

Fractional approaches to dielectric broadband spectroscopy

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Dielectric Broadband Spectroscopy

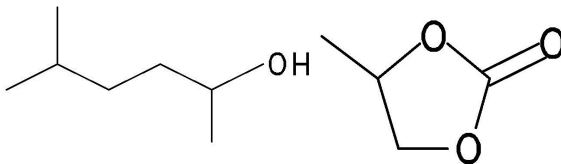
- Use composite fractional time evolution to describe dielectric spectroscopy data of glasses.
- Modified Debye relaxation equation with fractional derivatives
- Fitting with only 3/4 parameters

Fractional Calculus

- Solution to modified Debye relaxation equation
- Fractional differential equation (FDE) is solved directly.

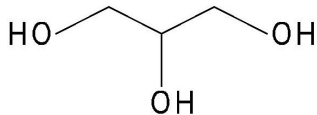
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Dielectric Relaxation in Glasses



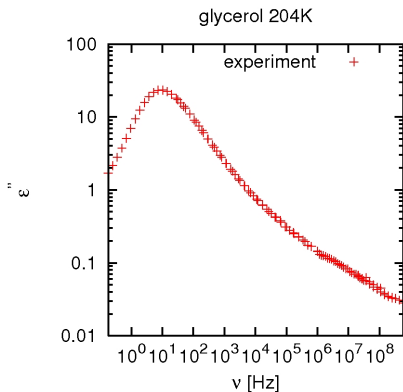
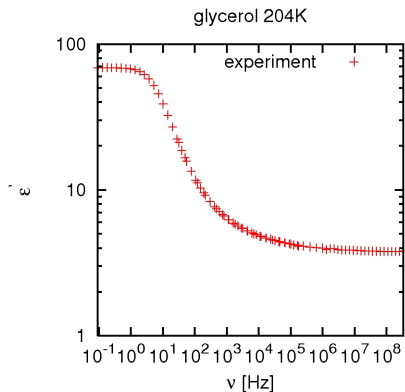
(a) 5-methyl-2-hexanol

(b) propylene carbonate



(c) glycerol

Example from Experiment



data: Loidl, Phys. Rev. E **59** 6924, (1999)

normalised relaxation function e.g. polarisation

$$f(t) = \Phi(t)/\Phi(0)$$

Debye:

$$\tau \frac{d}{dt} f(t) + f(t) = 0, f(0) = 1 \quad f(t) = e^{-t/\tau}$$

$$\mathcal{L}\{f(t)\}(u) = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-ut} f(t) dt$$

normalised complex dielectric susceptibility:

$$\chi(u) = 1 - u \mathcal{L}\{f(t)\}(u)$$

$$\chi(u) = \frac{1}{1 + u\tau} = \frac{\hat{\chi}(u) - \hat{\chi}_{\infty}}{\hat{\chi}(0) - \hat{\chi}_{\infty}}$$

$$u = 2\pi i\nu$$

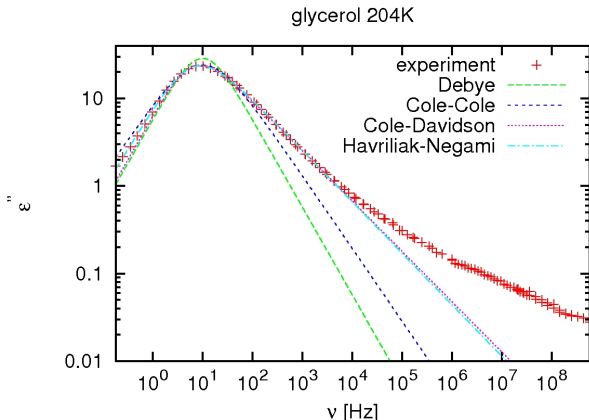
Debye: $\chi(u) = \frac{1}{1+u\tau}$ $n_{\text{param}} = 1$

