

From inelastic X-ray scattering to neurosciences

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Summary

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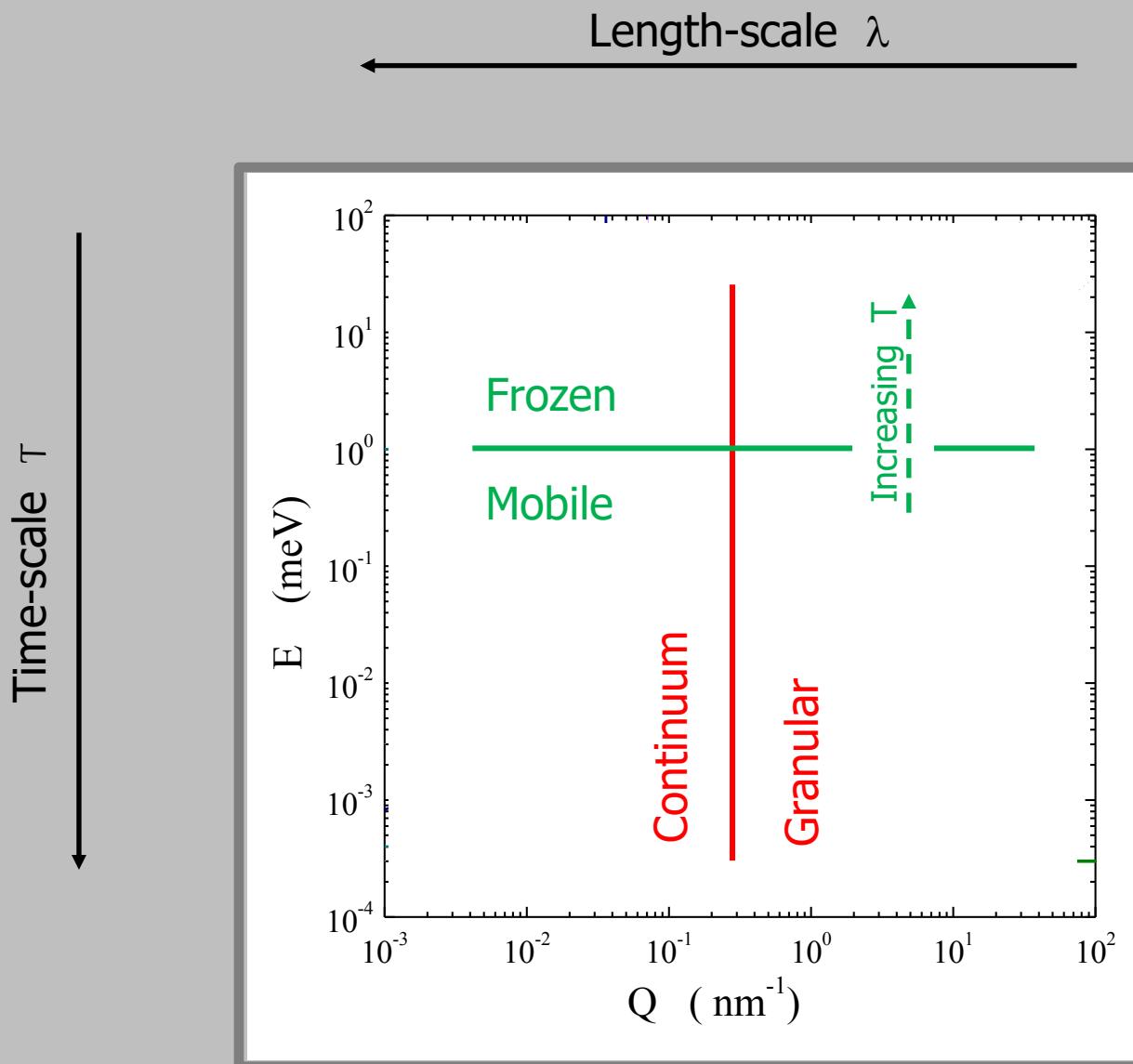
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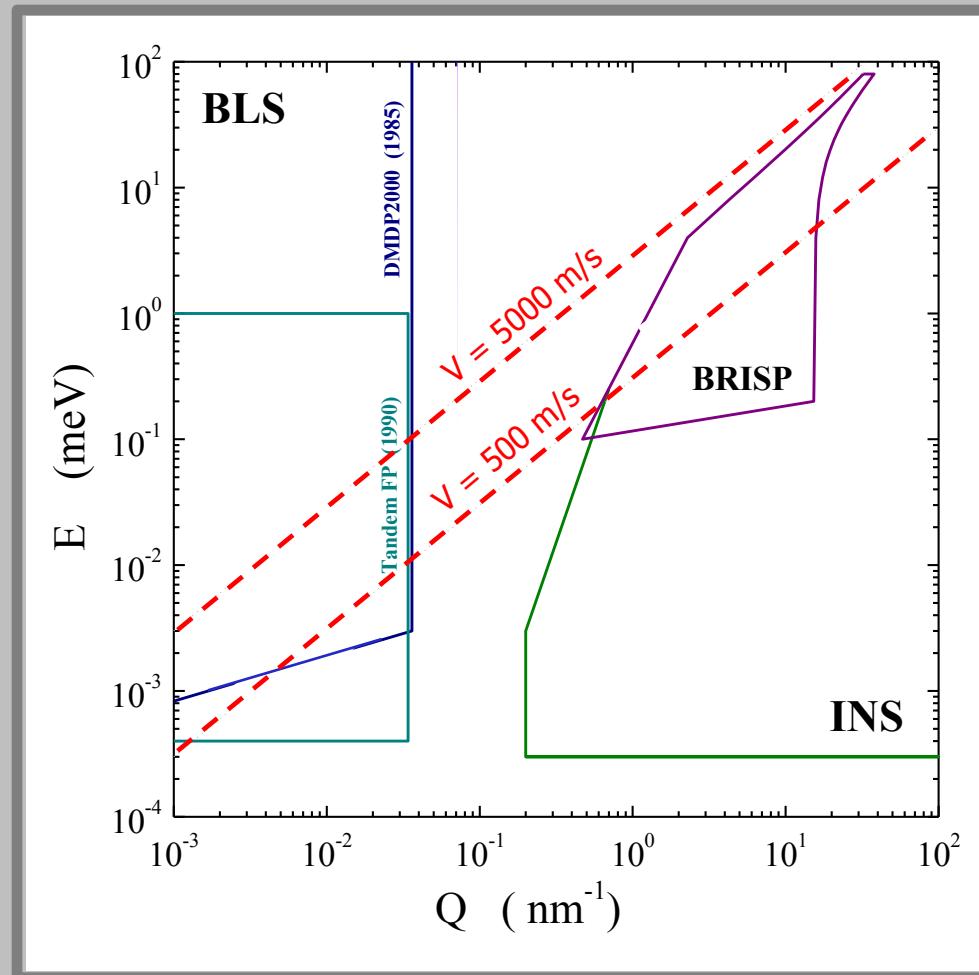
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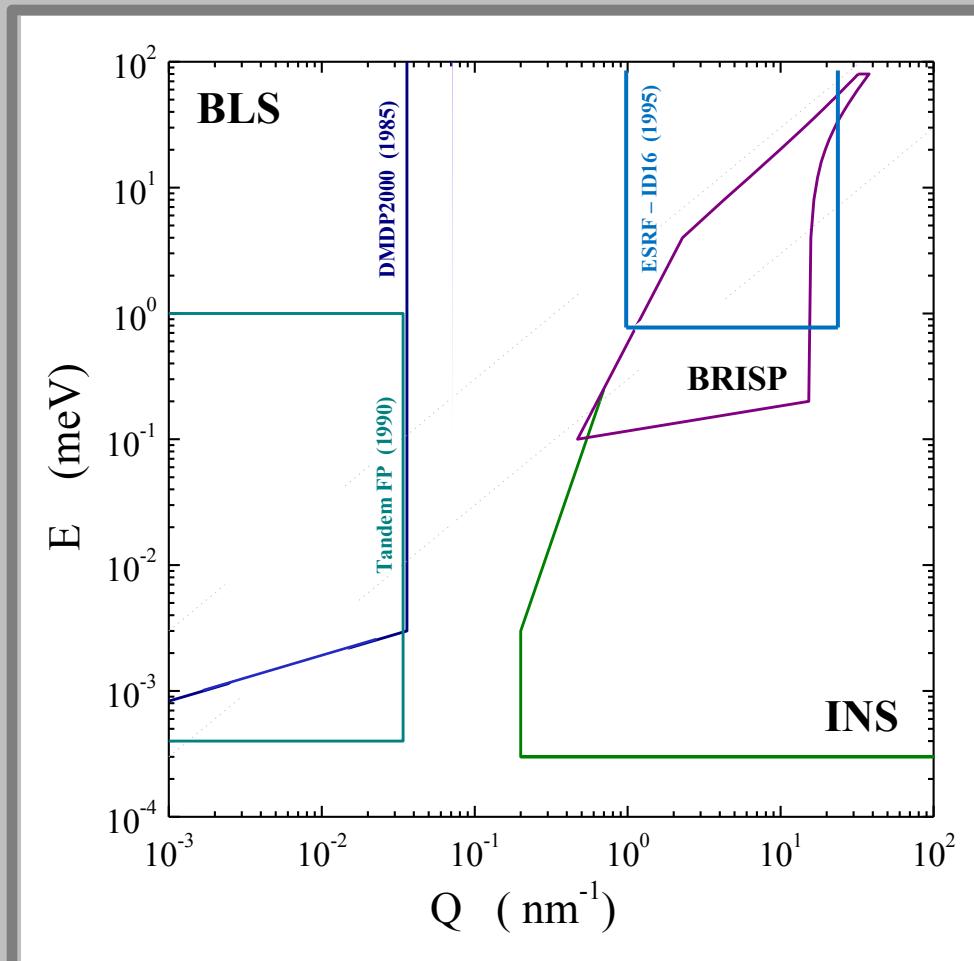
Summary

- 1. High frequency excitation in glasses: the Q-E region**
- 2. Diagnosis of Tumors via animal based biosensor**
- 3. New dimension in microscopy: imaging mechanical properties**
- 4. Diagnosis of Neurodegenerative Diseases (AD, PD, AMD, ALS, ...) via newly developed HR/LWD imaging systems.**



$$Q = 2\pi \lambda^{-1}$$
$$E = h\nu = hT^{-1}$$





1 – Existence of excitations in glasses

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Dynamics of Glasses and Glass-Forming Liquids Studied by Inelastic X-ray Scattering

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Observation of Large Momentum Phononlike Modes in Glasses

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High-Frequency Dynamics in Metallic Glasses

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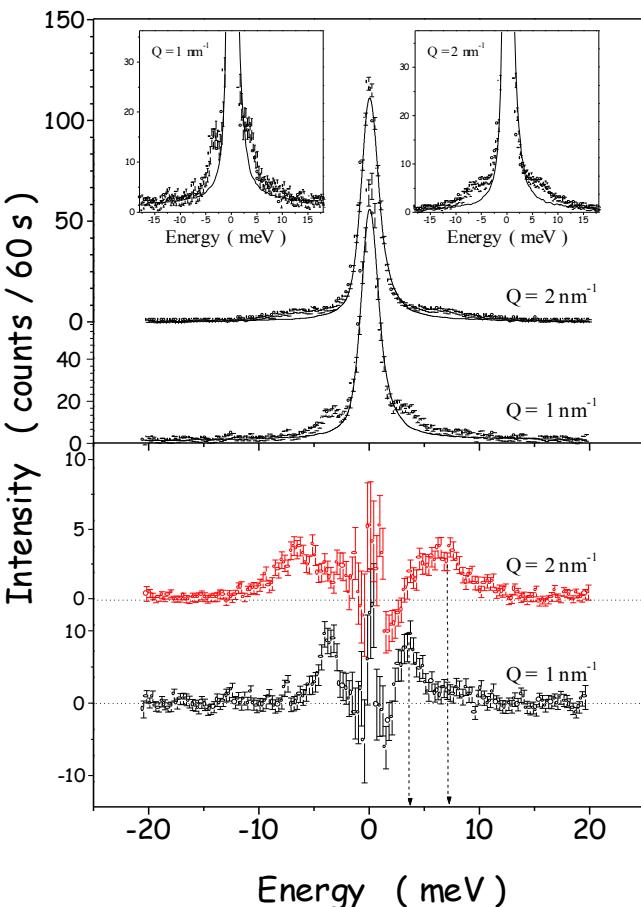
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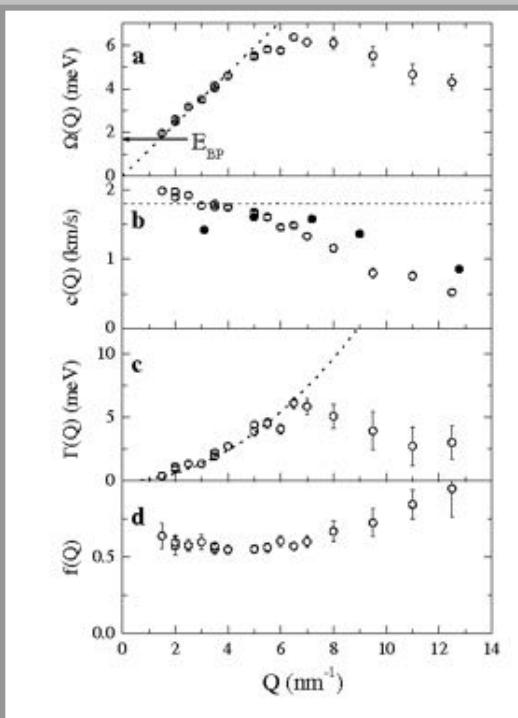
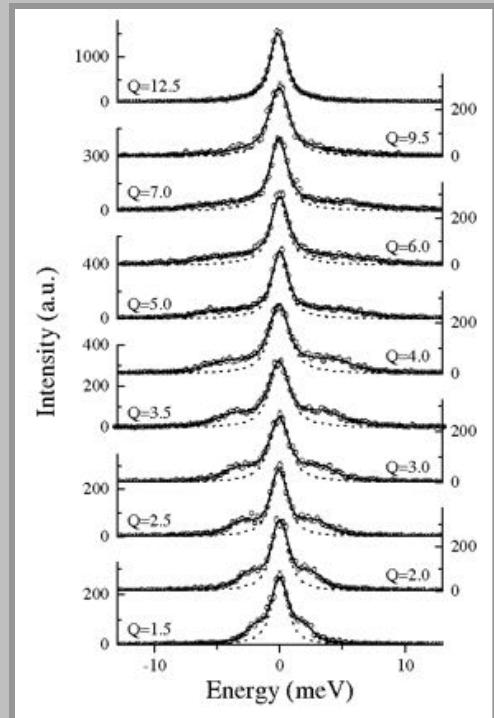
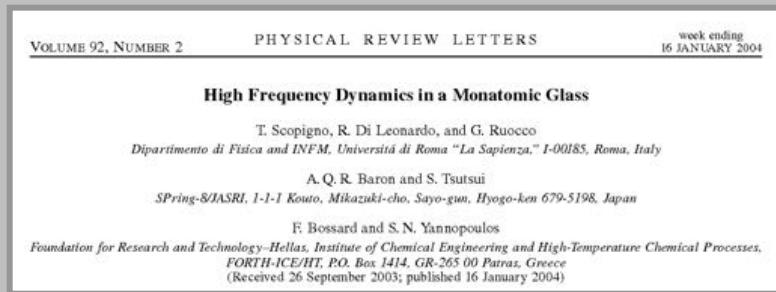
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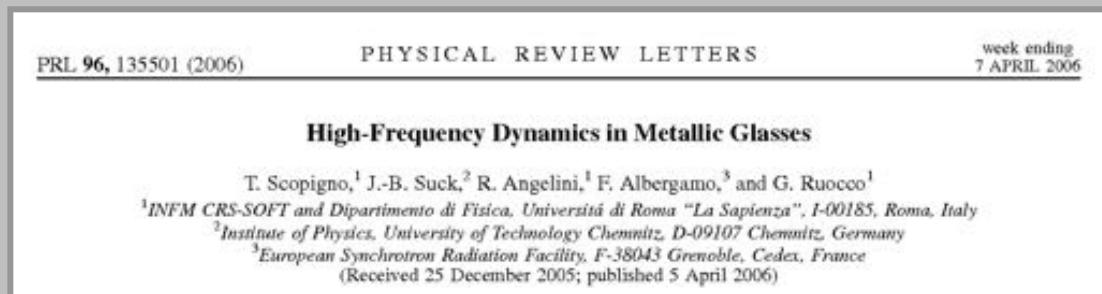


1 – Existence of propagating excitations in glasses (dispersion relation)

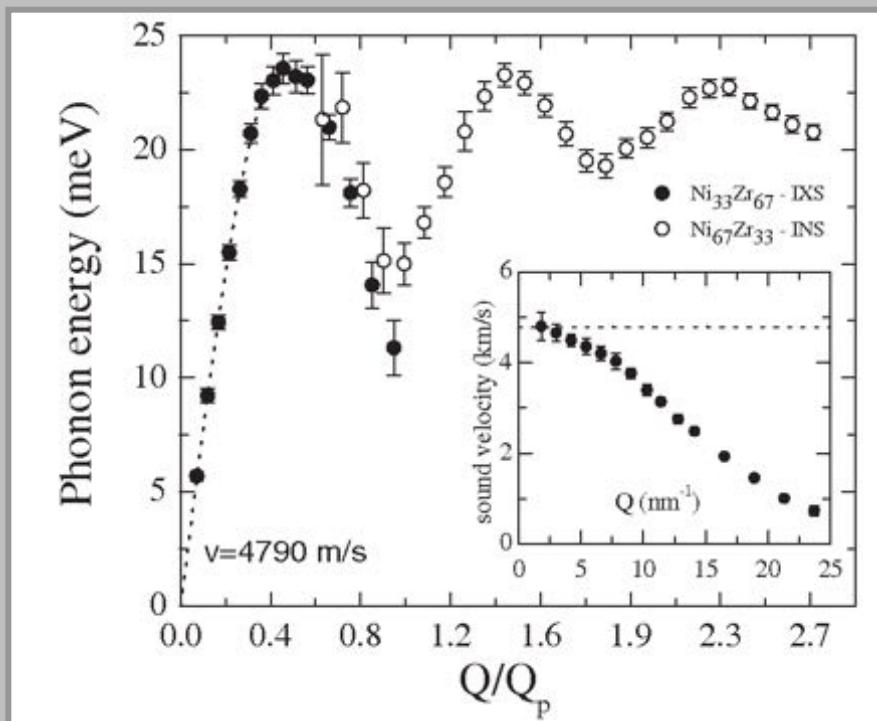
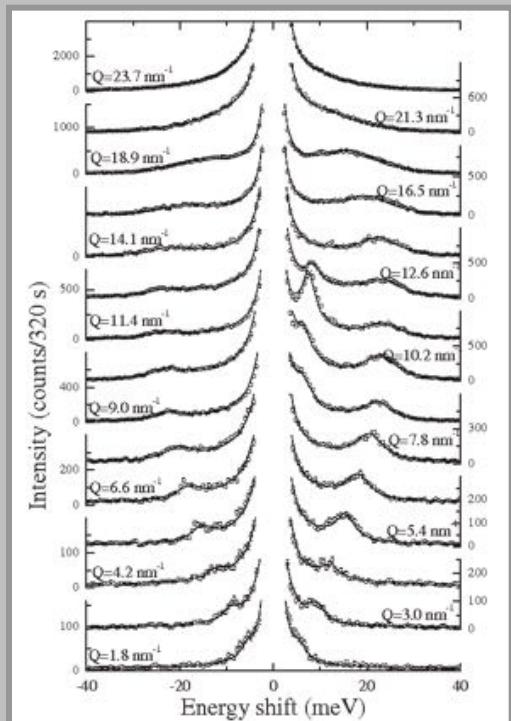


Selenium

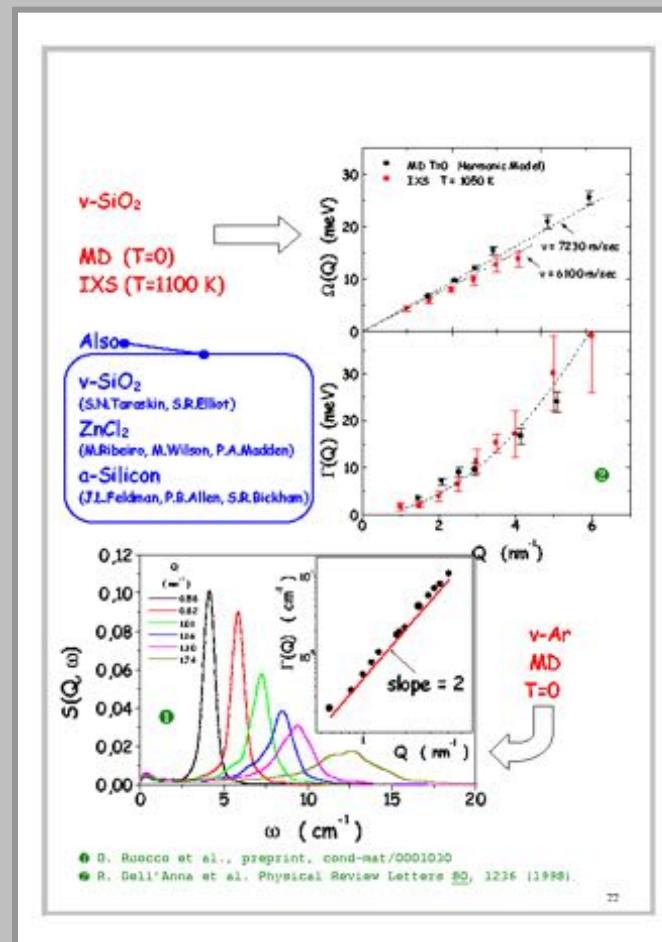
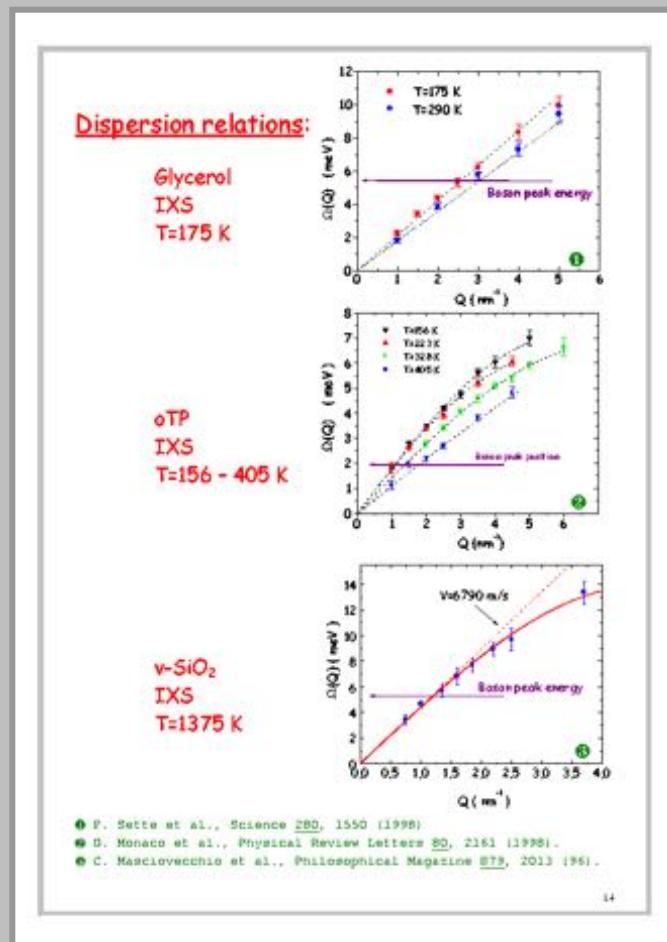
1 – Existence of propagating excitations in glasses (crystal-like dispersion)



Metallic
Glass
(NiZr)



2 – Existence of propagating excitations at energy well above the Boson Peak Energy



3 – Solid like excitations: Umklap processes

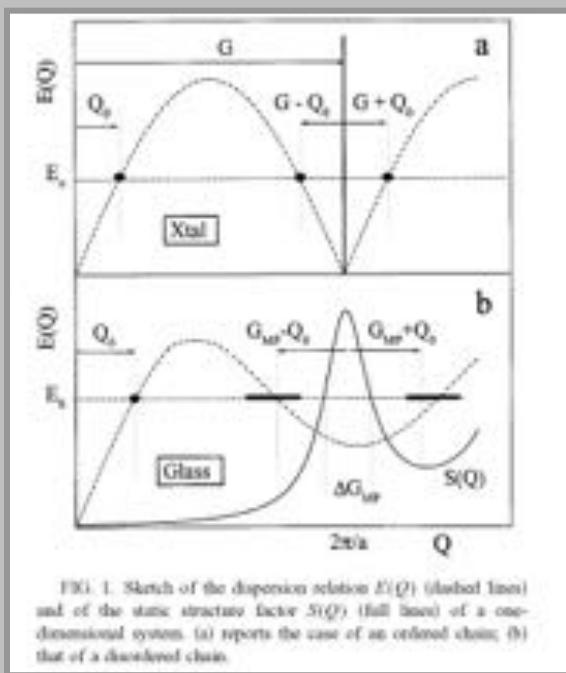


FIG. 1. Sketch of the dispersion relation $E(Q)$ (dashed lines) and of the static structure factor $S(Q)$ (full lines) of a one-dimensional system. (a) reports the case of an ordered chain; (b) that of a disordered chain.

