

# Confined Complex Fluids



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## Part 1: Confined Simple Fluid

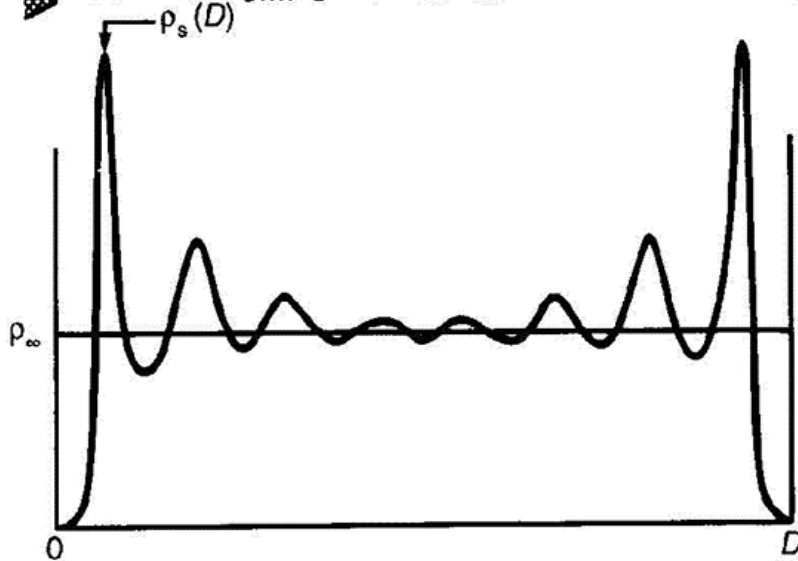
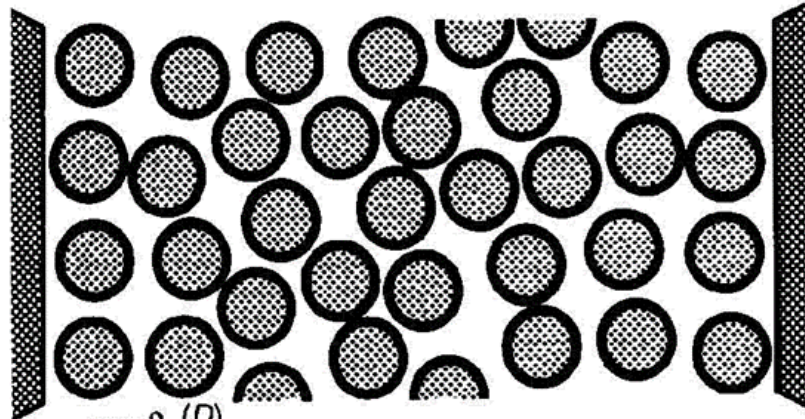
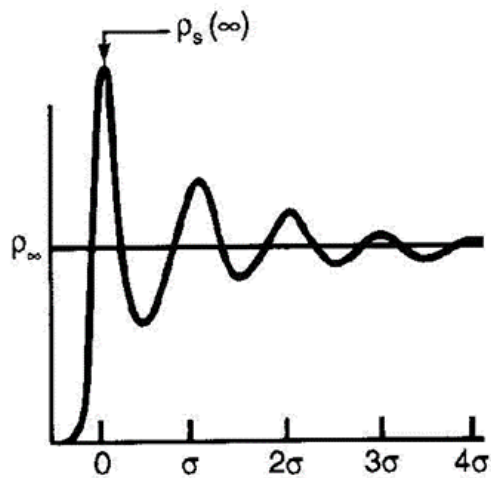
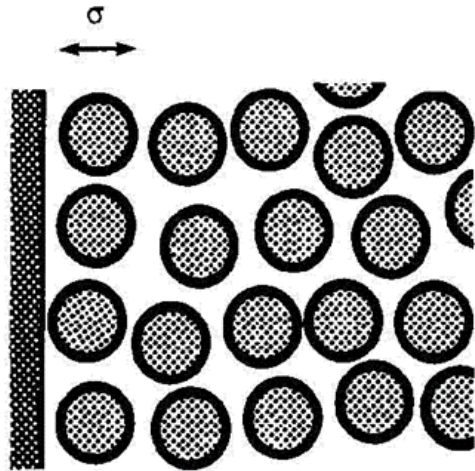
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## Part 2: Interpenetration of Confined Polymer Brushes

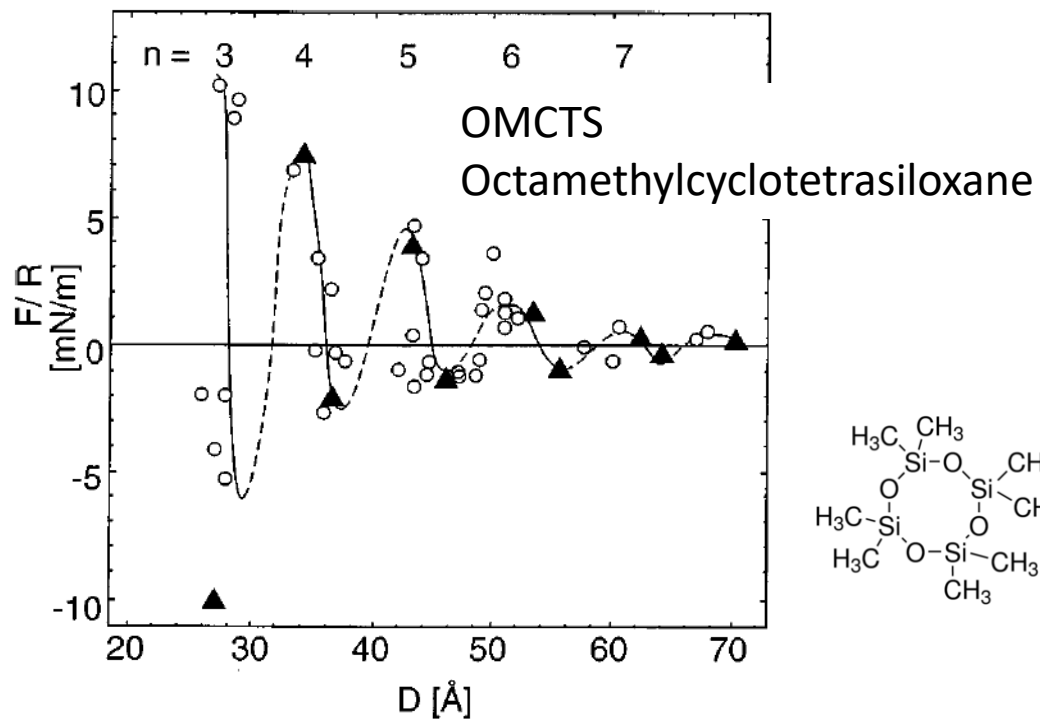
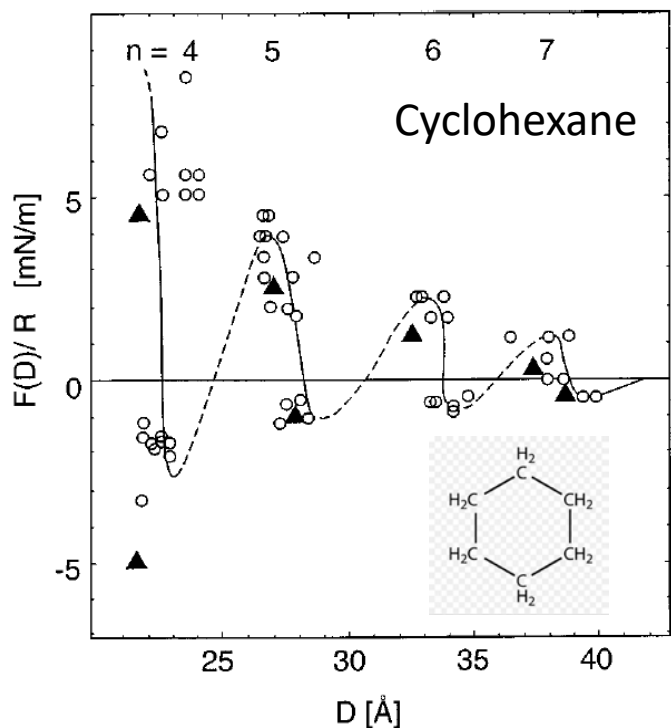
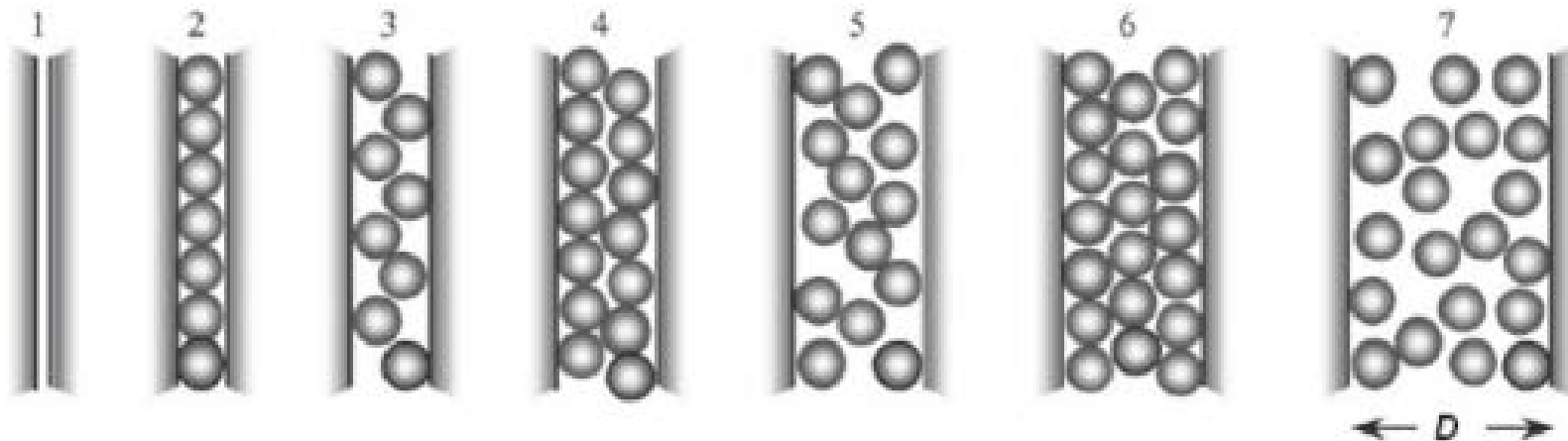
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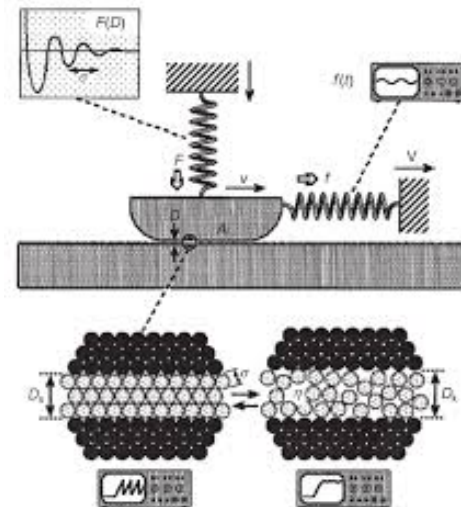
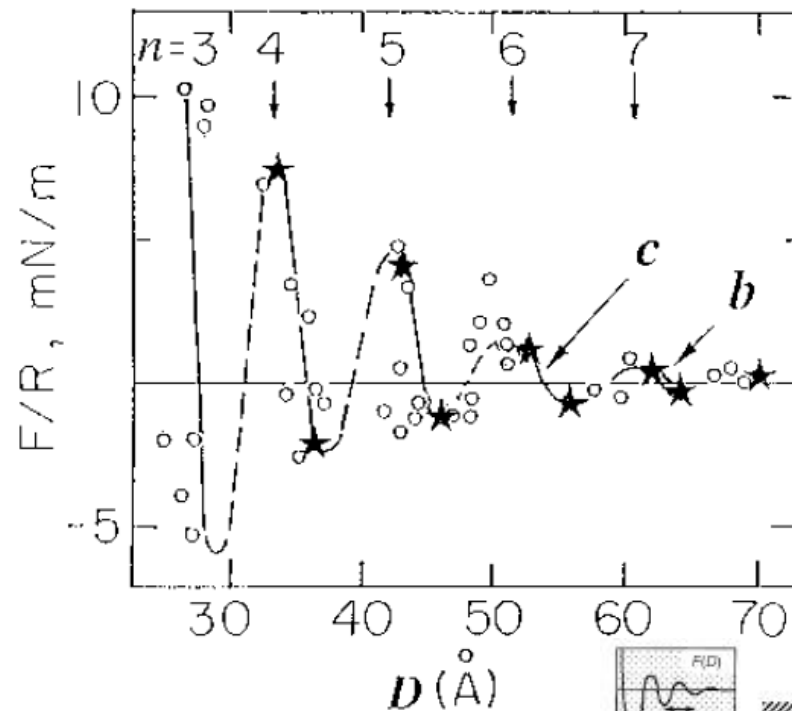
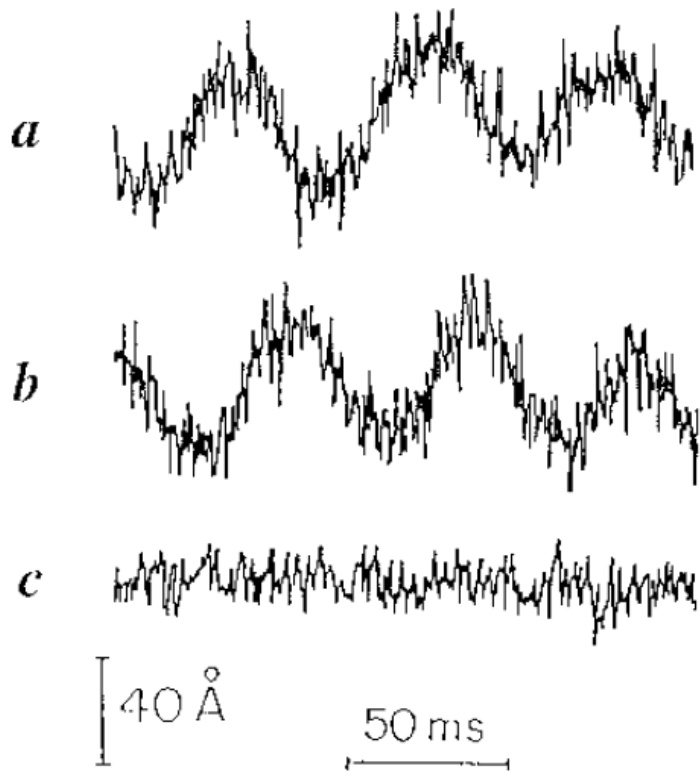
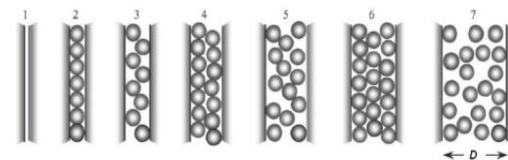
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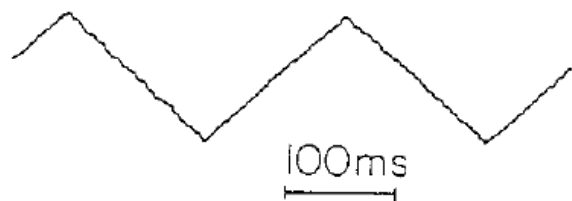
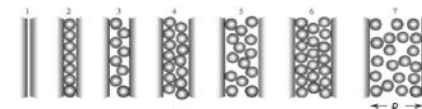


