

# Contact Mechanics, Adhesion and Rubber Friction

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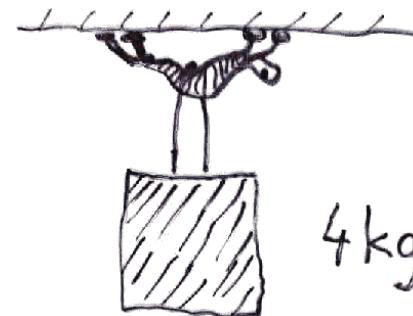
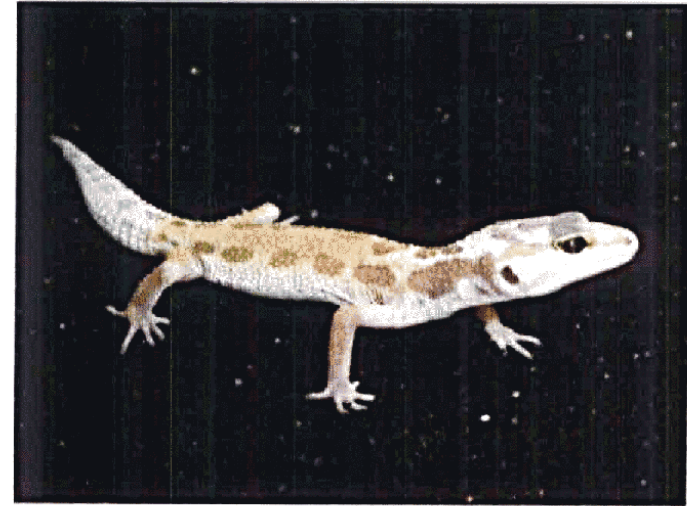
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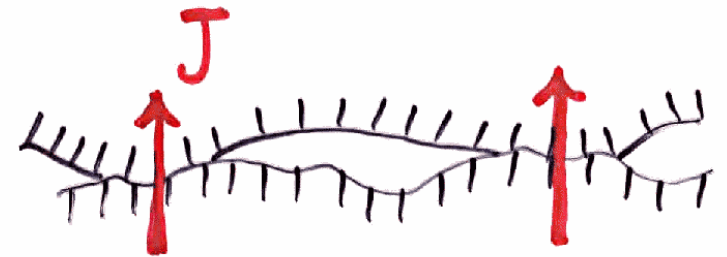
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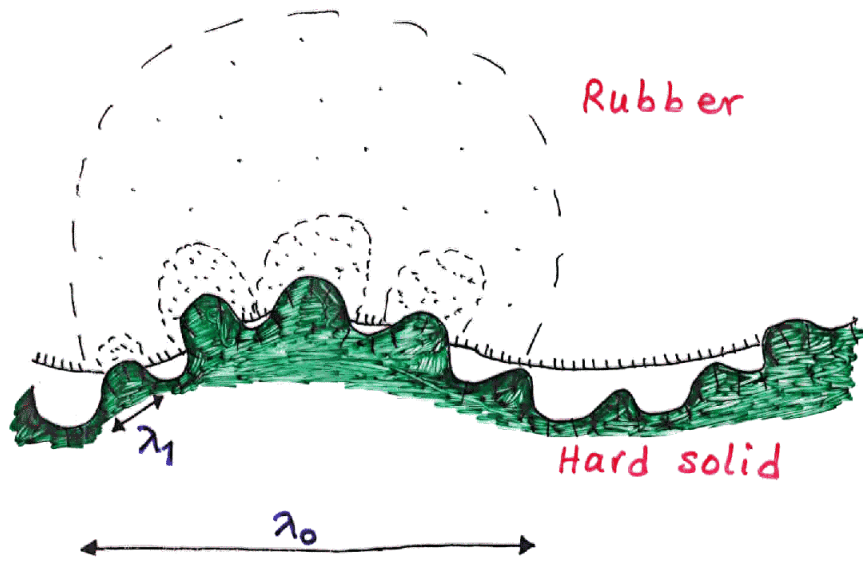




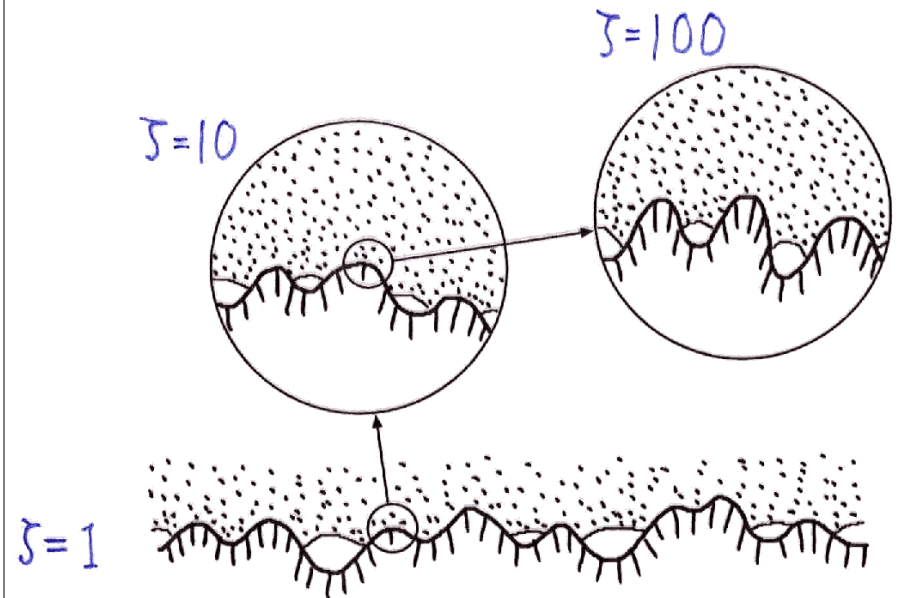
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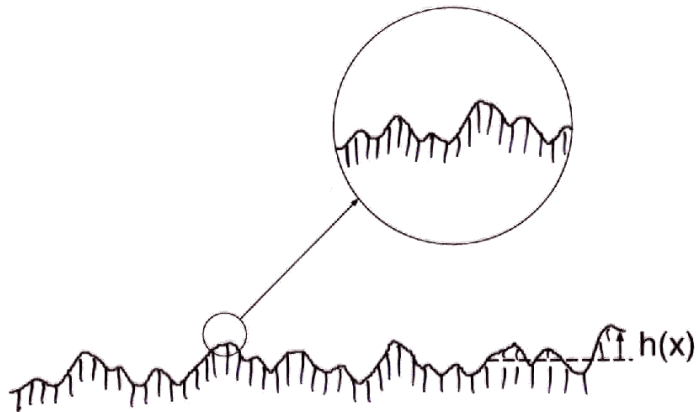
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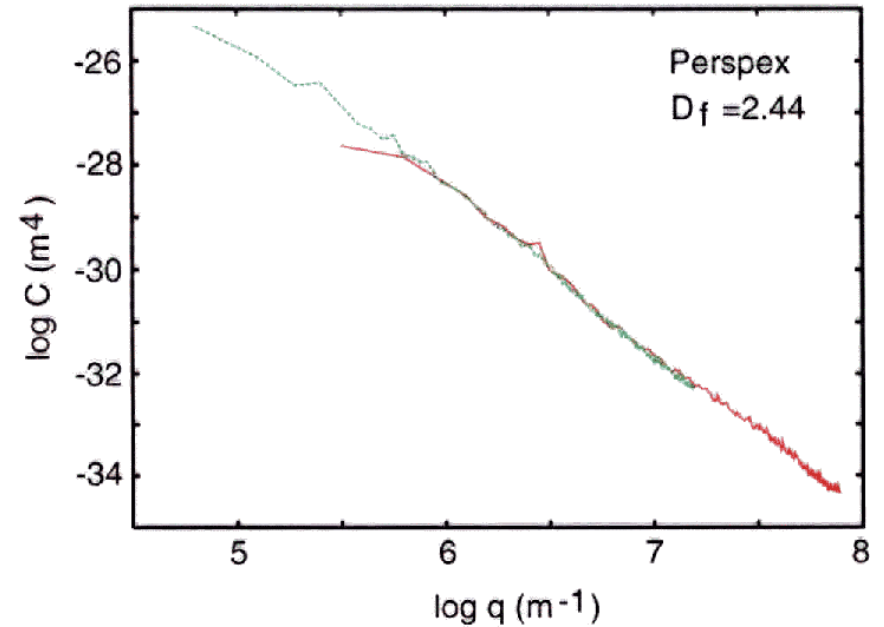
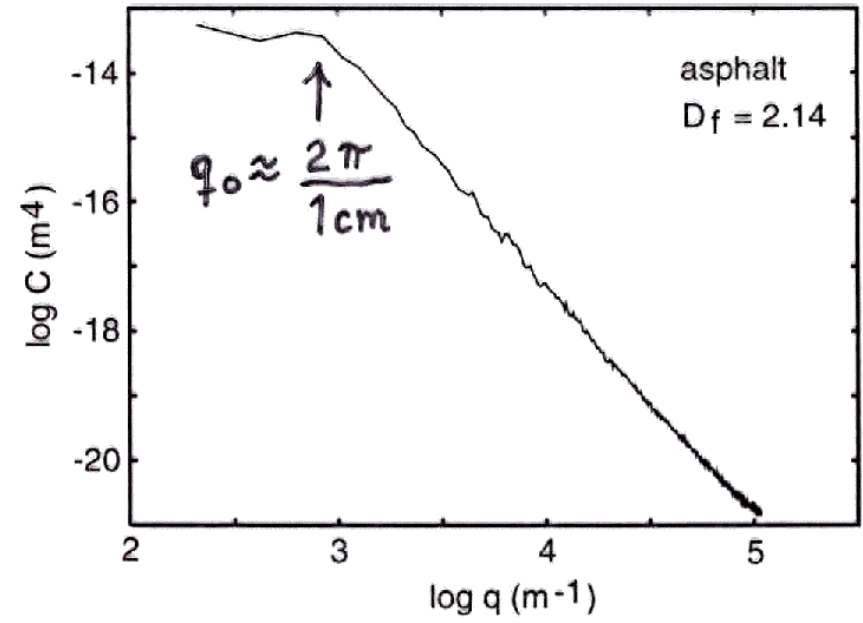
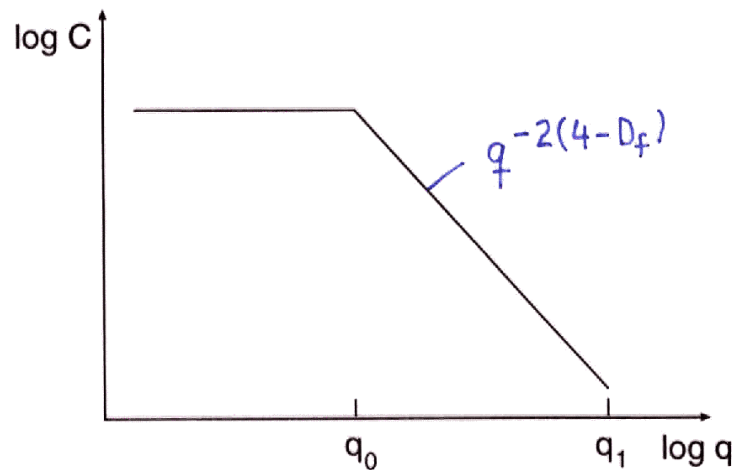
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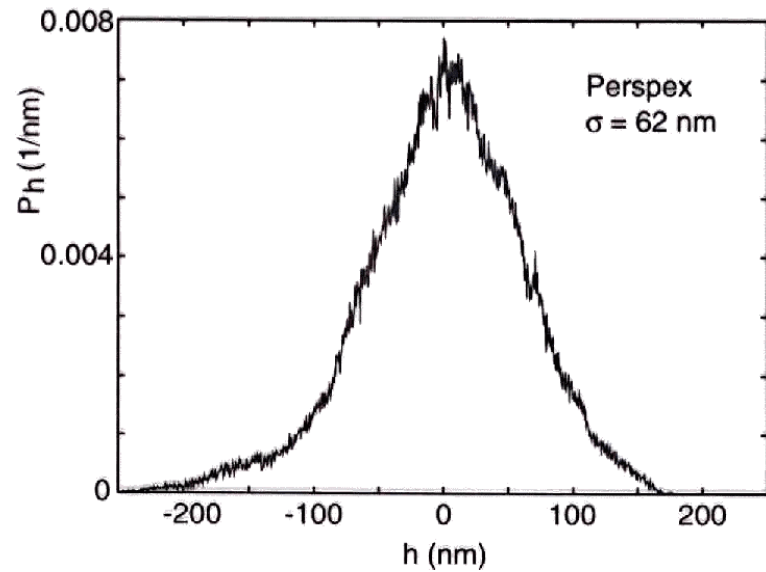
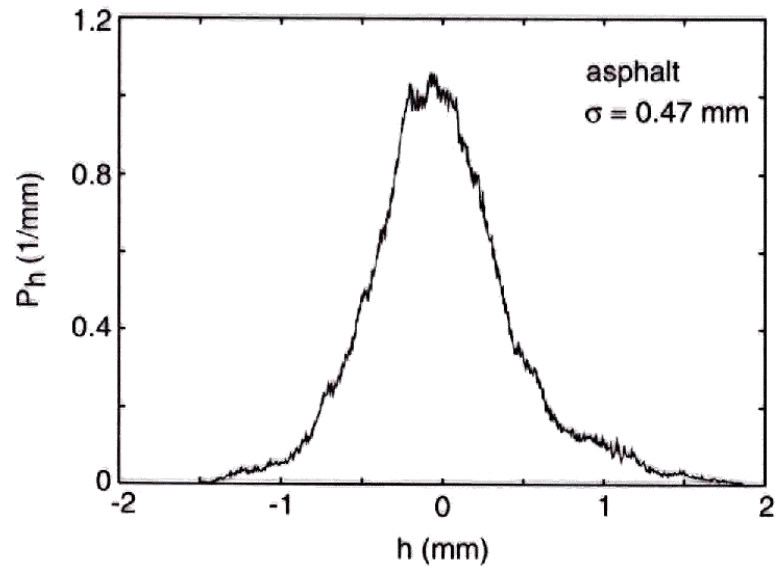


