

Viscosity of glass-forming liquids

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Background and motivation

About flow

Haracritus:

"everything is in a state of flux".

Confucius (孔夫子) stood by a river:

"Everyting flows like this, without ceasing, day and night".

Deborah:

"Everything flows if you wait long enough, even the mountains".

Flow is everywhere!



Flow is remarkable, but sometimes dangerous!



How to judge whether a substance is liquid or solid?

A fundamental number of rheology:
Deborah number (D_e)

$$D_e = \frac{\tau}{t}$$

Time of relaxation

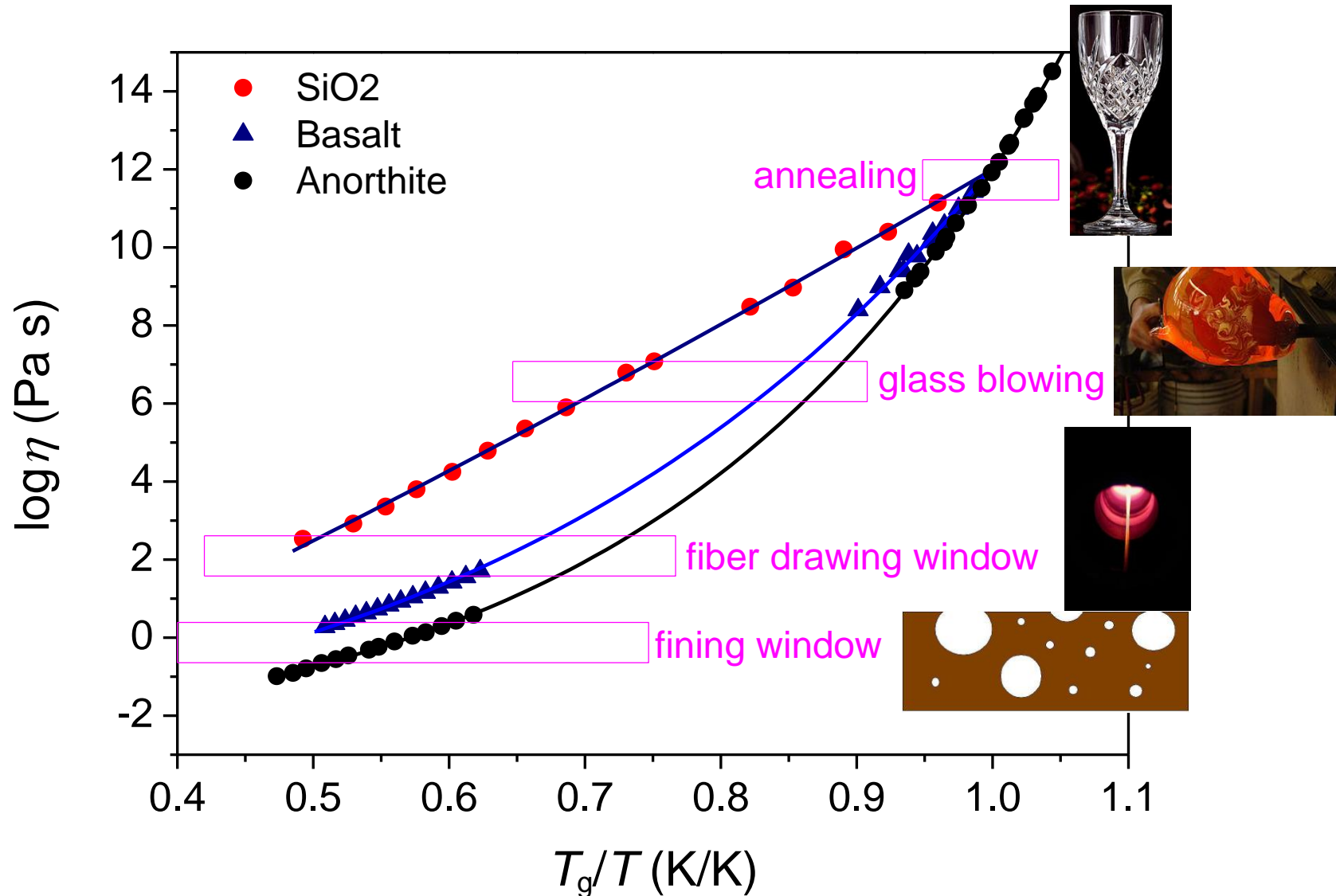
Time of observation

If $\tau < t$, a substance is a liquid, otherwise, a solid!

Some liquids flow easily, some not.
How to quantify this?
Measure **Viscosity** by viscometers:

- Concentric Cylinder
- Parallel-Plate Compression
- Capillary
- Beam Bending
- Fiber Elongation
- Sphere penetration
- Melt containerless levitation
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Viscosity is a crucial quantity of glass technology.



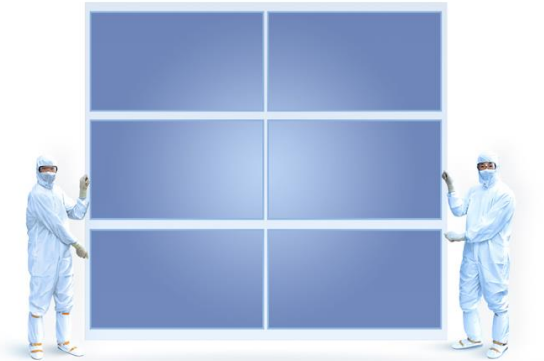
Viscosity determines

- Melting conditions
- Fining behaviour
- Working ranges
- Annealing range
- Upper temperature of use
- Devitrification rate
- Glass forming window
- Glass fiber drawing window



CORNING

Artwork is showing six 65-inch panels on a Gen 10 glass substrate



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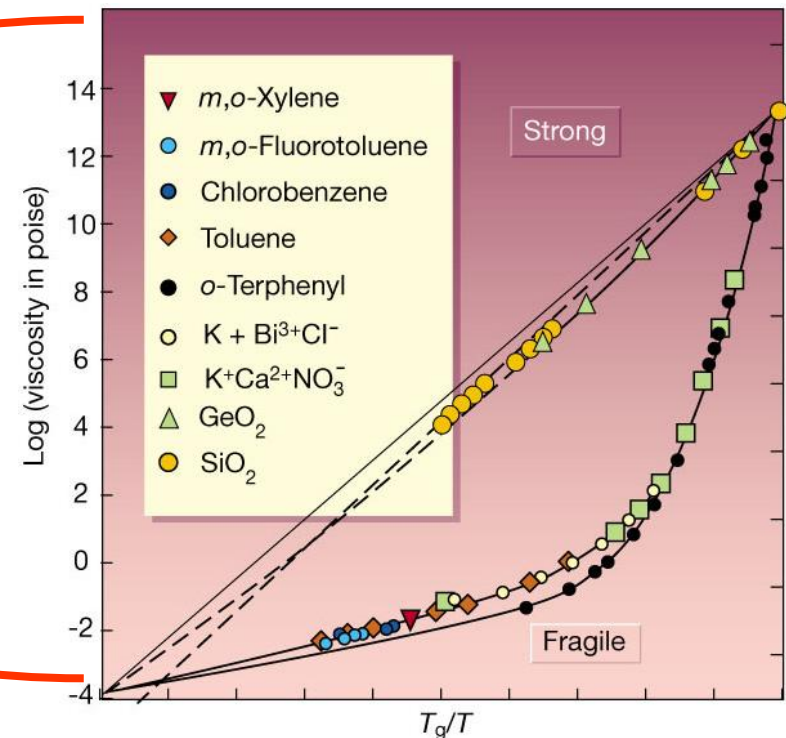
- Every step of industrial glass formation depends critically on the viscosity.
- The glass product relaxation depends on the nonequilibrium viscosity of the glass, which is a function of composition, temperature, and thermal history.

Viscosity is a key quantity of glass science.

It provides information on

- Glass dynamics
- Transport properties
- Glass structure
- Liquid fragility
- Thermodynamics
- Geology
- Crystallization
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Angell plot

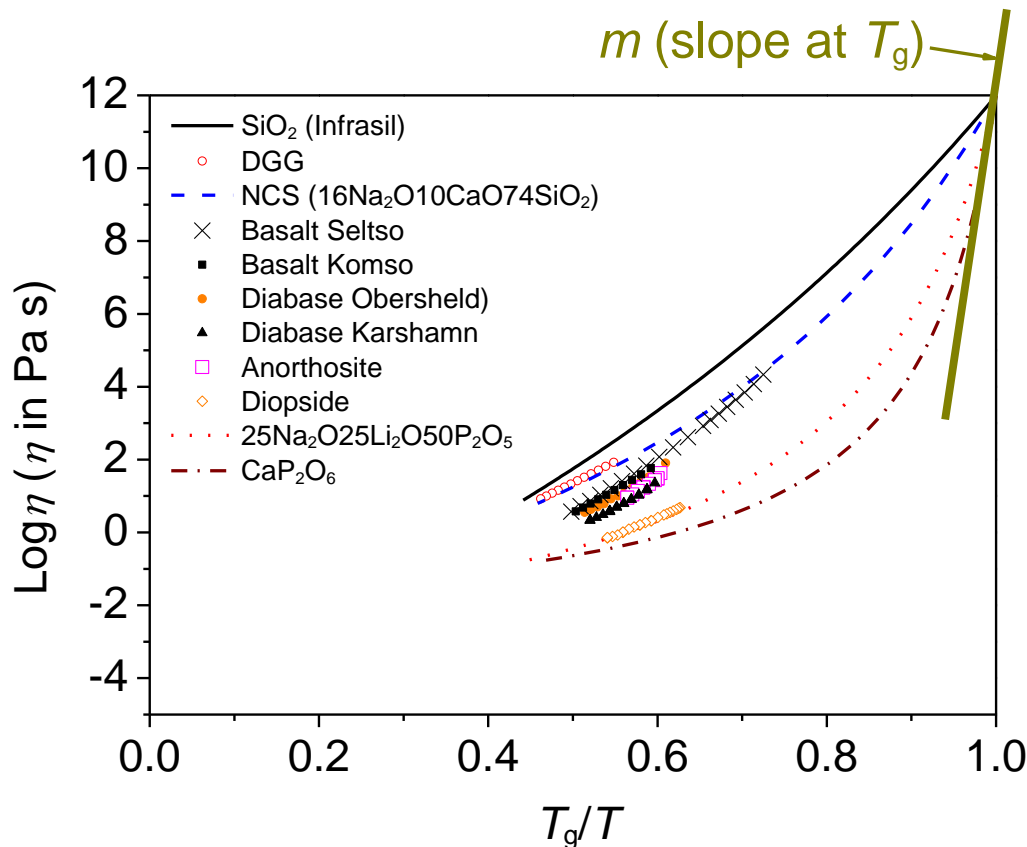


Viscosity of a melt varies with

- **Temperature**
- **Time**
- **Deformation rate**
- **Pressure**
- **Composition**
- **Hydroxyl**
- **Crystallization**
- **Phase separation**
- **Inclusions**
- **.....**

The non-Arrhenian behavior of liquids is described by liquid fragility.

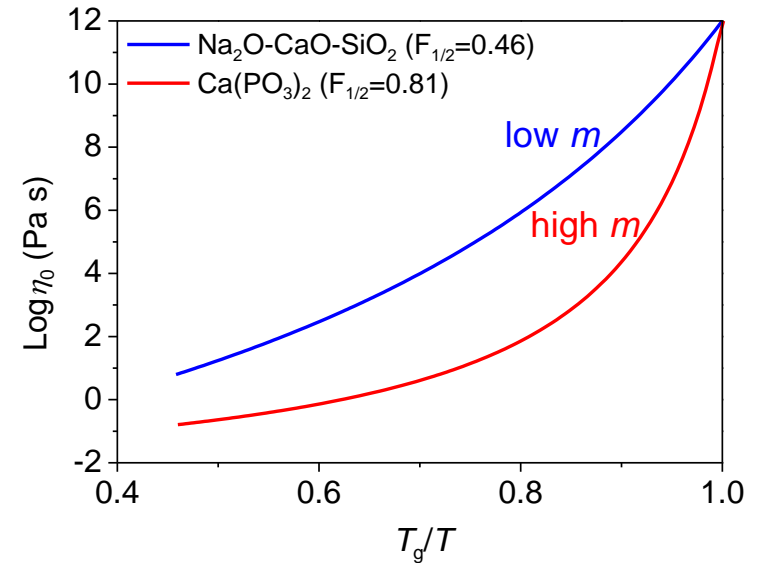
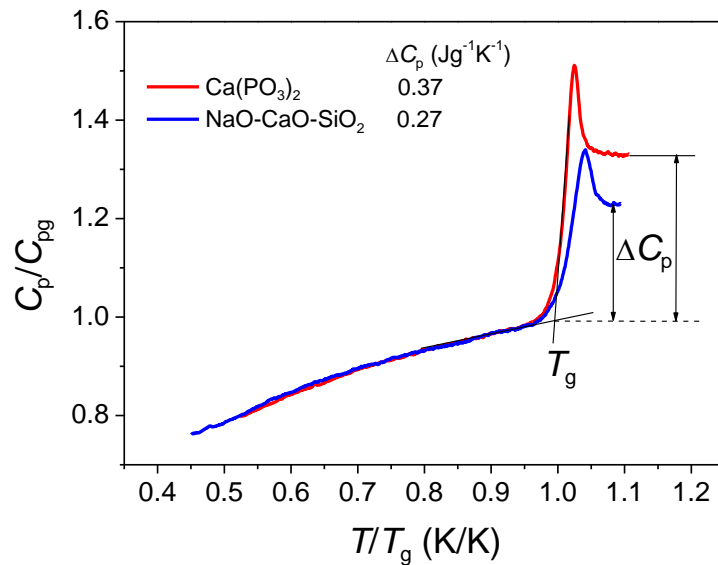
It is quantified by the kinetic liquid fragility index m .



$$m = \left. \frac{d \log \eta}{d(T_g / T)} \right|_{T=T_g}$$

- It is defined as the rate of the viscosity or relaxation liquid at T_g upon cooling.
- It is an important dynamic parameter of glass-forming liquids.

