

Mechanical and Transport Properties in Disordered Materials

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Modeling Nanomaterials of
Energy Transport and Storage



Role of **structural disorder** on the **mechanical properties** of amorphous materials?

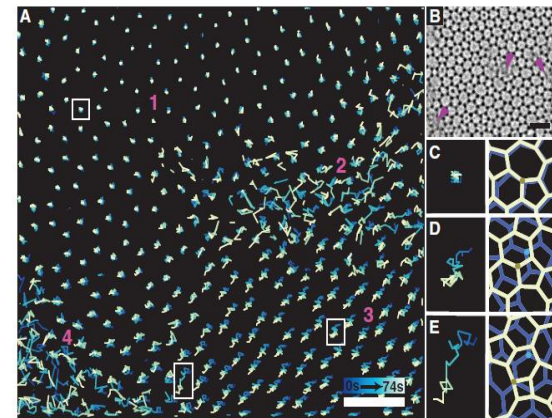


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Imaging Atomic Rearrangements in Two-Dimensional Silica Glass: Watching Silica's Dance

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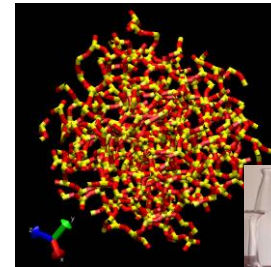
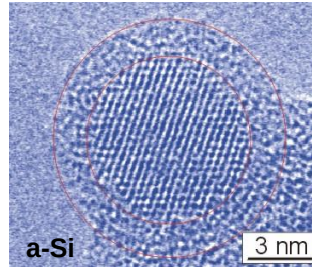
P.Y. Huang et al. Science (2013)

Heterogeneous and non-periodic material

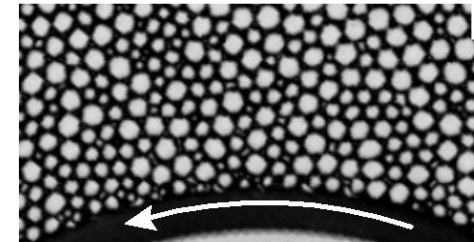
Examples of Amorphous Materials:



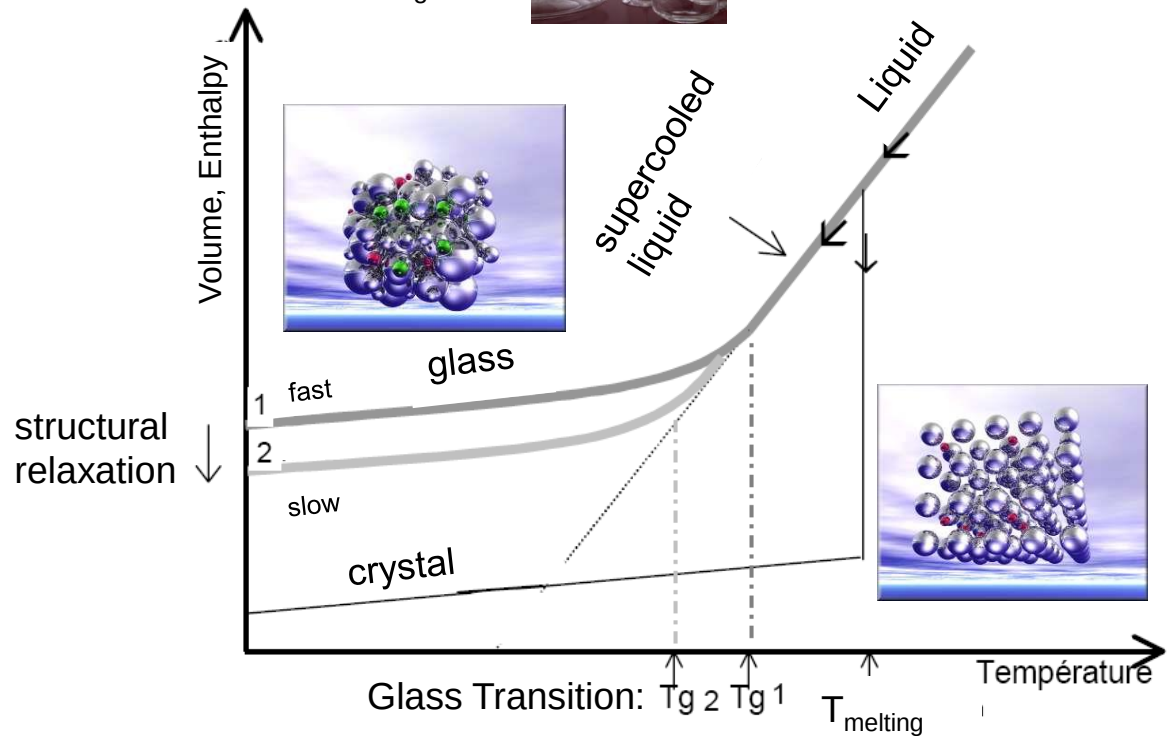
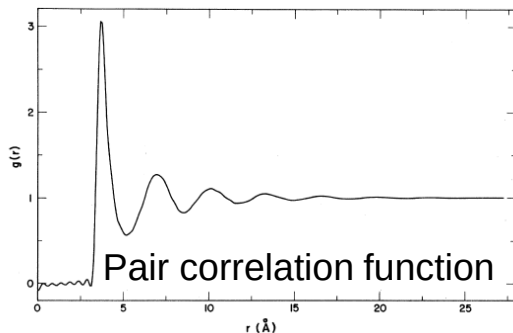
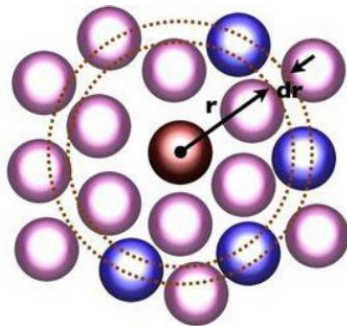
Metallic glasses, Vitreloy



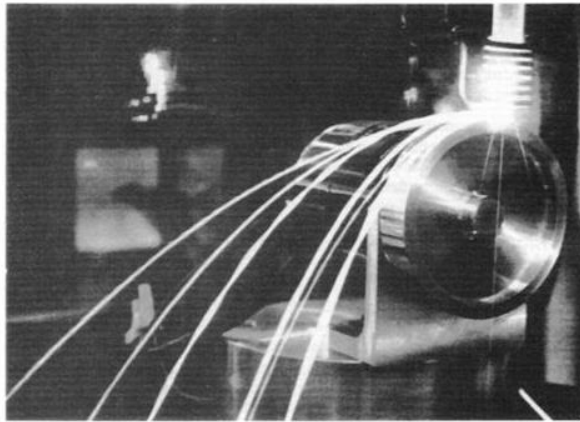
Silicate glasses



Foams



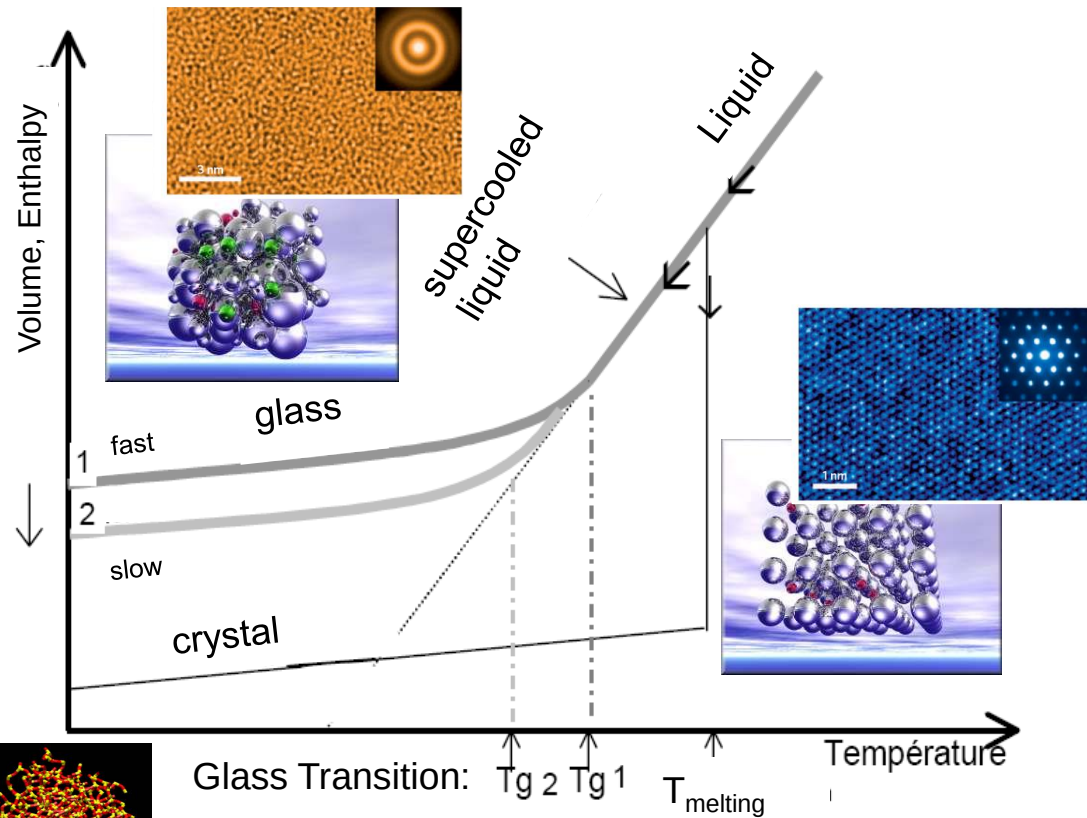
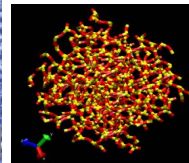
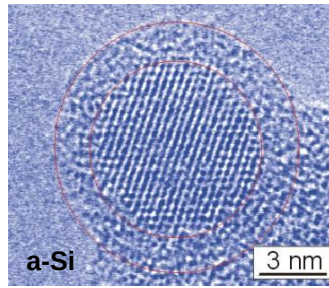
Processing Amorphous Materials:



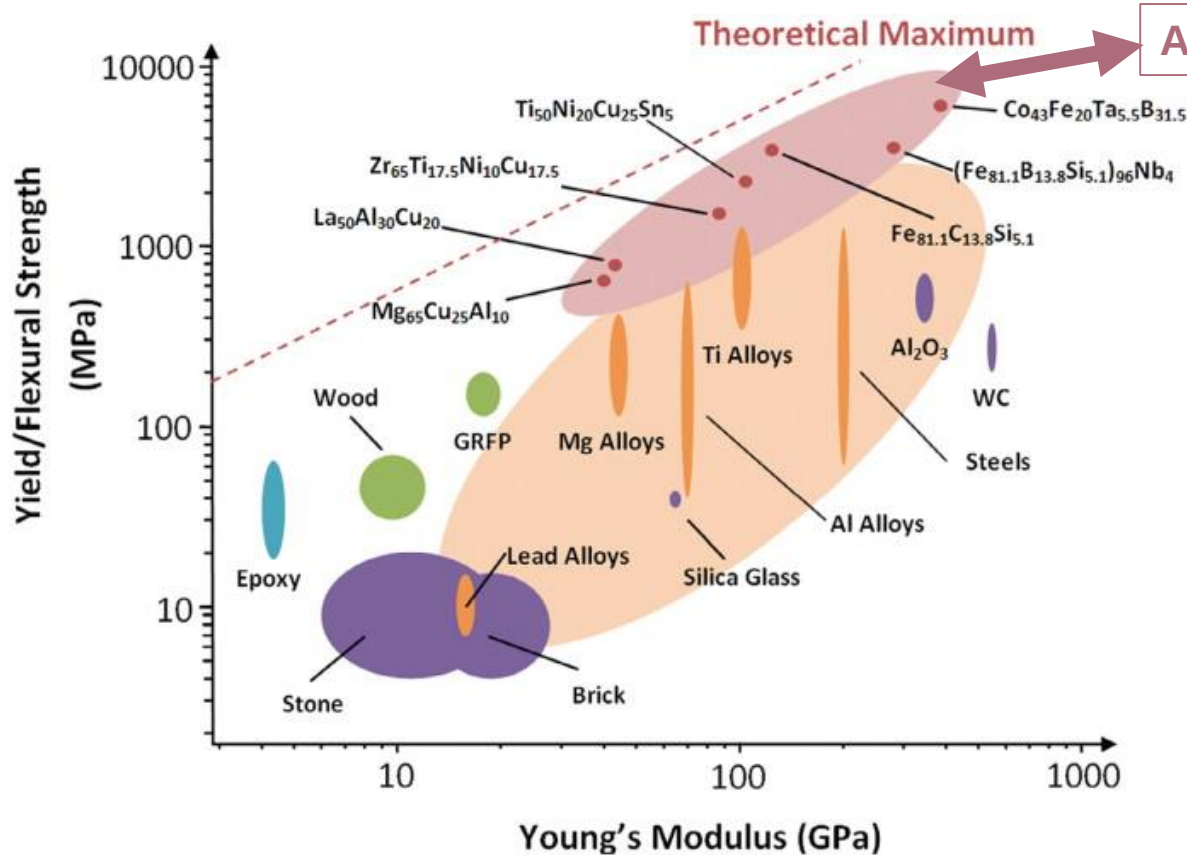
J.-L. Soubeyroux



structural
relaxation



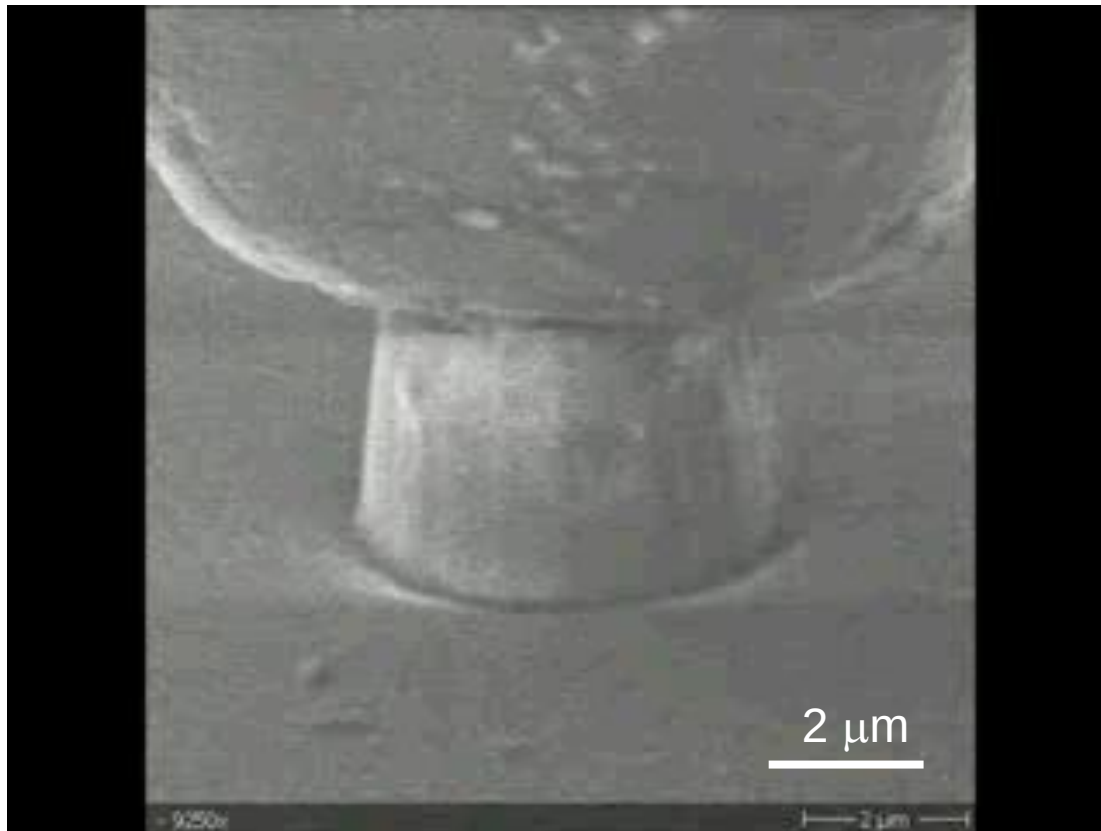
Very hard materials



Amorphous Metals

Hard
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Fragile ?

Ductile at small scale

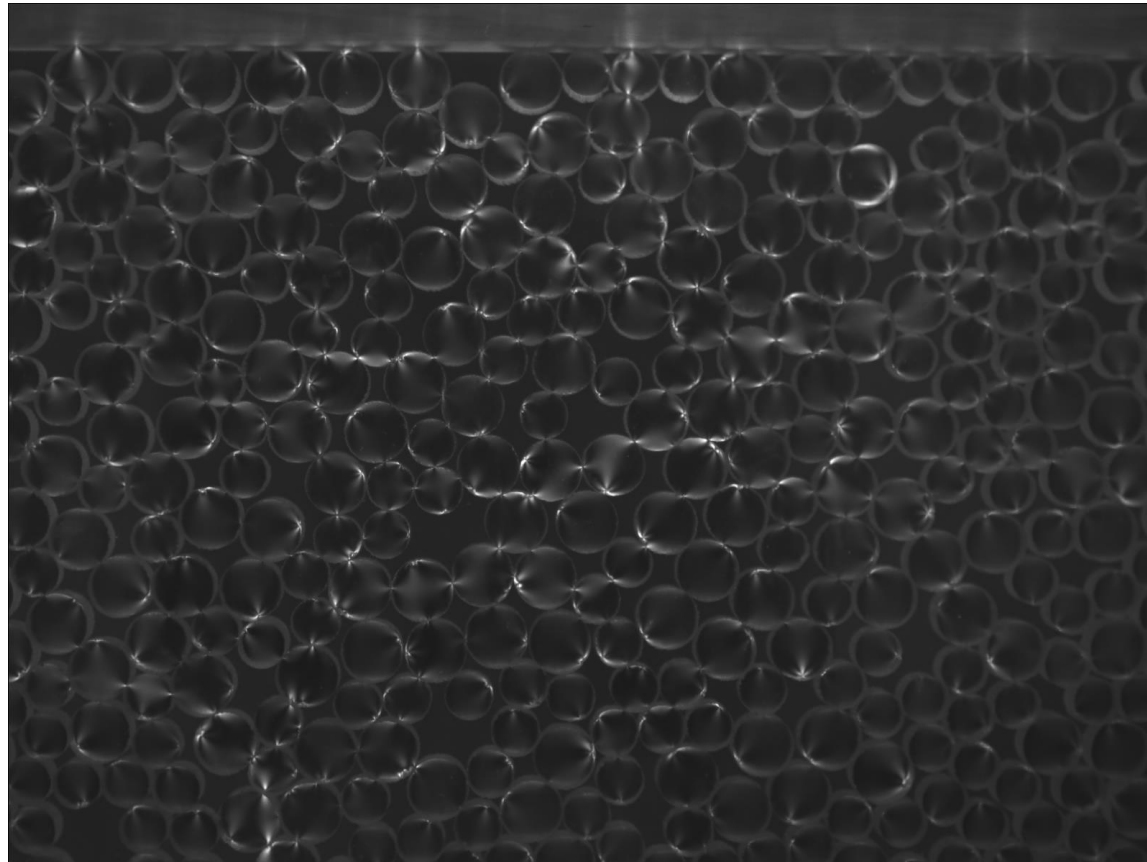
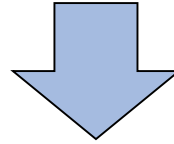


G. Kermouche, E. Barthel (2015)

Micropillar in pure silica glass

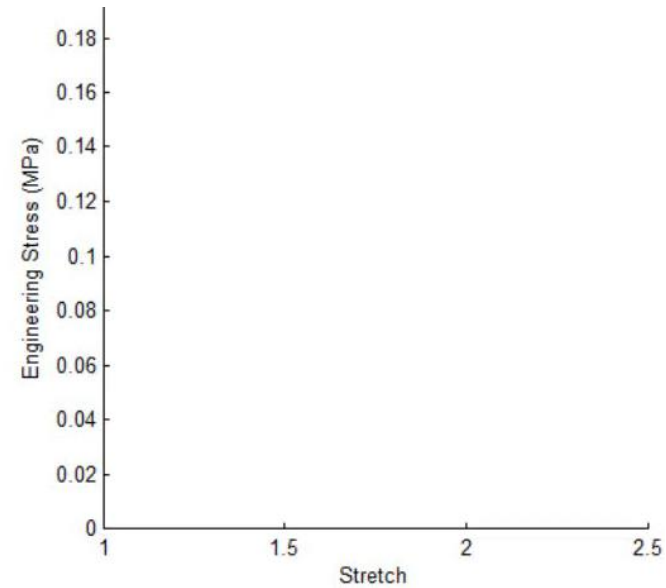
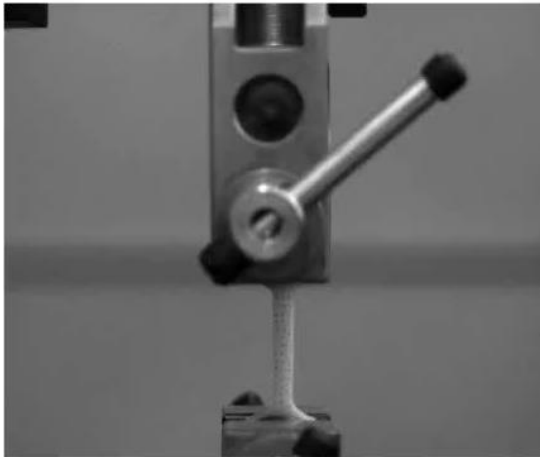
What happens **inside** a **disordered** material ?

Heterogeneous response & Localization



E. Kolb et al. (2008)

Heterogeneities and force chains allow supporting **strong loads**



Example of amorphous polymer

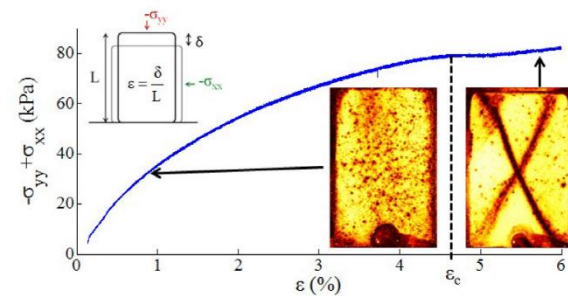
P. Reis et al. (2019)

Local rearrangements may organize progressively along **shear bands**

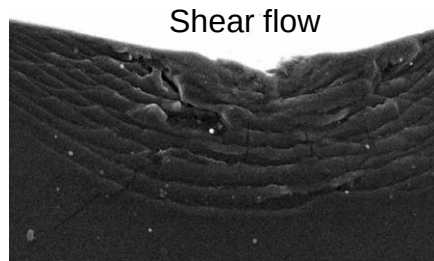
$$\varepsilon = 0.14 \%$$



A. Amon et J. Crassous (2008)

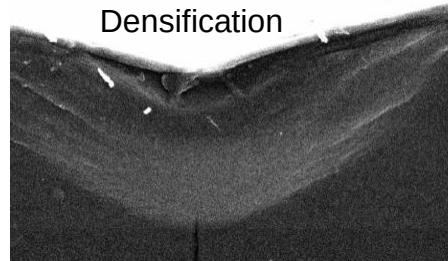


This behaviour is **composition** and **loading** dependent



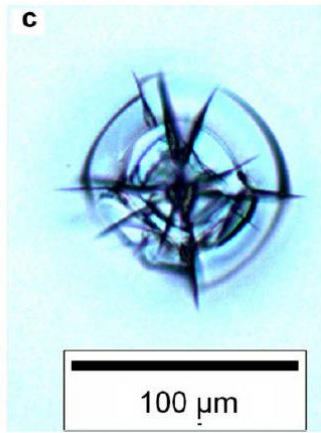
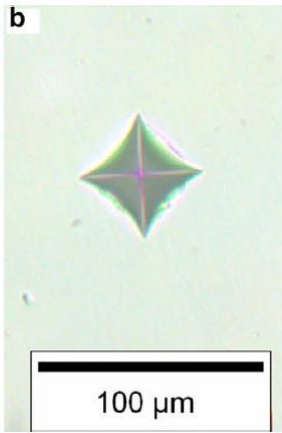
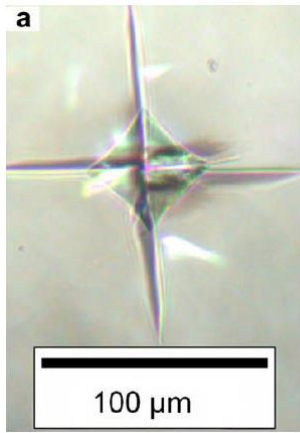
Shear flow

Soda-lime glass



Densification

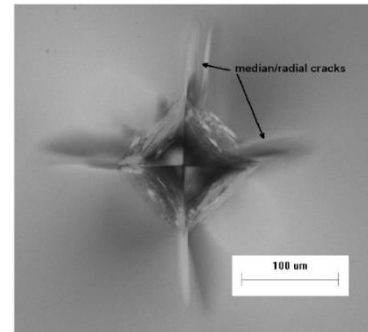
Anomalous glass



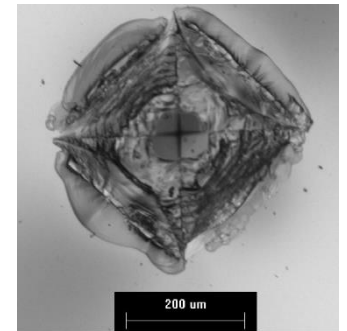
(a) 60% SiO₂ 20% Al₂O₃ 20% CaO; (b) 80% SiO₂ 10% Al₂O₃ 10% CaO; (c) 100% SiO₂

T.M. Gross et al. (2008, 2009)

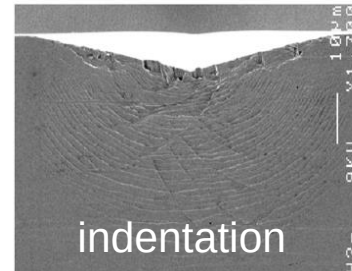
Quasi-static
indentation
(0.2 mm/mn, 69N)



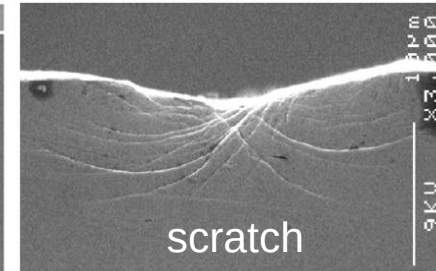
Impact velocity
(410 mm/s, 562N)



T.M. Gross et al. (2013)



Bulk Metallic Glass



V. Keryvin et al. (2008)

Scratchitti – New York metro
(courtesy of G. Duisit)

N.Y.C.T.A. MATL 3048-89 REV D
HIGH STRENGTH SAFETY GLASS

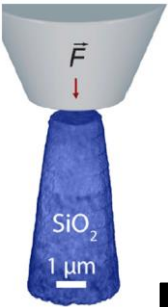

SAINT-GOBAIN
SULLY

JANUARY 2002 THIS SIDE OUT
PLEASE STOP SCRATCHING THE FUCKING WINDOWS

S. Pelletier (2004)



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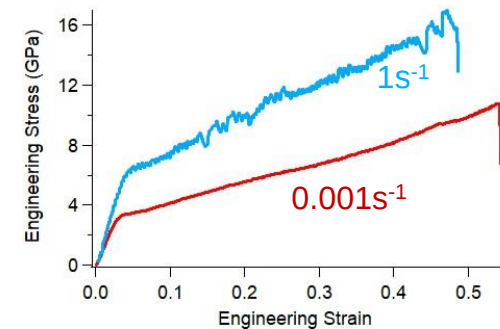
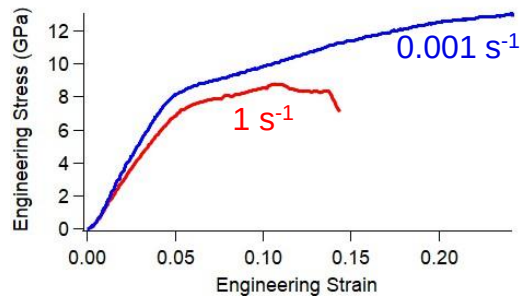
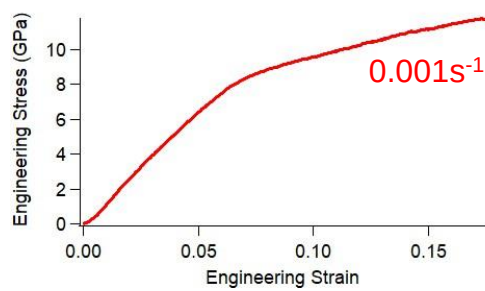
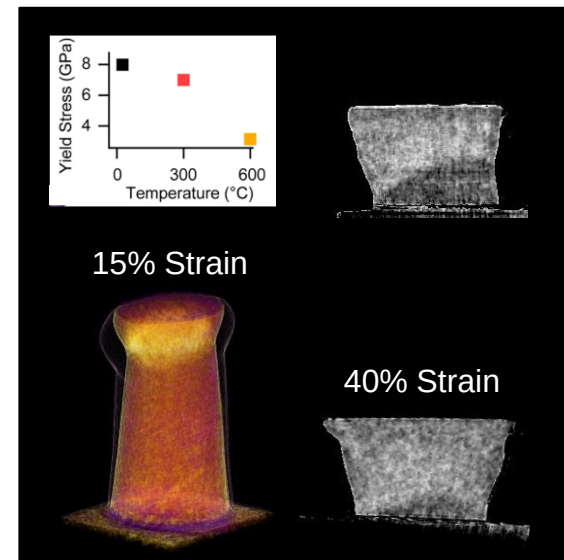
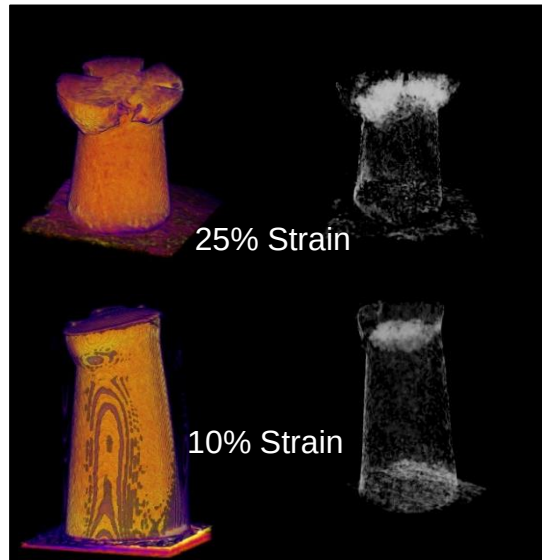
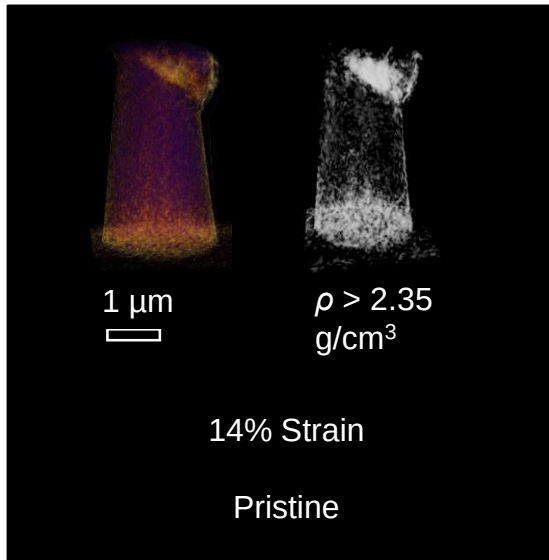
$T=25^{\circ}\text{C}$

$T=300^{\circ}\text{C}$

$T=600^{\circ}\text{C}$

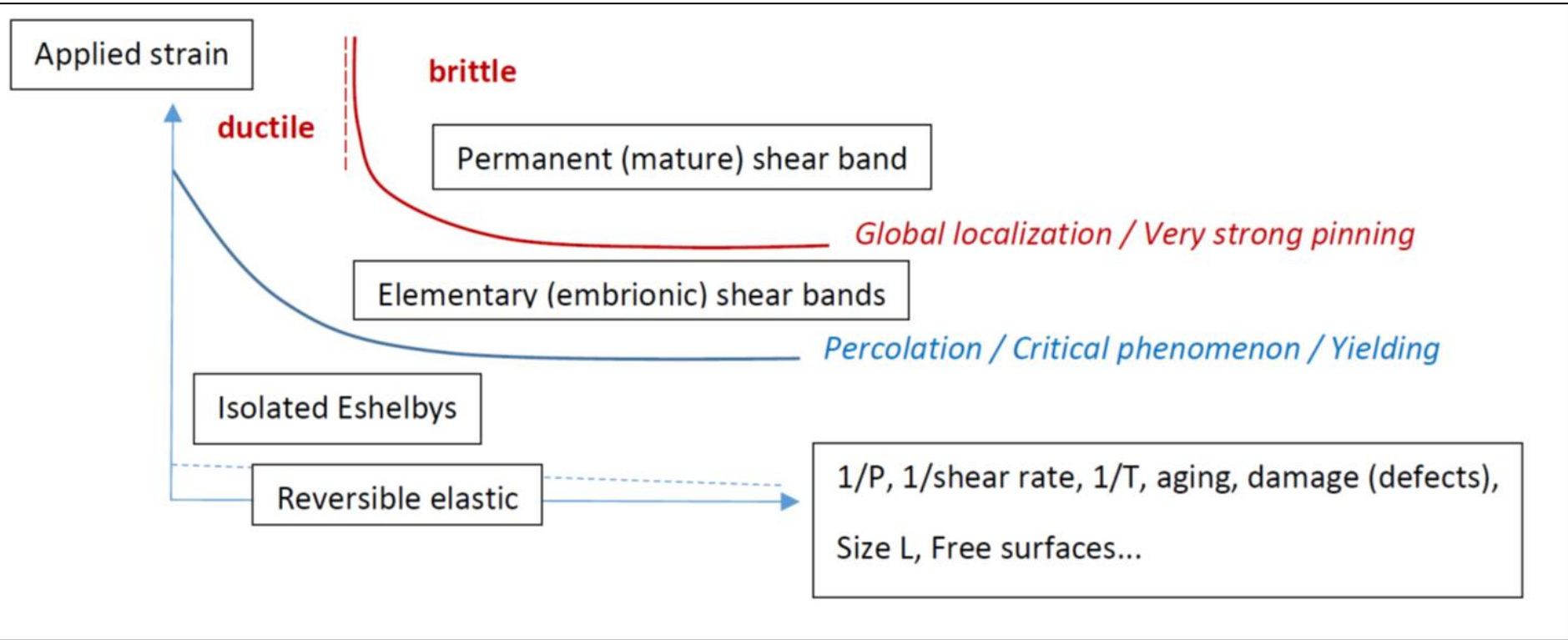
0.001 s^{-1}

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In Amorphous Materials

- What are the **microscopic sources** of **mechanical deformation** ?
- Is it possible to define **Phonons** ?
- Is it possible to quantify **Thermal transport** ?

