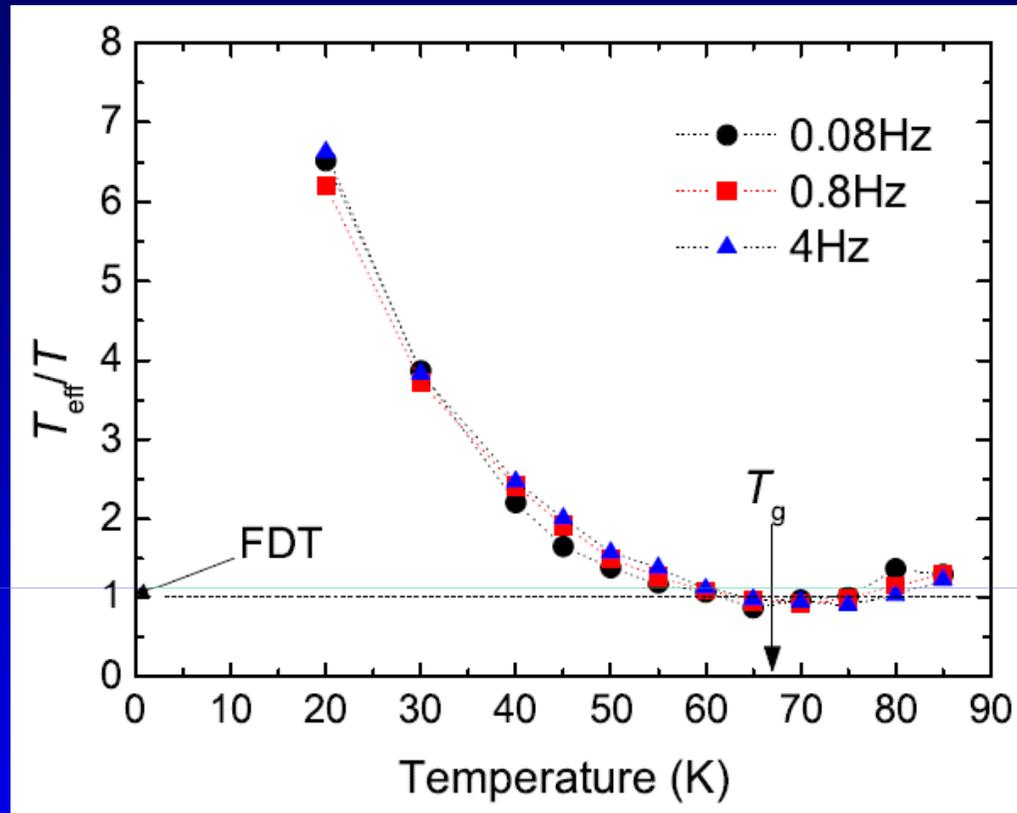
FDT is confirmed at high temperatures above T_g

χ'' : Imaginary part of susceptibility

S_m : magn. noise power, f : frequency, T : temperature

$$\chi'' \propto \frac{S_m f}{T}$$

First results



In $\text{CdCr}_{1.7}\text{In}_{0.3}\text{S}_4$ spin glass:
 T_{eff}/T_g from 1.5 ($T/T_g=0.6$) to
4 (0.9) –
opposite T-dependence ???

Komatsu, L'Hôte, Nakamae,
Mosser, Konczykowski, Dubois,
Dupuis, Perzynski (2010)
forthcoming paper

Ongoing experiments: t_w dependence

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Nanoscale non-equilibrium dynamics and the fluctuation-dissipation relation in an ageing polymer glass

(Boston group)

Hassan Oukris and N. E. Israeloff*

Electric Force Microscopy on PVAc film $T_g=304K$
Measurement of time dependent polarization $V_p(t)$

