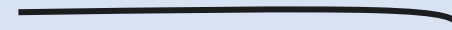


Polymers Dynamics by Dielectric Spectroscopy



What's a polymer bulk?

A condensed matter system where the structural units are macromolecules



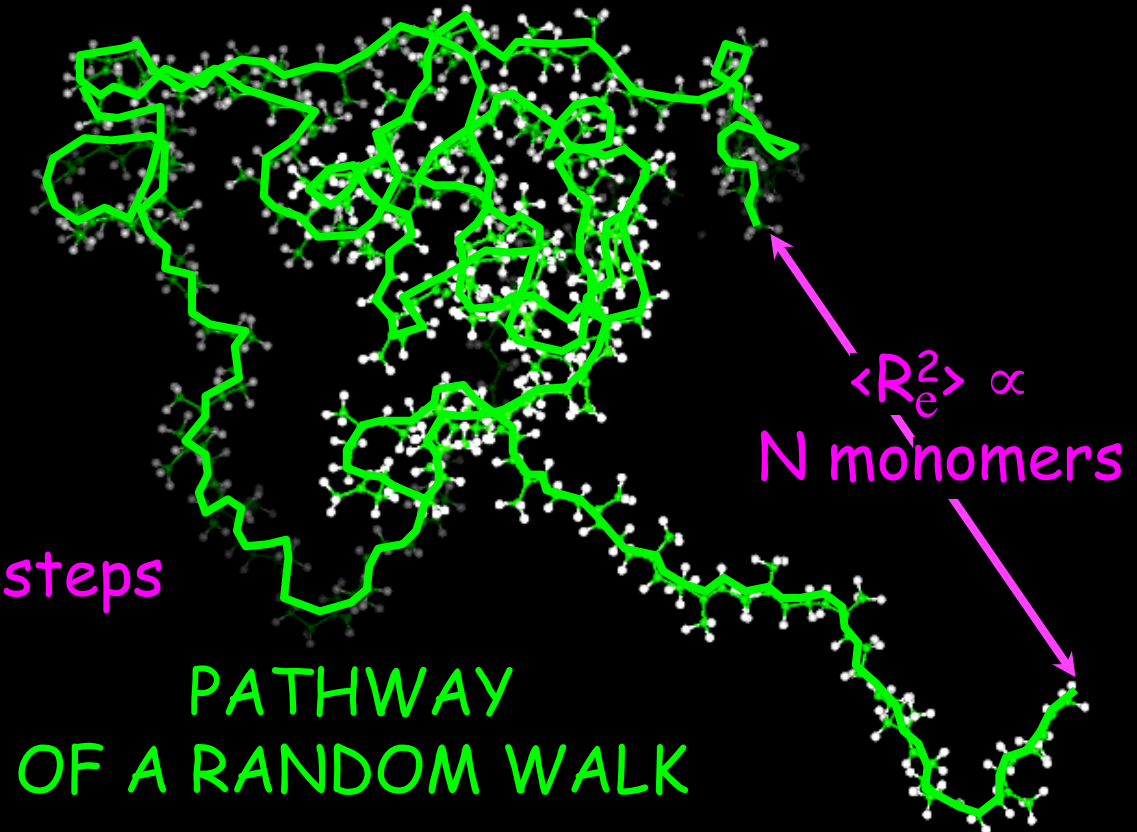
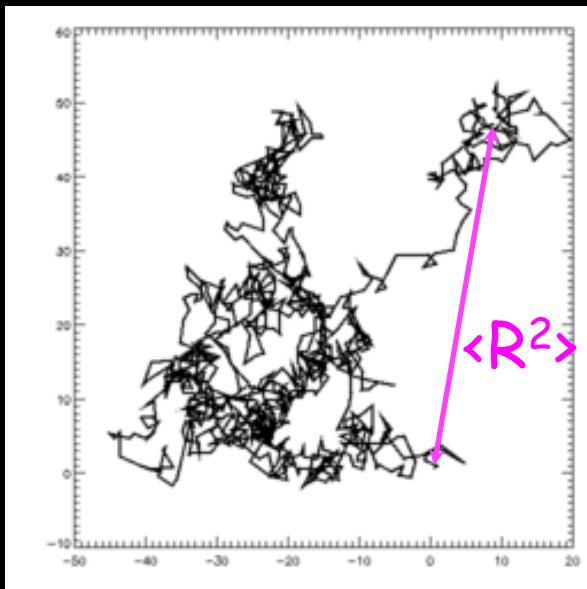
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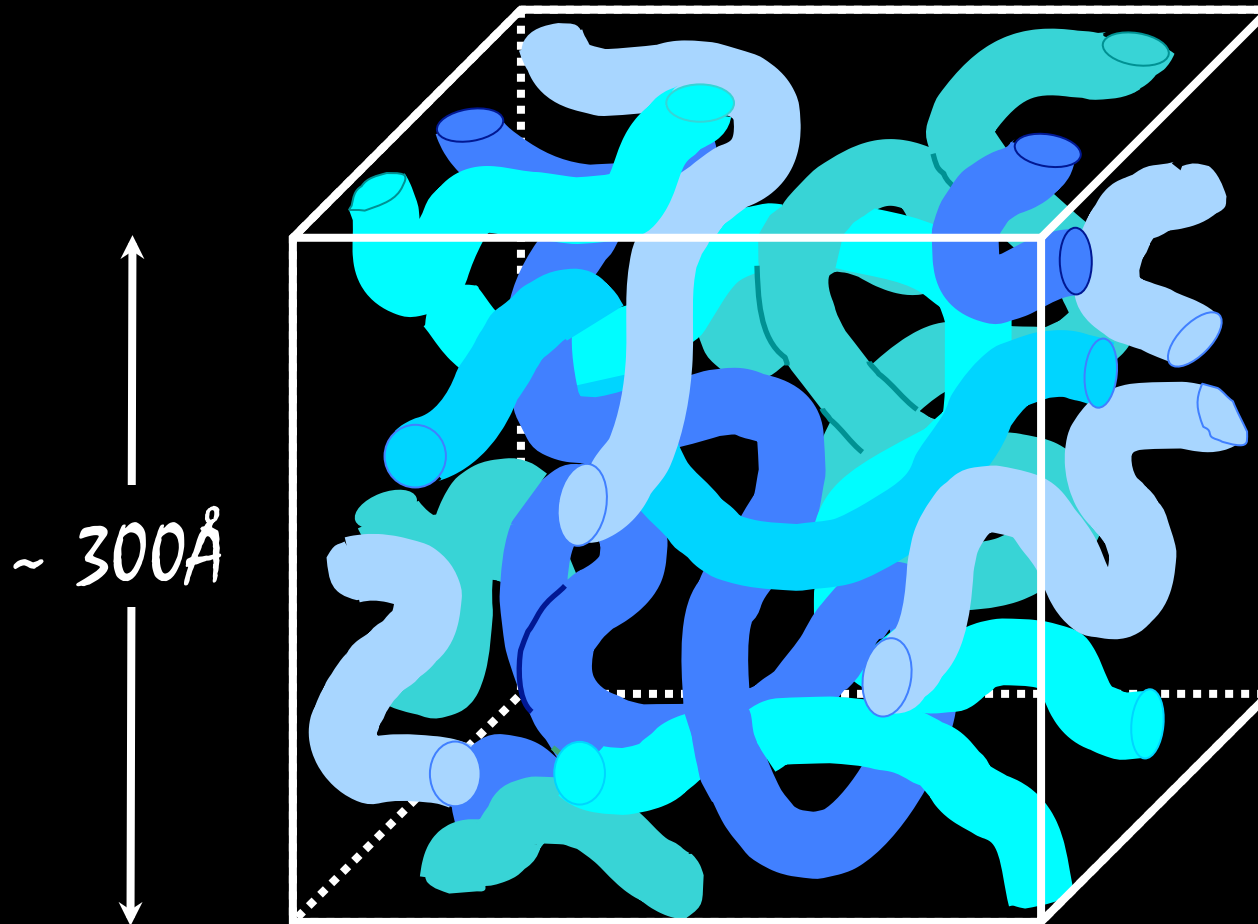
P. J. Flory
Nobel Prize 1974

Shape of a Macromolecule in the Bulk

Flory's prediction in the 50's:
'RANDOM COIL'

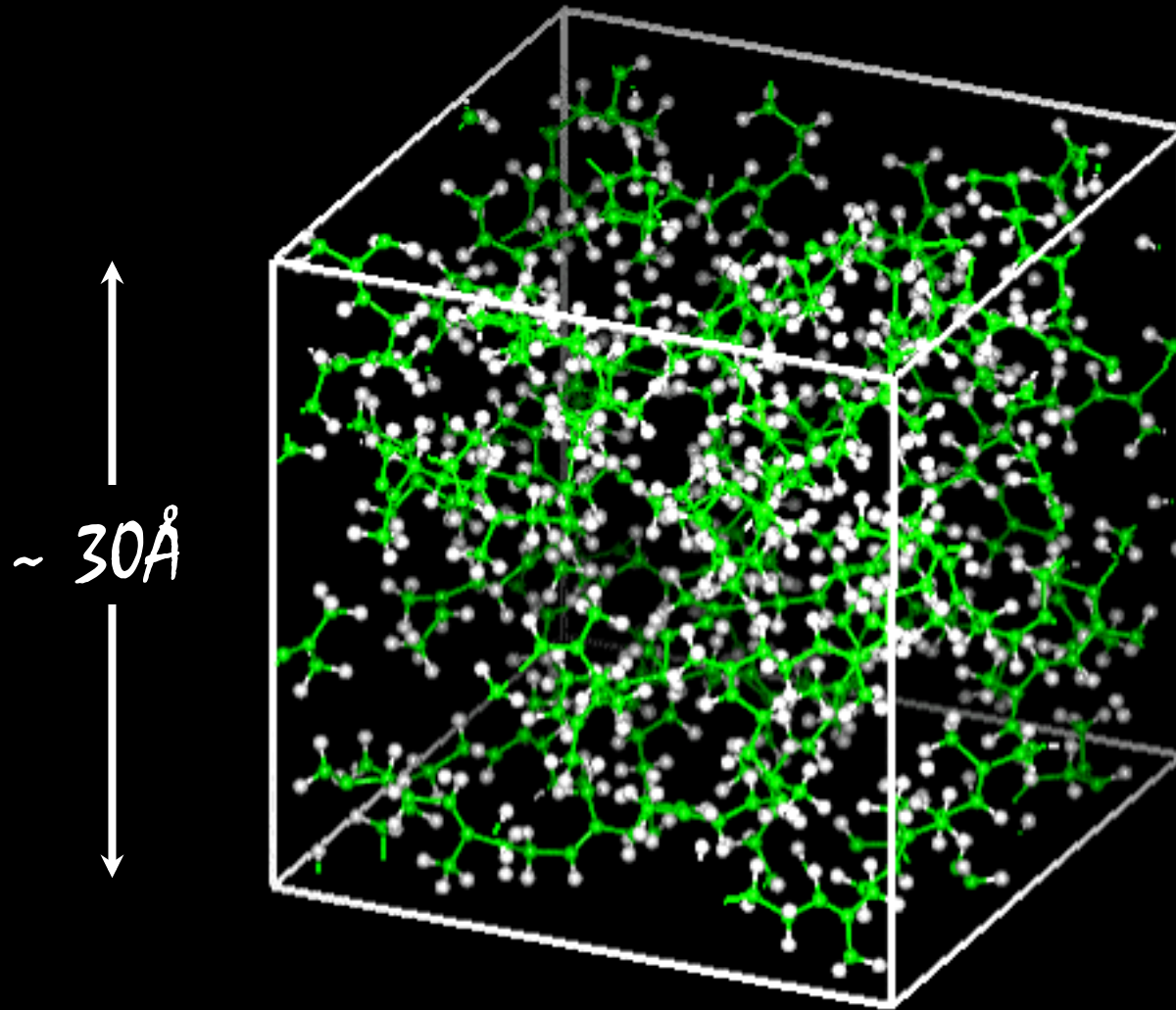


MACROMOLECULAR STRUCTURE



CHAIN: RANDOM COIL IN THE BULK
PACKING OF CHAINS: 'LIQUID-LIKE'