Connection between fragility index (m) and heat capacity jump (ΔC_p) in glass



$$\Delta C_p = \frac{A}{T_g} \left(\frac{m}{m_0} - 1 \right)$$

Smedskjaer, et al. J. Phys. Chem. B, 2011

Viscosity models

Vogel-Fulcher-Tamman (VFT) Model

$$\eta = \eta_{\infty} \exp\left(\frac{A'}{T-T_0}\right)$$

where η_{∞} is the high temperature limit of viscosity, and A and T_0 are constants. Or

$$\log \eta = \log \eta_{\infty} + \frac{A}{T-T_0}$$

$T_0 = T_k$? This is a debating problem.

Vogel, *Phys. Zeit.* **22** (1921) 645; Fulcher, *J. Am. Ceram. Soc.* **8** (1925) 339
Tammann, Hesse, *Z. Anorg. Allg. Chem.* **156** (1926) 245

Adam-Gibbs (AG) Model (Entropy model)

$$\eta = \eta_{\infty} \exp\left(\frac{B'}{TS_c(T)}\right)$$

where η_{∞} is the high temperature limit of viscosity, B is constant, and $S_c(T)$ is the configurational entropy as a function of temperature:

$$S_c(T) = \Delta C_p \ln\left(\frac{T}{T_K}\right) \text{ This is a problem too.}$$

Adam and Gibbs, *J. Chem. Phys.* **43** (1965)139

Avramov-Milchev (AM) Model

$$\log \eta = \log \eta_{\infty} + B_{AM} \left(\frac{T_g}{T} \right)^F$$

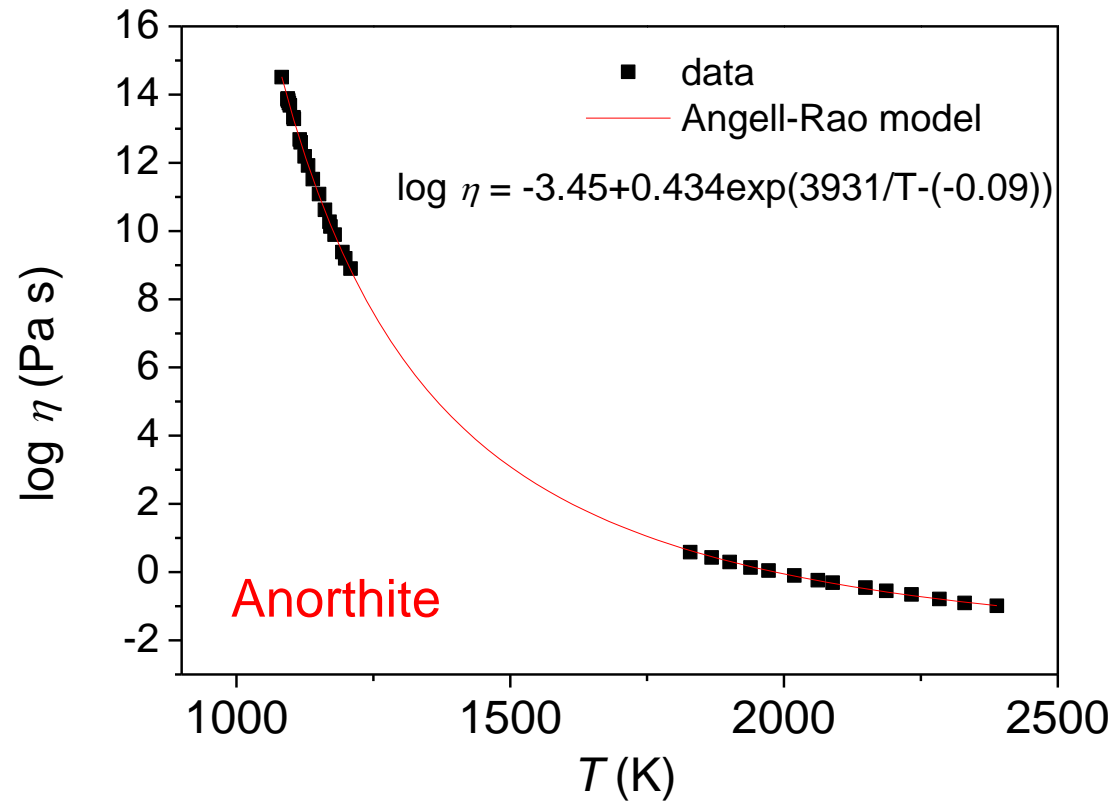
where η_{∞} is the high temperature limit of viscosity, B_{AM} constant, and T_g the glass transition temperature, and F is a measure of liquid fragility.

$F=m/B_{AM}$, where m is the Angell fragility index

Angell-Rao (AR) model

Angell and Rao, JCP (1972)

$$\log \eta = \log \eta_{\infty} + A \exp\left(\frac{B}{T} - C\right)$$



This 4-parameters model with fits the data excellently and bears physical meaning.

Other models

- Free volume model
- Doremus model
- Shoving model
- Sanditov model
- Parabolic model
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See recent reviews:

M. I. Ojovan, *Adv. Condensed Mat. Phys.*, 2008,

S.V. Nemilov, *J. Non-Cryst. Solids*, 2011

Q. Zheng, J.C. Mauro, *J. Am. Ceram. Soc.*, 2017.

Derivation of our new model (MYEGA)

$$\log \eta = \log \eta_{\infty} + \frac{K}{T} \exp\left(\frac{C}{T}\right)$$

$$\log \eta = \log \eta_{\infty} + \frac{B_3}{TS_c}$$

Adam-Gibbs expression

The configurational entropy

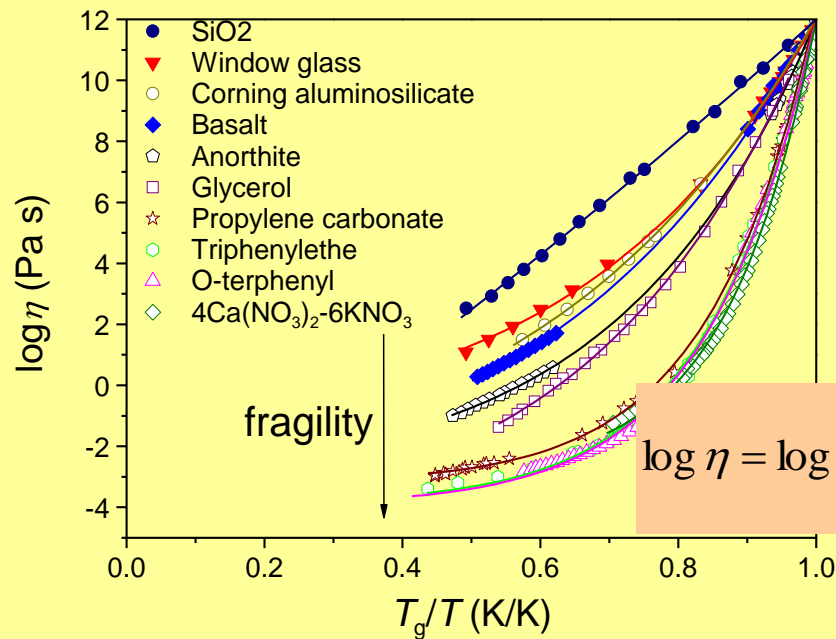
$$S_c = fNk \ln \Omega$$

Topological degrees of freedom
A simple two-state system

$$f = 3 \exp\left(-\frac{H}{kT}\right)$$

The viscosity-temperature relation for *most* liquids can be described by VFT and AM models, even better by MYEGA:

$\eta \sim T$ relation for oxide, ionic and molecular liquids

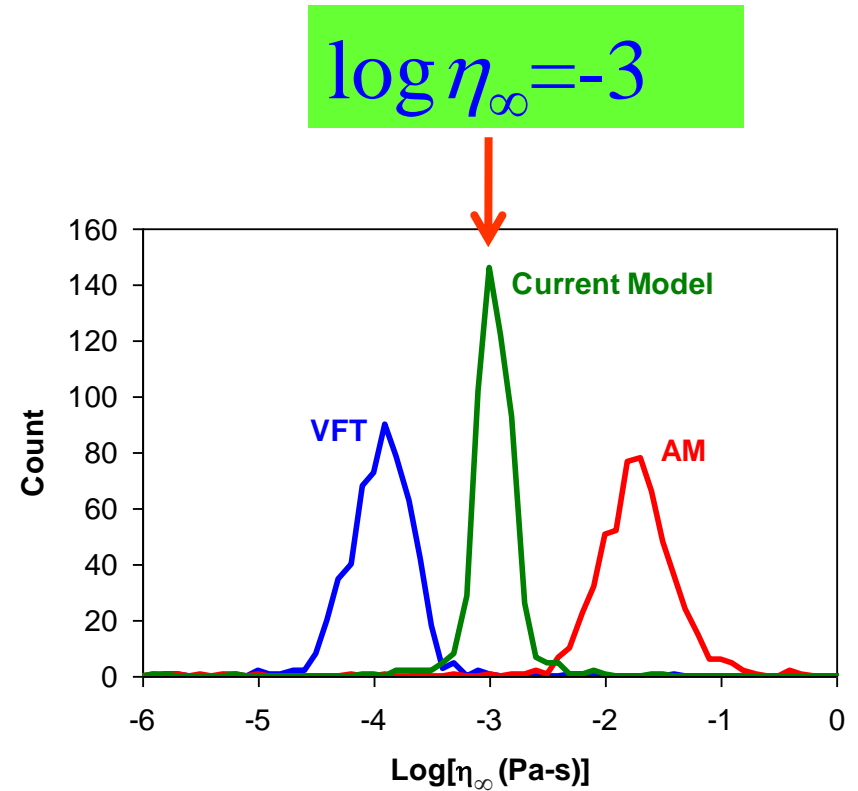
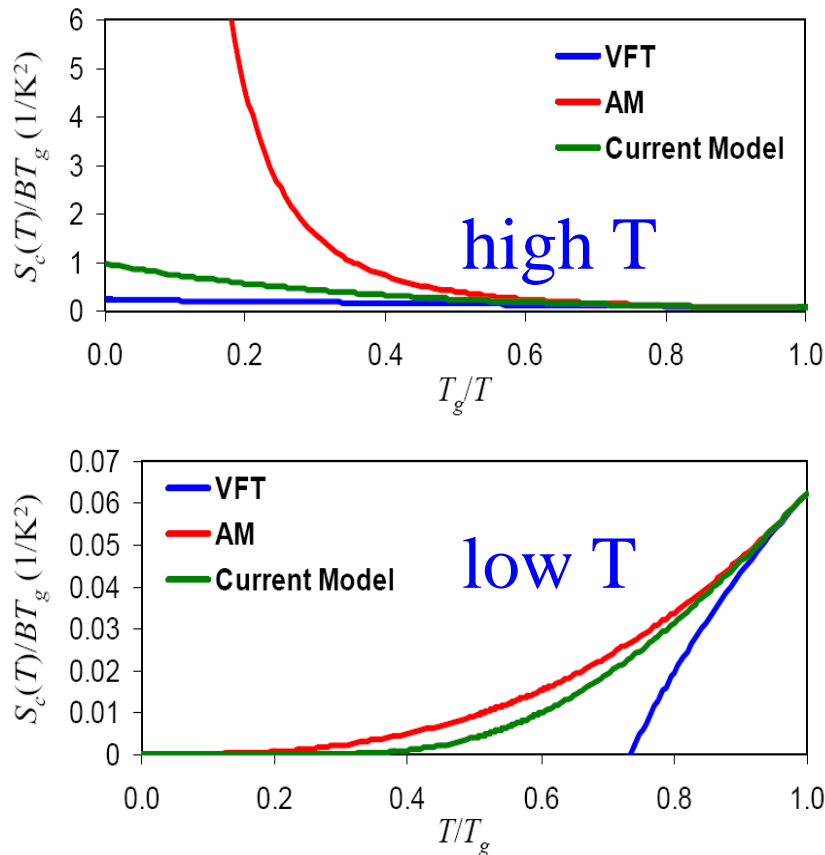


$$\log \eta = \log \eta_{\infty} + \frac{B}{T} \exp\left(\frac{C}{T}\right)$$



$$\log \eta = \log \eta_{\infty} + (12 - \log \eta_{\infty}) \frac{T_g}{T} \exp\left[\left(\frac{m}{12 - \log \eta_{\infty}} - 1\right)\left(\frac{T_g}{T} - 1\right)\right]$$

