

Bridging the gap between Mode coupling theory and Random first order transition theory

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Mode Coupling Theory and Glass Transition (Recap from Bagchi+Miyazaki+Sciortino)

Generalized Langevin equation for the density-density correlation

$$\ddot{\Phi}(q,t) + \frac{q^2}{\beta m S(q)} \Phi(q,t) + \int_0^t \eta_{ll}(q, (t-t')) \dot{\Phi}(q, t') dt' = 0$$

$$\eta_{ll}(q,t) = \frac{k^2}{Nm k_B T} \langle \sigma_{zz}^*(q) e^{iQ_L t} \sigma_{zz}(q) \rangle$$

$$\begin{aligned} \eta_{ll}(q,t) &= \gamma \delta(t) + \int dk \int dp V(k,p,q) \Phi(k,t) \Phi(p,t) \\ &\approx \gamma \delta(t) + \lambda \Phi(q,t) \Phi(q,t) \end{aligned}$$

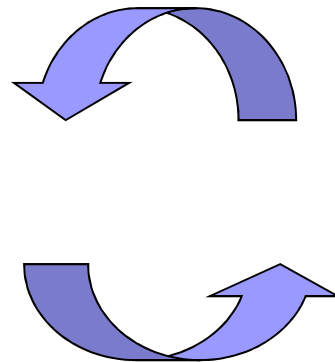
$V(k, q, p) \rightarrow$ coupling between longitudinal viscosity
and structural relaxation

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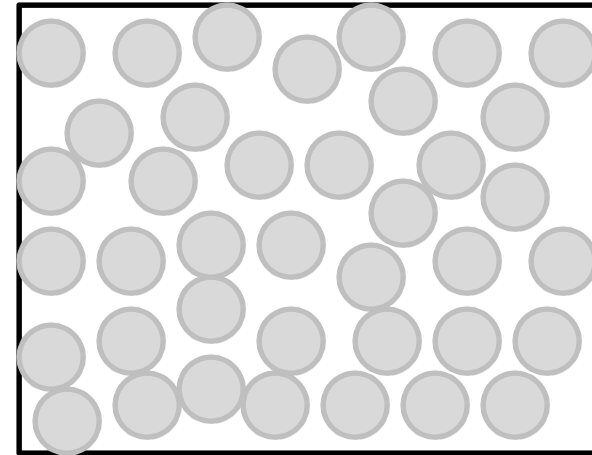
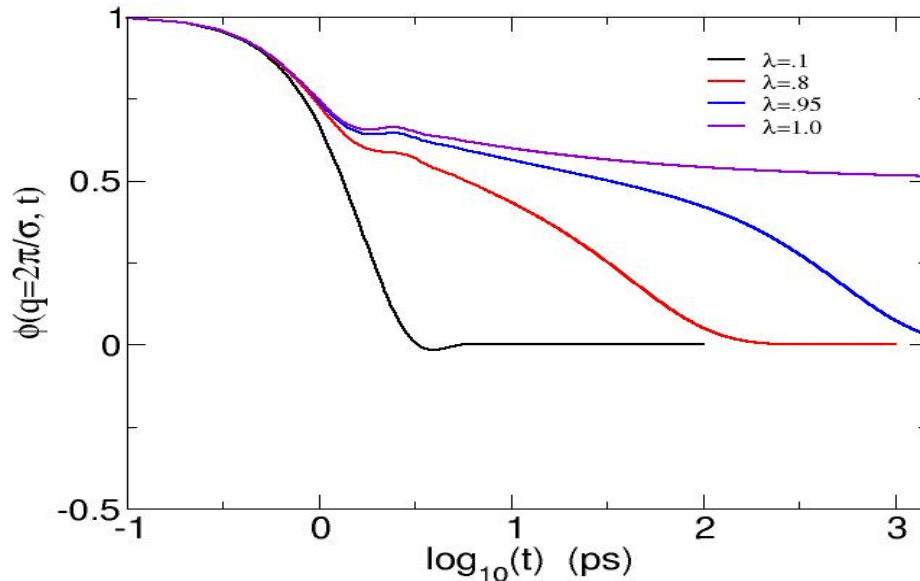
$$\Phi(q, z) = \frac{1}{z + \frac{\langle \omega_q^2 \rangle}{z + \eta_{||}(q, z)}}$$



$$\eta_{||}(q, z) = \gamma + \lambda L \{ \Phi^2(q, t) \}$$

Feedback Mechanism

Arrest in Structural Relaxation



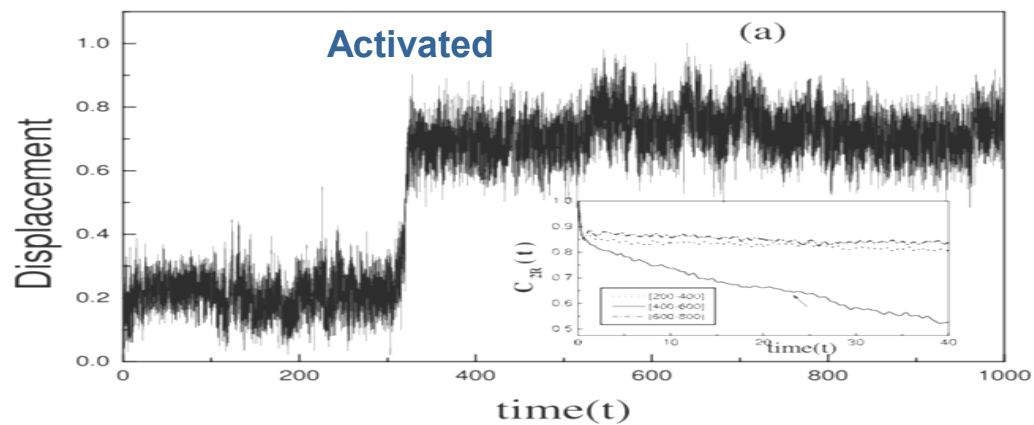
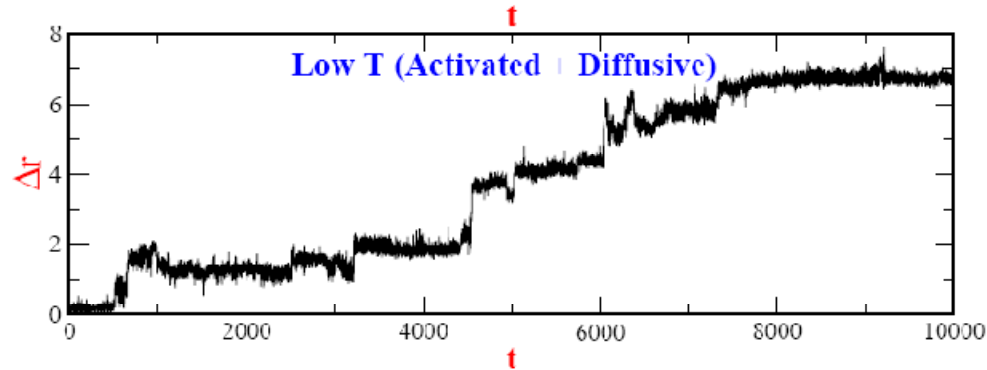
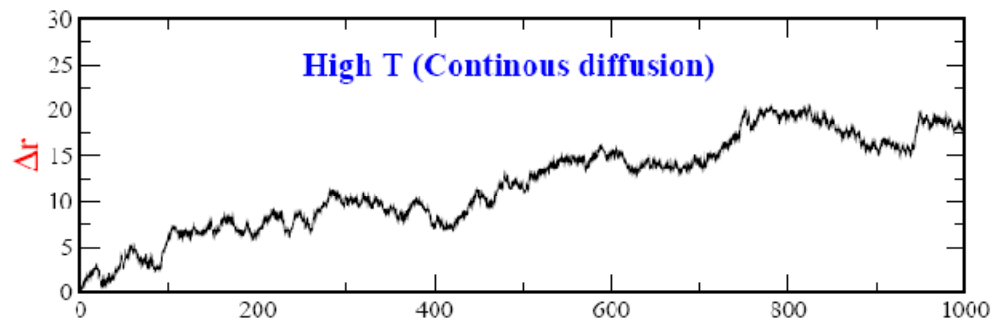
Caging \longrightarrow **Glass Transition (1984)**

Leutheusser, PRE, **29**, 2765 (1984)

Bengtzelius, Gotze, Sjolanler, J. Phys. C: **17**,5915 (1984)

- Critical point (T_c) **30-50K** above the glass transition temperature

Trajectories in Supercooled Liquids



Extended MCT

Gotze & Sjogren , Z. Phys. B ,65, 415 (1987)

Take higher order terms in the expansion

$$\Phi(q, z) = \frac{1}{z + \frac{\langle \omega_q^2 \rangle}{z + \eta_{ll}(q, z)}} \quad \rightarrow \quad \Phi(q, z) = \frac{1}{z + \frac{\langle \omega_q^2 \rangle}{z + \eta_{ll}(q, z)} + \delta}$$

