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Thermal fluctuations and effective temperature in aging materials S. Ciliberto

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Phenomenological introduction to the physics of glasses and to physical aging

What is a glass ?

Type of glasses

Structural glasses

Magnetic glasses

Colloids

Viscosity as a function of Tg/T



- Tg is the glass transition temperature
- At Tg the viscosity is about 10^{12} Pa s
- For T>Tg 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; (O) 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.



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Aging and Memory effect in a polymer

Experimental set-up





Aging of PMMA ($T_g = 388K$)



Dependence on t of ϵ 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 ε at f=0.1Hz as a function of T



 ϵ_{r} = dielectric constant measured with continuous ramp, ϵ_{m} = dielectric c onstant measured with a cooling stop,

Memory effect in PMMA



Memory effect in spin glasses



From:

V. Dupuis, E. Vincent, J.P. Bouchaud, J. Hammann, A.Ito, H. Aruga Katori, *Aging, rejuvenation and memory effects in Ising and Heisenberg spin glasses*, Phys. Rev B 64 (17),174204,(2001). Also in cond-mat/0104399

Kovacs Effect



What kind of models can be used ?

Important concept

Frustation



Spin Frustration on the Kagomé Lattice

Energy landscape Bouchaud trap model



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 studing 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 ?



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FLUCTUACTION DISSIPATION THEOREM

in thermodynamic equilibrium

V and q are two conjugate variables

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

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



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:

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

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

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

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)



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



Experimental study of fluctuations

Why is interesting to study fluctuations and FDR in experiments?

- I) The violation of FDT is model dependent.
- II) Does it depend on the material ?
- III) What is the statistics of the signal?
- IV) Are fluctuations Gaussian or not?
- V) Is the effective temperature independent on the observables ?
- VI) What are the properties of the Brownian motion of a particle inside a non equilibrium bath ?

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Dielectric measurements



 $V_R(\omega) =$ **4** $K_B \ T_{eff} \ R$ is the thermal noise notation of **B**

The sample impedance is: $Z(t_w, \omega) = \frac{R}{(1 + i\omega R C)} = \frac{1}{i\omega(C' + i C'')}$

The corresponding noise spectrum S_z of V_Z is:

$$S_Z(t_w, f) = 4 K_B T_{eff}(\omega, t_w) Real[Z(t_w, \omega)]$$

Dielectric Measurement on polycarbonate



Electrical features for noise measurements Input voltage noise $5nV/Hz^{1/2}$ for f > 2Hz Input current noise $1fA/Hz^{1/2}$

Dielectric properties are measured by a precise current amplifier.

Temperature stability0.1 %Max cooling rate-1K/s

Experimental procedure

a) The sample is heated at Ts=440K=1.05 Tg and quenched at a temperature $T_f < Tg$.



- b) The aging time t_w is defined as the time spent at T< Tg
- c) At T_f we measure FDR and the noise statistics.
- d) This experimental procedure is repeated several times for the same T_f

Measure at $T_f = 0.79T_g$

- Sample is heated at $T_s=1.05$
- Rapidly quenched (~2min) at $T_f = 0.79$ Tg.
- The aging time t_w is defined as the time spent at T< Tg.



Electrical response of the sample



Effective temperature at $T_f = 0.79T_g$



A good fit of T_{eff} for $t_w > 200s$ is

$$T_{eff}(f, t_w) = T_f \left[1 + \left(\frac{f}{f_o(t_w)} \right)^{-1.1} \right]$$

at $t_w < 2000$, $f_o(t_w)$ is not a simple power law of t_w .

 $T_{eff}(f, t_w)$ are self similar

Polycarbonate polarisation noise

Noise signals as a function of time at $T_f = 0.79T_g$



PDF of the time **T** between two pulses



For the trap model of aging $P(\tau) = \frac{\mu \ \tau_o^{\mu}}{\tau^{1+\mu}}$ where $\mu = \frac{T}{T_g}$ and τ_o is a characteristic time scale

Measure at $T_f = 0.98T_g$, slow quench



PDF after a slow quench



Measure at $T_f = 0.93T_g$





Summary of the results

- Dielectric measurements in a polymer show a violation of the FDT.
- The effective temperature (after a very fast quench) is huge at small t_w
- The amplitude and the persistence time of the violation are decreasing functions of frequency.
- The maximum frequency where the violation is observed scales as $1/t_w$
- The strong violation is produced by a very intermittent dynamics.
- The statistics of the signal is highly non Gaussian
- The statistics of the time between two peaks is similar to the one assumed by the trap model
- The intermittency depends on the quenching rate

Such a behavior is also observed in dielectric noise of a colloidal glass

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Other systems presenting intermittency

Local measurements of polymer dielectric properties using an AFM.