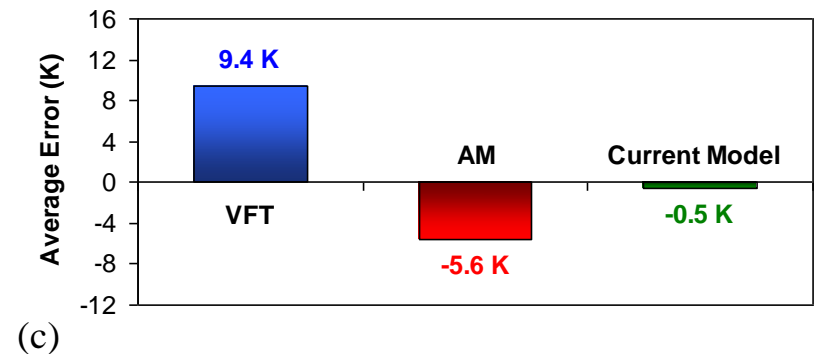
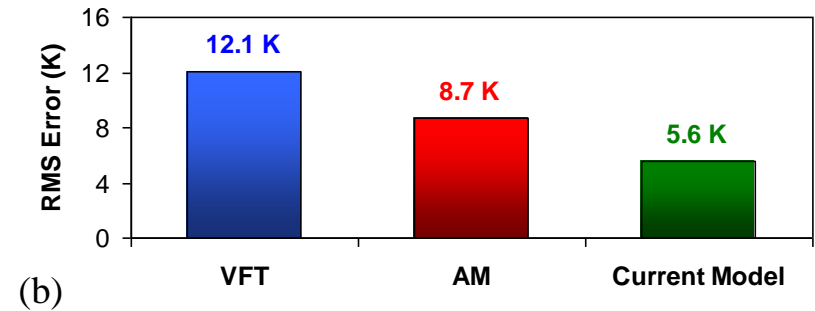
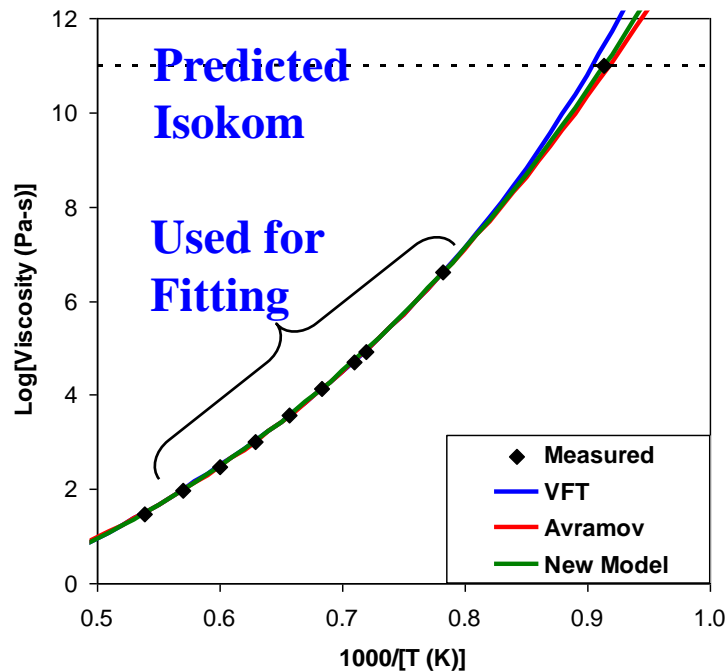
The new model is physically reasonable. (Fitting results based on 1000 glasses)



New model:

- S_c converges at $T=\infty$
- $S_c = 0$ at $T=0$
- $\log \eta_\infty$: the narrowest distribution
- $\log \eta_\infty = -3$: A universal value?

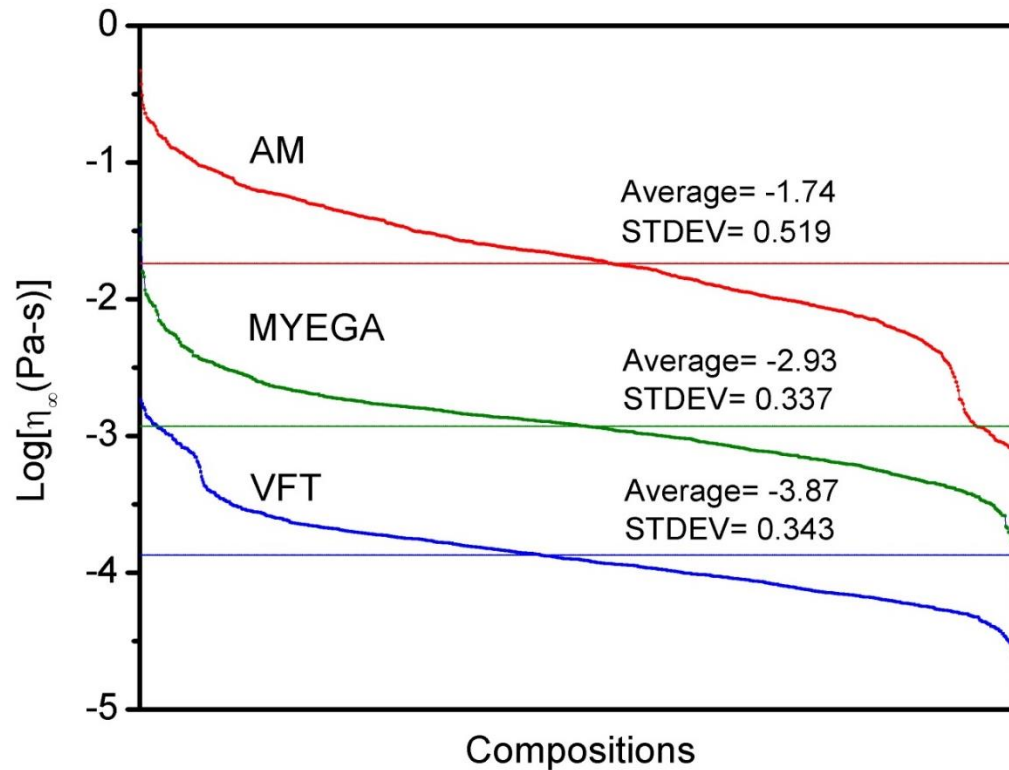
The new model is practically useful.



The new model shows stronger ability to predict low T viscosity data from high T viscosity data than the other 3-parameter models.

Is there a universal $\log \eta_{\infty}$ value?

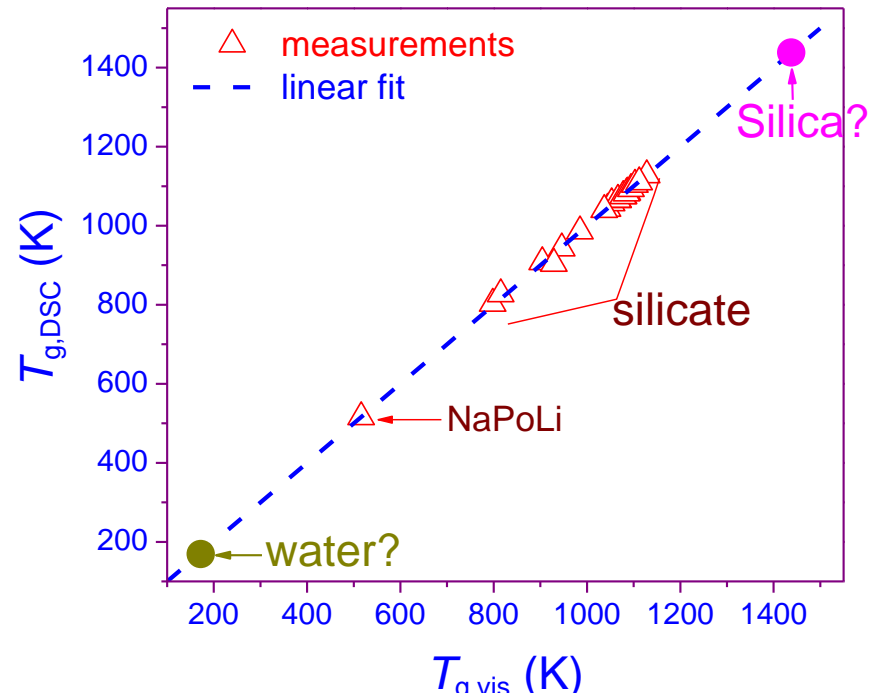
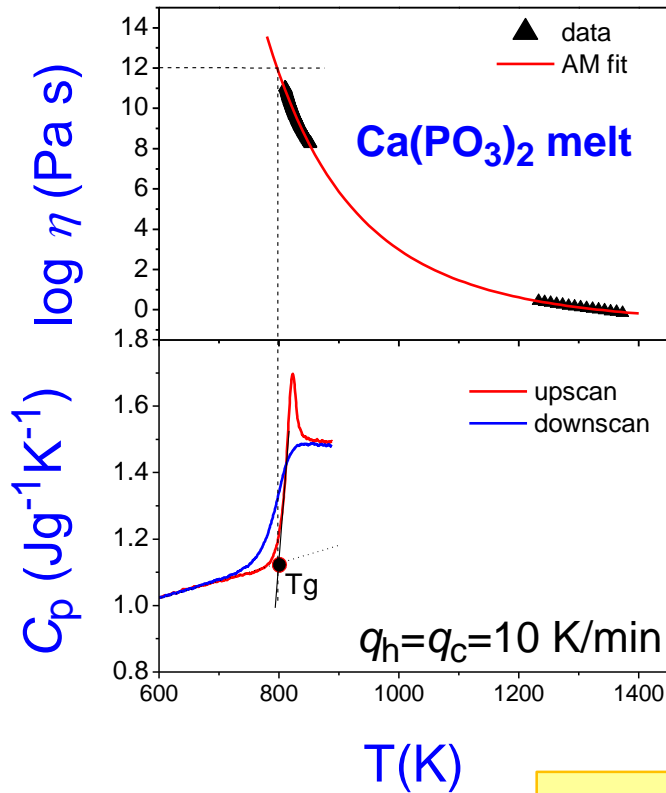
Results on 946 Corning compositions



It is about -3!

