

Theory of heterogeneous viscoelasticity

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Maxwell's visco-elastic theory

J. C. Maxwell, Philos. Trans. Roy. Soc. 1867

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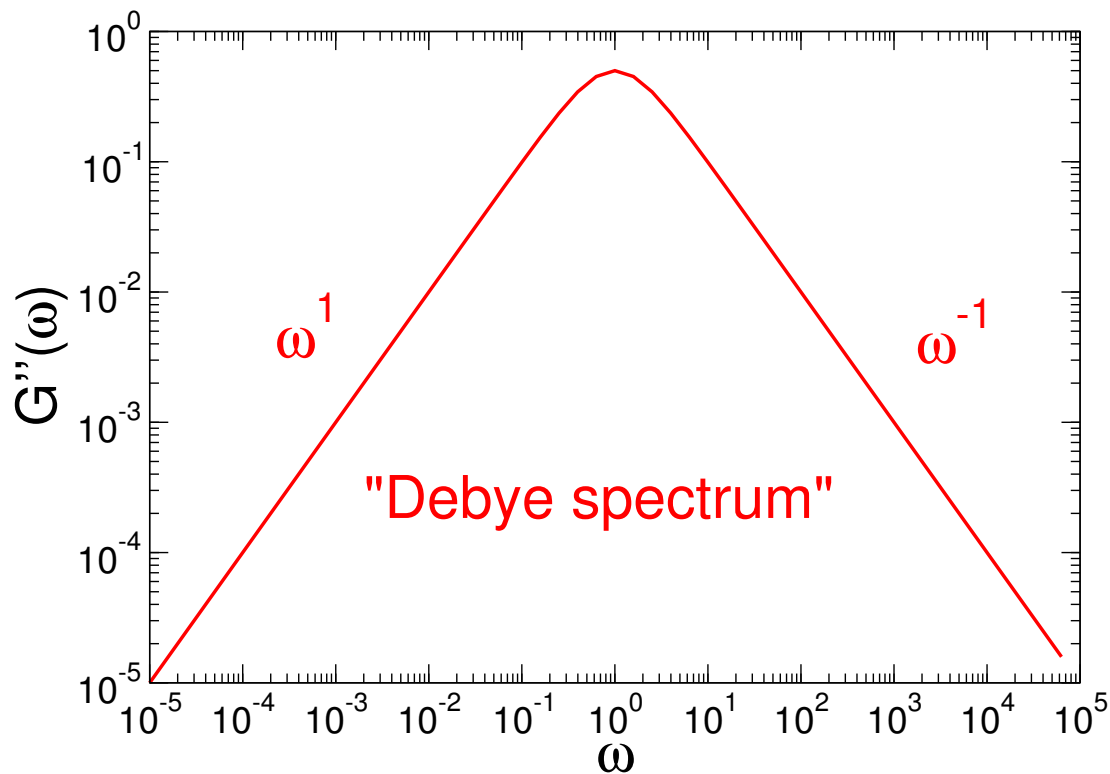
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- If τ is larger than a glass-blower's time scale, the glass transition has occurred.

Maxwells visco-elastic theory

Consequence for the mechanical loss modulus $G''(\omega)$:

$$G''(\omega) = \text{Im}\{G_{\text{eff}}(\omega)\} = G_{\infty} \frac{\omega\tau}{1 + (\omega\tau)^2}$$