# Confined Simple Fluids – Solidlike?



Almost no pressure applied!  
 Experimental temperature ONLY  $8^\circ\text{C} > T_{\text{Melt}}$

# Confined Simple Fluids – Shear Forces



200 nm



2 μN

A, 1160 Å

No shear force detected

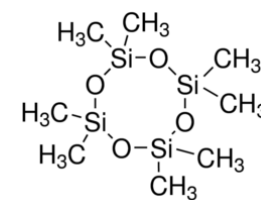
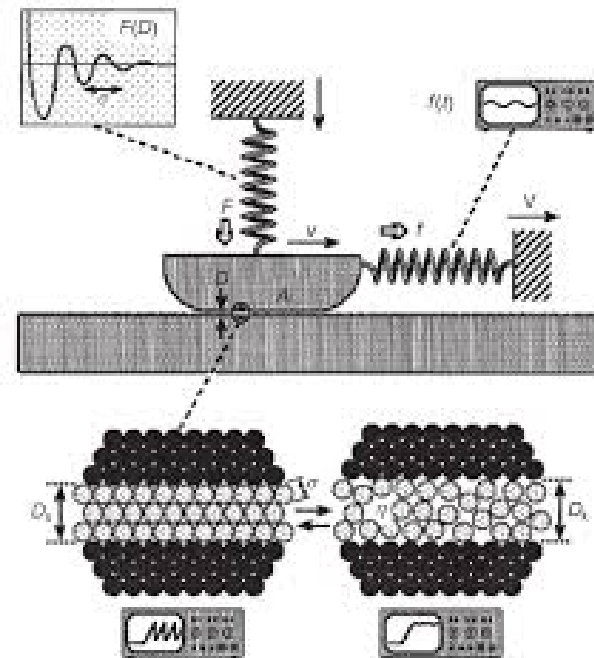
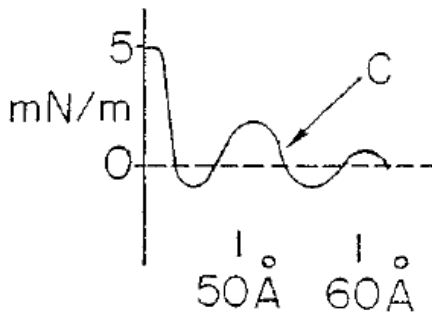
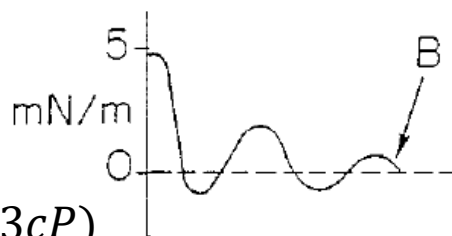


B,  $62 \pm 2 \text{ Å}$ ,  $n=7$

$\eta_{eff} \sim 3P$  (bulk  $3cP$ )

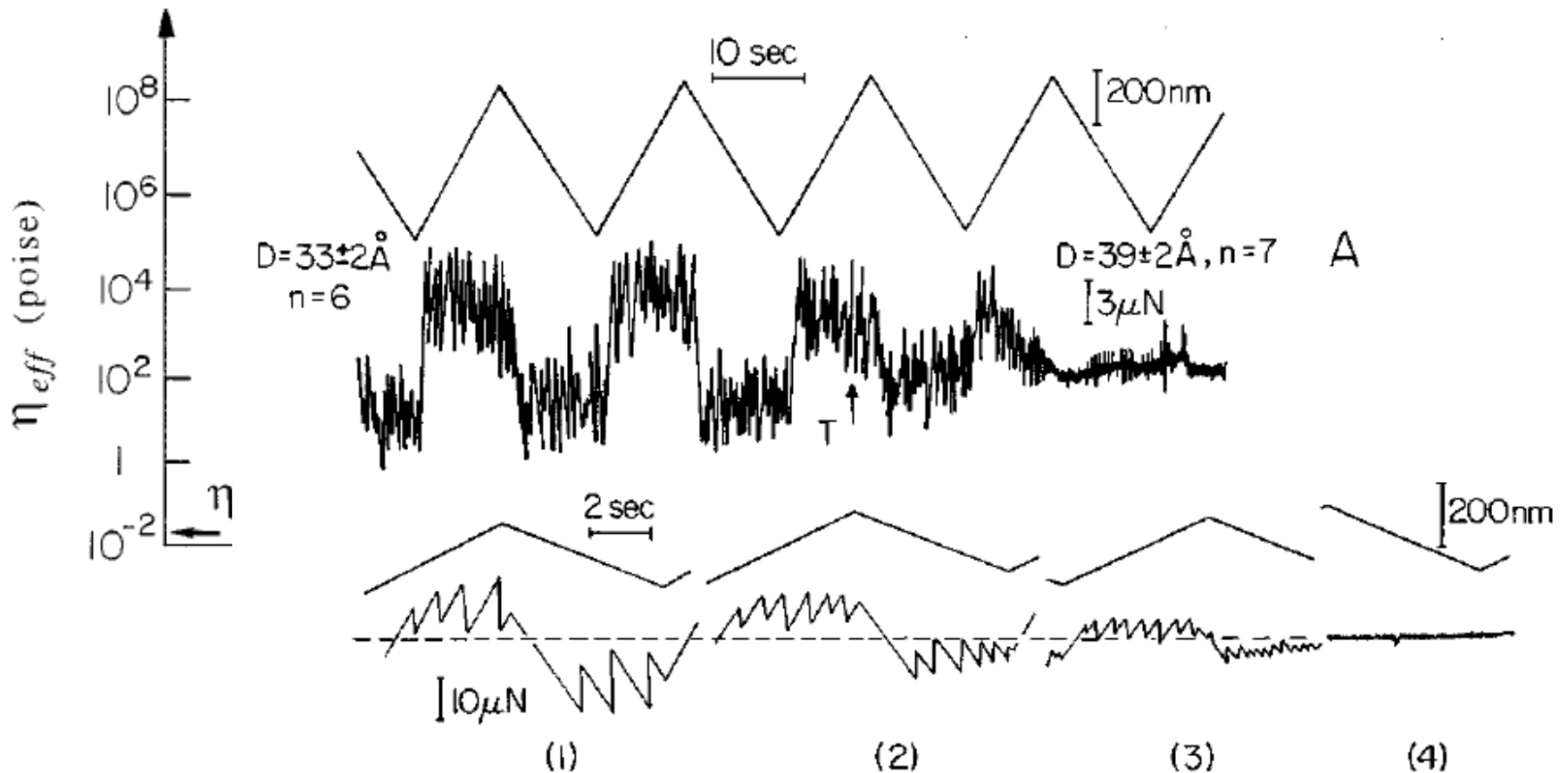


C,  $54 \pm 2 \text{ Å}$ ,  $n=6$



Shear force detected – yield point transition from liquid to “solidlike” behavior

