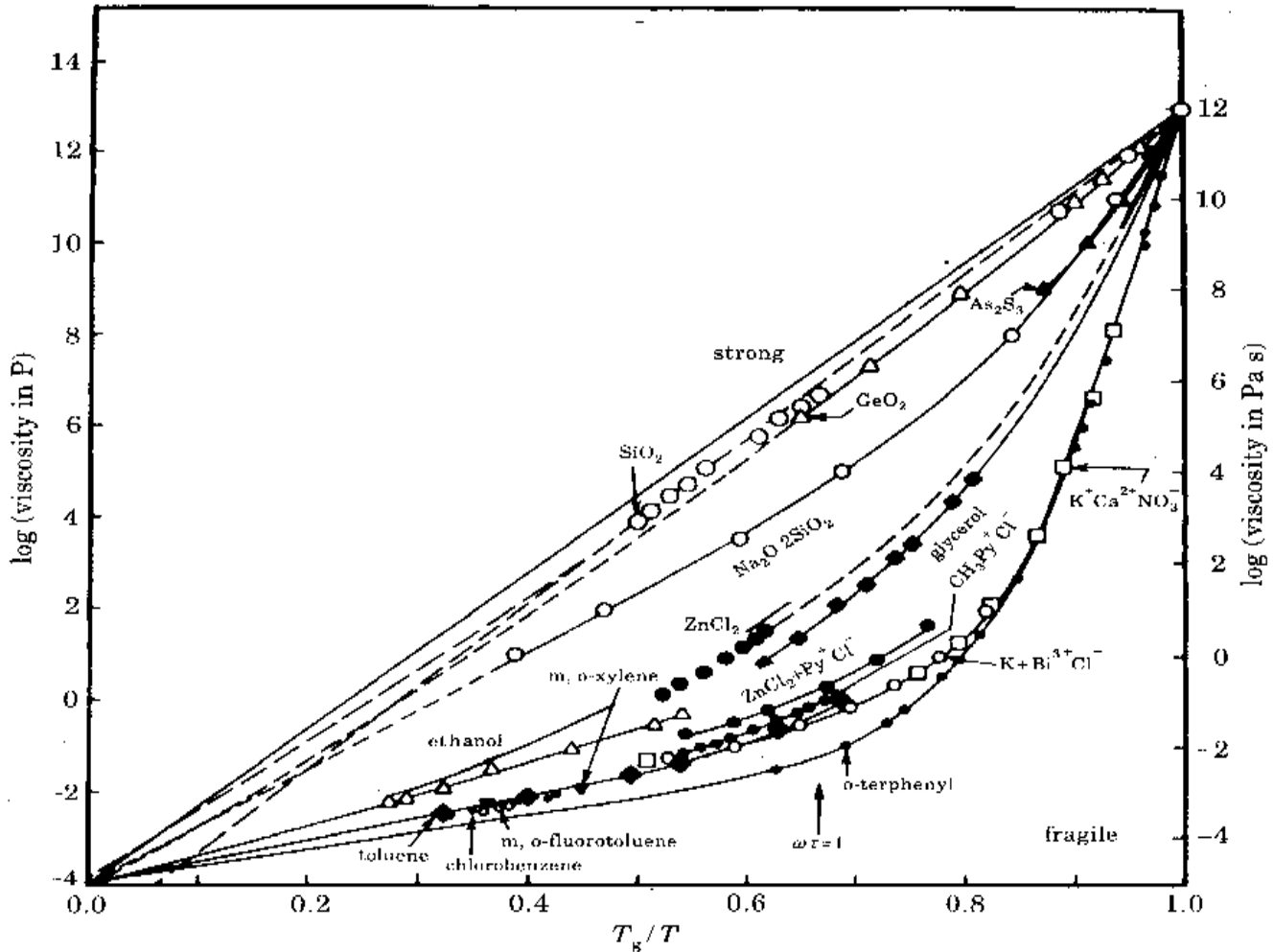


## Viscosity as a function of $T_g/T$



- $T_g$  is the glass transition temperature
- At  $T_g$  the viscosity is about  $10^{12}$  Pa s
- For  $T > T_g$  the Young modulus falls down of several orders of magnitude

# Mechanical measurements

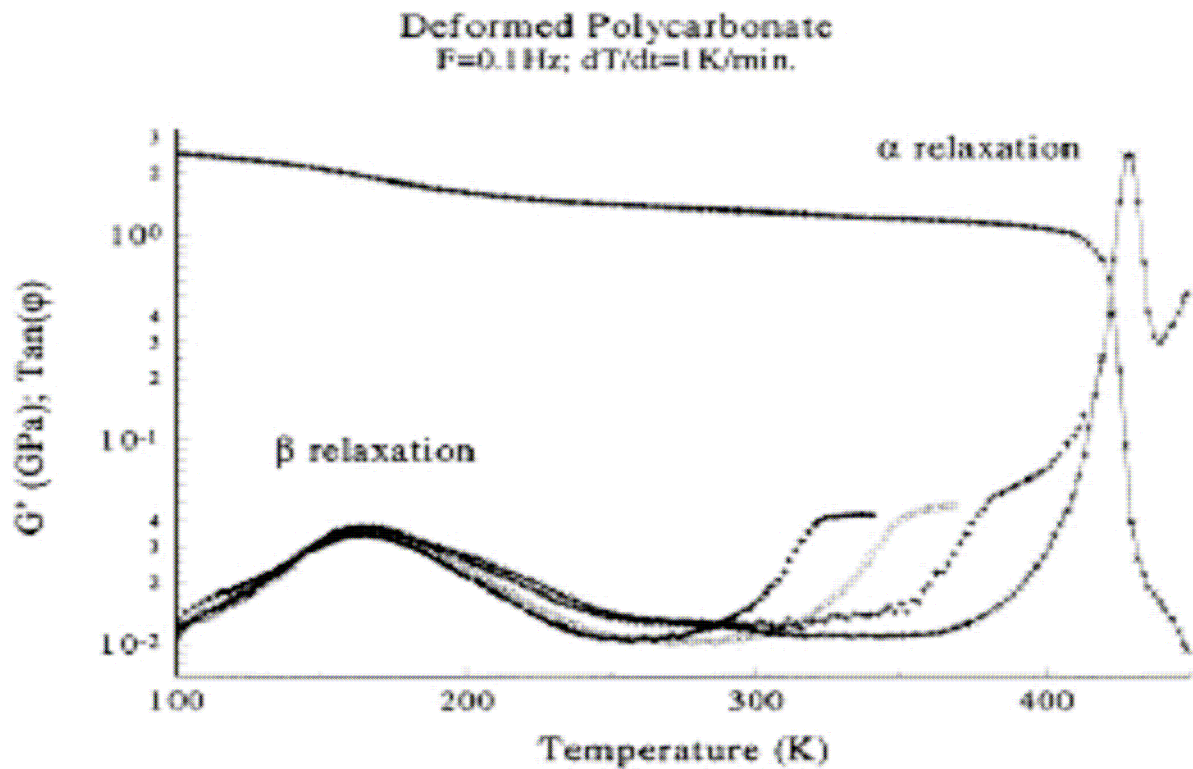


Fig. 3. Evolution of  $\tan(\phi) = G''/G'$  with temperature for successive heating runs for deformed polycarbonate (applied deformation close to 50%, in compression at ambient temperature). (●) first scan up to 339 K; (○) second scan up to 368 K; (+) third scan up to 413 K; (×) last scan up to 448 K, similar to undeformed sample. Between two successive heating runs, the sample is cooled at 6 K/min down to 100 K.