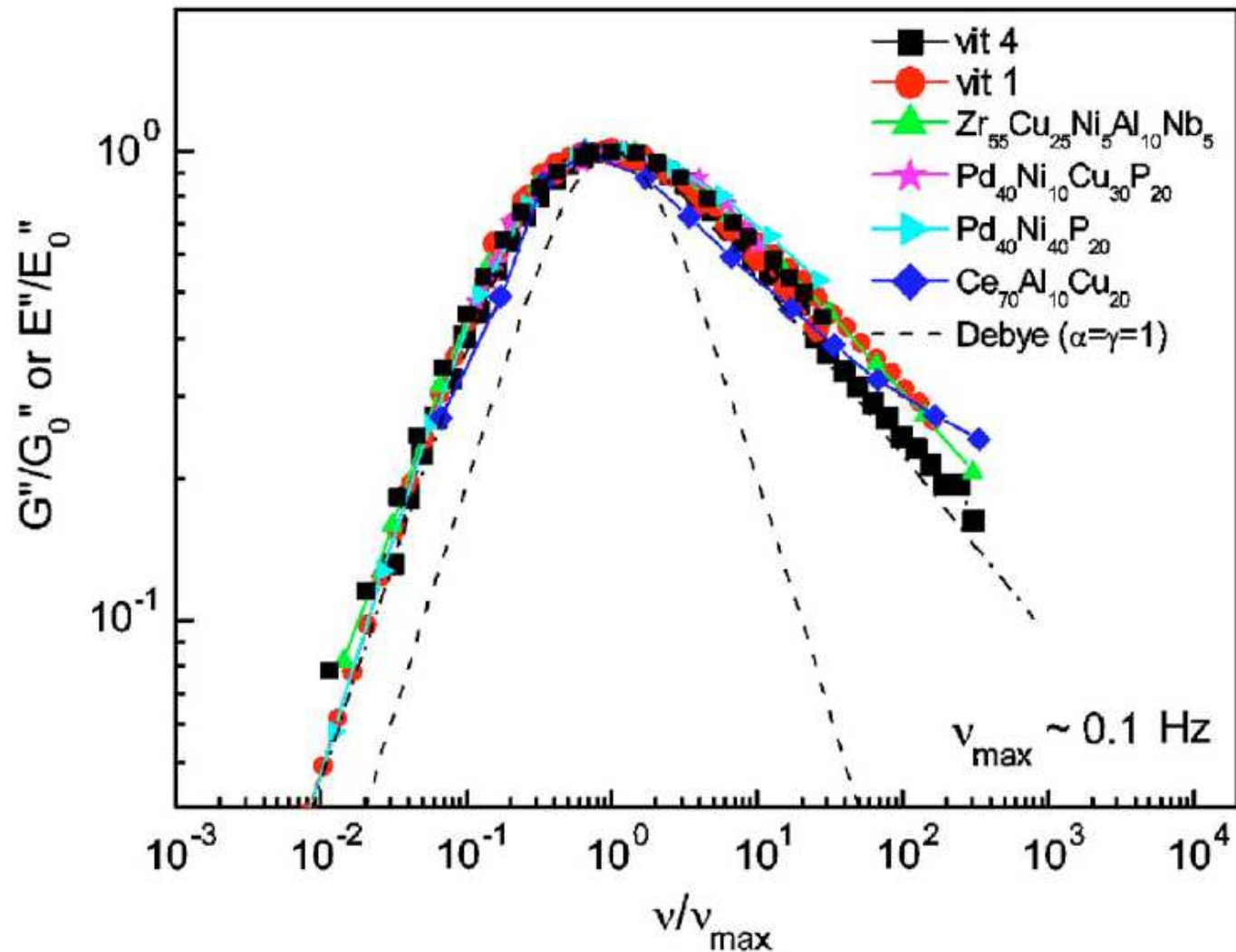


Mechanical relaxation spectra of metallic glasses

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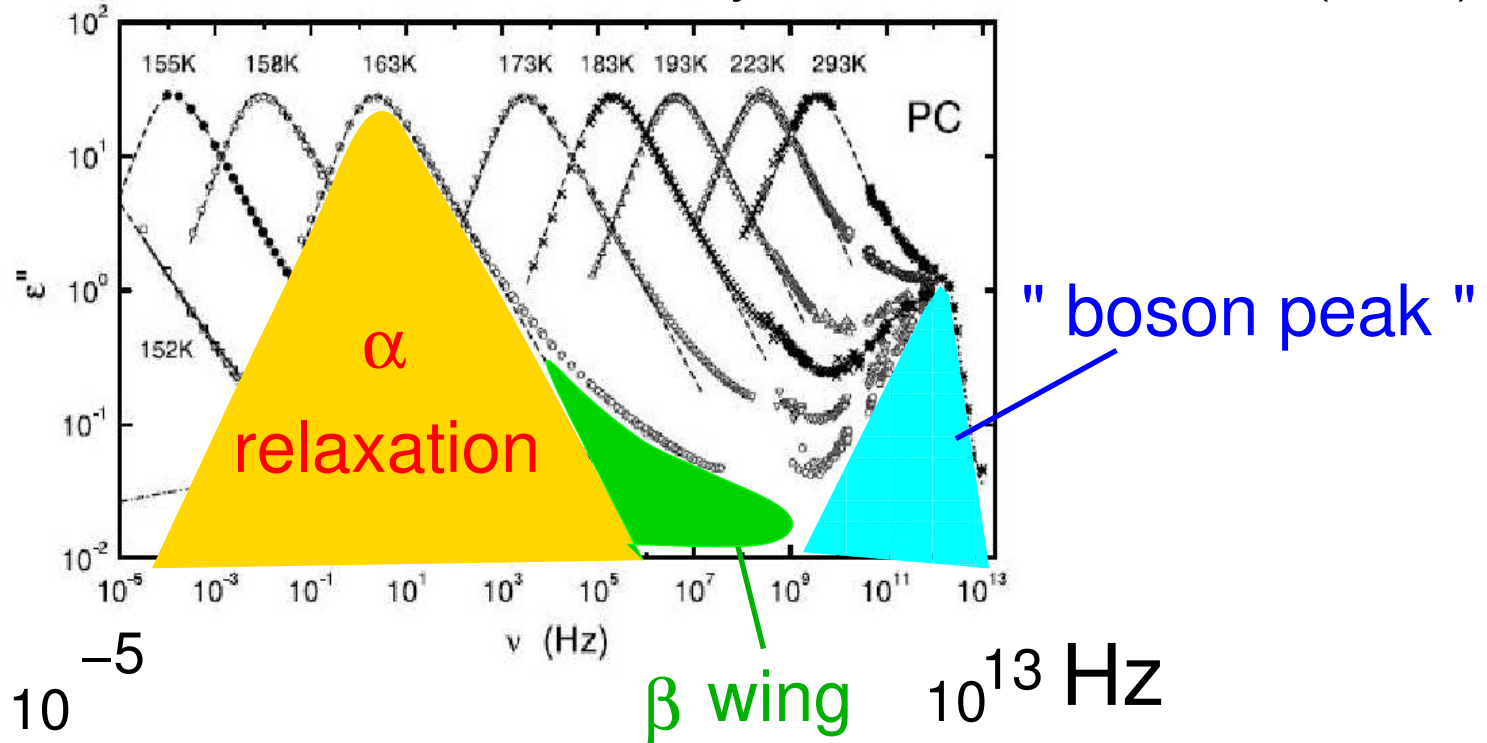
J.Chem.Phys 2008



