

ACOUSTIC-LIKE EXCITATIONS IN STRUCTURAL GLASSES BY A MEAN FIELD APPROACH

*Rayleigh Scattering and
disorder-induced mixing of polarizations*

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The dynamic structure factor of structural glasses: atomistic and mean field description in the harmonic approximation

$$S_i(\mathbf{q}, \omega) \propto \left(\frac{q}{\omega}\right)^2 \int d^3r e^{i\mathbf{q}\cdot\mathbf{r}} \int dt e^{i\omega t} \langle \mathbf{j}_i(\mathbf{r}, t) \mathbf{j}(\mathbf{0}, 0) \rangle \quad i=L, T$$

MICROSCOPIC DESCRIPTION

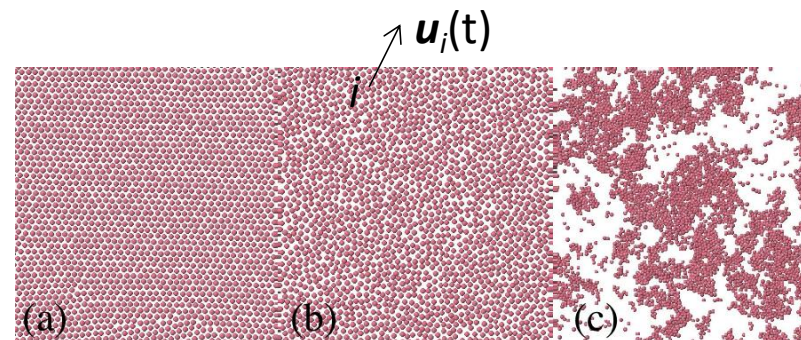
$$S_L(\mathbf{q}, \omega) \propto \frac{q^2}{\omega^2} T \sum_{\alpha} \delta(\omega - \Omega_{\alpha}) \sum_{ij} \langle (\hat{\mathbf{q}} \cdot \mathbf{e}_i^{\alpha}) (\hat{\mathbf{q}} \cdot \mathbf{e}_j^{\alpha}) e^{i(\mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{r}_j) \cdot \mathbf{q}} \rangle$$

$$\mathbf{e}_{i(s')}^{\alpha'} D_{ij(s's)} \mathbf{e}_{j(s)}^{\alpha} = \Omega_{\alpha}^2 \delta_{\alpha\alpha'} \quad \text{NORMAL MODES}$$

↓ **D: DYNAMICAL MATRIX**

$$\ddot{\mathbf{u}}_i(t) = \sum_{j=1}^N D_{ij} \mathbf{u}_j \quad j_L(\mathbf{q}, t) = \sum_{i=1}^N \mathbf{q} \cdot \dot{\mathbf{u}}_i$$

- THE LOCALIZED SOFT MODES: a special class of non-Goldstone vibrational normal modes of glasses with a large value of the inverse participation ratio and $\Omega_{\alpha} \ll 1$.



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MEAN FIELD DESCRIPTION

$$S_L(\mathbf{q}, \omega) \propto \frac{q^2}{\omega} \text{Im}\{\langle G_L(\mathbf{q}, \omega) \rangle\}$$

DYSON EQUATION: $G^0(\mathbf{q}, \omega) = \frac{1}{q^2 - c^2\omega^2}$

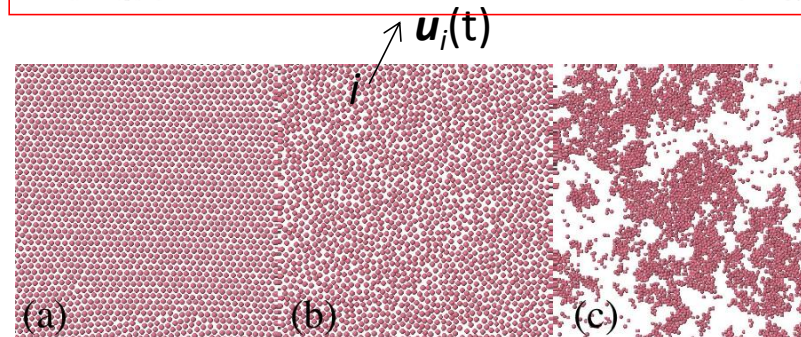
$$\langle G_L(\mathbf{q}, \omega) \rangle = \frac{1}{G_L^0(\mathbf{q}, \omega) - \Sigma_L(\mathbf{q}, \omega)}$$

$\Sigma(\mathbf{q}, \omega)$: SELF-ENERGY

PERTURBATIVE SERIES EXPANSION

It constitutes the starting point for smoothing methods or approximations.

auto-correlation function of the elastic tensor
 $R_{\gamma\alpha j l \beta k i \delta}(\mathbf{r} = \mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{r}_2) = \langle \delta C_{\gamma\alpha j l}(\mathbf{r}_1) \delta C_{\beta k i \delta}(\mathbf{r}_2) \rangle$



FROM DISORDER TO SPATIAL INHOMOGENEITY
OF THE ELASTIC TENSOR

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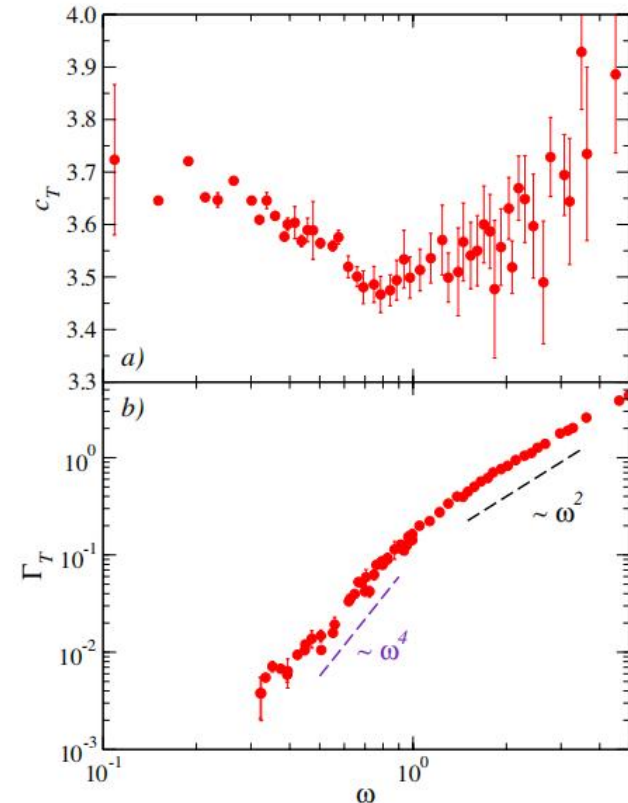
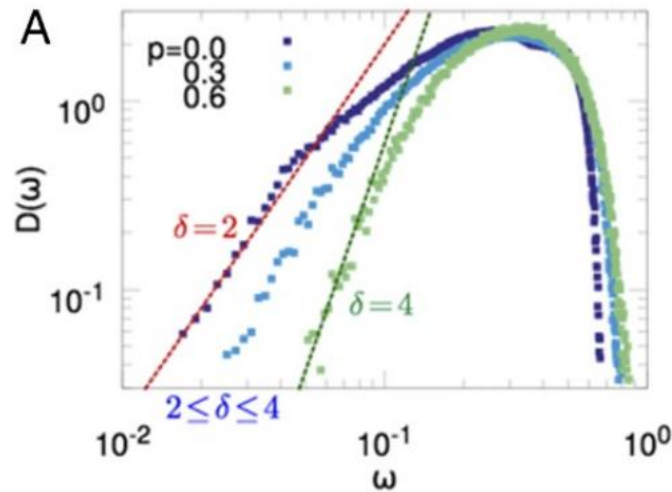
Rayleigh scattering (ω^4 trend in VDOS):

MICROSCOPIC DESCRIPTION

MEAN FIELD DESCRIPTION

LOCALIZED SOFT MODES $\rightarrow \omega^4$ TREND OF LOW- ω VDOS

RAYLEIGH SCATTERING FROM ELASTIC INHOMOGENEITIES $\rightarrow \Gamma(\Omega) \propto \Omega^4 = (cq)^4$



