

# ARIZONA STATE U.



Palm Walk with Chemistry on left



Sun Devil Stadium, from  
Tempe Town lake



# Outline

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# Beginnings



Gustav  
Tammann  
(Göttingen, 1926)

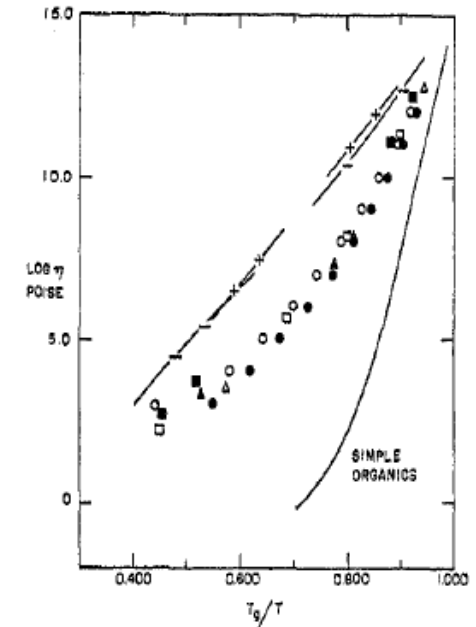
$$\log_{10}(\eta(T)) = A + B/(T - T_0),$$

And many other  
profound contributions

W. T. LAUGHLIN AND D. R. UHLMANN



“Long” and “short”  
glasses



Title: ZUR THEORIE DER LEITFAHIGKEIT UND VISKOSITÄT VON SAL

Author(s): OLDEKOP, W

Source: ZEITSCHRIFT FÜR PHYSIK Volume: 140 Issue: 2 Pages: 181-191 [

1955 Also Glasstechnische Berichte , 1957, 30, 8

Times Cited: 5 (from Web of Science)

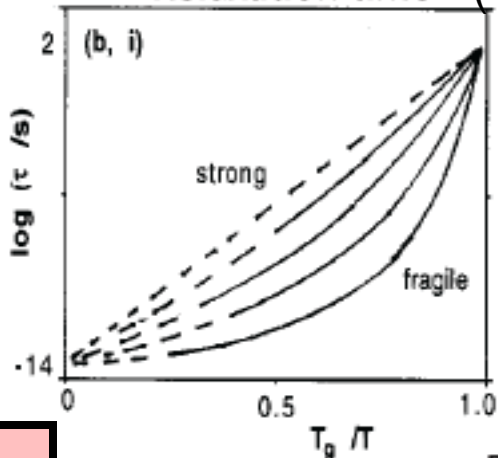
$T_g/T$  normalization for inorganic oxide

## CAUTION

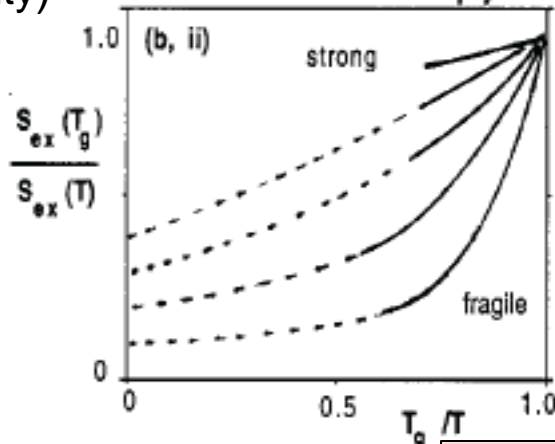
What is [ :-) ] and wot isn't [ :- ( ]

# Fragility manifestations

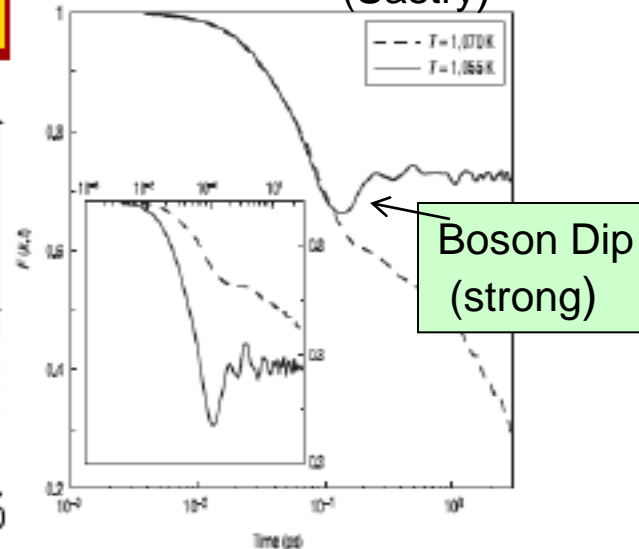
Relaxation time (Viscosity)



Excess entropy

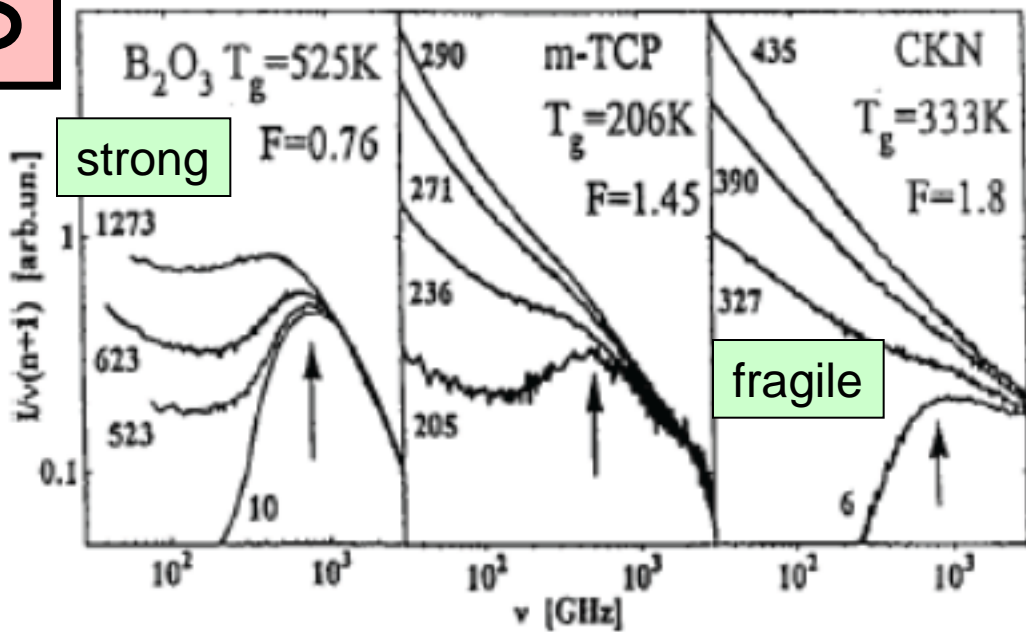


Dynamic structure factor (Sastry)

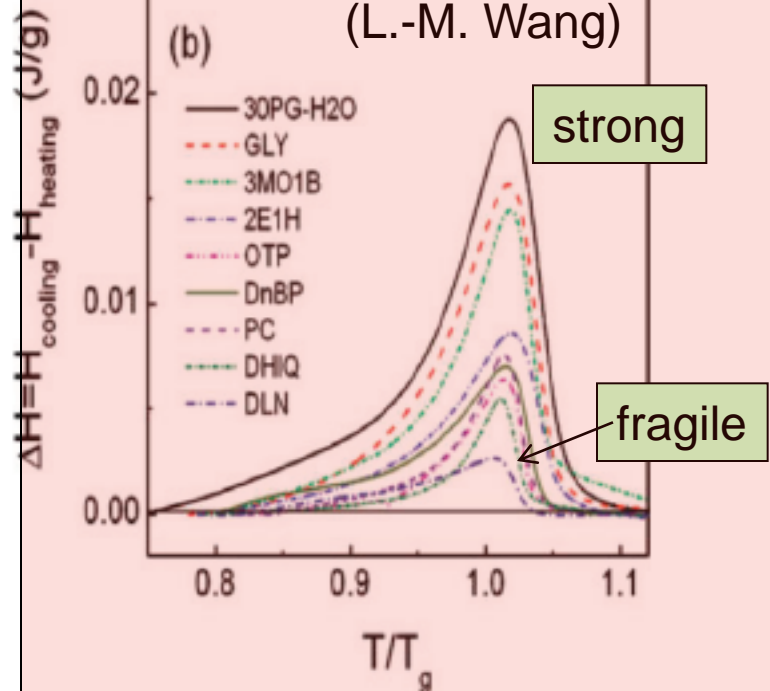


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Boson peak (Sokolov)



Enthalpy hysteresis peak (L.-M. Wang)



# ISN'T

# Heat capacity misconceptions: the need for scaling

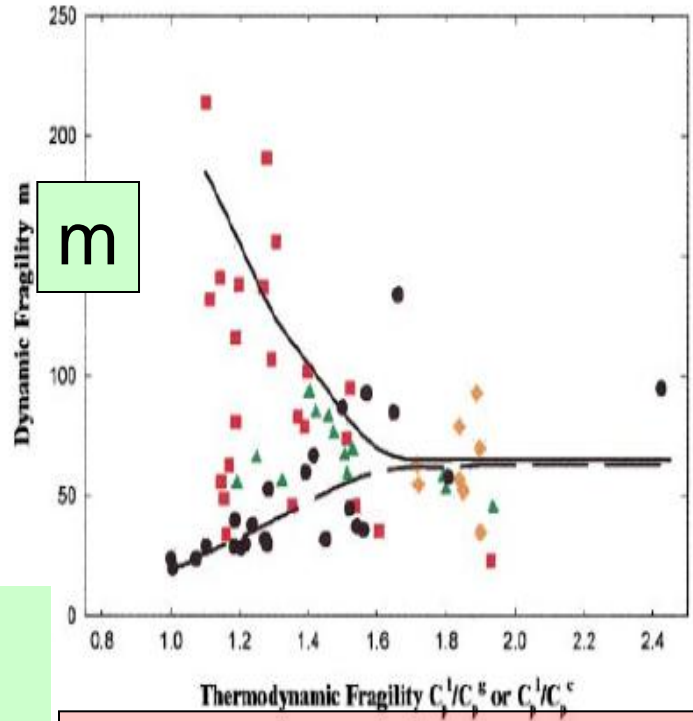
Example:

JOURNAL OF CHEMICAL PHYSICS

VOLUME 114, NUMBER 13

## New insights into the fragility dilemma in liquids

Dinghai Huang and Gregory B. McKenna<sup>a)</sup>  
 Department of Chemical Engineering, Texas Tech University, Lubbock, Texas 79409



Thermo fragility  $C_p^l/C_p^g$  : (

*The problem is: you can't use an unscaled quantity, and expect sensible correlations.*

**expansivity**  $\alpha = 1/V(\partial V/\partial T)_p$   
**compressibility**  $\kappa_T = 1/V(\partial V/\partial P)_T$

BUT, heat capacity is  $(\partial H/\partial T)_p$  **unscaled** **(WHY?)**

*We need a quantity with absolute values, to scale by*

$(\partial H/\partial T)_p = (\partial S/\partial \ln T)_p$   **$c_p^* = 1/S(\partial S/\partial \ln T)_p$**

*No more "beads"*

$(\partial S/\partial \ln T)_p = \partial(H/T)/\partial \ln T)_p = \partial[(H/T)/(dT/T)]_p$

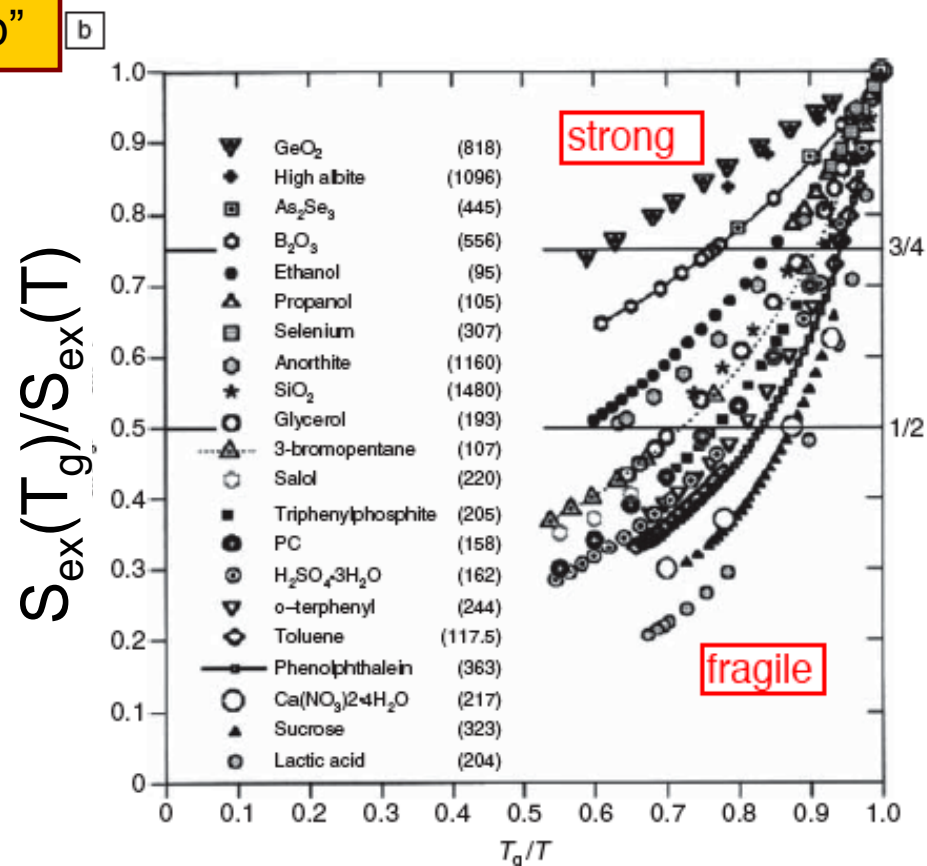
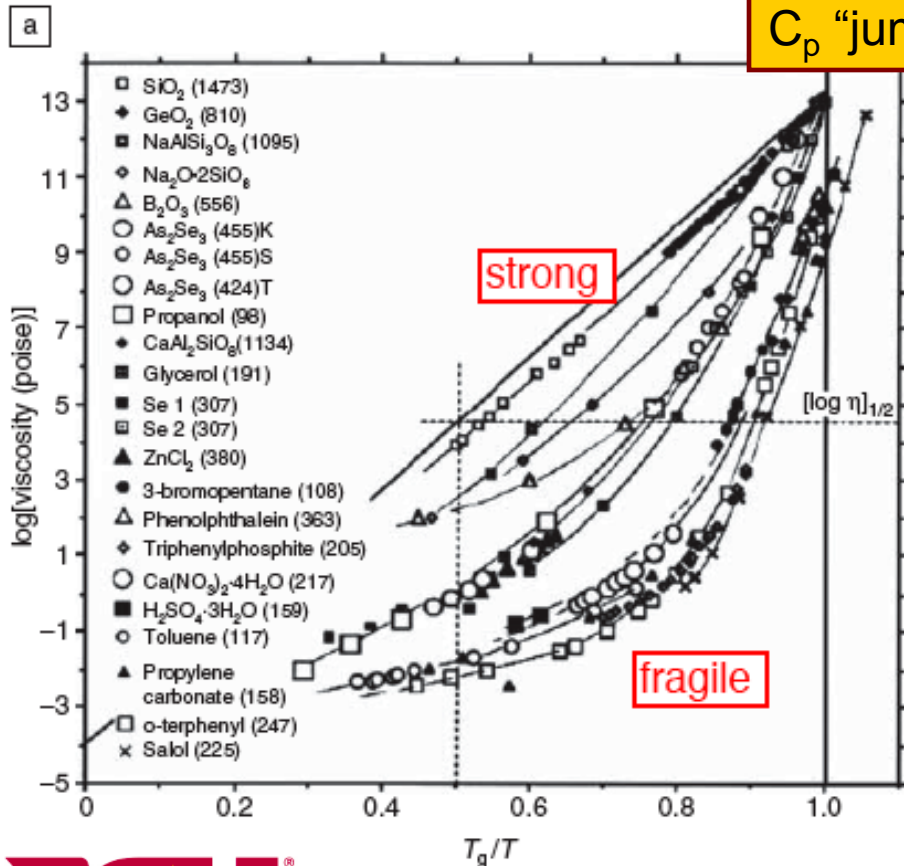
# Same pattern for **entropy** generation above $T_g$

The liquids shown, and their ordering, are the same

Dynamics (viscosity)

$T_g$  now  
from  $T$  of  
 $C_p$  "jump"

Thermodynamics (XS entropy [scaled])

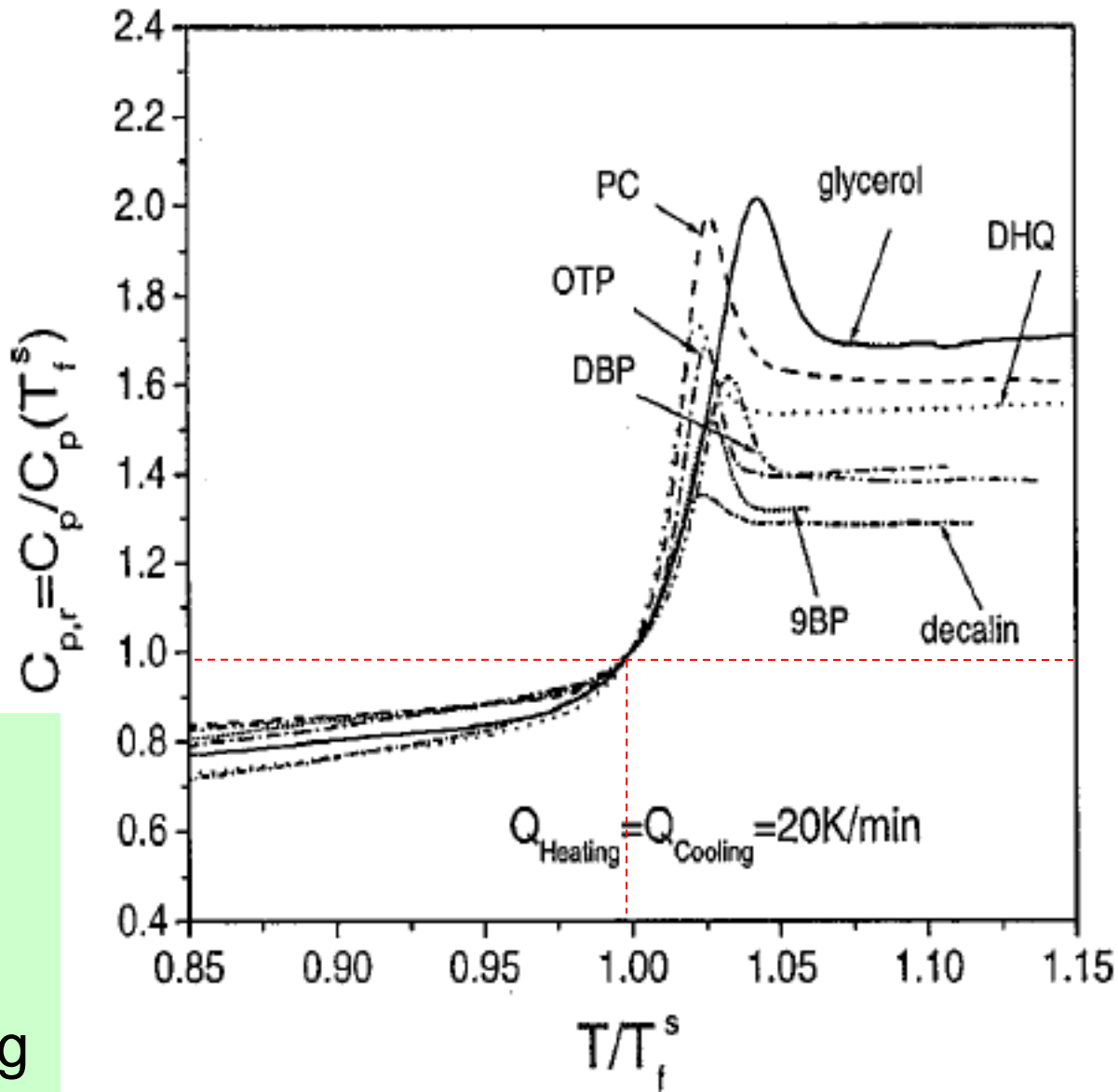


# How BAD is the $\Delta C_p$ correlation?

**Smallest  $\Delta C_p$  (decalin) has *largest* fragility**

Work of Limin Wang  
JCP 2002

(One of my three)  
attachments



The  $C_p$  jump at the standard  $T_g$  (fictive temperature for 20K/min cooling) – normalized to  $C_p$  at  $T_g$



# When is a liquid a “strong” liquid?

e.g. one reads:

“salol undergoes a fragile-to-strong transition above  $T_g$ ”

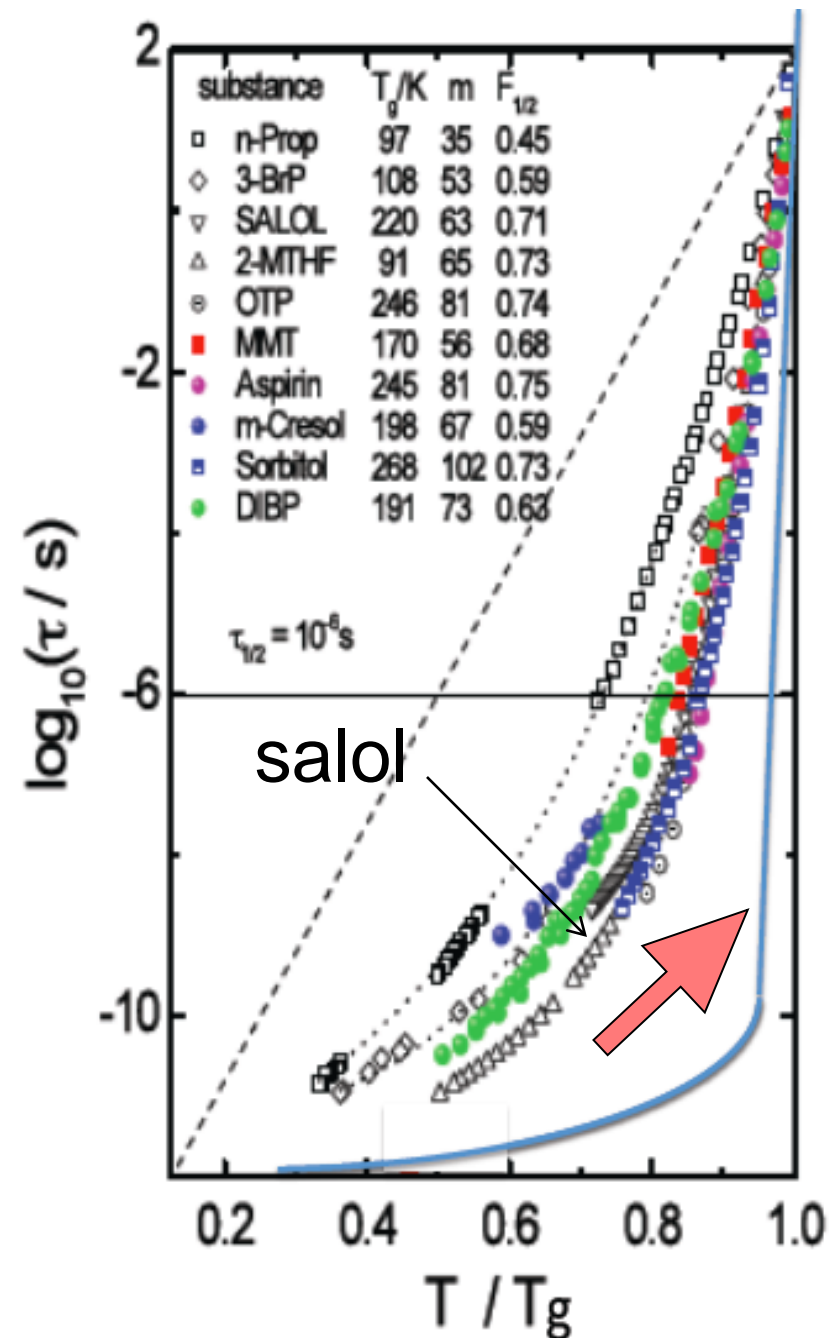
(back to Arrhenius near  $T_g$ )      :- (      :- (

## ***Reductio ad absurdum***

Is this (*arrow*) a strong liquid? It has 10 orders of magnitude of Arrhenius behavior approaching  $T_g$ .

