Molecular dynamics simulations of strongly coupled plasmas

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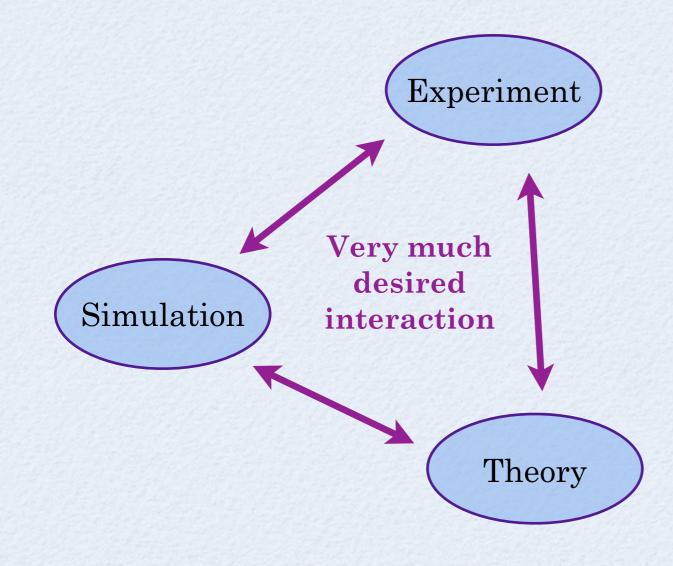
Outline



- Why do we need simulations?
- Systems of interest
- Basics of Molecular Dynamics (MD) simulations
- What do we learn from MD?
- Structural & thermodynamical properties
- Localization and transport
- Collective excitations



Why do we need simulations?



- Simulations are useful
 - for checking theoretical results
 - for cases where no theoretical results are available
 - for understanding experimental observations
- Simulations allow:
 - identification of important processes
 - visualization of the system
- Most dramatic advance of resources is experienced in the field of simulations



Dramatic advance of resources



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Monte Carlo Study of a One-Component Plasma. I*

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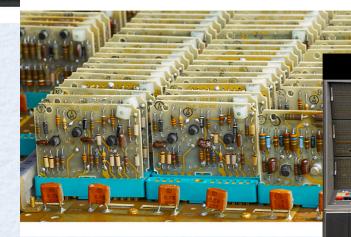
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been made of a plasma of heavy ions immersed in a uniform neutralizing backfrom 32 to 500 particles, with periodic boundary conditions, were used. The ented in terms of a dimensionless parameter $\Gamma = (4\pi n/3)^{\frac{1}{2}}[(Ze)^2/kT]$, where per cubic centimeter), T is the temperature (degrees K

ronic charge, and Z is the atomic number. Thermody ere obtained for values of Γ ranging from 0.05 to 100. \Rightarrow (MC) method.





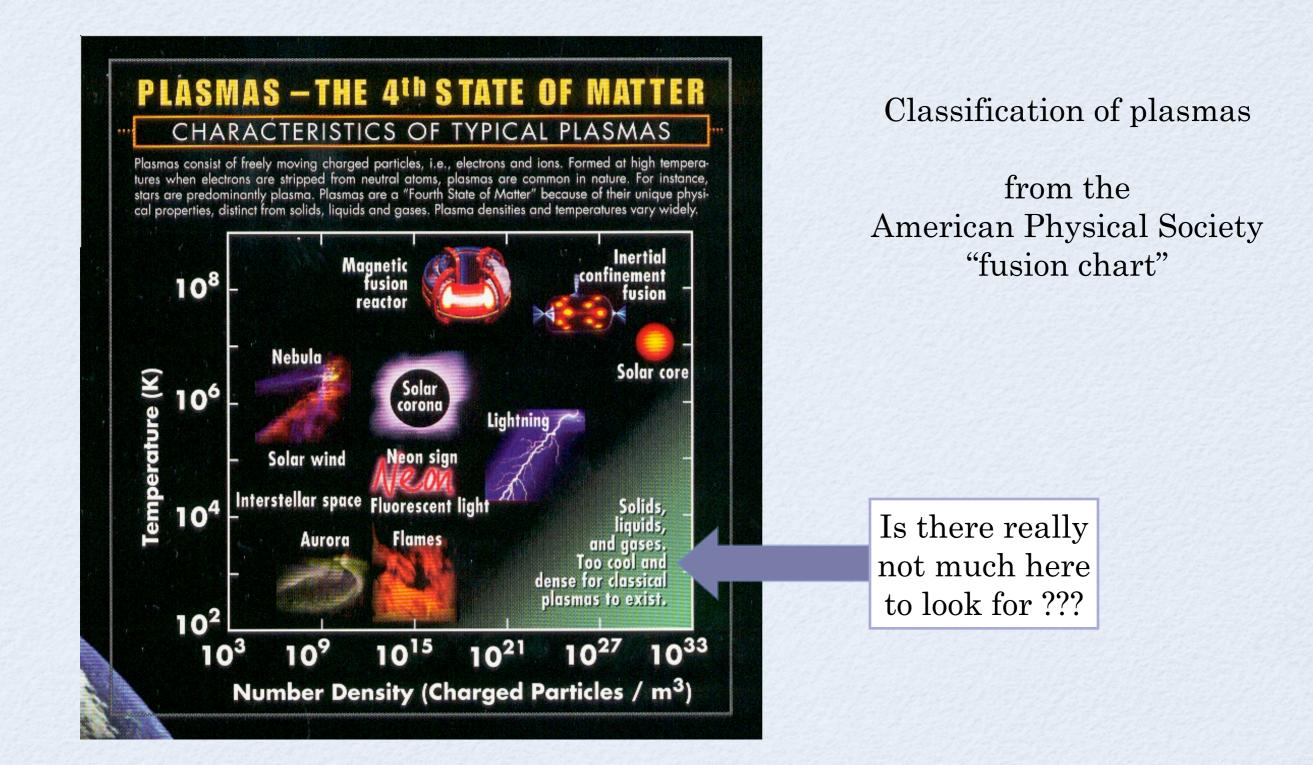


Pioneering MD simulations in the 1970s-80s (OCP, BIM, statics, dynamics, transport, etc.)



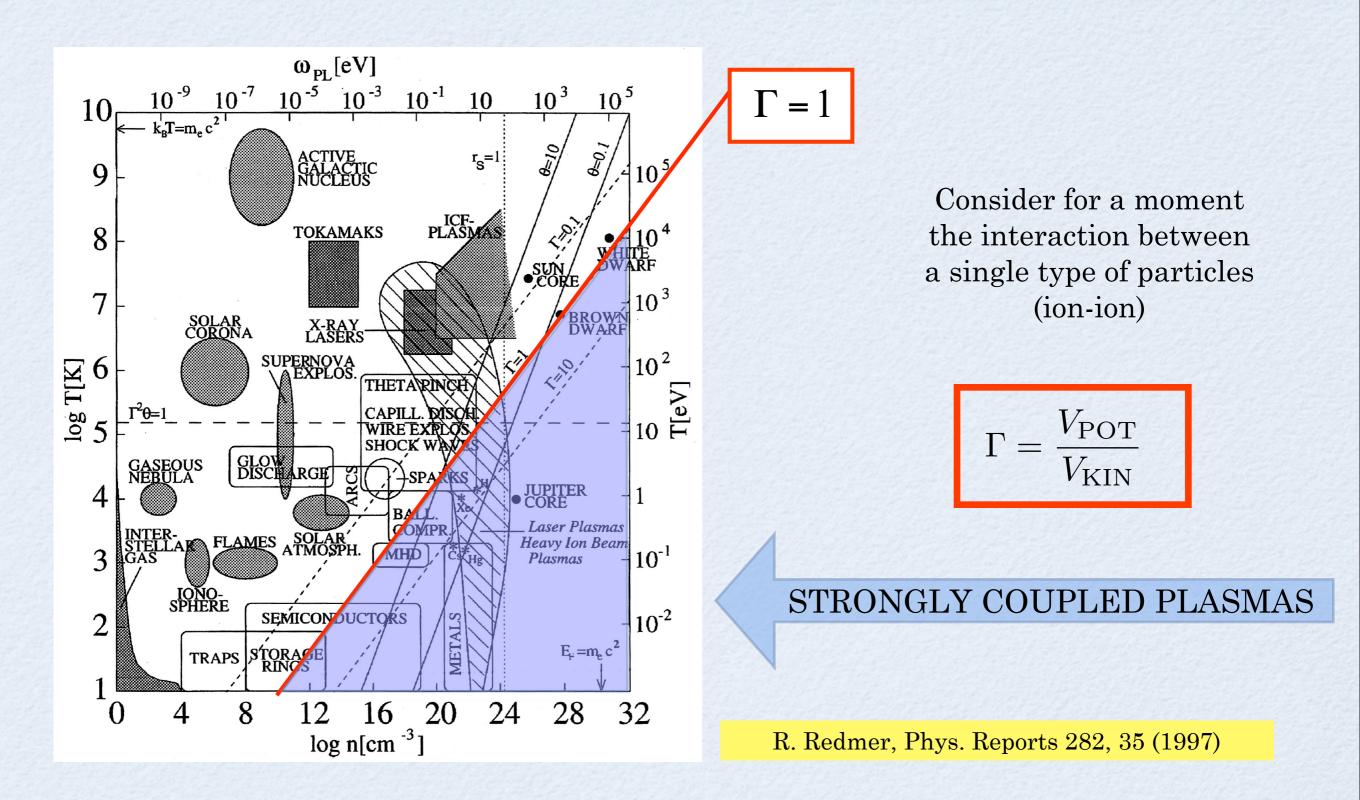
Systems of interest



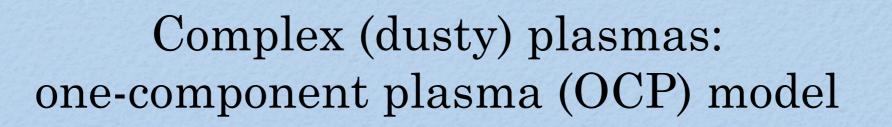




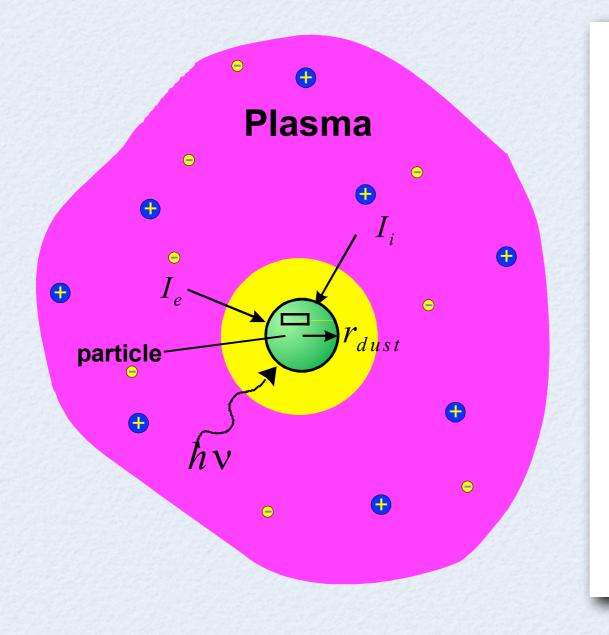
Plasmas.... a better phase diagram







OCP model: only one type of species is considered explicitly, the presence and effects of other species are accounted for by the potential



Characteristic energies (Coulomb):

$$V_{\rm KIN} = kT$$
 $V_{\rm POT} = \frac{Q^2}{4\pi\varepsilon_0 a}$

a : Wigner-Seitz radius

Coupling parameter:

$$\Gamma = \frac{V_{\rm POT}}{V_{\rm KIN}} = \frac{1}{4\pi\varepsilon_0} \frac{Q^2}{akT}$$

Debye / Yukawa potential & screening parameter:

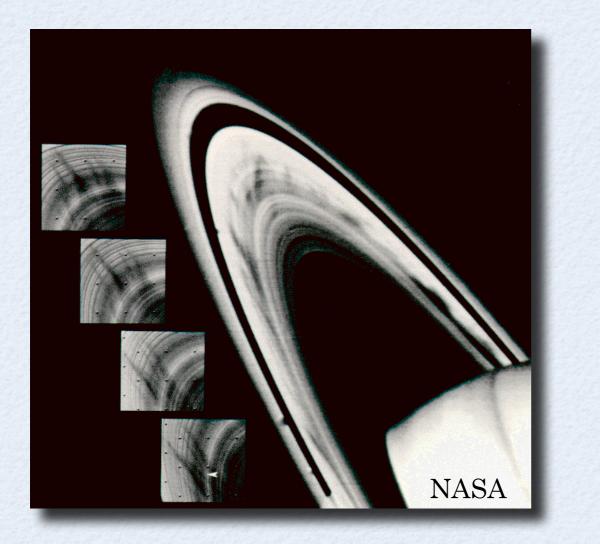
$$\Phi(r) = \frac{1}{4\pi\varepsilon_0} \frac{Q \exp\left(-r/\lambda_{\rm D}\right)}{r} \quad , \quad \kappa = \frac{a}{\lambda_{\rm D}}$$



