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# Active dumbbells

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3. Effective temperatures
4. Two-dimensional equilibrium phases
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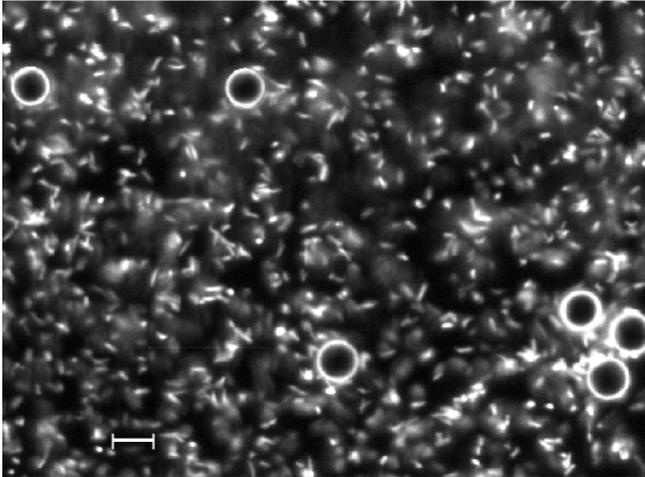
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# An active bath

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Dynamics of an *open system*

The system: the Brownian particle

A double bath: bacteria suspension

Interaction

*'Canonical setting'*

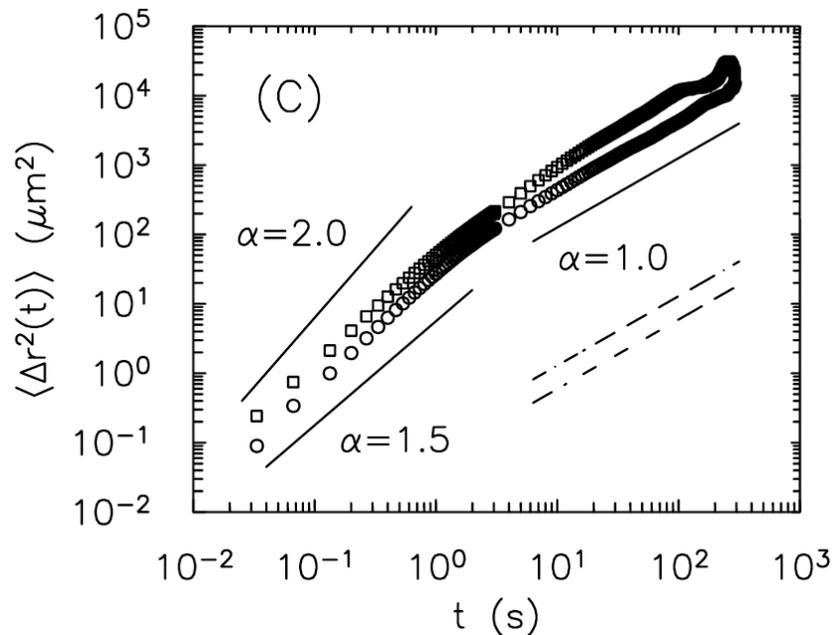
A few Brownian particles or tracers ● imbedded in an active bath

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# An active bath

## Enhanced motility



Mean-square displacement of the Brownian particle crossover from super-diffusion to diffusion  
enhanced diffusion constant:  
effective temperature

$t_I = m/\gamma \simeq 10^{-5} \text{ s}$  and the first ballistic regime is not visible.

$D_{\text{eff}} \propto T_{\text{eff}}$  increases with  $\phi$  and corresponds to  $T_{\text{eff}} \simeq 100 T$

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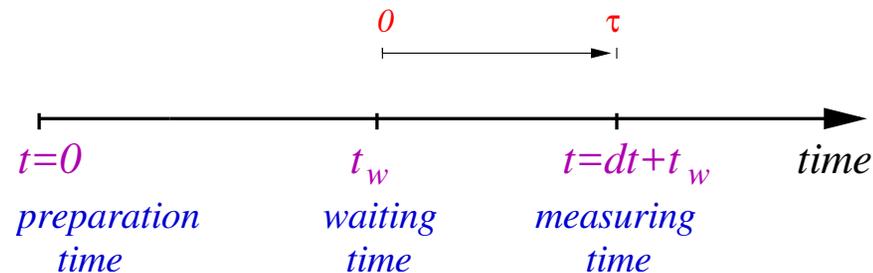
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# In and out of equilibrium

Take a mechanical point of view and call  $\{\zeta_i\}(t)$  the variables

e.g. particles' coordinates  $\{r_i(t)\}$  and velocities  $\{v_i(t)\}$

Choose an initial condition  $\{\zeta_i\}(0)$  and let the system evolve.



- For  $t_w > t_{eq}$  :  $\{\zeta_i\}(t)$  reach the equilibrium pdf and **thermodynamics** and **statistical mechanics** apply. **Temperature** is a well-defined concept.
- For  $t_w < t_{eq}$  : the system remains out of equilibrium and **thermodynamics** and **(Boltzmann) statistical mechanics do not** apply.

**Is there a quantity to be associated to a temperature ?**

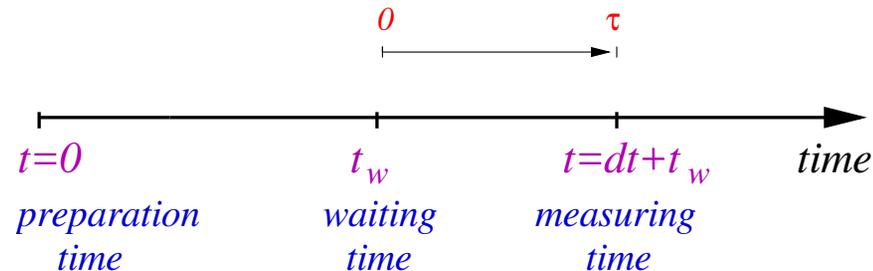
# In and out of equilibrium

## Non-potential forces

Let  $\{\zeta_i\}(t)$  be the positions of the (possibly interacting) particles.

Apply external forces that do not derive from a potential,  $f_i \neq -\nabla_i V(\{\mathbf{r}\})$  :  
energy injection into the system.

Let the system evolve under  $f_i$  from  $\{\zeta_i\}(0)$



- Typically, for  $t_w > t_{st}$  :  $\{\zeta_i\}(t)$  reach a **non-equilibrium steady state** in which **thermodynamics** and **(Boltzmann) statistical mechanics** do not obviously apply.

**Is there a quantity to be associated to a temperature ?**

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# Some basic properties

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requested

Control of heat-flows :  $\Delta Q$  follows  $\Delta T$ .

Partial equilibration – transitivity :

$$T_A = T_B, T_B = T_C \Rightarrow T_A = T_C.$$

Measurable :

thermometers for systems in

good thermal contact ( $\Delta Q$ )



Whatever we identify with a temperature should have these properties

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# Kinetic temperature

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## First temptation

Associate a kinetic temperature  $T_{\text{kin}}$  to the kinetic energy via

$$k_B T_{\text{kin}}(t_0) = m[\langle v_a^2(t_0) \rangle]$$

equipartition. This is an instantaneous measurement. **But, we know that**

- the behaviour of the system depends on the time-delay at which we measure (recall e.g. the various regimes of the c.o.m. displacement

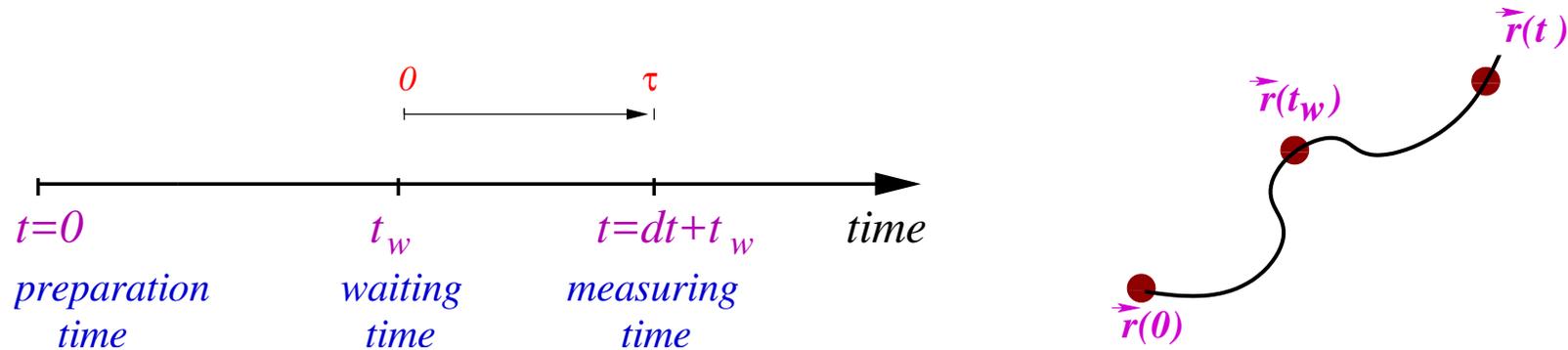
$$\Delta_{\text{cm}}(t + t_0, t_0),$$

- in glasses the kinetic temperature **is not** a good measurement of out of equilibrium behaviour,

**we need to consider time-delayed measurements**

# Two-time observables

## Correlations



$t_w$  not necessarily longer than  $t_{eq}$ .