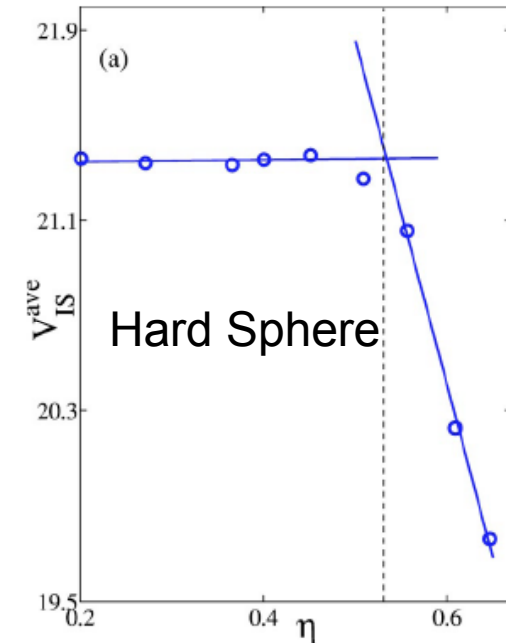
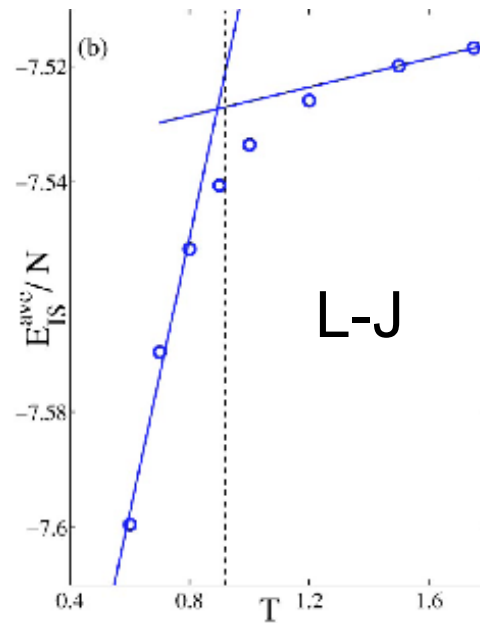
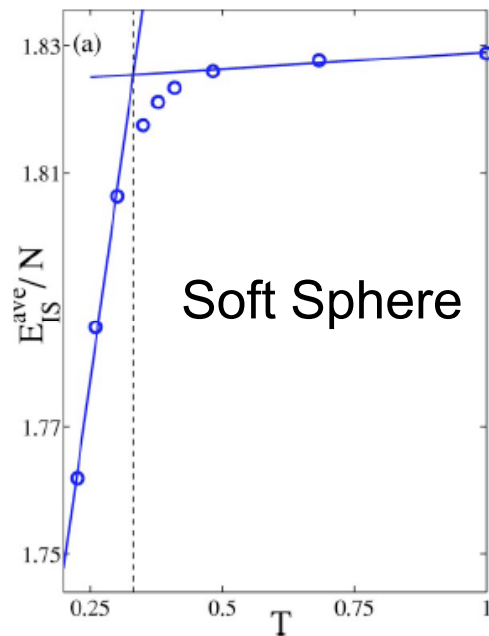
$\delta \rightarrow$ coupled to density relaxation

Higher order terms cannot describe activated dynamics



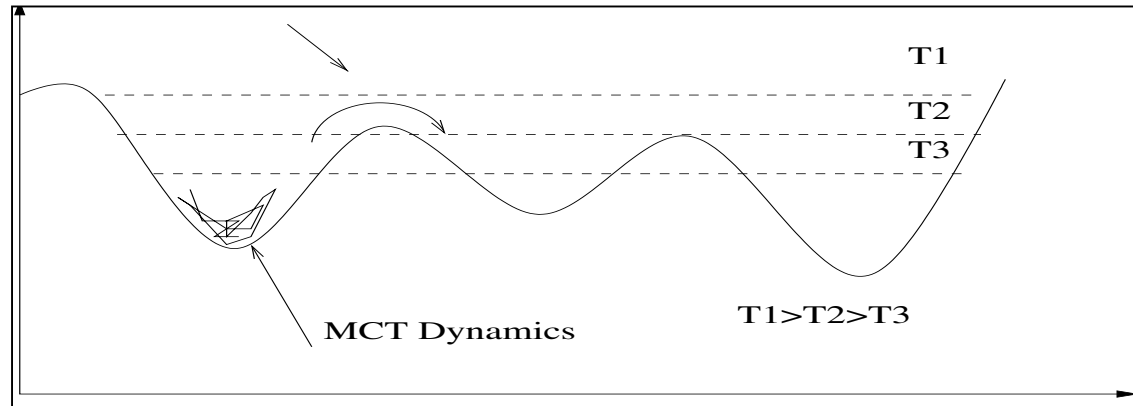
MCT transition temperature ??

Microscopic MCT transition temperature (T_c^0) or density (ρ_c^0)



$T_c^0 \approx T_L \rightarrow$ Landscape properties first change

MCT transition temperature ?



However

$$\tau : \left[\left(T - T_c^{fit} \right) / T_c^{fit} \right]^{-\gamma}$$

$T_c^{fit} \rightarrow$ MCT Scaling relation breaks down



What happens to the dynamics between

$$T_c^o > T > T_c^{\text{fit}}$$

- Simulations → presence of activated dynamics below T_L
- Why dynamics still follows MCT prediction below T_c^o ???
- Is there a sharp crossover from diffusive (MCT) to activated dynamics ??
- Most simulation studies are in this domain

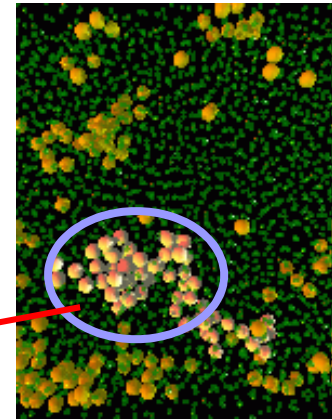
Random First Order Transition Theory (RFOT)

Experiments in colloids E. R. Weeks

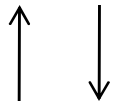
Above T_g Entropically favoured liquid droplet nucleates.

Driving force \rightarrow **Entropy**

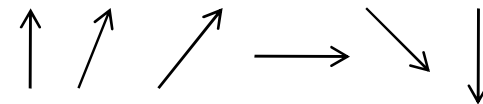
$$\Delta F(r) = 4\pi\sigma_K(r)r^2 - \frac{4\pi}{3}(r/a)^3 Ts_c$$



Sharpe interface



Surface wetting-diffused interface



Lowering of surface tension $\sigma(r) = \sigma_0(a/r)^{1/2}$

Random First Order Transition Theory (RFOT)

$$\Delta F^*(r) = \frac{3\pi\sigma_0^2 r_0}{Ts_c}$$

Adam-Gibbs

$$s_c = \Delta c_p(T) \frac{T - T_K}{T_K}$$

$$\Delta F^*(r) = \frac{3\pi\sigma_0^2 r_0}{T\Delta c_p} \frac{T_K}{T - T_K} = k_B T D \frac{T_K}{T - T_K}$$

VFT

Fragility parameter $D \propto 1 / \Delta c_p$

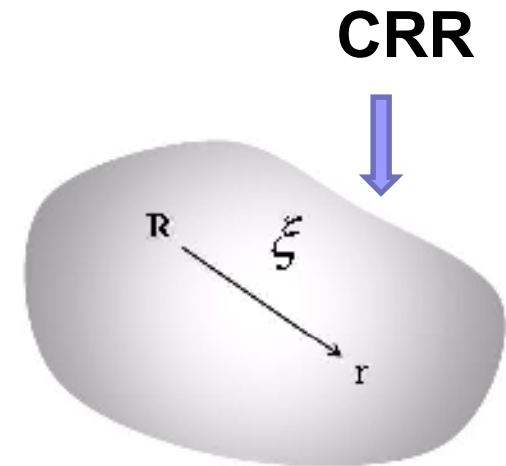
$$P_{hop} = \exp(-\Delta F^* / k_B T) \quad \xi / a = \left(\frac{3\sigma_0 a^2}{2Ts_c} \right)^{2/3} \approx \frac{2.0}{s_c^{2/3}}$$

Mesoscopic event (Activated dynamics)

→ Change in microscopic density

Co-operatively rearranging region (CRR)

Single activated event effects the whole region within a CRR



$$\frac{\partial \rho_{\text{hop}}(\mathbf{r}, t)}{\partial t} = \frac{1}{V} \int_{\mathbf{V}} d\mathbf{R} \Theta((\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{R}) < \xi) P_{\text{hop}}(\mathbf{R})$$
$$\times \left[\int dt' \int d\mathbf{r}' G(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}', t - t') \partial \rho(\mathbf{r}', t') - \partial \rho(\mathbf{r}, t) \right].$$



Bridging the gap.....

MCT+RFOT and Structural Relaxation

Master Equation –

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \rho(\mathbf{r})}{\partial t} = & P_{\text{hop}}(\mathbf{R}) \times \frac{1}{V} \int_{\mathbf{v}} \Theta((\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{R}) < \xi) \\ & \times \left[\int dt' \int d\mathbf{r}' G(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}', t - t') \partial \rho(\mathbf{r}', t') - \partial \rho(\mathbf{r}, t) \right] \\ & - \int dt' \int d\mathbf{r}' K_{\text{MCT}}(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}', t - t') \partial \rho(\mathbf{r}', t'). \end{aligned}$$

Dynamic Structure factor-

$$\Phi(\mathbf{q}, z) = \frac{1}{z + \mathbf{K}^{\text{R}}(\mathbf{q}, z)}$$

Renormalization of memory Kernel via hopping event

$$\begin{aligned}\Phi(q, z) &= \frac{1}{z + K^R(q, z)} \\ &= \frac{1}{z + K_{\text{hop}}(q, z) + K_{\text{MCT}}(q, z)}\end{aligned}$$

$$K_{\text{MCT}}(q, z) = \Im\left(\left\{K^R(q, z)\right\}\right) = \frac{\langle \omega_q^2 \rangle}{z + \eta_1(q, z)}$$

$$K_{\text{hop}}(q, z) = P_{\text{hop}} \frac{V_o}{V_P} (G(q, z) - 1)$$

$$\Phi(q, t) = \Phi_{\text{MCT}}(q, t) \times \Phi_{\text{hop}}(q, t)$$



Information required

Activated part

Configuration entropy per bead- $s_c = 2.65 k_B$

Kauzmann Temperature $T_K = 175K$

Region participating in hopping- correlation length

MCT part

Static structure factor ---we do not have for realistic systems

F_{12} model- We need to know the non-ergodic **transition temperature**.