Zheng, et al. *Phys. Rev. B* 2011

$T_{g,vis}$ (from viscosity) and $T_{g,DSC}$ (from DSC)



$$T_{g,10\text{K/min}} = T_{\log \eta = 12}$$

Practical use of the MYEGA

$$\log \eta = \log \eta_{\infty} + \frac{B}{T} \exp\left(\frac{C}{T}\right)$$

$$m = \left. \frac{d \log \eta}{d(T_g/T)} \right|_{T=T_g}$$

$$\log \eta = \log \eta_{\infty} + (\log \eta_{T_g} - \log \eta_{\infty}) \frac{T_g}{T} \exp \left[\left(\frac{m}{\log \eta_{T_g} - \log \eta_{\infty}} - 1 \right) \left(\frac{T_g}{T} - 1 \right) \right]$$

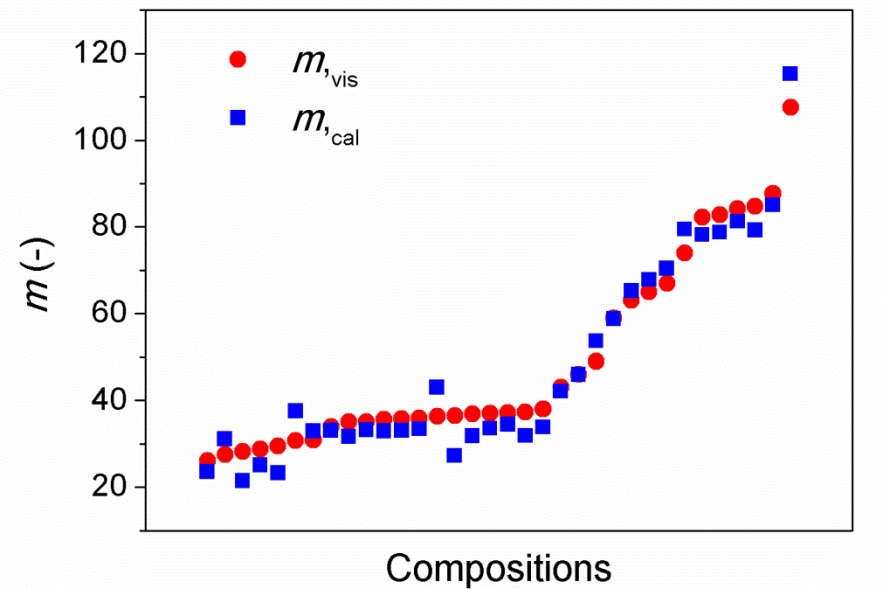
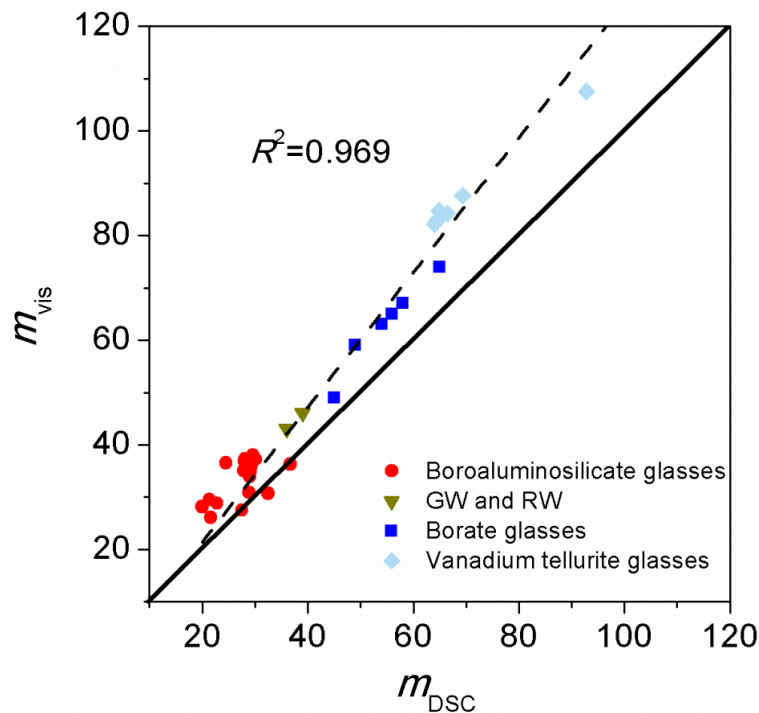
For inorganic systems
 $\eta_{\infty} \approx 10^{-3} \text{ Pa s}$

For inorganic systems
 $\eta_{T_g} \approx 10^{12} \text{ Pa s}$

$$\log \eta = -3 + 15 \frac{T_g}{T} \exp \left[\left(\frac{m}{15} - 1 \right) \left(\frac{T_g}{T} - 1 \right) \right]$$

Now, only two parameters, m and T_g , remain. Meaning: the entire $\log \eta \sim T$ relation can be estimated just by DSC!

Be careful with the difference between m_{vis} and m_{DSC}



A model:

$$m_{\text{vis}} - m_0 = (m_{\text{DSC}} - m_0)[1 + f(m_{\text{DSC}} - m_0)]$$



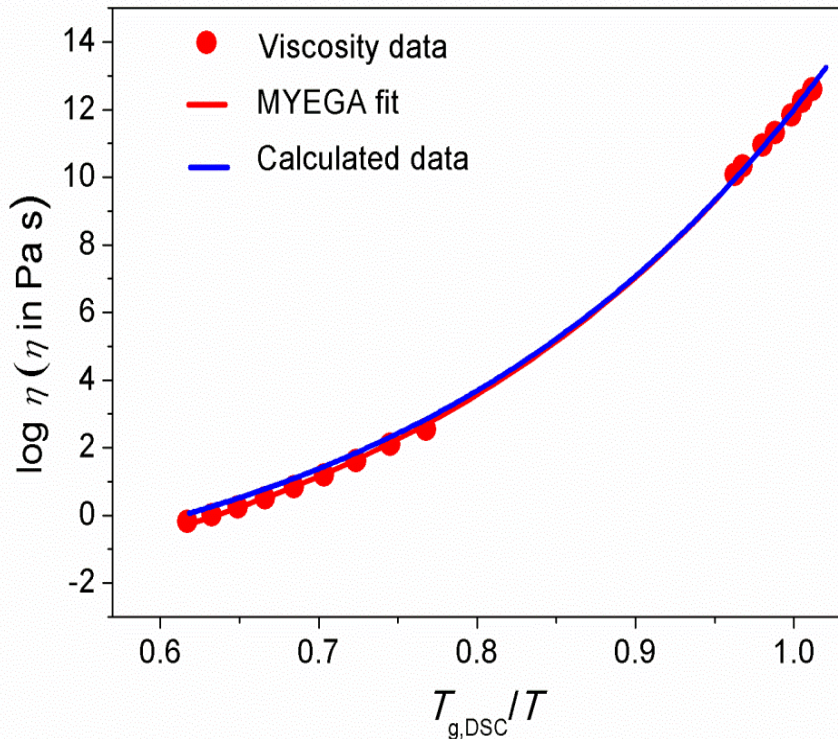
$$m_{\text{vis}} = 1.289(m_{\text{DSC}} - m_0) + m_0$$

- $m_{\text{vis}} > m_{\text{DSC}}$
- $m_{\text{vis}} - m_{\text{DSC}}$ due to Arrhenian approximation of non-Arrhenius behavior
- $m_{\text{vis}} - m_{\text{DSC}}$ increases as fragility increases

The entire viscosity-temperature curve can be determined by DSC!

$$\log \eta = -3 + 15 \frac{T_g}{T} \exp \left[\left(\frac{m}{15} - 1 \right) \left(\frac{T_g}{T} - 1 \right) \right]$$

Example



Based on the facts:

- T_g and m_{DSC} are measurable by DSC
- m_{DSC} can be converted to m_{vis} .
- $\log_{10} \eta_{\infty} = -3$
- T_g corresponds to 10^{12} Pa s

Advantages of the DSC method:

- It is simpler.
- Takes much less time than viscometry technique.
- Uses smaller samples.
- Measure both good and poor glass forming systems.

Derivation of VFT from MYEGA

$$\begin{aligned}\log \eta(T) &= \log \eta_{\infty} + \frac{C}{T} \exp\left(\frac{K}{T}\right) \\ &= \log \eta_{\infty} + \frac{C}{T \exp(-K/T)}\end{aligned}$$

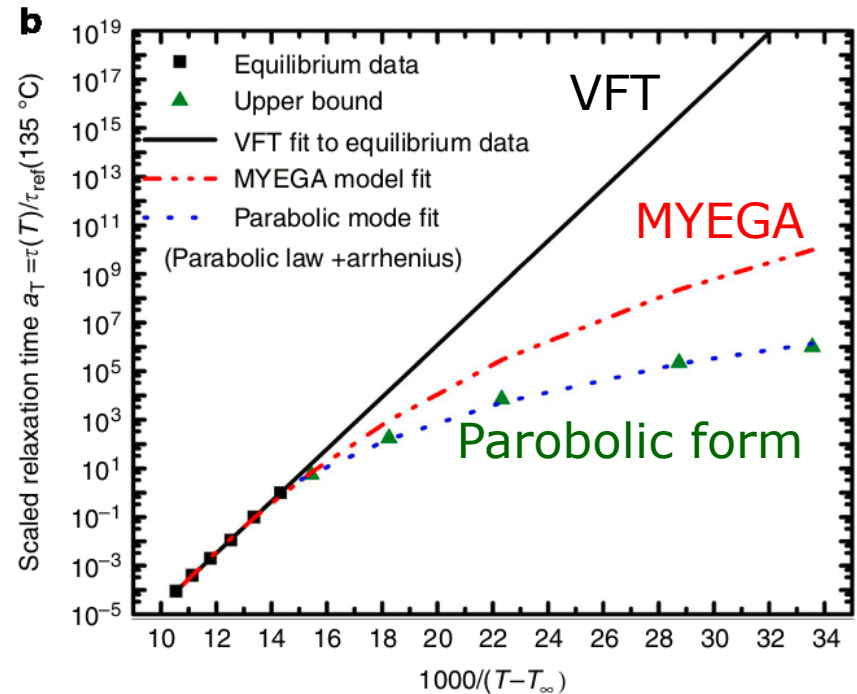
- In the high temperature limit, $-K/T$ can be expanded in a Taylor series:

$$\begin{aligned}\log \eta(T) &\approx \log \eta_{\infty} + \frac{C}{T \left(1 - \frac{K}{T}\right)} \\ &= \log \eta_{\infty} + \frac{C}{T - K}\end{aligned}$$

M.M. Smedskjaer, J.C. Mauro, Y.Z. Yue, *J. Chem. Phys.* **131**, 244514 (2009).

Divergent at a finite T ?

Using 20-million year-old amber, Zhao, et al. provided an implication against the existence of the divergence at a finite T .

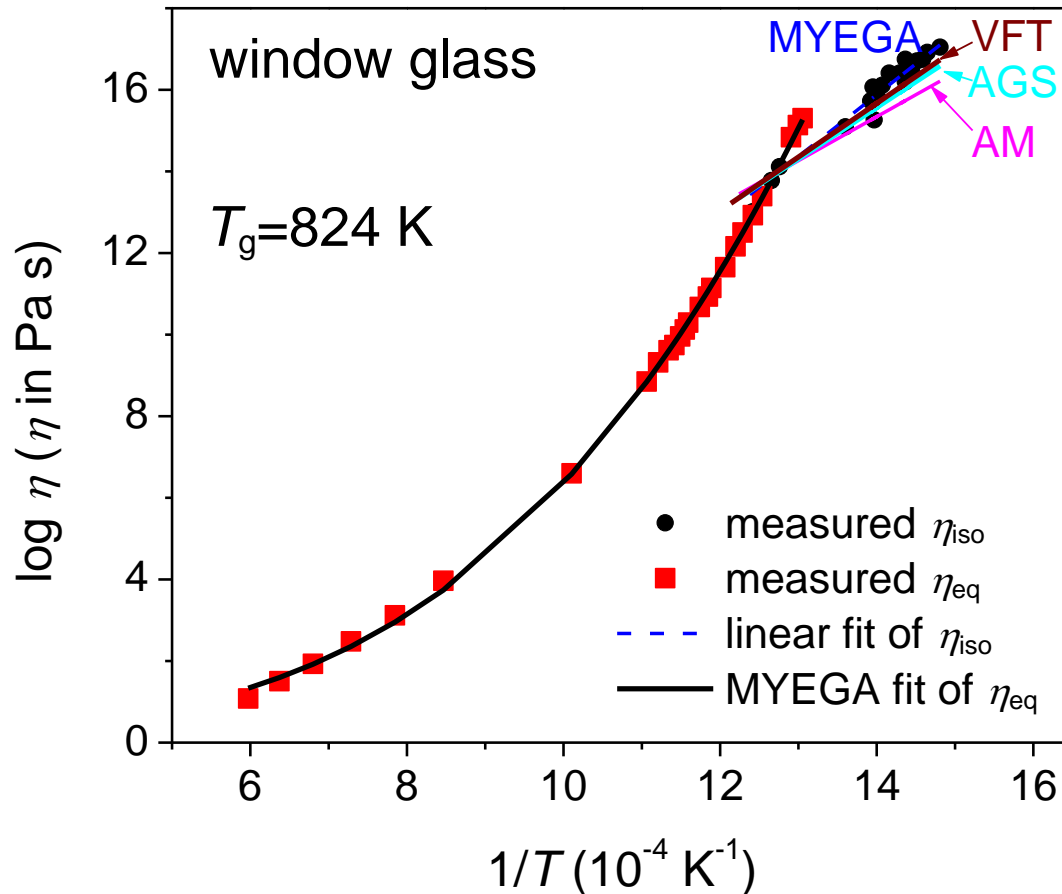


Zhao, Simon, McKenna, *Nature Comm*, (2013)

