

# Stabilization of the inorganic-organic interface Julian Eastoe

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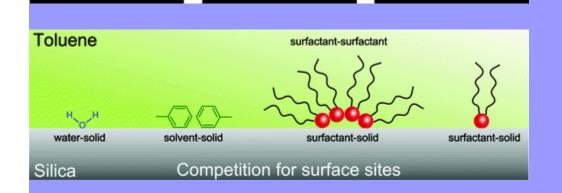
toluene

SiO<sub>2</sub> equilibrium



surfactant kinetics at model planar

oil / SiO<sub>2</sub> interfaces



fast desorption

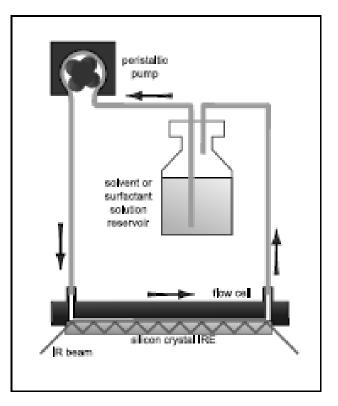
slow desorption

#### structures of colloidal dispersions

layer kinetics in colloidal dispersions

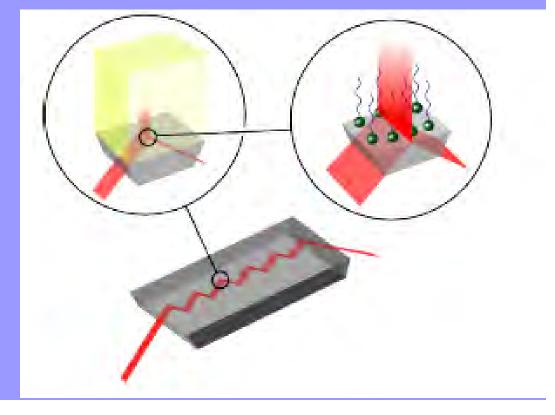
#### ATR-FTIR

# model silicon/silica-oil interface



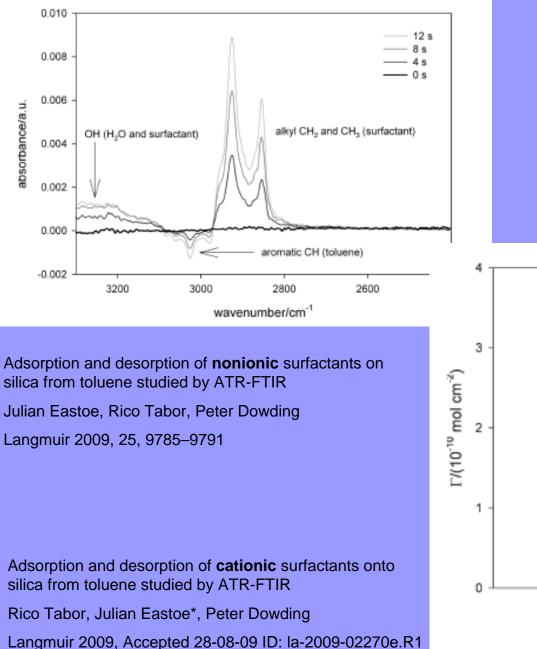
- A absorbance
- N # reflections
- $\epsilon$  extinction
- $d_{e,p}$  depths

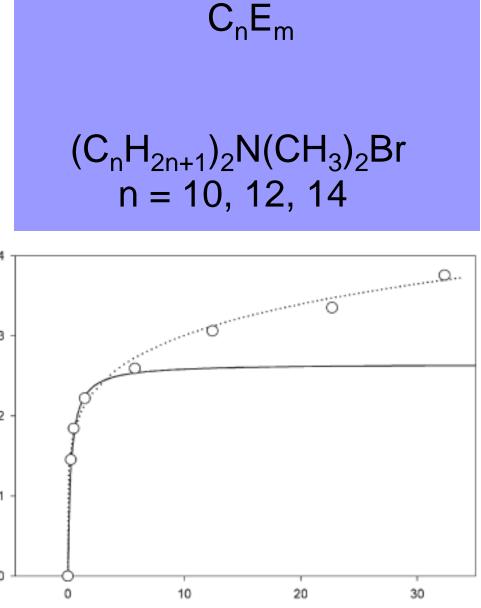
$$\Gamma = \frac{(A/N) - \epsilon C_{\rm b} d_{\rm c}}{1000\epsilon (2d_{\rm c}/d_{\rm p})}$$



