

When bigger is faster:
how non-commensurability in particle size favors
self-diffusion in smectics.

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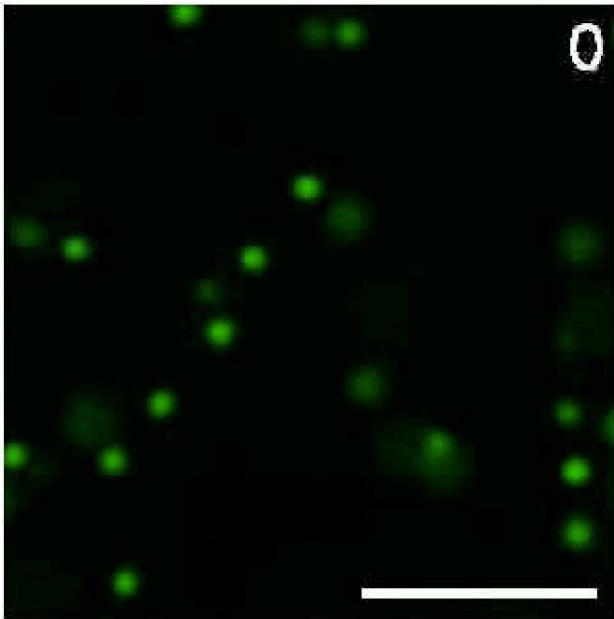
Dynamics of colloids



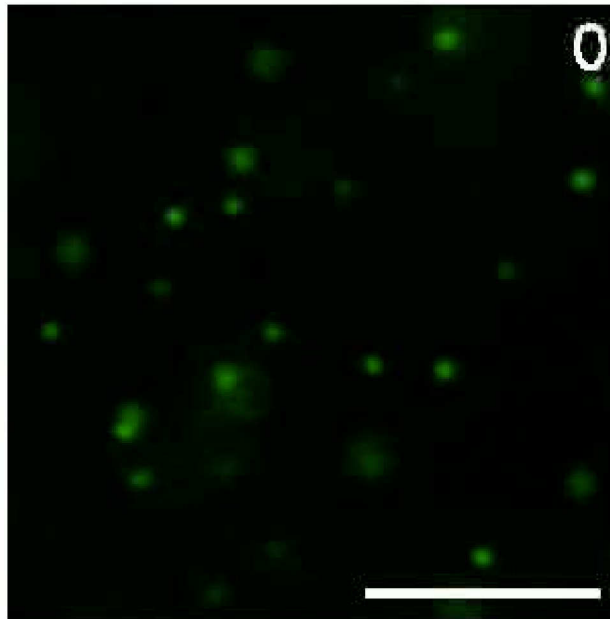
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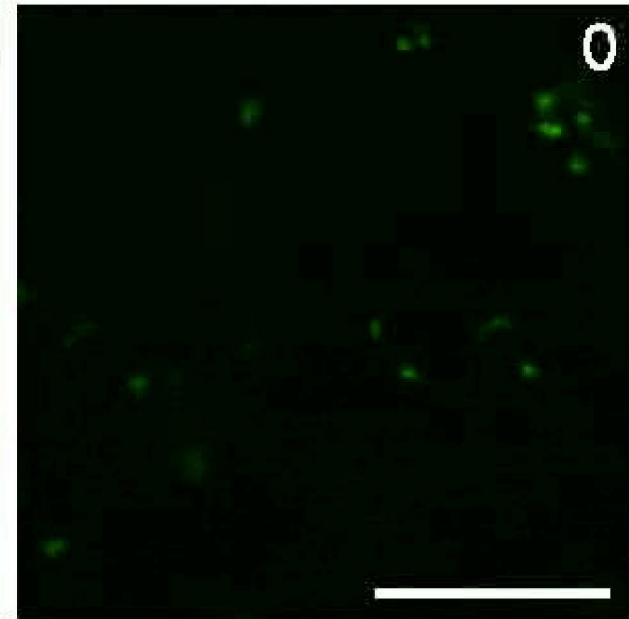
Dynamics of colloids



$a = 1.5 \mu\text{m}$



$1.0 \mu\text{m}$



$0.5 \mu\text{m}$

E.R. Weeks, Austin



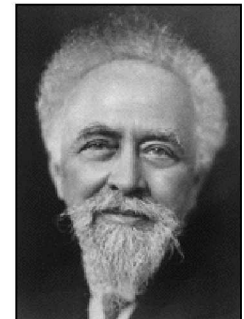
G.G. Stokes



A. Einstein

Stokes-Einstein: big is slow

$$D = \frac{R T}{N} \frac{1}{6 \pi \eta P} = \frac{k_b T}{6 \pi \eta_0 a}$$



J.B. Perrin

Mean square displacement and Self-van Hove function

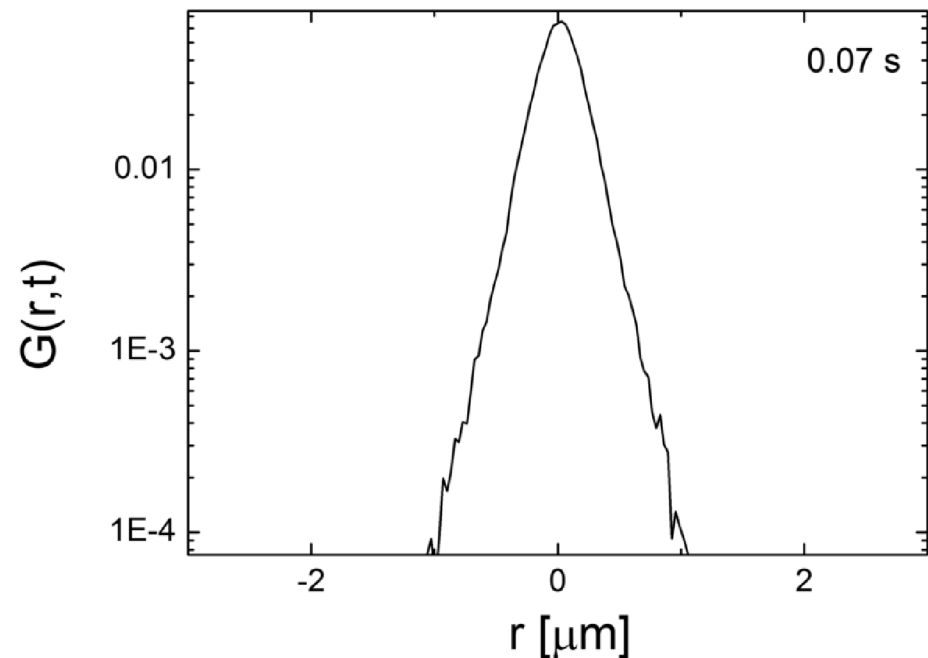
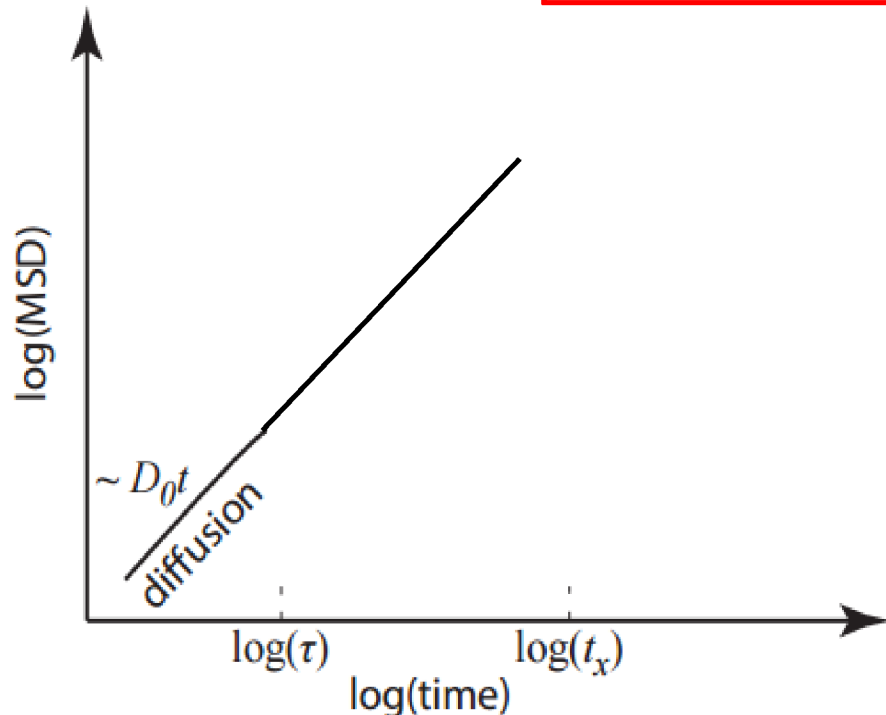
$$W(t) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \langle [\mathbf{r}_t^2 - \mathbf{r}_0^2] \rangle$$

Free particles: $= 6D_0$

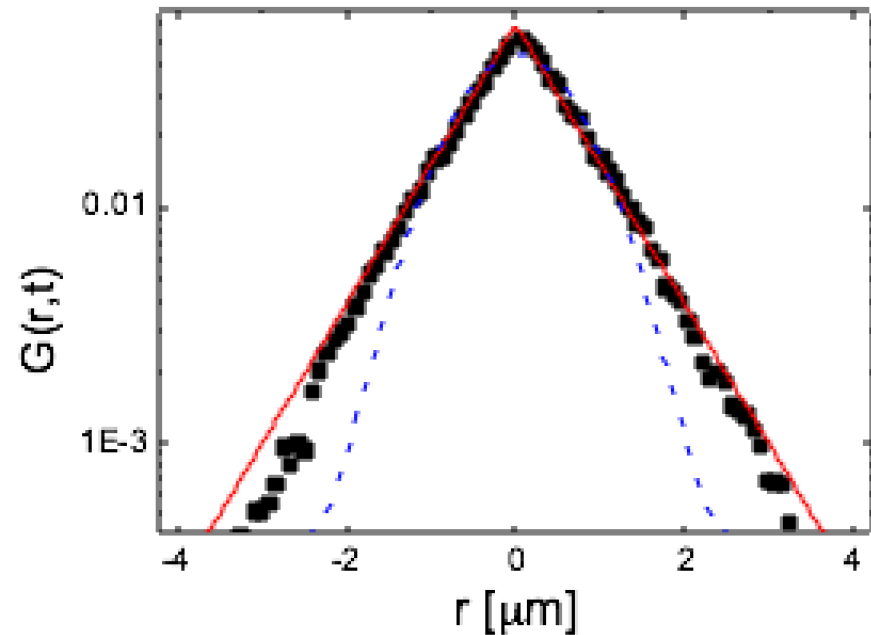
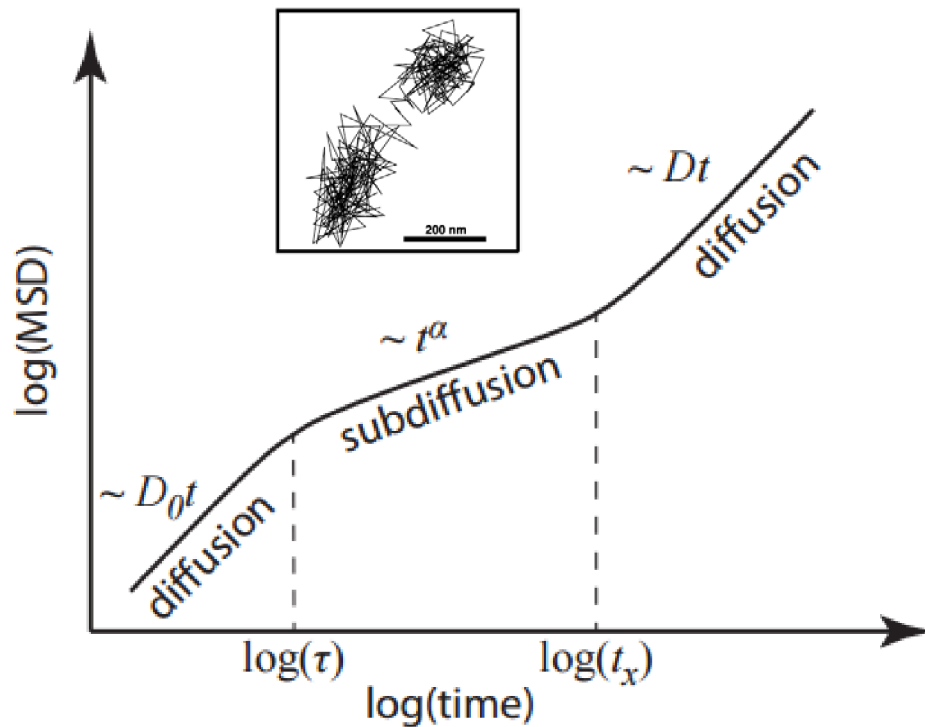
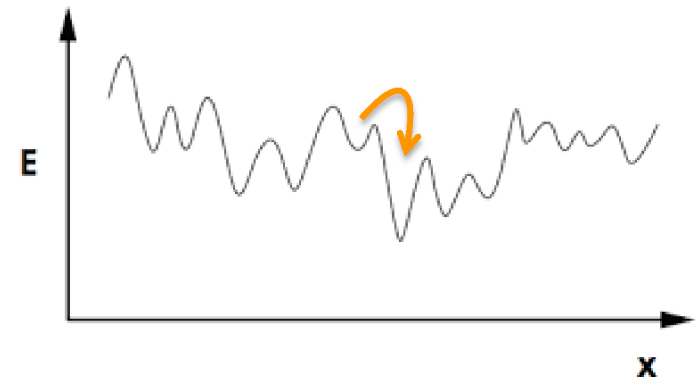
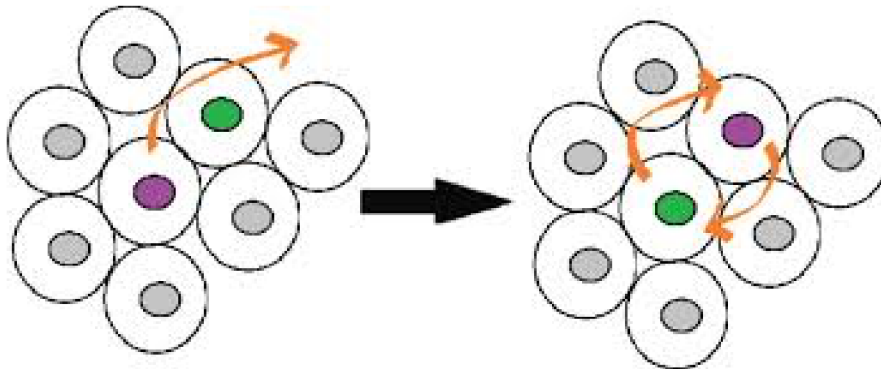
Probability for displacement r during time t :

$$\begin{aligned} G_s(t) &= \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \delta[\mathbf{r} - (\mathbf{r}_i(t)) - \mathbf{r}_i(t=0)] \\ &= (4\pi Dt)^{-3/2} \exp\left(-\frac{r^2}{4Dt}\right) \end{aligned}$$

