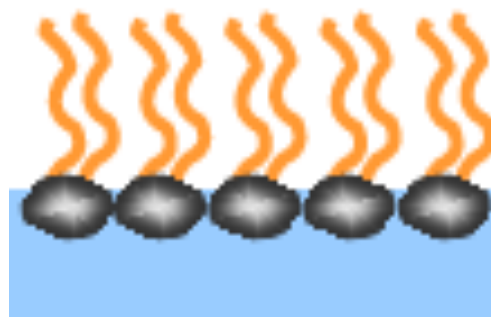
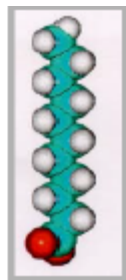
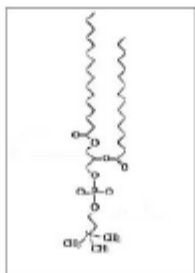




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## *lecture n°1:*

### Ion distribution near interfaces: their manipulation with acoustic and electric fields



**Molecules with chargeable groups**

**Manipulation of density of chargeable groups, charge, ion binding**



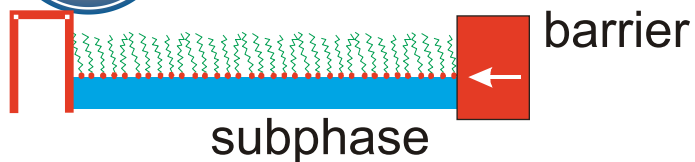


# Content and Aims

- Treatment of Molecular Interfaces
  - large difference interface-bulk,
  - interfaces tend to be neutral
  - a measured charge density without defined salt is useless
- Theoretical framework and experimental methods
- Zeta potential
  - established technique with difficult theory
- Electroacoustics
  - new methods for colloidal analytics, but no solid theory



# Langmuir monolayers as models



Variation of many parameters

Information on energies

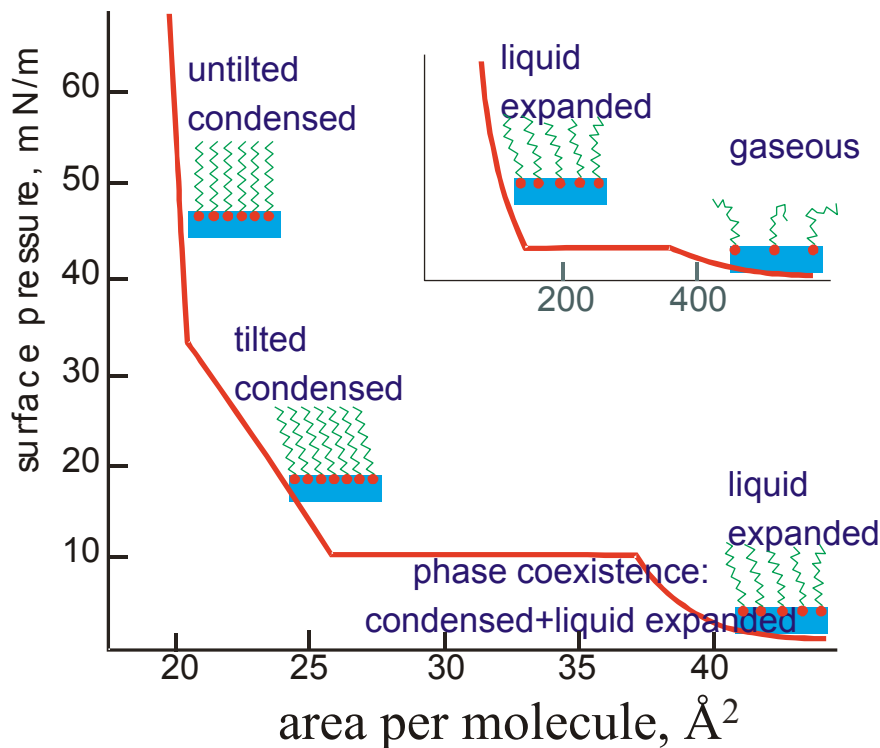
$\pi_t$  – transition pressure

2D Clausius-Clapeyron equ.

$$d\pi_t/dT = \Delta H/(T\Delta A)$$

Theory applicable for  
Air/water and  
Oil/water interfaces

Experimentally Oil/water  
more demanding





# Unusual Salt Dependence

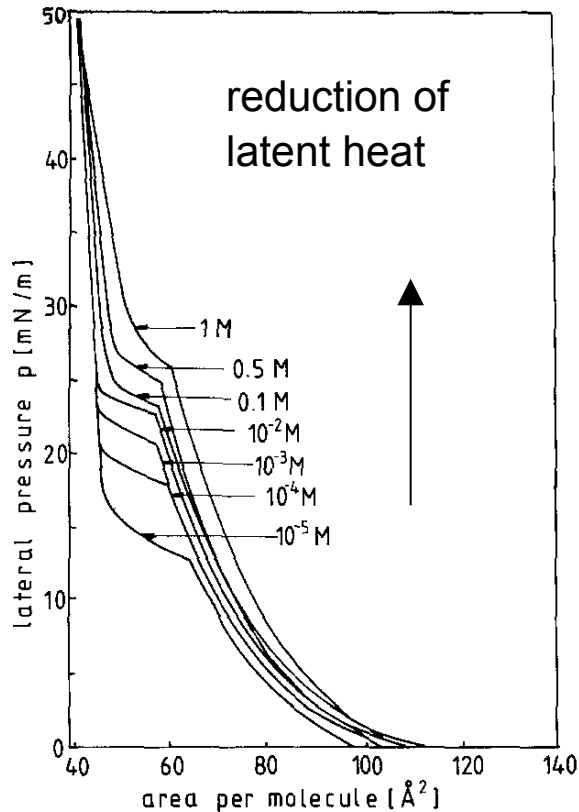


Fig. 5. Pressure-area diagrams of DLPA for various NaCl concentrations as indicated in the figure ( $pH = 5.6$ ,  $T = 286$  K). As the amount of lipid differed between the experiments by up to 20% the curves were normalized to yield a pressure of 50 mN/m for a molecular area of  $40 \text{ \AA}^2$ . EDTA concentration in the subphase:  $10^{-4}$  M, except for the lowest curves, where the ionic strength was established by addition of EDTA

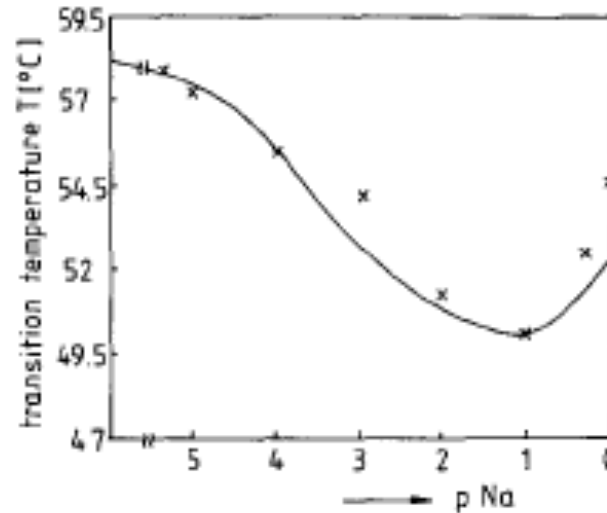


Fig. 9. Transition temperature of large unilamellar DMPA vesicles as a function of NaCl concentration determined experimentally by light scattering (+) and calculated with the following assumptions:  $K = 60 \text{ M}^{-1}$ ,  $\Delta A/\Delta S = 0.6 \text{ \AA}^2 \cdot \text{K} \cdot \text{mol}/\text{J}$ ,  $T = 331$  K

