

Simple views in polymer dynamics

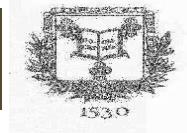
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An Old Problem

What causes resistance to the motion in a fluid?

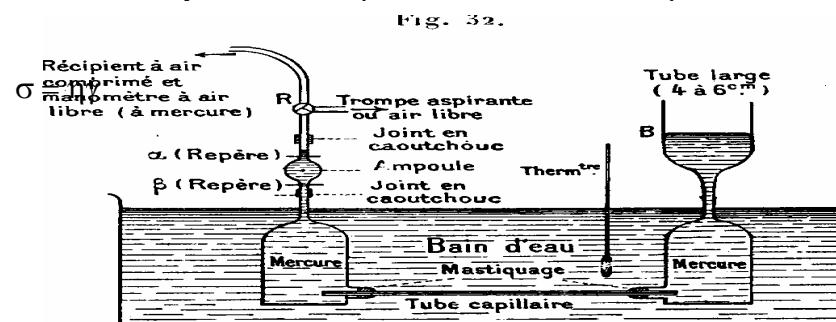
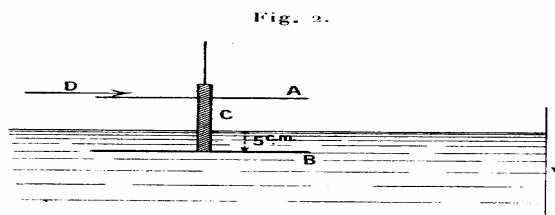
Newton (1685), Bernoulli (1738), Euler (1755), Coulomb (1784), Navier (1821), Stokes (1842), Maxwell (1866), Brillouin, M. (1899)

➤ In bulk: liquid-liquid friction

→ viscosity η

$$\sigma = \eta \dot{\gamma}$$

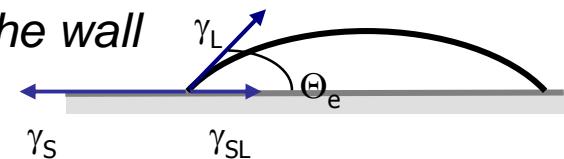
→ Differential equation (Navier-Stokes)



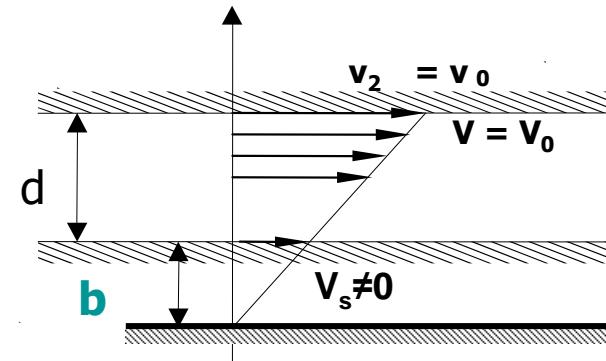
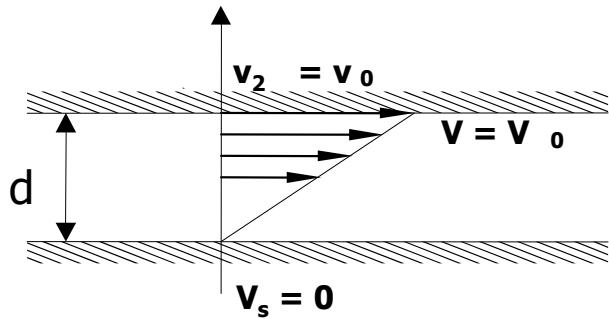
➤ At surface: liquid-solid friction

→ Boundary condition for the velocity at the wall

→ Interactions between fluid molecules
and solid ↔ Wetting ?



Boundary condition for the velocity at the wall



Stress at interface:

$$\sigma = k_{FV} v_s = \eta \dot{\gamma}$$

$$\dot{\gamma} = \left. \frac{\partial v_x}{\partial z} \right|_{z=0} = \frac{v_s}{b}$$

Navier (1823)

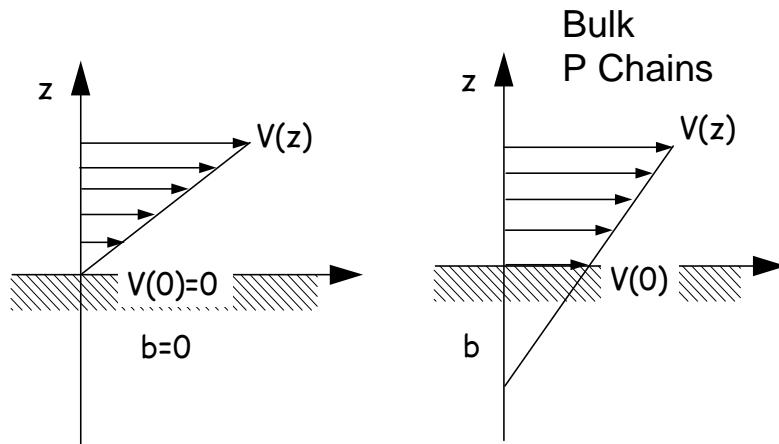
Slip length b

$$b = \frac{\eta}{k_{FV}}$$

Commonly admitted: $b \approx$ molecular size

Friction at polymer interfaces: interfacial slip

P. G. de Gennes C. R. Acad. Sci. Paris, 288 B, 219 (1979)



Ideal surface +
polymer melt

$$\sigma = kV(0) = \eta \frac{dV}{dz} \Big|_{z=0} = \eta \frac{V(0)}{b}$$

$$k = \frac{\sigma}{V(0)} \quad k \propto \frac{\eta}{b}$$

k= friction coefficient at interface

Fluid of monomers : $b = \frac{\eta_1}{k} \approx a$ $a \approx \text{few } \text{\AA}$

Polymer : $b = \frac{\eta(P)}{k} = \frac{\eta(P)}{\eta_1} a$

Polymer : $\frac{\eta(P)}{\eta_1} \approx 10^5 \text{ to } 10^6$ $b \approx 10 \text{ to } 100 \mu\text{m}$
Huge slip

Experimental indications:

➤ Polymer melt extrusion:

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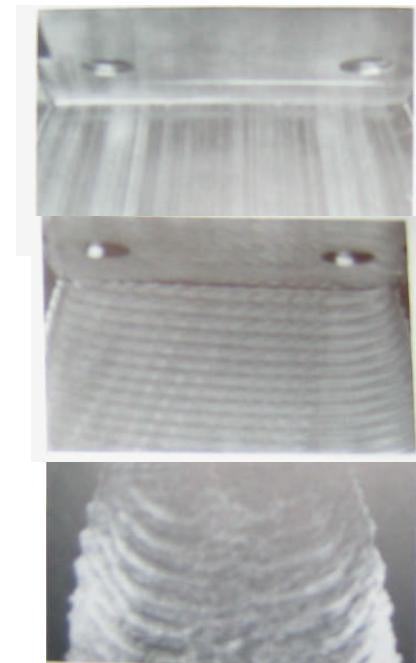
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- Some evidences of slip (pressure drop versus flow rate and thickness dependences)
- depending on the nature of the wall
- evidences of the shear rate threshold
- relation to extrusion defects

➤ Direct characterization of the flow velocity at interface:

- tracer particles *Atwood and Schowalter, Rheol. Acta 28, 134 (1989)*
- near field laser velocimetry



Experiment: Near Field laser Velocimetry

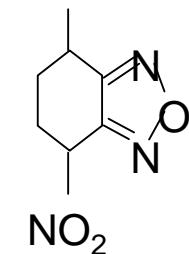
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Polymer : (PDMS)

$M_w = 200 \text{ to } 970 \text{ kg/mol}$ ($M_w/M_n \approx 1.1$)
 $P = 2700 \text{ to } 13100$.
 $D^* = N_e^{1/2} a$ ($N_e \text{ PDMS} \approx 100$)

} Entangled

End labeled with NBD
(5% by weight)



Surface:

PDMS on SiO_2 (Prism)

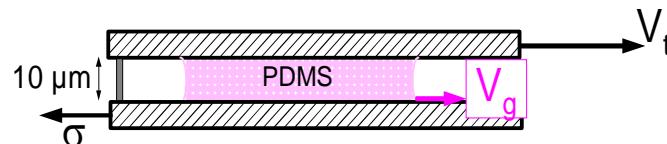
OTS layer (ideal non adsorbing surface?)

