

Experimental Rheological Measurements at Gas-Liquid Interfaces

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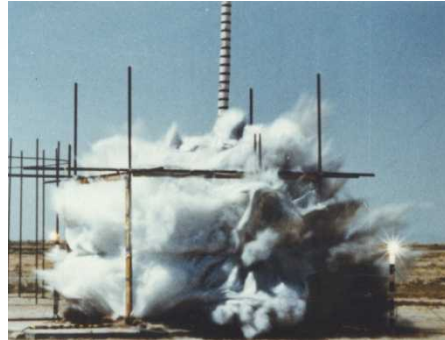
Sandia's Foam Interests

Explosion Suppression

no foam



foam



no foam



foam

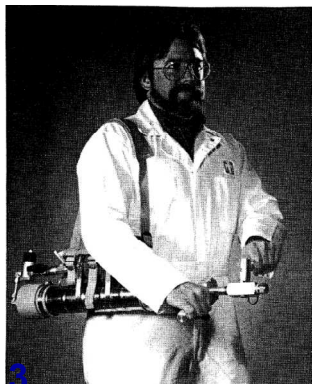


Aubert et al. *Scientific American* 254 74 (1986)

Courtesy of P.B. Rand

Encapsulation

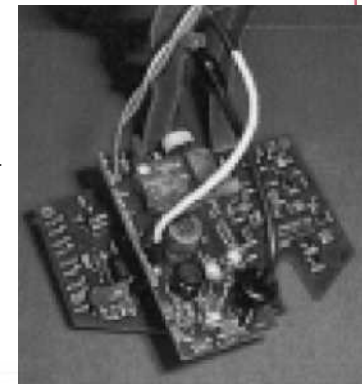
Intruders/Unruly Crowds



Electronics—removable foam



reversible
chemistry
→
90°C

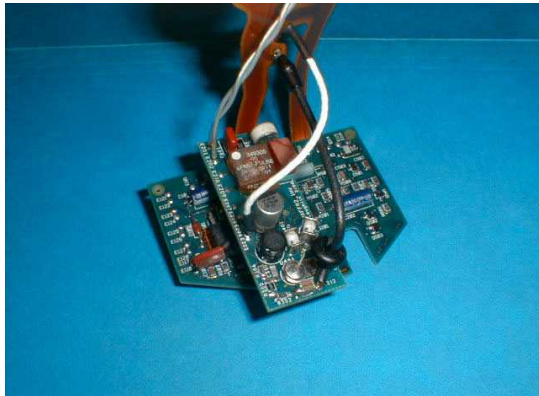


McElhanon et al. *J. Appl. Polym. Sci.* 85 1496 (2002)



Understanding Foams

- Foams are frequently used to encapsulate and protect sensitive electronics from shock and environmental disturbance

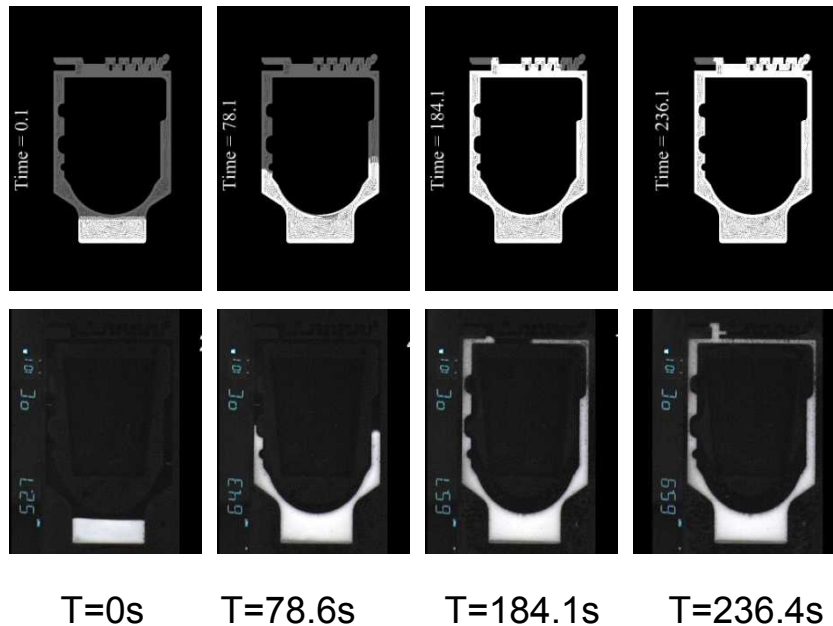


Flow studies with
physically blown
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channel 6x12mm

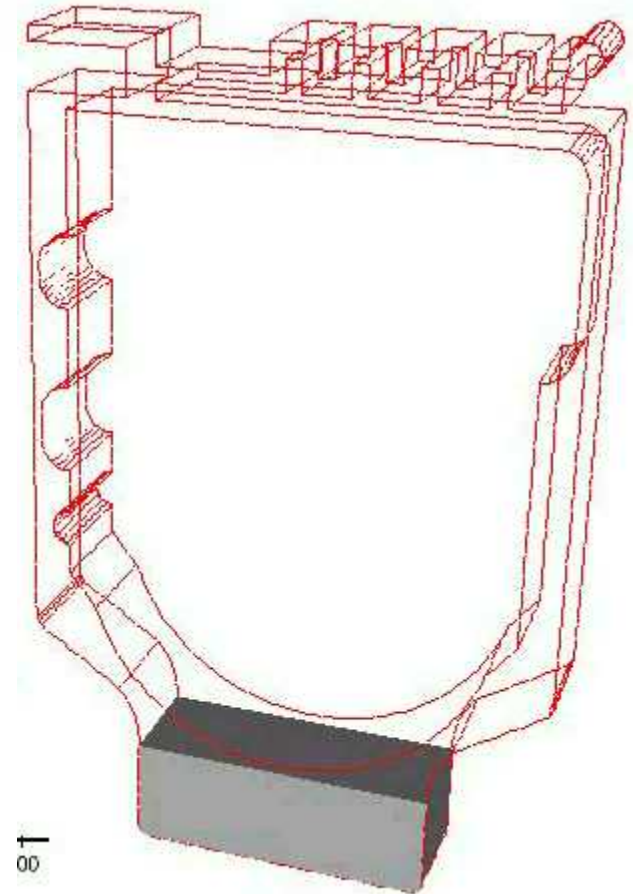


Predictive Computational Models

- Sandia has developed predictive modeling capability to improve encapsulation processes

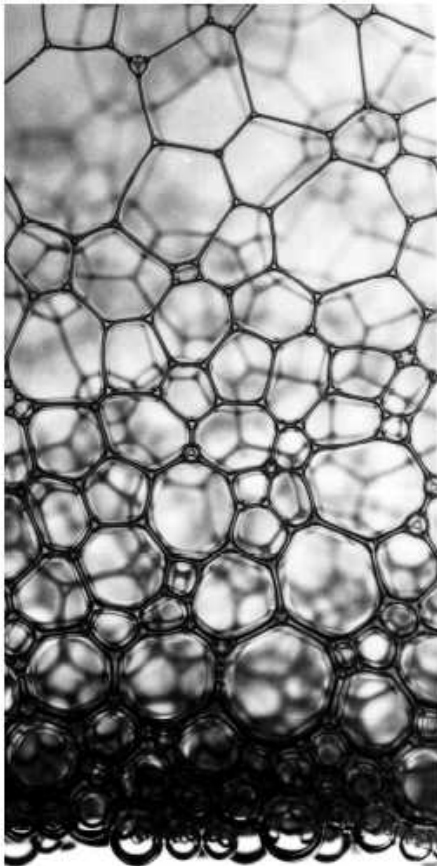


Complex mold filling with
physically blown epoxy foam



Interfacial Link to Foam Properties

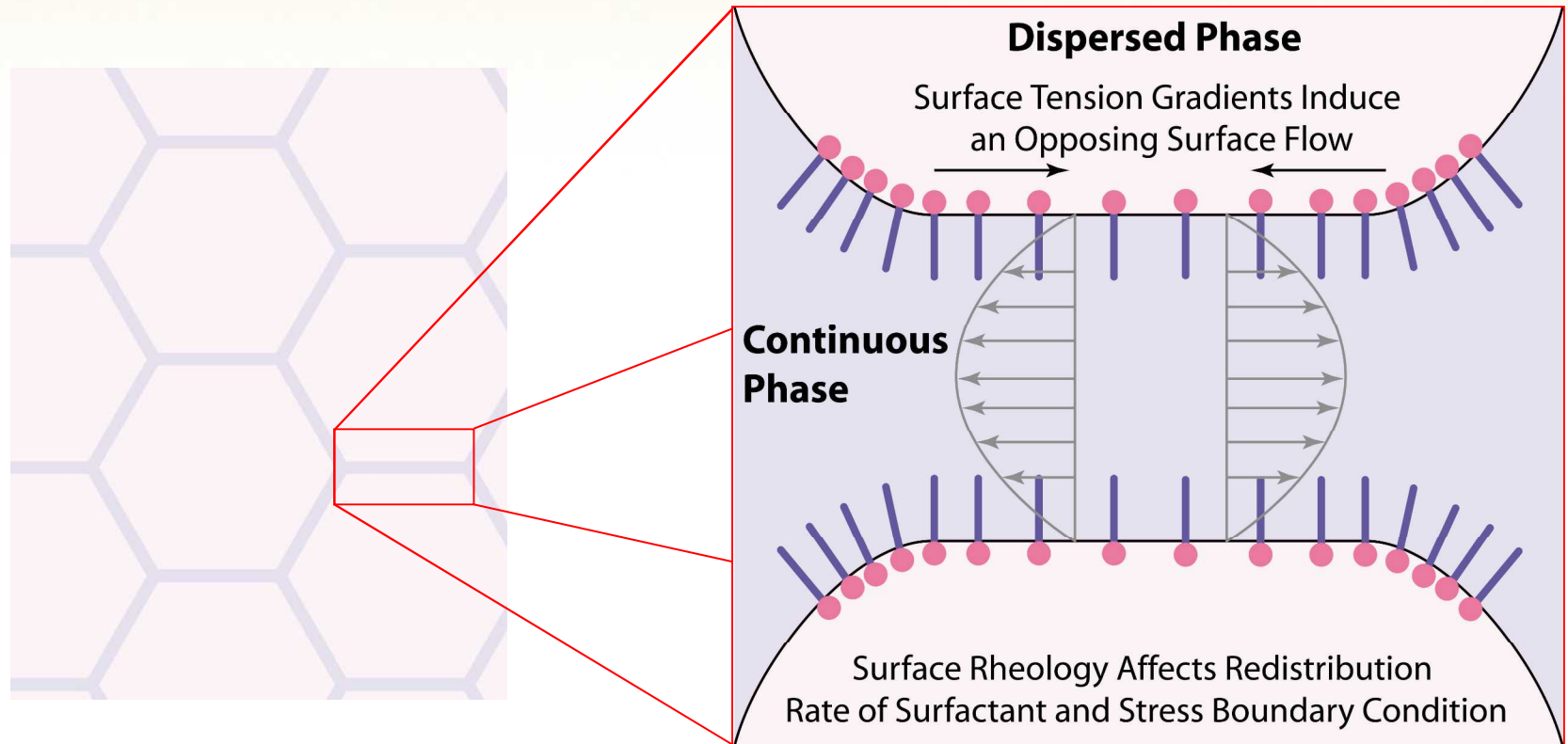
5% SDS in water



3 mm bubbles

- Foam stability
 - Ostwald ripening
 - Coalescence
 - Flow effects
- Importance of Surface Rheology
 - Surface dilatational properties
 - High frequency – coalescence
 - Low frequency – ripening
 - Surface shear viscosity – resistance to flow at the interface
 - Fruhner et al. 2000, Stubenrauch & Miller 2004, Georgieva et al. 2008

Role of Surface Rheology in Foam Stability



The rheology of the interface between the phases (air-liquid for foams, liquid-liquid for emulsions) affects the drainage of the continuous phase as the dispersed phase coalesces