Expectation:

electrostatic repulsion  
 Favors expanded phase  
 Salt addition hence **Increases electrostatic Forces**



# Interface Electrostatics ( Gouy-Chapman )

## Debye Hückel in 2 D

$$\text{Poisson Boltzmann - eq : } \frac{d^2}{dx^2} \Psi(x) = -\frac{1}{\epsilon\epsilon_0} \sum_i q_i \rho_i(\infty) \exp\left(-\frac{q_i \Psi}{kT}\right)$$

Solution analytical if linearized for  $e\psi/kT \ll 1$ , rarely valid, but works often

Analytical solutions not difficult ( see below)

Gouy-Chapman model leads to Grahame equation

$$\sigma = \left\{ 2 \epsilon \cdot \epsilon_0 \cdot kT \cdot \sum_i c_i(\infty) \cdot \left[ \exp(-q_i \psi/kT) - 1 \right] \right\}^{1/2}$$

Charge dens

concentrations

potential.

Deficiencies: homogeneous charge distribution, ion correlations neglected

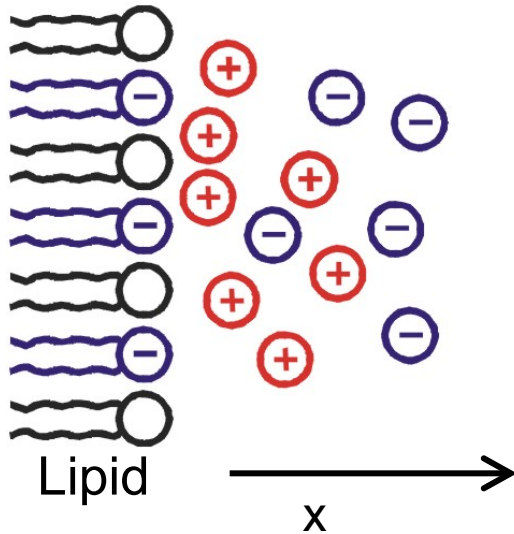
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## (Gouy-Chapman-Stern theory applied (extended) to experiments)



Variables: molec. area  $A$ ; ion conc.

$$\text{pH} = \log \left[ \frac{H^+}{H_0^+} \right]$$

**Chemistry in  
mass action law for lipid  
Dissociation, metal binding**

$$K_H = \frac{[LH]_s}{[L^-]_s \cdot [H^+]_s}$$

$$K_M = \frac{[LM]_s}{[L^-]_s \cdot [M^+]_s}$$

$$\alpha = \frac{[L^-]_s}{[L^-]_s + [HL]_s}$$

Mass action law for lipid dissociation: 
$$\sigma = \frac{e}{A} \cdot \alpha = \frac{e}{A} \cdot \frac{1^M}{1 + K_H \cdot [H_0^+] \cdot \exp\left(-\frac{e\psi}{kT}\right)}$$

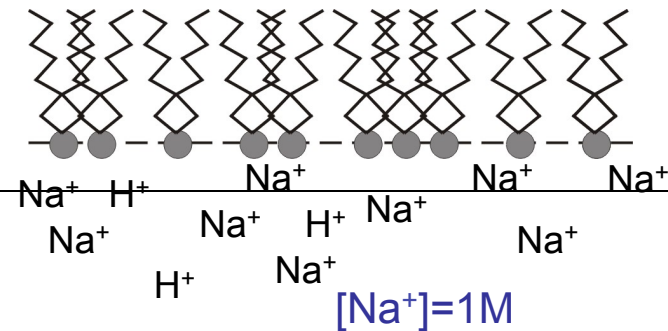
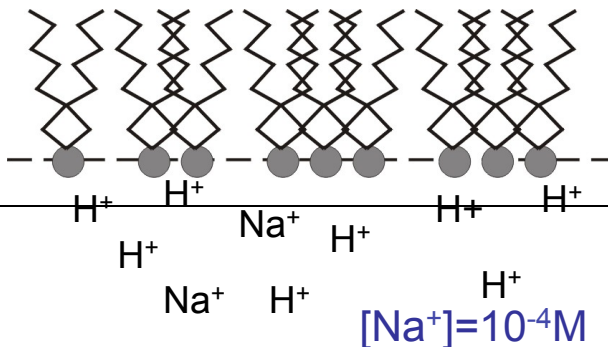
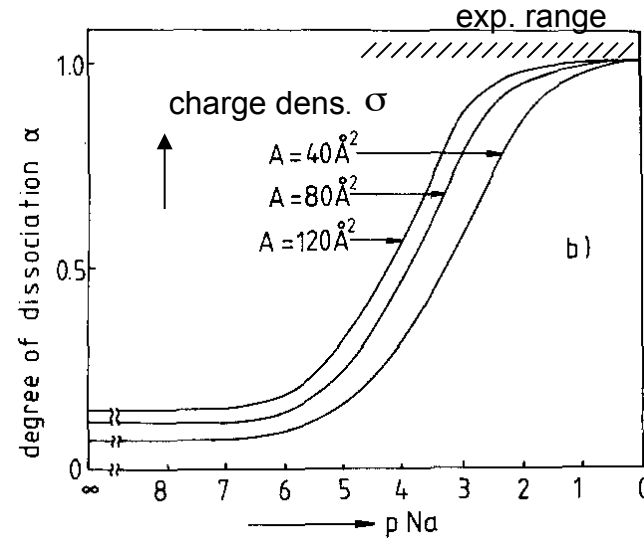
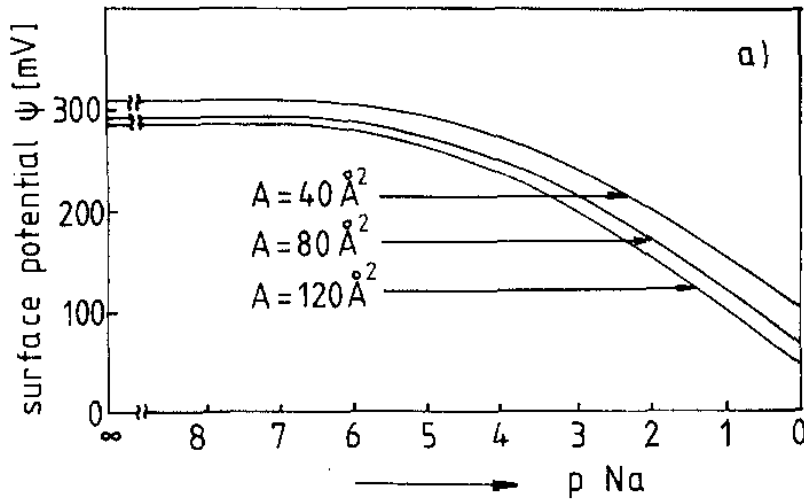
General with metal binding 
$$\sigma = \frac{e/A}{1 + (K_H \cdot [H^+] + K_M \cdot [M^+]) \cdot \exp(-e\psi/kT)}$$



