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Structure Formation in Soft Matter by Solvent Evaporation

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Drying is not simple



Solvent evaporation induces

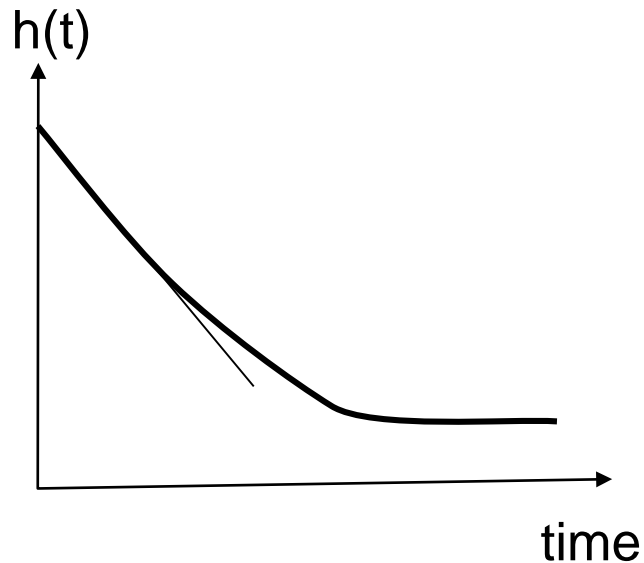
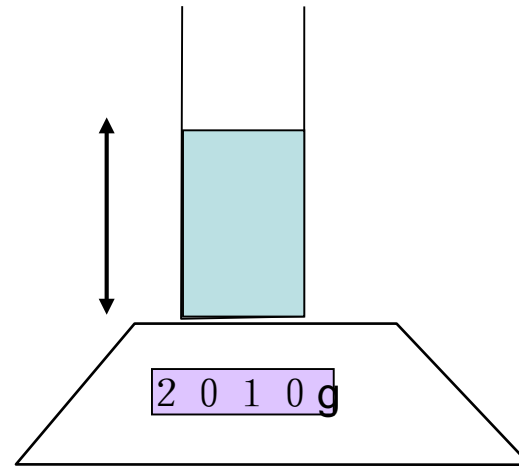
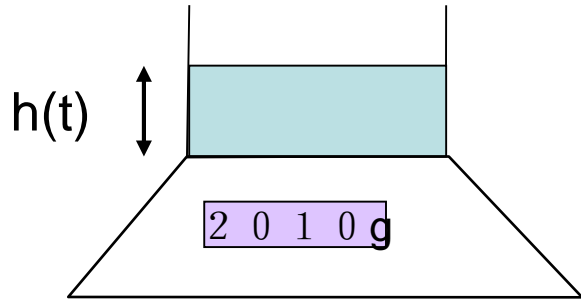
- Liquid flow
- Deformation
- Structural change (phase separation, gelation etc)

Outline

- Evaporation rate
 - What determines the evaporation rate
- Flow induced by evaporation
 - Coffee ring effect
- Structural formation
 - Skin formation
- Summary

Evaporation rate

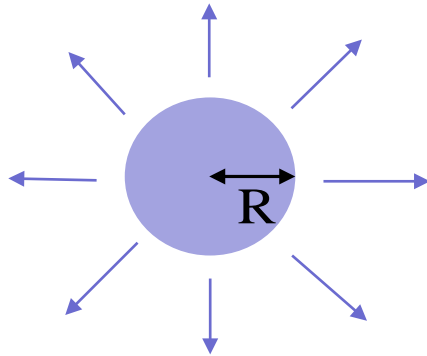
Measurement of evaporation rate



Evaporation rate depends on

- Temperature
- Humidity
- Original volume
- Shape of the container

Evaporation of a droplet



$$\frac{\partial c}{\partial t} = D_g \nabla^2 c$$

$$\nabla^2 c = 0$$

$$c(R) = c_v$$

$$c(\infty) = c_a = c_v H$$

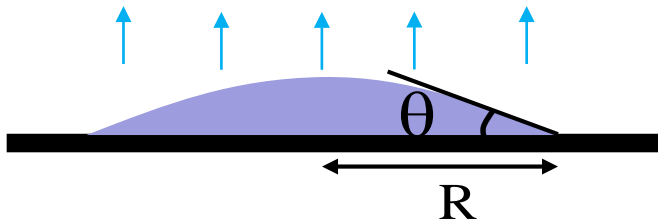
$$J = v_s D_g \frac{\partial c}{\partial r}$$



