

«Numerical Simulation of the Static Response of Coated Microbubbles: Estimation of Elastic Properties and Comparison with Experiments»



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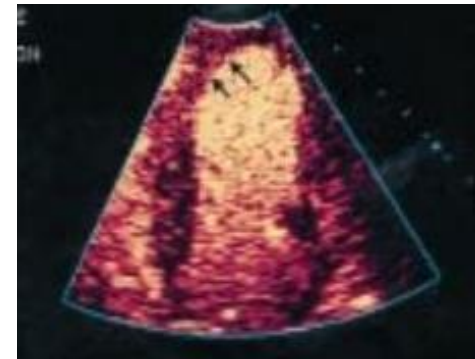
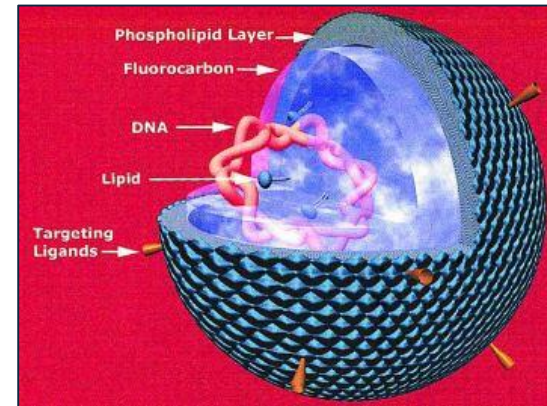
- Introduction
- Mathematical Modeling
- Results
 - Parametric study
 - Comparison with Experiments
- Conclusions

Motivation

- Elastic coating (Polymer or Lipid)
- Initial Diameter $\sim 2\text{-}5\ \mu\text{m}$
- Initial Thickness $\sim 1\text{-}30\ \text{nm}$
- Strong Backscattered Acoustic Signal
- Biocompatibility

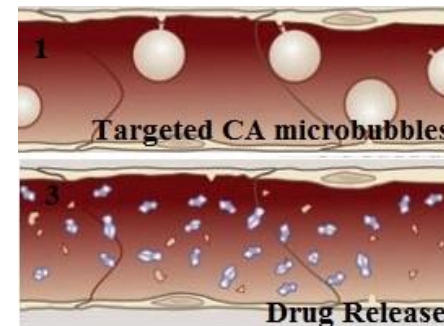
➤ Medical Imaging-Diagnostic Applications (Heart, Kidney, Liver)

➤ Treatment with microbubbles-
Drug or gene delivery



[Blomley et al., *Br. Med. J.*, 2001]

[Song et al., *IEEE Ultrasonics*, 2018]



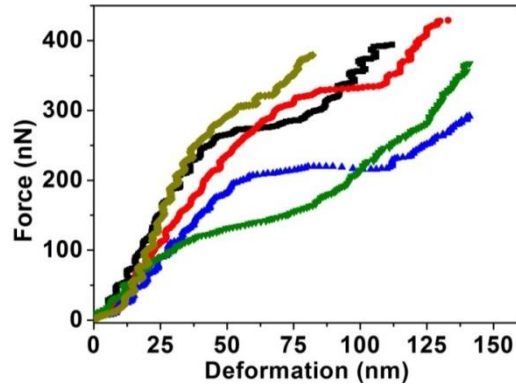
[Ferrara et al., *Annu. Rev. Biomed. Eng.*, 2007]

[Kotopoulos et al., *Med. Physics*, 2013]

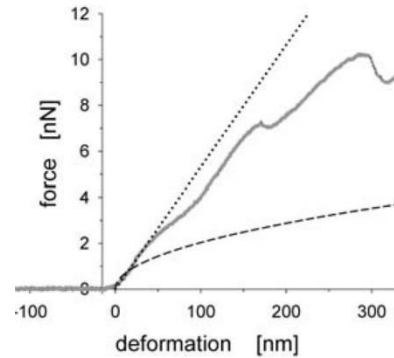


Atomic Force Microscope (AFM) Experiments

Microbubbles covered with polymer

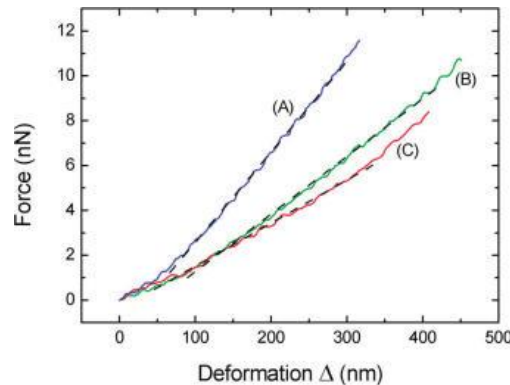


[Glynos et al., *Langmuir*, 2009]

