

Physical mechanisms in the spectral range of Broadband Dielectric Spectroscopy - dielectric relaxation, (ionic) charge transport and electrode polarisation

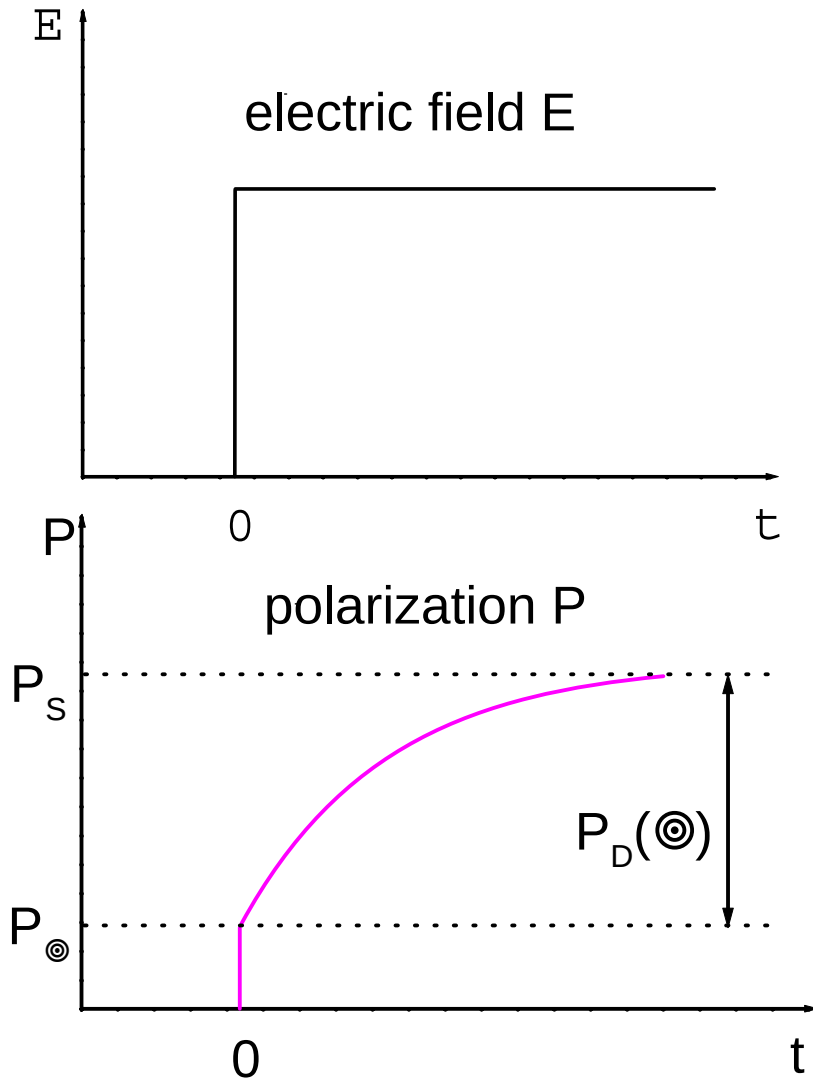
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1. Dielectric relaxation
2. (ionic) charge transport
3. Electrode polarisation

(in all the following considerations a **homogeneous** system is assumed)

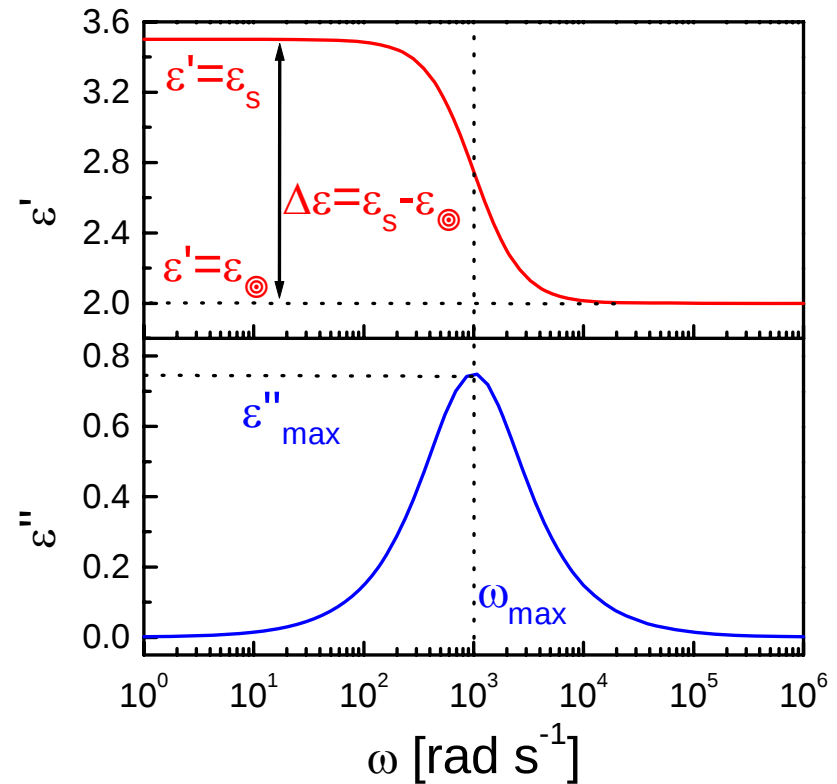
Dielectric spectroscopy



complex dielectric function $\epsilon^*(\omega, T)$

$$P(\omega, T) = (\epsilon^*(\omega, T) - 1) E(\omega)$$

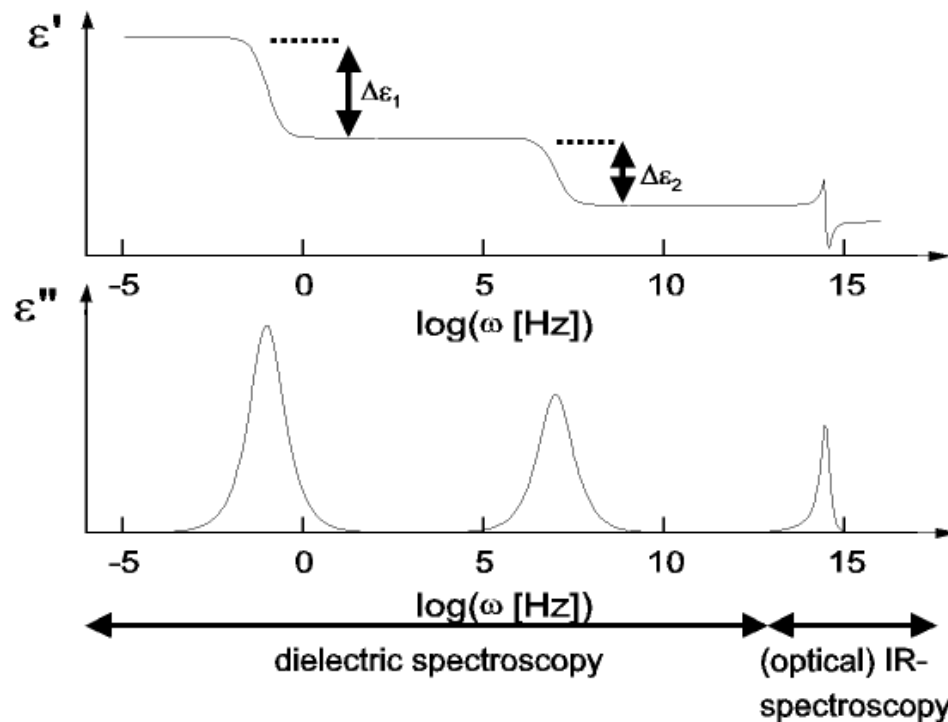
Debye relaxation $\epsilon^* = \epsilon_{\infty} + \frac{\epsilon_s - \epsilon_{\infty}}{1 + i\omega\tau}$



$$\epsilon'(\omega) = \epsilon_{\infty} + \frac{\epsilon_s - \epsilon_{\infty}}{1 + (\omega\tau)^2}$$

$$\epsilon''(\omega) = \frac{\epsilon_s - \epsilon_{\infty}}{1 + (\omega\tau)^2} \omega\tau$$

Broadband dielectric measurement techniques



Dual-phase lock-in amplifier (SR 830) ($10^{-3}\text{Hz} - 10^5\text{Hz}$)

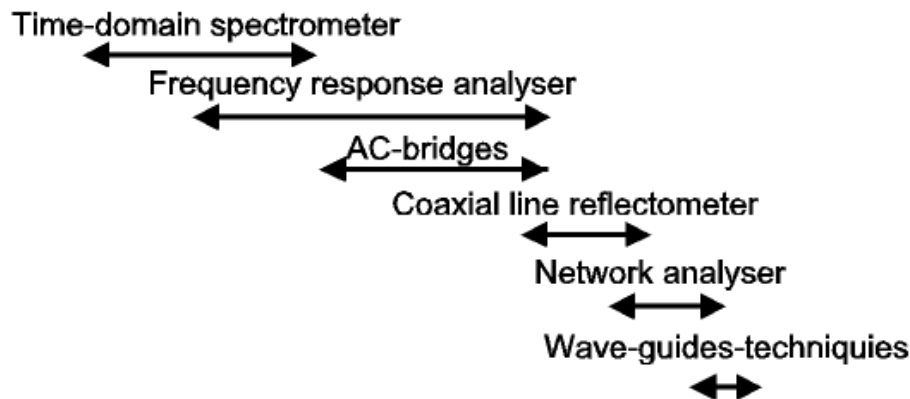
Impedance analyser (HP 4284 A) ($20 \text{ Hz} - 10^6\text{Hz}$)

Frequency-response-analyser (SI 1260) ($10^{-4}\text{Hz} - 10^7\text{Hz}$)

Coaxial line reflectometer (HP 4291 A) ($10^6\text{Hz} - 10^9\text{Hz}$)

(Sample amount required $<5\text{mg}$)

Measurement techniques:

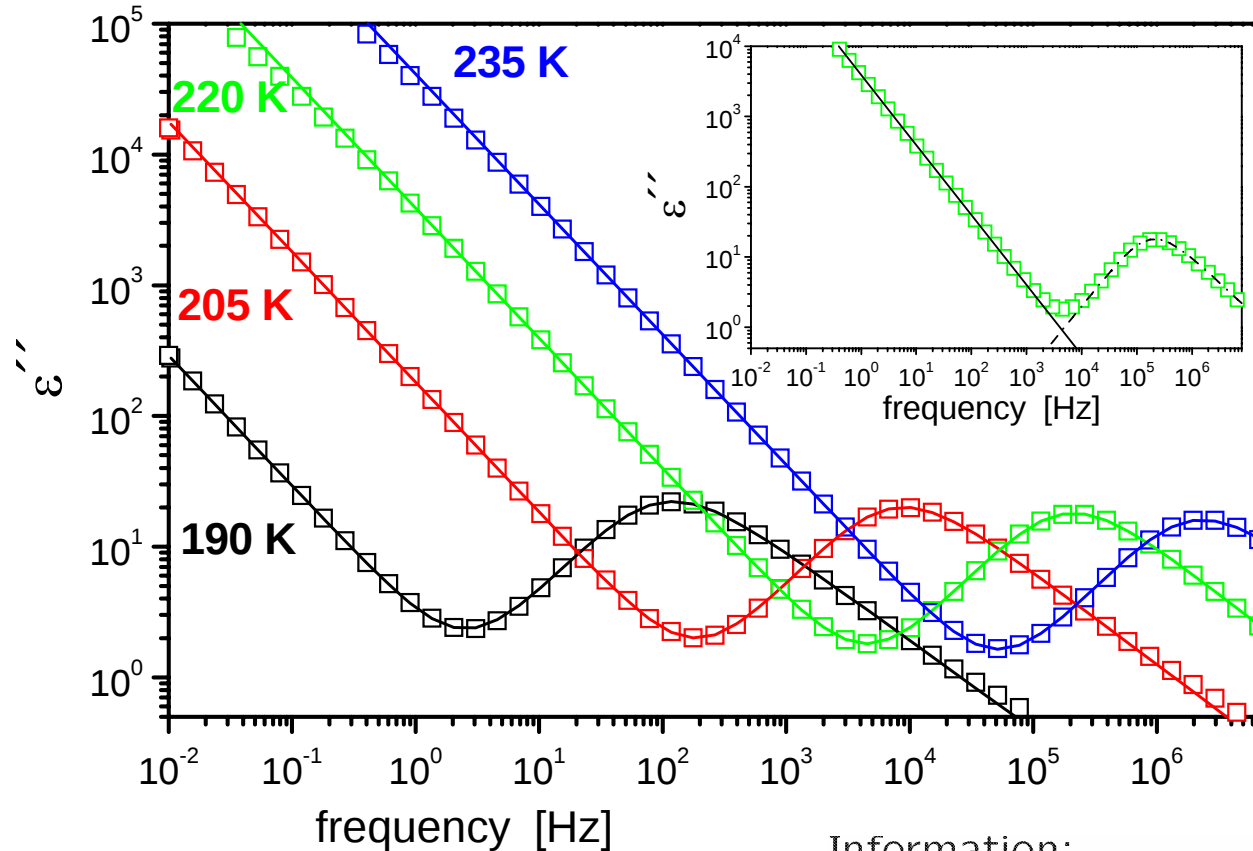


1. Dielectric relaxation

(**rotational diffusion** of bound charge carriers (dipoles) as determined from orientational polarisation)

Analysis of the dielectric data

propylene glycol



Information:

Havriliak-Negami fit function:

$$\epsilon'' = \underbrace{\frac{\sigma_0}{\epsilon_0} \cdot \frac{a}{\omega^s}}_{\text{conductivity}} - \underbrace{\Im \left[\frac{\Delta\epsilon}{(1 + (i\omega\tau)^\alpha)^\gamma} \right]}_{\text{Havriliak-Negami fit}}$$

- relaxation time τ
- relaxation time distribution $g(\tau)$, parameters α and γ
- dielectric strength $\Delta\epsilon \propto n \cdot \frac{\mu^2}{3kT}$

Relaxation time distribution functions according to Havriliak-Negami

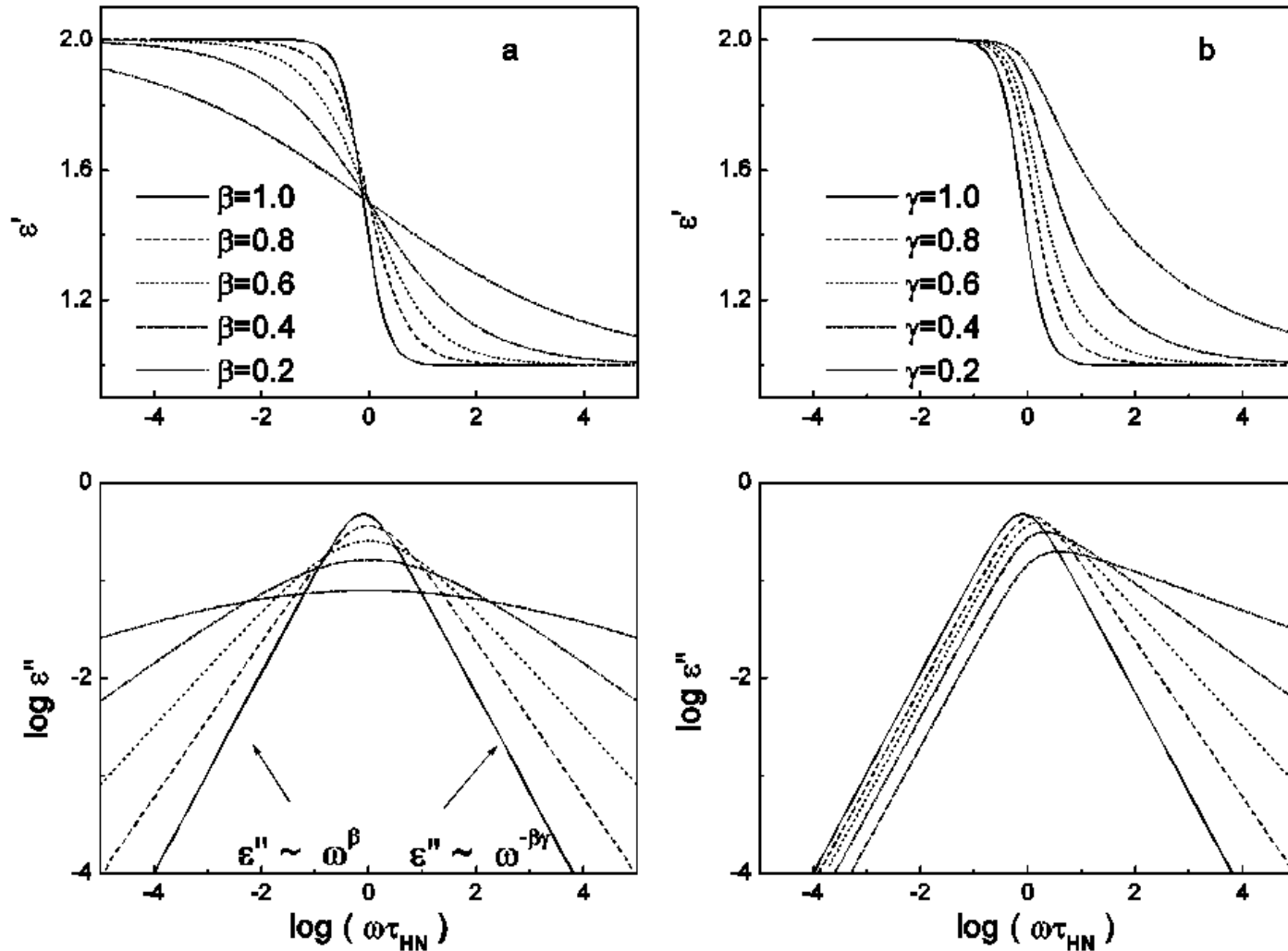
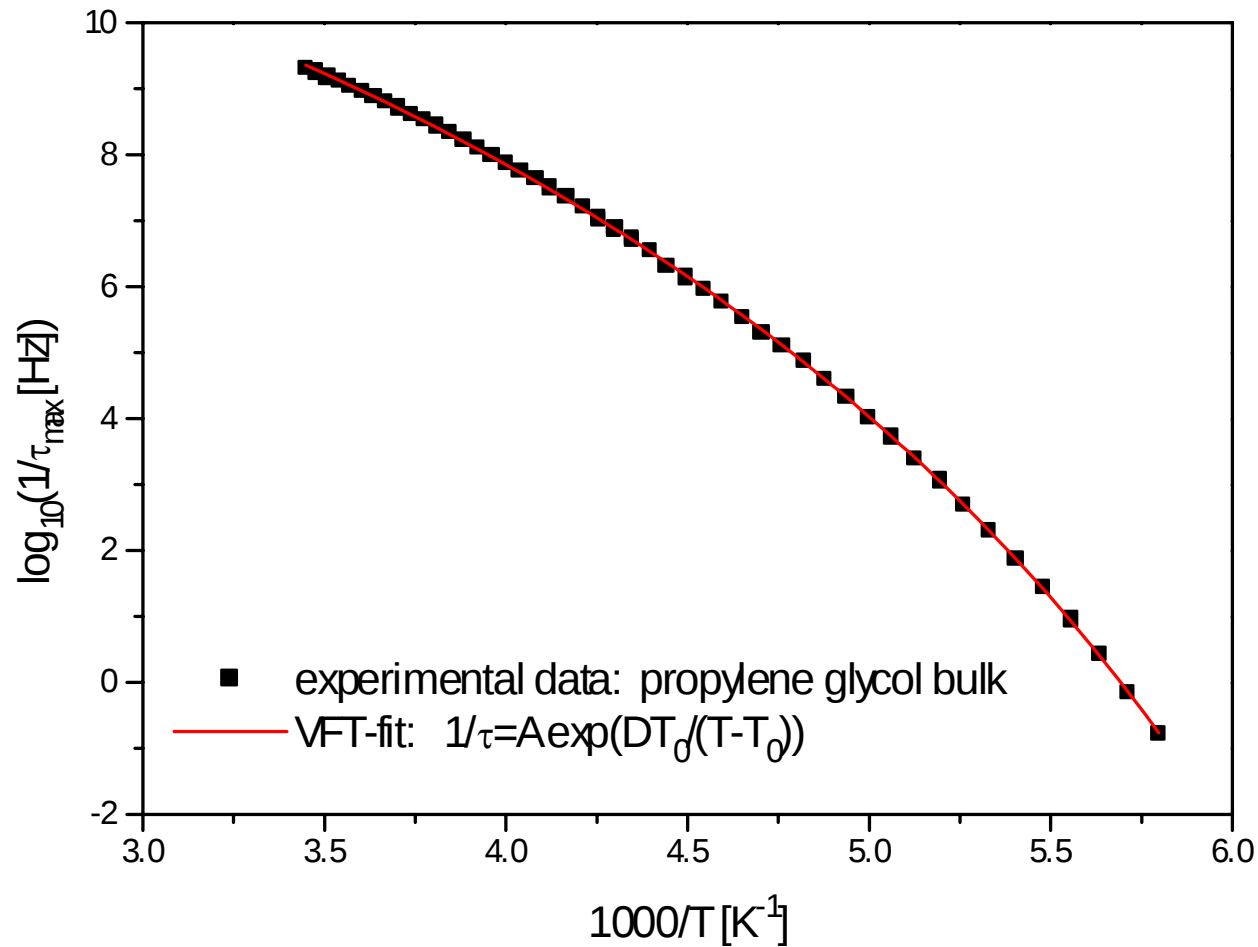


Fig. 3.3

Analysis of the dielectric data



Information:

- type of thermal activation (VFT -or Arrhenius-like)

Summary concerning Broadband Dielectric Spectroscopy (BDS) as applied to dielectric relaxations

- 1.: BDS covers a **huge spectral range** of about 15 decades from THz to below mHz in a wide range of temperatures.
- 2.: The **sample amount** required for a measurement can be reduced to that of **isolated molecules**.
- 3.: From dielectric spectra the **relaxation rate** of fluctuations of a **permanent molecular dipole** and its **relaxation time distribution** function can be deduced. The dielectric strength allows to determine the **effective number-density of dipoles**.
- 4.: From the temperature dependence of the relaxation rate the **type of thermal activation** (Arrhenius or Vogel-Fulcher-Tammann (VFT)) can be deduced.

