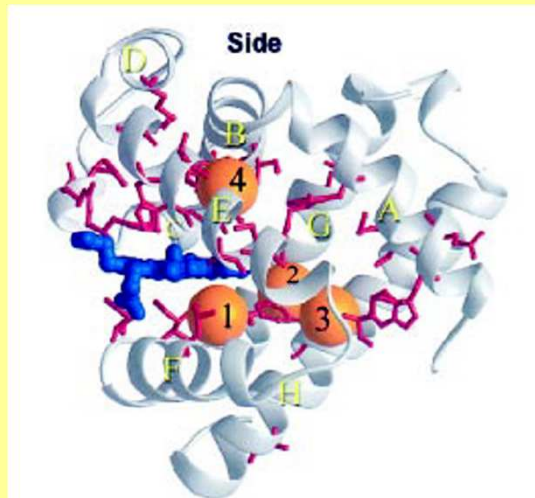
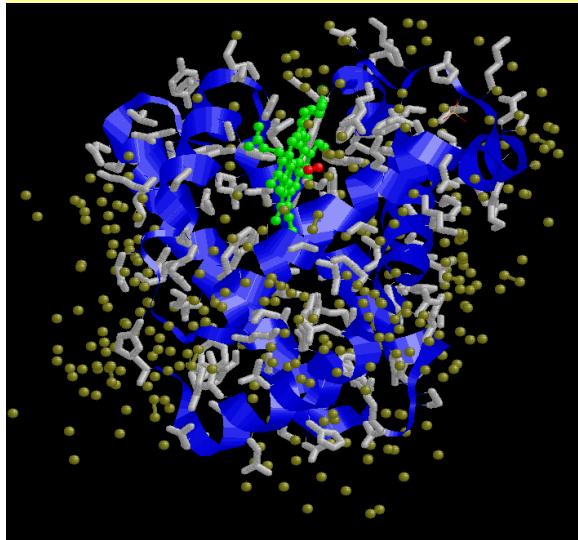


# On Masters and Slaves: Solvent control of protein motions and function



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Topics:

- 1) Properties of „Biological Water“
- 2) Solvent control of protein function, „slaving“
- 3) Transitions: glass-liquid (GT), liquid-liquid (FST), protein dynamical transition (PDT)

Methods:

Neutron Scattering and Flash Photolysis

**Myoglobin**

„on cavities and cages“

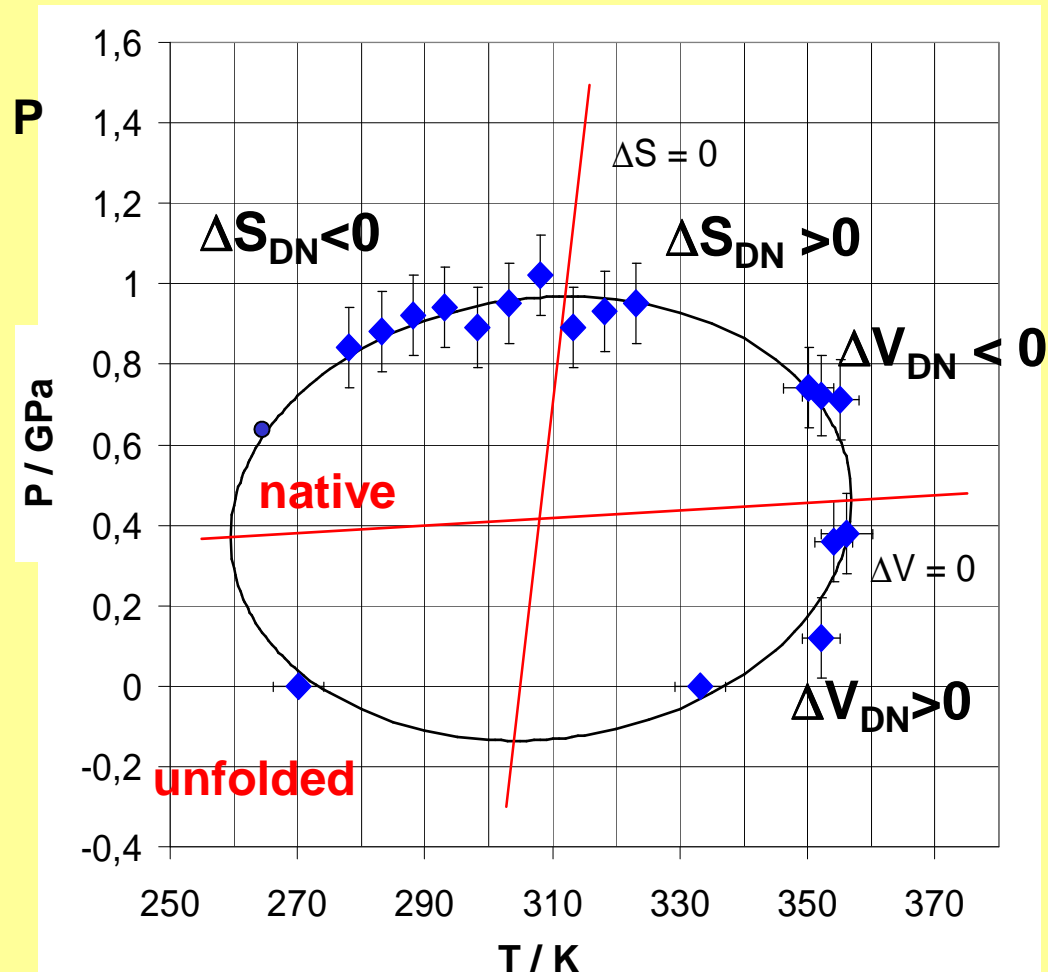
Literature:

<http://www.e13.physik.tu-muenchen.de/Doster>

# Does water stabilize protein structures?

## reentrant phase diagram of cytochrome C

P-T phase diagram of cytochrom C



Folded (N)  $\leftrightarrow$  Unfolded (D)

Entropy of unfolding:  $\Delta S_{DN}$

Unfolding volume:  $\Delta V_{DN}$

Phase boundary: CC equation

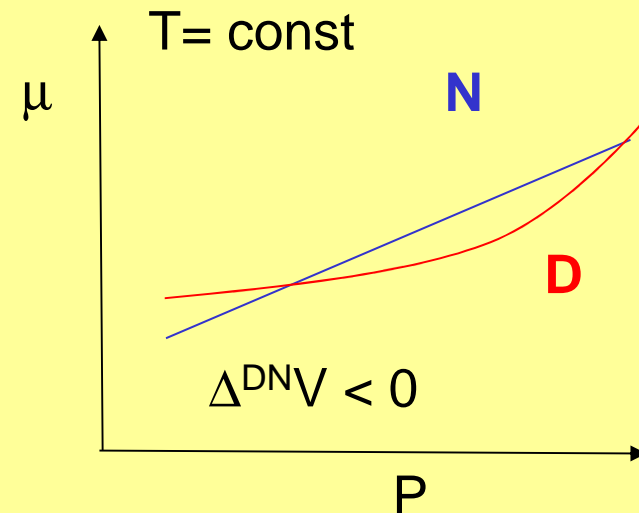
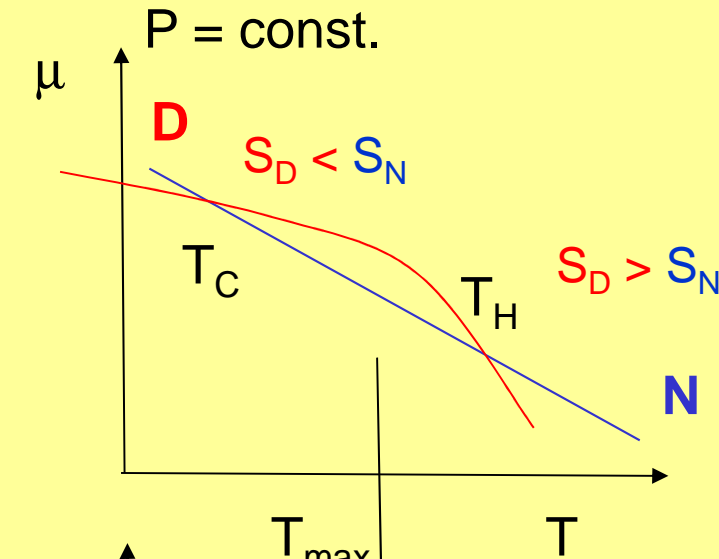
$$dP/dT = \Delta S_{DN}(T, P) / \Delta V_{DN}(T, P)$$

$\Delta S_{DN}$ ,  $\Delta V_{DN}$  depend on temperature and pressure due to hydration water

Doster and Friedrich in: Protein Folding Handbook Part 1 (Wiley- VCH 2005)

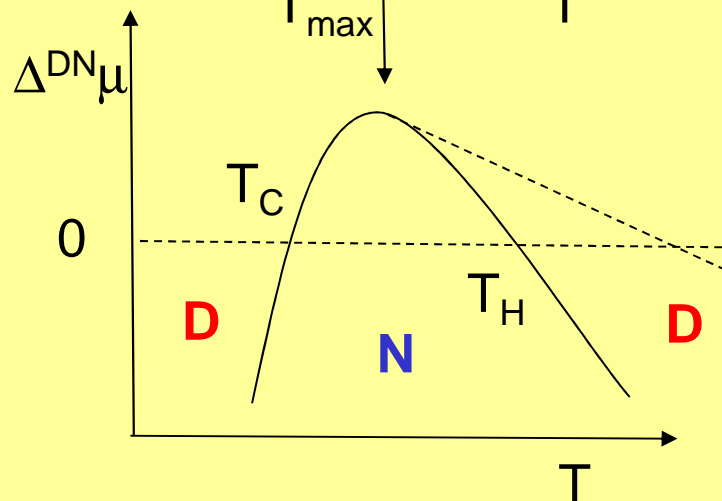
# Water destabilizes protein structures: cold denaturation

Chemical potential:  $d\mu = -S dT + V dP$        $S > 0, V > 0$



**Entropy of D-HW varies with T, P**

Solvent is more ordered in D than in N  
at low T



$T_{\text{max}}$ : maximal stability

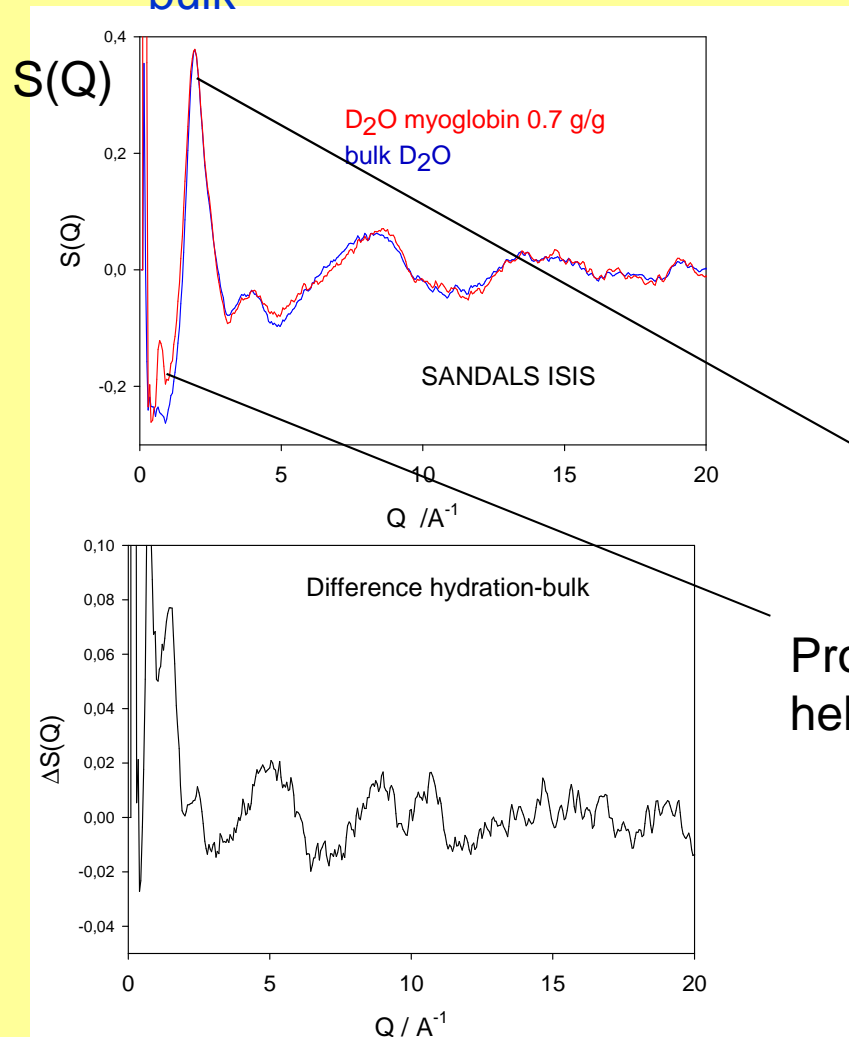
$$\Delta S_{DN}(T_{\text{max}}) = 0$$

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Handbook Part 1 (Wiley VCH 2005)

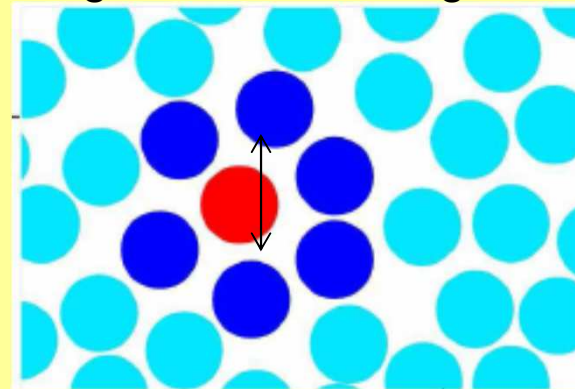
# Structure of hydration water: D<sub>2</sub>O (myoglobin)

coherent neutron scattering ISIS (SANDALS) with D. Bowron

Hydration water  
bulk



cage of nearest neighbors



cage size:  $d \approx 2\pi / Q_{\text{max}} \approx 0.3 \text{ nm}$

..structure of simple liquids..is largely determined by geometric factors, associated with the packing of the molecular hard cores (Hansen,McDonald)

First order:

HW structure close to bulk water  
peak of  $S(Q)$  at  $Q = 2 \text{ \AA}^{-1}$

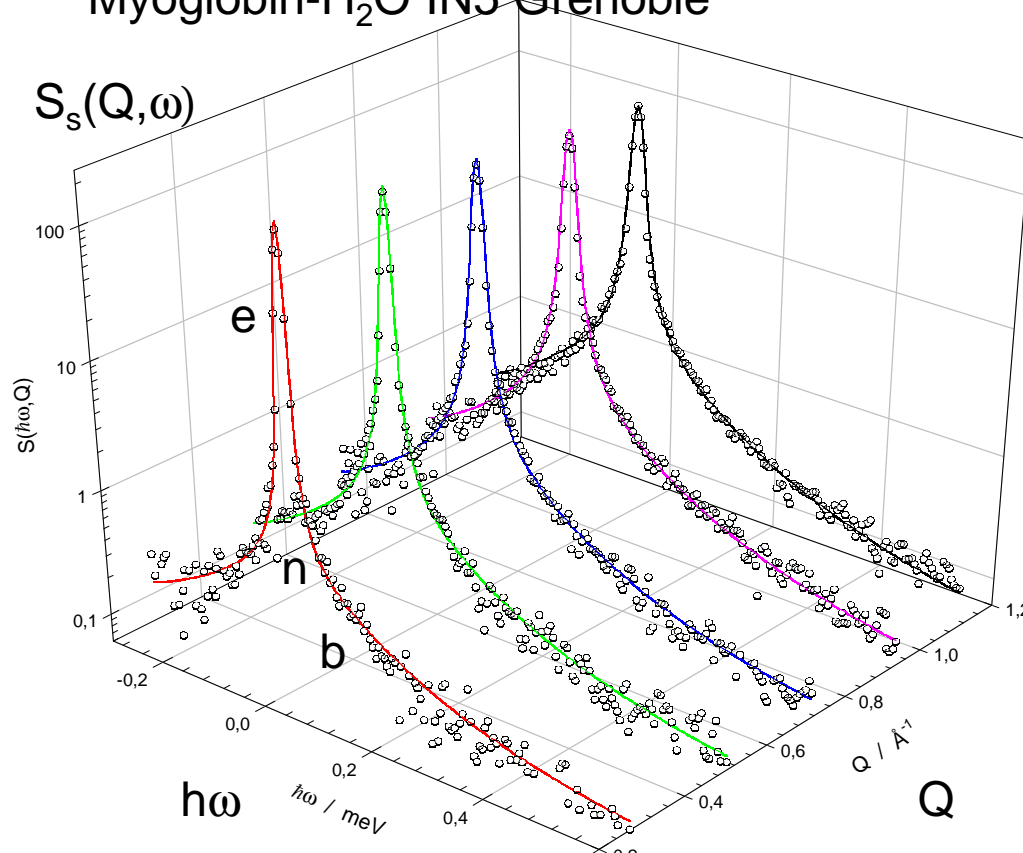
Second order:

Distortions of tetrahedral structure

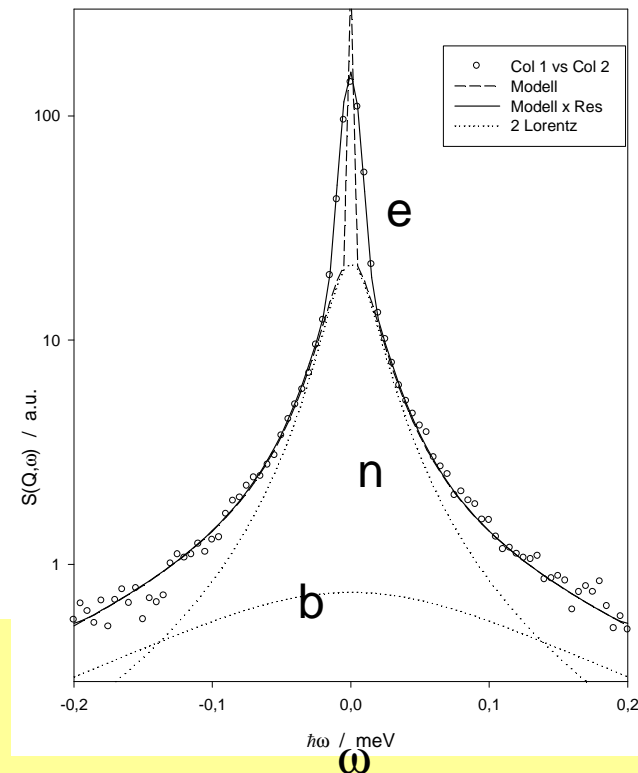
# dynamics of hydration water incoherent neutron scattering H<sub>2</sub>O

