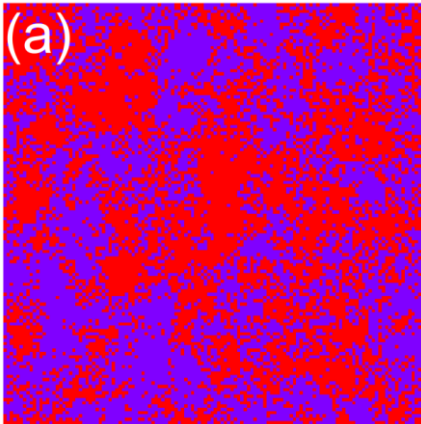


# Elasticity, Facilitation, Avalanches of Relaxation, and Dynamic Heterogeneity in Glass-Forming Liquids



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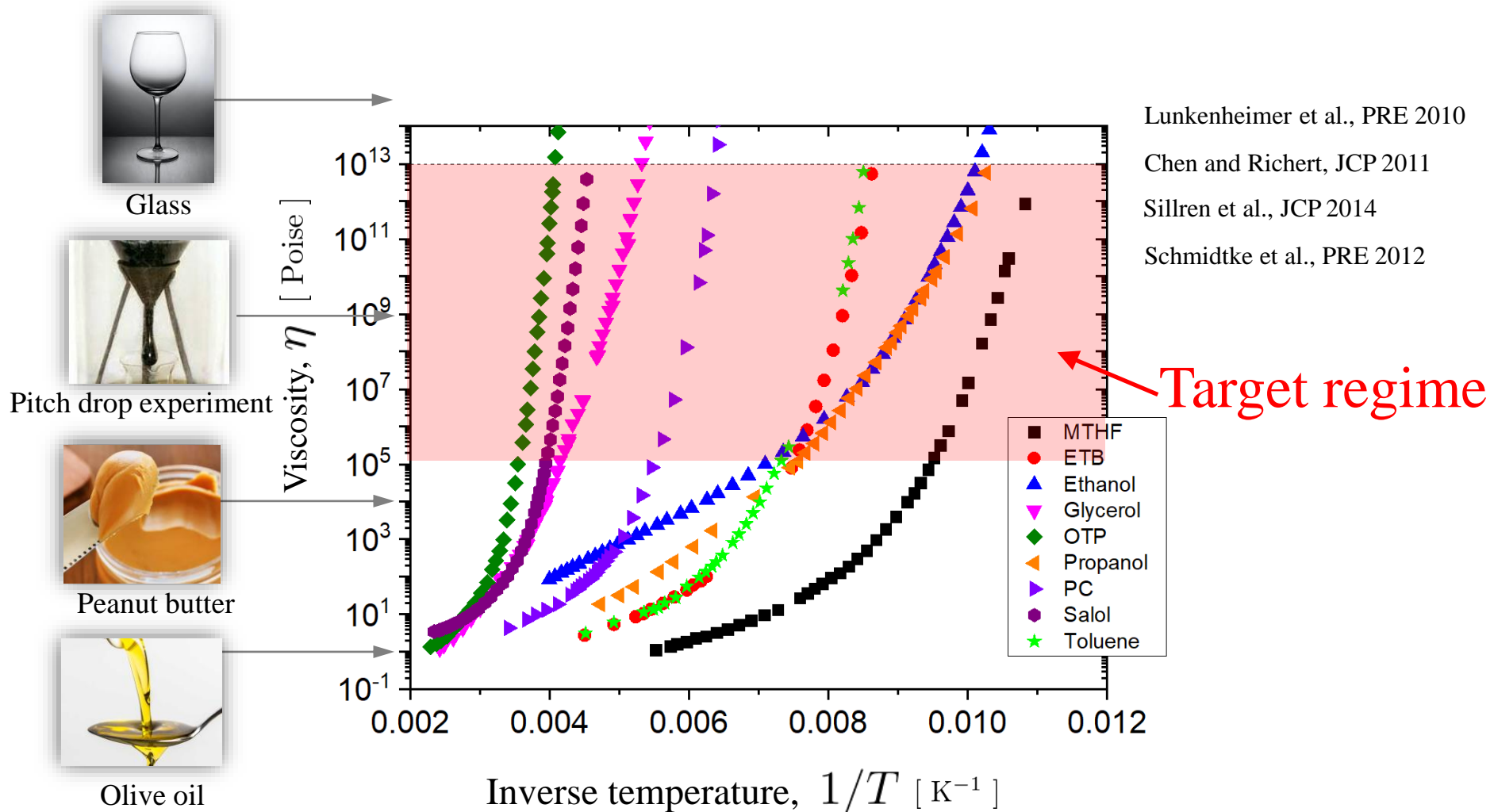


Collaboration with Giulio Biroli, Marko Popovic, Ali Tahaei, and Matthieu Wyart

Ozawa and Biroli, PRL, 2023

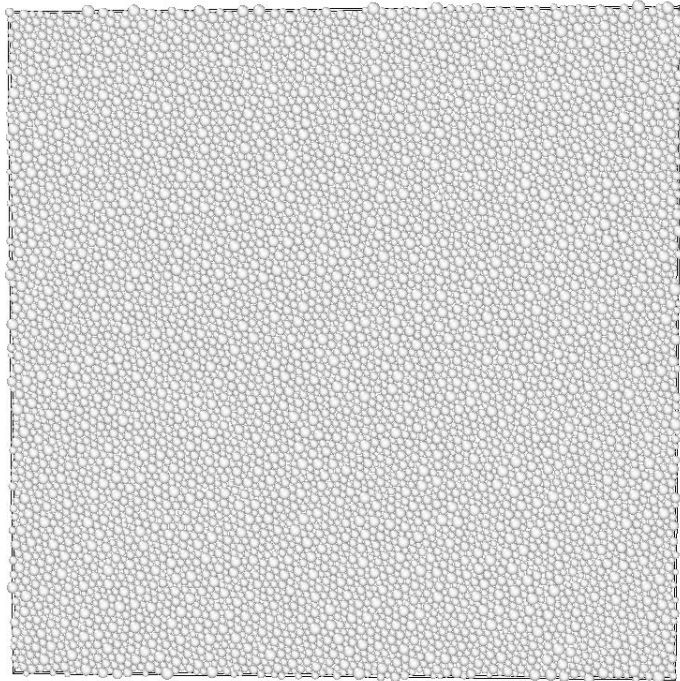
Tahaei, Biroli, Ozawa, Popovic, and Wyart, PRX, 2023

# Supercooled liquids approaching glass transition

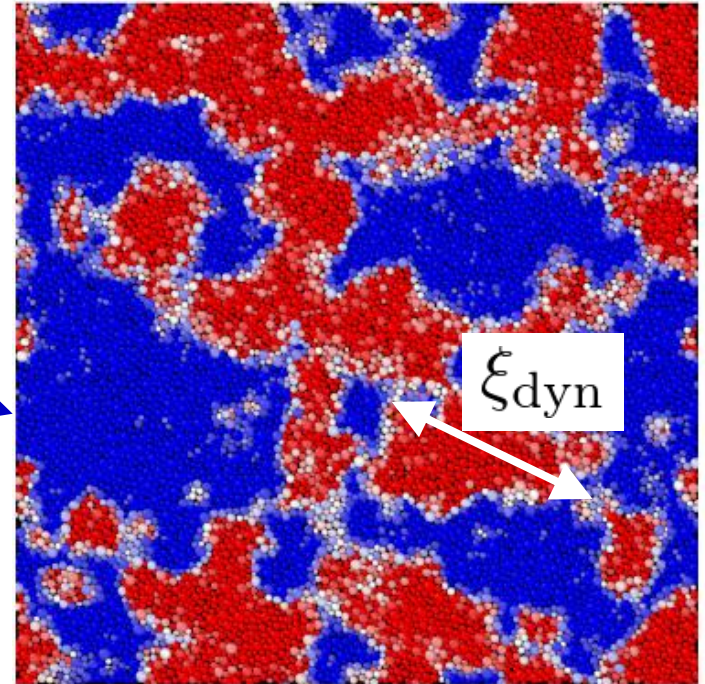


# Dynamical heterogeneity

Snapshot



Dynamics



Immobile



$\xi_{\text{dyn}}$



Mobile



Hurley and Harrowell, PRE 1995

Karmakar, Dasgupta, and Sastry, PNAS 2009

Kob, Donati, Plimpton, Poole, and Glotzer, PRL 1997

Scalliet, Guiselin, and Berthier, PRX 2022

Mechanism?

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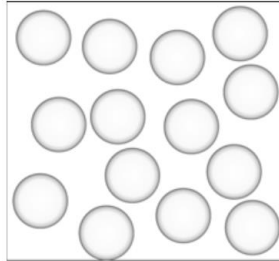
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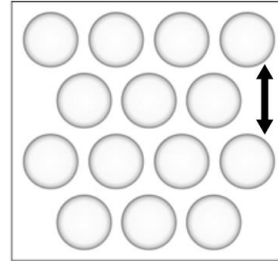
# Order parameter for the glass transition in RFOT

## Liquid to Crystal transition

Liquid:  $T > T_m$



Crystal:  $T < T_m$

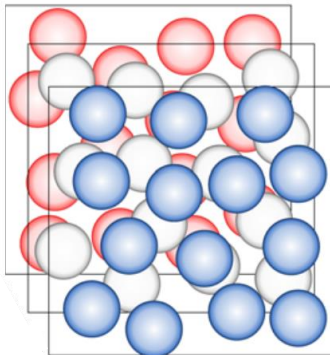


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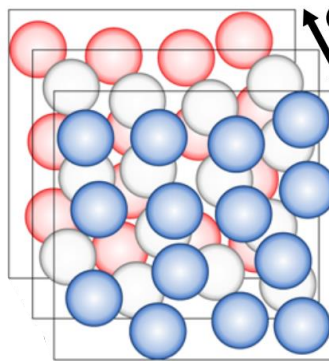
Order within one configuration

## Liquid to Glass transition

Liquid:  $T > T_K$

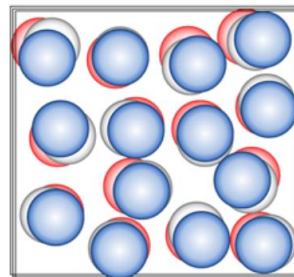
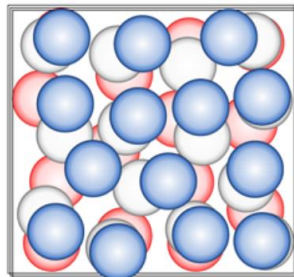


