

# Impact of poly (ethylene glycol) on the structure and interaction parameters of aqueous micelle systems

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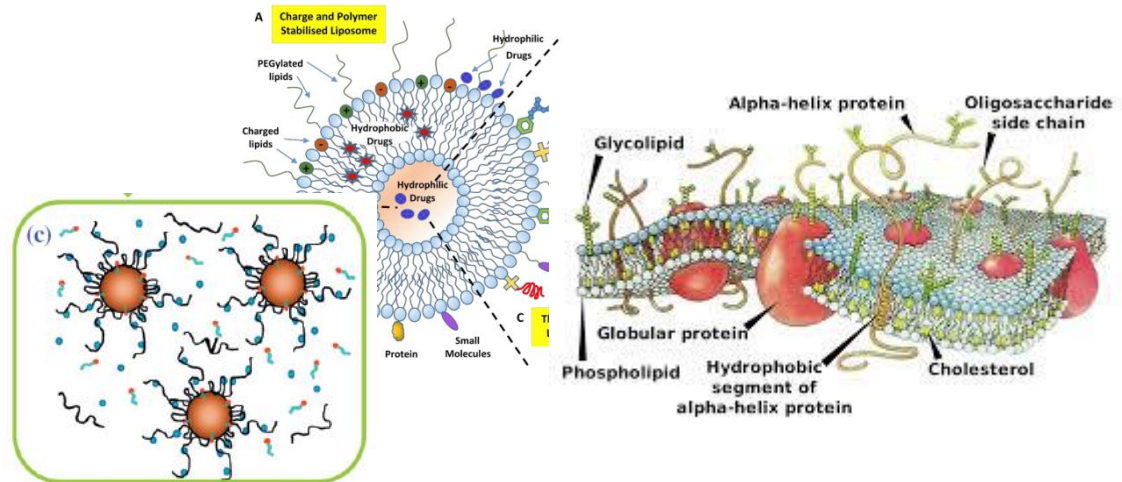
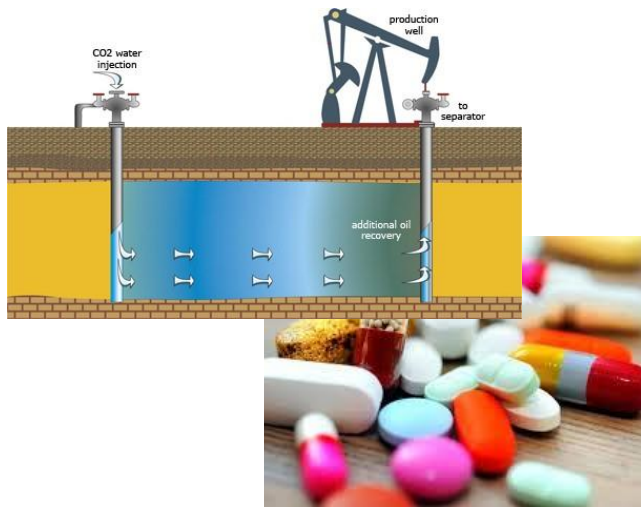


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# Surfactant-polymer complexation: application and fundamental aspect

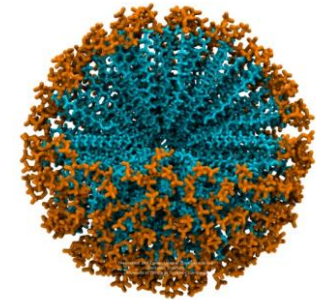
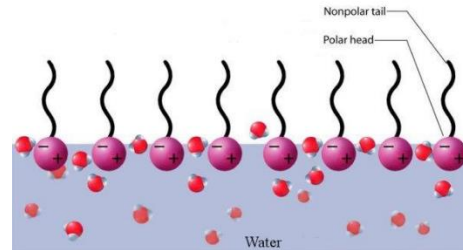
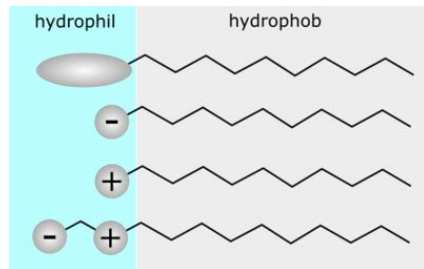
- Application in the pharmaceutics, detergent, enhanced oil recovery industries
- Important tool for manipulation of the physical properties of an interface, particularly, steric stabilization and producing of drug-delivery systems
- Serve as a simplified model for biological binding processes into cell membranes



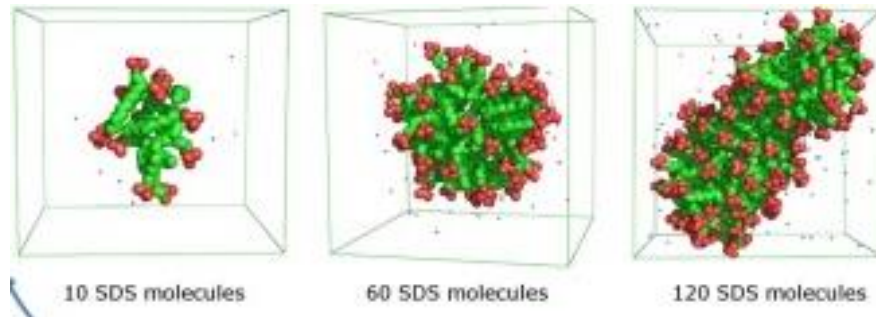
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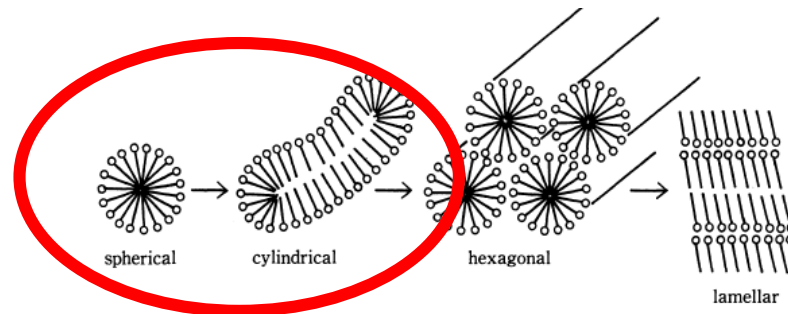
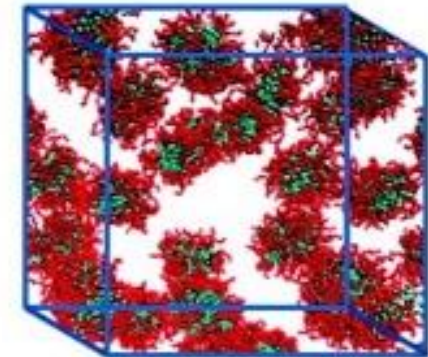
# Process of surfactant micellization