Dusty plasmas in space



1980s: Voyager2 images of Saturn rings show "spokes" formed of fine dust particles and influenced by electromagnetic fields → charged dust

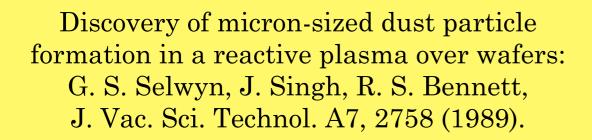




Charging of fine particles due to UV radiation Lagoon Nebula (Hubble)

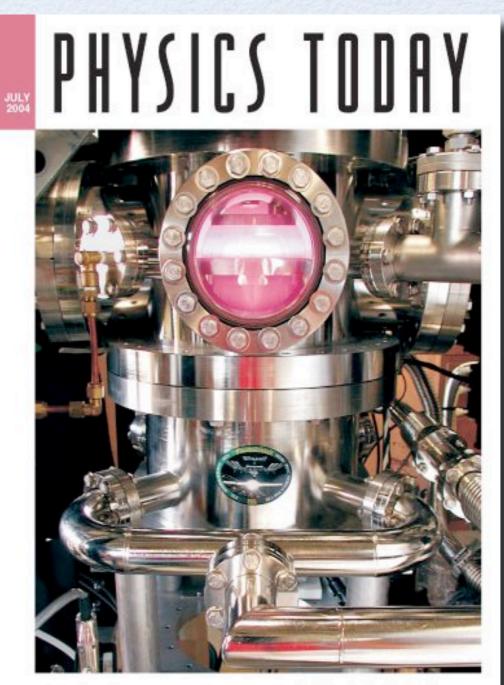


Dusty plasmas in laboratory



"Dusty plasmas in the Laboratory, Industry and Space" Robert L. Merlino and John A. Goree Physics Today, pp. 32 - 38, July 2004

Dust can grow in a plasma or can be introduced



Looking into dusty plasmas

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Molecular Dynamics (MD) basics

Equilibrium & non-equilibrium MD

We let the system evolve according to interactions

Perturb the system and measure response

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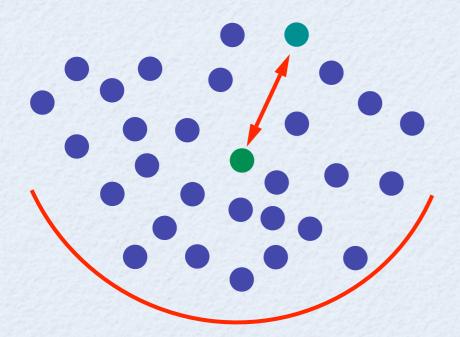


Equilibrium MD

SIMULATION CORE + MEASUREMENTS

Time evolution of phase space trajectories of an ensemble of N particles Calculate quantities of interest from phase space coordinates

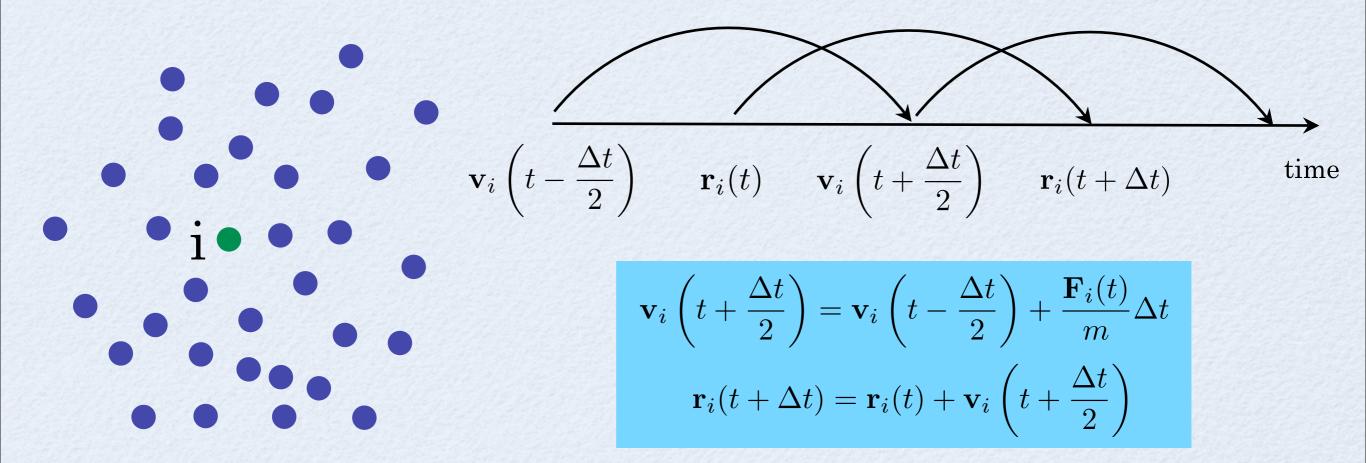
Example: finite system with external confinement:



$$\begin{split} m\ddot{\mathbf{r}}_{i} &= \sum_{i \neq j} \mathbf{F}_{i,j}(t) + \mathbf{F}_{\text{ext}}(t) - m\eta \mathbf{v}_{i}(t) + \mathbf{R} \\ \mathbf{F}_{i,j} &= -\frac{\partial \phi(r_{ij})}{\partial r} & \text{Friction} \\ \mathbf{F}_{\text{ext}} &= -fr^{2} \text{ (e.g.)} & \text{Brownian randomly} \\ \mathbf{F}_{\text{ext}} &= -fr^{2} \text{ (e.g.)} & \text{(Langevin force)} \end{split}$$



Integration of the equation of motion ("leapfrog scheme")



$$m\ddot{\mathbf{r}}_{i} = \sum_{i \neq j} \mathbf{F}_{i,j}(t) + \mathbf{F}_{\text{ext}}(t) - m\eta \mathbf{v}_{i}(t) + \mathbf{R}$$

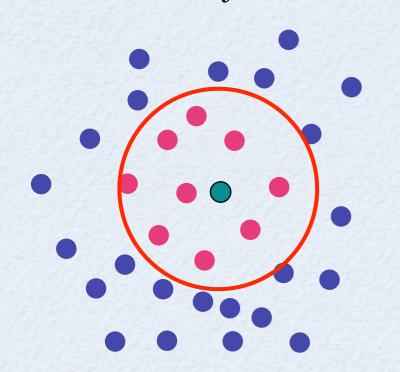
How to calculate $\sum \mathbf{F}_{i,j}(t)$?



<u>Short – range interaction potentials</u>

Interaction is considered only between "closely-separated" pairs of particles (cutoff radius)

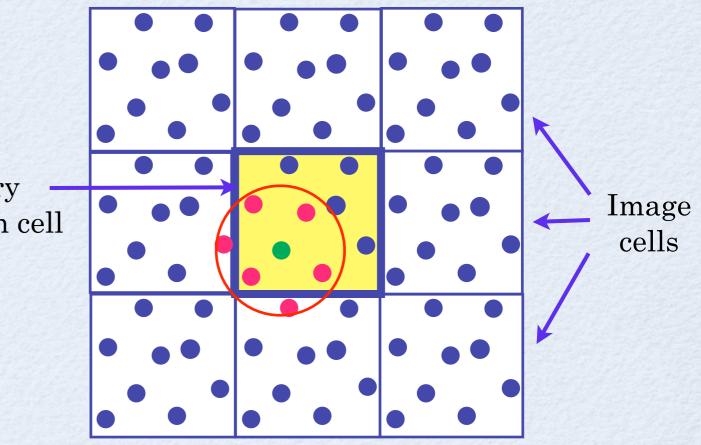
Finite system



Primary – simulation cell Infinite system PERIODIC BOUNDARY CONDITIONS

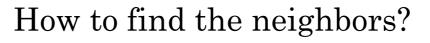
 $\mathbf{F}_i(t) = \sum \mathbf{F}_{i,j}(t)$

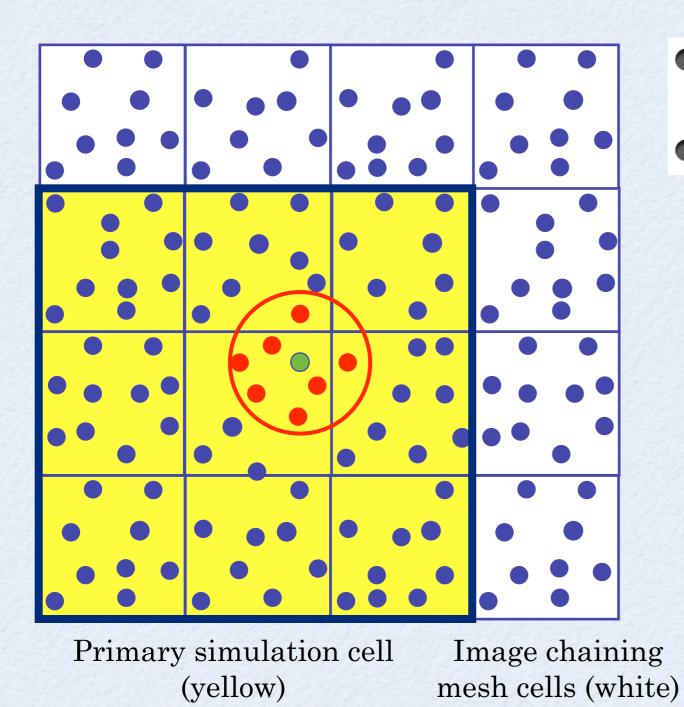
 $r_{ij} < r_C$











For particle *i* (*i*=1...*N*) : check every other particle *j* if they are neighbors

• Use chaining mesh



How to find the neighbors?



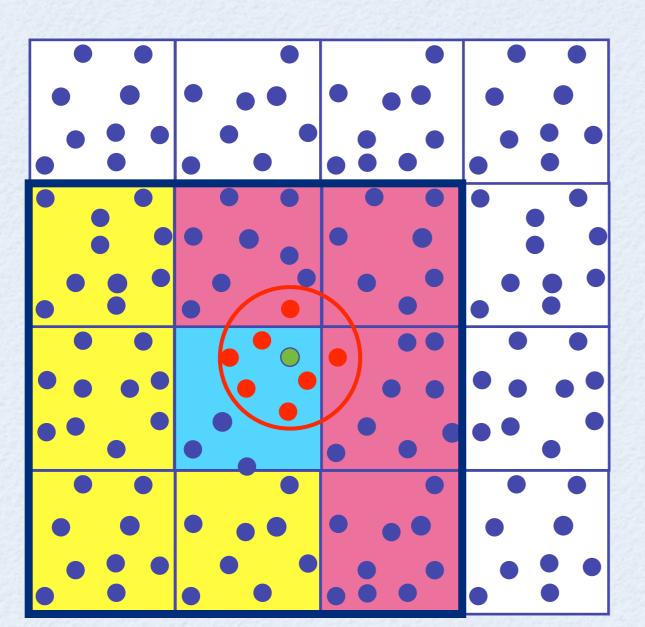
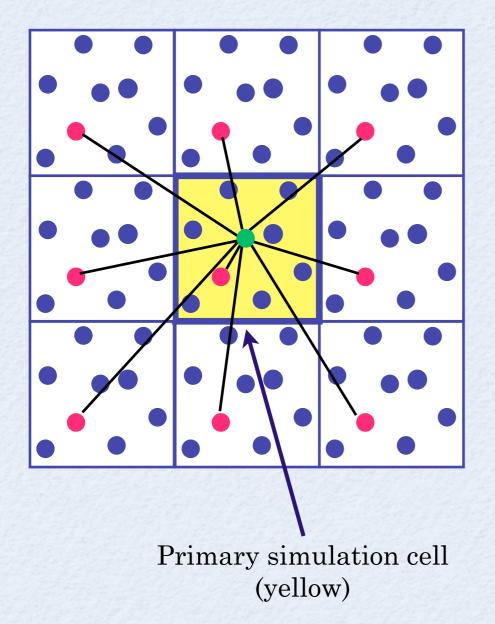


Image chaining mesh cells (white)

- For particle i (i=1...N) : check every other particle j if they are neighbors
- Use chaining mesh
- Create a list of particles in each cell, L(m,n)
- go over all cells, for each particle *i* in cell (*m*,*n*) → all neighbors are in cells (*m*,*n*), (*m*,*n*+1), (*m*+1,*n*), (*m*+1,*n*+1), (*m*+1,*n*-1)
 [i.e. own cell and half of the neighboring cells, due to symmetry]

D. Frenkel and B. Smit, Understanding Molecular Dynamics Simulations (Academic Press, 2001)





Long – range interaction potentials (e.g. Coulomb):