#### adsorption

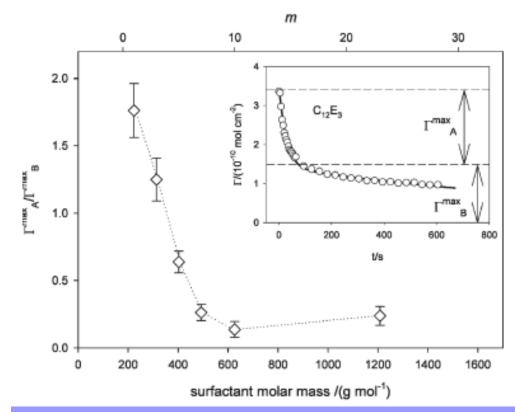
#### surfactants

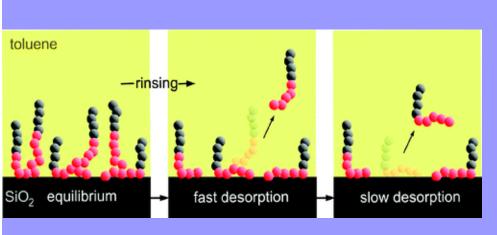




[C12E10]/(10<sup>-6</sup> mol cm<sup>-3</sup>)

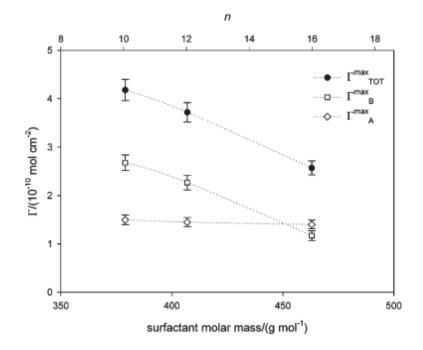
#### desorption





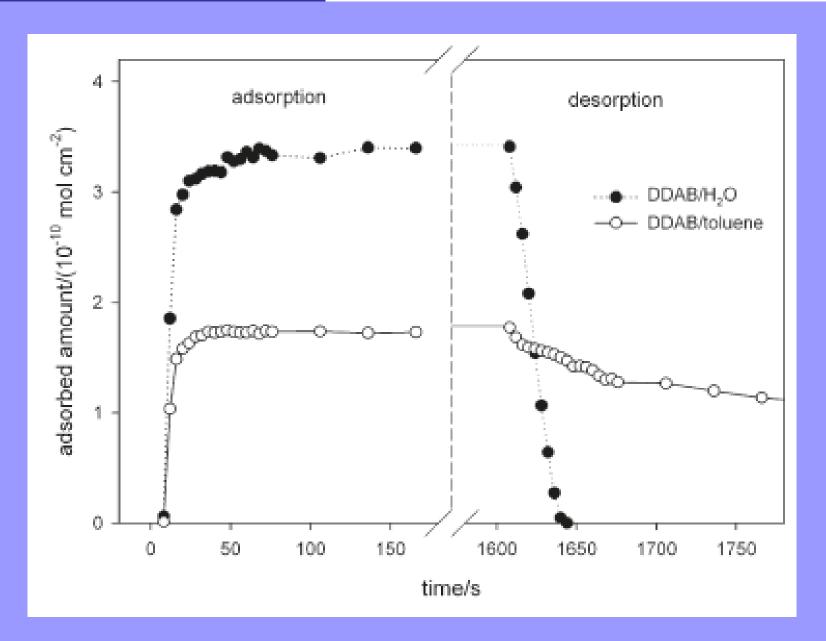
#### non-ionic surfactants

$$\Gamma_{\rm A}^{\rm max} \ \frac{{\rm d}\theta_{\rm A}}{{\rm d}t} = -k_{\rm A}^{\rm des}\theta_{\rm A}$$
$$\Gamma_{\rm B}^{\rm max} \ \frac{{\rm d}\theta_{\rm B}}{{\rm d}t} = -k_{\rm B}^{\rm des}\theta_{\rm B}$$