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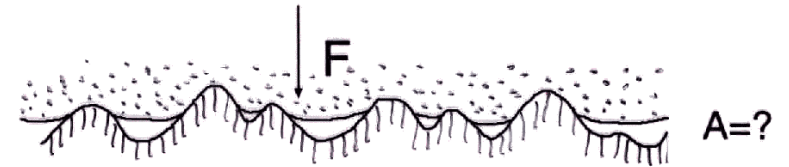


$$C(q) = \int d^2x \langle h(\mathbf{x})h(\mathbf{0}) \rangle e^{i\mathbf{q}\cdot\mathbf{x}}, \quad \langle h(\mathbf{x}) \rangle = 0$$





## Contact Theories



Hertz



Greenwood  
Williamson



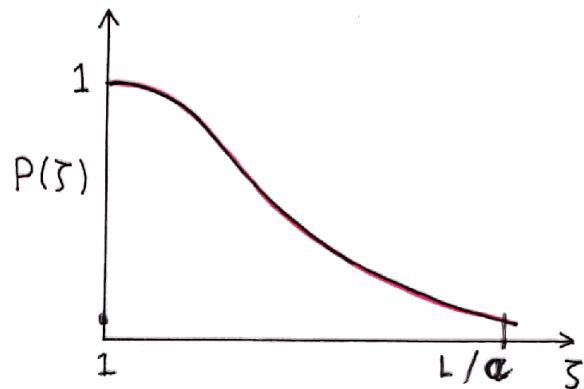
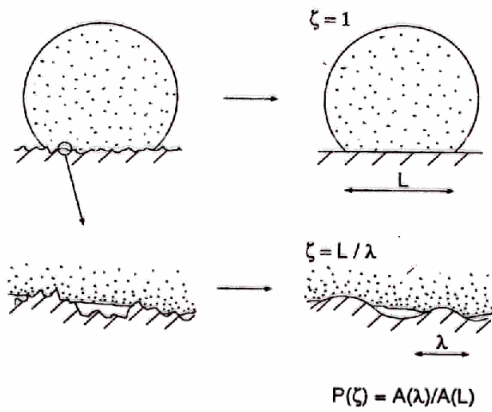
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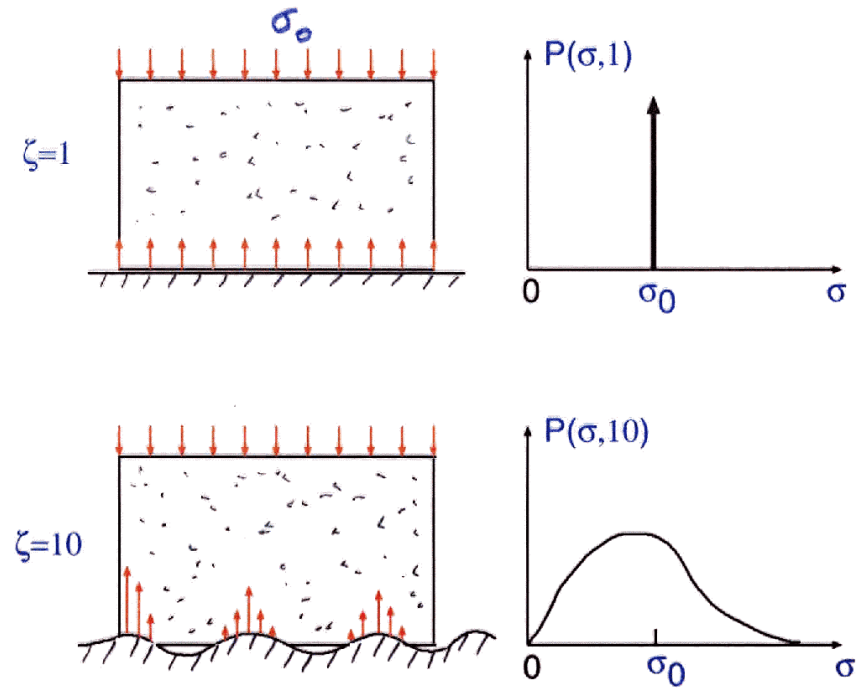
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# New Contact Theory



## Stress probability distribution function $P(\sigma, \zeta)$



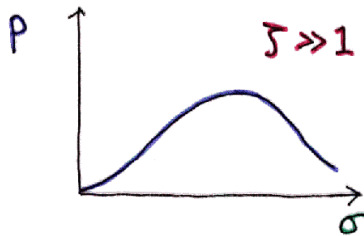
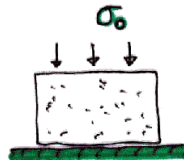
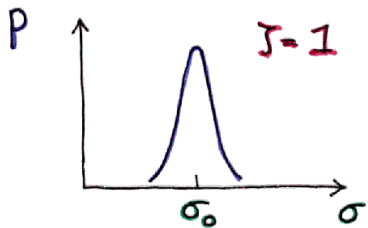
$$P(\zeta) = \int_0^{\infty} d\sigma P(\sigma, \zeta)$$

# Stress probability distribution $P(\sigma, \zeta)$

$$\frac{\partial P}{\partial \zeta} = G'(\zeta) \sigma_0^2 \frac{\partial^2 P}{\partial \sigma^2}$$

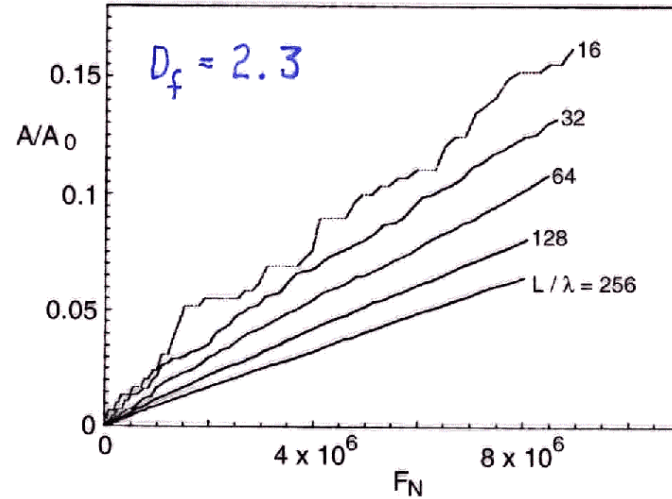
$$G(\zeta) = \frac{\pi}{4} \left[ \frac{E}{(1-\nu^2)\sigma_0} \right]^2 \int_{q_L}^{\zeta q_L} dq q^3 C(q).$$

$$C(q) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^2} \int d^2x \langle h(\mathbf{x})h(\mathbf{0}) \rangle e^{-i\mathbf{q}\cdot\mathbf{x}},$$



$$P(0, \zeta) = 0$$

Brunetto et al (2001)