Note change in names given to times (notation)

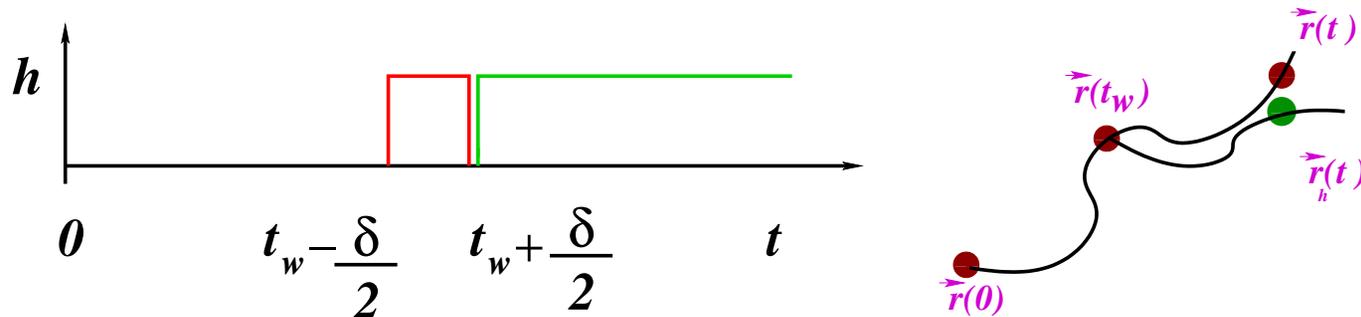
The two-time correlation between  $A[\zeta(t)]$  and  $B[\zeta(t_w)]$  is

$$C_{AB}(t, t_w) \equiv \langle A[\zeta(t)]B[\zeta(t_w)] \rangle$$

average over realizations of the dynamics (initial conditions, random numbers in a MC simulation, thermal noise in Langevin dynamics, etc.)

# Two-time observables

## Linear response



The **perturbation** couples **linearly** to the observable  $B[\zeta(t_w)]$

$$E \rightarrow E - hB[\zeta(t_w)]$$

The **linear instantaneous response** of another observable  $A[\zeta(t)]$  is

$$R_{AB}(t, t_w) \equiv \left. \frac{\delta \langle A[\zeta(t)] \rangle_h}{\delta h(t_w)} \right|_{h=0}$$

The **linear integrated response** is

$$\chi_{AB}(t, t_w) \equiv \int_{t_w}^t dt' R_{AB}(t, t')$$



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# Fluctuation-dissipation

In thermal equilibrium

$$P(\zeta, t_w) = P_{\text{eq}}(\zeta)$$

- The dynamics are stationary

$$C_{AB} \rightarrow C_{AB}(t - t_w) \text{ and } R_{AB} \rightarrow R_{AB}(t - t_w)$$

- The **fluctuation-dissipation theorem** between spontaneous ( $C_{AB}$ ) and induced ( $R_{AB}$ ) fluctuations

$$R_{AB}(t - t_w) = -\frac{1}{k_B T} \frac{\partial C_{AB}(t - t_w)}{\partial t} \theta(t - t_w)$$

holds and implies

$$\chi_{AB}(t - t_w) \equiv \int_{t_w}^t dt' R_{AB}(t, t') = \frac{1}{k_B T} [C_{AB}(0) - C_{AB}(t - t_w)]$$

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$$\begin{aligned}\Delta_{AB}(t, t_w) &= \langle [A(t) - B(t_w)]^2 \rangle = 2[C_{AA}(0) + C_{BB}(0) - C_{AB}(t - t_w)] \\ &\rightarrow \Delta_{AB}(t - t_w)\end{aligned}$$

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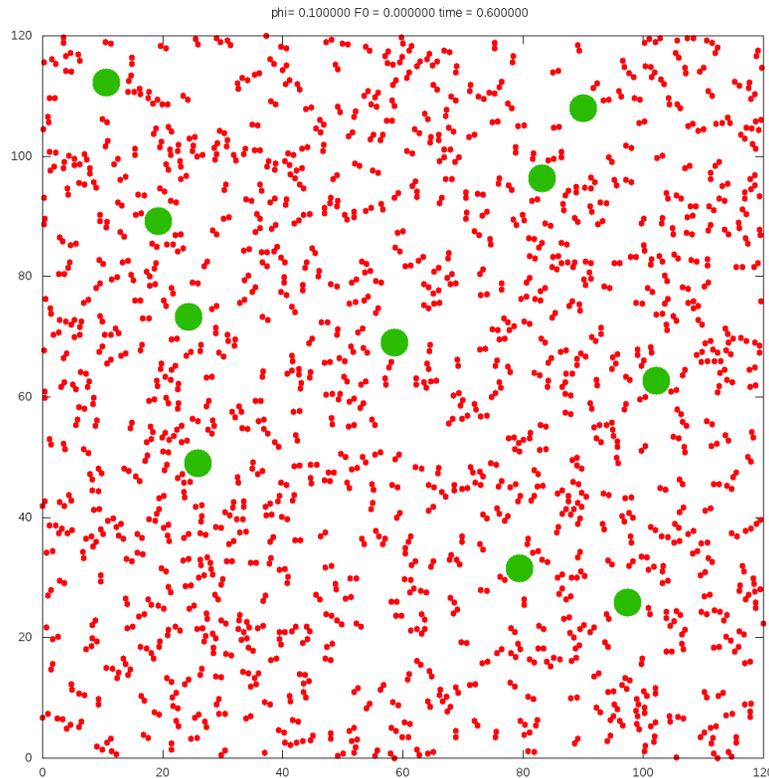
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# Brownian motion

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First example of dynamics of an *open system*

The system: the Brownian particle

The bath: the liquid

Interaction: collisional or potential

*'Canonical setting'*

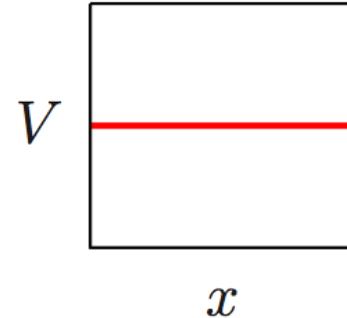
A few Brownian particles or tracers ● imbedded in, say, a molecular liquid.

**Late XIX, early XX (Brown, Einstein, Langevin)**

# Fluctuation-dissipation

## Brownian motion

$$m\dot{v} + \gamma v = h + \eta$$



Correlation  $\langle x(t)x(t_w) \rangle_{h=0} \mapsto 2\frac{k_B T}{\gamma} \min(t, t_w)$  at  $t, t_w \gg t_I$  **Stationary**

Displacement  $\langle [x(t) - x(t_w)]^2 \rangle_{h=0} \mapsto 2\frac{k_B T}{\gamma} (t - t_w)$  at  $t, t_w \gg t_I$

Linear response  $\left. \frac{\delta \langle x(t) \rangle_h}{\delta h(t_w)} \right|_{h=0} = \gamma^{-1} \theta(t - t_w)$

$$2k_B T R_{xx}(t, t_w) = \partial_{t_w} C_{xx}(t, t_w) \theta(t - t_w)$$

FDT does not hold

$$2k_B T R_{xx}(t, t_w) = \partial_t \Delta_{xx}(t, t_w) \theta(t - t_w)$$

looks like FDT

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## Active dumbbell in the last diffusive regime

The c.o.m. diffuses,  $\Delta_{\text{cm}}^2(t + t_0, t_0) \simeq 2dD_A t$ , for  $t \gg t_a$ ,

with the **diffusion constant**  $D_A = k_B T / (2\gamma) (1 + \text{Pe}^2)$

The c.o.m. integrated linear response function  $\chi_{\text{cm}}(t + t_0, t_0) = d\mu t$

with the **mobility**  $\mu = 1/(2\gamma)$

We use the deviation from equilibrium fluctuation-dissipation theorem,

$$\chi_{\text{cm}}(t + t_0, t_0) = 2k_B T_{\text{eff}}(t + t_0, t_0) \Delta_{\text{cm}}^2(t + t_0, t_0)$$

to define, a possibly time(s)-dependent, **effective temperature**,  $T_{\text{eff}}$ .

For the active dumbbell, at  $t > t_a$ , we find a constant

$$k_B T_{\text{eff}} = \frac{\mu}{D_A} = k_B T \left( 1 + \frac{\text{Pe}^2}{8} \right)$$

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**Exercise:** Prove these results.

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## Active dumbbell

The definition of the **effective temperature** using the deviation from the equilibrium fluctuation-dissipation theorem

$$\chi_{\text{cm}}(t + t_0, t_0) = 2k_B T_{\text{eff}}(t + t_0, t_0) \Delta_{\text{cm}}^2(t + t_0, t_0)$$

is not equivalent to the **kinetic temperature**

$$k_B T_{\text{kin}}(t_0) = 2m_d \langle v_{\text{cm}a}^2(t_0) \rangle$$

- The kinetic temperature concerns the **velocity** variable while the effective temperature concerns the **position** variable.
- The kinetic temperature is an **instantaneous** measurement while the effective temperature is a **time-delayed** measurement.