## Dielectric measurements

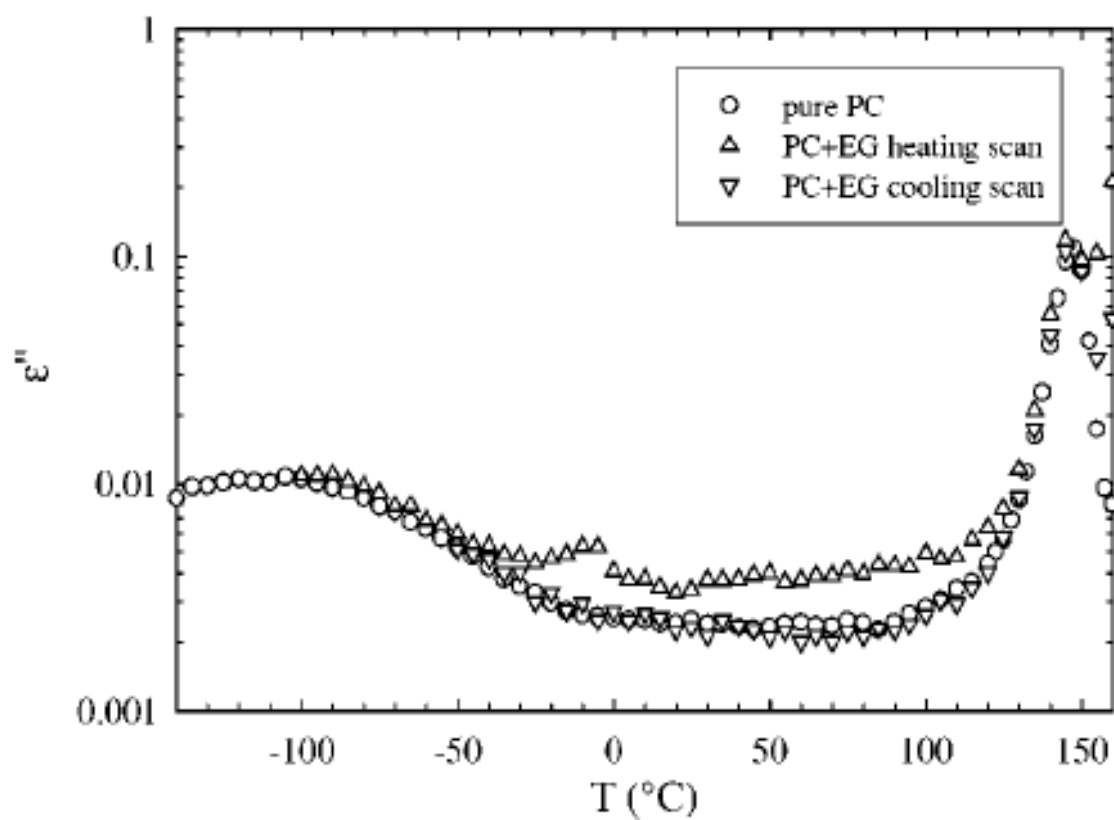
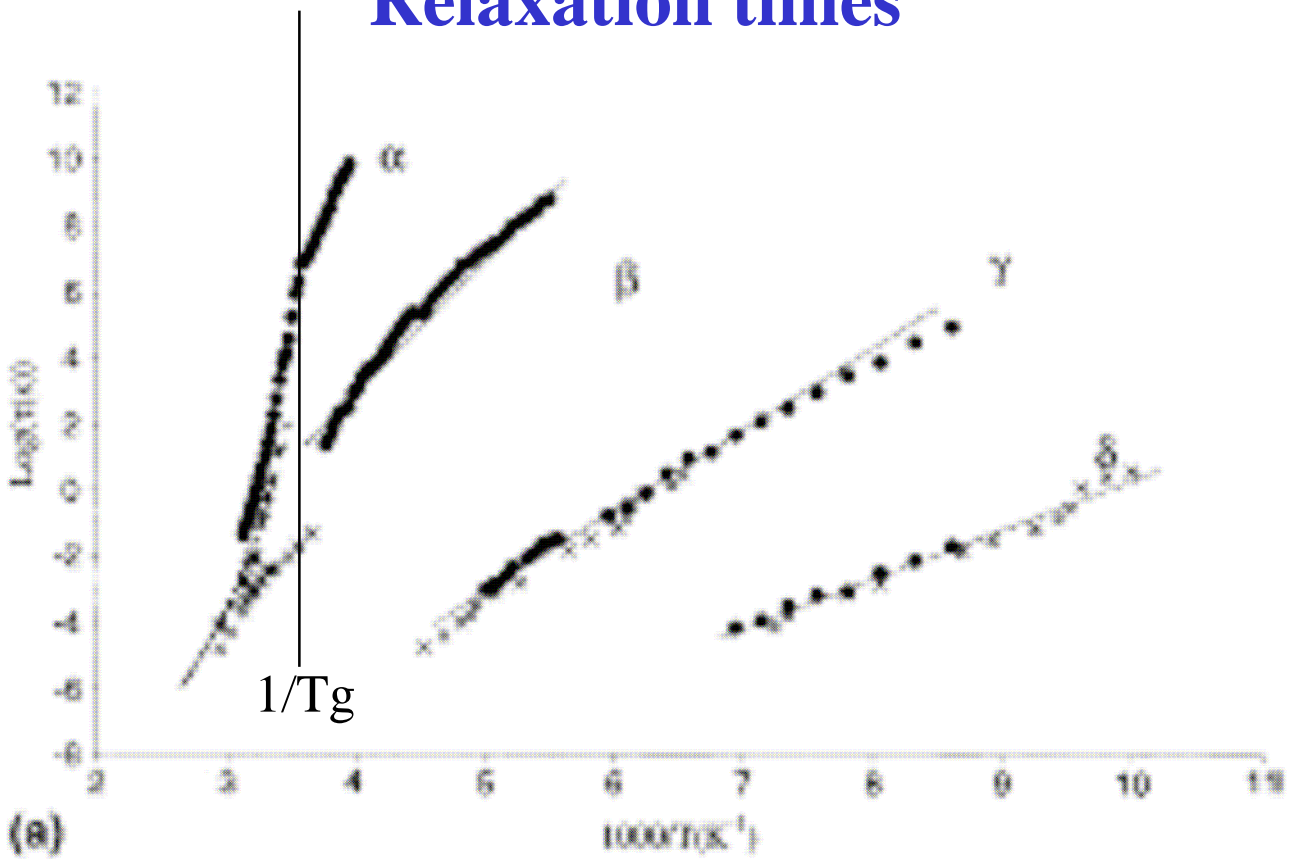


FIG. 4. Dielectric loss vs temperature at 1.2 Hz for pure PC and PC-EG systems during heating and cooling.

## Relaxation times



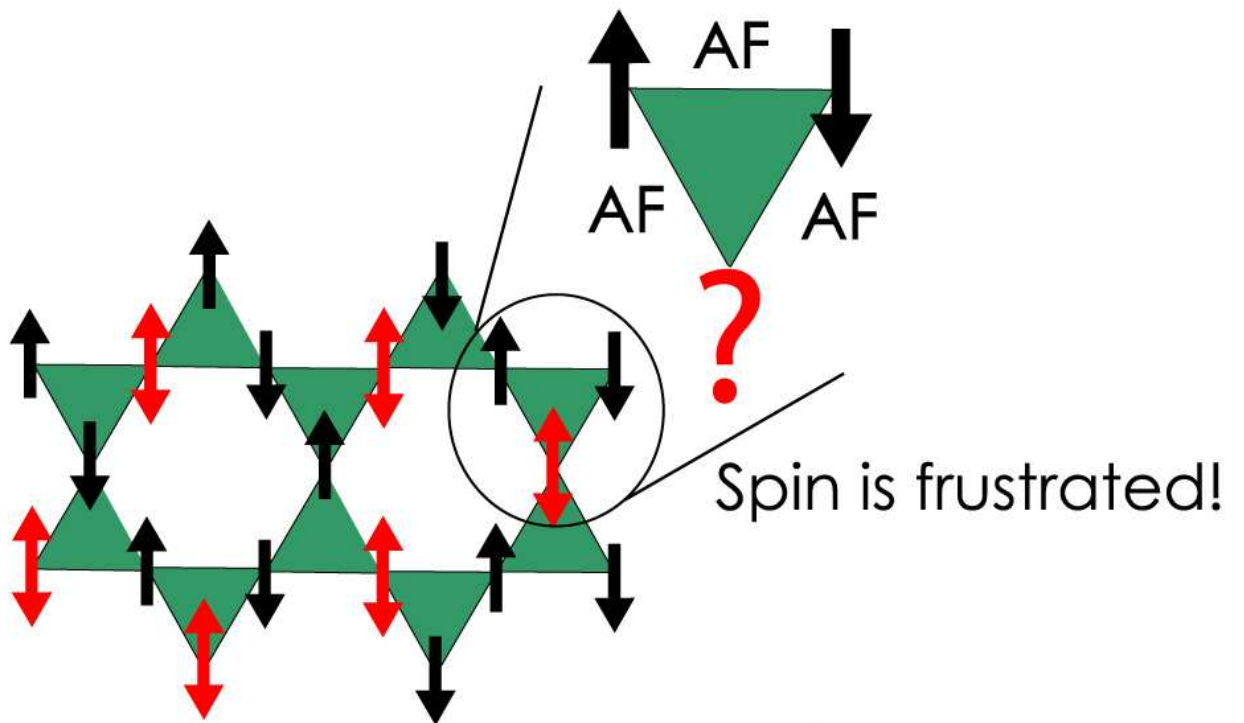
Vogel-Fulcher-Tamman law for  $T > T_g$

$$\tau = \tau_0 \exp\left(\frac{B}{T - T_0}\right) \quad \text{where } T_0 < T_g$$

## **Type of glasses**

- Structural glasses
- Magnetic glasses
- Colloids

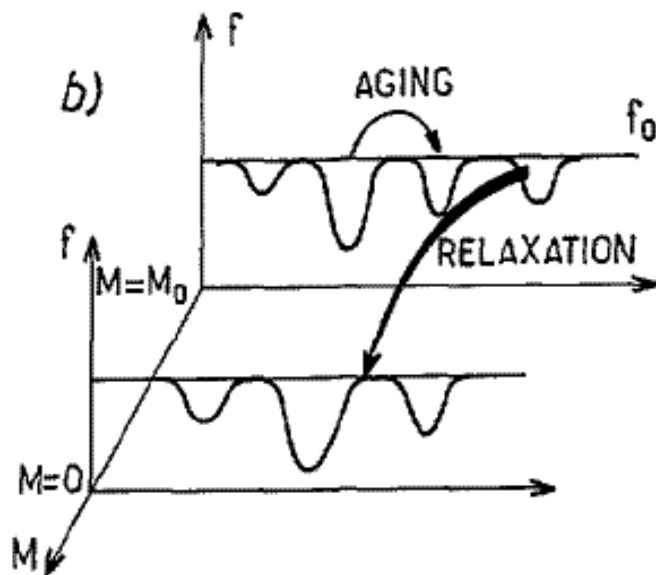
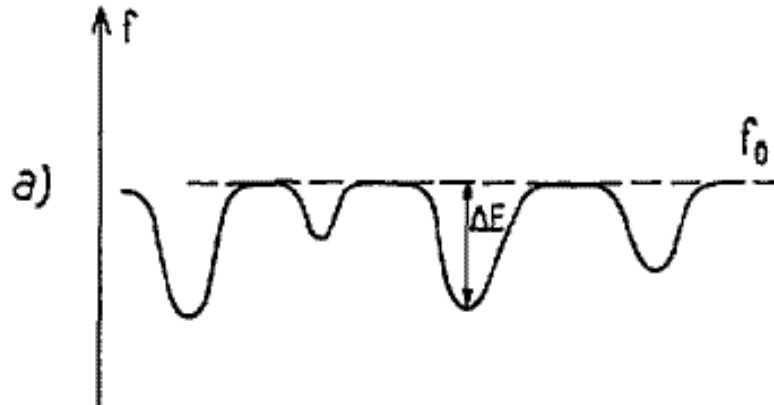
# Frustration