# Confined Simple Fluids – Fluid/Glassy or Solid?

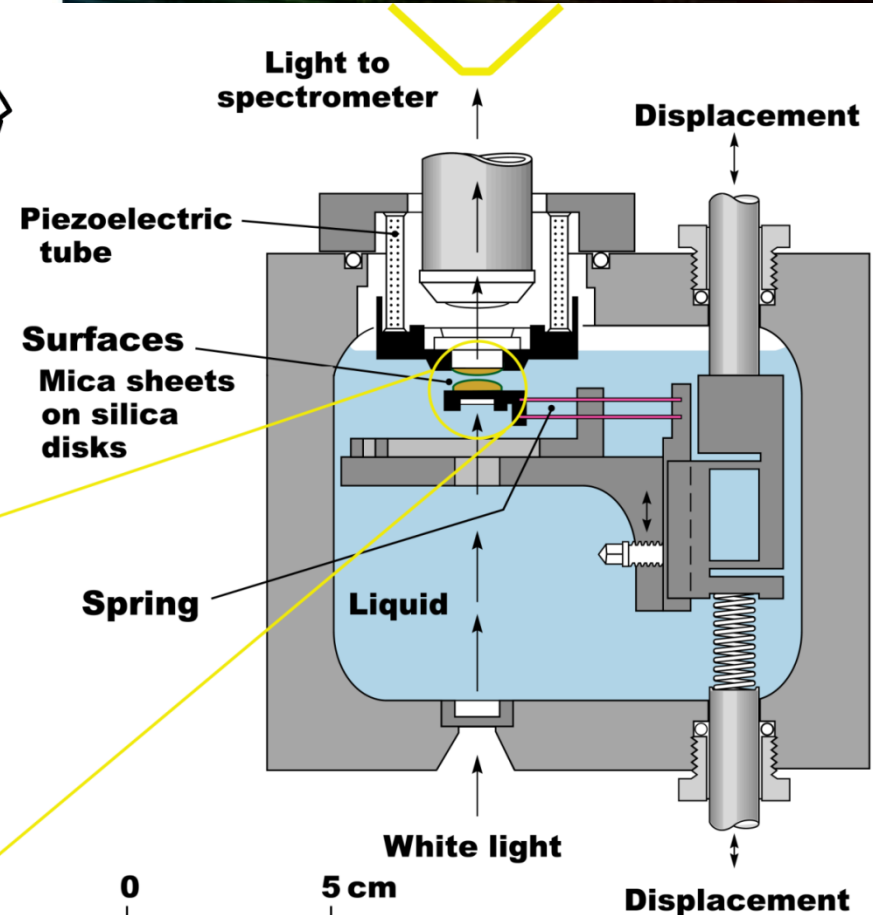
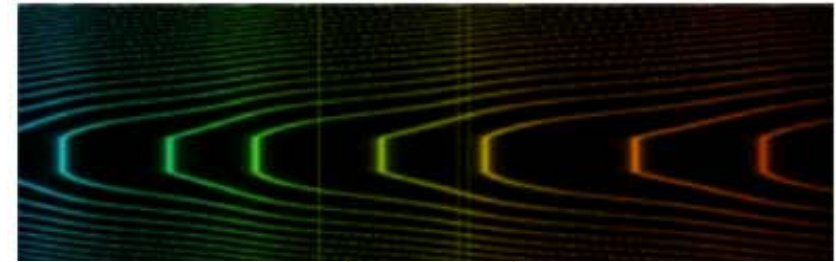
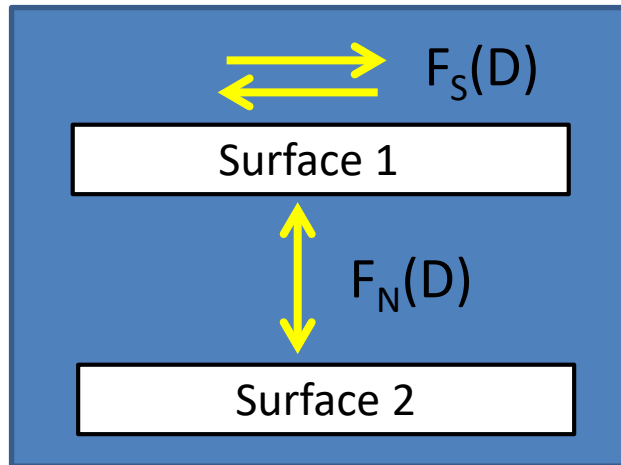
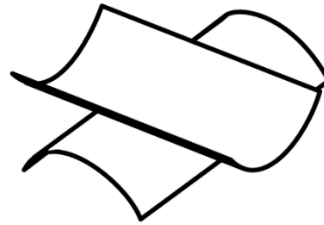


Reversible – glassy

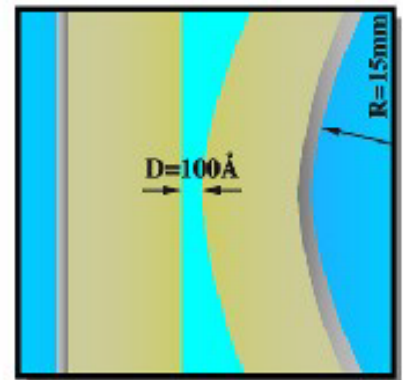
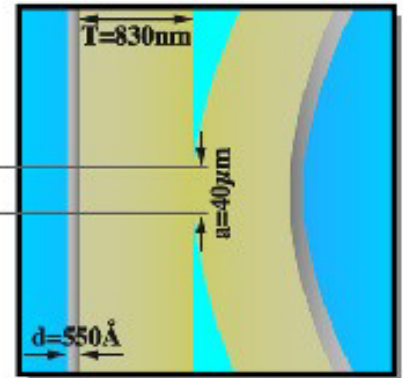
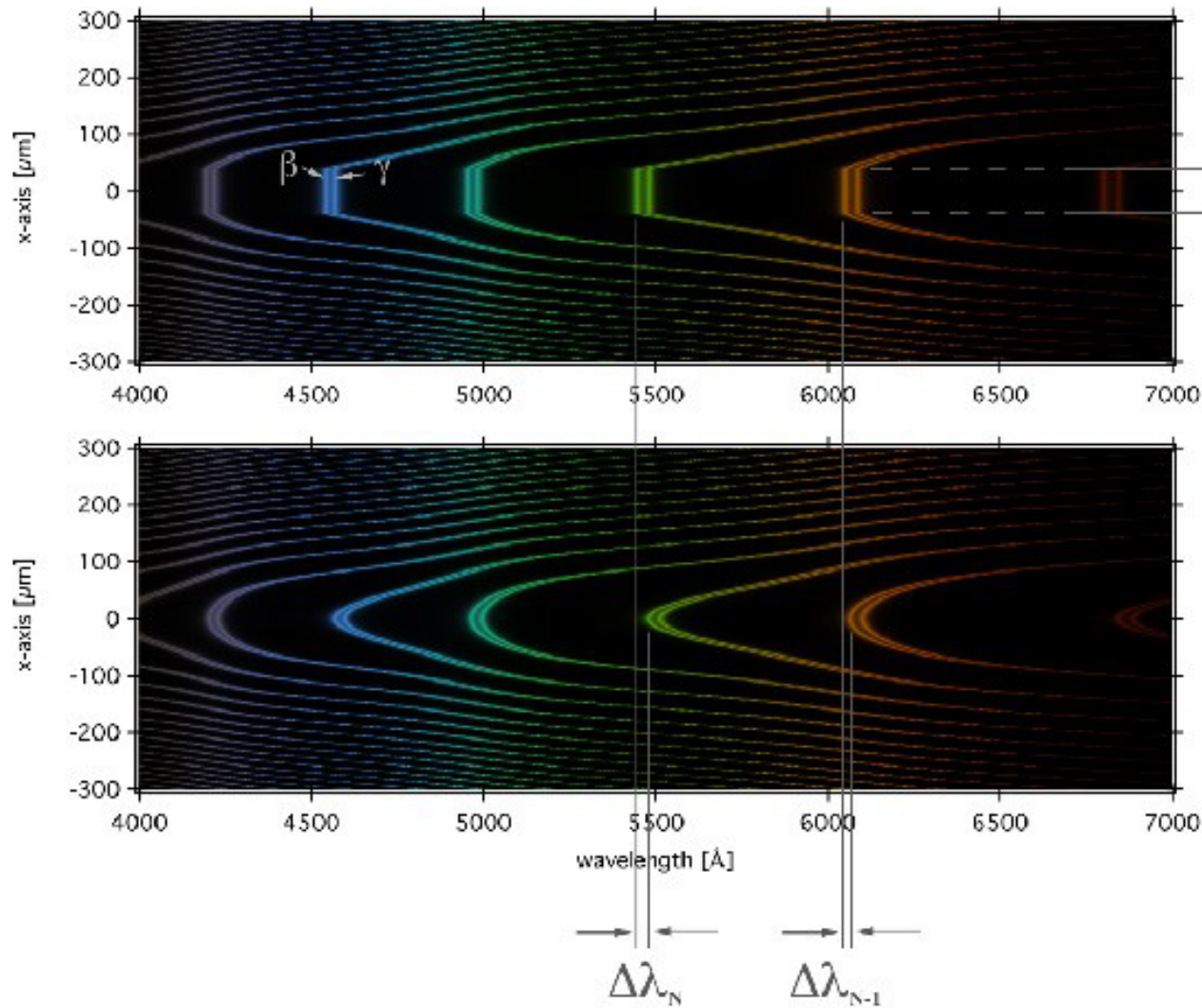
# Measuring Colloidal Interactions at 0.1nm

## Surface Force Apparatus

- Force Profile,  $F_N(D)$ 
  - Force  $\sim 50\text{nN}$
  - Distance  $\sim 1\text{\AA}$
- Friction,  $F_S(D)$
- Thin Film Tribology/Rheology