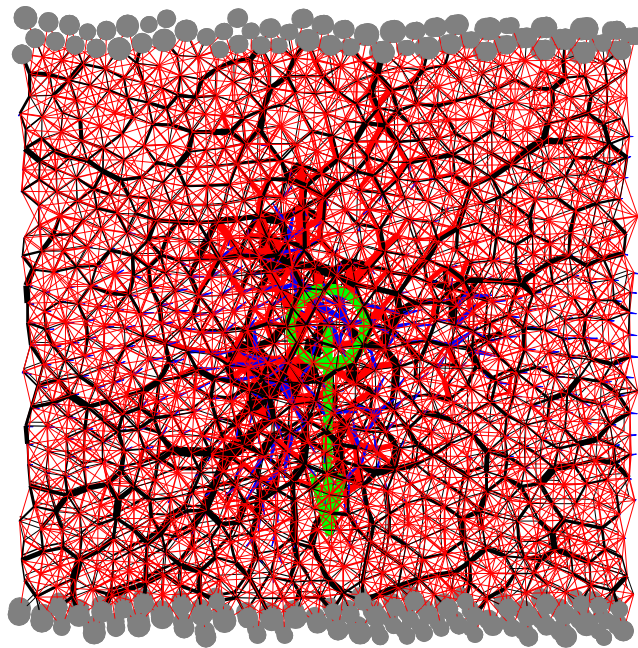


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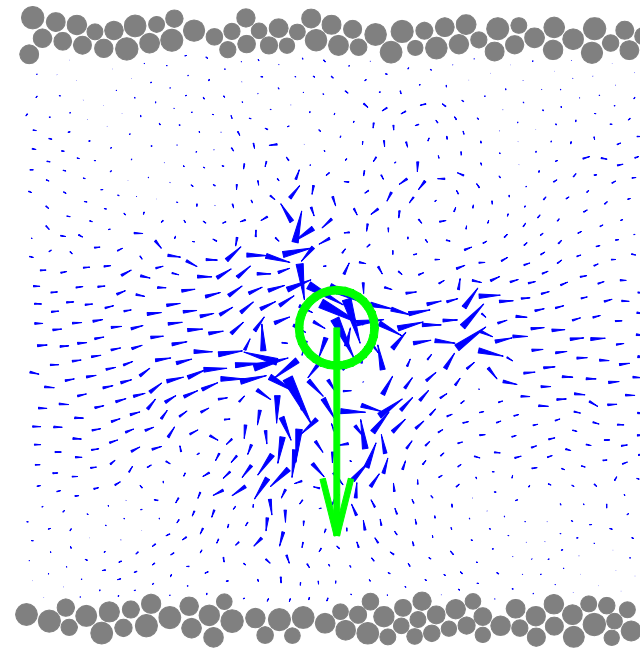
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1. Elasticity of **Heterogeneous** Materials

F. Léonforte et al. (2004)



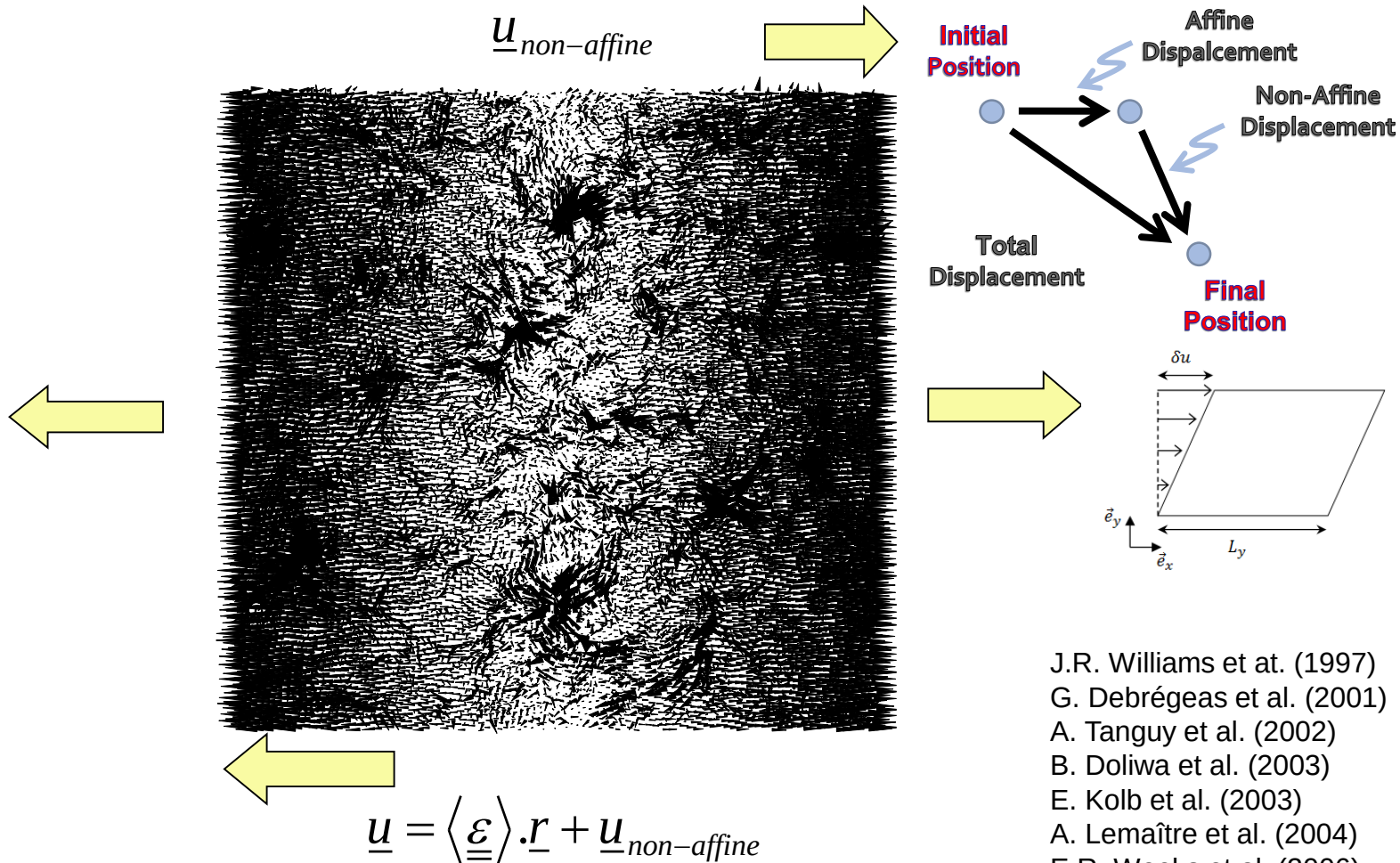
Response to a Point source force
(inverse Green Function)



Force chains
Heterogeneous deformations
Rotational Motion

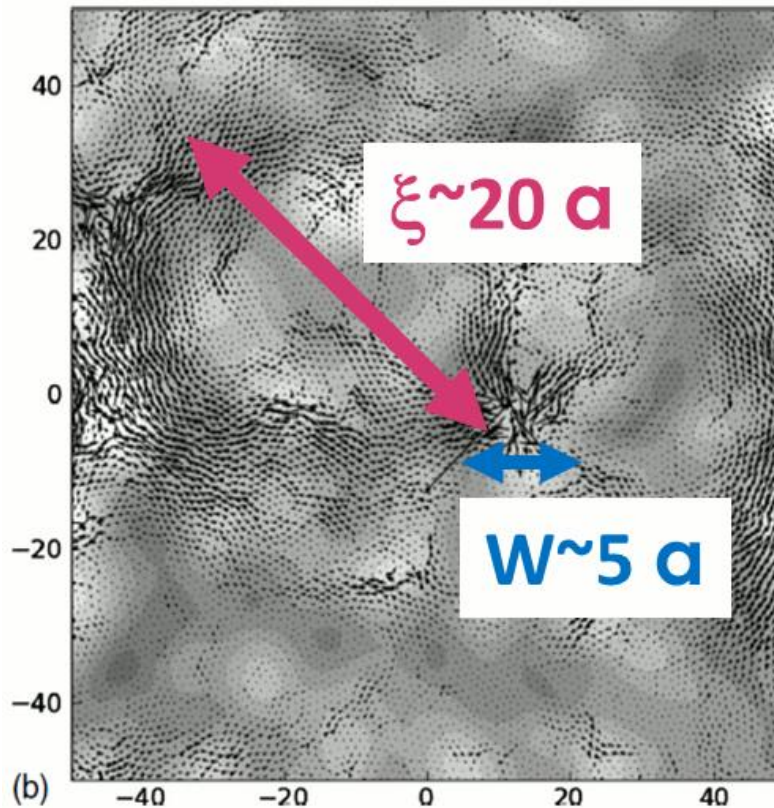
Atomistic Modeling of a 2D Lennard-Jones Glass

Non-affine displacement field



- J.R. Williams et al. (1997)
G. Debrégeas et al. (2001)
A. Tanguy et al. (2002)
B. Doliwa et al. (2003)
E. Kolb et al. (2003)
A. Lemaître et al. (2004)
E.R. Weeks et al. (2006)

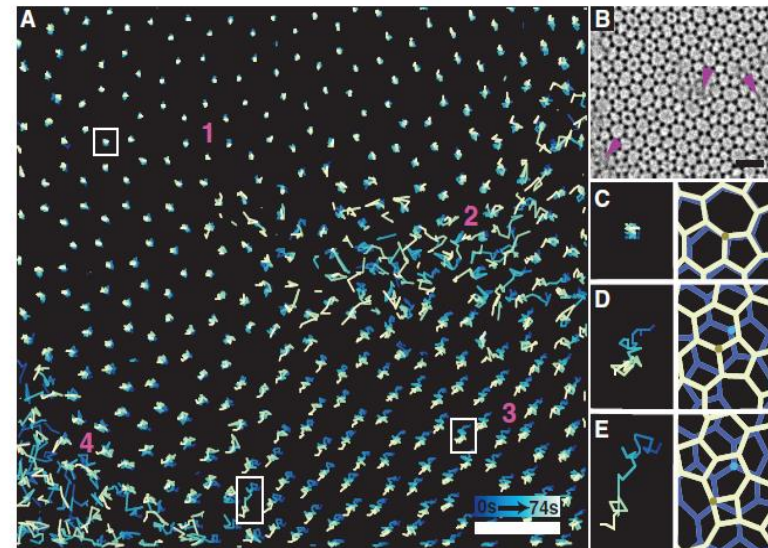
Characteristic lengths in amorphous solids:



A. Tanguy et al. (2002)
M. Tsamados et al. (2009)

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P.Y. Huang et al. Science (2013)

Heterogeneous displacements

Voigt calculation (1889):
$$\langle \underline{\underline{\varepsilon}} \rangle : \underline{\underline{C}}_{eff} : \langle \underline{\underline{\varepsilon}} \rangle \leq \langle \underline{\underline{\varepsilon}} \rangle : \langle \underline{\underline{C}} \rangle : \langle \underline{\underline{\varepsilon}} \rangle$$

with equality only if $\underline{\underline{\varepsilon}}(\underline{\underline{r}}) = \langle \underline{\underline{\varepsilon}} \rangle$

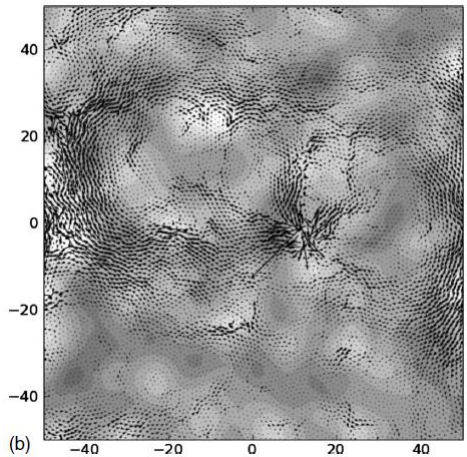
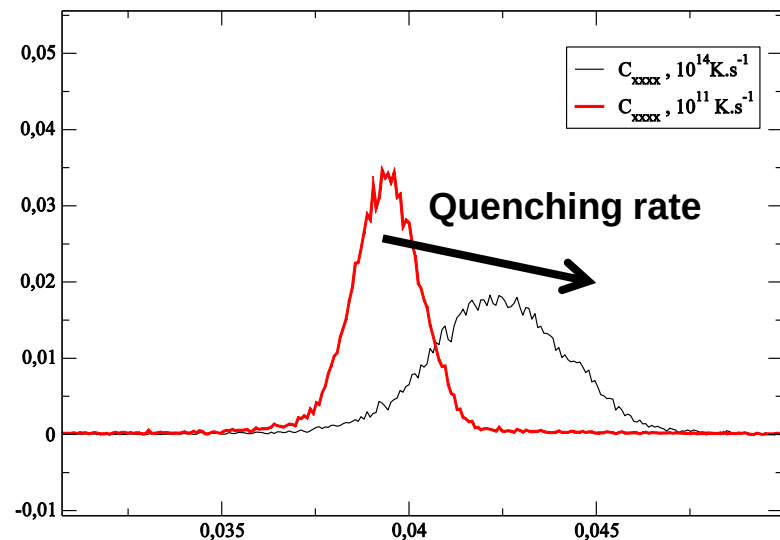


TABLE II. Comparison of structural properties for A-Si for different quenching rates with $\lambda=21$.

Property	10^{11} K/s	10^{12} K/s	10^{13} K/s	10^{14} K/s
Average coord.	4.08	4.12	4.19	4.39
Average angle	108.81	108.50	108.1	106.96
Angle Dev.	11.92	13.69	15.52	19.46
C44 (GPa)	34.24	32.04	29.98	27.66
B0 (GPa)	100.59	105.19	108.71	118.57
ν	0.347	0.362	0.374	0.392
Density (g/cm ³)	2.30277	2.32238	2.32238	2.32238
Pressure (GPa)	0.638	1.34	1.019	-0.8787



**Low Effective Elastic Modulus (Reuss, 1929)
when large dispersion of local elasticity**



Local Elastic Moduli

$$\begin{bmatrix} \sigma_{11} \\ \sigma_{22} \\ \sigma_{33} \\ \sigma_{23} \\ \sigma_{31} \\ \sigma_{12} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} C_{1111} & C_{1122} & C_{1133} & C_{1123} & C_{1131} & C_{1112} \\ C_{2211} & C_{2222} & C_{2233} & C_{2223} & C_{2231} & C_{2212} \\ C_{3311} & C_{3322} & C_{3333} & C_{3323} & C_{3331} & C_{3312} \\ C_{2311} & C_{2322} & C_{2333} & C_{2323} & C_{2331} & C_{2312} \\ C_{3111} & C_{3122} & C_{3133} & C_{3123} & C_{3131} & C_{3112} \\ C_{1211} & C_{1222} & C_{1233} & C_{1223} & C_{1231} & C_{1212} \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} \varepsilon_{11} \\ \varepsilon_{22} \\ \varepsilon_{33} \\ 2\varepsilon_{23} \\ 2\varepsilon_{31} \\ 2\varepsilon_{12} \end{bmatrix}$$

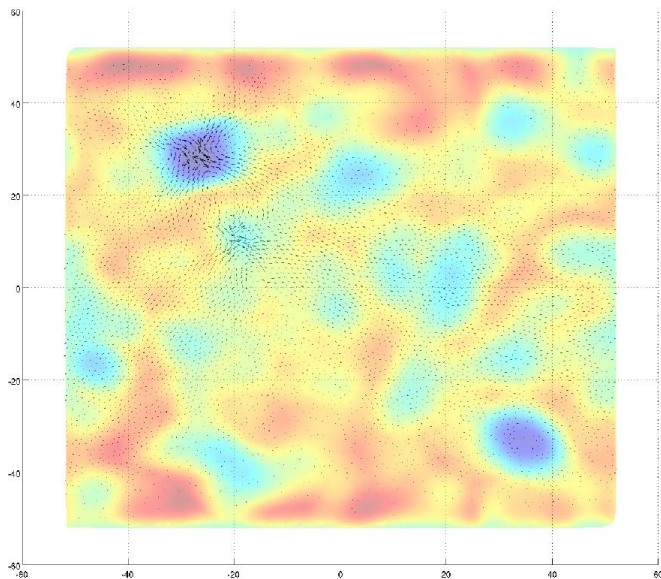
Linear Hooke's Law

21 unknown parameters

Best reliability

between local stresses and local strains.

Local optimization with 6 different deformations

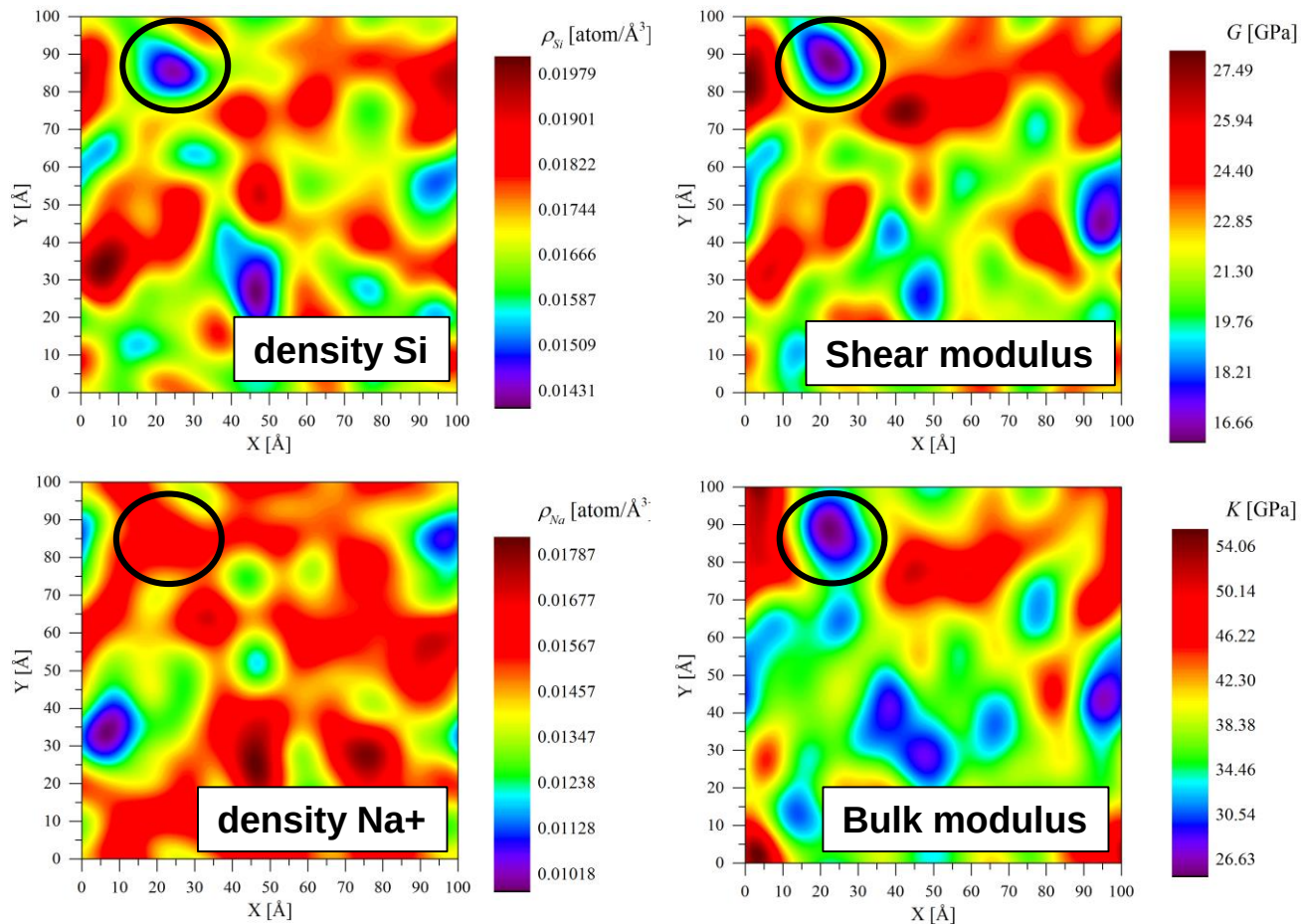


Coarse Graining Length ω	0	5	10	15	20
Hooke's law	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES
Homogeneity $\frac{\langle \varepsilon \rangle (P) - 2\mu}{2\mu} < 10\%$	NO	NO	YES	YES	YES
$\frac{\Delta C}{\langle C \rangle} < 10\%$	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES
Isotropy $\frac{\varepsilon_{11} - \varepsilon_{22}}{2\mu} < 10\%$	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES

Linear Elasticity

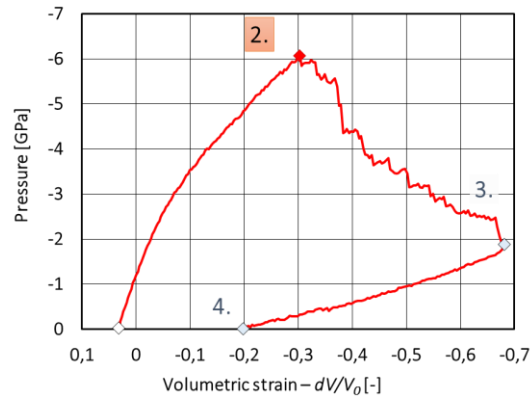
Isotropic
Elasticity

Elastic Moduli in a **sodo-silicate glass** $(1-x)\text{SiO}_2 + x\text{Na}_2\text{O}$:



High loca Na+ density $\leftrightarrow$ Low Elastic Modulus

G. Molnar et al. (2016)

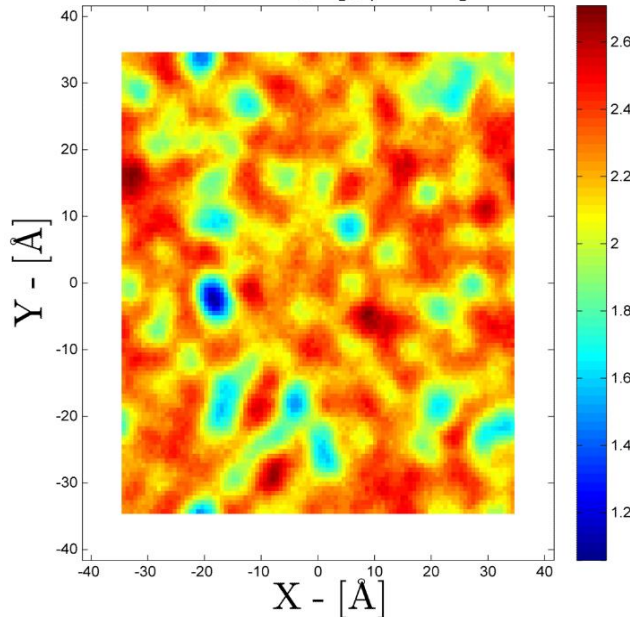


**Crack Initiation in a
sodo-silicate glass**
 $(1-x)\text{SiO}_2 + x\text{Na}_2\text{O}$:

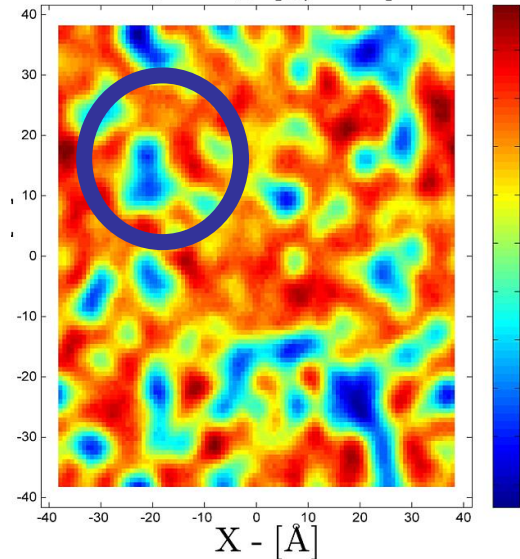
**loosened density
(initial cracks)**

density at start

Density map $[\text{g}/\text{cm}^3]$ at $Z = 0 \text{ \AA}$

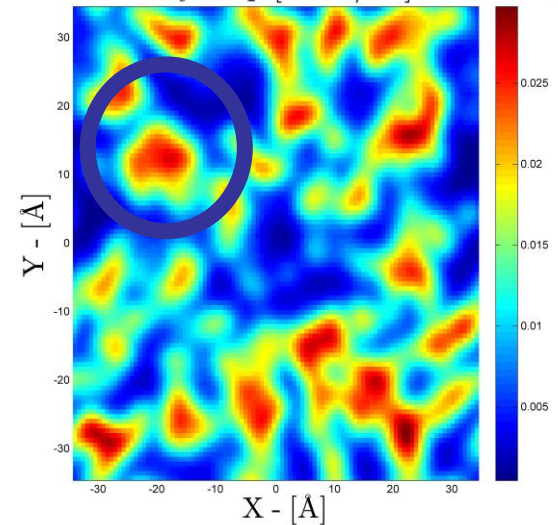


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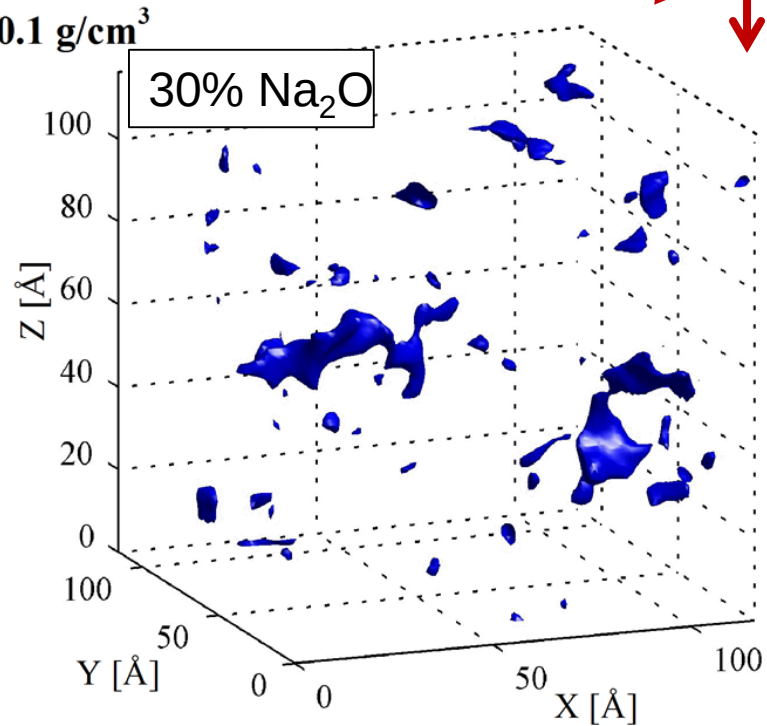
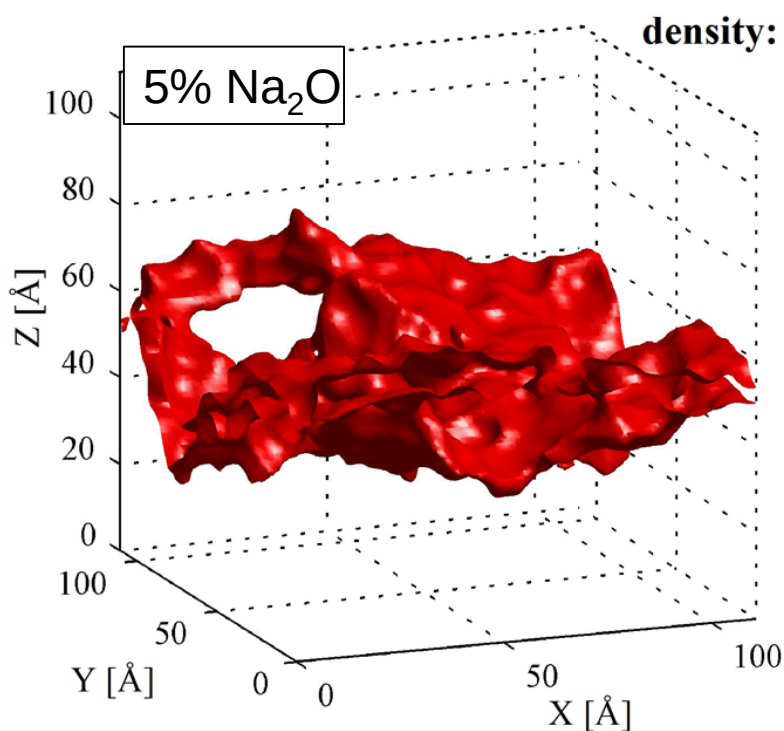
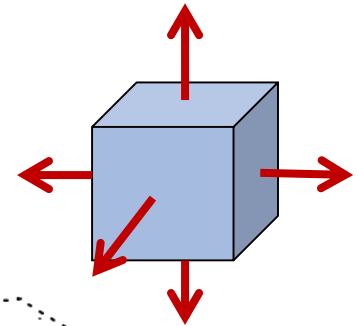
**Na density
distribution at start**

Density map $[\text{atom}/\text{\AA}^3]$ at $Z = 0 \text{ \AA}$



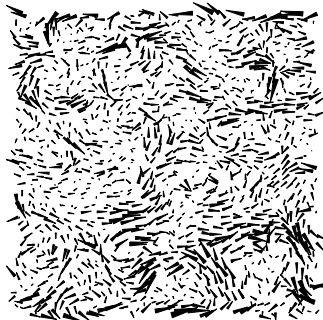
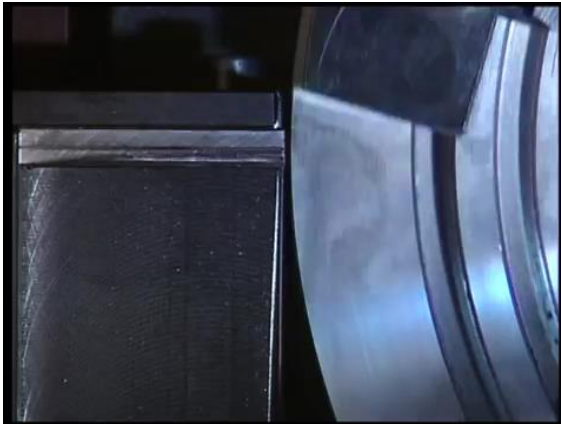
Crack Initiation in a sodo-silicate glass (1-x)SiO₂ + xNa₂O:

Effect of composition: density profile at max. tractions

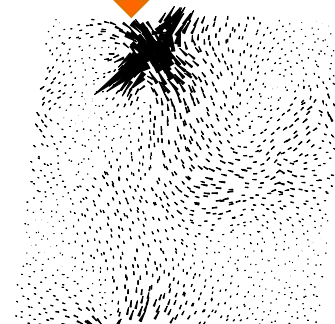
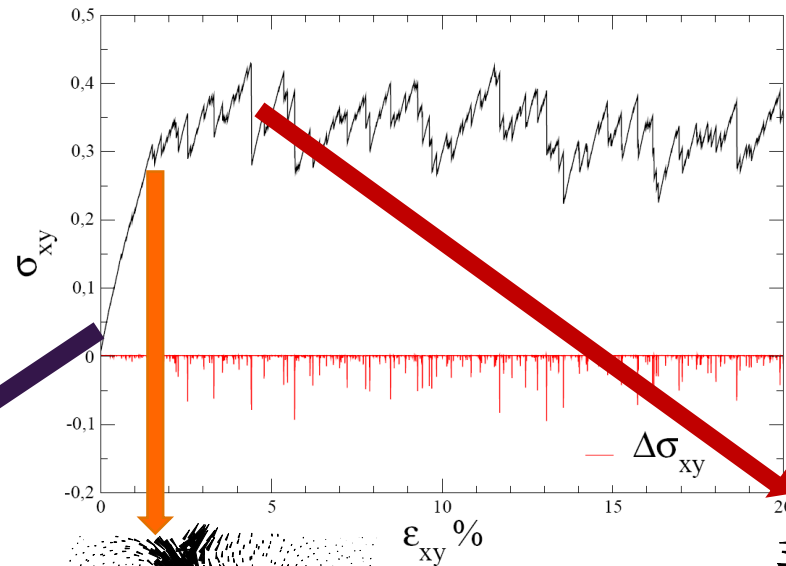


2. Irreversible **Plastic** deformation

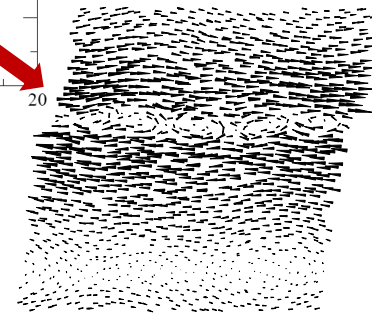
Plastic Deformation



Non-affine **reversible**
displacements ($\times 10^3$)



Local shear **irreversible**
($\times 40$) quadrupolar event



Elementary
Shear band ($\times 0.4$)

Reminder: Hill's Criterion for Crystals Stability (1962) : Continuous Media

Helmholtz Free Energy
$$F(Y) \equiv F(X) + \Omega(X) \left\{ \tau_{ij}(X) \eta_{ij} + \frac{1}{2} C_{ijkl}(X) \eta_{ij} \eta_{kl} + \dots \right\},$$

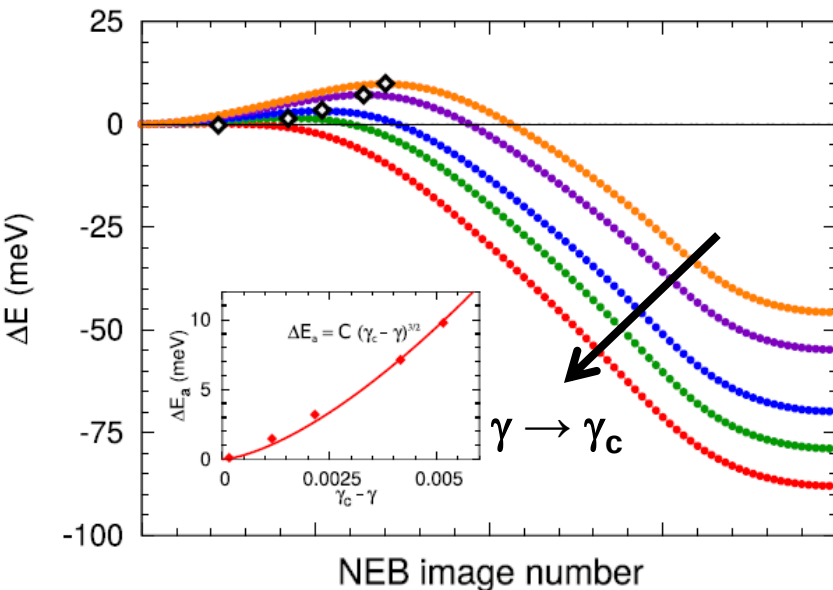
Stability Criterion

$$\min_{\{w,k\}} (C_{ijkl} w_i w_k k_j k_l) \geq 0$$

$\eta_{ij} \propto w_i k_j$

 Slip Plane
 Burgers Vector

Energy Barriers



A. Lemaitre and C. Maloney (2004)
 T. Albaret and D. Rodney (2018)

In **Amorphous materials**: Atomistic description

$$m_i \frac{\partial^2 u_\alpha}{\partial t^2}(\underline{r}_i, t) = - \sum_{j, \beta} M_{ij}^{\alpha\beta} \cdot u_\beta(\underline{r}_j, t)$$

with $M_{ij}^{\alpha\beta} = - \frac{\partial^2 E_{total}}{\partial r_{i\alpha} \partial r_{j\beta}}$ including external forces