Typical Dielectric loss spectra of glasses

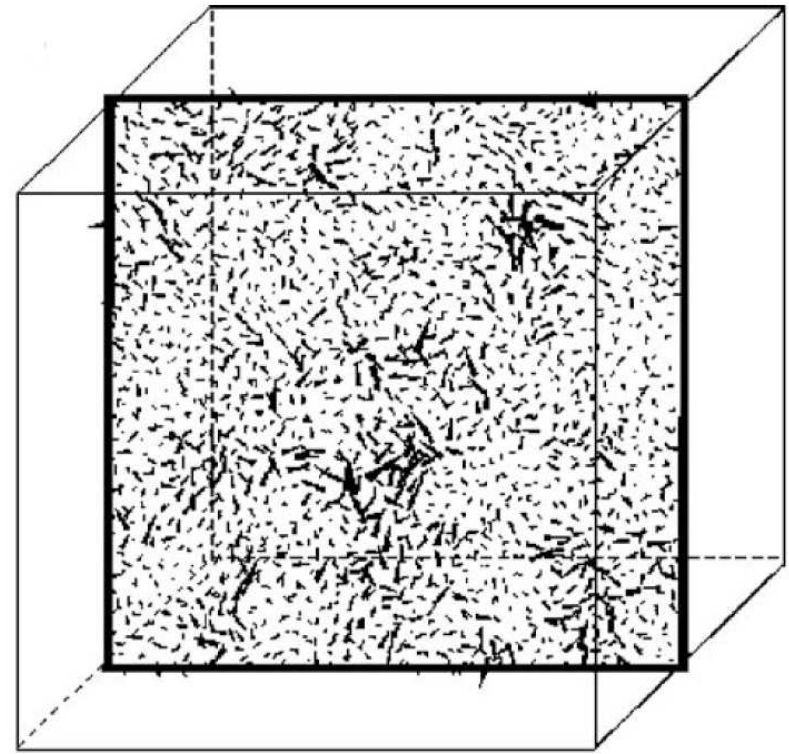
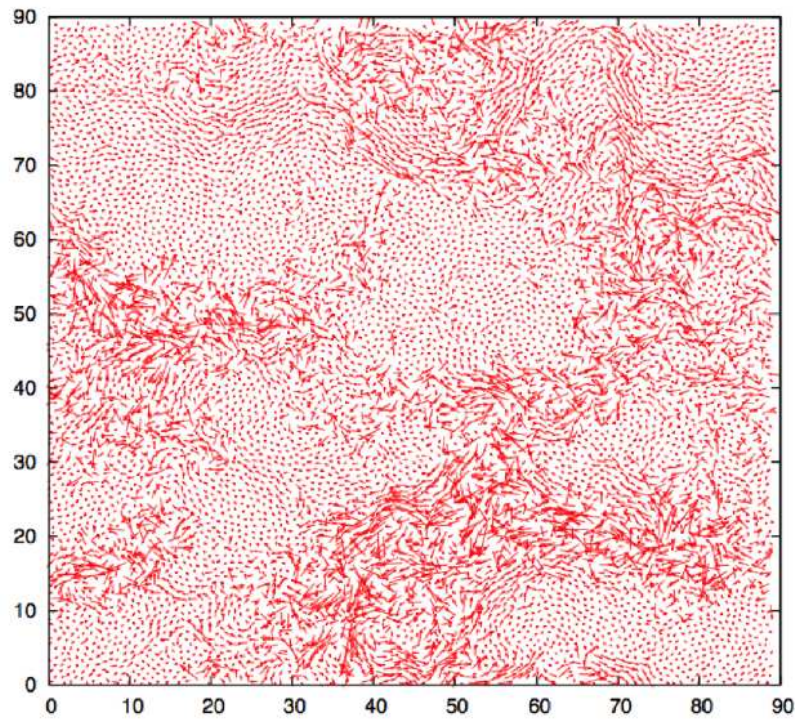
Poly-Carbonate ($T_g = 420$ K)

P. Lunkenheimer et al. J. Noncryst. Sol. 307–310, 336 (2002)



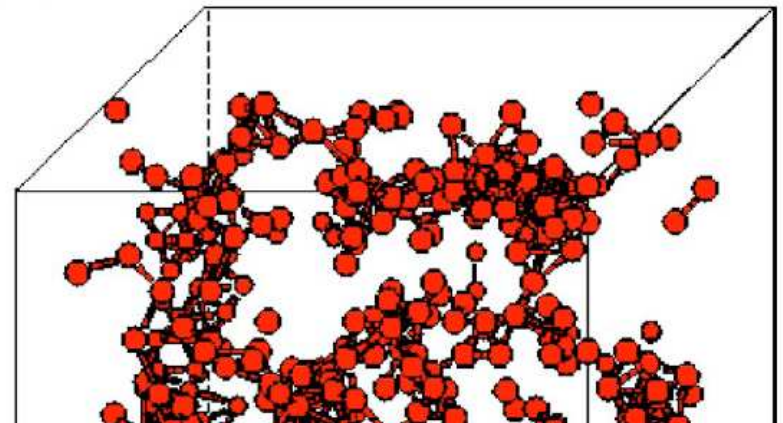
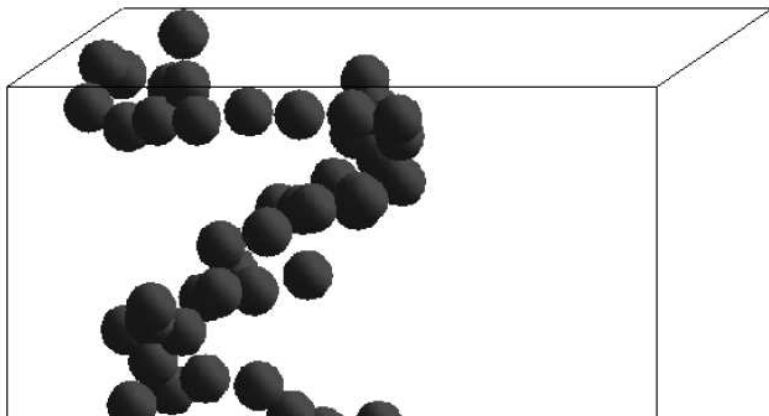
- In comparison with the mechanic loss spectra the dielectric ones tend to be more symmetric (if it were not for the "beta wing")

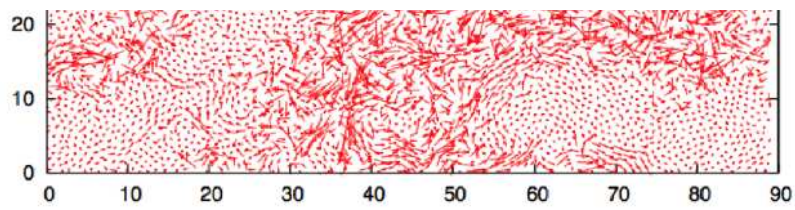
Dynamic and elastic heterogeneities in simulations of liquids/glasses