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## Active dumbbell

The definition of the **effective temperature** using the deviation from the equilibrium fluctuation-dissipation theorem yields

$$k_B T_{\text{eff}} = k_B T (1 + \text{Pe}^2/8)$$

and is not equivalent to the **kinetic temperature**

$$k_B T_{\text{kin}} = k_B T [1 + m_d k_B T / (2\gamma\sigma_d)^2 \text{Pe}^2]$$

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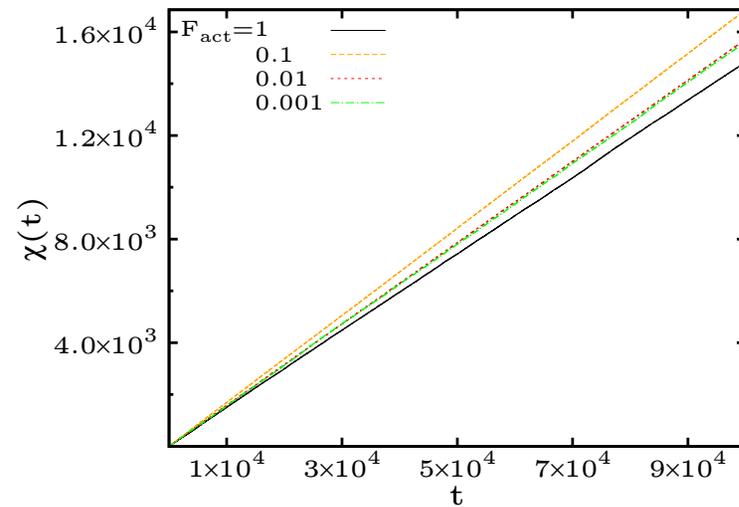
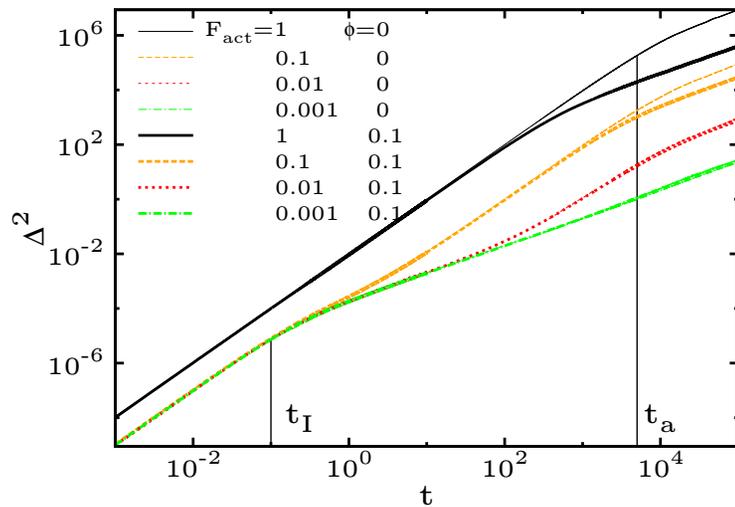
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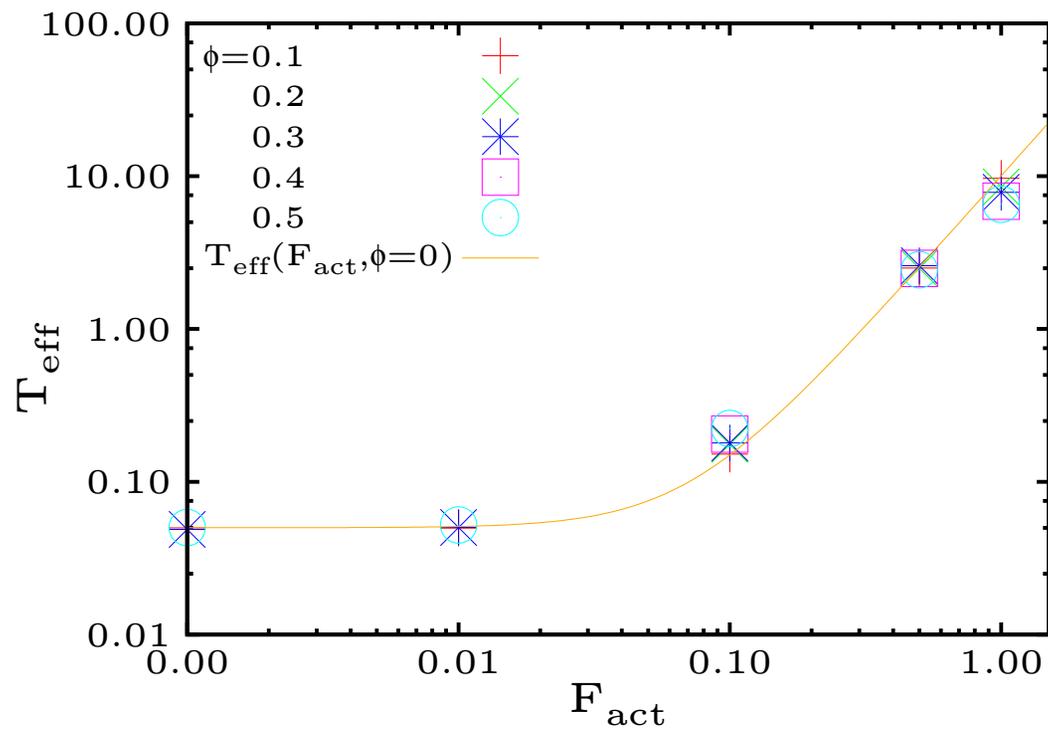
Active finite (low) density dumbbell system

$$\phi = 0.1$$



# Fluctuation-dissipation

$$\chi_{\text{cm}}(t + t_0, t_0) = 2k_B T_{\text{eff}} \Delta_{\text{cm}}^2(t + t_0, t_0)$$



$$T_{\text{eff}} \simeq 200 T$$

$$T = 0.05$$

$$Pe \simeq 4$$

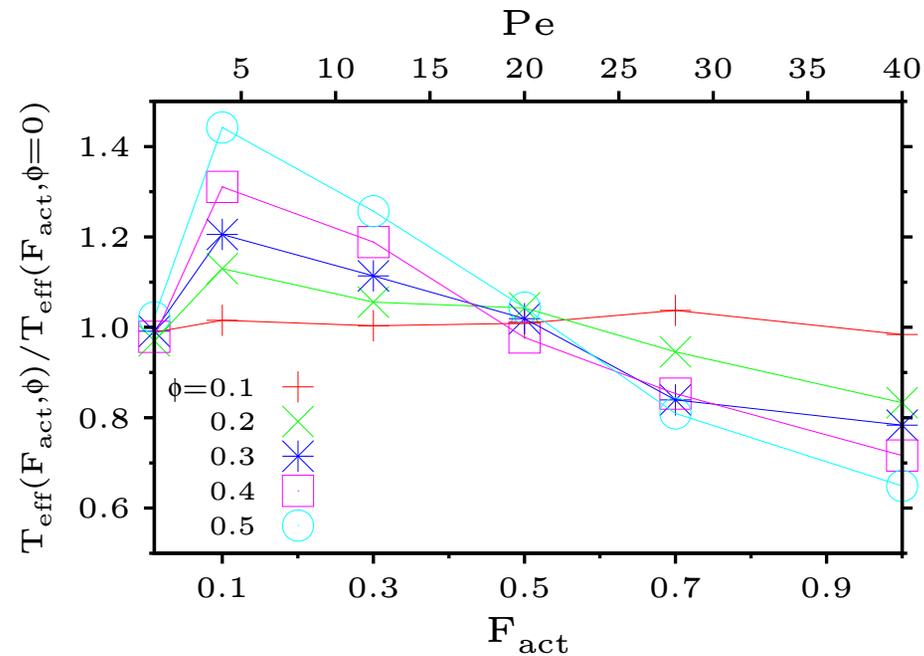
$$Pe \simeq 40$$

Very weak  $\phi$ -dependence in this scale but...

# Fluctuation-dissipation

$$\chi_{\text{cm}}(t + t_0, t_0) = 2k_B T_{\text{eff}} \Delta_{\text{cm}}^2(t + t_0, t_0)$$

Non monotonic dependence on  $\phi$



*“Dynamics of a homogeneous active dumbbell system”,*

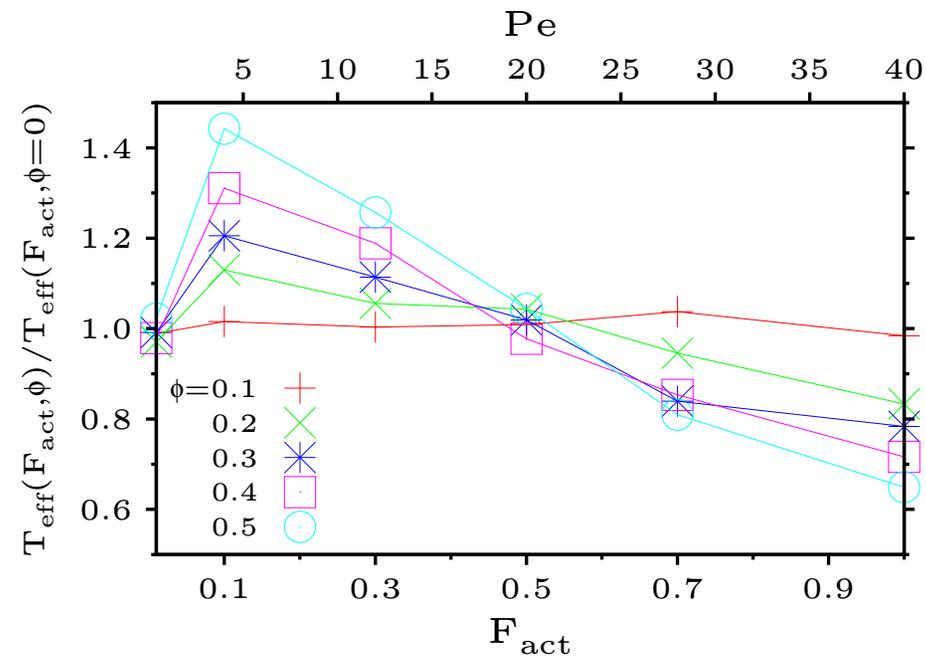
**Suma, Gonnella, Laghezza, Lamura, Mossa & LFC, Phys. Rev. E 90, 052130 (2014)**

# Fluctuation-dissipation

$$\chi_{\text{cm}}(t + t_0, t_0) = 2k_B T_{\text{eff}} \Delta_{\text{cm}}^2(t + t_0, t_0)$$

Like in Wu & Libchaber

Differently



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# Effective temperature

## Properties and measurement

- Relation to entropy.
- Control of heat-flows :  $\Delta Q$  follows  $\Delta T$ .
- Partial equilibration – transitivity :  
 $T_A = T_B, T_B = T_C \Rightarrow T_A = T_C$ .