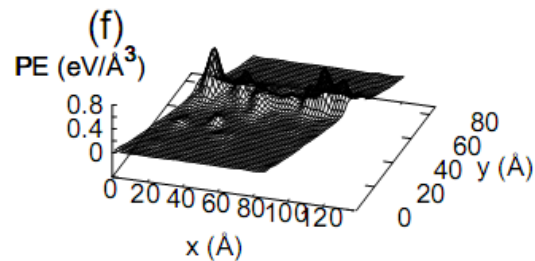
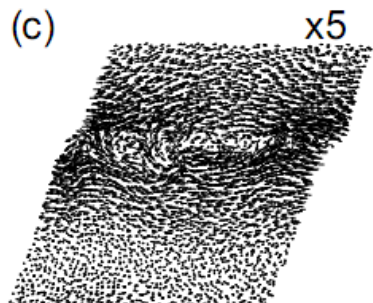
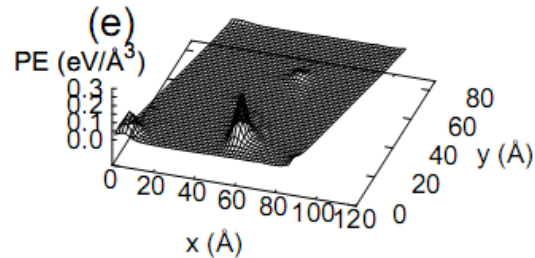
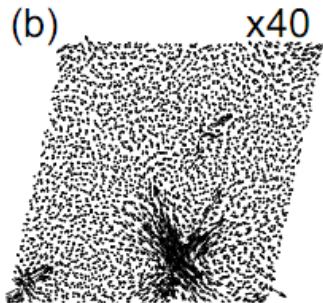
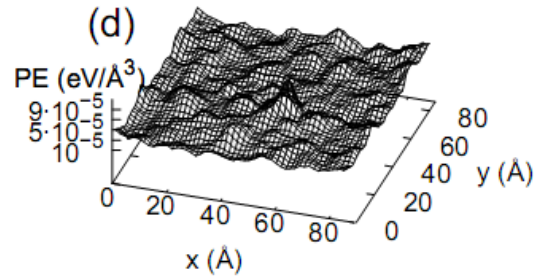
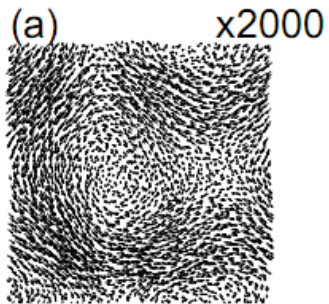
$$\underline{V}(\underline{r}_i) e^{i\omega t} = \sqrt{m_i} \underline{u}(\underline{r}_i, t), D_{ij}^{\alpha\beta} = \frac{M_{ij}^{\alpha\beta}}{\sqrt{m_i m_j}}$$

$$\omega^2 \underline{V} = \bar{\bar{D}} \cdot \underline{V}$$

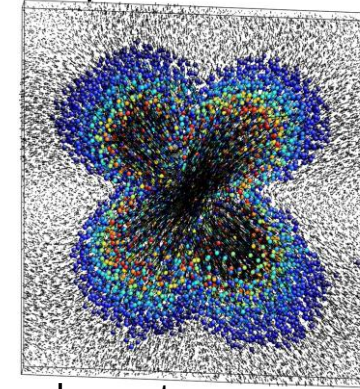
$$\omega \rightarrow 0$$

Instability

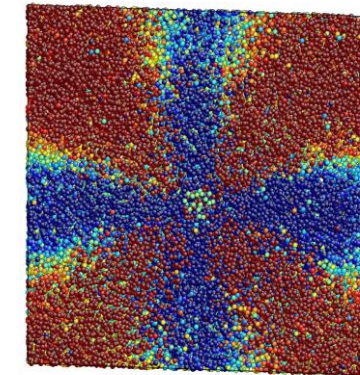
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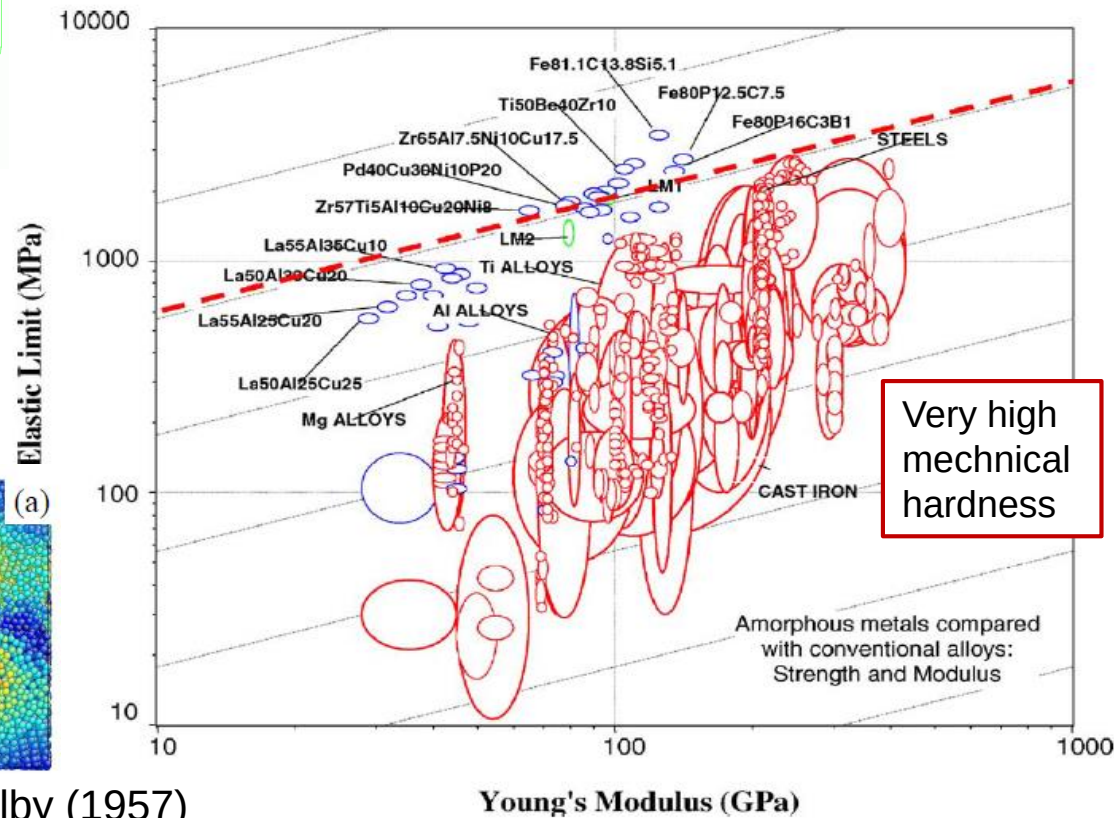
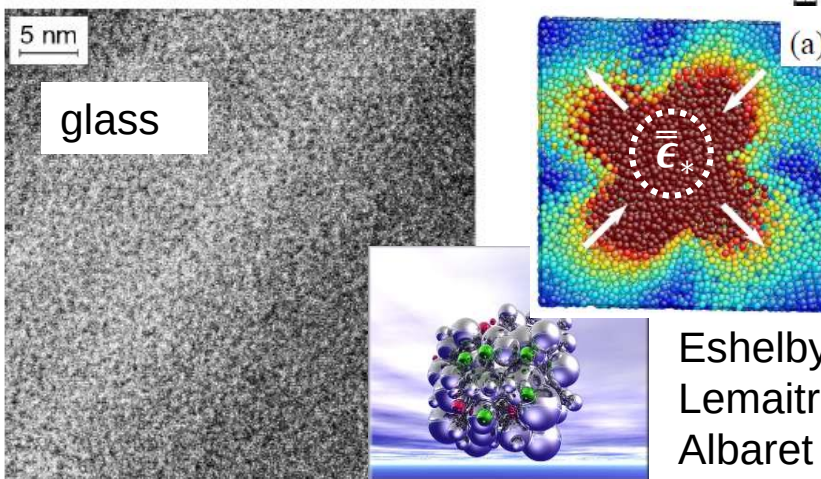
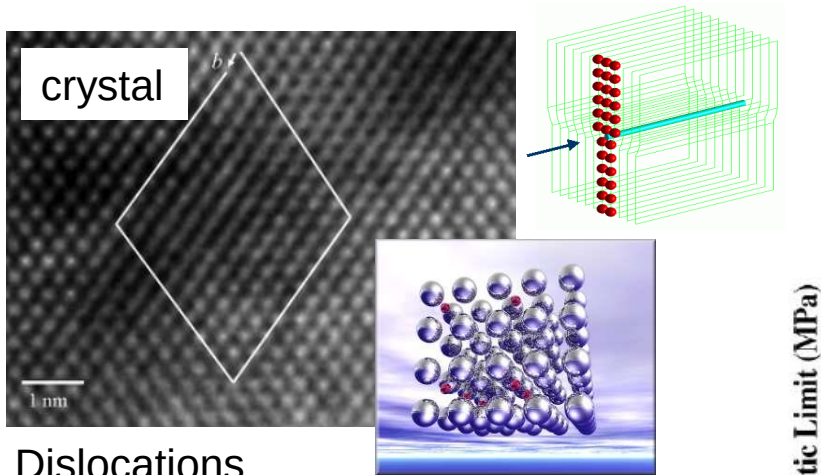
displacements



shear stress



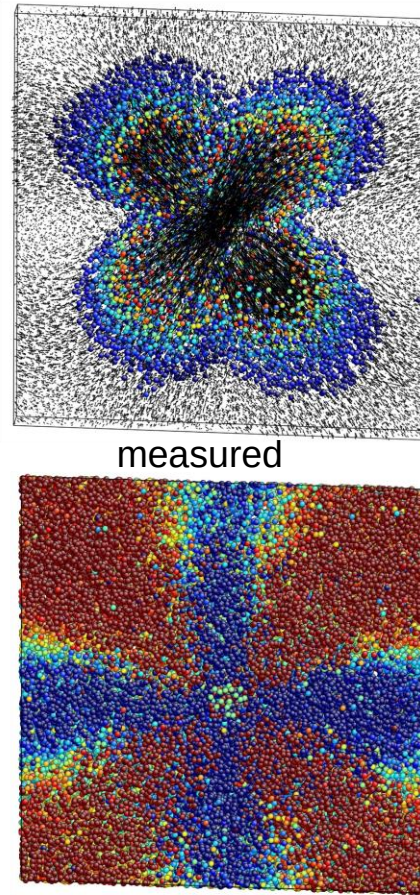
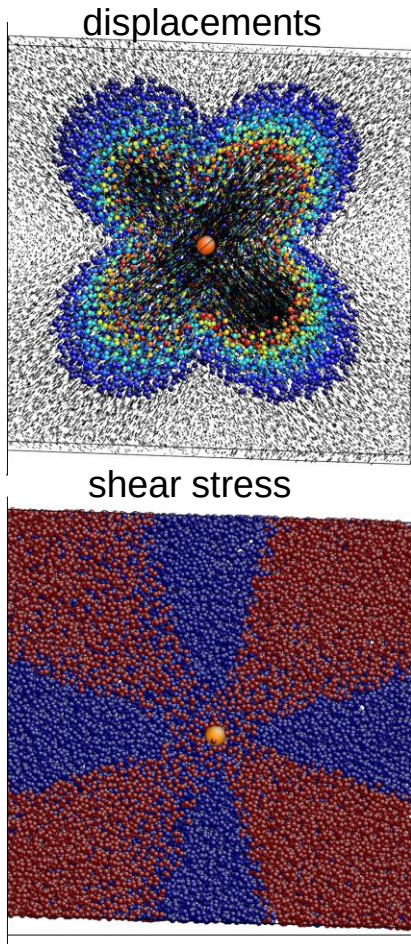
Glasses vs. Crystals



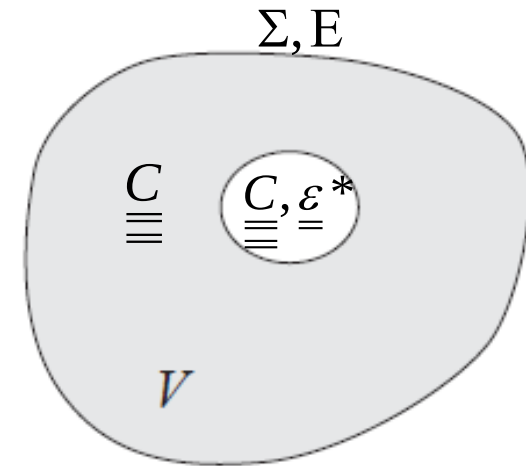
Eshelby (1957)
Lemaitre (2004)
Albaret (2016)

M.F. Ashby (2006)

Local Irreversible Plastic deformation



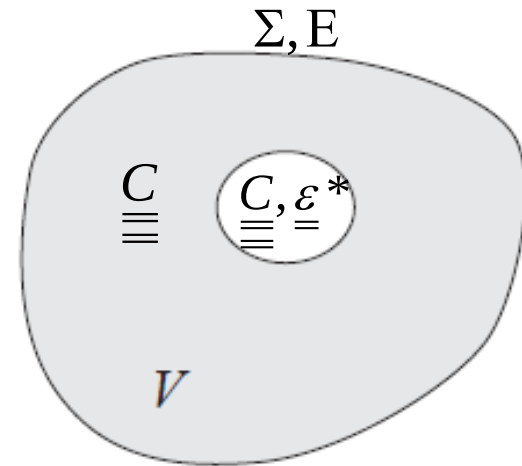
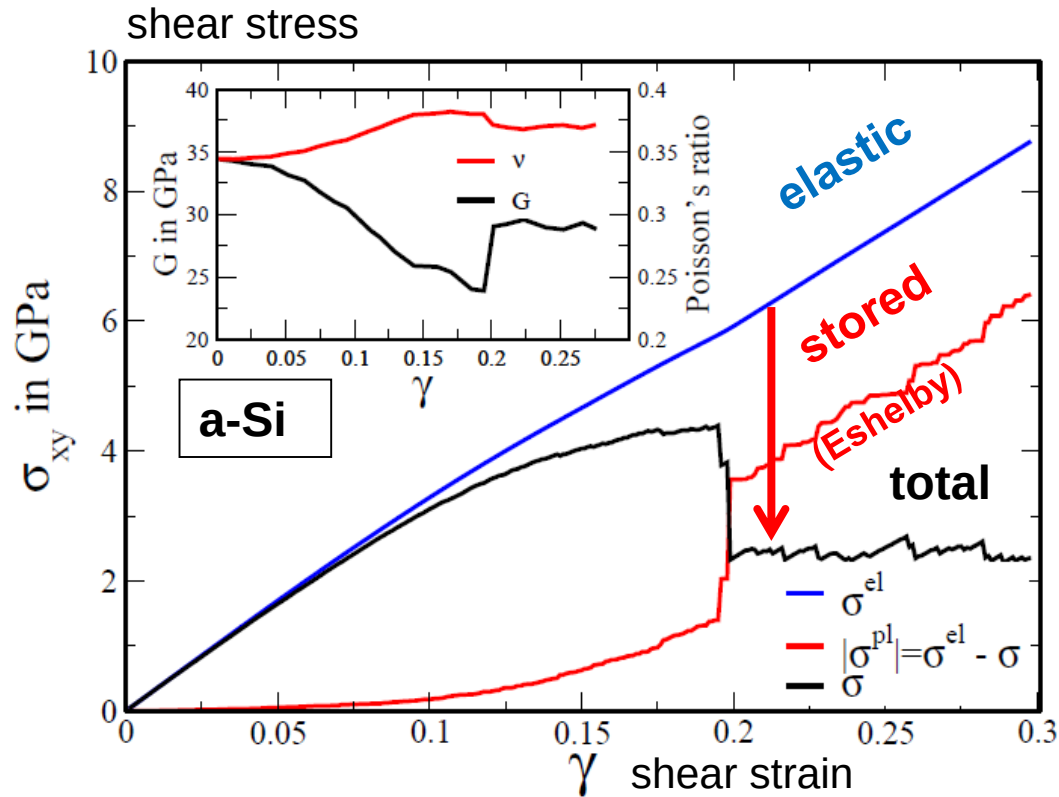
T. Albaret et al. (2016)



Eshelby-like Inclusion

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{div} \underline{\underline{\sigma}}^I &= 0 \Leftrightarrow \operatorname{div} \left(\underline{\underline{C}} : \underline{\underline{\varepsilon}} \right) + f(\underline{\underline{\varepsilon}}^*) = 0 \\ f(\underline{\underline{\varepsilon}}^*) &= \underline{\underline{C}} : \underline{\underline{\varepsilon}}^* \cdot \underline{\underline{n}} \delta(S^I) \Rightarrow \underline{\underline{\varepsilon}} = \underline{\underline{S}} : \underline{\underline{\varepsilon}}^* \end{aligned}$$

Local Irreversible Plastic deformation



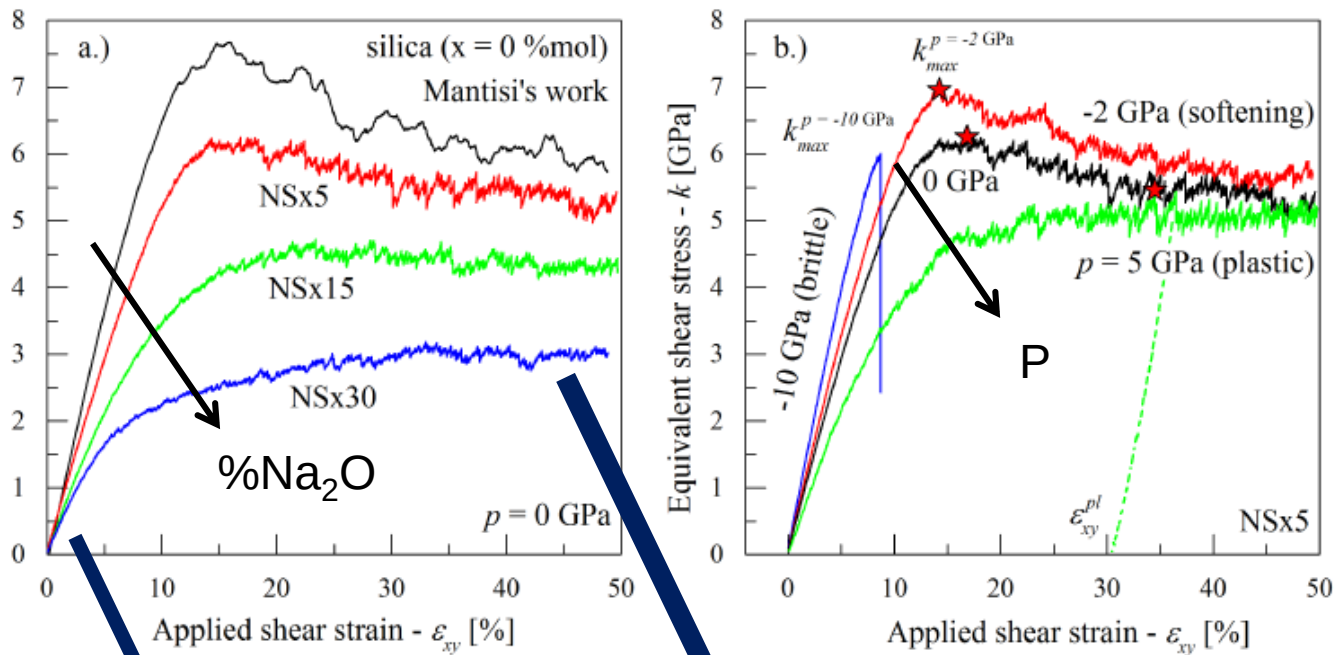
Eshelby-like Inclusion

$$\delta \varepsilon_{xy} = \delta \varepsilon_{xy}^{\text{el}} + \delta \varepsilon_{xy}^{\text{pl}}$$

$$\delta \sigma_{xy}^{\text{pl,esh+bc}}(\gamma) = \frac{2G(\gamma)V_{\text{esh}}(\gamma)}{V_{\text{cell}}} \varepsilon_{xy}^*(\gamma)$$

$$\delta \sigma_{xy} = 2G(\gamma)\delta \varepsilon_{xy} - 2G(\gamma)\delta \varepsilon_{xy}^{\text{pl}} = \delta \sigma_{xy}^{\text{el}} - \delta \sigma_{xy}^{\text{pl}}$$

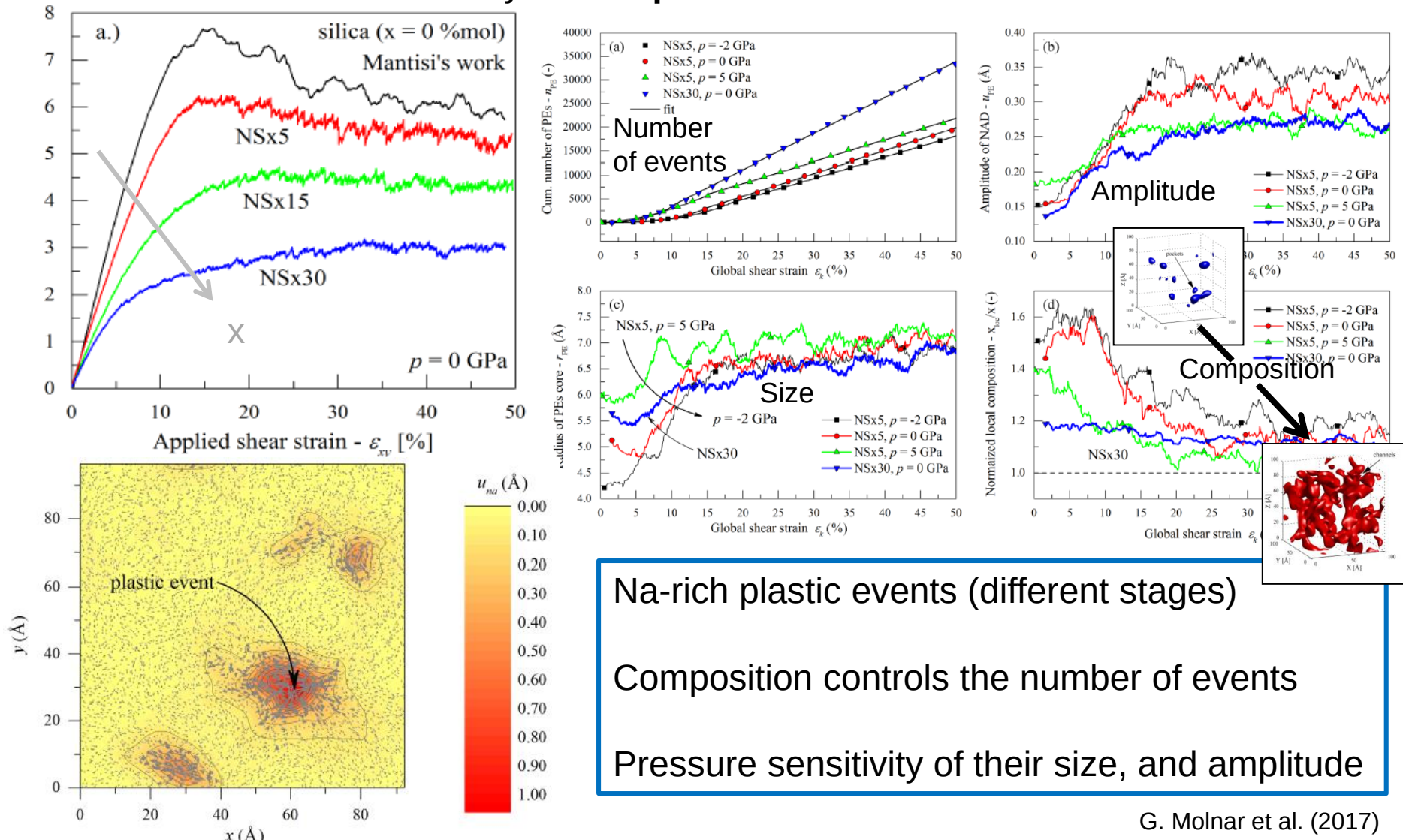
Sensitivity to **Composition** and **Pressure** The example of **sodo-silicate glass**



« Linear Elasticity »

Plastic Plateau

Sensitivity to Composition and Pressure



Na-rich plastic events (different stages)

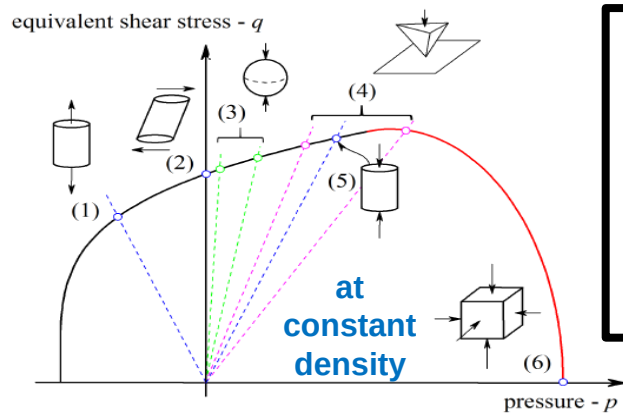
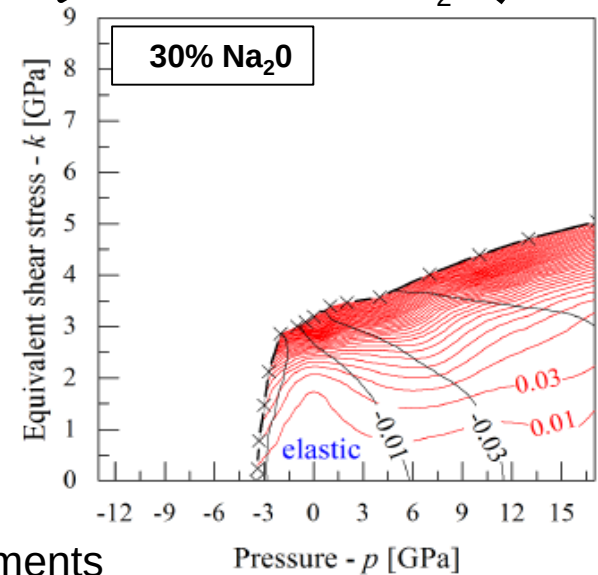
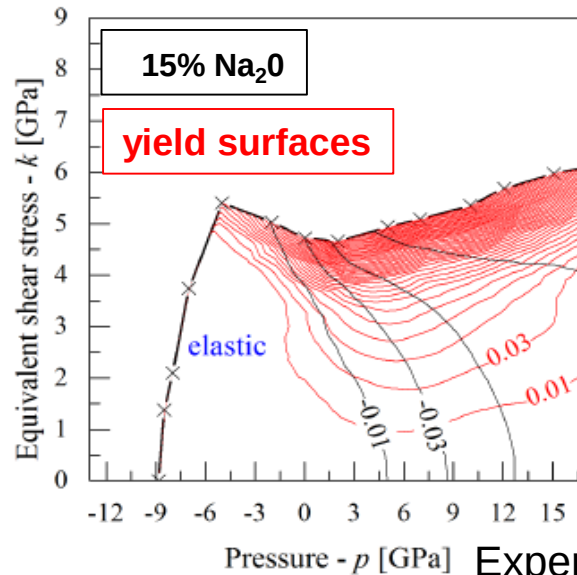
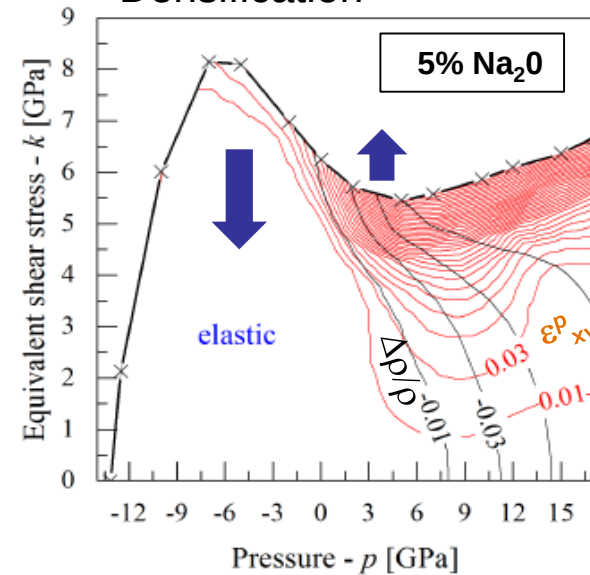
Composition controls the number of events

Pressure sensitivity of their size, and amplitude

Sensitivity to Composition and Pressure

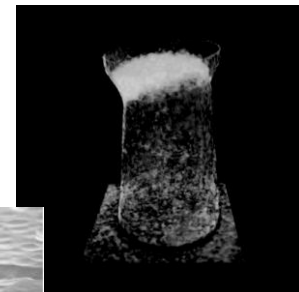
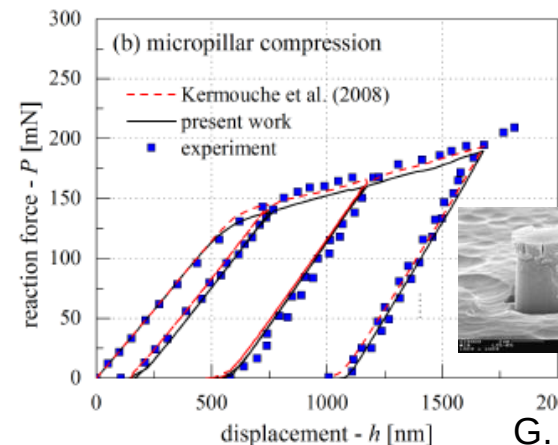
Densification

Shear as % Na₂O ↗



Adapt the
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surfaces to
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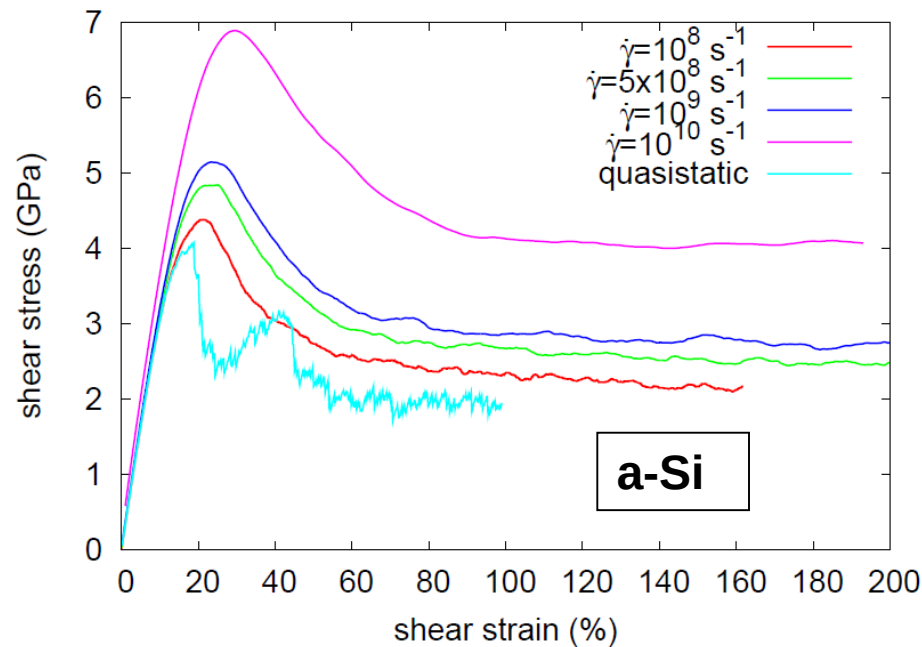
Experiments



G. Kermouche.
(2022)

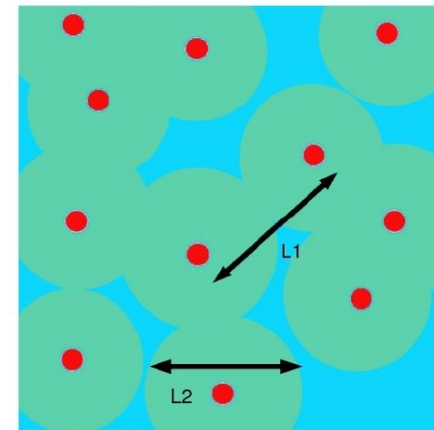
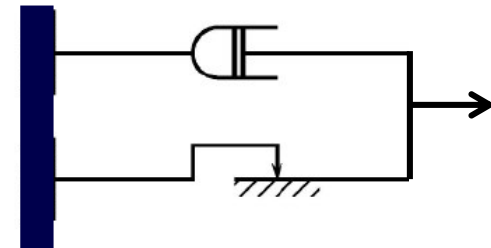
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Sensitivity to Strain rate

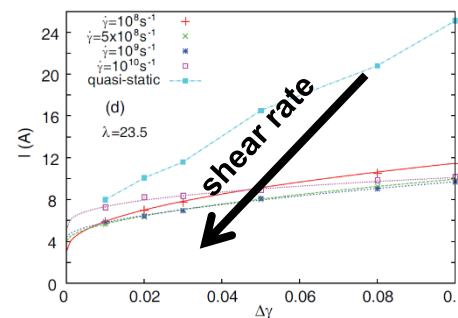
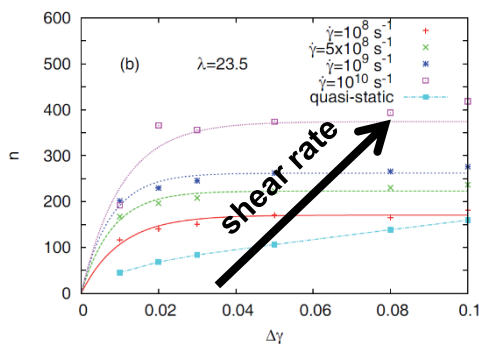


$$\sigma_F = \sigma_0 + (\dot{\gamma} / \dot{\gamma}_0)^\beta \text{ avec } \beta \approx 0.4$$

Herschel-Bulkley (1926)

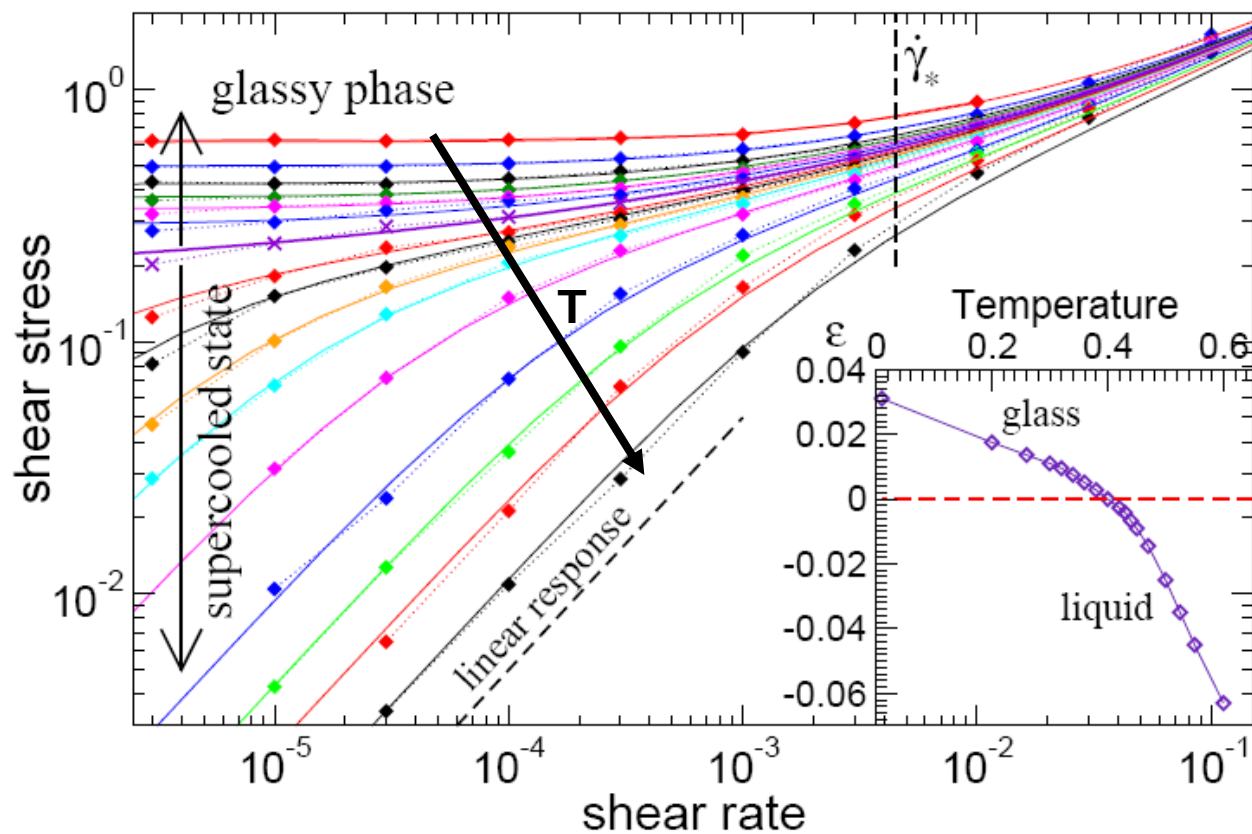


M. Tsamados (2010)
C. Fusco et al. (2013)



Sensitivity to Strain rate

Flow Stress in a Lennard-Jones Glass:



~ Herschel-Bulkley

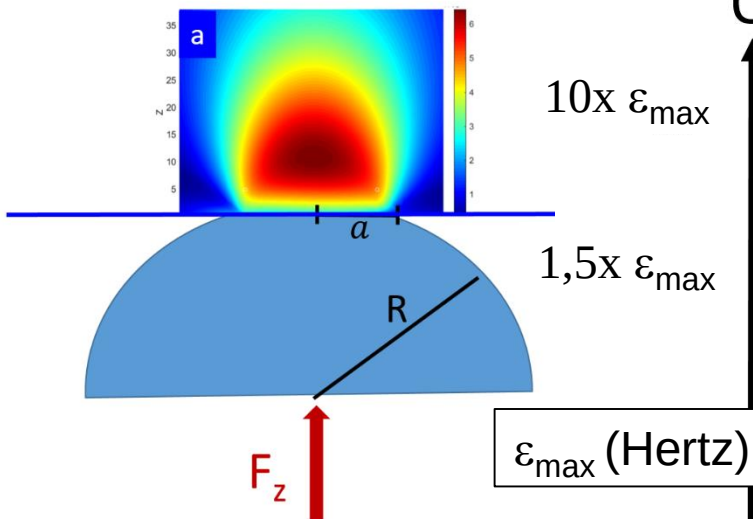
$$\sigma_F = \sigma_0 + C \dot{\gamma}^n$$

$n < 1$ shear thinning

$n > 1$ shear thickening

Sensitivity to Disorder

Example of **shear banding**
in a **contact** problem

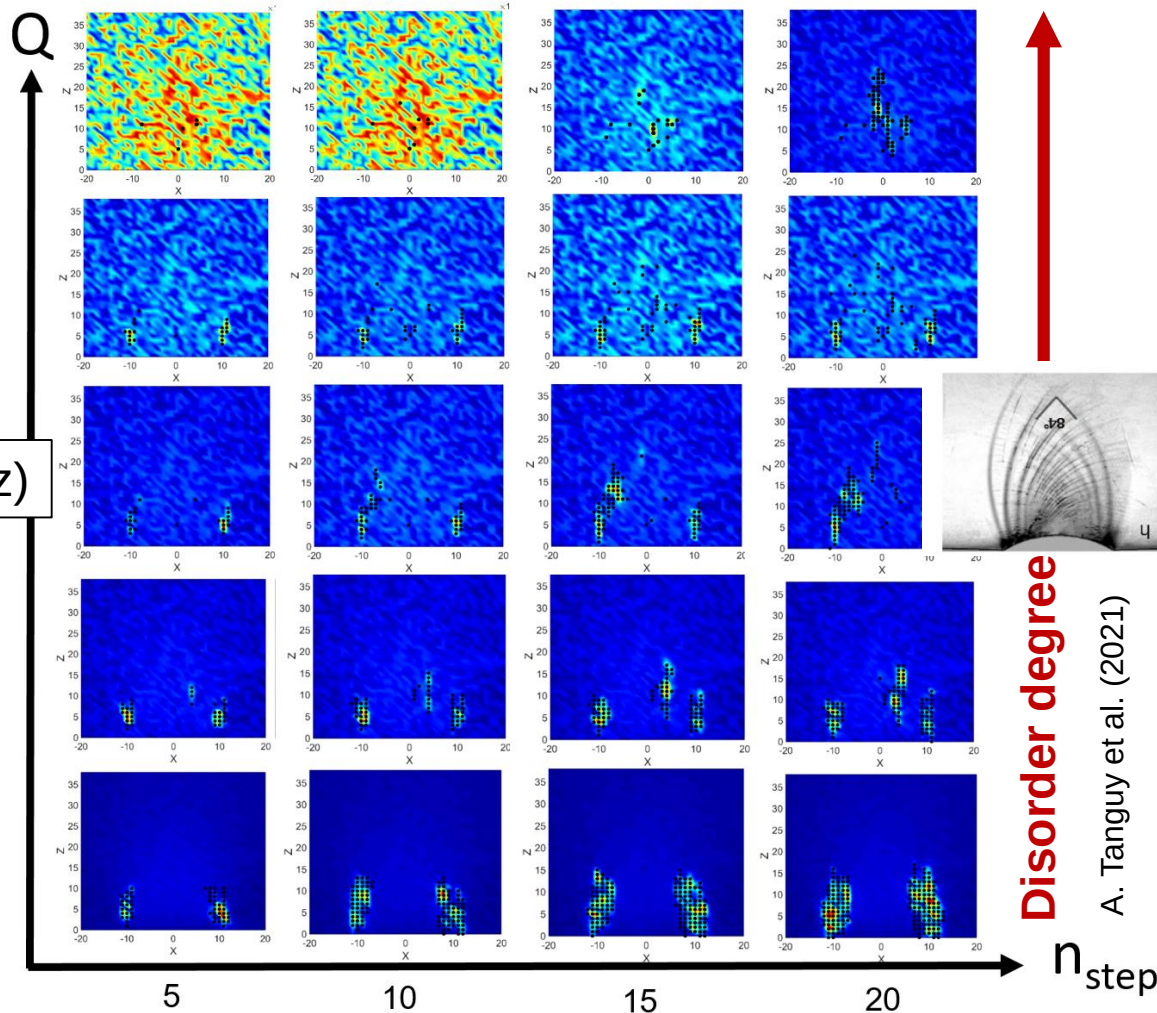


$\epsilon(i) > \epsilon_{\text{thresh}}^d(i)$: plastic event
then : $\epsilon(i) = \epsilon(i) + d\epsilon$
with stress redistribution

$0.5x \epsilon_{\max}$

Random threshold: $0.1x \epsilon_{\max}$
 $\epsilon_{\text{thresh}}^d(i) = \epsilon_{\text{thresh}}^0 + Q \cdot \text{ran}(i)$

with initial surface defects





Conclusion Mechanical Deformation

Inhomogeneous reversible elastic behaviour ➡ Lower effective sound velocity

Localized plasticity ➡ Low dissipation, sensitivity to local structure



In Amorphous Materials

- What are the **microscopic sources** of mechanical deformation ?
- Is it possible to define **Phonons** ?
- Is it possible to quantify **Thermal transport** ?

Cas d'un milieu continu, linéaire, homogène et isotrope:

2 modules d'élasticité, λ et μ

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Phonons = (quantum) **vibrations** in crystals

stresses $\sigma_{\alpha\beta} = \sigma_{\alpha\beta}^0 + \lambda \cdot \text{tr} \underline{\underline{\varepsilon}} \cdot \delta_{\alpha\beta} + 2\mu \cdot \varepsilon_{\alpha\beta}$

equation of motion (momentum conservation):

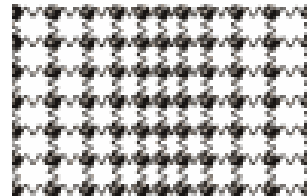
$$\rho \frac{\partial^2 \underline{u}}{\partial t^2} = (\lambda + 2\mu) \cdot \underline{\text{grad}} \cdot \underline{\text{div}} \underline{u} - \mu \cdot \underline{\text{rot}} \cdot \underline{\text{rot}} \underline{u} + \underline{f}_{\text{ext}}$$

$$\underline{u} = \underline{\text{grad}}(\varphi) + \underline{\text{rot}}(\underline{\psi})$$

Longitudinal modes:

$$\ddot{\phi} = c_L^2 \cdot \nabla^2 \phi, \quad c_L = \sqrt{\frac{\lambda + 2\mu}{\rho}}$$

$$\omega_{lmn} = c_L \cdot k = c_L \cdot \frac{2\pi}{L} \cdot \sqrt{n^2 + m^2 + l^2}$$

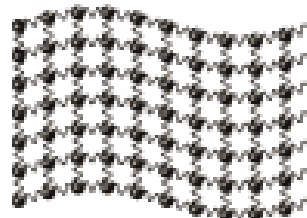


Wave vector $\underline{k}$

$$k = \frac{2\pi}{L} \cdot \sqrt{n^2 + m^2 + l^2}$$

Transverse modes:

$$\ddot{\underline{\psi}} = c_T^2 \cdot \nabla^2 \underline{\psi}, \quad c_T = \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{\rho}} < c_L$$



Vibrational Density of States:

$$g(\omega) \sim 3 \frac{\omega^2}{\omega_D^3}$$

1. Vibrations in the Harmonic approximation of Energy

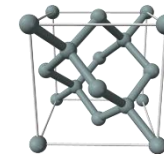
What are the **Eigenmodes** in Amorphous Materials?

Vibrational Eigenmodes in Amorphous Materials: the example of Amorphous Silicon

$$m_i \cdot \frac{\partial^2 u_\alpha}{\partial t^2}(\underline{r}_i, t) = - \frac{\partial E_{total}}{\partial r_{i\alpha}} \approx - \sum_j \sqrt{m_i m_j} M_{ij}^{\alpha\beta} \cdot u_\beta(\underline{r}_j, t) + f_\alpha(\underline{r}_i) \quad \text{with } M_{ij}^{\alpha\beta} \equiv \frac{1}{\sqrt{m_i m_j}} \frac{\partial^2 E_{total}}{\partial r_{i\alpha} \partial r_{j\beta}}$$

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$$E_{total} = \sum_{(i,j)} f(r_{ij}) + \sum_{i,j,k} \Lambda \cdot \left(\cos \theta_{jik} + \frac{1}{3} \right)^2 \cdot e^{\gamma \cdot (r_{ij}-a)^{-1} + \gamma \cdot (r_{ik}-a)^{-1}}$$



Stillinger-Weber
interatomic interactions

diffusons

locons

(a) $\nu = 0.59$ THz

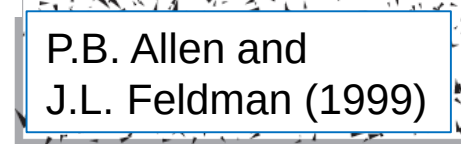
(b) $\nu = 2.67$ THz

(c) $\nu = 9.95$ THz

(d) $\nu = 17.39$ THz



Most unstable mode



Conversion to thermal energy and viscous dynamics

Scattering of Plane Waves

P.B. Allen and
J.L. Feldman (1999)

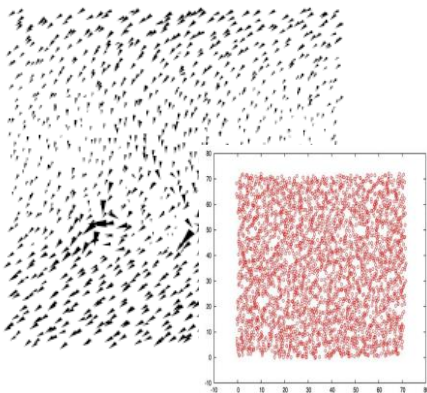
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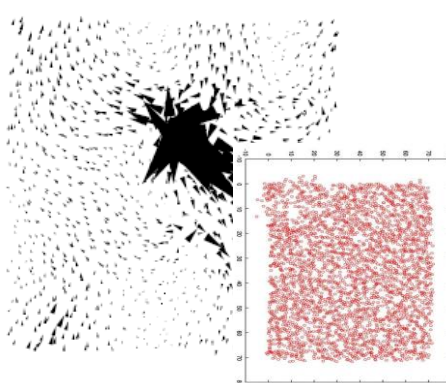
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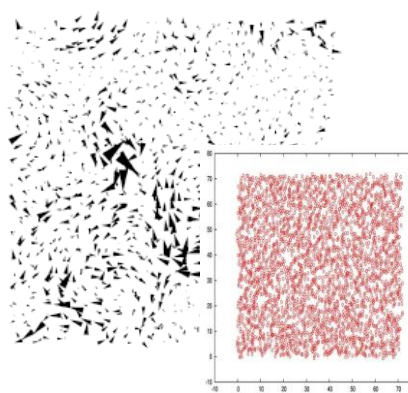
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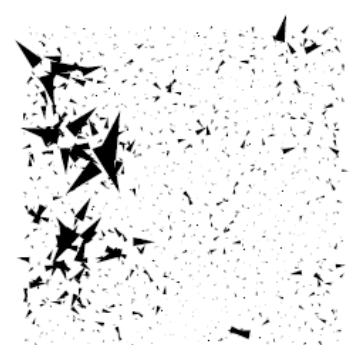
Soft Modes



Diffusons



Locons

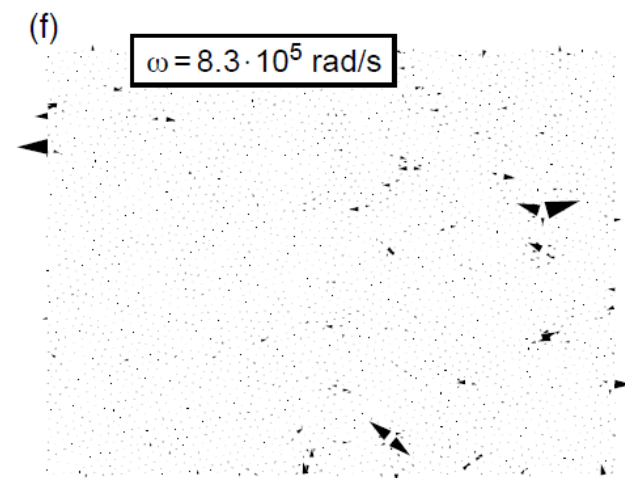
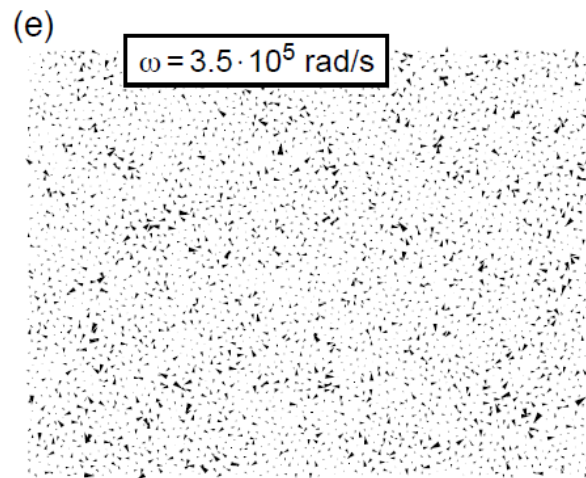
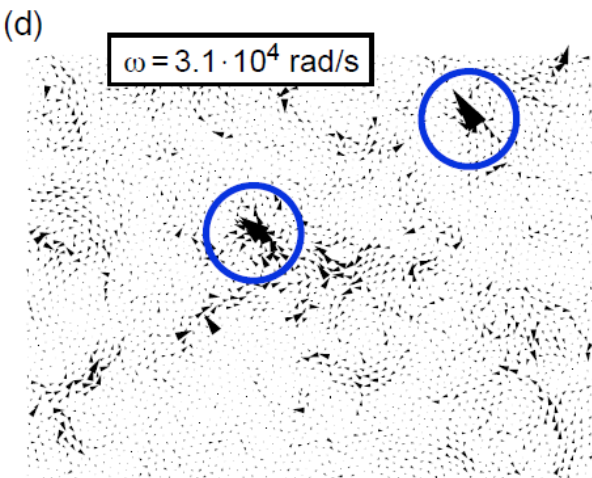


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Vibrational Eigenmodes in Amorphous Materials: the example of Soft colloidal gel

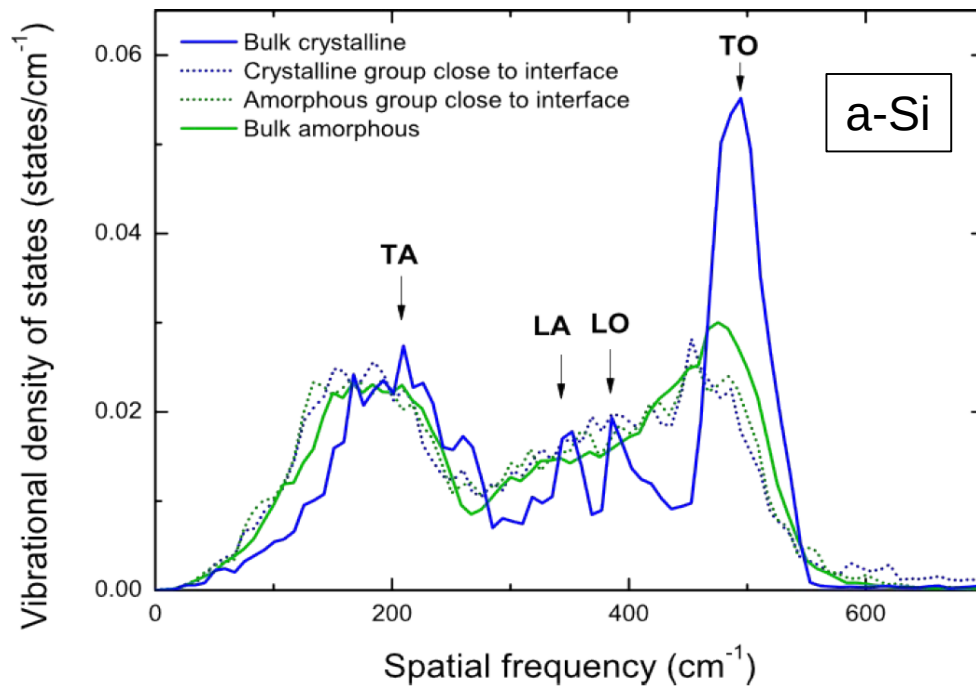


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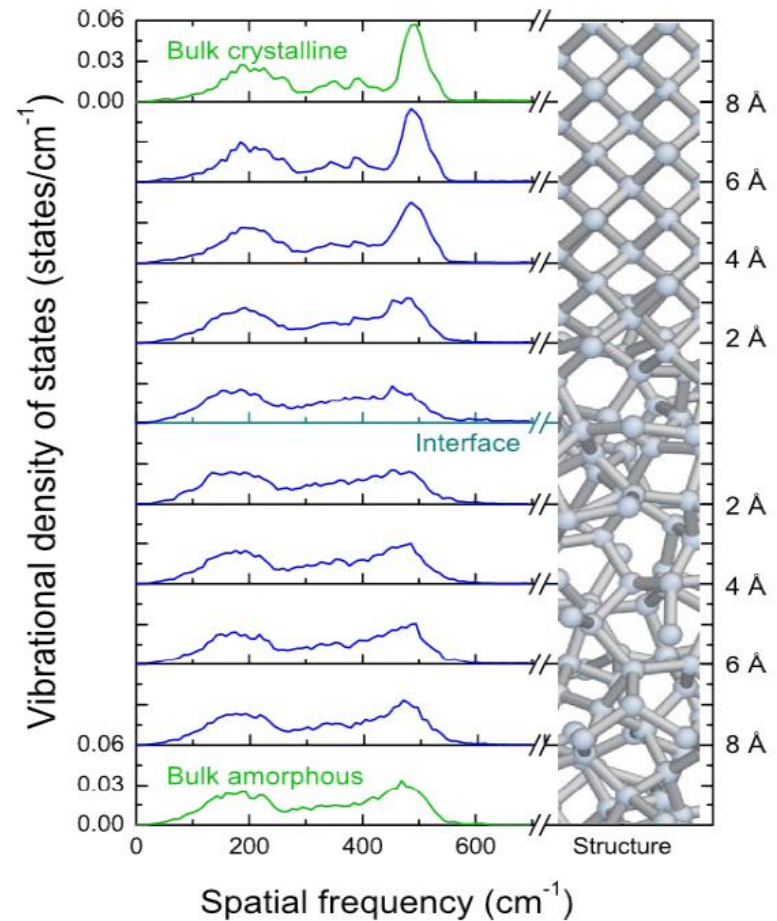


Glasses vs. Crystals

Vibrational Density of States

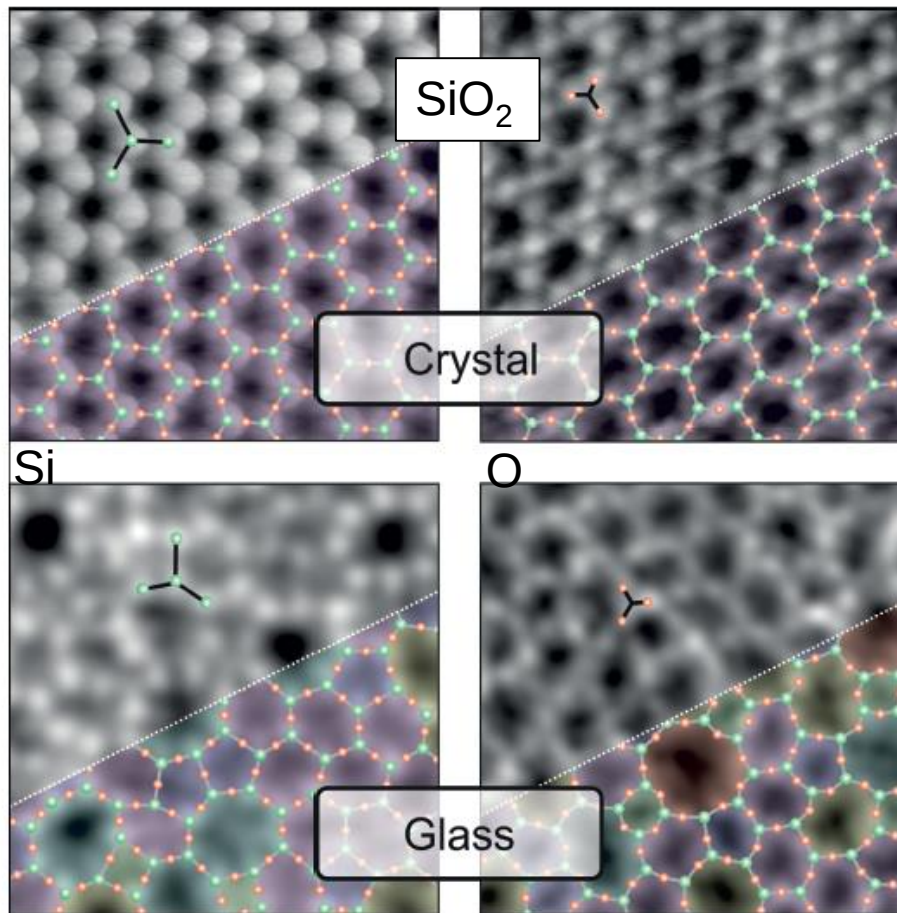


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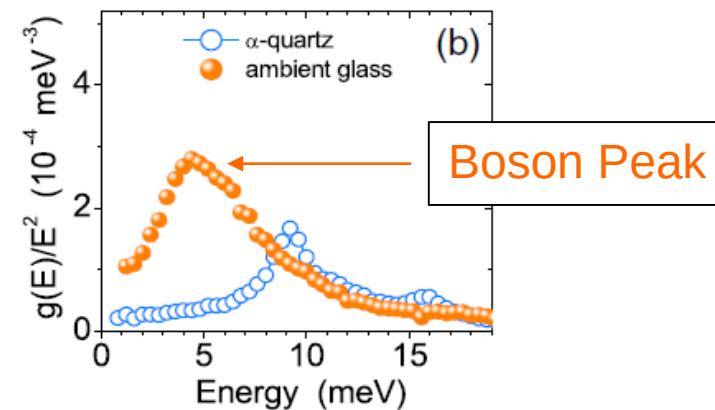
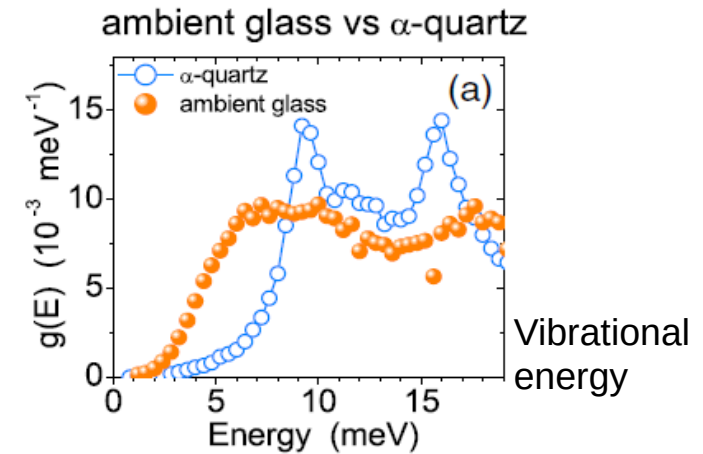


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L. Lichtenstein et al. (2014) - STM

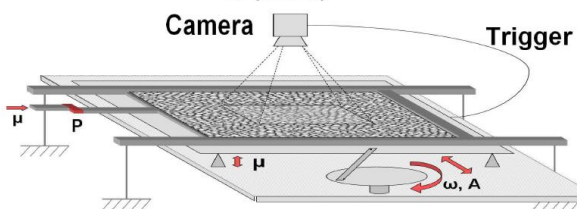
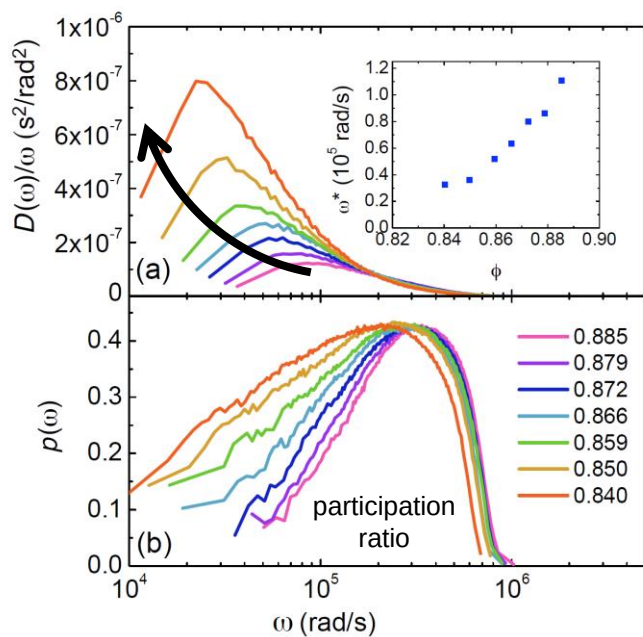


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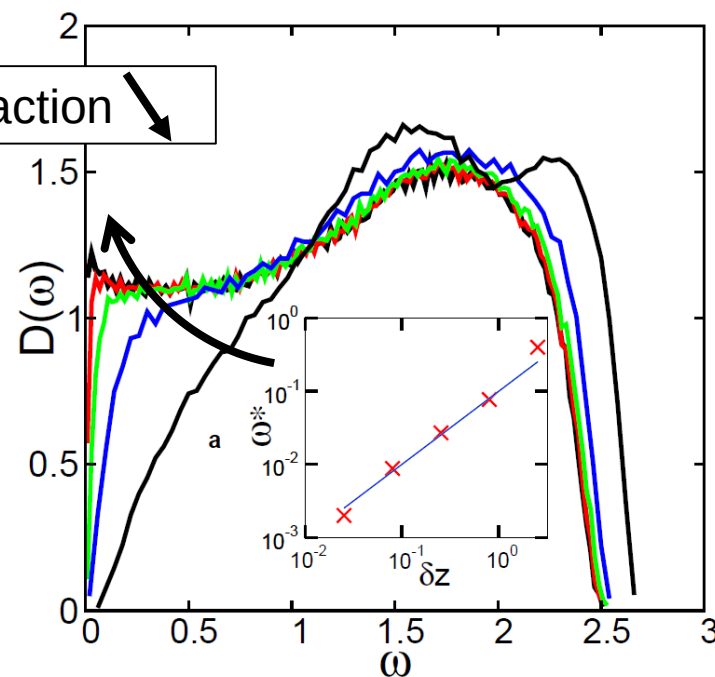
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Soft colloidal gels / granular media, above the jamming transition



Packing fraction



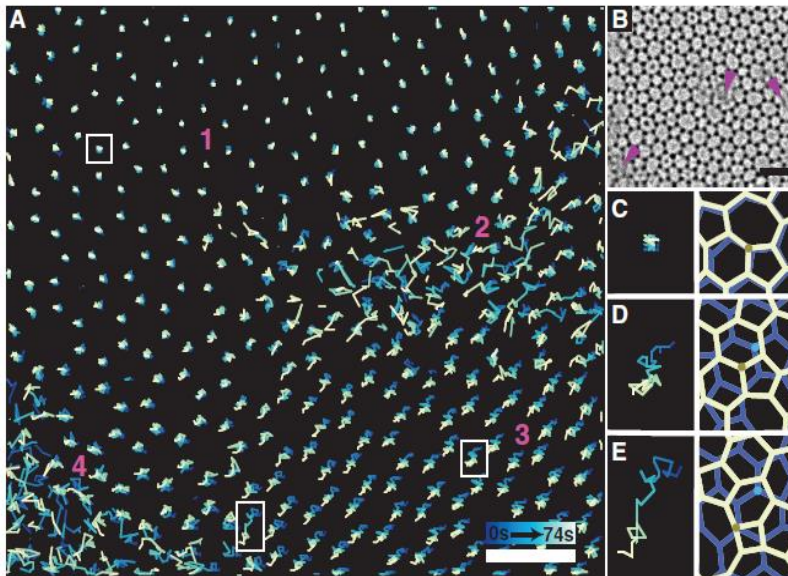
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Imaging Atomic Rearrangements in Two-Dimensional Silica Glass: Watching Silica's Dance

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Inhomogeneous strain



Lower **effective**
sound velocity

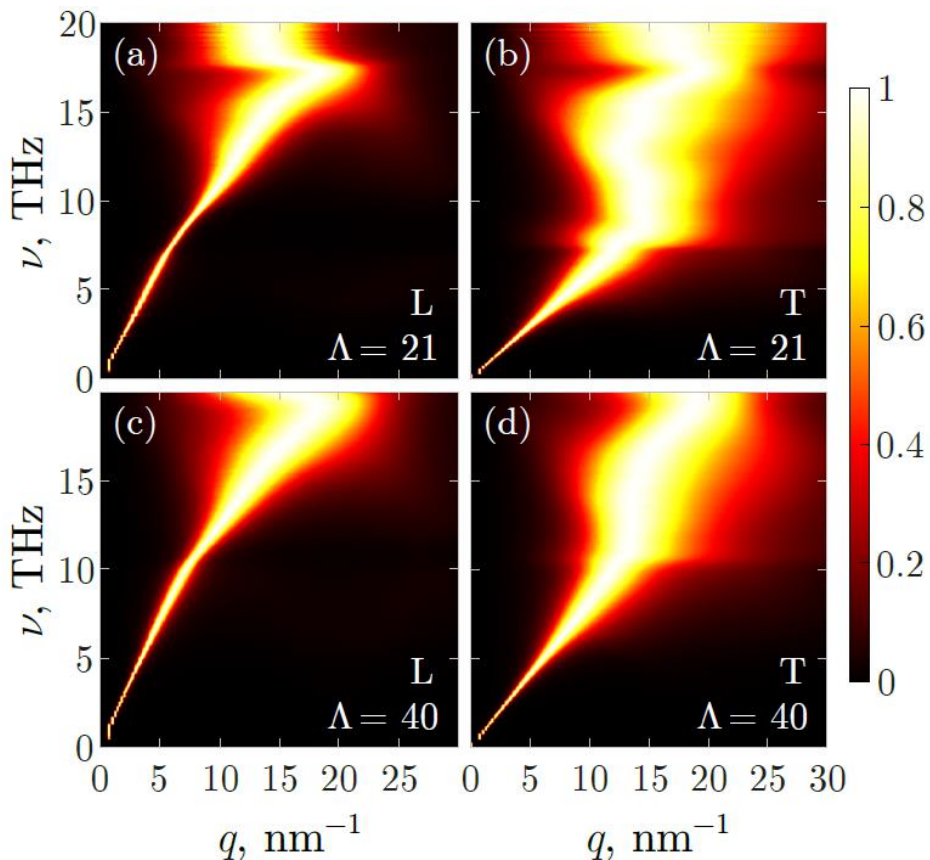
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Heterogeneous Elasticity

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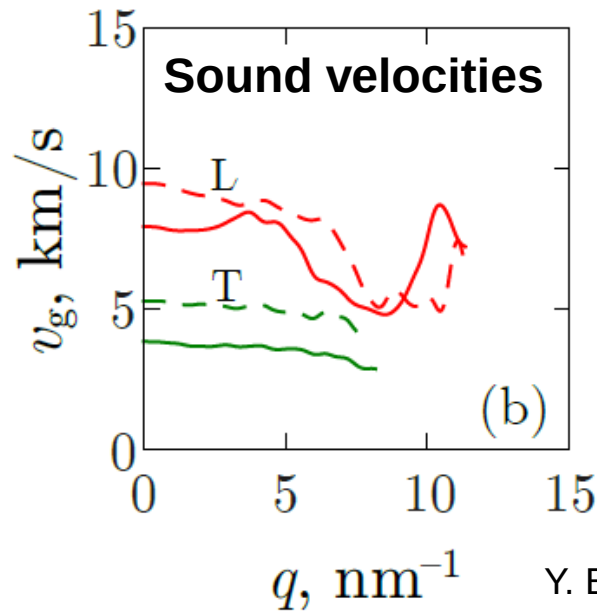
Dynamical Structure Factor in a-Si:

$$S_L(q, \omega) = \int e^{-i\omega t} \langle \rho(\bar{q}, t) \cdot \rho(-\bar{q}, 0) \rangle dt$$