E. Vidal Russel, N. E. Israeloff, Nature 408, 695 (2000).



Velocity fluctuations of a particle in a colloidal gel present non Gaussian statistics and are intermittent Weeks et al. Phys.Rev.Lett.89,95704(2002)

Time Resolved Correlation in Diffusing Wave Spectroscopy has shown a strong intermittency in the slow relaxation dynamics of a colloidal gel Cipelletti et al., J.of Phys.: Cond. Matt.

Interpretation of intermittency

- Huge T_{eff} have been observed in numerical simulation of domain growth systems. A. Barrat PRE 57 (1998) 3629
- Intermittency could be an indication of an activated process in a complex landascape For example:
 - Trap model predicts non trivial violation of FDT associated to an intermittent dynamics.
 - The system evolves in deeper and deeper valleys
 - The dynamics is fundamentally intermittent because either nothing moves or there is a jump between two traps.

• Heat exchange process between an aging system and the thermal bath may be intermittent. (A. Crisanti, F. Ritort, cond-mat/0307554)

Time statistics

The dependence on the quenching rate is probably related to the fact that: 'far from equilibrium the system explores regions of the potential energy landscape distinct from that explored in thermal equilibrium'
S. Mossa, F. Sciortino, cond-mat/0305526
E.M. Bertin, J.-P. Bouchaud, J.-M. Drouffe, C.Godreche cond-mat/0306089

Comparisons between different models.

Statistics of $\frac{\tau}{t_w}$

$$P(\frac{\tau}{t_w} < X) = 1 - A \ (\beta + X)^{-\gamma}$$

X

for the Sibani's model $A = \beta = 1$ and $\gamma = 2.3$ independently of T_f .

Experimental result at $T_f = 0.79T_g$ 10' $\beta \simeq 10^{-5}$, $A \simeq 4 \ 10^{-6}$ and $\gamma = 1.4$ 10⁰ 10^{-1} 10⁻² 1/1) 10⁻³ 10^{-4} 0 10⁻⁵ 0 10⁻⁶ 10⁻³ 10^{-4} 10^{-1} 10⁻² 10⁰ -5 10

Time distributions

Experimental results:

• The PDF of the time between events is a power law:

$$\Psi(au,t_w) \propto au^{-\mu(t_w)}$$

Trap model of ref. : J.P.Bouchaud, J.Phys., 2, 1705, (1992).

• The probability of finding $\frac{\tau}{t} < X$ is compatible with

$$P(\frac{\tau}{t} < X) = 1 - A \ (\beta + X)^{-\gamma}$$

• The probability of finding small au decreases with t_w

Trap model of ref.: P. Sibani, J. Dell, Europhys. Lett. 64, 8, (2003)

Teff in other experiments



 $rac{T_{eff}}{T_g}$ as a function of $rac{T_f}{T_g}$ in different experiments Normalized cooling rate: $Q=rac{\partial T}{\partial t}rac{1}{T_g}$

(\Box) spin glass ($q = q_{min}$, fast quench $Q = 0.5 \ min^{-1}$ (•) polycarbonate (f = 7Hz, fast quench $Q = 0.12 \ min^{-1}$) (*) polycarbonate (f = 7Hz, slow quench, $Q = 0.009 \ min^{-1}$) (+) glycerol (f = 7Hz slow quench, $Q = 0.012 \ min^{-1}$)



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Question:

Have the fluctuations of different observables, the same behaviour ?

6) The mechanical noise.