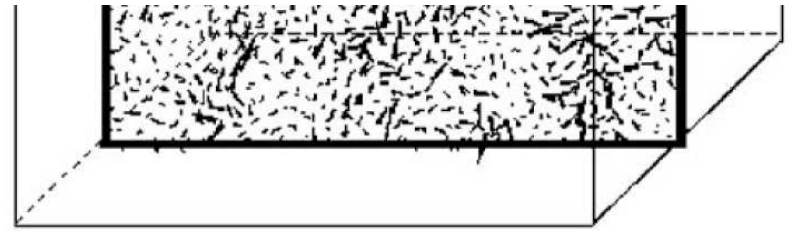
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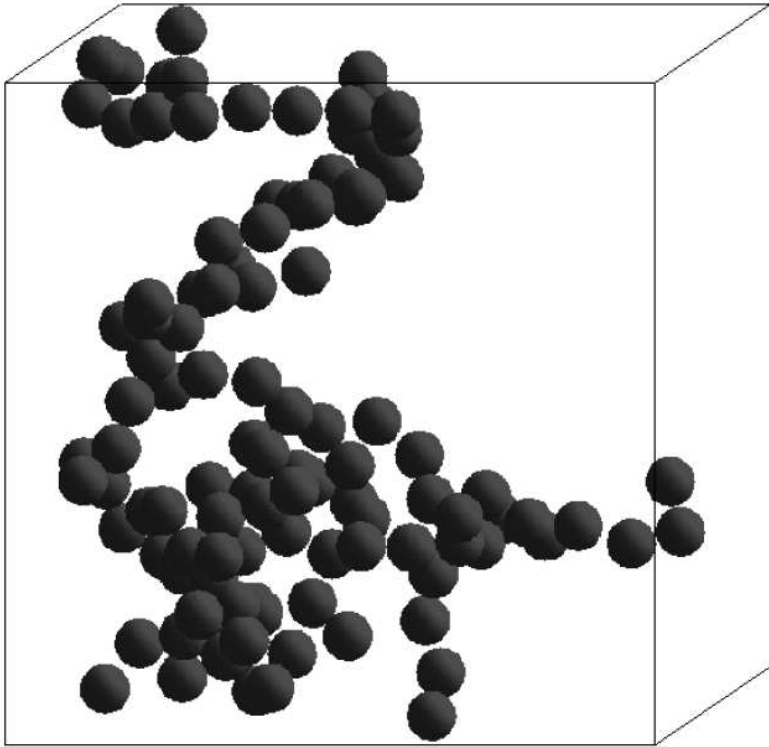




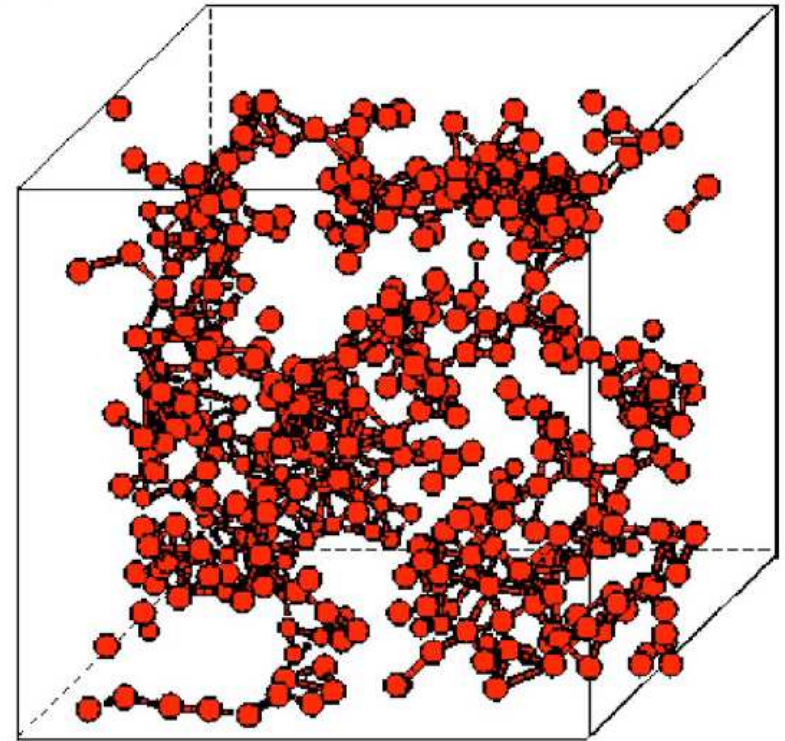
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Most mobile cluster (Glotzer, JNCS 2000)



