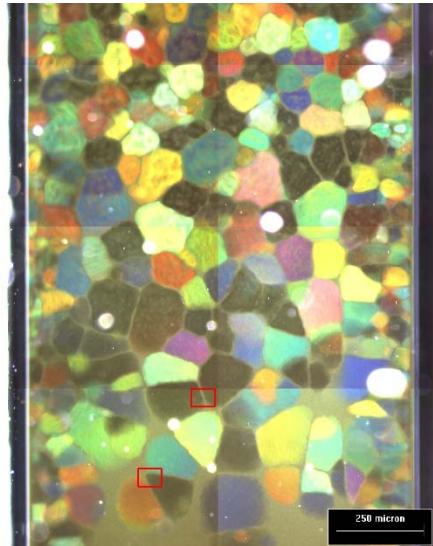
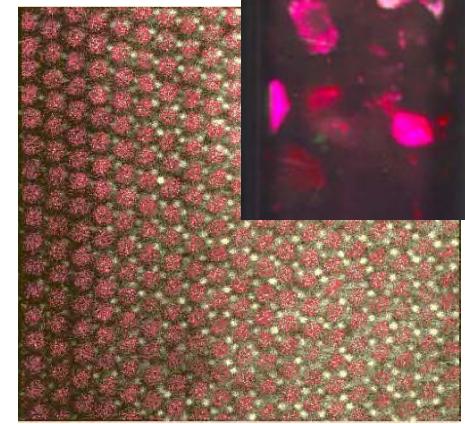
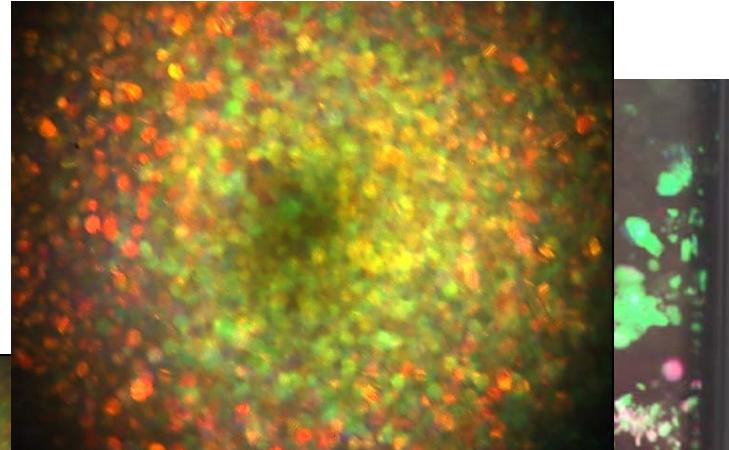
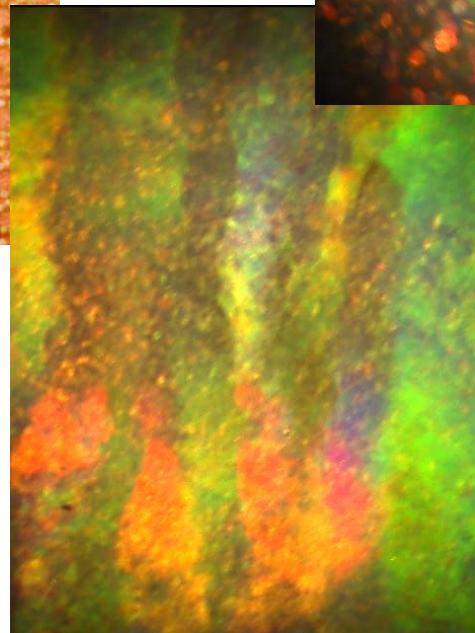


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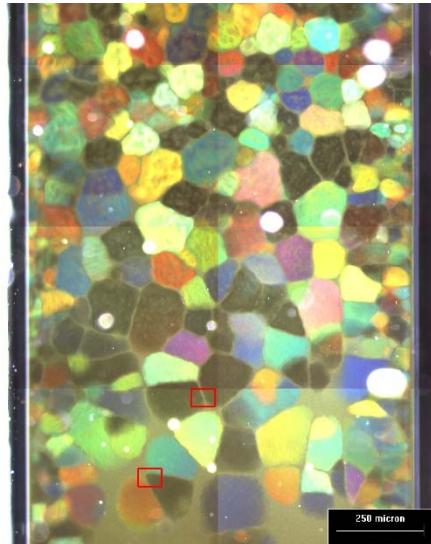
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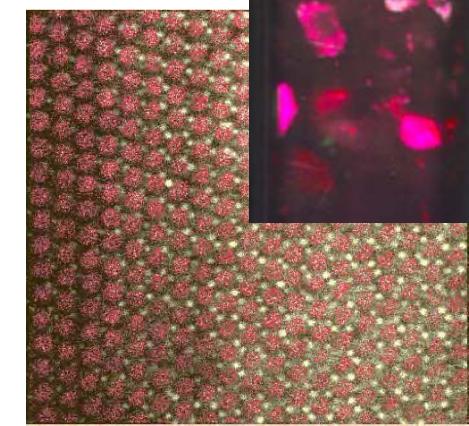
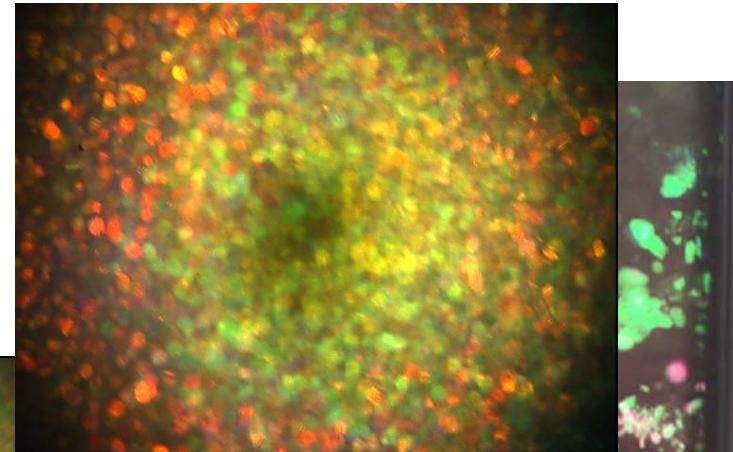
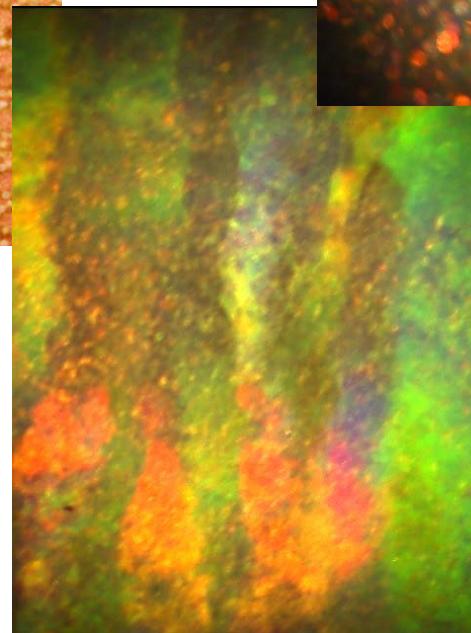
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Colloidal particles

- Colloidal particles are ubiquitous
- Biology
 - Viruses, macromolecules, organelles
 - Probe particles for bioassays
 - Quantum dots for fluorescent assays
 - Spores, bacteria
- Processing
 - Paints, coatings, materials control
 - Ceramics

Colloidal particles

- Key → control rheology
- Solid particles behave like continuous fluid
- Process solids, while flow like fluids
- *e.g.* Paints and coatings
 - Spread paint like a fluid
 - Solidify into a solid coating

Colloidal particles

- Properties set by particle density
- Concentration of particles low compared to normal material
- Typical solid: $\sim 10^{27}$ atoms/ m³ (1 / nm³)
- Colloids: $\sim 10^{18}$ particles/ m³ (1 / μm³)
- Latent heat of phase transitions too small to measure
- Very low pressure: $\Pi = nk_B T$
- $\Pi \sim 10^{-18} \times 1.4 \times 10^{-23} \times 300 = 4 \times 10^{-3}$ Pa
- Gas: 3×10^{25} molecules/m³ → 10^5 Pa = 1 atm

Soft Solids

Easily deformable → Low Elastic Constant:

$\frac{\text{Energy}}{\text{Volume}}$

Hard Materials

$\frac{\text{eV}}{\text{\AA}^3}$

GPa

Soft Materials

$\frac{k_B T}{\mu\text{m}^3}$

1 Pa

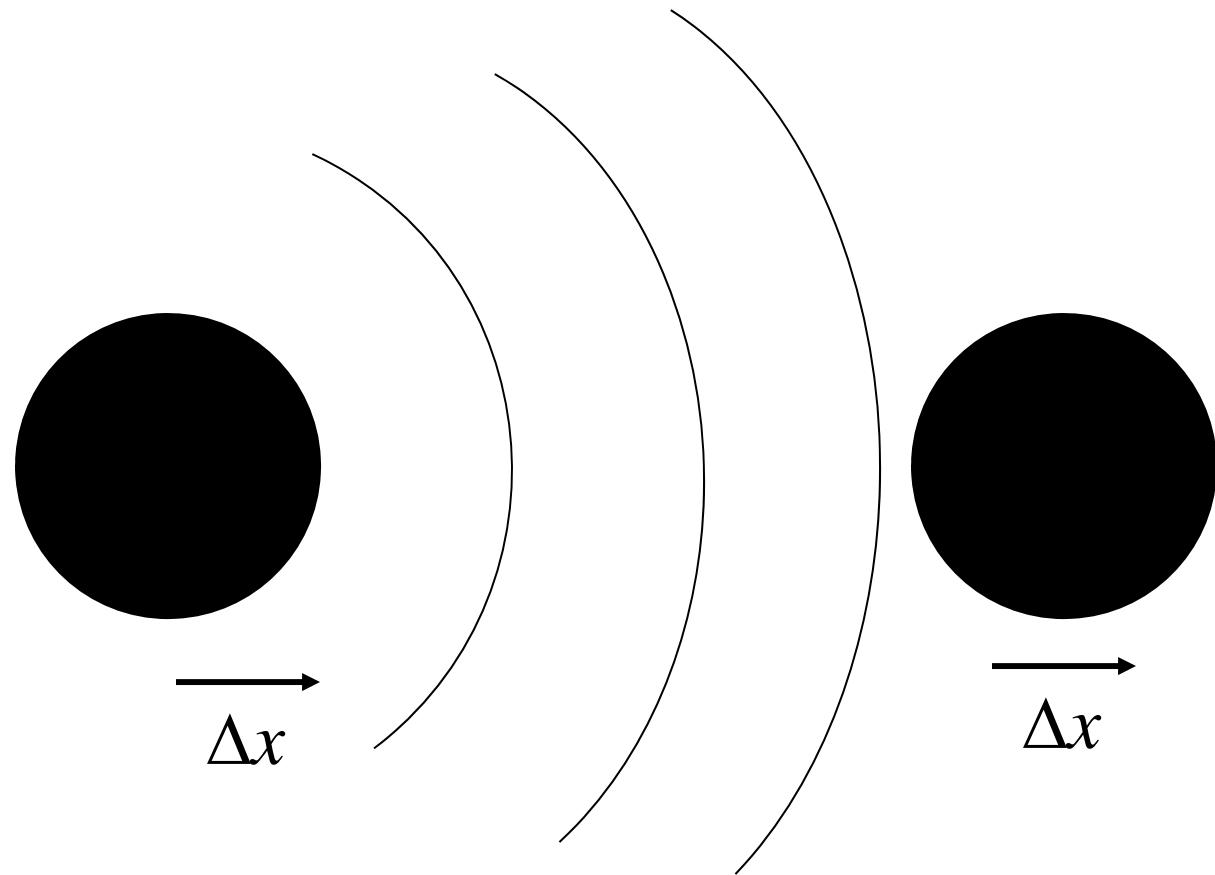
Soft materials invariably have a larger length scale

Continuous phase fluid



- Thermalization with fluid
- Equilibrates particles
- Brownian motion

Continuous phase fluid



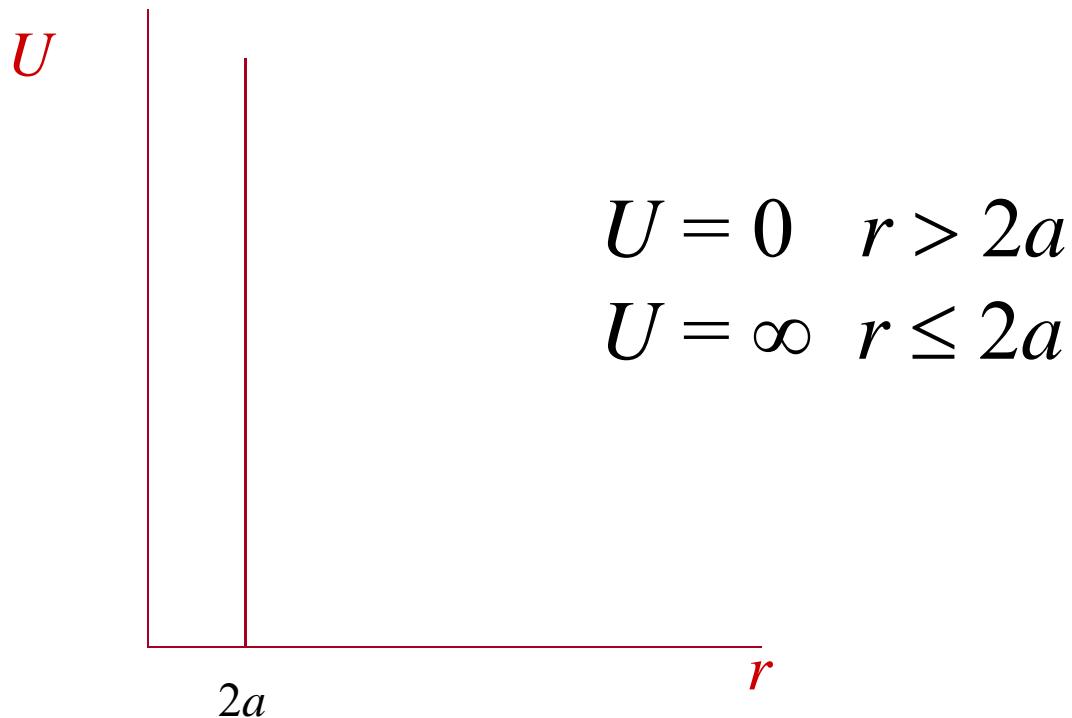
Hydrodynamic interactions

Colloidal particles

- Ignore hydrodynamic interactions
 - Thermalize system
 - Important only for dynamics
 - No effect on static properties
- Consider just two-body interactions between particles

Colloidal Interactions

Hard-sphere interactions



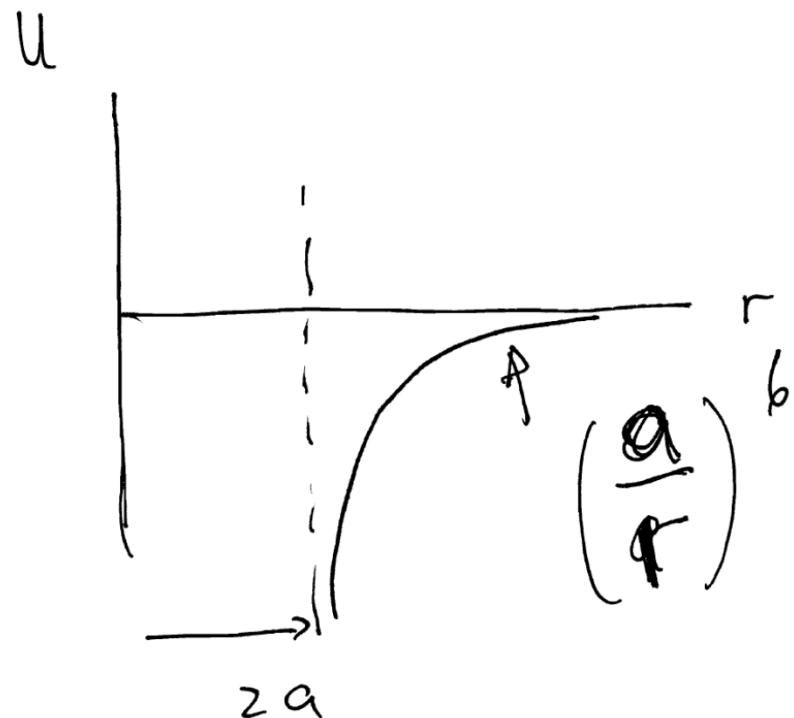
Only excluded volume

Colloidal Interactions

- van der Waals interactions
- Dispersion interactions
 - Dipole-induced dipole interactions
- Depend on polarizability of material
 - Require different materials
 - Always present for particles in a fluid

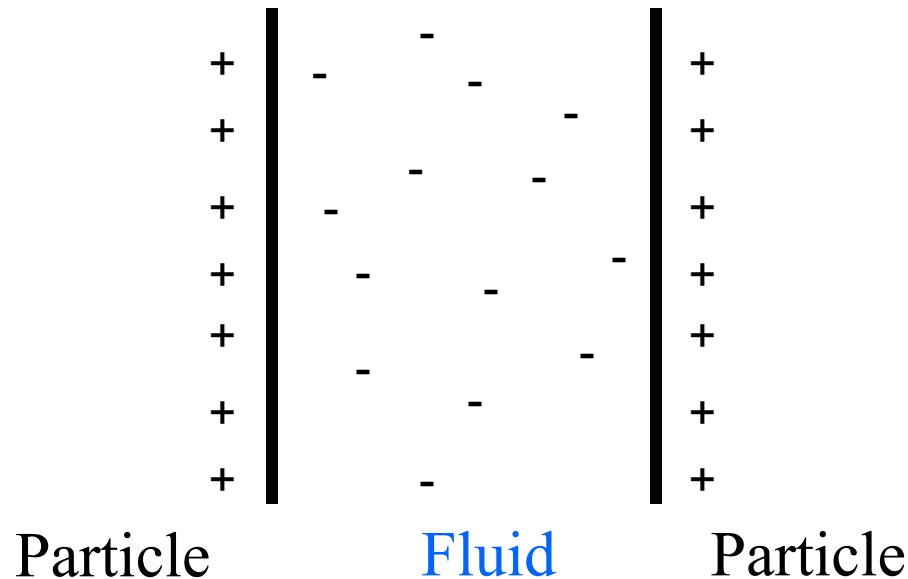
van der Waals interactions

$$U_A = -\frac{A_{\text{pmp}}}{6} \left[\frac{2a^2}{R^2 - 4a^2} + \frac{2a^2}{R^2} + \ln\left(\frac{R^2 - 4a^2}{R^2}\right) \right]$$



- Repulsive
- Short-ranged
- Dipole-dipole $1/r^6$

Stabilizing interactions



Colloidal Interactions - Stabilization

- Screened Coulomb interaction

$$U_R = 2\pi\epsilon\psi_o^2 a (2a/R) \exp[-\kappa(R - 2a)]$$

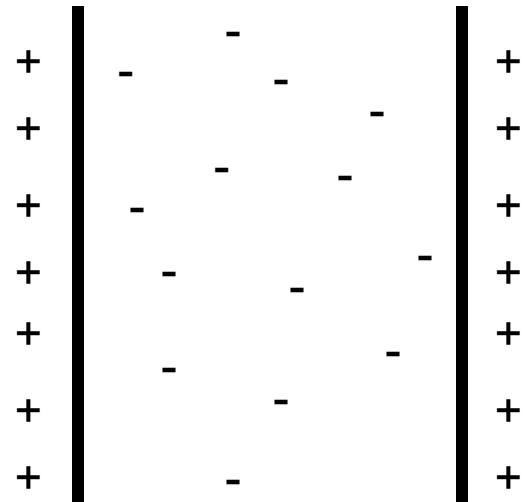
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Surface potential

Inverse screening length

$$\kappa = (\epsilon k_B T / 2z^2 e^2 n_b)^{-1/2}$$

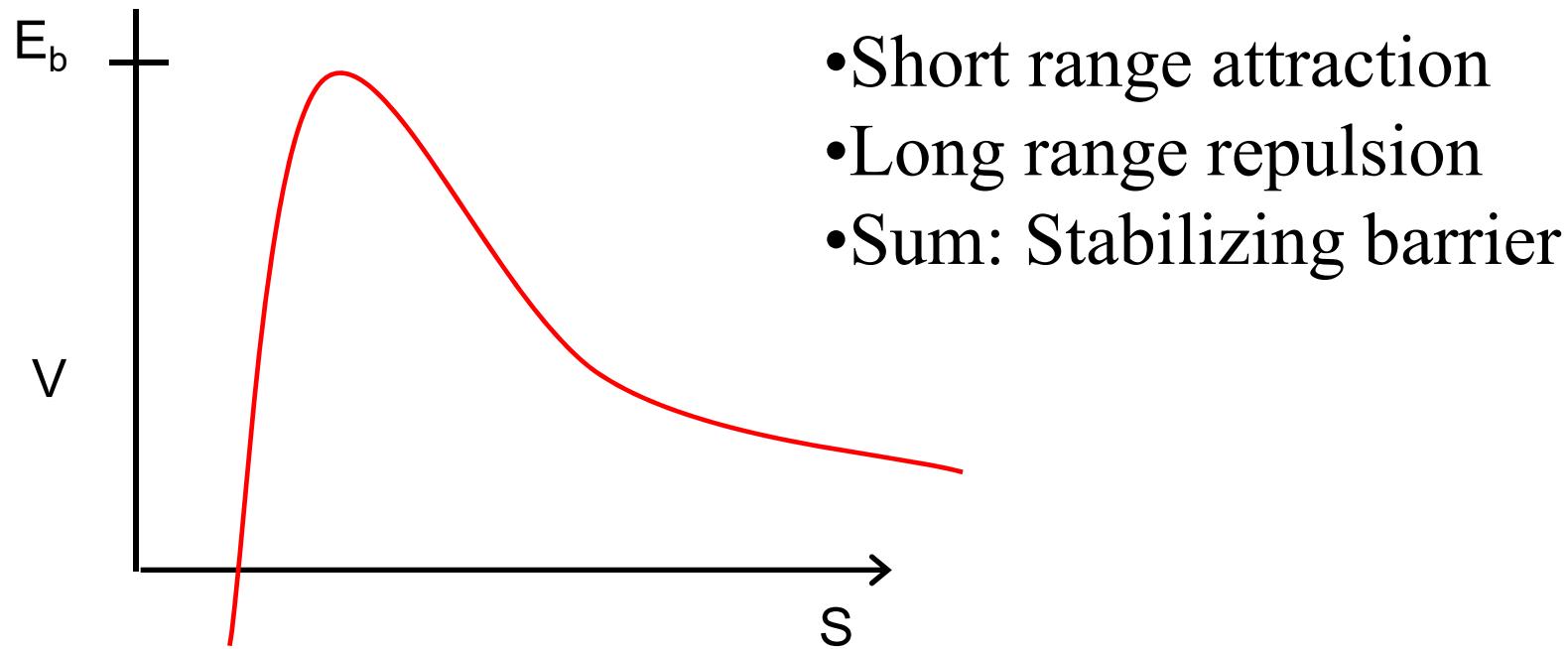
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Ion density

Stabilizing interactions



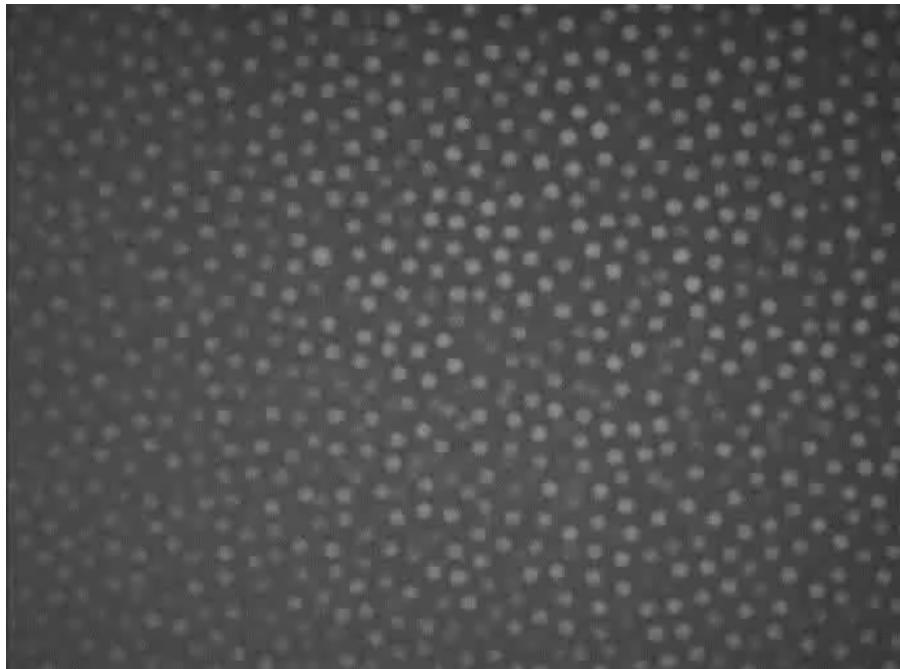
Disjoining pressure:
Can't compress ions

Colloidal interactions – stabilizing



$E_b > k_B T \rightarrow$ Colloid stable against aggregation

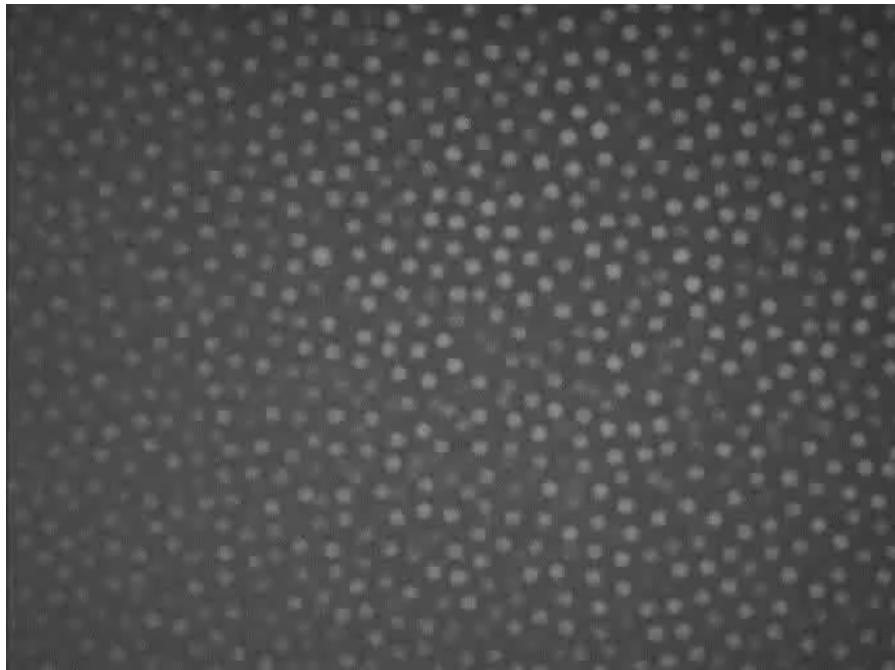
Repulsive Spheres



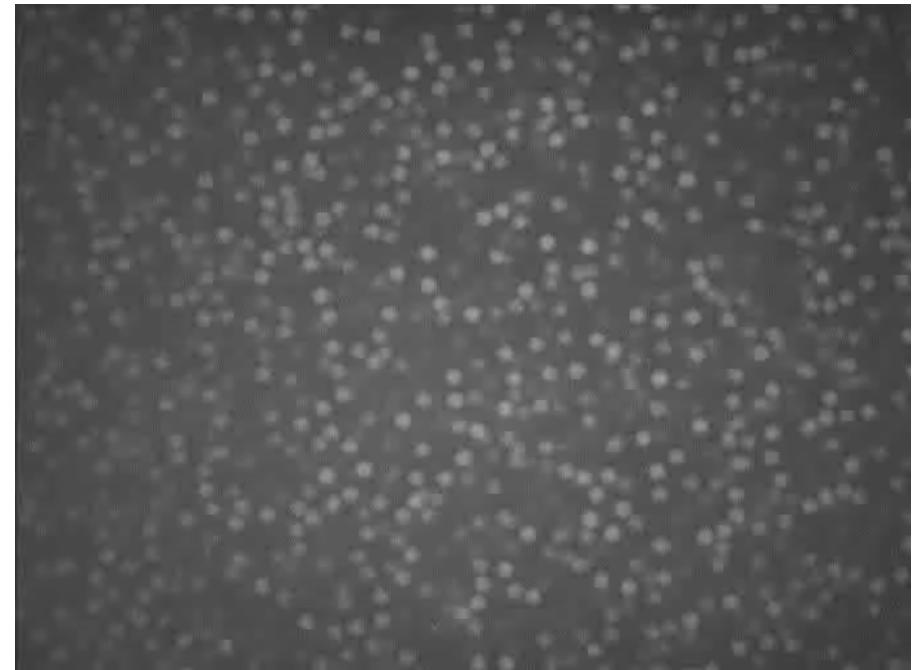
Repulsive interactions

Screen charges

No Salt



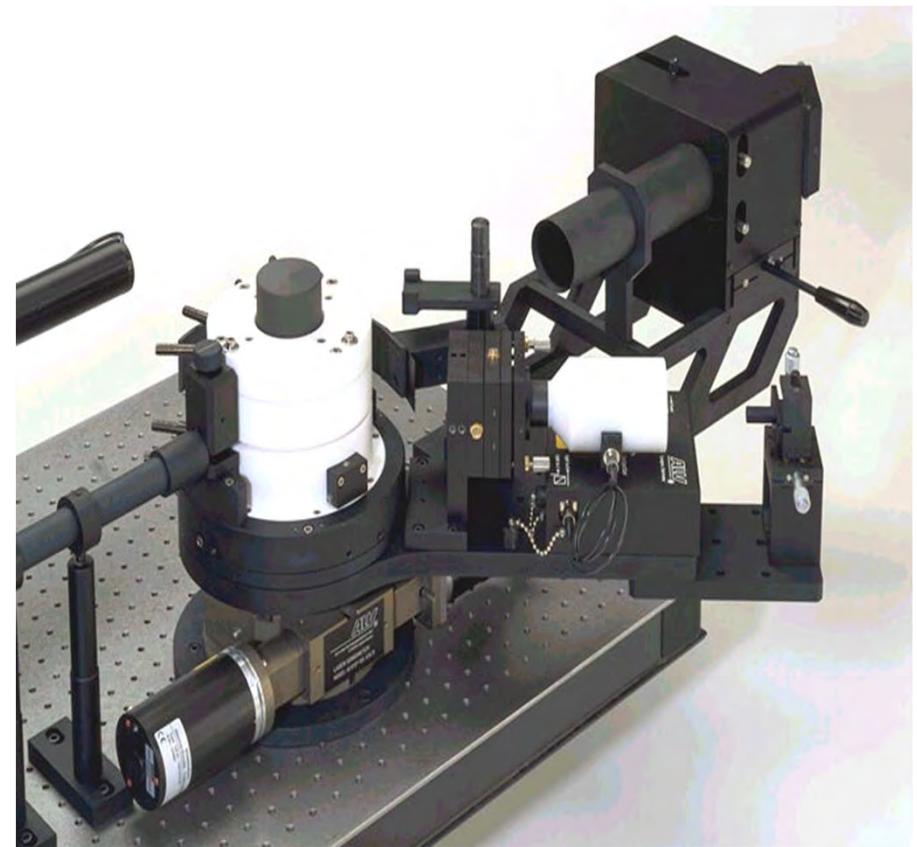
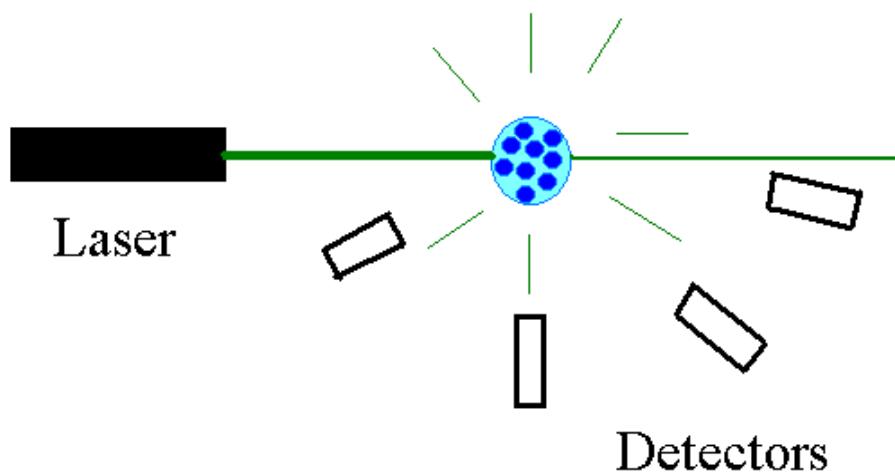
Salt



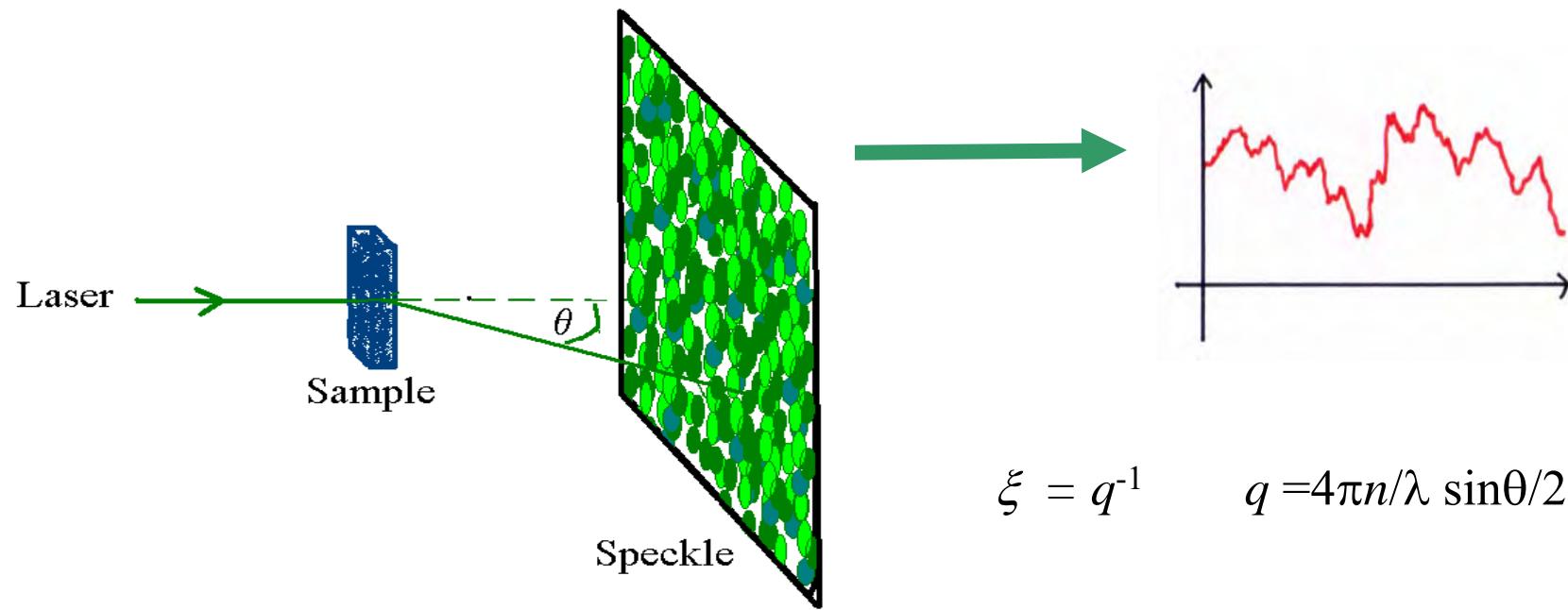
Experimental Techniques

- Light scattering
 - Static light scattering
 - Dynamic light scattering
 - Ultra-small angle dynamic light scattering
 - Diffusing-wave spectroscopy
- Microscopy
- Rheology
 - microrheology

Dynamic Light Scattering



Structure and Dynamics: Light Scattering

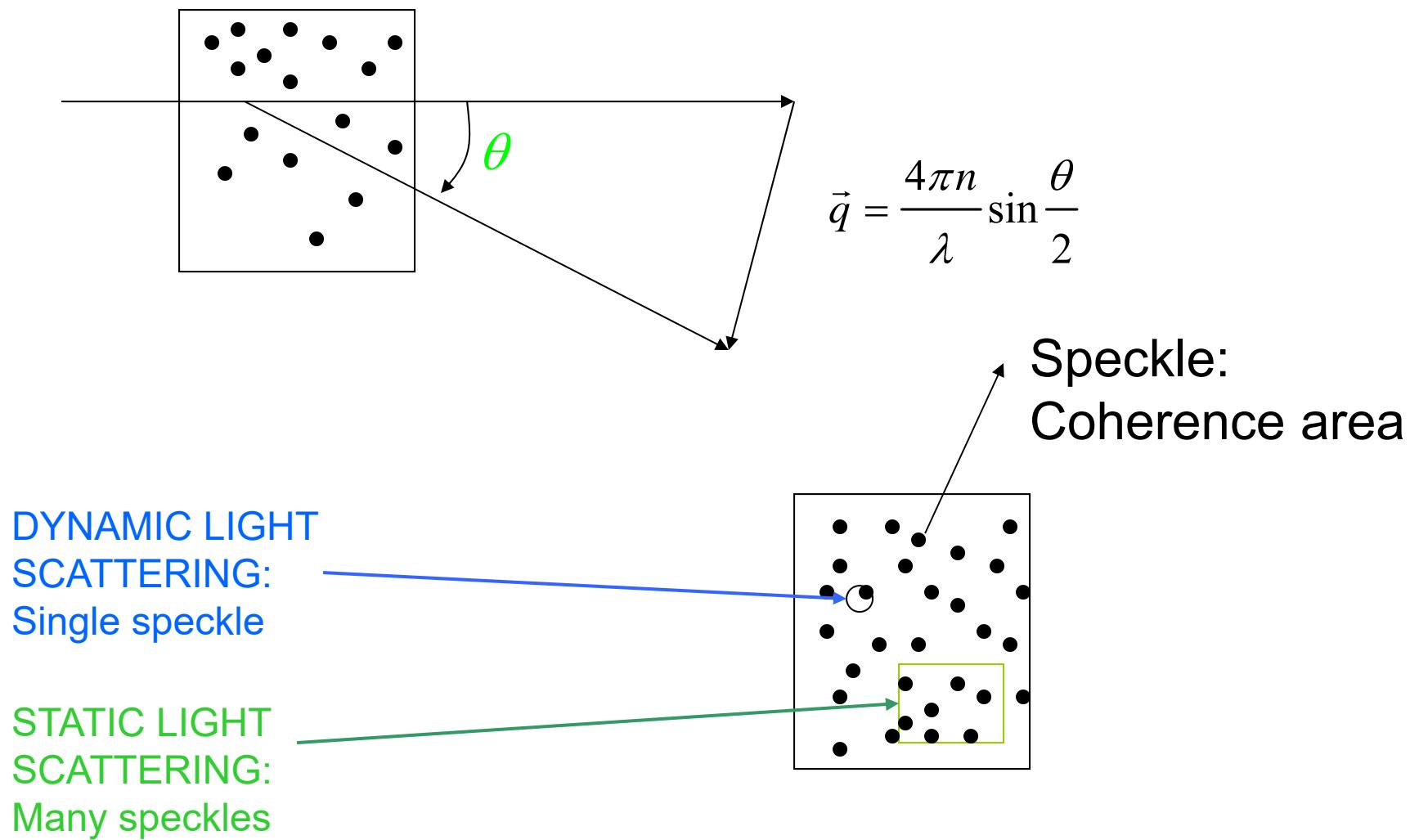


$$\xi = q^{-1} \quad q = 4\pi n / \lambda \sin\theta/2$$

- **SLS:** $\langle I \rangle$ vs. q \longrightarrow probe structure
- **DLS:** $\langle I(q,t)I(q,t+\tau) \rangle$ \longrightarrow probe dynamics
 $f(q,\tau)$

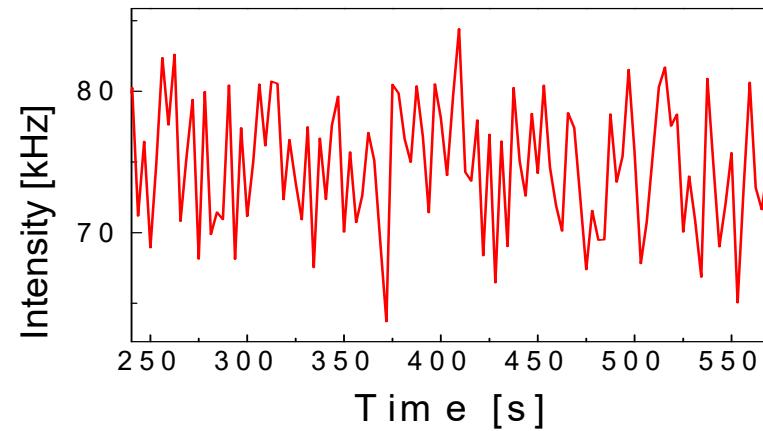
Light Scattering

Probes characteristic sizes of colloidal particles

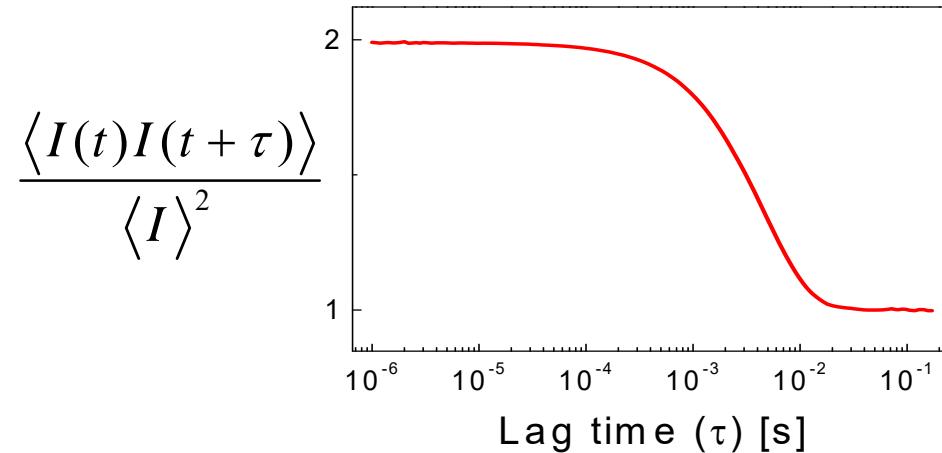


Dynamic Light Scattering

Measure temporal intensity fluctuations



Obtain an intensity autocorrelation function



Dynamic Light Scattering

Measure temporal correlation function of scattered light:
Intermediate structure factor

$$f(q,t) \sim \langle E(0)E(t) \rangle$$

$$\langle E(0)E(t) \rangle = \left\langle A^2 \sum_{m,n} e^{i\vec{q} \cdot \{\vec{r}_m(0) - \vec{r}_n(t)\}} \right\rangle$$

Time average over all particles

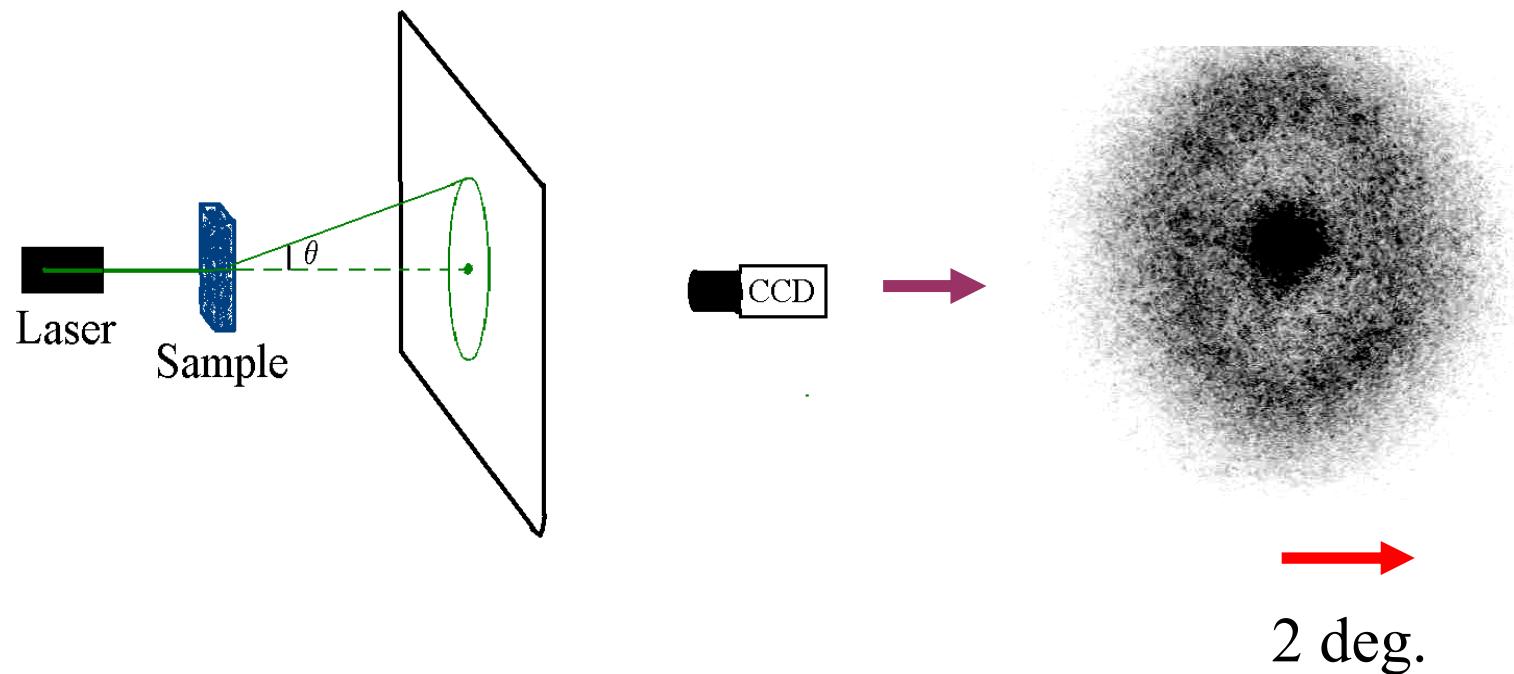
$$\sim e^{-q^2 \langle \Delta r^2(t) \rangle}$$

Correlations only between the same particles
Cumulant expansion: $\Delta r^2(t) \sim Dt$

$$\sim e^{-q^2 Dt}$$

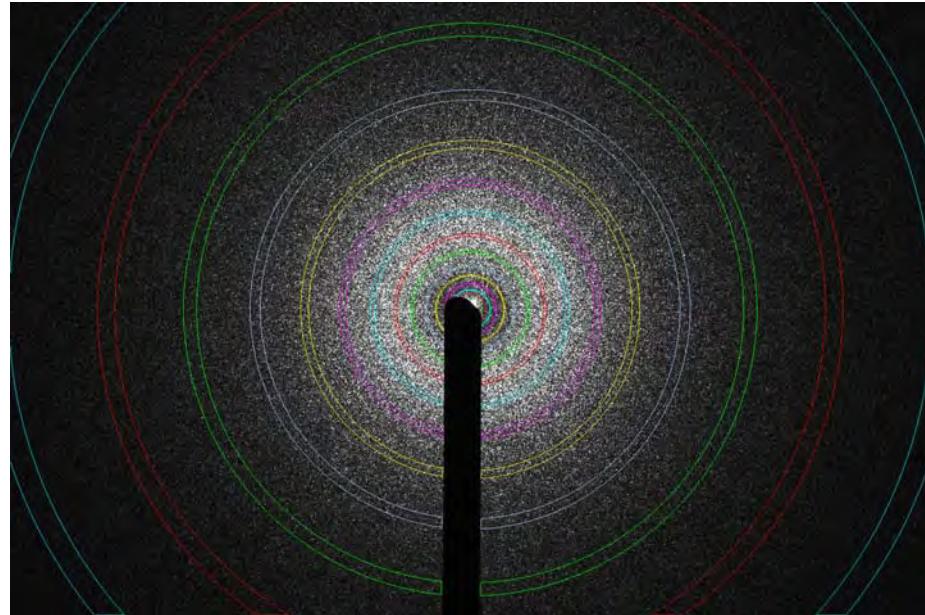
Physics: How to change the phase of the field by π
Each particle must move by $\sim \lambda$

Ultra Small Angle Light Scattering Probe Structure



L. Cipelletti

Multispeckle Detection



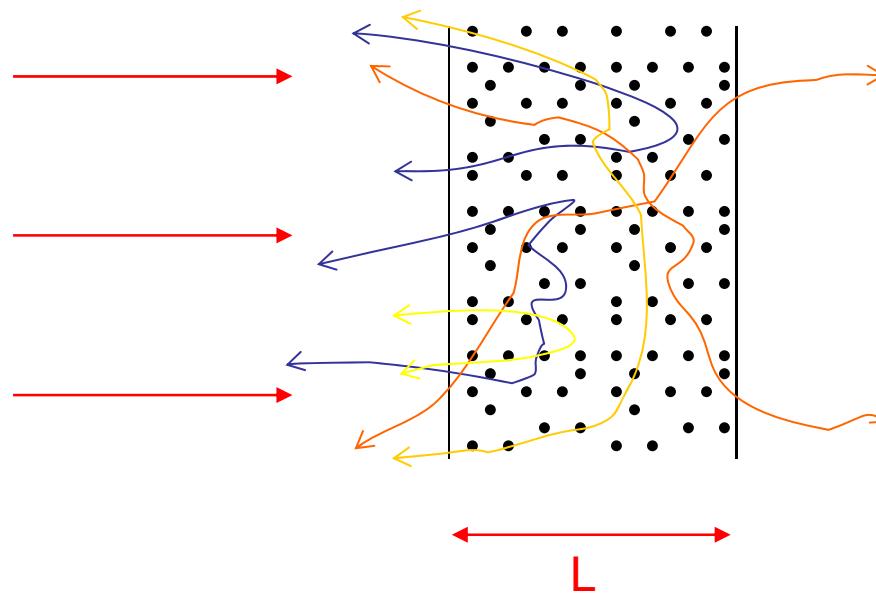
0.07 deg to 5.0 deg
 $100 \text{ cm}^{-1} < q < 7000 \text{ cm}^{-1}$

Average over constant q :

- non-ergodic samples
- avoid excessive time averaging

Diffusing Wave Spectroscopy: Very strong scattering

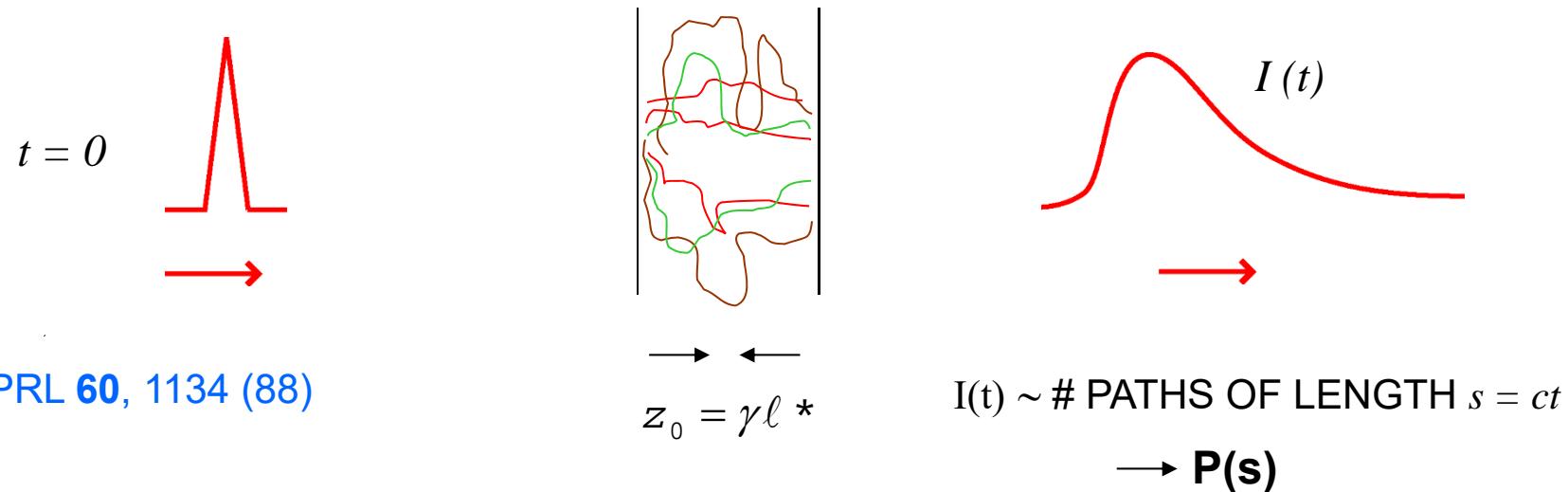
TRANSMISSION



MOST LIGHT IS SCATTERED BACK
→ MILK IS WHITE!!