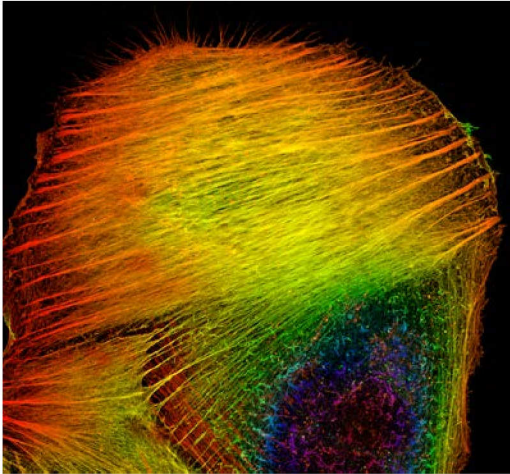
Diffusion is continuous process



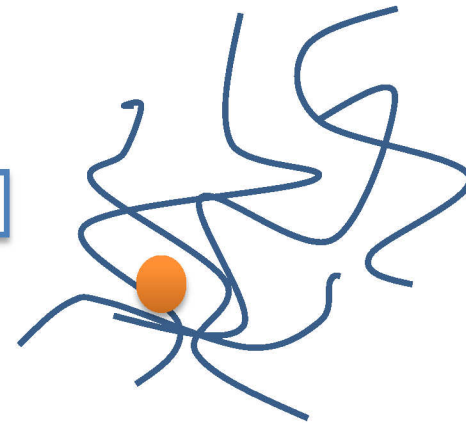
Diffusion in complex hosts: colloidal glasses



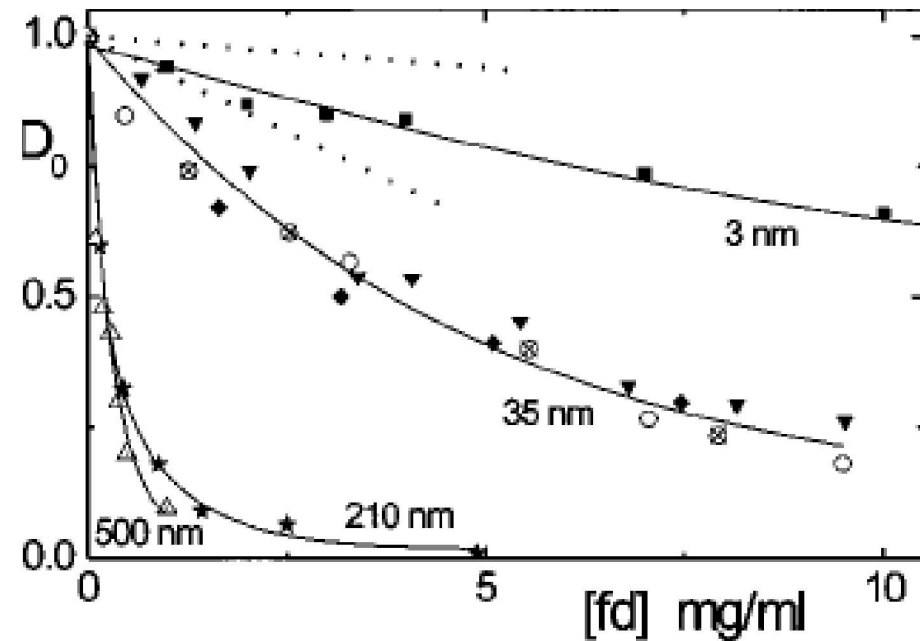
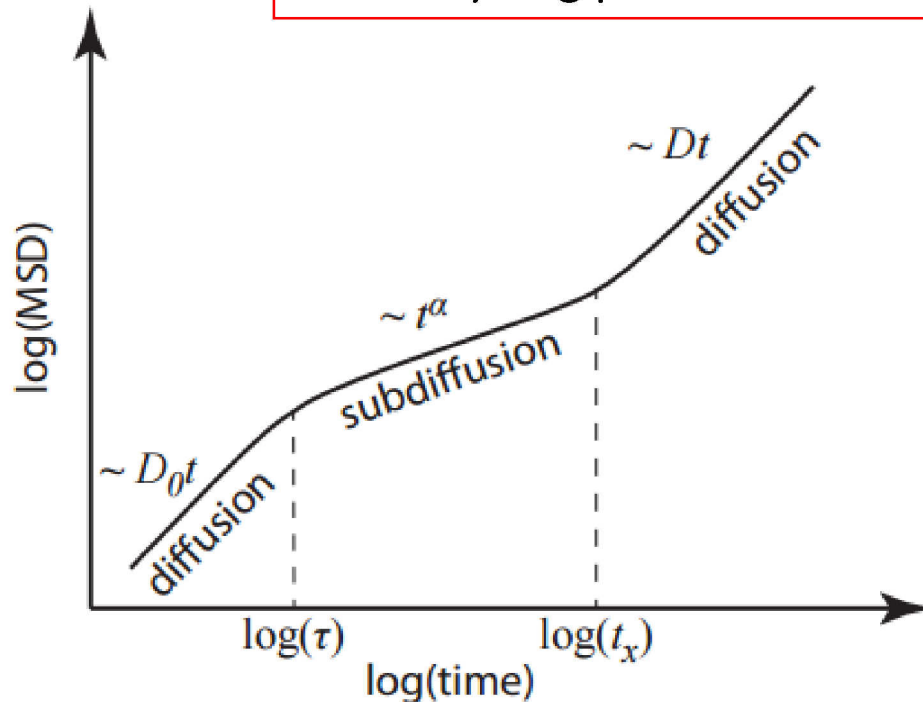
Diffusion in complex hosts: local probing of the host



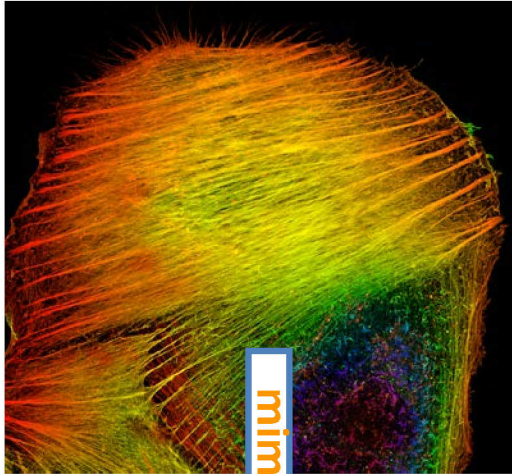
← mimicking



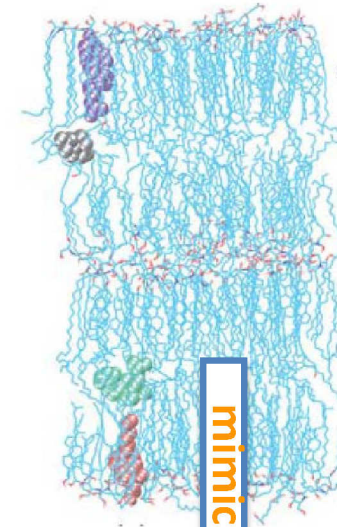
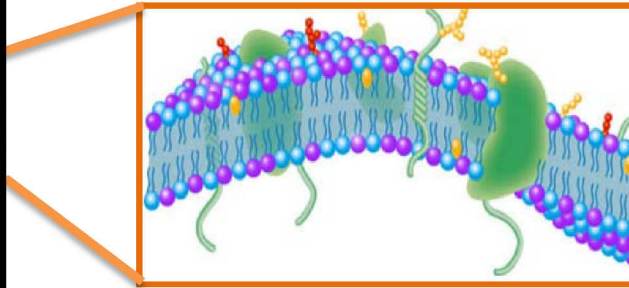
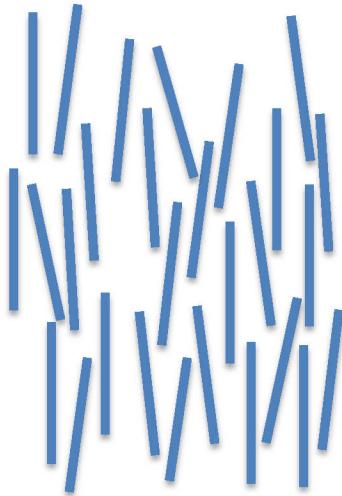
Generally: big particles are slower than small particles



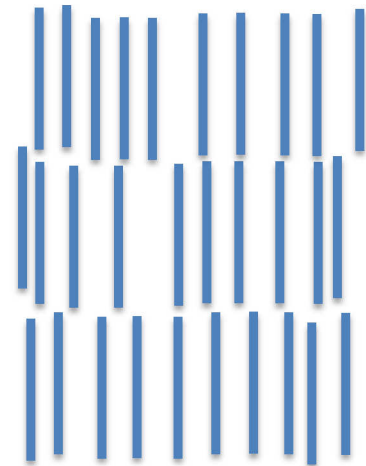
Diffusion in ordered complex hosts



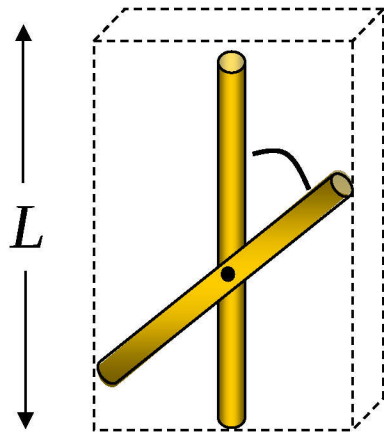
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Cascade of phase transitions for rod-like colloids



Isotropic

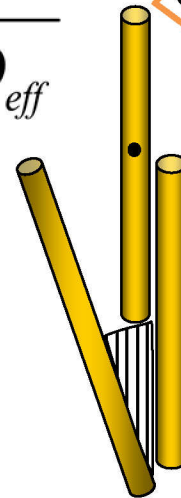
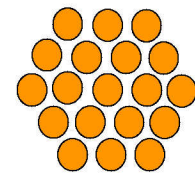
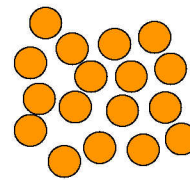
$$\phi_{I-N} = 4 \frac{L}{D_{eff}}$$

$S \downarrow$: Orientation

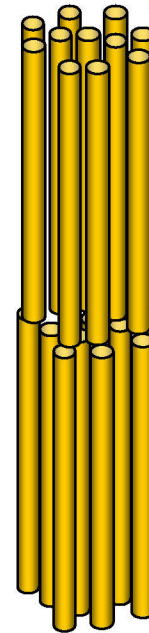
$S \downarrow$: 1-D ordering

$S \downarrow$: 2-D ordering

Top View:



Nematic



Smectic



Columnar

$S \uparrow$: free space



Goal

- Dynamics at increasing degree of ordering
Focus:

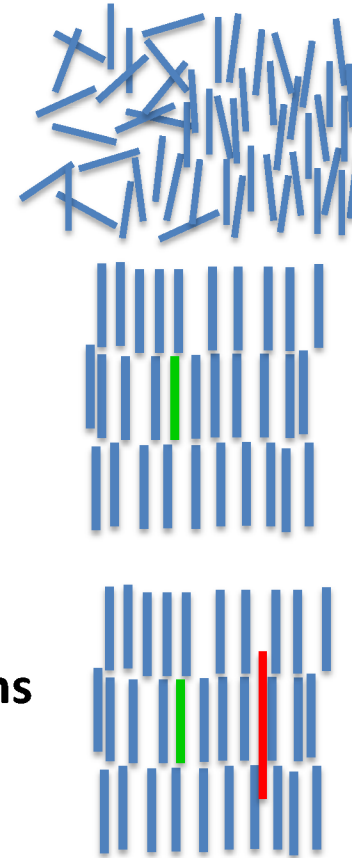
I-N transition

Smectic

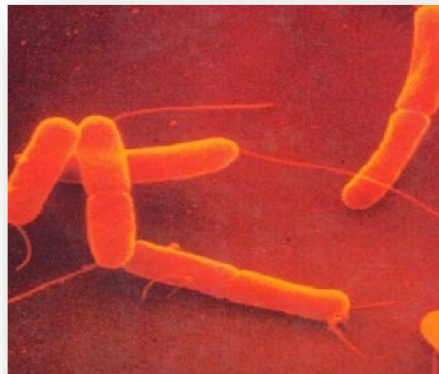
- Size dependence of diffusion in ordered systems

Experimental tool

- Fluorescence Video Microscopy on mono-disperse rods



Model system: bacteriophages



Genetic Modification/different phages:

system	L [μm]	L _p [μm]
fd wild type	0.88	2.8
fd Y21M	0.91	9.9
Pf1	1.96	2.8
M13k07	1.2	2.8

Labelling with red and green dye (ratio 1:10⁴)

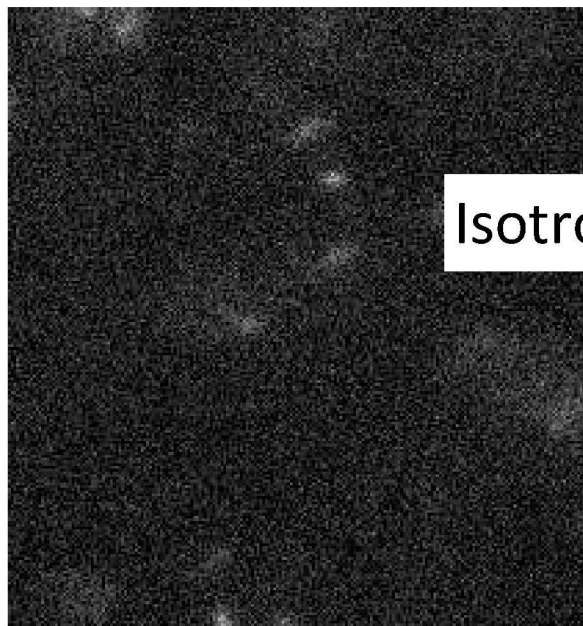
M13K07Dylight550

fdY21M-fdY21MAlexa488

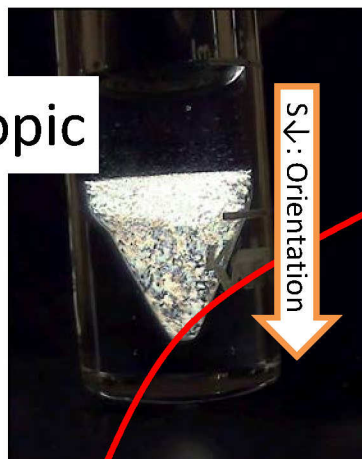
Onsager rod: $\phi_{I-N} = 4D_{\text{eff}}/L$