***Surely not.*** Consider the  $m$  value and ***pre-exponent***!

A “strong” liquid is a simple activated system. It has a pre-exponent typical of lattice vibration time ( $10^{-14}$  s). This is the (inverse) frequency of attempts to escape its neighbors, and the slope of the plot gives the barrier opposing the attempt.

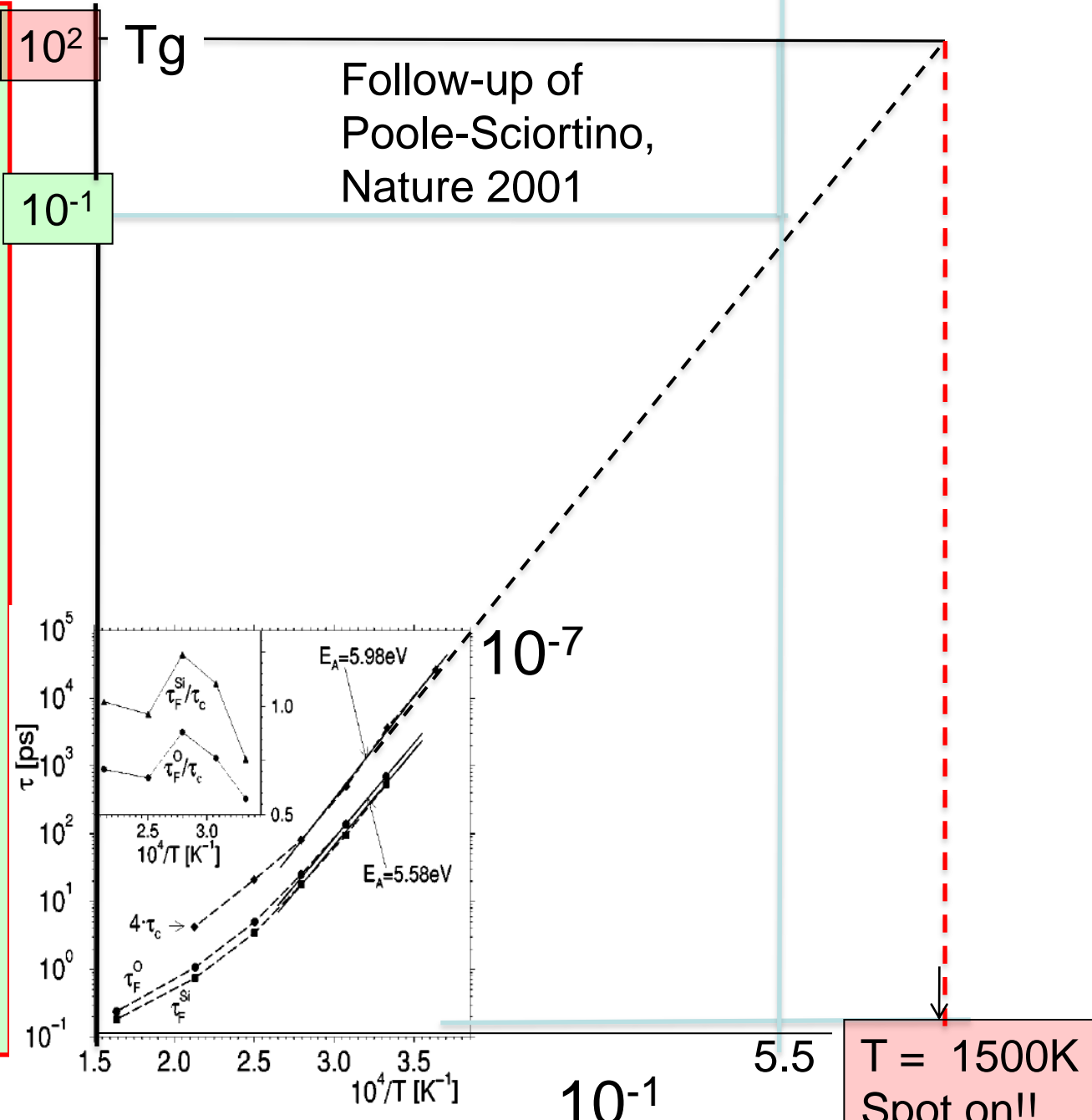


**BUT this is OK**

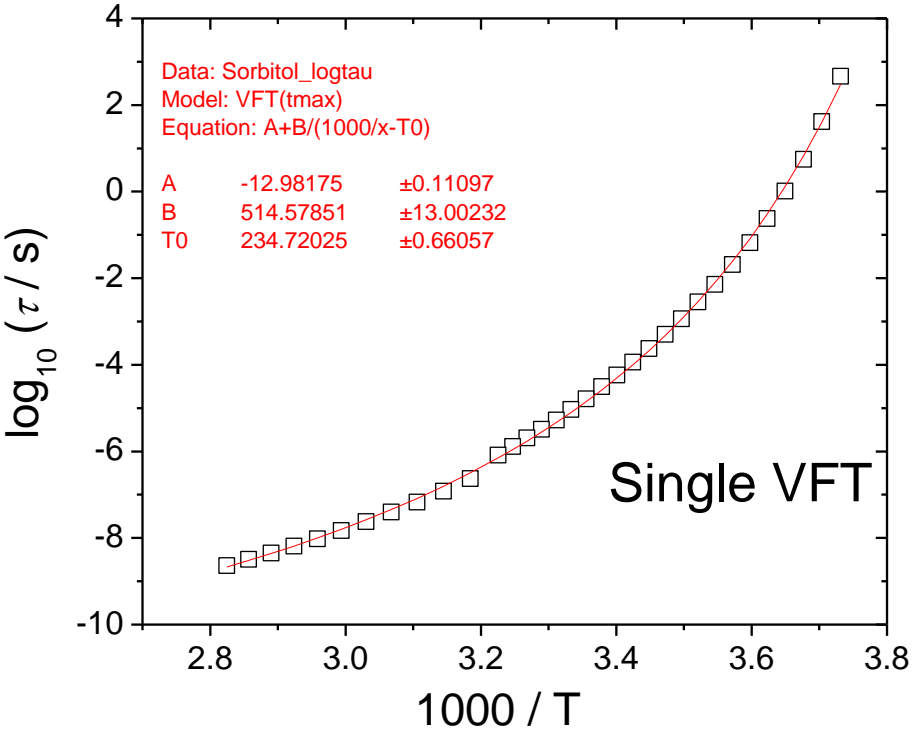
From Horbach, Kob and Binder

Fragile-to-Arrhenius transition in BKS silica, showing five order of magnitude change in tau, extrapolating to correct  $T_g$  of laboratory silica

**5000K**



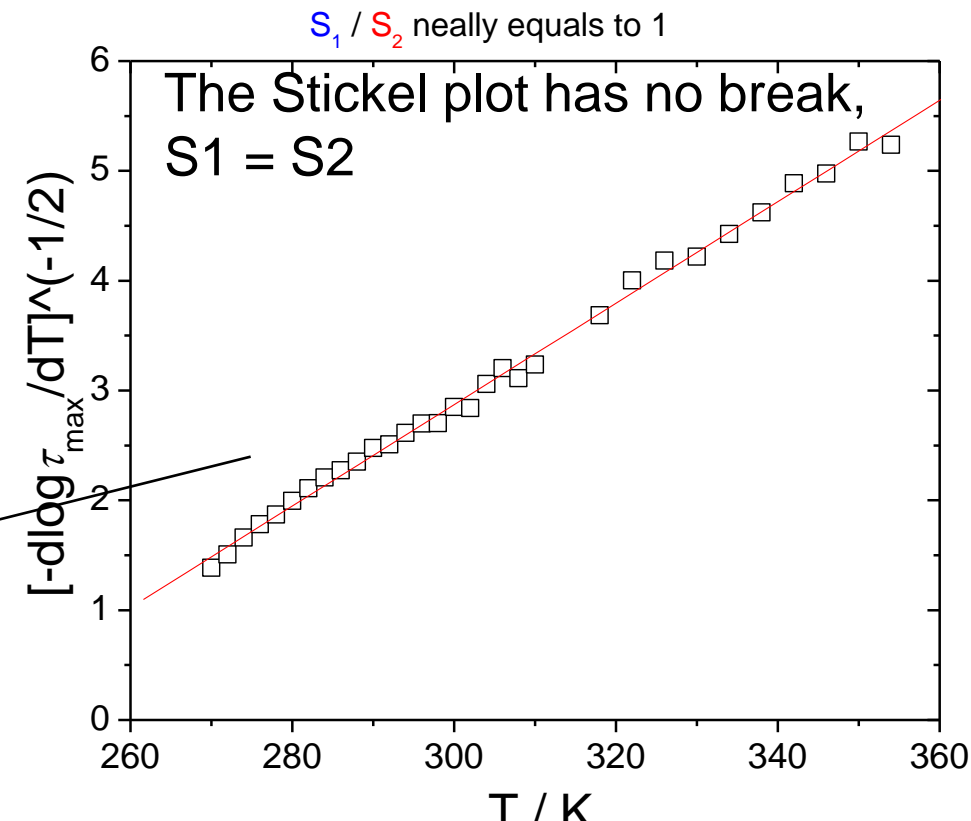
# Dynamic feature of Sorbitol



No crossover temperature  $T_B$  can be identified from this plot, also because single VFT can fit the data well.

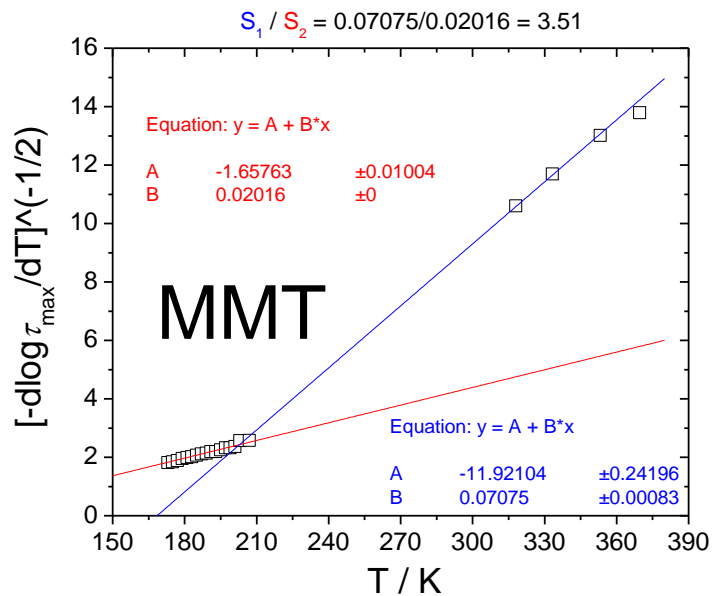
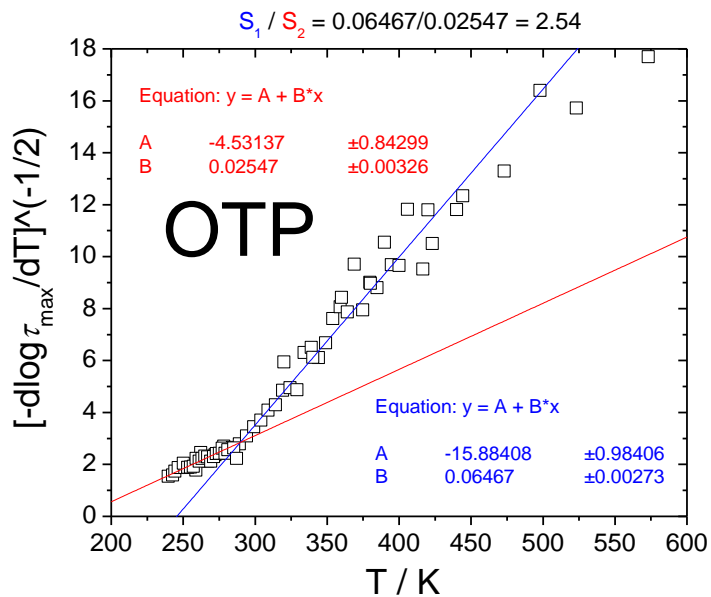
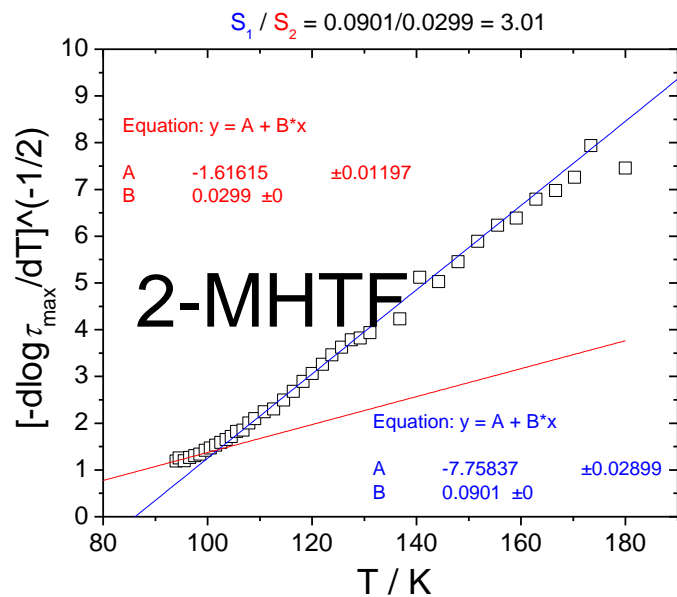
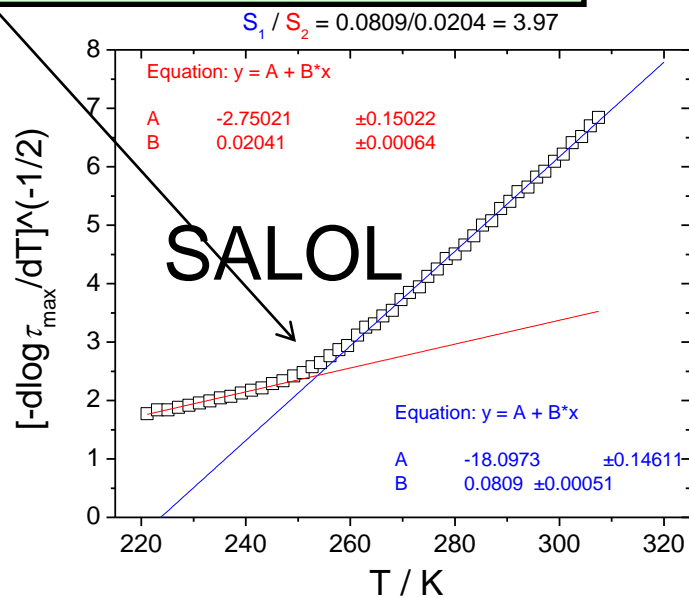
# Stickel plots.

A sensitive way to detect crossover behavior. In ideal fragile liquid cases, **like dibutyl phthallate and sorbitol**, there is no crossover. Mostly it is a crossover from one VFT function to a second. If an Arrhenius function takes over at low temperatures the Stickel plot goes flat.

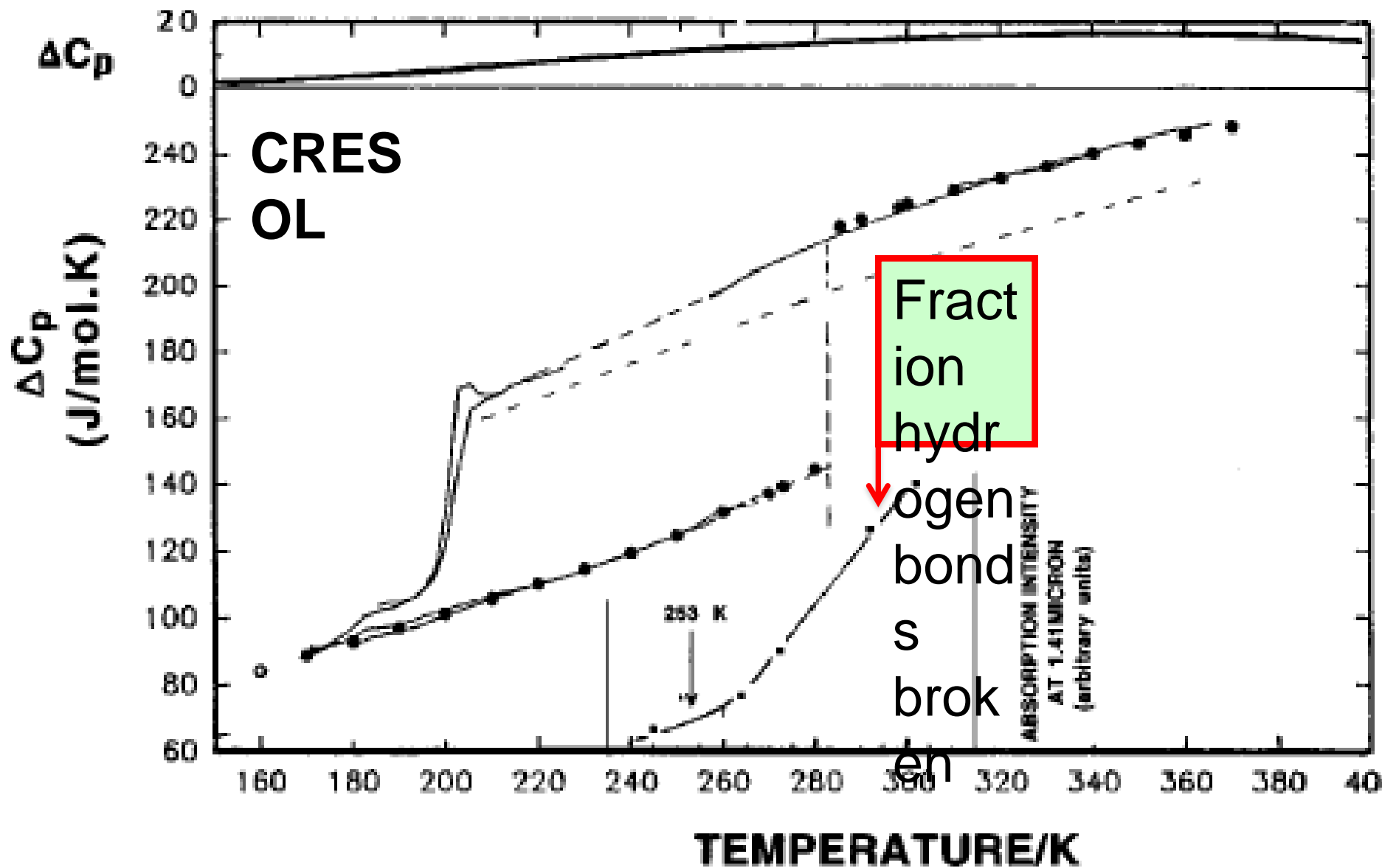


Hydrogen bonding saturated: *next slide*

# Stickel plots



# Effect of hydrogen bonds on VFT breakdown



*(Take a break)*

# Snapper rocks, Coolangatta, Qld.



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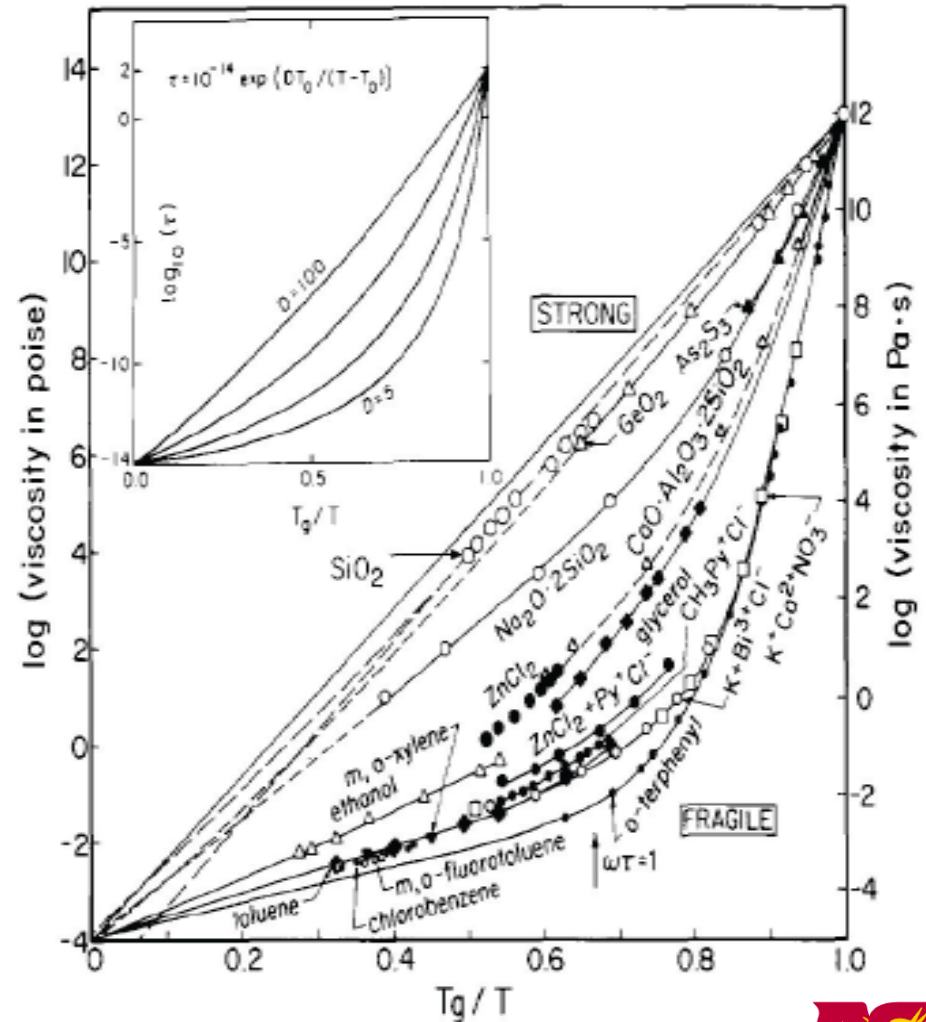
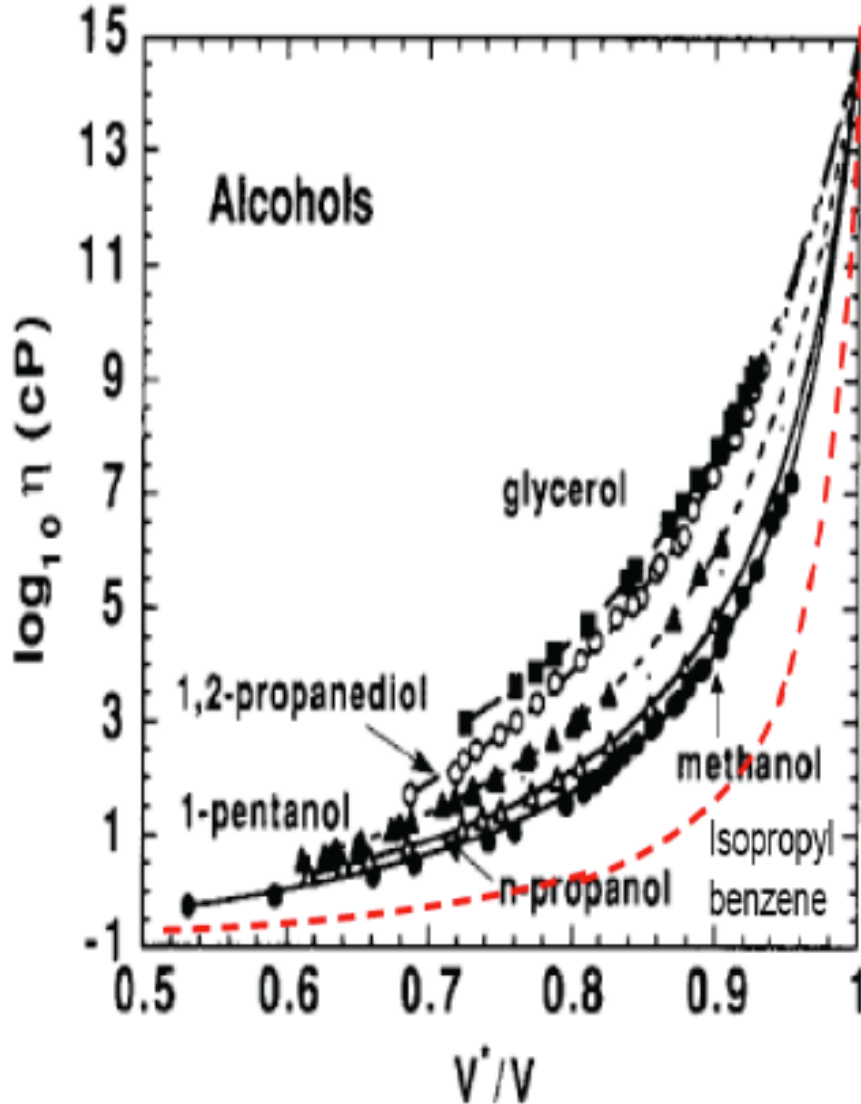
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# Volume vs thermal manifestations