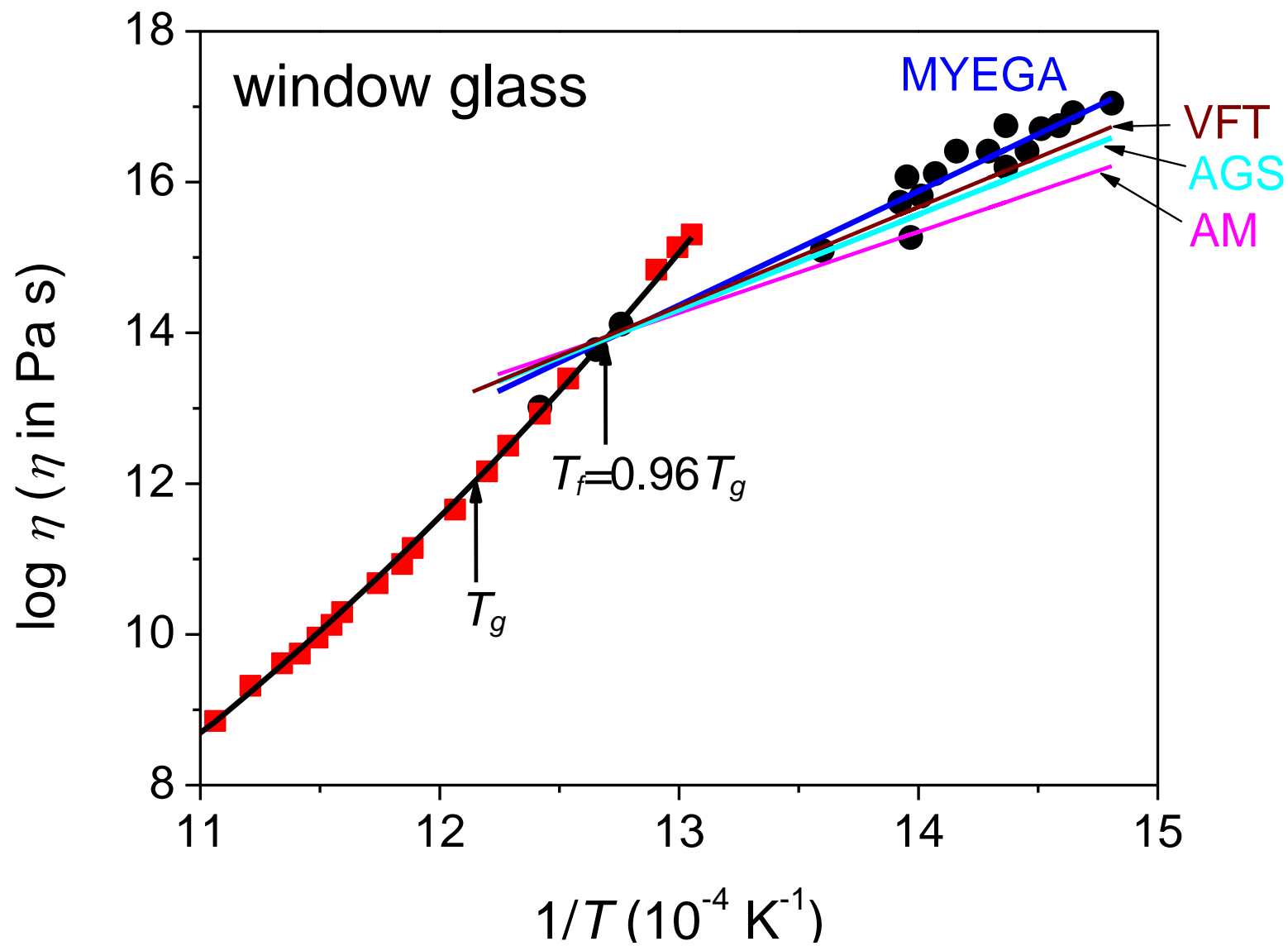
See also Hecksher, et al., *Nature Phys.* (2008)

Iso-structural viscosity or non-
equilibrium viscosity

Comparison between the measured η_{iso} data and the η_{iso} data calculated from models

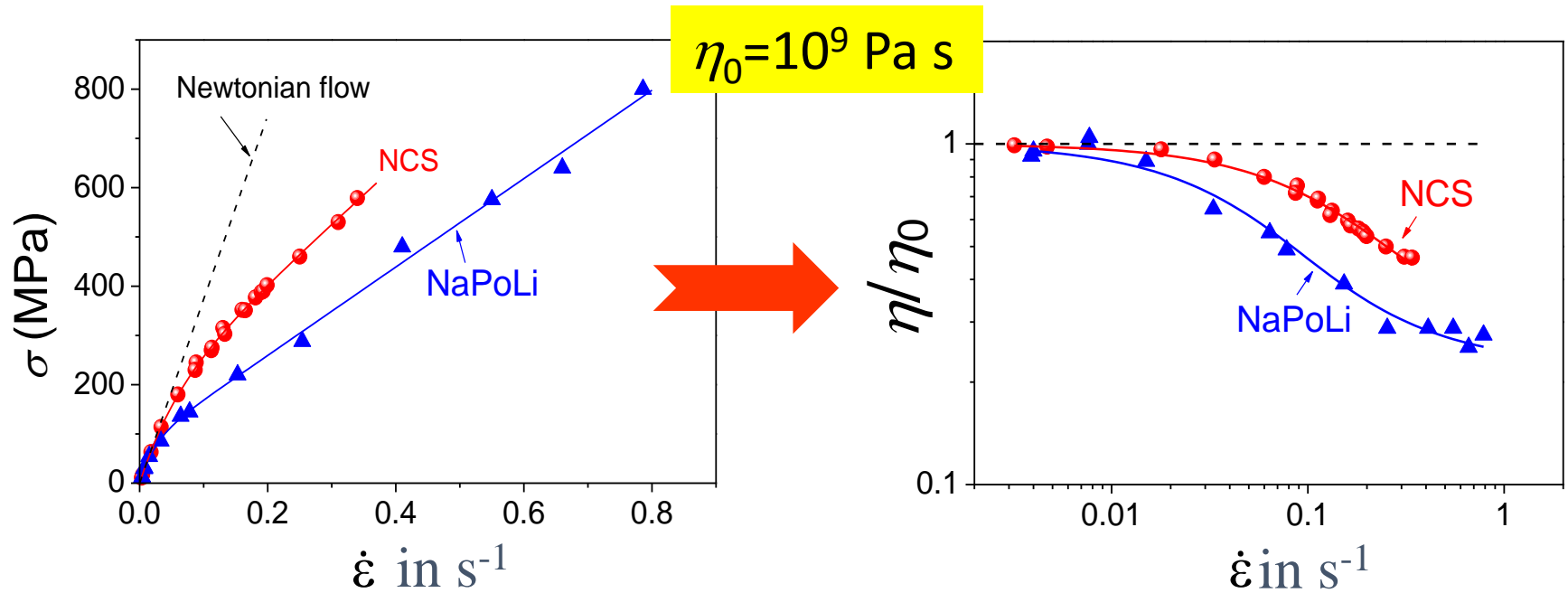


Data from Mazurin (1982)



Non-Newtonian flow
(Shear rate dependence of viscosity)
(Shear thinning)

Non-Newtonian shear flow of glass-forming liquids (soda lime silicate vs Li-Na metaphosphate)



$$\sigma = \eta_{\infty} + (\eta_0 - \eta_{\infty}) \dot{\epsilon}_g (1 - \exp(-\frac{\dot{\epsilon}}{\dot{\epsilon}_g})) \quad \frac{\eta}{\eta_0} = \frac{\eta_{\infty}}{\eta_0} + (1 - \frac{\eta_{\infty}}{\eta_0}) \frac{\dot{\epsilon}_g}{\dot{\epsilon}} [1 - \exp(-\frac{\dot{\epsilon}}{\dot{\epsilon}_g})]$$

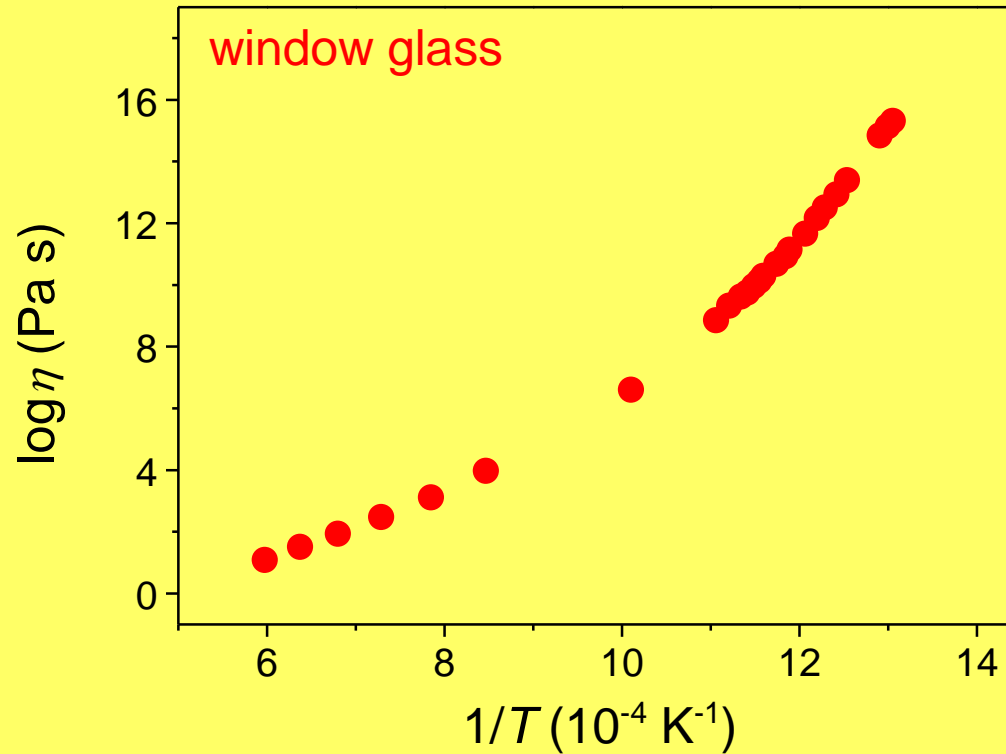
It is attributed to orientation of structural units.

Y.Z. Yue and R. Brückner, J. Non-Cryst. Solids (1994)

Fragile-to-strong transition

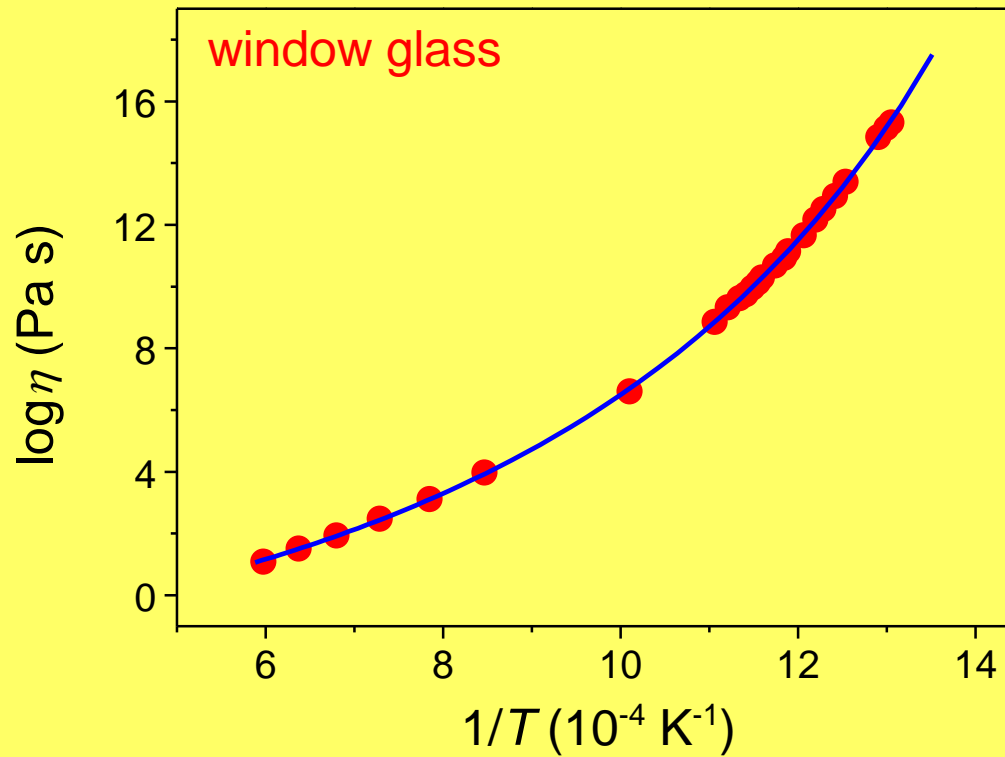
(An abnormal liquid dynamic behaviour)

A normal liquid – a window glass!