$\lambda_{\text{exc}} = 476 \text{ nm}$
 $\Lambda_{\text{em}} = 510 \text{ nm}$

Photobleachable

Experiment:

simple shear



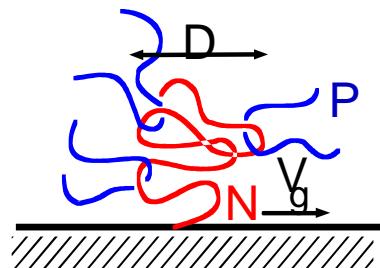
+ evanescent waves \longrightarrow sensitivity to the surface ($\Lambda \approx 50 \text{ nm}$)

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Model: entanglements driven friction

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- $D > D^*$: weak deformation of surface chains



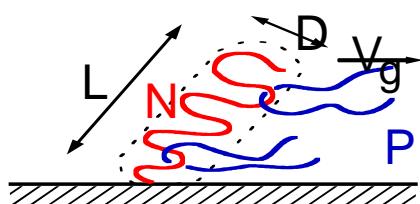
Fixed number of entanglements

$$\sigma \propto V_S$$

$$b = \frac{\eta_p V_S}{\sigma} = \text{cte}$$

Linear Friction

- $D = D^*$: marginal regime



$$\bullet \dot{\gamma}^* = \sum \frac{kT}{\eta_p a^2 D^*} \propto \sum$$

$$\bullet V_S^* = \frac{kT}{\eta_p Na^2} \propto P^{-3.3} N^{-1}$$

Non linear Friction

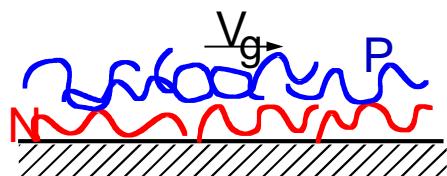
$$\bullet b = \frac{V_S^*}{\dot{\gamma}}$$

$$\bullet \frac{V_S}{D^*} \geq \frac{1}{\tau_{\text{rep}}}$$

$$\bullet b = b_\infty \approx \frac{a n \rho}{\eta_0}$$

Linear, low friction

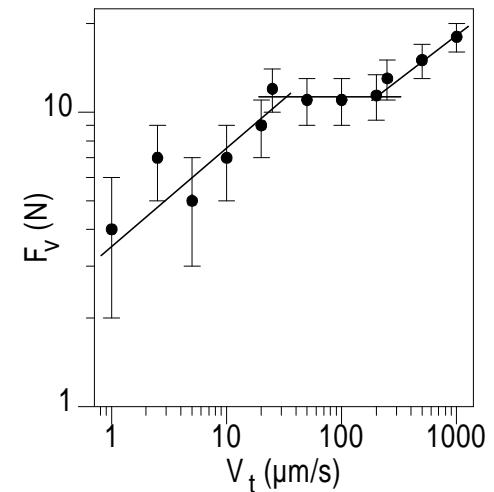
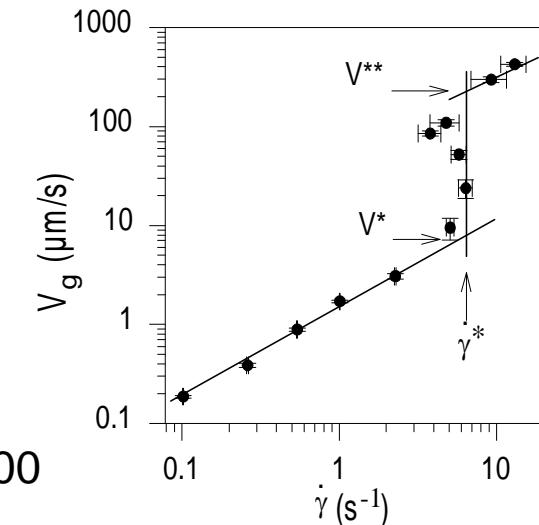
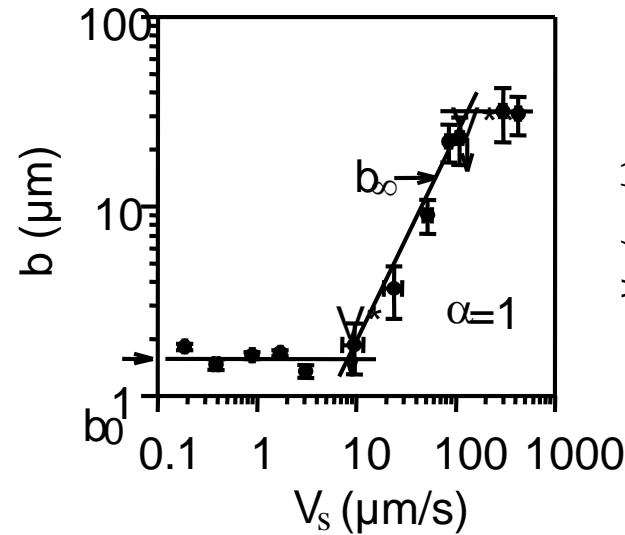
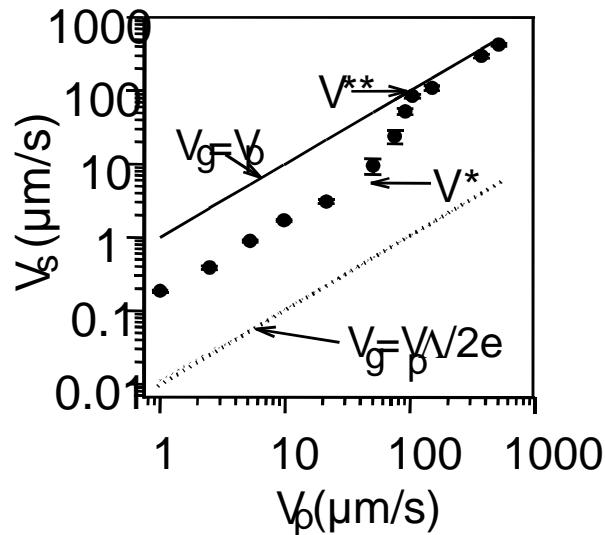
- $D \ll D^*$: disentangled regime



$$\bullet V_S \propto \dot{\gamma}$$

Typical results :

Bulk PDMS melt: $M_w=970 \text{ kg/mol}$
 Surface: silica + end grafted PDMS
 $M_w=96 \text{ kg/mol}, \Sigma=0.0055$