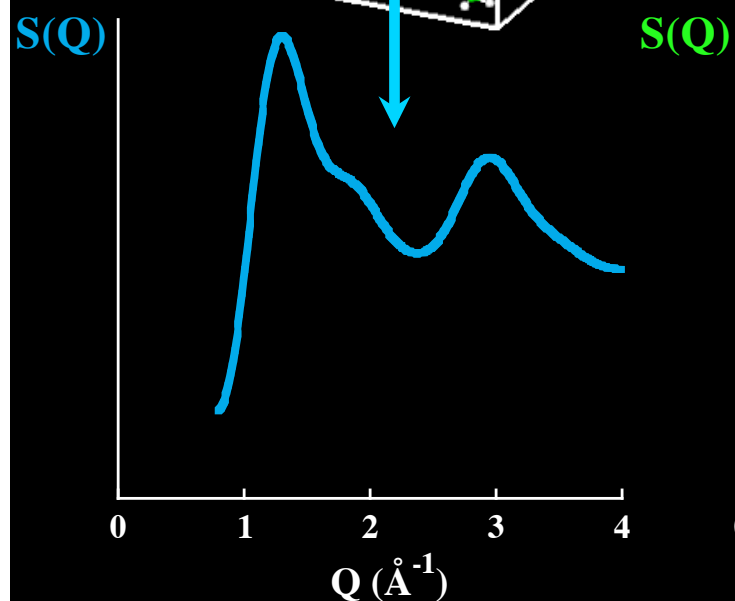
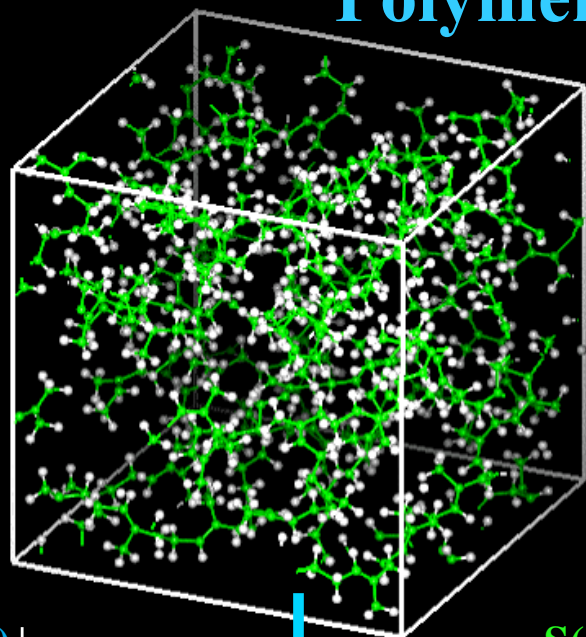
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NO LONG-RANGE ORDER

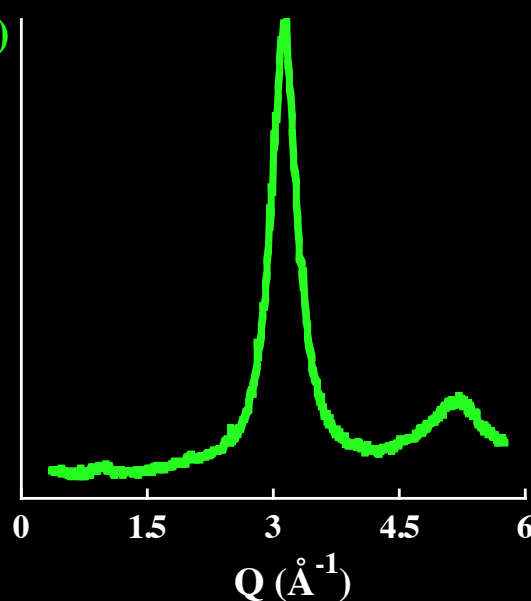
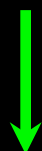
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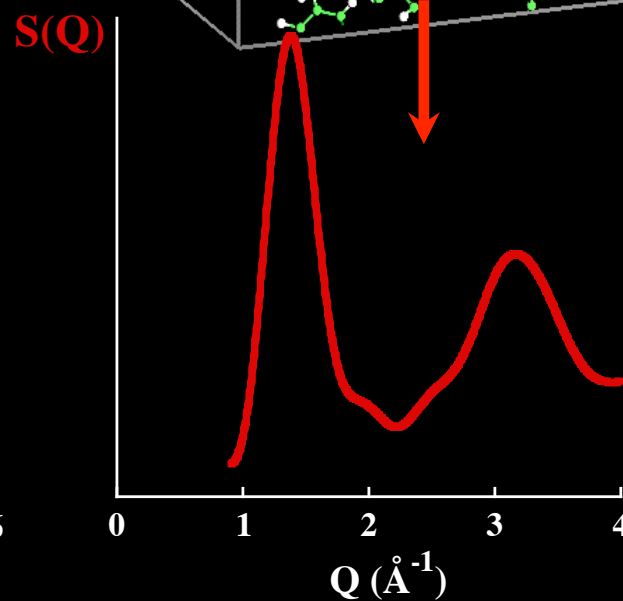
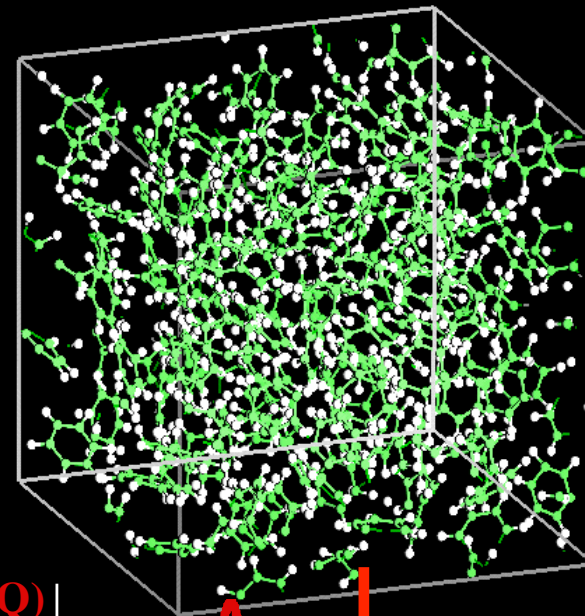


GLASSES

Metallic
Glass
 $\text{Fe}_{40}\text{Ni}_{40}\text{P}_{14}\text{B}_6$

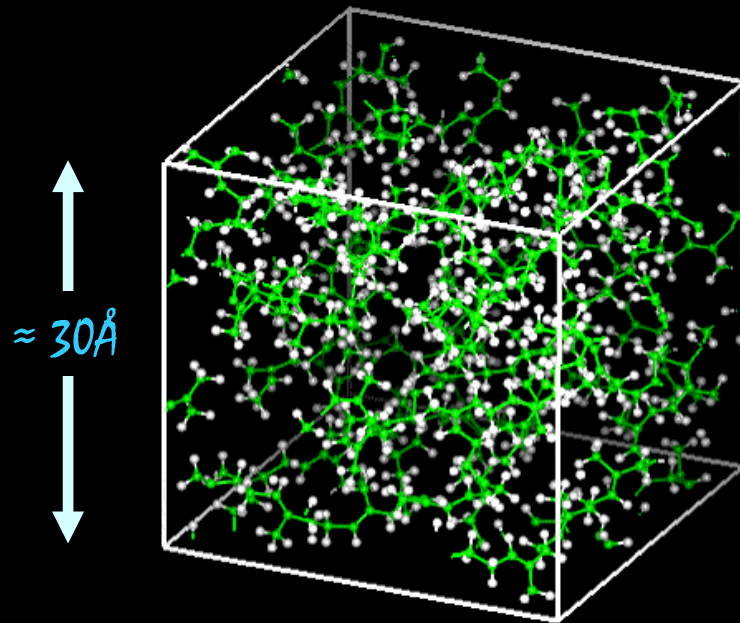


Molecular Glass



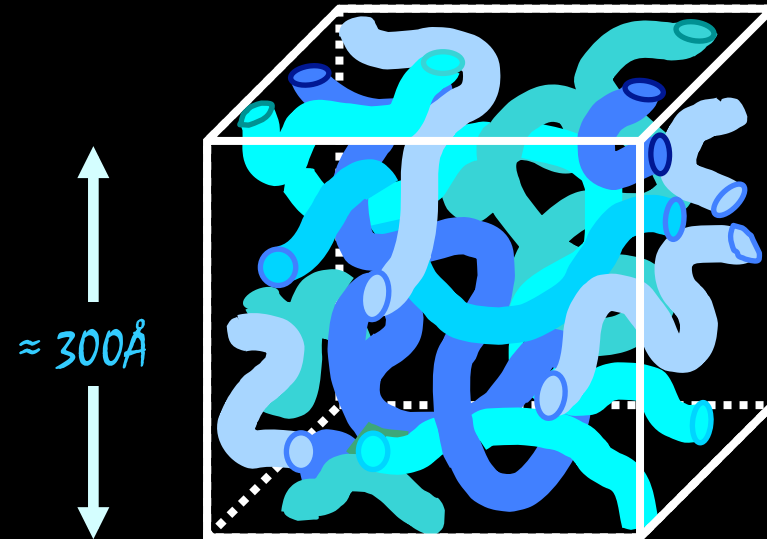
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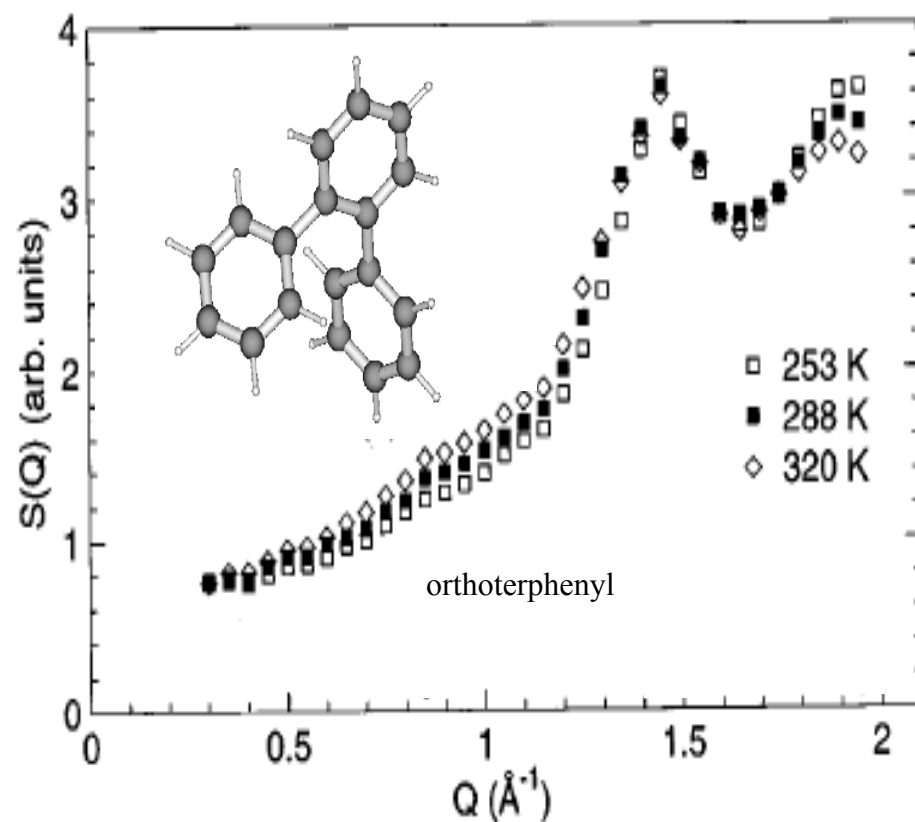
LARGE LENGTH SCALES

"RANDOM COIL" STRUCTURE

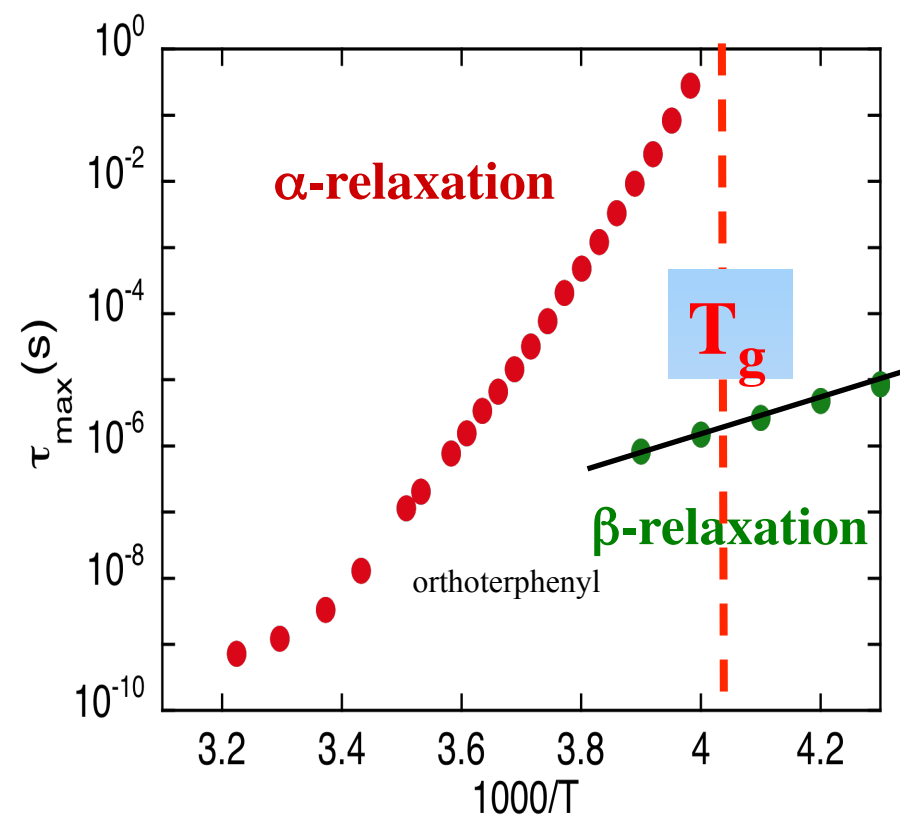


Orthoterphenyl [$C_{18}H_{14}$]