Burmer and Reichman (PRE **69**, 041202 (2004)- Non-ergodic transition

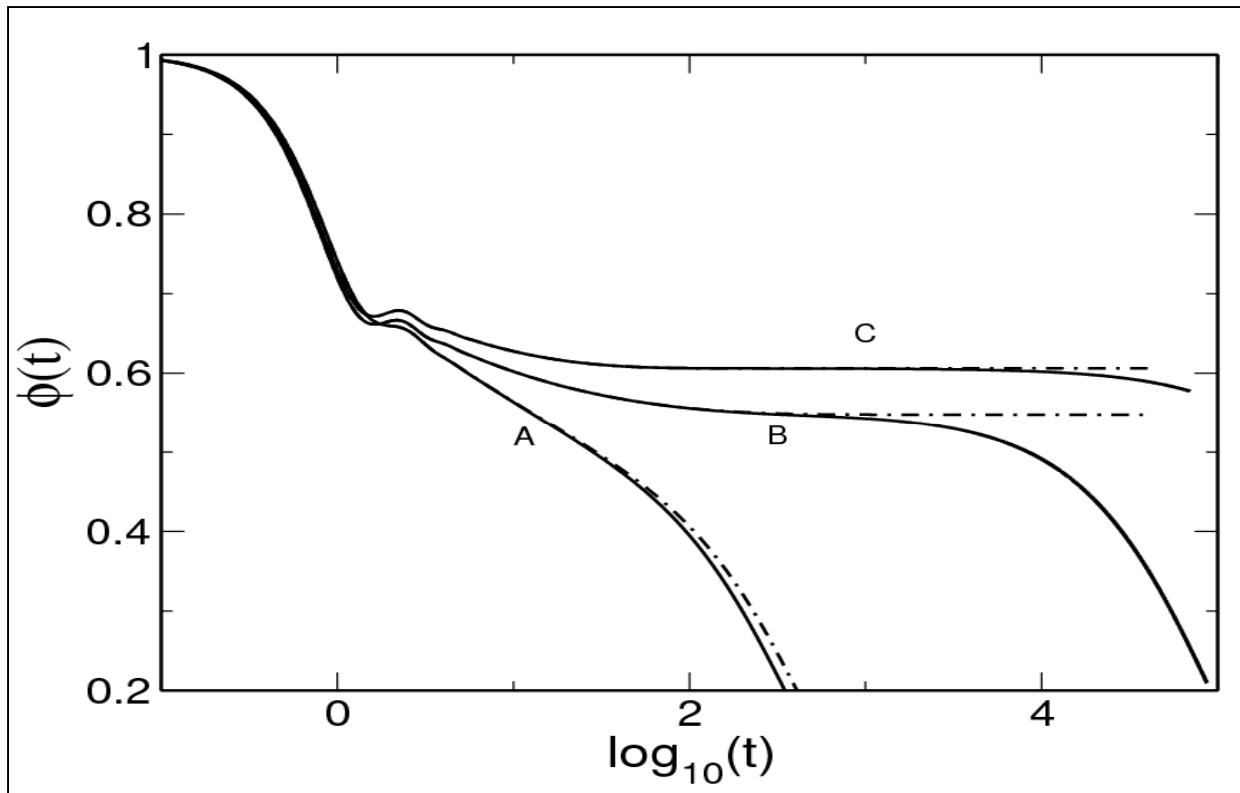
-Where inherent structure energy changes

-Sastry et al. (Nature, **393** 354 (1998) – Change of Inherent structure energy and stretching parameter correlated.

Non-ergodic transition, $T = 278K$ (Dreyfus *et al.* PRL **69**, 3666 (1992))


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Structural Relaxation below T_c



Ergodic – non-ergodic transition avoided

Bhattacharyya, Bagchi, Wolynes, PRE, **72** 031509, (2005)



Are they (MCT and Activated dynamics) just acting as parallel decay channels ???

$$\Phi(q, t) = \Phi_{MCT}(q, t) \times \Phi_{hop}(q, t)$$

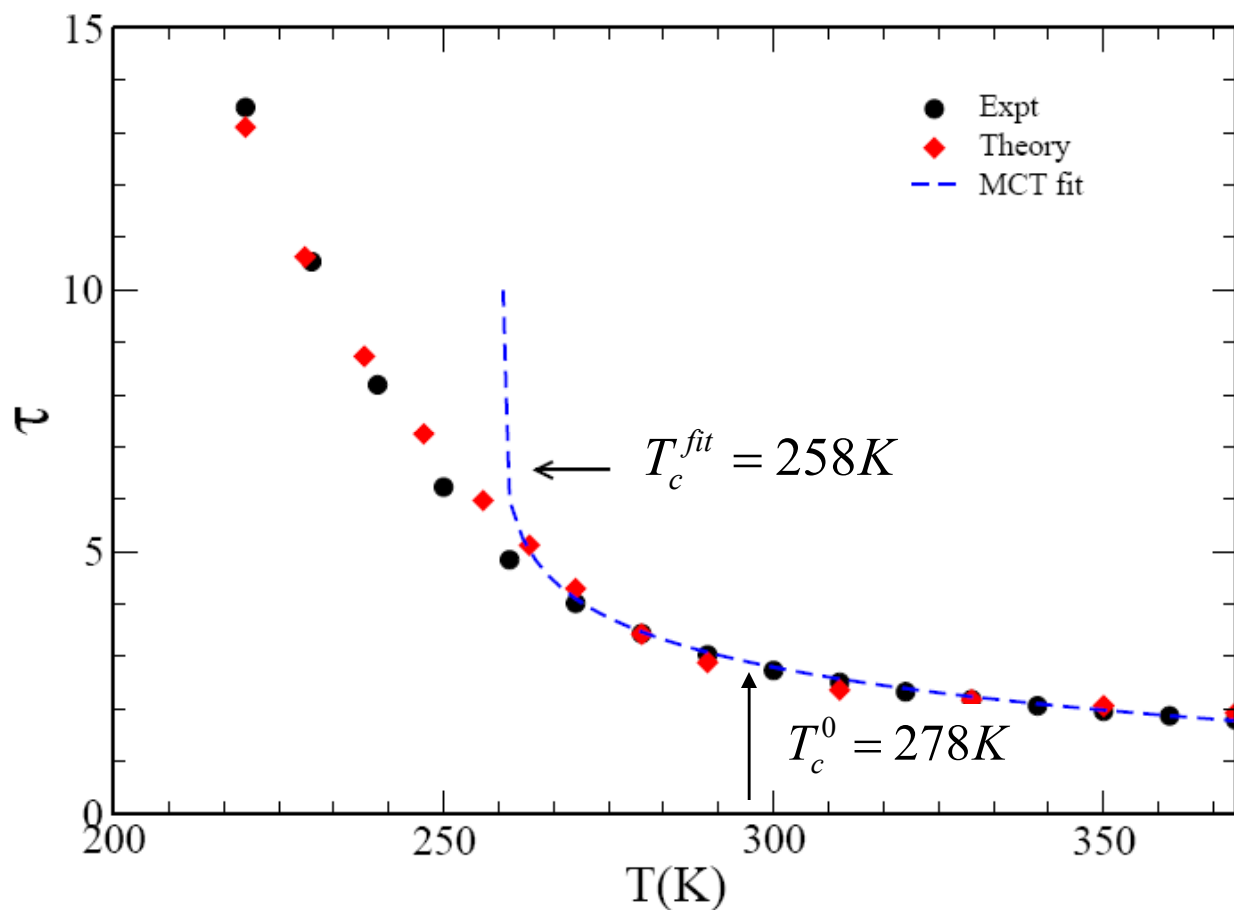


Growth of relaxation time with supercooling

$$\tau_{MCT} : \left[\left(T - T_c^{fit} \right) / T_c^{fit} \right]^{-\gamma}$$

$$\tau_{hop} \propto \exp(B / (T - T_K))$$

T-dependence of τ_α (Salol)

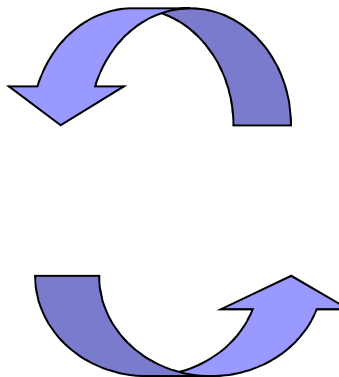


$$T_c^0 = 278K$$

$$T_c^{fit} = 258K$$

(Prediction)

Why does MCT still seem to work between $T_c^0 > T > T_c^{fit}$?

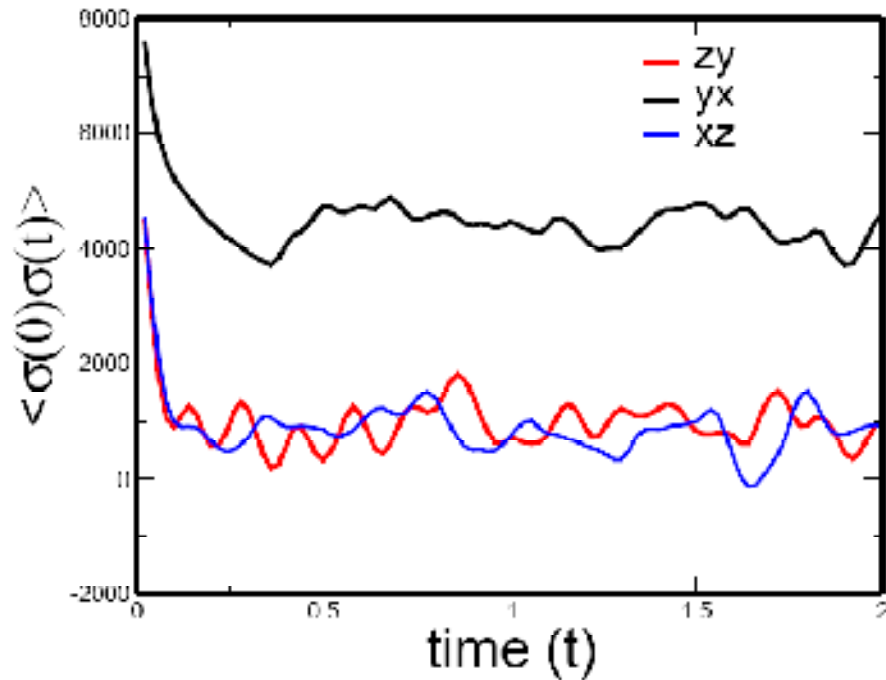
$$\phi_{MCT}(z) = \frac{1}{z + \frac{\langle \omega_q^2 \rangle}{z + \eta_l(z)}} \quad \eta_l(z) = \gamma + \lambda L \{ \phi^2(t) \}$$


Hopping \rightarrow Softening of Longitudinal Viscosity \rightarrow Relaxation of the MCT part

$$T < T_c^0, \quad \tau_{MCT}^{-1} ; \frac{2\tau_{hop}^{-1}}{(f_q^2 \lambda - 1)}$$

