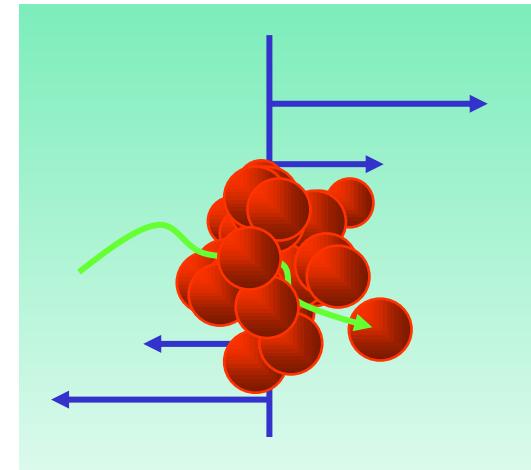


# Dispersion Rheology

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# Outline

Dispersions of non-interacting hard spheres

- Volume fraction dependence
- Brownian particles and Péclet number
- Shear induced diffusion

Soft particle dispersions

Weakly aggregating dispersions

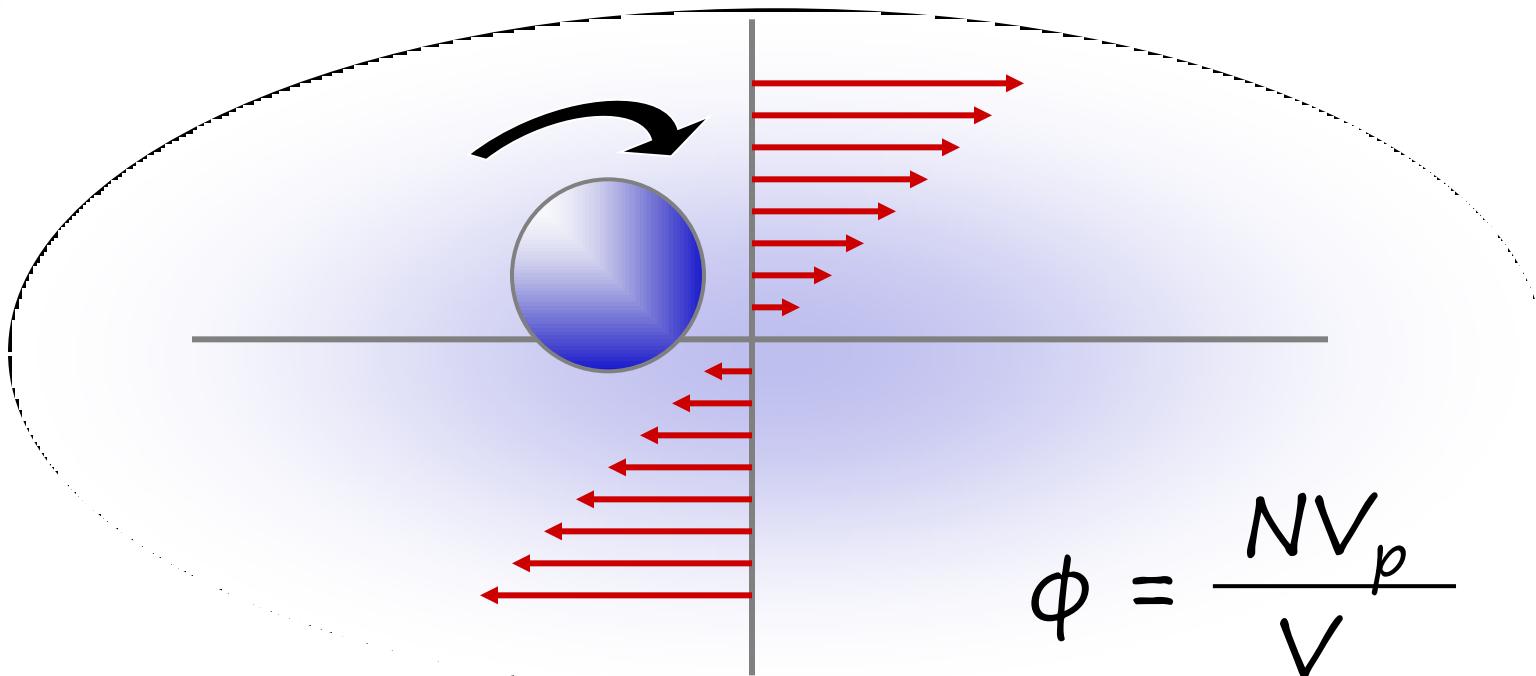
microstructure in relation to

- flowcurve
- linear viscoelasticity

Dispersions out of thermodynamic equilibrium

## Sphere in liquid

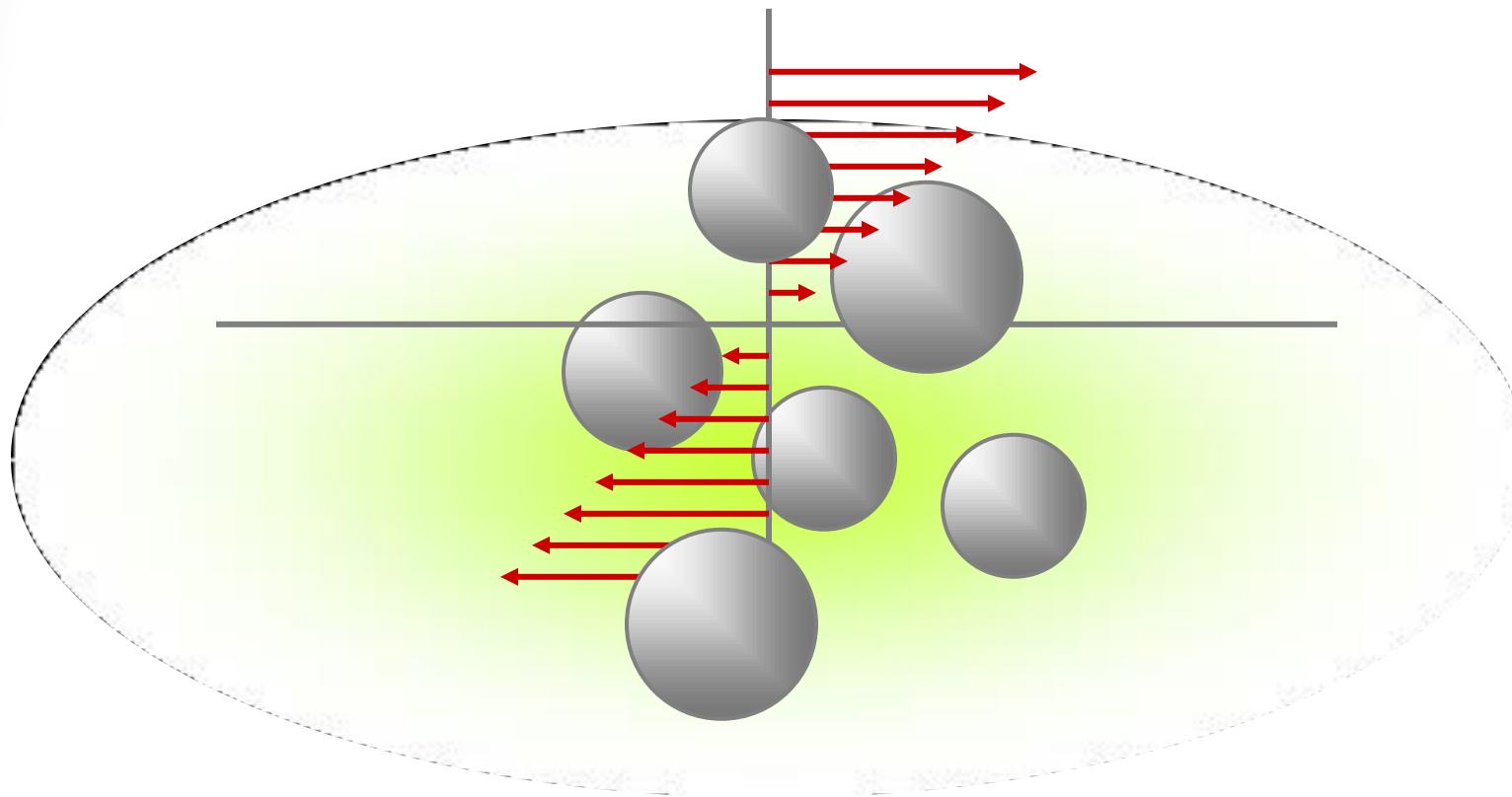
- goes with the flow
- has to rotate, additional friction



$$\phi = \frac{NV_p}{V}$$

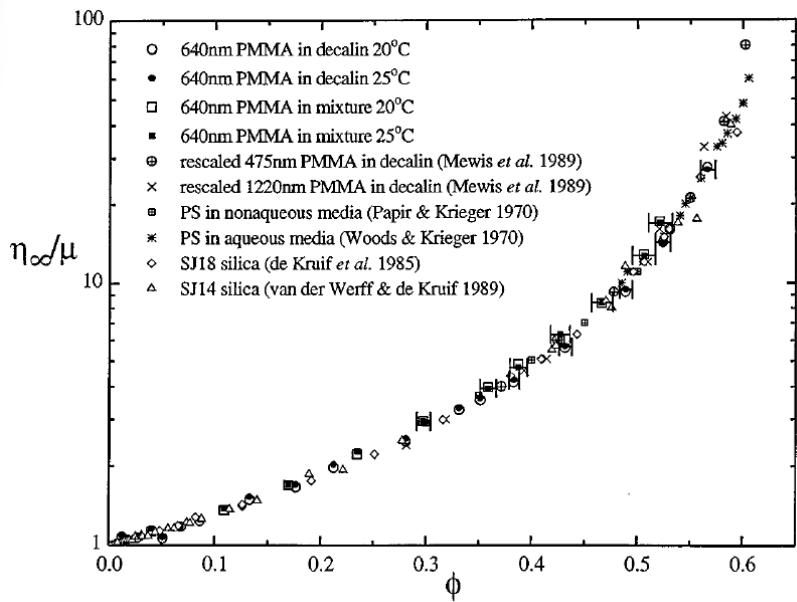
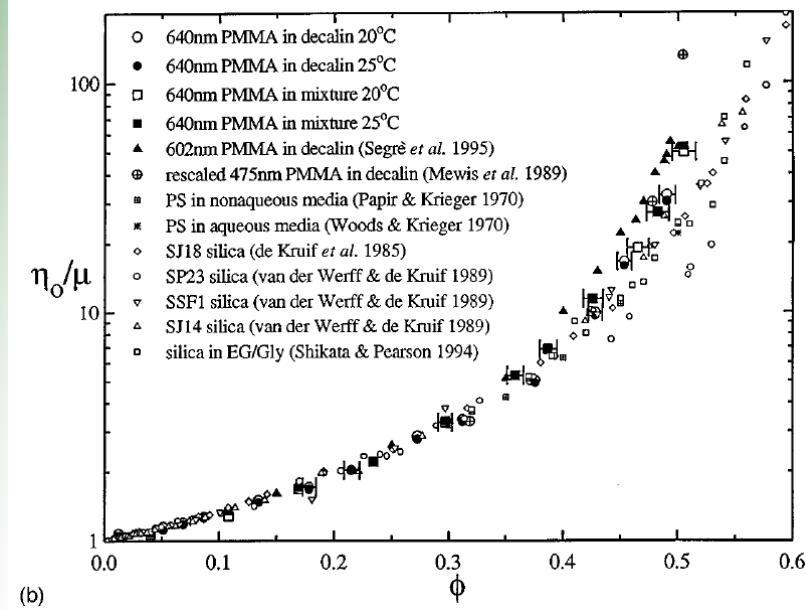
Einstein calculated:

$$\eta = \eta_0 (1 + 2.5\phi)$$



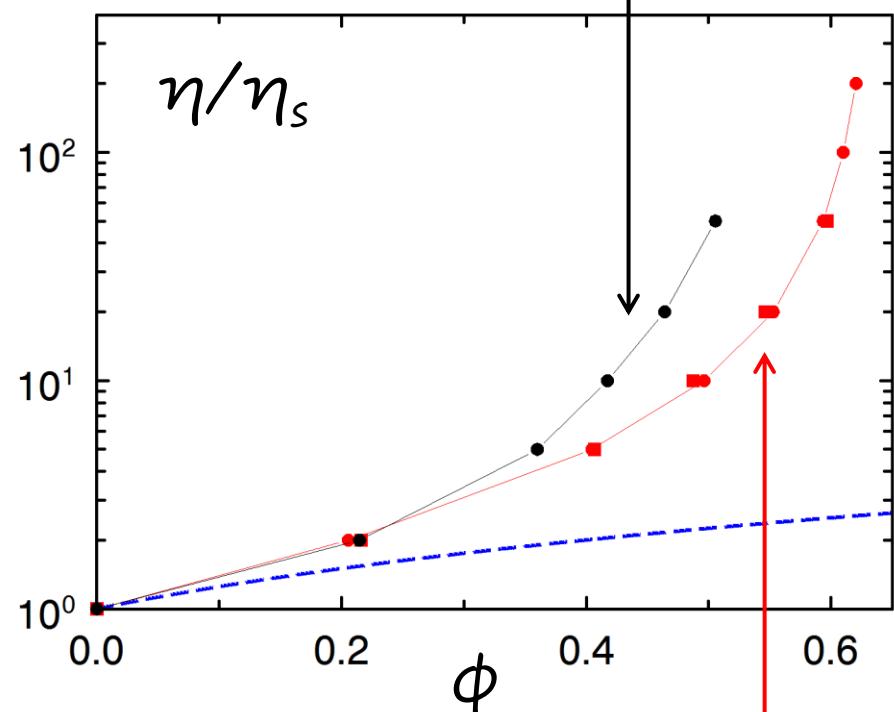
At higher concentrations

- particles collide with each other
- excluded volume effects



(a) Phan and Russel; 1996

low shear



high shear

$$\eta(\phi)/\eta_s$$

## Einstein's result

$$\eta = \eta_s(1 + [\eta]\phi), \quad \phi \ll 1$$

$$[\eta] = 2.5, \phi = NV_p/V$$

In terms of number of added particles,  $\Delta N$ :

$$\eta(\Delta N) = \eta_s \left( 1 + [\eta] \frac{V_p}{V_{\text{free}}} \Delta N \right)$$

$V_{\text{free}}$ : volume available to the added particles

Mean field approach: starting with  $N$  particles, call that your "solvent" and add again  $\Delta N$  particles:

$$\eta(N + \Delta N) = \eta(N) \left( 1 + [\eta] \frac{V_p}{V - \alpha N V_p} \Delta N \right)$$

$\alpha$  slightly larger than 1 due to interstitial solvent.

$$\eta(N + \Delta N) = \eta(N) \left( 1 + [\eta] \frac{V_p}{V - \alpha N V_p} \Delta N \right)$$

rewriting this equation

$$\frac{\eta(N + \Delta N) - \eta(N)}{\eta(N)} = [\eta] \frac{V_p}{V - \alpha N V_p} \Delta N = [\eta] \frac{\Delta N V_p / V}{1 - \alpha N V_p / V}$$

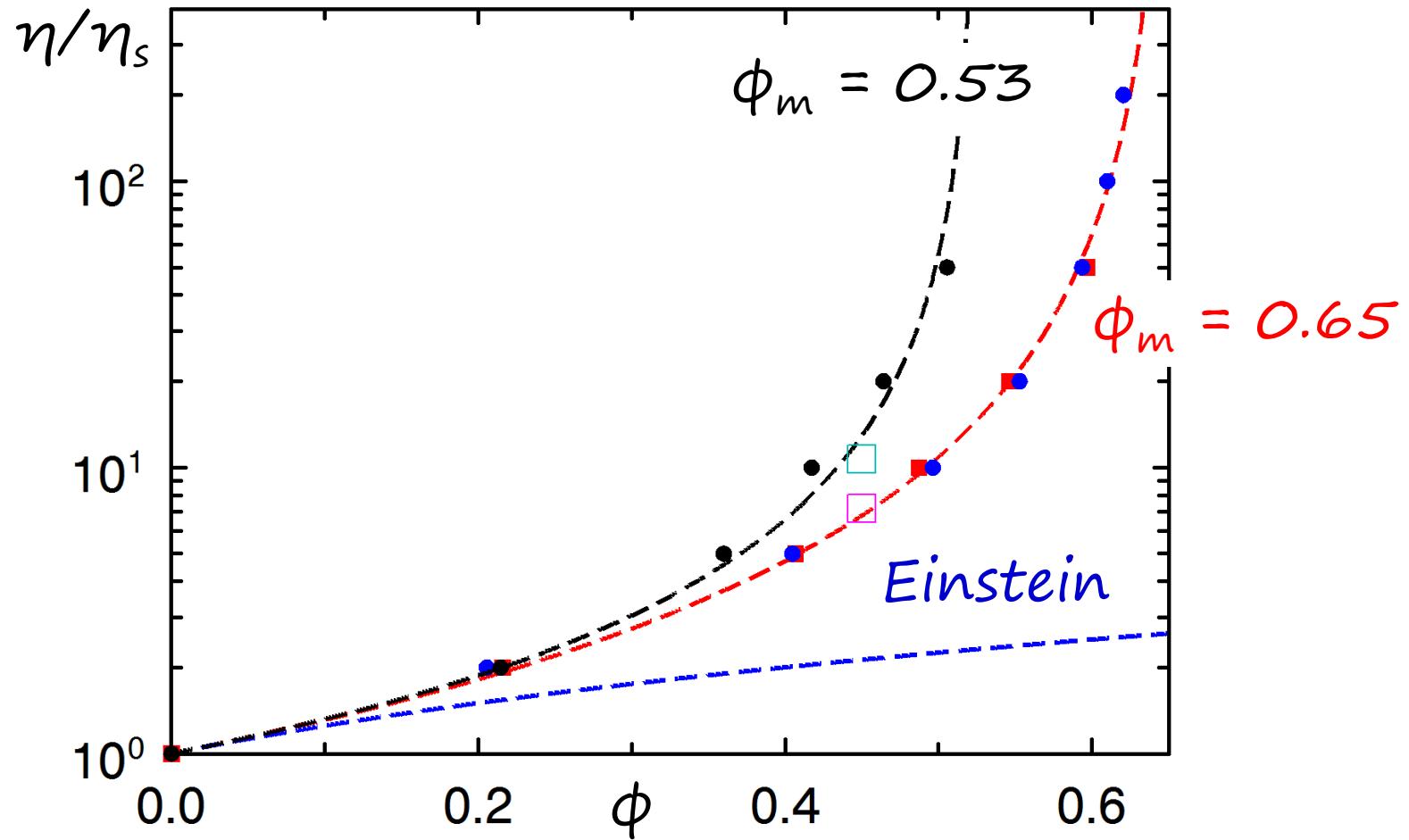
or

$$\frac{d\eta}{\eta} = [\eta] \frac{d\phi}{1 - \alpha\phi}$$

$$\alpha = 1/\phi_m$$

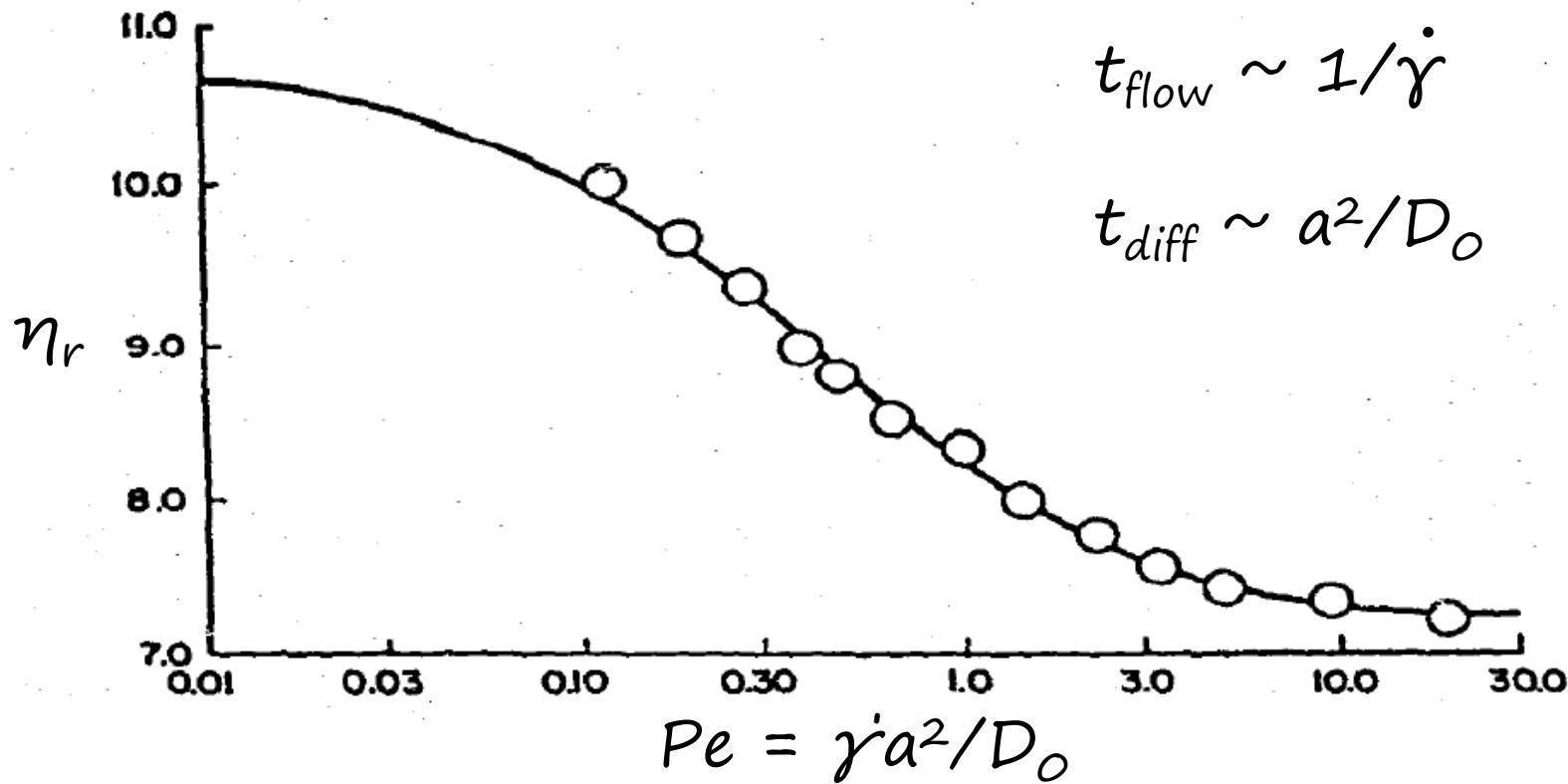
Krieger Dougerhty equation:

$$\eta = \eta_s (1 - \phi/\phi_m)^{-[\eta]\phi_m}$$



**colloidal particles**

competition between diffusion  
and convection



polystyrene particles

$a = 400 \text{ nm}$

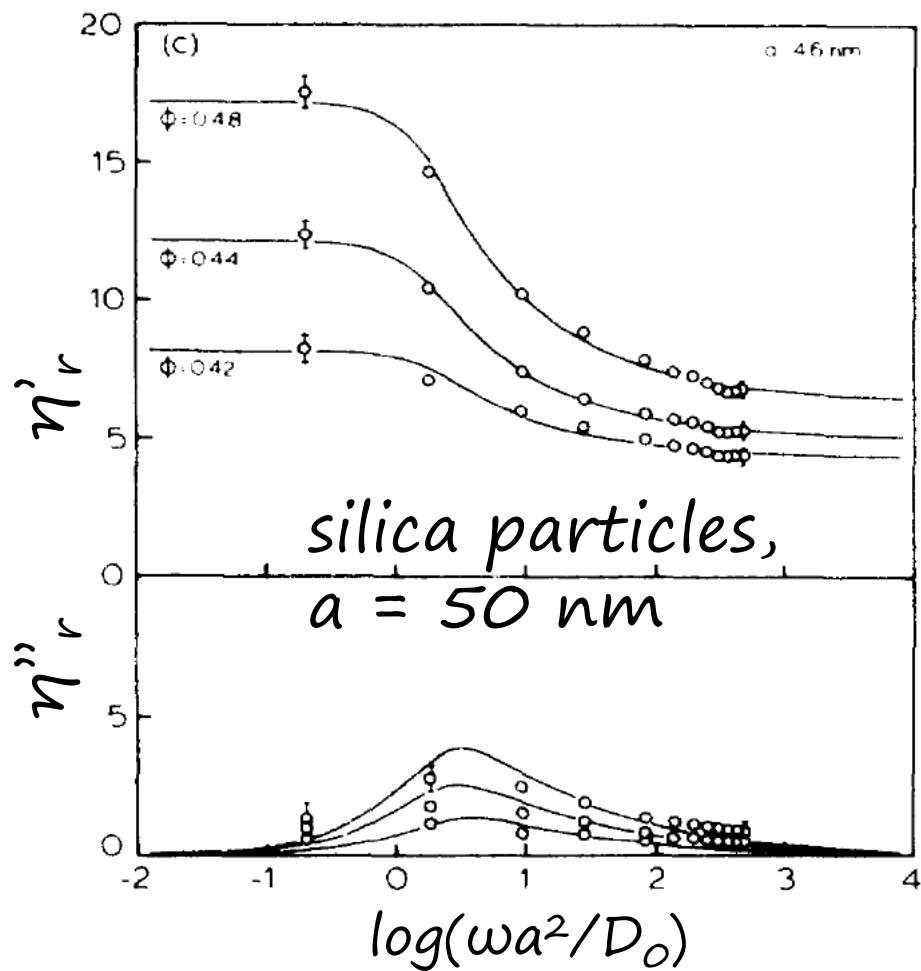
Viscoelastic effects:

HS dispersions show visco-elasticity.

What is the origine of the elasticity?

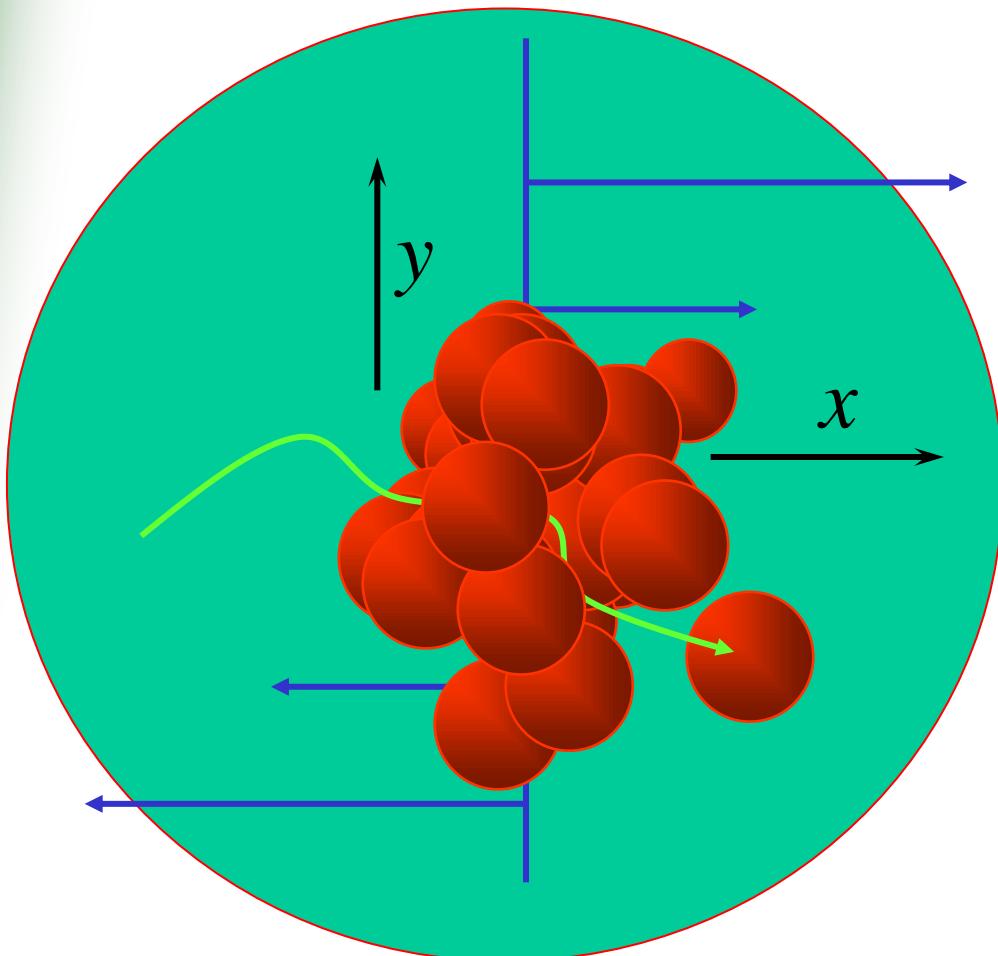
Entropy and distortion of the pair distribution function  $g(r)$

$$\underline{T}^{[\text{str}]} = n \int p(\underline{r}) [\underline{r} \underline{F}] d^3 r$$



# Non colloidal particles

shear-induced self-diffusion in  
simple shear flow

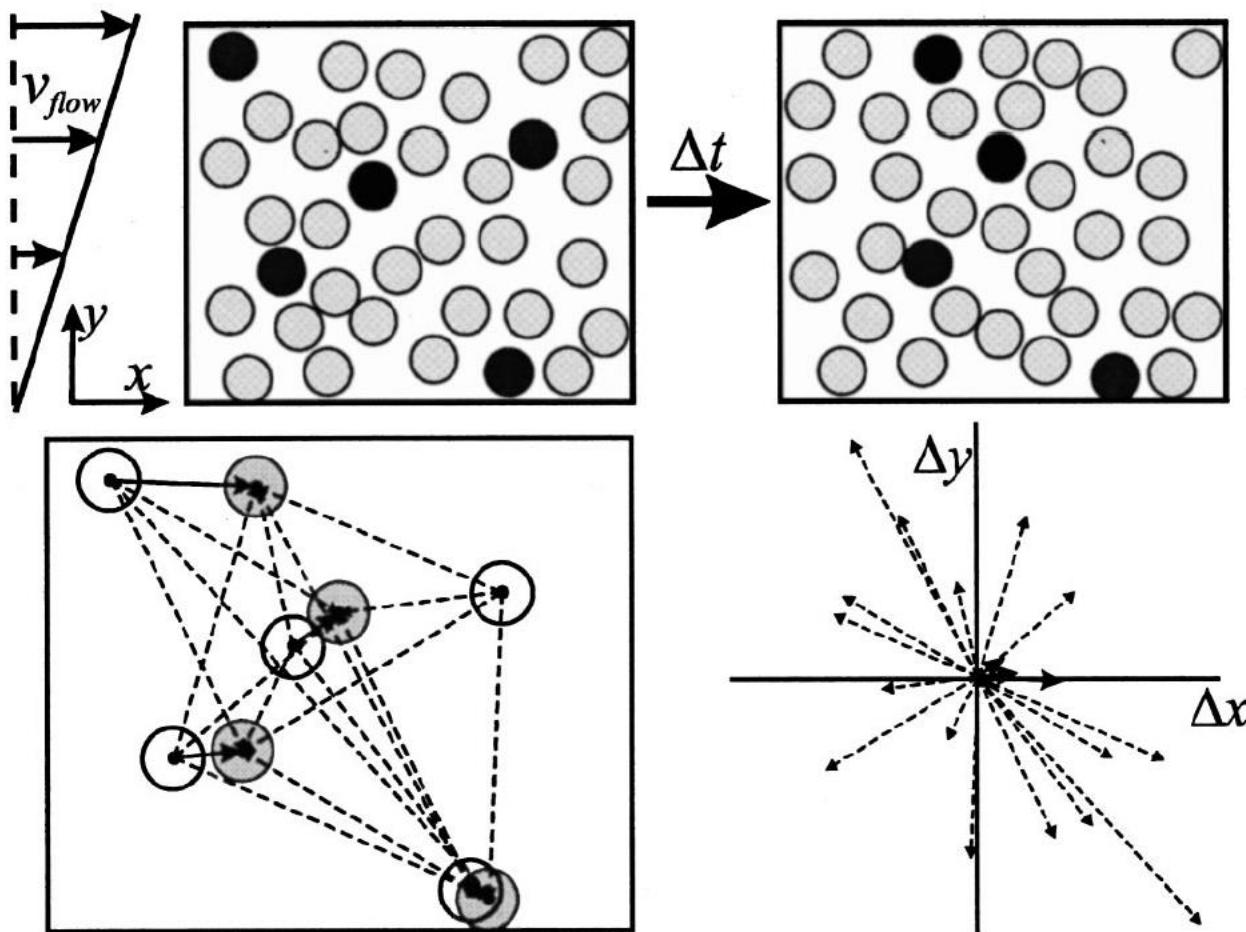


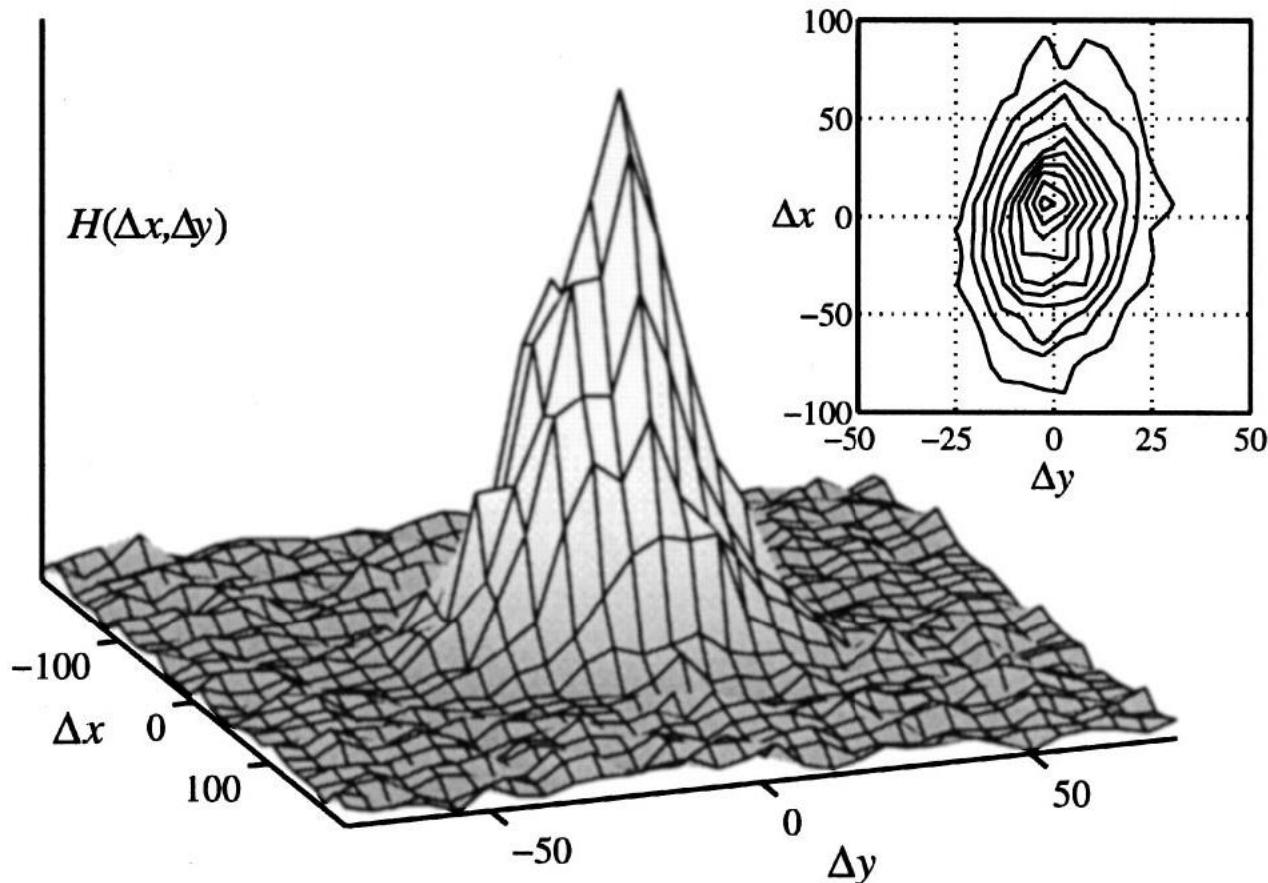
$$D_{\alpha\beta} = a^2 \dot{\gamma} D_{\alpha\beta}(\phi)$$

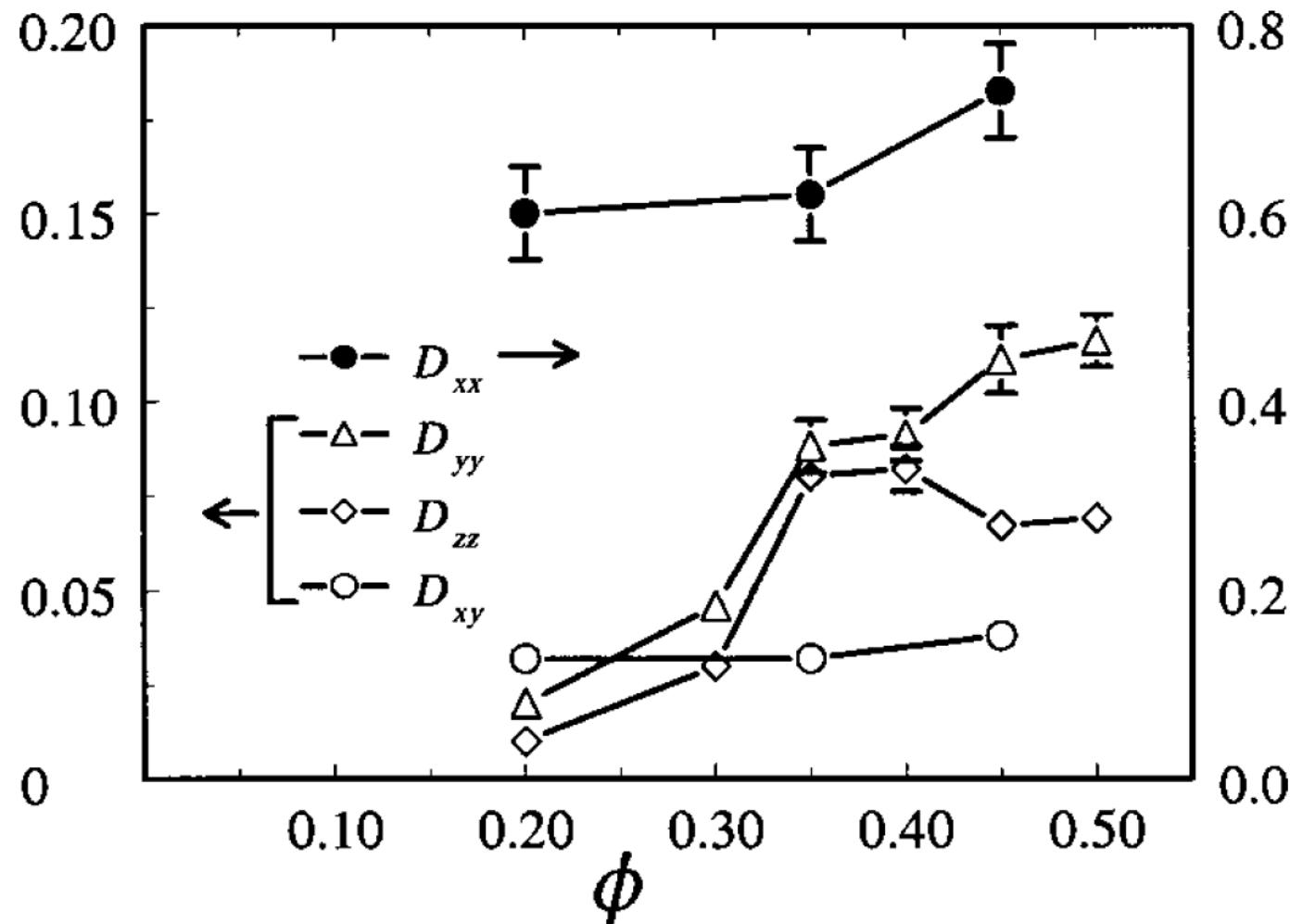
- $a$  particle radius
- $\dot{\gamma}$  rate of shear
- $\phi$  volume fraction

Tensor character:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{ccc} D_{xx} & D_{xy} & 0 \\ D_{yx} & D_{yy} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & D_{zz} \end{array} \right\}$$

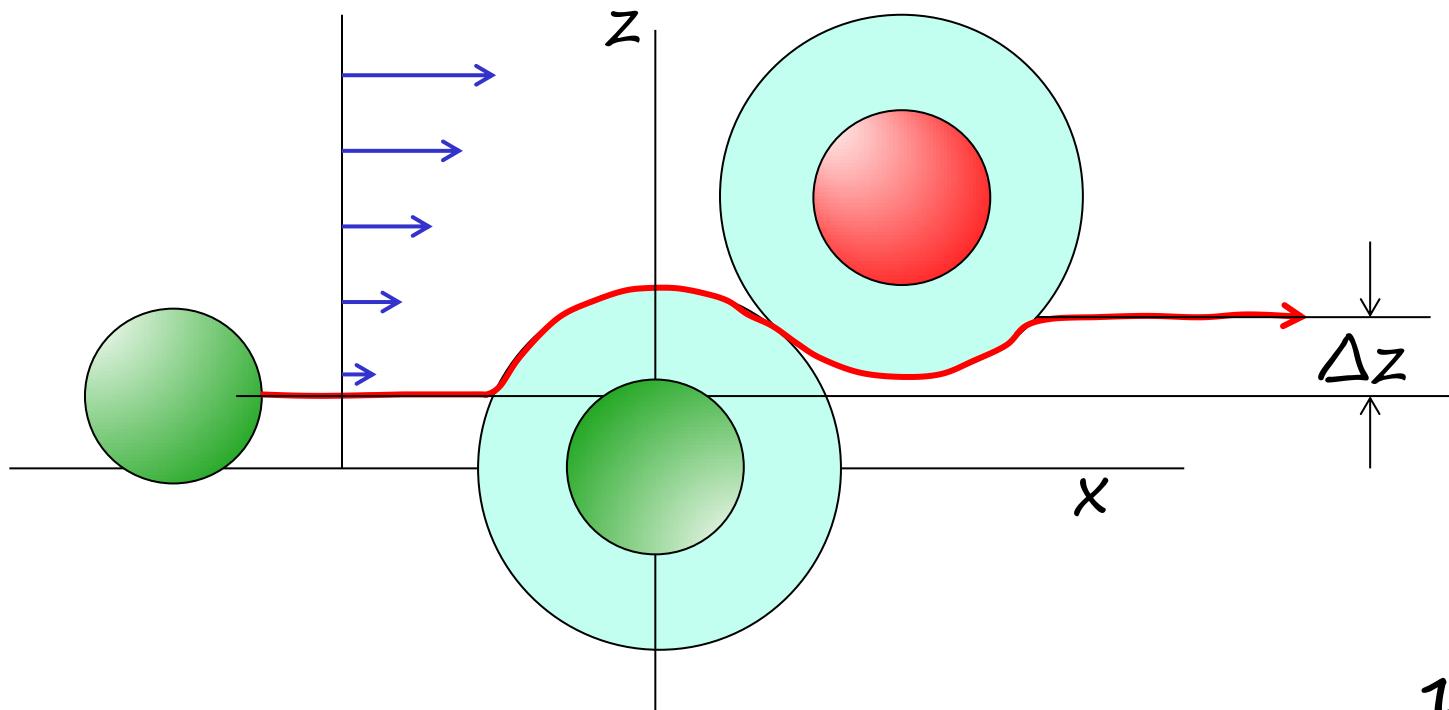


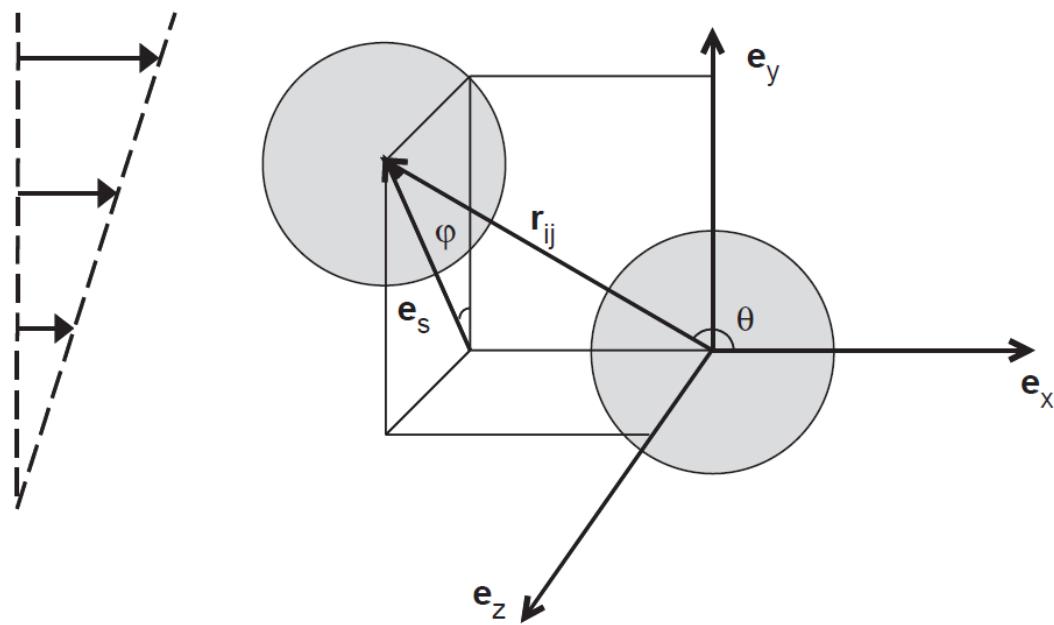




## Simple model

- Particles follow flow lines if not prohibited by excluded volume
- While colliding they role over each other
- Collisions are not completed due to interaction with a third particle

