

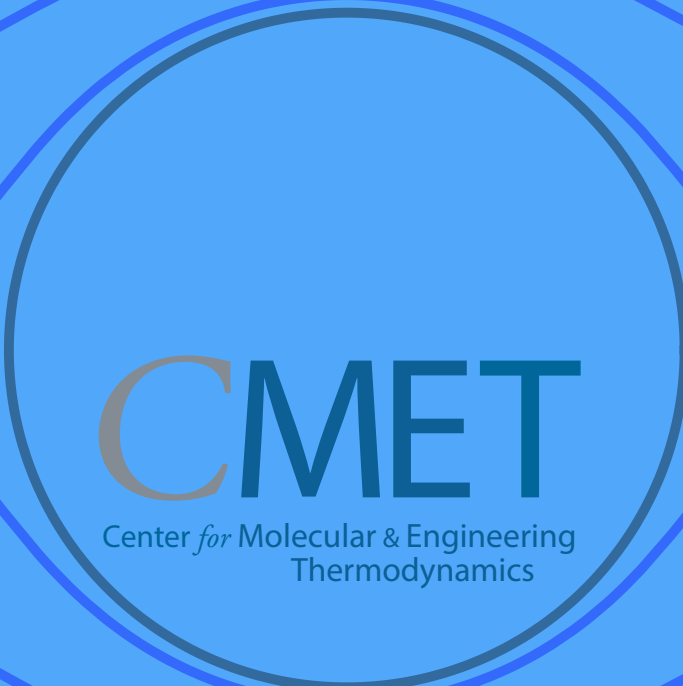
Microrheology's place in the rheologist's toolbox

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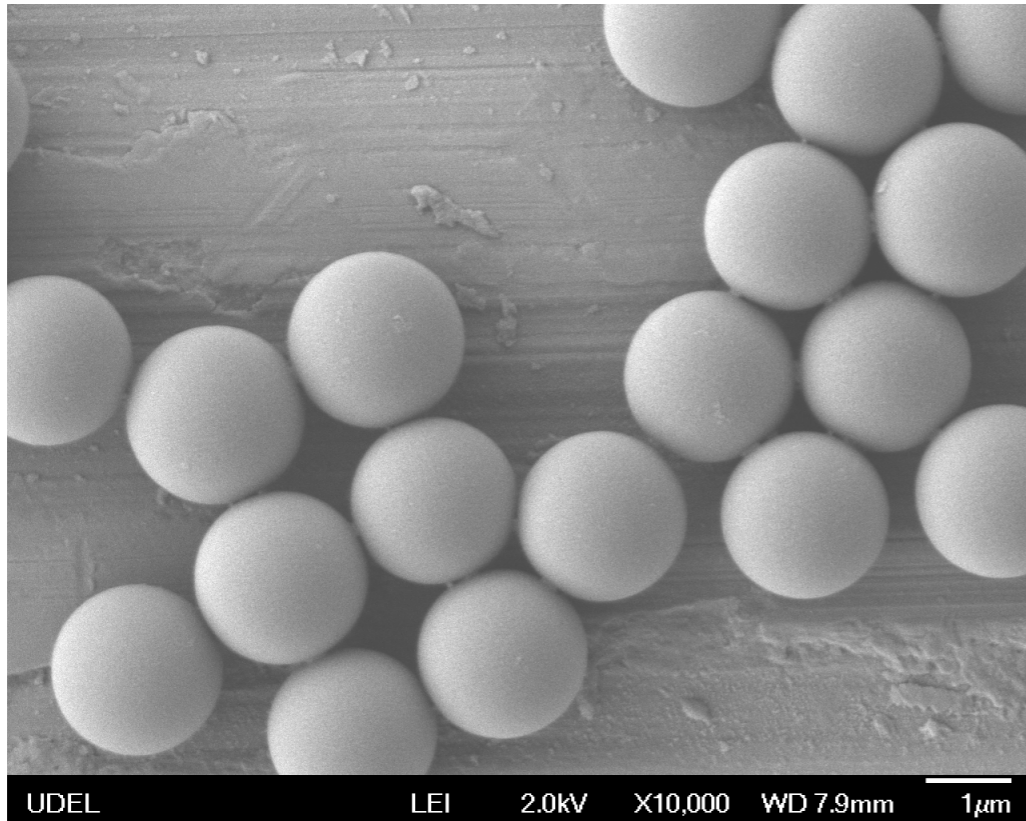
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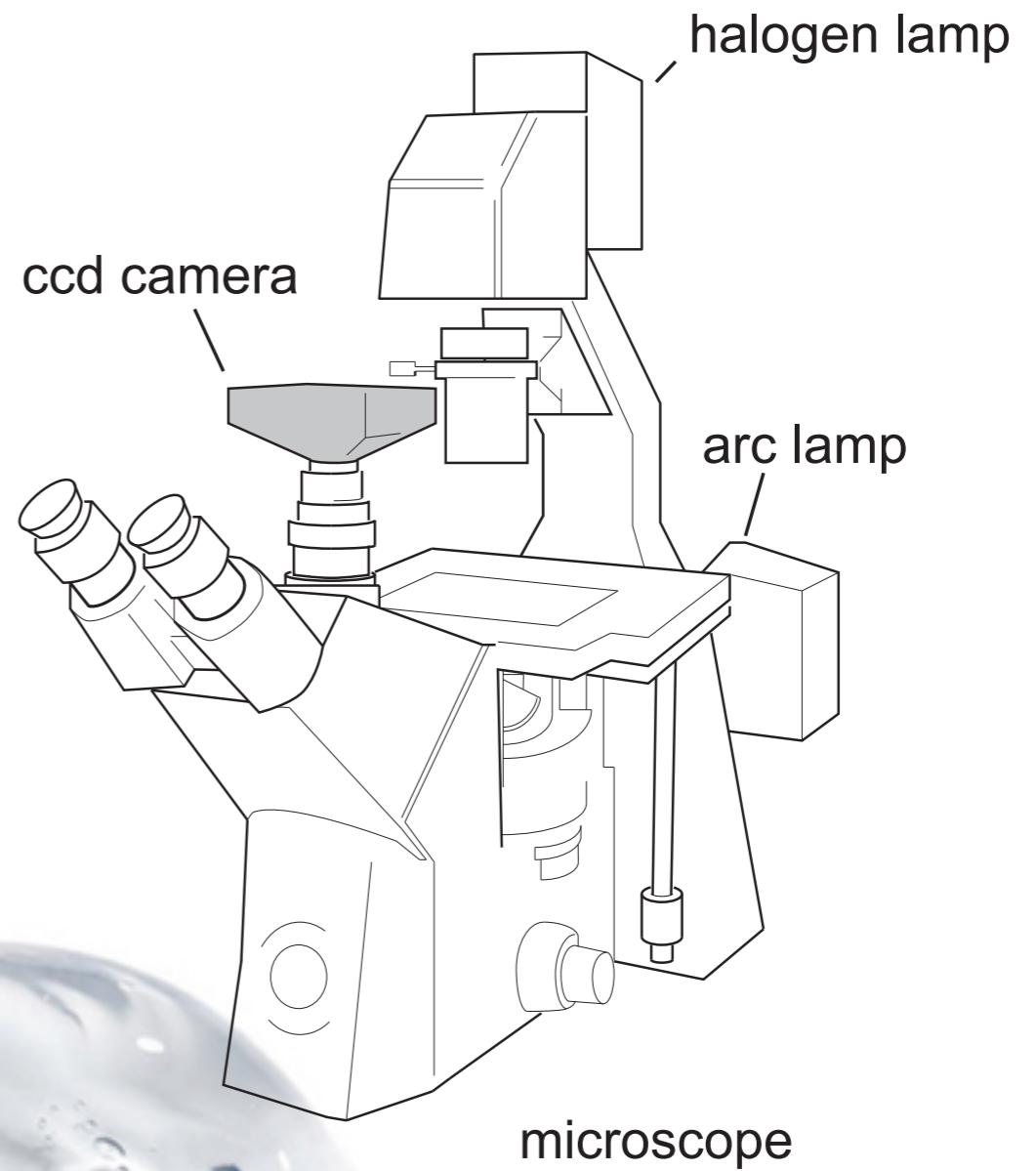
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monodisperse, μm colloids



polystyrene latex



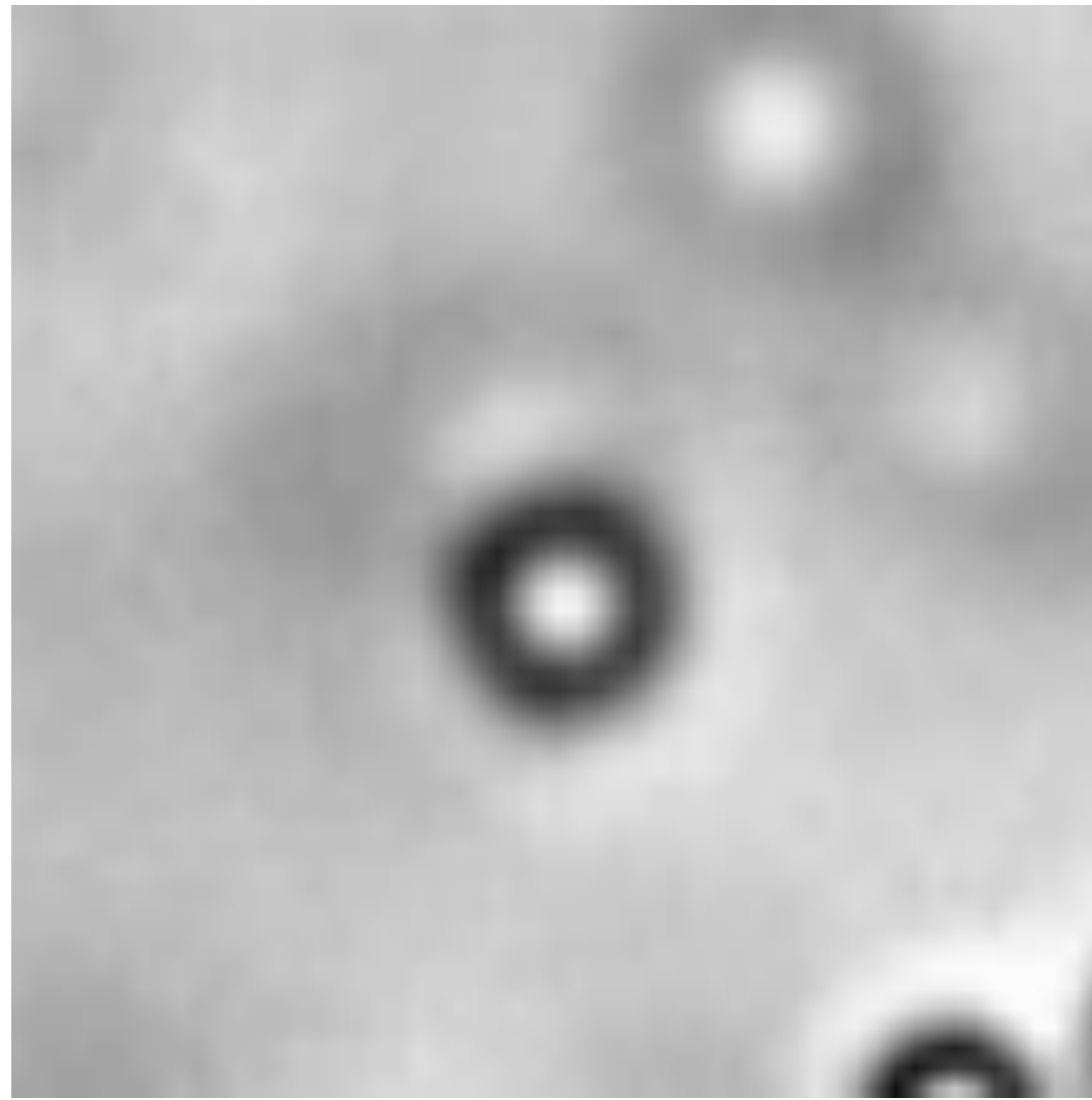
Microrheology

Measure the motion of colloidal “probe” or “tracer” particles in a material

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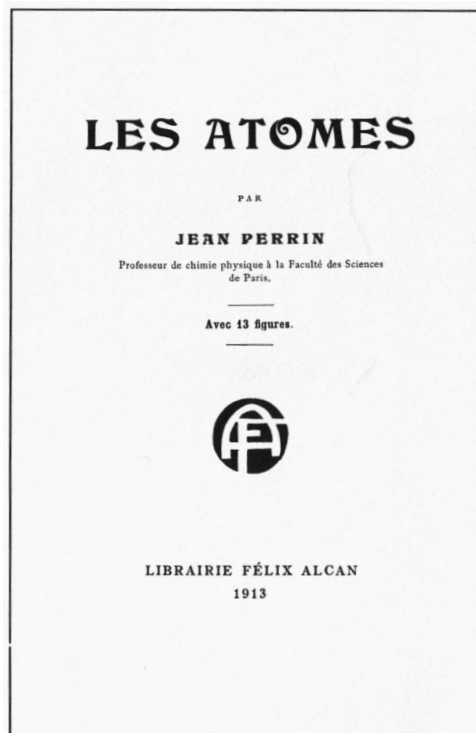
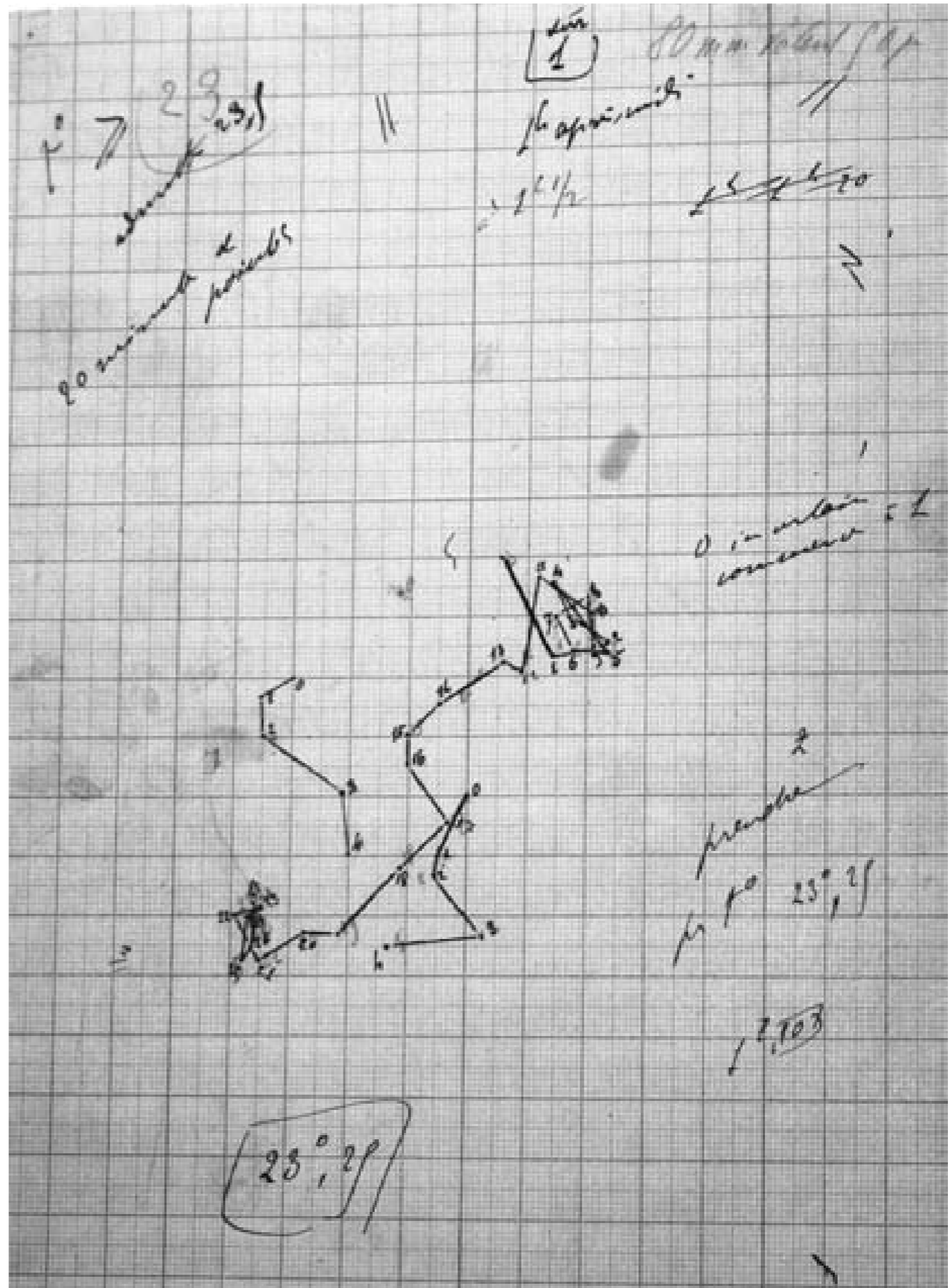
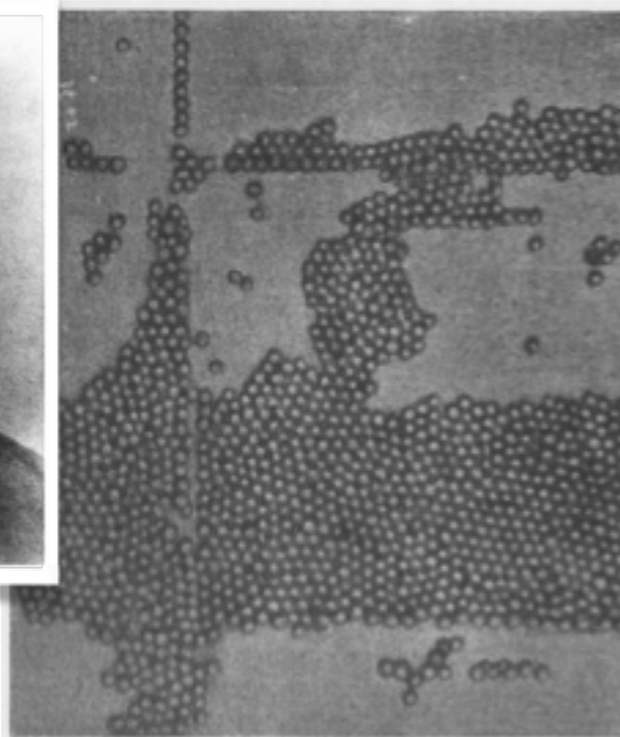
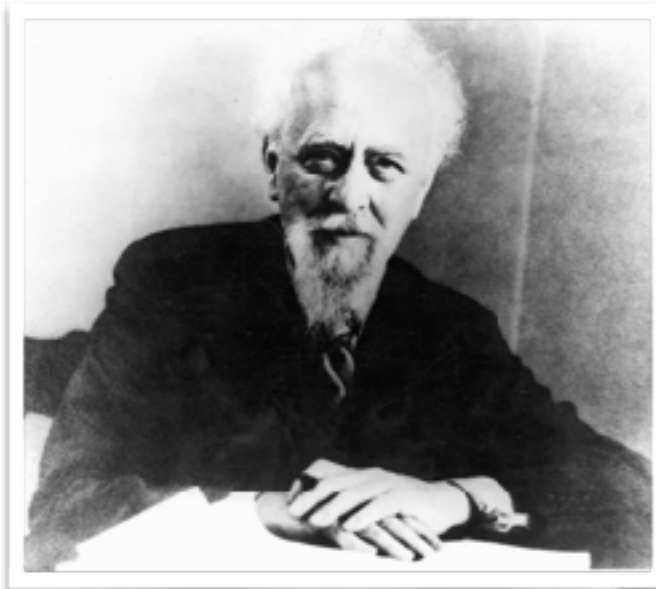


1 μm diameter polystyrene latex particle in water

use motion to determine rheological properties

Jean Perrin, 1908

Nobel Prize, 1926



microscope & camera lucida

- Colloid size: $> 1 \mu\text{m}$
- 1 particle at a time
- Position sampled every 30s / 500 positions ($\sim 4\text{h}$)
- 2 students to operate

Early microrheology

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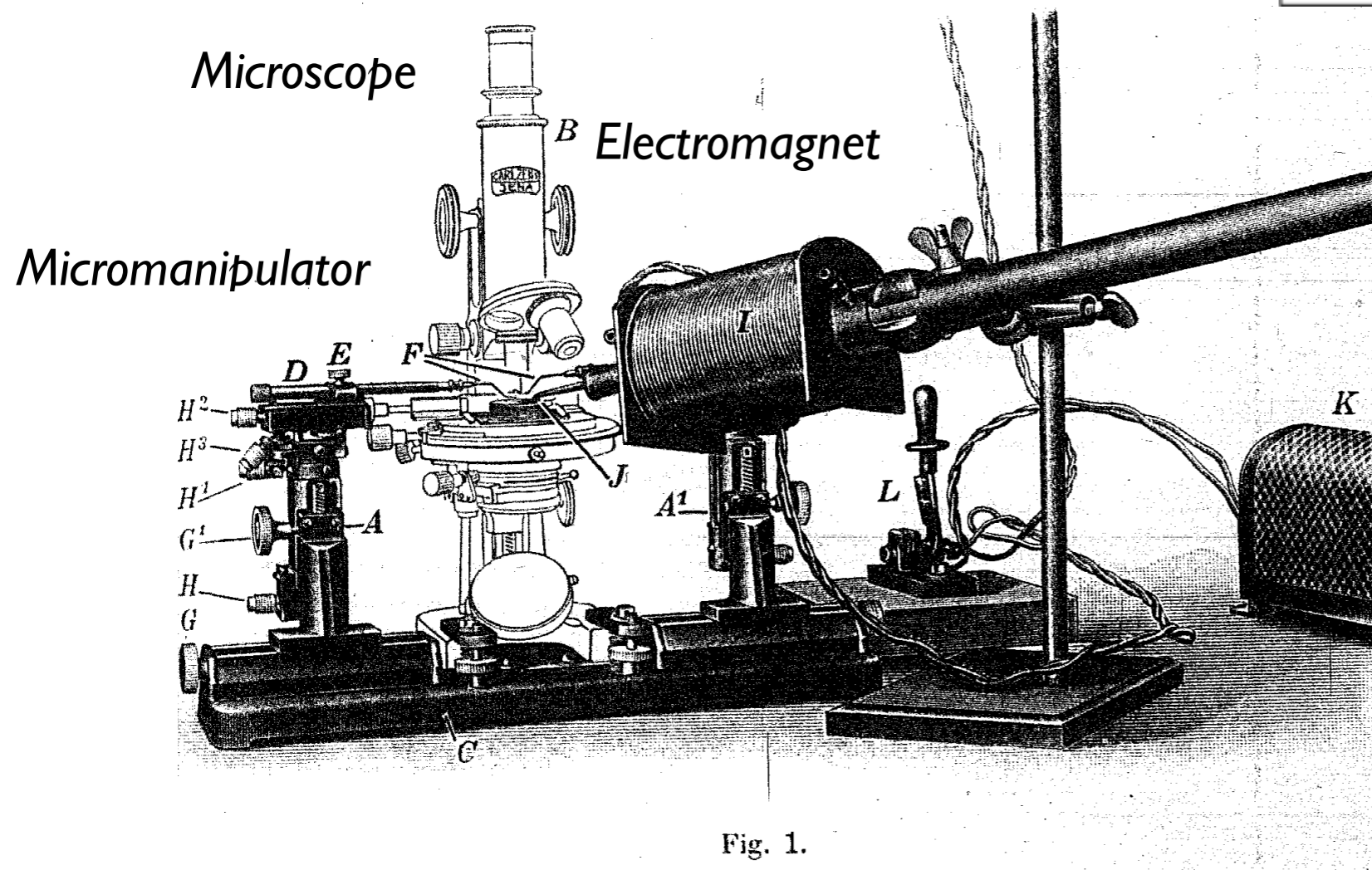
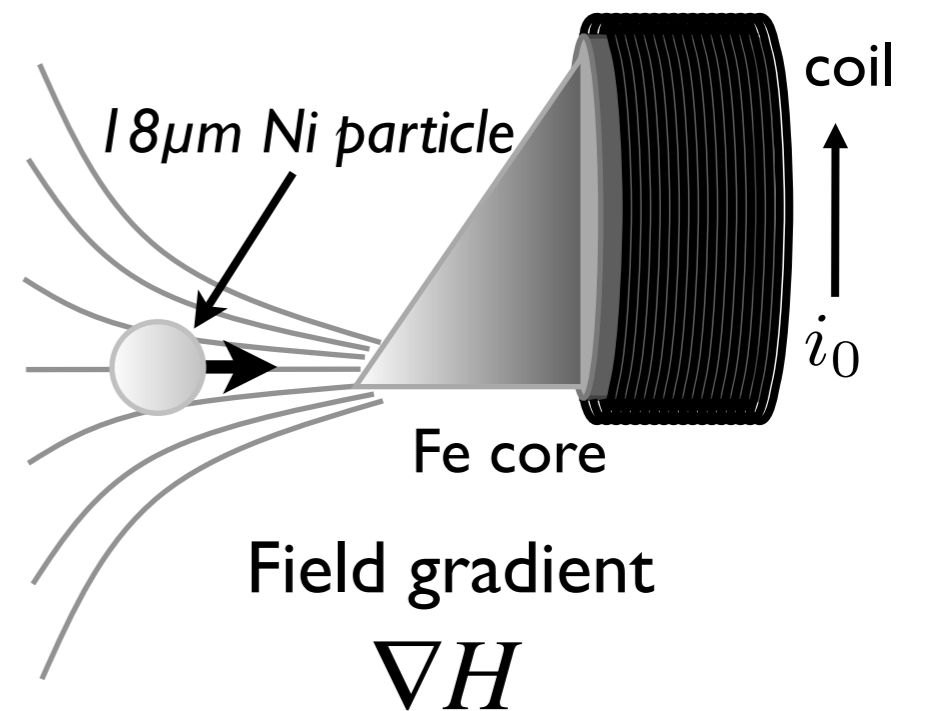
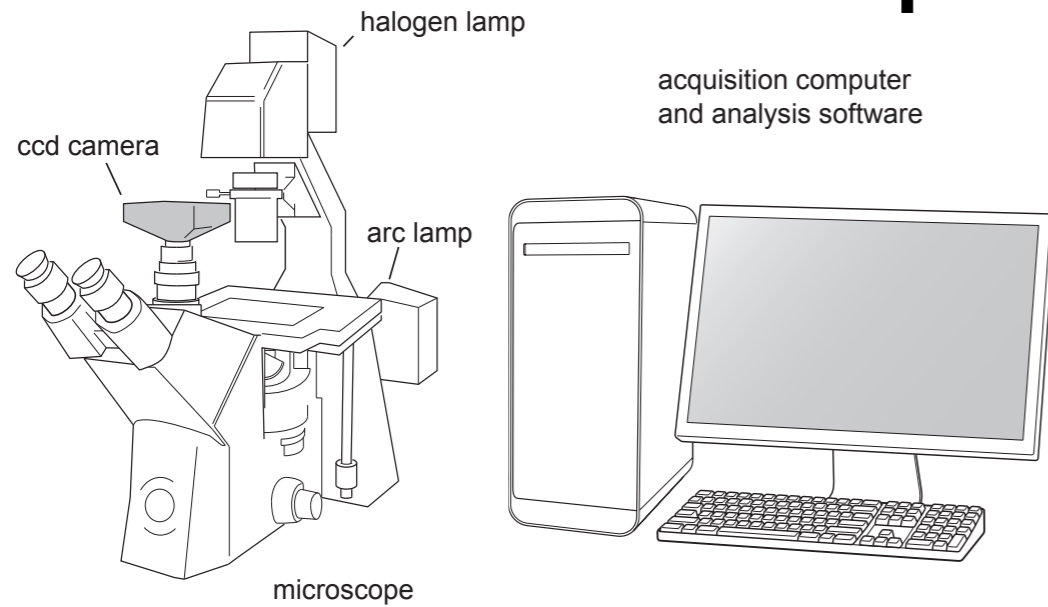


Fig. 1.

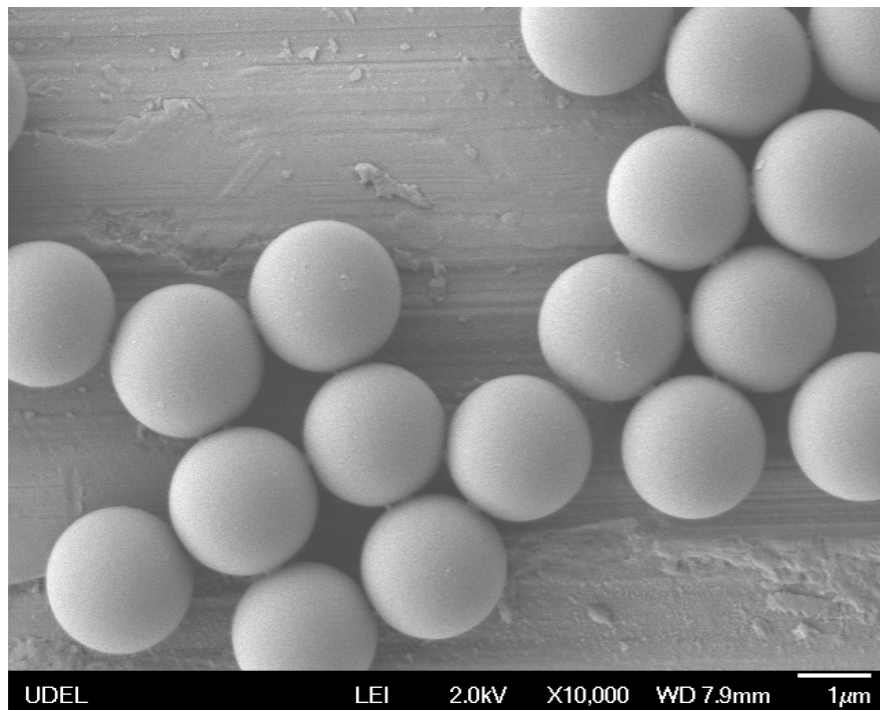


Elasticity of *Echinarachnius parma* (sand dollar) egg protoplasm, gelatin sols and gels