STRUCTURE FACTOR

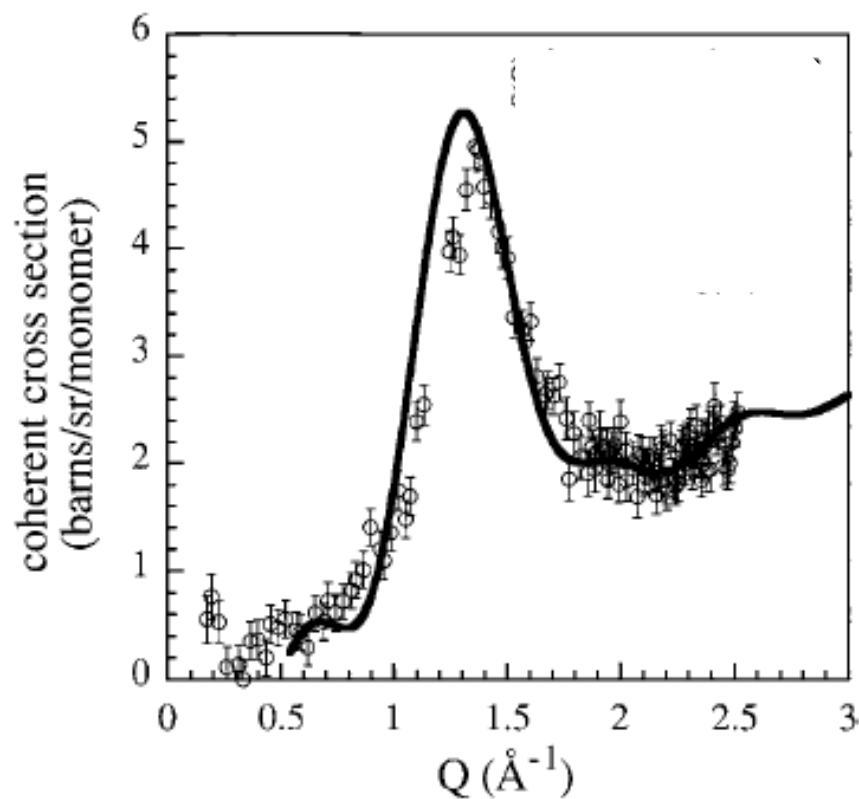


RELAXATION MAP

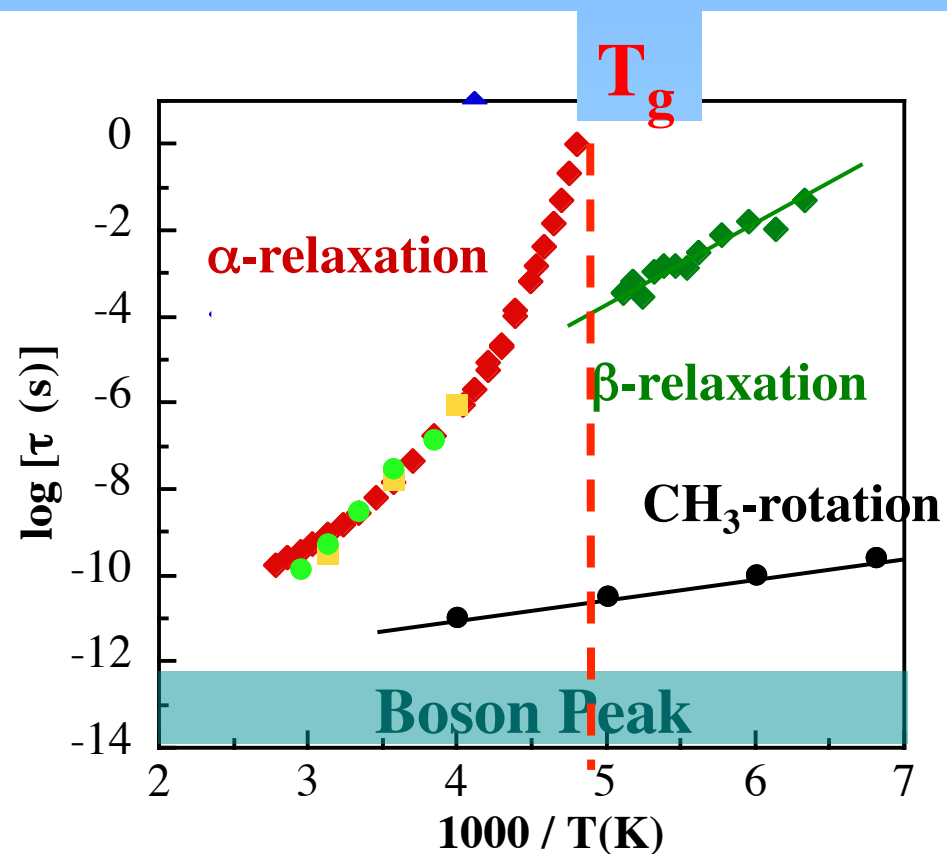


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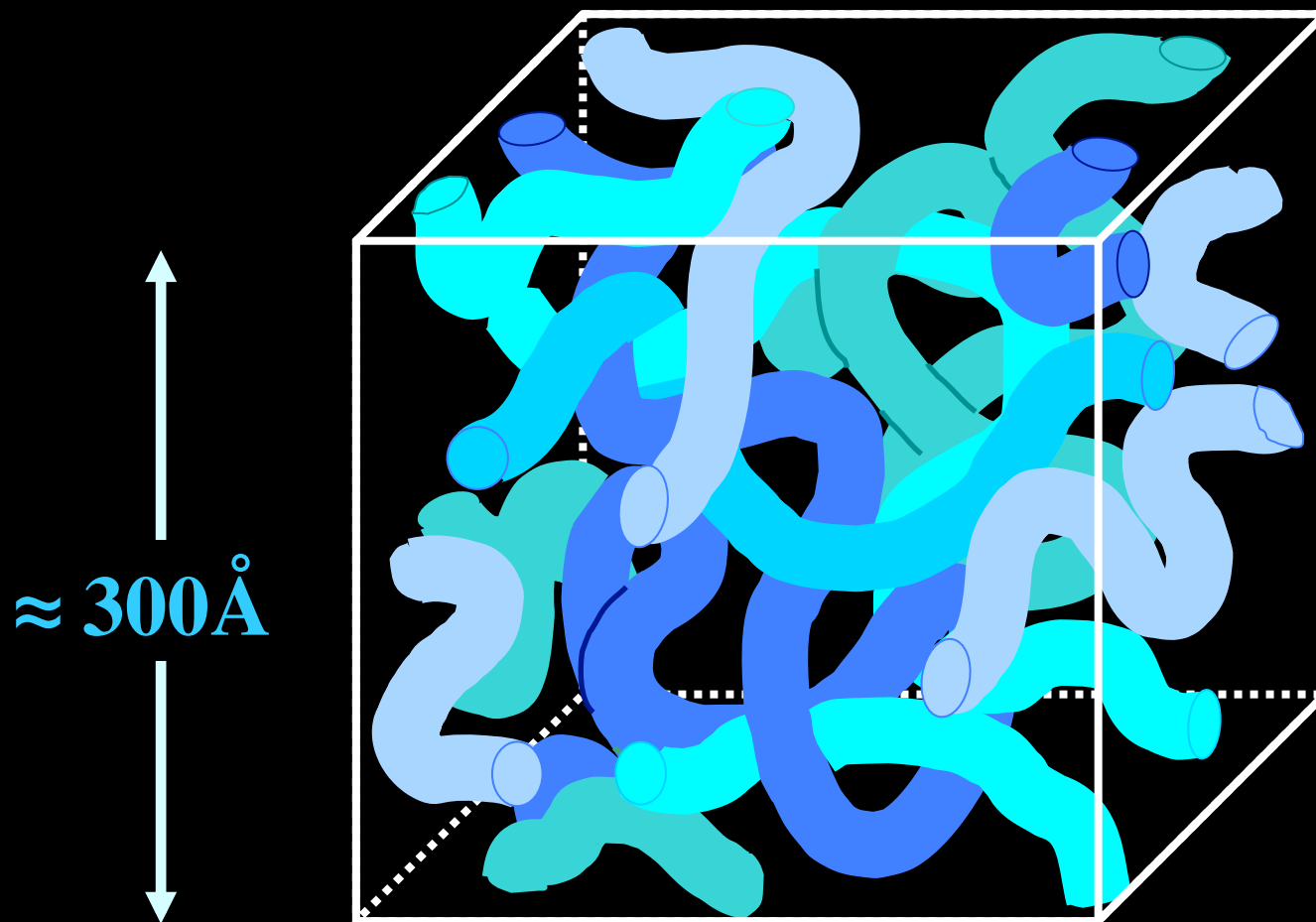


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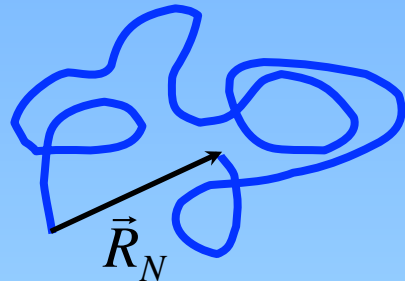
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CHAIN -“RANDOM COIL”- STRUCTURE



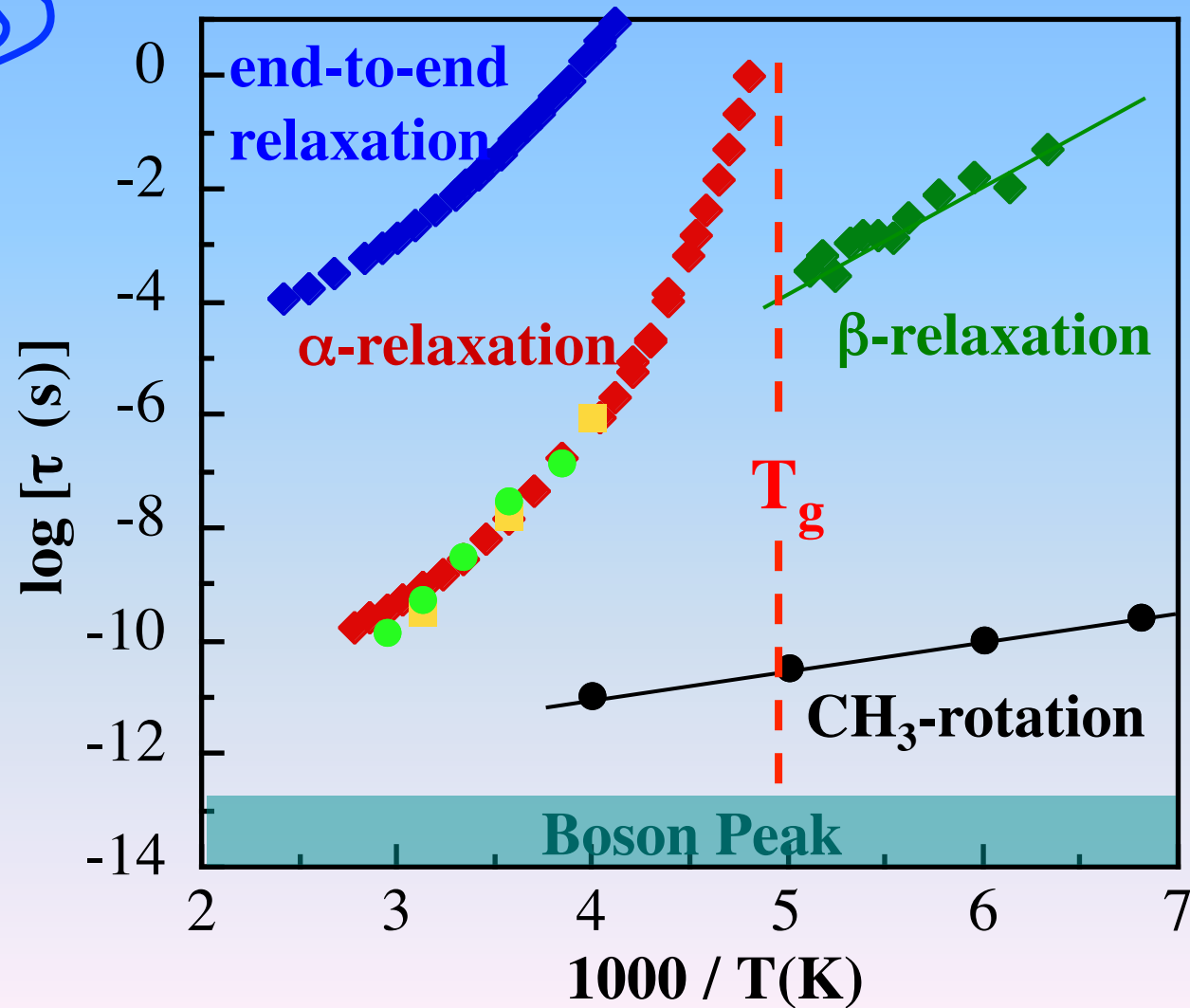
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Coil diameter $\approx 100\text{\AA}$

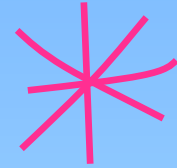


End-to-end
vector

RELAXATION MAP



Large Scale Dynamics



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Let Gaussian chains move!!