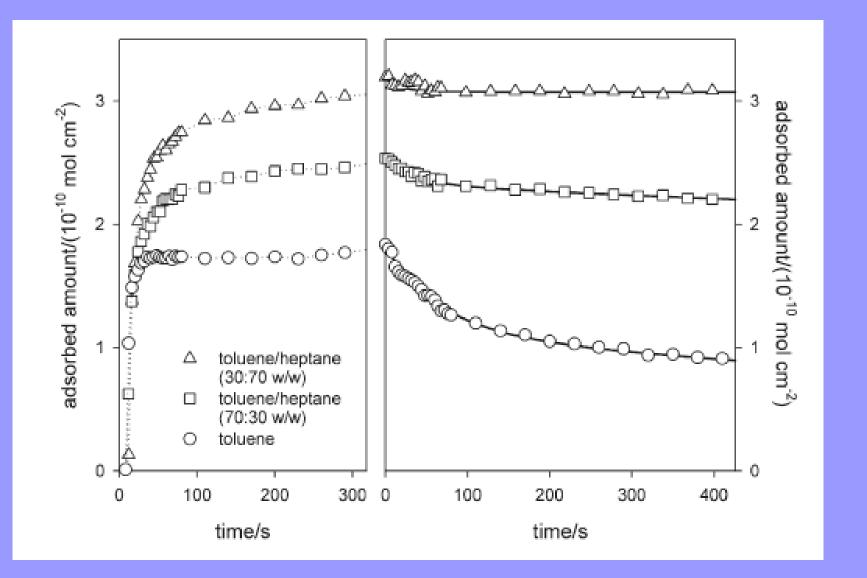
#### solvent comparison

#### di-alkyl cationic surfactants



#### solvency

#### di-alkyl cationic surfactants



#### effects of trace moisture

#### non-ionic surfactants

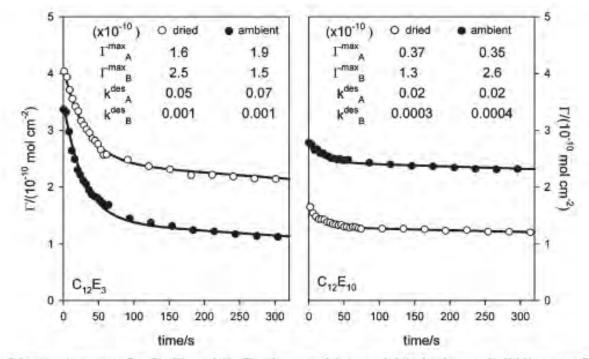
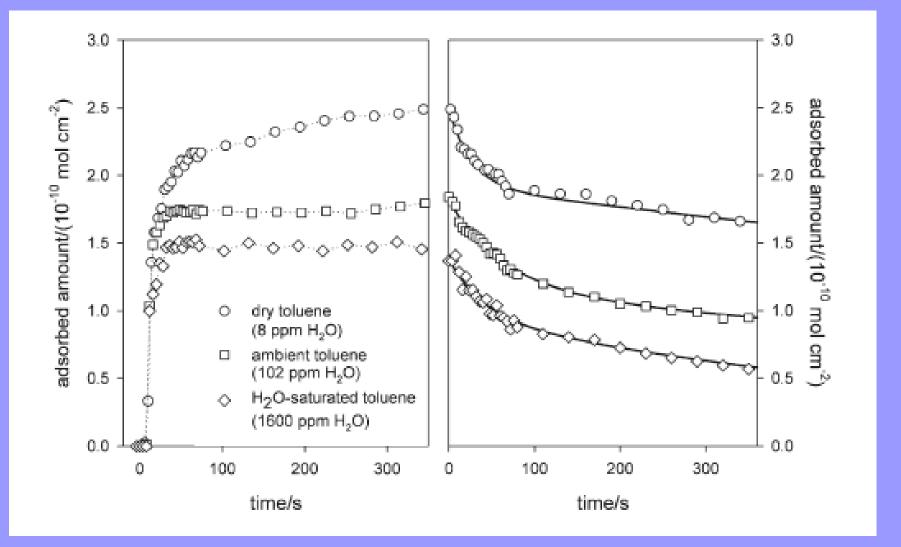