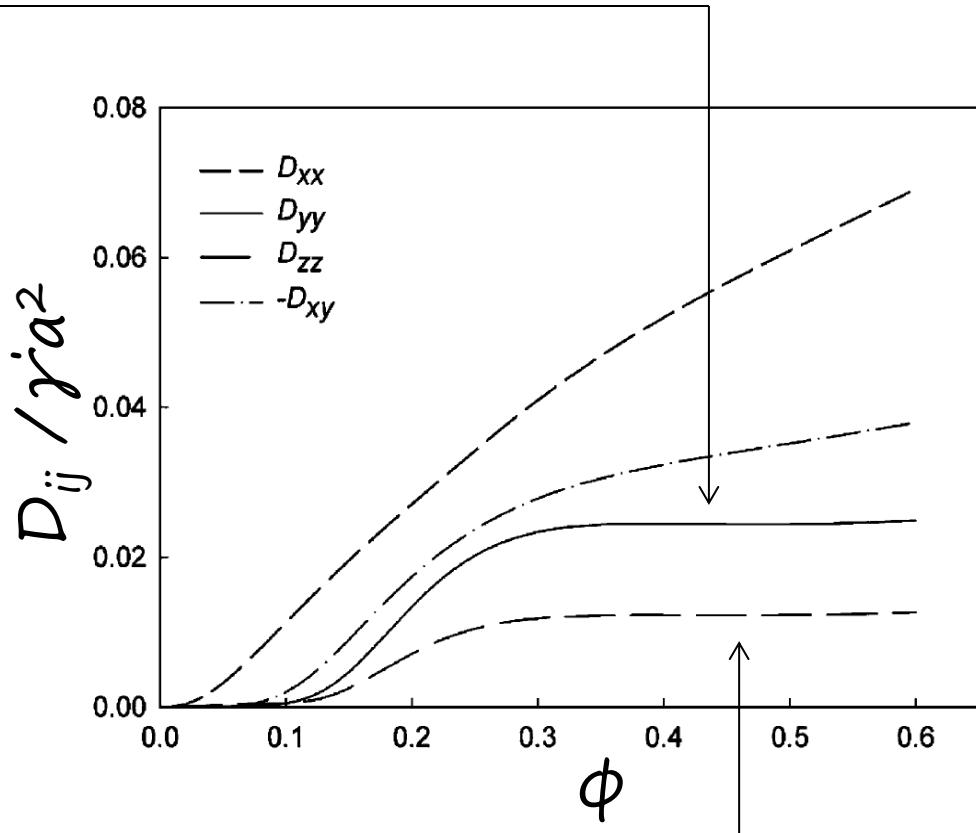
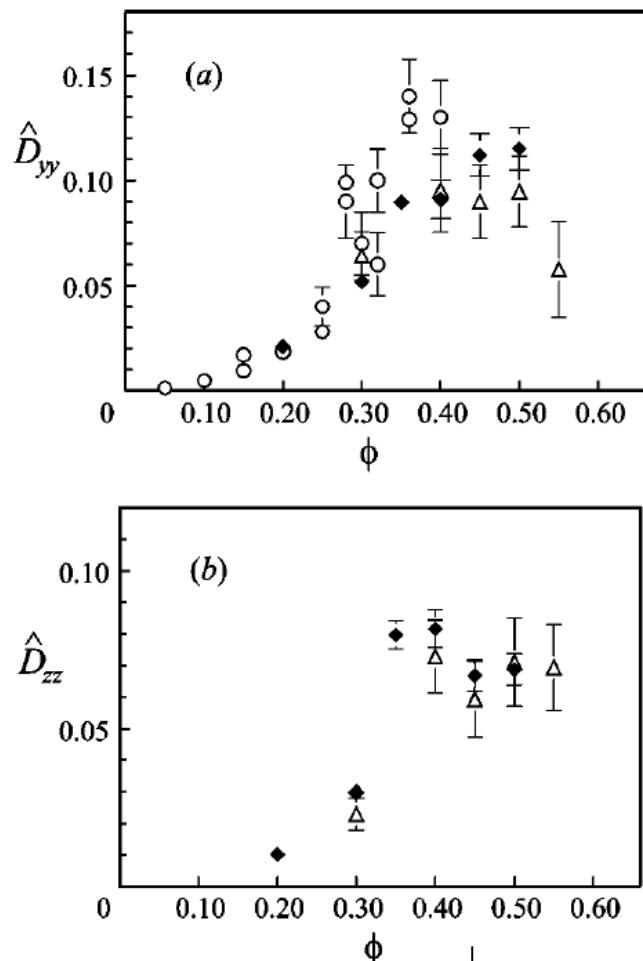




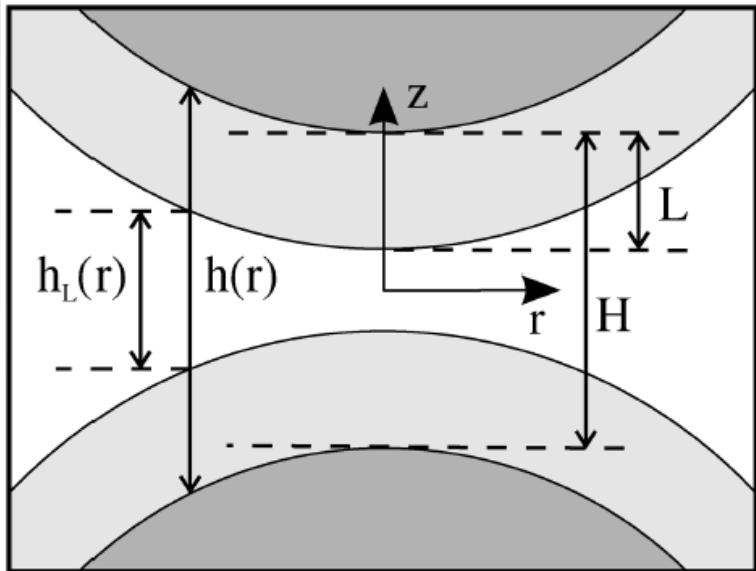
Taking an average collision time  $t_c(\phi)$ , we calculate the displacement vector  $\underline{s}(\theta, \phi)$  per collision.

Diffusion tensor:

$$\underline{D} = \frac{\langle \underline{s} \underline{s} \rangle}{2t_c} = \frac{4\phi\dot{\gamma}}{\pi} \langle \underline{s} \underline{s} \rangle$$



# Soft particle rheology



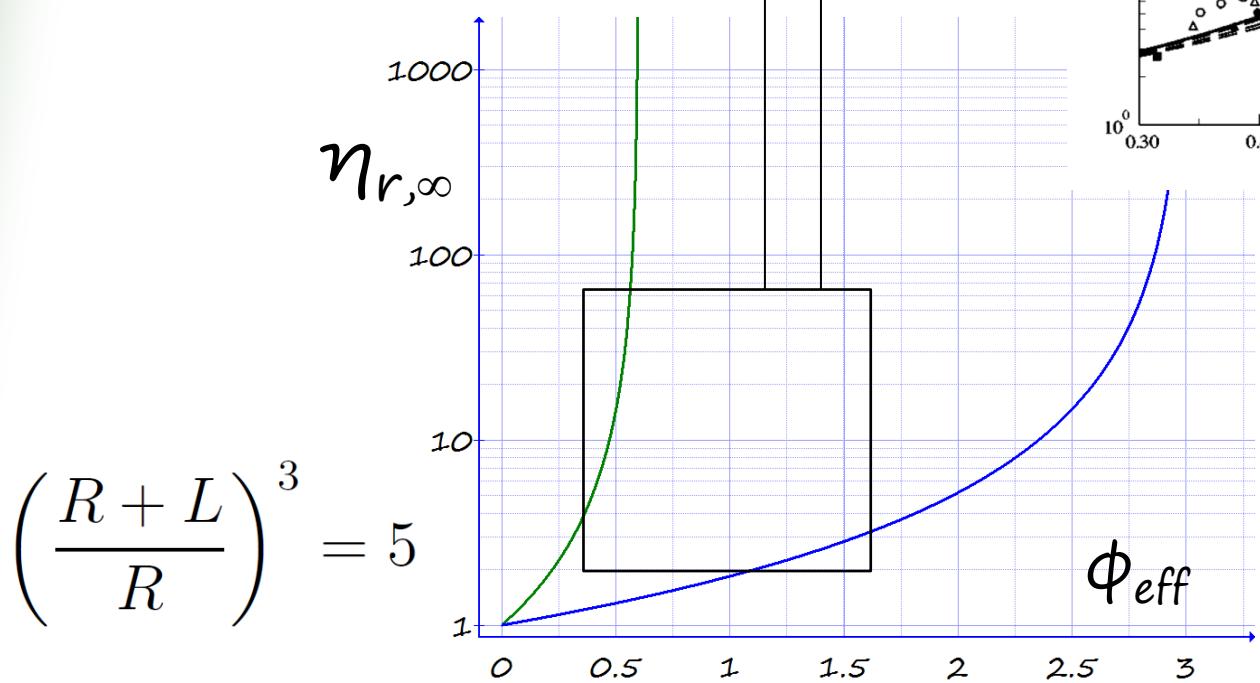
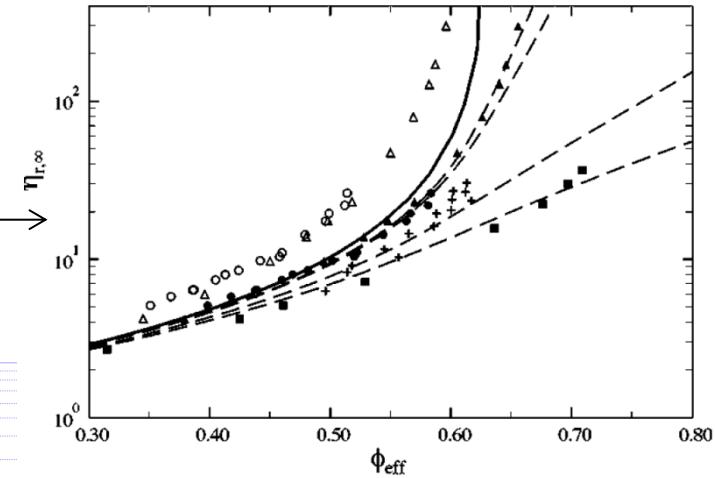
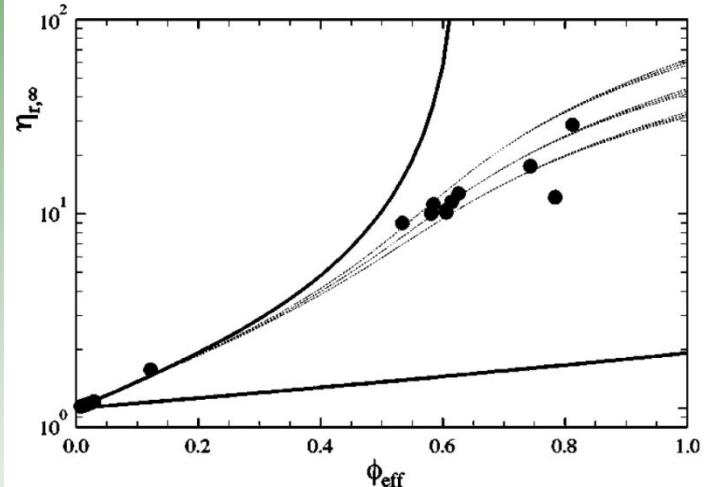
$$\phi_{\text{eff}} = \left( \frac{R_c + L}{R_c} \right)^3 \phi_{\text{core}}$$

$$\eta_{r,\infty} = 1 + \frac{5}{2} \phi_{\text{eff}} + \frac{\mu_{\text{lub}}}{\mu}$$

$$\frac{\mu_{\text{lub}}}{\mu} = 9 \frac{2R_c}{2R_c + H_{\text{av}}} \bar{F}(H_{\text{av}})$$

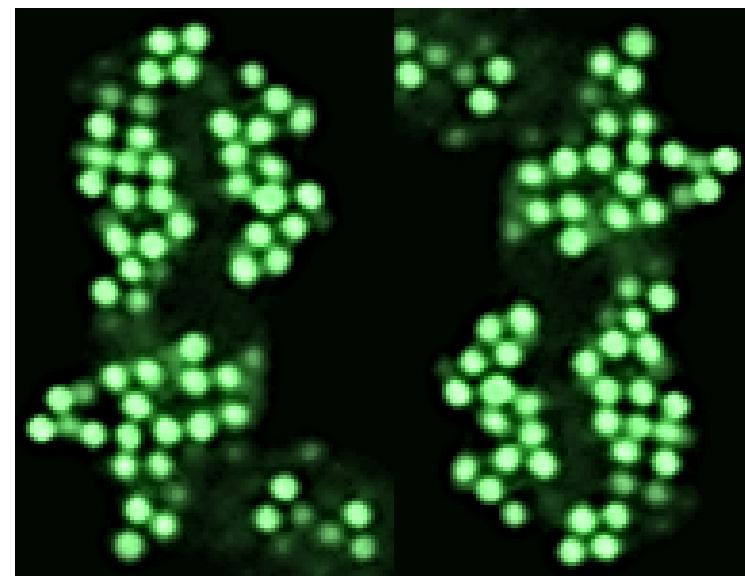
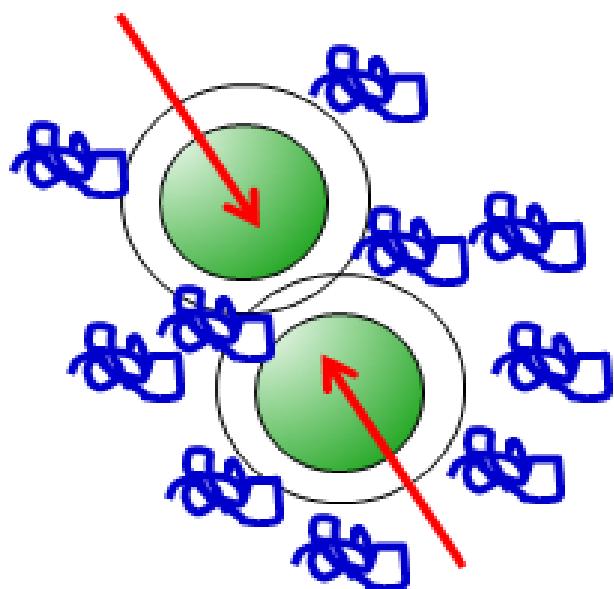
$$H_{\text{av}} = 2R_c \left[ \left( \frac{\phi_{\text{max}}^{\text{core}}}{\phi_{\text{core}}} \right)^{1/3} - 1 \right]$$

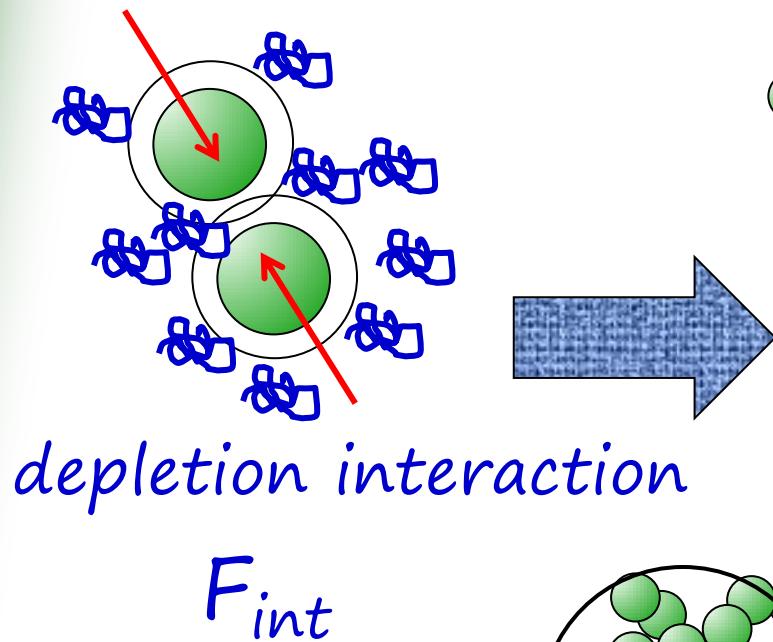
$$\left( \frac{R + L}{R} \right)^3 = 5$$



D'Haene,  
thesis Leuven; 1992

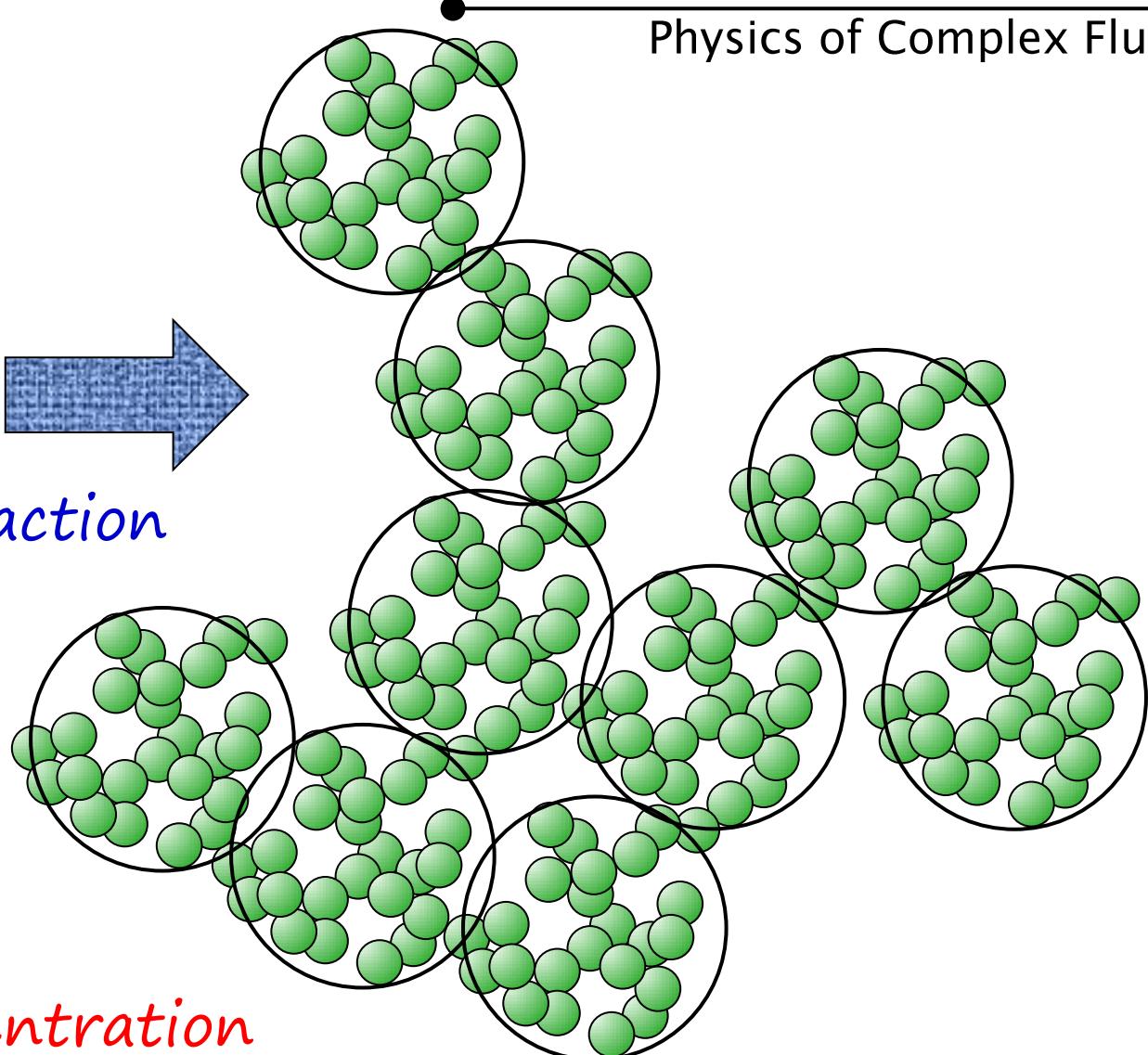
# Weakly aggregating colloidal dispersions