## Micelle growth



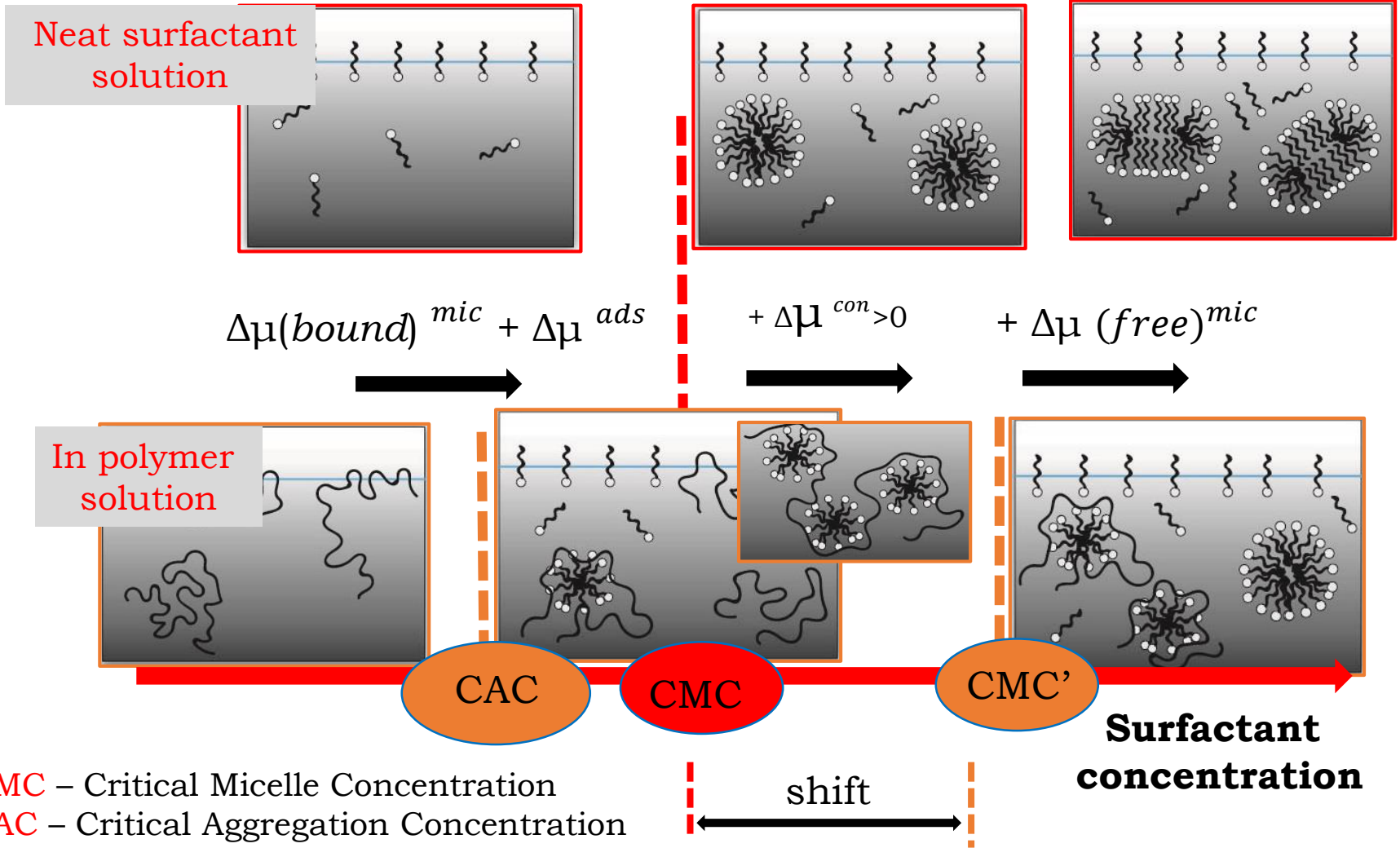
## Micellar system



# Surfactant-polymer complexation

$$\Delta\mu(\text{free})^{mic}$$

$$\Delta\mu^{trans}$$

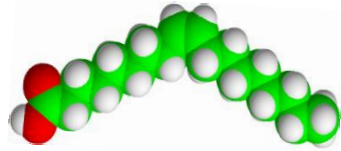
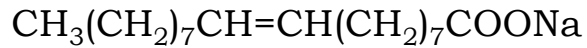


- CMC – Critical Micelle Concentration
- CAC – Critical Aggregation Concentration
- CMC' – Shifted CMC

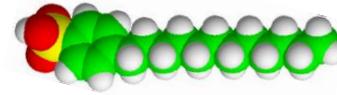
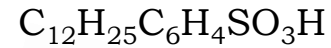
# Micellar system of surfactants for colloidal stabilization

## Anionic surface active agents (surfactants)

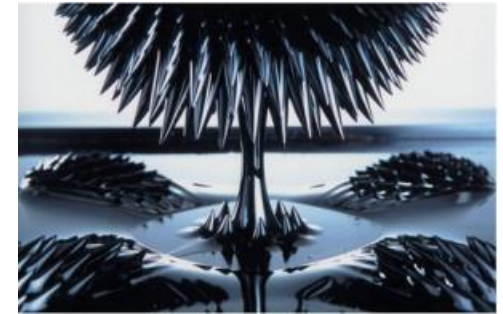
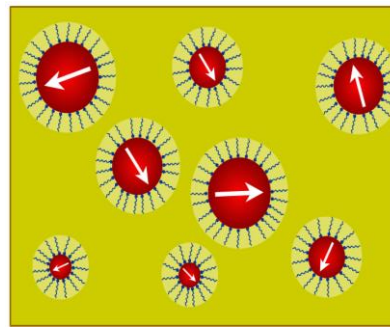
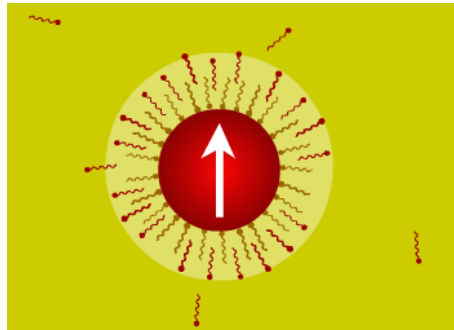
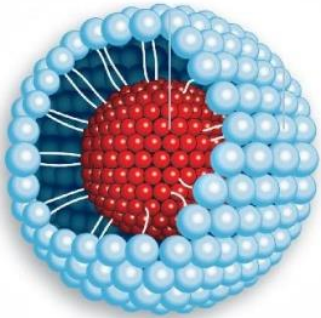
Sodium Oleate (SO)



Dodecylbenzene sulfonic acid (DBSA)



## Stabilization of magnetic fluids

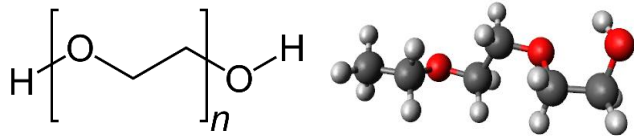


*Polar carriers (two stabilization layers) Surfactant excess is required*

# Biocompatibility properties of PEGylated colloids. Application for water-based magnetic nanoparticles

Biocompatible polymer

Poly (ethylene glycole) (PEG)