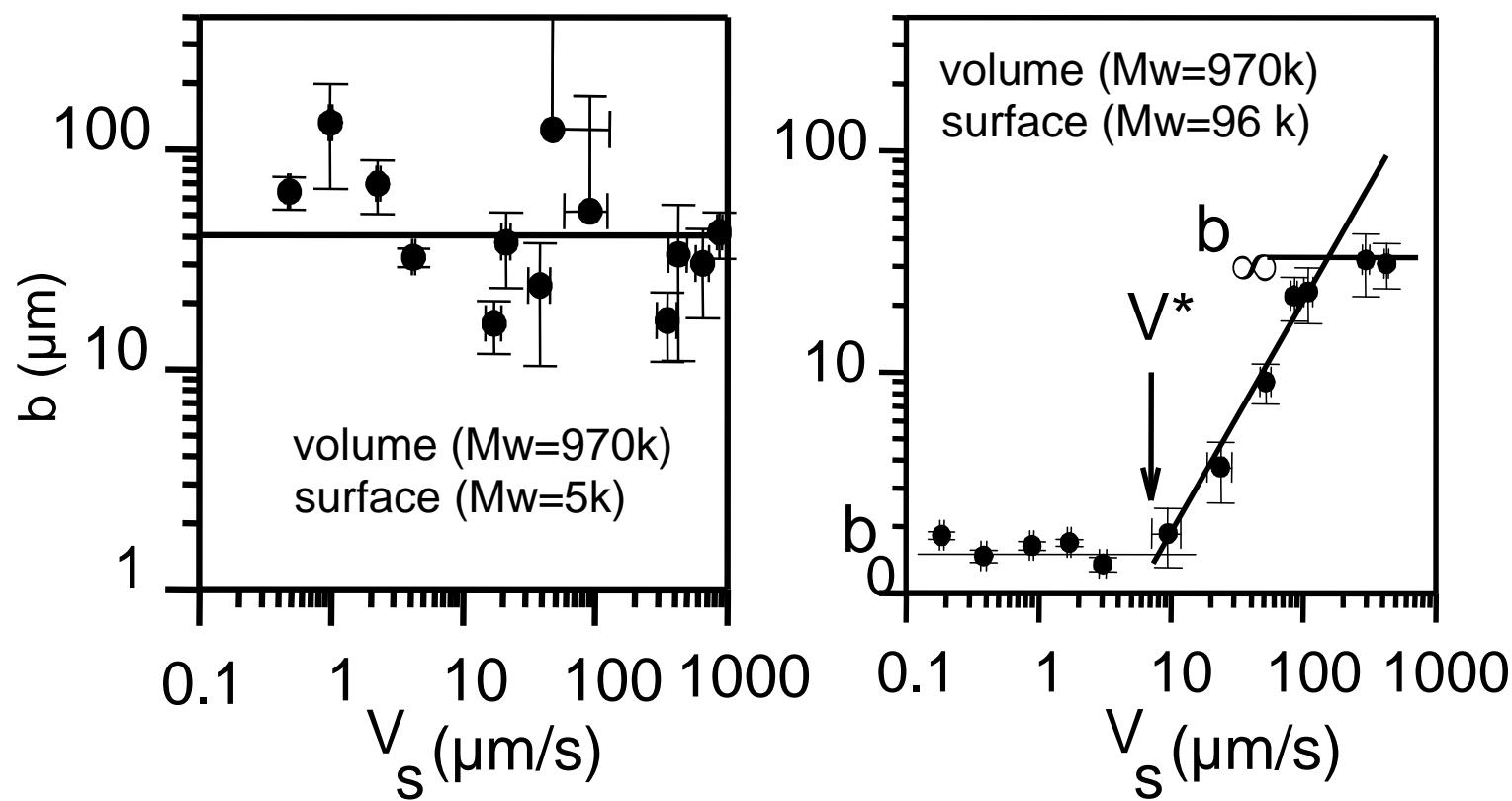


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Entanglements driven friction

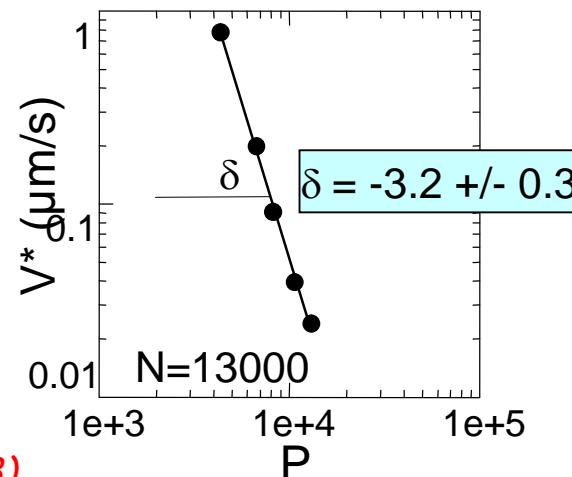
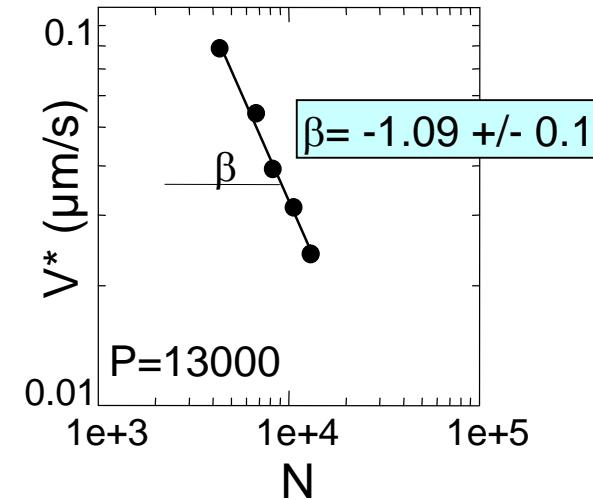
Bulk Polymer: PDMS $P > N_e$
Surface: PDMS brush