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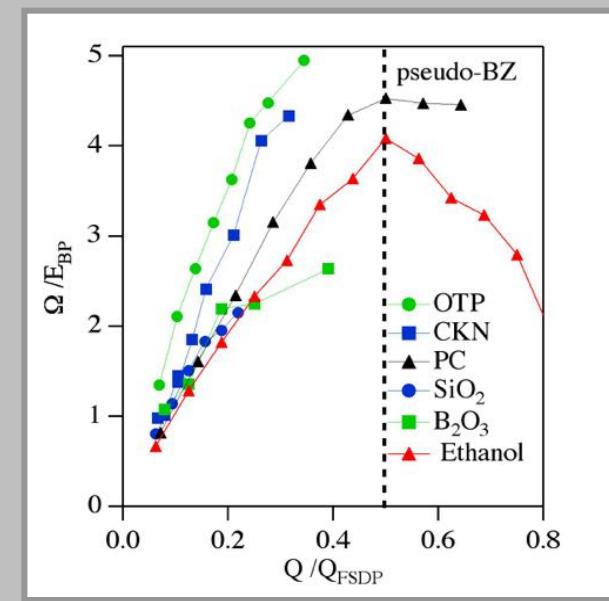
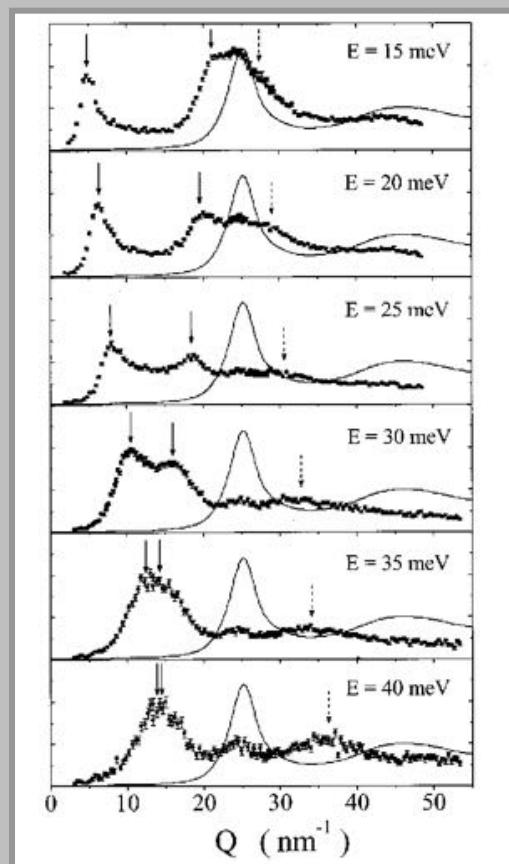
Observation of Umklapp processes in noncrystalline materials

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Experimental Evidence of the Acousticlike Character of the High Frequency Excitations in Glasses

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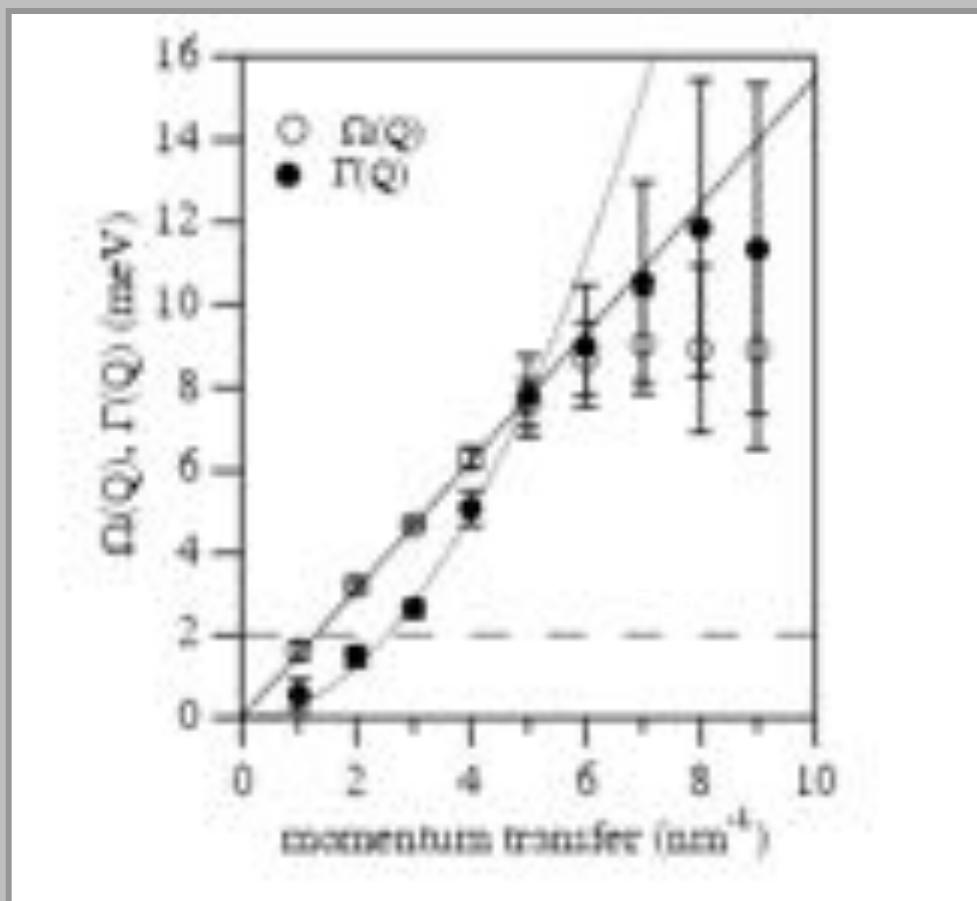
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4 – Broadening at small Q : $\Gamma(Q) < \Omega(Q)$



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High-frequency collective excitations in a molecular glass-former

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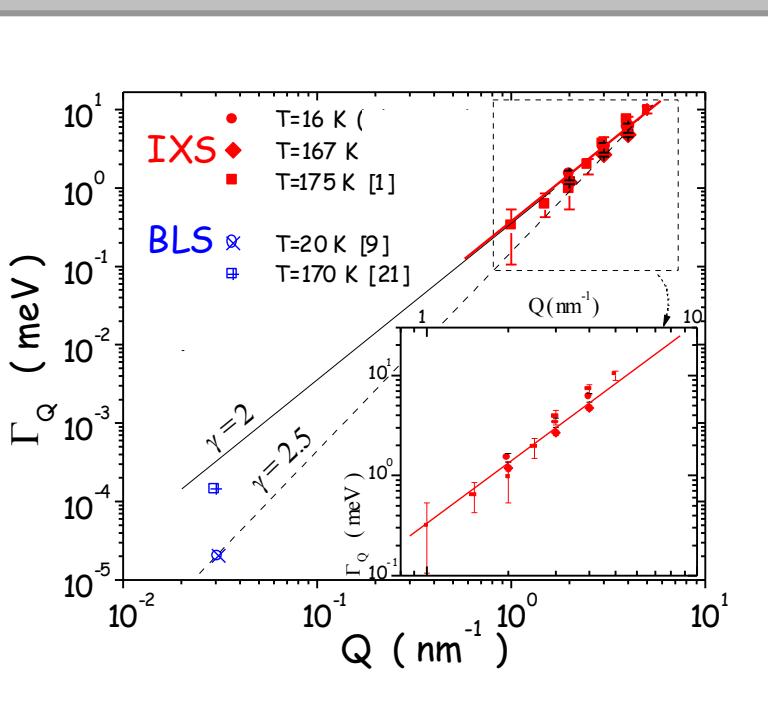
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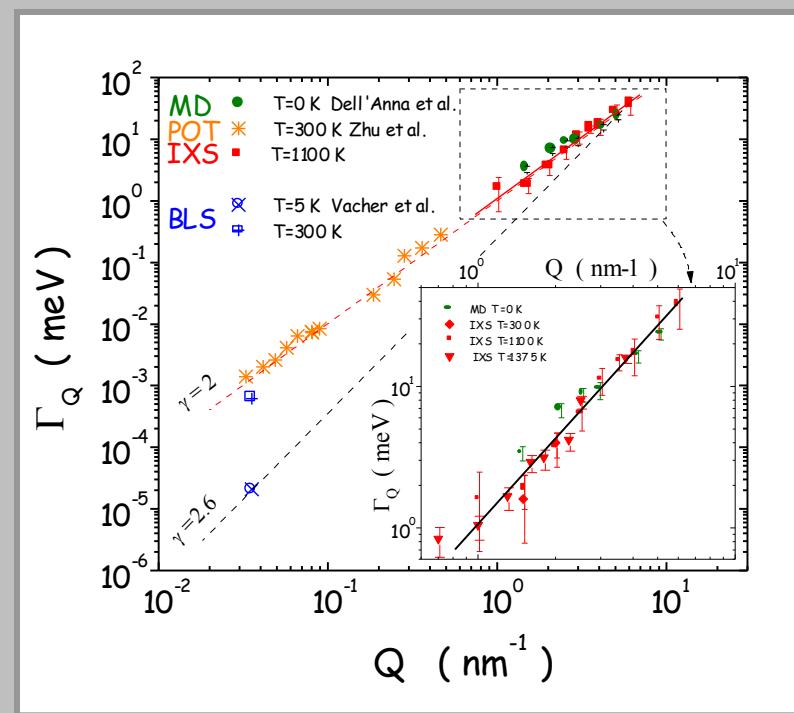
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Propylene Carbonate

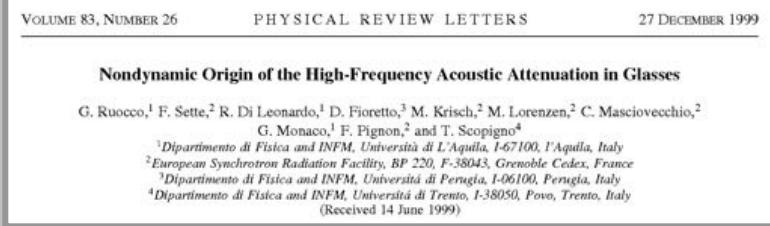
5 – Broadening at small Q : $\Gamma(Q) \propto Q^2$ 

Glycerol

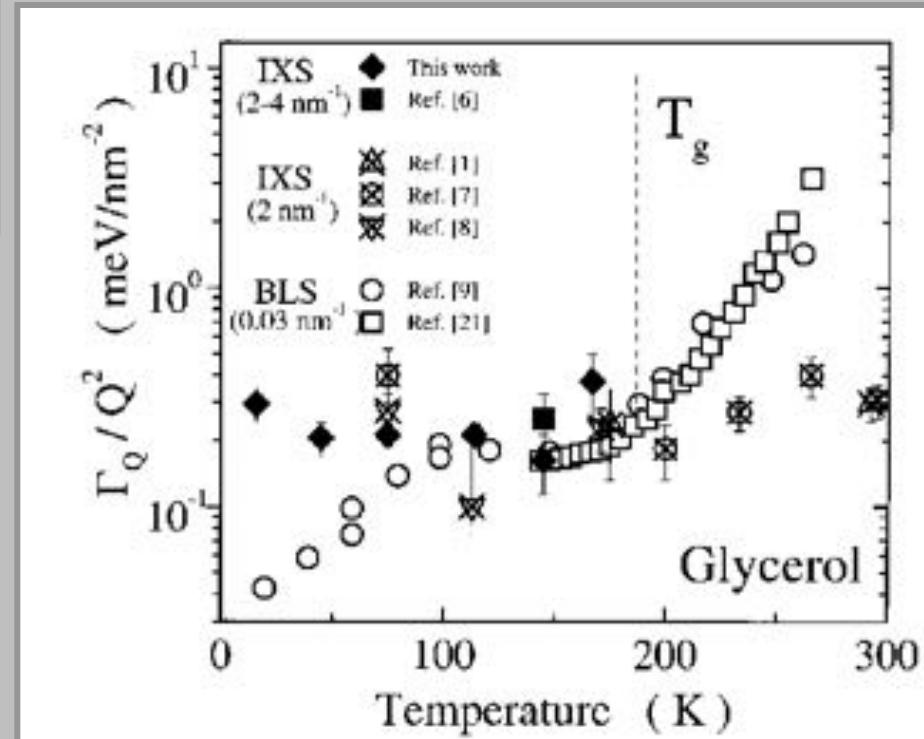


v-silica

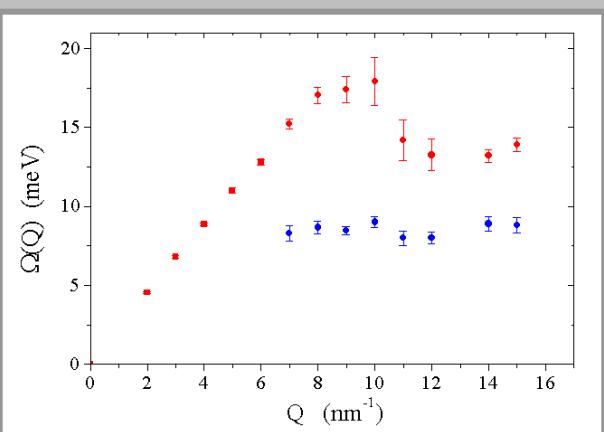
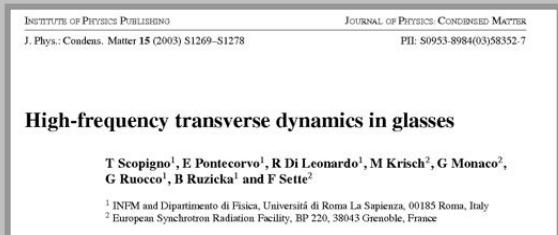
6 – Broadening T-independent



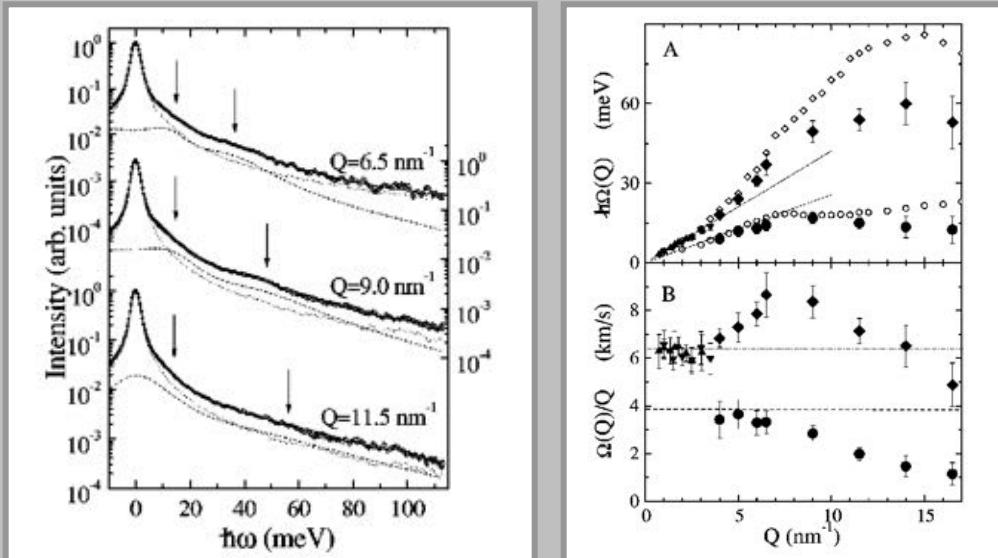
Glycerol



7 – “Transverse” excitations

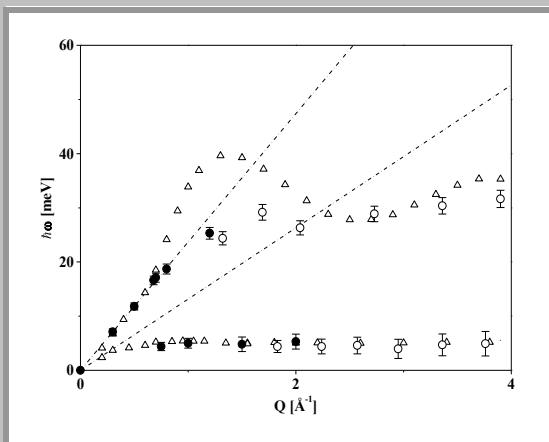


Glycerol



SiO₂

GeO₂



8 – Positive Dispersion of the sound velocity

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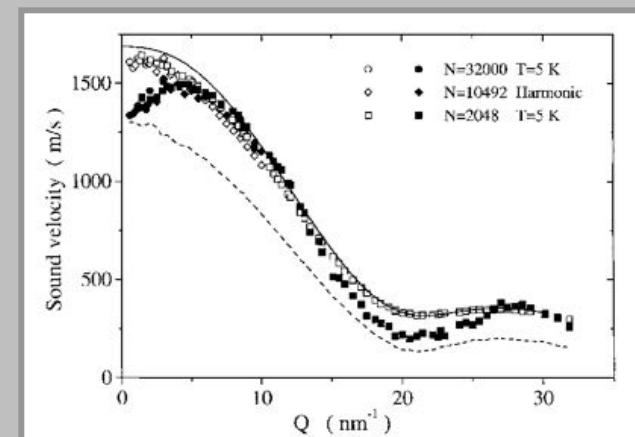
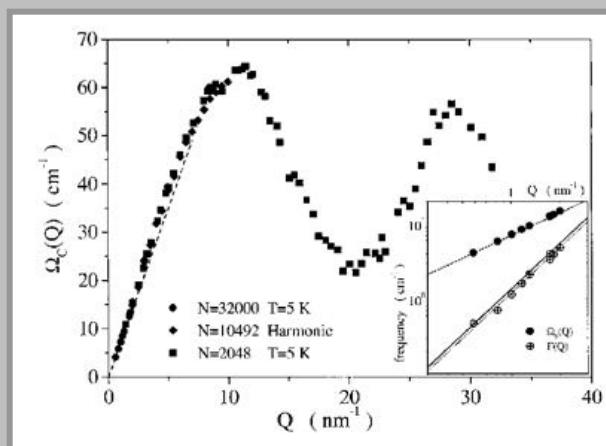
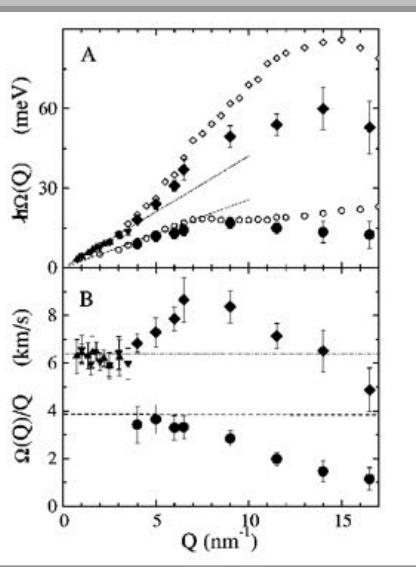
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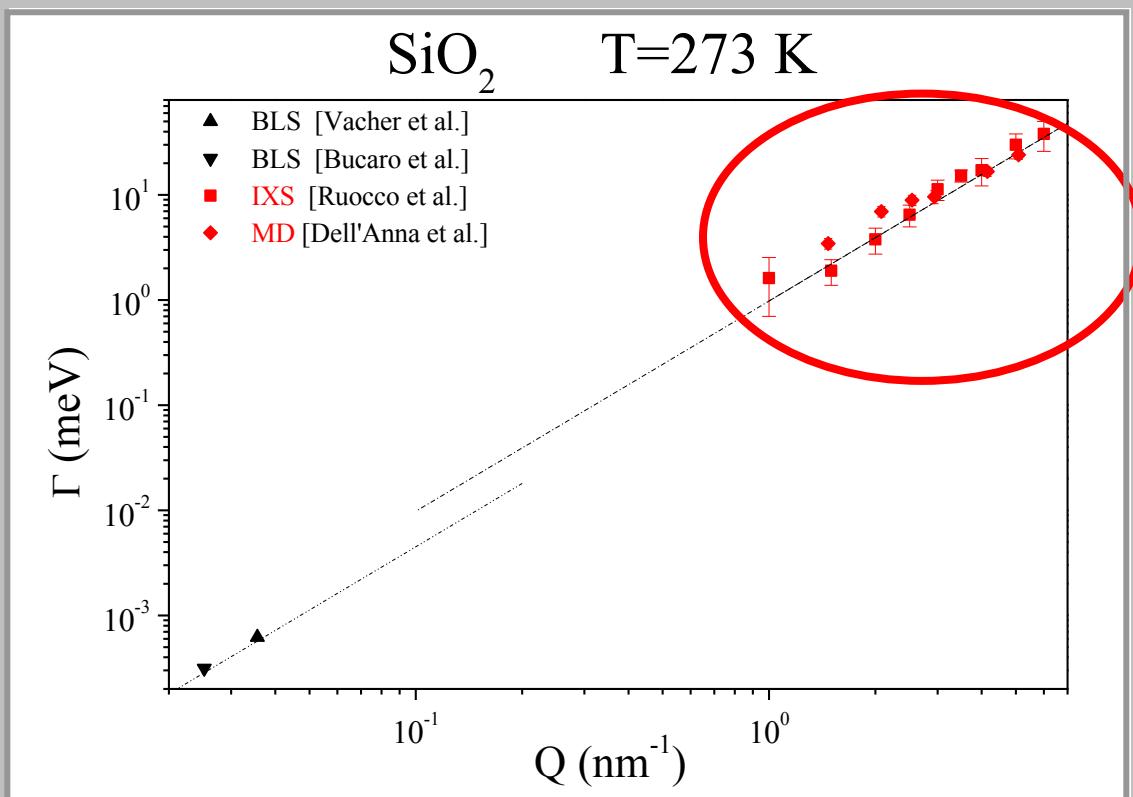
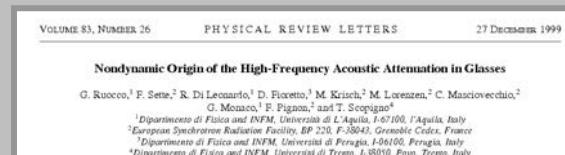
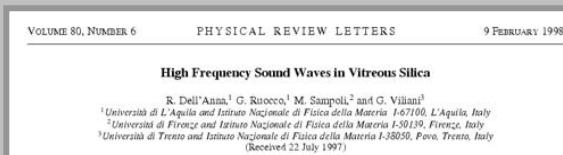
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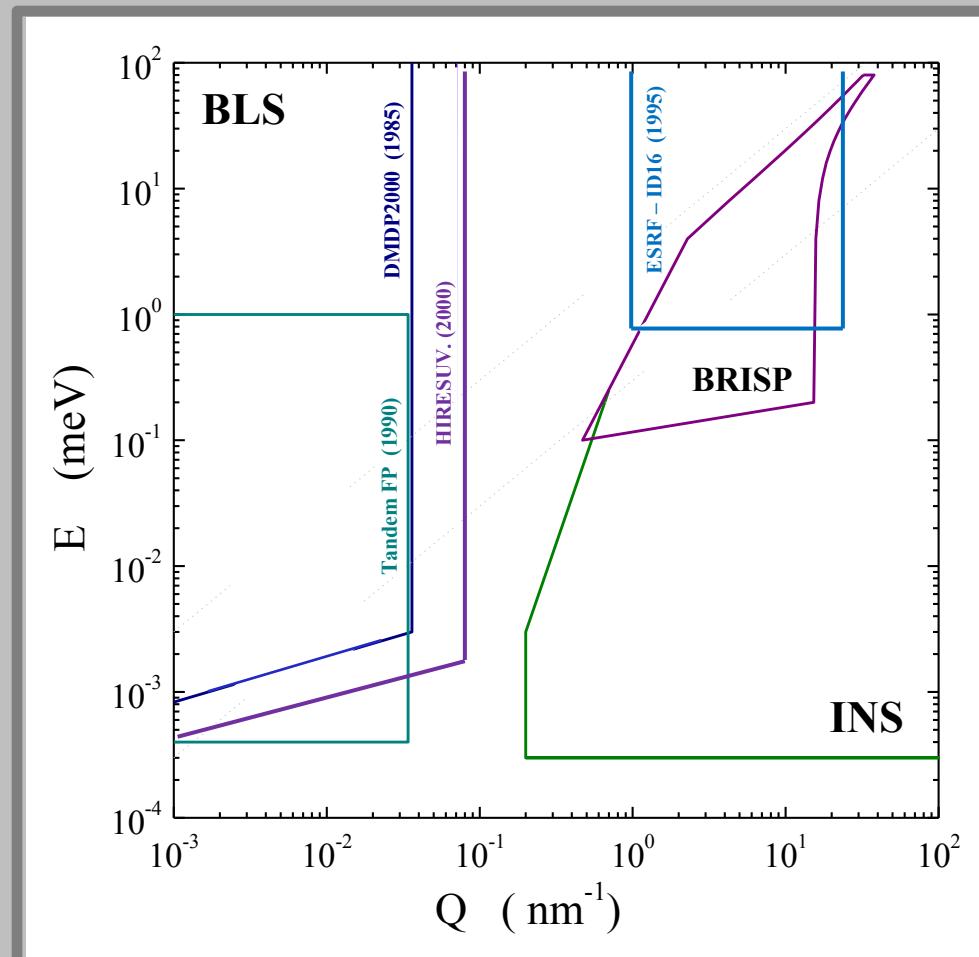
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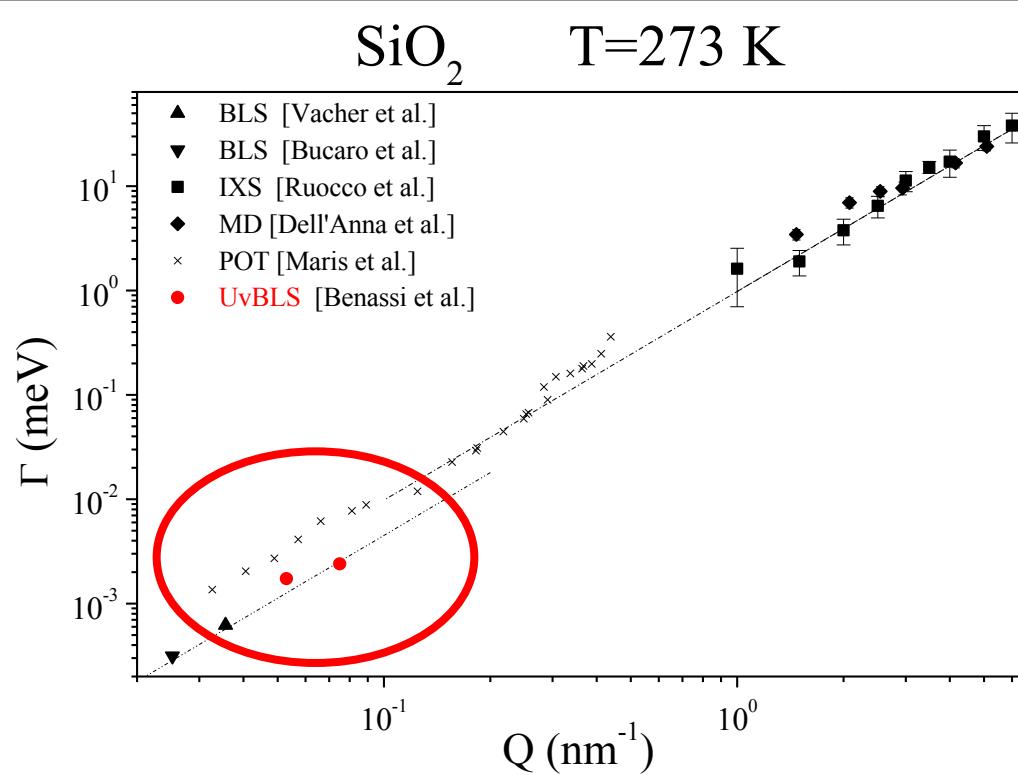
Summary