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**Review LFC 11**



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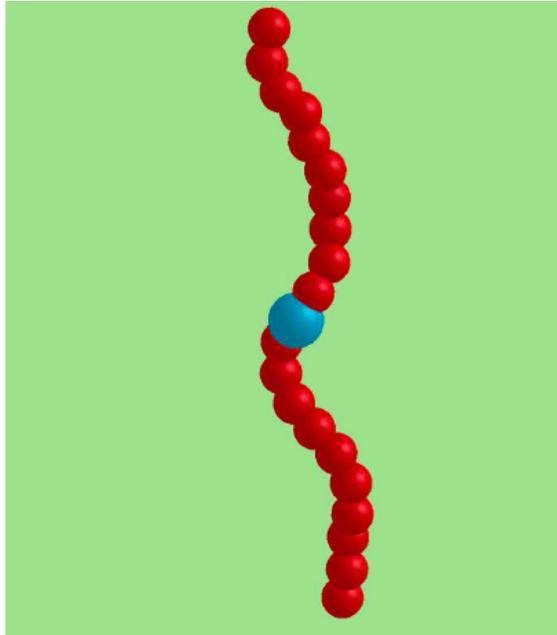
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## The “DNA” example



Molecular dynamics

Linear molecules

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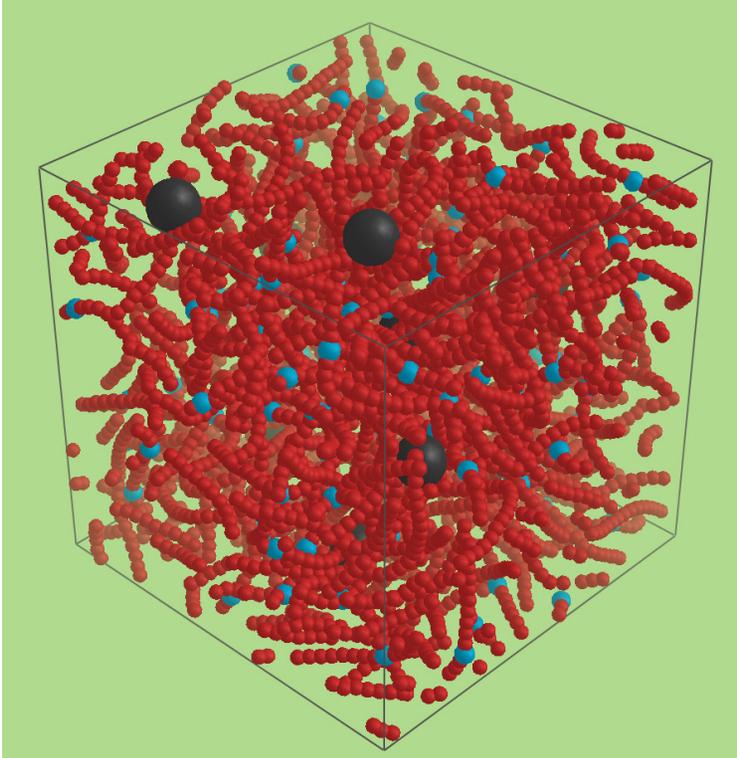
$\mathbf{F}_i^{\text{act}}$  stochastic motor forces

act during  $\tau$

$$m\dot{\mathbf{v}}_i + \gamma\mathbf{v}_i = \mathbf{F}_i^{\text{det}}(\{\mathbf{r}_j\}) + \mathbf{F}_i^{\text{act}} + \boldsymbol{\eta}_i$$

# Interacting polymers

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$\mathbf{F}_{ia}^{\text{det}}$  deterministic force

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act during  $\tau$

on  $\%_0$  polymers

Passive tracers

$$m\dot{\mathbf{v}}_{ia} + \gamma\mathbf{v}_{ia} = \mathbf{F}_{ia}^{\text{det}}(\{\mathbf{r}_j\}) + \mathbf{F}_{ia}^{\text{act}} + \boldsymbol{\eta}_{ia}$$

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# Interacting polymers

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## Forces

$$\mathbf{F}_{\alpha i}^{\text{det}} = - \sum_{\nu(\neq\alpha)}^{N_p} \sum_{j=1}^{N_m} \nabla_{\nu j} V_{\text{inter}}(r_{\alpha i \nu j}) - \sum_{j=1}^{N_m} \nabla_{\nu j} V_{\text{intra}}(r_{\alpha i \nu j})$$

mechanical force acting on monomer  $i$  in polymer  $\alpha$  exerted by the other monomers in the same and different polymers.

The inter and intra polymer potentials are of **Lennard-Jones type** :

$$V_{\text{inter}}(r) = \left\{ 4\epsilon \left[ \left( \frac{\sigma}{r} \right)^{12} - \left( \frac{\sigma}{r} \right)^6 \right] + \epsilon \right\} \theta(2^{1/6}\sigma - r)$$
$$V_{\text{intra}}(r) = \begin{cases} k(r - r_0)^2 & \text{nn} \\ \left\{ 4\epsilon \left[ \left( \frac{\sigma}{r} \right)^{12} - \left( \frac{\sigma}{r} \right)^6 \right] + \epsilon \right\} \theta(2^{1/6}\sigma - r) & \text{next nn} \end{cases}$$

Unit of energy,  $2k_B T$ , length  $0.4 \text{ nm}$ , force  $20 \text{ pN}$  at ambient temperature.

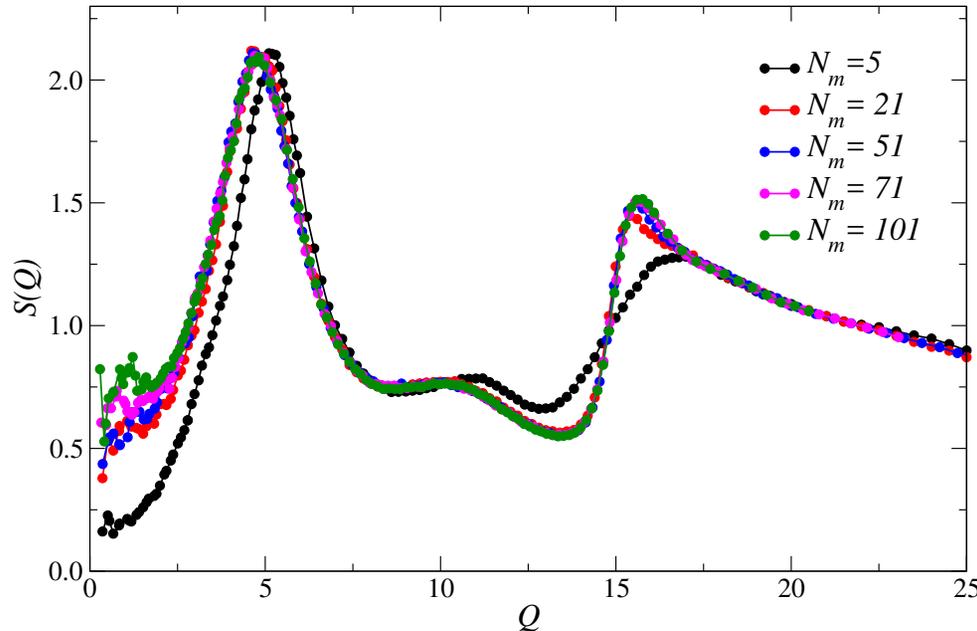
# Interacting polymers

## Structure of the passive model : liquid

Parameters such that lines are semi-flexible  $S = 2.5 r_0$  in liquid phase

Miura et al., Phys. Rev. E 63, 061807 (2001).

For  $N_p = 250$  and  $\rho = 1$ ,  $N_m$ -independent structure factor for  $N_m \gtrsim 21$ .