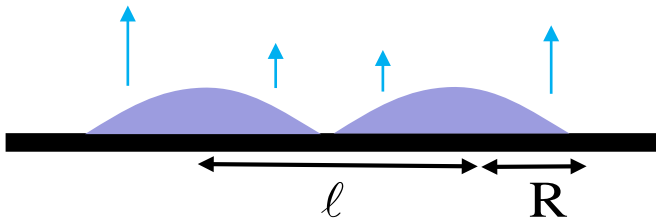
$$J = D_g v_s \frac{c_v (T)(1-H)}{R}$$

Calculation of evaporation rate

Kobayashi, Makino,
Okuzono, MD JPSJ 2010



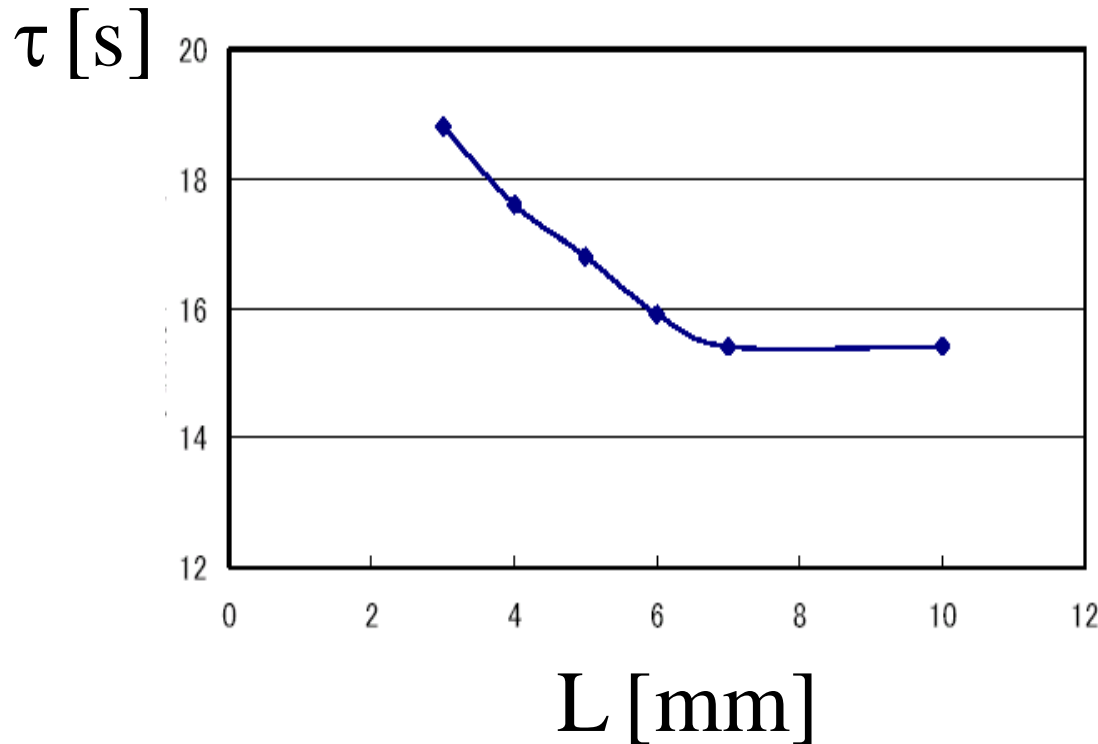
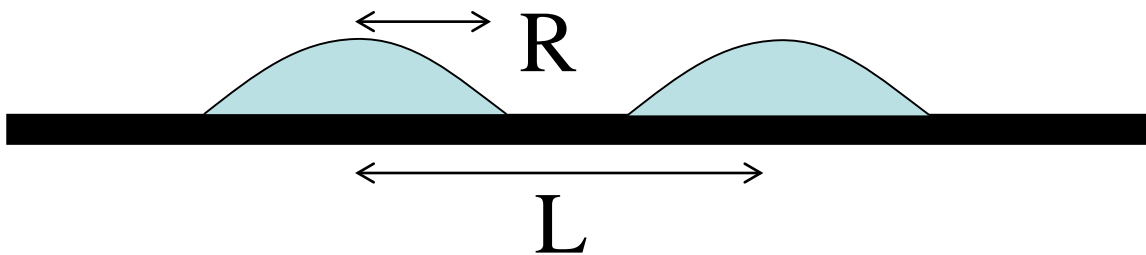
$$\bar{J} = D_g V_s \frac{c_v - c_a}{R} (0.65 + 0.135\theta^2)$$



$$\bar{J} \approx \frac{J_0}{1 + (R / l)}$$

Experiments

Kobayashi, Makino,
Okuzono, MD JPSJ 2010



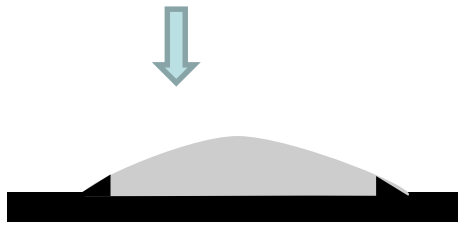
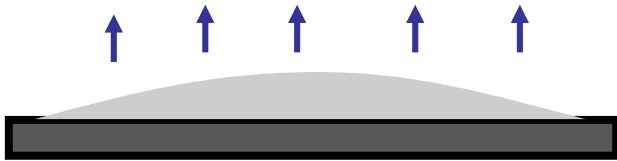
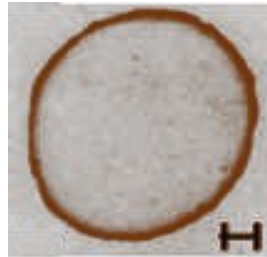
Interference is long range

$$J \approx J_0 \frac{L}{L + R}$$

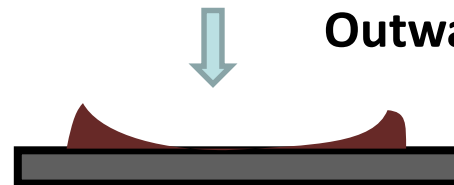
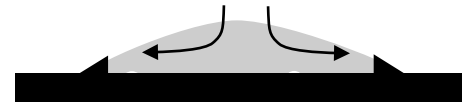
Flow induced by evaporation