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amorphization transition:

enhancing localization of normal modes

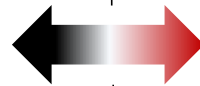


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Matrix model



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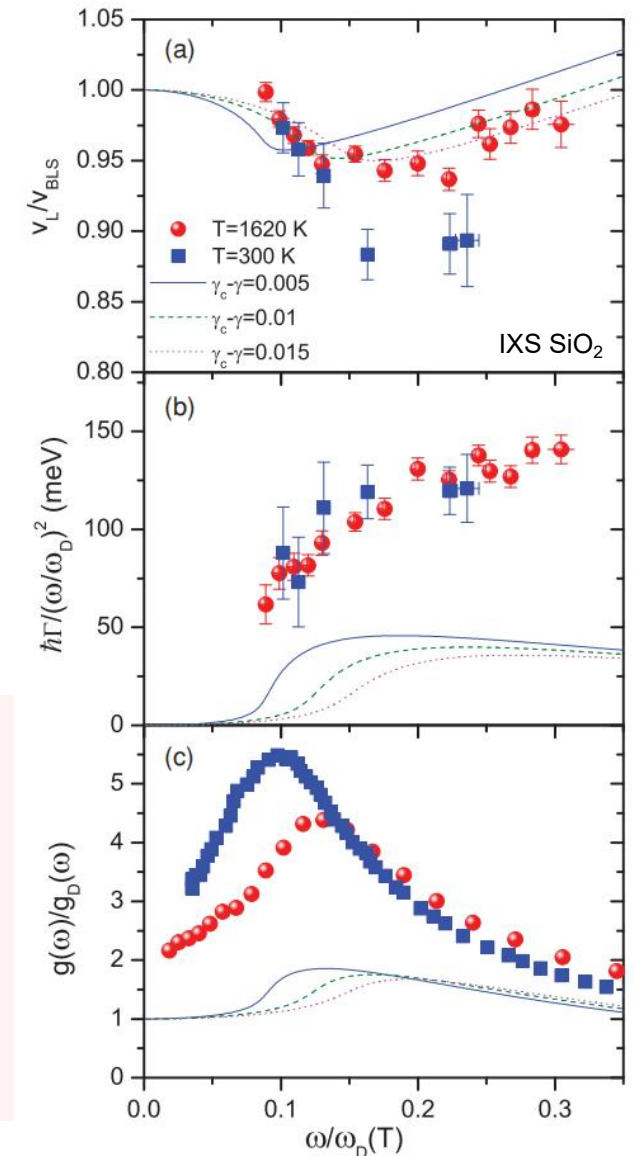
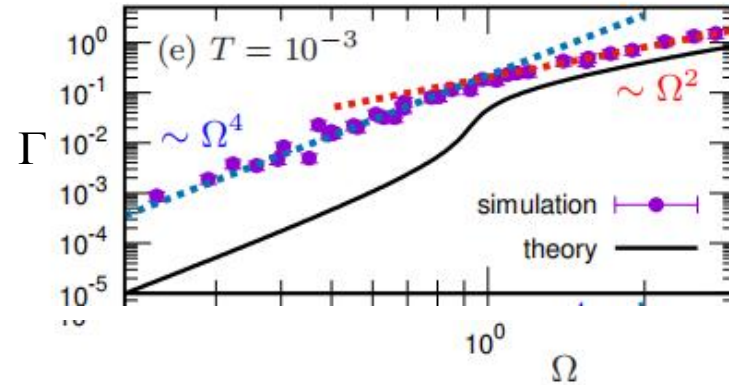
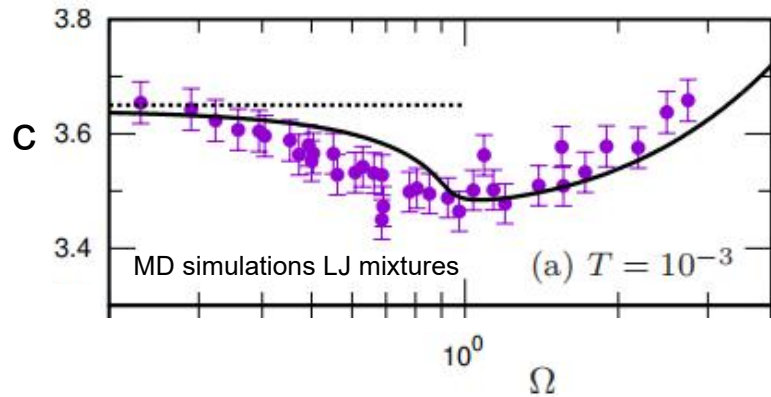
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- Can a Random Media theory allow to achieve a realistic description of the features of $S(\mathbf{q},\omega)$ in a structural glasses related to the presence of elastic inhomogeneities?

Comparing Random Media Theories with real systems behavior

- Mean field RMTs qualitatively but not quantitatively reproduce the Rayleigh scattering.
- The degree of elastic inhomogeneity measured by MD simulations is larger than the Self-Consistent Born Approximation (SCBA) edge of stability [18].



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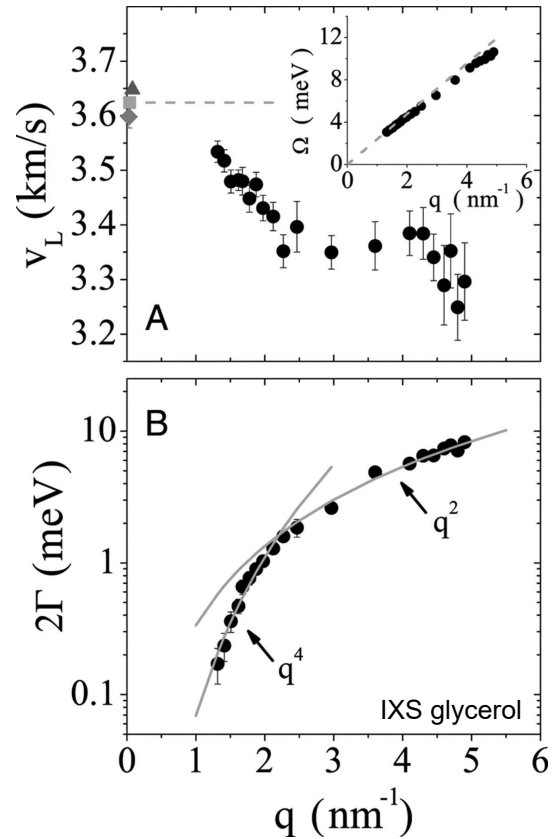
- How the spatial elastic inhomogeneity affects the polarization properties of acoustic-like excitations in glasses?

- ✓ Phase velocity
 - ✓ Amplitude
 - Polarization**
- } Rayleigh scattering

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IXS experiments and MD simulations:

RAYLEIGH SCATTERING



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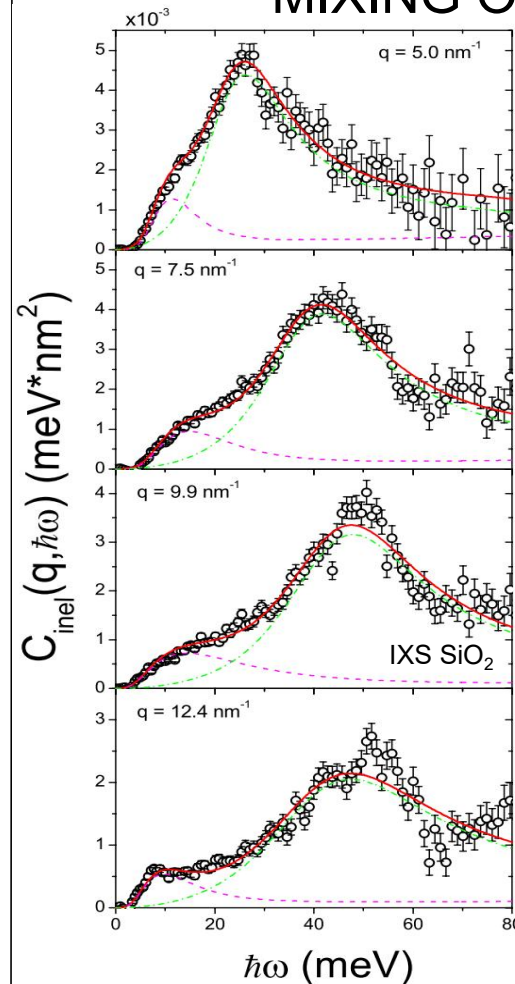
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MIXING OF POLARIZATIONS

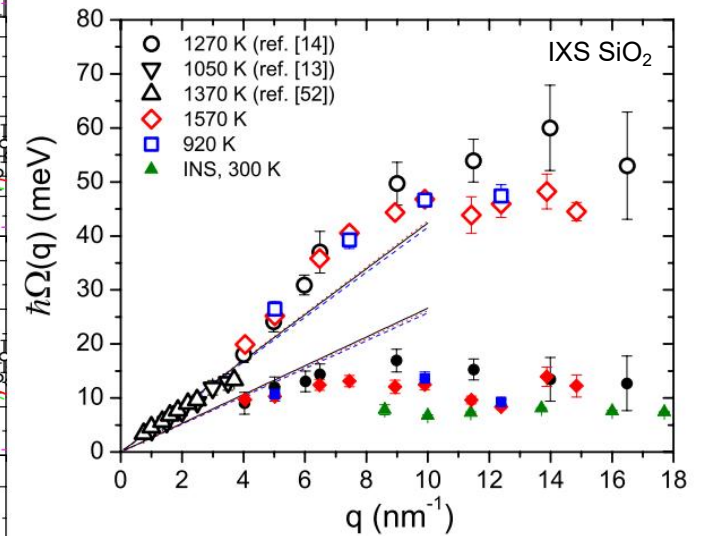


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From the STOCHASTIC HELMHOLTZ EQUATION to the DYSON EQUATION: finding a formal expression for $\langle \mathbf{G}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}', t) \rangle$