1st peak

$q_0^{-1} \simeq$  nn distance

(typically  $\alpha \neq \nu$ )

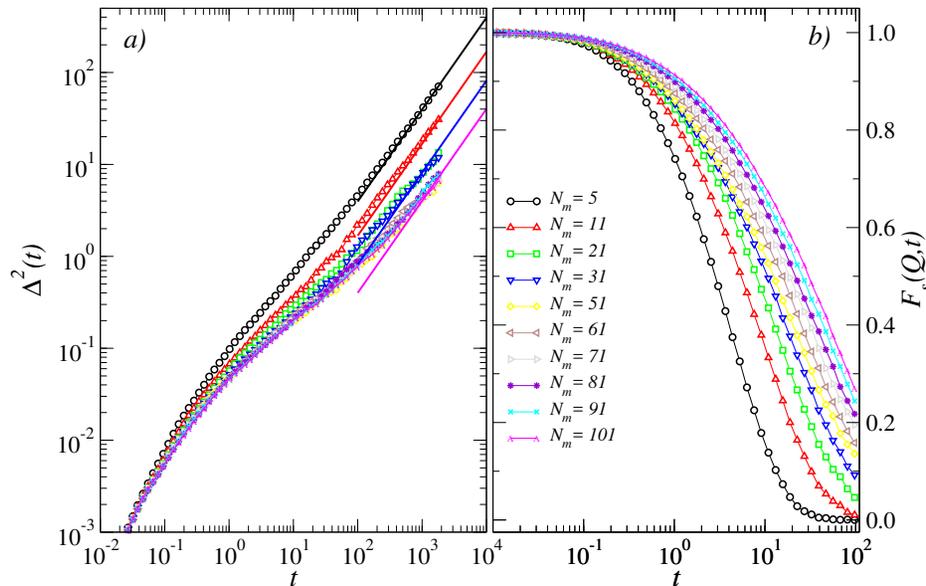
2nd peak

$q_1^{-1} \simeq$  equil. bond  $r_0$

Analysis of radius of gyration : non-Gaussian chains.

# Interacting polymers

## Dynamics of the passive model : liquid



$$D \simeq N_m^{-1}$$

$$\tau_\alpha \simeq N_m^{3/4}$$

for

$$N_m \lesssim 50$$

We used

$$N_m = 21$$

$$\Delta^2(t) = \frac{1}{N_p N_m} \sum_{\alpha=1}^{N_p} \sum_{i=1}^{N_m} \langle |\mathbf{r}_{\alpha i}(t+t_0) - \mathbf{r}_{\alpha i}(t_0)|^2 \rangle \quad \text{Mean-square displacement}$$

$$F_s(\mathbf{Q}, t) = \frac{1}{N_p N_m} \sum_{\alpha=1}^{N_p} \sum_{i=1}^{N_m} \langle e^{i\mathbf{Q}[\mathbf{r}_{\alpha i}(t+t_0) - \mathbf{r}_{\alpha i}(t_0)]} \rangle \quad \text{Incoherent scattering}$$

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# Interacting polymers

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## Adamant motor activity

Requirements :

- Homogeneously distributed in the sample.
- Motor acts at the center of the polymers (OK on short time-scales).
- Linear response regime.

Intensity given by a fraction of the conservative mechanical force of the passive system

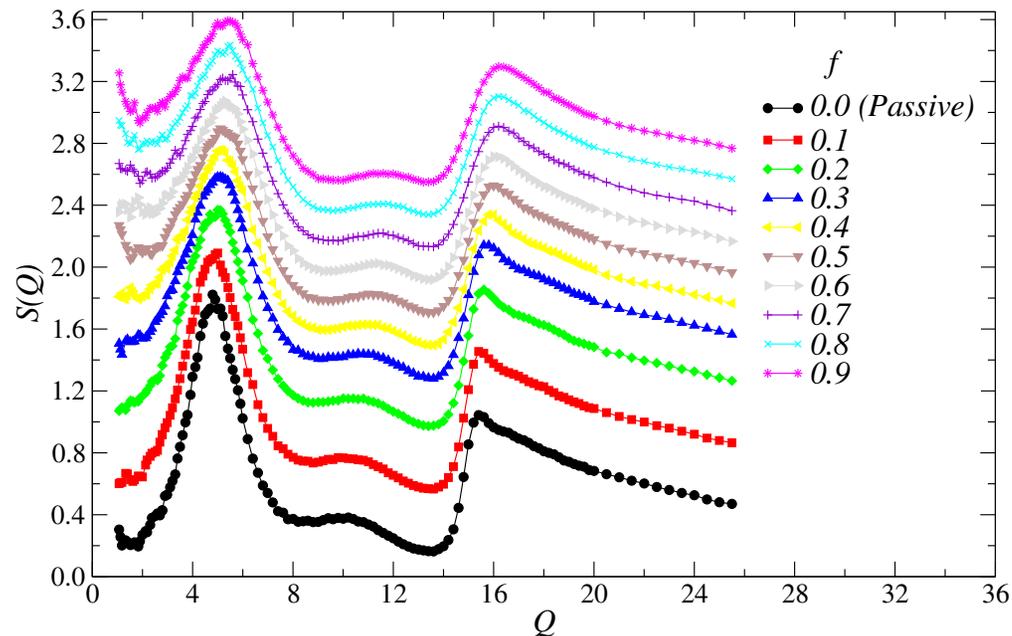
$$|\mathbf{F}_{\alpha i}^{\text{act}}| = f \frac{1}{N_p N_m} \sum_{\alpha=1}^{N_p} \sum_{i=1}^{N_m} |\mathbf{F}_{\alpha i}^{\text{det}}| = f \bar{F} \quad \bar{F} \simeq 163.5$$

- Time series of randomly applied kicks on % polymers.
- Activation time scale  $\tau = 500$  MDs: constant  $\mathbf{F}_{\alpha i}^{\text{act}}$  over this period.

The motor action is independent of the structural rearrangements induced

# Interacting polymers

## Structure properties



1st peak  $\rightarrow$  right :

nn dist. decreases, *i.e.*

**crowding.**

Width increases &

height decreases, *i.e.*

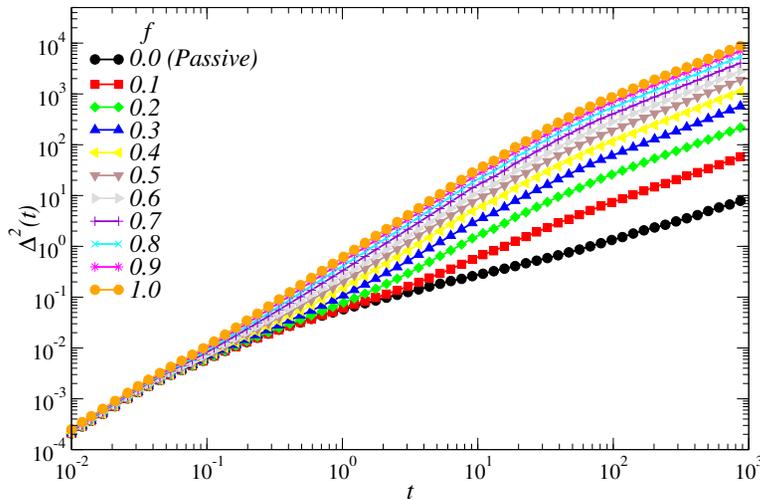
**disorder.**

Averaged radius of gyration decreases with increasing  $f$  : **chain folding.**

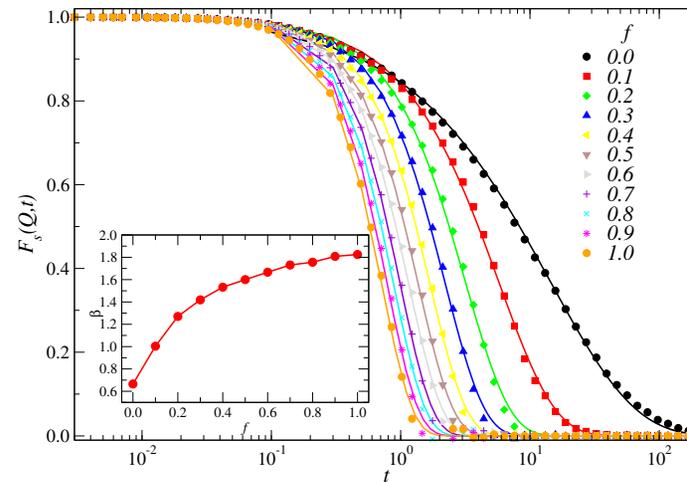
Complex dependence of its pdf with  $f$ .