# Influence of monovalent ions

- Exp. parameters: pH=6,  $T \approx 300\text{K}$
- Lipid param.:  $pK_H=1,7$
- Variables: ionic strength, molec.area A

**Even at pH 6 and 1mM salt  
major fraction of L  
not dissociated**





# Energetics

$$G_c = A \cdot \int_0^{\sigma} \psi(\sigma') d\sigma'$$

Electric energy to charge a capacitor

$$G_d = kT \int_0^{\alpha} \ln \left\{ [H^+] \cdot K_H \cdot \frac{\alpha'}{1-\alpha'} \right\} d\alpha'$$

Chemical contribution from dissoci., ion binding

$$G_{el} = G_d + G_c = kT \cdot \ln(1 - \alpha)$$

$$- \left( \frac{kT}{e} \right)^2 \cdot \kappa \cdot \varepsilon \cdot \varepsilon_0 \cdot A \cdot \left[ \cosh \left( - \frac{e\psi}{2kT} \right) - 1 \right]$$

$$\kappa = \left[ \frac{2e^2}{\varepsilon \cdot \varepsilon_0 \cdot kT} \cdot ([H^+] + [M^+]) \right]^{1/2} \quad \text{1/Debye length}$$

$$p_{el} = - \frac{\partial G_{el}}{\partial A} \quad \text{Pressure contrib.}$$

$$p_{el} = \varepsilon \cdot \varepsilon_0 \cdot \left( \frac{kT}{e} \right)^2 \cdot \kappa \cdot \left[ \cosh \left( - \frac{e\psi}{2kT} \right) - 1 \right]$$

$$\Delta p_{el} = \frac{G_{el}(A_s) - G_{el}(A_l)}{A_l - A_s} \quad \text{Change of transition pressure best measurable}$$

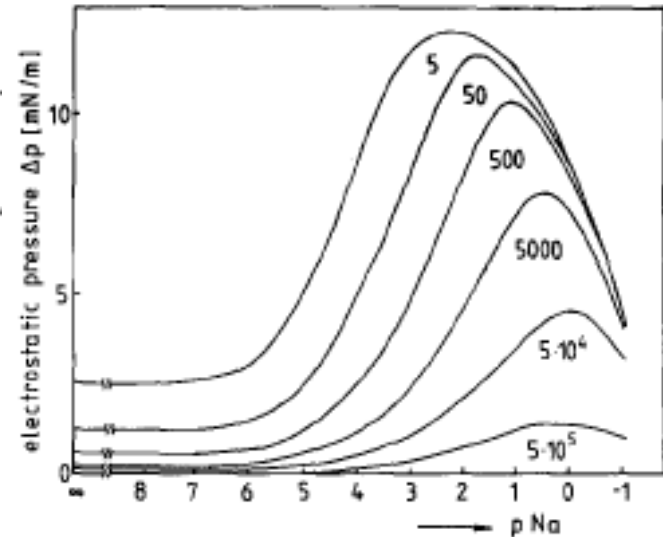
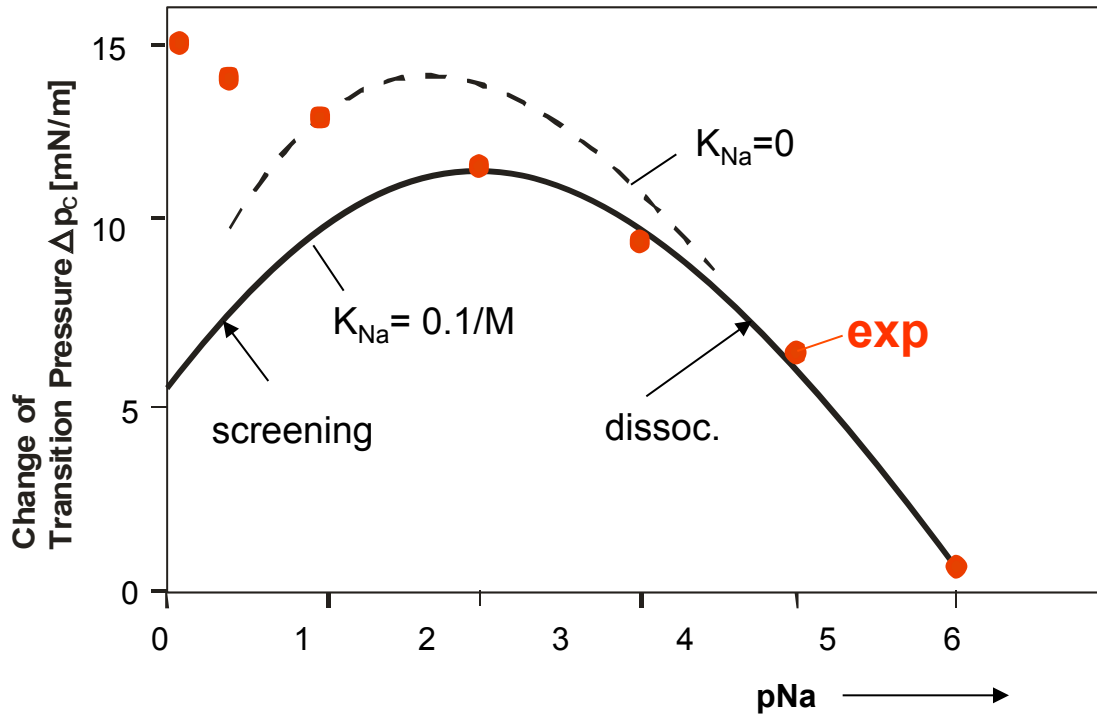


Fig. 3. Electrostatic contribution ( $\Delta p$ ) to the surface pressure for various values of  $K_H$  as indicated as a function of ionic strength. Assumptions: pH = 6, molecular area  $A = 60 \text{ \AA}^2$