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Conclusions

- Dielectric measurements show a non trivial violation of FDT during aging, in two very different materials
- The origing of the huge violation is a strongly intermittent dynamics.
- The intermittency depends on the quenching rate
- The dependence on the observables of the fluctuations is unclear. It is not the same for the two materials.
- High order statistics are certainly useful to understand the dynamics of these systems.
- Several models show a qualitative agreement with these observations.
 - L. Buisson, S. Ciliberto, Physica D 204, 1 (2005).
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Brownian motion in a colloidal glass out of equilibrium

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Laponite

Colloidal Suspension :

discs: d=25 nm, h=1 nm



Fluid -> gel/colloidal glass



Fluid-Colloidal glass transition in a few hours

Debye length≈ 5 à 30 nm



Optical set-up





Measure of the T_{eff}

Hp: The global potential (colloid+laser) is harmonic

Equipartition holds out of equilibrium

$$C_i = K_{Laponite} + K_i$$
 and $\langle \Delta x^2 \rangle = \frac{K_B T}{C_i}$

 K_i is the trap stiffness

Measure of the fluctuations for 2 intensities

$$K_B T_{eff} = (K_2 - K_1) \frac{\langle \Delta x_1^2 \rangle \langle \Delta x_2^2 \rangle}{\langle \langle \Delta x_1^2 \rangle - \langle \Delta x_2^2 \rangle)}$$

$$K_{Laponite} = \frac{(K_1 < \Delta x_1^2 > -K_2 < \Delta x_2^2 >)}{(<\Delta x_1^2 > -<\Delta x_2^2 >)}$$

Position signals

x 10⁻⁷

Brownien particle: Glass sphere $d=1 \mu m$

Acquistion frequency 8 kHz

Constant power measurement 1min

 k_1 =7.47 pN/ μm

 $k_2 = 16.7 \text{ pN/}\mu\text{m}$







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Spectra as a function of time



Limits of the method



Kramers-Kronig

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

Hp: : the effective temperature is the same for all the modes

$$\alpha'(\omega) = \frac{2}{\pi} P \int_0^\infty \frac{\xi \alpha''(\xi)}{\xi^2 - \omega^2} d\xi$$
$$\alpha(\omega) = \frac{1}{6\pi r G(\omega)}$$

 $T_{eff}G'/T_{bath} = k/6\pi r$





Comperison of the results





« Variance »

« Kramers »

Dérive aux temps longs





Multiple traps



Collective motion



Influence des paramètres

Forme et fabrication des échantillons Raideurs du piège optique Taille des billes Concentration de Laponite

Conclusions

- The effective temperature is equal to that of the bath
- Large fluctuations of the variance appear near the solidification time.
- There is a collective slow motion at very large scale

Measurements of fluctuations during de sol-gel transition in a colloidal glass

For a gel the physical properties change as a function of the time after the preparation. We measure the electric properties of Laponite (synthetic clay consisting of discoid charged particles).

Laponite is well characterized by means of light scattering experiments. Its behavior turns out to be very close to that of a glass.

Preparation

-The Laponite solution is prepared in a clean N_2 atmosphere

- -Laponite particles are dissolved at a concentration C in pure water under stirring
- The solution is then filtered.

The speed of the sol-gel transition is controlled by the concenteration C

C has been varied between 2.5% and 3% mass fraction

Aging of Laponite

Dynamic light Scattering Experiment (Density Fluctuations)

M. Kroon et al. , Phys. Rev. E 54, 6541–6550 (1996)

Typical intensity correlation functions at different t_w after the preparation of the sol

Experimental set up

Electrical response function of Laponite at C=2.5%

Noise spectrum of Laponite at 2.5%

The strong increase of S_Z for low frequencies is well fitted by:

$$\omega^{-3.3\pm0.4}$$

 $\omega t^{\perp}_{\alpha}$

Good rescaling of the spectra for:

Effective temperature of Laponite

$$T_{eff}(t_a, \omega) = \frac{\pi S_Z(t_a, \omega)}{2k_B Re \left[Z(t_a, \omega)\right]}$$

Large violation of the fluctuation dissipation relation for electrical properties of Laponite

Effective temperature of Laponite

Large violation of FDT for the electrical properties of Laponite

Signal of Laponite at C=2.5%

Signal as function of time

1 hour after preparation

16 hour after preparation.

PDF of the signals

When FDT is violated the fluctuations are not Gaussian

Buisson, Bellon, Ciliberto, J. of Phys.: Cond Mat. 2003

Signal of Laponite at C=3.5%

Intermittency increases with concentration, which is equivalent to the quench rate