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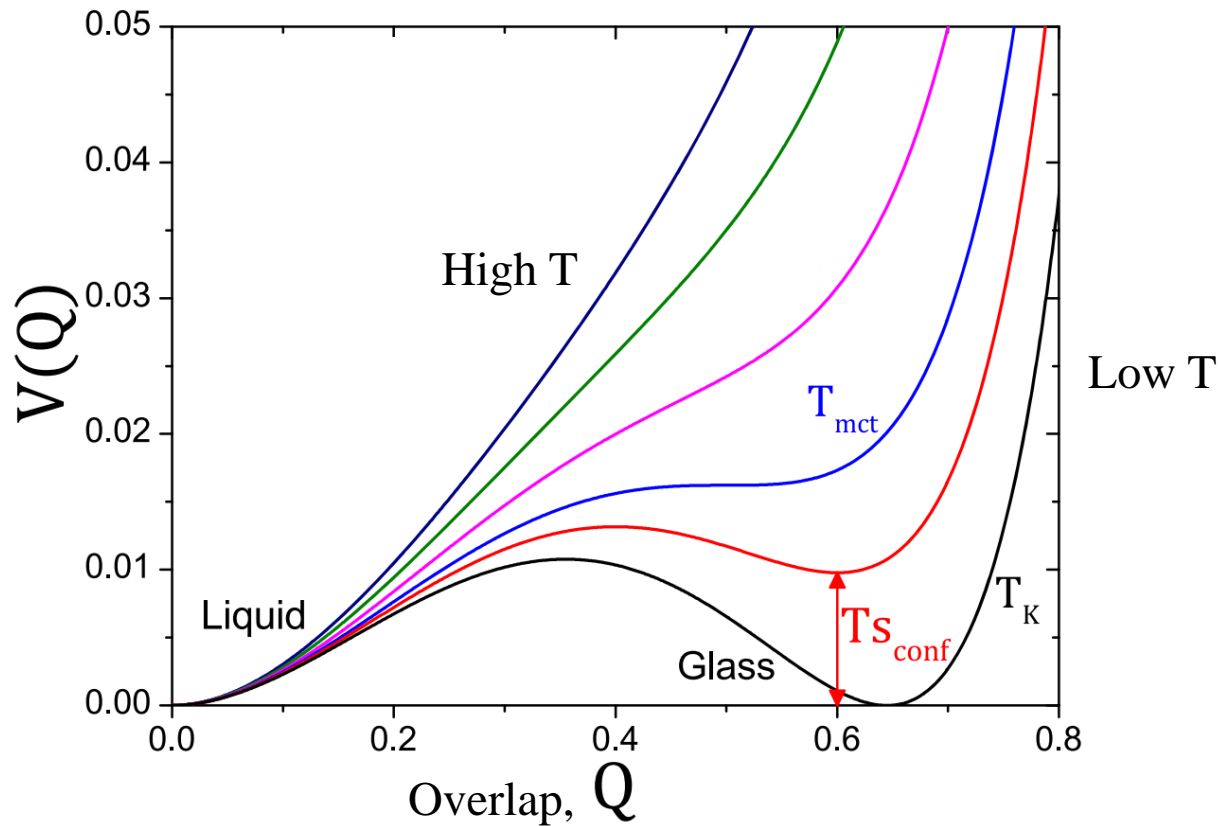


Order

Order among different configurations



← Overlap!



Landau free energy for the glass transition (Franz-Paris potential)

Franz and Parisi, Journal de Physique 1995

Random “first-order” transition (Kauzmann ideal glass transition) at  $T_K$

Verified at

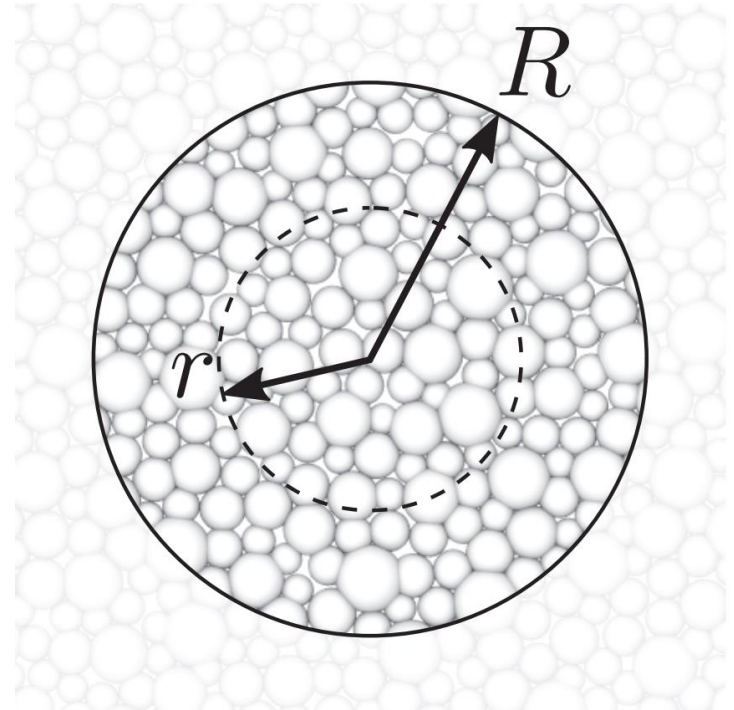
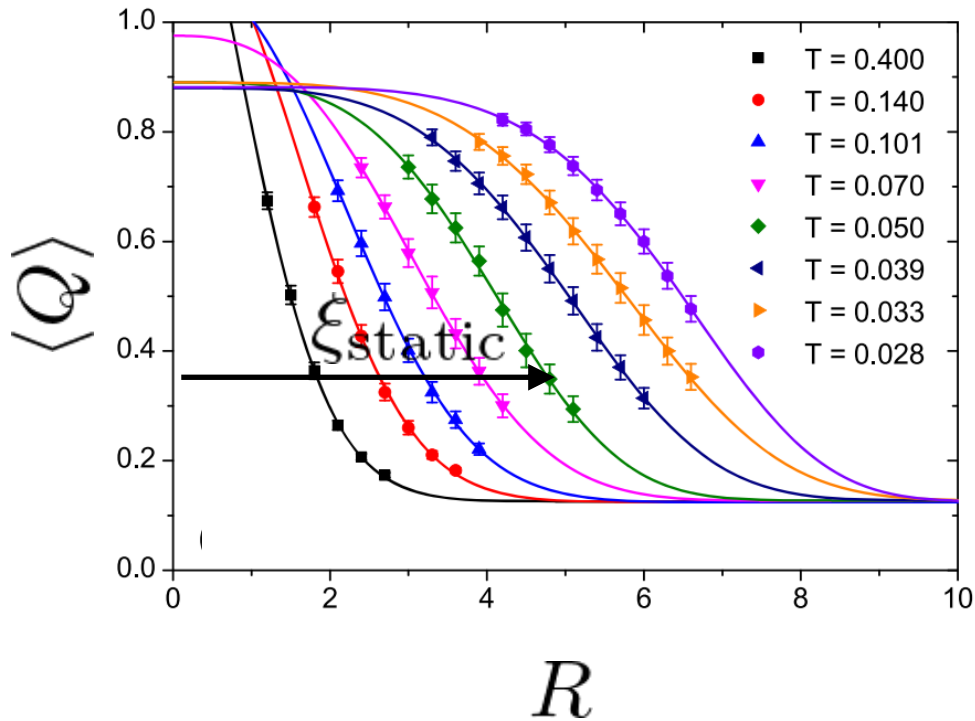
$d \rightarrow \infty$



Merzard and Parisi, PRL 1999

Charbonneau, Kurchan, Parisi, Urbani, and Zamponi, Annu. Rev. Condens. Matter Phys. 2017

# Finite dimensions $d$



Biroli, Bouchaud, Cavagna, Grigera, Verrocchio, Nat. Phys. 2008

Kurchan and Levine, J. Phys. A 2010

Berthier, Ozawa, and Scalliet, JCP 2019

Extracting “static” correlation length  $\xi_{\text{static}}$  by overlap  
(Amorphous order)

$\xi_{\text{static}}$  increases with decreasing temperature



# RFOT prediction for dynamics

Relaxation time

$$\tau_{\alpha} \sim \exp \left[ \frac{\xi_{\text{static}}^{\psi}}{T} \right] \quad \psi > 0$$

$$\xi_{\text{static}} \rightarrow \infty \quad \text{when} \quad T \rightarrow T_{\text{K}}$$

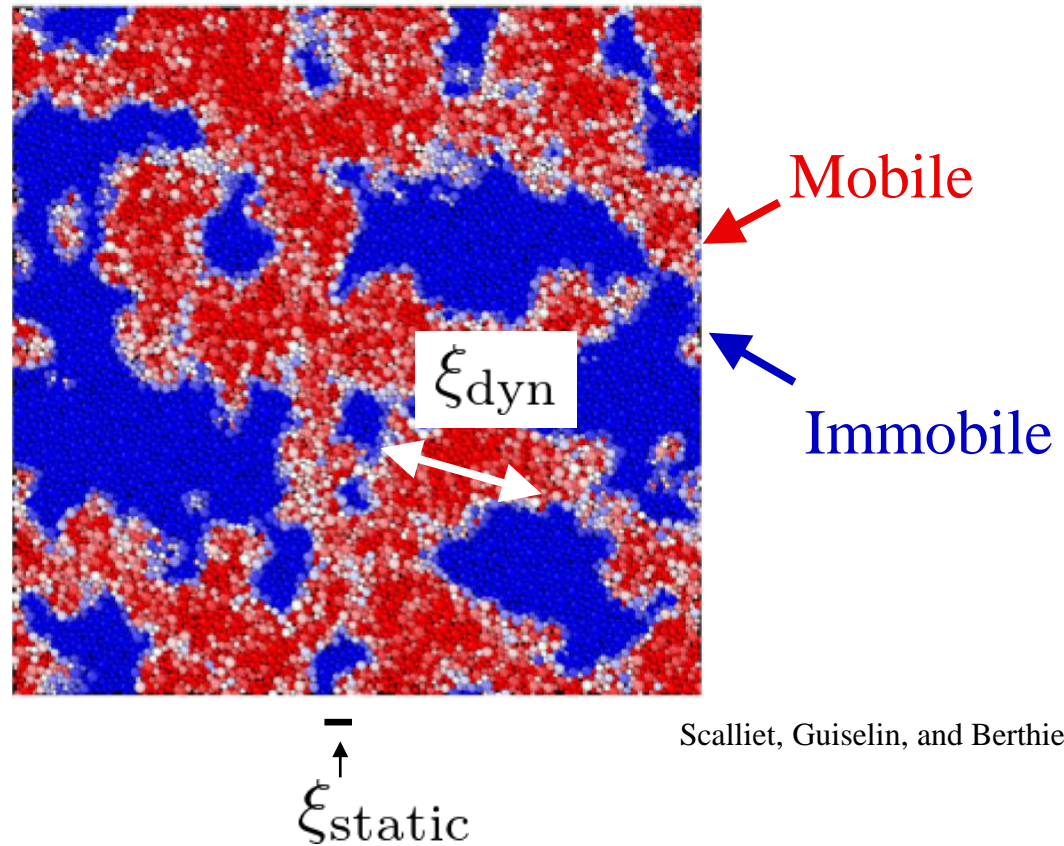
$$\text{Thus, } \tau_{\alpha} \rightarrow \infty \quad \text{when} \quad T \rightarrow T_{\text{K}}$$