Cole-Cole: $\chi(u) = \frac{1}{1+(u\tau)^\alpha}$ $n_{\text{param}} = 2$

Cole-Davidson: $\chi(u) = \frac{1}{(1+u\tau)^\gamma}$ $n_{\text{param}} = 2$

Havriliak-Negami [1]: $\chi(u) = \frac{1}{[1+(u\tau)^\alpha]^\gamma}$ $n_{\text{param}} = 3$

[1] Havriliak, Negami, Polymer **8** (4) 161, (1967)



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- Excess wing cannot be fitted with one function.
- superposition (Havriliak-Negami + Cole-Davidson \Rightarrow 6 fit parameters)

Apply the idea of composite fractional time evolution [Hilfer, Chem. Phys. **284** 399-408, (2002)]

Modified relaxation equations:

$$\begin{aligned}\tau_1 Df(t) + \tau_2^\alpha D^\alpha f(t) + f(t) &= 0 \\ \tau_1 Df(t) + \tau_1^{\alpha_1} D^{\alpha_1} f(t) + \tau_2^{\alpha_2} D^{\alpha_2} f(t) + f(t) &= 0\end{aligned}$$

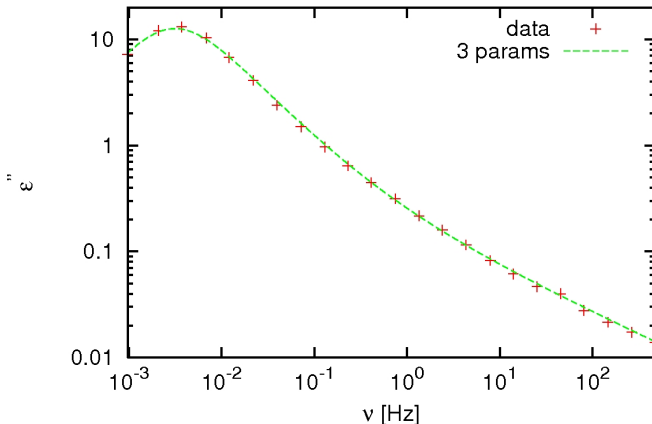
corresponding susceptibilities:

$$\text{3params: } \chi(u) = \frac{1 + (\tau_2 u)^\alpha}{1 + (\tau_2 u)^\alpha + \tau_1 u} \quad n_{\text{param}} = 3$$

$$\text{4params: } \chi(u) = \frac{1 + (\tau_1 u)^{\alpha_1} + (\tau_2 u)^{\alpha_2}}{1 + \tau_1 u + (\tau_1 u)^{\alpha_1} + (\tau_2 u)^{\alpha_2}} \quad n_{\text{param}} = 4$$