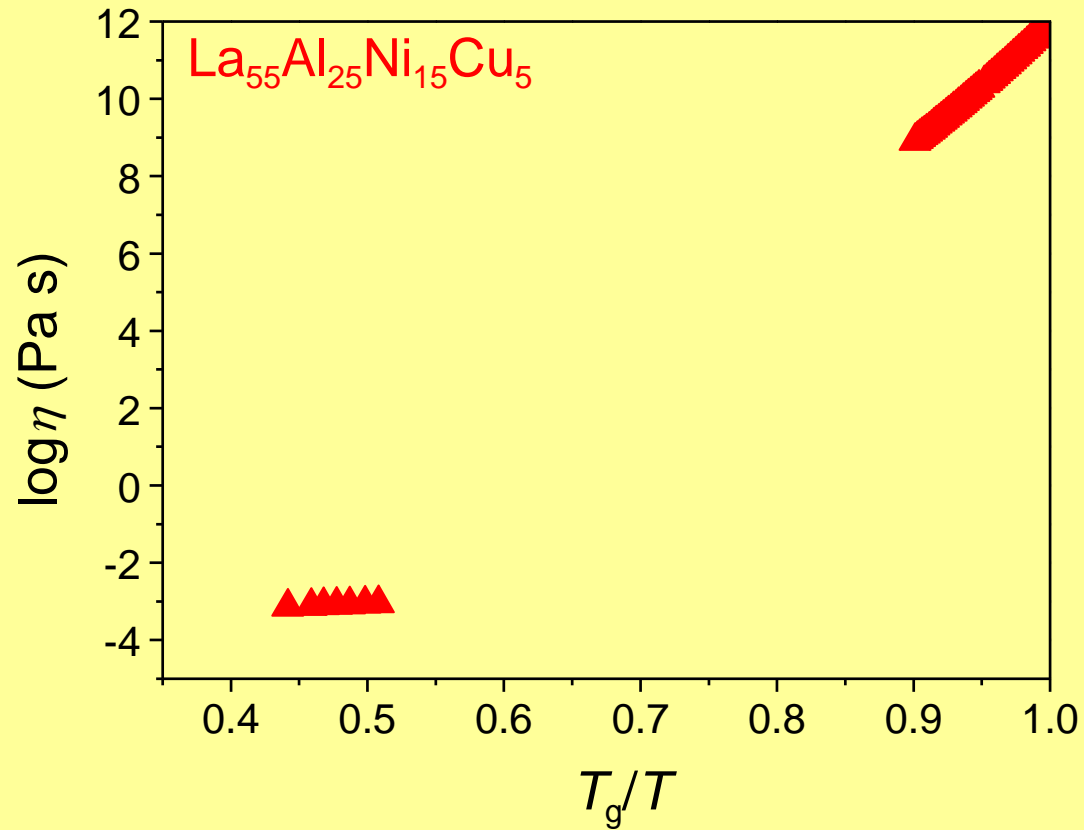


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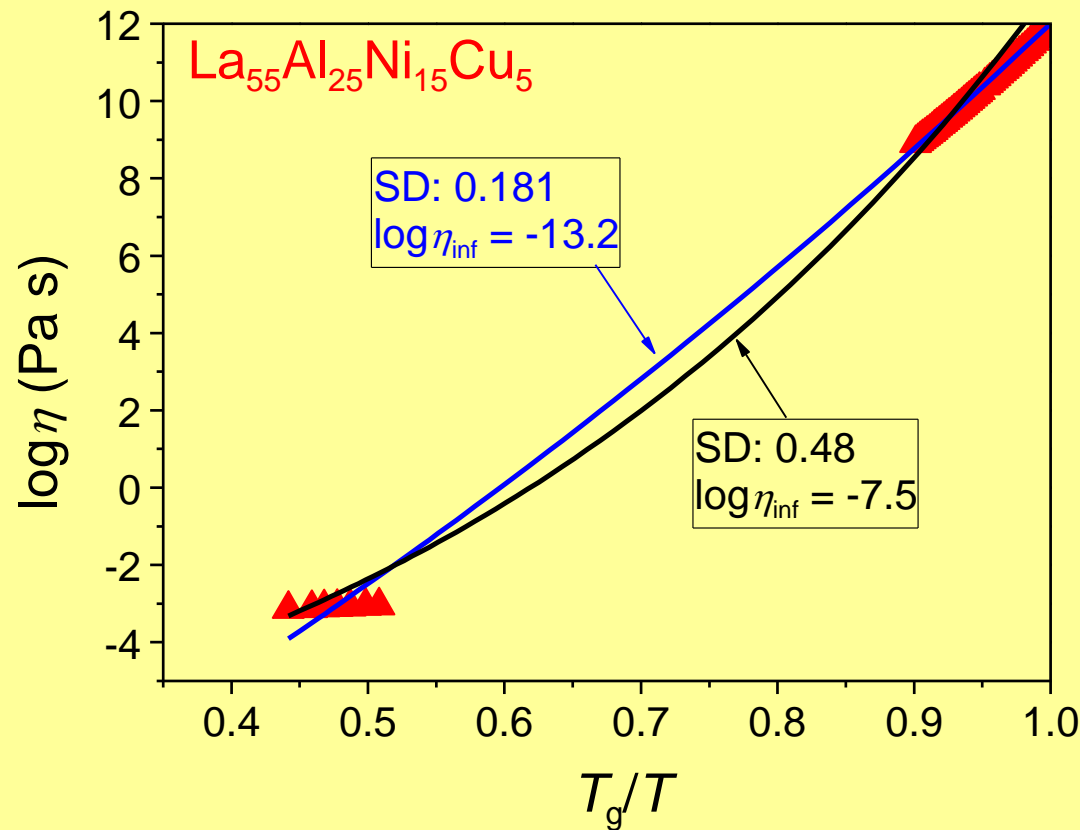


An abnormal case – a metallic liquid!

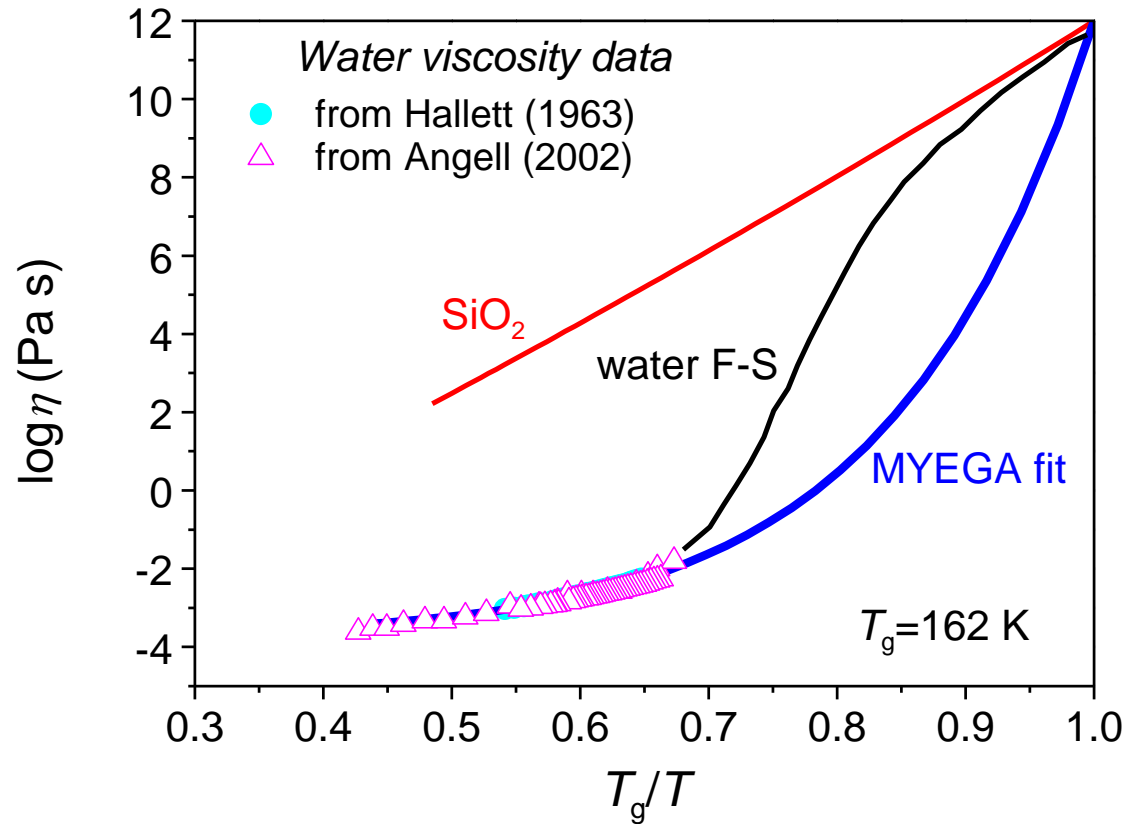


An abnormal case – a metallic liquid!
Its dynamics cannot be described by a 3-parameters model.

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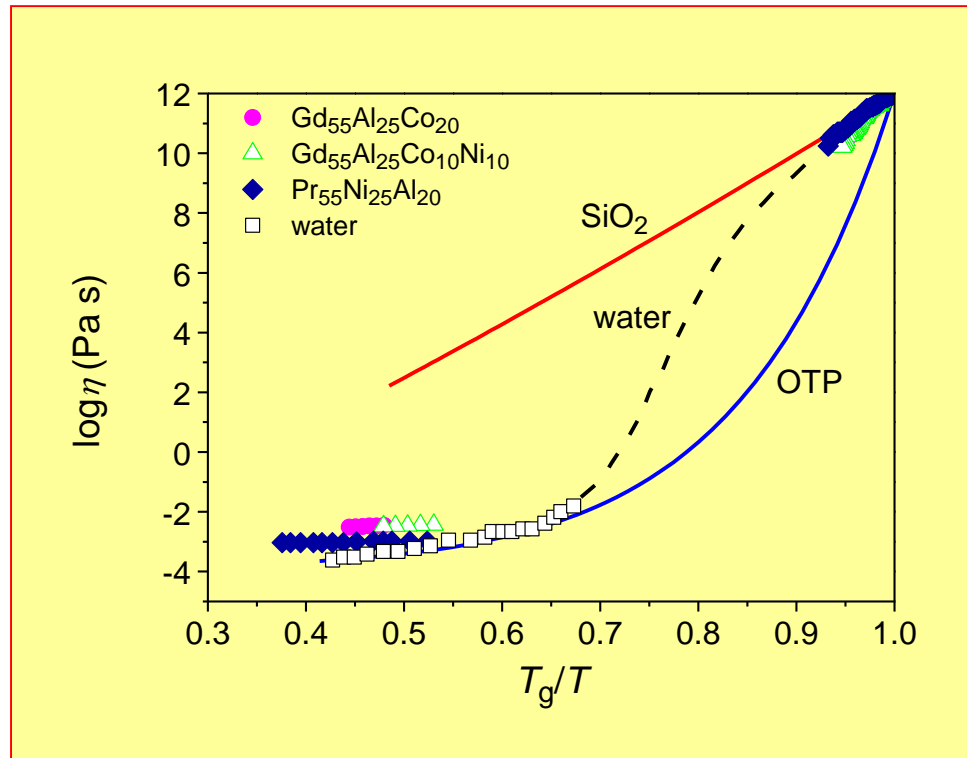


We recall a famous liquid – water, which shows an abnormal dynamic behaviour to – fragile-to-strong transition



Ito, Moynihan, Angell, *Nature* 1999

More metallic liquids similar to water, which exhibits **Fragile-to-Strong (F-S) Transition**

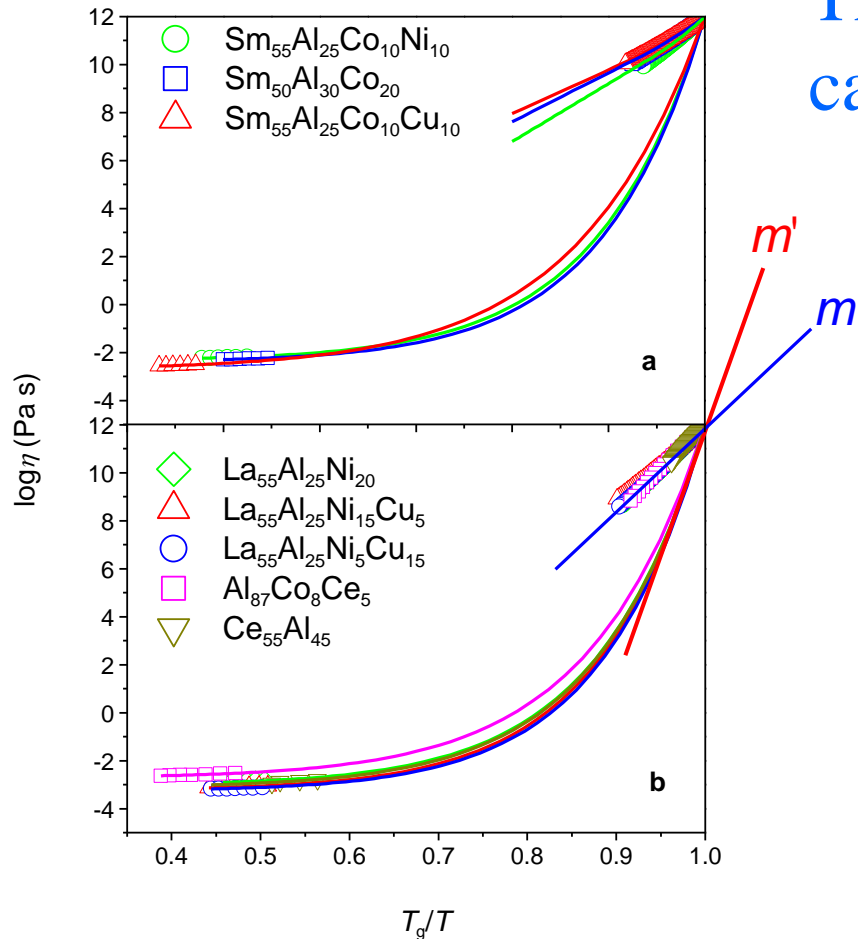


The data of these liquids cannot be described by a single model.