D. Pine, P. Chaikin, E. Herbolzheimer

$P(s)$: DIFFUSION EQUATION



SINGLE PATH

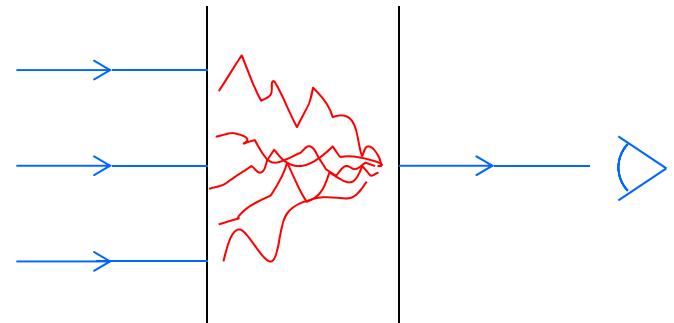
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n SCATTERING EVENTS

$s = n\ell \rightarrow$ PATH LENGTH

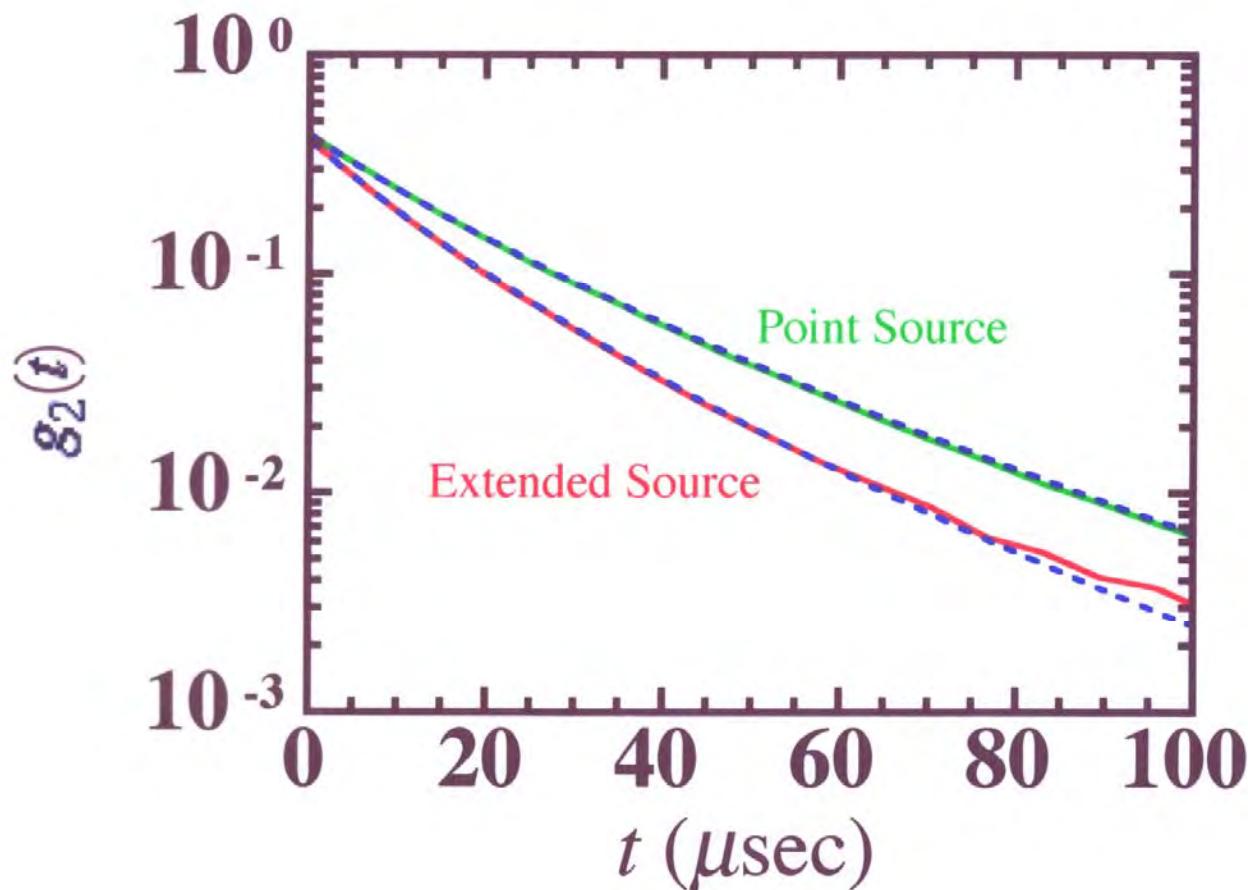
EXTENDED SOURCE



$$g_1(t) \approx \frac{\left(\frac{L}{\ell^*} + \frac{4}{3}\right) \sqrt{\frac{6t}{\tau_0}}}{\left(1 + \frac{8t}{3\tau_0}\right) \sinh\left[\frac{L}{\ell^*} \sqrt{\frac{6t}{\tau_0}} + \frac{4}{3} \sqrt{\frac{6t}{\tau_0}} \cosh\left[\frac{L}{\ell^*} \sqrt{\frac{6t}{\tau_0}}\right]\right]}$$

CHARACTERISTIC TIME SCALE: $\tau_0 \left(\frac{\ell^*}{L}\right)^2$

TRANSMISSION



$$d = 0.6 \mu\text{m}$$

$$\phi = 2\%$$

DWS PROBES MOTION ON SHORT LENGTH SCALES

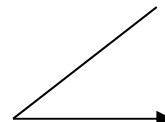
PHASE OF PATH CHANGES WHEN PATH LENGTH CHANGES BY
~1 WAVELENGTH

$$\lambda \sim 5000 \text{ \AA}$$

BUT: LIGHT IS SCATTERED FROM MANY PARTICLES

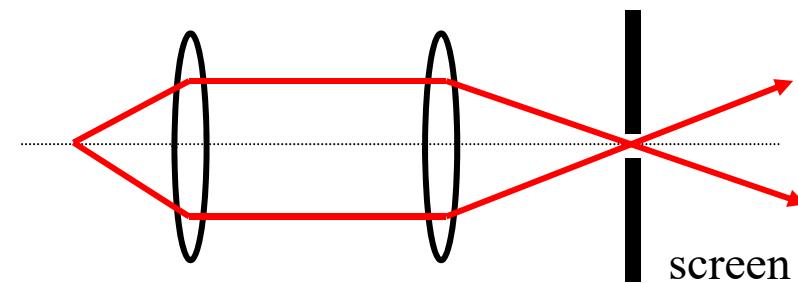
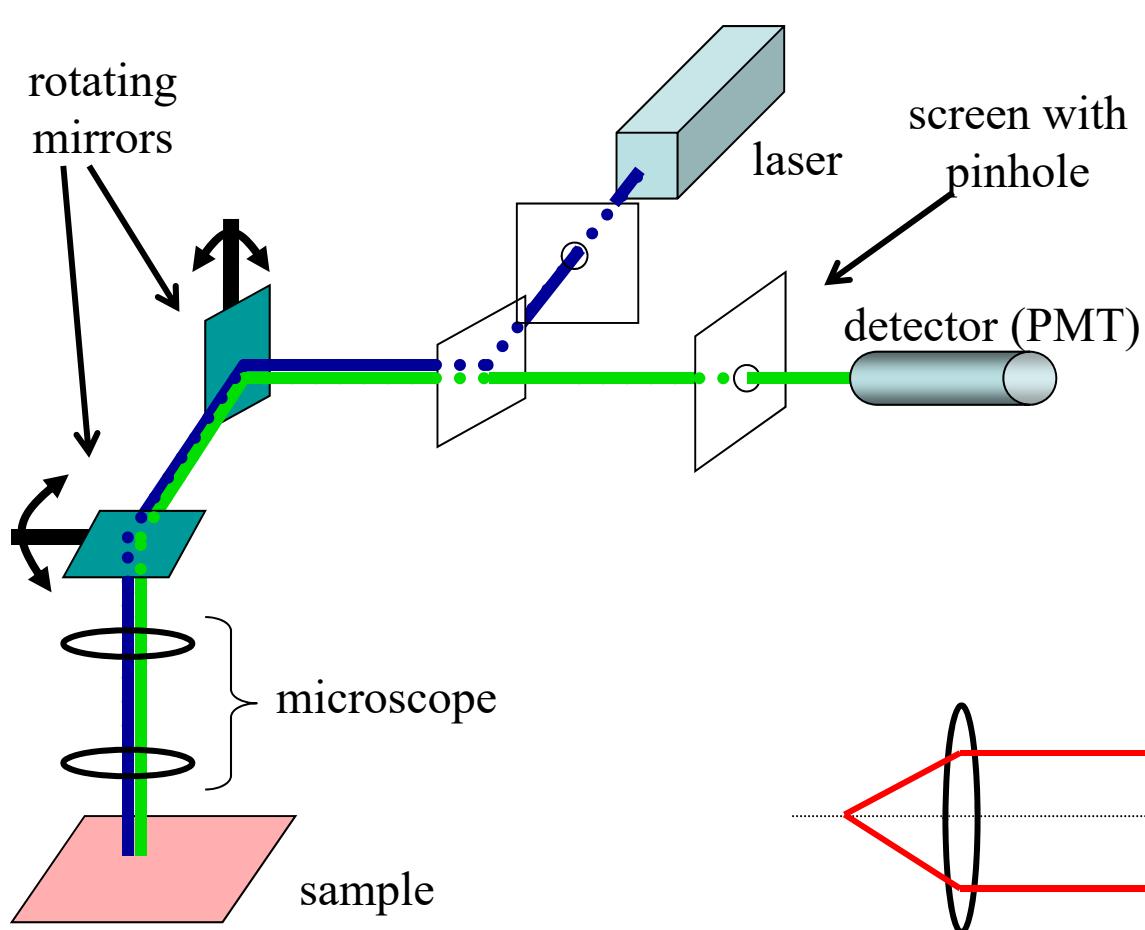
$$\left(\text{Estimate: } \left(\frac{L}{\ell^*} \right)^2 \approx \left(\frac{10^3}{10} \right)^2 \approx 10^4 \right)$$

∴ MOTION OF EACH INDIVIDUAL PARTICLE CAN BE MUCH LESS

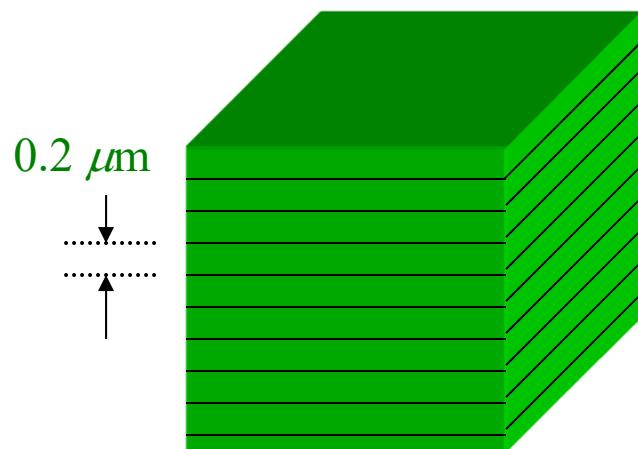


CAN MEASURE PARTICLE MOTION ON SCALE OF
~ 5 \AA

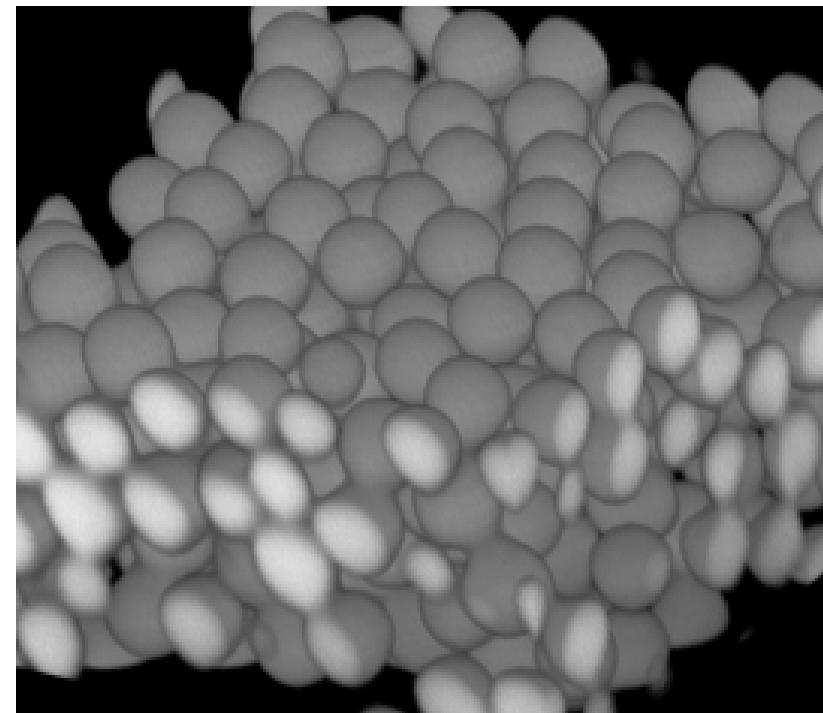
Confocal Microscopy



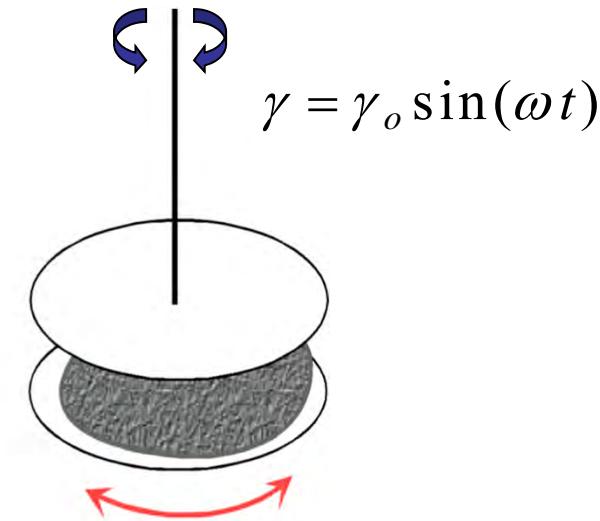
Confocal microscopy for 3D pictures



Scan many slices,
reconstruct 3D image



Rheology



$$\sigma = \sigma_o \sin(\omega t + \delta)$$

$$\sigma = E\gamma$$

Elasticity

$$\sigma = \eta \dot{\gamma}$$

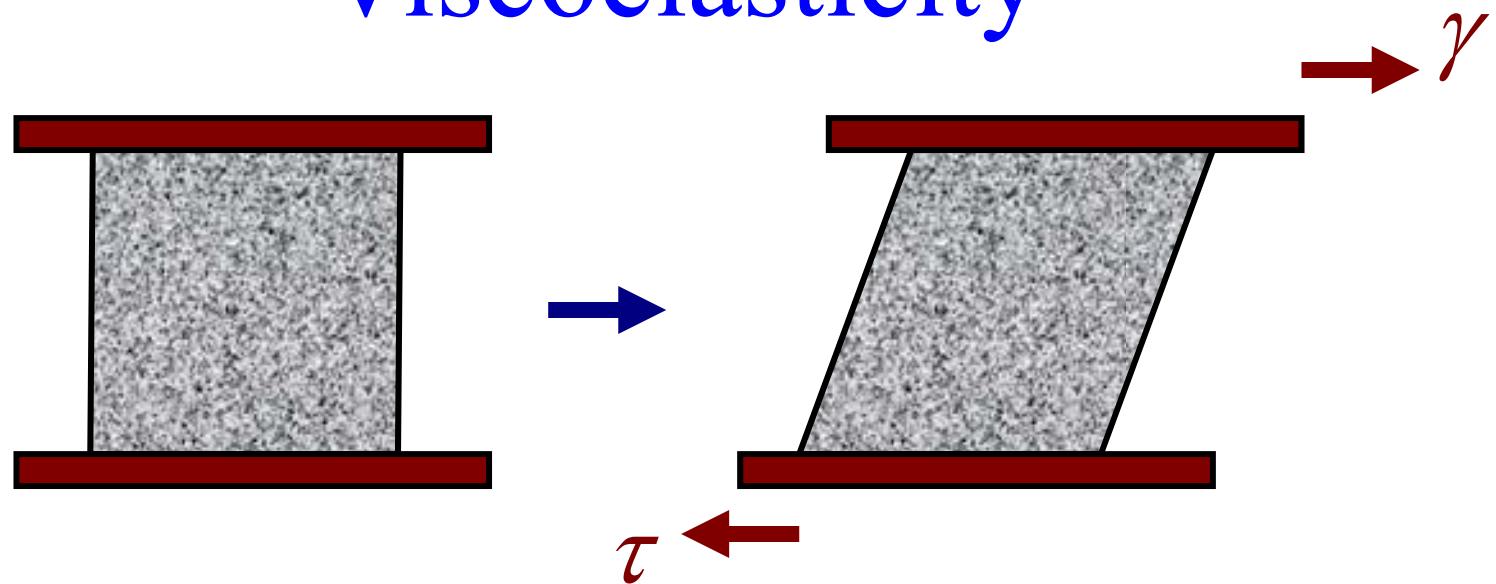
Viscosity

$$\sigma = \sigma_o (\cos \delta \sin \omega t + \sin \delta \cos \omega t)$$

G'

G''

Mechanical Properties of Soft Materials: Viscoelasticity



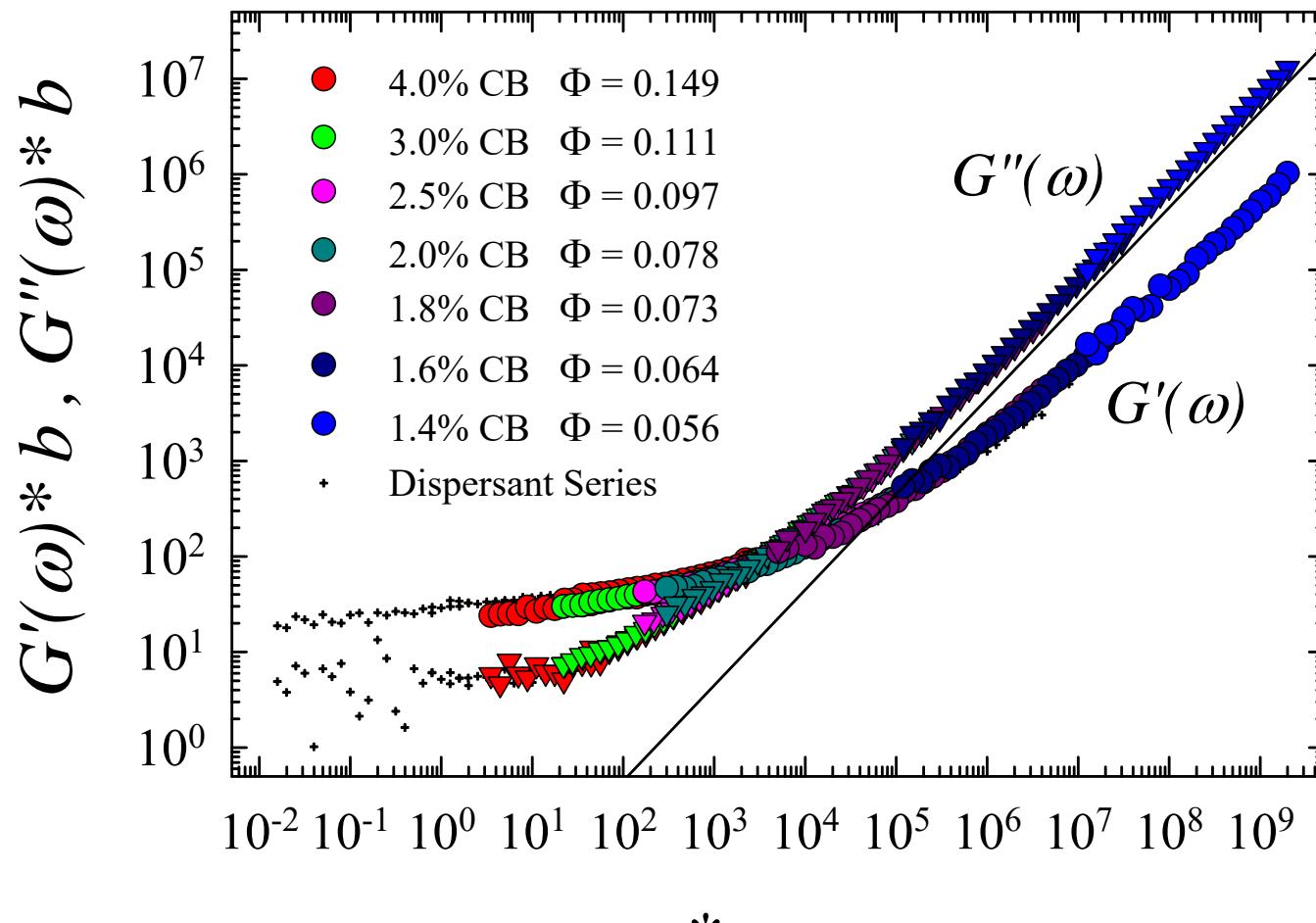
Solid: $\tau = G\gamma$ $\gamma = \gamma_0 e^{i\omega t}$

Fluid: $\tau = \eta \dot{\gamma}$

$\longrightarrow \tau = [G'(\omega) + iG''(\omega)]\gamma$

Elastic Viscous

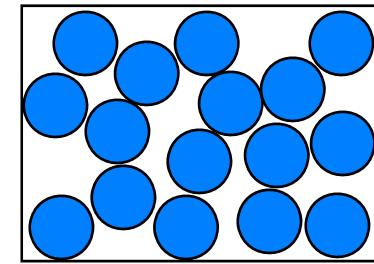
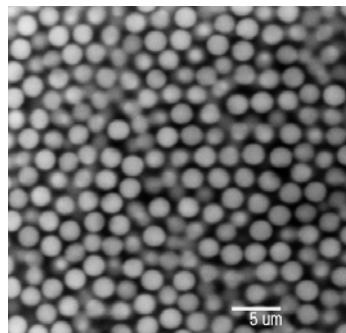
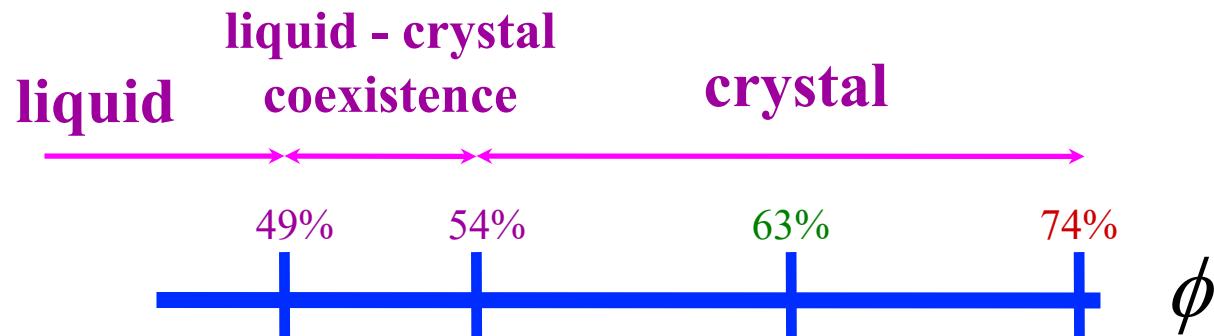
Rheology of soft materials



Scaling plot

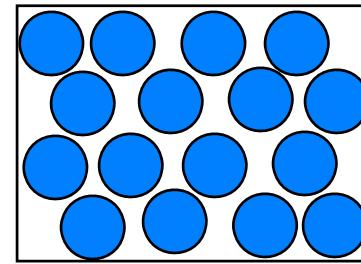
Hard Sphere Phase Diagram

Volume Fraction Controls Phase Behavior



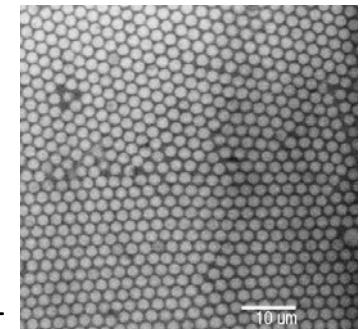
maximum packing

$$\phi_{RCP} \approx 0.63$$



maximum packing

$$\phi_{HCP} = 0.74$$



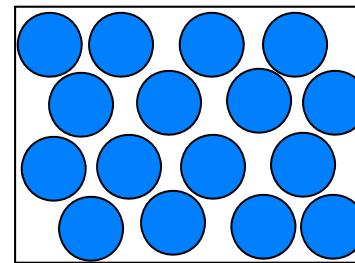
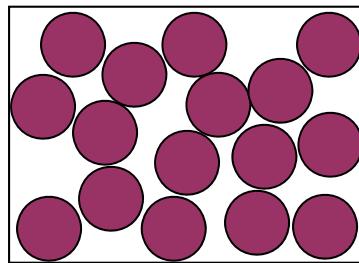
Increase $\phi \Rightarrow$ Decrease Temperature

$$F = \mathcal{U}^0 - TS$$

Entropy Drives Crystallization

Entropy => Free Volume

$$F = \psi^0 - TS$$



Disordered:

- Higher configurational entropy
- Lower local entropy
- Higher Energy

maximum packing

$\phi_{RCP} \approx 0.63$

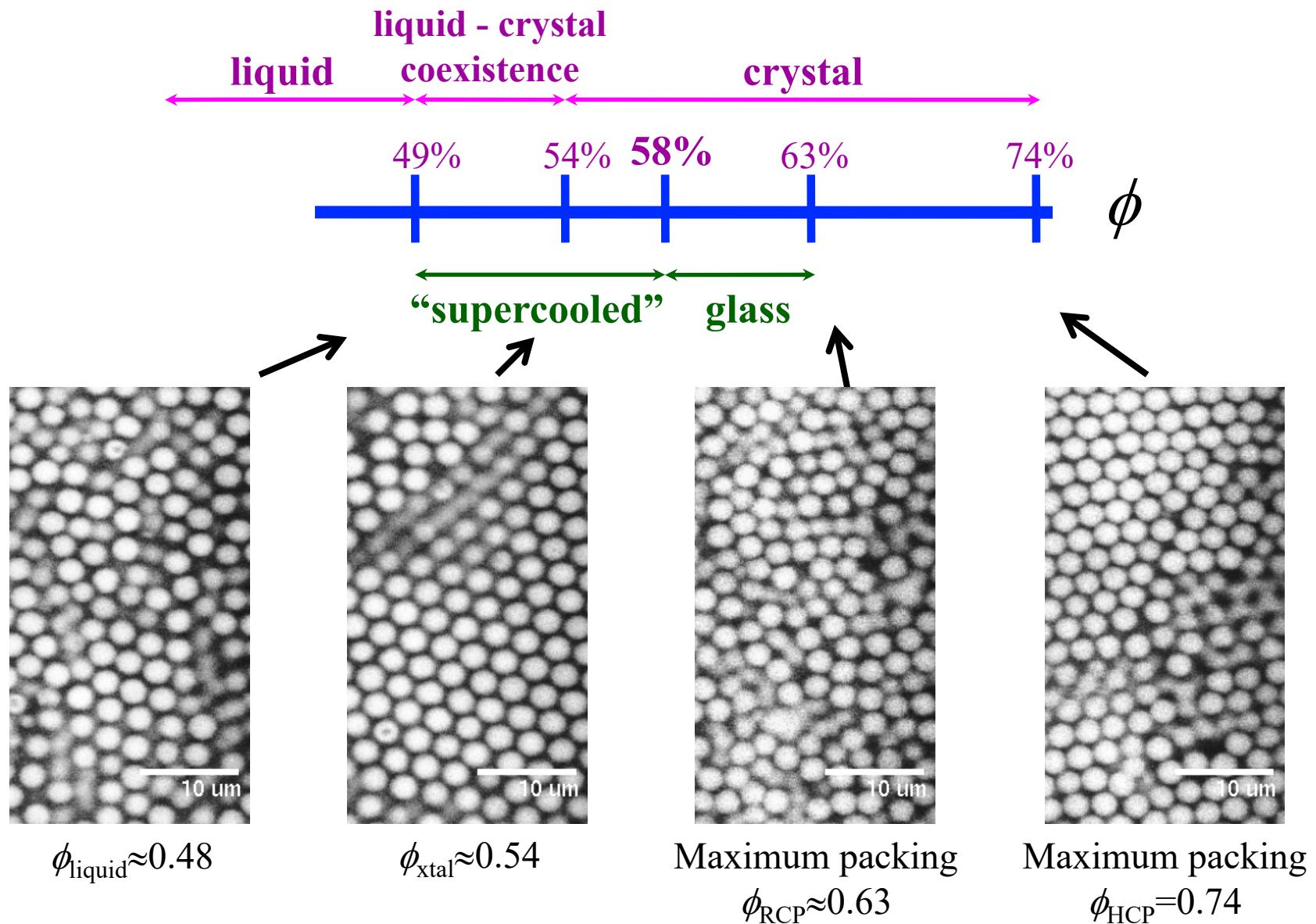
Ordered:

- Lower configurational entropy
- Higher local entropy
- Lower Energy

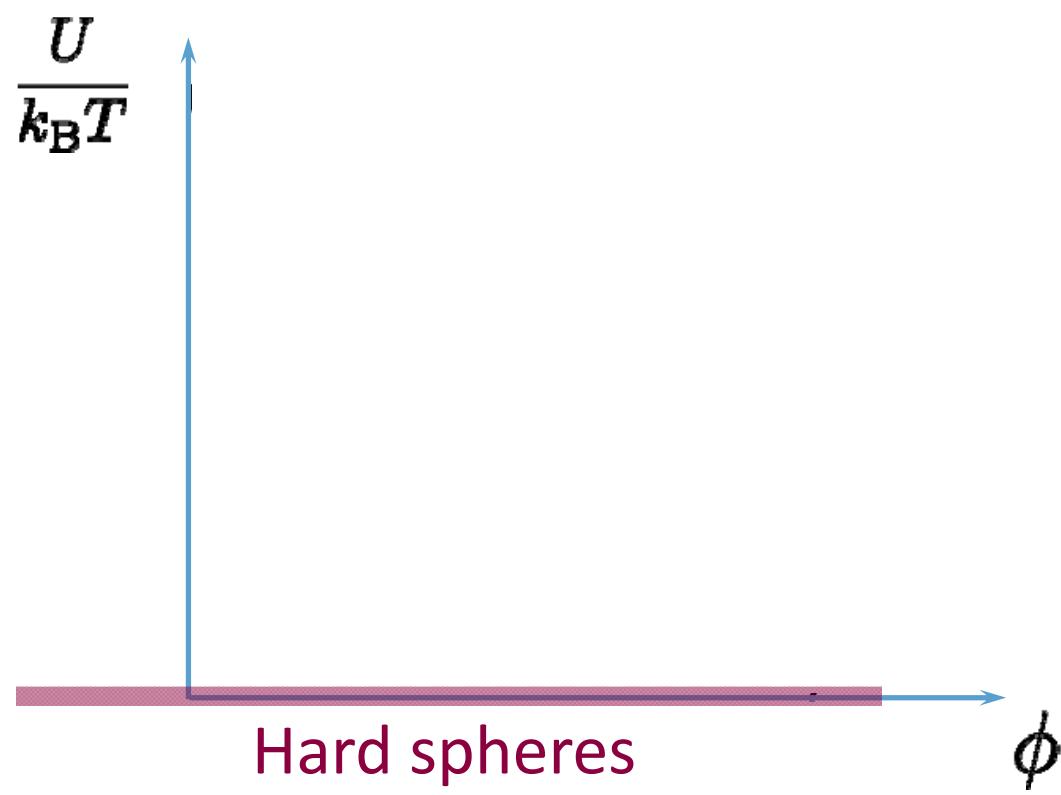
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Metastable Hard Sphere Phases

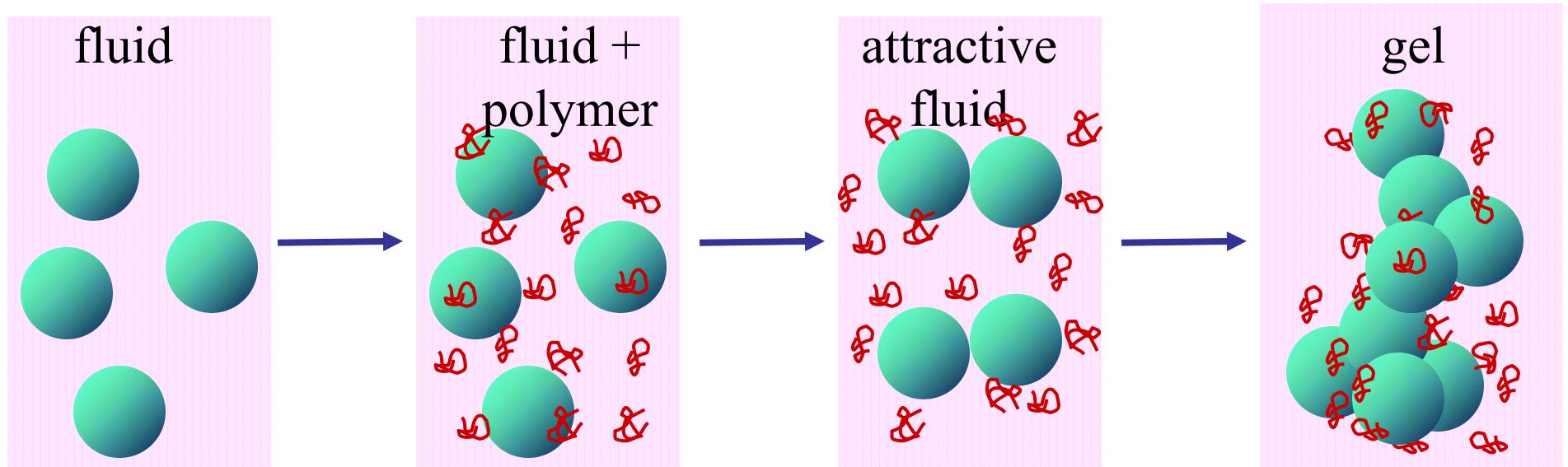


State diagram for colloidal particles



Controlled Attraction of Colloidal Particles

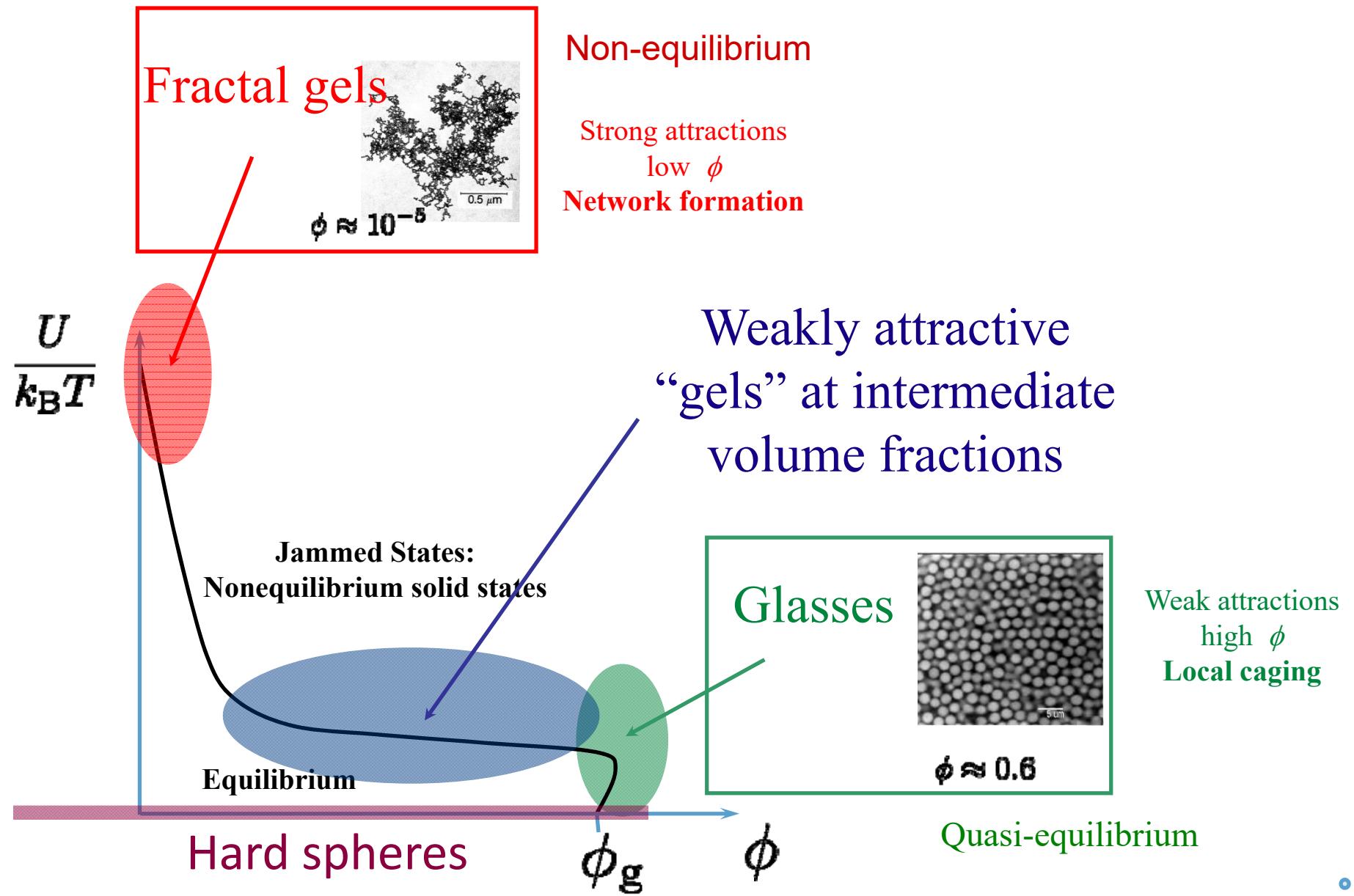
Depletion attraction



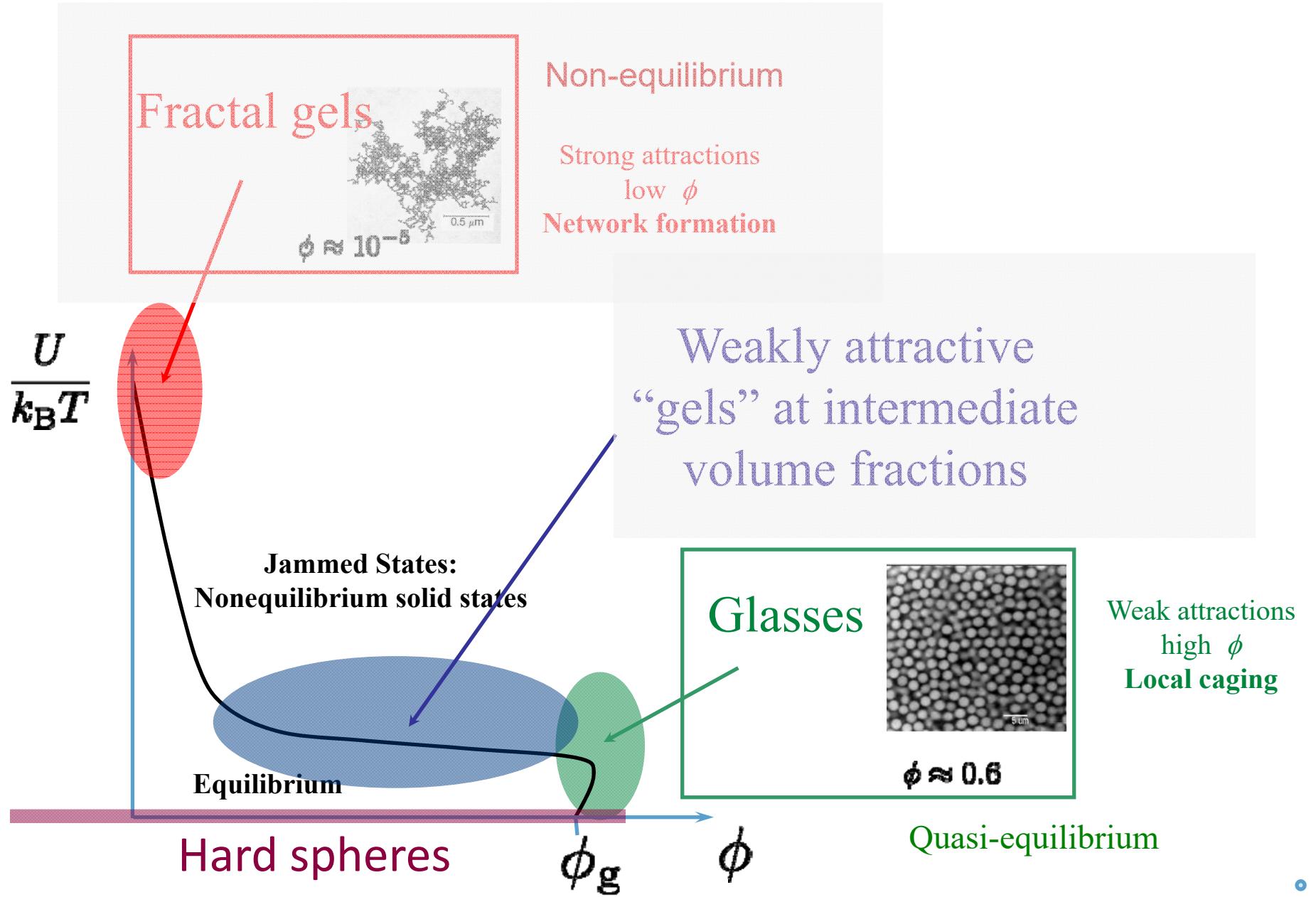
Polystyrene polymer, $R_g=37\text{ nm}$ + PMMA spheres, $r_c=350\text{ nm}$

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State diagram for colloidal particles



State diagram for colloidal particles



Hard spheres: ϕ -dependent structure factor

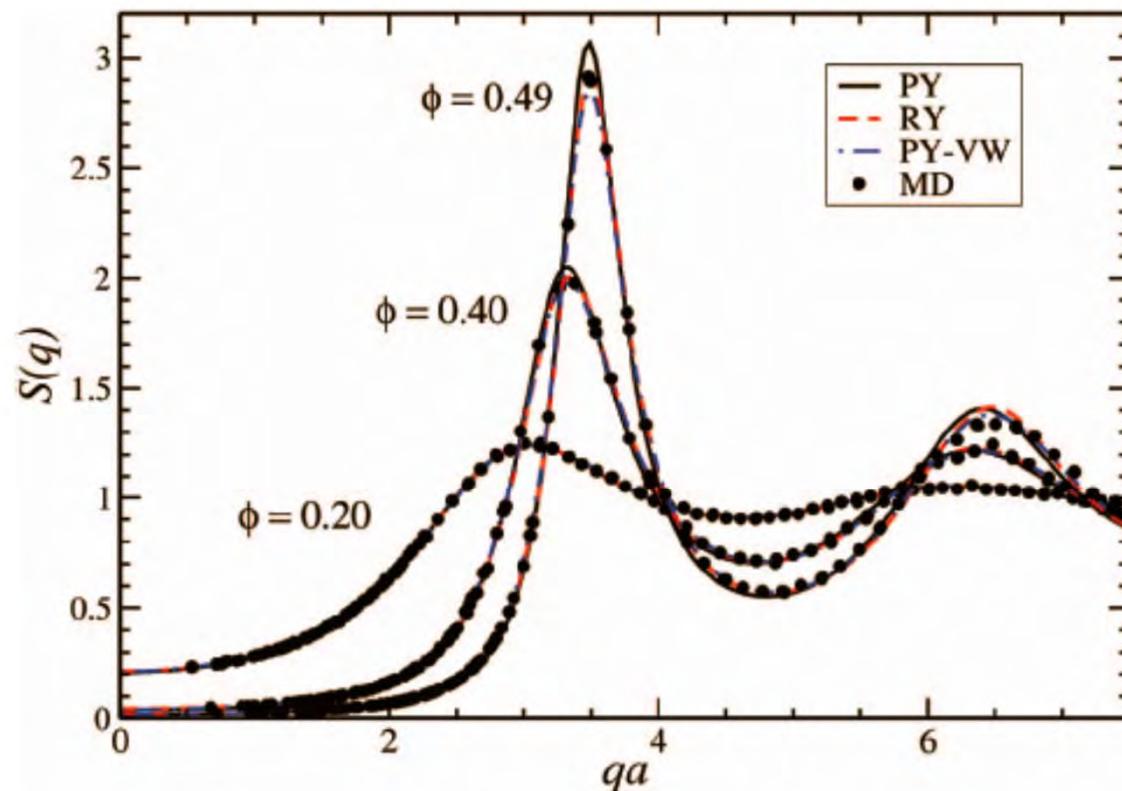
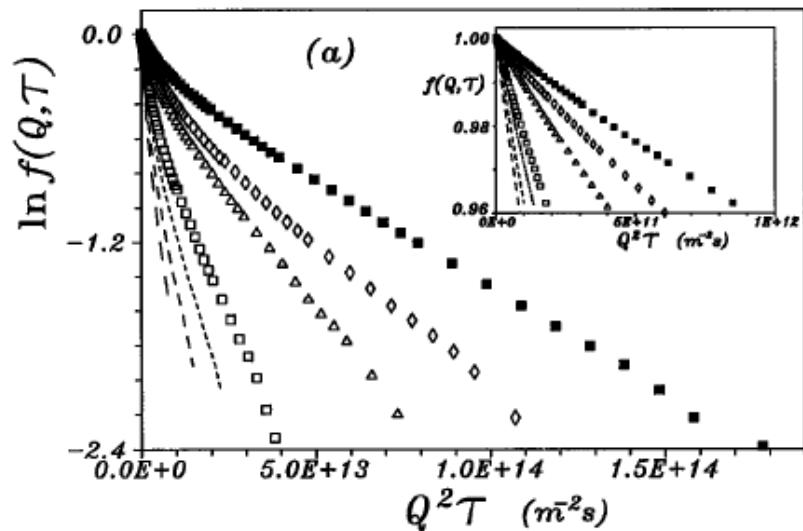


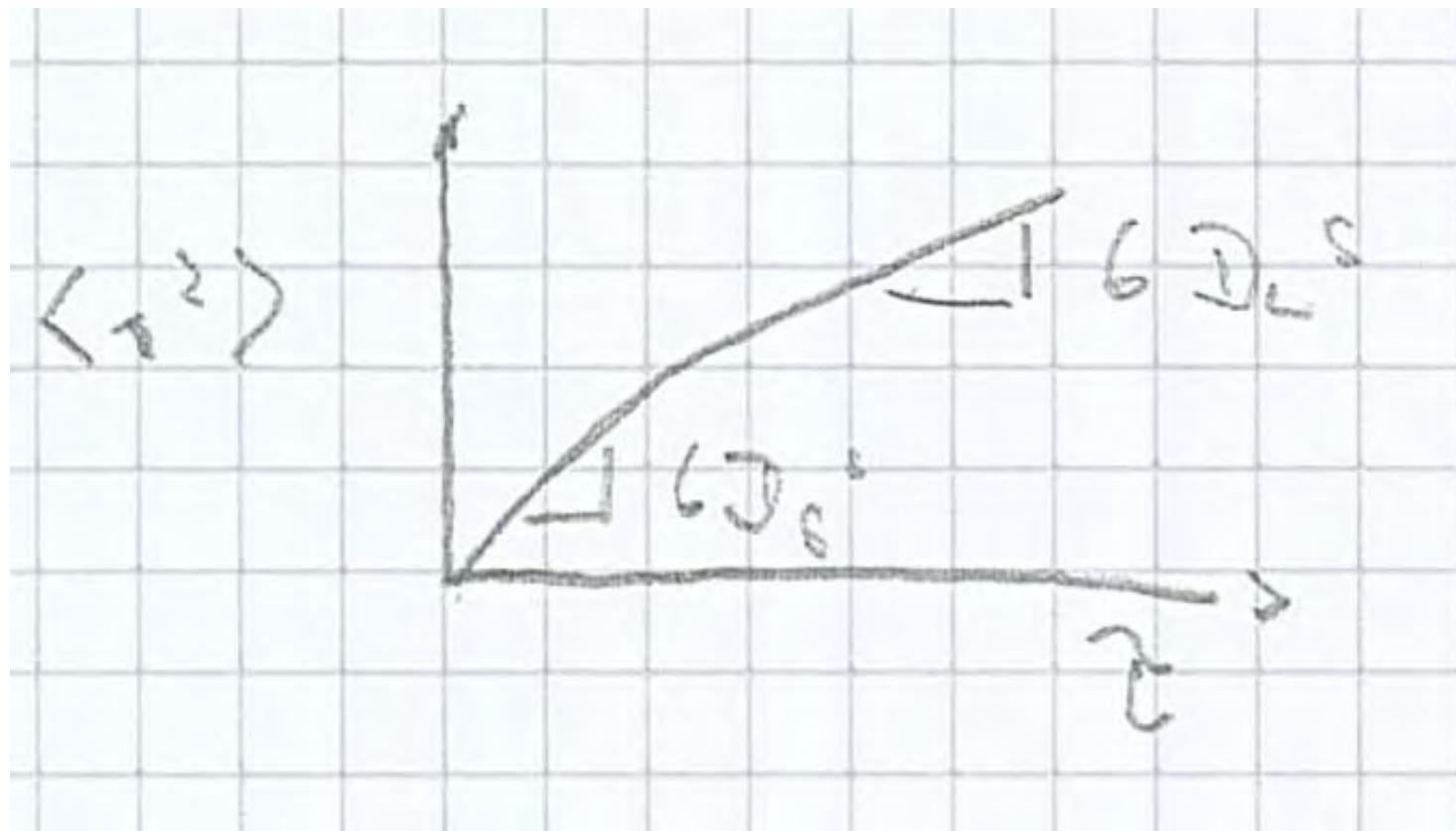
FIG. 1. (Color) Static structure factor of a hard-sphere suspension at various volume fractions ϕ as indicated. Comparison between MD simulation data and RY, PY, and PY-VW integral equation schemes.

ϕ -dependent relaxation



Short-time and long time
relaxation processes

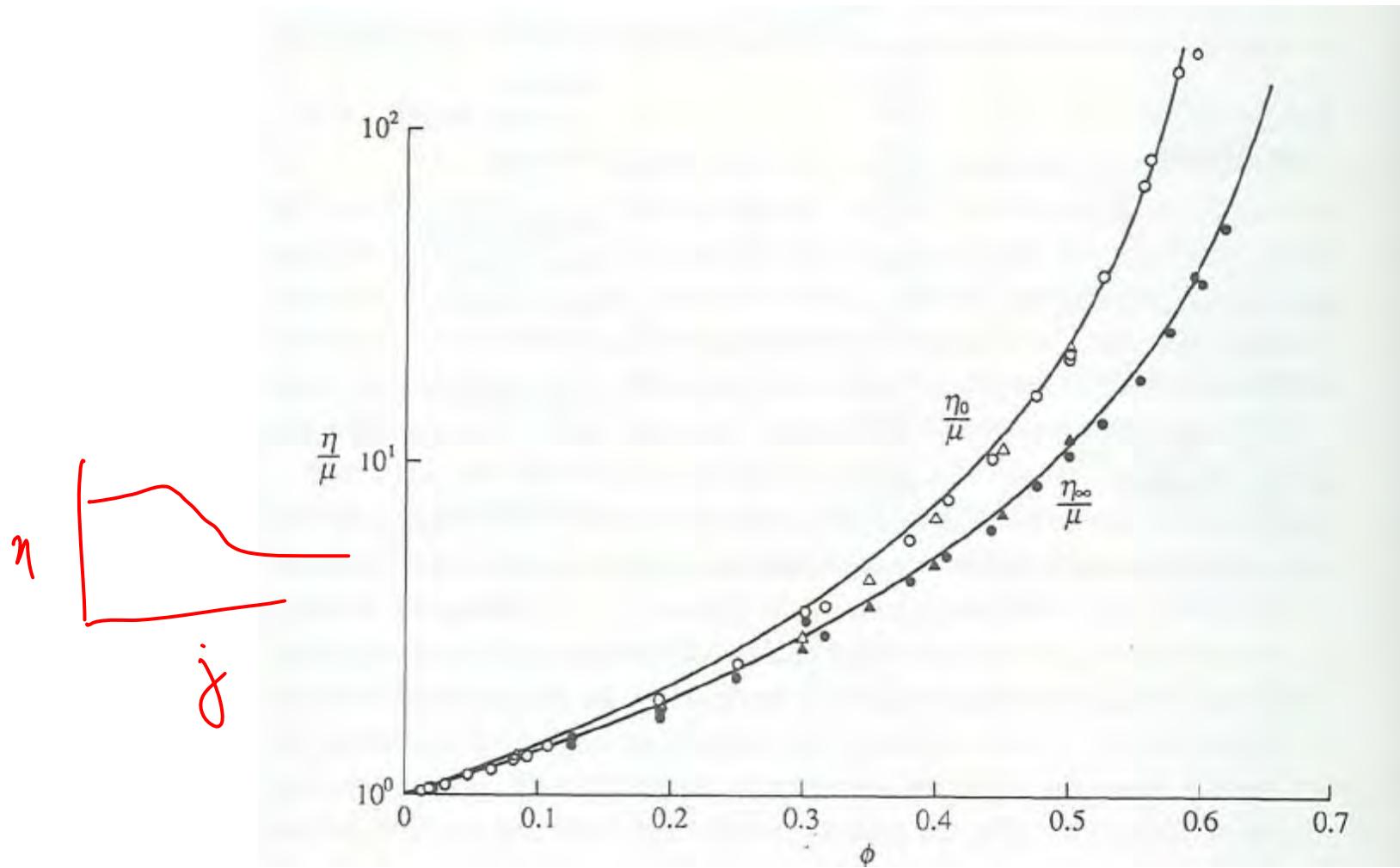
ϕ -dependent relaxation



Slopes give relaxation rates \rightarrow effective diffusion coefficients

ϕ -dependence of viscosity

Comparison of frequency dependent data



ϕ -dependence of short-time diffusion coefficient → Correlates with viscosity

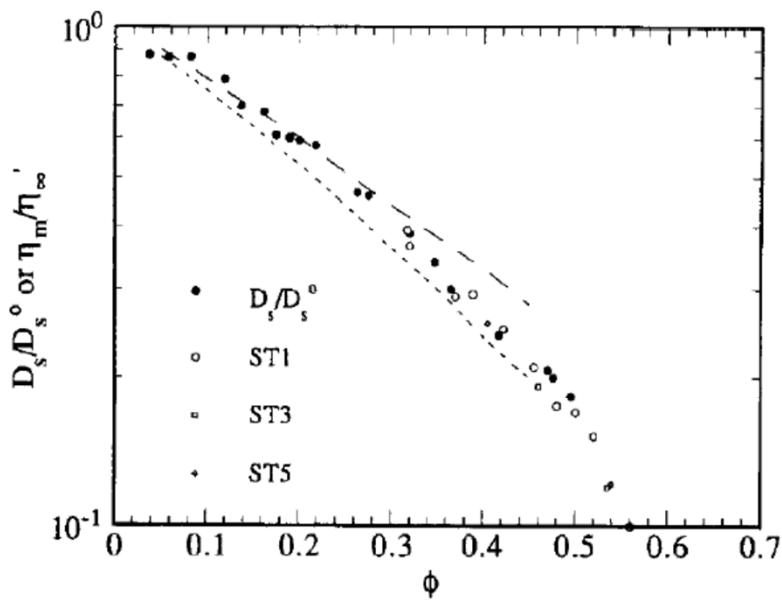
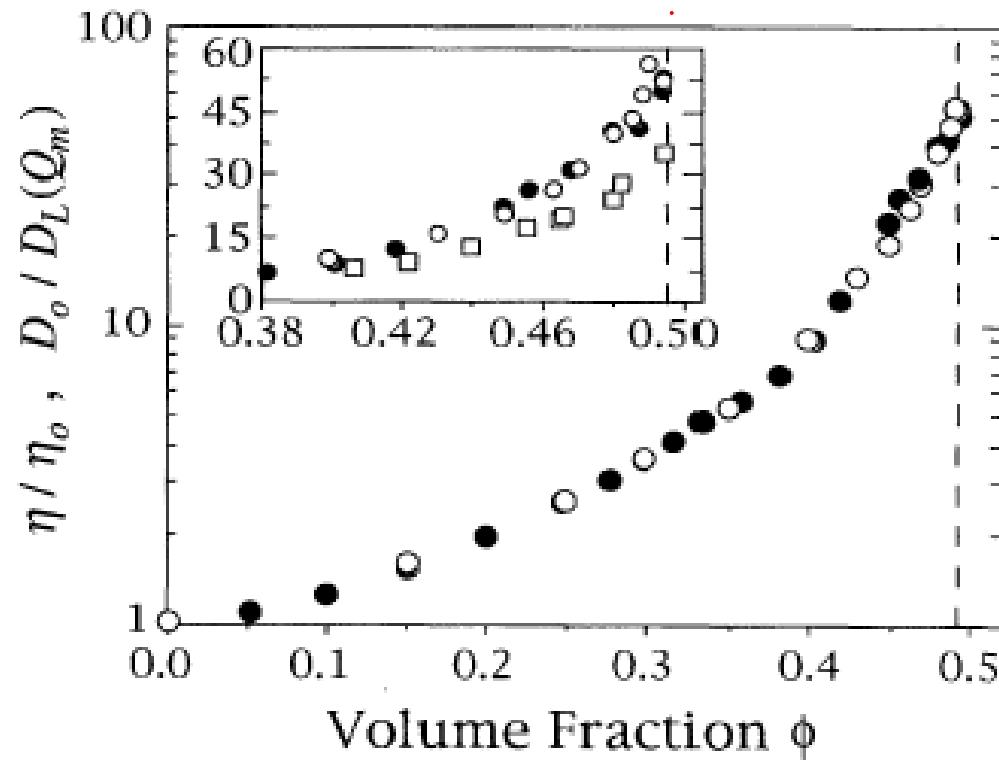
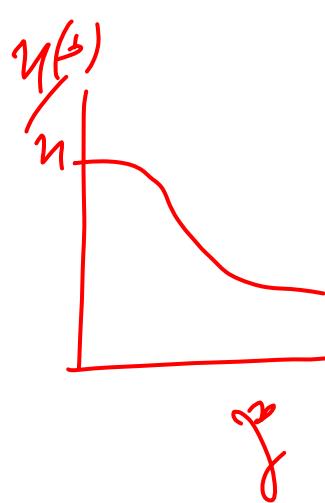
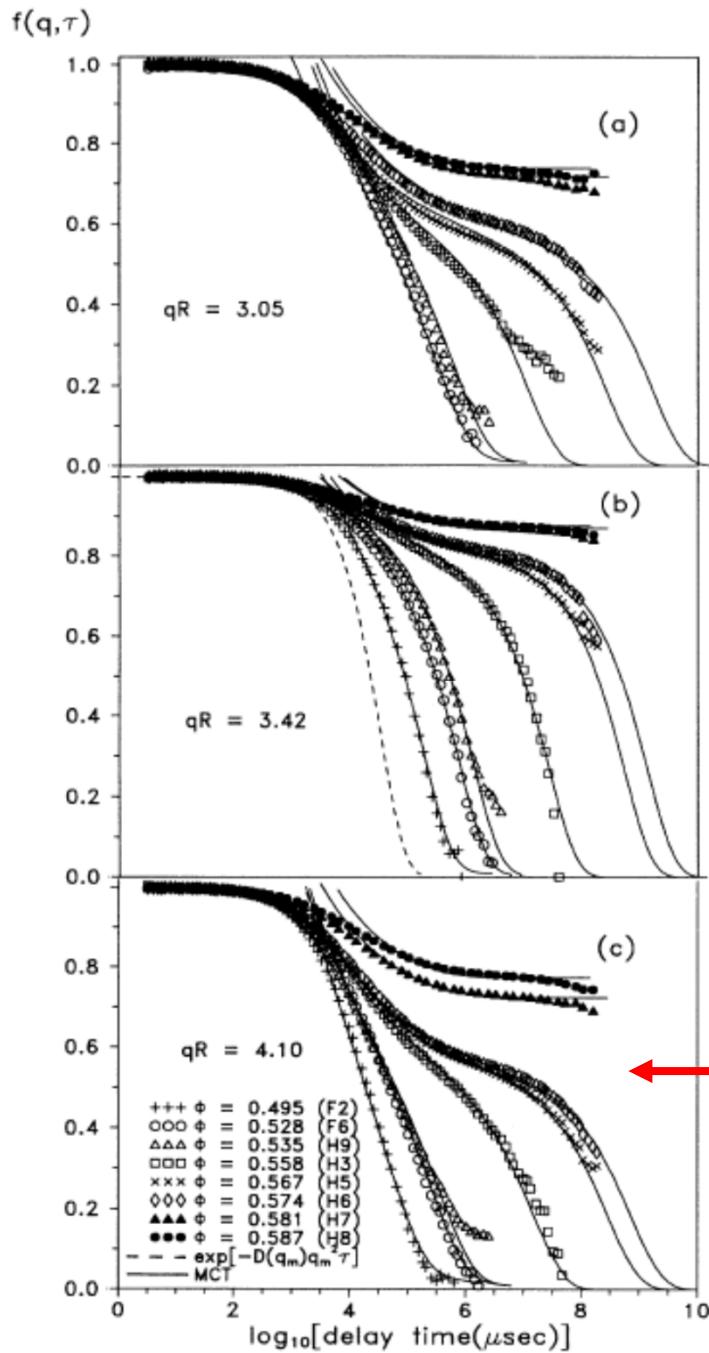


FIG. 4. The relationship between the reduced short-time self-diffusion coefficient $D_s(\phi)/D^0$ and ϕ (van Megan and Underwood, 1990) and that between the reciprocal of the relative high-frequency viscosity η_m/η'_∞ and ϕ for each of our suspensions. The long dashed and short dashed lines are, respectively, the theoretical prediction of Beenakker and Mazur (1984) and Beenakker (1984).