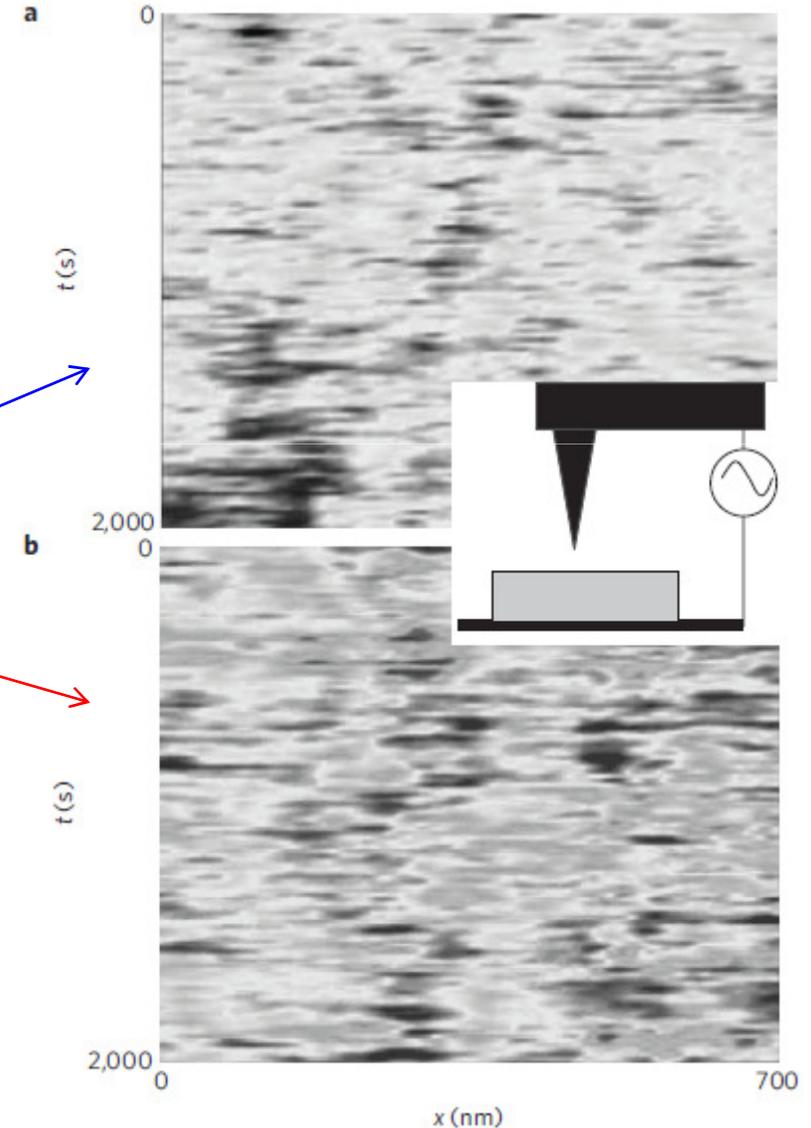
Space/time fluctuations:

Long-lasting correlations at 301.5K

In contrast with image at 305.5K

local measurement ($\sim 100\text{nm}$)
→ large polarization fluctuations

but average on sample surface (32 regions)
to improve statistics
(\Leftrightarrow 32 samples in parallel)



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Response to bias voltage:

$$\Delta\chi_{\text{ex}}(t) = \Delta V_{\text{P}}(t)/V_{\text{d.c.}}$$

Autocorrelation of the fluctuations :