$$L_{\text{guest}}/L_{\text{host}} = 1.3$$

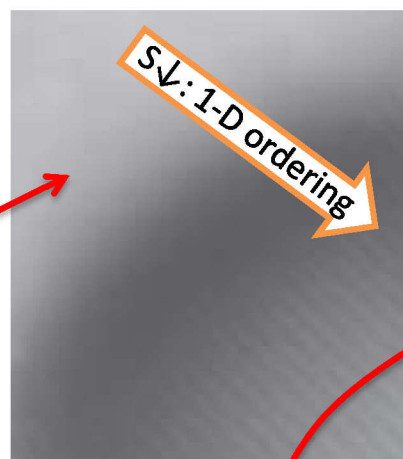
Raw data



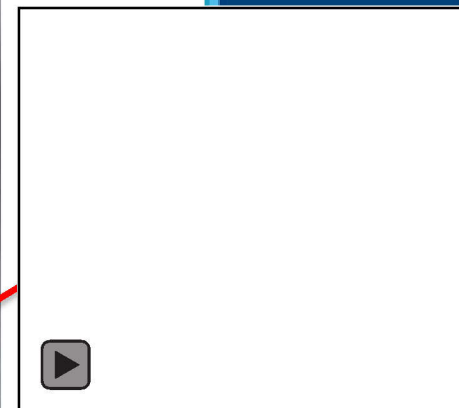
Isotropic



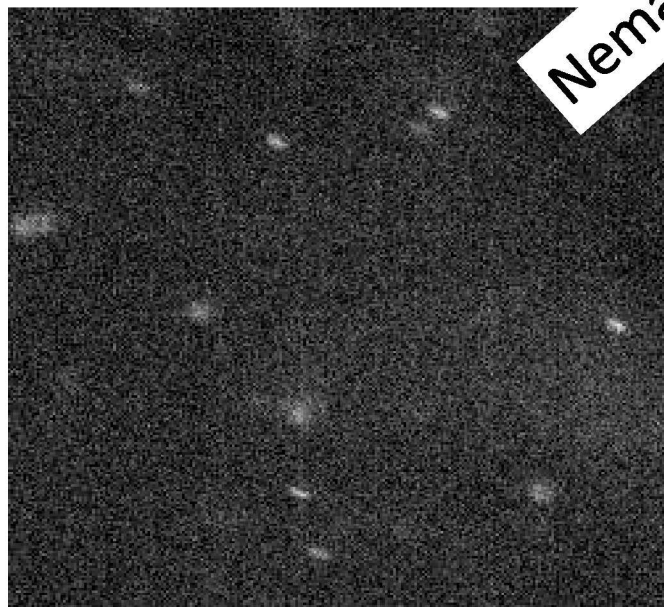
S↓: Orientation



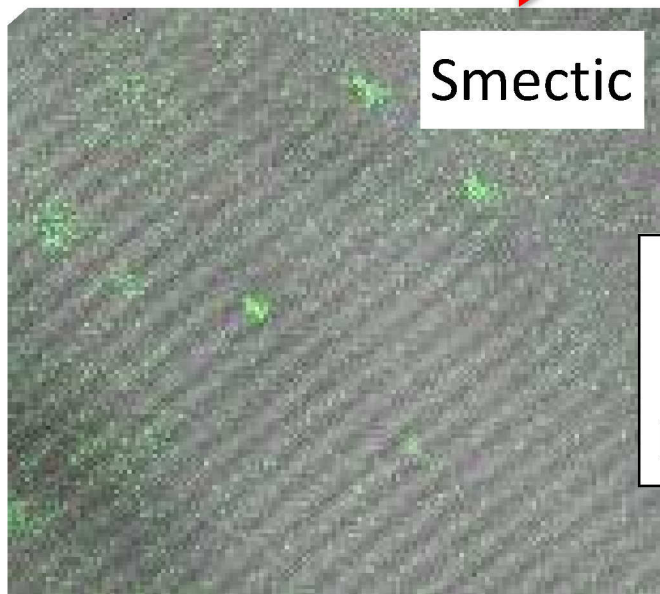
S↓: 1-D ordering



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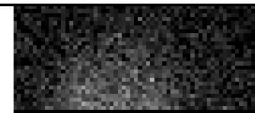


Nematic

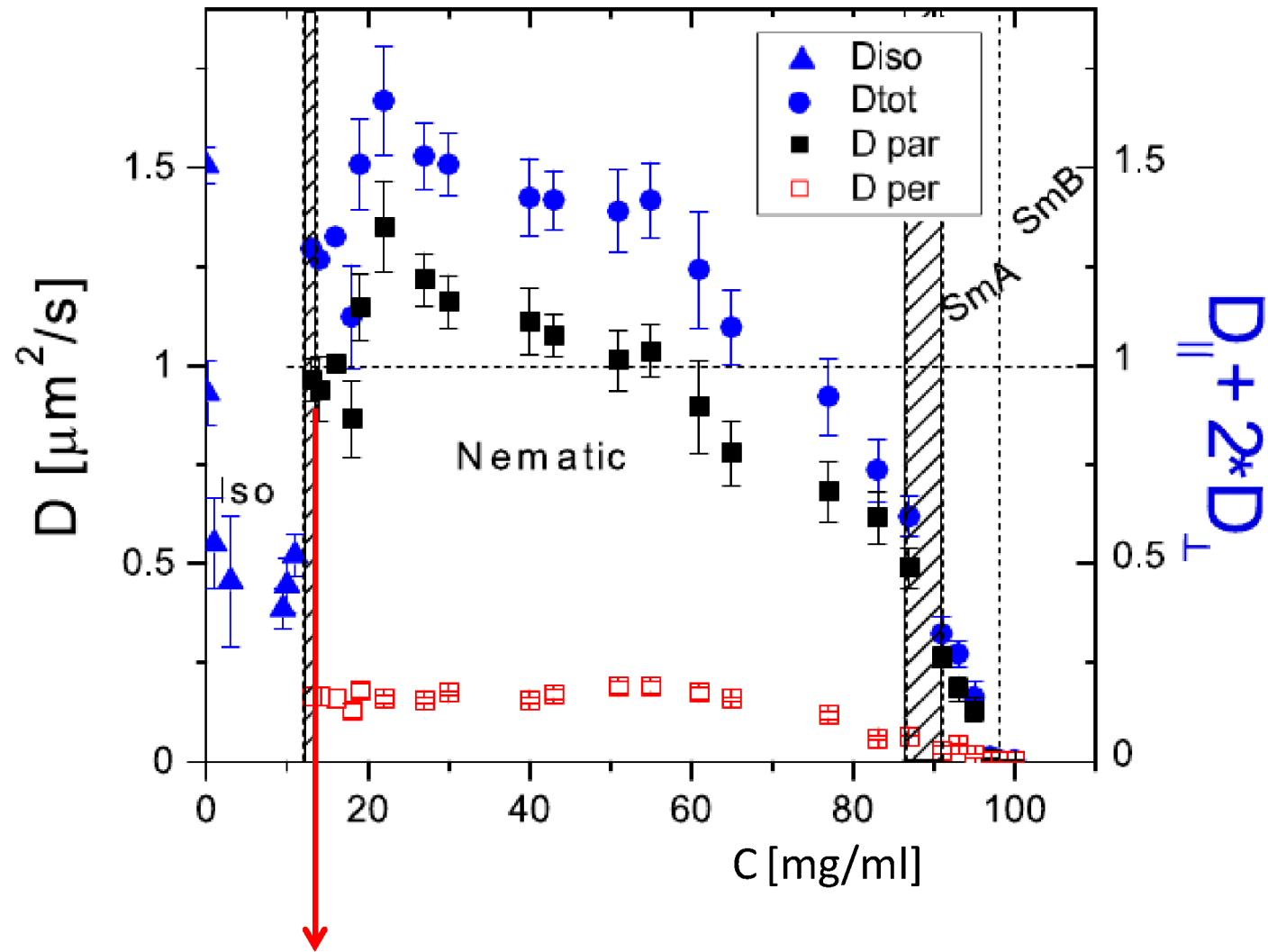


Smectic

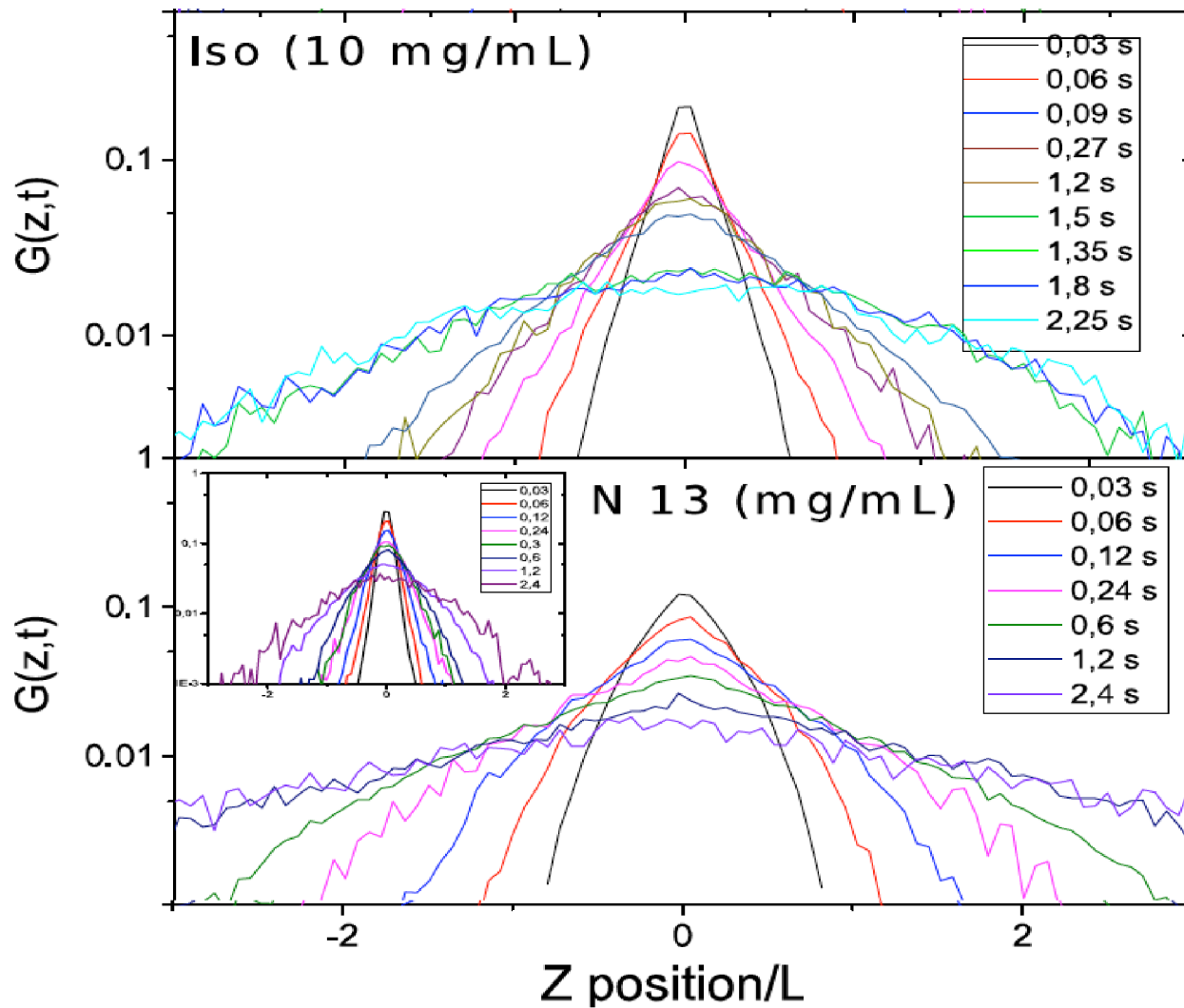
Columnar



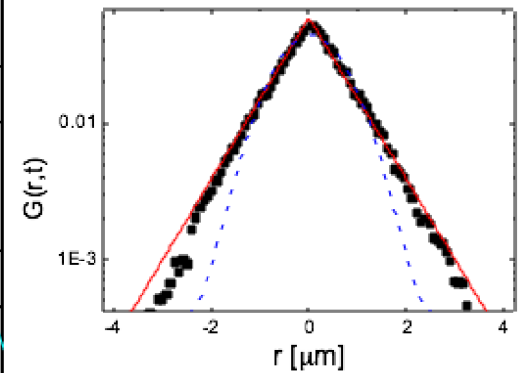
MSDs and diffusion rates



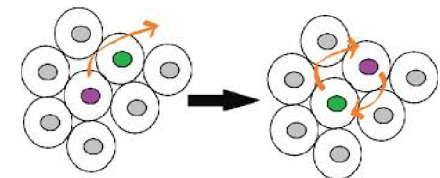
Dynamics around I-N transition



Remember:



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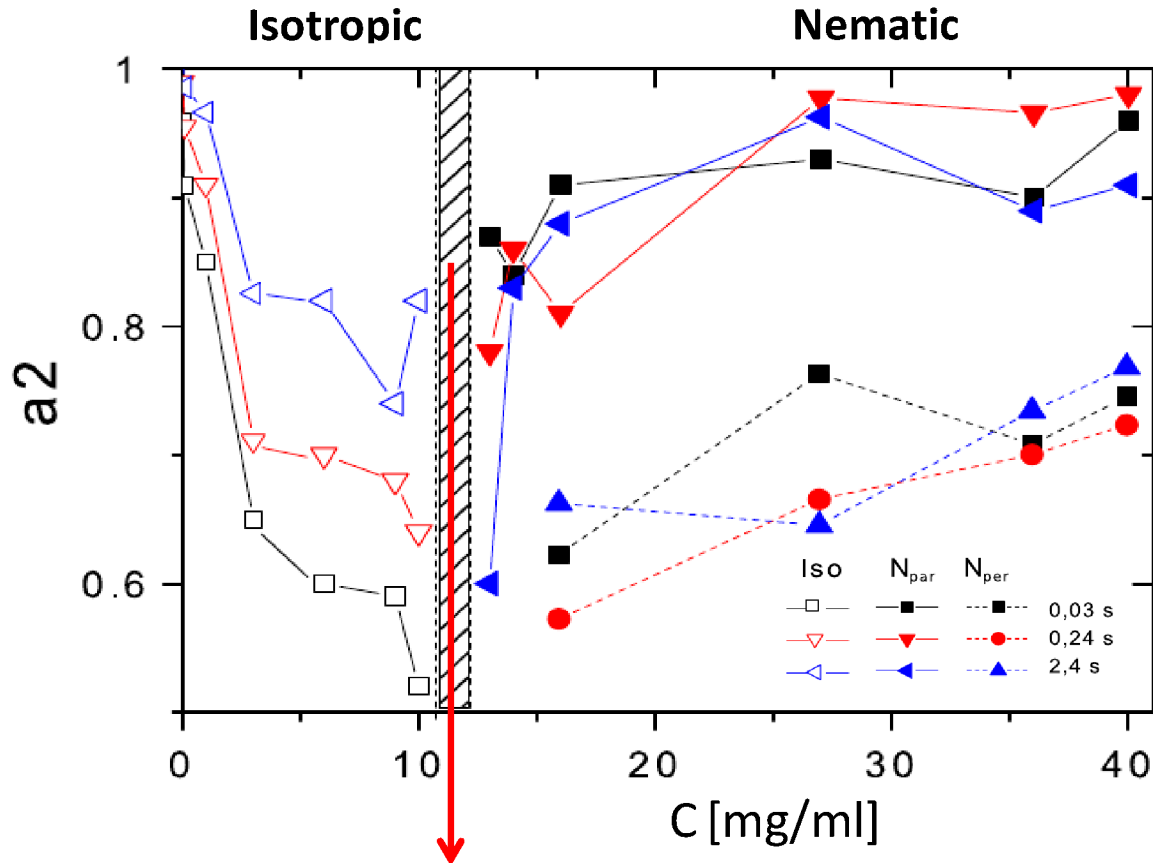