Herbst and King, 1993  
Alicante Ngai-pilgrimage

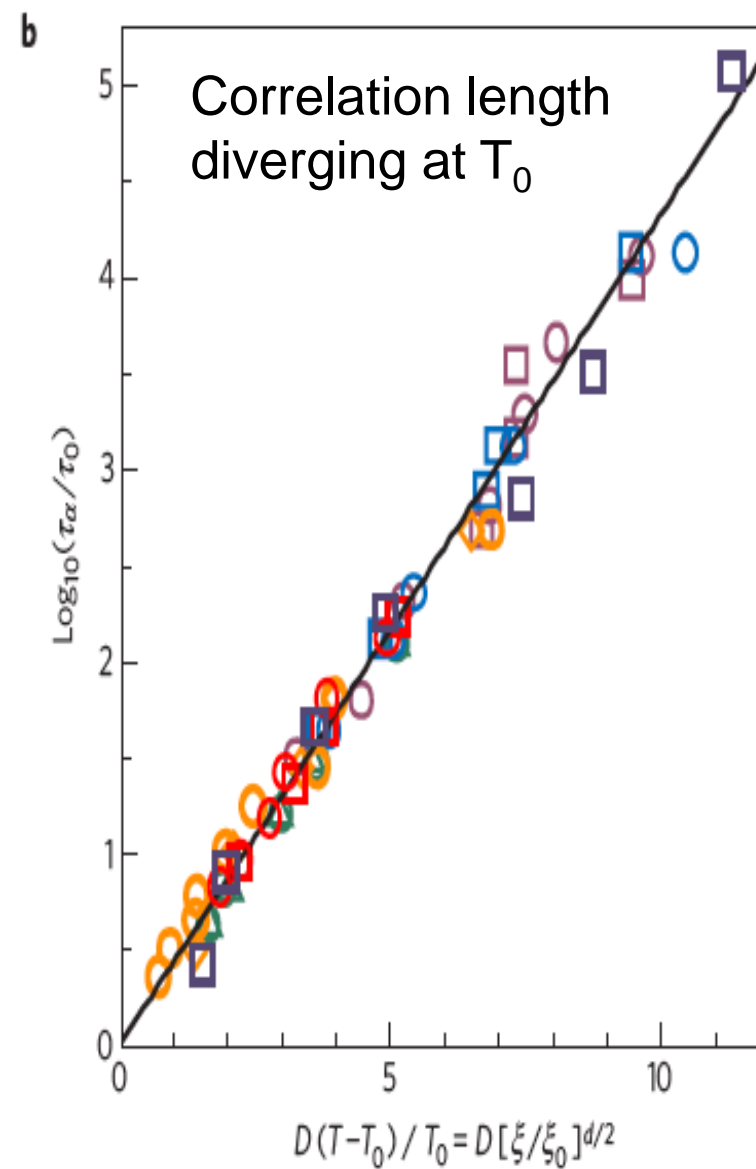
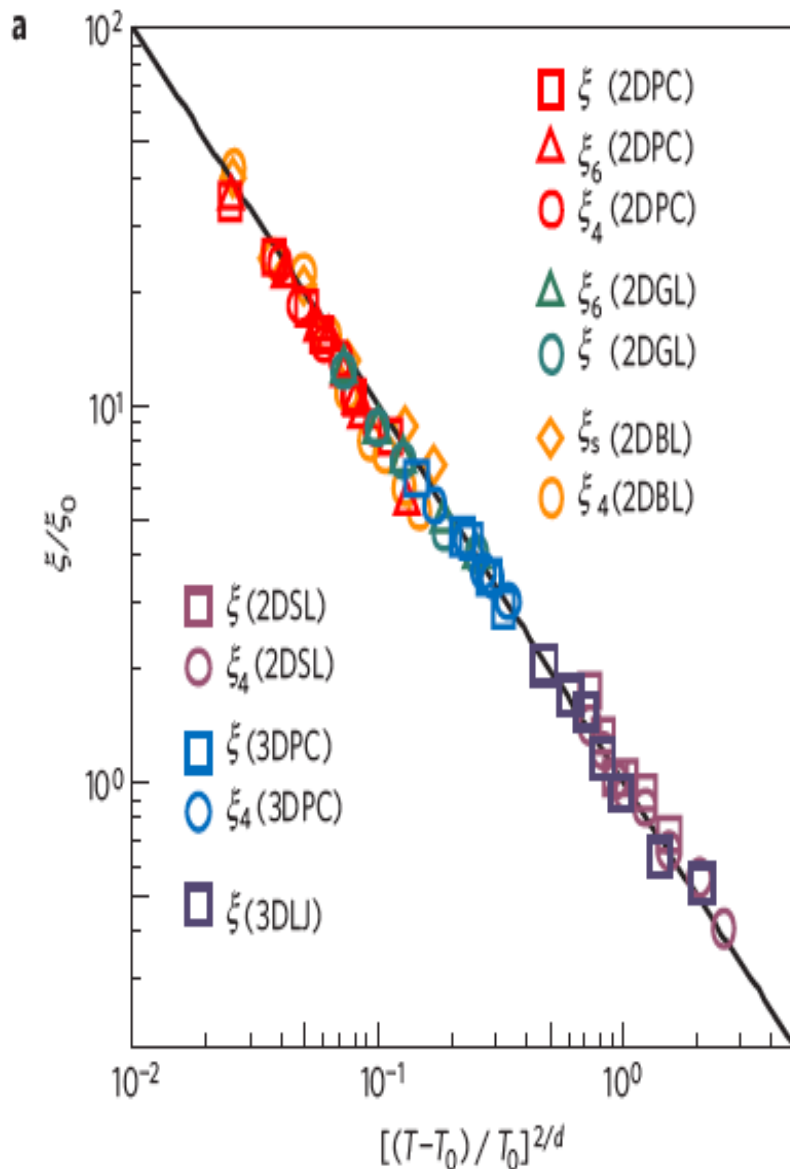
The familiar one



# Non-crystallizing polydisperse hard spheres

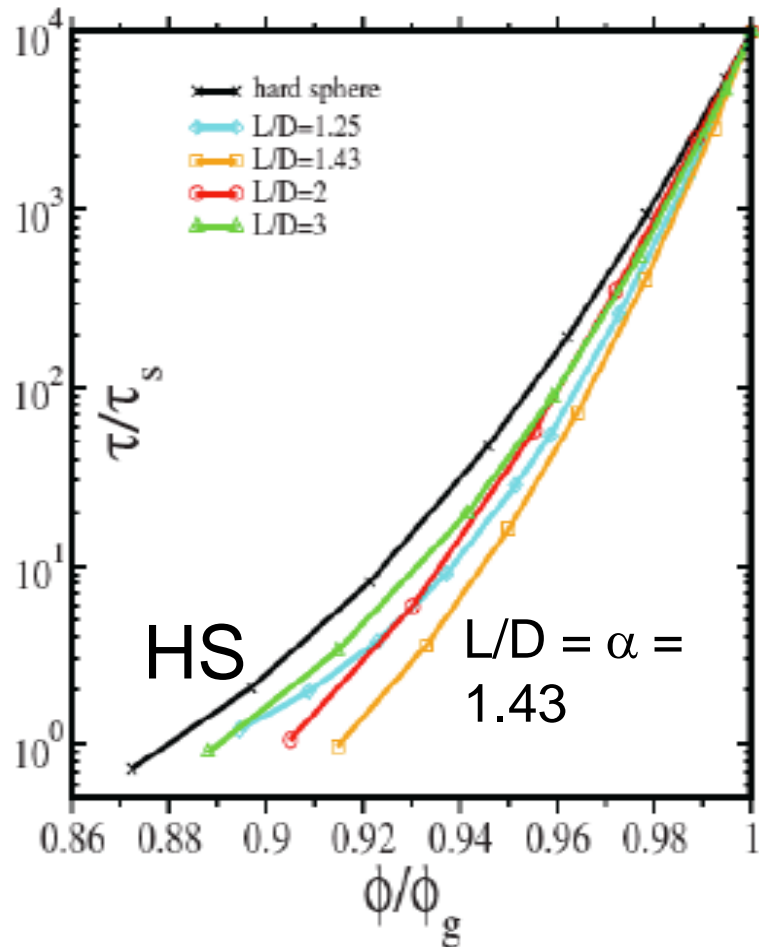
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and co.,  
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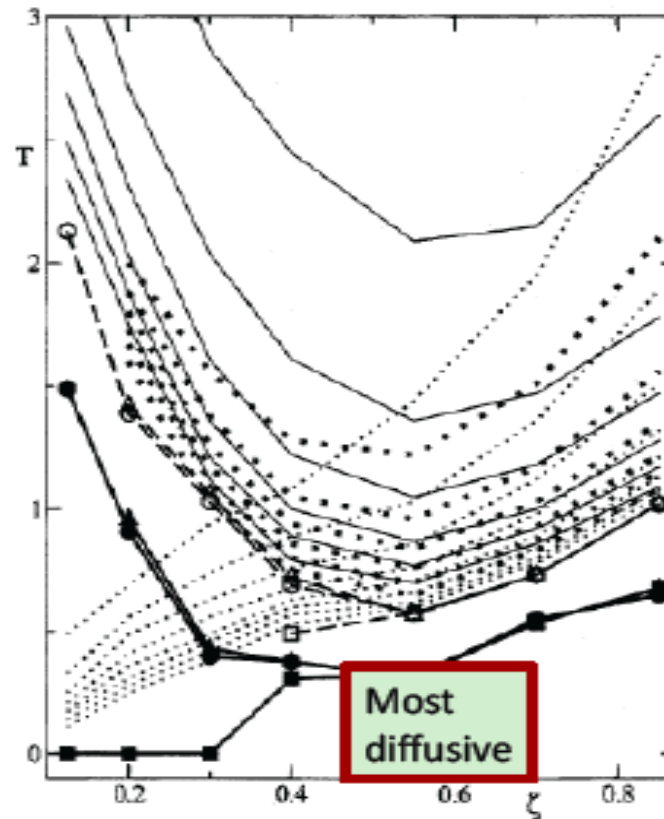


# Asymmetric hard particles

Zhang and Schweitzer,  
JCPXX, hard rods of  
different L/D



Sciortino and coworkers  
hard dumbbells



Iso-  
diffusivity  
plots

$$\alpha = 2.0 - 1.43$$

different  
shapes,  
Schweitzer  
et al

tetrahedra

octahedra

spheres

hexagons

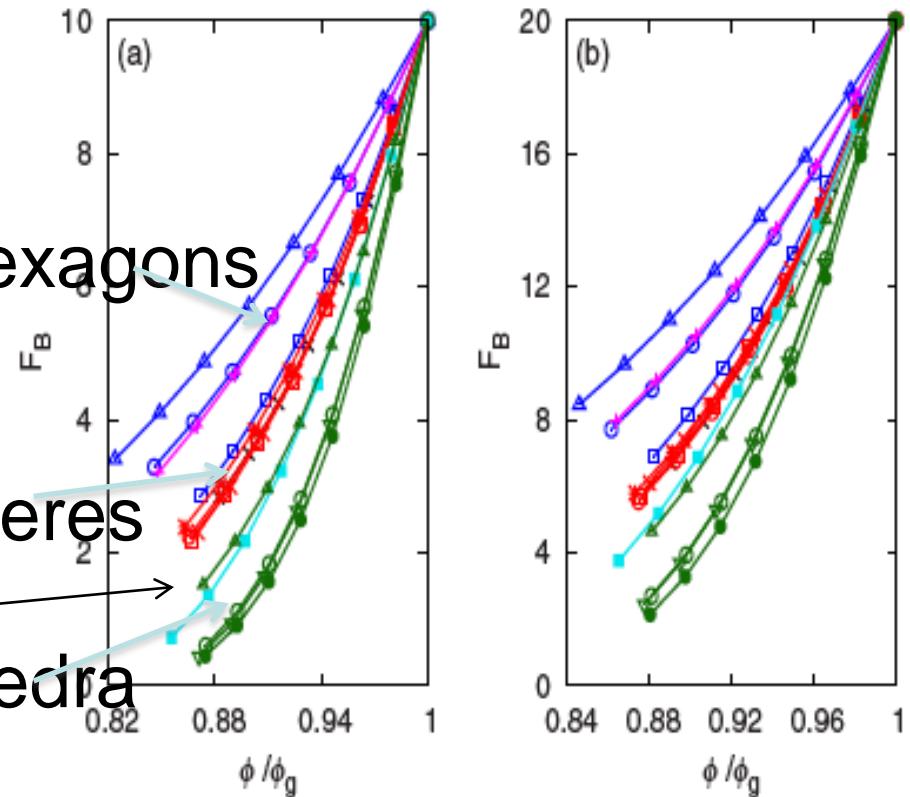


FIG. 7. (Color online) Dynamic fragility plot in the format of barrier height as a function of the scaled variable  $\phi/\phi_g$  (where  $\phi_g$  is the volume fraction at which  $F_B=10kT$  for the left panel and  $F_B=20kT$  for the right panel) for the sphere (black crosses), rod of two sites (open, blue squares), rod of six sites (open, blue circles), rod of ten sites (open, blue triangles), hexagon (pink pluses), triangle (red crosses), disk of five sites (open, red squares), disk of seven sites (open, red circles), disk of eight sites (red asterisks), cube (solid, light blue squares), tetrahedron (open, green triangles), octahedron (open, green circles), snub disphenoid (solid, green circles), and gyroelongated square pyramid (open, green up-side-down triangles).

# Ellipsoids !!

Donev et al, Science, 2004

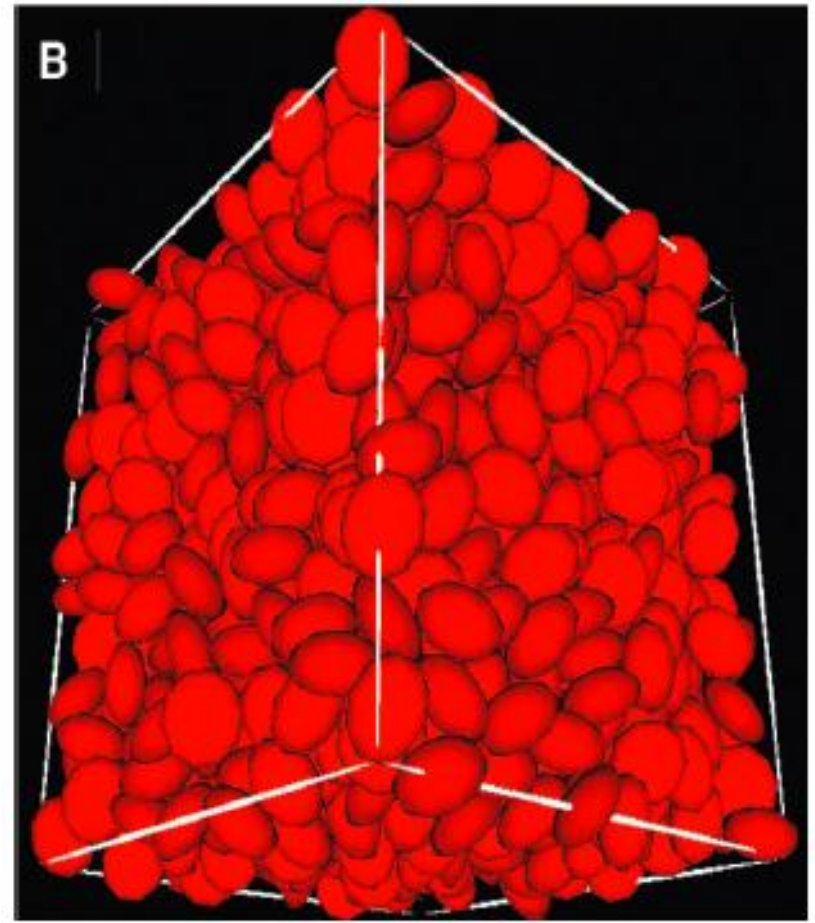
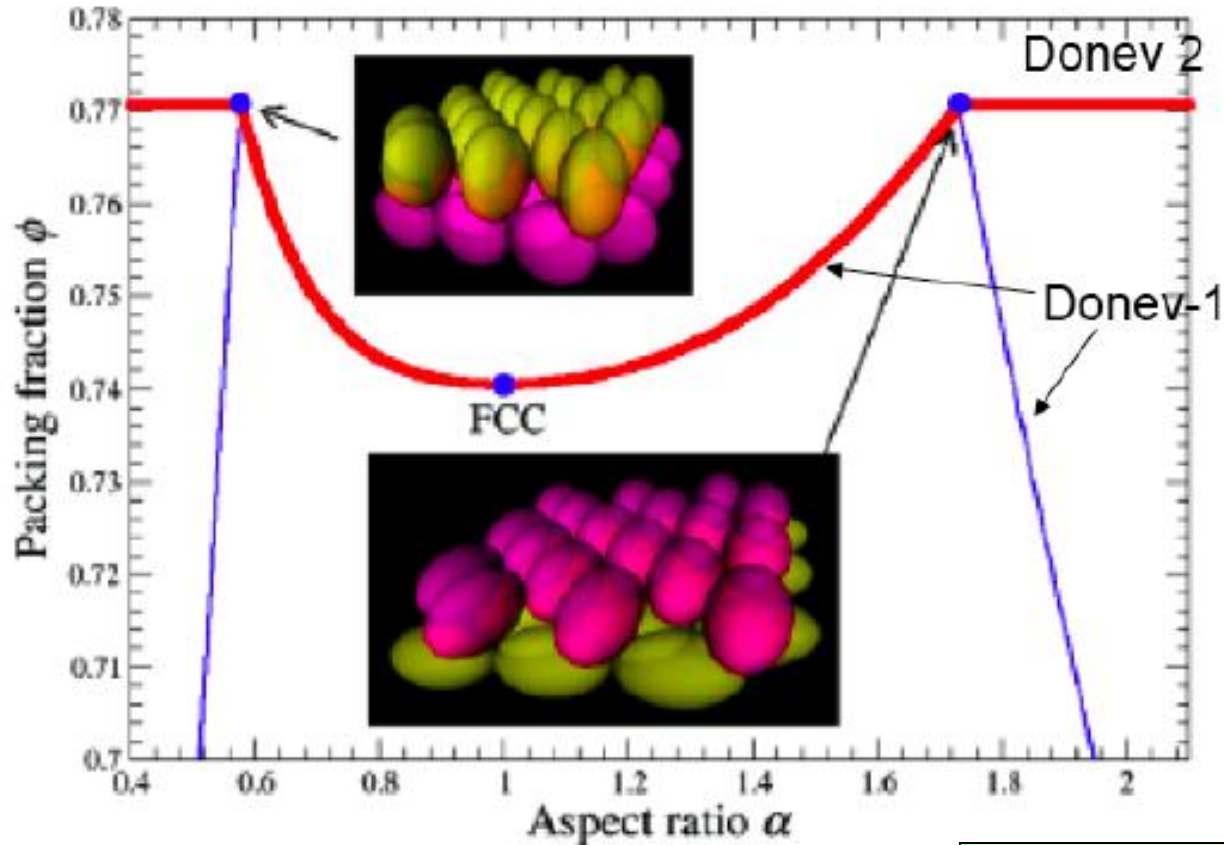


Fig. 1. (A) An experimental packing of the regular candies. (B) Computer-generated packing of 1000 oblate ellipsoids with  $\alpha = 1.9^{-1}$ .

# SI-2: Hard ellipsoid close packing

Donev et al PRL 2004



Packing efficiency much higher than fcc close packing of spheres

But at  $\alpha = 1.4$  doesn't crystallize

Improving the Density of Jammed Disordered Packings Using Ellipsoids

Aleksandar Donev, et al.

*Science* **303**, 990 (2004):

0.74

What does it mean?

The rate of change of the “free” volume with total volume becomes a much sharper function of volume when close packing is enhanced?

Entropy, again?

$$dS = R d \ln V \quad (\text{ideal gas})$$

$$\partial S_c / \partial V = R \partial (V_f / V) / \partial V = R \partial (V_f) / \partial \ln V$$

$(\partial S_c / \partial V)_T$  enhanced for  $\alpha = 1.4-1.5$

Rate of entropy change again?

# Tsien Shan Mtns, Western China



Crossed on the flight out to the last University in China before hitting Kazakhstan.... 23,000 ft and still glaciated.