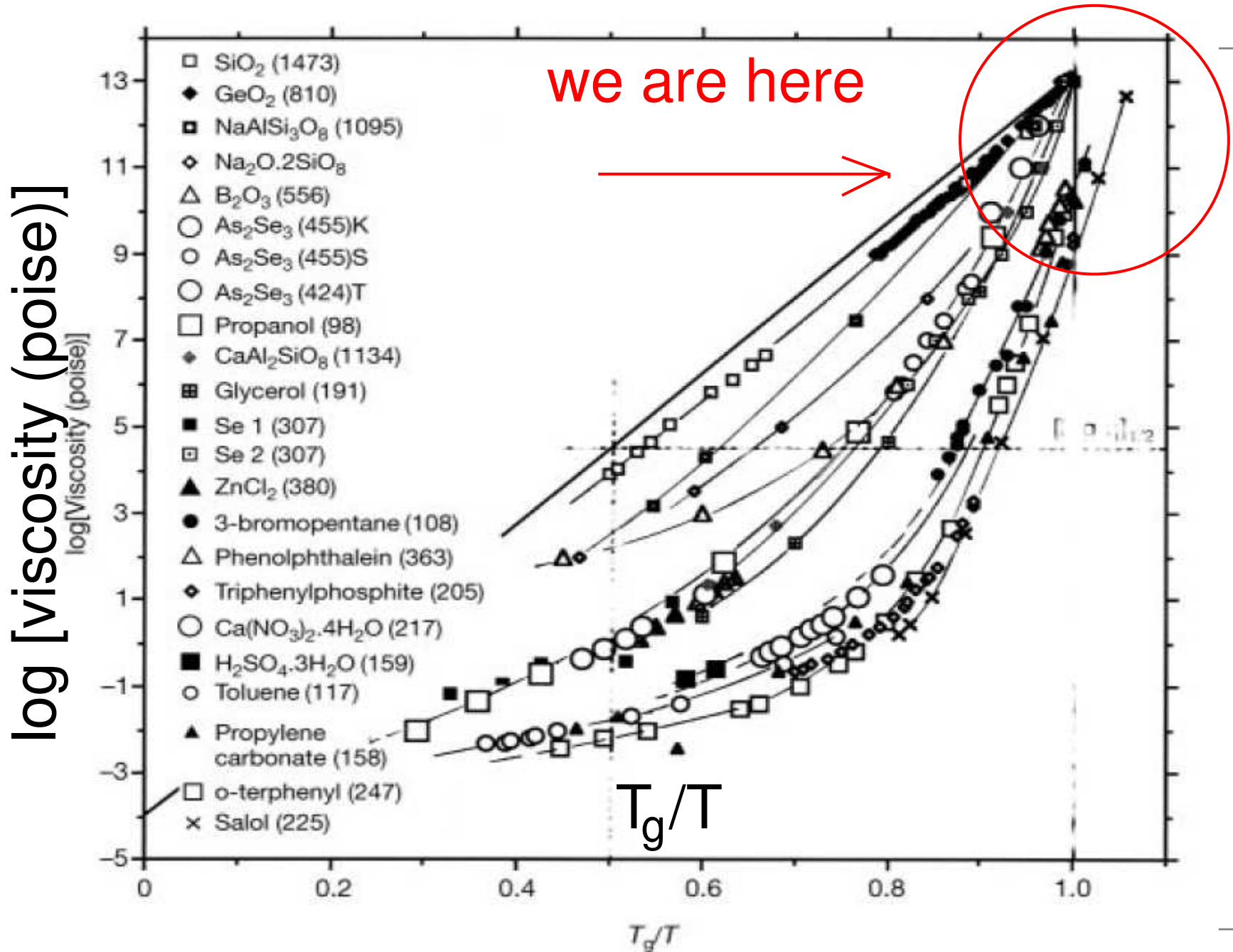
strongest non-affine cluster (Leonforte et al. PRB 2005)

Heterogeneous visco-elastic model

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- Start with linearized Navier-Stokes equation
using Maxwell's effective viscosity
- Assume that the local shear modulus $G(\mathbf{r})$ and local viscosity $\eta(\mathbf{r})$ fluctuate in space (but are “frozen”)
- Showing-model relationship of J. Dyre
between $G(\mathbf{r})$ and $\eta(\mathbf{r})$

Angell Plot of viscosities



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with space and frequency-dependent local viscosity

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$$\eta(\mathbf{r}) = \eta_0 e^{[E(\mathbf{r}) - TS(\mathbf{r})]/k_B T} \quad S(\mathbf{r})/k_B = \alpha E(\mathbf{r})$$

$$\Rightarrow \eta(\mathbf{r}) = \eta_0 e^{E(\mathbf{r}) \left[\frac{1}{k_B T} - \alpha \right]}$$

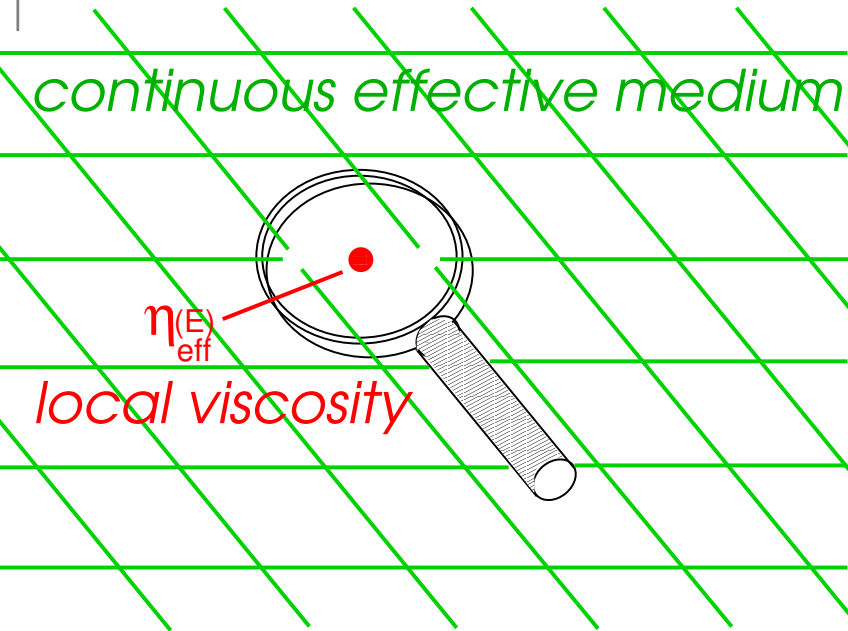
Coarse-grained Navier-Stokes equations
with **macroscopic** frequency-dependent viscosity

$$i\omega\rho_m v_i(\mathbf{r}, \omega) = \frac{K}{i\omega} \nabla^2 v_i + 2\eta(\omega) \sum_j \nabla_j \hat{v}_{ij}(\mathbf{r}, \omega)$$

- The disorder leads to an **additional** frequency dependence
- The solution $\eta_{\text{eff}}(\mathbf{r}, \omega) \rightarrow \eta(\omega)$ is obtained via the coherent-potential approximation (CPA) using a Gaussian statistics of $E(\mathbf{r})$.

CPA for the spatially fluctuating viscosity

W. Schirmacher et al., PRL 115, 015901 (2015)



obeying the coarse-grained Navier-Stokes equation for $\eta(\omega)$

Self-consistent CPA condition:

$$\left\langle \frac{\eta(\omega) - \eta_{\text{eff}}(E, \mathbf{r}, \omega)}{1 - \frac{2\nu}{3} [\eta(\omega) - \eta_{\text{eff}}(E, \mathbf{r}, \omega)] / \eta(\omega)} \right\rangle_E = 0$$

The scattering T matrix due to the “perturbation” induced by replacing the macroscopic by the microscopic viscosity should be – on the average – zero.