The Rouse Model

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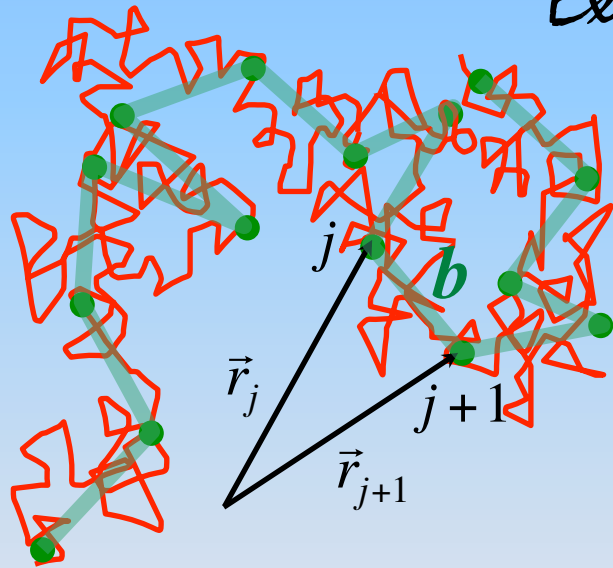
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Macromolecular chain with short-range interactions in a melt
Excluded volume interactions screened out



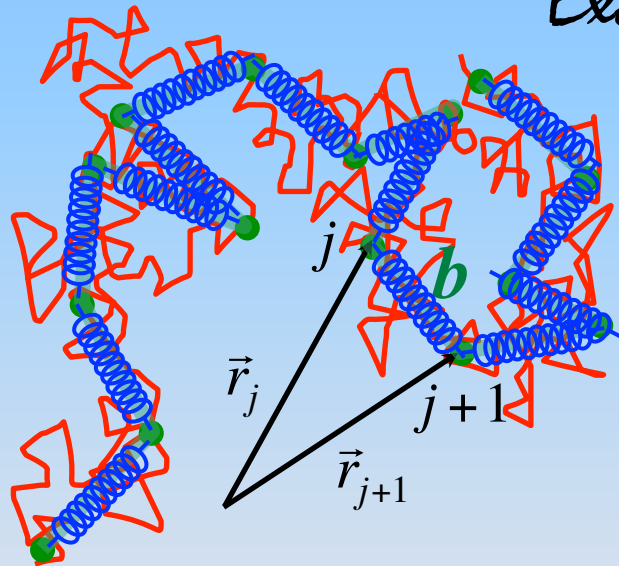
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End-to-End distribution Gaussian

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Entropic contribution to the free energy: $\Delta F = \frac{3}{2} k_B T \frac{(\vec{r}_{j+1} - \vec{r}_j)^2}{N' a^2}$

Spring-like force: $\vec{F} = \frac{3k_B T}{b^2} (\vec{r}_{j+1} - \vec{r}_j)$

MAPPING ONTO A 'BEAD-SPRING'-CHAIN!

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Rouse chain: target chain in a melt of similar chains

Intermolecular interactions: Mean-field approach



- Friction force: constant friction coefficient ξ

$$\vec{F}^{\text{friction}} = -\xi \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt}$$

- Stochastic random force: $\vec{f}$
- Friction related to the random force (fluctuation-dissipation theorem)

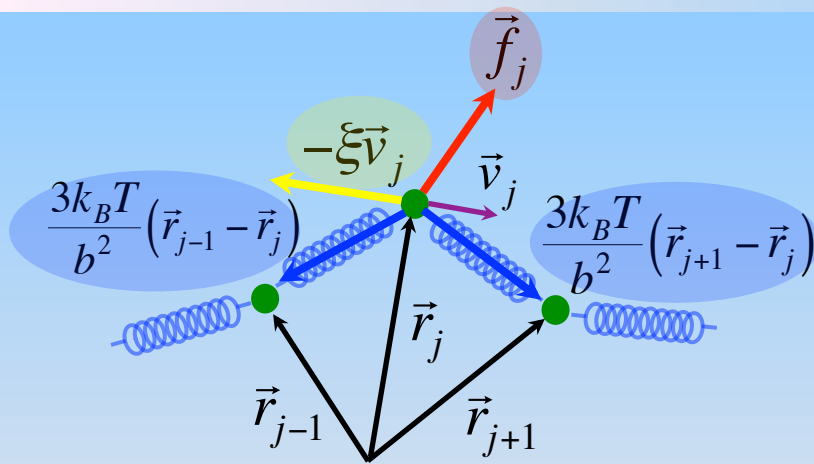
$$\langle \vec{f}_j(t) \vec{f}_i(t') \rangle = 6\xi k_B T \delta_{ji} \delta(t - t')$$

No correlation between random forces!!

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The Rouse Equation of Motion



$$m \frac{d^2 \vec{r}_j}{dt^2} = \vec{F}_j^{\text{spring}} + \vec{F}_j^{\text{friction}} + \vec{f}_j$$

$$\vec{F}_j^{\text{spring}} = \frac{3k_B T}{b^2} (\vec{r}_{j+1} + \vec{r}_{j-1} - 2\vec{r}_j), \quad j \neq 1, N$$

$$\vec{F}_j^{\text{friction}} = -\xi \frac{d\vec{r}_j}{dt}$$

Inertial term $m \frac{d^2 \vec{r}_j}{dt^2} \approx 0$ for $t \gg \frac{m}{\xi} \sim 10^{-13} - 10^{-12} \text{ s}$.

$$\xi \frac{d\vec{r}_j}{dt} = \frac{3k_B T}{b^2} (\vec{r}_{j+1} + \vec{r}_{j-1} - 2\vec{r}_j) + \vec{f}_j$$

Brownian motion of coupled oscillators

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Transformation to 'normal coordinates' (Rouse modes) $\vec{X}_p \Rightarrow$

Independent equations of motion

$$\vec{X}_p(t) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{j=1}^N \vec{r}_j(t) \cos \left[\frac{p\pi}{N} \left(j - \frac{1}{2} \right) \right], \quad p = 0, 1, \dots, N-1$$

$$\vec{r}_j(t) = \vec{X}_0(t) + 2 \sum_{p=1}^{N-1} \vec{X}_p(t) \cos \left[\frac{\pi p}{N} \left(j - \frac{1}{2} \right) \right]$$

$\vec{X}_0(t)$ center of mass of the chain $\vec{X}_0(t) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{j=1}^N \vec{r}_j(t)$

$\vec{X}_p(t)$ describes the motion of a subchain of 'wavelength' $\sim \frac{N}{p}$
and length-scale $\sim \left(\frac{Nb^2}{p} \right)^{1/2}$

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The Rouse Equation in normal coordinates

$$\xi_p \frac{d\vec{X}_p(t)}{dt} = -K_p \vec{X}_p(t) + \vec{g}_p \quad \text{Independent equations!}$$

$$K_p = \frac{12k_B T \xi_p}{b^2 \xi} \sin^2 \left[\frac{p\pi}{2N} \right]$$

$$\xi_p = (2 - \delta_{op}) N \xi$$

$$\vec{g}_p = \frac{\xi_p}{N \xi} \sum_{j=1}^N \vec{f}_j(t) \cos \left[\frac{j\pi p}{N} \right]$$

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Correlation function of the Rouse modes

$$\langle \vec{X}_p(t) \vec{X}_q(0) \rangle = \frac{1}{\xi_p \xi_q} \int_0^t dt' e^{-\frac{(t-t')}{\tau_p}} \int_{-\infty}^0 dt'' e^{-\frac{t''}{\tau_q}} \langle \vec{g}_p(t') \vec{g}_q(t'') \rangle$$

The most important magnitude!

No correlation

between random forces $\Rightarrow \langle \vec{g}_p(t') \vec{g}_q(t'') \rangle \propto \delta_{pq} \delta(t' - t'')$

No *spatial* correlation

orthogonality
of Rouse modes

No *time* correlation

$$\langle \vec{X}_p(t) \vec{X}_p(0) \rangle \propto \exp\left[-\frac{t}{\tau_p}\right]$$

Key results!!

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$$\langle \vec{X}_p(t) \vec{X}_p(0) \rangle = \langle \vec{X}_p^2(0) \rangle \exp\left[-\frac{t}{\tau_p}\right] \quad \langle \vec{X}_p^2(0) \rangle = \frac{b^2}{8N \sin^2(p\pi/2N)}$$

Relaxation times

$$\tau_p^{-1} = 4W \sin^2\left[\frac{p\pi}{2N}\right]$$

$$W = \frac{3k_B T}{\xi b^2} \text{ Rouse rate}$$

$$\text{for } p \ll N \quad \tau_p \approx \frac{1}{\pi^2 W} \left(\frac{N}{p}\right)^2 \quad N \propto M_w \Rightarrow \underline{\tau_p \propto M_w^2}$$

Large wave-length $\left(\frac{N}{p}\right) \Rightarrow$ slower relaxation times

τ_1 (the slowest time) = the 'Rouse time' τ_R

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Dynamics of End-to-End vector $\vec{R}_N(t) = \vec{r}_N(t) - \vec{r}_1(t)$

$$\vec{R}_N(t) = -4 \sum_{p:\text{odd}}^{N-1} \vec{X}_p(t) \cos\left(\frac{p\pi}{2N}\right)$$

Correlation of $\vec{R}_N(t)$ $\langle \vec{R}_N(t) \vec{R}_N(0) \rangle \cong \frac{8b^2 N}{\pi^2} \sum_{p:\text{odd}} \frac{1}{p^2} \exp\left(-\frac{t}{\tau_p}\right)$ for $p \ll N$

$$\tau_p = \frac{\tau_1}{p^2}; \quad \tau_1 \equiv \tau_R \quad (\text{Rouse time})$$

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Dominated by τ_R !

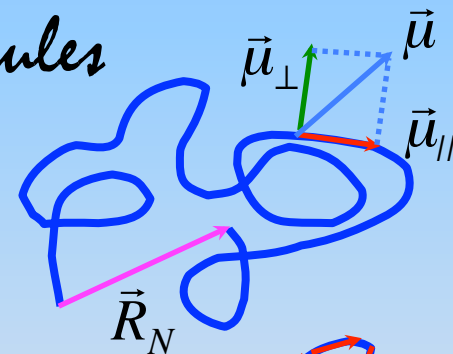
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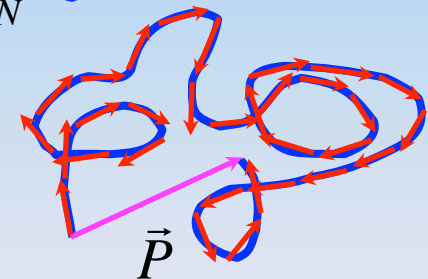
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Molecular (electrical) dipoles of macromolecules

Most polymers: $\vec{\mu}_{||}$ randomly oriented
 $\Rightarrow \sum \vec{\mu}_{||} = 0$



Type A' polymers: $\vec{\mu}_{||}$ always same direction
 $\Rightarrow \vec{P} \propto \vec{R}_N$



$\langle \vec{P}(t) \vec{P}(0) \rangle \propto \langle \vec{R}_N(t) \vec{R}_N(0) \rangle$ can be followed by dielectric experiments!

τ_R experimentally determined $\Rightarrow \tau_R \propto M_w^2$ can be checked!