Myoglobin-H<sub>2</sub>O IN5 Grenoble

Mb-H<sub>2</sub>O 0.8 g/g 300K

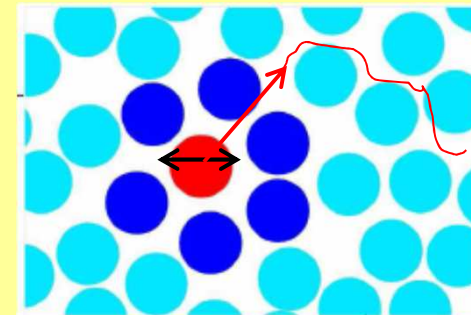
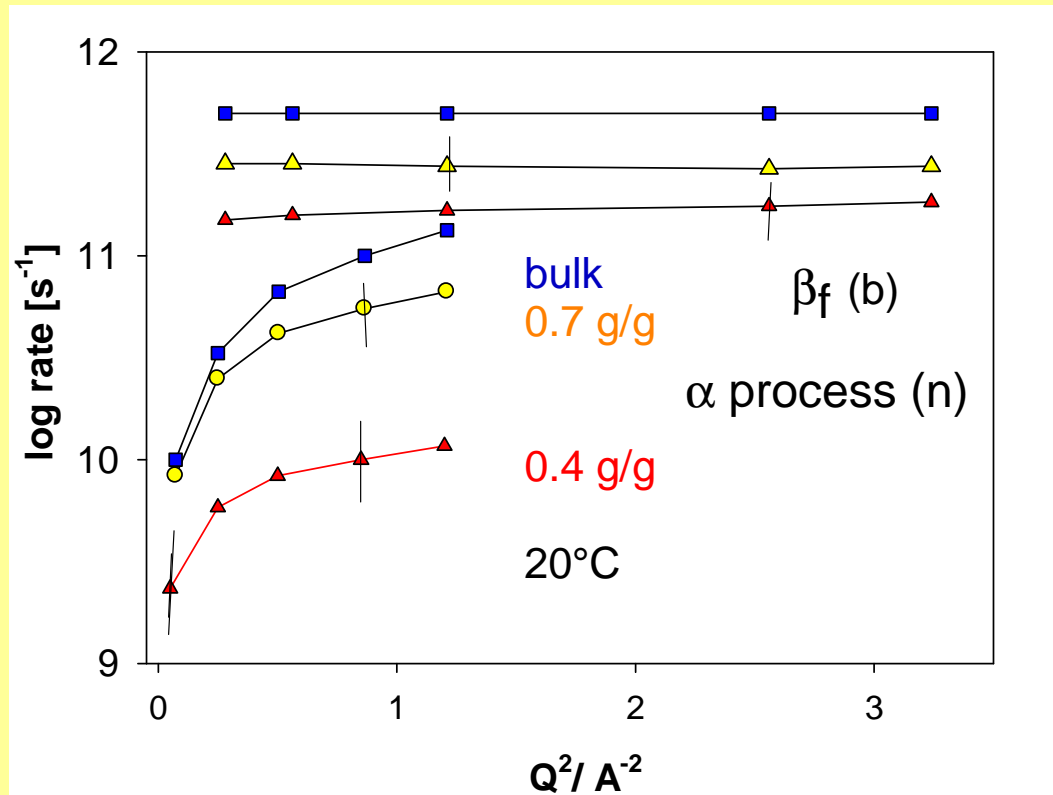


Three component fit  
-elastic line (e)  
-narrow (n)  
-broad (b)



Two spectral components+elastic:  
1) narrow (n): width, increases with Q  
2) broad (b): width independent of Q

# Relaxation rates of hydration water versus degree of hydration



## 2 time scales:

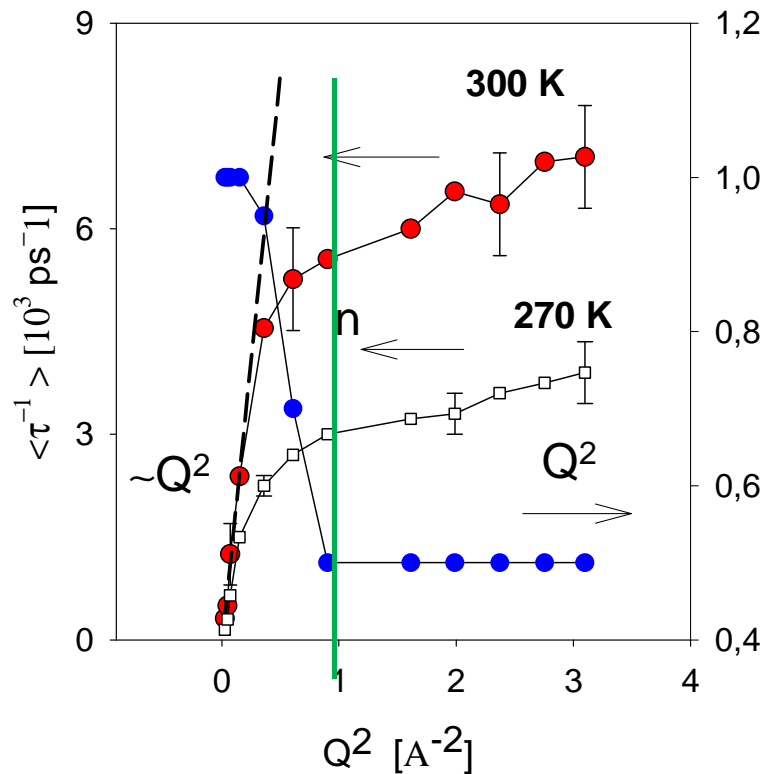
- 1) fast local in cage β<sub>f</sub> (b) 5-10 ps independent of Q
- 2) Slow process α (n) 50-100 ps varies with Q, diffusion

$$\Gamma_b(Q) = Q^2 D_s \quad \text{at low } Q$$

$$\rightarrow \Gamma_\alpha \quad \text{high } Q: \text{ cage effect}$$

Hydration water dynamics: two processes,  
 slow (n), fast (b)  
 depends on degree of hydration

Log rate



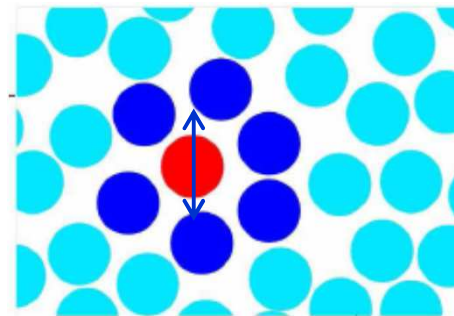
perdeuterated phycocyanin  
 D-CPC H<sub>2</sub>O h = 0.3 g/g

Doster et al. PRL (2010)

$$\text{FT } \{S(Q, \omega)\} = I(Q, t) = \exp[-(t / \tau(Q))^\beta]$$

Stretching parameter  
 $\beta$  depends on  $Q$

$\beta$  ——— onset peak of  $S(Q)$  at  $Q = 2 \text{ \AA}^{-1}$



**Narrow line (n) slow**

Low  $Q$ :

Long range diffusion

High  $Q$ :

cage effect:  $\alpha$ -relaxation

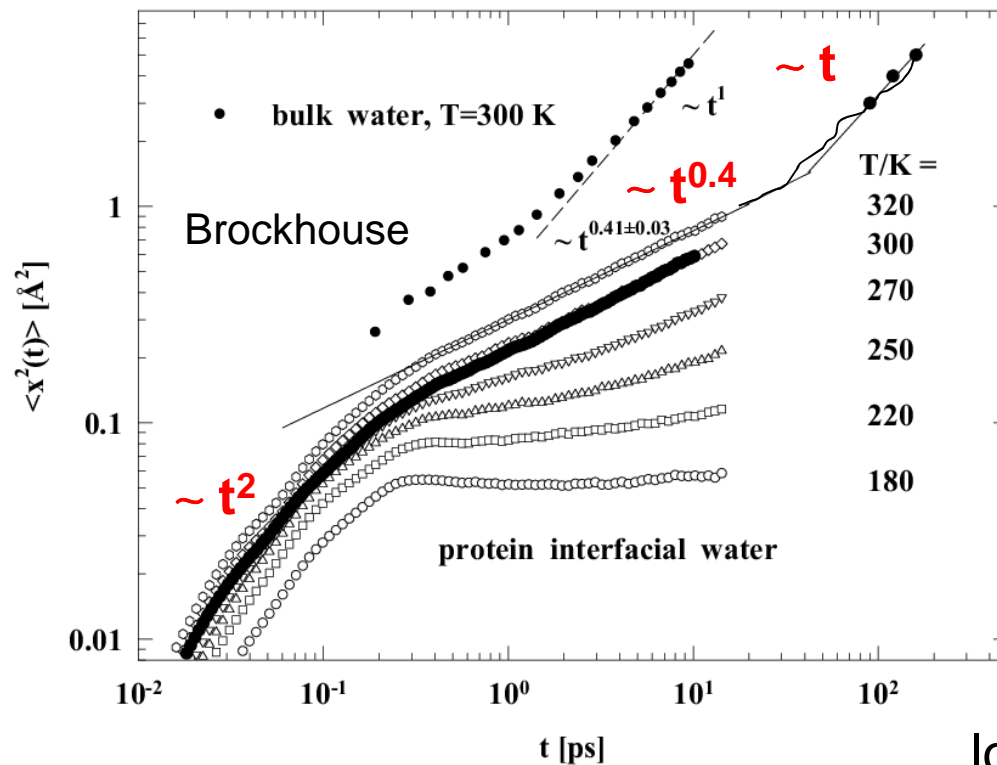


## Time-resolved mean square displacements

$$I_s(Q,t) = 1 - 1/6 Q^2 \langle r^2(t) \rangle + 1/120 Q^4 \langle r^4(t) \rangle - \dots$$

### Moment Expansion of the Scattering Function: Placzek expansion

$\langle r^2(t) \rangle / 3$



### Time resolved displacements:

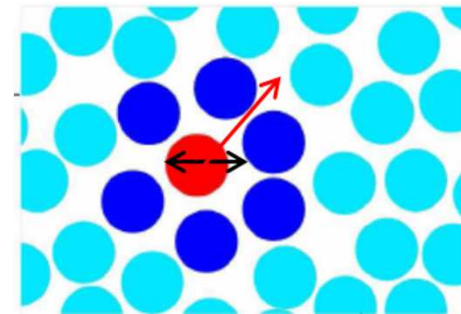
#### Anomalous Diffusion

Doster, Settles

Faraday Disc. 103(1996)

BBA (2005)

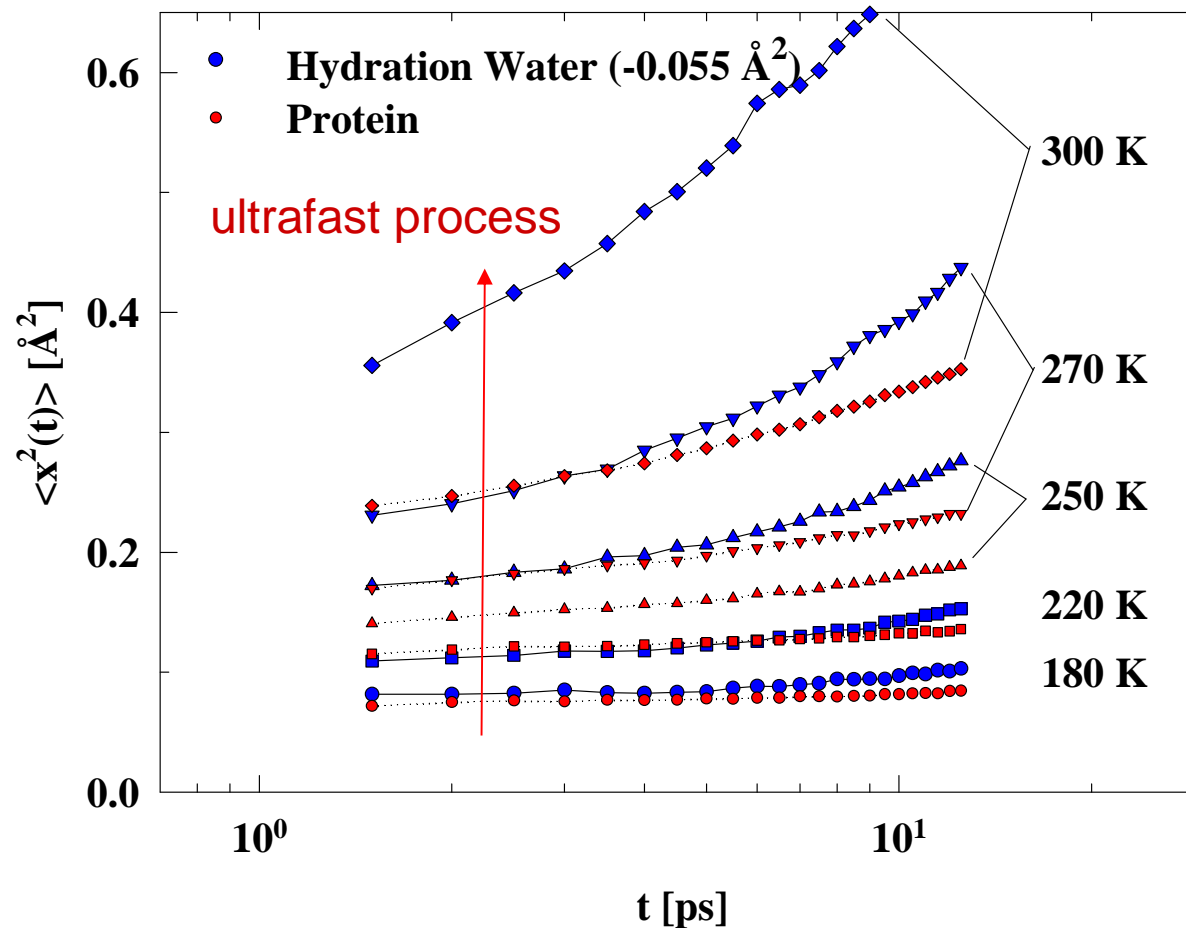
#### Hydration water myoglobin



free flight   cage effect   free diffusion



## protein-water displacements versus temperature



H<sub>2</sub>O/D<sub>2</sub>O hydrated  
myoglobin 0.4 g/g

neutron scattering IN6

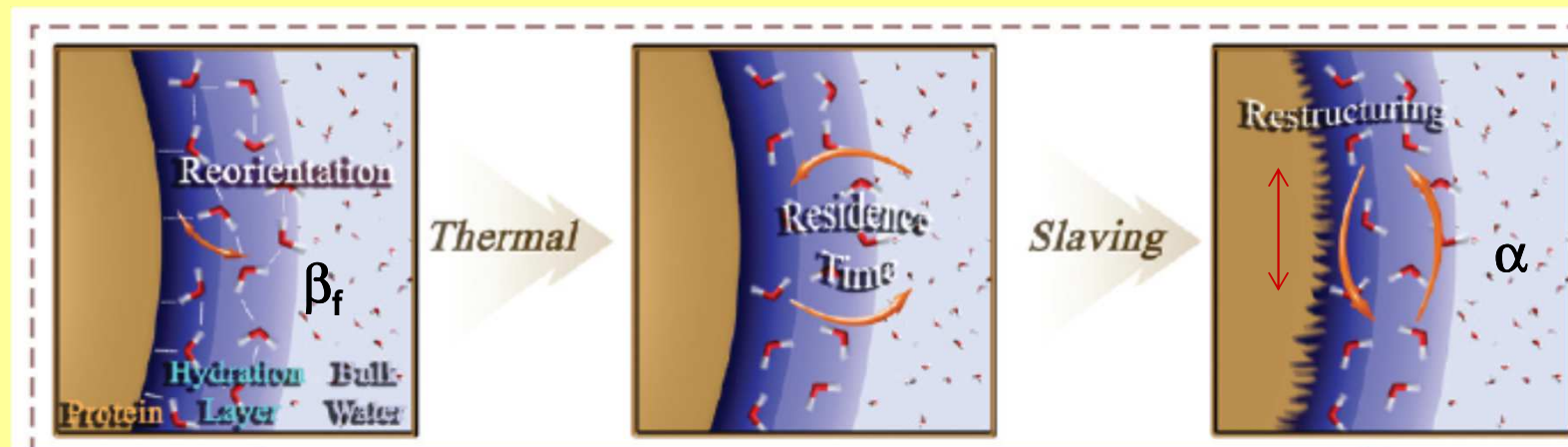
same time scale and  
temperature dependence

different amplitudes

Settles, Doster  
Biochim. Biophys. Act.  
2005

# Protein-Water Dynamics from femtosecond fluorescence spectroscopy

1) Two water time scales: (Zhang et al. JACS (2009)131,10677)



$\tau_\beta$ : 5-10 ps

fast local reorganisation  
of water H-bond network,  
reorientation, libration,  
site specific

