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requires LARGE bore needles





"Tuning" dynamics of a tracer particle by modifying its interactions with its neighbors Can one intelligently tune interactions to enhance/decrease transport coefficients?

Not easily.

# An optimistic hypothesis

Reduced transport coefficients ( $D^*$ ,  $\eta^*$ ,  $\kappa^*$ ) are single-valued functions of a static measure X



X is "what matters" for dynamics

### Could X be density?





Seems intuitive, connected to available space ...



How does confinement affect "hard-sphere" colloids at fixed average particle density?

Mittal et. al., J. Chem. Phys. (2007) Goel et al., J. Stat. Mech.: Theory & Experiment (2009)



# Three examples have the same average density

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# Perhaps $X = p_0$ ?



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# Could X be excess entropy, sex?

Measures # of states taken away from the fluid due to static interparticle correlations

$$s^{\text{ex}}[T,\rho(\mathbf{r})] = s[T,\rho(\mathbf{r})] - s^{\text{ideal}}[T,\rho(\mathbf{r})]$$

$$0 \leq -s^{\mathrm{ex}} < \infty$$

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How does it connect to structure?

$$s^{\text{ex}} = s_2 + \Delta s_R$$
 higher correlations pair correlations





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Krekelberg et al.., in preparation



Goel et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. (2008)

"Tuning" dynamics of a confined fluid by modifying its interactions with boundaries

# Fluids with density anomalies

### **Gaussian-core model**





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# **Binary Gaussian-core fluid**

$$v_{ij}(r) = \epsilon_{ij} \exp\left[-\left(r/\sigma_{ij}\right)^2\right]$$

$$\sigma_{BB} = 0.665\sigma_{AA} \qquad \varepsilon_{BB} = \varepsilon_{AA}$$
  
$$\sigma_{AB} = \sqrt{0.5(\sigma_{AA}^2 + \sigma_{BB}^2)} \qquad \varepsilon_{AB} = 0.944\varepsilon_{AB}$$



Archer and Evans, Phys. Rev. E, 2001., "Mixture of self-avoiding polymers"

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### **Tuning the dynamics of a tracer**



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### "Dynamic heterogeneities"

Near Tg, on finite time scales, bimodal distribution of displacements emerge...



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### **Structuring and dynamic heterogeneity**

- (i) Strong connection between local disorder and displacement
- (ii) Sustained disorder correlated with cagebreaking / hopping
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Transport coefficients of complex fluid systems obey an empirical scaling law with excess entropy.

This allows prediction and tuning of dynamics via interactions between the particles.