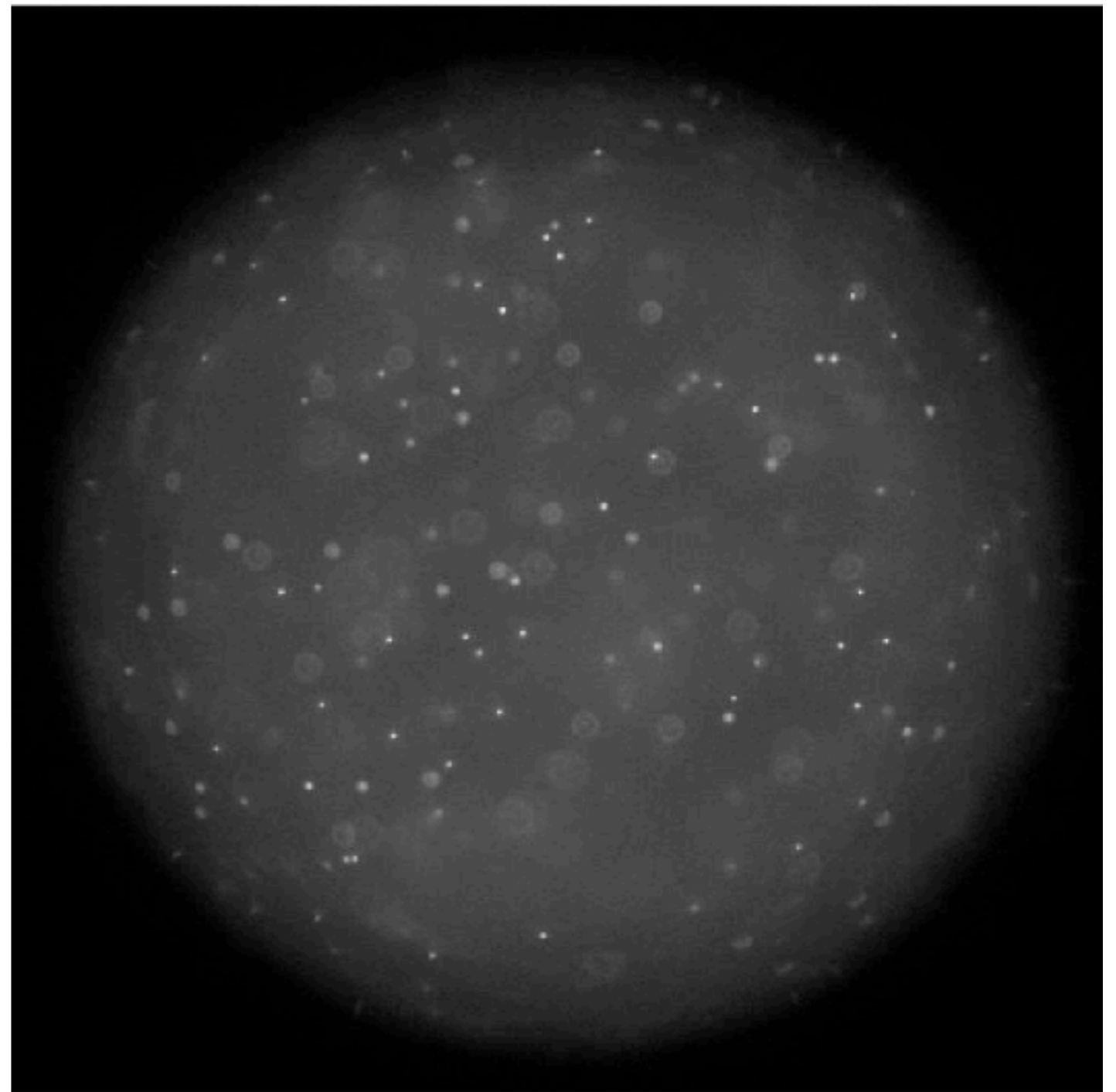
Multiple particle tracking



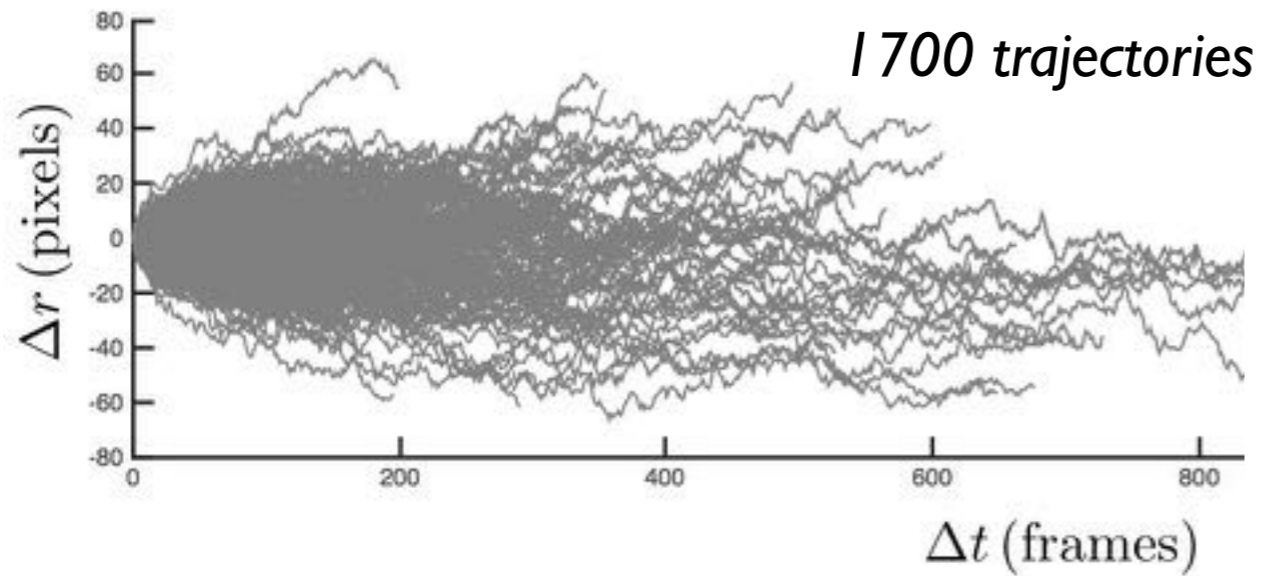
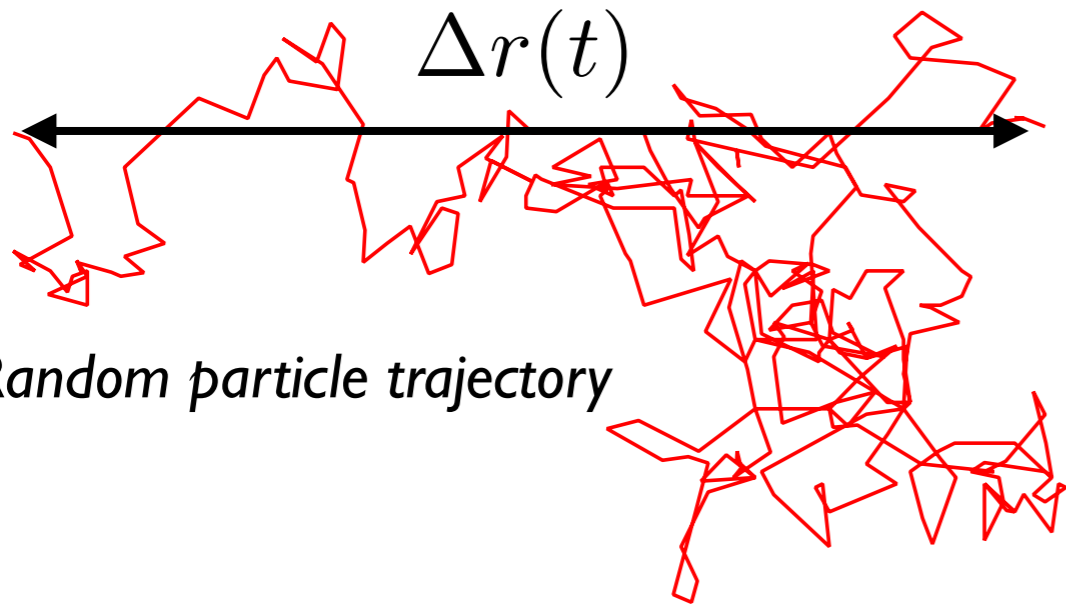
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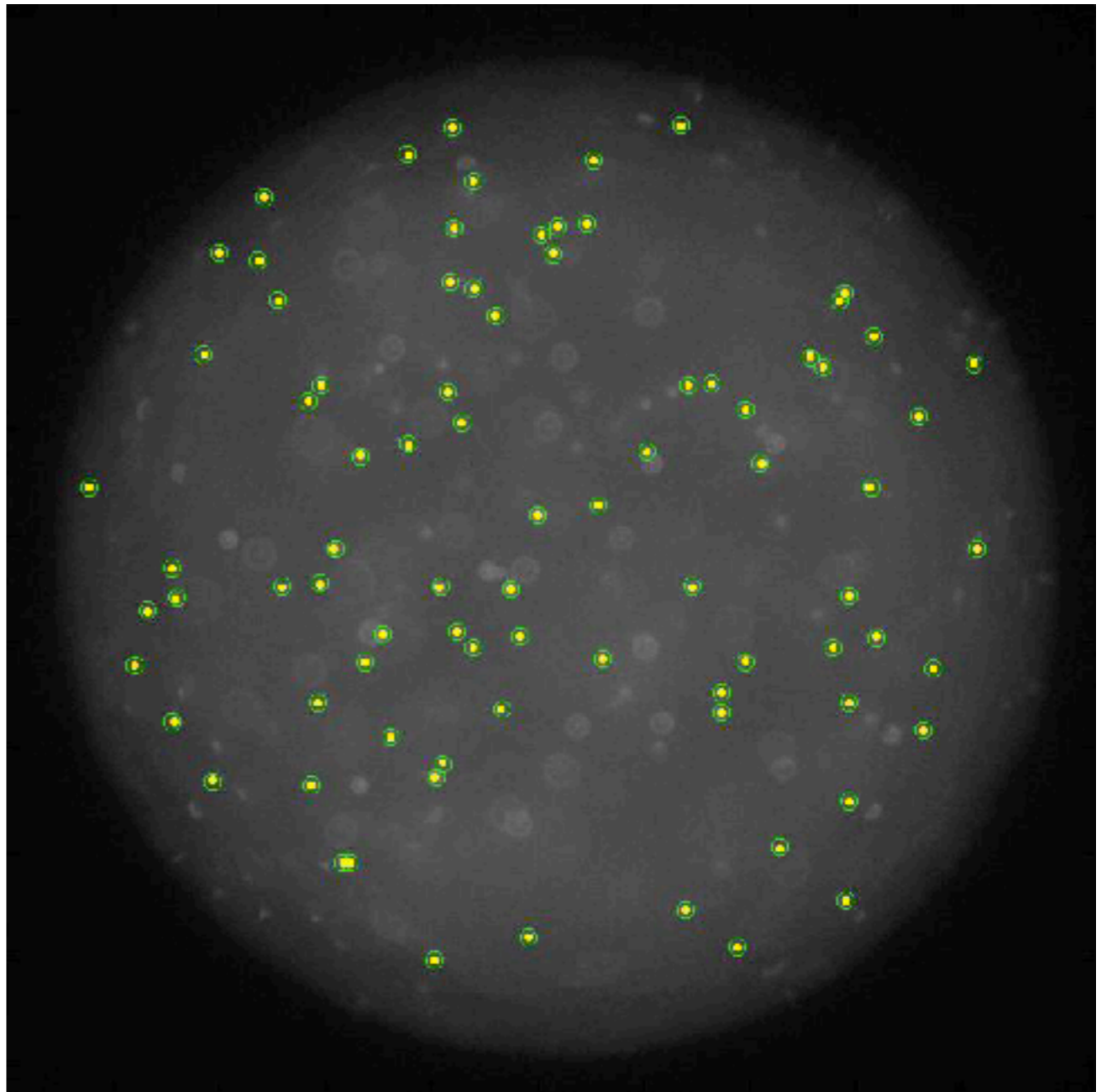
polystyrene microspheres



1 micron fluorescent spheres in water



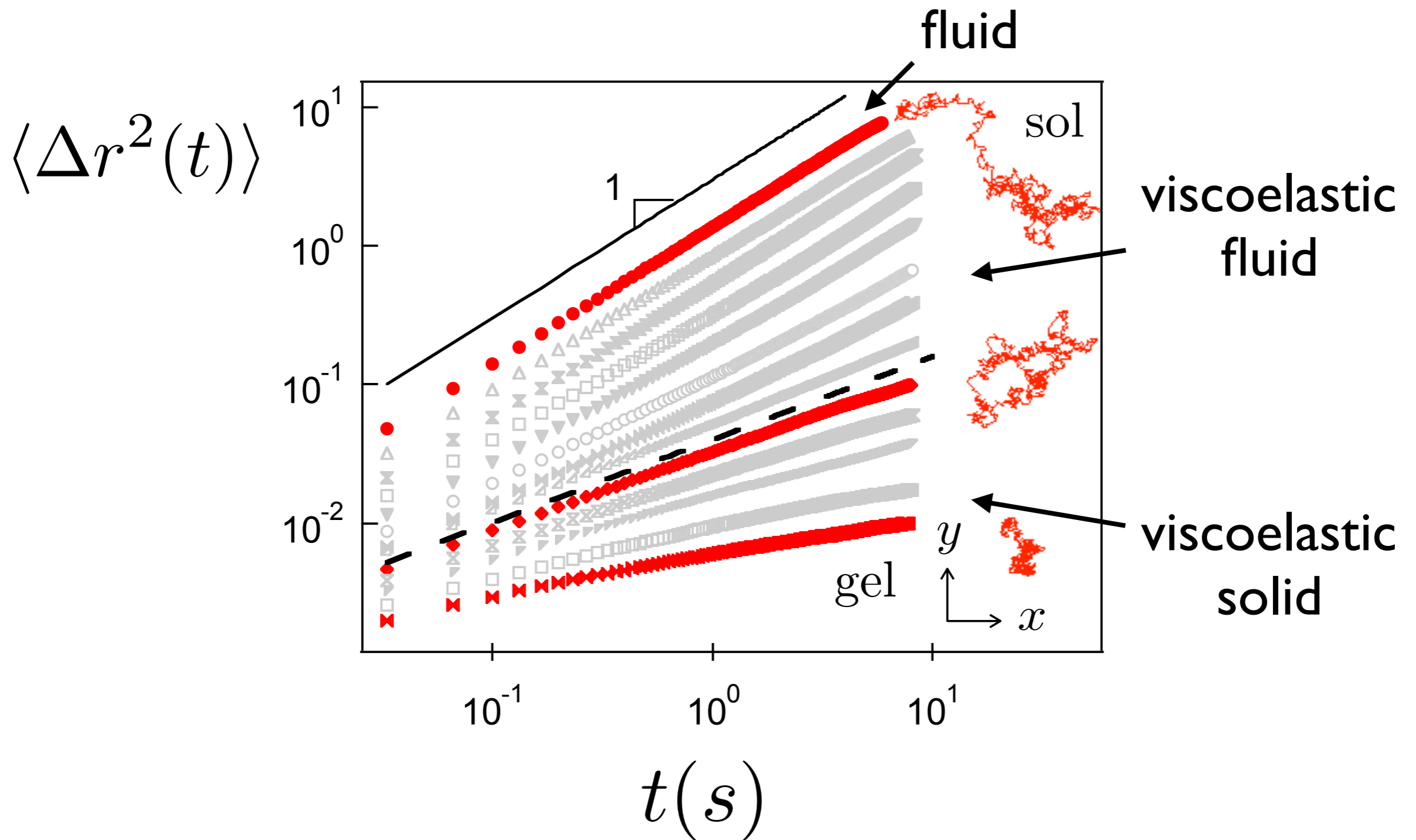
$$\langle \Delta r^2(t) \rangle$$



1 micron fluorescent spheres in water

Mean-squared displacement (MSD)

Mean-squared displacement



Generalized Stokes-Einstein Relation (GSER)

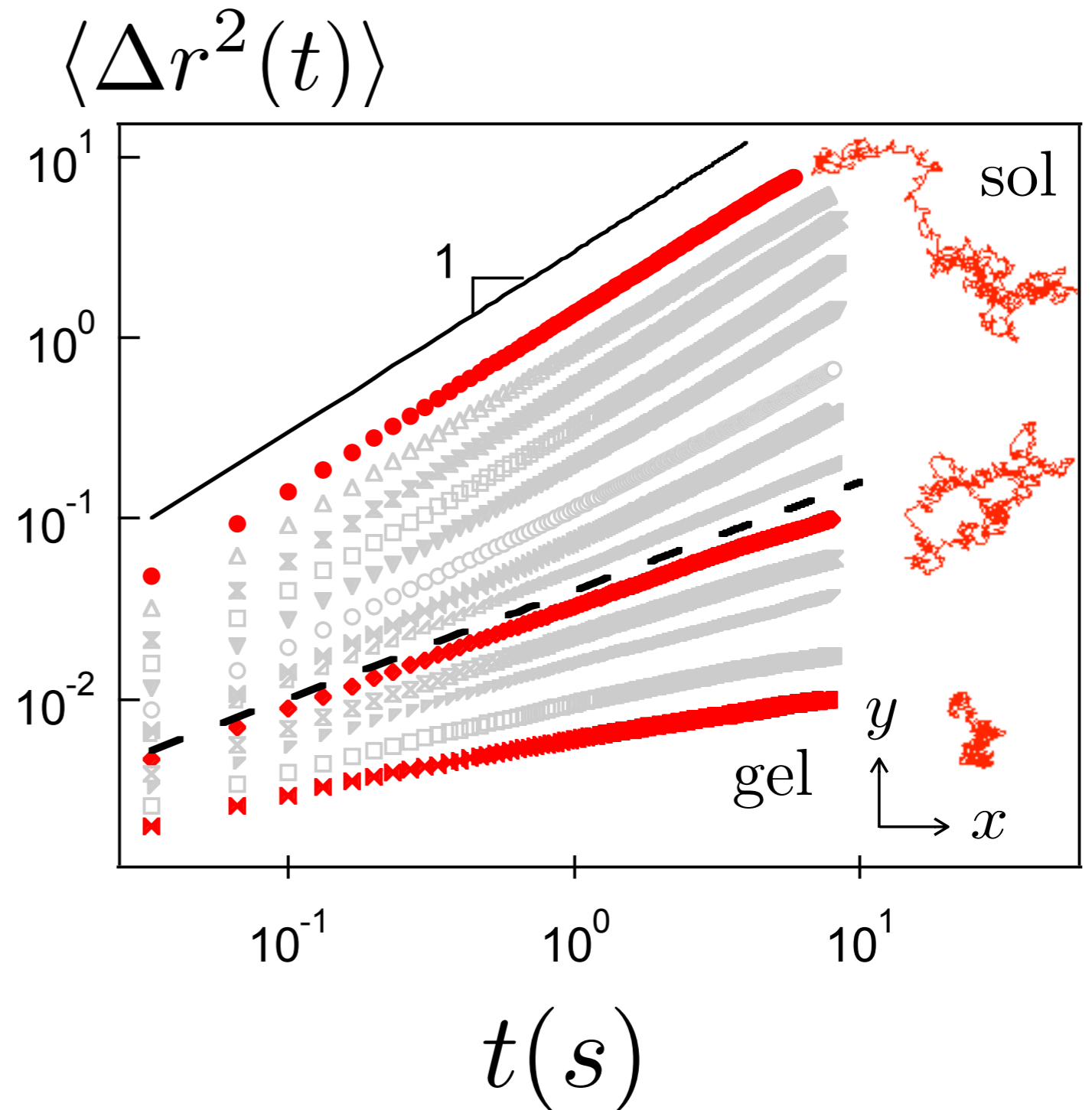
(neglecting inertia)

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

$$G^*(\omega) = \frac{k_B T}{\pi a(i\omega) \langle \Delta \tilde{r}^2(\omega) \rangle}$$

$$\frac{1}{i\omega} = G^*(\omega) \tilde{J}(\omega)$$

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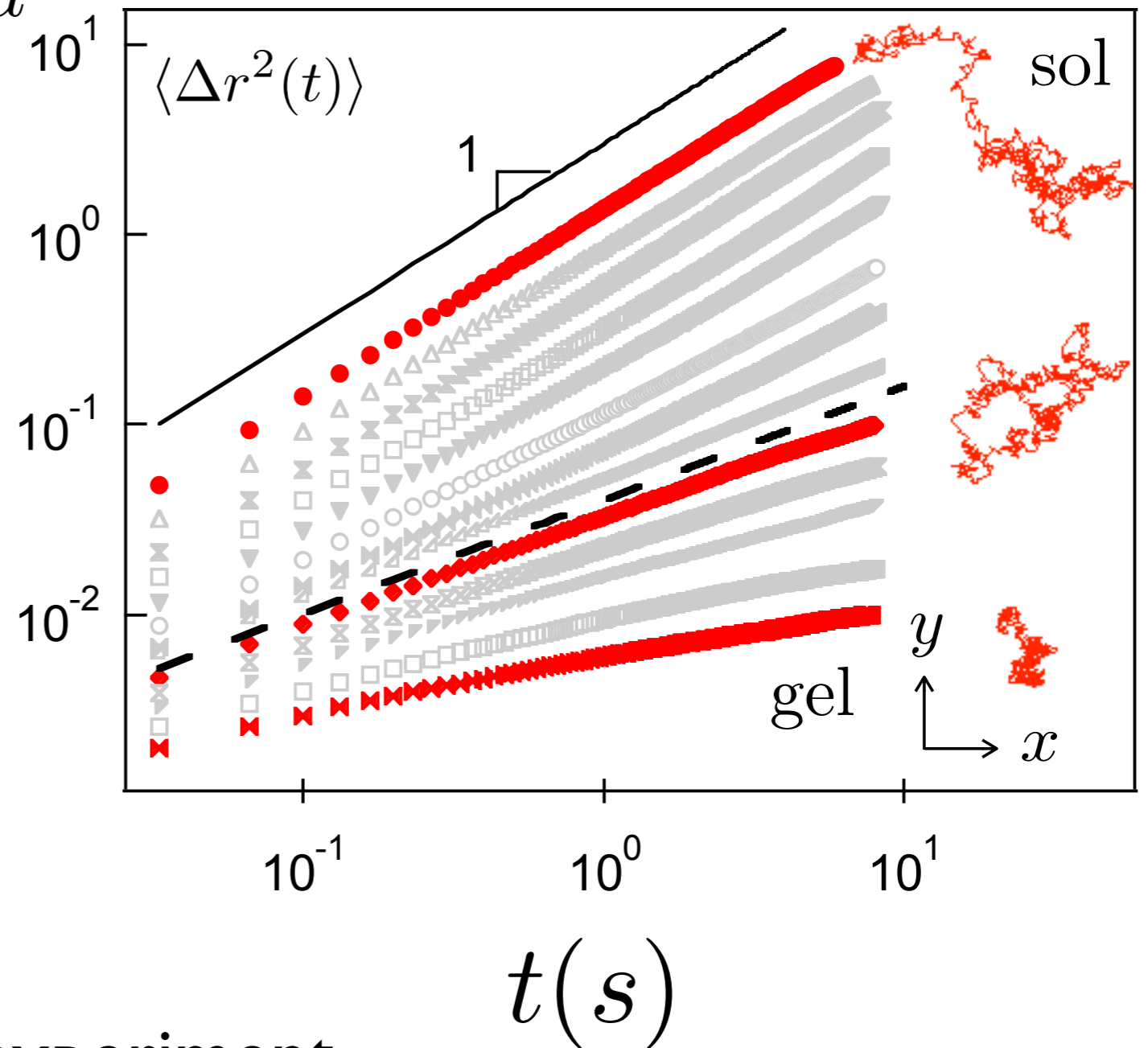
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$$\frac{k_B T}{\pi a} J(t)$$



microrheology is a creep experiment

Derivation of the GSER

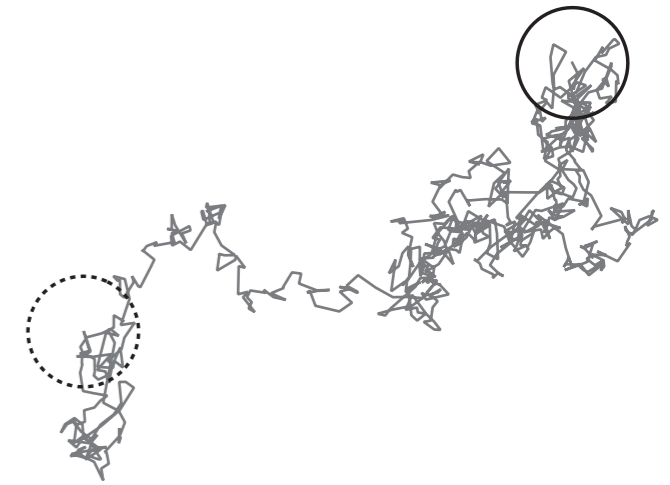


Ryogo Kubo



Generalized Langevin Equation

$$m\dot{\mathbf{V}}(t) = \mathbf{f}_B - \int_{-\infty}^t \zeta(t-t')\mathbf{V}(t')dt'$$



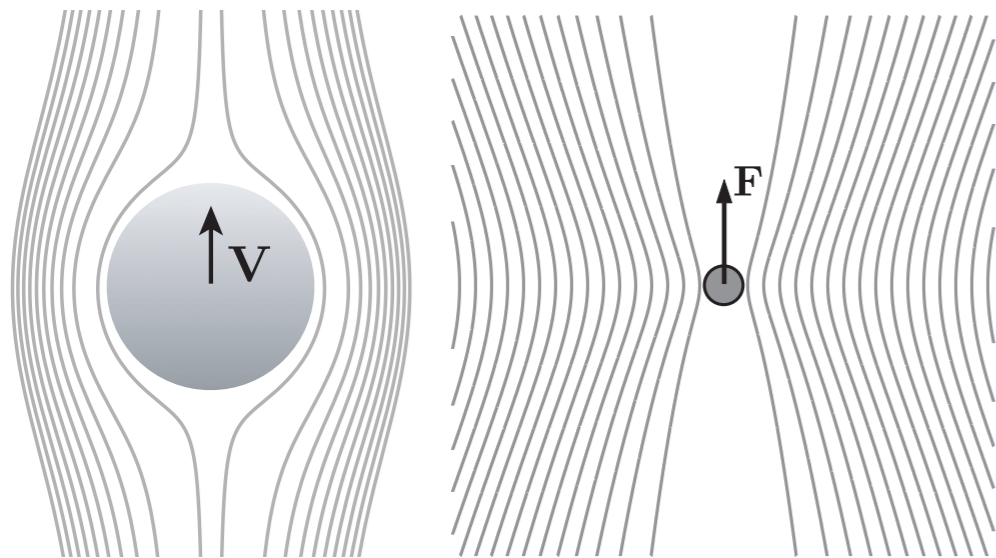
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Correspondence Principle



continuum limit

$$\tilde{\zeta}(\omega) = 6\pi a G^*(\omega) / i\omega$$

$$-\rho\omega^2 \tilde{\mathbf{u}} = -\nabla \tilde{p} + i\omega\eta \nabla^2 \tilde{\mathbf{u}} \quad \text{– Newtonian fluid}$$

$$-\rho\omega^2 \tilde{\mathbf{u}} = -\nabla \tilde{p} + G \nabla^2 \tilde{\mathbf{u}} \quad \text{– elastic solid}$$

$$-\rho\omega^2 \tilde{\mathbf{u}} = -\nabla \tilde{p} + G^*(\omega) \nabla^2 \tilde{\mathbf{u}} \quad \text{– viscoelastic}$$

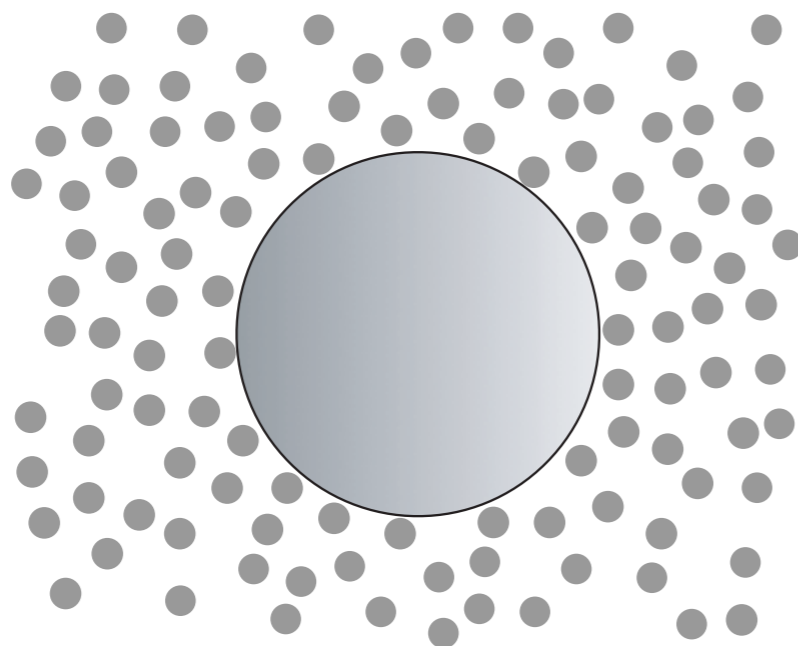
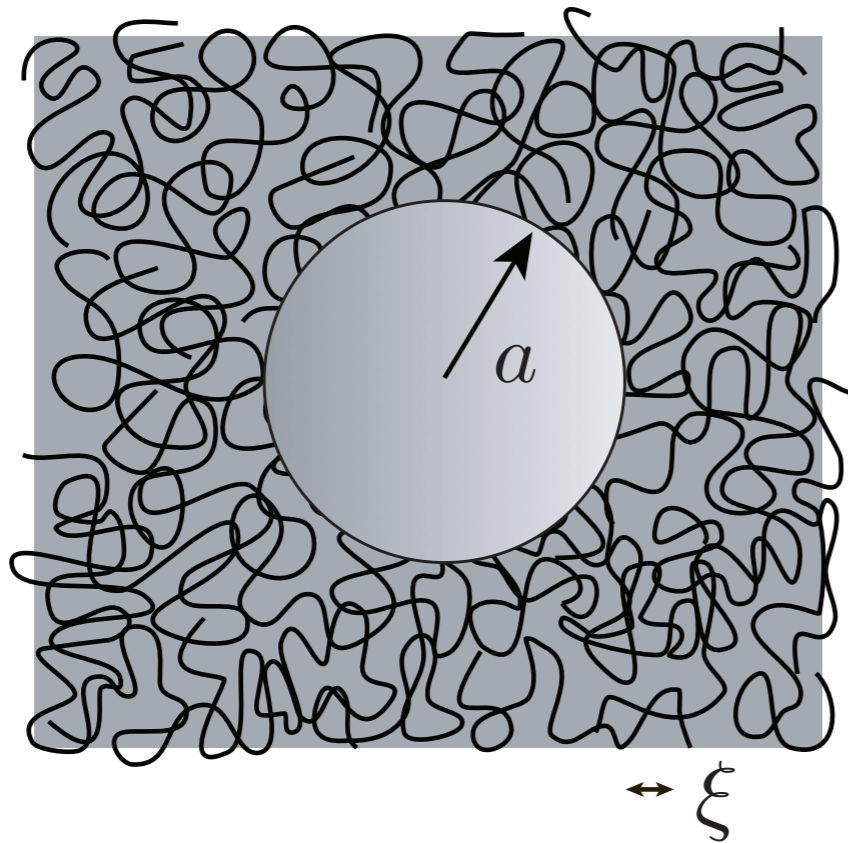
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Limit: probes in the continuum limit

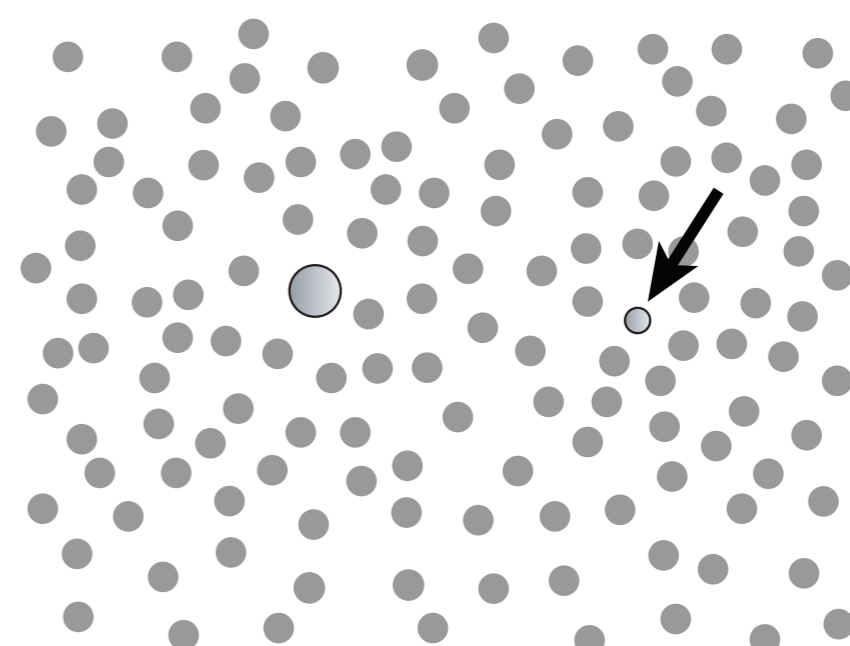
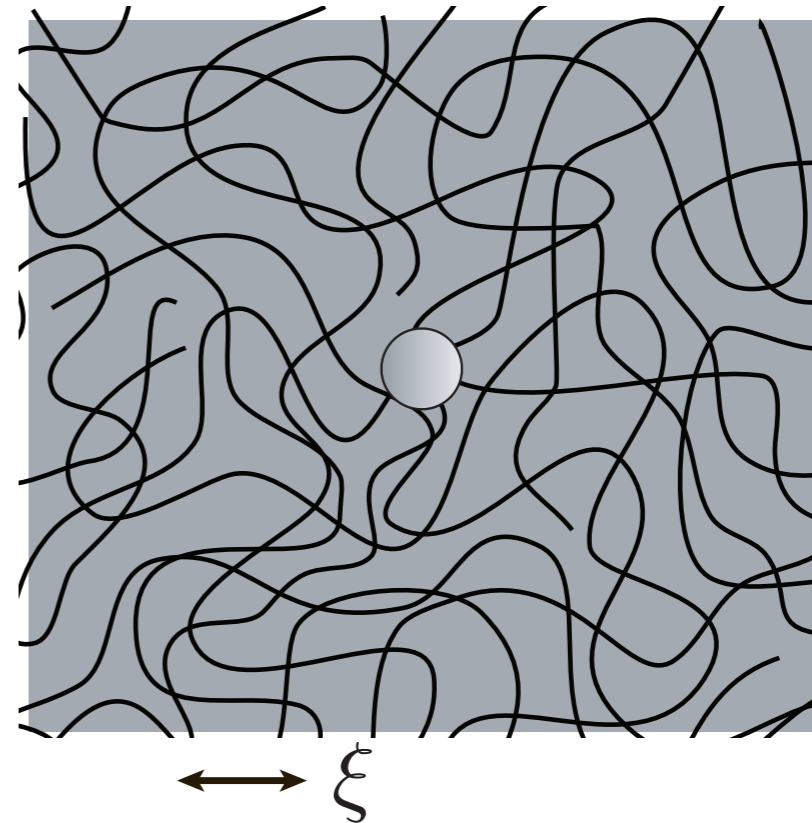
Continuum

$$a \gg \xi$$



Non-continuum

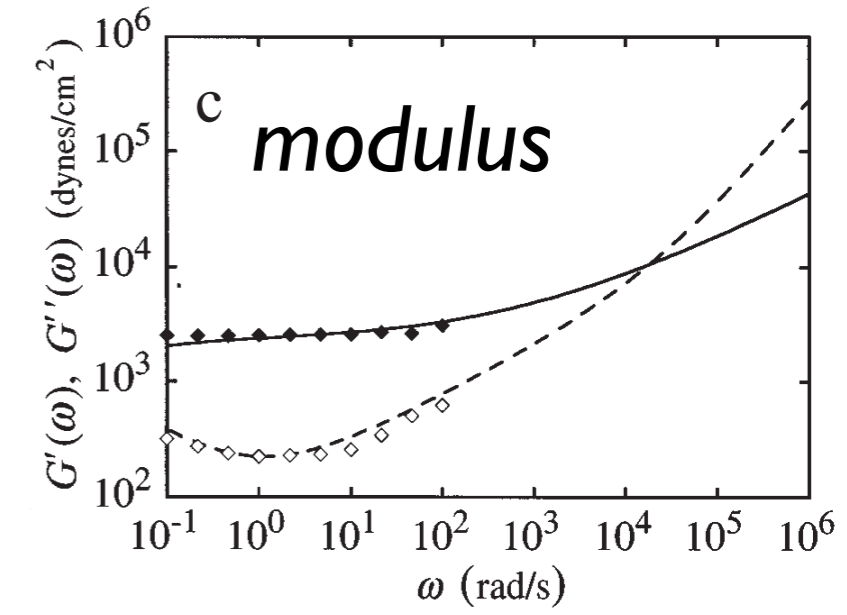
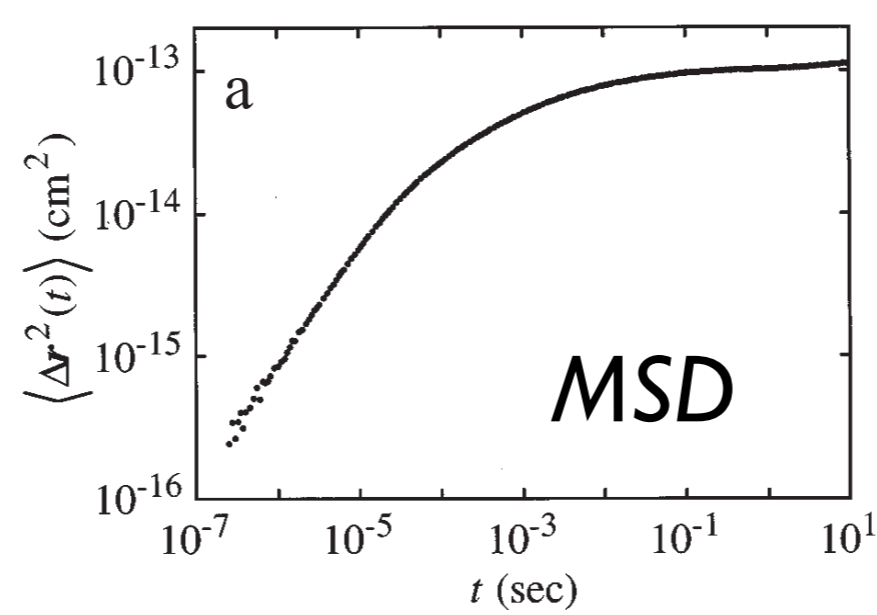
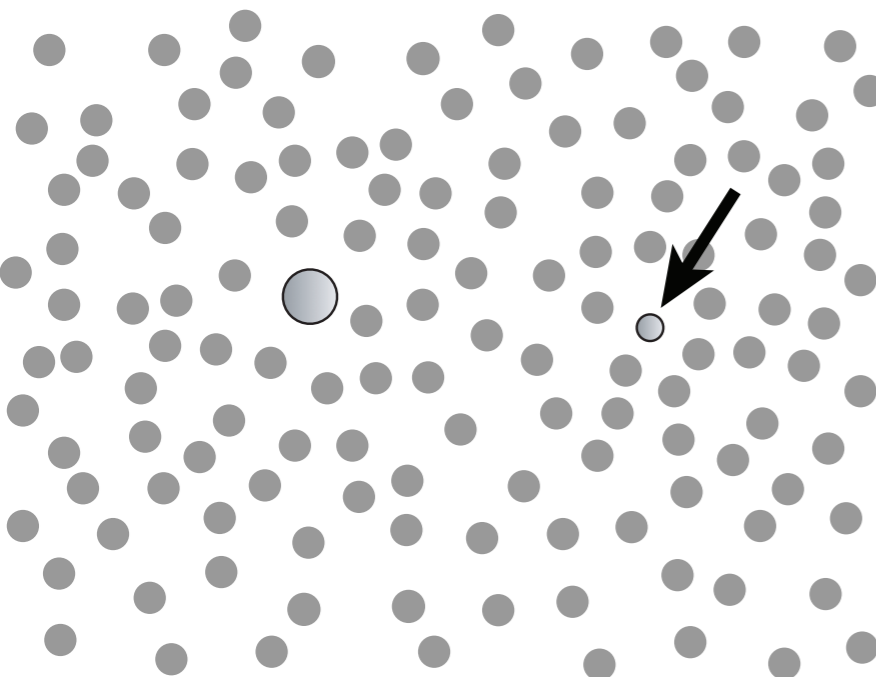
$$a \leq \xi$$



Non-continuum limit

Concentrated emulsion

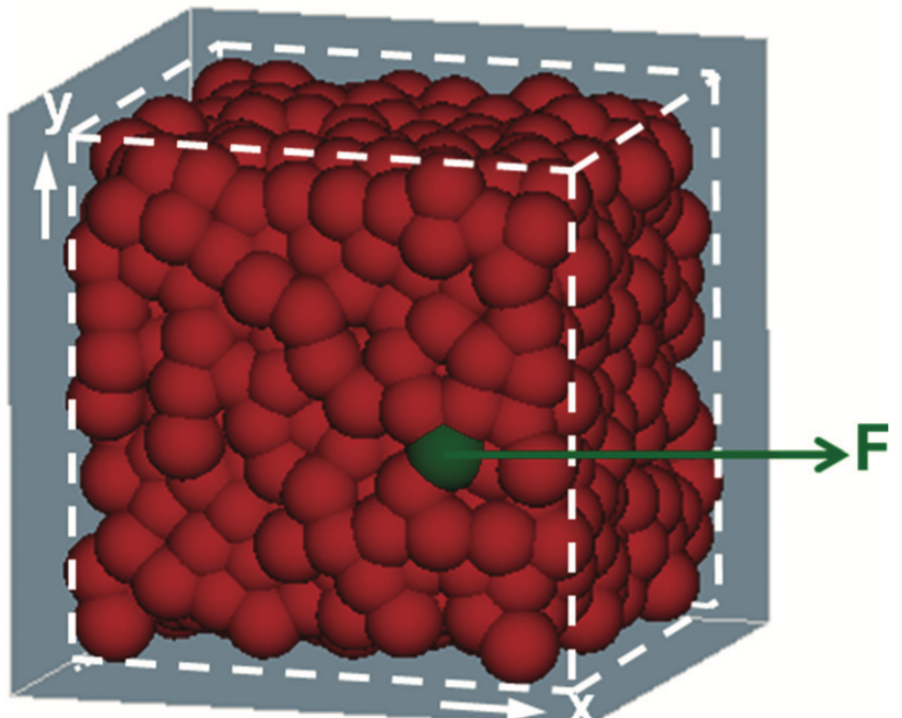
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Dense suspensions and glasses