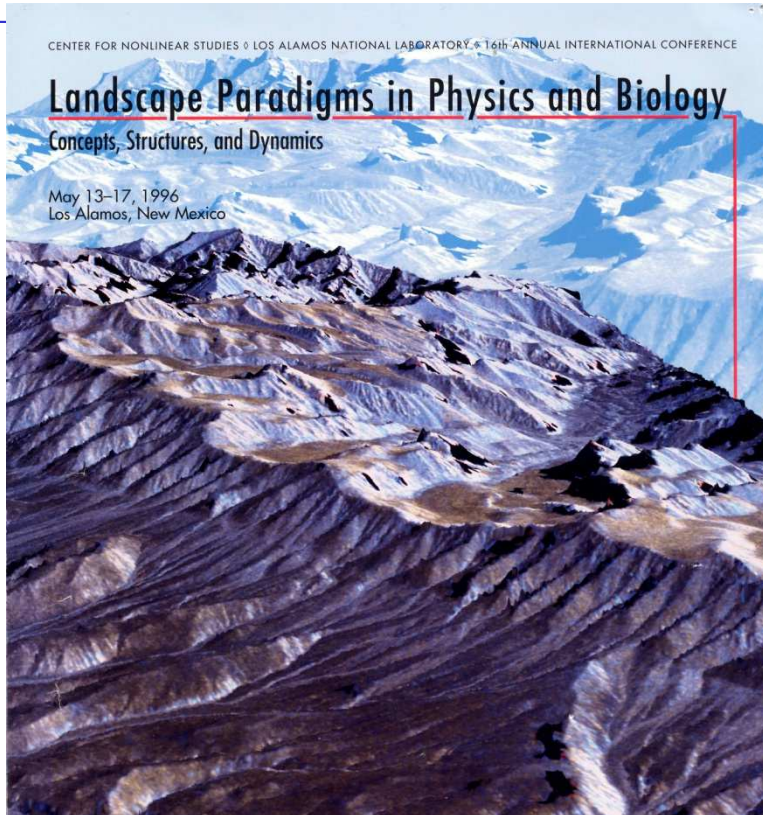
Exchange with bulk

$\tau_\alpha \cong \tau_{\text{prot}}$  20–100 ps

Lateral structural  
relaxation of hydration  
shell coupled to protein  
fluctuations, same  
time scale

2) Third time scale: Slow protein motions vary with surface viscosity: 1000 ps

# The protein-solvent interface solid-liquid

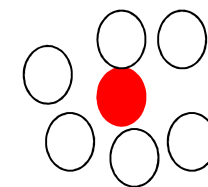


## energy barrier control



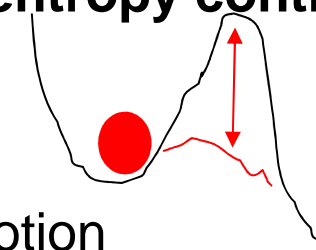
Glassy dynamics: barrier crossing:  
 $\beta$ -relaxation, energy controlled

Glass transition



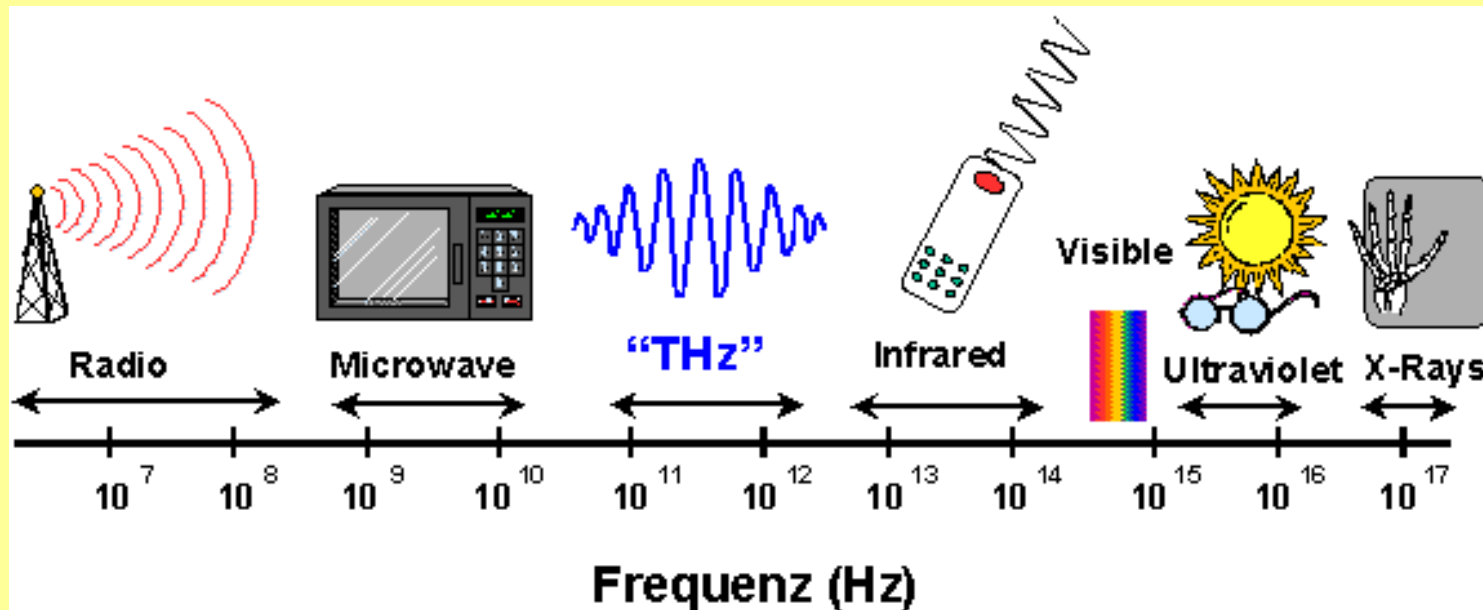
collective motion  
free volume, entropy  
Liquid:  $\alpha$ -relaxation

## entropy control



barriers  
fluctuate

# Dynamic Neutron Scattering and Spectroscopy

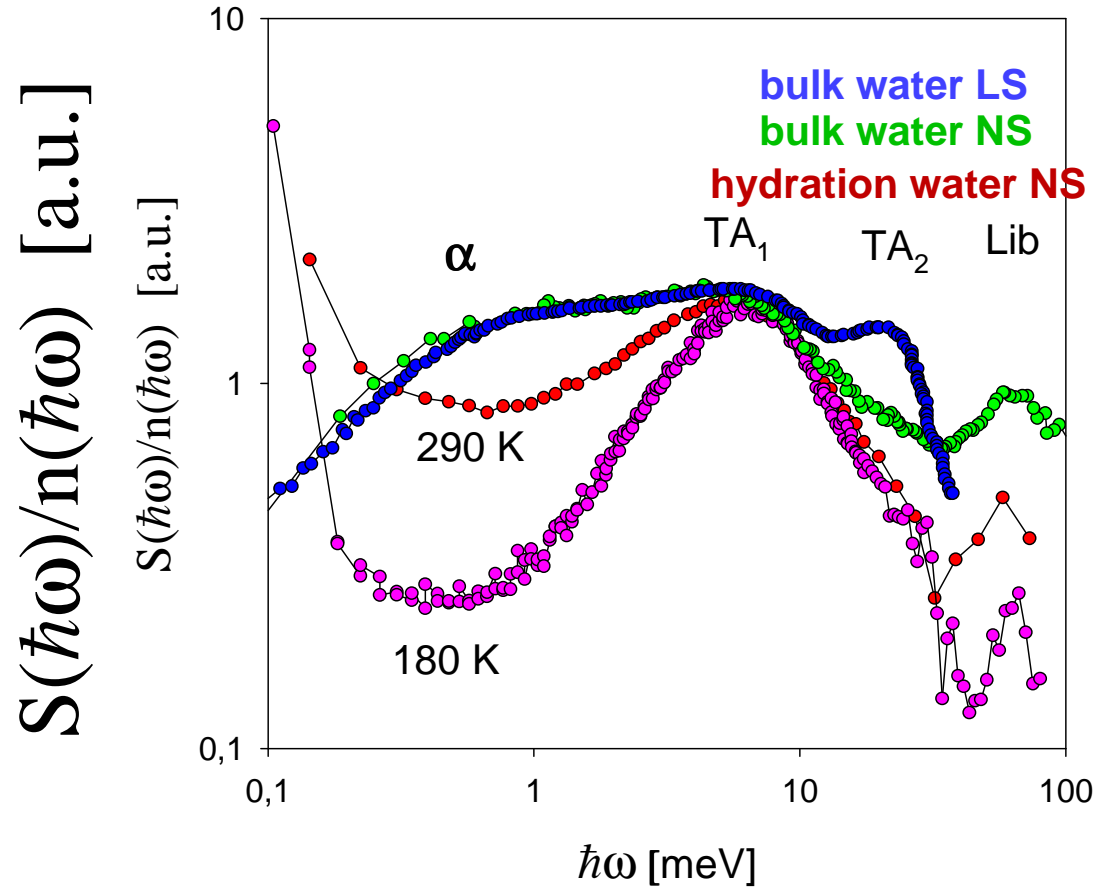


Collective Dynamics  
Far Infrared:  $1-100 \text{ cm}^{-1}$   
Terahertz



# Bulk- Hydration Water: Terahertz vibrations

Dynamic Susceptibility Spectrum of Bulk and Hydration Water



Bulk and hydration water same  
spectral peaks  
only  $\alpha$ -relaxation retarded

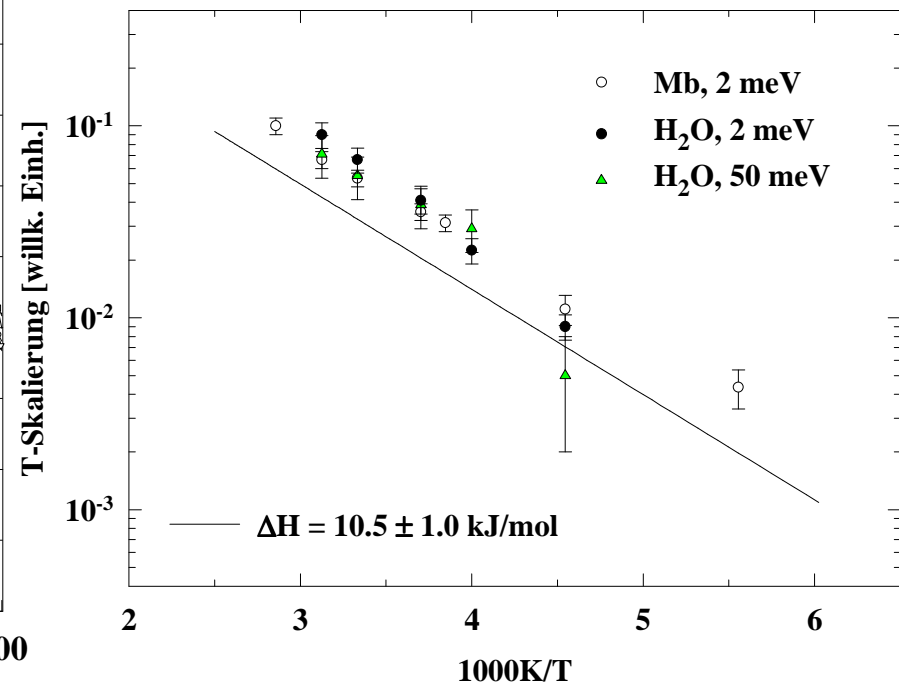
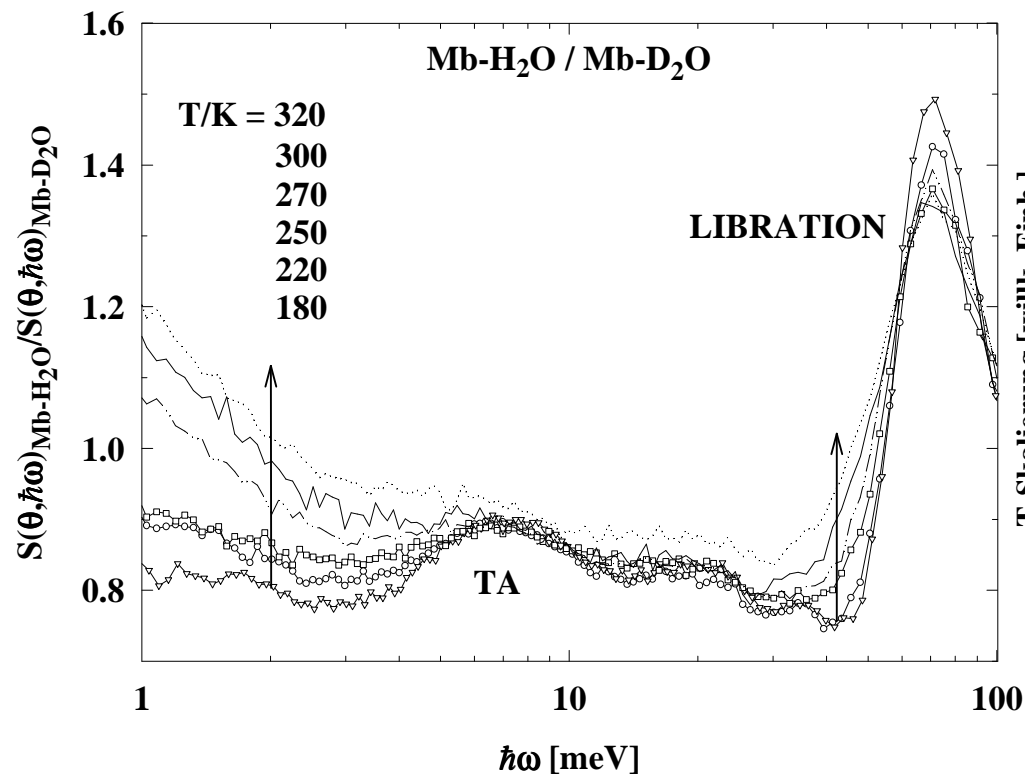
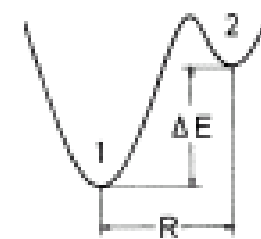
$TA_1$  T-independent  
fast structural relaxation  
of H-bonds

$1 \text{ meV} = 8 \text{ cm}^{-1}$

# Short time diffusive dynamics is dominated by hydrogen bond fluctuations : $\beta_f$ -process

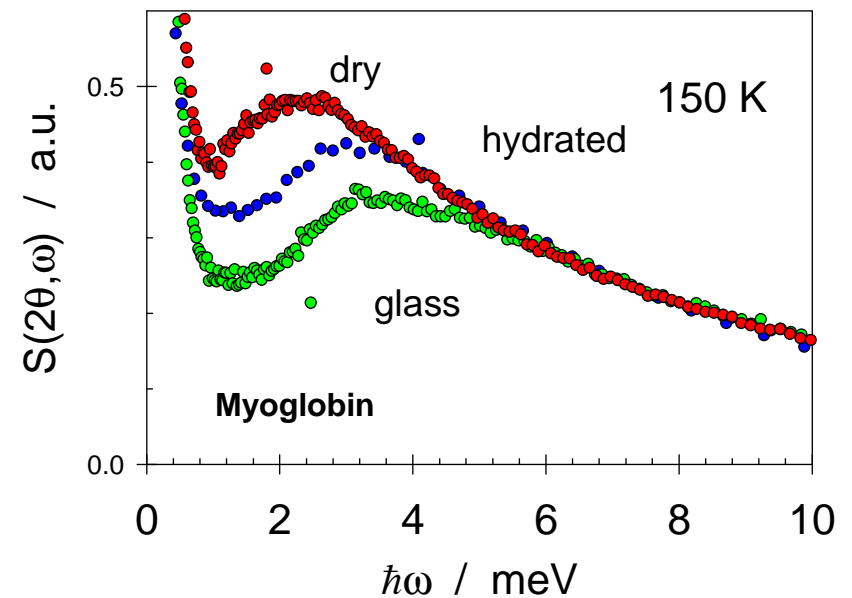
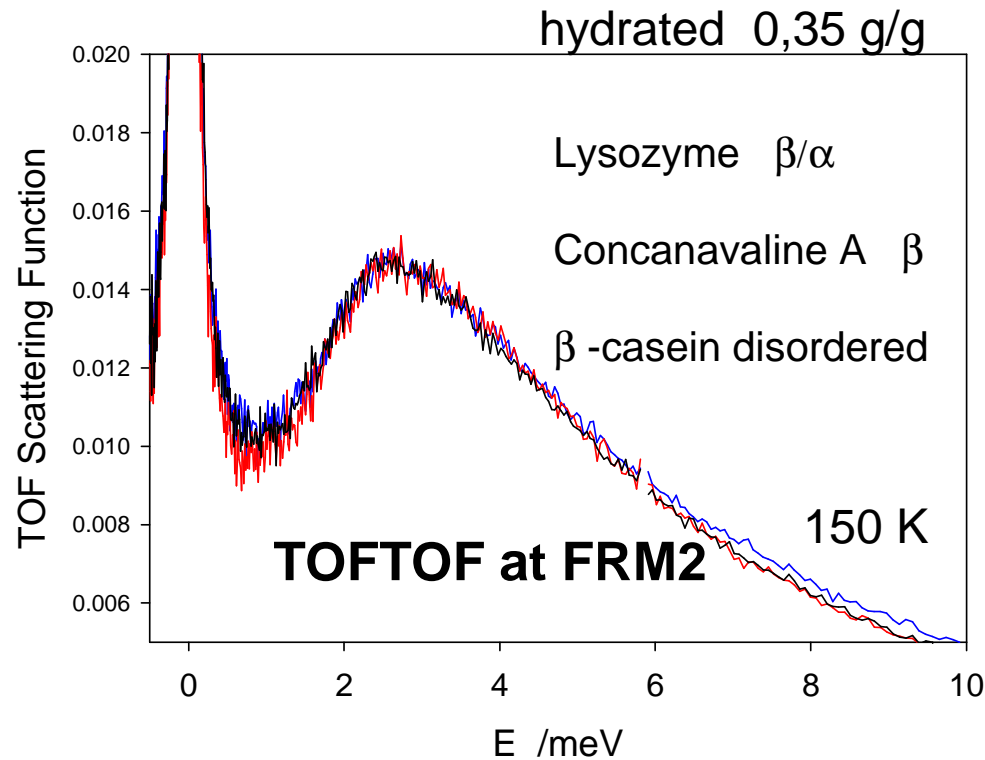
Water librational mode (H-bond braking) determines fast diffusive dynamics of protein-water system

Doster BBA 2010 , Tarek, Tobias, PRL 2002



# Protein Low frequency vibrations: Boson peak

Doster et al. Nature (1989), Diehl et al. Biophys.J **73**,(1997), Tobias, Tarek PRL 2002)