Coffee ring effect

Coffee ring

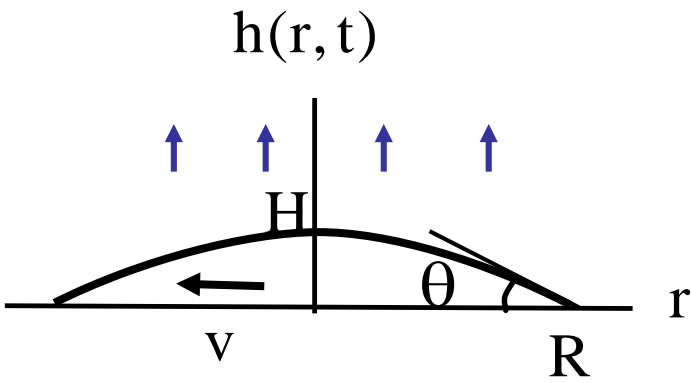


Pinning of the contact line



Outward flow

Calculation of the outward flow



Assume

$$h(r, t) = H(t) \left(1 - \frac{r^2}{R(t)^2} \right)$$

$$H = \frac{1}{2} \theta R$$

$$V = \frac{\pi}{4} \theta R^3$$

$$\frac{\partial h}{\partial t} = -\frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (hrv) - \bar{J}$$

$$\bar{J} = -\frac{\dot{V}}{\pi R^2}$$

$$v = r \left(\frac{\dot{R}}{R} - \frac{\dot{V}}{4V} \right)$$

When contact line is pinned

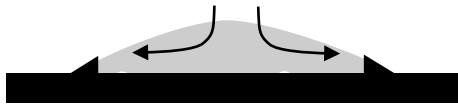
$$v(r) > 0$$

The outward flow brings coffee particles to the edge, making the ring

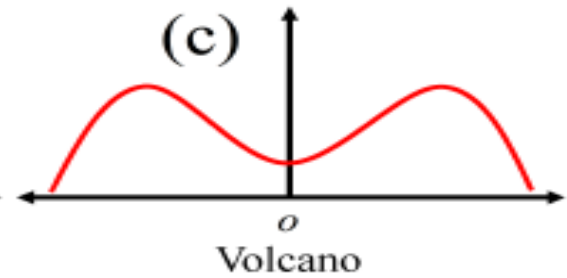
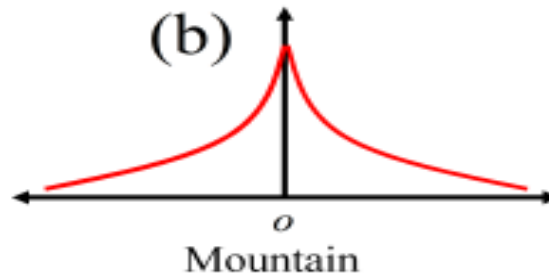
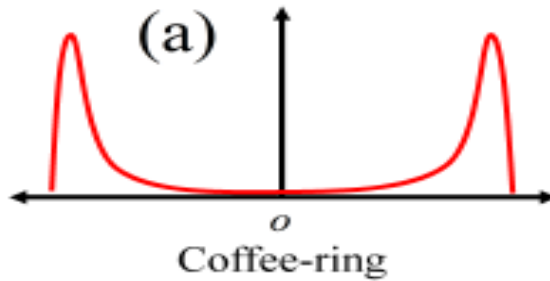
Contact line can move

Xingkun Man, MD PRL (2016)

When contact line is pinned



When contact line is not pinned



Use Onsager principle for contact line motion

State variables specifying the non-equilibrium state

$$\mathbf{x} = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_f)$$

$A(\mathbf{x})$ Free energy

Kinetic equation
$$\sum_j \zeta_{ij}(\mathbf{x}) \dot{x}_j = -\frac{\partial A}{\partial x_i}$$

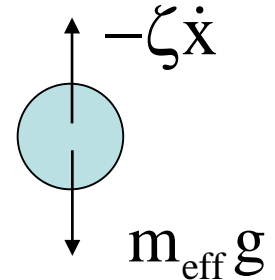
Minimize
$$\mathbf{R} = \Phi + \dot{A}$$

$$\Phi = \frac{1}{2} \sum \zeta_{ij}(\mathbf{x}) \dot{x}_i \dot{x}_j$$

Energy dissipation function

$$\dot{A} = \sum_i \frac{\partial A}{\partial x_i} \dot{x}_i$$

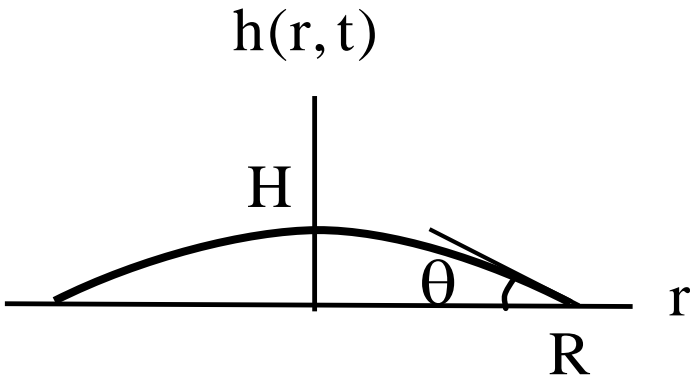
Free energy change rate



$$\Phi = \frac{1}{2} \zeta \dot{x}^2$$

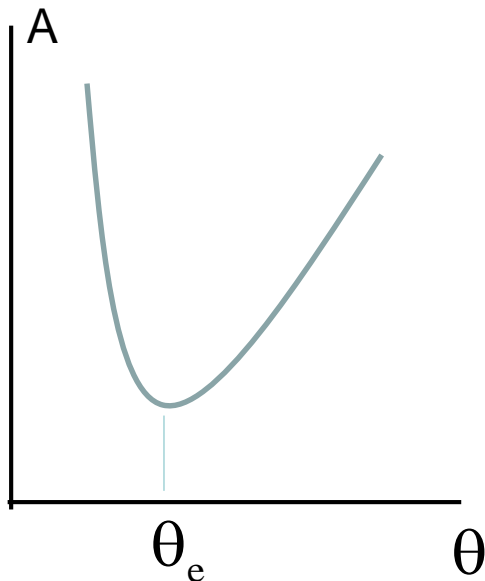
$$\dot{A} = m_{\text{eff}} g x$$

Free energy



$$A = \int_0^R dr 2\pi r \left(\gamma \sqrt{1 + h'^2} - \gamma_{sv} + \gamma_{sl} \right)$$