The stochastic Helmholtz equation: $\{\hat{L}_{ki}^0(\mathbf{x}, t) + \hat{L}_{ki}^s(\mathbf{x}, t)\} G_{ij}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}', t) = \delta_{kj} \delta(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}') \delta(t)$

- Deterministic differential operator: $\hat{L}_{ki}^0(\mathbf{x}, t) = -\delta_{ki} \rho_0 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} + \lambda_0 \frac{\partial}{\partial x_k} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} + \mu_0 \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial x_k} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} + \delta_{ki} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_l} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_l} \right]$

- Stochastic differential operator:

$$\hat{L}_{ki}^s(\mathbf{x}, t) = -\delta_{ki} \delta \rho(\mathbf{x}) \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_k} \delta \lambda(\mathbf{x}) \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_k} \delta \mu(\mathbf{x}) \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} + \delta_{ki} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_l} \delta \mu(\mathbf{x}) \frac{\partial}{\partial x_l}$$

↓
RANDOM FIELD: $\delta \mu(\mathbf{x}, \gamma); \gamma \in \Gamma$

From the STOCHASTIC HELMHOLTZ EQUATION to the DYSON EQUATION: finding a formal expression for $\langle \mathbf{G}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}', t) \rangle$

A case in point,

the **scalar** stochastic Helmholtz equation: $\hat{L}^0 G(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}_0) + k^2 C(\mathbf{x}) = \nabla^2 G(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}_0) + k^2 [1 + C(\mathbf{x})] = \delta(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_0)$

$$\langle C(\mathbf{x}) \rangle = 0$$

$$G_0(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}_0, t) = \frac{e^{ik|\mathbf{x}-\mathbf{x}_0|}}{-4\pi|\mathbf{x}-\mathbf{x}_0|} e^{\pm i\omega t}$$

FREE SPACE WAVEVECTOR

$$k = \frac{\omega}{c}$$

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The **scalar** stochastic Helmholtz equation: $G(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}_0) = (\hat{L}^0)^{-1} \delta(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_0) - (\hat{L}^0)^{-1} k^2 C(\mathbf{x}) G(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}_0)$

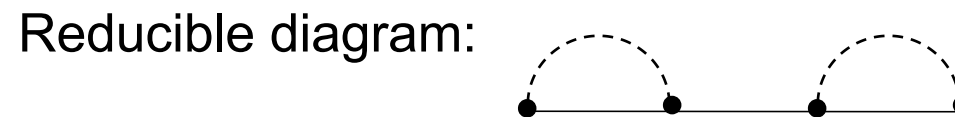
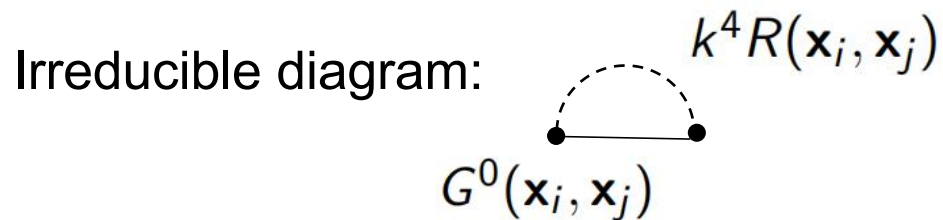
$$\langle C(\mathbf{x}_1) \rangle = 0$$

$$(\hat{L}^0)^{-1} f(\mathbf{x}) = \int G^0(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}') f(\mathbf{x}') d^3 x' \quad \text{...}$$

$$\langle G(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}_0) \rangle = G^0(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}_0) - k^2 \int G^0(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}_1) C(\mathbf{x}_1) G^0(\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_0) d^3 x_1 + (-k^2)^2 \int G^0(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}_1) C(\mathbf{x}_1) G^0(\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2) C(\mathbf{x}_2) G^0(\mathbf{x}_2, \mathbf{x}_0) d^3 x_1 d^3 x_2 + \dots$$

• Hypothesis of Gaussian random field: $\langle C(\mathbf{x}_1) \dots C(\mathbf{x}_{2n}) \rangle = \sum_{p.p.} R(\mathbf{x}_\alpha, \mathbf{x}_\beta) \dots R(\mathbf{x}_\gamma, \mathbf{x}_\delta)$

$$R(\mathbf{x}_\alpha, \mathbf{x}_\beta) = \langle C(\mathbf{x}_\alpha) C(\mathbf{x}_\beta) \rangle \simeq \epsilon_0^2 e^{-\frac{|\mathbf{x}_\alpha - \mathbf{x}_\beta|}{a}}$$



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From the STOCHASTIC HELMHOLTZ EQUATION to the DYSON EQUATION: finding a formal expression for $\langle \mathbf{G}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}', t) \rangle$

The Dyson equation:

- In real space: $\langle \mathbf{G}(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_0) \rangle = \mathbf{G}^0(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_0) + \int \mathbf{G}^0(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_1) \Sigma(\mathbf{x}_1 - \mathbf{x}_2) \langle \mathbf{G}(\mathbf{x}_2 - \mathbf{x}_0) \rangle d^3x_1 d^3x_2$
- Diagrammatic representation:

$$\text{---} = \text{---} + \text{---} \text{---} \Sigma \text{---} \text{---}$$

$\langle \mathbf{G} \rangle$ \mathbf{G}^0 \mathbf{G}^0 $\langle \mathbf{G} \rangle$

PERTURBATIVE SERIES EXPANSION OF Σ :

$$k^4 R(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_j) = \text{---} + \text{---} + \text{---} + \text{---} + \dots$$

$\mathbf{G}^0(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_j)$

- In Fourier conjugate space:

$$\langle \mathbf{G}(\mathbf{q}, \omega) \rangle = \frac{1}{\mathbf{G}^0(\mathbf{q}, \omega)^{-1} - \Sigma(\mathbf{q}, \omega)}$$

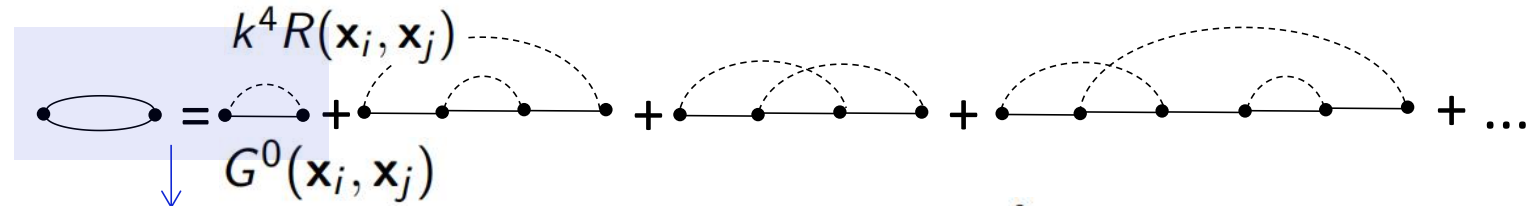
‘BARE’ MEDIUM
DISORDER

$\mathbf{q} \cdot (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_0) = 2\pi$
 $\omega t = 2\pi$

An approximate expression, truncation or closure procedure is needed to obtain a working definition of Σ

The Born Approximation

The Born Approximation: a LOCAL approximation of Σ



$$\Sigma^B(|\mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{x}_j|) = k^4 R(|\mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{x}_j|) G^0(|\mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{x}_j|) \longleftrightarrow \Sigma^B(q) = k^4 \int dq' R(q) G^0(q - q') dq'$$

- The term $\propto k^4$ is the leading term in the perturbative series expansion.
- The Born (or Bouret) closure procedure : **LOCAL INDEPENDENCE HYPOTHESIS**

$$\langle G(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}_0) \rangle = G^0(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}_0) - k^4 \int G^0(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}_1) C(\mathbf{x}_1) G^0(\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2) C(\mathbf{x}_2) G(\mathbf{x}_2, \mathbf{x}_0) d^3 x_1 d^3 x_2 \rangle$$