846K



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Let's put in attractive forces

# Study ellipsoids by adaptation of the Gay-Berne model for liquid crystals with



Dmitry Matyushov

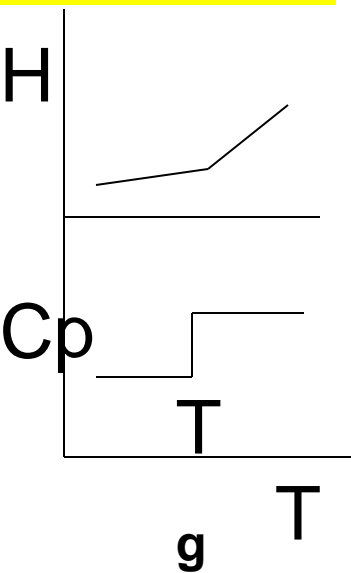
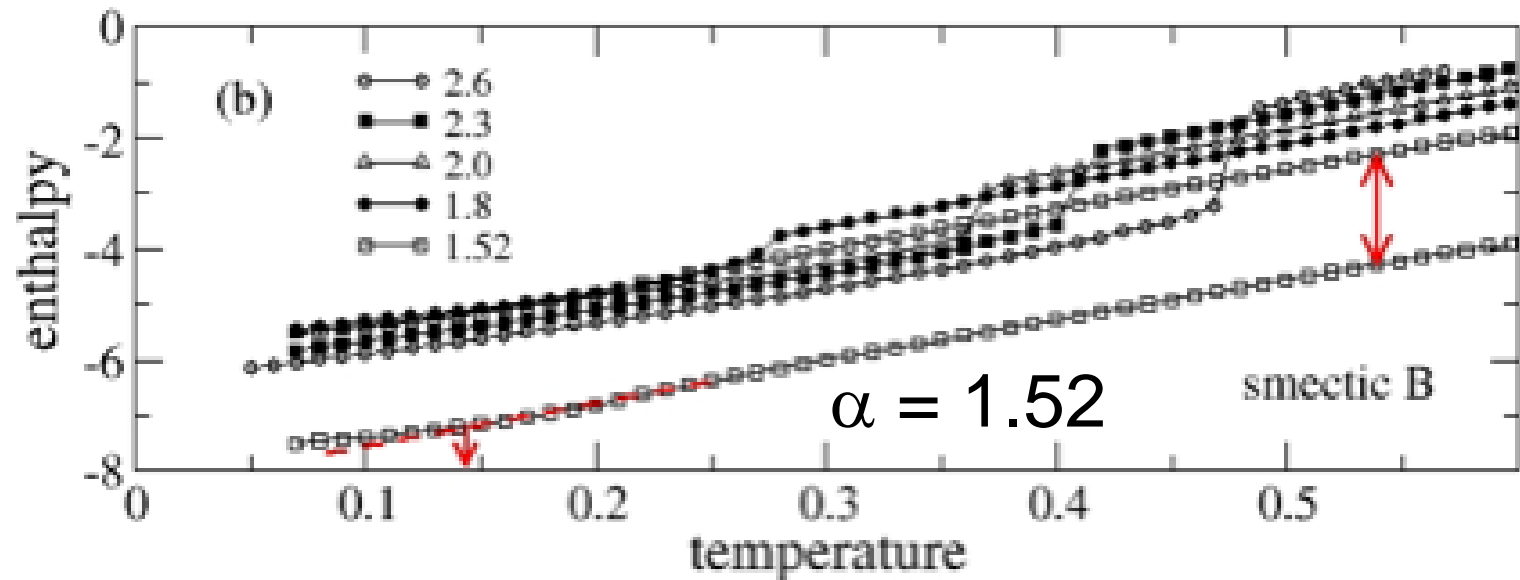
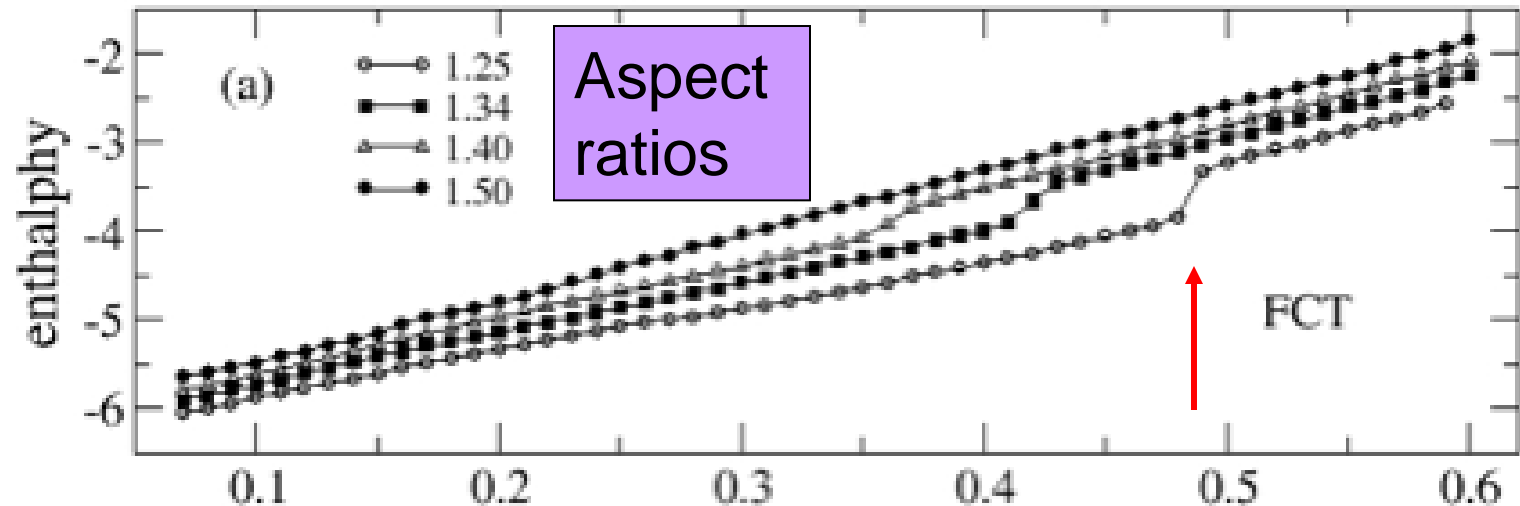


Vitaliy Kapko

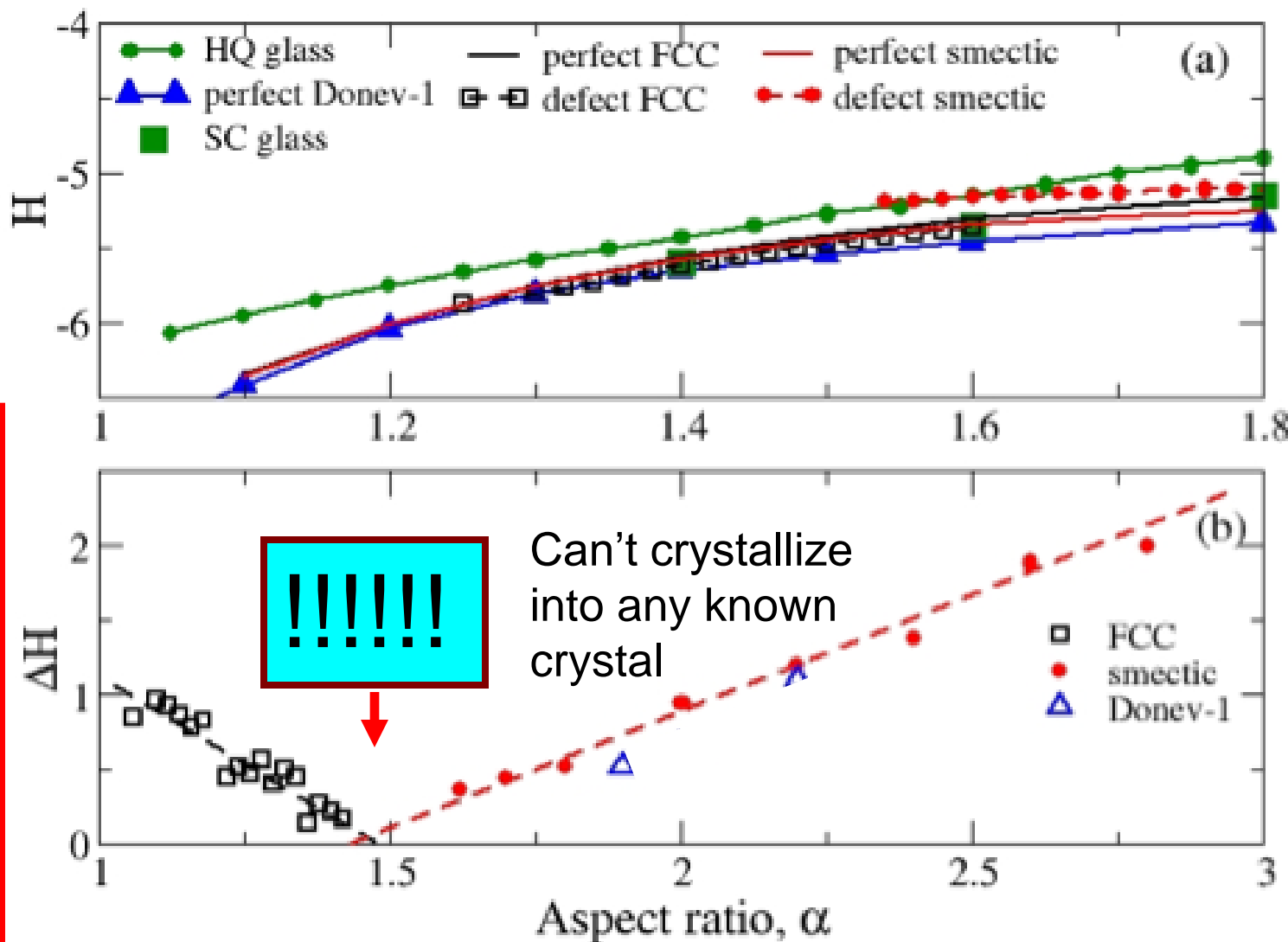
Showed how to make E and H a (single parameter) function of aspect ratio

# Enthalpy - temperature (melting endotherms)

Kapko et al. JPC 2012  
(Stanley honor volume)



# Energies, at 0 K, of Gay-Berne crystalline phases and glasses



And,  
heats of  
fusion of  
FCT and  
smecticB  
phases

# Melting points and glass temps in the Gay-Berne model

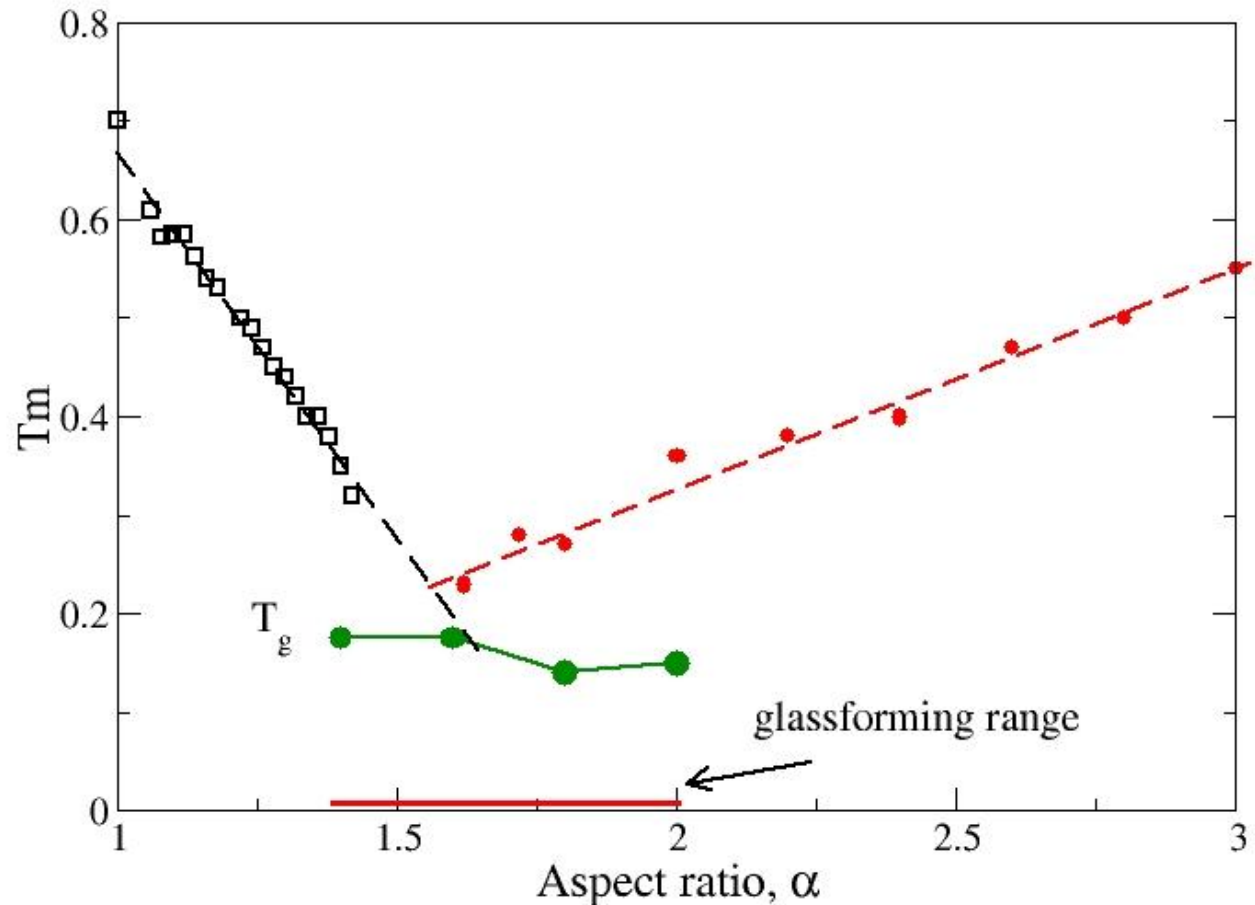
**Paradox:** Positive melting point with zero fusion enthalpy

## Problem:

determining melting points ( $G_L = G_C$ ) when the liquid phase is near a glass transition.

## Superheating

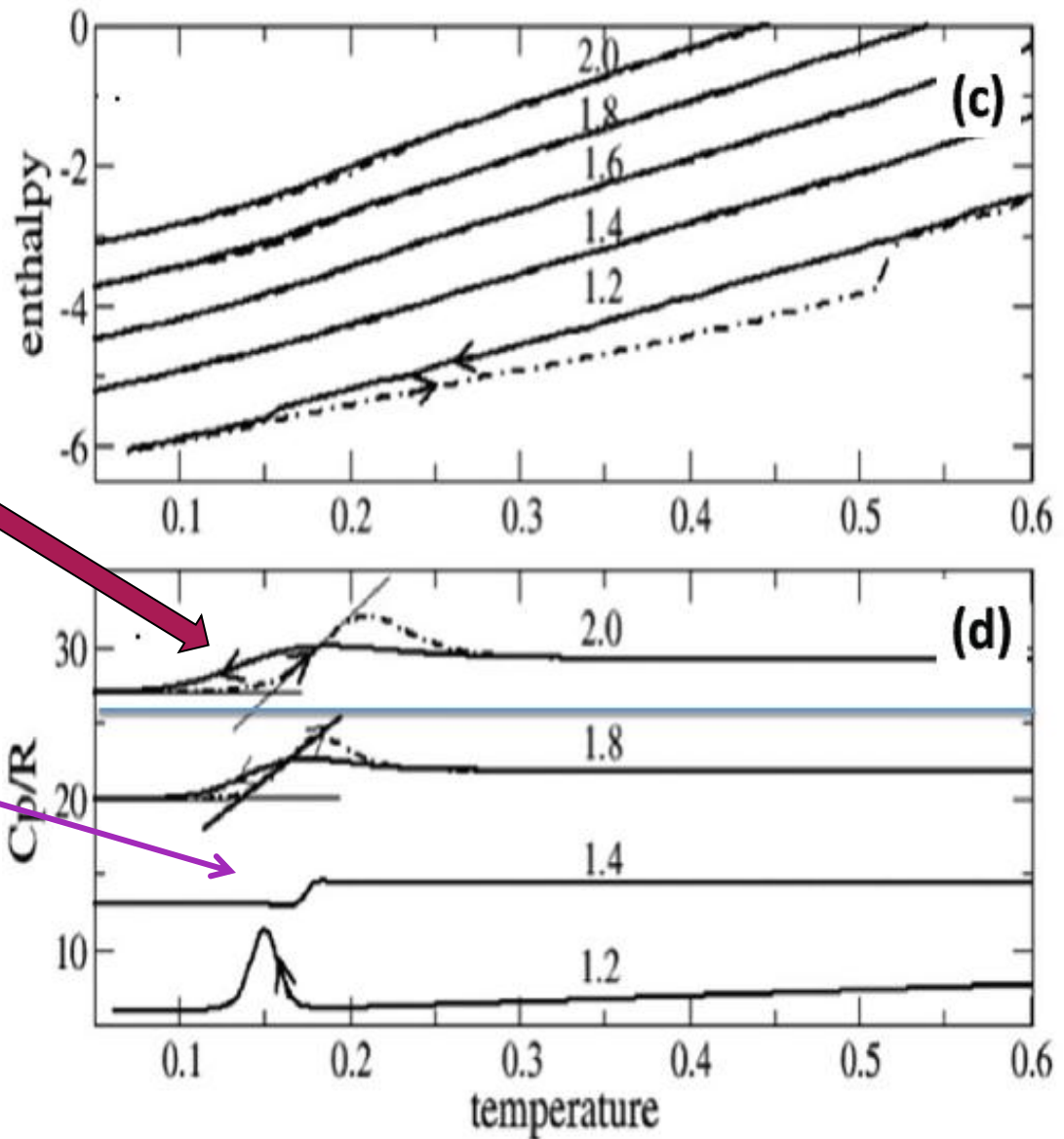
The cases of quartz and albite



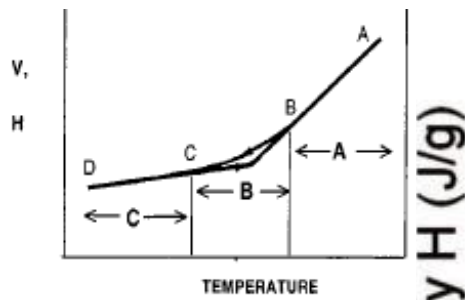
# Enthalpy and heat capacity and fragility

Continuous cooling,  
followed heating at  
the same rate

At aspect ratio,  
 $\alpha = 1.4 - 1.5$ ,  
the hysteresis  
disappears

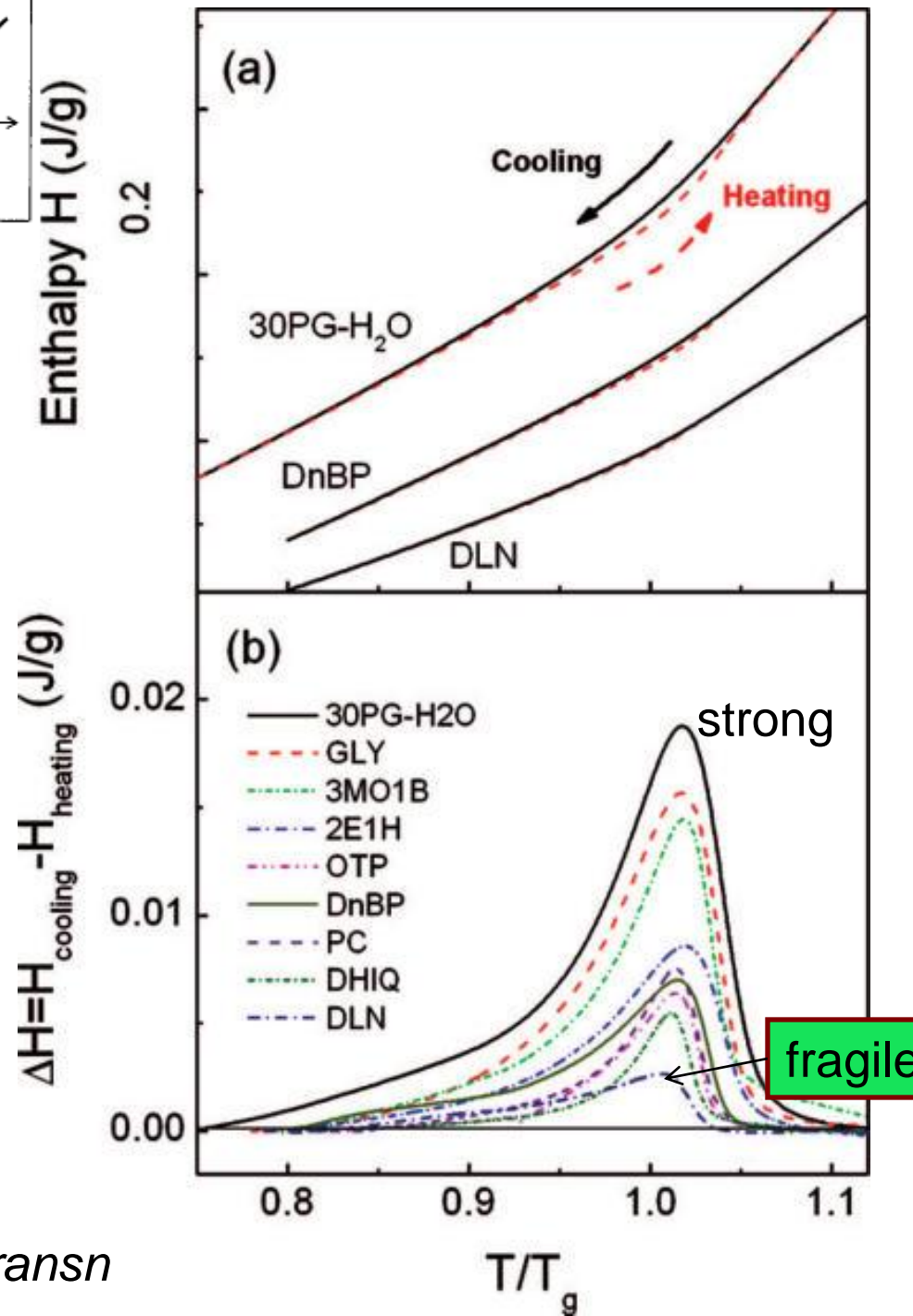


# Hysteresis peaks and fragility



Work of Limin Wang  
JPC 2002

Where the hysteresis disappears is where the system is most fragile ..... ( $\alpha = 1.4 - 1.5$  for vdW ellipsoids)



*Infinite fragility = Ehrenfest 2<sup>nd</sup> order transn*

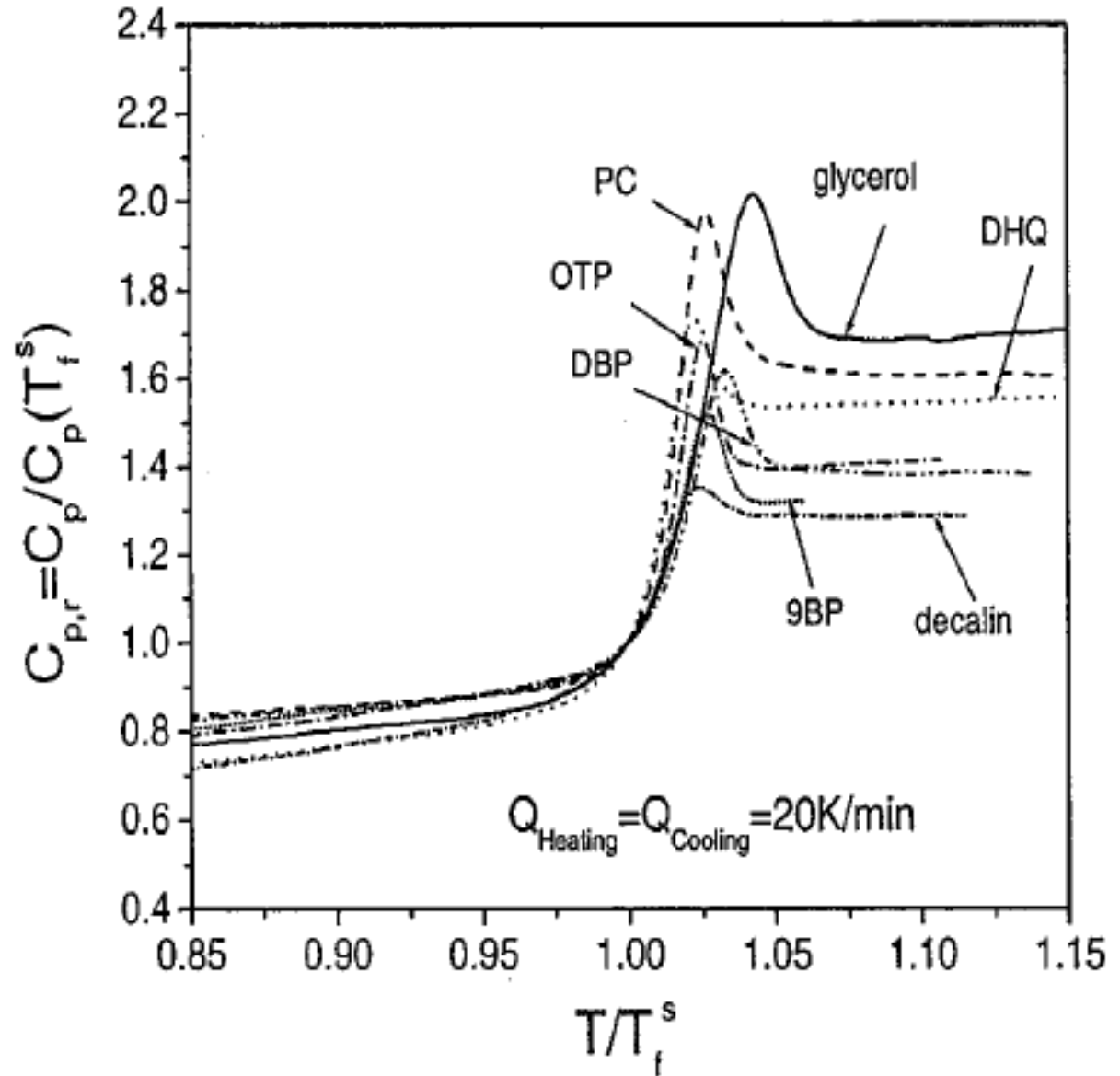


# Smallest $\Delta C_p$ has largest fragility

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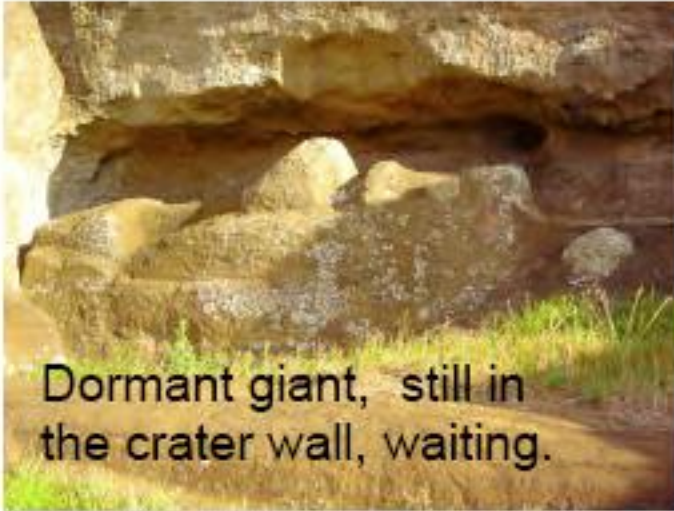
Paradoxical ?

