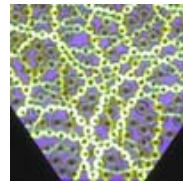


- Dynamics of vibrated grains.
Droplets forming (with L. Caballero)



- Solitons and sound in granular materials
(with S. Job)



- Gravity flows and segregation
Exp. and Num. studies, with F. Vivanco

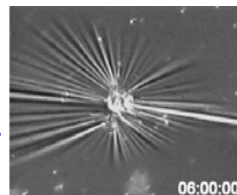
• Mechanical properties:

- Speckle for displacement field (with E. Hamm)
- Acoustical methods for soft materials, J-J. Ammann.
- Mechanics of bioceramics with (E. Hamm, V. Apablaza.)

- Cristal growth (with J. Pavez)
Atomic force microscopy techniques



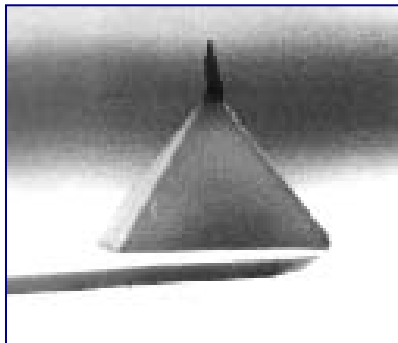
- Cell mechanics
(R. Bernal, Pramod P. Germany.)



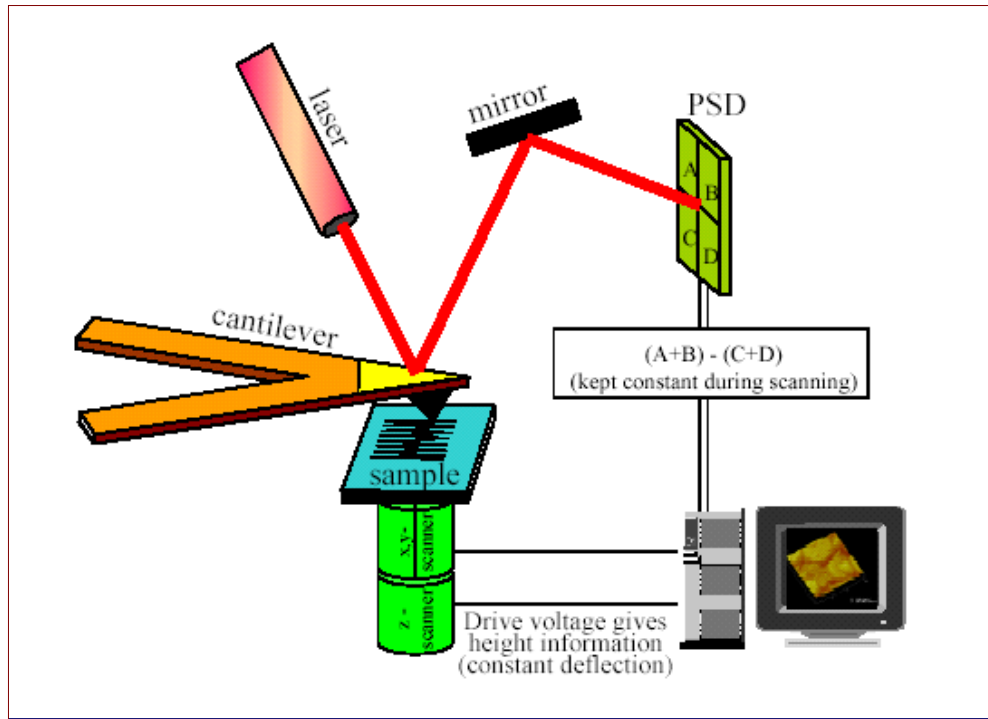
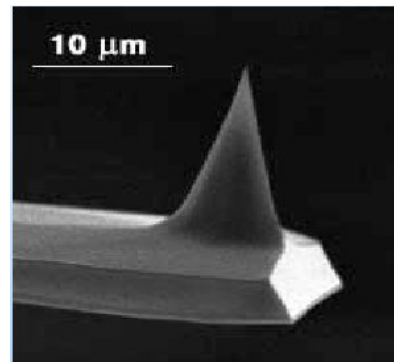
- Wrinkling in elastic membranes: (with J.C. Geminard)



• *Crystal growth: Atomic Force microscopy:*



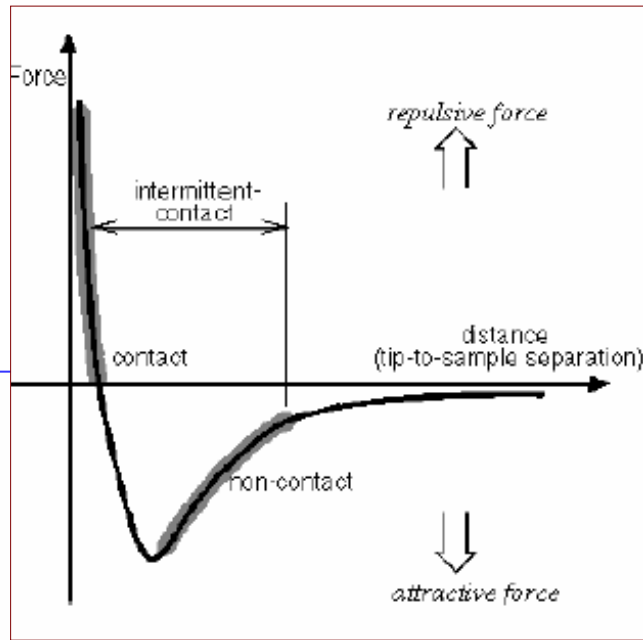
Tips: N_4Si_3 ;
0.06 y 0.58 N/m.



Lateral resolution: 1-5 nm.
Vertical resolution: $<0.5 \text{ \AA}$. Thermal noise!

$$z_T = m_S \frac{l_T}{3d_S}$$

Tip substrate interactions: Force Vs distance



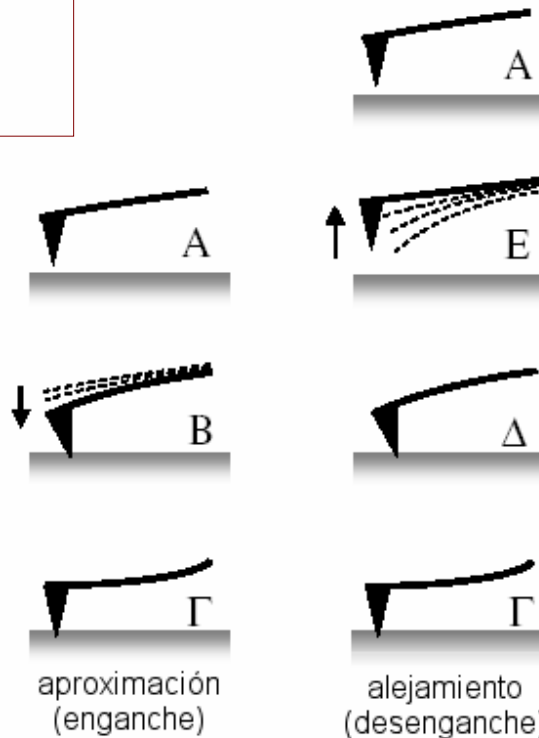
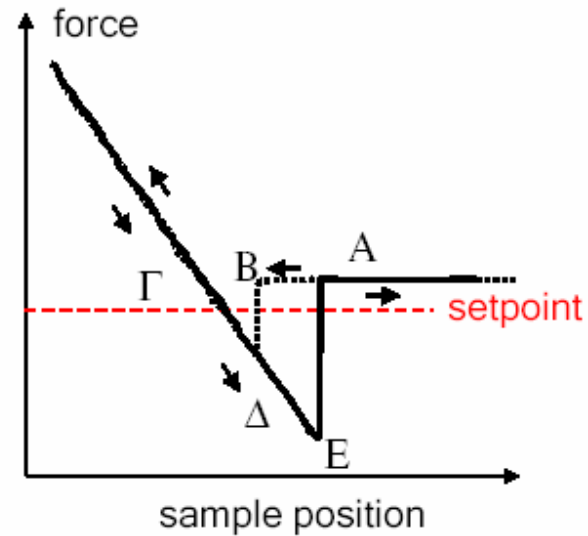
F Vs d depends on

-Adhesion

-pH, solution

-Solution salt concentration

cantilever



-Elasticity

$$d = z + \delta$$

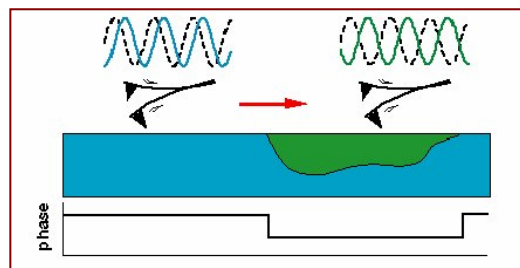
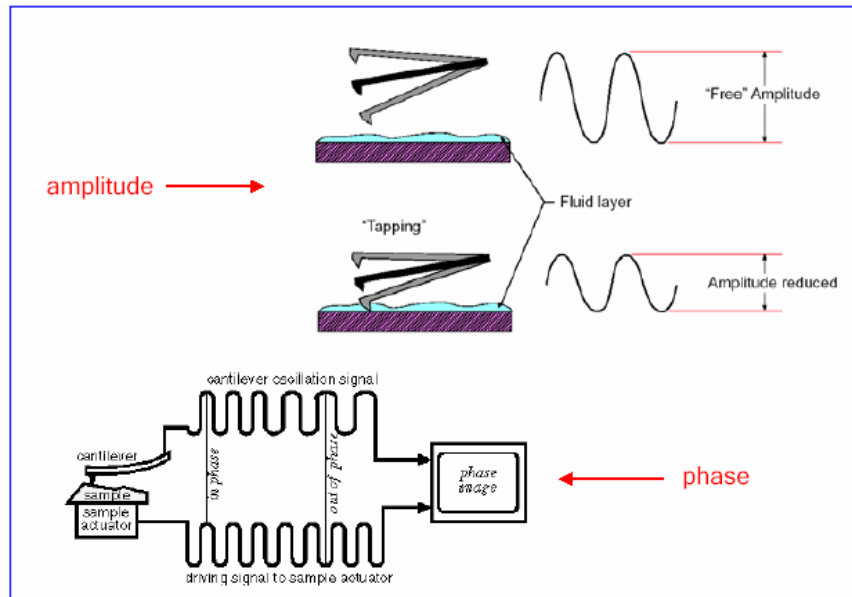
$$F_T = k_T z$$

$$F_S = k_S \delta^{3/2}$$

$$d = z + k \left(\frac{k_T}{k_S} z \right)^{2/3}$$

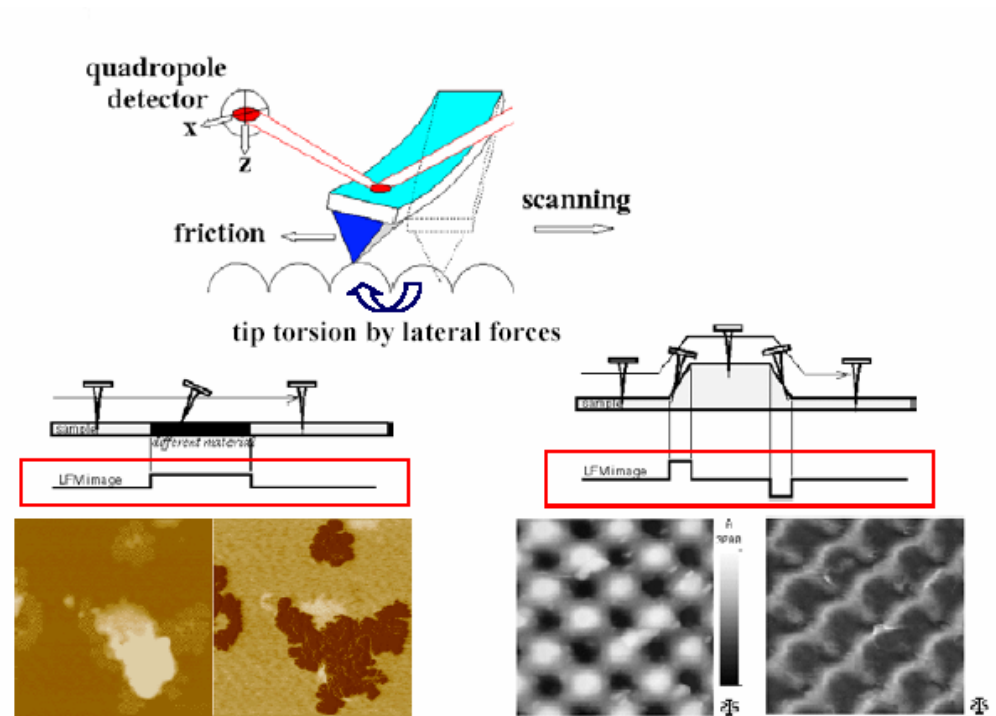
Useful to detect soft coating on hard substrate.