depletion interaction

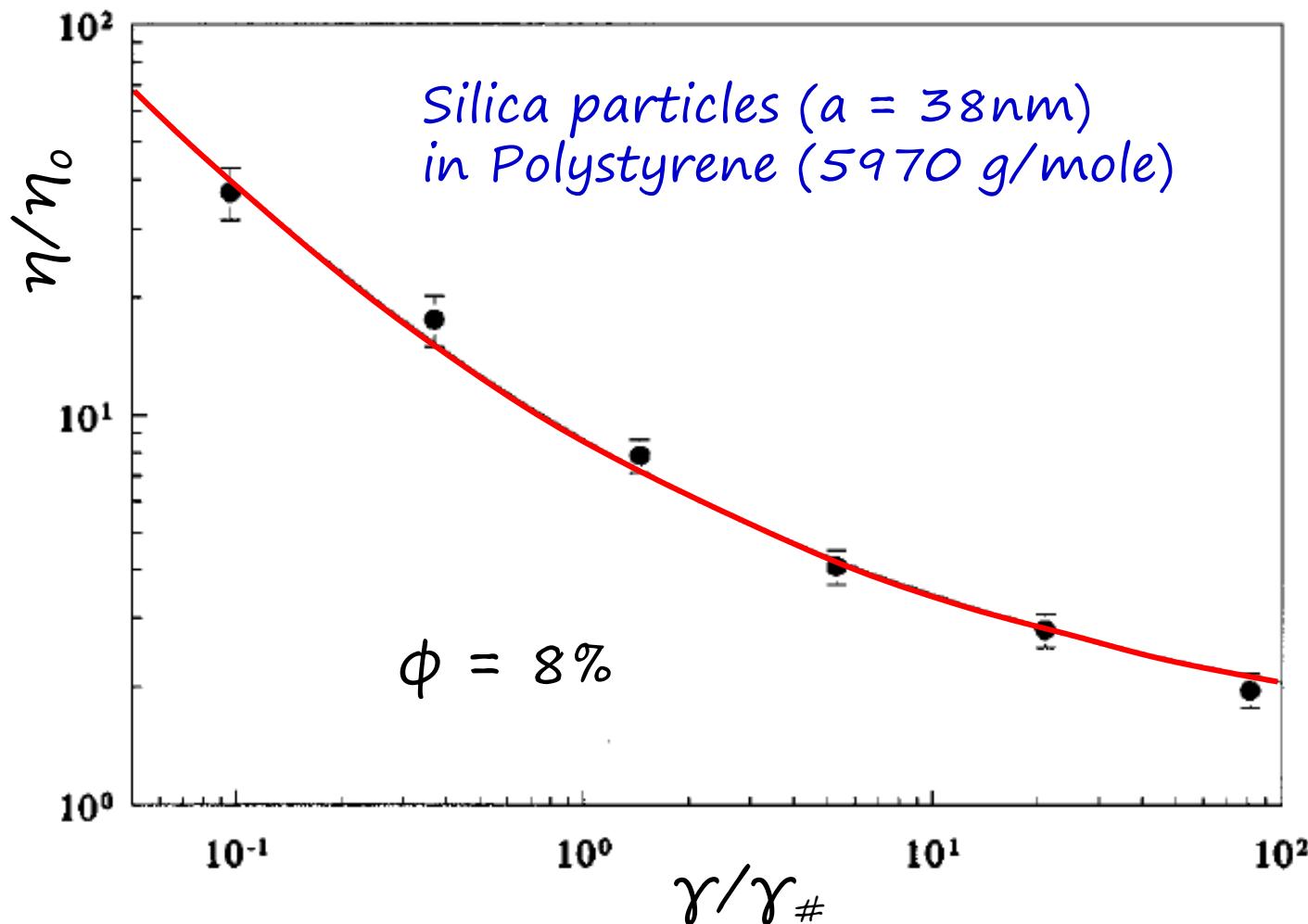
$F_{\text{int}}$

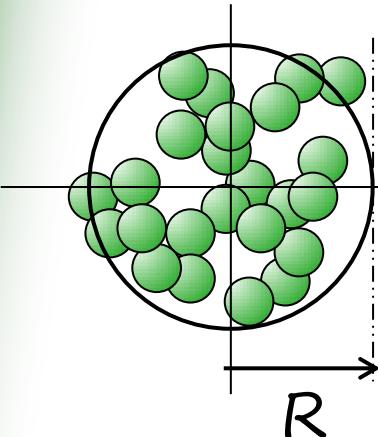


Parameters:

- particle concentration
- polymer concentration and size
- structure of the aggregates

# Flow curve





$$N(R) = N_0 \left( \frac{R}{a} \right)^{d_f}$$

fractal aggregate

volume fraction  
of aggregates:

$$\phi_a = \frac{\phi_p}{N_0} \left( \frac{R}{a} \right)^{3-d_f}$$

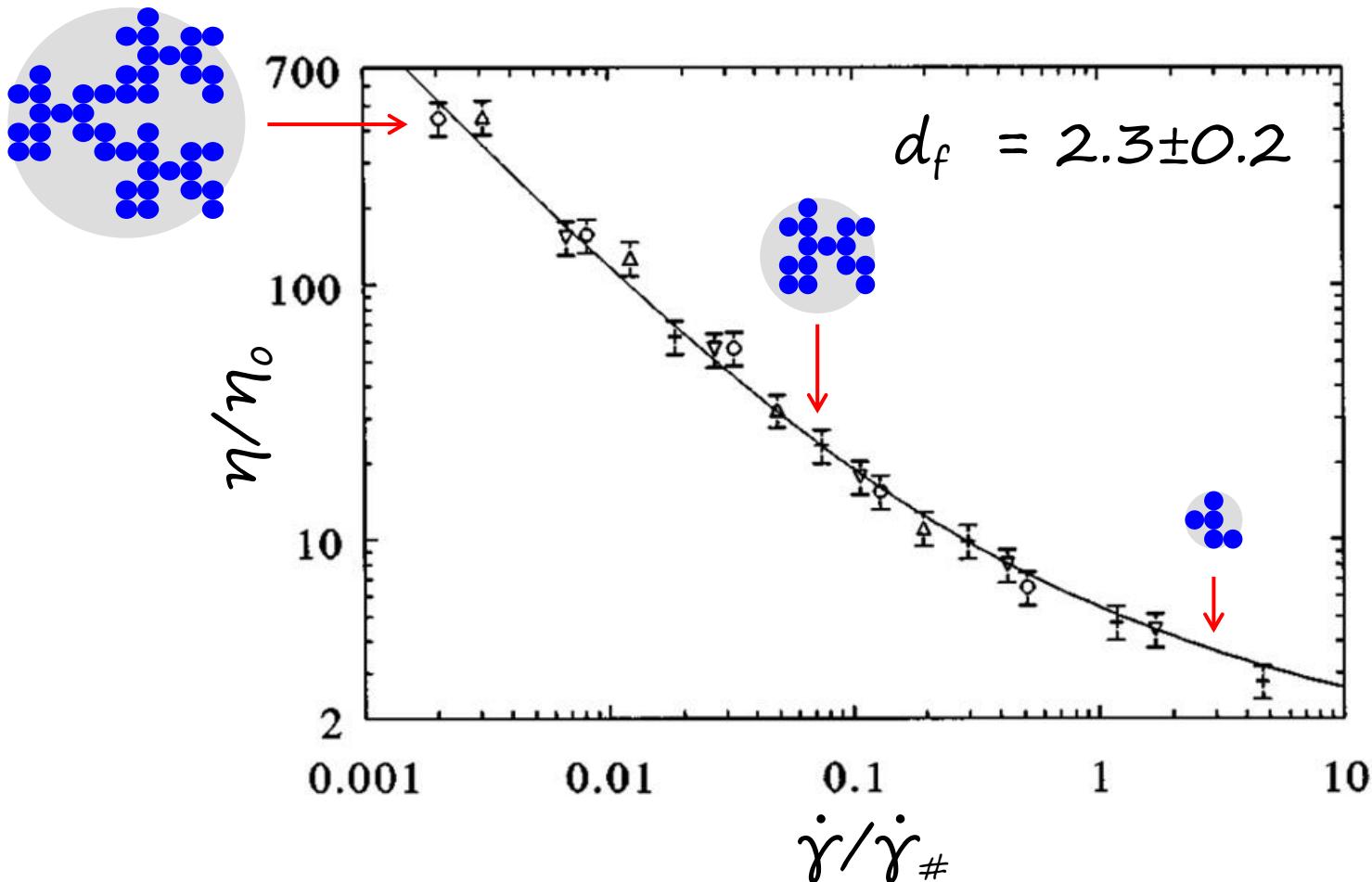
$$F_{\text{int}} \geq F_{\text{hyd}} : \quad F_{\text{int}} = F_{\text{hyd}} = \frac{5}{2} \pi R^2 \eta \dot{\gamma}$$

viscosity curve:

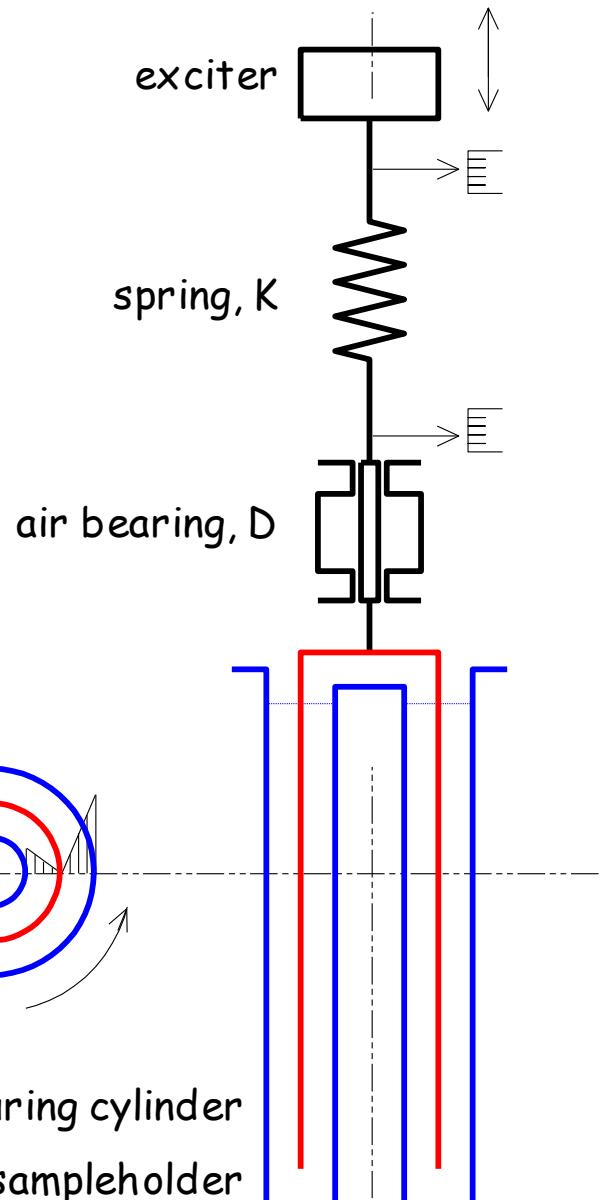
$$\eta = \eta_0 \left( 1 + \frac{\phi_p}{\phi_m} \left( \frac{\tau_{\text{int}}}{\eta \dot{\gamma}} \right)^{(3-d_f)/2} \right)^{-2.5\phi_m}$$

$$\tau_{\text{int}} = \frac{2F_{\text{int}}}{5\pi a^2}$$

mean field  
approximation

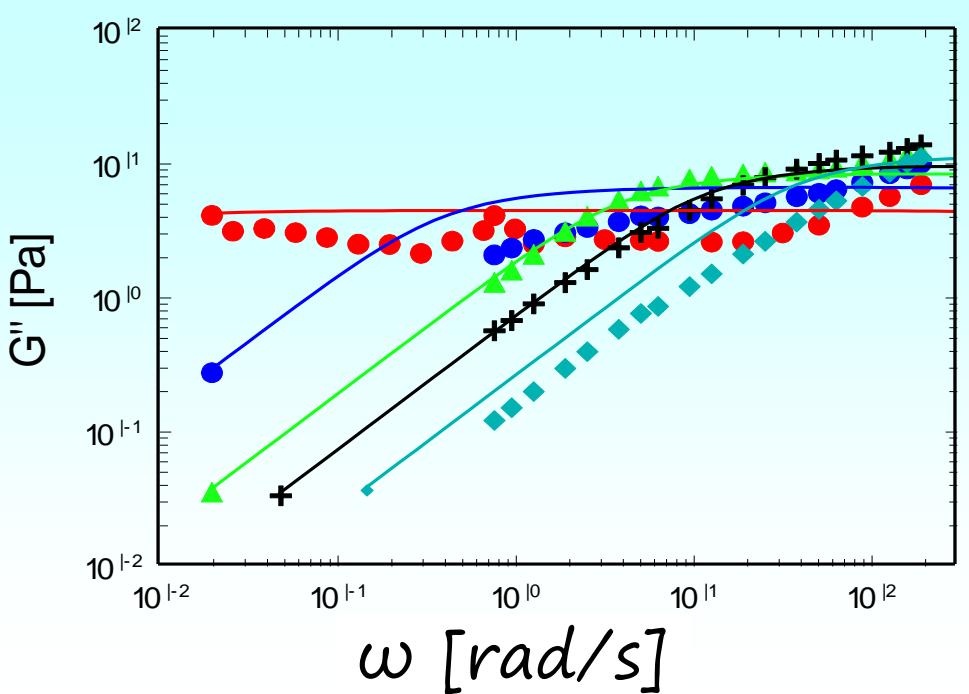
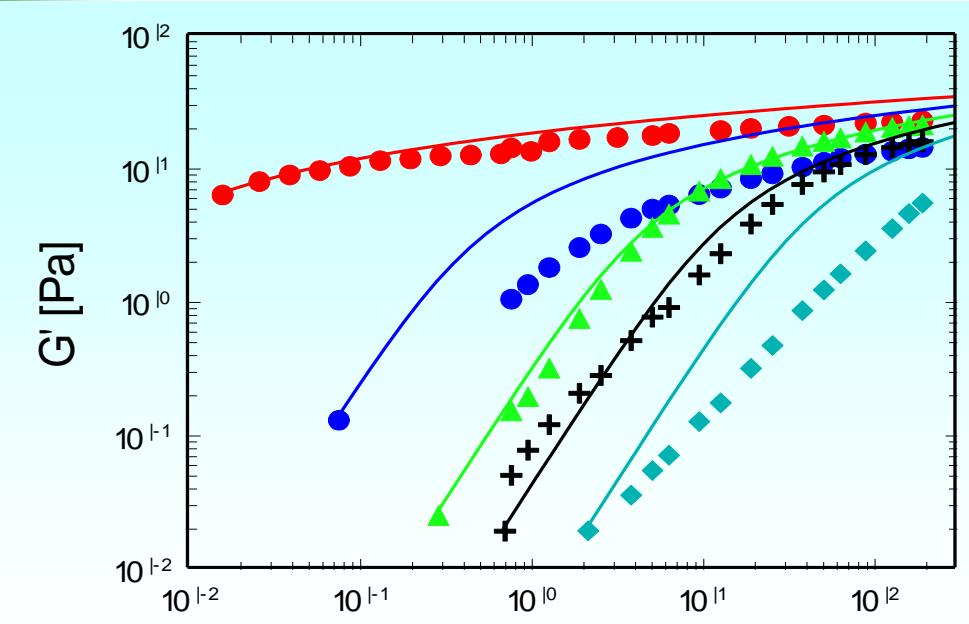


$$\dot{\gamma}_\# = \left( \frac{\phi}{\phi_m} \right)^{2/(3-d_f)} \frac{\tau_{\text{int}}}{\eta_0}$$

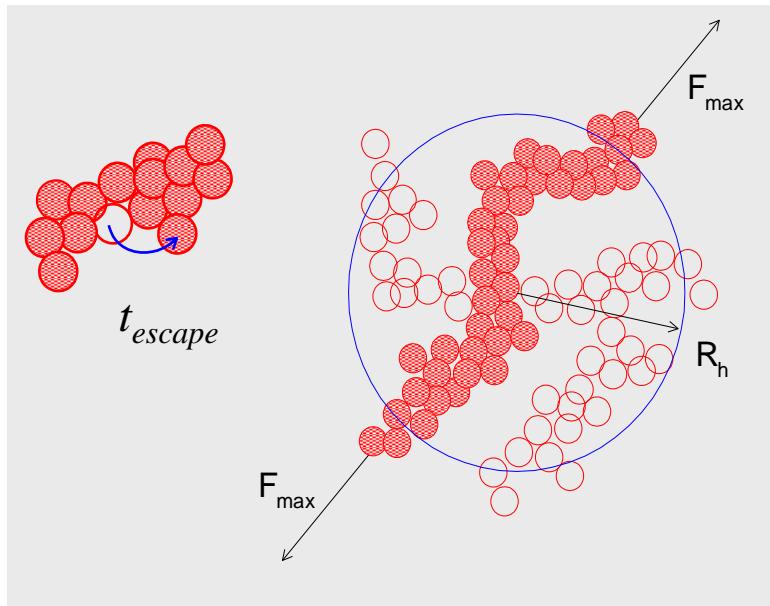


measuring  
elasticity  
in a shear flow:  
 $G'(\dot{\gamma}, \omega)$   
 $G''(\dot{\gamma}, \omega)$

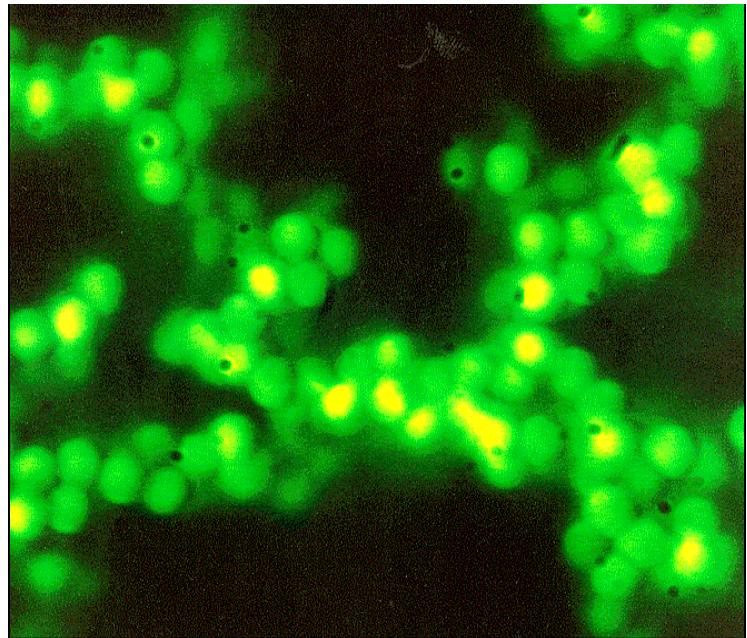
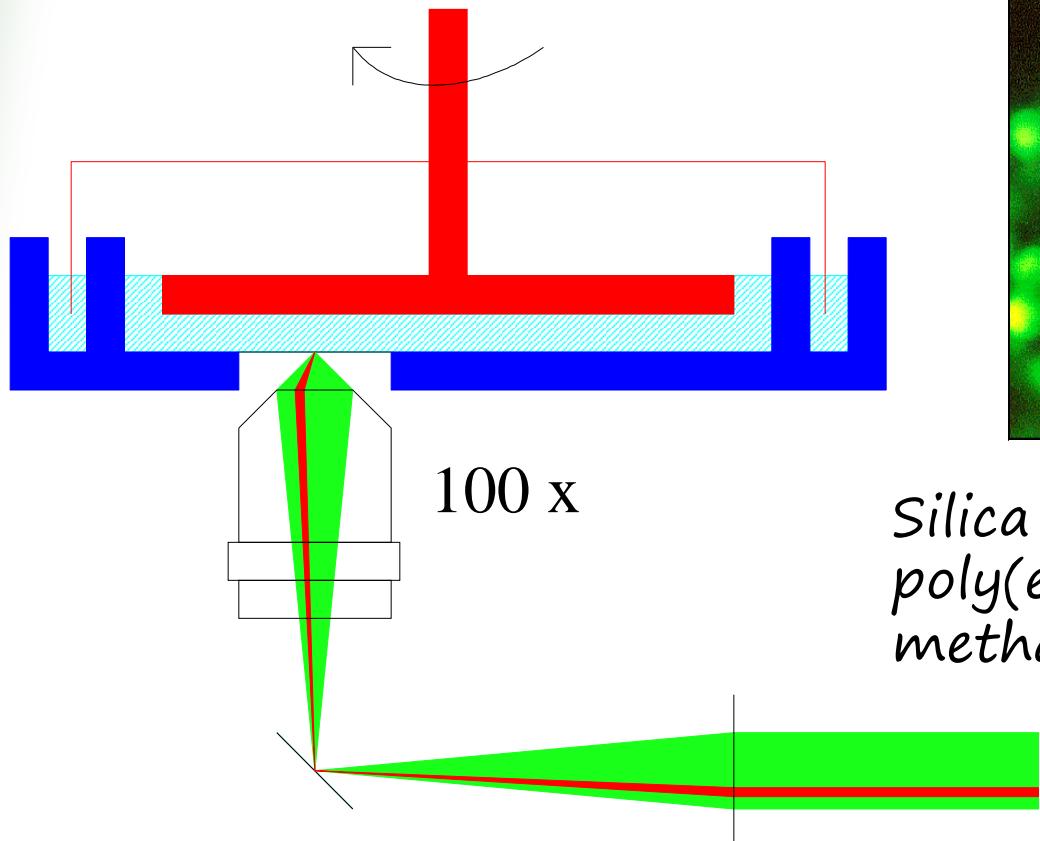
Steady rotation in  
the  $r, \phi$  plane,  
Oscillation in the  $r, z$  plane



