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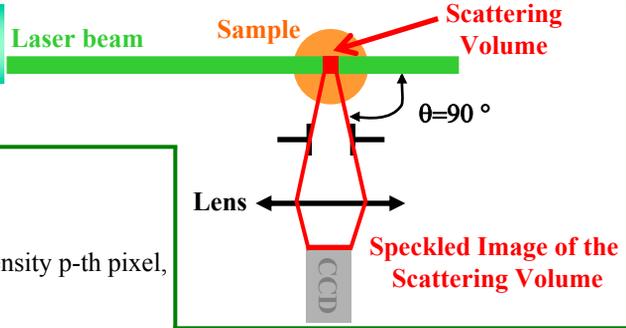
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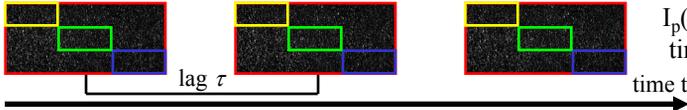
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Dynamic Light Scattering (DLS) Multispeckle Set Up

Imaging Geometry



Space and Time Resolved Correlation (TRC)



$I_p(t)$: intensity p-th pixel, time t

Speckled Images of the Scattering Volume

❖ Spatially Resolved Intensity Correlation Function :

$$g_2(\tau, \vec{r}) - 1 = \overline{c_1(t, \tau, \vec{r})}$$

❖ Space and Time Resolved Degree of Correlation :

$$c_1(t, \tau, \vec{r}) = \frac{\langle I_p(t) I_p(t + \tau) \rangle_{p \in V(\vec{r})}}{\langle I_p(t) \rangle_{p \in V(\vec{r})} \langle I_p(t + \tau) \rangle_{p \in V(\vec{r})}} - 1$$

❖ Spatial Correlation of the Dynamics :

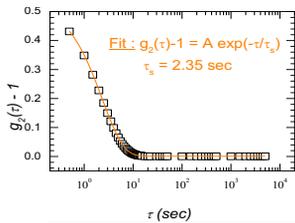
$$\text{corr}(\tau, \vec{r}) = \left\langle \frac{c_1(t, \tau, \vec{r}) c_1(t, \tau, \vec{r} + \Delta \vec{r}) - c_1(t, \tau, \vec{r}) c_1(t, \tau, \vec{r} + \Delta \vec{r})}{c_1(t, \tau, \vec{r})^2 - c_1(t, \tau, \vec{r})} \right\rangle_{\vec{r}}$$

Experimental Results

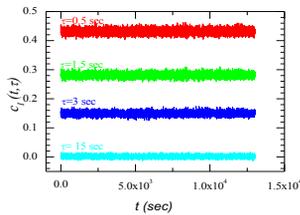
➤ TEST : Diluted Brownian Suspension [2]

❖ **Sample :** $r_{\text{spheres}} = 530 \text{ nm}$, $\Phi = 3.7 \cdot 10^{-5}$

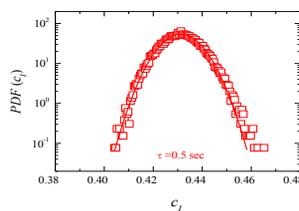
❖ Average Dynamics :



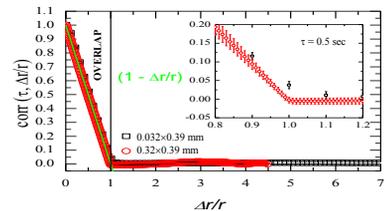
❖ Time Resolved Dynamics :



❖ Distribution of c_1 :

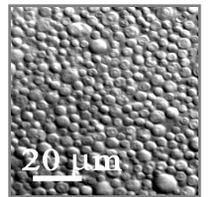


❖ Spatial Correlation Dynamics :



BROWNIAN DYNAMICS :

- $c_1(t, \tau)$: Stationary and Temporally Homogeneous Dynamics
- PDF (c_1) : Gaussian (fluctuations due to measurement noise)
- Dynamics Spatially Uncorrelated ($0 < \Delta r/r < 1$, $\text{Corr}(\tau, \Delta r/r) = (1 - \Delta r/r)$, Regions overlapped)

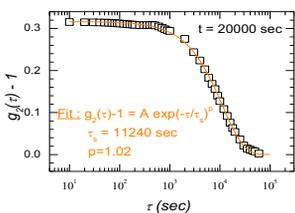


➤ ONIONS GEL [3]

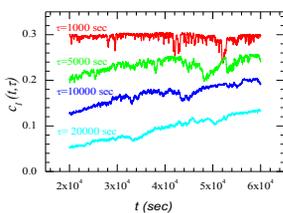
❖ Sample :

Octanol + CpCl decorated with F68

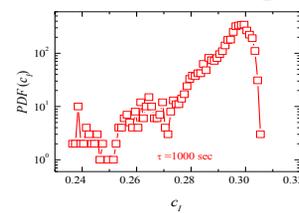
❖ Average dynamics :



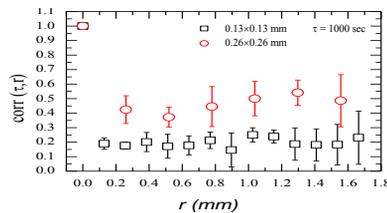
❖ Time Resolved Dynamics :



❖ Distribution of c_1 :



❖ Spatial Correlation Dynamics :



INTERMITTENT DYNAMICS :

- $c_1(t, \tau)$: Large Fluctuations, Heterogeneous Dynamics
- PDF (c_1) : Non-Gaussian
- Very Long Range Spatial Correlations of the Dynamics

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