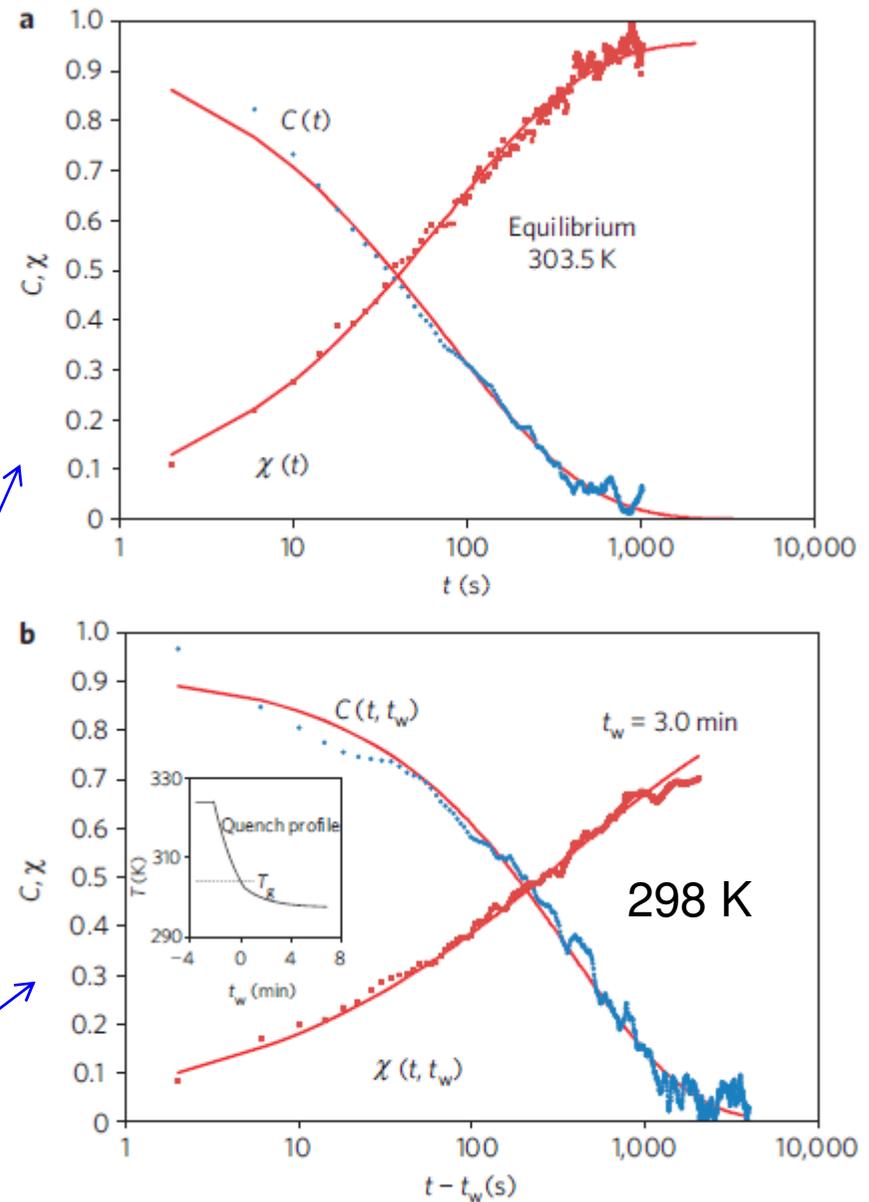
$$C(t) = \langle V_{\text{P}}(t)V_{\text{P}}(t + t') \rangle$$

Fluctuation-Dissipation Relation :

$$\Delta\chi_{\text{ex}}(t) = \frac{c_{\text{eff}}}{k_{\text{B}}T} [C(0) - C(t)]$$

obeyed around T_{g}

violated below T_{g}
during ageing



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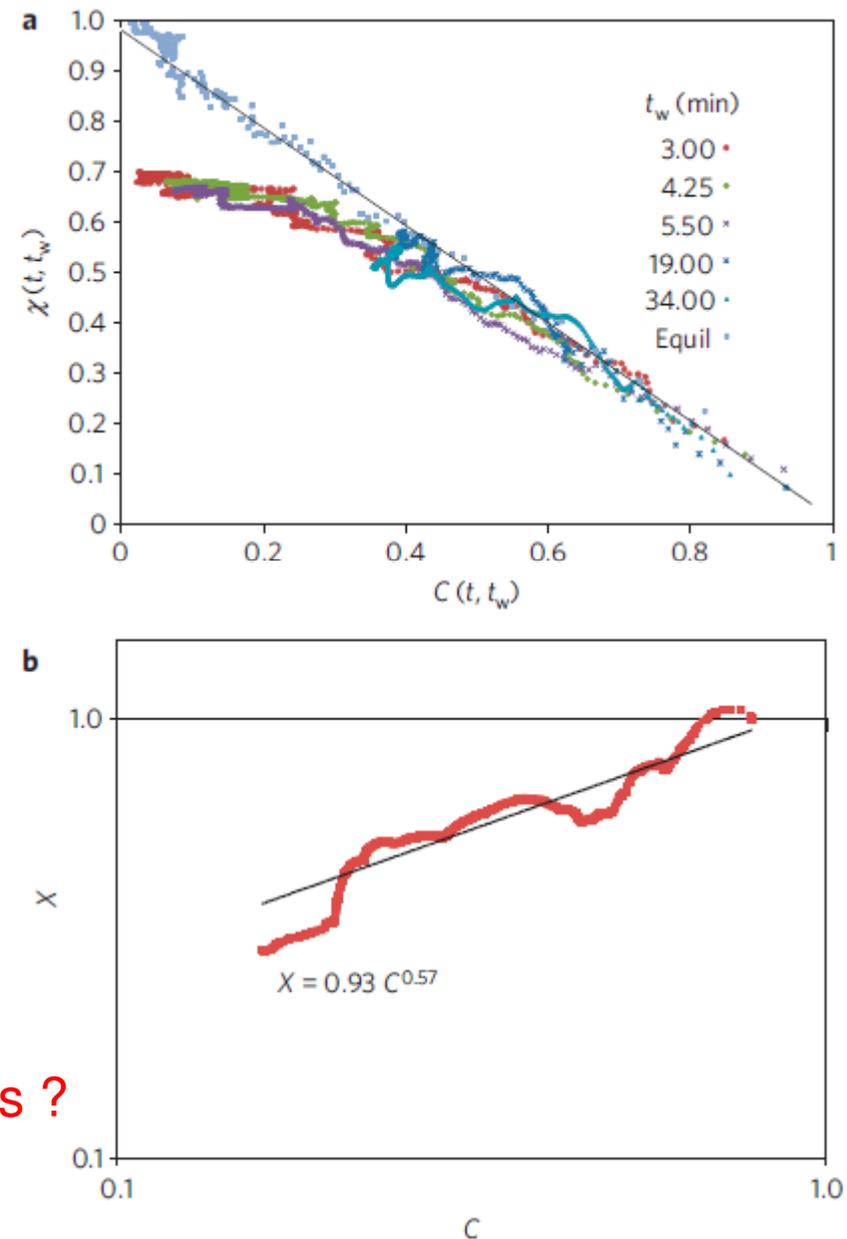
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FDR graph :