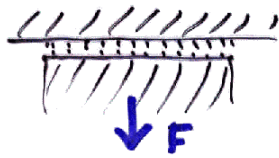
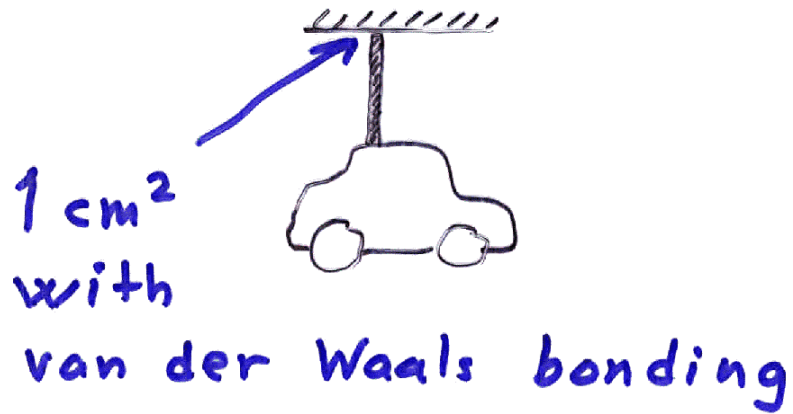
$$A(\lambda) \sim (\lambda/L)^{1-H}$$

$$H = 3 - D_f \rightarrow 1 - H = D_f - 2 = 0.3$$

$$A(\lambda) \sim (L/\lambda)^{-0.3}$$

"Experimental" slope 1; 1.24, 1.57, 1.93, 2.32

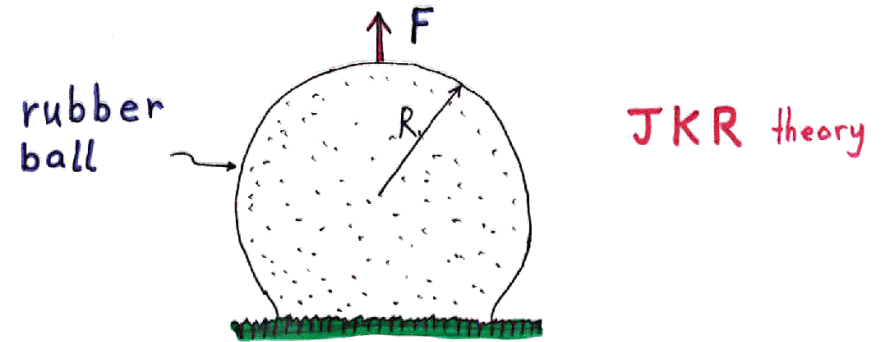
Theory: 1, 1.23, 1.52, 1.87, 2.30



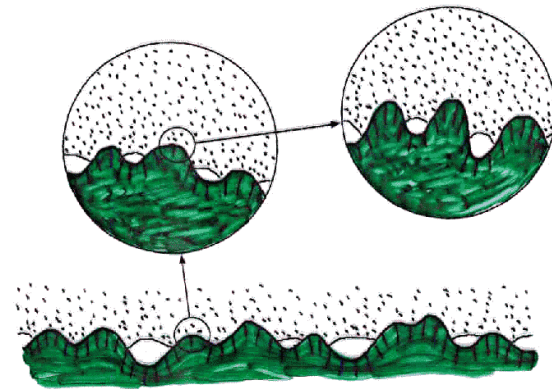
Never uniform bond breaking!



The effect of surface roughness on the adhesion of elastic solids

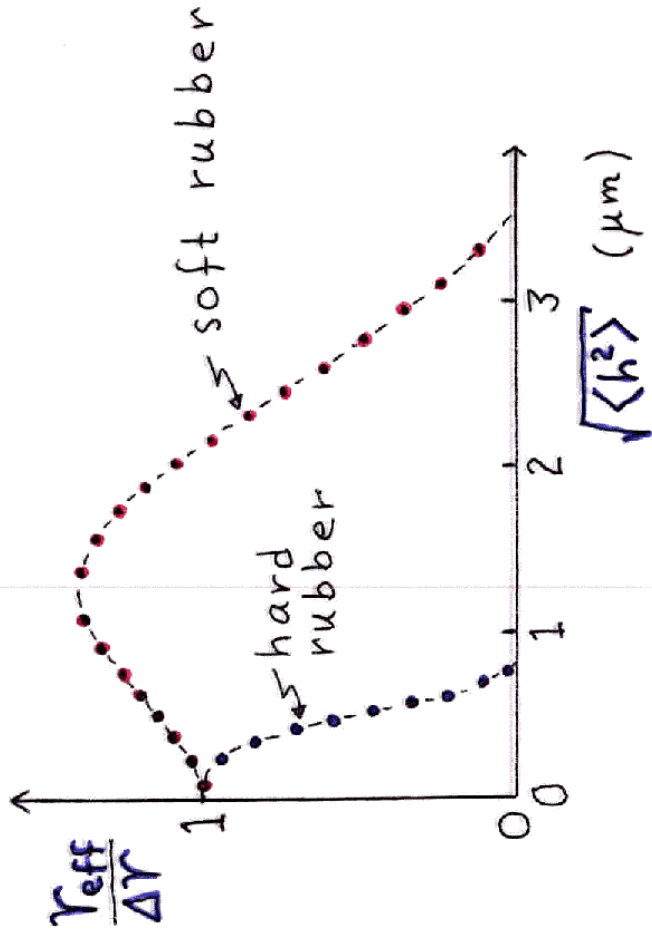


$$F_{\text{pull-off}} = \frac{3\pi}{2} R \gamma_{\text{eff}}$$





Experiment: Fuller, Tabor, Briggs, Briscoe, Roberts



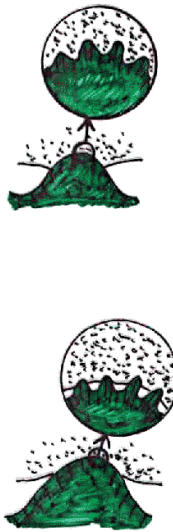
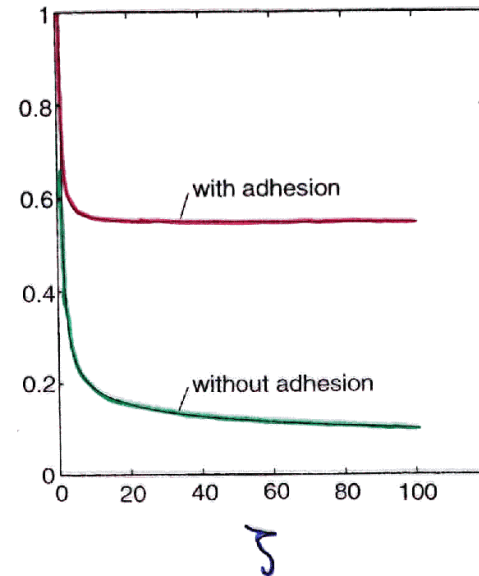
Stress probability distribution  $P(\sigma, \zeta)$

$$\frac{\partial P}{\partial \zeta} = f(\zeta) \frac{\partial^2 P}{\partial \sigma^2} \quad f(\zeta) \sim E^2 C(q_L \zeta)$$

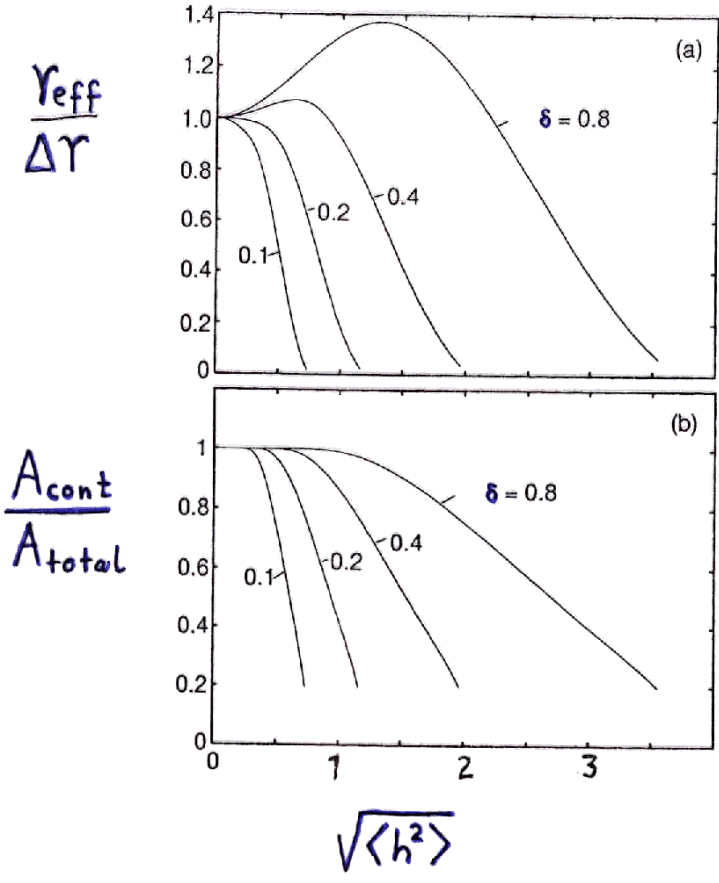
$$P(0, \zeta) = 0 \quad \text{no adhesion}$$