**resolved by  $S_{ex}$  scaling**, as  $S_{ex}(T_g)$  is also smallest for the most fragile case



Can it really be that, for  
ellipsoids at least, the best  
glassformer is the most fragile?  
Runs counter to what Lindsay  
showed us yesterday for  
chalcogenides.  
(More in Hyderabad)

# Silent watch over Easter Island



And the many unanswered questions

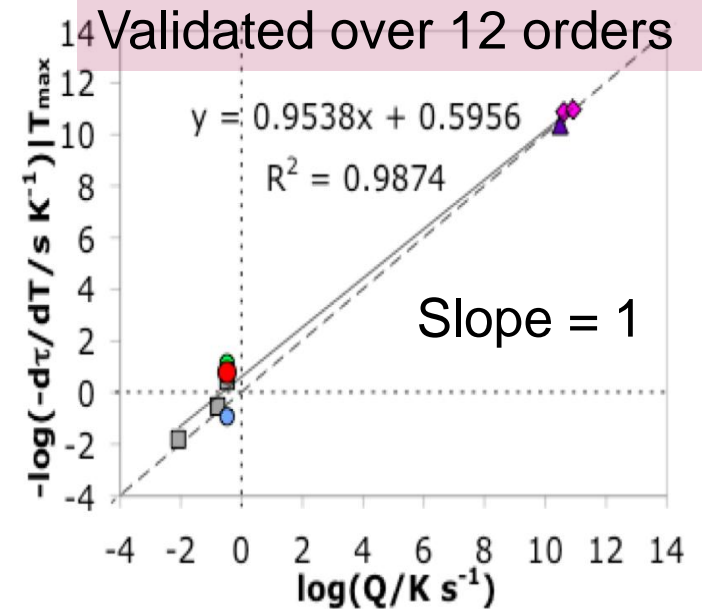
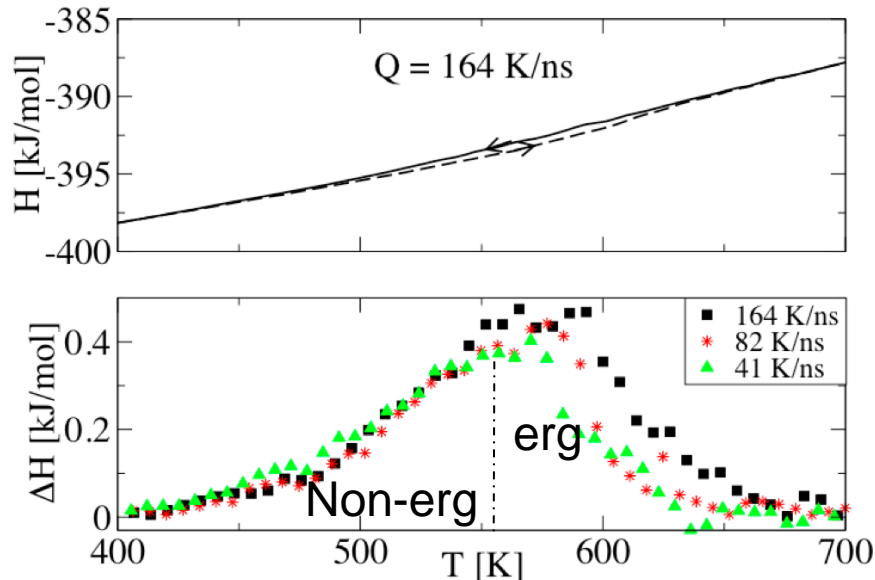
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# Ergodicity-breaking and the hysteresis peak

At hysteresis peak temperature (for  $Q^- = Q^+$ ) we have the condition

$$dT/dt \cdot d(\tau)/dT \approx 1.0$$



- selenium
- ▲ SPC/E water
- ◆ silicon-like model
- glycerol (Smith, Dielectric)
- glycerol (Richert, Dielectric)
- glycerol (Birge, Cp/Enthalpy)

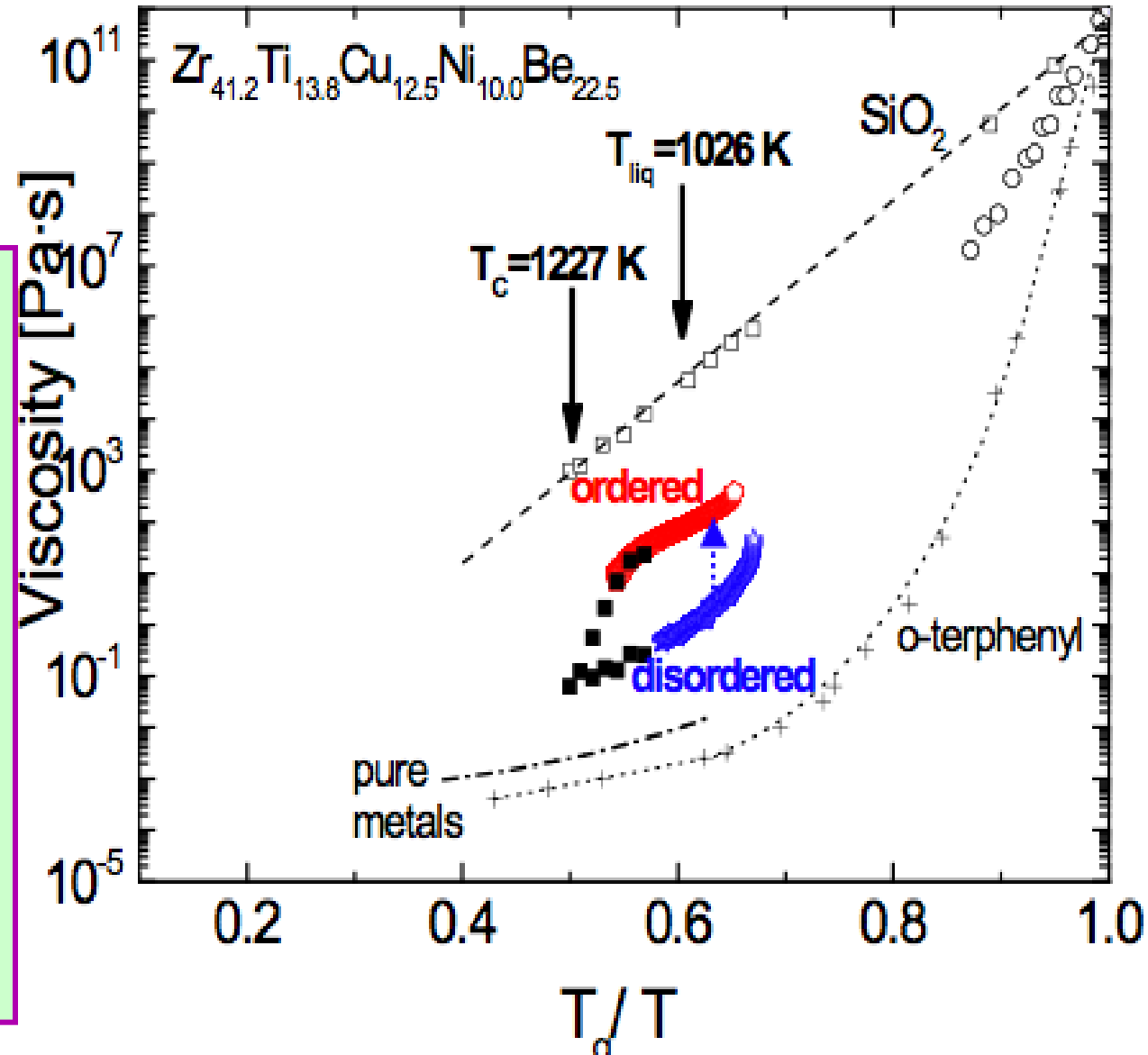
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Water and silicon are most investigated cases, phosphorus (white --> red) is least controversial.

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# Real liquid metals: Reversible Complexity



From Way et al  
(Ralph Busch group)

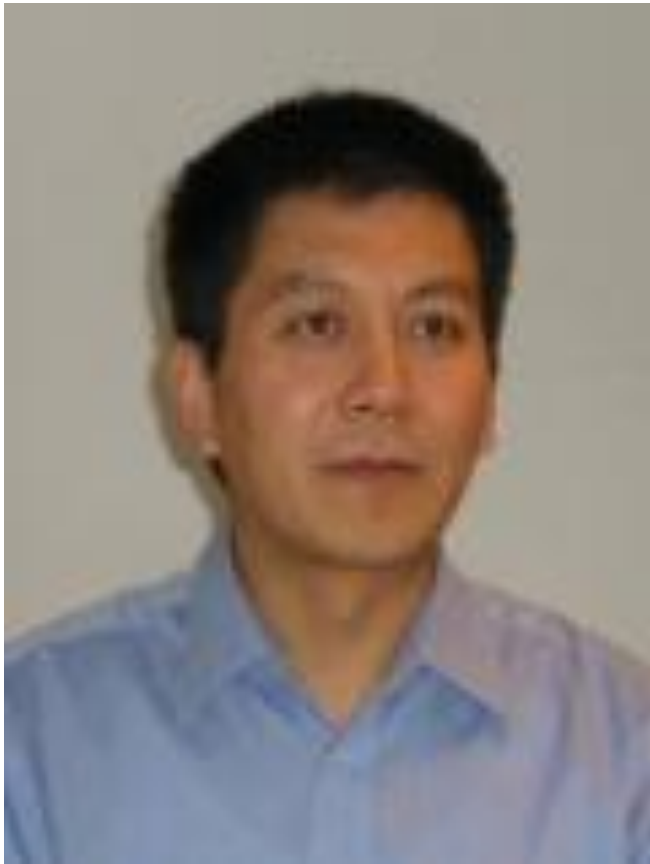
Acta Materialia  
55 (2007) 2977–

A good example of how structural complexity is revealed more sensitively in transport properties than in thermodynamic properties.. Because...

(very recent)



# And then the big SURPRISE



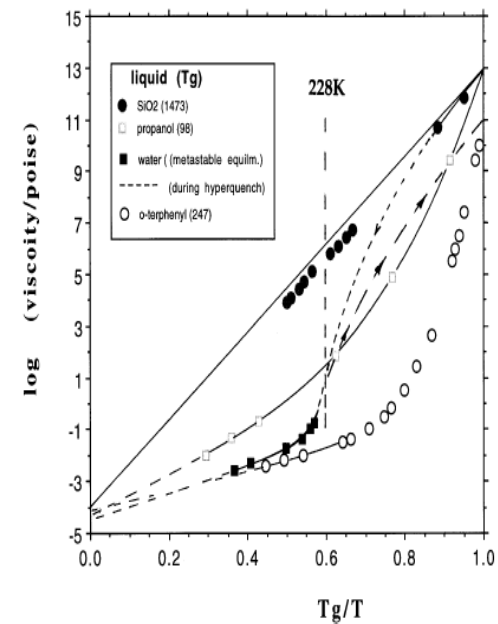
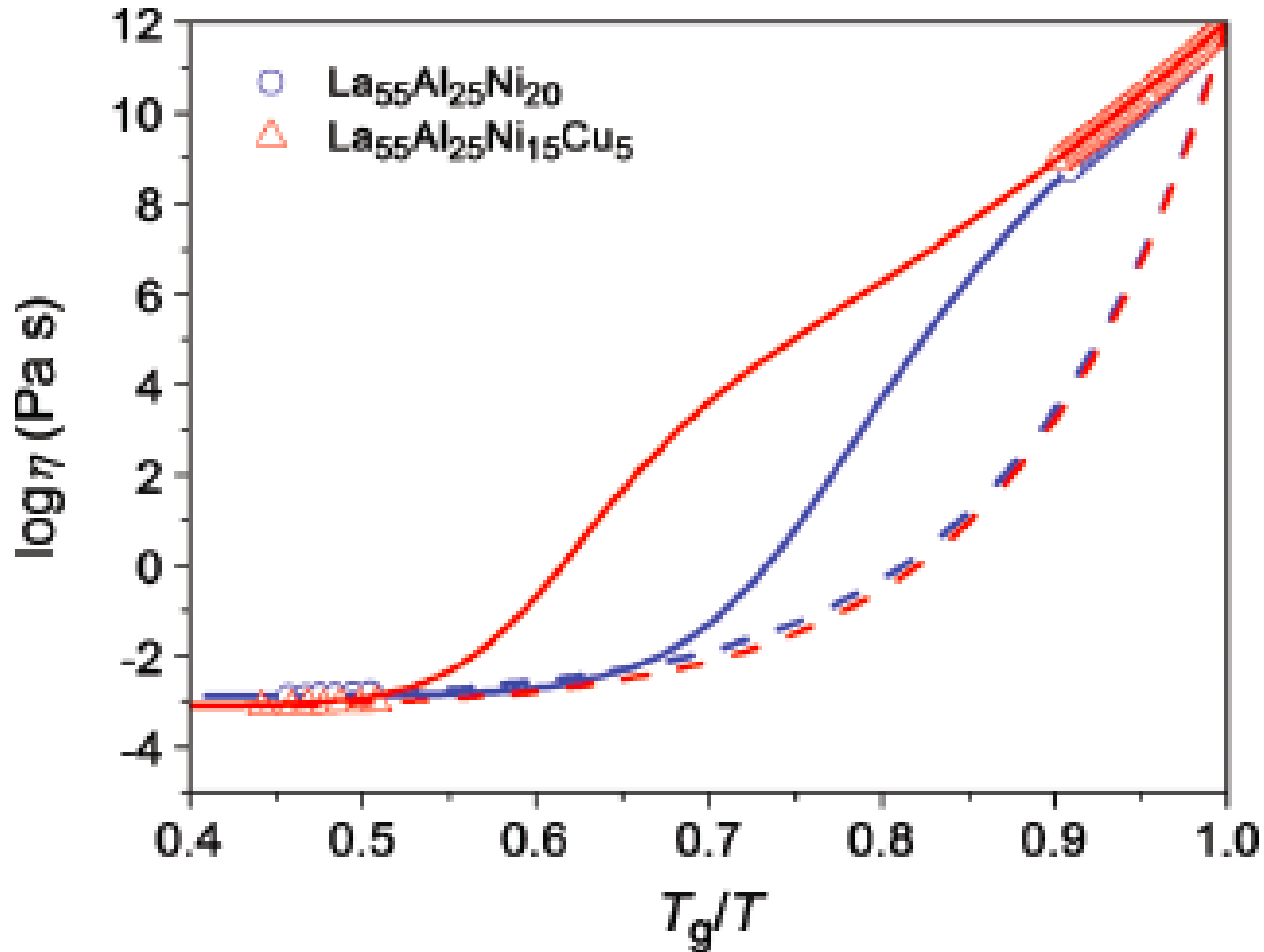
Yuanzheng Yue

In Rome 2009,  
published JCP 2010

And earlier in Crete, where  
he saved me a lot of time

## Fragile-to-strong transition in metallic glass-forming liqu

Chunzhi Zhang,<sup>1</sup> Lina Hu,<sup>1</sup> Yuanzheng Yue,<sup>1,2,a)</sup> and John C. Mauro<sup>3</sup>



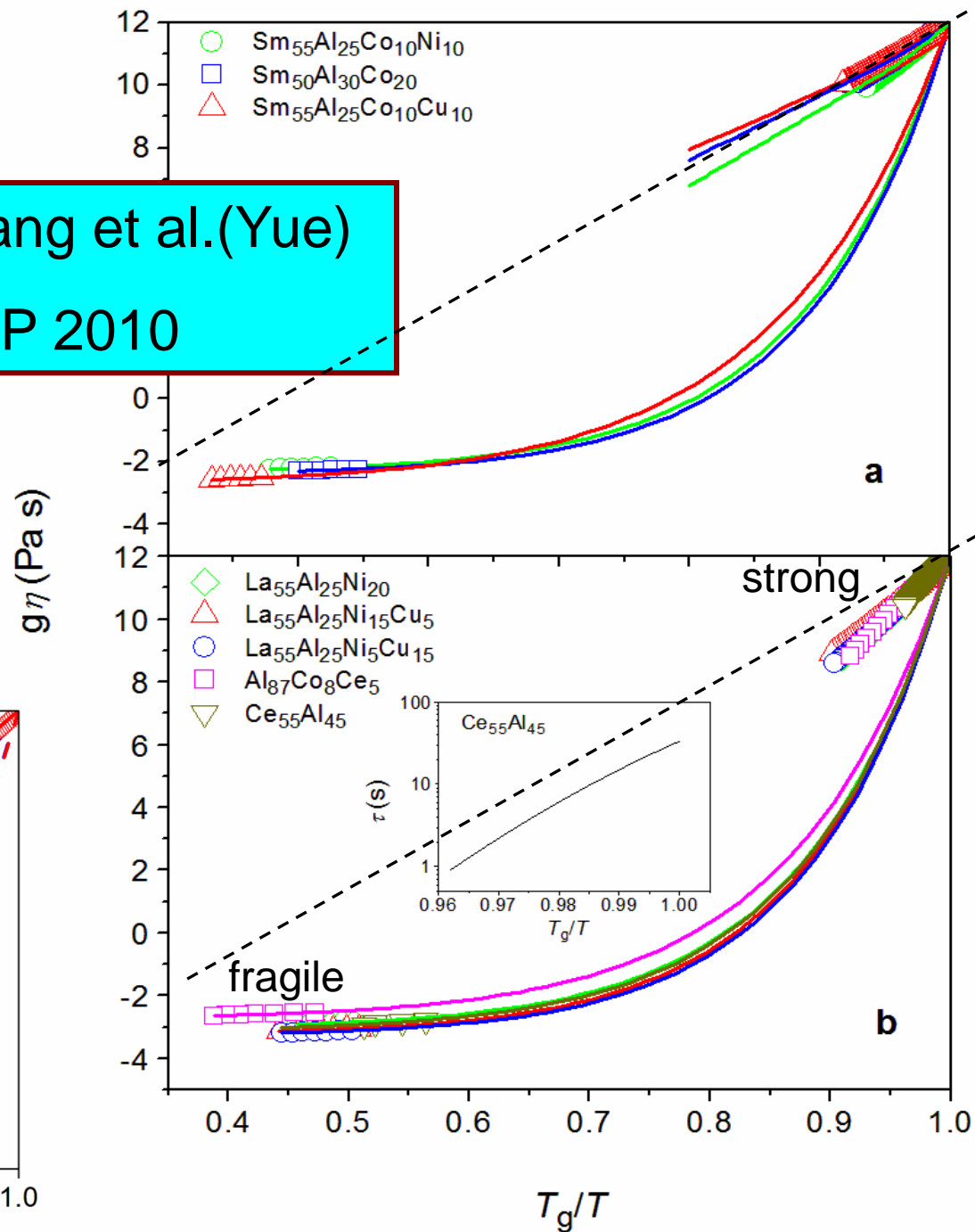
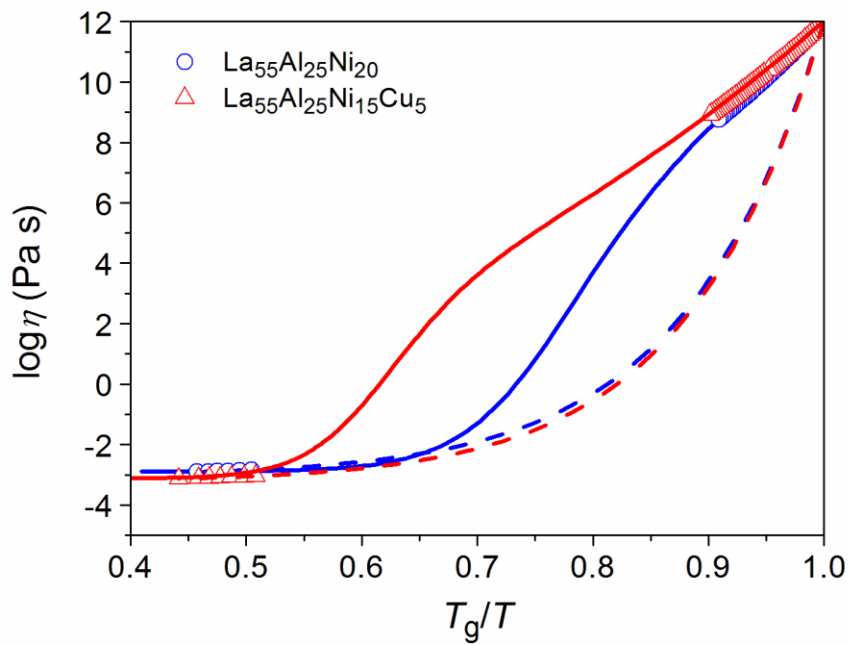
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phone

[Rumor: iPhone 5 Will Feature "Metallic Glass" | Gadget News and ...](http://www.gadget.com/2012/.../rumor-iphone-5-will-feature-metallic-glass...)  
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Apr 20, 2012 – Another round of iPhone 5 rumors surfaced. If talkative Korean sources are to believe, the next iPhone will be cased in "liquidmetal" and that it ...