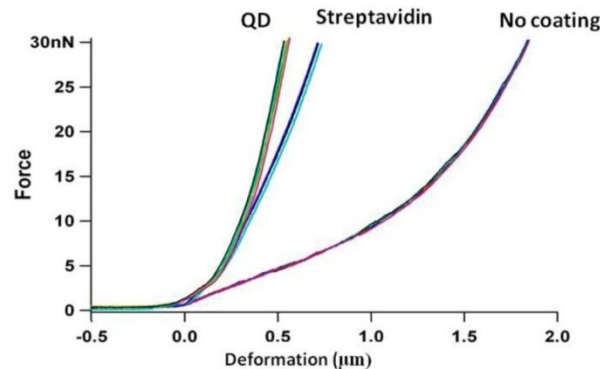


[Elsner et al., *Prog. Col. Pol. Sc.*, 2006]

Microbubbles covered with lipid

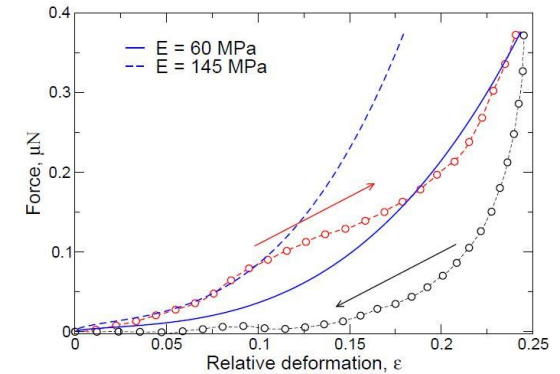


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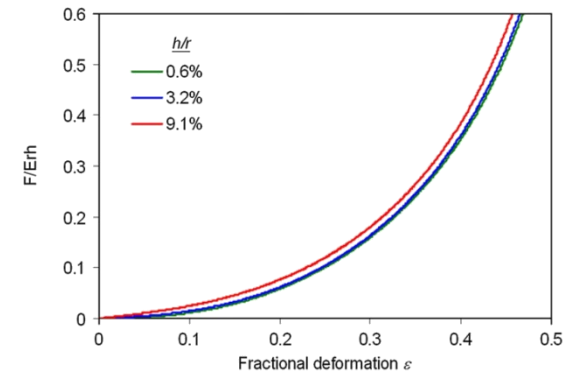


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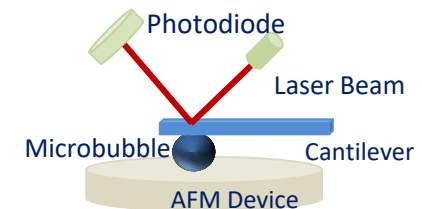
Microcapsules



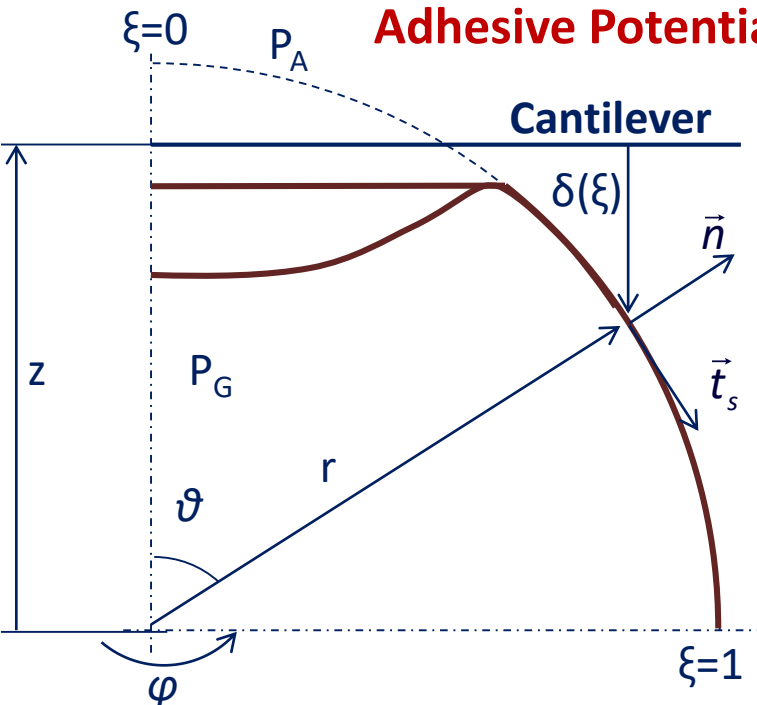
[Lulevich et al., *J. Chem. Phys.*, 2004]