$$P(-\sigma_a(\zeta), \zeta) = 0 \quad \text{with adhesion}$$

$$\frac{A_{cont}}{A_{total}}$$

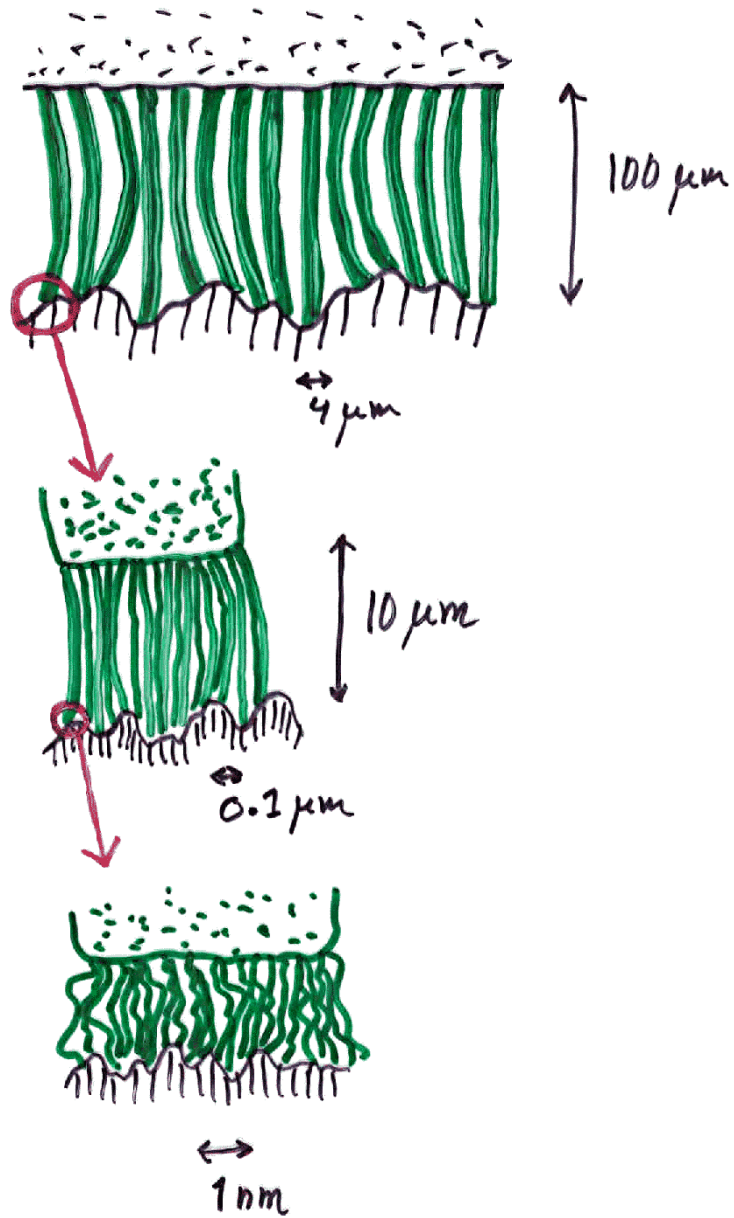


# Theory result



$$\delta \sim \frac{\Delta\gamma}{E}$$





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• Adhesion - insect, Lizard

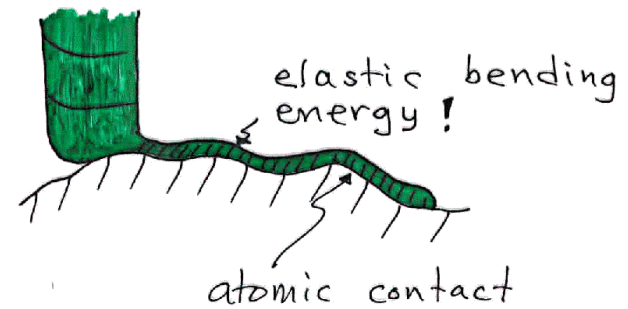
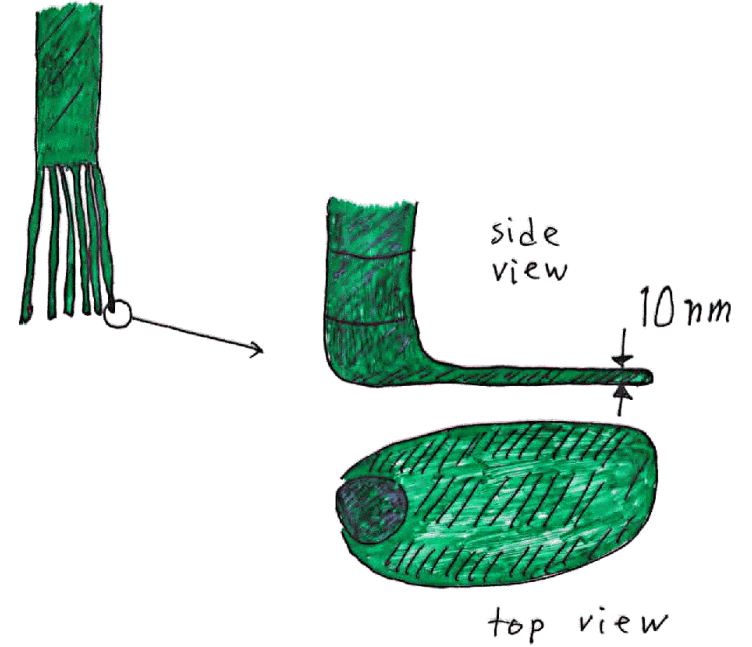
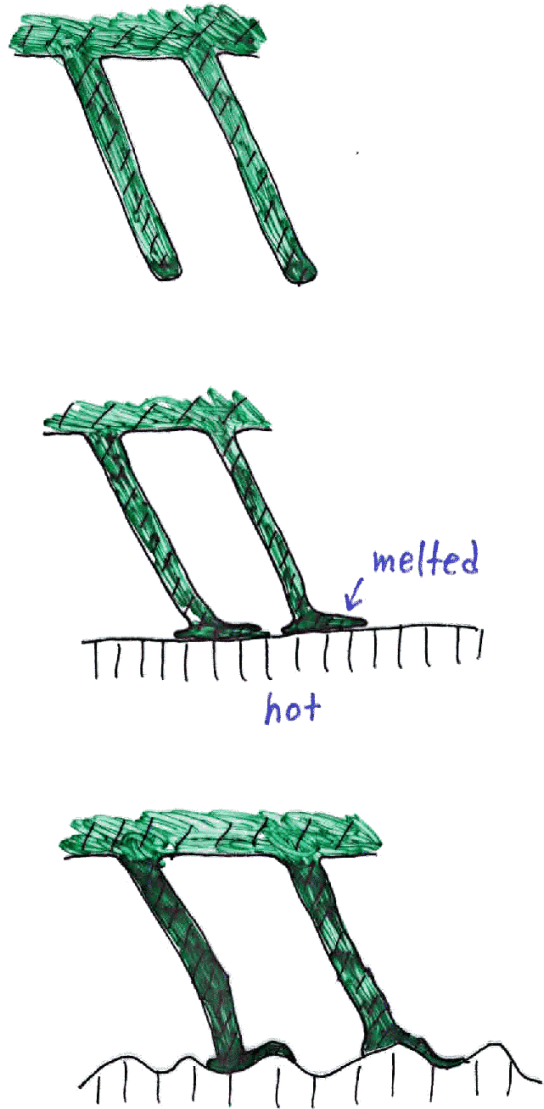


Plate-adhesion to



$$P(\sigma, \mathcal{J}) = \langle \delta(\sigma - \sigma_T(x, \mathcal{J})) \rangle$$

$$P(\sigma, \mathcal{J} + \Delta \mathcal{J}) = \langle \delta(\sigma - \sigma_T - \Delta \sigma) \rangle$$

$$= \int d\sigma' \langle \delta(\sigma' - \Delta \sigma) \delta(\sigma - \sigma_T - \sigma') \rangle$$

$$= \int d\sigma' \langle \delta(\sigma' - \Delta \sigma) \rangle P(\sigma - \sigma', \mathcal{J})$$

$$\langle \delta(\sigma' - \Delta \sigma) \rangle = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int dw \langle e^{iw(\sigma' - \Delta \sigma)} \rangle$$

$$\approx \frac{1}{2\pi} \int dw e^{iw\sigma'} \left(1 - \frac{w^2}{2} \langle \Delta \sigma^2 \rangle\right)$$

$$P(\sigma, \mathcal{J}^*) + \frac{\partial P}{\partial \mathcal{J}}(\sigma, \mathcal{J}) \Delta \mathcal{J}$$

$$= \int d\sigma' P(\sigma - \sigma', \mathcal{J})$$

$$\times \left[ \delta(\sigma') + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \sigma'^2} \delta(\sigma') \langle \Delta \sigma^2 \rangle \right]$$