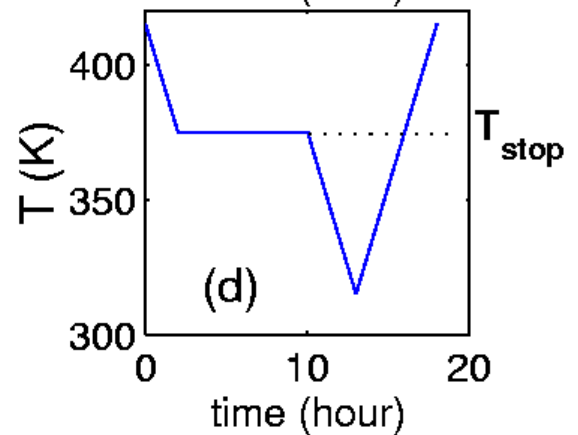
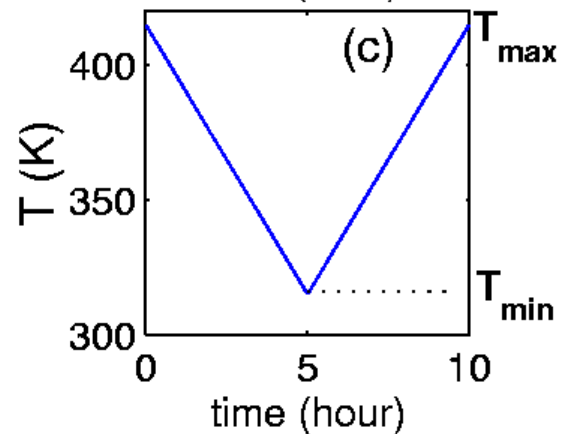
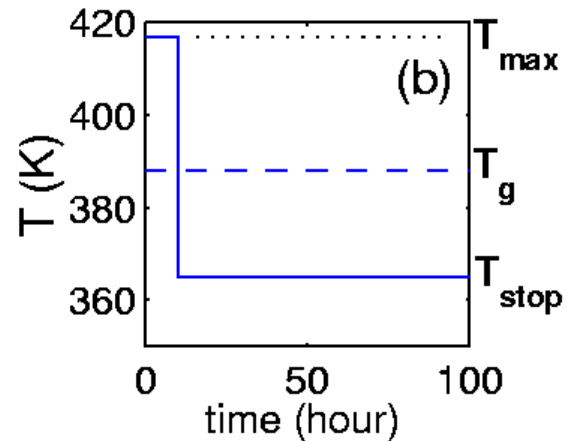
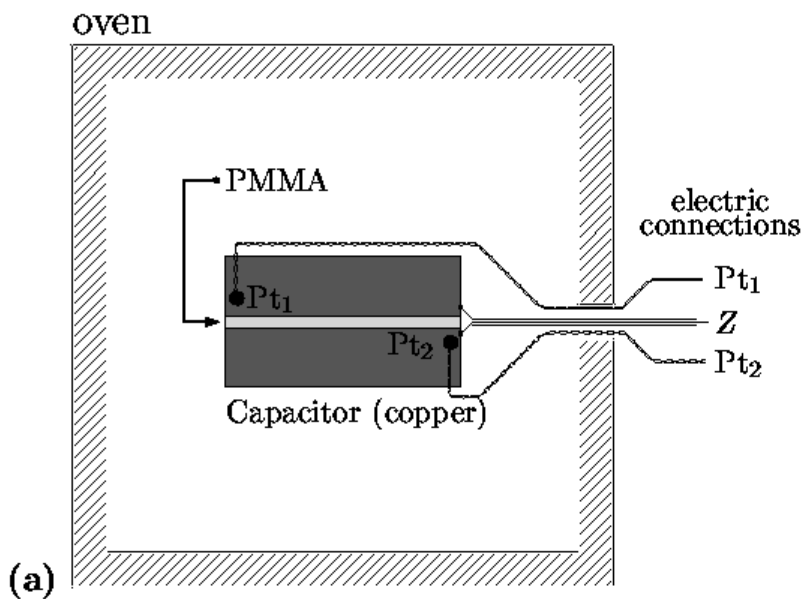
Spin Frustration on the Kagomé Lattice

# Energy landscape

## Bouchaud trap model



# Aging and Memory effect in a polymer



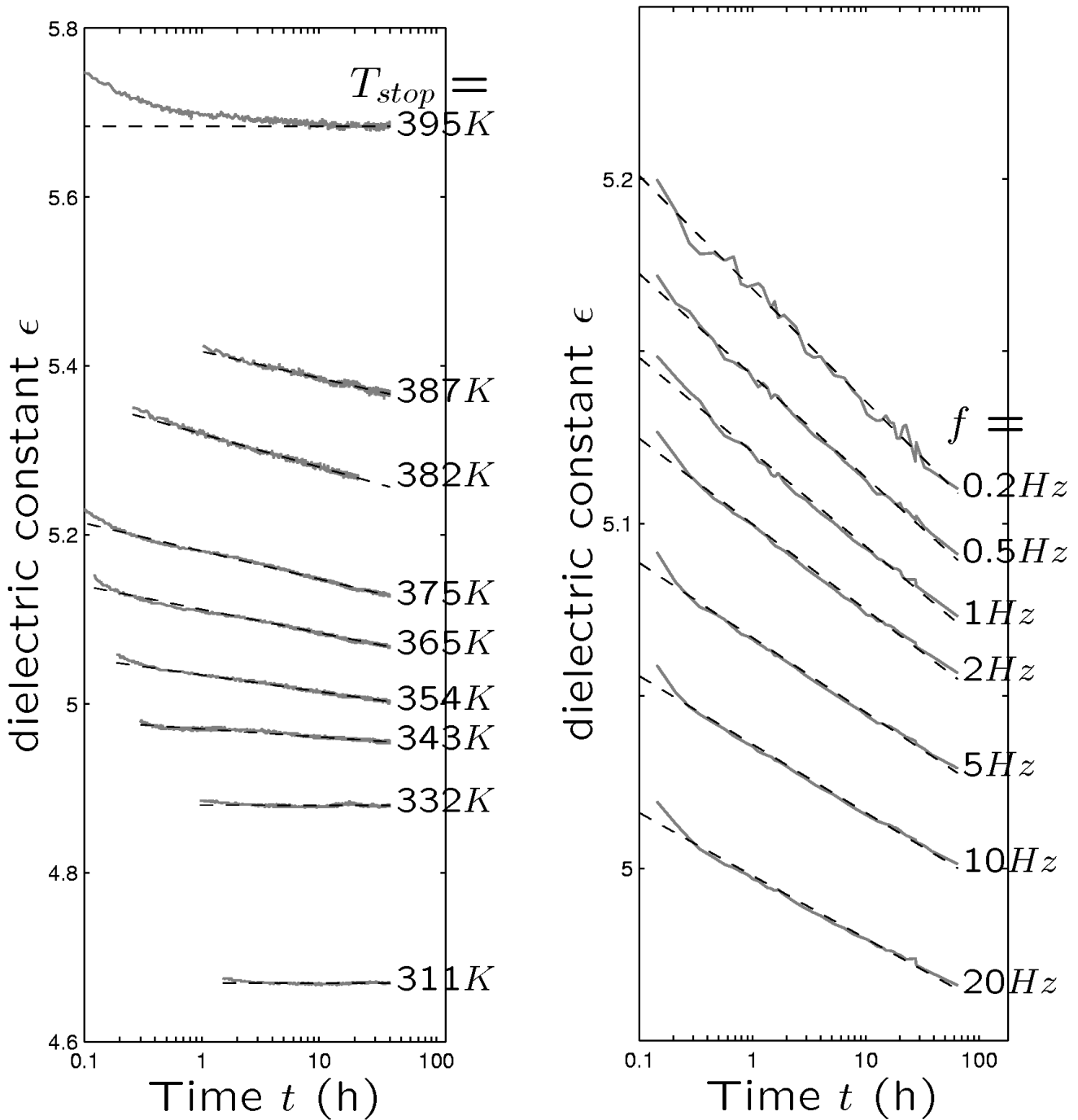
**(a) Experimental set-up for PMMA.** PMMA is the dielectric of a capacitor whose vacuum capacitance is  $C_0 = 230pF$ .

$\epsilon = \epsilon' + i \epsilon''$  is the PMMA dielectric constant.