*Tapping for soft materials



Phase

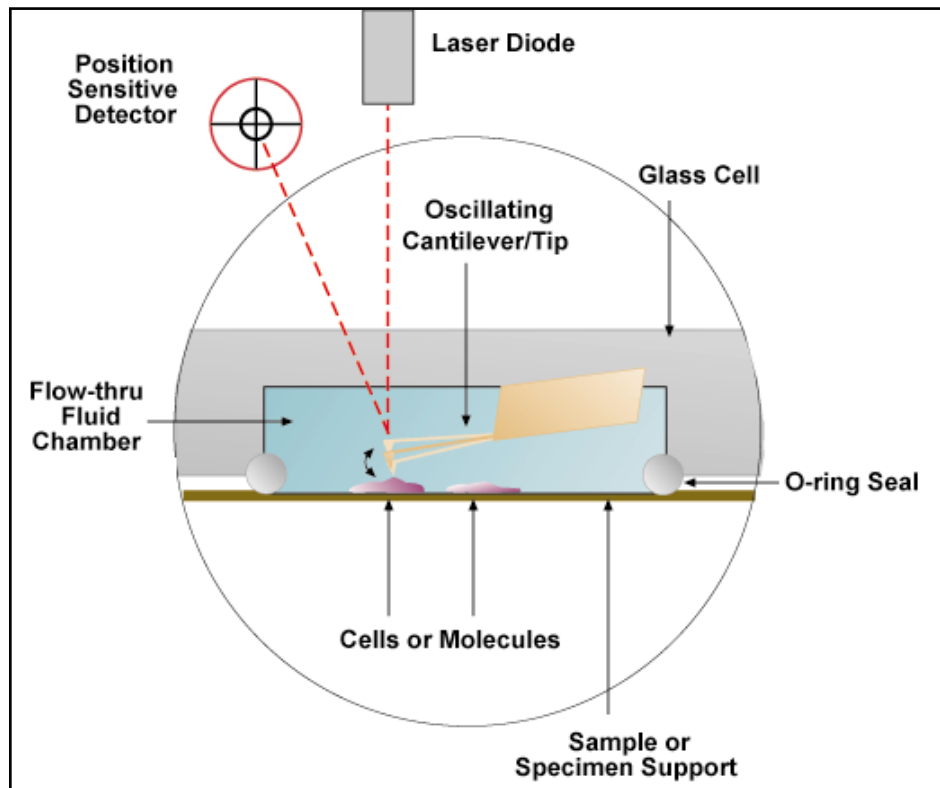
*Contact mode and lateral force



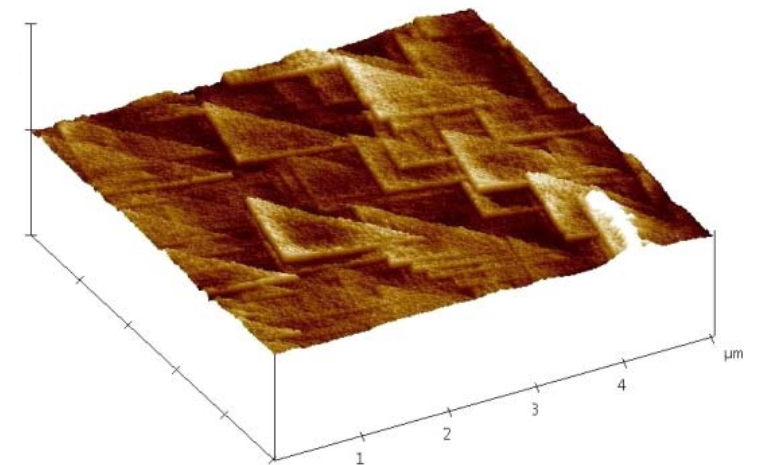
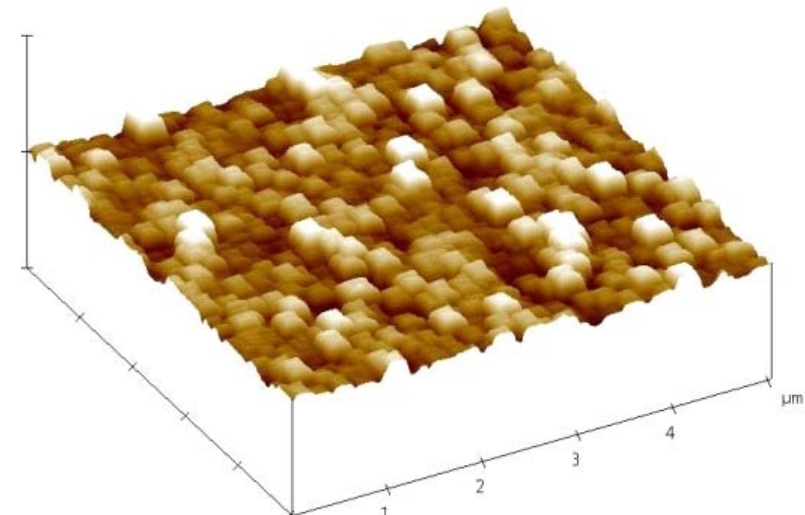
Langmuir-Blodgett-film (1µm-scan)
Topography (left) and LFM (right)

mica surface (3nm-scan)
Topography (left) and LFM (right)

Crystal growth: In situ experiments. (J. Pavez).



Injection of fresh solution and direct observation of the surface time evolution.

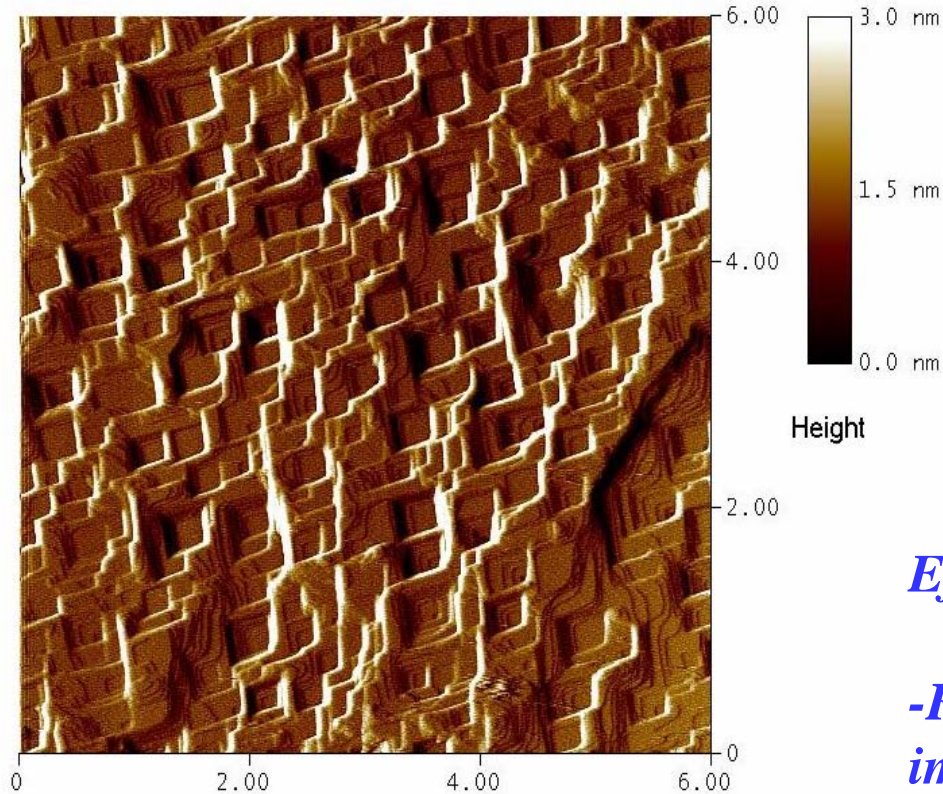


X 1.000 $\mu\text{m}/\text{div}$
Z 60.000 nm/div

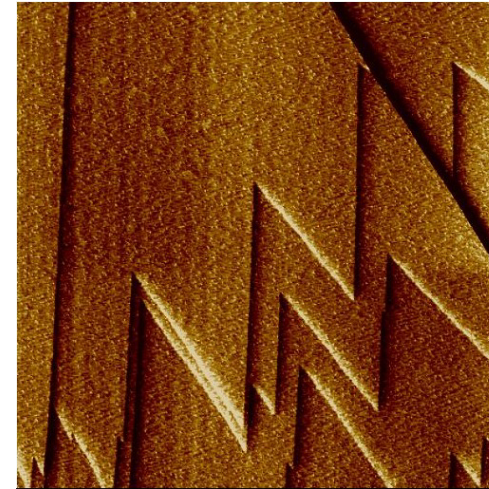
Ongoing research.

-Calcium Carbonate dissolution and growth, afm in situ.

Unsaturated solution



Supersaturated solution



Effects on surface growth:

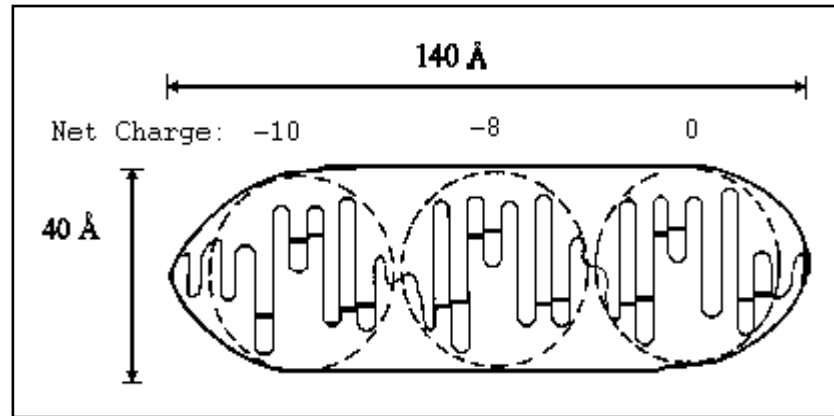
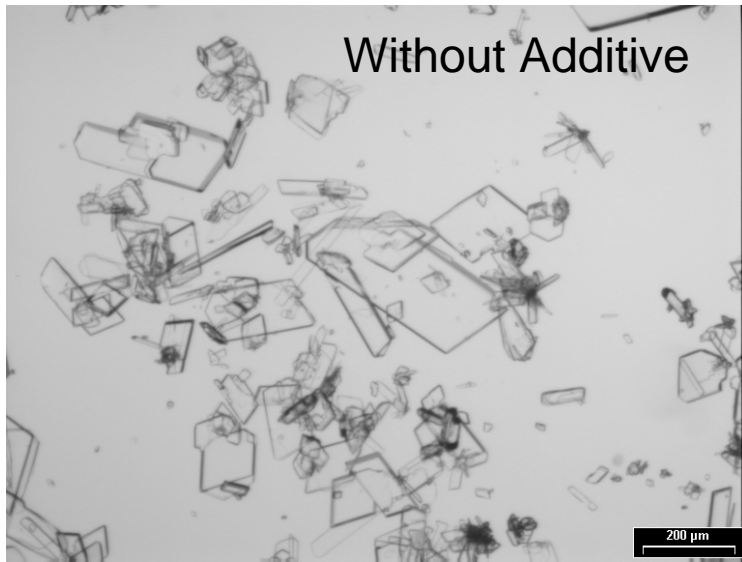
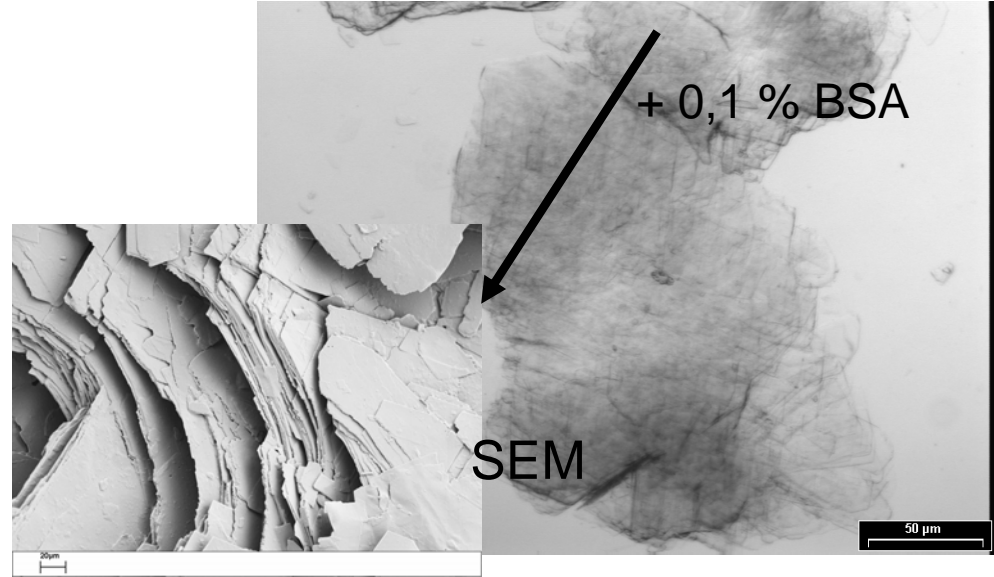
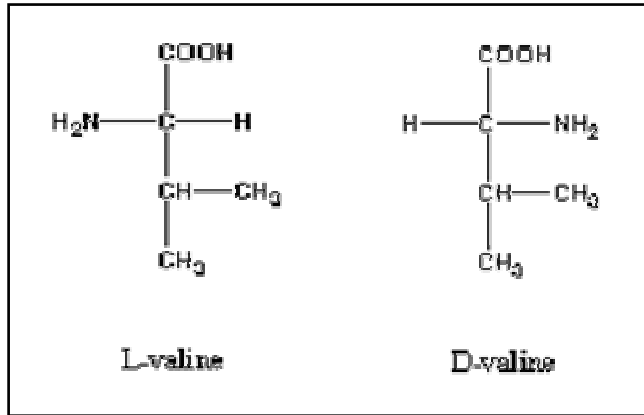
-Rough transition of steps due to impurities.