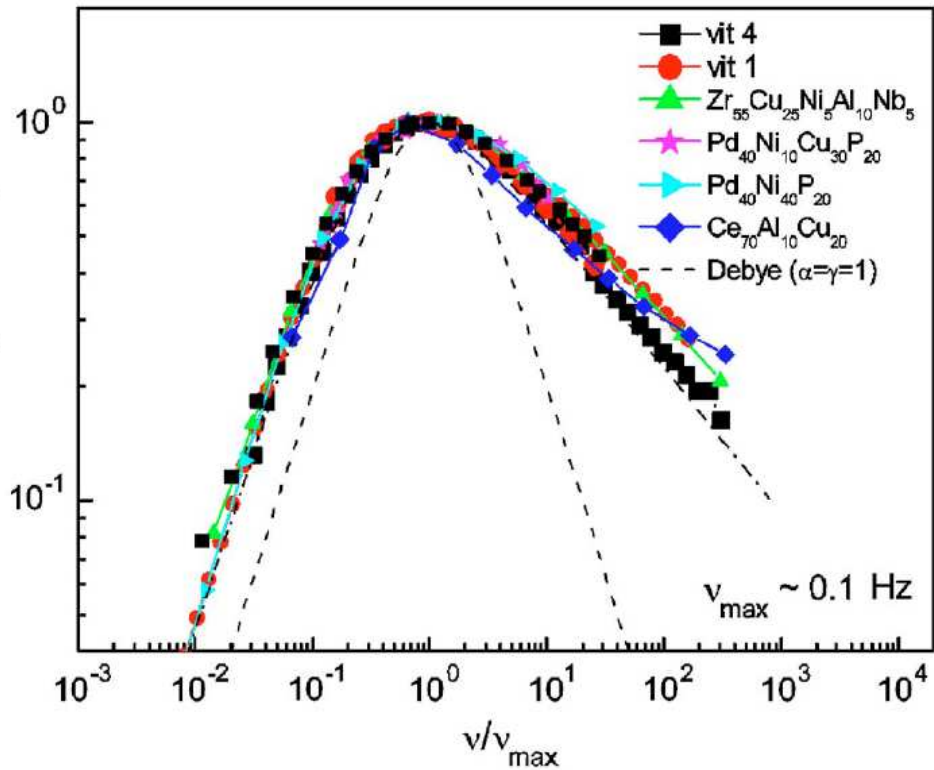
- Derived as saddle-point of replica field theory

S. Köhler et al., PRB 88, 064203 (2013)

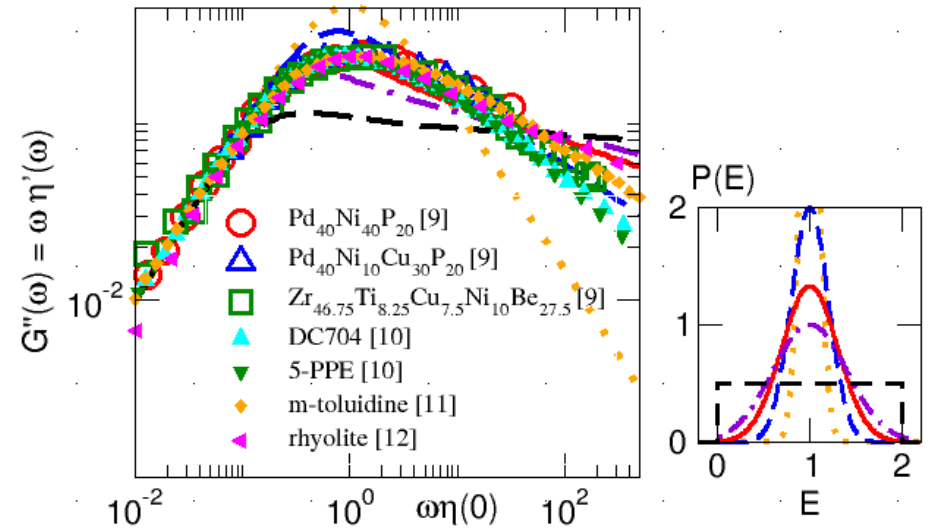
Relaxation data in supercooled liquid metals and viscosity CPA