[Mercadé-Prieto et al., *Chem. Eng. Sc.*, 2011]



Adhesive Potential-Bubble Covered With Elastic Shell



$$w_{\text{int}}(\delta) = w_o \left[\left(\frac{\delta_A}{\delta} \right)^4 - 2 \left(\frac{\delta_A}{\delta} \right)^2 \right]$$

repulsion ↑ ↑ attraction

**Minimization
of energy:**

$$\frac{\delta \int W_{\text{int}} dA}{\delta \vec{r}}$$

Normal and Tangential Force Balance

$$P_G - P_A = k_s \tau_{ss} + k_\varphi \tau_{\varphi\varphi} - \frac{1}{\sigma} \frac{\partial(\sigma q)}{\partial s} + 2k_m (\gamma_{BW} + w_{\text{int}}) + \frac{\partial W}{\partial n}$$

$$-\left[\frac{\partial \tau_{ss}}{\partial s} + \frac{1}{\sigma} \frac{\partial \sigma}{\partial s} (\tau_{ss} - \tau_{\varphi\varphi}) + k_s q \right] = 0, \text{ where } q = \frac{1}{\sigma} \frac{\partial \sigma}{\partial s} \left[\frac{\partial(\sigma m_{ss})}{\partial \sigma} - m_{\varphi\varphi} \right]$$

Isothermal Gas Compression or

$$P_{G0} V_0^\gamma = P_G V^\gamma$$

Constant Volume

$$V = V_0$$

Boundary Conditions

$$r_\xi = \vartheta_{\xi\xi} = 0 \text{ at } \xi = 0 \text{ and } 1$$

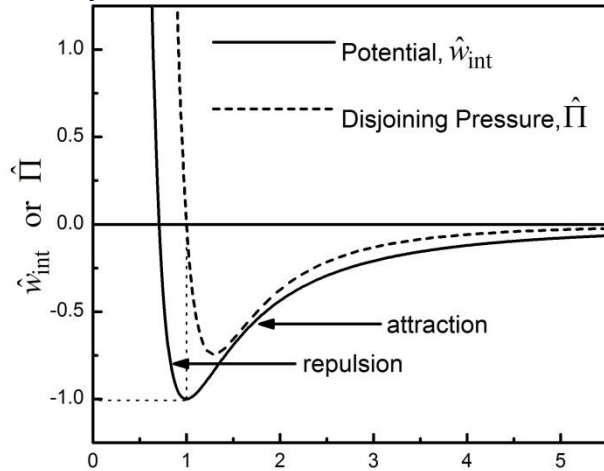
$$\vartheta = 0 \text{ at } \xi = 0, \quad \vartheta = \frac{\pi}{2} \text{ at } \xi = 1$$

Dimensionless numbers

$$\hat{k}_b = \frac{k_b}{\chi R_o^2}; \quad \hat{P}_A = \frac{P_A R_o}{\chi}; \quad \hat{\gamma}_{BW} = \frac{\gamma_{BW}}{\chi}; \quad \hat{W}_0 = \frac{W_0}{\chi}$$

Unknowns:

$$r(\xi), \theta(\xi), P_G$$



$$\hat{w}_{\text{int}} = \frac{w_{\text{int}}}{w_0}; \quad \hat{\Pi} = \frac{\Pi \delta_A}{w_0}; \quad \Pi = -\frac{\partial w_{\text{int}}}{\partial n}$$

[Blount et al. *Proc. R. Soc. A*, 2013]

[Starov & Verlade, *J. Phys. Condens. Matter*, 2009]

[Lytra & Pelekasis, *Phys. of Fluids*, 2018]



Constitutive laws & Pre-stressed shell

Elastic Tensions

$$\underline{\tau} = \frac{2}{J_s} \left[\frac{\partial w}{\partial l_1} \underline{A} \cdot \underline{A}^T + \frac{\partial w}{\partial l_2} J_s^2 (\underline{I} - \underline{n}\underline{n}) \right]$$