-Elastic effects, large distortions due to inclusion of large molecules.

-Sulfated macromolecules as in J. L. Arias talk: Macroscopic shapes, kinetics...

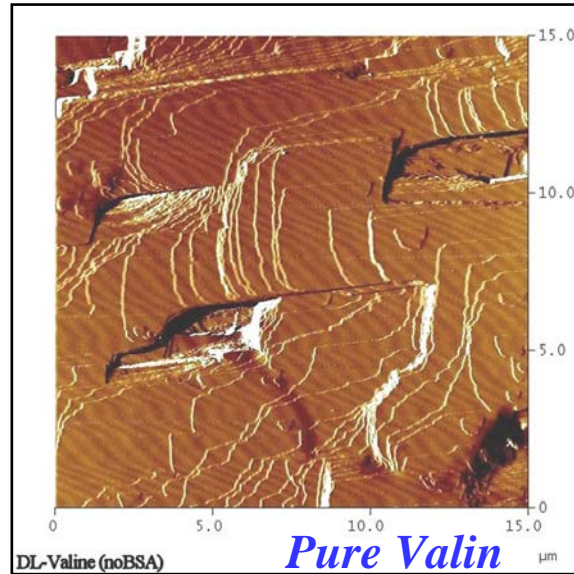
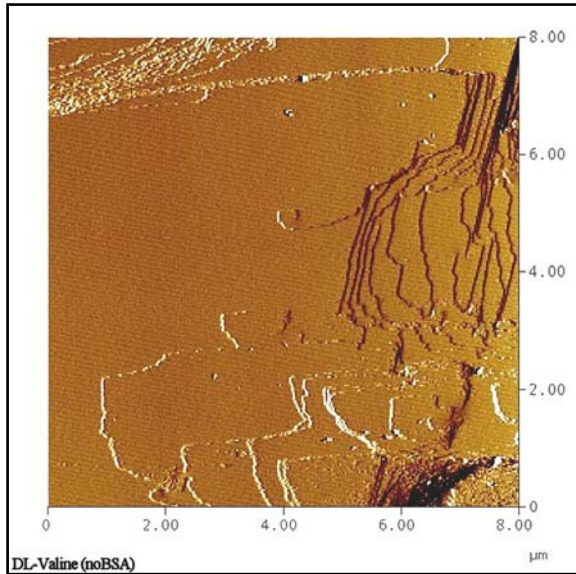
Dissolve natural structures in situ to reveal natural growth processes.

System Valine/BSA: Composite Nano sheet (H. Coelfen)



What selects the nano sheets thickness?

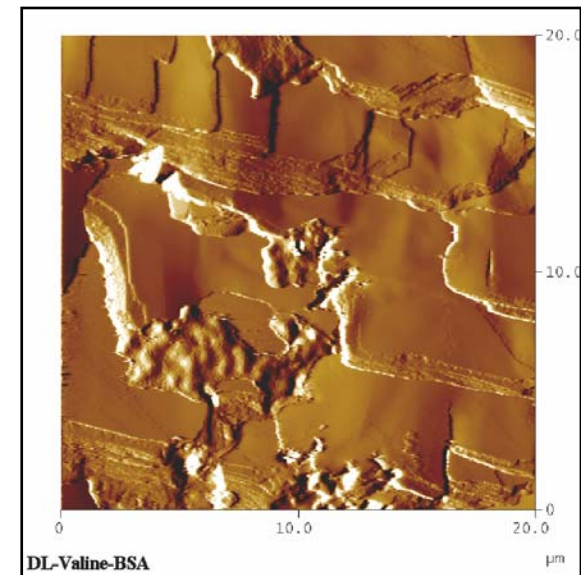
System Valine/BSA: growth at atomic scale



*Two dimensional nucleation of islands, screw dislocations.
Model TLK. Step roughness on screw dislocations
depends on organics molecules*

*Effect of BSA:
Difficulties at high concentration of BSA.
Several T quenching*

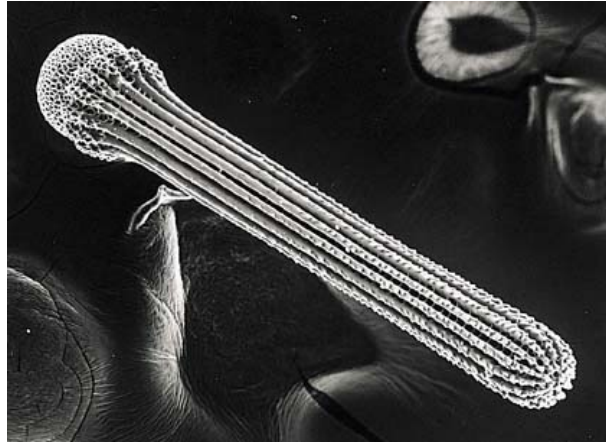
With BSA



Friction in progress

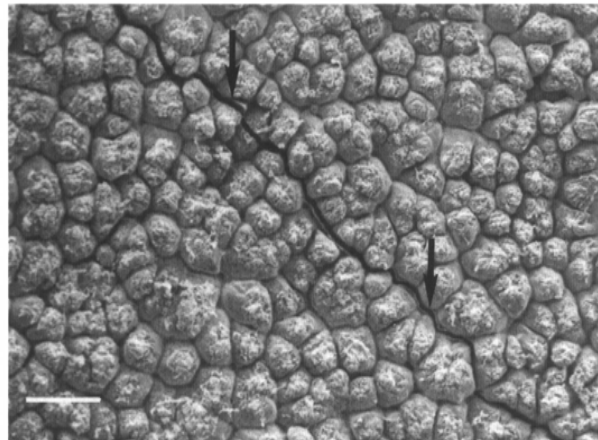
Mechanical properties of bio ceramics.

Spines



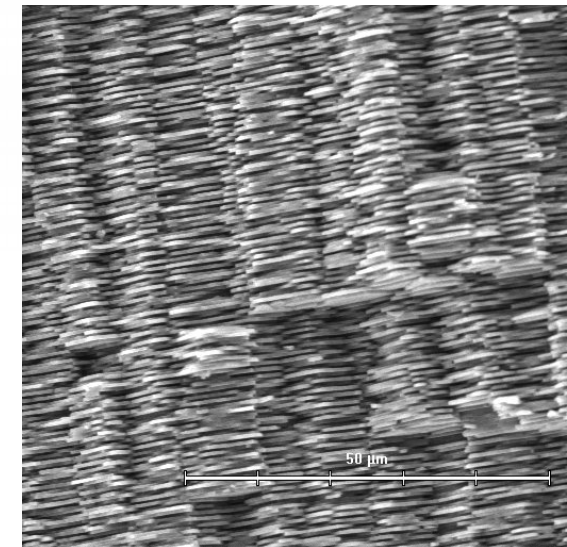
It seems adapted to minimize bending.

Egg shells



Package: not clear what optimizes

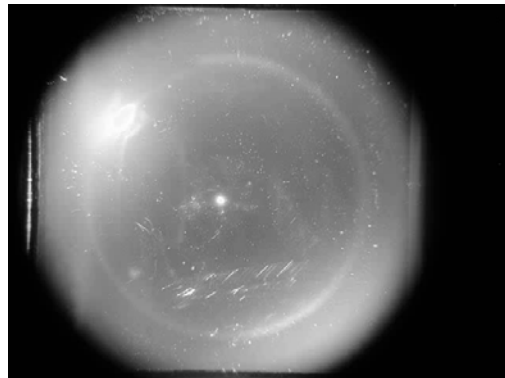
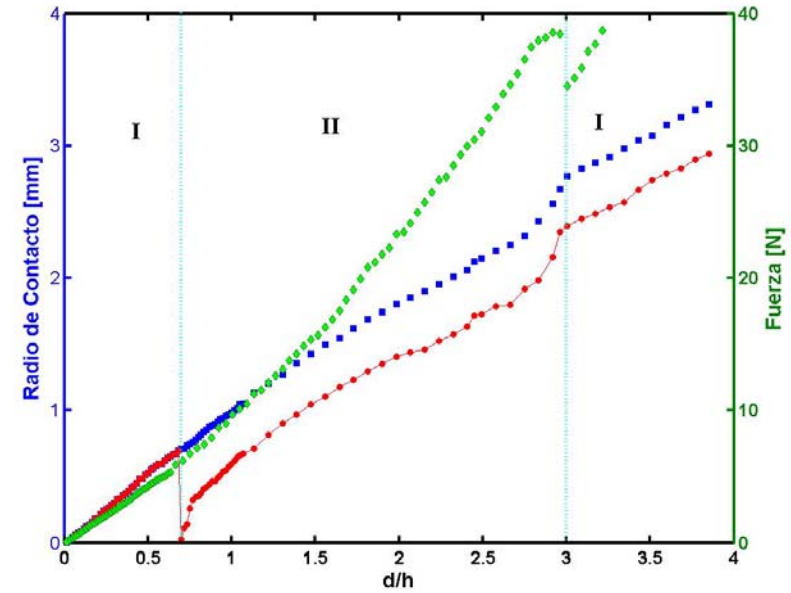
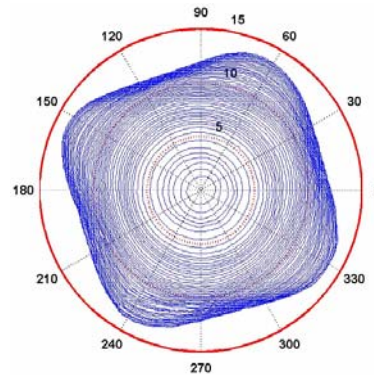
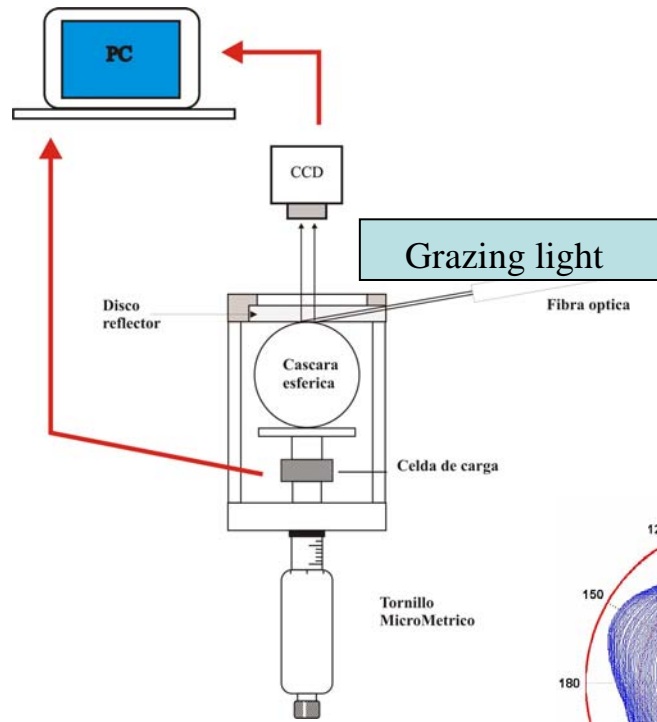
Nacre shells



High fracture resistance.

Question: The role of the intermediate structures on the mechanical properties.