Incorporate Interfacial Rheology Effects

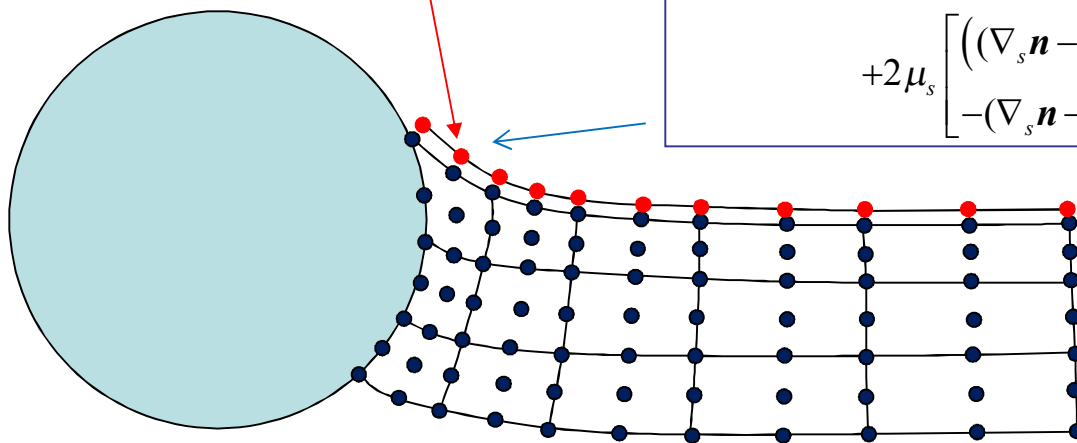
Shell unknowns Γ_i defined on shell elements are used to calculate intermediate quantities at the interface

$$\int_{d\Omega} (\Gamma_1 - \nabla_s \cdot \mathbf{v}) \varphi^i dA = 0 \quad \int_{d\Omega} (\Gamma_3 - (\nabla_s \times \mathbf{v}) \cdot \mathbf{n}) \varphi^i dA = 0$$

$$\int_{d\Omega} (\Gamma_2 - (\nabla_s \mathbf{v}) \cdot \mathbf{n}) \varphi^i dA = 0 \quad \int_{d\Omega} (\Gamma_4 - 2H) \varphi^i dA = 0$$

To eliminate second derivatives in the Boussinesq-Scriven model equations, integral BC's on NS equations are written in terms of the shell unknowns Γ_i defined on shell elements

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{n} \cdot (\underline{\underline{T}} - \underline{\underline{\tau}}_{ext}) = & 2H\sigma\mathbf{n} + \nabla_s \sigma + \Gamma_4 \mathbf{n} (\kappa_s + \mu_s) \Gamma_1 \\ & + \Gamma_4 (\kappa_s + \mu_s) \nabla_s (\Gamma_1) + \mu_s (\mathbf{n} \times \nabla_s \Gamma_3) \\ & + 2\mu_s \left[\begin{aligned} & ((\nabla_s \mathbf{n} - \Gamma_4 \mathbf{I}_s) : \nabla_s \mathbf{v}) \mathbf{n} \\ & - (\nabla_s \mathbf{n} - \Gamma_4 \mathbf{I}_s) \cdot \underline{\underline{\Gamma}}_2 \end{aligned} \right] \end{aligned}$$



Bulk NS finite element residuals specify the stress tensor via a weak formulation, that includes the extra surface rheology terms

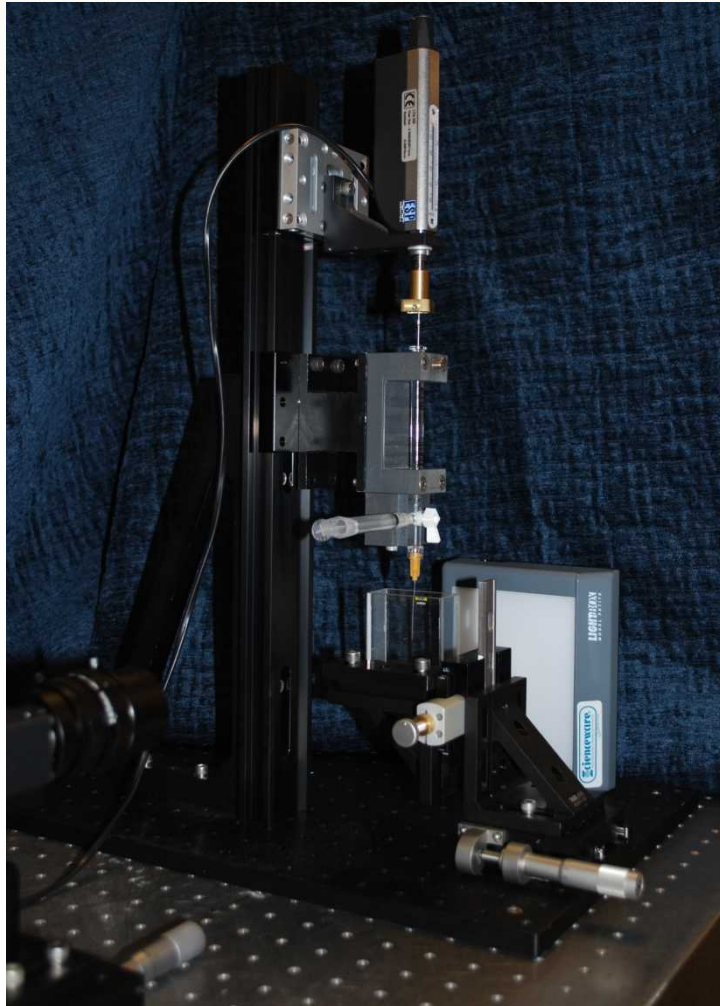
$$R_w = \int \left[\rho \left(\frac{d\mathbf{v}}{dt} + \mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{v} \right) - \mathbf{f} \right] \varphi^i d\Omega + \int \underline{\underline{T}} \cdot \nabla \varphi^i d\Omega - \int \mathbf{n} \cdot \underline{\underline{T}} \varphi^i d\Omega$$

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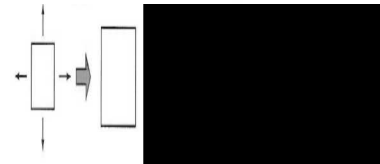
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Surface Dilatational Rheometer (SDR)

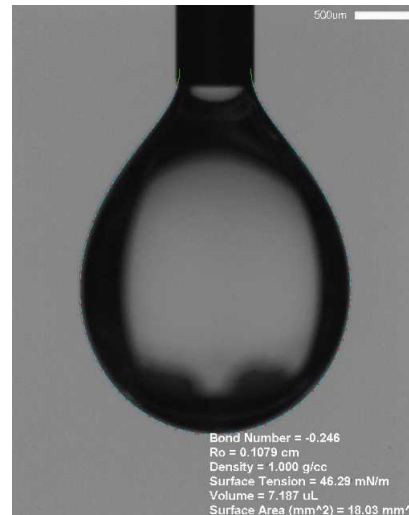


Measure interfacial dilatational rheology by oscillating the volume of a pendant drop and measuring changes in surface tension (σ) with surface area (A).



Dilatational deformation of interface probed

Surface tension is measured by performing a pendant drop analysis (fitting drop shape to a solution of the Laplace-Young equation $\pm 1^\circ\text{C}$). The surface dilatational modulus (E_s^*) is



$$A \frac{\partial \sigma}{\partial A} = E_s^* = E_s' + iE_s''$$

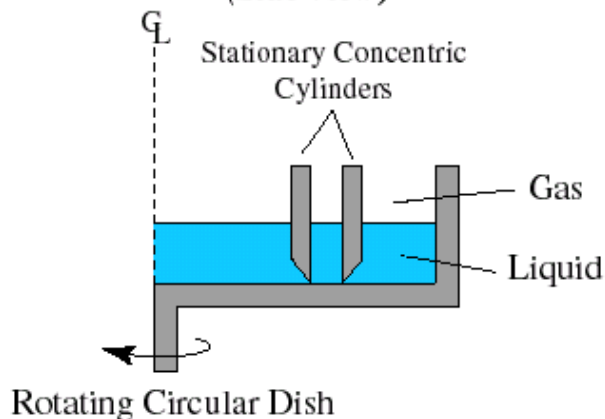
Drop oscillating in volume



Methods for Interfacial Shear Viscosity

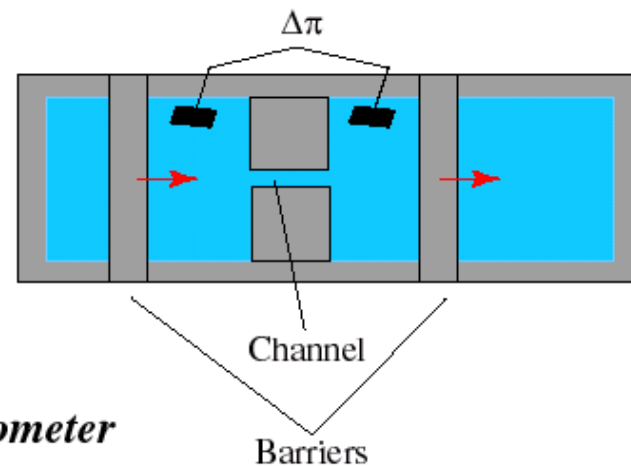
Deep-Channel Surface Viscometer

(Side View)



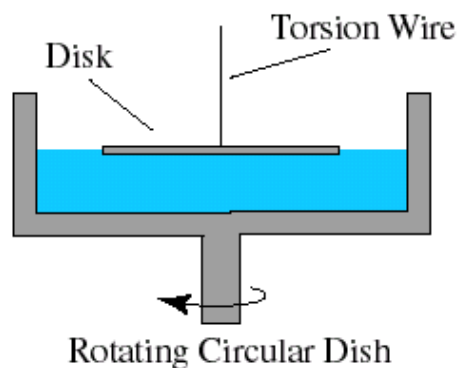
Channel Flow Viscometer

(Top View)



Surface Disk Viscometer

(Side View)



Boussinesq # defines relative contributions from the surface and bulk

$$Bo_{DISK} = \frac{\text{Surface Drag}}{\text{Subphase Drag}} = \frac{\eta_s P}{\eta_b A} = \frac{2\eta_s}{\eta_b R}$$