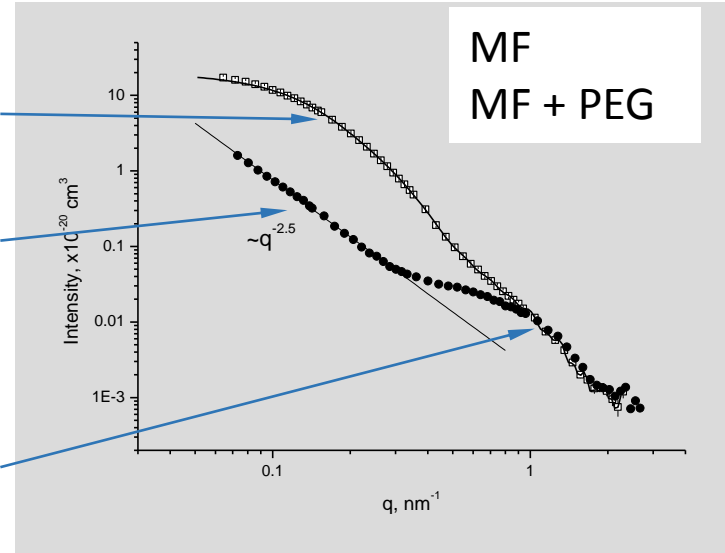
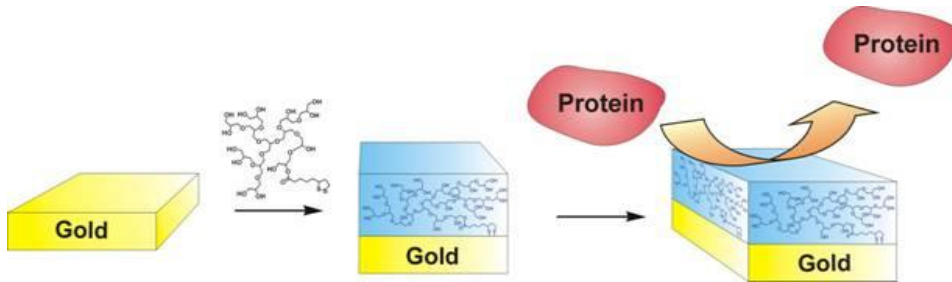
$M_w > 1000$  Da

Initial compact aggregates, SO stabilization

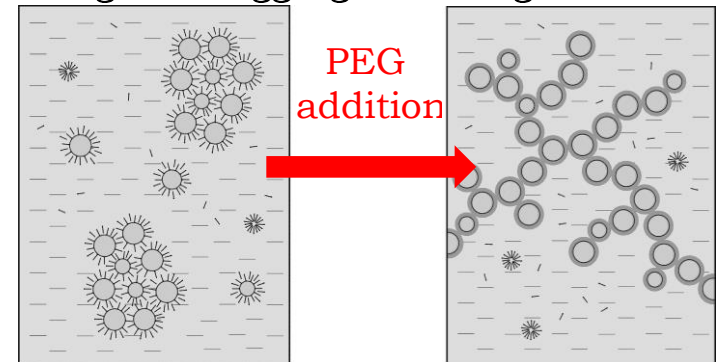
Fractal branched aggregates after modification, SO + PEG stabilization

micelles of free surfactant

Protein resistance properties of PEGylated surfaces



Magnetite aggregates reorganization



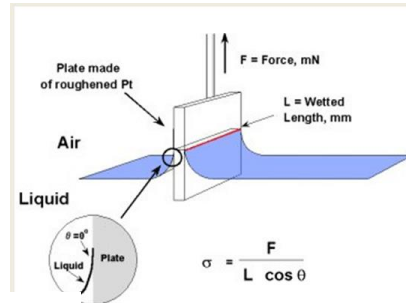
$M(\text{SO}):M(\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4):M(\text{PEG}) = 0.73 : 1 : 2.5$

*Structure reorganization of magnetic fluids under PEG addition*

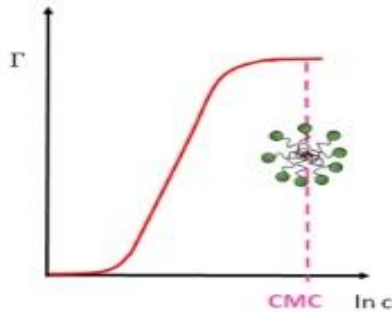
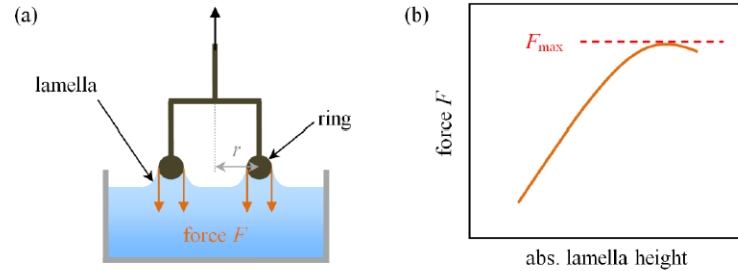
# Measurement of surface tension (force tensiometry method)



Wilhelme plate method

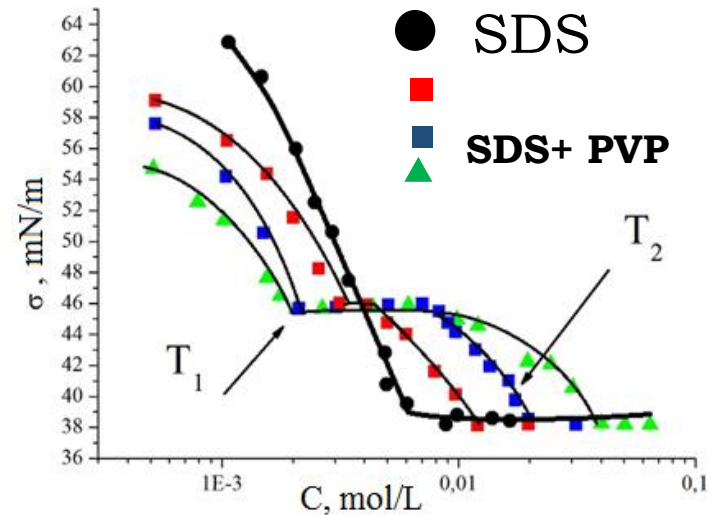
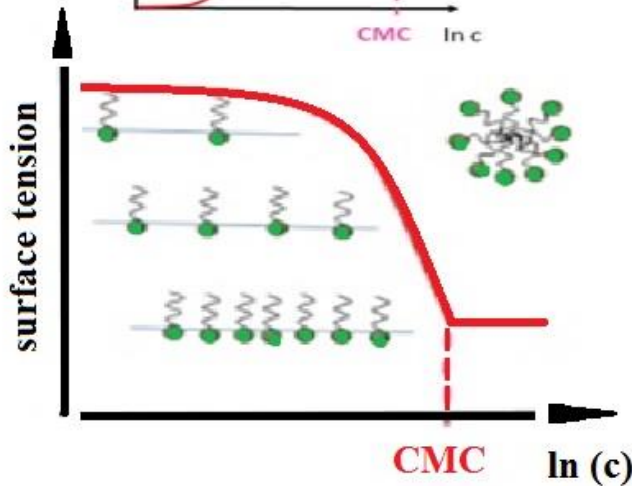