ϕ -dependence of long-time diffusion coefficient → Correlates with viscosity

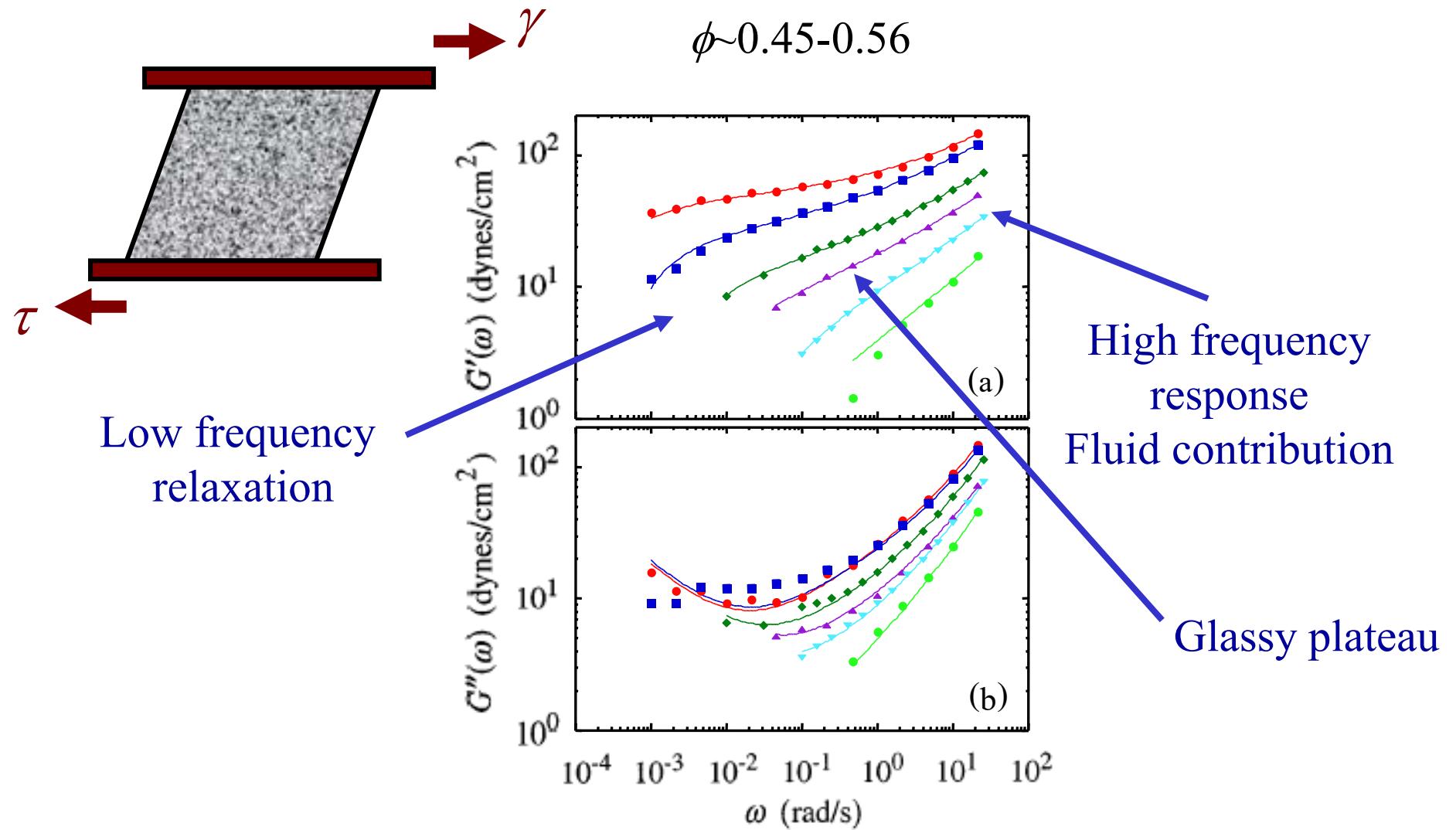




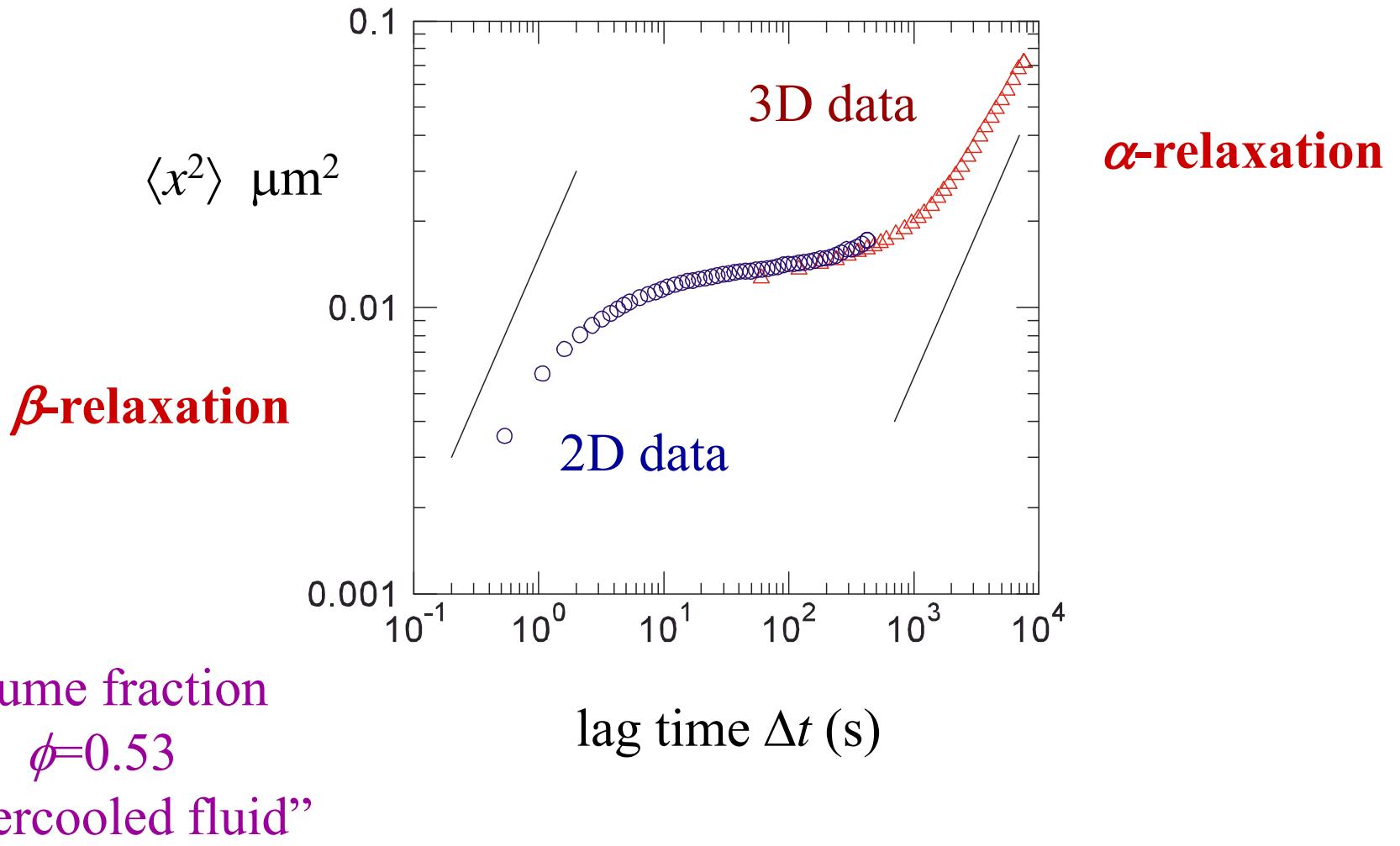
Increasing ϕ :
 Approach to the glass transition:
 ϕ -dependent relaxation
 q -dependent relaxation

← What is the nature of the relaxation?

Viscoelasticity of Hard Spheres

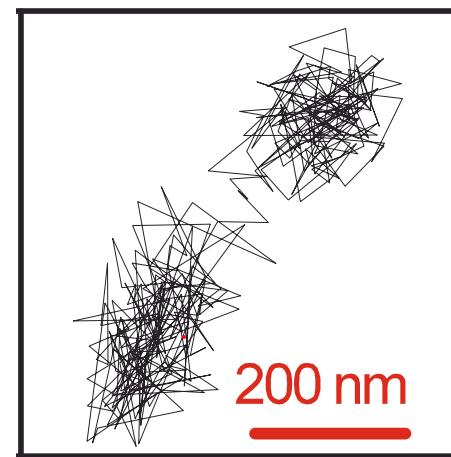
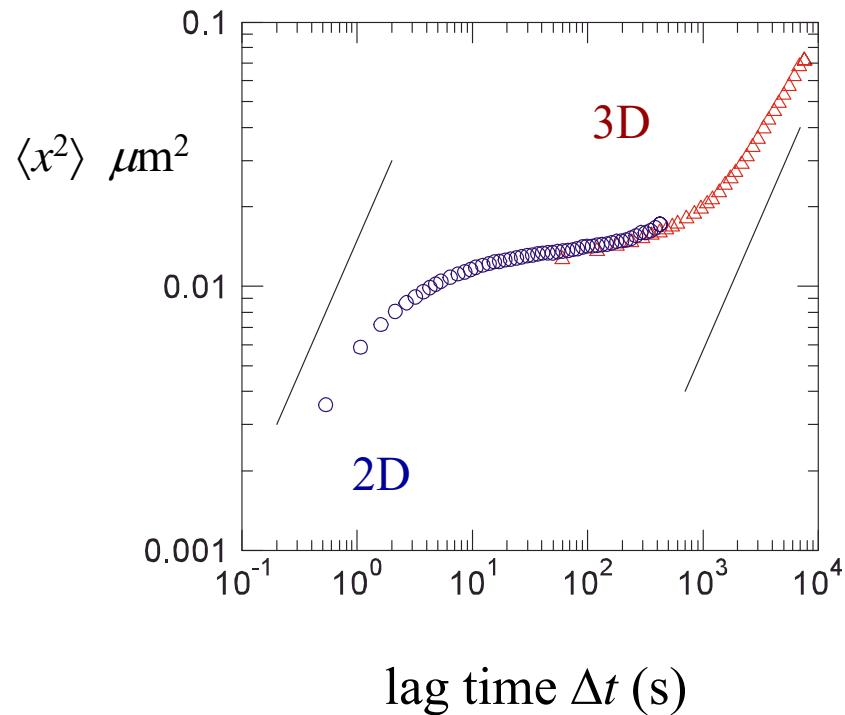


Mean square displacement – Confocal Microscopy



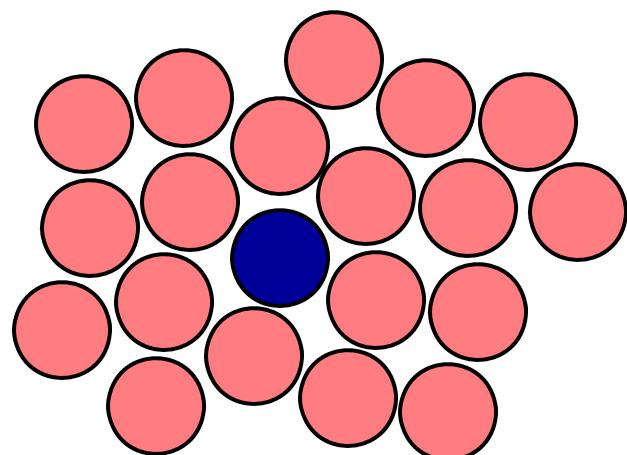
Mean-squared displacement

$\phi=0.53$ -- “supercooled fluid”



$\phi=0.56$, 100 min
(supercooled fluid)

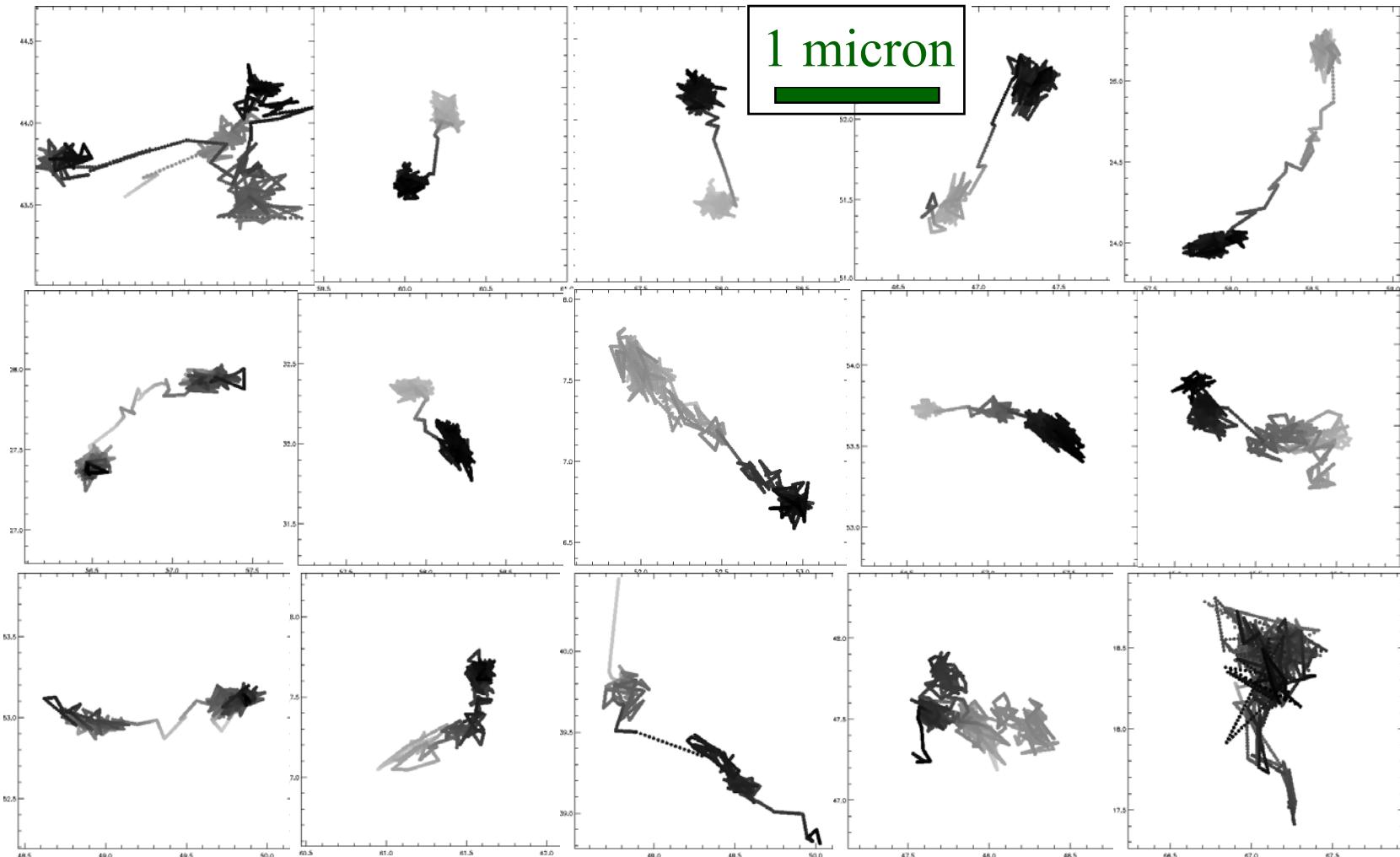
Cage trapping:



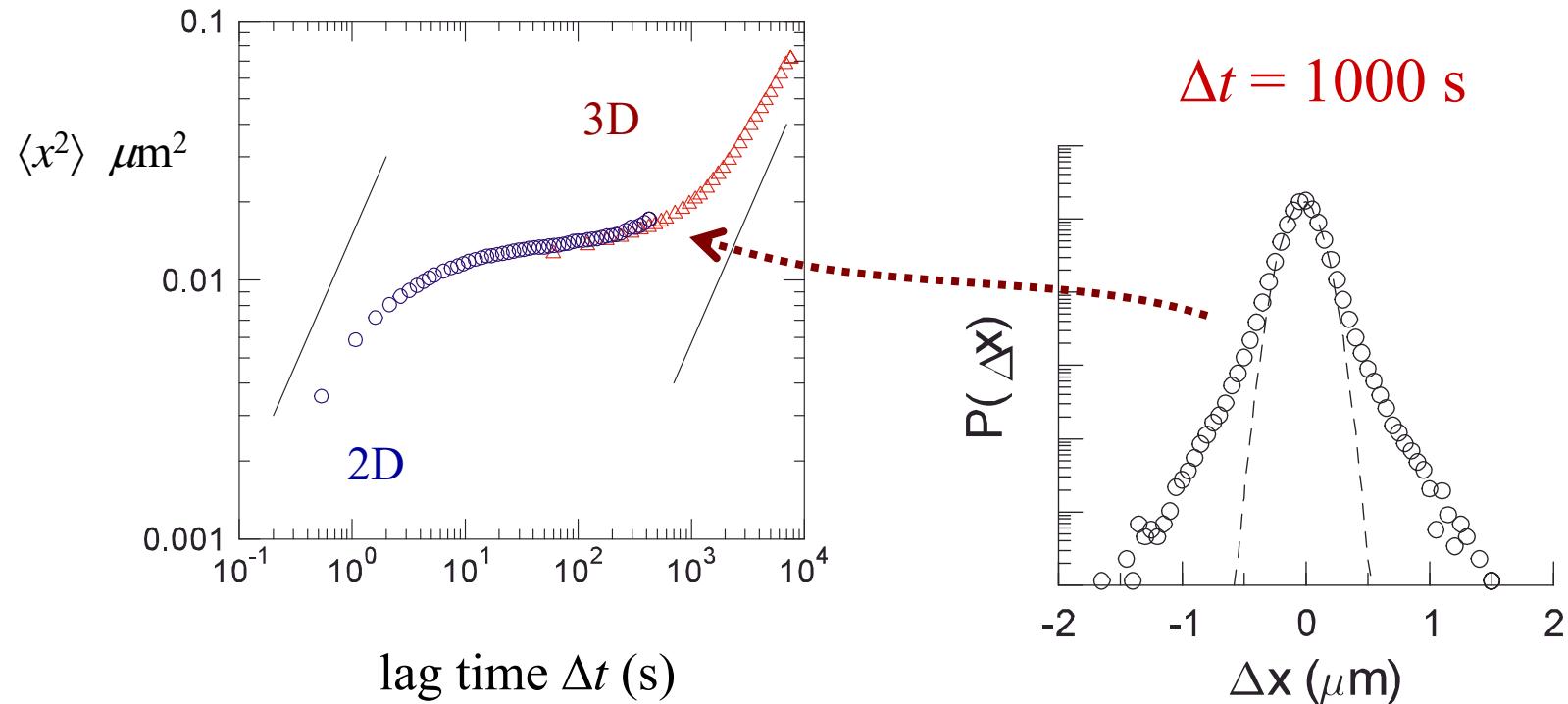
- Short times: particles stuck in “cages”
- Long times: cages rearrange

Trajectories of “fast” particles, $\phi=0.56$

shading indicates depth



Displacement distribution function

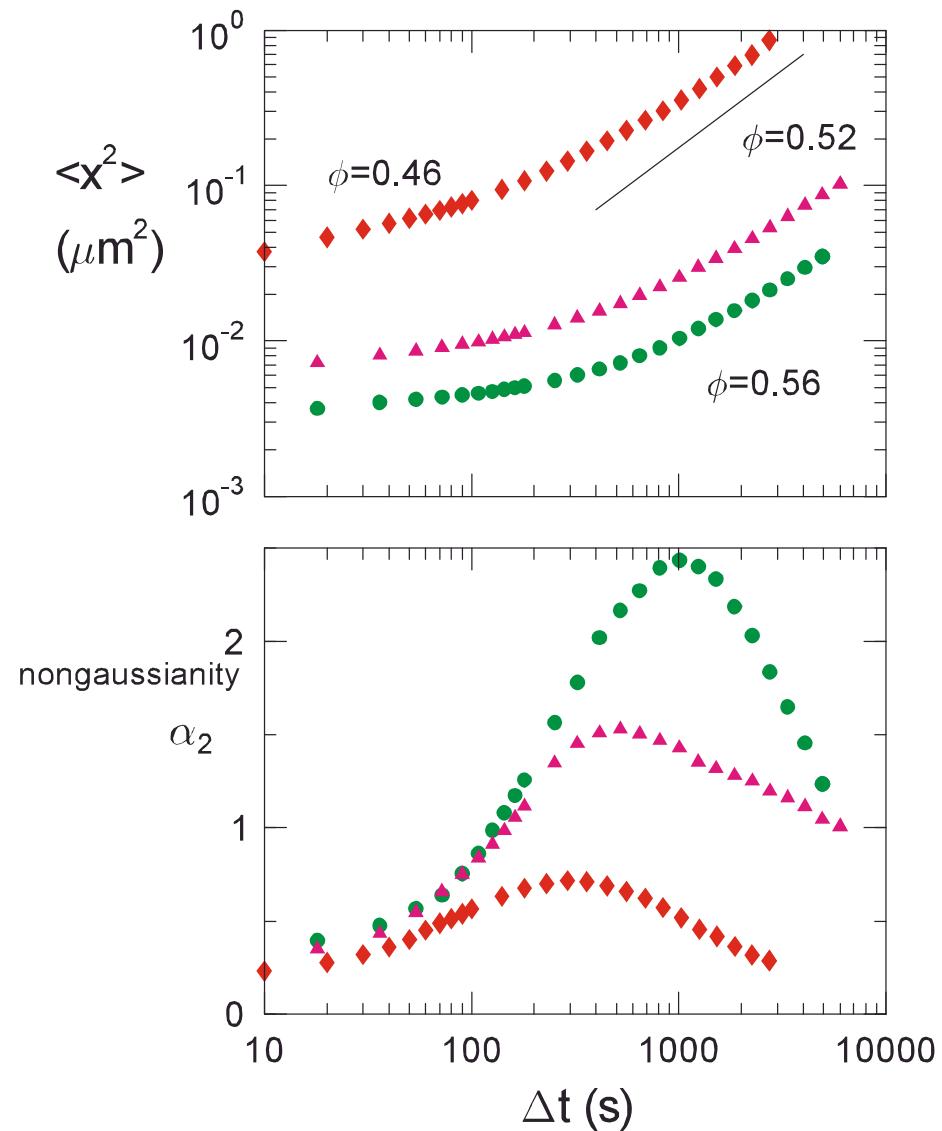


$\phi = 0.53$: “supercooled fluid”

Nongaussian Parameter

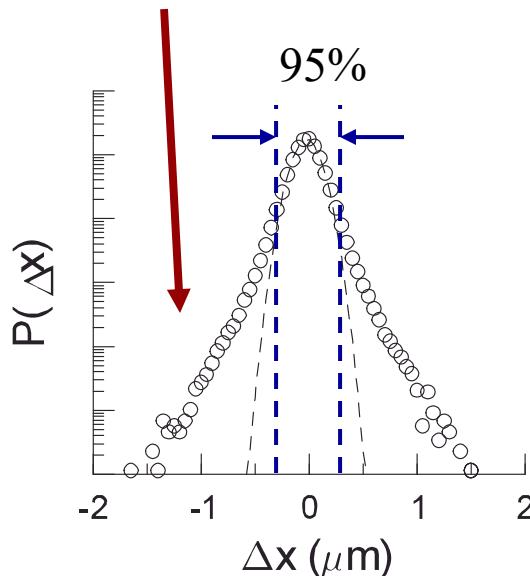
$$\alpha_2 = \frac{\langle x^4 \rangle}{3\langle x^2 \rangle^2} - 1$$

Choose Time with Maximum Non-Gaussian Parameter



Time Scale and Length Scale

top 5% = tails
of Δx distribution



$\phi=0.53$, supercooled fluid

Time scale:

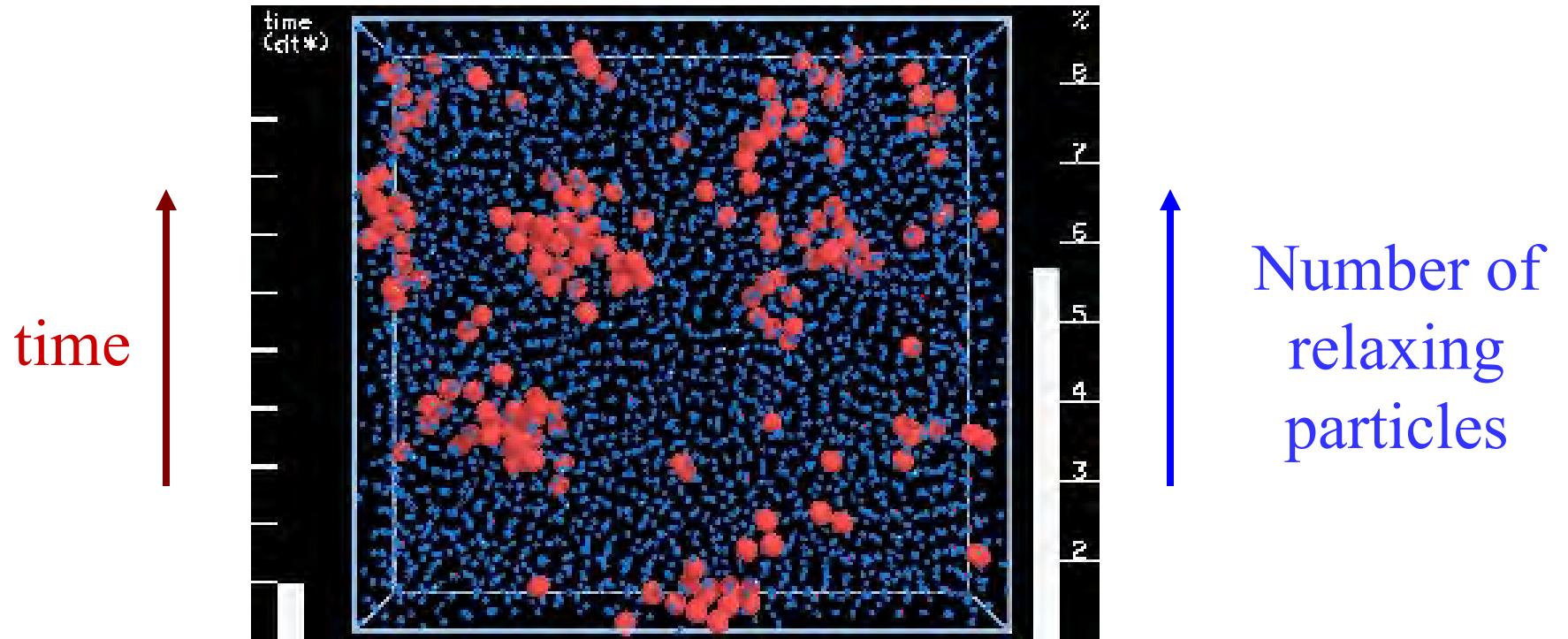
Δt^* when nongaussian parameter α_2 largest

Length scale:

Δr^* on average, 5% of particles have
 $\Delta r(\Delta t^*) > \Delta r^*$

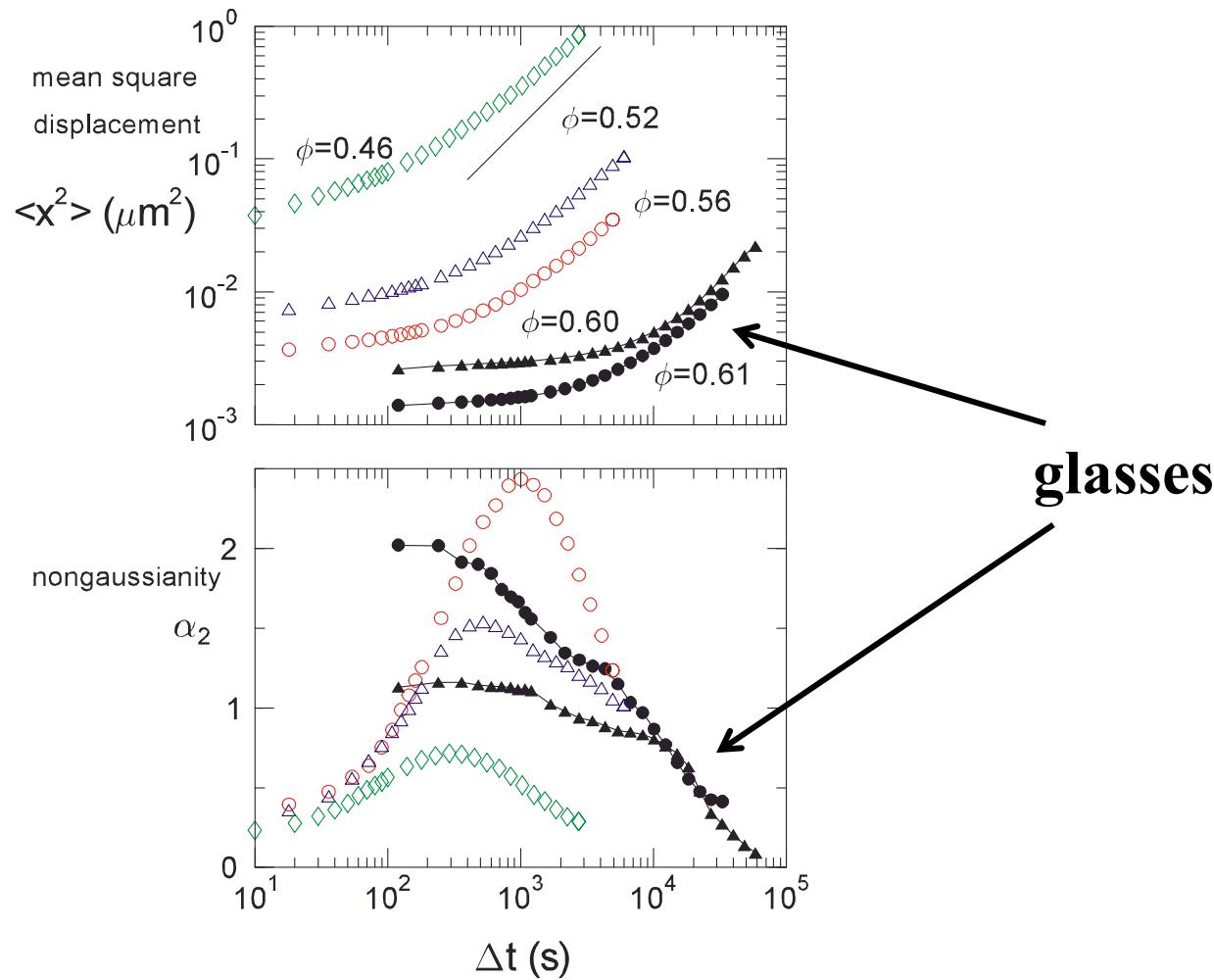
≈ cage rearrangements

Structural Relaxations in a Supercooled Fluid



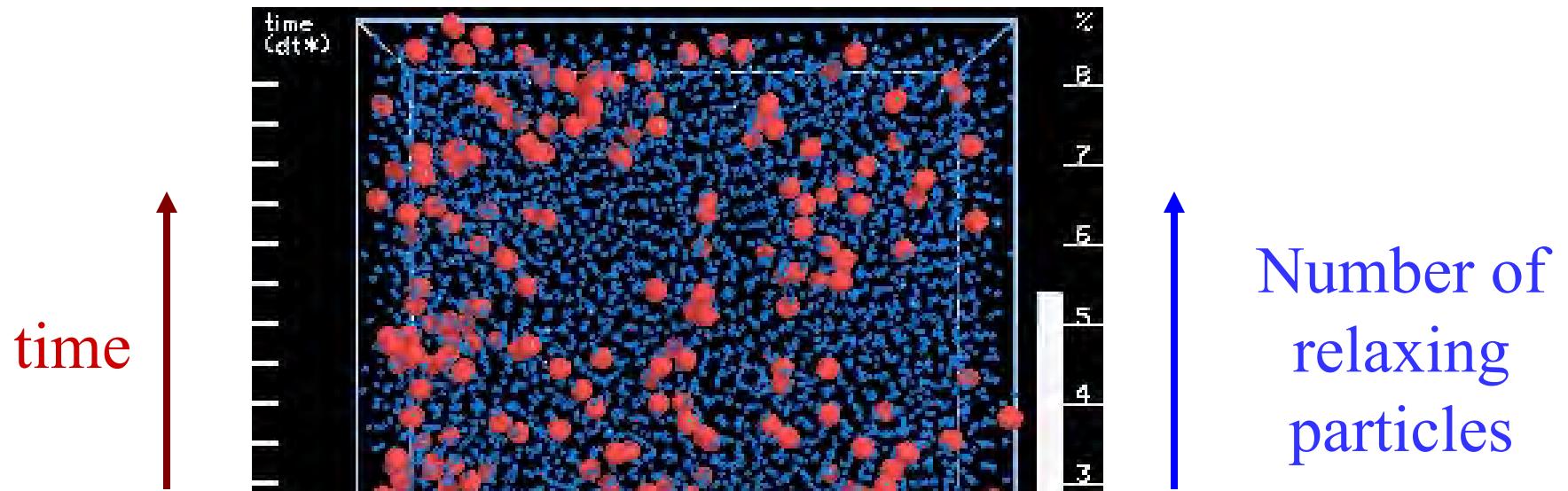
Relaxing particles are highly correlated spatially

Non-Gaussian parameter for glasses



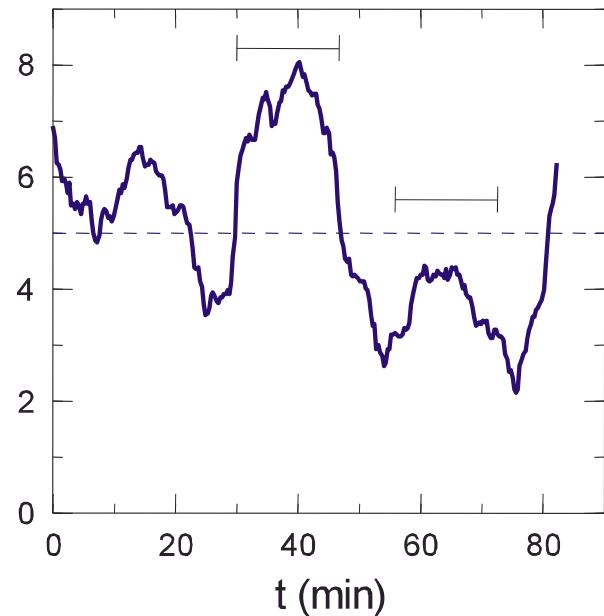
No well-defined peak

Structural Relaxations in a Glass

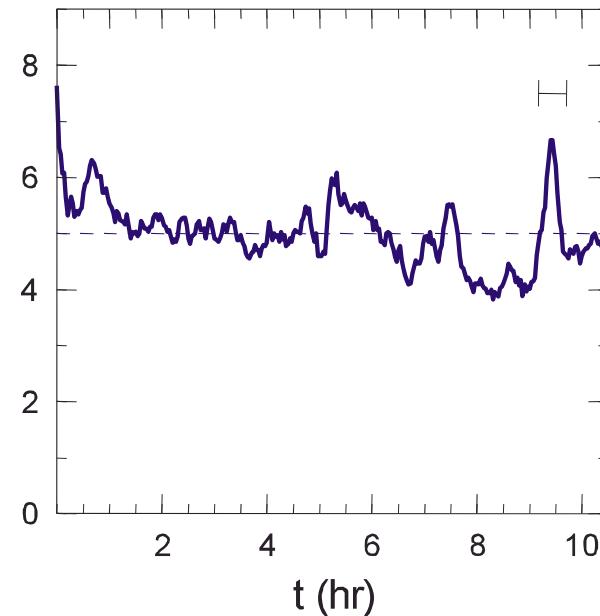


Relaxing particles are NOT correlated spatially

Fluctuations of fast particles



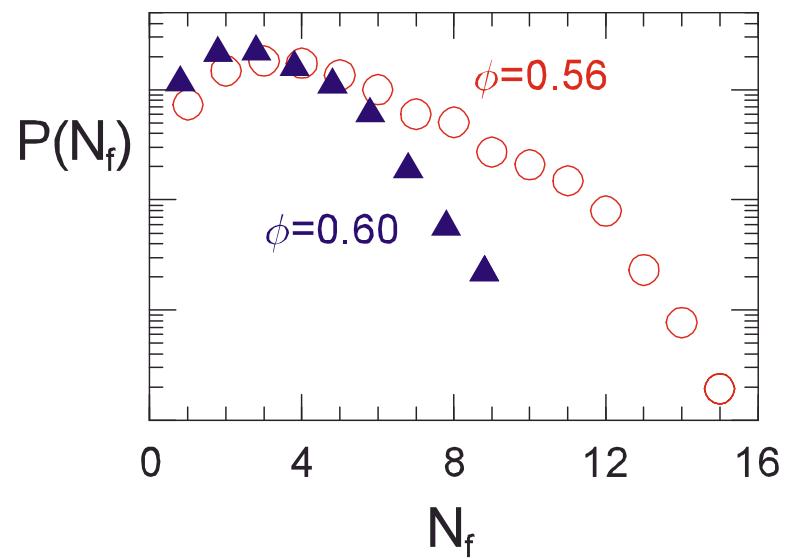
Supercooled fluid $\phi = 0.56$



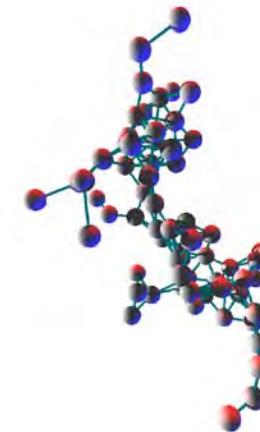
Glass $\phi = 0.61$

Cluster Properties

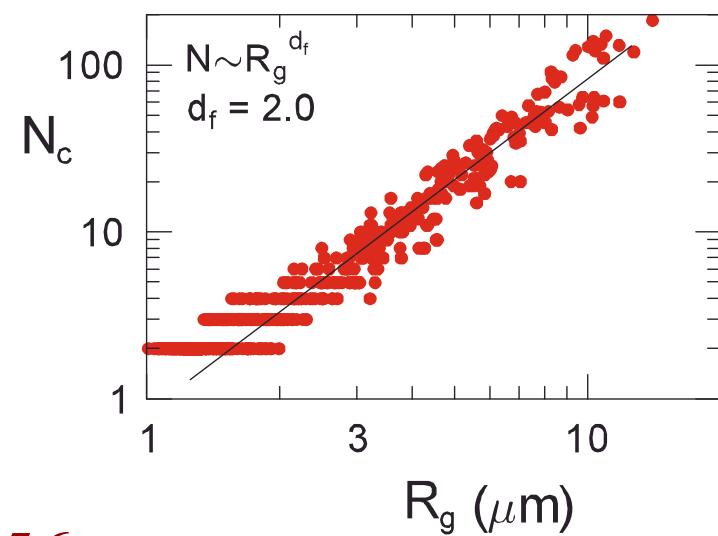
Number N_f of fast neighbors to a fast particle:



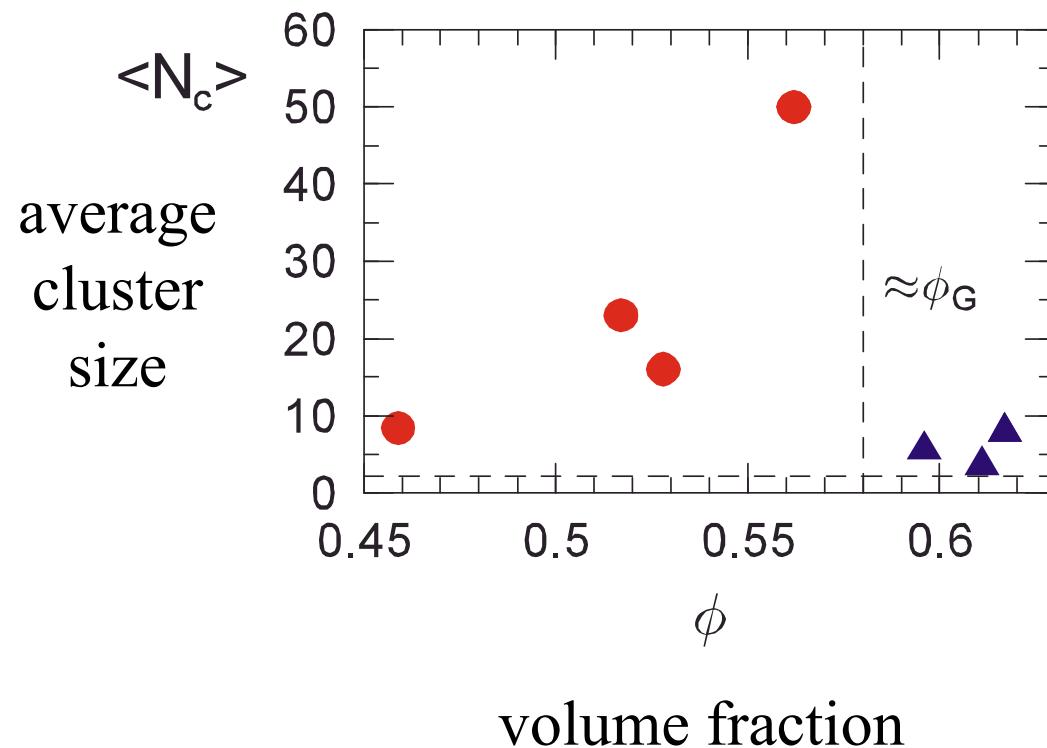
$\phi = 0.56$
supercooled fluid



Fractal dimension:



Relaxation events are spatially correlated

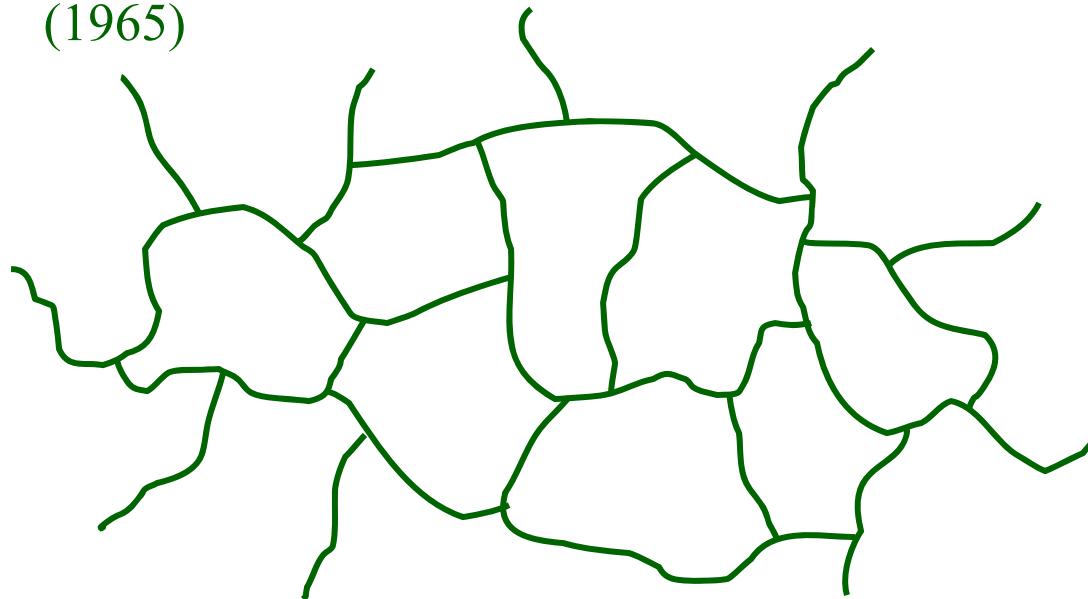


Cluster size grows as glass transition is approached

Dynamical Heterogeneity: possible *dynamic* length scale

Adam & Gibbs: “cooperatively rearranging regions”

(1965)



Simulations:

- Glotzer, Kob, Donati, et al (1997, Lennard-Jones)

Photobleaching:

- Cicerone & Ediger (1995, o-terphenyl)

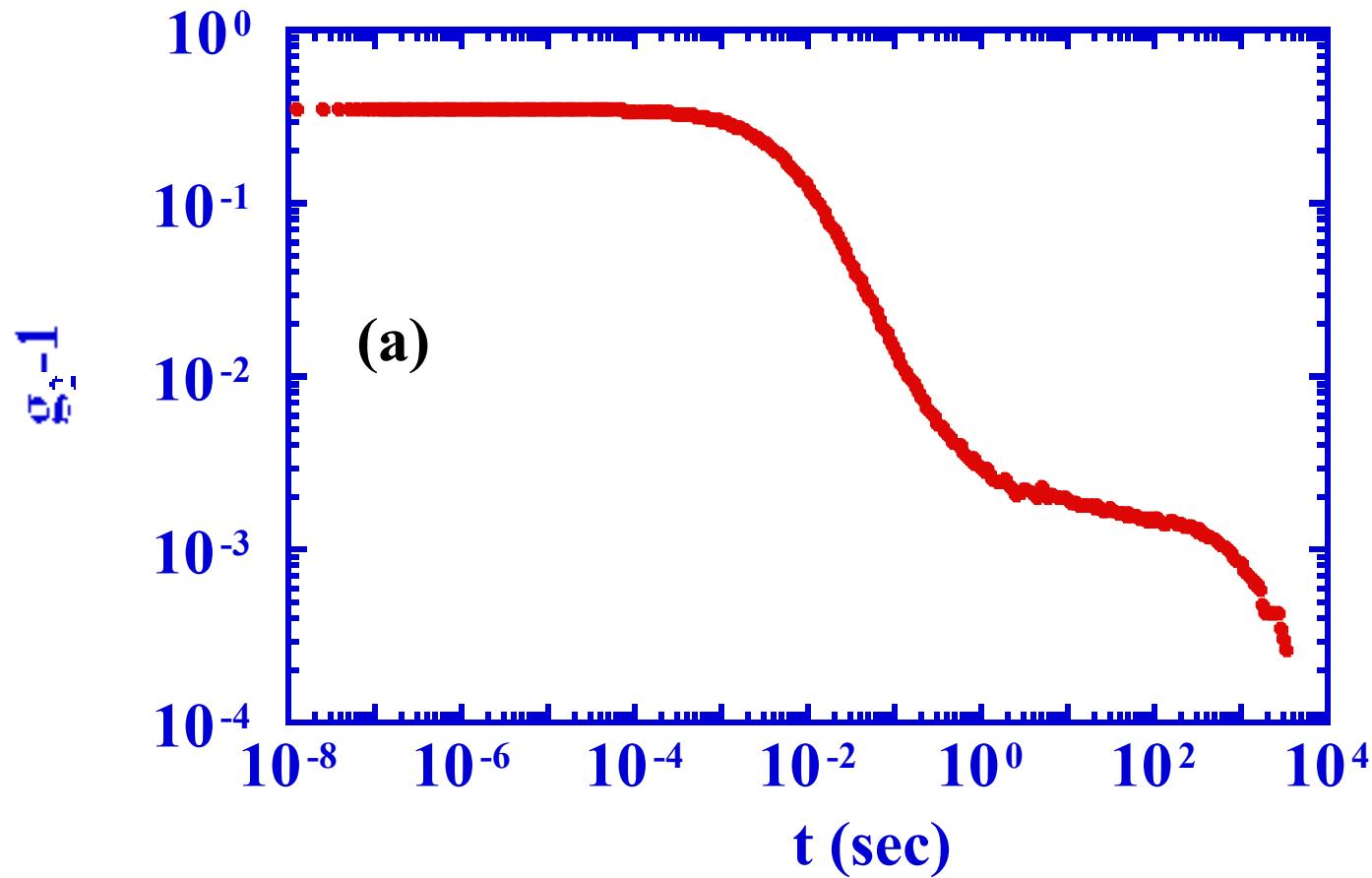
NMR experiments:

- Schmidt-Rohr & Spiess (1991, polymers)

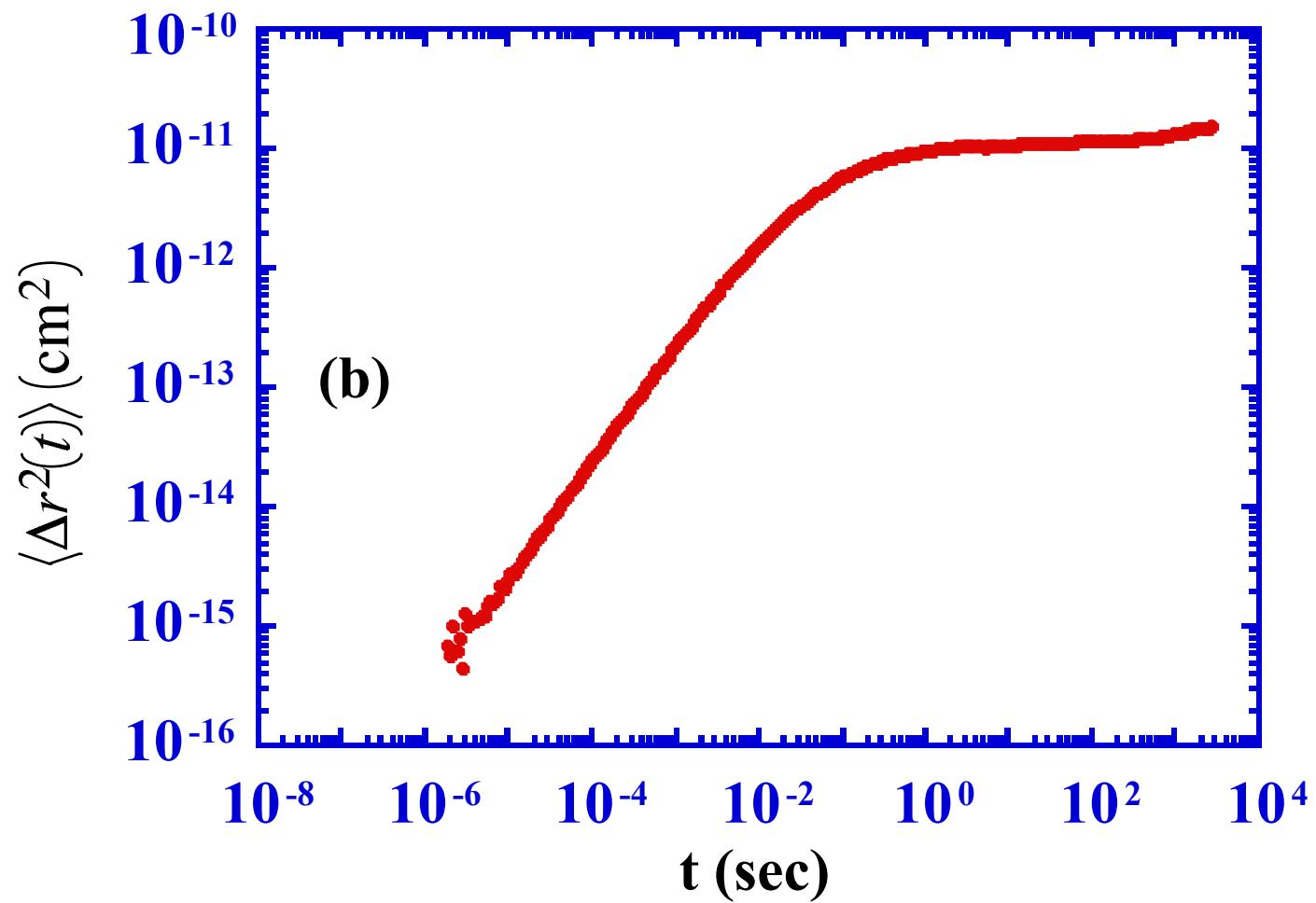
Boulder summer school experiments



DWS from hard spheres



Mean-squared displacement



Microrheology

Measure mean square displacement of probe particles:

Light scattering:

Dynamic light scattering

Motion over larger lengths - lower frequencies

Diffusing Wave Spectroscopy

Motion over smaller lengths - higher frequencies

Calculate Modulus

Generalized Stokes-Einstein equation

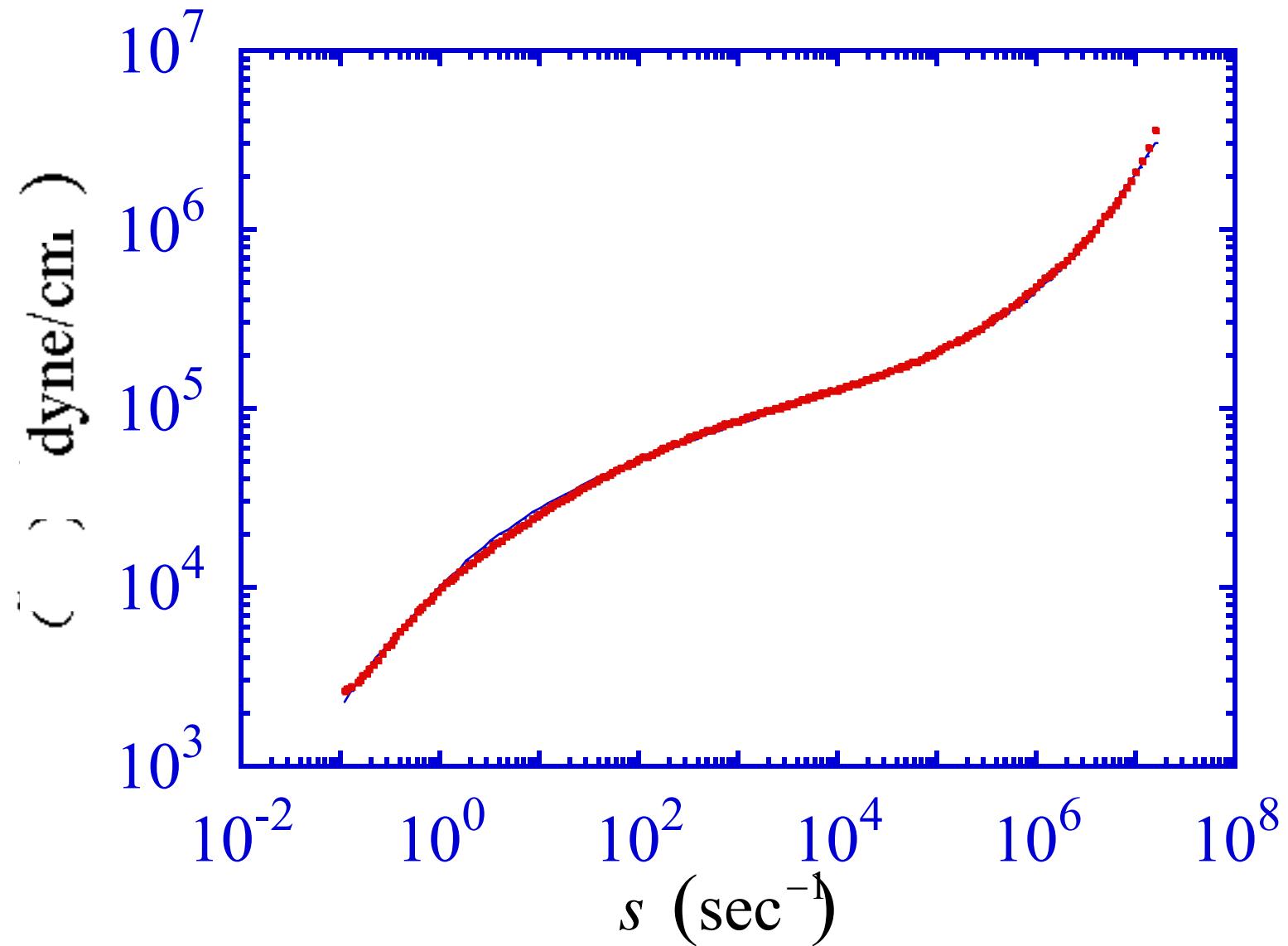
$$G(s) = \frac{k_B T}{\pi a s \langle \Delta r^2(s) \rangle_{\max}}$$

Transform to storage and loss moduli

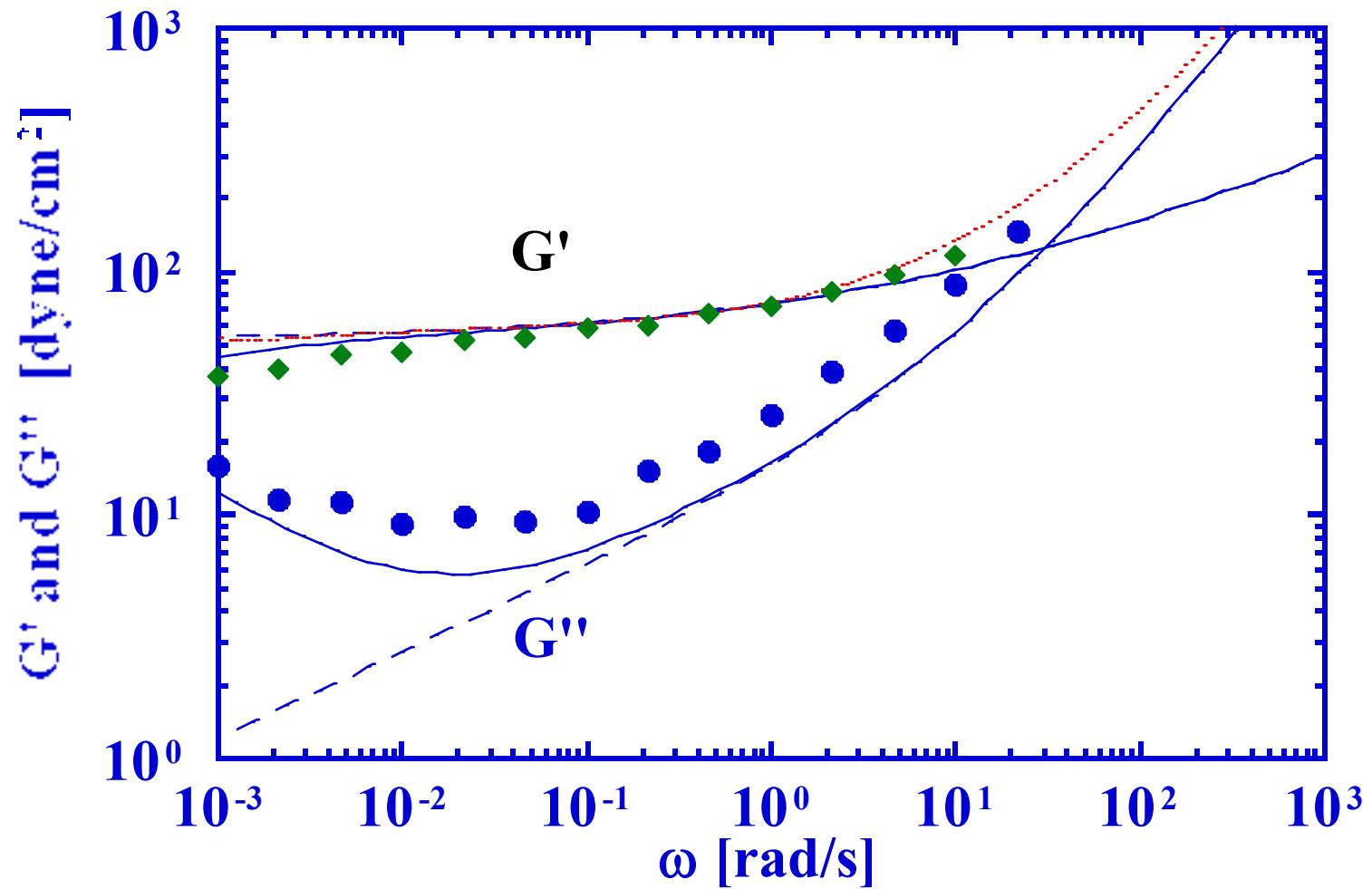
Analytic continuation: $s = i\omega$

$$G'(\omega) \quad G''(\omega)$$

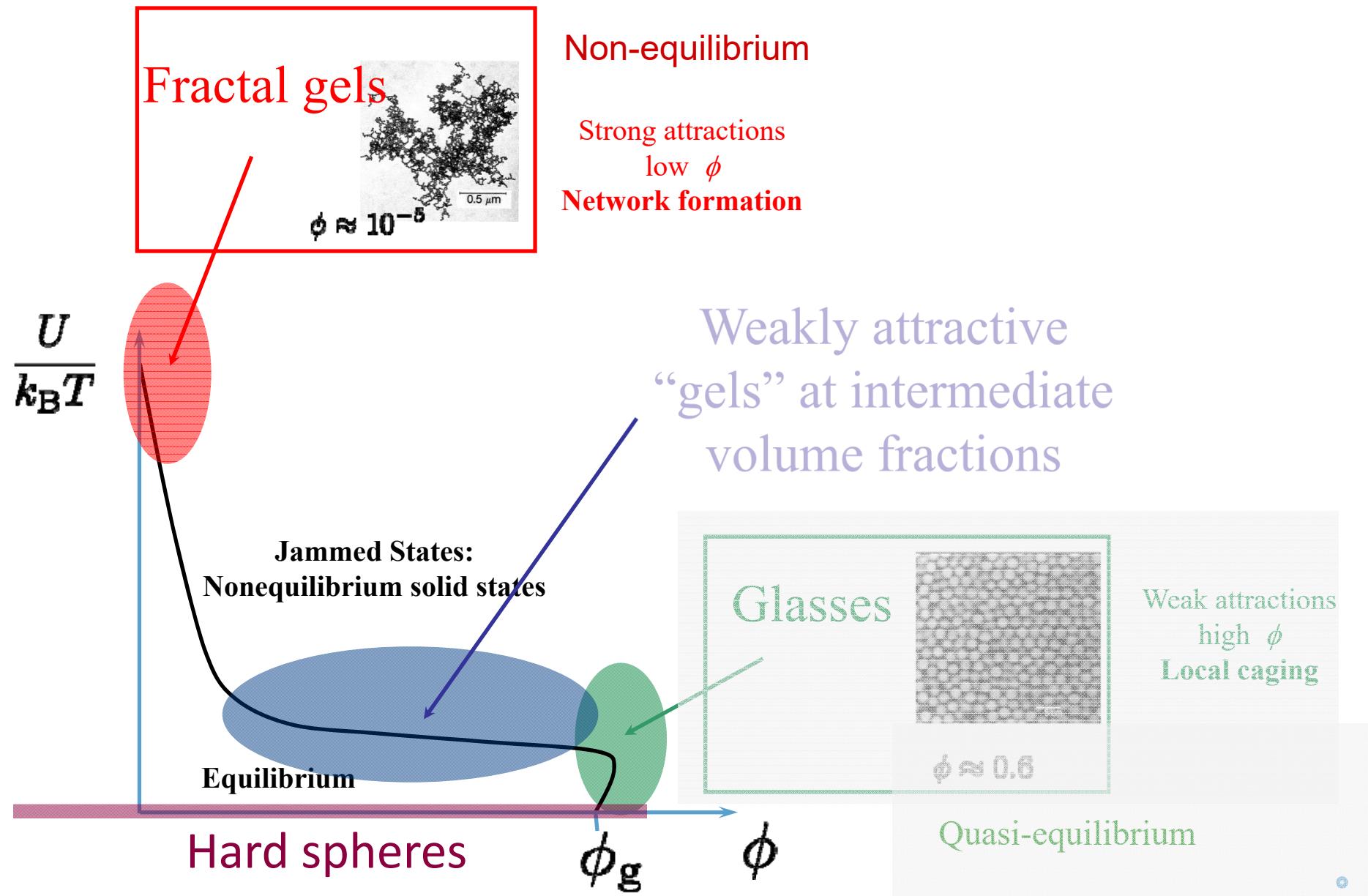
“Complex” modulus



Light scattering rheology



State diagram for colloidal particles

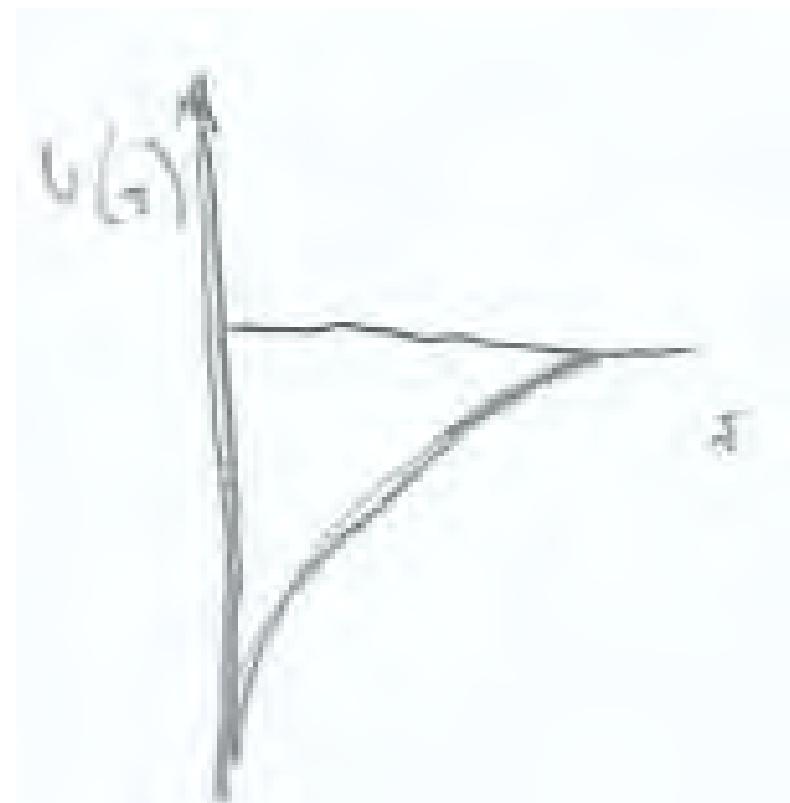


Colloidal Stability



Partial Stability

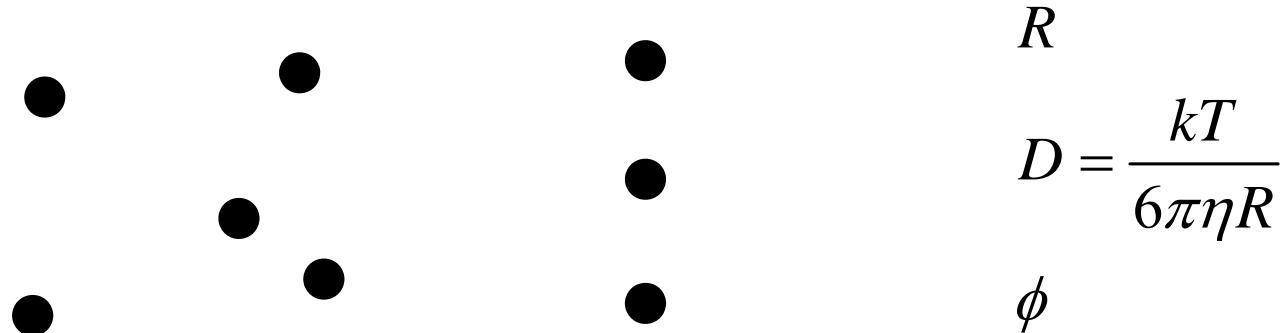
→ Many collisions to stick



No Stability

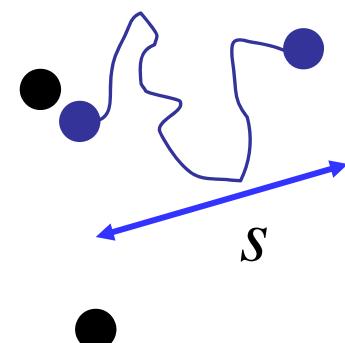
→ Sticks every collision

Dilute, stable suspension



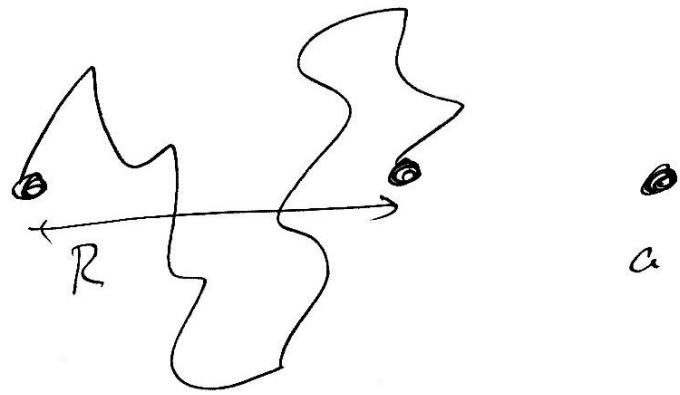
Destabilize

$$s \sim c^{-1/3}$$
$$\tau \sim \frac{s^2}{D} \sim \frac{1}{DC^{2/3}}$$



WRONG!

Irreversible aggregation



$$\text{Volume} : 5a^2$$

contour length: $s = \# \text{ steps} \times \text{step length}$

$$= \left(\frac{R}{a}\right)^2 a$$
$$= \frac{R^2}{a}$$

$$\text{Volume: } R^2 a$$

$$\text{time: } \frac{R^2}{D}$$

$$\text{volume/time} = Da$$

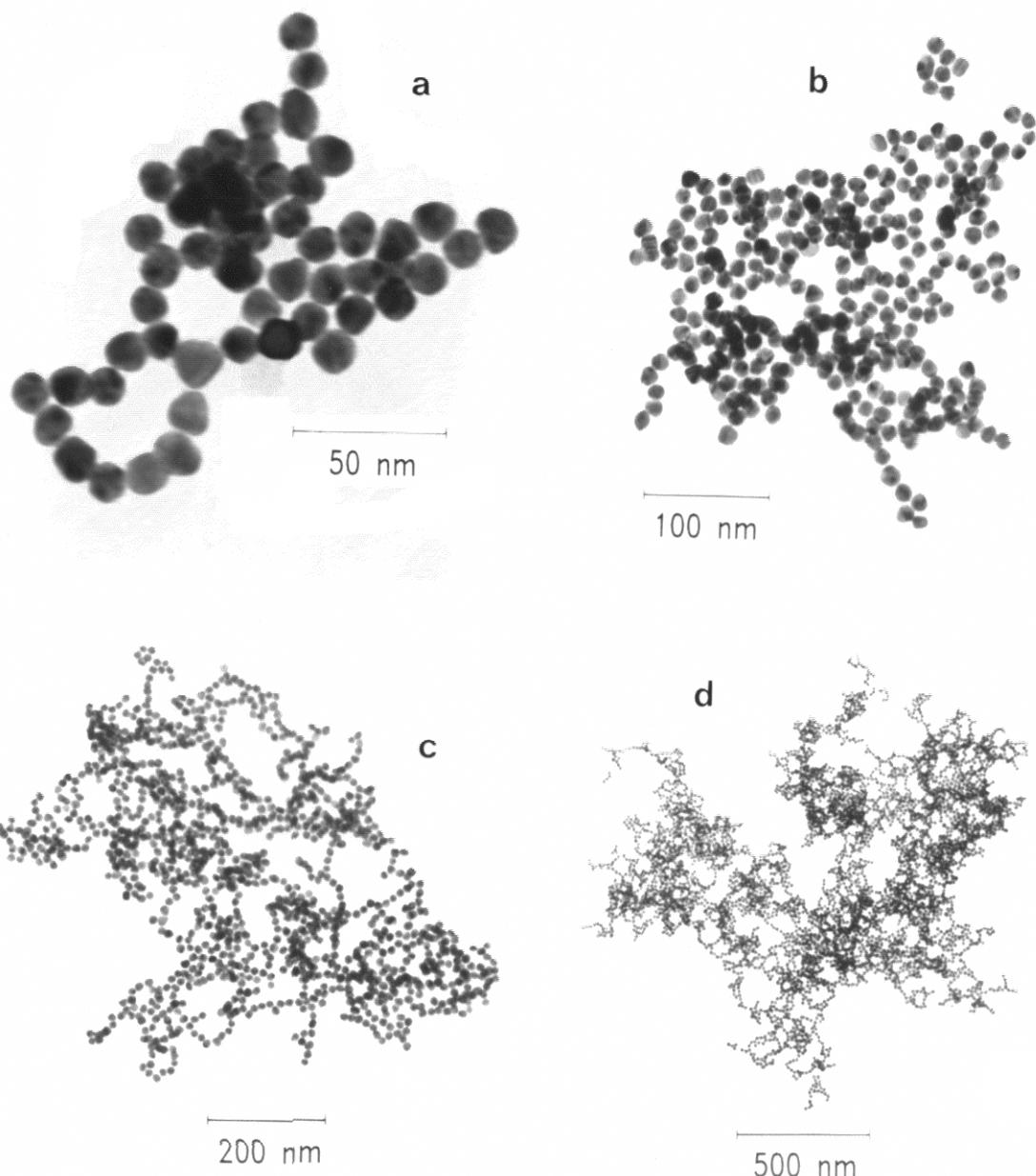
$$\text{Volume required} = \frac{l}{c}$$

$$t = \frac{l}{CaD}$$

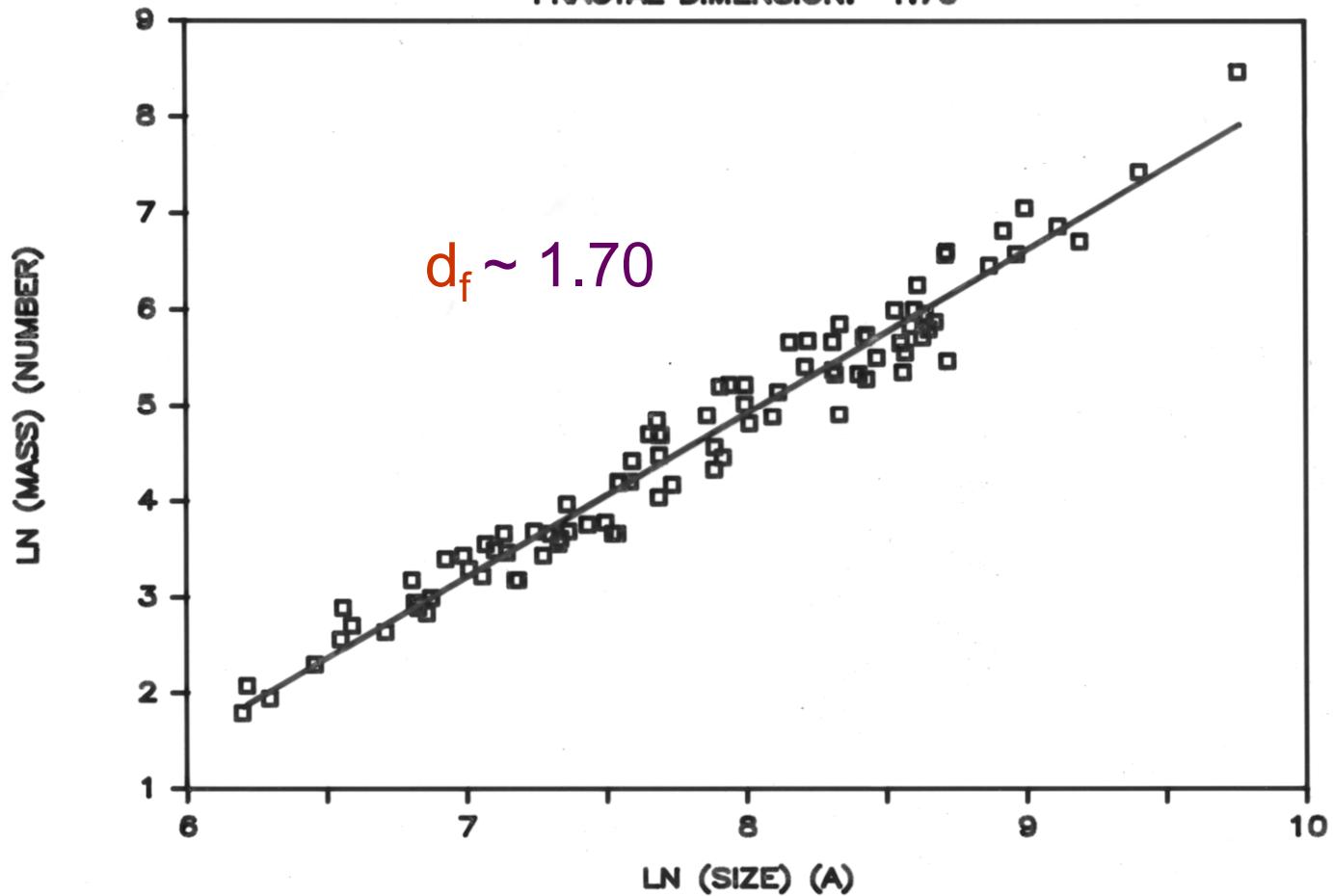
$$\text{Rate: } \dot{\tau}^{-1} = CaD$$

020200
0630

1m μ



AGGREGATION TIME: 20 MIN
FRACTAL DIMENSION: 1.70



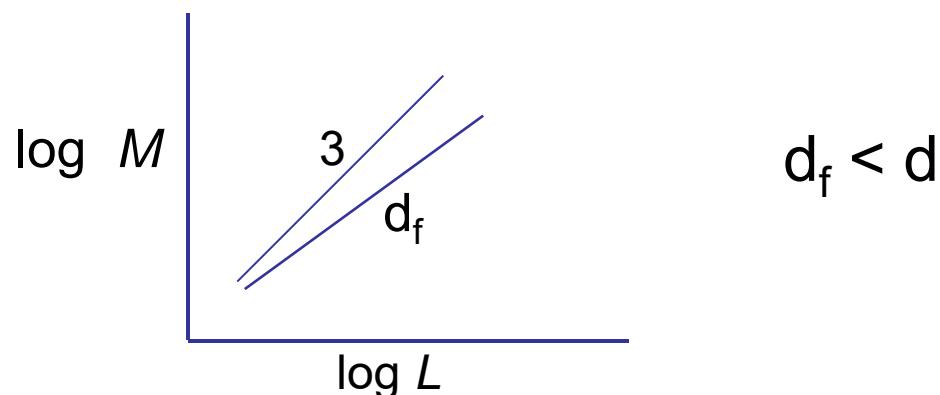
FRACTAL:

- SELF-SIMILAR
- NO CHARACTERISTIC LENGTH SCALE

$$M \sim R^{d_f}$$

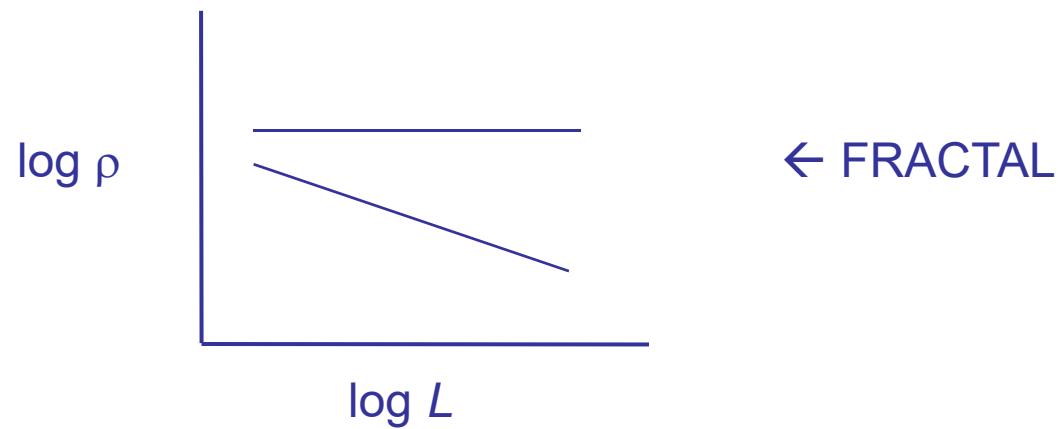
d_f : FRACTAL DIMENSION

NON-INTEGRAL



DENSITY: DECREASES WITH SIZE

$$\rho = \frac{M}{V} = \frac{L^{d_f}}{L^d} = L^{d_f - d}$$



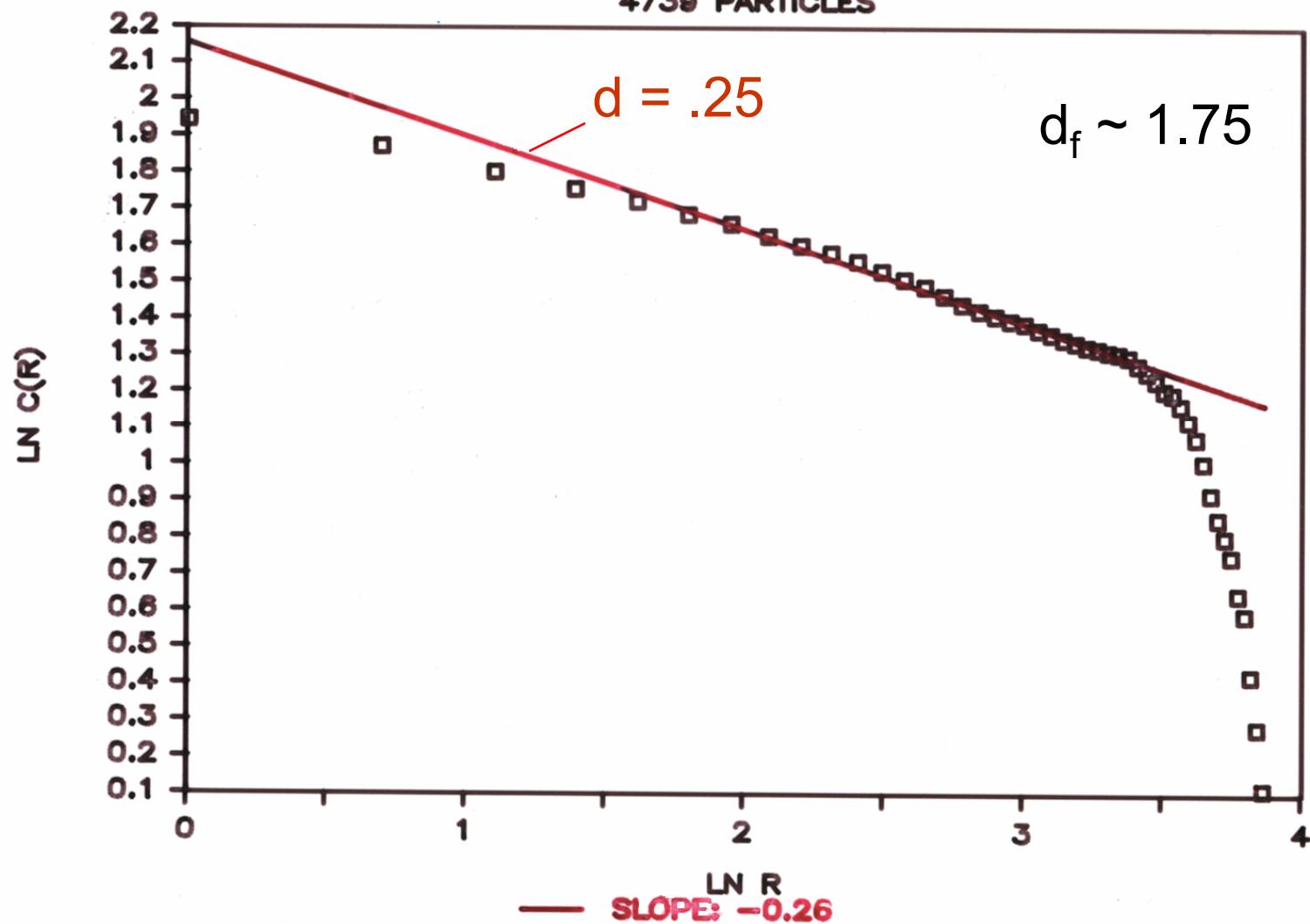
MASS CORRELATIONS:

$$3d: \quad c(r) \sim \frac{1}{r^{3-d_f}}$$

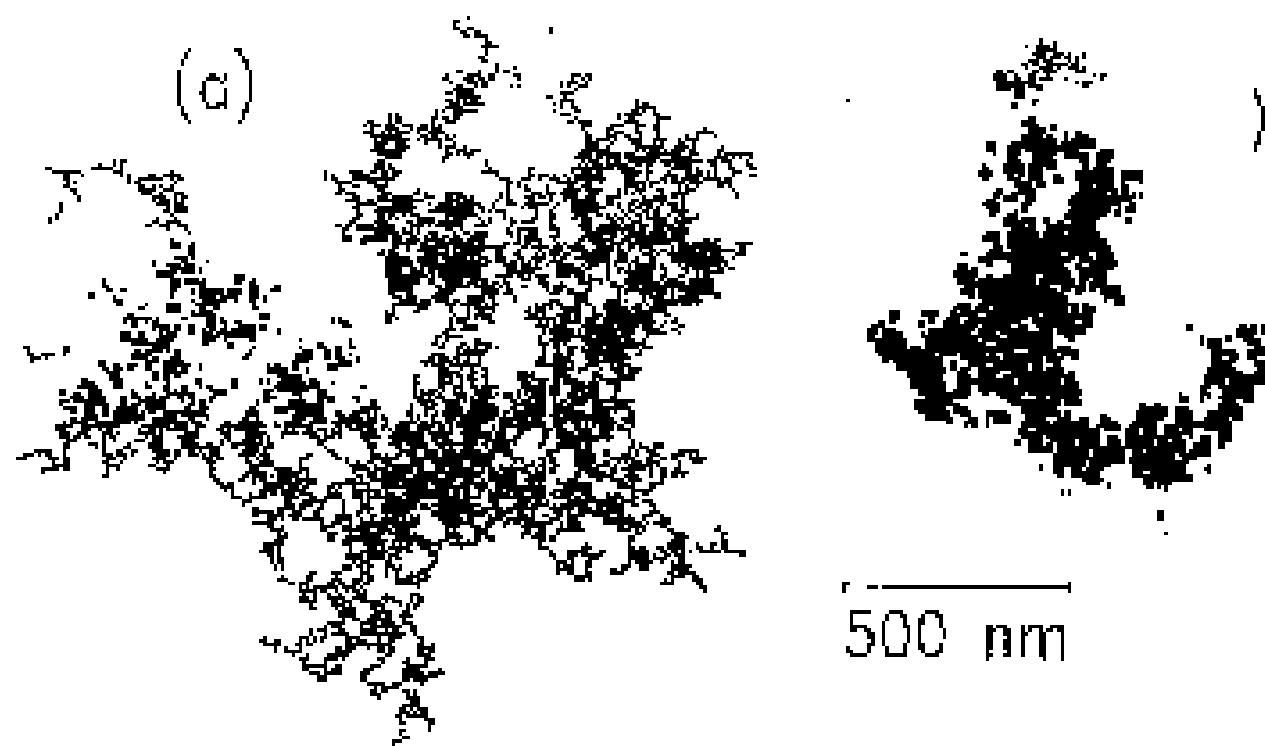
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MASS CORRELATION FUNCTION

4739 PARTICLES

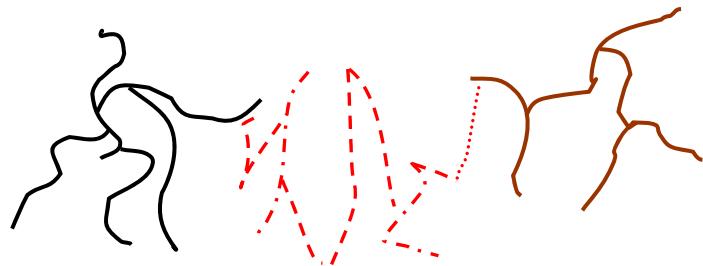


Colloidal Aggregation

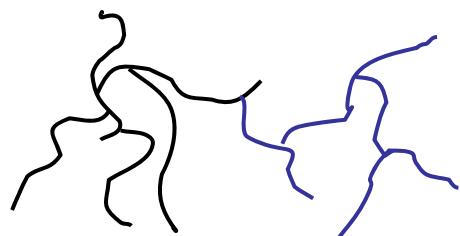


Colloidal Gold

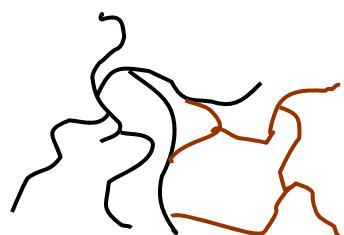
DIFFUSION – REACTION – LIMITED AGGREGATION



DIFFUSE MOTION



**DIFFUSION-LIMITED
STICKS WHERE IT FIRST TOUCHES**



**REACTION-LIMITED
MUST COLLIDE MANY TIMES
DIFFUSIVE MOTION NOT IMPORTANT.**

DIMENSIONS:

d: Euclidean dimension of space

$d = 3$ real space

$d = 2$ surface

d_f : Fractal dimension

Amount of volume occupied by a space filling object
is $M \sim R^{d_f}$

d_t : Trajectory dimension

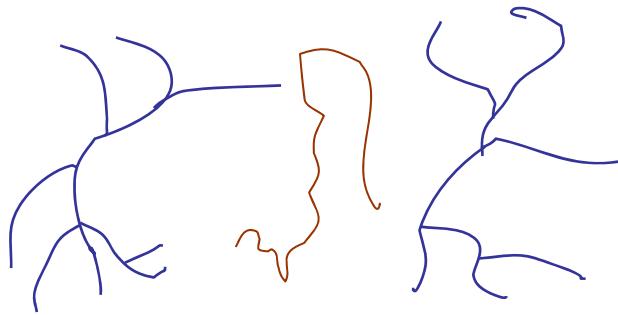
Fractal dimension of trajectory

Random walk: $d_t = 2$

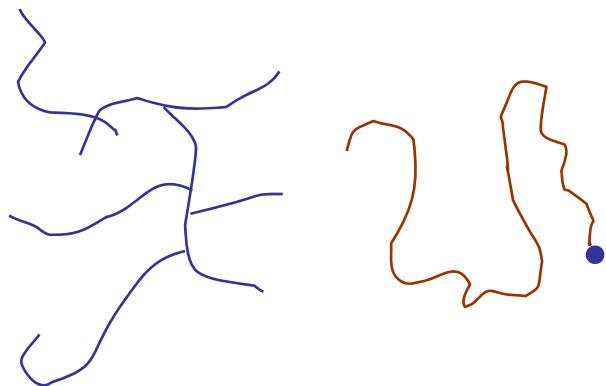
Ballistic motion: $d_t = 1$

No motion $d_t = 0$

DIFFUSION-LIMITED CLUSTER AGGREGATION



$$d_f^1 + d_f^2 + d_t = 1.75 + 1.75 + 2 > 3.$$

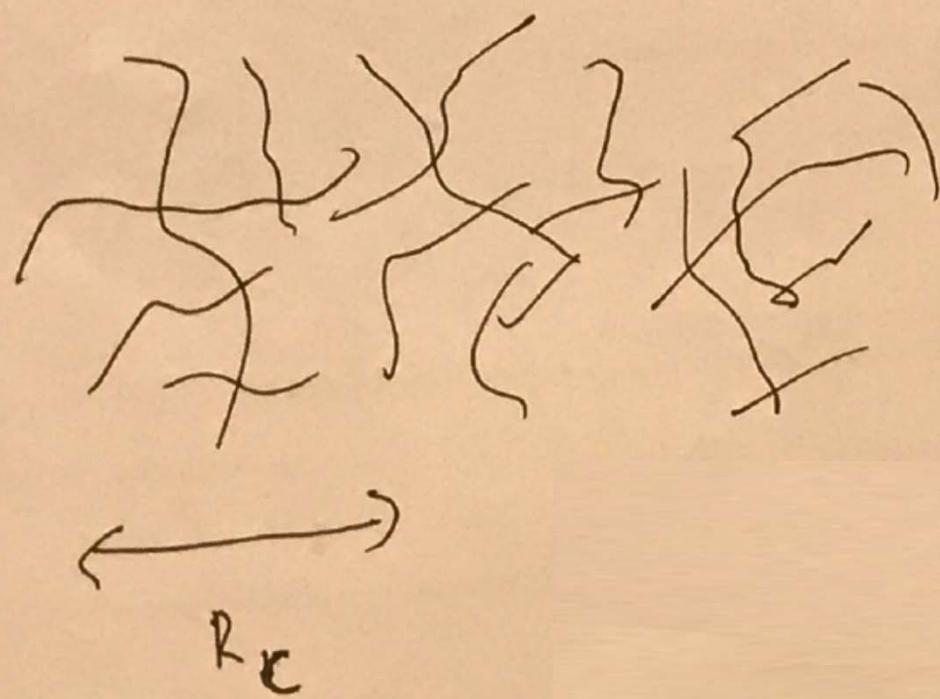


$$d_f^1 + d_f^2 + d_t = 1.75 + 0 + 2 > 3.$$

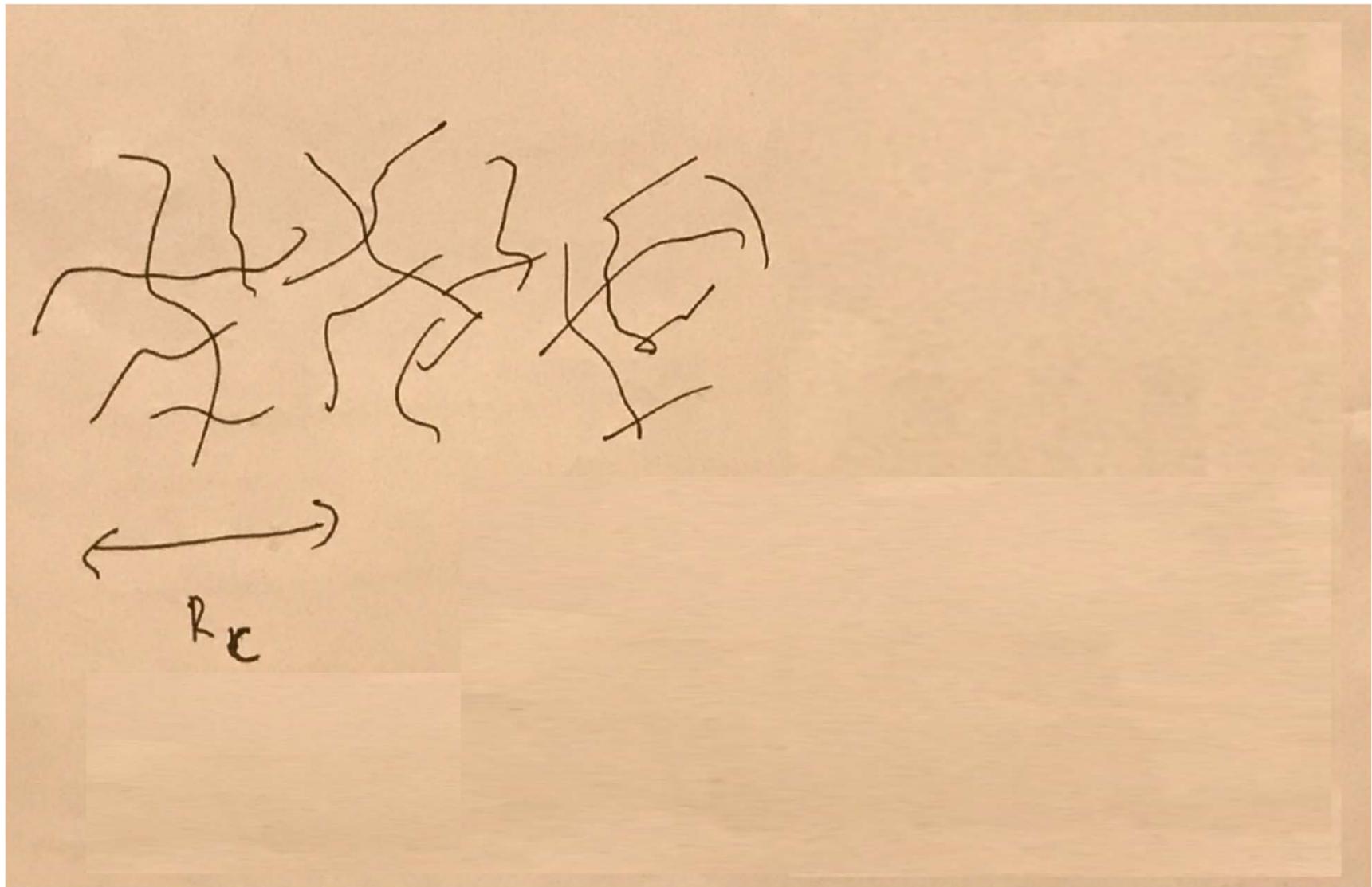
NO INTERPENETRATION
BUT CLUSTERS STICK WITH OTHER CLUSTERS

$\therefore d_f \sim 1.8$ in 3-d.

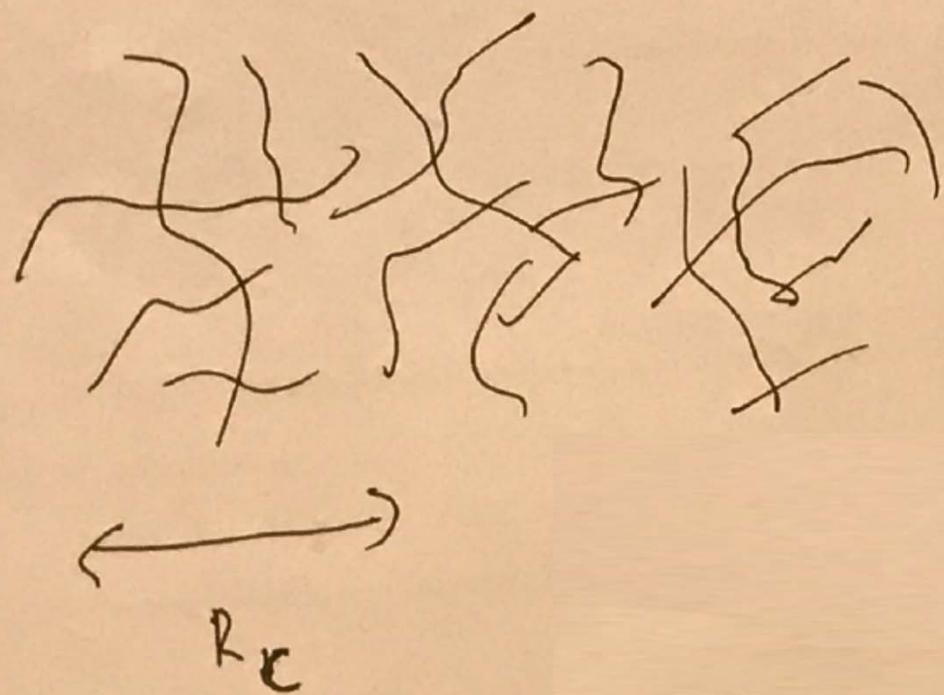
Brown bag calculation



Gelation of fractal clusters

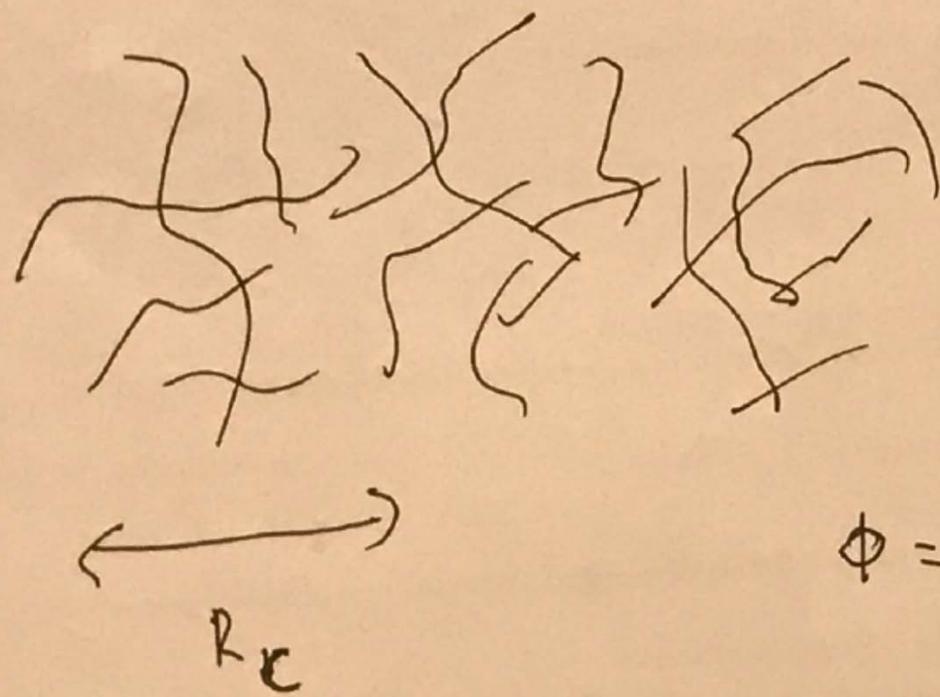


Gelation of fractal clusters



$$N_c = \left(\frac{R_c}{a} \right)^{d_f}$$

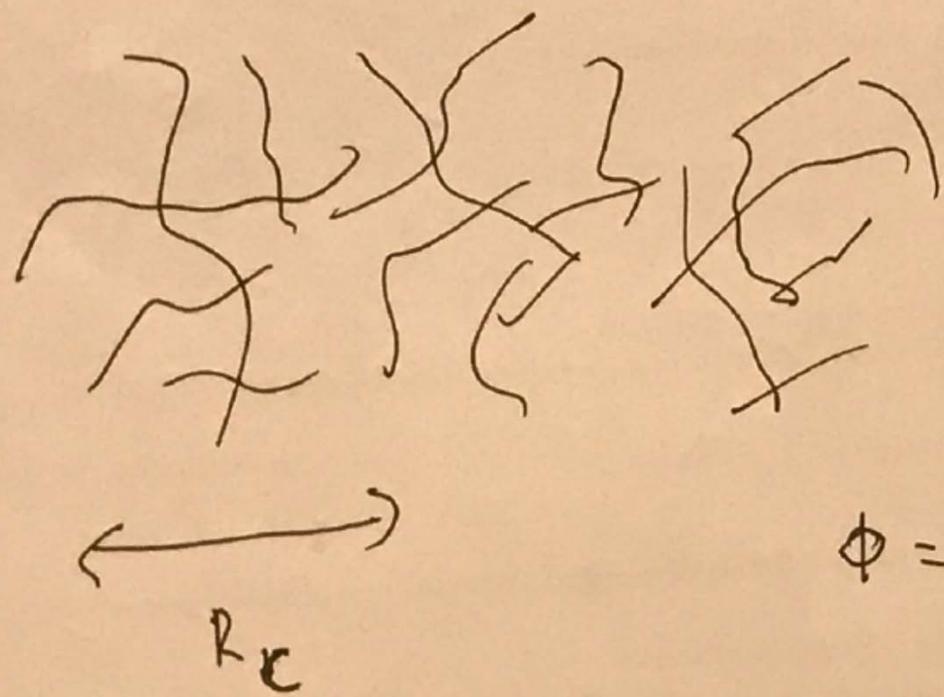
Gelation of fractal clusters



$$N_c = \left(\frac{R_c}{a}\right)^{d_f}$$

$$\phi = \frac{N_c}{\left(\frac{R_c}{a}\right)^3} = \left(\frac{R_c}{a}\right)^{d_f - 3}$$

Gelation of fractal clusters



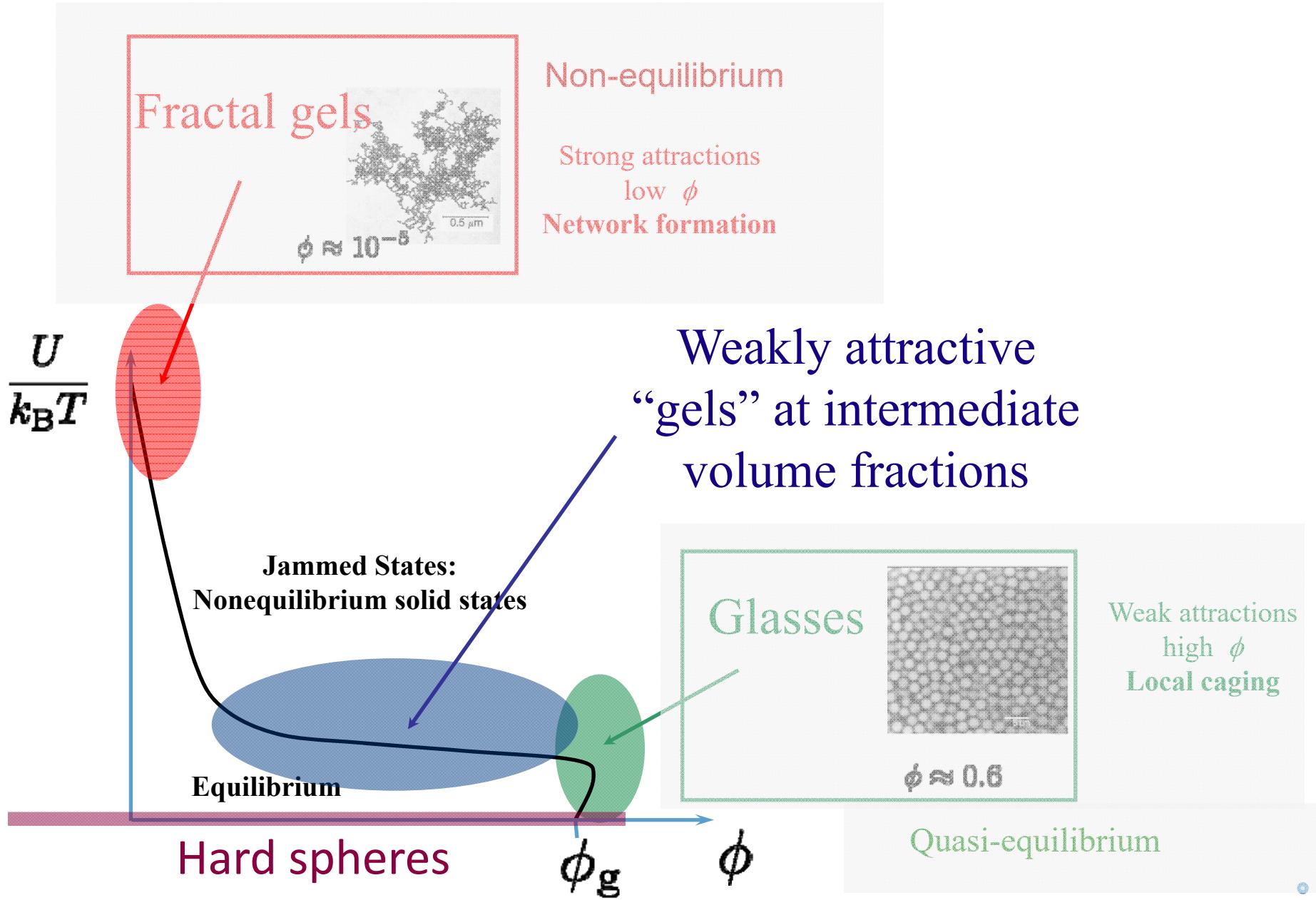
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$$R_c = a \phi^{\frac{1}{d_f - 3}}$$