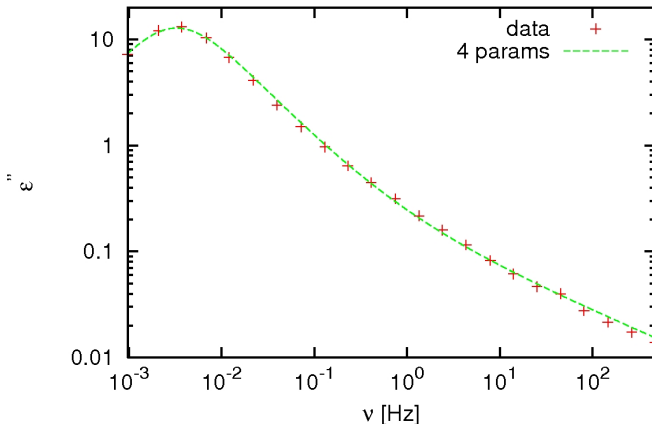
Fits fractional model

5-methyl-2-hexanol, 155.4K



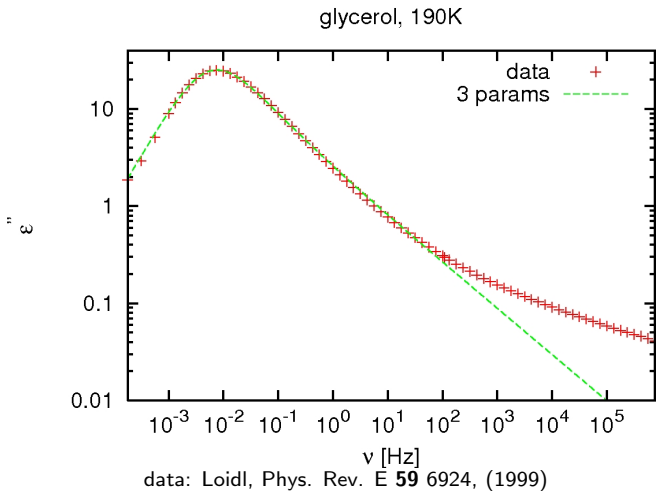
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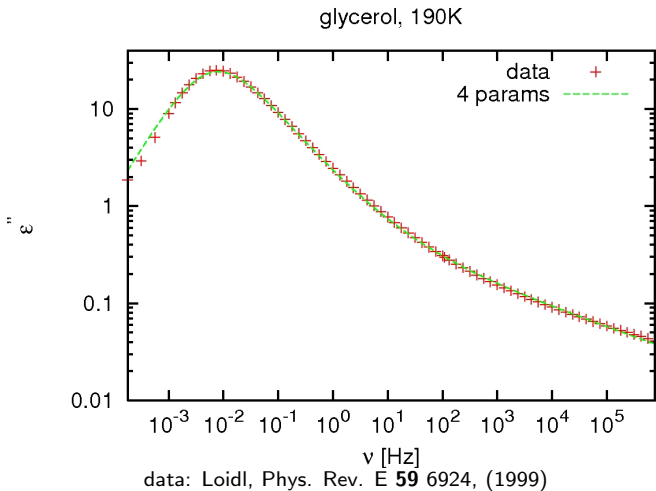


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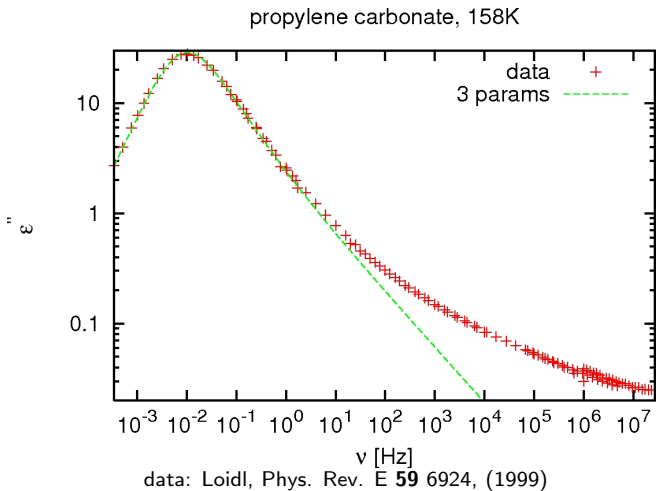
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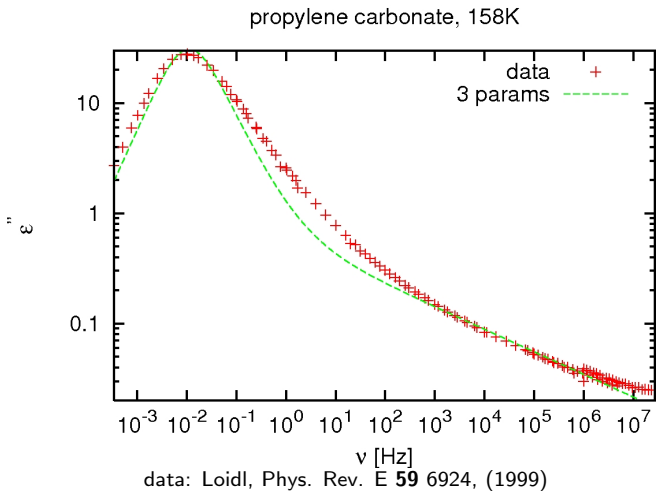
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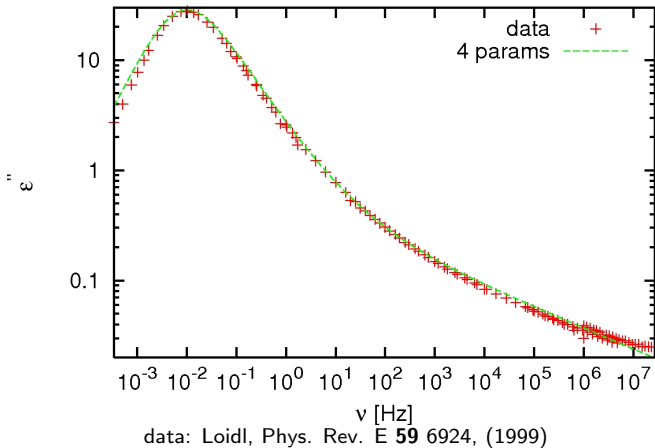
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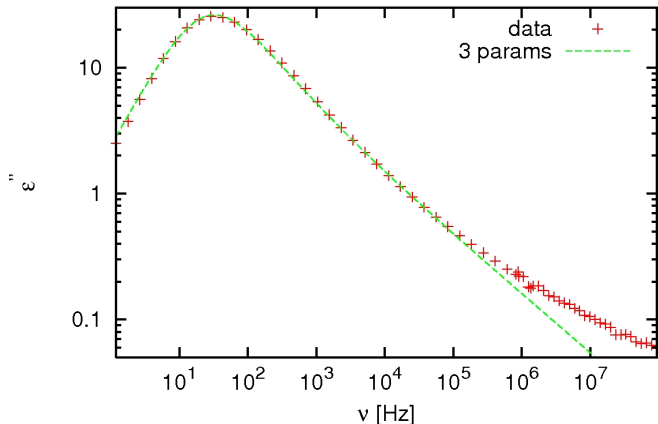