2. (ionic) charge transport

(**translational** diffusion of charge carriers (ions))

Basic relations between the complex dielectric function ε^* and the complex conductivity σ^*

The *linear* interaction of electromagnetic fields with matter is described by **Maxwell's equations**

$$\text{curl } H = j + \frac{\partial D}{\partial t}$$

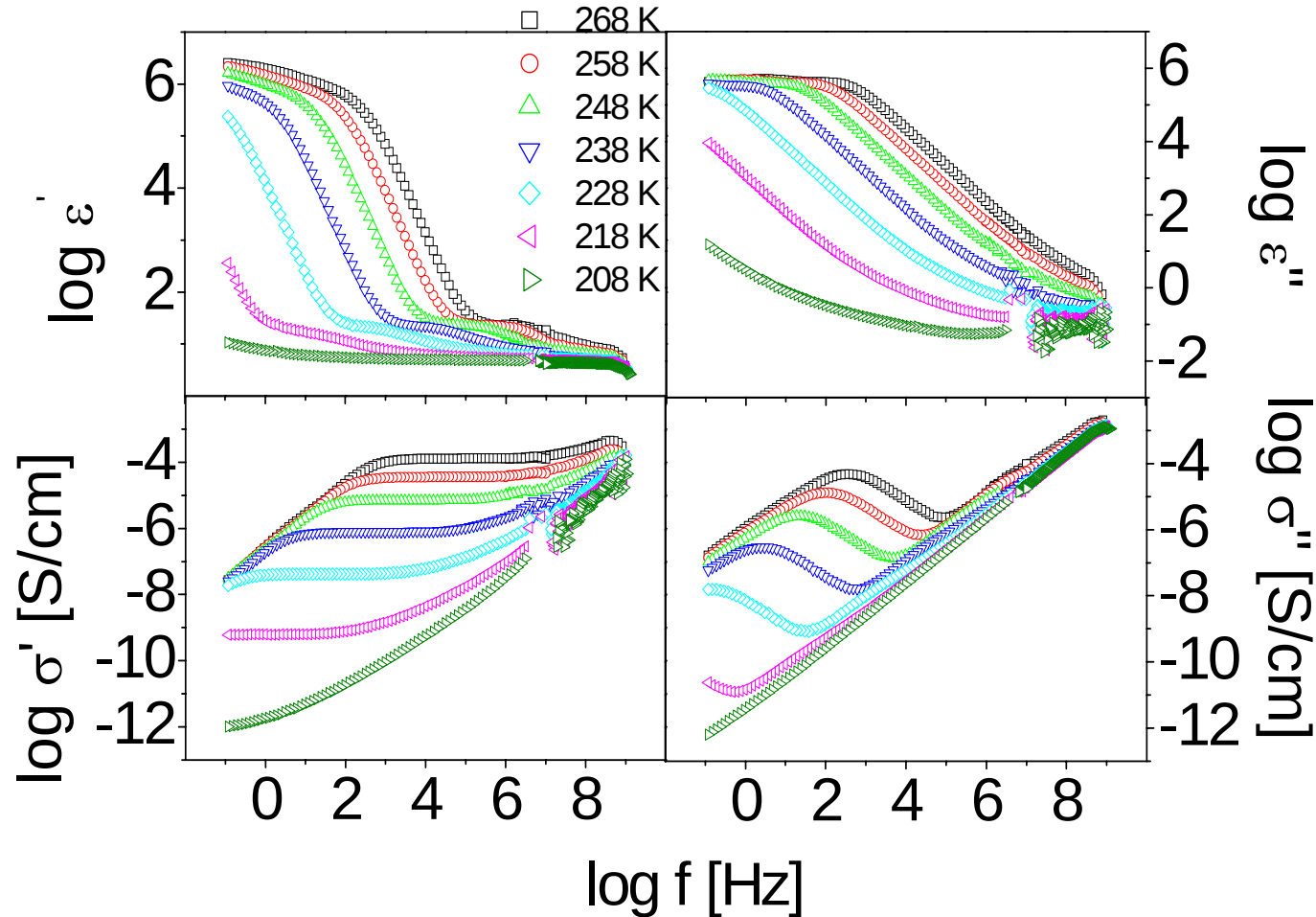
$$D = \varepsilon^* \varepsilon_0 E \qquad j = \sigma^* E \quad (\text{Ohm's law})$$

(Current-density and the time derivative of D are equivalent)

$$\varepsilon^*(\omega) = \varepsilon' - i\varepsilon'' \qquad \sigma^*(\omega) = \sigma' + i\sigma''$$

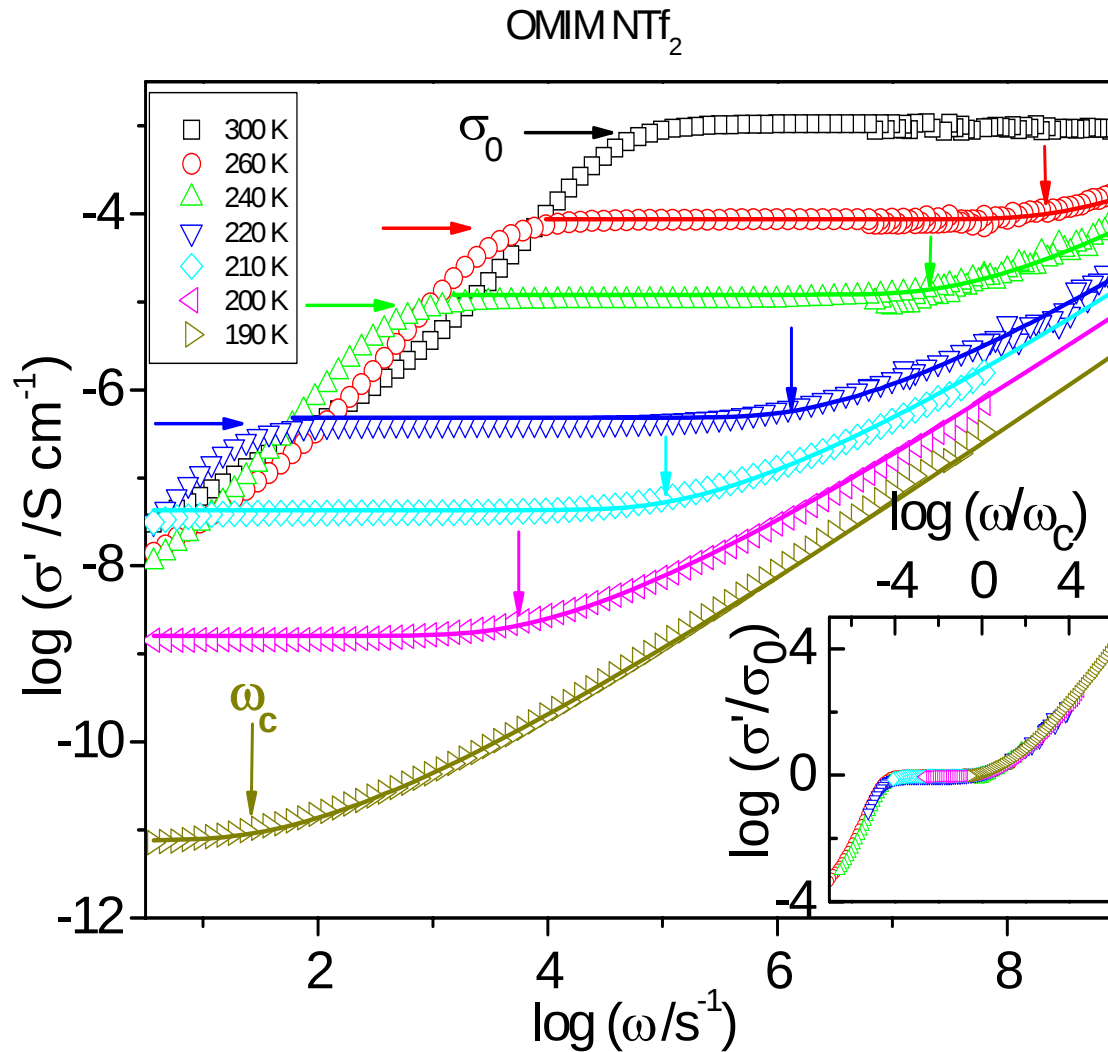
$$\sigma^* = i\omega\varepsilon_0\varepsilon^*$$

Dielectric spectra of MMIM Me₂PO₄ ionic liquid



Strong temperature dependence of the charge transport processes and electrode polarisation

$\sigma'(T, \omega)$ for the ionic liquid (OMIM NTf₂)



There are **two characteristic quantities σ_0 and ω_c** which enable one to scale all spectra!

Basic relations between rotational and translational diffusion

Stokes-Einstein relation:

$$D = kT / \zeta$$

D: diffusion coefficient, $\zeta (=6\pi \eta a)$: frictional coefficient, T: temperature, k: Boltzmann constant, a: radius of molecule

Maxwell's relation:

$$\eta = \tau_{\eta} G^{\infty}$$

G_{∞} : instantaneous shear modulus ($\sim 10^8 - 10^{10}$ Pa)

η : viscosity, τ_{η} : structural relaxation time

Einstein-Smoluchowski relation:

$$D = \frac{\lambda^2 \omega_c}{2}$$

λ : characteristic (diffusion) length

ω_c : characteristic (diffusion) rate

Basic electrodynamics and Einstein relation:

$$\sigma_0 = q\mu n = n \frac{q^2 D}{kT} \Rightarrow \sigma_0 \propto \omega_c$$

σ_0 : dc conductivity, μ : mobility ; q: elementary charge, n: effective number density of charge carriers

Predictions **to be checked experimentally**:

1.: $\omega_c = P \omega_\eta$

ω_c : characteristic (diffusion) rate

ω_η : structural relaxation rate

G_∞ : instantaneous shear modulus ($\sim 10^8$ Pa for ILs),

$$P = \frac{kT}{2\pi^2 G_\infty \lambda^2 a_s}$$

a_s : Stokes' hydrodynamic radius $\sim \lambda$,

k : Boltzmann constant,

2.: $D = \frac{\lambda^2 \omega_c}{2}$

λ : characteristic diffusion length $\sim .2$ nm

D : molecular diffusion coefficient

3.: $\sigma_0 \sim \omega_c$

(Barton-Nakajima-Namikawa (BNN) relation)

Measurement techniques required: Broadband Dielectric Spectroscopy (BDS); Pulsed Field Gradient (PFG)-NMR; viscosity measurements;

1. Prediction: $\omega_c = P \omega_\eta$ **with $P \sim 1$**

**Broadband Dielectric
Spectroscopy
(BDS)**

Mechanical Spectroscopy

ω_c : characteristic (diffusion) rate

ω_η : structural relaxation rate

G_∞ : instantaneous shear modulus ($\sim 10^8$ Pa for ILs),

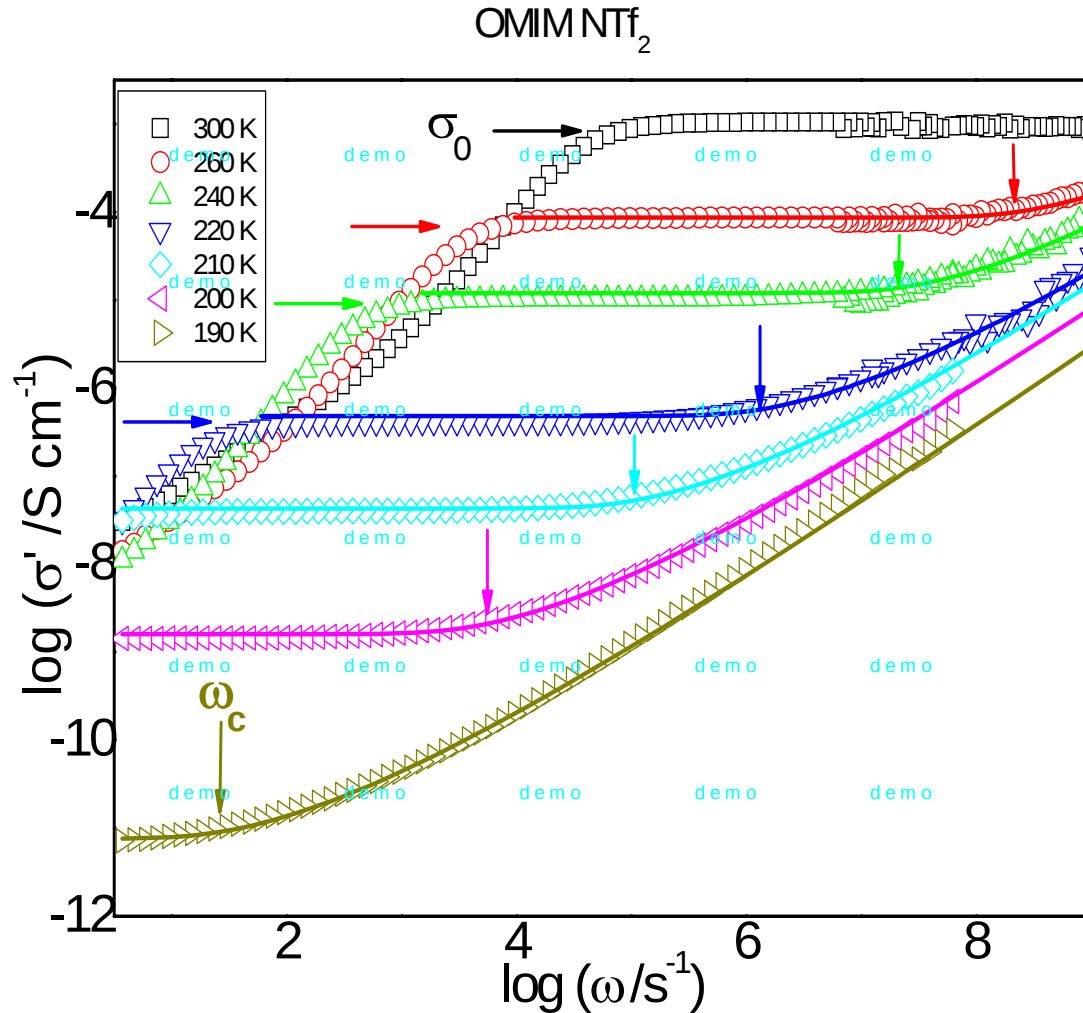
Random Barrier Model (Jeppe Dyre et al.)

- Hopping conduction in a **spatially randomly varying energy landscape**
- Analytic solution obtained within Continuous-Time-Random Walk (CTRW) approximation
- The largest energy barrier determines Dc conduction
- The complex conductivity is described by:

$$\sigma(\omega) = \sigma_0 \left(\frac{i\omega\tau_e}{\ln(1+i\omega\tau_e)} \right)$$

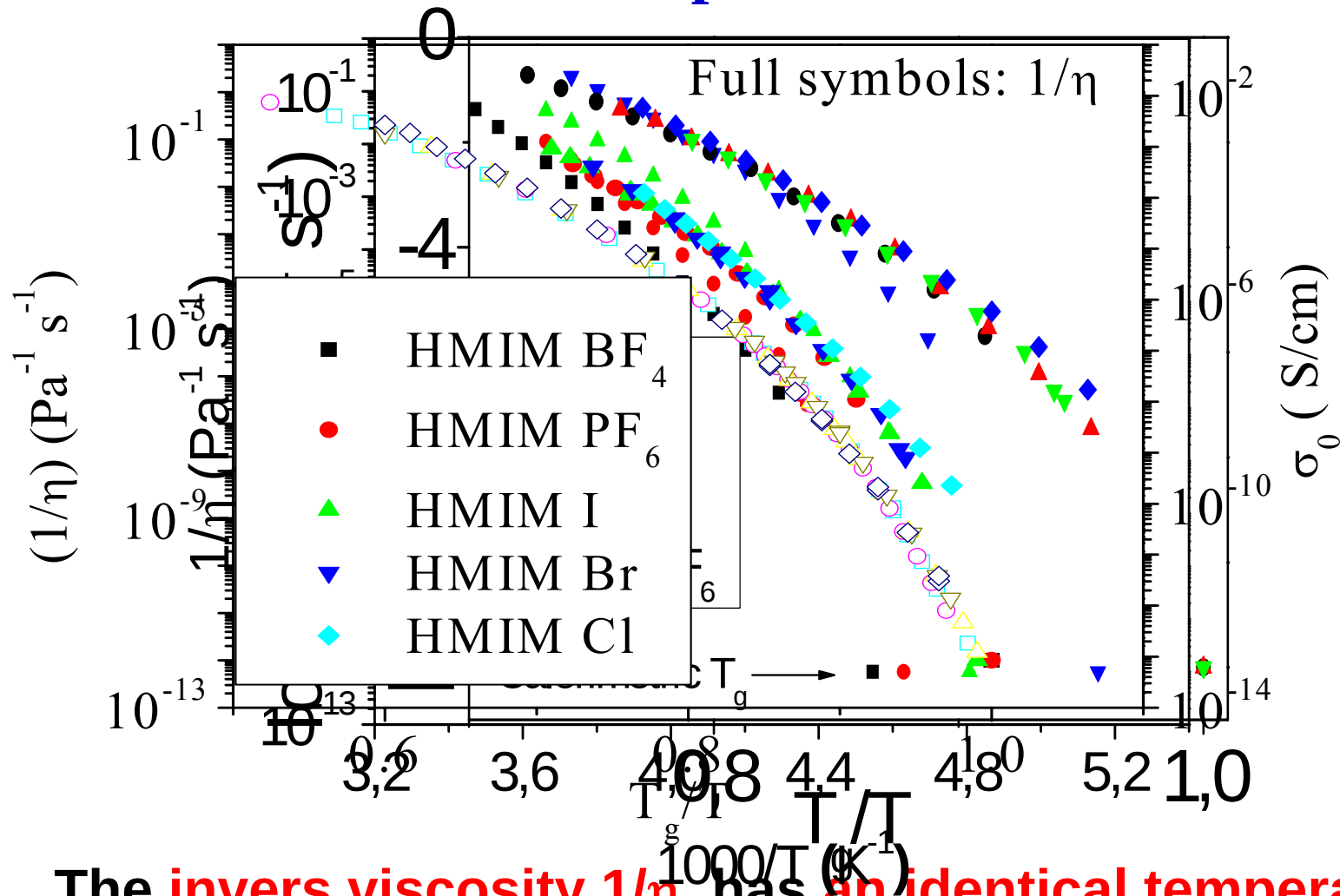
τ_e is the characteristic time related to the attempt frequency to overcome the largest barrier determining the Dc conductivity. **„Hopping time“**.