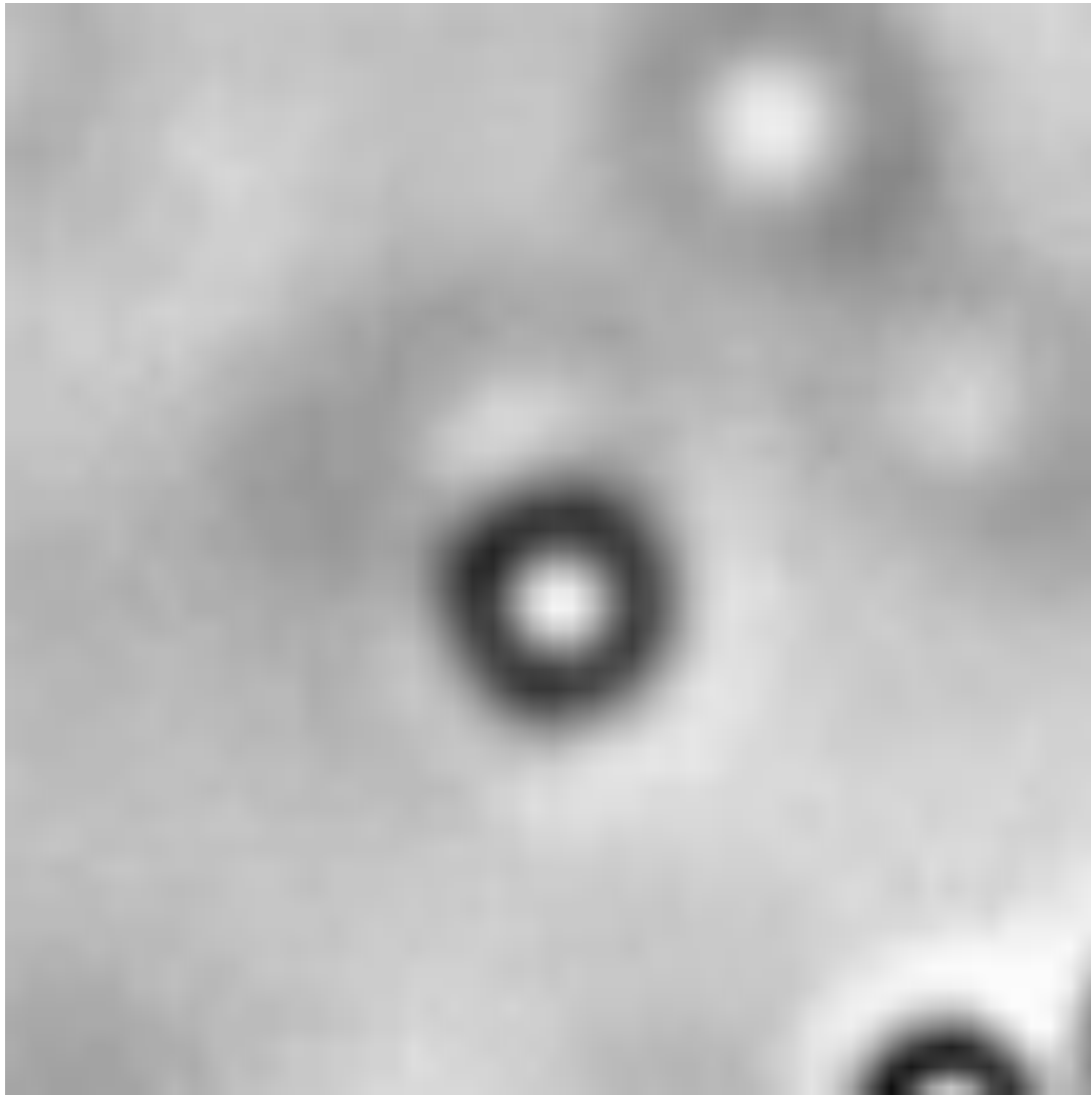
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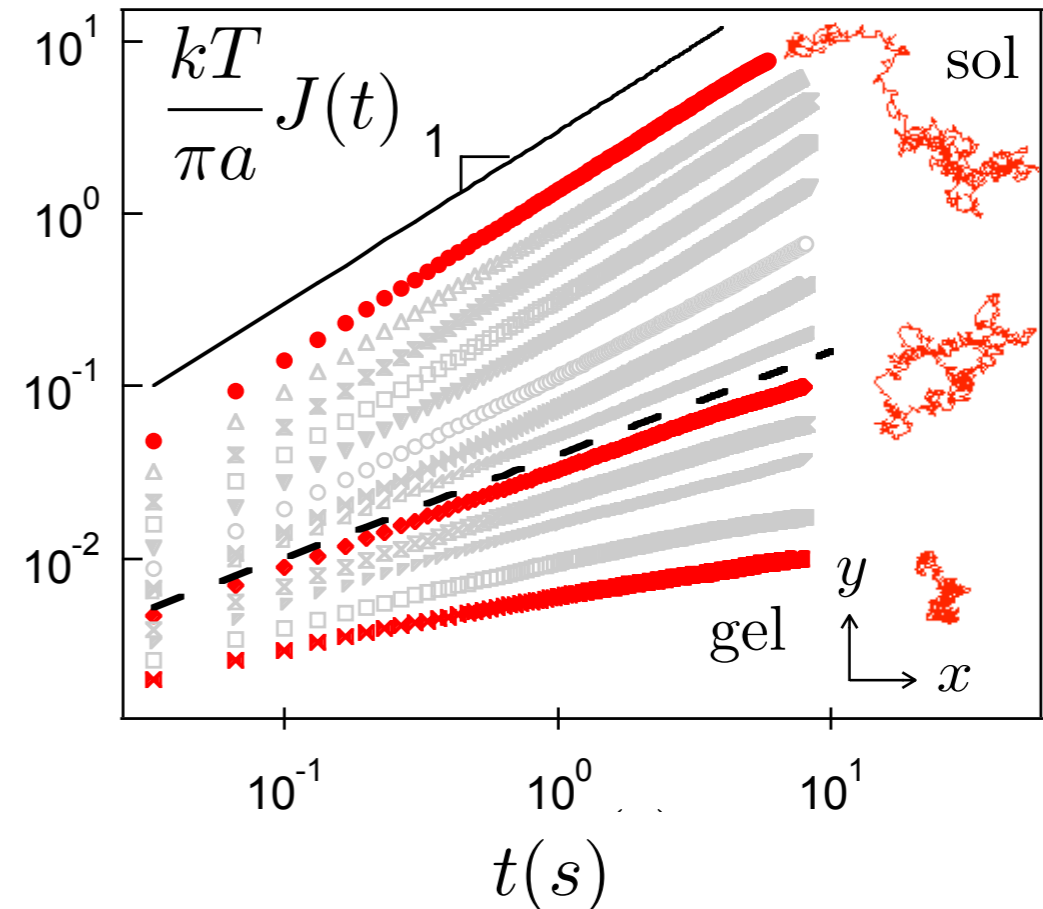
Probe in *equilibrium* with surrounding material

Second key constraint



1 μm diameter polystyrene latex particle in water

Linear response only!



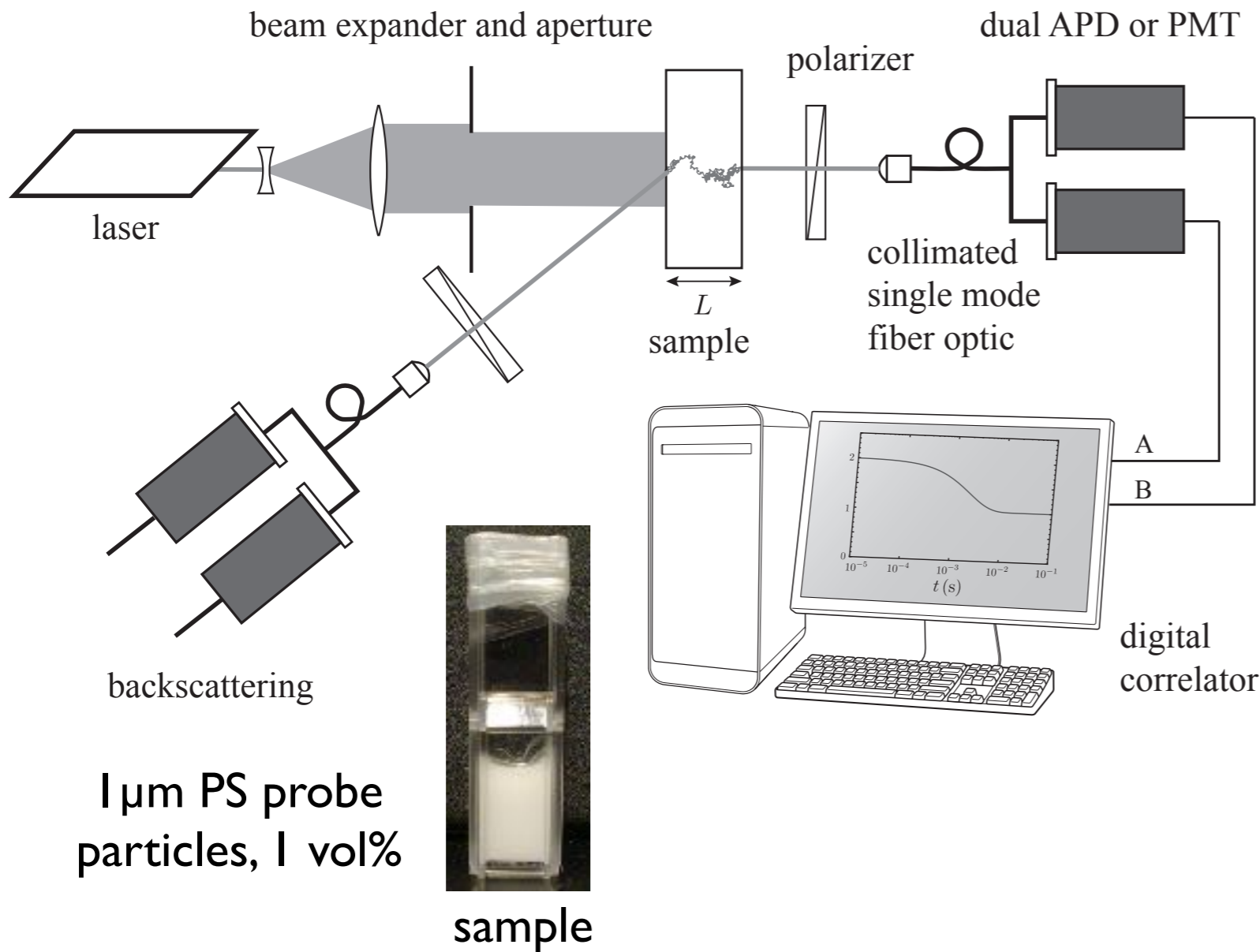
NO

*shear thinning, shear thickening,
yielding, thixotropy, etc.*

Microrheology — more tools

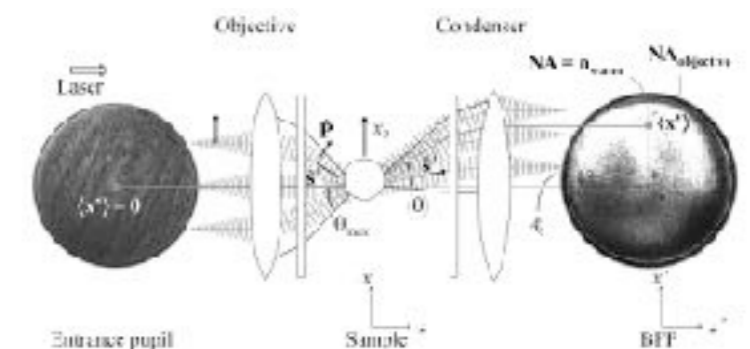
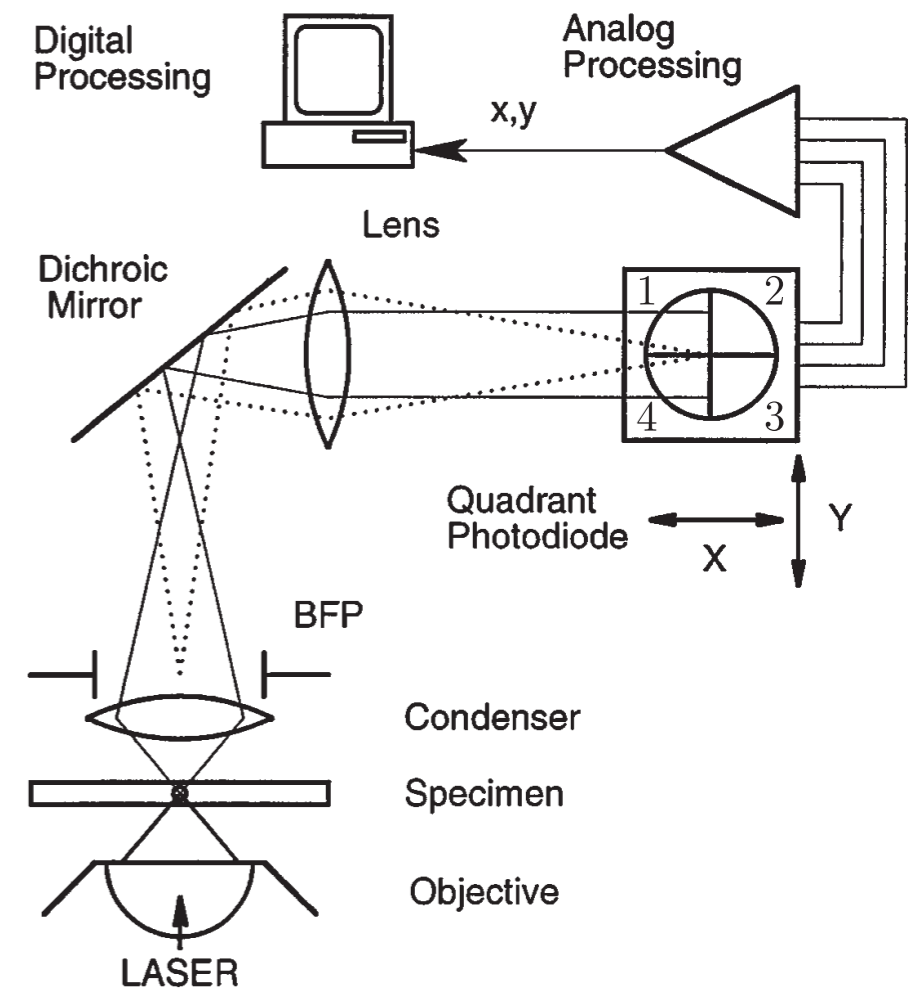
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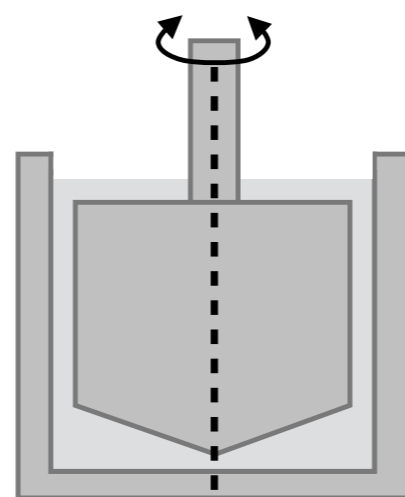
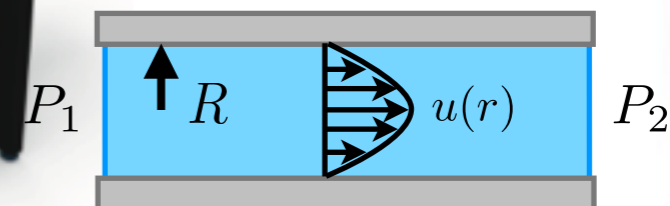
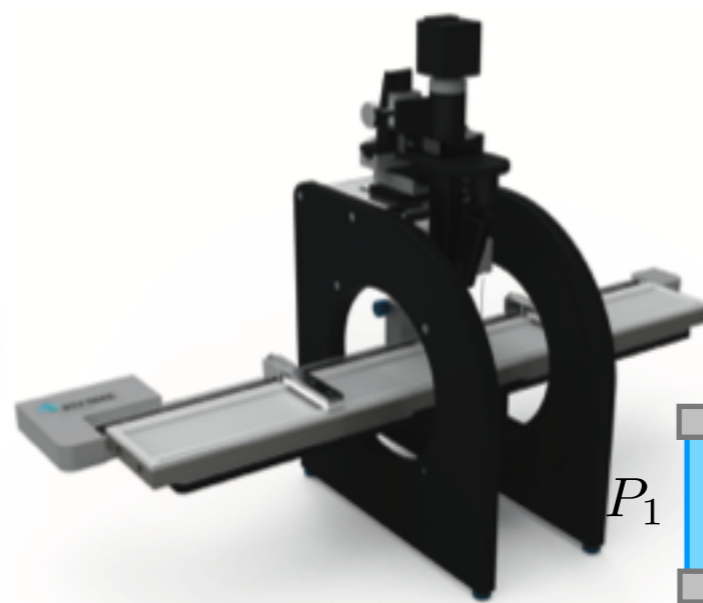
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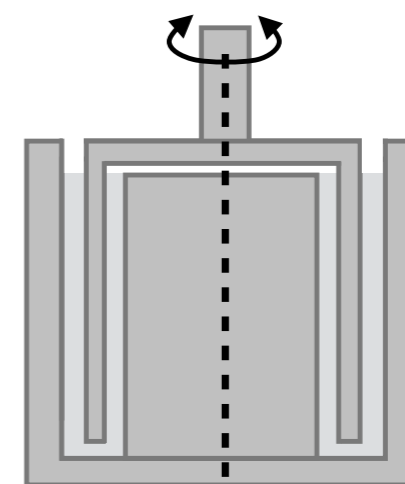
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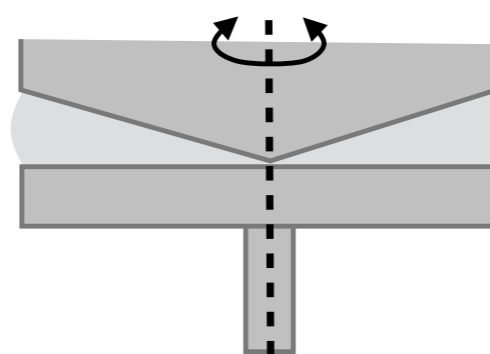




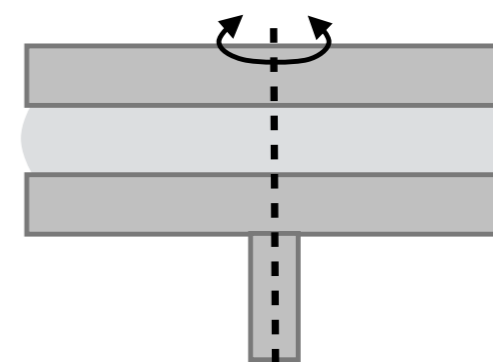
concentric cylinder



double wall



cone-and-plate

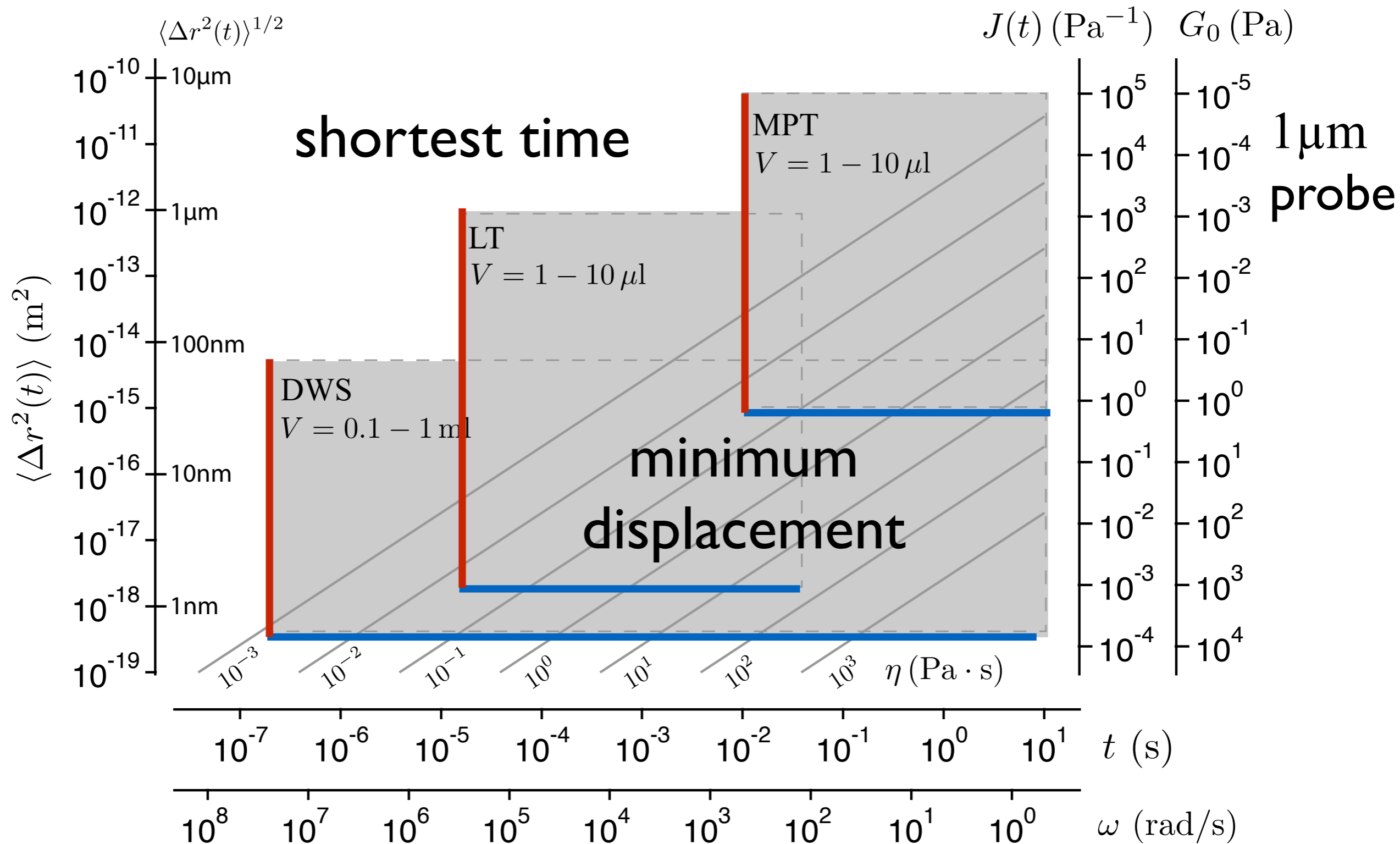


parallel plate



Passive microrheology operating regimes

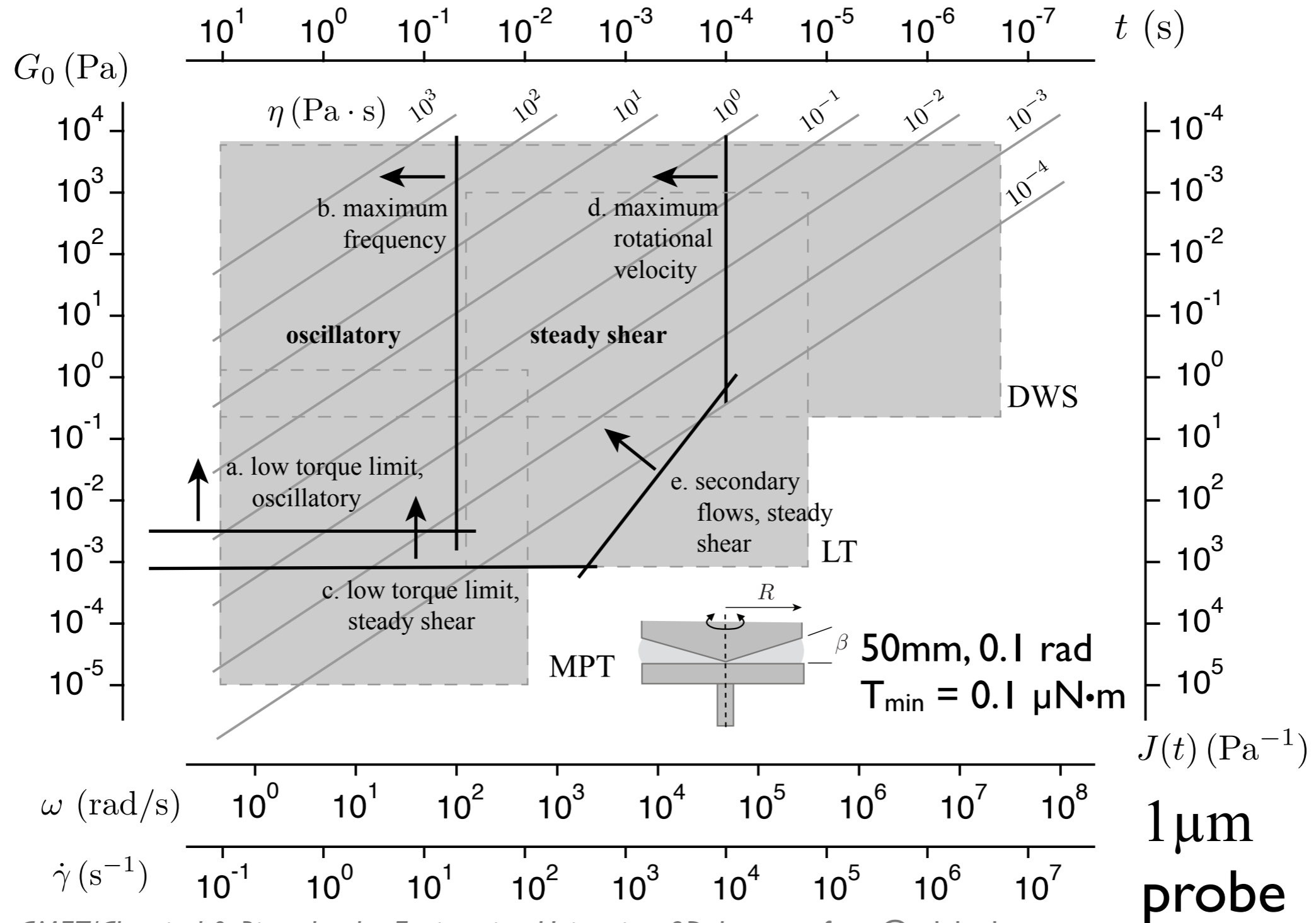
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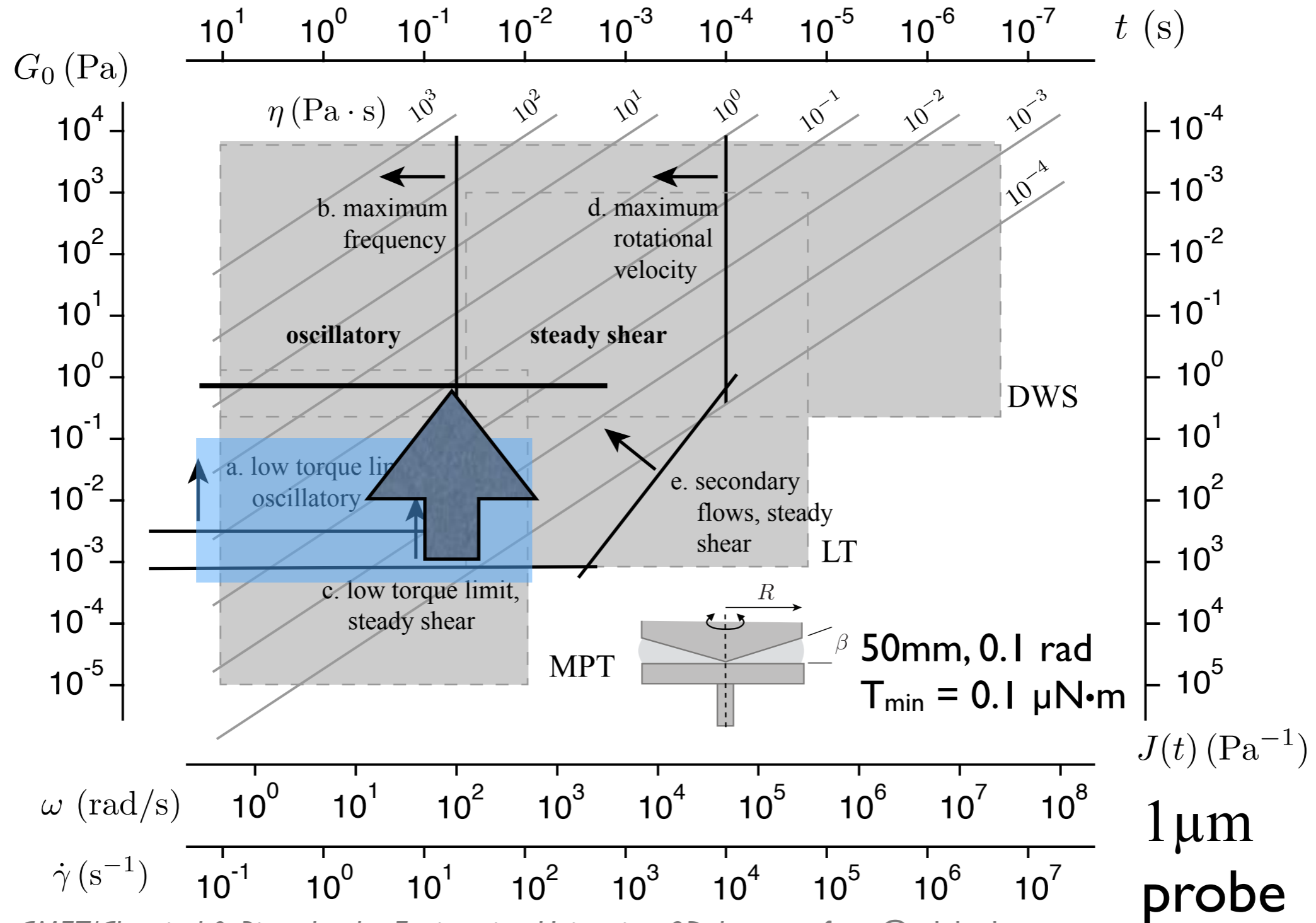
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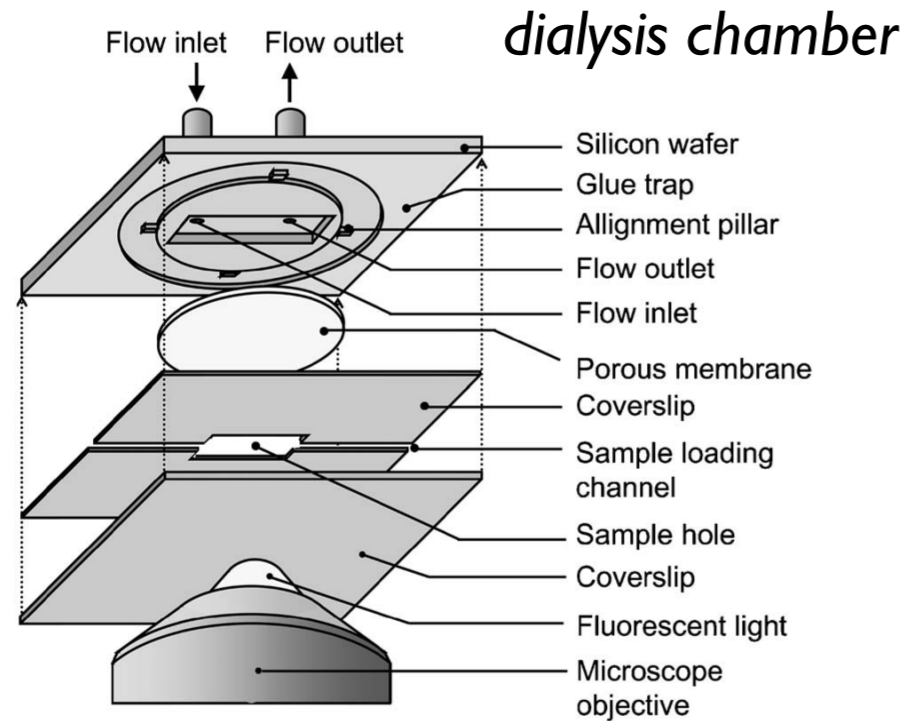
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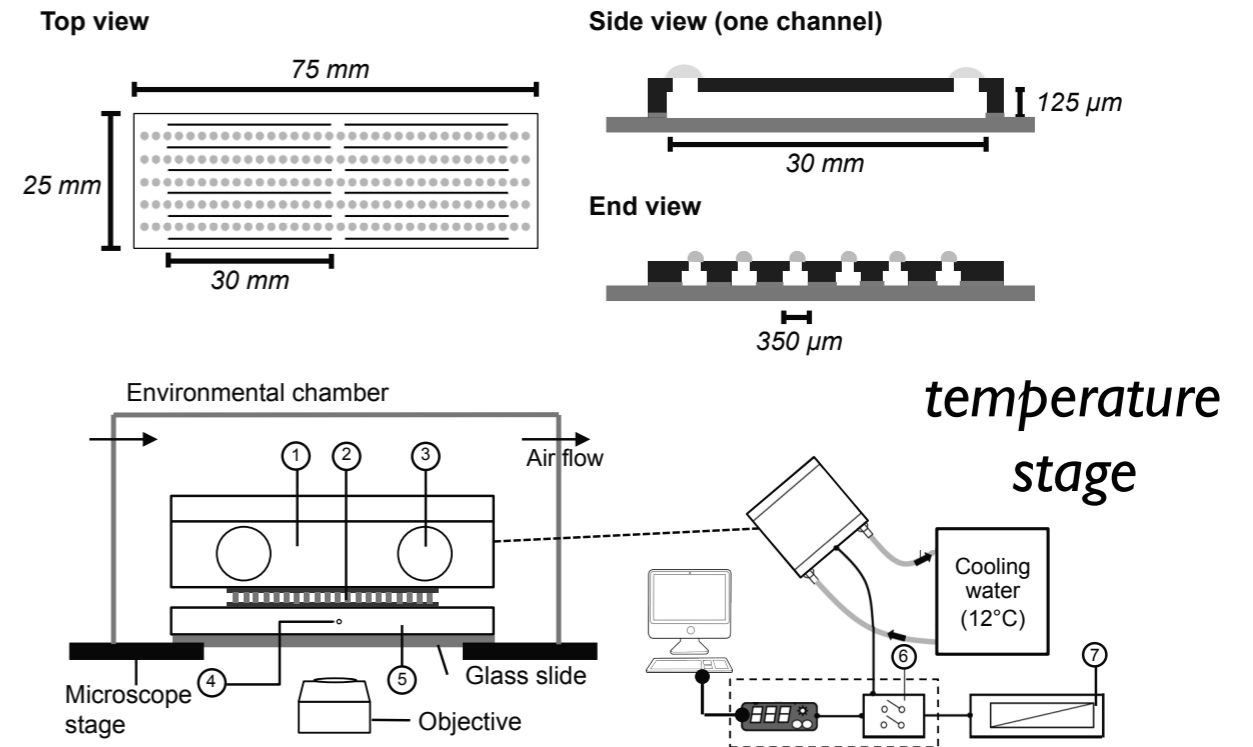
Small sample volumes

Fast mass and heat exchange

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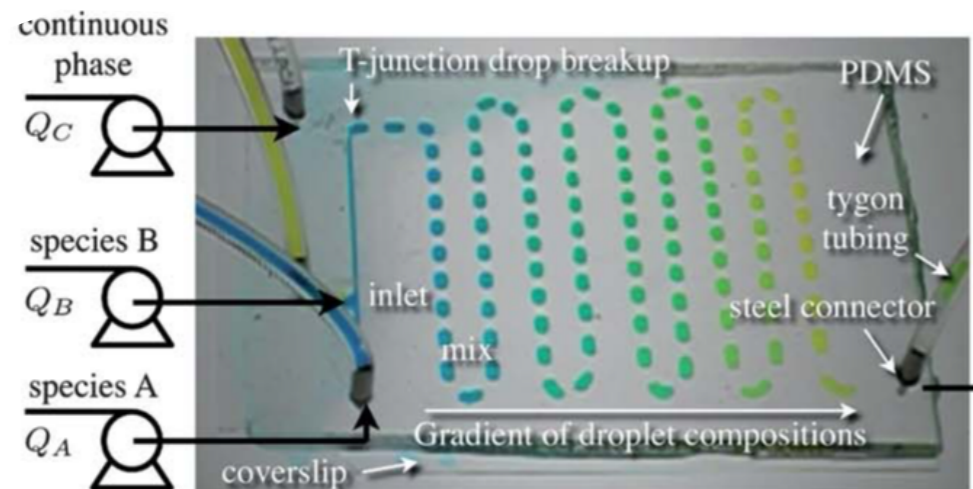