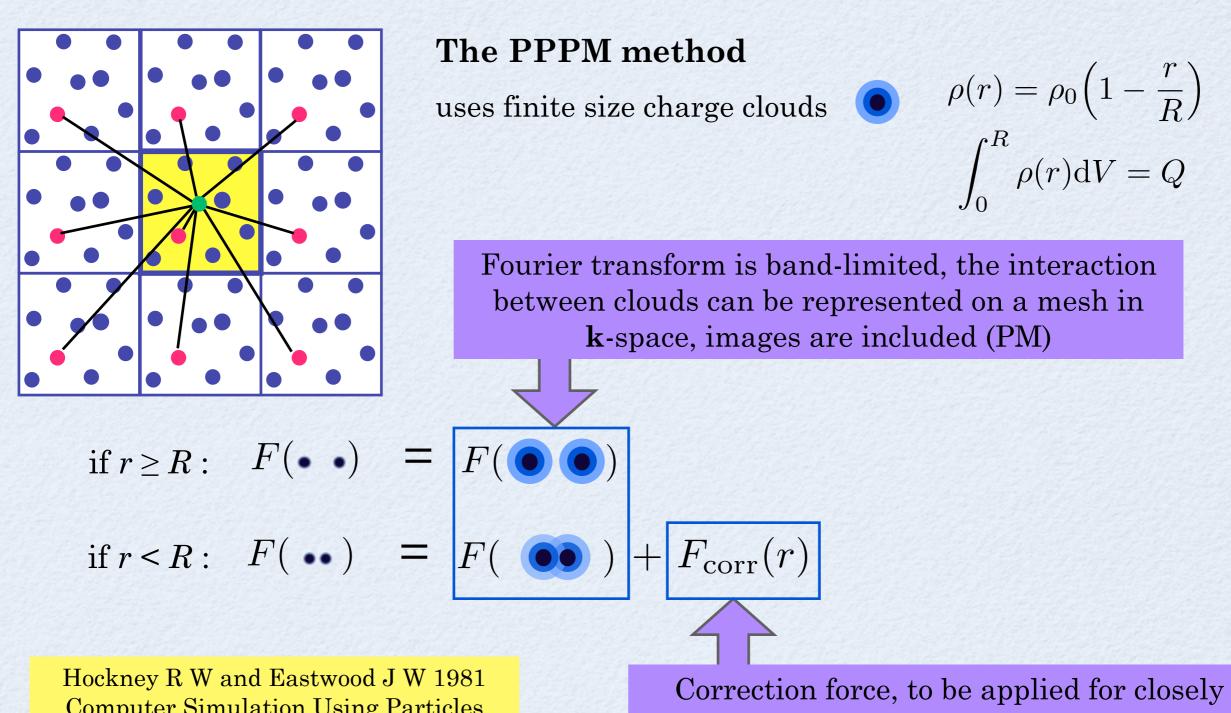
Not possible to find cutoff radius, "tricks" are needed

$$\mathbf{F}_{i}(t) = \sum_{\text{cell+images}} \mathbf{F}_{i,j}(t)$$

Possible solutions:

- Ewald summation
- Particle-Particle, Particle-Mesh (PPPM, P3M) method (Hockney & Eastwood)





Computer Simulation Using Particles (New York: McGraw-Hill)

separated neighbors only (PP, chaining mesh)

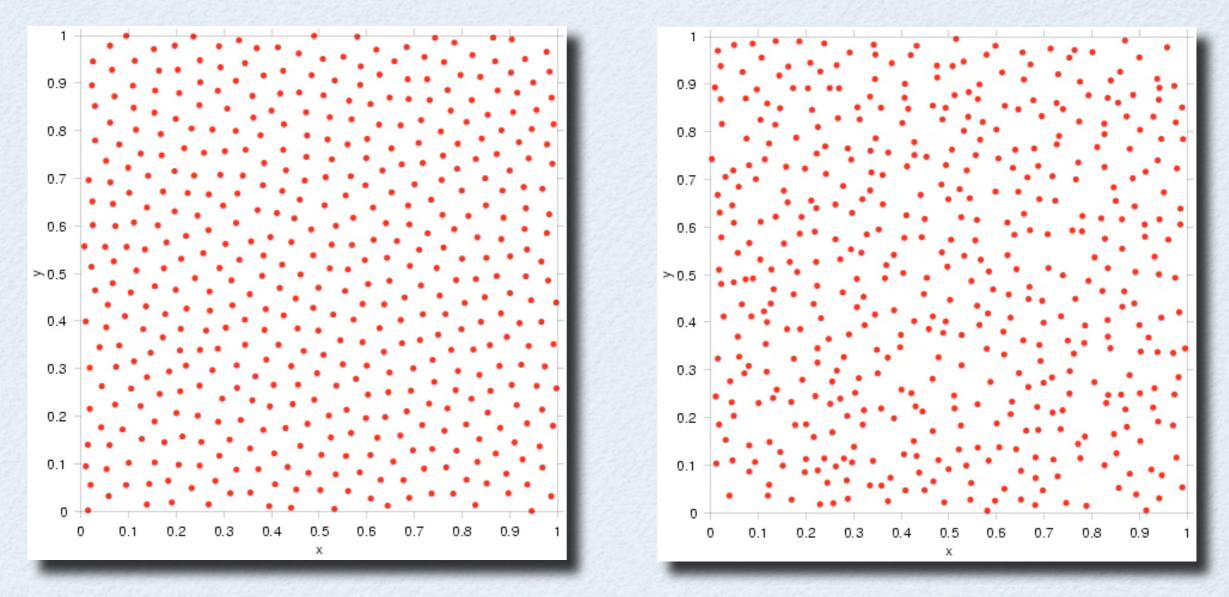


Molecular Dynamics : What do we see?



Г=120, к=1

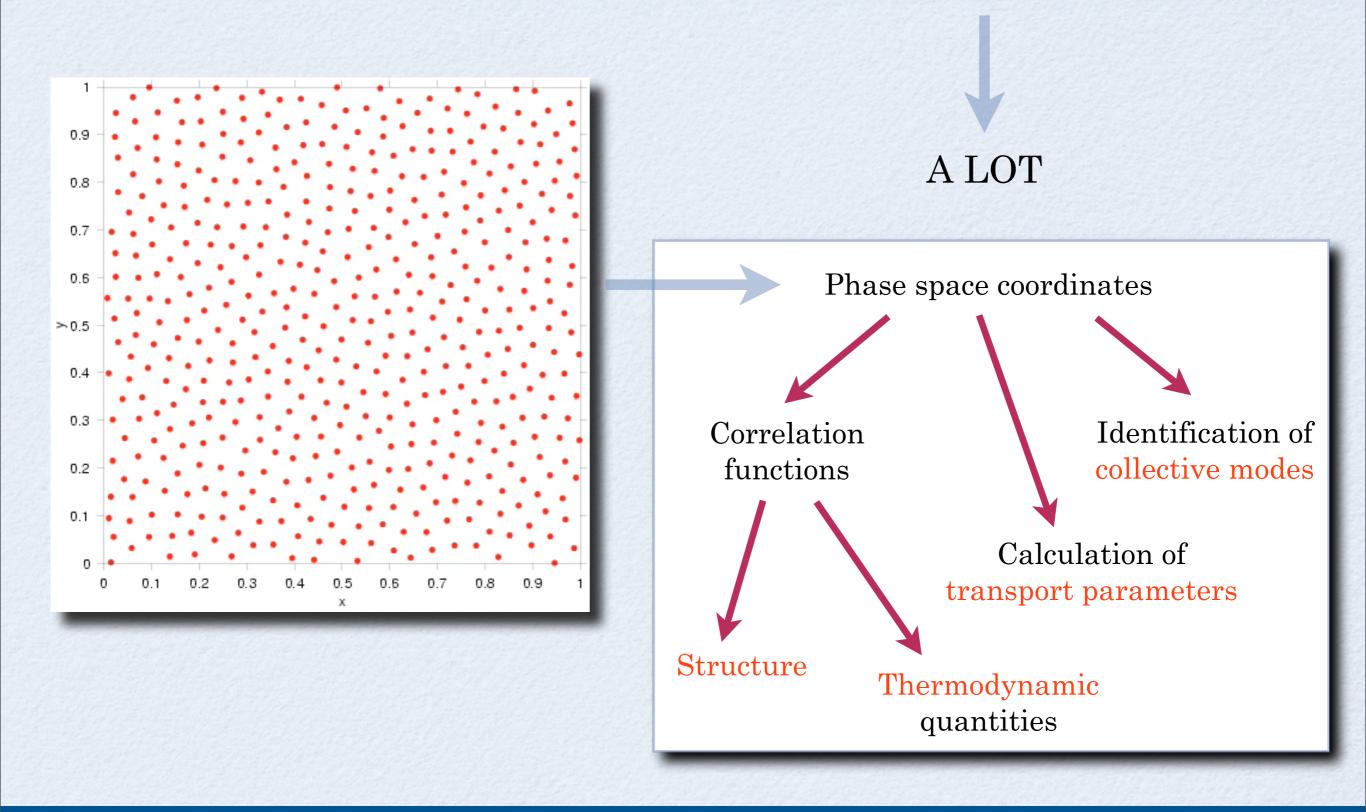
Г=5, к=1



2D frictionless Yukawa liquids



Molecular Dynamics : What do we learn?

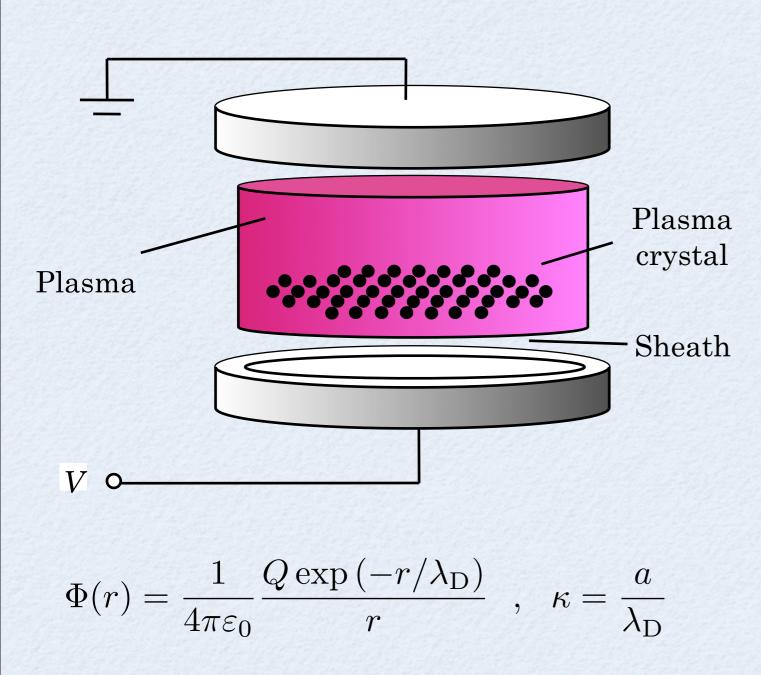


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It's real: experimental realization of 2D dusty plasma



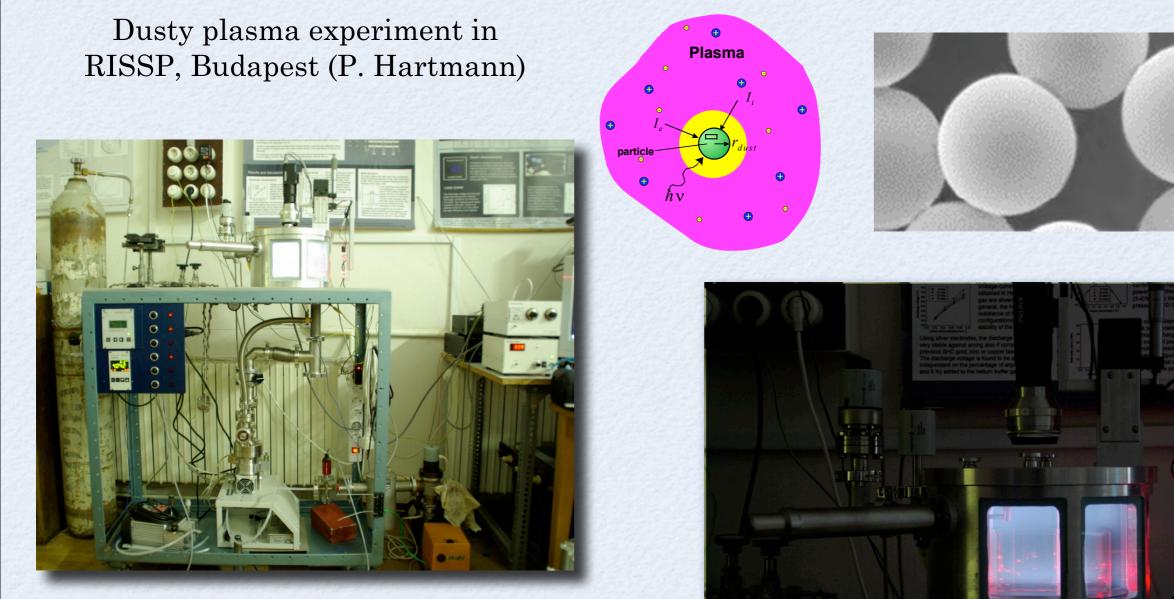


- Dust particles dispersed in a glow discharge plasma acquire a charge of ~ $10^4 q_e$
- Dust layer is levitated due to the balance between electrostatic force and gravity
- Interaction: screened Coulomb (Yukawa) potential
- \clubsuit Crystallization at high Γ
- ✤ Quasi-2D confinement
- Extensive experimental work from early 1990s (Morfill, Thomas, Goree, Fortov, Piel, et al.,) in the crystal and liquid phases