Random Barrier Model (RBM) used to fit the conductivity spectra of ionic liquid (MMIM Me₂PO₄)



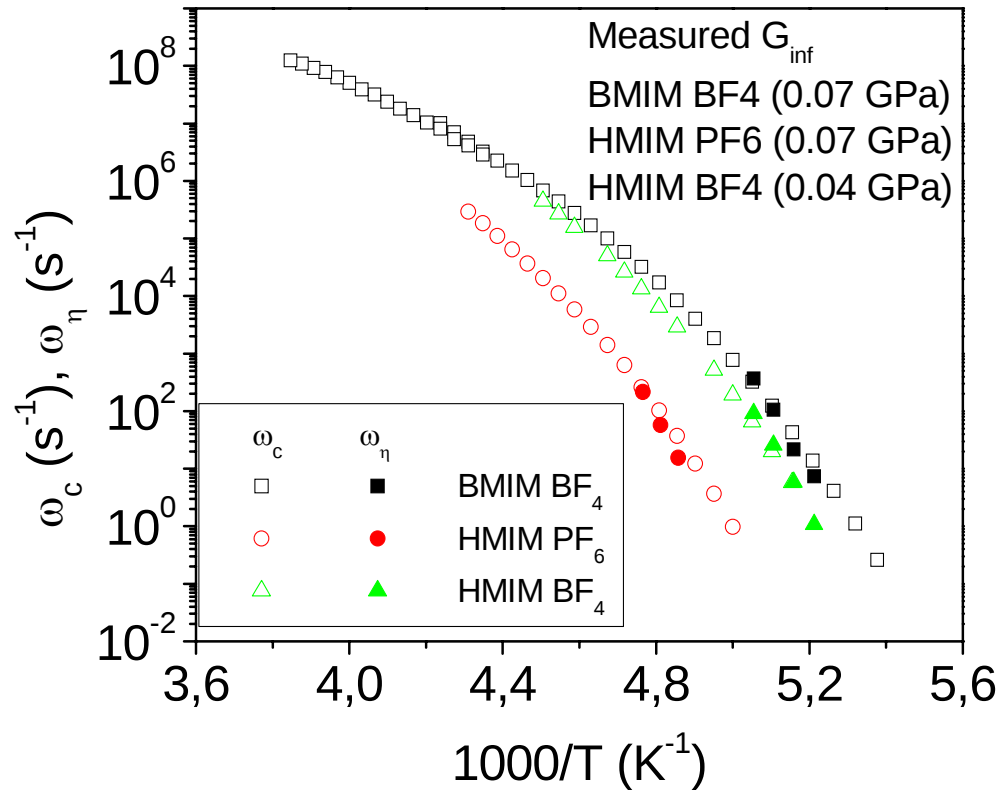
The RBM fits quantitatively the data; $\omega_c = 1/\tau_e$

Scaling of invers viscosity $1/\eta$ and conductivity σ_0 with temperature



The **invers viscosity $1/\eta$** has an identical temperature dependence as **σ_0** and **scales with T_g** .

Correlation between translational and rotational diffusion



Stokes-Einstein, Einstein-Smoluchowski and Maxwell relations:

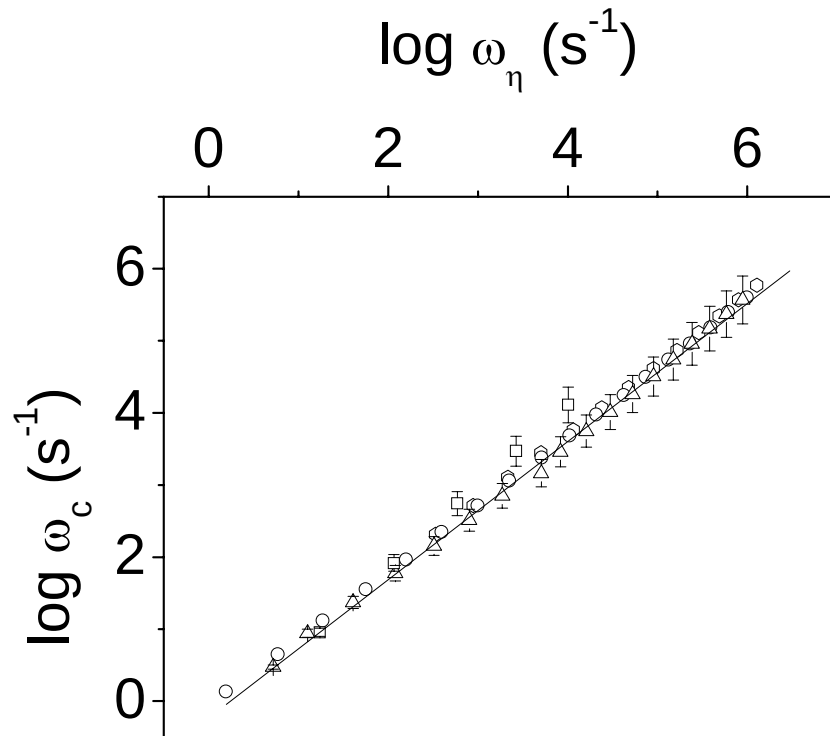
$$\omega_c = P \omega_\eta$$

$$P = \frac{kT}{2G_\infty \pi^2 G_\infty \lambda^2 a_s} \simeq 1$$

Typically: $G_\infty \simeq 0.1$ GPa; $\lambda \simeq .2$ nm; $a_s \simeq .1$ nm;

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Prediction checked experimentally:

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($\sim 10^8$ Pa for ILs),

a_s : Stokes' hydrodynamic radius $\sim \lambda$,

k : Boltzmann constant,

λ : characteristic diffusion
length $\sim .2$ nm

2. Prediction: $D(T) = \frac{\lambda^2}{2\tau_e(T)} \sim \omega_c$

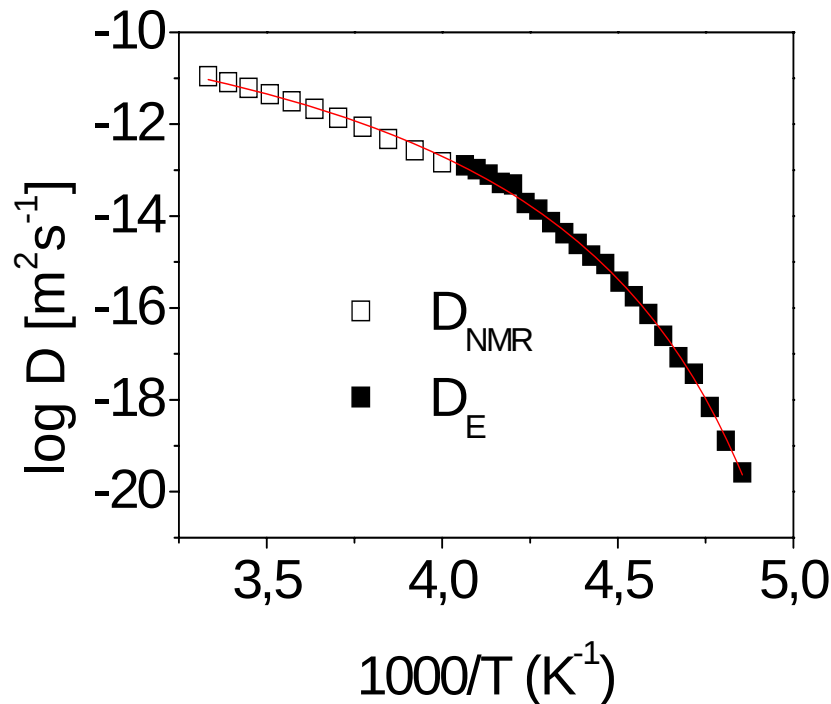
Pulsed-Field-Gradient NMR

**Broadband Dielectric Spectroscopy
(BDS)**

Comparison with Pulsed-Field-Gradient NMR and determination of diffusion coefficients from dielectric spectra

Based on Einstein-Smoluchowski relation and using PFG NMR measurements of the diffusion coefficients enables one to **determine** the diffusion length λ :

$$D(T) = \frac{\lambda^2}{2\tau_e(T)} \sim \omega_c$$



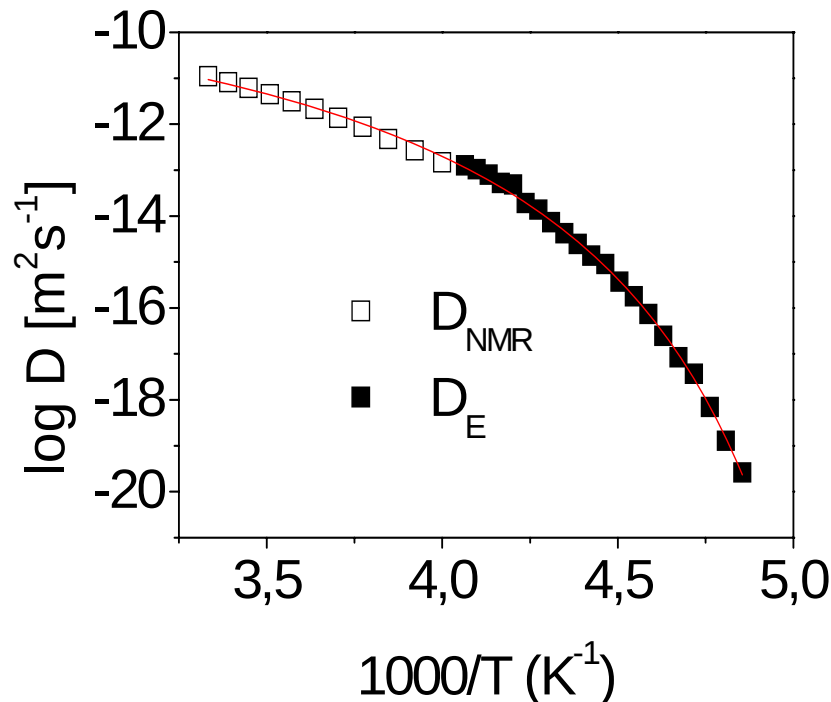
Quantitative agreement between PFG-NMR measurements and the dielectric determination of diffusion coefficients. Hence **mass diffusion** (PFG-NMR) **equals charge transport** (BDS)..

Comparison with Pulsed-Field-Gradient NMR and determination of diffusion coefficients from dielectric spectra

From Einstein-Smoluchowski and basic electrodynamic definitions it follows:

$$\sigma_0(T) = n(T)q\mu(T) = n(T)q \frac{qD(T)}{kT} = \frac{n(T)q^2}{kT} \frac{\lambda^2}{2\tau_e(T)} \sim \omega_c$$

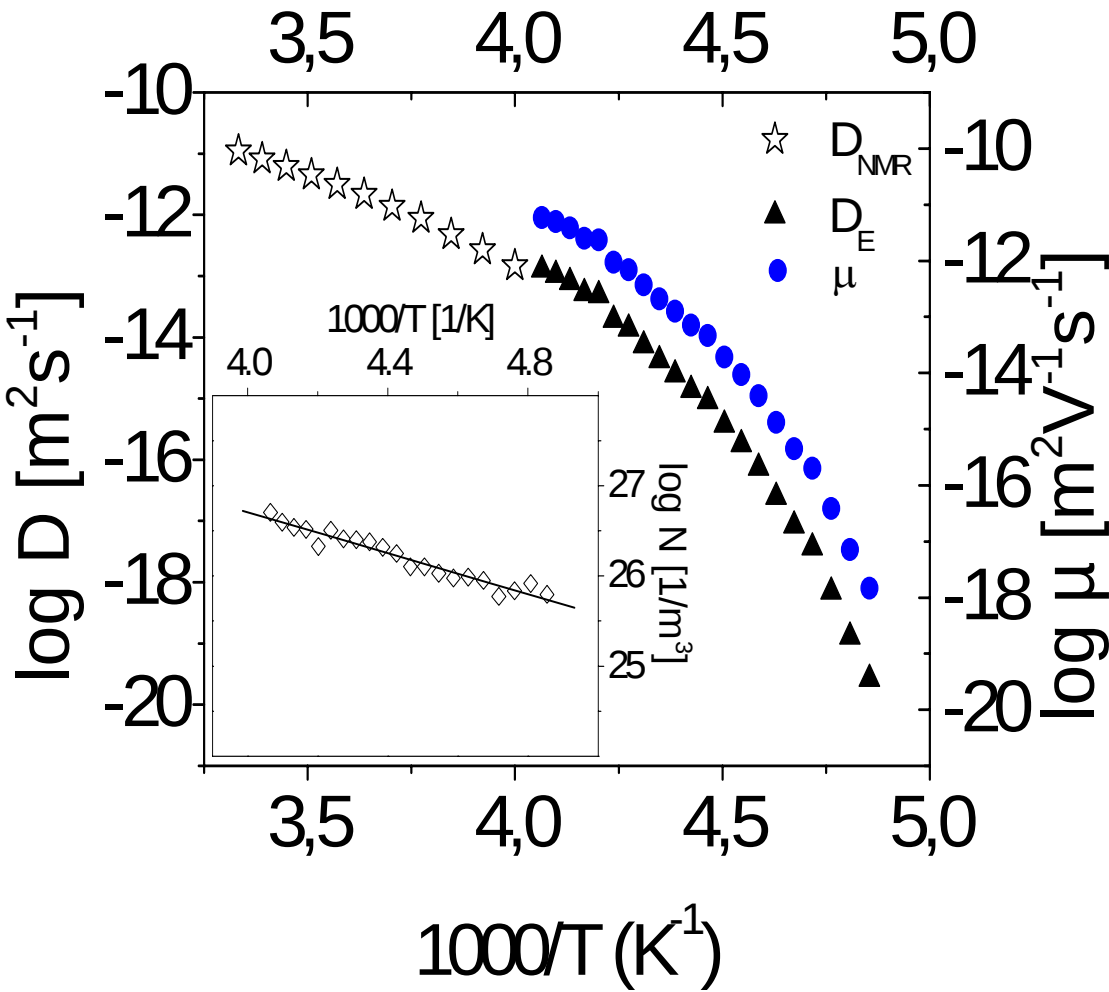
($n(T)$: number-density of charge carriers; $\mu(T)$: mobility of charge carriers)



1. The **separation of $n(T)$ and $\mu(T)$** from $\sigma_0(T)$ is readily possible.
2. The empirical **BNN-relation** is an **immediate consequence**.

Separation of $n(T)$ and $\mu(T)$ from $\sigma_0(T)$

MMIM Me₂PO₄



1.: $\mu(T)$ shows a VFT temperature dependence

2.: $n(T)$ shows Arrhenius-type temperature dependence

3.: the $\sigma_0(T)$ derives its dependence from $\mu(T)$

Predictions **checked** experimentally:

$$2.: D = \frac{\lambda^2 \omega_c}{2}$$

ω_c : characteristic (diffusion) rate

λ : characteristic diffusion length $\sim .2$ nm

D : molecular diffusion coefficient

σ_0 : Dc conductivity

Applying the Einstein-Smoluchowski relation enables one to deduce the root mean square diffusion distance λ from the comparison between PFG-NMR and BDS measurements. A value of $\lambda \sim .2$ nm is obtained. **Assuming λ to be temperature independent** delivers from BDS measurements the molecular diffusion coefficient D . Furthermore the **number density $n(T)$** and the **mobility $\mu(T)$** can be separated and the BNN-relation is obtained.

$$3.: \sigma_0 \sim \omega_c \quad (\text{Barton-Nishijima-Namikawa (BNN) relation})$$

Summary concerning Broadband Dielectric Spectroscopy (BDS) as applied to ionic charge transport

- 1.: The predictions based on the equations of **Stokes-Einstein** and **Einstein-Smoluchowski** are well fulfilled in the examined ion-conducting systems.
- 2.: Based on dielectric measurements the **self-diffusion coefficient** of the ionic charge carriers and their temperature dependence can be deduced.
- 3.: It is possible **to separate** the **mobility $\mu(T)$** and the **effective numberdensity $n(T)$** . The former has a VFT temperature-dependence, while the latter obeys an Arrhenius law.
- 4.: The **Barton-Nishijima-Namikawa (BNN)** relation turns out to be a trivial consequence of this approach.

3. Electrode Polarisation (EP)

(polarisation of ionic charge carriers at a metal interface)

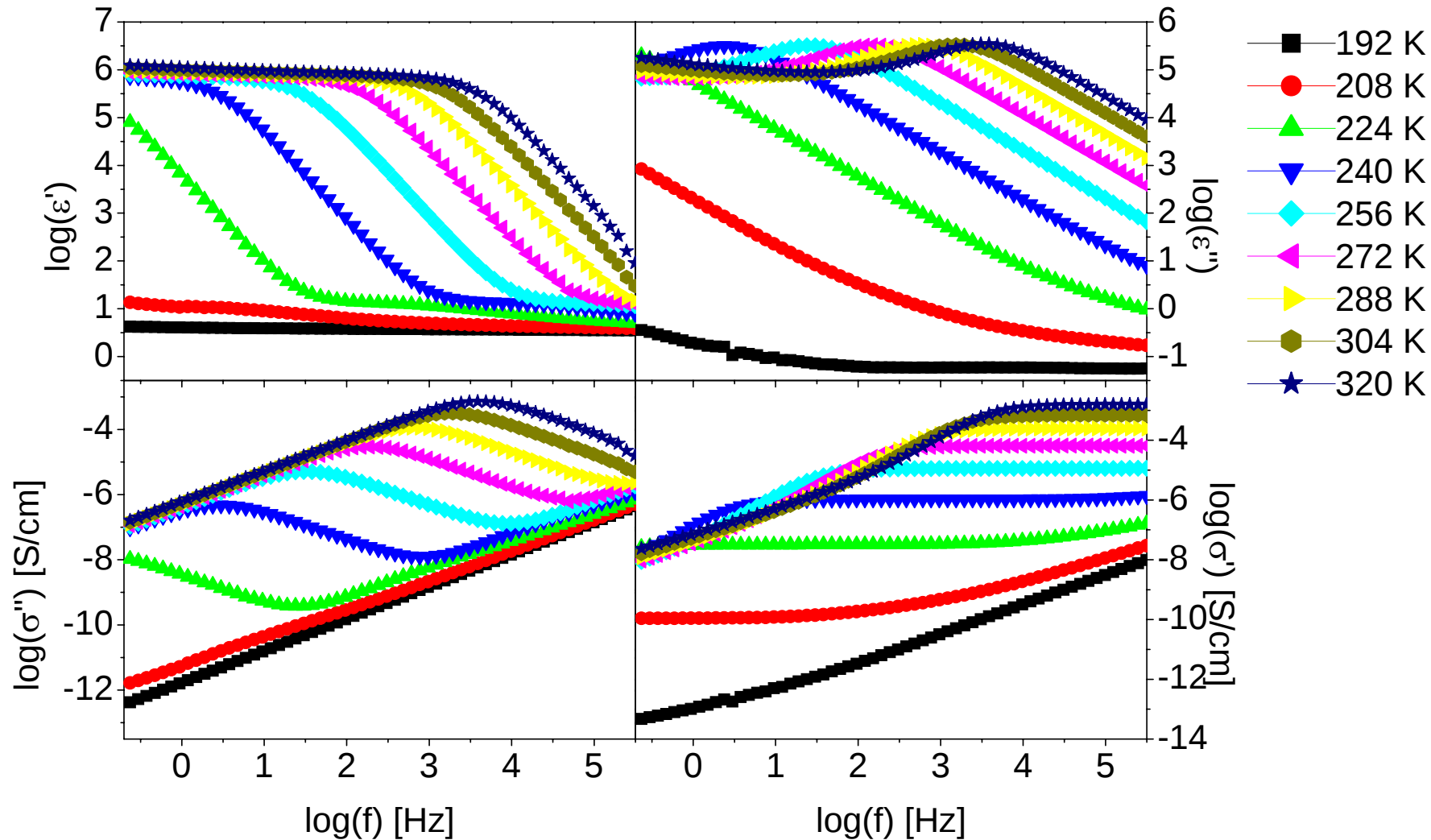
Questions to be addressed:

1. What is the *signature* of electrode polarisation (EP) and how can it be analysed *quantitatively*?
2. What *quantitative information* can be deduced from fits of the EP?
3. What is the *quantitative model* to describe EP?