Du Nouy ring method

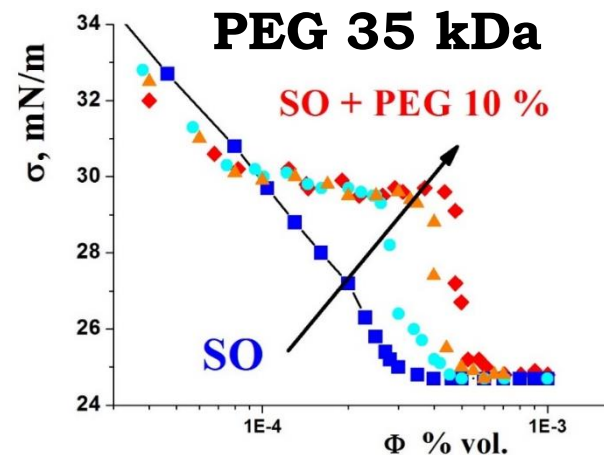
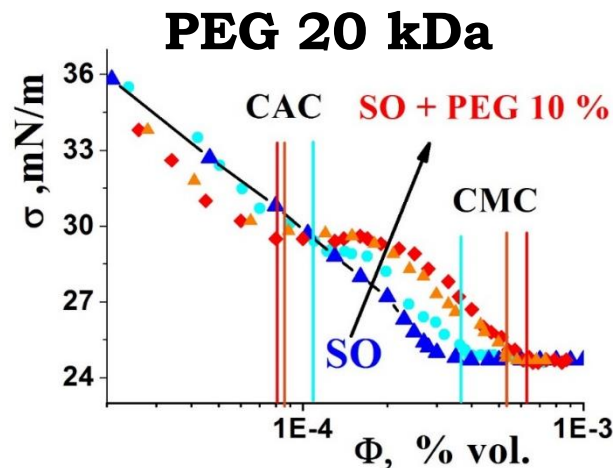
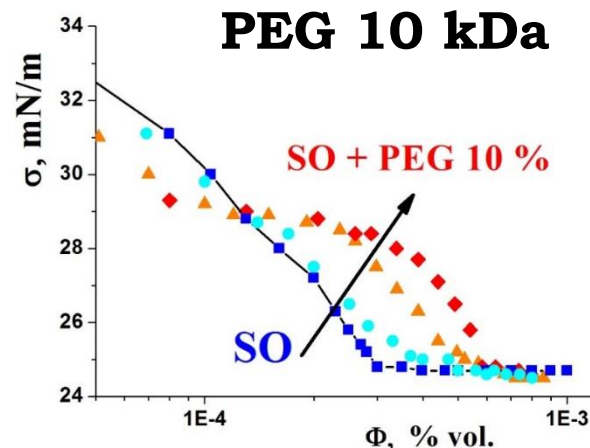
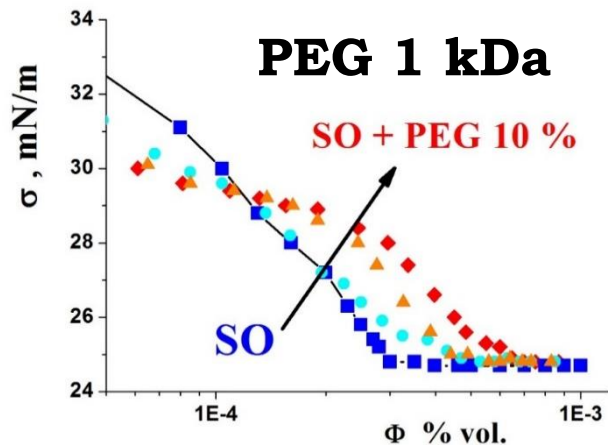


$$d\sigma = - \sum \Gamma_i d\mu_i$$

$$\Gamma_i = \Gamma_\infty \frac{K_S S_i}{1 + K_S S_i}$$



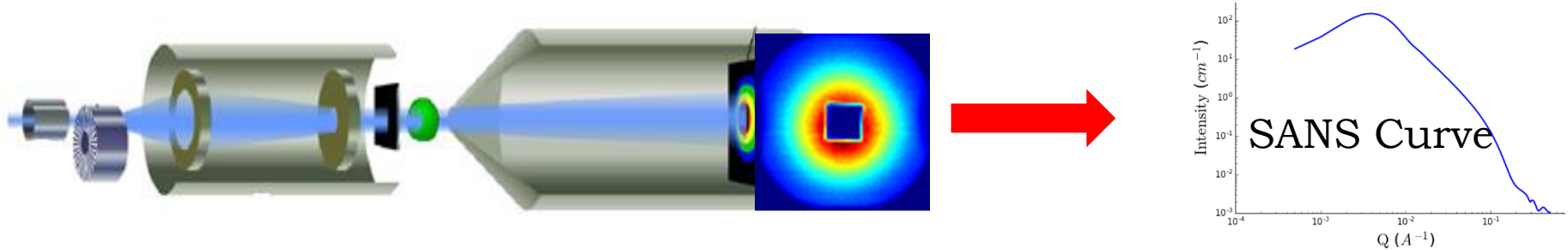
# Polymer – surfactant interaction phenomena detecting by surface tension



Phenomena of surfactant-polymer complexes formation in aqueous solution of DBSA and SO surfactant with PEG addition was observed



# Small Angle Neutron Scattering (SANS) method



*Decoupling approximation*

$$\mathbf{I}(\mathbf{q}) = nV^2 (\Delta\rho)^2 \mathbf{P}(\mathbf{q}) \mathbf{S}(\mathbf{q}) \quad I(q) = n(\Delta\rho)^2 P(q) \left(1 + \beta(q) [\bar{S}(q) - 1]\right)$$

$$P(q) = \langle |F(q)|^2 \rangle = \frac{1}{V} \int_0^1 |V_c(\rho_m - \rho_s)| \frac{3j_1(u)^2}{u} d\cos\alpha$$

$\bar{S}(q)$  - *Hayter - Penfold RMSA structure factor of macroion*

$$N_{agg} = \frac{4/3\pi ab^2}{v_{chain}} - \text{number of aggregation}$$

$$U(r) = \left[ \frac{Z}{4\pi\epsilon_0\epsilon(1 + \kappa d)} \right] \left( \frac{\exp[-\kappa(r - d)]}{r} \right)$$

$$\gamma = \frac{a}{b} - \text{axial ratio of ellipsoid}$$

$$\kappa = \left[ \frac{2(C_{KKM} + 0.5\alpha C)e^2}{\epsilon\epsilon_0 k_B T} \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} - \text{Debye length}$$

$$\alpha = \frac{Z}{N_{agg}} - \text{degree of ionization and charge}$$

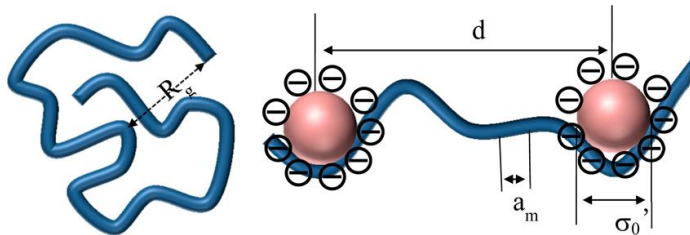
$$\Psi = \frac{Z}{\epsilon\epsilon_0 d(2 + \kappa d)} - \text{surface potential}$$