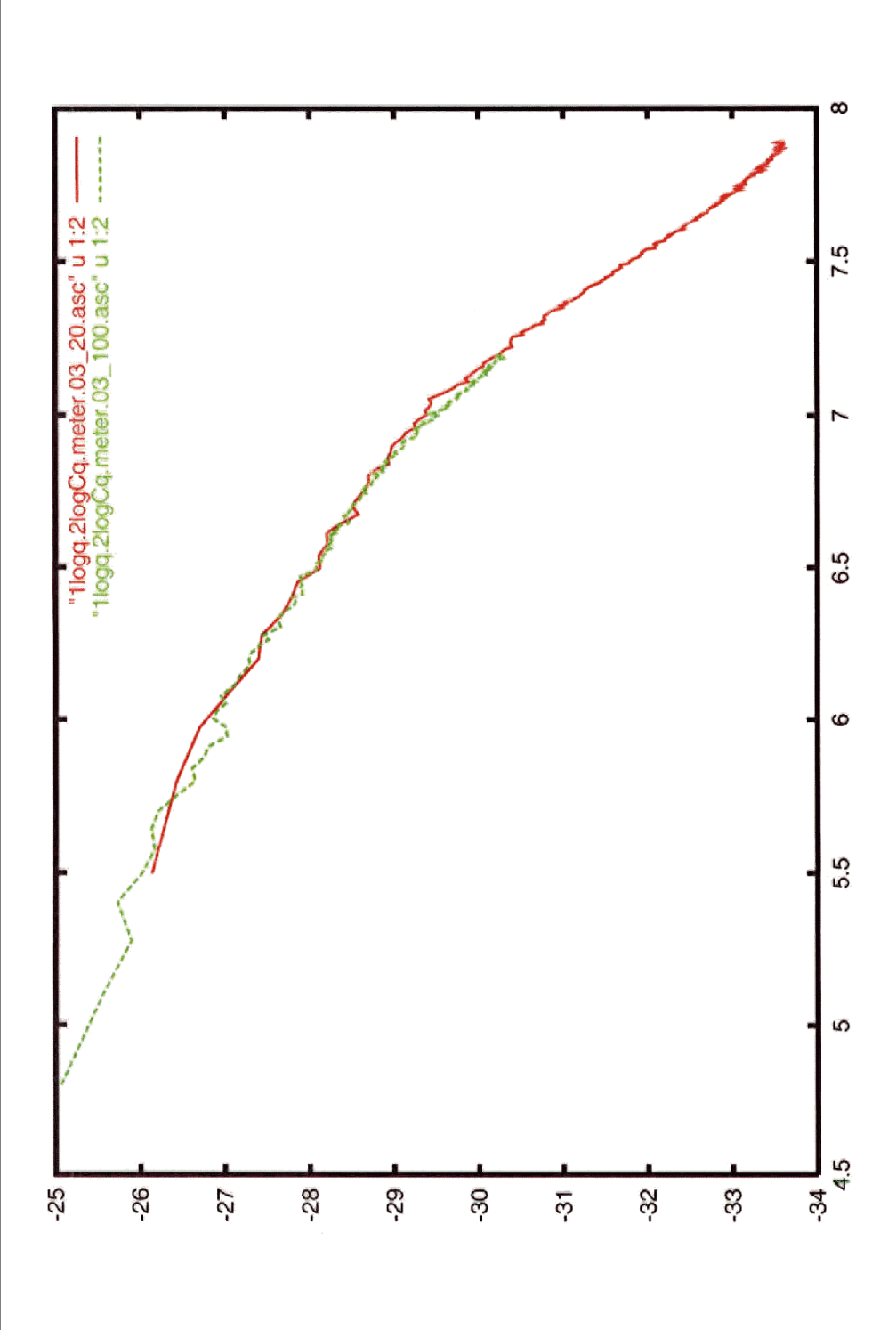
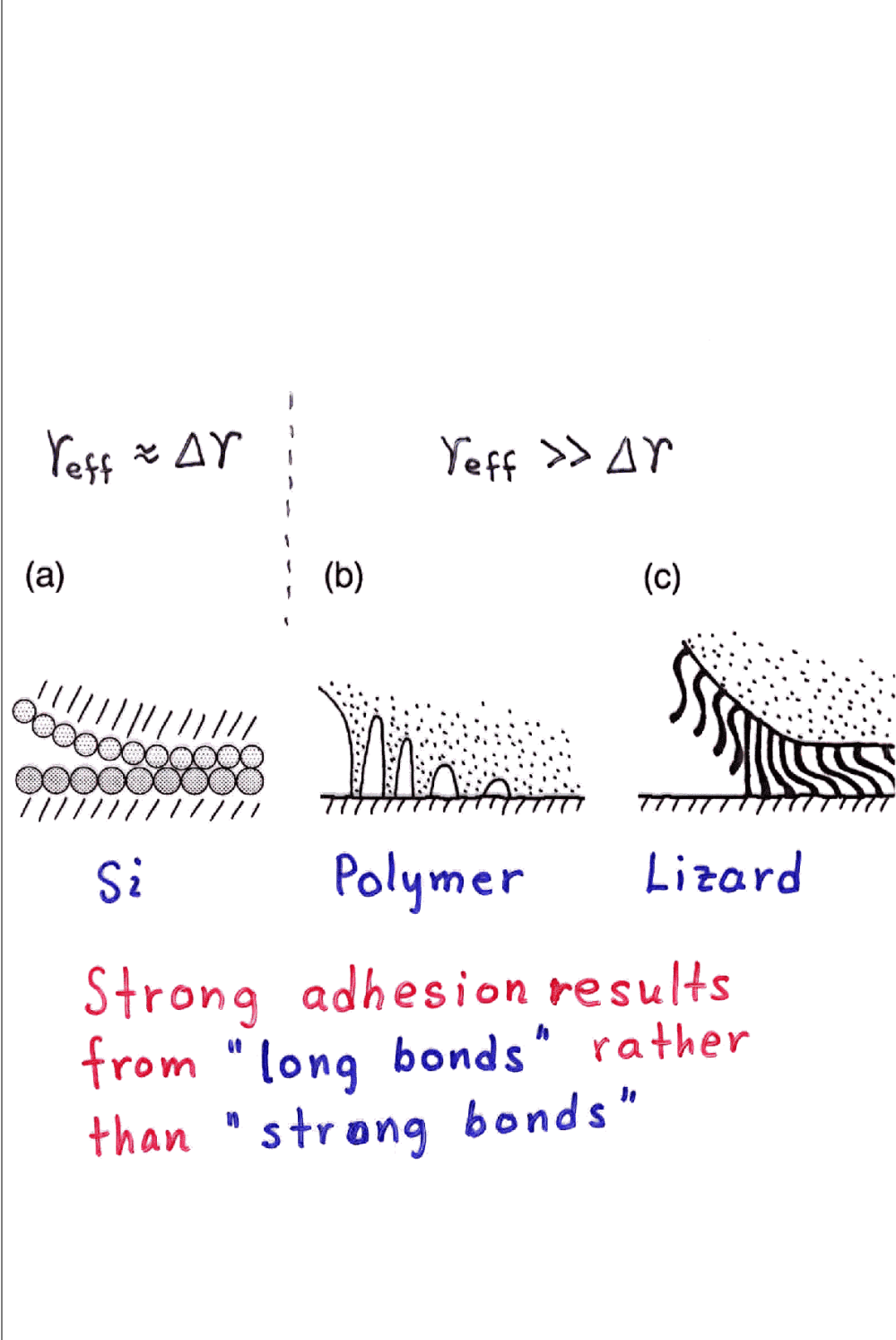
$$\frac{\partial P}{\partial \mathcal{J}} = f(\mathcal{J}) \frac{\partial^2 P}{\partial \sigma^2}, \quad f = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\langle \Delta \sigma^2 \rangle}{\Delta \mathcal{J}}$$

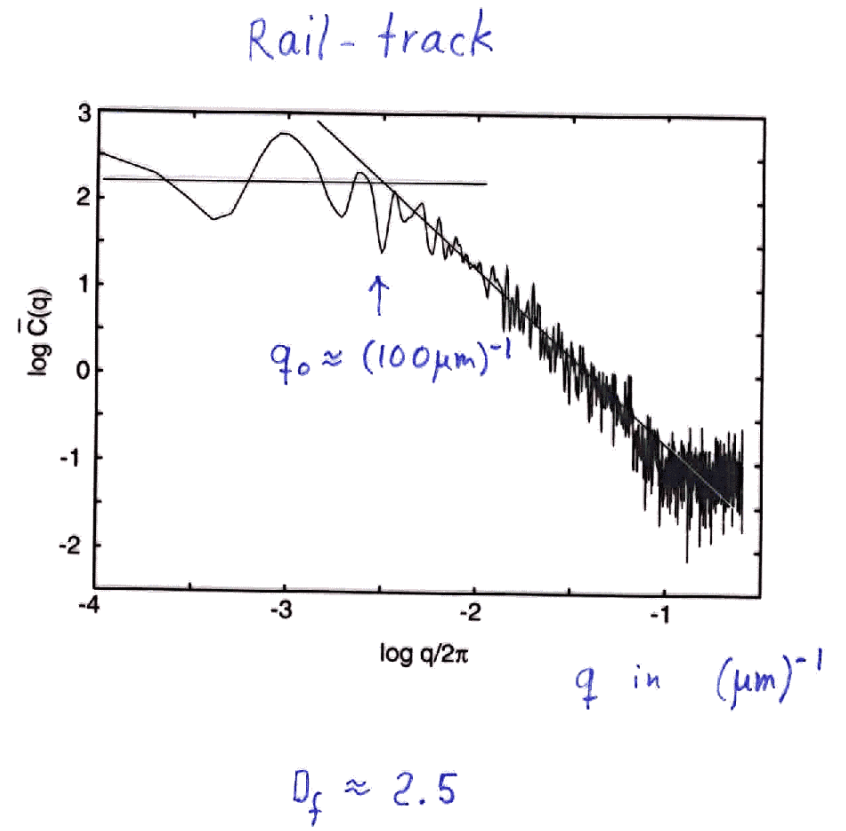
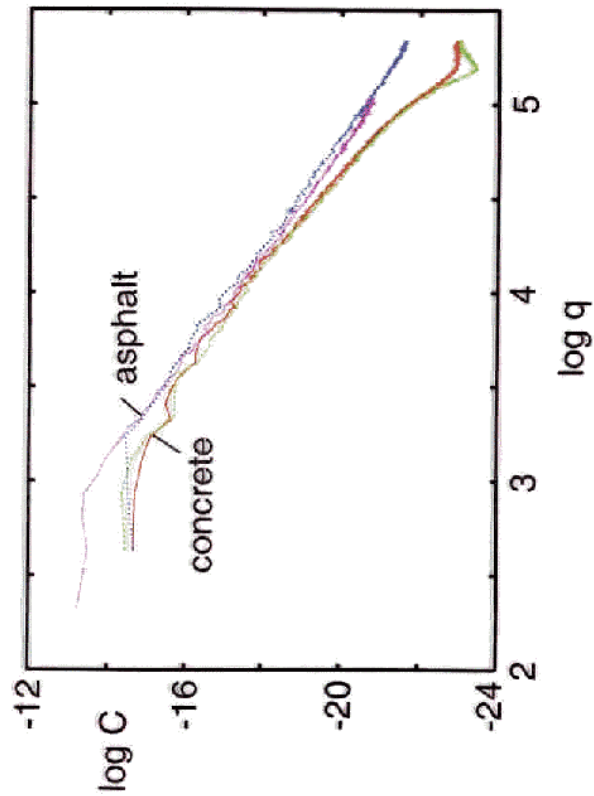
$$P(\sigma, \mathcal{J}) = \langle \delta(\sigma - \sigma_T(x, \mathcal{J})) \rangle$$