# Energetics and Phase Transition



**Conclusions:**  
**dissociation**  
**and ion binding**  
**at interface drastically**  
**different from bulk**

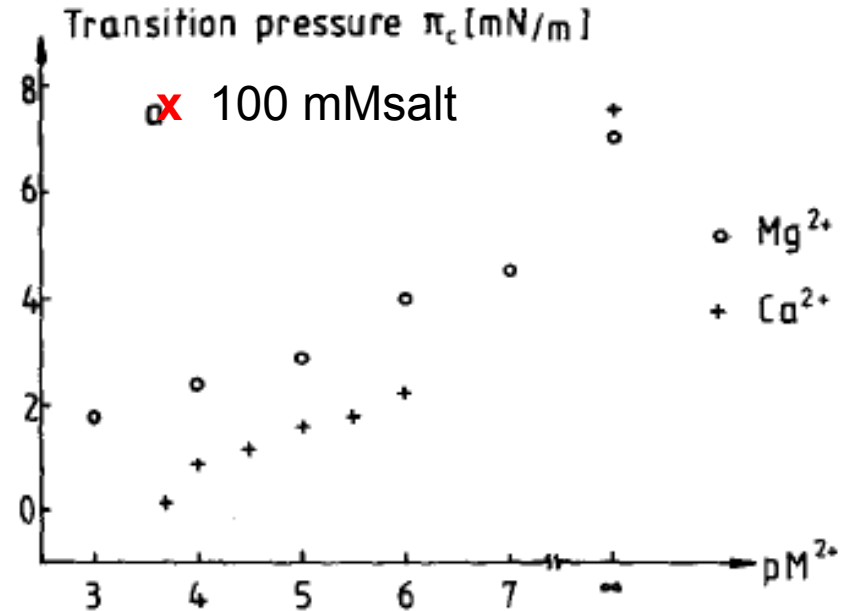
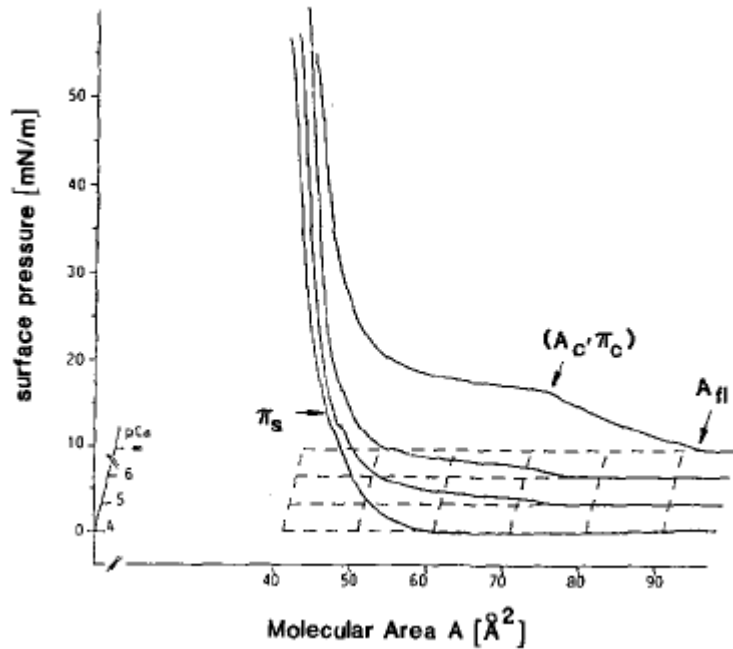
• Electrostatic energy  $G_{el} = \int \sigma d\psi + E_{diss}(\text{head})$

• Contribution to surface pressure  $\pi_{el} = \frac{-dG_{el}}{dA}$

• Transition pressure change  $\Delta p_c = \frac{G_{el}(\text{solid}) - G_{el}(\text{fluid})}{A_{solid} - A_{fluid}}$



# Divalent ions



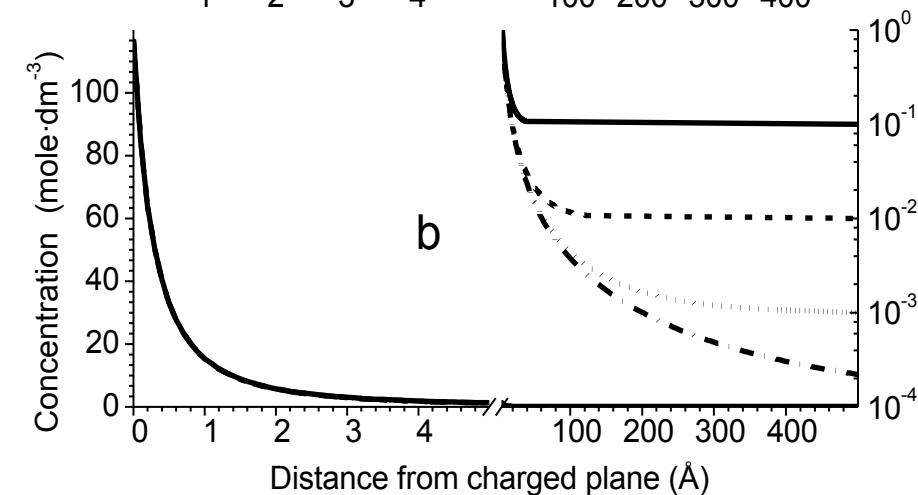
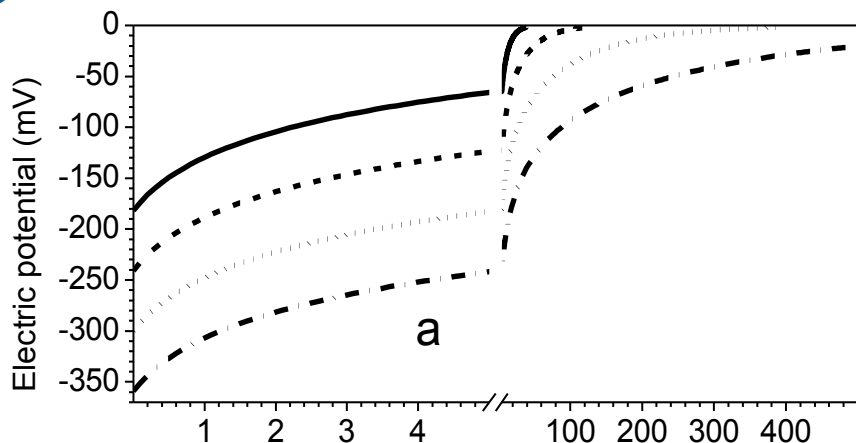
Influence remarkable for nM ionconcentration