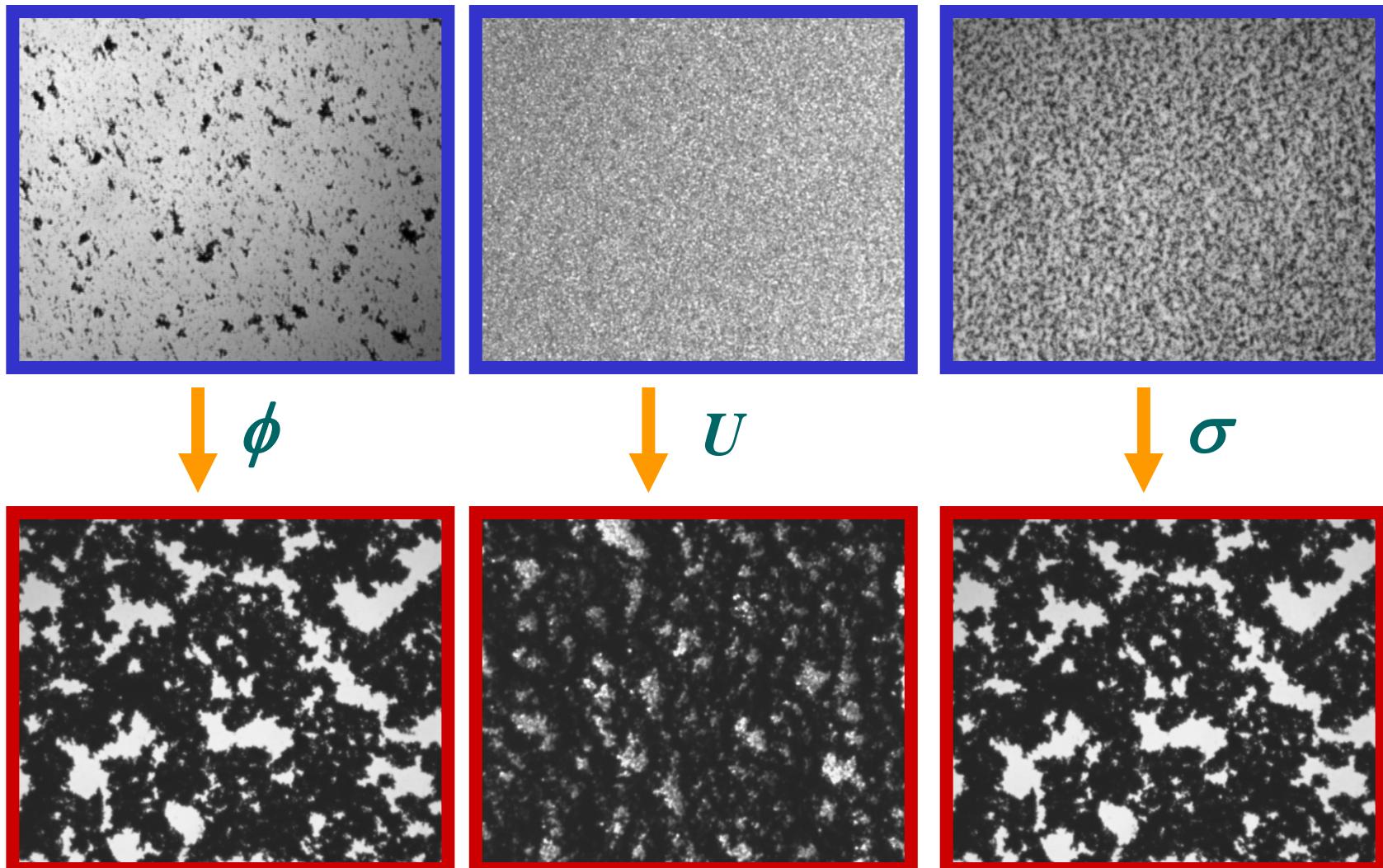
$$R_c \sim a \phi^{-1}$$

State diagram for colloidal particles



Gelation of Attractive Particles

Carbon Black in Oil



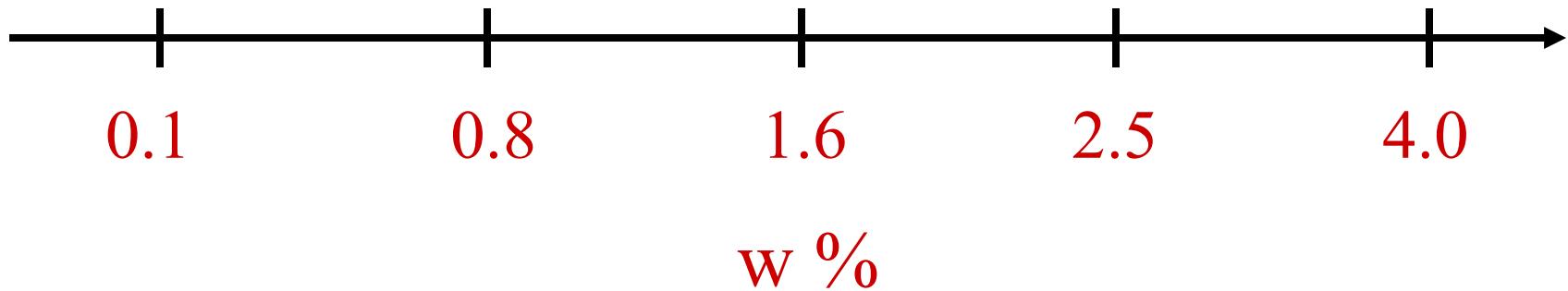
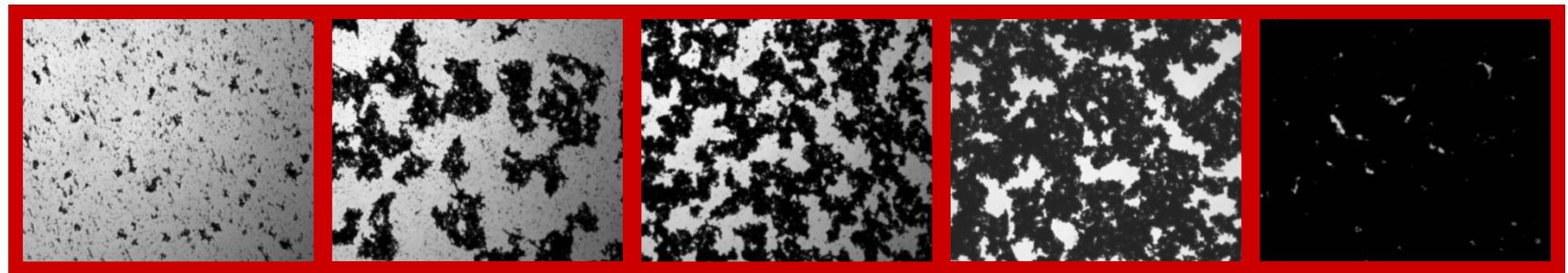
Effect of Volume Fraction

Carbon Black in S150N

$$U \sim 10 \pm 2 \text{ kT} \quad 25^\circ\text{C}$$

spacer 23 μm

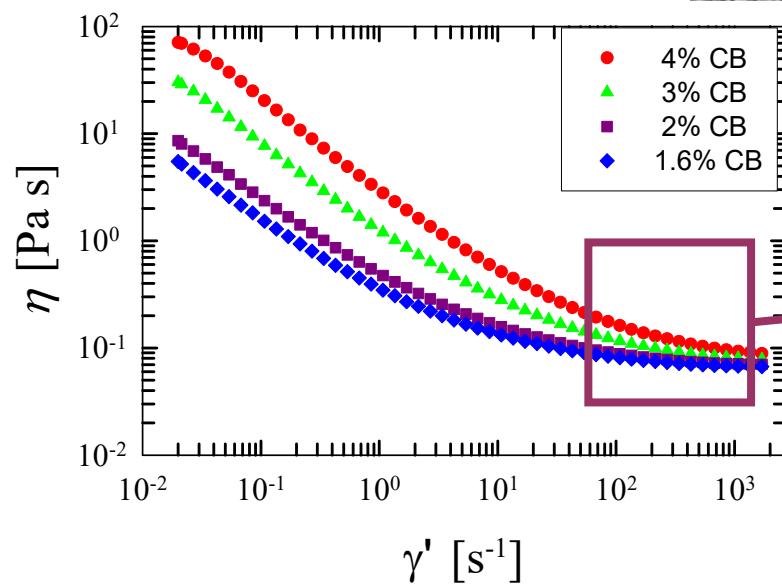
100 μm



Determination of Volume Fraction

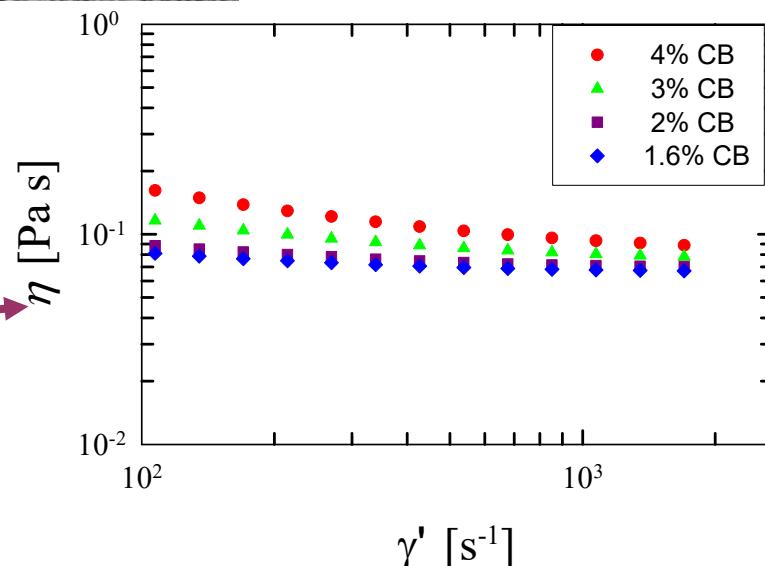
Shear breaks
aggregates into $0.5 \mu\text{m}$
units

Concentration Series 25°C



Volume fraction determined
from ϕ -dependence of η

Concentration Series 25°C



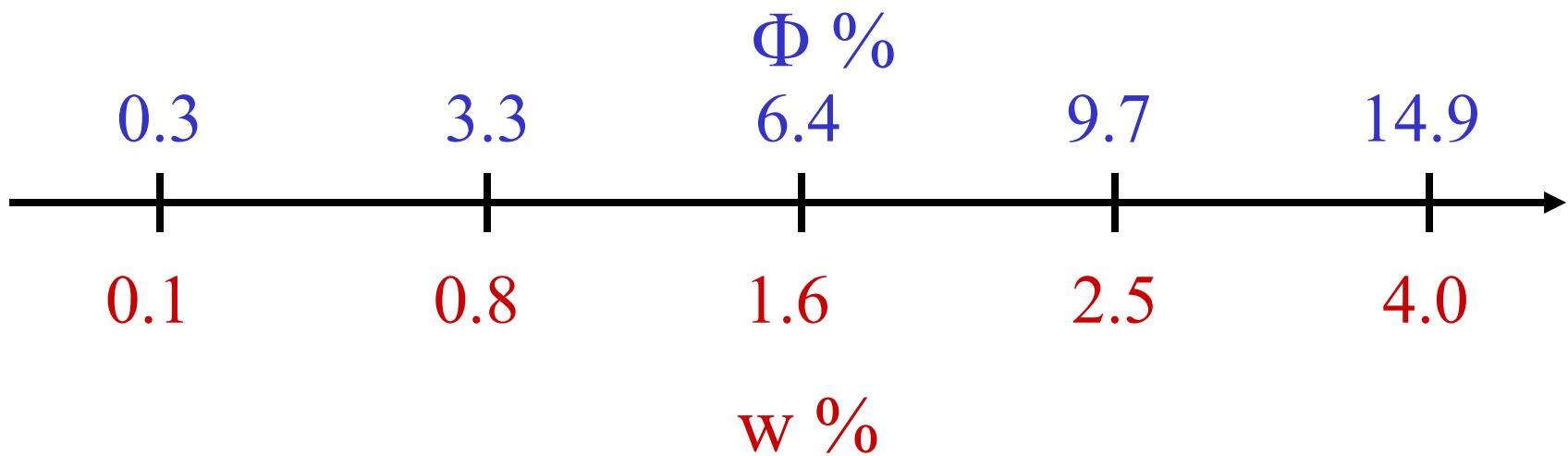
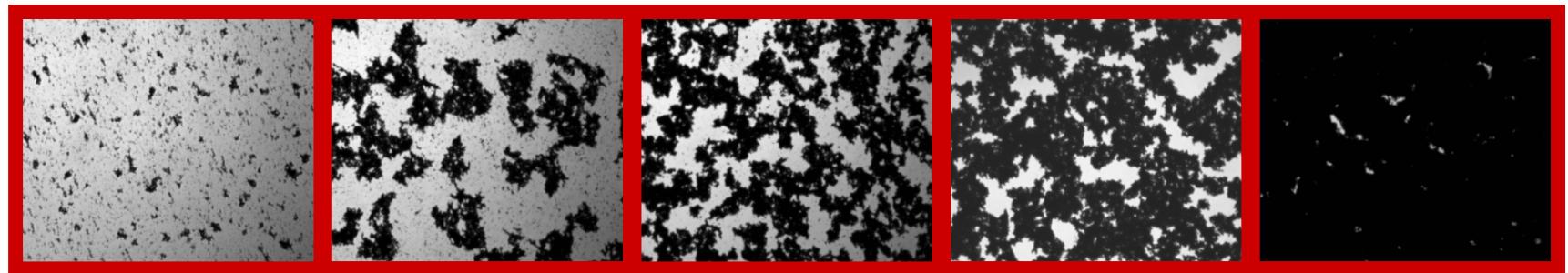
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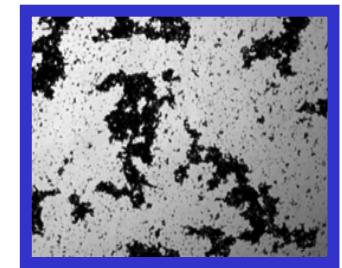
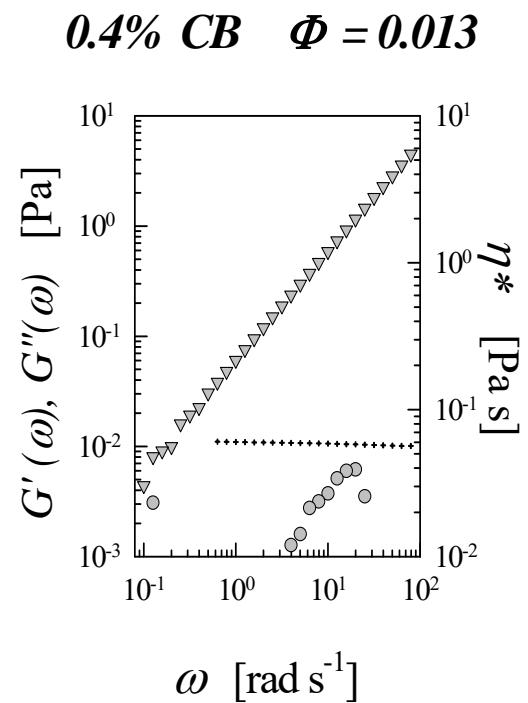
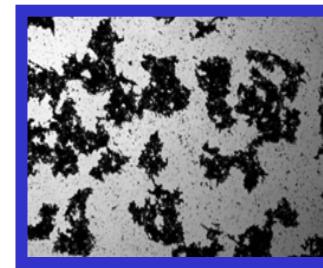
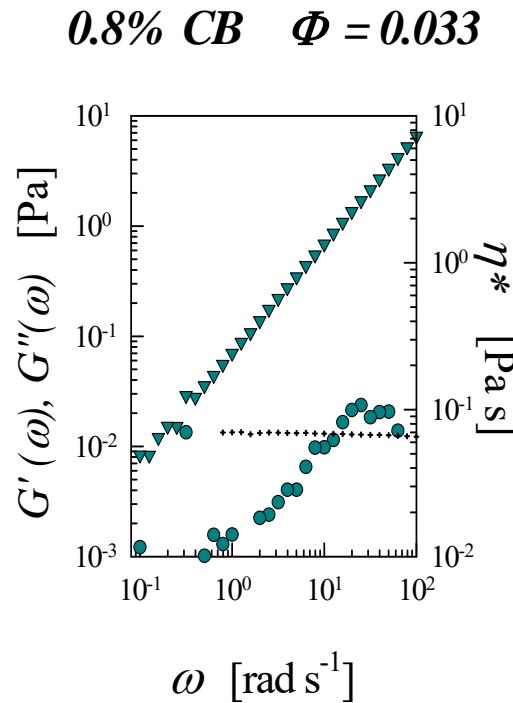
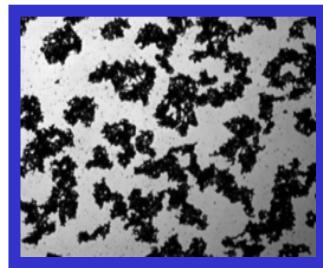
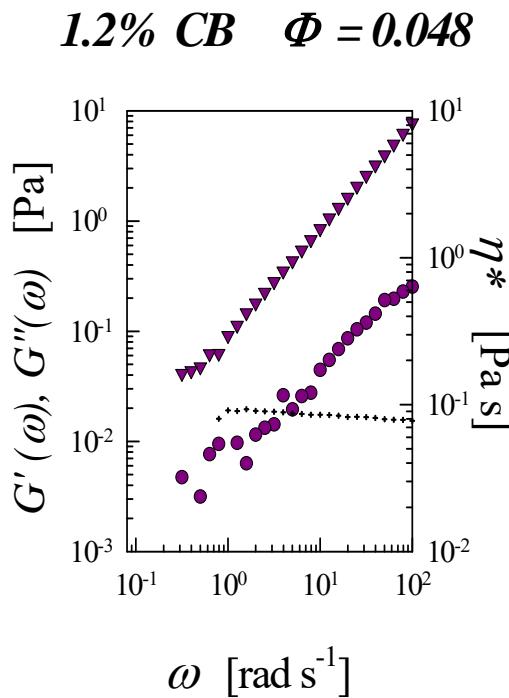
spacer $23 \mu\text{m}$

$100 \mu\text{m}$



Fluid-Like Behavior

Carbon Black in S150N T=25°C

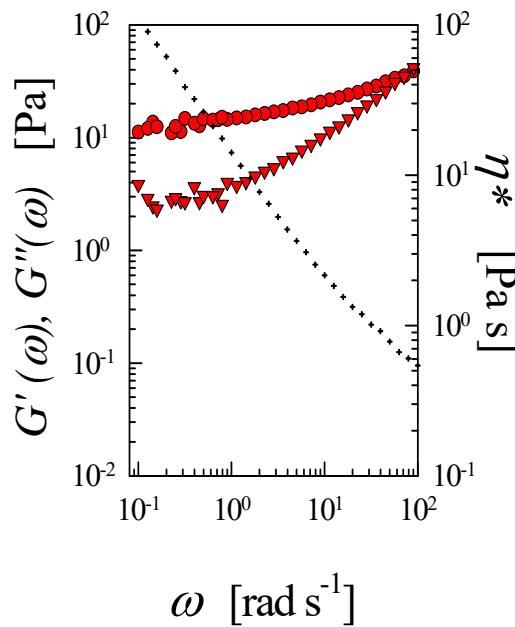


Solid-Like Behavior

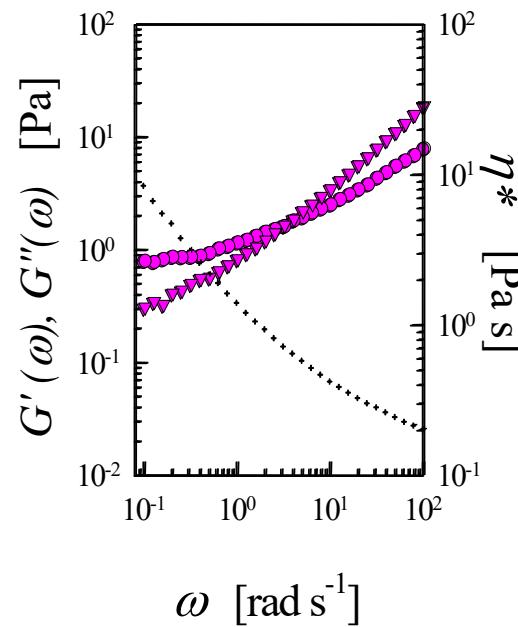
CB in S150N

T=25° C

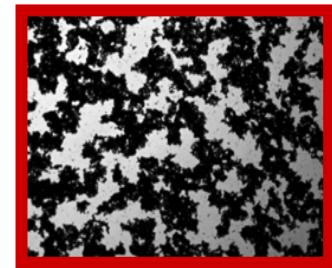
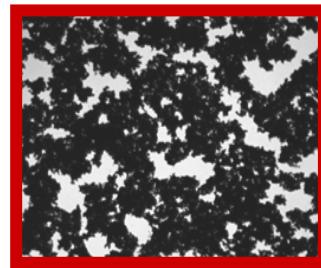
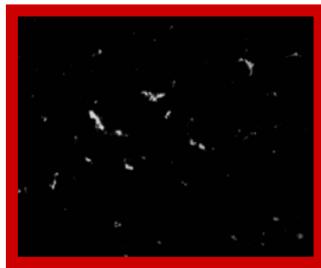
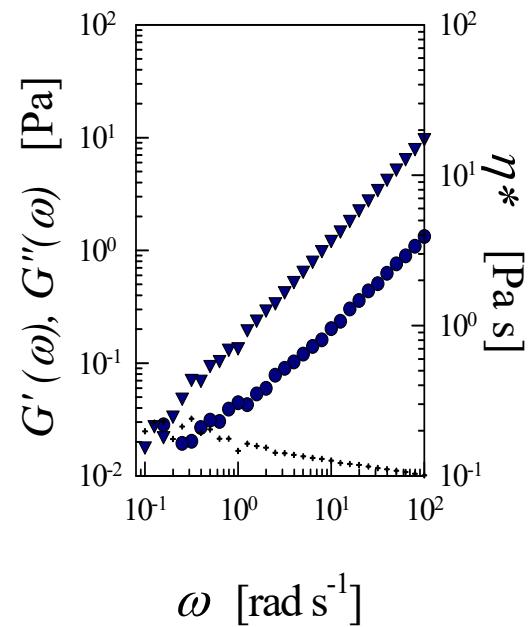
4% CB $\Phi = 0.149$



2.5% CB $\Phi = 0.097$

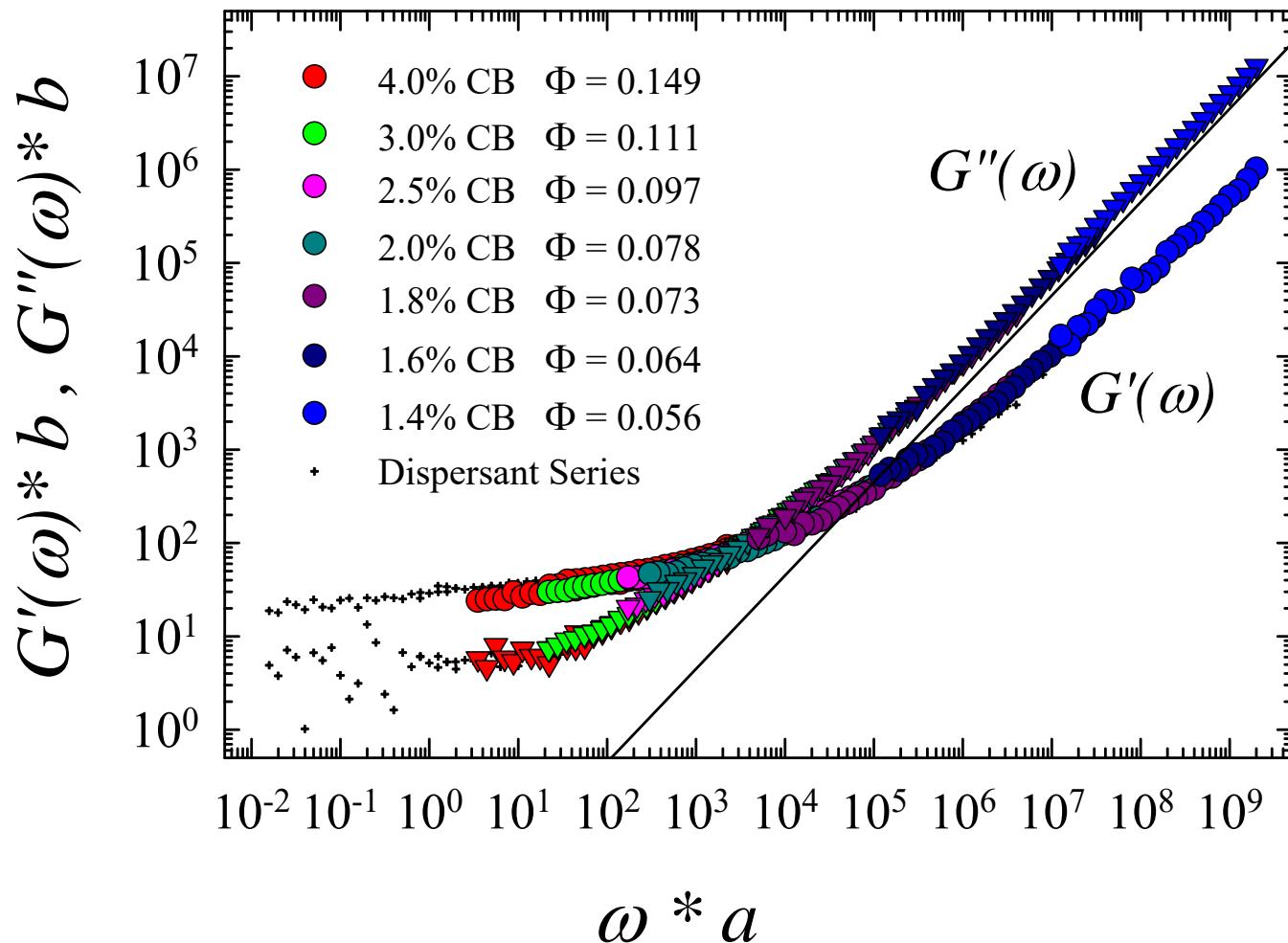


1.6% CB $\Phi = 0.064$



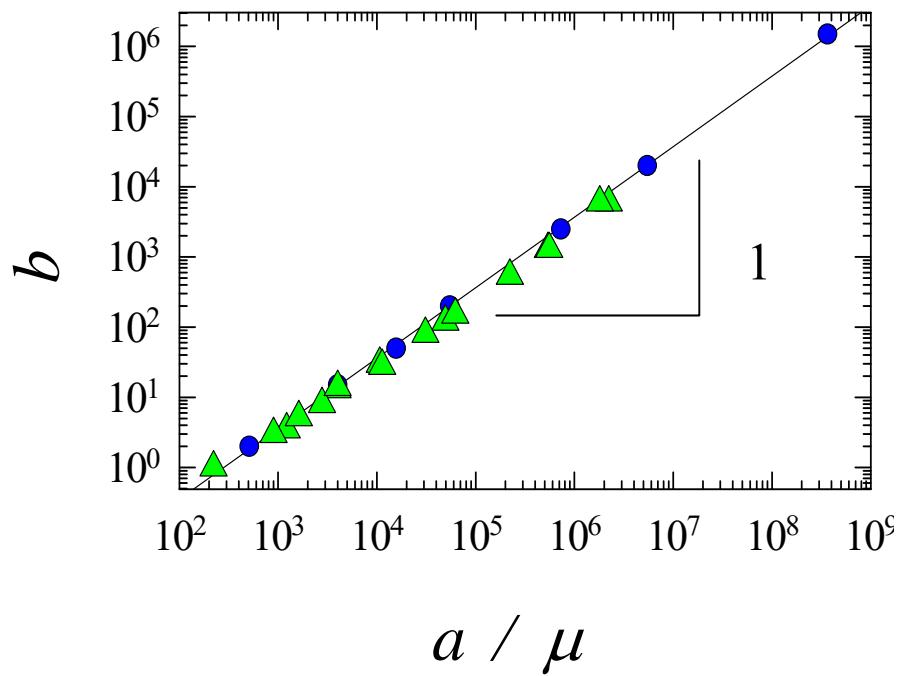
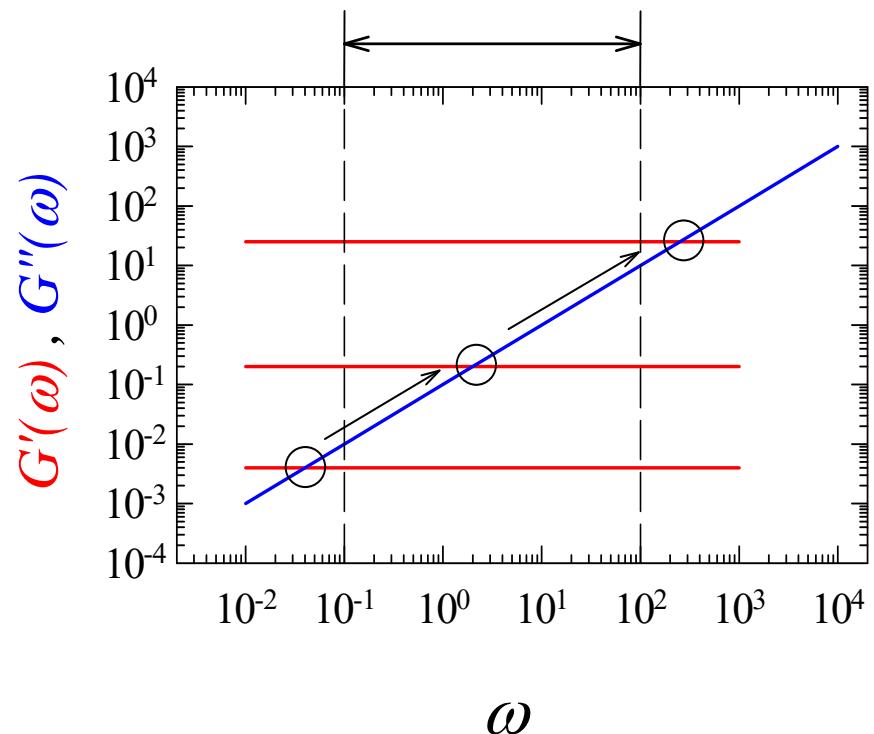
Scaling ϕ -Dependence

Carbon Black in S150N $U \sim 10 \pm 2$ kT 25°C

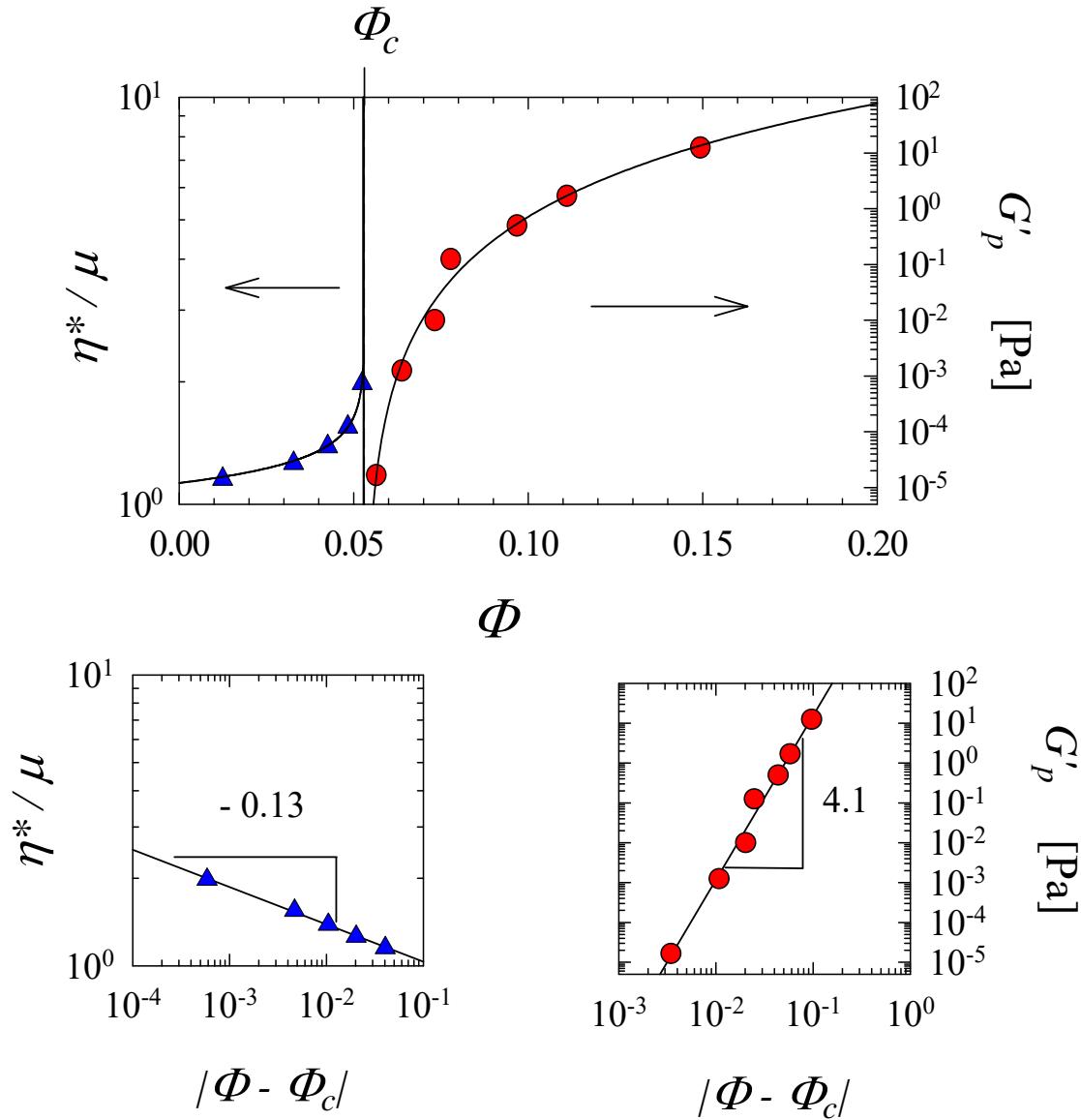


Scaling along the background-viscosity

experimentally accessible range



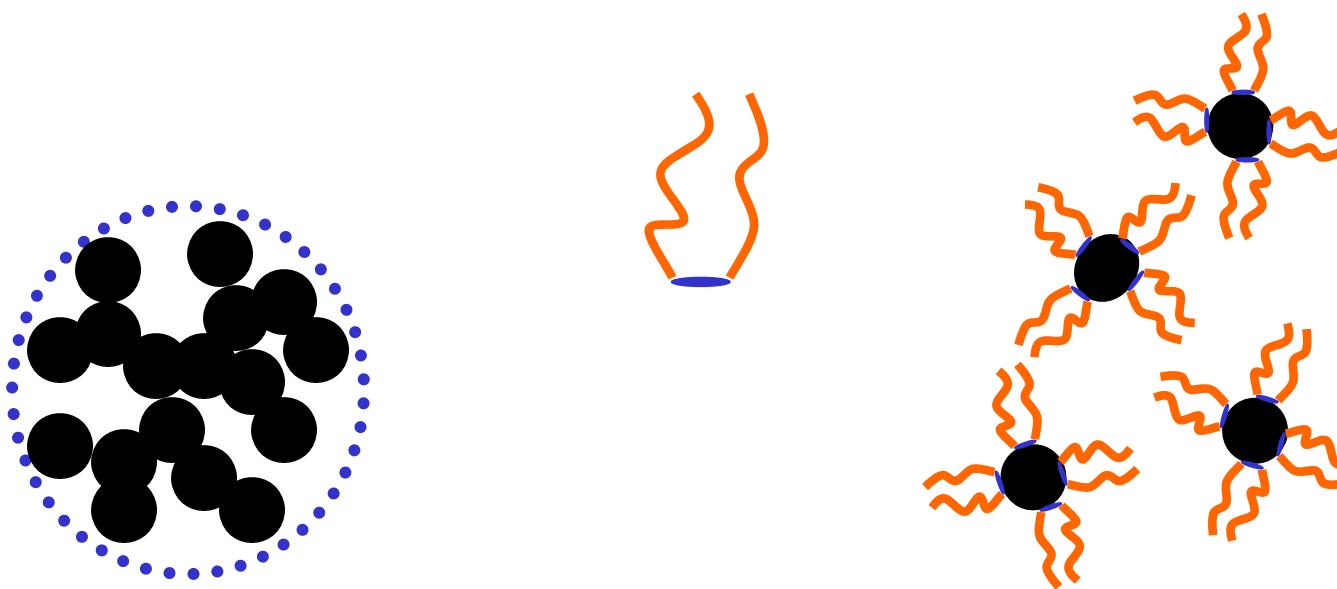
ϕ -Dependence of Fluid-Solid Transition



Effect of Dispersant

Decrease Interaction Energy

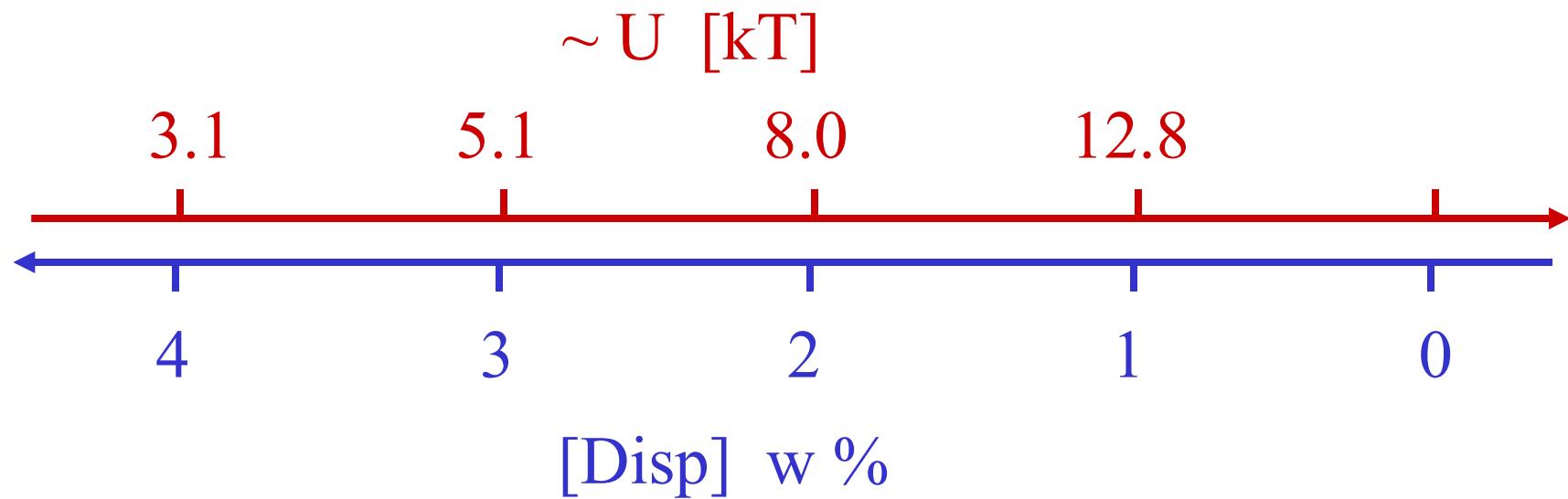
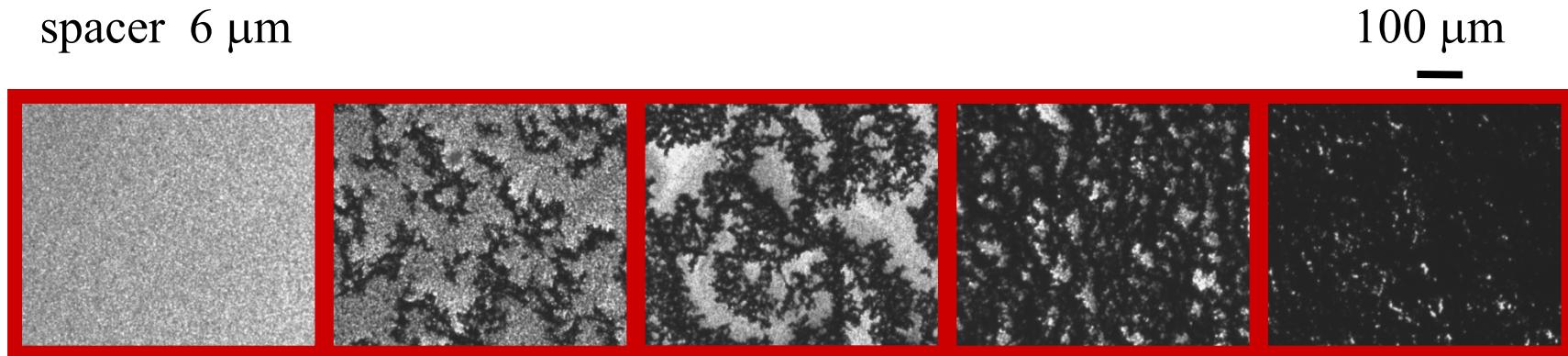
Decrease Aggregation



Amount of Dispersant controls Interaction Energy

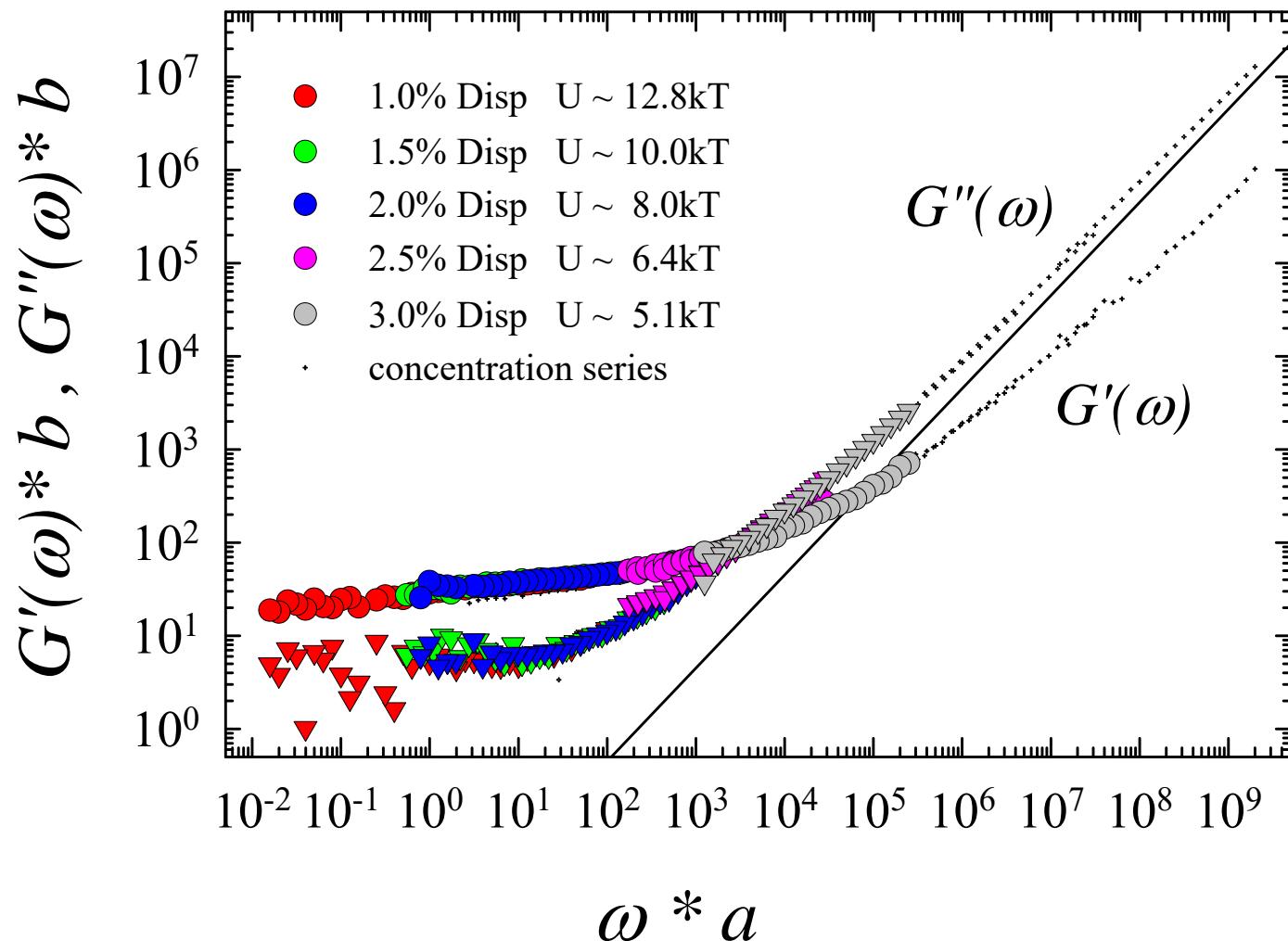
Effect of Dispersant Concentration

Carbon Black in Oil $\phi = 0.14$ 100°C

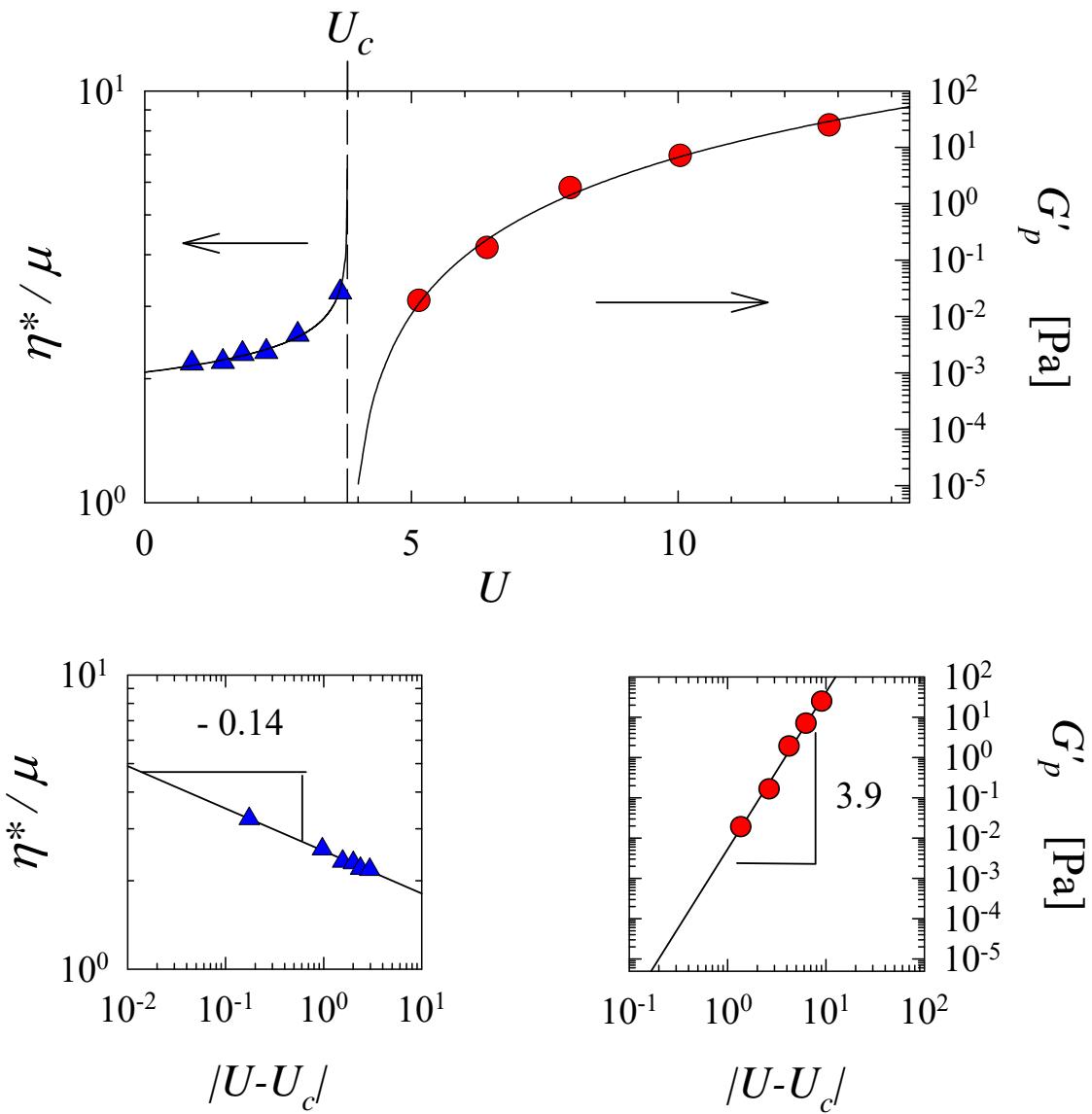


Scaling: *U*-Dependence

Carbon Black in S150N $\phi \sim 0.14$ $T = 25^\circ\text{C}$

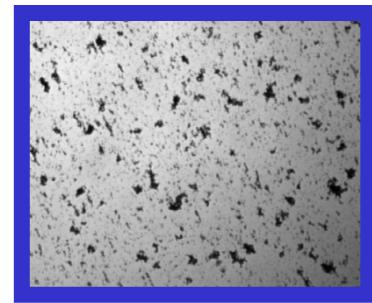


Fluid-Solid Transition U -Dependence

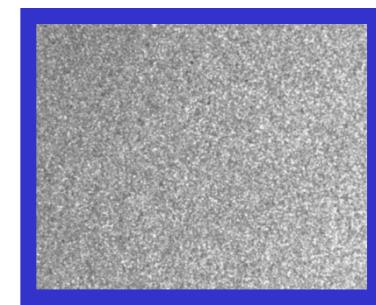
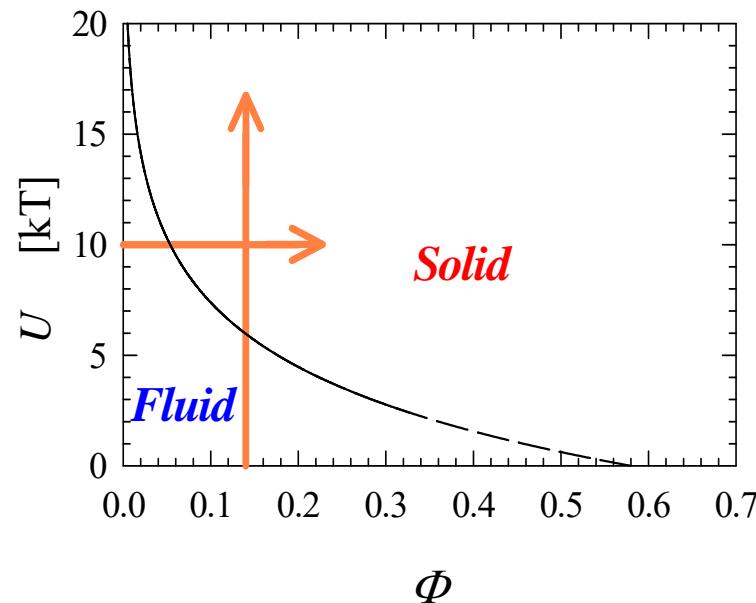
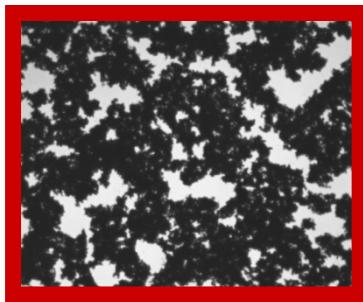


Fluid-Solid Transition

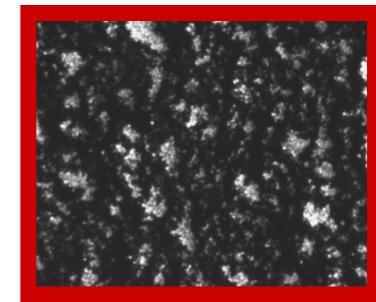
Weakly Attractive Systems



ϕ 

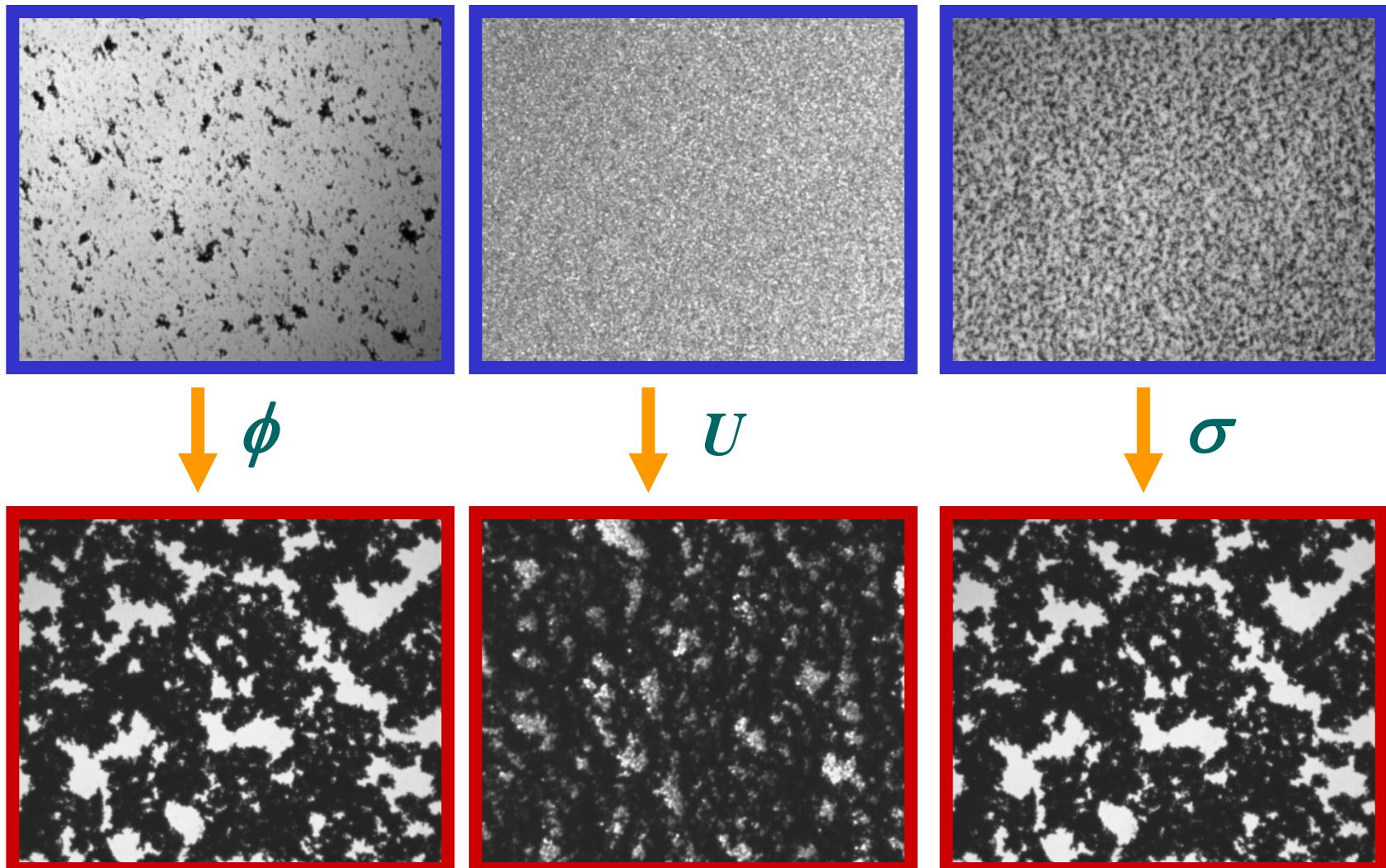


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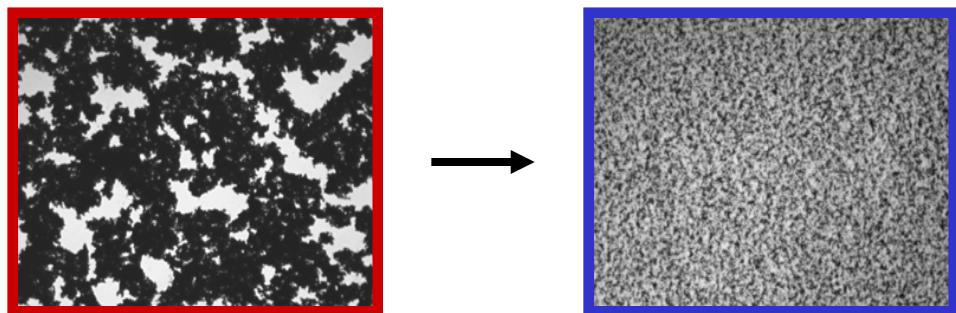
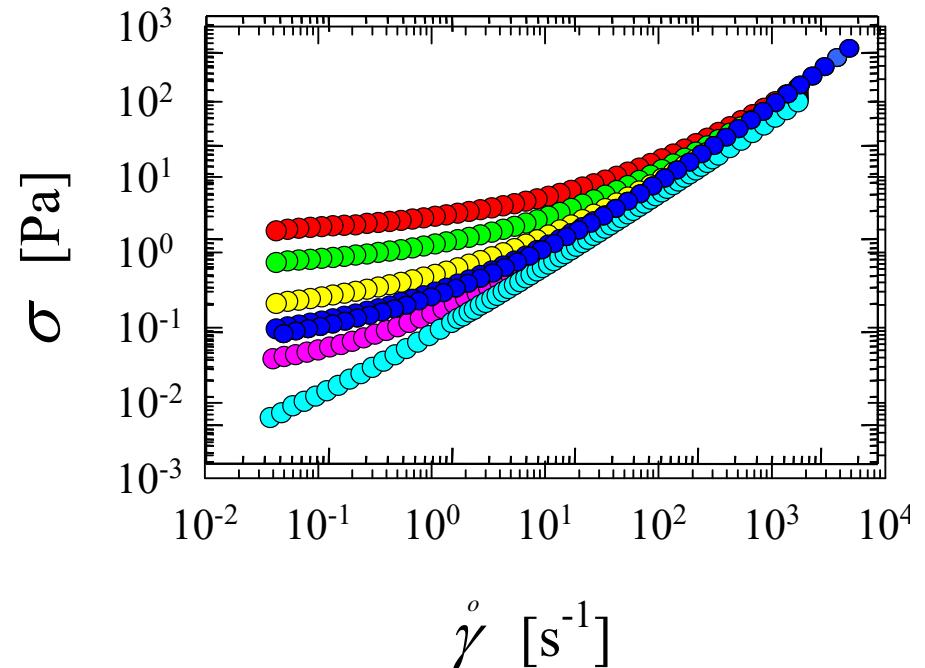
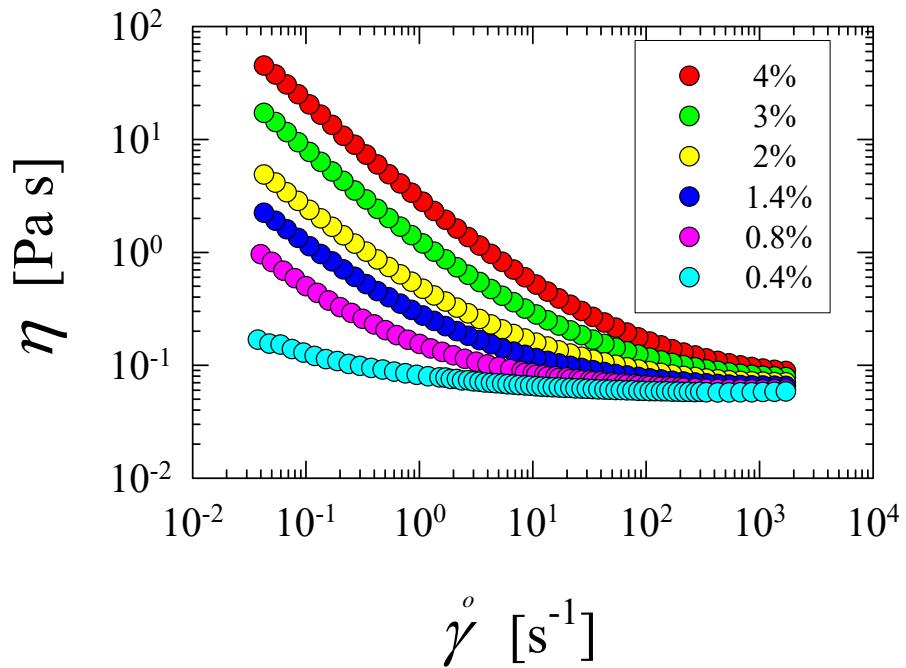