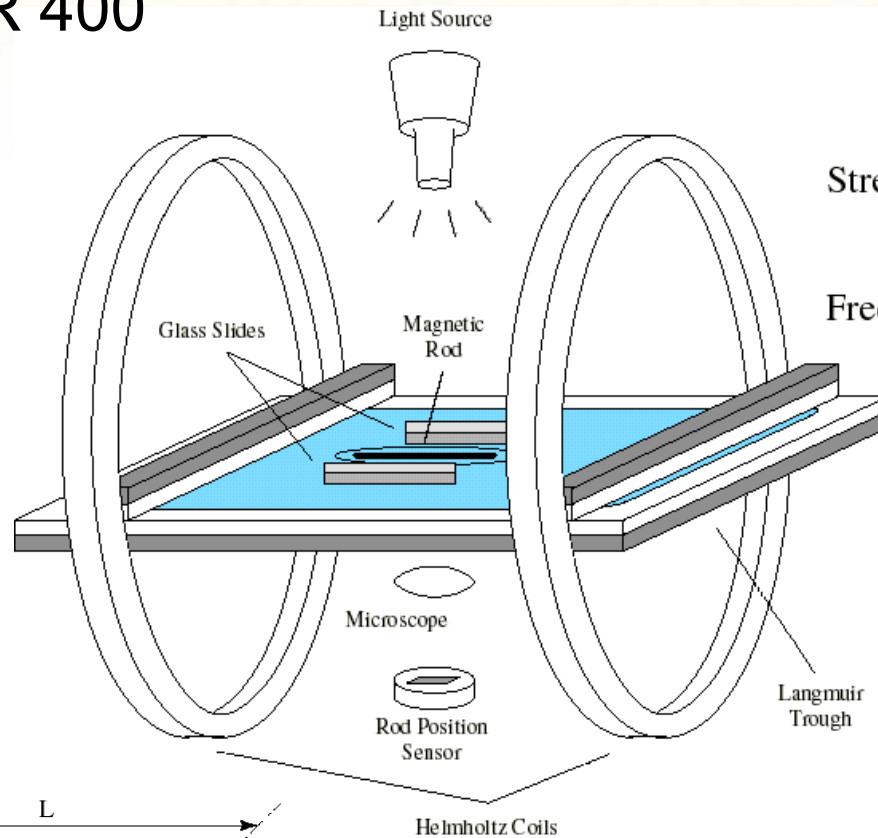


To measure surface effects, **large Bo** is desired



Interfacial Shear Rheometer

- KVS ISR 400



Specifications

Stress: $10^{-5} < \tau_s < 10^{-1}$ mN/m

Strain: $10^{-4} < \gamma < 0.1$

Frequency: $0.1 < \omega < 10$ rad/s

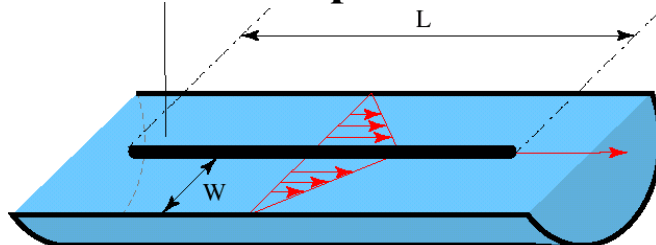
Modulus

$10^{-4} < G_s < 10^3$ mN/m

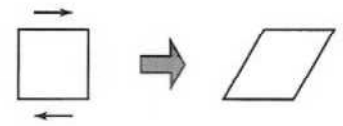
Viscosity

$10^{-5} < \eta_s < 10^4$ mN-s/m

Rod Close-Up

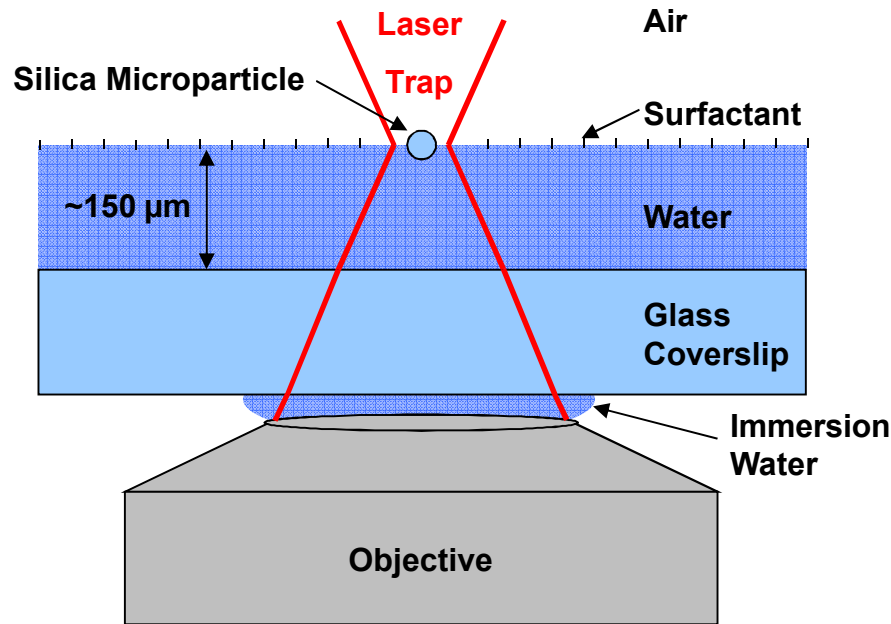


$$Bo_{ISR} = \frac{\eta_s P}{\eta_b A} = \frac{\eta_s}{\eta_b R(\pi - \theta)}$$



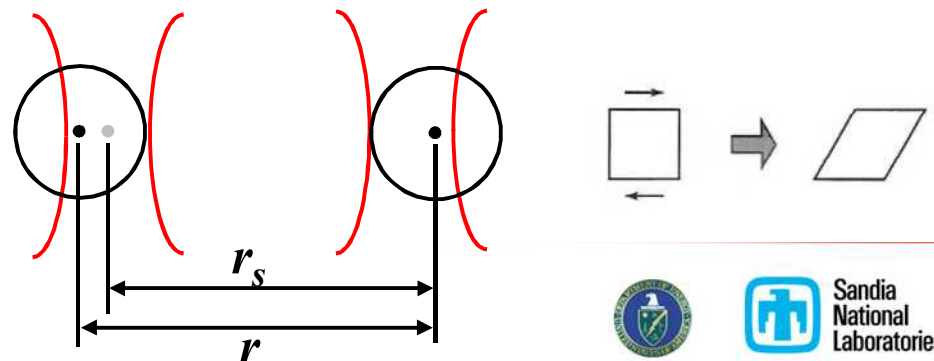
Micro-Interfacial Rheometer

- Use micron-sized particles at the interface to probe interfacial rheology



$$Bo_{MIR} = \frac{\eta_s P}{\eta_b A} = \frac{\eta_s}{\eta_b R} \left(\frac{\sin \theta}{1 + \cos \theta} \right)$$

- Passive μ -rheology
Observation of particle diffusion to find η_s , G' , G''
[Prasad, Koehler, Weeks \(2006\)](#)
- Active μ -rheology
Move particle on the interface and measure drag force experienced by the particle
[Park, Furst *et al.* \(2008\)](#)

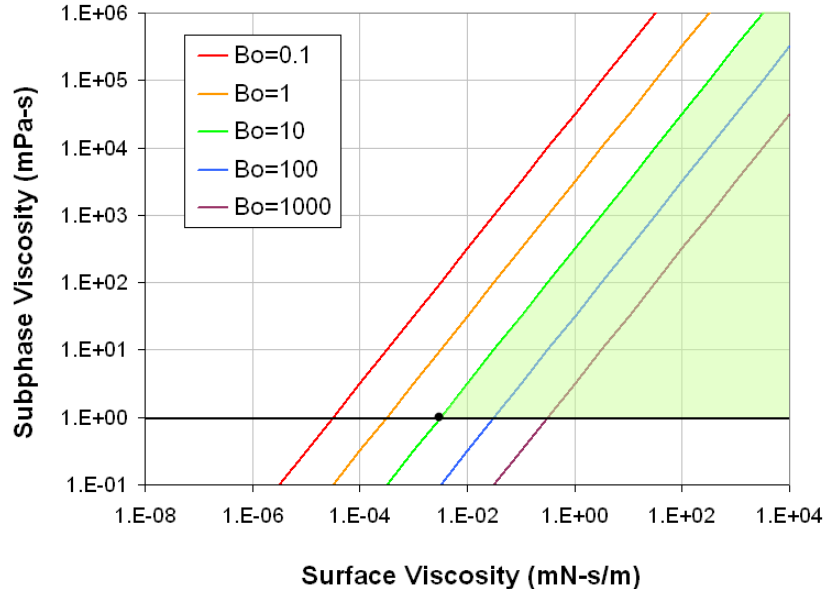


MIR – The Promise

- Enhanced surface sensitivity with small sphere probes

ISR – Magnetic Rod

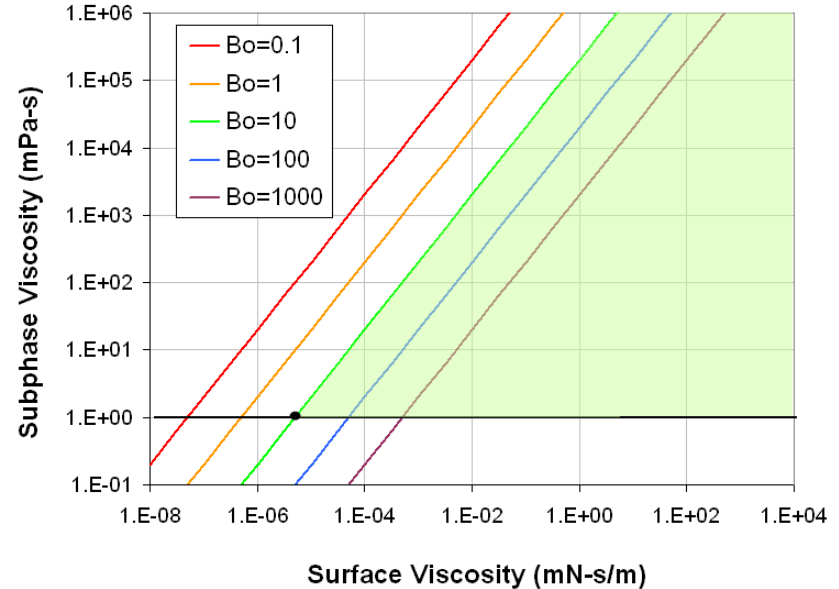
$$Bo_{ISR} = \frac{2}{\pi} \frac{\eta_s}{\eta_b R} \quad 2R=400\mu\text{m} \quad \theta=90^\circ$$



$$\eta_s > 3 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mN-s/m}$$

MIR – Sphere

$$Bo_{MIR} = \frac{\eta_s}{\eta_b R} \quad 2R=1\mu\text{m} \quad \theta=90^\circ$$



$$\eta_s > 5 \times 10^{-6} \text{ mN-s/m}$$

Increased sensitivity of MIR can permit examination of surfaces on more viscous subphases



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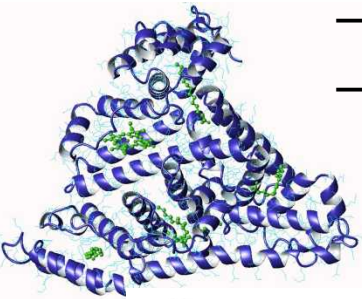
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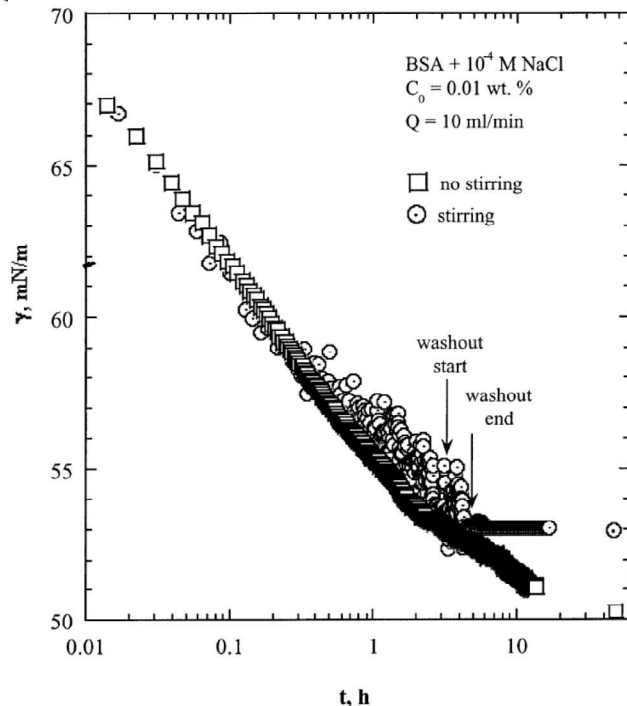
Surface Active Materials

- Bovine serum albumin (BSA)

- Protein $M_w \sim 69,000$
- Irreversibly adsorbs

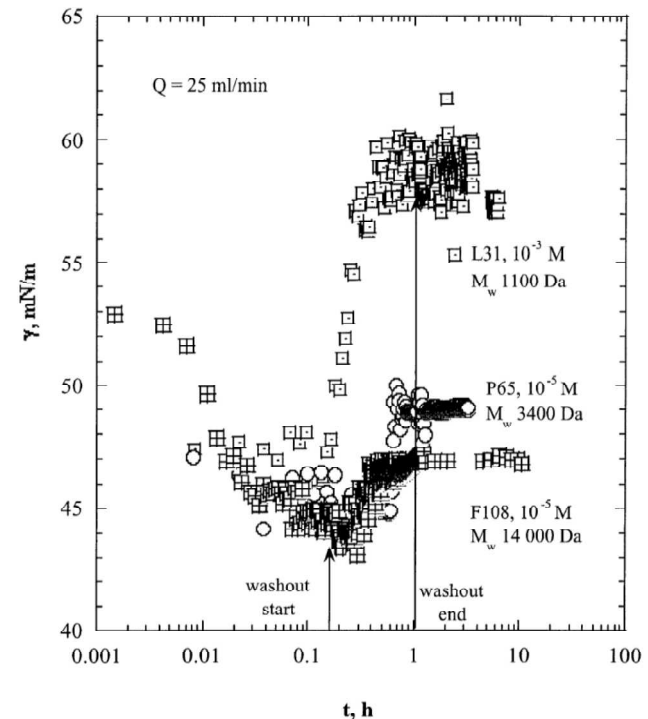
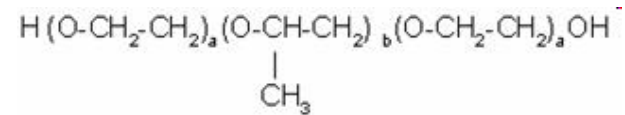


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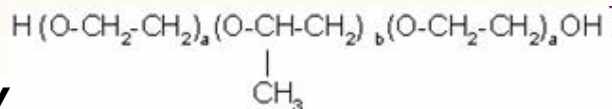


- Polyoxamer (Pluronic® BASF)

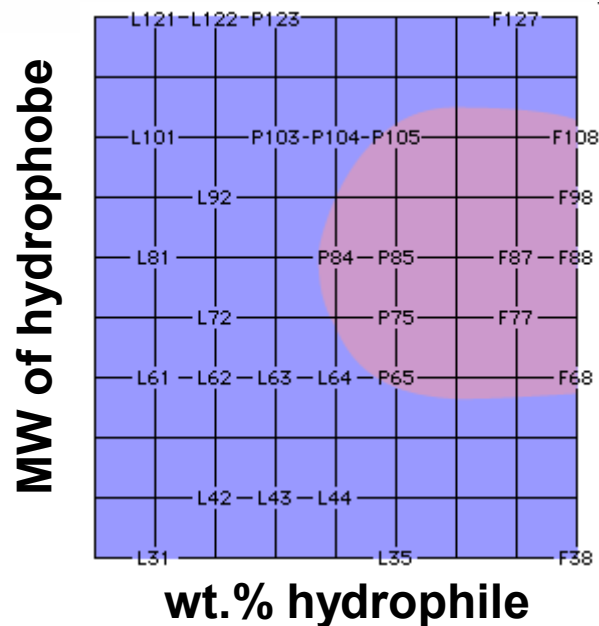
- Tri-Block copolymer EO-PO-EO
- Vary weight to tune foam properties