**(b-d) Typical thermal cycles applied to the sample**



## Aging of PMMA ( $T_g = 388K$ )



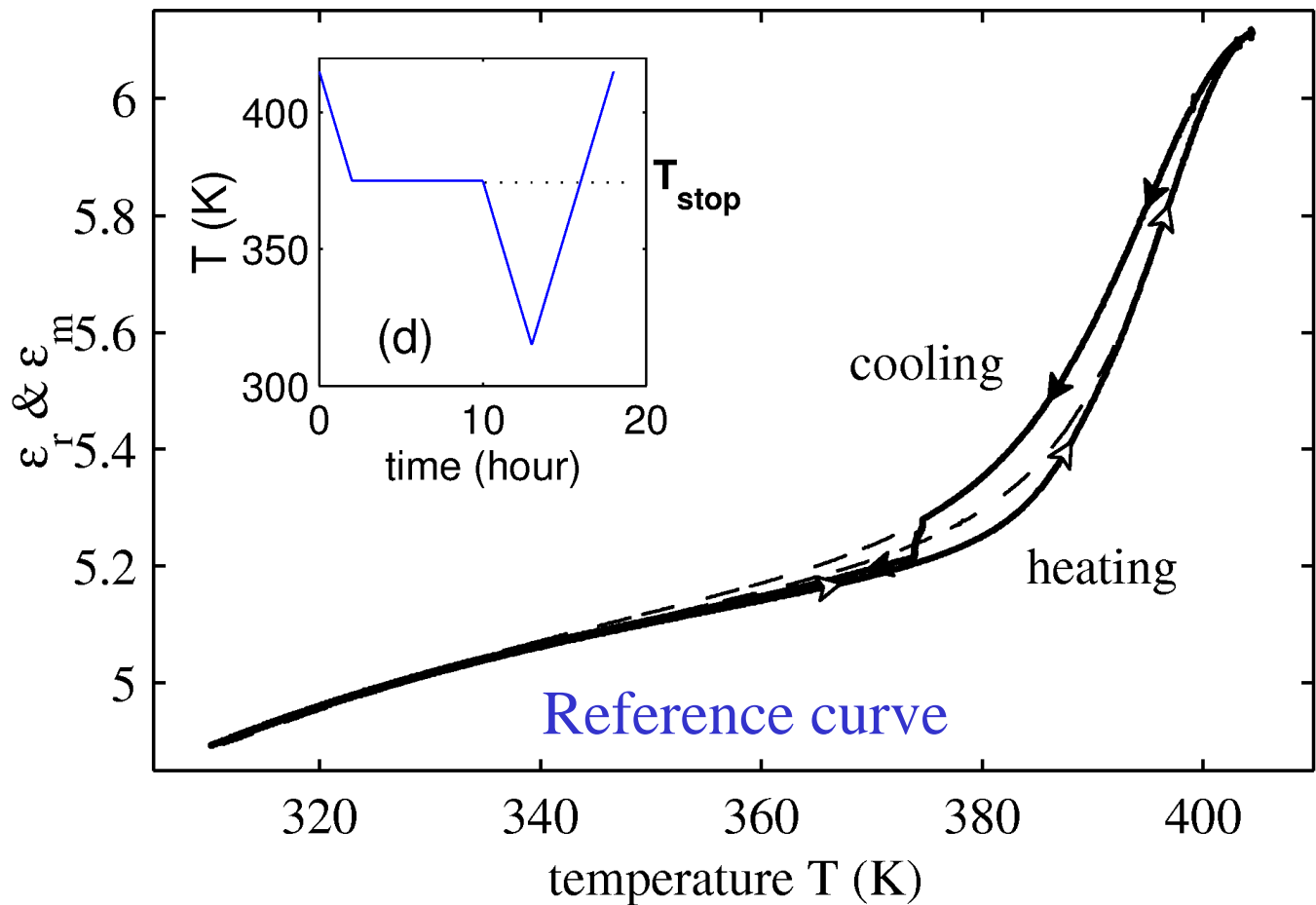
Dependence on  $t$  of  $\epsilon$  after a quench.

(a) Aging measured at  $f = 1Hz$  after a quench at various  $T_{stop}$ .

(b) Aging measured after a quench at  $T_{stop} = 365K$  at various  $f$ .