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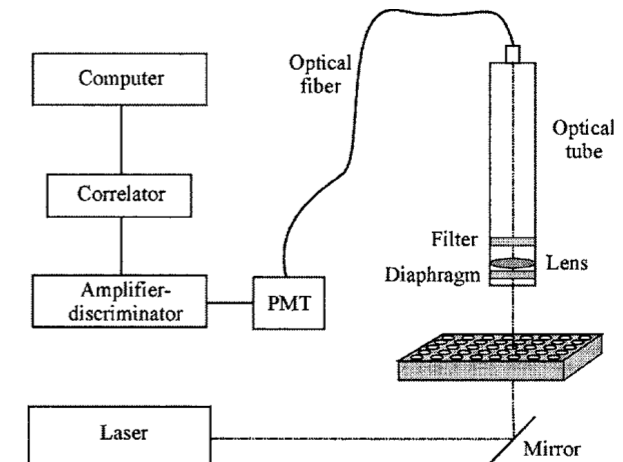
Microfluidic sample processing

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High-throughput

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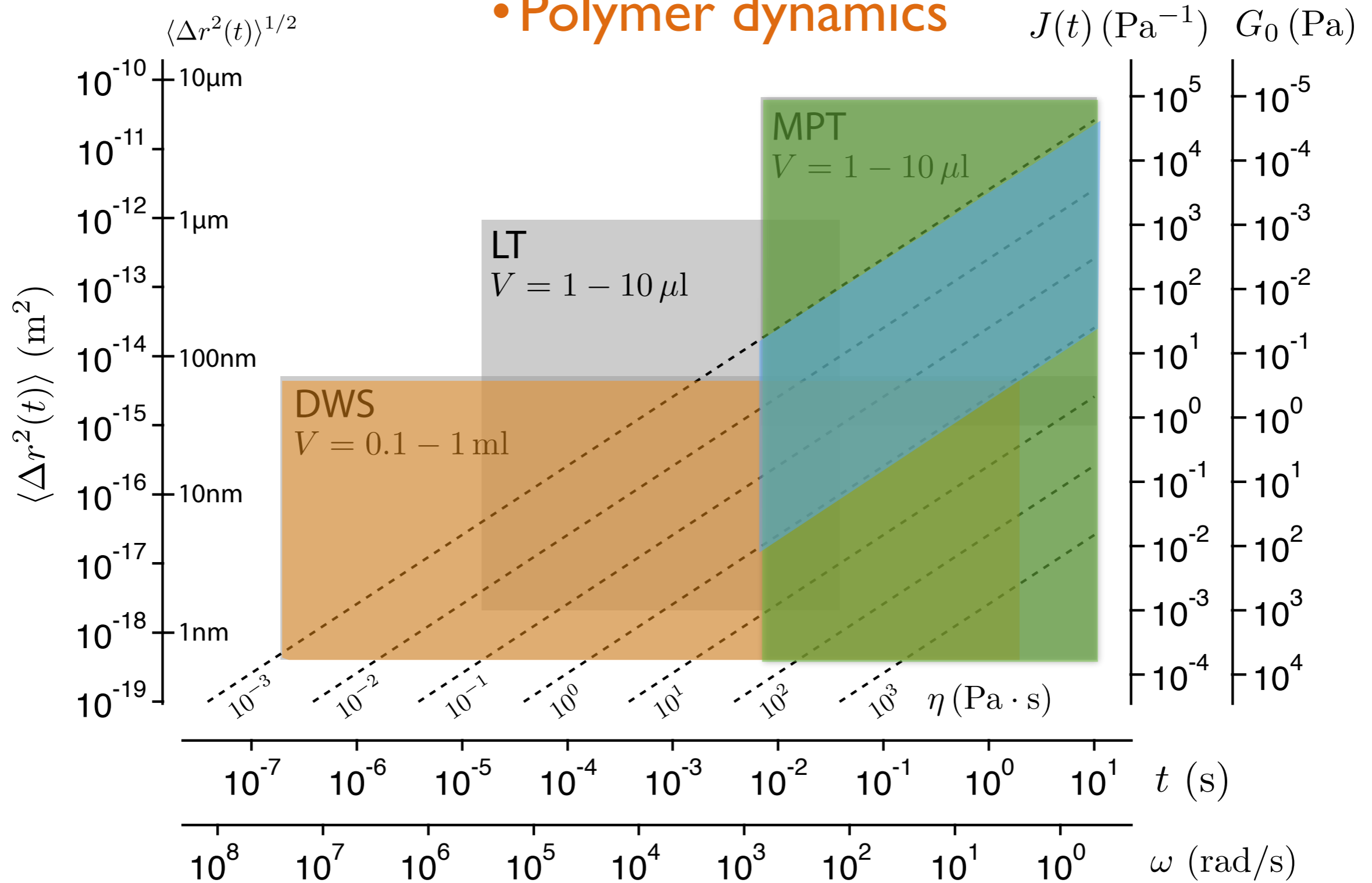


Key advantages of microrheology

- Small sample volumes — material screening
~10 μ L typical; as low as ~1 μ L
Straightforward experimental methods
Tracking particle motion with video microscopy
- Fast acquisition times (as low as ~10 seconds)
Samples that change with time (i.e. during gelation)
- “Incipient rheology” of gel transitions, intrinsic viscosity
hydrogelation, degradation
- Extended range of frequencies
< 1 Hz to MHz
- Local rheological properties-spatial resolution
Information not available to bulk rheology
- In many cases: complementary to mechanical rheology

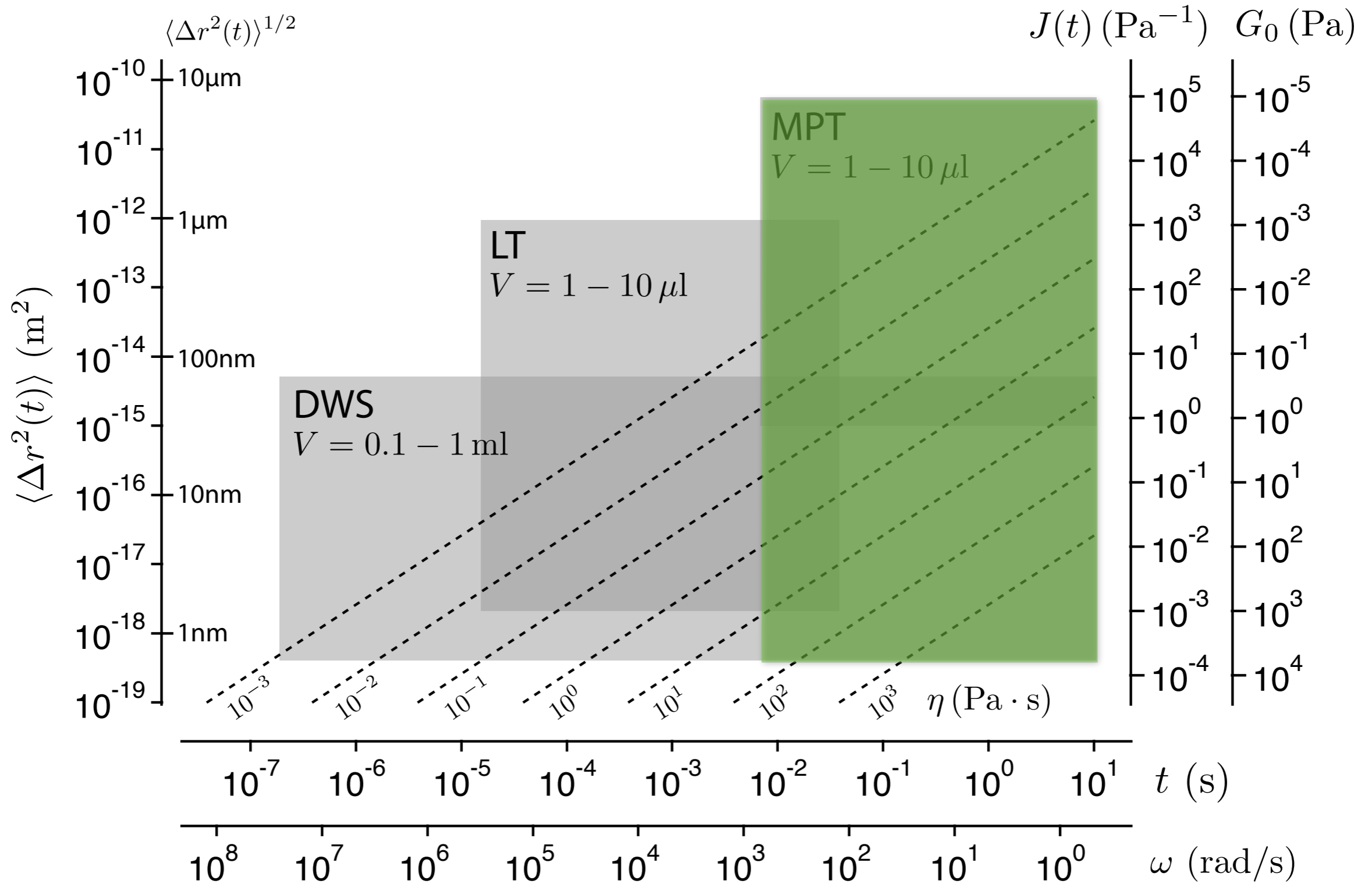
Microrheology problem classes

- Hydrogelators
- Protein solutions
- Polymer dynamics



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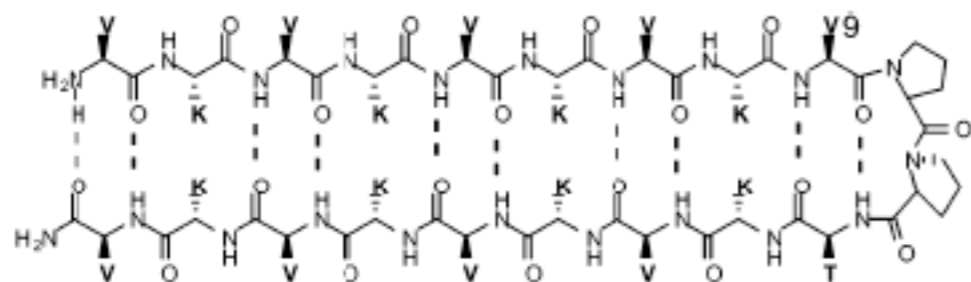
- Hydrogelators



- **Microrheology of gelation & degradation**
- **Rheological screening of scarce materials**

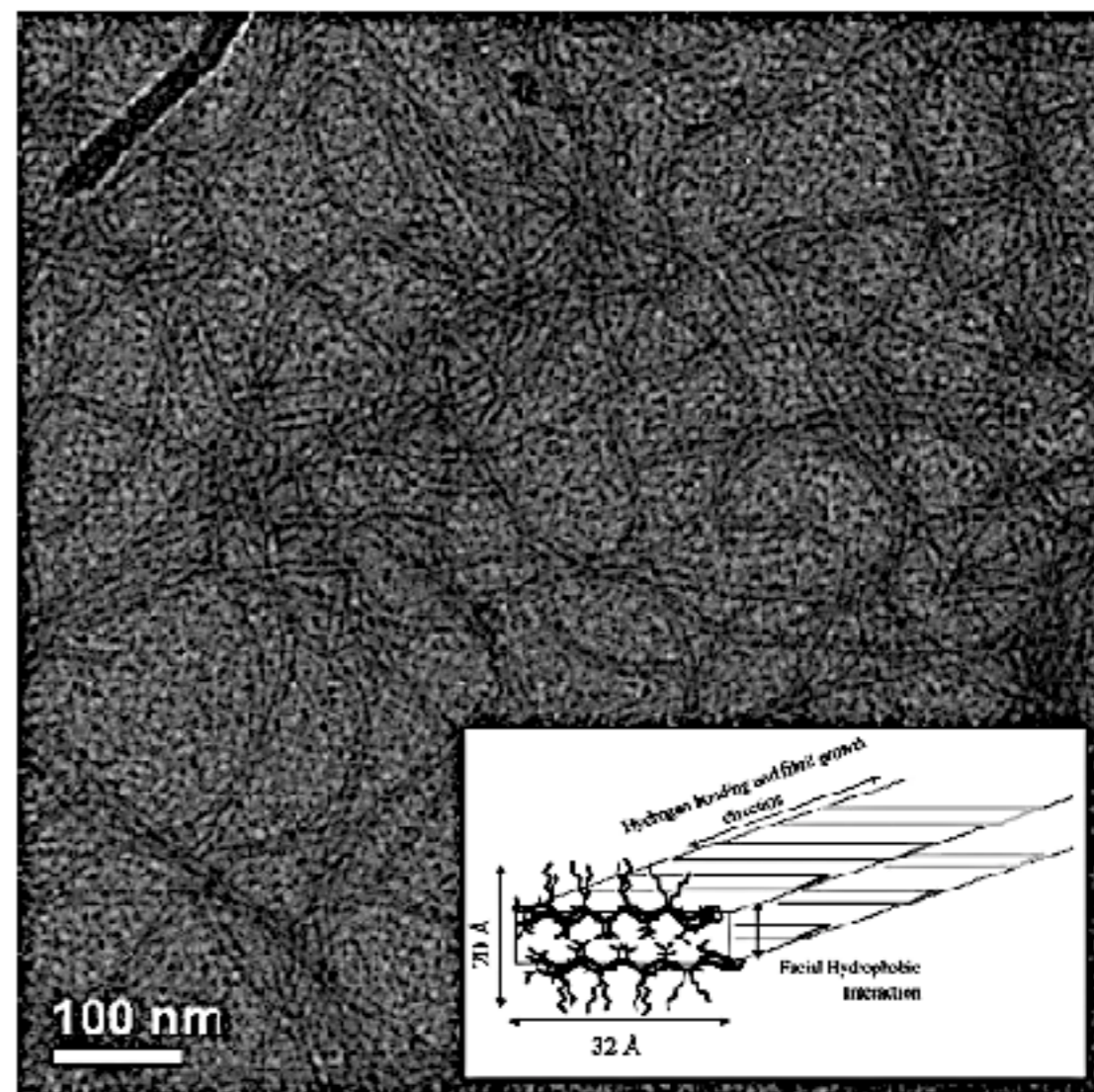
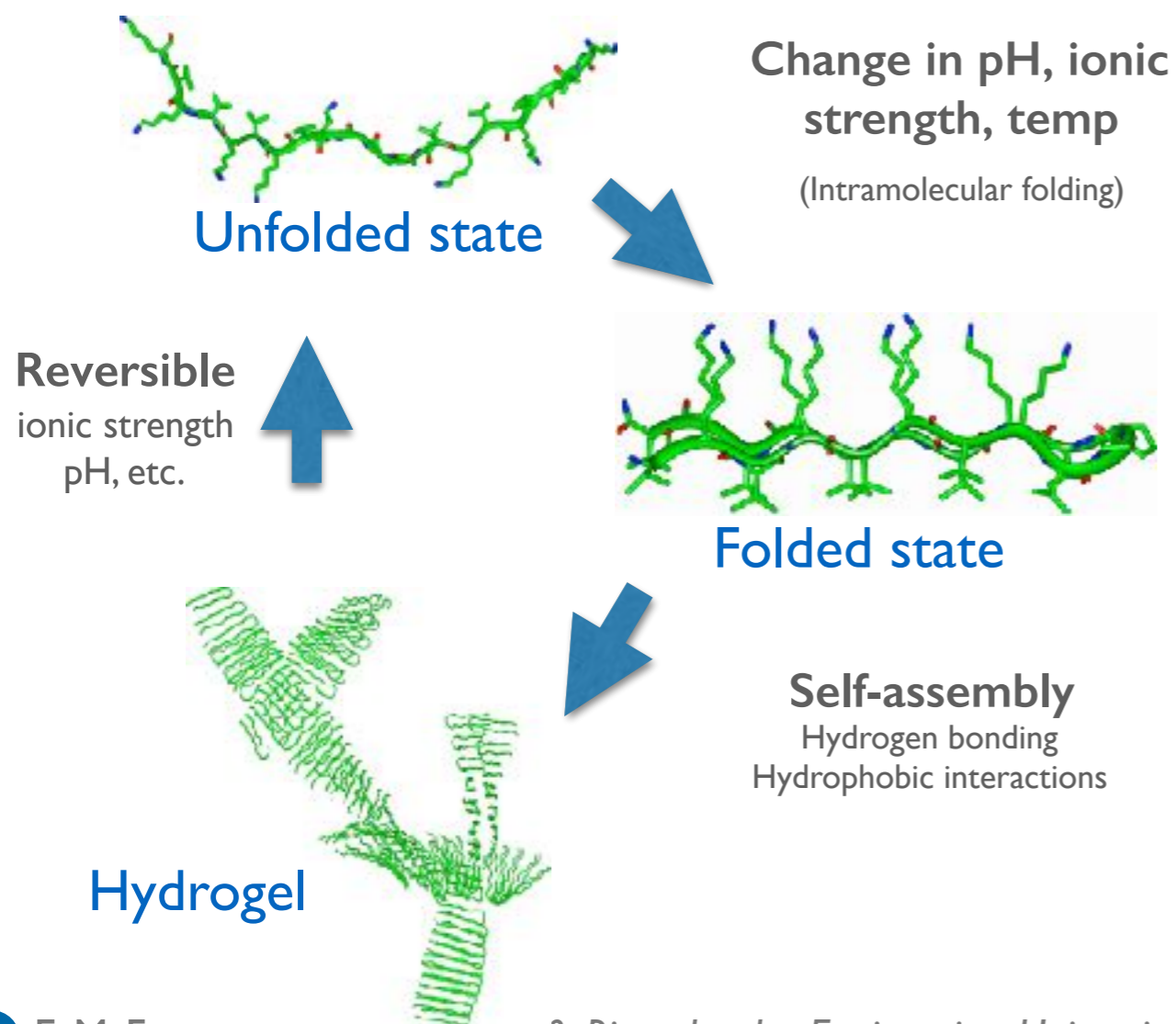
Gelation of self-assembling peptides

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MAX1: VKVKVKVKV^DPPTKVKVKVKV-NH₂

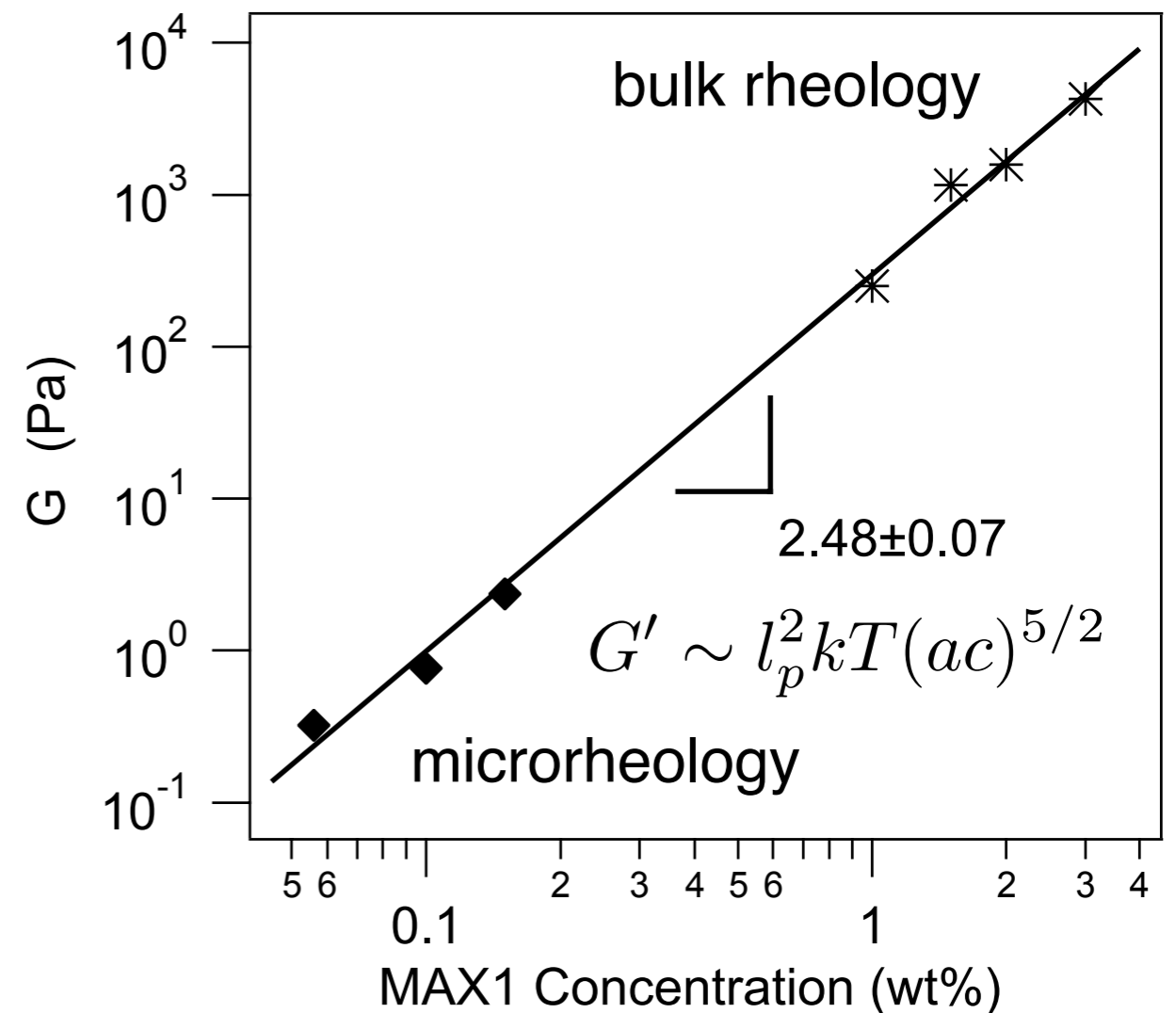
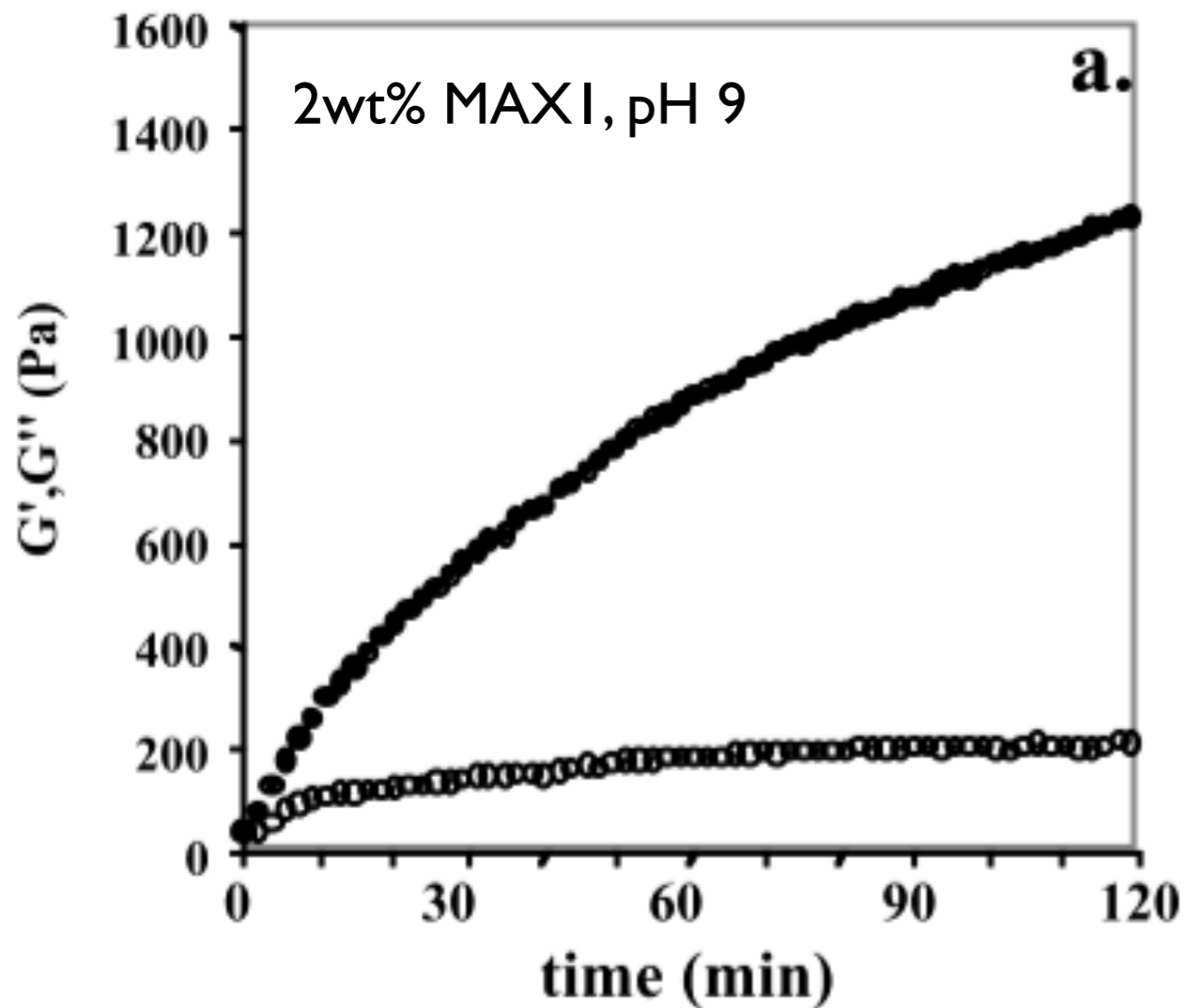
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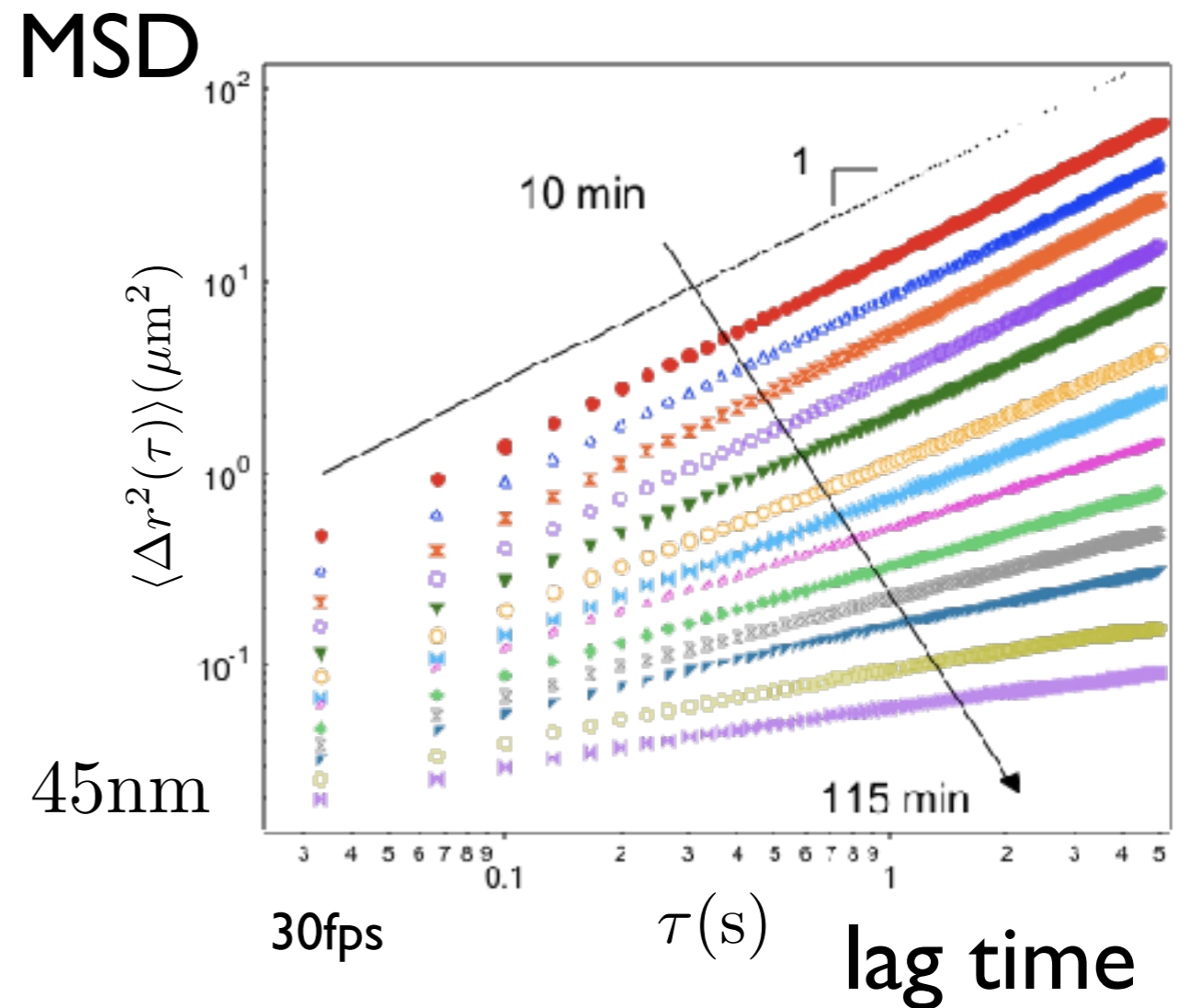
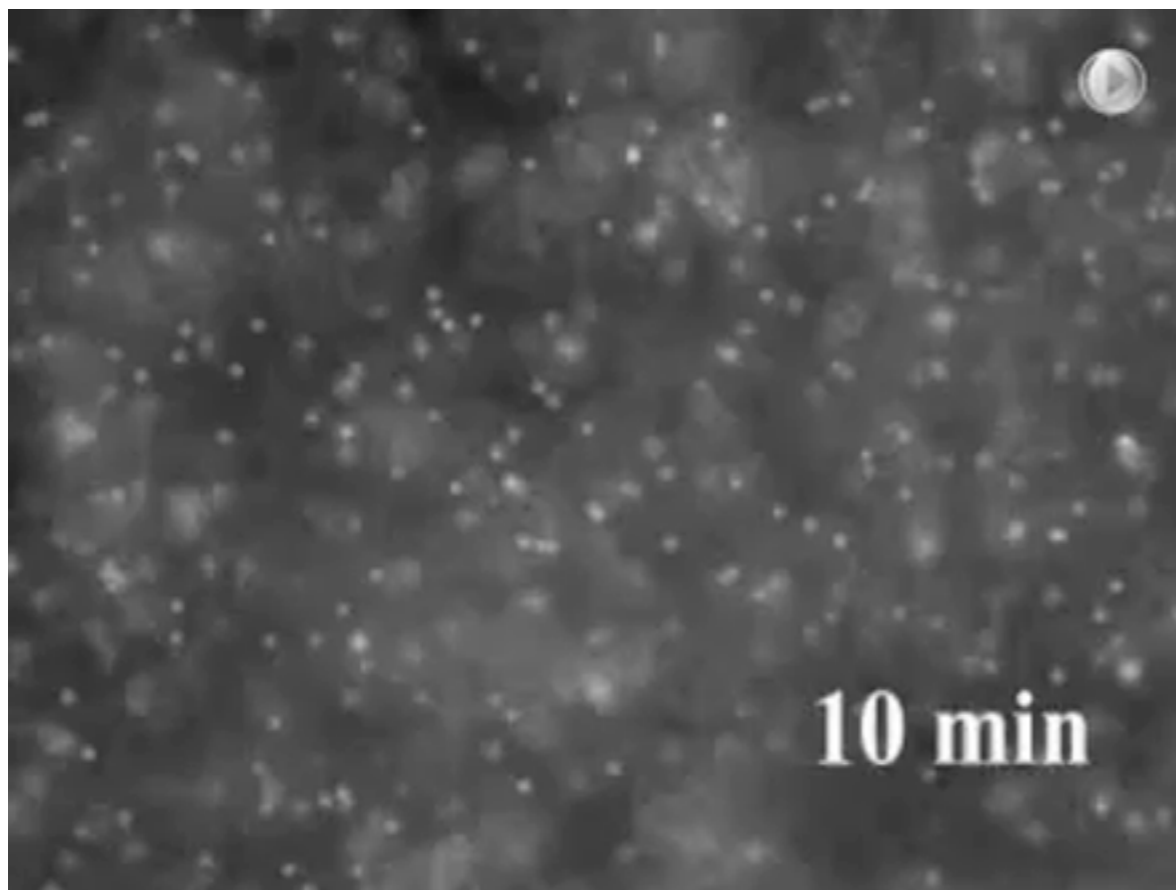
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Gelation of MAXI hairpin peptide