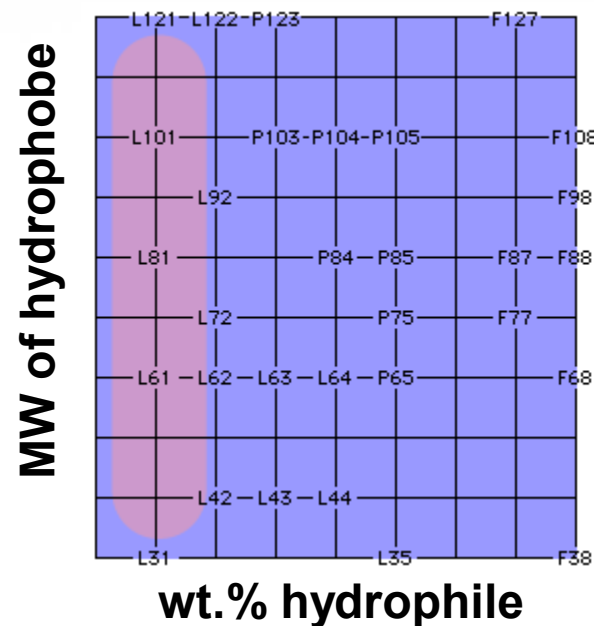
Pluronic®



Foamability



Defoaming



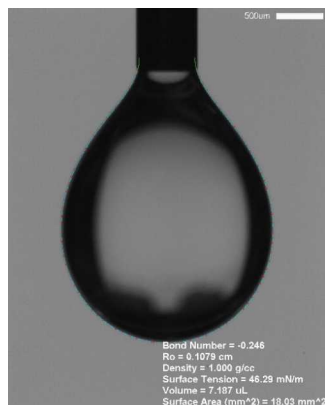
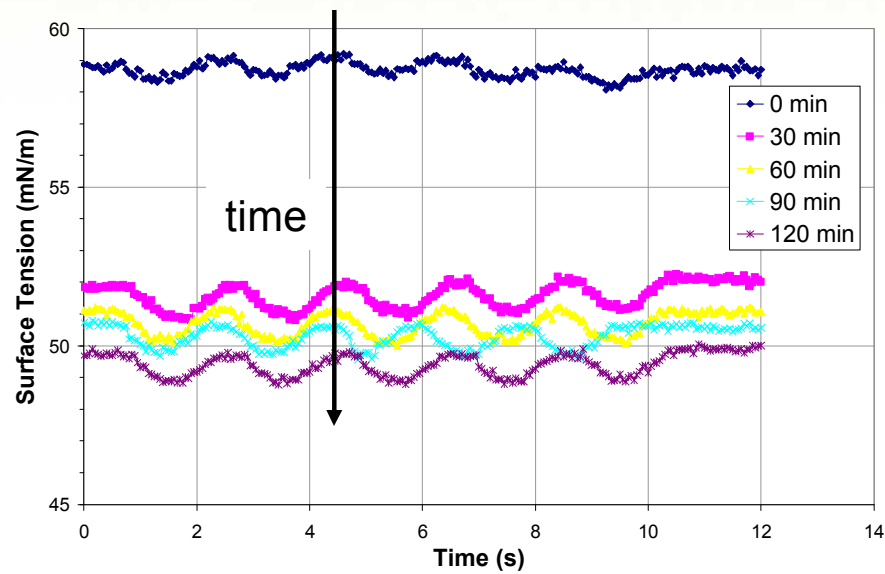
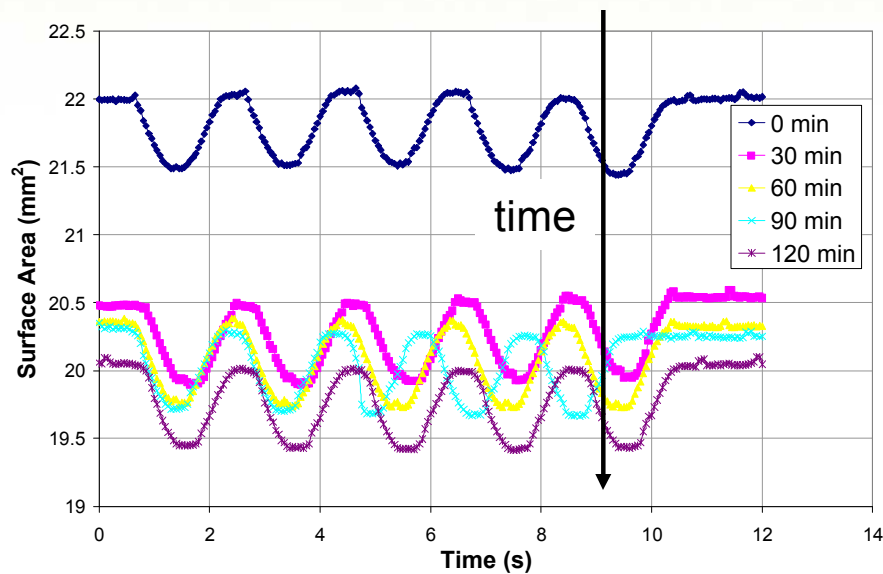
Surface Tension (mN/m)

	MW (g/mol)	0.1% at 25C	HLB
L31	1100	47	1-7
F108	14,600	41	>24



Dilatational Elasticity of BSA

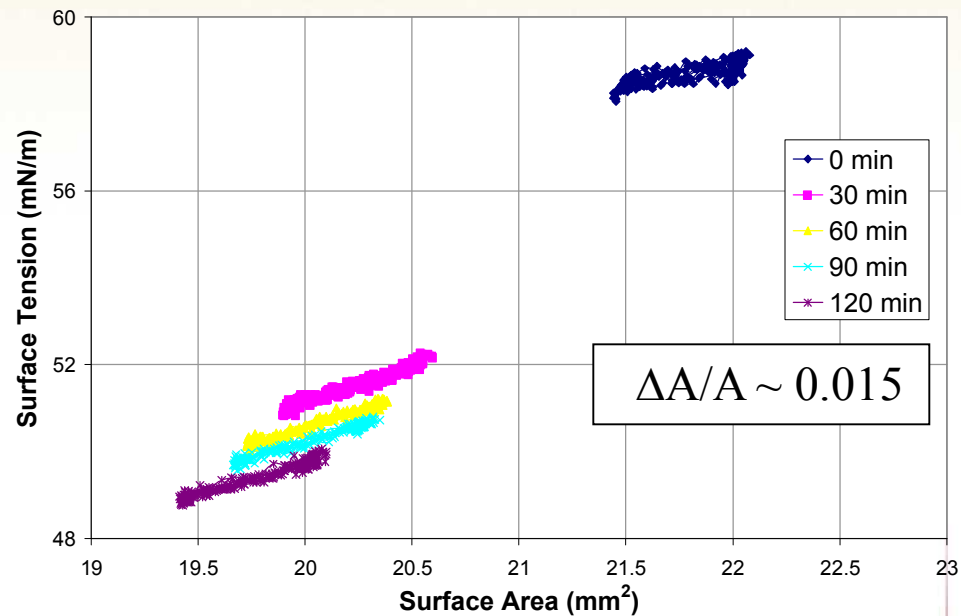
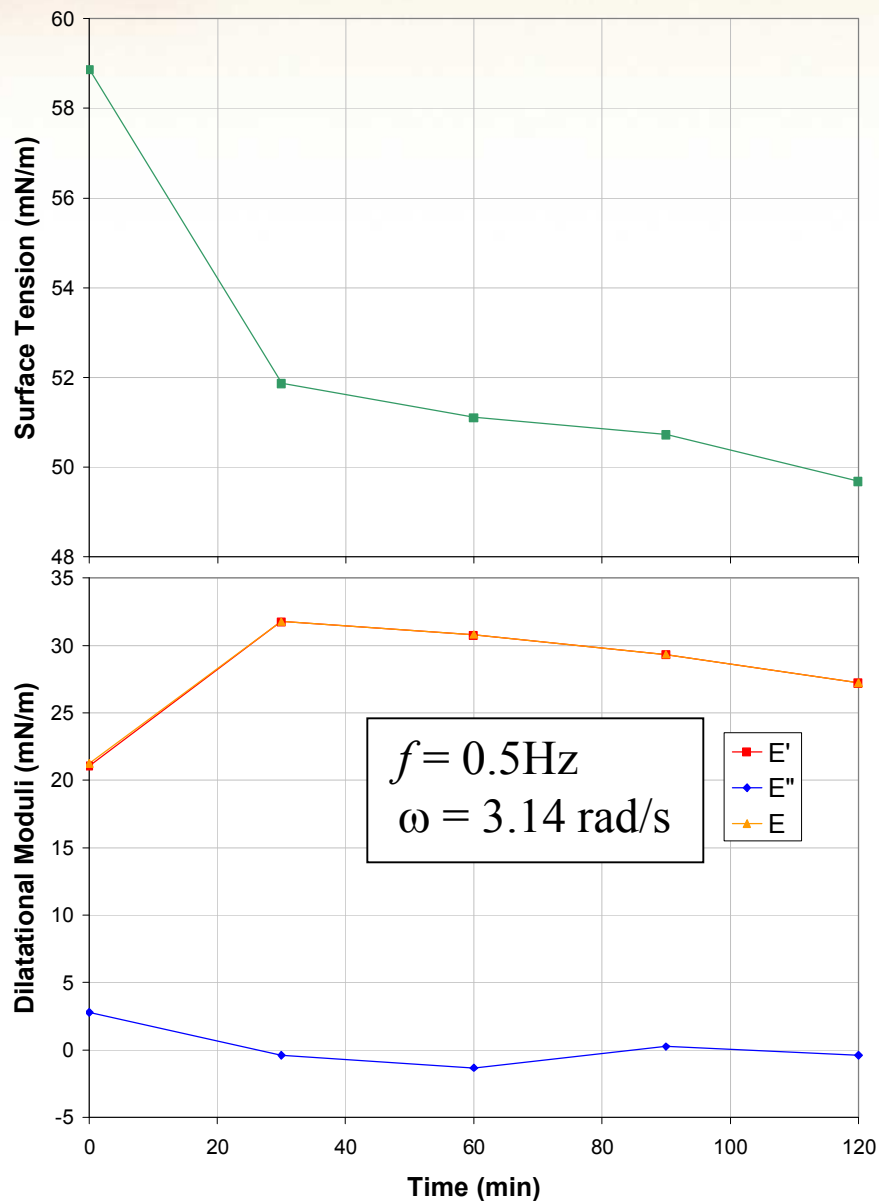
- Bovine Serum Albumin – 0.1 wt% in 1mM NaCl