$$h(r, t) = H(t) \left(1 - \frac{r^2}{R(t)^2} \right)$$



$$A = \gamma \left(\frac{4V^2}{\pi R^4} + \frac{1}{2} \pi R^2 \theta_e^2 \right)$$

$$\gamma_{sv} - \gamma_{sl} = \gamma \cos \theta_e$$

Dissipation function

Energy dissipation function
(lubrication approximation)

$$\Phi = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^R dr 2\pi r \frac{3\eta}{h} v^2$$

$$v = r \left(\frac{\dot{R}}{R} - \frac{\dot{V}}{4V} \right)$$

$$h(r, t) = H(t) \left(1 - \frac{r^2}{R(t)^2} \right)$$

$$\Phi = 2\pi R \left[\frac{1}{2} \xi_{\text{hydro}} \left(\dot{R} - \frac{\dot{V}}{4V} R \right)^2 + \frac{1}{2} \xi_{\text{cl}} \dot{R}^2 \right]$$

$$\xi_{\text{hydro}} = \frac{3\eta}{\theta} \ln \left(\frac{R}{a} \right)$$

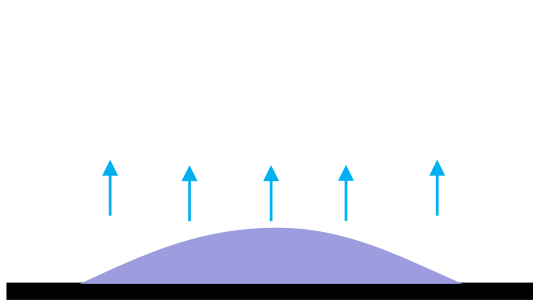
ξ_{cl} phenomenological parameter

Evolution equation

$$\left(1 + \frac{\xi_{\text{cl}}}{\xi_{\text{hydro}}}\right) \dot{R} = \frac{\dot{V}R}{4V} + \frac{\gamma\theta(\theta^2 - \theta_e^2)}{6\eta \ln(R/a)}$$

Xingkun Man, MD PRL (2016)

$$v(R) = \dot{R} - \frac{\dot{V}R}{4V}$$



$$\xi_{\text{cl}} \rightarrow \infty$$



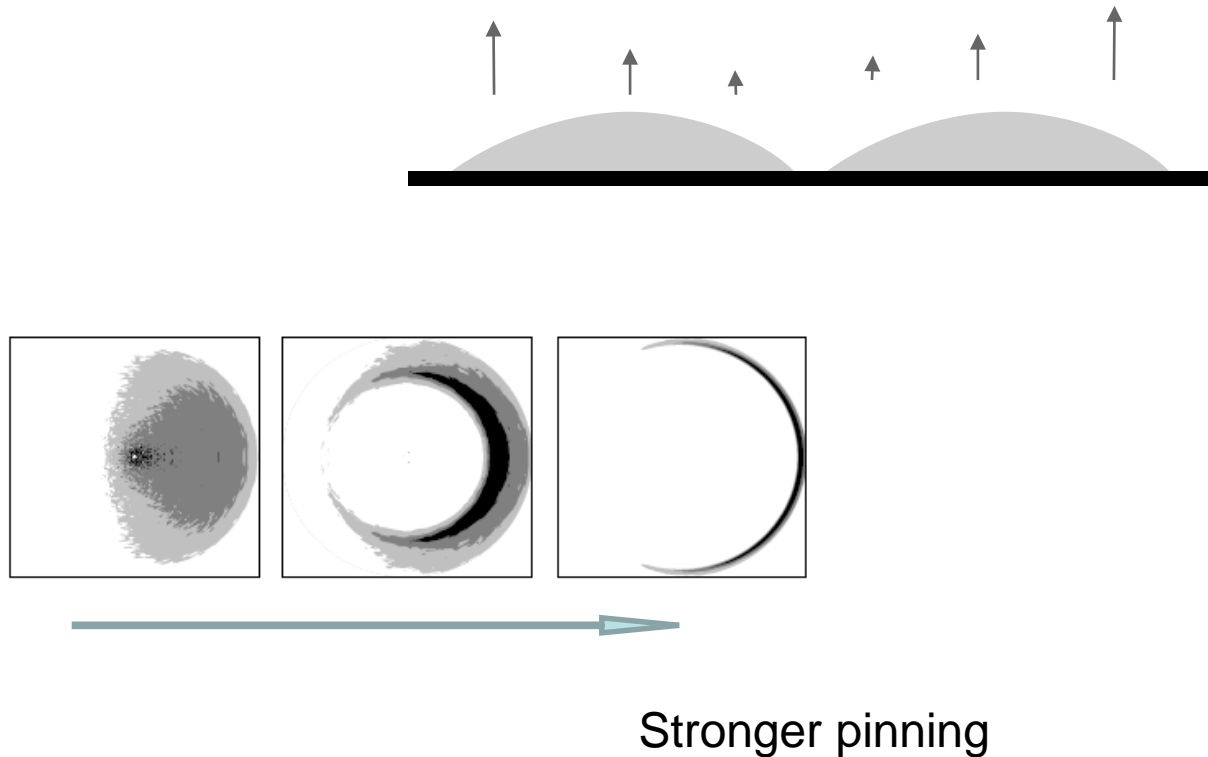
$$\xi_{\text{cl}} = 0$$



$$\xi_{\text{cl}}(\theta)$$

Deposit pattern in two neighbouring droplets

Shiyuan Hu, Yuhan Wang, Xingkun Man and MD Langmuir (2017)