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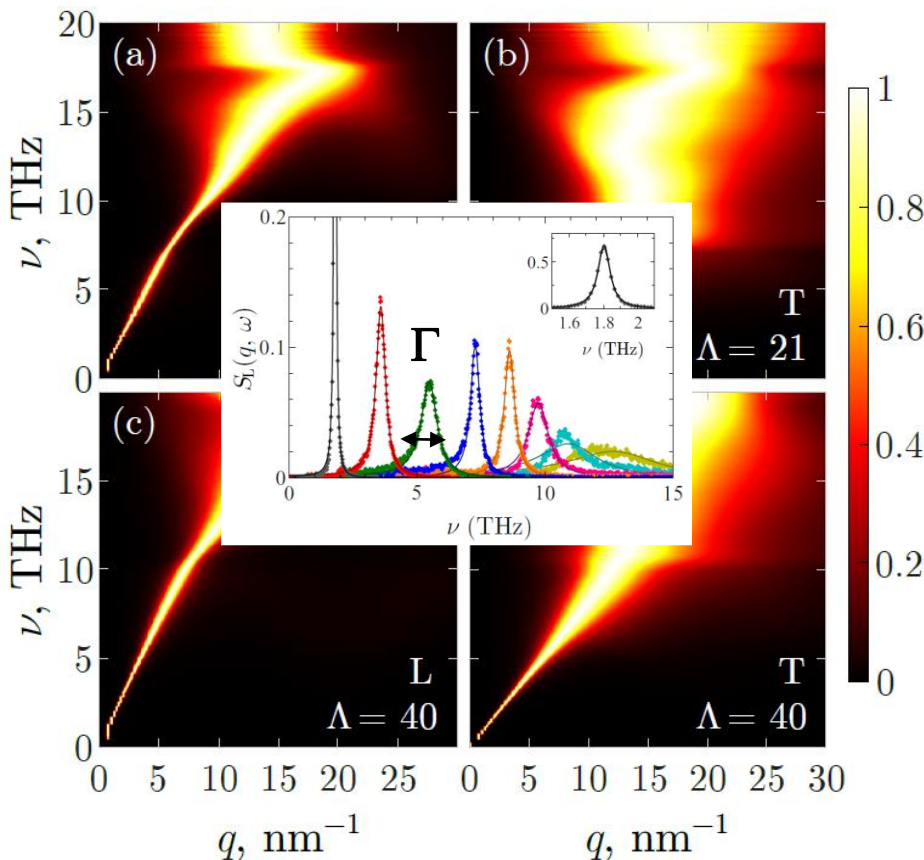


$$v_g = \frac{d\omega_{L,T}}{dq}$$

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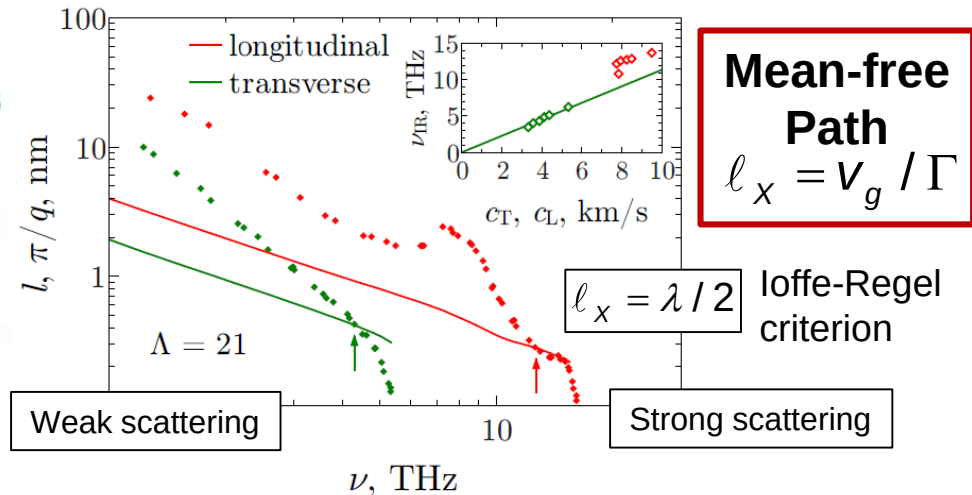
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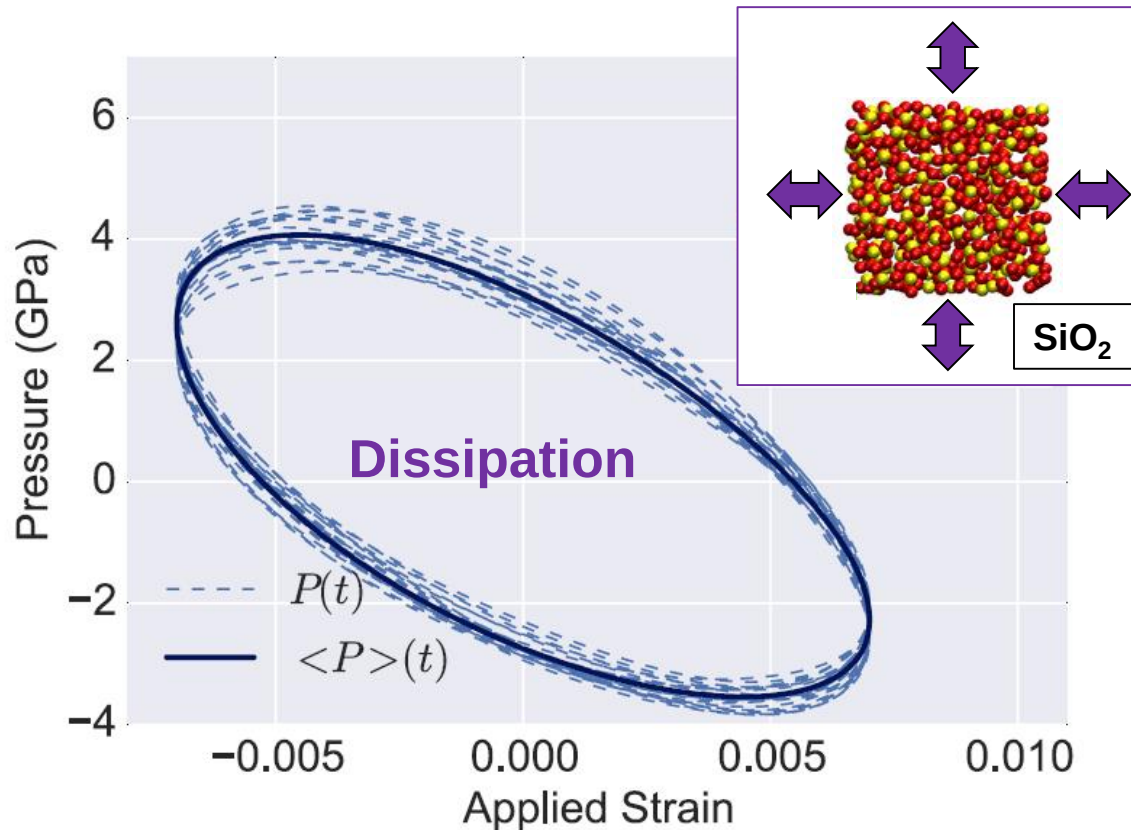
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Scattering of Transverse
and then Longitudinal waves

Phase-shifted response of a glass to an oscillatory load



$$\varepsilon = \varepsilon_0 \sin(\omega t)$$

$$\tau = \tau_0 \sin(\omega t + \delta)$$

Elastic Modulus

$$\tau = G'(\omega) \cdot \varepsilon_0 \cdot \sin(\omega t) + G''(\omega) \cdot \varepsilon_0 \cdot \cos(\omega t)$$

Loss Modulus

Internal Friction $\tan \delta = \frac{G''}{G'} \propto \frac{\text{Dissipated Energy}}{\text{Stored Energy}} = \frac{1}{\omega} \frac{\int_0^T \langle P \rangle(t) \dot{\varepsilon}(t) dt}{\int_0^T \langle P \rangle(t) \varepsilon(t) dt}$

$$m_i \ddot{x}_i^\alpha = - \left(\sum_{j\beta} D_{ij}^{\alpha\beta} R_{ij}^\beta \right) \epsilon - \sum_{j\beta} D_{ij}^{\alpha\beta} x_j^\beta - m_i \gamma \dot{x}_i^\alpha + F_{th}$$

Projection on the Eigenmodes:

$$s_j^\beta = \sqrt{m_j} x_j^\beta = \sum_m s_m e_j^\beta(m).$$

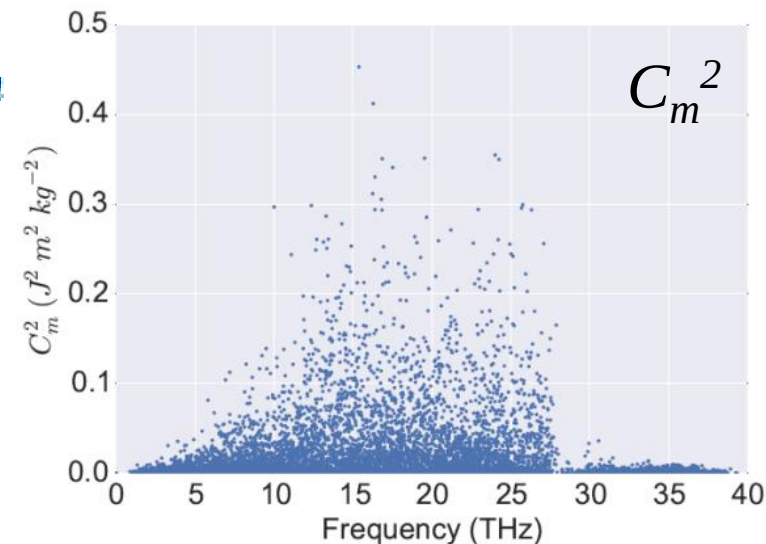
$$\ddot{s}_m = C_m \epsilon - \omega_m^2 s_m - \gamma \dot{s}_m + F_m$$

$$\langle s_m \rangle(\omega) = \frac{C_m}{\omega_m^2 - \omega^2 + i\gamma\omega} \epsilon(\omega)$$

$$C_m = \sum_{i\alpha j\beta} D_{ij}^{\alpha\beta} R_{ij}^\alpha \frac{e_j^\beta(m)}{\sqrt{m_j}}$$

Pressure
induced by
the eigenmode

Thermal Force
+ related local damping

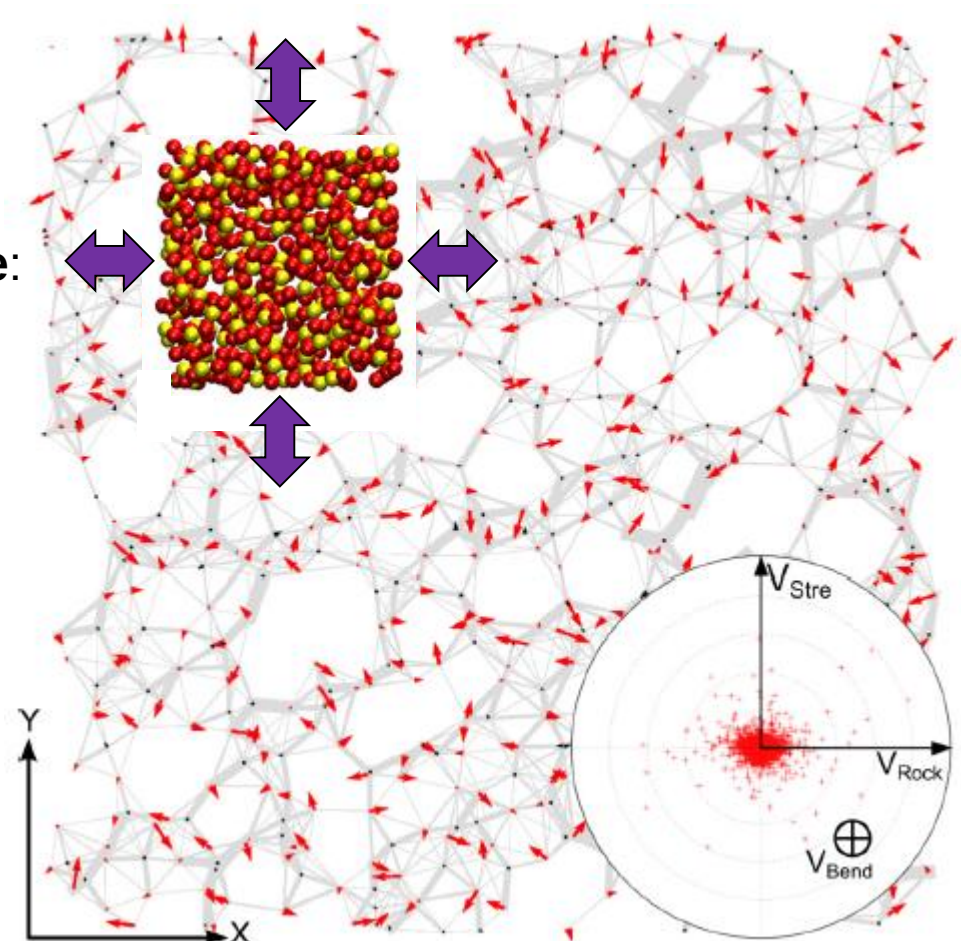
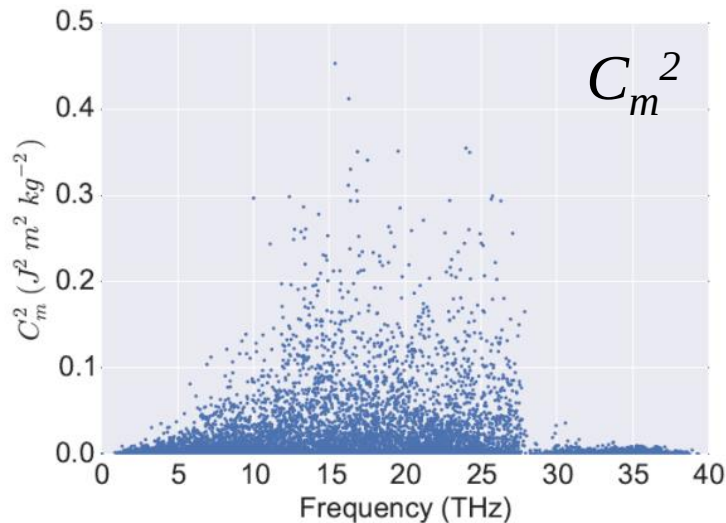


Pressure C_m induced by each eigenmode, for an applied **isotropic compression**:

$$C_m = - \sum_{i\alpha} \Xi_i^\alpha \frac{e_i^\alpha(m)}{\sqrt{m_i}}$$

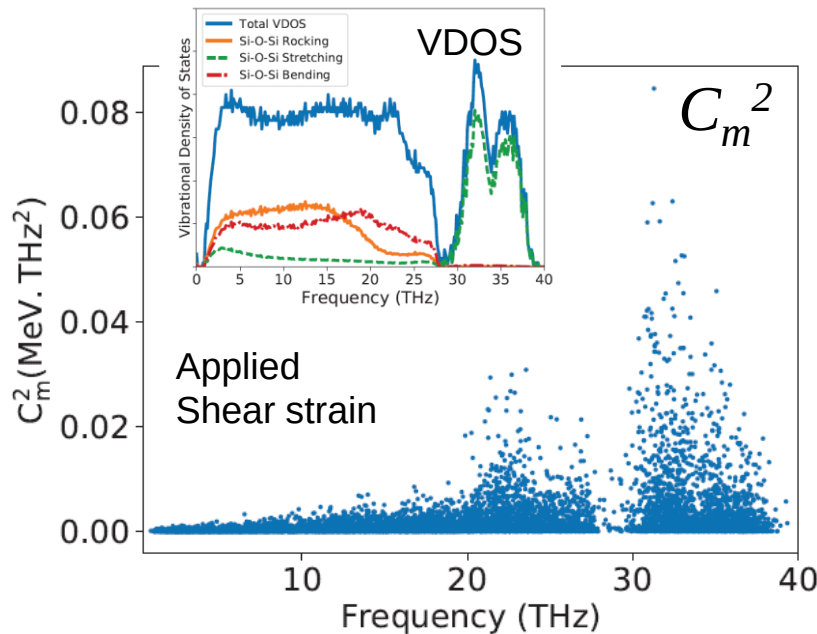
Asymetry factor or Non-affine force:

$$\Xi_i^\alpha = \frac{\partial F_i^\alpha}{\partial \epsilon} = - \sum_{j\beta} D_{ij}^{\alpha\beta} R_{ij}^\beta$$

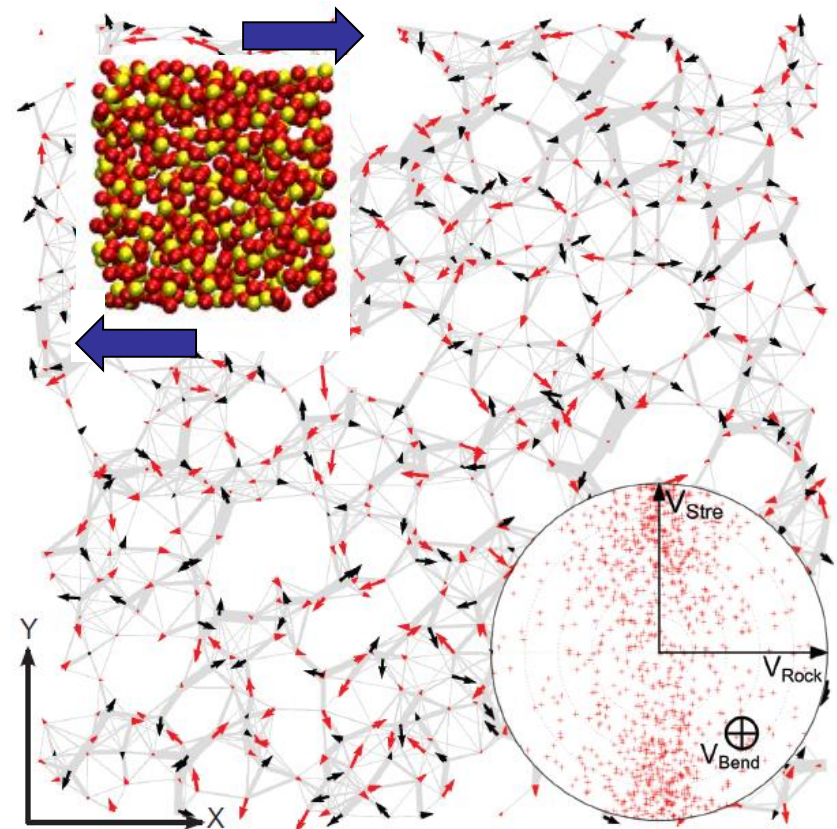


Generalized stress $C_m^{\alpha\beta}$
induced by each eigenmode:

$$C_m^{\alpha\beta} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{ijk} \left[D_{ij}^{\alpha\kappa} R_{ij}^{\beta} + D_{ij}^{\beta\kappa} R_{ij}^{\alpha} \right] \frac{e_j^{\kappa}(m)}{\sqrt{m_j}}$$



Asymetry factor or Non-affine force
for an applied **shear strain**:



$$\Xi_{\alpha\beta,i}^{\kappa} = -\frac{1}{2} \sum_j (D_{ij}^{\kappa\alpha} R_{ij}^{\beta} + D_{ij}^{\kappa\beta} R_{ij}^{\alpha})$$



Internal Friction

$$P = \frac{1}{3V} \sum_{i\alpha j\beta} D_{ij}^{\alpha\beta} (r_{ij}^{\beta} - R_{ij}^{\beta}) r_{ij}^{\alpha}$$

$$r_i^{\alpha} = (1 + \epsilon) R_i^{\alpha} + x_i^{\alpha}$$

$$P = -3K^{\infty}\epsilon + \frac{2}{3V_0} \sum_{i\alpha j\beta} D_{ij}^{\alpha\beta} R_{ij}^{\alpha} x_j^{\beta}$$

non-affine displacement

Projection of the displacement on the eigenmode m

$$\langle P \rangle(\omega) = -3K^{\infty}\epsilon(\omega) + \frac{2}{3V_0} \sum_m C_m \langle s_m \rangle(\omega)$$

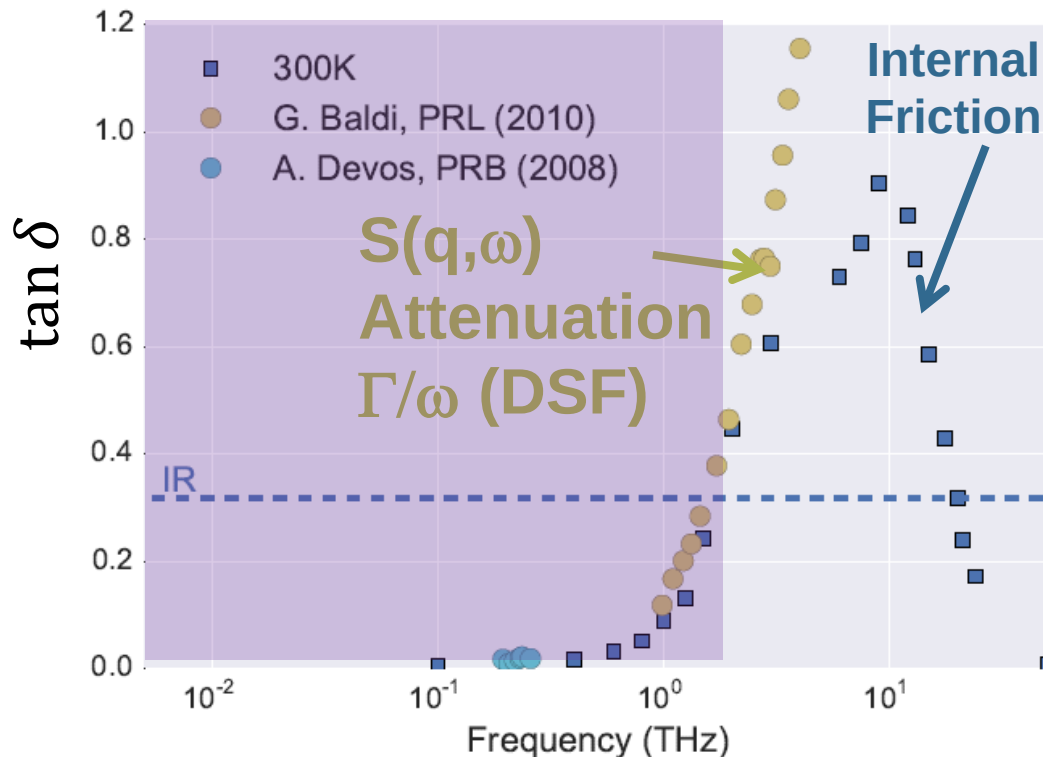
$$\text{with } \langle s_m \rangle(\omega) = \frac{C_m}{\omega_m^2 - \omega^2 + i\gamma\omega} \epsilon(\omega)$$

Pressure induced by the eigenmode m

$$\tan \delta = \frac{G''(\omega)}{G'(\omega)} = \frac{\sum_m C_m^2 \frac{\omega\gamma}{(\omega_m^2 - \omega^2)^2 + (\gamma\omega)^2}}{\frac{9V_0}{2} K^{\infty} - \sum_m C_m^2 \frac{\omega_m^2 - \omega^2}{(\omega_m^2 - \omega^2)^2 + (\gamma\omega)^2}}$$



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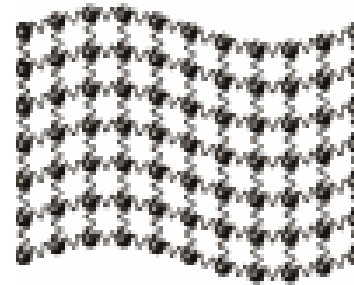
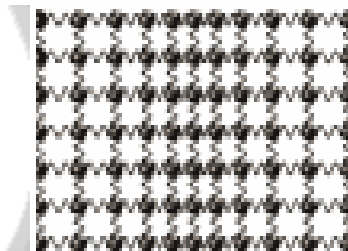
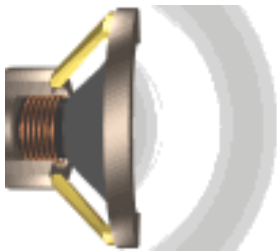


In the harmonic approximation, the **internal friction** is due to the sensitivity of the **stress** on the local shape of the **eigenmodes**

In **glasses**, the non trivial shape of the eigenmodes explains its non-monotonous **frequency** dependence

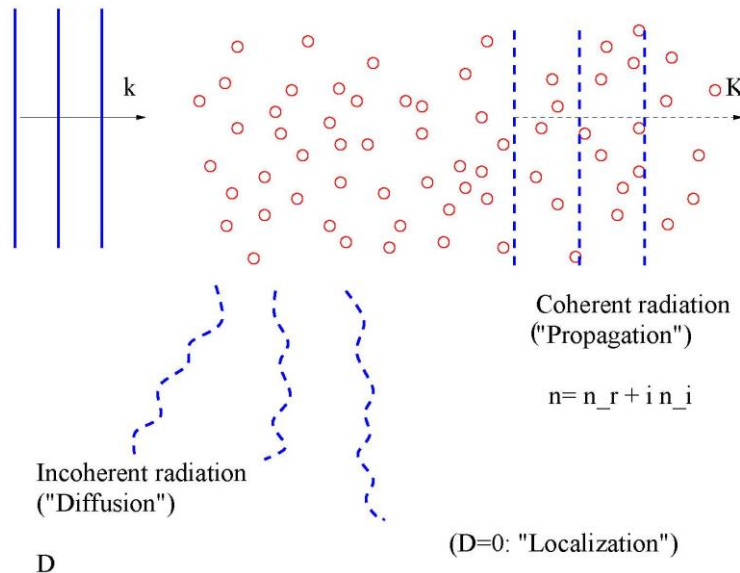
Comparable to the apparent Mean-free path below the **loffe-Regel** frequency

Apparent Acoustic Attenuation in Glasses



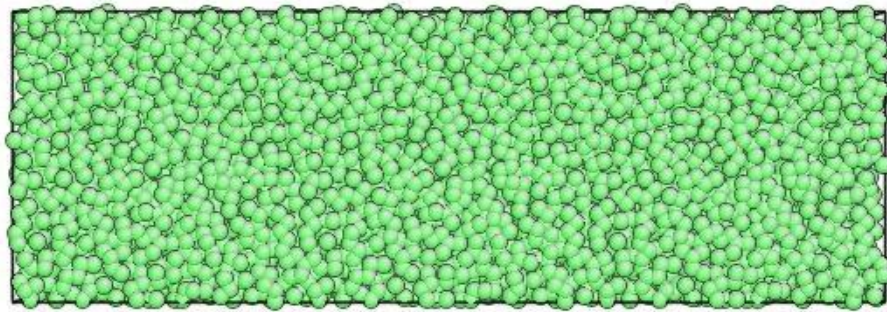
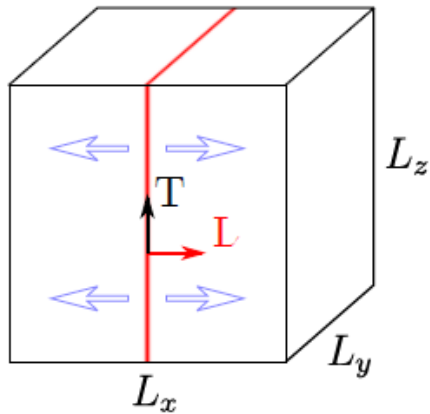
crystal

MULTIPLE SCATTERING

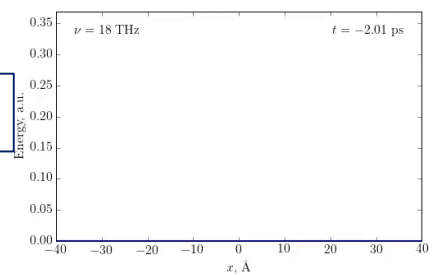
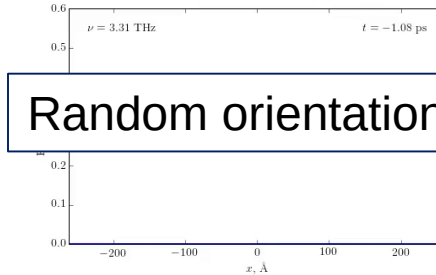
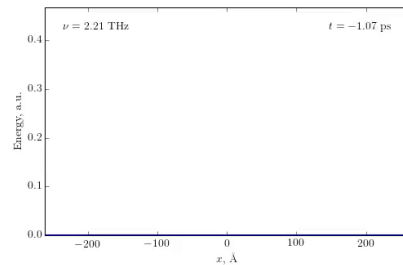
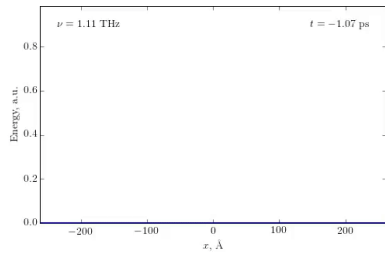


glass

Wave-Packets Dynamics in **a-Si**:



$$f_i^{\text{exc}}(\omega, t) = f_\eta \exp \left(i\omega t - \frac{t^2}{2\tau_{\text{exc}}^2} - \frac{x_i^2}{2w^2} \right)$$



Random orientations

Ballistic Regime
Propagons

$$\omega \ll \omega_{\text{IR}}$$

Mixed Regime
(Boson Peak)

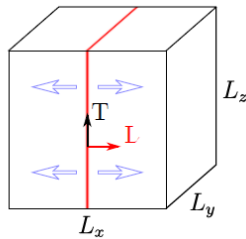
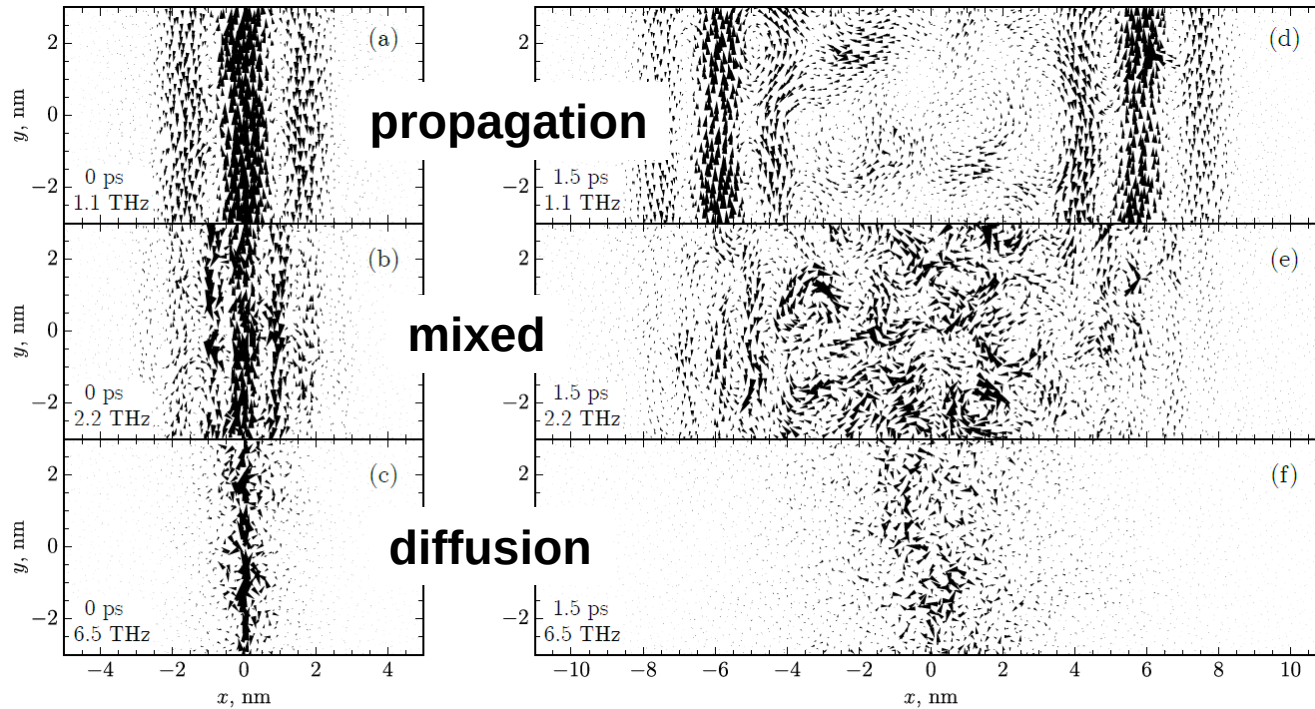
Diffusive Regime
Diffusons

$$\omega > \omega_{\text{IR}}$$

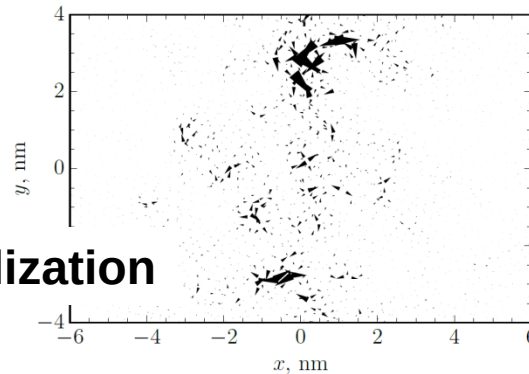
Localisation
Locons

Y. Beltukov et al. (2018)

Wave Packet excitation



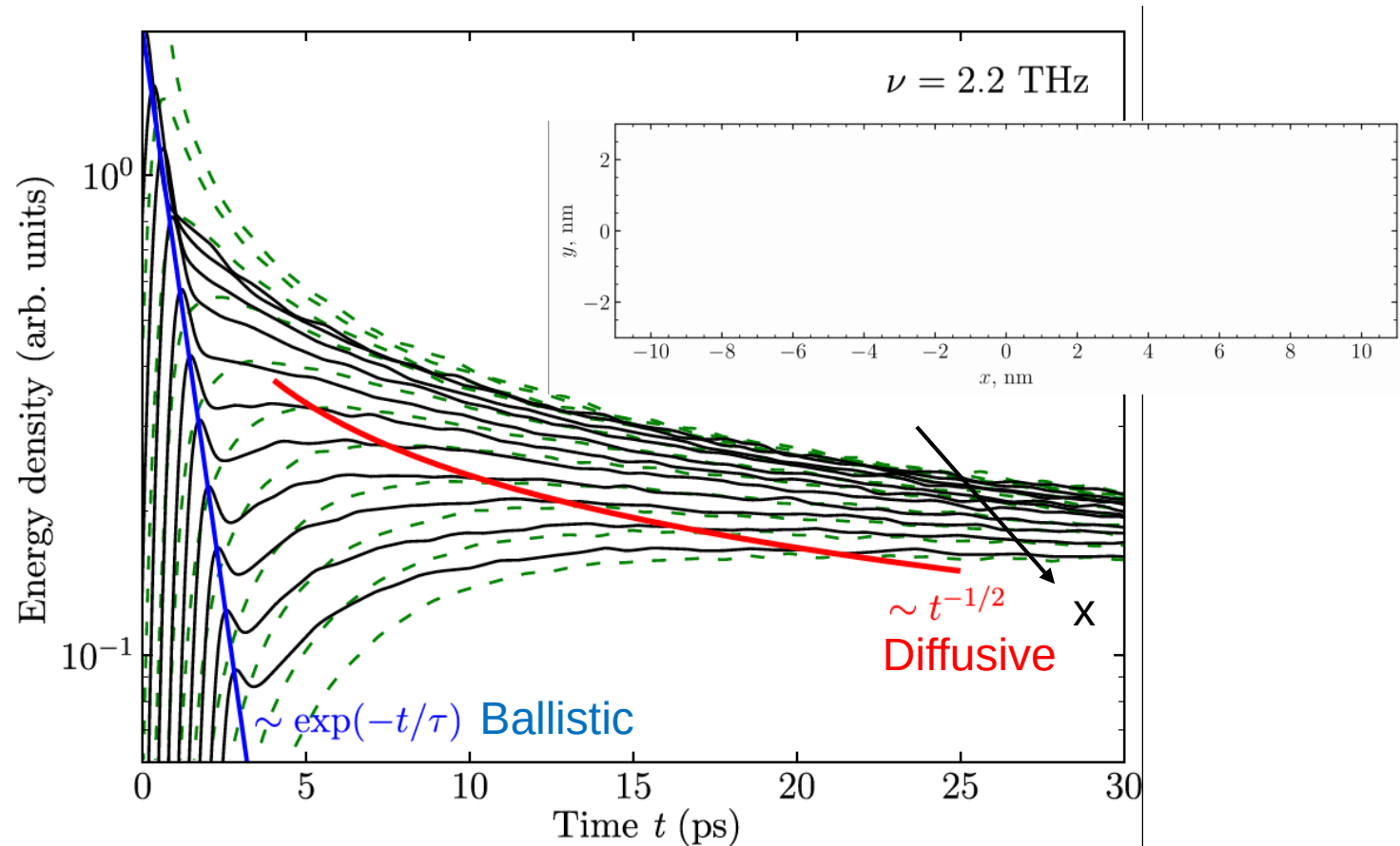
localization



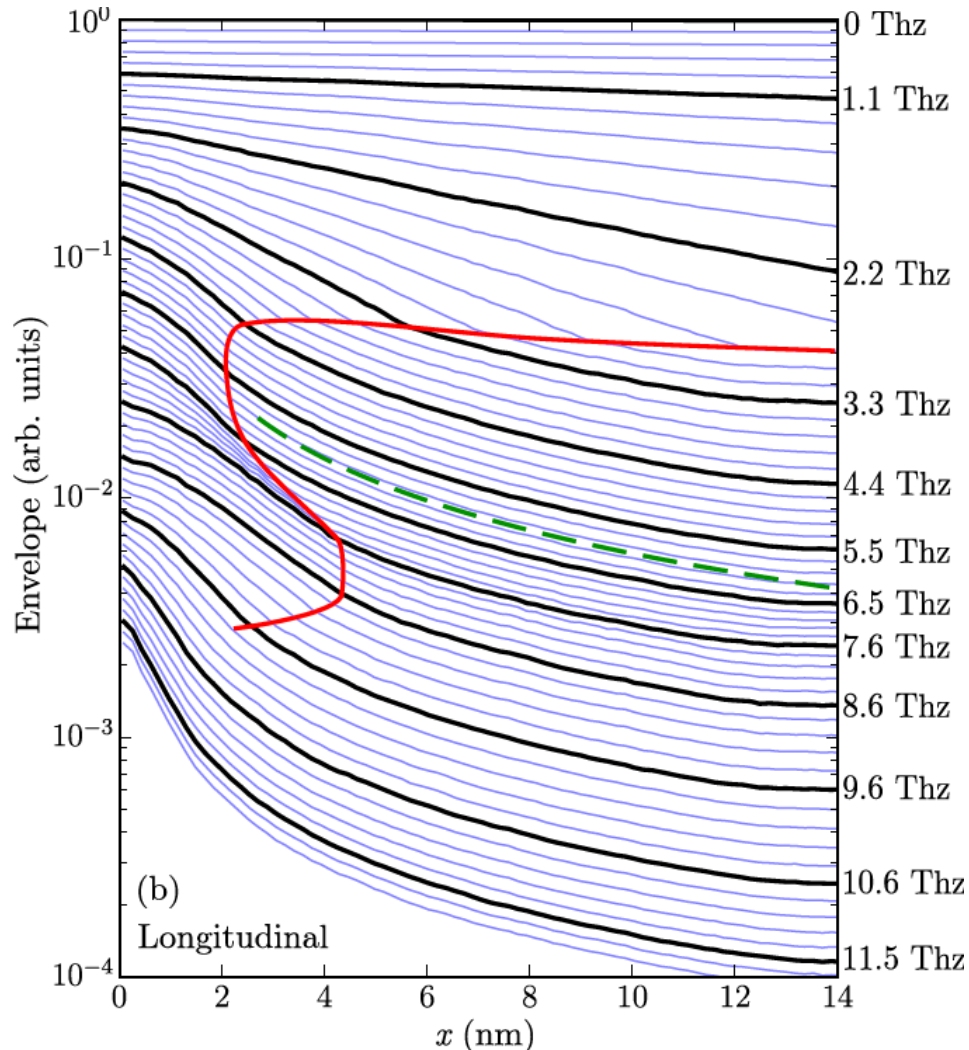
Wave packets are supported by a combination of Normal Modes