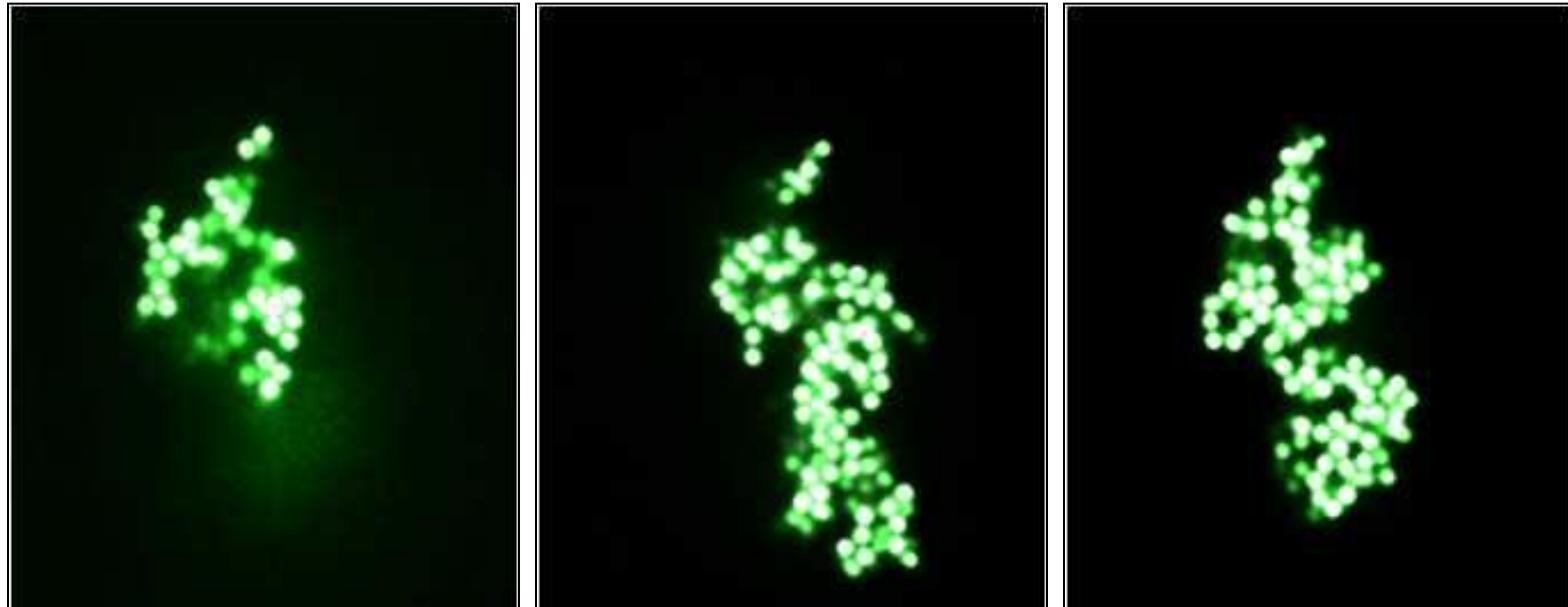
increasing  $\gamma$



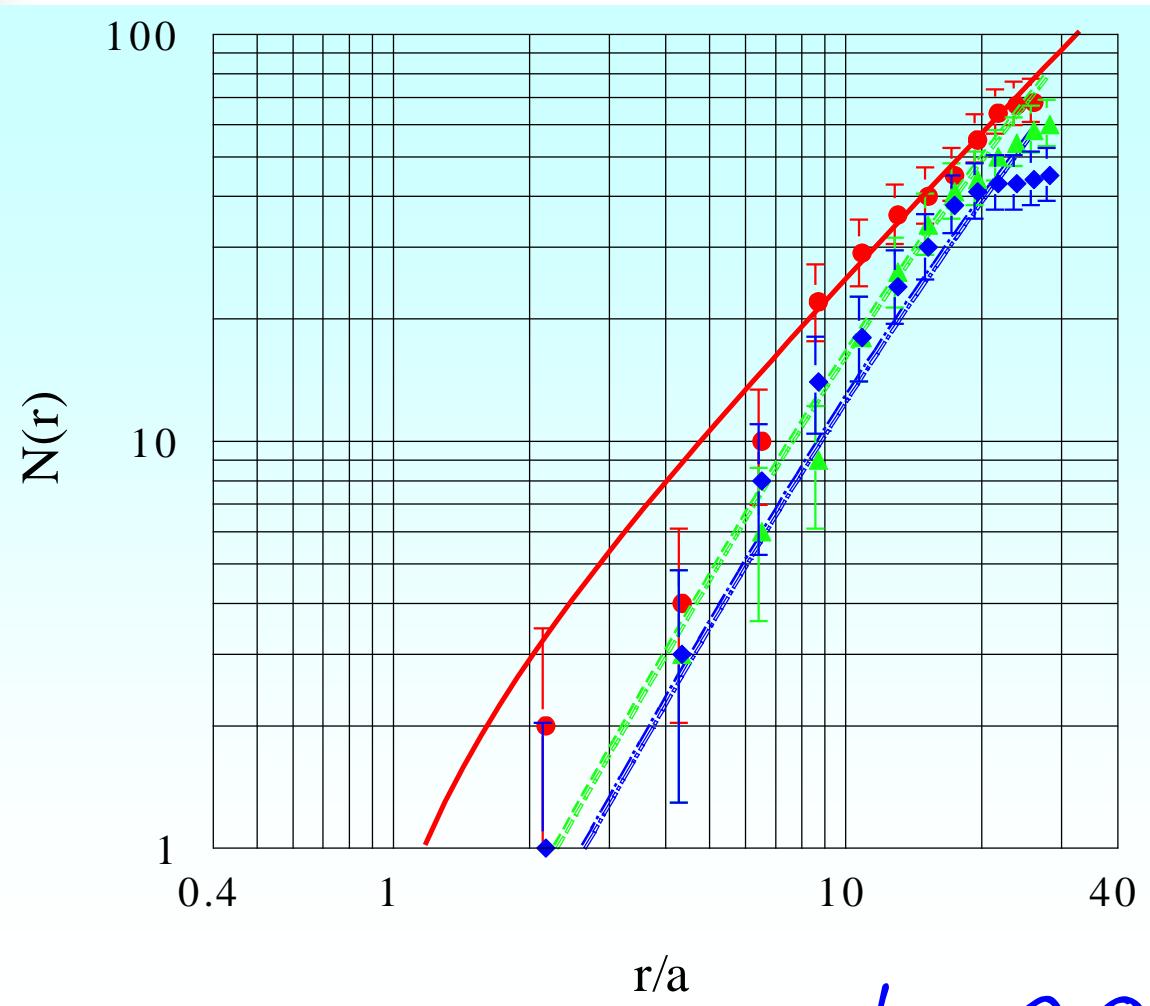
# Shear cell on Confocal Scanning Laser Microscope



Silica particles ( $1 \mu\text{m}$ ) and poly(ethylene glycol) in a methanol-bromoform mixture

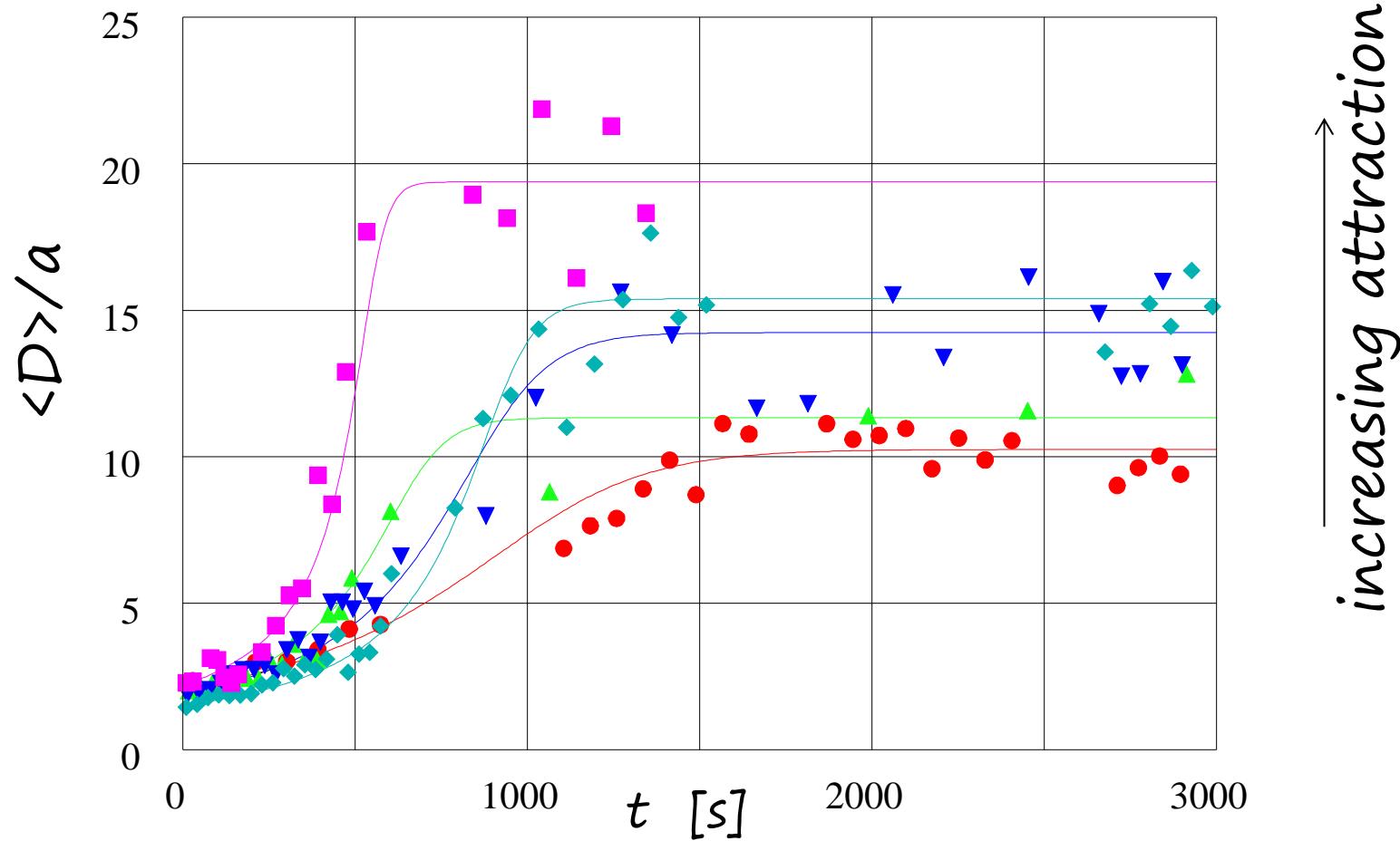


*Different cross sections through an aggregate*



$$d_f = 2.0 \pm 0.1$$

# Aggregate growth



# Modeling the aggregate growth

$$dn_i/dt = \frac{1}{2} \sum A_{i-j,j} n_{i-j} n_j - \sum A_{ij} n_i n_j + \sum B_j p_{ji} n_j - B_i n_i$$

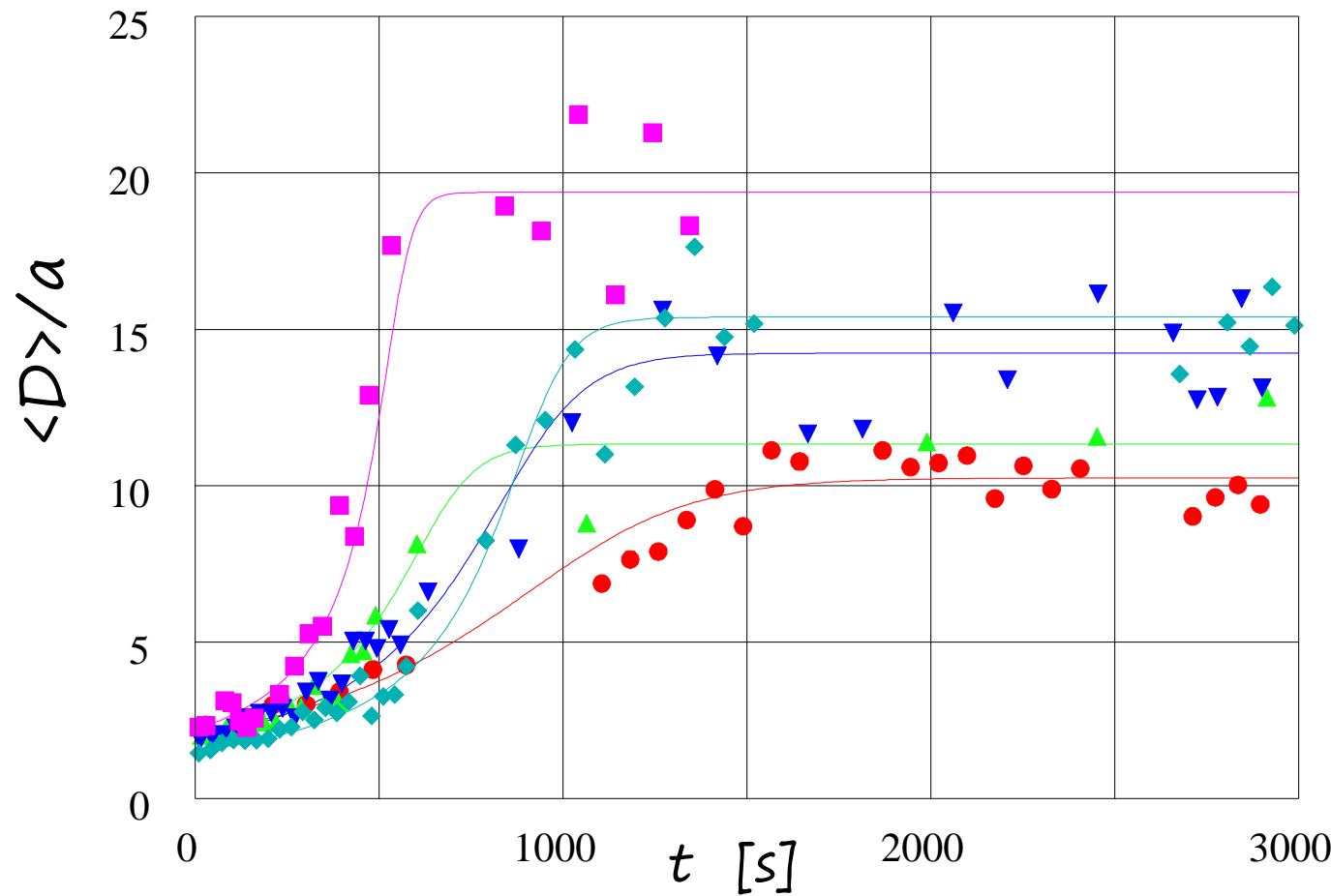
Aggregation:  $A_{ij} = 4/3 \dot{\gamma} (R_i + R_j)^3$

Break-up:  $B_i = K_o(\dot{\gamma}) (R_i/a)^Q$

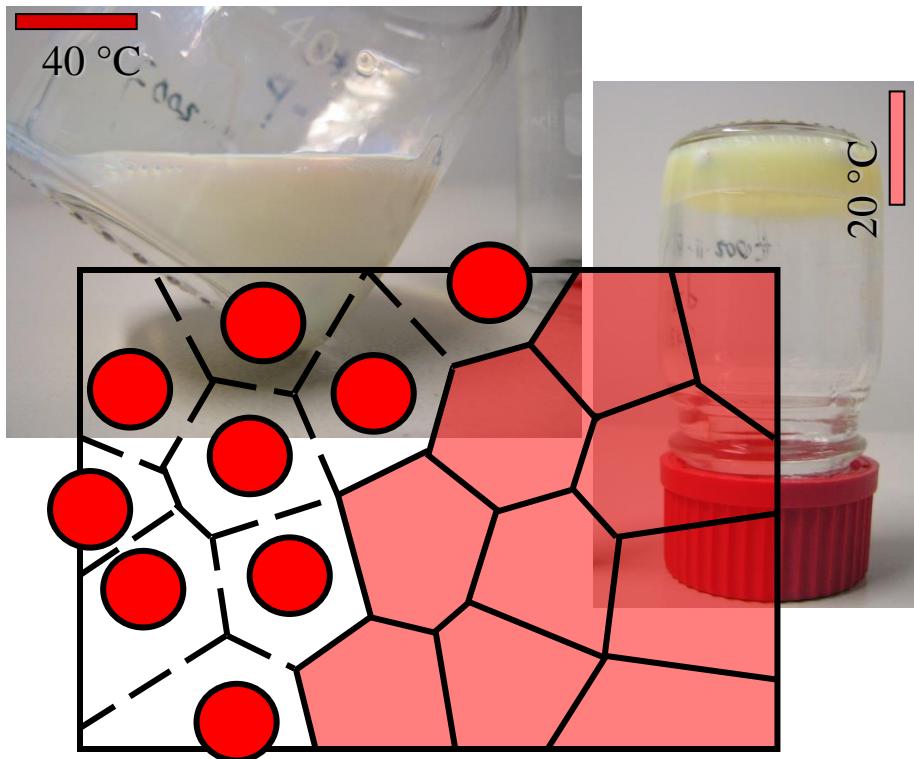
$$d\langle R^{df} \rangle / dt = C [\langle R^3 \rangle + 3 \langle R^2 \rangle \langle R \rangle] - K_o(\dot{\gamma}) \langle R^Q \rangle \langle R^{df} \rangle$$

adjustable:  $K_o(\dot{\gamma})$ ,  $Q$

# Results of the modeling



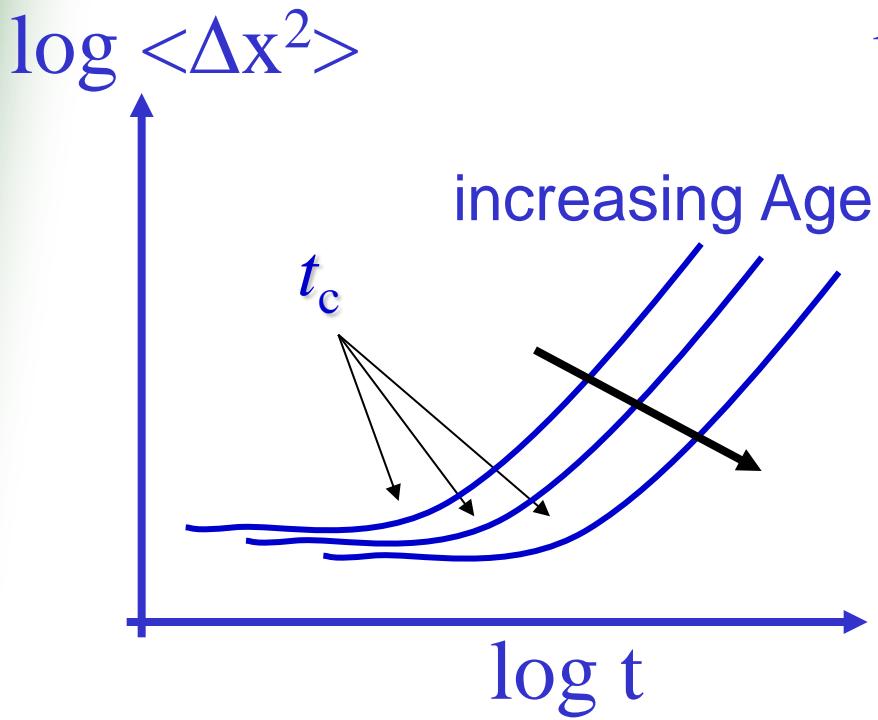
(input:  $d_f = 2.0$ ,  $t_{agg} = 460$  s)



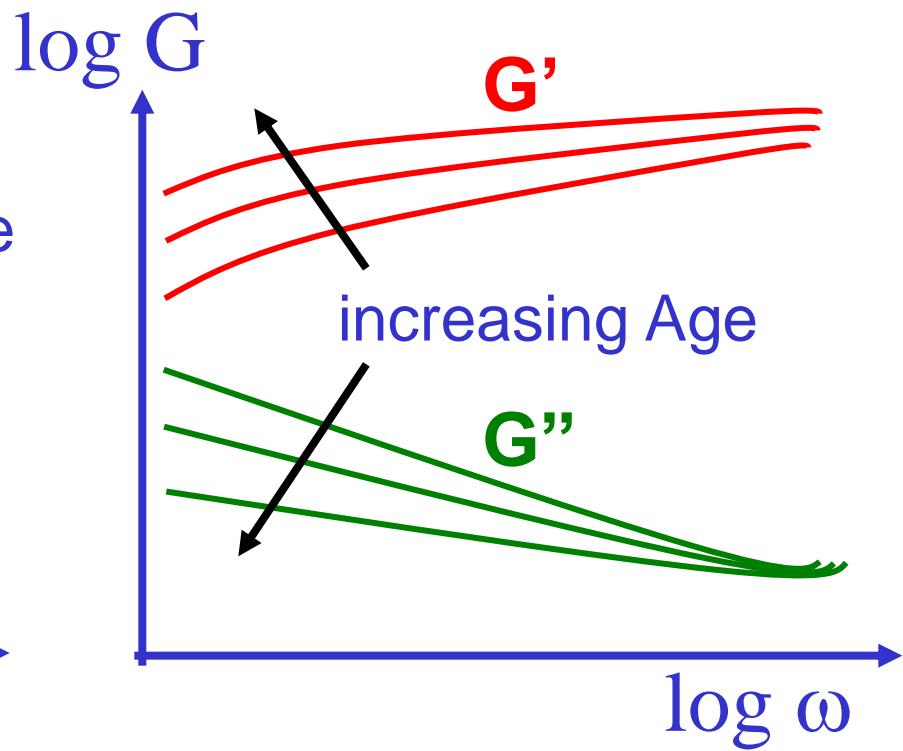
Aging of soft colloidal suspensions studied  
by macro- and micro-rheology

- \* relaxation processes slow down with age of the sample...
- \* equilibrium is never reached...