## Memory effect in PMMA

Evolution of  $\epsilon$  at  $f=0.1\text{Hz}$  as a function of  $T$



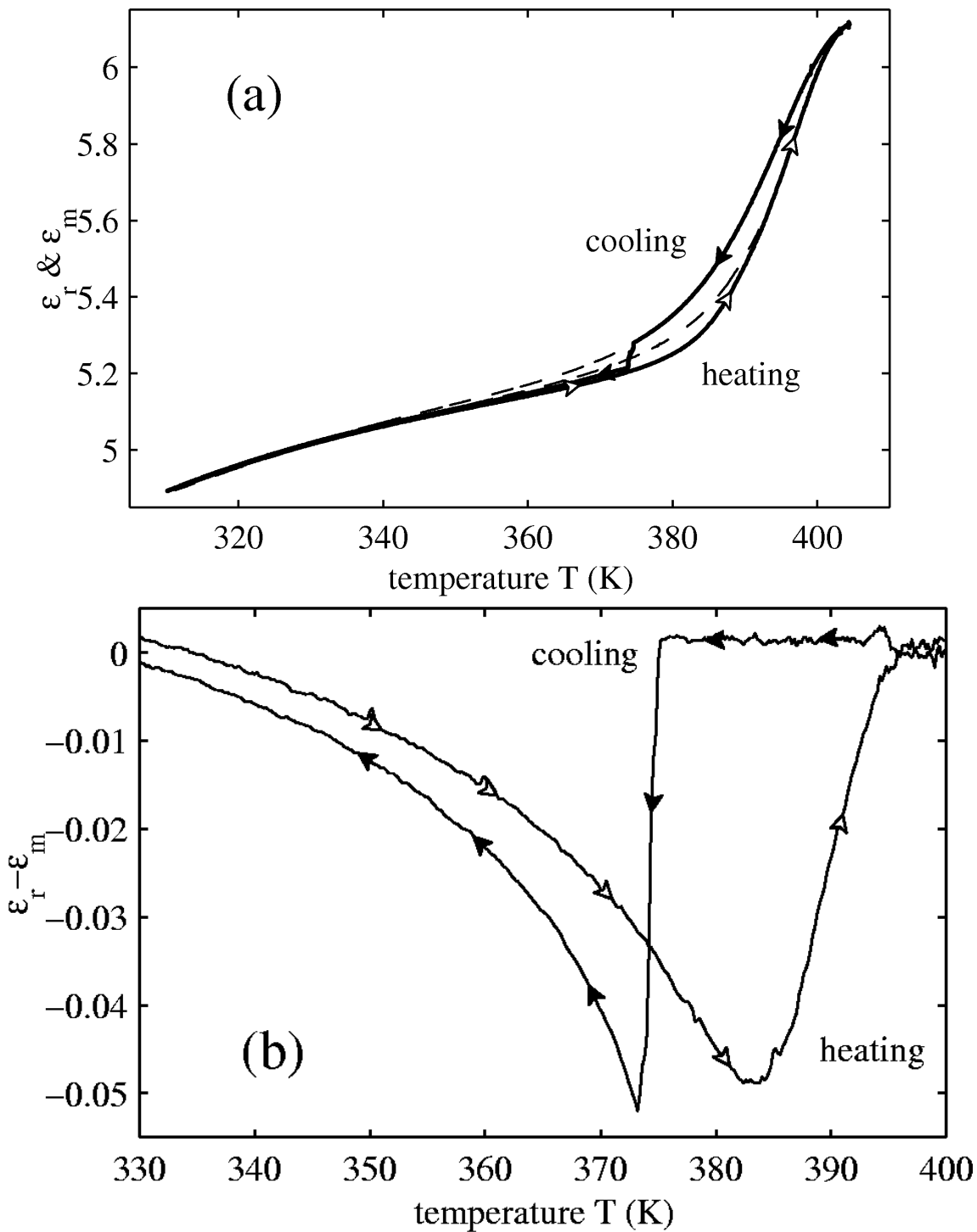
--- Reference curve

— Curve with a cooling stop

$\epsilon_r$  = dielectric constant measured with continuous ramp

$\epsilon_m$  = dielectric constant measured with a cooling stop

## Memory effect in PMMA

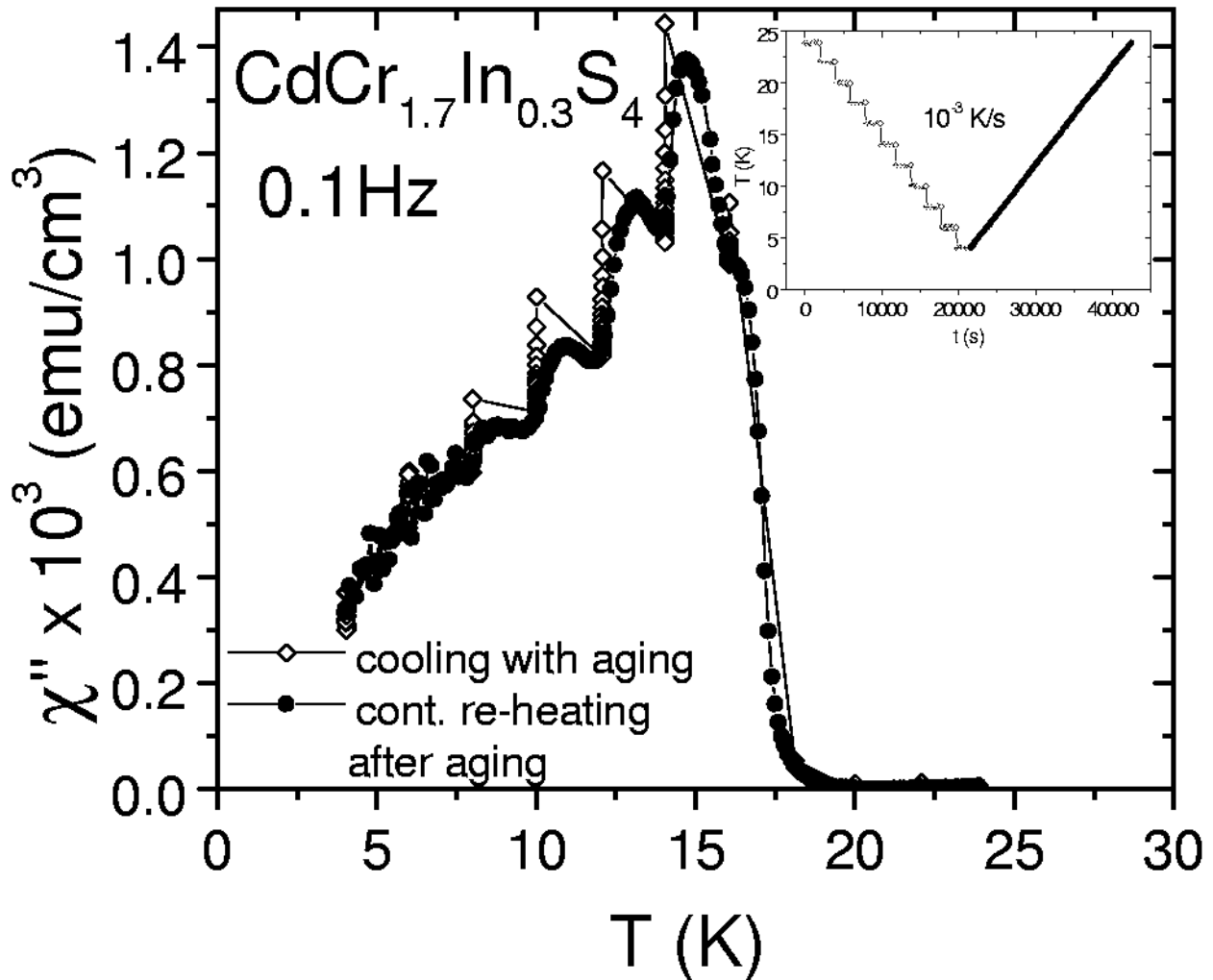


Evolution of  $\epsilon$  at  $f=0.1\text{Hz}$  as a function of  $T$

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## Memory effect in spin glasses



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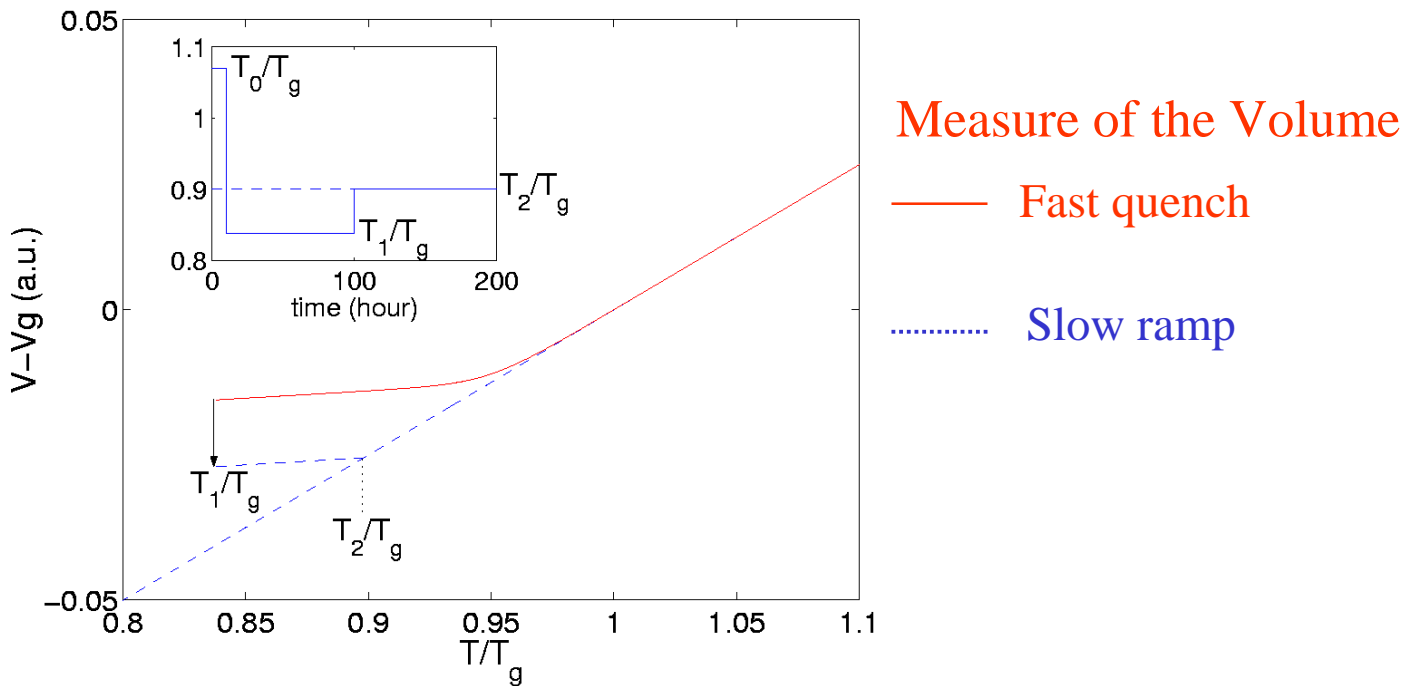
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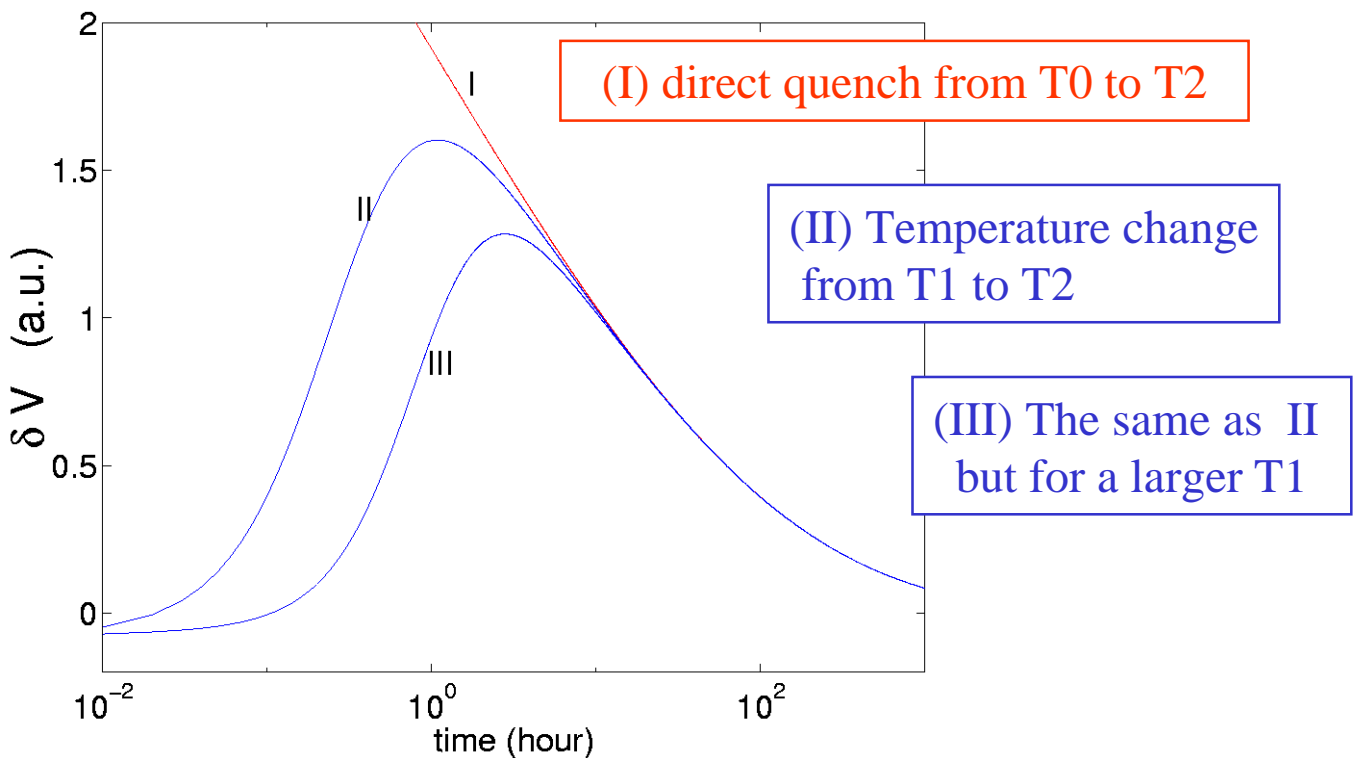
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# Kovacs Effect