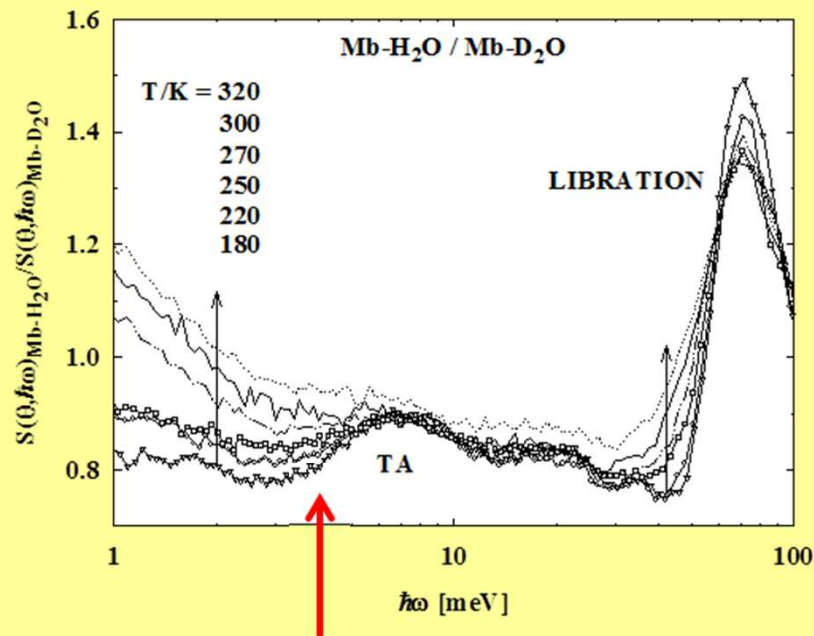
**Boson- Peak is not secondary structure sensitive**

**but depends strongly on environment**



# Does hydration water have a protein boson peak?

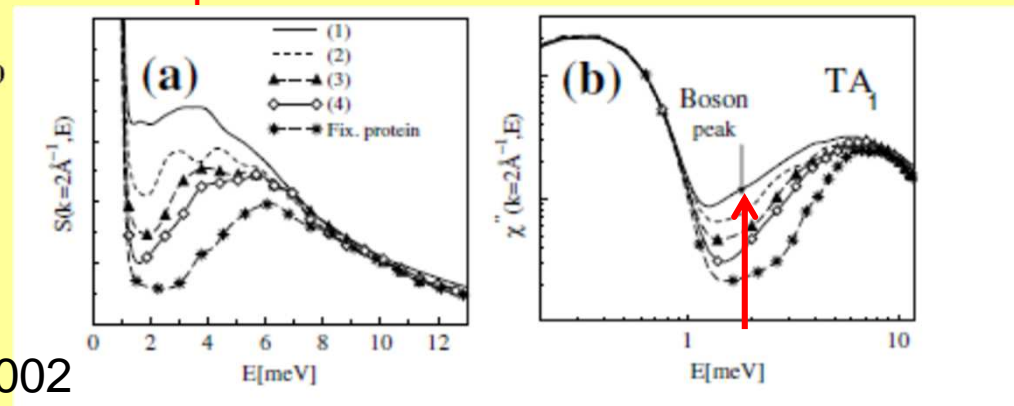
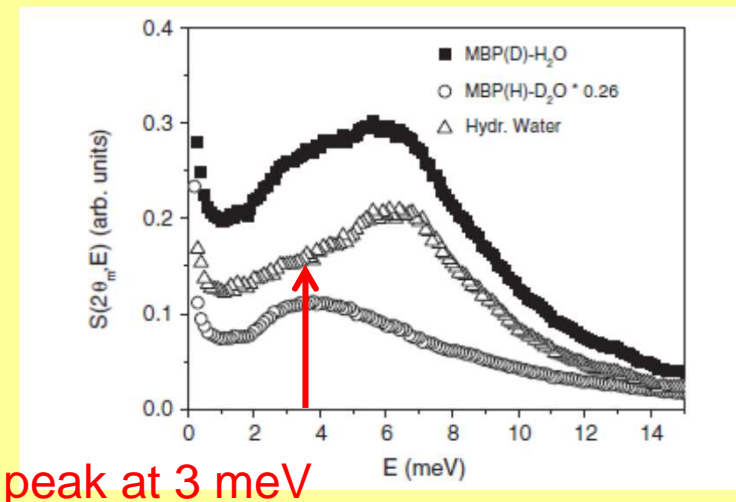
Settles, Doster, Faraday Disc 1996, BBA 2010  
H<sub>2</sub>O/D<sub>2</sub>O hydrated myoglobin



No Boson peak

Tarek, Tobias  
Simulation PRL 2002

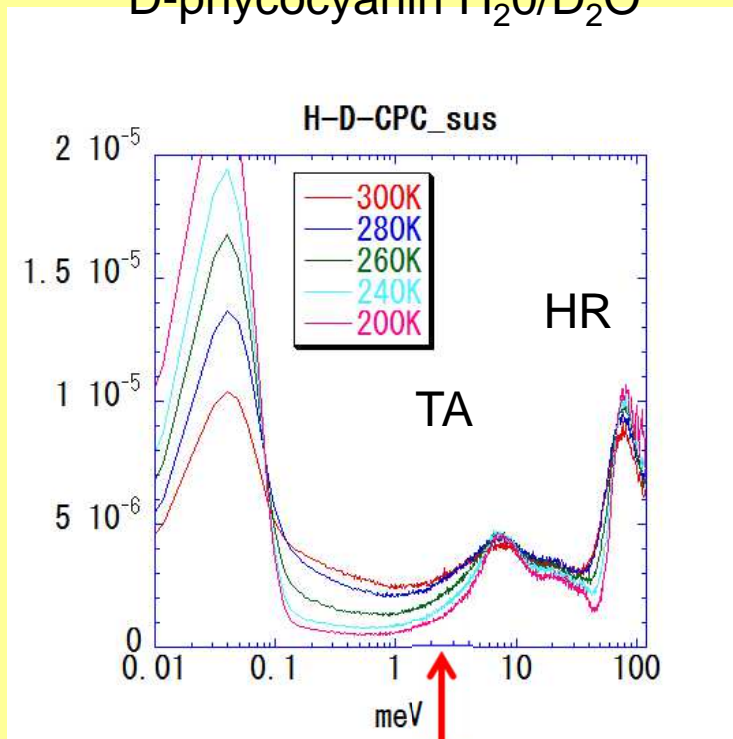
Paciaroni et al. PRL 2008  
Phys. Rev E 1999  
Maltose binding protein



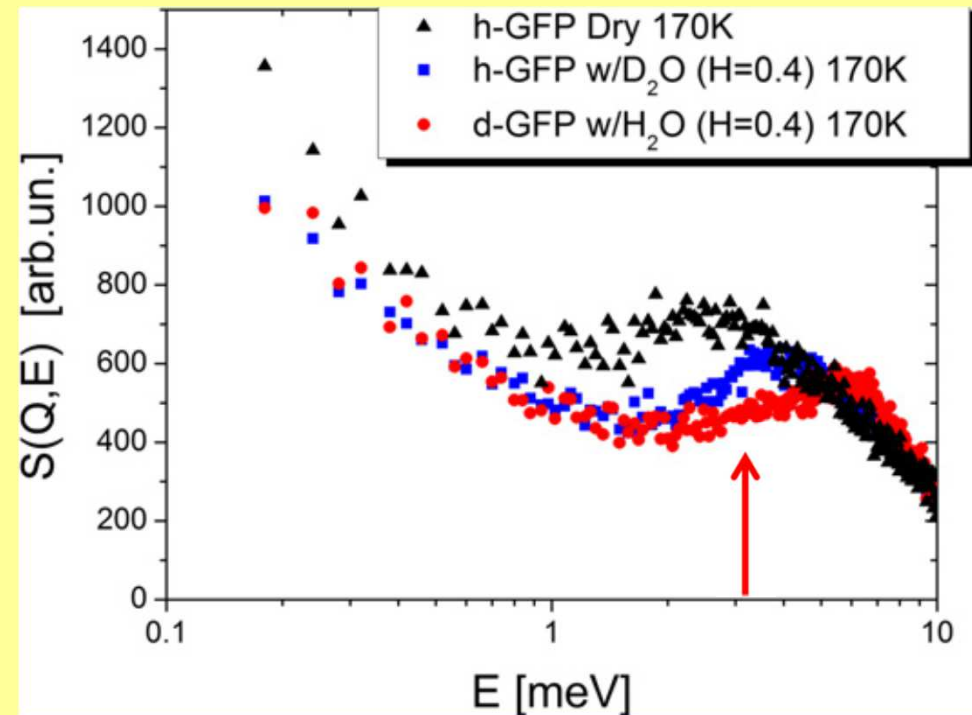
# Does hydration water have a protein Boson peak?

Neutron Scattering spectra of hydration water  
with perdeuterated proteins H<sub>2</sub>O-D<sub>2</sub>O hydrated

Doster et al. 2012  
D-phycoerythrin H<sub>2</sub>O/D<sub>2</sub>O

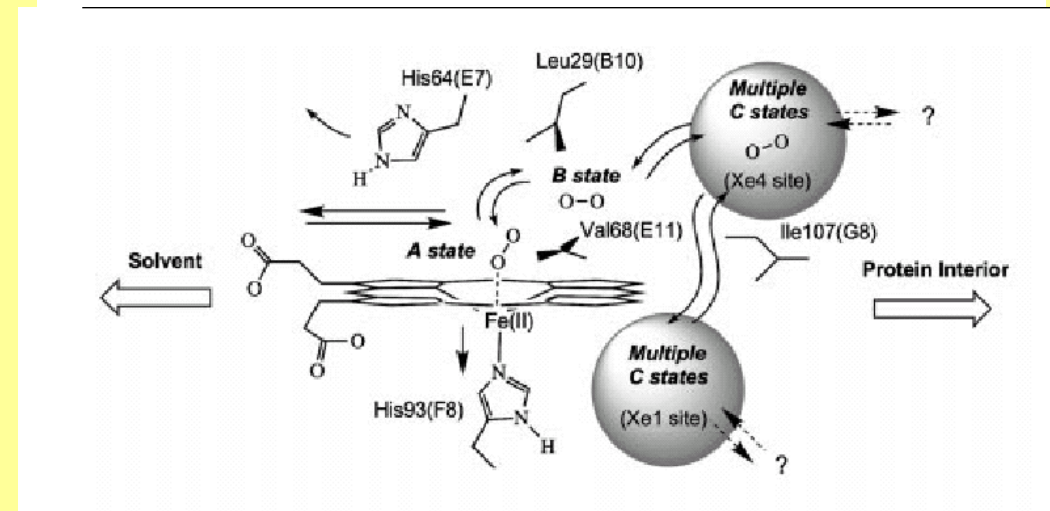
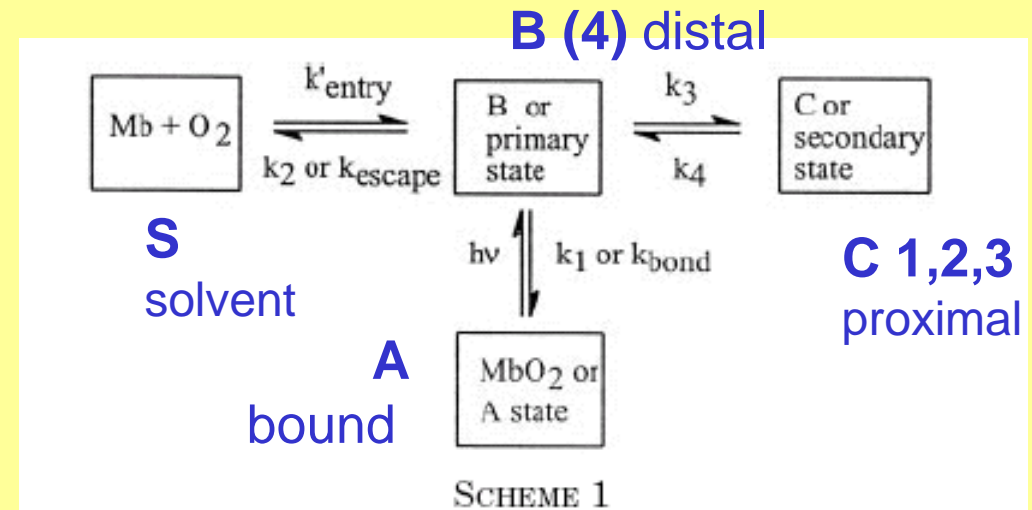
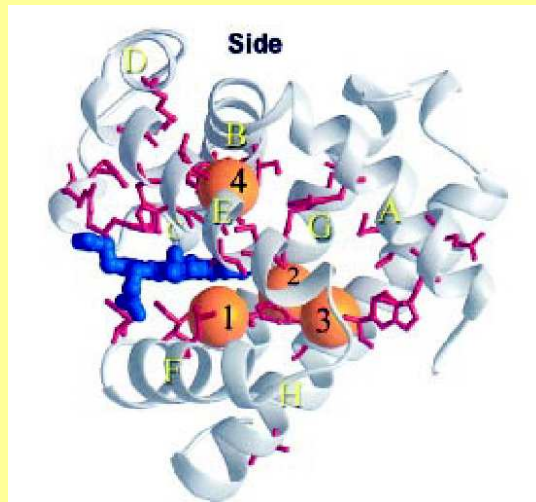


Nickels et al. Bioph.J. 2012



No evidence of Boson peak in hydration water spectrum

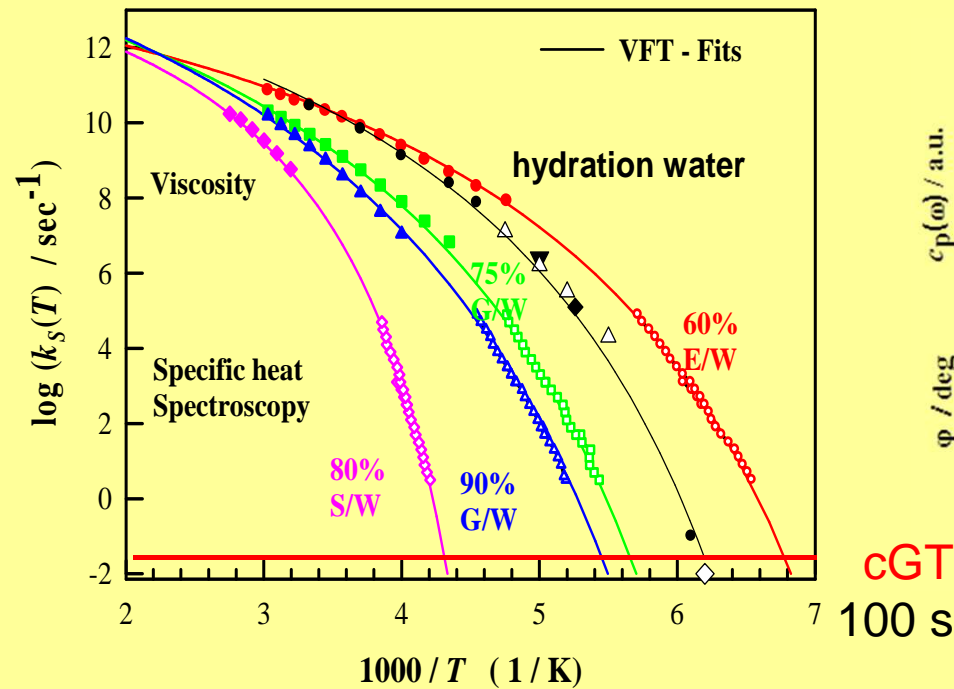
# Protein function: CO- binding to myoglobin, elementary steps, flash photolysis



# Relaxation rates and viscosity of glass forming solvents

Hws

Log ( $k_s \sim \eta^{-1}$ )



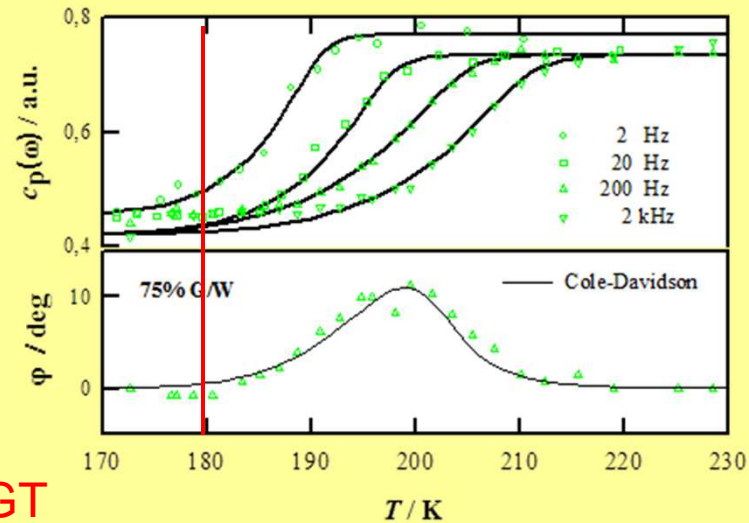
Arrhenius plot of solvent  $\alpha$ -relaxation rates

$$k_s^{-1} = \tau_\alpha = G \eta$$

Maxwell relation

Method: Specific heat relaxation

$C_p(\omega, T)$  (75% glycerol/water)



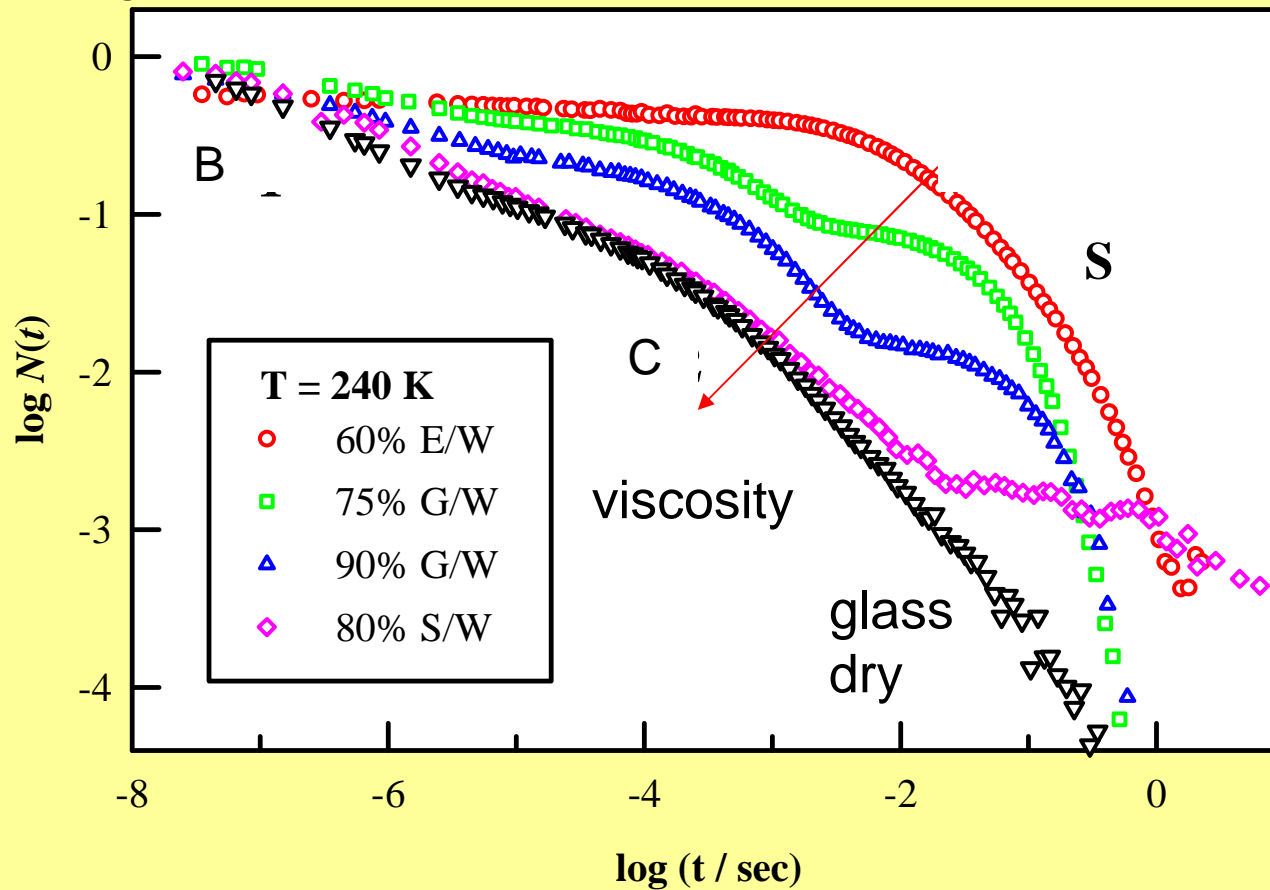
glass transition temperature,  
step of specific heat  
varies with frequency !!