Balance achievable with 100nM conc.of monovalent ions



# Potential and counterion distribution

## Numerical simulation



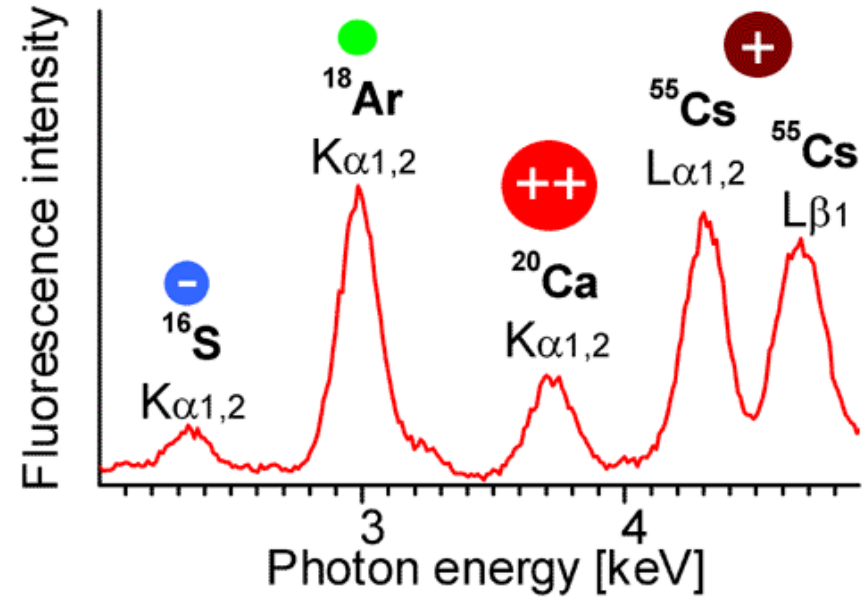
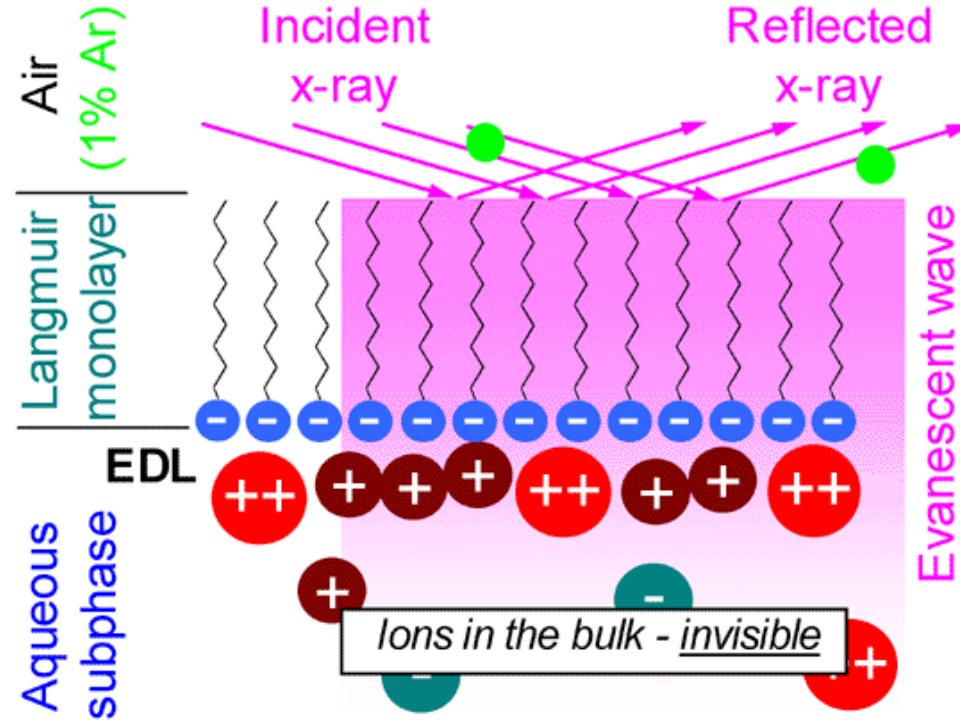
**Most ions within  
0.2nm near interf.  
hence difficult to  
resolve**

**Give up high depth  
resolution, measure  
ion concentration with  
10 nm sublayer**

Electric potential (**a**) and counterion concentration (**b**) for the GC model of the EDL. Parameters taken for simulation are: surface charge density:  $-1 \bar{e}/25 \text{ \AA}^2$ ; dielectric constant: 80; 1-1-electrolyte ( $\text{mmole} \cdot \text{dm}^{-3}$ ): 100 (solid lines), 10 (dashed), 1 (dotted), 0.1 (dashed-dotted).



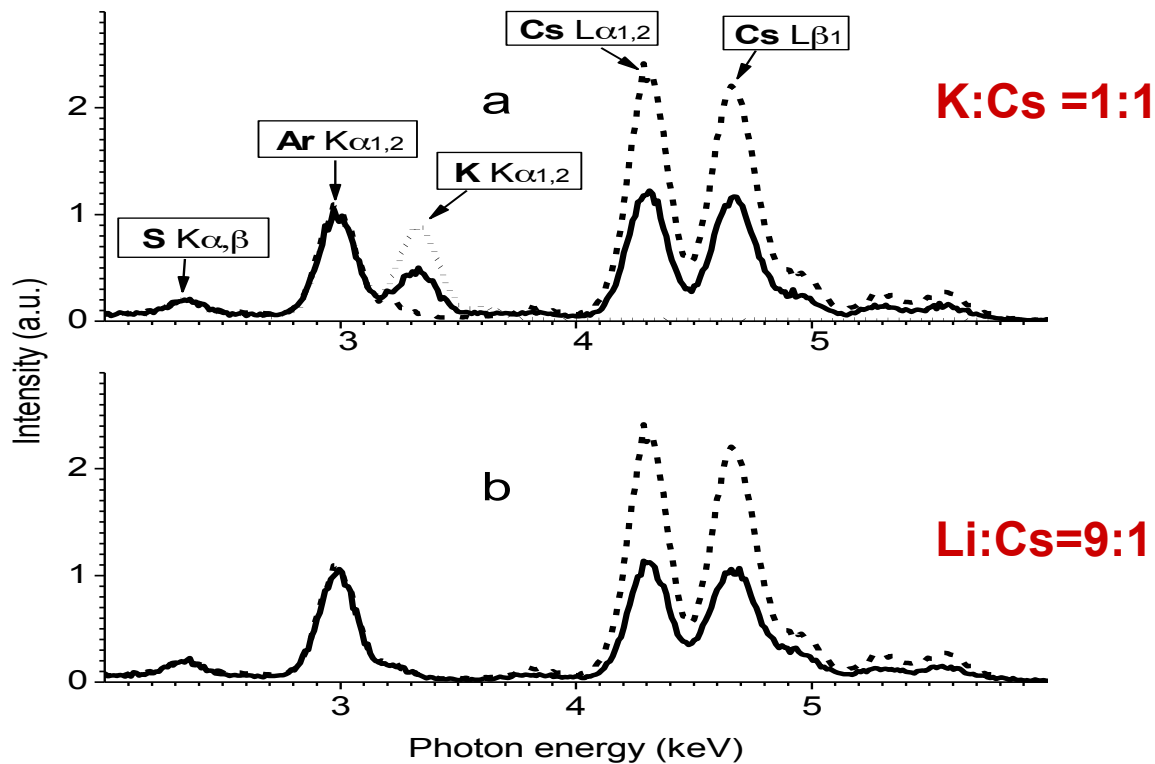
# X-Ray Fluorescence at grazing incidence



Measure ion concentration within 4-5 nm from interface  
difficult for oil/water interface