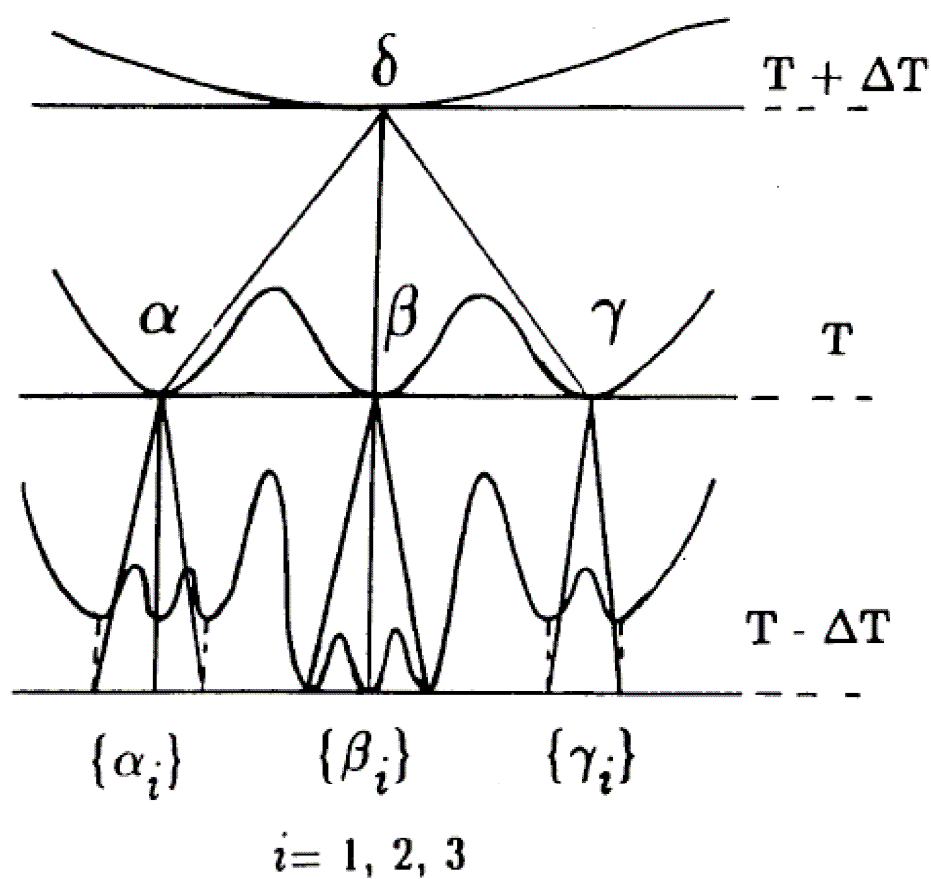


Time evolution of  $\delta V = V - V_2$



- The sample reminds its thermal history
- The response of the system depends on the quench speed

# Memory effects and trap model



**Fig. 6.** Schematic picture of the hierarchical structure of the metastable states as a function of temperature.

## Aging in glassy materials

Aging has been often characterized by studying the response functions of the systems

Smart experimental procedures, based either on multiple cycles of cooling, heating and waiting times or on the modulation of the applied external fields have shown the existence of spectacular effects of aging in glassy materials, such as **rejuvenation and memory.**

These studies have been extremely useful to fix several important constraints for the phenomenological models of aging.

**Question: is the analysis of fluctuations useful ?**

# Outline

- 1) Thermal fluctuations and the Fluctuation Dissipation Relations during aging
- 2) The electrical thermal noise of two materials:
  - a) a polymer after a quench
  - b) a colloidal glass during the sol-gel transition.
- 3) Comparisons of the experimental results with those of other experiments and of models of aging.
- 4) The mechanical noise.
- 5) Conclusions



# FLUCTUATION DISSIPATION THEOREM

in thermodynamic equilibrium

V and q are two conjugate variables

$$R(\omega) = \frac{\delta V(\omega)}{\delta q(\omega)} \quad \text{is the response function}$$

The thermal fluctuation spectrum  $S(\omega) = \langle |\delta V(\omega)|^2 \rangle$  is

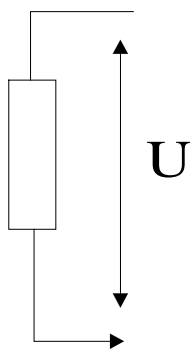
$$S(\omega) = \frac{4 K T}{\omega} \operatorname{Im}\{ R(\omega) \}$$

Typical examples are :

**(U,q)**

Nyquist

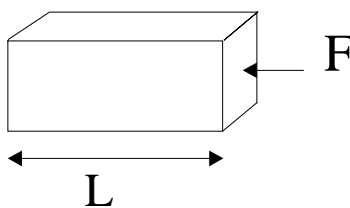
$$\langle |\delta U(\omega)|^2 \rangle = 4 K T R_o$$



**(L,F)**

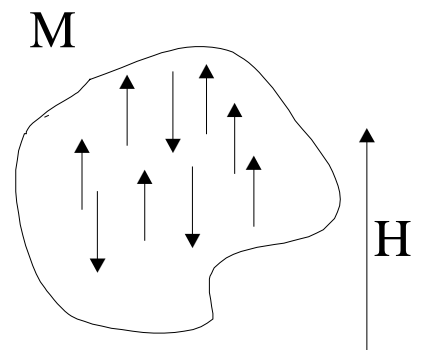
Density fluctuations

$$\langle |\delta L(\omega)|^2 \rangle \sim \frac{4 K T}{\omega E''}$$



**(M,h)**

$$\langle M^2 \rangle \sim K T \chi_m''$$



## Fluctuation Dissipation Relation (FDR)

in a weakly out of equilibrium system

(Cugliandolo, Kurchan 1992.)

In a glass at  $T < T_G$  the physical properties of the material depend on the aging time  $t_w$  after the temperature quench. Thus FDR takes the following form:

$$S(\omega, t_w) = \frac{4 K_B T_{eff}(\omega, t_w)}{\omega} \text{Im}\{R_{Vq}(\omega, t_w)\}$$

FDR can be used to define an effective temperature of the system

$$T_{eff}(\omega, t_w) = \frac{S(\omega, t_w) \omega}{4 K_B \text{Im}\{R_{Vq}(\omega, t_w)\}}$$

At equilibrium  $T_{eff}(\omega, t_w) = T$

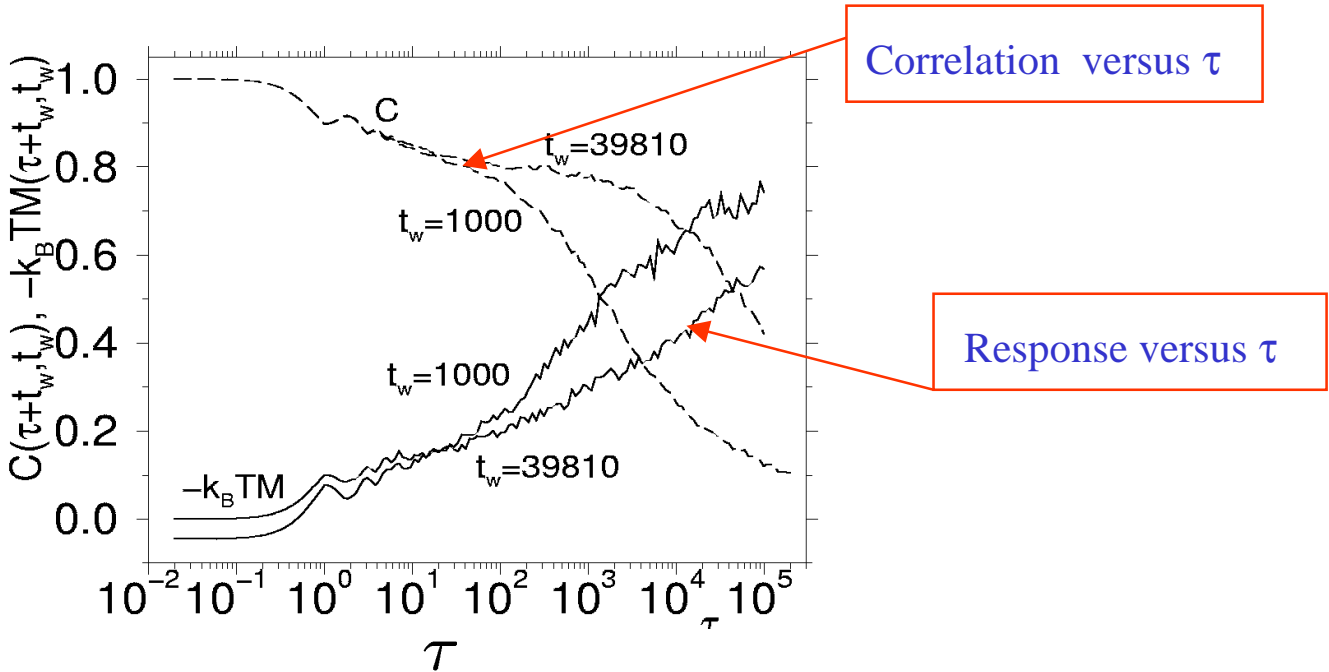
In terms of correlation function FDR takes the form