Analysis of the **Self-Van Hove function**:

$$\ln(G(z,t)) = a_0 - a_1(\Delta x^2)^{a_2}$$

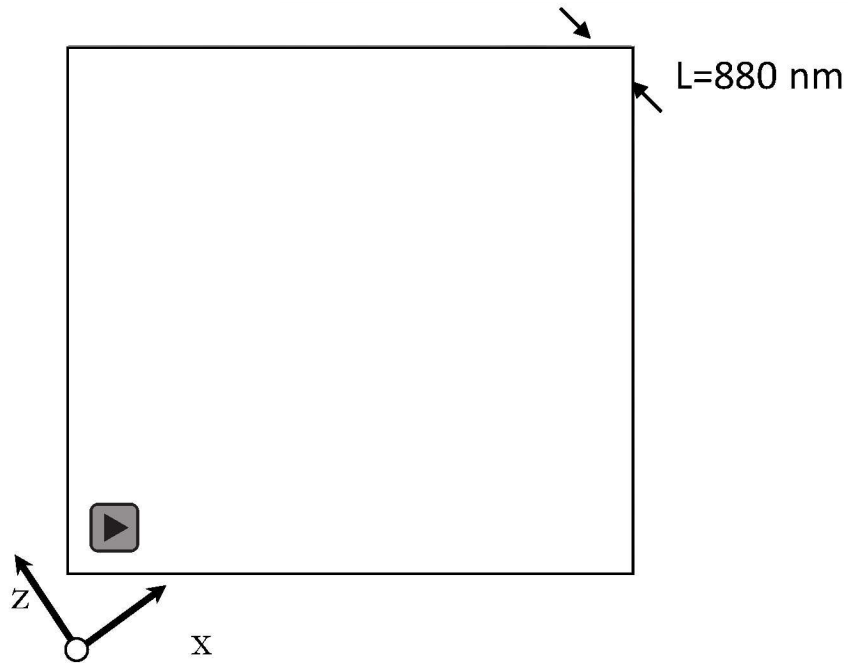
$a_2=1$ Gaussian

$a_2=0.5$ Lévy-flight

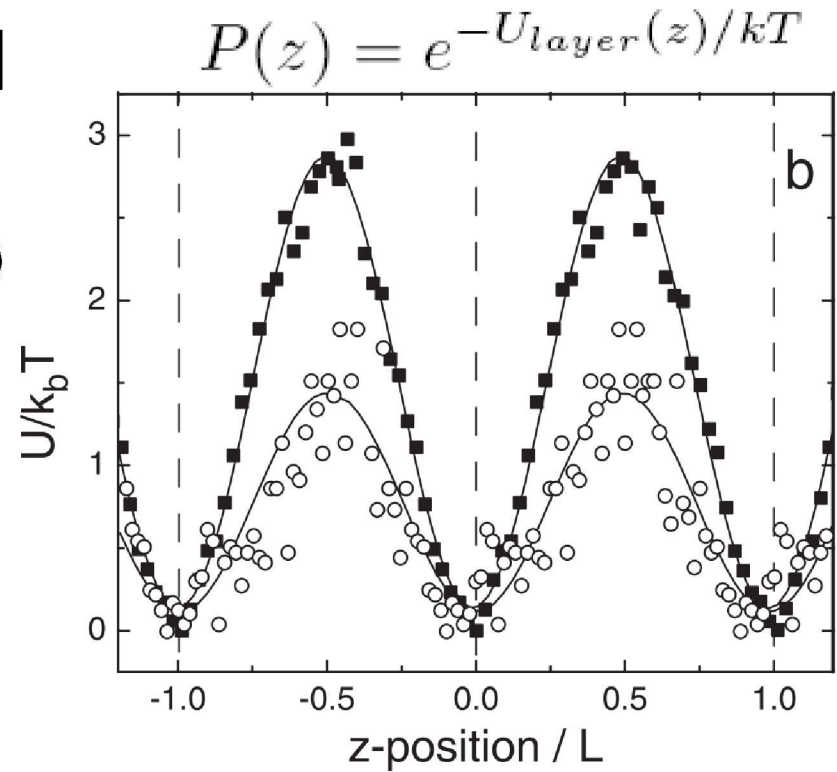
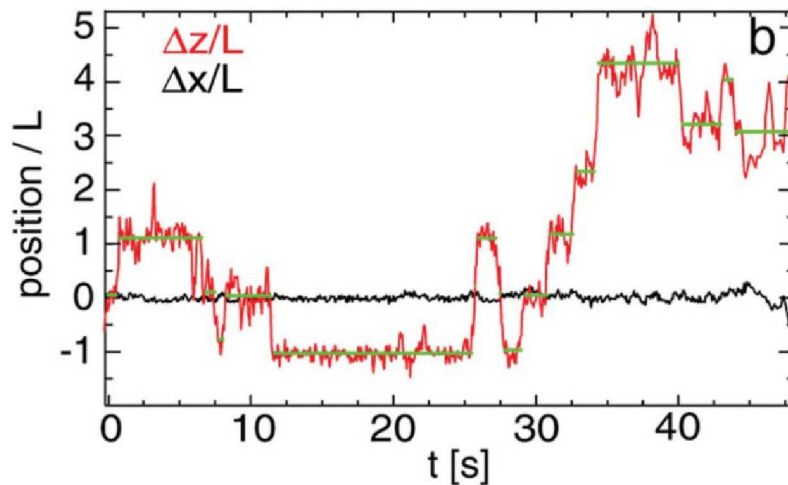


➤ I-N transition: glassy to Gaussian

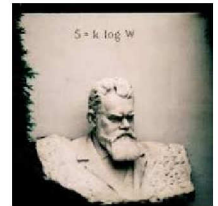
Quantized Brownian motion in smectics



Find jumps in trajectories:

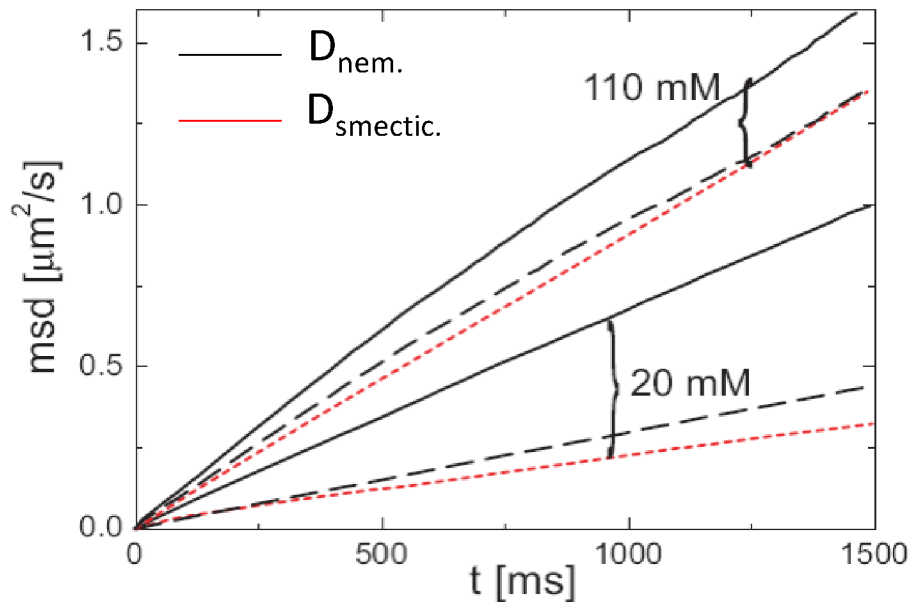


Open: 110 mM
Solid: 20mM



Mean square displacement through layers

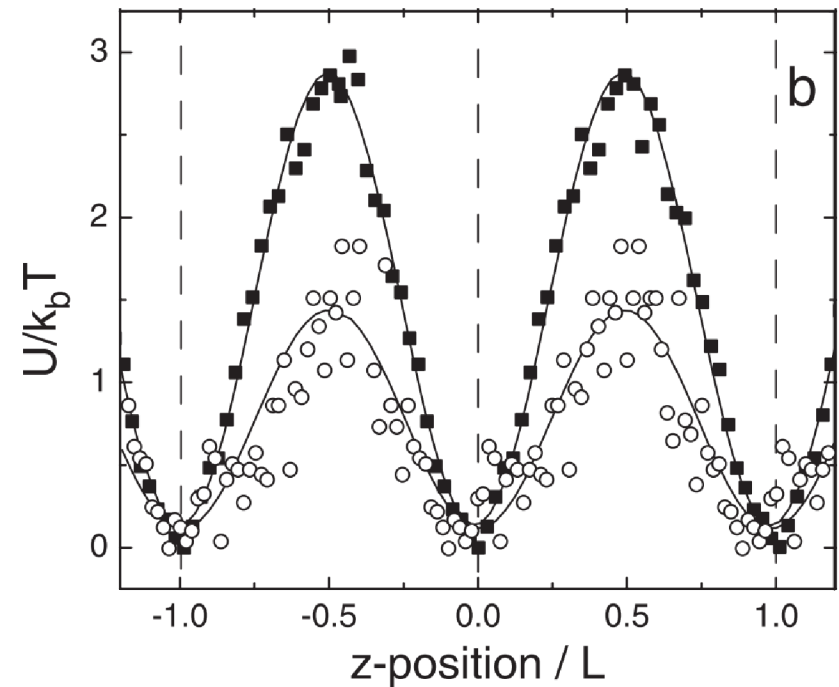
$$D = \frac{D_0}{\langle e^{-U_{\text{layer}}(z)/kT} \rangle \langle e^{U_{\text{layer}}(z)/kT} \rangle}$$



DIFFUSION COEFFICIENT FOR A BROWNIAN PARTICLE IN A PERIODIC FIELD OF FORCE

Physica **90A** (1978) 229–244

R. FESTA and E. GALLEANI d'AGLIANO



➤ Diffusion in Smectic = jumping in 1D periodic potential

Lettinga and Grelet, PRL, 2007

Quantized Brownian motion in smectics: so...



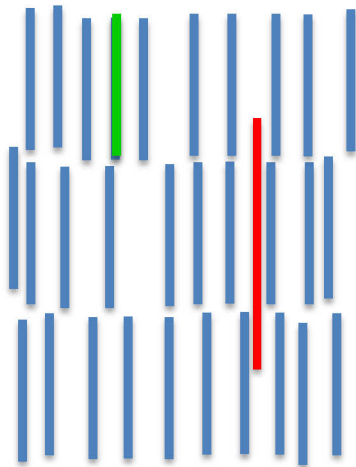
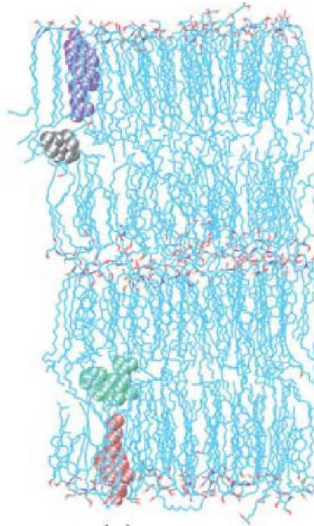
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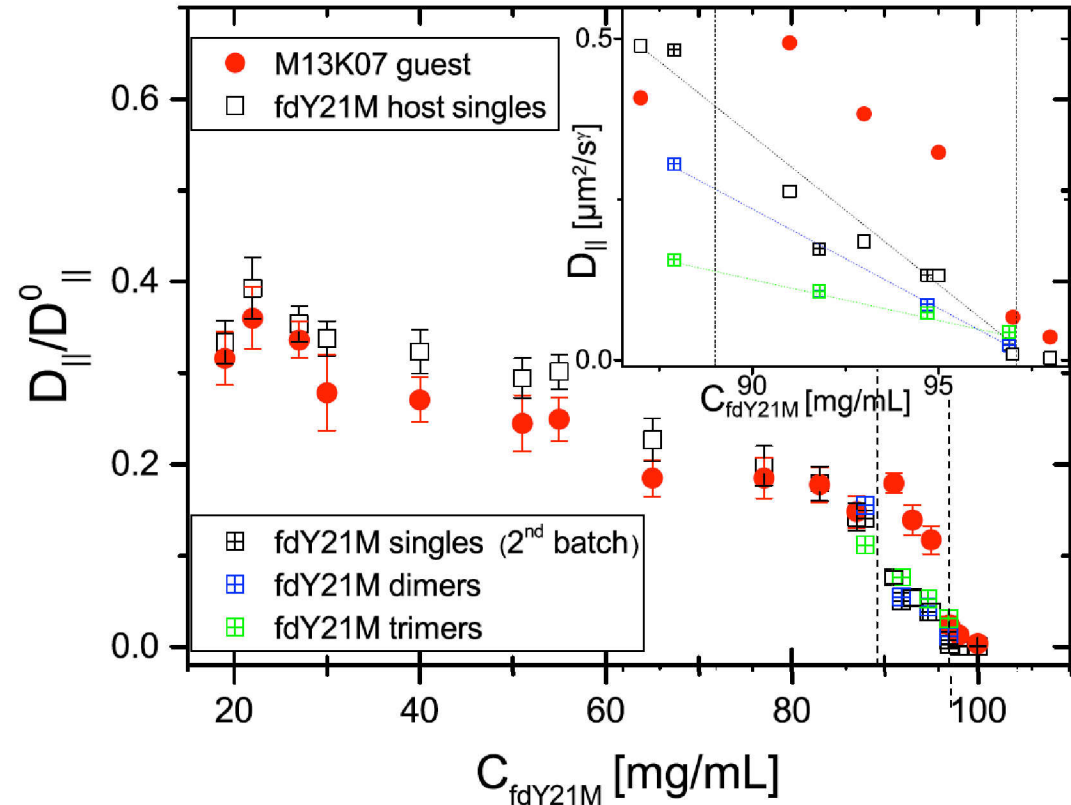
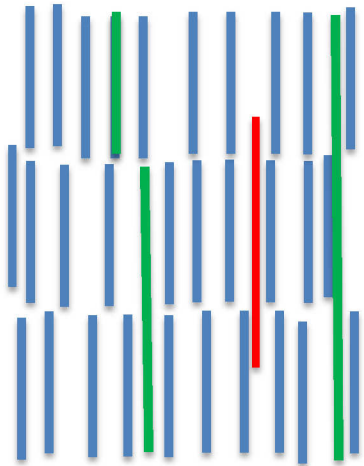
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Diffusion of non-commensurate rods in smectic phase



Longer is faster!