Structural formation in droplets

Evaporation creates inhomogeneity

Drying of a film of colloidal solution

Okuzono, Ozawa MD PRL 2006



$$h(t) = h_0 - Jt$$

$$\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left(D(\phi) \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z} \right)$$

$$D \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z} = J\phi \quad \text{at} \quad z = h(t)$$

$$D \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z} = 0 \quad \text{at} \quad z = 0$$

$$\frac{Jh_0}{D} \ll 1$$

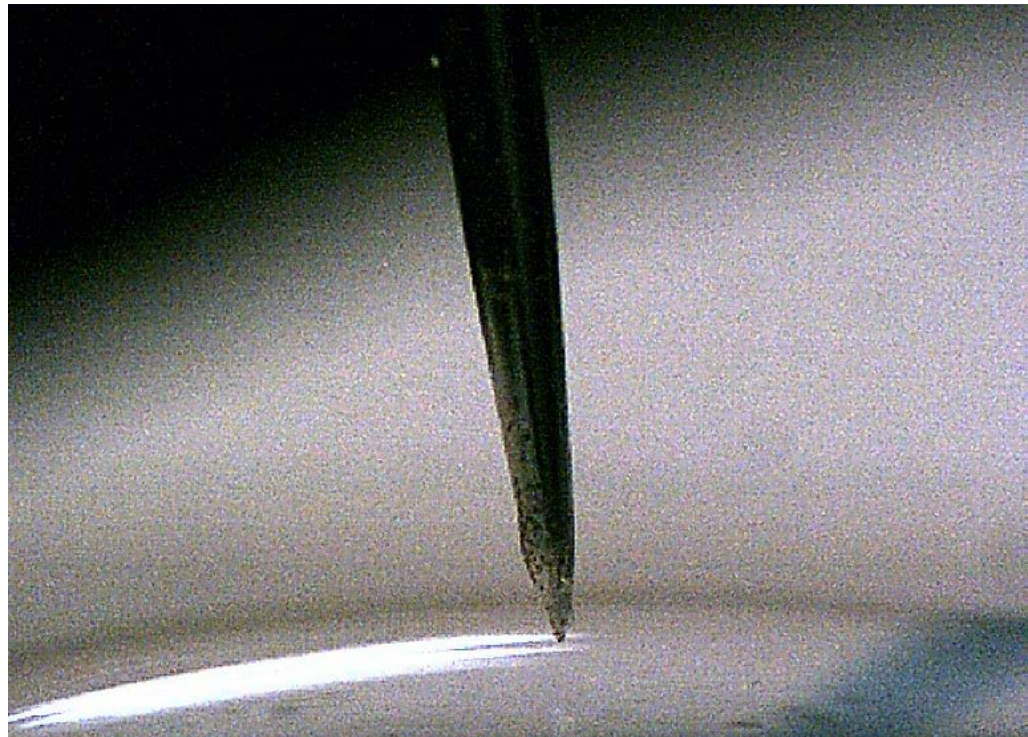
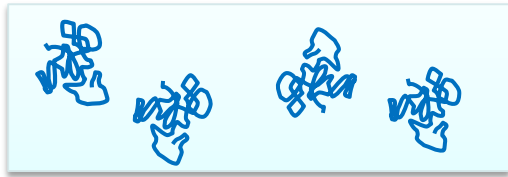