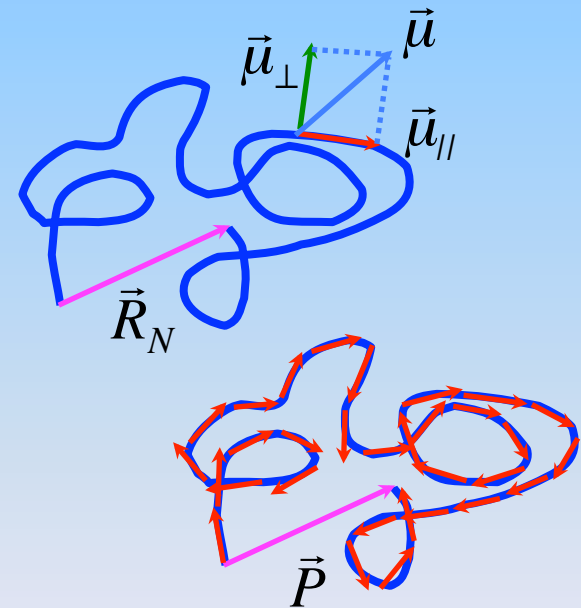
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- Poly(propylene glycol) PPG
- Poly(propylene oxide) PPO
- Poly(alkylene oxide) PAO's



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Following $\langle \vec{R}_N(t) \vec{R}_N(0) \rangle$ by DS

$$\varphi(t) = \frac{\langle \vec{R}_N(t) \vec{R}_N(0) \rangle}{\langle \vec{R}_N^2(0) \rangle} = \frac{8}{\pi^2} \sum_{p:\text{odd}} \frac{1}{p^2} \exp\left(-\frac{t}{\tau_p}\right)$$

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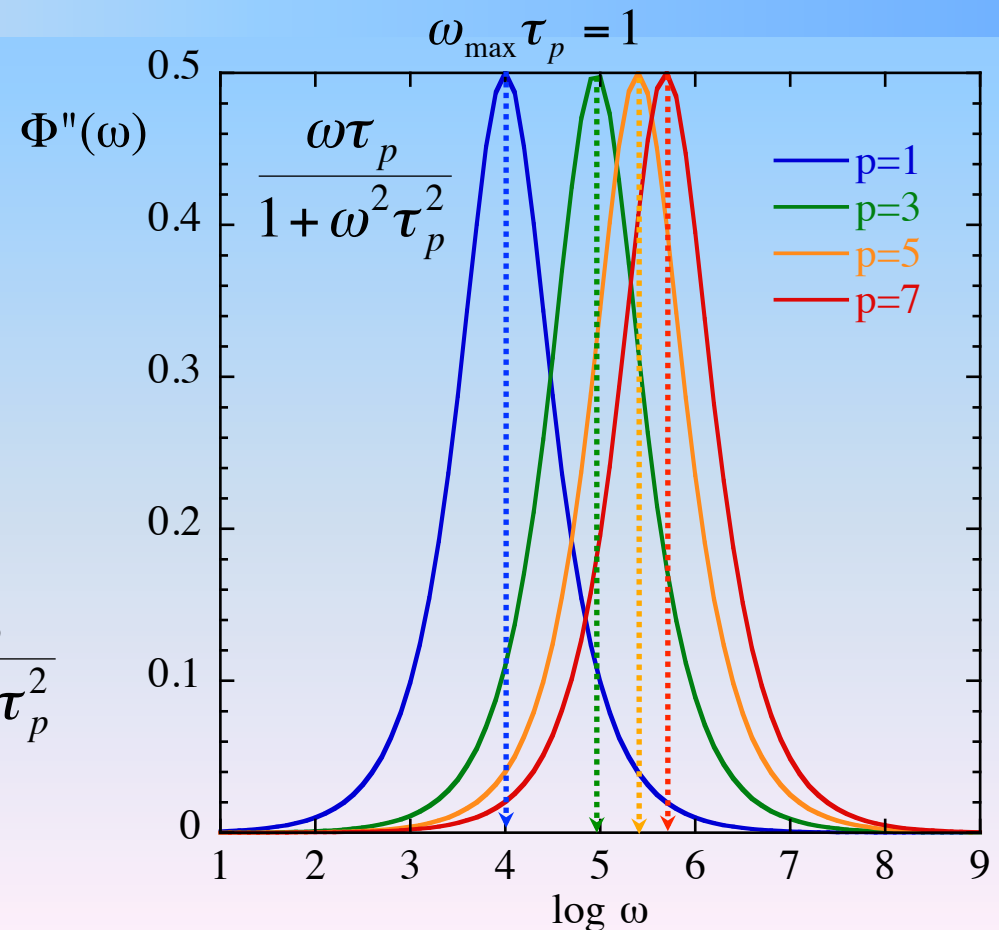
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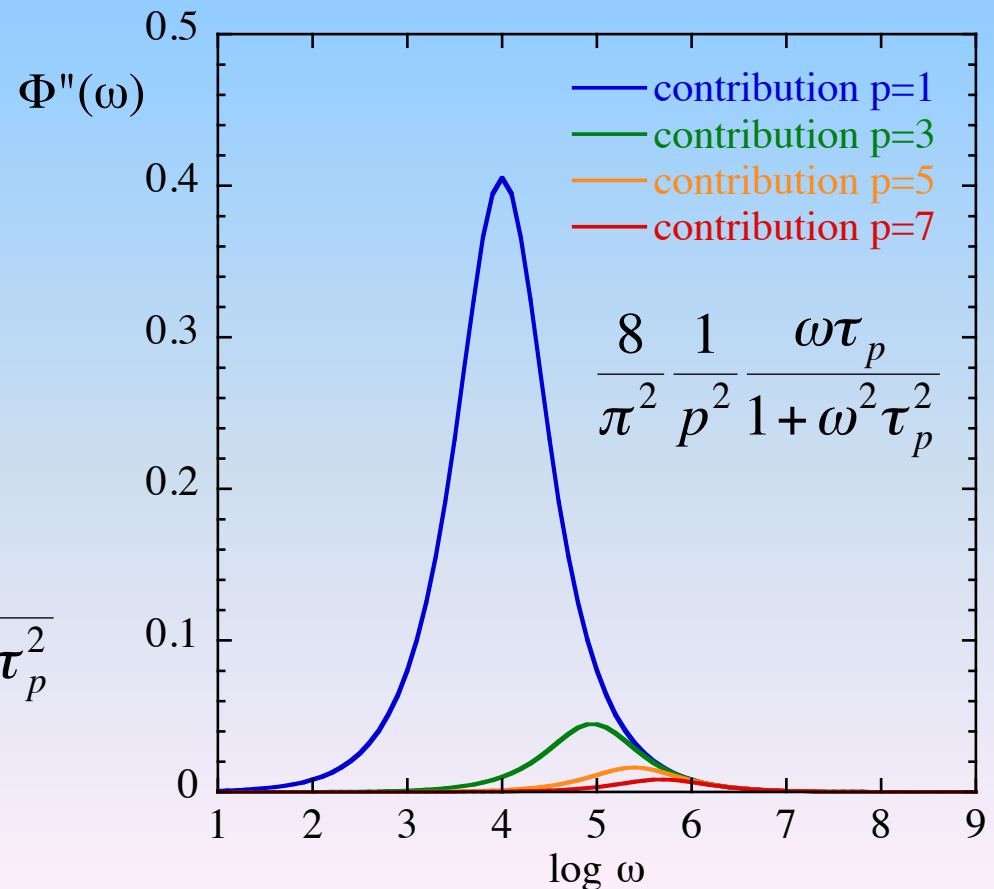
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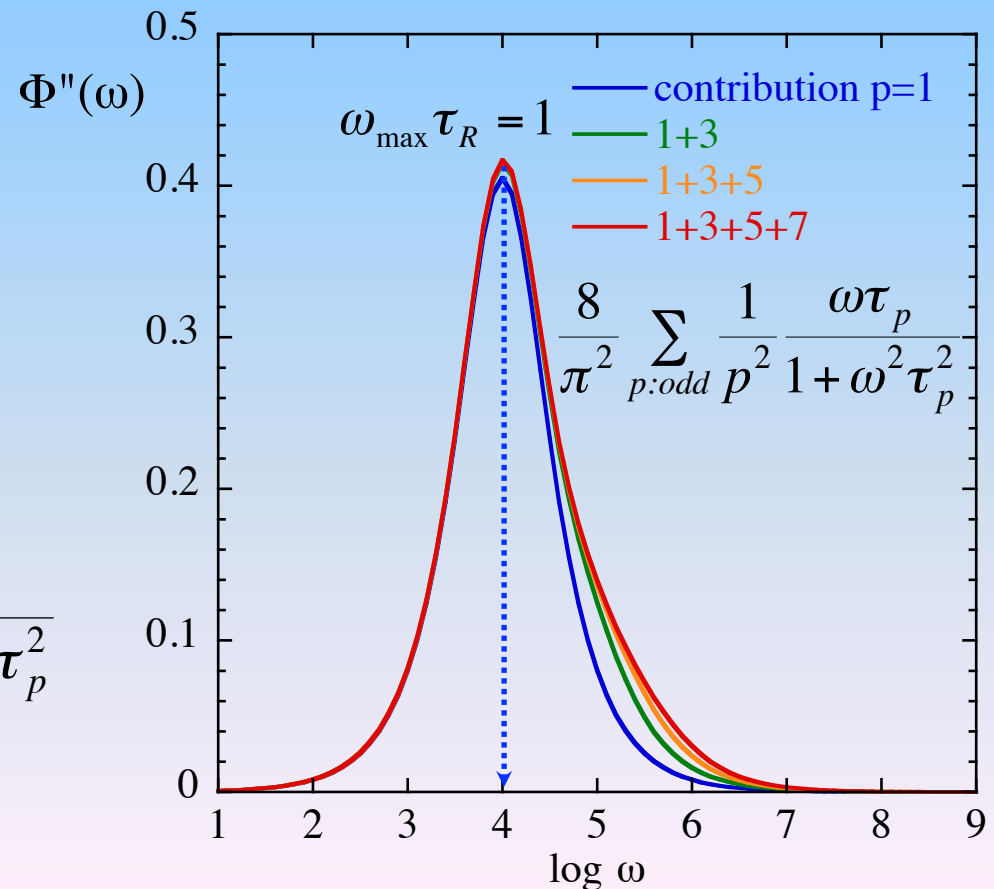
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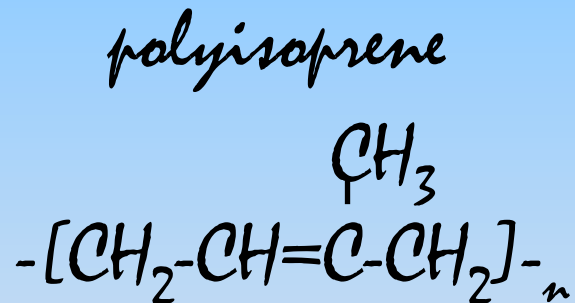
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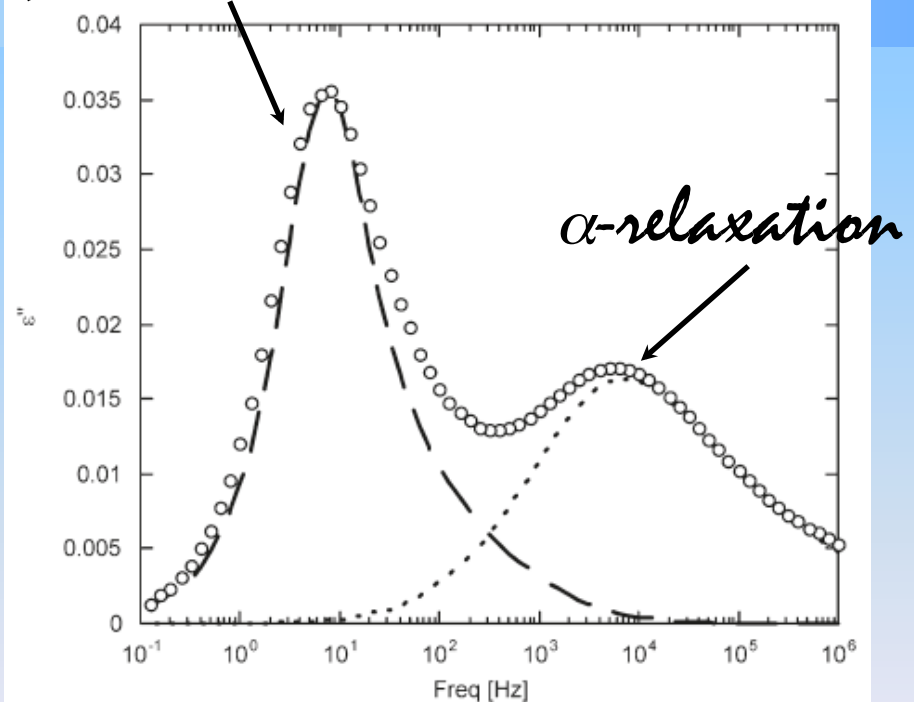
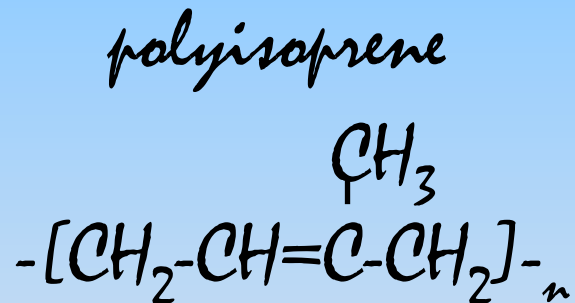