Function of Elastic Energy

$$w^{HK} = \frac{G_s}{4(1-\nu)} \left[(\lambda_s^2 - 1)^2 + 2\nu(\lambda_s^2 - 1)(\lambda_\varphi^2 - 1) + (\lambda_\varphi^2 - 1)^2 \right]$$

$$w^{MR} = w(l_1, l_2) = \frac{G_{MR}}{2} \left[(1-b) \left(l_1 + 2 + \frac{1}{l_2 + 1} \right) + b \left(\frac{l_1 + 2}{l_2 + 1} + l_2 + 1 \right) \right]$$

$$w^{SK} = w(l_1, l_2) = \frac{G_{SK}}{4} \left[l_1^2 + 2l_1 - 2l_2 + Cl_2^2 \right]$$

$$\text{Function of bending } w_b = \frac{k_b}{2} (K_s^2 + 2\nu K_s K_\varphi + K_\varphi^2)$$

$$\text{Gas compression: } \hat{w}_c = V \left(P_A + \Delta P + \frac{P_G}{\gamma - 1} \right) - V_o \left(P_A + \frac{P_A + 2\gamma_{BW}}{\gamma - 1} \right)$$

$$\text{Surface energy: } \hat{w}_s = \int_A \gamma_{BW} dA$$

$$R^{SF} = R^0 - u$$

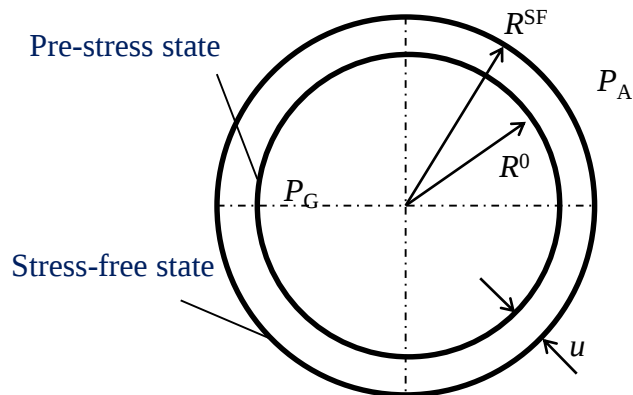
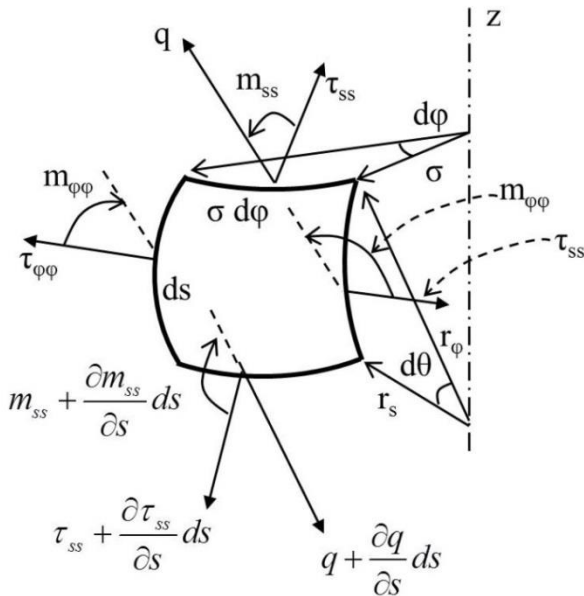
$$\lambda_s = \lambda_\varphi = \frac{R^0}{R^0 - u}$$

$$P_G = P_A + 2\gamma_{BW} + \tau_{ss} + \tau_{\varphi\varphi}$$

[Timoshenko & Woinowsky-Krieger, *Theory of plates and shells*. 1959]

[Barthès-Biesel et al., *J. Fluid Mech.*, 2002]