- 1 – There exist propagating acoustic-like excitations in glasses $\Omega(Q) = c Q$
- 2 – These excitations exist at energy well above the Boson Peak Energy
- 3 - The similarity with “phonons” goes beyond the first BZ: Umklap processes
- 4 – These excitations are well defined at small Q : $\Gamma(Q) < \Omega(Q)$
- 5 – The excitations’ broadening, $\Gamma(Q)$, increase as Q^2 : $\Gamma(Q) = d Q^2$
- 6 – The excitations’ broadening is T-independent
- 7 – There exist also “Transverse” excitations
- 8 – It exists a positive dispersion of the sound velocity

A still open problem



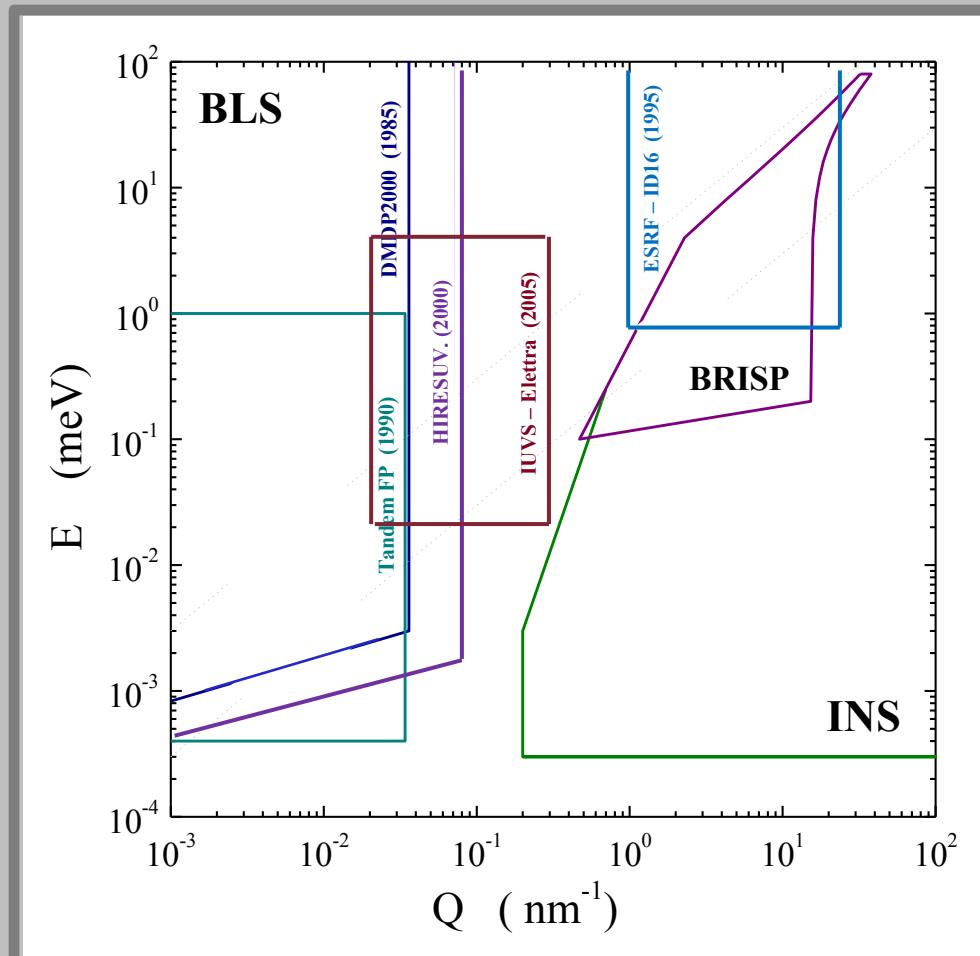


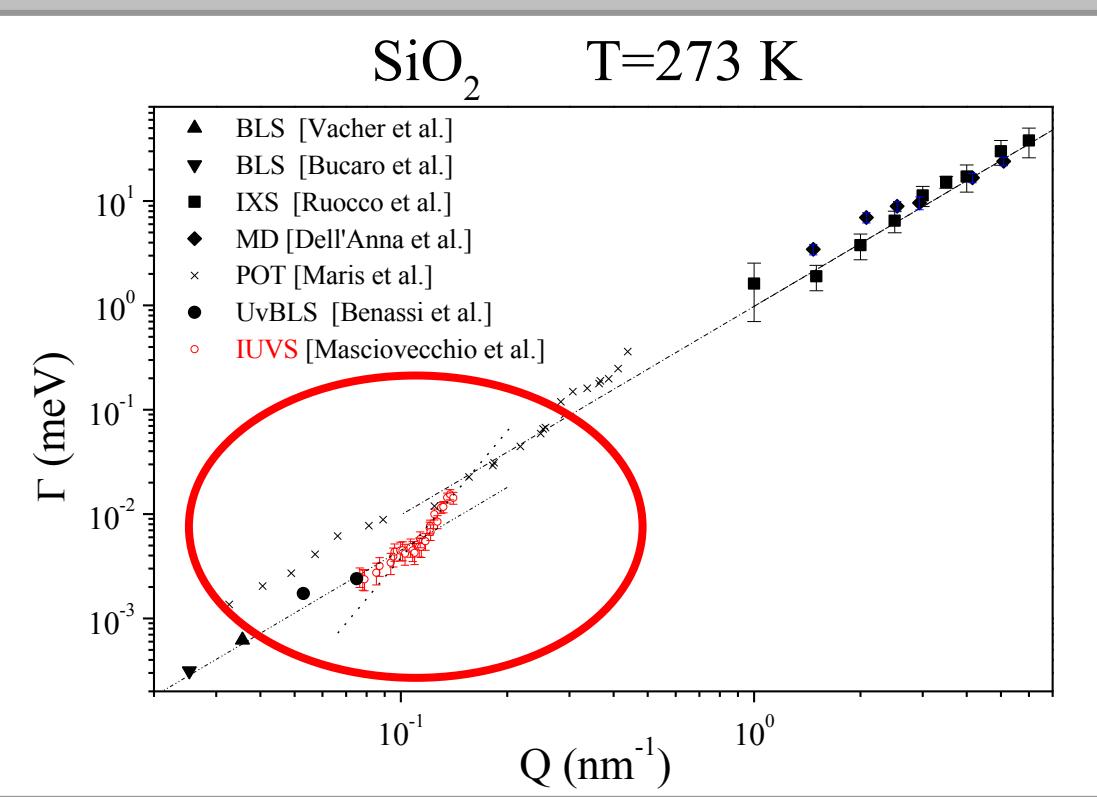


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**Evidence for a Crossover in the Frequency Dependence
of the Acoustic Attenuation in Vitreous Silica**

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Theory

T-independent process(es)

“Disorder induced”
Relaxation Process

$$\Gamma(Q) \propto Q^2 \quad \text{high } Q$$

Rayleigh scattering

$$\Gamma(Q) \propto Q^4 \quad \text{low } Q$$

a numeric system suggests the use of mechanism that describes the density correlators $\phi(Q, t) = F(Q, t)/S(Q)$ through its generalized Langevin equation [16]:

$$\ddot{\phi}(Q, t) + \omega_o^2 \phi(Q, t) + \int_0^t m(Q, t - t') \times \dot{\phi}(Q, t') dt = 0, \quad (5)$$

where $\omega_o^2 = K_B T Q^2 / M S(Q)$ and $m(Q, t)$ is the “memory function.” This equation has been rigorously derived for ergodic systems, but as recently shown in the framework of

$$S^{(0)}(Q, \omega) = \frac{K_B T Q^2}{\pi M} \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} \sum_p \frac{E_p(Q)}{\omega_p^2} \frac{s}{s^2 + (\omega - \omega_p)^2}, \quad (10)$$

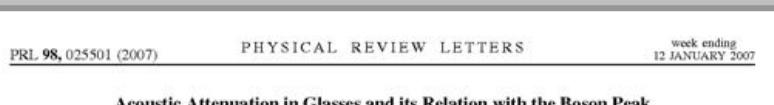
and comparing Eqs. (10) and (9) one gets [18]

$$\Gamma_\varrho = v_o^4 Q^2 \frac{\pi M}{K_B T} \lim_{\omega \rightarrow 0} S(Q, \omega). \quad (11)$$

Similarly,

$$\tau_\varrho \approx \frac{v_o^4}{\nu \tau} \frac{\pi M}{\nu \tau} \lim_{\omega \rightarrow 0} S(Q, \omega). \quad (10)$$

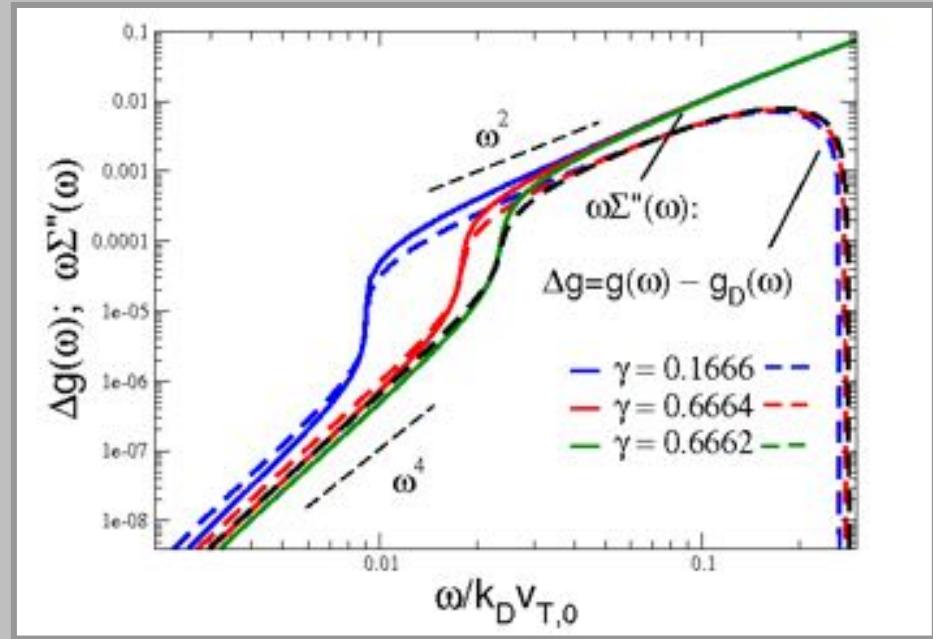
Theory



$$\omega_D \Delta g(\omega) \doteq \omega_D [g(\omega) - g_D(\omega)] = f(c_L, c_T) \frac{\Gamma(\omega)}{\omega_D} \quad (5)$$

with

$$f(c_L, c_T) = \frac{2}{\pi} \left(\frac{c_D}{c_L} \right)^2 \left[1 + \left(\frac{c_L}{c_T} \right)^4 \right] \quad (6)$$



Material	V/N	c_L m/s	c_T m/s	Table I	
				A ps^{-3}	B ps
MD-LJ	39.5	1320 [16]	540 [34]	$2.1 \cdot 10^{-2}$ [34]	0.120 [16]
MD-SiO ₂	14.1	5940 [17]	3570 [17]	$3.7 \cdot 10^{-5}$ [17]	0.045 [17]
SiO ₂	15.1	5960 [9]	3750 [9]	$5.3 \cdot 10^{-5}$ [35]	0.042 [4]
GeO ₂	16.1	3650 [36]	2150 [36]	$1.4 \cdot 10^{-4}$ [37]	0.034 [37]
Glycerol	8.2	3600 [38]	1870 [38]	$9.9 \cdot 10^{-5}$ [39]	0.031 [40]
oTP	10.7	2940 [41]	1370 [41]	$3.5 \cdot 10^{-4}$ [41]	0.036 [40]
Selenium	30.0	1800 [42]	895 [42]	$2.2 \cdot 10^{-3}$ [43]	0.070 [44]

Material	k_D A^{-1}	Table II	
		c_D m/s	ω_D ps
MD-LJ	1.14	610	$6.99 \cdot 10^{-3}$
MD-SiO ₂	1.61	3950	$63.7 \cdot 10^{-5}$
SiO ₂	1.58	4130	$65.1 \cdot 10^{-5}$
GeO ₂	1.54	2380	$36.8 \cdot 10^{-5}$
Glycerol	1.93	2090	$40.4 \cdot 10^{-5}$
oTP	1.77	1540	$27.3 \cdot 10^{-4}$
Selenium	1.25	1000	$12.6 \cdot 10^{-3}$

Material	ρ	Table III	
		R_{Exp} ps^2	R_{Th} ps^2
MD-LJ	2.4	0.099	0.103
MD-SiO ₂	3.1	0.00055	0.00060
SiO ₂	4.9	0.00101	0.00053
GeO ₂	2.3	0.00237	0.00187
Glycerol	2.2	0.00177	0.00194
oTP	2.4	0.00445	0.00523
Selenium	1.4	0.00935	0.02170

1. High frequency excitation in glasses: Expanding in the Q-omega region

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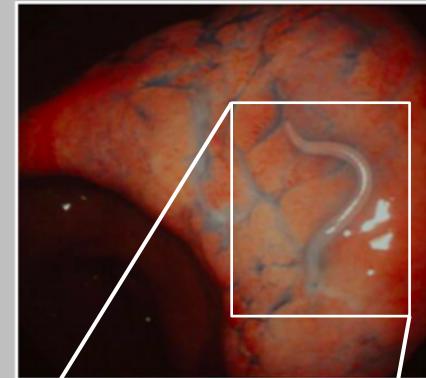
2. Diagnosis of tumors via animal based biosensors

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CASE REPORT

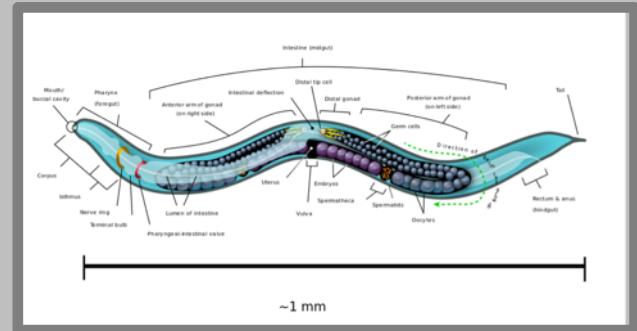
An anisakis larva attached to early gastric cancer: report of a case

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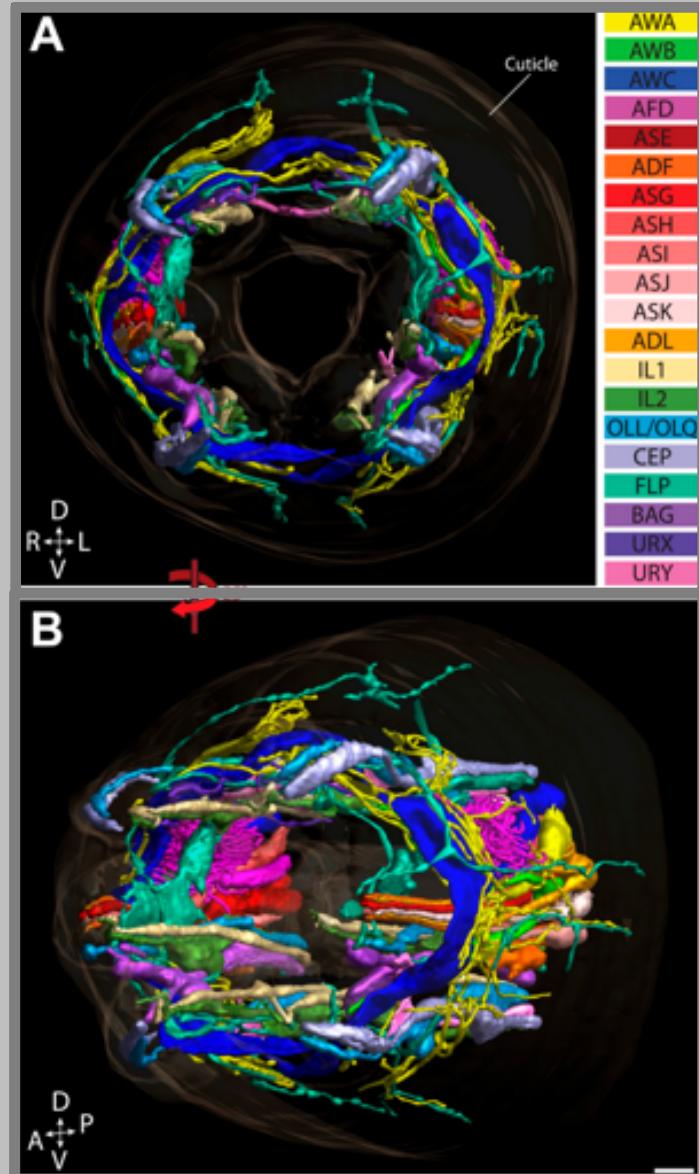
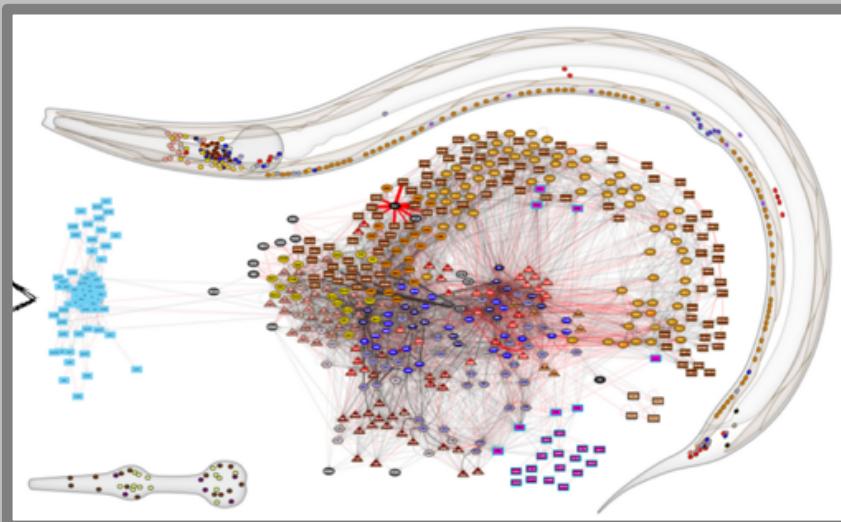
Caenorhabditis elegans

1. Model in biology: the simplest pluricellular organism
2. 1 mm length, 0.05 mm diameter
3. Transparent body
4. feed: Escherichia coli
5. hermaphrodite (genetic stability)
6. 20.000 genes (humans: 30.000/40.000 genes)



Caenorhabditis elegans

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7. Fixed cells number: 959
8. Fixed neurons number: 302
9. Well known connectome: 7000 synapses



RESEARCH ARTICLE

A Highly Accurate Inclusive Cancer Screening Test Using *Caenorhabditis elegans* Scent Detection

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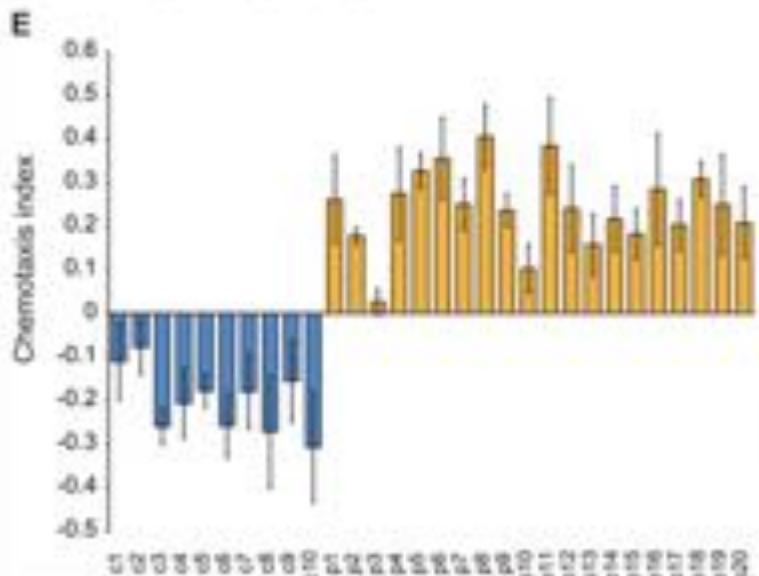
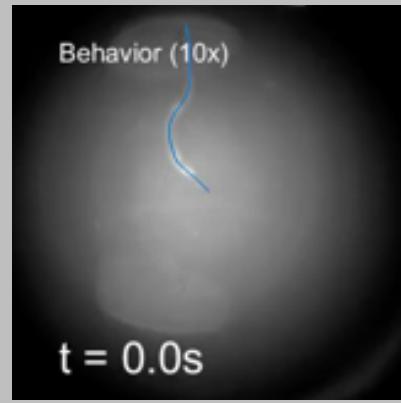


Table 1. Accuracy of tumor markers in extended characters

	Stage	n	CR
Oesophageal ca.	0	1	0
	Total	1	0
Gastric ca.	I	4	0
	IV	1	1
Colon rectal ca.	Total	5	1
	0	3	1
Breast ca.	I	1	0
	II	2	0
III	II	4	1
	IV	1	1
Total	10	2	
Bladder ca.	I	2	0
	II	3	1
Total	5	1	
Pancreatic ca.	IV	1	1
	Total	1	1
Stomach ca.	I	1	0
	Total	1	0
Prostate ca.	I	1	0
	Total	1	0
All cancers	0	3	1
	I	9	0
	II	5	1
	III	4	1
	IV	3	0
Total	26	6	

Neurons – In vivo – C.E.