Short grafted chains:
Only high slip regime



Effects of molecular weights on V^*

$$V^* = \frac{kT}{\eta_P a^2 N} \propto N^{-1} P^{-3,3}$$

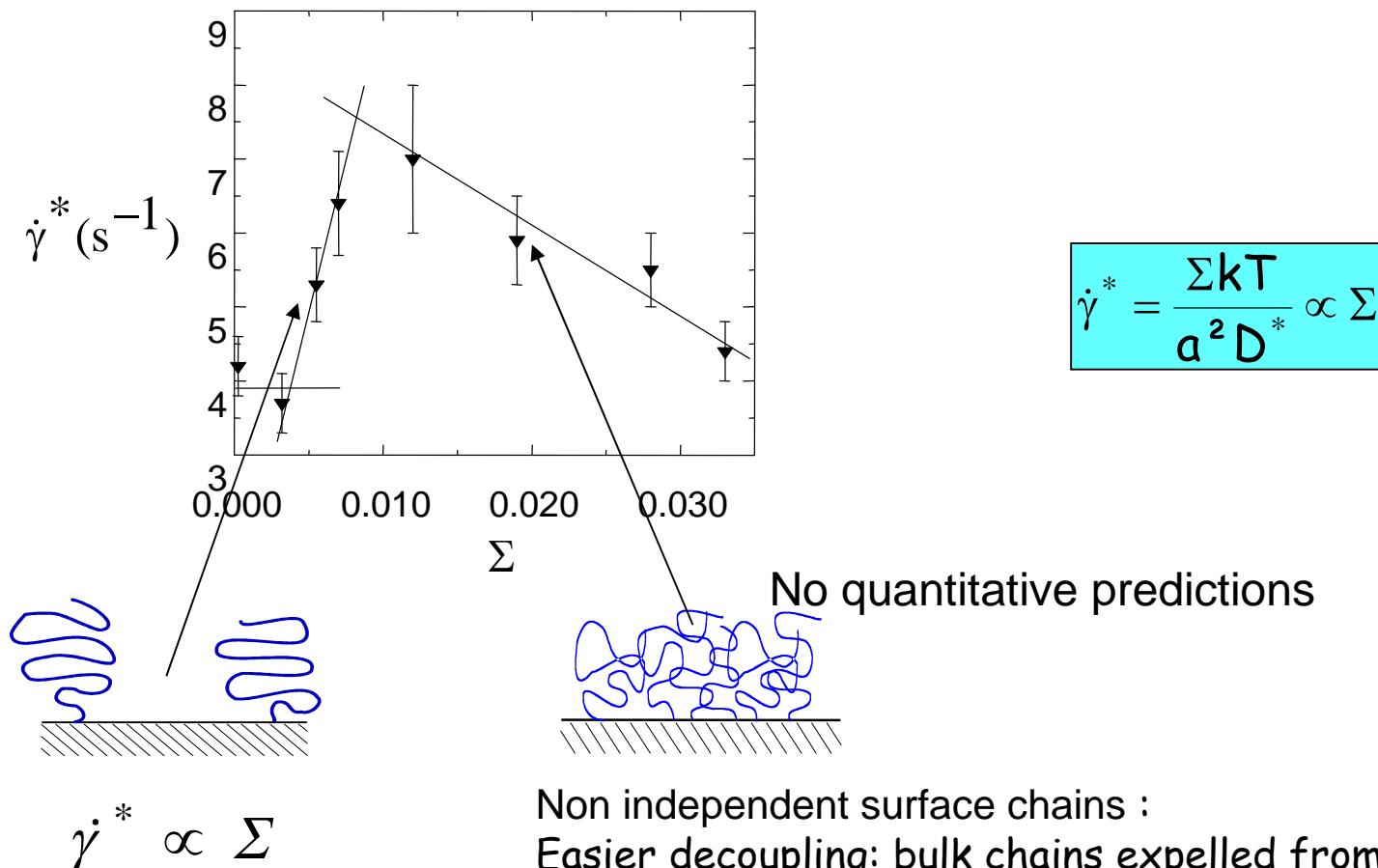


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Role of the surface grafting density : Σ

$$M(P) = 970 \text{ kg/mole}$$
$$M(N) = 96 \text{ kg/mole}$$

E. Durliat et al. *Europhys. Lett* 38, 383 (1997)



- Qualitative agreement between model and experiments
- Can we do more than get a qualitative agreement?

Direct measurement of the friction force on one grafted chain,
as a function of sliding velocity

Friction force on one chain

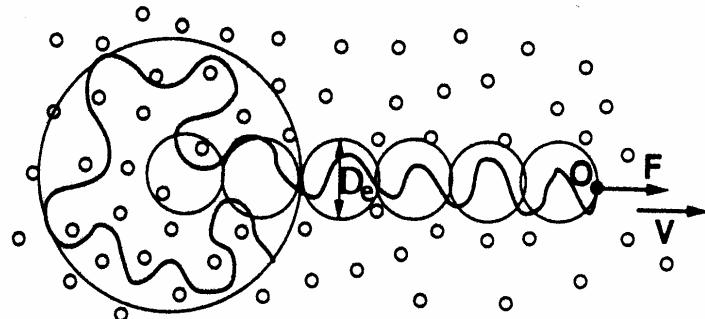
One chain Z , pulled out of an elastomer or a melt N , under the force F

Dynamics driven by arm retraction:

$$\tau_{\text{arm}}(Z) = \tau_1 Z^2 \exp(\mu Z / N_e)$$

compare D_e/V to τ_{arm}

Ajdari et al., Physica A 204 (1994) 17 - 39



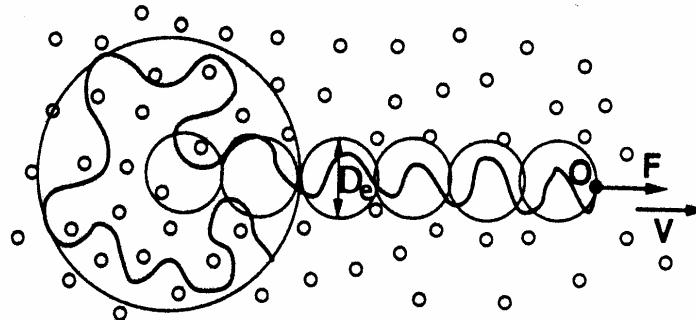
1) $V < V_1 = D_e / \tau_{\text{arm}}(Z)$: $F = \frac{kT}{D_e} \frac{V}{V_1}$ chain fully relaxed

2) $V_1 < V < V_2 = D_e / \tau_1 Z^2$: $F = \frac{kT}{D_e} + (Z - q) \zeta_1 V$
relaxed tail, q monomers
 $q(V)$ such that $v \tau_{\text{arm}}(q) = D_e$

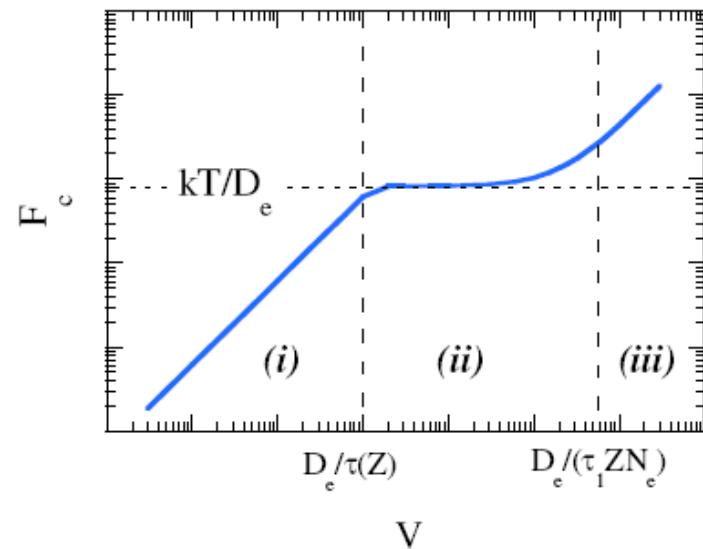
3) $V_2 < V < V_3 = V_2 (Z/N_e)^2$: $F = \frac{kT}{D_e} + (Z - q) \zeta_1 V$ Force $\approx V$ independent