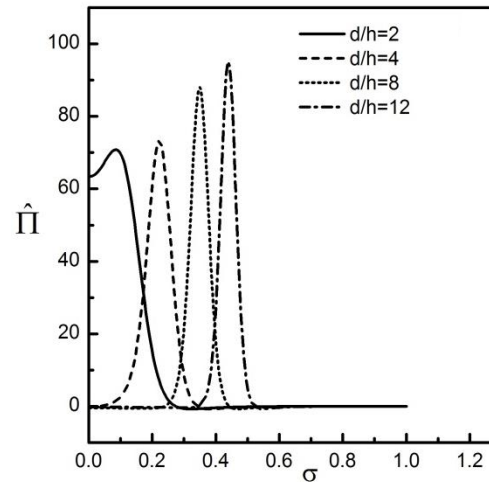
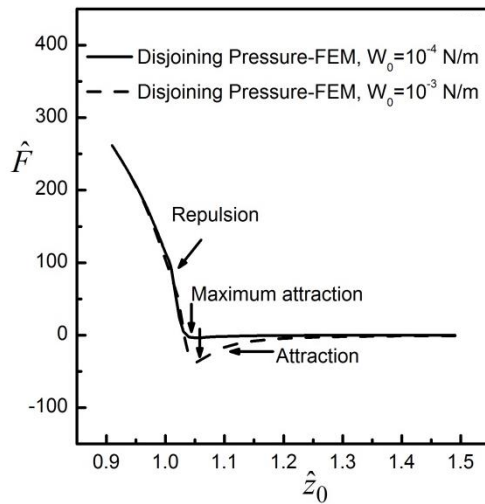
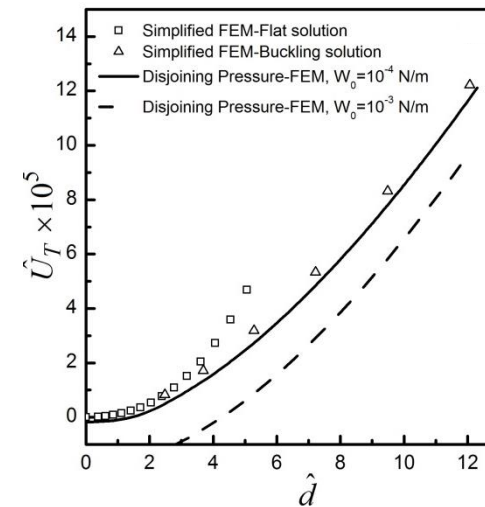
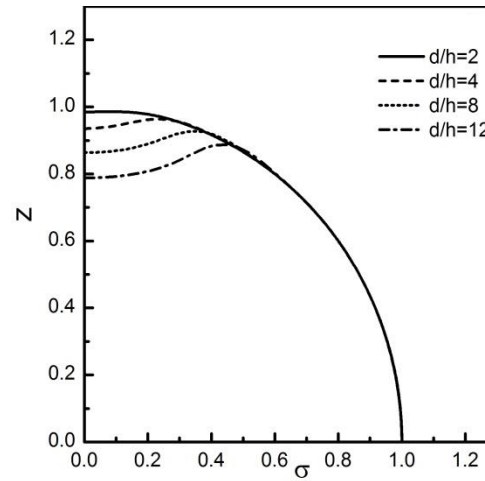
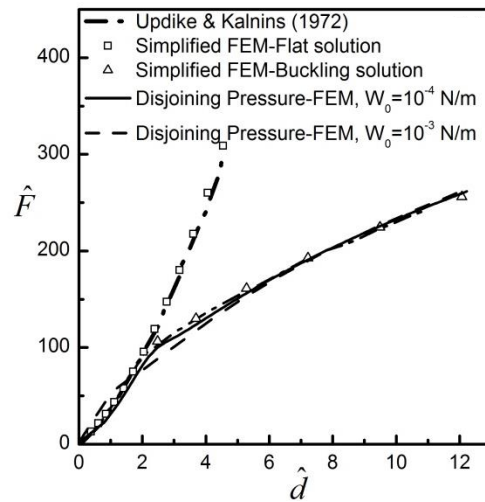
[Pozrikidis, *Modeling and Simulation of Capsules & Biological Cells* 2003]



- **Method of Weighted Residuals:** $\underline{\underline{J}} \cdot d\vec{c} = \vec{R}$ $\underline{\underline{J}}$: Jacobian Matrix
 $\vec{c}$: Unknown coefficients
 $\vec{R}$: Residuals
- **Basis Functions:**
B-Cubic Splines
$$B_i(t_j) = \begin{cases} 4, & j=1 \\ 1, & j=i \pm 1 \\ 0, & j=i \pm 2 \end{cases}$$
- **Solution of the System:** Newton-Raphson Iterations
Simple or Arc-Length Continuation



Validation



- The numerical model recovers the analytical solution.
- The flat solution after the buckling point is unstable.
- The pick of the disjoining pressure profile is located at the end of contact area for flat shapes and at the dimple for buckled shapes.

$$\hat{k}_b = 9 \cdot 10^{-6}, \hat{P}_A = 10^{-2}, \hat{W}_0 = 10^{-4} \text{ or } 10^{-3}, \hat{\gamma}_{BW} = 0$$

$$E = 10^9 \text{ Pa}, R/h = 100$$

$$\nu = 0.3, \gamma = 0, \text{ Hooke's law, } u = 0$$

[Updike & Kalnins, *Trans. ASME*, 1970, 1972, 1972]



Asymptotic Solutions

- Linear response in f-d curve with flat shapes

Reissner's eq. $F = \frac{4}{[3(1-\nu^2)]^{0.5}} \frac{Eh^2}{R_0} \Delta$ or $F = 8\sqrt{\chi k_b} \frac{\Delta}{R_0}$