The susceptibility χ is a function of only C in the aging regime
shape similar to SK class of mean-field spin-glass models

FDR-violation factor :
 $X = T/T_{eff} \propto -d\chi/dC$
($X=1$ at equilibrium)

SK spin-glass: a model for polymer glasses ?



Aging and Effective Temperatures Near a Critical Point

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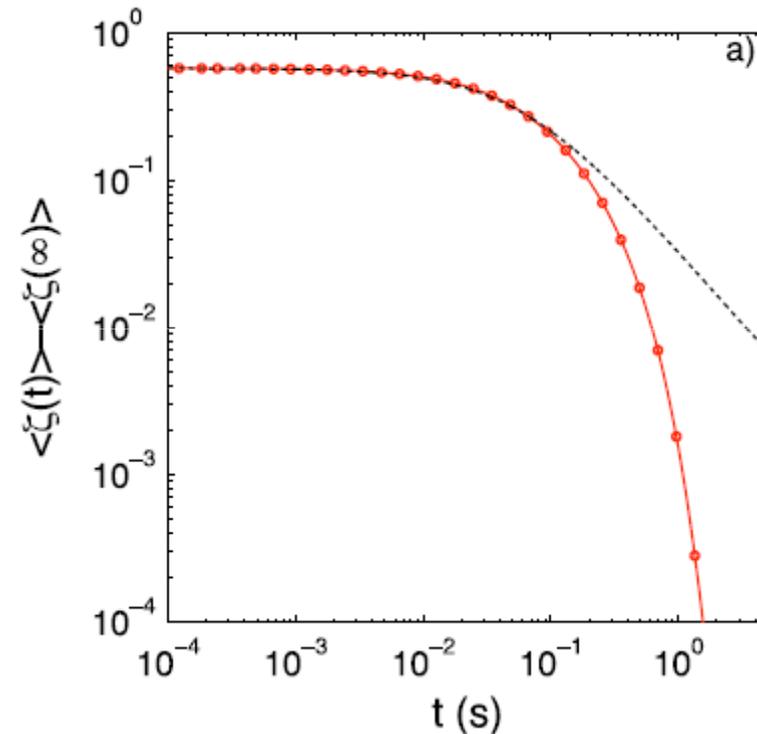
Liquid crystal

confined between 2 plates
(9 μm), with surface treatment
→ molecules aligned in a
unique direction

Fréedericksz transition:

Apply a perpendicular electric
field (\Leftrightarrow quench) → new
alignment along the
perpendicular direction (slowly
over $\sim 10\text{s}$)