# Competitive Adsorption (monovalent)

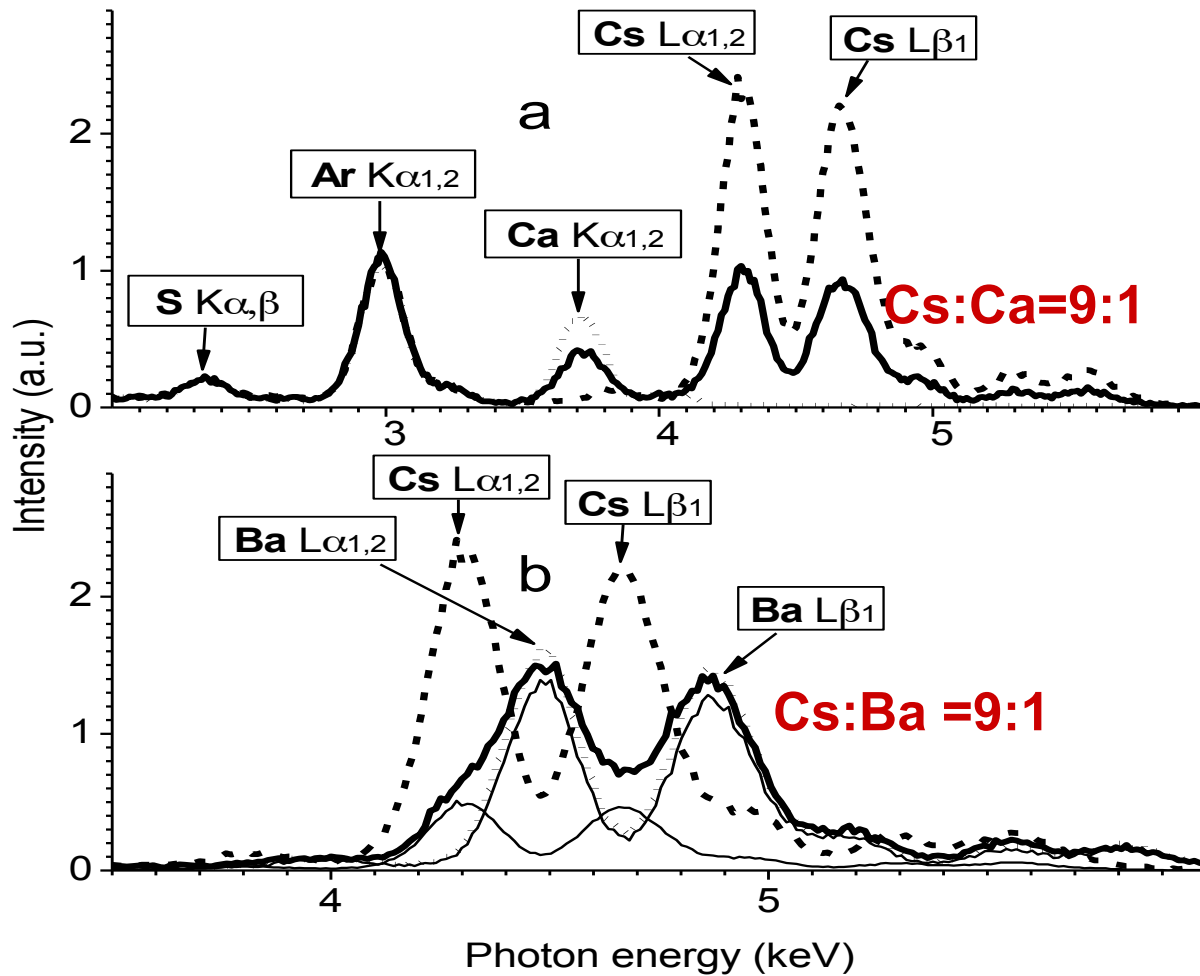


**Very high  
ion specificity**

**TRXF** spectra of BS monolayer on subphases containing individual alkali metal chlorides (“calibration samples”) and their mixtures (systems under investigation). Subphase compositions are: KCl/CsCl 1:1 (**a**, solid line); LiCl/CsCl 9:1 (**b**, solid); CsCl (**a** and **b**, dashed) and KCl (**a**, dotted). The total salt concentration is 10 mM in all cases.



# Competitive adsorption (monovalent-divalent)



**Cs competitive  
with Ca,  
not with Ba**

**TRXF** spectra of BS monolayer on subphases containing individual alkali and alkali earth metal chlorides and their mixtures. Subphase compositions are: CsCl/CaCl<sub>2</sub> 9:1 (**a**, solid line); CsCl/BaCl<sub>2</sub> 9:1 (**b**, solid); CsCl (**a** and **b**, dashed); CaCl<sub>2</sub> (**a**, dotted) and BaCl<sub>2</sub> (**b**, dotted). Total salt concentration is 10 mM in all cases.

# Important numbers

## Numbers

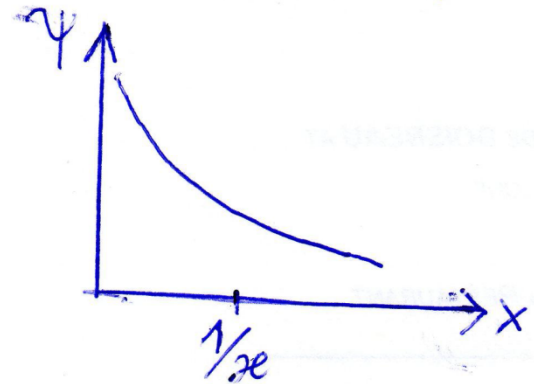
1) Time  $\tau$  to establish Debye layer with thickness  $\lambda_D^{-1}$

$$\lambda_D^{-1} = 10 \text{ nm} \text{ (} 10^{-3} \text{ M salt, } 300 \text{ K, water)}$$

$$\lambda_D^{-1} \propto \frac{1}{\sqrt{\text{conc.}}} \rightarrow \lambda_D = 1 \text{ nm for } 10^{-1} \text{ M salt}$$

$$\tau = \frac{\lambda_D^{-2}}{2D} \text{ with diffusion coefficient (Na}^+) \sim 2 \cdot 10^{-5} \frac{\text{cm}^2}{\text{sec}}$$

$$\tau = \frac{1}{4} \cdot 10^{-9} \text{ sec (for } 10^{-3} \text{ M)} \rightarrow \text{ nsec scale}$$



2.) Charge density on a spherical particle

Ass: Zeta potential  $100 \text{ mV} = \Psi$

radius  $R = 100 \text{ nm}$ ,  $e =$  elementary charge

$$\text{Charge } Q = 4\pi \cdot \epsilon \epsilon_0 R \cdot \Psi \approx 500 e$$

$$\text{Density } \frac{Q}{4\pi R^2} = 4 \cdot 10^{11} / \text{cm}^2 \triangleq 4 \cdot 10^{-3} / \text{nm}^2$$

$\rightarrow$  very small fraction of chargeable groups.



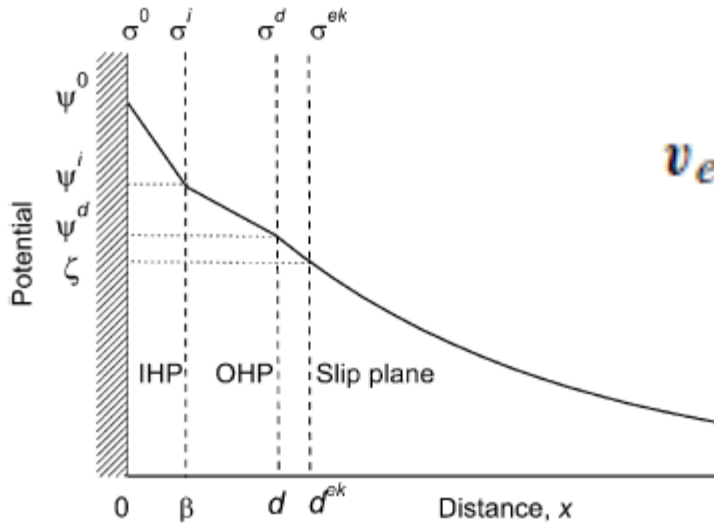
3.) Ion distribution

$$\text{potential } \Psi = \Psi_0 \cdot \exp(-\lambda_D x)$$

$$\text{concentration } (c - c_\infty) = (c_0 - c_\infty) \exp\left(+\frac{e\Psi}{kT}\right) = (c_0 - c_\infty) \exp\left(+\frac{e}{kT} \Psi_0 \exp(-\lambda_D x)\right)$$