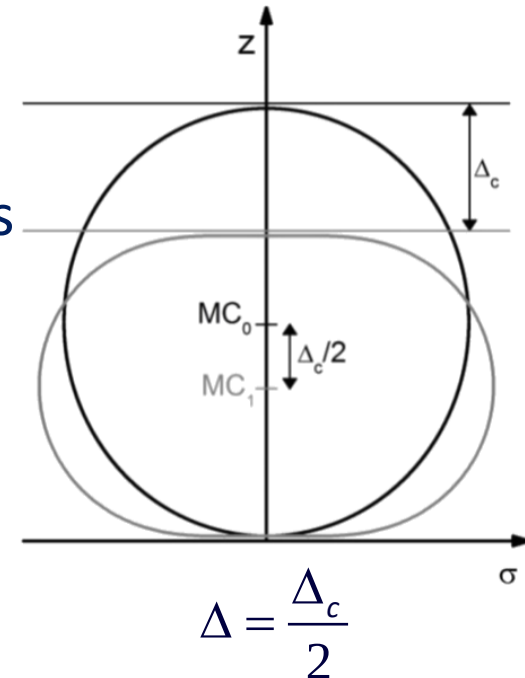
- Curved downwards response with buckled shapes

Pogorelov's eq. $F = \left[\frac{3.56E^2h^5}{(1-\nu^2)R_o^2} \Delta \right]^{0.5}$

- Curved upwards response with flat shapes

Pressure dominated regime: $F = \frac{4\pi\chi}{R_0^2} \Delta^3 = 4\pi\chi R_0 \left(\frac{\Delta}{R_0} \right)^3$

Total Force: $F = 8\sqrt{\chi k_b} \frac{\Delta}{R_0} + 4\pi\chi R_0 \left(\frac{\Delta}{R_0} \right)^3$



[Reissner, *J. Math. Phys.*, 1946]

[Pogorelov, *Am. Math. Soc.*, 1988]

[Landau, *Theory of Elasticity*, 1986]

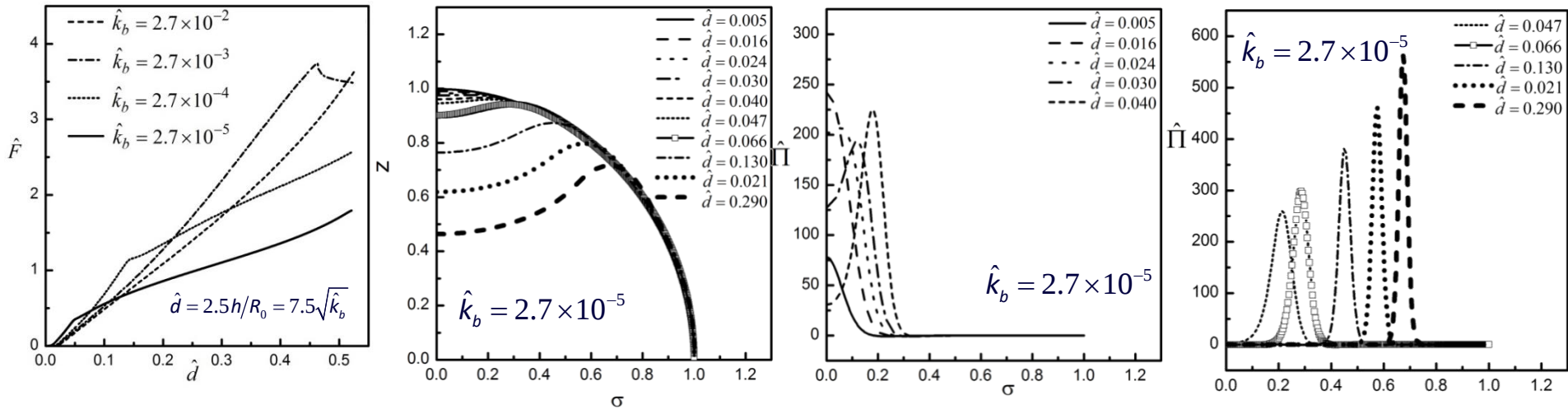
[Shanahan, *J. Adhesion*, 1997]

[Lulevich et al., *J. Chem. Phys.*, 2004]