# Kinetics of CO- binding to myoglobin

## Flash photolysis experiments

### different solvents, hydration

Log(CO unbound) (Kleinert et al. Biochem. 1998)

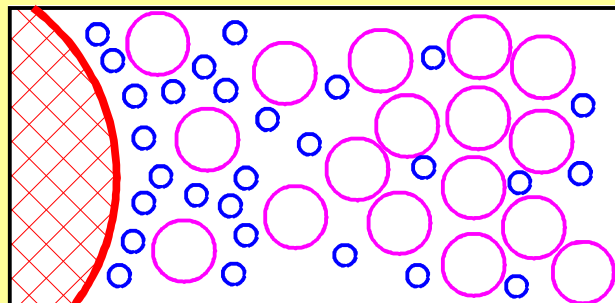
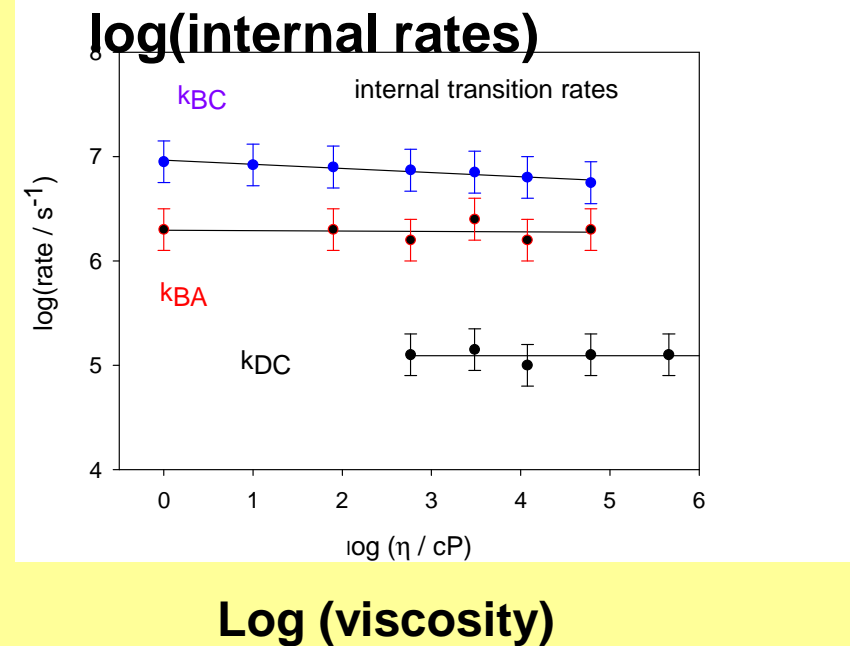
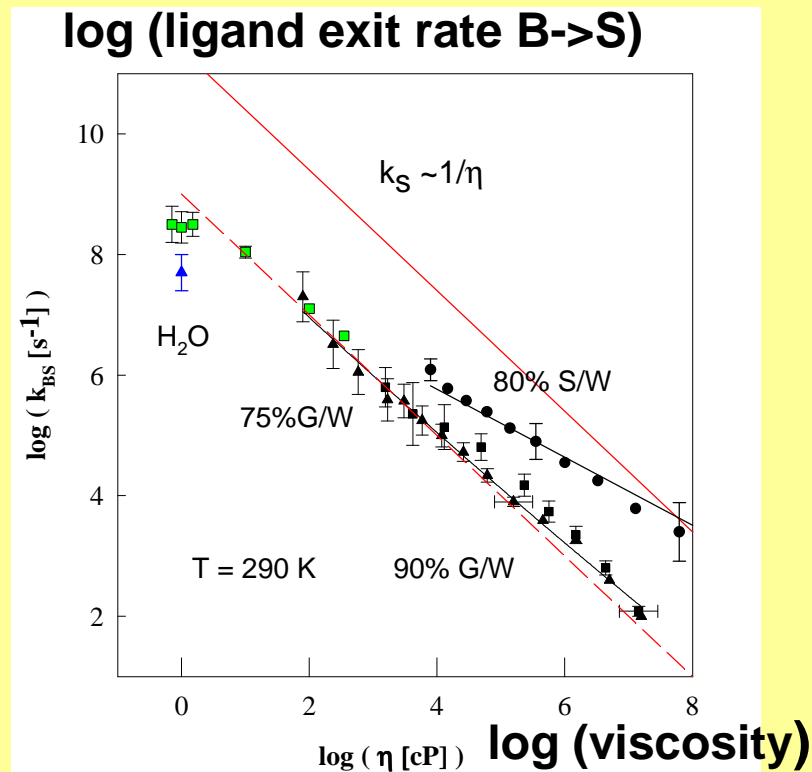


**internal displacements**  
independent of viscosity  
or degree of hydration

ligand escape S decreases  
with viscosity



# Viscosity Effect on Rate Constants (Kleinert et al, Biochem. 1998)



Sucrose 80% S/W  
Preferential  
Hydration  
Timasheff  
Lower surface viscosity than bulk

## Result:

**Two classes of functional motions**

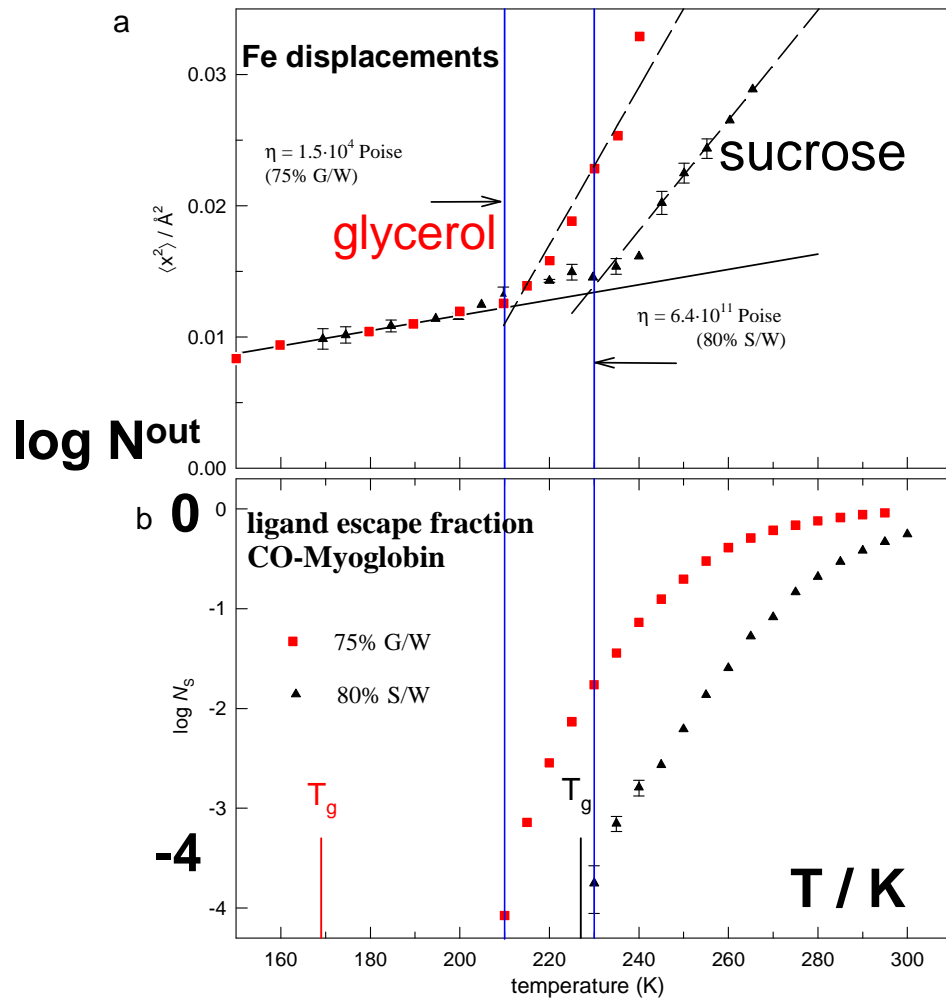
- Type I: internal, decoupled from solvent viscosity, hydration
- Type S: coupled to protein surface viscosity, hydration

# Heme dynamics and functional motions



Solvent- dependence, function below transition?

$\langle \Delta x^2 \rangle$  heme displacements in myoglobin



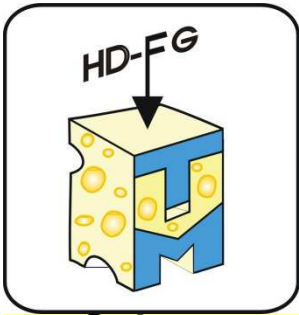
Mössbauer effect:  
heme iron displacements  
75 % glycerol-water  
80 % sucrose-water

flash photolysis:  
ligand escape fraction  $N_{out}$

**common solvent viscosity effect on heme motions and ligand motions**

Lichtenegger et al. Biophys.J. 76 (1999) 414  
Kleinert et al. Biochem. (1998) 37:717,  
Srajer et al. Biochem. (2001)





# Flash Photolysis at high pressure: Myoglobin-CO

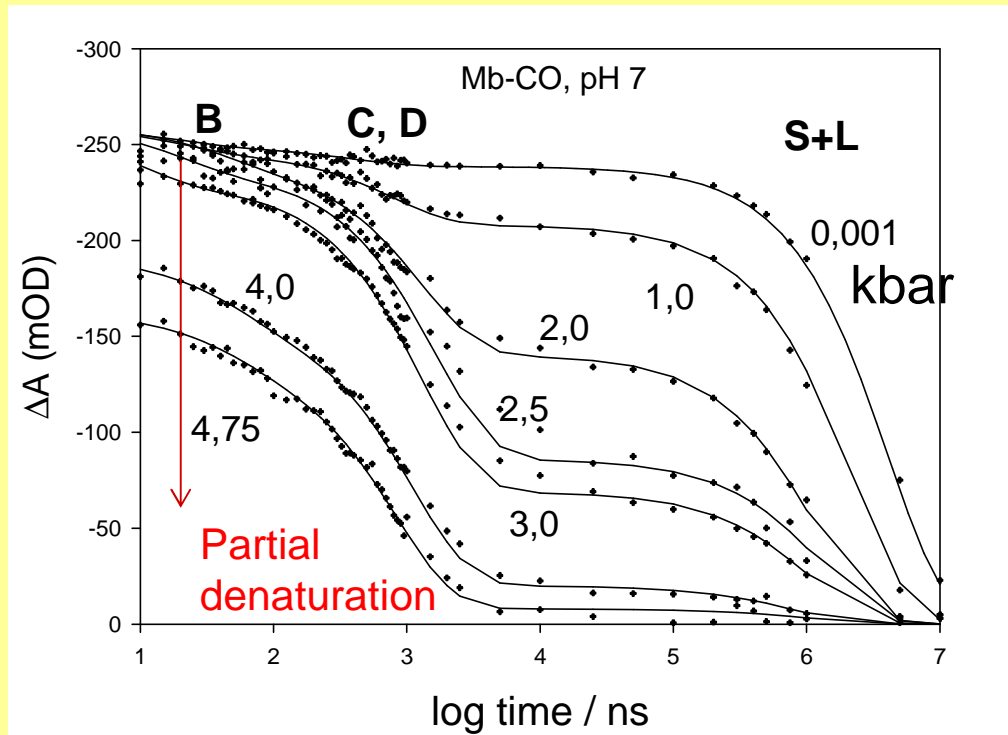


Solvent primary interior sites



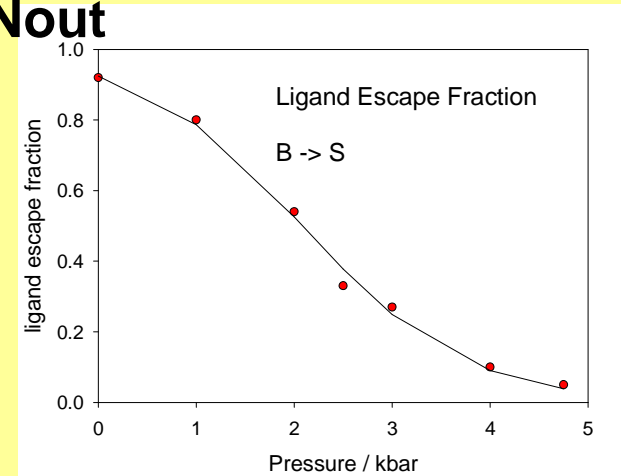
A ligated

## Binding kinetics

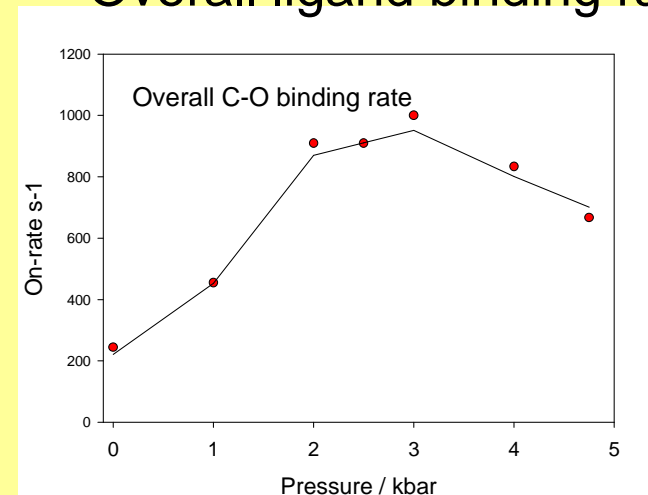


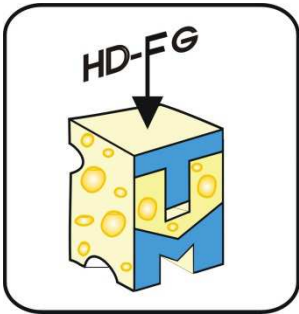
All or none transition:  $D \leftrightarrow N$