Figure 10. Comparison of desorption rates for  $C_{12}E_3$  and  $C_{12}E_{10}$  from ambient and dried toluene. Solid lines are fits to the data generated as described in the text. The units of  $\Gamma_{A,B}^{max}$  are mol cm<sup>-2</sup>;  $k_{A,B}^{des}$  have units of mol cm<sup>-2</sup>s<sup>-1</sup>. Characteristic errors are  $\Gamma_{A,B}^{max} \pm 0.1 \times 10^{-10}$  mol cm<sup>-2</sup>,  $k_{A,B}^{des} \pm 0.02 \times 10^{-10}$  mol cm<sup>-2</sup>s<sup>-1</sup>. Units are chosen to retain a constant prefactor and remain consistent with previous plots.

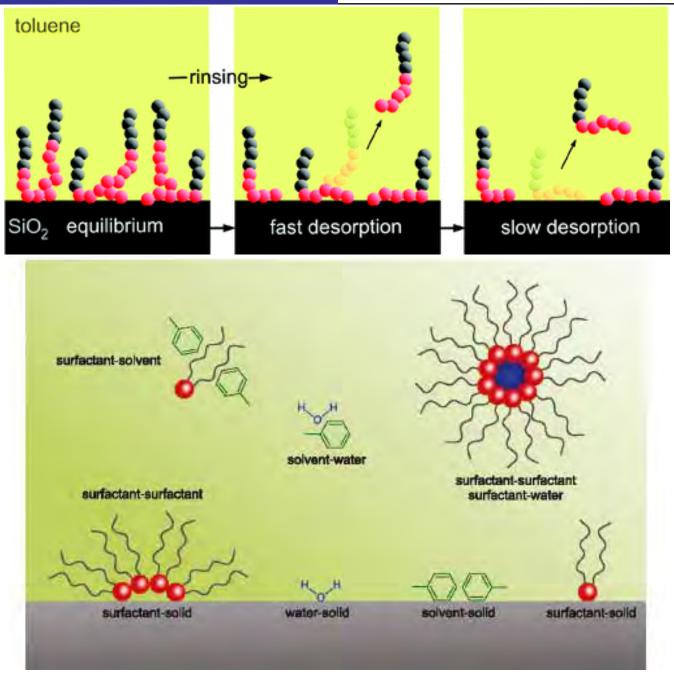
#### effects of trace moisture

#### di-alkyl cationics



#### competing interactions

#### mechanistic diversity



#### model inorganic colloids

#### dispersion structure

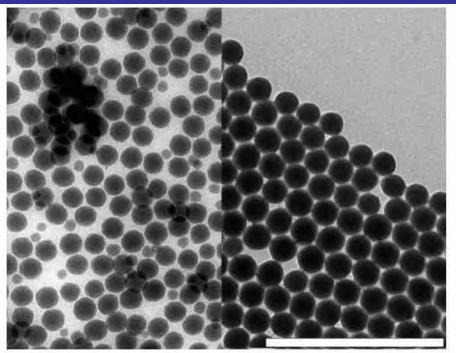


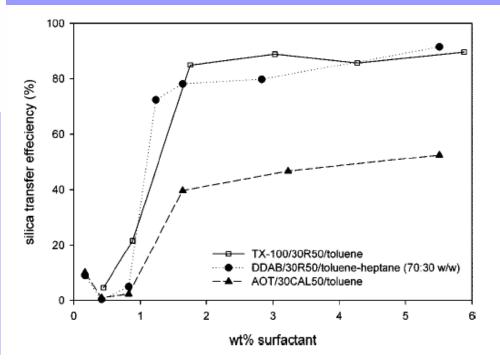
Figure 1. TEM images of 30CAL50 silica nanoparticles (starting conc 4 wt %) dried with no added surfactant (left) and pretreated with 4 wt % AOT (right). The scale bar shown is 500 nm.