Clear correlation
of changes in
surface tension
with drop surface
area

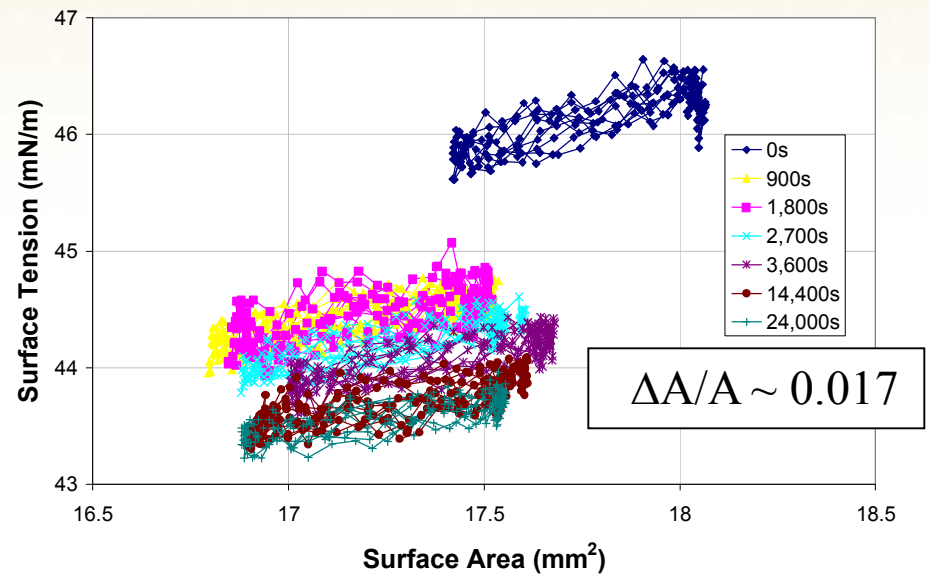
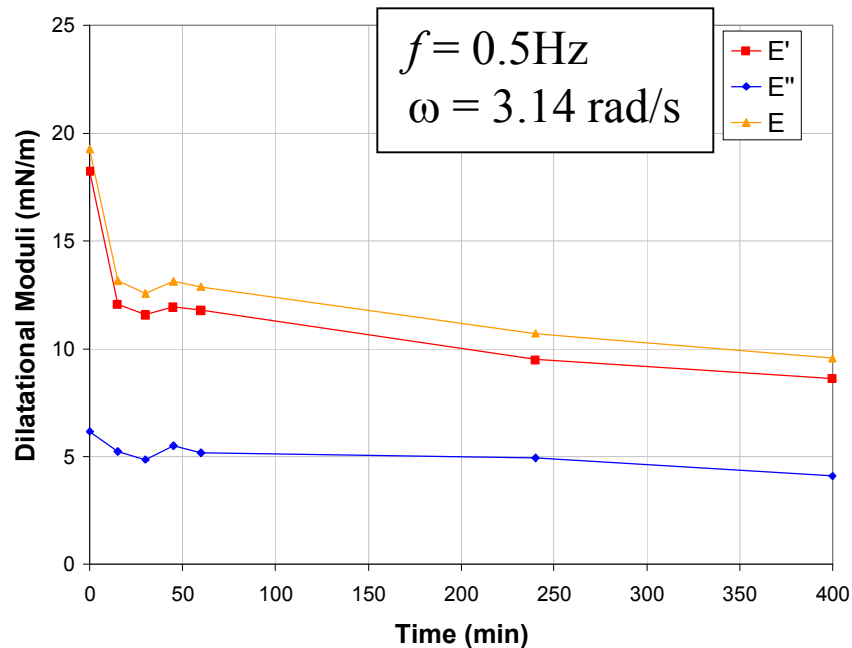
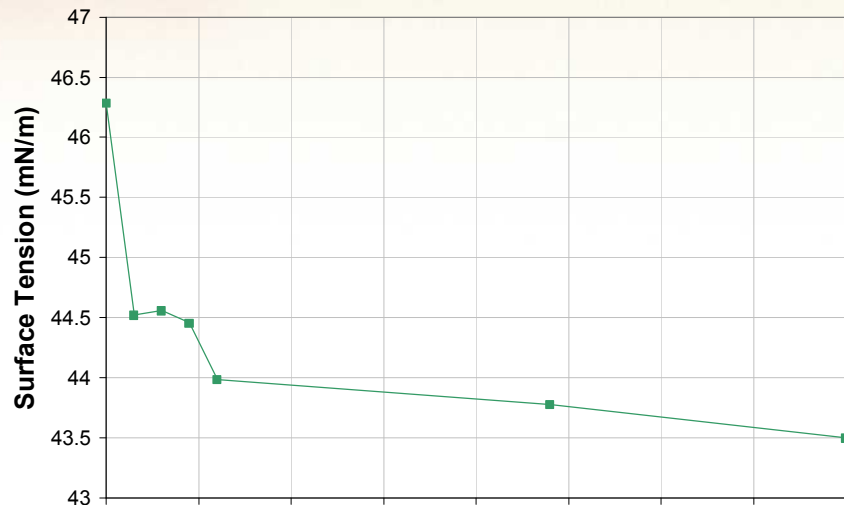


0.1wt.% BSA in 1mM NaCl - Dilatational



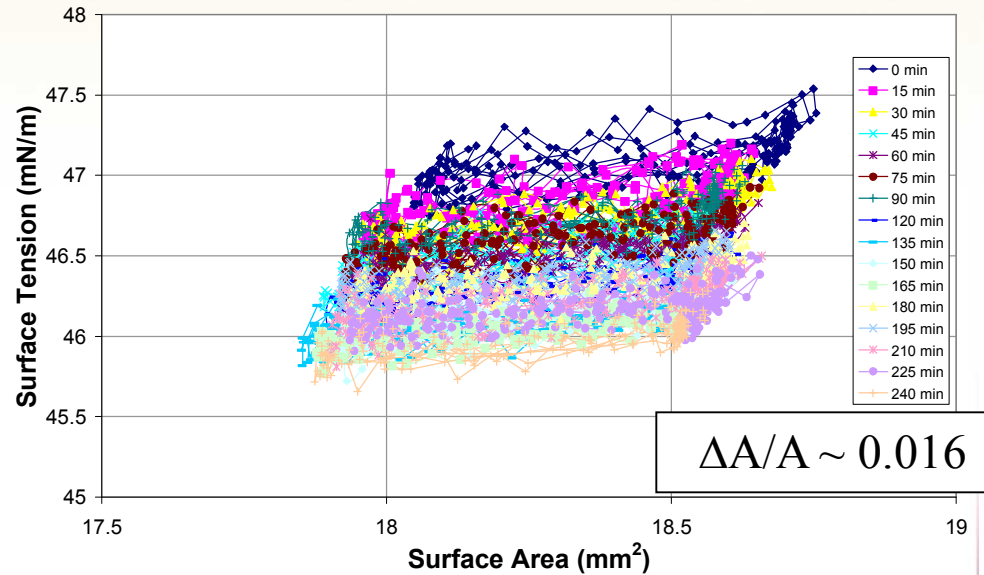
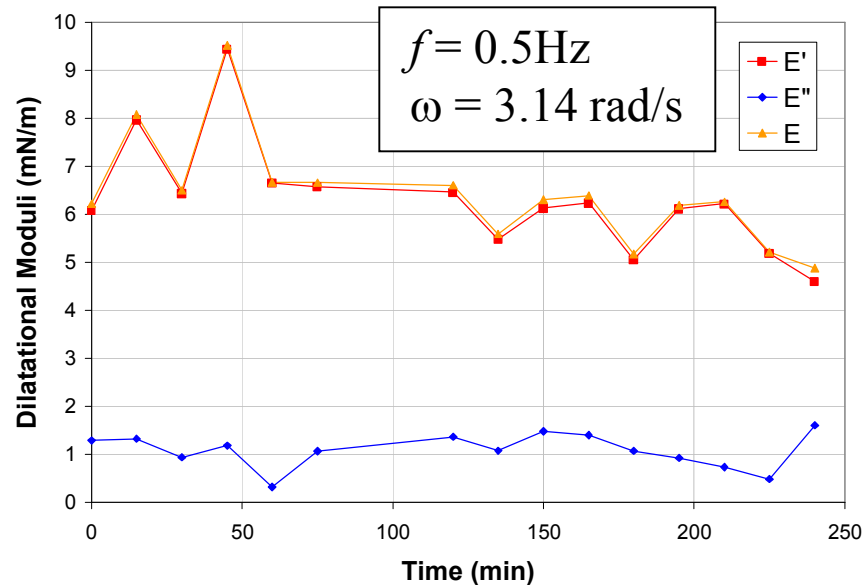
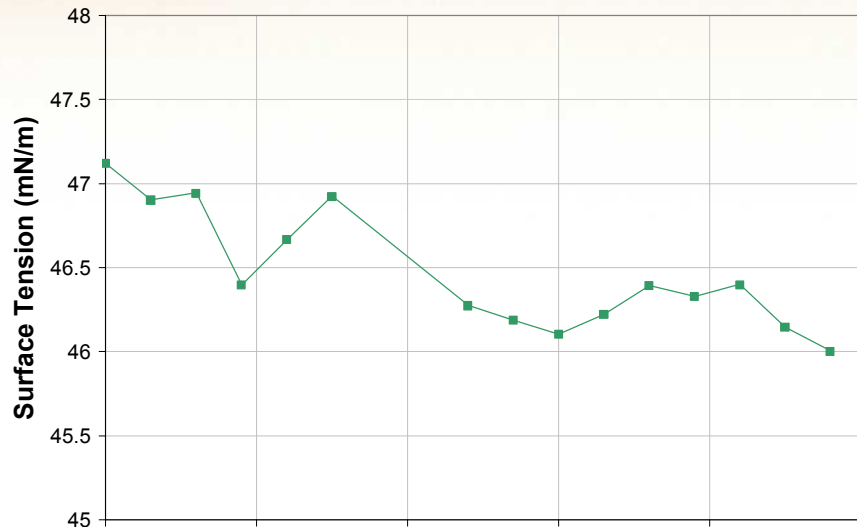
• Change in slope in γ vs. A plot shows the rapid increase in elasticity as BSA adsorbs to surface -- after ~30 minutes, elasticity is fairly stable

1mM Pluronic F108 - Dilatational



• Upon stabilization, the surface appears viscoelastic, albeit still mostly elastic