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Frequency domain:

Including polydispersity

$$\varepsilon_N''(\omega) = \frac{\Delta\varepsilon}{M_n} \int_0^\infty M \frac{2b^2}{N} \sum_{P:\text{odd}} \cot^2\left(\frac{p\pi}{2M}\right) \frac{\omega\tau_p}{1 + \omega^2\tau_p(M)^2} g(M) dM$$

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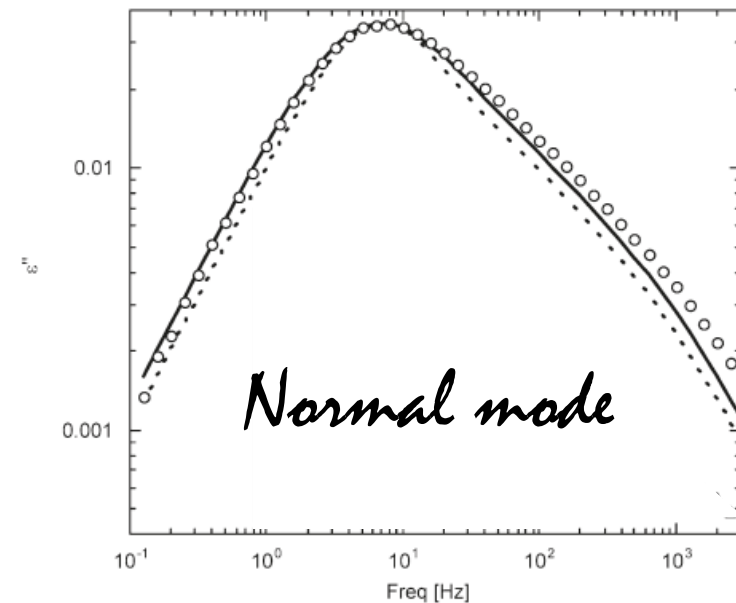


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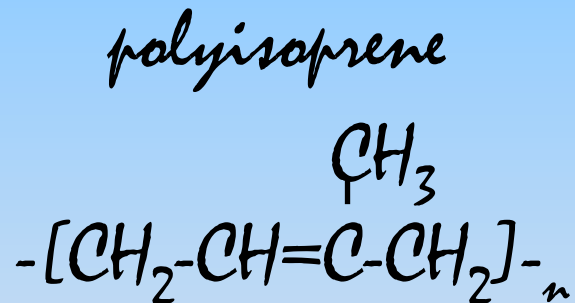
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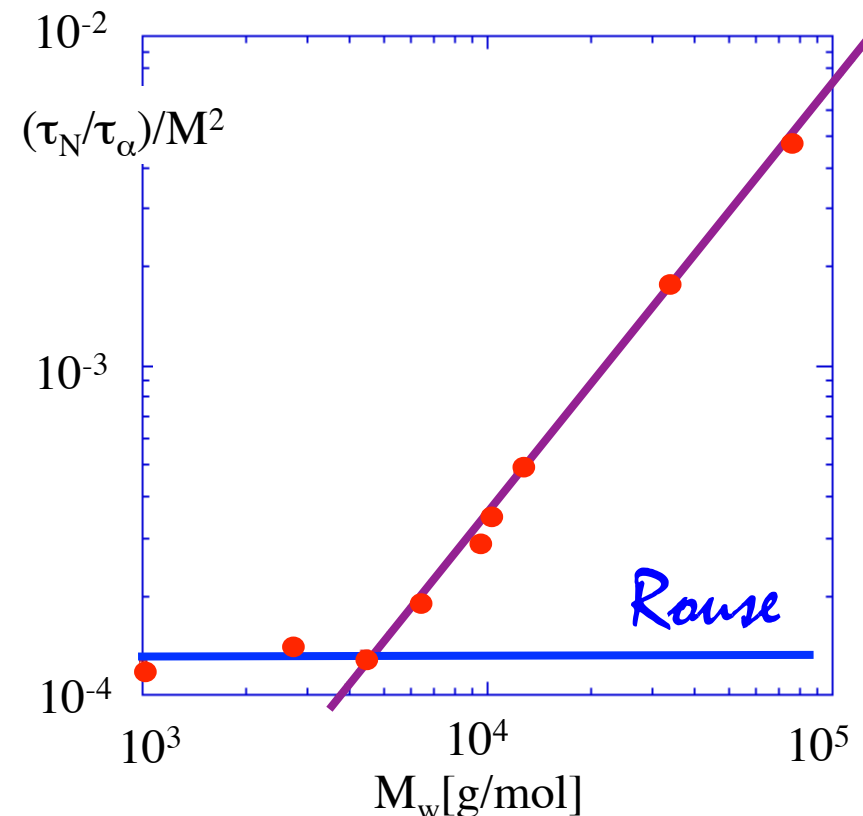
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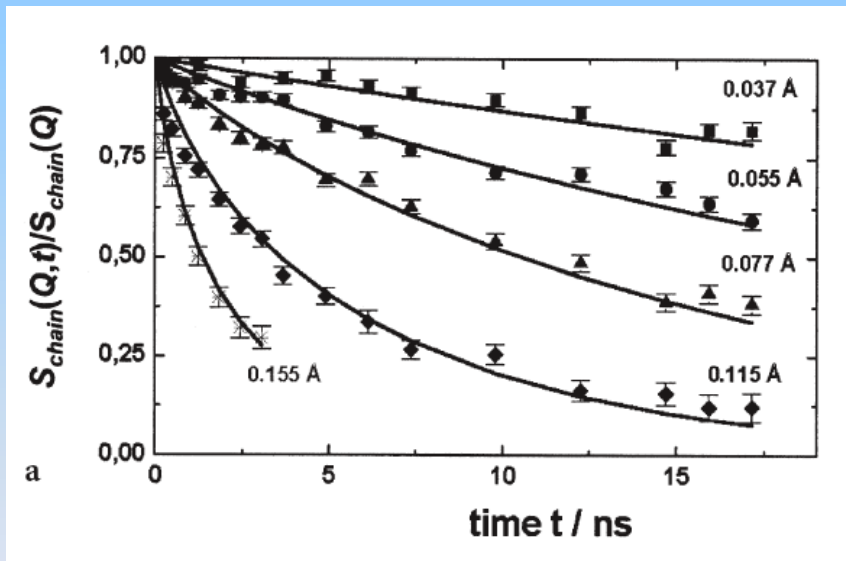


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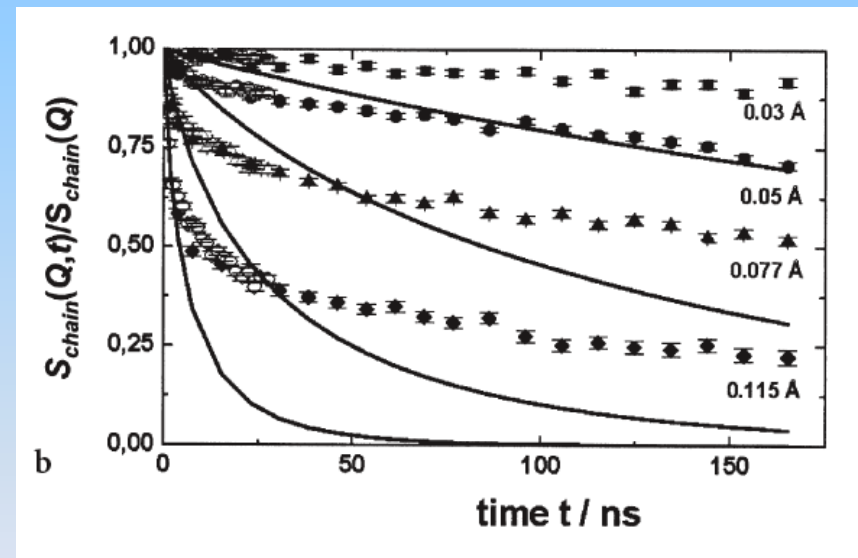
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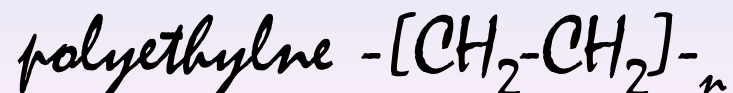
Dynamic structure factor



$$M_w = 2000 g/mol \ (n \sim 70)$$



$$M_w = 14200 g/mol \ (n \sim 500)$$



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SUMMARY

Rouse fails at $M > M_c$

Rouse approximations do not properly describe
the many-body interactions of a melt of long macromolecules



Random forces acting on beads are likely
spatial- and time-correlated!

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Generalized Langevin Equation (GLE)

Models based on GLE: Renormalized Rouse Models (RRM)

$$m \frac{d^2 \vec{r}_j}{dt^2} = - \frac{\partial}{\partial \vec{r}_j} W(\{\vec{r}_i\}) - \sum_n \int_0^t d\tau \Gamma_{jn}^{\alpha\beta}(\tau; t-\tau) v_n^\beta(t-\tau) \vec{e}_\alpha + \vec{F}_j(t)$$

Problems:

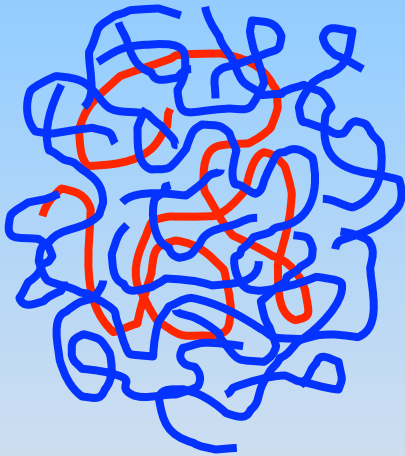
How to construct a Memory function from first principles

Until now only phenomenological approaches

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Entanglements: tube/reptation model

The 'tube' concept

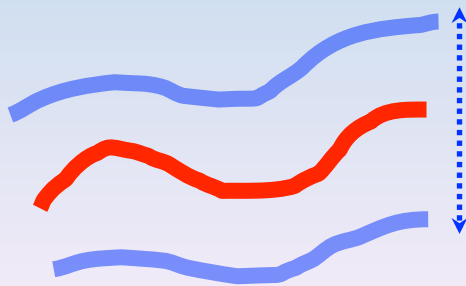


Let's assume:

- tagged chain mobile
- rest of the chains (matrix) fixed



Chain motion restricted to a tube-like region



d Tube diameter $d \sim 2d_{max}$

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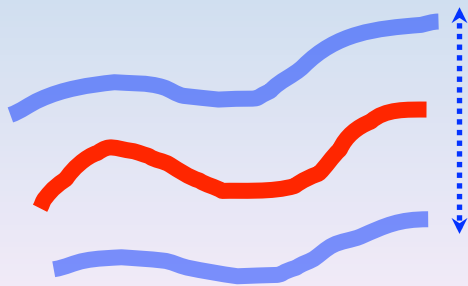
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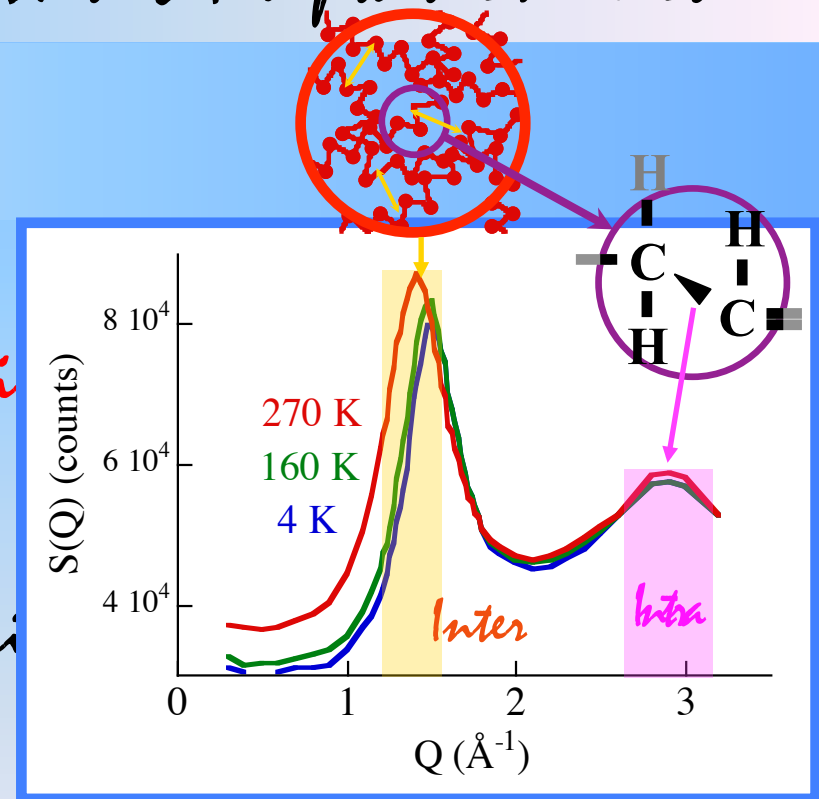


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$$Q_{max} \approx 1 \text{ \AA}^{-1}$$

$$d \approx 6 \text{ \AA}$$

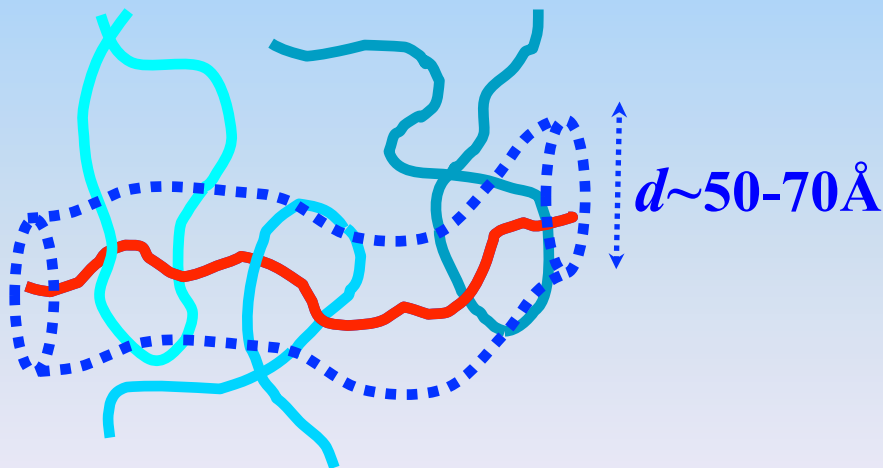


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Edwards & deGennes

Real situation:
all chains move!