## Polymers and surfactant-polymer complexes

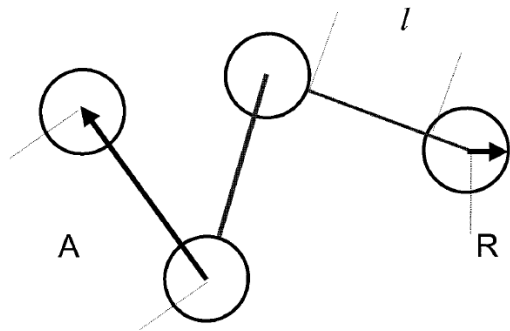
$$P(q) = \frac{2[e^{-x} - (1-x)]}{x^2} \quad - \text{Gauss coil polymer form factor}$$

$$I(q) = I(0) \left[ P(q) - \frac{A}{I(0)} P(q)^2 \right] + B \quad - \text{polymer with self-avoid interaction}$$

$$P(q) = \frac{K}{4\pi L_B \alpha^2} \frac{(q^2 + k^2)}{1 + R_0(q^2 + k^2)[q^2 - (12hC/a_m^2)]} \quad - \text{Polyelectrolyte model}$$



$$I(q) = I_{\text{Polymer}}(q) + I_{\text{micelles}}(q)$$

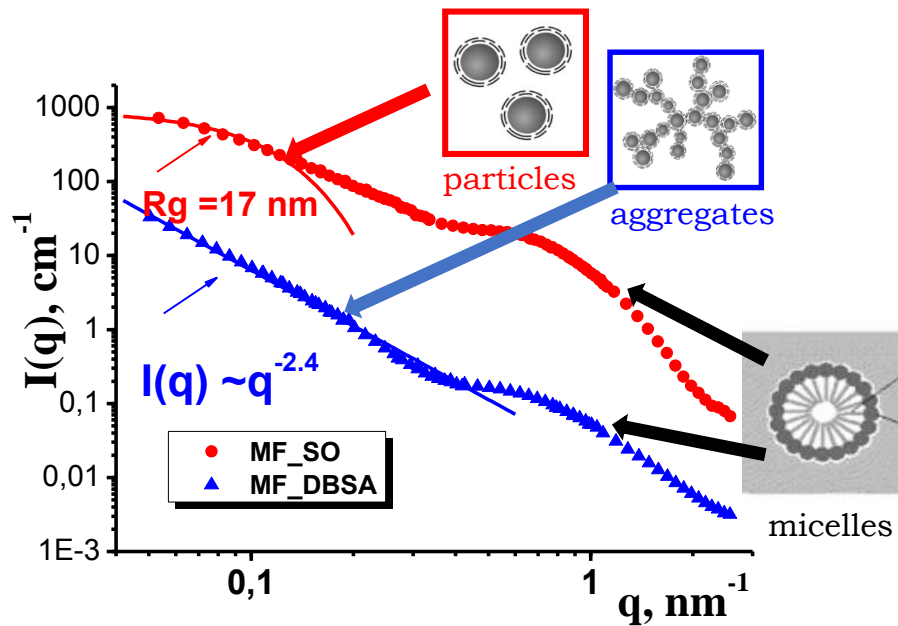


$$P(q) = \frac{I_m + I_l + I_{ml}}{(Mm_r + Nm_s)} \quad - \text{Pearl-necklace model}$$

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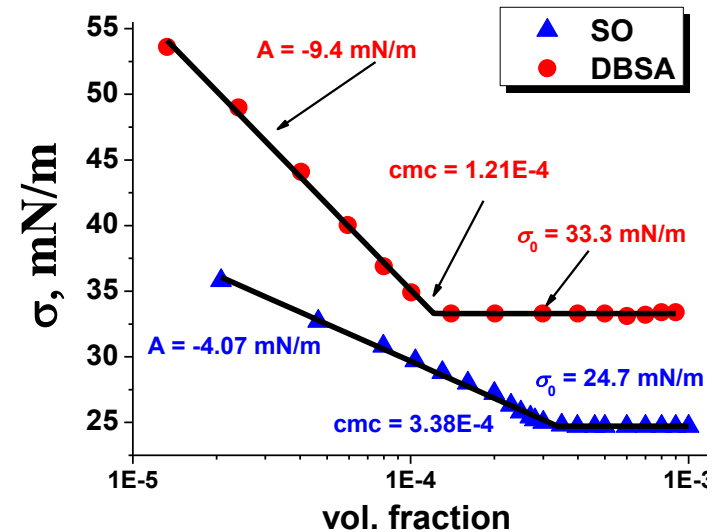
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# Impact of surfactant on the structure of aqueous ferrofluid systems

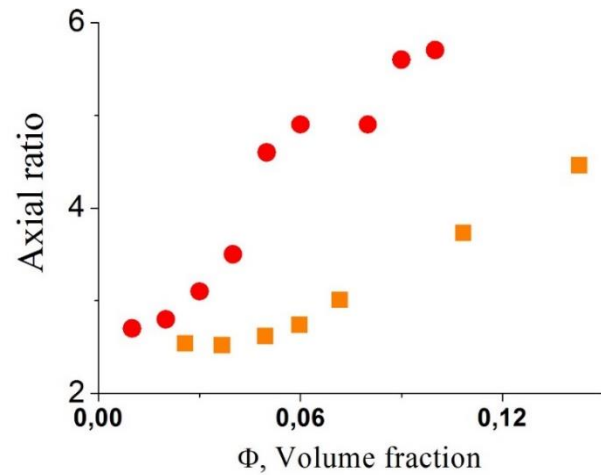
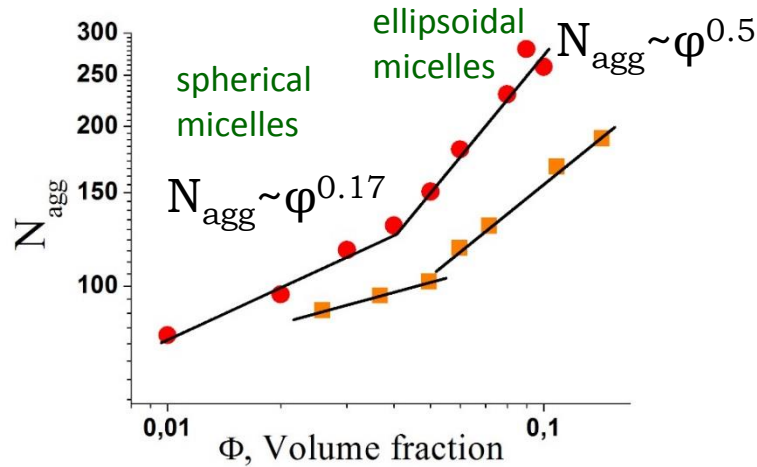
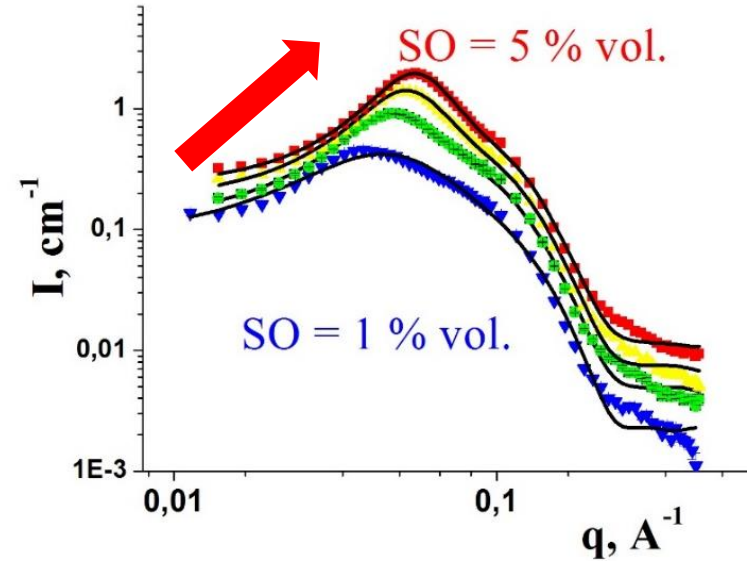
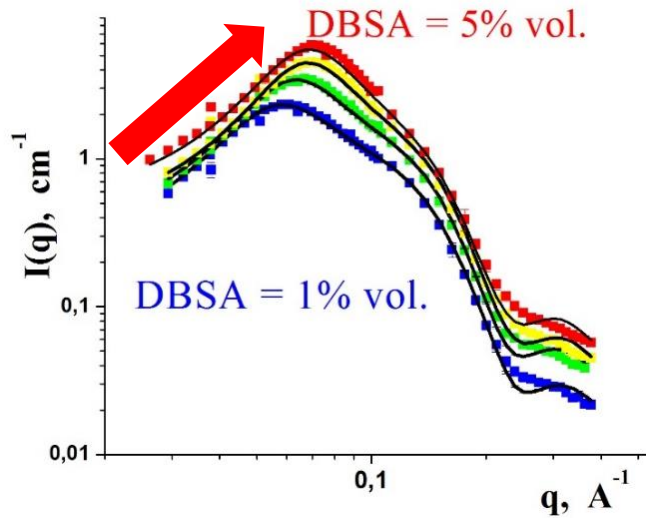