Fluid-Solid Transitions

Carbon Black in Oil

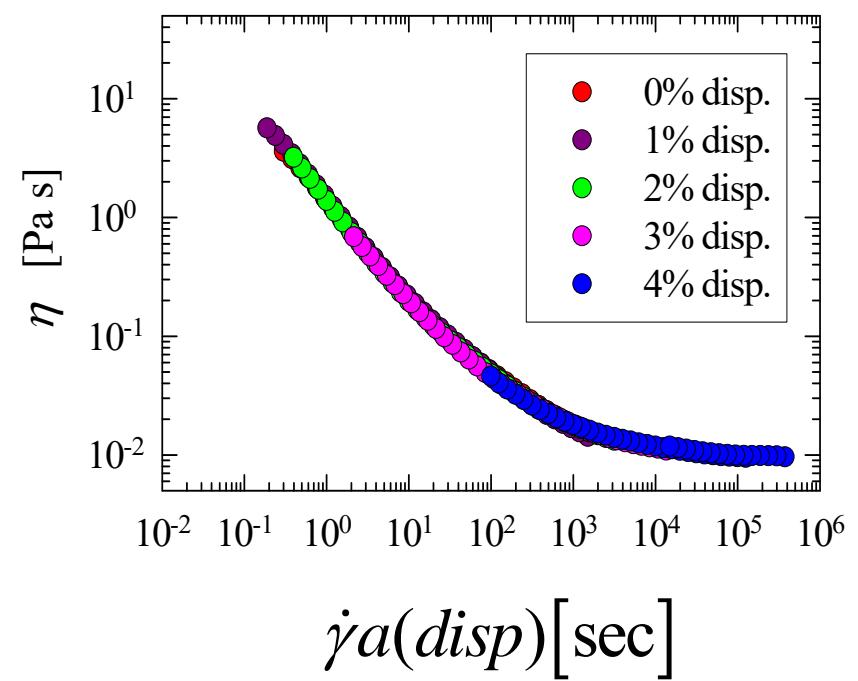
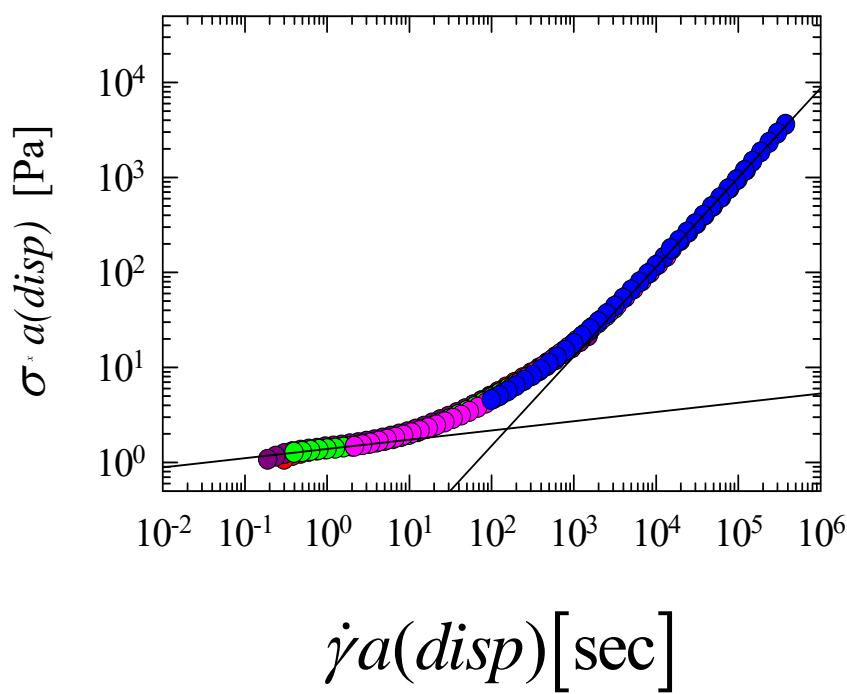


Fluidization through Shear

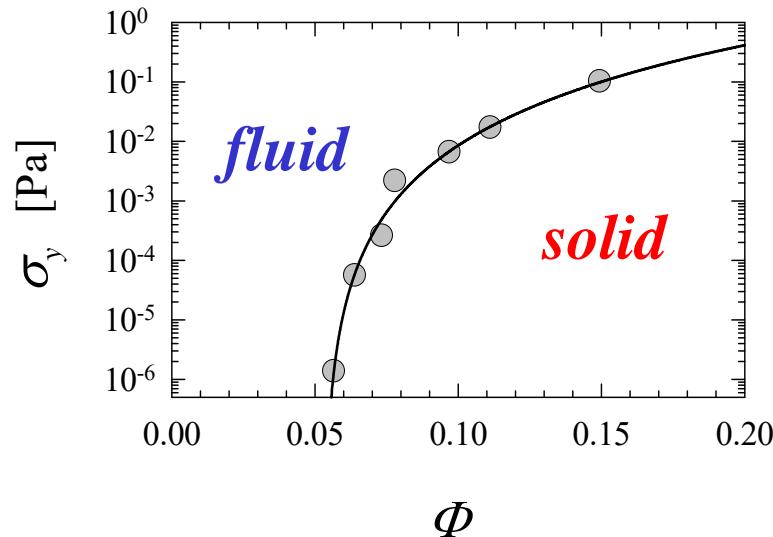


CB in S150N 25oC

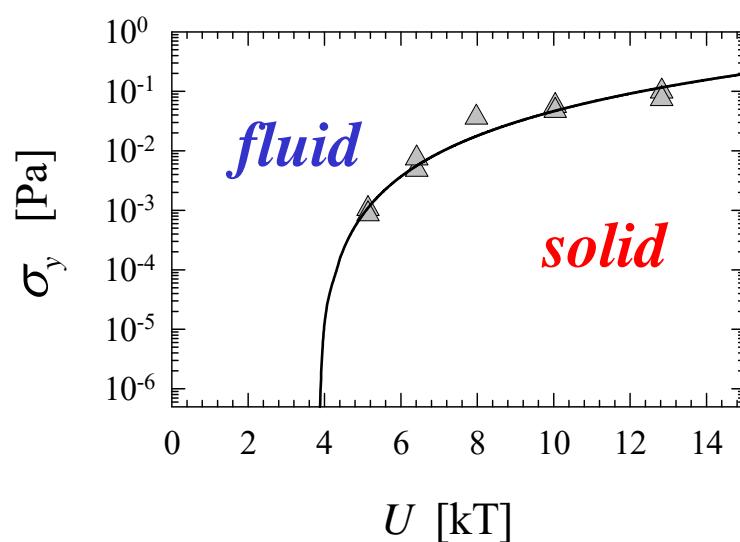
Dispersant-Shear Equivalence



Shear Induced Fluid-Solid-Transition

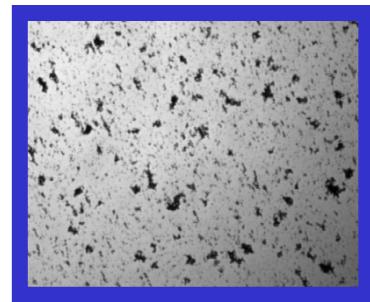


$$\sigma_y = \sigma_\Phi (\Phi - \Phi_c)^{3.4}$$

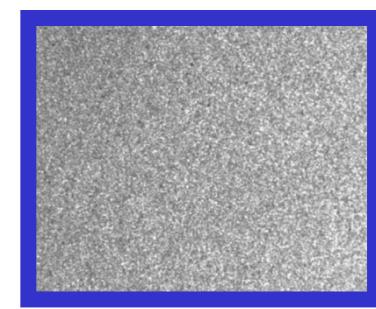
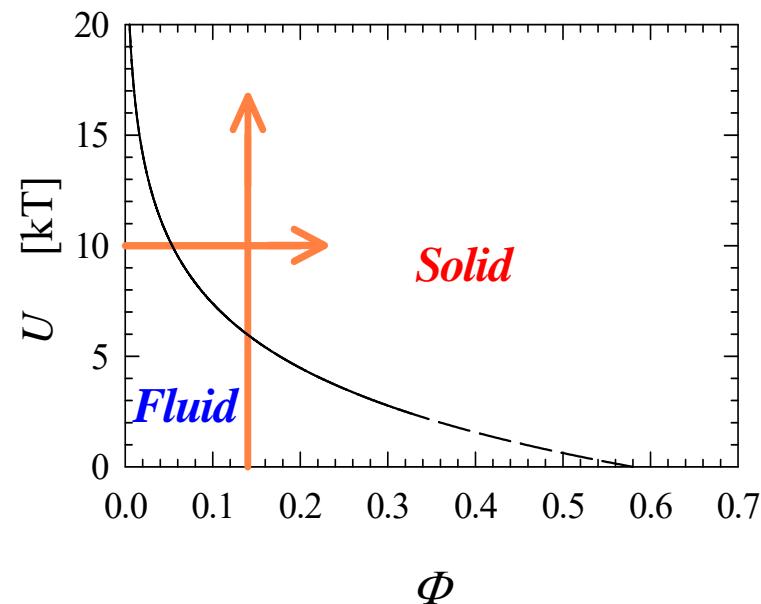
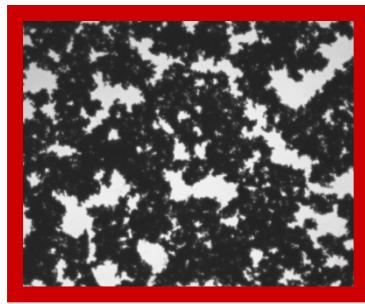


$$\sigma_y = \sigma_u (U - U_c)^{2.4}$$

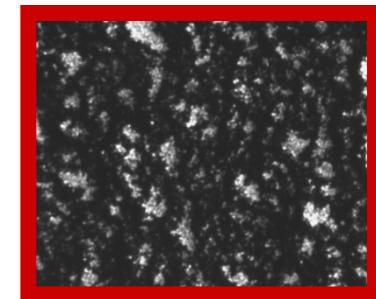
Phase Boundary in U - ϕ Plane



ϕ

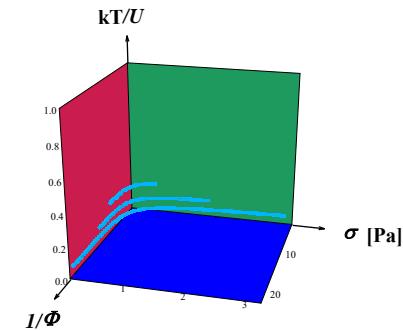
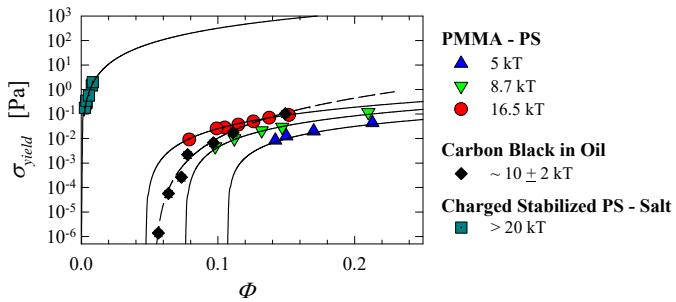


U



Yield Stress as Phase Boundary

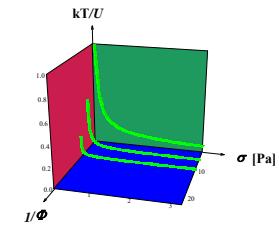
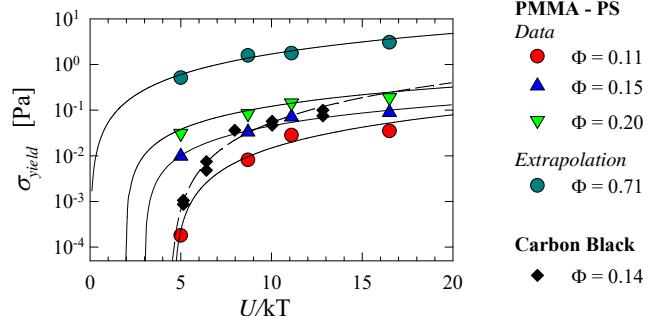
$$\sigma_y = \sigma_0 (\phi - \phi_c)^\mu$$



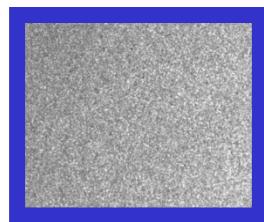
Phase Boundary in $U - \sigma$ Plane

$\phi = \text{const.}$

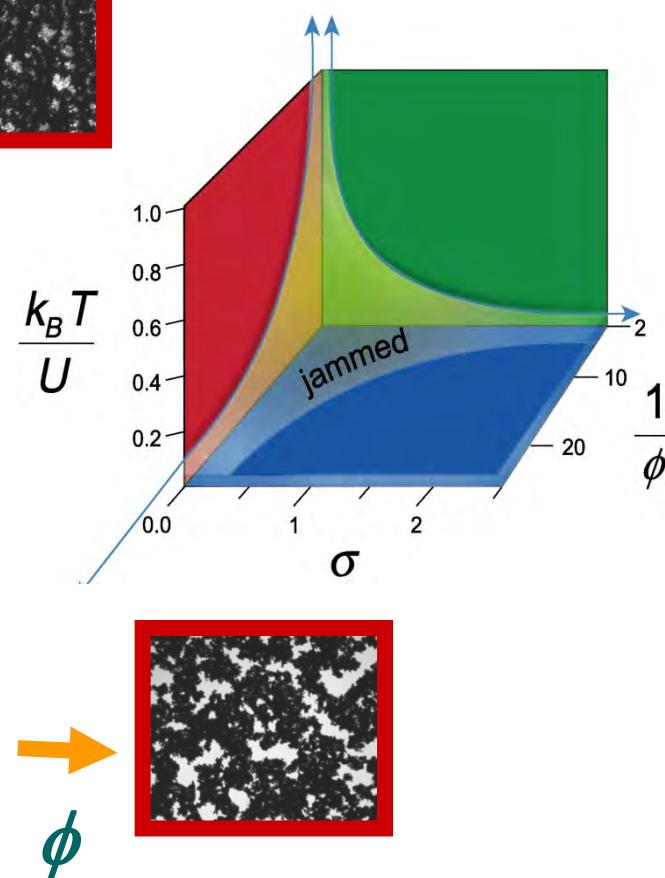
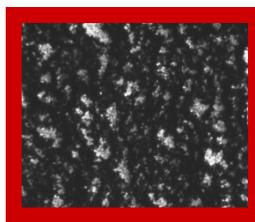
$$\sigma_y = \sigma_o (U - U_c)^\nu$$



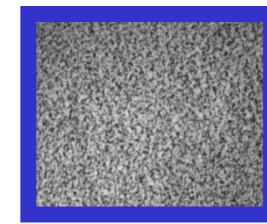
Jamming Phase Diagram for Attractive Systems



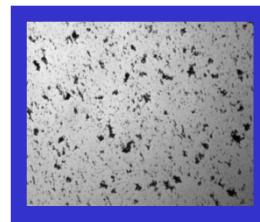
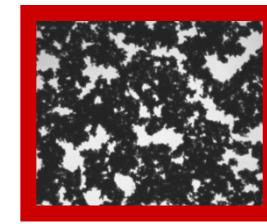
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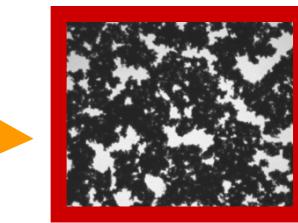
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$\sigma \uparrow$



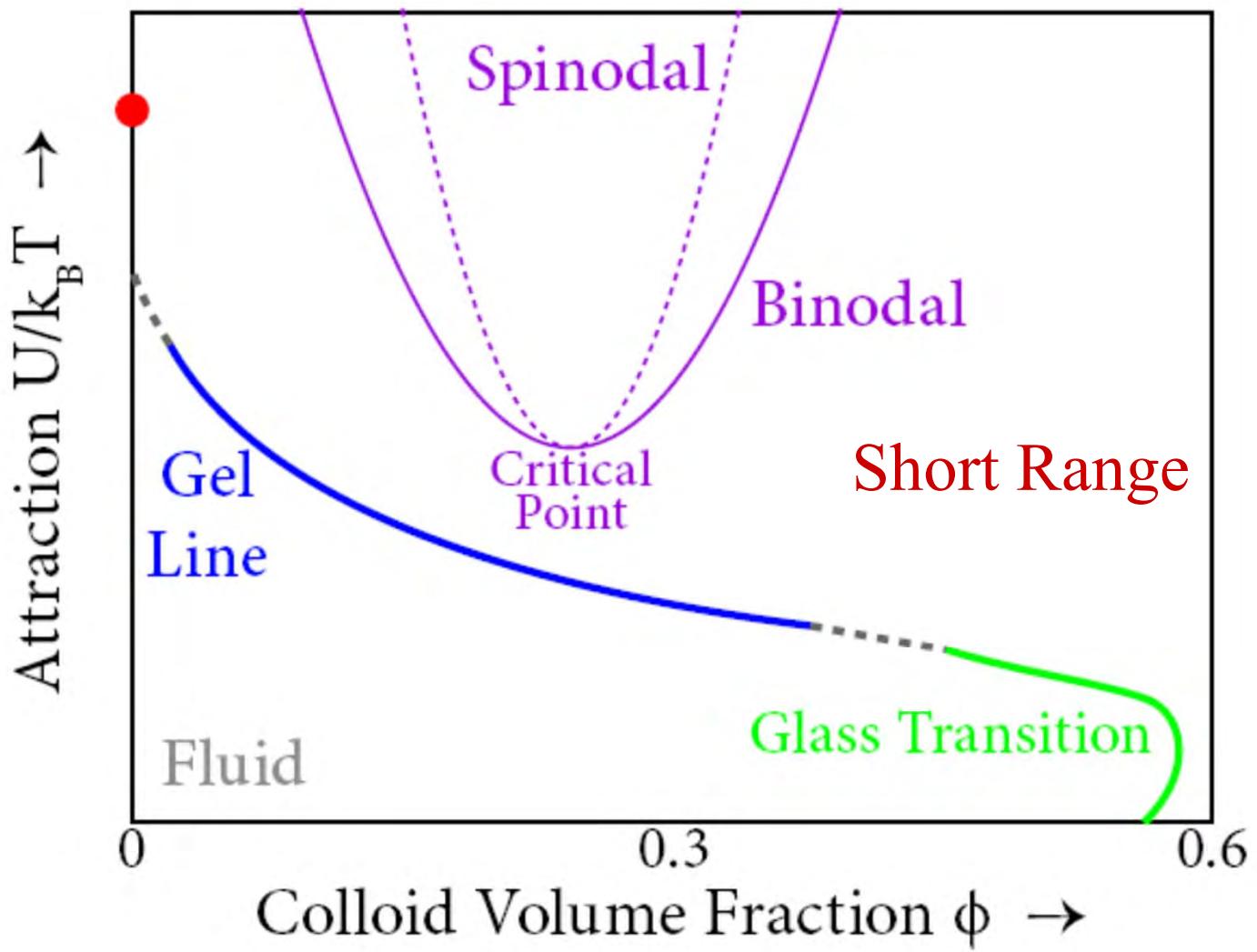
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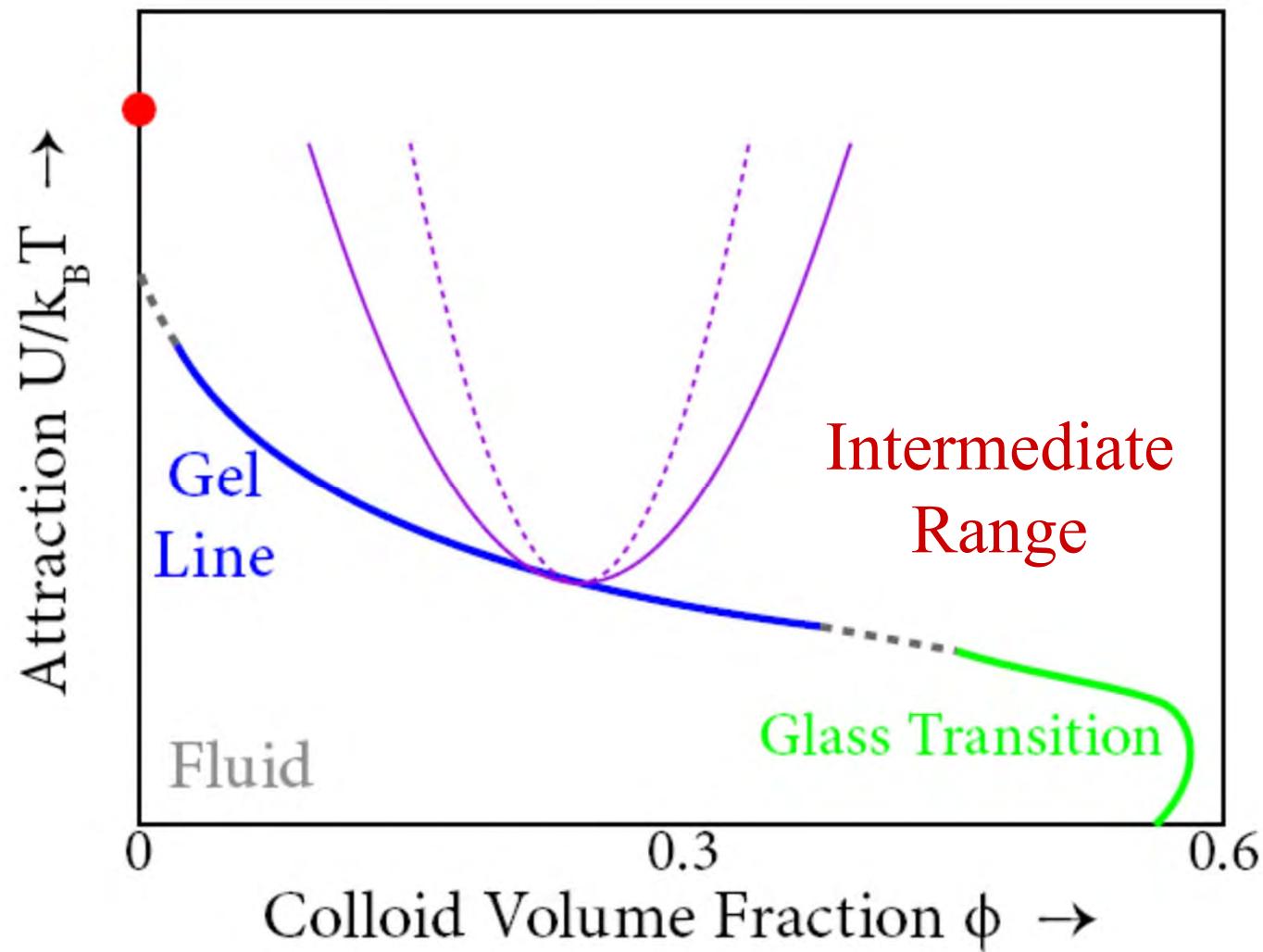
Completely new way to look at viscosity of soot in oil

Dependence on range
of interaction

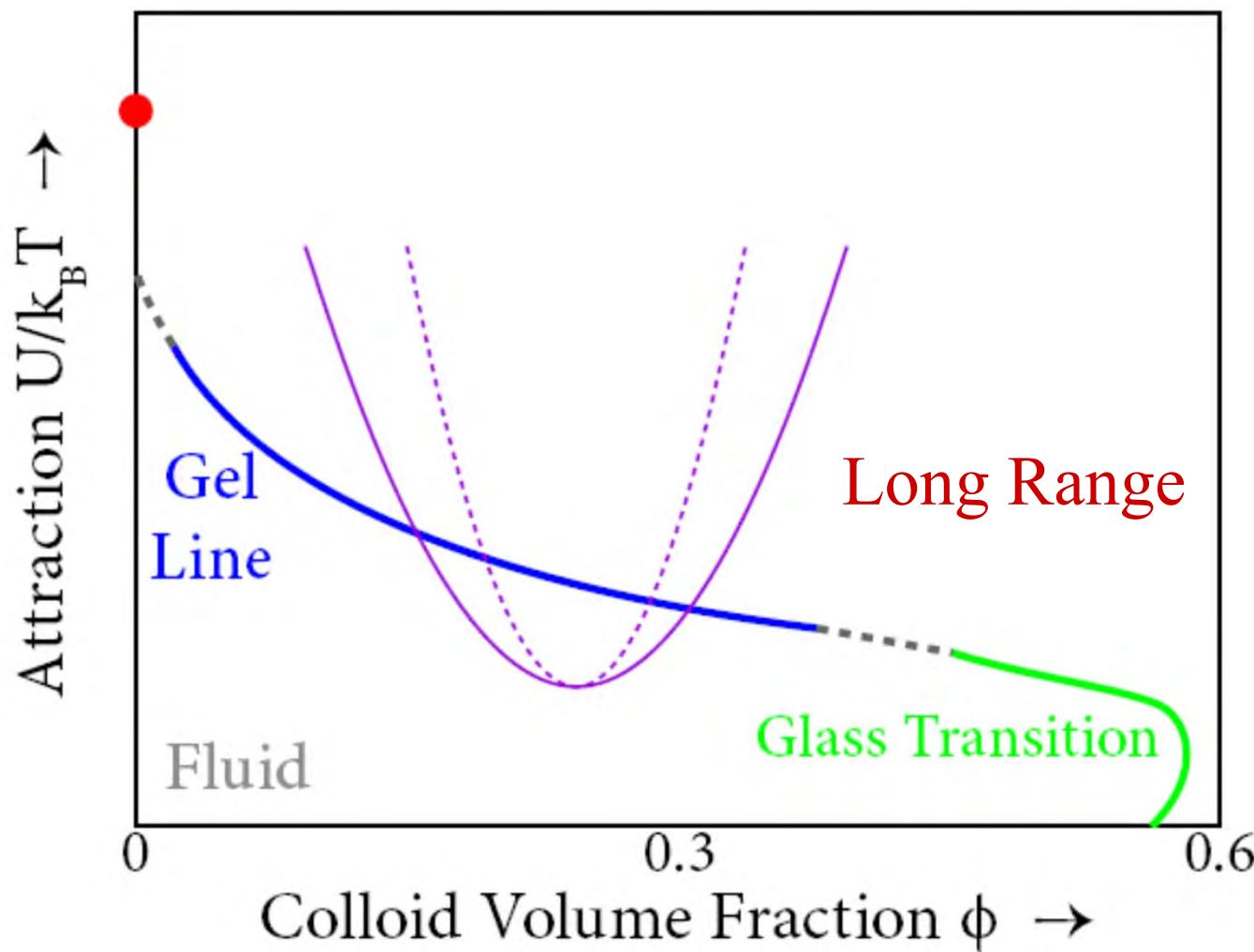
Attractive colloidal particles



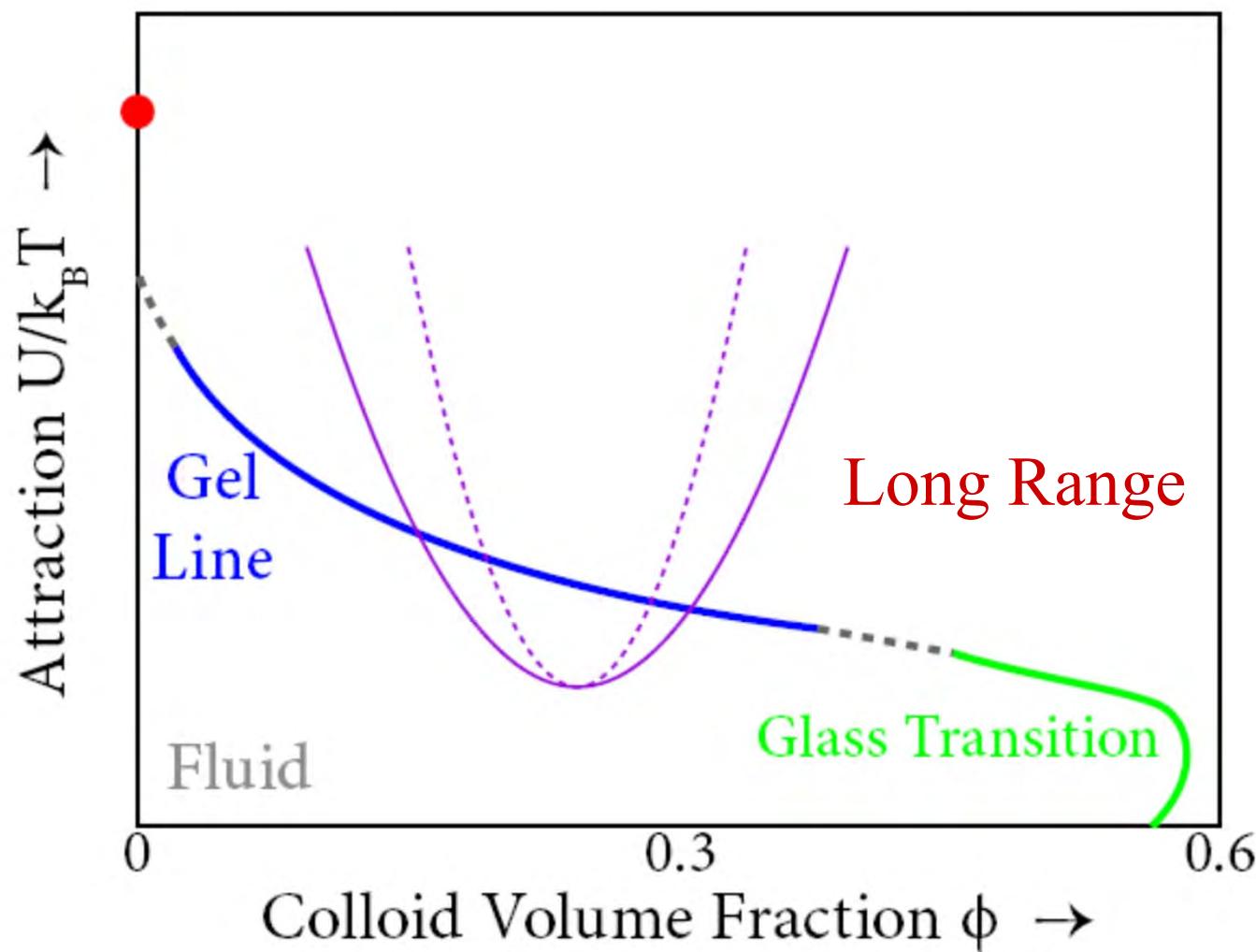
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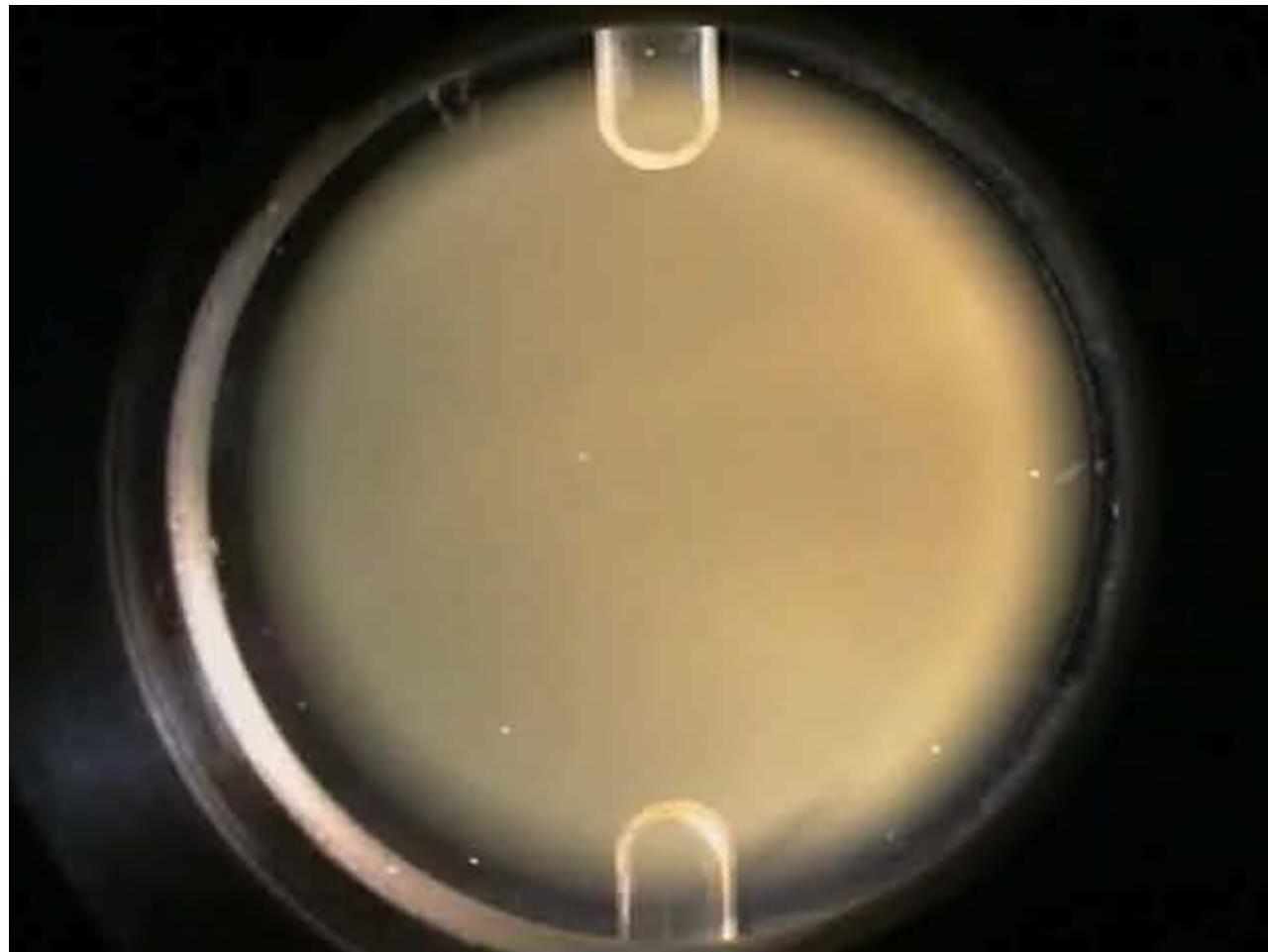
Long-range attraction



Reduce gravity

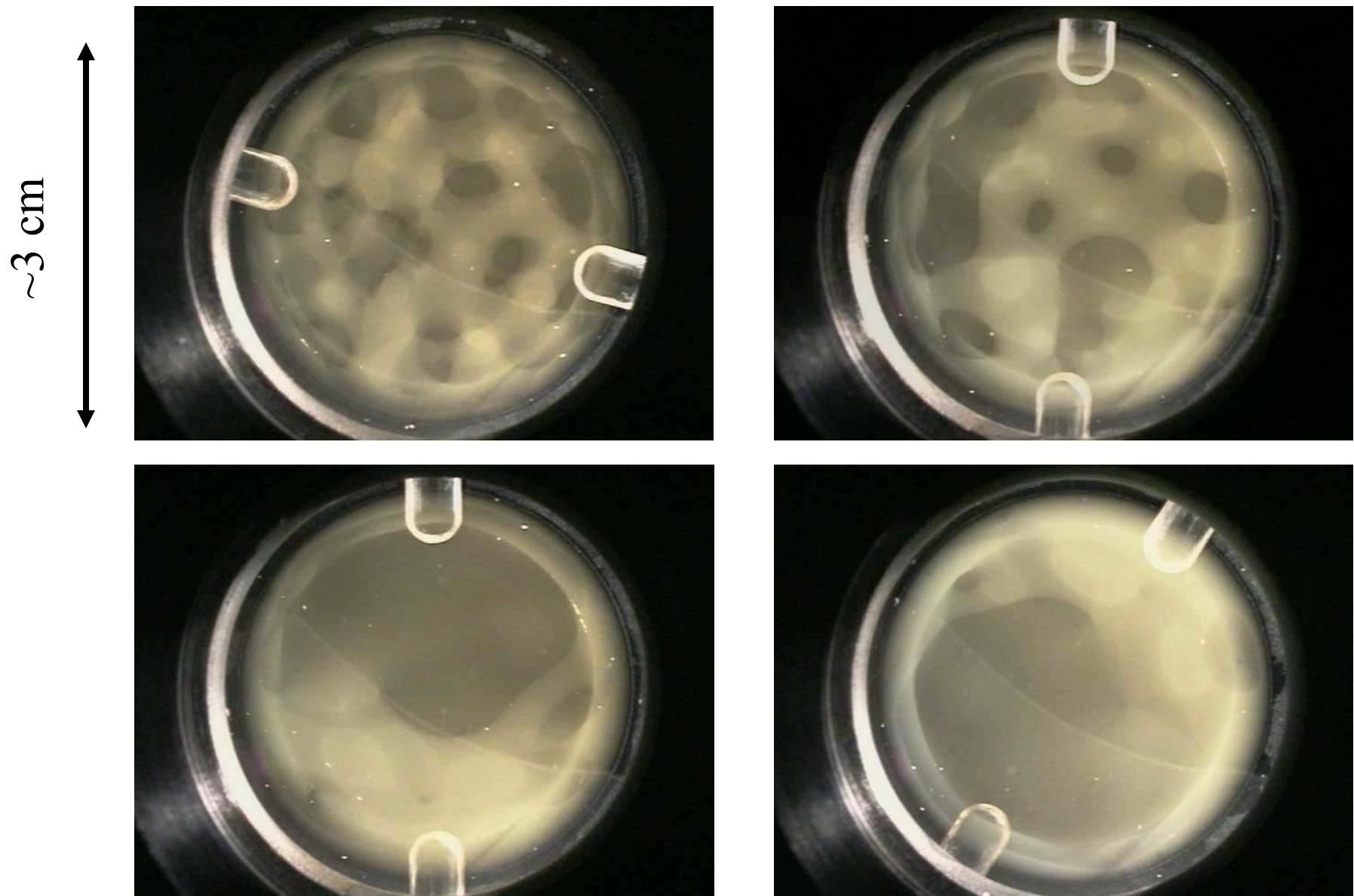


Spinodal Decomposition of Colloid Polymer

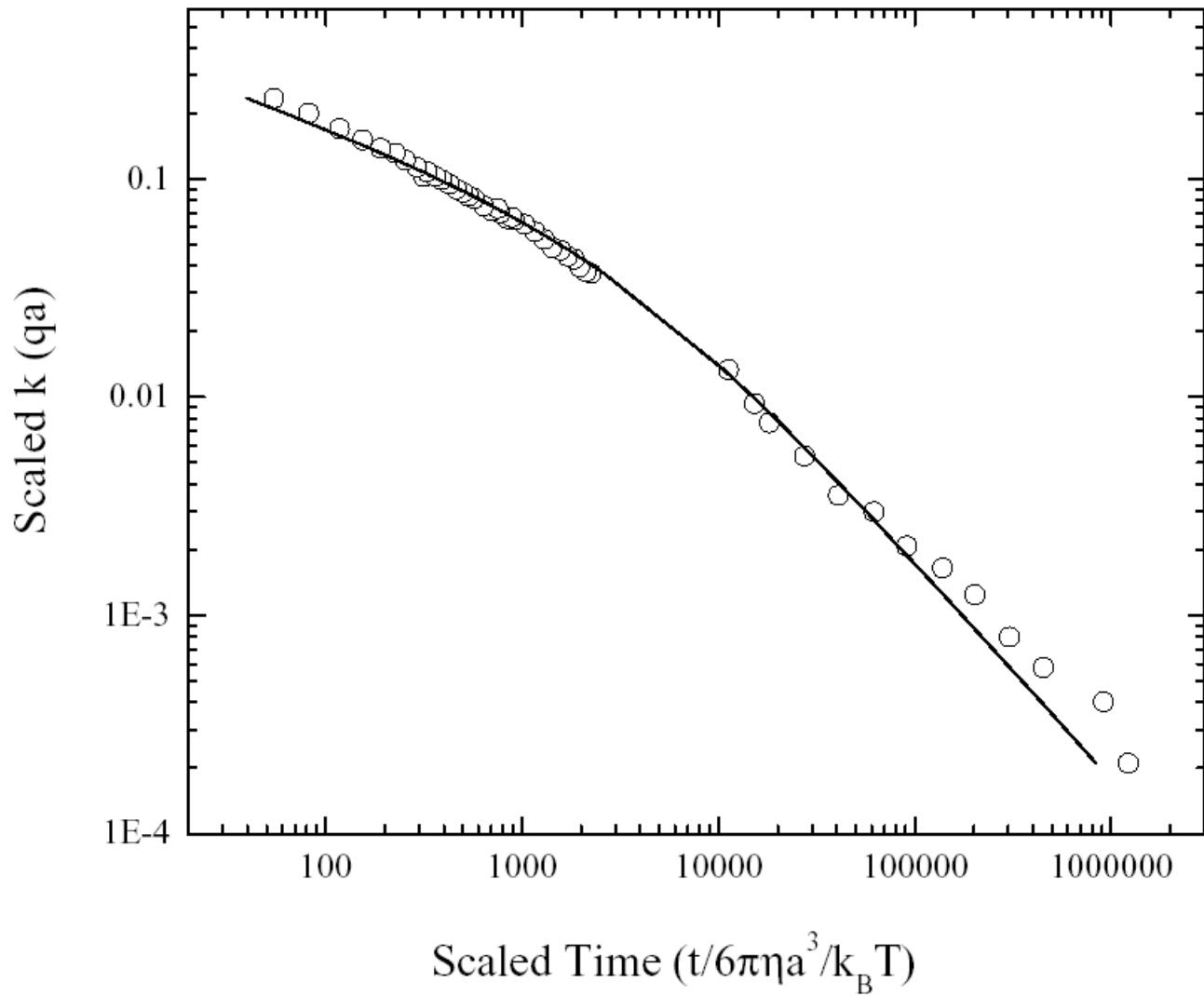


35 hours

Time Evolution of Phase Separation

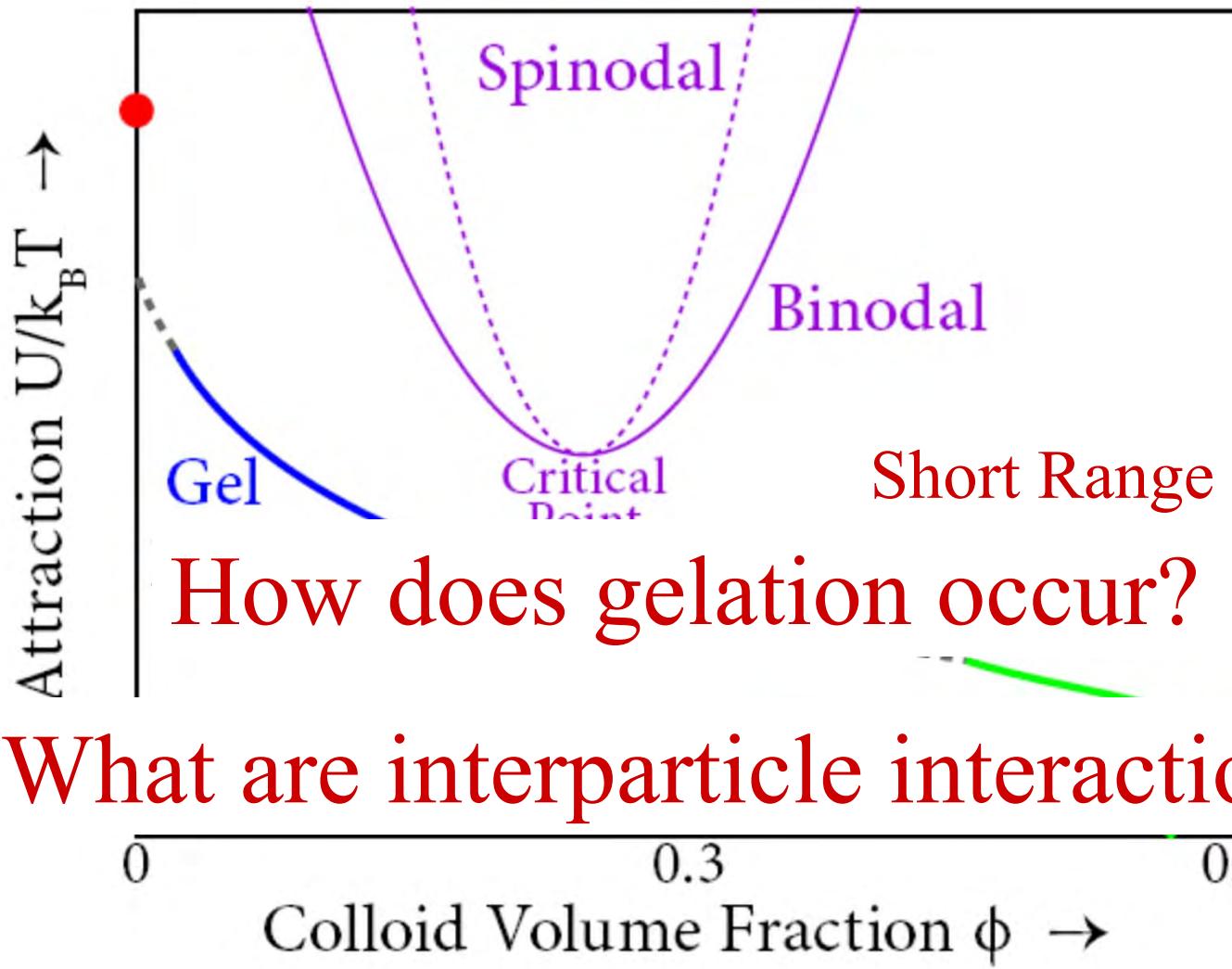


Comparison with Furukawa Theory

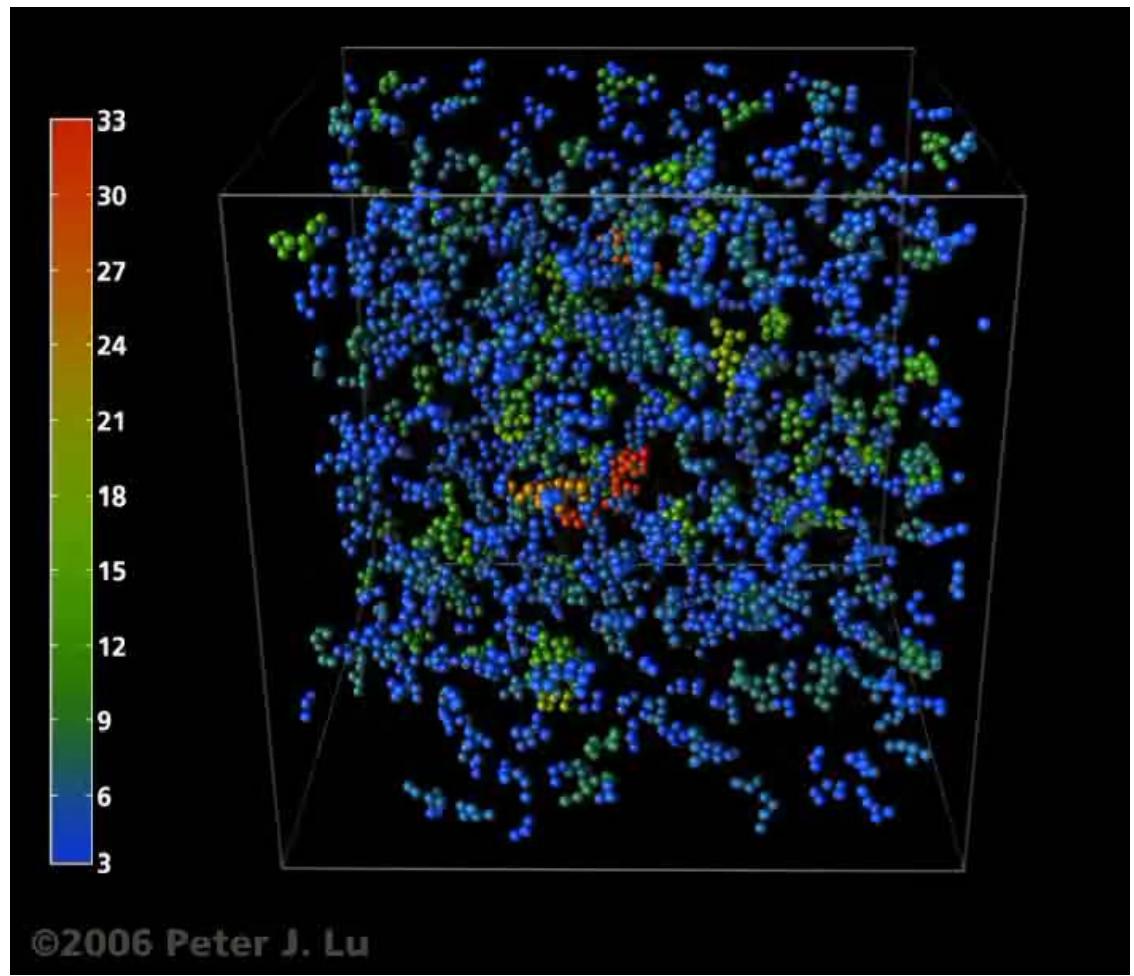
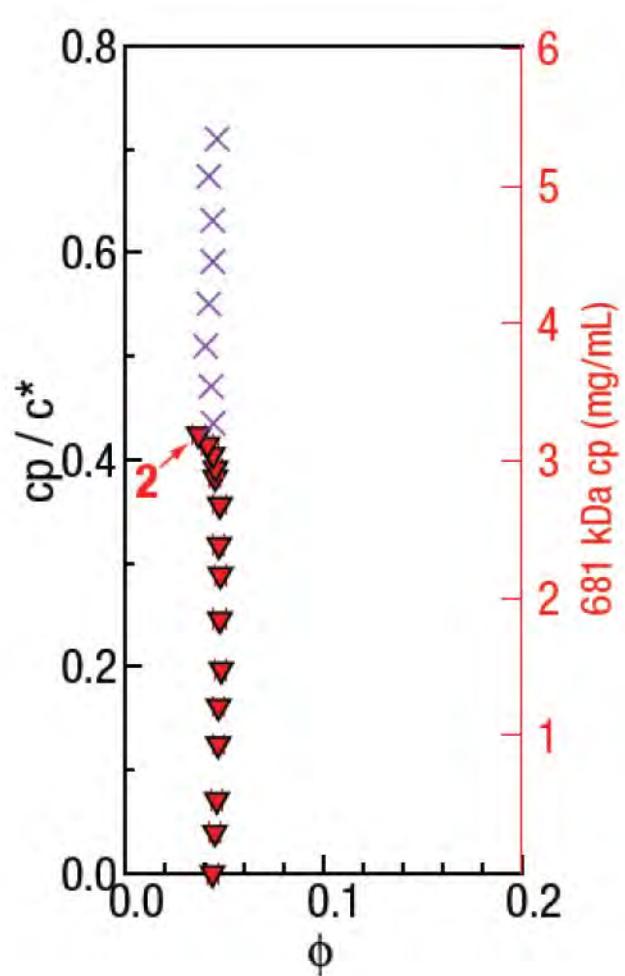


Long-time evolution of spinodal decomposition

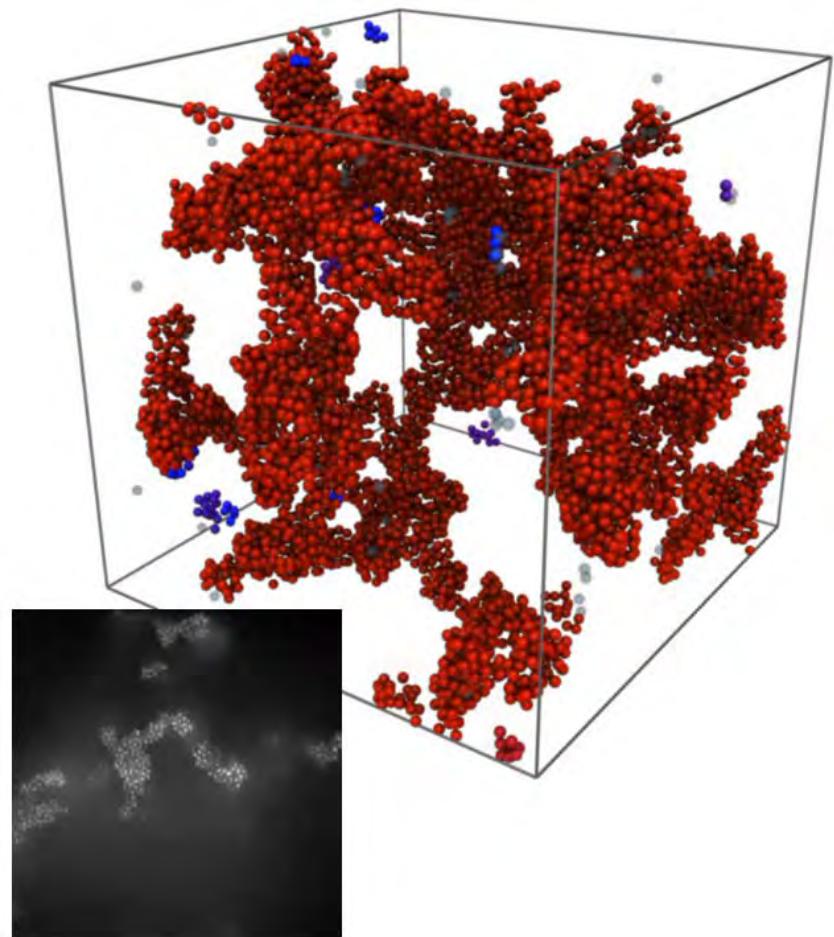
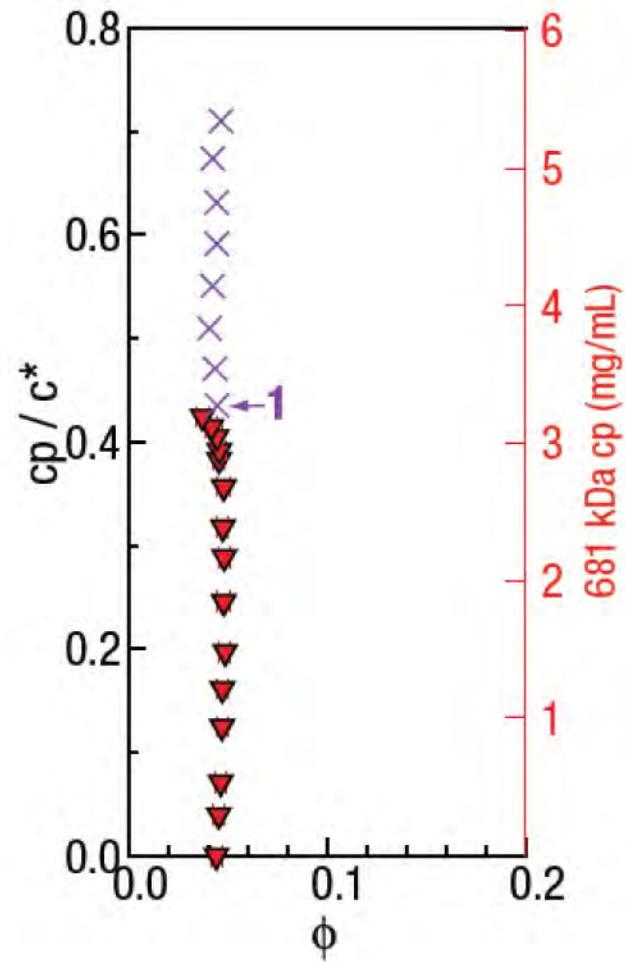
Short-range attraction