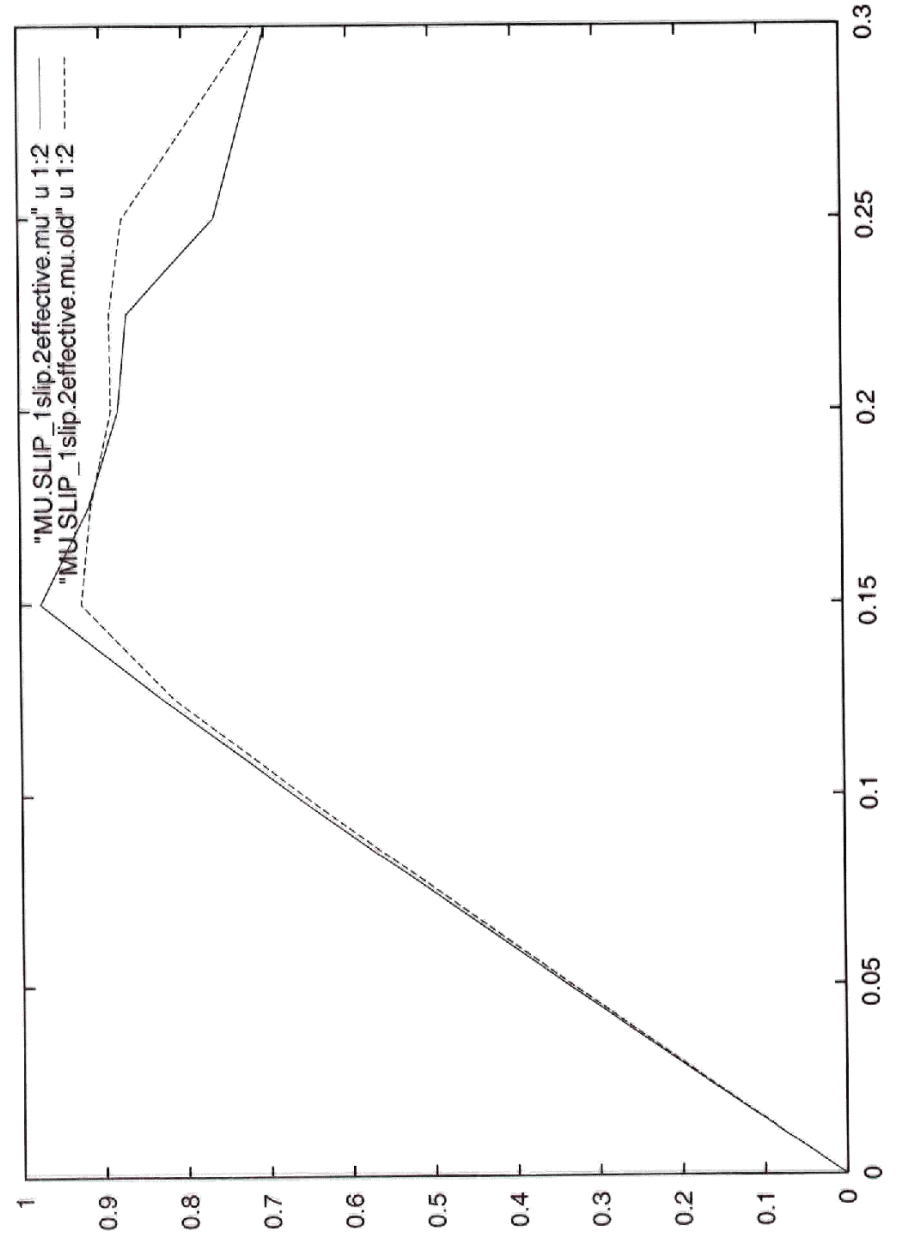
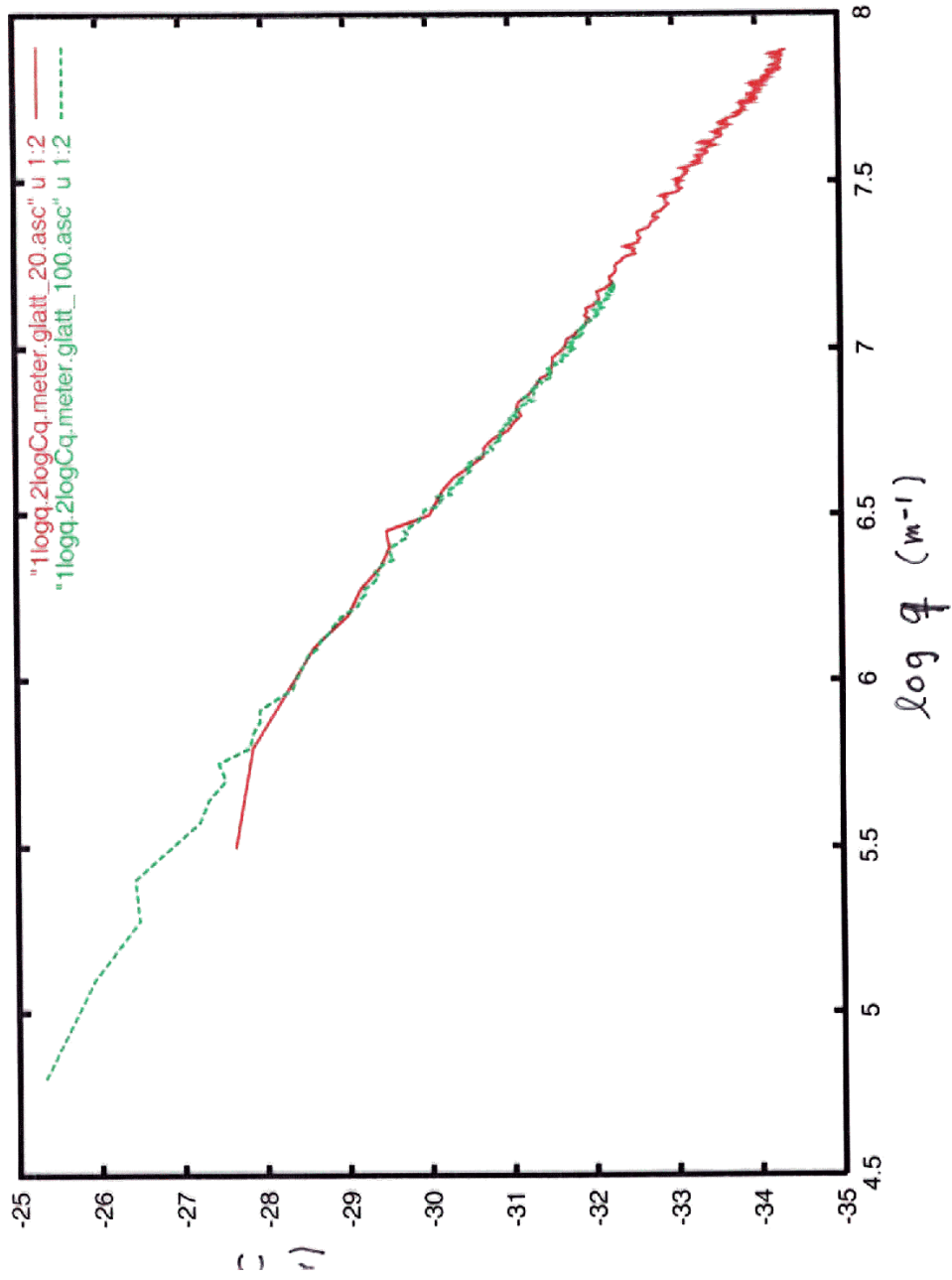
$$= \frac{1}{A_0} \int d^2x \delta(\sigma - \sigma_T(x, \mathcal{J}))$$

$$\int_{-\sigma_a}^{\infty} d\sigma P(\sigma, \mathcal{J}) = \frac{A(\mathcal{J})}{A_0}$$











$$P(\sigma, \zeta) = \langle \delta[\sigma - \sigma_1(x)] \rangle$$

$$\sigma_1(x) = \sum_{q < \zeta q_L} \sigma(q) e^{iq \cdot x}$$

$$q_L = \frac{2\pi}{L}$$

$$\frac{\partial P}{\partial \zeta} = G'(\zeta) \sigma_0^2 \frac{\partial^2 P}{\partial \sigma^2}$$

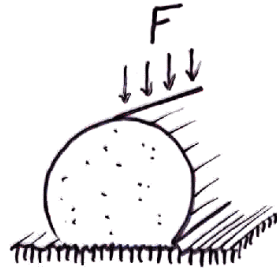
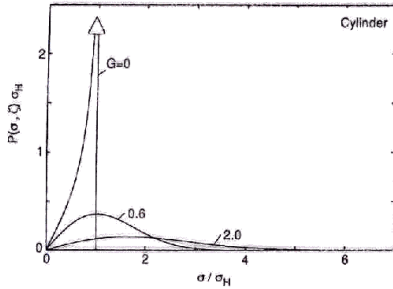
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$$P(\sigma, 1) = P_0(\sigma)$$

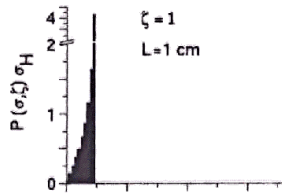
$$P(0, \zeta) = P(\infty, \zeta) = 0$$

$$A(\lambda) = \frac{4(1-\nu^2)}{q_0 h_0} \left( \frac{1-H^2}{\pi H} \right)^{1/2} \frac{F_N}{E} \left( \frac{\lambda}{\lambda_0} \right)^{1-H}$$

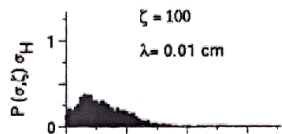


$$\sigma(x) = \sigma_H \left(1 - \left[\frac{x}{a_H}\right]^2\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