Dielectric spectra of ionic liquids

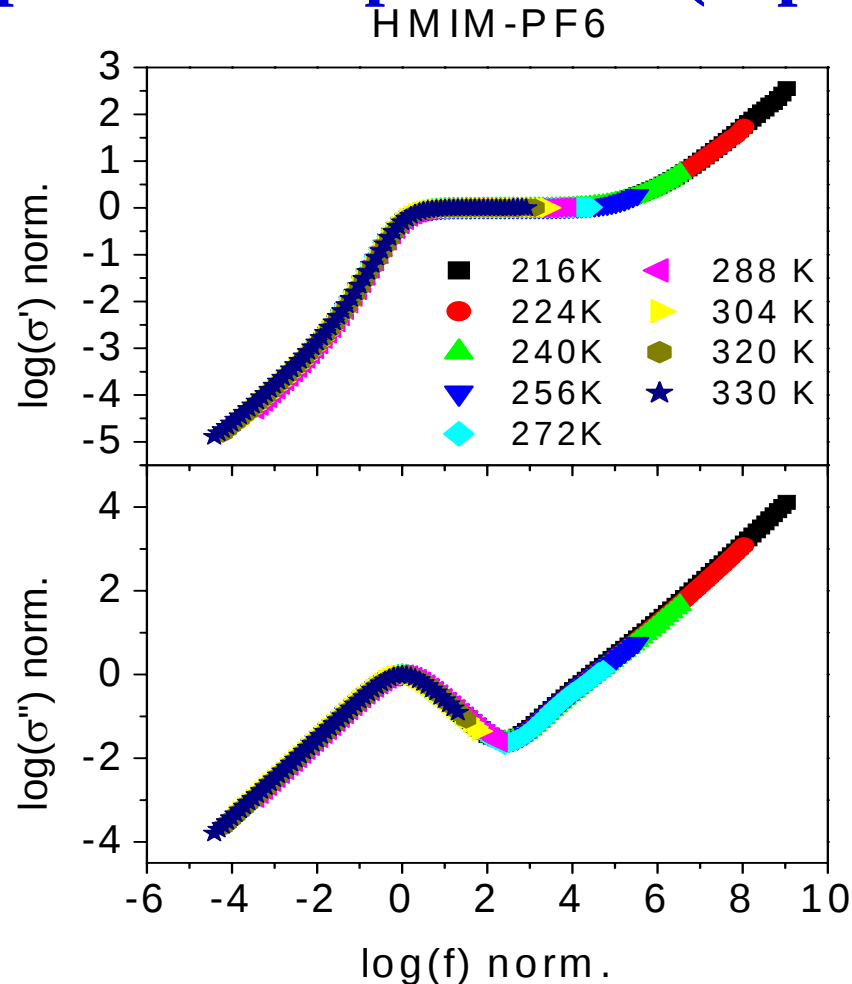
- temperature dependence (experiment)

HMIM-PF6



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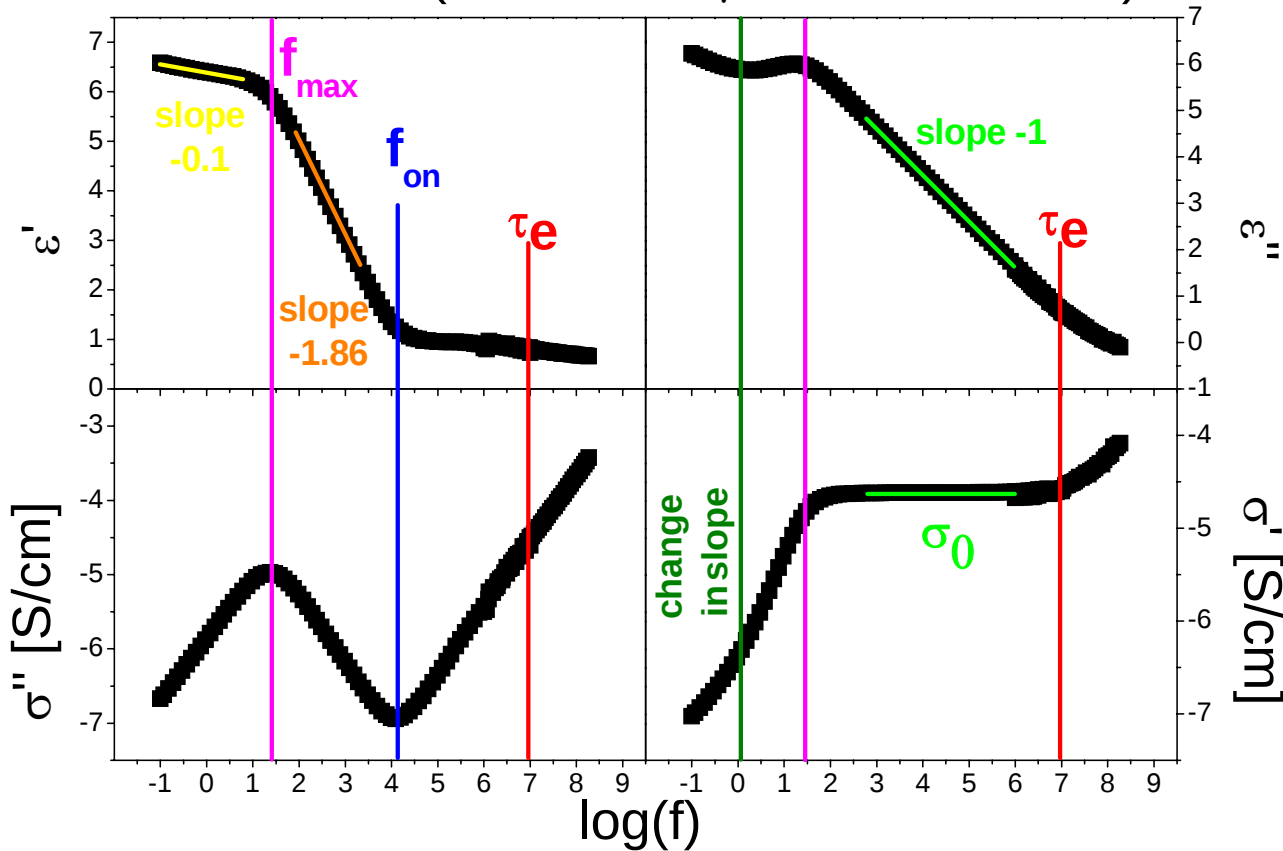
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Charge transport and EP follow the identical temperature dependence over many orders of magnitude in time

The signature of electrode polarisation (EP)

HMIM PF6 (264 K, 421 μm cell thickness)



σ_0 : DC conductivity

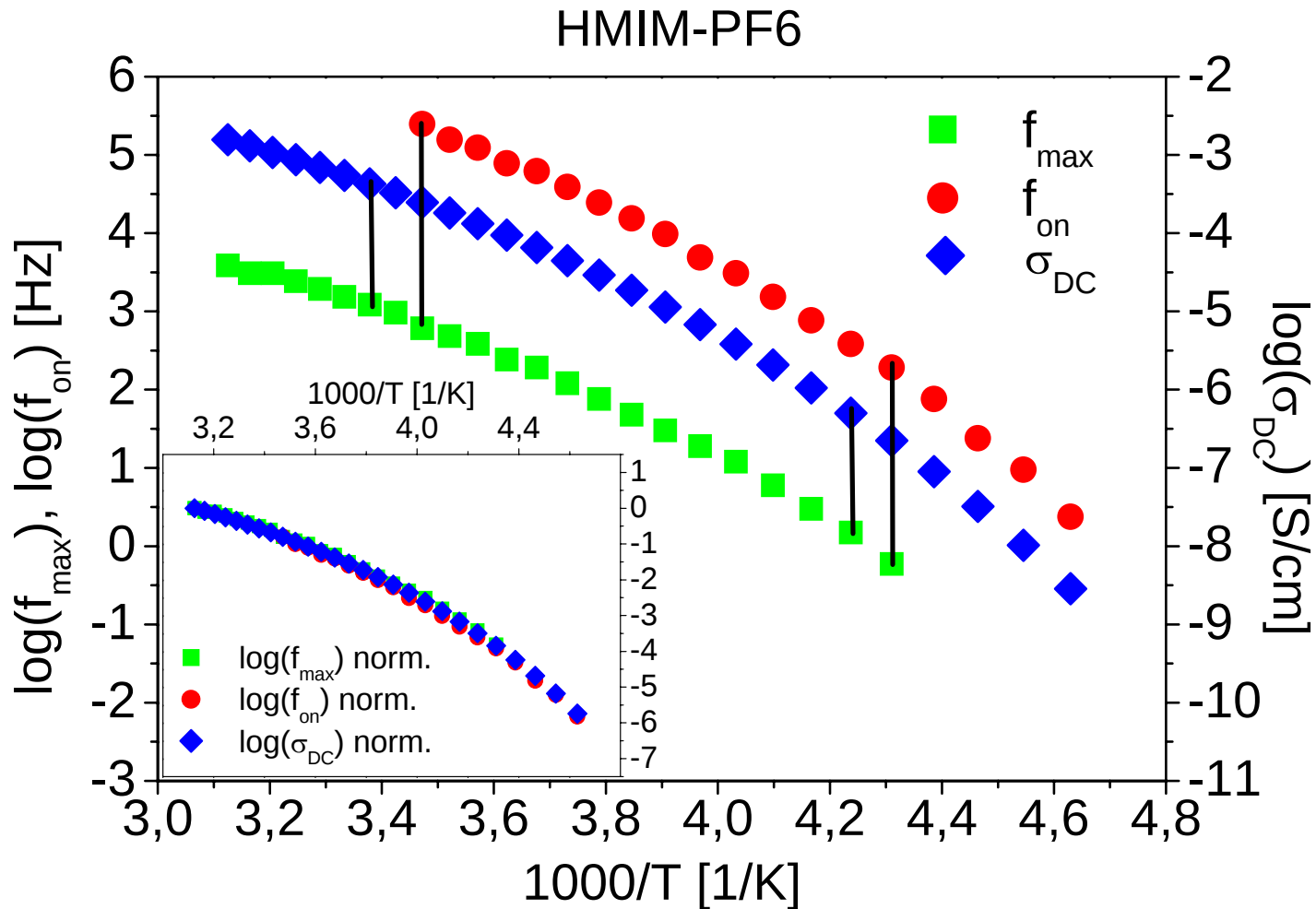
f_{on} : onset of electrode polarization

f_{max} : full development of EP

EP has a **refined signature** which shows up differently in $\epsilon^*(\omega, T)$ and $\sigma^*(\omega, T)$

Dielectric spectra of ionic liquids

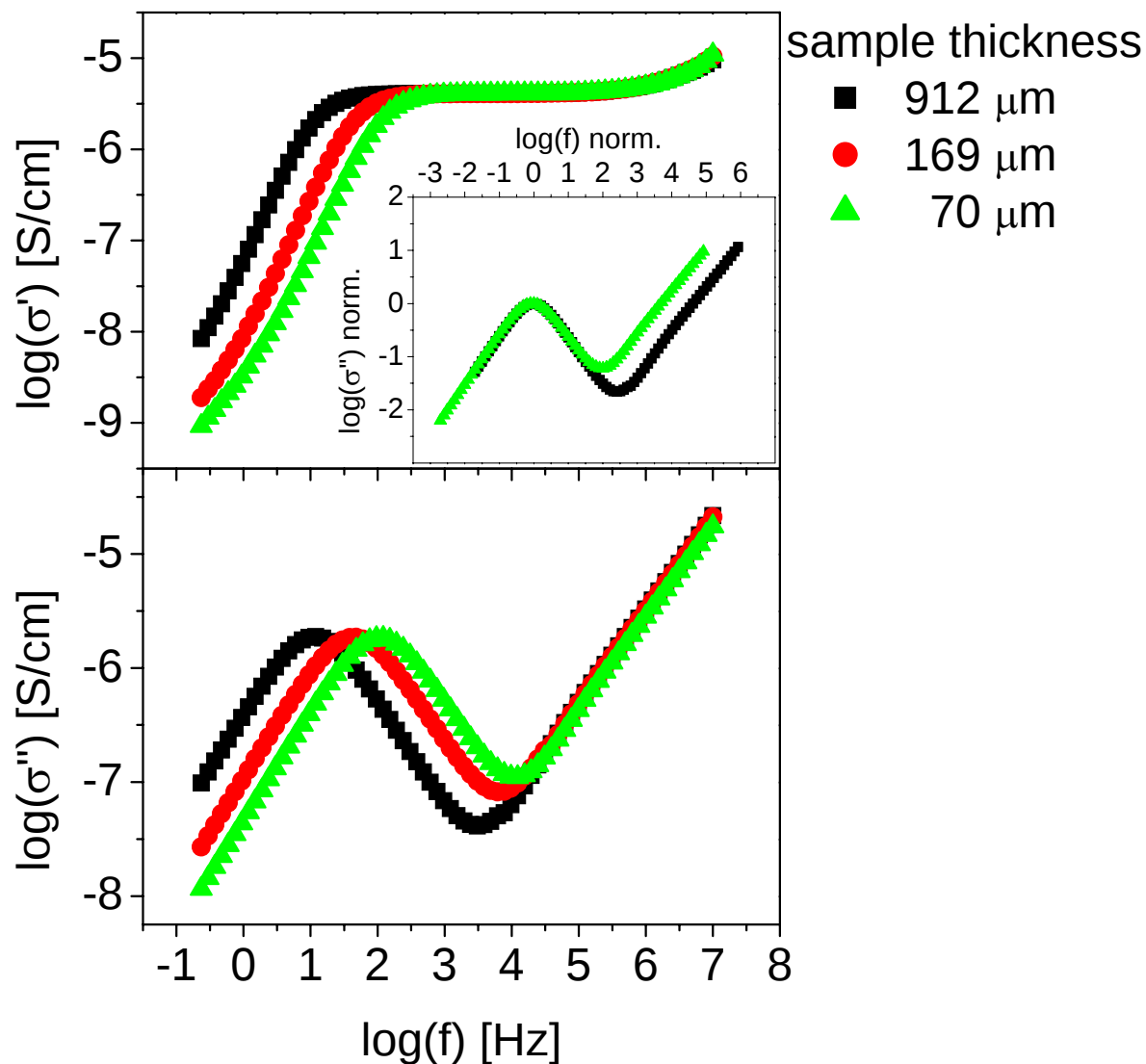
- temperature dependence (experiment)



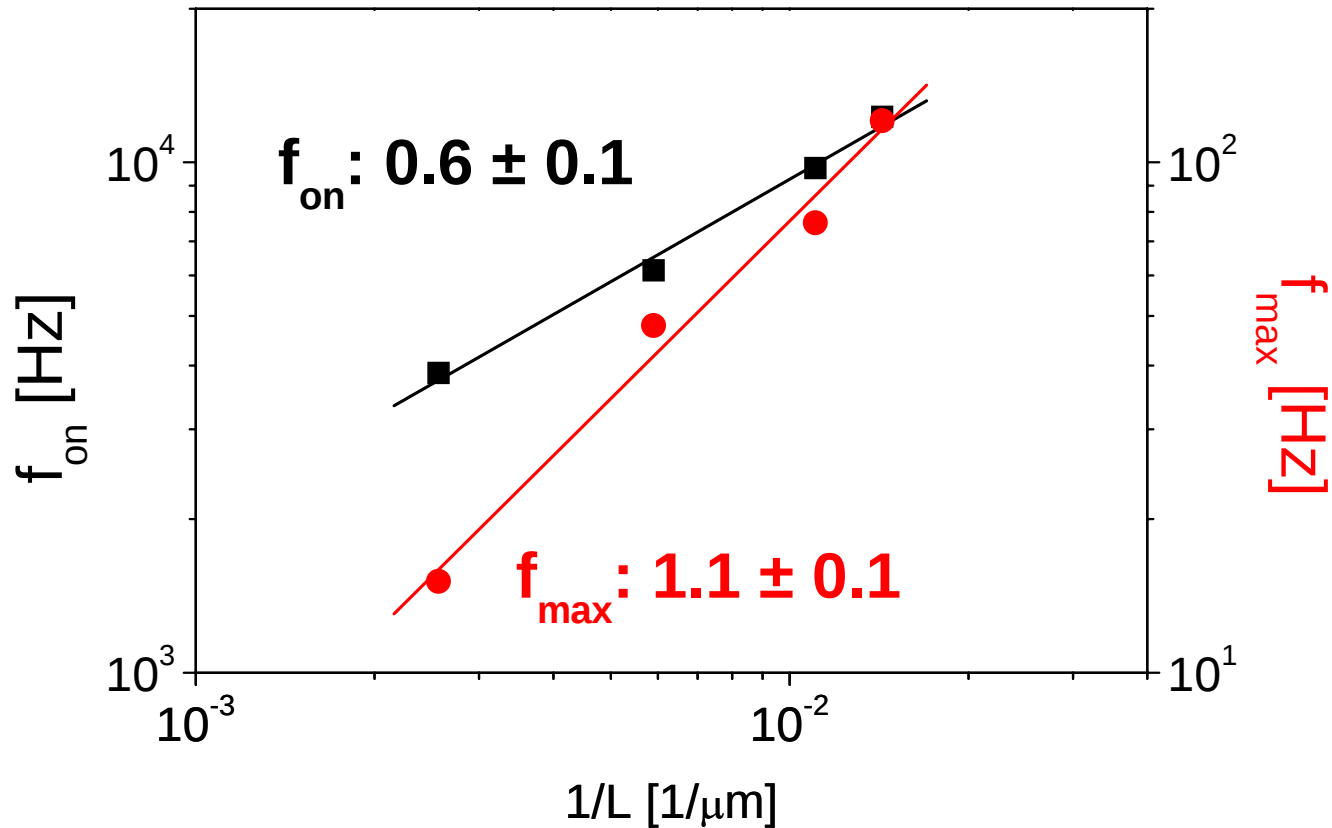
$f_{\max}$, f_{on} and s_{DC} scale similarly with temperature

Dielectric spectra of ionic liquids- dependence on the **length of the sample cell** (experiment)

HMIM-PF6 (250 K)

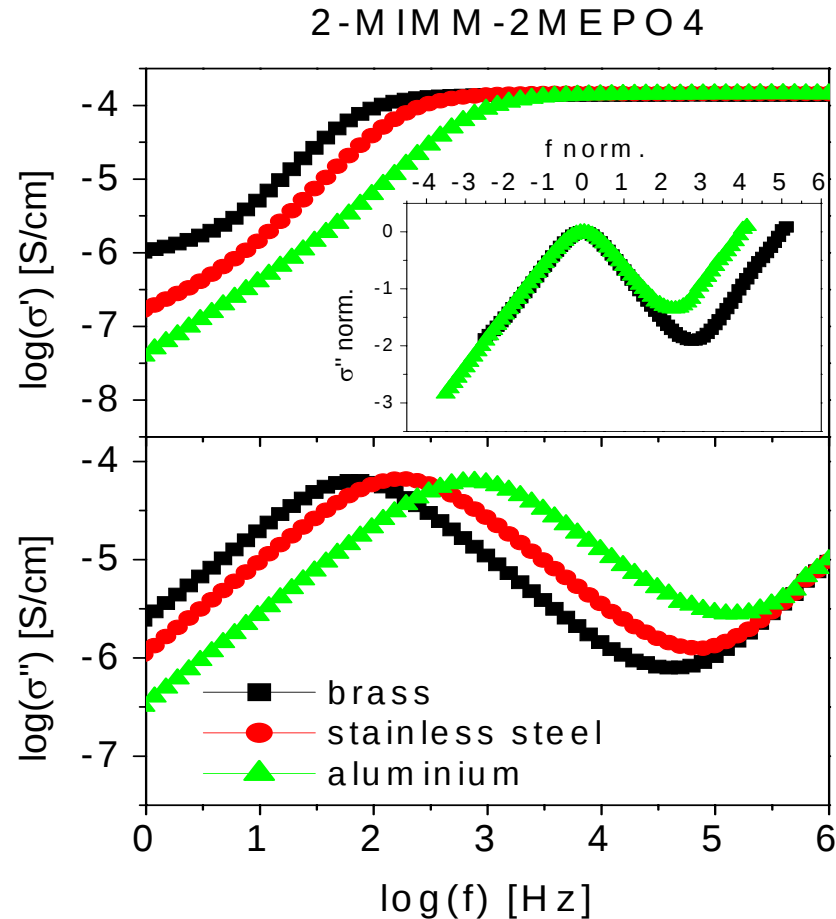


Dielectric spectra of ionic liquids- dependence on the length of the sample cell (experiment) -



No scaling of f_{on} and f_{max} with respect to $1/L$!