4) $V_3 < V$: $F = Z \zeta_1 V$ ζ_1 monomer friction coefficient

Pull-out friction on one chain



Compare D_e/V to $\tau \sim \tau_1 Z^2 e^{q^2/(N_e Z)}$



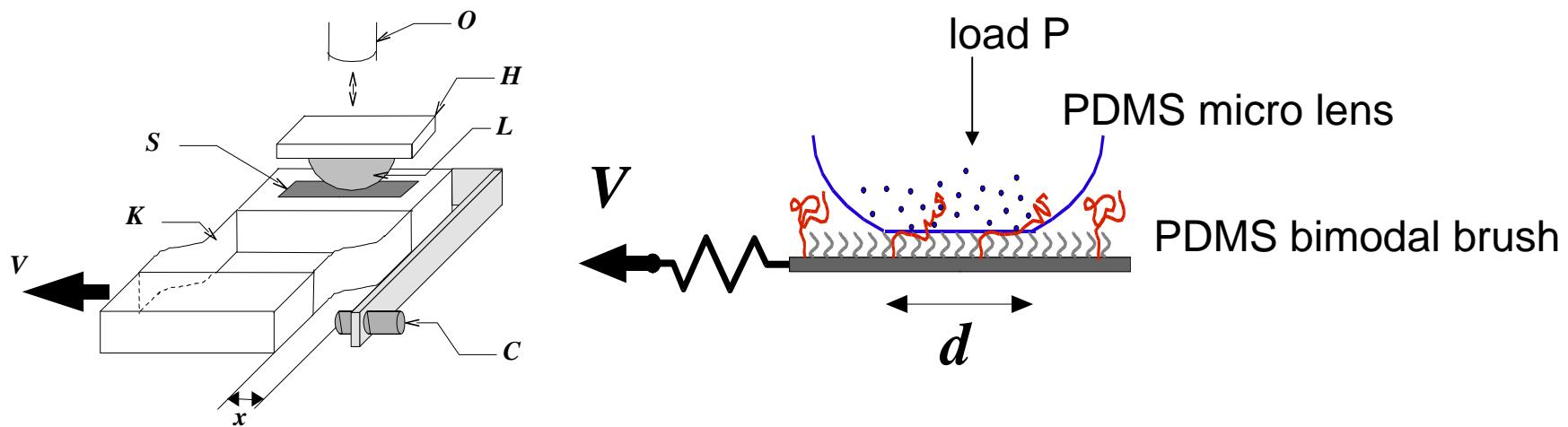
- (i) $F_c \propto V$
- (ii) $F_c = \frac{kT}{D_e} + (Z - q)\zeta_1 V$
- (iii) $F_c \propto V$

Experimentally $F_c = (\sigma - \sigma_{short})/\Sigma$

Direct measurements of the Friction force : Elastomer – grafted surface

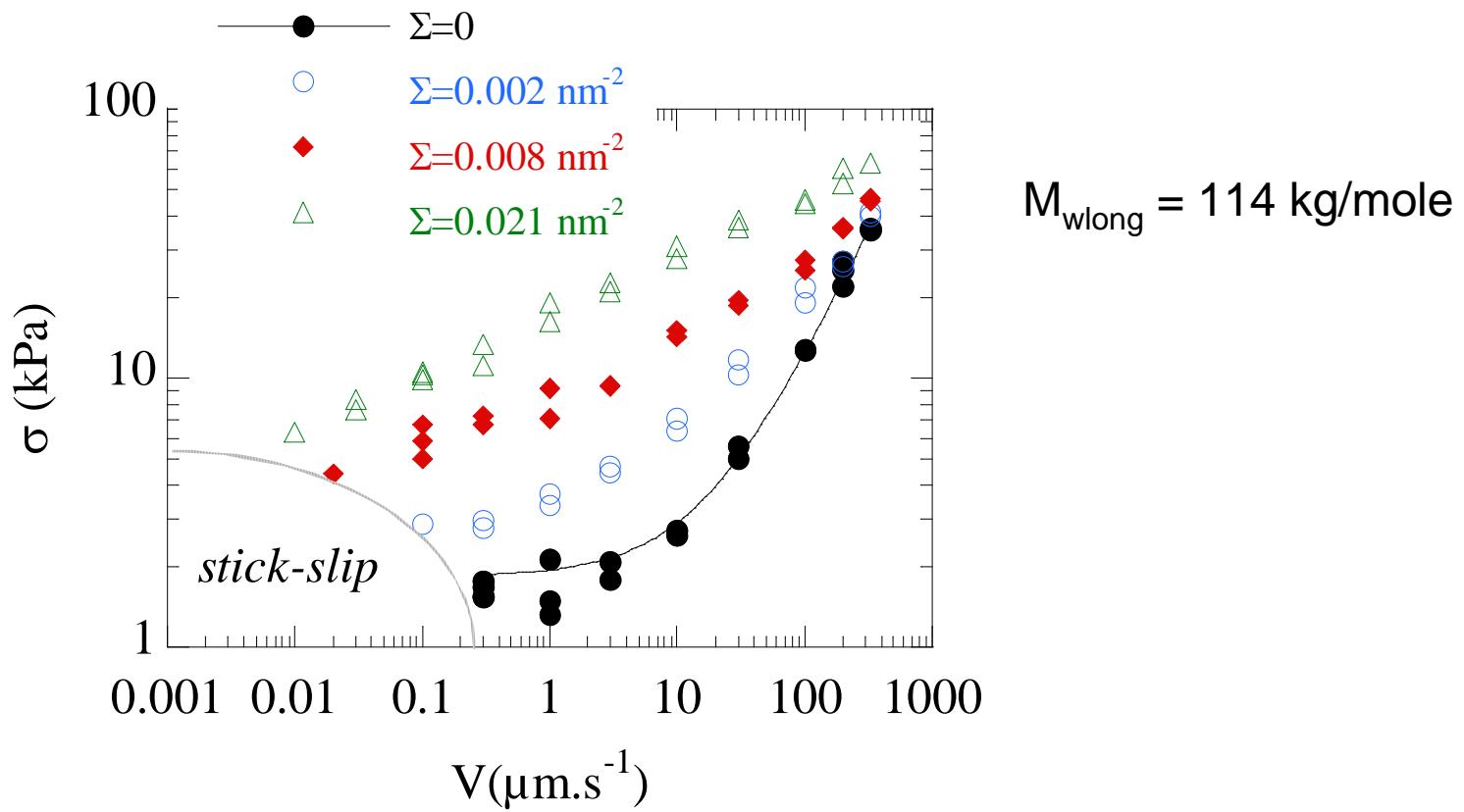
L. Bureau, L. Léger, Langmuir (2004)

- JKR like experiments (fixed contact area)
- friction force measurement: spring translated at chosen velocity



$3 \text{ nm/s} < V < 330 \text{ } \mu\text{m/s}$; $d = 200 - 400 \text{ } \mu\text{m}$; $F = 50 \text{ } \mu\text{N} - 50 \text{ mN}$

Results:



- Two regimes:
 - $V > V_c$ stationary slip motion
 - $V < V_c$ Stick-slip

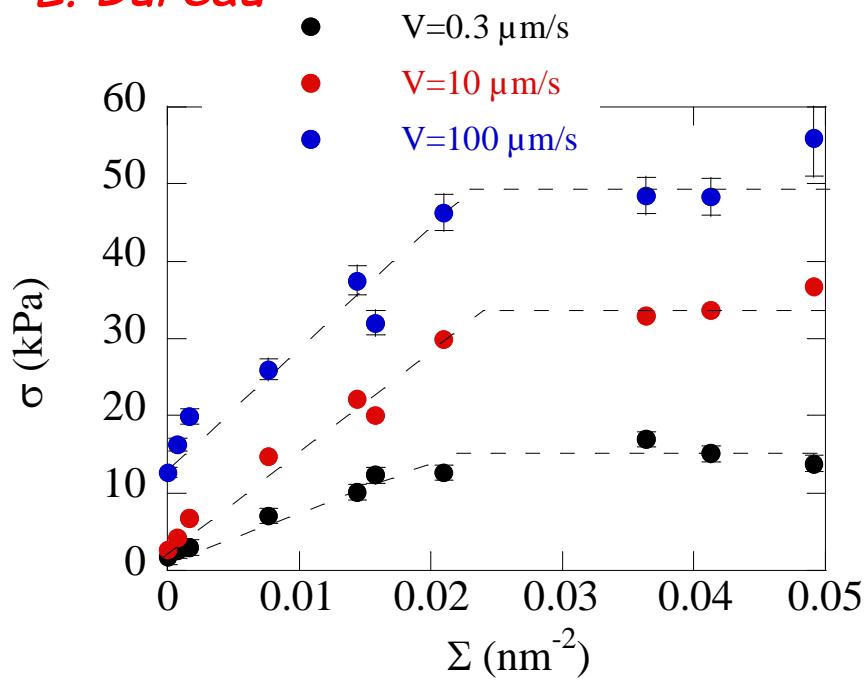
➤ $\sigma(V)$ non linear

Effects of Surface density

Two regimes in Σ :