Experimental realization of 2D dusty plasma





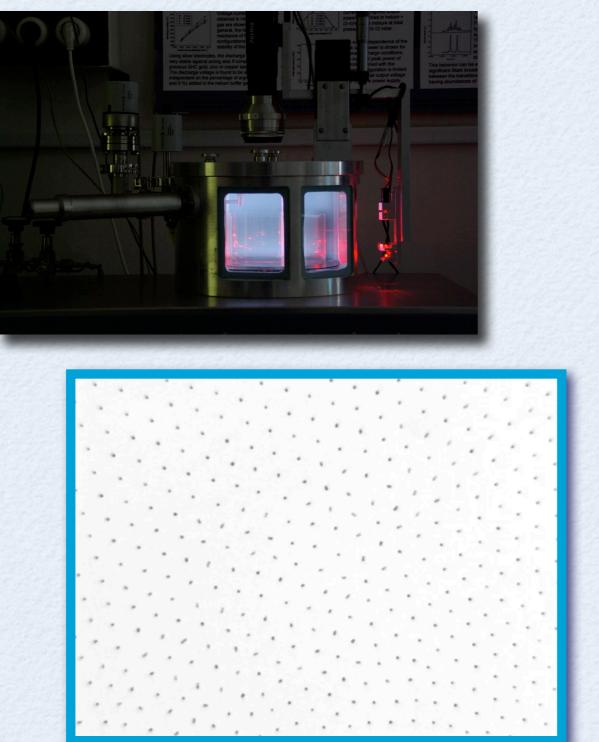
melamine-formaldehyde microspheres

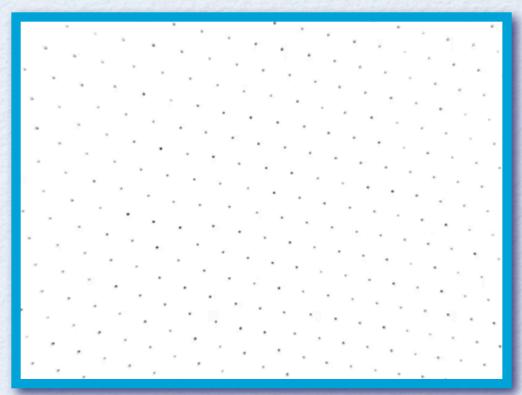
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Experimental realization of 2D dusty plasma







Crystallized phase

Oscillations near melting





Structural and thermodynamic properties

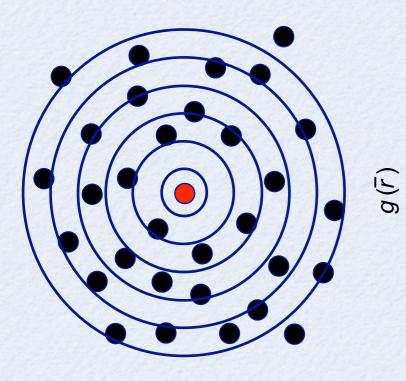
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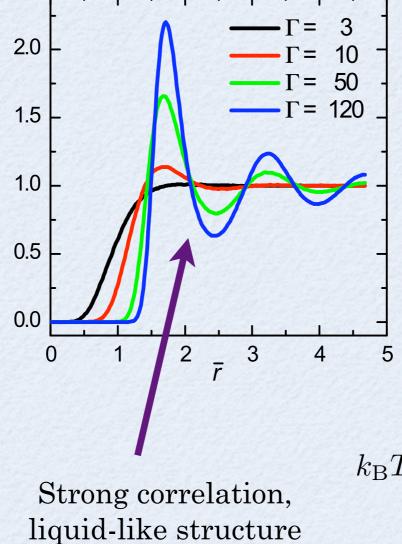
Pair correlation & thermodynamic properties

Pair correlation function

e.g. 3D Coulomb OCP (one-component plasma)



g (r) 1



at high coupling

• Energy: $\frac{E}{N} = \frac{3}{2}k_{\rm B}T + \frac{n}{2}\int_{0}^{\infty}\varphi(r)g(r) \ 4\pi r^{2}\mathrm{d}r$ • Pressure:

$$p = nk_{\rm B}T - \frac{n^2}{6} \int_0^\infty \frac{\partial\varphi(r)}{\partial r} g(r) \ 4\pi r^3 {\rm d}r$$

• Isothermal compressibility:

$${}_{\mathrm{B}}T\left(\frac{\partial n}{\partial p}\right)_{T} = 1 + n \int_{0}^{\infty} \left[g(r) - 1\right] \, 4\pi r^{2} \mathrm{d}r$$



Phase transitions: 3D Coulomb / Yukawa systems

Coulomb (Monte Carlo)

S. G. Brush, H. L. Sahlin and E. Teller, J. Chem. Phys. 45, 2102 (1966).

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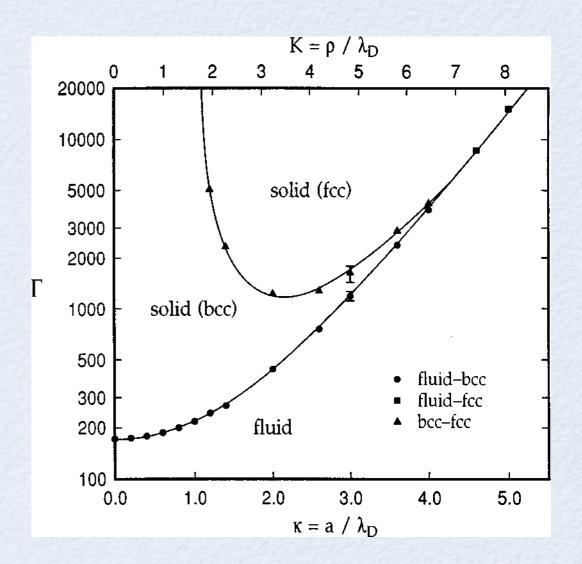
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G. S. Stringfellow, H. E. DeWitt and W. L. Slattery, Phys. Rev. A 41, 1105 (1990).

Γ≅175

Yukawa

S. Hamaguchi, R.T. Farouki and D.H.E. Dubin, Phys. Rev. E 56, 4671 (1997).





Solid to liquid transition in 2D

Phases in two dimensions:

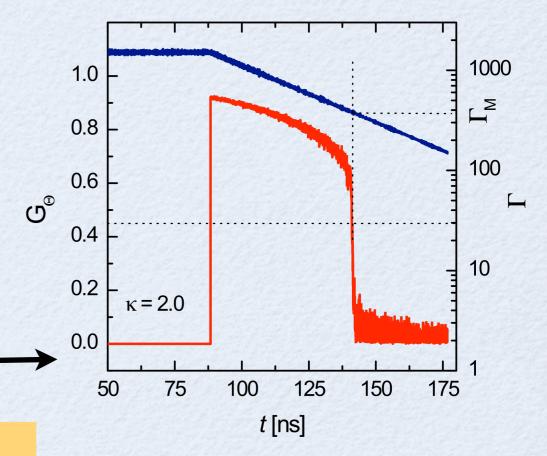
- Theoretical finding: "There is no exact longrange order in one and two dimensions for T ≠ 0" [Ginzburg, Landau, Goldstone, Peierls, Penrose, Bogoliubov; ~1950]
- But: finite sized systems can develop crystal-like stable structures for T > 0
- No thermodynamic limit need for finite particle thermodynamics
- Continuous temperature dependence of measured quantities
- ??? Nature of solid-liquid phase transition ???
- Possible multi-phase melting (unproven theory) intermediate "hexatic" phase

P. Hartmann, G. J. Kalman, Z. Donkó, and K. Kutasi, Phys. Rev. E 72, 026409 (2005)

Much more careful studies are required (under way)

Bond-angular order parameter

"Melting experiment"



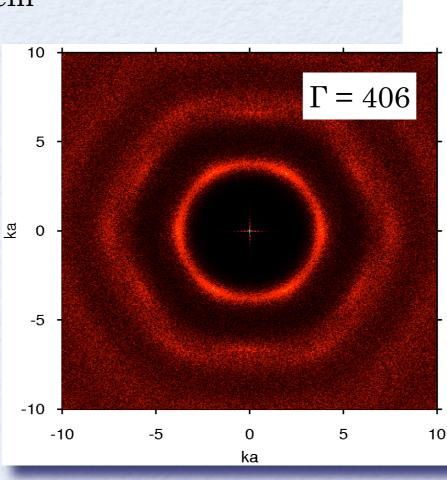
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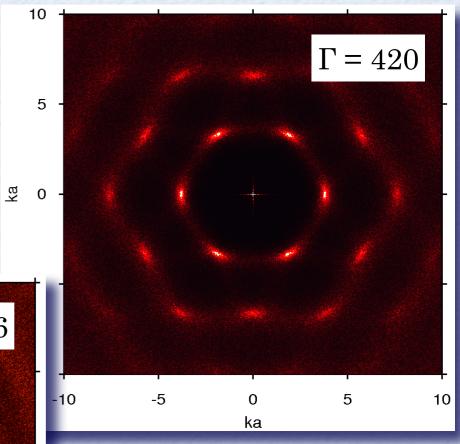


Solid to liquid transition in 2D

Investigated quantities:

- Bond angular order parameter
- Einstein frequency distributions
- Angular distribution of Einstein frequencies
- Potential energy
- Long-range behavior of g(r)
- Peak amplitude of *S*(*k*)
- Diffraction patterns $S(\mathbf{k})$





WORK IN PROGRESS

P. Hartmann, Z. Donkó, P. Bakshi, G. J. Kalman, S. Kyrkos, IEEE Trans. Plasma Sci., 35 332 (2007)





Localization and transport phenomena

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Quasi-localization: an important feature of the strongly coupled liquid state

PHYSICS OF PLASMAS

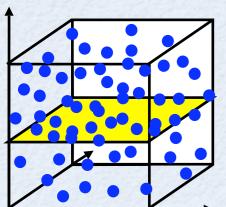
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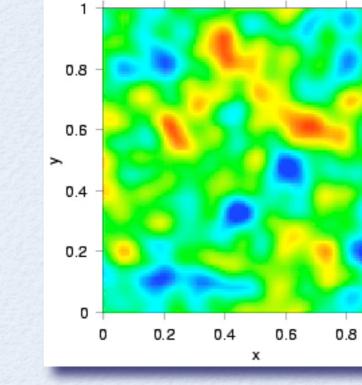
Quasilocalized charge approximation in strongly coupled plasma physics

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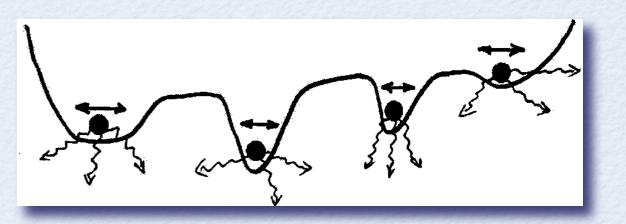
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Gabor J. Kalman



Quantification: CAGE CORRELATION FUNCTION Static $g(r) \rightarrow$ Dynamics



- Localized oscillation of particles in local minima of the potential surface

- Slow deformation of the potential surface due to particle diffusion

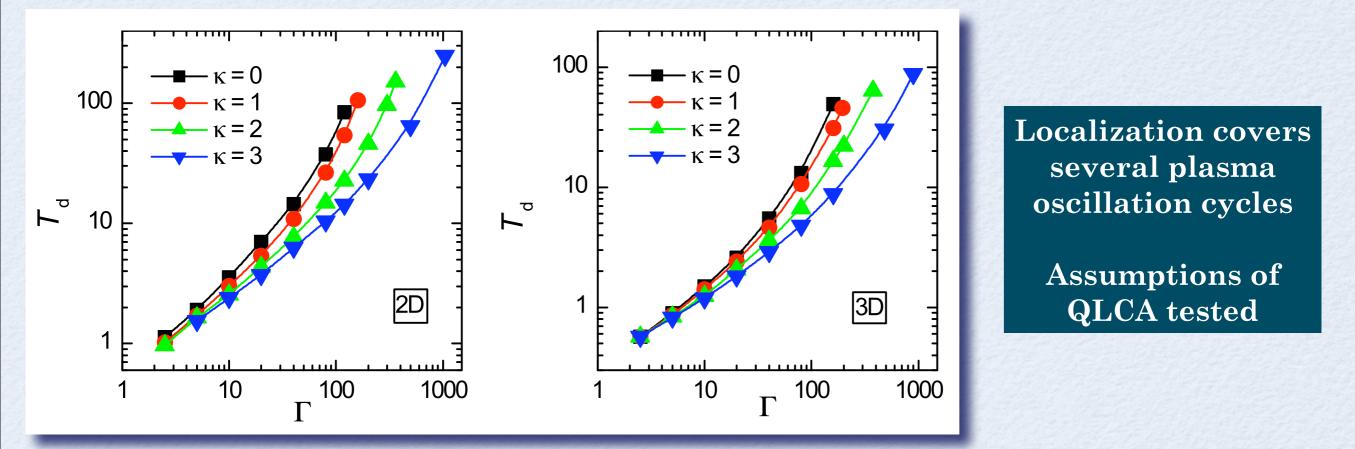
- Localized state covers several plasma oscillation cycles





Quasi-localization in the strongly coupled liquid phase

Time needed for the *decorrelation* of the surroundings of the particles (in units of ω_p^{-1})



Z. Donkó, G.J. Kalman, K.I. Golden, Phys. Rev. Lett. 88, 225001 (2002), Z. Donkó, P. Hartmann, G.J. Kalman, Physics of Plasmas 10, 1563 (2003).