Y. Beltukov et al. (2018)

After-shocks in the Mixed Regime



Enveloppe of Energy



Ballistic Regime: Beer-Lambert Attenuation

$$E_{\text{prop}}(x, t) = \frac{\mathcal{E}_0}{\sqrt{\pi v^2 \tau_{\text{exc}}^2}} \exp \left(-\frac{x}{l} - \frac{(x - vt)^2}{v^2 \tau_{\text{exc}}^2} \right)$$

$$P_{\text{prop}}(x) = E_{\text{prop}}(x, x/v) = \frac{\mathcal{E}_0}{\sqrt{\pi v^2 \tau_{\text{exc}}^2}} e^{-x/l}$$

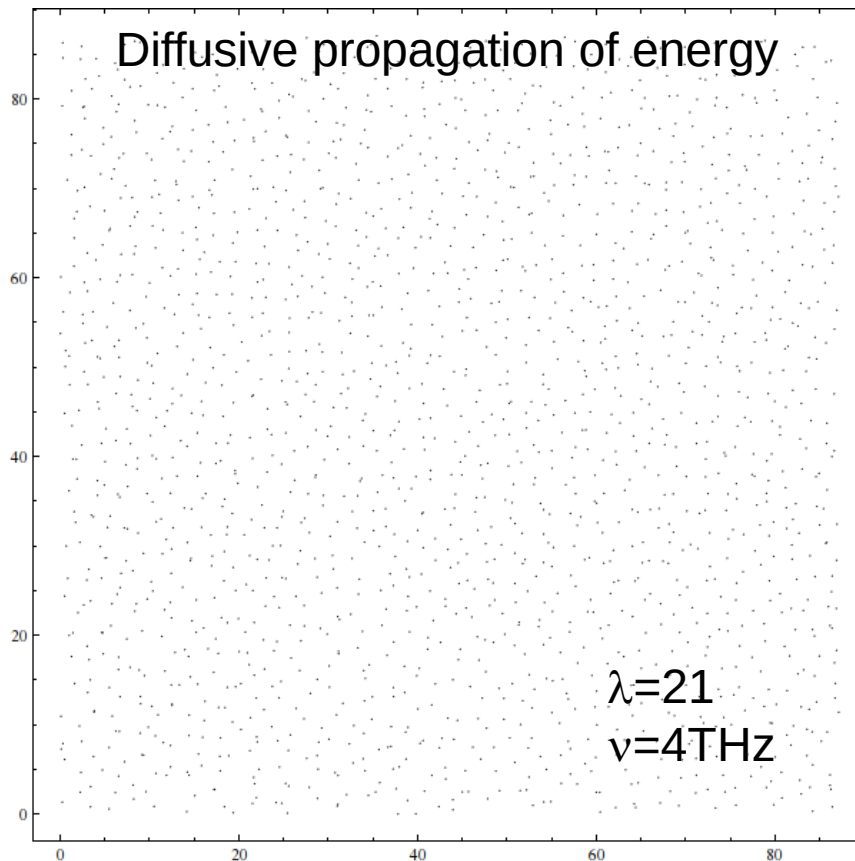
Diffusive Regime: Power-law Attenuation

$$E_{\text{diff}}(x, t) = \frac{\mathcal{E}_0}{\sqrt{4\pi Dt}} \exp \left(-\frac{x^2}{4Dt} \right)$$

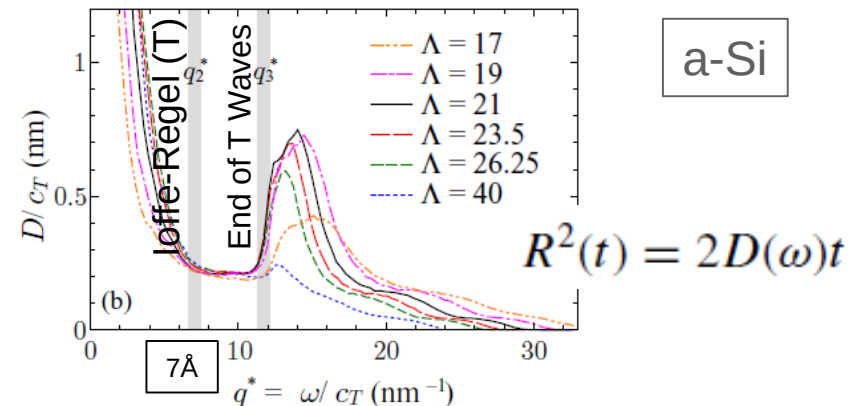
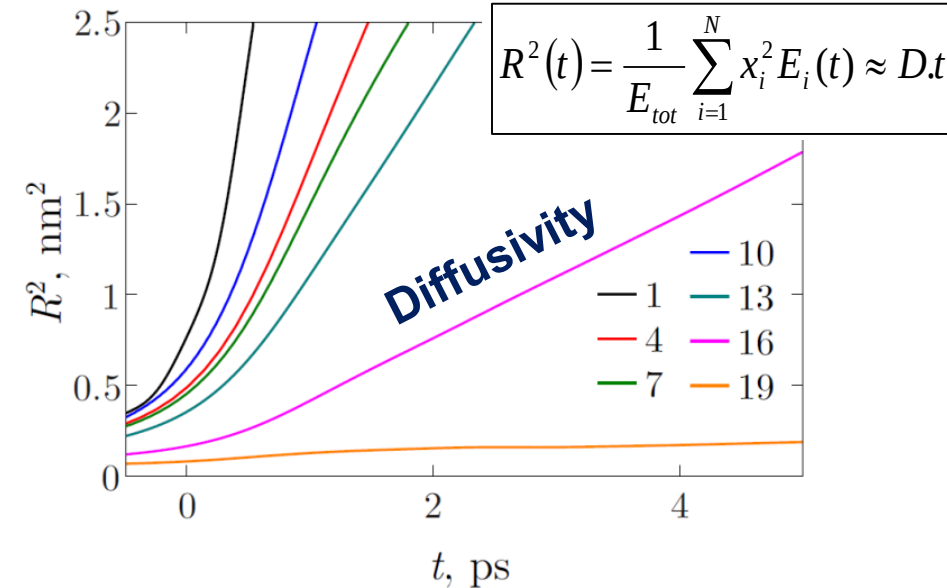
$$\text{max at } t^* = x^2/2D$$

$$P_{\text{diff}}(x) = E_{\text{diff}}(x, t^*) = \frac{\mathcal{E}_0}{\sqrt{2\pi e}} \frac{1}{x}$$

Random Excitations and Diffusivity of Kinetic energy



Diffusive transport due to the departure from plane waves

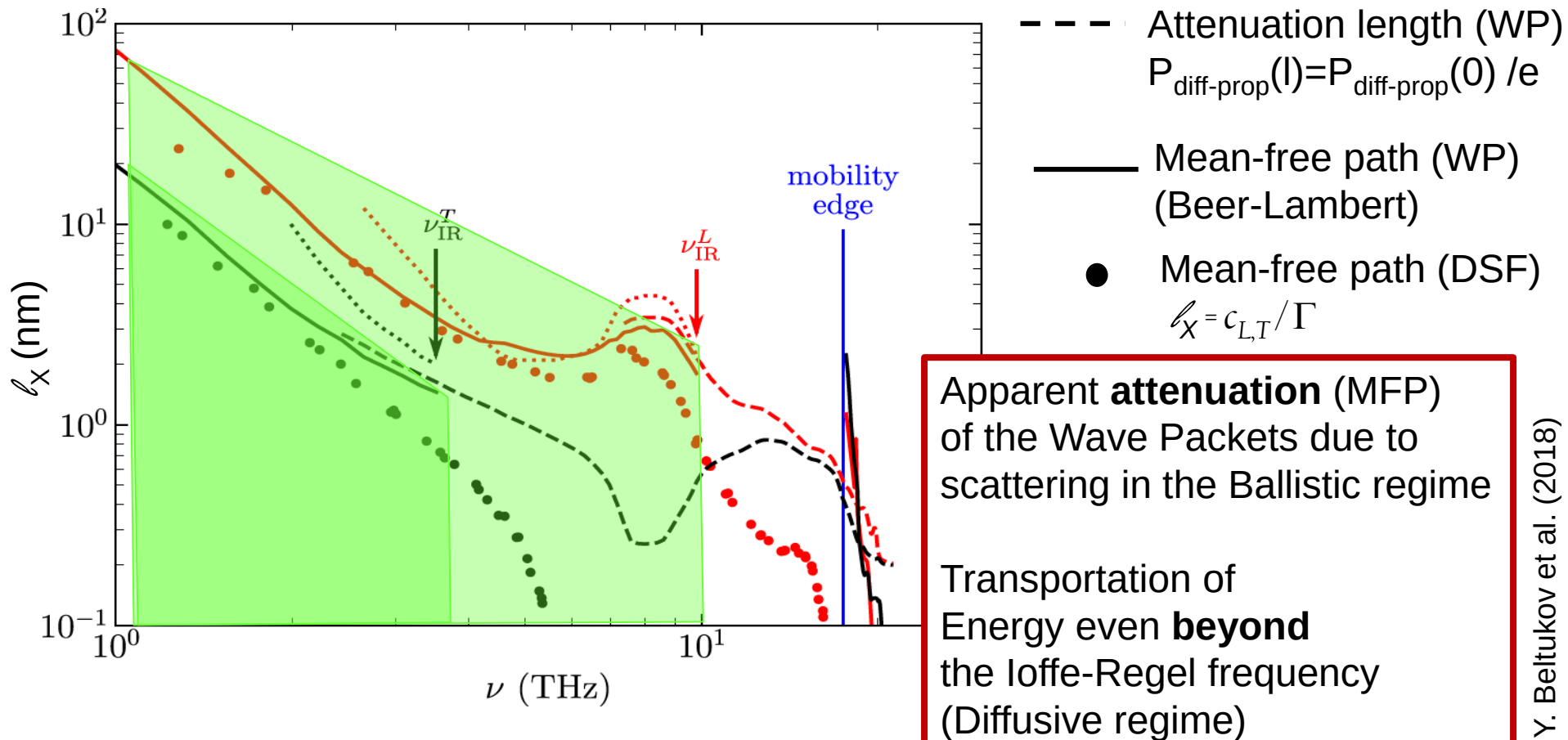


a-Si



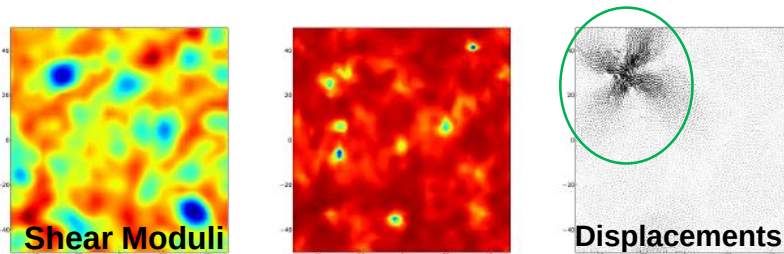
Attenuation Length

Comparison of Wave Packet propagation, to the Dynamical Structure Factor

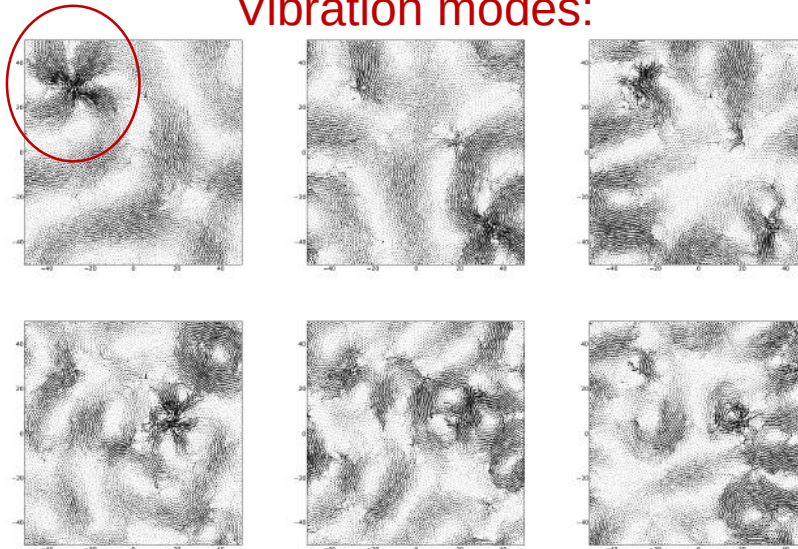


2. Vibrations and anhamonicity

Eshelby Inclusion:

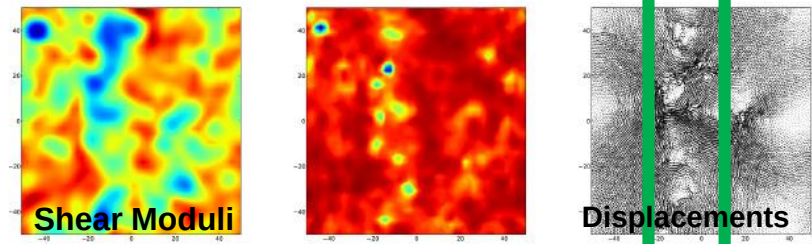


Vibration modes:

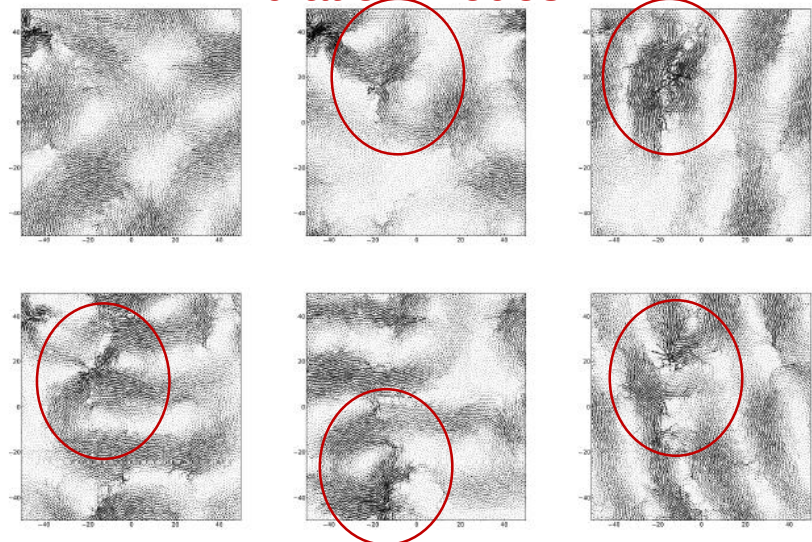


A single localized mode

Elementary Shear Band:



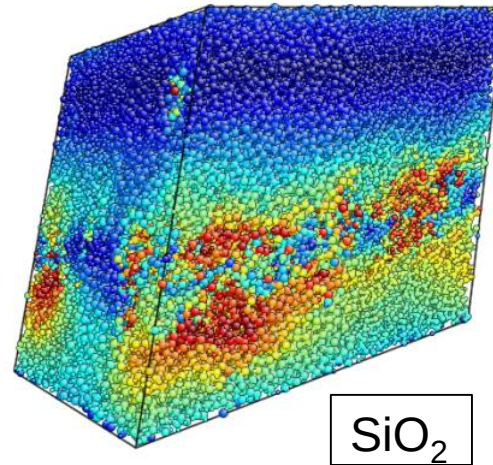
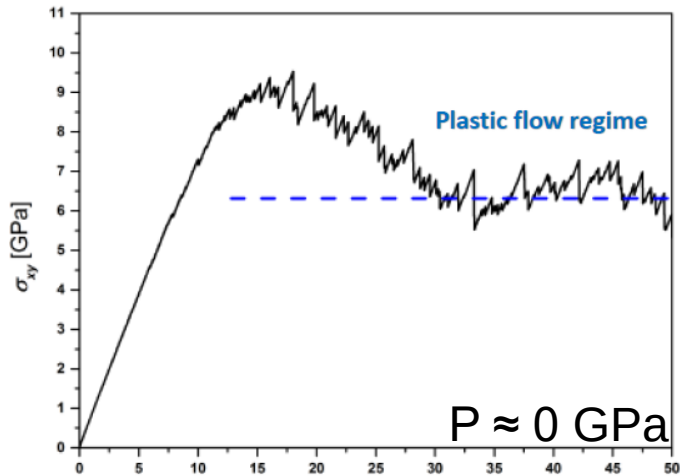
Vibration modes:



*Superposition of localized modes,
on percolating soft zones*

A. Lemaitre (2004)
A. Tanguy et al. (2010)

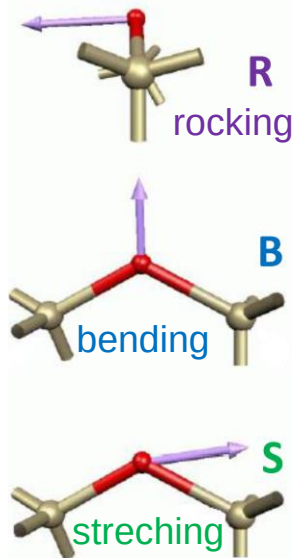
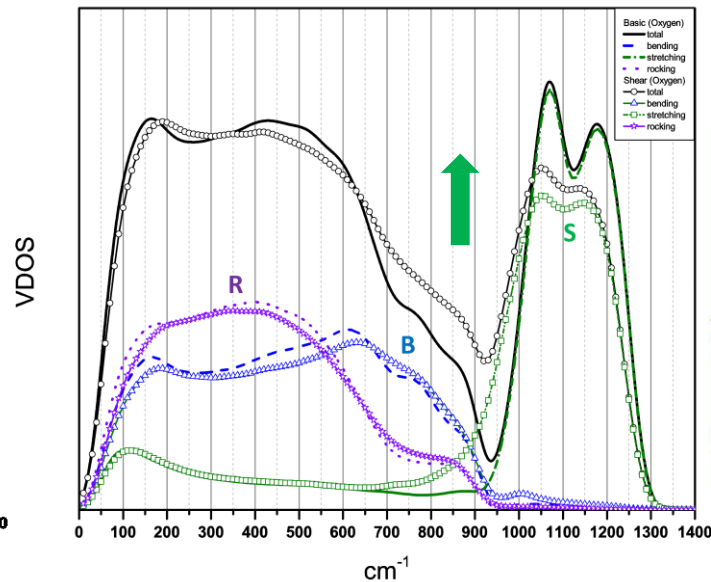
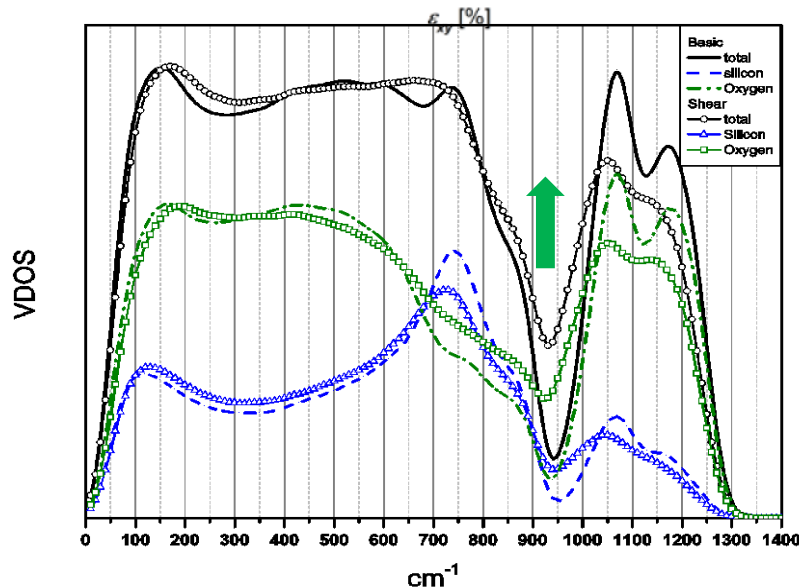
Effect of **Plasticity** on vibrations through **Raman Scattering** in sheared SiO_2 glass:



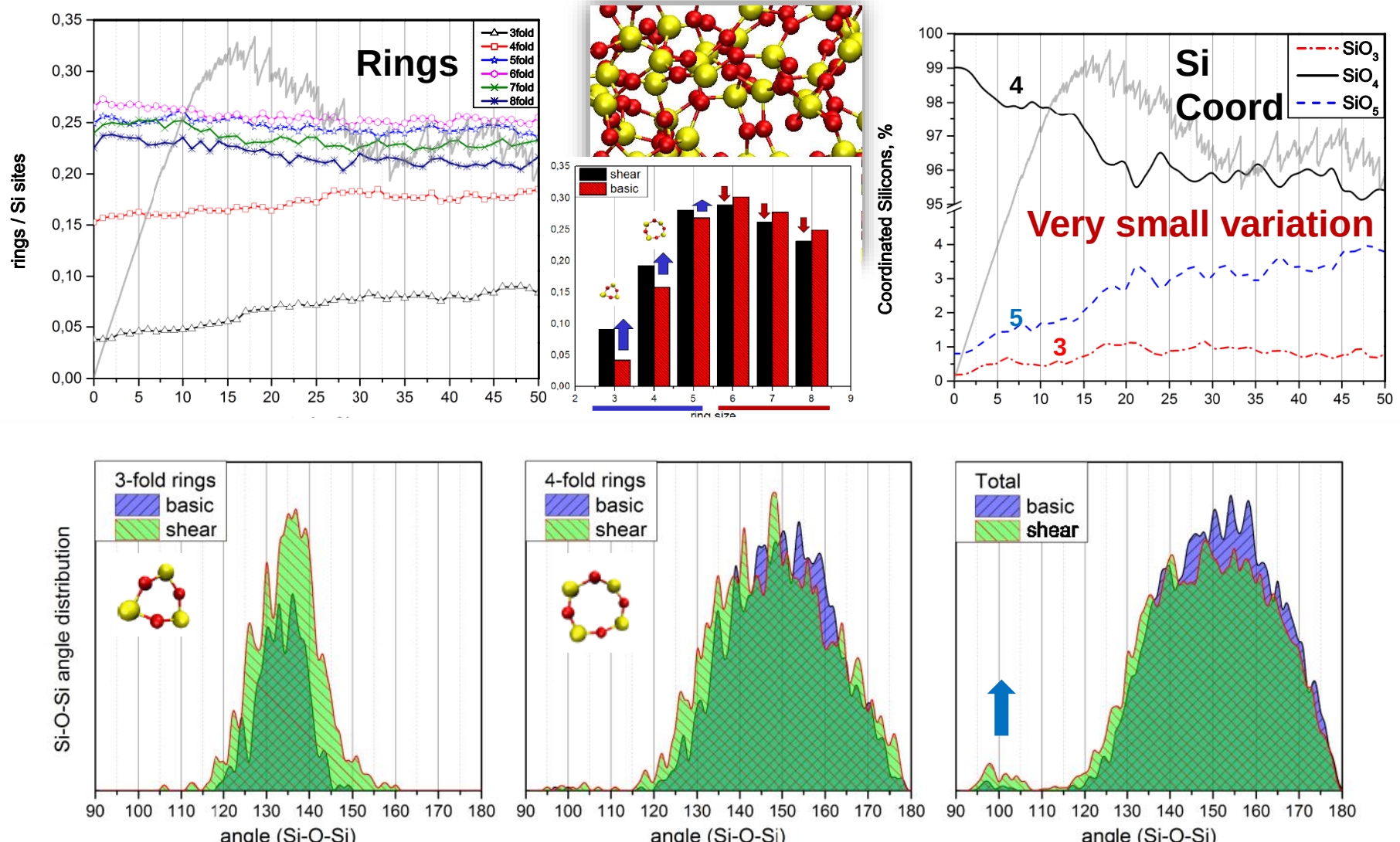
In the plastic plateau

B. Mantisi et al. (2012)

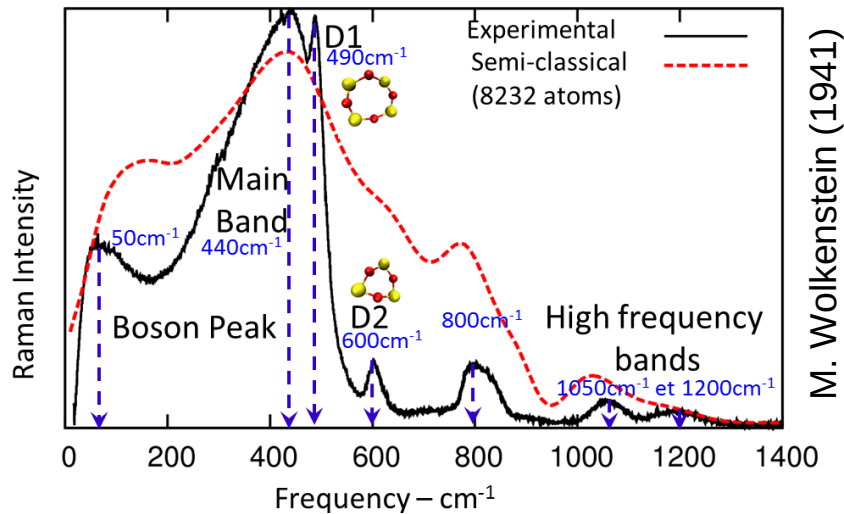
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Structural changes in plastified a-SiO₂

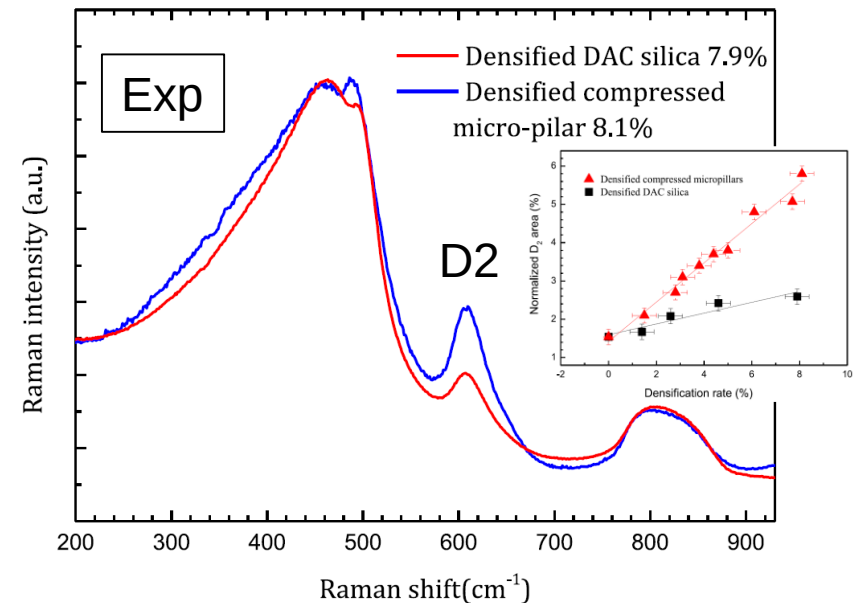
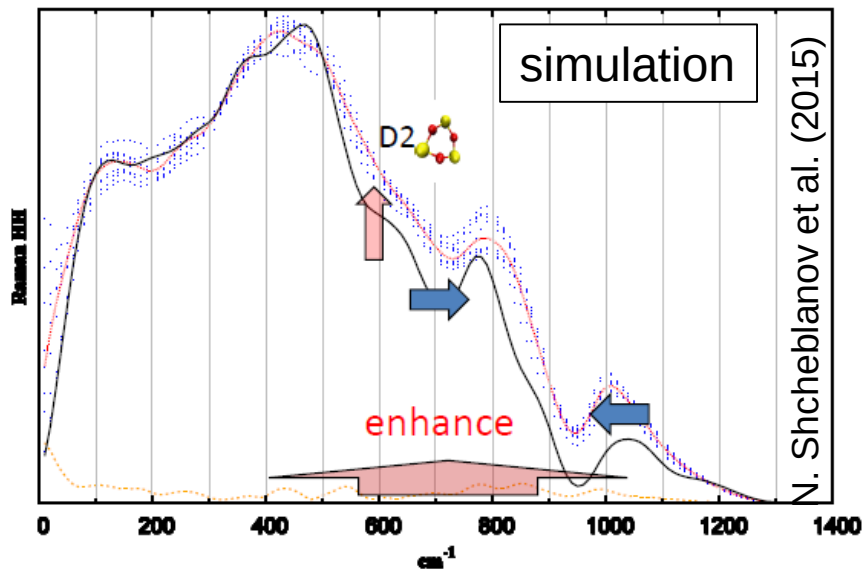


Semi-classical calculation:



Effect of **Shear** induced
Irreversible Structural changes:

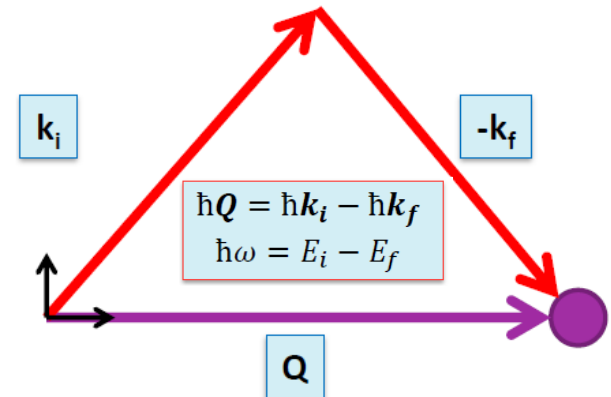
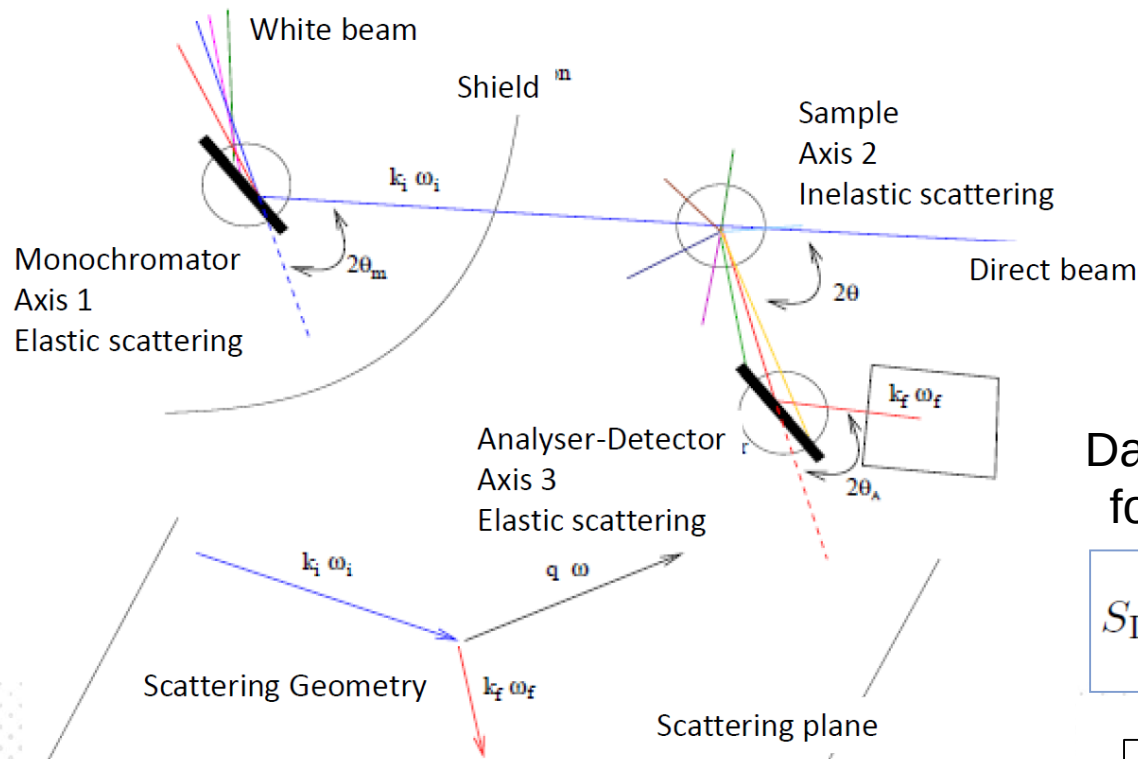
Enhanced contribution of
Stretching modes supported by
Oxygen atoms, increasing D2 band