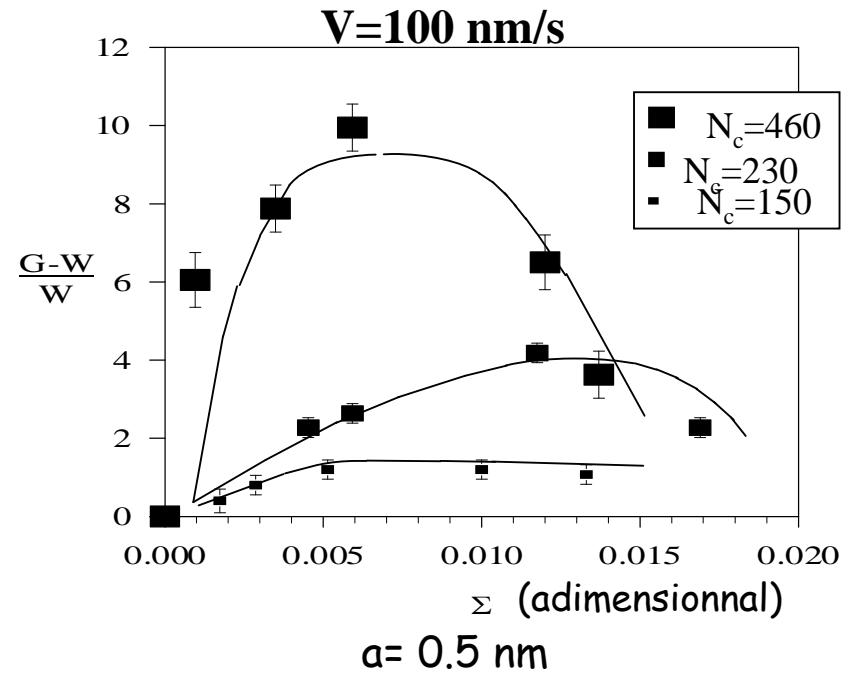
- Low Σ : σ increases linearly with Σ
- High Σ : saturation

L. Bureau



Adhesion: same systems

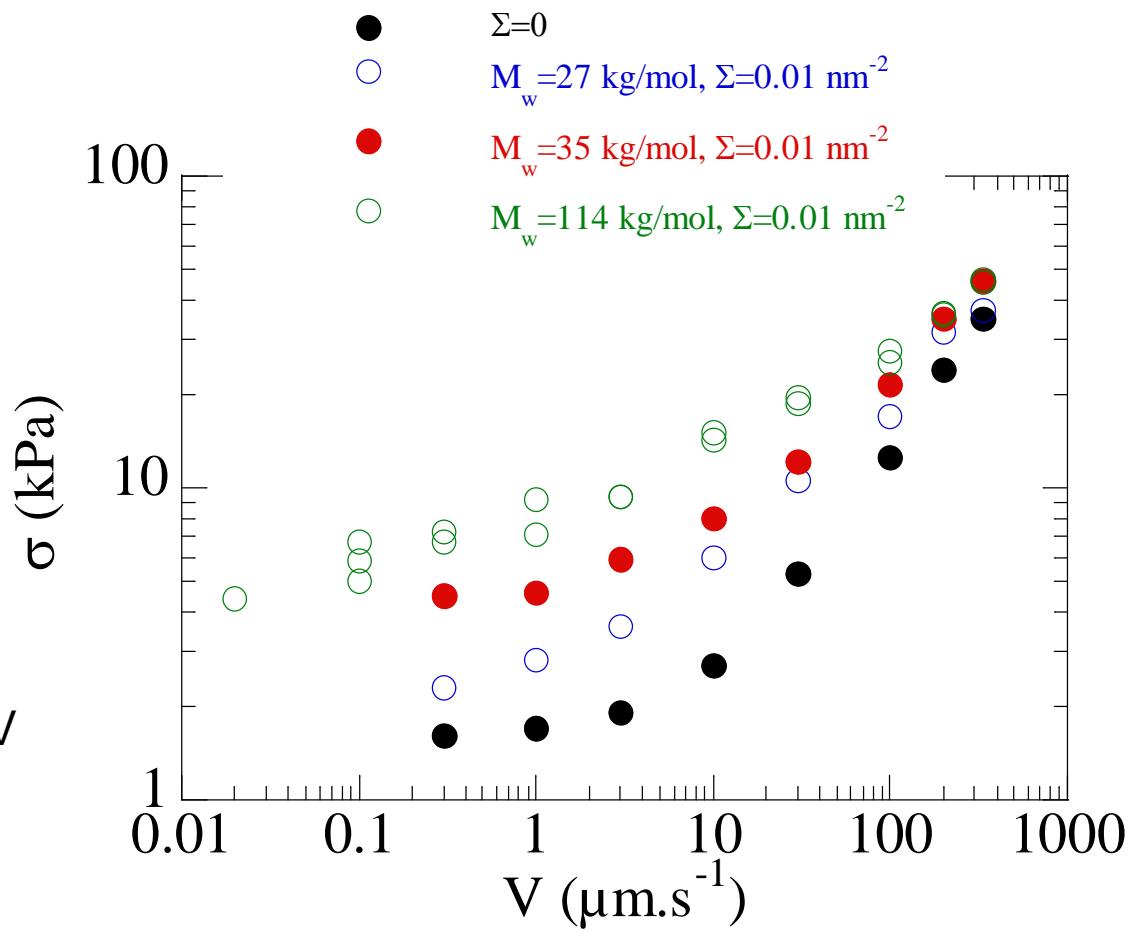
C. Tardivat



Molecular weight effects

low Σ regime:

σ increases with M at small V
curves merge at large V



Friction for $\Sigma = 0$

$$\sigma = \sigma_0 + kV$$

$$k = 10^8 \text{ Pa.s.m}^{-1}$$

Dense layer of short chains:
no entanglements:

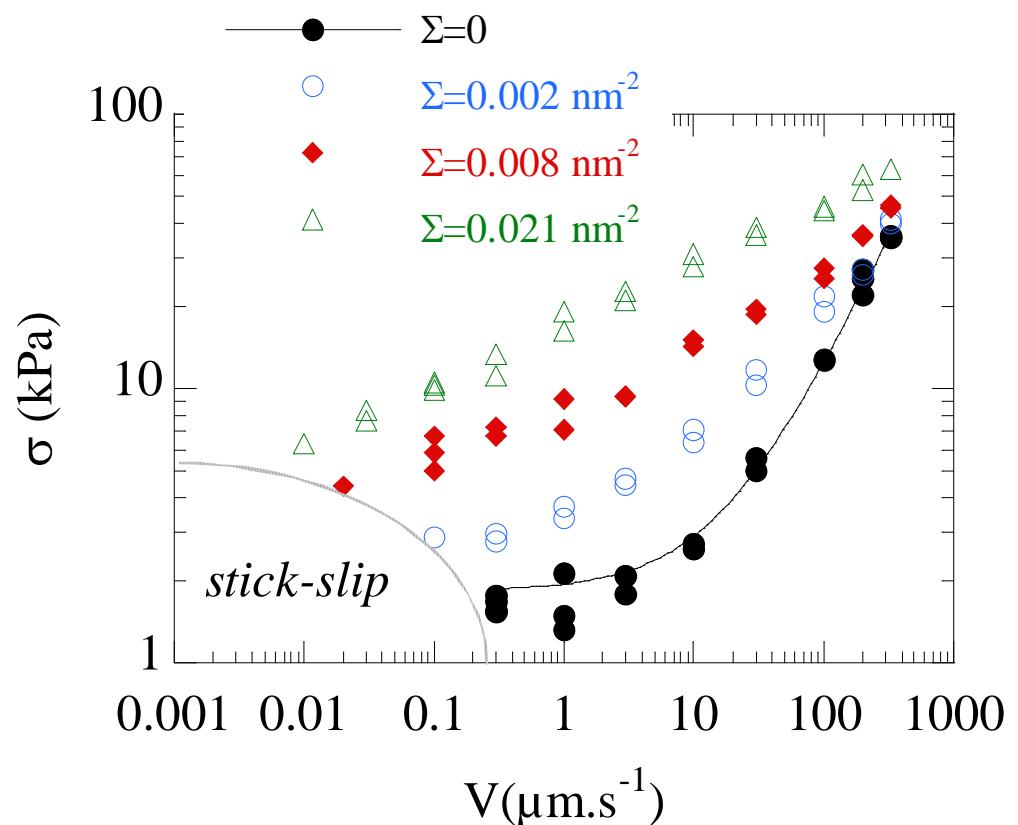
monomer – monomer friction

$$\sigma = \sigma_{\text{mono}} = \zeta_1 V / a^2$$

$$\zeta_1 = ka^2 = 2.5 \cdot 10^{-11} \text{ N.s.m}^{-1}$$

compared to

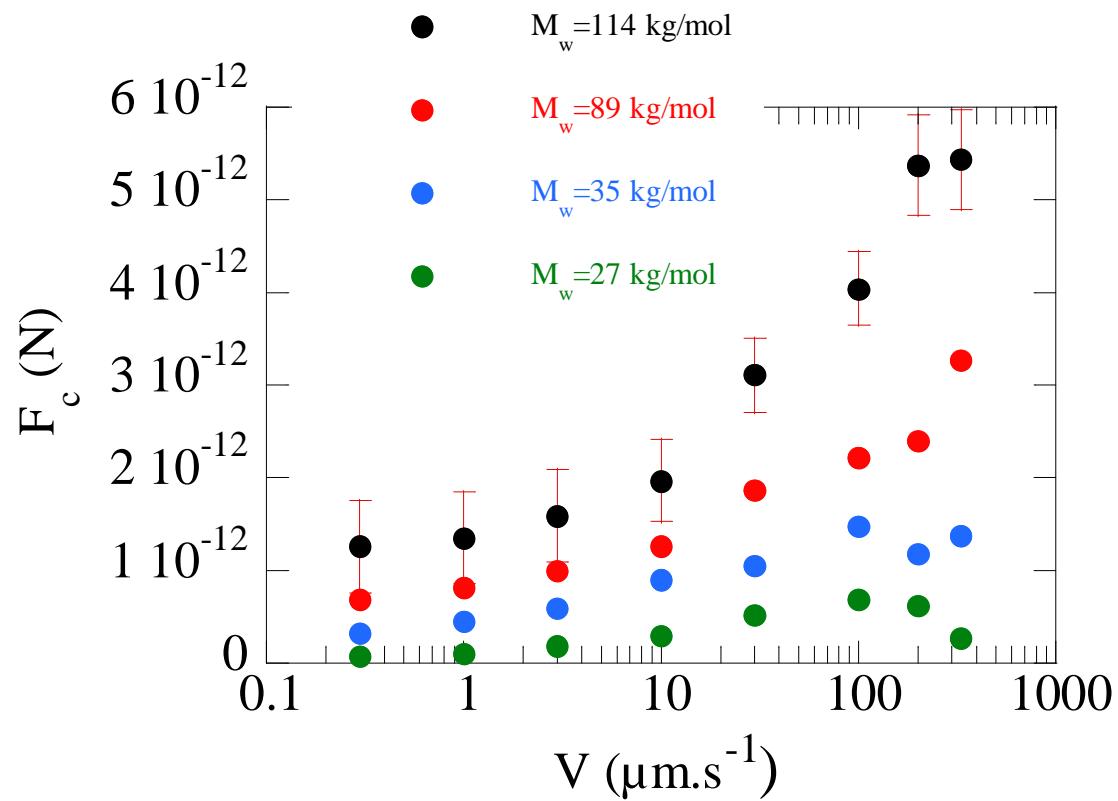
$$\zeta_1 = 10^{-11} \text{ N.s.m}^{-1} \text{ (self diffusion)}$$



OK with monomer – monomer friction

Experiments: Friction Force on one connector F_c

$\Lambda \circ \omega \Sigma$ regime: $\sigma(V) = \sigma_{\Sigma=0}(V) + \Sigma F_c(V)$



two different Σ for each M



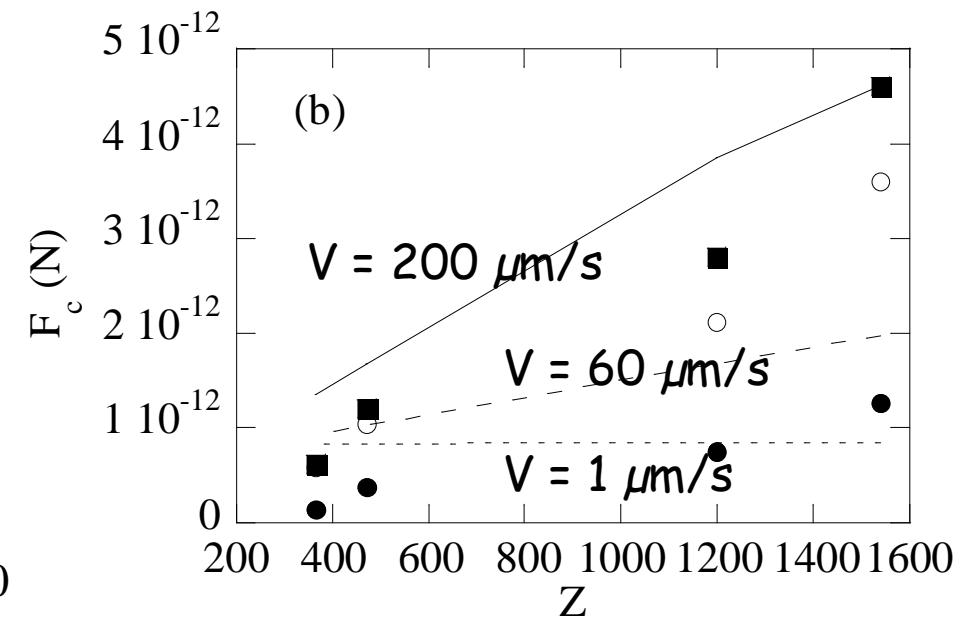
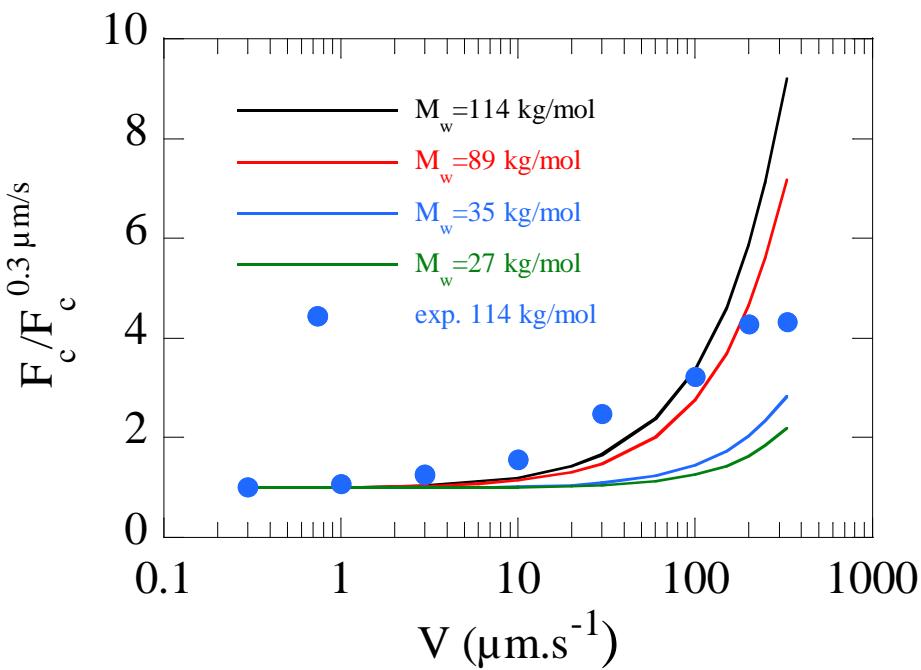
Σ independent