$$-C(t, t_w) + C(t_w, t_w) = K_B T_{eff}(t, t_w) R(t, t_w)$$

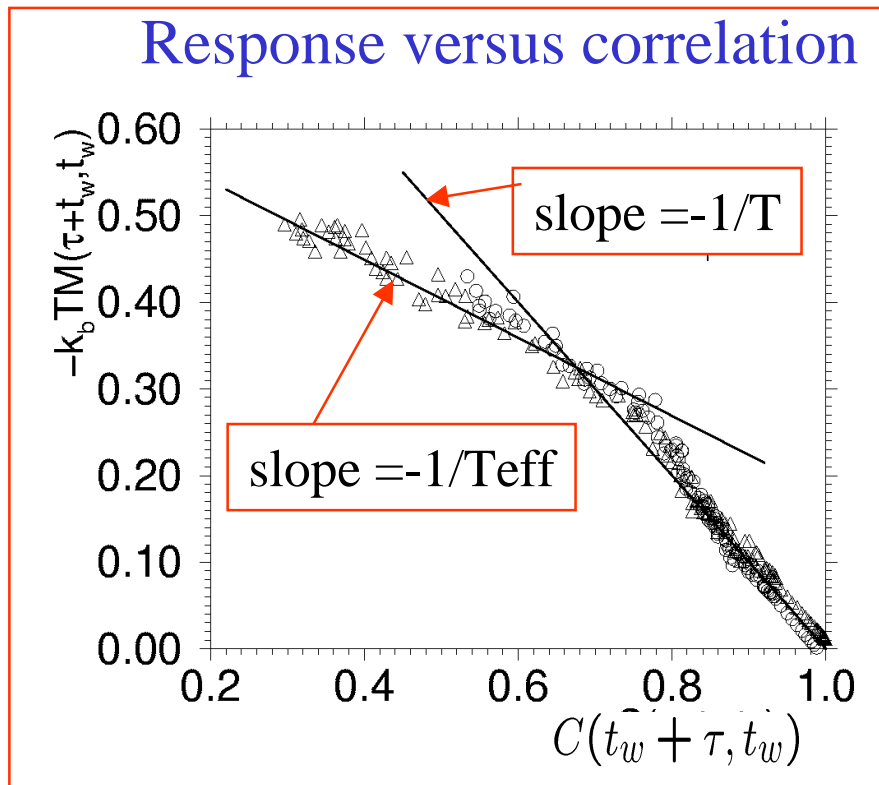
where  $C(t, t_w)$  is the correlation function and  $R(t, t_w)$  the integrated response

## KOB , BARRAT, Fluctuation dissipation ratio

in an aging Lennard-Jones glass, Europhys. Lett. 46, 637 (1999)



$$-C(t_w + \tau, t_w) + C(t_w, t_w) = K_B T_{eff}(t_w + \tau, t_w) M(t_w + \tau, t_w)$$



## FDR in out of equilibrium system

$$S(\omega, t_w) = \frac{4 K_B T_{eff}(\omega, t_w)}{\omega} \text{Im}\{R_{Vq}(\omega, t_w)\}$$

$$-C(t, t_w) + C(t_w, t_w) = K_B T_{eff}(t, t_w) R_{Vq}(t, t_w)$$

### Theoretical Background

1) This definition of temperature seems to be appropriate for several systems.

Cugliandolo, Kurchan, Peliti (1997), Kob, Barrat (1999)  
Berthier, Barrat (2002), Liu, Nagel (2002),  
Sciortino(2002).....

2) The robustness of this definition of temperature has been questioned .

S. Fielding, P. Sollich, (2002), Perez-Madrid, Reguera,  
Rubi (2002).

### Experiments

- 1970 x-ray scattering on PMMA (Weandorf and Fisher)
- 1999 Grigera, Israeloff, super-cooled liquid
- 2001 Bellon, Ciliberto, sol-gel transition
- 2002 Herisson and Ocio, spin-glass
- 2002 et 2005 Buisson, Ciliberto, polymer

## X-ray experiments

Intensity  $I(0)$  of scattered x-rays at small angles is related to the density fluctuations  $\delta\rho$ :

$$\frac{\langle \delta\rho^2 \rangle}{\rho^2} \propto I(0)$$

From FDT

$$\langle \delta\rho^2 \rangle = \frac{K_B T \rho^2 \chi_T}{V}$$

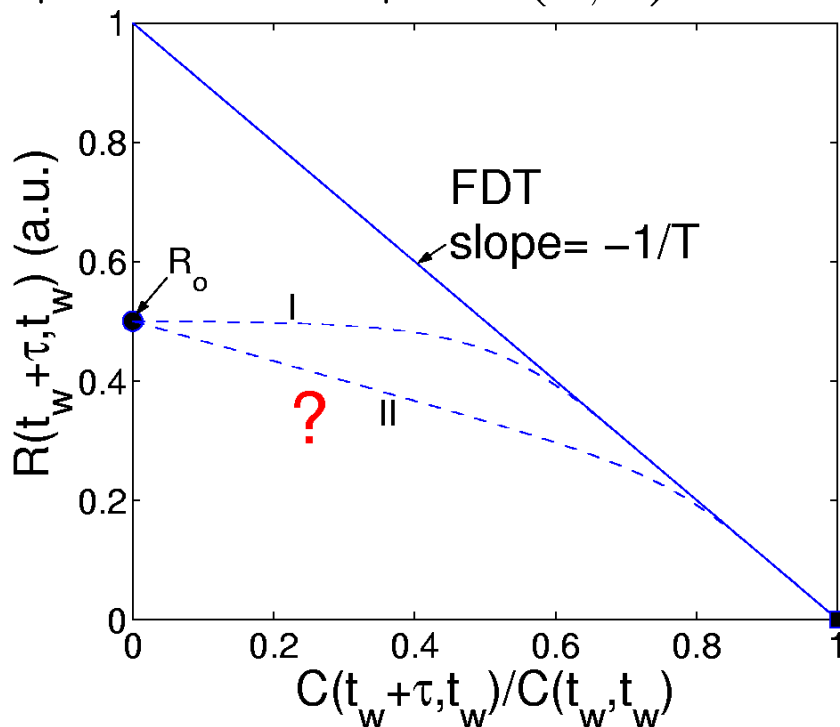
where  $\chi_T$  is the isothermal compressibility.

Weandorf and Fisher found a violation between 2.5 and 5 of this expression for various polymers.

Comparison with theory:

$$-C(t_w + \tau, t_w) + C(t_w, t_w) = K_B T R(t_w + \tau, t_w)$$

only two points on the plane  $(C, R)$  are available



# Spin Glass experiment

Herisson and Ocio

Insulating spin glass  $\text{CdCr}_{1.7}\text{In}_{0.3}\text{S}_4$

$T_g = 16\text{K}$

Quench at  $0.8T_g$ .

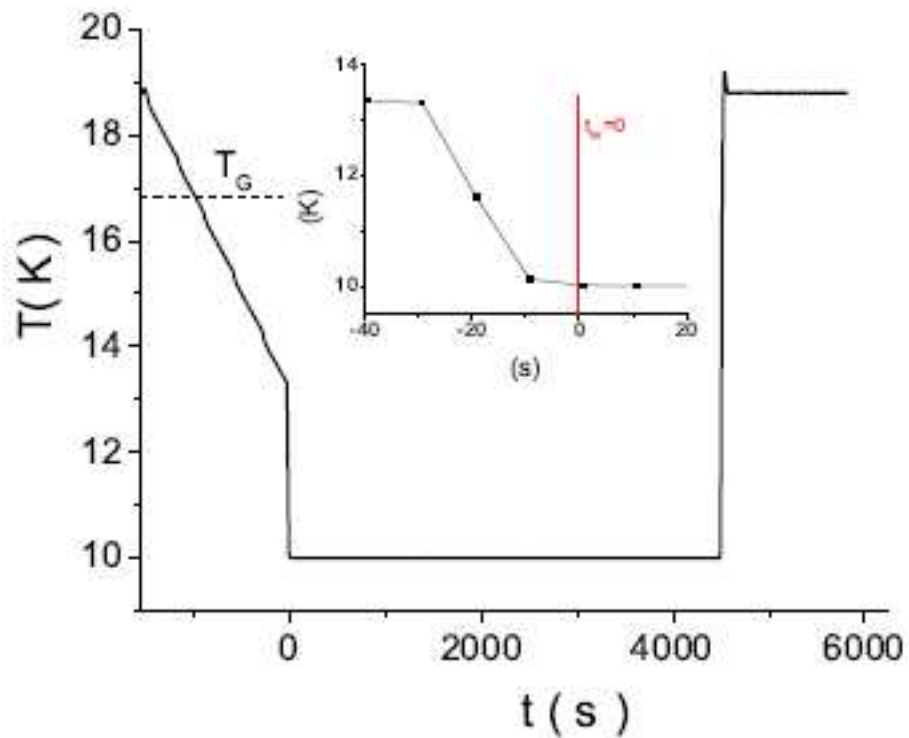


Fig. 4. A typical thermal history of the sample for a 4, 500 second at 10 K. In inset, detail on the crucial part, the last 3 K's cooling.