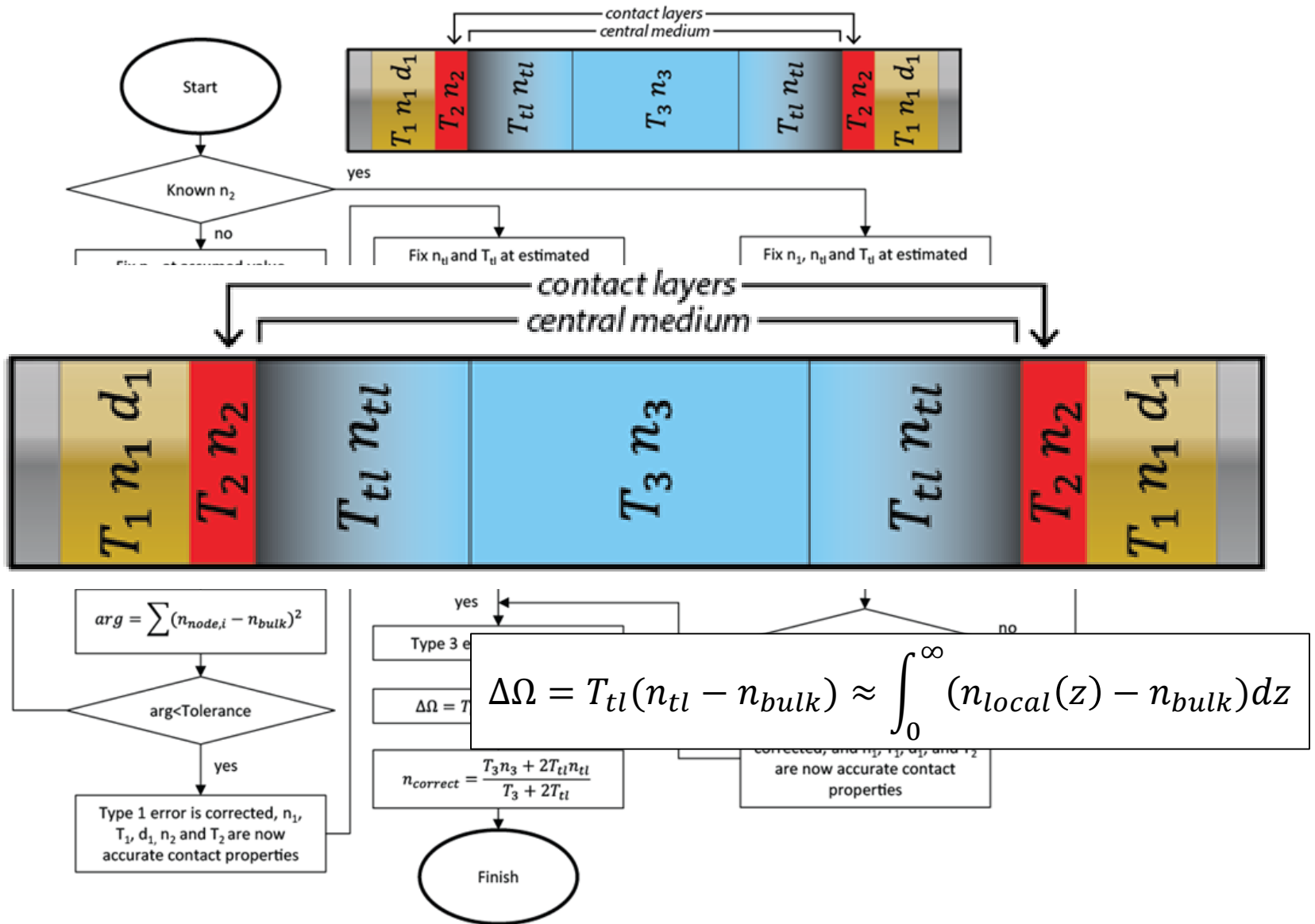


# Multiple Beam Interferometry



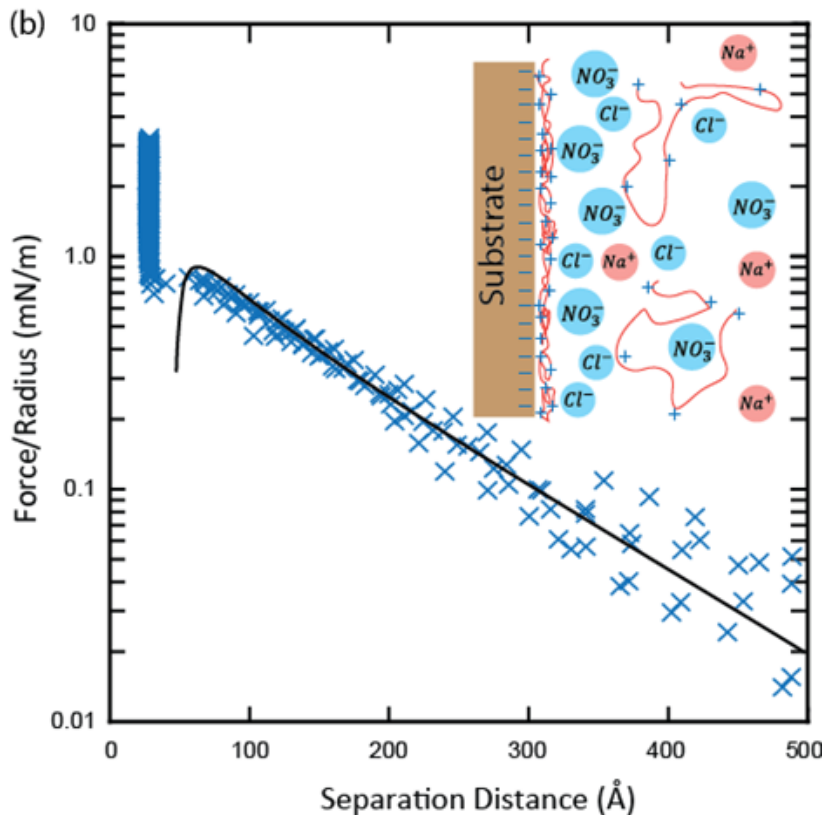


# Modeling Multiple Beam Interferometry

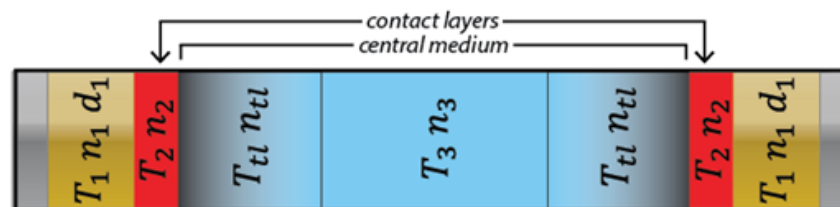
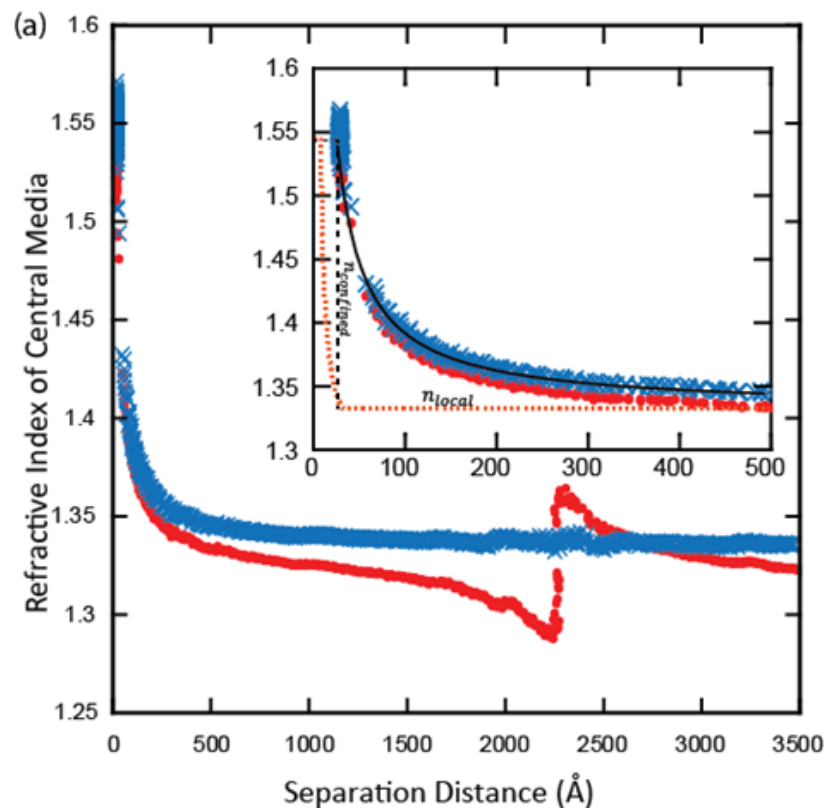


# Confined Complex Fluids – Adsorbed polymer layer

linear polyethyleneimine (PEI)  
in 0.5 mM NaNO<sub>3</sub>



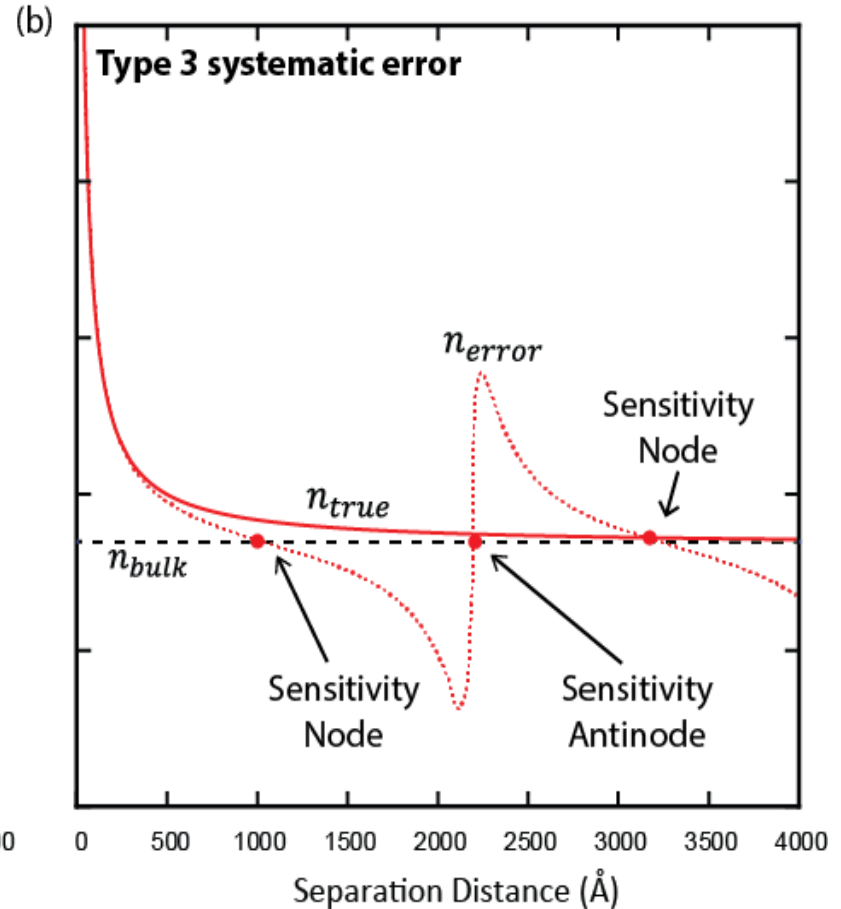
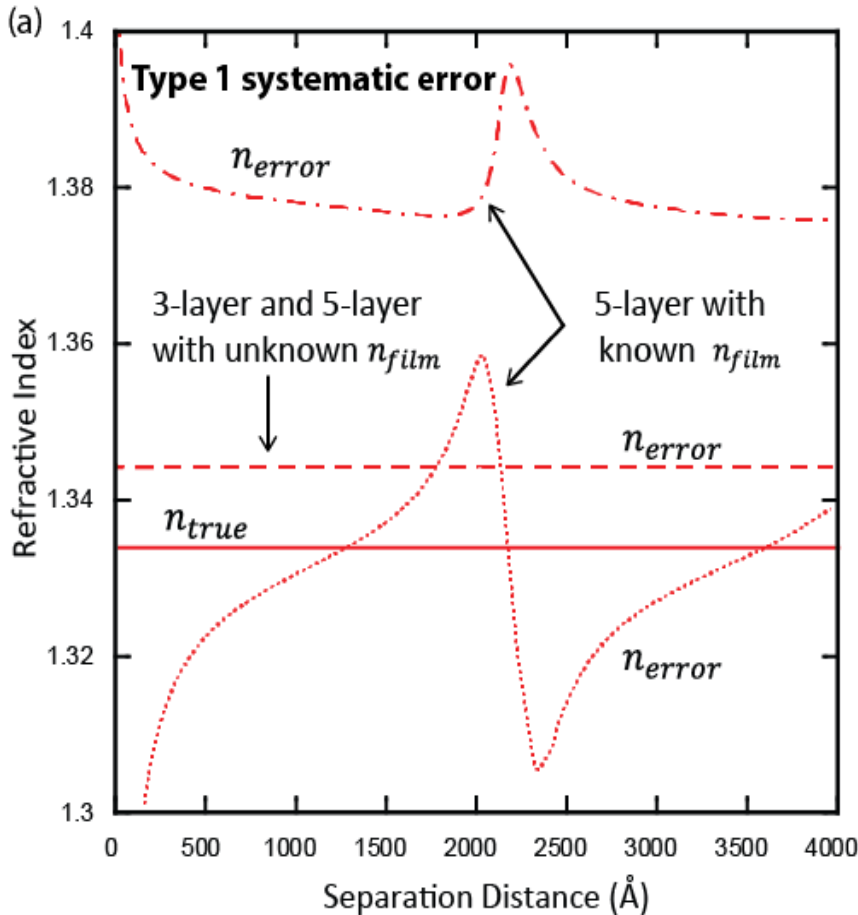
Refractive Index Modeling