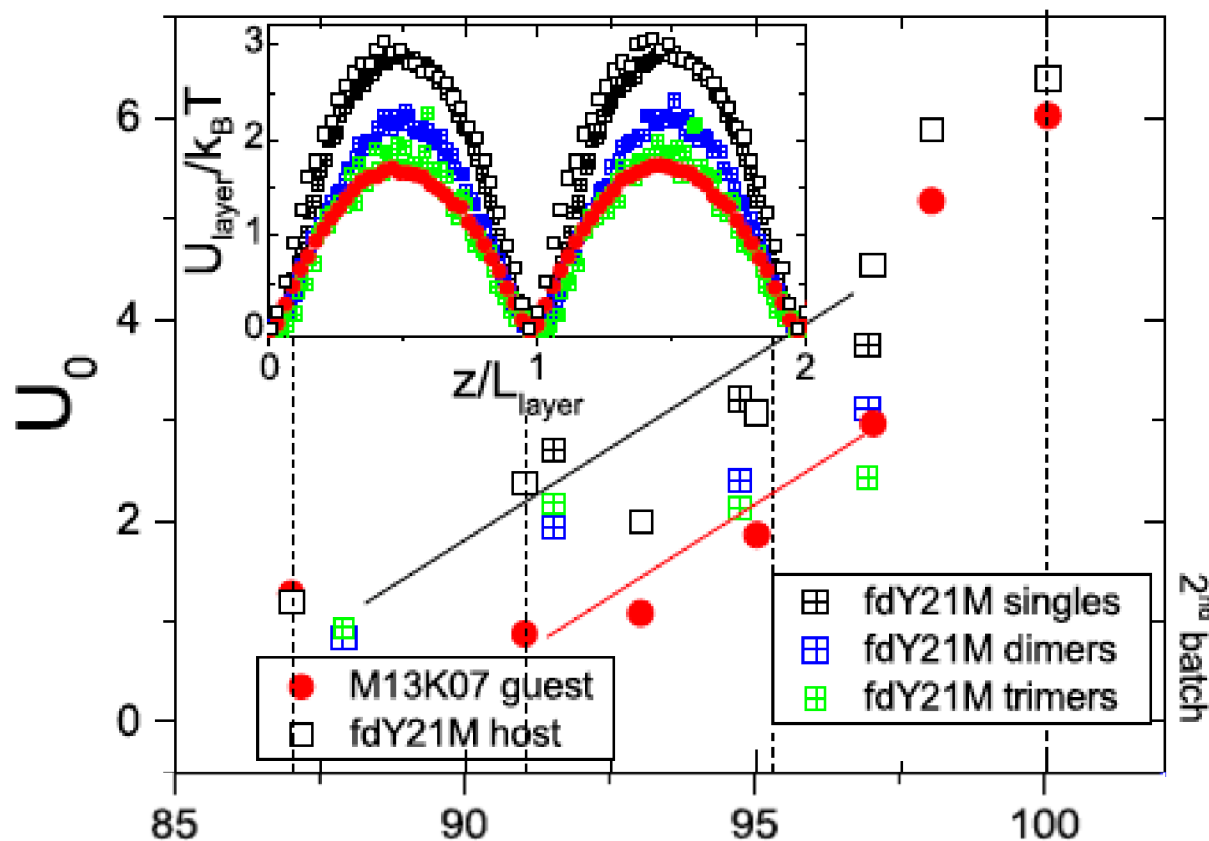
~~$$D = \frac{RT}{N} \frac{1}{6\pi\eta_0 a} = \frac{k_b T}{6\pi\eta_0 a}$$~~

Longer is faster!

...when size of particle does not fit length scale potential

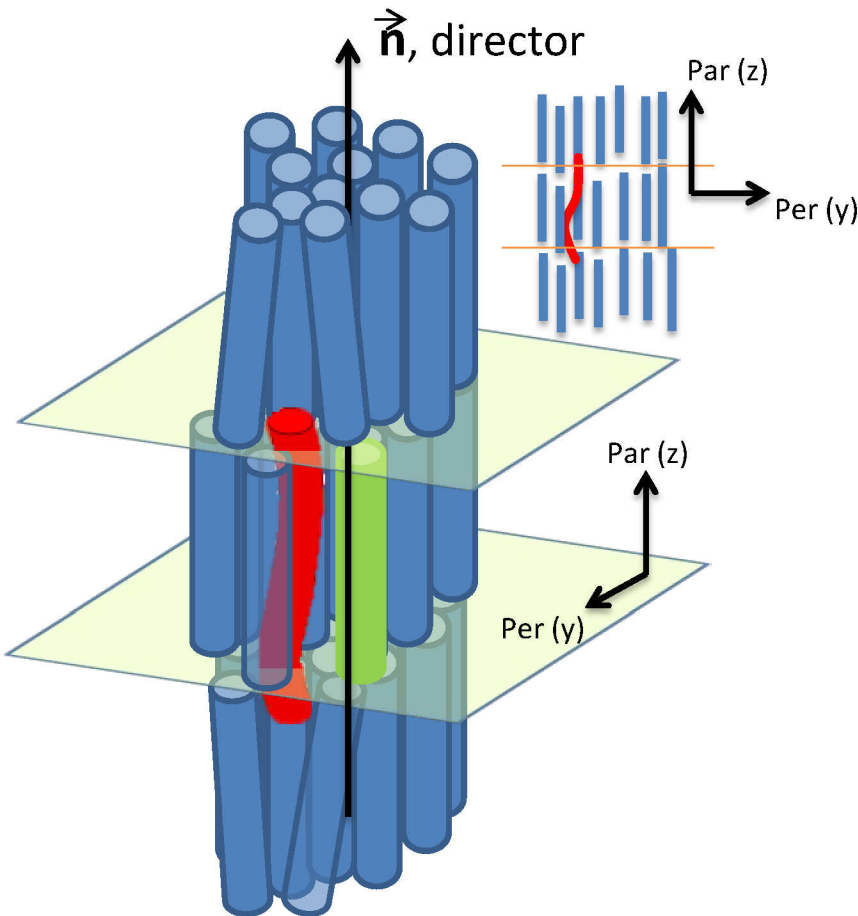


$$P(z) \sim \exp[-U_{\text{layer}}(z)/k_B T].$$



Longer is faster!

...when size of particle does not fit length scale potential



Create free accesible volume

Vacancy needed to jump



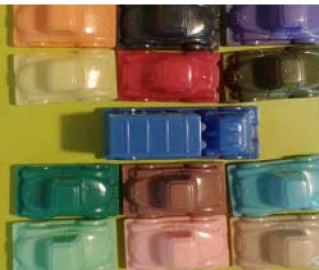
Conclusions



- Phase Transitions:
Glassy dynamics before transition, Gaussian after transition



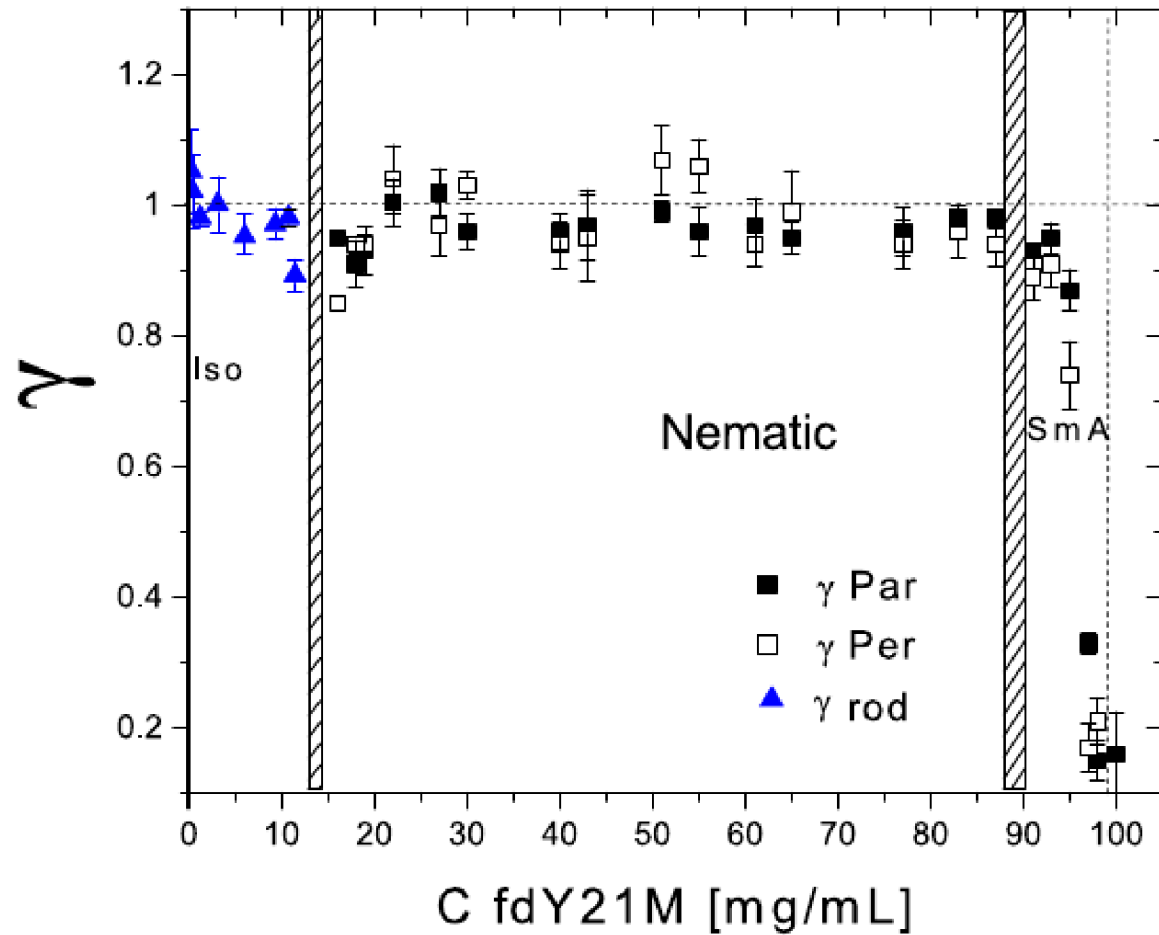
- Diffusion in smectic phase:
Discontinuous, quantized jumps through 1-d periodic potential



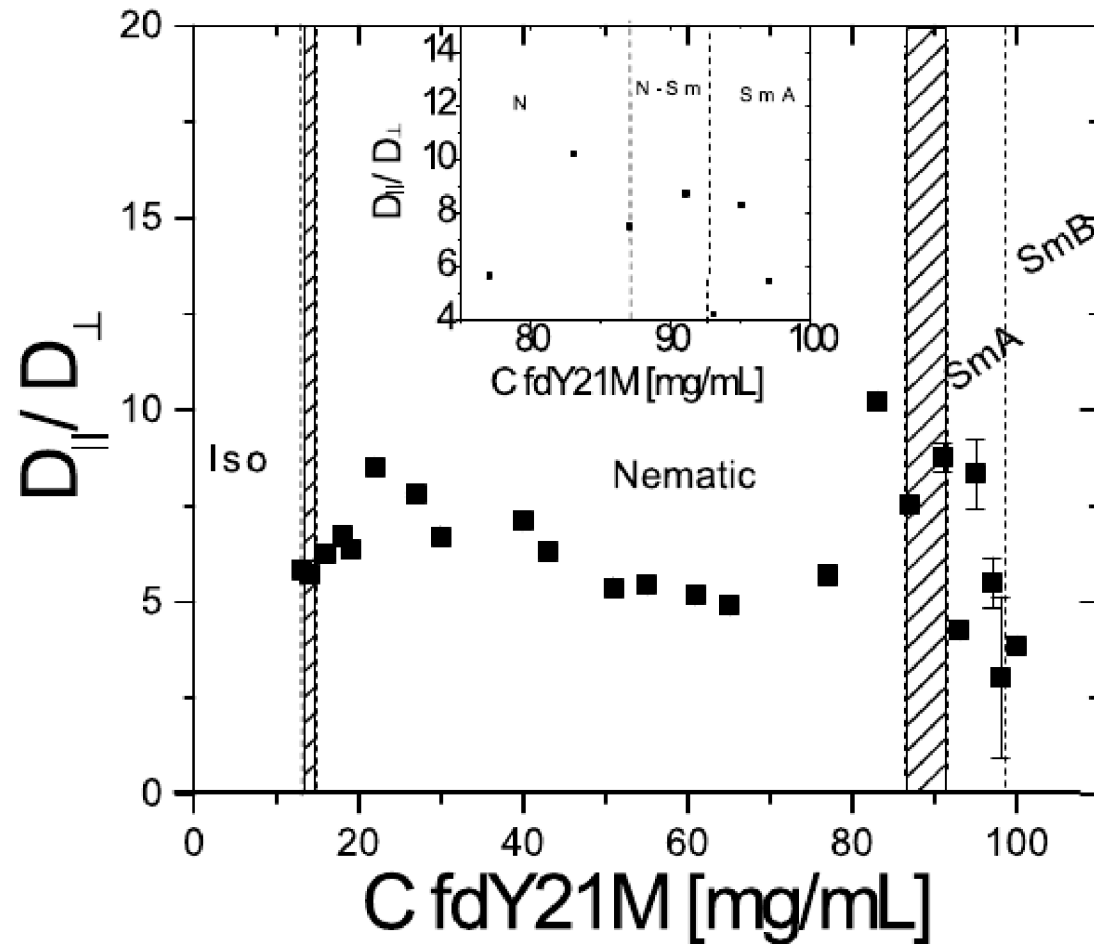
- Longer not always slower!
Particle size helps crossing Smectic Potentials:
Not commensurated in the Smectic ordering potentials



Diffusivity parameter



Dynamics at the phase transition: diffusion ratio



MOUVEMENT BROWNIEN D'UN ELLIPSOÏDE (I). DISPERSION DIÉLECTRIQUE POUR DES MOLÉCULES ELLIPSOÏDALES

Par FRANCIS PERRIN.

(Institut H. Poincaré et Institut Ed. de Rothschild, Paris).

Sommaire. — Extension de la théorie du mouvement brownien de translation et de rotation au cas d'une particule ellipsoïdale quelconque. Application à l'étude de la dispersion diélectrique pour des molécules polaires ellipsoïdales en milieu liquide.

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ON THE MOTION OF SMALL PARTICLES OF ELONGATED FORM.

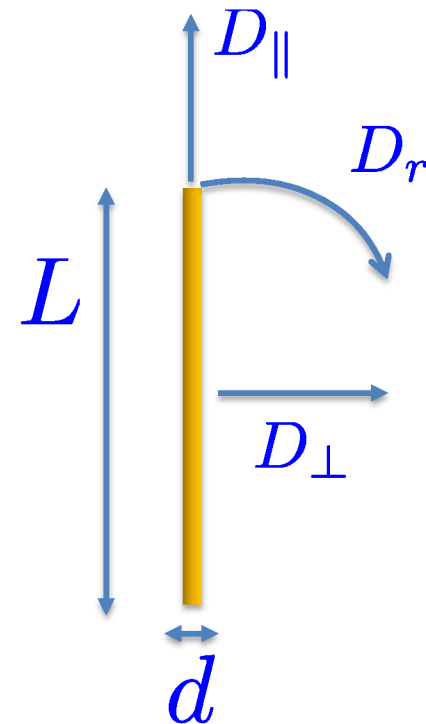
SUSPENDED IN A VISCOUS LIQUID.