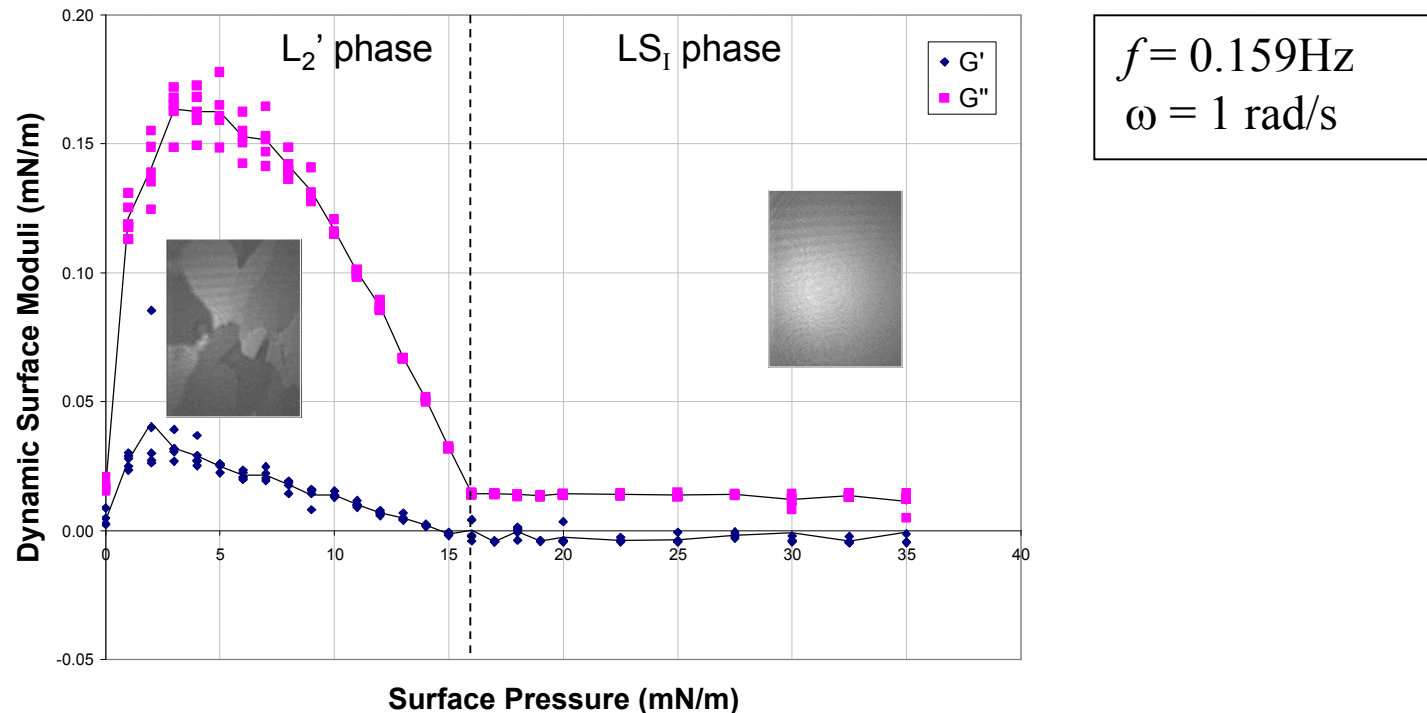
1mM Pluronic L31 - Dilatational



•Surface stabilizes rapidly and is predominantly elastic

ISR Rheology of Eicosanol

- Validated on well-studied Newtonian surfactant system $C_{20}OH$

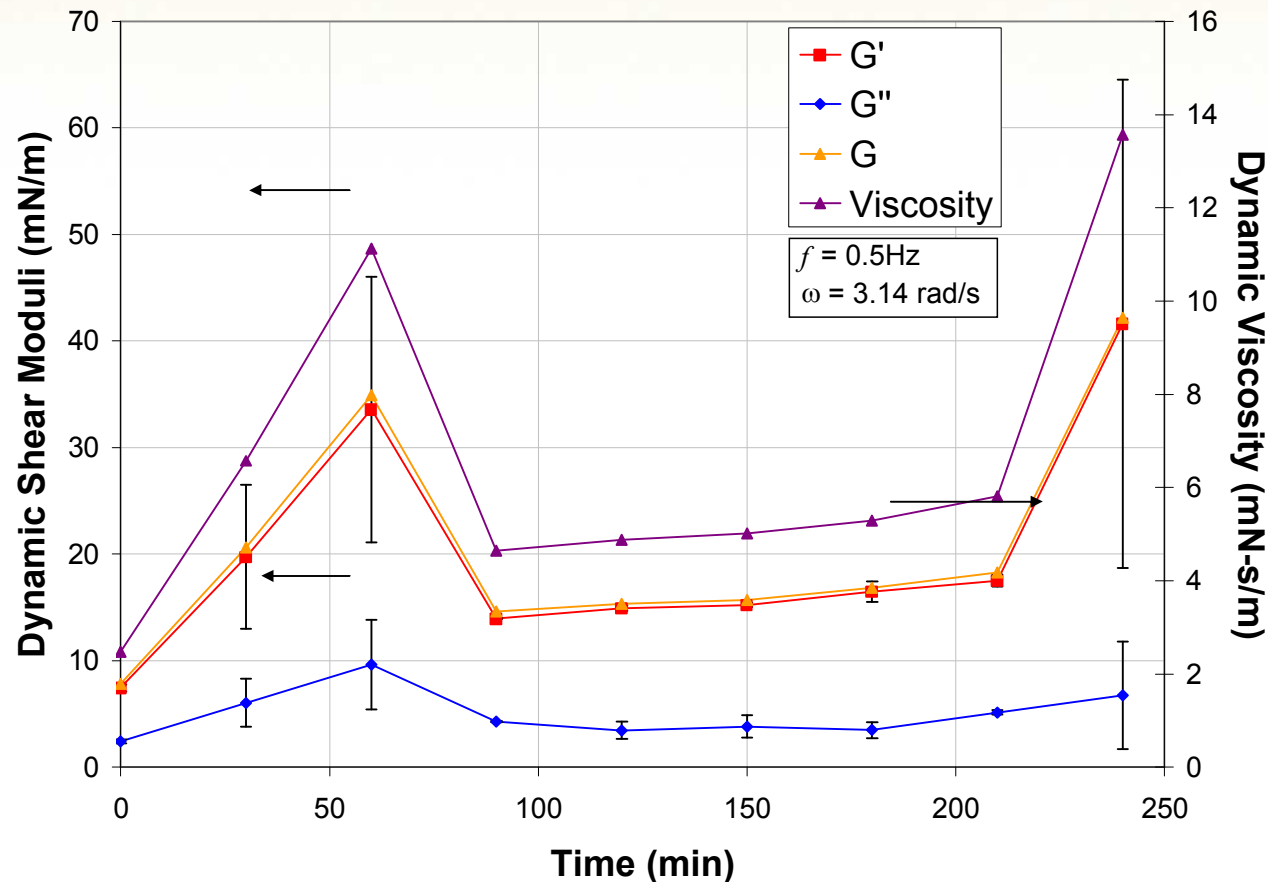


- ISR can detect rheological phase transitions in monolayers

Brooks, Fuller, Frank, Robertson (1999)



Shear Rheology of BSA

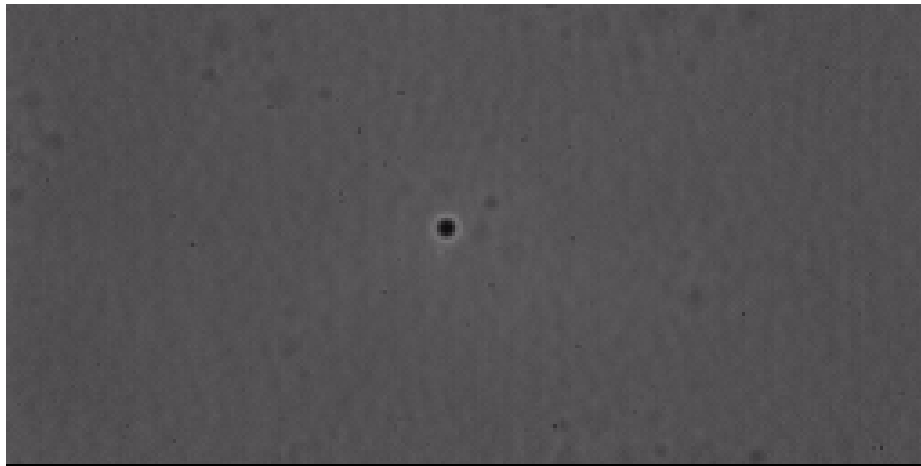


- ISR cannot detect any appreciable rheology ($G < 0.01\text{ mN/m}$) for L31 and F108
- Micron-sized spheres with the MIR-passive has potential

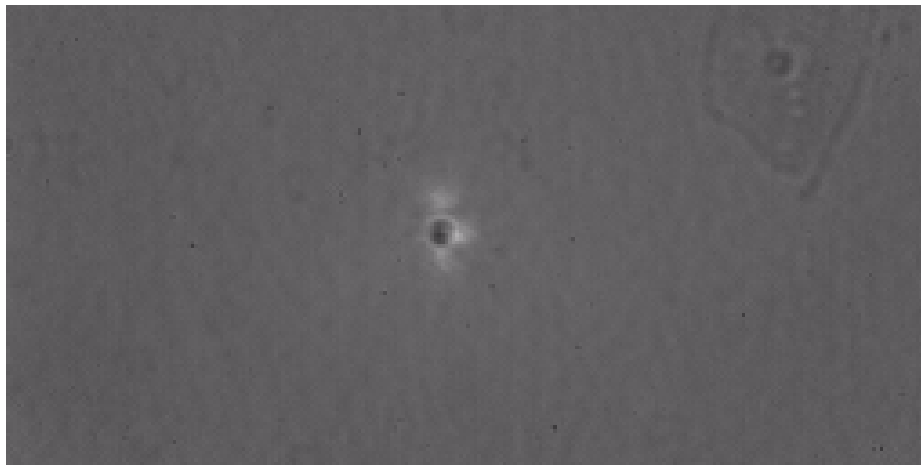
Manipulation of Particles at Interfaces

- Silica particle $1\mu\text{m}$, with PDMS grafted brush
- Dragged at the interface using laser tweezers

'clean' water-air
interface
Stable trapping
at $20\mu\text{m/s}$

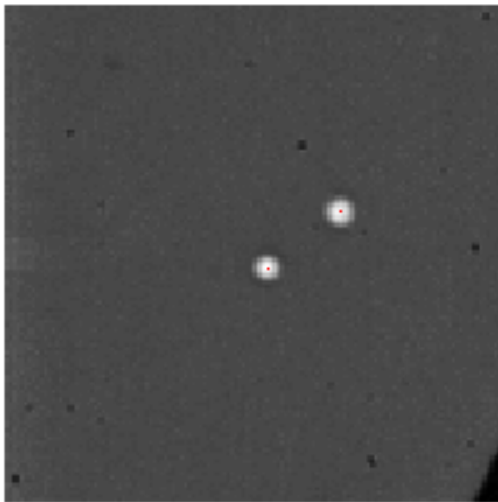


Pluronic F108
 $c=10\mu\text{M}$
Lose particle at
 $5\mu\text{m/s}$
Increased
surface
viscosity

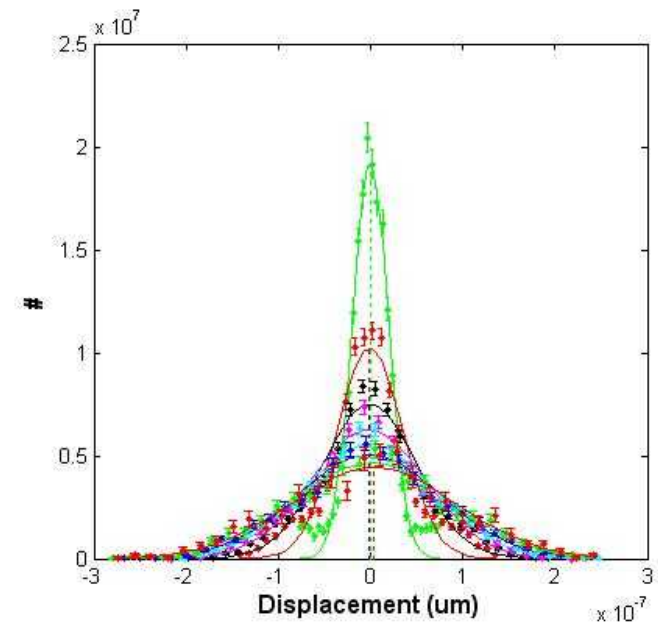


MIR - Passive

- Use relative diffusion of two particles to measure interfacial viscosity
- First step – assume uncorrelated motion of the two Brownian particles
- Implemented analysis to measure correlated analysis (Crocker, Weeks, et al.)