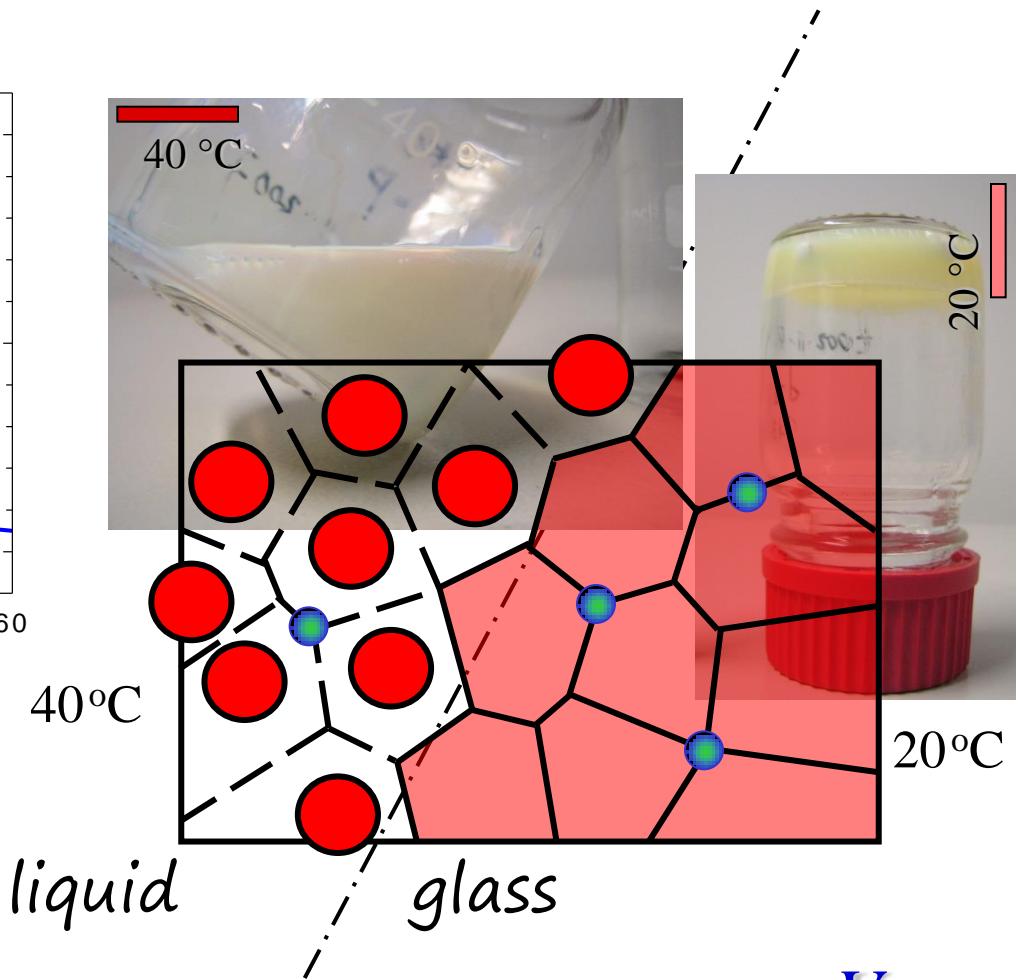
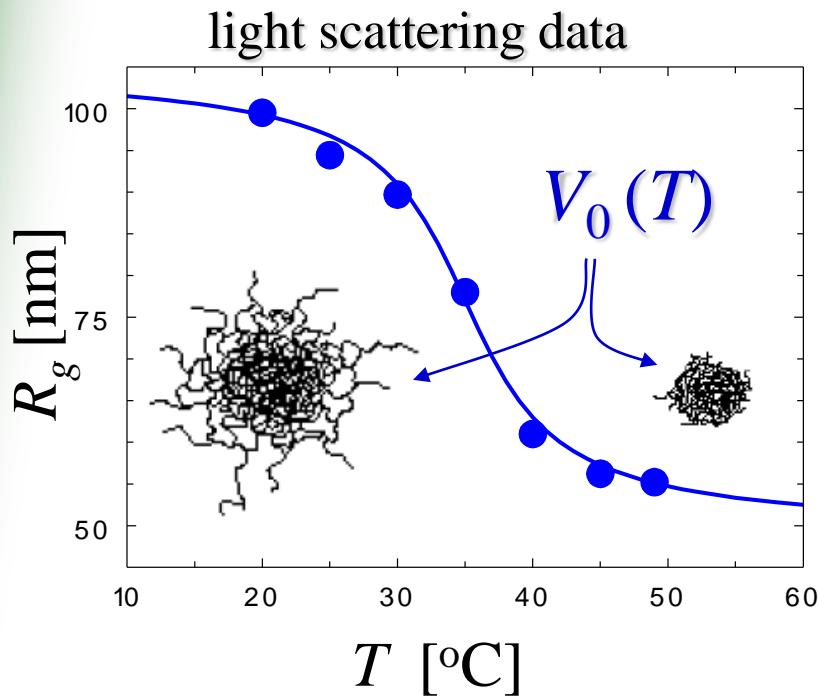
(micro-) rheology probes the aging



Structural relaxation time:  $t_s \sim t_c$



# Thermosensitive polyNipam particles



with fluorescent (●) tracer particles

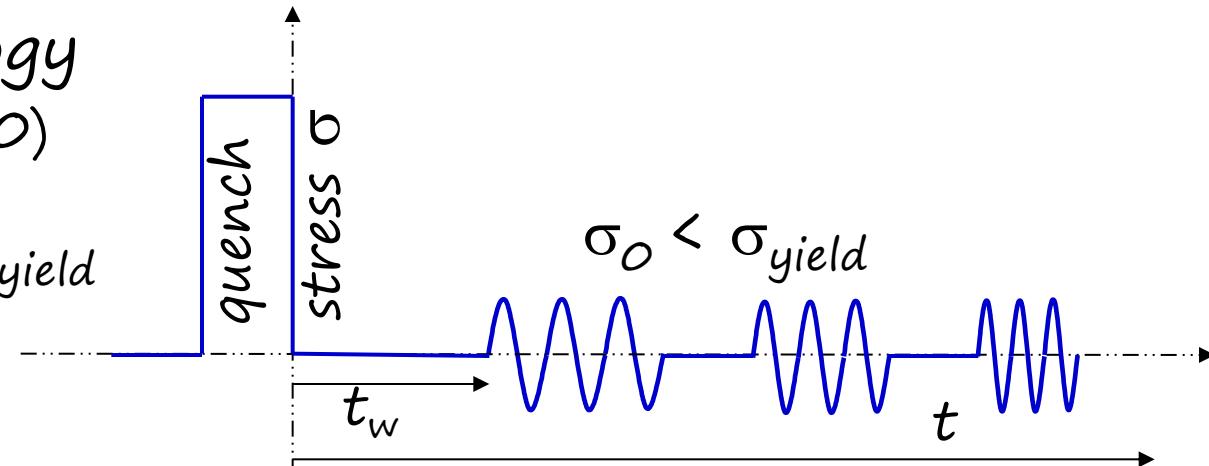
$$\phi_{\text{eff}} = V_0 n$$

# Experiment

To obtain reproducible results...  
...rejuvenate the sample

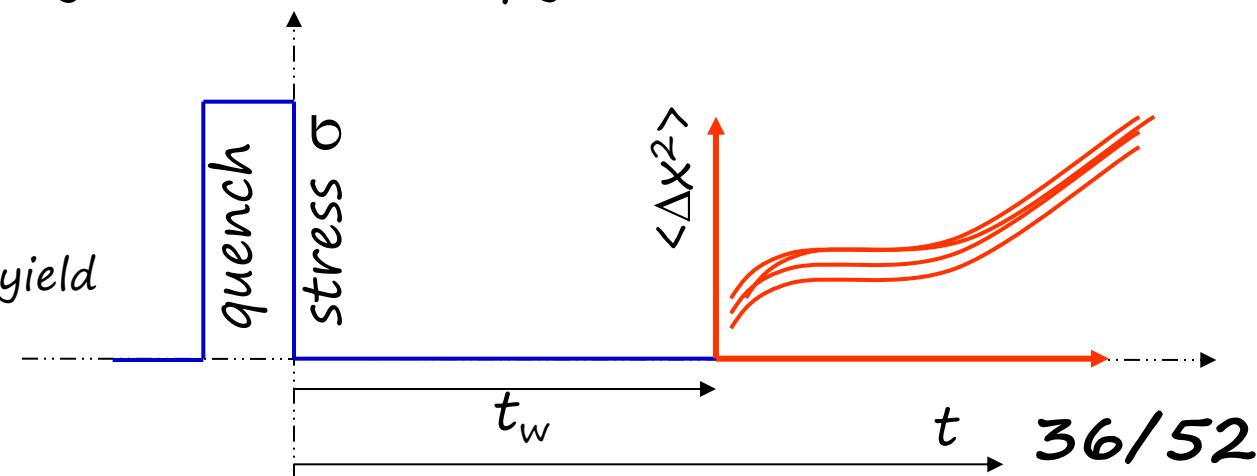
1: macro-rheology  
(HAAKE RS 600)

$$\sigma_{\text{quench}} > \sigma_{\text{yield}}$$



2: particle tracking  
(Confocal Scanning Laser Microscopy)

$$\sigma_{\text{quench}} > \sigma_{\text{yield}}$$

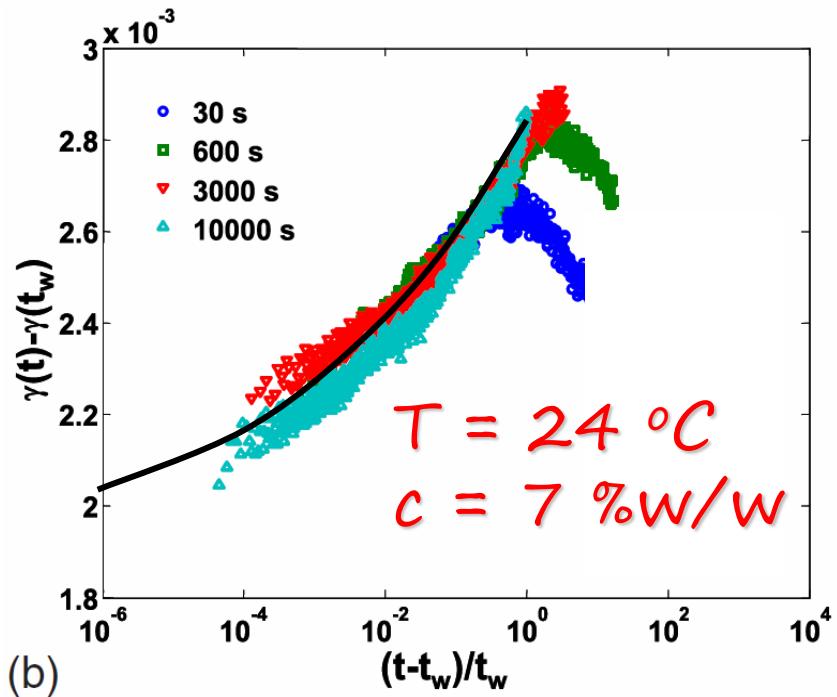
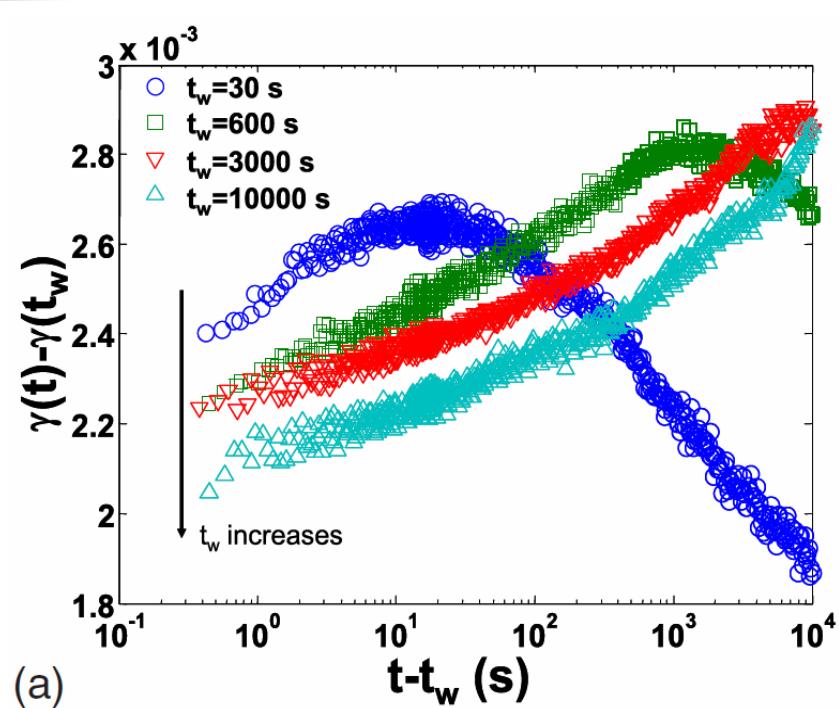


# Creep measurements

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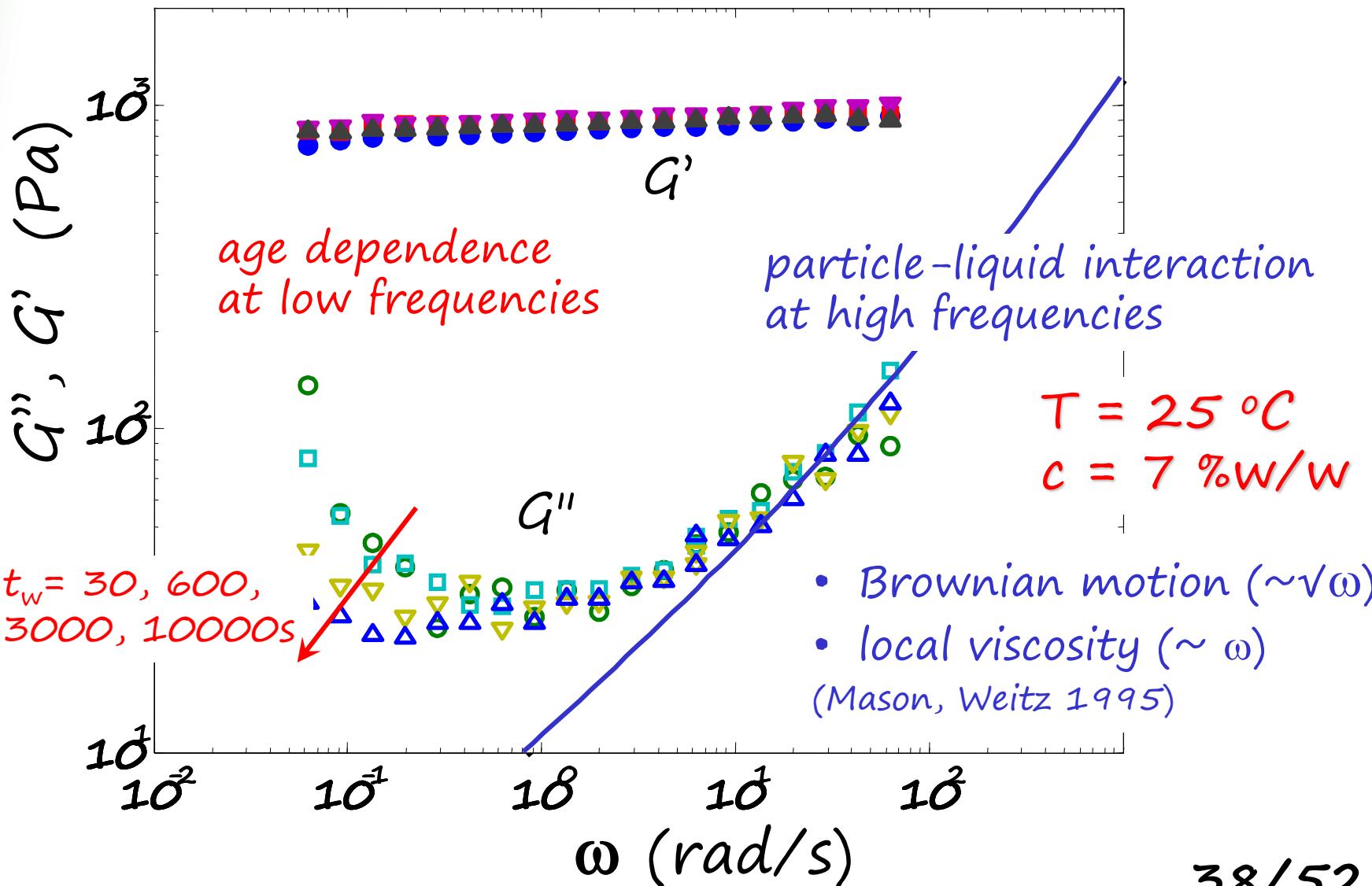
Physics of Complex Fluids

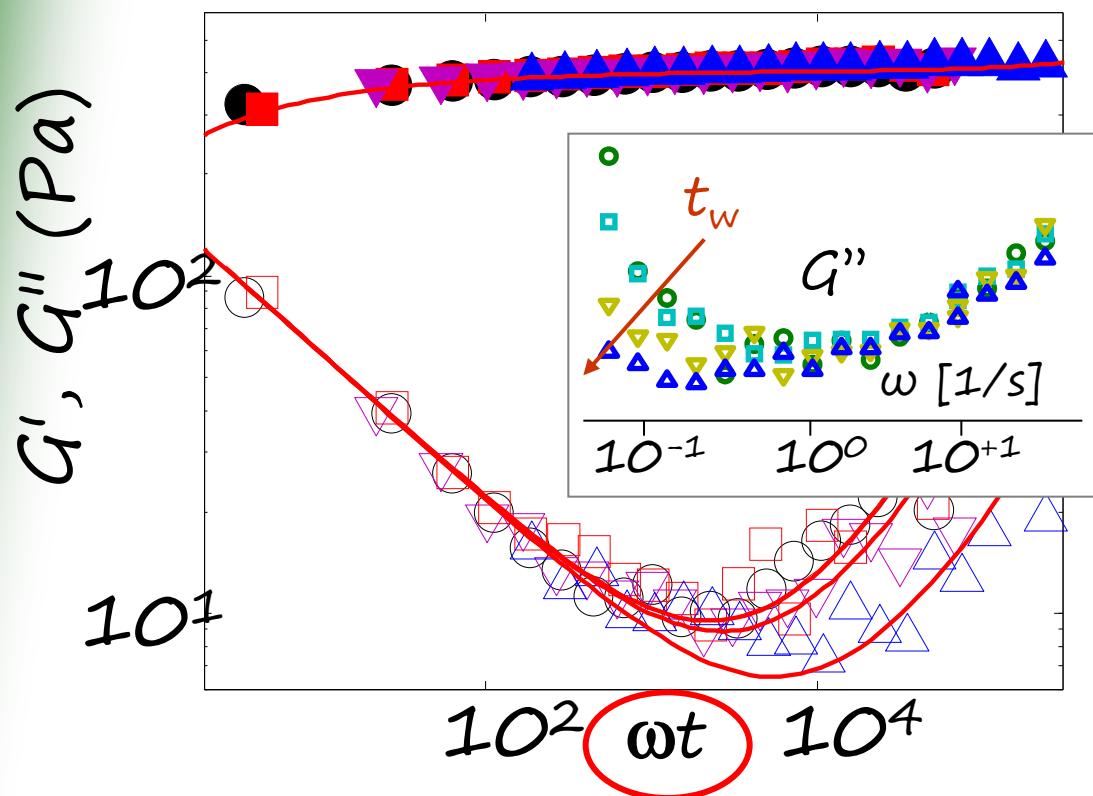
$$J(t - t_w, t_w) = (\gamma(t) - \gamma(t_w)) / \sigma_0$$



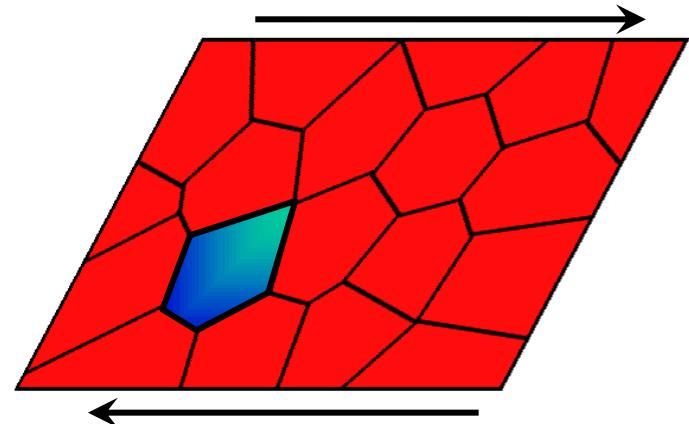
$$J(t - t_w, t_w) = \frac{1 + c[(t - t_w)/t_w]^{1-x}}{G_p}$$