Kirkpatrick, Thirumalai, and Wolynes, PRA 1989

Bouchaud and Biroli, JCP 2004

Relaxation time diverges toward  $T_{\text{K}}$

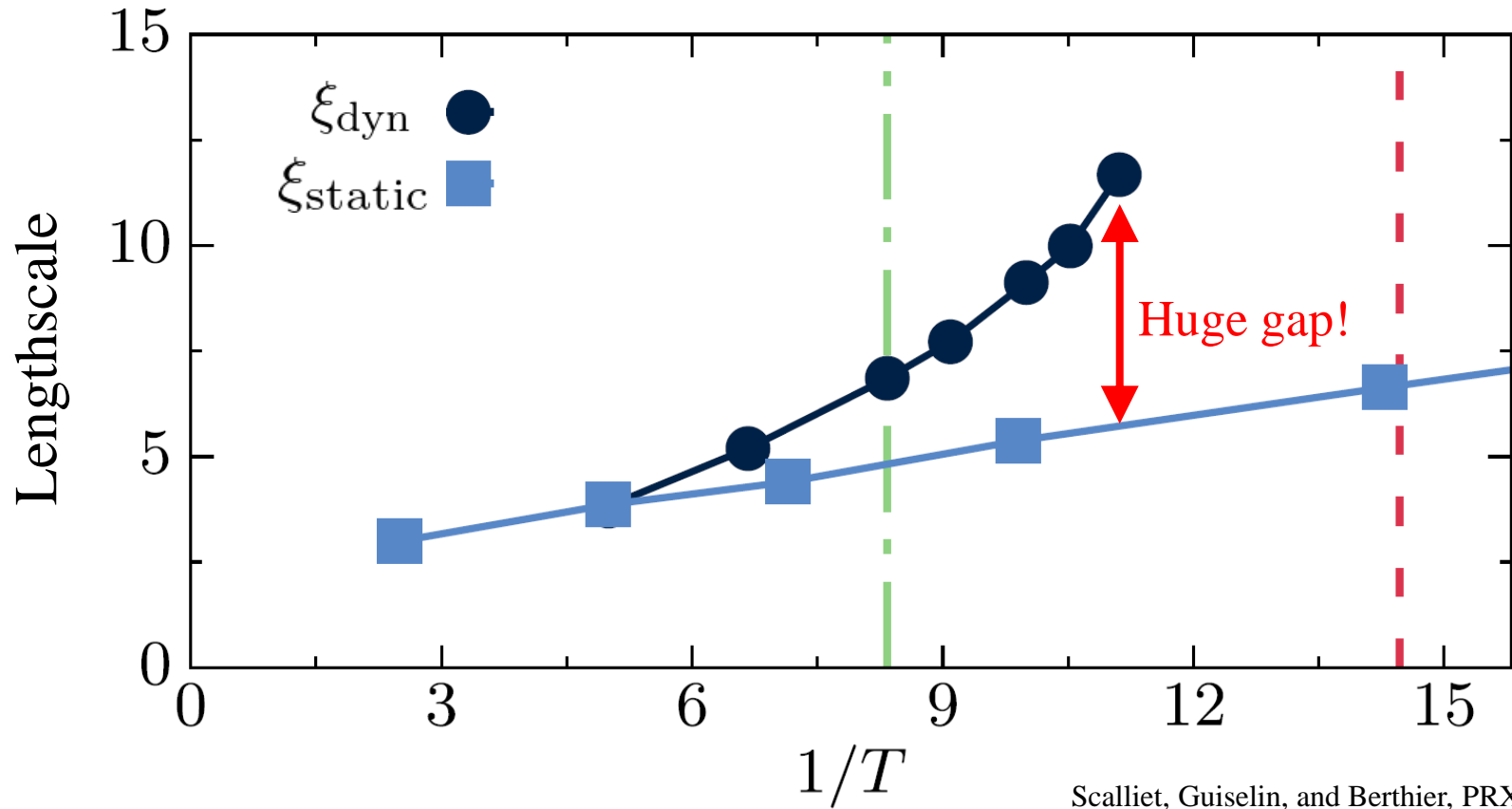
# Comparison between static and dynamic lengthscales



Scalliet, Guiselin, and Berthier, PRX 2022

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$\xi_{\text{static}}$  alone cannot explain dynamical heterogeneity  $\xi_{\text{dyn}}$

What is missing?



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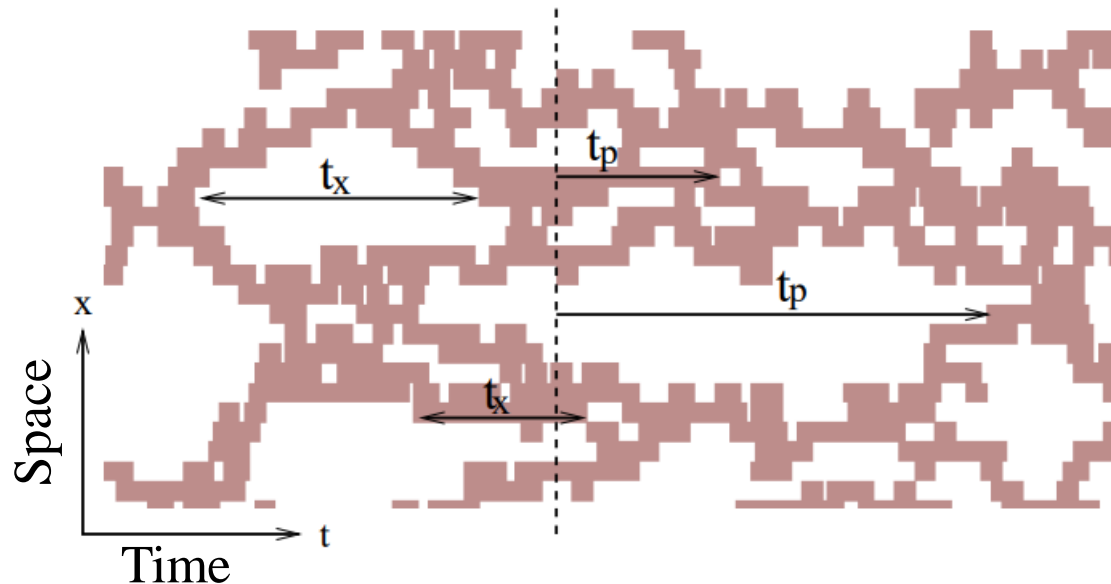


# Kinetically constrained models: ideal gas of mobile defects diffusing on a lattice.

Cancrini, Martinelli, Roberto, Toninelli 2009

Chandler and Garrahan, Annu. Rev. Phys. Chem. 2010

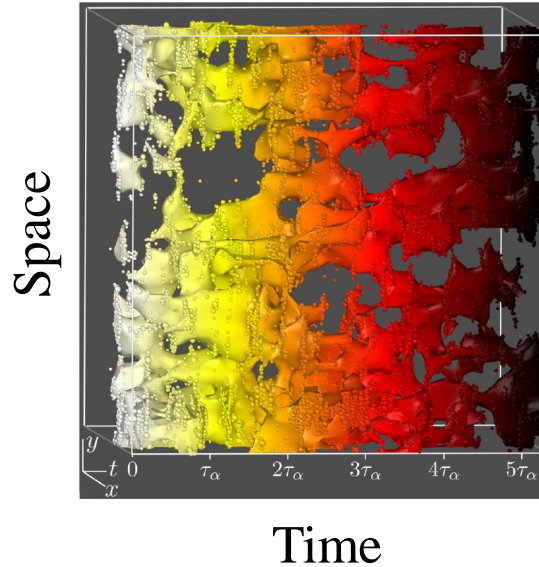
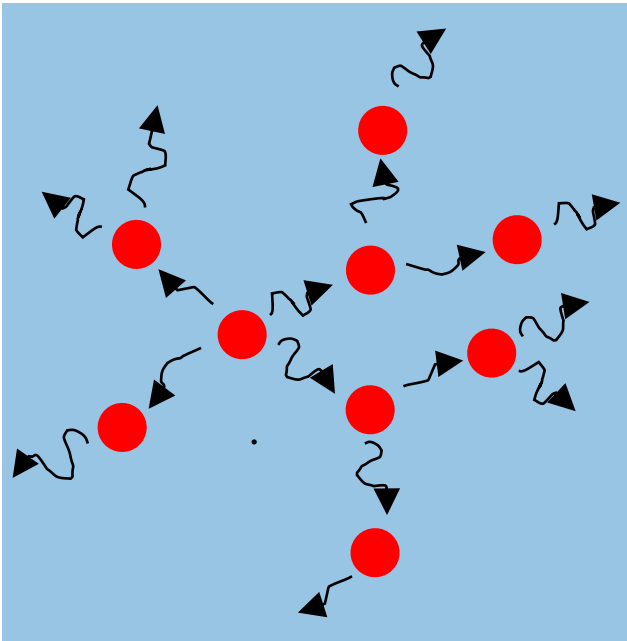
Trivial thermodynamics yet **constrained dynamical rules** for defect mobility.  
(Abstract mathematical rule)



Reproduces super-Arrhenius behavior, growth of dynamic lengthscale.



# Dynamical facilitation



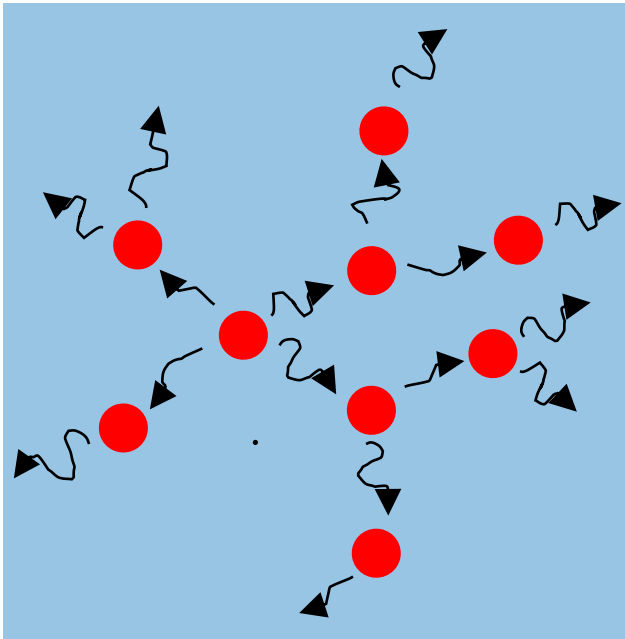
Mobile sites induce mobile sites nearby:  
Cascade of mobility

Dynamical facilitation is getting  
dominant at lower temperatures

Guiselin, Scalliet, and Berthier, Nat Phys. 2021

Scalliet, Guiselin, and Berthier, PRX 2022

Dynamical facilitation is there. But what is physical mechanism responsible for it?



What is  $\rightsquigarrow$  ?