*Measurement of the mean
alignment by polarization
interferometry*



Relaxation of the mean alignment

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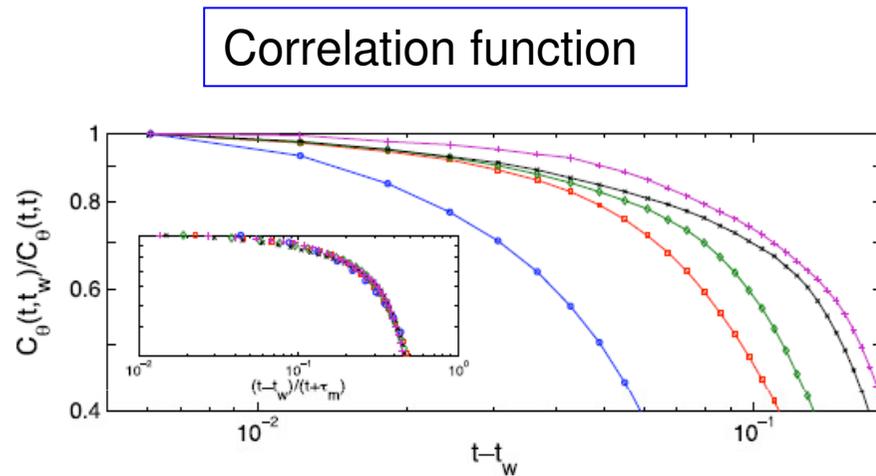


FIG. 2 (color online). (a) Correlation functions $C_\theta(t, t_w)$ as a function of $t - t_w$ for different fixed $t = 0.06$ s (□), 0.2 s (◇), 0.26 s (◇), 0.28 s (×), and 0.31 s (+) after the same quench of Fig. 1. Inset: The correlation functions have a simple master curve obtained by plotting $C_\theta(t, t_w)/C_\theta(t, t_w)$ versus $(t - t_w)/(t + \tau_m)$. Notice that $(t + \tau_m)$ is the reduced time used in Fig. 1.

$$C_\theta(t, t_w) \equiv \langle \delta\theta_0(t)\delta\theta_0(t_w) \rangle$$

$$\chi(t, t_w) = \frac{X(t, t_w)}{k_B T} [C_\theta(t, t) - C_\theta(t, t_w)],$$

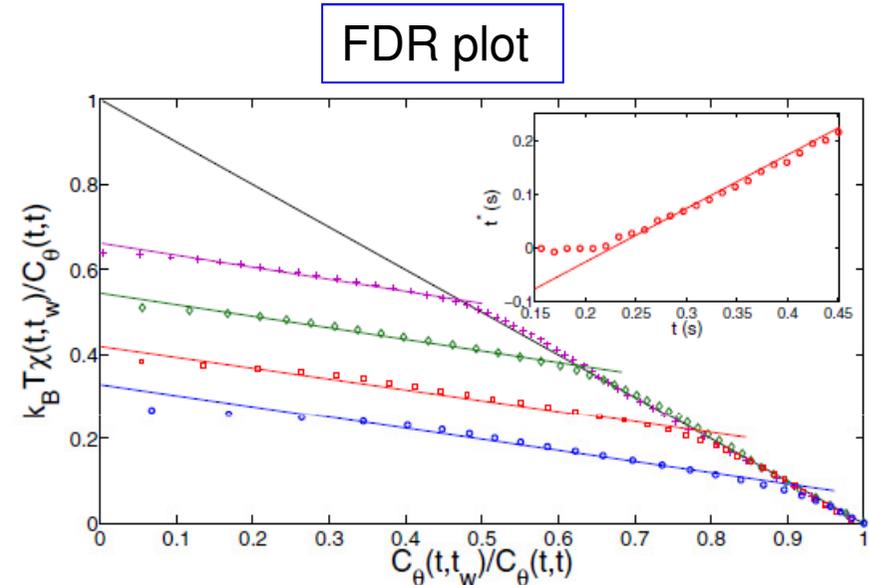


FIG. 3 (color online). (a) Parametric plot of integrated response versus correlation for $t = 0.4$ s (○), 0.5 s (□), 0.6 s (◇), and 0.7 s (+). Continuous lines are linear fits. Dark line represents the FDT at equilibrium. Inset: The characteristic time t^* is plotted as a function of t .