Intermolecular interactions,
uncrossability
and chain connectivity



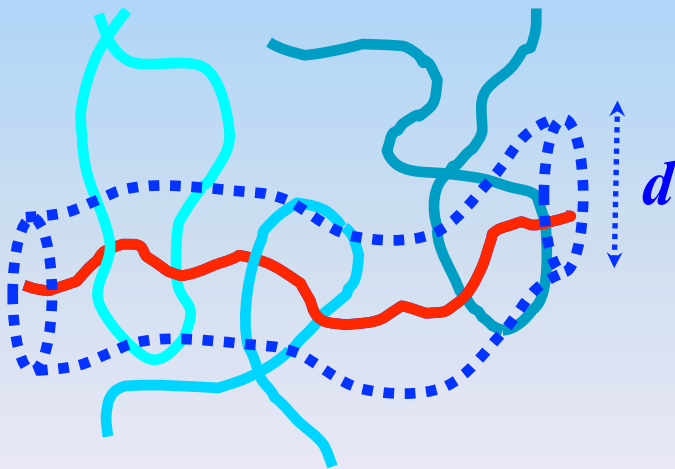
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The 'tube' becomes effective at $t \geq \tau_e$

$$\langle r^2(\tau_e) \rangle \approx d^2 \quad \langle r^2(t) \rangle \propto t^{1/2} \quad (\text{Rouse})$$

$$\Downarrow$$
$$\tau_e \propto d^4 \text{ Independent of } N!!$$

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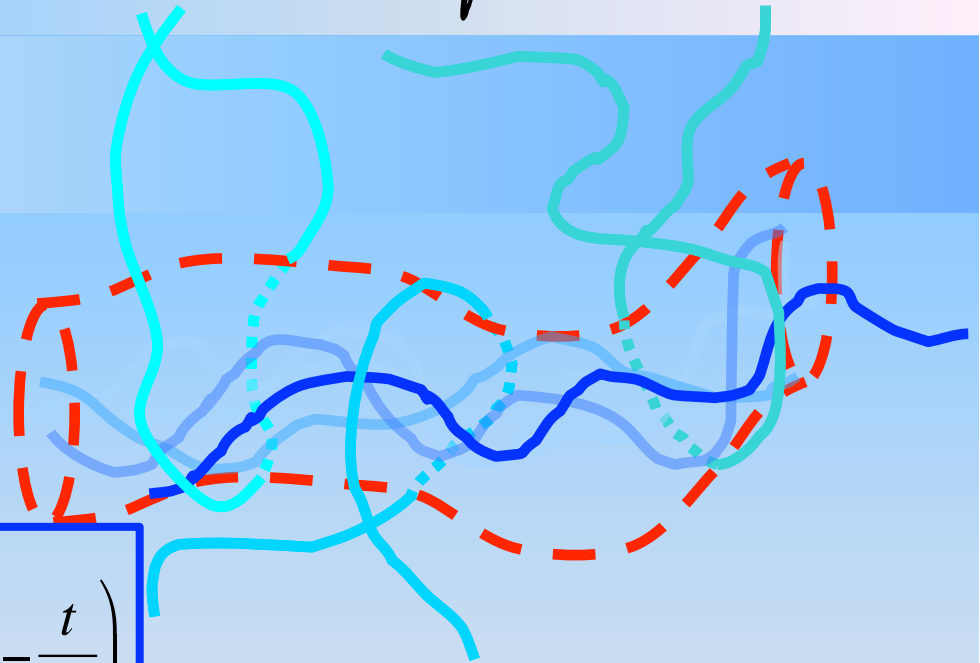
Reptation Model

Following $\langle \vec{R}_N(t) \vec{R}_N(0) \rangle$ by DS

'Survival probability of unrelaxed chain segments within the tube'

$$\mu_D(t) = \frac{\langle \vec{R}_N(t) \vec{R}_N(0) \rangle}{\langle \vec{R}_N^2(0) \rangle} = \frac{8}{\pi^2} \sum_{p:\text{odd}} \frac{1}{p^2} \exp\left(-\frac{t}{\tau_d}\right)$$

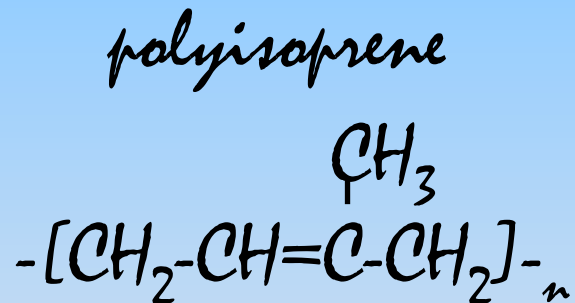
Formally equal to the
Rouse expression but with $\tau_d \propto N^3$



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Crossover from Rouse to Reptation

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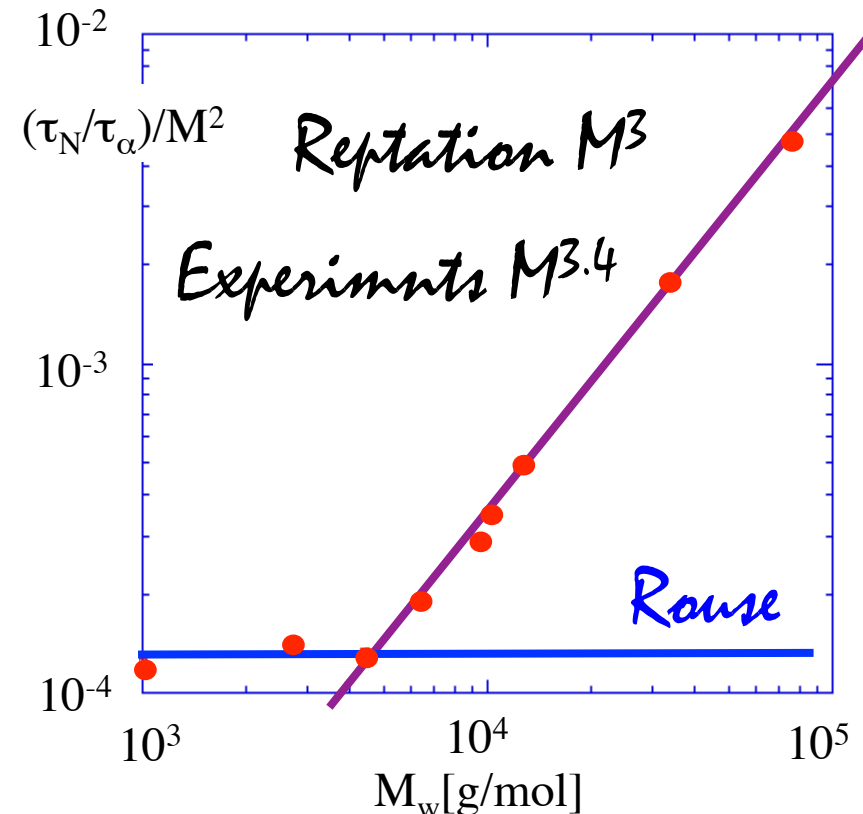
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High molecular weight crossover: Pure Reptation ?

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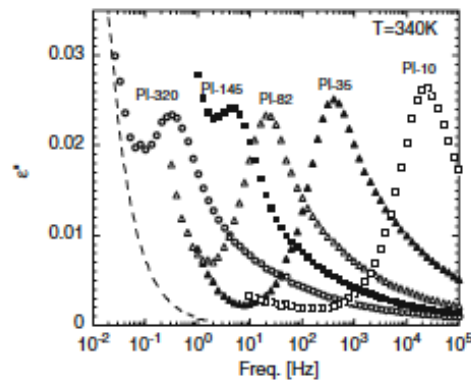
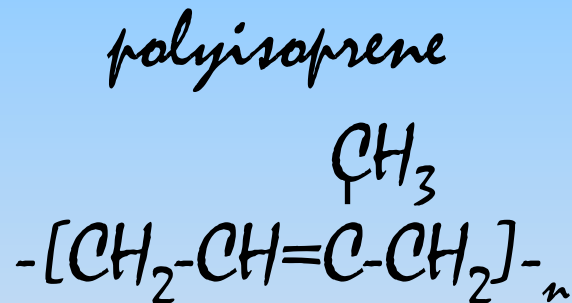
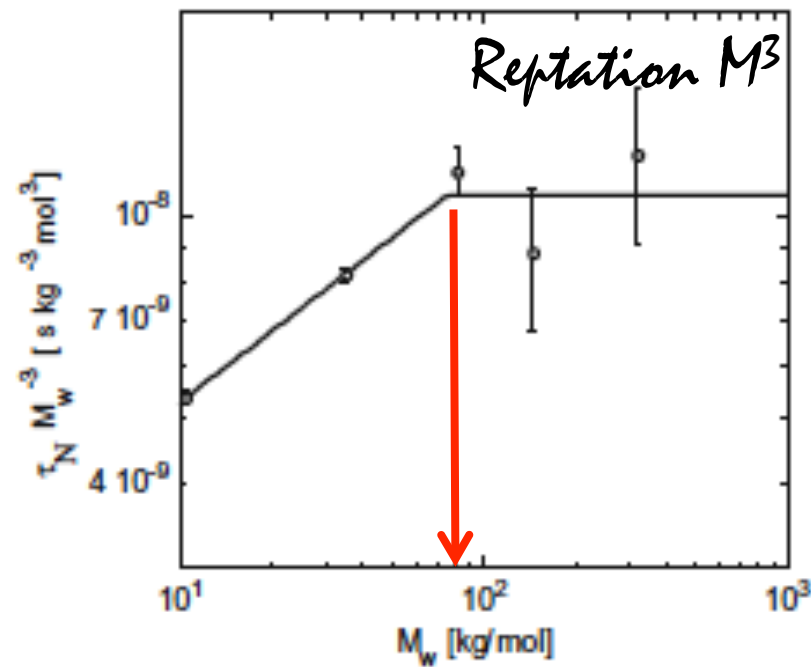


Fig. 3 Normal mode of the high molecular weight PI samples. Dashed line represents the calculated conductivity contribution to the dielectric losses for the PI-320 sample

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Summary

- Tube/reptation models capture the main entanglement effects
- Corrections are usually needed to describe experimental data:
 - Contour length fluctuations
 - Constraint release
 - ...
- However, whether the tube picture is indeed correct still remains a matter for debate