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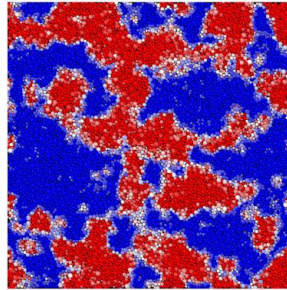
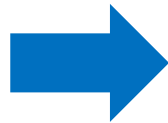


# Different approaches

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**Solid that flows**

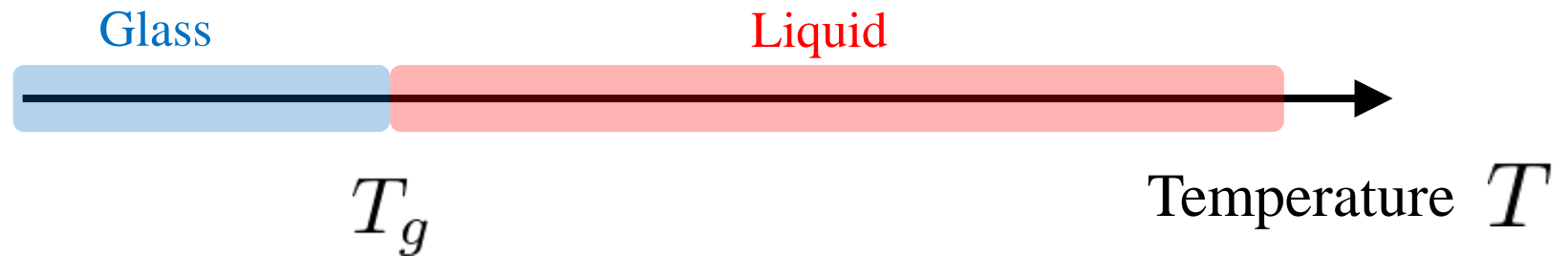
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**Viscous fluid**

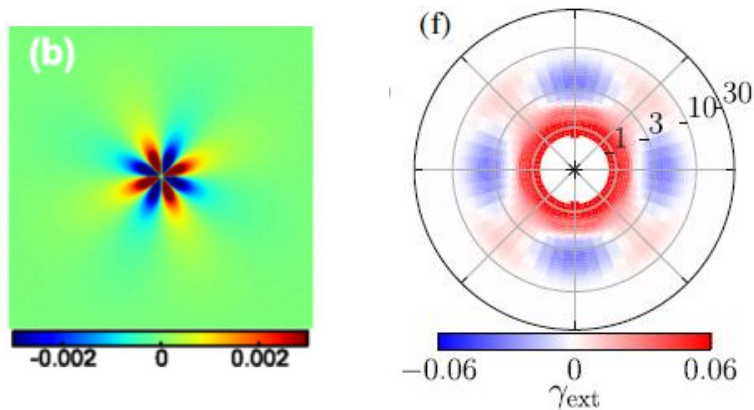


Majority of theories



# Elasticity and plasticity in liquids

## Elasticity and long-range stress correlations



Lemaitre, PRL 2014

Wu, Iwashita, and Egami, PRE 2015

Flenner and Szamel, PRL 2015

Chowdhury, Abraham, Hudson, and Harrowell, JCP 2016

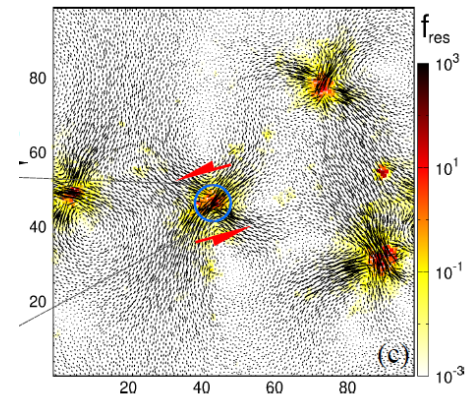
Maier, Zippelius, and Fuchs, PRL 2017

Chacko, Landes, Biroli, Dauchot, Liu, and Reichman, PRL 2021

Steffen, Schneider, Muller, and Rottler, JCP 2022

Ghanekarade, Phan, Schweizer, and Simmons, Nat. Phys. 2023

## Plasticity and shear transformations

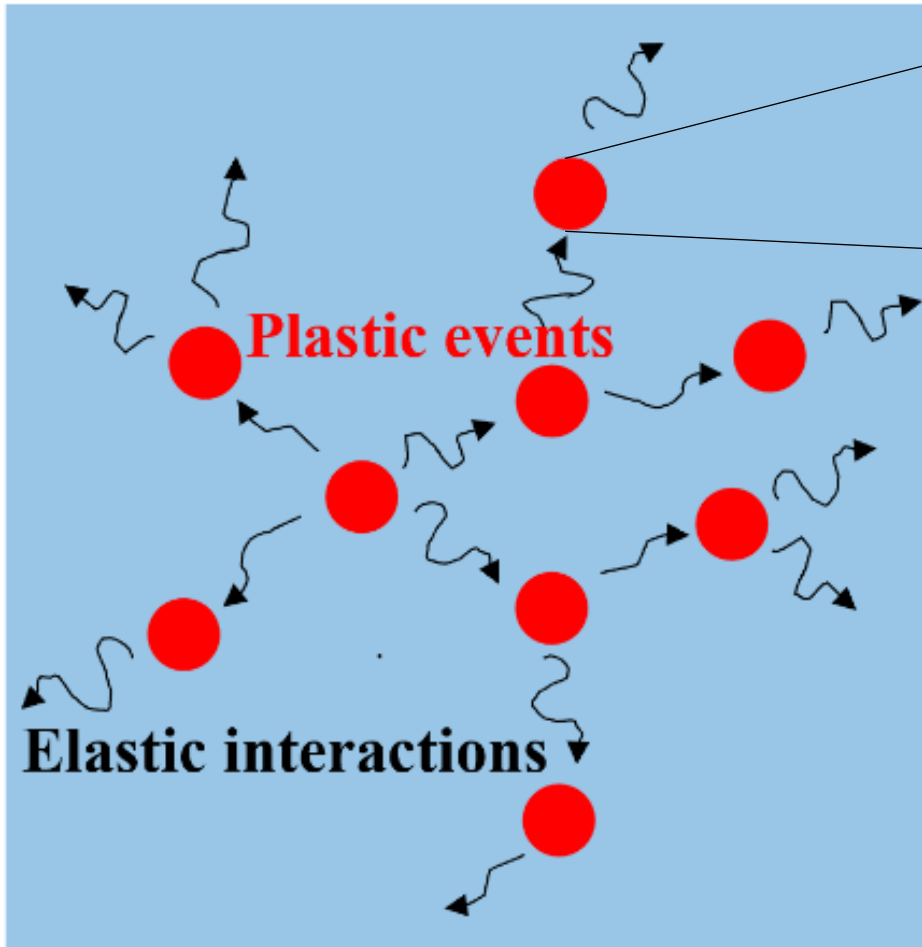


Lerbinger, Barbot, Vandembroucq, and Patinet, PRL 2022

Falk and Langer, PRE 1998

Maloney and Lemaitre, PRE 2006

# Mechanism of dynamical heterogeneity



Localized plastic events induced by thermal fluctuations and elasticity

Chacko, Landes, Biroli, Dauchot, Liu, and Reichman PRL 2021

Lerbinger, Barbot, Vandembroucq, and Patinet, PRL 2022

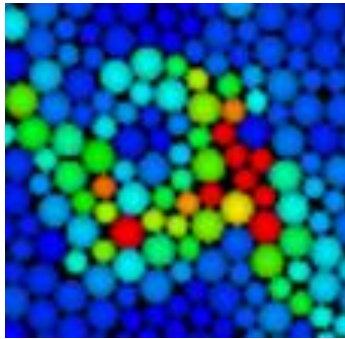
Cascade of events: Facilitation

Chandler and Garrahan, Annu. Rev. Phys. Chem. 2010

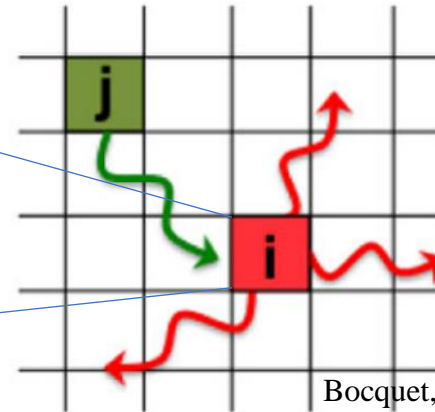
Elasticity induced facilitation

# Elastoplastic models

Microscopic scale



Mesoscopic scale



Bocquet, Colin, Ajdari, PRL 2009

Molecular simulations (MD)

Nicolas, Ferrero, Martens, and Barrat, RMP 2018

Bulatov and Argon, Mod. Sim. 1994

Baret, Vandembroucq, and Roux, PRL 2002

Elastoplastic models (EPM)

Onuki, PRE 2003

Jagla, PRE 2007

Lin, Lerner, Rosso, and Wyart PNAS 2014

# 1) Local dynamics condition for local stress $\sigma_i$

i)  $\sigma_i \leq \sigma^{\text{th}}$  : Elastic (immobile)

ii)  $\sigma_i > \sigma^{\text{th}}$  : Plastic (mobile) with a stress drop  $\sigma_i \rightarrow \sigma_i - \delta\sigma_i$

iii) Thermal fluctuation: Elastic  $\rightarrow$  Plastic with probability  $e^{-E(\sigma_i)/T}$

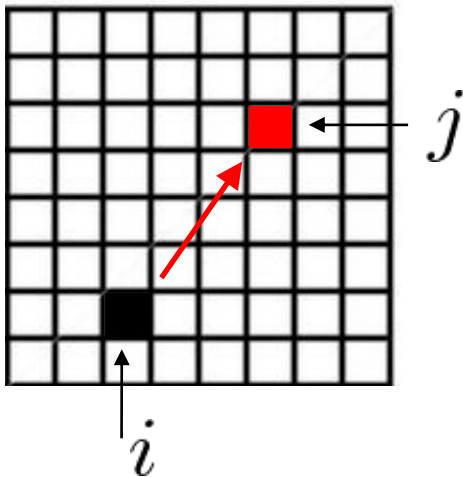
Maloney and Lacks, PRE 2006

Ferrero, Martens, and Barrat, PRL 2014

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$$E(\sigma_i) = (\sigma^{\text{th}} - \sigma_i)^{3/2}$$