Whole-brain calcium imaging with cellular resolution in freely behaving *Caenorhabditis elegans*

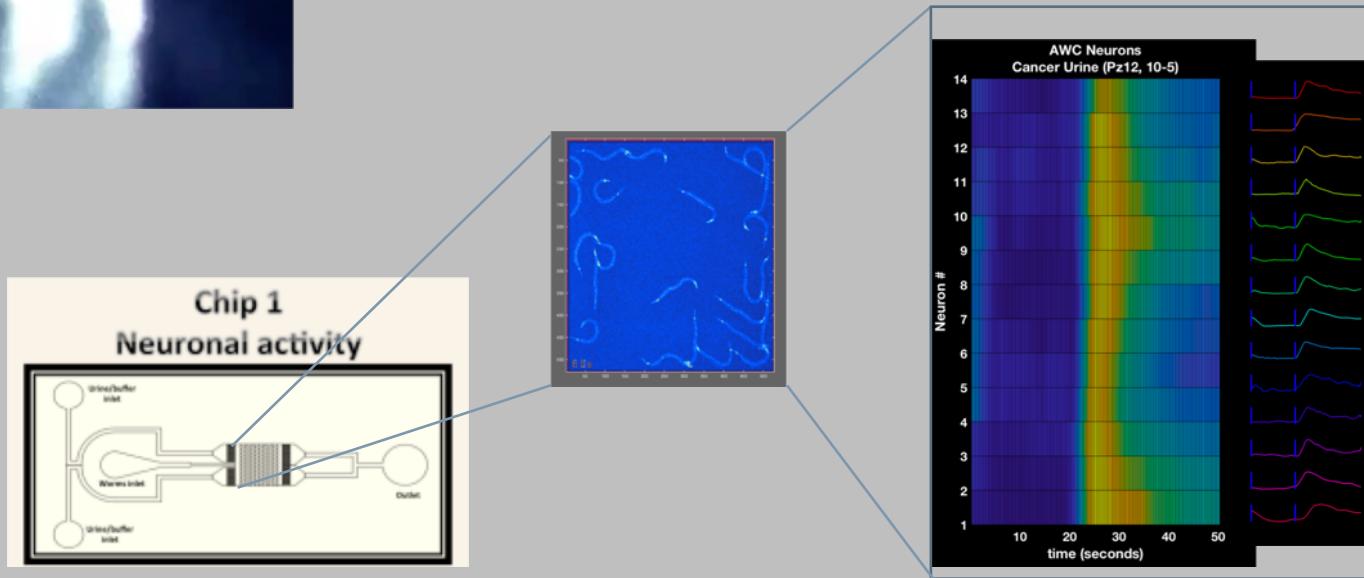
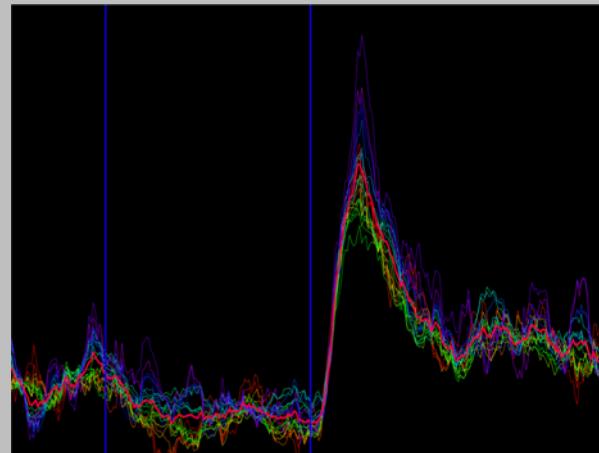
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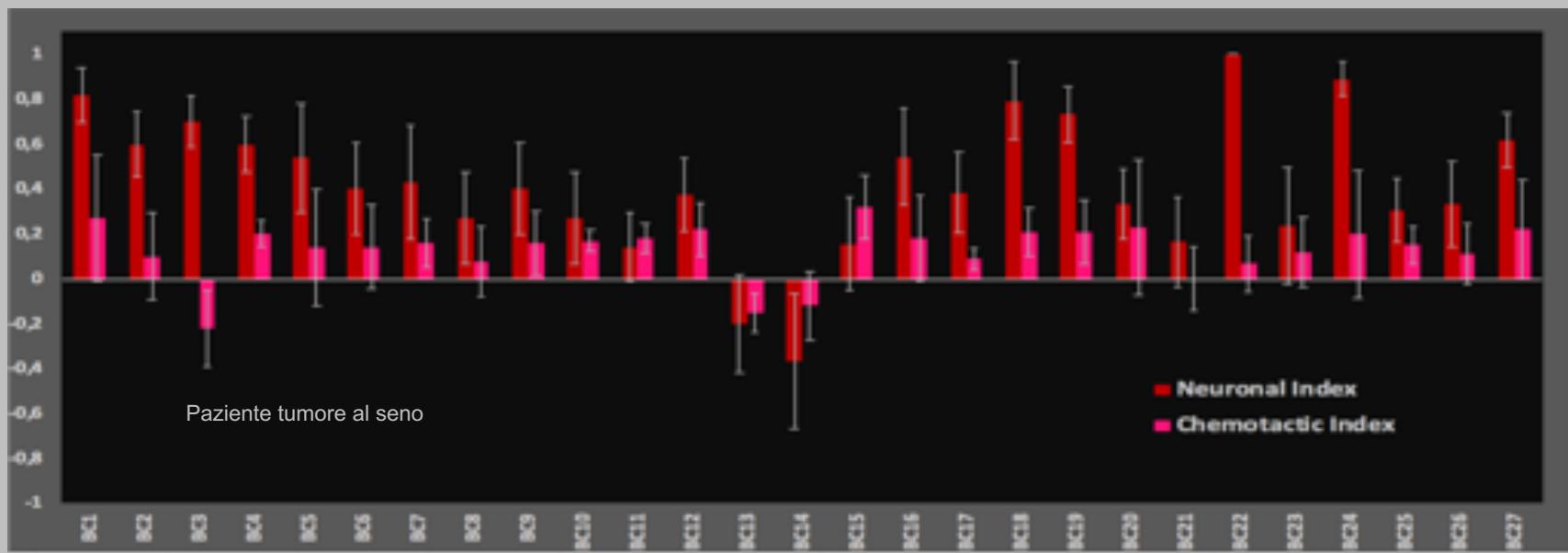
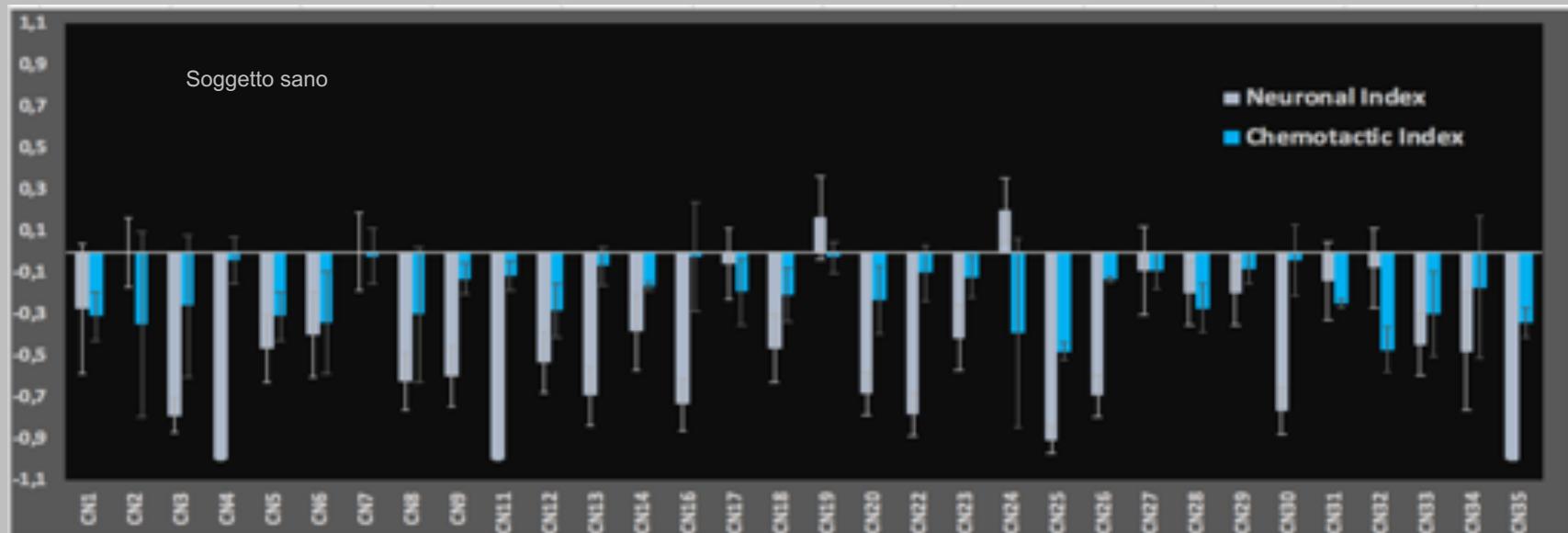
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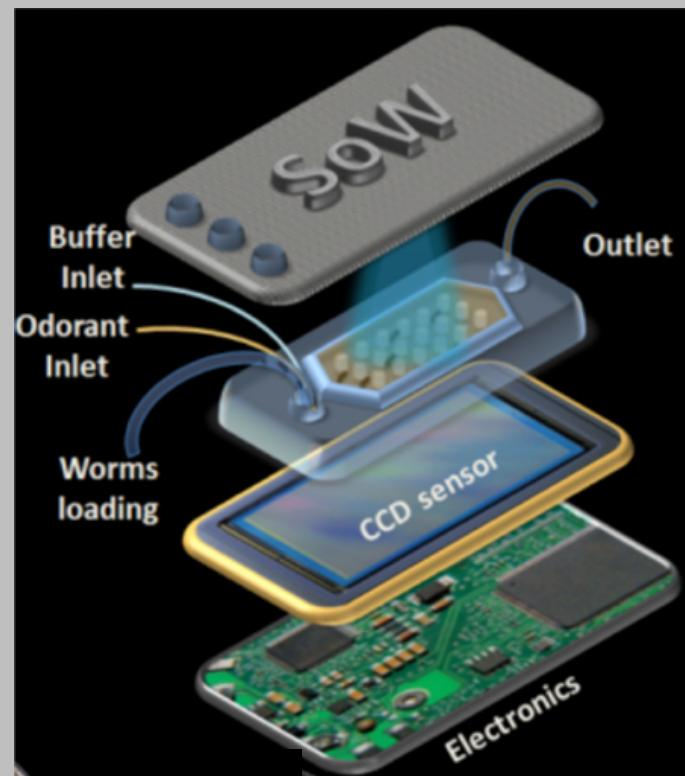
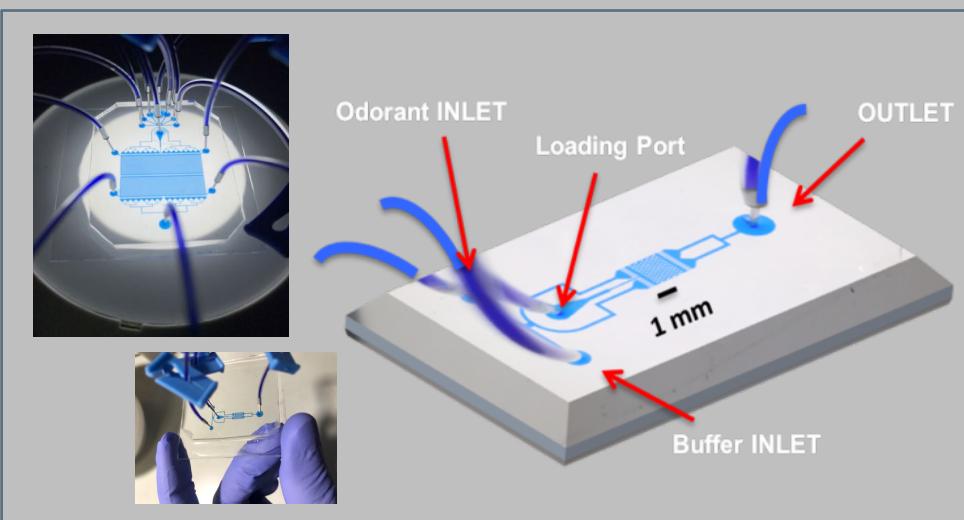
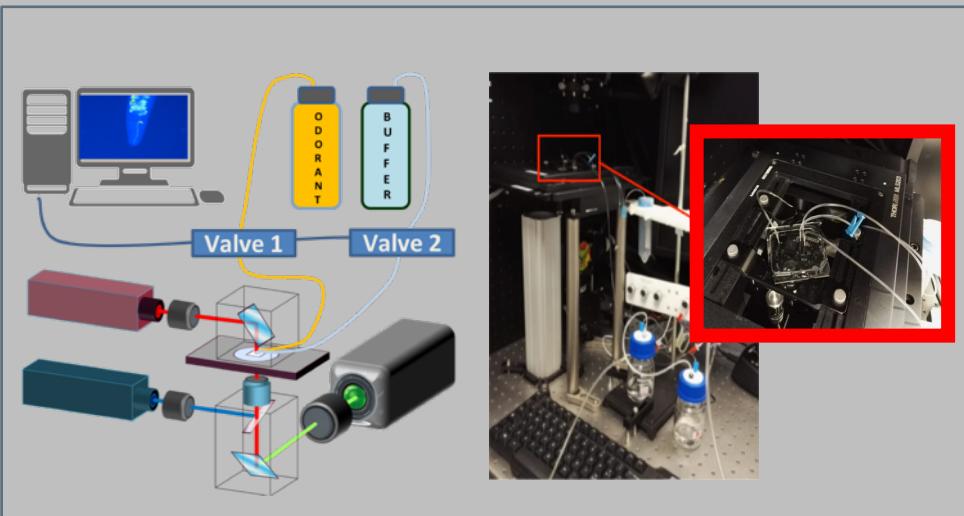
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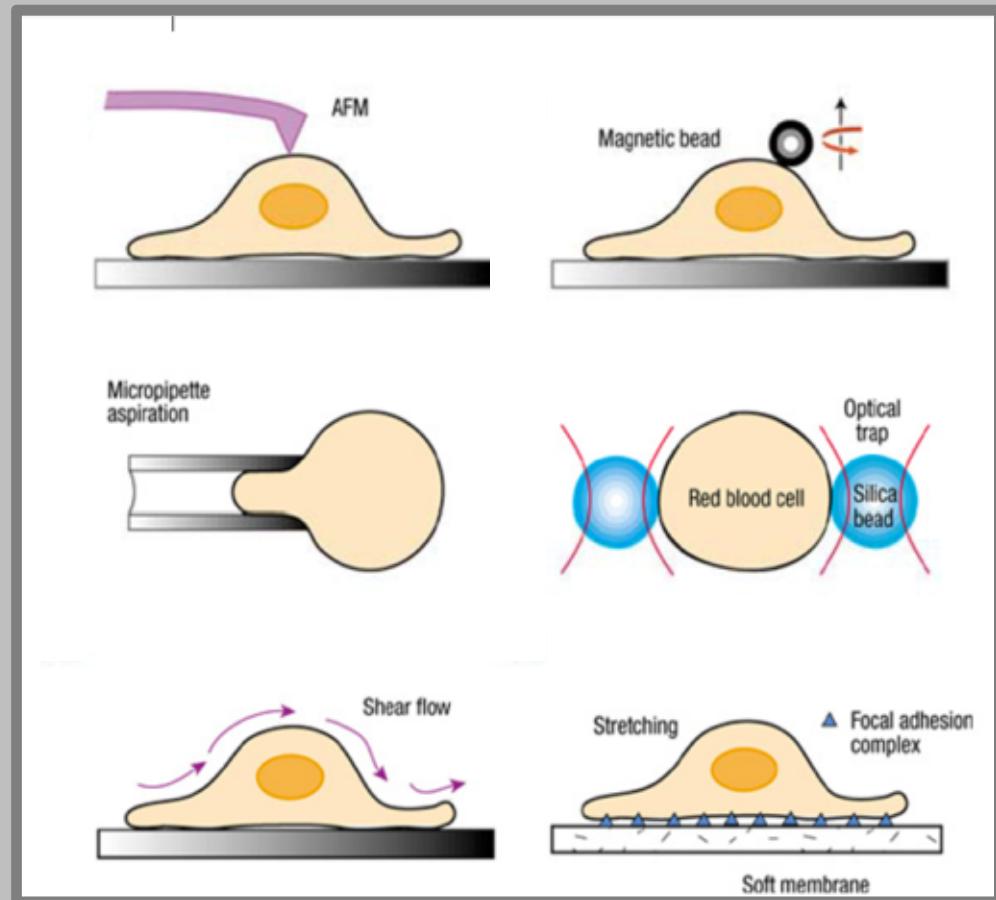






3. New dimension in microscopy: imaging mechanical properties

- Biomechanics are crucial in the onset of several diseases (e.g **cancer, atherosclerosis, glaucoma, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis**)
- Existing methods to measure the biomechanics require **contact forces**
 - Invasive
 - Unable to perform 3D imaging
 - cannot provide a subcellular spatial resolution



Brillouin Microscopy

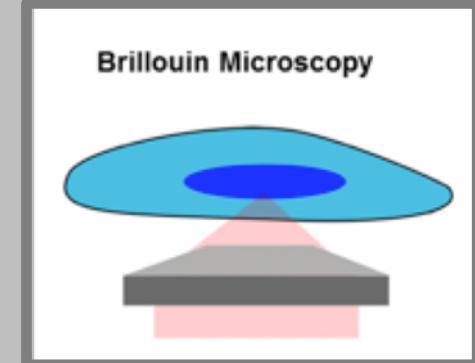
- Contactless
- Label Free
- 3D Capability
- New dimension in imaging

nature methods

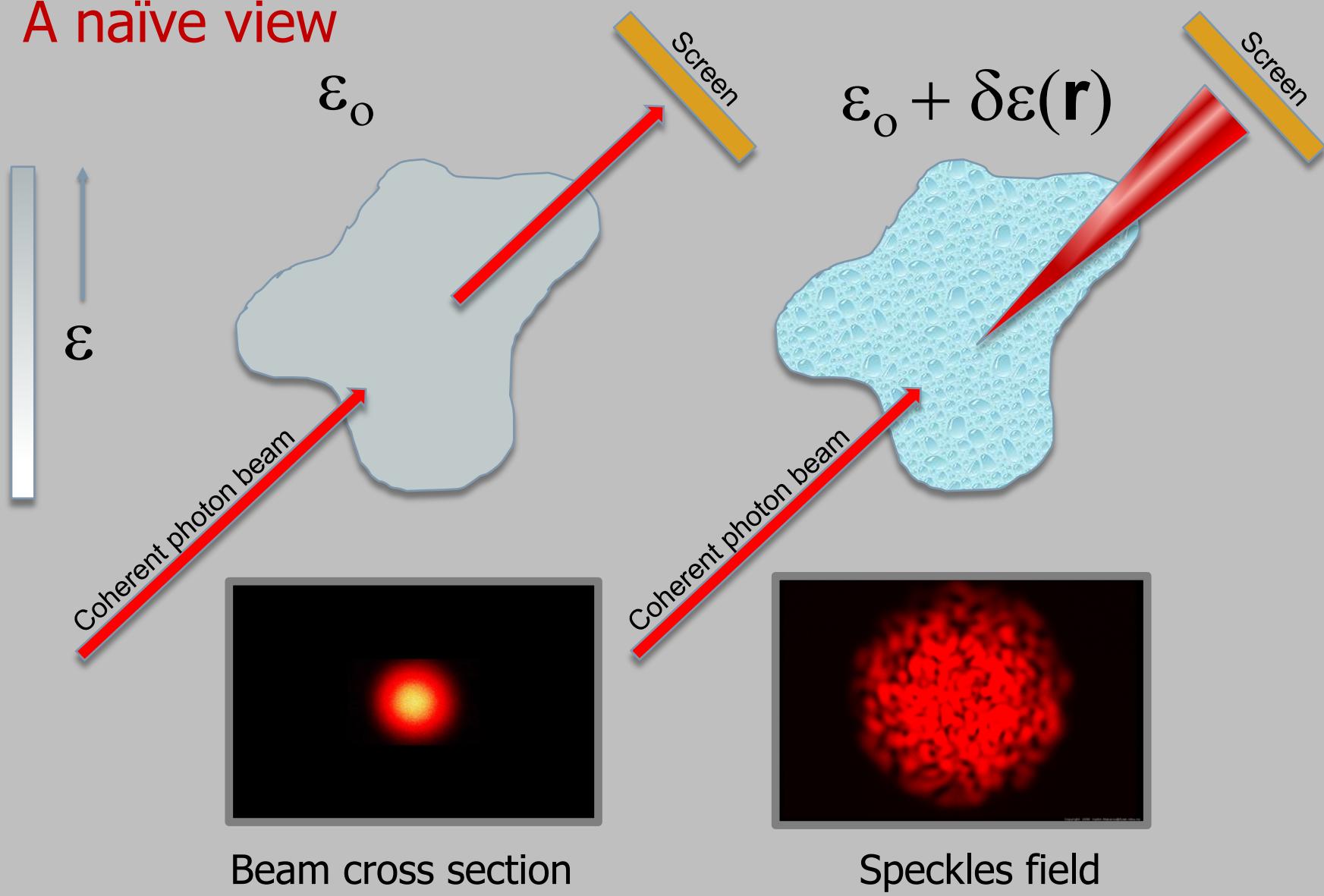
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Brillouin microscopy: an emerging tool for mechanobiology