$$\frac{Jh_0}{D} \gg 1$$



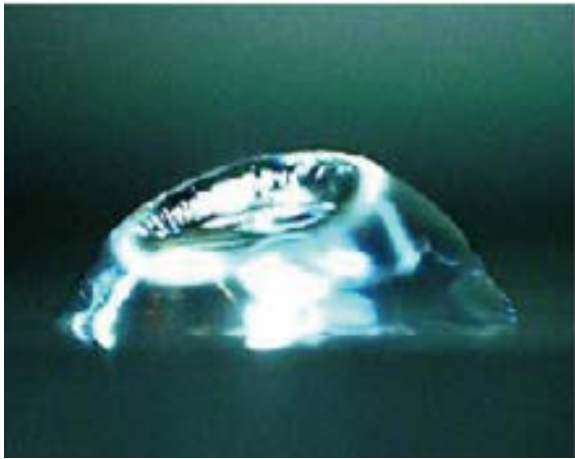
Skins

Skin



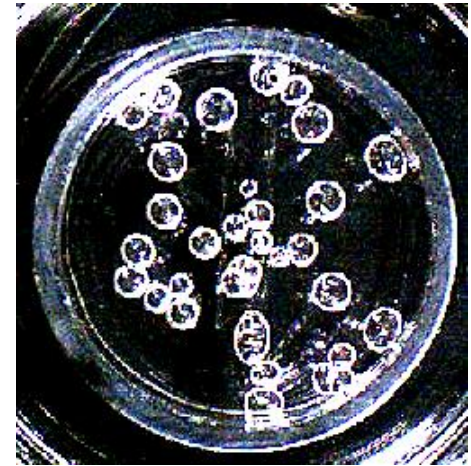
Skins cause problems

Dimples



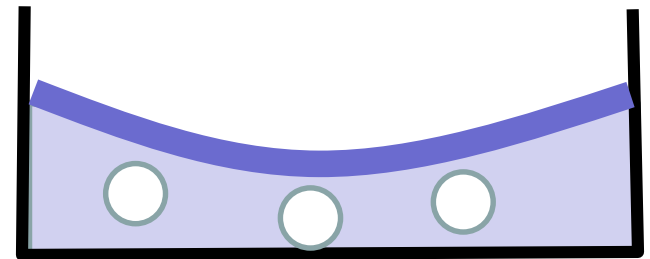
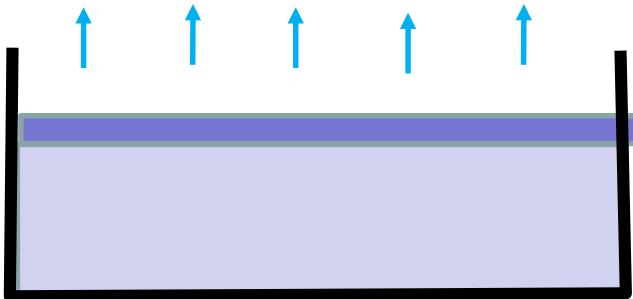
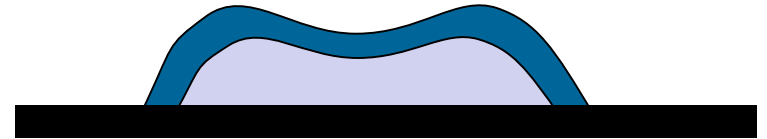
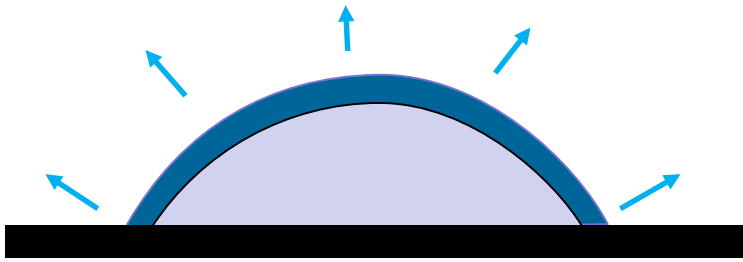
Pauchard et al (2003), Kajya et al (2006)

Cavities



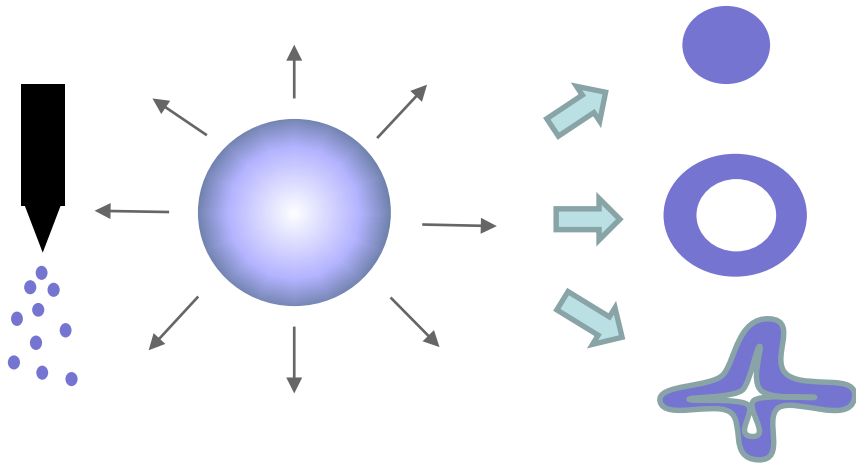
Arai et al (20013)

Dimples and Cavities



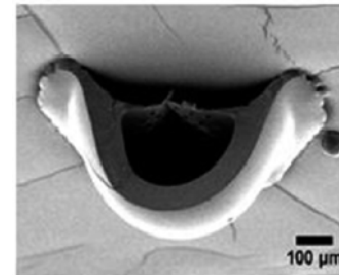
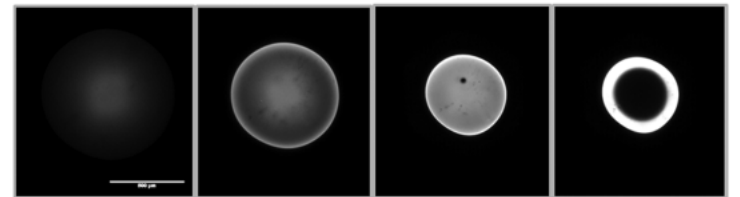
Cavity formation