# Linear rheology, age dependence





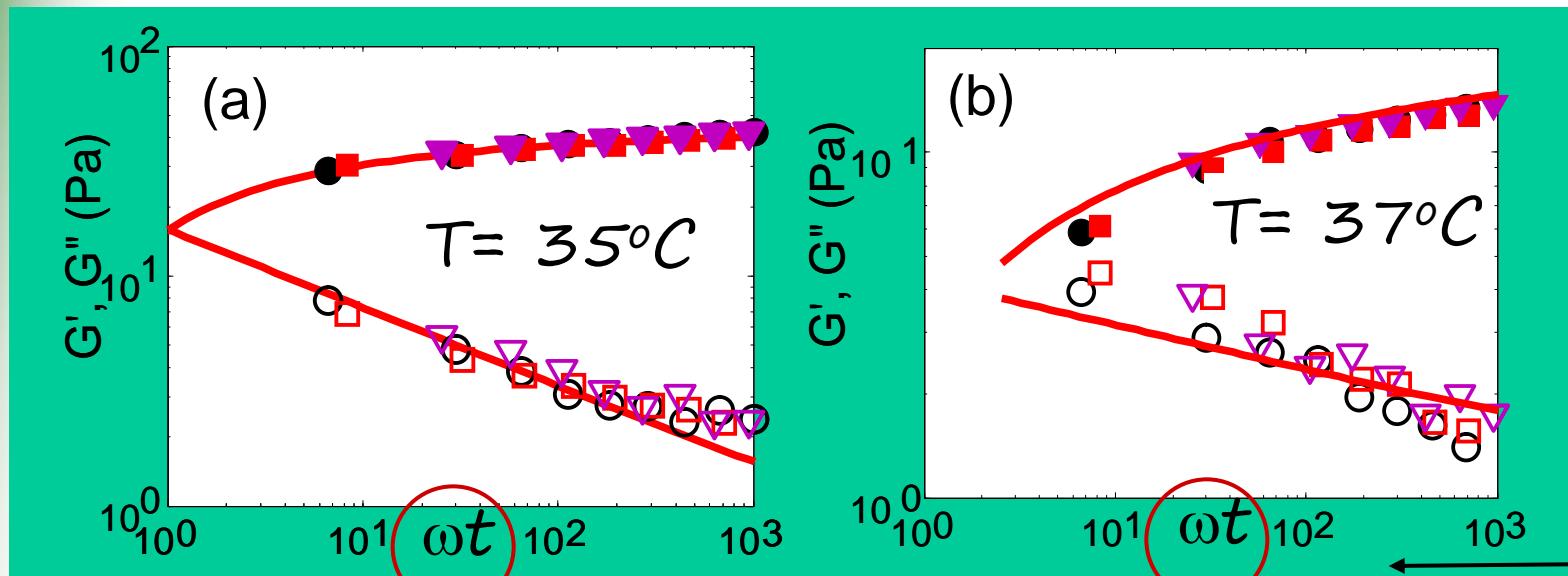
Microscopic picture



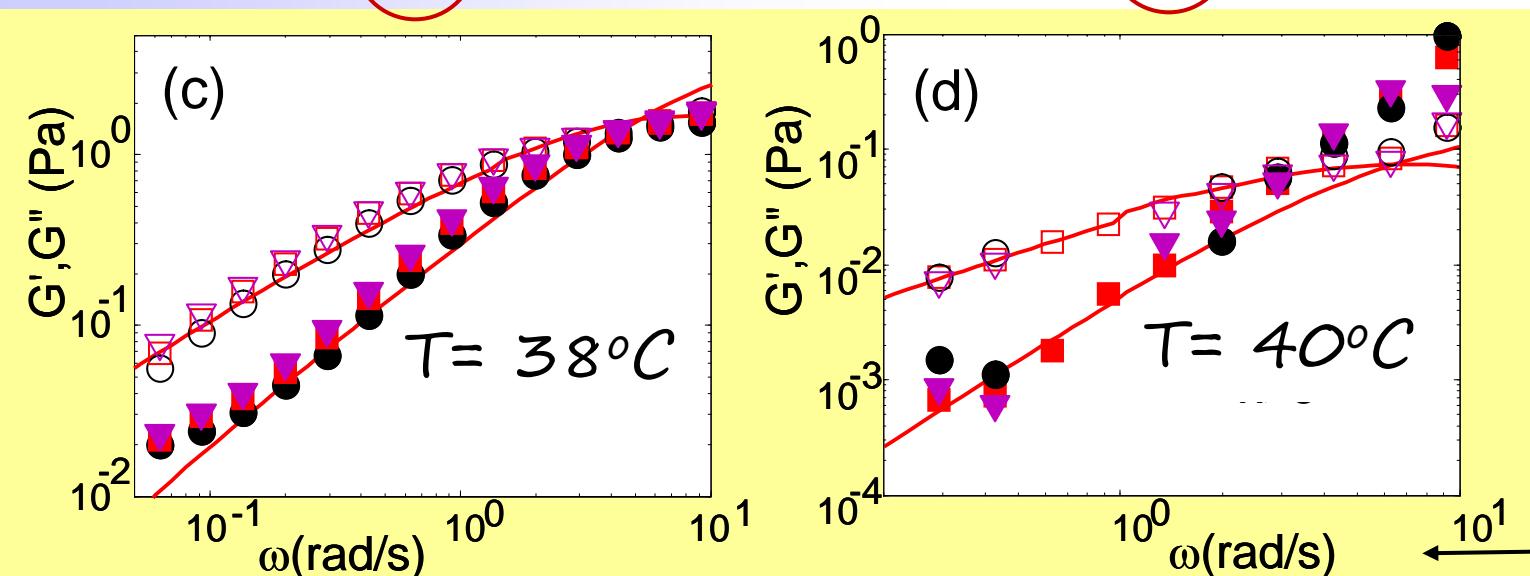
Elastic response

- Dissipation due to internal yielding of the particles
- Activated rate process with effective noise temperature  $x$ 
  - $x > 1$ : liquid,  $G^* = f_{nc}(\omega)$ ,  $J = f_{nc}(t-t_w)$
  - $x < 1$ : glass,  $G^* = f_{nc}(\omega^x)$ ,  $J = f_{nc}((t-t_w)/t_w)$

mass concentr.  $c$ : 7 %w/w  $t_w$ : 3, 30, 300 s

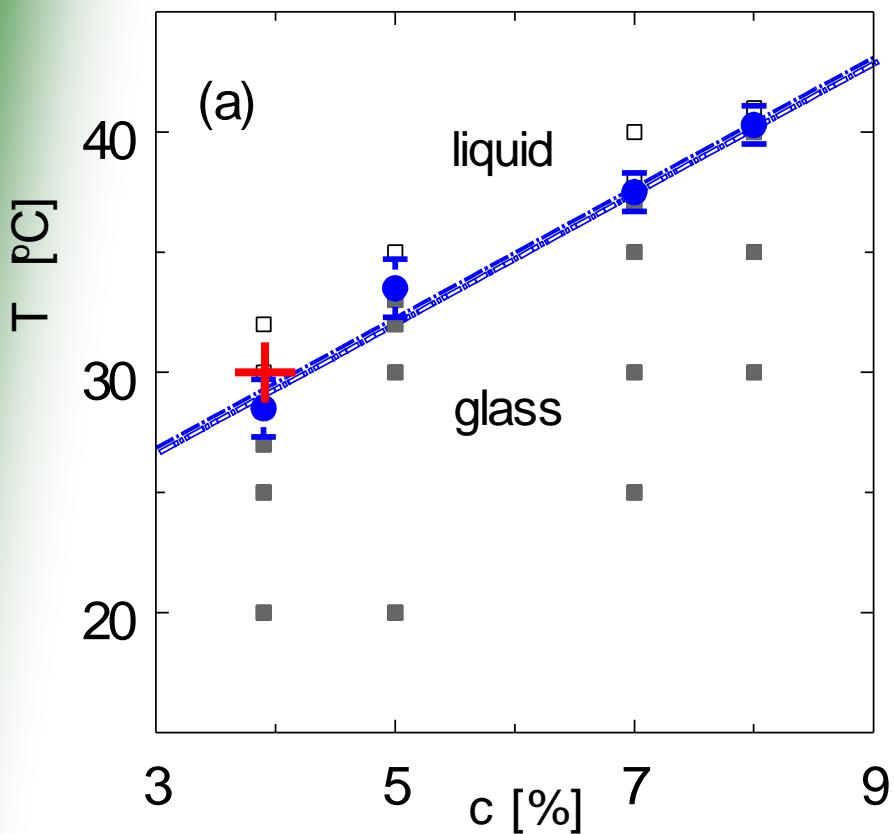


glass  
aging

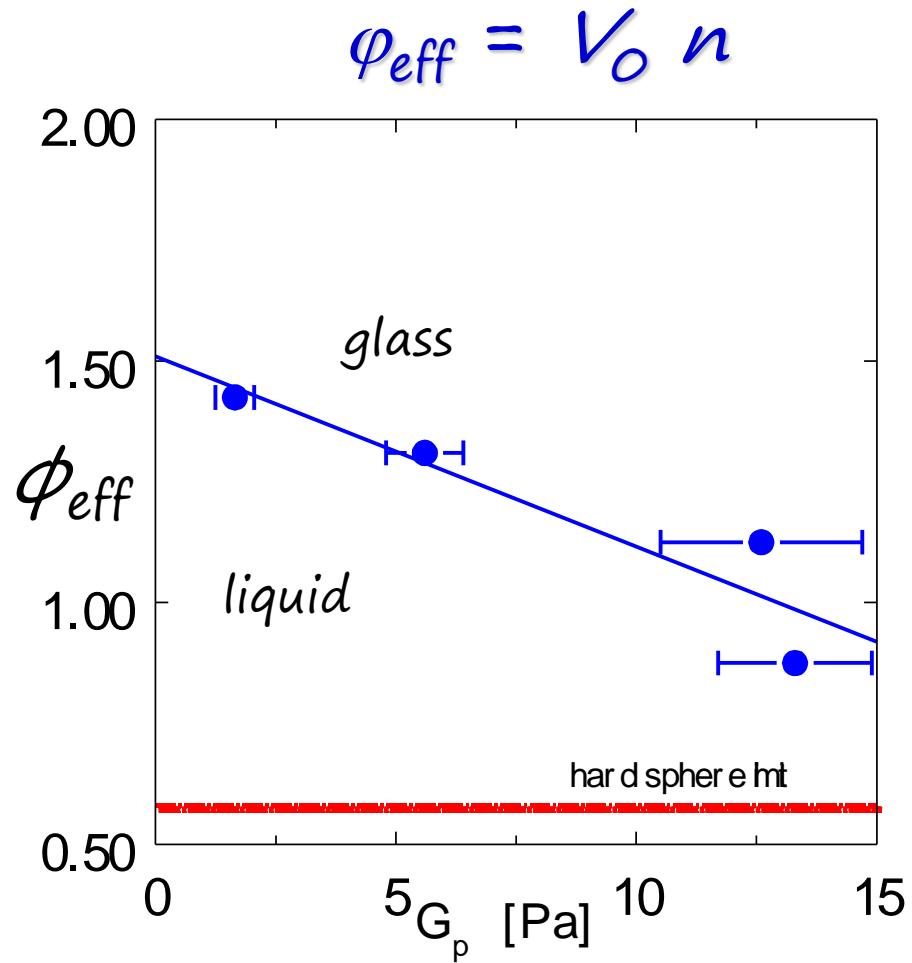


liquid  
non aging

# Phase diagrams



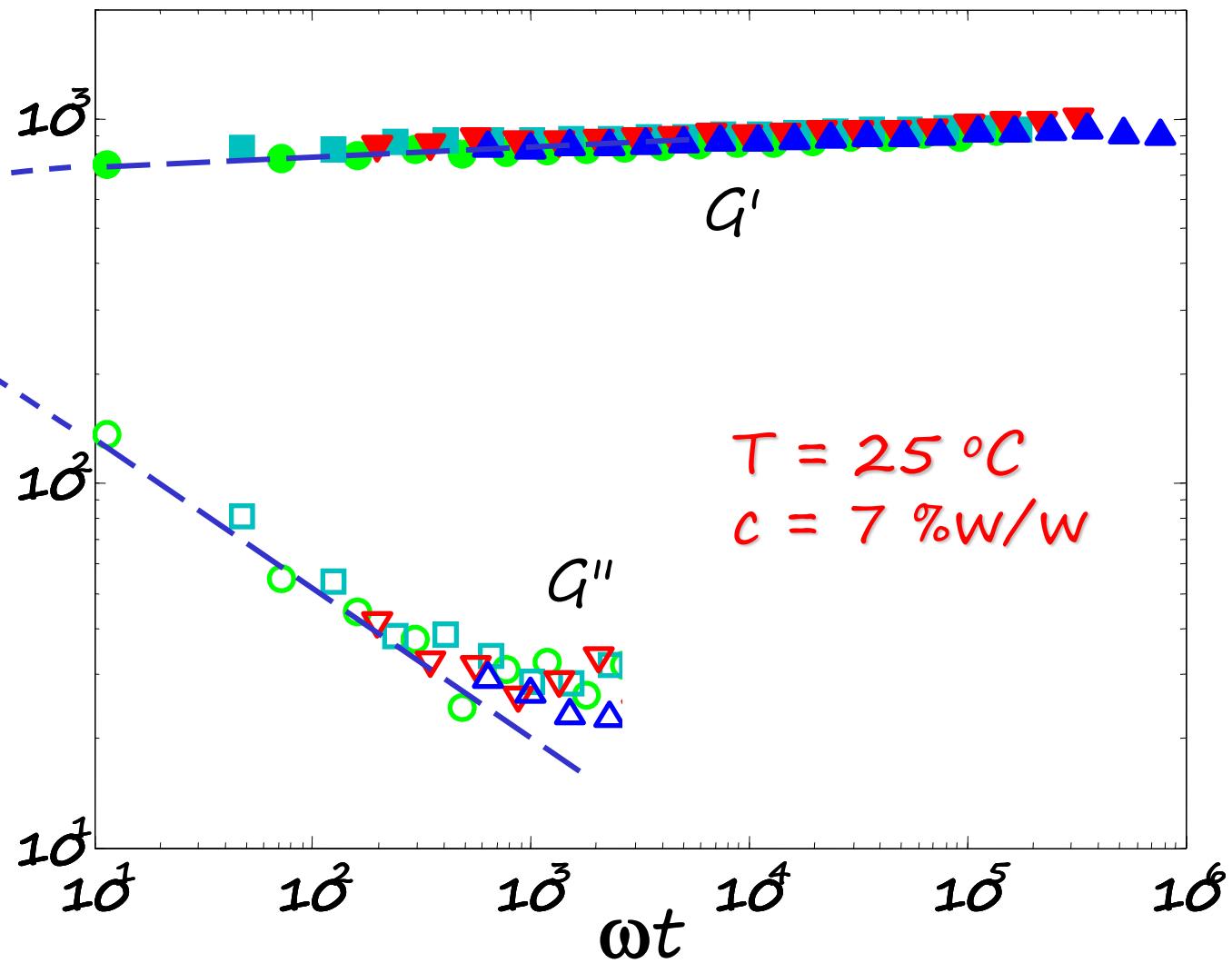
+: micro-rheology

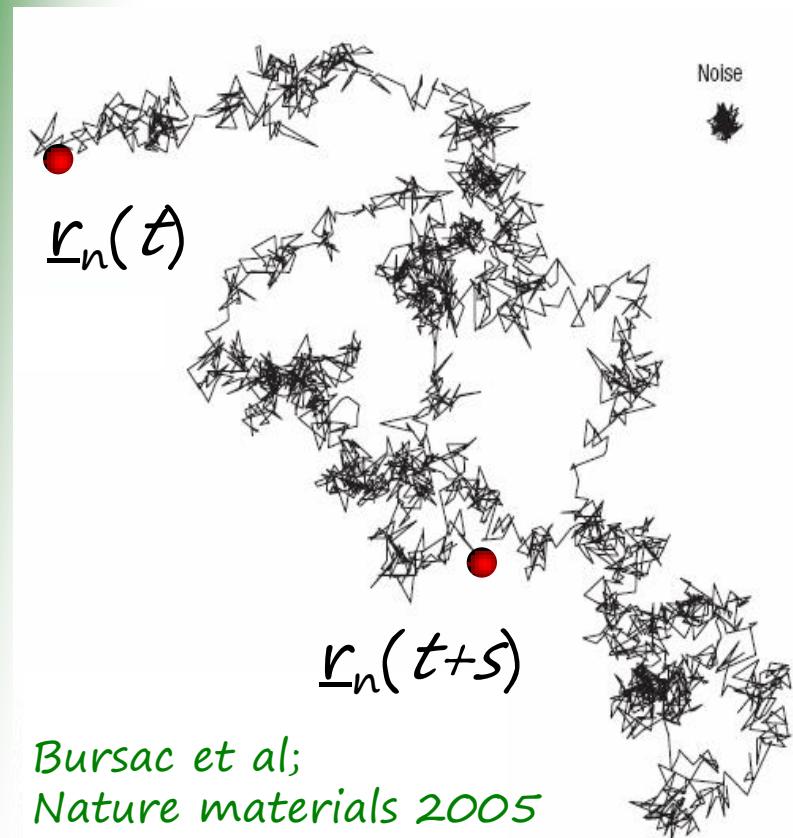


# The structural relaxation time

is not

How to  
**observable**  
measure the  
structural  
relaxation  
time ?





- : fluorescent tracer observed by CSLM

$$\underline{r}_n = (x_n, y_n)$$

Stokes Einstein Relation  
(Newtonian fluid):

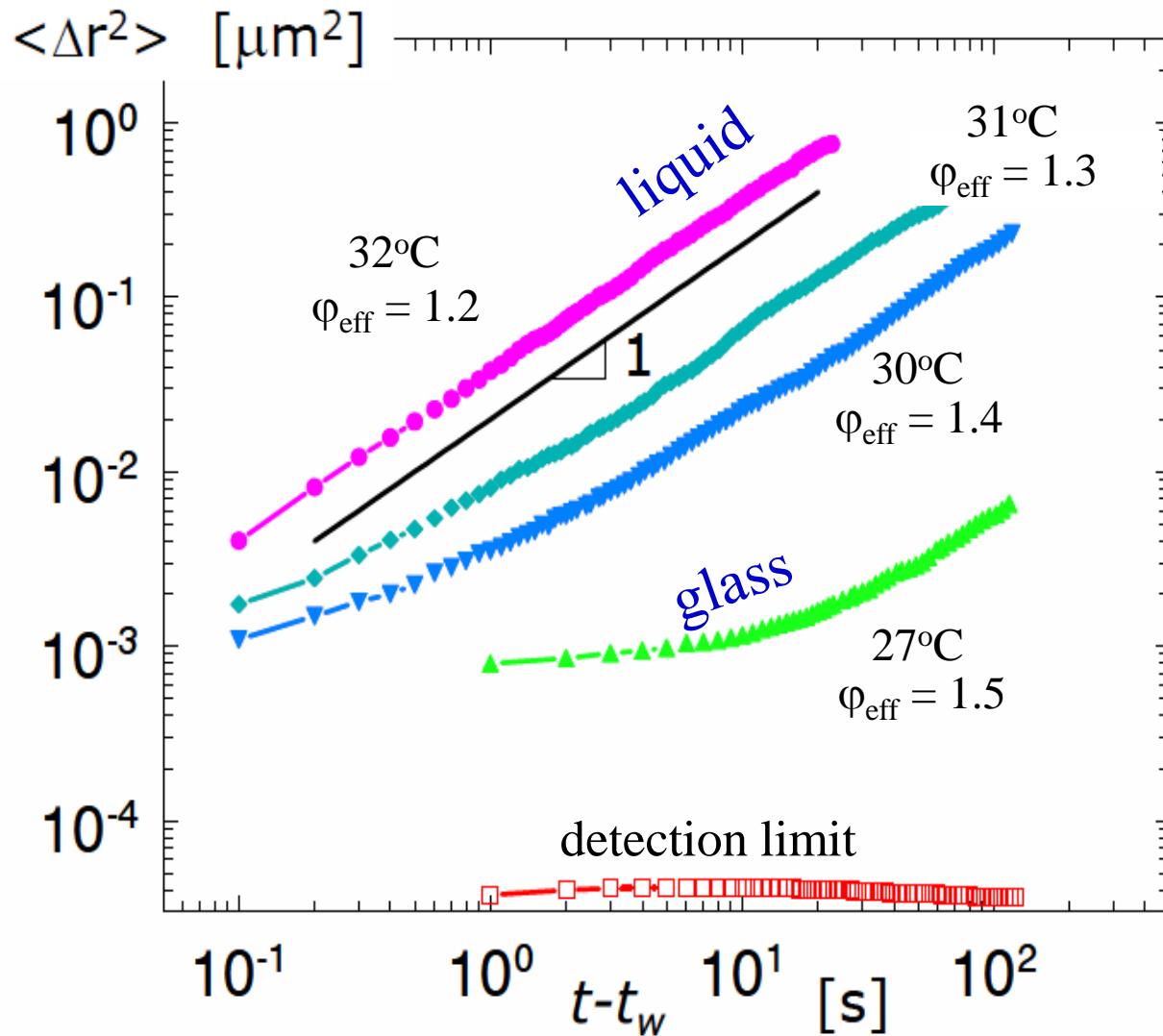
$$\langle \Delta x^2(t) \rangle = \frac{k_B T}{3\pi a} \frac{t}{\eta}$$

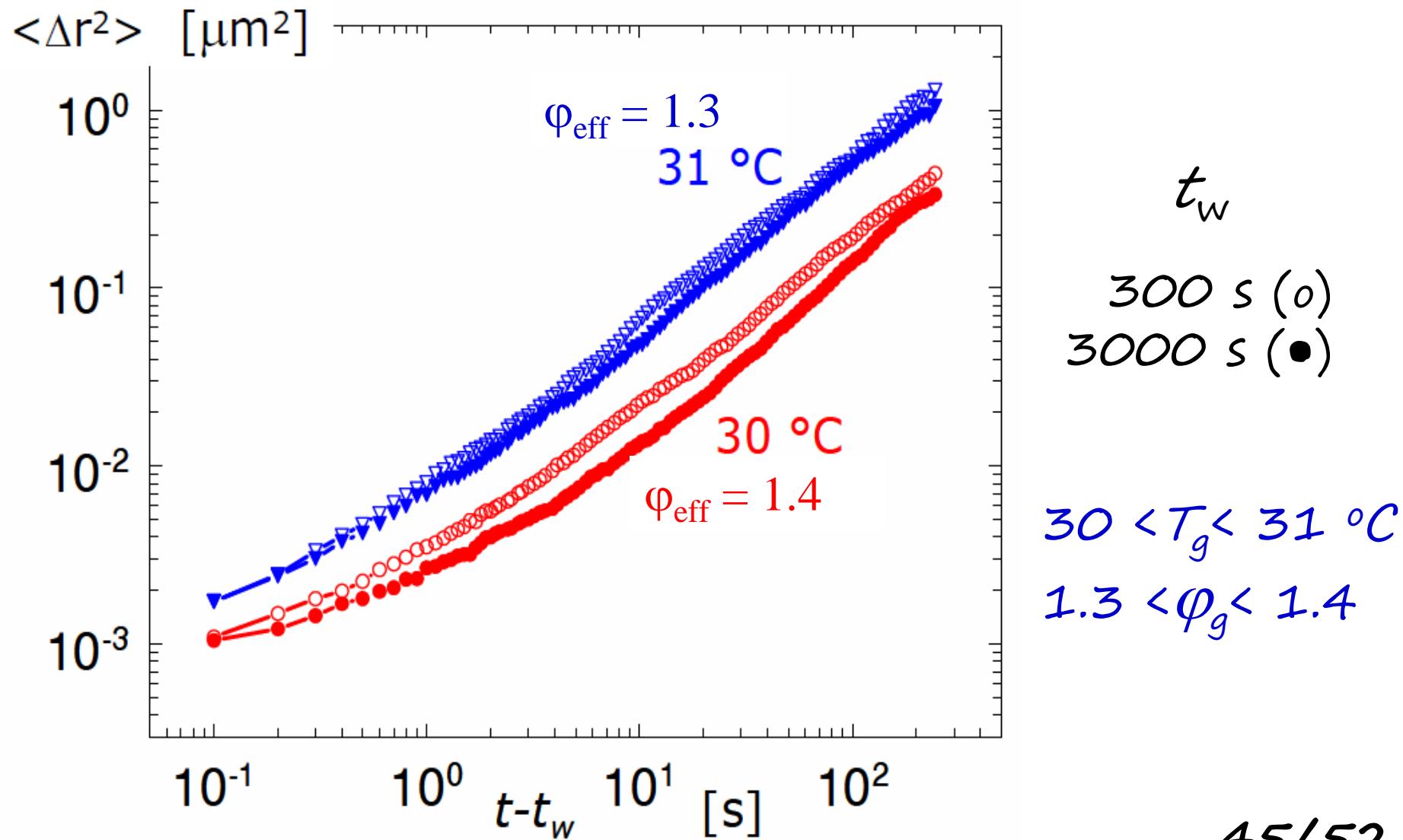
Generalized Stokes Einstein Relation:

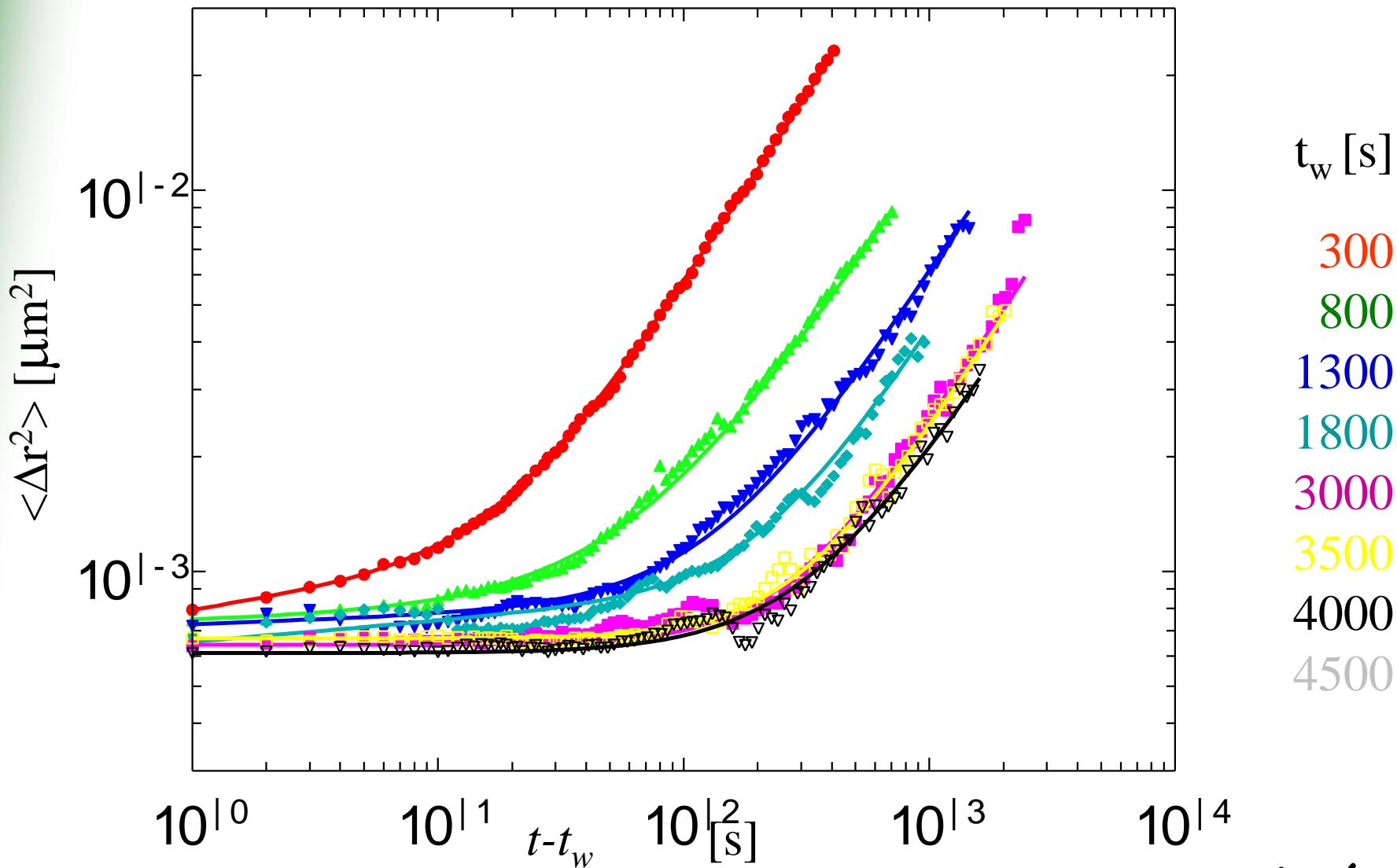
$$\langle \Delta x^2(t) \rangle = \frac{k_B T}{3\pi a} J(t)$$

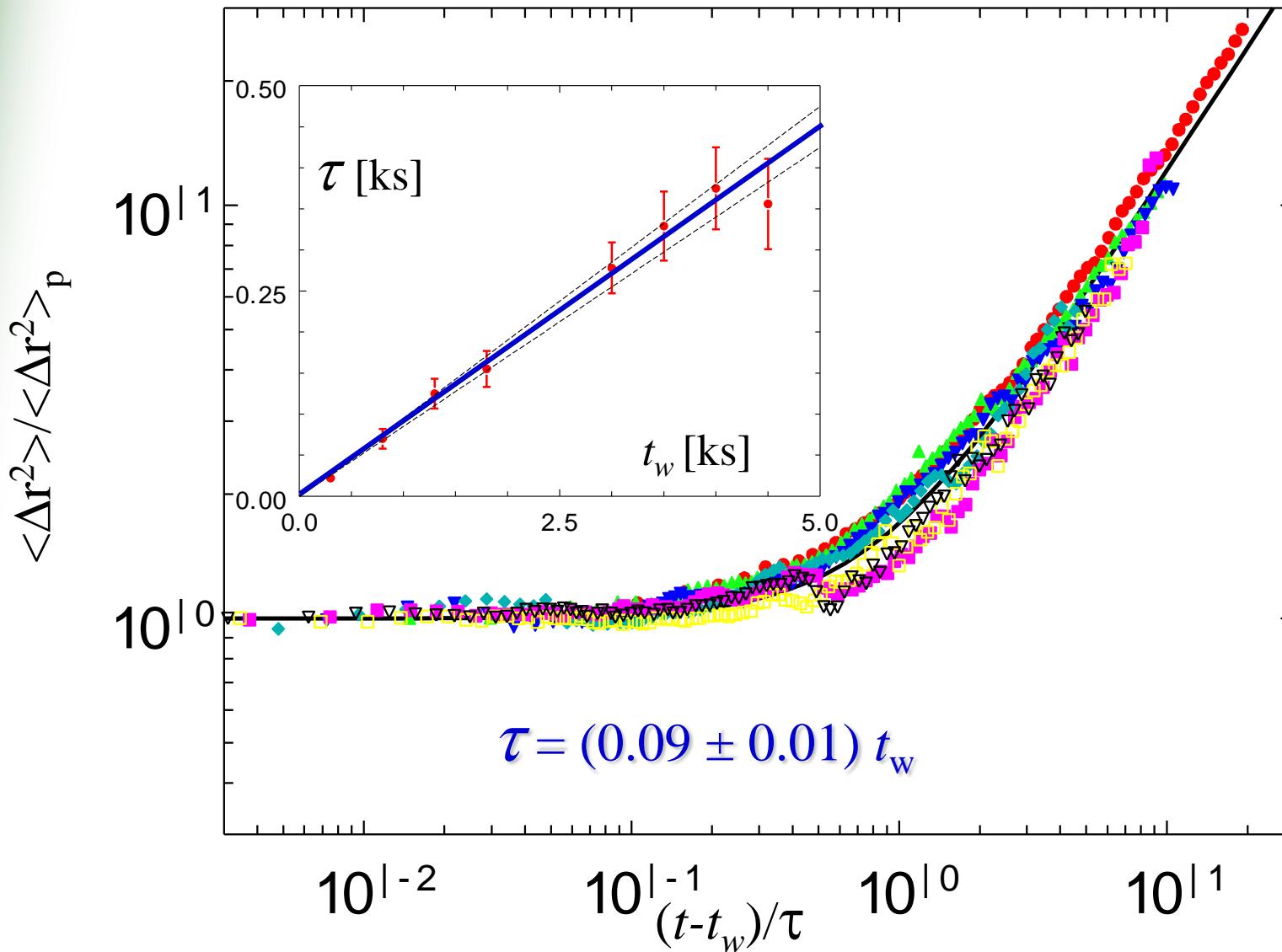
$J(t)$ : retardation function

$\langle \rangle$ : ensemble averaging

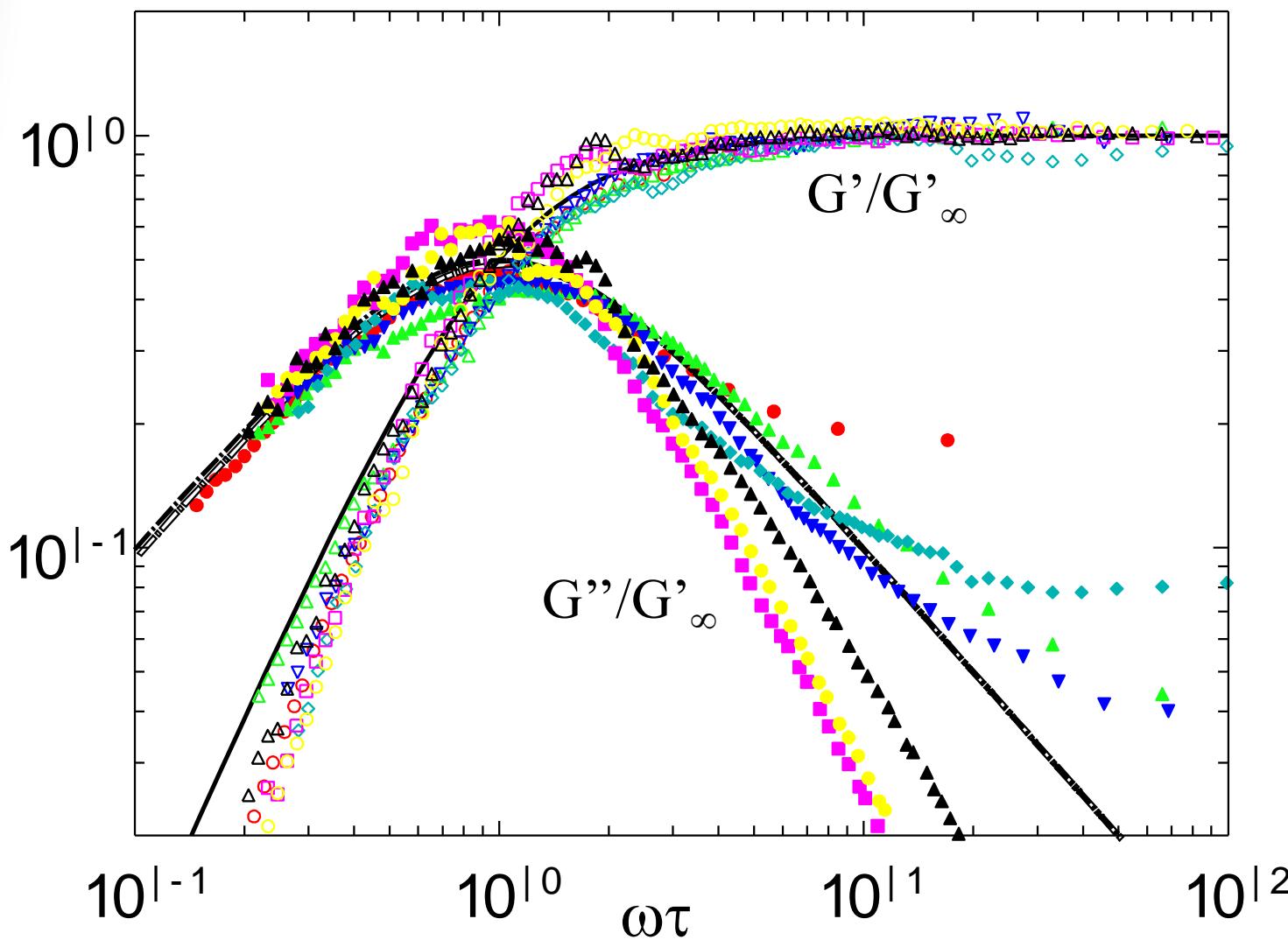








# *micro-rheology* viscoelastic moduli



# Macro- vs $\mu$ -rheology

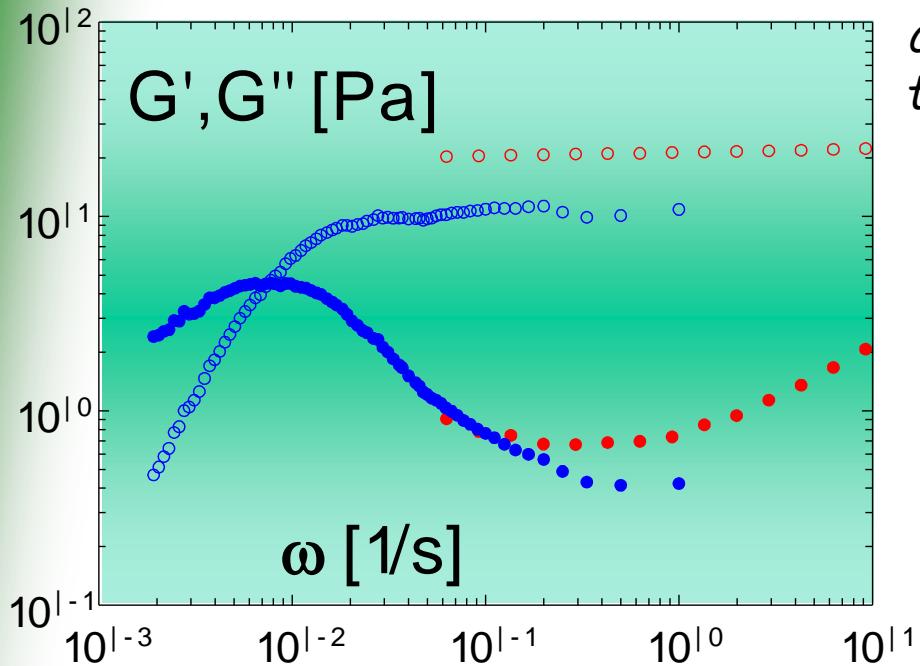
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$T = 27^\circ C$

Physics of Complex Fluids

$c = 4\% \text{ w/w}$

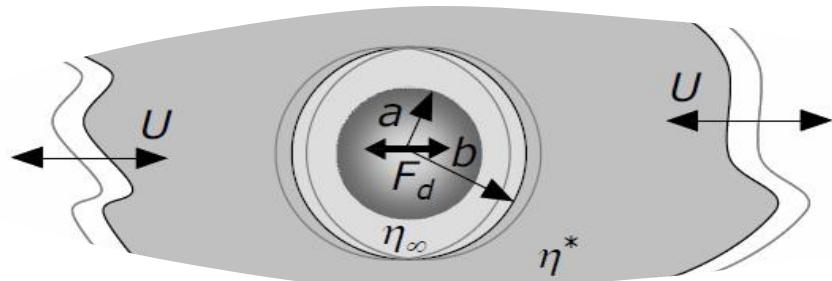
$t_w = 1300 \text{ s}$



Experimental observation:

$$G'_{\text{macro}} / G'_{\text{micro}} \approx 2$$

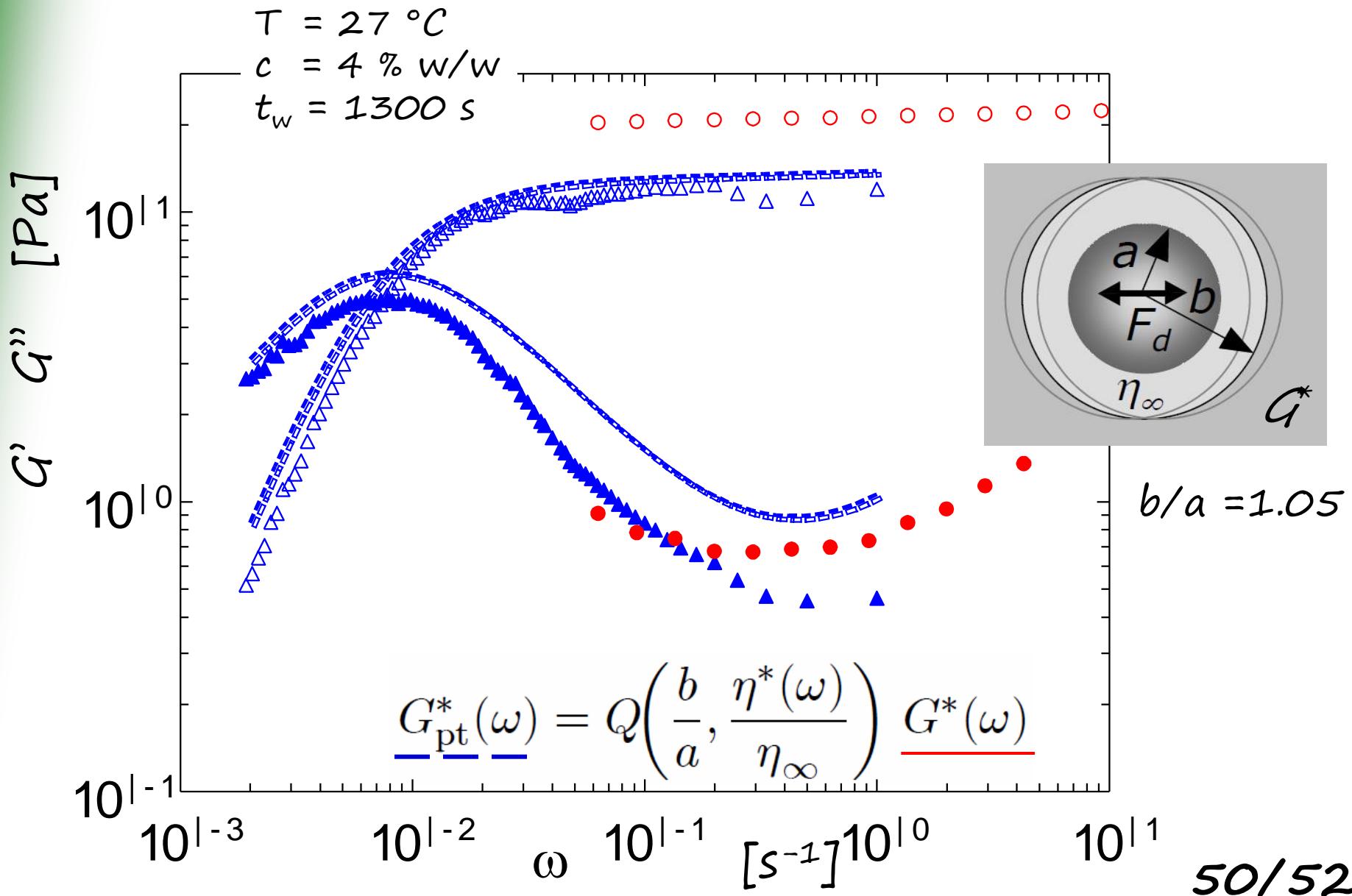
$$t_c^{\text{macro}} / t_c^{\text{micro}} \approx 5$$



Mean field calculation of the frequency dependent drag on a stationary particle in a low viscous cell surrounded by a viscoelastic bulk

$$F_d(\omega) = 6\pi a Q \left( \frac{b}{a}, \frac{\eta^*(\omega)}{\eta_\infty} \right) \eta^*(\omega) U(\omega)$$

$$\eta_\infty = [G''/\omega]_{\omega=\infty}$$



non-interacting colloids:

excluded volume effects

- Krieger-Dougherty viscosity
- Shear induced diffusion

aggregating colloids:

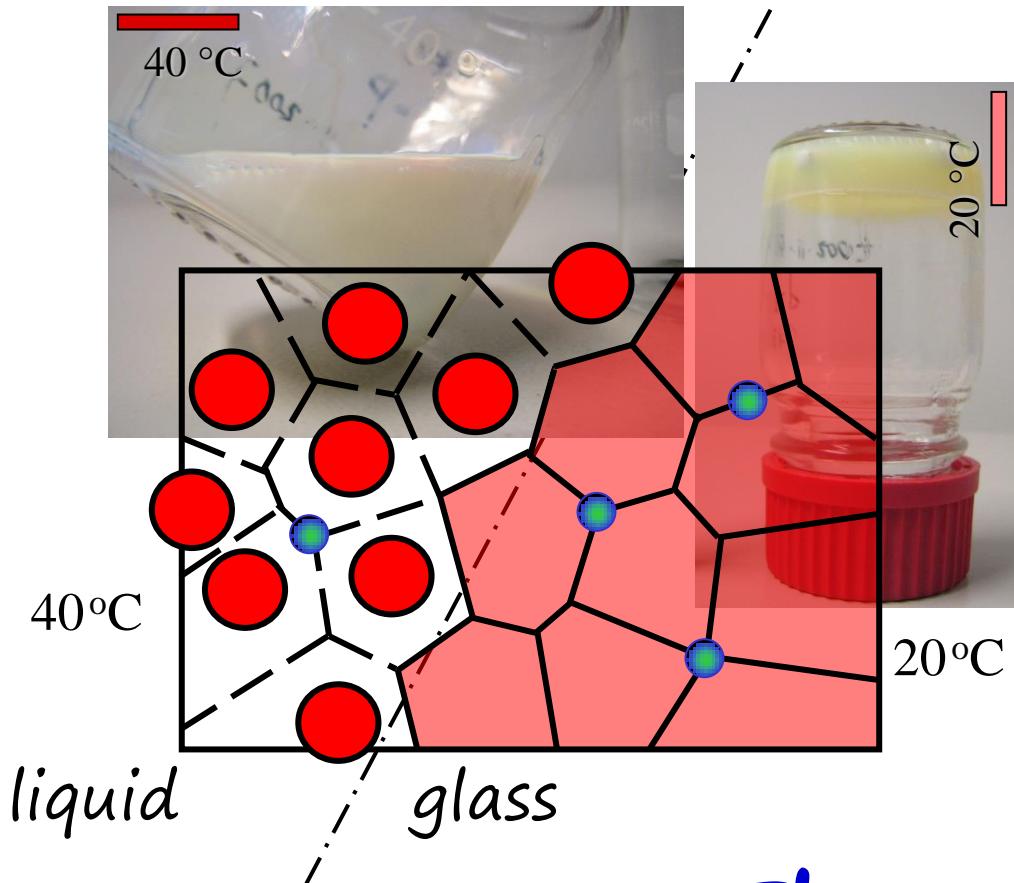
intricate balance

- flow determines structure
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deformable colloids:

at high density

- dissipation due to structural relaxation
- non-equilibrium systems



Thank you for  
listening