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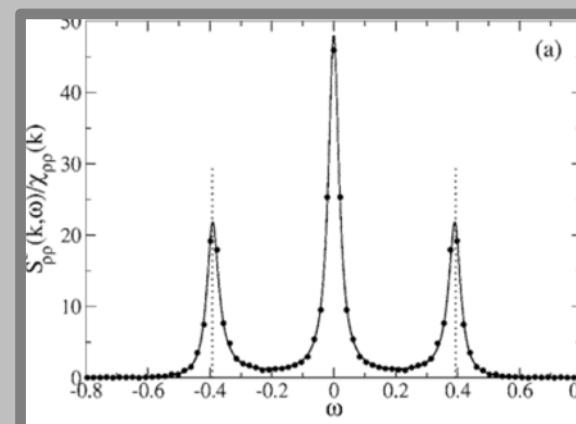
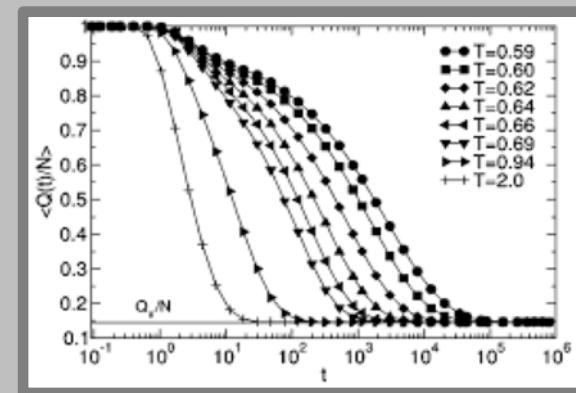
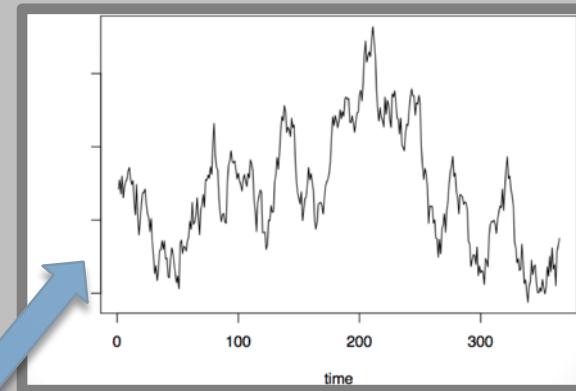
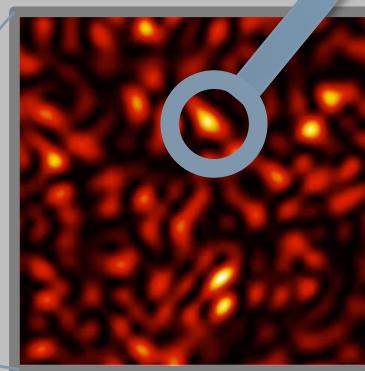
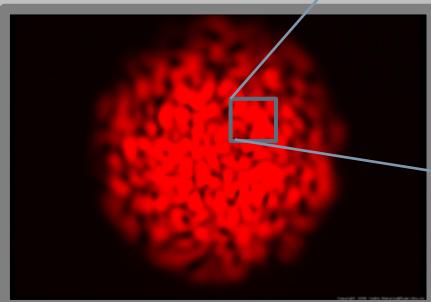
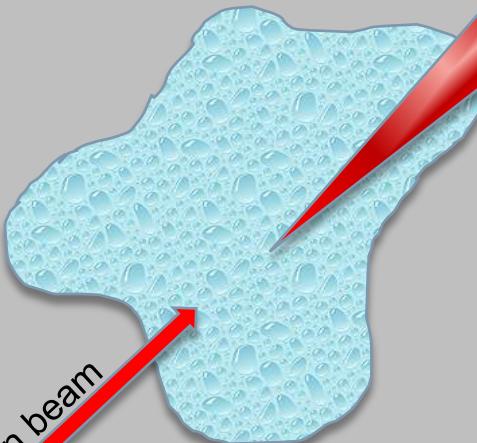


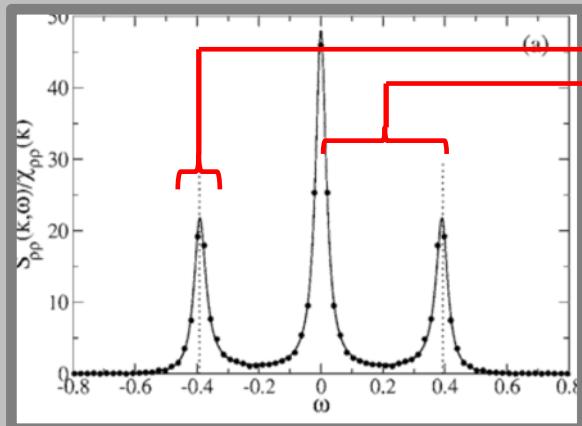
A naïve view



A naïve view

$$\epsilon_0 + \delta\epsilon(\mathbf{r}, t)$$





$$S_{pp}(\mathbf{q}, \omega) = \frac{1}{\pi} V \rho^2 k_B T \chi_T \left\{ \left(1 - \frac{1}{\gamma} \right) \left[\frac{D_T q^2}{\omega^2 + [D_T q^2]^2} \right. \right.$$

$$\left. \left. + \frac{1}{\gamma} \left(\frac{\Gamma q^2}{[\omega - \omega(q)]^2 + [\Gamma q^2]^2} + \frac{\Gamma q^2}{[\omega + \omega(q)]^2 + [\Gamma q^2]^2} \right) \right. \right.$$

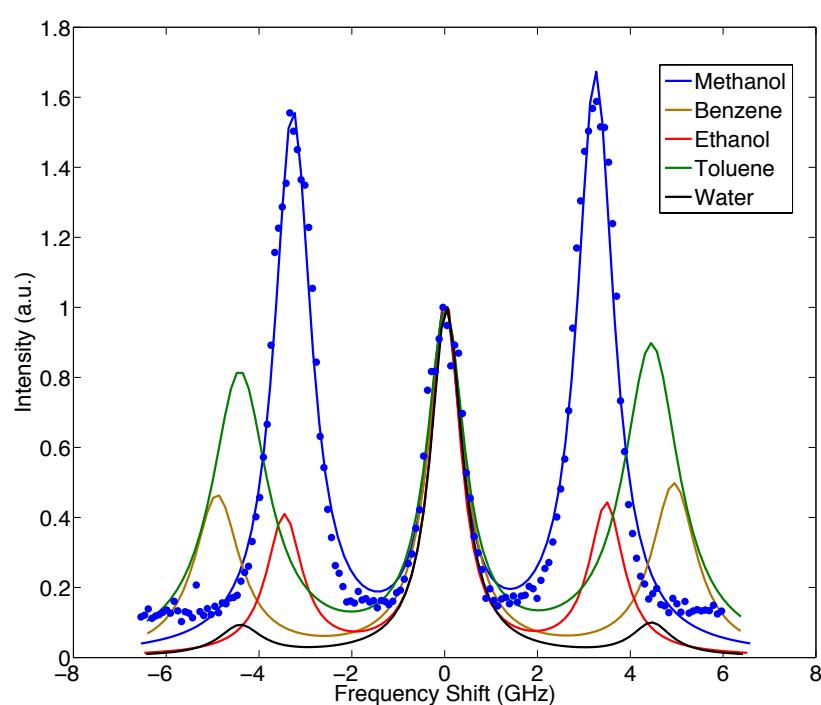
$$\left. \left. + \frac{1}{\gamma} b(q) \left(\frac{[\omega + \omega(q)]}{[\omega + \omega(q)]^2 + [\Gamma q^2]^2} - \frac{[\omega - \omega(q)]}{[\omega - \omega(q)]^2 + [\Gamma q^2]^2} \right) \right] \right\}$$

$$\omega(q) \equiv c_S q$$

$$c_S = \sqrt{\frac{E(1-\sigma)}{\varrho(1+\sigma)(1-2\sigma)}} = \sqrt{\frac{\gamma+2\mu}{\varrho}} = \sqrt{\frac{M}{\varrho}}$$

$$\Gamma \equiv \frac{1}{2}[(\gamma-1)D_T + D_V] = \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{(\gamma-1)\lambda}{m\rho_0 c_P} + \frac{\left(\eta_v + \frac{4}{3} \eta_s \right)}{m\rho_0} \right]$$

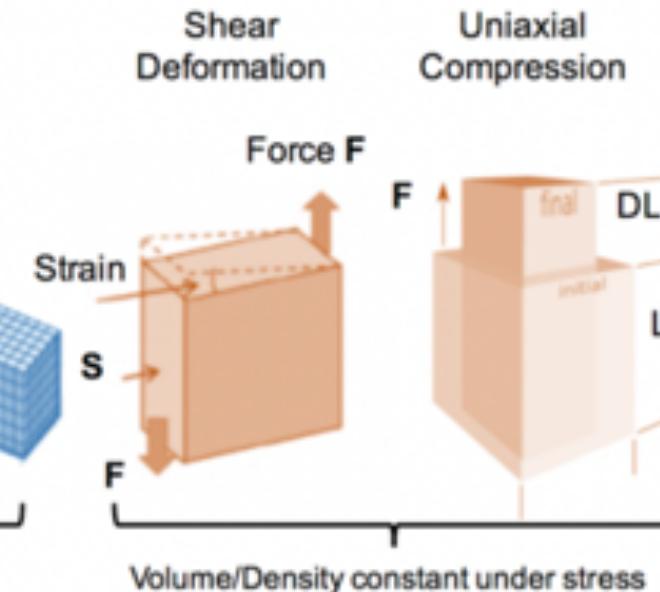
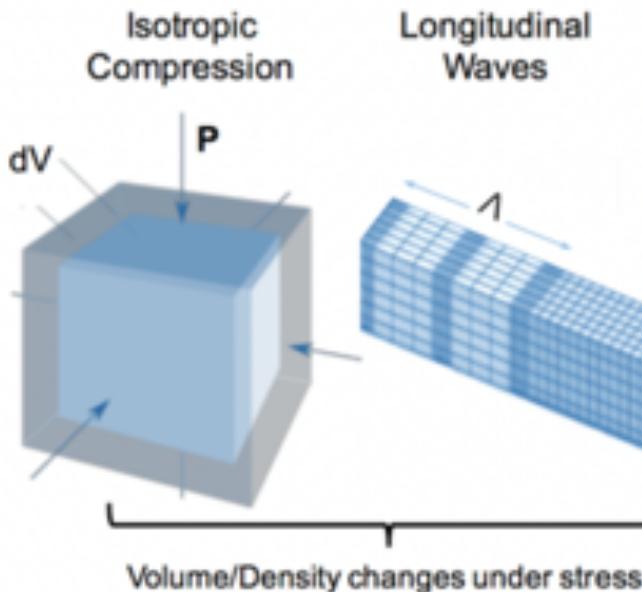
Formal results



	v_B (GHz) exp.	v_B (GHz) theo.	V_{sound} (m/s)
Methanol	3.26 ± 0.06	3.39	973.8
Benzene	4.92 ± 0.07	4.38	1301.1
Ethanol	3.47 ± 0.04	3.48	1012.1
Toluene	4.43 ± 0.07	4.26	1174.7
Water	4.43 ± 0.08	4.41	1341.5

- 0.1 sec exposure
- 5 mW at sample
- Low NA lens

Examples

Bulk (K)**Longitudinal (M)****Shear (G)****Young's (E)****DEFORIFICATION**

Elastic moduli

ELASTIC MODULI

Bulk (K)

Longitudinal (M)

Shear (G)

Young's (E)

K_o

GPa

M_o

G_o

KPa

E_o

Elastic moduli

Volume/Density changes under stress

Volume/Density constant under stress

ELASTIC MODULI

Bulk (K)

Longitudinal (M)

Shear (G)

Young's (E)

Brillouin spectroscopy measures

Atomic force microscopy measures



Elastic moduli

ELASTIC MODULI

Bulk (K)

Longitudinal (M)

Shear (G)

Young's (E)

Low
Frequency

K_o

GPa

M_o

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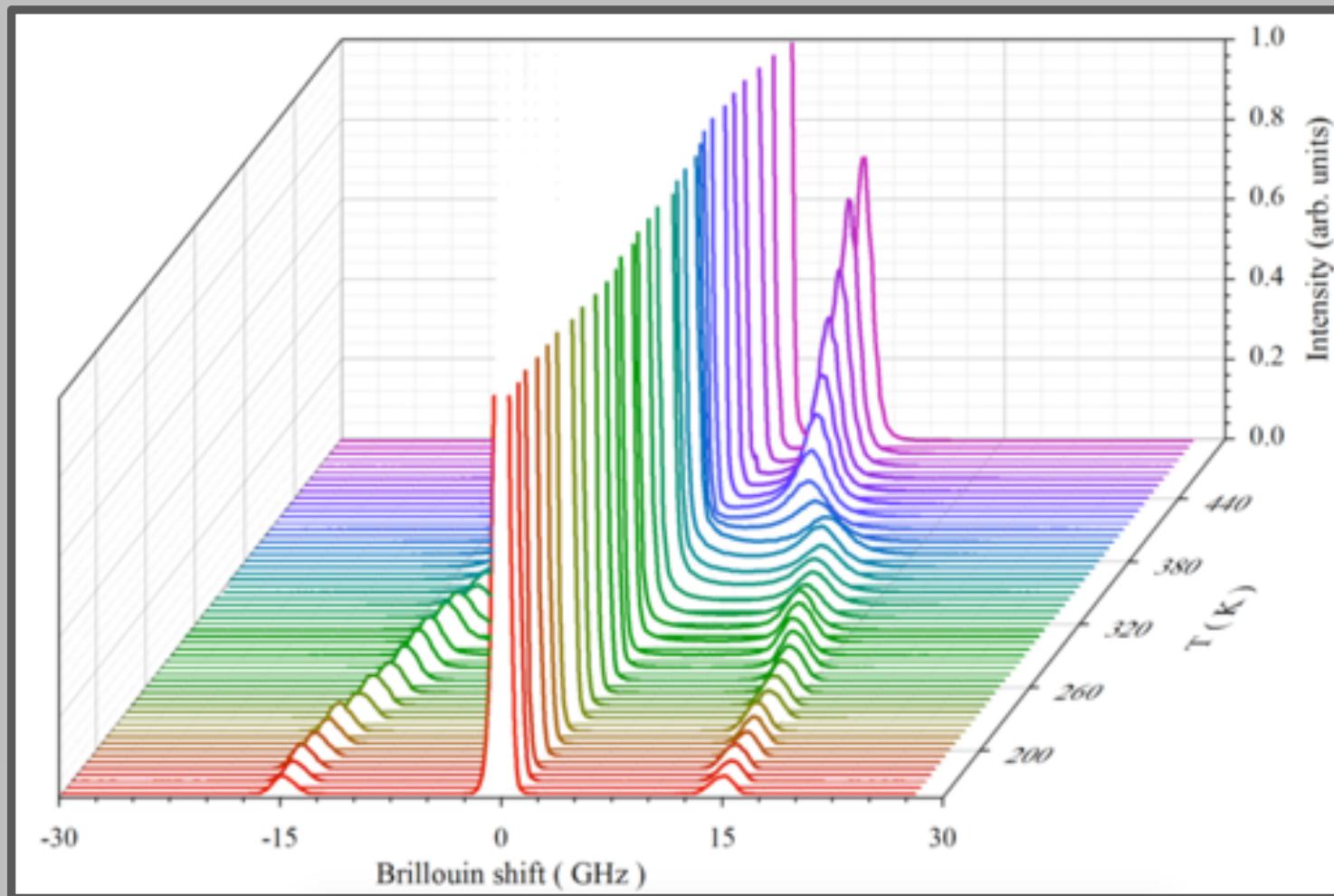
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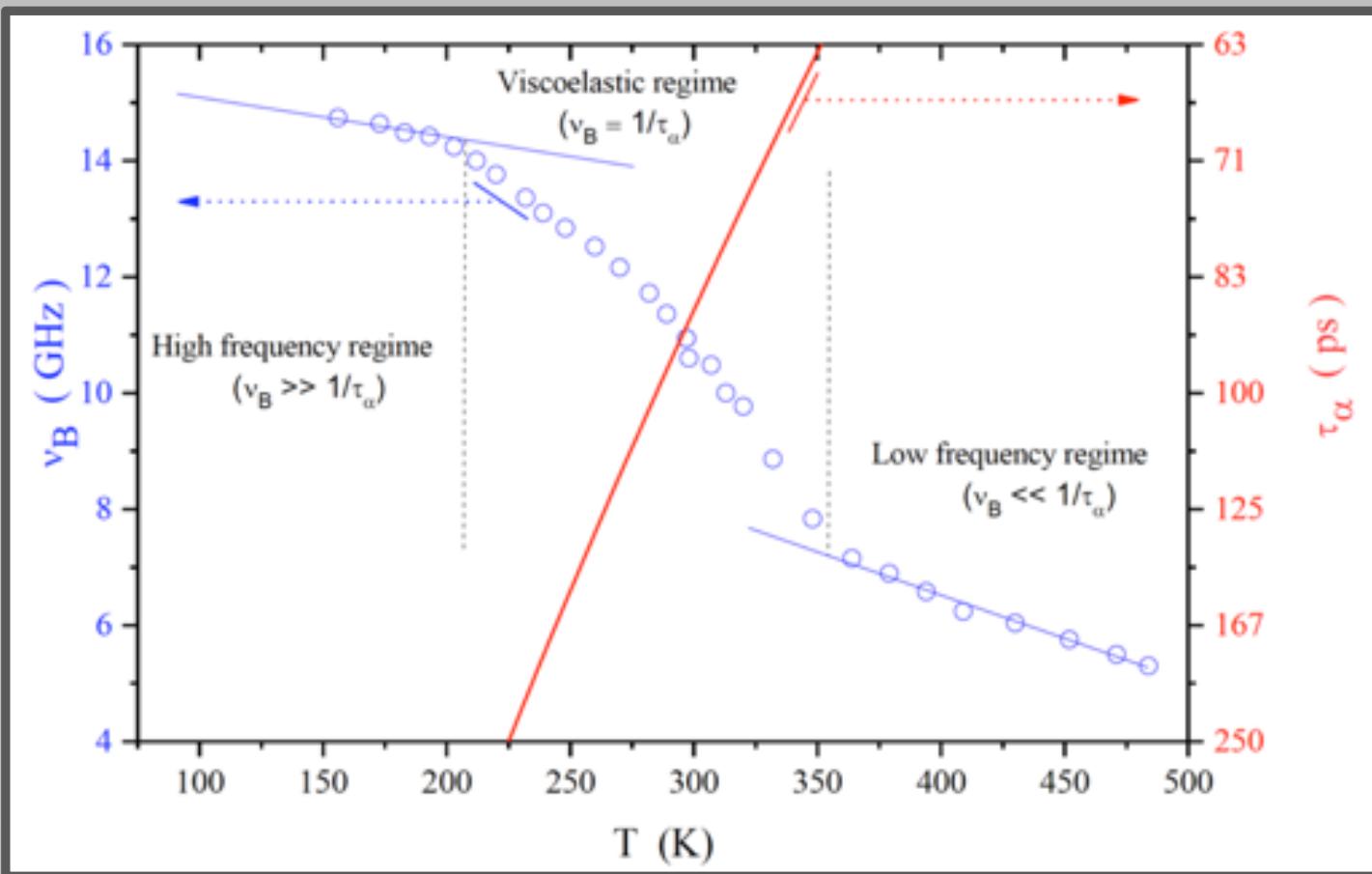
Elastic moduli

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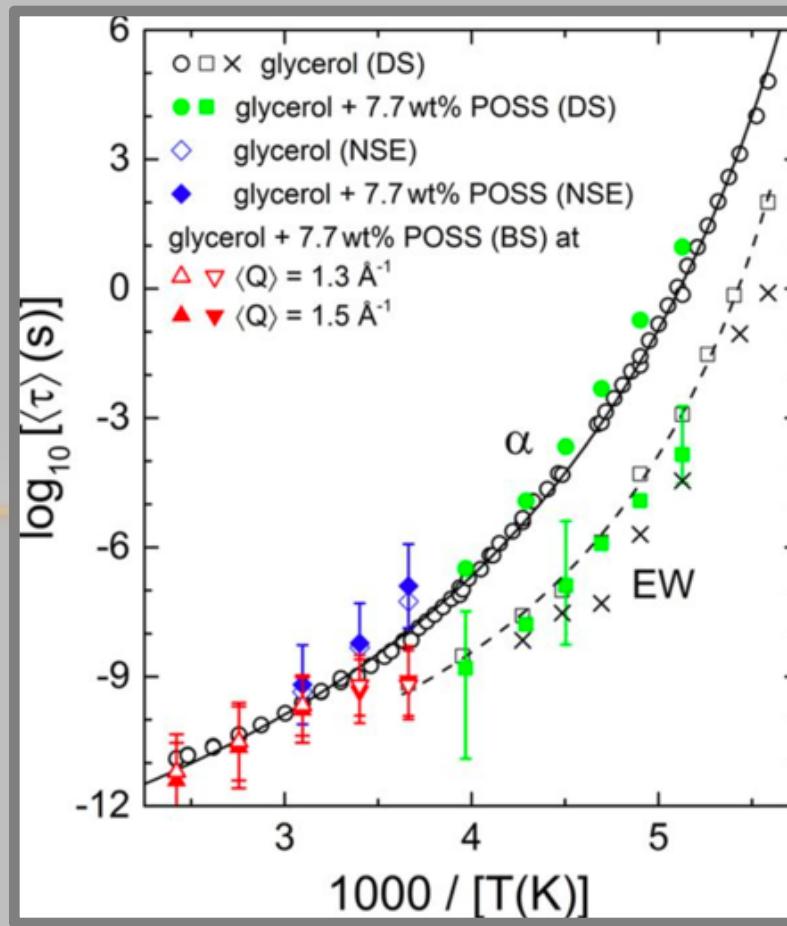
Liquid/glass glycerol – $\lambda_0=514$ nm – CW laser – 4 gratings monochromator