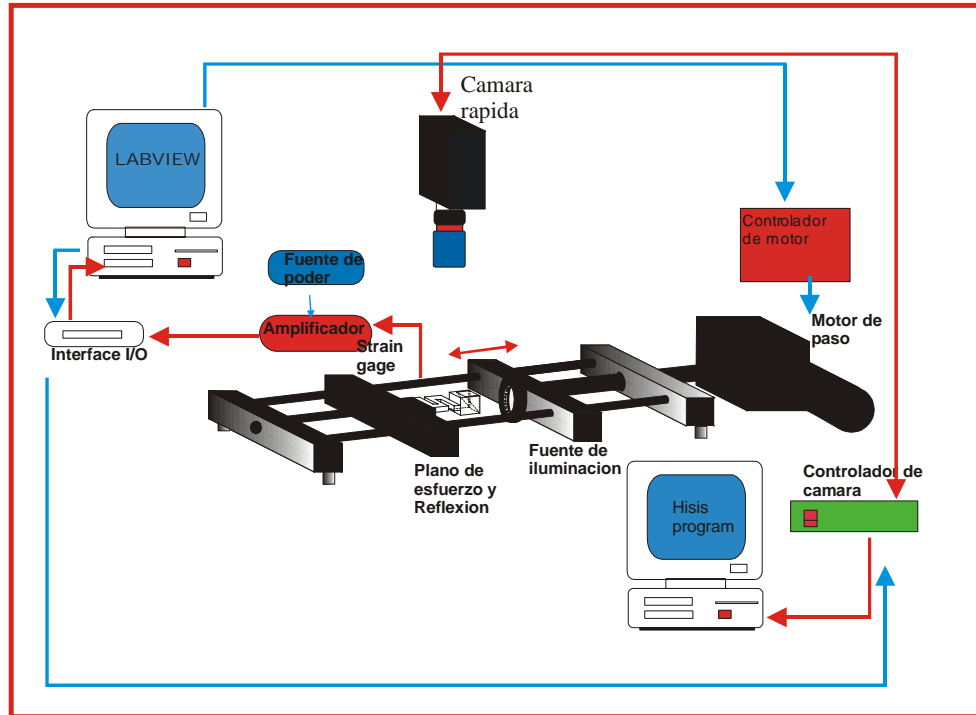
Ping pong shells: mimic egg shells



Contact zone in white

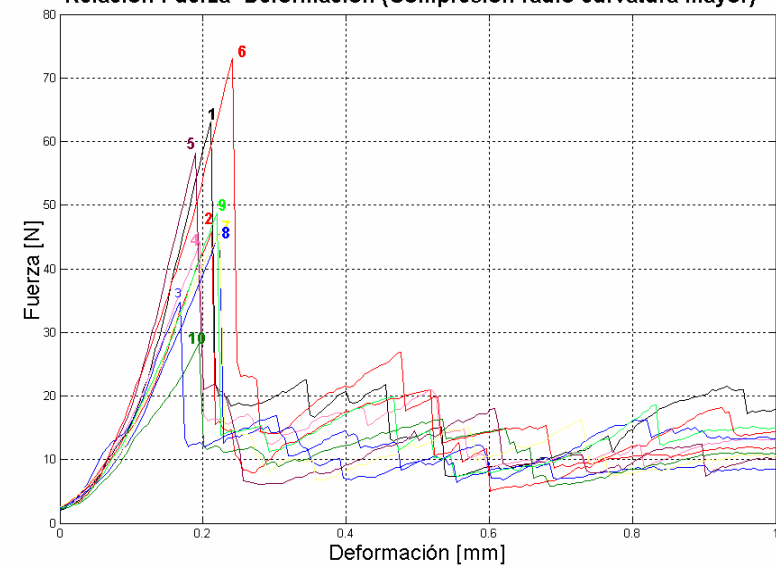
*The contact region is unstable:
bending and stretching competition*

Egg Shells: Elasticity

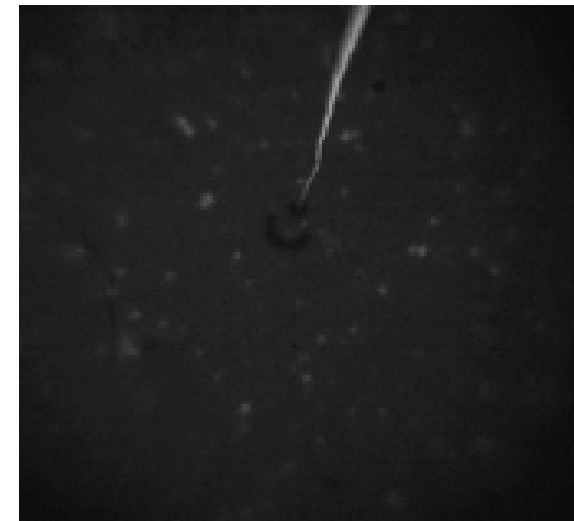


Egg shells

Relación Fuerza- Deformación (Compresión radio curvatura mayor)

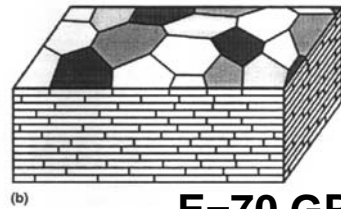
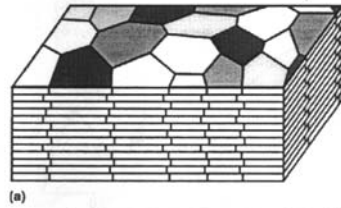


- The egg shell fracture is likely to be a result of an instability which is sub critical at constant force.
- Theory predicts a higher value of deformation for the instability threshold.
- Threshold is independent on Young modulus.



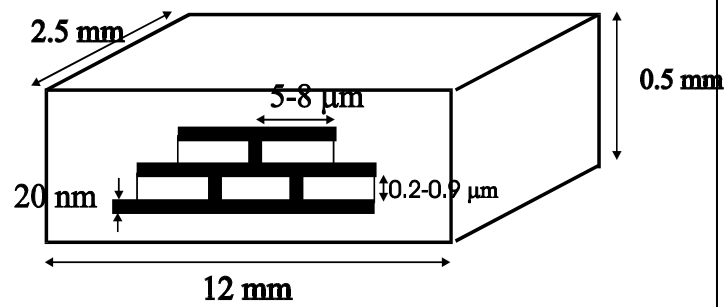
Nacre: Bases

Abalone

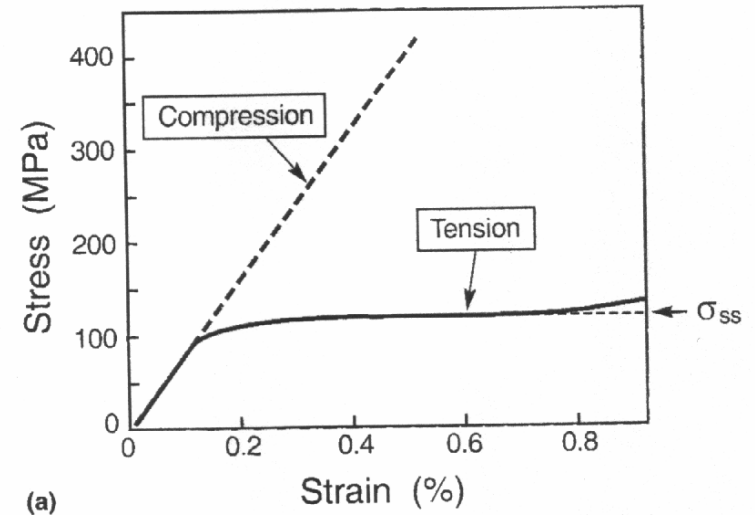


Mother of pearl

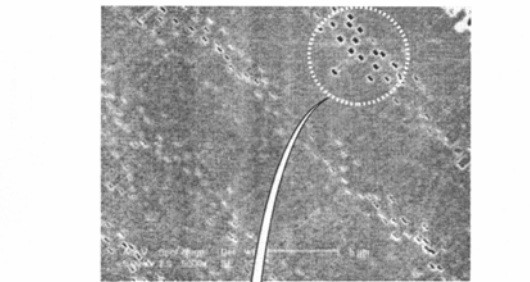
$E=70 \text{ GPa}$



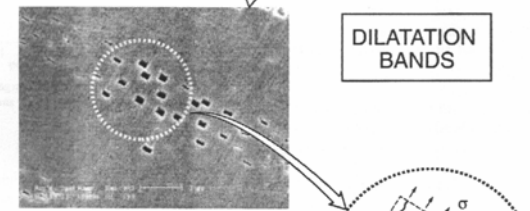
Plasticity



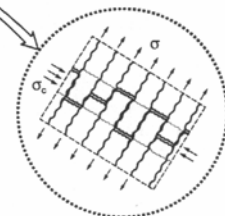
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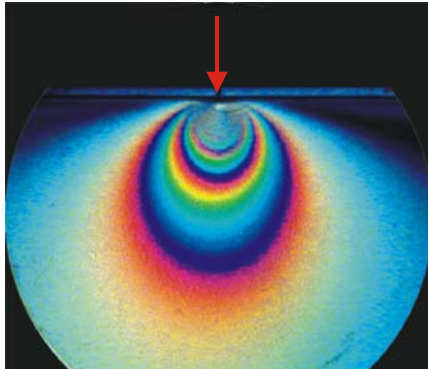
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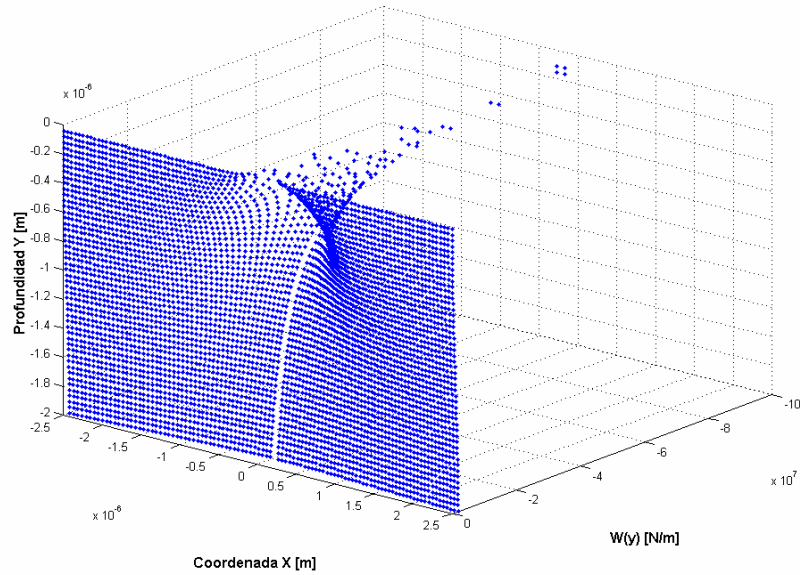
(b)



Isotropic solid



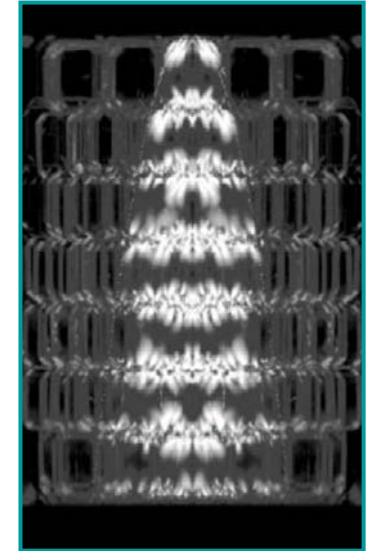
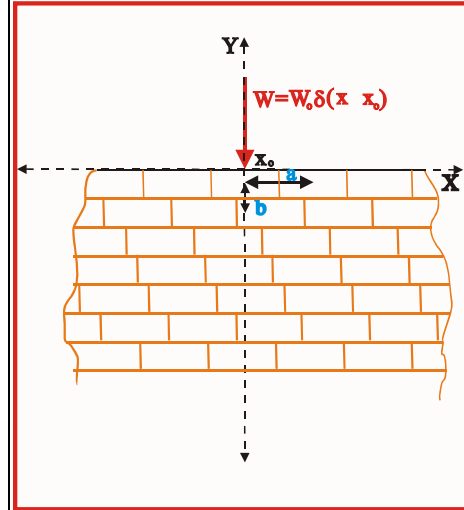
Distribución de Esfuerzo en un plano: Fuerza Puntual
Modelo Continuo