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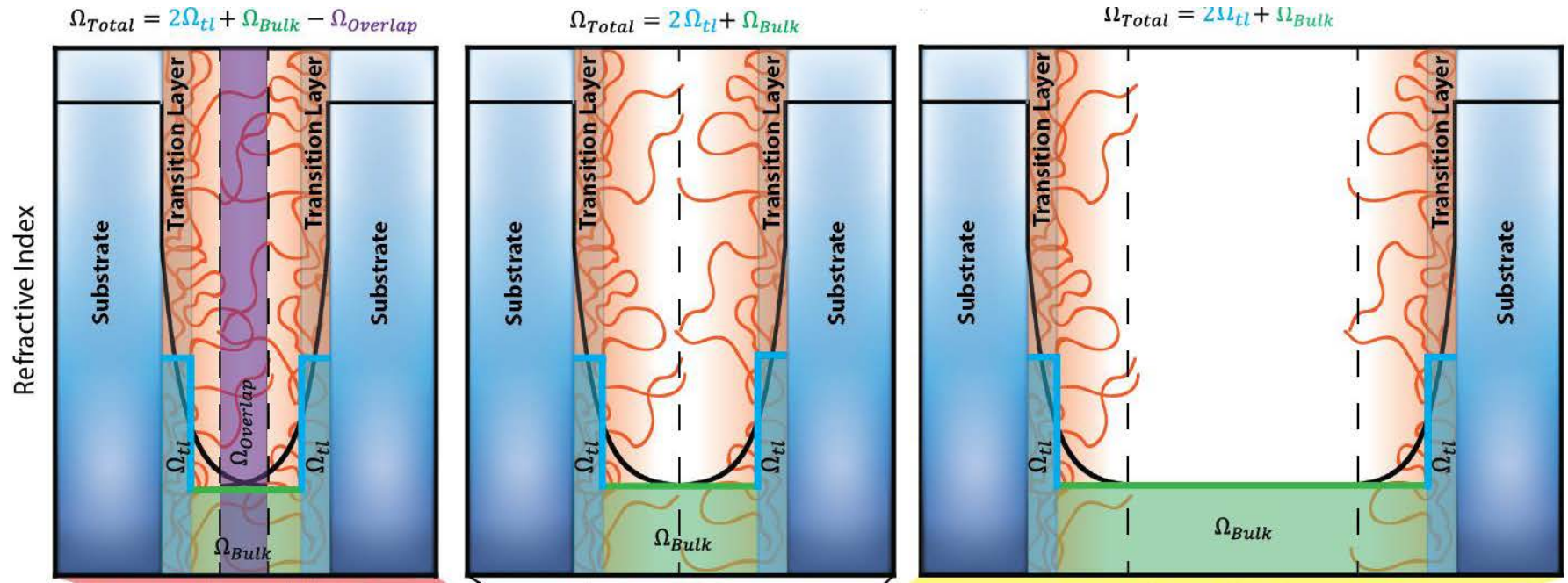


Type 1 error = systematic error in substrate  $T$  and  $\eta$

Type 2 error = systematic error in FECO  $\lambda$ , optical noise, different orientation, contamination

Type 3 error = incorrectly using a continuously varying, mean refractive index

# Refractive Index of Confined Adsorbed Polymer

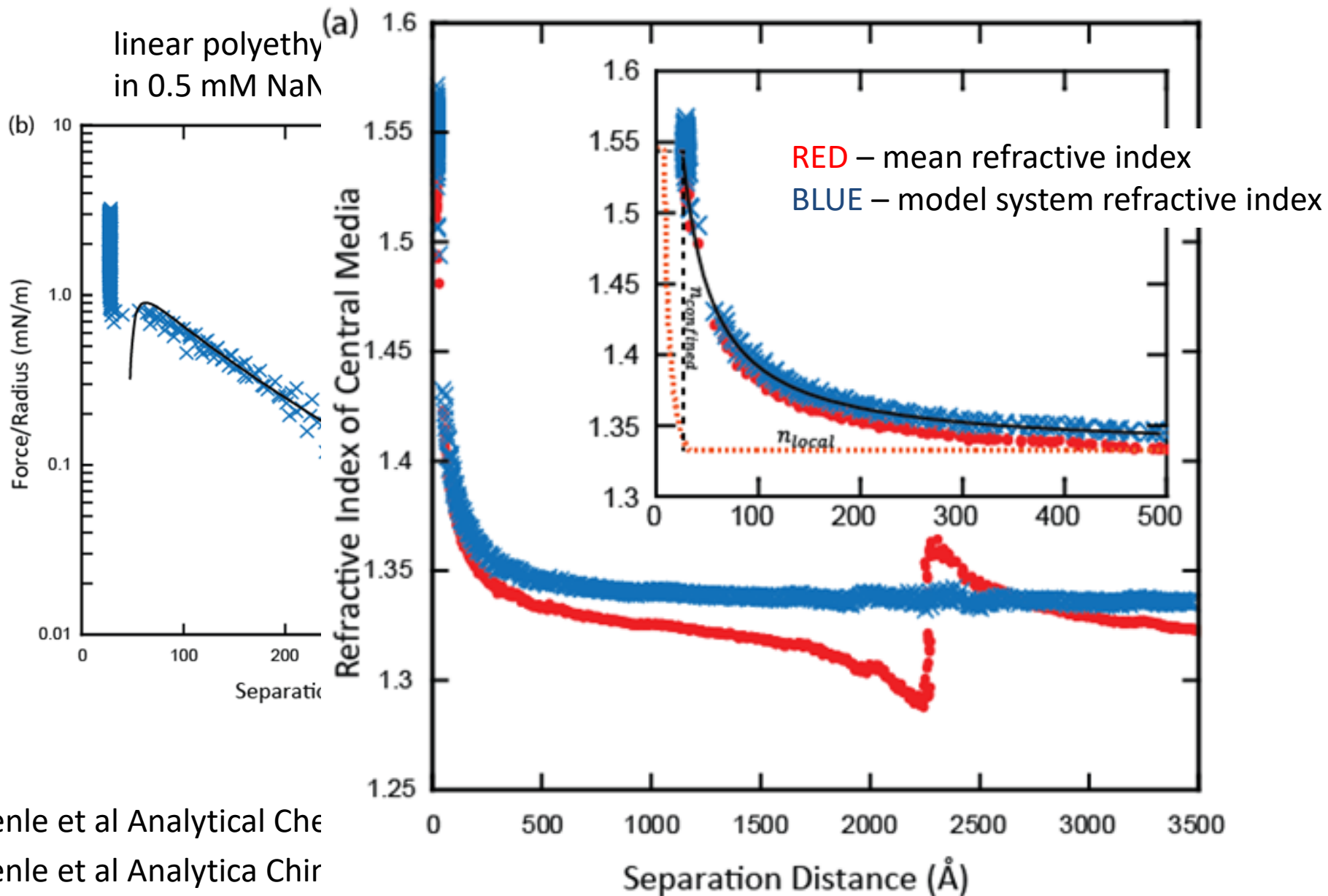


$$\Delta\Omega = T_{tl}(n_{tl} - n_{bulk}) \approx \int_0^{\infty} (n_{local}(z) - n_{bulk})dz$$

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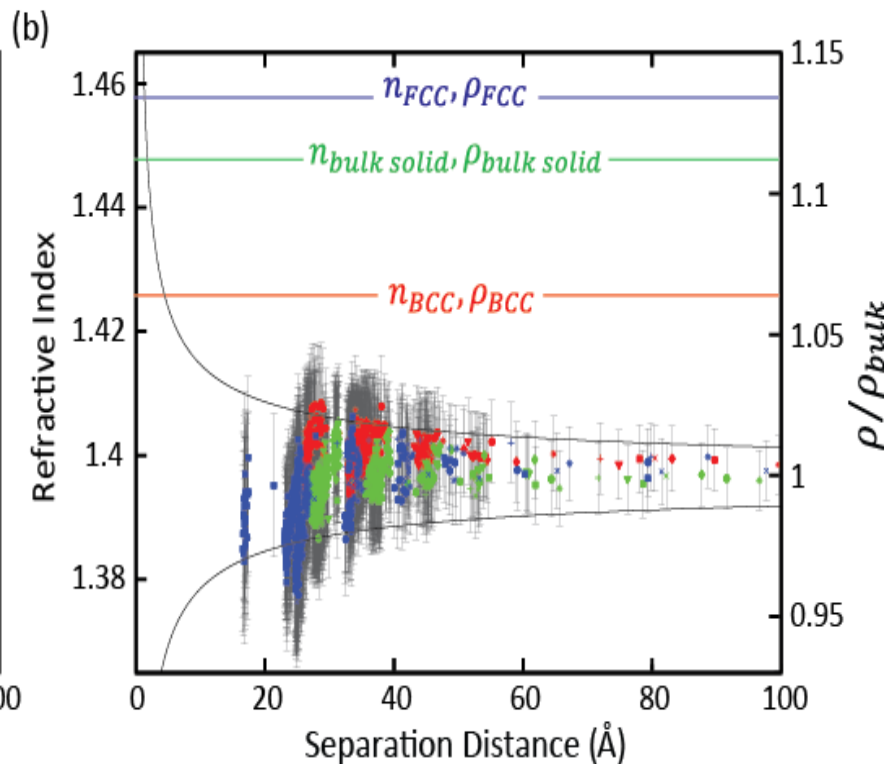
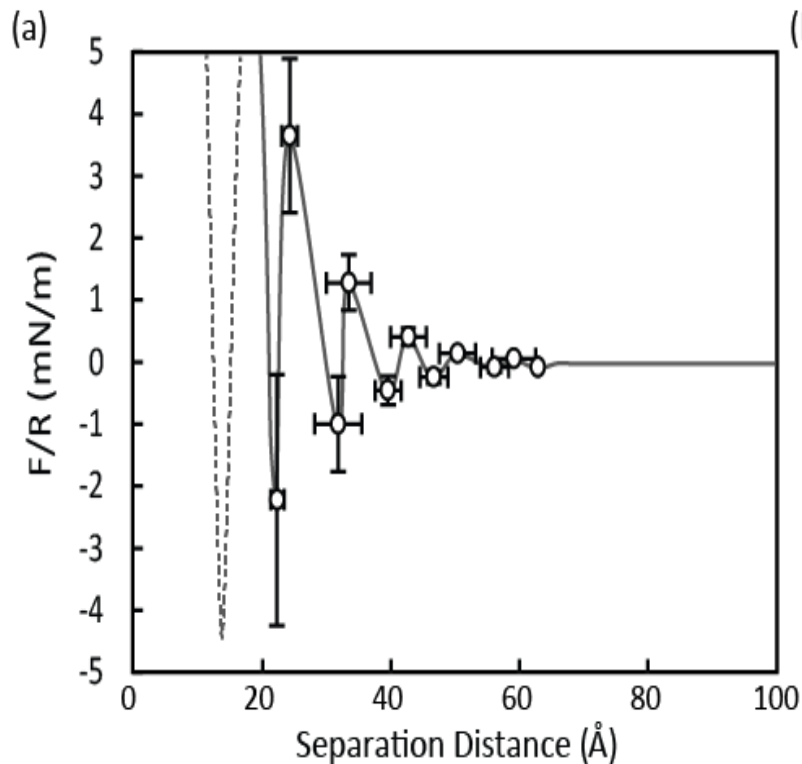
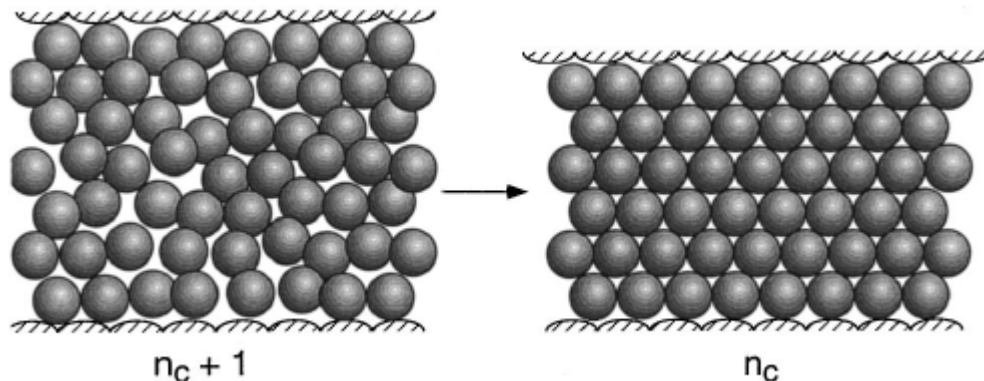
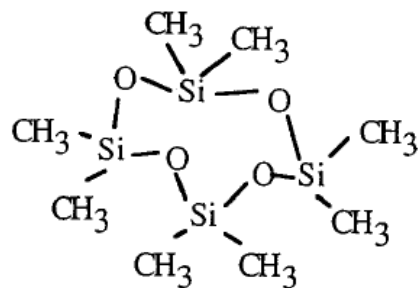
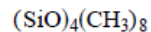
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# Confined Complex Fluids – Adsorbed polymer layer