The properties of the systems critically depend on the caging:

J. Daligault, "Liquid-State Properties of a One-Component Plasma", Phys. Rev. Lett. 96, 065003 (2006)





Measurements of transport coefficients

Equilibrium Molecular Dynamics:

Measure correlation functions

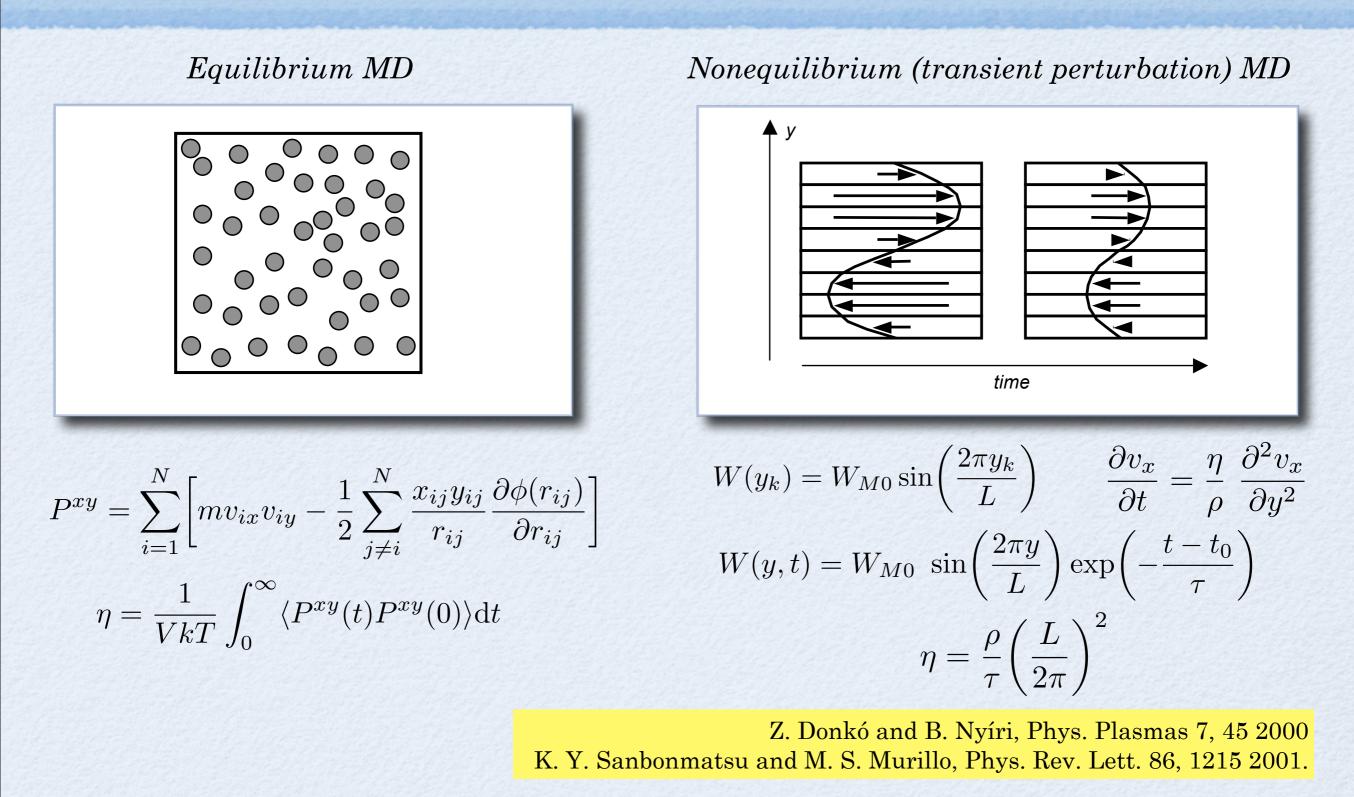
$D = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^\infty C_v \mathrm{d}t$	$C_v \equiv \langle \mathbf{v}(t) \cdot \mathbf{v}(0) \rangle$	VACF
$\eta = \frac{1}{VkT} \int_0^\infty C_\eta \mathrm{d}t$	$C_{\eta} \equiv \langle P_{xy}(t) P_{xy}(0) \rangle$	SACF
$\lambda = \frac{1}{VkT^2} \int_0^\infty C_\lambda \mathrm{d}t$	$C_{\lambda} \equiv \langle J_{Qx}(t) J_{Qx}(0) \rangle$	EACF

Non-Equilibrium Molecular Dynamics:

Perturb the system and measure the response



"Measurement" of transport coefficients: Shear viscosity

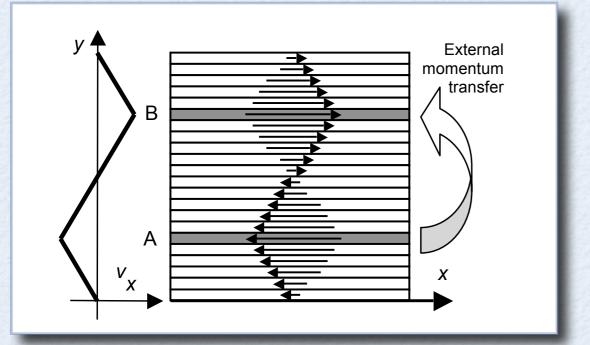






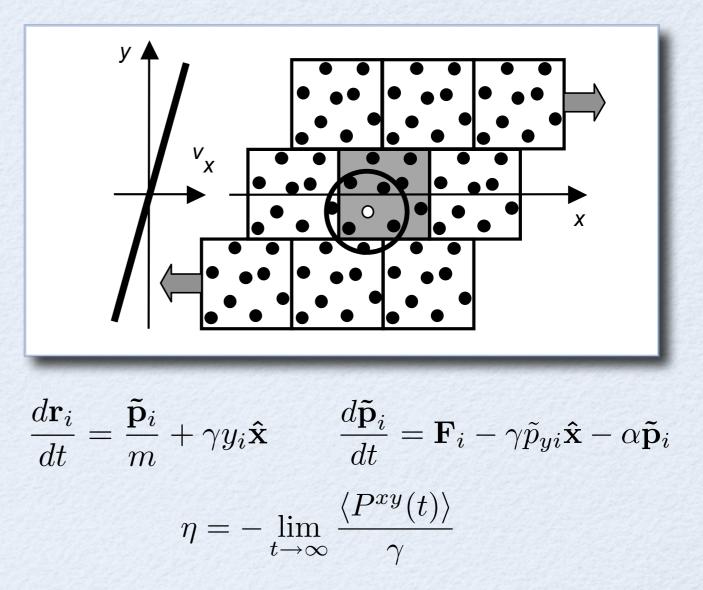
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Reverse Molecular Dynamics