CLOSURE: $\langle C(\mathbf{x}_1) C(\mathbf{x}_2) G(\mathbf{x}_2, \mathbf{x}_0) \rangle = \langle C(\mathbf{x}_1) C(\mathbf{x}_2) \rangle \langle G(\mathbf{x}_2, \mathbf{x}_0) \rangle = R(\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2) \langle G(\mathbf{x}_2, \mathbf{x}_0) \rangle$

$$\langle G(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}_0) \rangle = G^0(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}_0) - \int G^0(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}_1) \underbrace{k^4 R(\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2) G^0(\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2)}_{\Sigma^B(\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2)} \langle G(\mathbf{x}_2, \mathbf{x}_0) \rangle d^3 x_1 d^3 x_2$$

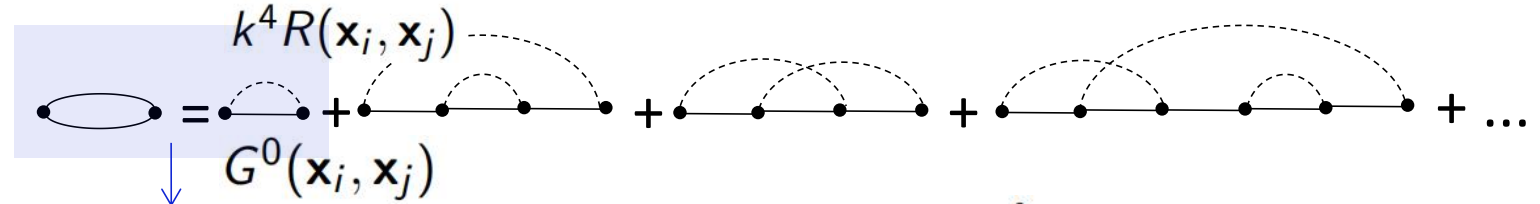
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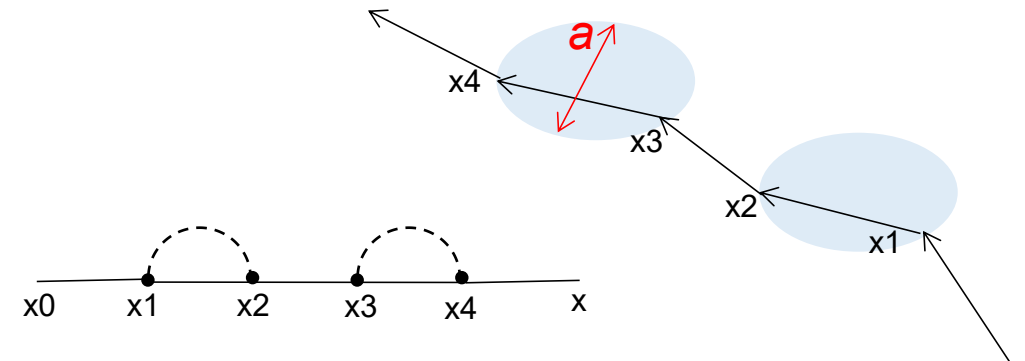


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- Corresponding SCATTERING EVENTS:

$$R(\mathbf{x}_\alpha, \mathbf{x}_\beta) = \langle C(\mathbf{x}_\alpha) C(\mathbf{x}_\beta) \rangle \simeq \epsilon_0^2 e^{-\frac{|\mathbf{x}_\alpha - \mathbf{x}_\beta|}{a}}$$

$k \ll 1 \rightarrow$ the effect of the elastic perturbation on $\langle G \rangle$ is cumulative throughout a large region. The local details of the scattering event are irrelevant. Scattering forward and back from the same inhomogeneity is neglected.



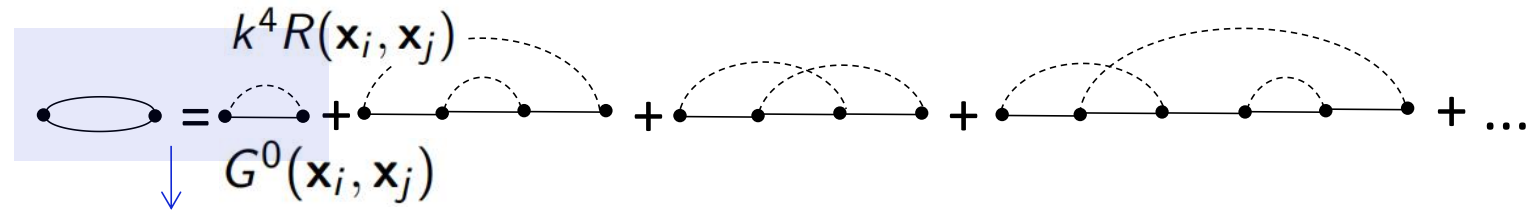
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The Born Approximation : from scalar to vector

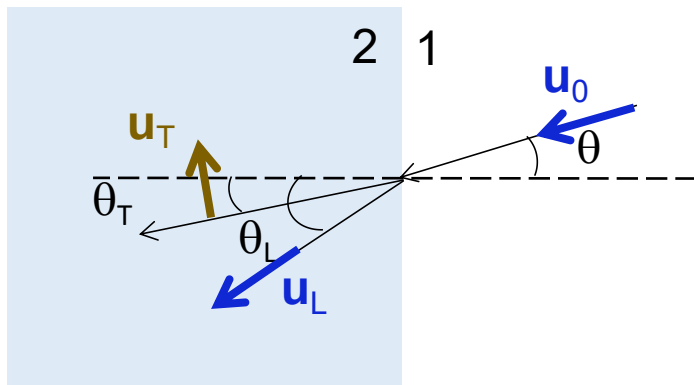


$$R_{\gamma\alpha j l \beta k i \delta}(\mathbf{r} = \mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{r}_2) = \langle \delta C_{\gamma\alpha j l}(\mathbf{r}_1) \delta C_{\beta k i \delta}(\mathbf{r}_2) \rangle$$

$$\langle \mathbf{G}(\mathbf{q}, \omega) \rangle = \langle g_L(\mathbf{q}, \omega) \rangle \hat{q}\hat{q} + \langle g_T(\mathbf{q}, \omega) \rangle (I - \hat{q}\hat{q})$$

$$\Sigma_{kk}^B(\mathbf{q}, \omega) = \hat{L}_{kkii}^1 \mathbf{G}_{ii}^0 \xrightarrow{kk, ii=L, T} \Sigma_{L(T)} = \Sigma_{LL(TT)} + \Sigma_{LT(TL)}$$

The mixing of polarization in an elementary scattering event of a purely longitudinal elastic wave:



$$\frac{\sin(\theta)}{\sin(\theta_L)} = \frac{c_{L1}}{c_{L2}}$$

$$\frac{\sin(\theta)}{\sin(\theta_T)} = \frac{c_{L1}}{c_{T2}}$$

- Necessary condition of validity of the vector Born approximation: $\mathbf{q} \sim \mathbf{k}$

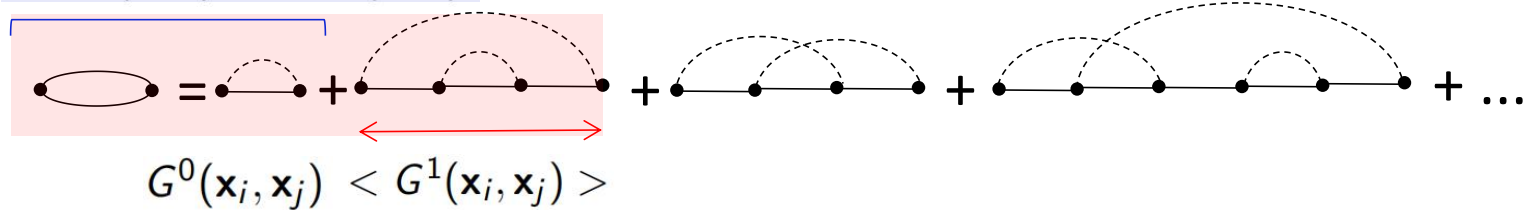
under this condition the amplitude of the 'spurious' polarization refracted wave is negligible

The Generalized Born Approximation

A NON-LOCAL approximation of Σ :

$$\Sigma^2(\mathbf{q}, \omega) = \hat{L}_1 \langle G^1(\mathbf{q}, \omega) \rangle$$

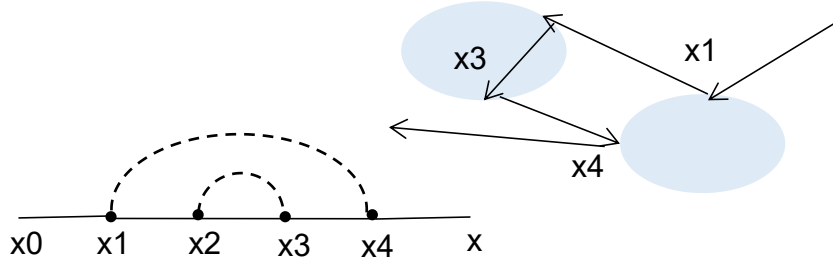
$$\Sigma^{1(B)}(\mathbf{q}, \omega) = \hat{L}_1 G^0(\mathbf{q}, \omega)$$



- Terms $\propto k^8$ in the perturbative series expansion are considered.