## Ligand escape fraction $N_{out}$



## Overall ligand binding rate



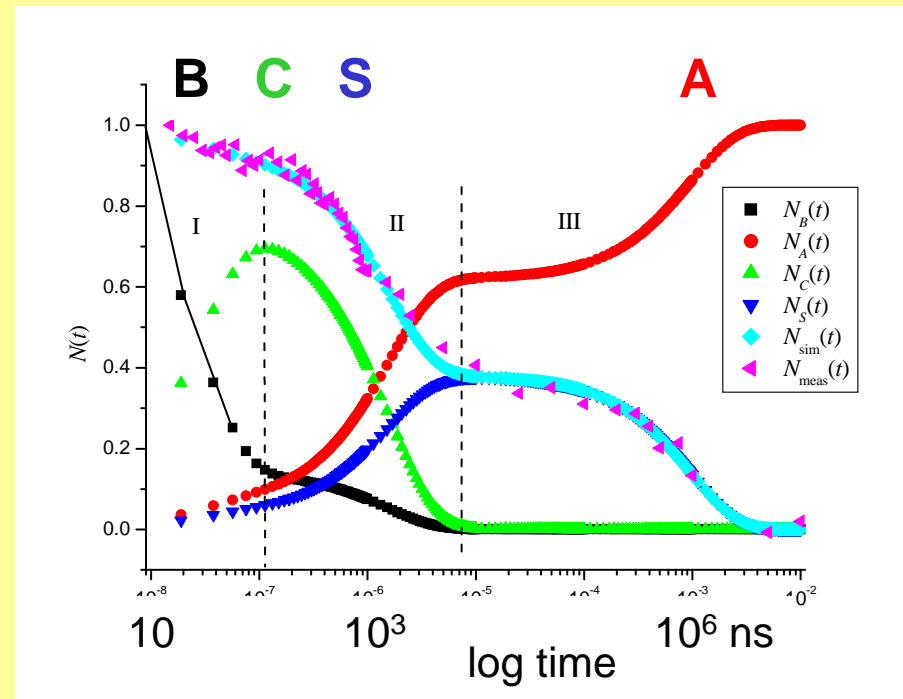
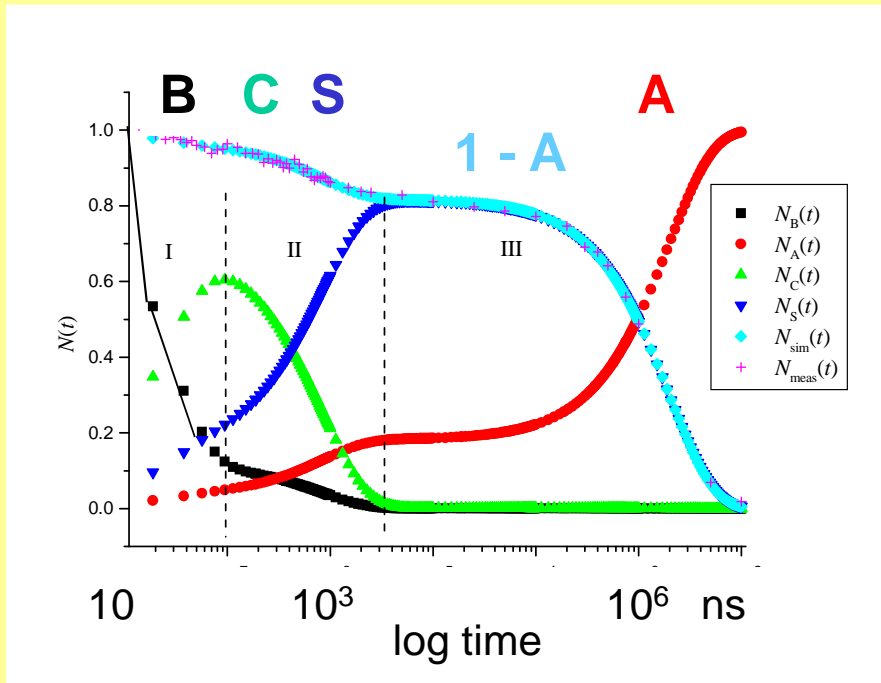


# Flash photolysis at high pressure: population evolution

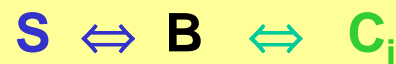


1 kbar

2.5 kbar



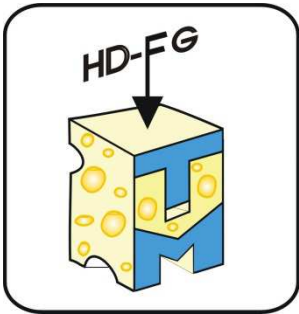
Solvent primary interior sites



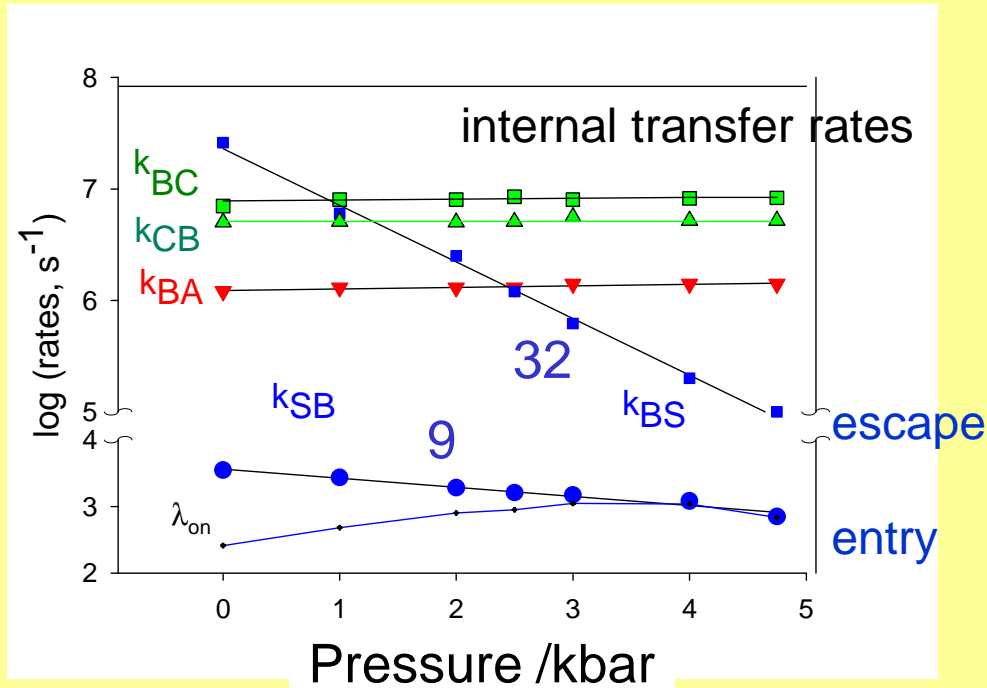
$h\nu \downarrow$

**A** ligated

Triangles: experiment



# Flash Photolysis at high pressure: Mb-CO

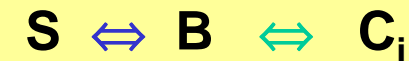


- 1) internal rates independent of P  
vacancies stay empty up to  $D \leftrightarrow N$
- 2) recombination rate depends on  
rate of internal water replacement

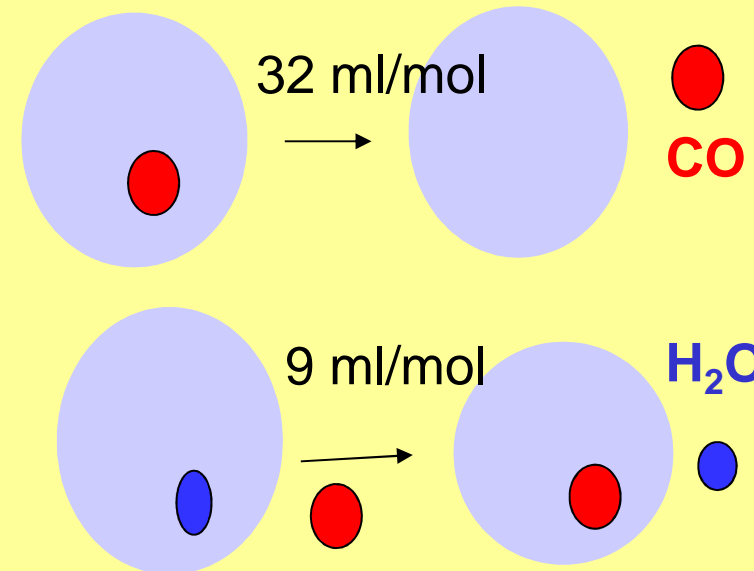
## Microscopic rates

$$k(P) = k(0) \exp(-\Delta V^* P / RT)$$

Solvent primary interior sites



A ligated

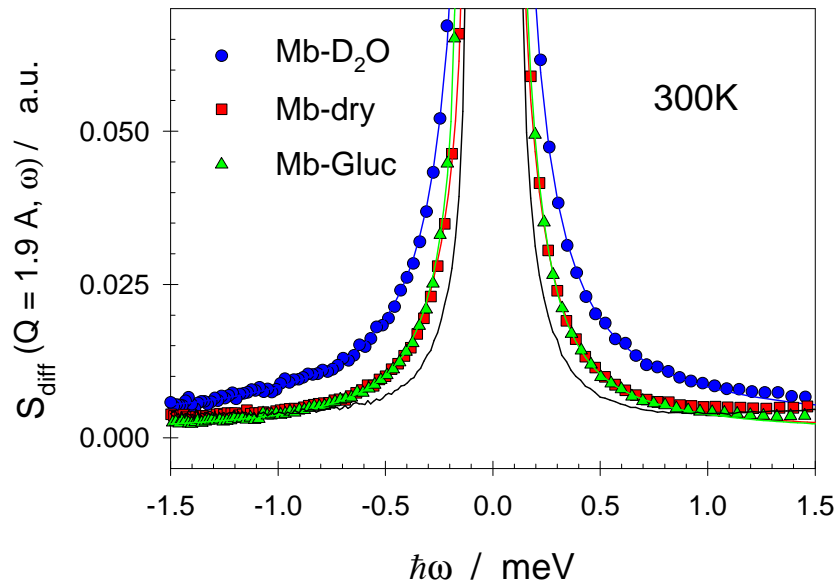


# 2 classes of functional motions I and S

## 2 classes of protein motions ??

Doster, Settles BBA 2005

myoglobin in various solvents



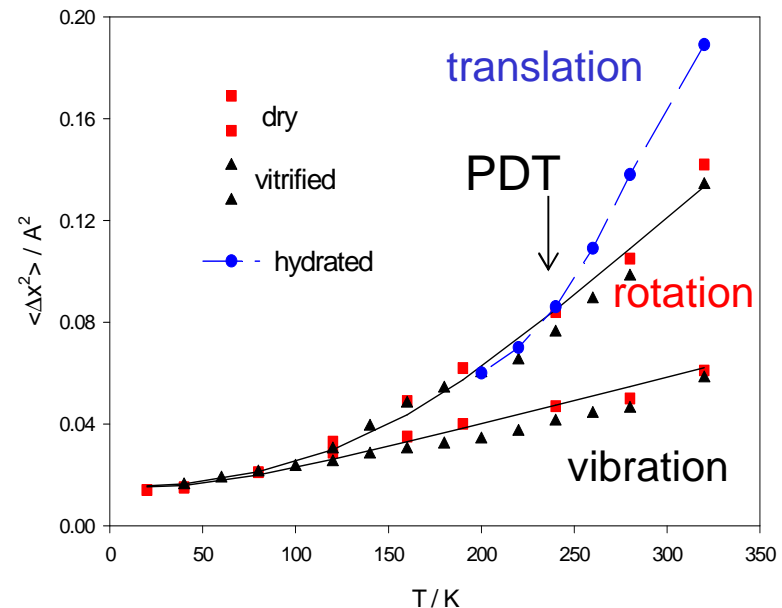
quasielastic broadening:

myoglobin

dry, glassy, hydrated

PDT: protein dynamical transition

Proton Mean Square Displacements

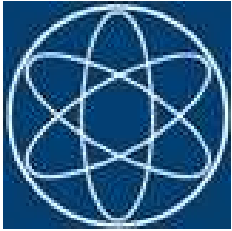


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Two types of structural transitions:

internal and solvent-coupled motions

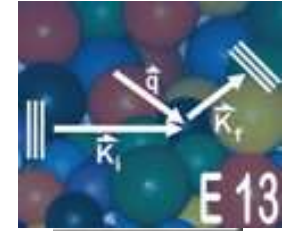
$$\langle \Delta x^2 \rangle_{\text{tot}} = \langle \Delta x^2 \rangle_{\text{vib}} + \langle \Delta x^2 \rangle_{\text{rot}} + \langle \Delta x^2 \rangle_{\text{trans}}$$



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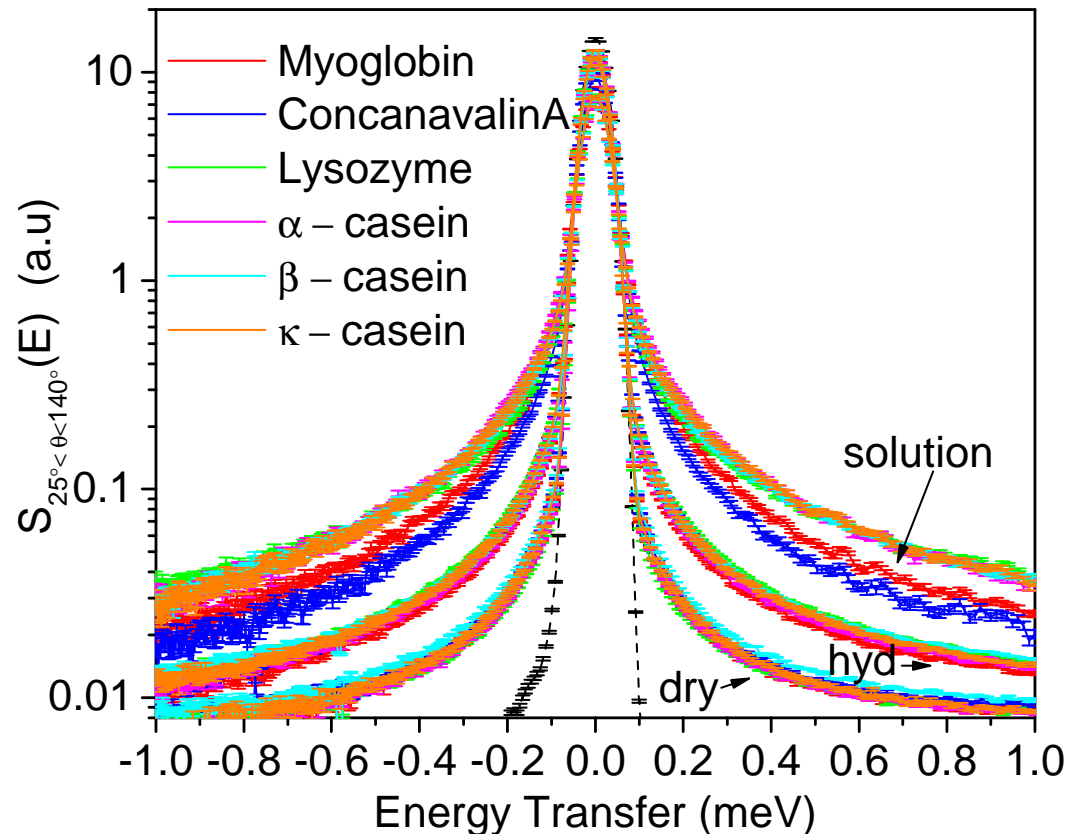
# hydrated/solvated protein spectra

Gaspar et al. Eur.Biophys.J. (2008)



„Benchmark“ proteins with different structure and environment

Log(S(Q,w))



marked differences only in solution:

elastic scattering depends on structural rigidity

largest differences due to protein global diffusion

# protein dynamics and function: 2 major components I, S

Doster, Settles BBA 2005

Doster in Dynamics of Soft Matter 2011

Smith, Sokolov PRL 2012

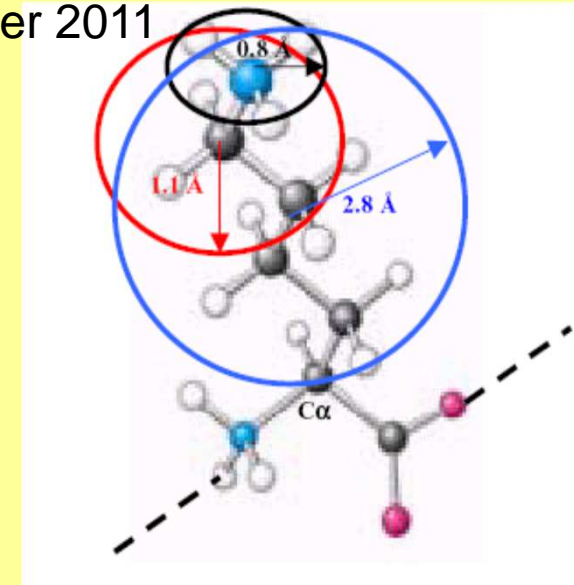
## 1) rotation, type I: independent of solvent

non-Gaussian, discontinuous,

torsional jumps of side chains, methyl groups  
and main chain

little dependent on environment

**internal ligand migration**



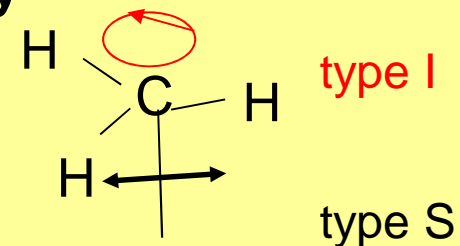
## 2) local translation, type S: coupled to viscosity

Gaussian, water-assisted, small scale

continuous translational displacements

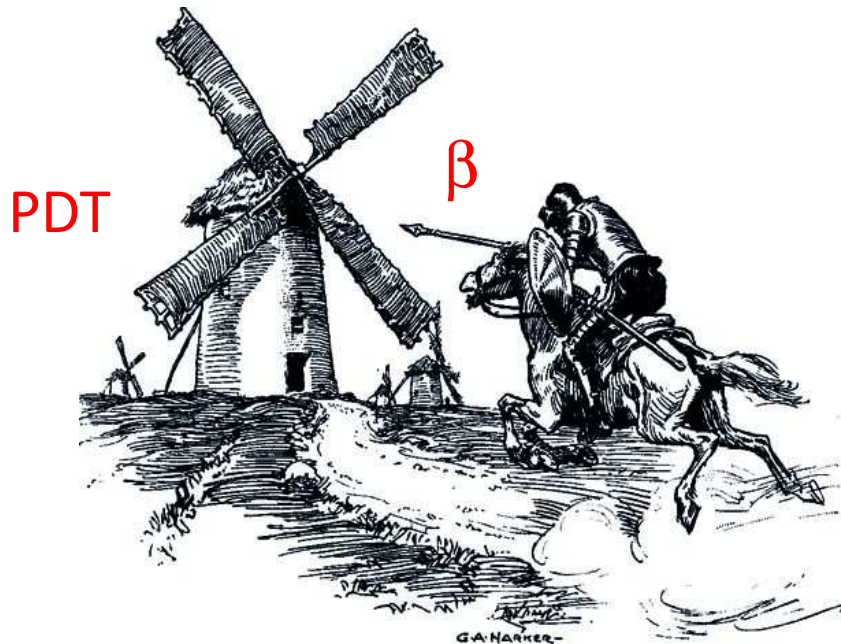
coupled to  $\alpha$ -( $\beta$ ) relaxation of hydration water

and the **entry and exit of protein ligands**



# Temperature Dependence

Dynamical Transitions: mobile  $\rightarrow$  rigid (GT, PC, FST, PDT)  
at nearly constant structure