# Spin Glass experiment

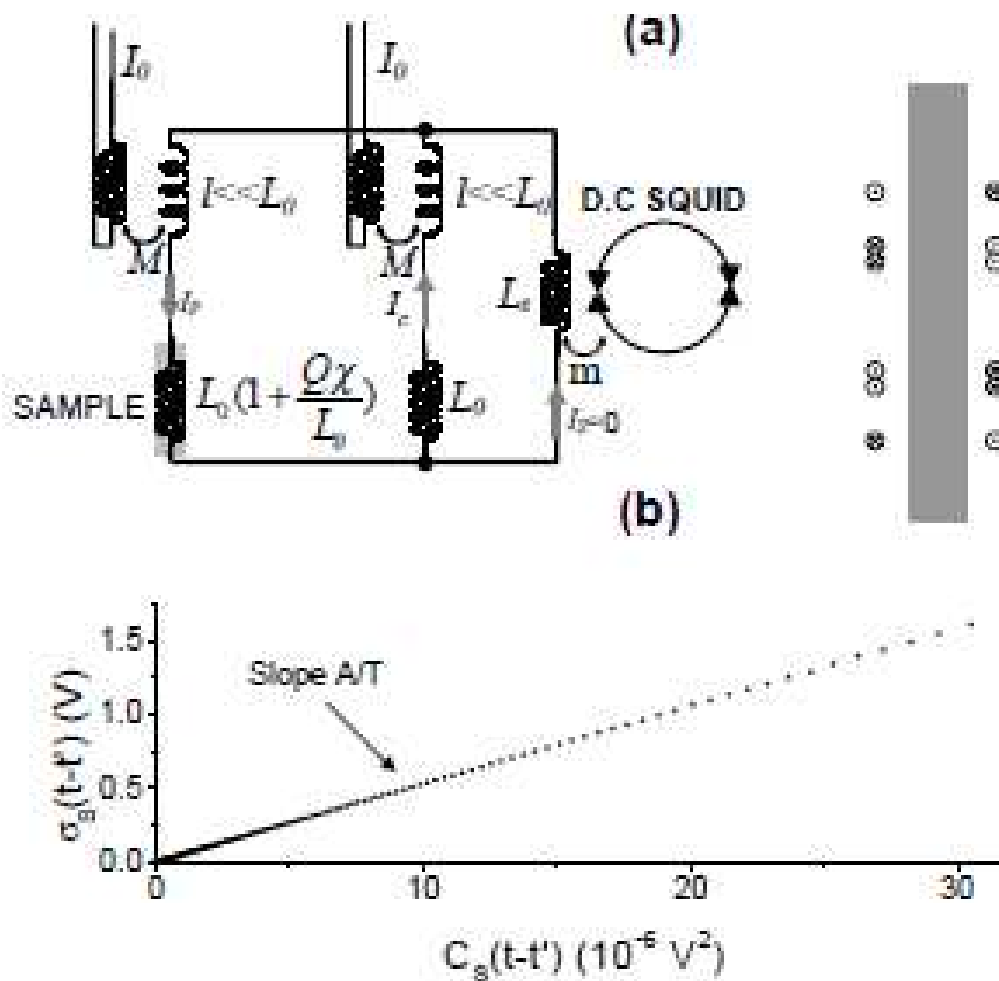


FIG. 1: a) Schematic of the detection circuit. The pick-up coil (right side), containing the cylindrical sample, is a third order gradiometer made of  $+3 -6 +6 -3$  turns. b) Calibration is obtained by measuring relaxation versus correlation in a high conductivity copper sample at equilibrium at  $4.2K$ .

# Spin Glass experiment

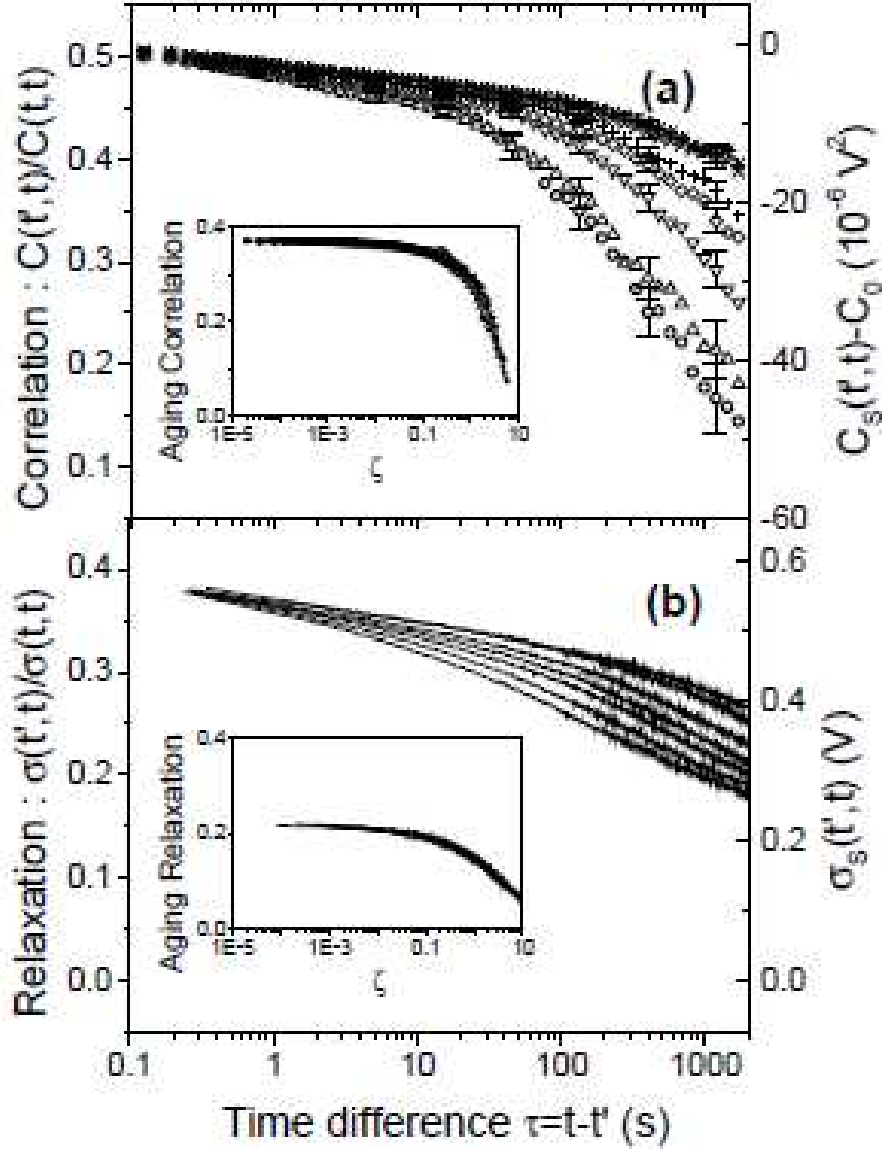


FIG. 2: Aging and scaling of (a) correlation (b) relaxation at  $T = 0.8T_g$ . Both are measured for waiting times  $t' = 100$  ( $\circ$ ), 200 ( $\triangle$ ), 500 ( $\nabla$ ), 1000 ( $\diamond$ ), 2000 ( $+$ ), 5000 ( $\times$ ), 10000 ( $*$ ) seconds from bottom to top. Reported error-bars on correlation have a length of two standard-deviation, corresponding to averages over records. In insets, scaling of the aging parts versus  $\zeta = (t^{1-\mu} - t'^{1-\mu}) / (1 - \mu)$ , using  $\mu = 0.87$ . The stationary parts are found to obey a power-law decrease with an exponent  $\alpha = 0.05$ .



# Spin Glass experiment

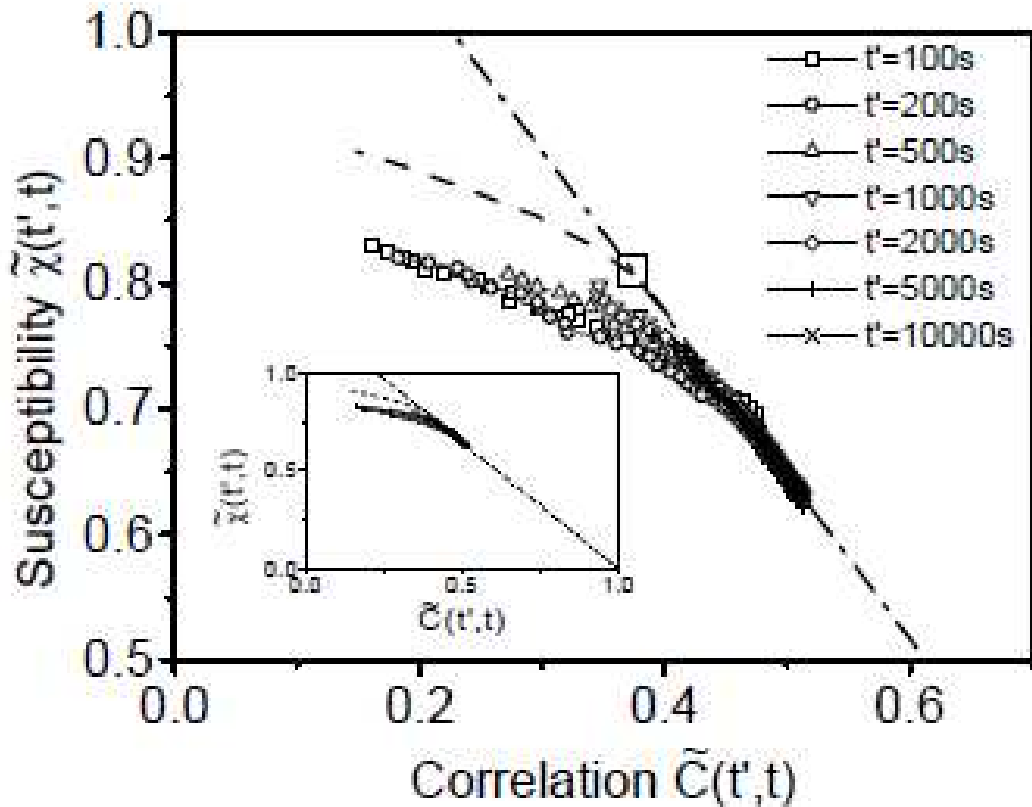


FIG. 3: FD-plot. Relaxation measurements are plotted versus correlation functions for each  $t'$ . The dot-dashed line (FDT line) is calculated for  $T = 0.8T_g = 13.3K$ , from the calibration obtained with the copper sample. The dashed line represents the scaling extrapolation for  $t' \rightarrow \infty$ . The branching point with the FDT line, corresponds to  $\tilde{C} = q_{EA}$  (square symbol, with size giving the error range). In Inset, the same data in the whole range.