# Fragile-to-strong transition in metallic glassformers

Zhang et al. (Yue)  
JCP 2010



# Water and Silicon: brothers

Games with the Stillinger-Weber potential

Lingering doubts removed in 2003 by

# Liquid-liquid phase transition in supercooled silicon

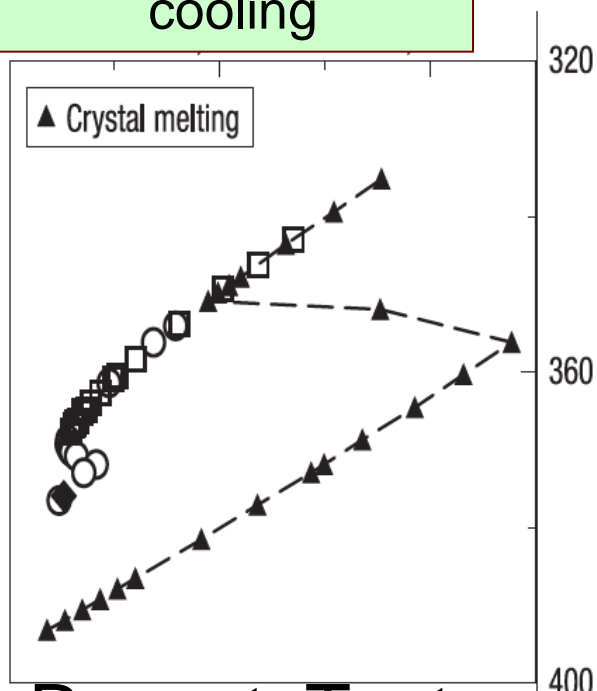
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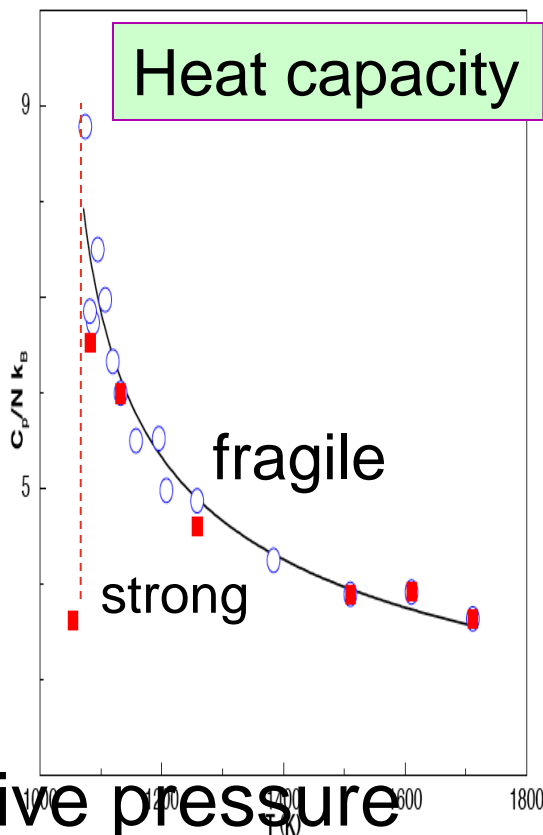
<sup>2</sup>Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, Arizona State University, Tempe, Arizona 85287-1604, USA

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Constant enthalpy cooling



Heat capacity



Recent:  $T_c$  at negative pressure

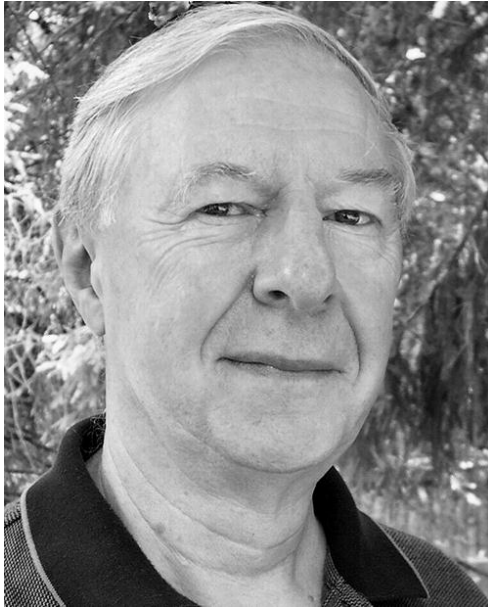
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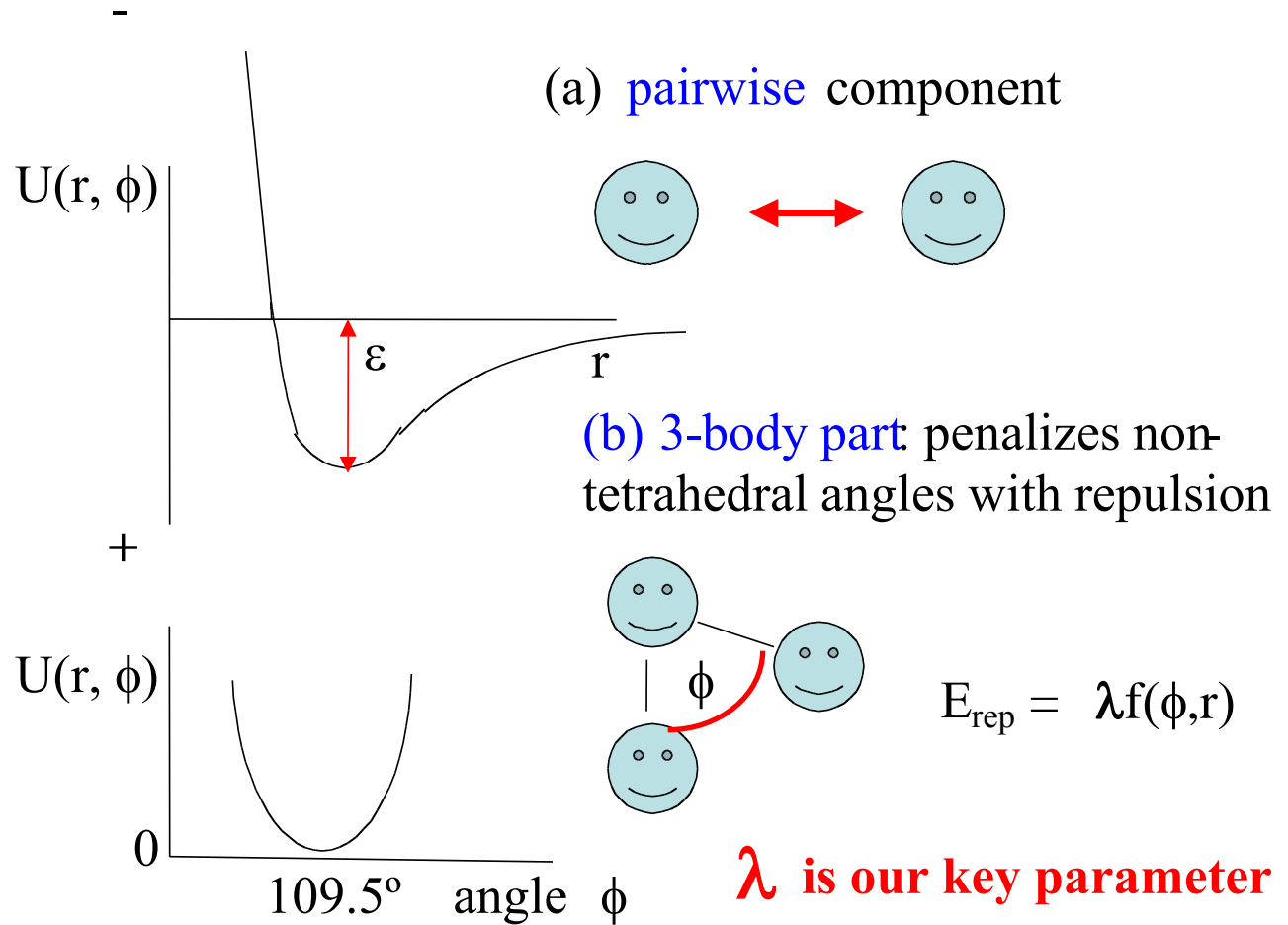
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# Stillinger-Weber potential and and potential tuning

# The Stillinger Weber potential



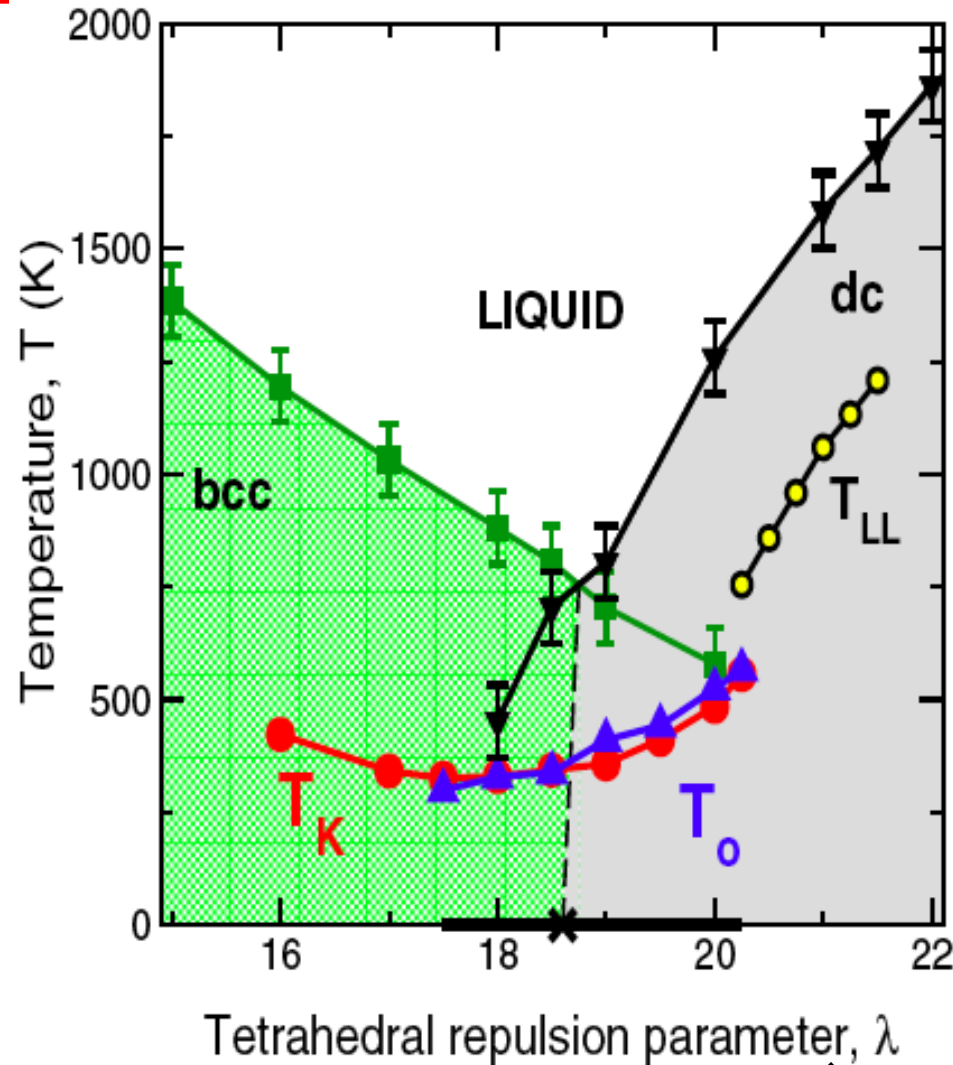
Collaborated,  
with Rahman  
on water  
simulations



**EVERY  $\lambda$  CHOICE IS A NEW ELEMENT**

N.B. So long as the angle  $\phi$  remains the tetrahedral angle, the energy is independent of  $\lambda$  - so **diamond cubic crystal** lattice energy  $\neq f(\lambda)$

# Potential tuning MD on mS-W with Vale, Sri



1 Earlier, Sastry and Angell studied mS-W at  $\lambda = 21$  for phase transitions (*more recently, Vashisht & Sastry find LL critical point at -0.6 GPa*)

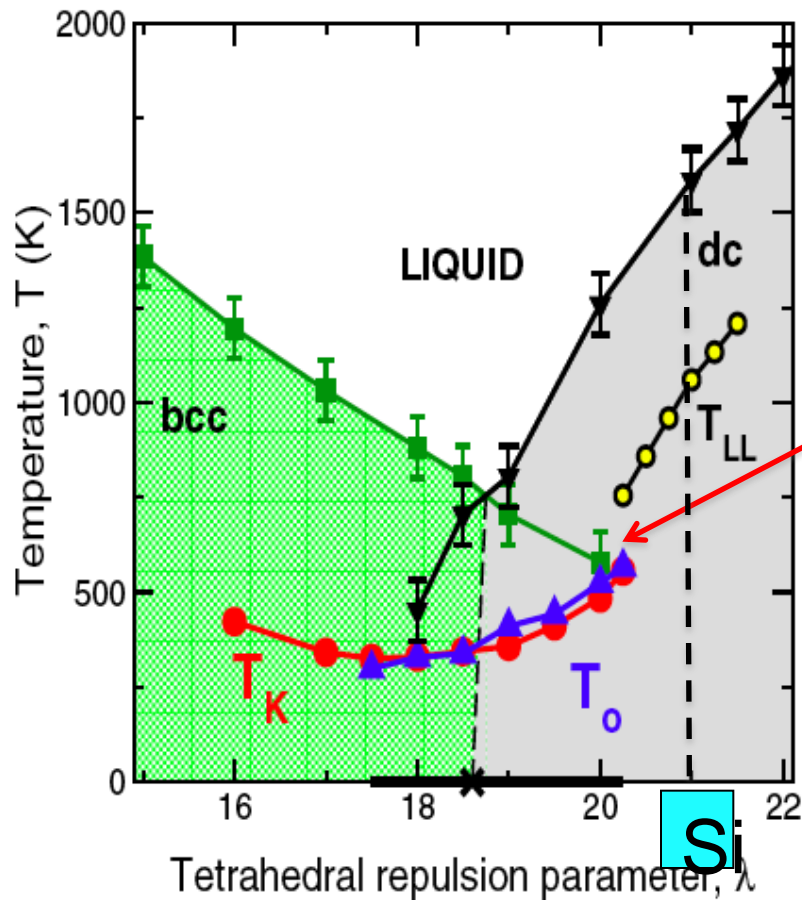
2. Later, Kapko, Matyushov and Angell studied the mS-W at  $\lambda = 19$ , for glassforming properties

3. **NOW** how about at  $\lambda = 20.5$  for *critical phenomena at ZERO pressure ???* Look at the heat capacities vs at  $\lambda = 20.5$



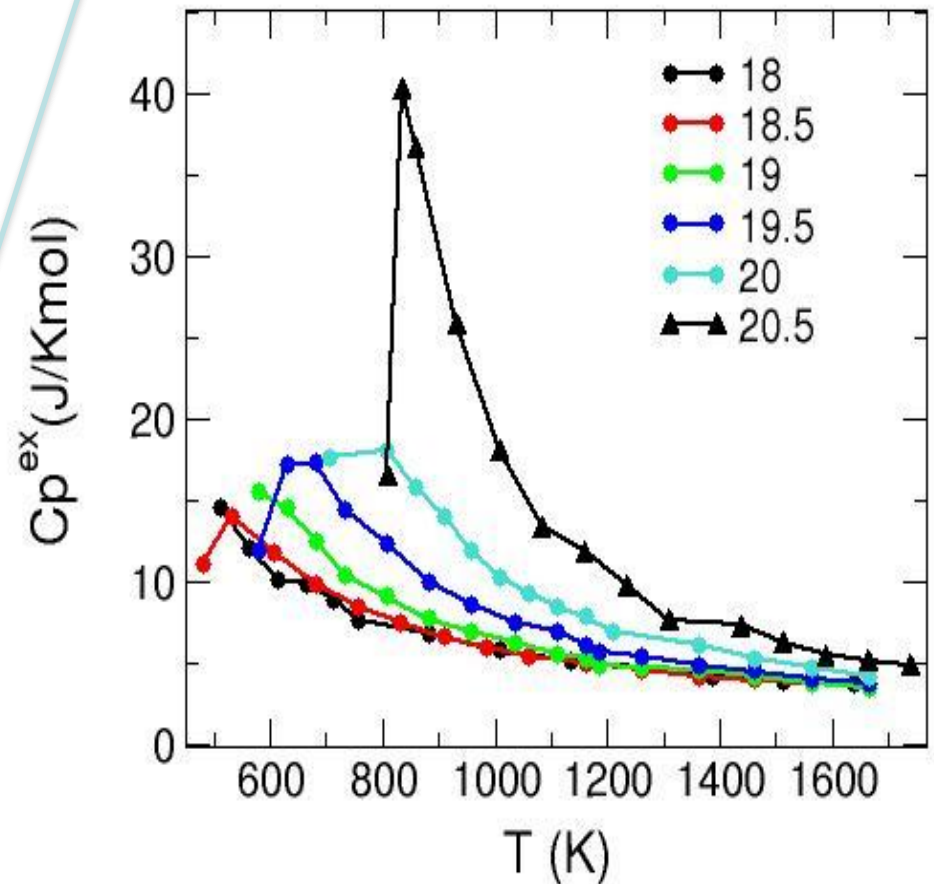
# mS-W

note how the  $C_p$  spike comes just at the end of the line of first order transitions, and beginning of glassforming range



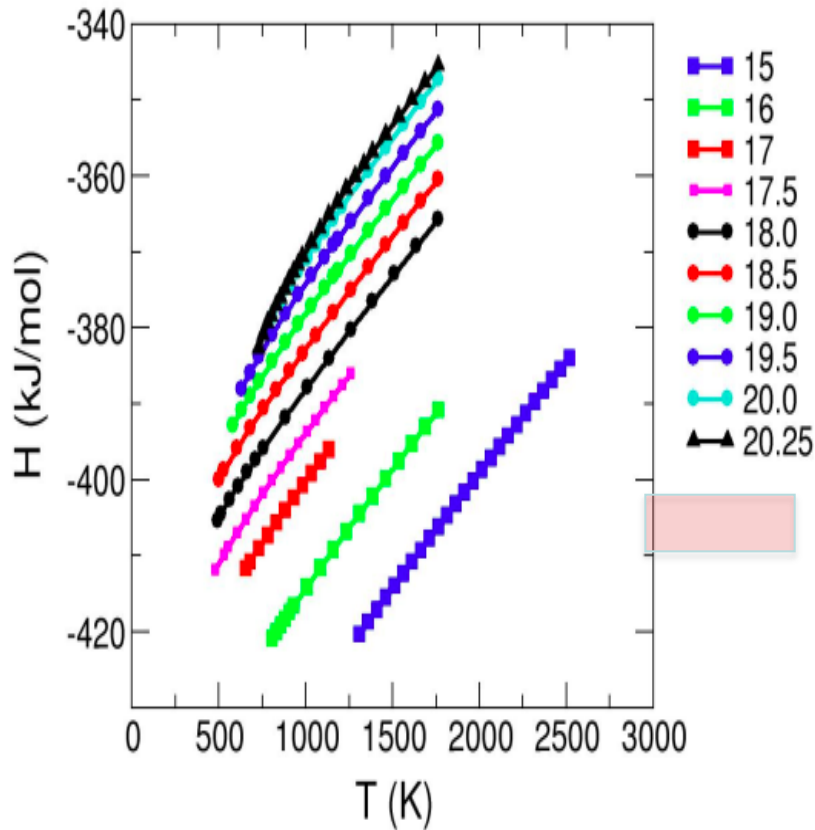
T<sub>c</sub>?

$C_p$  vs  $T$ , varying  $\lambda$

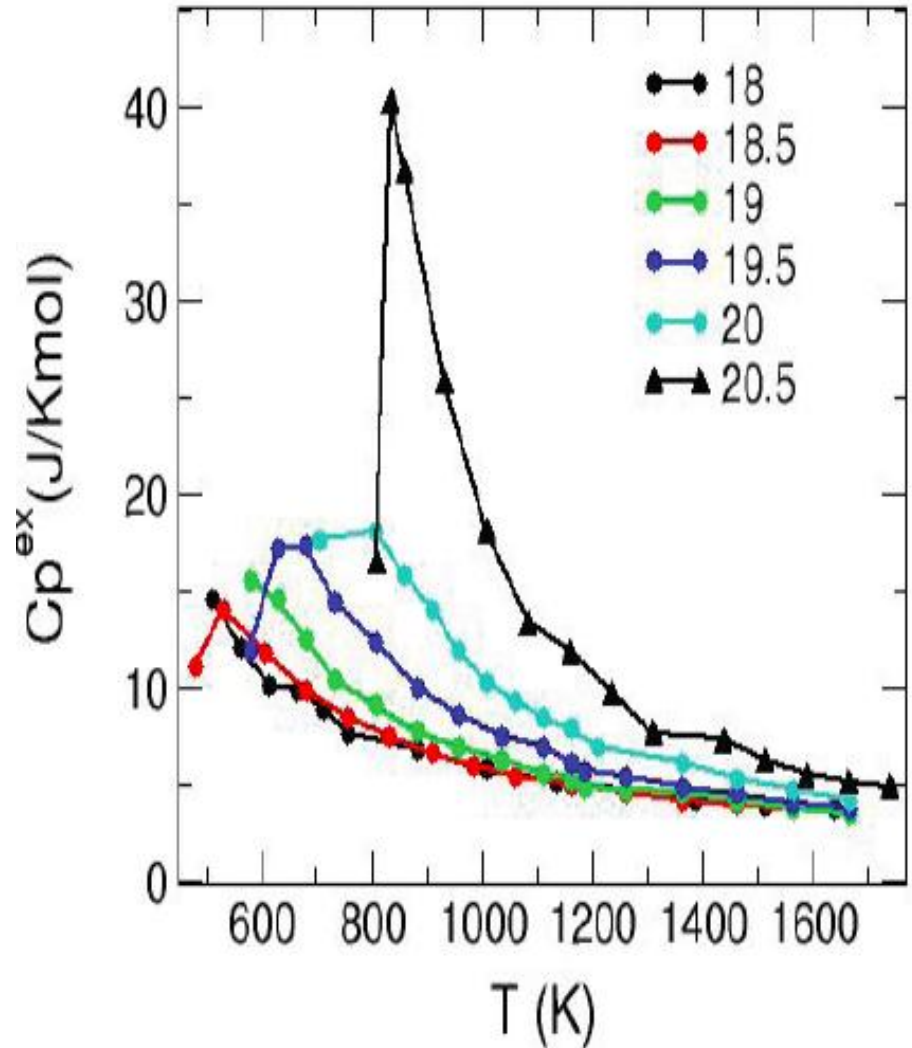


# XS Heat capacity of the S-W model as $\lambda > 18 < 21$

Molinero et al PRL  
(supplementary Inf)



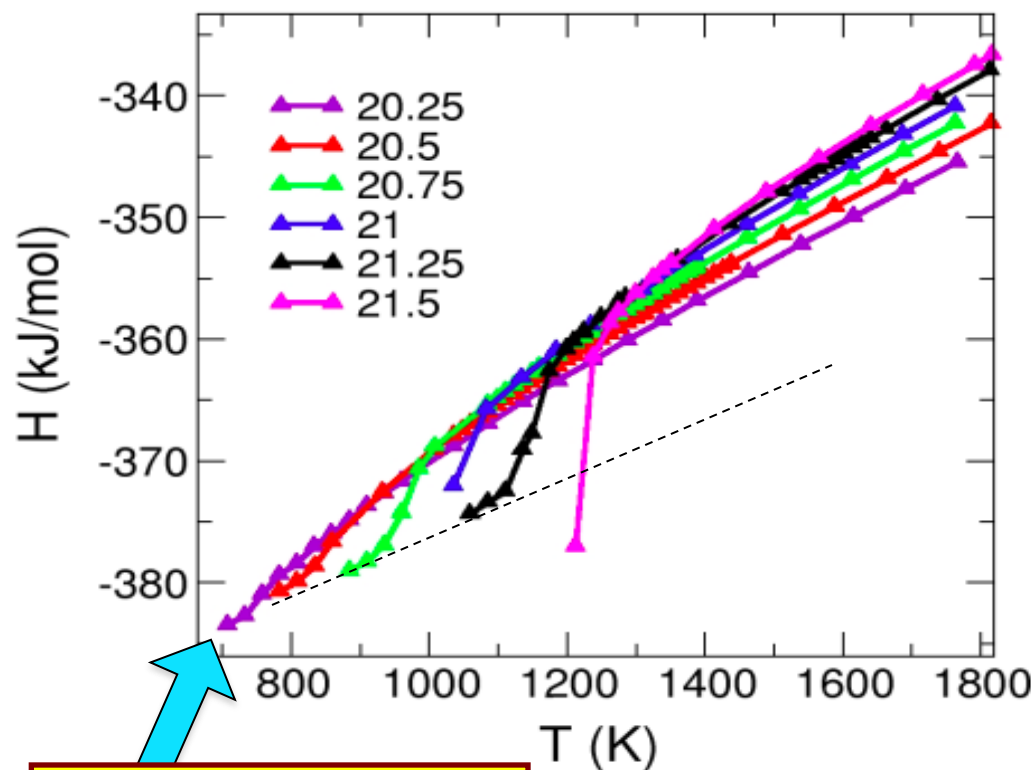
Cp vs T, varying  $\lambda$



# Variations of H and V with $\lambda$ in the S-W model

Add Kapko point

H vs T, for  $20.25 < \lambda < 21.5$   
from Molinero S&A PRL (SI)