- Corresponding SCATTERING EVENTS:

$$R(\mathbf{x}_\alpha, \mathbf{x}_\beta) = \langle C(\mathbf{x}_\alpha) C(\mathbf{x}_\beta) \rangle \simeq \epsilon_0^2 e^{-\frac{|\mathbf{x}_\alpha - \mathbf{x}_\beta|}{a}}$$



$k \sim 1$: non-local approximation of the perturbation-field interaction. The explicit q -dependence of $\langle G^1(\mathbf{q}, \omega) \rangle$ should be retained. Local details of the scattering event become relevant.

One correlated double scattering event (forward and back from the same inhomogeneity) is included.

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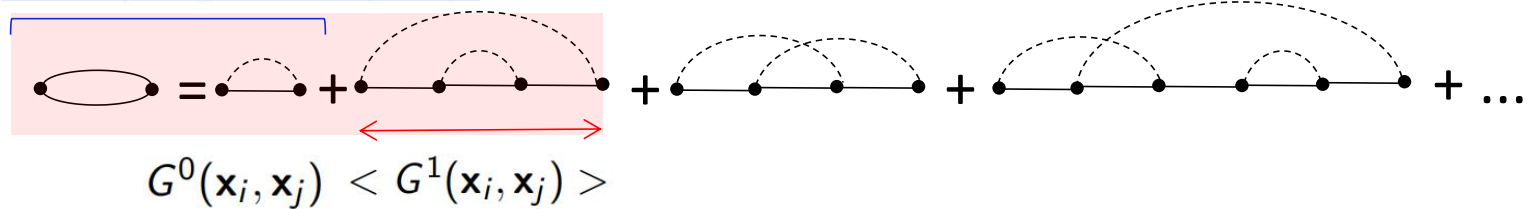
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The Generalized Born Approximation

A **NON-LOCAL** approximation of Σ :

$$\Sigma^2(\mathbf{q}, \omega) = \hat{L}_1 \langle G^1(\mathbf{q}, \omega) \rangle$$

$$\Sigma^{1(B)}(\mathbf{q}, \omega) = \hat{L}_1 G^0(\mathbf{q}, \omega)$$



$$\langle G_{ii}(\mathbf{q}, \omega) \rangle^1 = \lim_{\eta \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{1}{\tilde{c}_i^2} \left\{ \frac{1}{\tilde{q}_{0i,\eta}^2 - q^2 - q^2 \frac{\epsilon^2}{\tilde{c}_i^2} \Delta \tilde{\Sigma}_{ii}^1(\mathbf{q}, \omega_\eta)} \right\}$$

$$\lim_{\eta \rightarrow 0^+} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{[\frac{\epsilon^2}{\tilde{c}_i^2} q^2 \Delta \tilde{\Sigma}_{ii}^1(\mathbf{q}, \omega_\eta)]^n}{[\tilde{q}_{0i,\eta}^2 - q^2]^{n+1}}$$

k~1: non-local approximation of the perturbation-field interaction. The explicit q -dependence of $\langle G^1(\mathbf{q}, \omega) \rangle$ should be retained.

$$\tilde{q}_{0i,\eta} = \frac{\omega_\eta}{\tilde{c}_i}; \quad \omega_\eta = \omega + i\eta;$$

$$\tilde{c}_i = [(c_i^0)^2 + \epsilon^2 \tilde{\Sigma}_{ii}^1(0, 0)]^{1/2}$$

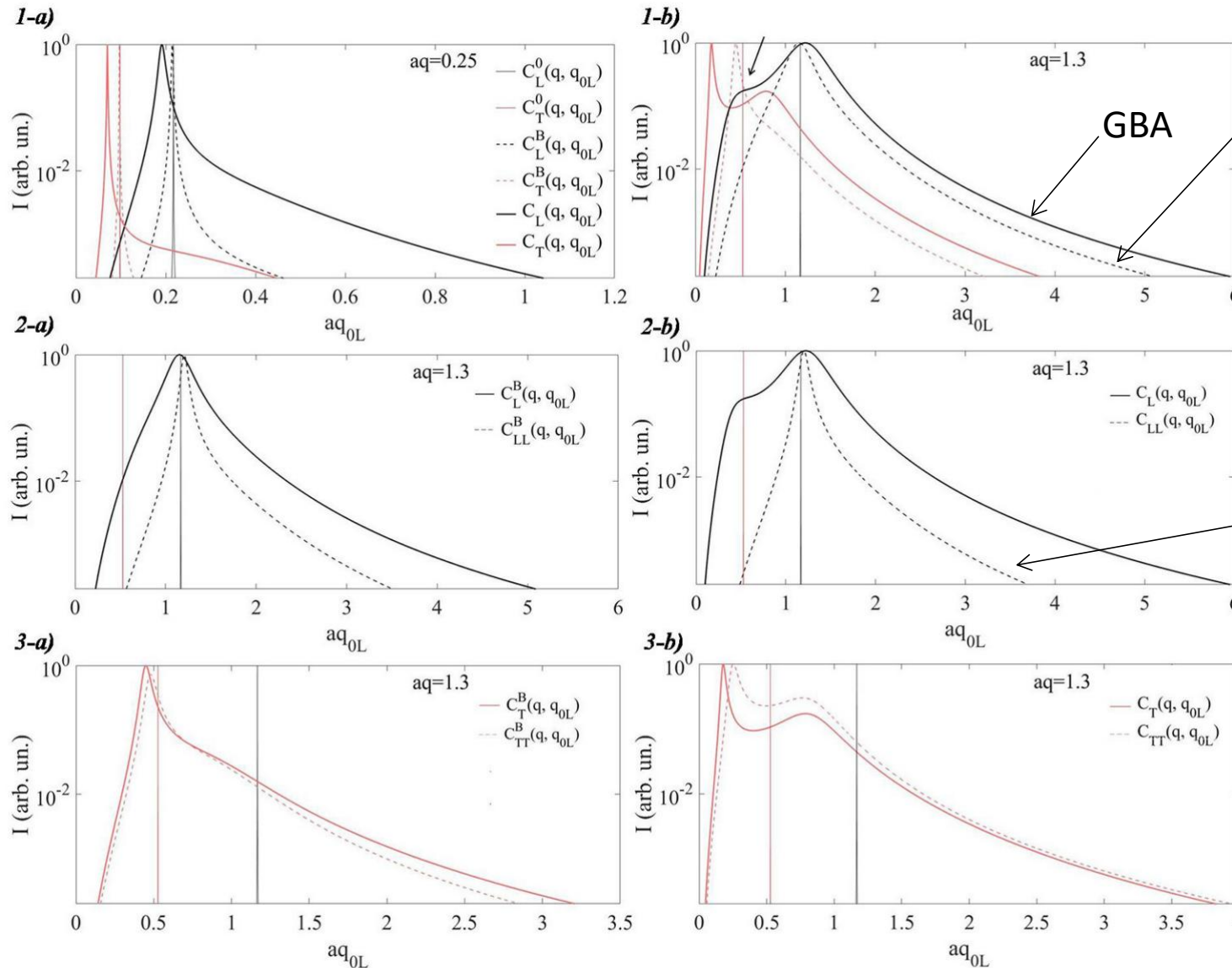
$$\Delta \tilde{\Sigma}_{ii}^1(\mathbf{q}, \omega) = (\epsilon^2 q^2)^{-1} [\Sigma_{ijj}^1(\mathbf{q}, \omega) - \Sigma_{ijj}^1(0, 0)]$$

Theorem:

- The Taylor series is convergent almost everywhere for (\mathbf{q}, ω) :

$$\text{Im}[\Delta \tilde{\Sigma}_{ii}^1(\mathbf{q}, \omega)] > 0; \quad \frac{\epsilon^2}{\tilde{c}_i^2} |\Delta \tilde{\Sigma}_{ii}^1(\mathbf{q}, \omega)| < 1$$

The Mixing of Polarizations in the Born and Generalized Born Approximations



Born Approx.