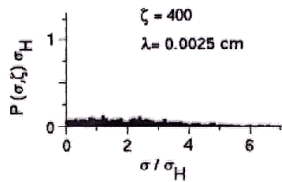
$$\langle S(\sigma - \sigma(x)) \rangle$$



$$A_0 = L_x L_y$$

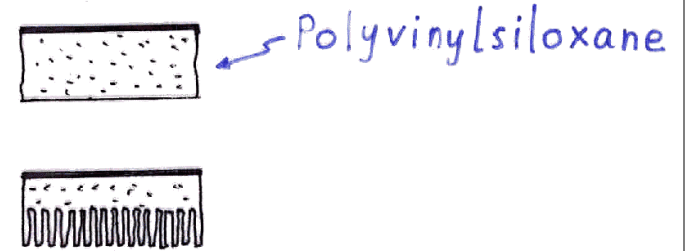


$$A = 0.62 A_0$$

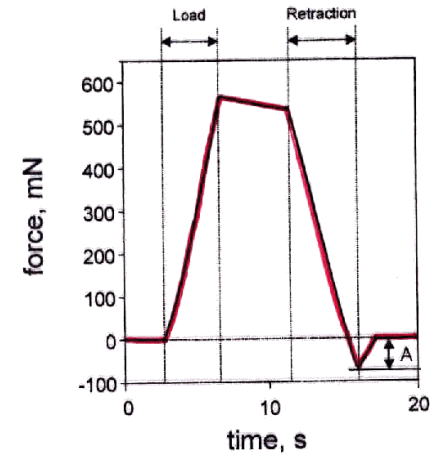


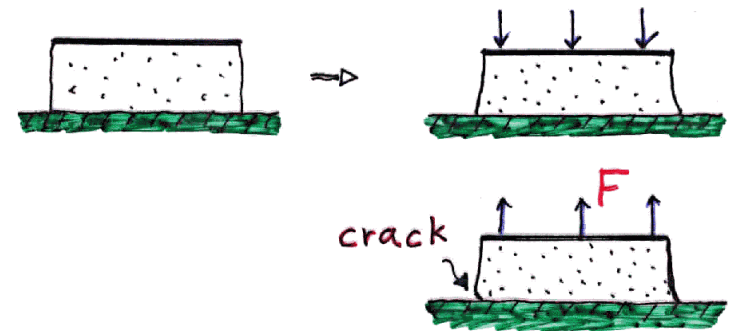
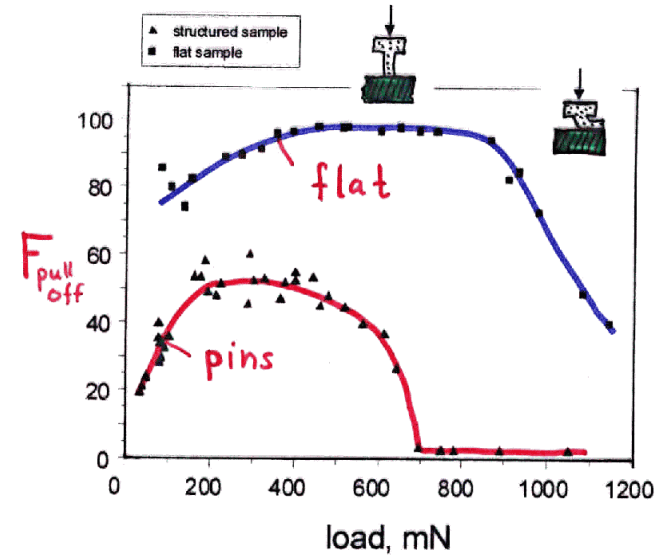
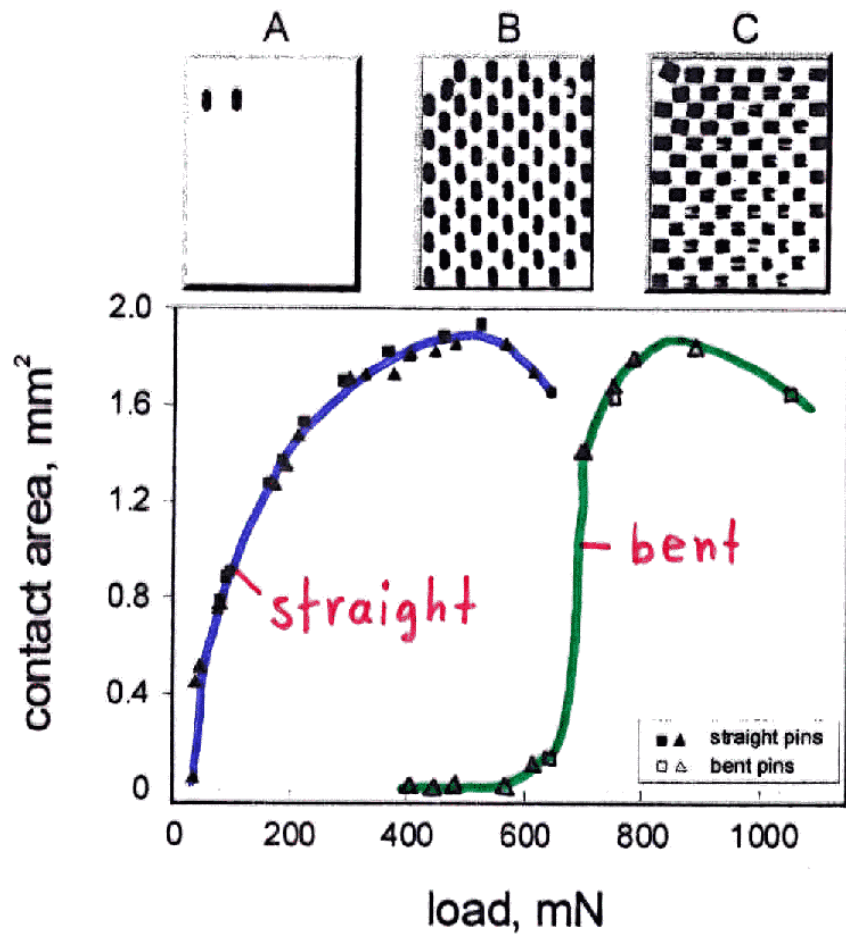
$$A = 0.33 A_0$$

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Perssadko, Gorb

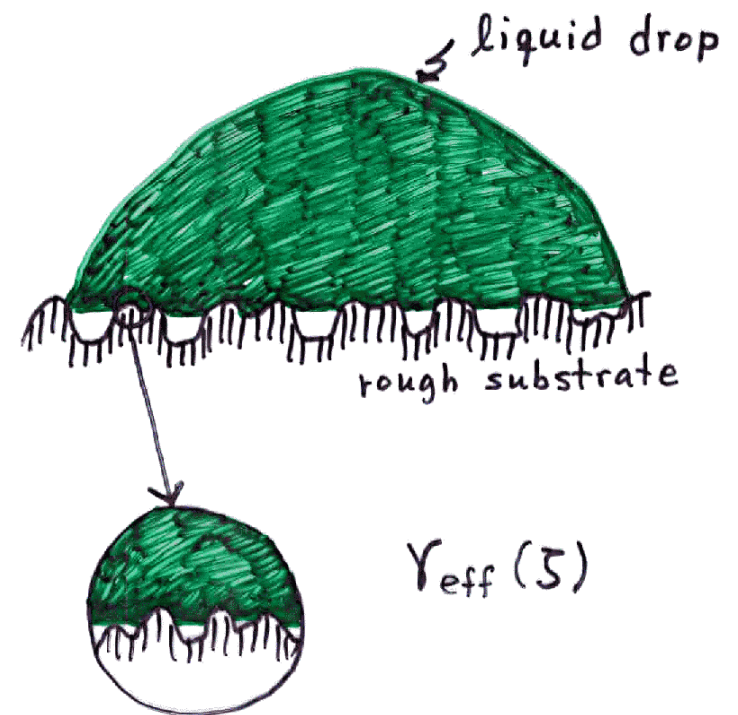






## Future activity:

- Viscoelastic solids
- Wetting on rough substrate



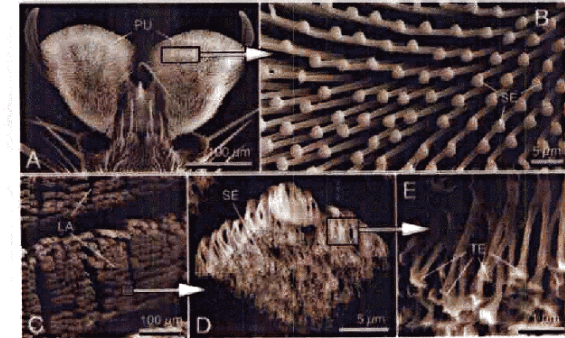
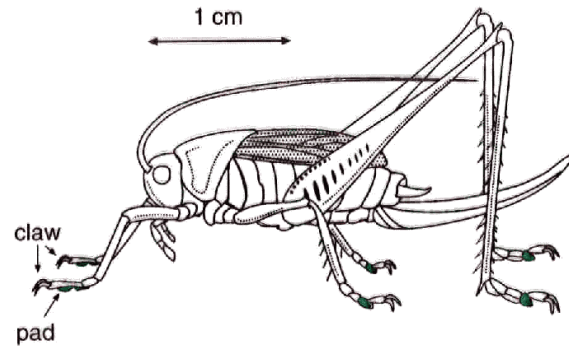
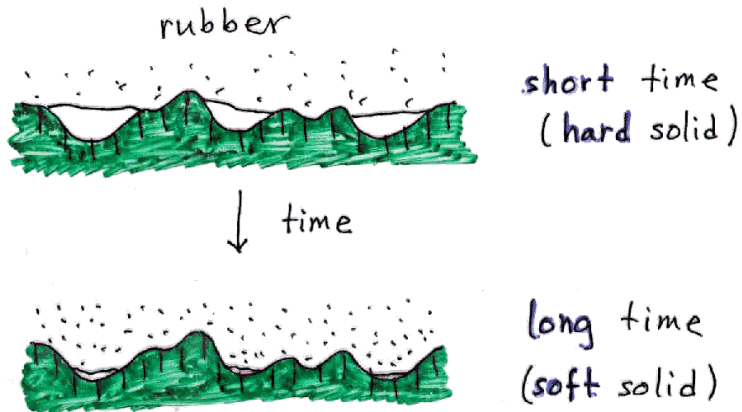


Fig. 1. Biological attachment surfaces, scanning electron microscopy. A-B. Pads (pulvilli) of the leg of the fly *Episyrrhus balteatus* are divided into setae with flat tips. C-E. Pads of the leg of the gecko *Gecko gekko* consist of lamellae, which are subdivided into setae branching into even finer terminal elements. LA, lamellae; PU, pulvilli; SE, setae; TE, terminal elements.