Measurement of Acoustic Attenuation in Glasses

Inelastic Neutron or X-ray scattering

is based on wave-vector assumption



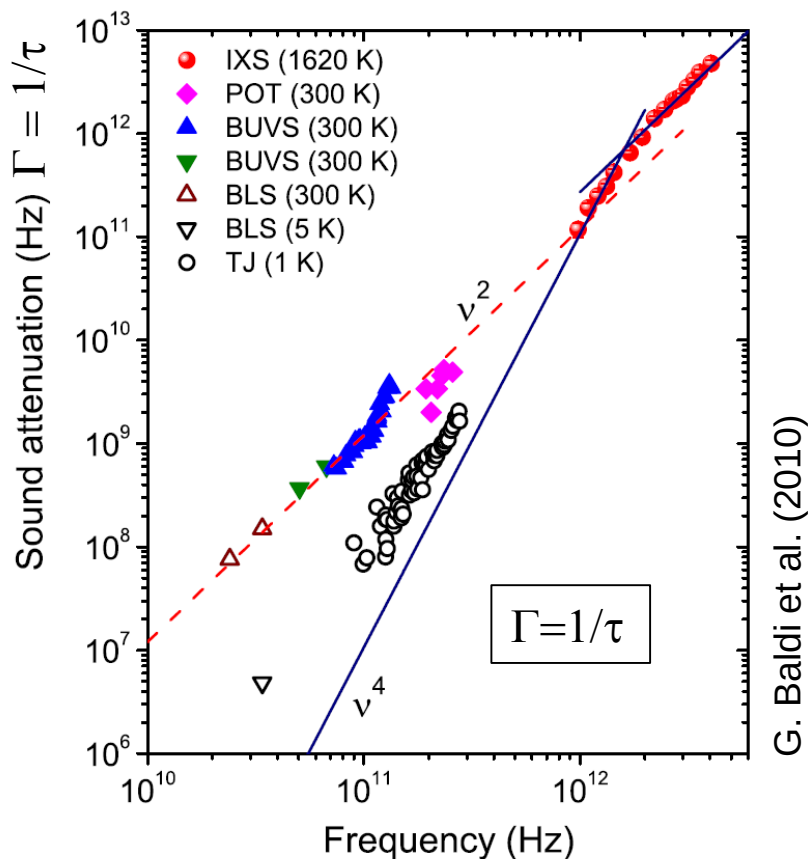
Damped Harmonic Oscillator Model
for the Dynamic Structure Factor

$$S_{L,T}(q, \omega) = \frac{A}{(\omega^2 - \omega_{L,T}^2(q))^2 + \omega^2 \Gamma^2}$$

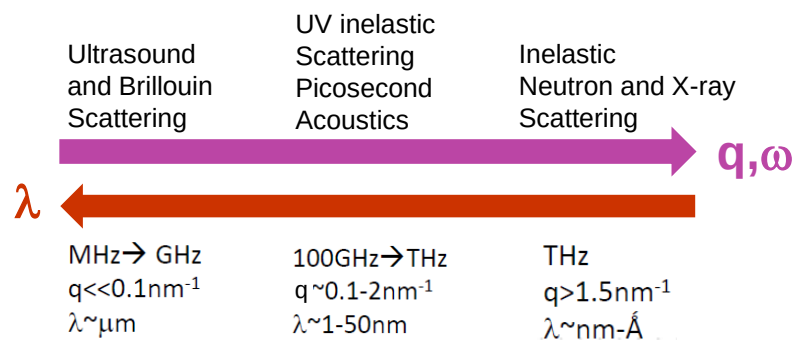
eigenfrequency

attenuation

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Inverse Attenuation Time:

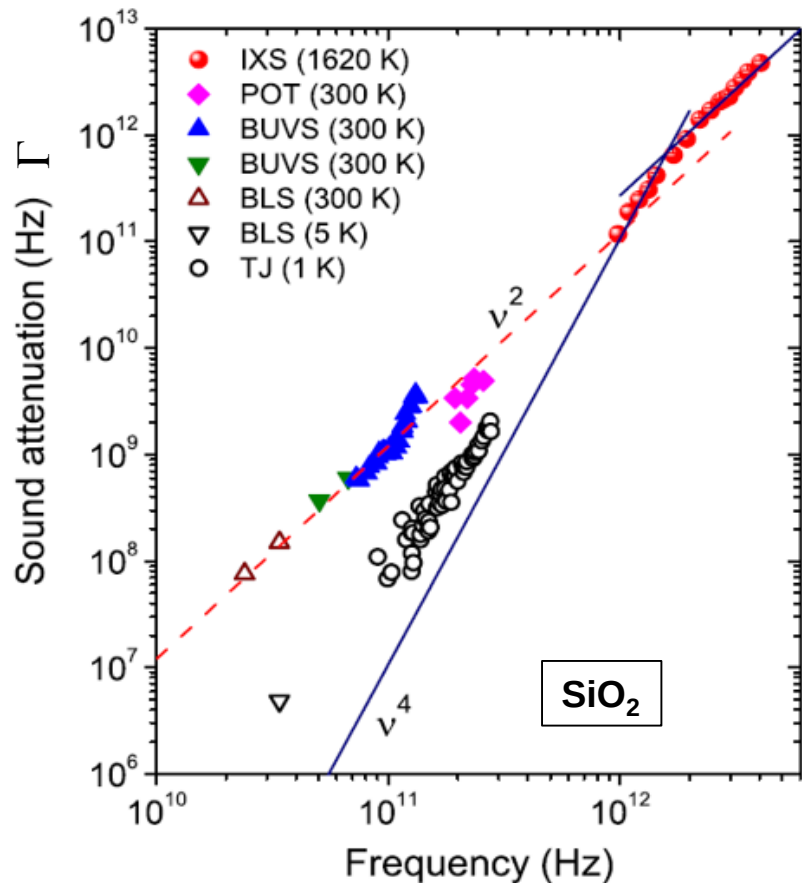
$$\Gamma = \frac{1}{\tau} \propto \omega^2; \omega^4; \omega^2$$

Origin of the frequency dependence
of the Acoustic attenuation Time:

Anharmonicity ? Low Scattering ?
Strong Scattering ?

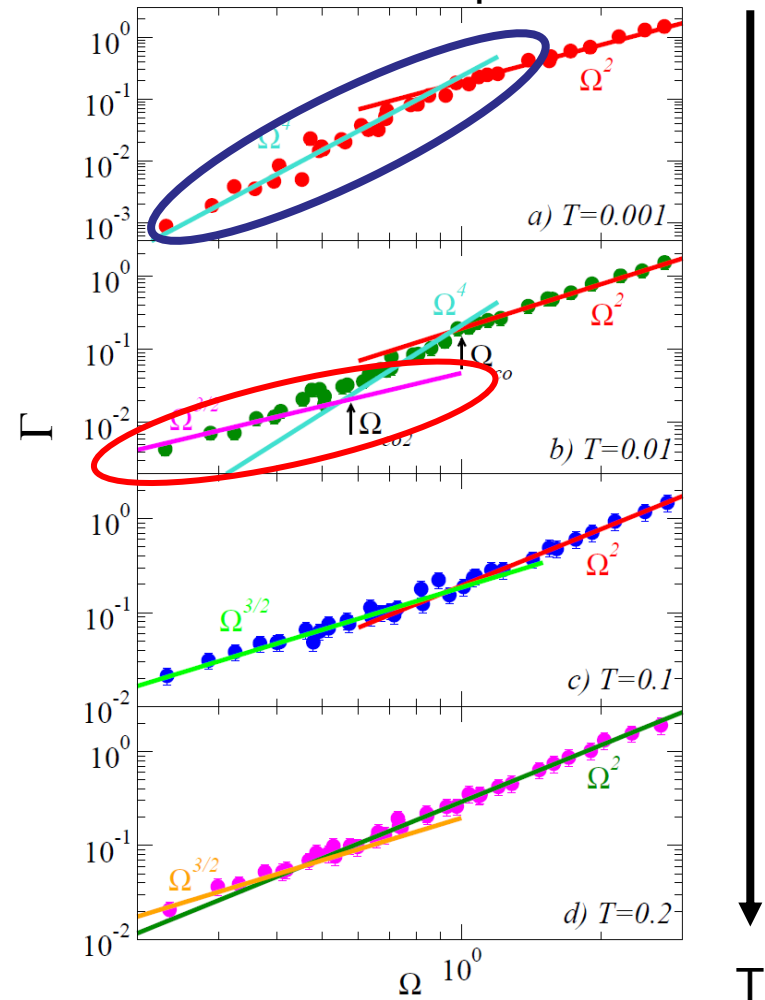
Experimental Results

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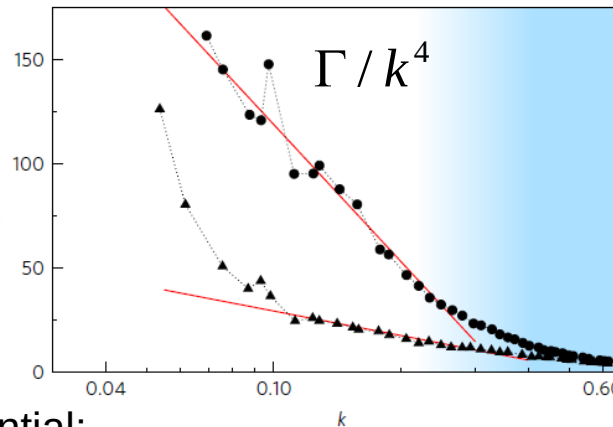
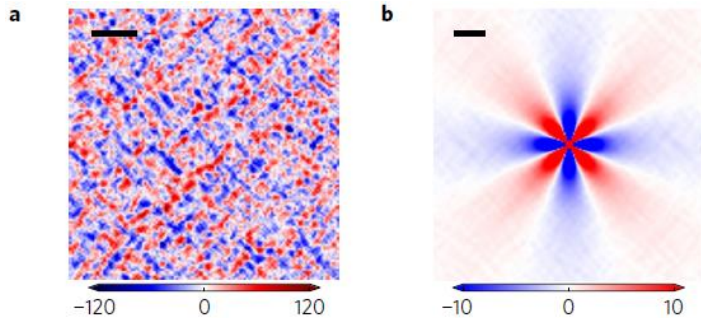
Molecular Dynamics Simulations at different Temperatures



H. Mizuno, et al.(2020)

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➤ (Anomalous) Rayleigh Scattering



$$\Gamma \propto -k^4 \ln(k) \text{ for 3D}$$

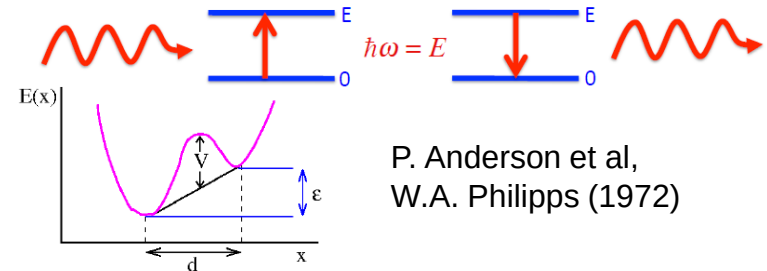
Structural stress anisotropy
Long-rang correlations

A. Lemaitre et al (2016)

➤ Anharmonicity on double well potential:

Fermi Golden rule
scattering rate
of phonons
with tunneling

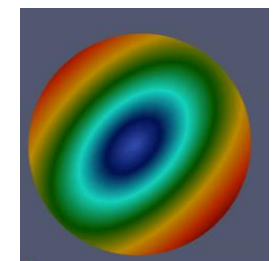
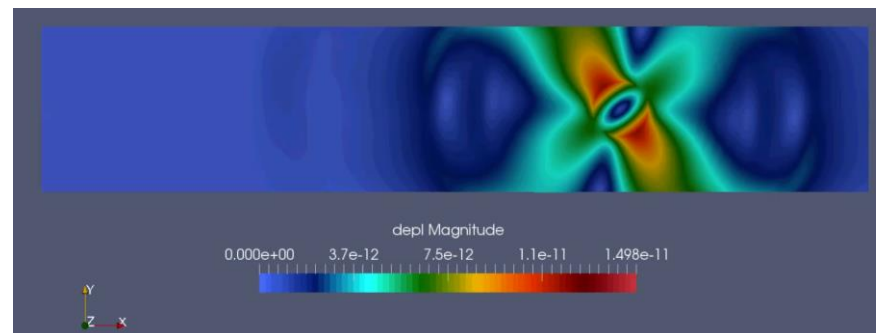
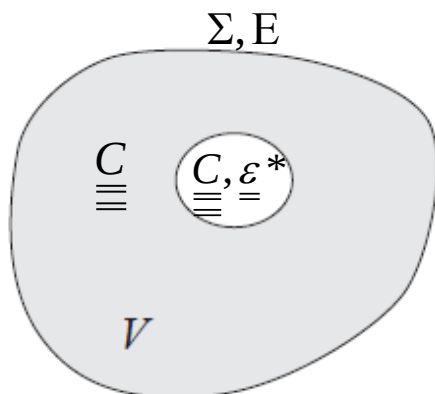
$$\left. \begin{aligned} \ell_X &= v_g / \Gamma \propto 1/\omega \\ \hbar\omega &\propto k_B T \\ C(T) &\propto T^3 \end{aligned} \right\} \Rightarrow \kappa \propto T^2$$



P. Anderson et al,
W.A. Philips (1972)

➤ Scattering on Esheby Inclusions (plastic defect):

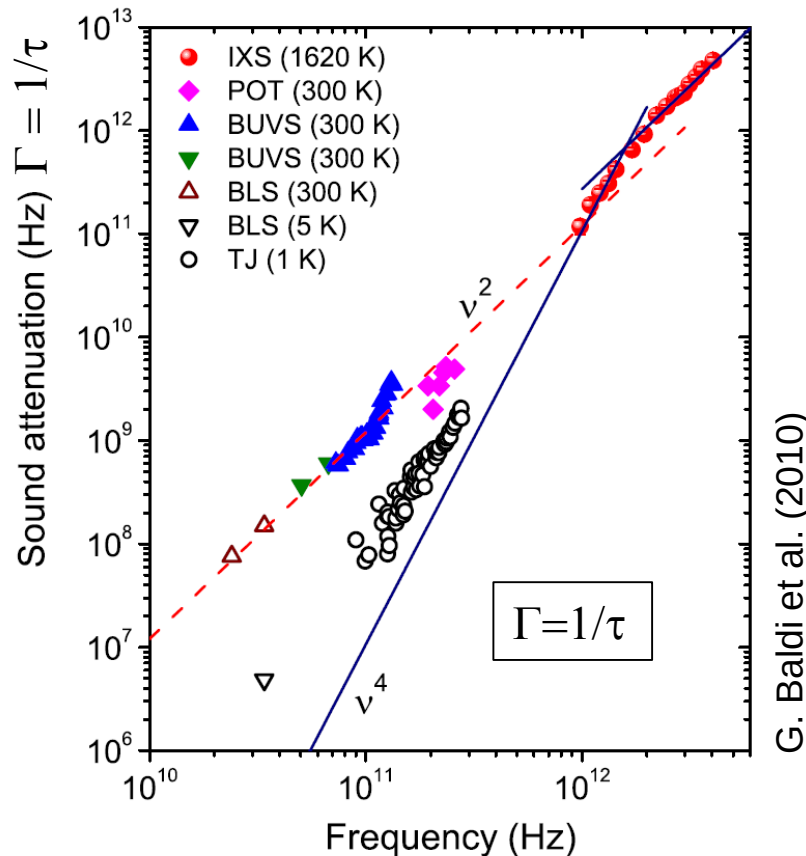
$$\rho \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = \text{div} \left(\underline{\underline{C}} : \underline{\underline{\varepsilon}} \right) + f(\underline{\underline{\varepsilon}}^*) \text{ with } f(\underline{\underline{\varepsilon}}^*) = \underline{\underline{C}} : \underline{\underline{\varepsilon}}^* . \underline{n} \delta(S')$$



F. Lund et al (2021)



Effective modeling of Acoustic Attenuation in Glasses



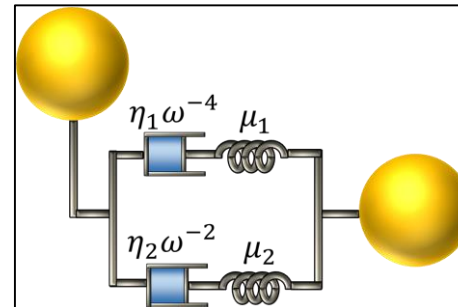
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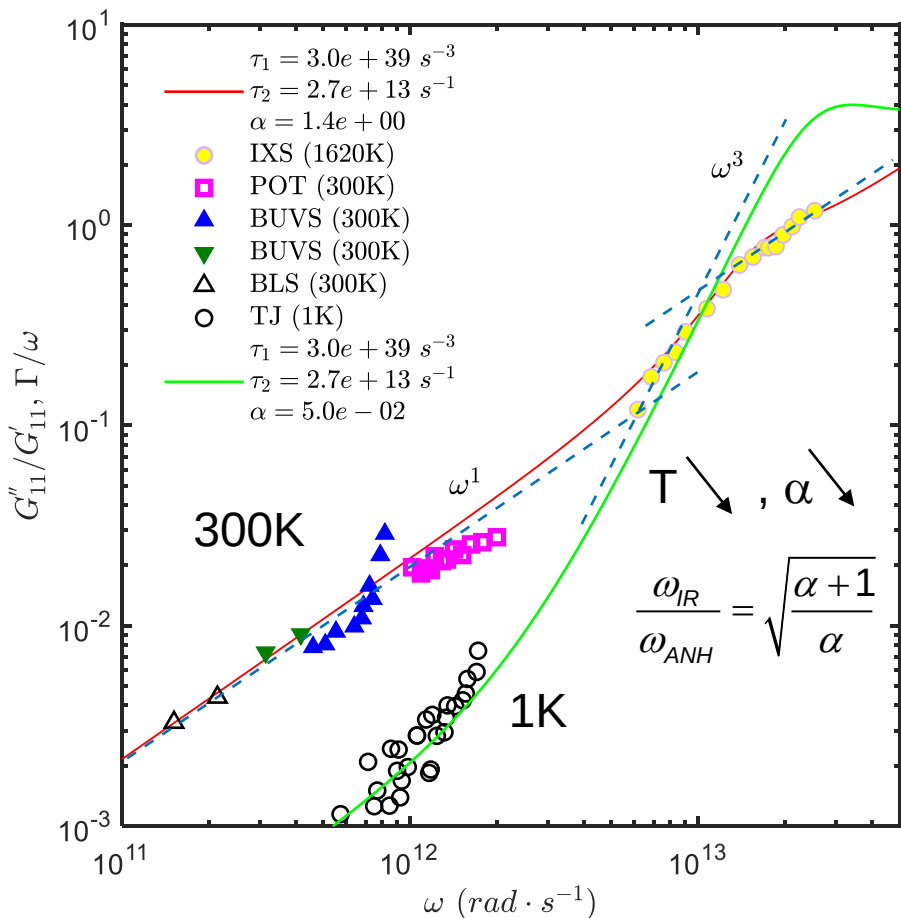
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3 parameters:

$$\alpha = \frac{\mu_2}{\mu_1}, \tau_1 = \frac{\eta_1}{\mu_1}, \tau_2 = \frac{\eta_2}{\mu_2} \quad \text{with } \alpha(T) \nearrow$$

H. Luo, et al (2021)

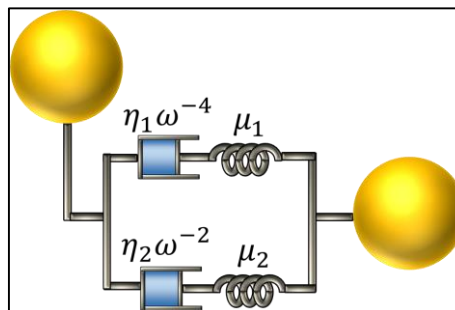
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Conclusion Phonons in Amorphous Materials

No wave-vector in disordered materials ➡ Apparent Attenuation and Internal friction

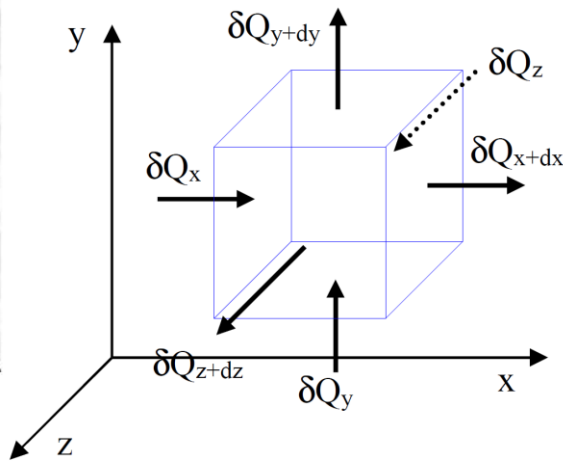
Anharmonic Processes ➡ Different Frequency dependences of attenuation

- What are the **microscopic sources of mechanical deformation** ?
- Is it possible to define **Phonons** ?
- Is it possible to quantify **Thermal transport** ?

Out-of-Equilibrium Fluxes:



J.-B. J. Fourier
(1768-1830)



Flux of heat

Fourier's Law

$$\delta Q_x = -k_x \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} dy dz dt$$

Thermal Conductivity

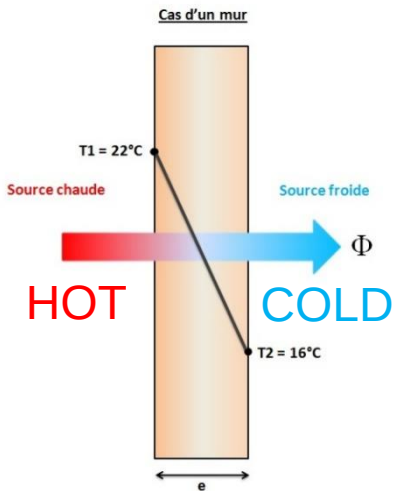
Energy Conservation:

$$\delta Q_x + \delta Q_y + \delta Q_z + q dV dt = \delta Q_{x+dx} + \delta Q_{y+dy} + \delta Q_{z+dz} + \rho C \cdot dV \cdot \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} dt$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(k_x \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left(k_y \frac{\partial T}{\partial y} \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left(k_z \frac{\partial T}{\partial z} \right) + q = \rho C \frac{\partial T}{\partial t}$$

$$\Delta T + \frac{q}{k} = \frac{1}{D} \frac{\partial T}{\partial t}$$

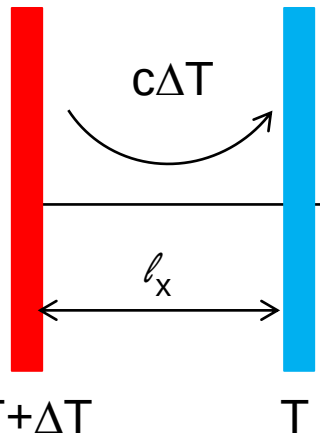
$$D = \frac{k}{\rho C} \quad \text{Diffusivity}$$



Thermal Conductivity in **crystals** (Kittel)

In crystals, phonons = quantum of vibrational energy $\left(n + \frac{1}{2}\right)\hbar\omega$ with wave vector **K**
Thermal energy transfer = random diffusive process

Kinetic Theory of Thermal Conductivity:



$$\Delta T = \frac{dT}{dx} \ell_x = \frac{dT}{dx} v_x \tau \quad \ell_x, \text{ phonons mean free path}$$

$$\text{Net flux of Energy: } j_q = -\frac{N}{V} \langle v_x c \Delta T \rangle = -\frac{N}{V} \left\langle v_x c \frac{dT}{dx} \ell_x \right\rangle \approx -\frac{1}{3} \frac{N}{V} c \|v\| \ell_x \frac{dT}{dx}$$

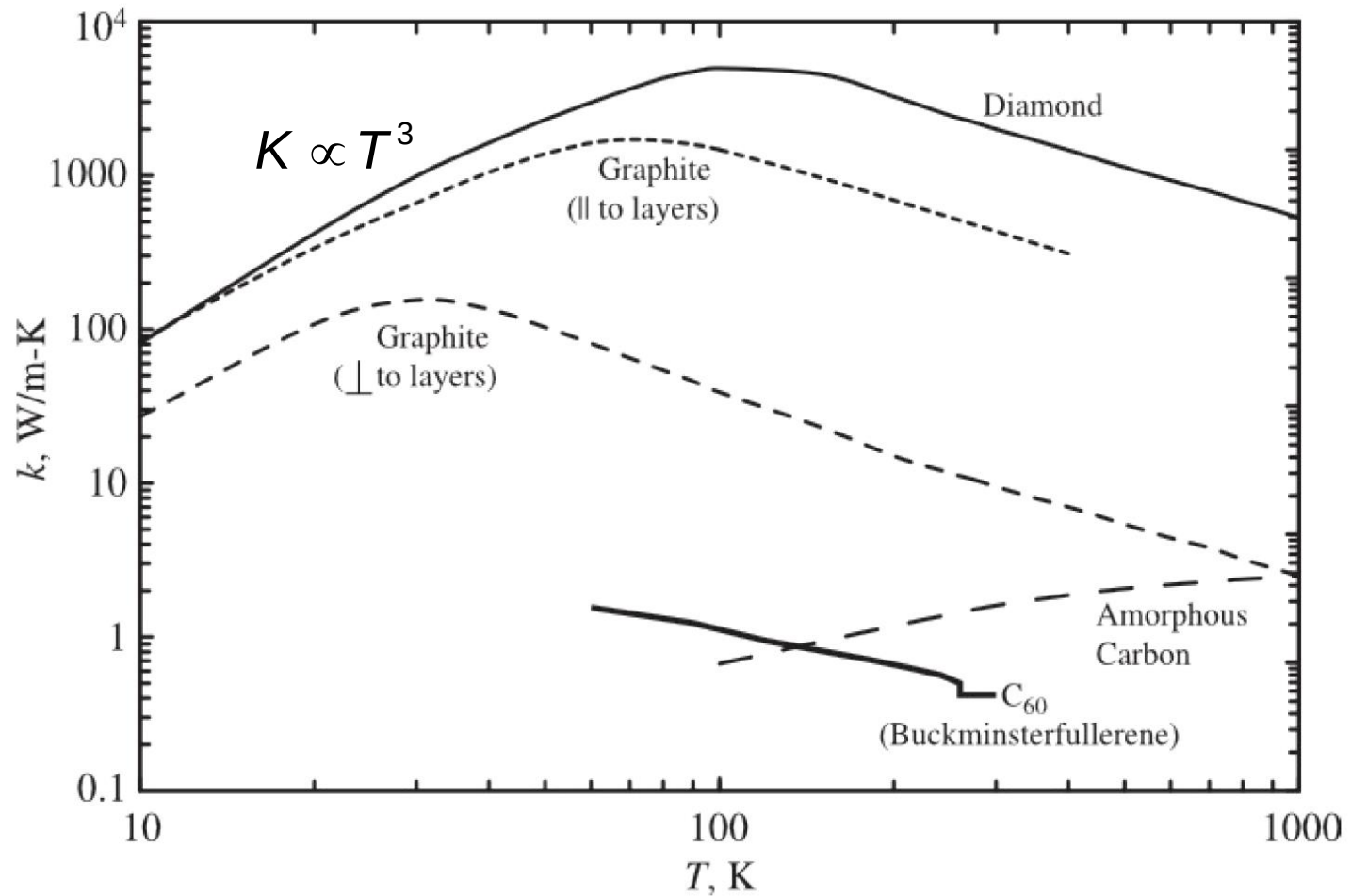
$$\Rightarrow K \approx \frac{1}{3} C \|v\| \ell_x \quad \text{Heat Conductivity}$$

In **Crystals** ℓ_x ← Geometrical scattering: $\ell_x \approx L$ $K \propto C \propto T^3$
crystal boundary, lattice imperfections...

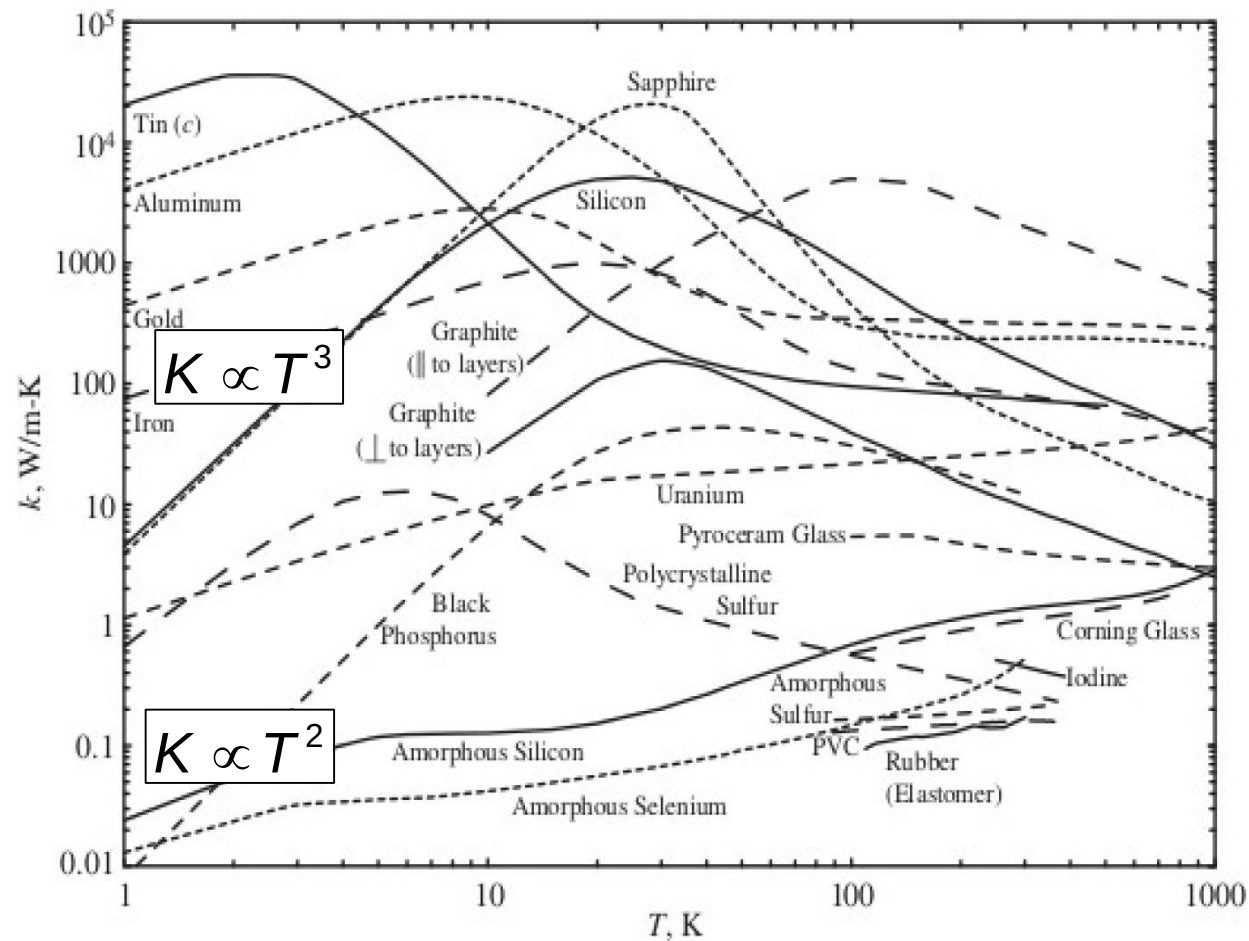
← Scattering by other phonons: $\ell_x \propto \frac{1}{n_{\text{phonons}}} \propto \frac{1}{T}$
anharmonicity, umklapp processes...



Some Measurements of Thermal Conductivity



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Thermal Conductivity

plateau:

Resonant scattering
of phonons by
« quasi-local vibrations »?

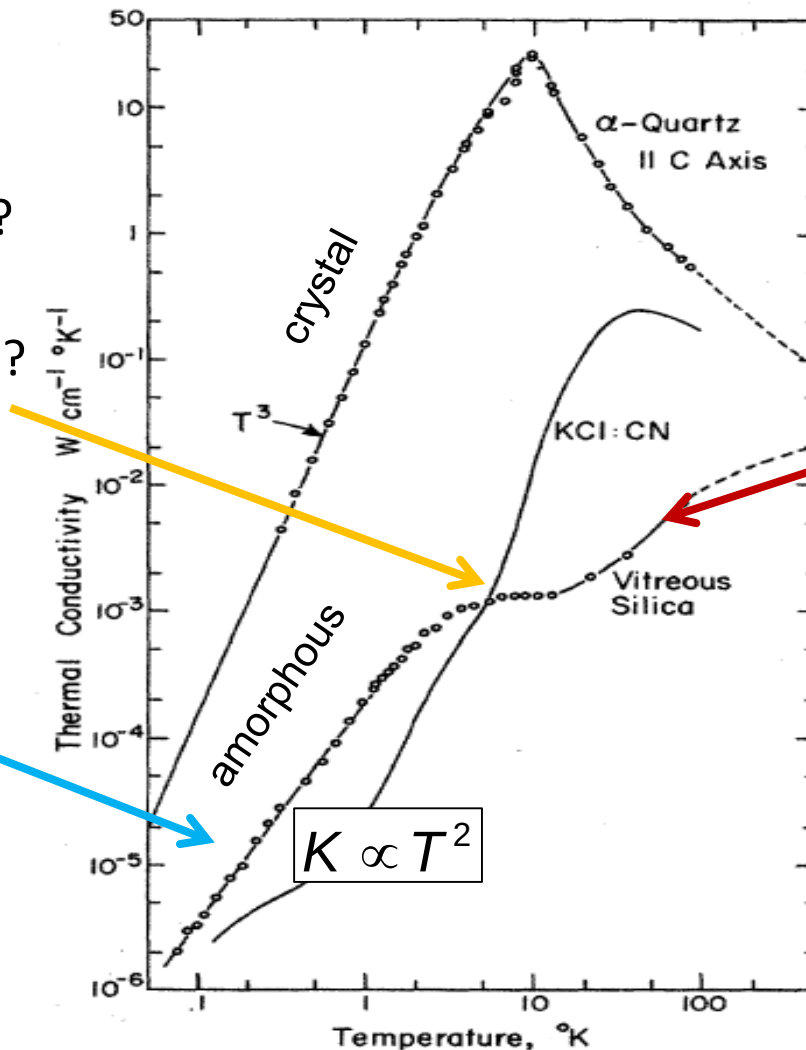
(Buchenau et al. 1992)

Strongly scattered modes?