Dielectric spectra of ionic liquids – effect of the electrode material (experiment)



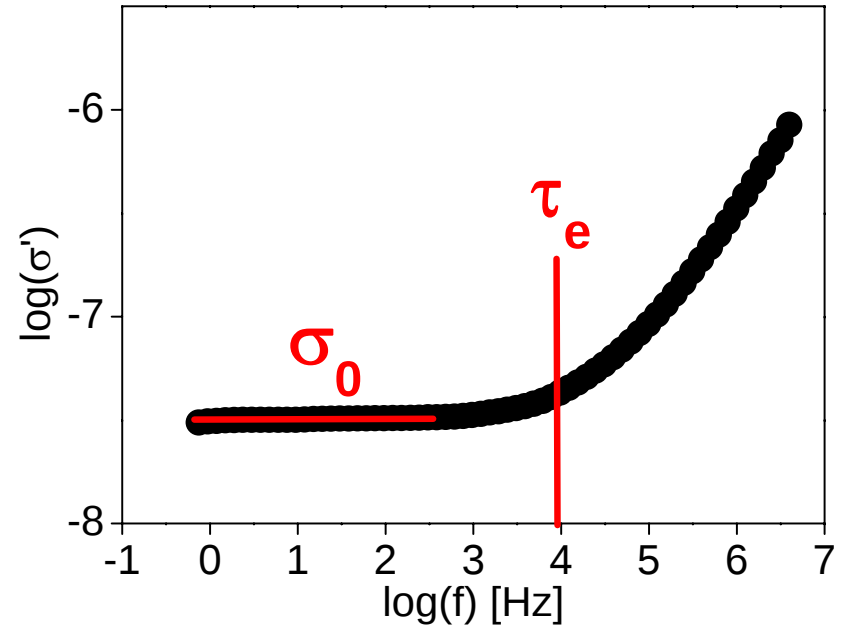
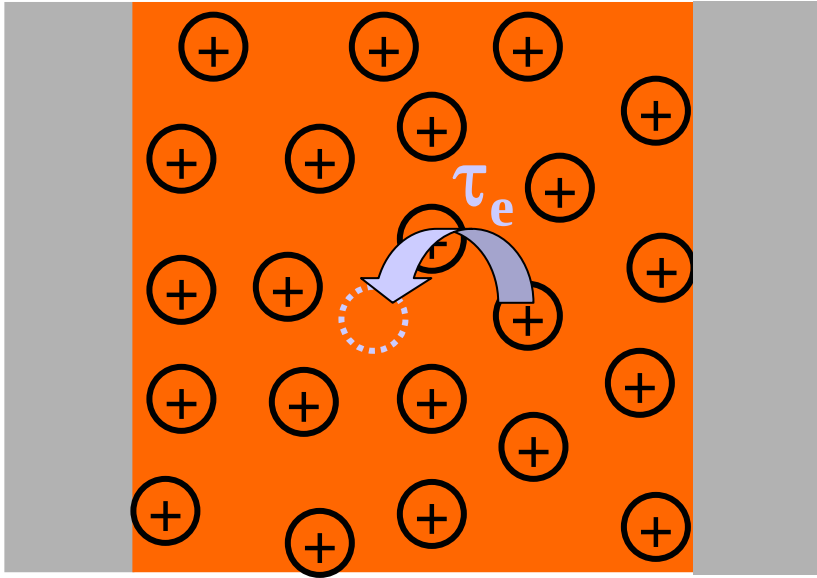
Pronounced effect of electrode material !

Experimental features of EP in ILs:

1. EP shows a complex dependence on frequency, temperature, concentration, sample length, material of the electrodes.
2. EP does *not* depend – below a certain (low) threshold, i.e. 10 V/cm – on the applied electric field.
3. EP does *not* depend on the roughness of the electrodes, as long as: roughness $\ll$ sample thickness
4. Over many decades in frequency, scaling with respect to variation of temperature and concentration
5. No scaling with respect to variation of the length of the sample cell and material of the electrodes.

What is the microscopic mechanism of EP ?

Charge transport in the bulk

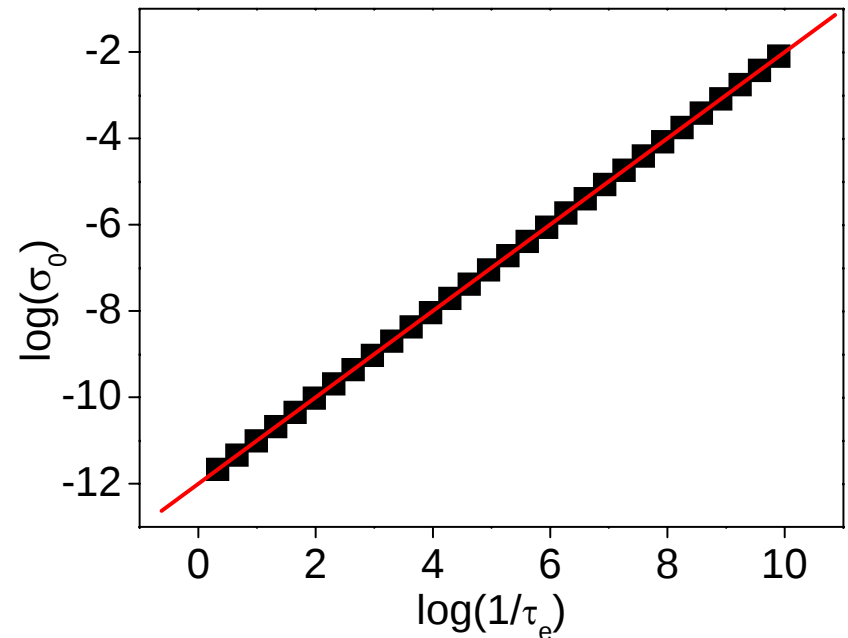


1. hopping time in bulk:

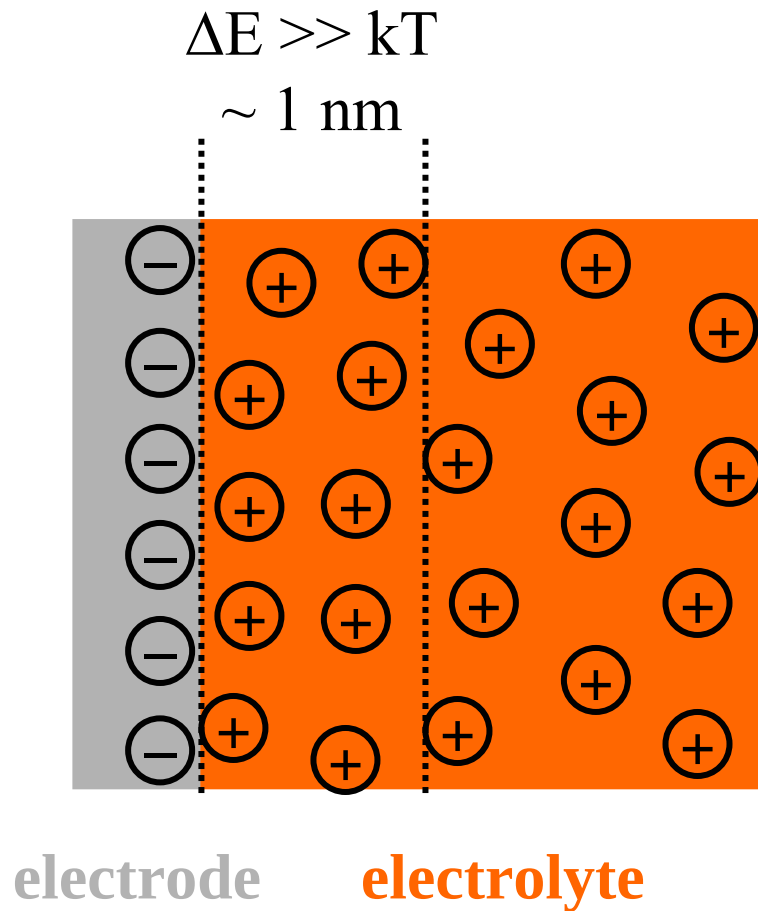
$$\tau_e = \tau_0 \exp\left(\frac{E}{kT}\right)$$

2. BNN-relation:

$$\sigma_0 \sim \frac{1}{\tau_e}$$



Charge transport at interfaces



Due to the **coulombic interactions increase by many orders of magnitude** in the hoping time at the interface.

hoping time at the interface:

$$E_i \cong E_b + \Delta E$$

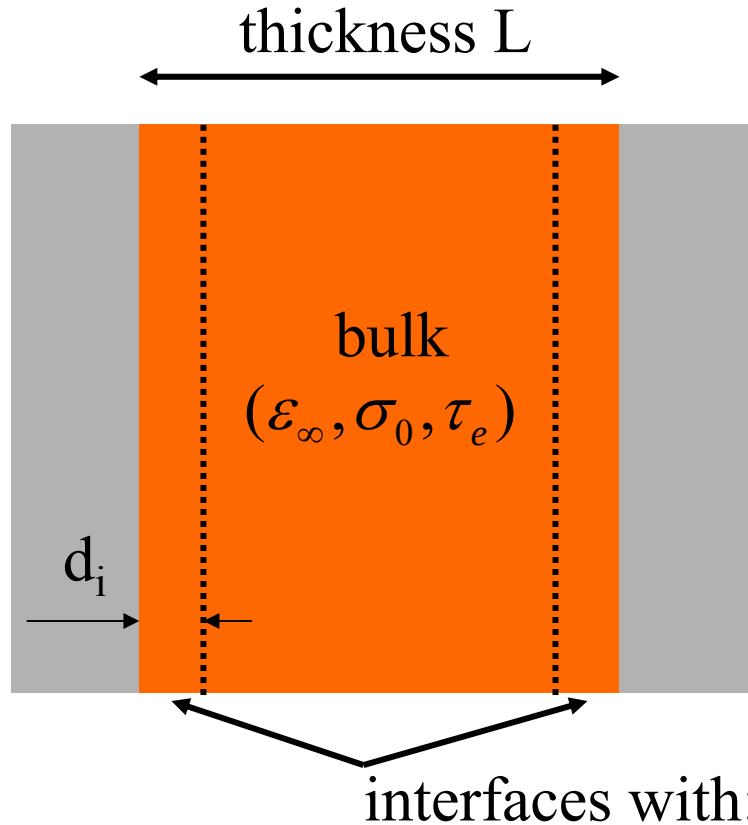
$$\frac{\tau_e(\text{interface})}{\tau_e(\text{bulk})} \approx \exp\left(\frac{\Delta E}{kT}\right) \gg 1$$

Since: $\sigma_0 \sim \frac{1}{\tau_e}$ (BNN relation)

this implies:

$$\sigma_0(\text{interface}) \ll \sigma_0(\text{bulk})$$

Microscopic model of sample cell



$$\frac{L}{\epsilon_{meas}^*} = \frac{2d_i}{\epsilon_i^*} + \frac{L - 2d_i}{\epsilon_b^*}$$

$$\epsilon_b^* = f(\epsilon_{\infty}, \sigma_0^{\text{bulk}}, \tau_0^{\text{bulk}})$$

$$\epsilon_i^* = f(\epsilon_{\infty}, \sigma_0^i, \tau_0^i)$$

$$\frac{\tau_e(\text{interface})}{\tau_e(\text{bulk})} \approx \frac{\sigma_0(\text{bulk})}{\sigma_0(\text{interface})} \gg 1$$

Electrode polarization

$$\frac{L}{\varepsilon_{meas}^*} = \frac{2d_i}{\varepsilon_i^*} + \frac{L-2d_i}{\varepsilon_b^*}$$

$$\varepsilon'_{meas} = (x+1) \left((\varepsilon'_b)^2 + (\varepsilon''_b)^2 \right) \frac{x\varepsilon'_b + y\varepsilon'_i}{(x\varepsilon'_b + y\varepsilon'_i)^2 + (x\varepsilon''_b + y\varepsilon''_i)^2}$$

$$\varepsilon''_{meas} = (x+1) \left((\varepsilon'_b)^2 + (\varepsilon''_b)^2 \right) \frac{x\varepsilon''_b + y\varepsilon''_i}{(x\varepsilon'_b + y\varepsilon'_i)^2 + (x\varepsilon''_b + y\varepsilon''_i)^2}$$

$$\text{where: } x = \frac{L-2d_i}{2d_i} \quad y = \frac{(\varepsilon'_b)^2 + (\varepsilon''_b)^2}{(\varepsilon'_i)^2 + (\varepsilon''_i)^2}$$

with

$$\varepsilon^* = \frac{\sigma^*}{i\varepsilon_0\omega} \quad \text{and} \quad \sigma^*(\omega) = \sigma_0 \left[\frac{i\omega\tau_e}{\ln(1+i\omega\tau_e)} \right] \quad \text{Dyre functions}$$

EP - consequences of the model

$$\frac{d}{d\omega}(\sigma''_{\text{meas}}) = 0 \quad \Rightarrow$$

$$f_{\text{on}} \cong \frac{\sigma_0}{\varepsilon_0} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\varepsilon'_b \varepsilon'_i}} \sqrt{\frac{2d_i}{L}}$$

$$f_{\text{max}} \cong \frac{\sigma_0}{\varepsilon_0} \frac{1}{2\pi\varepsilon'_i} \frac{2d_i}{L}$$

Consequences:

$$1. f_{\text{on}} \sim f_{\text{max}} \sim \sigma_0$$

$$2. f_{\text{on}} \sim \frac{1}{\sqrt{L}}, \text{ while } f_{\text{max}} \sim \frac{1}{L}$$

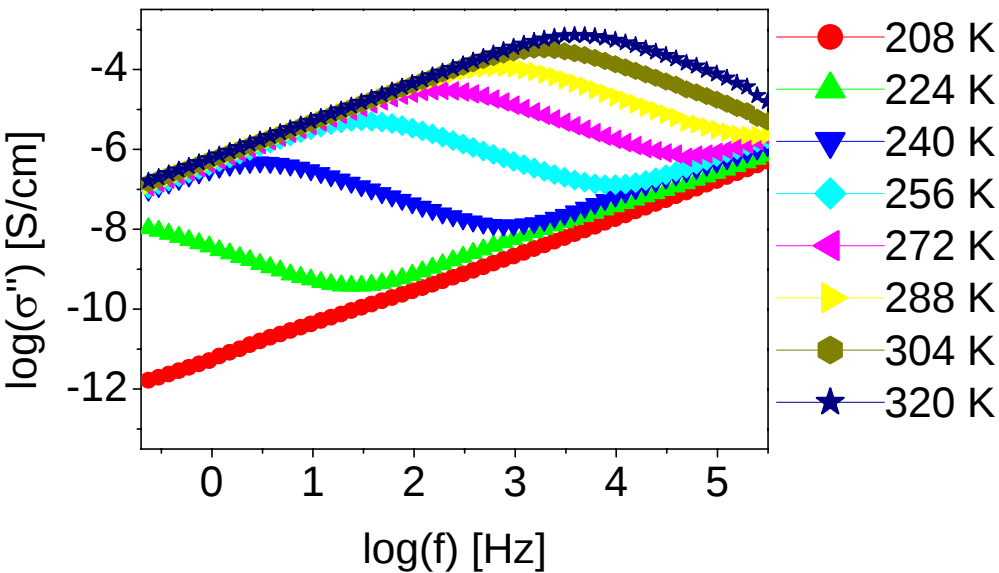
$$3. f_{\text{on}} \sim \sqrt{d_i}, \text{ while } f_{\text{max}} \sim d_i$$

$$4. f = f_{\text{max}} \text{ solution for both } \frac{d(\sigma''_{\text{meas}})}{d\omega} = 0 \text{ and } \frac{d(\varepsilon''_{\text{meas}})}{d\omega} = 0$$

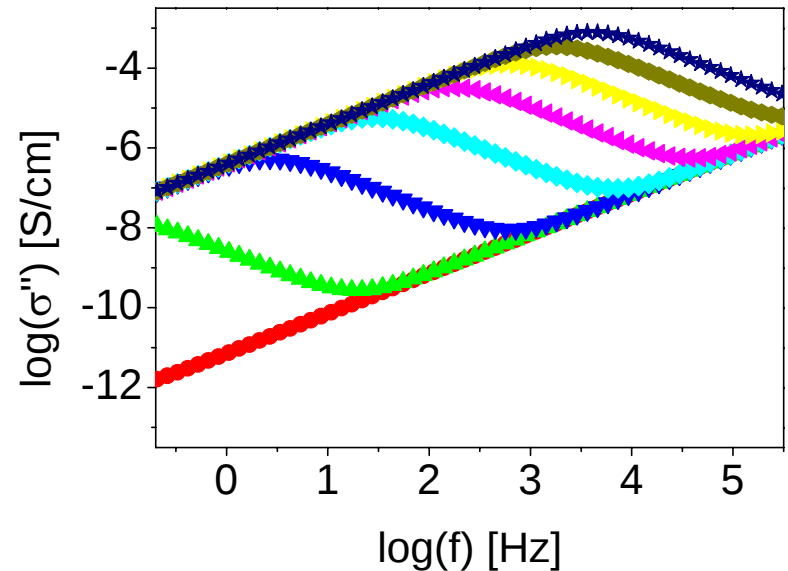
$$5. \sigma_0 = 2\pi\varepsilon_0\varepsilon_s \frac{(f_{\text{on}})^2}{f_{\text{max}}}$$