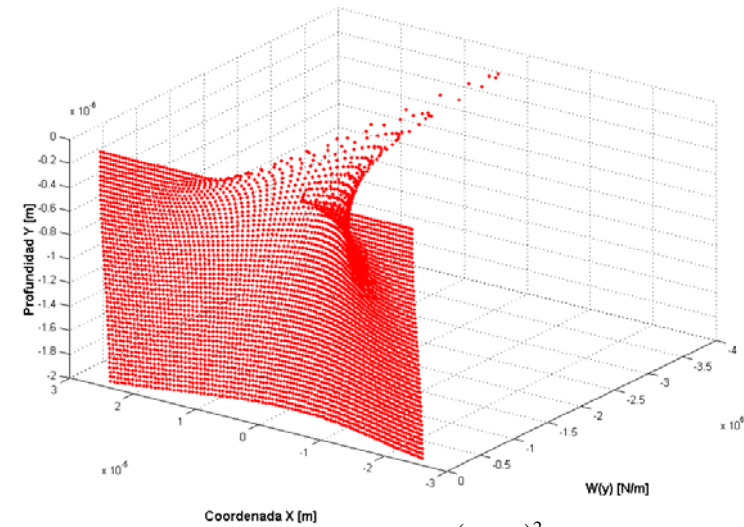
$$\sigma_{yy}(x, y) = -\frac{2P}{\pi} \frac{\cos^3 \alpha}{(x^2 + y^2)^{1/2}} \Rightarrow$$

$$\sigma_{yy}|_{x=0} = -\frac{2P}{\pi} \frac{1}{y}$$

Nacre



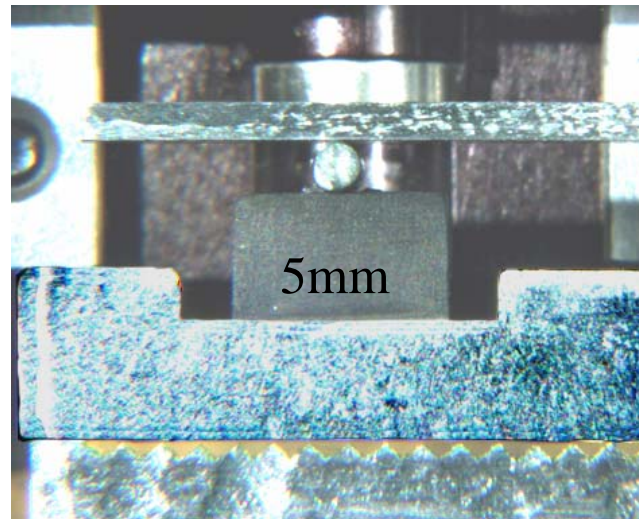
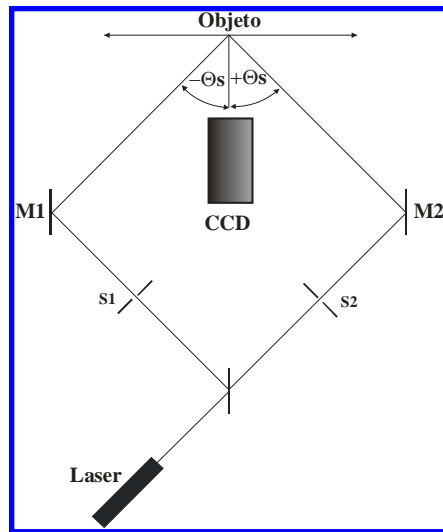
Distribución de Esfuerzo en el plano: Fuerza Puntual
Modelo Discreto



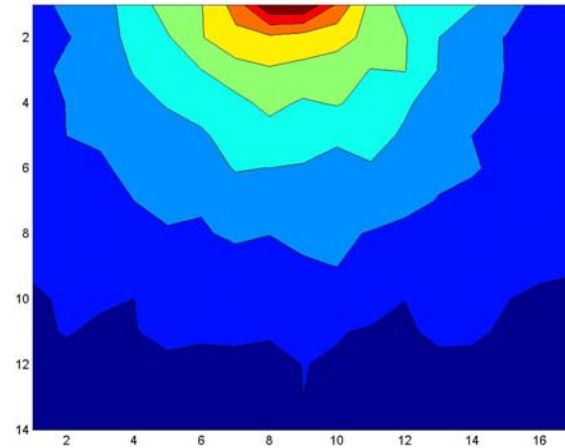
$$w(x, y) = -\frac{P}{\sqrt{4\pi D_o y}} e^{-\frac{(x-x_o)^2}{4D_o y}} \Rightarrow$$

$$w(x, y)|_{x=x_o} = -\frac{P}{\sqrt{4\pi D_o y}}$$

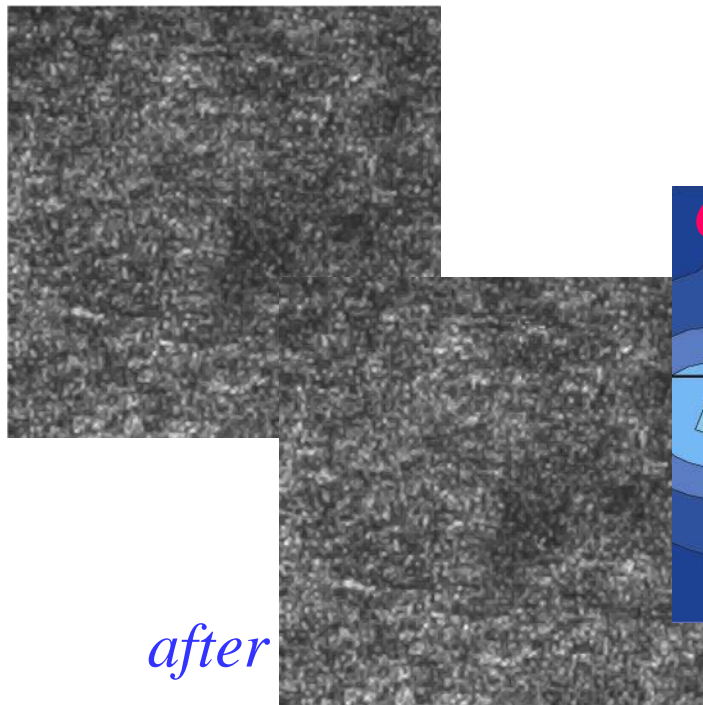
Speckles methods for small samples



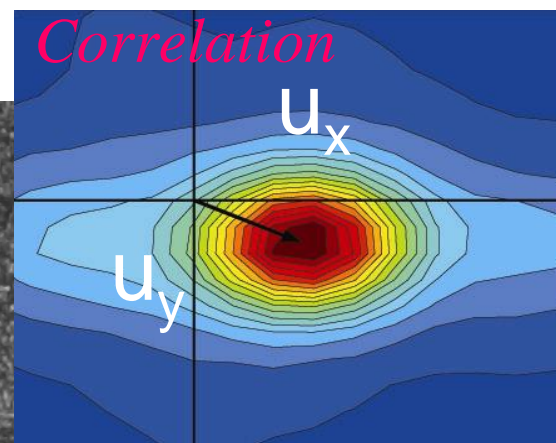
Displacement field



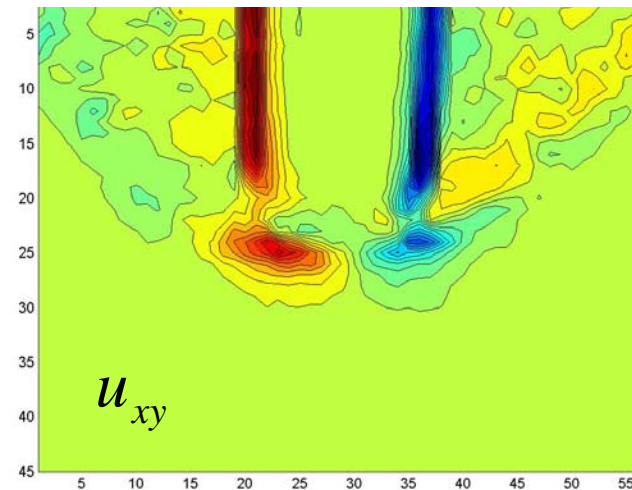
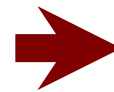
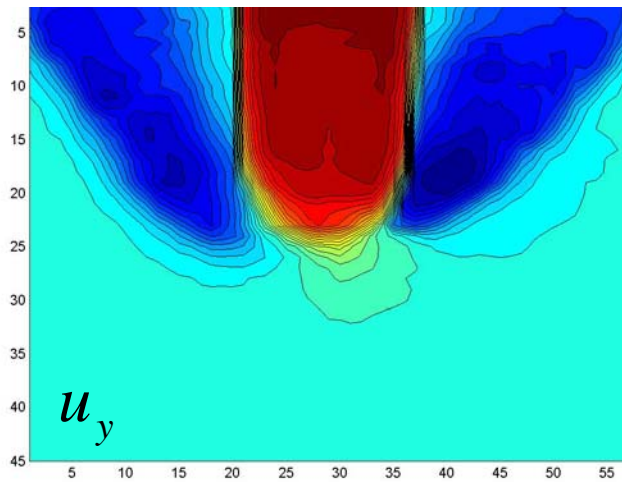
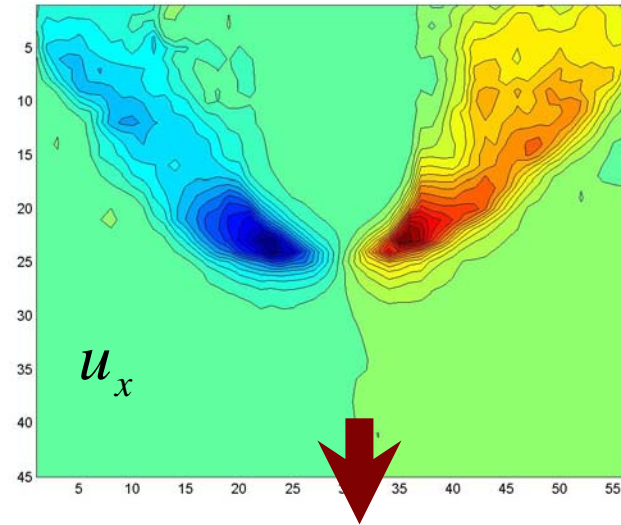
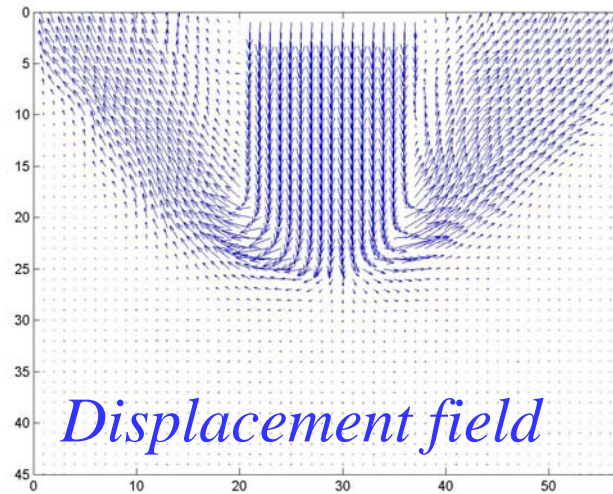
before



after



Plastic flows applications: granular materials



$$u_{\alpha\beta} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\partial u_\alpha}{\partial u_\beta} + \frac{\partial u_\beta}{\partial u_\alpha} \right)$$

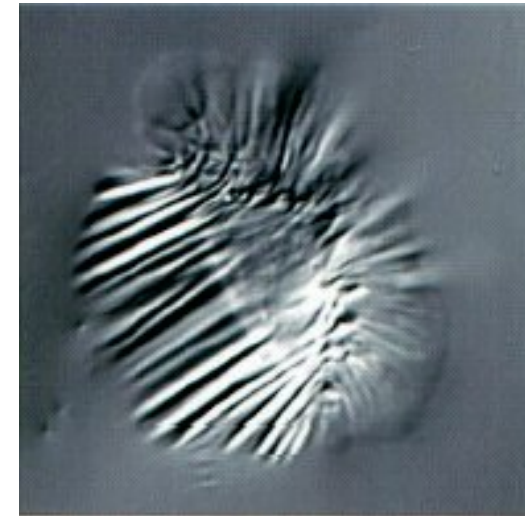
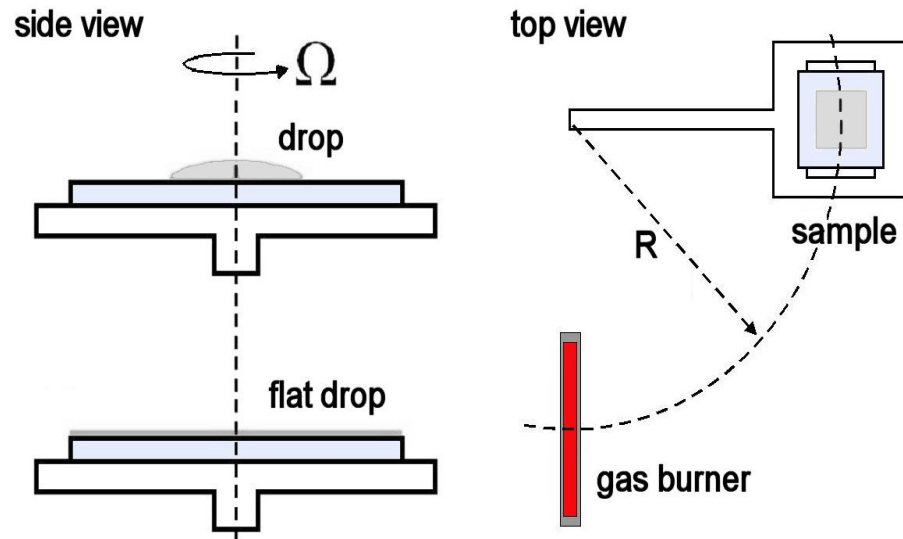