*The aggregates of different size and type were observed*

*significantly different critical micelle concentrations (CMC) parameter*



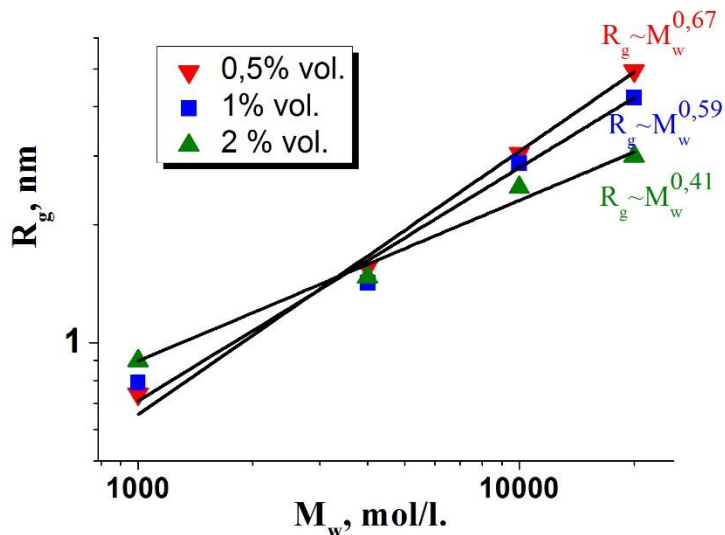
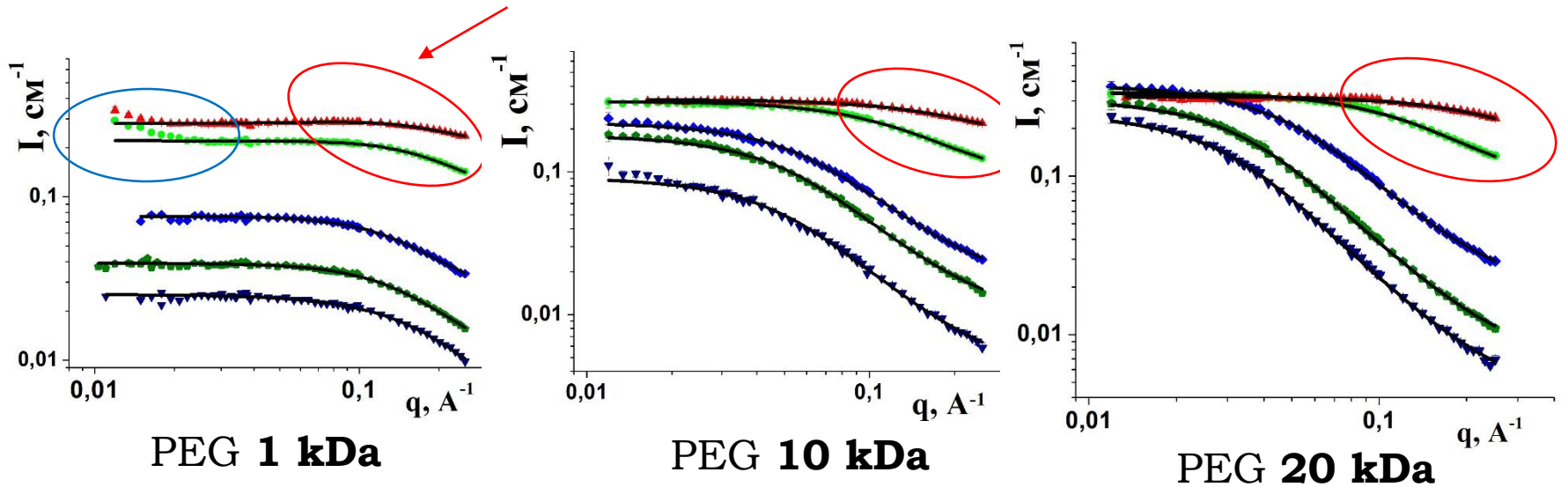
# Aqueous solution of SO, DBSA: SANS data



*The transition of micelles from spherical to ellipsoidal morphology is detected. SO and DBSA based micelles differ in size*