$$F_1 = kT/D_e \approx 8 \cdot 10^{-13} \text{ N}$$

quantitative agreement
with $F_c(0.3 \text{ } \mu\text{m/s})$

Molecular weight dependence at low V ?

Comparison with Ajdari et al prediction



quantitative agreement, no adjustable parameter

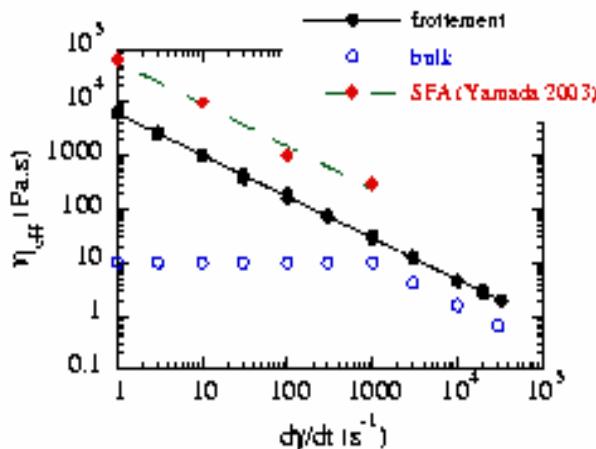
Chain pull out governs friction at low Σ

Friction mechanisms at large Σ

Chains are expelled from the elastomer at large enough Σ
(swelling elasticity of the elastomer, *P.G. de Gennes C.R. acad Sc. Paris 1994*)

$$\sigma \approx V^{0.2}$$

$$\eta_{\text{eff}} = \sigma h / V$$



Confined entangled layer of chains tethered to the surface,
thickness h , submitted to shear

$\sigma(V)$ gives access to the nano-rheology of
the confined layer of tethered chains

Friction mechanisms: what have we learn?

- Tethered polymer chains deeply affect elastomer or melt– solid friction
- As soon as interdigitation is possible, the pull out mechanism leads to non linear frictions regimes, with transitions between regimes characterized by a central regime where the friction force is independent of the velocity
- Quantitative agreement with Adjari et al. model for independent tethered chains
- It is then possible to design surfaces with adjusted friction
- At large grafting densities, the chains form a confined layer out of the elastomer. Macroscopic friction force measurements can lead to characterization of the rheology in the confined layer

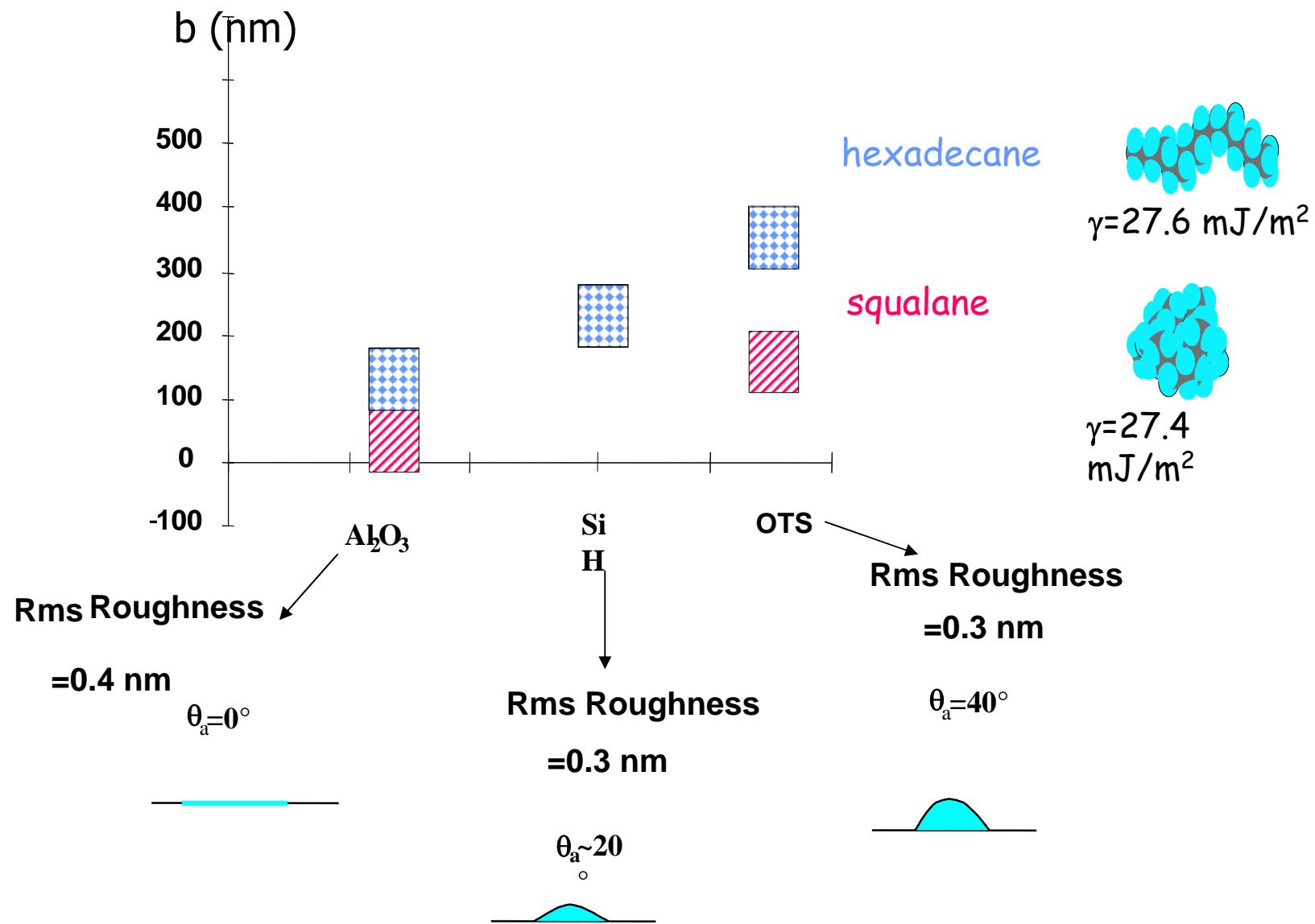
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Open questions

- Friction at grafted surfaces – polymer solution interfaces: shear banding?
- What happens with polyelectrolytes, with weakly associating polymers
- Melt fracture of entangled polymer melts: *P.G. de Gennes, Eur.Phys.J.E 23 3-5 (2007) possible explanation of discontinuities in the flow field*
- What finally fixes the value of k , the friction coefficient at the surface?
experiments of near field laser velocimetry in simple fluids

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High sensitivity to nano-roughness