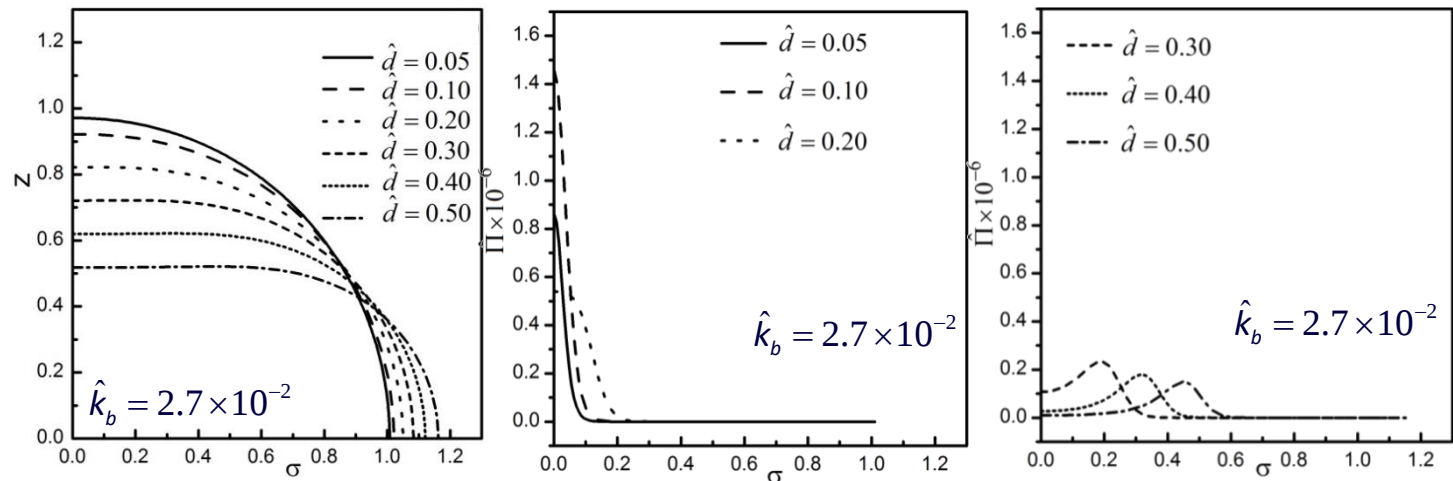
[Lytra & Pelekasis, *Phys. of Fluids*, 2018]



Parametric Study: $\hat{P}_A \ll 1$ Microbubbles covered with polymer: Effect of bending 10



- The f-d curves initially follow the **Reissner** regime and then the **Pogorelov**.
- Increasing bending postpones buckling.
- Disjoining pressure is concentrated around the contact area at small deformations and at the end of contact for higher deformations.



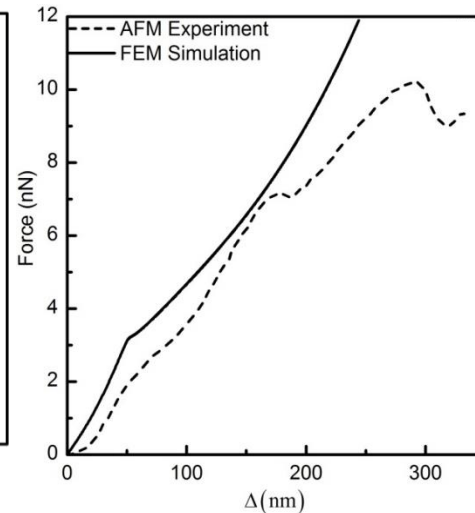
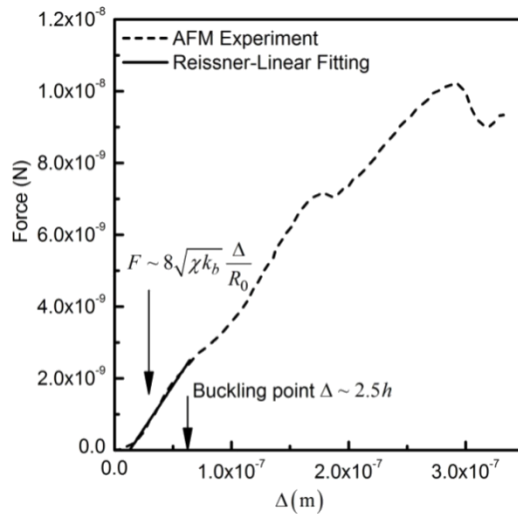
$$\hat{P}_A = 3 \times 10^{-4}, \hat{W}_0 = 2 \times 10^{-6}, \hat{P}_{BW} = 0$$

$$\nu = 0.5, \gamma = 0, \text{Hooke's law}, u = 0$$

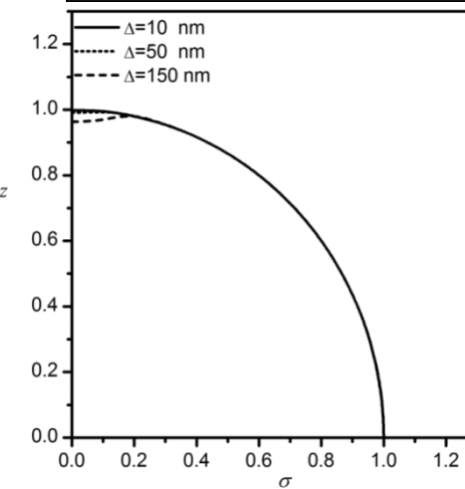
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AFM Experiment by *Elsner et al., Prog. Col. Pol. Sc., 2006*