$X = T/T_{eff} = 0.31$ (T_{eff} = effective temperature)

Insert: time after which $X \neq 1$
crossover from equilibrium to aging regime

FDR in colloidal glasses: intriguing results on Laponite

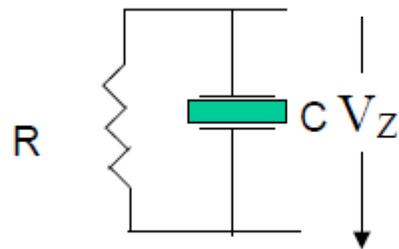
Laponite: a synthetic clay suspension of electro-charged discs 25nm x 1nm

Powder in water: → visco-elastic glass (in a few hours)

Dielectric measurements:

electric noise ↔ impedance measurement

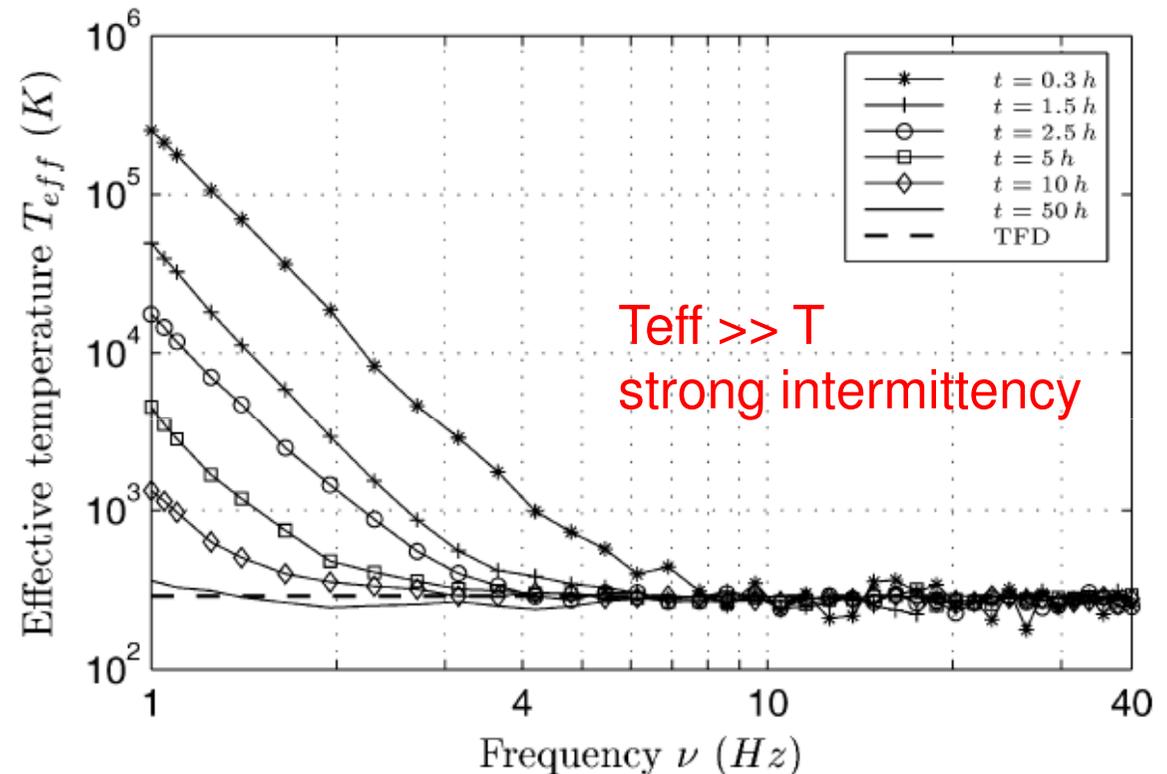
Out of equilibrium FDR = generalized Nyquist relation:



$$Z(t_w, \omega) = \frac{R}{1 + i\omega R C}$$

$$S_Z(t_w, f) = 4 K_B T_{eff}(\omega, t_w) \text{Real}[Z(t_w, \omega)]$$

L. Bellon, S. Ciliberto / Physica D 168–169 (2002) 325–335



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Rheological measurements:

(Bellon Ciliberto 2002)

A rheometer sensitive to fluctuations:

- rotor inserted in a cylindrical cell, filled with laponite
- very sensitive observation of rotation by light interferometry (10^{-10} rad !)