$$\eta \frac{dv_x(y)}{dy} = \frac{\Delta p}{2t_{\rm sim}S}$$

F. Müller-Plathe, Phys. Rev. E 59, 4894 (1999). Homogeneous Shear Algorithm

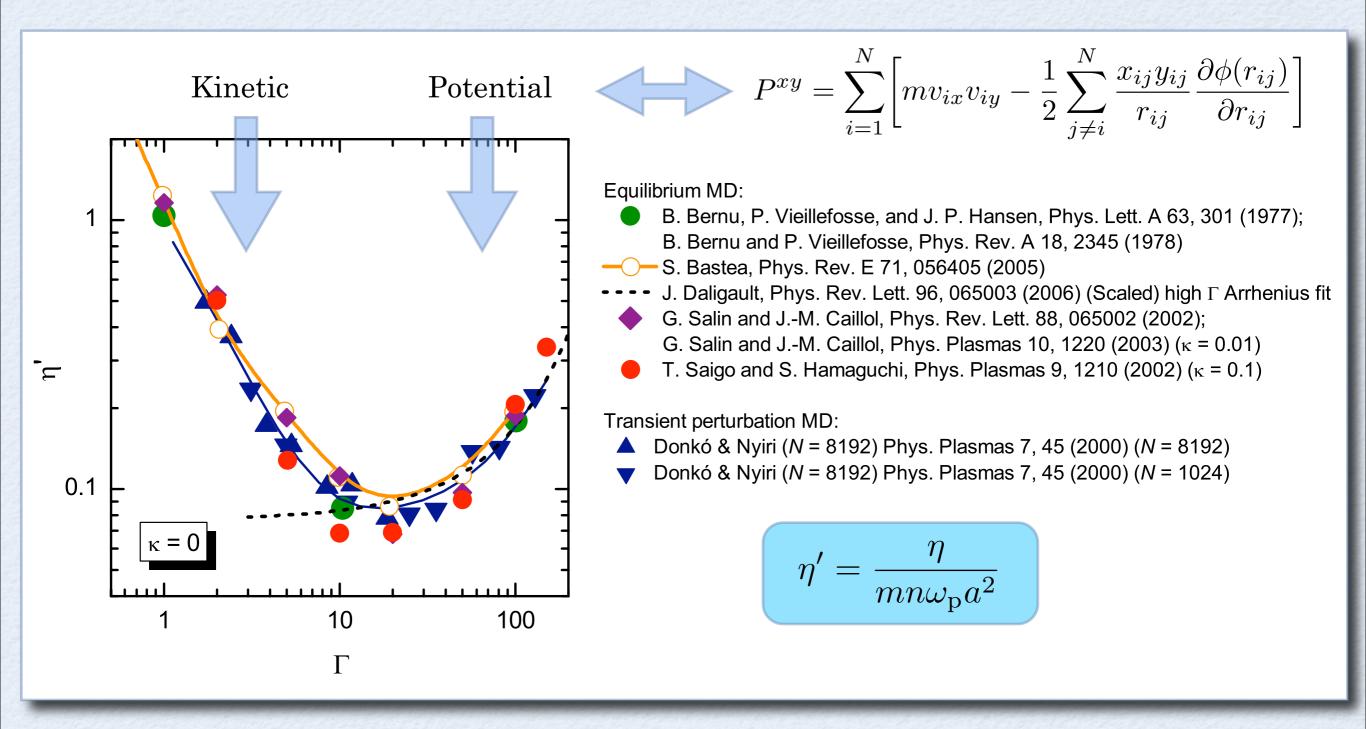


D. J. Evans and G. P. Morriss, "Statistical mechanics of nonequilibrium liquids" (Academic Press, 1990)





Shear viscosity of 3D Coulomb liquids



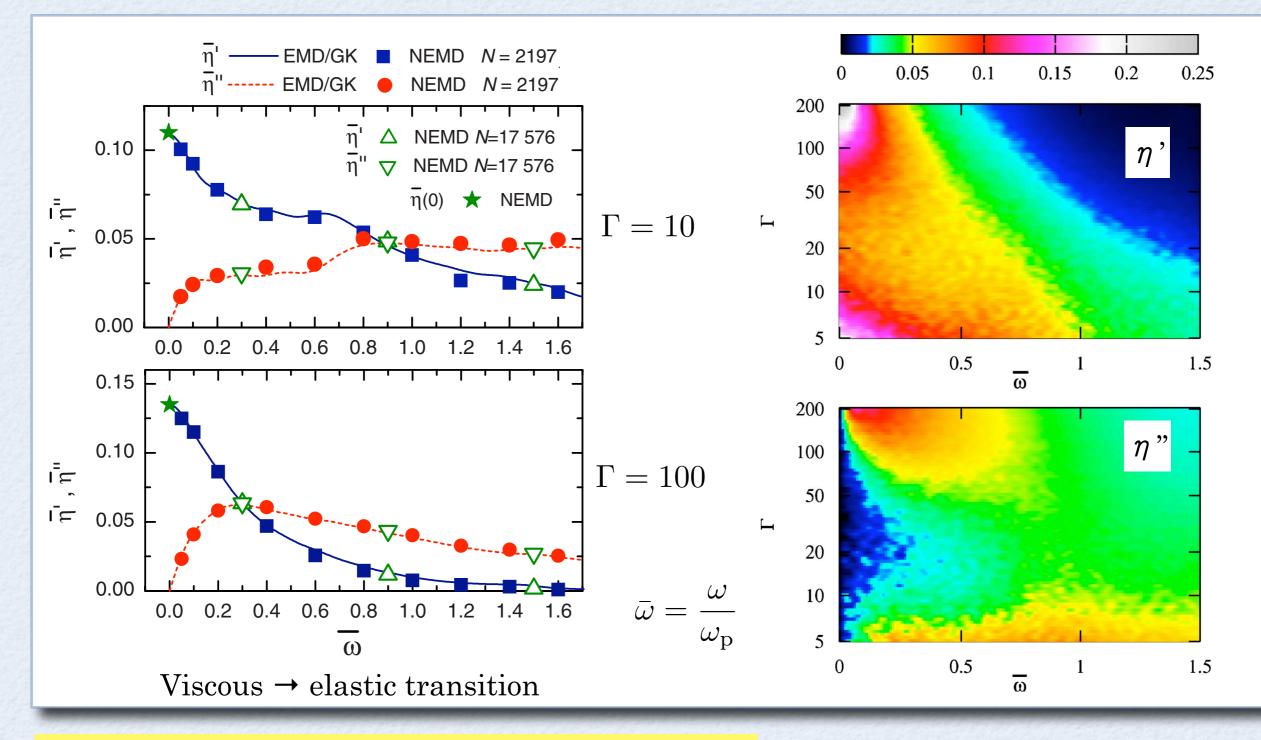


Complex shear viscosity of 3D Coulomb liquids





Complex shear viscosity of 3D Yukawa liquids

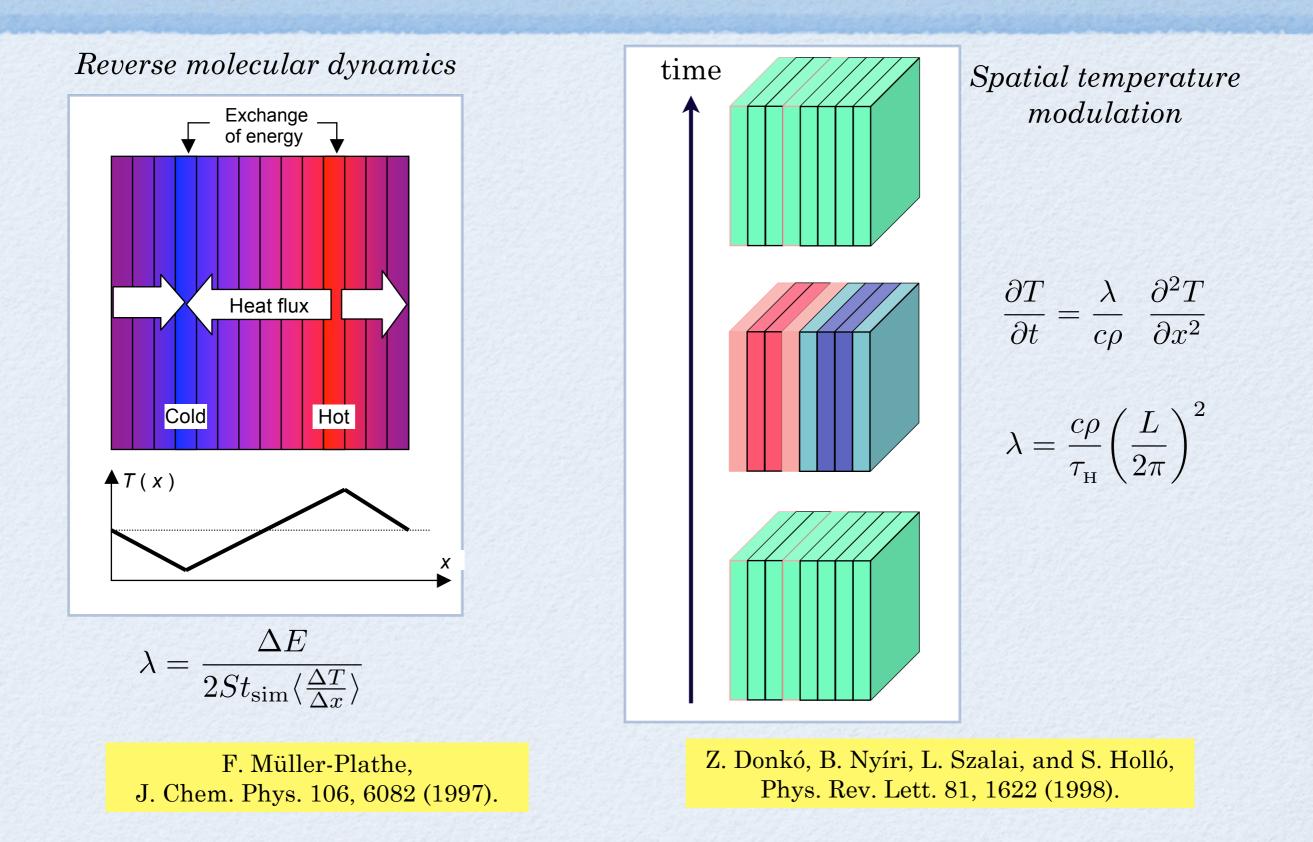


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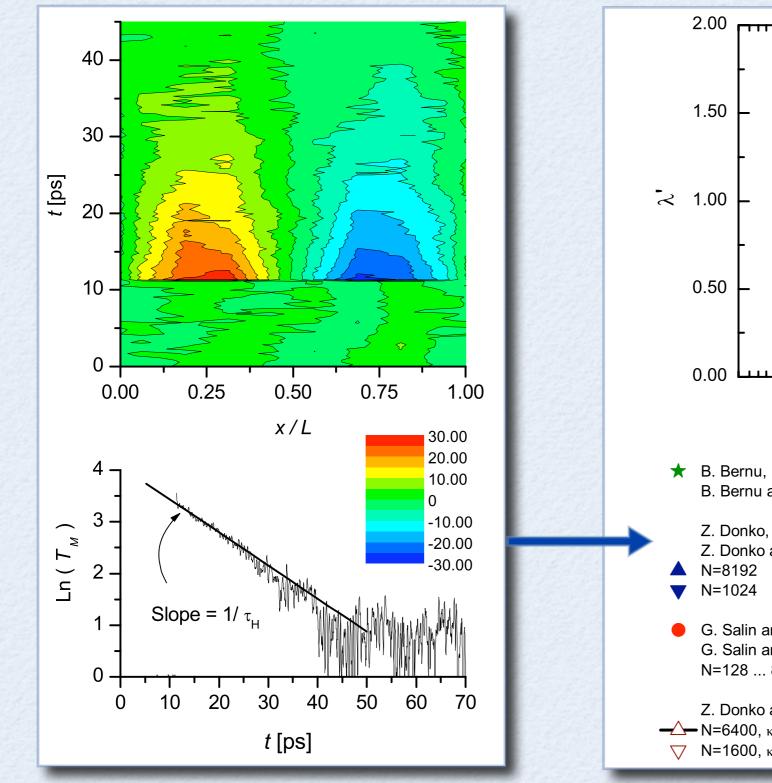
Thermal conductivity: MD methods

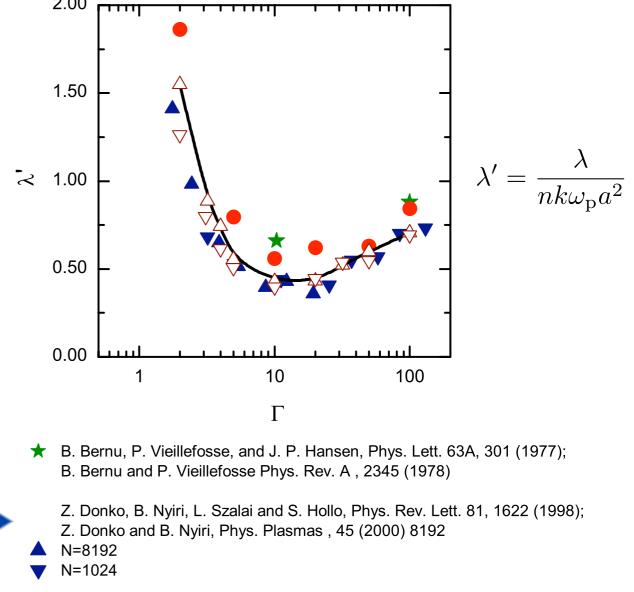






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 N=128 ... 864, κ = 0.01

Z. Donko and P. Hartmann, Phys. Rev. E 69, 016405 (2004). $-\Delta$ N=6400, κ = 0.1 ∇ N=1600, κ = 0.1





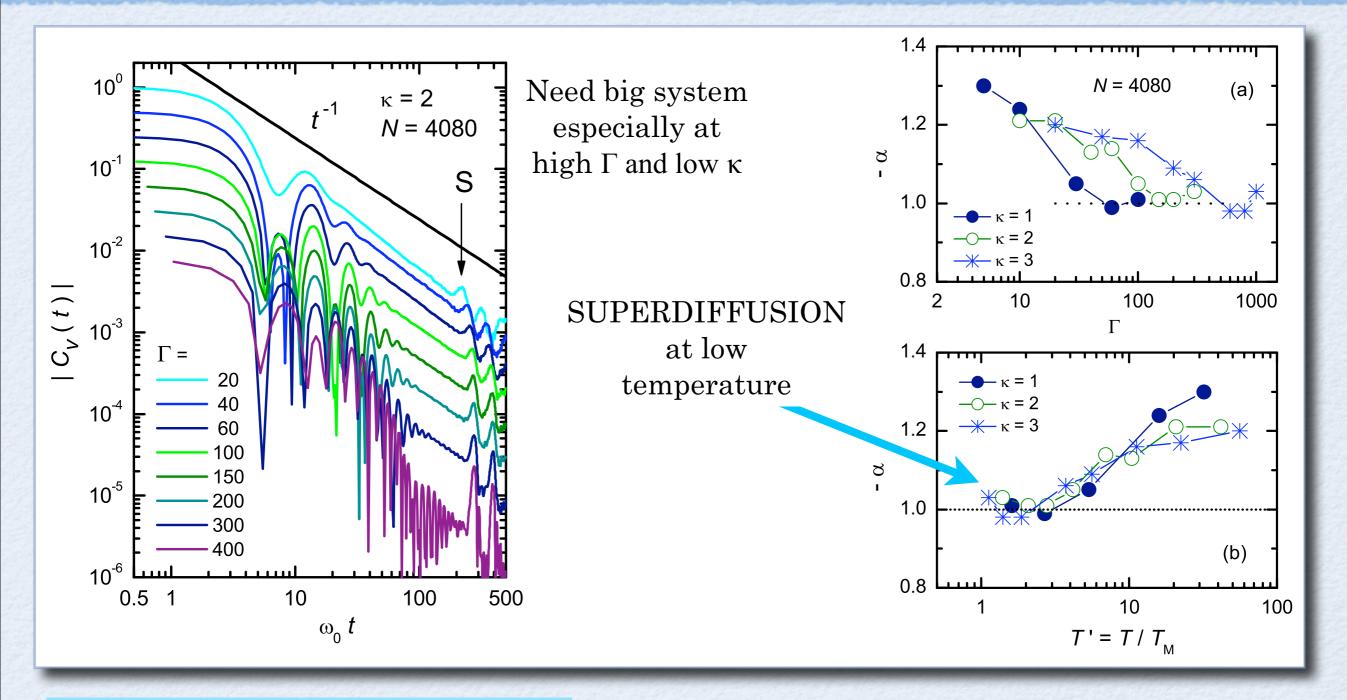
Transport in 2 dimensional Yukawa liquids

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- Motivation: experiments on 2D systems indicate superdiffusion
- Alder and Wainwright [Phys. Rev. A 1, 18 (1970)] observed t⁻¹ decay of the VACF in computer simulations of 2D hard disk system.
- Ernst, Hauge, and van Leeuwen [Phys. Rev. Lett. 25, 1254 (1970)] have shown that the kinetic contributions to the autocorrelation functions of shear stress and energy current exhibit the same behavior.
- This implies that the transport coefficients do not exist in 2D..... BUT : Isobe [Phys. Rev. E 2008] → large scale simulation of hard disk fluid: the decay of the VACF is *slightly* faster than 1/t for a range parameters of the system!
- DO UNIQUE TRANSPORT COEFFICIENTS EXIST FOR 2D YUKAWA LIQUIDS ???