propylene carbonate, 158K



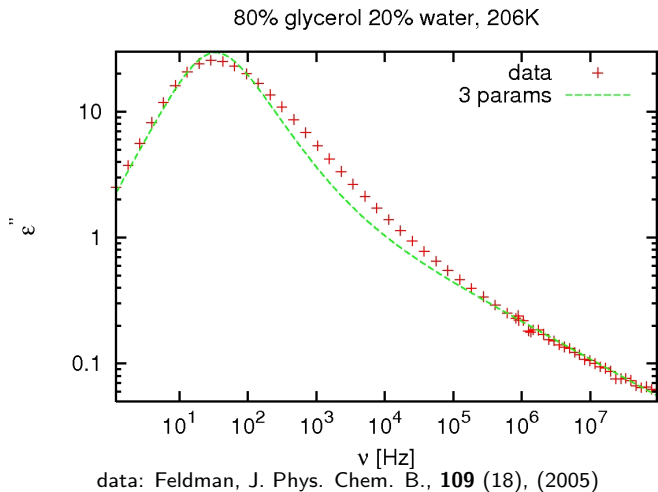
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80% glycerol 20% water, 206K

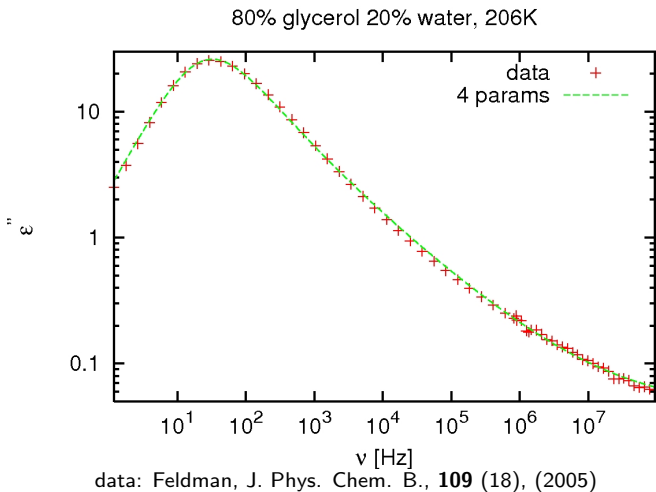


data: Feldman, J. Phys. Chem. B., **109** (18), (2005)