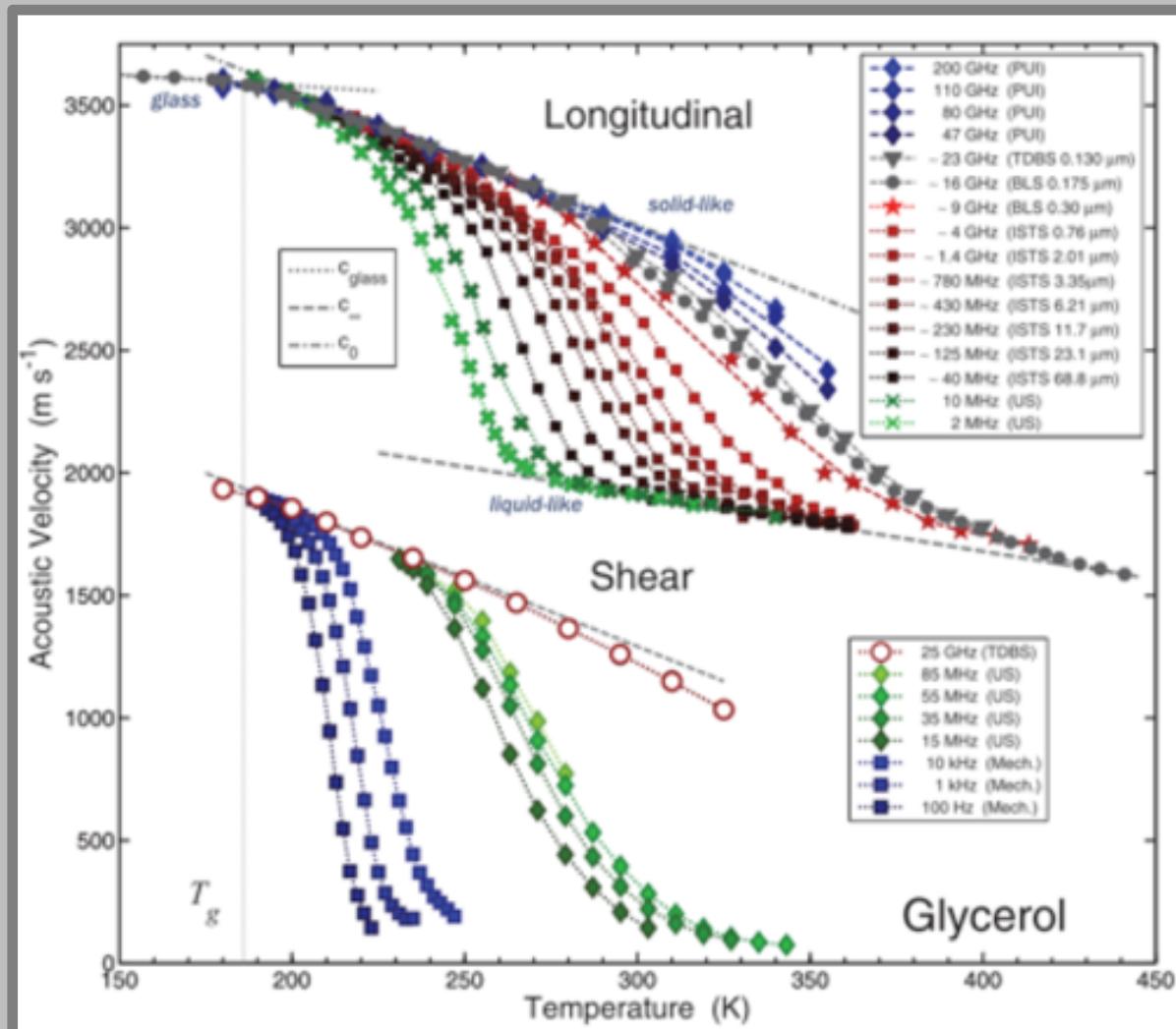
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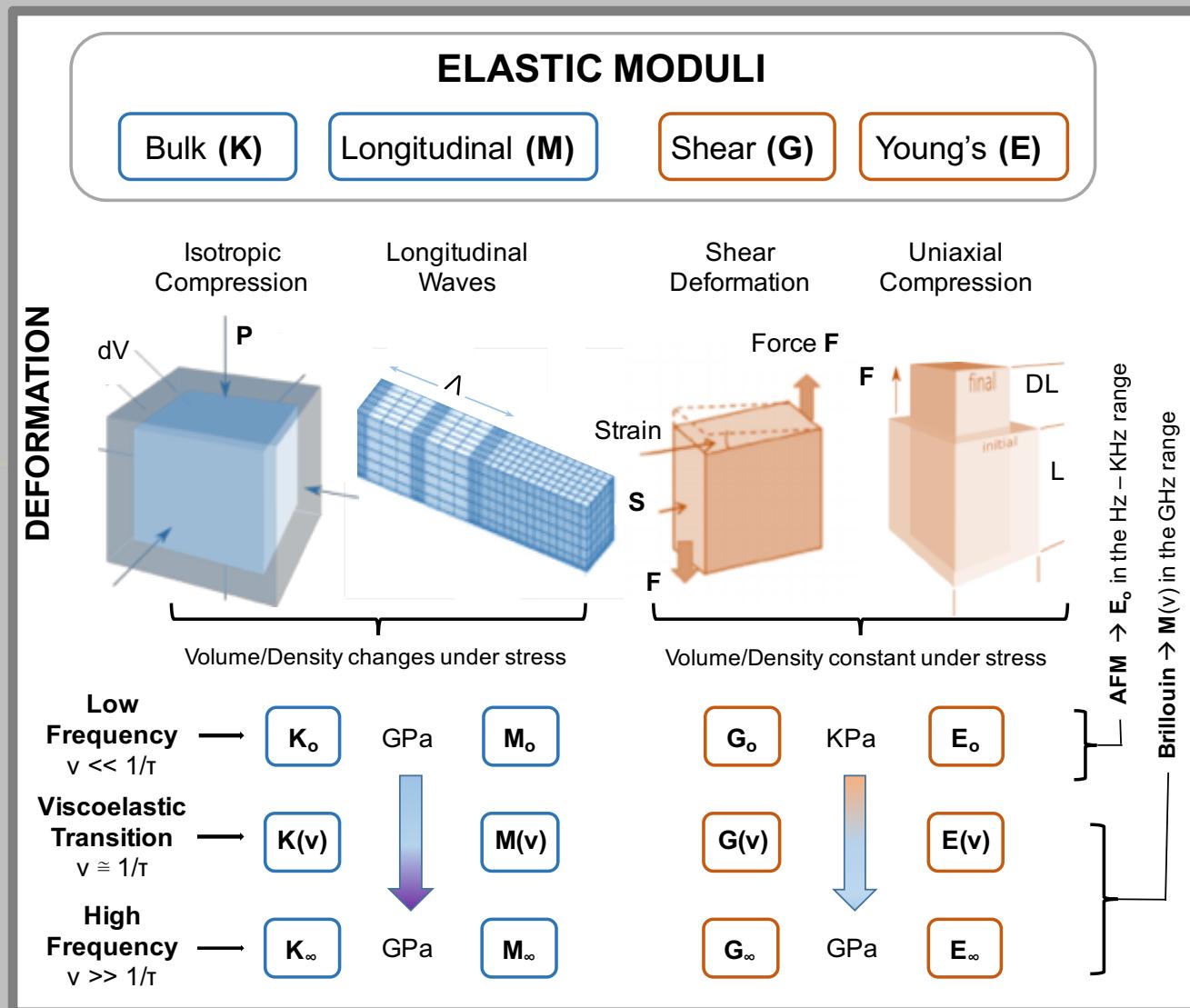


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Mechanical spectra of glass-forming liquids. II. Gigahertz-frequency longitudinal and shear acoustic dynamics in glycerol and DC704 studied by time-domain Brillouin scattering

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First imaging

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Brillouin imaging

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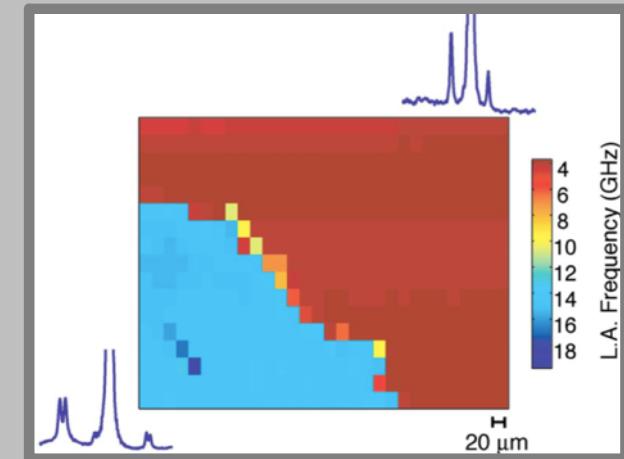
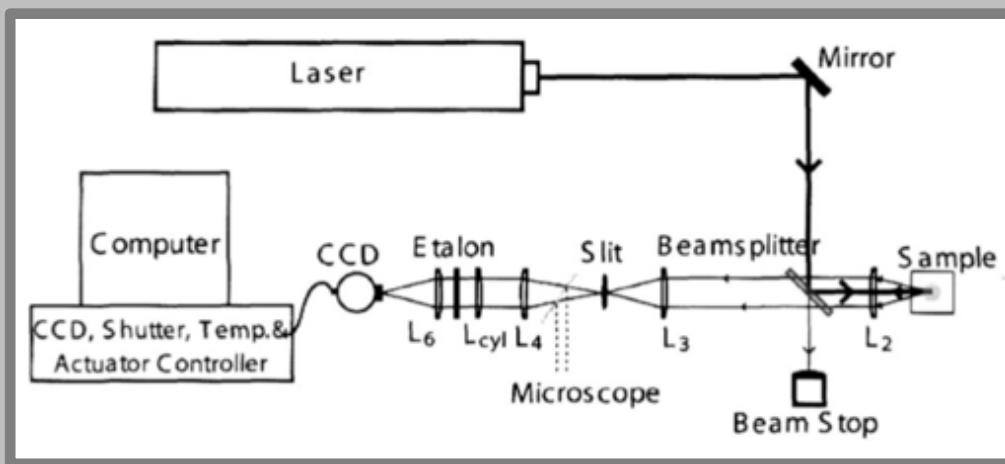
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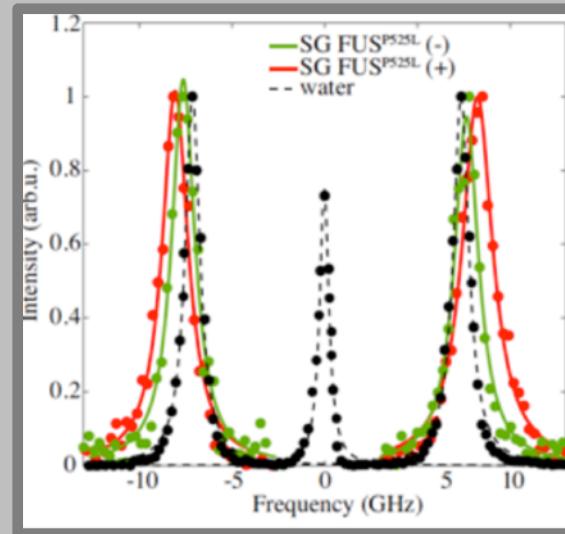
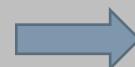
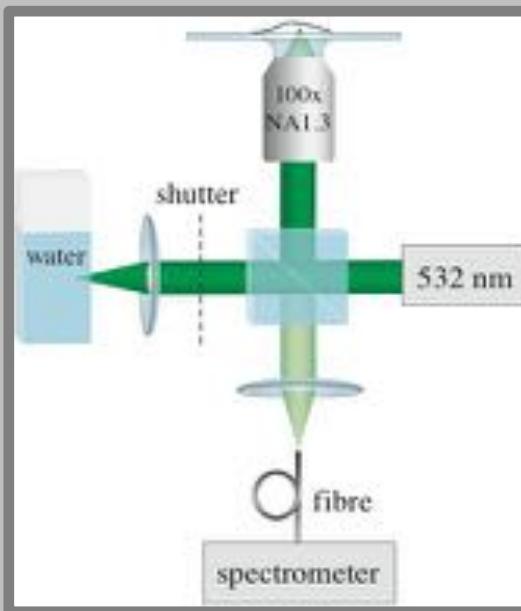
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Using an angle-dispersive Fabry-Perot interferometer in a confocal backscattering geometry, we have obtained Brillouin images of several liquid and polymer materials. One- and two-dimensional images of heterogeneous samples are presented using longitudinal Brillouin frequency shifts and acoustic attenuation for contrast. The experimental resolution of the images is 20 μm . © 2005 American Institute of Physics. [DOI: 10.1063/1.1999857]



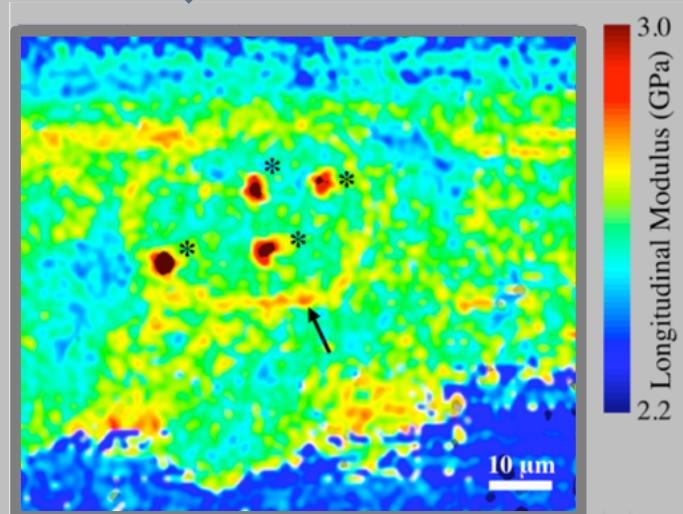


Concept



Spatial resolution
 $r \approx 0.3\mu m$ $z \approx 1\mu m$

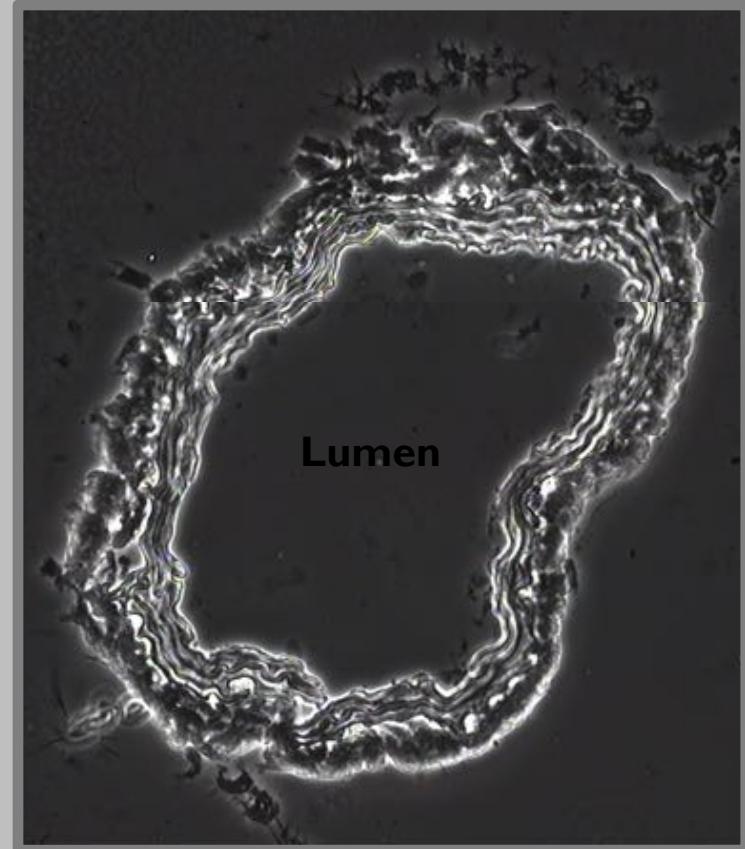
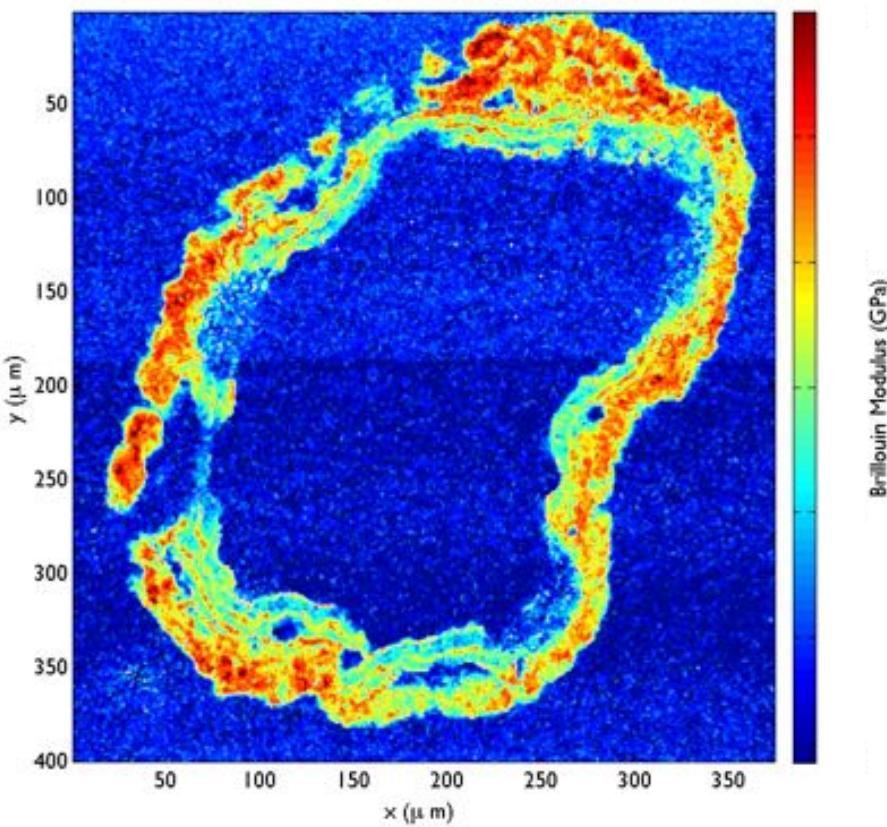
- 10 mW at sample
- 0.1 sec / spectrum



Towards BLS microscopy

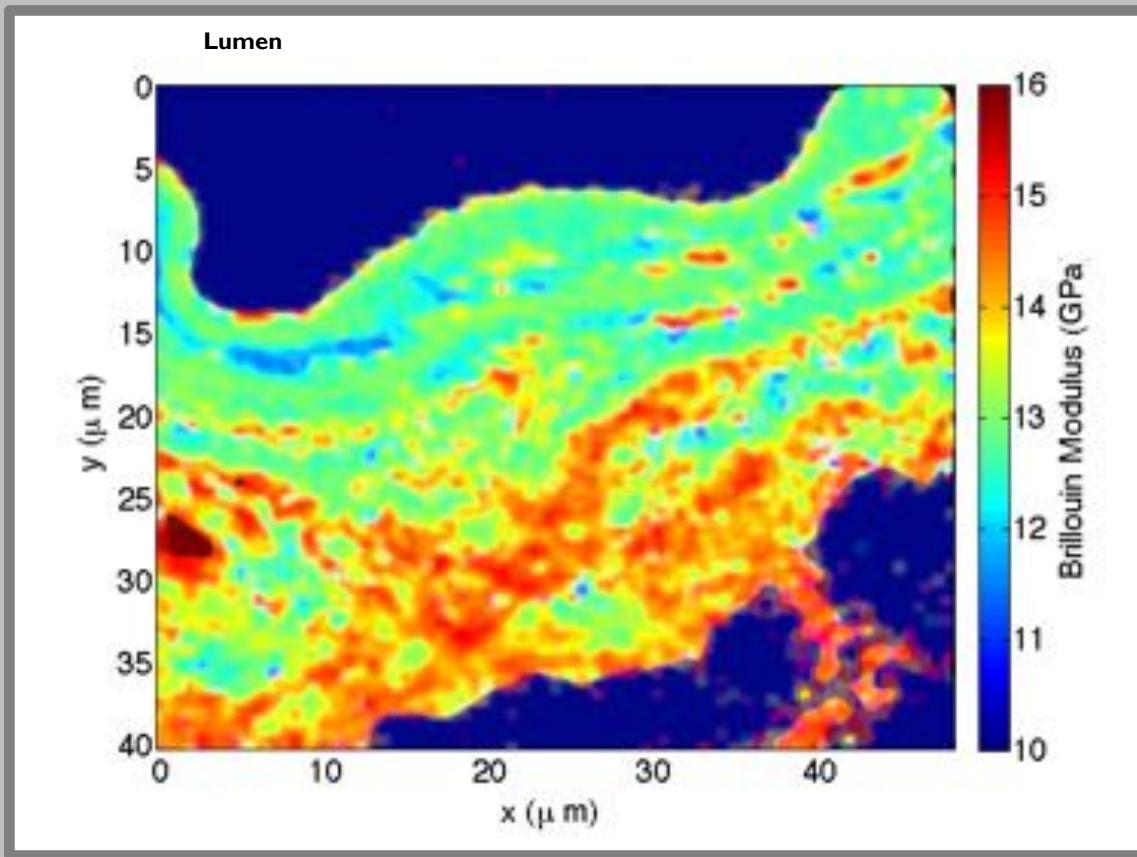
Applications#1 Tissues

Healthy Blood Vessel

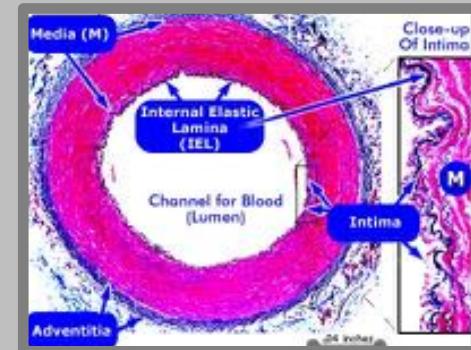


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Artery Cross Section

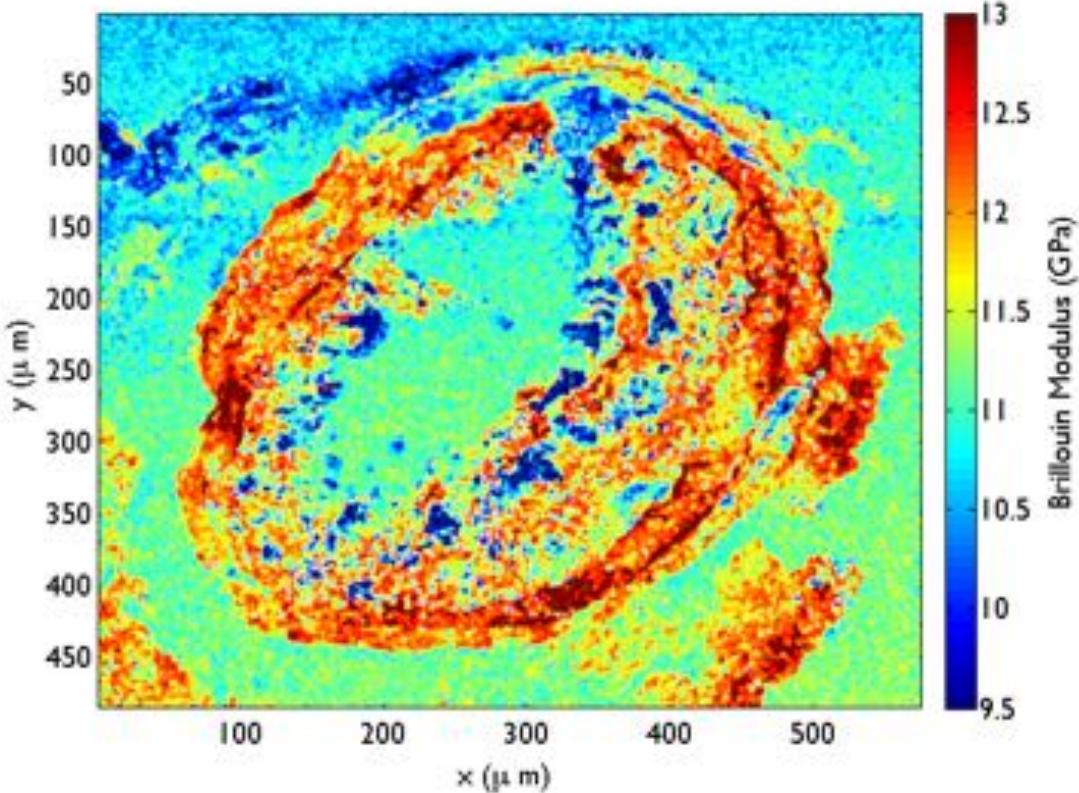


Elasticity difference in structural layers can be a fingerprint for Atherosclerosis

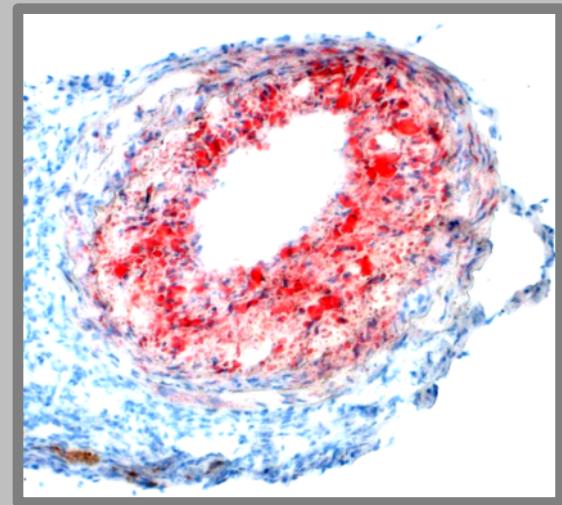
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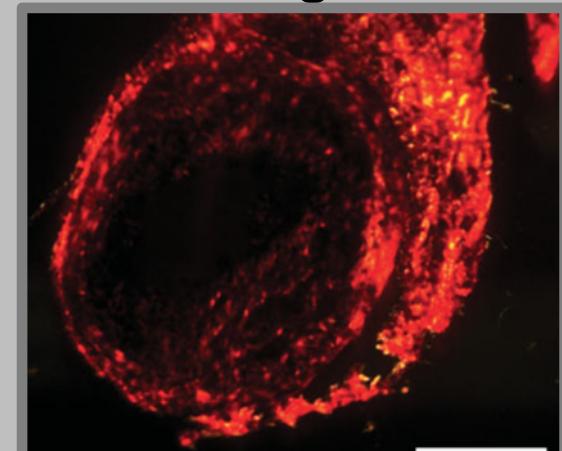
Atherosclerotic Blood Vessel