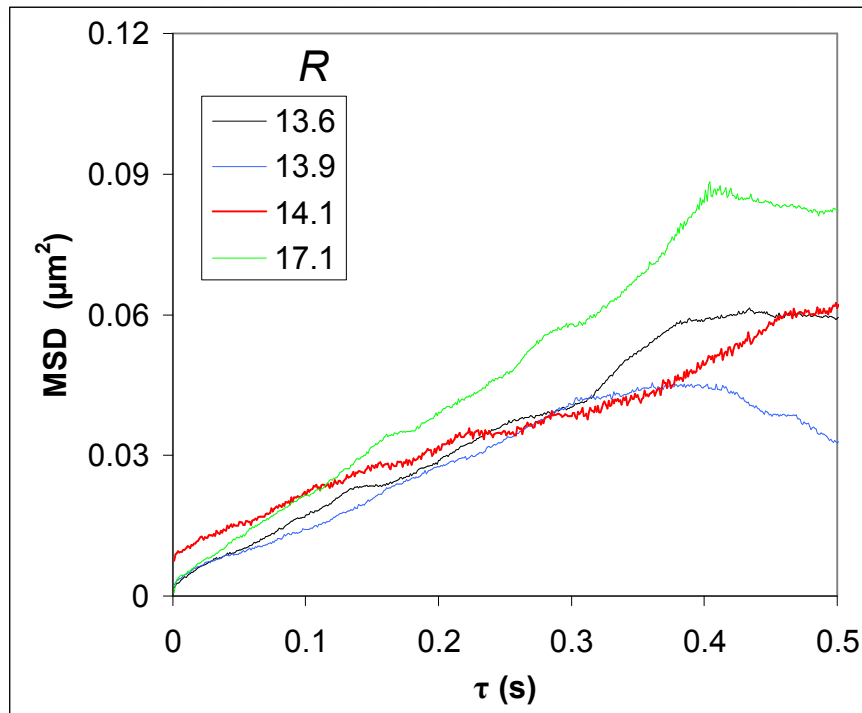


r is the center to center distance
between the two particles



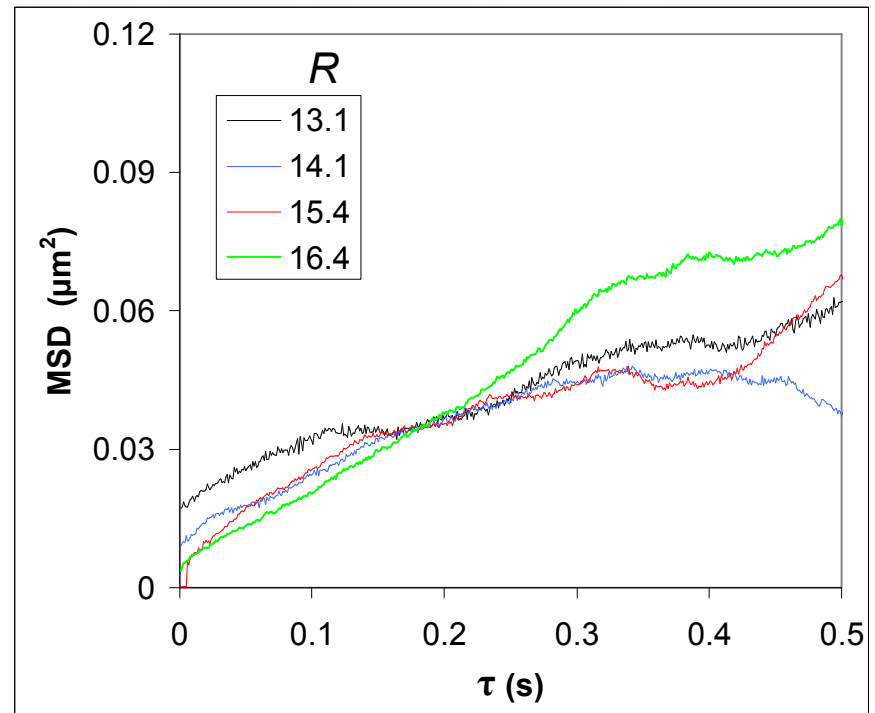
2.5 μm SiO₂-OTS on 1mM F108

$t = 15 \text{ min}$



$$\eta_s = 18 \text{ nPa-s-m}$$
$$= 0.000018 \text{ mN-s/m}$$

$t = 30 \text{ min}$

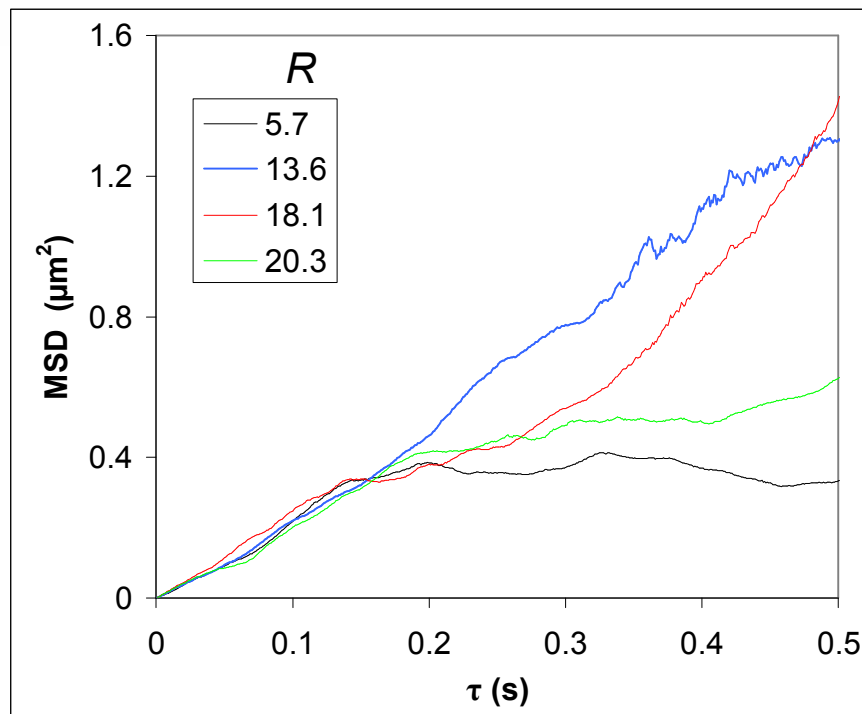


$$\eta_s = 16 \text{ nPa-s-m}$$
$$= 0.000016 \text{ mN-s/m}$$



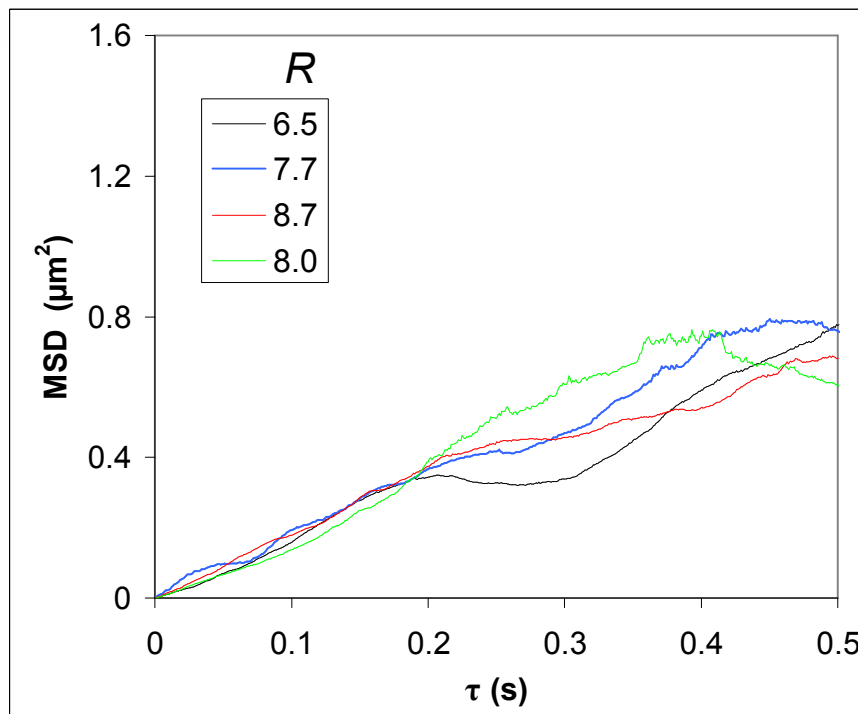
2.5 μm SiO₂-APTES on 1mM F108

$t = 15 \text{ min}$



$\eta_s < \text{Detection limits}$

$t = 30 \text{ min}$



$\eta_s < \text{Detection limits}$

*MSD is order of magnitude larger than seen
for OTS coated spheres, possibly due to
contact angle effects*



Contact Angle Effects

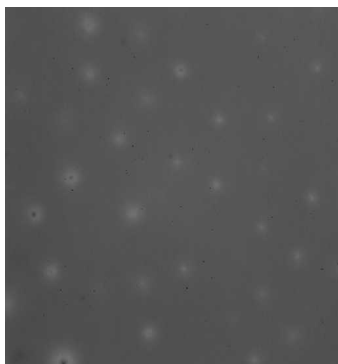
Saffman, Delbrück (1975)

Prasad, Koehler, Weeks (2006)

$$MSD = \langle \Delta r^2 \rangle = 2D'_s \tau$$

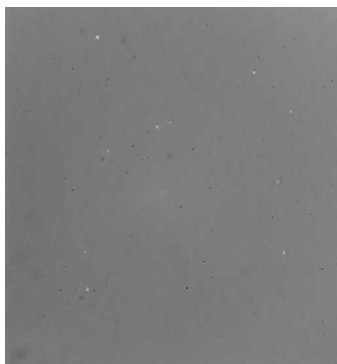
$$D'_s = \frac{k_b T}{4\pi\eta_s} \left[\ln \left(\frac{2\eta_s}{\eta_b a_{eff}} \right) - \gamma \right]$$

SiO₂-OTS

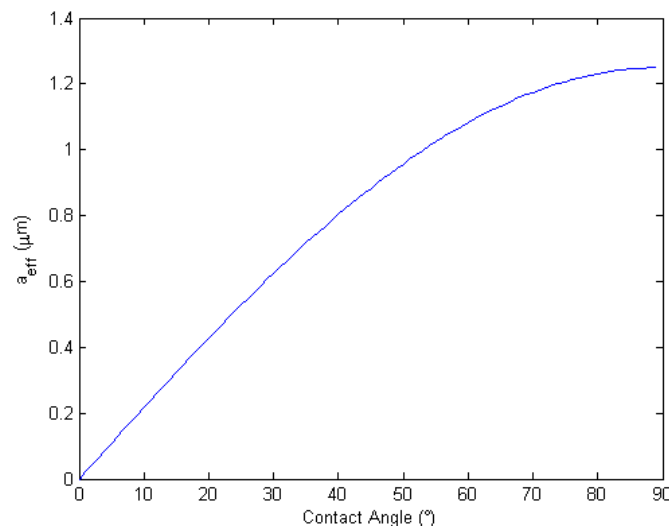


Water contact
angle ~ 90°

SiO₂-APTES



Water contact
angle ~ 40°



Must account for contact angle effects
on a_{eff} when calculating η_s

Summary

- Variety of techniques will provide a complete picture of interfacial rheology properties
 - Interfacial Stress Rheometer
 - Micro-Interfacial Rheometer
 - Surface Dilatational Rheometer
- Correlate interfacial properties to
 - Foamability
 - Foam stability – quiescent and under flow
 - Effect of additives in foam formulation
- Inform modeling capability with interfacial rheological parameters

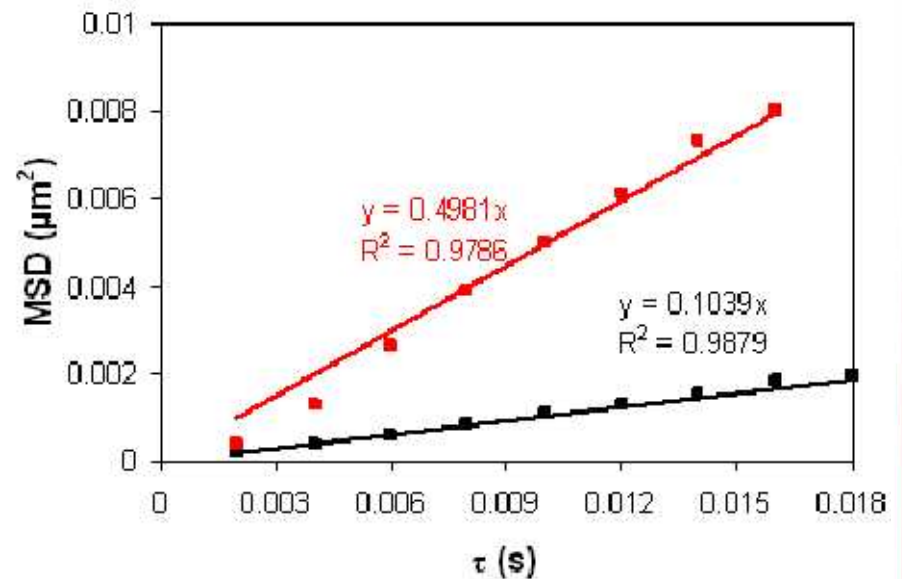
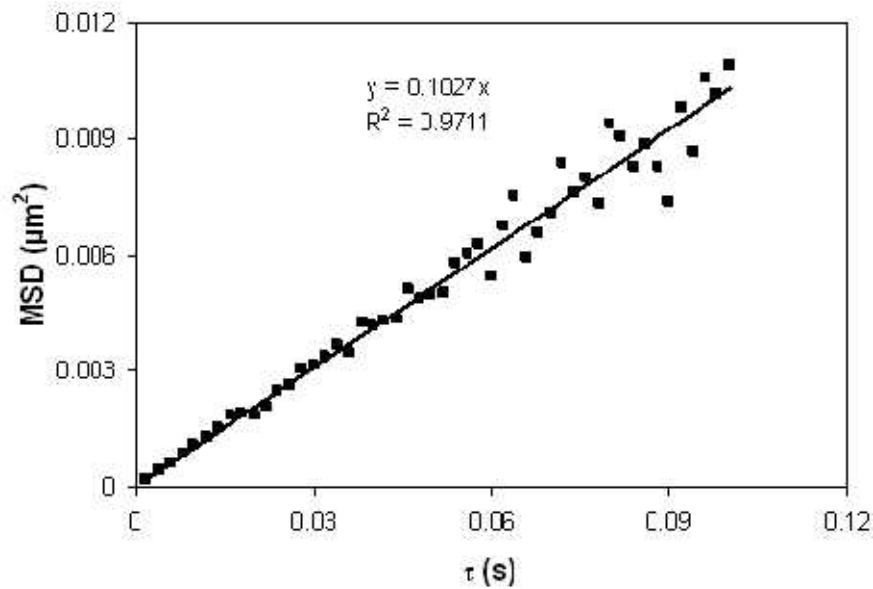
TA Instruments AR-G2 with DWR attachment has potential
(SA5 Mon. 11:25 Franck)

EB19 Wed. 2:45 Kropka – Macro-rheology of foams



Surface Diffusion data

Diffusion related to the surface viscosity

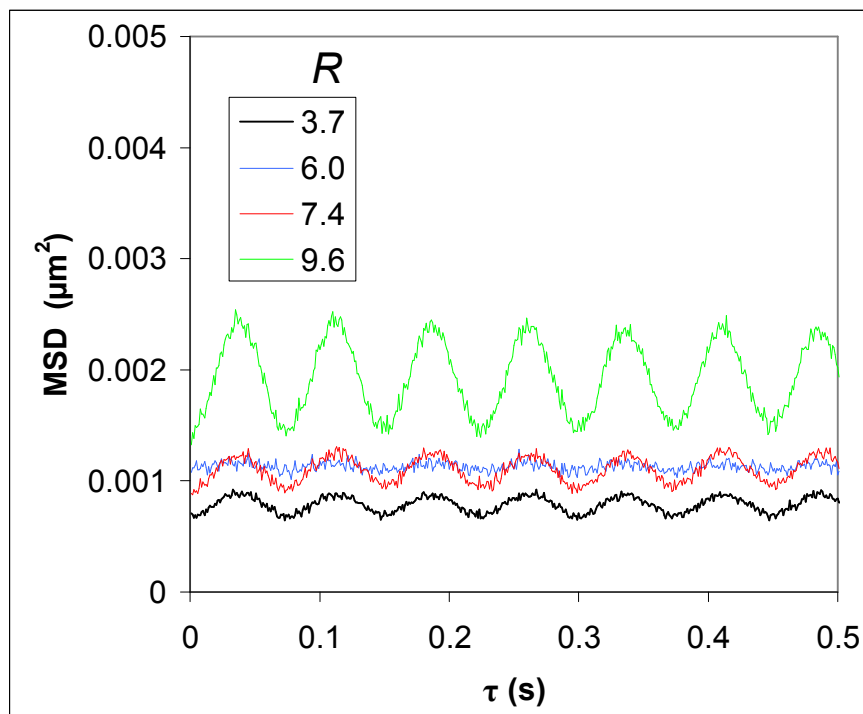


F108 $c=10 \mu\text{M}$
 $\eta_s=140 \text{ nPa}\cdot\text{s}\cdot\text{m}$
 $=0.00014 \text{ mN}\cdot\text{s}/\text{m}$