Zhang, Hu, Yue, Mauro, *J. Chem. Phys.* (2010)

Way, Wadhwa, Busch, *ACTA Mater.* (2007)

More....



The extent of the F-S transition can be determined by:

$$f = m'/m$$

$f > 1$: F-S transition

$f = 1$: no F-S transition

$f < 1$: never seen
(unphysical?)

The calculated f values for different MGFLs

Composition	m'	m	f
Gd ₅₅ Al ₂₅ Co ₂₀	113	25	4.5
Gd ₅₅ Al ₂₅ Ni ₁₀ Co ₁₀	133	25	5.3
Pr ₅₅ Ni ₂₅ Al ₂₀	156	19	8.2
Sm ₅₅ Al ₂₅ Co ₁₀ Ni ₁₀	130	37	3.5
Sm ₅₀ Al ₃₀ Co ₂₀	136	29	4.7
Sm ₅₅ Al ₂₅ Co ₁₀ Cu ₁₀	114	27	4.2
La ₅₅ Al ₂₅ Ni ₂₀	127	40	3.2
La ₅₅ Al ₂₅ Ni ₁₅ Cu ₅	130	34	3.8
La ₅₅ Al ₂₅ Ni ₅ Cu ₁₅	134	40	3.4
Al ₈₇ Co ₈ Ce ₅	114	34	3.3
Ce ₅₅ Al ₄₅	127	32	4.0
Water	98	22	4.5

The factor f confirms the existence of the F-S transition in the investigated MGFLs.

Question:

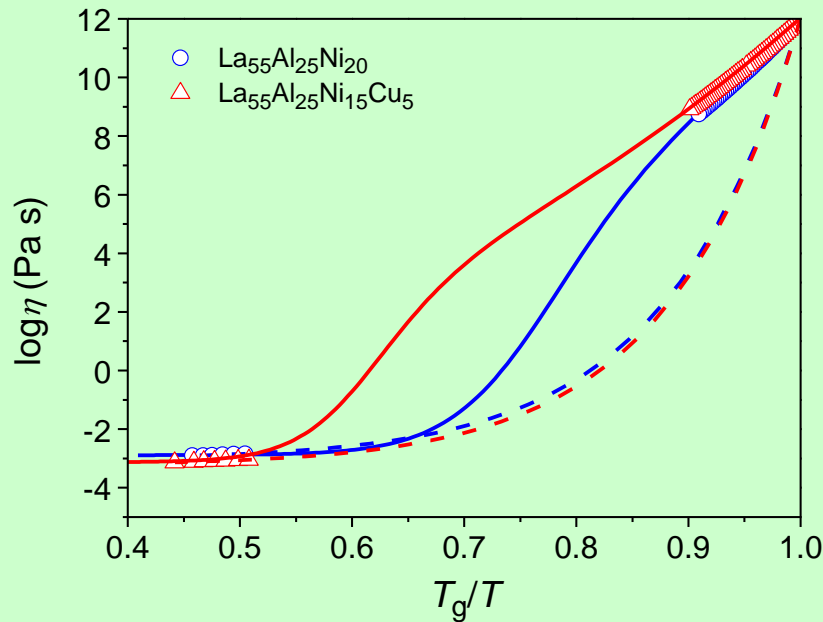
Is there a model that can describe the abnormal liquid dynamic behaviour?

Yes! But, to do so, the MYEGA has been generalized to the form:

$$\log \eta = \log \eta_{\infty} + \frac{1}{T \left[W_1 \exp\left(-\frac{C_1}{T}\right) + W_2 \exp\left(-\frac{C_2}{T}\right) \right]}$$

↑
Fragile term

↑
Strong term



C_1 and C_2 : two constraint onsets .

W_1 and W_2 : normalized weighting factors.

If $C_1 = C_2$, the equation reduces to that for normal liquids.

Zhang, Hu, Yue, Mauro, JCP (2010)

Two “phases” co-exists in the F-S crossover regime: Strong and fragile phases

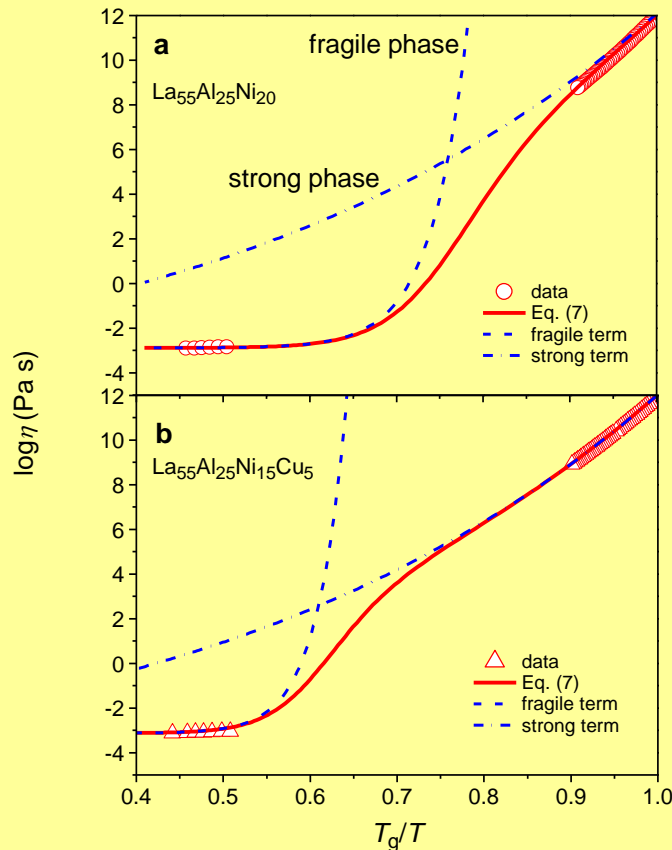
Fragile phase (LDA):

- higher T_g
- higher activation enthalpy
- higher entropy
- lower density

Strong phase (HDA):

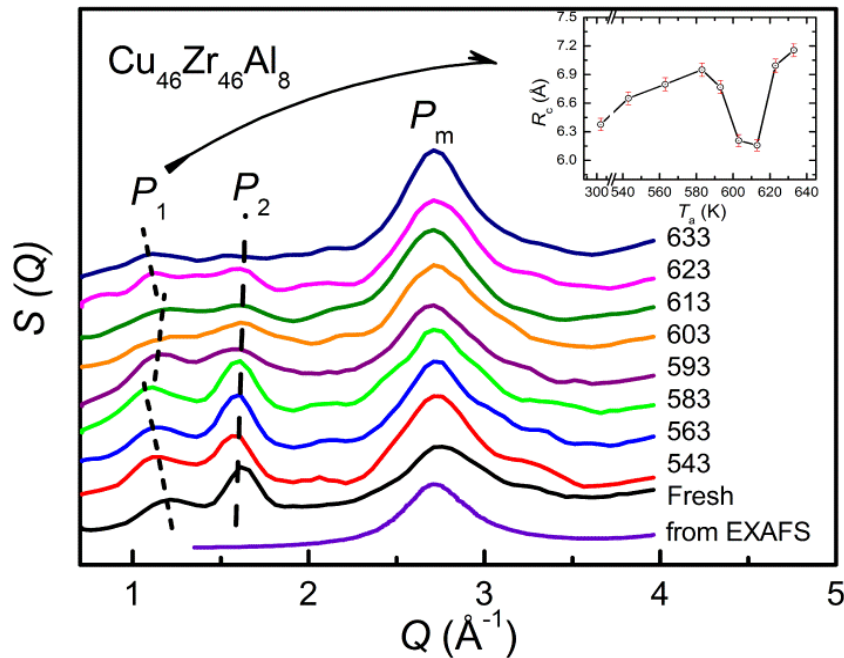
- lower T_g , i.e., actual T_g of the mixed liquid
- lower activation enthalpy
- lower entropy
- higher density

The fragile phase is cooled, the F-S transition intervenes, mitigating the sharp increase in viscosity with decreasing T .



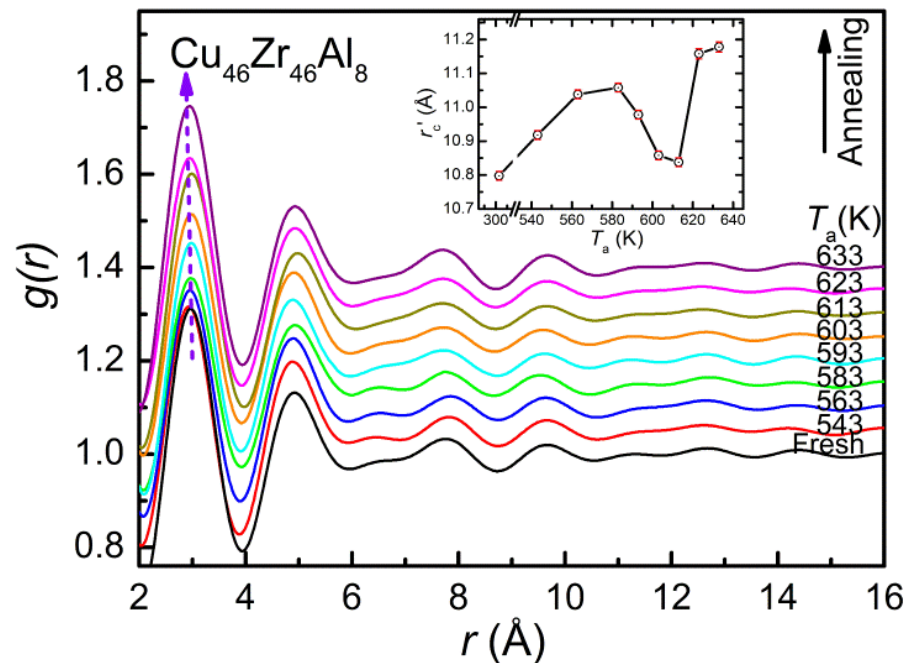
Non-monotonic structural response to sub- T_g annealing measured by x-ray scattering