Spray drying



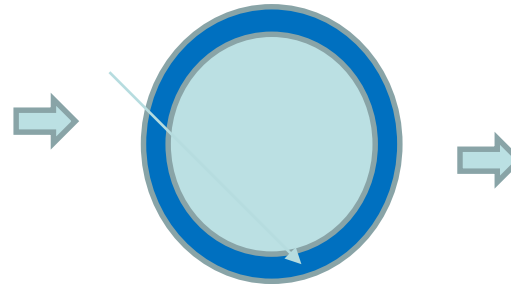
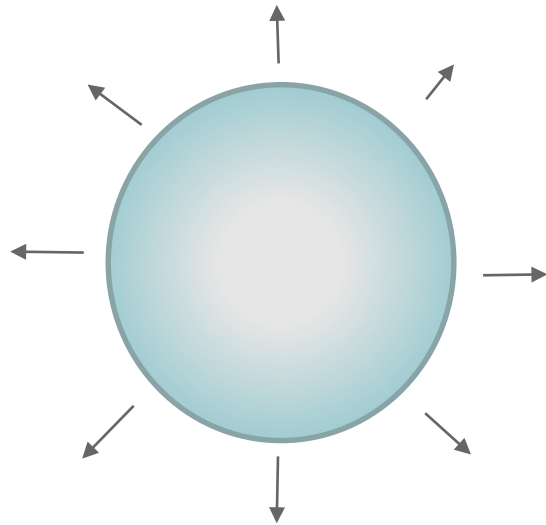
Protein suspensions (milk)

Sadek et al Langmuir 2013

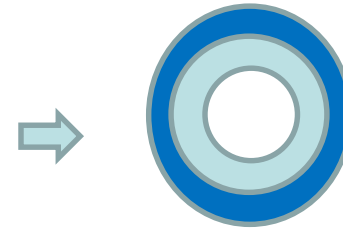


Mechanism of cavity formation

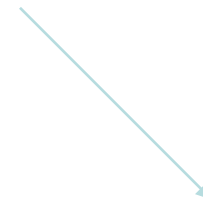
F. Meng MD, Z. OuYang PRL (2014)



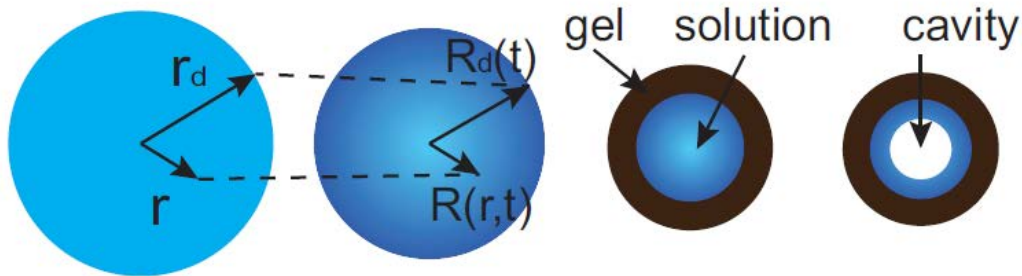
An elastic layer
is created at
the surface



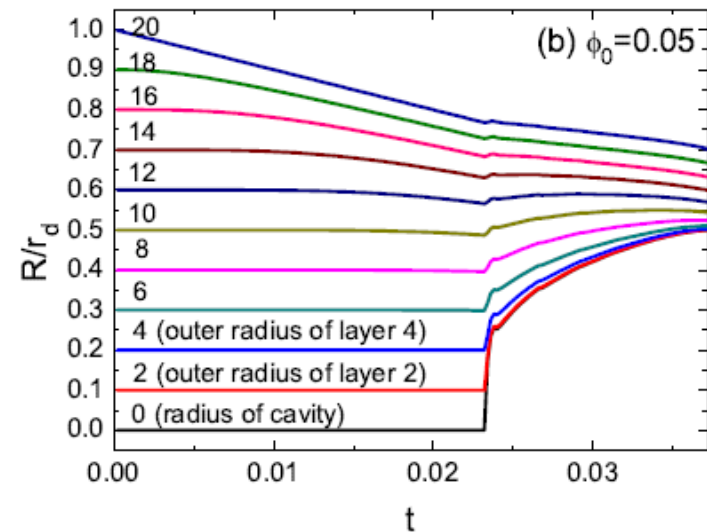
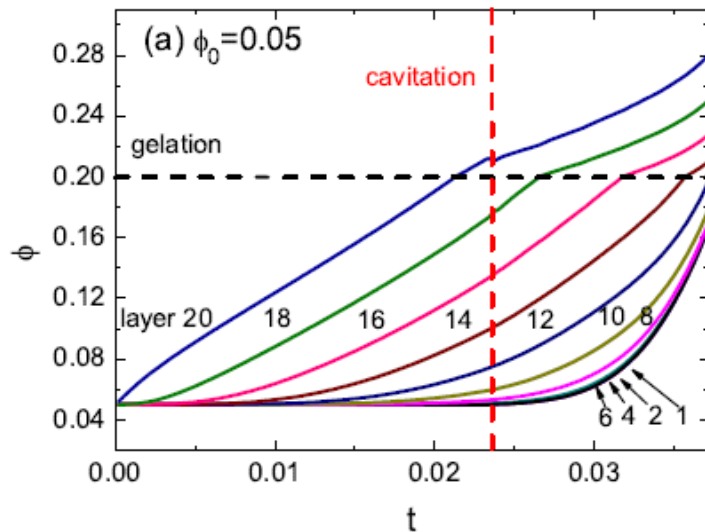
Further evaporation
creates contractile
stress, and negative
pressure