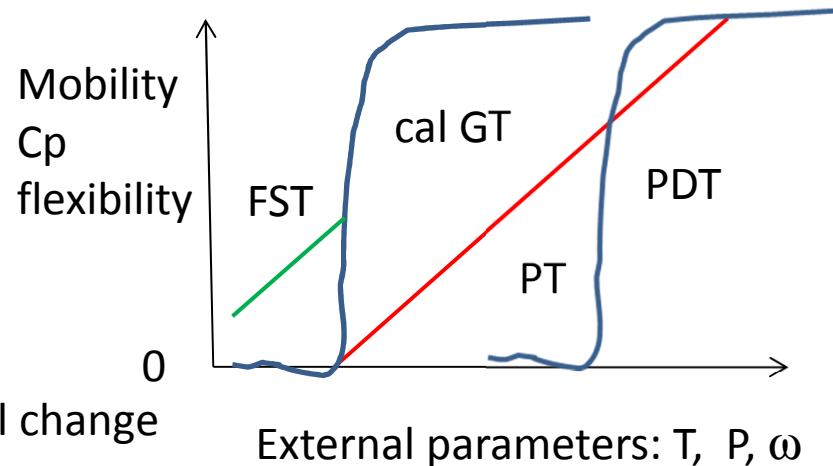


$D(T, P, \omega \dots) \rightarrow 0$  Diffusion vanishes

- 1) Percolation Transition  
Trapping-detrapping, energy landscape continuous
- 2) Liquid-glass transition  
discontinuous, ergodic-nonergodic  
specific heat, thermal expansion
- 3) protein dynamical transition:  
GT at shorter time scales

$$D_s = \lim_{\omega \rightarrow 0, Q \rightarrow 0} \left( \frac{\omega}{Q} \right)^2 S_s(Q, \omega)$$

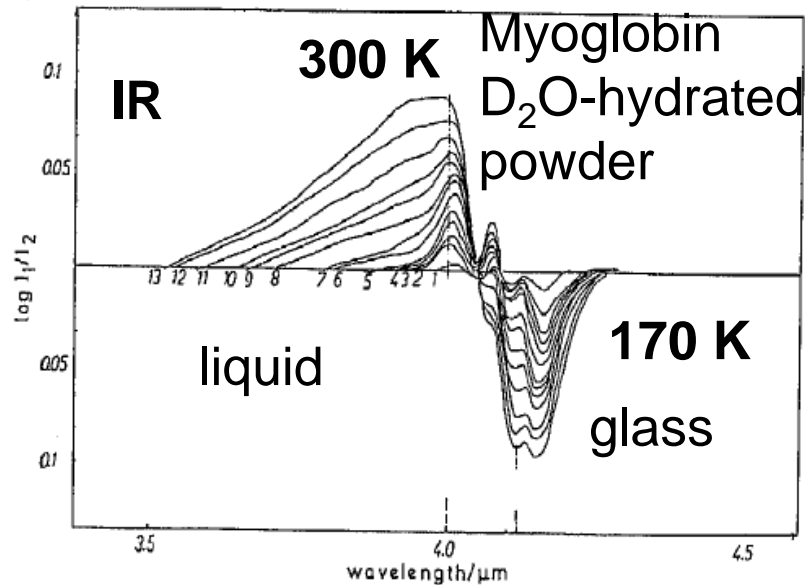
FST: fragile strong transition due to structural change  
Static transition!





# Glass Transition of Protein Hydration Water was defined originally by IR O-D spectroscopy

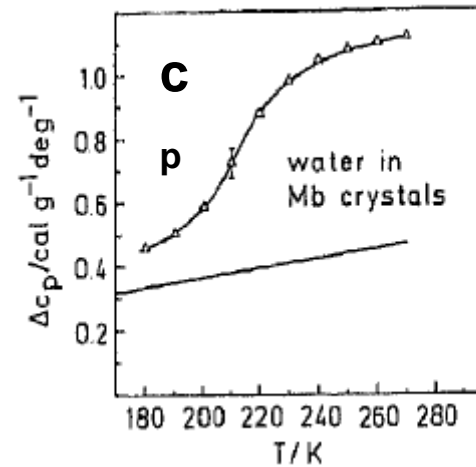
, W.D. Biophys.J. 50 (1986)



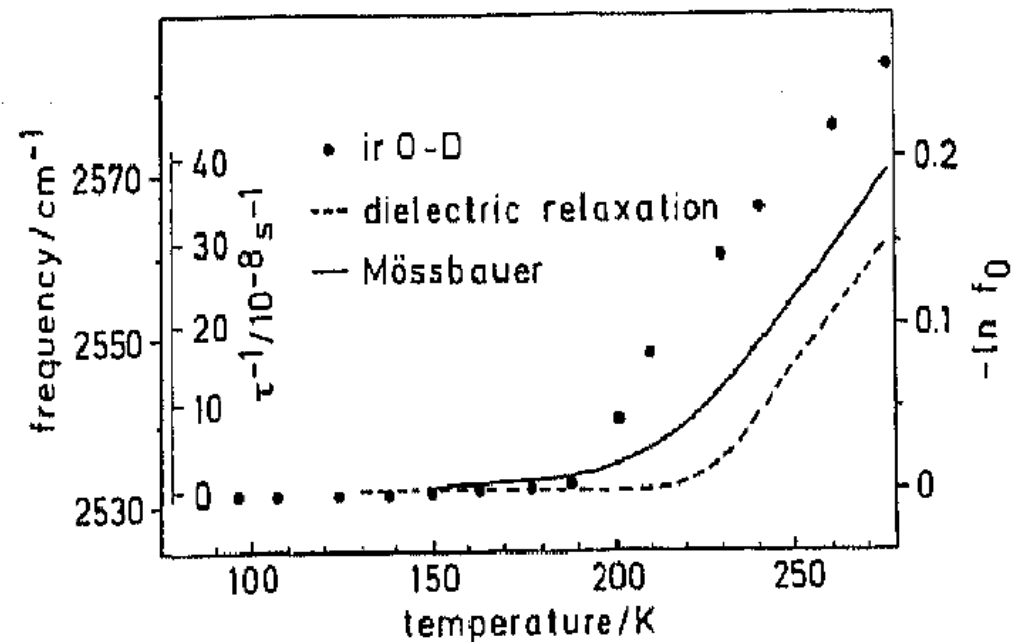
O-D stretching difference spectra: 100 - 300 K  
liquid --> amorphous ice structure

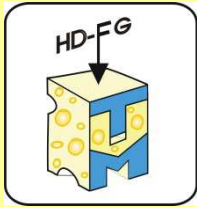
**Glass transition depends on time scale of experiment:**  
 **$T_G(\text{IR}) < T_G(\text{Möss}) < T_G(\text{diel})$**

100 s    140 ns    1 ns  
(Doster BJ 1986)



Step of Specific heat of hydration water in myoglobin crystals



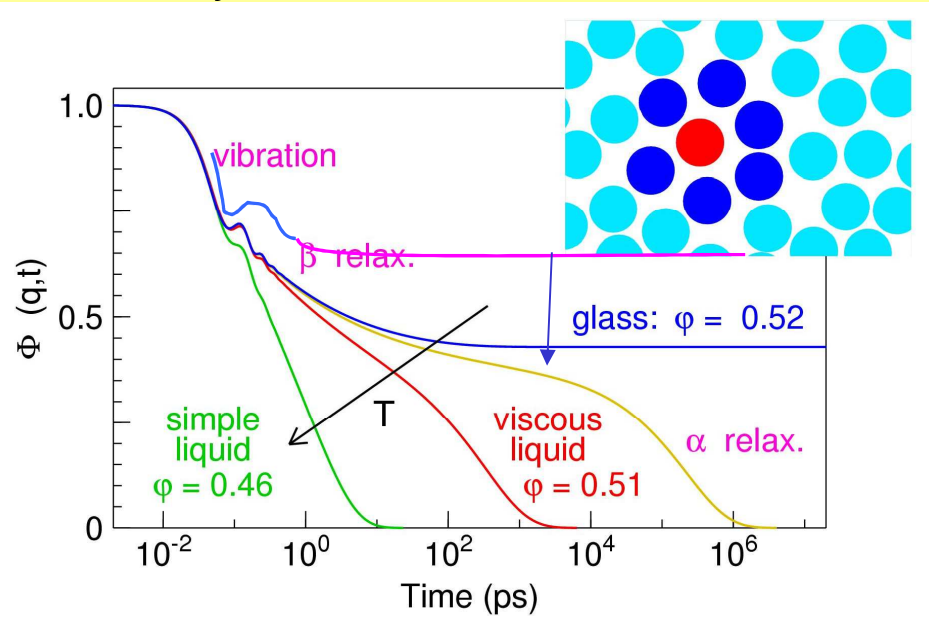


# ideal liquid to glass transition: cage becomes a trap at a critical density

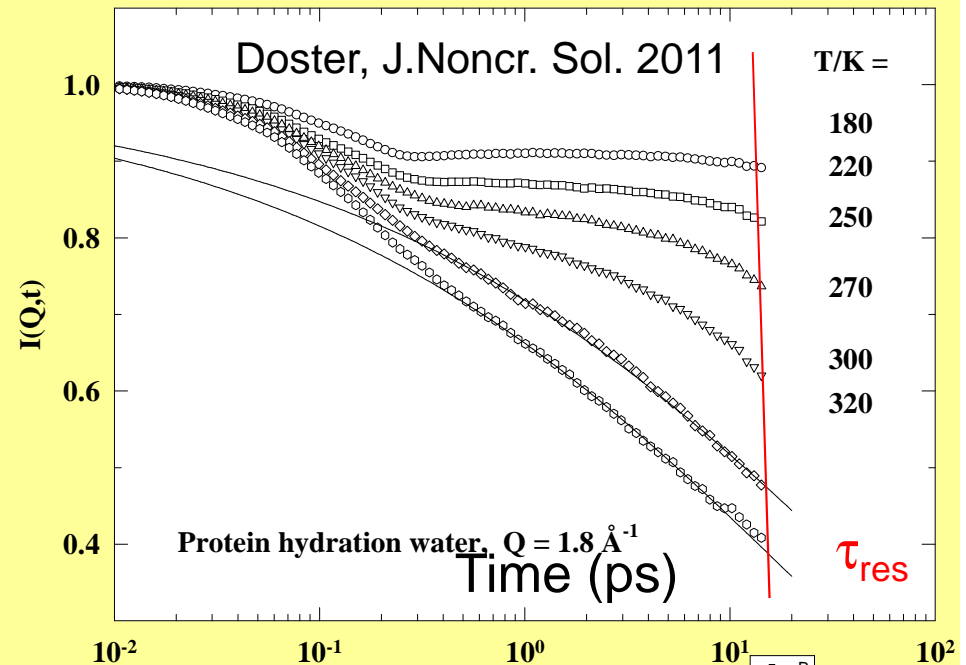
## mode coupling theory of hard sphere liquid (Götze et al.)



### Density correlation function



### protein hydration water



correlations persist, nonequilibrium

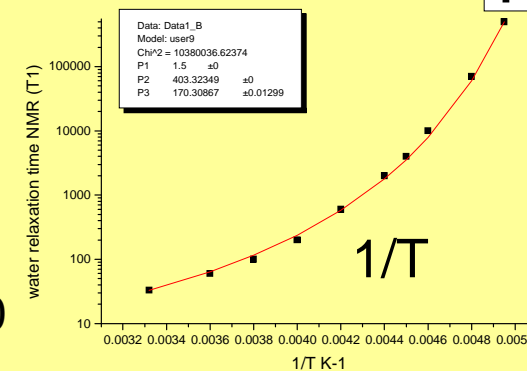
$$\Phi(Q, t \rightarrow \infty) = f_C \sim I(Q, t \rightarrow \infty) = \text{EISF}(Q)$$

$f_C(Q)$  glass form factor

$f_C = 0$  liquid state

$f_C > 0$  glass, correlations persist:  $D_s(Q \rightarrow 0) = 0$

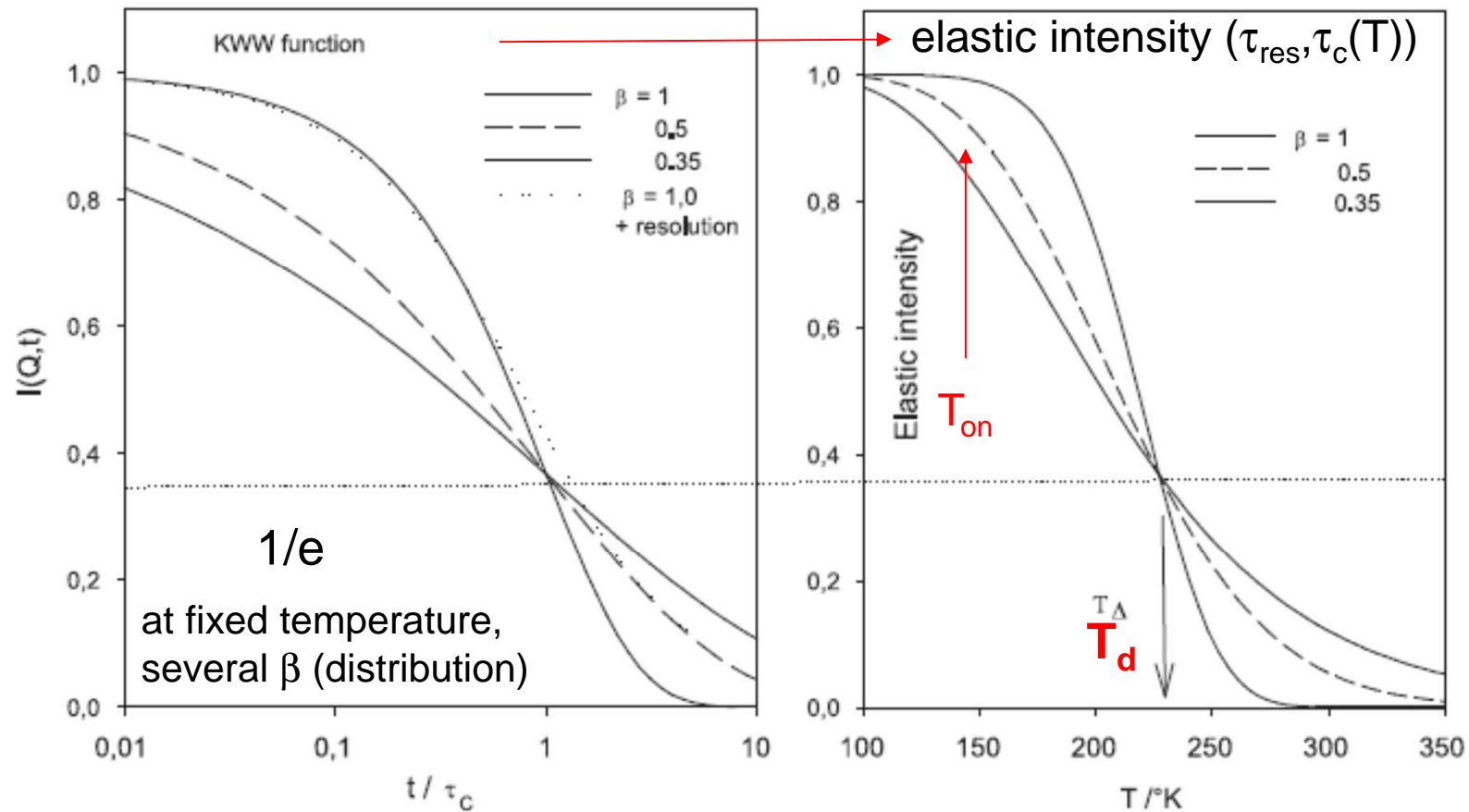
Log  $\tau$



## Definition of dynamic transition temperature $T_d$

$I(Q, \tau_{res}, \tau_c(T), \beta) = I_{el}(T)$  : Effect of distribution

Doster JNCSol. 2011



$$I(Q,t) = F(Q) \exp[-(\tau_{res}/\tau_c(T))^\beta]$$

$$\tau_{res} / \tau_c(T_d) = 1$$

independent of  $\beta$

## Effect of finite resolution

### The elastic scattering intensity scaling relation

$$I_{el}(Q) = S_{el}(Q, \omega = 0, \Delta\omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \text{Re } s(Q, \omega', \Delta\omega) \cdot S(Q, \omega') d\omega'$$

$$\approx \exp(-\langle \Delta x^2 \rangle Q^2) \quad \text{Gaussian approximation in low } Q \text{ limit}$$

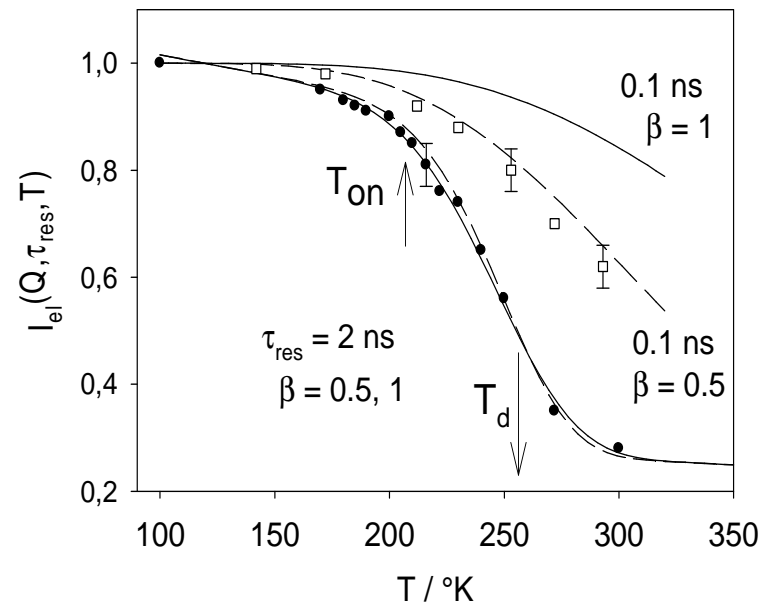
$$I_{el}^N = EISF(Q) + QEISF(Q)F(\tau_{res} / \tau_c(T))$$