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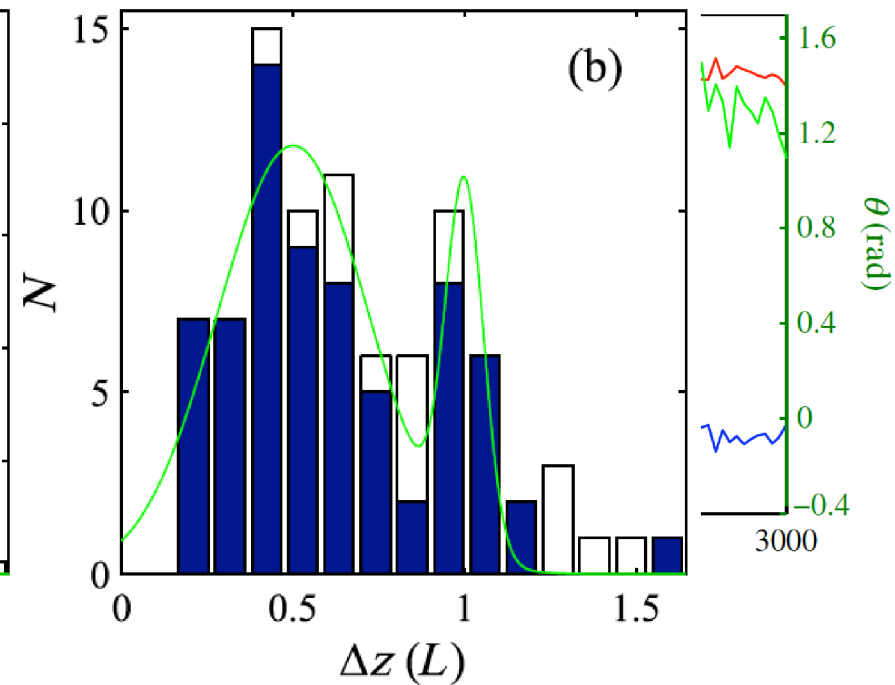
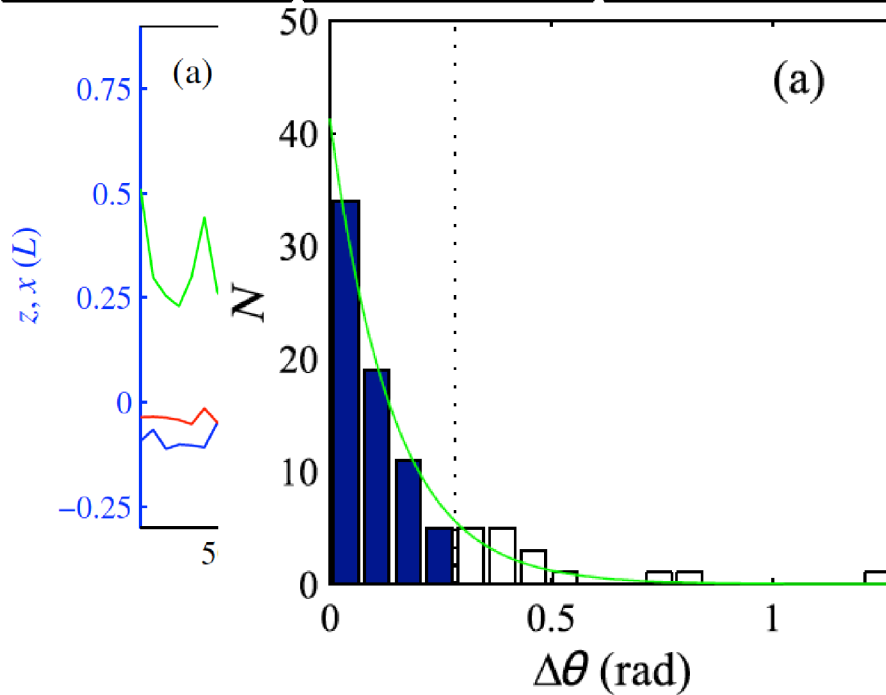
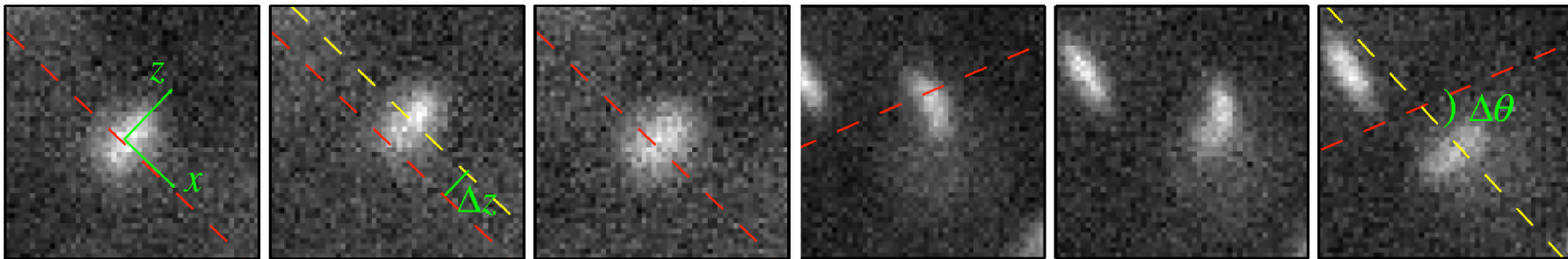
$$D^{\parallel} = \frac{D_0}{2\pi} (\ln p \cdot)$$

$$D^r = \frac{3D_0}{\pi L^2} (\ln p \cdot)$$

$$p = L/d$$



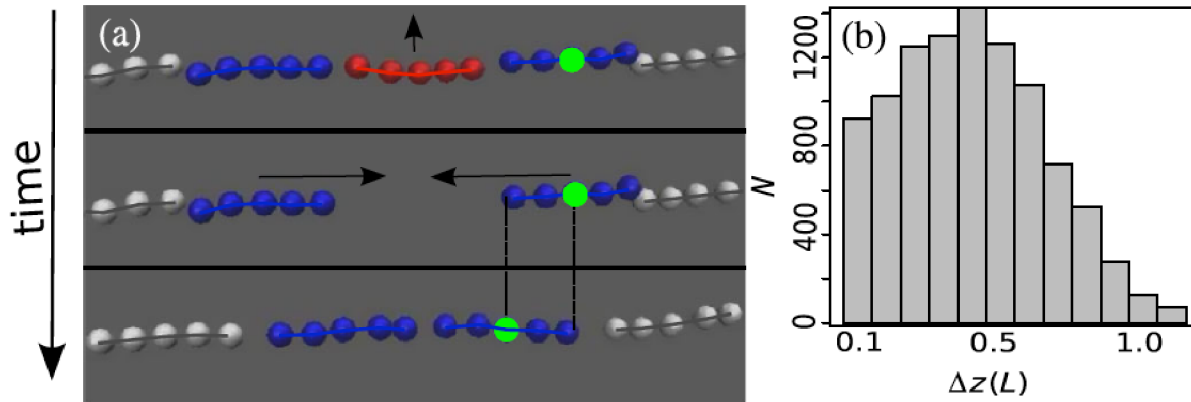
Dynamics in the columnar phase



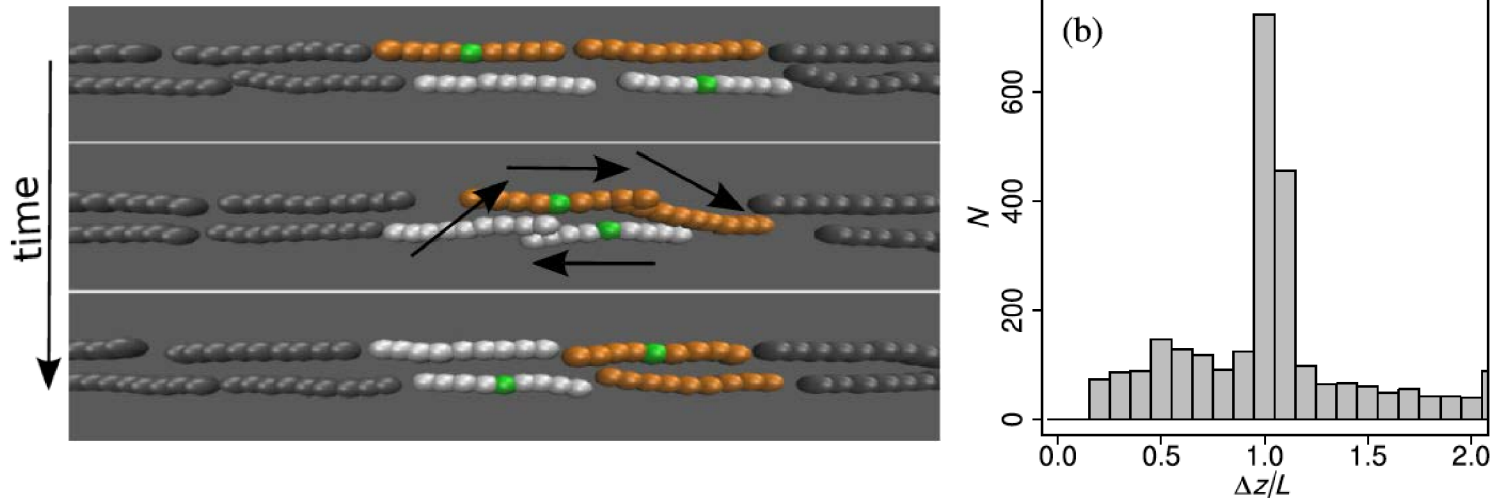
Half-jumps!!!

Time scale huge compared to the N and Sm

Half-jump in columnar phase: scenario?

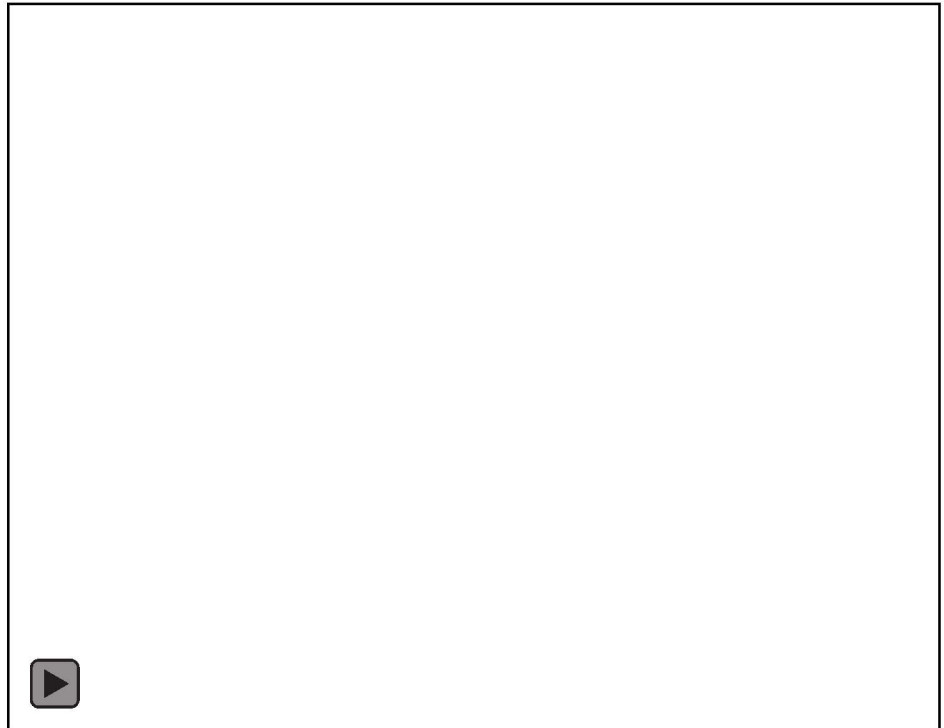
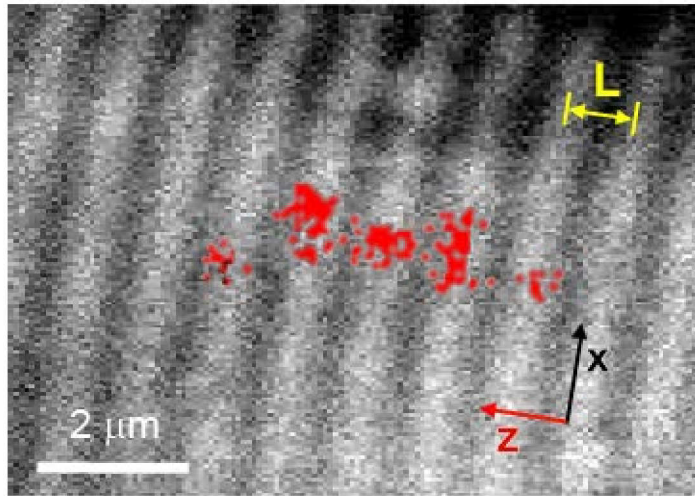


Tonks gas...



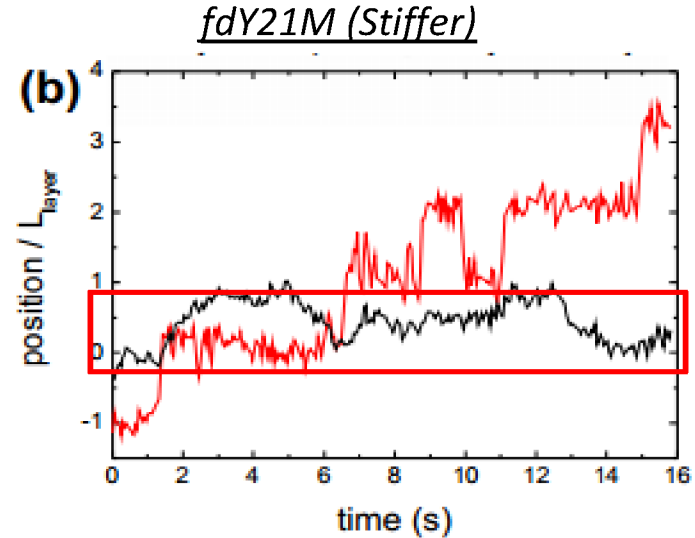
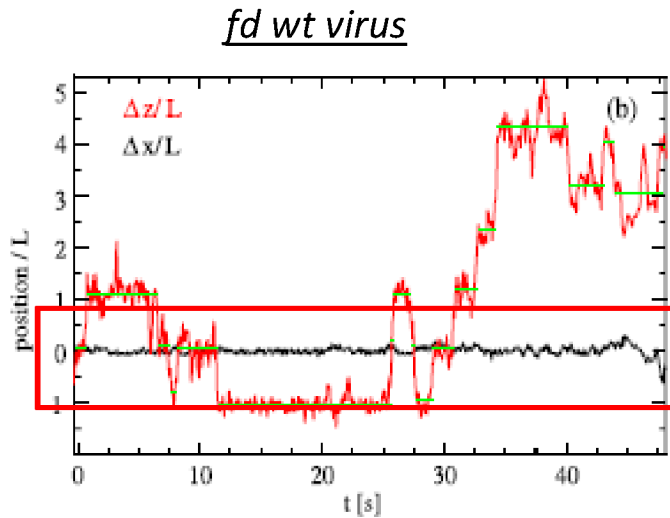
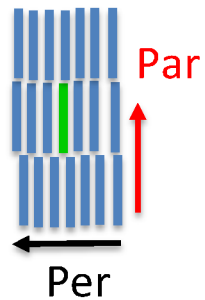
Effect of stiffness

Enhanced Diffusion in layer!