# Zeta-potential



$$v_e = \frac{\epsilon_{rs}\epsilon_0\zeta}{\eta} E$$

$$u_e = \frac{\epsilon_{rs}\epsilon_0\zeta}{\eta}$$

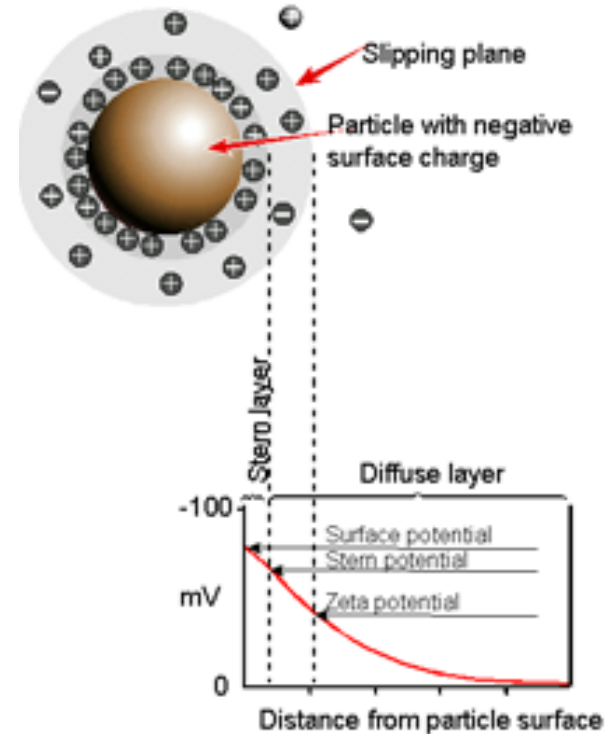


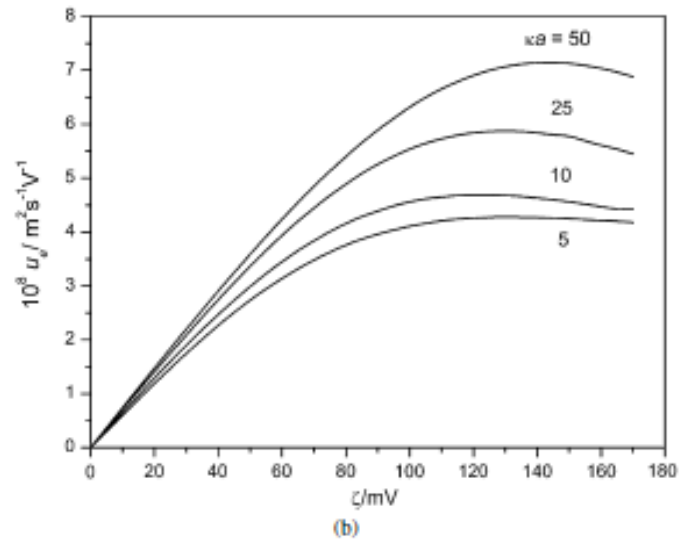
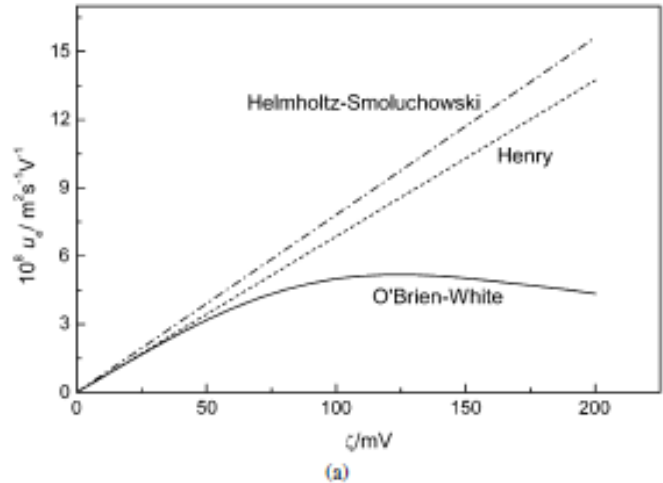
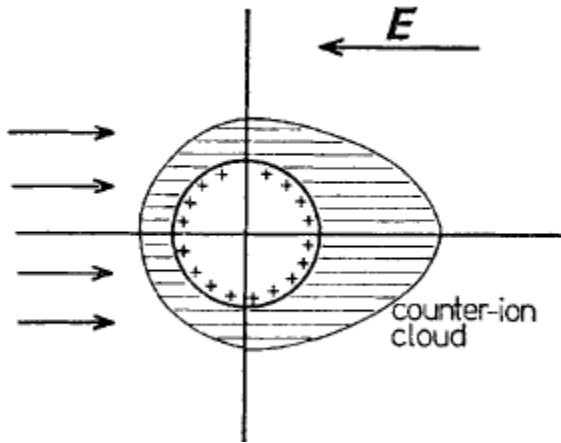
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Mobility  $U = \frac{2 \epsilon z f(\kappa a)}{3\eta}$  in the general case and  $f$  has to be calculated





# Refined theory on zeta potential



$$-\lambda_i(v_i - u) - z_i e \nabla \Psi - kT \nabla \log n_i = 0$$

Viscous      electrostatic      chemical

$$\lambda_i = \frac{N e^2 |z_i|}{\Lambda_i^0}$$

Refinement needed for small particles

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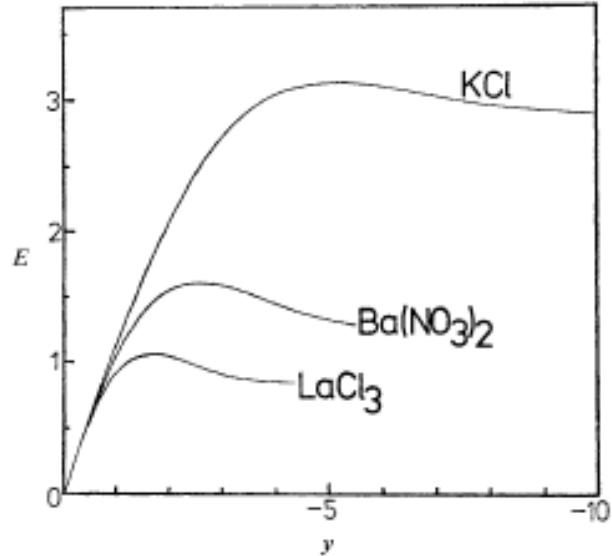


FIG. 6.—Effect of counterion valency on the form of the mobility against  $y$  for  $\kappa a = 5$ .