Vanishing  $\Delta H$ :  
 $T_c = 700\text{K}$  for  $p = 0$

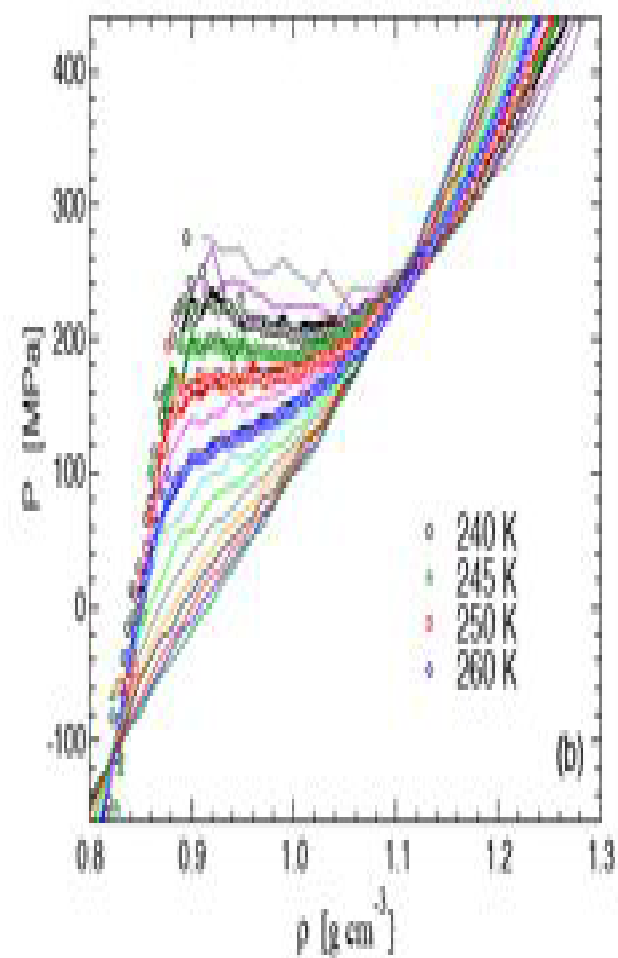
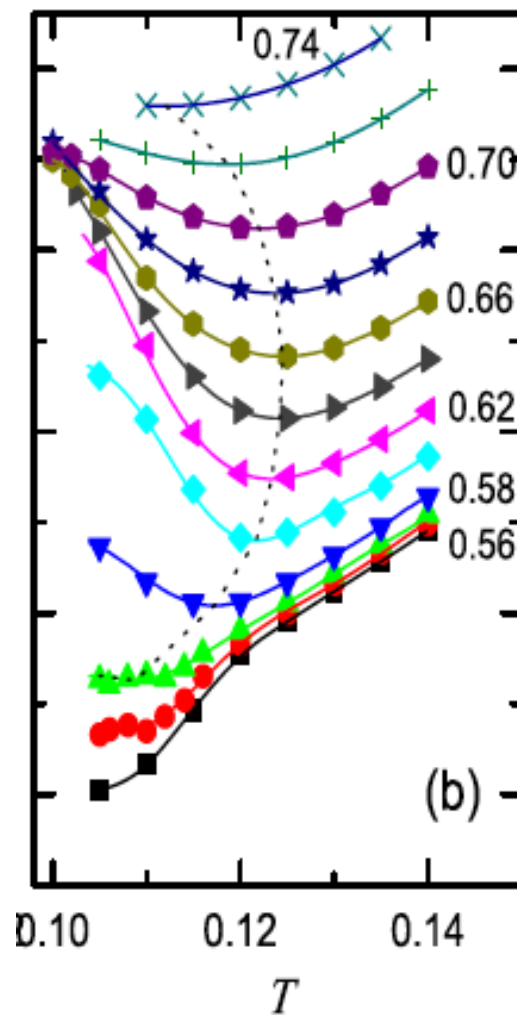
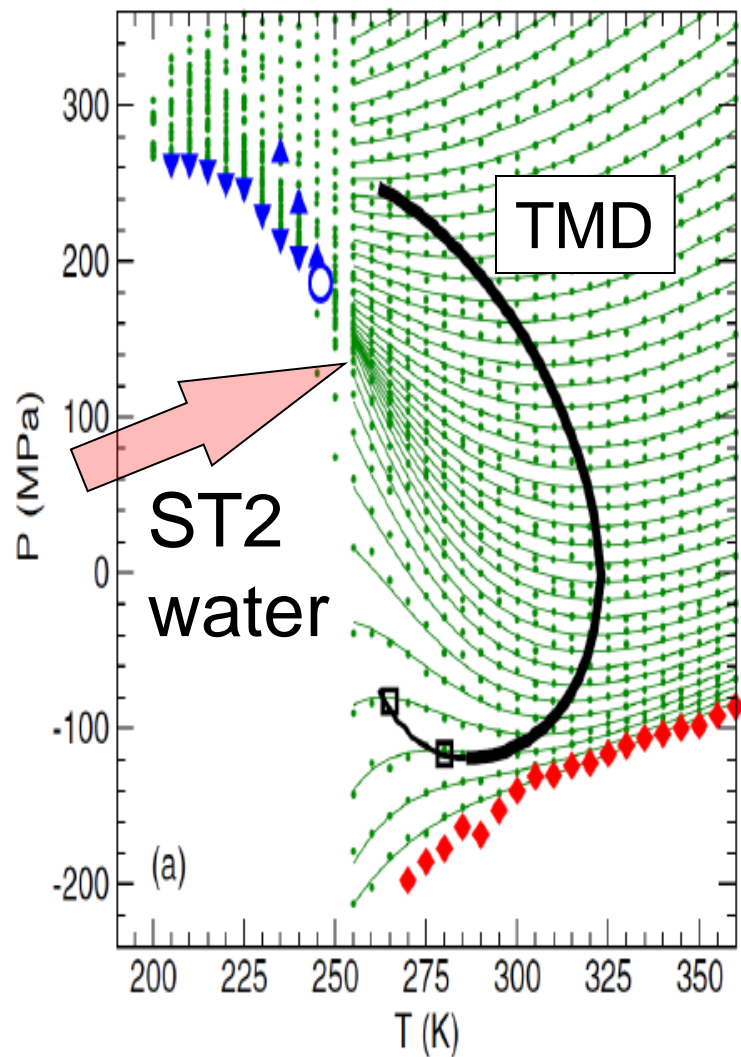
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# Isochores cross test for critical point inflection or Van der Waals loop

Saika-Voivod, Sciortino, Poole

Tu et al (Buldyrev)

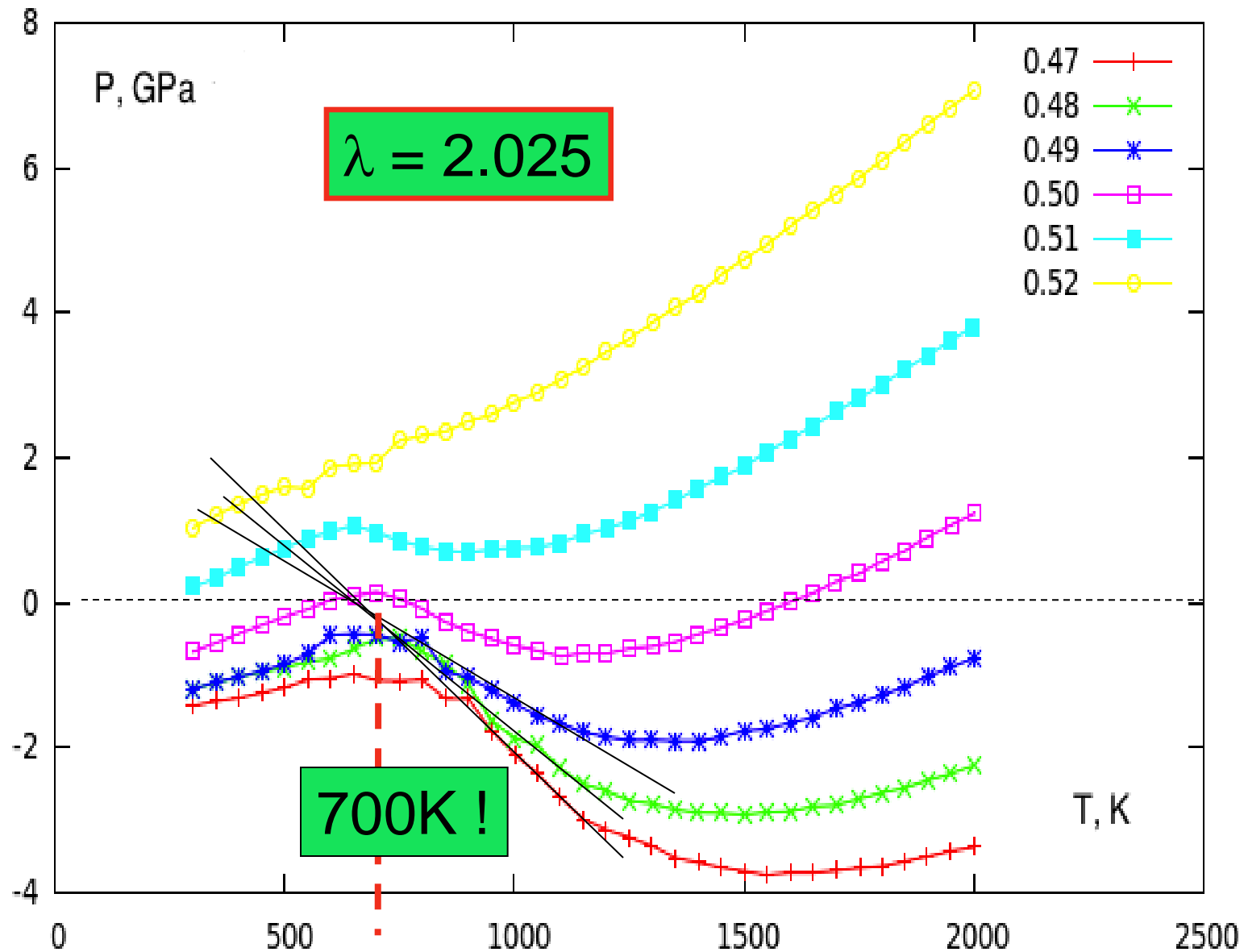
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# S-W Isochores

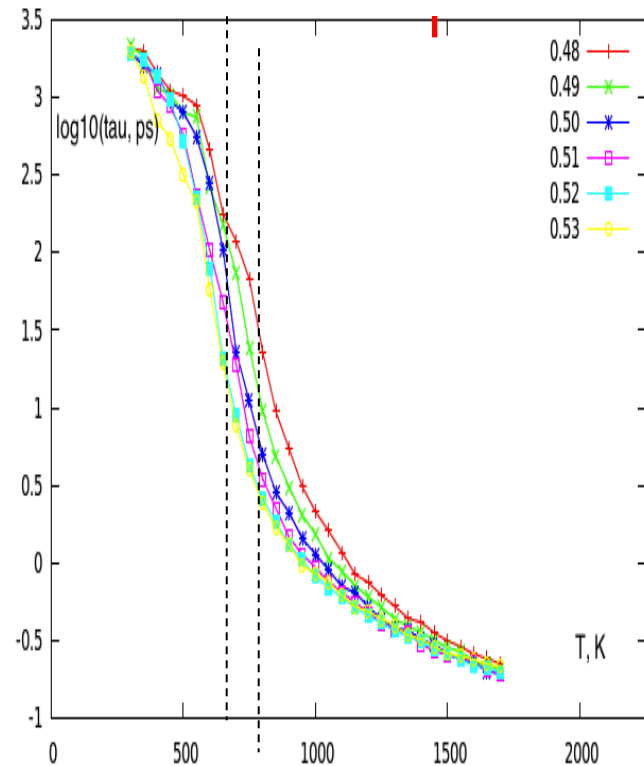
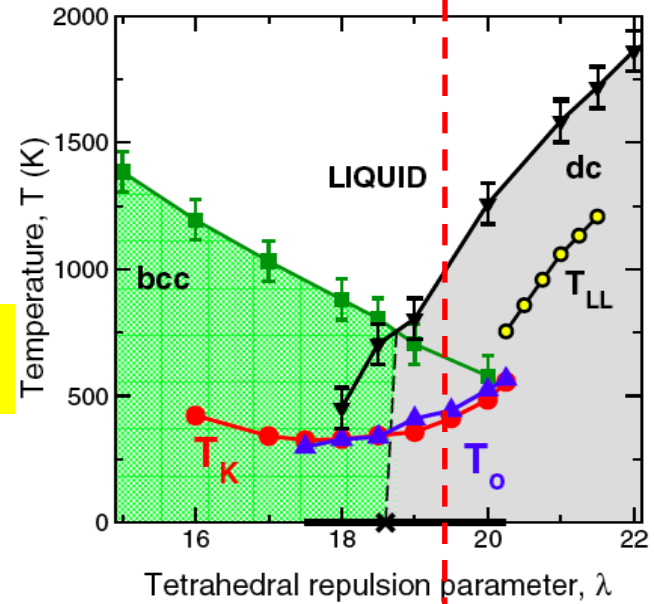
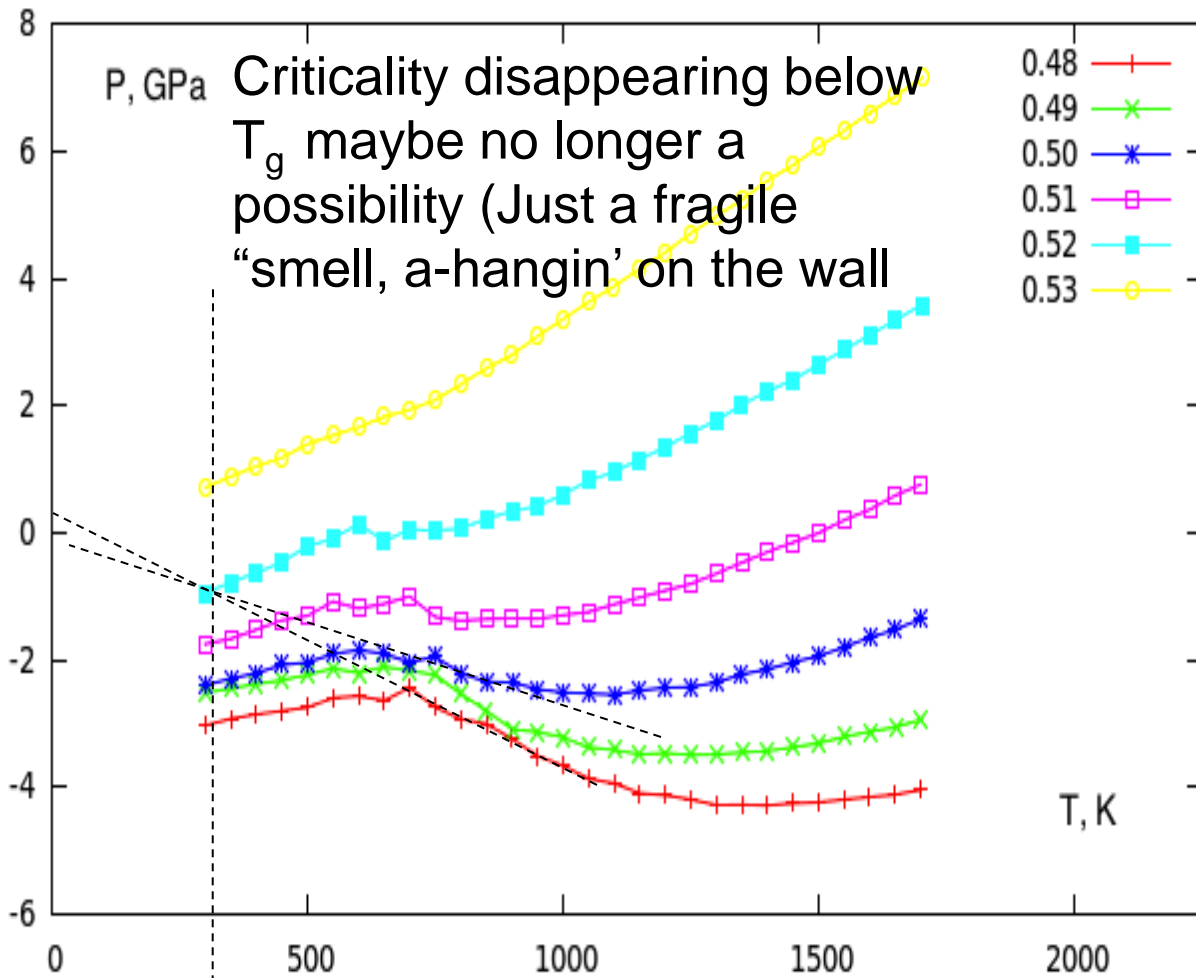
From Vitaliv. last week

There's no crystallization near this critical point !!



# But, $\lambda = 19.5$

(work of Vitaliy Kapko, received yesterday)



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# Ordinary waves? Small challenge





# Riding the 100 foot wave



Brazilian Carlos Burle took on the monster wave - created by the St Jude storm - at Praia do Norte, near the fishing village of Nazare. Estimated at nearly 100ft, it is believed to be the biggest wave ever ridden.

***(c) What makes some liquids fragile? The compendium of ideas and what must underlie them.***

This section begs the question. It could obviously become very long. It can be addressed at many levels. It is the essential reason, and justification, for this symposium. We remain very engaged in this problem but constrain ourselves to a couple of key remarks.

Many correlations have been offered, based both on experimental, and on computer simulation observations, only a few of which can be mentioned here. From experiments, fragility is argued to be determined by:

- (\*) the value of the Poisson ratio<sup>75</sup>
- (\*) non-ergodicity factor<sup>76</sup>
- (\*) the anharmonicity<sup>77</sup> (Gruneisen constant)<sup>78</sup> at the boson peak frequency<sup>79</sup>
- (\*) molecular volume or more specifically the expansion coefficient (basis of free volume theory<sup>80</sup>)
- (\*) the heat capacity, or the configurational heat capacity scaled in some way, e.g. by the excess entropy at  $T_g$ <sup>25</sup>
  
- (\*) the temperature dependence of the shear modulus<sup>81</sup>
- (\*) the degree of frustration between crystal and locally favored structures<sup>82, 83</sup>
- (\*) polymer chain stiffness and packing<sup>84</sup>,

# And from simulations

- *generation of shoulder and double well modes [85, 86],*

and, in particular,

- *temperature dependence of the configurational entropy [29]*
- where the latter is related to the width of the enumeration function, (see also S. Sastry, this volume for the relation to the high temperature activation energy, which is a variable in the Adam-Gibbs equation).

# What might be behind it all?

With so many correlations, each with its own merits, there must be some common factor.

e.g. **1.** key example: the **shoving model** (Dyre) and its support by wide ranging dynamic  $G_{\infty}$  measurements (Nelson and co.)

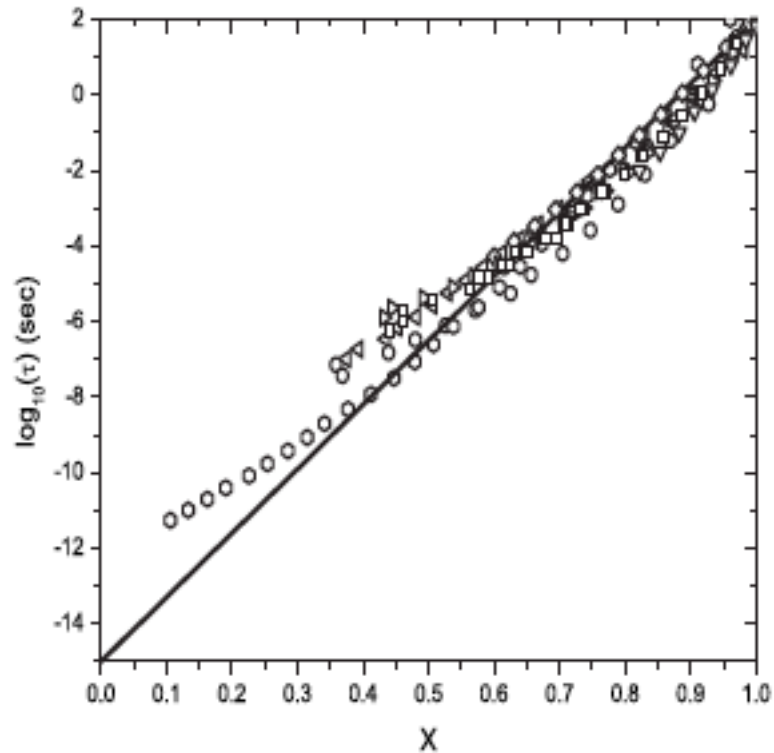
Strong support for the importance of a shear modulus with variable temperature dependence.. But what would control the shear modulus itself, and particularly it's T-dependence?

Or **2.** in entropy models, (Adam-Gibbs) what determines the rate of entropy increase? Hence the fragility.

*Surely, it's the same thing.....*

**Control by Quasi-lattice excitations with different entropy contributions to the excitation free energy increment.**

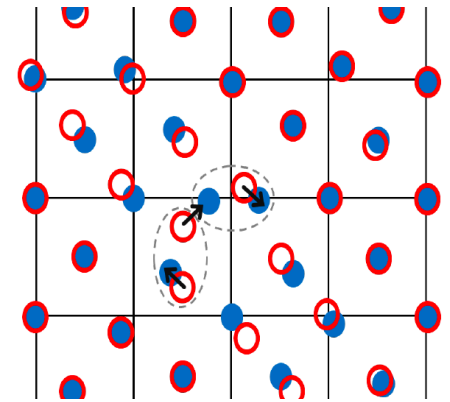
# The shear modulus



Torchinsky and Nelson, testing the “shoving model”

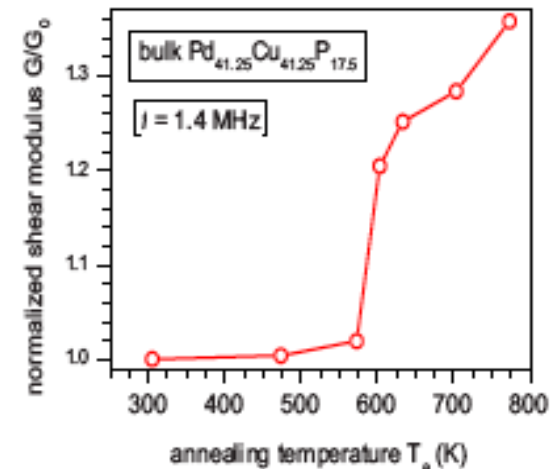
Granato, and the interstitial defects that, in crystals, control  $G_{\infty}$

In the crystal



SO

- 1 Is there an amorphous analog of the crystal interstitial for the glassy and liquid states?
2. If yes, what controls its  $dc/dT$ ?



# Two-state excitations or, better, Gaussian excitations

An excitation requires an **enthalpy** increment, but is encouraged if accompanied by a positive  $\Delta S$ , i.e.

is accompanied by a decrease in average vibration frequency for the quasi-lattice region containing the 'defect' ( $\Delta S_{vib} = R \ln(\nu_1/\nu_2)$ ).

