complex systems

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shape fluctuations of surfactant membrane in microemulsion

single membrane fluctuation in model biomembranes

evidence of sliding cyclodextrin along polymer chain

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microemulsions

water, oil, surfactant

Surface active agent (surfactant) reduces surface energy between water and oil, so that water and oil can be mixed together.

In the nanometer length scale, however, water and oil domains are separated each other. Nono-scale structures are self-assembled.



various types of mesophase surfactant membranes are thermally fluctuating

surfactant everywhere in our life

two different physical properties are coexisting within a molecule

hydrophilic head group hydrophobic tail group

Surfactant



physical properties of surfactant membranes



surface can be characterized by two principal curvatures C_1 and C_2 .

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structure and dynamics are predetermined by surface energy

bending free energy

be

W. Helfrich, Z. Naturforsch. C 28, 693 (1973).

$$f_{bend} = 2\kappa \left(\frac{c_1 + c_2}{2} - c_0\right)^2 + \kappa c_1 c_2$$

nding modulus spontaneous saddle-sp





how to study microemulsions I

static structure: example





core-shell model form factor Gaussian distribution of radius of droplets Instrumental smearing effect

Rcore=20.9Å shell thickness=7.5Å core polydispersity=0.19

how to study microemulsions II dynamic structure





translational diffusion + shape fluctuation DLS, NMR, NSE, ... NSE

how to study microemulsions II

hexane

dynamic structure: example



theory of shape fluctuation dynamics $f_{bend} = 2\kappa \left(\frac{1}{r_0} - \frac{1}{r_s}\right)^2 \quad \overline{\kappa} \text{ term is neglected}$ $r_s: \text{ spontaneous radius}$

Expansion of r in spherical harmonics with amplitude a

$$\mathbf{r}(\Omega) = \mathbf{r}_0 \left(1 + \sum_{l,m} a_{lm} \mathbf{Y}_{lm} (\Omega) \right)$$

In this case, intermediate scattering function is

$$I(q,t) = \left\langle V_s^2(\Delta \rho)^2 \exp(-Doq^2 t) \times \left(f_0(qr) + \sum_{l \ge 2} \frac{2l+1}{4\pi} f_l(qr) \langle |a_l|^2 \rangle \exp(-\Gamma_l t) \right) \right\rangle$$

translational diffusion

shape fluctuation

for simplicity, higher order term with I is neglected

S. T. Milner and S. A. Safran, *Phys. Rev. A* 36, 4371 (1987).

 $f_0(qr_0)$

to get bending modulus of surfactant film I I(q,t) can be approximated as a single exponential decay function $I(q,t)/I(q,0)=exp(-D_{eff}q^2t)$



to get bending modulus of surfactant film II Deff(q) = Dtr + Ddef(q)



to get bending modulus of surfactant film III

now, we know dynamic parameters Γ_2 and a_2 as well as static structure parameters r_{core} , r_{shell} , and polydispersity

$$\Gamma_{2} = \frac{\kappa}{\eta r_{0}^{3}} \left[4 \frac{r_{0}}{r_{s}} - 3 \frac{\bar{\kappa}}{\kappa} - \frac{3k_{B}T}{4\pi\kappa} f(\phi) \right] \frac{24\eta}{23\eta' + 32\eta'}$$

2nd mode relaxation rate relates to the bending modulus

$$p^{2} = \frac{\langle |a_{0}|^{2} \rangle}{4\pi} = \frac{\langle r^{2} \rangle}{\langle r \rangle^{2}} - 1 = \frac{k_{B}T}{4\pi} \left[6(2\kappa + \bar{\kappa}) - 8\kappa \frac{r_{0}}{r_{s}} + \frac{3k_{B}T}{2\pi} f(\phi) \right]^{-1}$$

polydispersity relates to the 0-th mode amplitude ao

$$\kappa = \frac{1}{48} \left(\frac{k_{B}T}{\pi p^{2}} + \Gamma_{2} r_{0}^{3} \frac{23\eta' + 32\eta}{3} \right) = 4.7 \times 10^{-21} J = 1.2 k_{B} J$$