# Confined Fluids - OMCTS

Octamethylcyclotetrasiloxane  
(OMCTS)



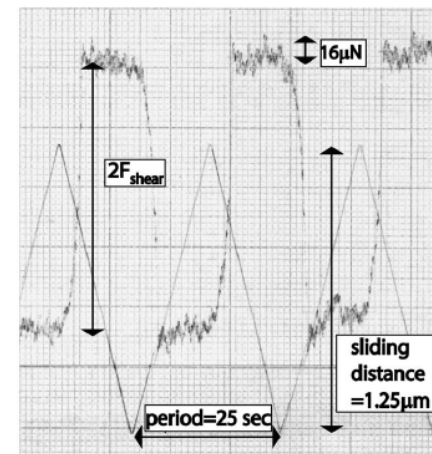
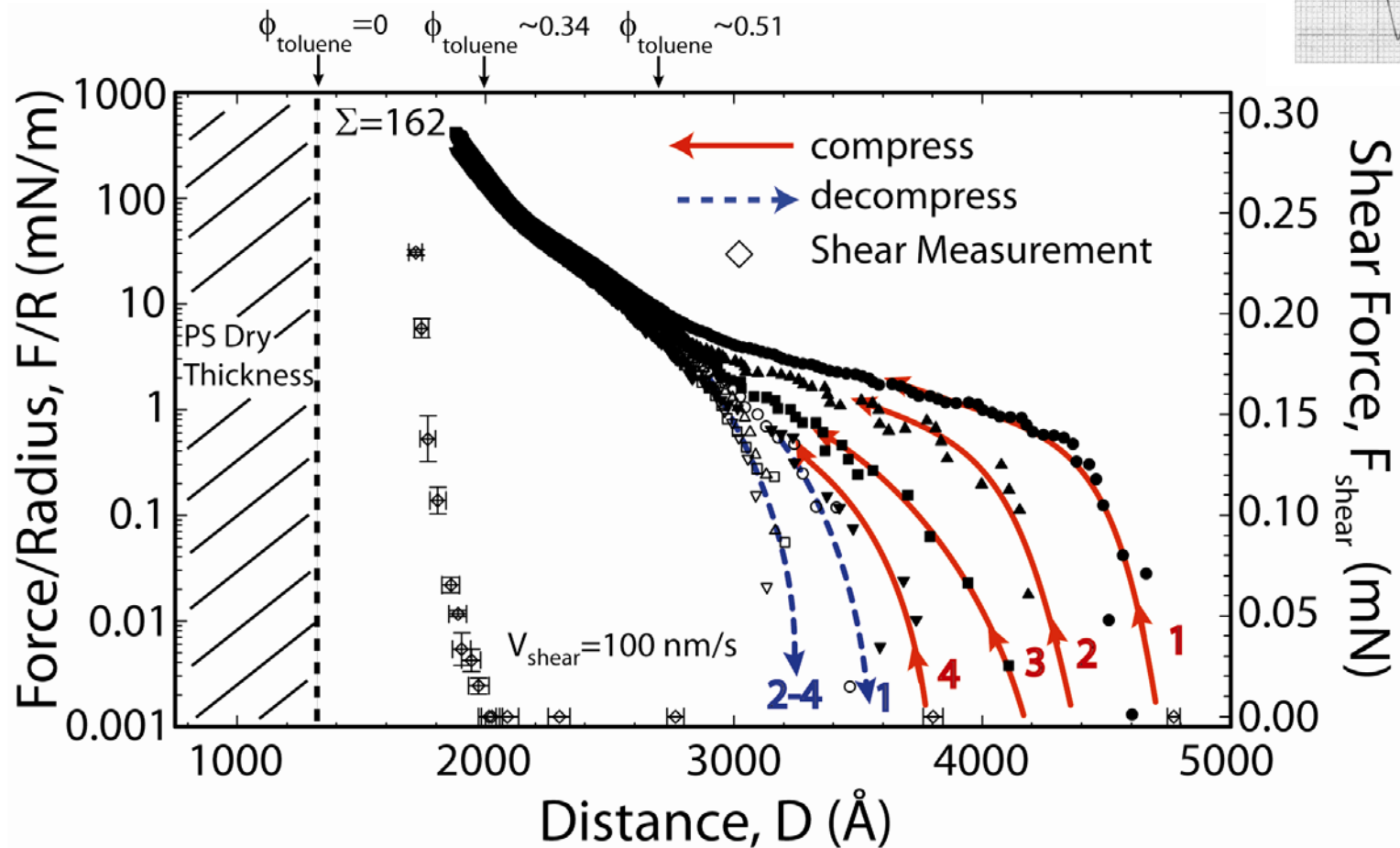
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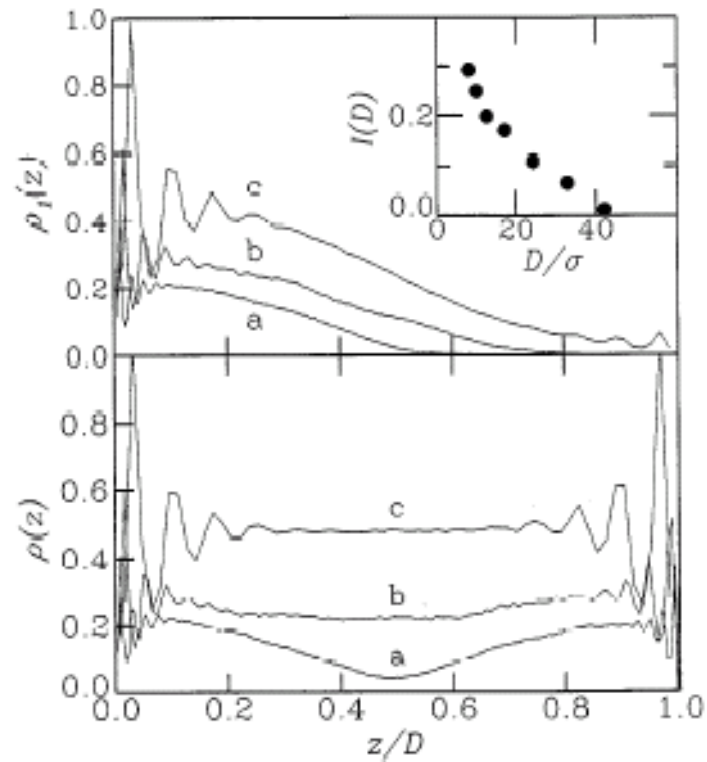
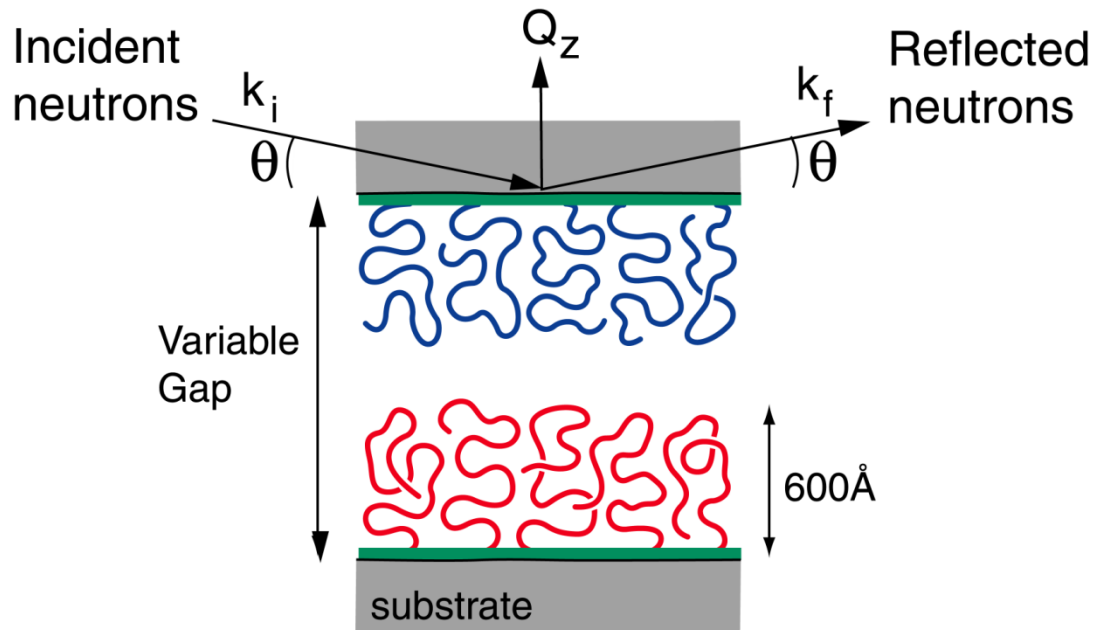
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# Dynamics of Polymer Brushes





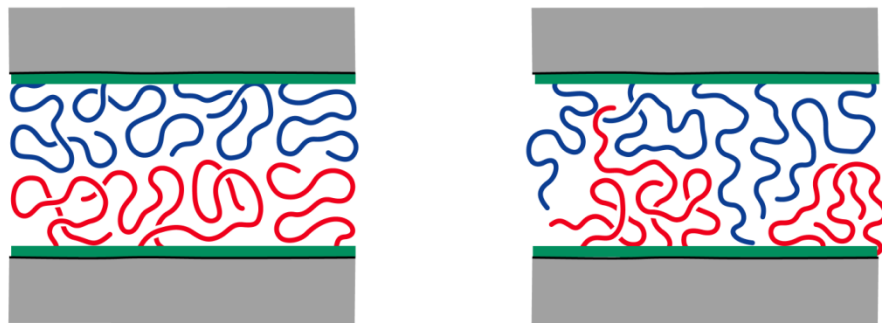
# Neutron Scattering – Compression vs. Interpenetration