(Wyart et al. 2010)

Resonant scattering
of phonons on
« 2-level systems »?

(Hunklinger et al 1986)



Diffusion mechanism
for heat transfer
due to
clusters vibrating
with random phases?

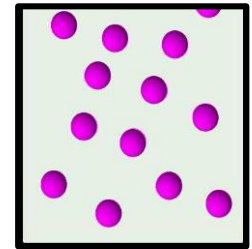
(Cahill et al 1988)

Transportation of Energy: Boltzmann Equation in Glasses

$f_1(\vec{r}, \vec{p}, t) d\vec{r} d\vec{p}$ = Mean number of particles which, at time t , are in the phase space at $(\vec{r}, \vec{p})$ within $d\vec{r} d\vec{p}$ $\rho(\vec{r}, t) = m \frac{N}{V} \int f_1(\vec{r}, \vec{p}, t) d\vec{p}$

$$f_1(\vec{r}_1, \vec{p}_1, t) = \frac{1}{(N-1)!} \int f_N(\vec{r}_1, \vec{p}_1, \dots, \vec{r}_N, \vec{p}_N, t) d\vec{r}_2 d\vec{p}_2 \dots d\vec{r}_N d\vec{p}_N$$

Equations of motion: $\vec{r}, \vec{p} \rightarrow \vec{r} + \vec{p} \frac{dt}{m}, \vec{p} + \vec{F} dt$ for each particle



$f(\vec{r}_1, \vec{p}_1, \dots, \vec{r}_N, \vec{p}_N, t)$ is such that $\frac{df}{dt} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial t} + \{f, H\} = 0$ with $H = \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{p_i^2}{2m} + U_{pot}(\vec{r}_i) + \sum_{i<j} u(\vec{r}_i - \vec{r}_j)$

that is

$$\left[\frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \frac{\vec{p}_1}{m} \frac{\partial}{\partial \vec{r}_1} + \vec{F}(\vec{r}_1) \frac{\partial}{\partial \vec{p}_1} \right] f_1(\vec{r}_1, \vec{p}_1, t) = \int d\vec{r}_2 d\vec{p}_2 \frac{\partial u(\vec{r}_1 - \vec{r}_2)}{\partial \vec{r}_1} \frac{\partial}{\partial \vec{p}_1} f_2(\vec{r}_1, \vec{p}_1, \vec{r}_2, \vec{p}_2, t)$$

one-particle

interactions

BBGKY

Boltzmann Equation: $\frac{\partial f_1}{\partial t} + \vec{v}_g \cdot \nabla_x f_1 = - \frac{f_1 - f_{eq}}{\tau_{coll}}$ (collision) is **no longer valid**

Transportation of Energy: Boltzmann Equation and **BBGKY Hierarchy**

Conservation of the total average energy:

$$\frac{\partial(\rho u^{tot})}{\partial t} + \vec{\nabla} \cdot (\rho u^{tot} \vec{v} + \vec{j}_q) = -(\underline{\underline{P}}^{cin} + \underline{\underline{P}}^{dyn}) : (\underline{\underline{\nabla}} \vec{v}) \quad \text{with} \quad \vec{j}_q = \vec{j}_q^{cin} + \vec{j}_q^{pot,1} + \vec{j}_q^{pot,2}$$

$$\vec{v}(\vec{r}, t) = \frac{N}{\rho(\vec{r}, t)V} \int \vec{p} f_1(\vec{r}, \vec{p}, t) d\vec{p}; \quad \vec{j}_q^{cin} = \frac{N}{V} \int \frac{\vec{p} - m\vec{v}}{m} \frac{|\vec{p} - m\vec{v}|^2}{2m} f_1(\vec{r}, \vec{p}, t) d\vec{p},$$

$$\vec{j}_q^{pot,1} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{N}{V} \right)^2 \int \frac{\vec{p} - m\vec{v}}{m} u(\vec{r} - \vec{r}_1) f_2(\vec{r}, \vec{p}, \vec{r}_1, \vec{p}_1, t) d\vec{r}_1 d\vec{p}_1 d\vec{p};$$

$$\vec{j}_q^{pot,2} = -\frac{1}{4} \left(\frac{N}{V} \right)^2 \int_0^1 d\lambda \int d\vec{r}'_{12} \frac{\vec{r}'_{12} \vec{r}'_{12}}{r'_{12}} \cdot \frac{\vec{p} + \vec{p}_1 - 2m\vec{v}}{m} f_2(\vec{r} + (1-\lambda)\vec{r}'_{12}, \vec{p}, \vec{r} - \lambda\vec{r}'_{12}, \vec{p}_1, t) d\vec{p}_1 d\vec{p}$$

Out-of-equilibrium Linear expansion of the distribution functions f_1 and f_2 :

$$f_1(\vec{r}, \vec{p}, t) = f_1^{(eq)}(\vec{r}, \vec{p}, t) + A(|\vec{p} - m\vec{v}|) \left[\frac{(\vec{p} - m\vec{v}) \underline{\underline{e}}(\vec{p} - m\vec{v})}{|\vec{p} - m\vec{v}|^2} - \frac{1}{3} \vec{\nabla}_r \cdot \vec{v} \right] + B \frac{\vec{p} - m\vec{v}}{|\vec{p} - m\vec{v}|} \cdot \vec{\nabla} T \dots$$

$$\vec{j}_q^{cin} \approx \frac{1}{6} \frac{N}{V} \int \frac{|q|^3}{m^2} B(|q|, r) d\vec{q} \vec{\nabla} T(\vec{r}, t); \vec{j}_q^{pot,1} \approx 0; \vec{j}_q^{pot,2} \approx \frac{-1}{18} \int C(r_{12}) r_{12} \frac{du}{dr_{12}}(r_{12}) d\vec{r}_{12} \vec{\nabla} T \Rightarrow \boxed{\vec{j}_q \approx -k \vec{\nabla} T}$$

The thermal conductivity results from **lattice dynamics**, and particles motion

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The theory of **Allen and Feldman** for Thermal Conductivity in **Glasses**

Heat current density operator $\mathbf{S}$ $\frac{\partial h(\mathbf{x})}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot \mathbf{S}(\mathbf{x}) = 0$

$$\mathbf{S} = \frac{1}{2V} \sum_{l,m} \sum_{\alpha,\beta} (\mathbf{R}_l - \mathbf{R}_m) \frac{p_{l\alpha}}{m_l} \frac{\partial^2 E}{\partial u(l\alpha) \partial u(m\beta)} u(m\beta)$$

Thermal Conductivity κ

$$\kappa_{\mu\nu} = \frac{V}{T} \int_0^\beta d\lambda \int_{-\infty}^0 dt \langle e^{\lambda H} S_\mu(t) e^{-\lambda H} S_\nu(0) \rangle$$

Diffusivity

$$D_i = \frac{4\pi^2 V^2}{3h^2 \omega_i^2} \sum_{j \neq i} |S_{ij}|^2 \delta(\omega_i - \omega_j)$$

$$\kappa_{\mu\nu}(\omega) = \frac{\pi V}{T} \sum_{i,j} \frac{n_i - n_j}{\hbar(\omega_i - \omega_j)} (S_\mu)_{ij} (S_\nu)_{ji} \delta(\omega_i - \omega_j - \omega)$$

$$\kappa = \kappa^I + \kappa^{II},$$

$$\kappa^I(\omega) = \frac{iV}{T} \sum_{i \neq j} \frac{n_i - n_j}{\hbar(\omega_i - \omega_j)} \frac{|S_{ij}|^2}{\omega_i - \omega_j - \omega - i\eta} \approx \frac{1}{V} \sum_i C_i(T) D_i$$

« Interband » conductivity due to coupling between extended phonons (propagons?)

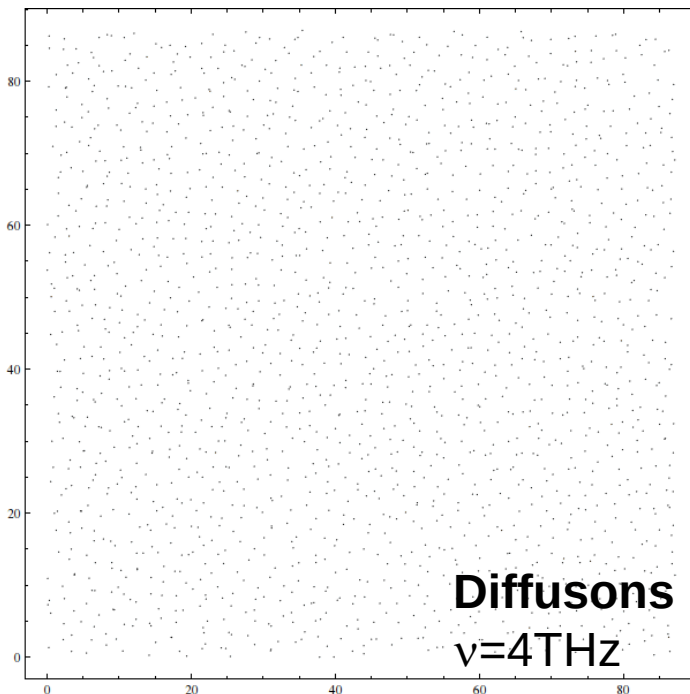
$$\kappa^{II}(\omega) = \frac{iV}{\hbar T} \frac{1}{\omega + i\eta} \sum_i \left[-\frac{\partial n_i}{\partial \omega_i} \right] S_{ii}^2 \approx \frac{1}{3} C v \ell$$

usual « intraband » conductivity

Mechanical to Thermal Energy Conversion in Glasses

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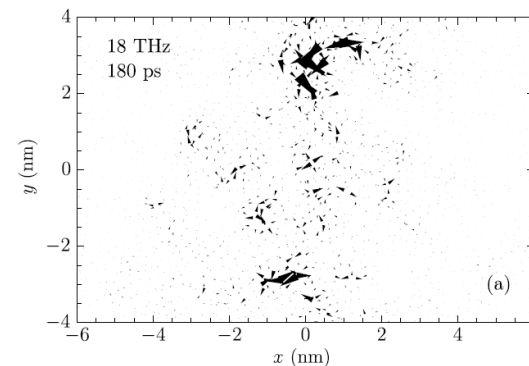
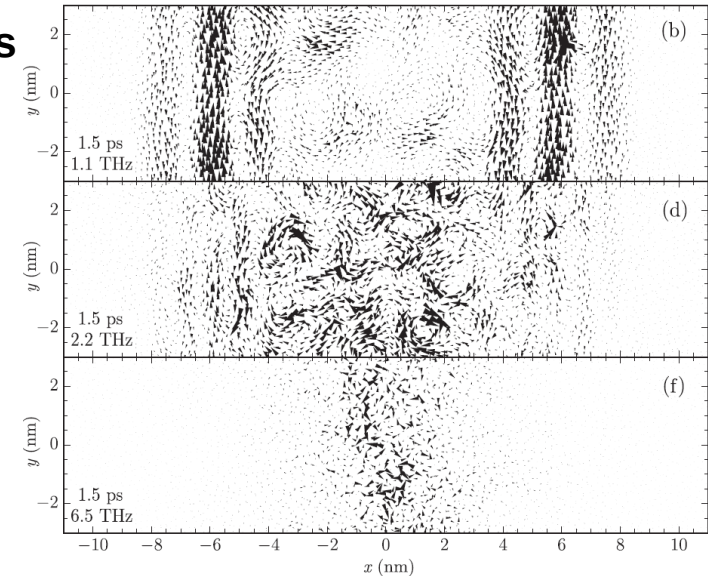
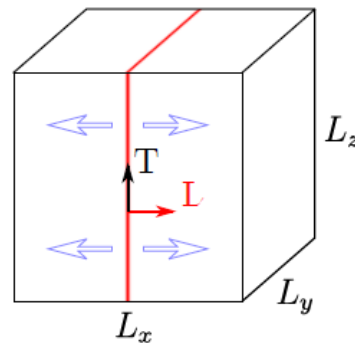
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Propagons

Diffusons

Locons



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Thermal conductivity:

$$k_T = k_T^{prop} + k_T^{diff}$$

$$k_T^{prop} = \frac{1}{3} \int_0^{\omega_{IR}} C(T, \omega) v(\omega) l(\omega) g(\omega) d\omega$$

$$k_T^{diff} = \int_{\omega_{IR}}^{\omega_{max}} C(T, \omega) D(\omega) g(\omega) d\omega$$

$C(T, \omega)$: phonon specific heat.

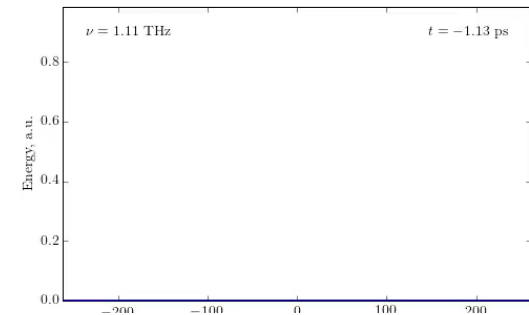
$g(\omega)$: density states.

$v(\omega)$: sound speed.

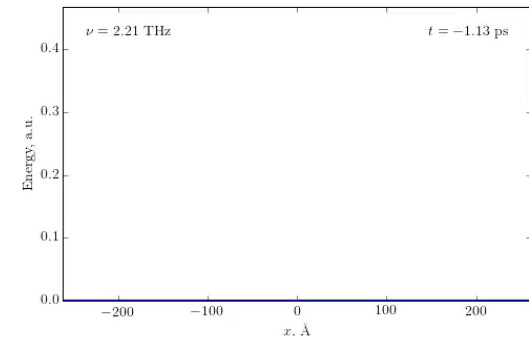
$l(\omega)$: mean free path.

$D(\omega)$: diffusivity.

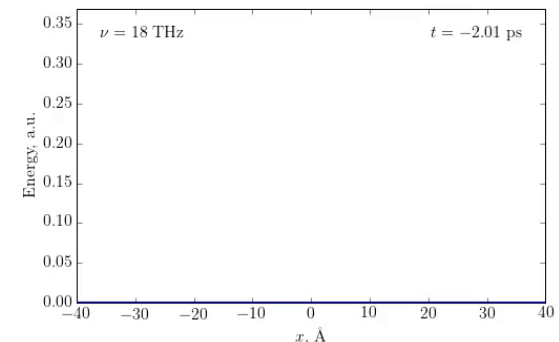
Propagons



Diffusons



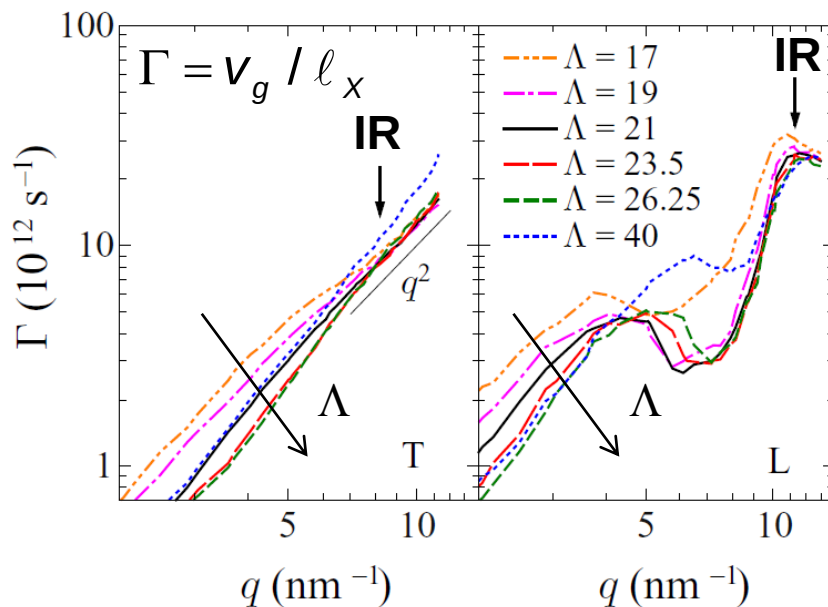
Locons



Application to Thermal Conductivity in Glasses

Ballistic Regime

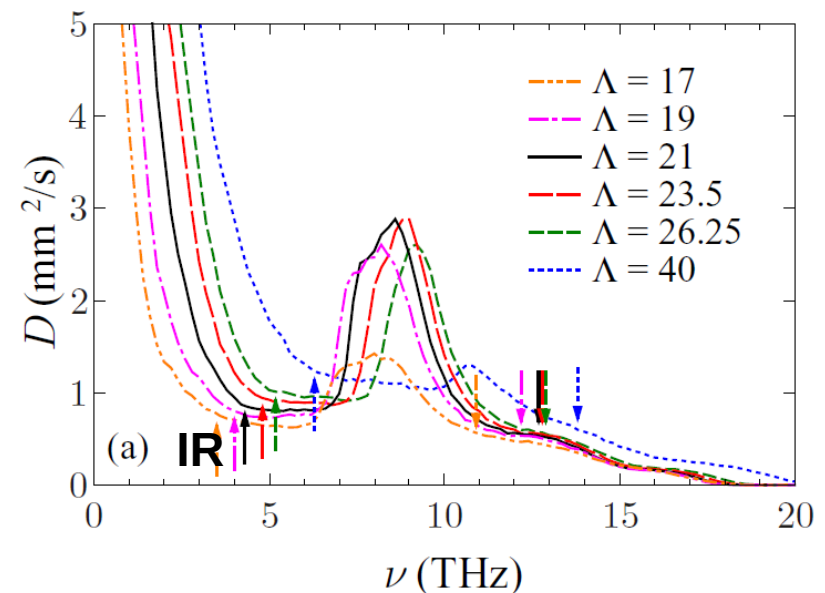
Attenuation for $\omega < \omega_{IR}$



$$\kappa^{prop}(T) = \frac{1}{3} \int_0^{\omega_{IR}} C(\omega, T) v_g^2(\omega) \Gamma^{-1}(\omega) g(\omega) d\omega$$

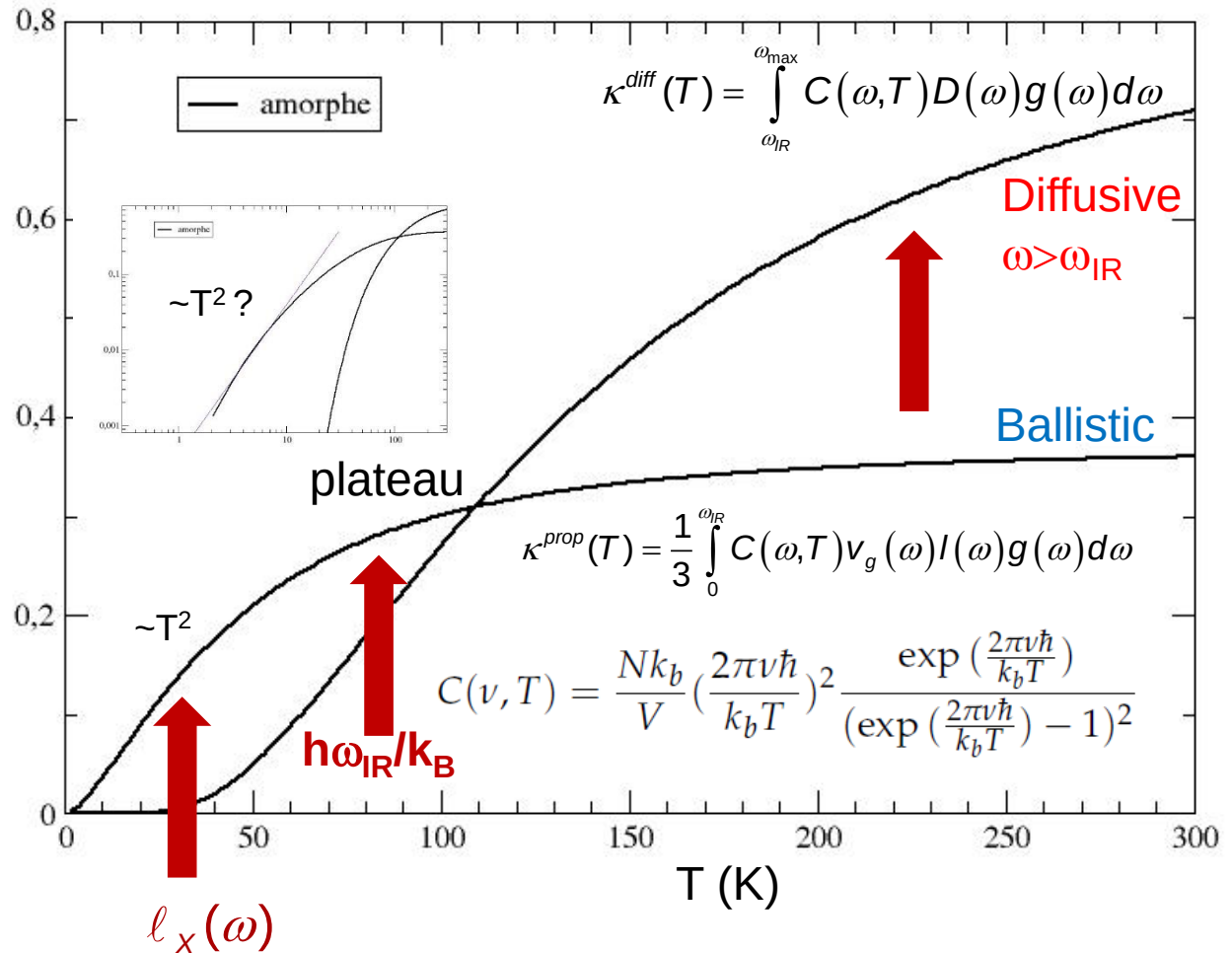
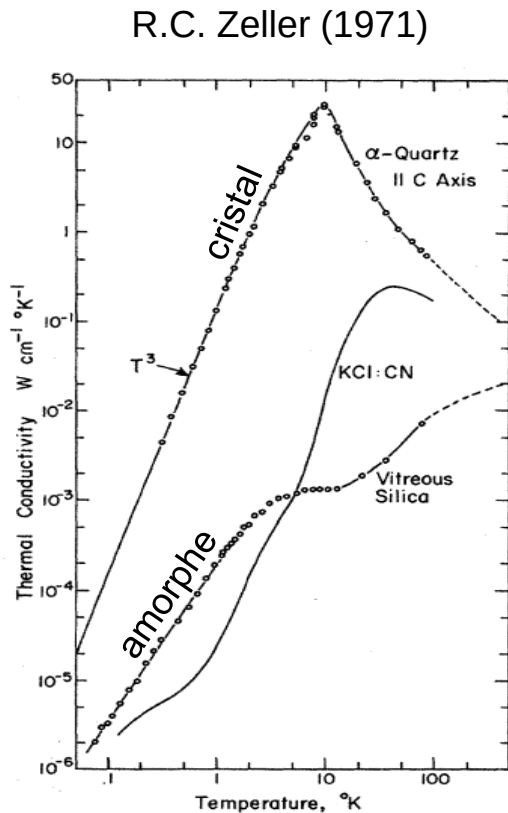
Diffusive Regime

Diffusivity for $\omega \geq \omega_{IR}$



$$\kappa^{diff}(T) = \int_{\omega_{IR}}^{\omega_{max}} C(\omega, T) D(\omega) g(\omega) d\omega$$

Thermal Conductivity in Glasses



Wave-Packets Attenuation in nano-composites a-Si/c-Si

The role of the nanostructuration

Pore

Sphere

SC

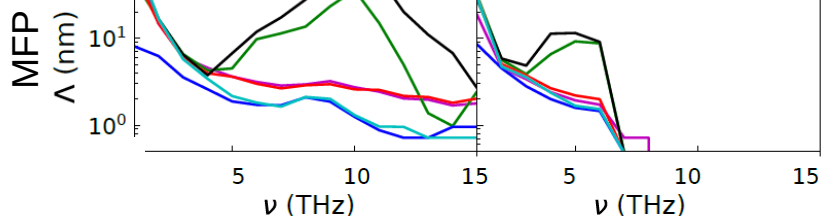
STC

NW-M



Longitudinal

Transverse

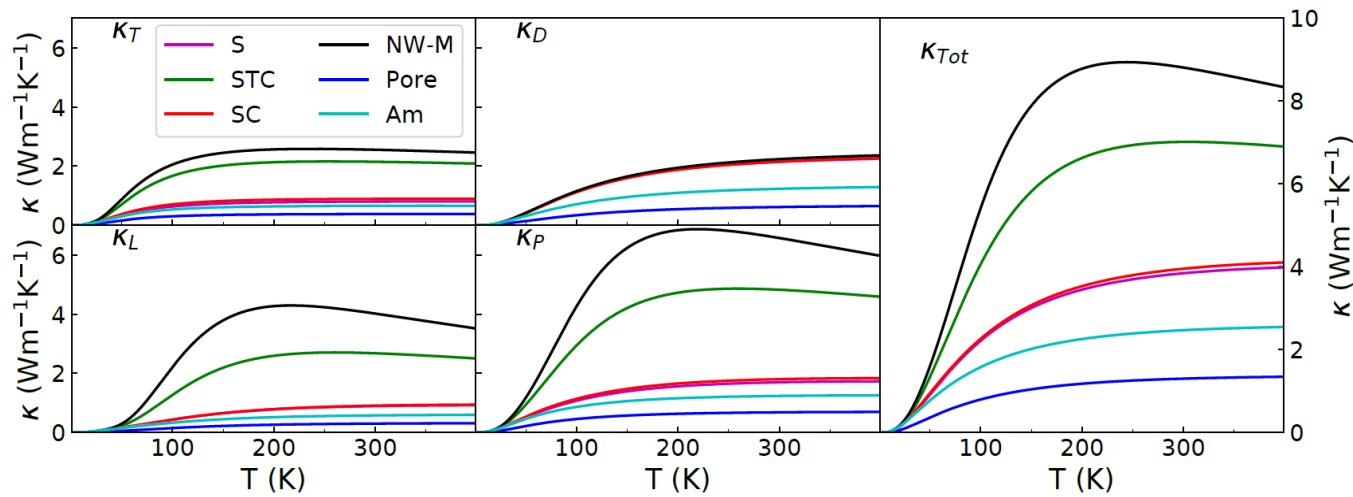
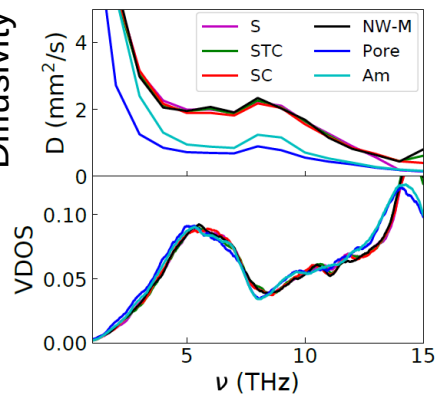


$$\tau^{-1} = \tau_{geom}^{-1} + \tau_{ph-ph}^{-1}$$

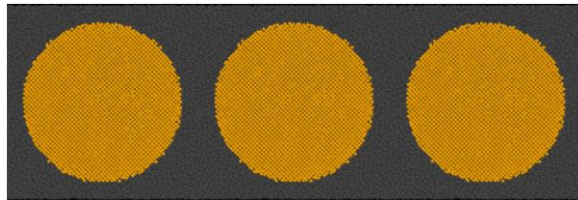
$$\tau_{ph-ph}^{-1} = P(2\pi\nu)^2 T \exp(-C_U/T)$$

P. Desmarchelier et al. (2021)

Diffusivity



Thermal Conductivity in a-Si / c-Si nanocomposite



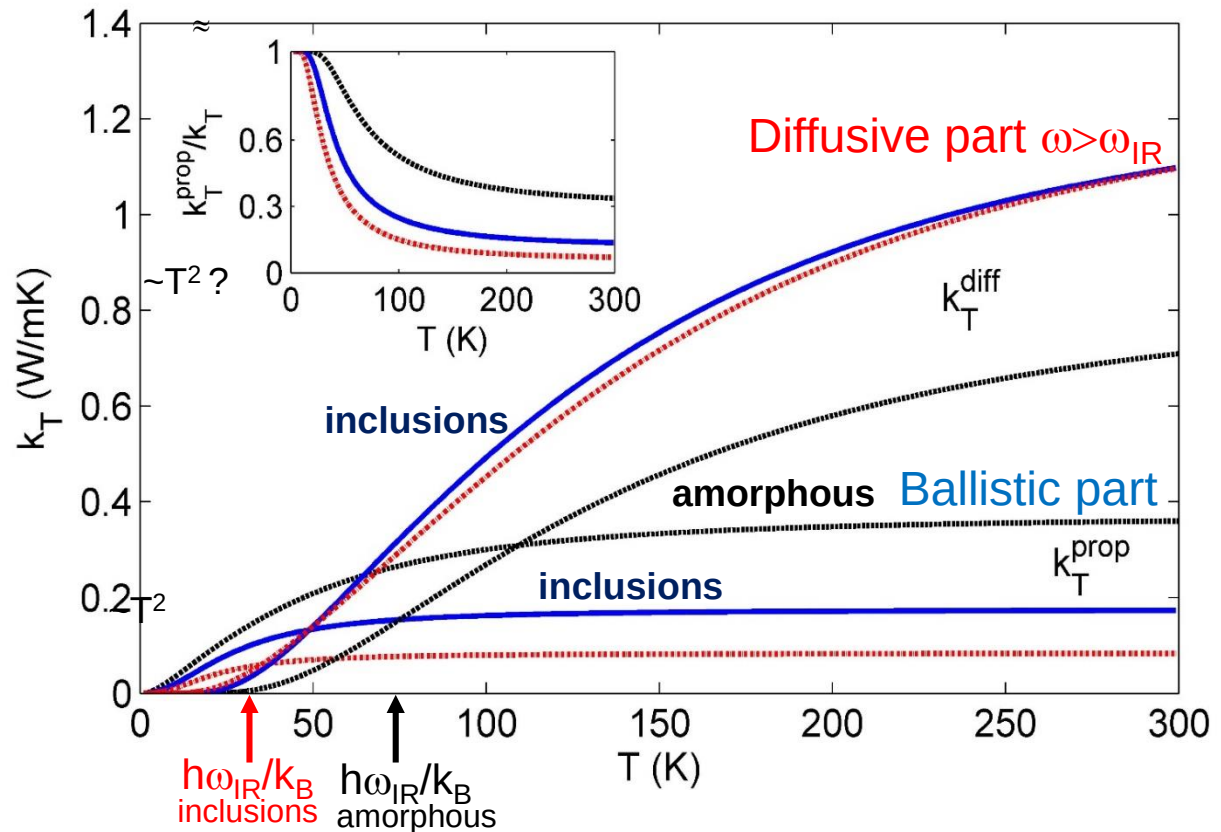
Rigidity contrast:

— $E_i / E_m \approx 1$

— $E_i / E_m \approx 4.6$

The transition frequency
to multiple scattering ω_{IR}

is smaller

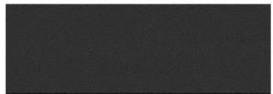


Enhancement of the diffusive contribution to Thermal conductivity in the nanocomposite

Thermal Conductivity in a-Si / c-Si nanocomposite

Role of the interconnections between the inclusions

Amorphous



Pore



Sphere



SC



STC



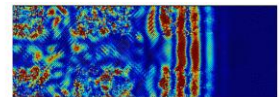
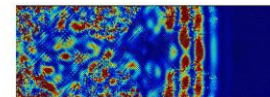
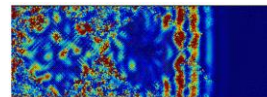
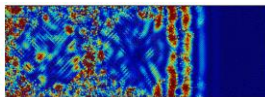
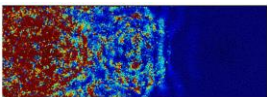
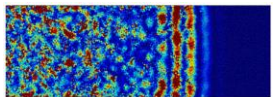
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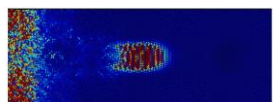
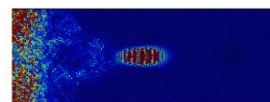
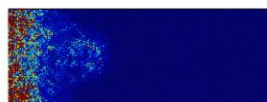
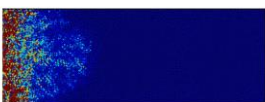
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5 nm

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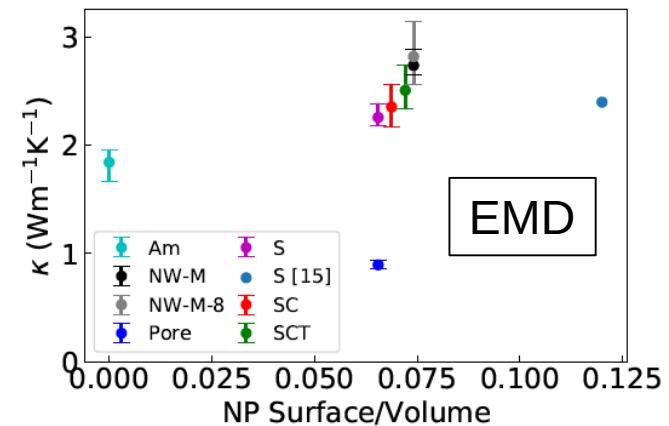
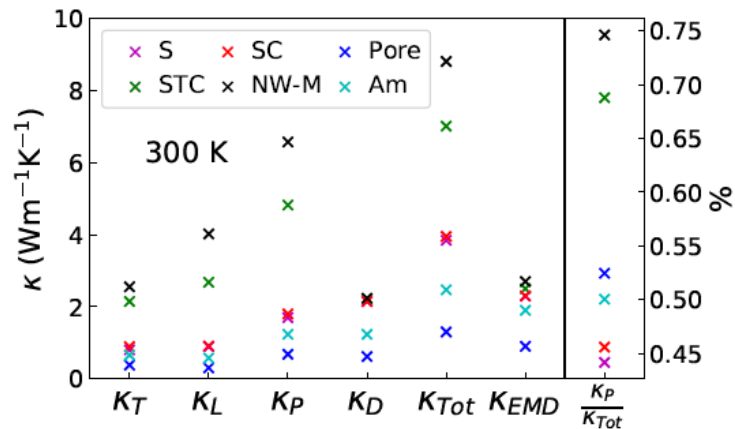
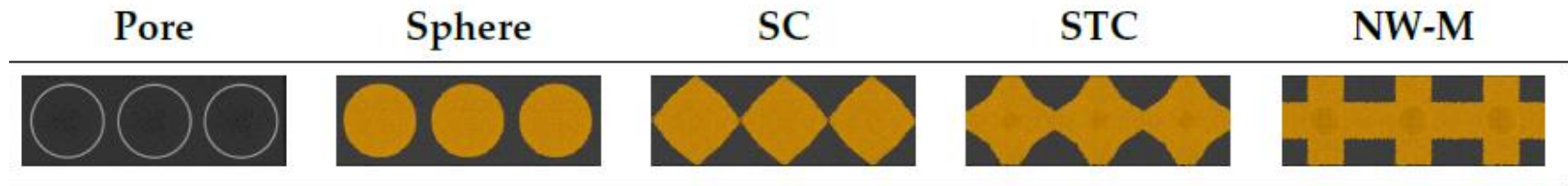
2 THz



10 THz



Thermal Conductivity in a-Si / c-Si nanocomposite





Conclusion Thermal Conductivity in Amorphous Materials

Departure of Vibrations from Plane Waves → Contribution of Propagons and Diffusons

Nanostructuration of matter (for ex. plasticity) → Affects the Thermal conductivity

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