# Interacting polymers

Dynamics: the diffusion constant increases with  $Pe$



$$D_A/D \simeq 1 + 1423 f^{2.29}$$

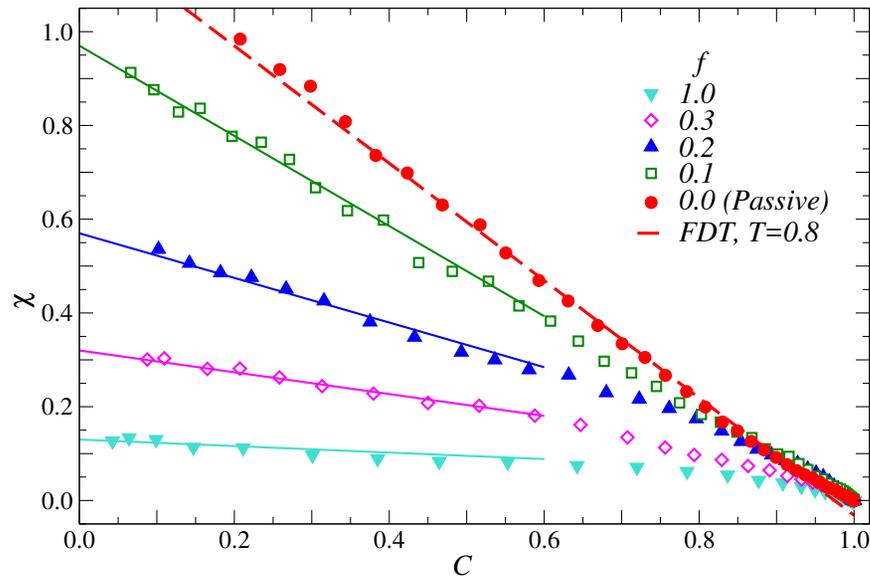


$$(\tau_A/\tau)^{-1} \simeq 1 + 19 f$$

Could the exponent be actually 2 and  $D_A/D \simeq 1 + c Pe^2$  as for the dumbbell system

# Active matter

## Integrated linear response against correlation function



$q_0$  first peak in structure factor

$$C(t) \propto \sum \langle e^{i\mathbf{q}_0 \cdot [\mathbf{r}(t+t_0, t_0) - \mathbf{r}(t_0)]} \rangle$$

$$\chi(t) \propto \sum \int_{t_0}^{t+t_0} dt' \left. \frac{\delta \langle e^{i\mathbf{q}_0 \cdot \mathbf{r}(t+t_0)} \rangle}{\delta h(t')} \right|_{h=0}$$

$$H \rightarrow H - 2h \sum \epsilon \cos(\mathbf{q}_0 \cdot \mathbf{r})$$

Sums over all monomers,  $t$  is time-delay

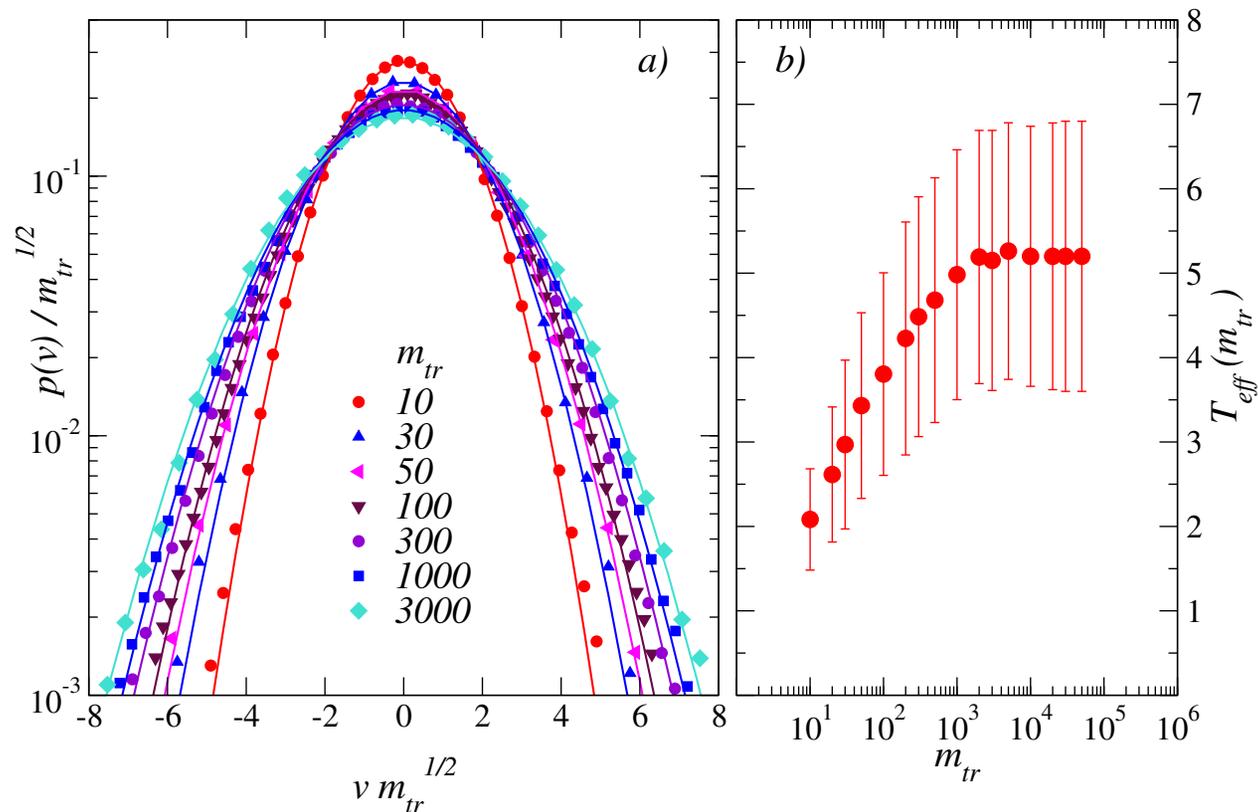
$$\chi(t) = \frac{1}{k_B T_{\text{eff}}(t)} [C(0) - C(t)]$$

In equilibrium  $T_{\text{eff}}(t) = T$ . Here,  $T_{\text{eff}}(f) = ct > T$ , for small  $C$ .

# Interacting polymers

## Tracer's velocities

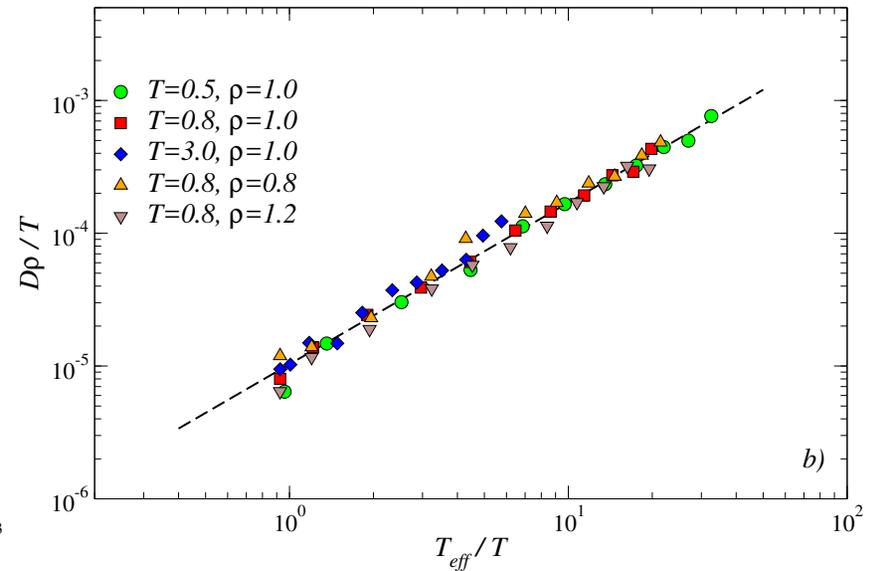
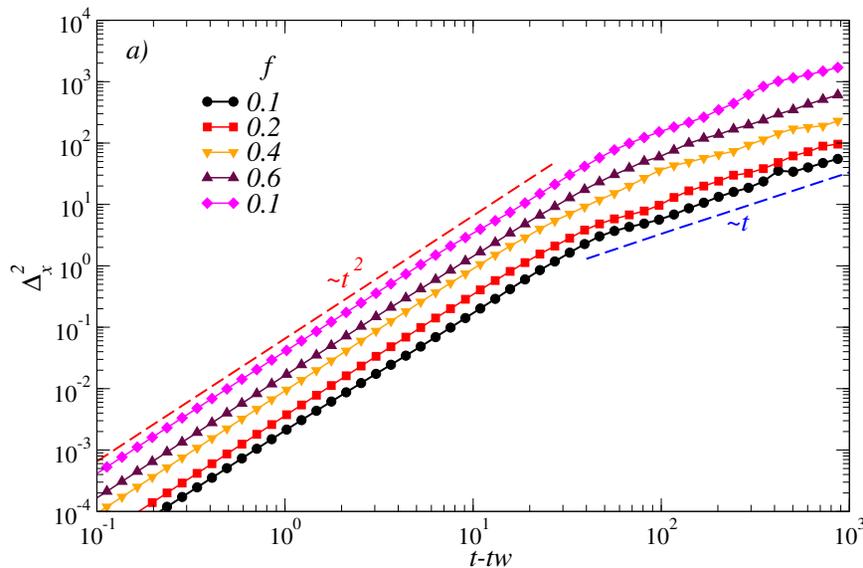
Spherical particles with mass  $m_{tr}$  that interact with the active matter.



Maxwell pdf of tracers' velocities  $v$  at an effective temperature  $T_{eff}(m_{tr})$ .