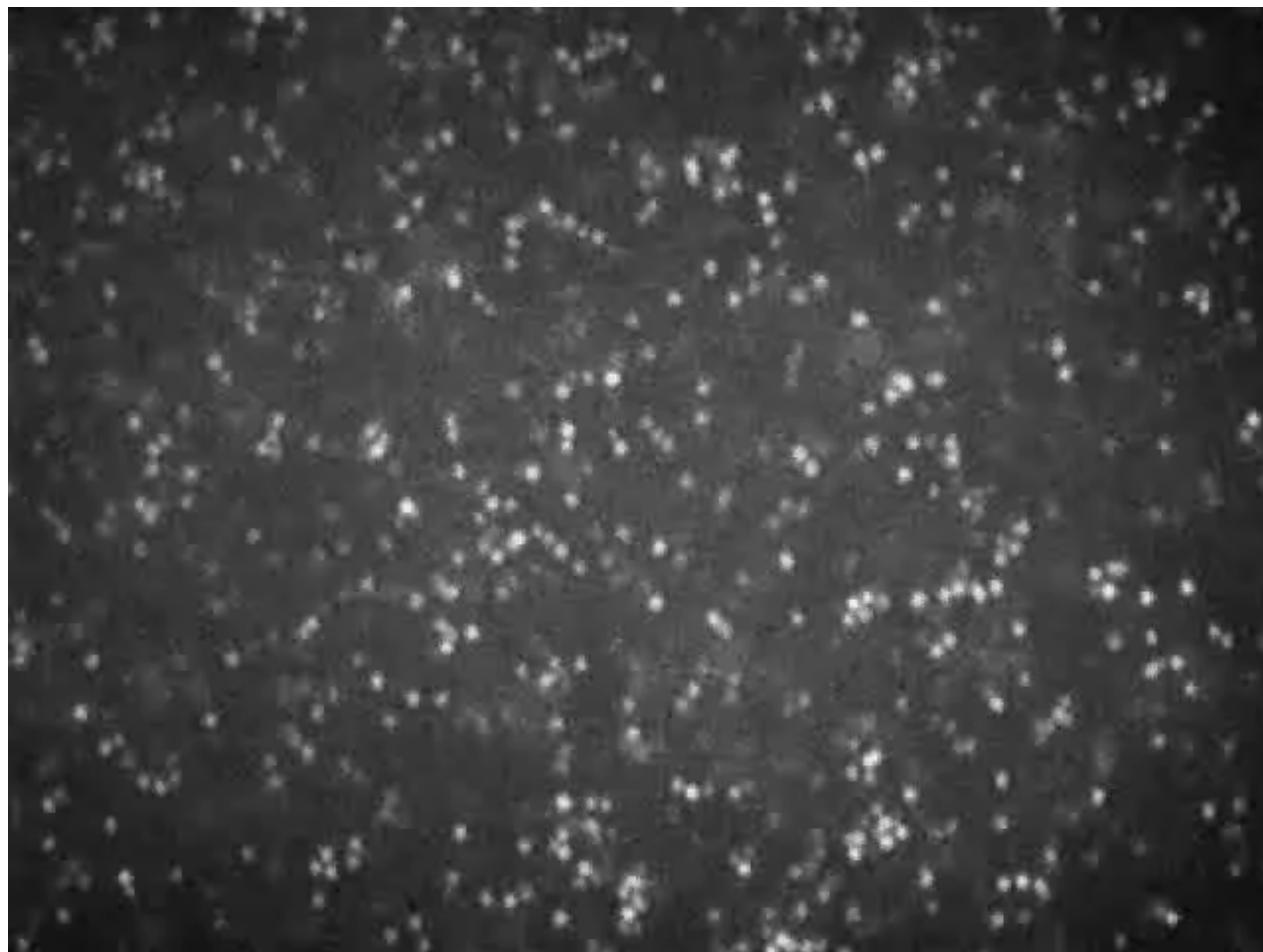
Structure at gelation → Fluid



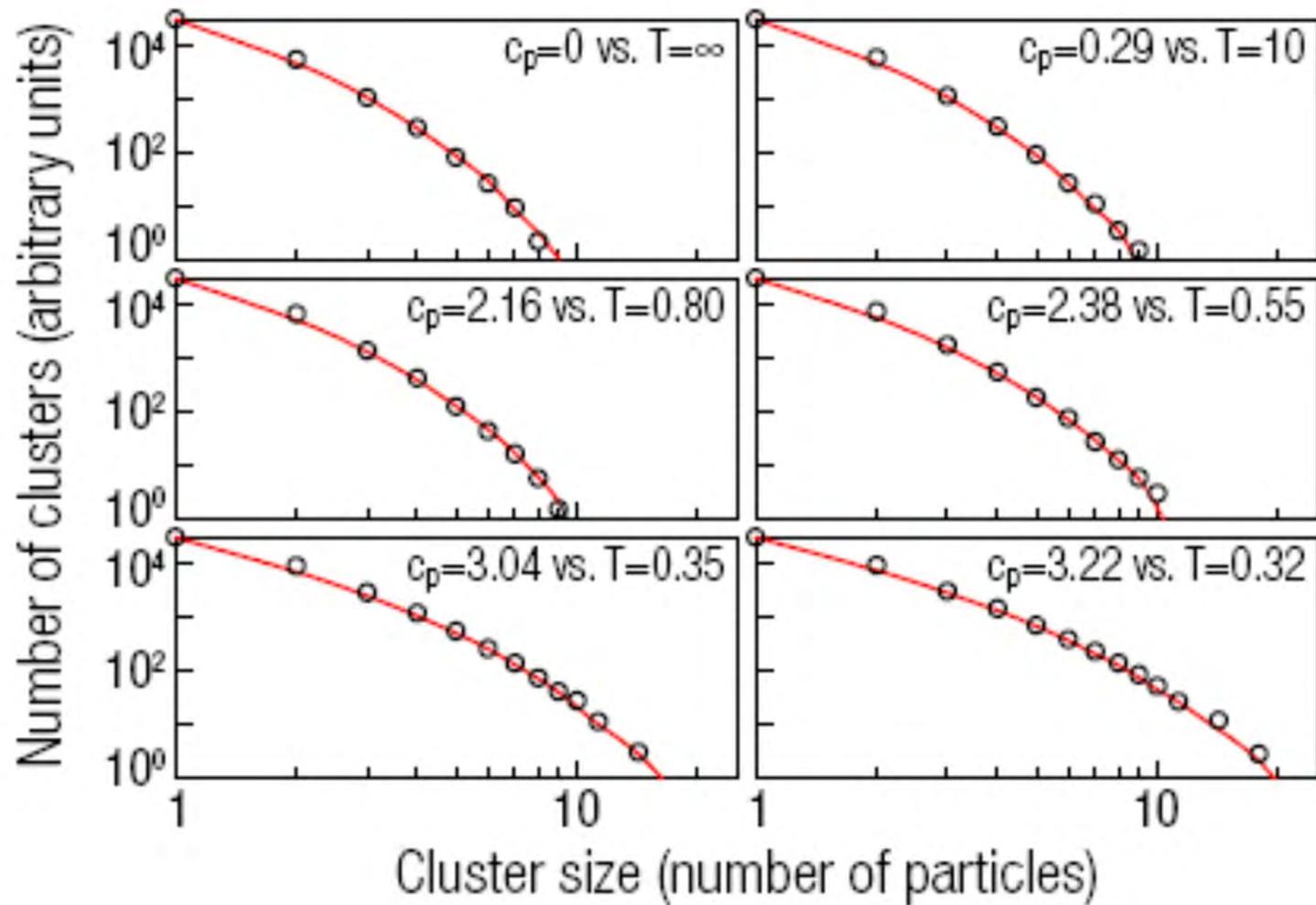
Structure at gelation \rightarrow Gel



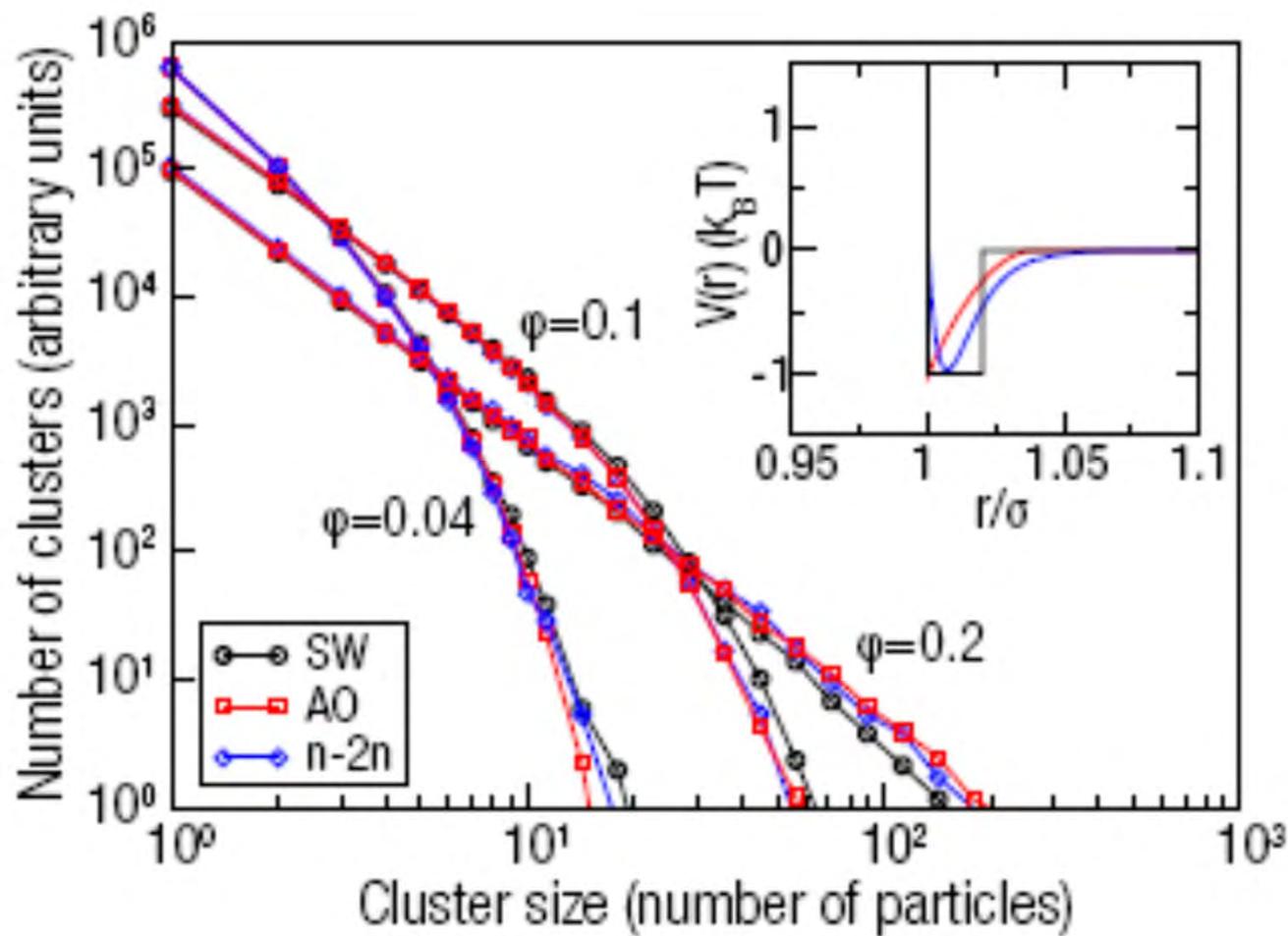
Weak attractive interaction



Cluster distribution: Determine interaction

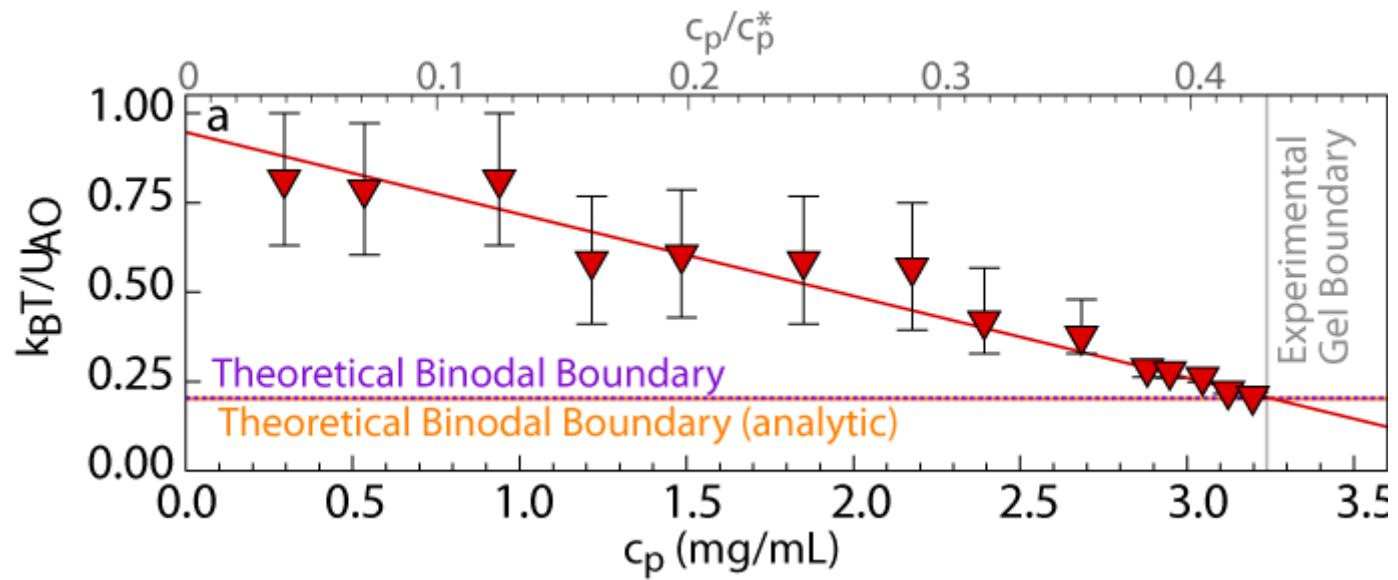


Cluster distribution: Independent of potential

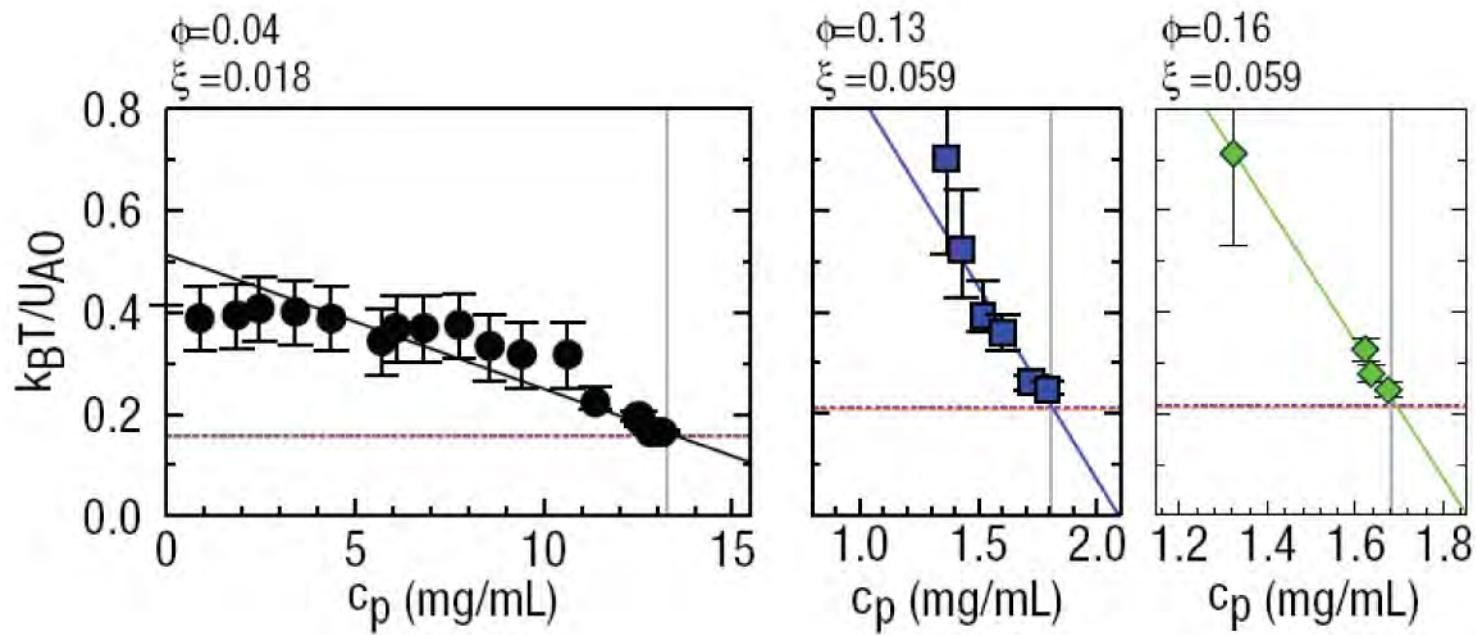


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Interaction energy at gelation



Interaction energy at gelation

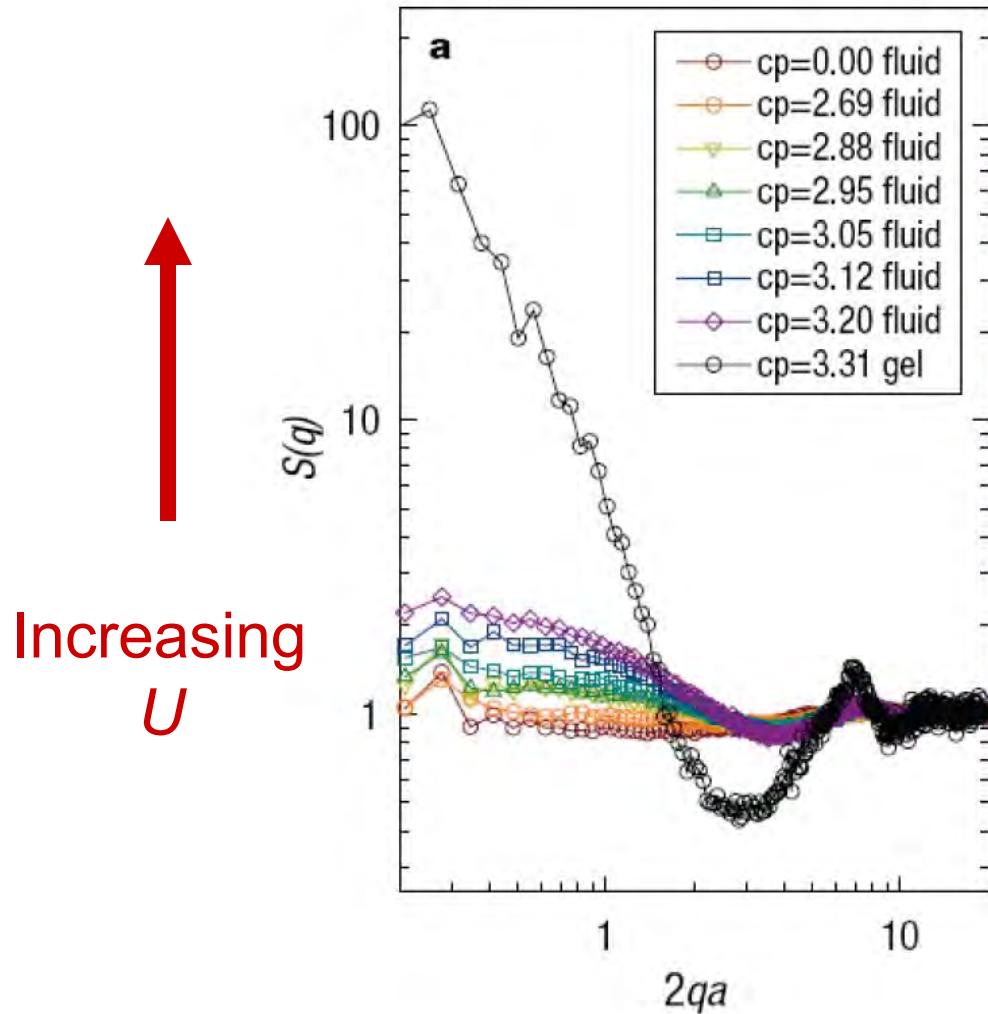


Same behavior for all ϕ , all ξ

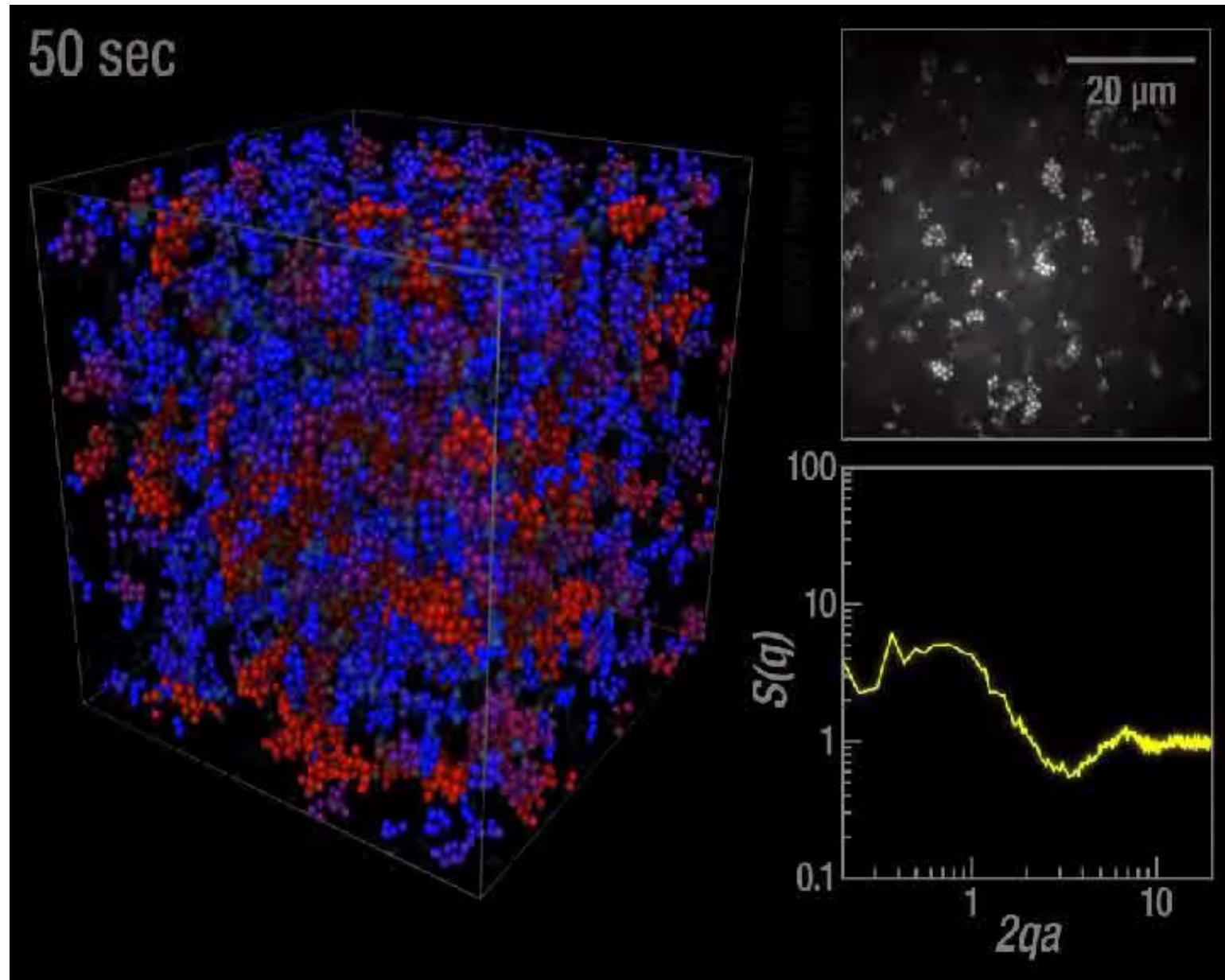
Gelation is proceeded by
spinodal decomposition

Implications?

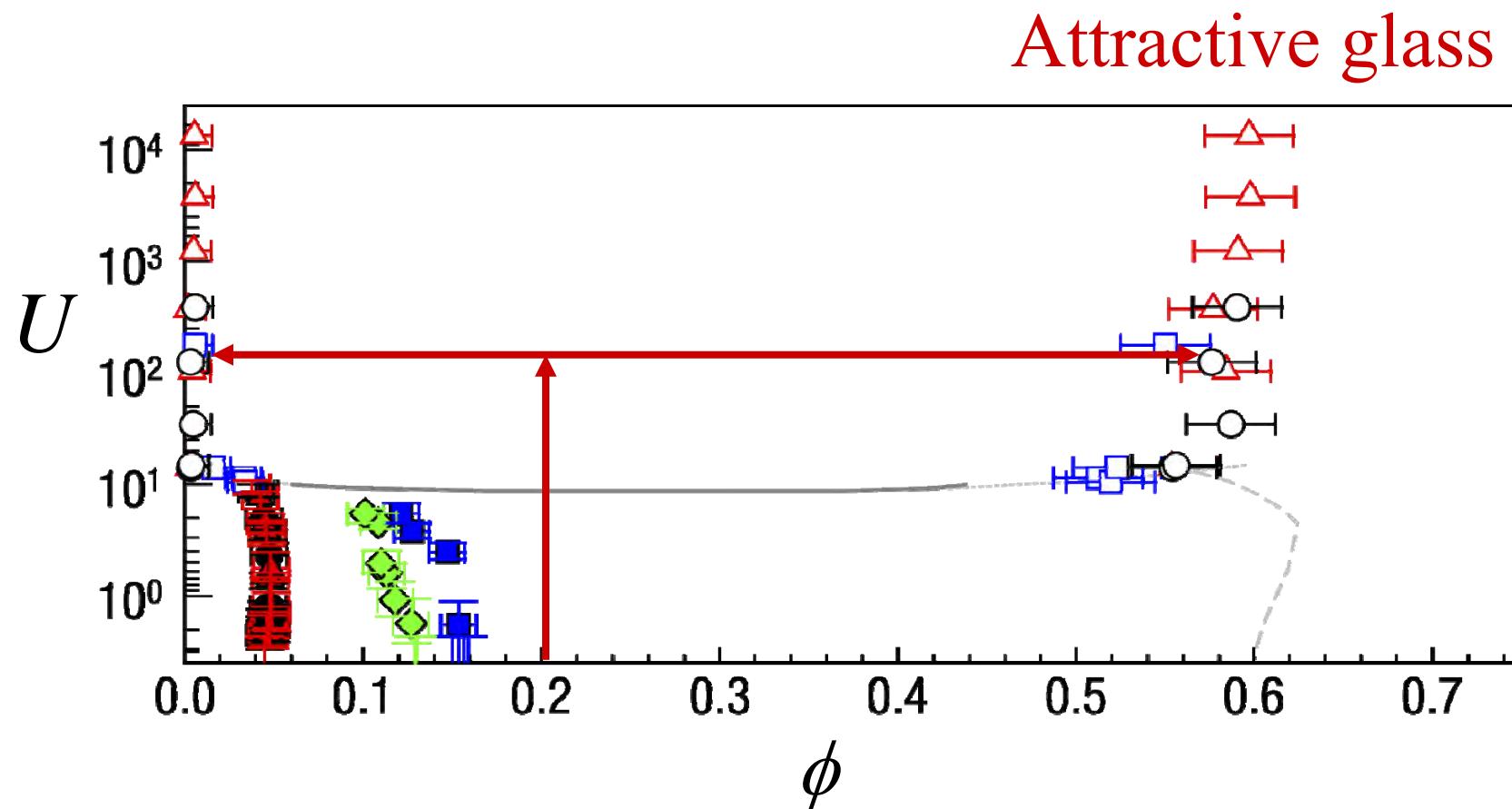
$S(q) \rightarrow$ spinodal decomposition



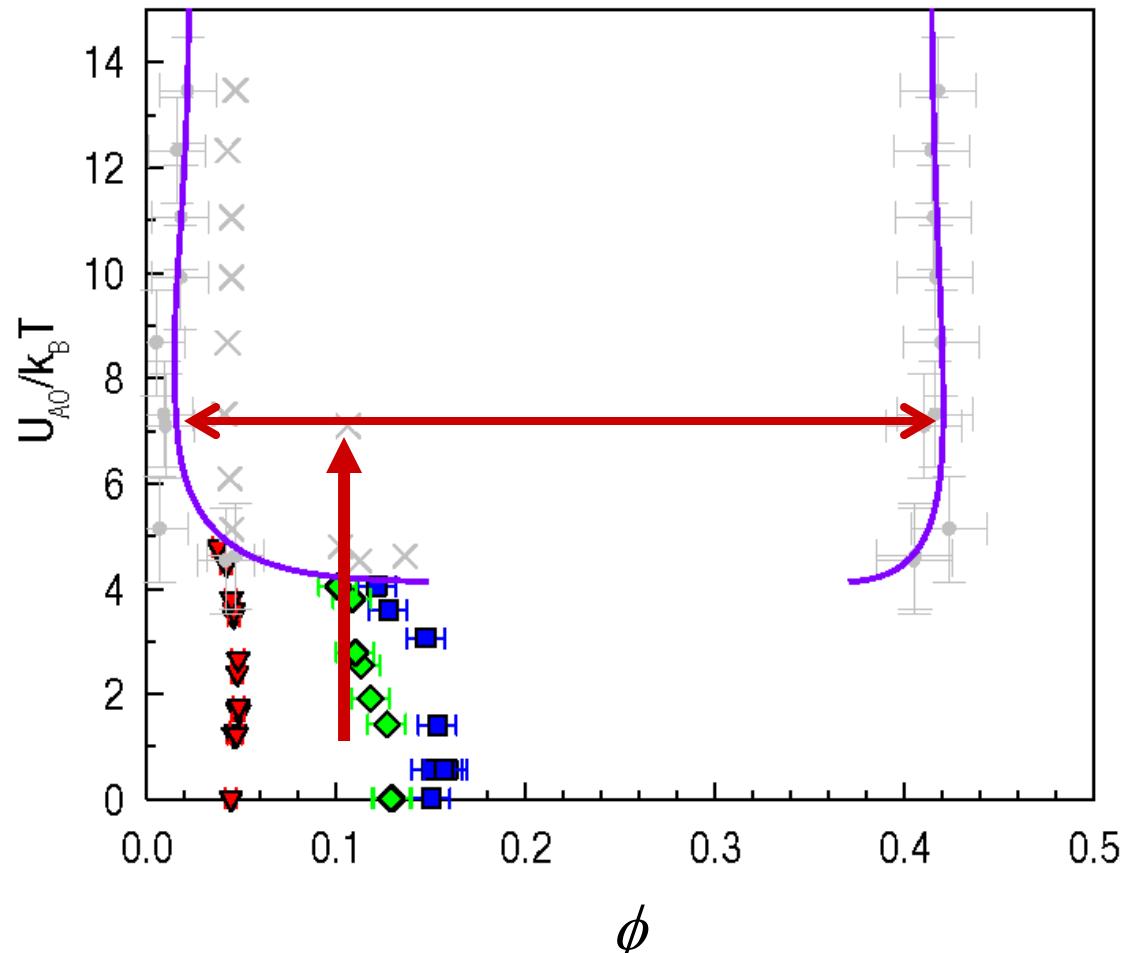
Gelation – spinodal decomposition



Schematic Phase Behavior for Colloidal Gels



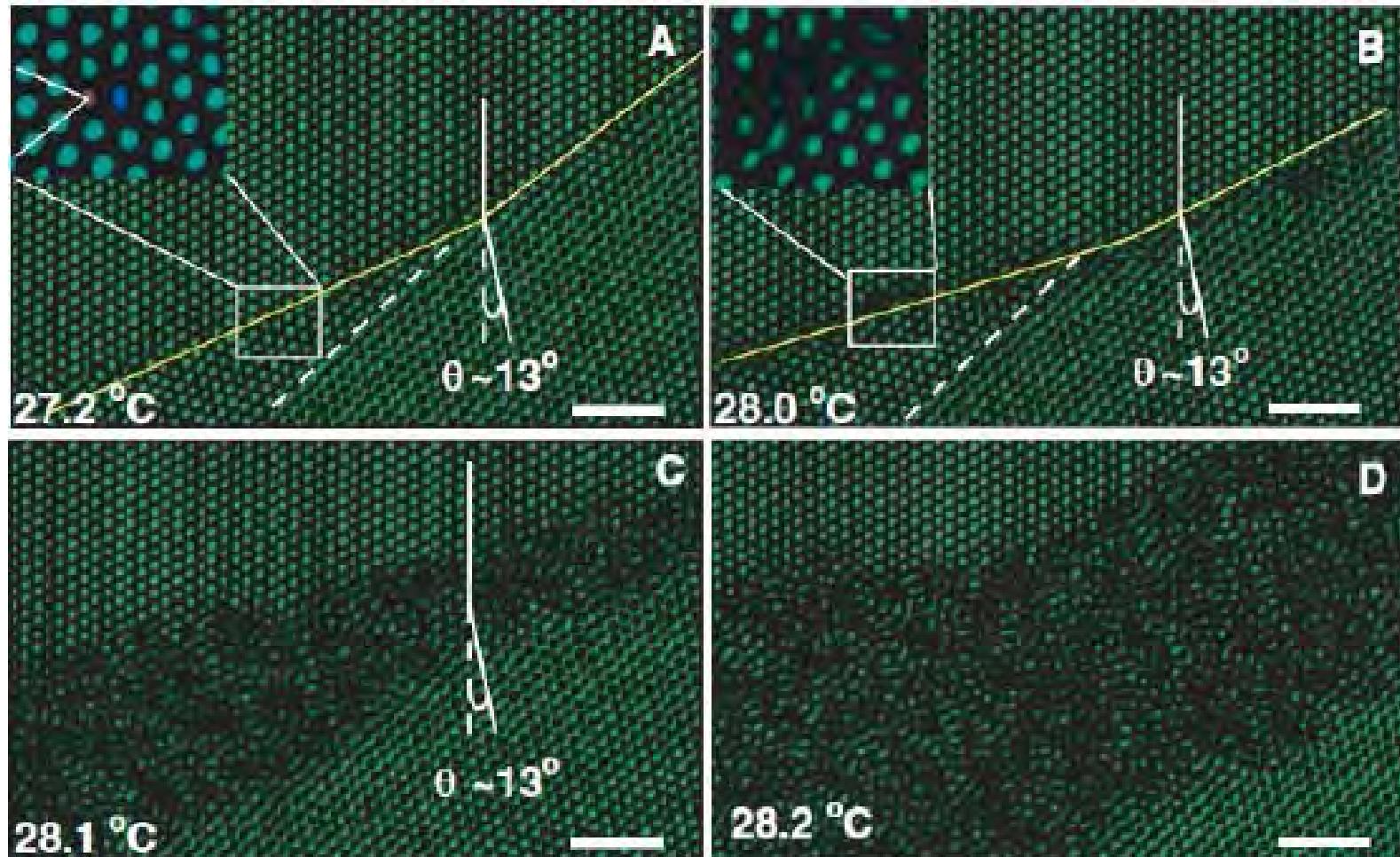
Gelation phase diagram



Dynamic arrest of phase separating system

How do crystals melt?

Colloidal crystals melt at grain boundaries



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What if there are no interfaces?

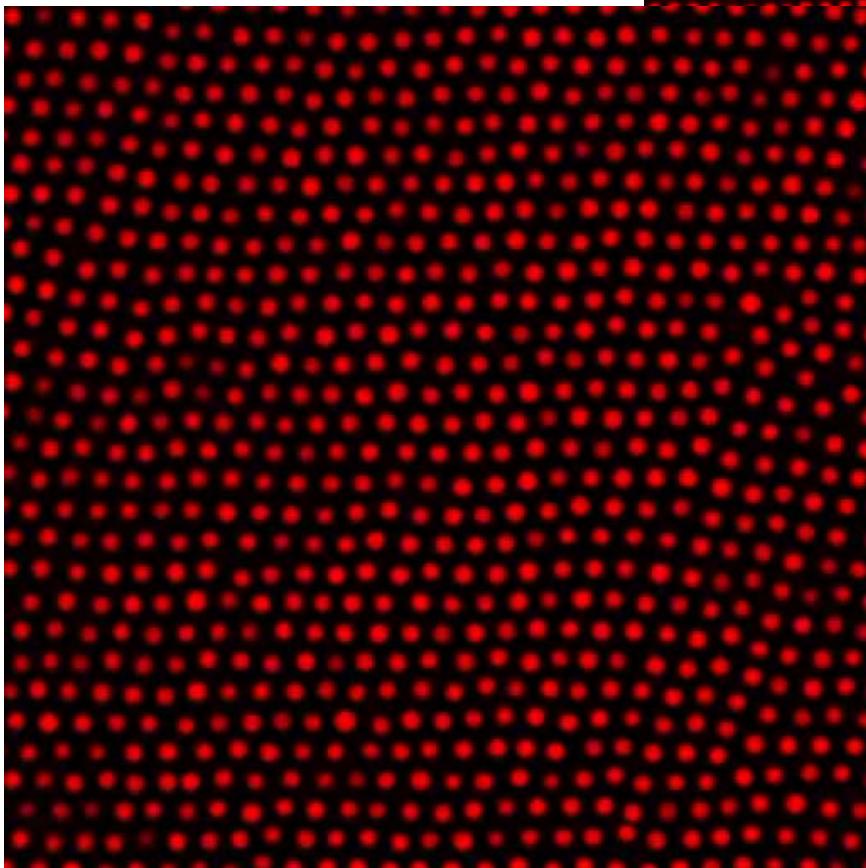
Born melting:

- Elastic catastrophe
- Elastic modulus goes to zero, and crystal melts

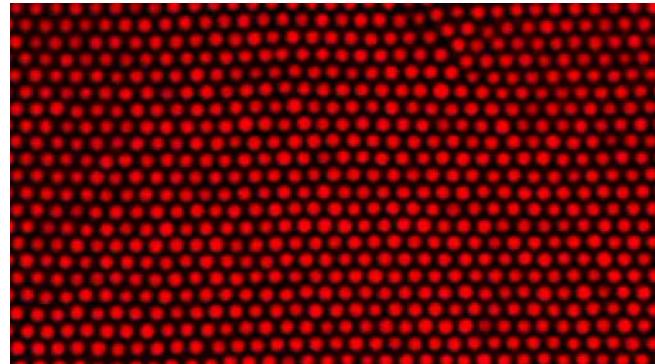
But how does this actually occur??

Volume fraction controls melting

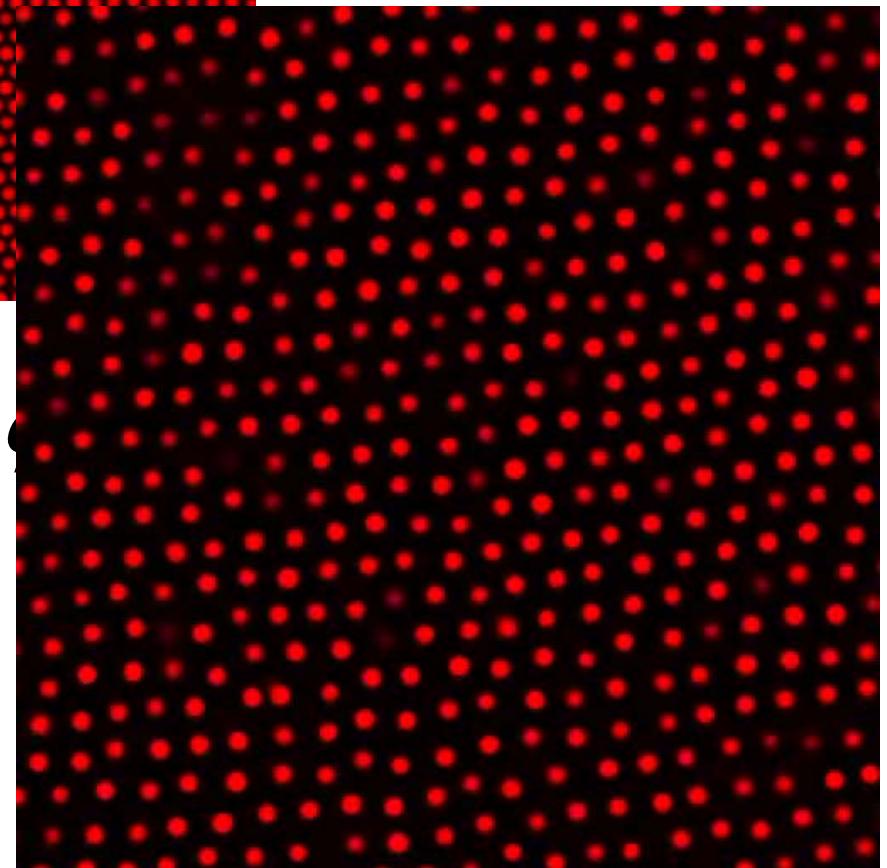
Lower ϕ



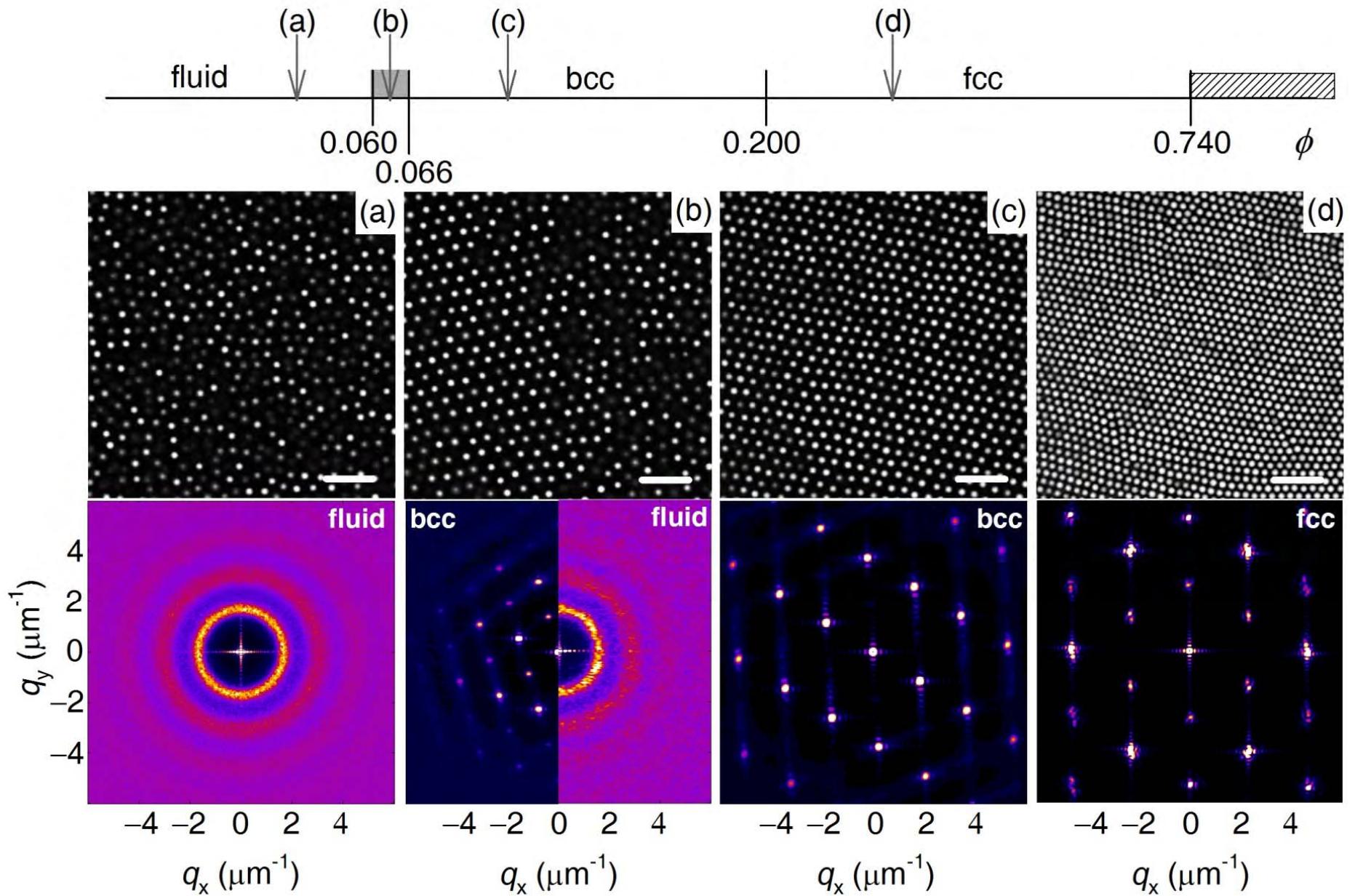
Lowest ϕ



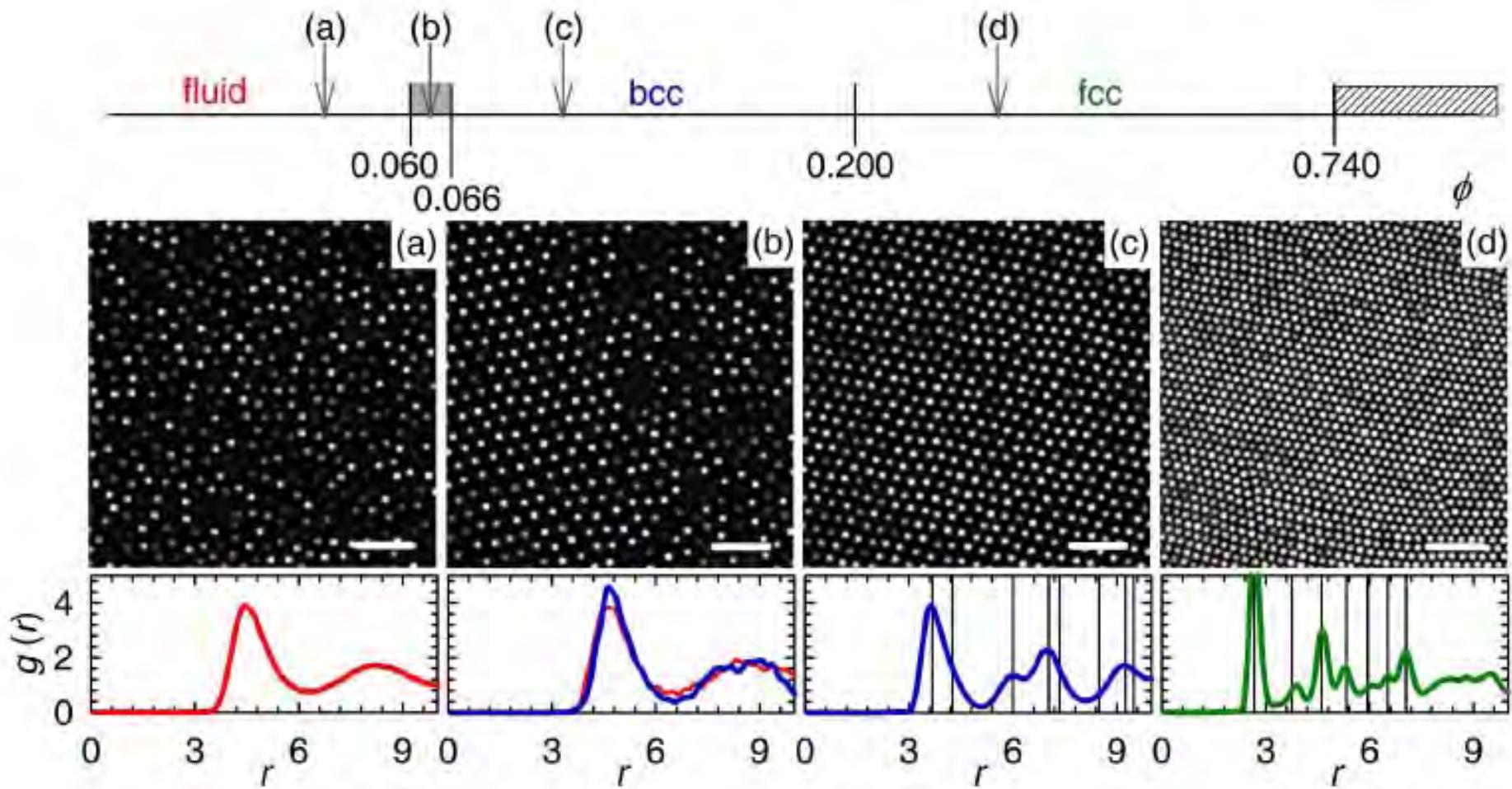
Higher ϕ



Phase diagram of Wigner Crystals

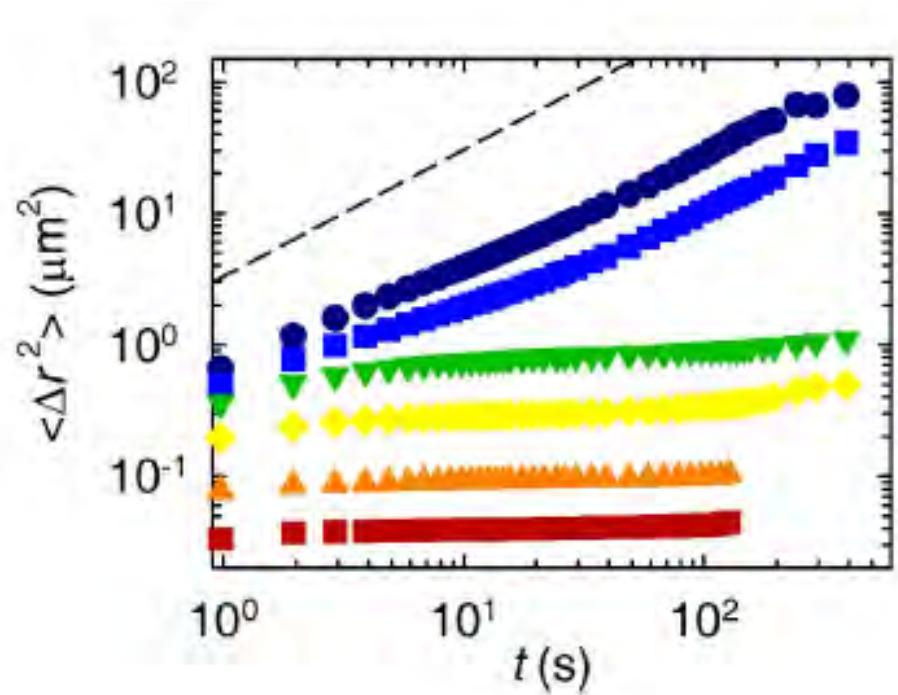


Phase diagram Wigner colloids

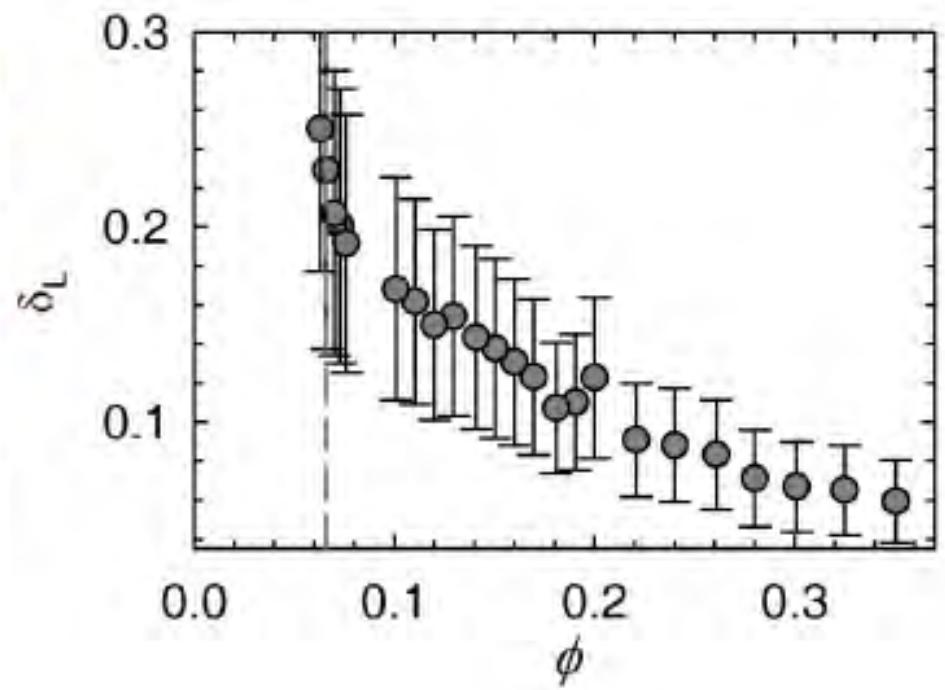
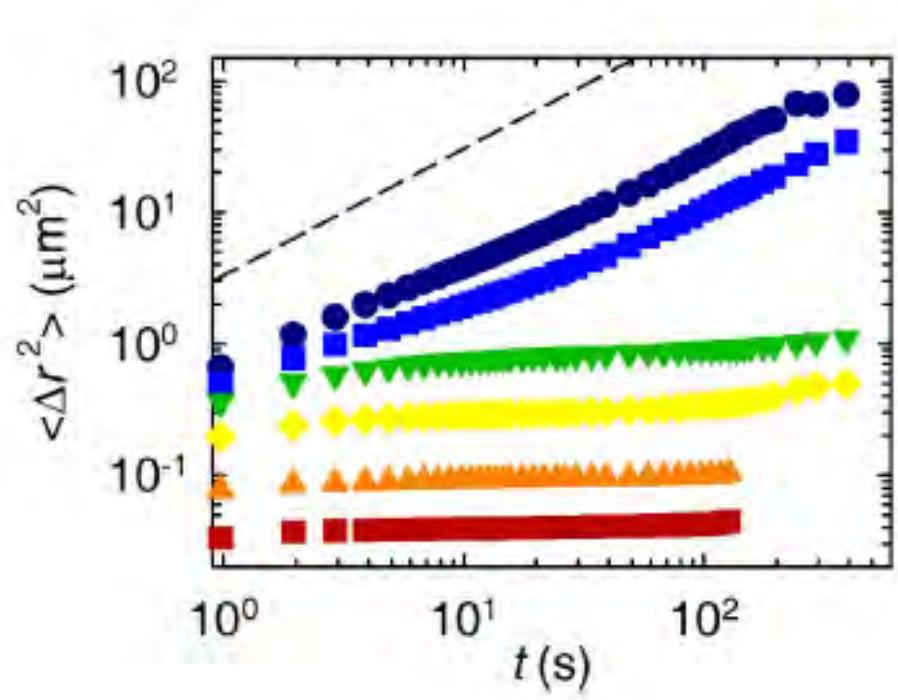


2.1 μm charged PMMA suspended in decalin/tce/10 mM AOT (charging agent)
Good density match ($\Delta\rho < 0.01 \text{ kg/m}^3$)