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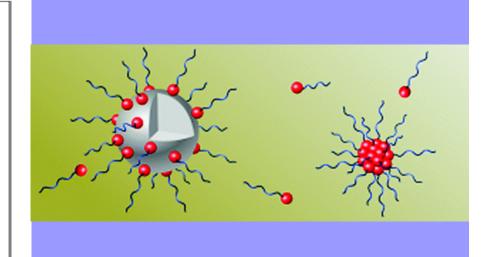


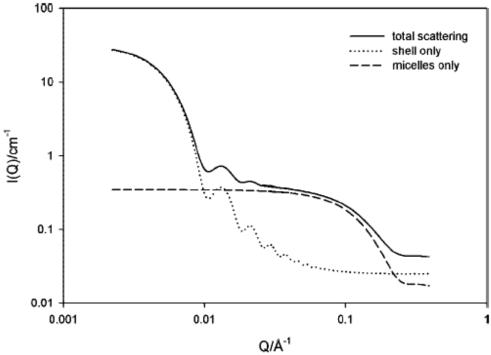
#### model inorganic colloids in oil

#### 1000 TX-100/30R50/toluene AOT/30CAL50/toluene 0 DDAB/30R50/toluene-heptane (70:30 w/w) ≙ 100 000 I(Q)/cm<sup>-1</sup> 10 1 0.1 0.01 0.001 0.01 0.1 Q/Å<sup>-1</sup>



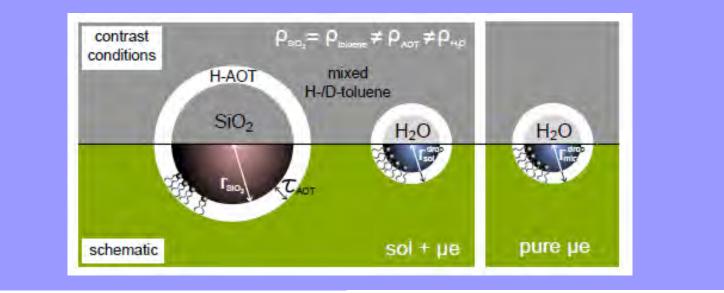
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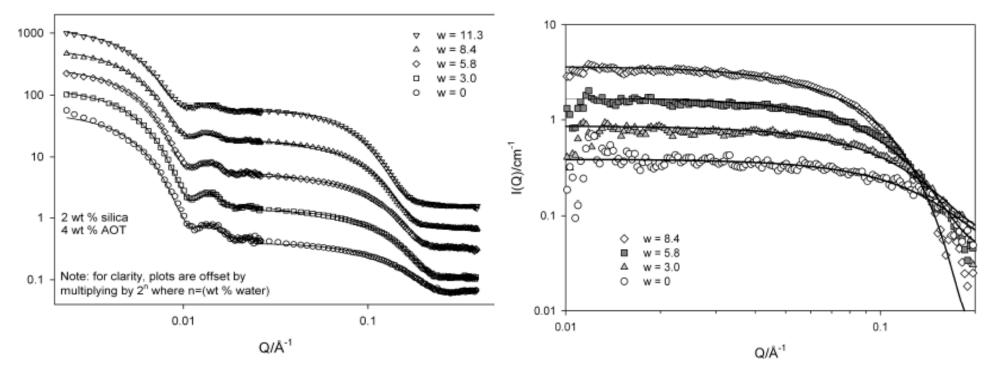