# 2) Elastic interaction

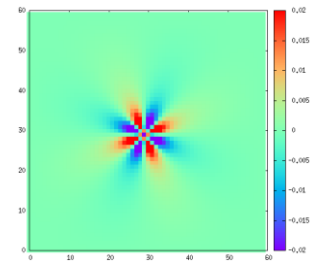


$$\sigma_j \rightarrow \sigma_j + g(\mathbf{r}_{ij})\delta\sigma_i$$

$$g(\mathbf{r}_{ij}) = \frac{\cos(4\theta)}{r_{ij}^2}$$

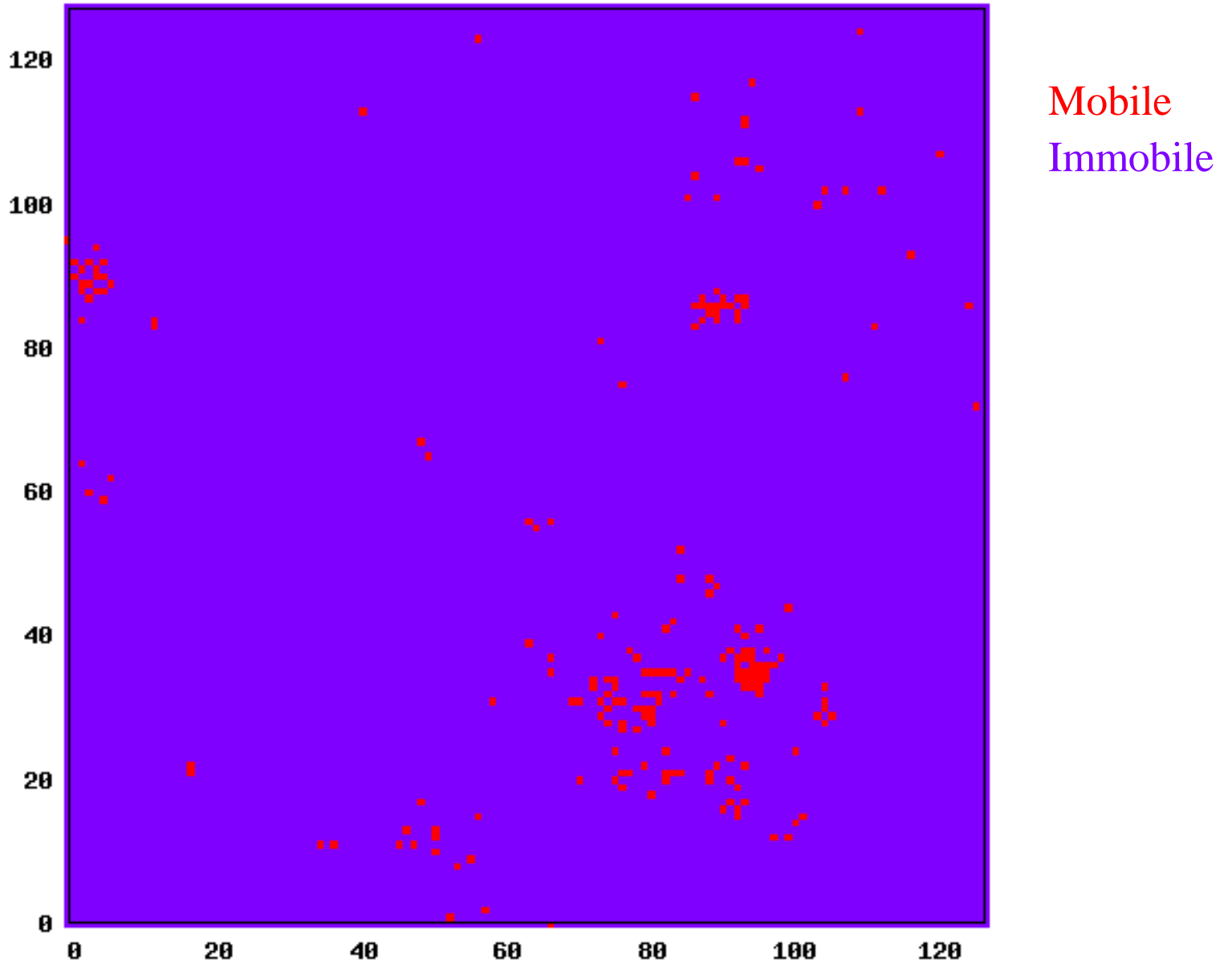
Picard, Ajdari, Lequeux, and Bocquet, EPJE 2004

Random rotation of Eshelby kernel

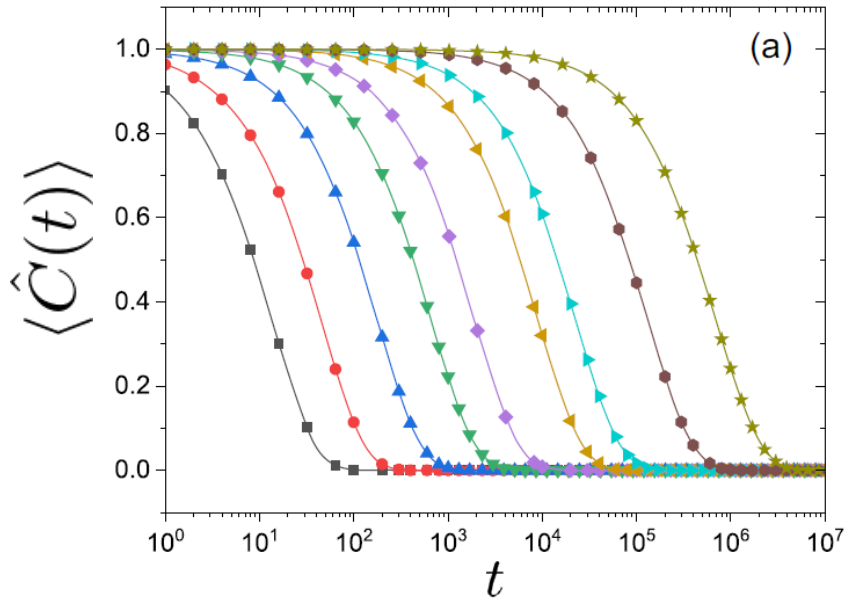


# 3) Repeat 1) - 2)

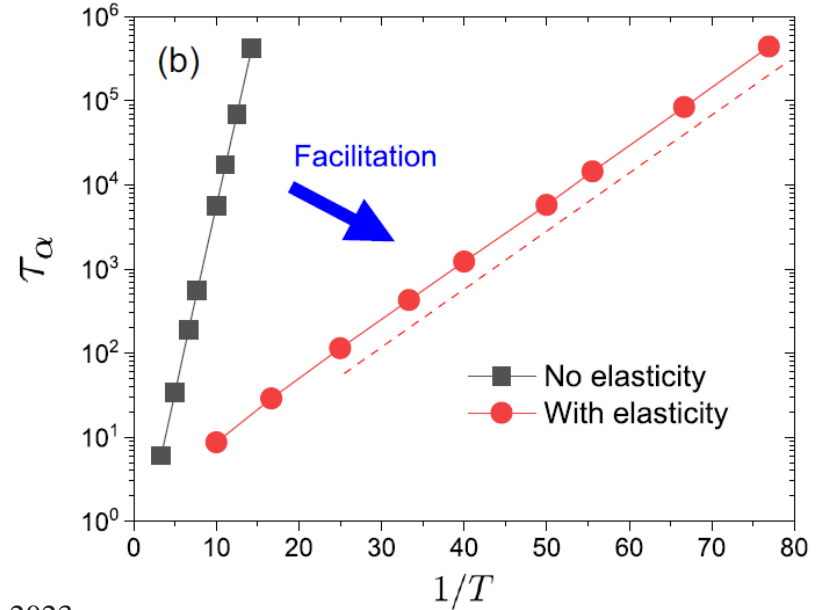
# Movie



# Two-point time correlation function



Ozawa and Biroli, PRL, 2023



$\langle \hat{C}(t) \rangle$  : Persistence two-point time correlation function  
(à la Intermediate scattering function)

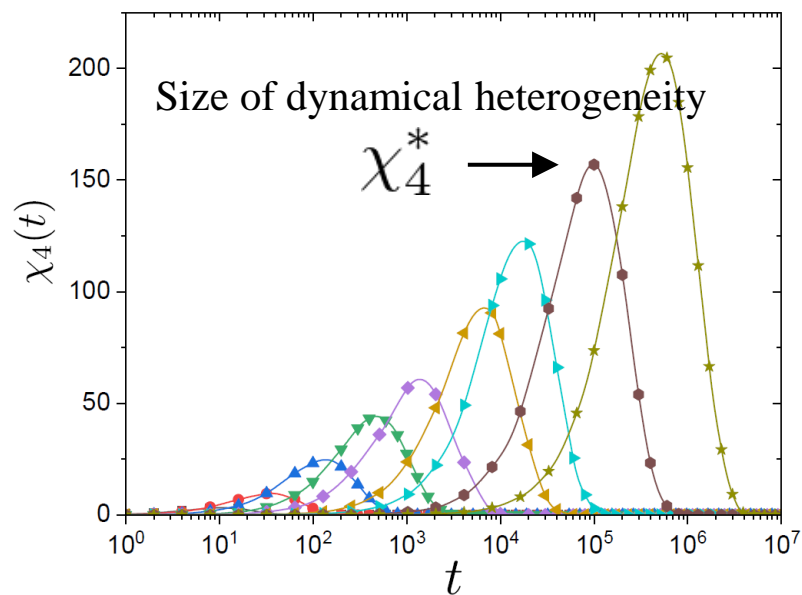
Berthier and Garrahan, PRE 2003

$\tau_\alpha$  : Relaxation time defined by  $\langle \hat{C}(\tau_\alpha) \rangle = 1/e$



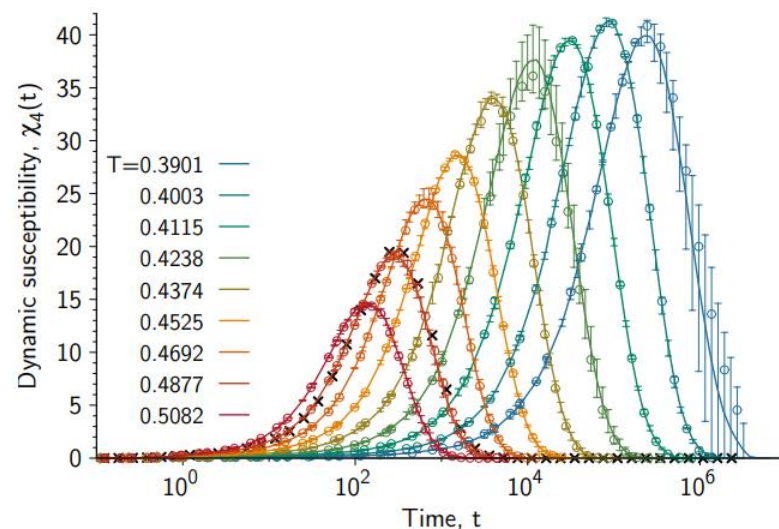
# Four-point correlation function

## Elastoplastic model



Ozawa and Biroli, PRL, 2023

## Molecular simulation



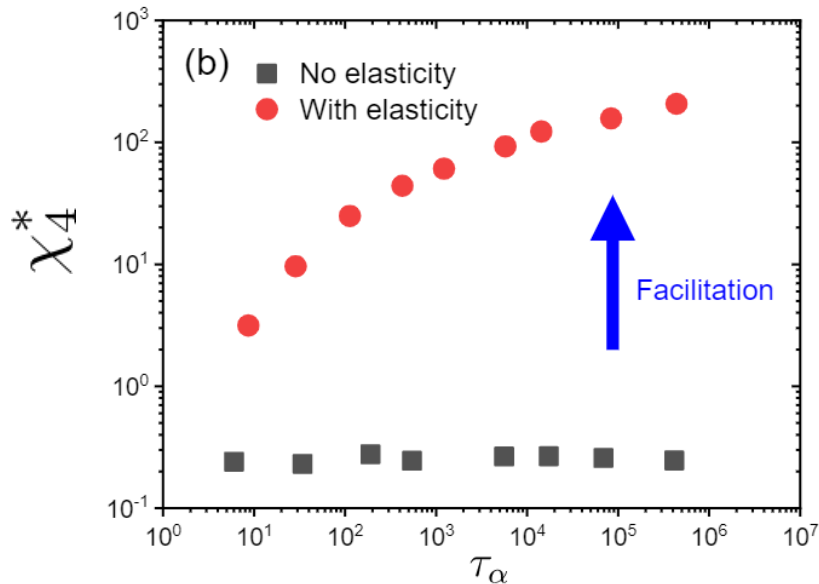
Coslovich, Ozawa, and Kob, EPJE 2018

$$\chi_4(t) = N \text{Var}(\hat{C}(t)) = N \left( \langle \hat{C}^2(t) \rangle - \langle \hat{C}(t) \rangle^2 \right)$$