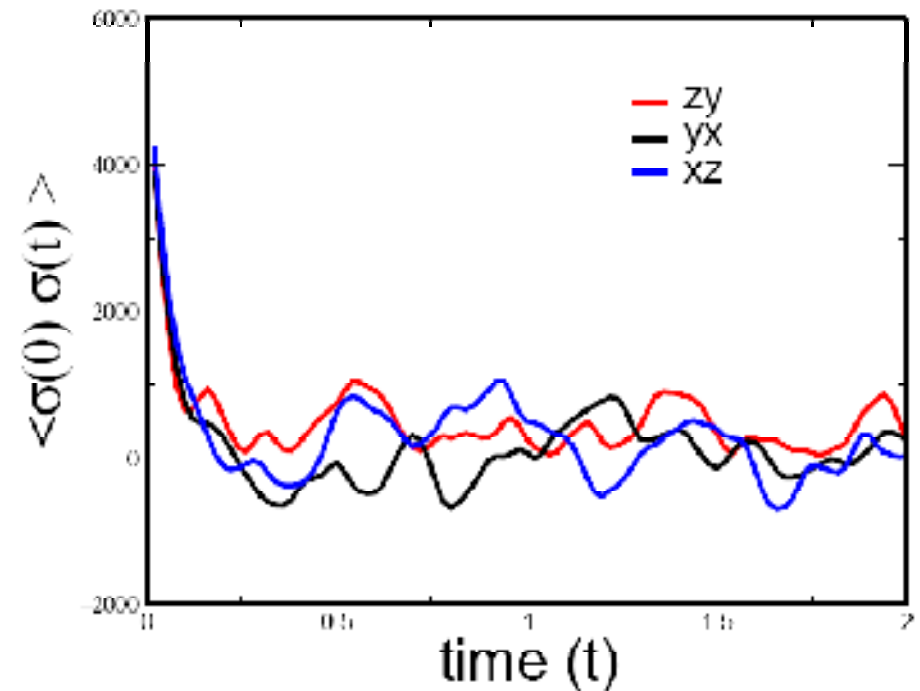
Hopping induced diffusive dynamics

Hopping Induced Relaxation of Local Stress-auto correlation

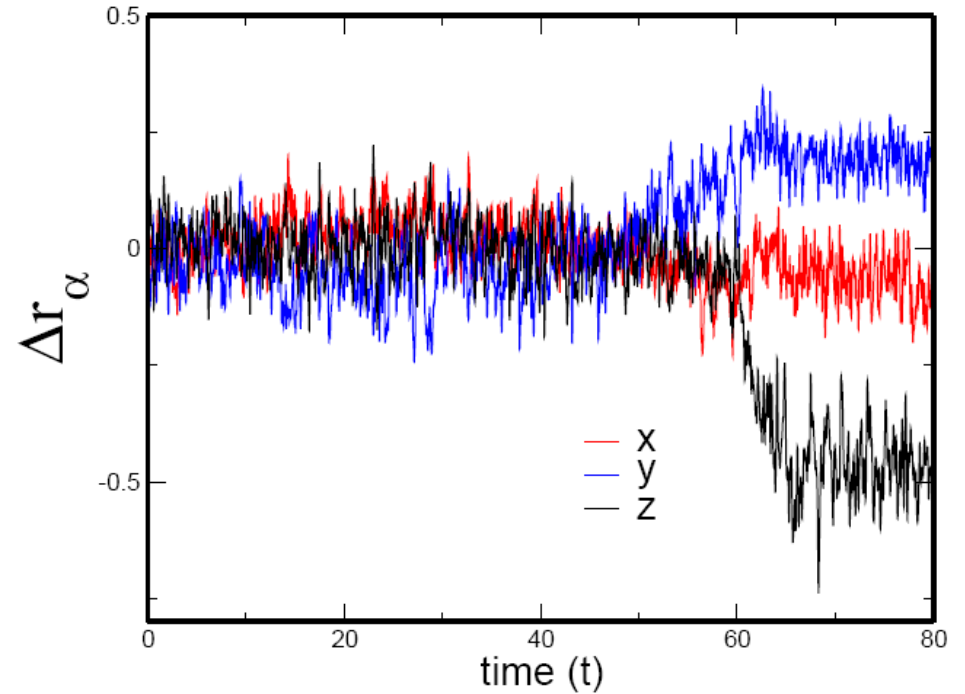
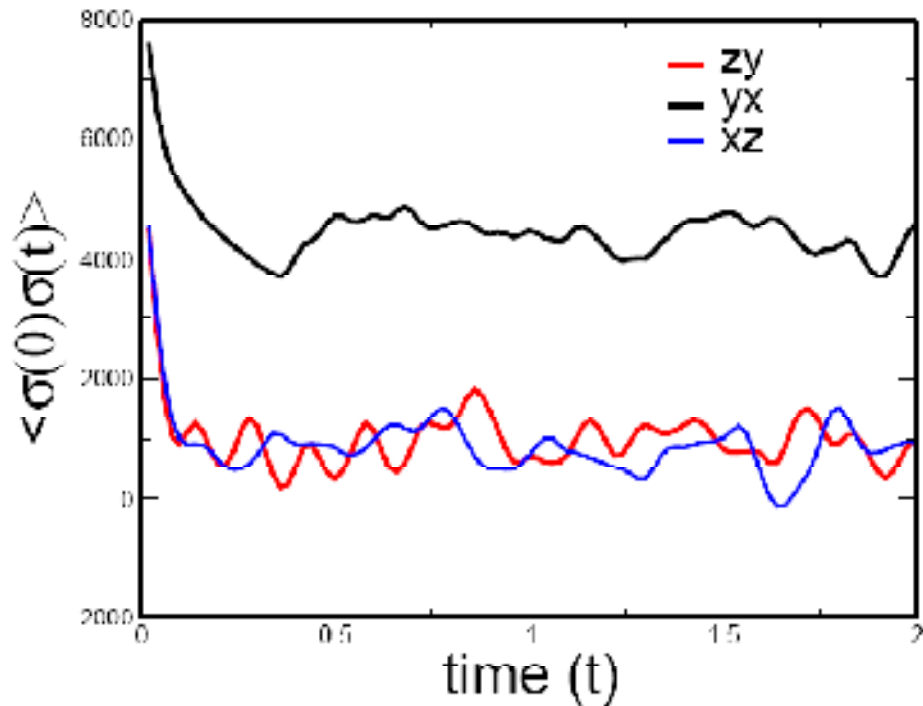


Before hopping

After hopping



Correlation between Anisotropy in Stress and Direction of Particle Hopping

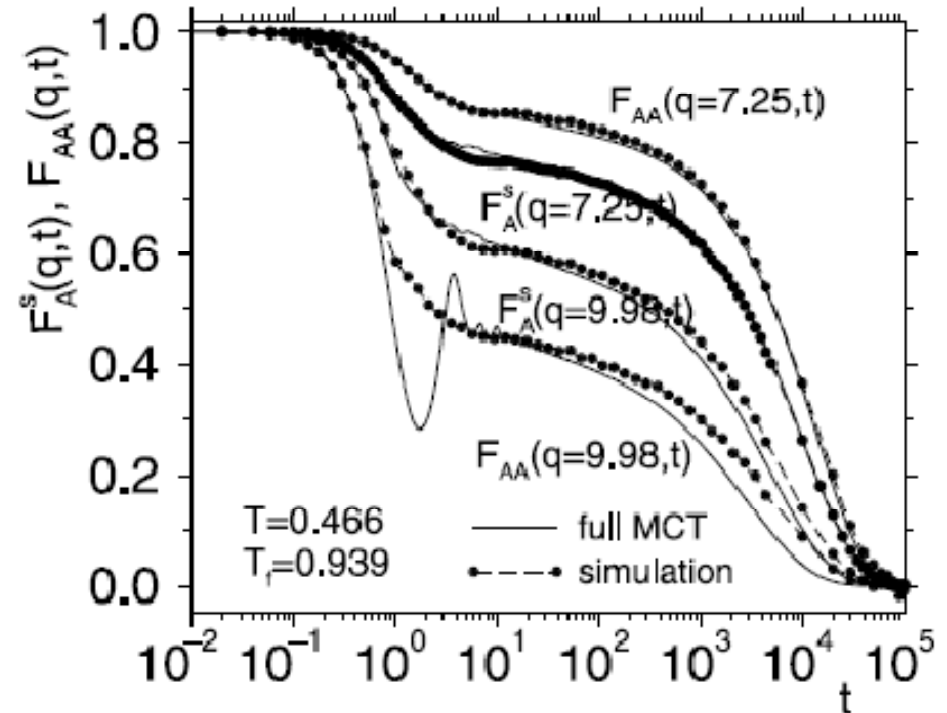


Hopping increases local temperature

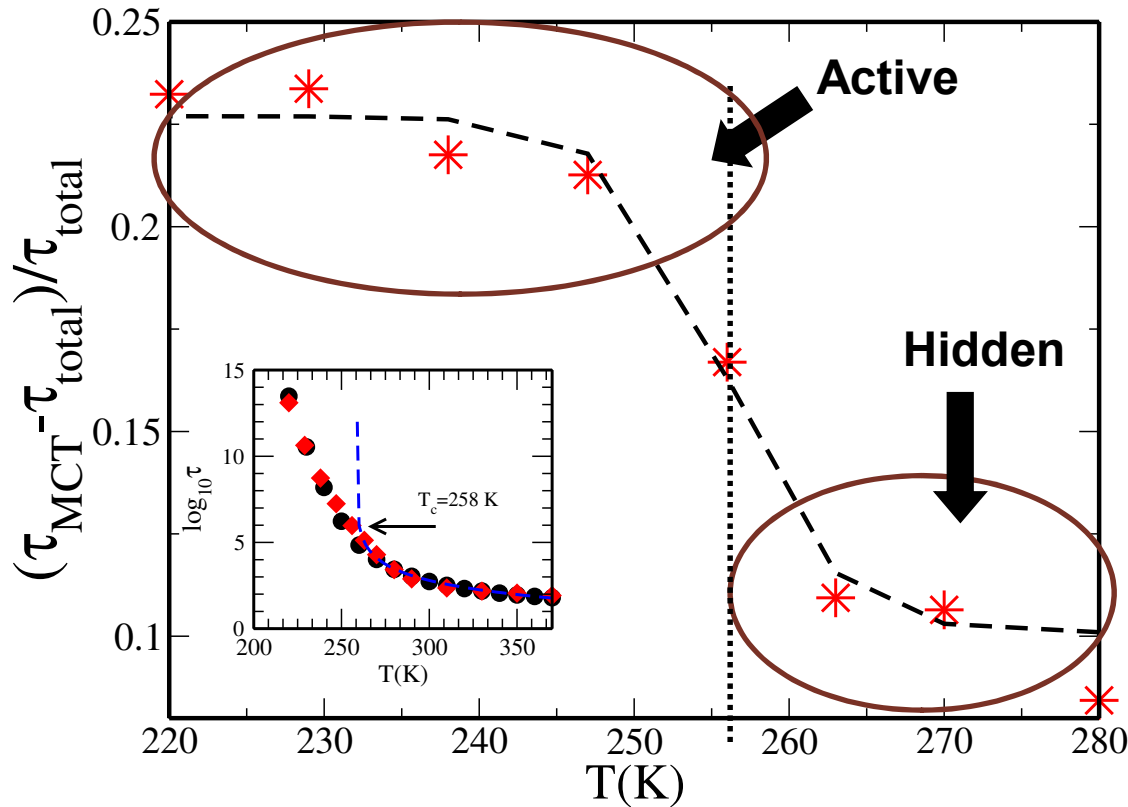
Puzzle-Dynamics well described by λ calculated at higher effective T !!!!