Effect of stiffness

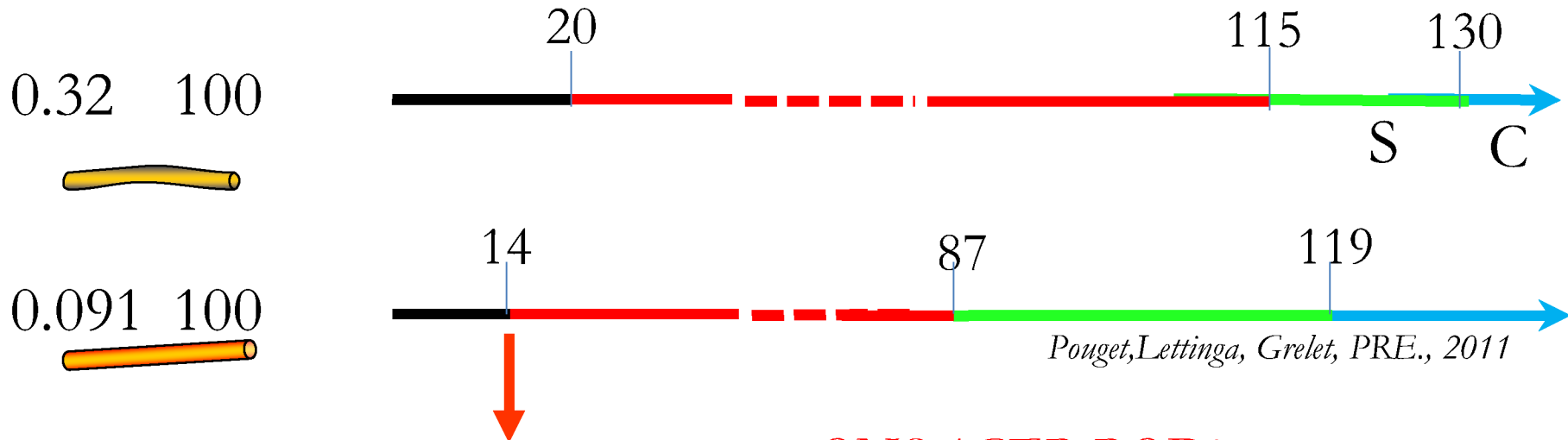
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Pouget, Lettinga, Grelet, PRE., 2011

Effect of stiffness

➤ Origin of disappearing smectic phase?

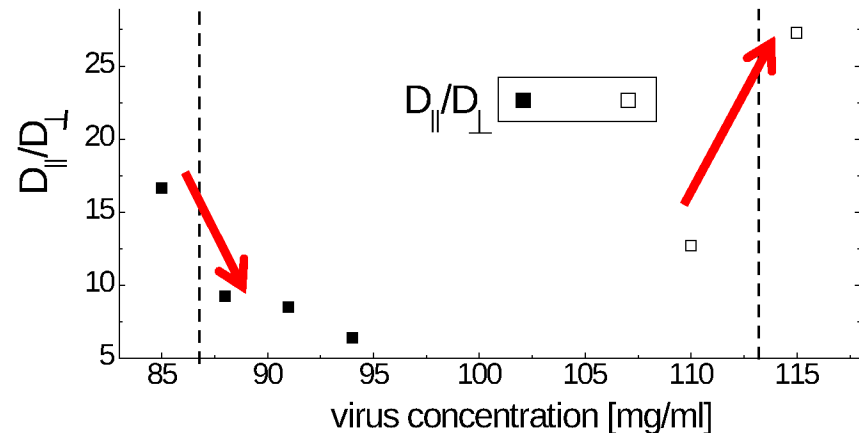
N-Sm_{stiff}

N-Sm_{flexible}

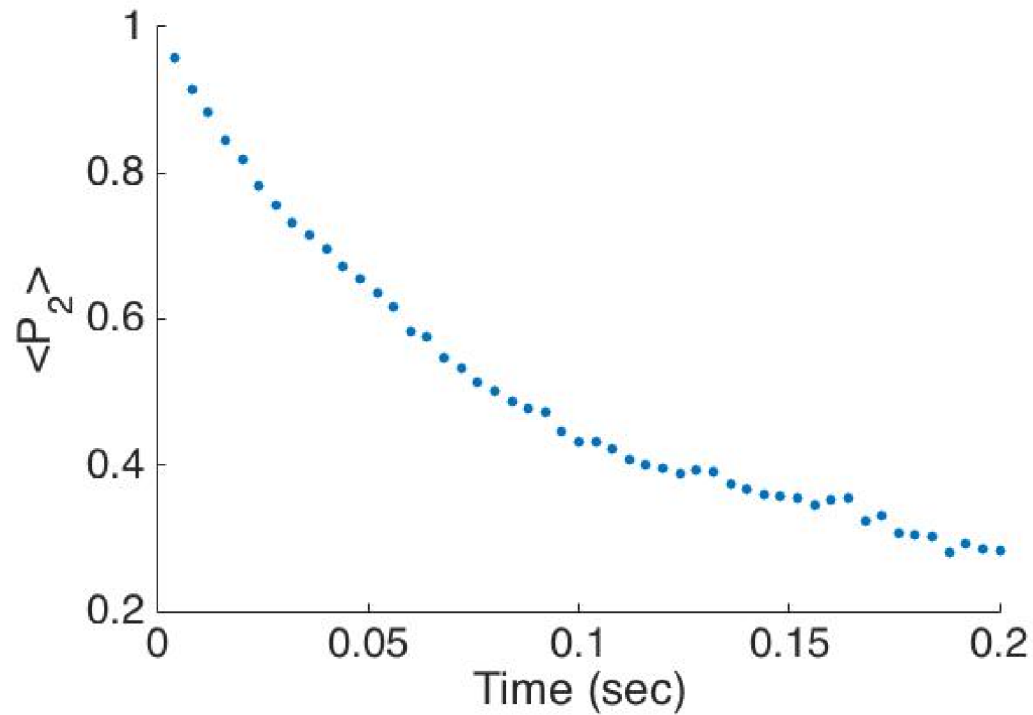
➤ Residence time set by potential barrier set by concentration

➤ Stiff rods diffuse within layer Flexible rods (almost) don't.

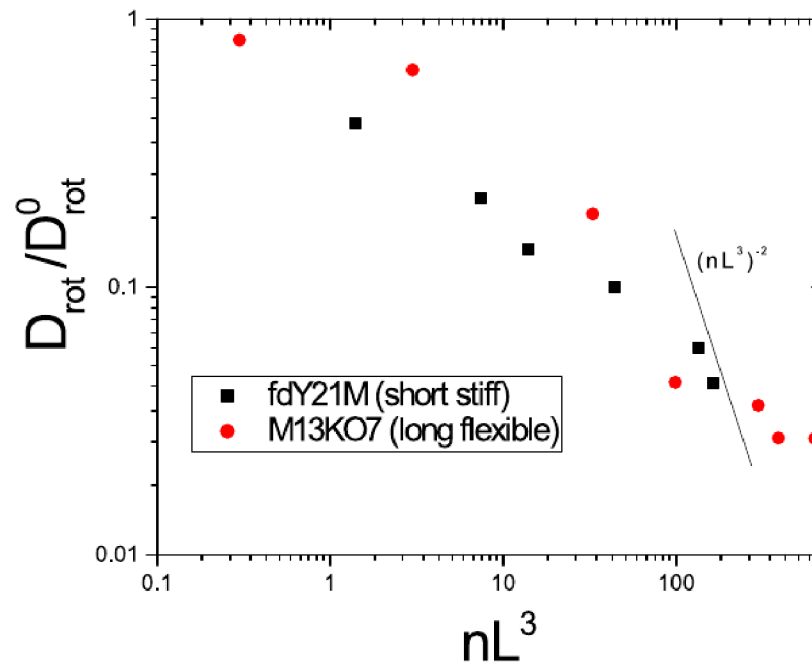
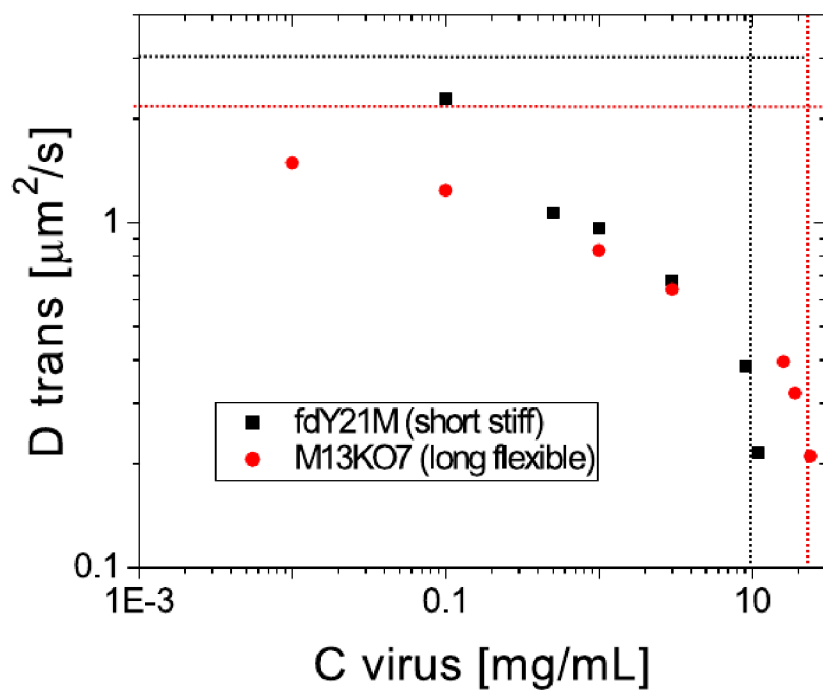
- Anisotropy in diffusion
 - Decreases for Stiff rods
 - Increase for Flexible rods after N-Sm.



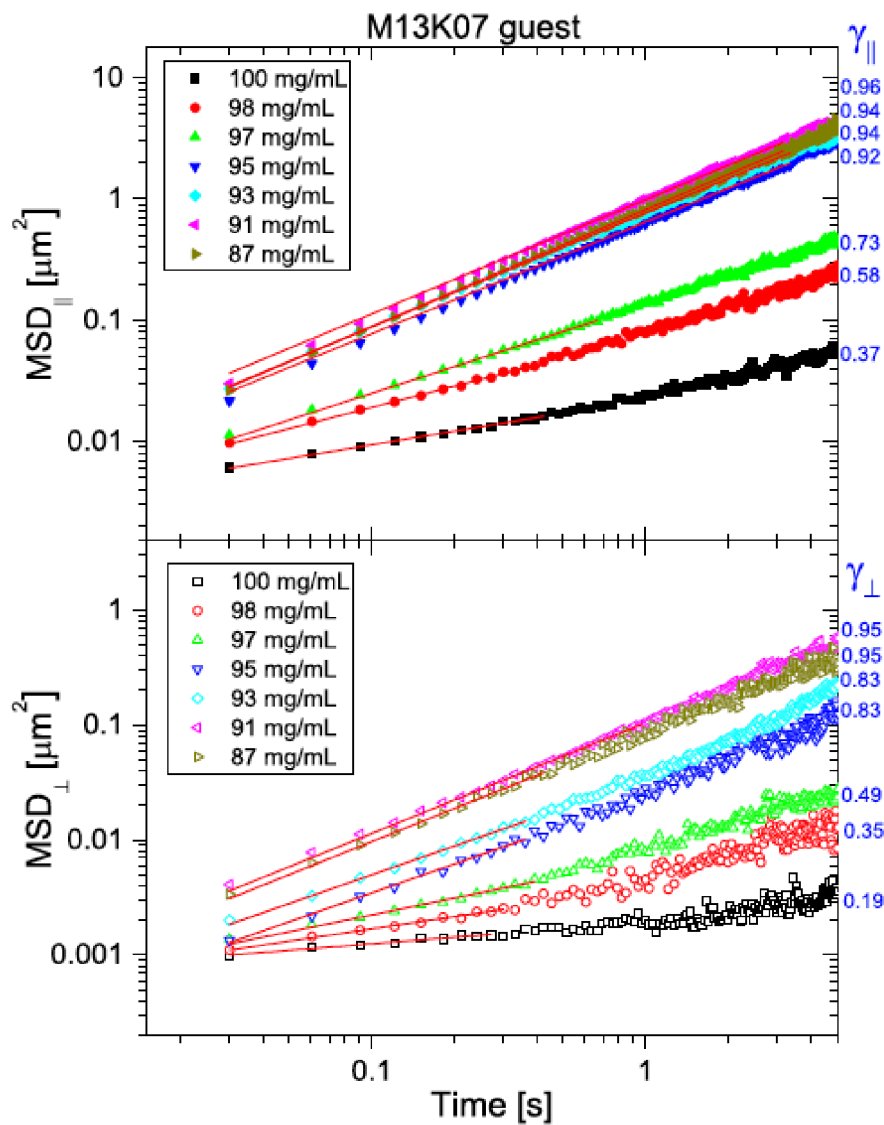
Rotational Diffusion at infinite dilution



Effect of flexibility and length in Isotropic Diffusion

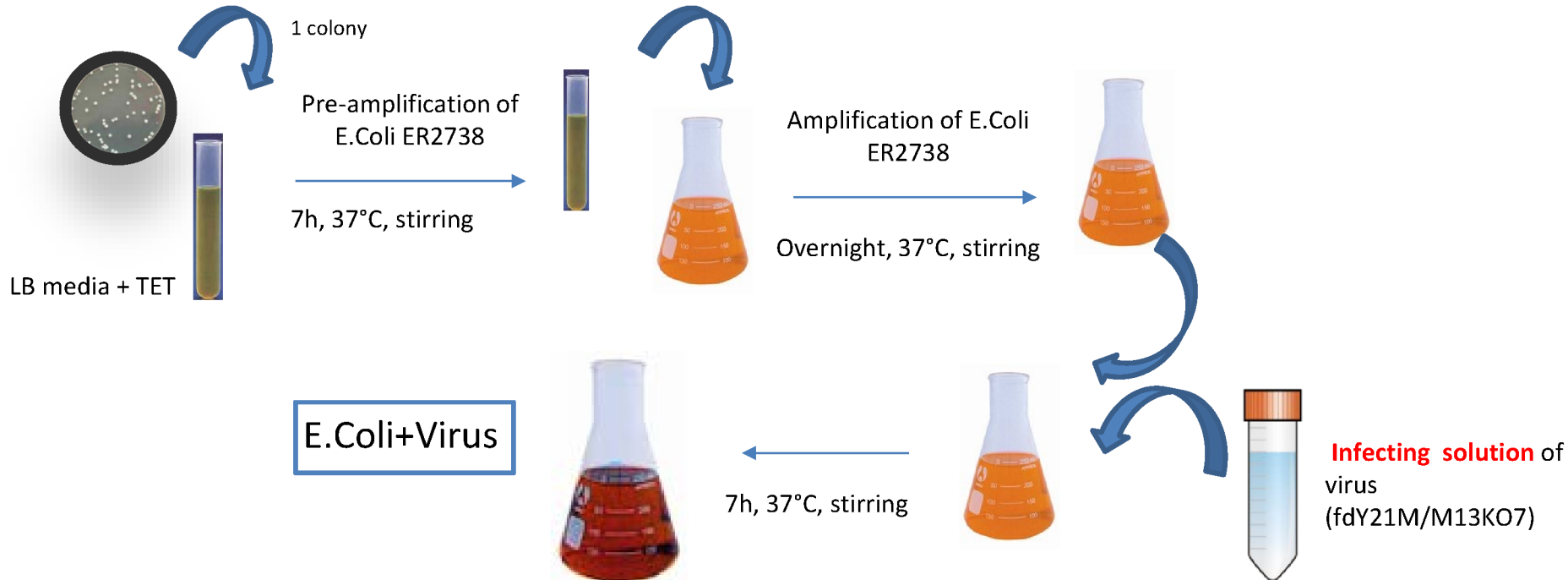


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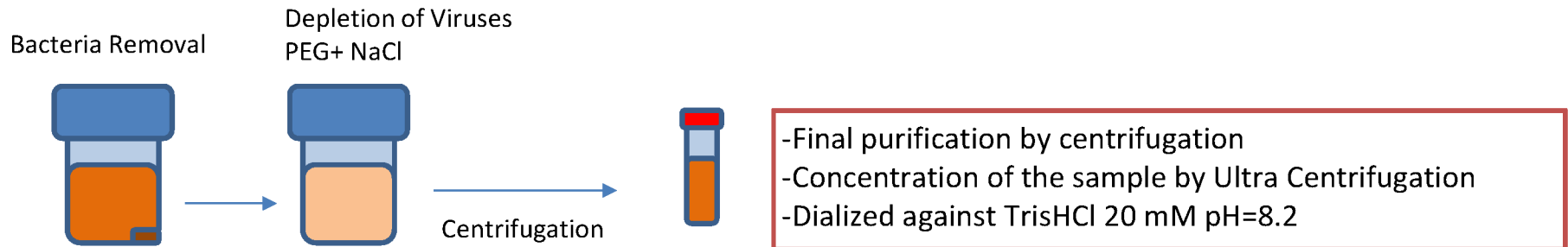