Lacevic, Starr, Schroder, and Glotzer, JCP 2003

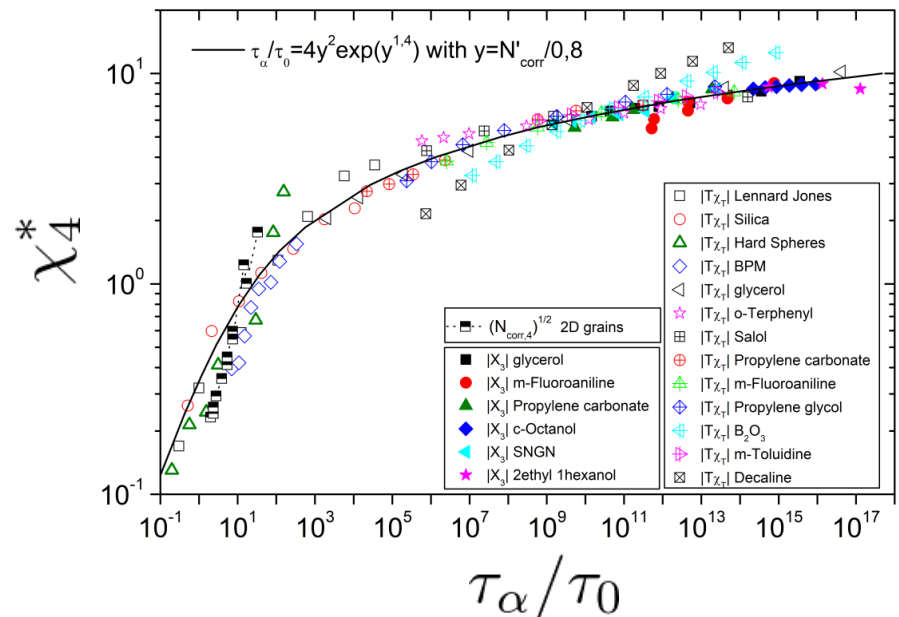
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## Experiments



Dalle-Ferrier, Thibierge, Alba-Simionesco, Berthier, Biroli, Bouchaud, Ladieu, L'Hote, and Tarjus, PRE 2007

Dauchot, Ladieu, and Royall, Comptes Rendus. Physique 2023

# Mean-field theory

$$\frac{\partial P(\sigma, t)}{\partial t} = \alpha \Gamma(t) \frac{\partial^2 P(\sigma, t)}{\partial \sigma^2} - \nu(\sigma, \sigma_c) P(\sigma, t) + \Gamma(t) y(\sigma)$$

Hébraud and Lequeux, PRL 1998

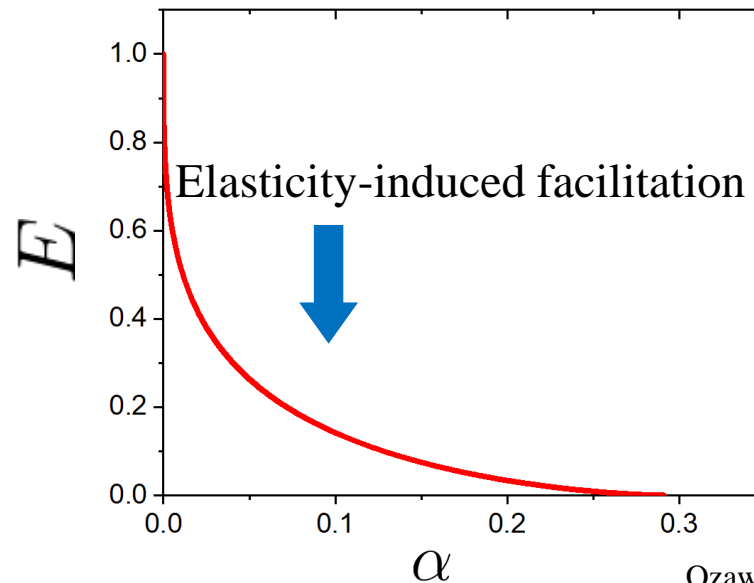
Agoritsas, Bertin, Martens, and Barrat, EPJE 2015

Magnitude of elastic interaction

$$\alpha = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j \neq i} (g(\mathbf{r}_{ij}) \delta \sigma_j)^2$$

Bocquet, Colin, Ajdari, PRL 2009

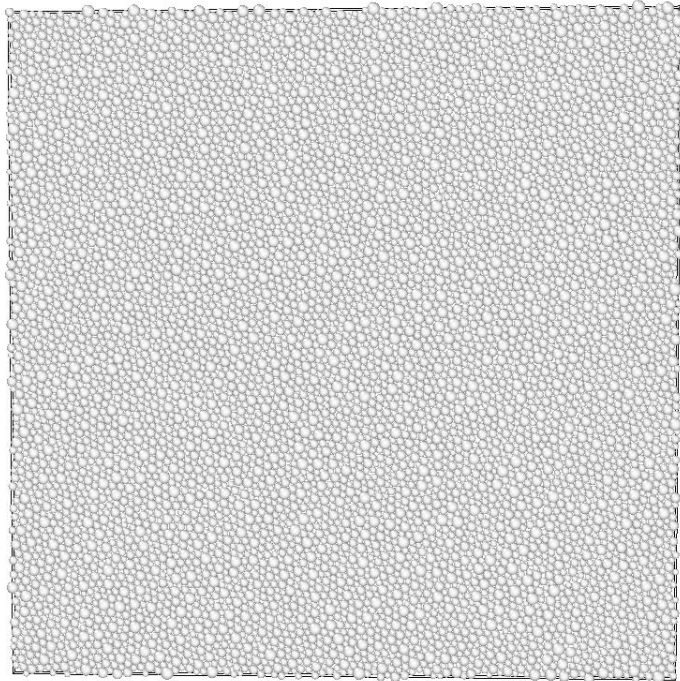
$$\tau_\alpha \simeq \Gamma^{-1} \simeq \tau_0 e^{\frac{E}{T}}$$



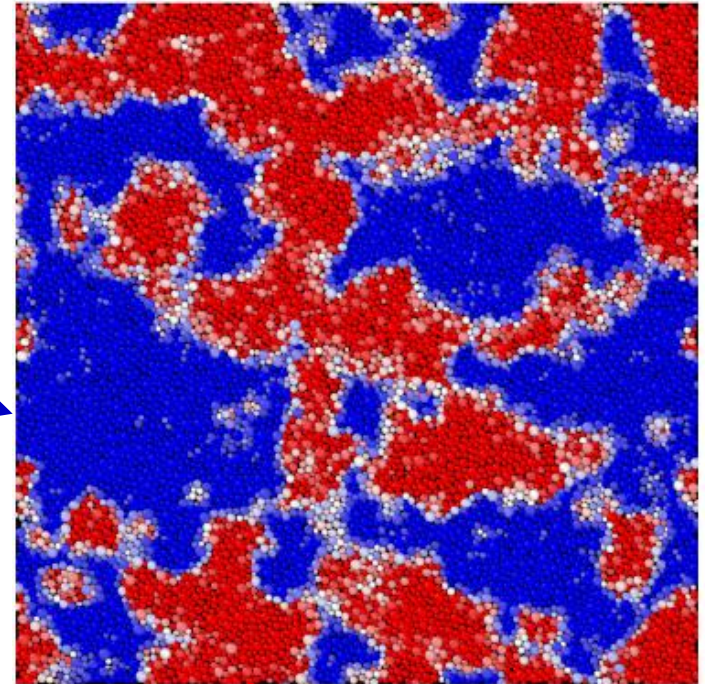
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Snapshot



Dynamics



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Mobile



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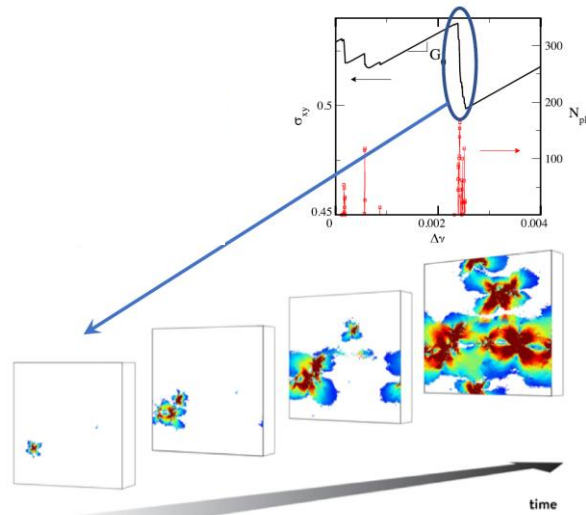
Kob, Donati, Plimpton, Poole, and Glotzer, PRL 1997

Scalliet, Guiselin, and Berthier, PRX 2022

Mechanism? Scaling theory?

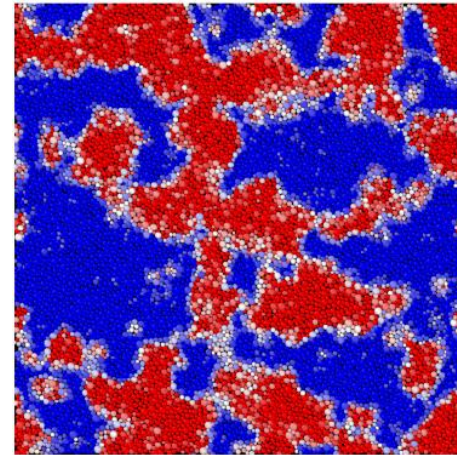
# Motivation

## Amorphous solids under shear



Barrat, Physica A 2018

## Supercooled liquids in equilibrium



Scalliet, Guiselin, and Berthier, PRX 2022

Amorphous solids under shear are well understood: Scaling theory etc.

Nicolas, Ferrero, Martens, and Barrat, RMP 2018

Lin, Lerner, Rosso, and Wyart, PNAS 2014

Korchinski and Rottler, PRE 2022

Can we understand supercooled liquids (without shear) in a similar way?

Candelier, Widmer-Cooper, Kummerfeld, Dauchot, Biroli, Harrowell, and Reichman, PRL 2010