$$\eta_l(z) = \gamma + \lambda \langle \omega_q^2 \rangle L \{ \phi^2(t) \}$$

Hopping \rightarrow Increases the local temperature



Why does MCT breakdown ?



Gradual change of the dynamics from diffusive to activated

$$\tau_{MCT}^{-1} ; \frac{2\tau_{hop}^{-1}}{(f_q^2 \lambda - 1)}$$

$$(f_q^2 \lambda - 1) \ll 2 \rightarrow \text{Hidden}$$

$$(f_q^2 \lambda - 1) \gg 2 \rightarrow \text{Active}$$



Connection with Landscape Picture

Sastry et al. (Nature, **393** 354 (1998))

- Hidden role of hopping → Landscape influenced regime
- Active role of hopping → Landscape dominated regime



Wavenumber (q)- dependence of relaxation time

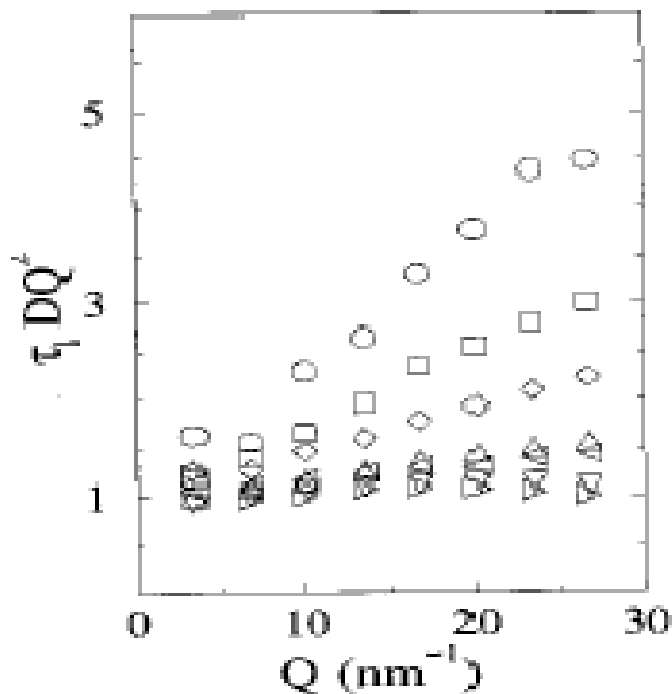
- MCT \rightarrow Diffusive dynamics \rightarrow Ficks law \rightarrow quadratic q dependence

$$\tau_{MCT}(q) \propto q^{-2}$$

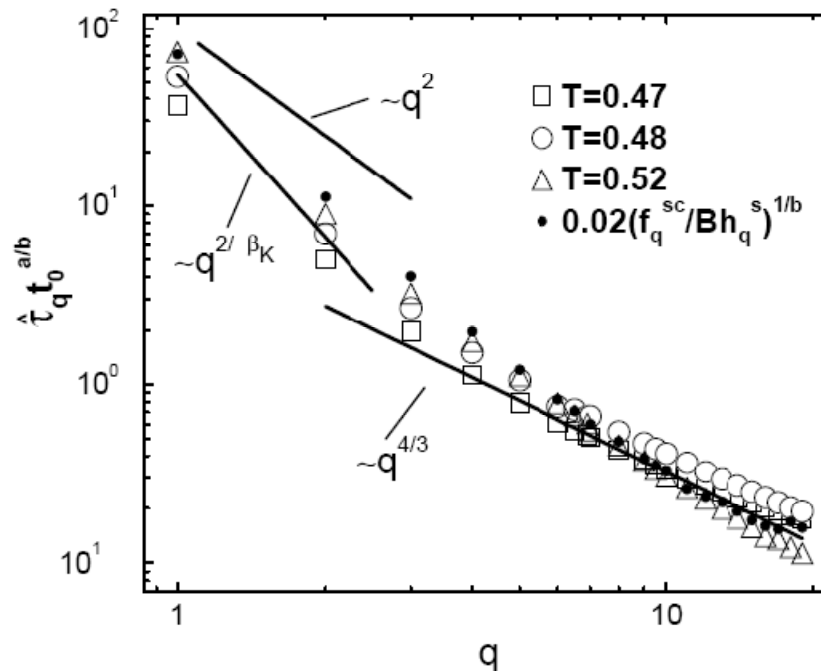
- Activated dynamics \rightarrow Jump diffusion model \rightarrow q independent dynamics

$$\tau_{hop}(q) \propto q^0$$

Simulation studies of q - Dependence of timescale at different T



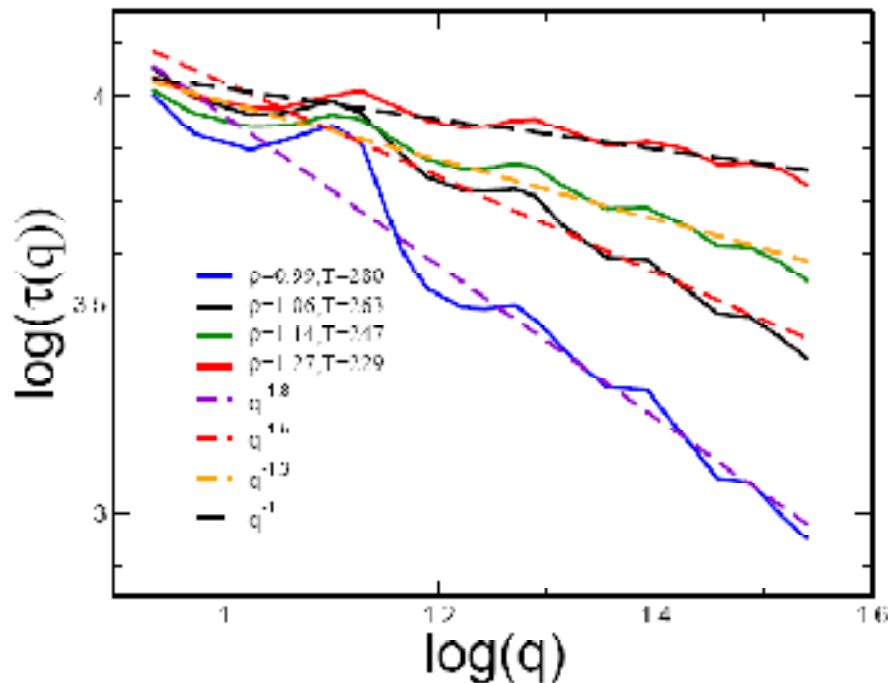
Sciortino *et al.* PRE **54** 6331 (1996)



Bennemann, Baschnagel, Paul, Eur. Phys. J. B **10** 323 (1999)

Weaking of q- dependence of timescale as T is lowered

$$\phi(q, t) = a(q) \exp(-(t / \tau(q))^{\beta(q)})$$



$$\tau(q) \propto q^{-\alpha}$$

T ↓ → α ↓



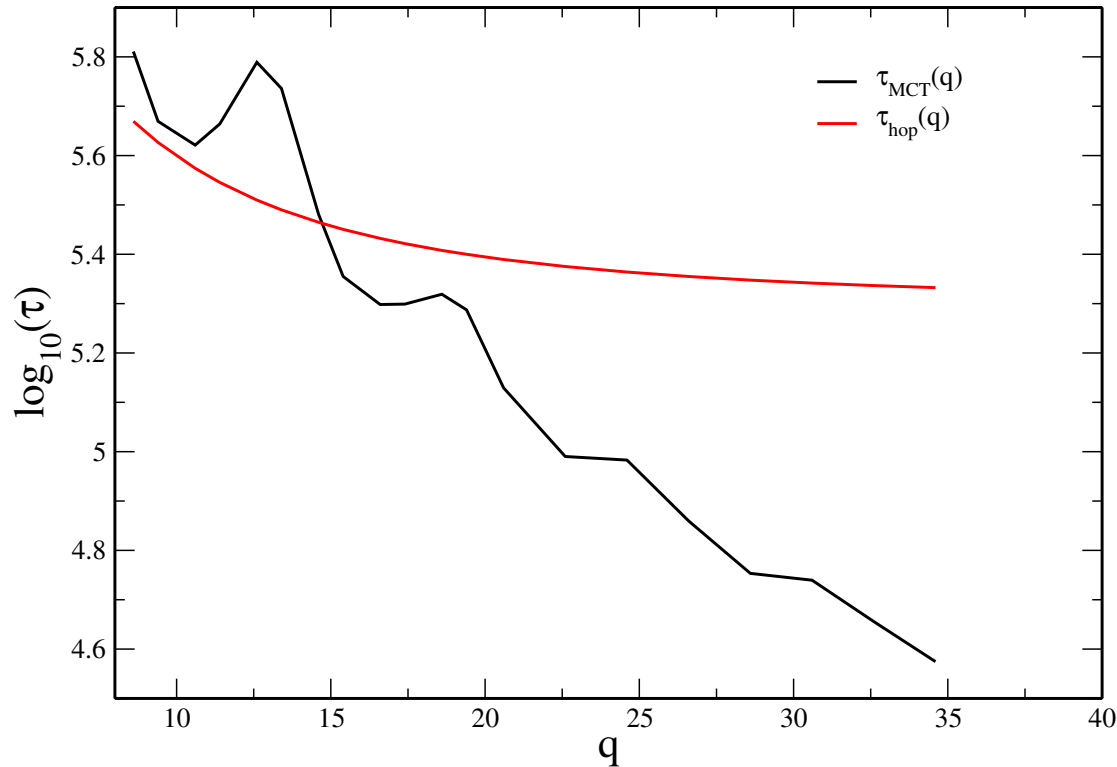
What causes Gradual weakening of q -dependence of relaxation time ?