Diffusion: Velocity autocorrelation function (2D)



Z. Donkó, J. Goree, P. Hartmann, and Bin Liu, Phys. Rev. E 79, 026401 (2009)

Features: initial oscillations (caging) + smooth decay + sound peaks ("S")

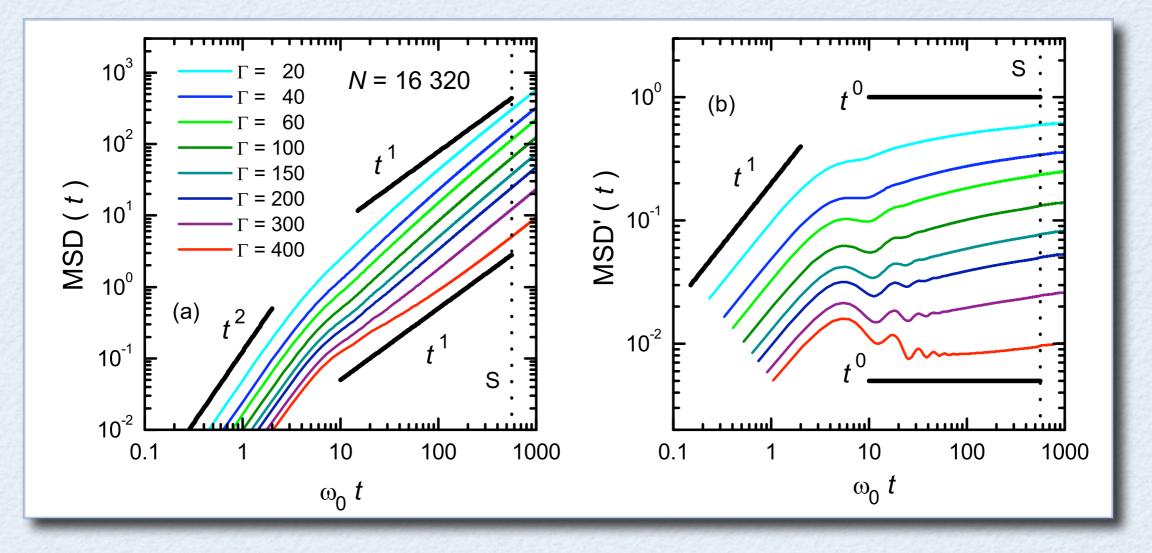




2D Transport: mean squared displacement

$$MSD(t) = \langle |\mathbf{r}(t) - \mathbf{r}(0)|^2 \rangle$$

$$D = \frac{1}{2N_d t} \langle |\mathbf{r}(t) - \mathbf{r}(0)|^2 \rangle$$



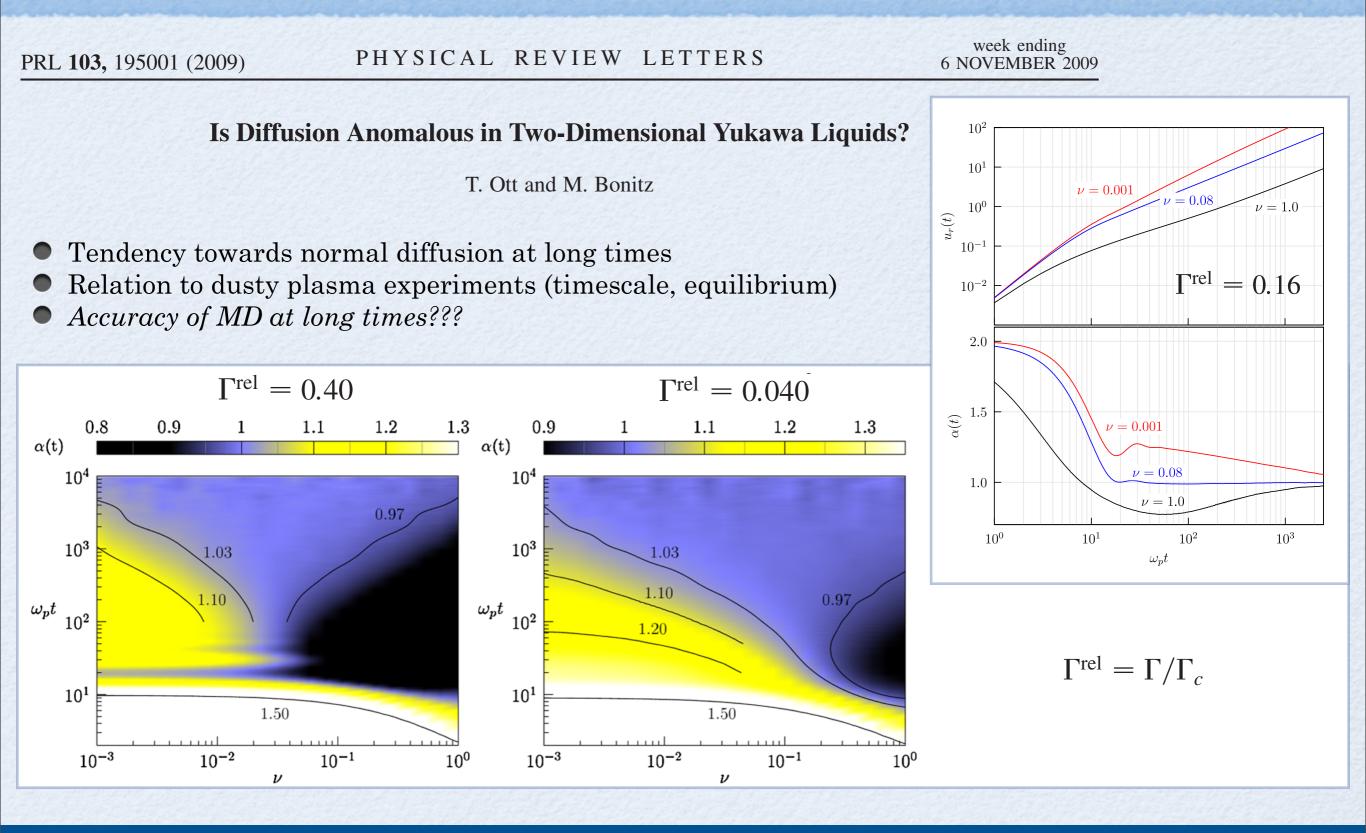
Z. Donkó, J. Goree, P. Hartmann, Bin Liu, Phys. Rev. E 79, 026401 (2009) Conclusion (2009):

- looks to be superdiffusion within time limit
- longer time: "who knows ...??"



2D diffusion: latest news





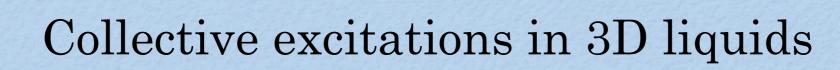
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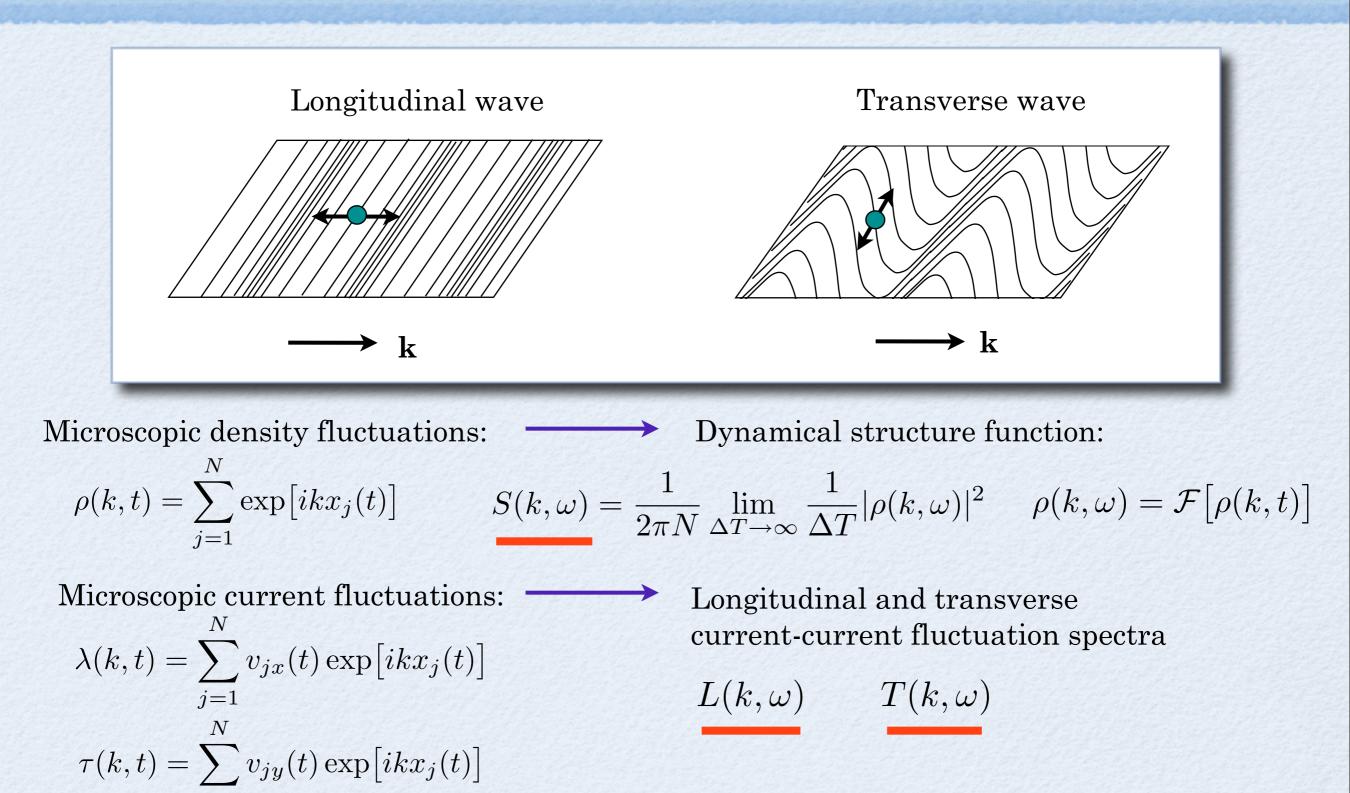


Collective excitations

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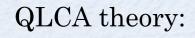
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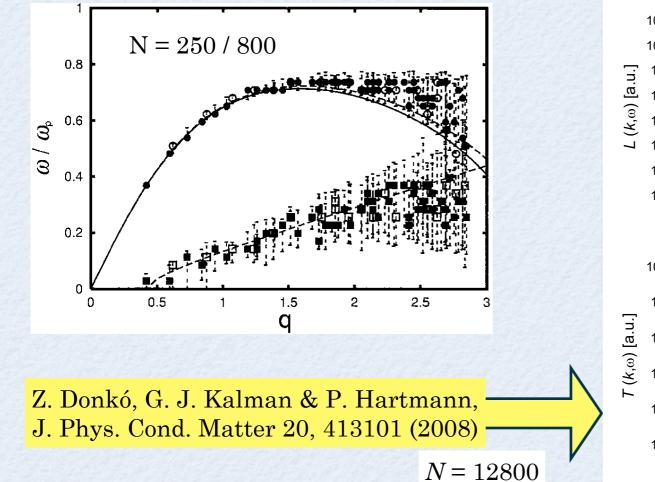
Collective excitations in 3D liquids