Comparison of experiment and calculations - dielectric spectra of ionic liquids

experiment

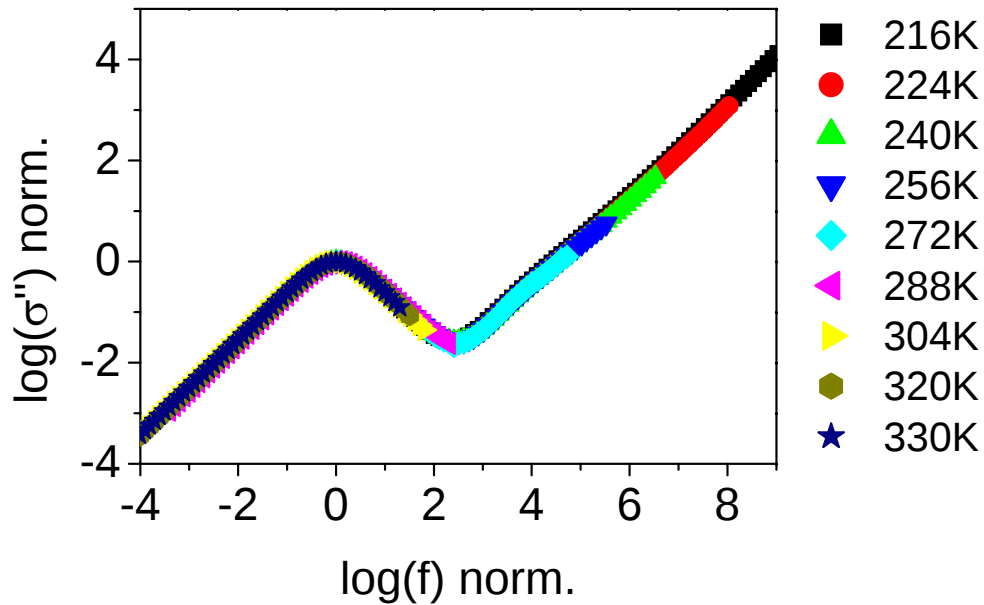


calculations

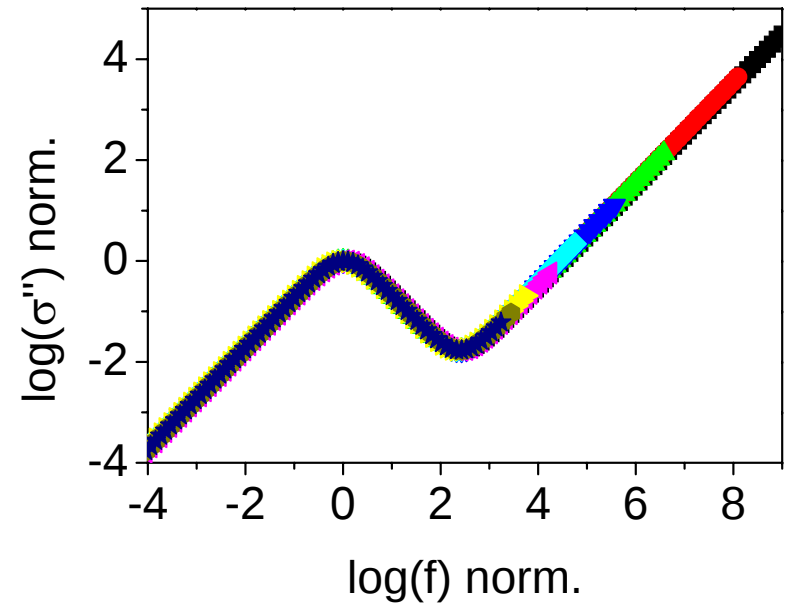


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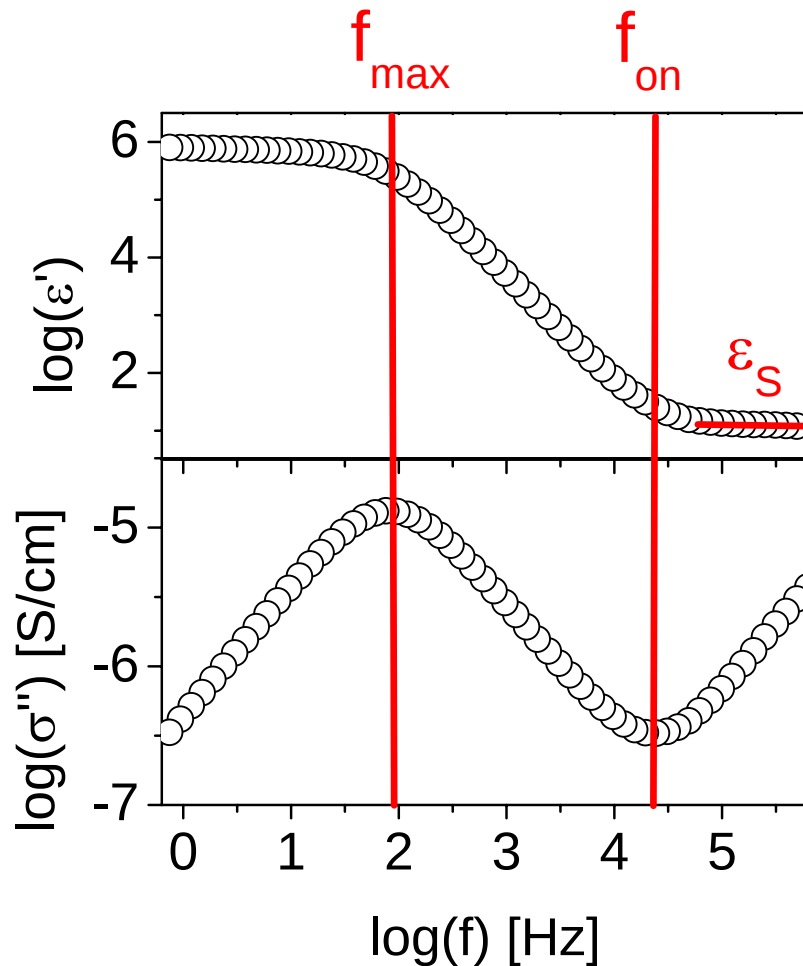
experiment



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What information can be deduced from EP - a novel formula.



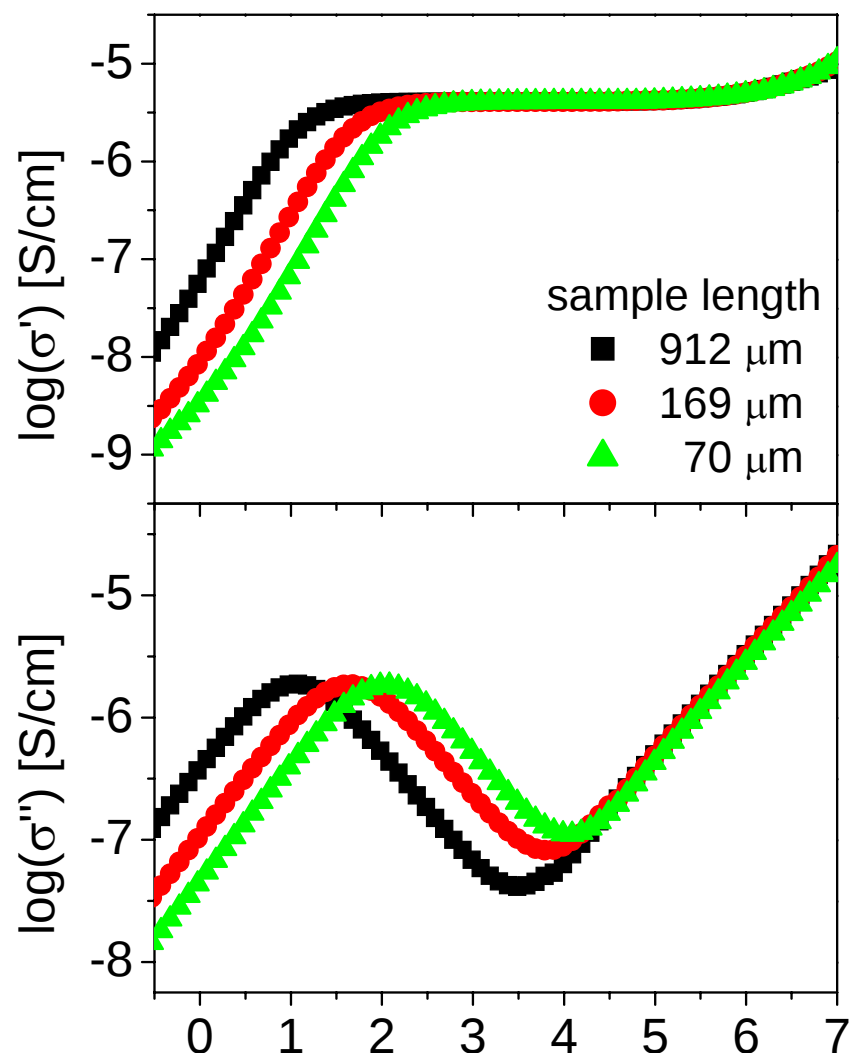
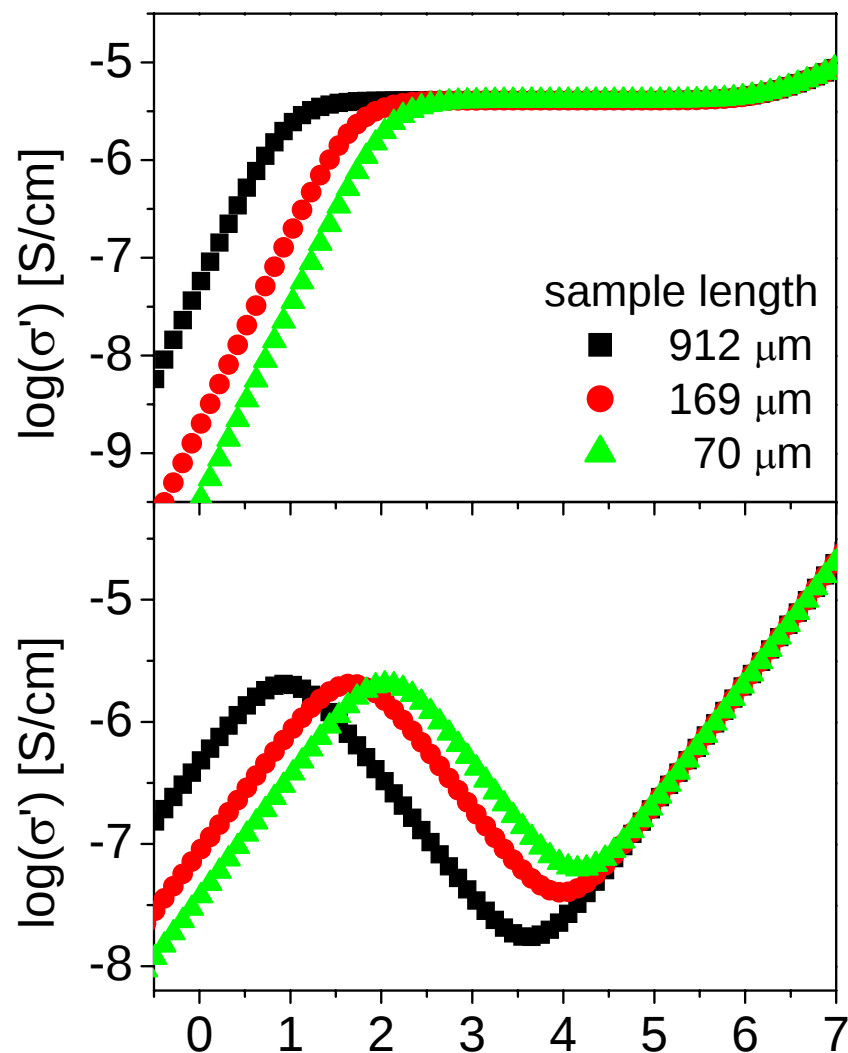
$$\sigma_0 = ?$$

$$\sigma_0 = 2\pi\epsilon_0\epsilon_S \frac{(f_{\text{on}})^2}{f_{\max}}$$

Dielectric spectra of ionic liquids - **length dependence** (2MIMM-2MePO₄, experiment and calculations) -

Calculations

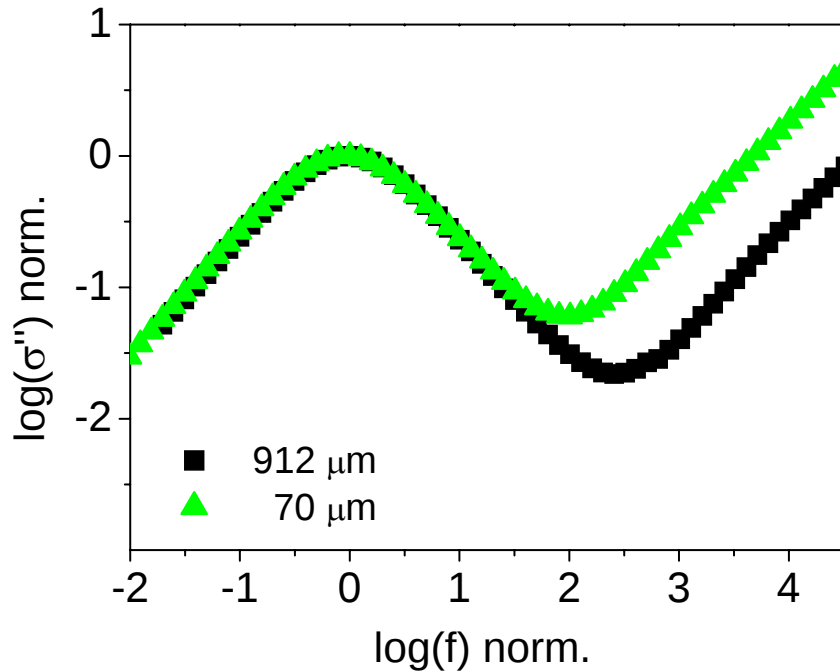
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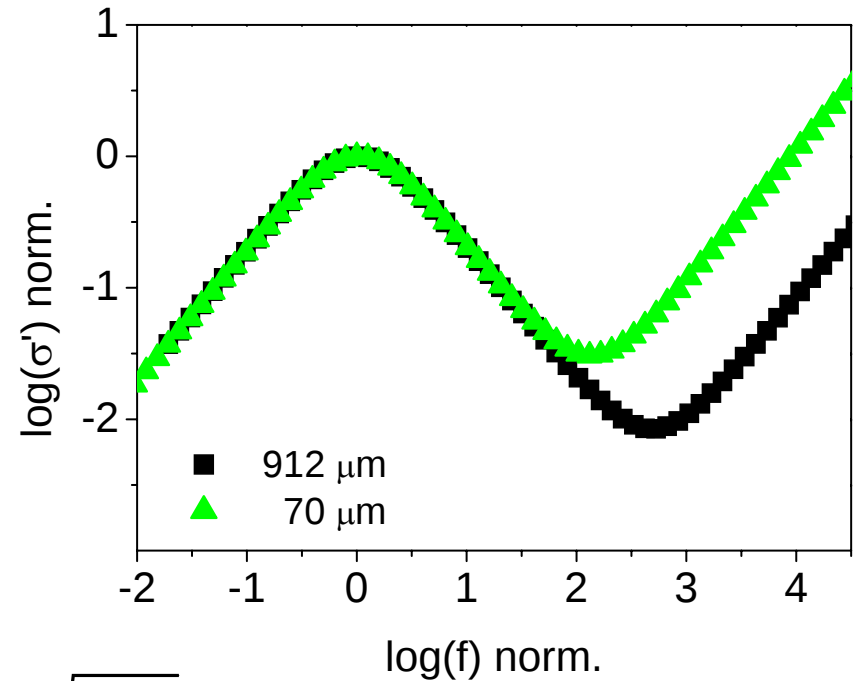
Dielectric spectra of ionic liquids

- length dependence, scaling -

experiment



calculations

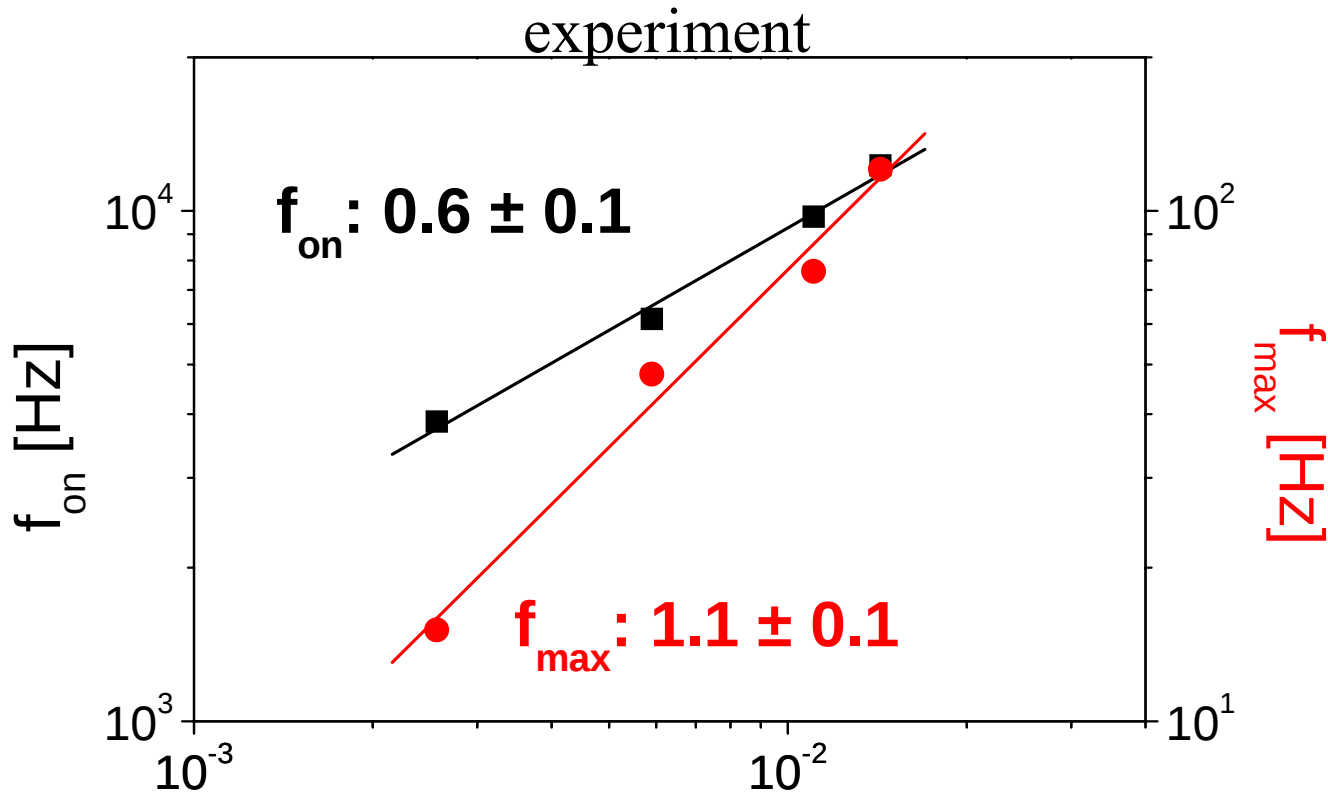


$$\frac{d}{d\omega}(\sigma''_{\text{meas}}) = 0 \Rightarrow f_{\text{on}} \cong \frac{\sigma_0}{\varepsilon_0} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\varepsilon'_b \varepsilon'_i}} \sqrt{\frac{2d_i}{L}} \quad \text{and} \quad f_{\text{max}} \cong \frac{\sigma_0}{\varepsilon_0} \frac{1}{2\pi\varepsilon'_i} \frac{2d_i}{L}$$

$$f_{\text{on}} \sim \frac{1}{\sqrt{L}}, \quad \text{while} \quad f_{\text{max}} \sim \frac{1}{L}$$

Dielectric spectra of ionic liquids

- length dependence, scaling



$$f_{\text{on}} \sim \frac{1}{\sqrt{L}} \Rightarrow \text{slope of } 0.5$$

$$f_{\text{max}} \sim \frac{1}{L} \Rightarrow \text{slope of } 1.0$$

Summary for EP

1. What is the *signature* of electrode polarisation (EP) and how can it be analysed *quantitatively*? EP has a peculiar signature in the complex dielectric function and conductivity but as well the length of the sample cell.
2. What *quantitative information* can be deduced from fits of the EP? With a novel formula discovered by A. Serghei σ_0 can be deduced from $f_{\min}$ and $f_{\max}$ of $\sigma''(f)$.
3. What is the *quantitative model* to describe EP? A model adding the *complex impedances* at the interface and in the bulk.