Self-assembling peptide

0.15 wt% HPL17 (K15E), pH 8.5, T=25°C

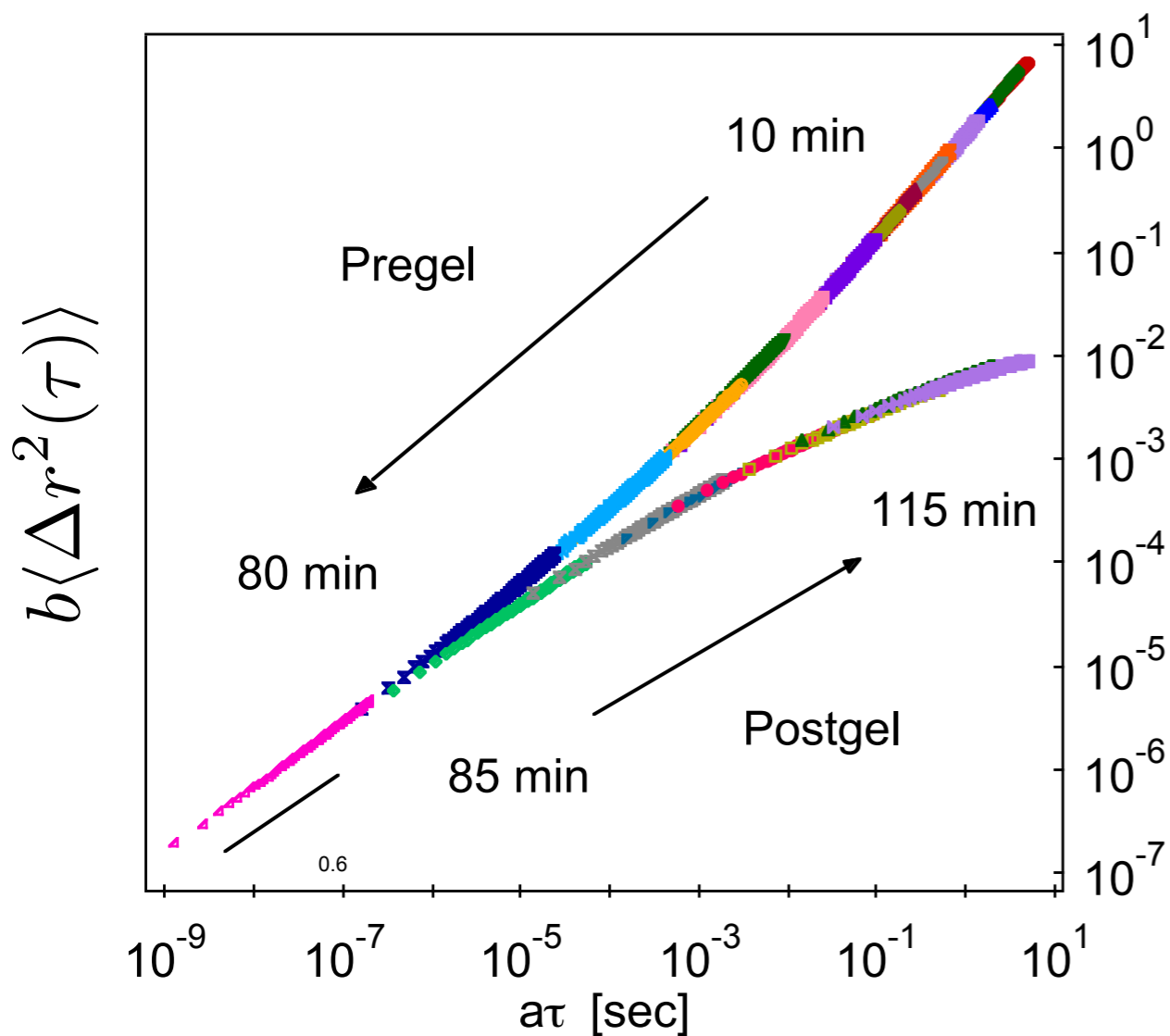


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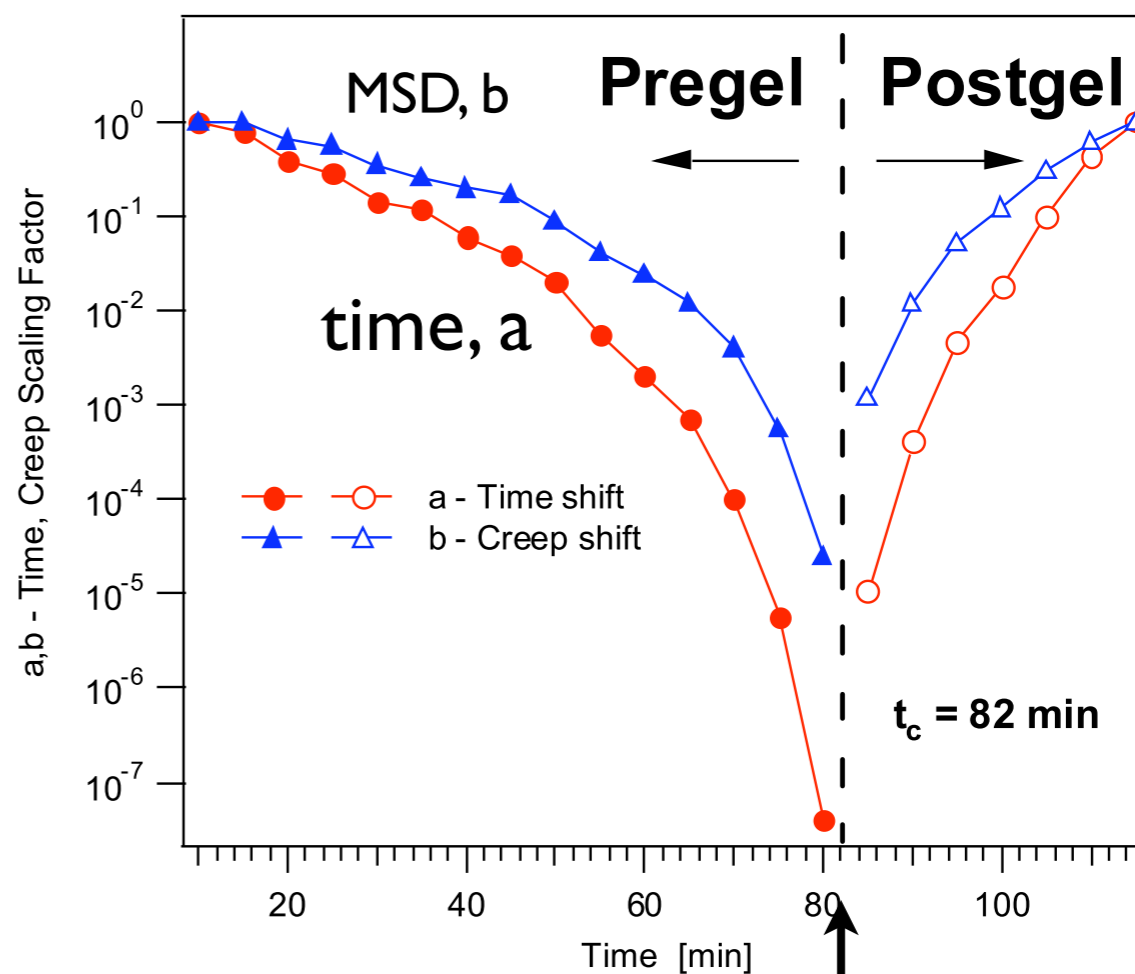
MSD master curve shift factors

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MSD master curves



Shift factors



gel point $t_c \sim 82$ min

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MSD gelation time-cure superposition

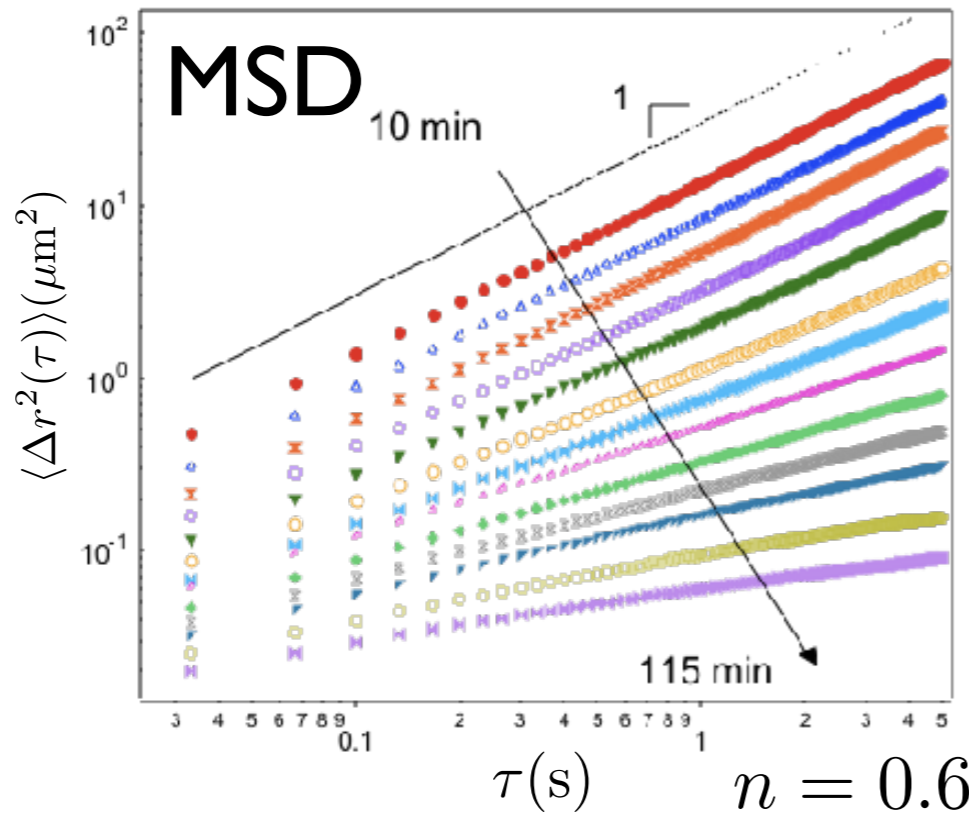
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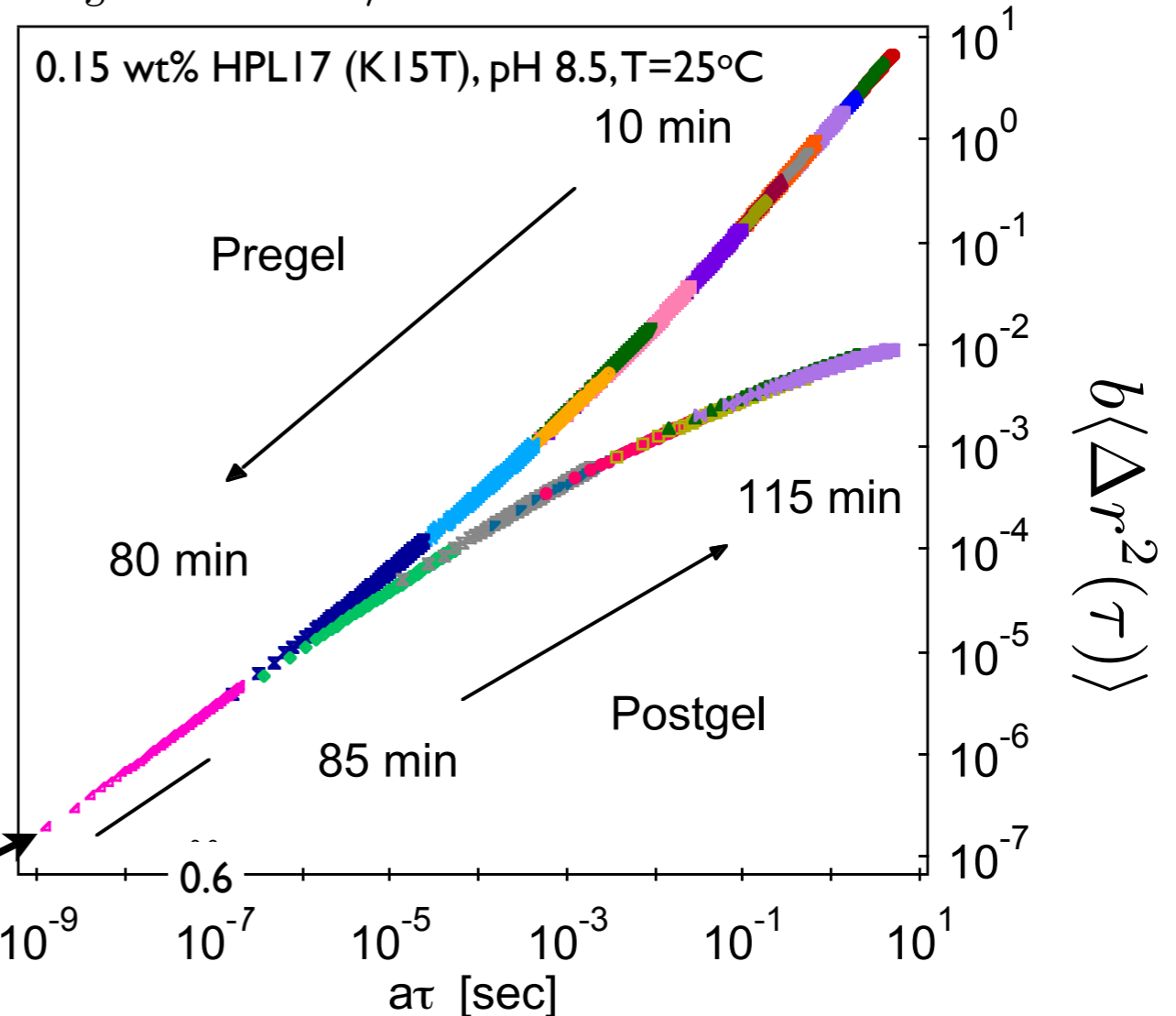
Master curve: $\frac{J(t/\tau_L)}{J_s^0}$

Critical extent of gelation $\varepsilon = \frac{|t - t_c|}{t_c}$

$$J_s^0 = a\varepsilon^{-z} / kT \quad \tau_L = \tau_0 \varepsilon^{-y}$$



$$J_c(t) = \frac{\sin n\pi}{n\pi S} t^n$$

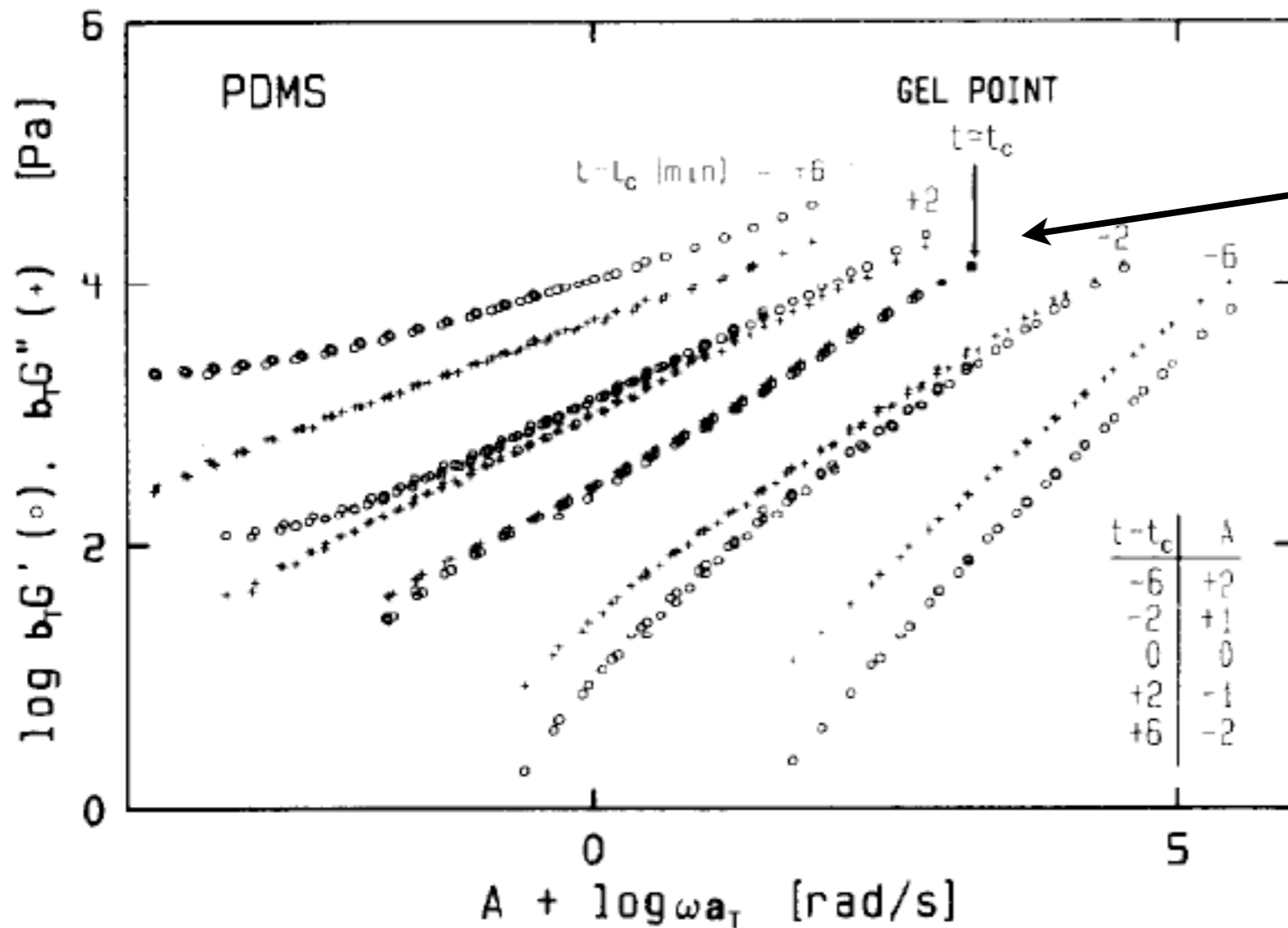


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Critical scaling of moduli at gel point

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$$G(t) = St^{-n}$$

$$G^*(\omega) = S\Gamma(1-n)\omega^n$$

Relaxation exponent

Self-similar structure
and mechanical
response

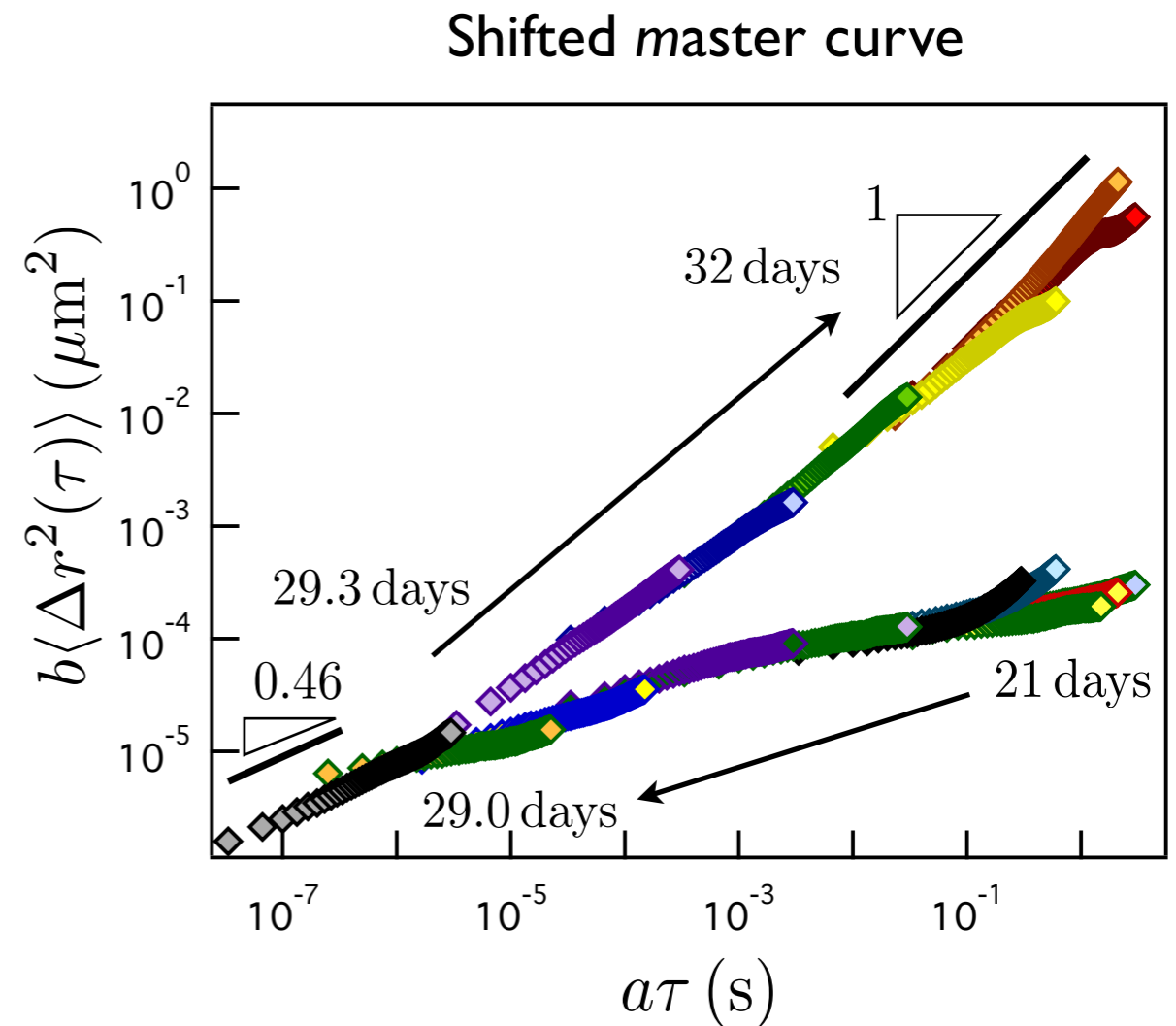
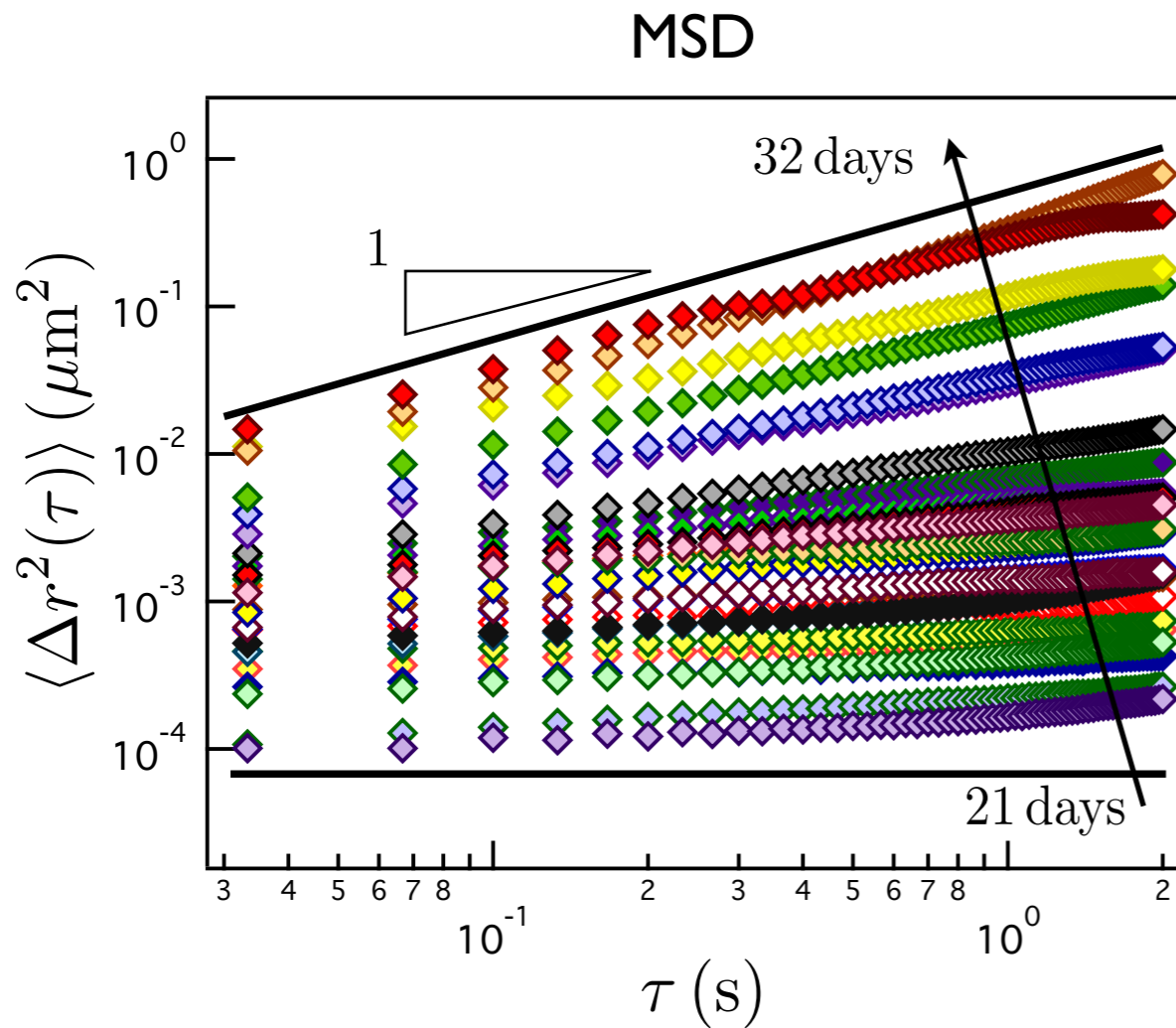
$$0.11 \leq n \leq 0.92$$

$$n = z/y$$

H. W. Rietting, et al. Macromolecules, 25:2429-2433, 1992.

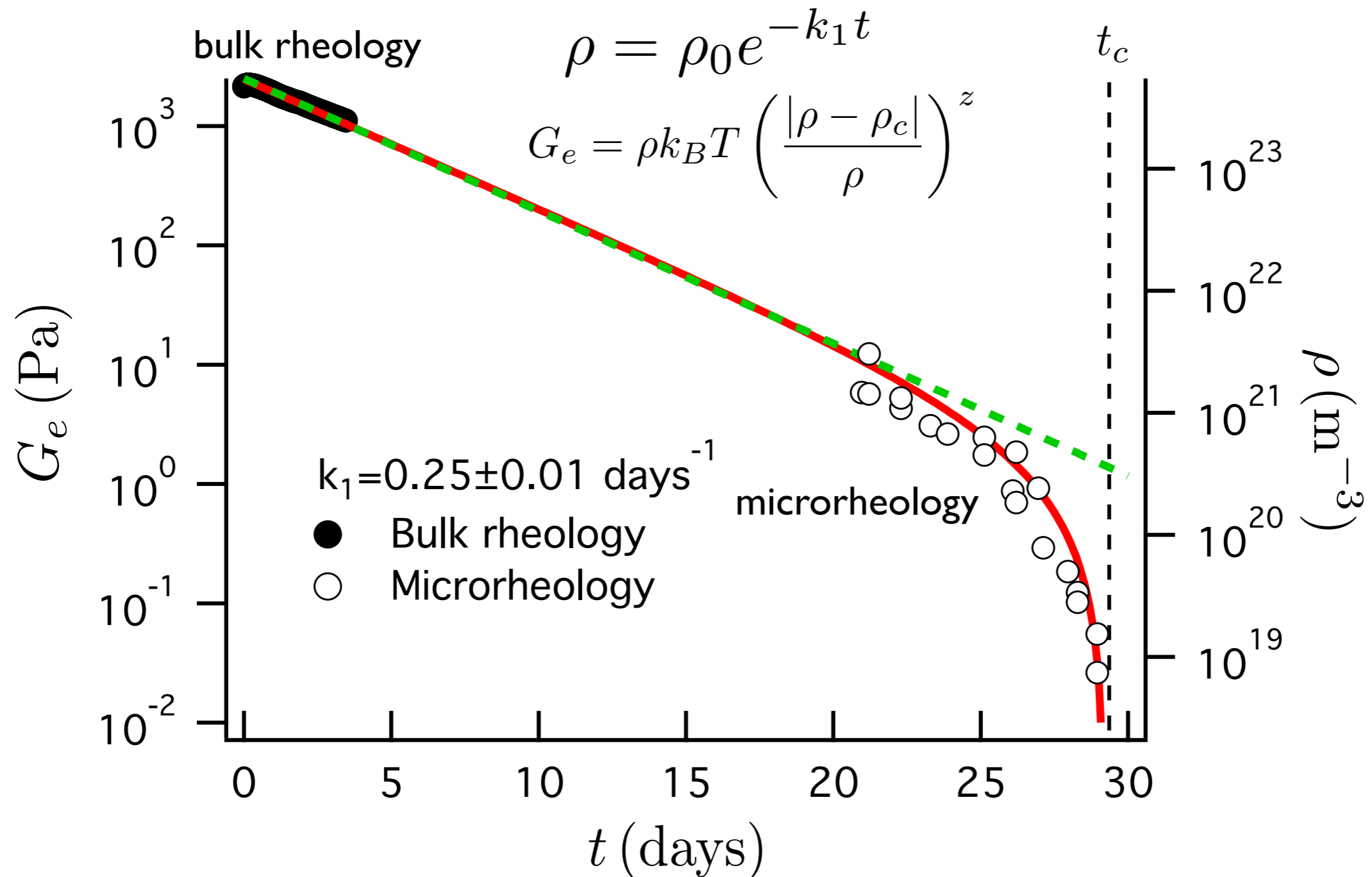
Gel breaking: time-degradation superposition

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Interpolated rheo-kinetic model of gel modulus

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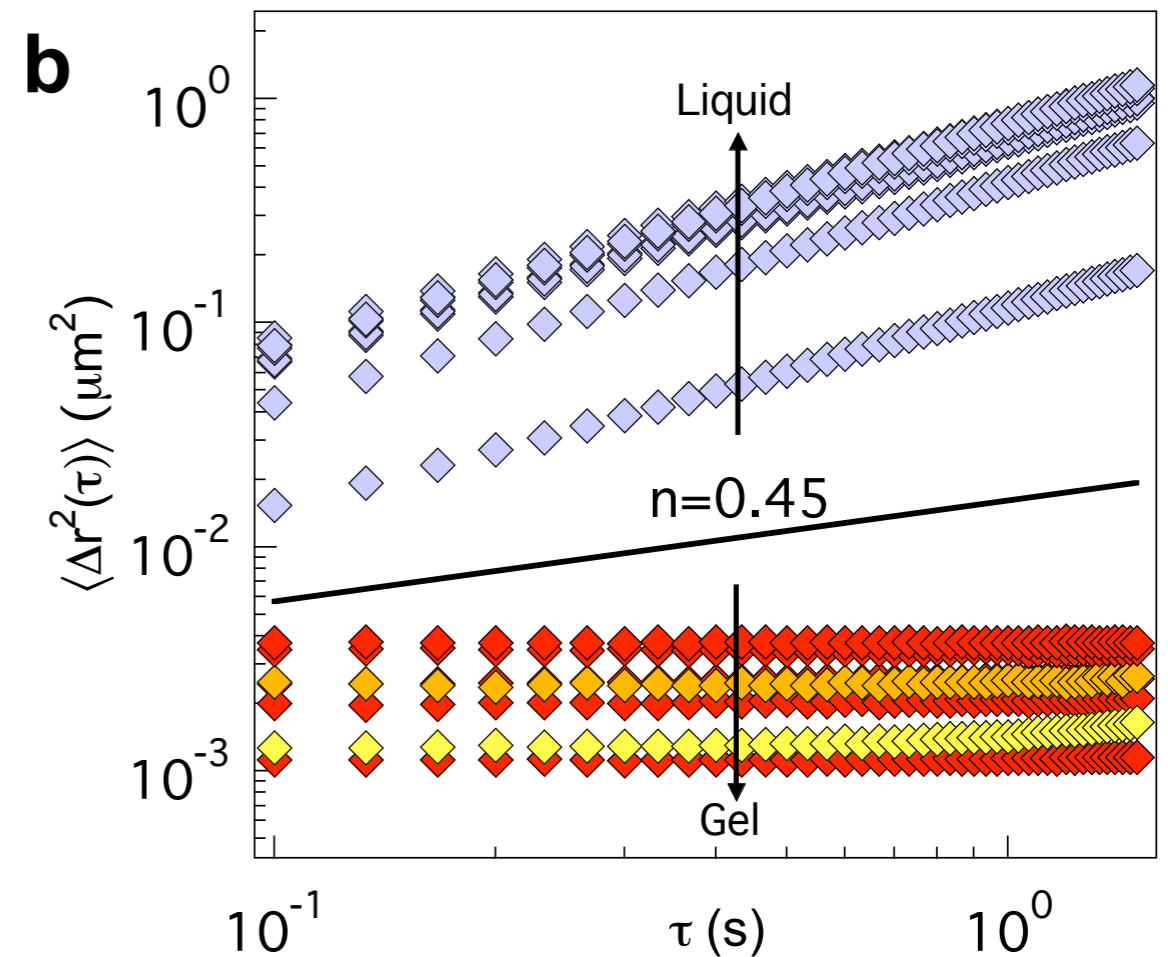
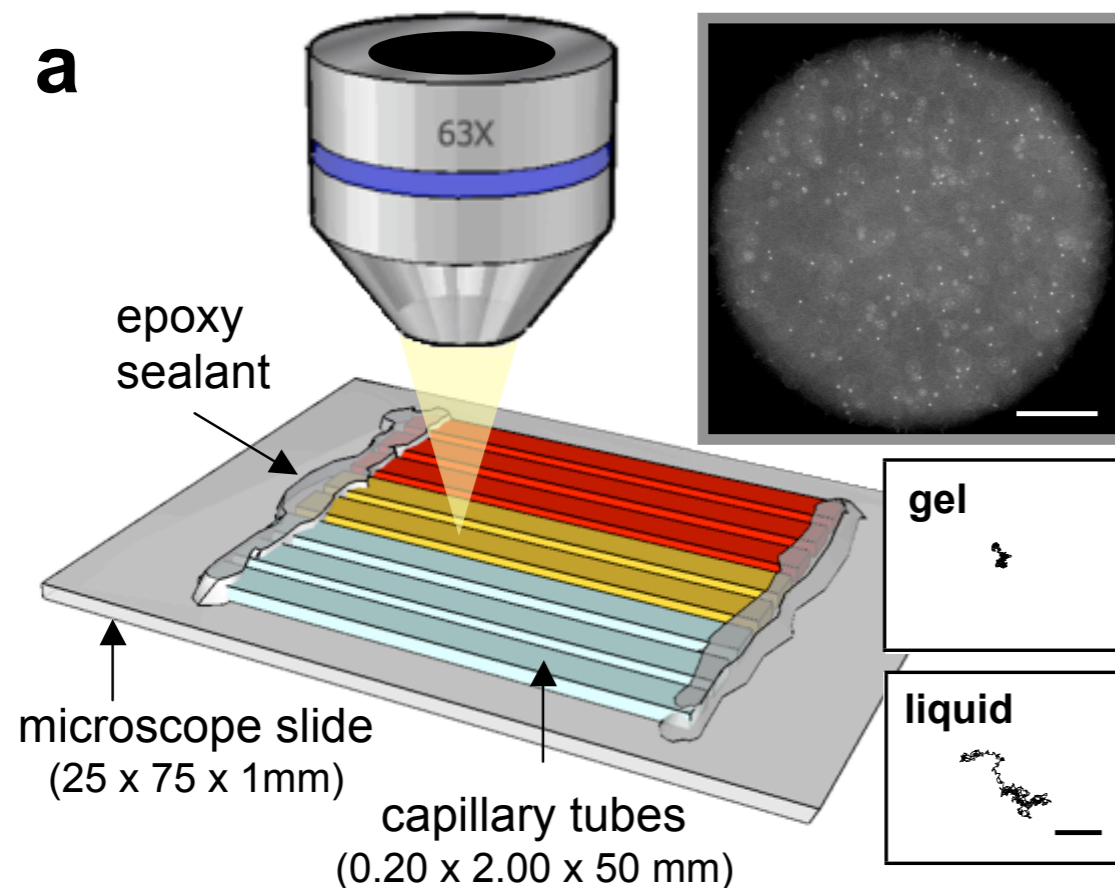
Complementary data – modulus of hydrogel over 30 days

Rapid screening of gel composition space

K. M. Schultz, et al. *Soft Matter*, 5:740–742, 2009.

Cure many samples in parallel
~10-20 μ L

Identify gel or fluid



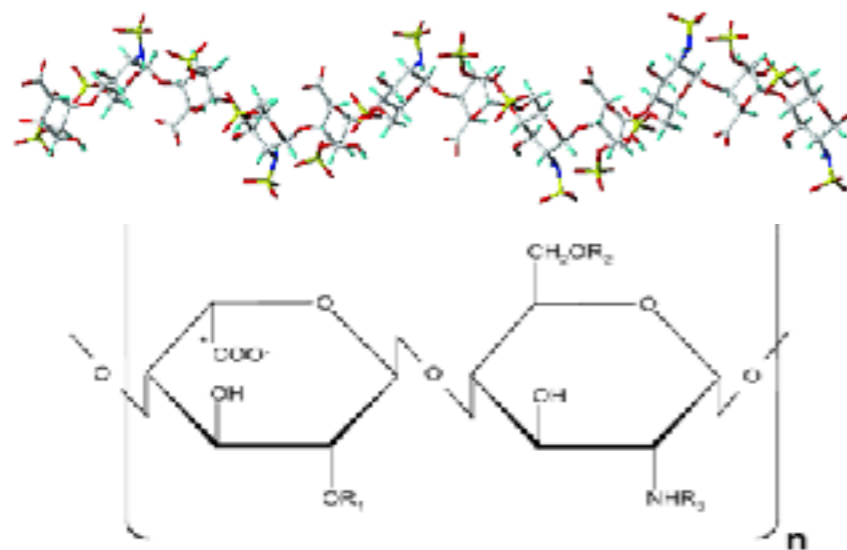
Covalent heparin hydrogels

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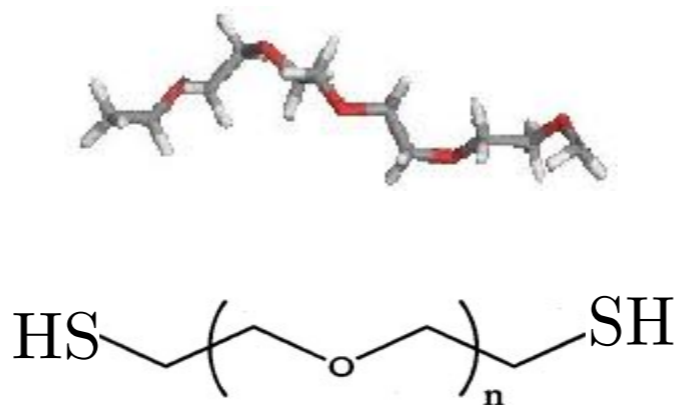
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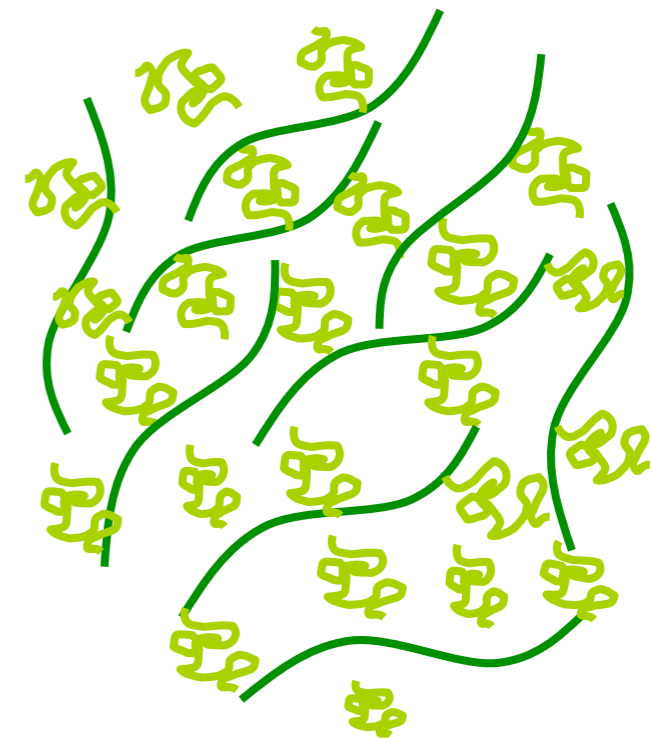
Maleimide functionalized high molecular weight heparin (HMWH)