Defocusing to measure strain field: in progress



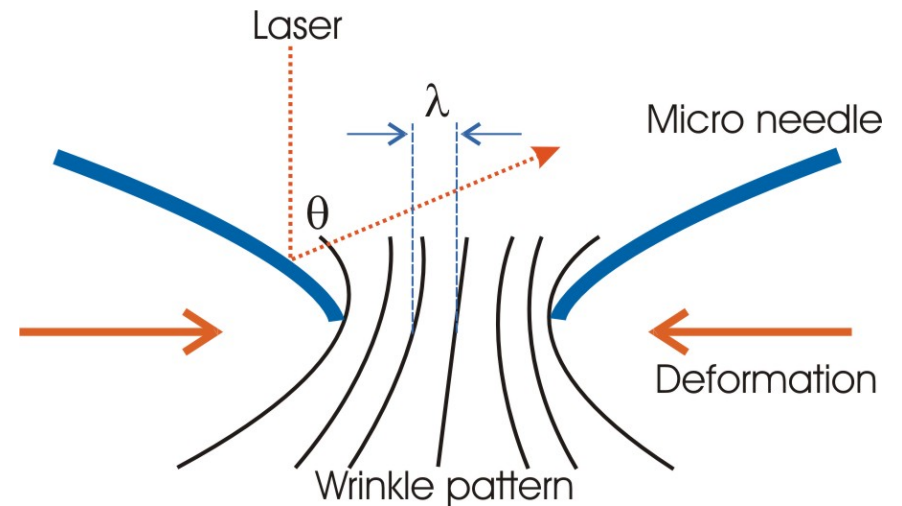
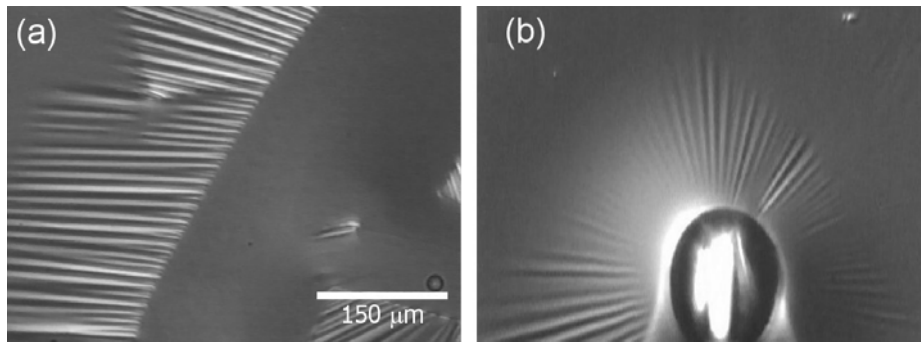
$$A_x^+ - A_x^- = 2 \frac{\Delta l}{M} \varepsilon_{xx} \sin \vartheta_s$$
$$\Rightarrow \varepsilon_{xx} = \frac{M}{2\Delta l \sin \vartheta_s} (A_x^+ - A_x^-)$$

Membranes and cell mechanics



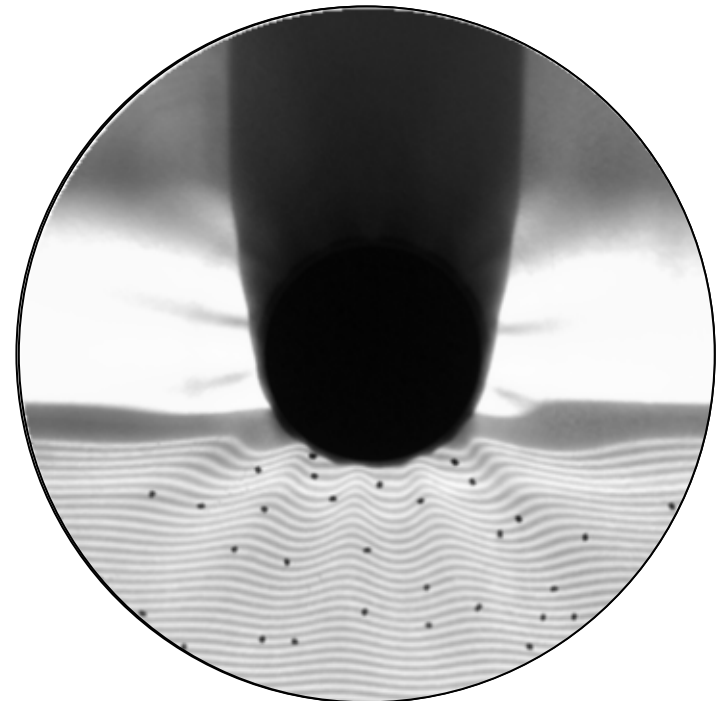
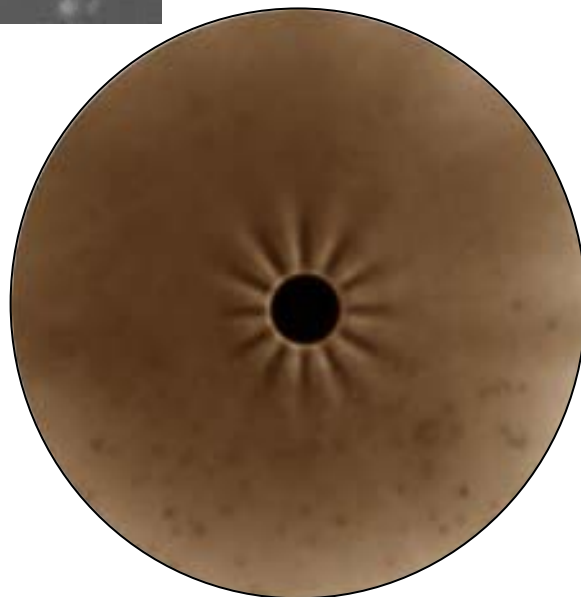
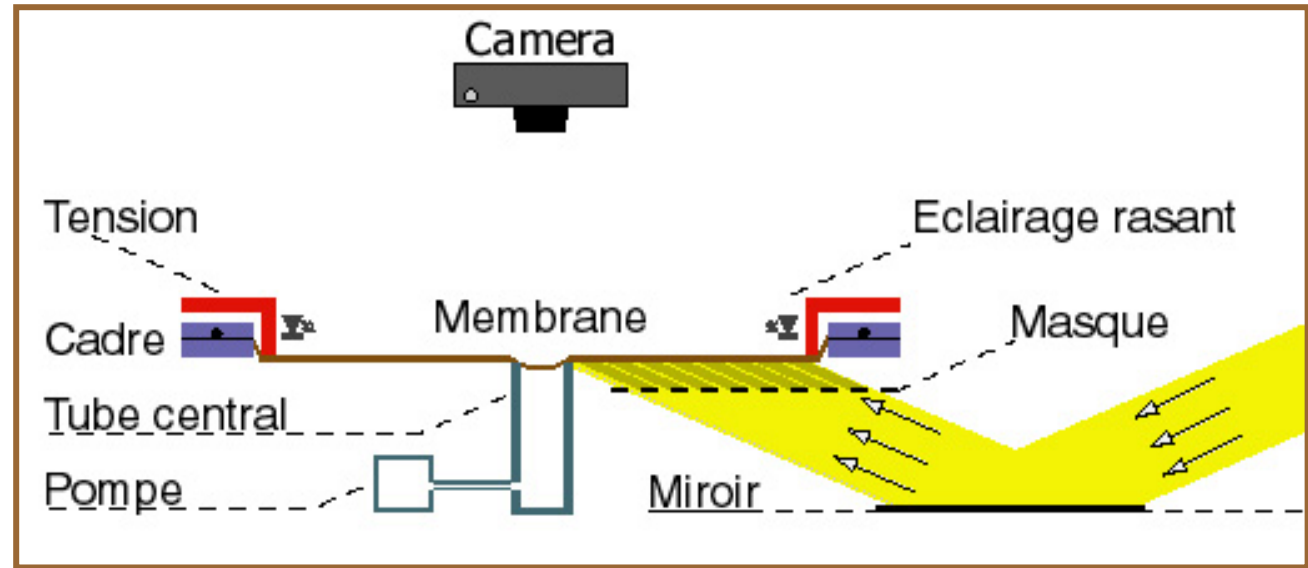
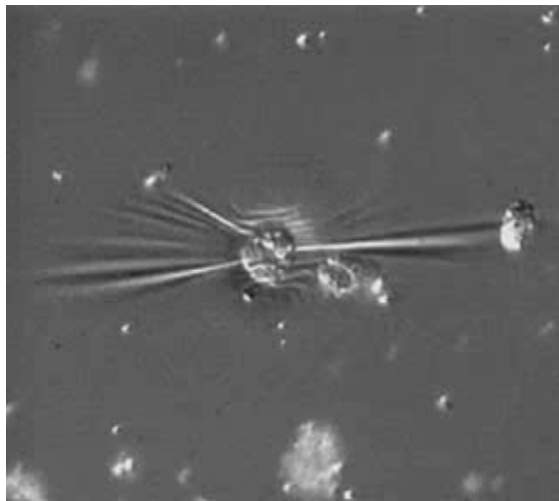
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PDMS substrate

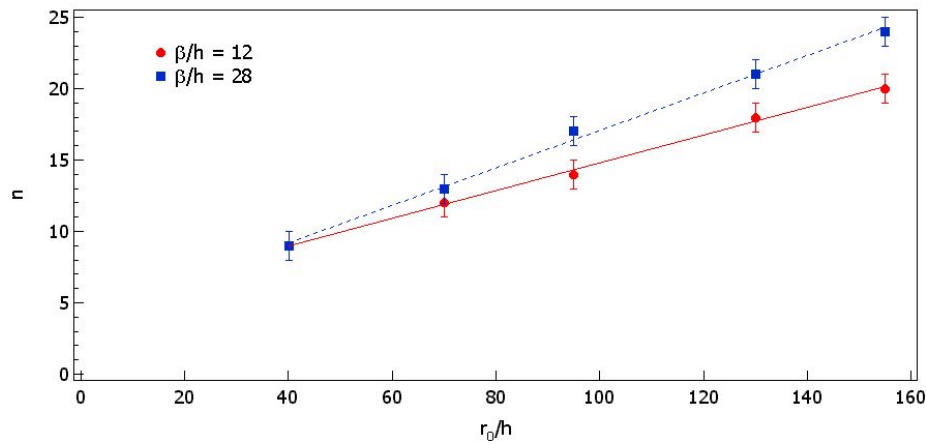
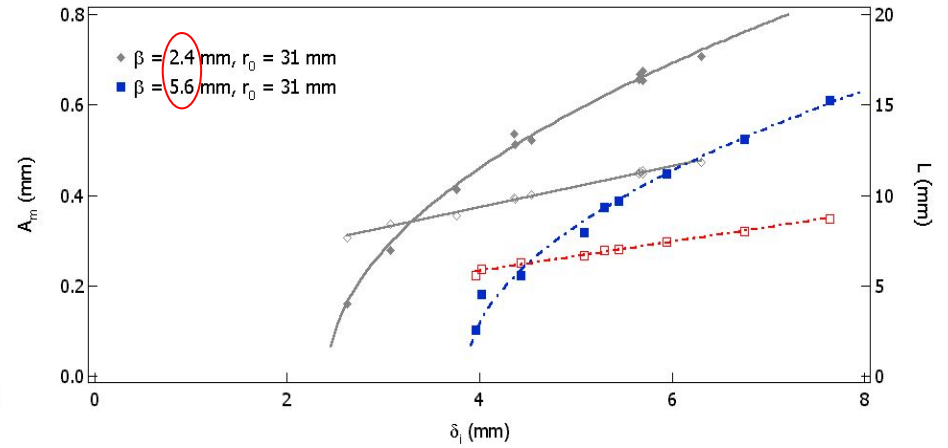
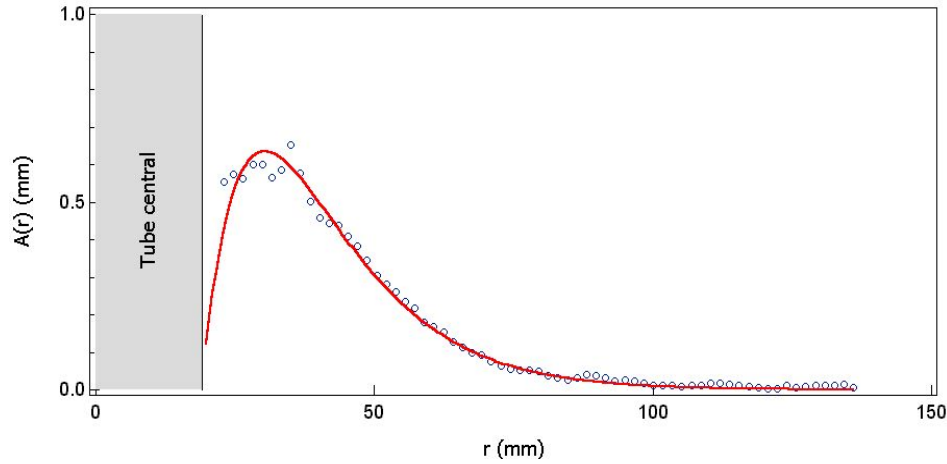