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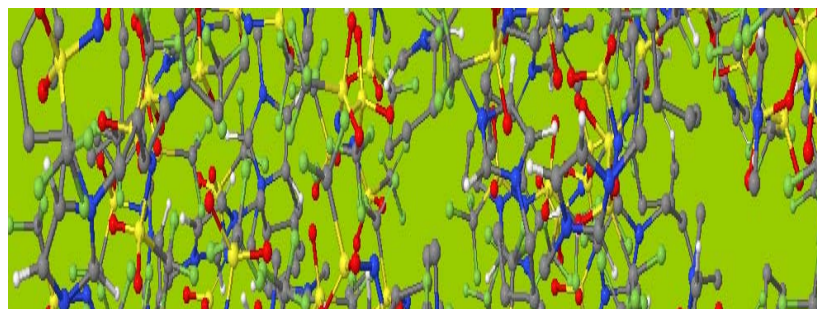
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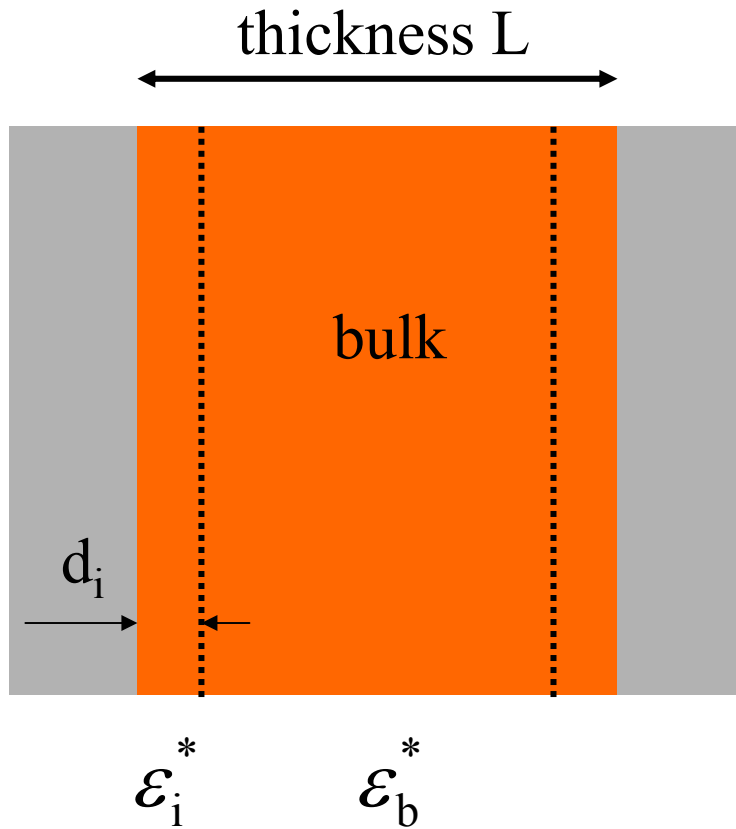
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Ionic liquids

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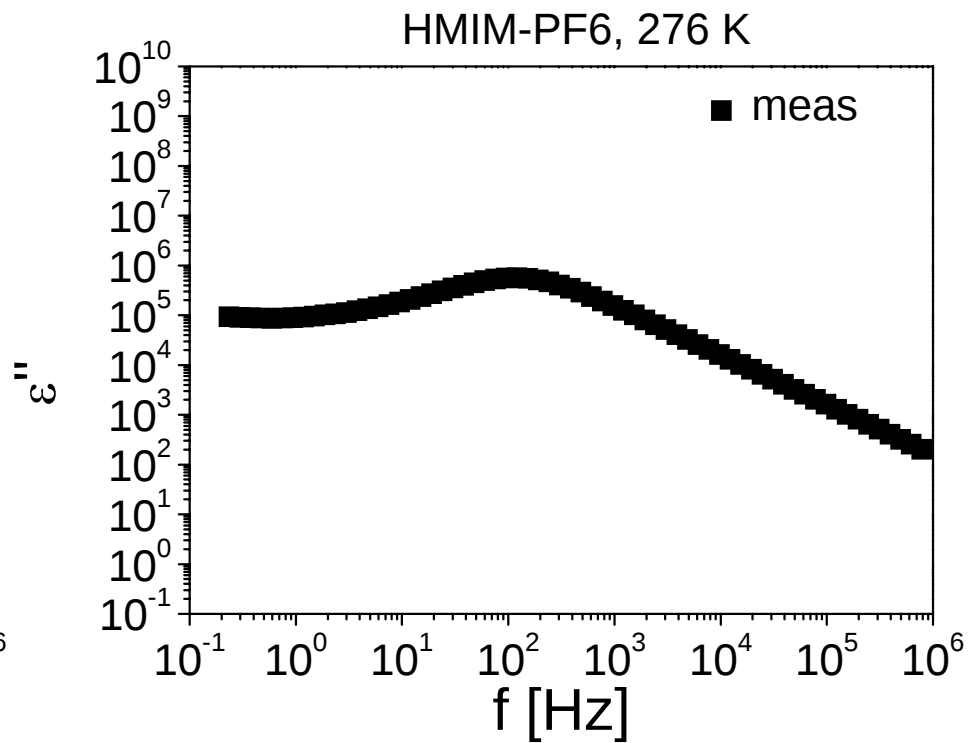
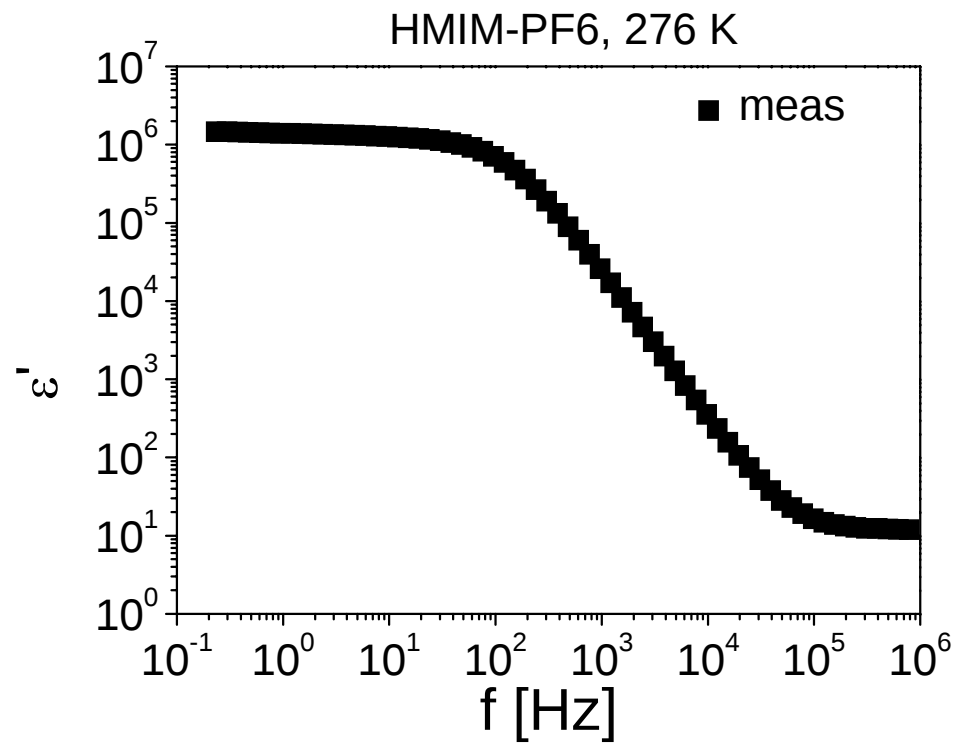


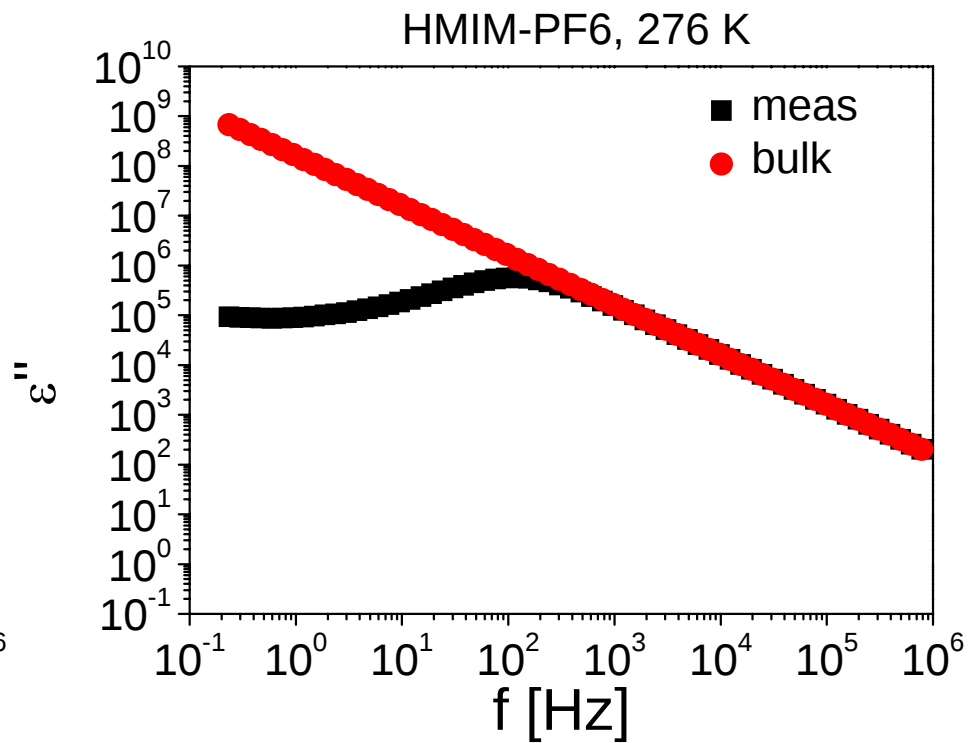
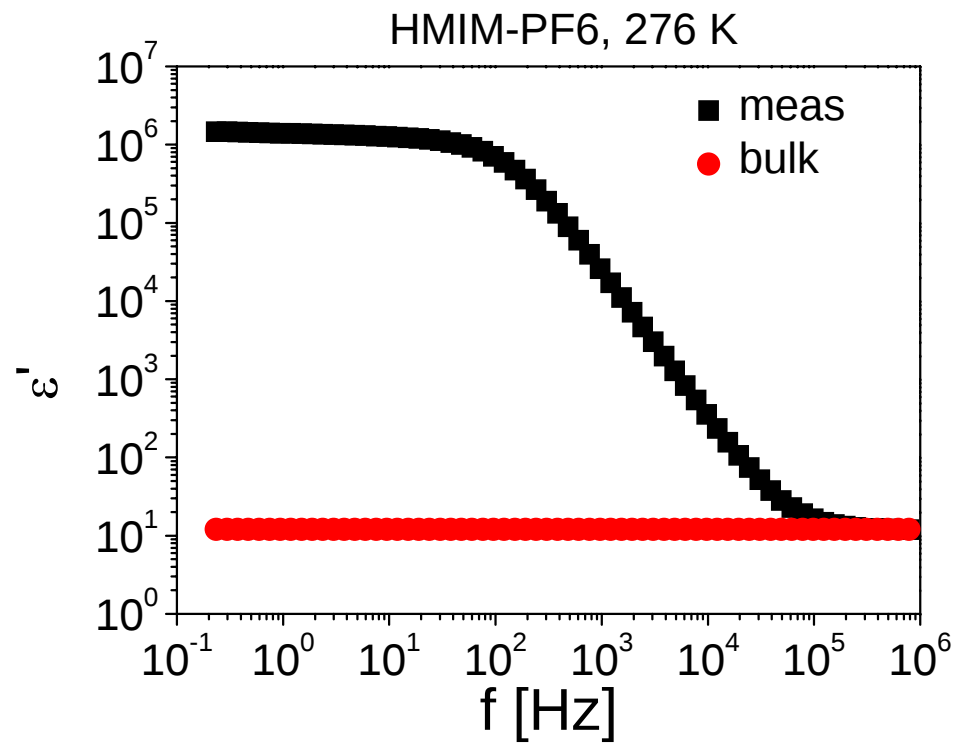


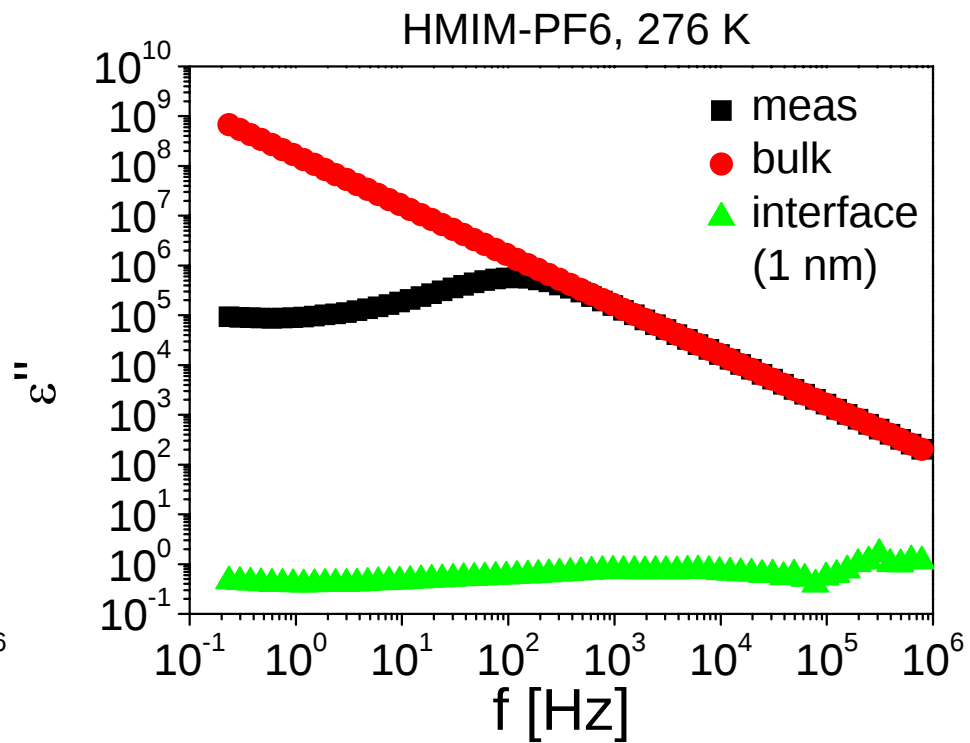
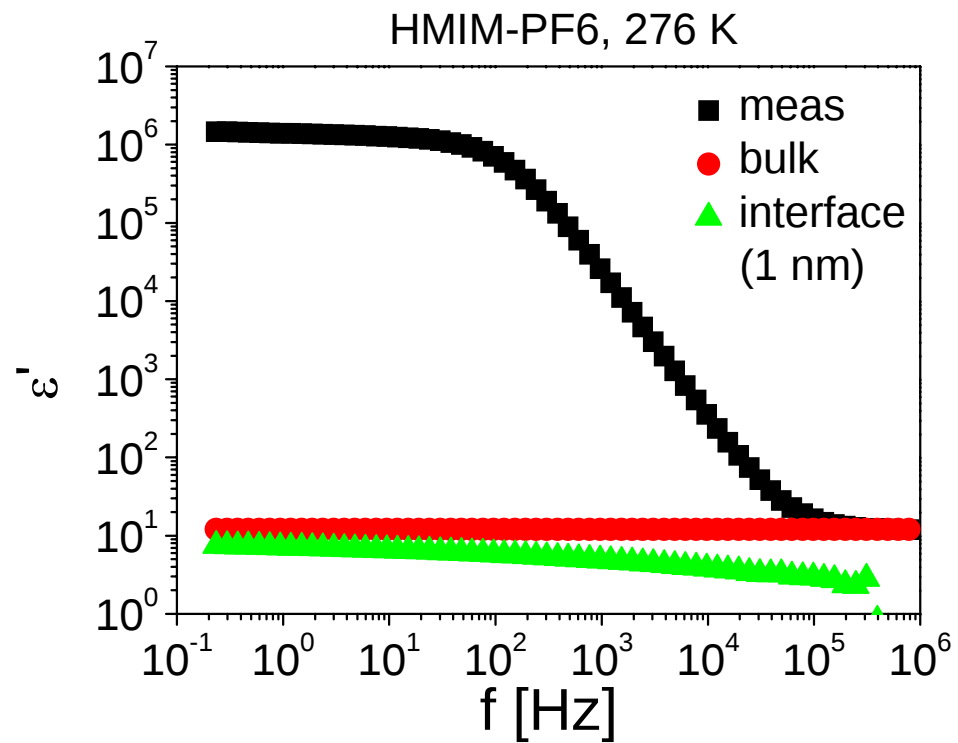
$$\frac{L}{\epsilon_{\text{meas}}^*} = \frac{2d_i}{\epsilon_i^*} + \frac{L-2d_i}{\epsilon_b^*}$$

$$\epsilon_i^* = \frac{\epsilon_{\text{meas}}^* \epsilon_b^*}{\epsilon_b^* - \left(\frac{L}{2d_i} - 1 \right) \epsilon_{\text{meas}}^*}$$