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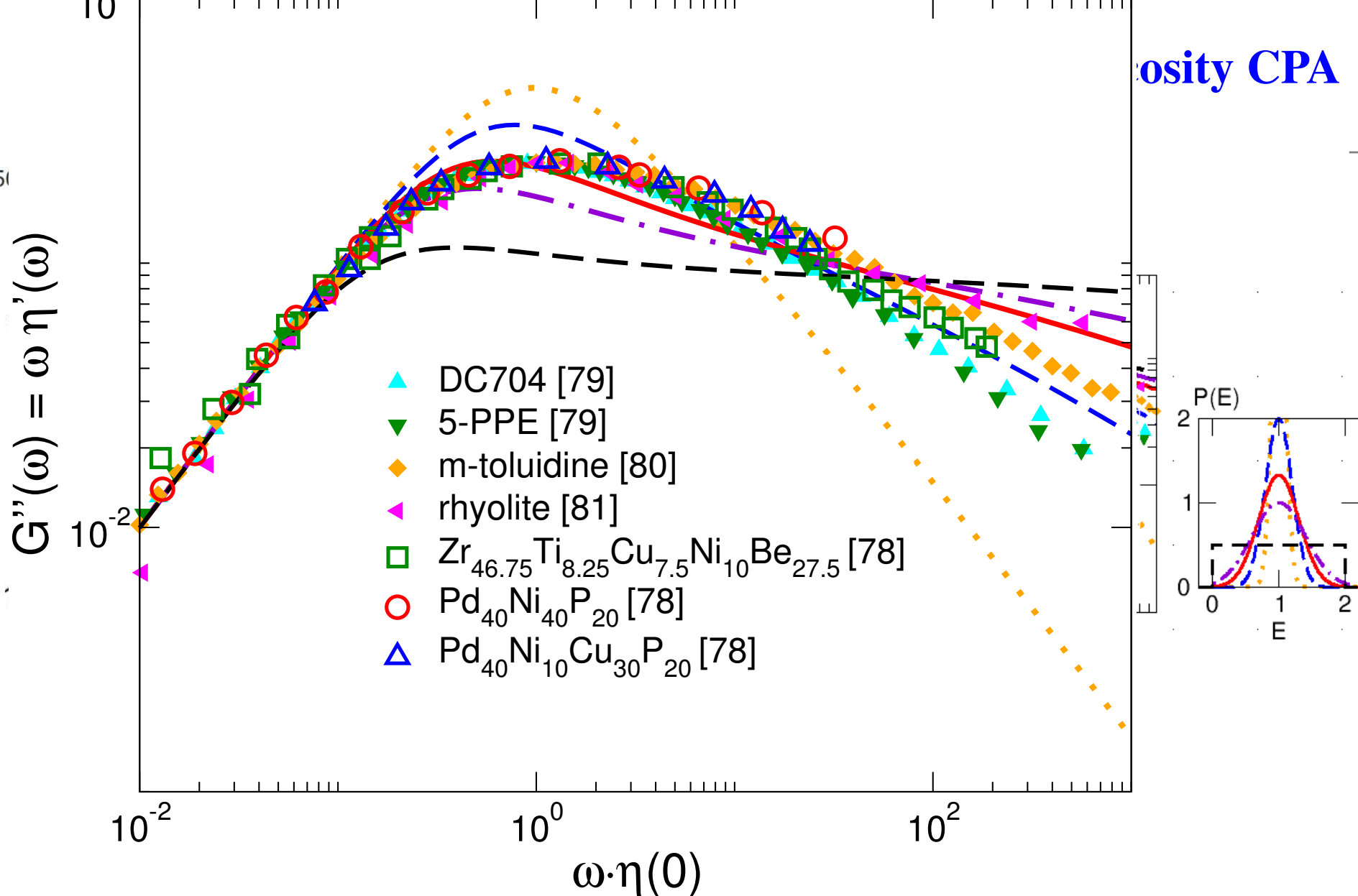


Wang et al. JCP 128,164503 (2008)



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CPA calculation with
varying σ

$$P(E) = P_0 e^{\frac{1}{2}(E-E_0)^2 / \sigma^2}$$



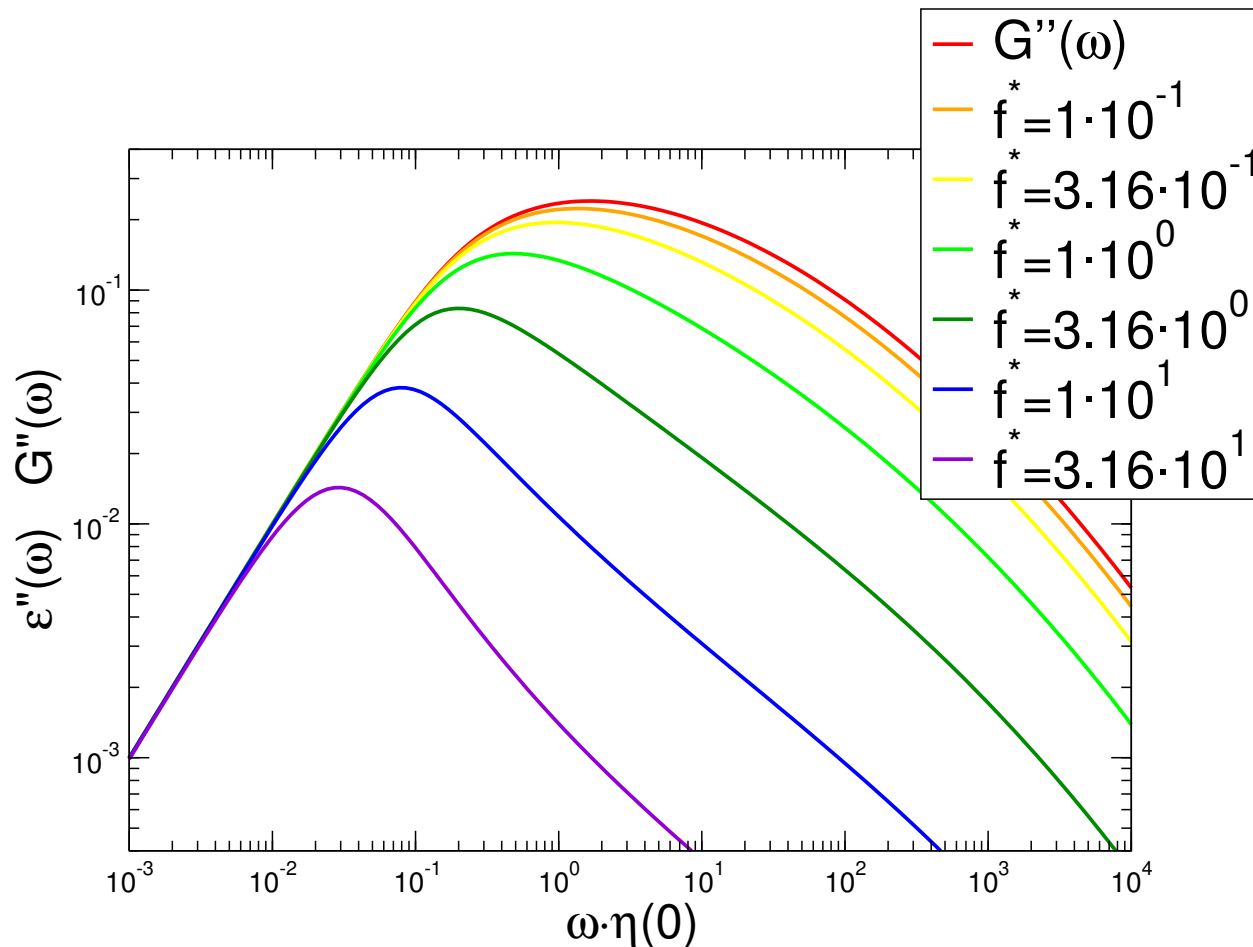
$$P(E) = P_0 e^{-\frac{1}{2}(E-E_0)^2/\sigma^2}$$

$$\frac{\sigma}{E_0} = 0.3$$

Dielectric and mechanic loss functions in CPA

$$\epsilon''(\omega) \propto \text{Im} \left\{ \frac{1}{1 + f^* G(\omega)} \right\}$$