Poly(ethylene glycol)-(SH)₂ (PEG)



Covalent hydrogel network



Composition space

1. MHWM functionality
2. Fraction HMWH
3. PEG molecular weight
4. Total concentration

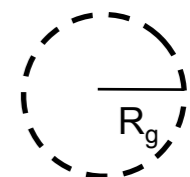
High molecular weight heparin



Poly(ethylene glycol)



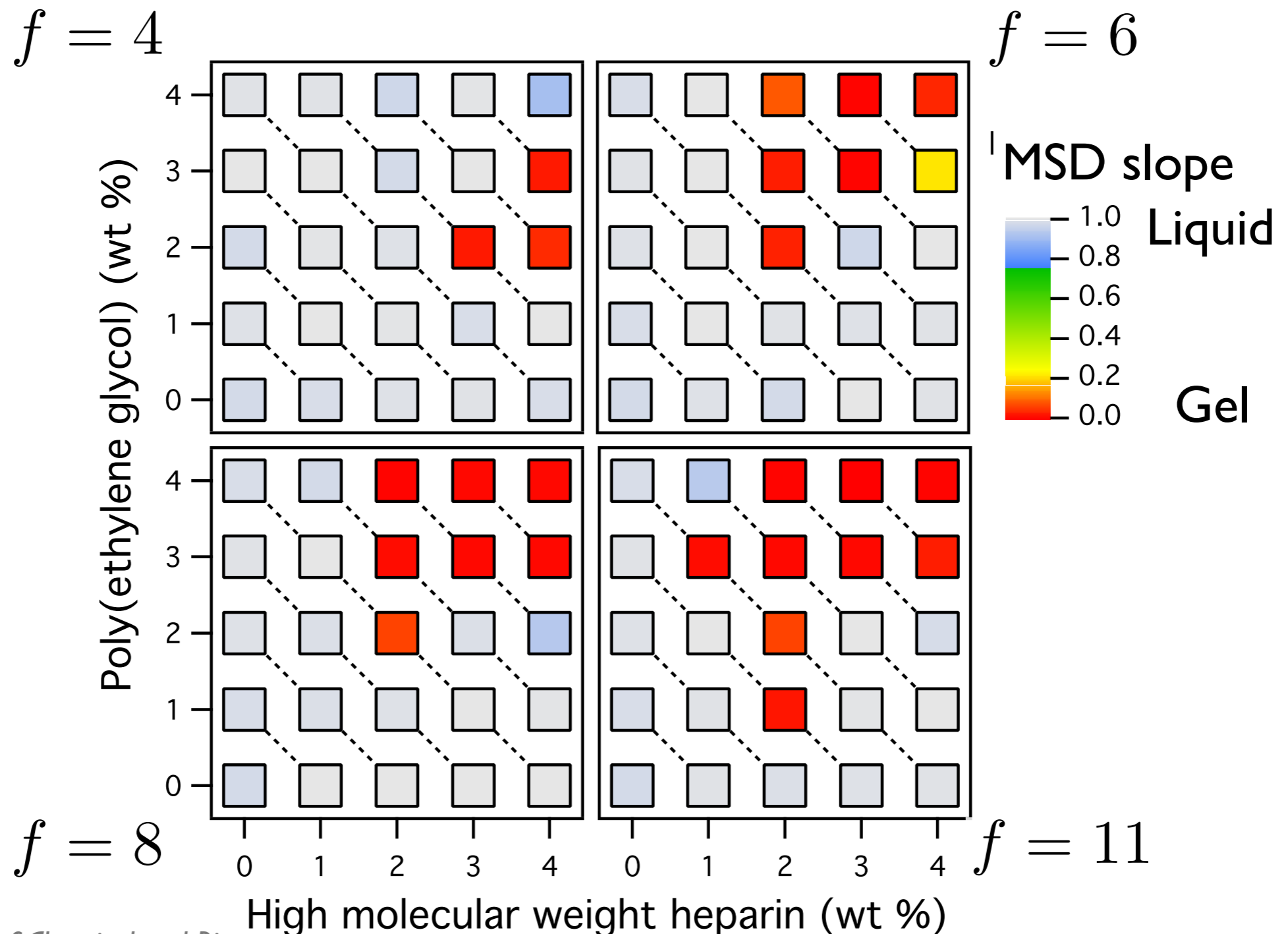
Radius of gyration



Gelation state diagram

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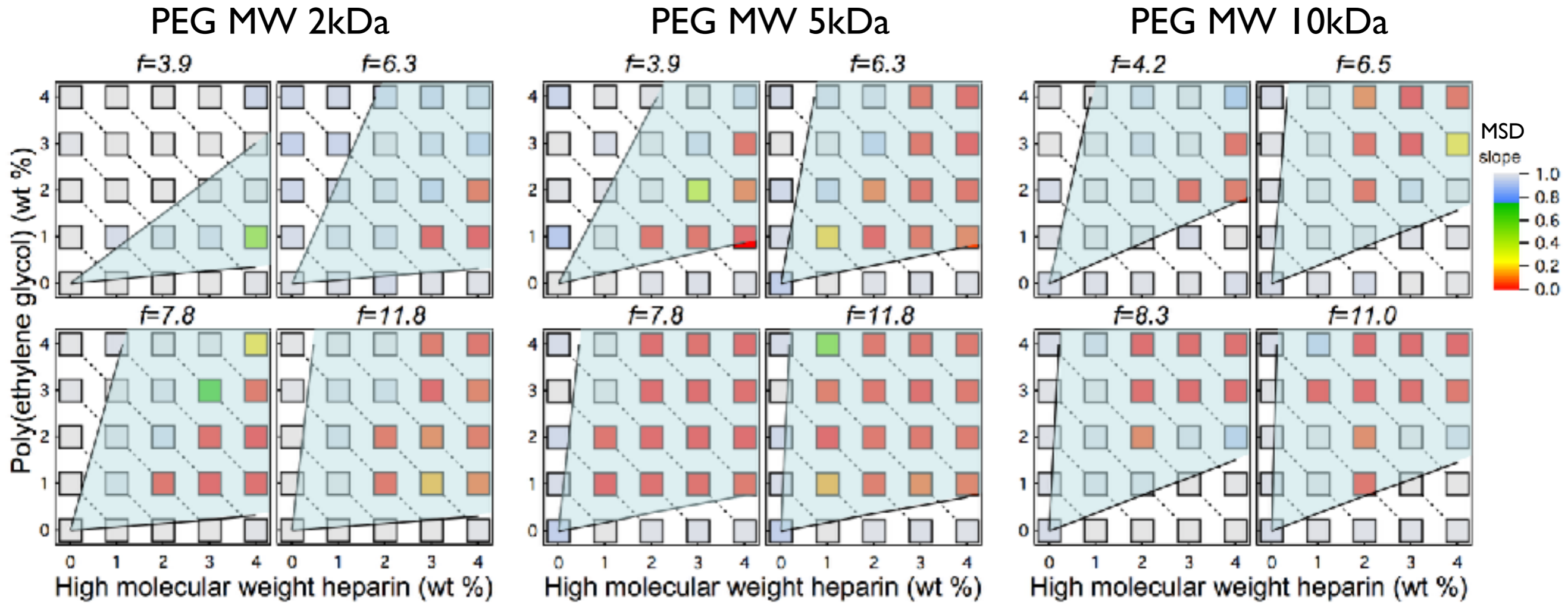
73 Samples measured in approximately 1 day



“Hydrogel materialome”

219 rheological measurements

K. M. Schultz et al., *Macromolecules*, 42:5310–5316, 2009.

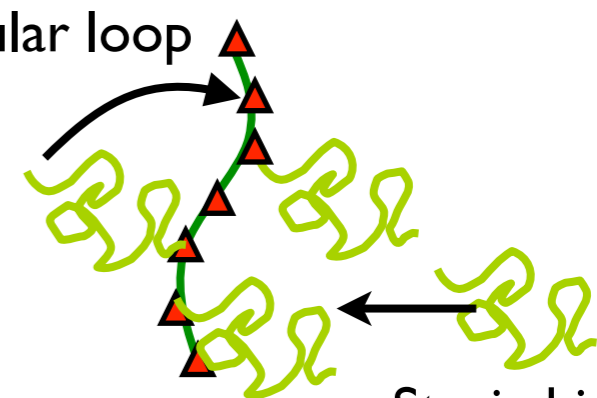


Average maleimide group spacing $f = 11$

10kDa PEG end-to-end length $\bar{d} = 2.4\text{nm}$

$\langle R \rangle = 7.5\text{nm}$

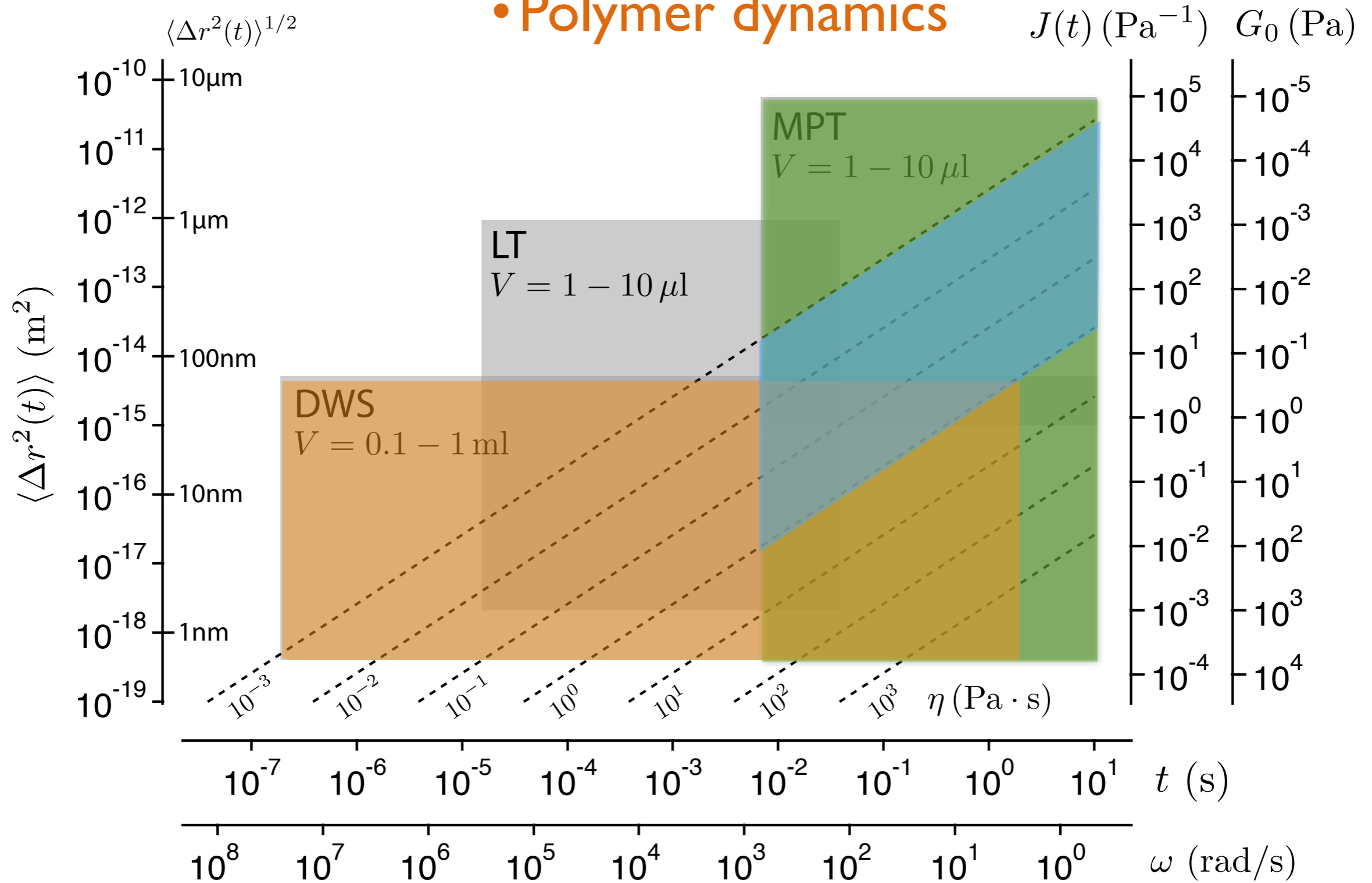
Intramolecular loop



Steric hindrance

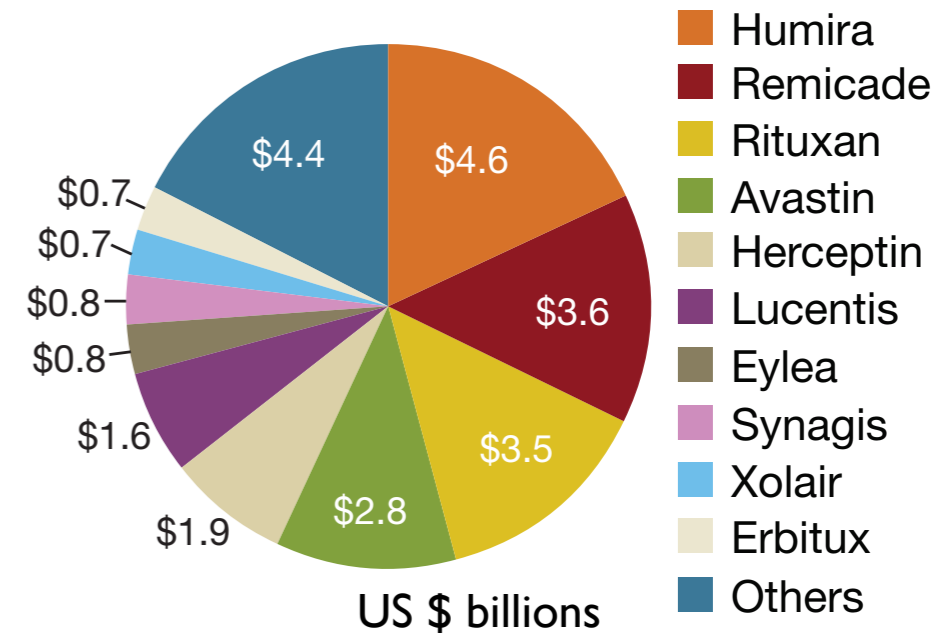
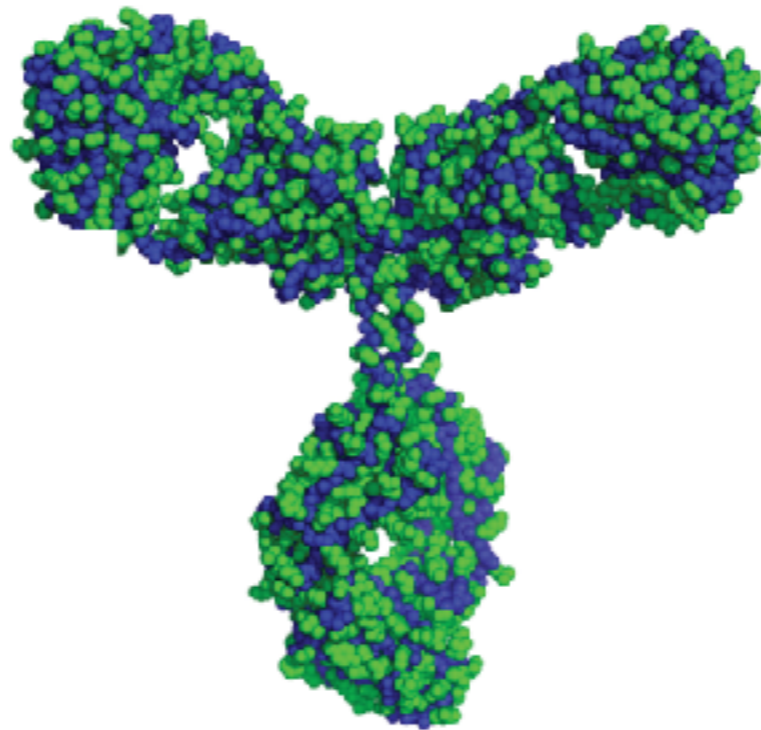
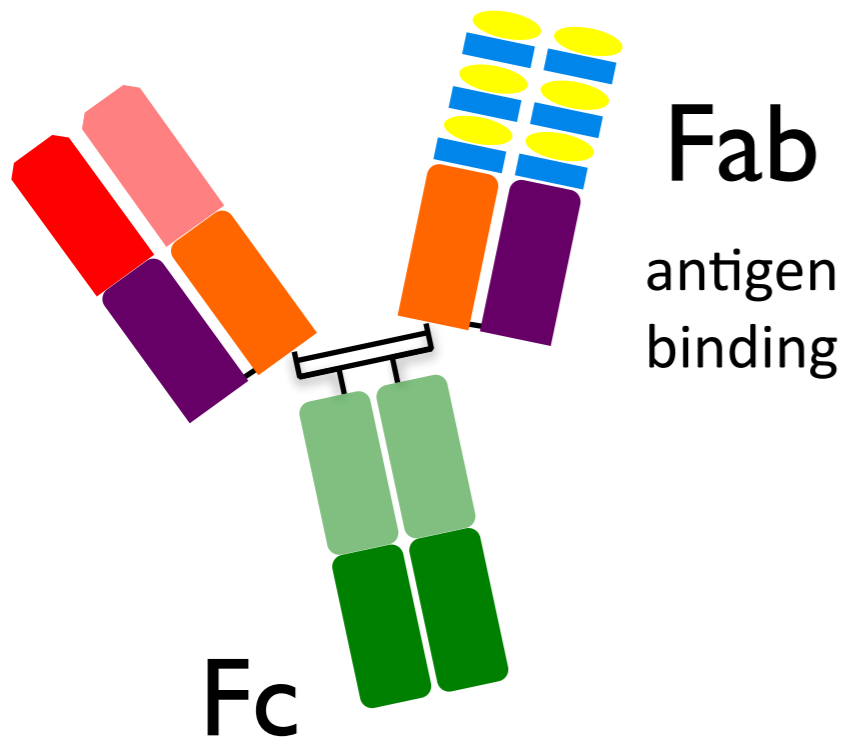
Microrheology problem classes

- Hydrogelators
- Protein solutions
- Polymer dynamics

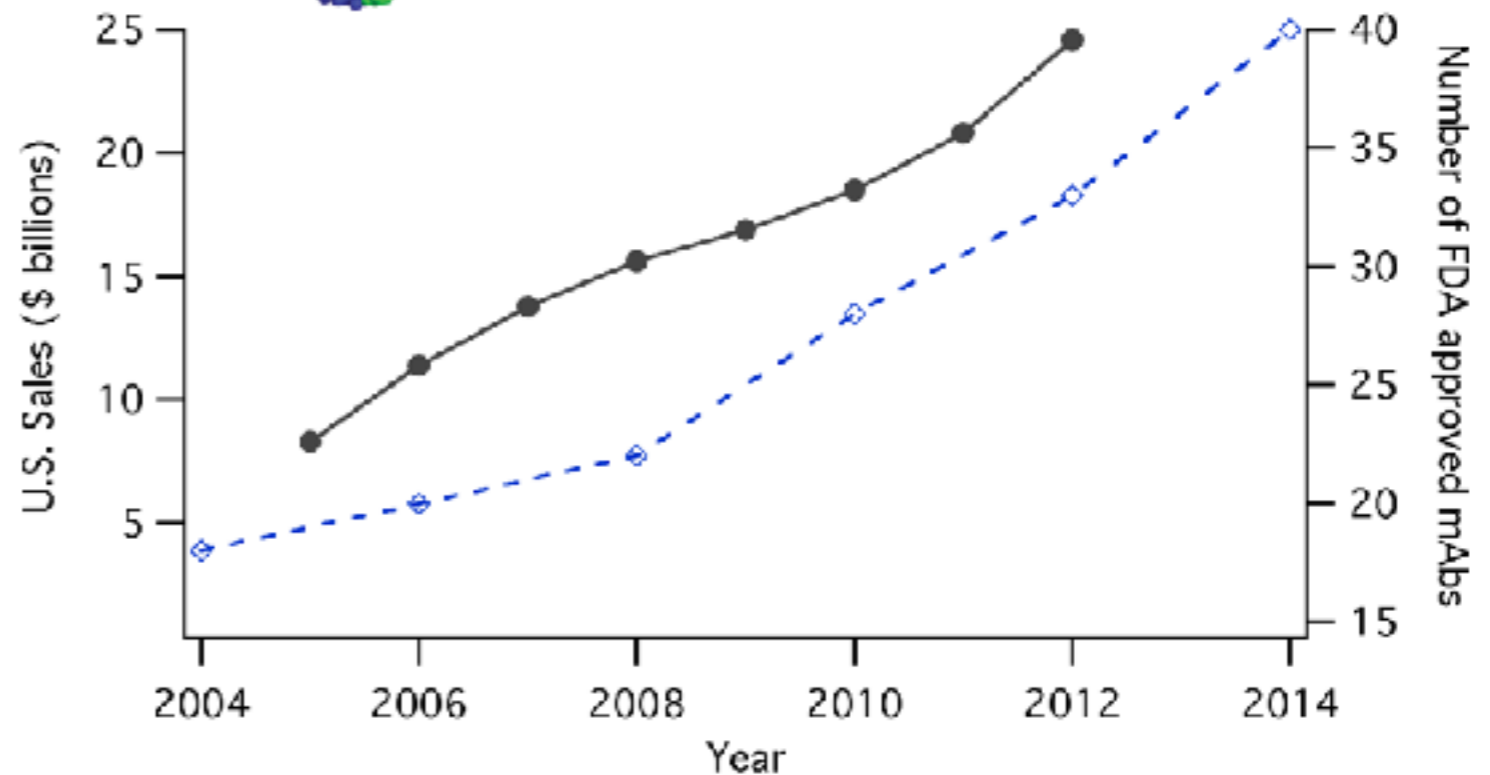


Monoclonal antibodies (mAbs)

Aggarwal, *Nature Biotech.* **32**, 2014

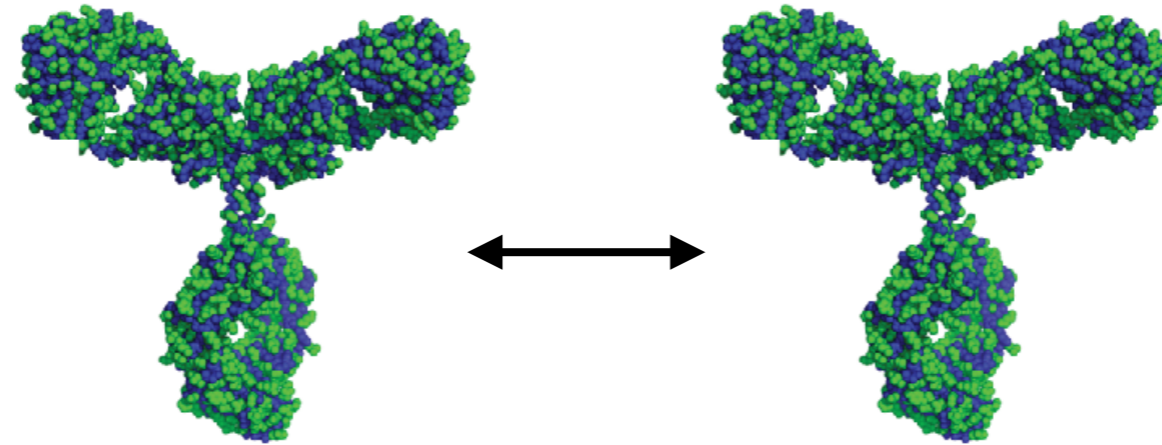


Follicular lymphoma
Hodgkin's lymphoma/ALCL
Relapsed/refractory lymphocytic leukemia
Ulcerative colitis
Rheumatoid arthritis
Lupus
Age-related macular degeneration



Protein rheology

Molecular interactions



Processing



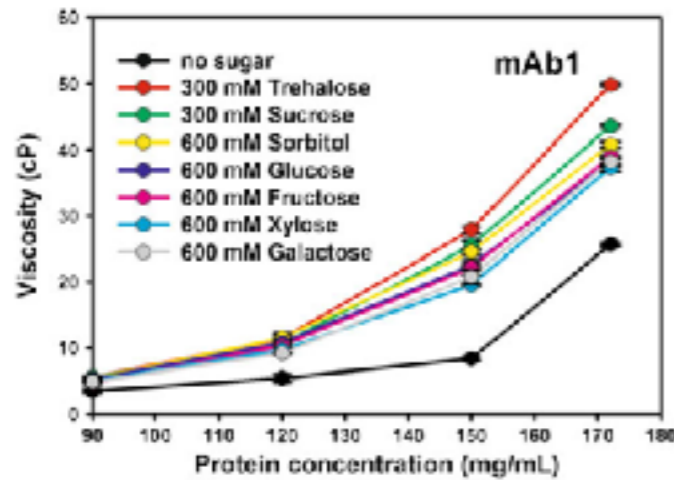
Delivery

Protein stability, viscosity at high concentration

mAb biologics upstream development bottleneck

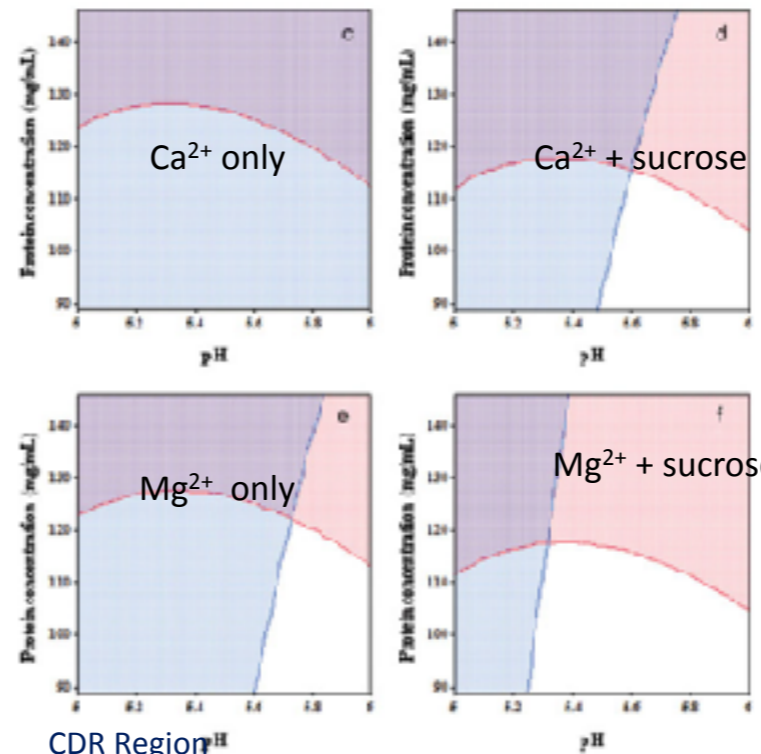
Type and amount of excipients

He et al., Pharm. Res. 28(7), 1552-1560, 2011



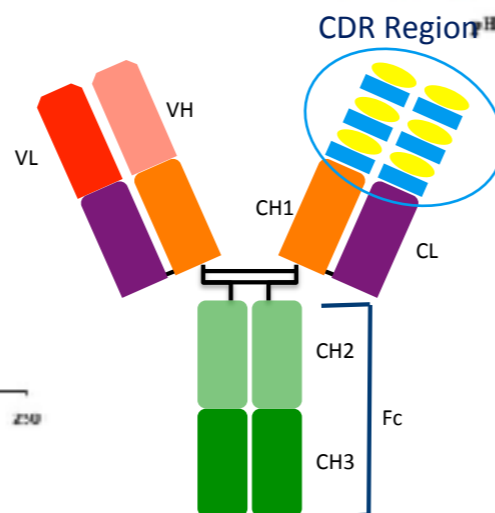
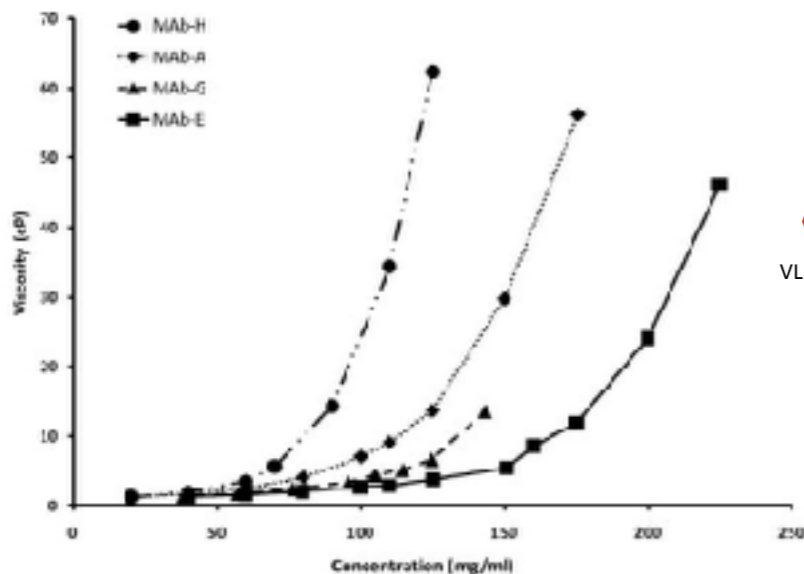
Effect of ions, sugars, pH

He et al., J. Pharm. Sci. 100(4), 1330-1340, 2010



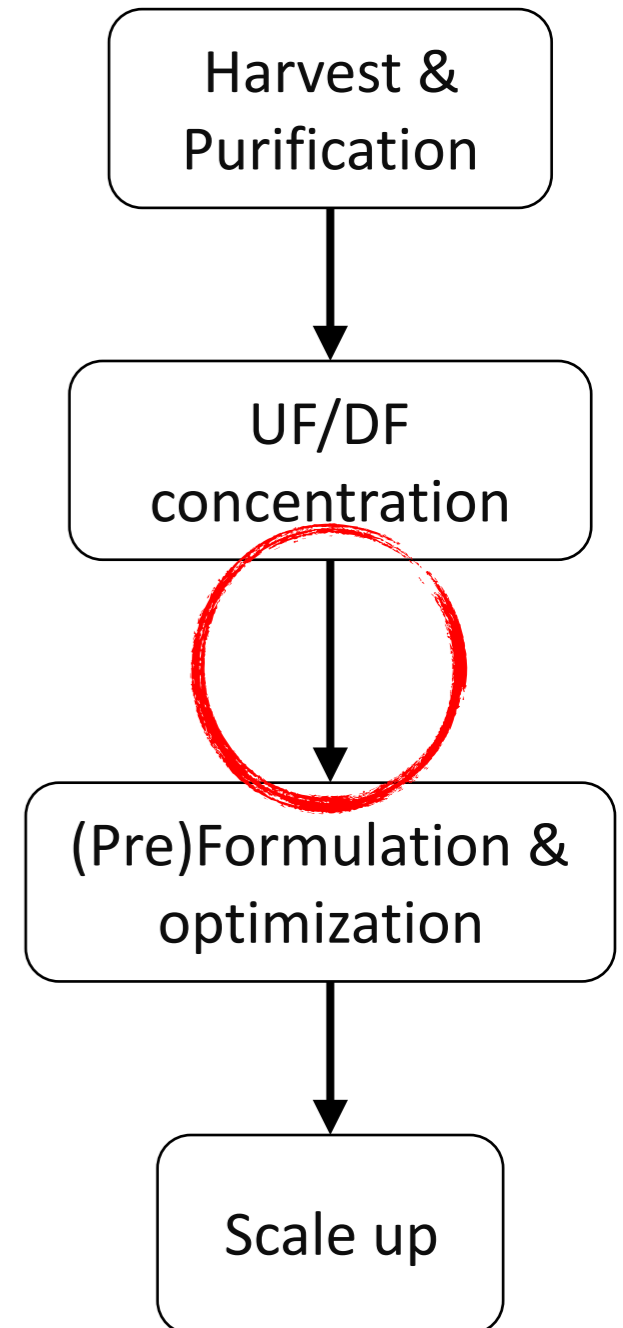
Protein sequence / engineering

Yadav et al., J. Pharm. Sci. 99(12), 4812-4829, 2010



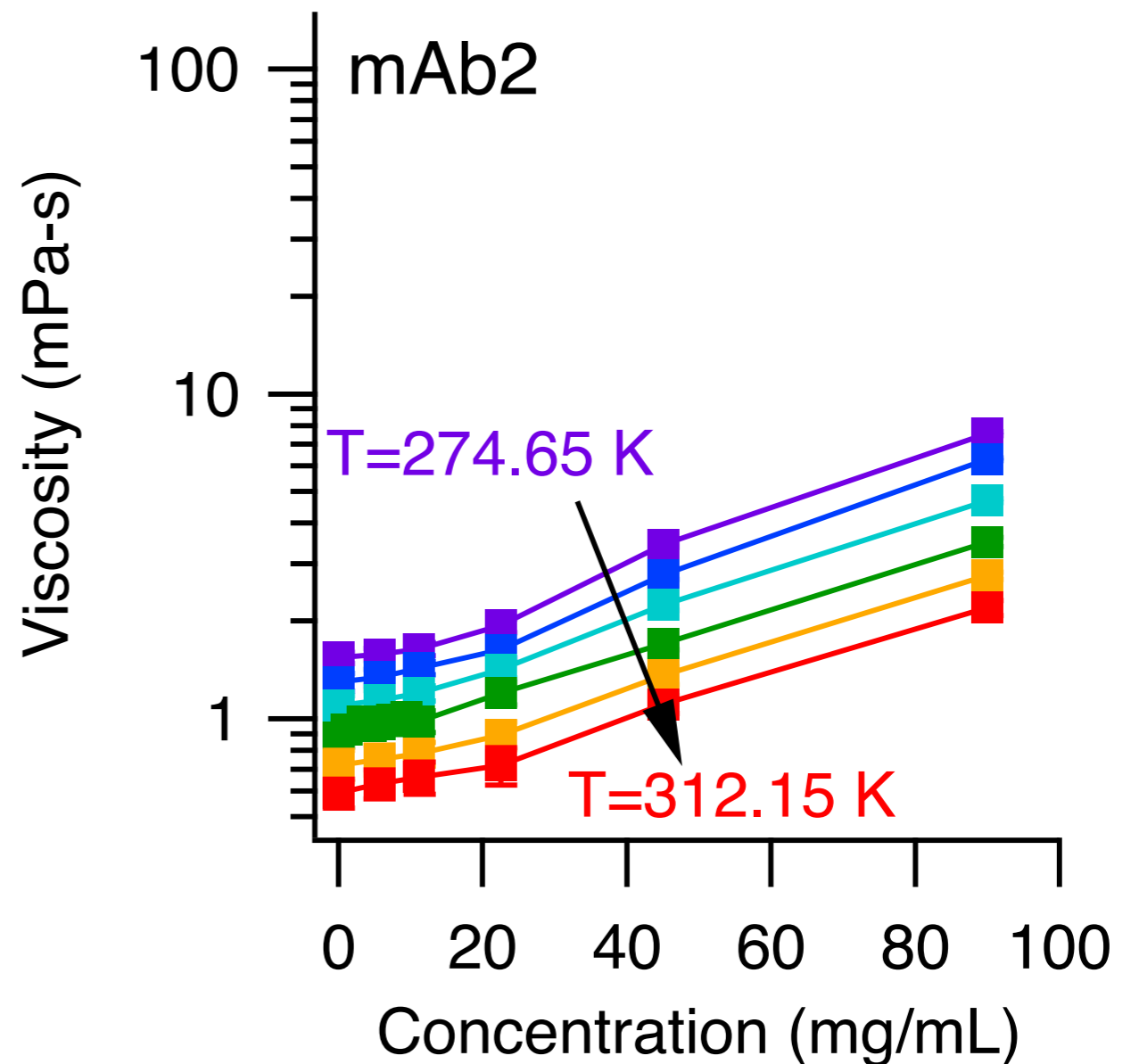
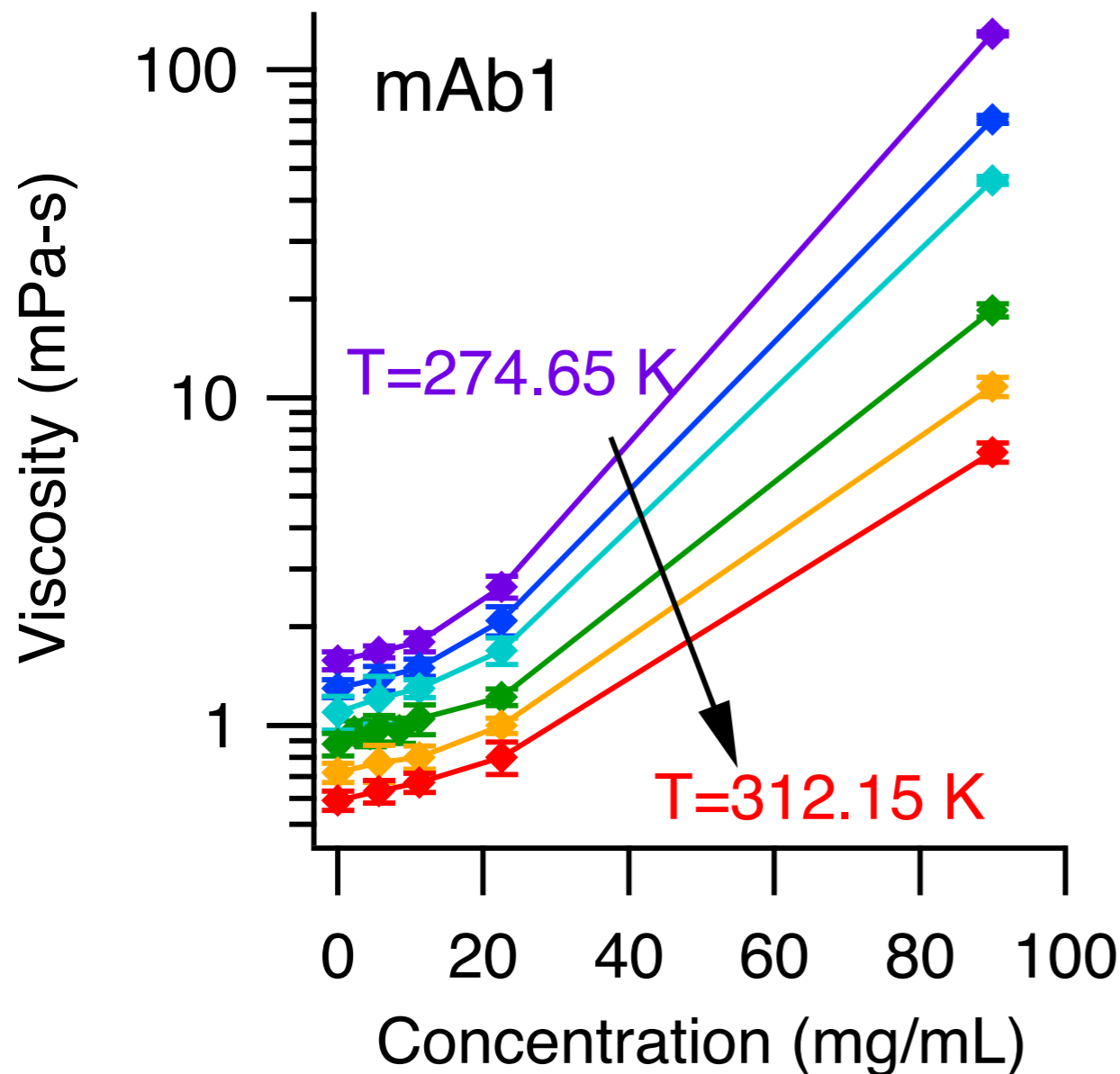
81 experiments to screen 4 variables (conc., pH, ions, excipients)

Development bottleneck
Only small amounts of protein available, but a large composition space



mAb microviscosity – concentration & temperature

Josephson, L. L., Galush, W. J. & Furst, E. M. *Biomechanics* 10, 43503 (2016).