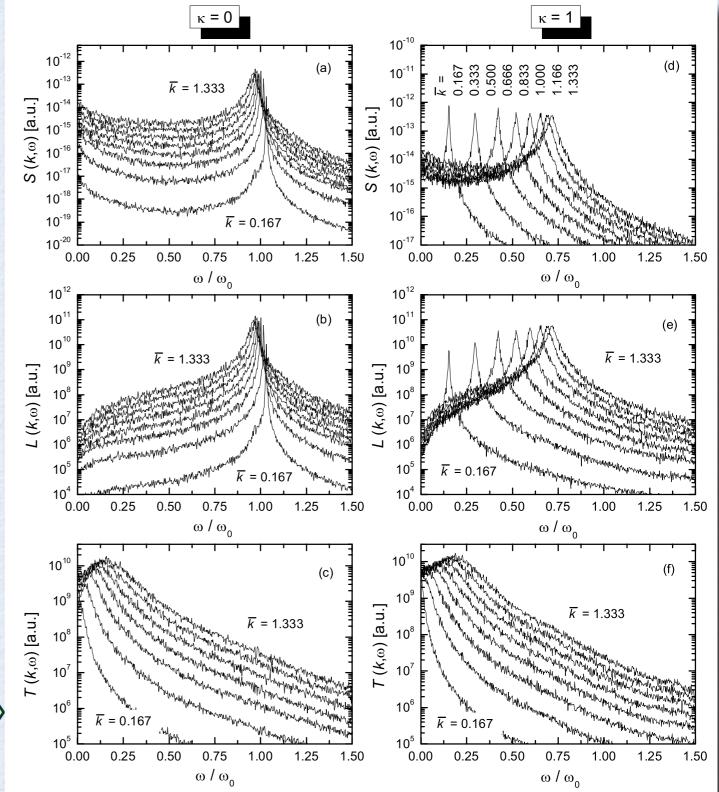


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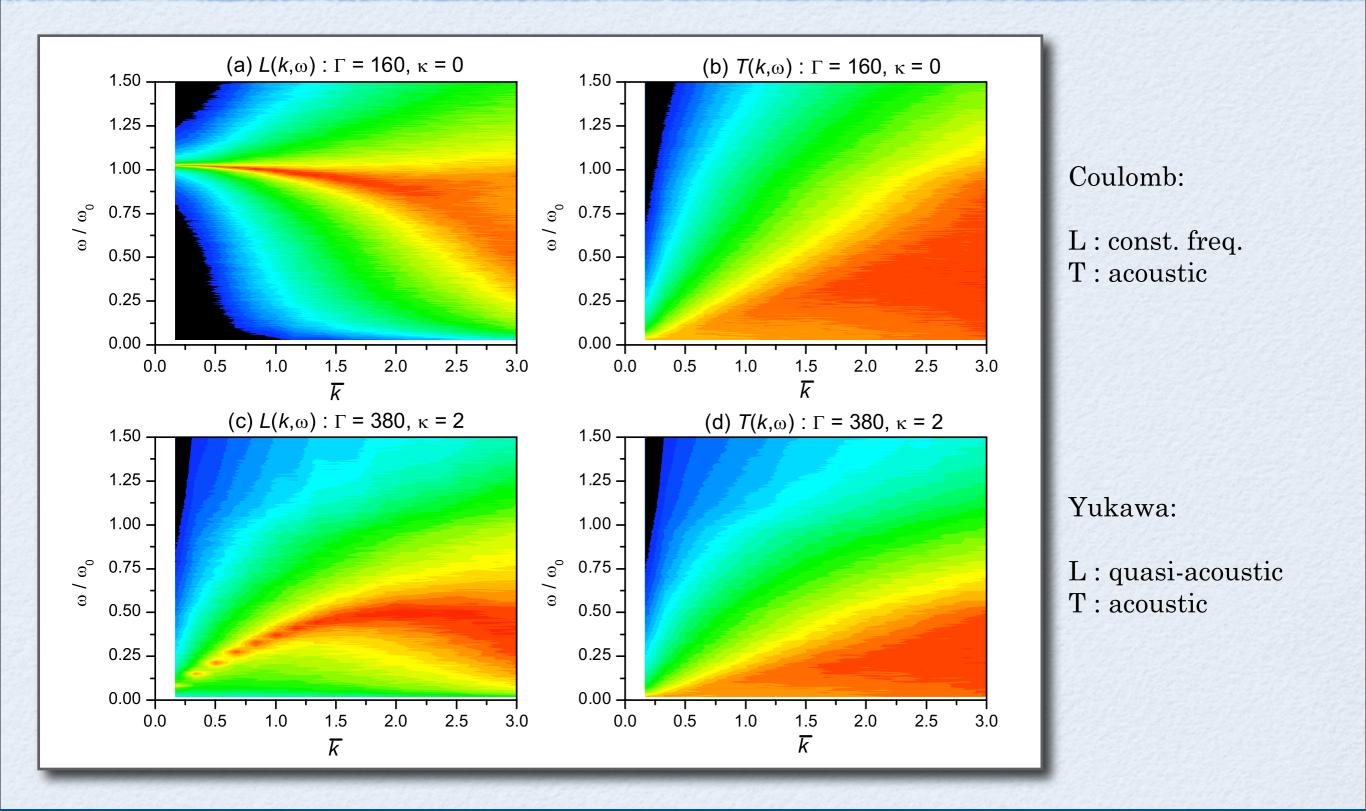
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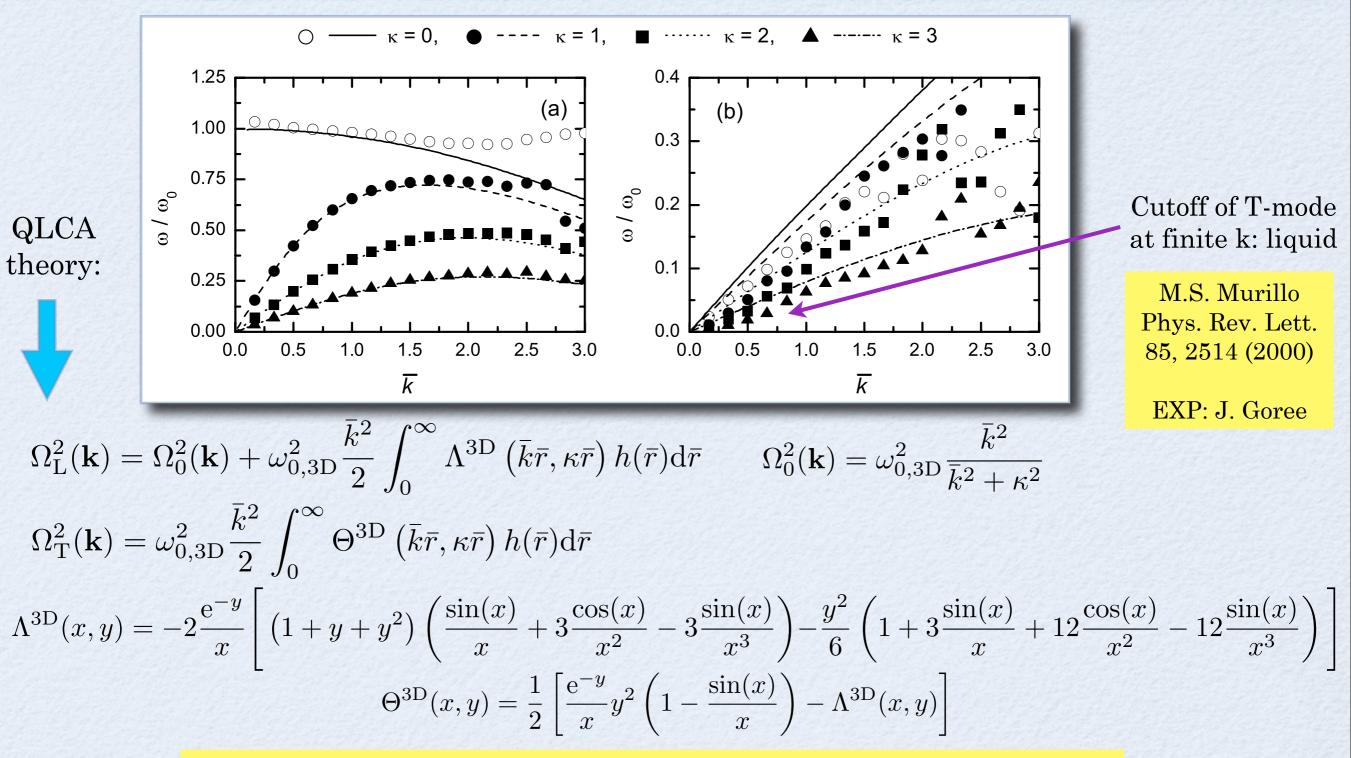
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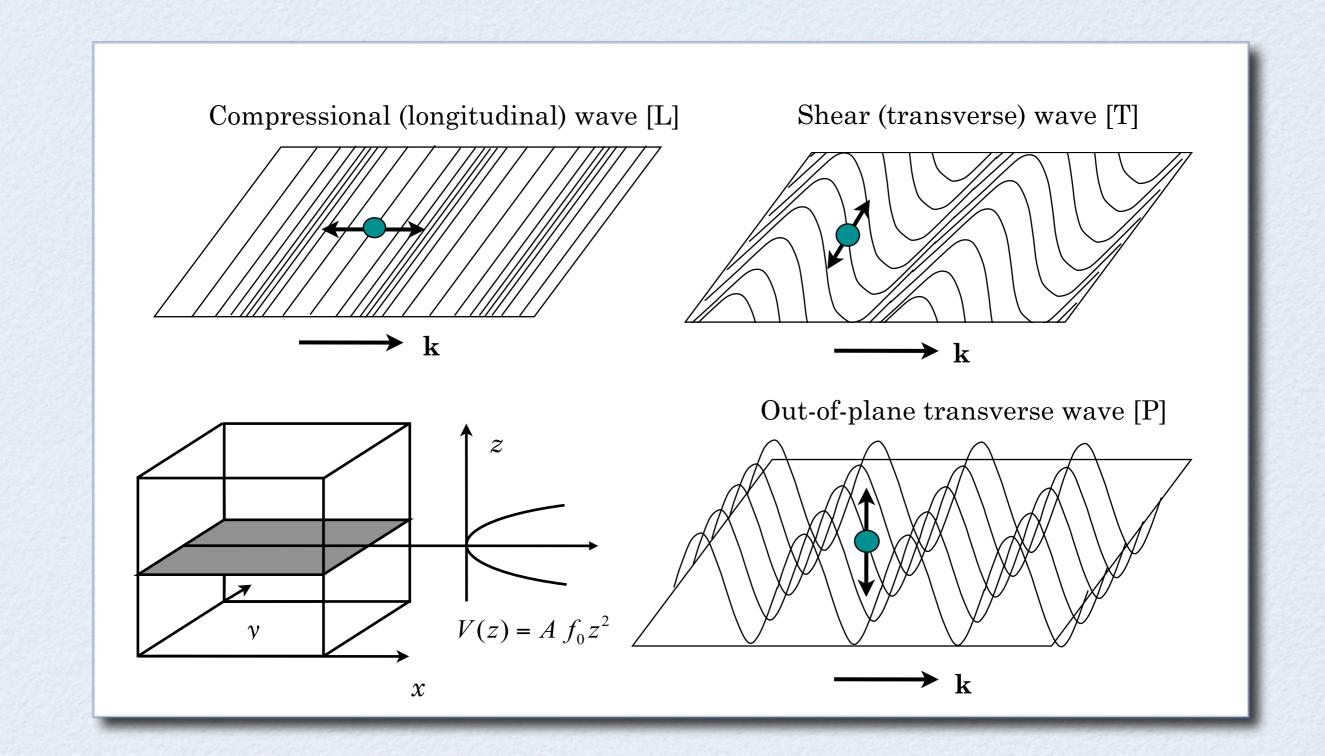
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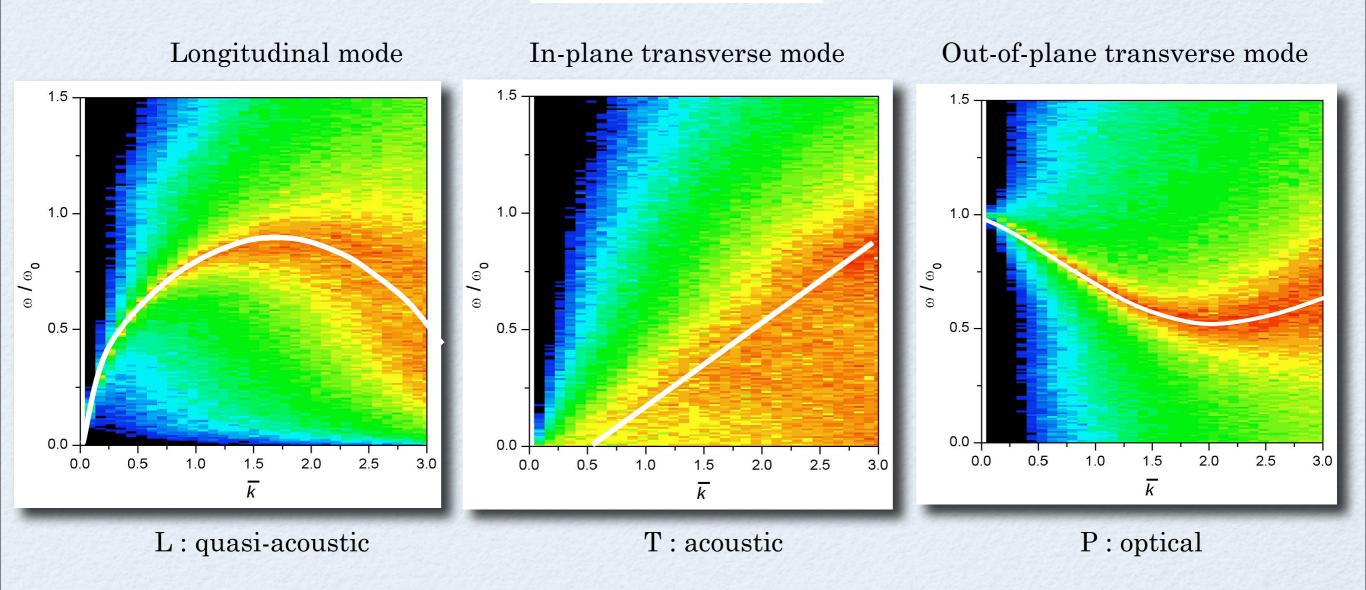
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Summary



- Simulation studies aid the understanding of theoretical and experimental results
- Simulations are suitable for a wide variety of strongly coupled many-particle systems
- Equilibrium / non-equilibrium Molecular Dynamics simulations can be used to study
 - structural & thermodynamical properties
 - collective excitations
 - localization and transport
 - ... and numerous other physical phenomena

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