#### inorganic colloids + microemulsions

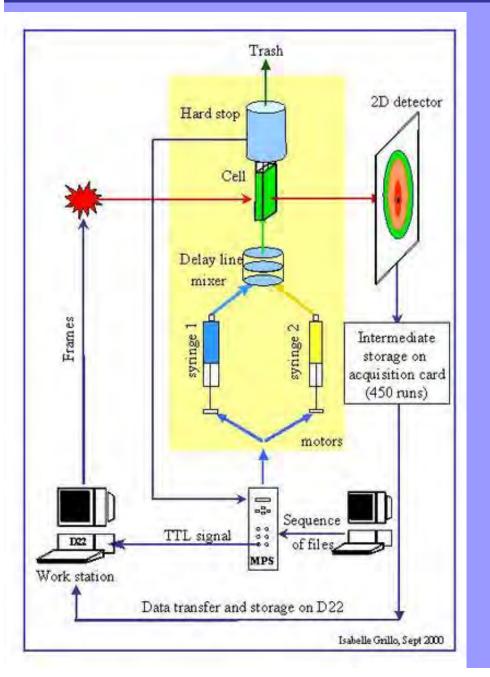
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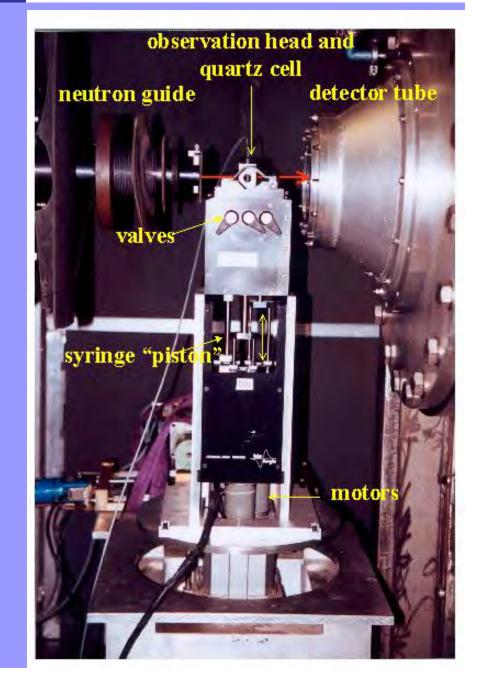




# stopped-flow SANS

## model inorganic colloids





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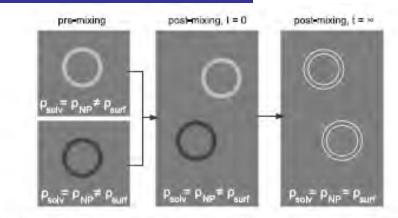


Figure 4.10: Schematic of the neutron contrast conditions used for the stopped-flow mixing experiment showing the effective scattering length densities of the nanoparticle (NP), surfactant (surf) and solvent (solv).

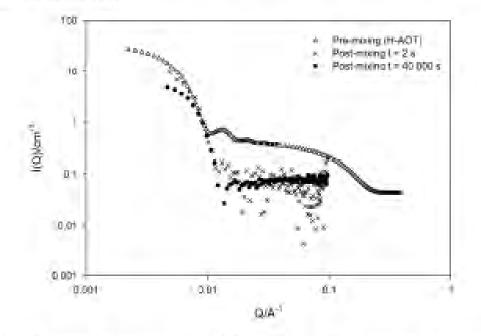
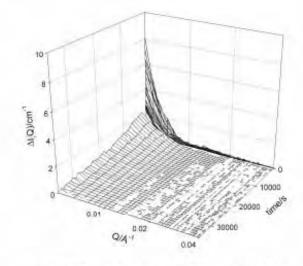
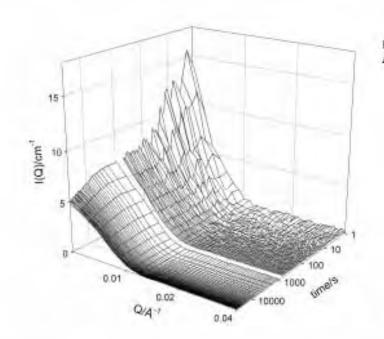


Figure 4.11: SANS data of a pre-mixing H-AOT stabilised sol showing shell (low-Q) and micellar (high-Q) scattering, and two post-mixing samples, which only show shell scattering.

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#### stopped-flow SANS





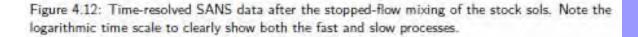


Figure 4.13: Time-resolved SANS data after the stopped-flow mixing of the stock sols, plotted as  $\Delta I(Q)$ , the difference between the spectra and the final time frame spectrum.

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