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Tracer's diffusion (cfr. Wu & Libchaber's work)



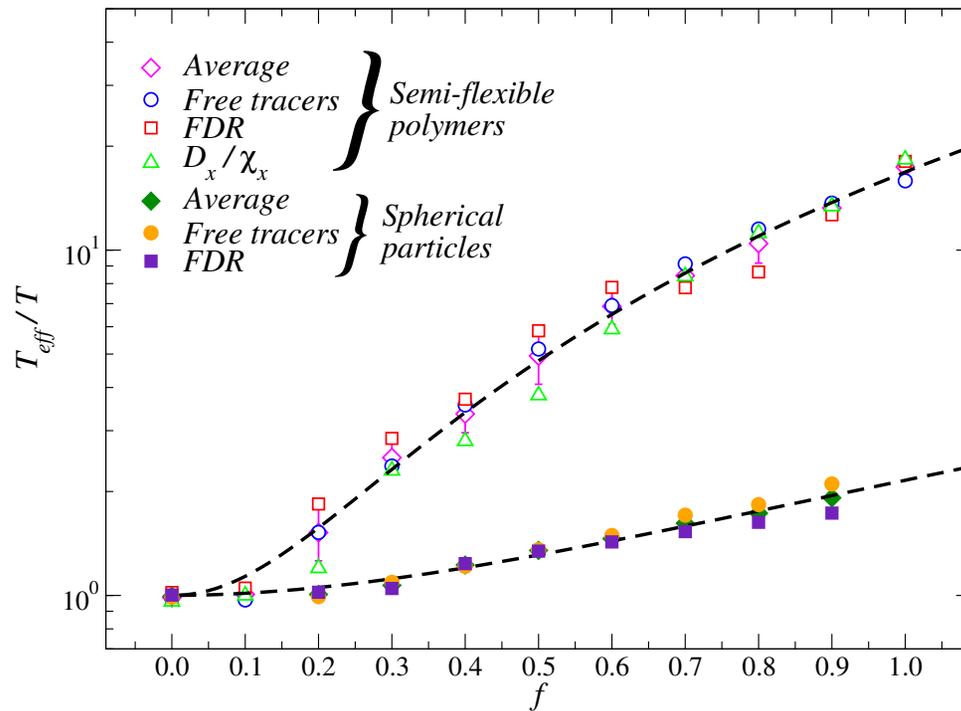
$$\Delta_{tr}^2(t + t_0, t_0) = \langle [\mathbf{r}(t + t_0) - \mathbf{r}(t_0)]^2 \rangle \simeq 2dDt$$

Brownian motion :  $D \propto k_B T$     **in active matter**

$$D_{eff} \propto k_B T_{eff}$$

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## Outcome of FDT on polymers & tracers' diffusion and kinetic energy

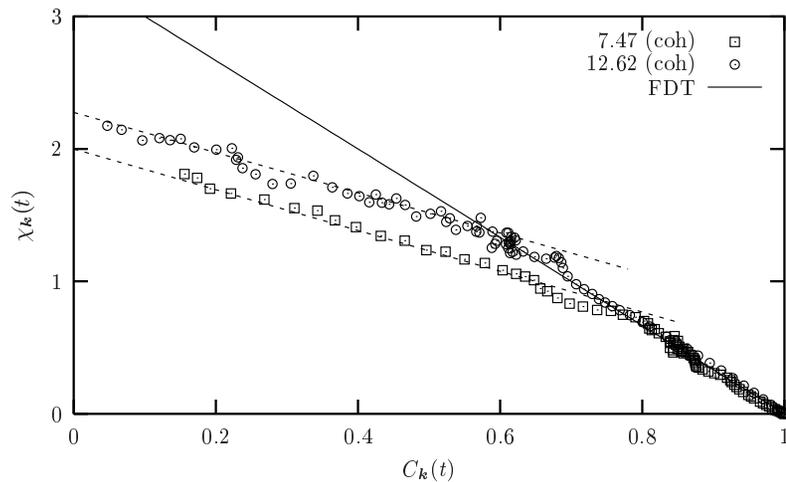


$$T_{\text{eff}}/T \simeq 1 + c f^2 \quad \stackrel{?}{=} \quad 1 + c \text{Pe}^2$$

$c \simeq 15.41$  for filaments and  $c \simeq 1.18$  for particles.

# Partial equilibrations

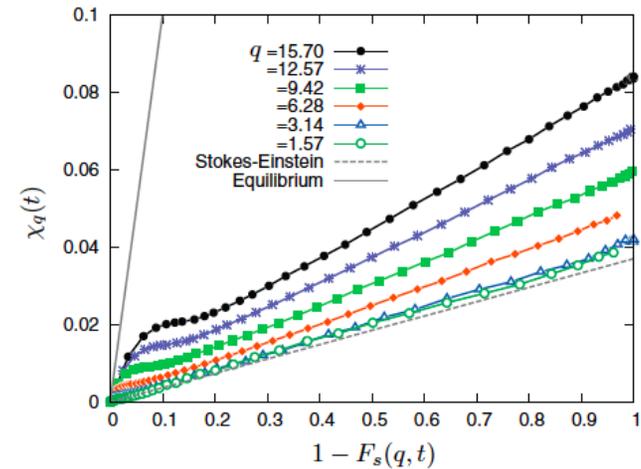
## Wave-vector dependence analysis



Lennard-Jones binary mixture

Berthier & Barrat 00

Fine



Active disks

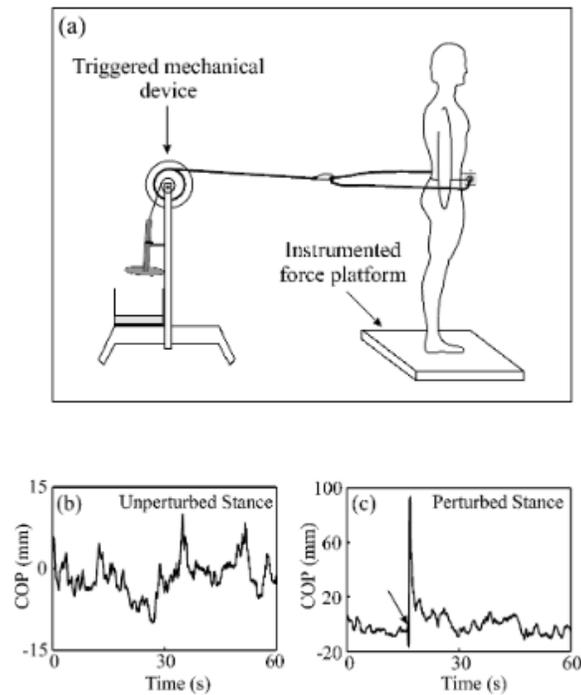
Levis & Berthier 15

Problems

To be further studied

# Experiments

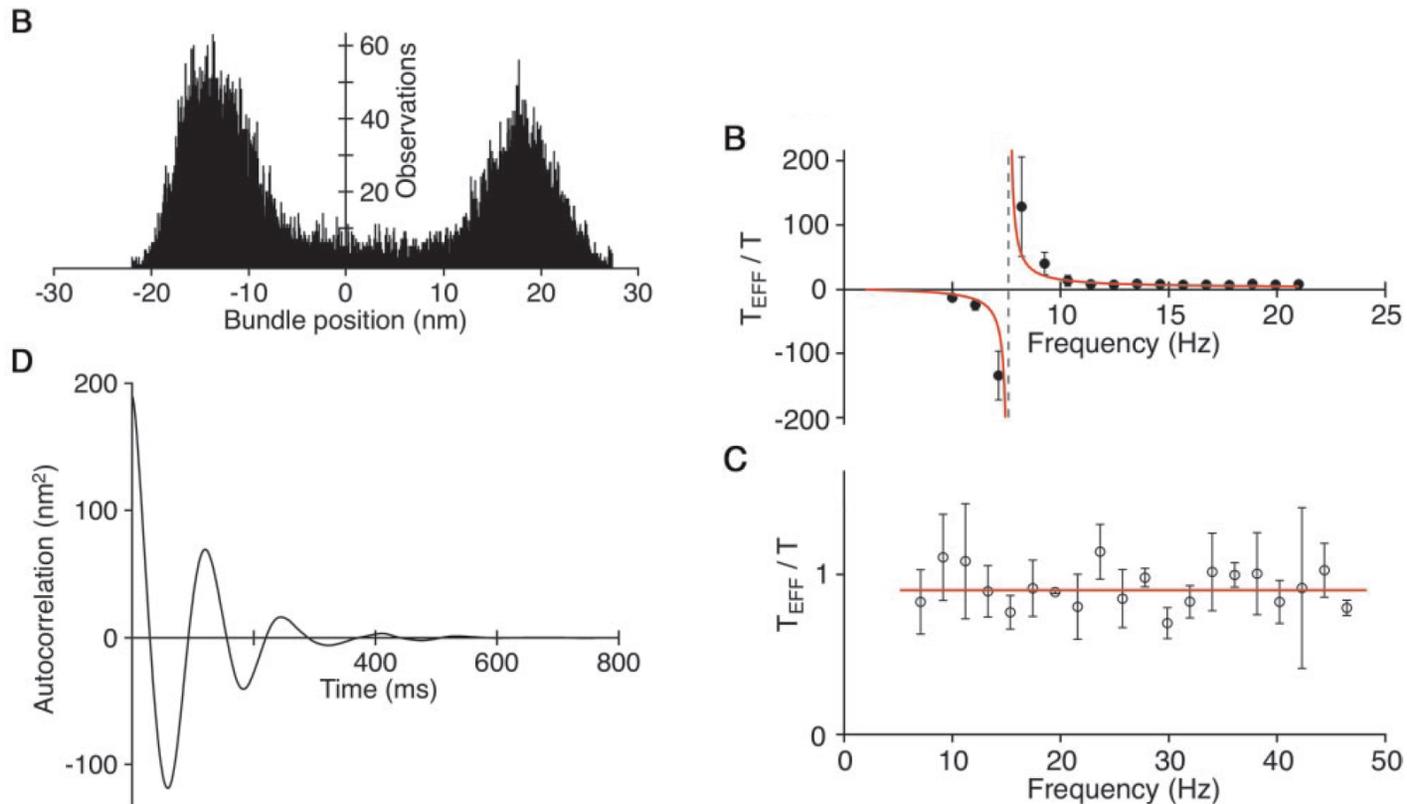
## Human FDT



*“Human Balance out of Equil. : Nonequilibrium Statistical Mechanics in Posture Control”*, Lauk, Chow, Pavlik & Collins, *Phys. Rev. Lett.* 80, 413 (1998)