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GBA

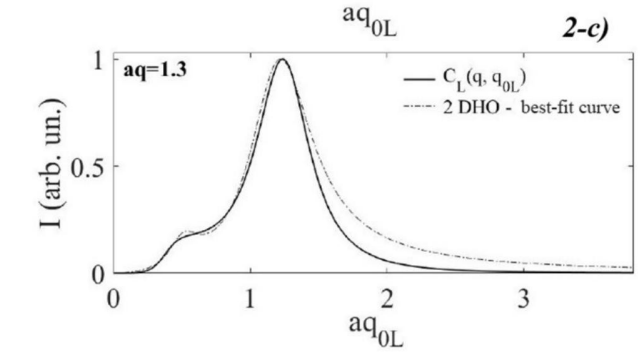
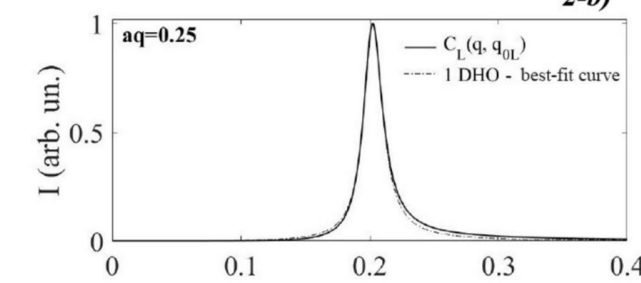
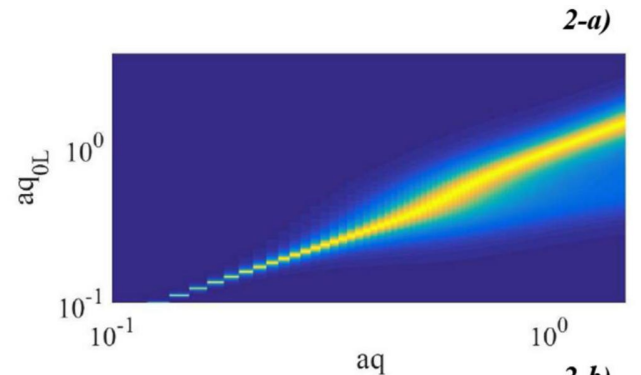
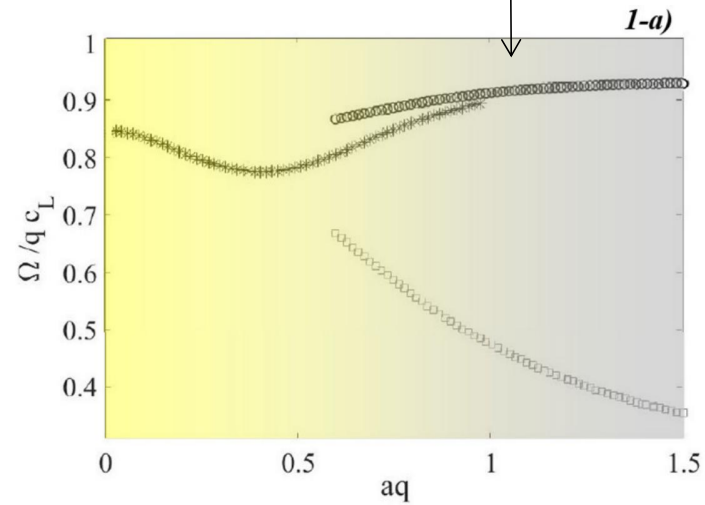
$$\Sigma_L = \Sigma_{LL} + \cancel{\Sigma_{LT}}$$

$$C_i(\mathbf{q}, \omega) \propto \frac{\omega^2}{q^2} S_i(\mathbf{q}, \omega)$$

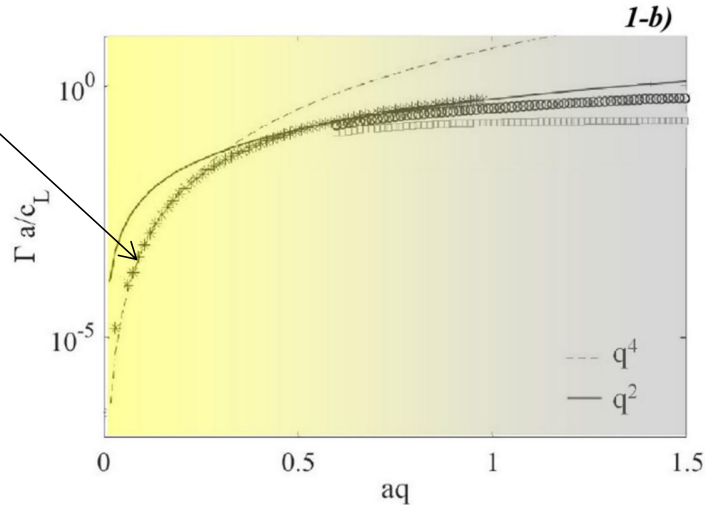
$i=L,T$

Features of the Acoustic Dynamics in the Generalized Born Approximation

Mixing of polarizations



Rayleigh scattering



Modeling [C8MIM]Cl glass as an elastically random medium

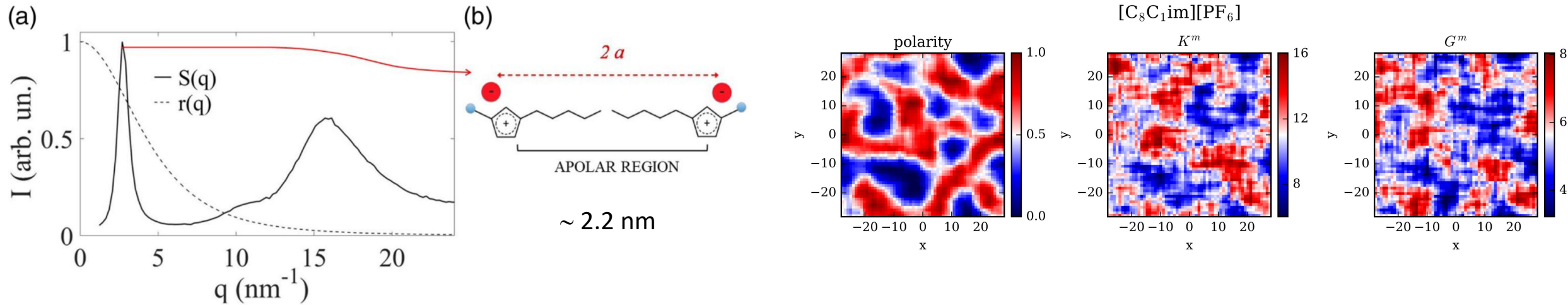
MODEL INPUT:



Mean field Random Media Theories

$$R_{\mu\mu}(r) = \langle \delta\mu(\mathbf{x})\delta\mu(\mathbf{y}) \rangle = \epsilon^2 \cdot e^{-r/a}$$

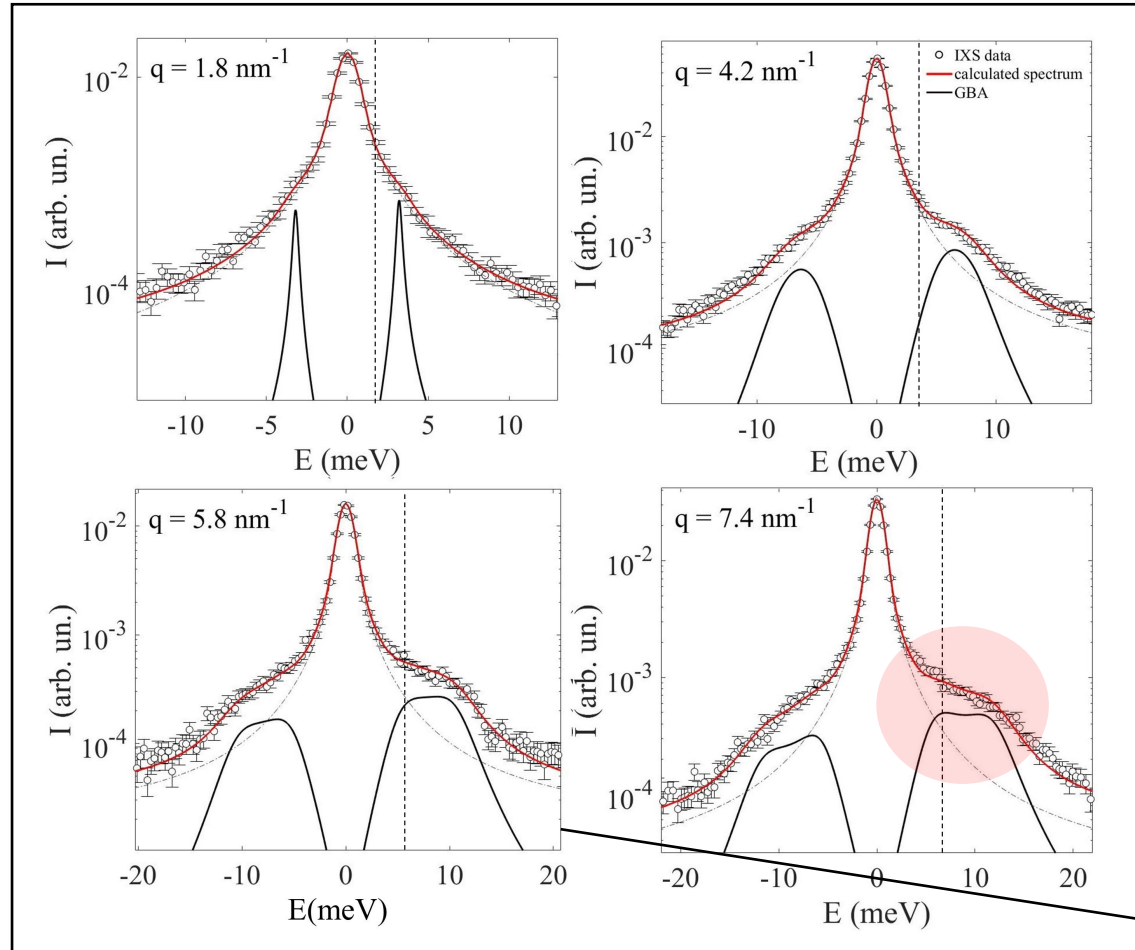
[C8MIM]Cl glass and its nanoscale elastic heterogeneity:



- In ionic glasses the elastic heterogeneity is defined by the alternation of polar (stiffer) and nonpolar (softer) domains, which remains well defined in ILs with sufficiently long alkyl chains.
- There exists a correlation between elastic heterogeneity and local topology, which is easily experimentally accessible.

Generalized Born Approximation vs. Inelastic X-ray Scattering experiment

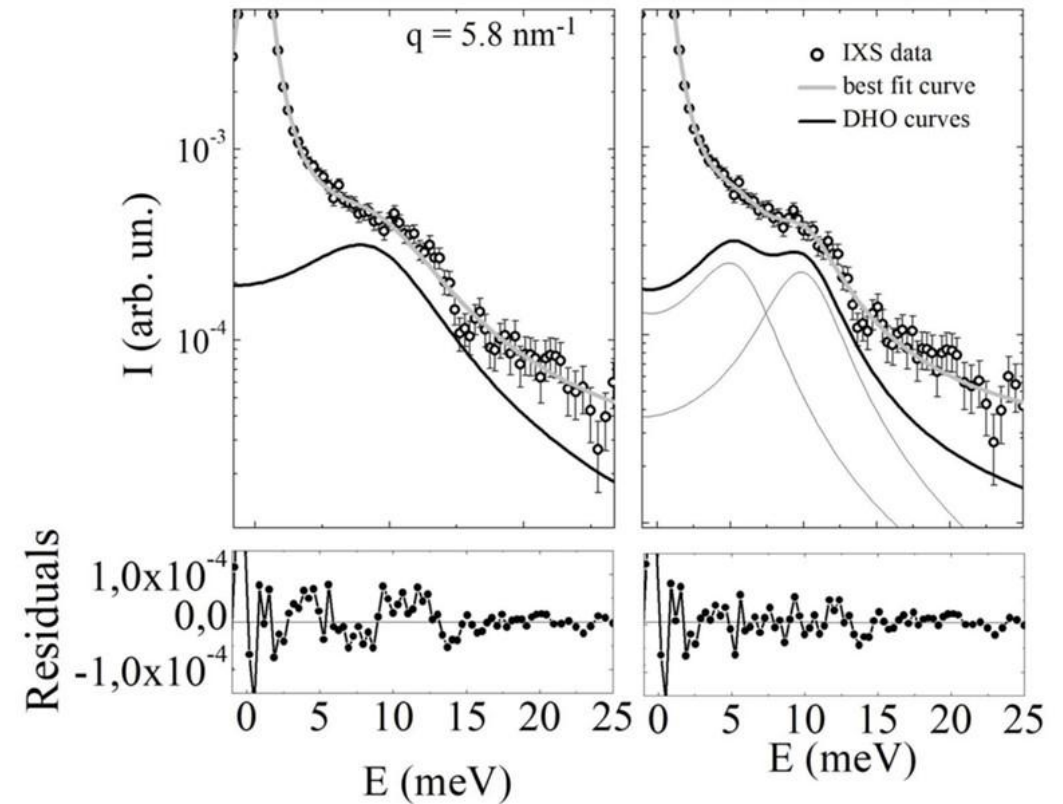
IXS SPECTRA vs GENERALIZED BORN APPROXIMATION



$$I(q, E) = A(q) \left[E \frac{n(E) + 1}{k_B T} S_L(q, E) \right] \otimes R(E) + c(q)$$

Damped Harmonic Oscillators (DHOs):

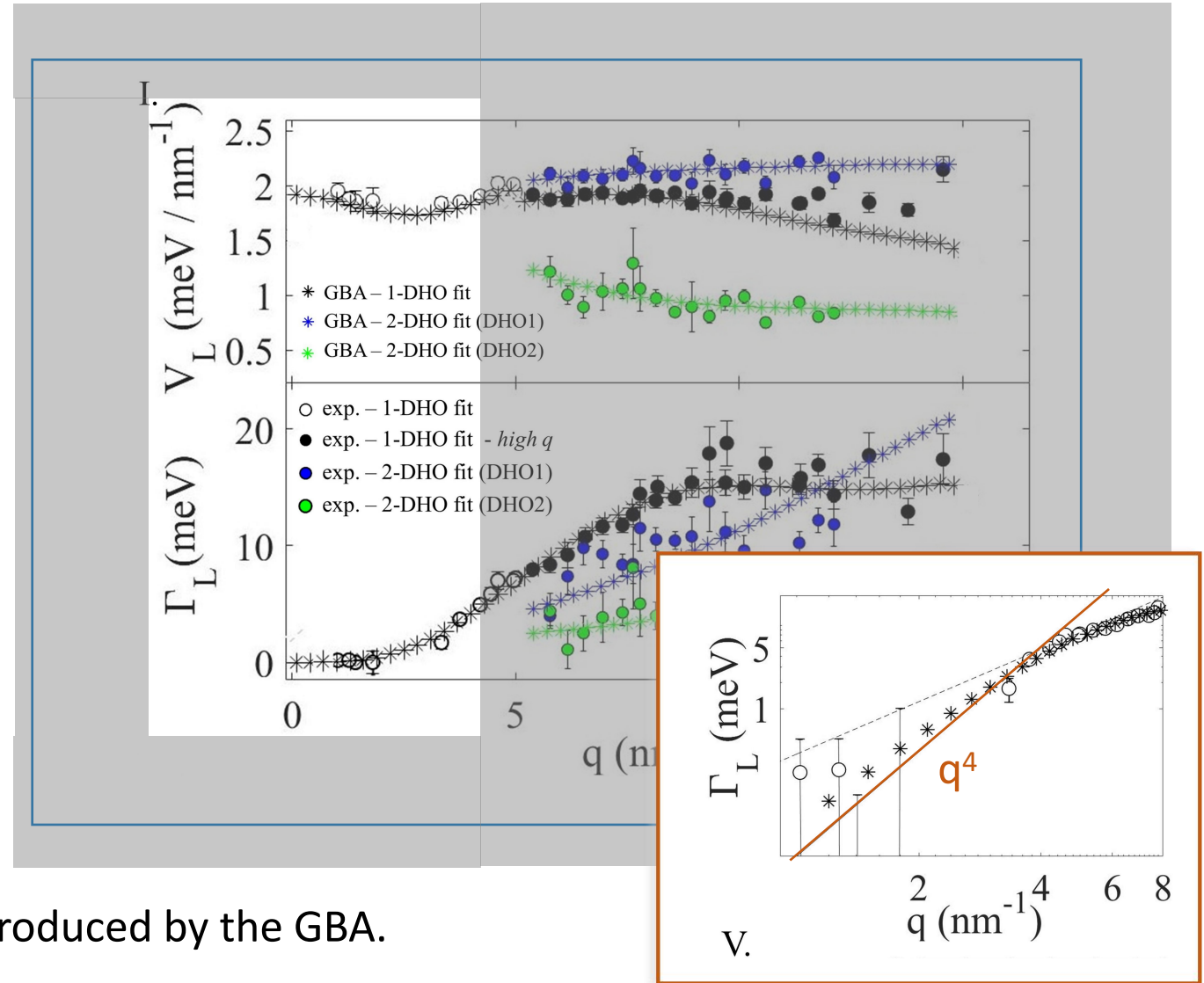
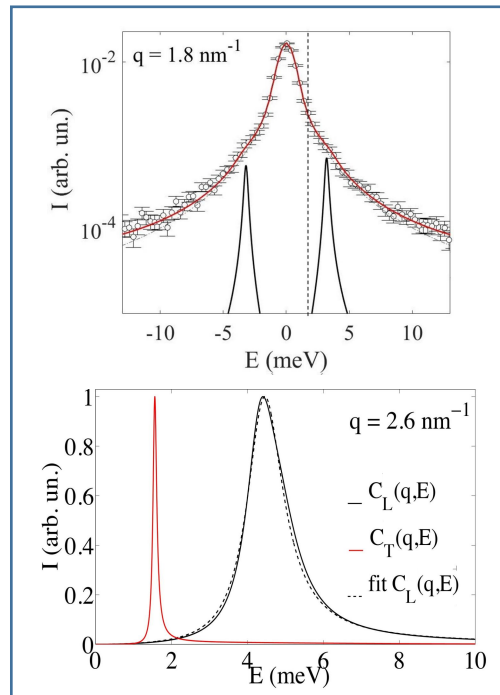
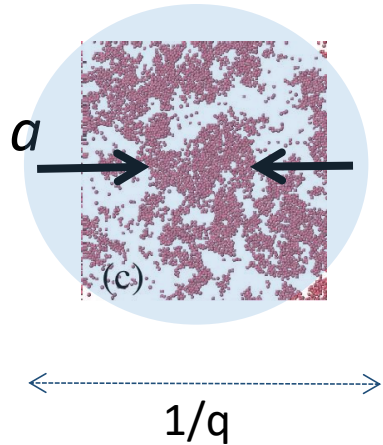
$$S_L(q, E) = \sum_n \frac{\tilde{I}_{L(n)}(q) \Gamma_{L(n)}(q) \Omega_{L(n)}^2(q)}{[\Omega_{L(n)}^2(q) - E^2]^2 + E^2 \Gamma_{L(n)}^2(q)}$$