# SANS data of PEG aqueous solution

Structure factor



$$P(q) = \frac{2[e^{-x} - (1-x)]}{x^2}$$

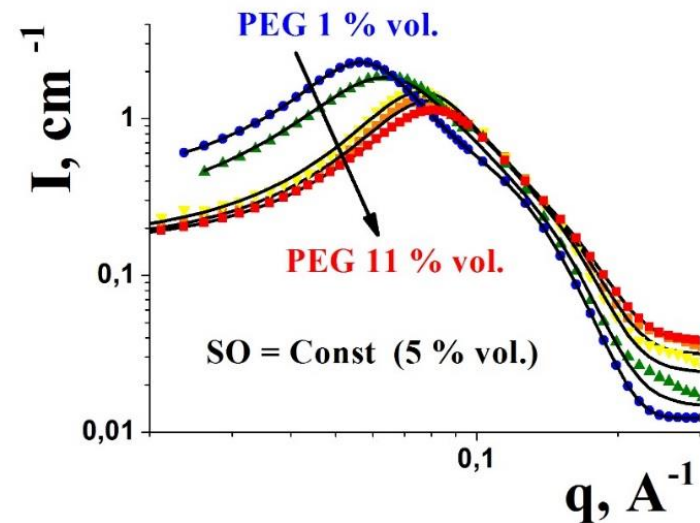
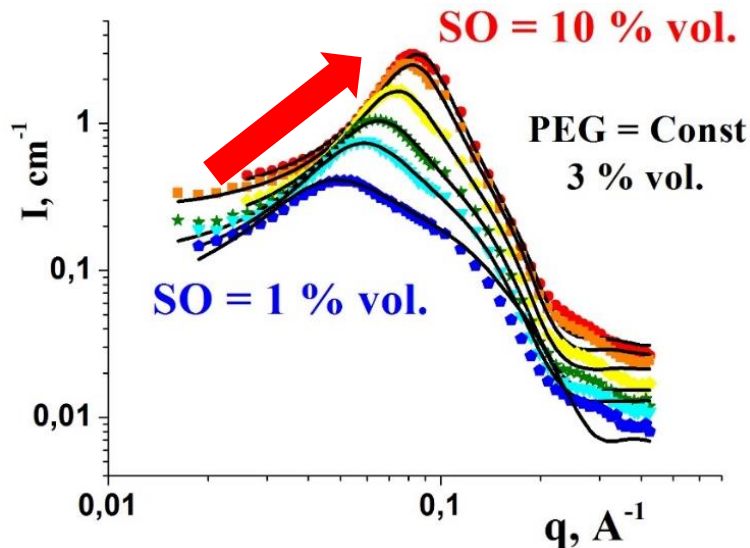
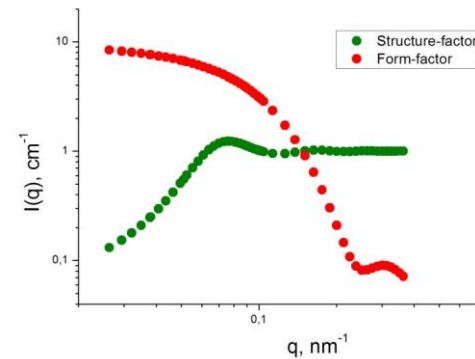
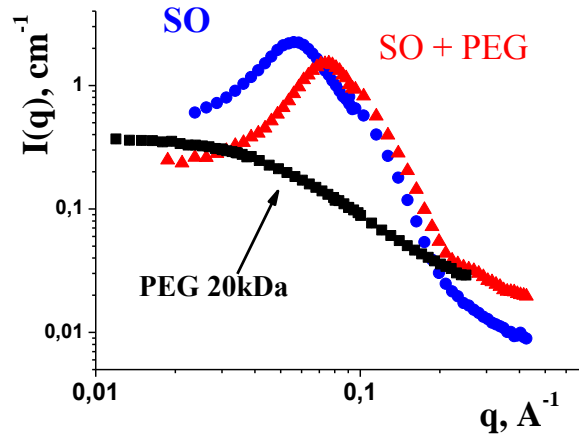
$$I(q) = I(0) \left[ P(q) - \frac{A}{I(0)} P(q)^2 \right] + B$$

The structure of the polymer coil of PEG is studied (*radius of gyration*  $R_g$ ), the effect of the structural factor for concentrations of more than 3 vol. % is detected (*second virial coefficient*  $A$ )

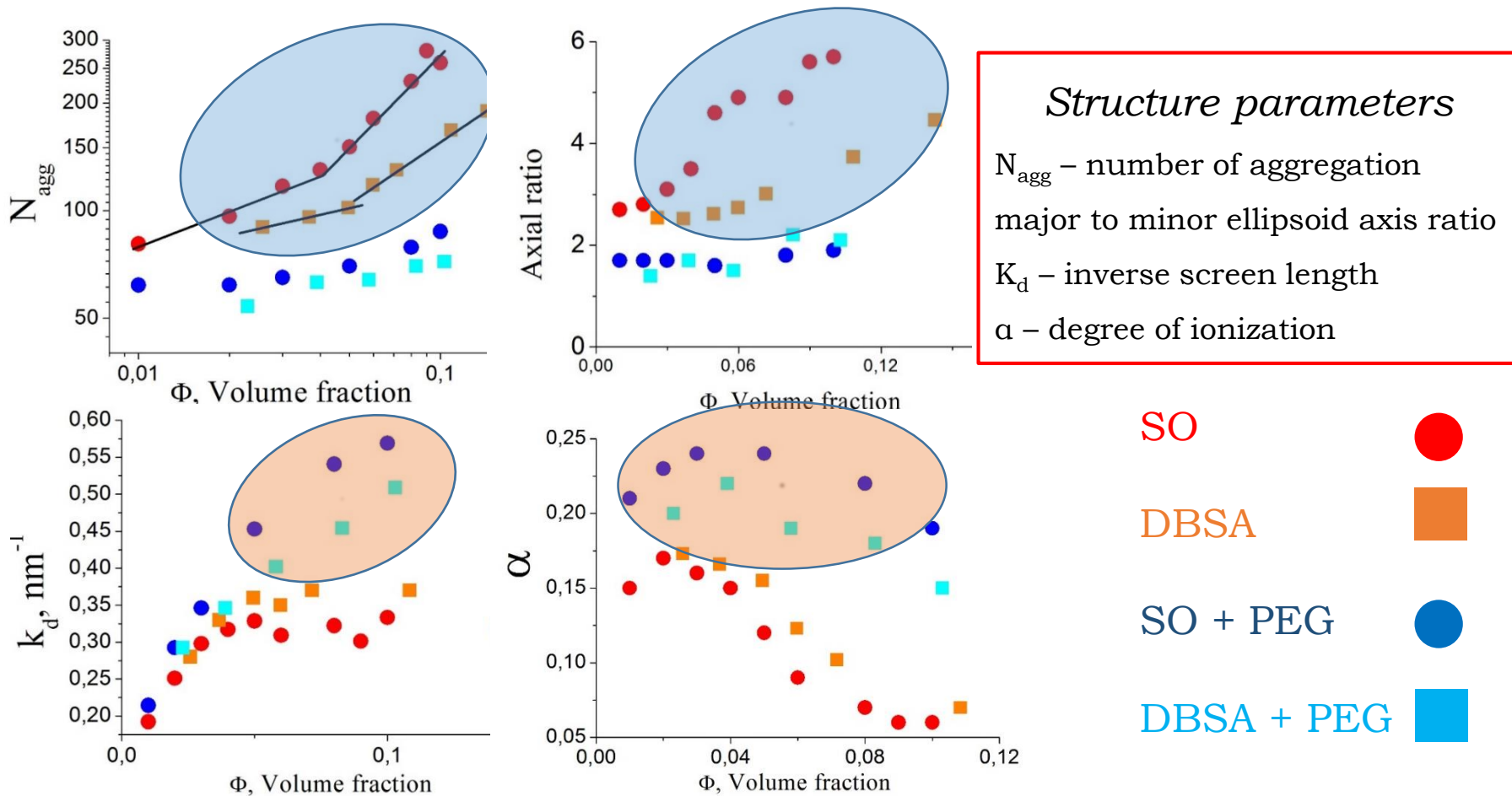
# Mixed surfactant – polymer aqueous solution

$$I(\text{SO}) + I(\text{PEG}) \neq I(\text{SO} + \text{PEG})$$

*Polymer reorganizes the structure of the micellar system, which leads to qualitative changes in the scattering curve*