Elastic membranes under axial tension:

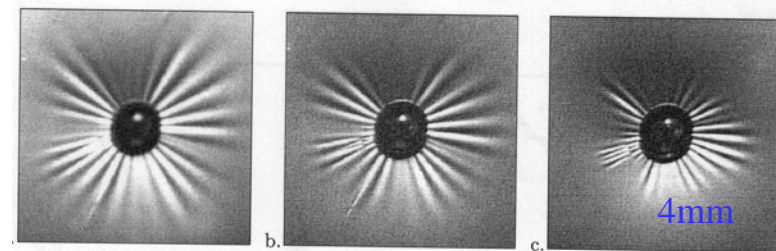


Experimental results:



Conclusions:

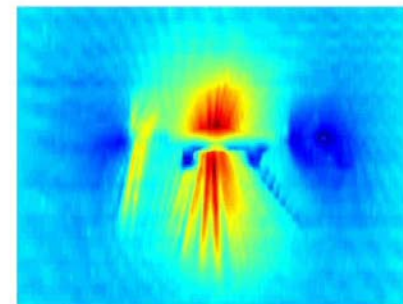
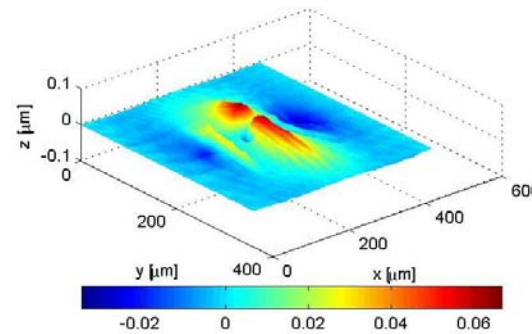
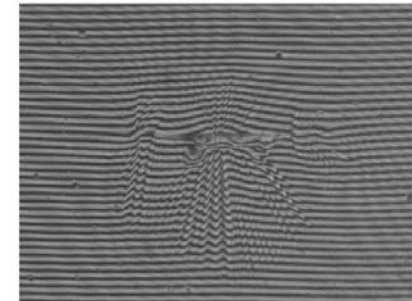
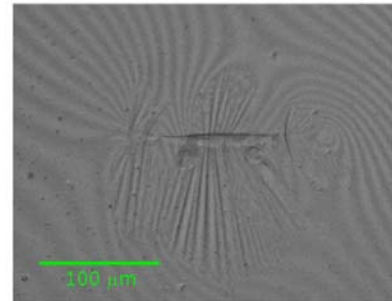
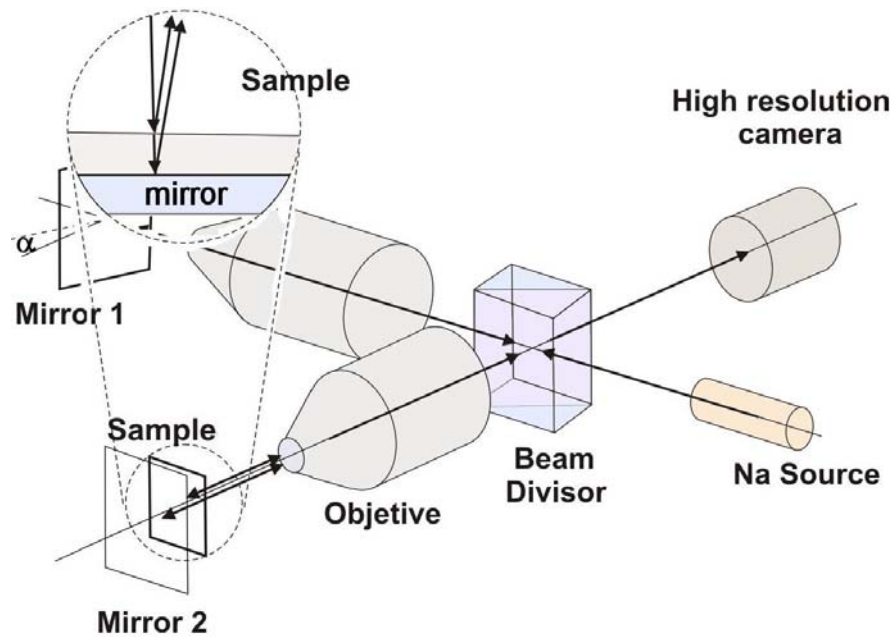
- Wrinkle length not good for force measurements.
- Wrinkle amplitude much better



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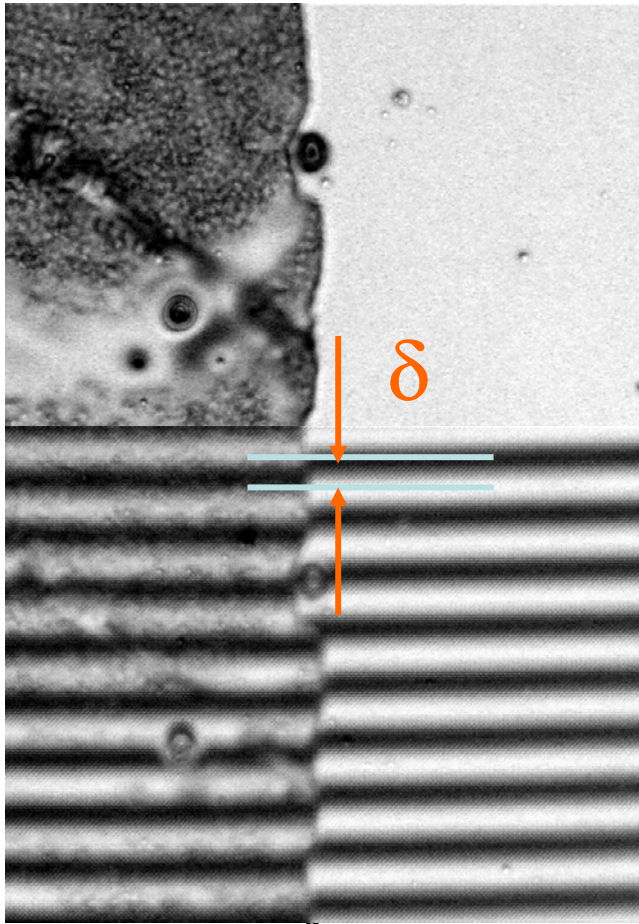
Glass transition in polymers films, Young modulus, Grenoble

Linnix interferometer.

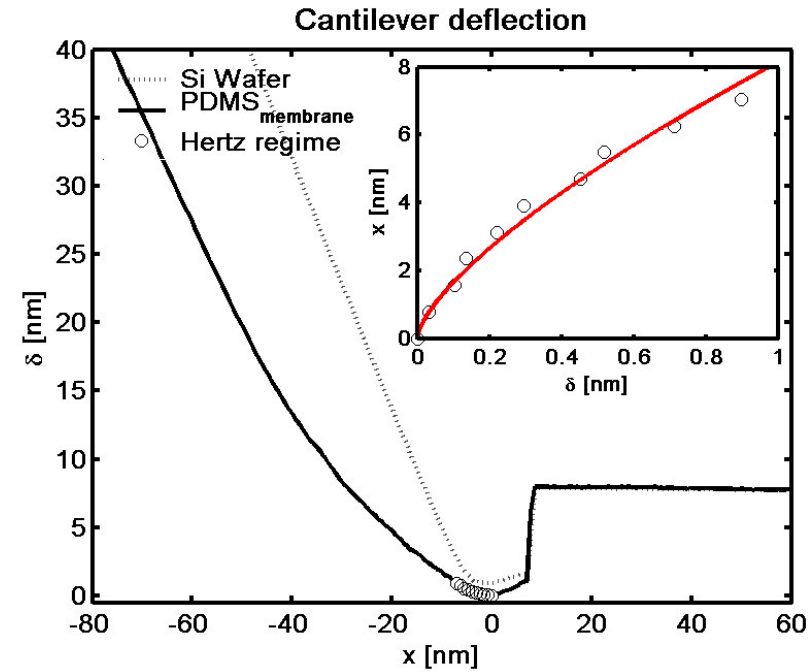


Nanometric elastic membranes

Thickness and Young modulus



$$h_{\text{membrane}} = \frac{\lambda}{2n} \delta \approx 0.1 \mu\text{m}$$



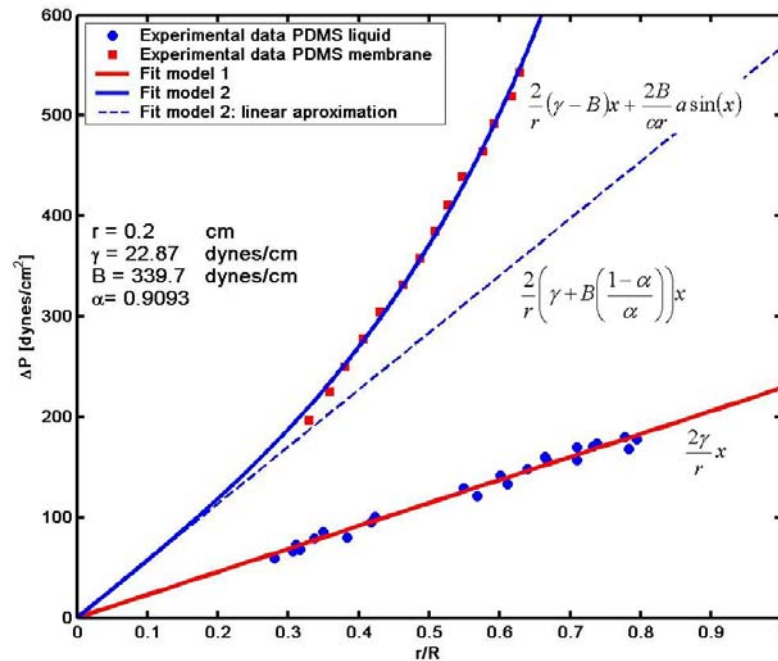
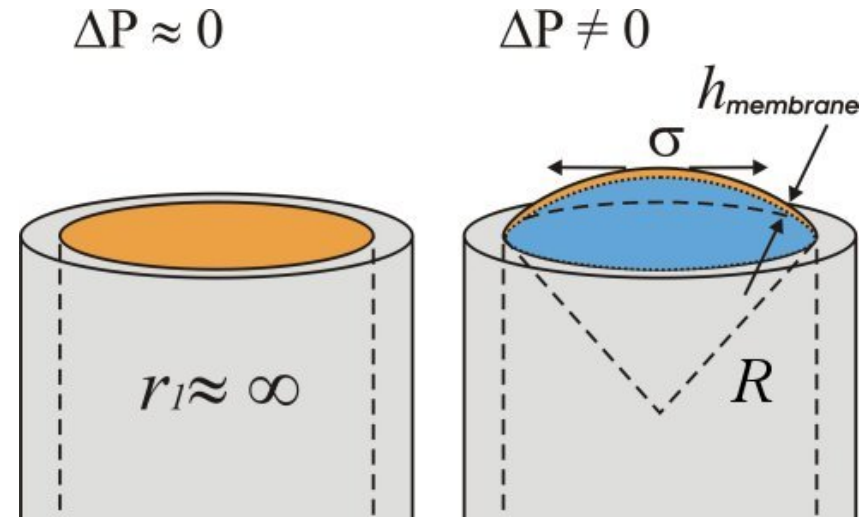
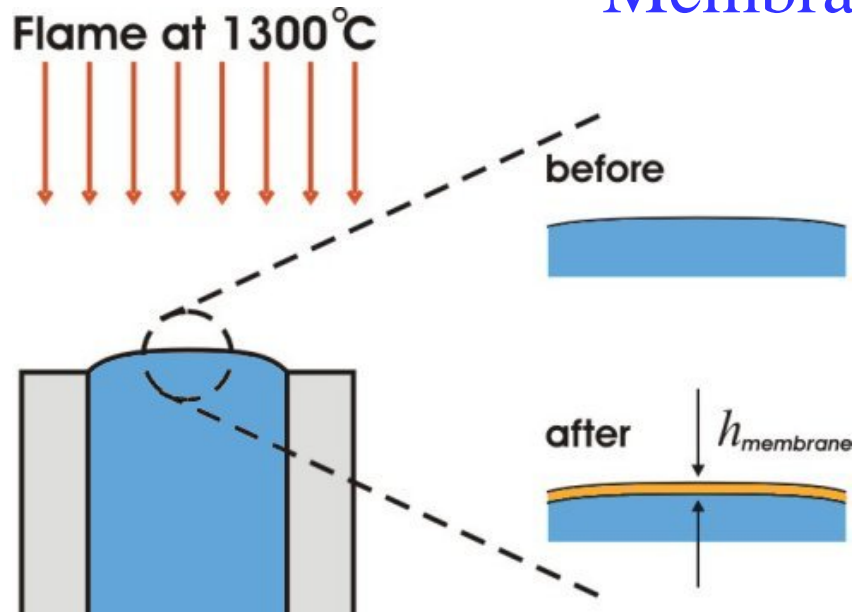
$$d = z + \delta$$

$$F_T = k_T z$$

$$F_M = k_M \delta^{3/2}$$

$$d = z + k \left(\frac{k_T}{k_M} z \right)^{2/3} \longrightarrow E \cong 5 \text{MPa}$$