Y. Kawabata et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 92, 056103 (2004).

bending modulus of surfactant membrane ~ thermal energy



thermal fluctuations of surfactant membrane affect self-assembly of the systems

QUESTIONS?

applications of shape fluctuation analysis

Droplet size effects on AOT microemulsion by J. S. Huang et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. (1987). Cosurfactant effects on AOT microemulsion by B. Farago et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. (1990). Charge density effects on AOT microemulsion by B. Farago and M. Gradzielski, J. Chem. Phys. (2001). Temperature and Pressure effects on AOT microemulsion by Y. Kawabata et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. (2004)., J. Chem. Phys. (2007).

Solvent effects on AOT microemulsion by C. Kitchens et al., J. Phys. Chem. B (2005). Droplet concentration dependence on AOT microemulsion by M. Nagao and H. Seto, Phys. Rev. E submitted.

Pressure experiment using NSE



Cametti *et al. Phys. Rev. A* **45**, R5358 (1992).





pressure set up at ISSP-NSE, Japan

nonmagnetic stainless steel body, sapphire windows $0 \le P \le 100 \text{ MPa}, 20 \le T \le 70 \text{ }^{\circ}C,$ $0.01 \le q \le 0.15 \text{ }^{A^{-1}}$



Y. Kawabata et al., J. Chem. Phys. 127, 044705 (2007).

Pressure [MPa]

temperature and pressure variation II NSE result



Y. Kawabata et al., J. Chem. Phys. 127, 044705 (2007).

mechanisms



single membrane fluctuations in model biomembranes

various structures of cell membrane



hierarchical structure of lipid vesicles

spontaneous curvature

bending modulus

Interaction

packing parameter

10-10

fluctuation

 10^{-9}

chain packing

diameter

lamellarity

scale [m]

repeat distance

 10^{-6}

10⁻⁸





values of κ differ one order of magnitude between higher and lower temperatures than the main transition temperature

C. H. Lee et al, *Phys. Rev. E* 64, 020901 (2001).

single membrane fluctuation model



bending energy of the membrane

 $\Gamma(q) = 0.025 \left(\frac{k_{\rm B}T}{\kappa}\right)^{1/2} \frac{k_{\rm B}T}{n} q^{3}$

 $I(q,t)/I(q,0)=exp[-(\Gamma t)^{\beta}]$

in case of 2-D membranes, β =2/3

$$H = \frac{1}{2} \int \kappa [\nabla^2 h(\mathbf{r})]^2 d\mathbf{r}$$



A. G. Zilman and R. Granek, Phys. Rev. Lett., 77, 4788 (1996).

NSE data



single membrane fluctuation model is useful

q [Å-1]

0.1

N. L. Yamada et al, J. Phys. Soc. Jpn. 74, 2859 (2005).

H. Seto et al, submitted to *Euro. Phys. J. E.* C. H. Lee et al, *Phys. Rev. E* **64**, 020901 (2001).

anomalous swelling

increase of the mean repeat distance between lipid bilayers with decreasing temperature to the main transition temperature



C. H. Lee et al, *Phys. Rev. E* **64**, 020901 (2001).



T. Hønger et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 72, 3911 (1994).

Interaction between membranes



van der Waals attraction









In the anomalous swelling regime, Helfrich repulsion can be larger to make the lamellar repeat distance longer.

softening of the layer can be the origin of the anomalous swelling.

Let's check this by NSE technique.

bending modulus in anomalous swelling



H. Seto et al, submitted to Euro. Phys. J. E.

origin of the anomalous swelling



summary of the talk

shape fluctuations of surfactant membrane in microemulsion collaboration with Dr. Kawabata and Profs. Seto and Takeda

single membrane fluctuation in model biomembranes collaboration with Dr. Yamada and Prof. Seto

messages

NSE can access collective dynamics of complex systems such as polymers, micelles, surfactants especially in the low-q region. NSE gives you unique opportunities to see dynamics in these fields. I hope you will come back to do your own science!

Thank you for your attention