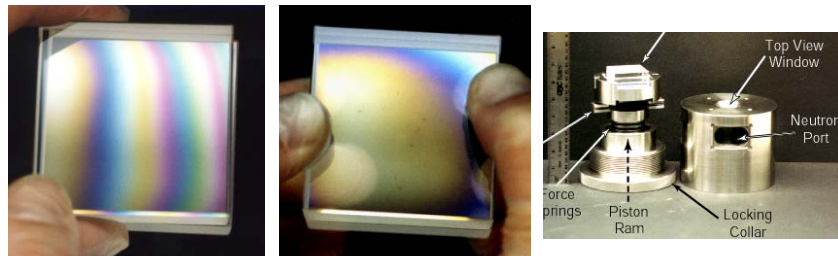
Grest, Adv Poly Sci, 1998

Compression

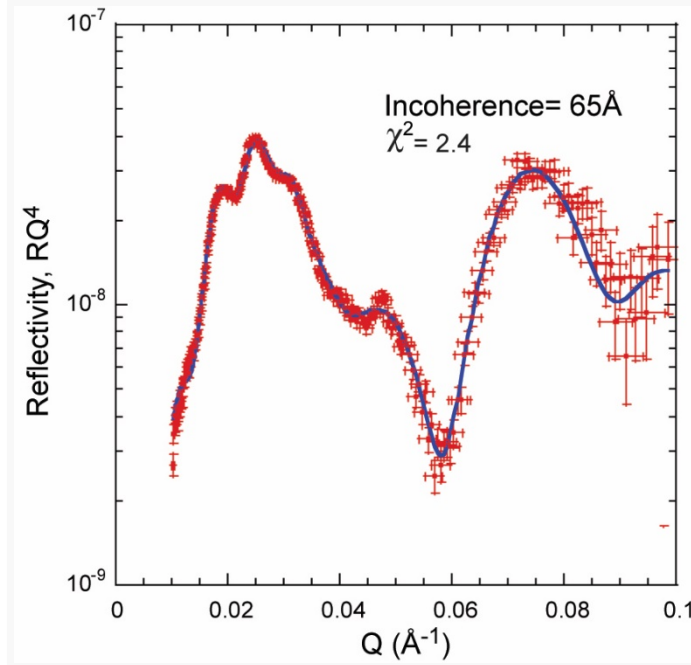
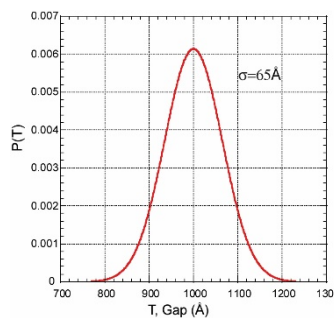
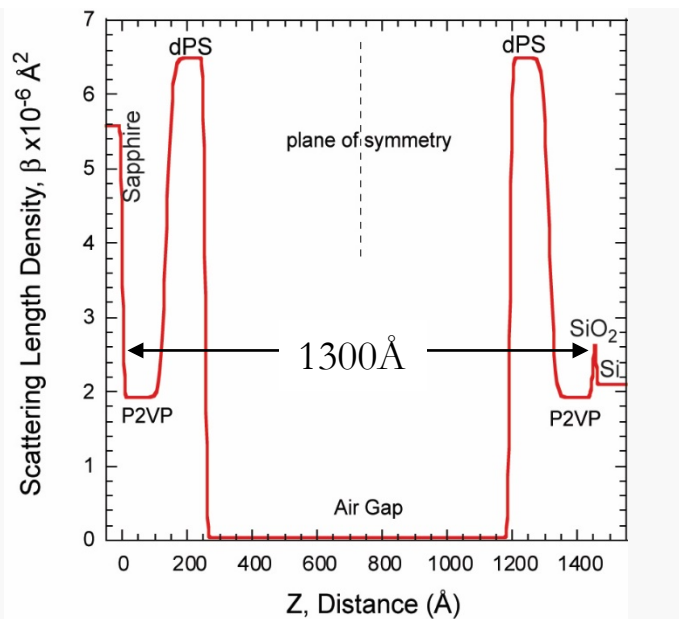
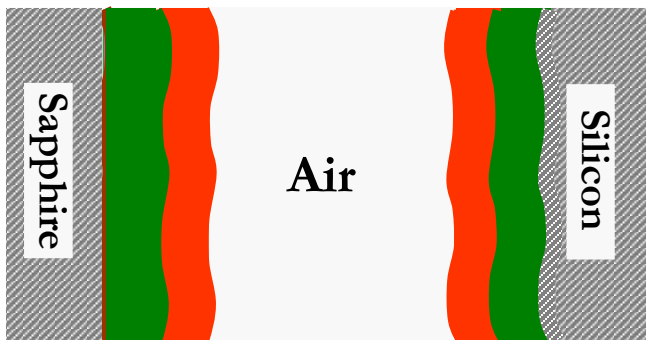
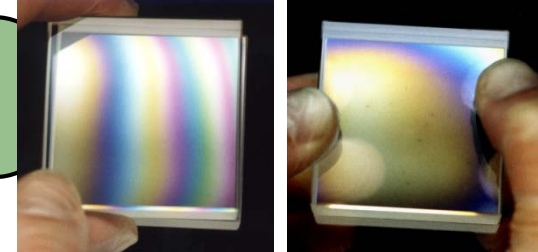
Penetration



Mulder et al Soft Matter 2010



# Neutron Reflectivity Measurements

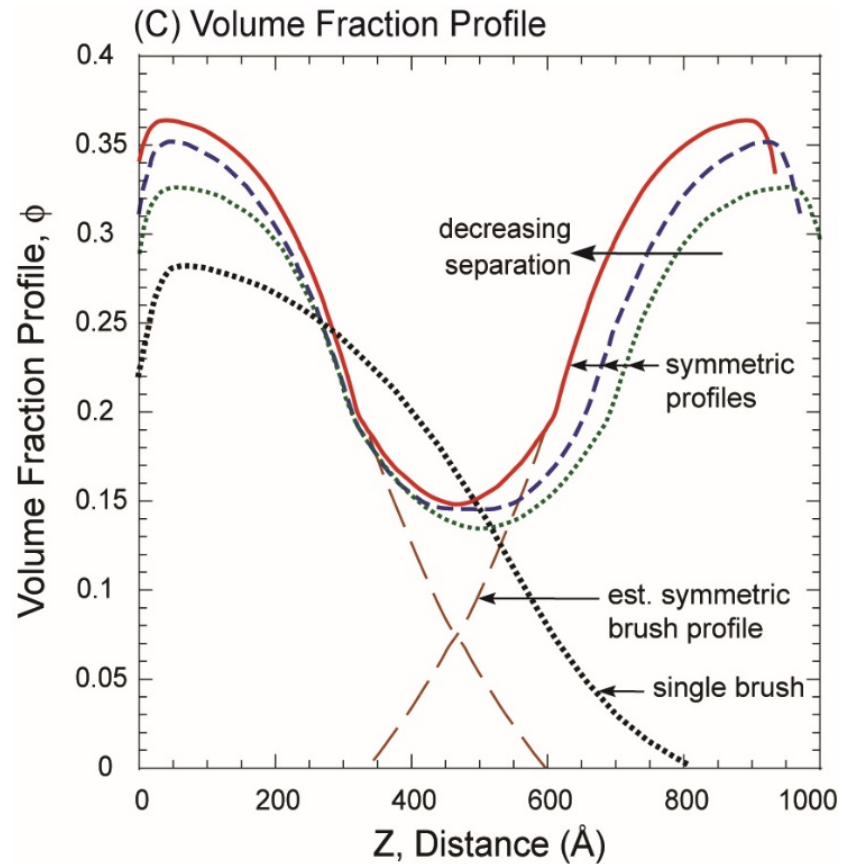
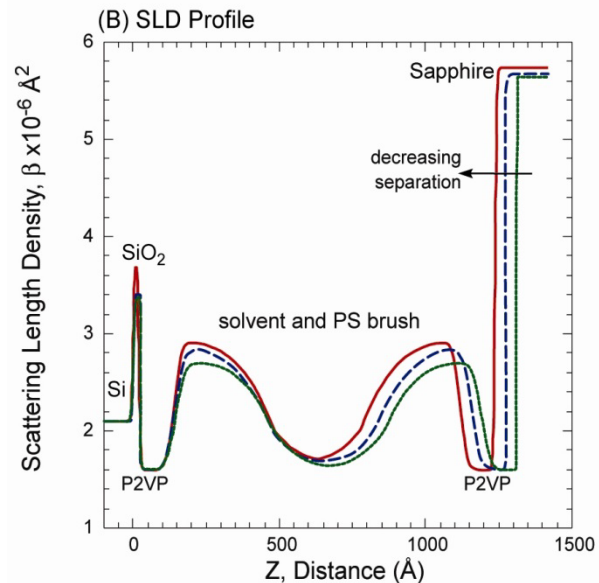
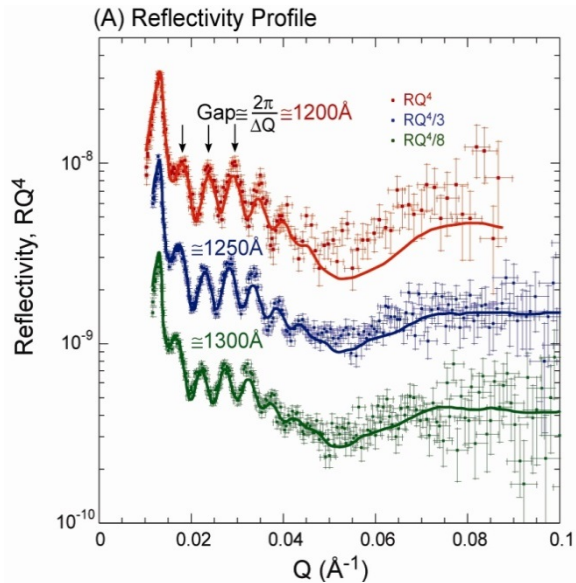


High frequency fringes blurred by averaging over the gap spacing

Variation in substrate spacing  $T$  from  $T_{avg}$   
 Reflectivity calculated by incoherently averaging

$$R(q_z, T_{avg}) = \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} \int R(q_z, T) e^{-\frac{(T-T_{avg})^2}{2\sigma^2}} dT$$

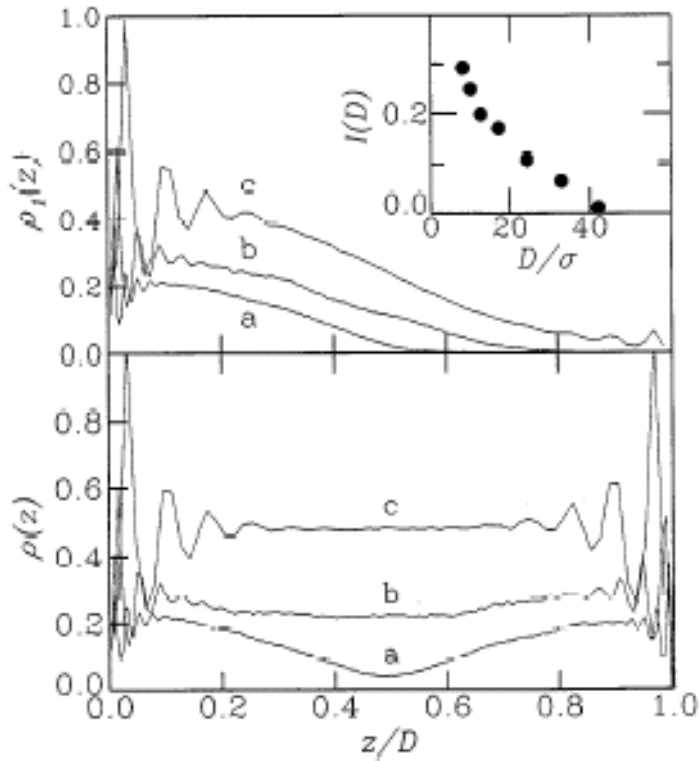
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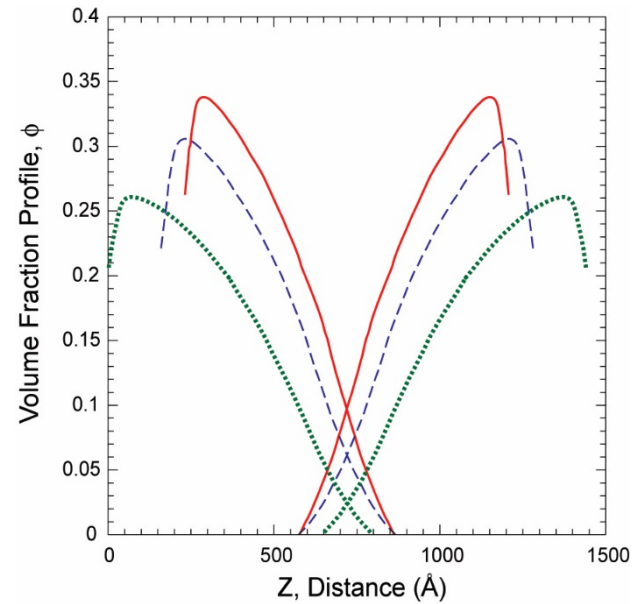
Polymer compresses and mostly collapses at the surfaces