Total structural factors



Annealing dependence
of the structural unit size

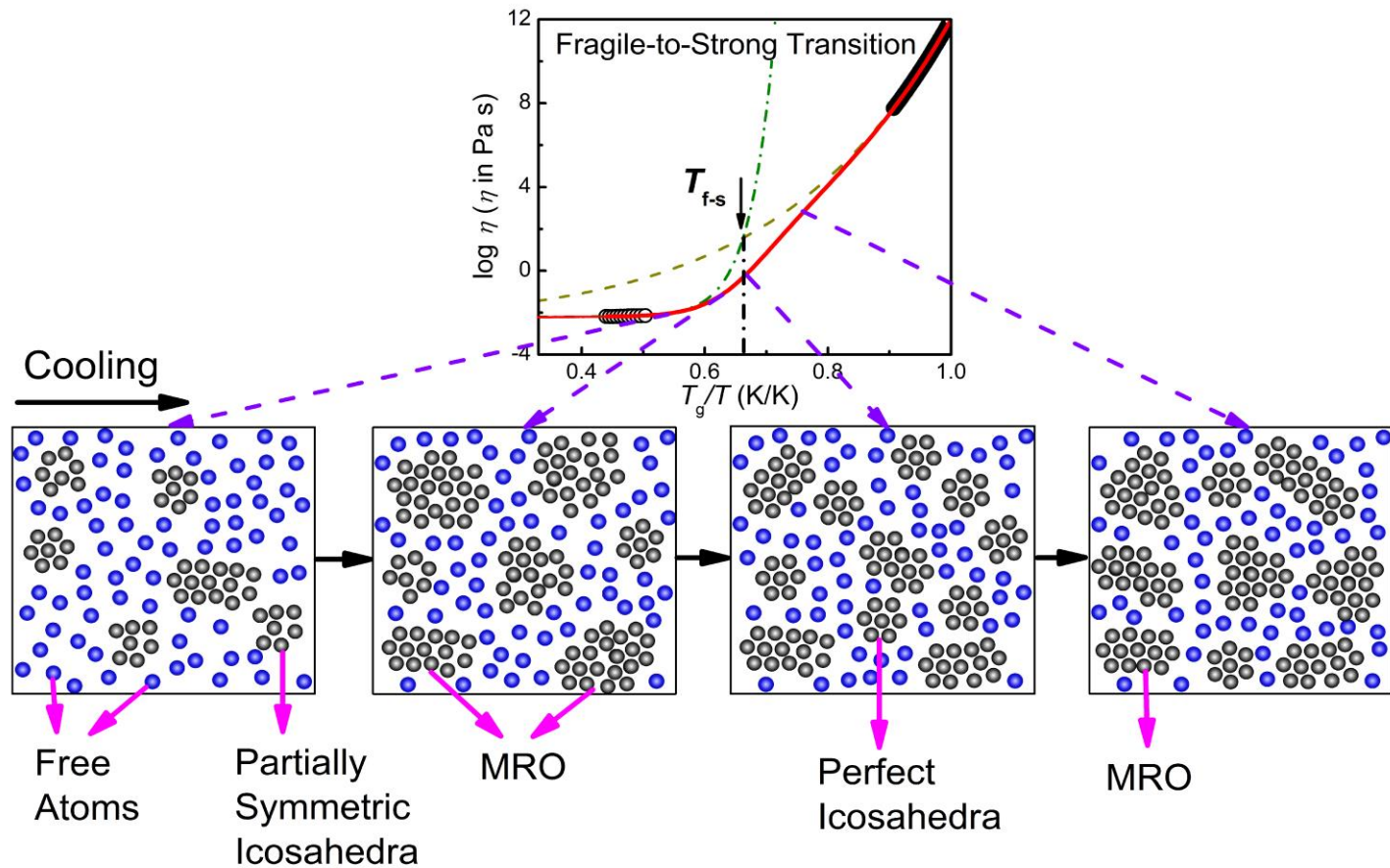
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Annealing dependence
of the correlation length

Critical temperature for the dramatic decreases in R_c : $T_c \sim$ around $1.3T_g$

Schematic scenario of the structural evolution during fragile-to-strong transition



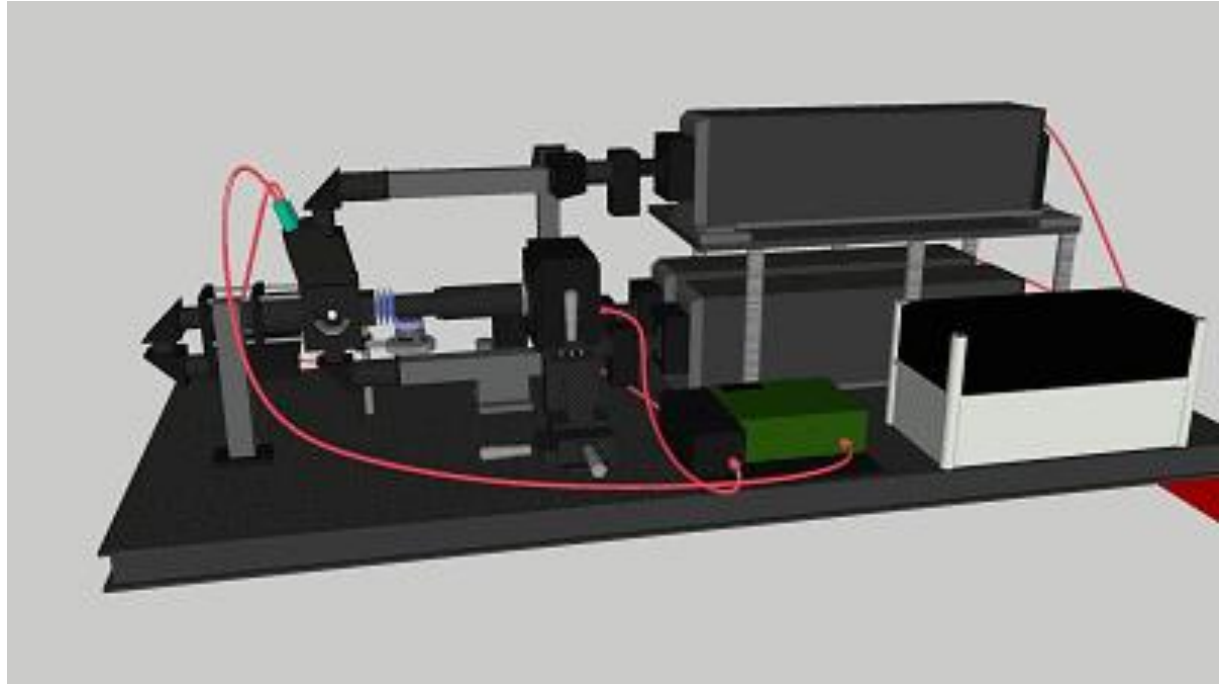
Zhou, et al. *J. Chem. Phys.* (2015)

Containerless aerodynamic levitation (ADL) melting to avoid heterogeneous nucleation

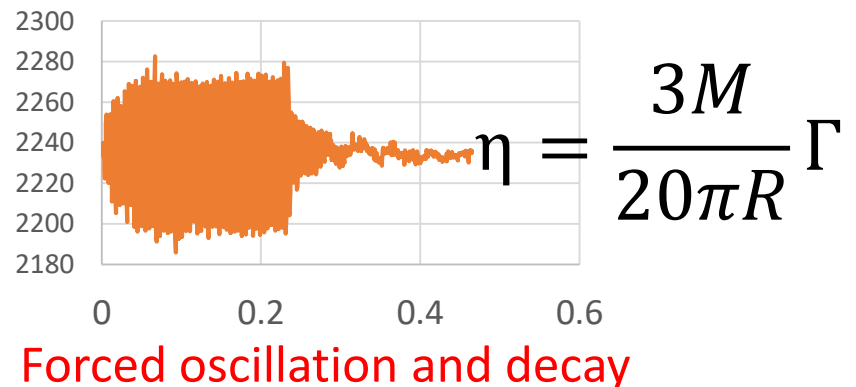


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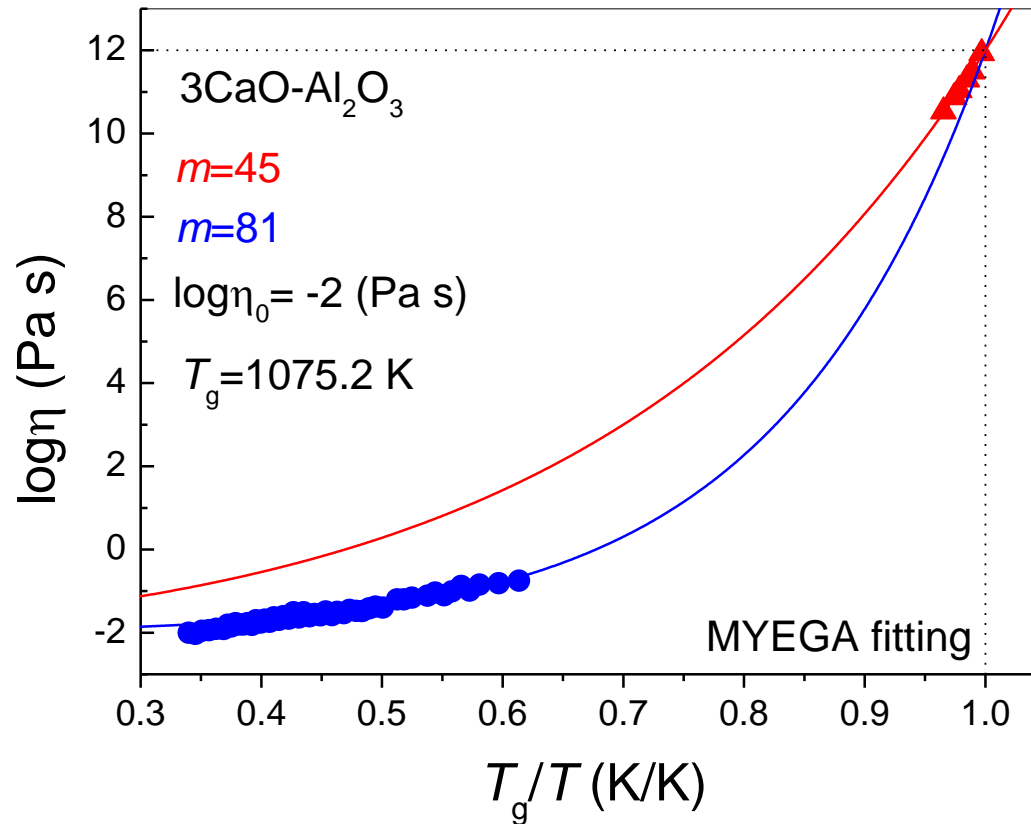
Melting of Al_2O_3



- Extend the supercooled region
- Measure viscosity
- In-situ structural characterization



Fragile-to-strong transition in aluminates



Fitted with

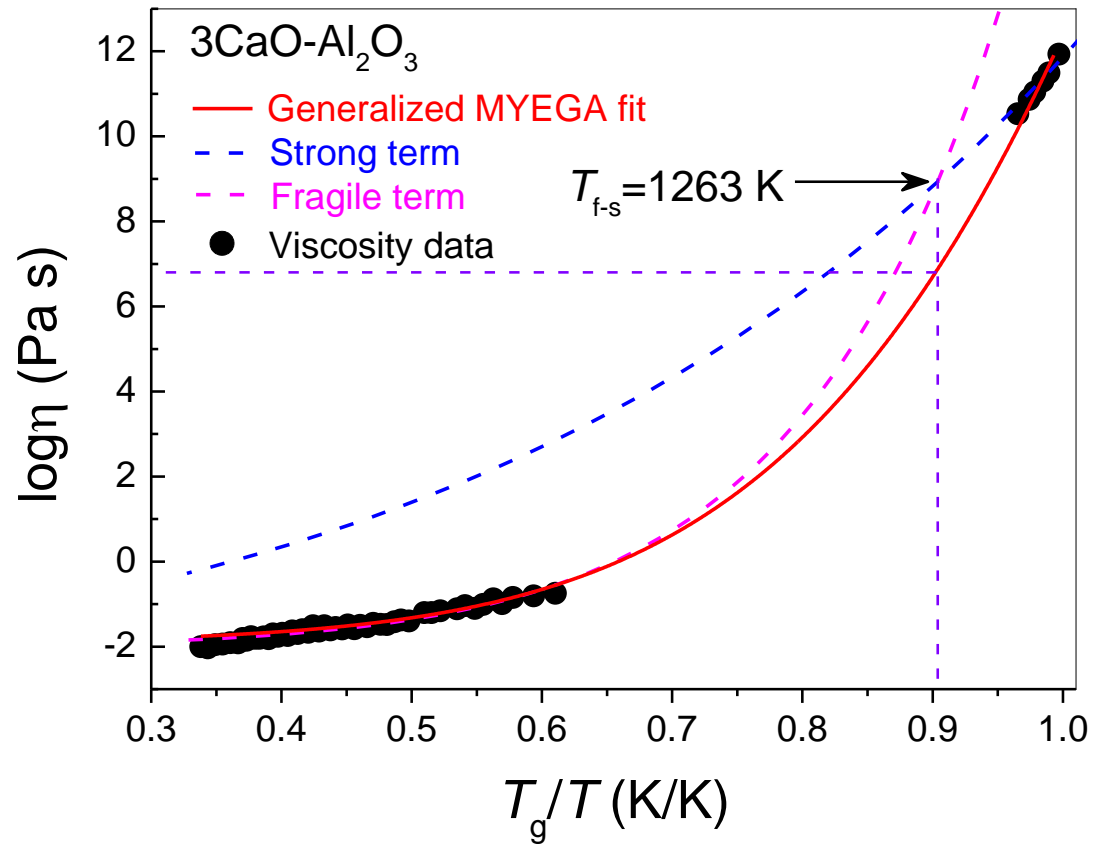
$$\log \eta = -3 + 15 \frac{T_g}{T} \exp \left[\left(\frac{m}{15} - 1 \right) \left(\frac{T_g}{T} - 1 \right) \right] \quad (\text{MYEGA})$$

The data can be described by the generalized MYEGA

$$\log \eta = \log \eta_0 + \frac{1}{T[W_1 \exp\left(\frac{-C_1}{T}\right) + W_2 \exp\left(\frac{-C_2}{T}\right)]}$$

$$T_{f-s} = \frac{C_1 - C_2}{\ln W_1 - \ln W_2}$$

Parameter	Value
$\log \eta_0$ (Pa s)	-2.039
W_1	0.018
C_1	7324
W_2	1.68E-4
C_2	1407



**I would like to all my co-authors
and collaborators.**

Thank you for your attention!