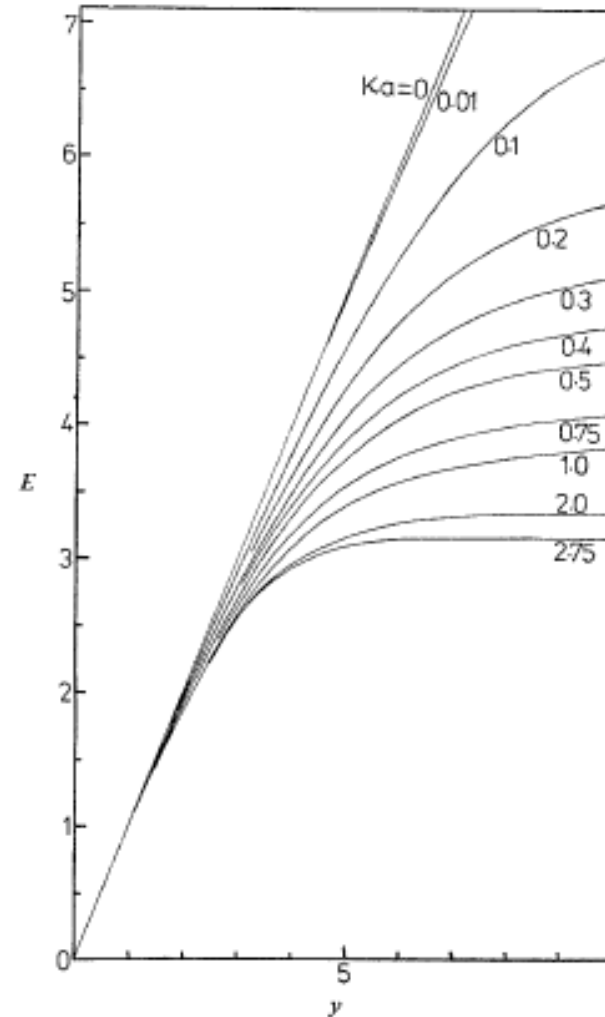


FIG. 3.—Reduced mobility  $E$  of a spherical colloidal particle in a KCl solution as a function of reduced zeta potential  $y$ , for  $\kappa a < 2.75$ . In this regime the mobility appears to increase monotonically with zeta potential.

Ion specifics

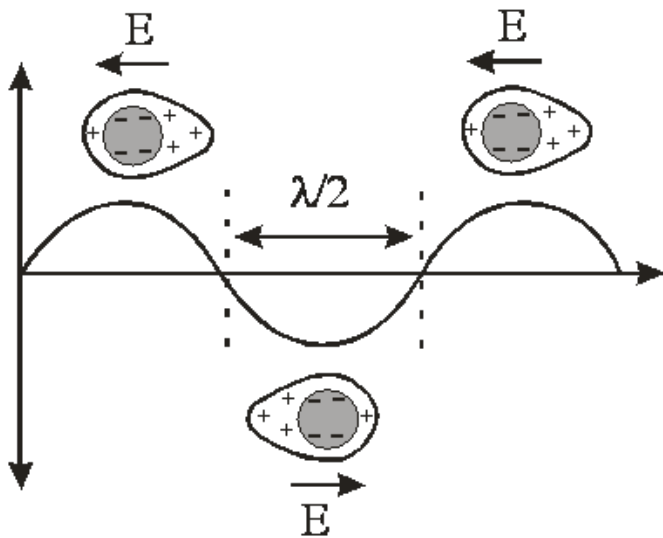
Concentration dependence



# Electroacoustics

Alternating E-Field compresses and expands and thus creates sound wave  
 ( Electrokinetic sonic amplitude(ESA),loud speaker)

Sound wave creates alternating E-field  
 ( Colloidal Vibration Current, CV potential)



Wavelength=Velocity x frequency=  
 1000m/sec x 1 MHz = 1 mm >> debye length

$$\frac{U_{CV}}{\Delta p} \propto \phi \frac{\Delta \rho}{\rho} \frac{u_d^*}{K^*},$$

$$\frac{I_{CV}}{\Delta p} \propto \phi \frac{\Delta \rho}{\rho} u_d^*,$$

$$\frac{A_{ESA}}{E} \propto \phi \frac{\Delta \rho}{\rho} u_d^*.$$



# ESA of Dispersions

**Informative for frequencies**

**1-100 MHz**

**At high frequencies surface conduction on particles becomes relevant**

**Hence Colloidal Dispersions can be studied**

**Dynamic particle mobility**

**Theoretical and experimental  
a separate topic**

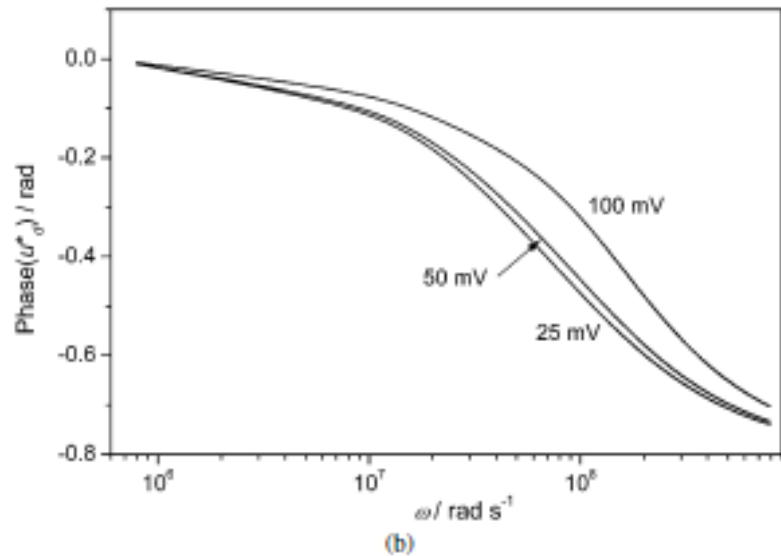
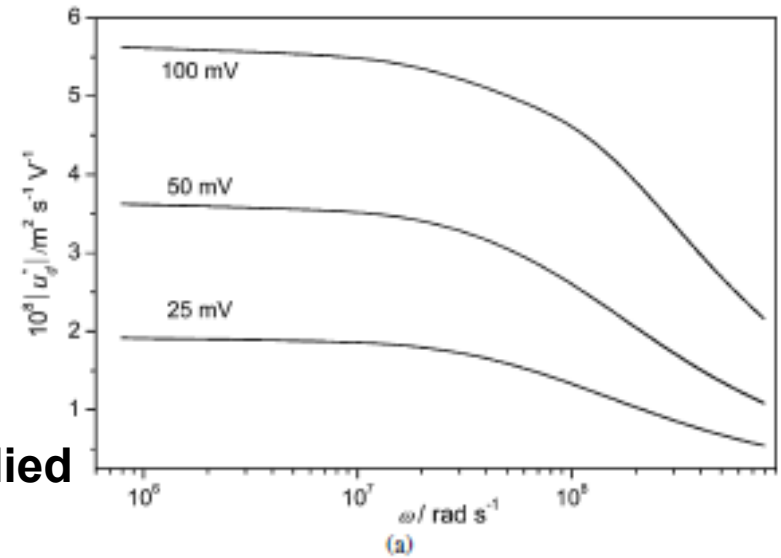


Fig. 8. Modulus (a) and phase angle (b) of the dynamic mobility of spherical particles in a KCl solution with  $\kappa a = 20$  as a function of frequency for different  $\zeta$ -potentials; cf. Eqs. (80)–(82). Parameters: particle radius 100 nm; dielectric constant of the particles (dispersion medium): 2 (78.54); density of the particles (dispersion medium):  $5 \times 10^3$  ( $1 \times 10^3$ )  $\text{kg m}^{-3}$ .



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