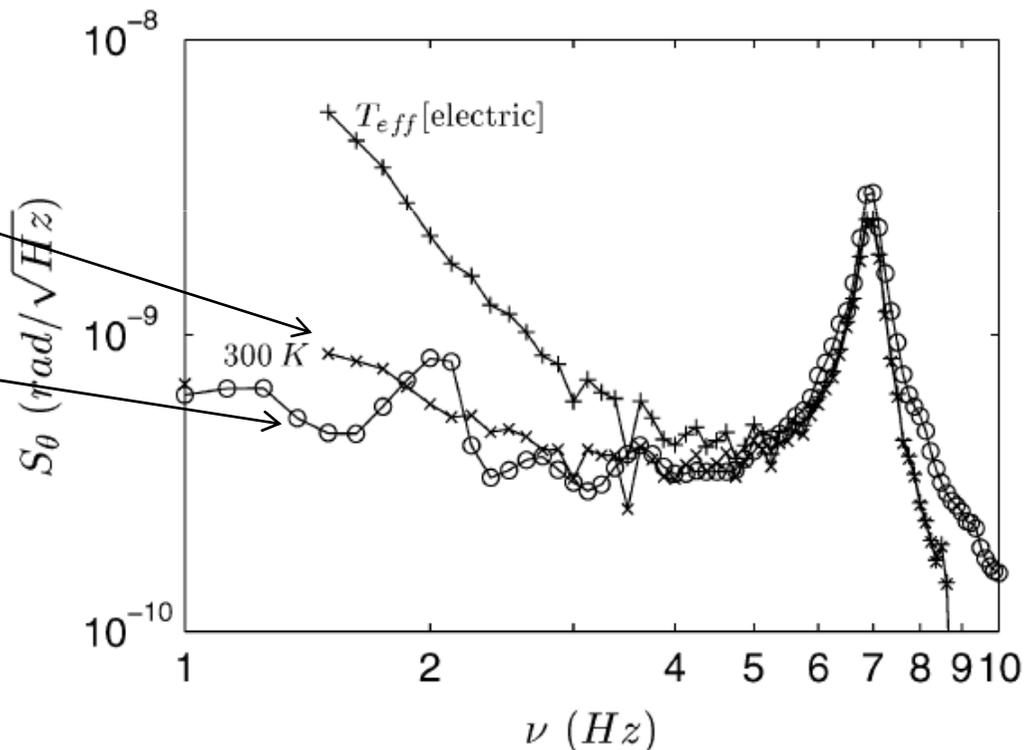
FDR prediction from viscoelastic response (x)

$$S_{\theta} = \frac{4k_B T}{\omega} \text{Im}(\chi_{\theta} \Gamma_{\text{ext}})$$

Direct noise measurement (o)

No difference ! $T_{\text{eff}} = T$

1.5Hz peak: resonance of the table
7HZ peak: resonance of the torsion pendulum



Spectrum of the thermal fluctuations of θ

Different T_{eff} for different observables ?

FDR in colloidal glasses: intriguing results on Laponite

Micro-rheological measurements : confirmation of $T_{eff} = T$

Measurement of the position (resolution 0.1 nm !) of a silica bead trapped in Laponite by optical tweezers (2 lasers focused to 'diffraction-limited spots')

Active micro-rheology:

another laser drives oscillations of the particle in the optical trap $\rightarrow \alpha''$