F(x) scaling function

$$\tau_c = \tau_0 e^{\Delta H^* / RT}$$

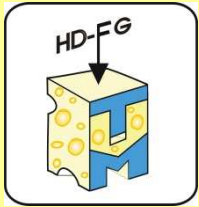
$$\Delta H^* = RT_d \ln \left( \frac{\tau_{res}}{\tau_0} \right)$$

$$\frac{d}{dT} I_{el}^{NLL}(T_d) = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\Delta H^*}{RT_c^2}$$



CPC hydration  
water  
 $\Delta H^* = 17 \text{ kJ/mol}$   
 $\tau_0 = 10^{-13} \text{ s}$   
 $\beta = 0.5$

different  $\beta$  values



# Lamb Mössbauer factor of pure glycerol

$$I_{el}^N(\tau_{res}, \tau_c) = \frac{\tau_c + \tau_{res}^{-1}}{(\tau_c + \tau_{res}^{-1})^2} = \frac{\tau_{res}}{1 + \tau_{res} / \tau_c(T)} \quad Q = 7.3 \text{ A}^{-1}$$

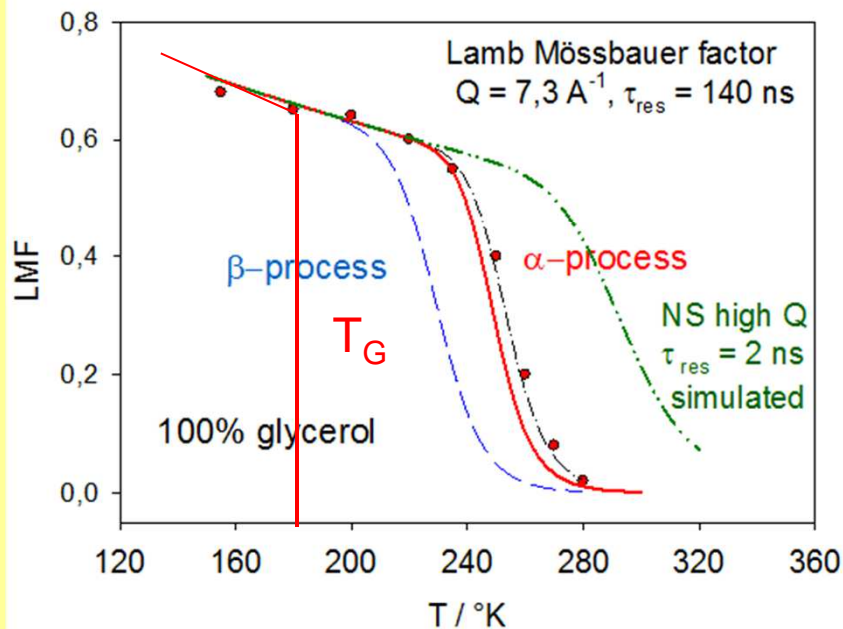
elastic intensity: Lorentz-Lorentz model

**$^{57}\text{Fe}$  in 100 % glycerol  $\tau_{res} = 140 \text{ ns}$**

$\alpha$ ,  $\beta$  relaxation data taken from:  
 Cappacioli et al. J.Phys. Chem B 2012  
 Mössbauer:  
 Champeney, Woodham  
 J. Phys. B. 1968

LMF transition due to  $\alpha$ -relaxation not beta in contrast to Cappacioli et al.

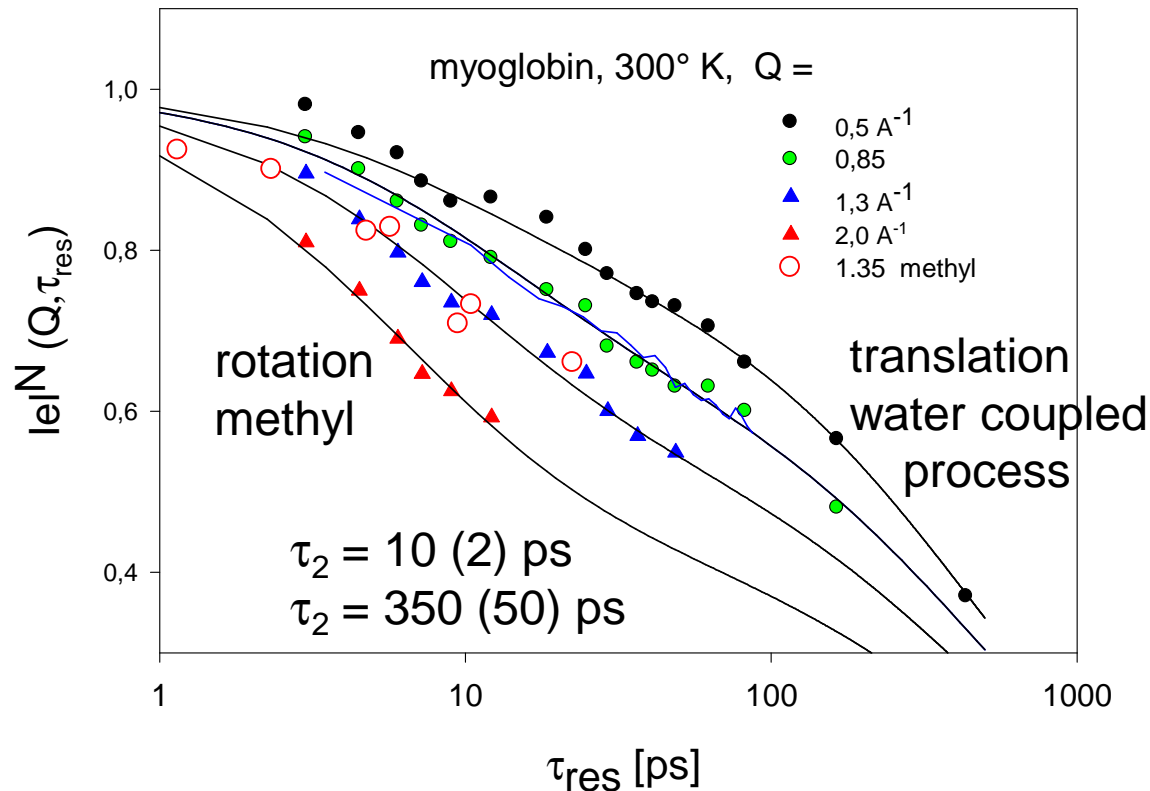
Elastic intensity transition: GT at 140 ns



# Protein Dynamical Transition at room temperature

$$I_{el}(Q, \tau_{res}) \approx I(\tau_{res}, Q) \text{ intermediate scattering function}$$

elastic intensity: change resolution instead of temperature!



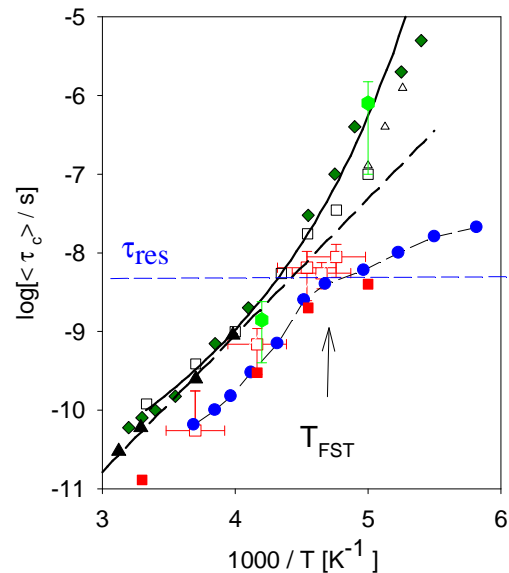
Time of flight IN5

hydrated myoglobin  
0.4 g/g  
**25 mg protein!!**

Elastic Resolution Spectroscopy: Doster, Diehl, Petry Ferrand  
Physica B (2001) 301, 65 and Chem. Phys. 292 (2003) 487

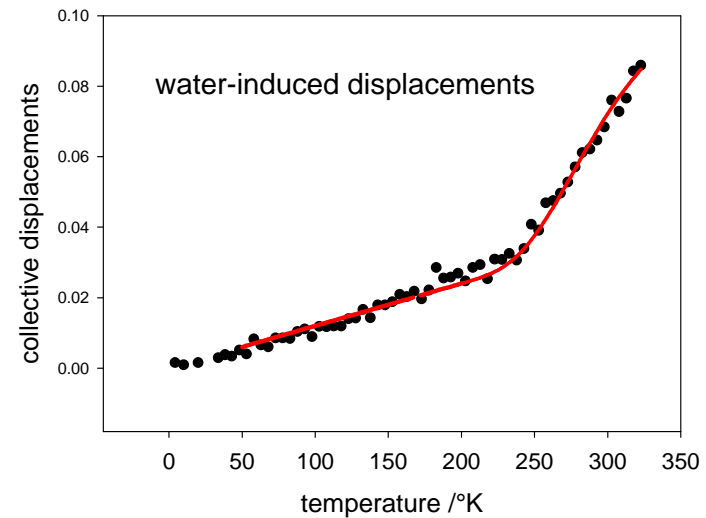
# Protein-Dynamical Transition: $\alpha$ -relaxation of the protein + hydration water system

water relaxation time  $\alpha$ -process



$\tau_{hw} = \tau_0 \exp(-\Delta H_{hw}/(R(T-T_0)))$   
 super-Arrhenius T-dependence  
 Doster et al. PRL 2010

protein displacements



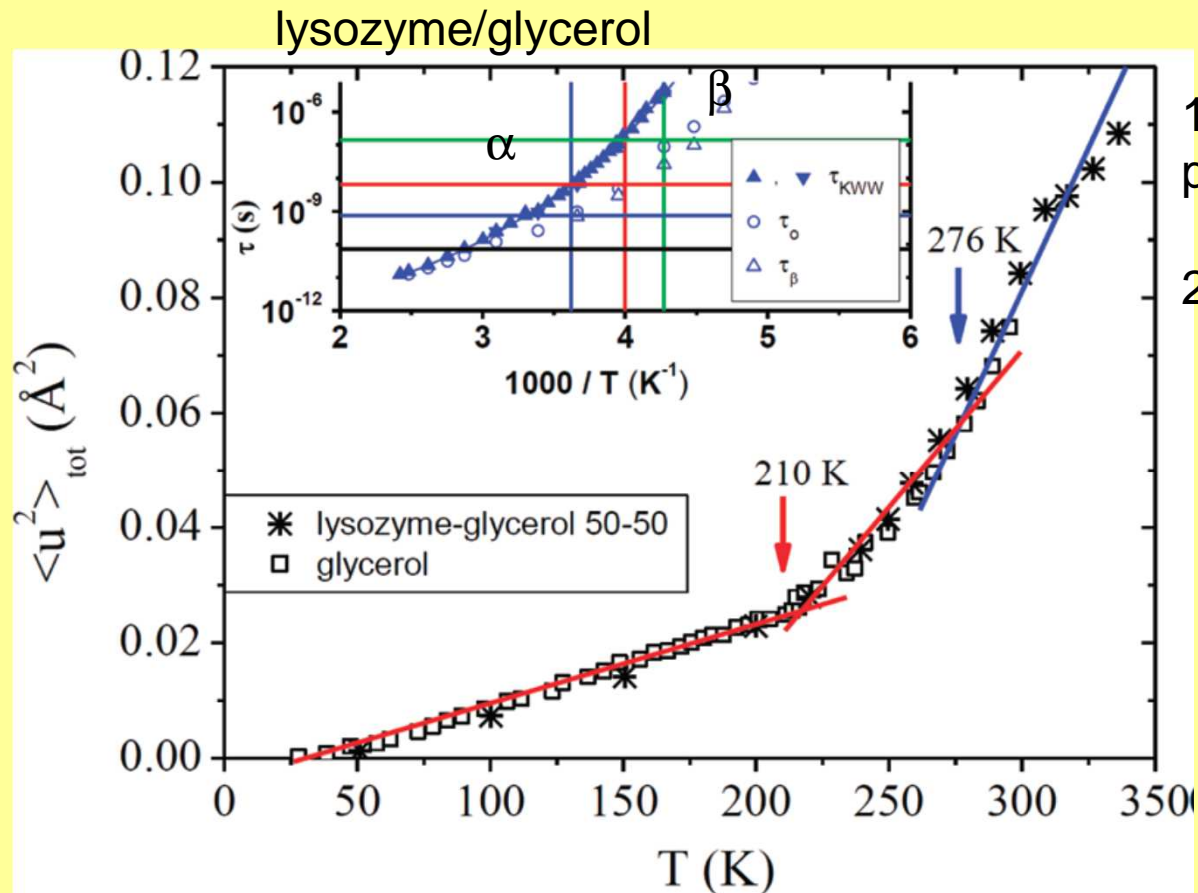
$$\langle \Delta x^2 \rangle = \langle \Delta x^2 \rangle_{\text{vib}} + \langle \Delta x^2 (\tau_{\text{res}} / \tau_{\text{hw}}) \rangle_{\text{conf}}$$

onset effect of resolution  
 Doster (2008) EBJ



# Strong Protein-Solvent Coupling in Glycerol the $\alpha / \beta$ controversy

Capaccioli, Ngai, Ancherbak Paciaroni, JPCB 2012

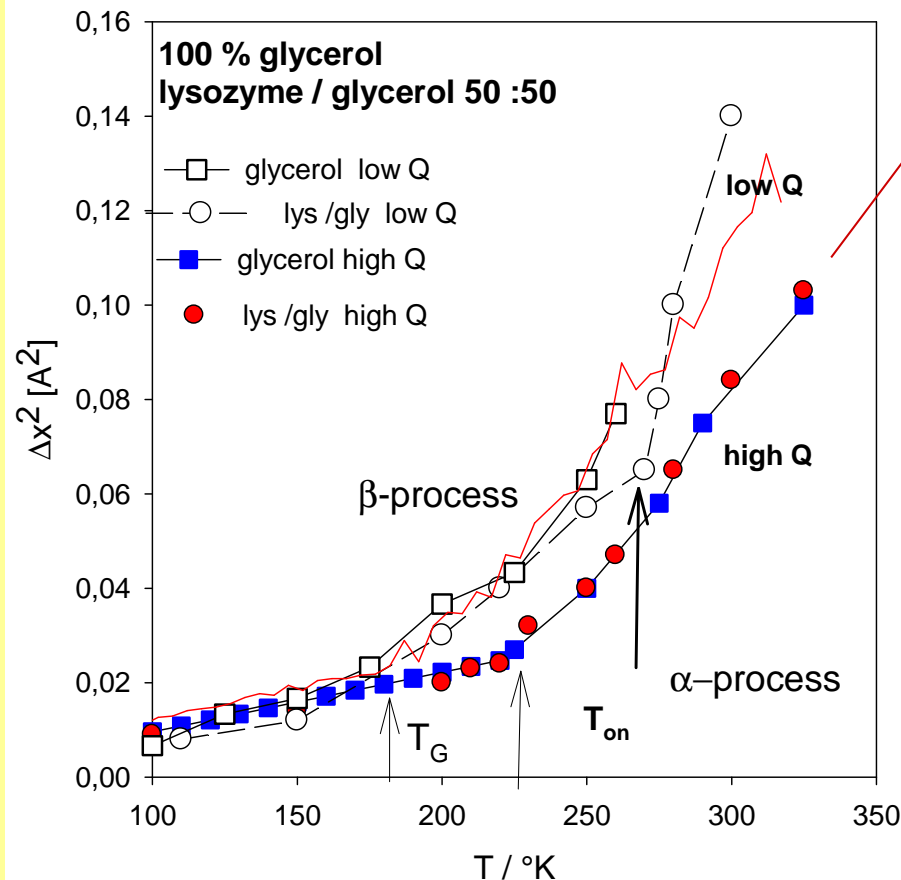


1) Perfect agreement of protein-solvent displacements

2) Insert show Arrhenius plot of dielectric relaxation of glycerol with  $\alpha$  and GJ $\beta$  process

# Lysozyme in glycerol: Solvent Slaving of Protein Motions?

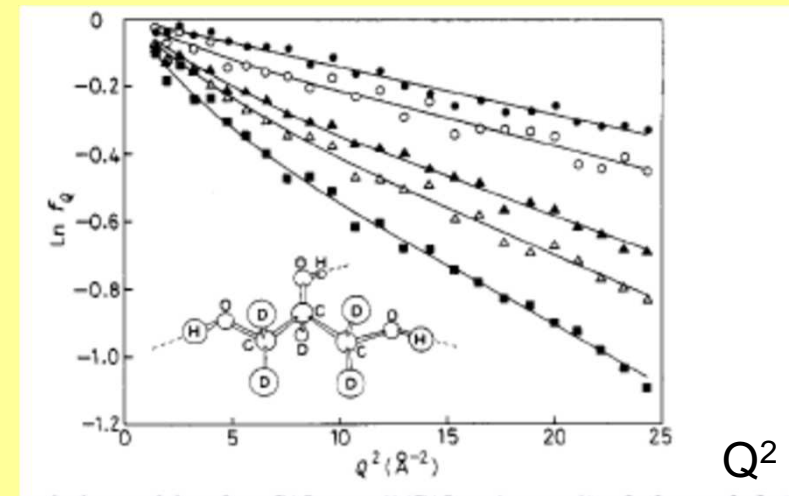
The displacements depend on the Q-range: Cappacioli et al.; only high Q.



100 % glycerol

$\ln I_{el}(Q)$

Fujara et al.



High Q versus low Q displacements

$$\langle \Delta x^2 \rangle = Q^{-2} \frac{d(\ln I_{el})}{dQ^2}$$

Result: low Q displacements different from high Q, beta processes emerge only at low Q, ignored by Cappacioli et al.

## Conclusions: Solvent Effects on Protein Function

„Biomolecules feel and respond only to those water molecules that are in close contact and not to bulk water“  
(N. Dencher et al. 1998 Les Houches)

- 1) Hydration water shows two relaxation processes:  
fast local reorientation (beta) and slow long range diffusion (alpha)
- 2) Two classes of protein functional motions exist:
  - (S) Surface viscosity coupled protein displacements
  - (I) truly internal (solvent decoupled) displacements  
pressure cannot push water into protein voids
- 3) dynamical transition is induced by alpha-relaxation of the solvent, role of beta-relaxation unclear
- 4) Protein-water vibrations: hydration water does not exhibit a protein Boson peak, hindered rotation of water couples to low frequency diffusive motion: bond splitting

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