Yanagishima, Russo, and Tanaka, Nat. Commun. 2017

# Scaling theory (summary)

$$T > 0$$

Four point correlation

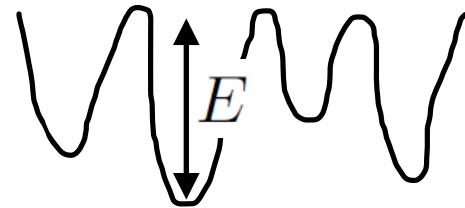
$$\chi_4^* \sim T^{-\gamma}$$

Dynamic correlation length

$$\xi \sim T^{-\nu}$$

$$T = 0 \text{ (Critical point)}$$

Local energy barrier  $E$



Statistics of energy barriers

$$\langle E_{\text{second}} - E_{\text{min}} \rangle \sim N^{-\delta}$$

$$N = L^d$$

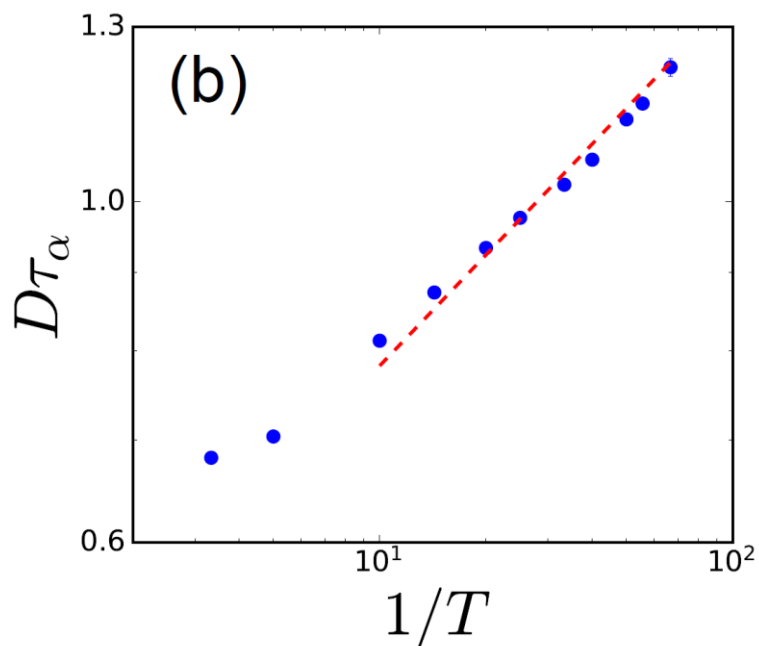
Scaling relations

$$\gamma = \frac{\tilde{d}_f}{\delta d}$$

$$\nu = \frac{1}{\delta d}$$

# Other predictions

Stokes-Einstein violation



Accumulation of relaxation events

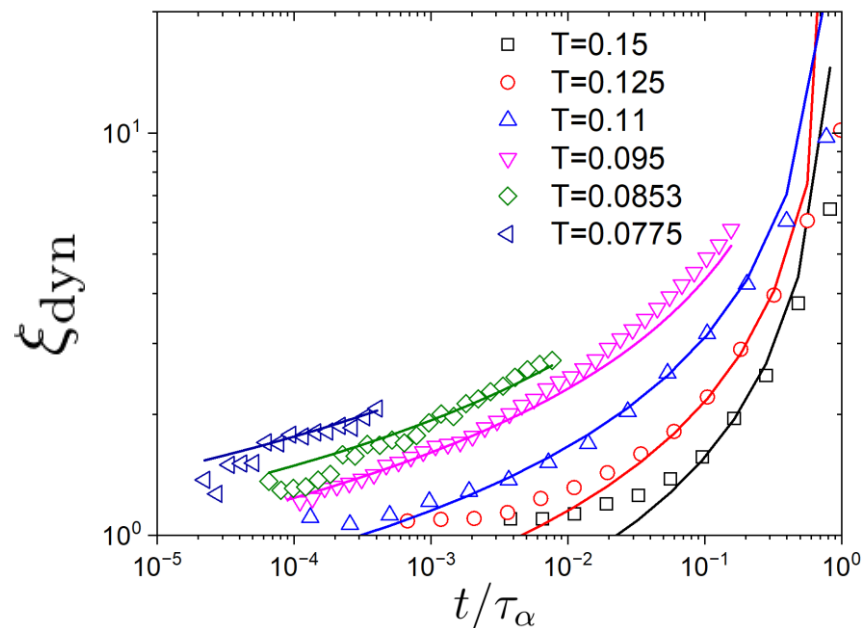
$$D\tau_\alpha \sim T^{-h}$$

$$h = \nu(d_f - \tilde{d}_f)$$

Jung, Garrahan, and Chandler, PRE 2004

Pastore, Kikutsuji, Rusciano, Matsubayashi, Kim, and Greco, JCP 2021

Time-evolution of  $\xi_{\text{dyn}}$



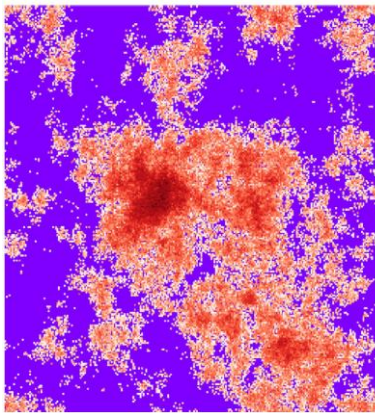
Logarithmic time dependence

$$\xi_{\text{dyn}} = A(T) [T \ln(\tau_\alpha/t)]^{-1/(\tilde{\sigma}\tilde{d}_f)}$$

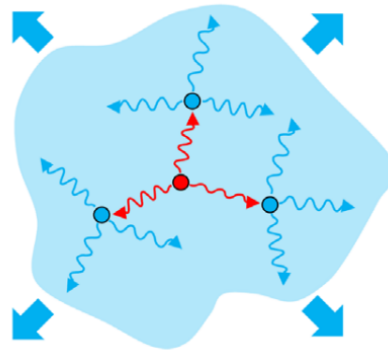
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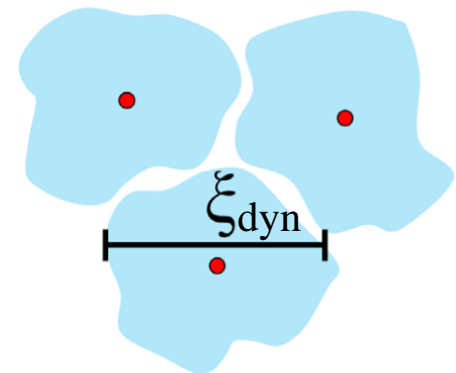
# Avalanche of relaxation



Avalanche growth



Cutoff by avalanches



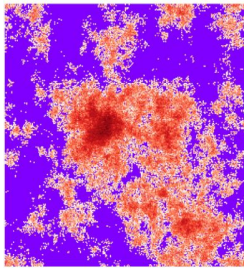
Dynamical heterogeneity is an avalanche induced by thermal fluctuations



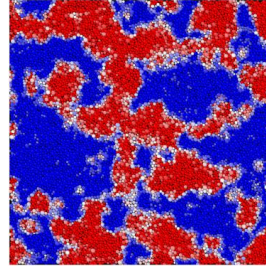
# Open discussions



Avalanche-like



Coarsening-like



Tahaei, Biroli, Ozawa, Popovic, and Wyart, PRX 2023

Scalliet, Guiselin, and Berthier, PRX. 2022

Detailed balance, time reversal symmetry is important?

Ridout and Liu, arXiv 2024

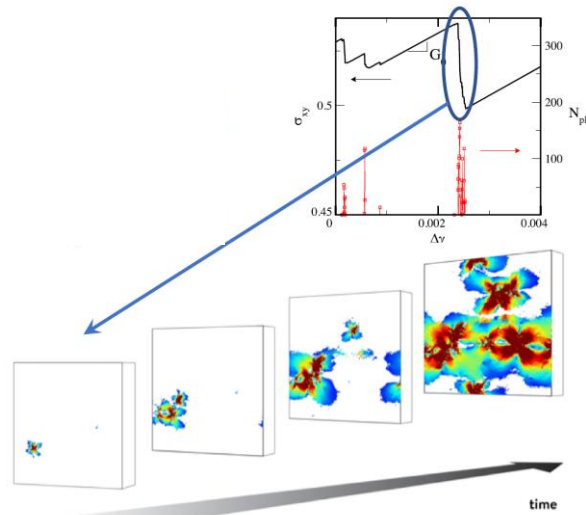
Are elastic interactions screened at finite temperature?

Lemaître, Mondal, Moshe, Procaccia, Roy, Sreiber-Re'em, PRE 2021



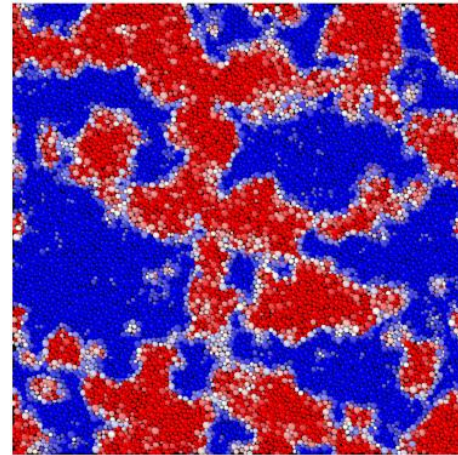
# Motivation

## Amorphous solids under shear



Barrat, Physica A 2018

## Supercooled liquids in equilibrium



Scalliet, Guiselin, and Berthier, PRX 2022

Amorphous solids under shear are well understood: Scaling theory etc.

Nicolas, Ferrero, Martens, and Barrat, RMP 2018

Lin, Lerner, Rosso, and Wyart, PNAS 2014

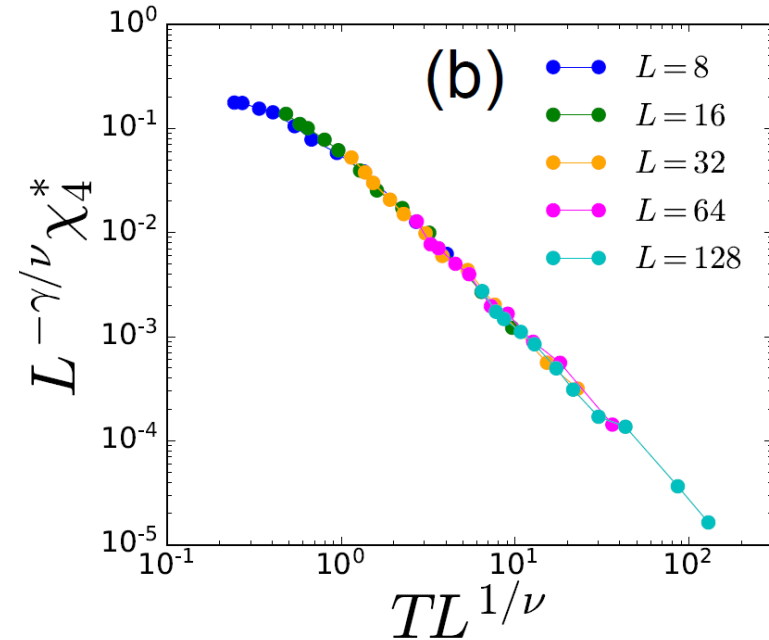
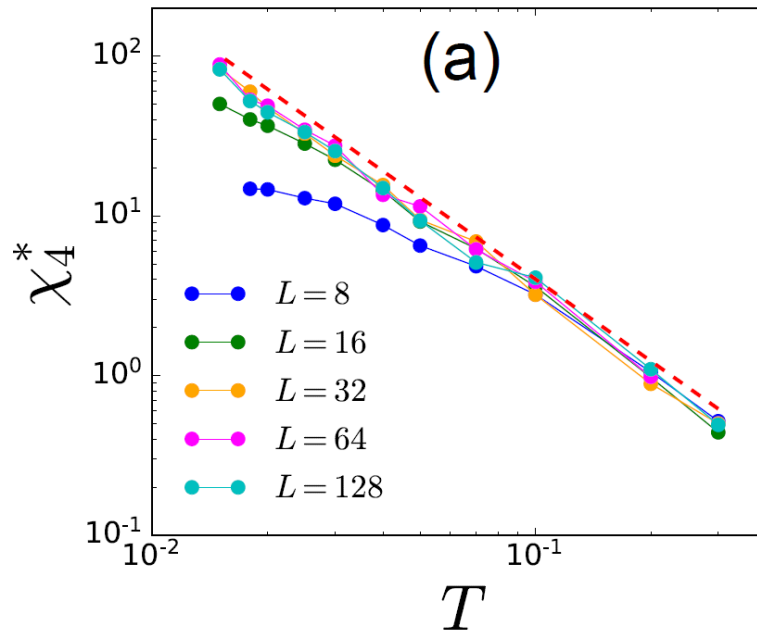
Korchinski and Rottler, PRE 2022

Can we understand supercooled liquids (without shear) in a similar way?