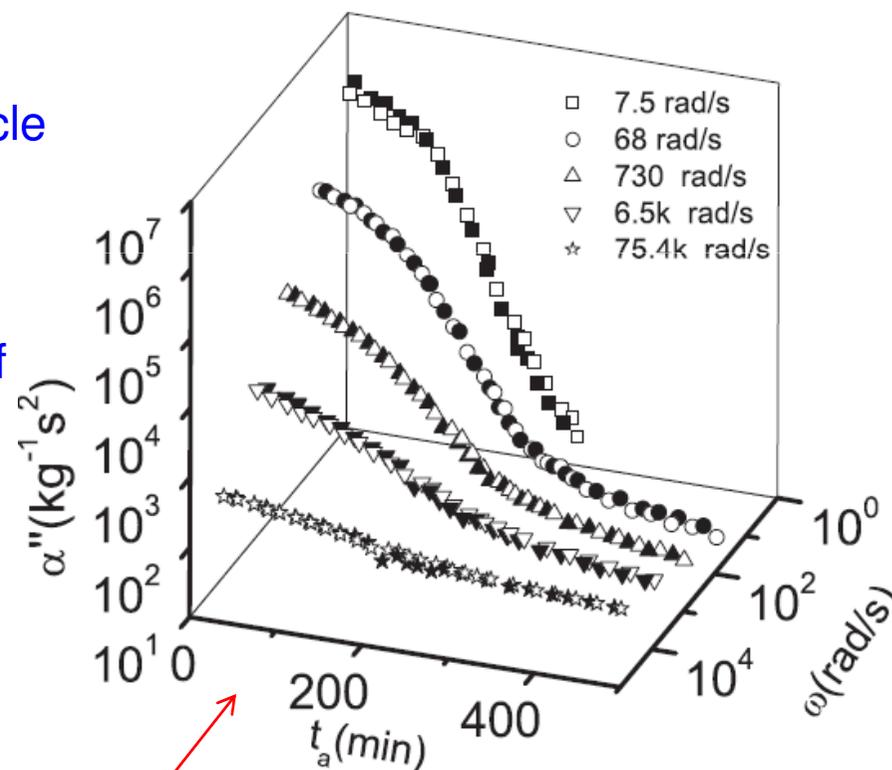
Passive micro-rheology:

recording of the spontaneous fluctuations of the particle position $\rightarrow \langle |x|^2 \rangle$

FDR :

$$\langle |x(\omega)|^2 \rangle = \int_0^\infty \langle x(t)x(0) \rangle e^{i\omega t} dt = \frac{2k_B T}{\omega} \alpha''(\omega)$$

α'' from passive (open symbols) and active (solid) is identical: $T_{eff} = T$ for rheological measurements



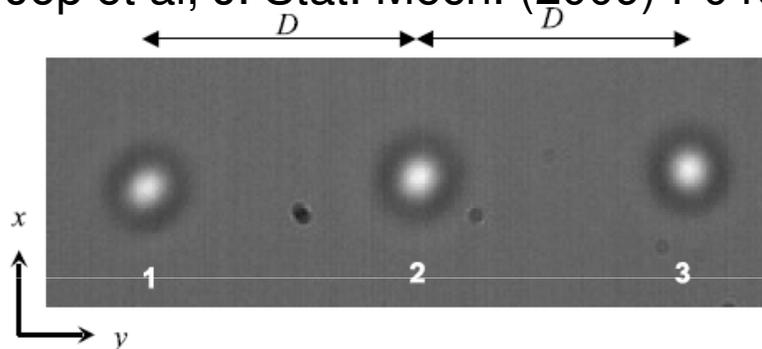
Jabbari-Farouji et al, PRL 98, 108302 (2007) *Amsterdam and ENS Paris groups*

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New micro-rheological results : simultaneous measurements of three beads in Laponite !

Jop et al, J. Stat. Mech. (2009) P04012

ENS Lyon group



simultaneous active and passive
measurements

confirms :
(by 4 techniques)
no FDR violation
 $T_{eff} = T$

Figure 2. Configuration of three optical traps separated by a distance $D = 9.3 \times 10^{-6}$ m. The bright spots in the image correspond to three probe particles of $2 \mu\text{m}$ diameter trapped by them.

Abou et al PRL 2004: observation of time varying T_{eff} (up to $1.8T$) in microrheology of Laponite, explained by Jop et al by the difference in optical trap strengths in active and passive measurements

but $T_{eff} \gg T$ in dielectric measurements ?

Not fully understood. Dissolution of aggregated particles \rightarrow ions in the solution, effect on dielectric properties and not on rheology

Conclusions

- Spin glasses, structural and polymer glasses, gels : **aging effects**
After quench, waiting time (t_w) dependence of the slow relaxations following a field change

Scaling of the relaxation curves with $\sim t / t_w^\mu$, $\mu \leq 1$ (usually...)

- Spontaneous fluctuations (noise) : can be related to response functions
 - ergodic systems : Fluctuation-Dissipation Relation (FDR)
 - aging systems : generalized FDR, « effective temperature T_{eff} »

- Magnetic systems (spin glass, superspin glass) :
not many data – clear violations of equilibrium FDR

- Structural and polymer glasses, gels, liquid crystals :
interesting differences between dielectric and rheological properties (more data needed !)

spin glasses → 'simple' models for other glassy systems ?