Conservation of mass

# Neutron Scattering – Compression vs. Interpenetration



Grest, Adv Poly Sci, 1998



$$I(D) = \int_{D/2}^D \phi_1(x) dx / \int_0^D \phi_1(x) dx$$

Mulder et al Soft Matter 2010

Gap	$D$ ( $\text{\AA}$ )	$I(D)$	$I(D)_{complete}$
Large	1440	0.006	0.010
Medium	1125	0.029	0.089
Small	980	0.048	0.162

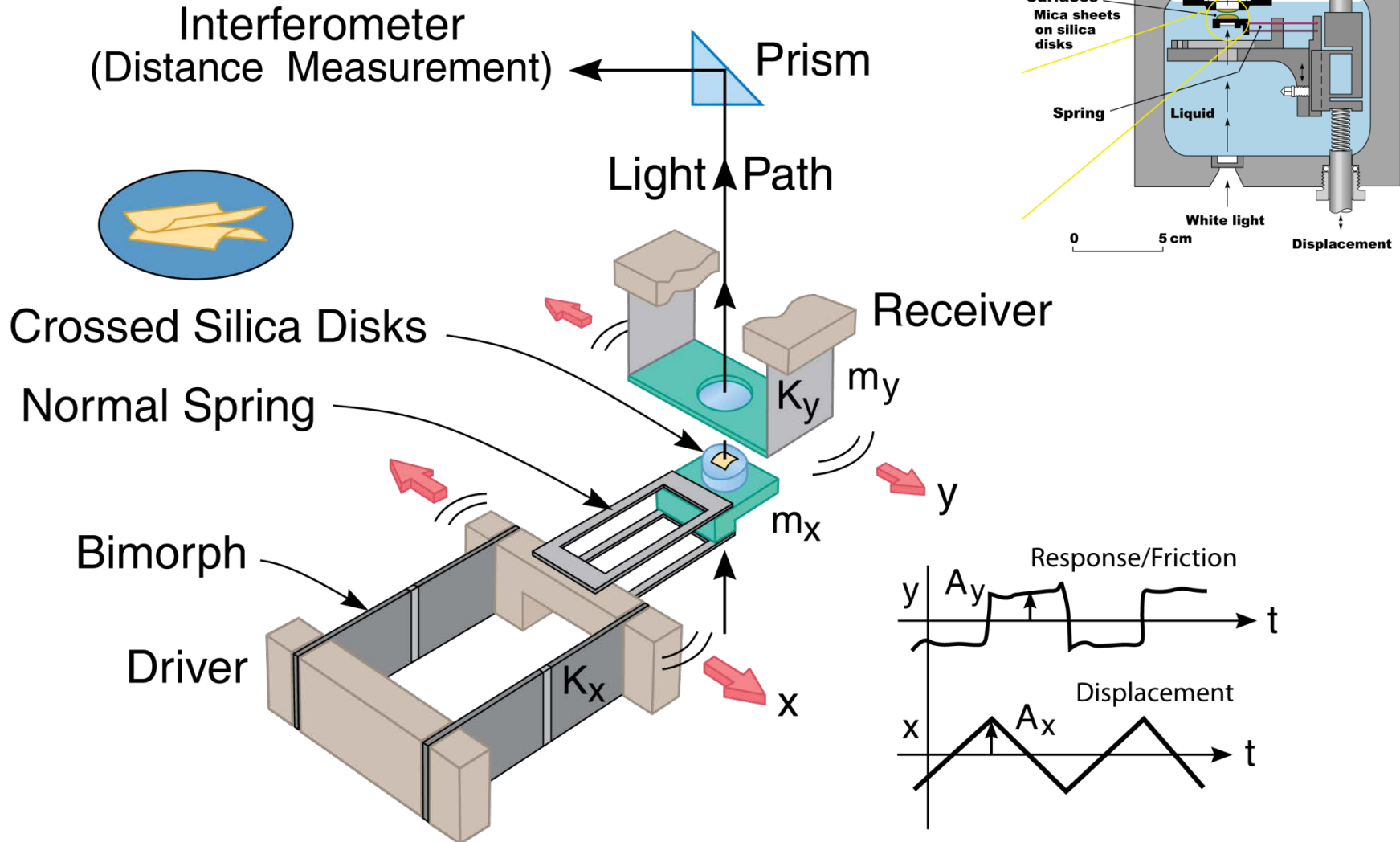
## Possibilities...

SFA can measure interactions and friction/shear force at with molecular

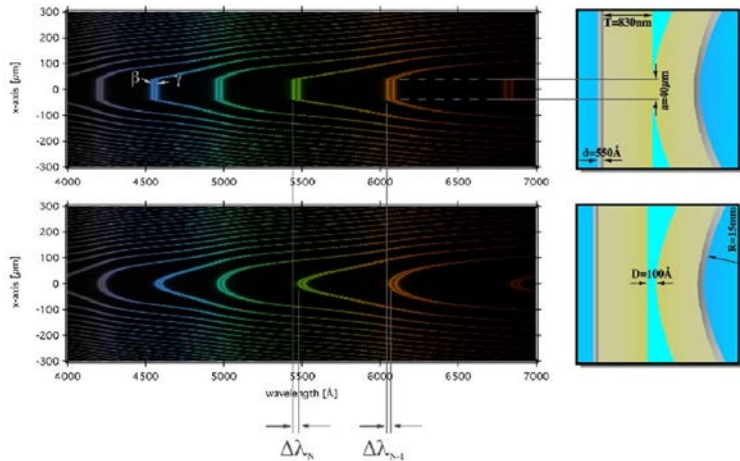
## What's going on in the gap?

Confinement  
Boundary layers  
Fluid to glass transition  
Measure interactions  
Effect of surface roughness  
Friction and Shear

# Friction or Shear Force Measurement

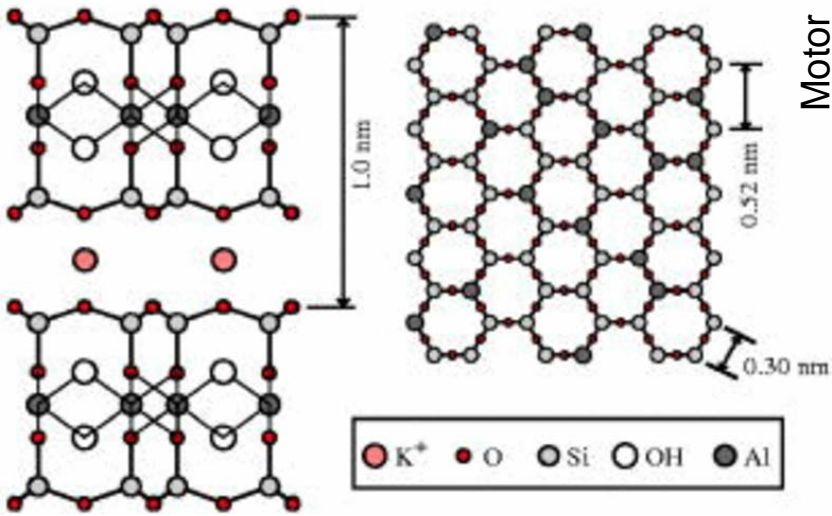


# Interaction Force Profile



(a) *a*-axis projection

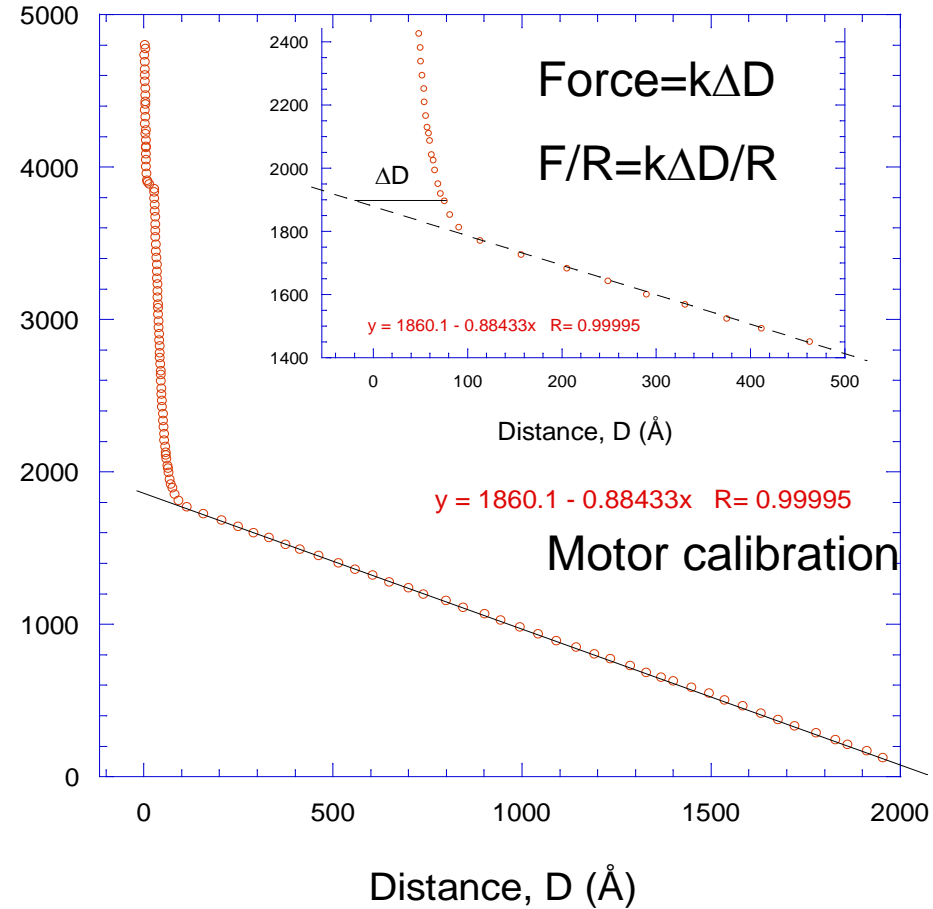
(b) Cleaved surface



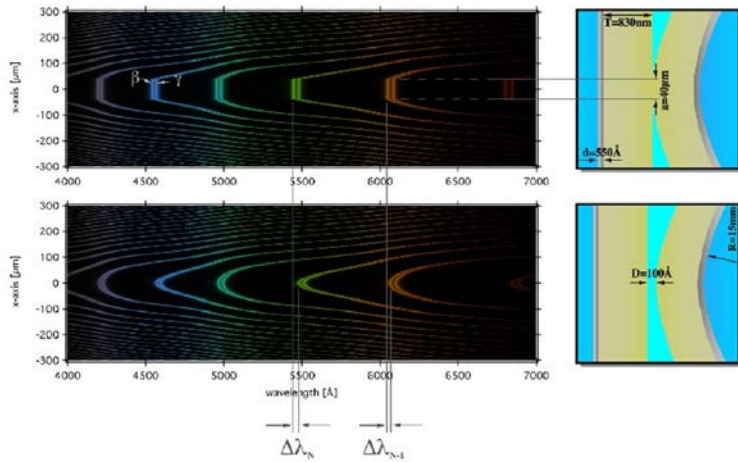
Surface – molecularly smooth mica

SFA: 0.1 nm in distance  
 Radius and image of the contact  
 Force to 50nN

Motor Position (arb units)



# Interaction Force Profile



0.1 nm in distance  
Radius of the contact