Fits fractional model



Fits fractional model



Fractional Calculus

solve the modified relaxation equations

$$\tau_1 Df(t) + \tau_2^\alpha D^\alpha f(t) + f(t) = 0$$

$$\tau_1 Df(t) + \tau_1^{\alpha_1} D^{\alpha_1} f(t) + \tau_2^{\alpha_2} D^{\alpha_2} f(t) + f(t) = 0$$

$$f(0) = 1$$

fractional integral:

$$I_0^\mu f(t) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\mu)} \int_0^t (t - \xi)^{\mu-1} f(\xi) d\xi$$

Riemann-Liouville:

$$\begin{aligned} D_0^\nu f(t) &= D^{\lceil \nu \rceil} I_0^{(\lceil \nu \rceil - \nu)} f(t) \\ D_0^{3.2} &= D^4 I_0^{0.8} \end{aligned}$$

Caputo-Liouville:

$$D_0^\nu f(t) = I_0^{(\lceil \nu \rceil - \nu)} D^{\lceil \nu \rceil} f(t)$$

Hilfer:

$$D_0^{\nu, \beta} f(t) = I_0^{\beta(\lceil \nu \rceil - \nu)} D^{\lceil \nu \rceil} I_0^{(1-\beta)(\lceil \nu \rceil - \nu)} f(t)$$

$$\begin{aligned} I_0^\mu e^{at} &= \frac{e^{at}}{a^\mu \Gamma(\mu)} \gamma(\nu, at) \\ &= E(\mu, a; t) \quad \text{fractiogene e-function } E_t(\mu, a) \\ &= t^\mu E_{1, \mu+1}(at) \quad \text{generalised Mittag-Leffler function} \end{aligned}$$

Properties:

$$\begin{aligned} D^\nu E(\mu, a; t) &= E(\mu - \nu, a; t) \\ E(\mu, a; t) &= aE(\mu + 1, a; t) + \frac{t^\mu}{\Gamma(\mu + 1)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\tau_1 Df(t) + \tau_1^{\alpha_1} D^{\alpha_1} f(t) + \tau_2^{\alpha_2} D^{\alpha_2} f(t) + f(t) = 0$$

more general $\sum_{i=0}^N a_i D^{i/N} f(t) = 0$

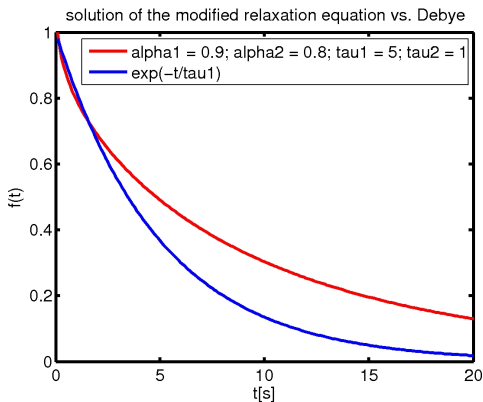
indicial polynomial $\sum_{i=0}^N a_i c_j^i = 0 \quad j=1, \dots, N$

solution $f(t) = \sum_{j=1}^N \left(\sum_{k=0}^{N-1} c_j^{N-k-1} E(-k/N, c_j^N; t) \right) B_j$

with $\sum_{j=1}^N B_j \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} c_j^i a_{N-k+i+1} = 0 \quad 1 \leq k \leq N-1$

modified relaxation equation:

$$\tau_1 Df(t) + \tau_1^{\alpha_1} D^{\alpha_1} f(t) + \tau_2^{\alpha_2} D^{\alpha_2} f(t) + f(t) = 0$$



- Modified relaxation equation describes spectroscopy data better than Havriliak-Negami and Cole-Cole
- Less parameters (3/4) than Havriliak-Negami + Cole-Cole (6)
- 4 parameters to fit over 9 decades
- Fractiogene ϵ -function to solve FDE independently of the type of derivative
- Solution of modified relaxation equation slower than Debye relaxation

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