**So it could all originate in the nature of the VDoS**

**And if it does....**

(No time)

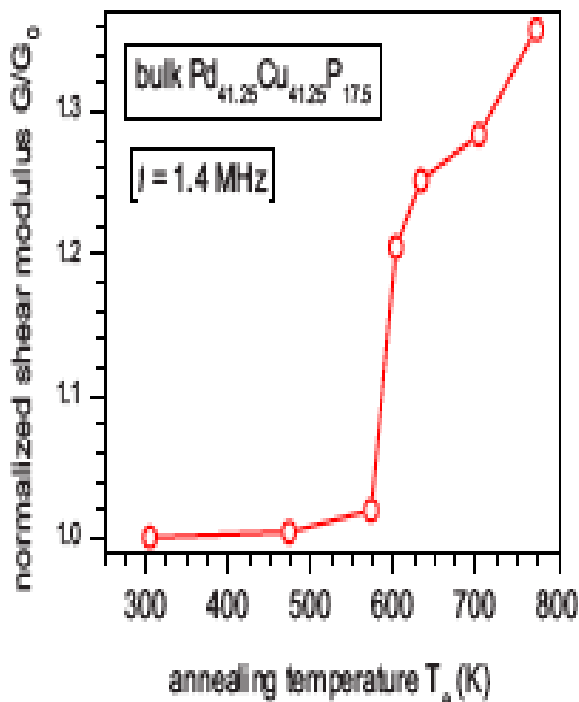
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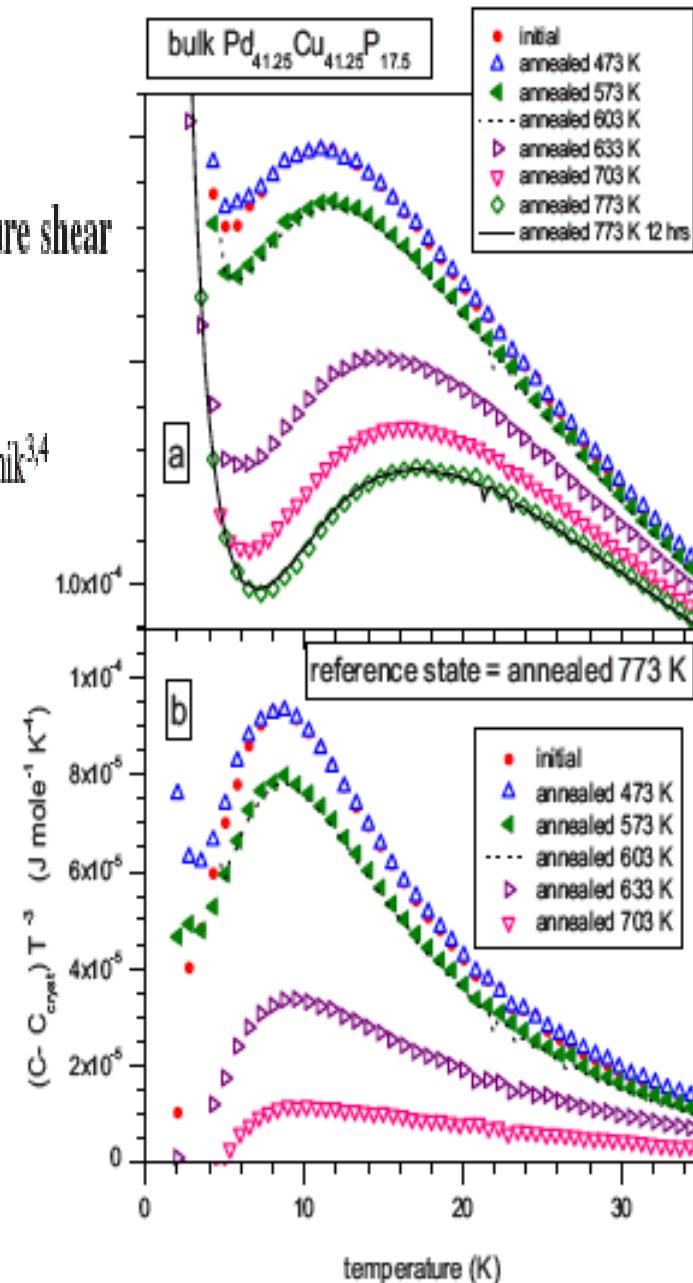
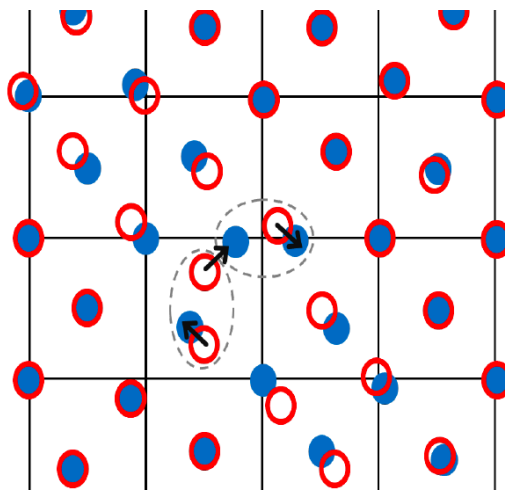
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## Relationship between low-temperature boson heat capacity peak and high-temperature shear modulus relaxation in a metallic glass

A. N. Vasiliev,<sup>1</sup> T. N. Voloshok,<sup>1</sup> A. V. Granato,<sup>2</sup> D. M. Joneich,<sup>2</sup> Yu. P. Mitrofanov,<sup>3</sup> and V. A. Khonik<sup>3,4</sup>

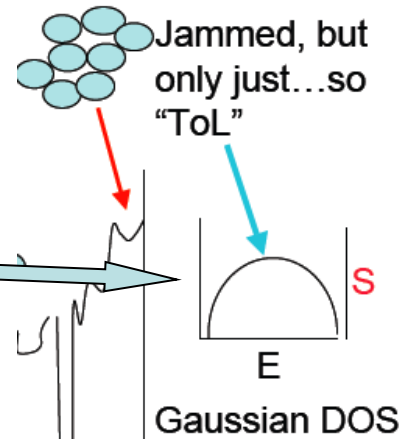


In the crystal



# Grand CHALLENGE No. 1

Understanding the drive to the **ToL** (what excites some liquids more urgently than others?)

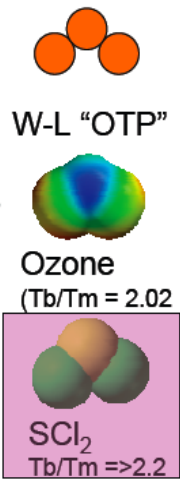
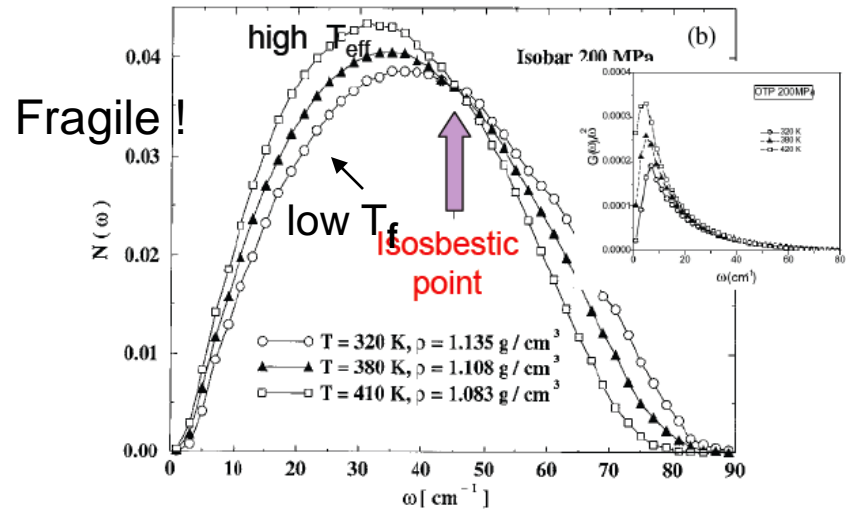
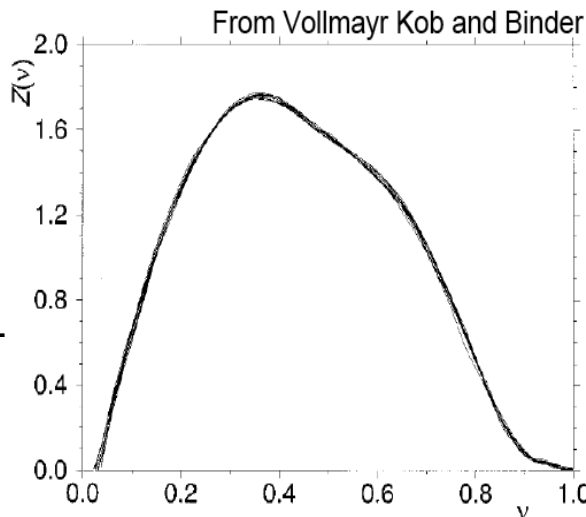


Is it to be found in the **configurational** manifold (CDoS) or the **vibrational** manifold (VDoS) ??

Vibrational density of states for KABLJ structures quenched at rates diff. by 4 OM

VDoS of inherent structures of the 3-bead Wahnström-Lewis model at fixed P

No change of shape with fictive temperature so no extra drive to TOL so **not** fragile







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# Role of Vibrational Entropy?

1. Vibrational entropy and fictive temperature:

Does vibrational density of states change with fictive temperature?

NO, if it is a **strong** glassformer,  
**YES**, if it **is fragile** glassformer

# Vibrational density of states for KABLJ structures quenched at rates diff. by 4 OM

From Vollmayr Kob and Binder

**NO !**  
fictive  
temperature  
dependence  
of vibrational  
entropy

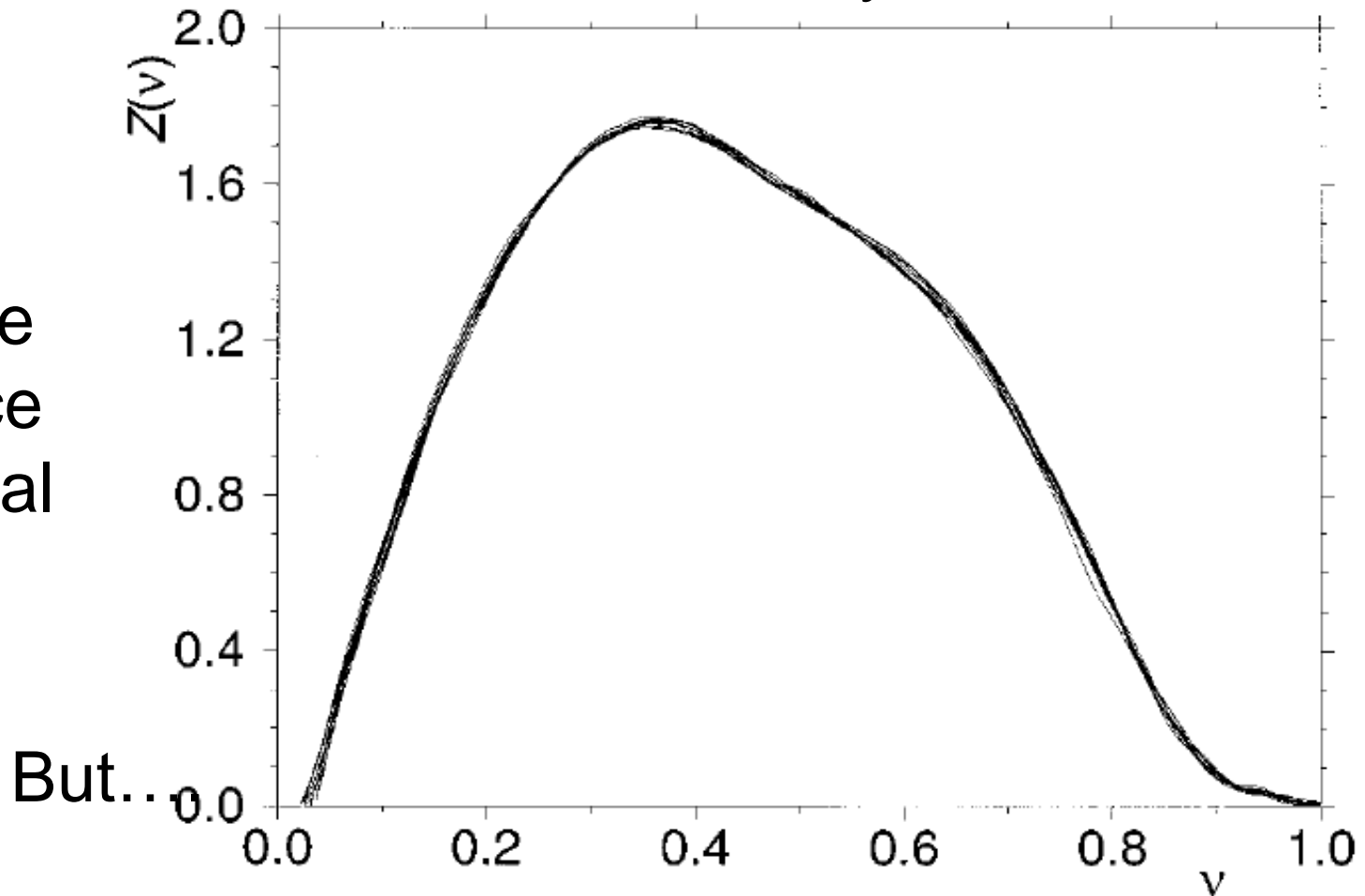
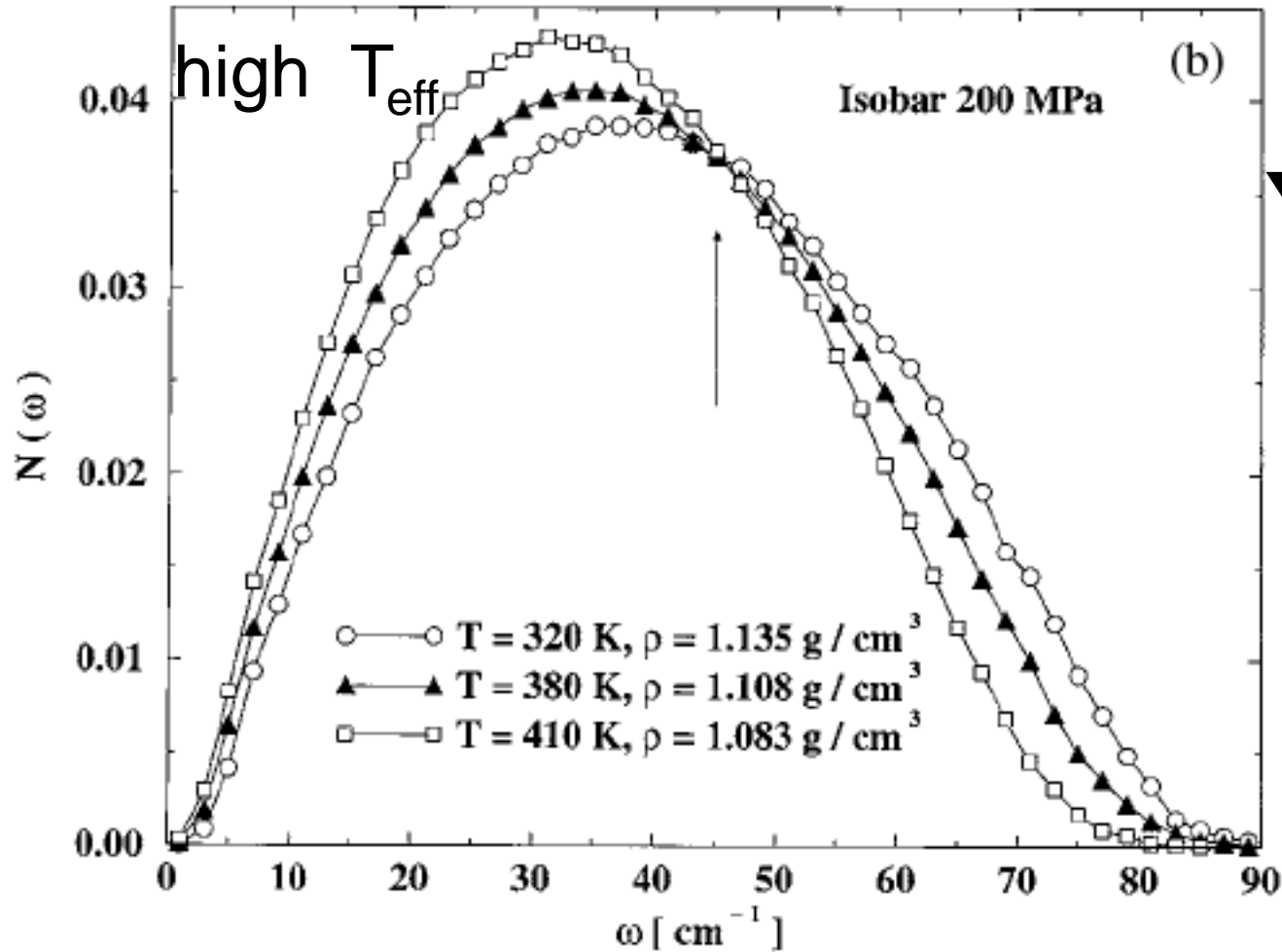


FIG. 15.  $Z(\nu)$ , the spectrum of the system at  $T=0$  for all cooling rates investigated.

# VDoS of inherent structures of the 3-bead Wahnström Lewis model **at constant pressure**



YES

See  
Reduced  
VDoS  
(divide  
by  $\omega^2$ )

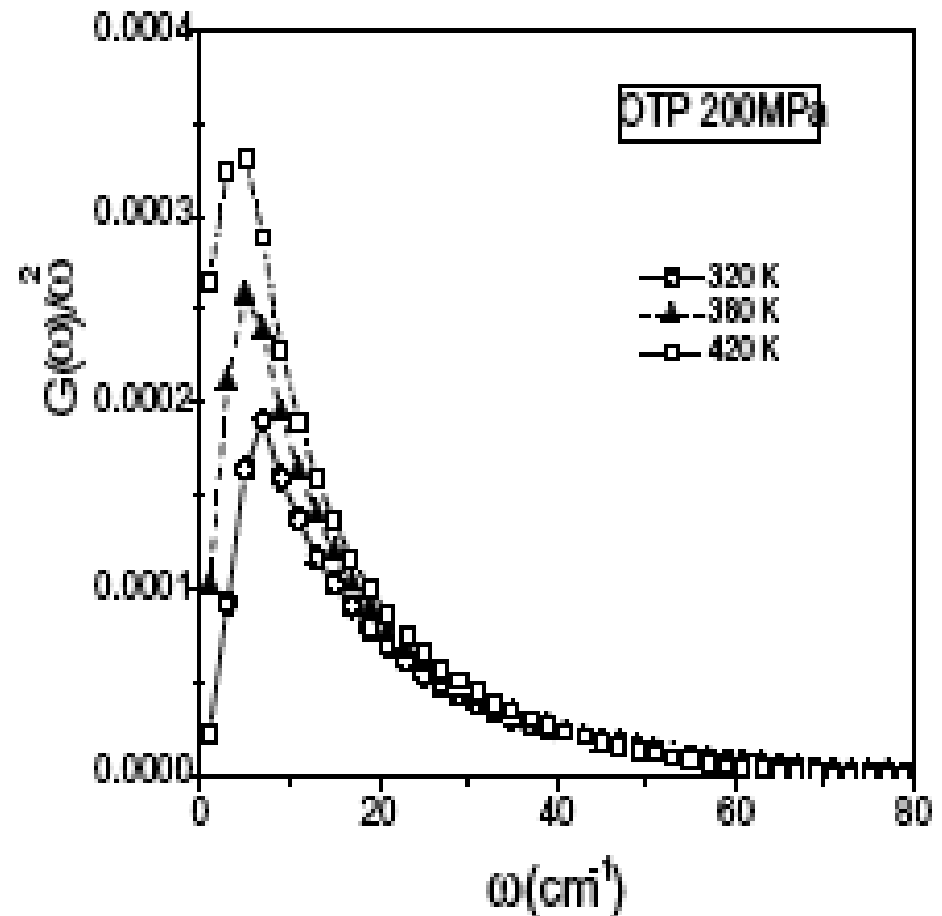
Figure 6. The VDoS for the inherent structures of OTP, in the Lewis–Wahnström model, obtained by steepest descent quenching of structures equilibrated at the designated temperatures (a) at

Next step:  
divide by  $\omega^2$



boson peak

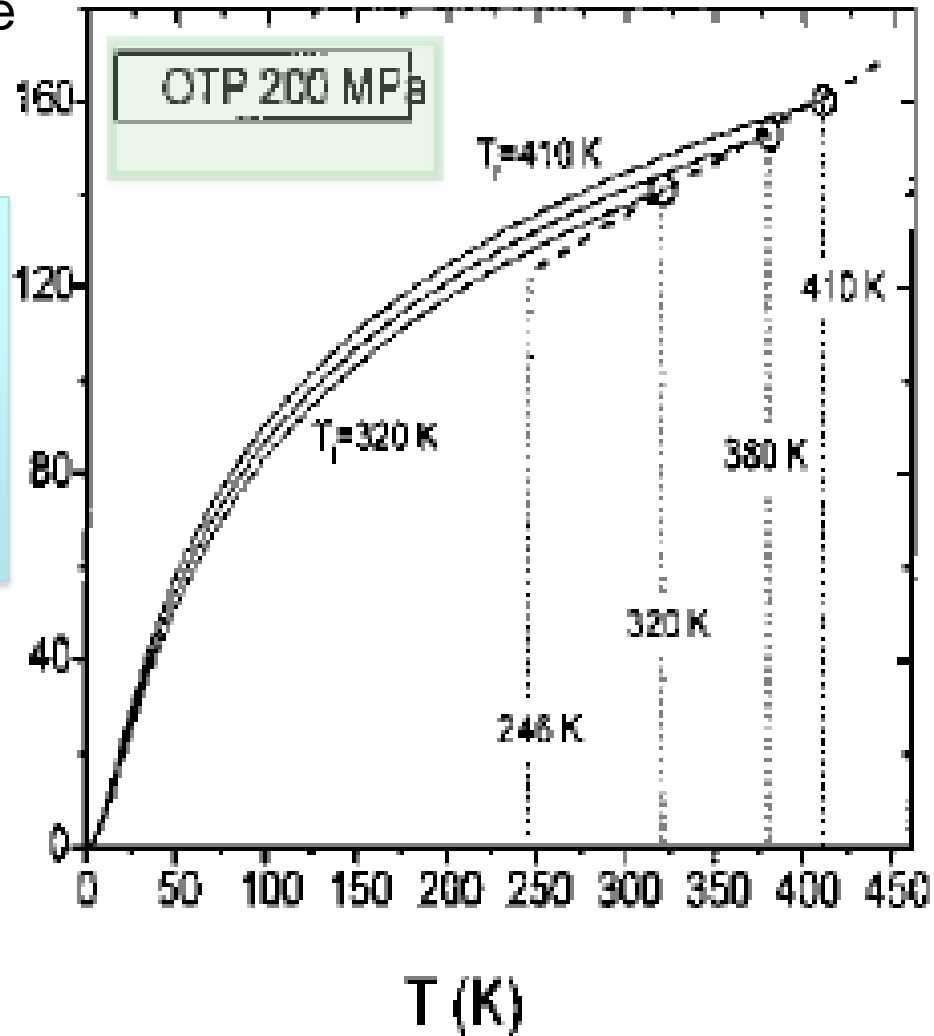
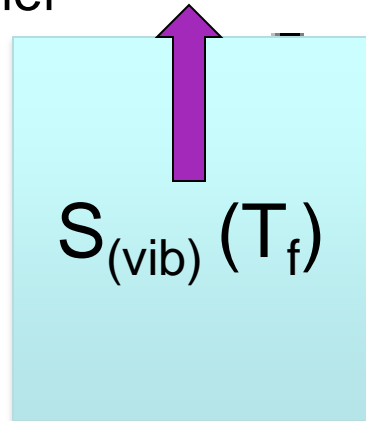
(shifts to lower T with  
increasing fictive T)



**FIGURE 3.** Data of Fig. 2 shown in the Boson peak representation ( $G(\omega)/\omega^2$ ). The boson peak is seen to increase in intensity and move to lower frequencies as fictive temperature is increased.

**Next step:** assess  $S(\text{vib})$  vs  $T$  (*using the standard expressions*) for each of the different densities of states i.e. different fictive  $T$ 's ( $T_f$ 's). This will be unique **up to  $T_f$**

Above  $T_f$ , structure will change and **both**  $S_c$  and  $S_{\text{vib}}$  will increase together



Thus the entropic drive to the top of the energy landscape will increase as the fictive temperature dependence of the vibrational DoS increases, as noted by Goldstein 40 years ago, for two state systems. Thus this entropy source, that traces back to vibrational changes on excitation of quasi-lattice defects, can influence, or even control, the fragility.

**M. Goldstein, J. Chem. Phys. 64, 4767 (1976).**