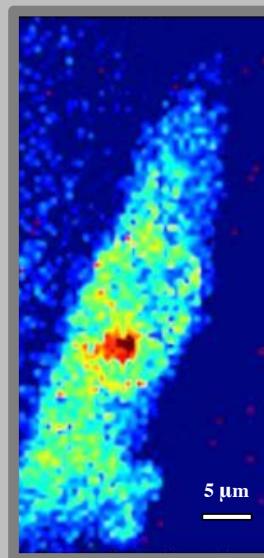
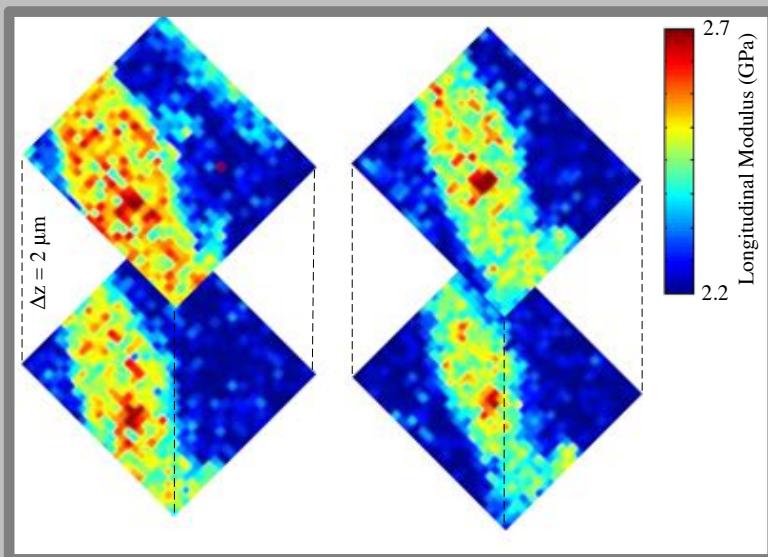
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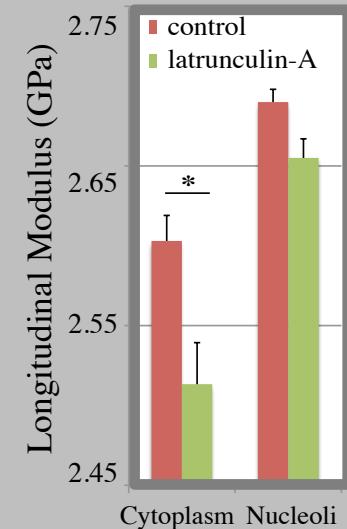
collagen



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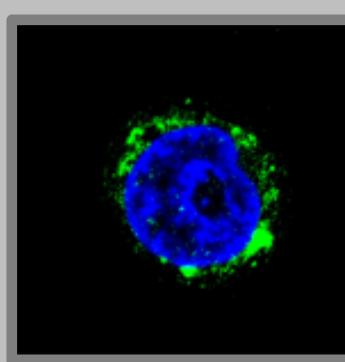
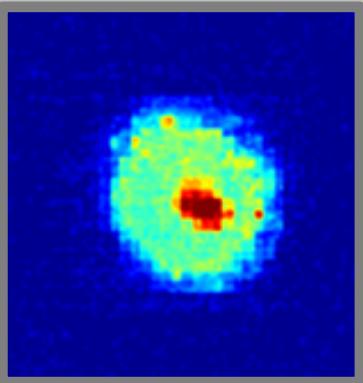
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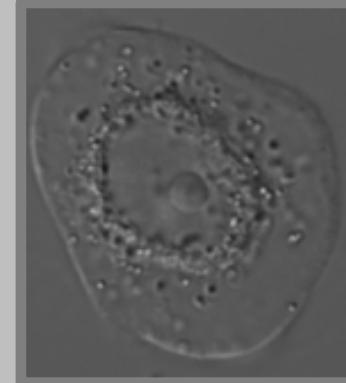
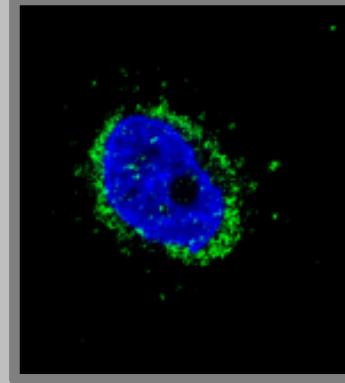
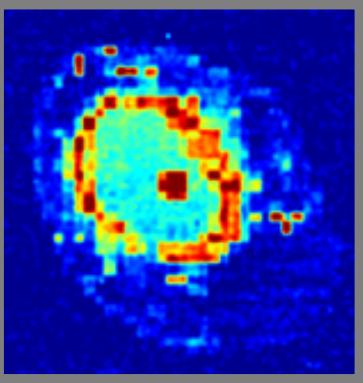
- **Tracking variations in cellular stiffness in response to external stimuli**
 - Cellular stiffness decreased significantly after exposure to Latrunculin-A

Towards BLS microscopy

FUS (-)

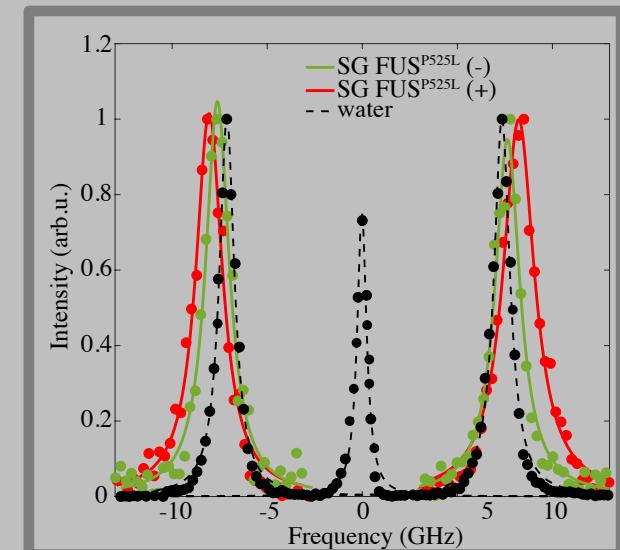


FUS (+)



7.5 8.0
Brillouin Shift (GHz)

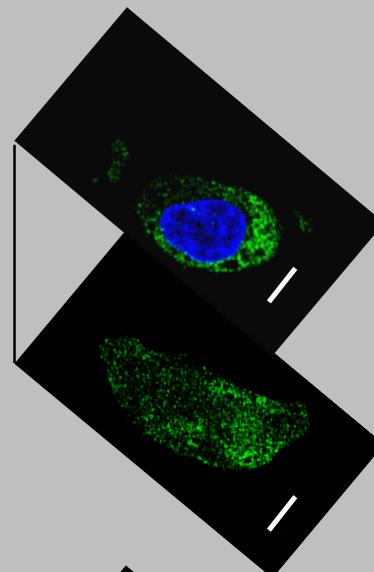
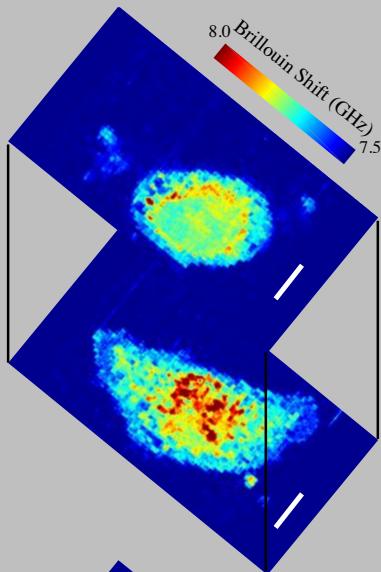
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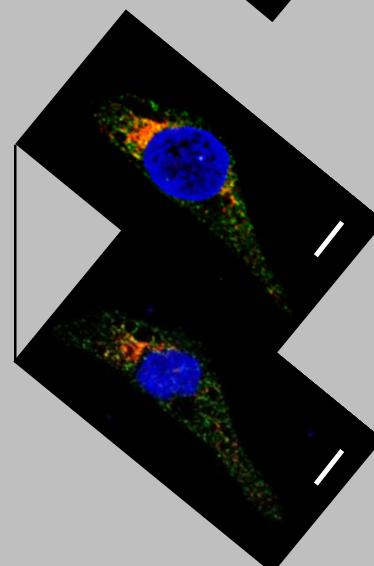
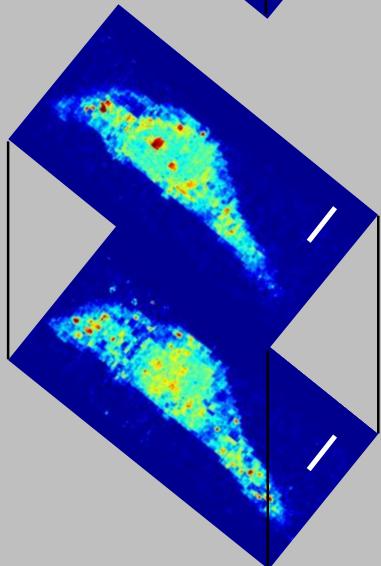
- A liquid-solid phase transition occurs in the presence of ALS-linked FUS protein

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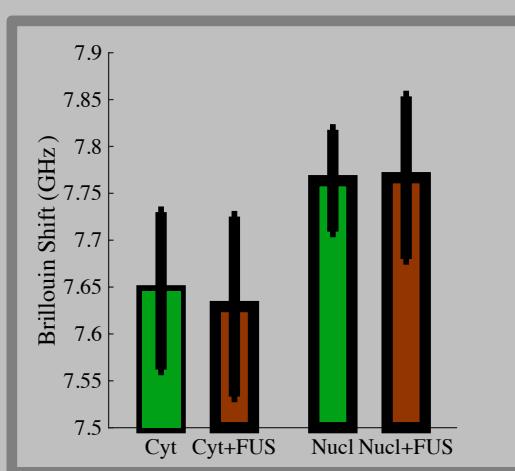
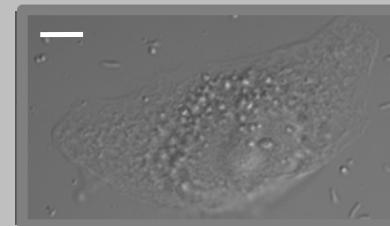
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Applications#3 Cells




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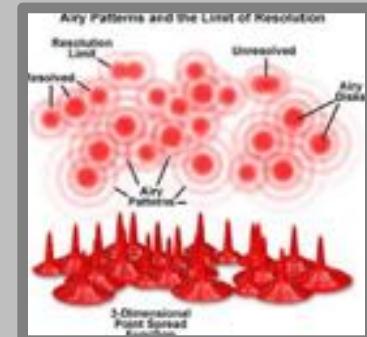
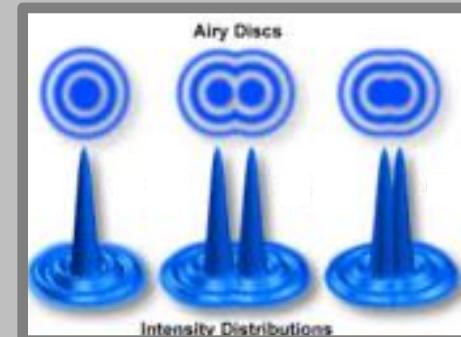
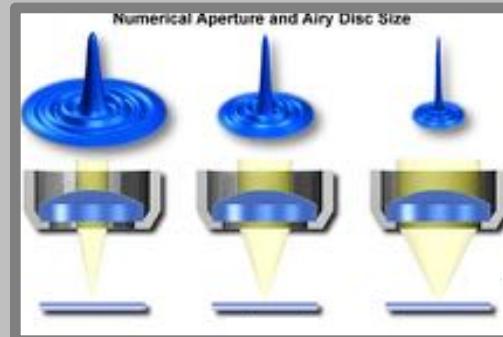
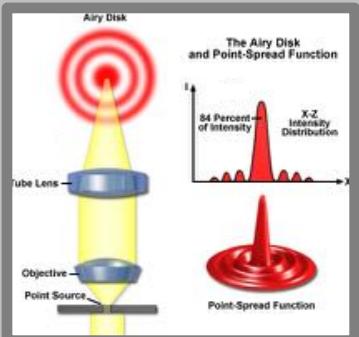
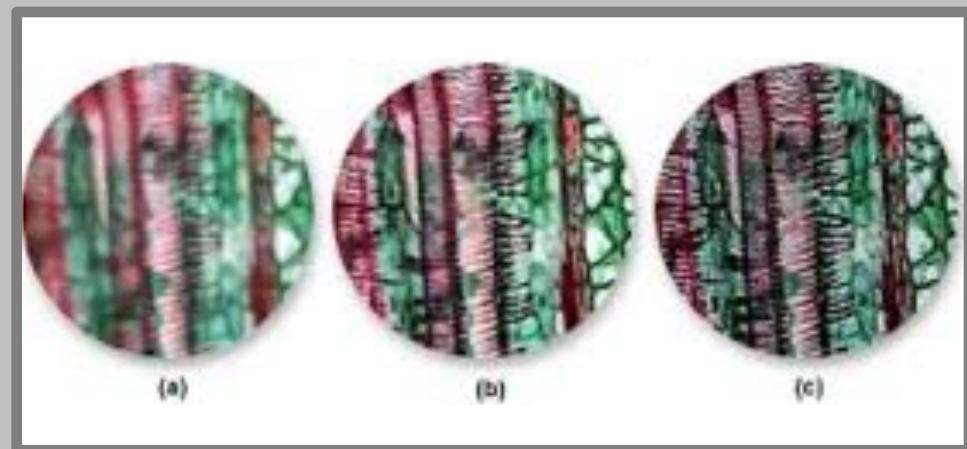
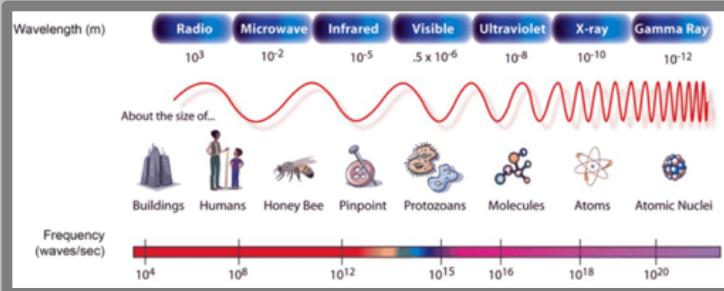
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Background-deflection Brillouin microscopy reveals altered biomechanics of intracellular stress granules by ALS protein FUS

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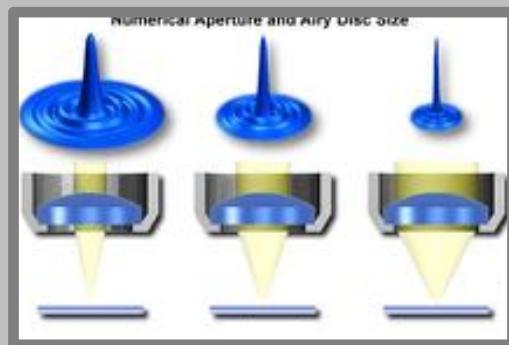
4. Scattering Assisted Microscopy (SAM)

Resolution : what can we “see” ?



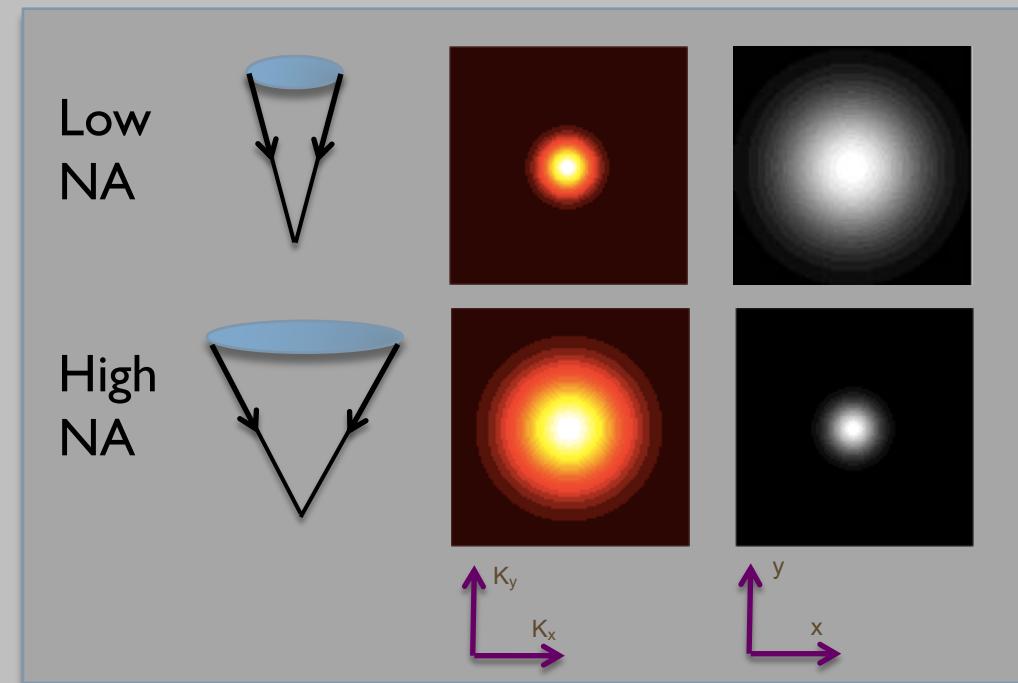
Resolution vs NA

Numerical aperture
and spatial resolution



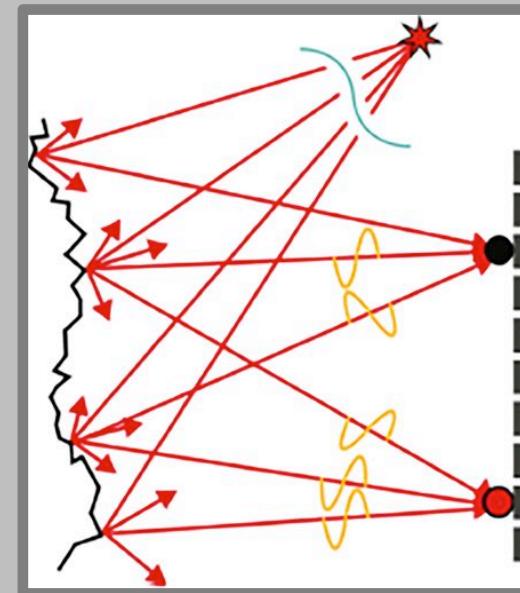
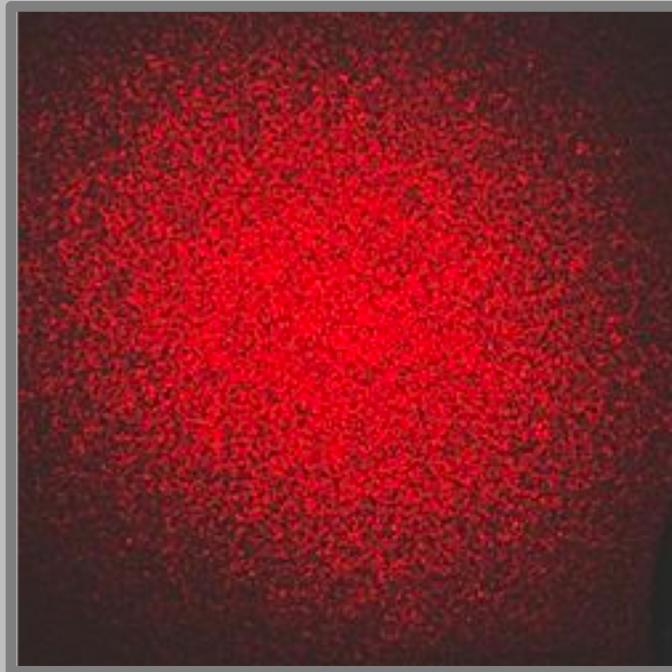
$$\Delta x = 1 / 2 n \text{ NA}$$

Microscopy
guys jargon



NA \longleftrightarrow working distance

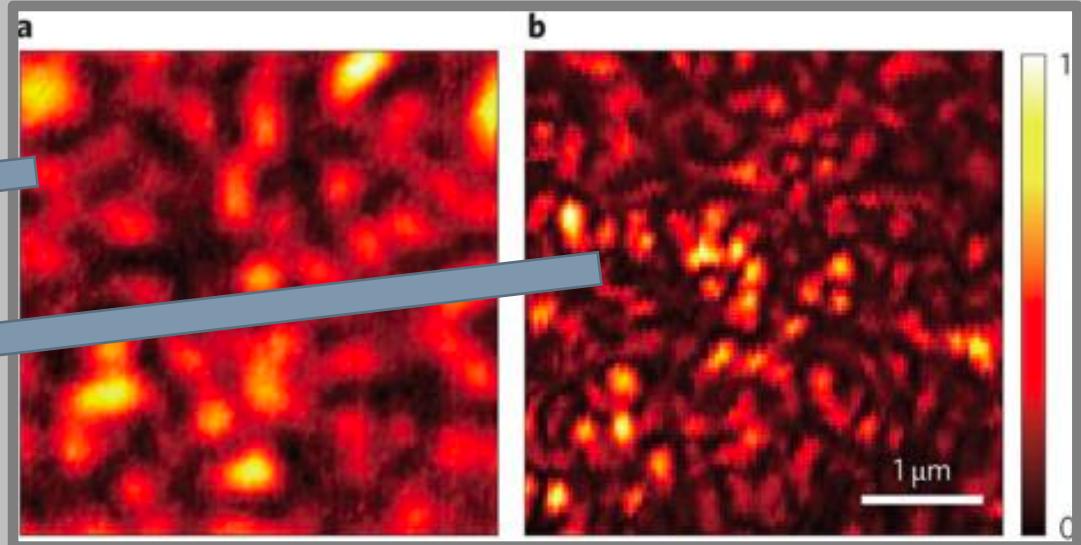
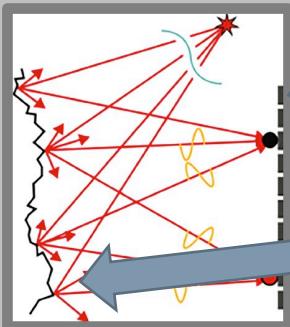
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(a) Far field

- Diffraction limited



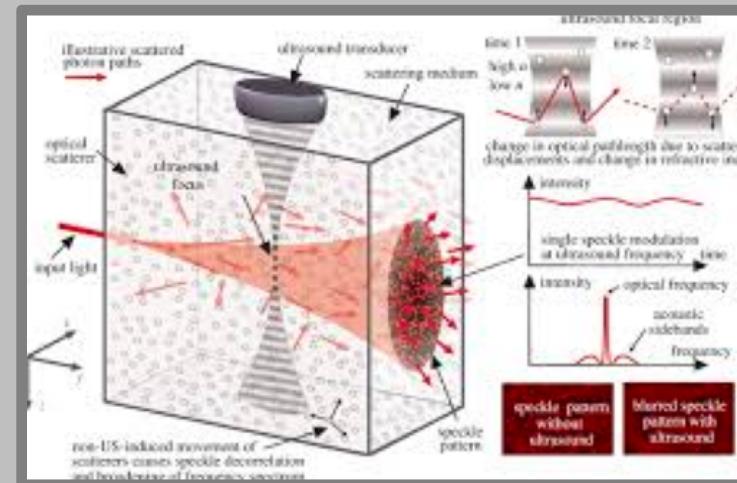
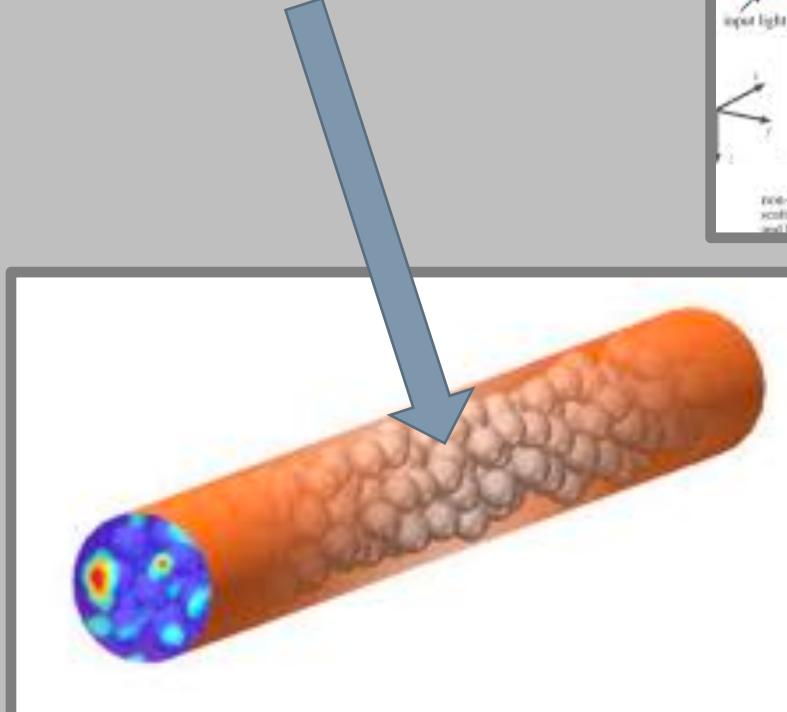
(b) Near field

- Sub-diffraction
- Measured by SNOM
- ..NA .. π

$$P(\xi) = \Gamma \exp(-\Gamma \xi)$$

Speckles field

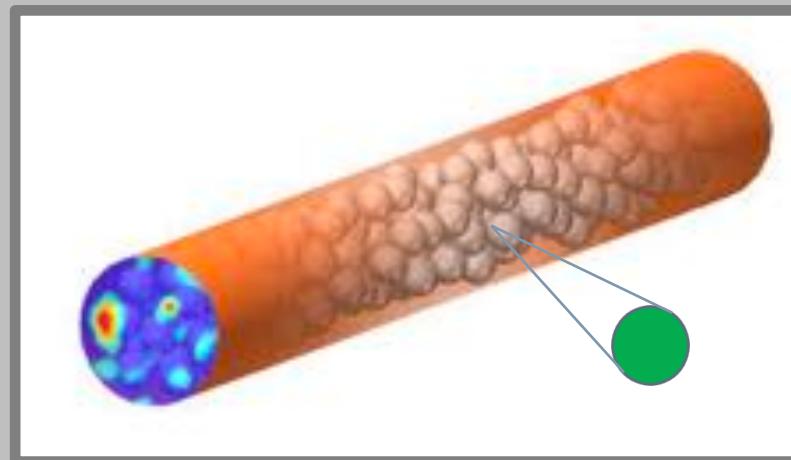
What about “inside”
the scatterers ?