Membrane tension



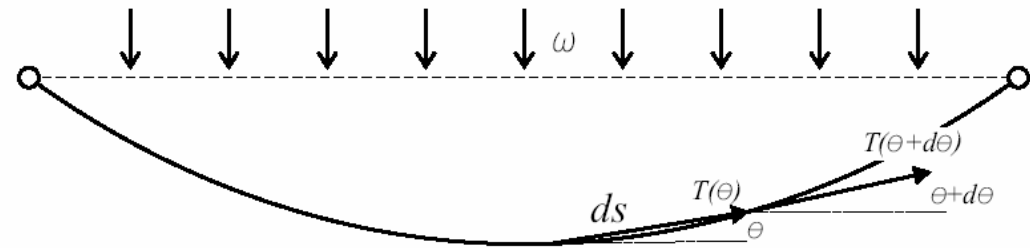
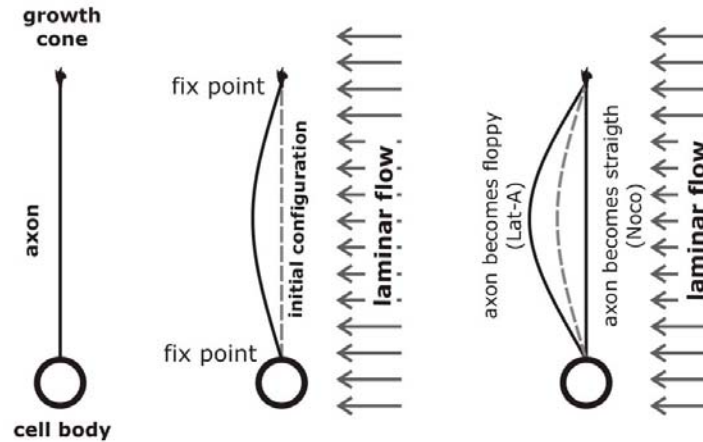
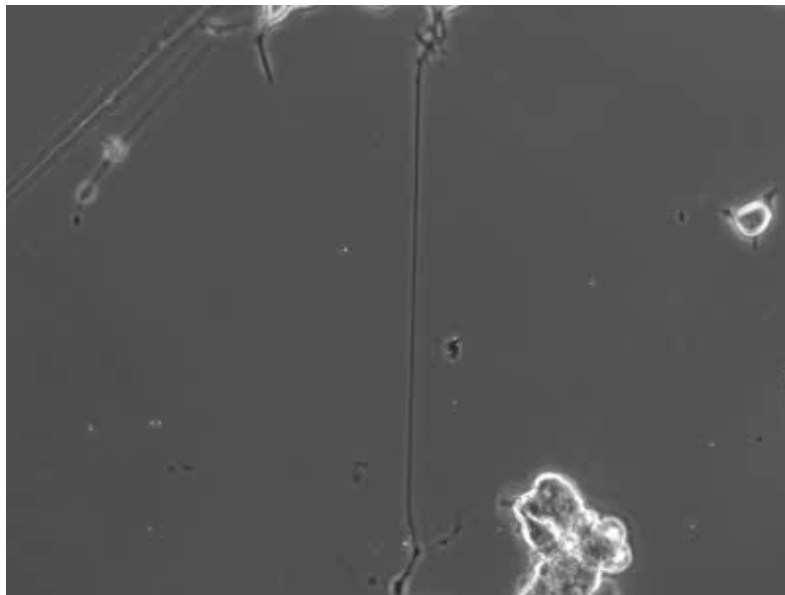
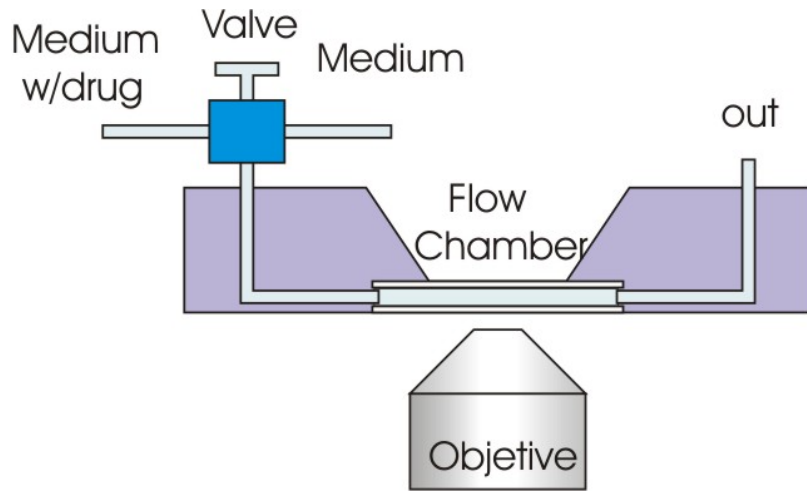
- The membrane is under tension.

$$\Delta P = \frac{2}{R} \left(\gamma_{L-M} + B \frac{\delta l}{l_o} \right) \quad x = \frac{r}{R}$$

$$\Delta P = \frac{2}{r} (\gamma_{L-M} - B)x + \frac{2B}{\alpha r} \sin^{-1}(x)$$

$$B = Eh \longrightarrow E \cong 5 \text{ MPa}$$

Bending of axons by the effect of a viscous force



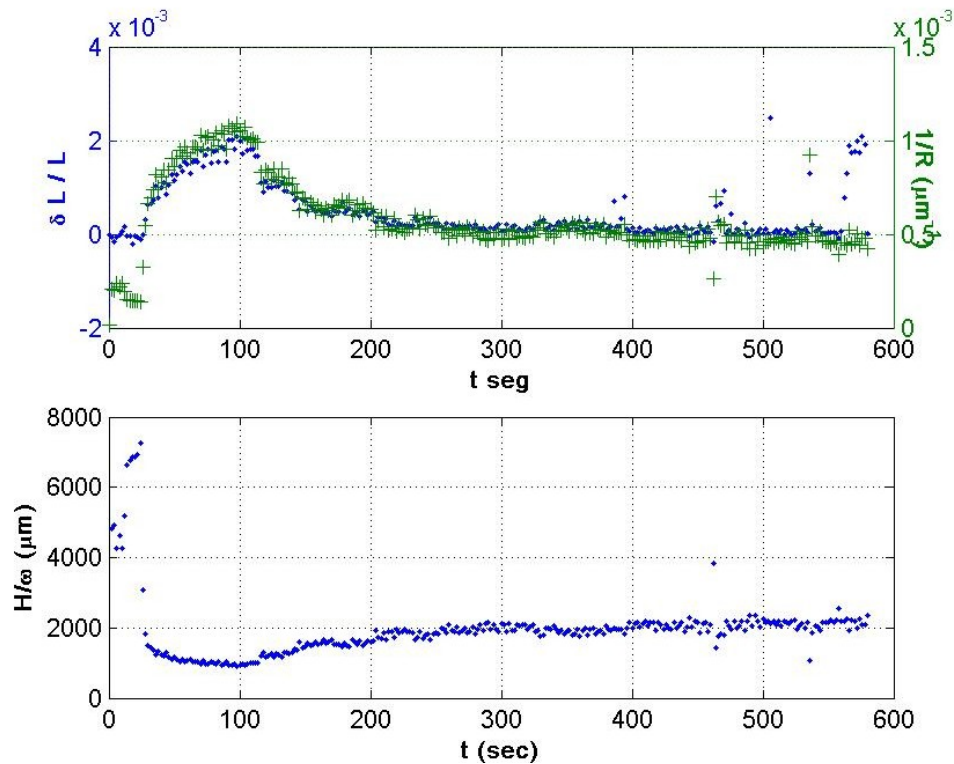
$$y(x) = \frac{H}{\omega} \cosh\left(\frac{\omega}{H}x\right)$$

$$\omega = \frac{F}{l} = \frac{4\pi\eta U}{\ln\left(\frac{3.7\nu}{RU}\right)}$$



Results:

Axons response to tension



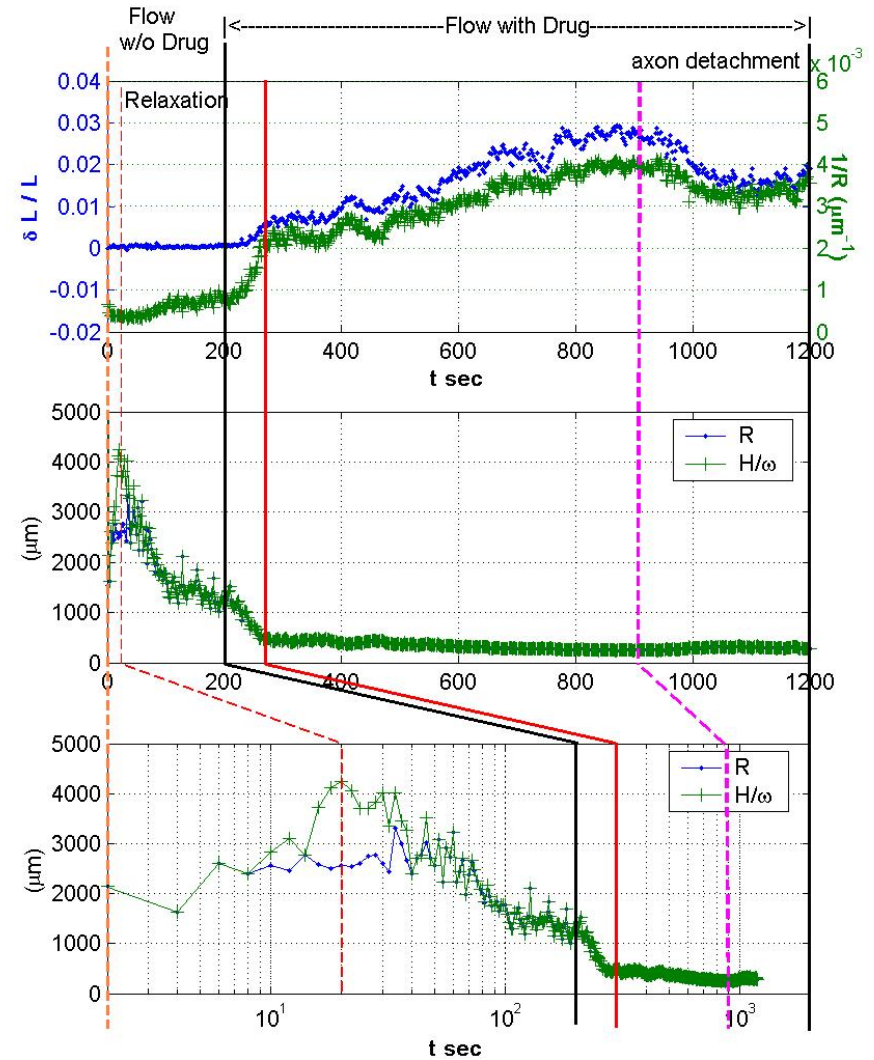
Active regime: $T < T_l$; retraction
 $T > T_h$; elongation
 Passive regime: Viscoelastic solid,
 $T_l < T < T_h$



Drug effects

Lat-A: Actin depolym.

Nocodasole: Microtub. depolym





New Group: Mechanics of Complex Materials:

Theory: F. Lund, M. Clerc, E. Tirapegui, P. Cordero, D. Risso and R. Soto.

Experiments: N. Mujica, J-J. Ammann, S. Rica, and F. Melo.

Main goals for the next five years I:

Granular Materials.

-Development of numerical simulations in three dimensions.

*-Strong interaction experiments, theory and numerical simulations. Specific problems are convection, segregation, avalanches, rarefaction fronts, fluidized beds, sound propagation and **flows of importance in mining processes.***

Mechanical properties of complex materials.

-Sound materials interactions: Acoustical interaction in suspensions, sound dislocations interactions, dynamic of phase transitions, sound emission by bursting bubbles; volcanoes.

-Optic and acoustic speckles: Elastic properties of biomaterials (optic) and soft materials (acoustic), for instance, fruits.

-Biomechanics: Membranes, axons and molecular motors?.



Main goals II:

Biomaterials growth: Atomic force techniques.

How biomolecules modify crystal growth: Sulfated macromolecules provided by J. L. Arias group.

Super saturation effects:

- Elastic effects: large distortions of the crystal due to macromolecules inclusions.*
- Electric field effects: anisotropy, large K contrast.*
- Gradient of electric field effect, might favor an increase of local concentration of some species.*