Mean squared displacement



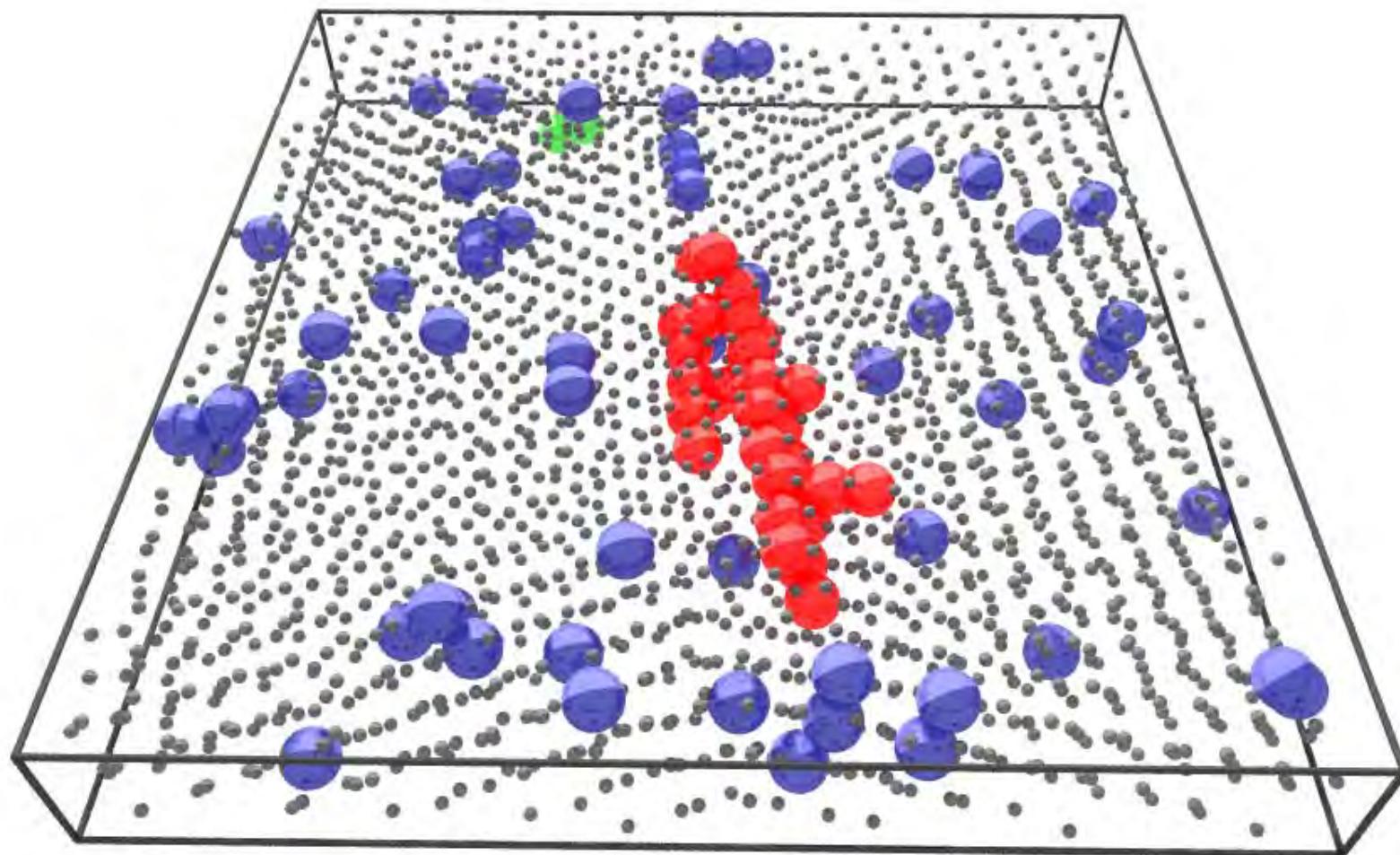
Mean squared displacement



Lindemann parameter
Fraction of lattice parameter

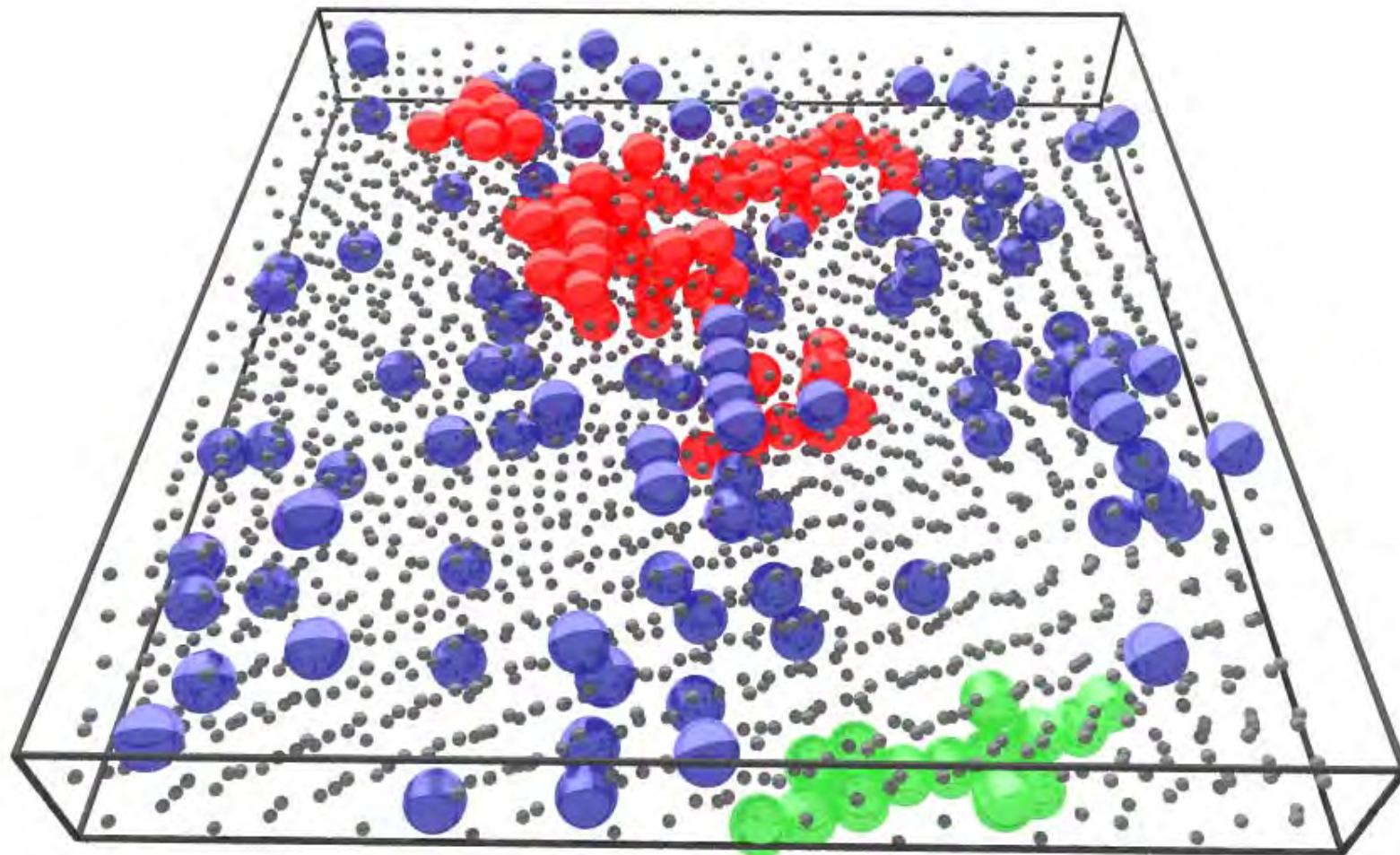
‘Hot’ particles are highly spatially correlated

$$\phi = 0.120$$



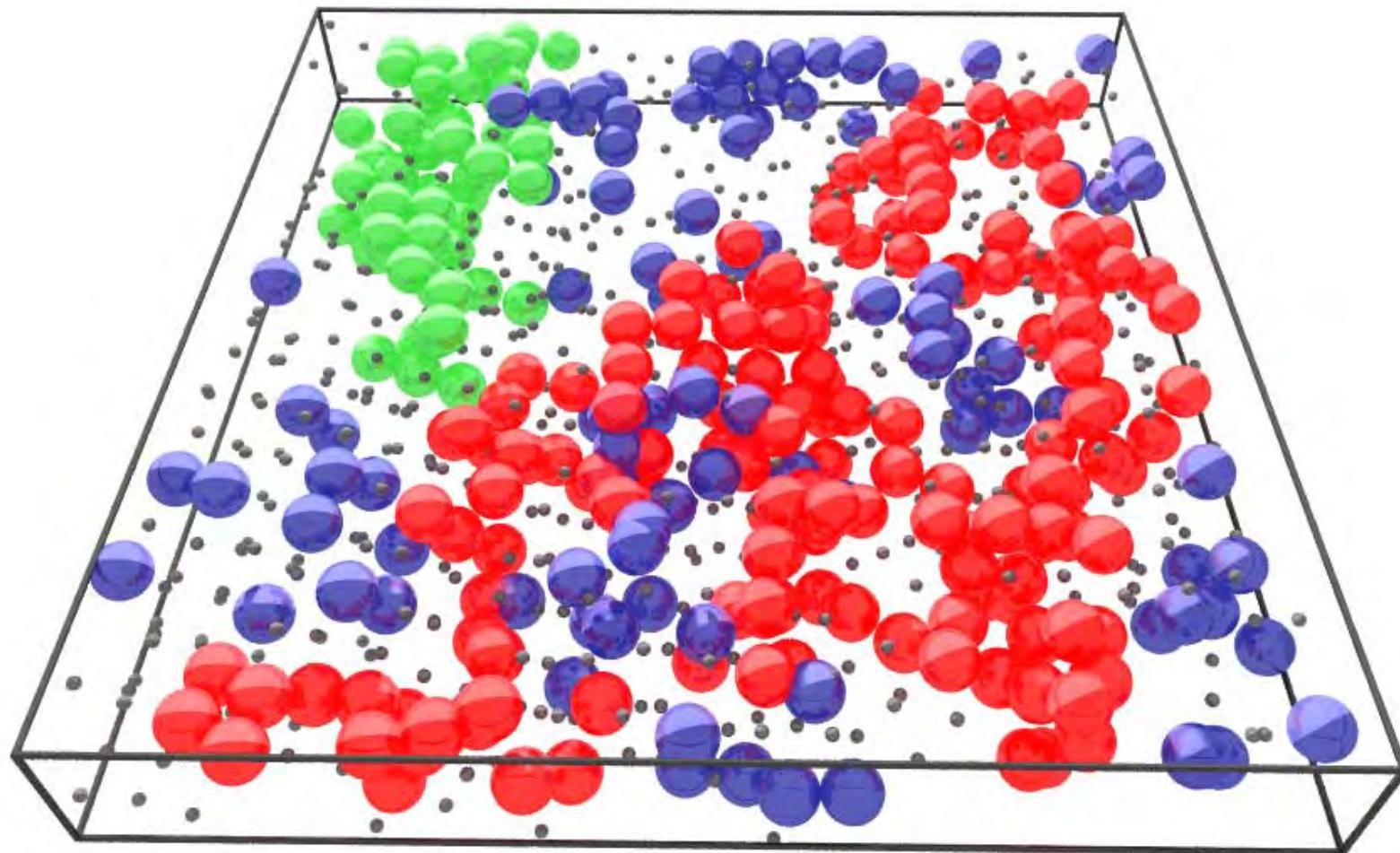
‘Hot’ particles are highly spatially correlated

$$\phi = 0.101$$



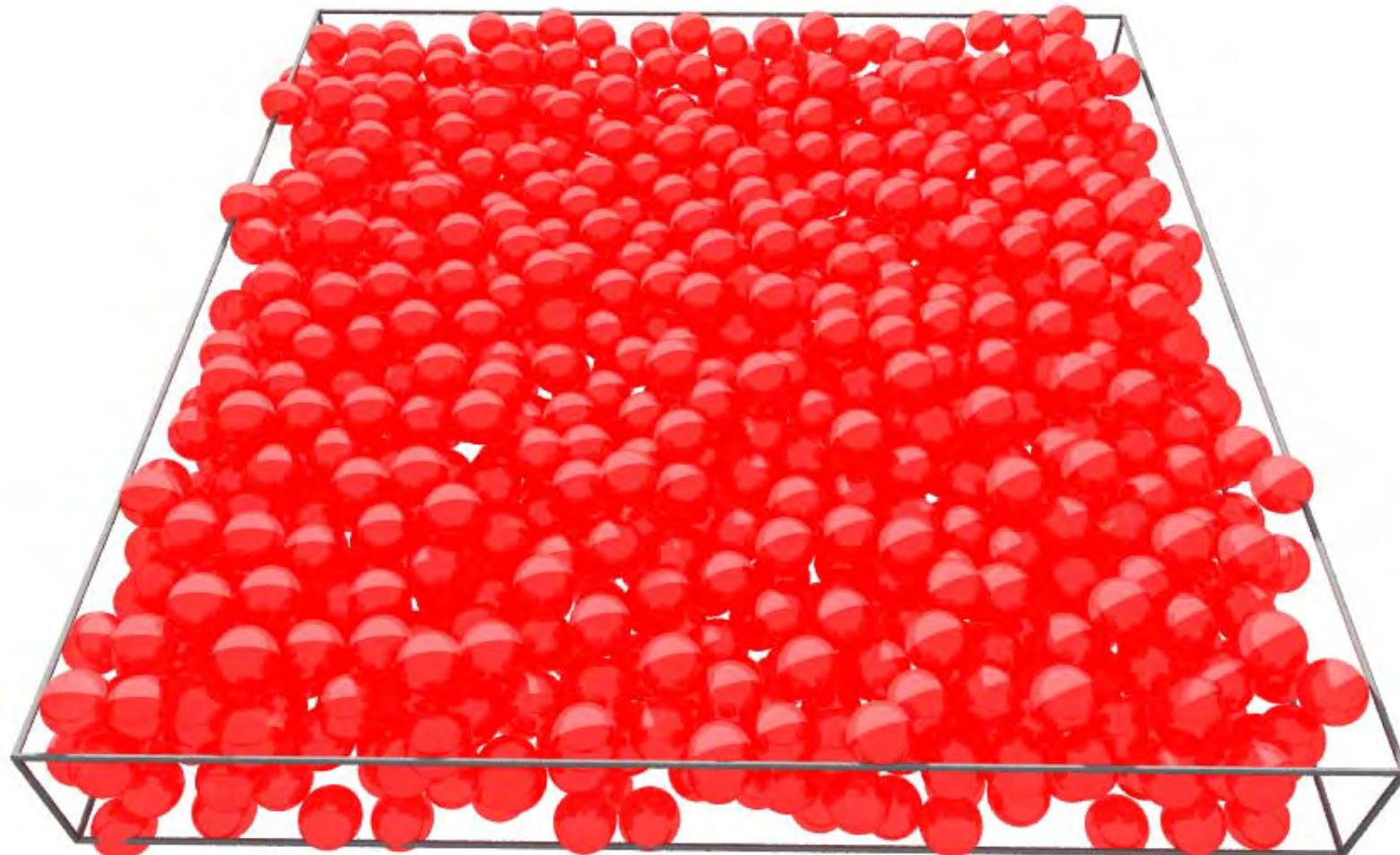
‘Hot’ particles are highly spatially correlated

$$\phi = 0.066$$



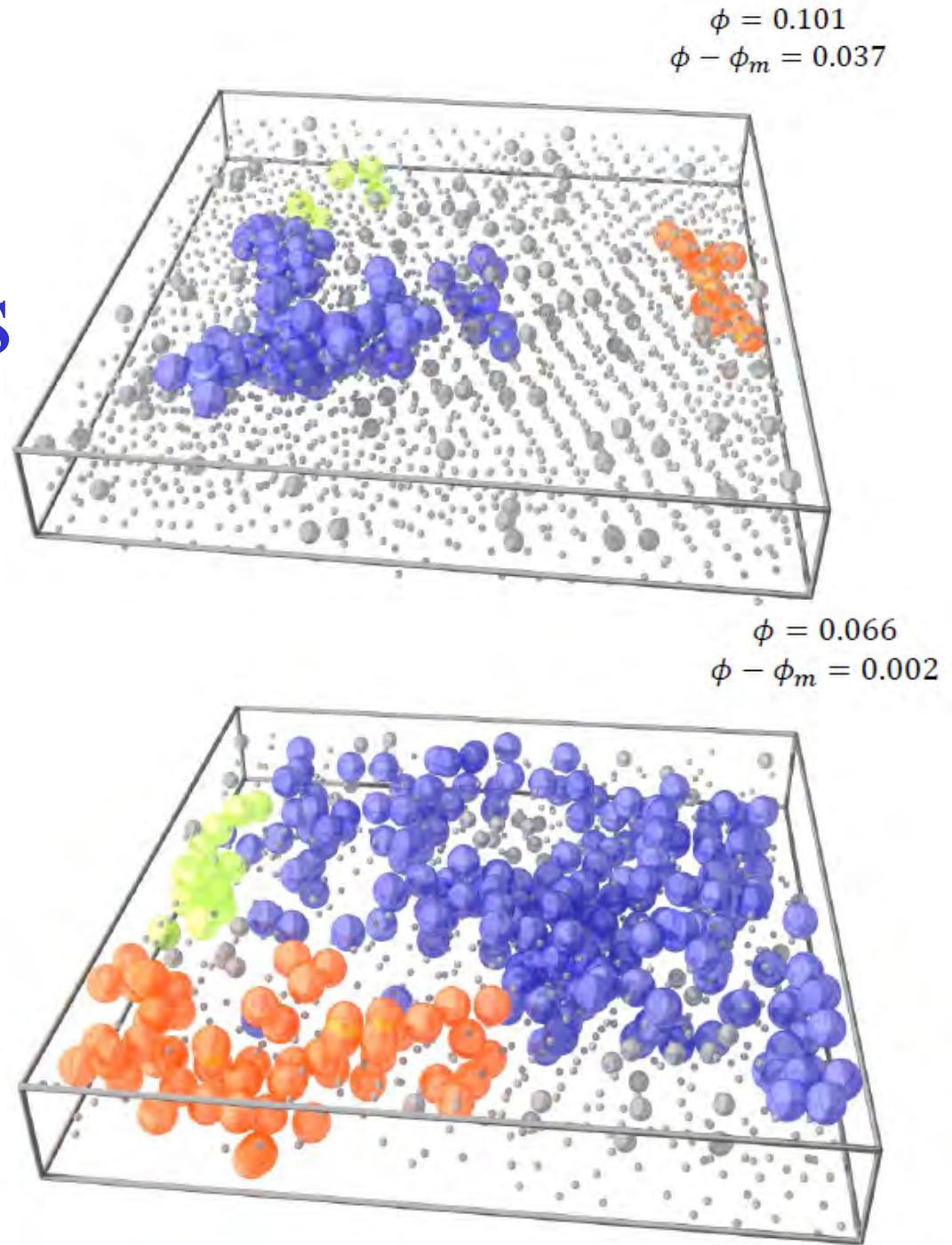
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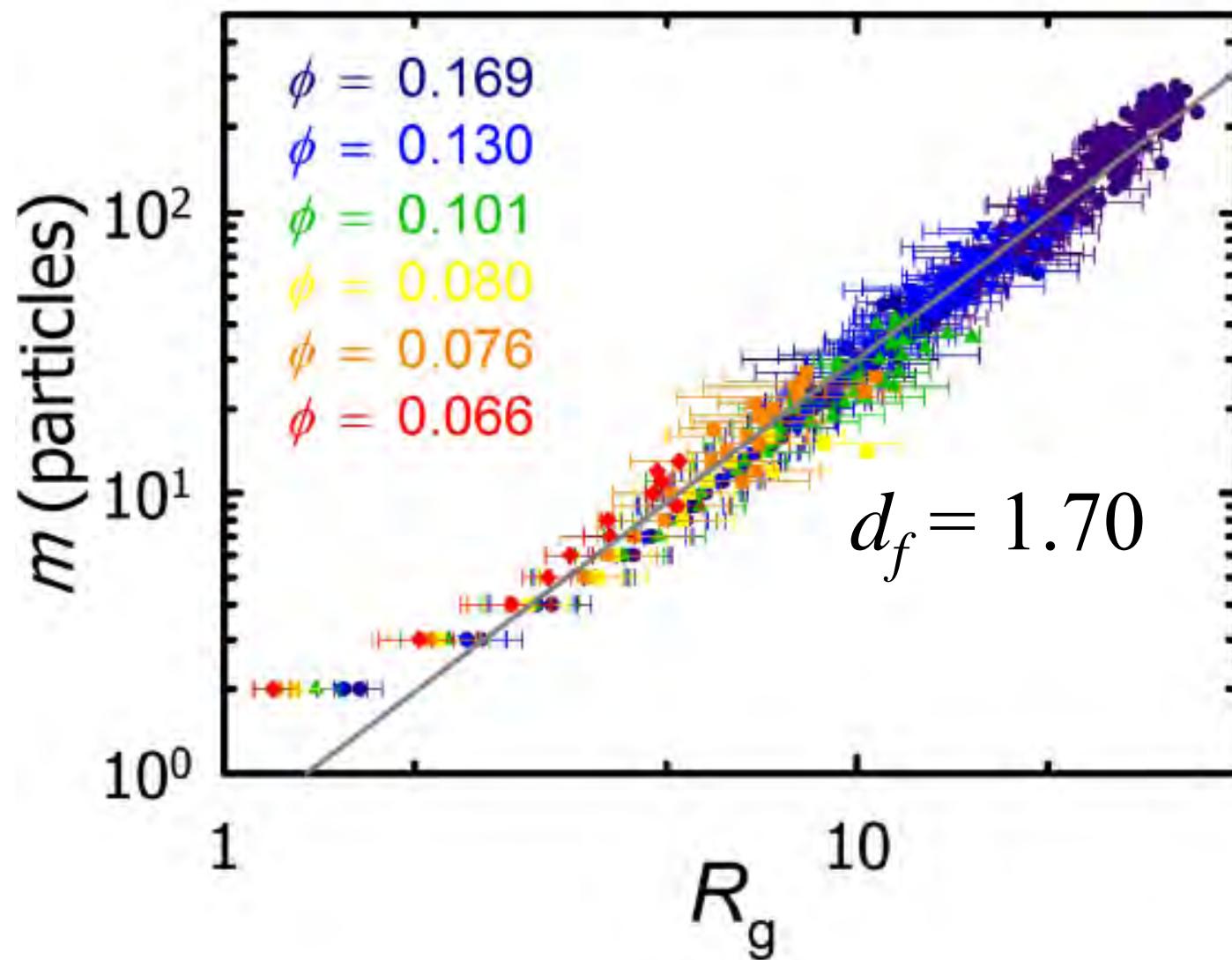


Melted

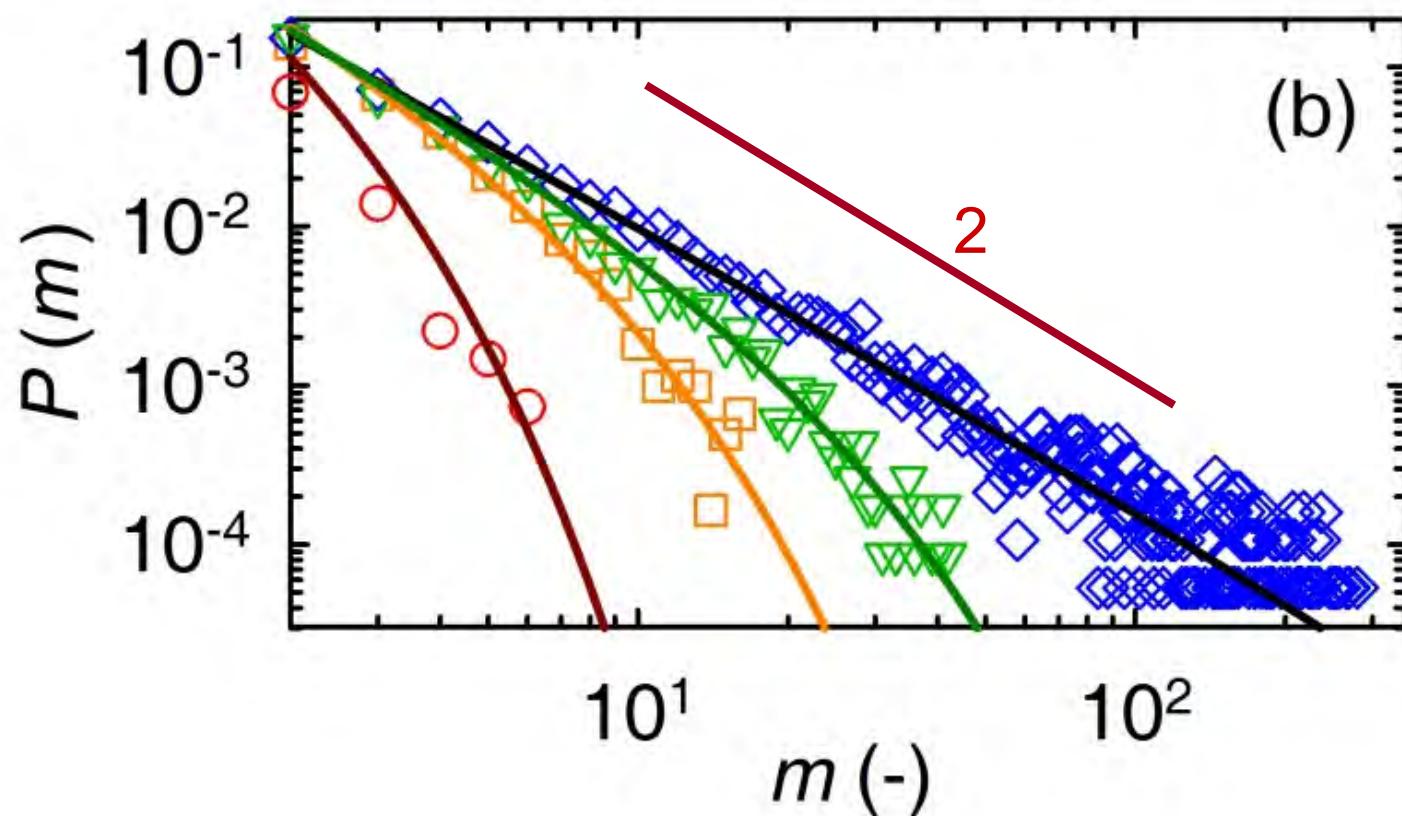
‘Hot’ particles
are strongly
correlated in
space



‘Hot’ clusters are fractal

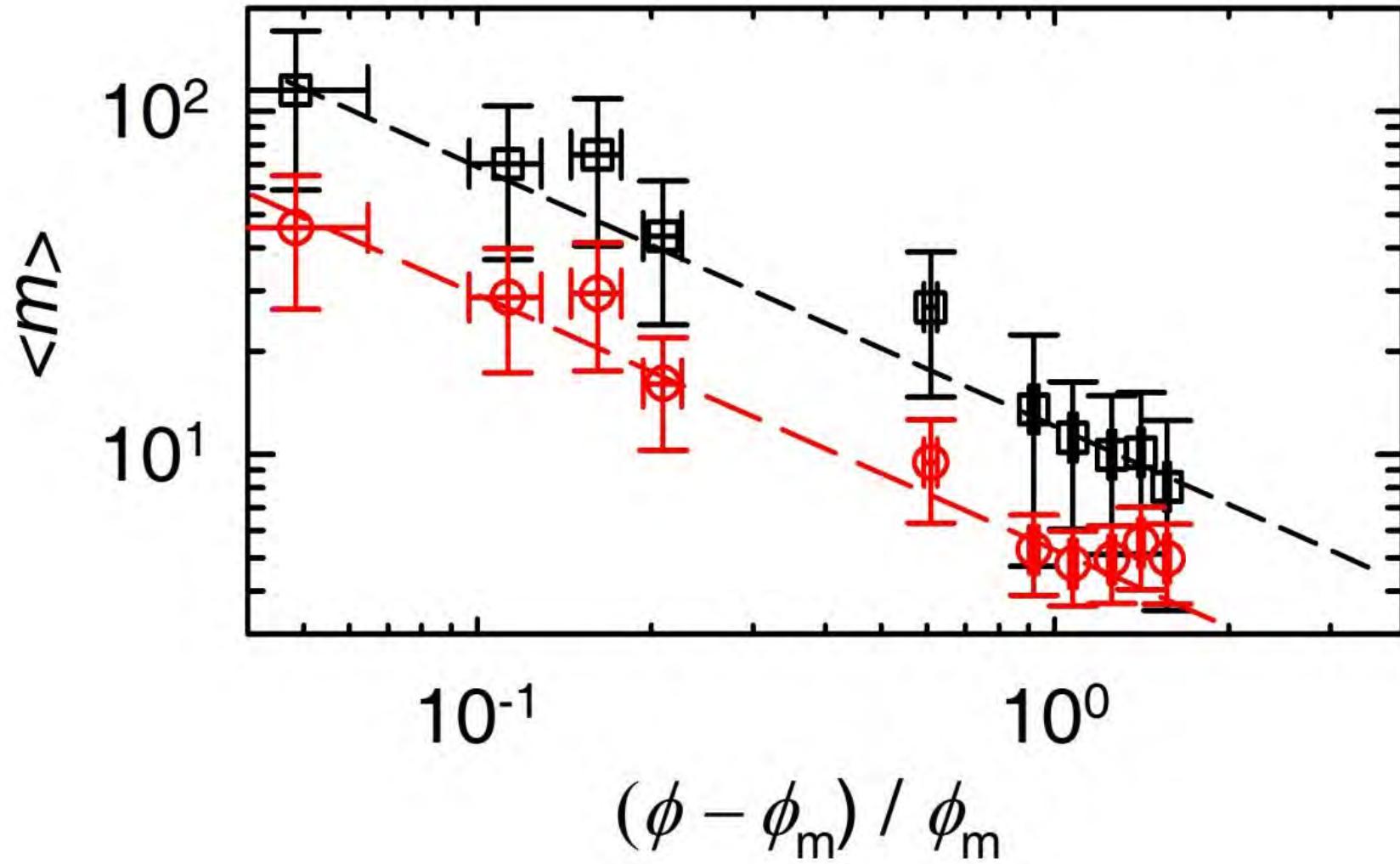


Cluster-mass distribution

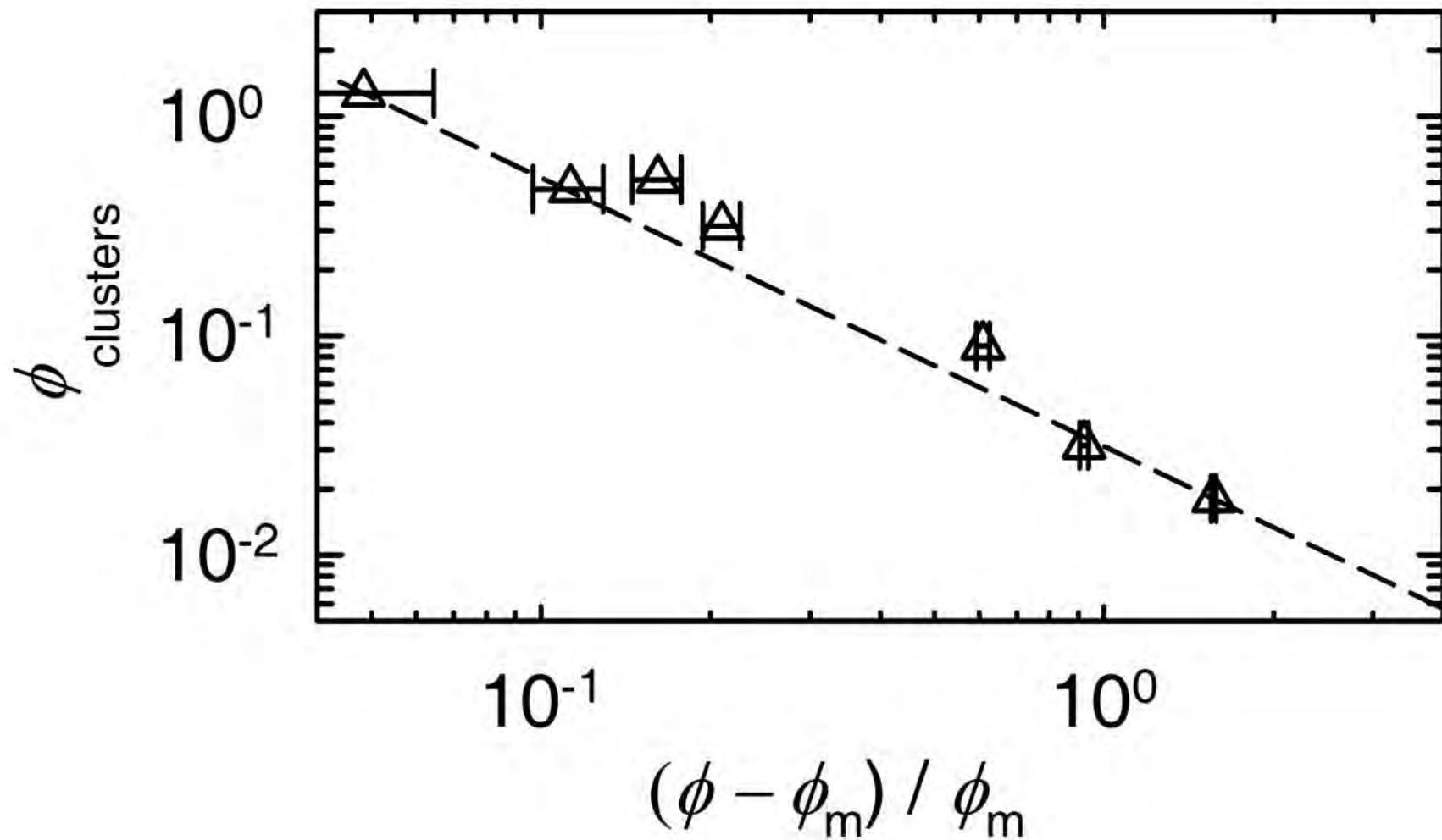


Power-law with exponential cut off

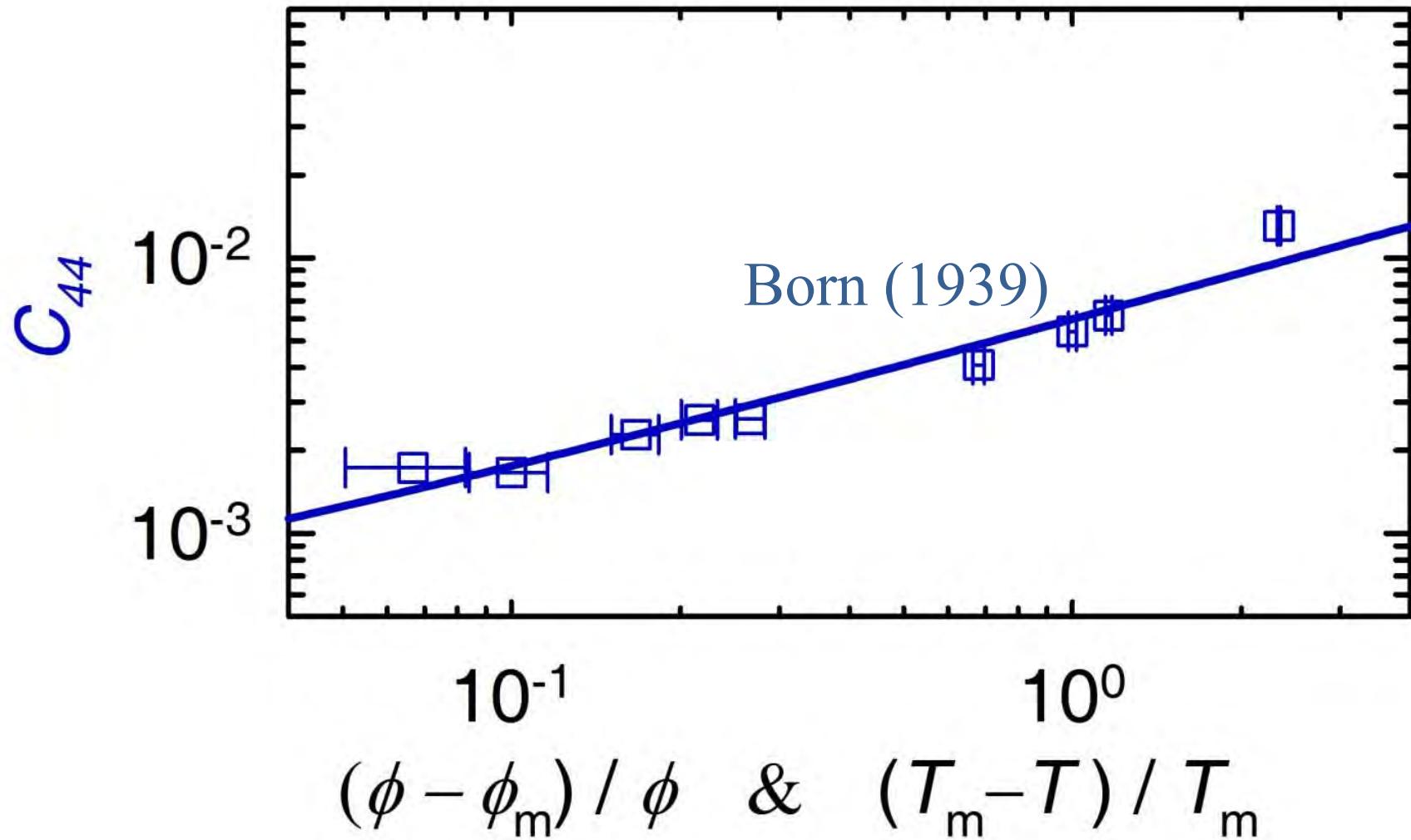
Scaling behavior of cluster size



Scaling behavior of cluster volume fraction



Scaling behavior of elasticity

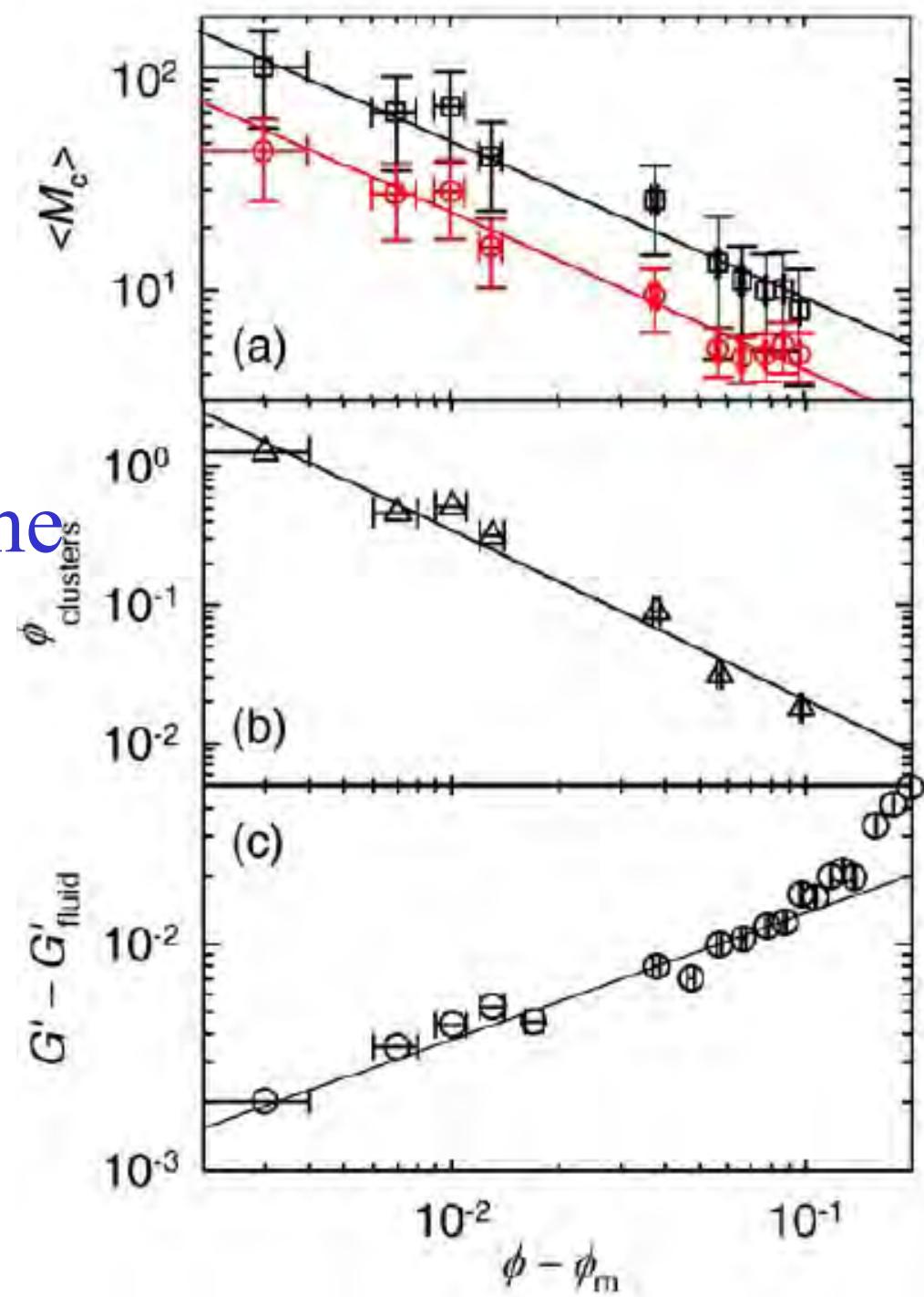


Scaling behavior

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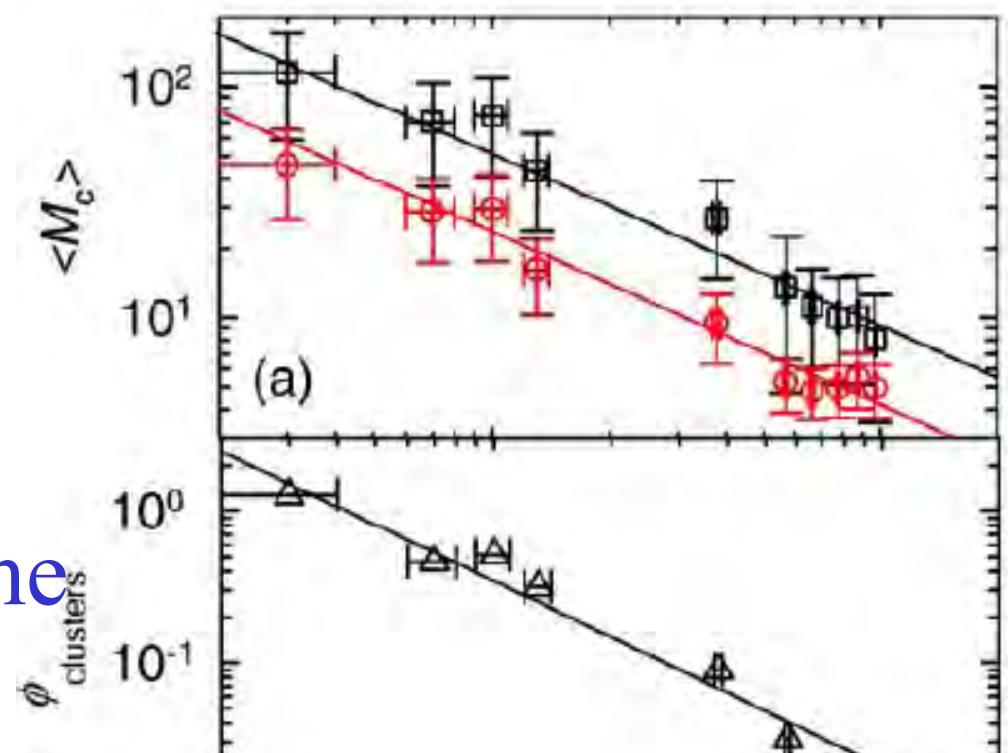
2. Cluster volume fraction

3. Elasticity



Scaling behavior

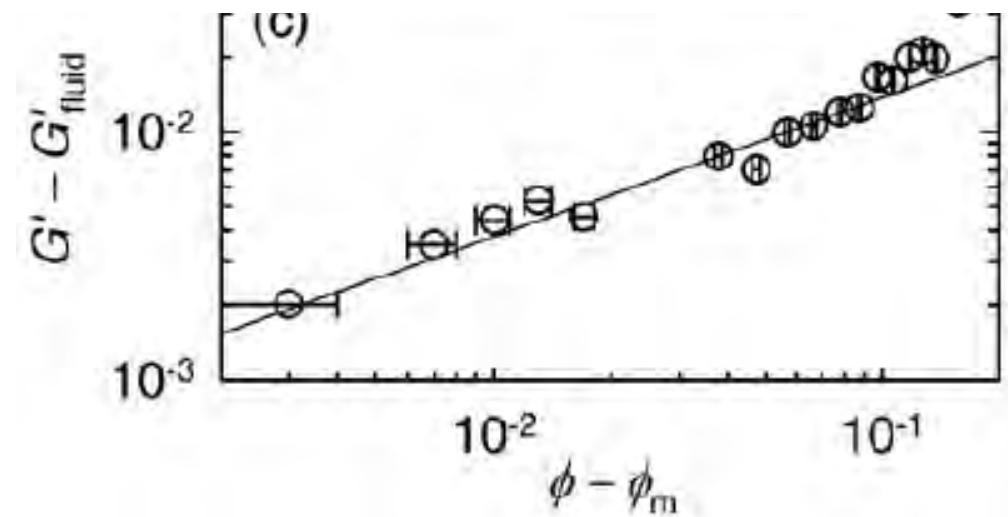
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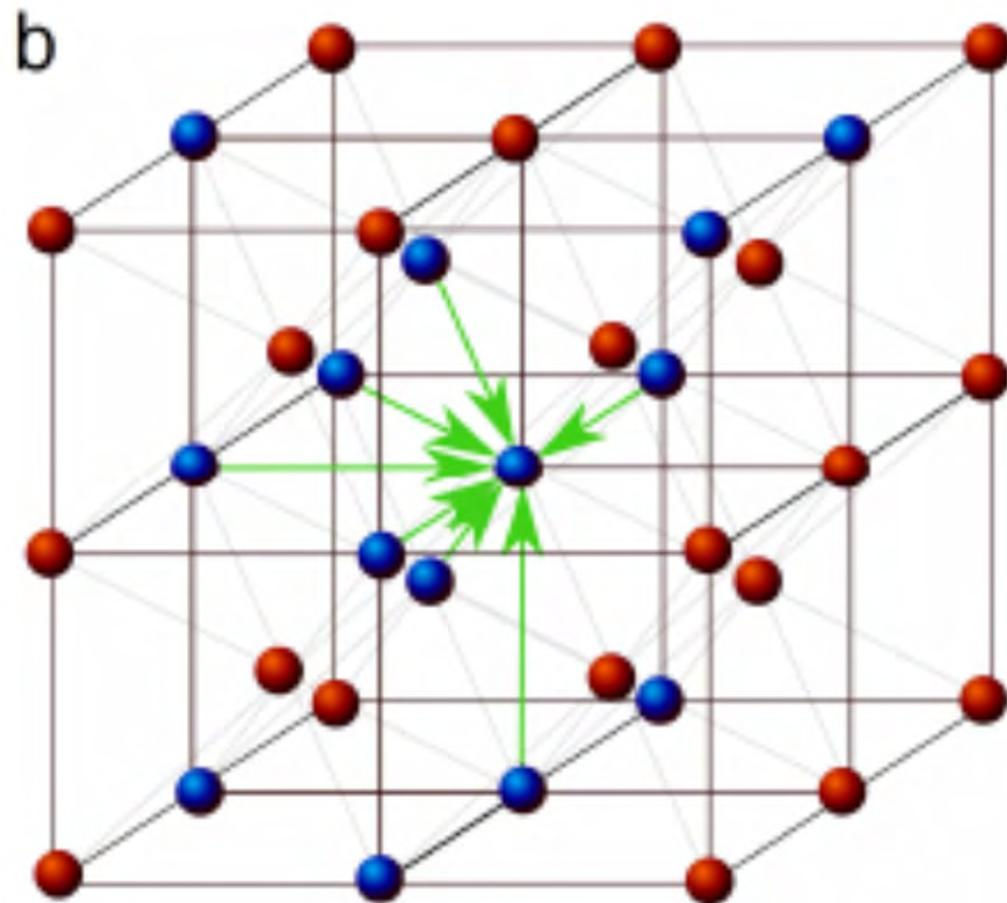
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fraction

Second-order character of 3D melting

3. Elasticity

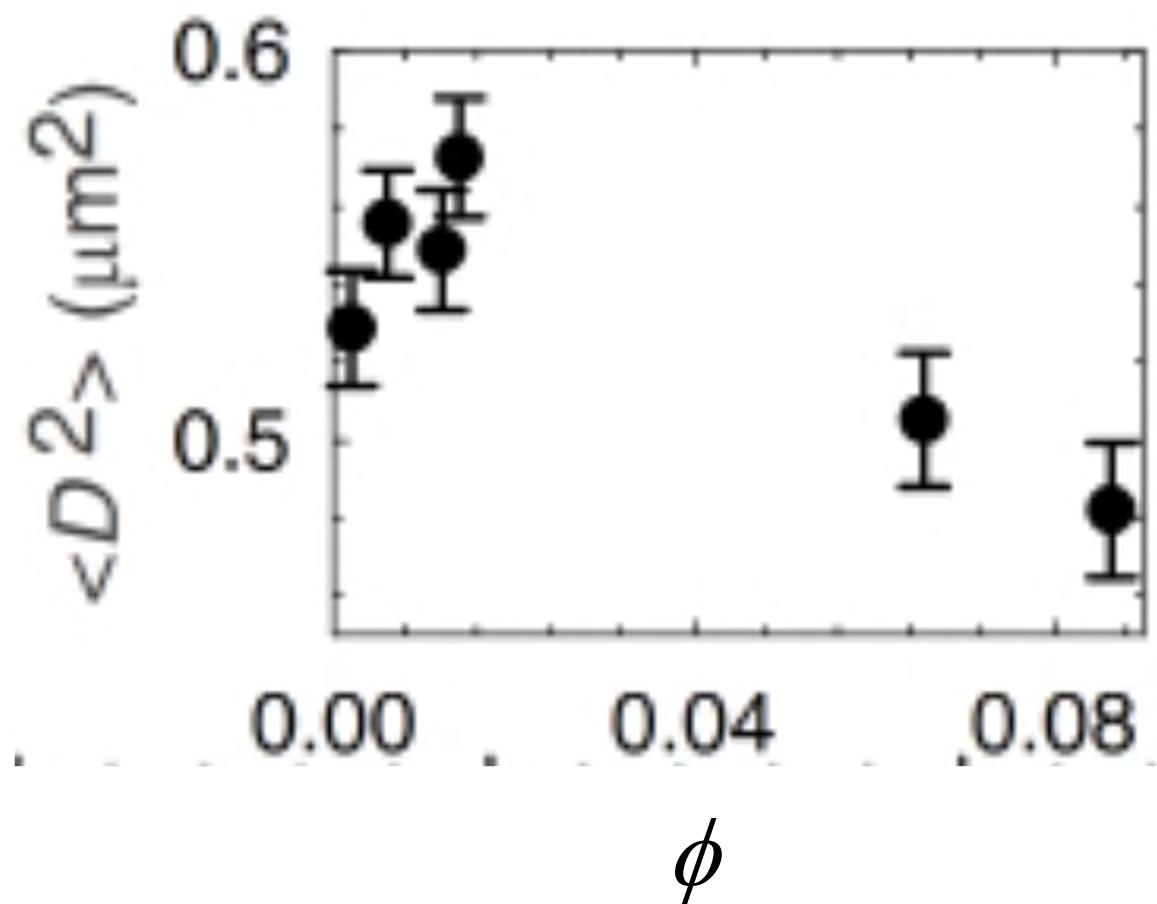


Hot particles lead to non-affine motion



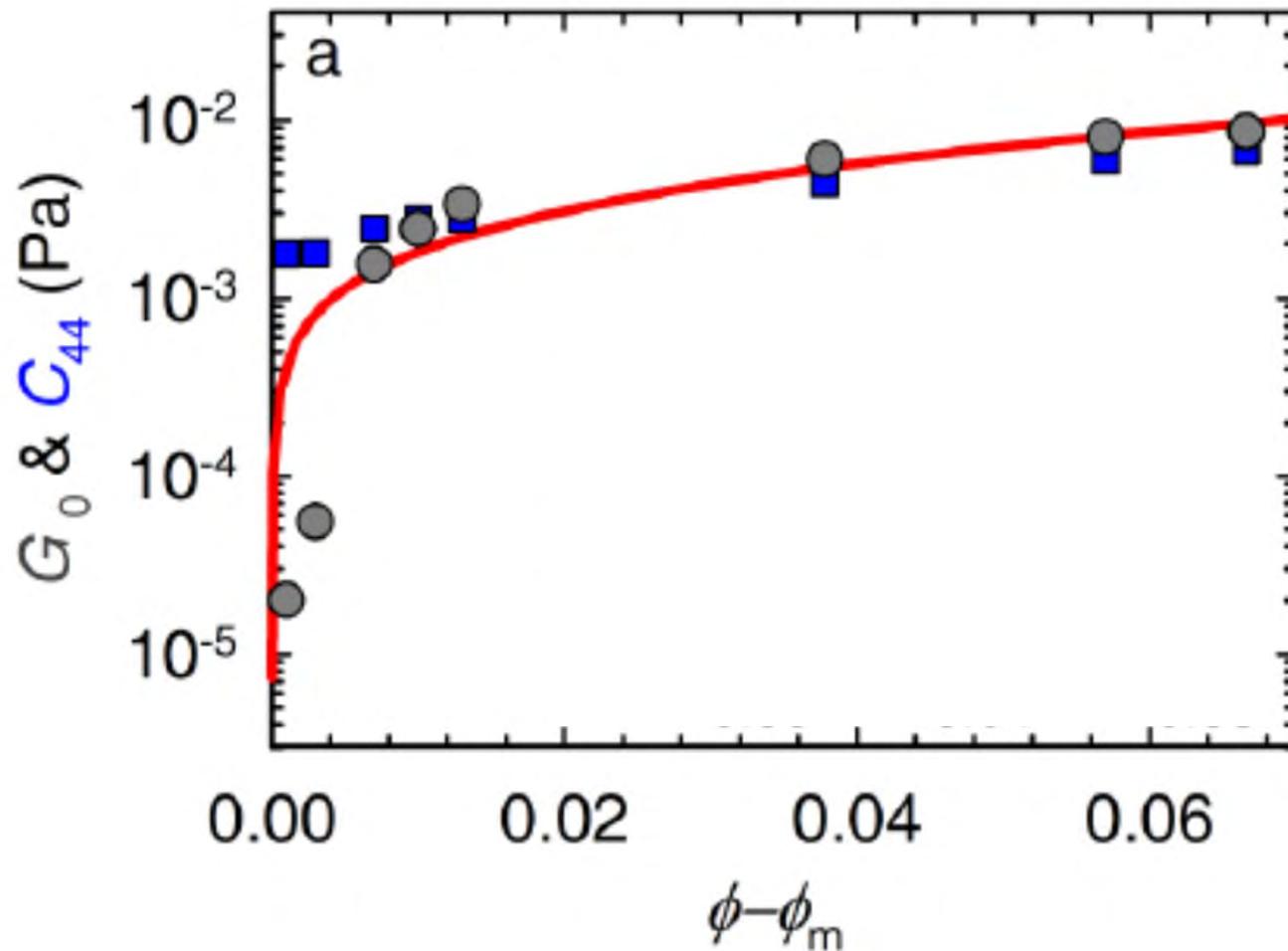
Breaks force balance → weakens lattice

Non-affine motion increases as ϕ decreases



Calculate elastic modulus *including* non-affine motion

Behavior of elasticity



- C_{44} remains approximately constant with ϕ
- Non-affine modulus does vanish

2nd order behavior for melting

- 1D melting is always 2nd order
- 2D melting is through hexatic \rightarrow 2nd order
- 3D melting has 2nd order character if the lattice is perfect
- Non-affine shear modulus:
 - Provides weakened regions
 - Mechanical stability is lost
 - Generalizes Born melting
- 3D melting of Wigner lattice is weakly 1st order

The End