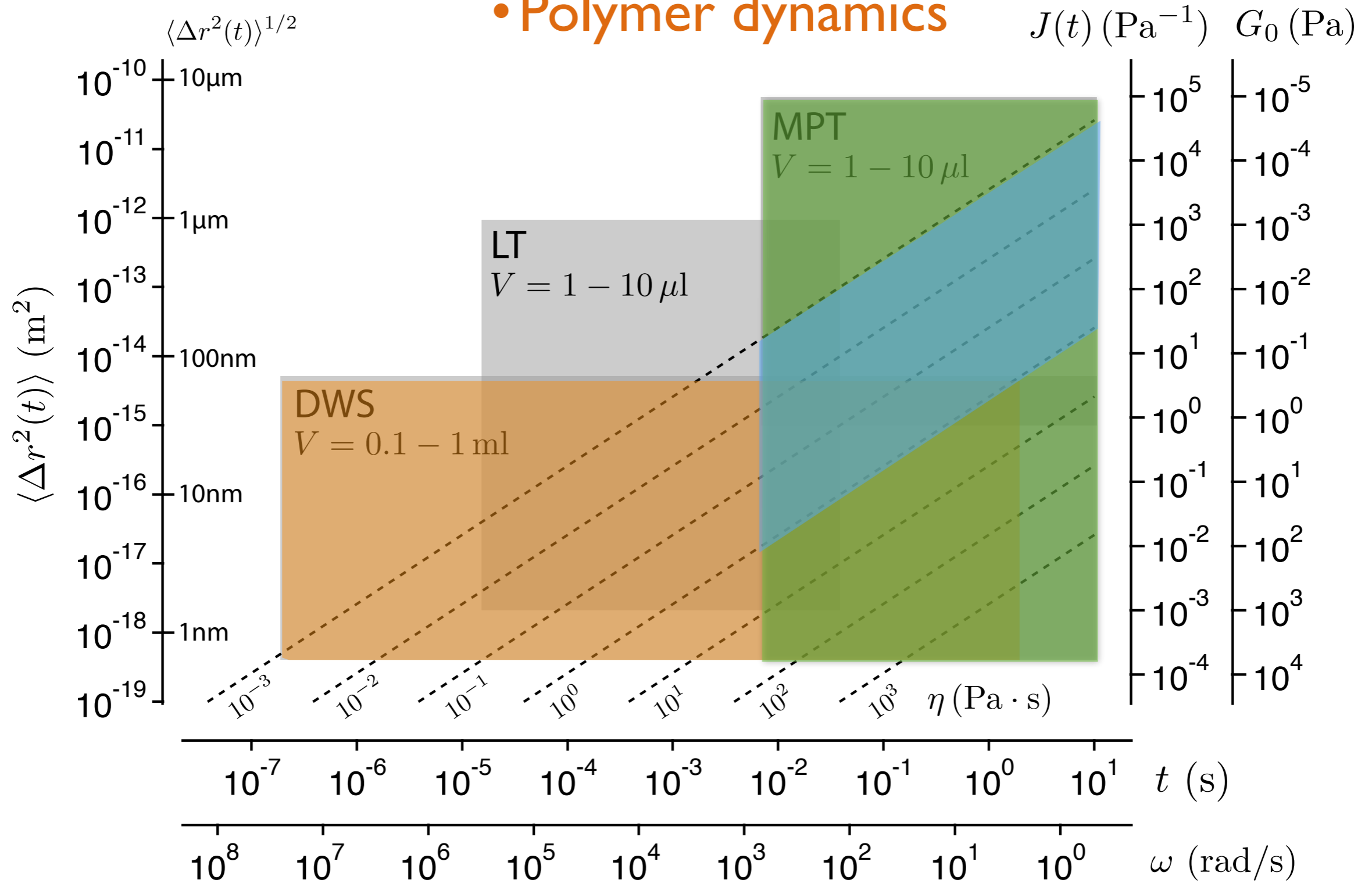


2 mAbs x 6 temperatures x 6 concentrations
= 72 measurements in ~5 hours

Total 1.5 mg sample per mAb

Microrheology problem classes

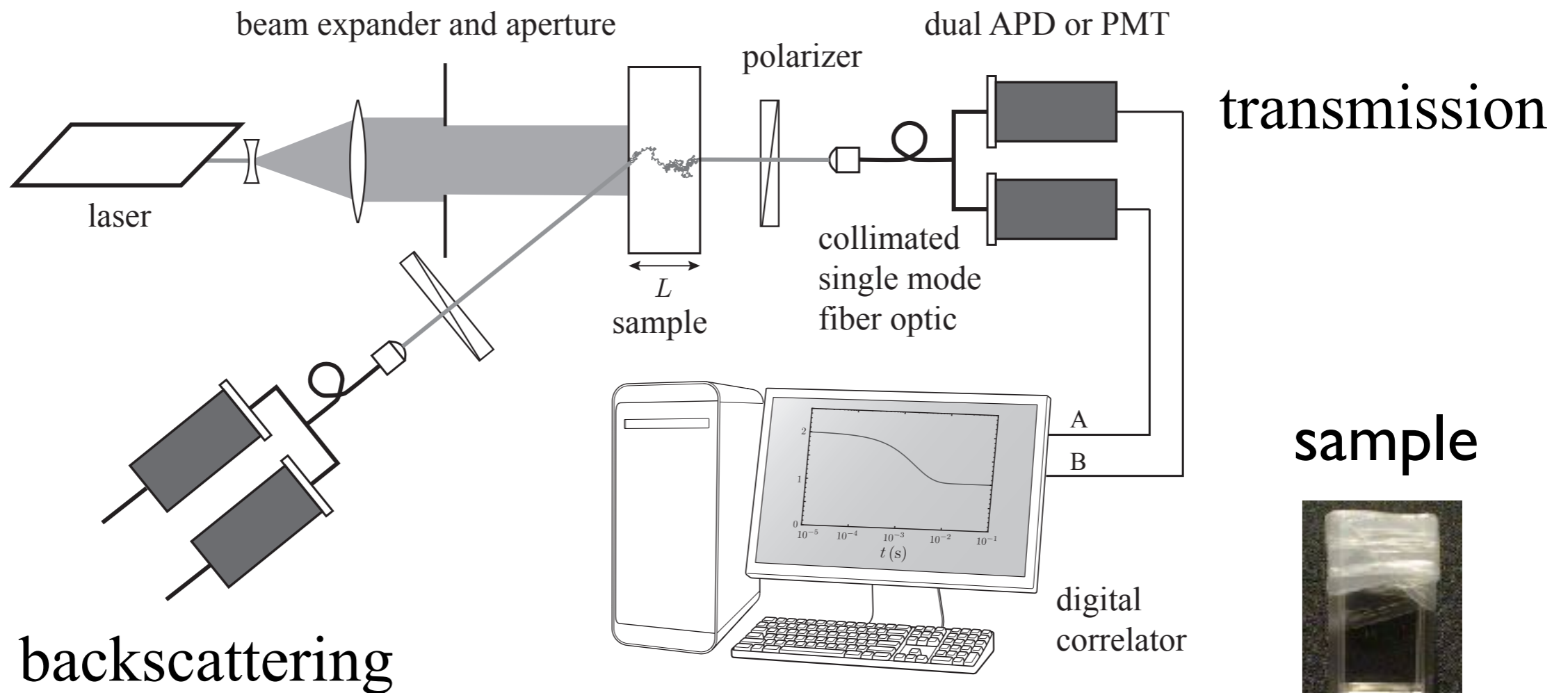
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Diffusing wave spectroscopy

P.-E. Wolf and G. Maret. *Phys. Rev. Lett.*, 55:2696–2699, 1985.

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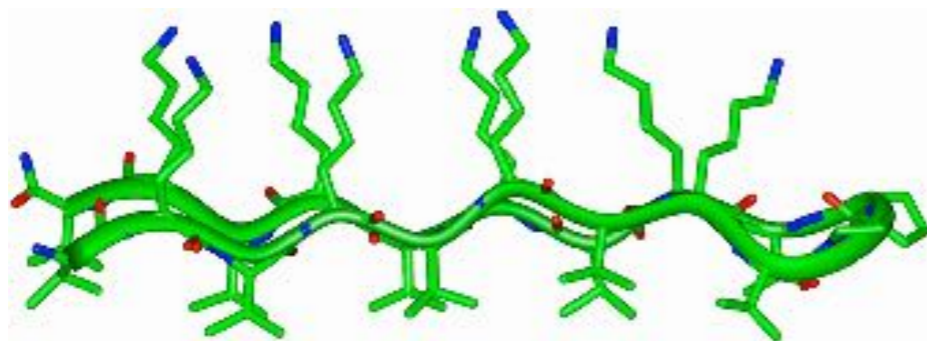


1 μm PS probe particles, 1 vol%

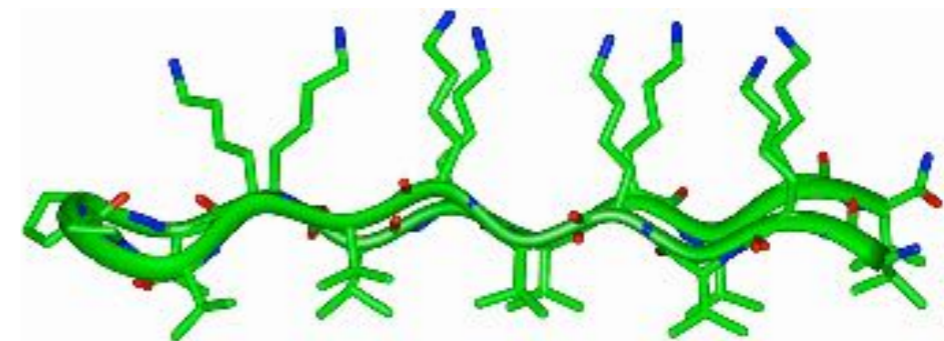


Peptide enantiomers

Peter Beltramo with Joel Schneider, Katelyn Nagy (NIH)

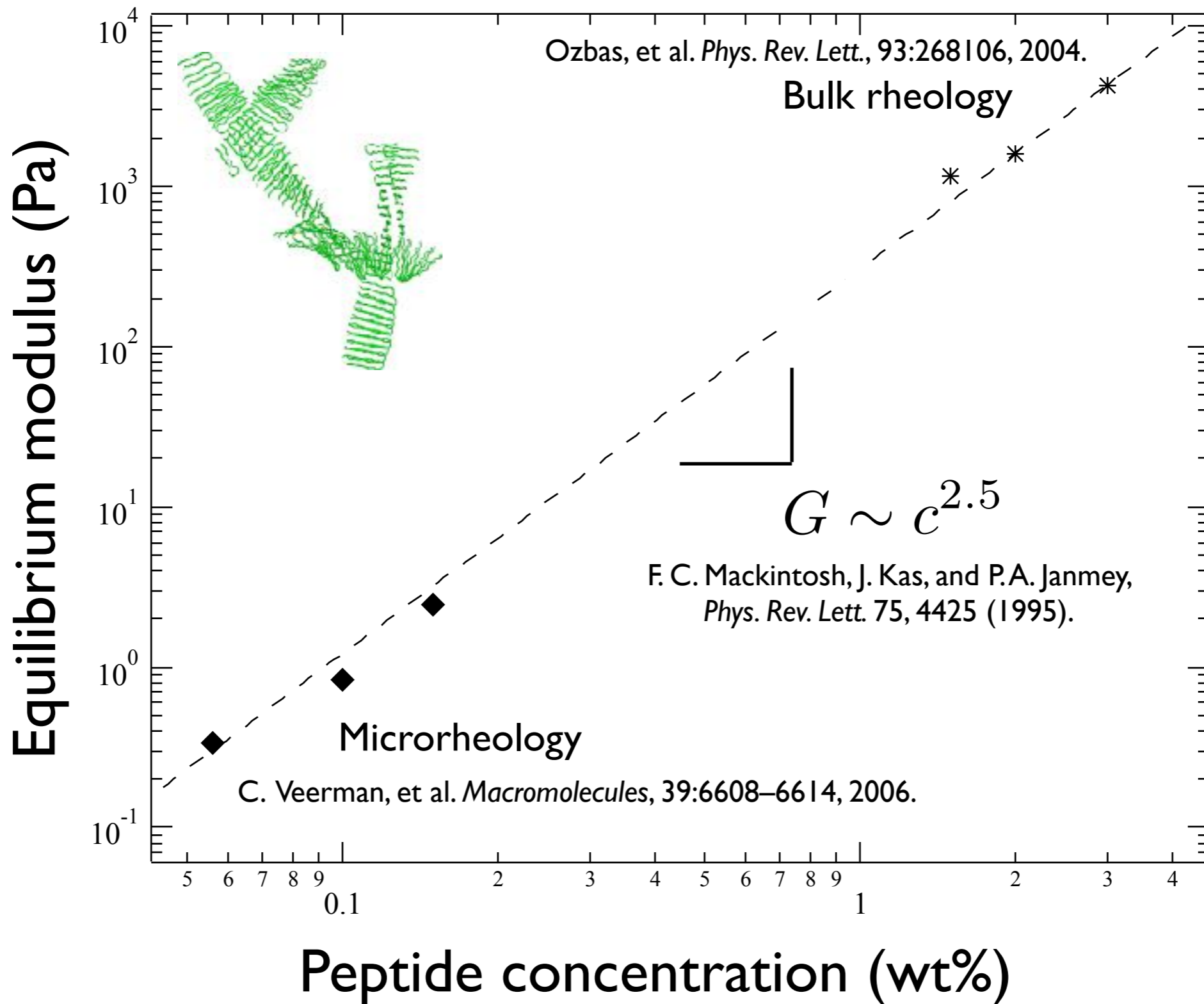


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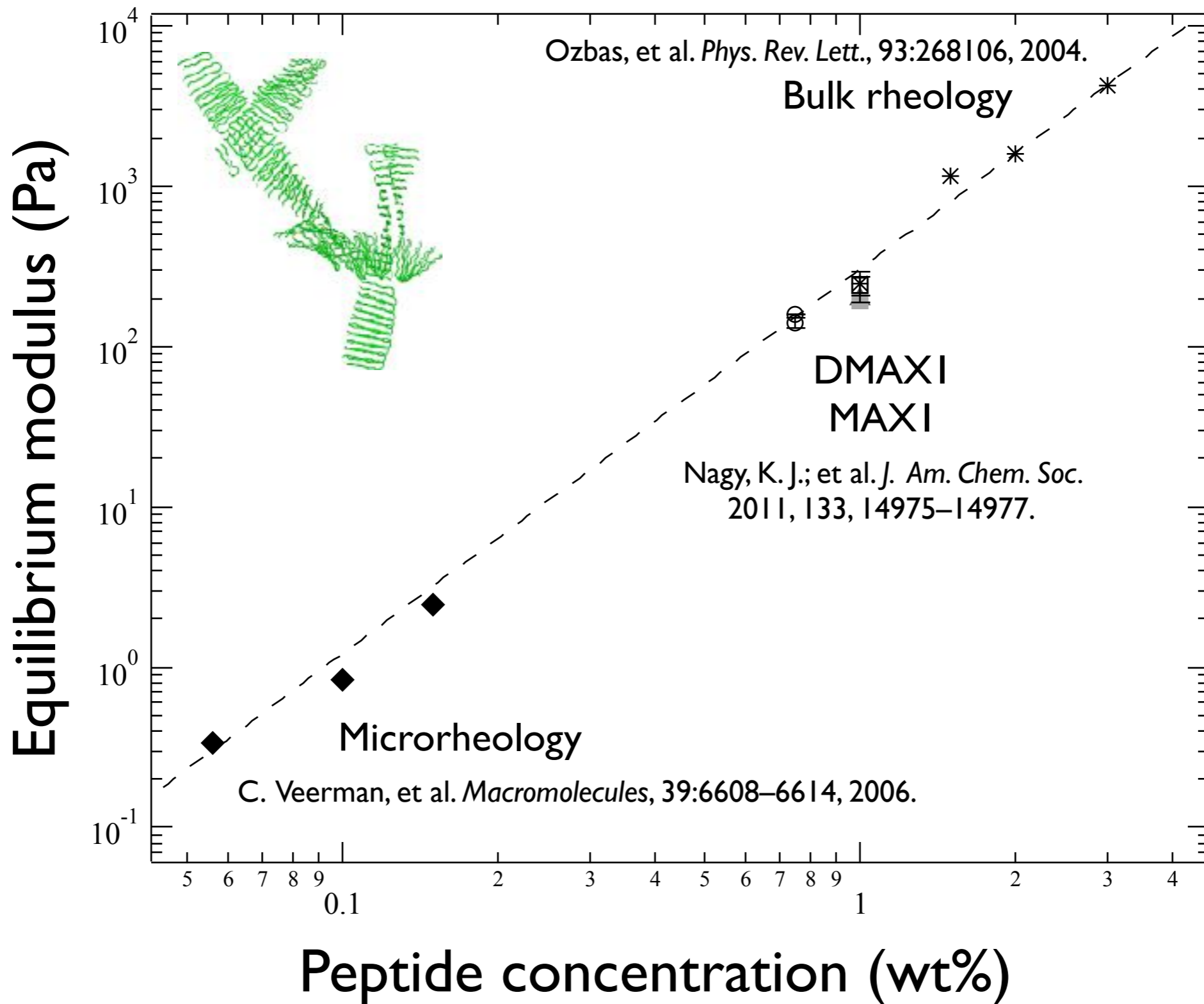


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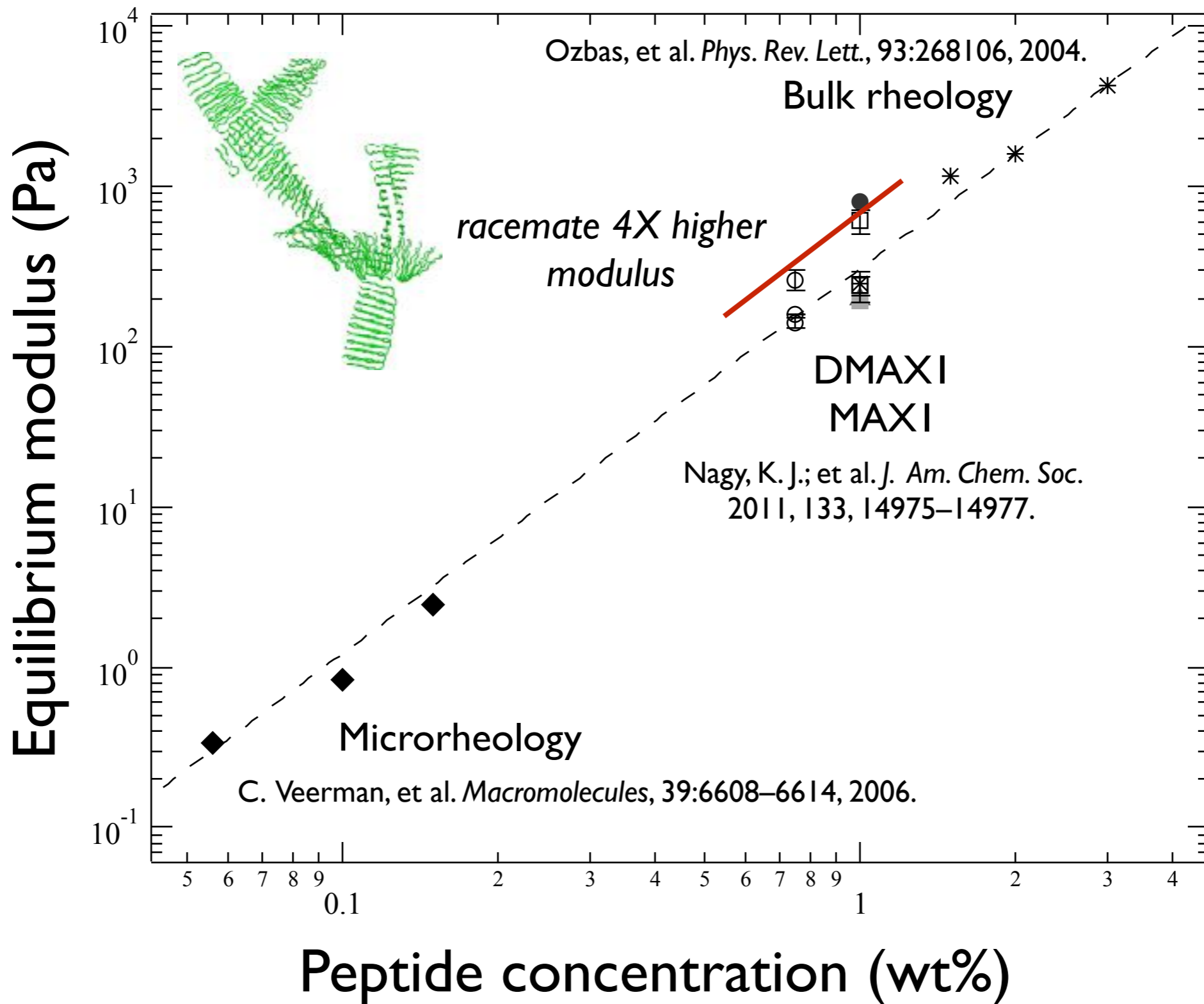
Enantiomer hydrogels



Enantiomer hydrogels



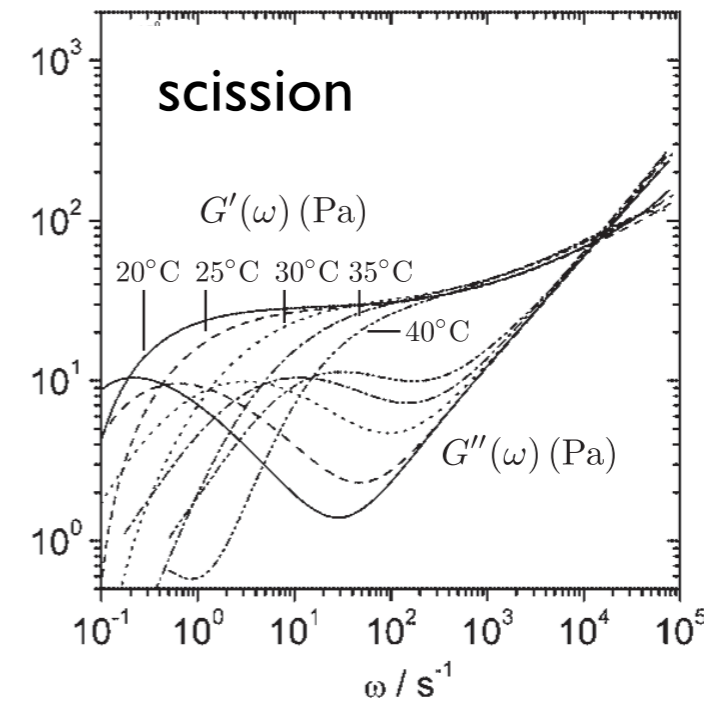
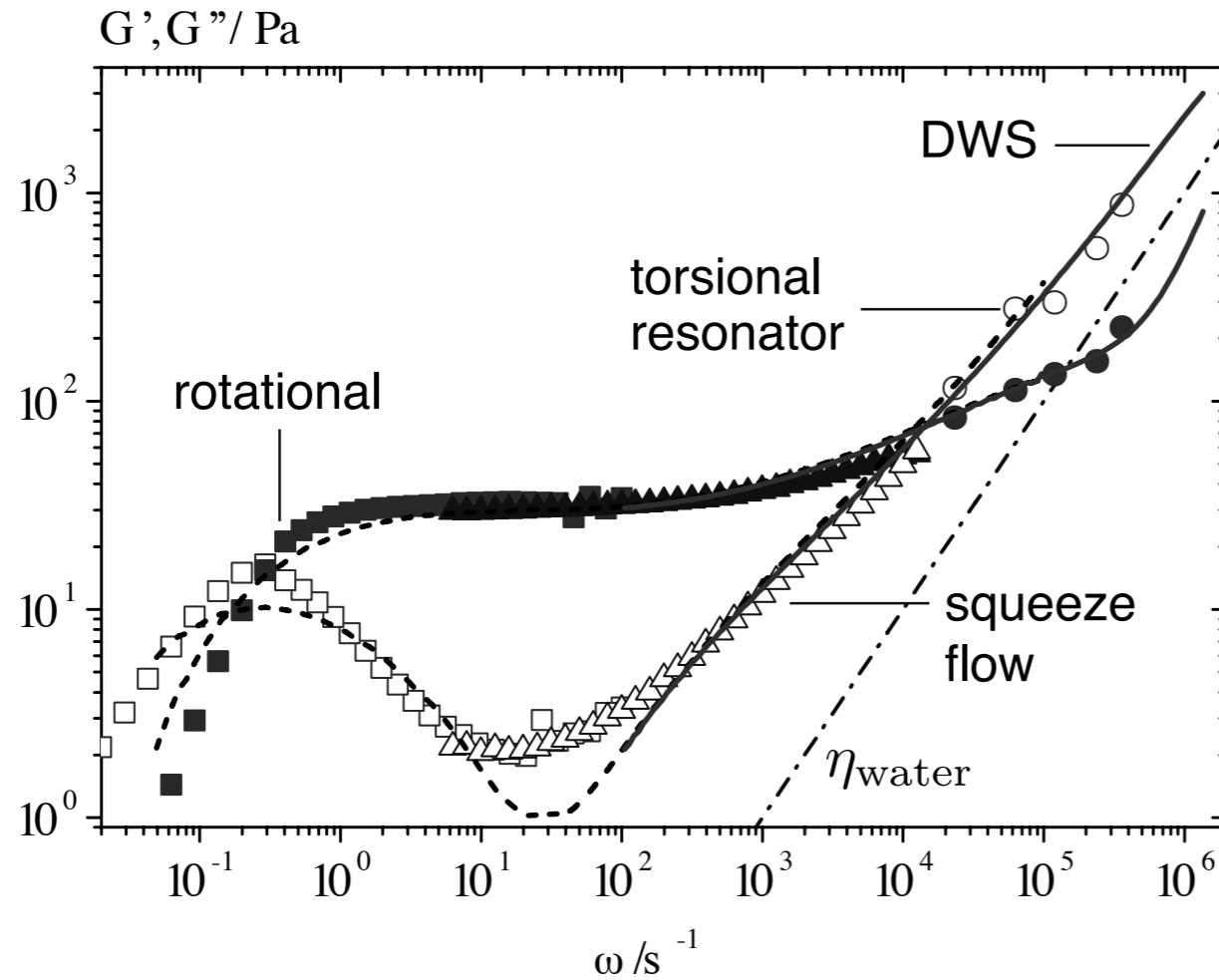
Enantiomer hydrogels



Worm-like micellar solutions

Oelschlaeger, C., Schopferer, M., Scheffold, F. & Willenbacher, N. *Langmuir* 25, 716–723 (2009).

Willenbacher, N. et al. *Phys. Rev. Lett.* 99, 68302 (2007).

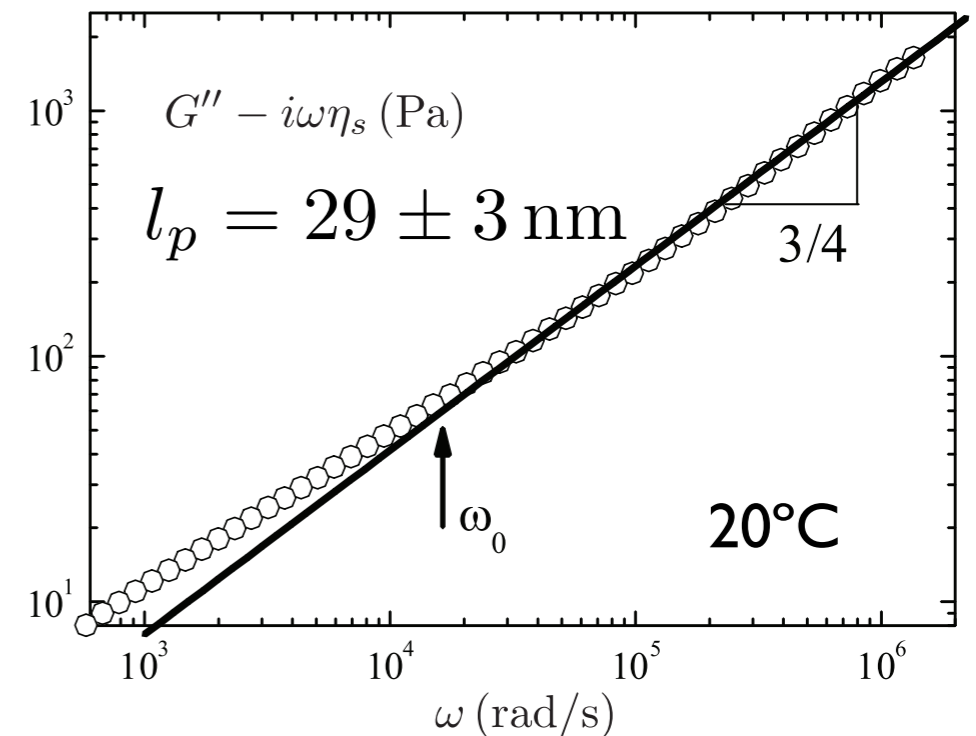


Filament mechanics

$$G^*(\omega) \approx \frac{1}{15} \rho \kappa l_p (-2i\zeta_{\perp}/\kappa)^{3/4} \omega^{3/4} + i\omega\eta$$

Morse, D. C. *Phys. Rev. E* 58, R1237–R1240 (1998).