NA ... 4π

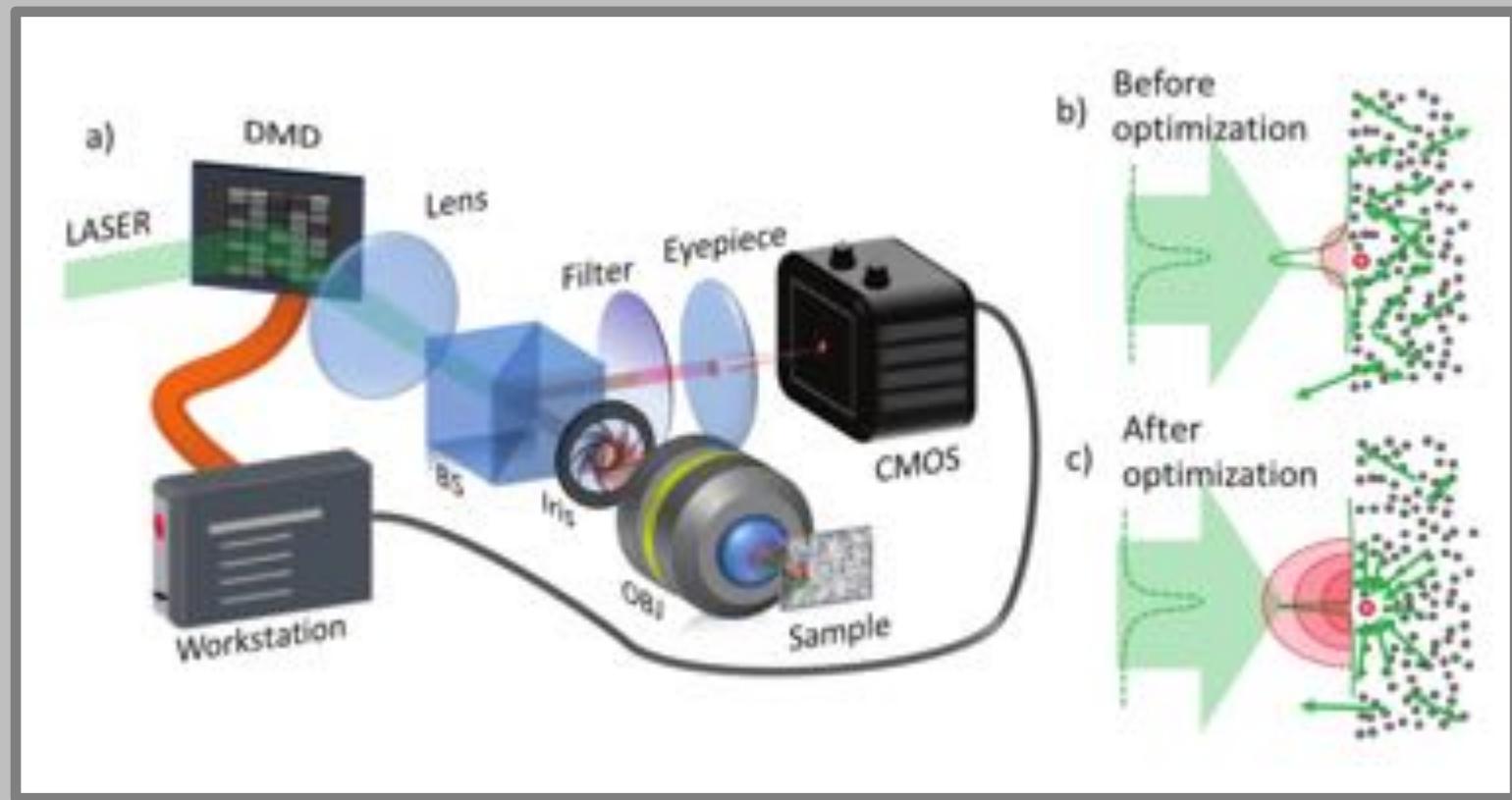
Scattering assisted microscopy

Super-resolution?

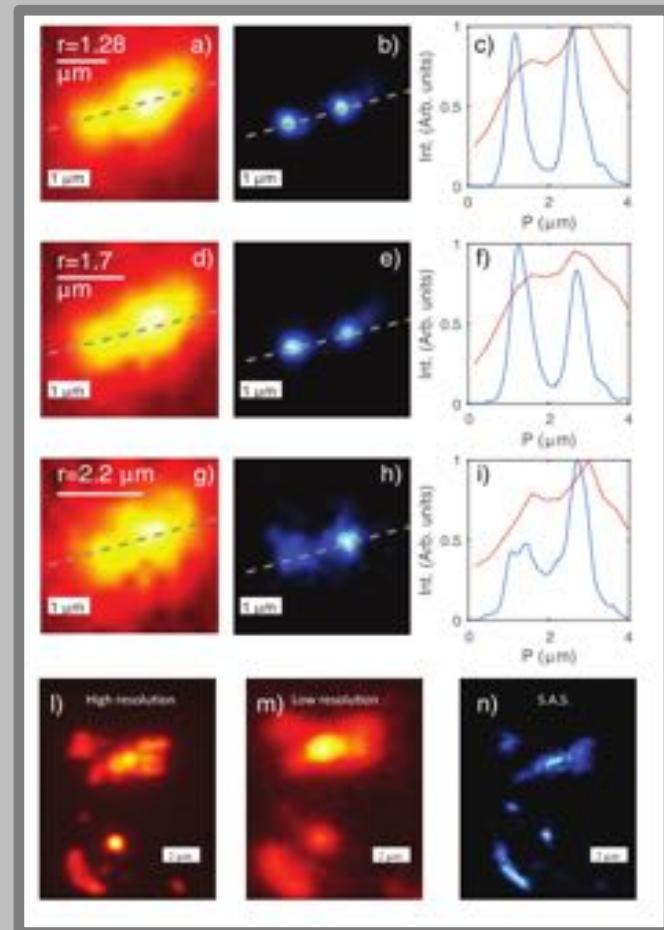
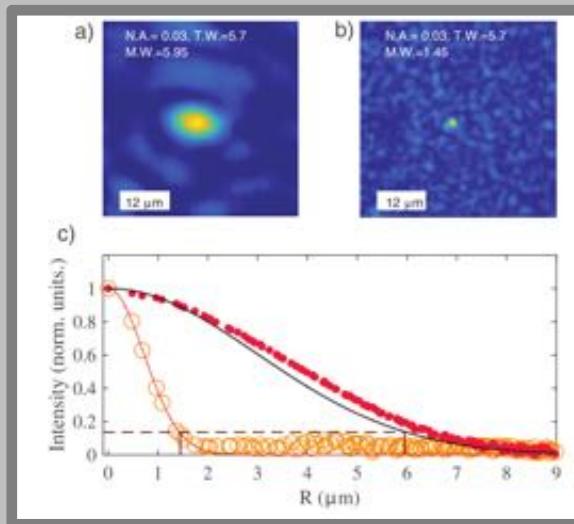


Fluorescent
bead/molecule

Scattering assisted microscopy



Scattering assisted microscopy



More important
Long Working Distance

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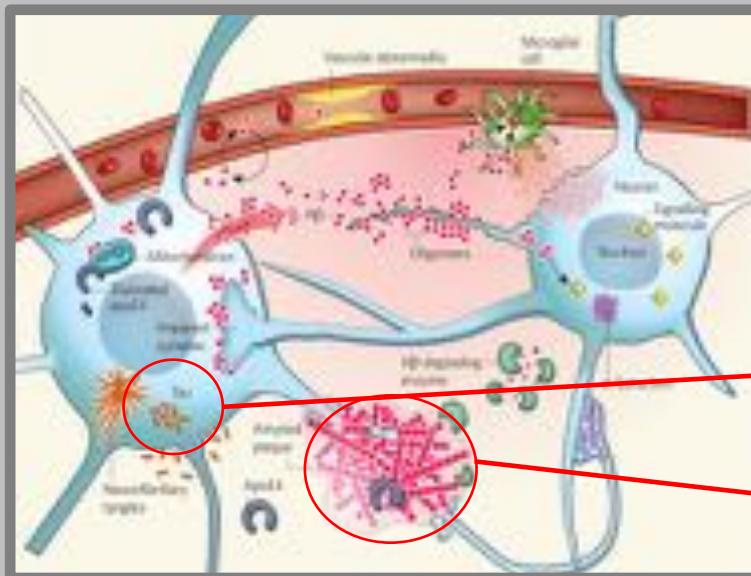
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SAM : applications

Basically: taking advantage of the disorder of the sample allow us to emulate “large angles” having the objective far away from the sample:
submicron resolution at tens of millimeters distance

Application: Early diagnosis of Alzheimer Disease (AD)

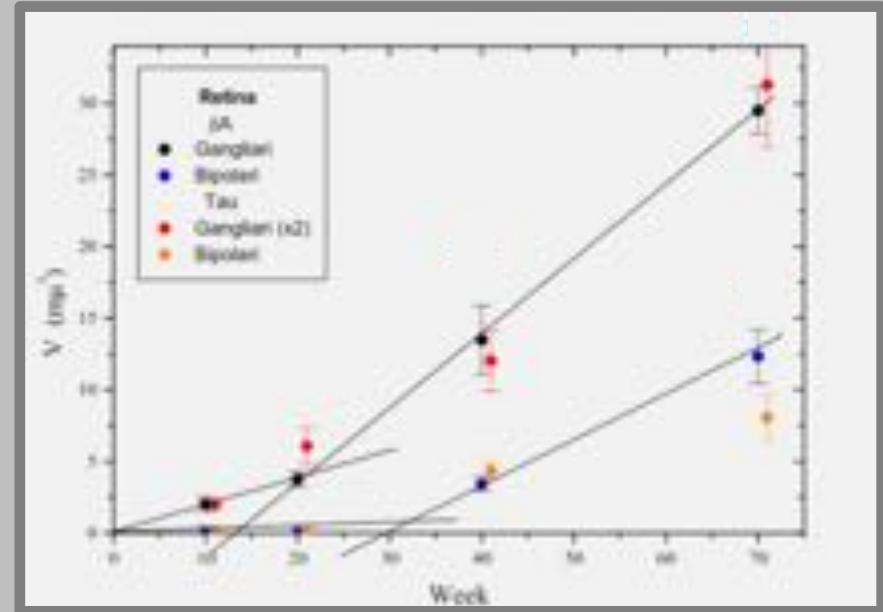
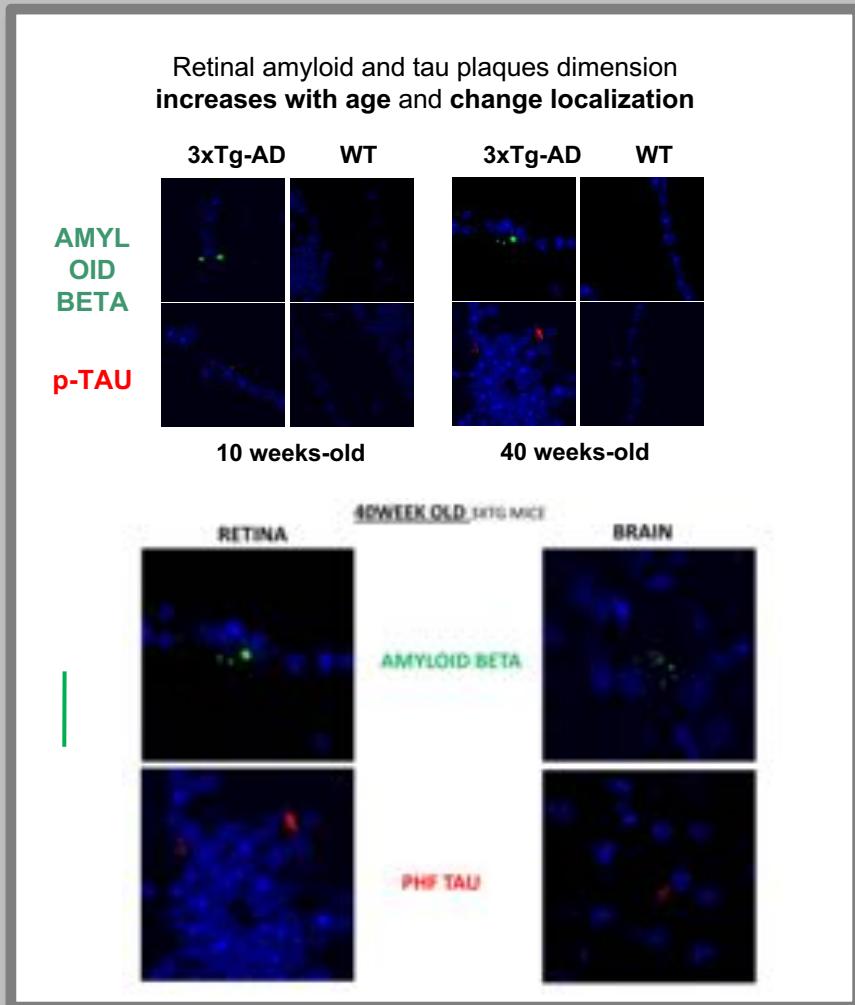


AD \longleftrightarrow β -Amyloid + TAU aggregates

TAU intracellular aggregates

β -Amyloid extracellular aggregates

Early detection of AD : Mouse model



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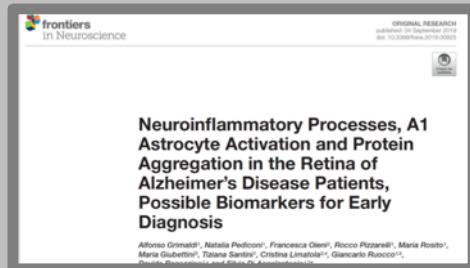
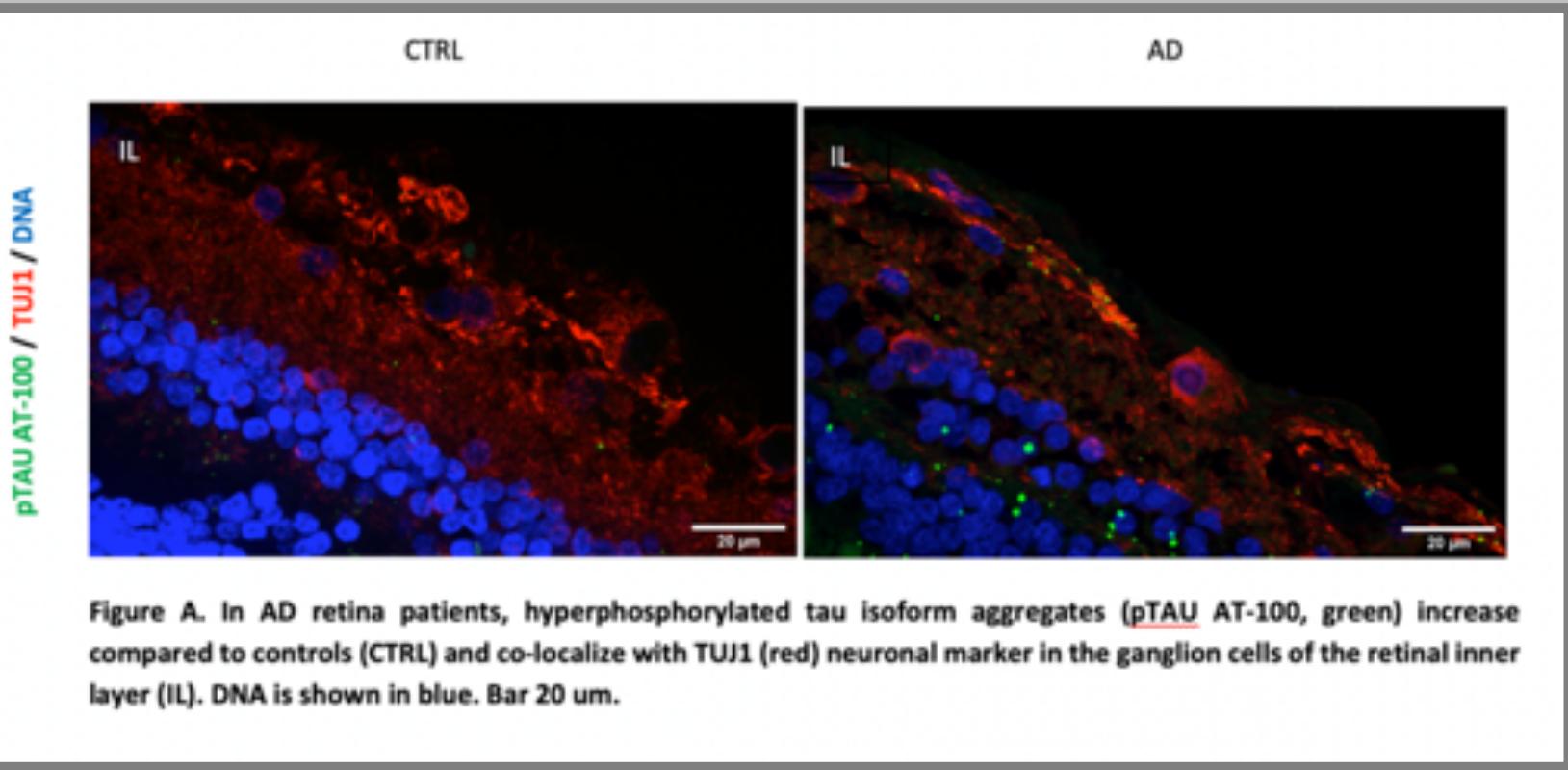
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Inflammation, neurodegeneration and protein aggregation in the retina as ocular biomarkers for Alzheimer's disease in the 3xTg-AD mouse model

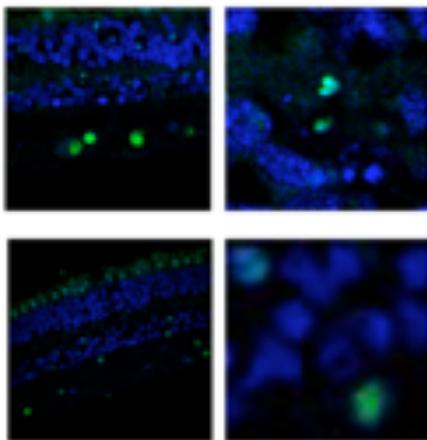
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Early detection of AD : Human post mortem



Early detection of AD : Human post mortem

DAPI TDP-43



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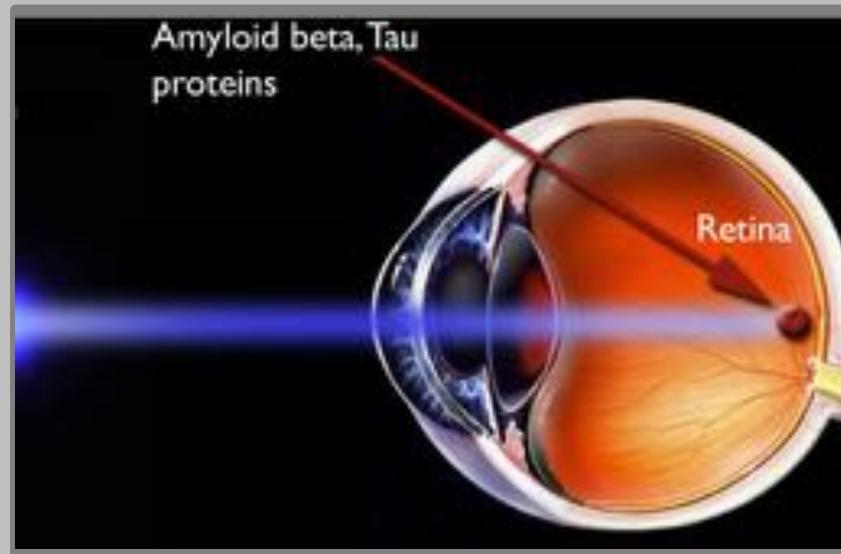
Representative images of human retinal slices from a AD patients and age-matched non AD control subjects (Eye bank at st. Michaels hospital, Canada) immunolabeled with Anti-TDP43 antibody (ab109535; green) and Hoechst for nuclei visualization (blue). Note that TDP43 is expressed only in the nucleus of retinal cells in control tissue while the cytoplasmic, pathological expression, was observed only in AD retinal slices.

Early detection of AD

Aggregation of Amyloid- β and TAU proteins, and the consequent loss of neurons functionality, starts around 10-15 years before manifestation of cognitive decline.

In the retinal tissue, which is part of the central nervous system, it has been demonstrated the presence of β -Amyloid plaques and accumulations of TAU protein in AD patients and in murine models of AD.

SAM allows for the *in vivo* detection of protein aggregation in the retina.



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