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Temperature dependence

Following $\langle \vec{R}_N(t) \vec{R}_N(0) \rangle$ by DS and TSDC

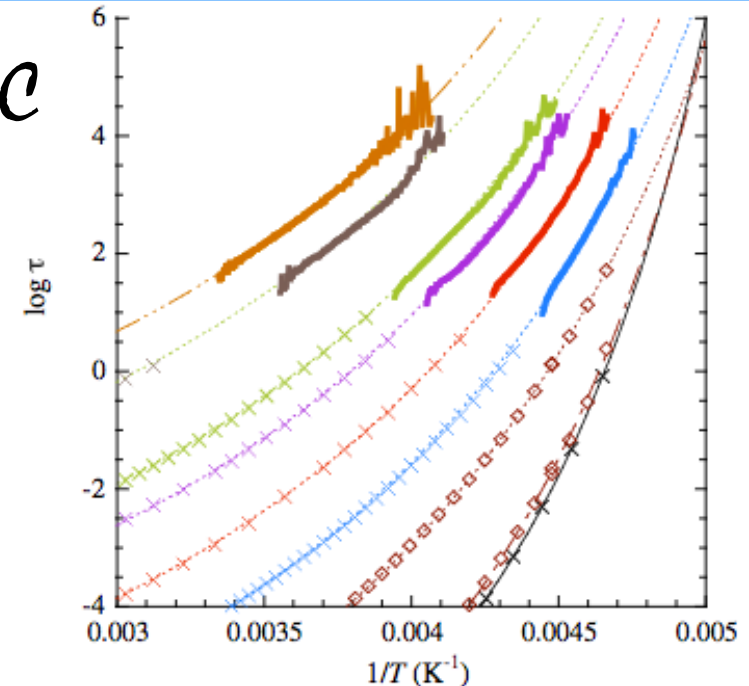
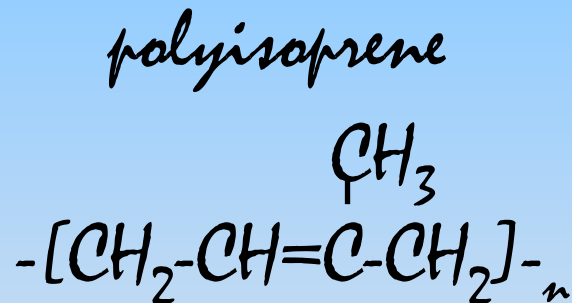


FIG. 2 (color online). From left to right: Times for chain relaxation of PI400 ($M_w = 400$ kDa), PI320 ($M_w = 320.2$ kDa), PI82 ($M_w = 82$ kDa), PI53 ($M_w = 53$ kDa), PI19 ($M_w = 19$ kDa), PI10 ($M_w = 10.5$ kDa), PI1 ($M_w = 1.2$ kDa), and α relaxation of PI1 and PI82. Data for PI1 were shifted -0.0004 in the x axis. Thick lines: times by TSDC curve analysis. Crosses $\times$ ($\diamond$ for PI1): times by BDS. Thin lines: fits of BDS times to a WLF (chain) or Vogel-Fulcher-Tammann equation [21] (α relaxation; dashed line for PI1 and solid line for PI82).

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polyisoprene

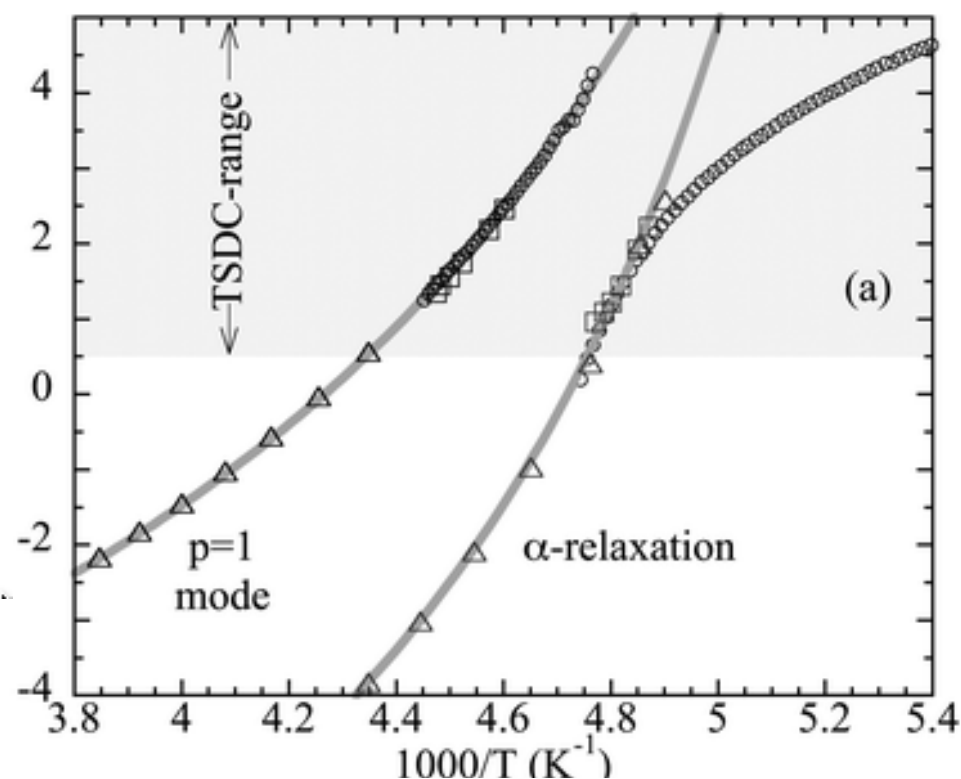
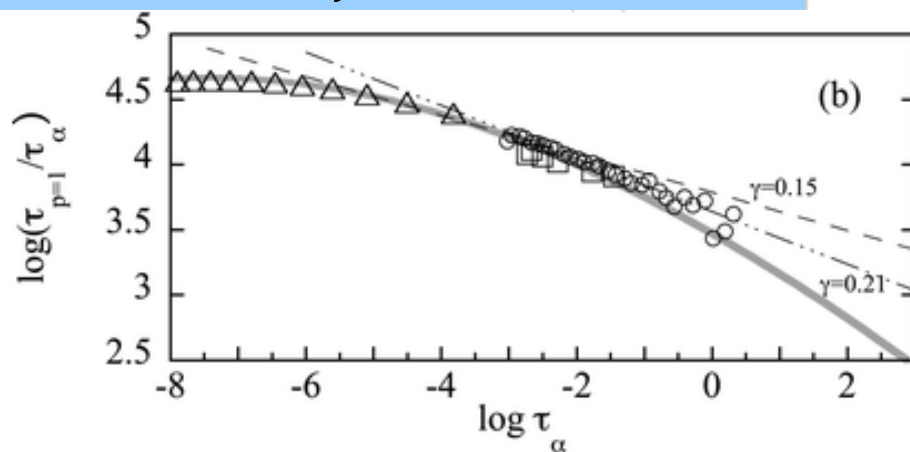


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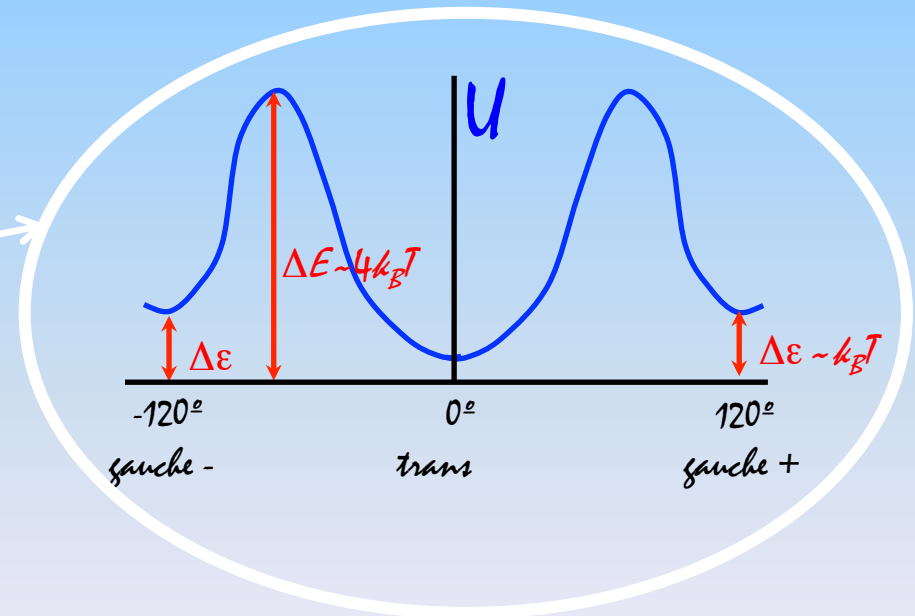
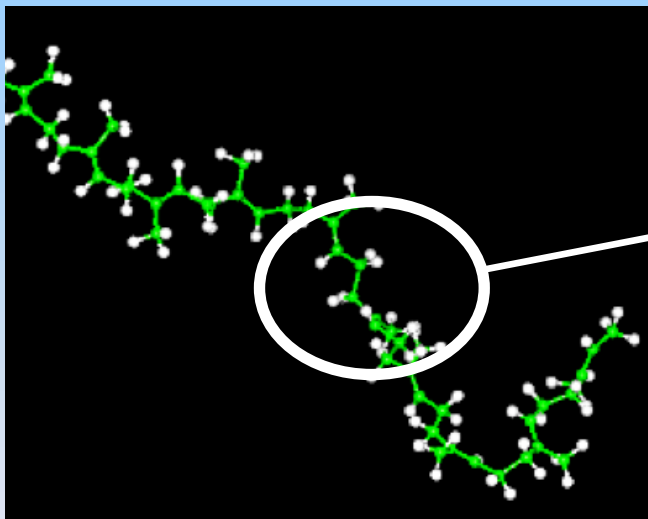


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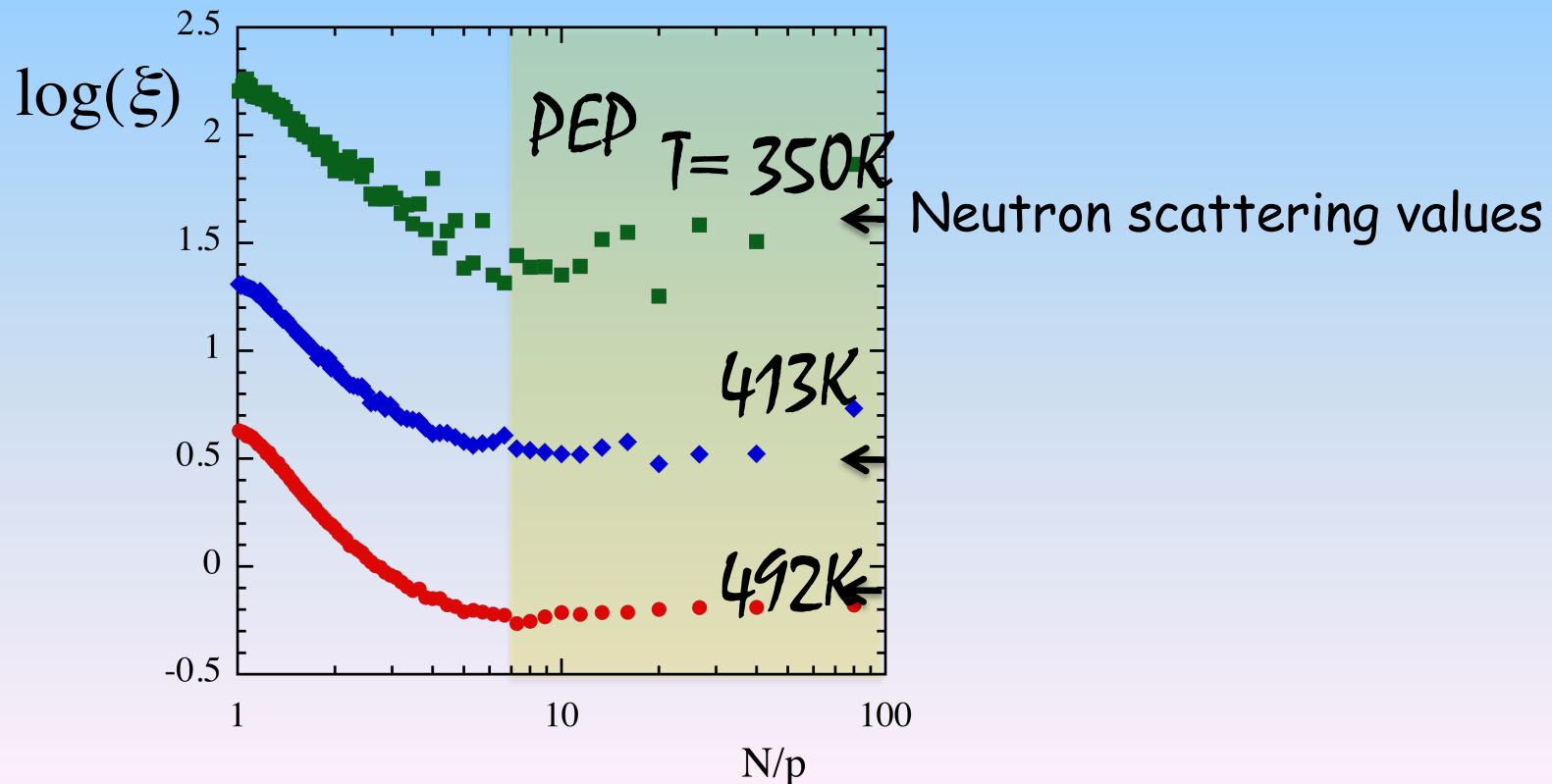


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Friction depends on the wavelength of chain modes



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Advanced Topics

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- Normal Mode under confinement
- Normal Mode in nanocomposites
- Type A polymers with non-linear architectures

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