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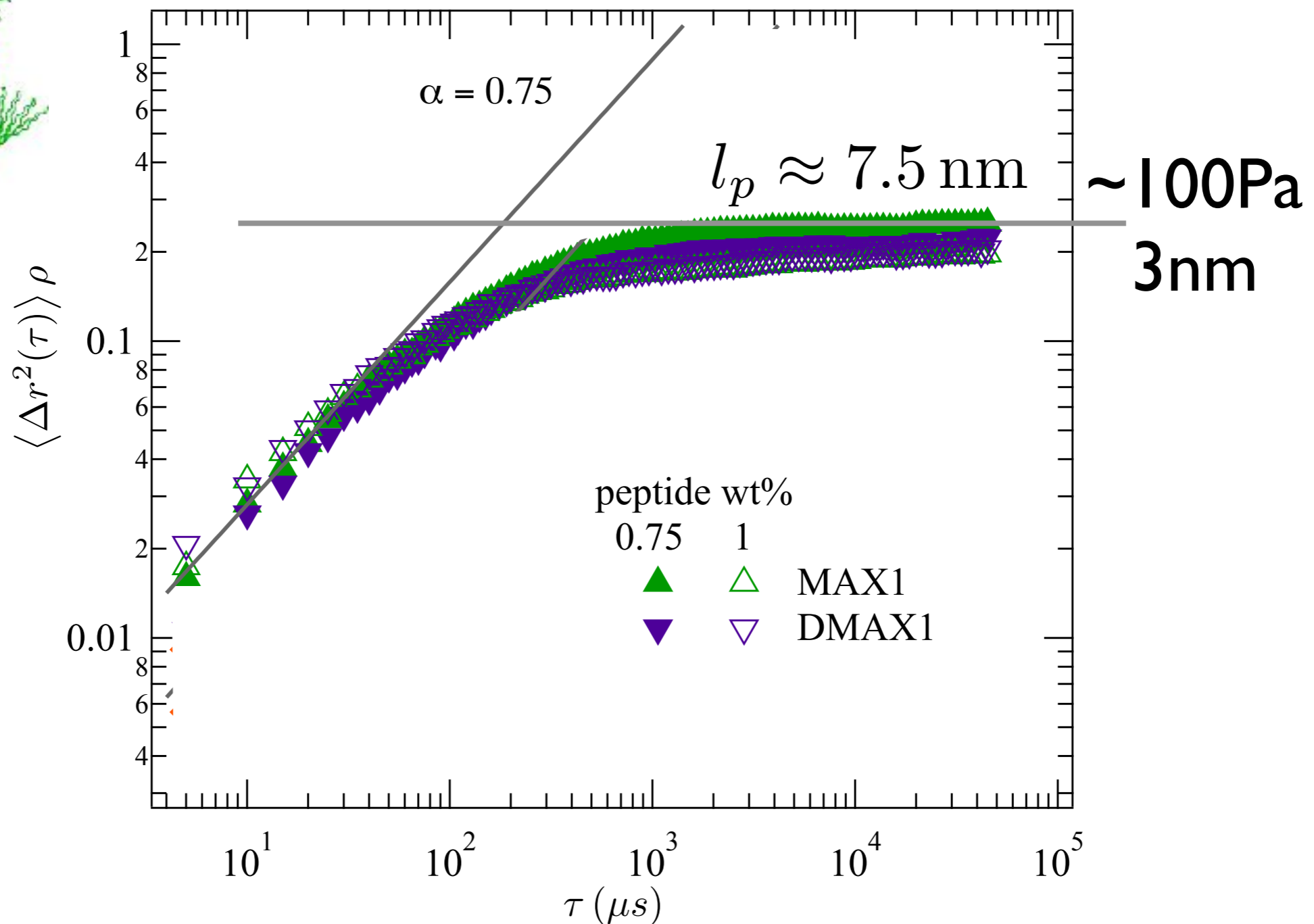


Hydrogel of semiflexible filaments



$$J(\tau) = \frac{15}{\rho l_p^2 k T \Gamma\left(\frac{7}{4}\right)} \left(\frac{k T l_p \tau}{2 \zeta} \right)^{3/4}$$

Morse, D. C. *Macromolecules* 1998, 31, 7044–7076.
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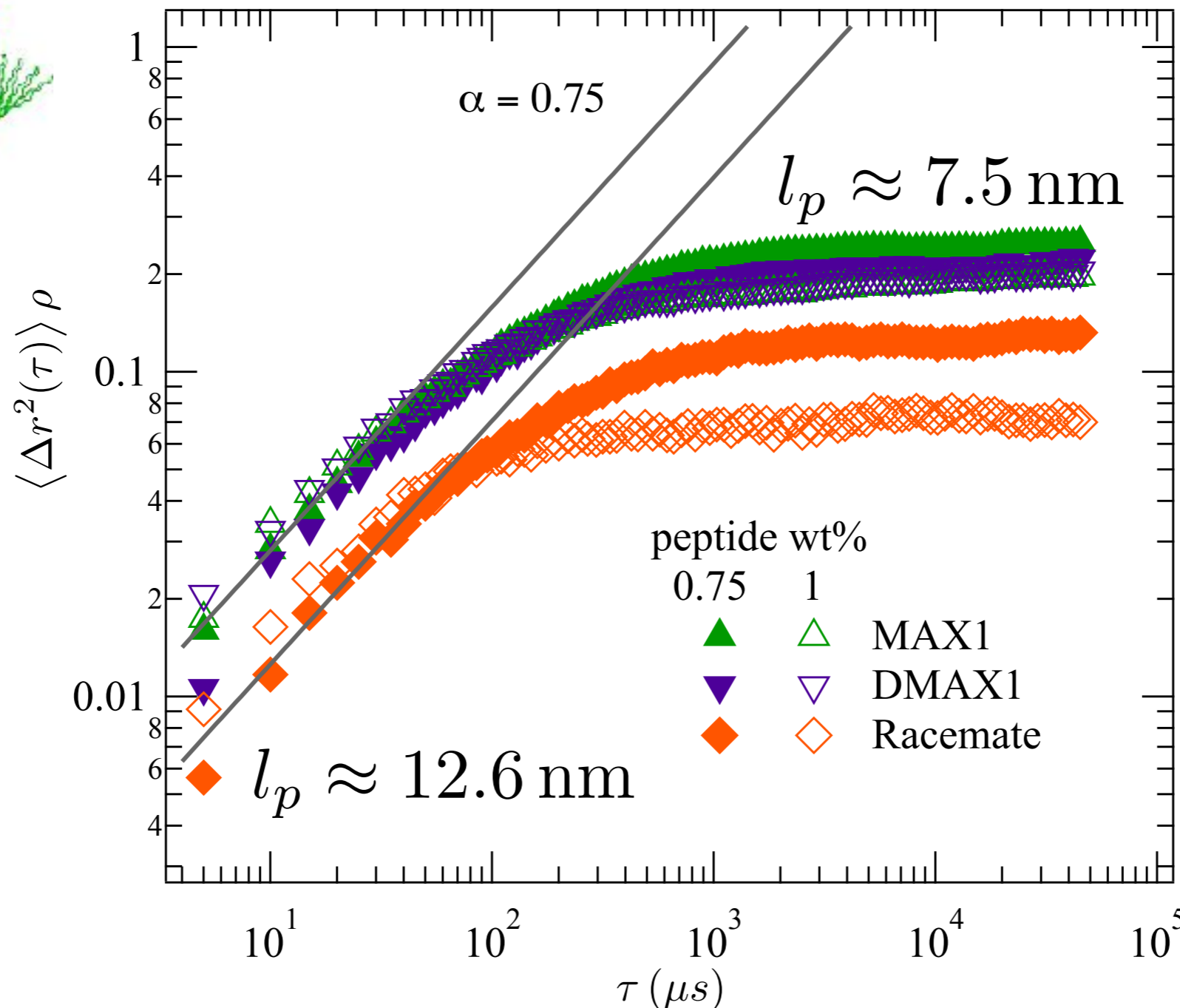


Racemate filaments are ~2x stiffer



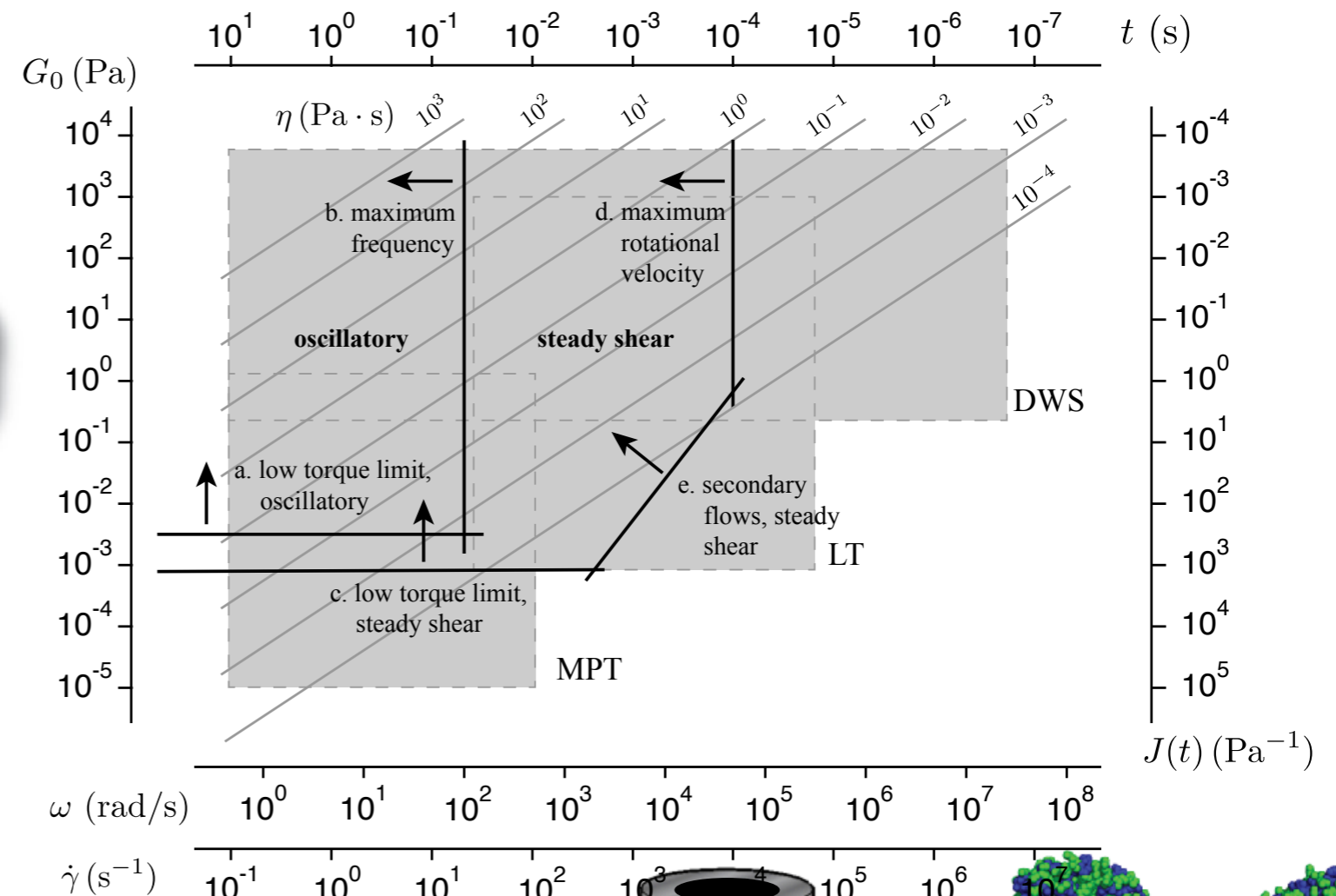
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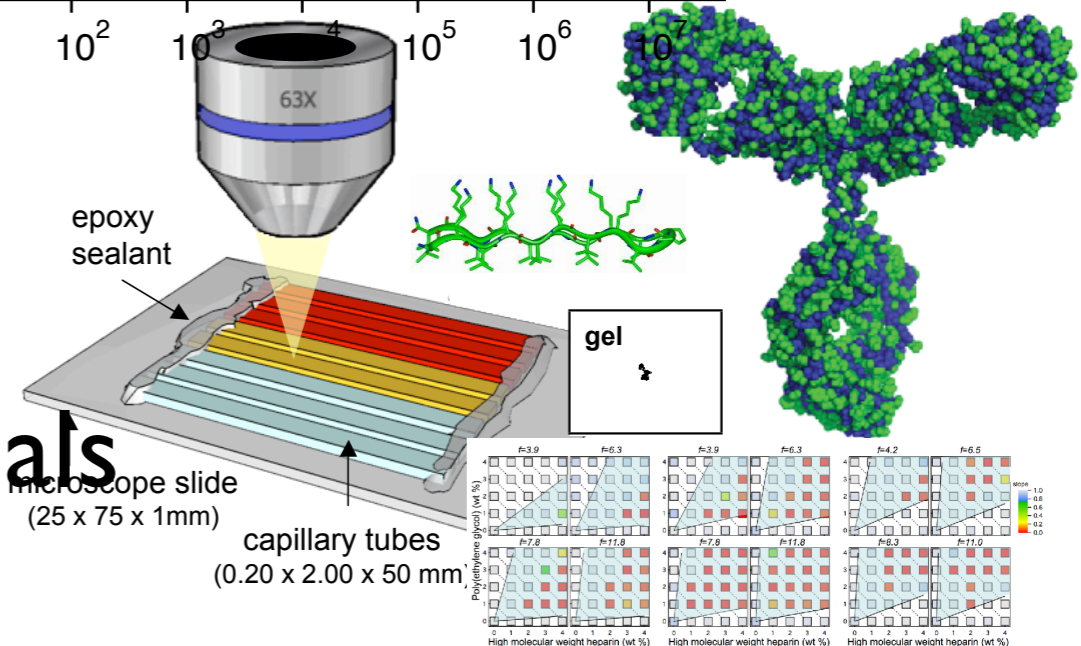


$$G' \sim l_p^2 kT (ac)^{5/2}$$

Probe microrheology



- Small volume rheology
- Rapid screening of scarce materials
- Extended operating regime



Sophisticated, robust, and economical instruments

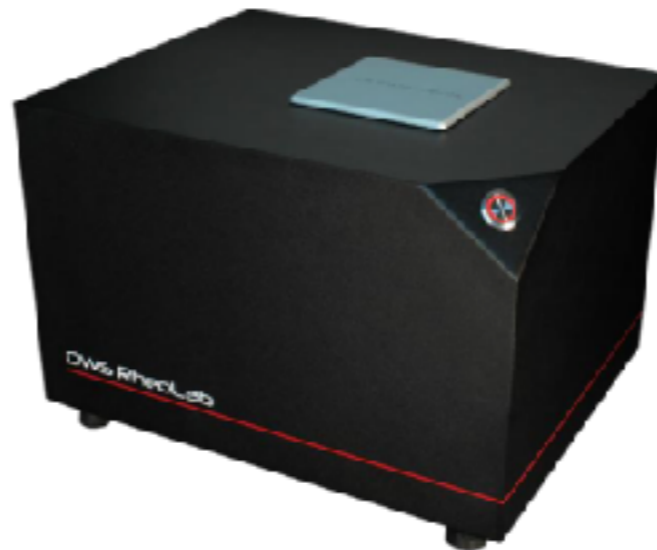
Macosko, C.W. *Joe Starita: Father of modern rheometry*. Rheol. Bulletin 79, 11 (2010).

“Unfortunately, except for the Rheogoniometer, such equipment is not yet commercially available, although it is expected that some enterprising company will manufacture this kind of apparatus shortly.”

– Van Wazer, et al. (1963). *Viscosity and Flow Measurement: A Laboratory Handbook of Rheology*. Interscience, New York.



DLS and DWS microrheology



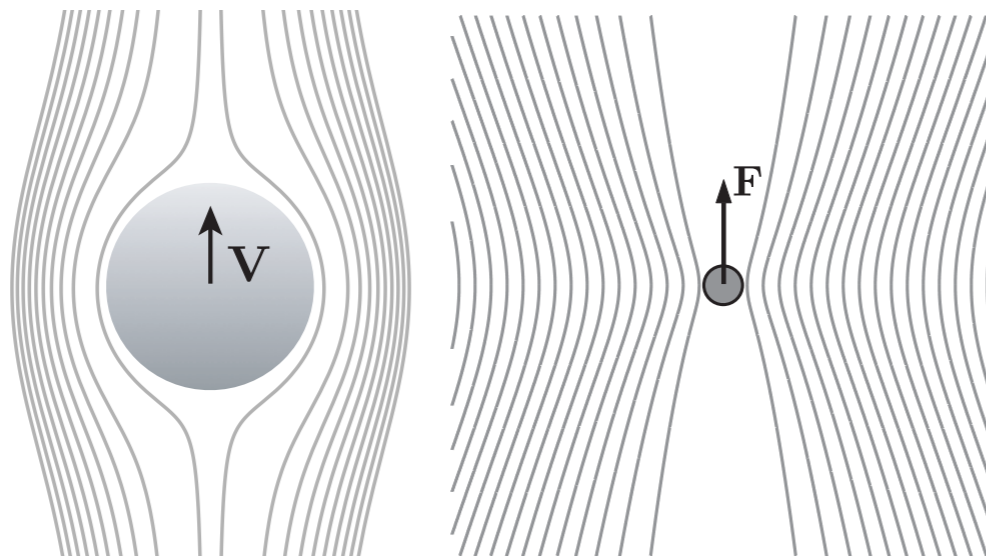
Non-linear microrheology

Generalized Stokes Equation

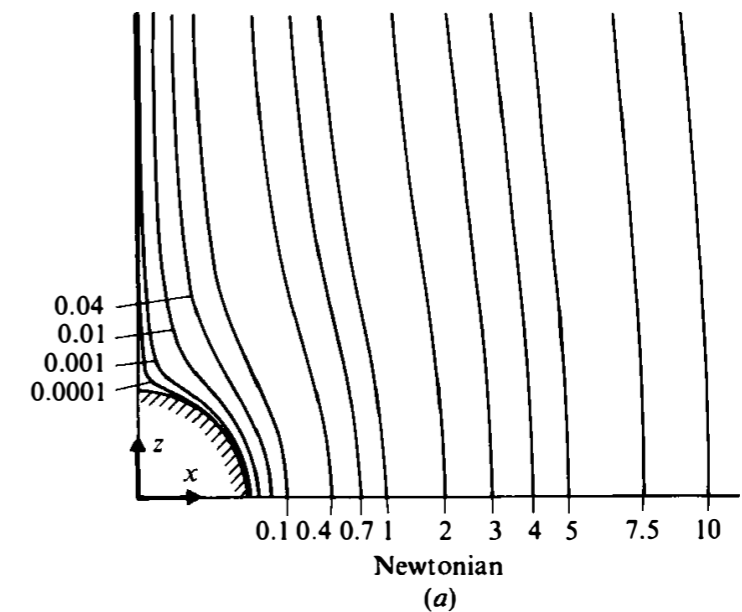
$$\eta(V) = \frac{F}{6\pi aV}$$

Correspondence Principle

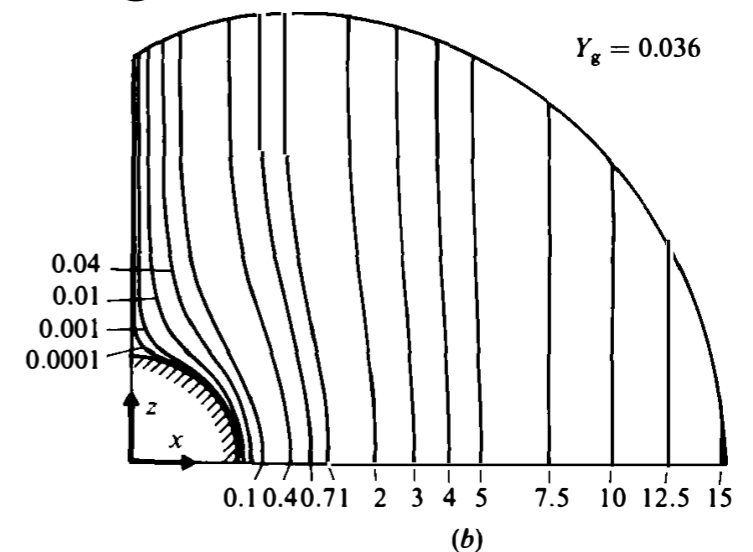
- $-\rho\omega^2 \tilde{\mathbf{u}} = -\nabla \tilde{p} + i\omega\eta \nabla^2 \tilde{\mathbf{u}}$ – Newtonian fluid
- $-\rho\omega^2 \tilde{\mathbf{u}} = -\nabla \tilde{p} + G \nabla^2 \tilde{\mathbf{u}}$ – elastic solid
- $-\rho\omega^2 \tilde{\mathbf{u}} = -\nabla \tilde{p} + G^*(\omega) \nabla^2 \tilde{\mathbf{u}}$ – viscoelastic



Newtonian



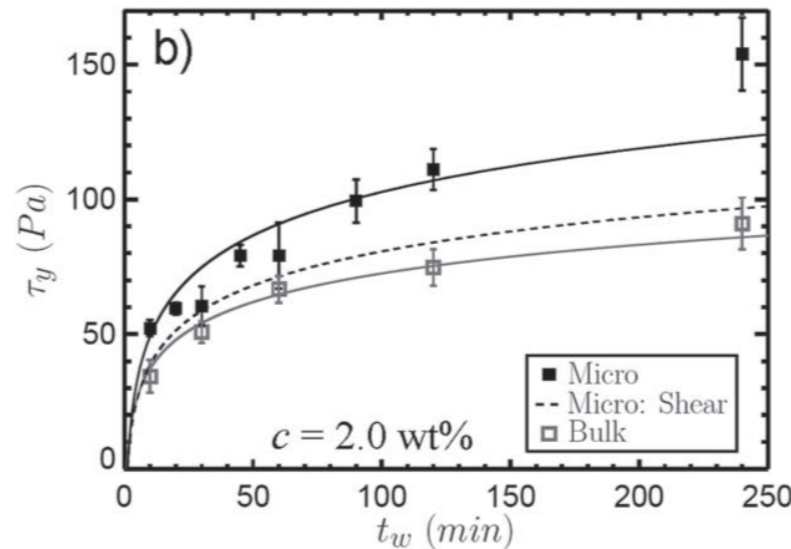
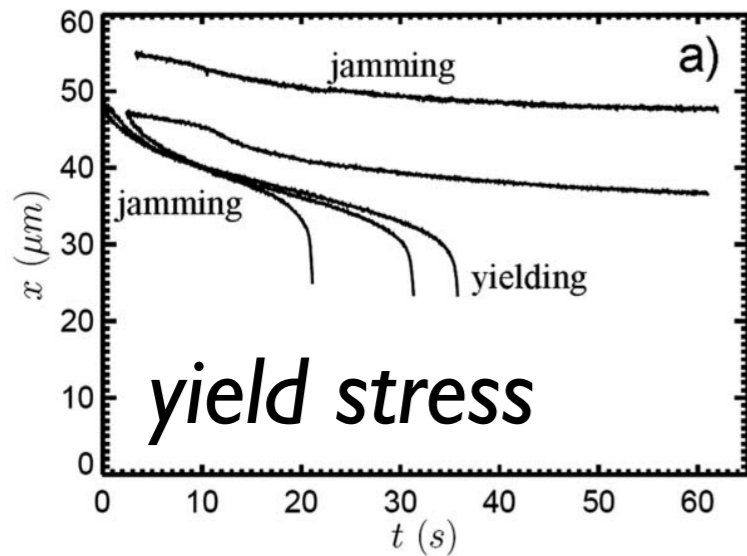
Bingham fluid



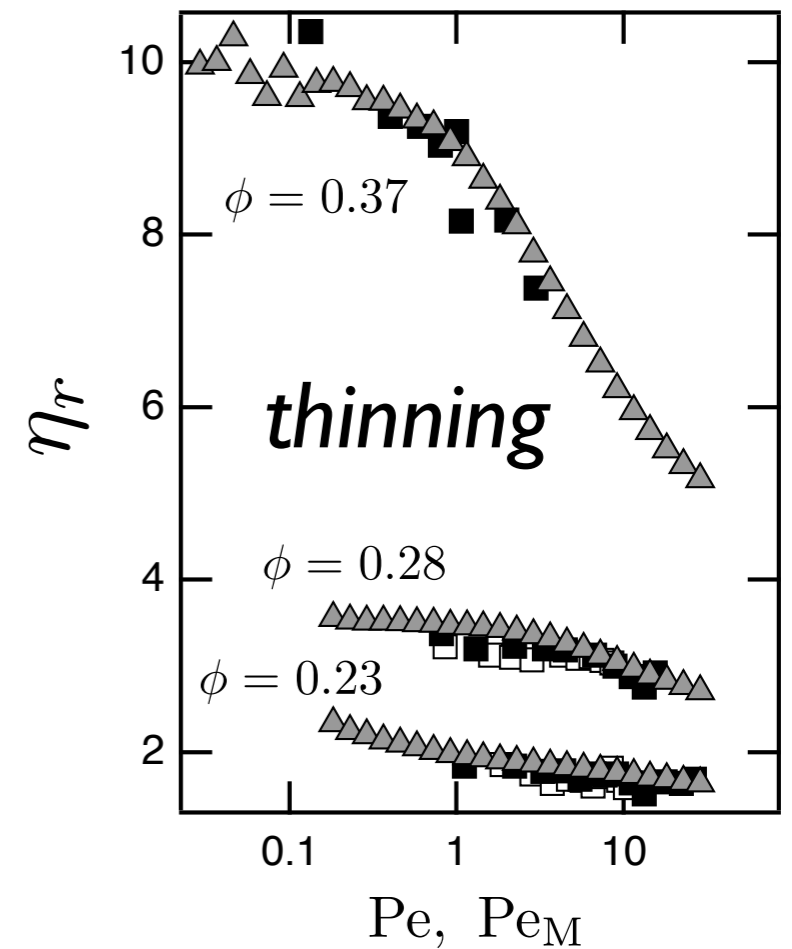
Beris, A. N., et al., *J. Fluid Mech.*
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Active, non-linear microrheology

Laponite Rich, J. P., *et al.*, *Soft Matter* 7, 9933 (2011).



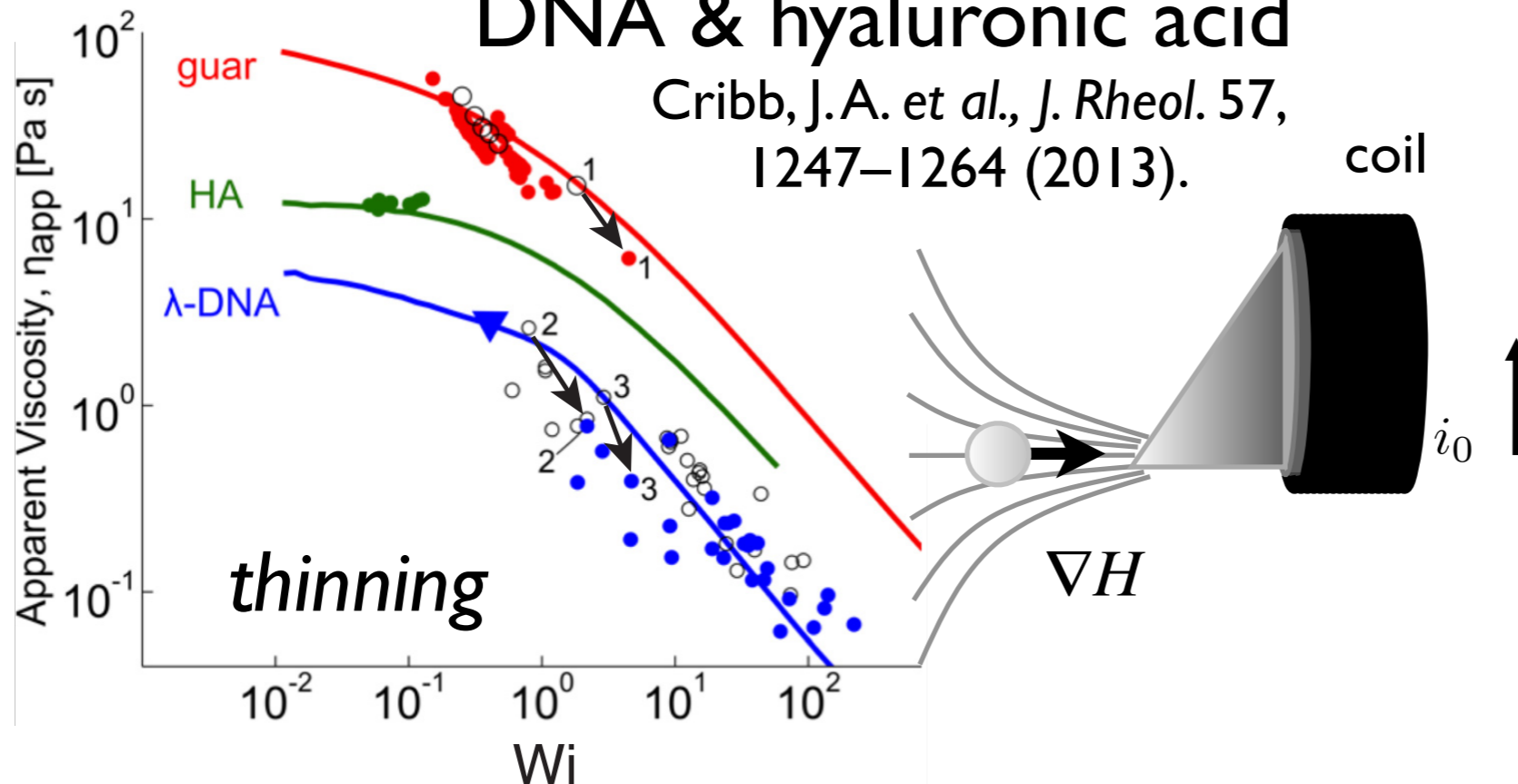
Colloidal suspension



Meyer, A., *et al.*, *J. Rheol.* 50, 77–92 (2006).

DNA & hyaluronic acid

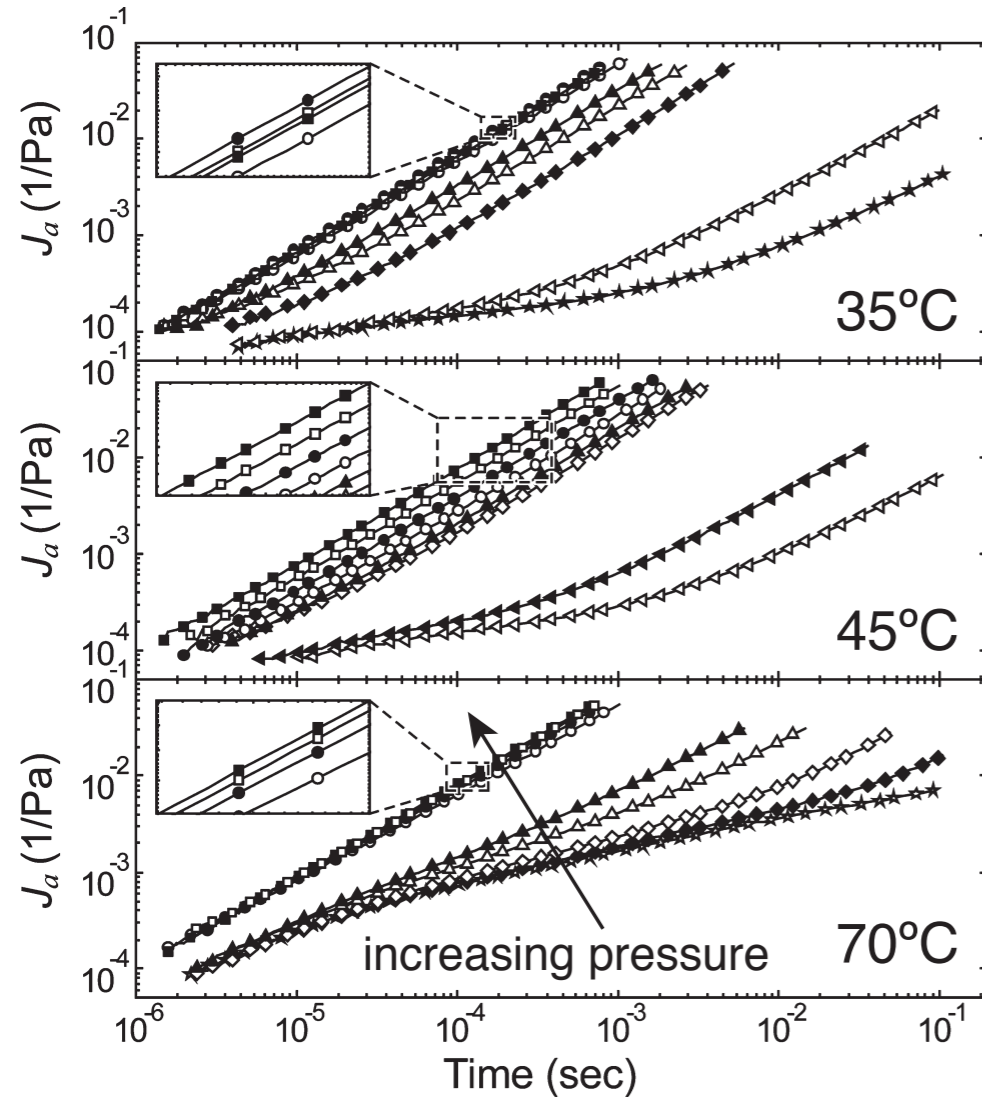
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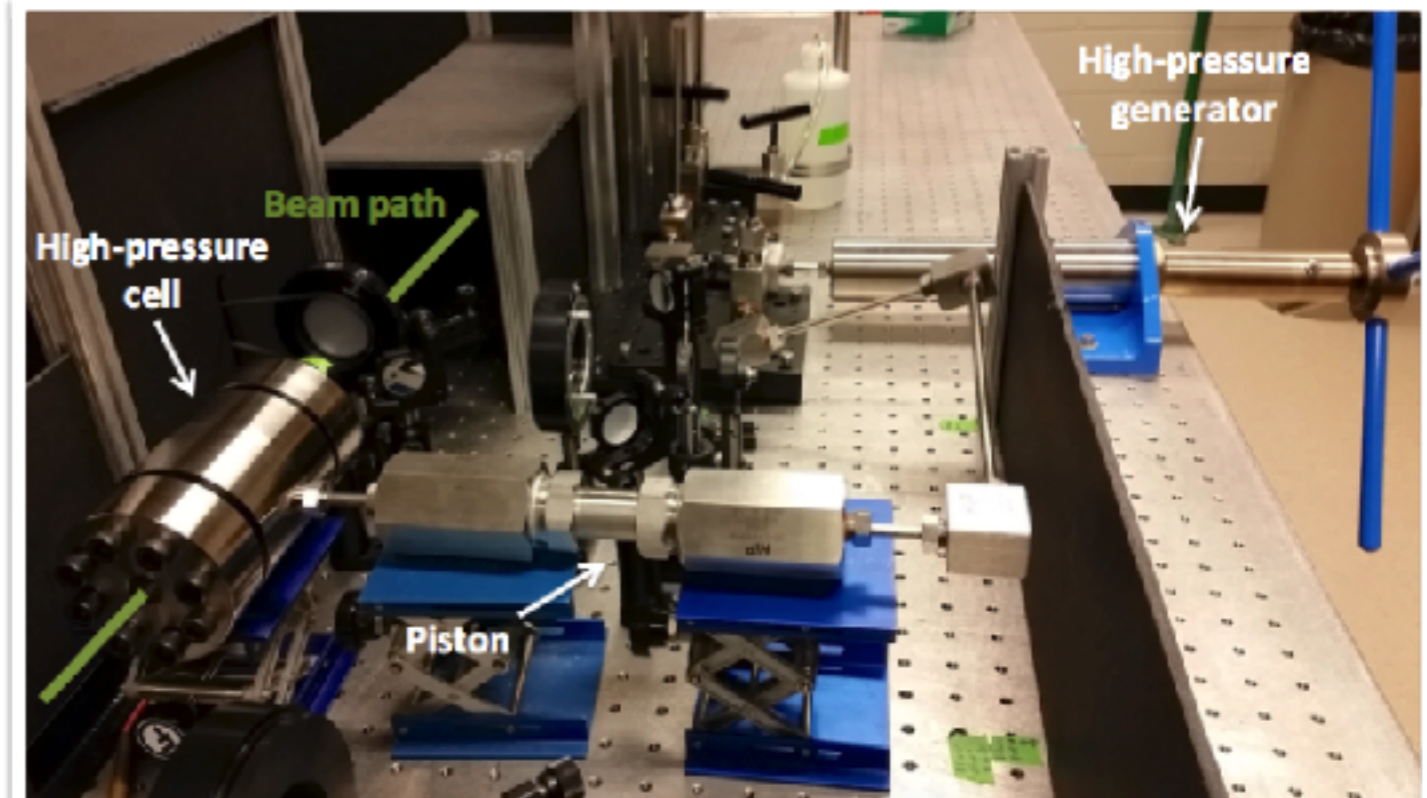
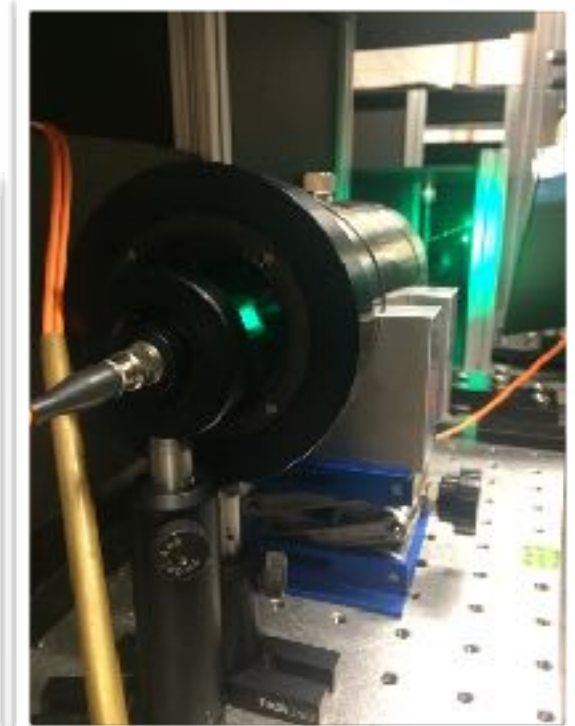
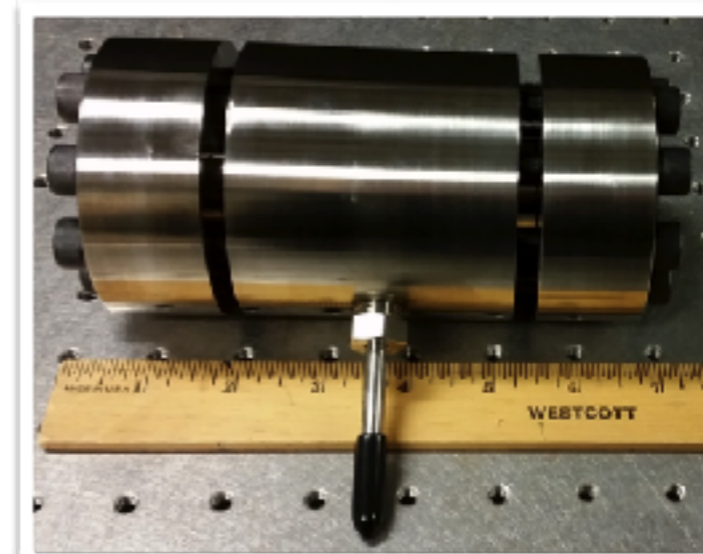
Extreme sample environments

Rheology at 30,000 psi

PEO-PPO-PEO triblock copolymer solutions to 207MPa



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