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## Ear Hair bundle

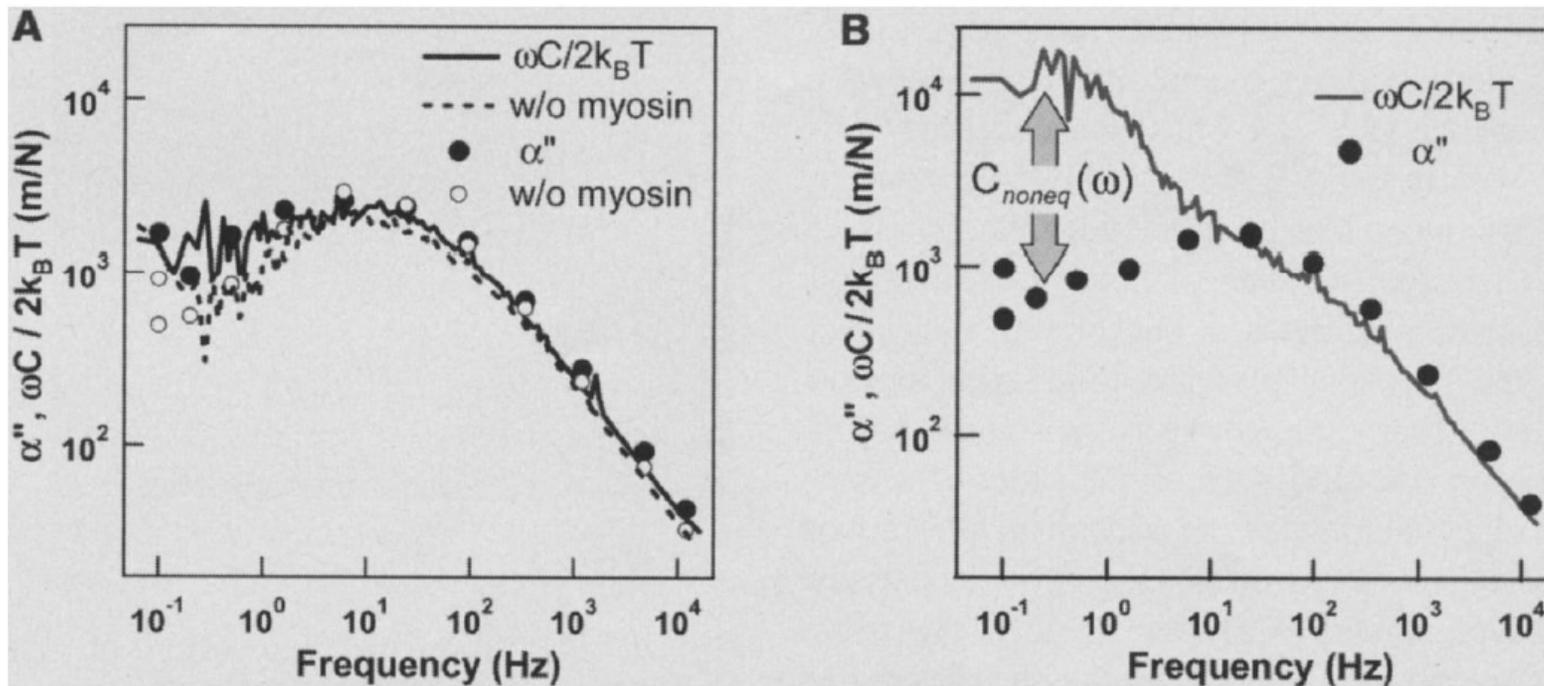


*“Comparison of a hair bundle’s spontaneous oscillations with its response to mechanical stimulation reveals the underlying active process”*

**Martin, Hudspeth & Jülicher, PNAS 98, 14380 (2001)**

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## Mechanical response of the cell cytoskeleton



*“Non equilibrium mechanics of active cytoskeletal network”*

Mizuno, Tardin, Schmidt, MacKintosh, *Science* 315, 370 (2015)

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## Boltzmann distribution for the sedimentation of a gas

Under the only effect of gravity, how does the density of a perfect gas depend upon the vertical distance  $z$  from a reference  $z_0$  ?

$$P(z + dz) - P(z) = -mg\rho(z) dz \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{dP(z)}{dz} = -mg\rho(z)$$

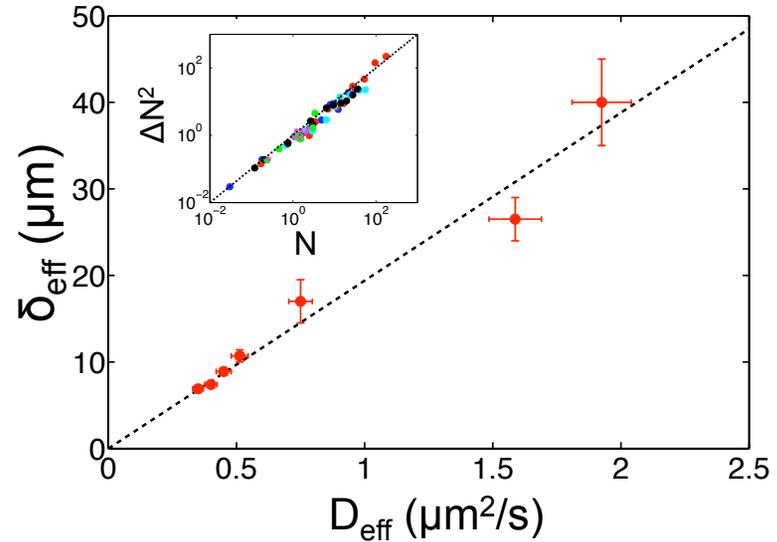
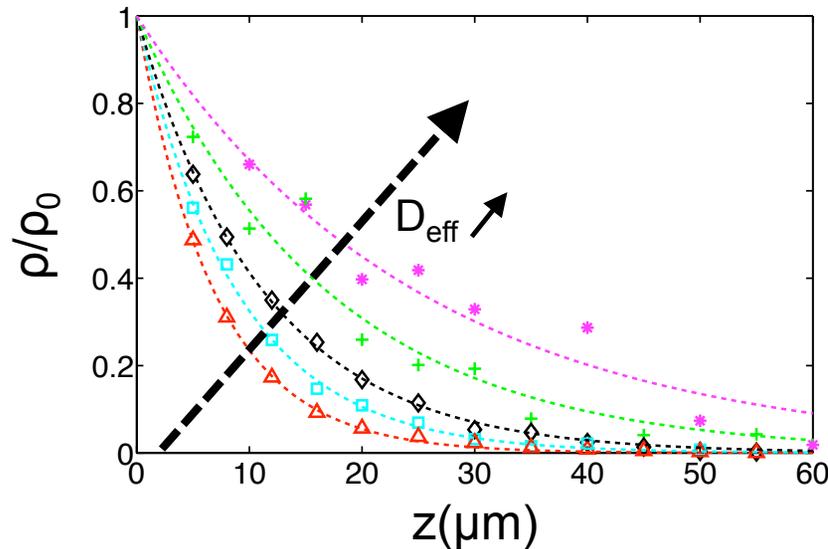
with  $m$  the mass of the particles in the gas,  $g$  the gravitational acceleration,  $\rho(z)$  the density of the gas at height  $z$  and  $P(z)$  its pressure at the same height.

Using the perfect gas law  $P(z) = \rho(z)k_B T$

$$\frac{d\rho(z)}{dz} = -\frac{mg}{k_B T} \rho(z) \quad \Rightarrow \quad \boxed{\rho(z) = \rho(z_0) e^{-\beta mgz}}$$

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## Sedimentation of Janus particles in a very dilute limit



$$\rho(z) \simeq \rho_0 e^{-z/\delta_{\text{eff}}} \quad \text{with} \quad \delta_{\text{eff}} = \frac{k_B T_{\text{eff}}}{mg} \propto D_{\text{eff}}$$

“Sedimentation and effective temperature of active colloidal suspensions”

Palacci et al. Phys. Rev. Lett. 105, 088304 (2010)

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# Summary

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- Deviations from FDT reveal the nonequilibrium character of a system.
- It was used for ear hair bundles, the cytoskeleton, bacterial baths, etc.
- A time-delay dependent effective temperature can be extracted from the modification of the FDT.
- Its thermodynamic properties have to be tested by measuring it with thermometers, checking partial equilibrations, etc.
  - In low density interacting systems of particles and polymers under adamant motors (homogeneous liquid systems) ✓
  - In interacting active dumbbell systems : need to revisit the effects of clustering and coexistence (**see next lectures !**)
  - In active hard disk models : same claim as above.
  - In Vicsek model : + difficulty posed by singular passive limit.