Production of the viruses and purification

1. Production

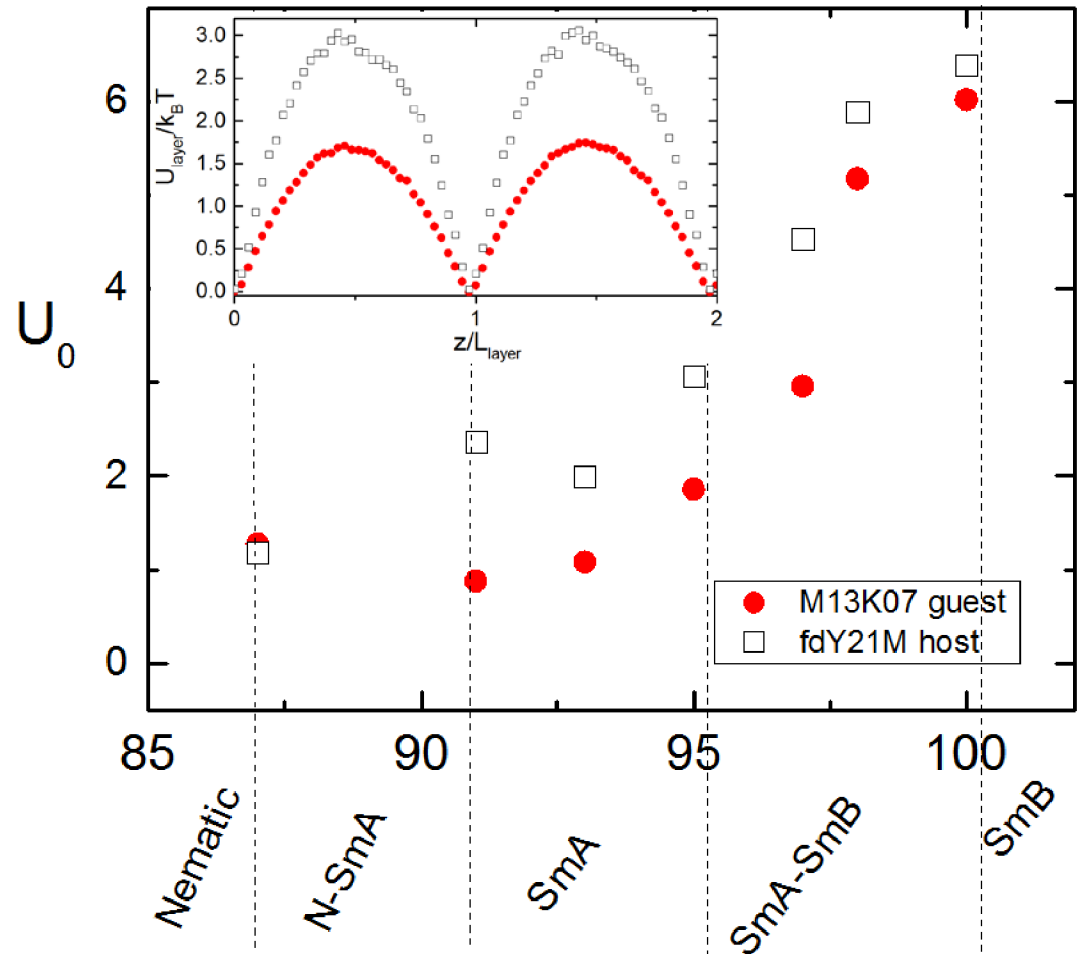
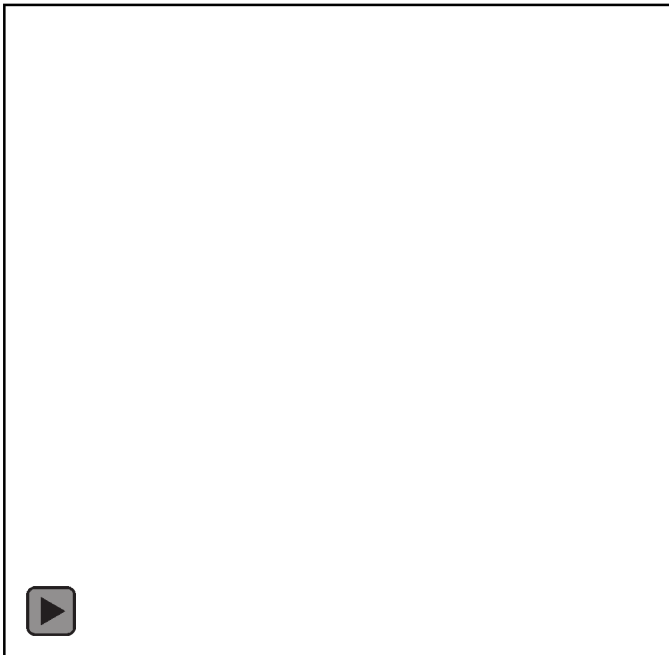


2. Purification



No fit

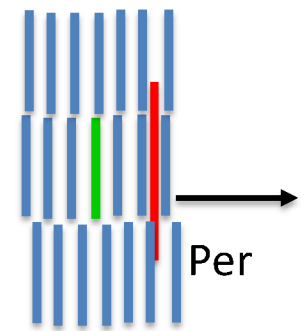
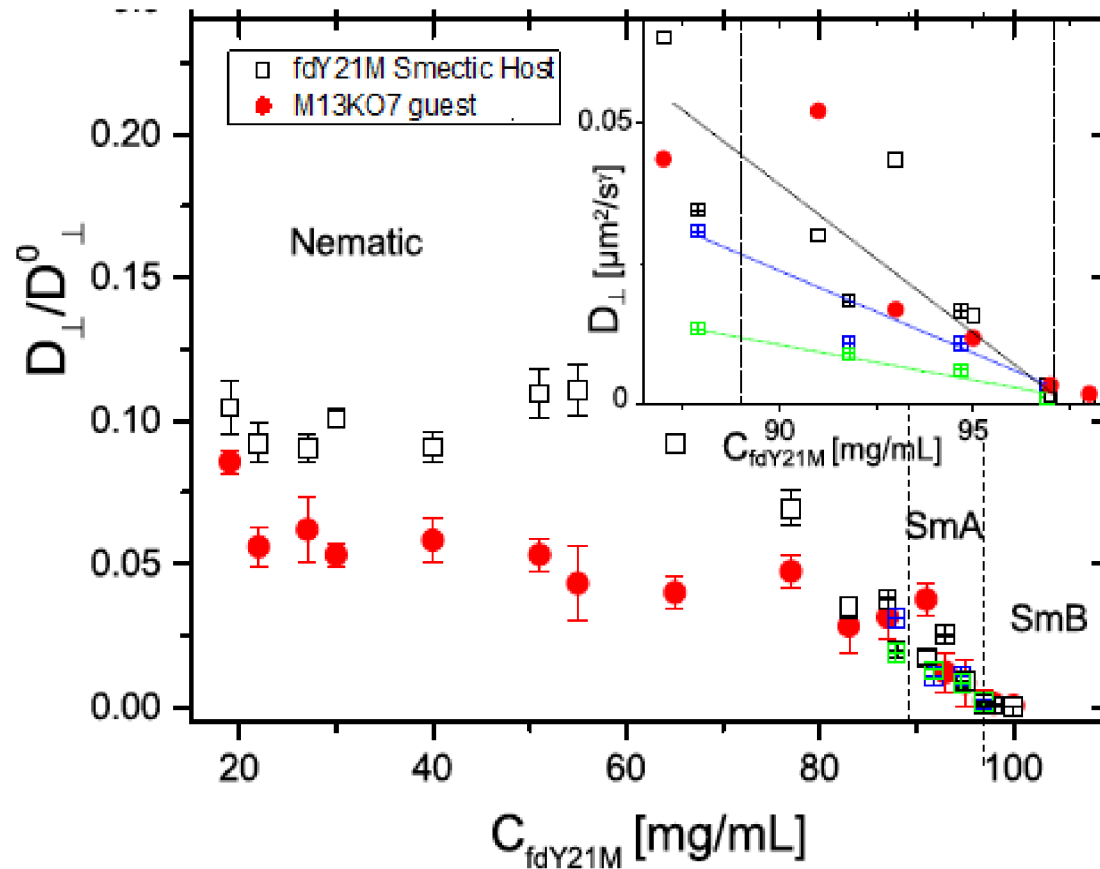
Longer is faster!



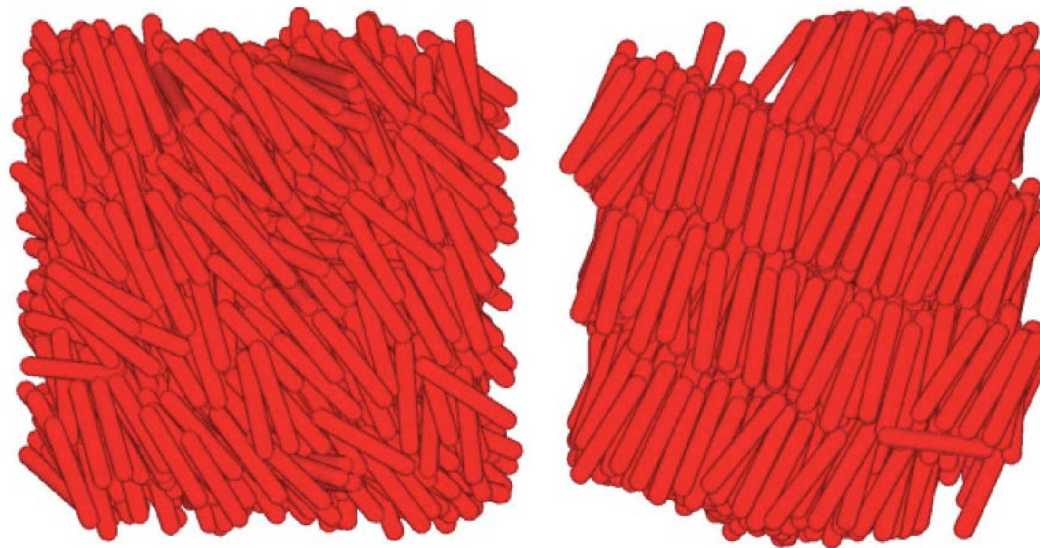
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Dynamics of the guest particle: Mean Square Displacement

$$MSD = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N |r_i(t) - r_i(0)|^2 \quad MSD = 2Dt^\gamma$$



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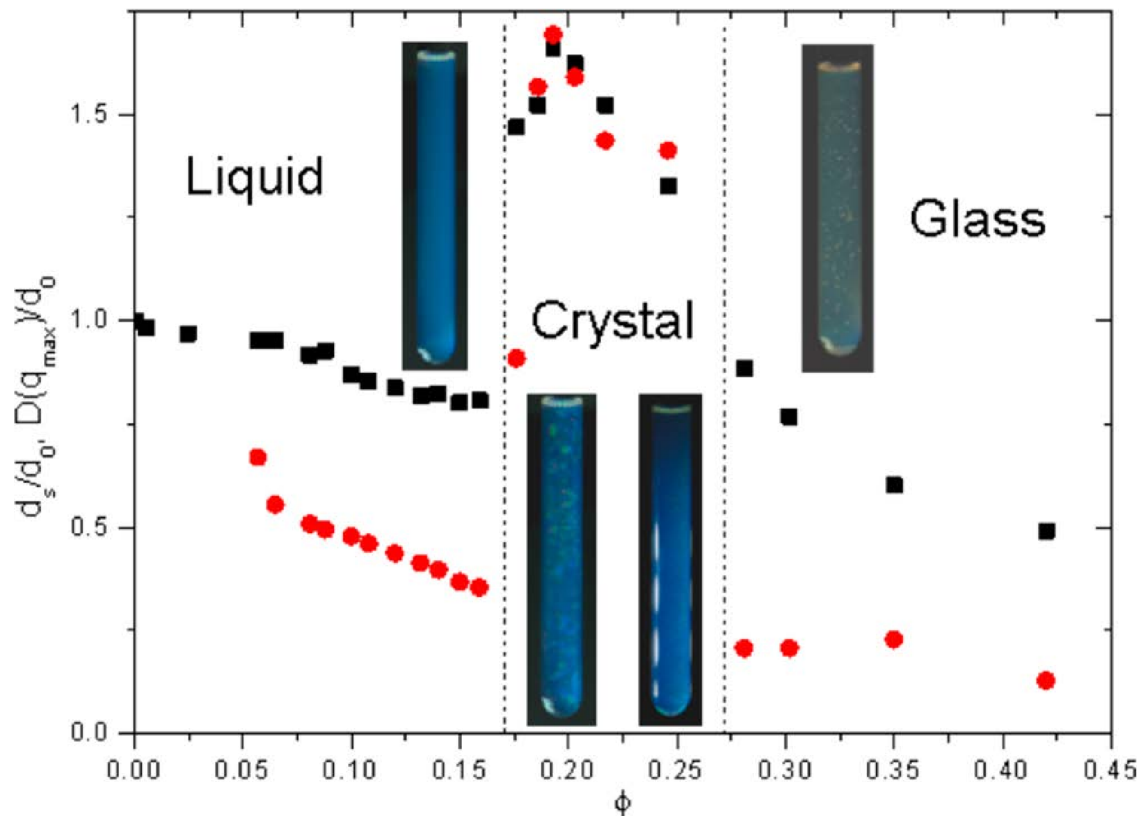


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“Of some interest in this connection is the fact that the high $g(O')$ states seem to be characterized by relatively free diffusion, while in the low $g(u)$ states diffusion is much restricted.”