Candelier, Widmer-Cooper, Kummerfeld, Dauchot, Biroli, Harrowell, and Reichman, PRL 2010

Yanagishima, Russo, and Tanaka, Nat. Commun. 2017

# Finite size scaling at $T > 0$



We confirmed scalings  $\chi_4^* \sim T^{-\gamma}$ ,  $\xi \sim T^{-\nu}$ ,  
and determined critical exponents  $\gamma, \nu$

# Extremal dynamics at $T = 0^+$

$T > 0$  simulation

iii) Thermal fluctuation: **Elastic**  $\rightarrow$  **Plastic** with probability  $e^{-E(\sigma_i)/T}$

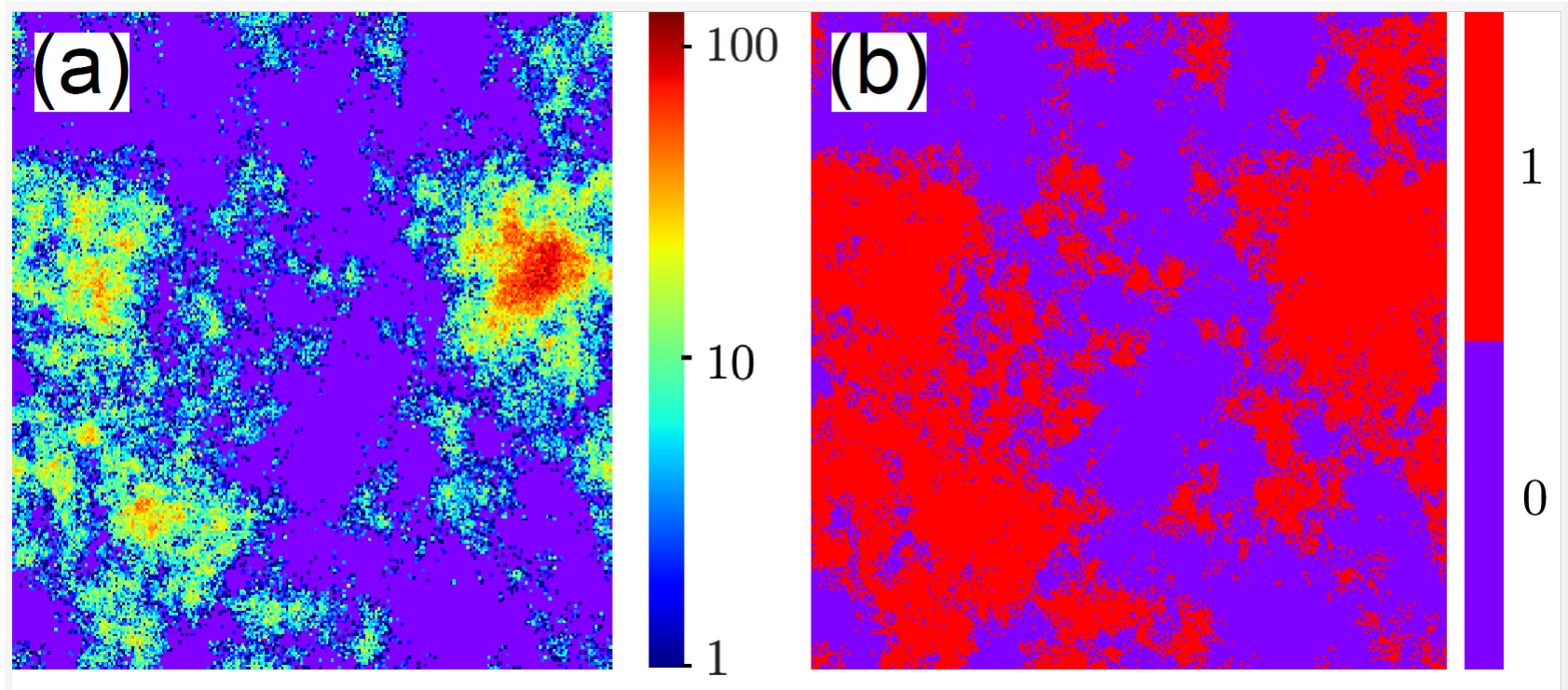


$T = 0^+$  simulation

iii) **Elastic**  $\rightarrow$  **Plastic** for the site with the lowest energy barrier  $E_{\min}$

Always choosing the weakest site: Extremal dynamics

# Avalanches in extremal dynamics



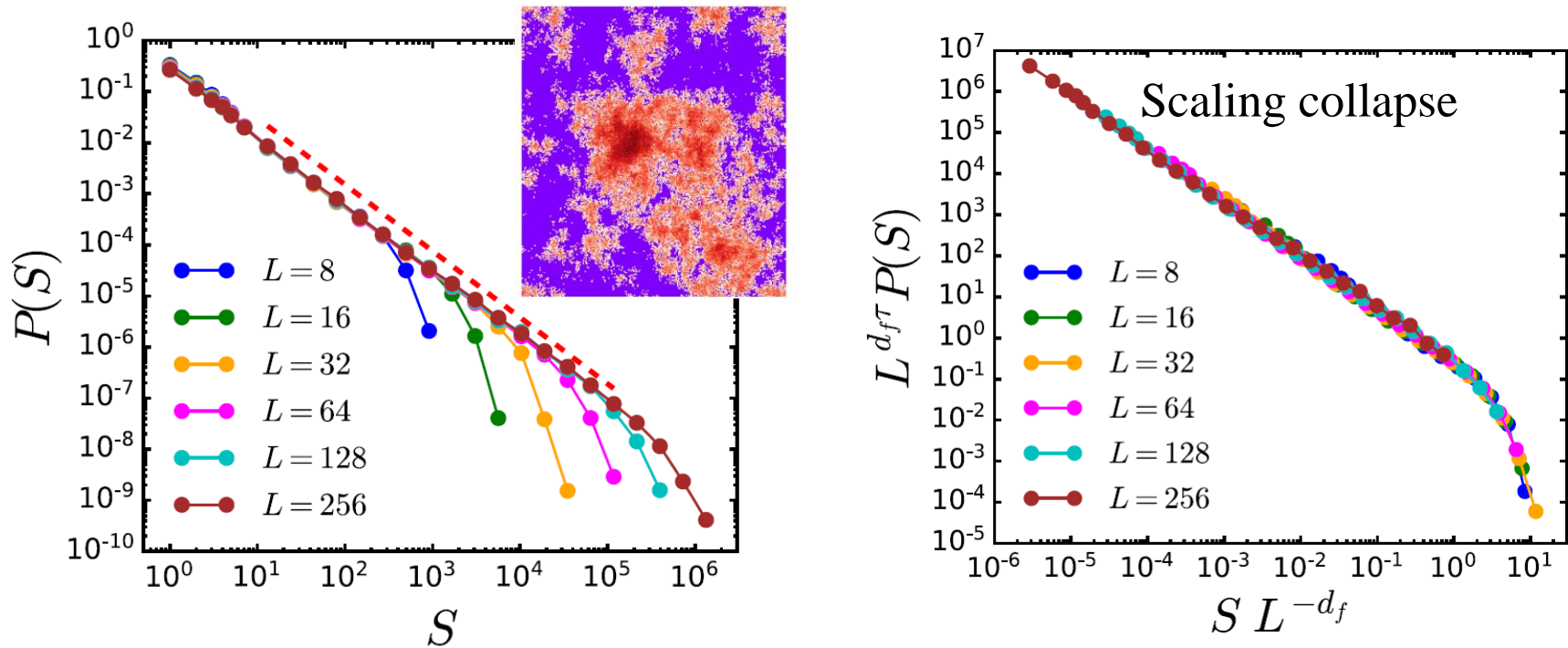
Event based avalanche size :  $S$   
(Total number of relaxation events)

Accumulation of events

Site based avalanche size:  $\tilde{S}$   
(Total number of sites relaxed at least once)

Related to  $\chi_4$

# Avalanches statistics

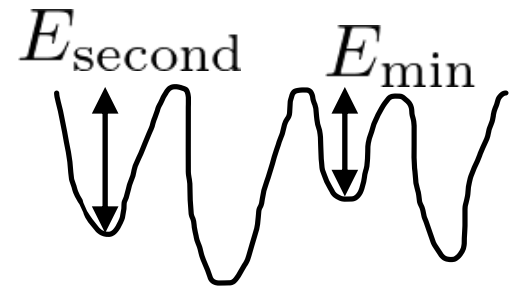
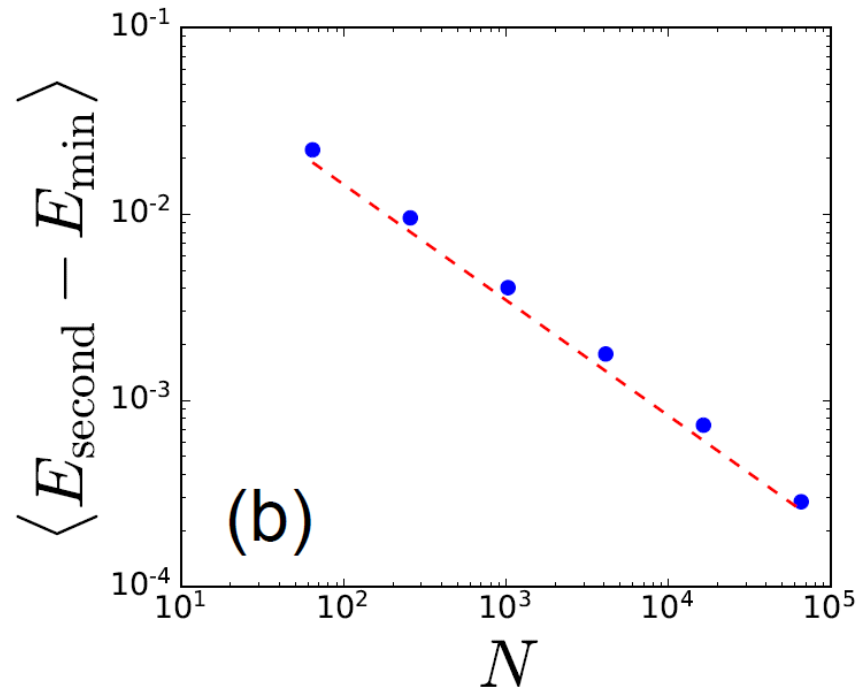


$S$  : Size of an avalanche

$P(S) \sim S^{-\tau} f(S/L^{d_f})$  : Its distribution

Dynamics at  $T = 0^+$  follows avalanche statistics

# Statistics of local energy barriers at $T = 0^+$



$E_{\text{min}}$  : The smallest energy barrier

$E_{\text{second}}$  : The second smallest energy barrier

We confirmed  $\langle E_{\text{second}} - E_{\text{min}} \rangle \sim N^{-\delta}$



# Scaling argument

Tahaei, Biroli, Ozawa, Popovic, and Wyart, PRX, 2023

See also Korchinski and Rottler, PRE 2022

i)  $k_B T \ll \langle E_{\text{second}} - E_{\text{min}} \rangle$  Extremal dynamics holds

ii)  $k_B T \gg \langle E_{\text{second}} - E_{\text{min}} \rangle$  Extremal dynamics breaks down

Crossover lengthscale  $\xi$

$$k_B T \sim \langle E_{\text{second}} - E_{\text{min}} \rangle \sim N^{-\delta} \sim (\xi^d)^{-\delta}$$

$$\Rightarrow \xi \sim T^{-\nu} \quad \text{with} \quad \nu = \frac{1}{\delta d}$$

$$\chi_4^* \sim \xi^{\tilde{d}_f}$$

$$\Rightarrow \chi_4^* \sim T^{-\gamma} \quad \text{with} \quad \gamma = \frac{\tilde{d}_f}{\delta d}$$