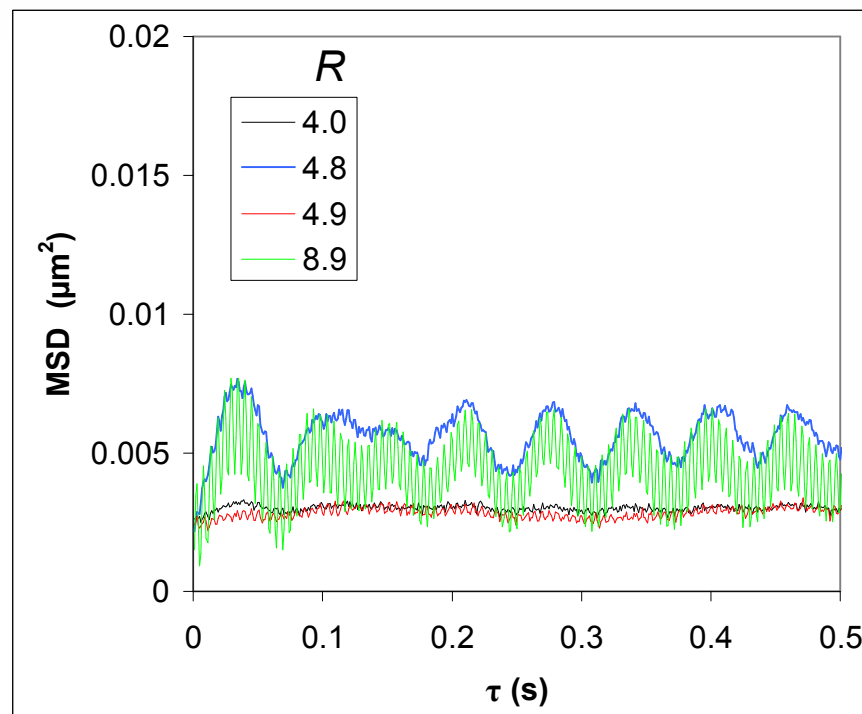


2.5 μm SiO₂-APTES on 0.1% BSA

$t = 15 \text{ min}$



$t = 30 \text{ min}$



$\eta_s > \text{Detection limit}$



2.5 μm SiO₂-OTS on 0.1% BSA

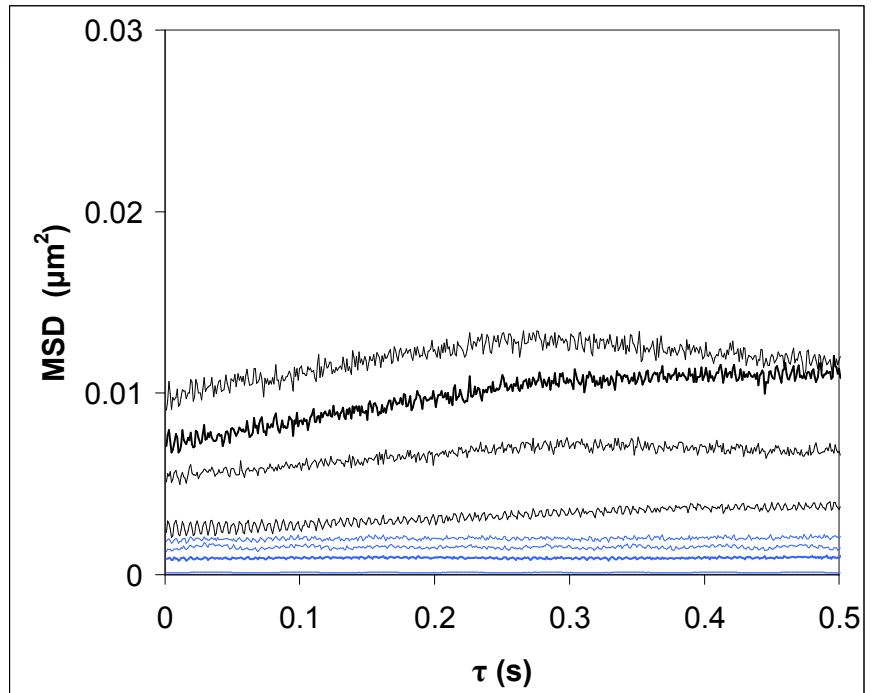
t = 15 min

$$\begin{aligned}\eta_s &= 550 \text{ nPa s m} \\ &= 0.0055 \text{ mN s/m}\end{aligned}$$

t = 30 min

$\eta_s > \text{Detection limit}$

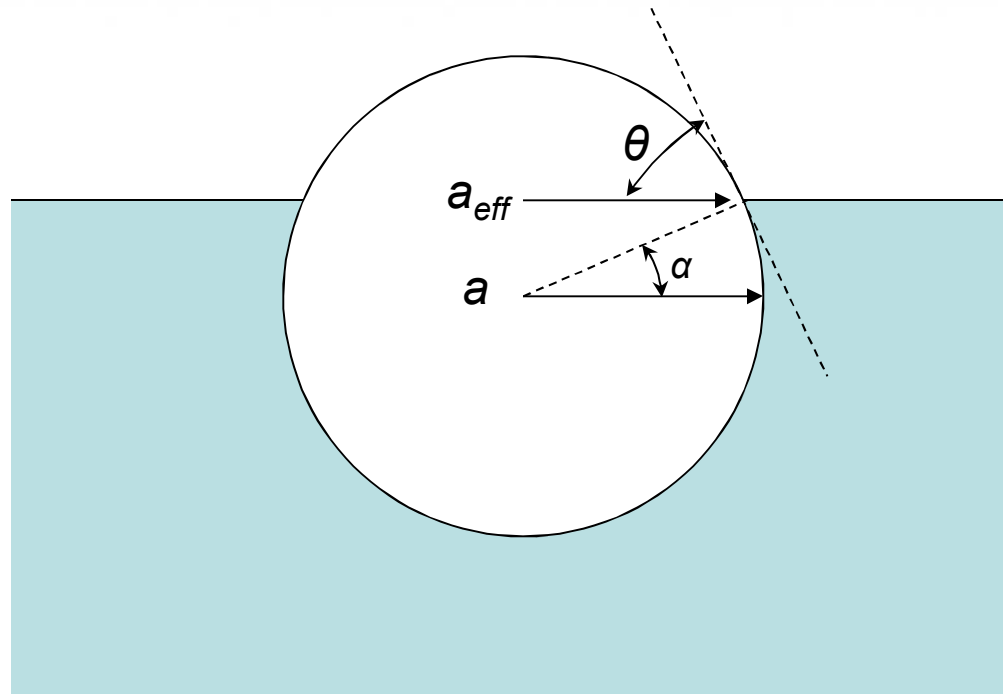
Monolayer becomes more rigid over time



$$\theta + \alpha = 90^\circ$$

$$a_{eff} = a \cos(\alpha)$$

$$a_{eff} = a \cos(90^\circ - \theta) = a \sin(\theta)$$



Computational Model Development

Work is underway in implementing the Newtonian interfacial stress equations in an ALE free surface flow code

This new analysis tool will allow bulk viscosity contributions to be distinguished from surface contributions.

$$\mathbf{n} \cdot (\boldsymbol{\tau}_{in} - \boldsymbol{\tau}_{ext}) = 2H\sigma\mathbf{n} + \nabla_s \sigma$$

$$+ 2H\mathbf{n}(\kappa_s + \mu_s)(\nabla_s \cdot \mathbf{v}) + (\kappa_s + \mu_s)\nabla_s(\nabla_s \cdot \mathbf{v}) + \mu_s(\mathbf{n} \times \nabla_s(\nabla_s \times \mathbf{v}) \cdot \mathbf{n})$$

$$+ 2\mu_s \left[((\mathbf{b} - 2H\mathbf{I}_s) : \nabla_s \mathbf{v})\mathbf{n} - (\mathbf{b} - 2H\mathbf{I}_s) \cdot \nabla_s \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{n} \right]$$

The top line is a standard capillary hydrodynamics implementation.

The second line involves second derivatives on the free surface and requires surface degrees of freedom (shell equations) to implement.

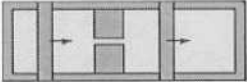
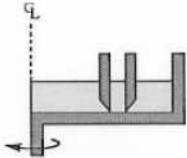
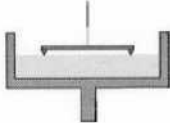
The third line is zero for spherical and cylindrical geometries and has yet to be implemented.

The complex form of the Boussinesq-Scriven equations



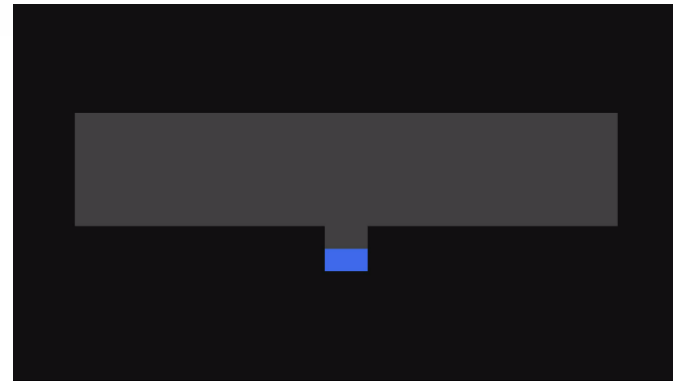
Measuring Interfacial Rheology: Shear

Table 2.1: Comparison of Different Devices to Measure Mechanical Shear Properties of Langmuir Films

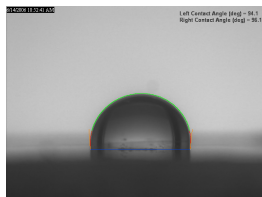
Surface Rheometer	Advantages	Disadvantages	Dynamic Range	Sensitivity mN-s/m	References
Canal Viscometer 	- Easy to implement - Straightforward determination of μ_s - High sensitivity - Can study well-developed flows (high strains)	- Pressure gradients - Assumes Newtonian interface (require velocity profile to apply for nonNewtonian surfaces) - Variation in shear rate across the channel	<i>Steady Shear</i> 0.1 to 1 s ⁻¹	$\mu_s > 10^{-4}$	[38-42]
Deep-Channel Viscometer 	- High sensitivity - Can be used on liquid-liquid interfaces	- Requires tracer particles - Cannot change film Π - Complete analysis of flow required for data analysis - Need to assume constitutive relation	<i>Steady Shear</i> 0 to 10 s ⁻¹ <i>Oscillation</i> 0.6 to 0.8 rad/s	$\mu_s > 10^{-4}$	[45-48]
Torsional Devices 	- No tracer particles - Directly measure surface stress - High sensitivity to surface stresses over bulk stresses	- Challenging to design trough with circular symmetry - Complicated flow field - Have to change torsion wire - Probe inertia	<i>Steady Shear</i> 10 ⁻⁴ to 10 s ⁻¹ <i>Oscillation</i> 0.01 to 3 rad/s	$\mu_s > 10^{-4}$	[49-54]
Rod Viscometer 	- Directly measure surface stress - High sensitivity to surface stresses over bulk stresses - Low inertia (few moving parts)	- Flow must be visualized with tracer particles - Cannot change film Π - Pressure Gradients - Upper limit on Π (rod can sink)	<i>Steady Shear</i> 0.01 to 0.2 s ^{-1†}	$\mu_s > 10^{-2}$ <i>Theoretically Predicted</i> $\mu_s > 10^{-5}$	[55]

Validate Using Drop Spreading

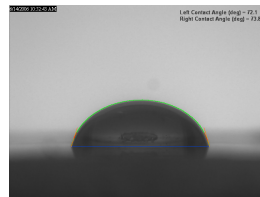
- Dynamic wetting of Sylgard on polycarbonate



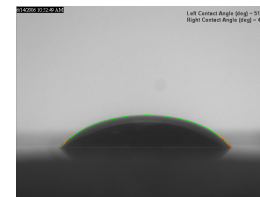
Direct comparison:



End of injection
Total = 2.5 s



Gravity only, 2 s
Total=5 s



Gravity only, 8 s
Total=11 s



- 1mM F108 multiple particle tracking
- 0.1% BSA particle tracking
 - too stiff for passive (maybe MIR-active will work)
 - 2.5um SiO₂–OTS on 1 mM F108
 - Uncorrected
 - Drift corrected
 - Oscillation corrected – notch filter, still see oscillation in MSD
 - Try to remove oscillation from tracking
 - 2.5um SiO₂–OTS on 0.1% BSA
 - 2.5um SiO₂–APTES on 0.1% BSA