Gemant-DiMarzio-Bishop equation, Niss et al. JCP 123, 234510 (2005)



High frequency limit: Heterogeneous elastic model

W. Schirmacher, EPL 2006, W.S. *et al.*, PRL 2007, Marruzzo *et al.* Nature Sci. Rep. 2013

- At very high frequency (much above the relaxation regime) the inhomogeneous-viscoelastic Navier-Stokes equations become equal to the inhomogeneous-elasticity equations.

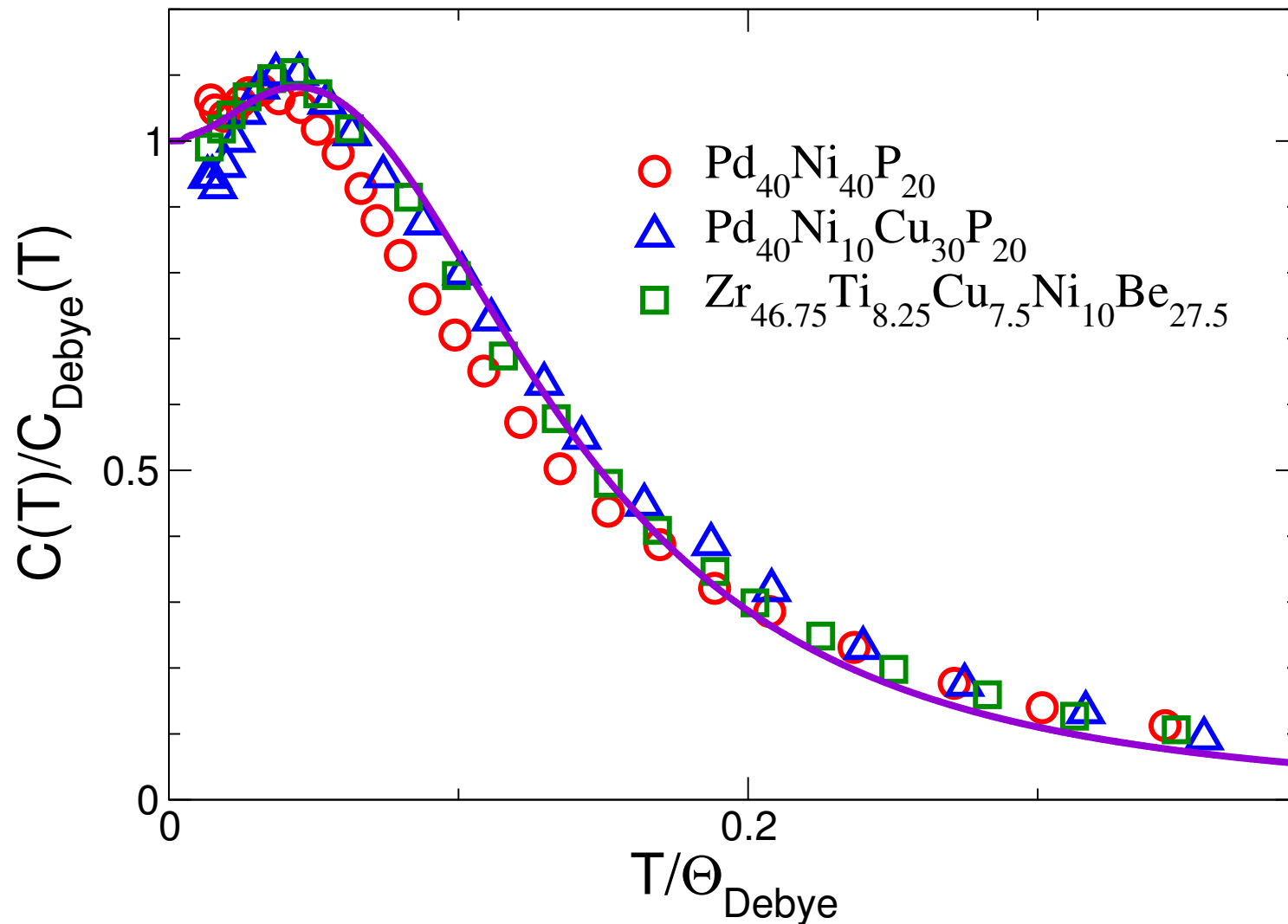
$$\rho_m(-\omega^2)u_i(\mathbf{r}, \omega) = K\nabla^2 u_i + 2 \sum_j \nabla_j \mathbf{G}(\mathbf{r}) \hat{\epsilon}_{ij}(\mathbf{r}, \omega)$$

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- This model, solved in self-consistent Born approximation (SCBA) or Coherent-potential approximation (CPA) is capable to explain the high-frequency vibrational anomalies in glasses (“boson peak”)

Specific heat of bulk metallic glasses

● We compare the specific heat of the same metallic glasses as before with CPA calculations using the same width-to-mean ratio $\sigma/E_0 = \sigma_G/G_0 = 0.3$, which fitted best the relaxation data.



Conclusions

- A heterogeneous visco-elastic theory has been worked out and solved in **coherent-potential approximation (CPA)**
- The viscosity is assumed to vary statistically in space.
- The theory is valid both for the frequency-dependent viscosity as well as for its $\omega \rightarrow 0$ limit.
- The **alpha relaxation** asymmetry is explained by the presence of the heterogeneous disorder together with a Gaussian distribution of activation energies
- At high frequencies the theories goes over to **heterogeneous elasticity theory**, which explains the boson-peak related vibrational anomalies.

Thank you for your attention