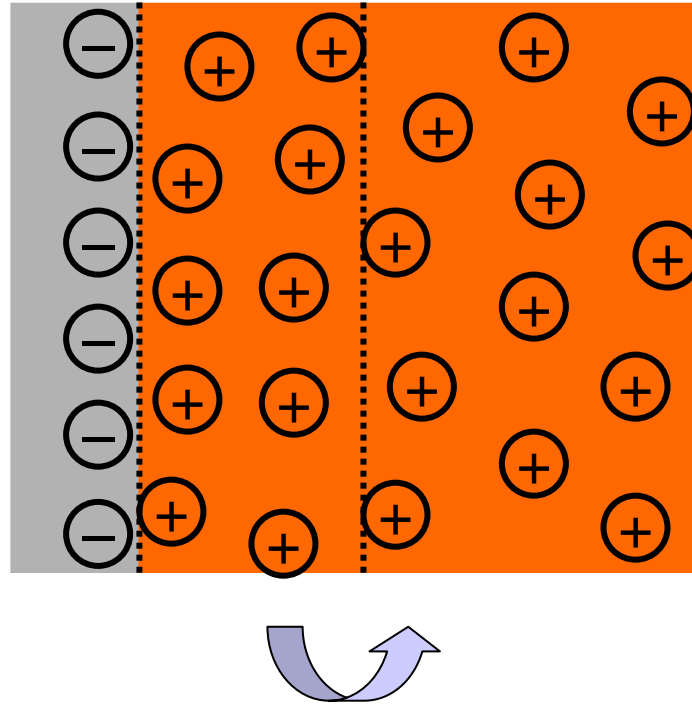
d_i is in the nanometric range





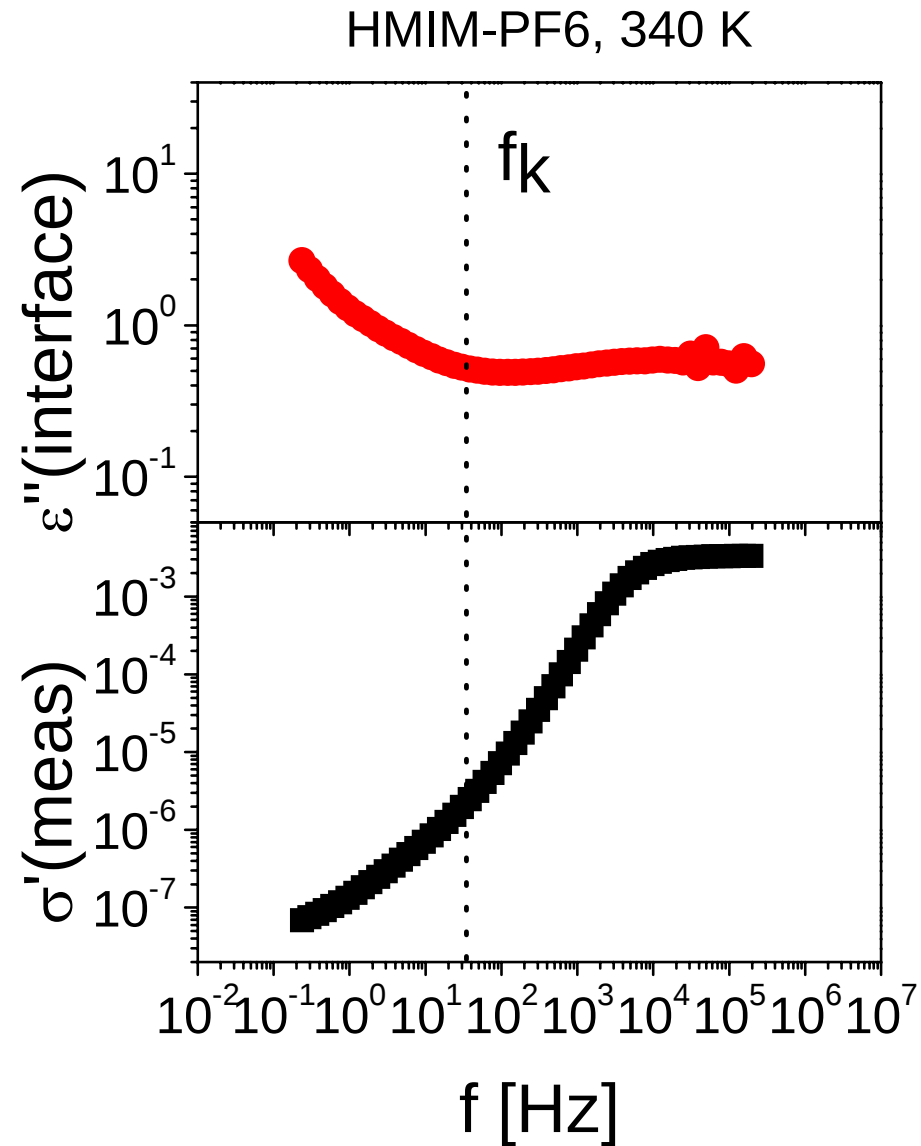


Charge transport at interfaces

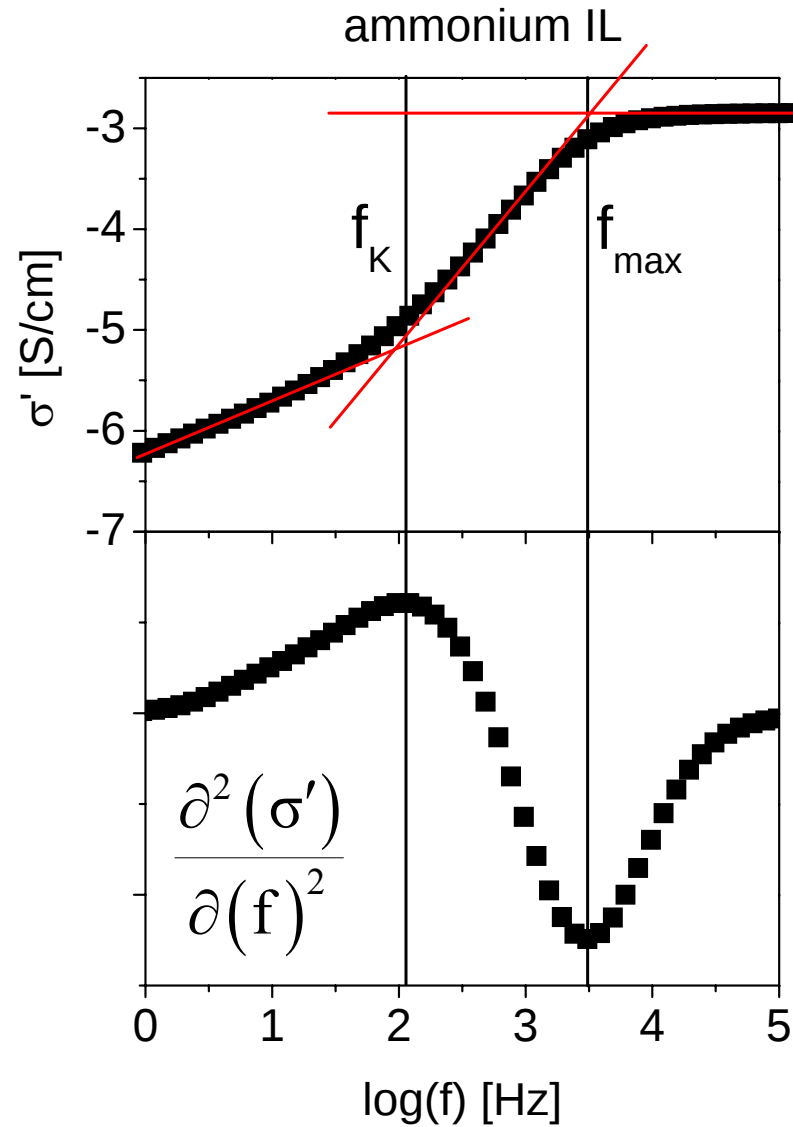


exchange process at rate $f_k(T)$

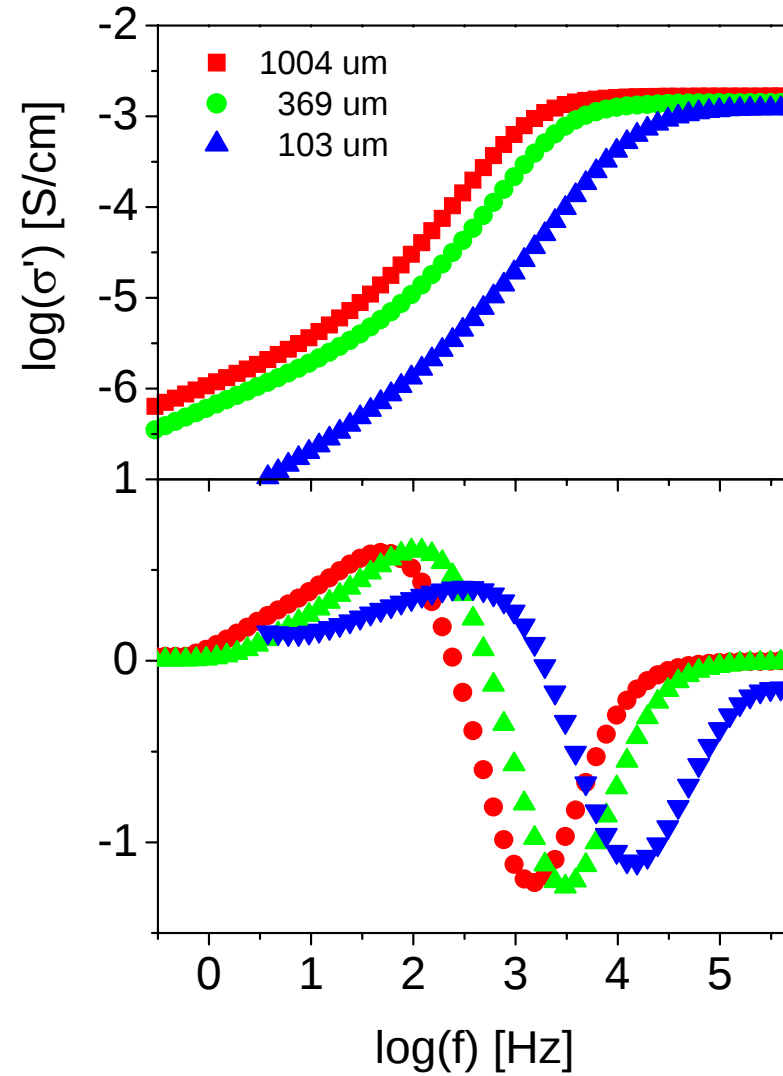
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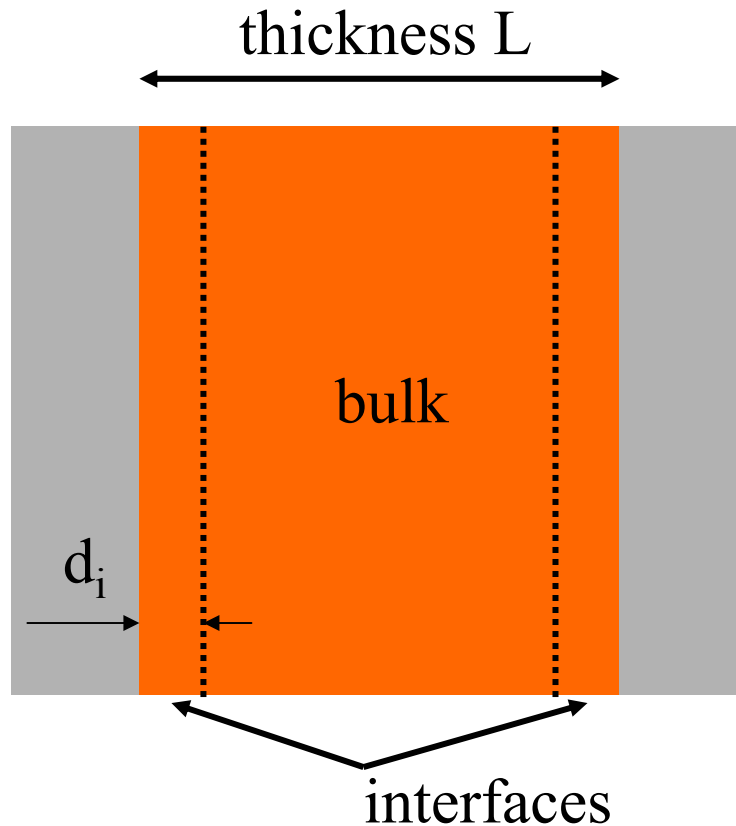
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Charge transport at interfaces



Dielectric function at the interface: first approach



Parameters of the problem:

Length L	measured
ϵ'_{meas}	measured
ϵ''_{meas}	measured
ϵ'_{bulk}	known
ϵ''_{bulk}	known
d_i	unknown
ϵ'_i	unknown
ϵ''_i	unknown

Dielectric function at the interface: first approach

$$\frac{L}{\varepsilon_{meas}^*} = \frac{2d_i}{\varepsilon_i^*} + \frac{L-2d_i}{\varepsilon_b^*}$$

$$\varepsilon'_{meas} = \left(\frac{L-2d_i}{2d_i} + 1 \right) \left((\varepsilon'_b)^2 + (\varepsilon''_b)^2 \right) \frac{\frac{L-2d_i}{2d_i} \varepsilon'_b + \frac{(\varepsilon'_b)^2 + (\varepsilon''_b)^2}{(\varepsilon'_i)^2 + (\varepsilon''_i)^2} \varepsilon'_i}{\left(\frac{L-2d_i}{2d_i} \varepsilon'_b + \frac{(\varepsilon'_b)^2 + (\varepsilon''_b)^2}{(\varepsilon'_i)^2 + (\varepsilon''_i)^2} \varepsilon'_i \right)^2 + \left(\frac{L-2d_i}{2d_i} \varepsilon''_b + \frac{(\varepsilon'_b)^2 + (\varepsilon''_b)^2}{(\varepsilon'_i)^2 + (\varepsilon''_i)^2} \varepsilon''_i \right)^2}$$

$$\varepsilon''_{meas} = \left(\frac{L-2d_i}{2d_i} + 1 \right) \left((\varepsilon'_b)^2 + (\varepsilon''_b)^2 \right) \frac{\frac{L-2d_i}{2d_i} \varepsilon''_b + \frac{(\varepsilon'_b)^2 + (\varepsilon''_b)^2}{(\varepsilon'_i)^2 + (\varepsilon''_i)^2} \varepsilon''_i}{\left(\frac{L-2d_i}{2d_i} \varepsilon'_b + \frac{(\varepsilon'_b)^2 + (\varepsilon''_b)^2}{(\varepsilon'_i)^2 + (\varepsilon''_i)^2} \varepsilon'_i \right)^2 + \left(\frac{L-2d_i}{2d_i} \varepsilon''_b + \frac{(\varepsilon'_b)^2 + (\varepsilon''_b)^2}{(\varepsilon'_i)^2 + (\varepsilon''_i)^2} \varepsilon''_i \right)^2}$$

Kramers-Kronig relation for $\epsilon_i^* = \epsilon_i^*(\omega, x)$

$$\epsilon_i'(\omega, x) = \epsilon_\infty + \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^\infty \frac{\omega \epsilon_i''(\omega, x)}{\omega^2 - \omega_0^2} d\omega$$

$$\epsilon_i''(\omega, x) = Y(\omega) X(x)$$

$$\epsilon_i''(\omega, x) = \epsilon_{\text{bulk}}''(\omega) X(x)$$

example: $\epsilon_i''(\omega, x) = \epsilon_{\text{bulk}}''(\omega) (1 - e^{-\lambda x})$

$$\begin{aligned} \epsilon_i'(\omega, x) &= \epsilon_\infty + \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^\infty \frac{\omega \epsilon_i''(\omega, x)}{\omega^2 - \omega_0^2} d\omega = \epsilon_\infty + \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^\infty \frac{\omega \epsilon_{\text{bulk}}''(\omega) X(x)}{\omega^2 - \omega_0^2} d\omega \\ &= \epsilon_\infty + X(x) \left(\frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^\infty \frac{\omega \epsilon_{\text{bulk}}''(\omega)}{\omega^2 - \omega_0^2} d\omega \right) \\ &= \epsilon_\infty + X(x) (\epsilon_{\text{bulk}}'(\omega) - \epsilon_\infty) \end{aligned}$$

Dielectric function at the interface $\epsilon_i^* = \epsilon_i^*(\omega, x)$

$$\epsilon_i'(\omega, x) = \epsilon_\infty + X(x) (\epsilon_{\text{bulk}}'(\omega) - \epsilon_\infty)$$

$$\epsilon_i''(\omega, x) = \epsilon_{\text{bulk}}''(\omega) X(x)$$

$$X(x) = \frac{\epsilon_i'(\omega, x) - \epsilon_\infty}{\epsilon_{\text{bulk}}'(\omega) - \epsilon_\infty} = \frac{\epsilon_i''(\omega, x)}{\epsilon_{\text{bulk}}''(\omega)}$$

$$\boxed{\frac{\epsilon_i''(\omega, x)}{\epsilon_{\text{bulk}}''(\omega)} = \frac{\epsilon_i'(\omega, x) - \epsilon_\infty}{\epsilon_{\text{bulk}}'(\omega) - \epsilon_\infty}}$$

Dielectric function at the interface: first approach

$$\frac{L}{\epsilon_{\text{meas}}^*} = \frac{2d_i}{\epsilon_i^*} + \frac{L-2d_i}{\epsilon_{\text{bulk}}^*}$$

$$\frac{\epsilon_i''}{\epsilon_{\text{bulk}}''} = \frac{\epsilon_i' - \epsilon_{\infty}}{\epsilon_{\text{bulk}}' - \epsilon_{\infty}}$$

Three equations with three unknown parameters:

$$d_i, \quad \epsilon_i', \quad \epsilon_i''$$

Dielectric function at the interface: first approach

$$x = \frac{2d_i}{L}, \quad Y = \frac{(\epsilon'_{\text{bulk}})^2 + (\epsilon''_{\text{bulk}})^2}{(\epsilon'_{\text{meas}})^2 + (\epsilon''_{\text{meas}})^2} = \frac{\text{modb}}{\text{modm}}$$

$$A = Y\epsilon'_{\text{meas}} - (1-x)\epsilon'_{\text{bulk}}$$

$$B = Y\epsilon''_{\text{meas}} - (1-x)\epsilon''_{\text{bulk}}$$

$$\epsilon_{\infty} (A^2 + B^2) = x \text{ modb} (A - \epsilon'_{\text{bulk}} B + \epsilon_{\infty} B)$$

$$\alpha = \frac{\epsilon'_{\text{bulk}} \epsilon'_{\text{meas}} + \epsilon''_{\text{bulk}} \epsilon''_{\text{meas}}}{\text{modb}}$$

$$\beta = \epsilon'_{\text{meas}} - \epsilon'_{\text{bulk}} \epsilon''_{\text{meas}} + \epsilon_{\infty} \epsilon''_{\text{meas}}$$

$$\gamma = \epsilon'_{\text{bulk}} \epsilon''_{\text{bulk}} - \epsilon'_{\text{bulk}} - \epsilon_{\infty} \epsilon''_{\text{bulk}}$$

$$\epsilon_{\infty} [Y + (1-x)2 - 2\alpha Y(1-x)] = x [\beta Y + \gamma(1-x)]$$

$$a = \epsilon_{\infty} + \gamma$$

$$b = 2\epsilon_{\infty} - 2\alpha Y\epsilon_{\infty} + \beta Y + \gamma$$

$$c = \epsilon_{\infty} Y + \epsilon_{\infty} - 2\alpha \epsilon_{\infty} Y$$

$$a x^2 - b x + c = 0$$

$$x_{1,2} = \frac{b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

$$d_i = x \frac{L}{2}$$

$$\epsilon'_i = x \text{ modb} \frac{Y\epsilon'_{\text{meas}} - (1-x)\epsilon'_{\text{bulk}}}{(Y\epsilon'_{\text{meas}} - (1-x)\epsilon'_{\text{bulk}})^2 + (Y\epsilon''_{\text{meas}} - (1-x)\epsilon''_{\text{bulk}})^2}$$

$$\epsilon''_i = x \text{ modb} \frac{Y\epsilon''_{\text{meas}} - (1-x)\epsilon''_{\text{bulk}}}{(Y\epsilon'_{\text{meas}} - (1-x)\epsilon'_{\text{bulk}})^2 + (Y\epsilon''_{\text{meas}} - (1-x)\epsilon''_{\text{bulk}})^2}$$