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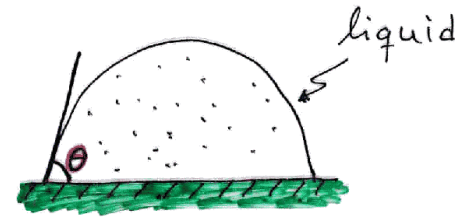
# Unsolved problems

- Adhesion with viscoelastic solid



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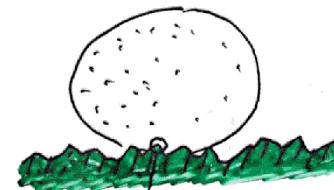
- Droplet on rough substrate



$$\gamma_{lv} \cos \theta = \gamma_{sv} - \gamma_{ls}$$

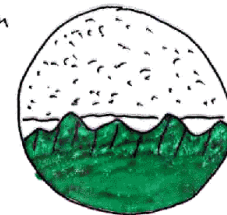
lotus effect

$$\gamma_{ls} \rightarrow \gamma_{ls}^{eff}$$



Roughness on many length scales →

Renormalization group procedure!

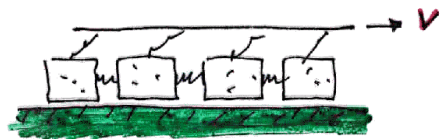
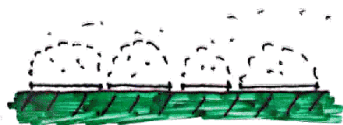


$$\gamma_{\text{liquid-solid}}^{effective} \approx \gamma_{sv} + \gamma_{lv}$$

$$\gamma_{lv} \cos \theta \approx \gamma_{sv} - \underbrace{[\gamma_{sv} + \gamma_{lv}]}_{\dots}$$

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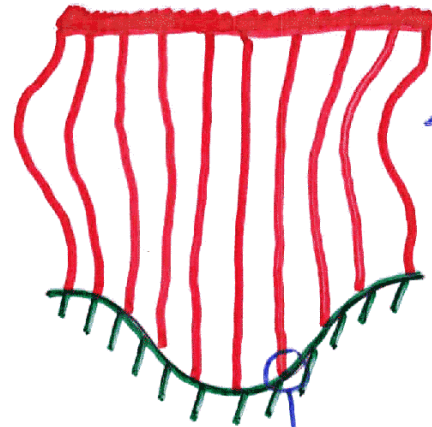
- Rubber friction on smooth substrate



random stick-slip  
or  
wave-propagation

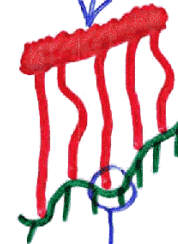


100  $\mu\text{m}$

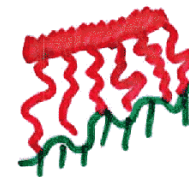


small elastic energy

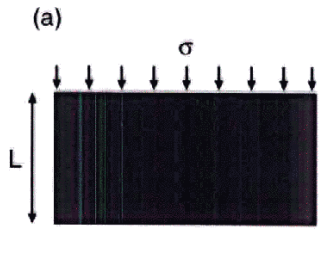
1  $\mu\text{m}$



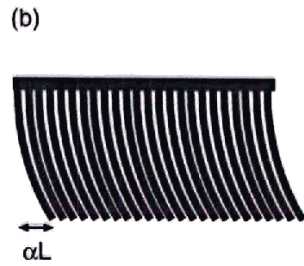
1 nm



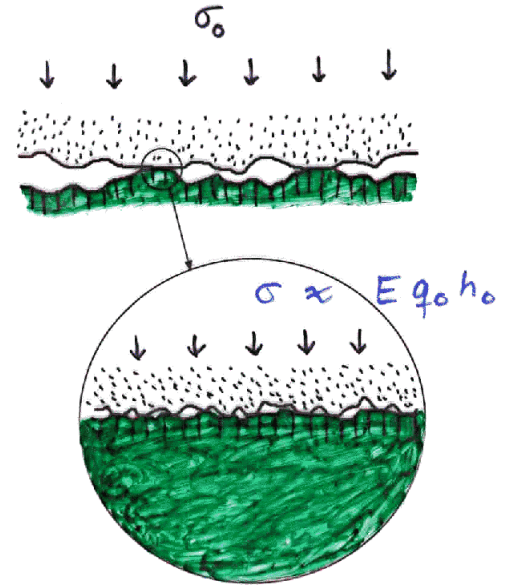
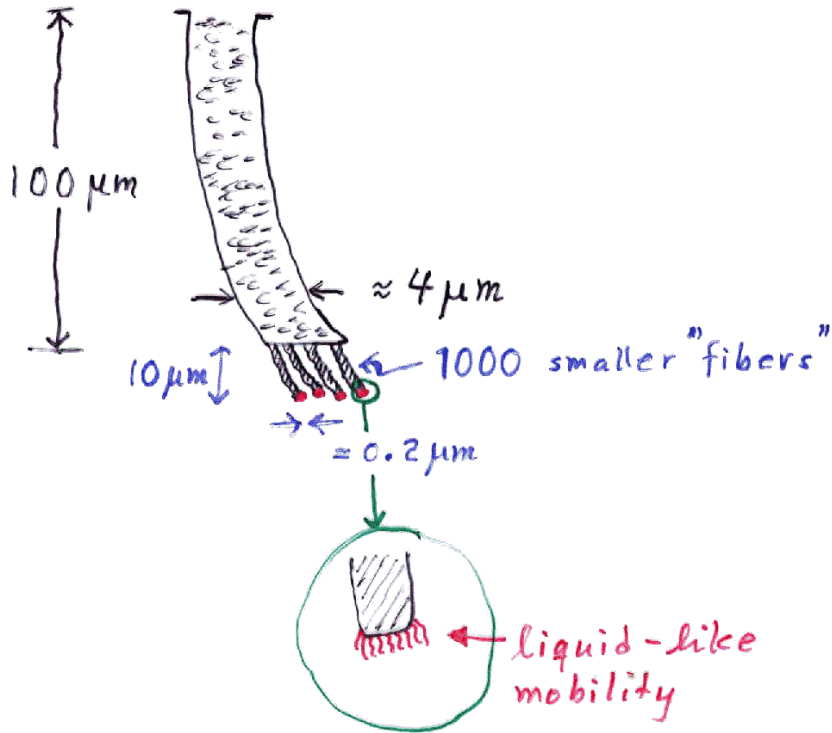
Atomic level:  
liquid-like  
mobility



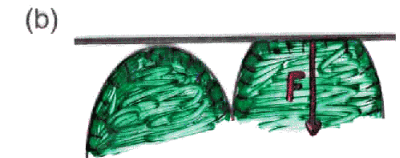
$E$



$$E^* \approx E \left(\frac{R}{L}\right)^2$$



$$A \sim a(F_1^{2/3} + F_2^{2/3})$$

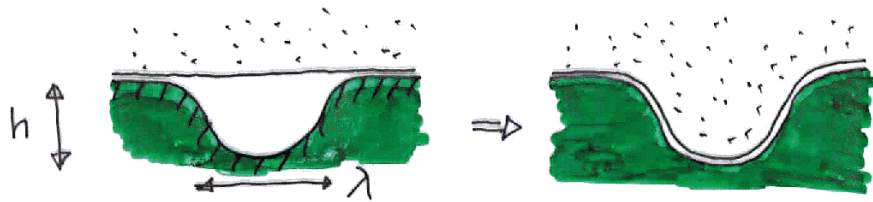


$$A^r \sim a F^{2/3} = a (F + F)^{2/3} / \Delta$$



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### Role of rubber-substrate adhesion



$$E_{el} \approx \sigma \lambda^2 h = E \frac{h}{\lambda} \lambda^2 h = E \lambda h^2$$

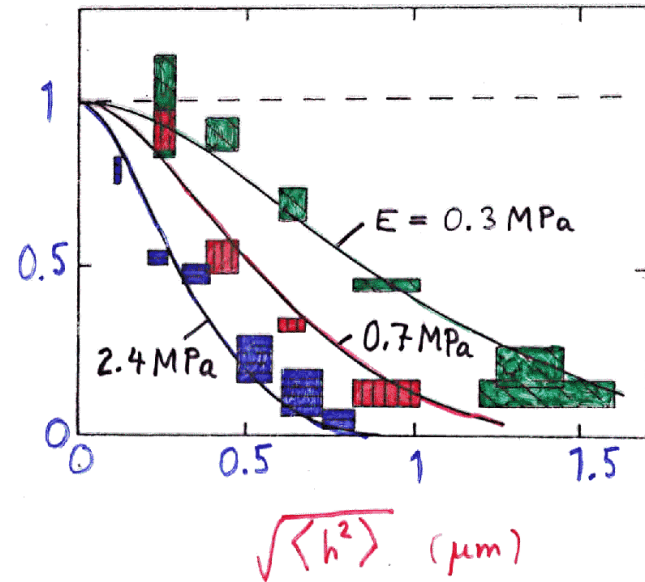
$$E_{ad} \approx \Delta\gamma \lambda^2$$

$$E_{ad} \approx E_{el} \rightarrow \frac{h}{\lambda} \approx \left( \frac{\Delta\gamma}{E\lambda} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \Delta\gamma \approx 3 \text{ meV}/\text{\AA}^2 \\ E \approx 10^6 \text{ N/m}^2 \\ h/\lambda \approx 1 \end{array} \right\} \rightarrow \lambda \approx 10^3 \text{ \AA}$$

### Adhesion

Relative pull-off force



Fuller Tabor (1975)