The Rayleigh scattering in GBA and IXS experiment

Rayleigh region: $q \ll a^{-1}$

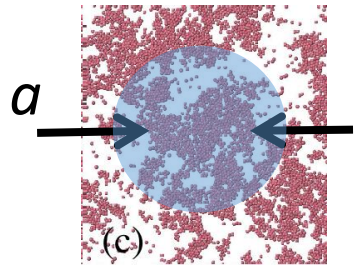
- The dynamic structure factors are characterized by a well-defined inelastic excitation.



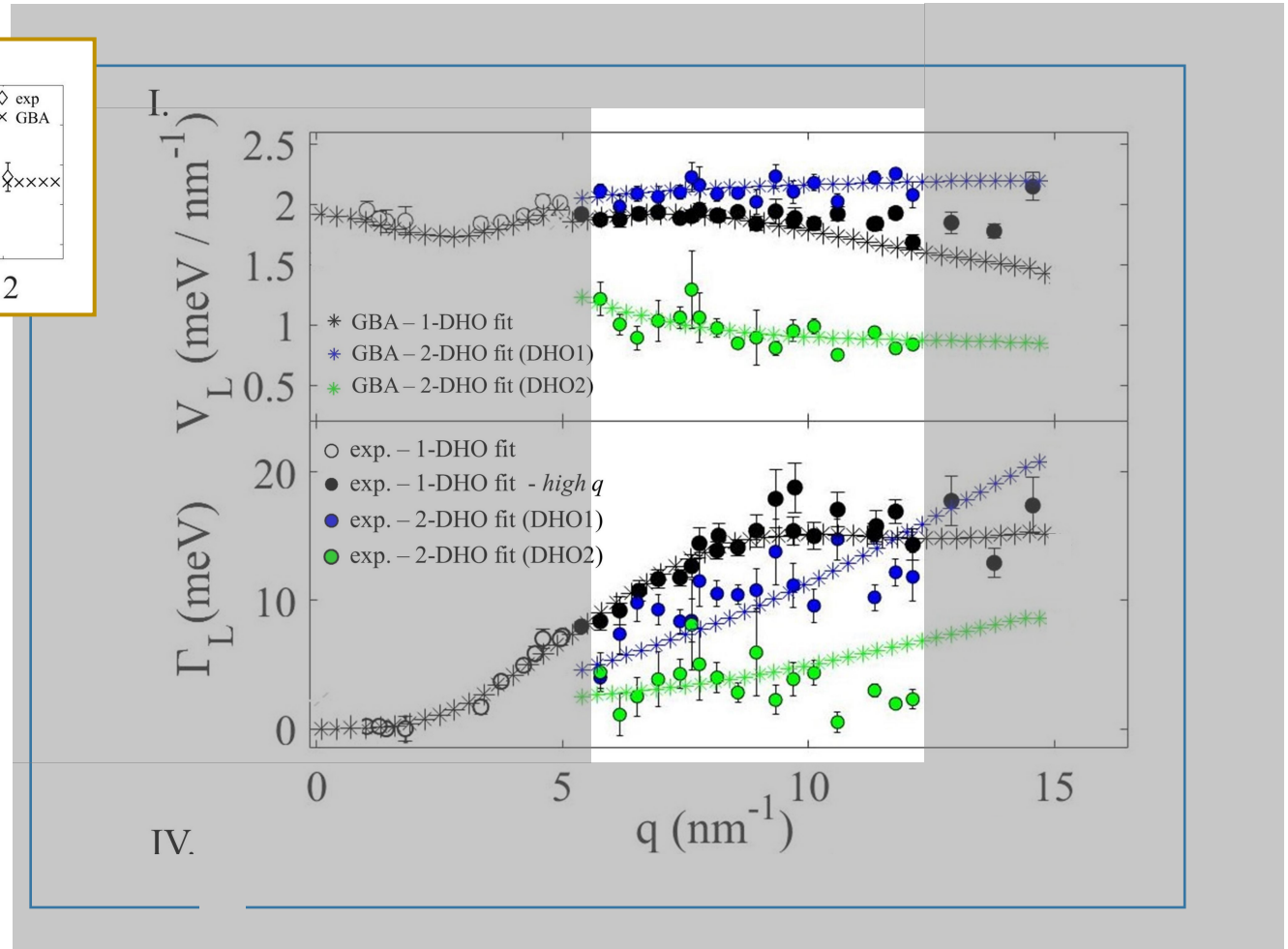
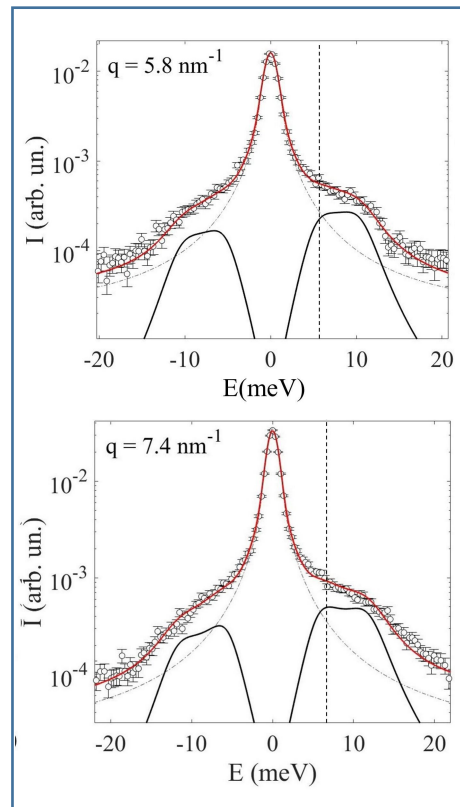
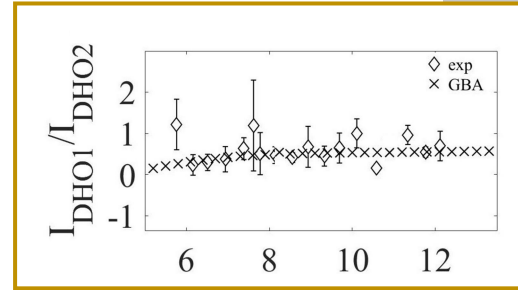
- The Rayleigh scattering is *quantitatively* reproduced by the GBA.

The mixing of polarizations in GBA and IXS experiment

Beyond the Rayleigh region: $q \sim a^{-1}$



$1/q$



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CONCLUSIONS

- By a Random Media Theory approach the Generalized Born Approximation allows for both *quantitative* account of Rayleigh scattering and mixing of polarizations.
- A *vector* field and *non-local* effects accounted by second order terms of the perturbative series expansion are needed in mean field approach in order to achieve a realistic description of acoustic-like features in glasses in the first pseudo-Brillouin zone.
- The Rayleigh scattering and the mixing of polarizations in glasses are phenomena interconnected.

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