Simulation

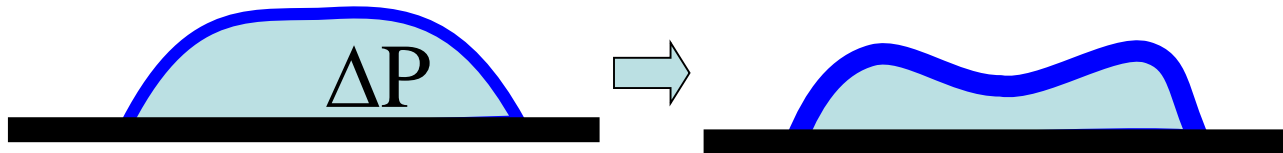


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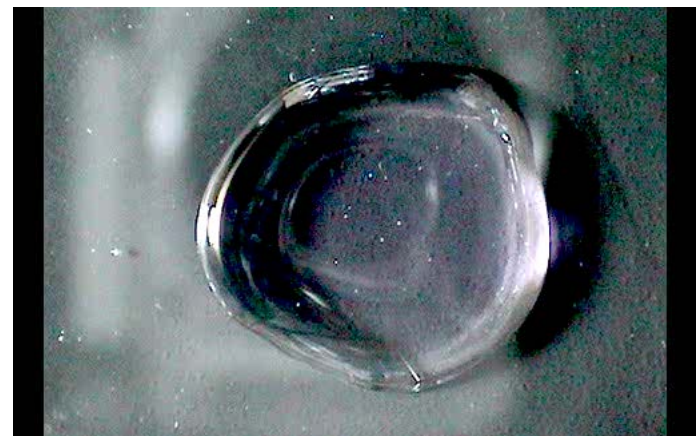
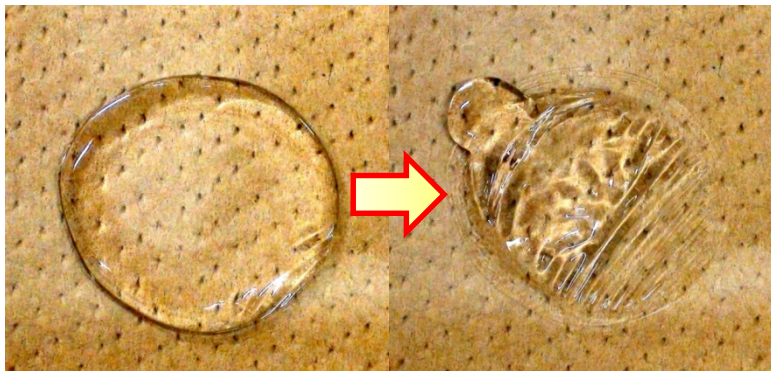


Skins in sessile droplet

Arai Doi, EPJE 2013

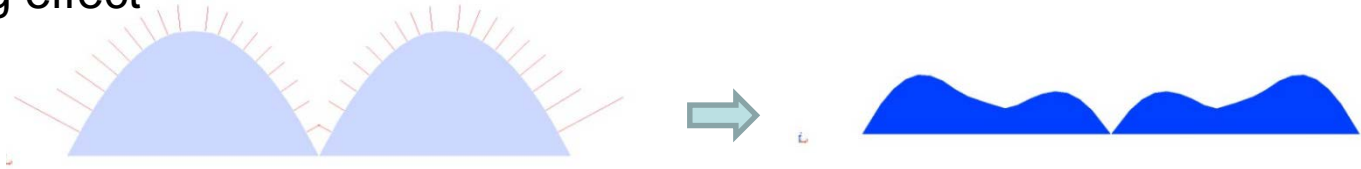


But there are phenomena which indicates that it must be positive.

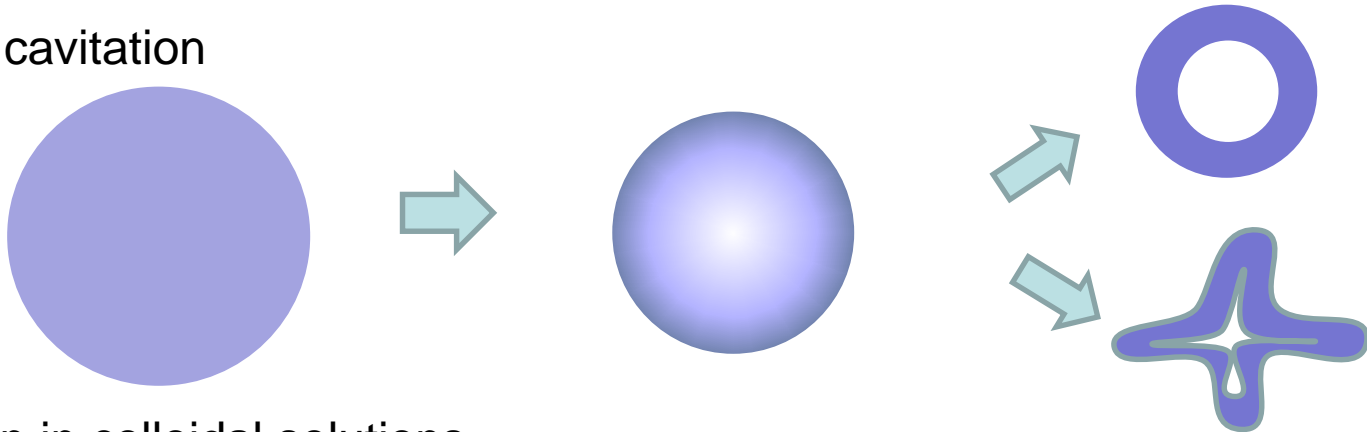


Summary

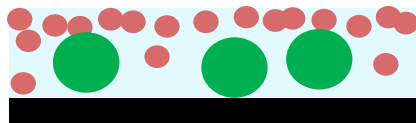
Coffee ring effect



Skin and cavitation



Stratification in colloidal solutions



Molecular configuration, crystallization kinetics