Weakening of q -dependence of hopping induced MCT dynamics

or

Gradual change of dynamics in the crossover regime

Wavenumber dependence of hopping induced diffusive dynamics

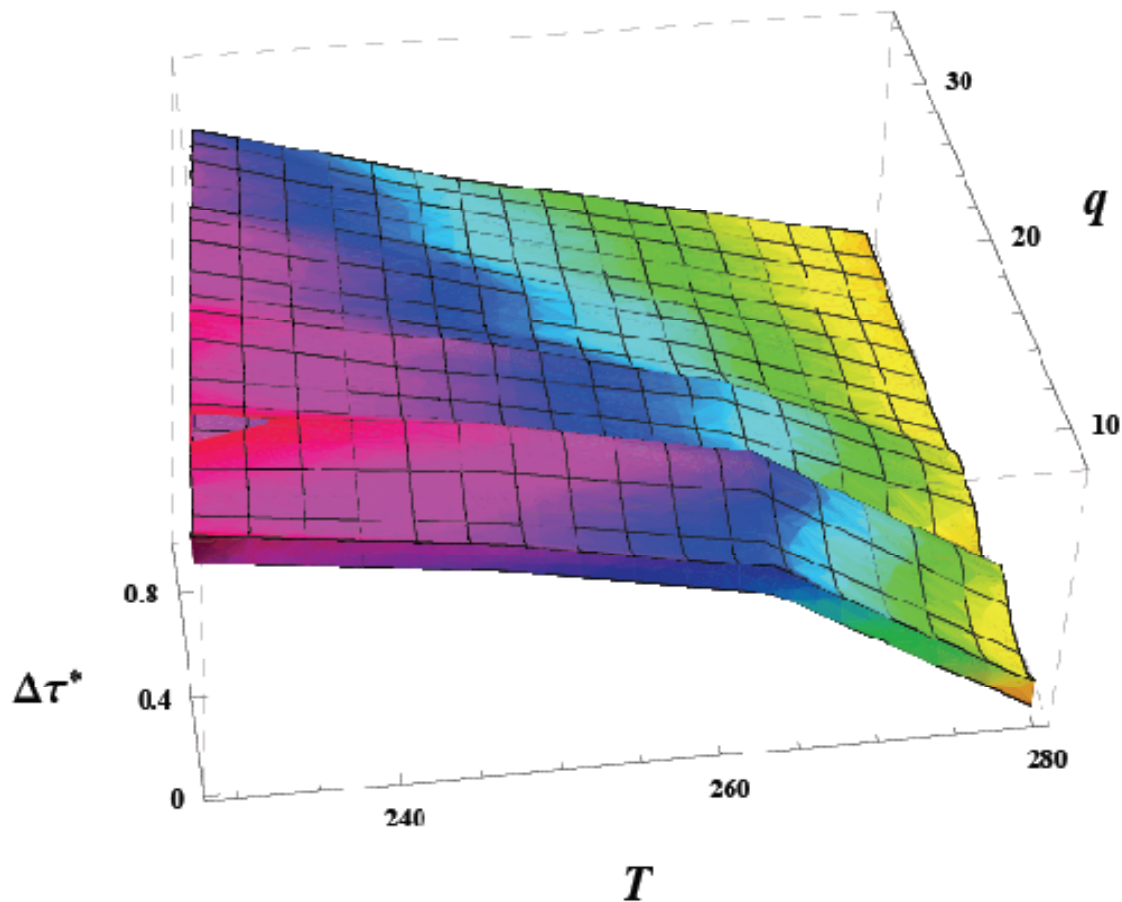


$$\tau_{MCT}^{-1} ; \frac{2\tau_{hop}^{-1}}{(f_q^2 \lambda - 1)}$$

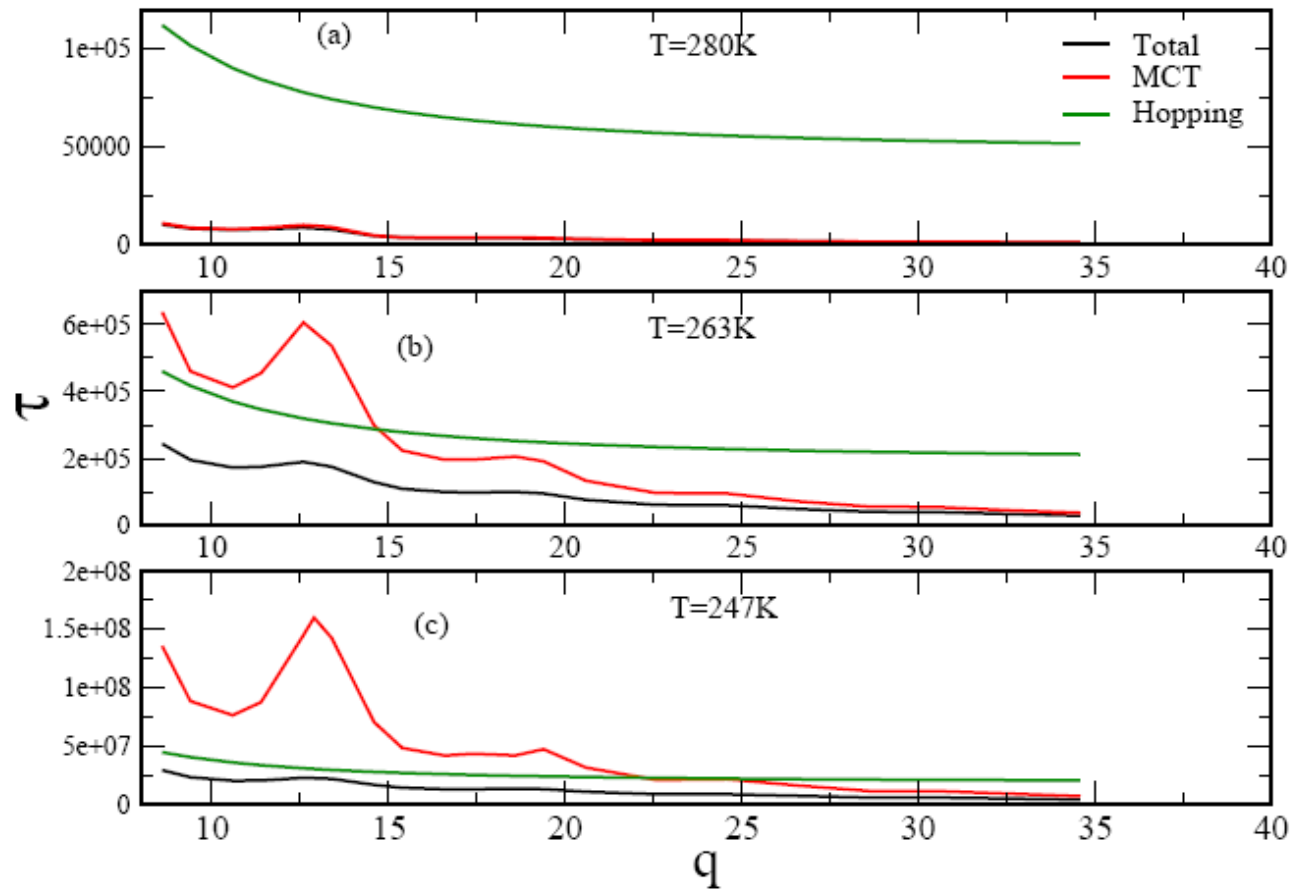
$$f_q \rightarrow DWF$$

Hopping induced MCT dynamics retains its wavenumber dependence

Wavenumber dependence of gradual crossover



Bhattacharyya, Bagchi, Wolynes arXiv:0902.4078 (2009)



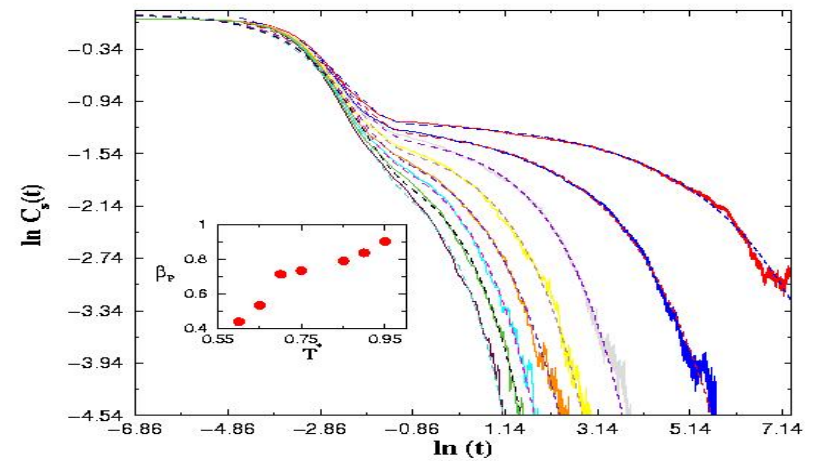
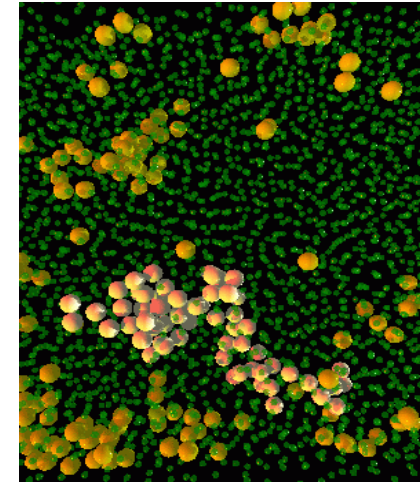
Wavenumber dependence of crossover