# Concentration dependences of structure parameters in micellar system



*Addition of PEG leads to:*

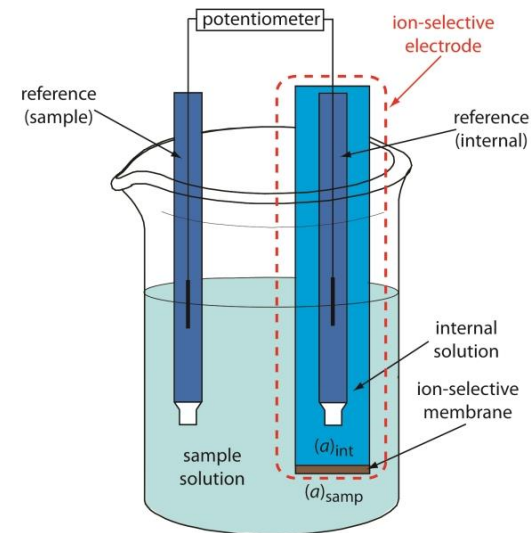
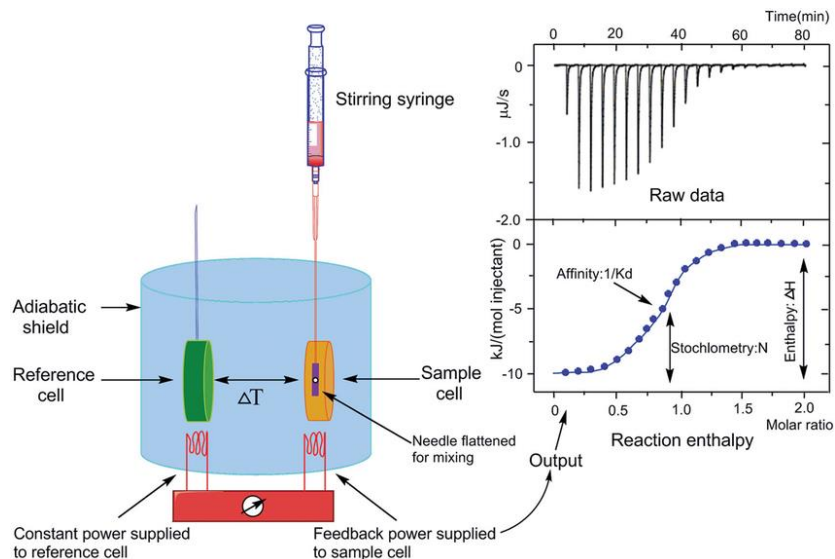
- *Decrease size of micelles and change of the shape*
- *Decrease intermicellar electrostatic interaction (increasing Debye length)*

**Further research:  
experimental methods and theoretical models**



# Isothermal Titration Calorimetry

- Determination of PEG-surfactants binding properties from isothermal titration calorimetry (ITC) thermograms and electromotive force (EmF) binding isotherms



## Isothermal titration calorimetry (ITC)

is a method to measure the energy, related to the formation of physical interactions and chemical bonds.

## Surfactant-ion selective electrodes (SISEs)

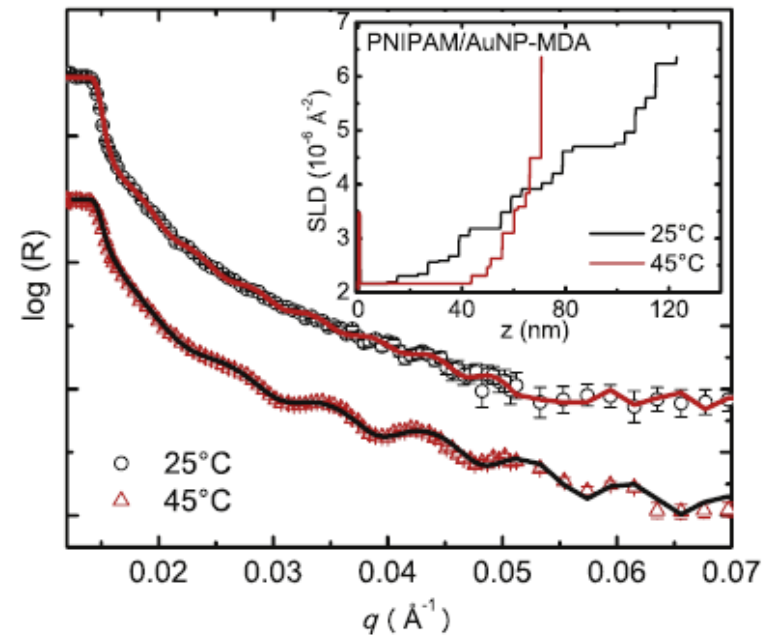
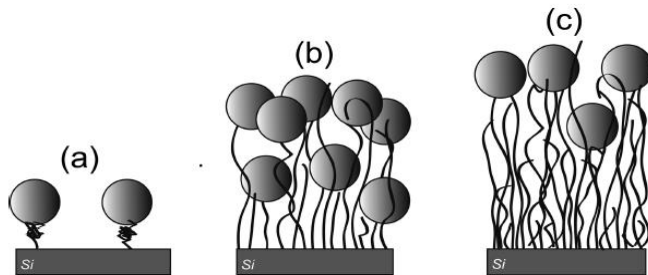
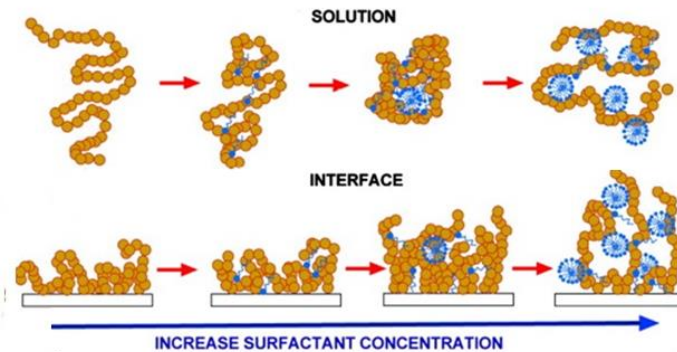
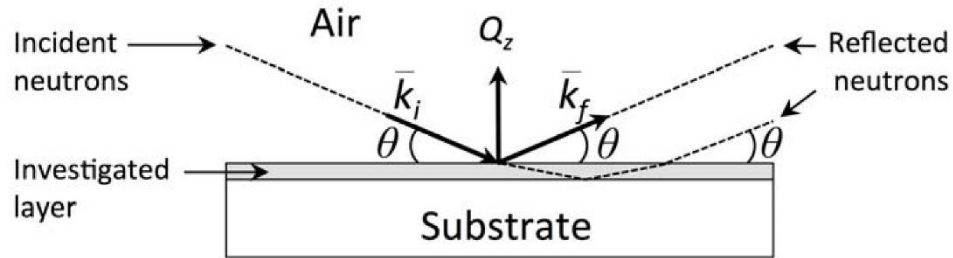
are usually used for determination of monomeric surfactant concentration in solution with almost no pretreatment

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# neutron reflectometry,

setting and carrying out of the experiment on the study of surfactant-polymer complexation in dense polymer brush system.



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