



Rheology and adhesion of droplets in a soft elastic matrix

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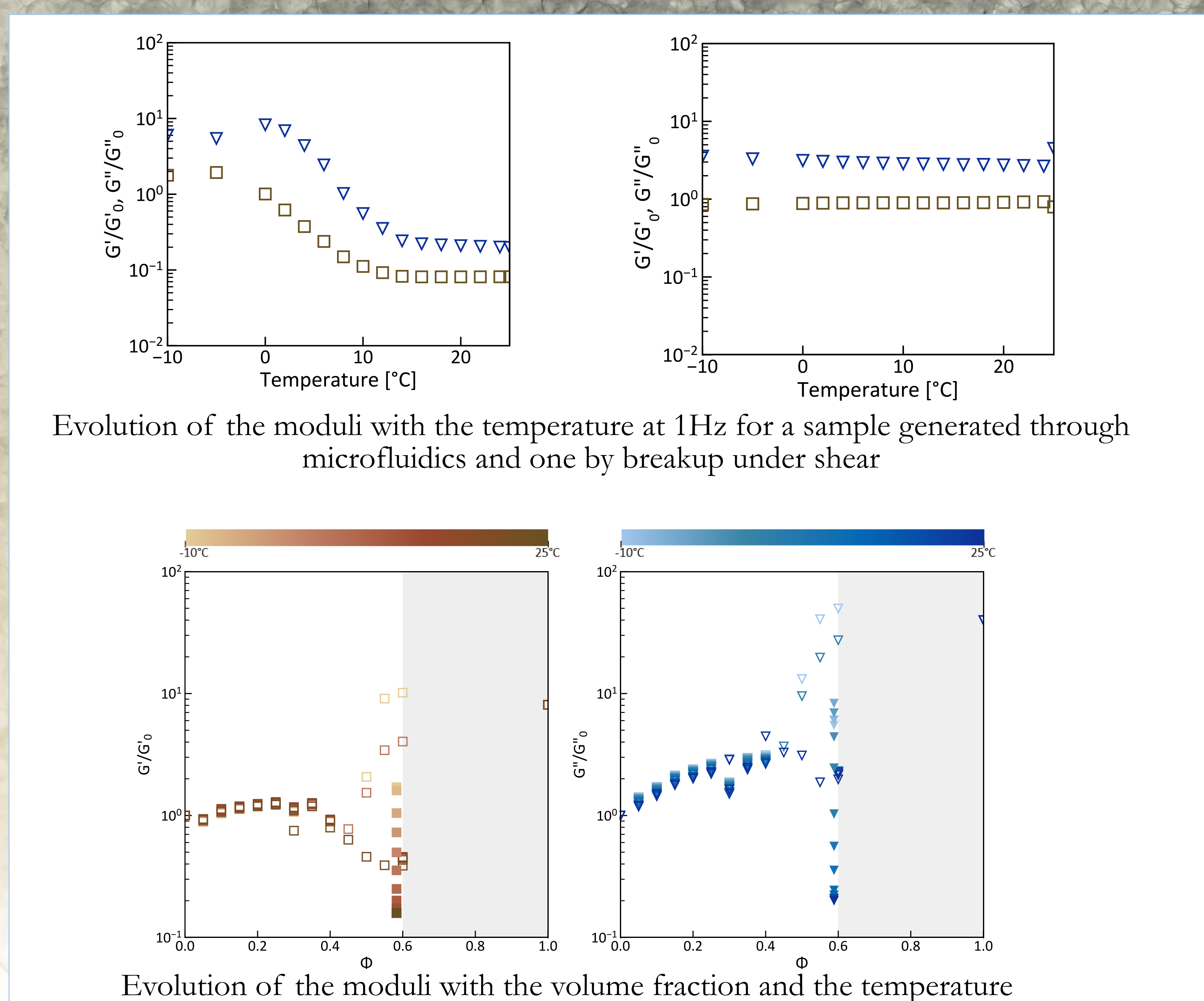
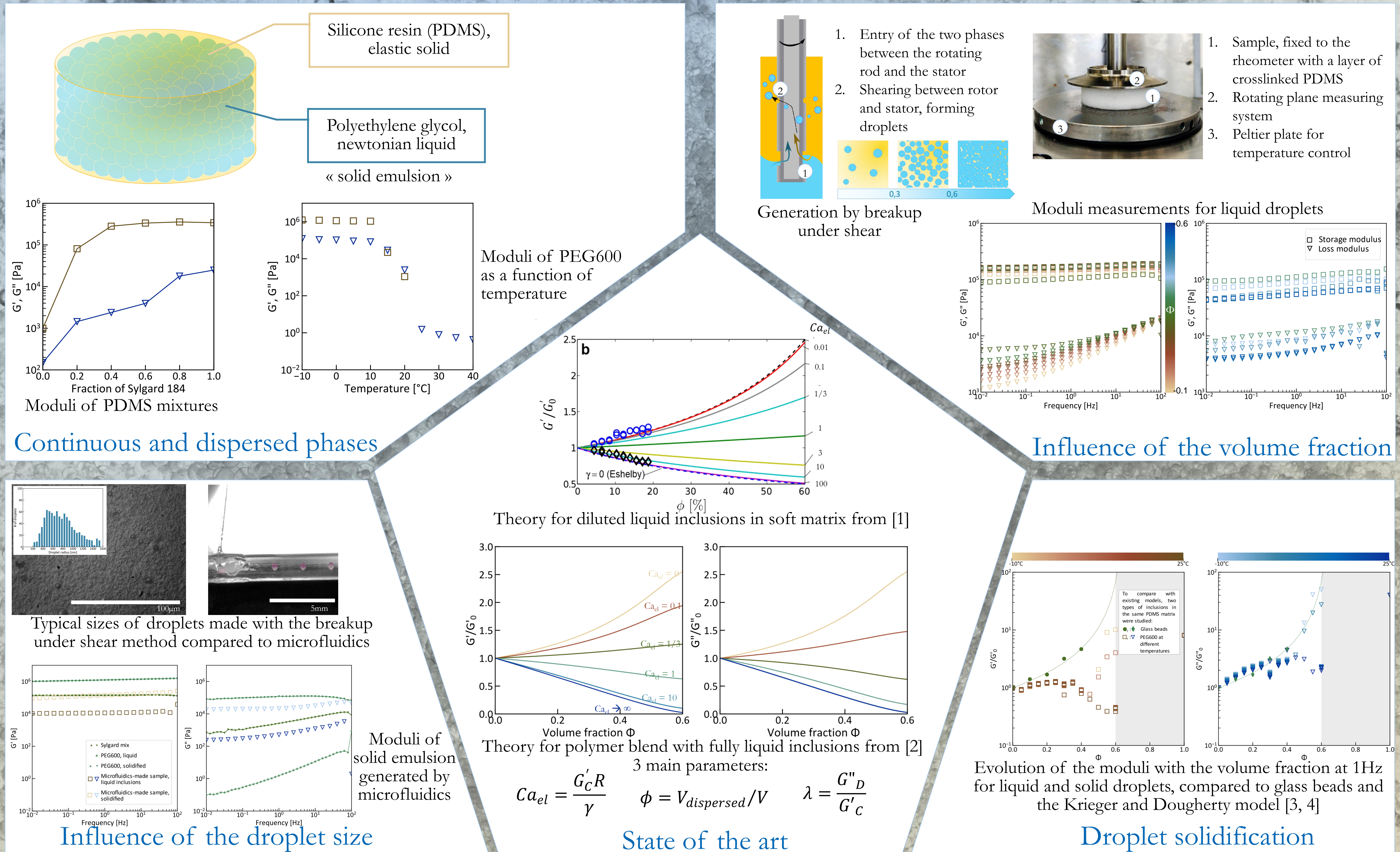
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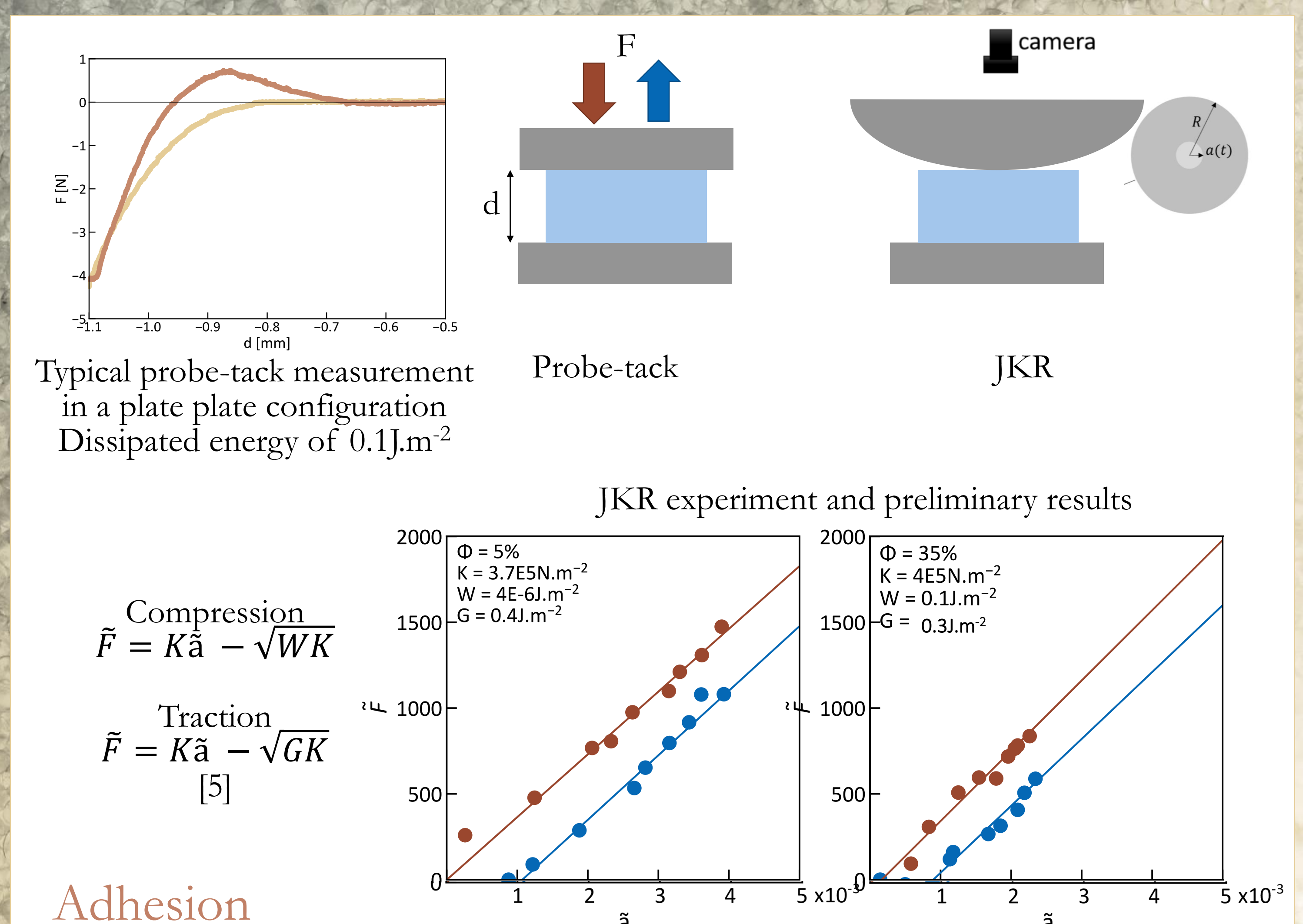
We first show the feasibility of a “solid emulsion” composite system whose storage and loss moduli can be controlled independently. We study the mechanisms for such a decorrelation. For our system, we have observed a decoupling of the storage and loss moduli in the rheological response for small polydisperse liquid insertions in the matrix. When the droplets are solid, we observe however a deviation from the expected behavior solely controlled by the matrix and the volume fraction, that we investigate through rheology and compression-decompression experiments.



Effects of droplet size and solidification

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- Decoupling of the storage and loss moduli at low to middle volume fraction
 - Strong influence of the volume fraction on the loss modulus
 - Crystallization of the dispersed phase shows unexpected behavior
Hypothesis: polydispersity, influence of confinement on solidification
 - Adhesive samples with no apparent change of adhesive properties with the volume fraction at low volume fraction
- Generation of more monodisperse samples, for different droplet sizes
- Study of adhesion with temperature change and more volume fractions

Conclusion & perspectives