Gradual weakening of q -dependence of relaxation time

Dynamic Heterogeneity

- Heterogeneity grows with supercooling
- Stretched dynamics, stretching parameter $\beta \rightarrow$ measure of heterogeneity
- MCT describes homogeneous theory



Heterogeneity in RFOT

Range of barriers ΔF^*

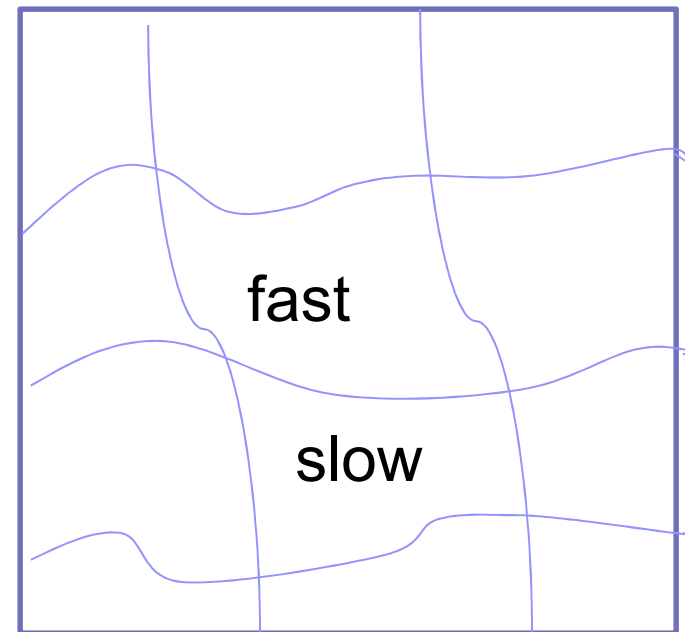
Assume $P(\Delta F^*) \rightarrow$ Gaussian

$$\Delta F^*(r) = \frac{3\pi\sigma^2 r_0}{Ts_c}$$

$$\frac{\delta\Delta F^*}{\Delta F^*} \approx \frac{\delta s_c}{s_c}$$

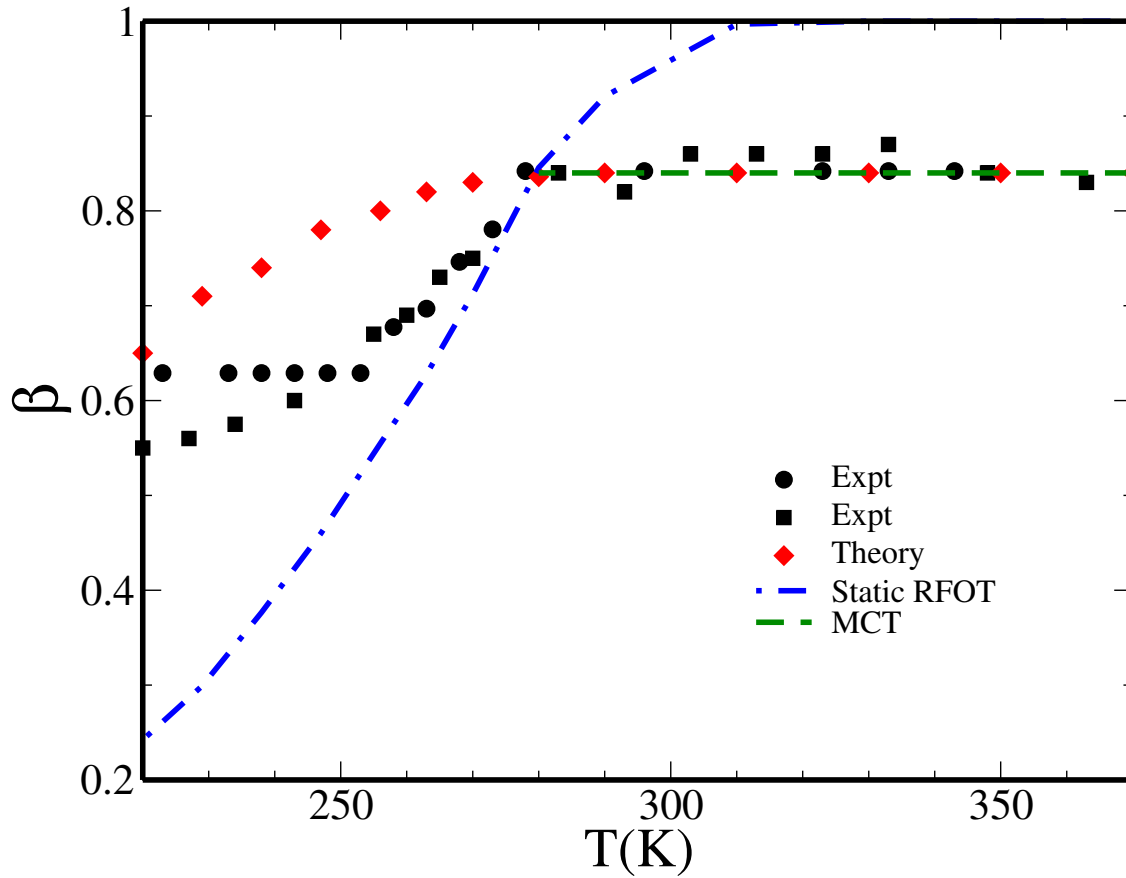
$$\delta s_c \propto \sqrt{\Delta c_p \xi^3}$$

Mosaic Structure



More Fragile liquids \rightarrow higher $\Delta c_p \rightarrow$ wider $P(\Delta F^*)$

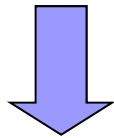
T-Dependence of β (Salol)



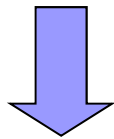
$$\beta_{hop} \square \beta_{MCT+hop}$$

Modified Barrier Height Distribution

$$e^{-(t/\tau_\alpha)^\beta} = \int_0^\alpha e^{-(t/\tau)} P(\tau) d\tau$$

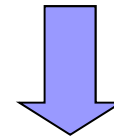


$$P(\Delta F) d\Delta F = P(\tau) d\tau$$

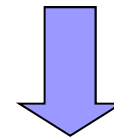


$$\tau \approx \frac{\tau_0}{(\alpha + 1)} \exp(\Delta F / k_B T)$$

Stretched Exponential dynamics

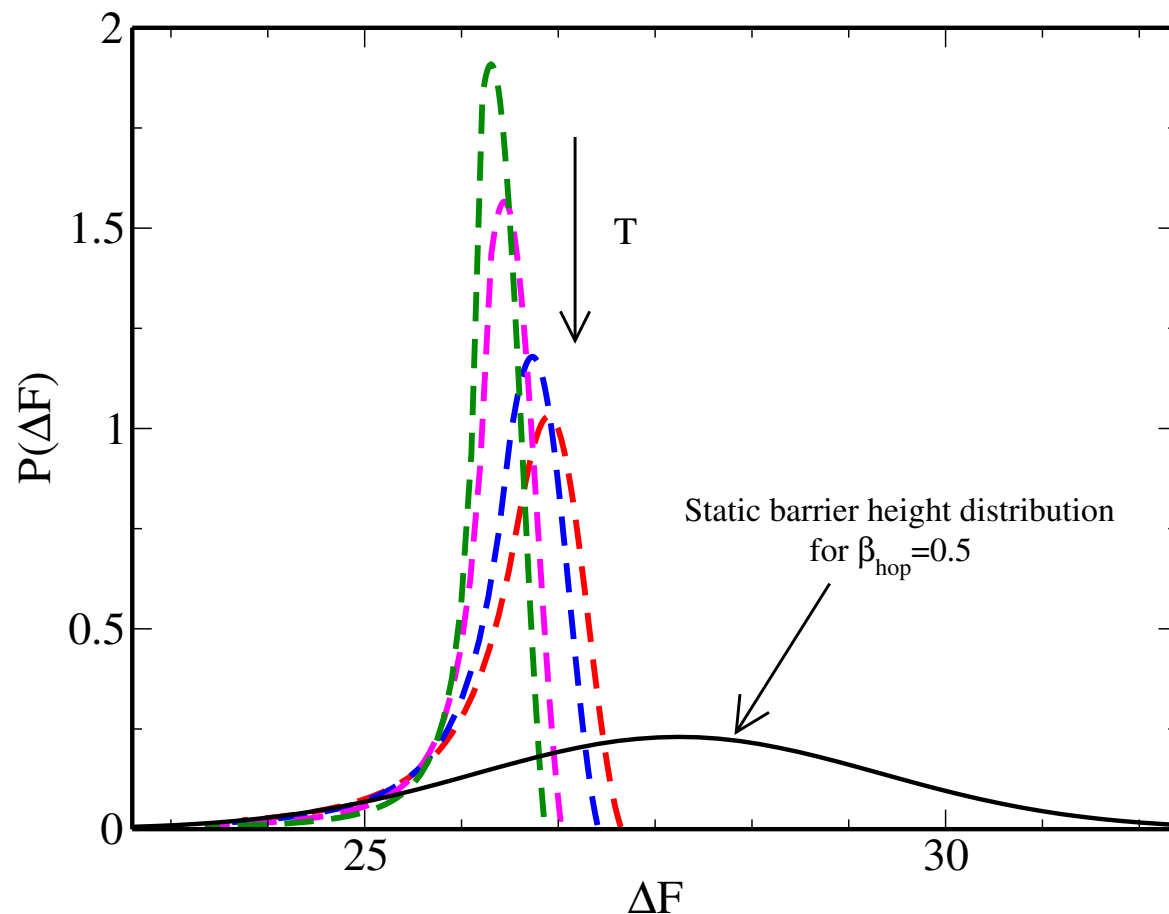


Distribution of timescale.



Modified distribution of barrier height

Renormalized (by MCT) Barrier Height Distribution - Function of MCT Timescale

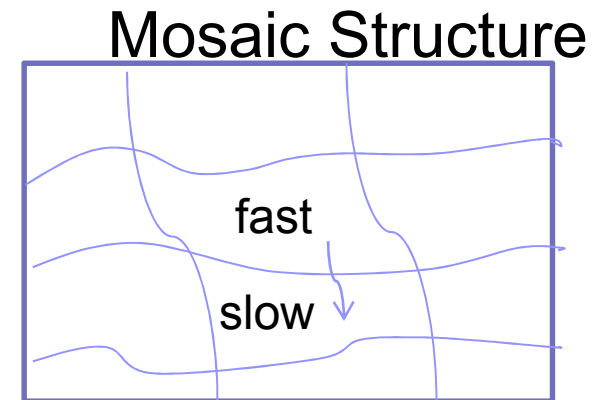


MCT →
renormalizes
barrier height
distribution.

Distribution
depends on
MCT
timescale.

Facilitation

MCT induces interaction
between fast and slow regions

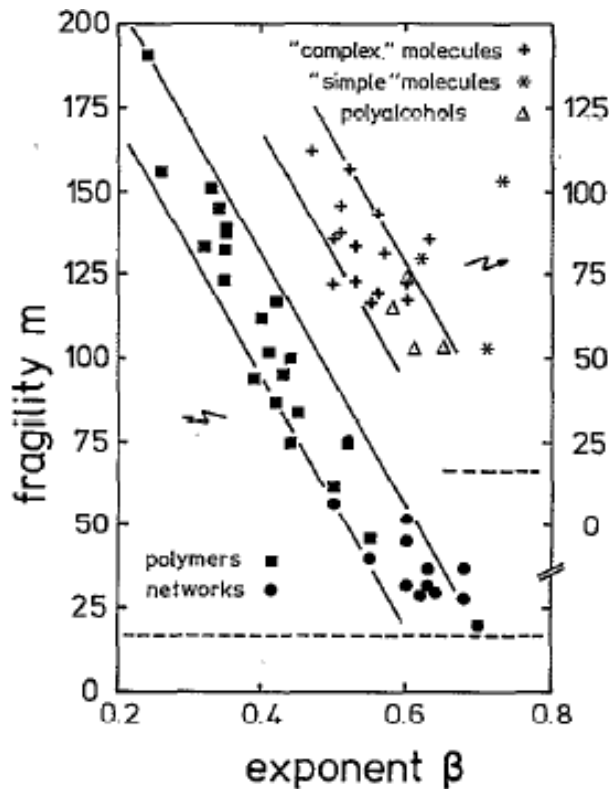


- MCT dynamics **facilitates** the activated dynamics by lowering the effective barriers.
- Faster MCT dynamics → greater facilitation
- MCT decreases the heterogeneity
- Renormalized barrier distribution → mean field estimate of dynamic heterogeneity

Fragility and Dynamic Heterogeneity

Correlation mentioned by Gilles Tarjus

Bohmer *et al* J. Chem. Phys. **99** 4201 (1993)



$$m = 16 + 590 / D$$

Experimental observation

More fragile \rightarrow Larger stretching parameter

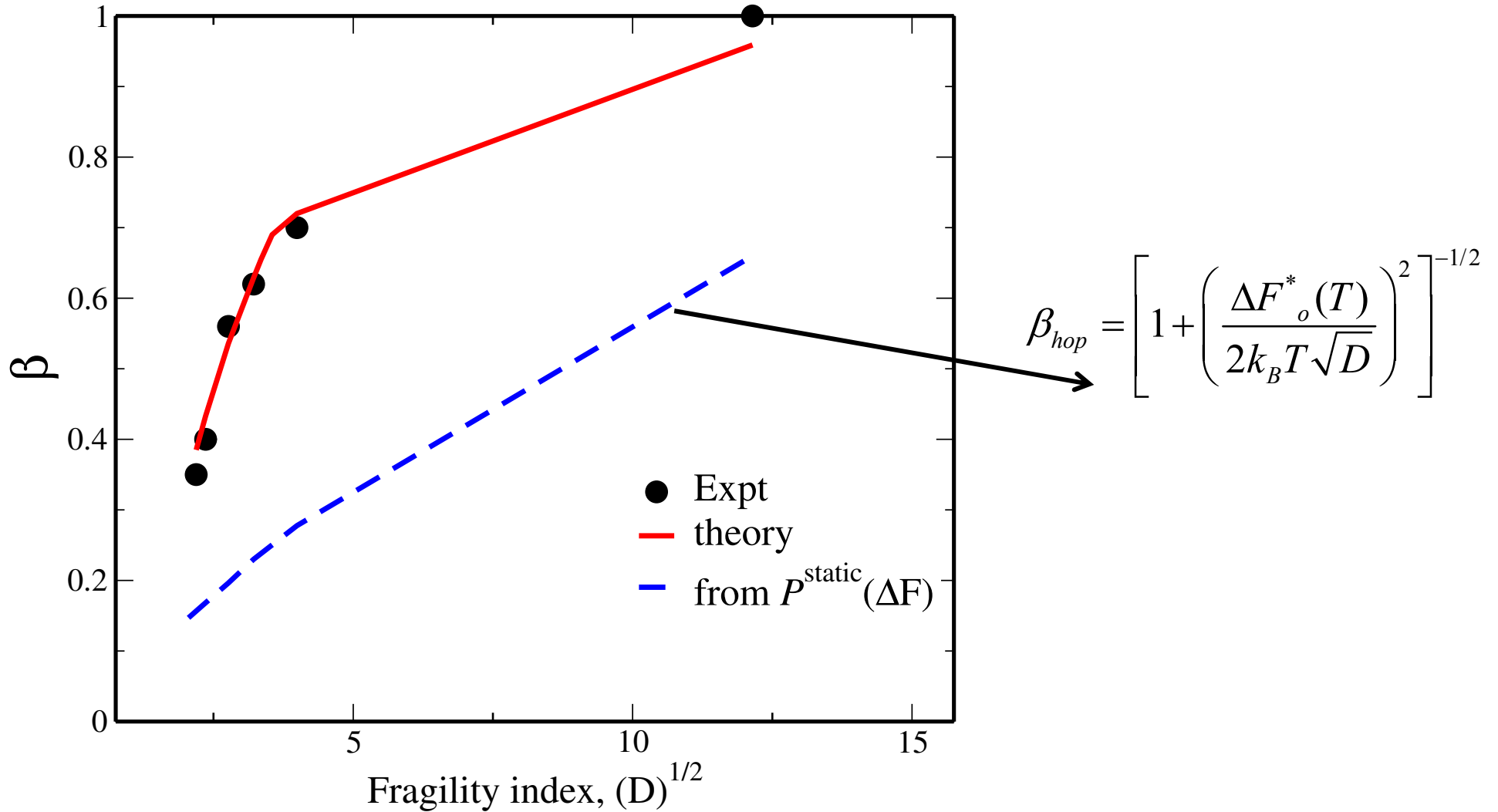
Fragile liquid \rightarrow Rugged energy landscape \rightarrow wider barrier height distribution

$$\Phi(t) = \int e^{-t/\tau(\Delta F^*)} P(\Delta F^*) d\Delta F^*$$

$$\beta_{hop} = \left[1 + \left(\frac{\Delta F_o^*(T)}{2k_B T \sqrt{D}} \right)^2 \right]^{-1/2}$$

Xia and Wolynes, PRL, **86**, 5526 (2001)

Fragility and Stretching Parameter



Renormalized barrier height distribution reduces heterogeneity



Glass transition and Growing correlation length

Correlation length \rightarrow peak height of four point susceptibility $\chi_4(t)$

C. Dasgupta et al, Europhys. Lett. 15, 307(1991).

$\chi_4(t)$ = response of a two-point correlation $F(t)$ to an external field
Fluctuation dissipation theorem

$$\chi_x(t) = \frac{\partial F(t)}{\partial x}$$

Berthier et al Science, 310 1797 (2005)

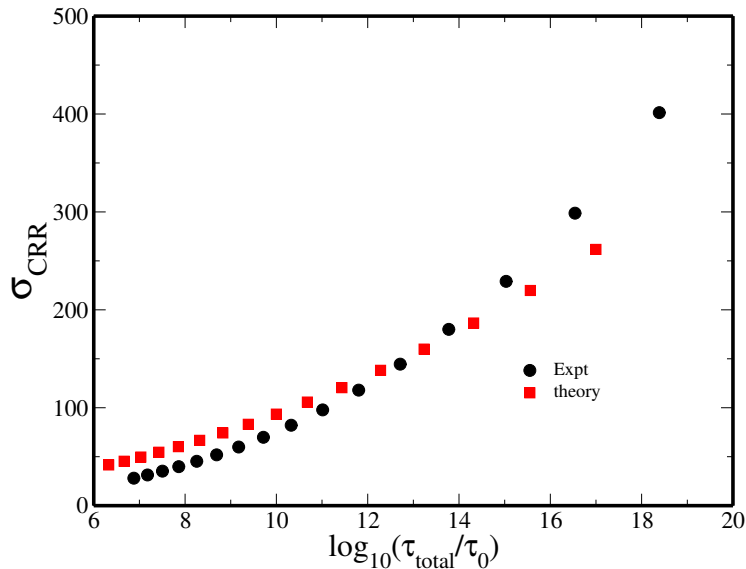
$$F(t) = \phi(t) \propto \exp\left(-\left(t / \tau_\alpha\right)^\beta\right)$$

$$N_{CRR}(T) = \rho \xi^d = \frac{k_B}{\Delta C_p} \frac{\beta(T)}{e^2} \left(\frac{d \ln \tau_\alpha}{d \ln T} \right)^2$$

Number of particles in a CRR

Growth of Complexity

$$\sigma_{CRR}(T) = \frac{S_c}{k_B} N_{CRR} = \frac{S_c}{\Delta C_P} \frac{\beta(T)}{e^2} \left(\frac{d \ln \tau_\alpha}{d \ln T} \right)^2$$



Adam-Gibbs $\rightarrow \sigma_{CRR}(T) \quad T - indep$

RFOT $\rightarrow \sigma_{CRR}(T) \propto \log(\tau)$

Expt and Present theory $\rightarrow \sigma_{CRR}(T)^\psi \propto \log(\tau)$

Dynamical correlation length
different from static correlation



Summary

- Interplay between activated and diffusive dynamics
- **Hidden** role → Hopping induced diffusive dynamics $T < T_c^o$
→ **Landscape influenced regime**
- **Active** role of hopping → Breakdown of MCT → **Landscape dominated regime**
- MCT renormalizes barrier height distribution → Picks up lower barriers.