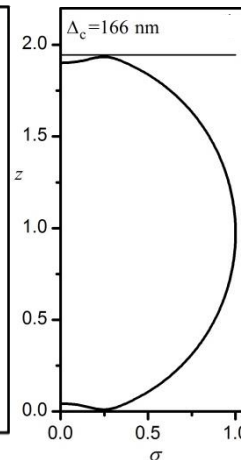
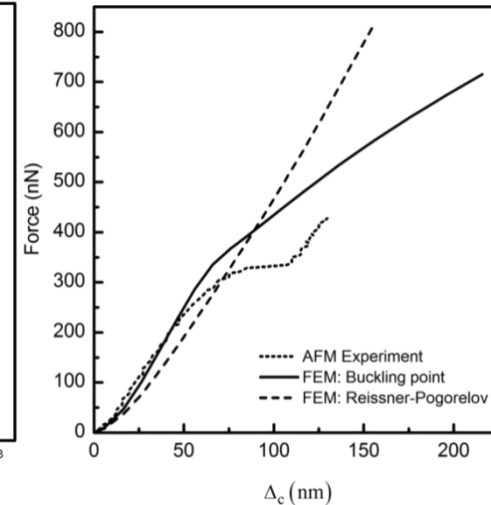
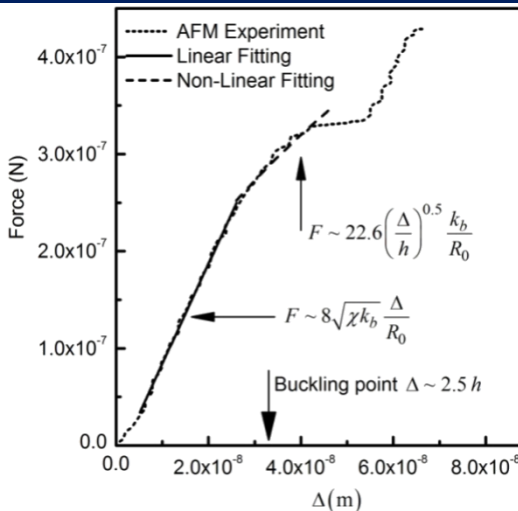


$R_0 = 7.9 \mu\text{m}$, $h = 25 \text{ nm}$, $E = 252 \text{ MPa}$, $W_0 = 10^{-5} \text{ N/m}$,
 $\nu = 0.33$, $\gamma = 1.07$, Hooke's law,
 $\hat{k}_b = 9.4 \times 10^{-7}$, $\hat{P}_A = 1.3 \times 10^{-1}$, $\hat{W}_0 = 1.6 \times 10^{-6}$, $\hat{\nu}_{BW} = 0$



- The f-d curves initially follow the **Reissner**, then the **Pogorelov** & at high deformations the pressure dominate regime.
- Similar response in the AFM experiment with instabilities at higher deformations.
- Coupling of the Reissner's regime and the buckling point estimate the elastic properties.
- Satisfactory agreement between the two curves.

AFM Experiment by *Glynos et al., Langmuir, 2009*



Reissner & Buckling point

Reissner to Pogorelov

$R_0 = 2 \mu\text{m}$, $h = 13 \text{ nm}$, $E = 48 \text{ GPa}$, $W_0 = 10^{-3} \text{ N/m}$,
 $\nu = 0.42$, $\gamma = 1.07$, Hooke's law,
 $\hat{k}_b = 4.3 \times 10^{-6}$, $\hat{P}_A = 3.2 \times 10^{-4}$, $\hat{W}_0 = 1.6 \times 10^{-6}$, $\hat{\nu}_{BW} = 0$

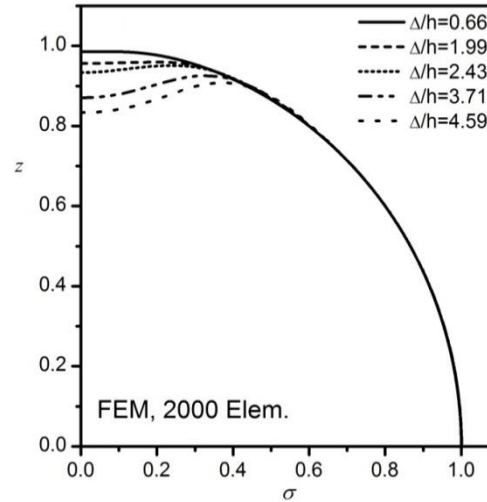
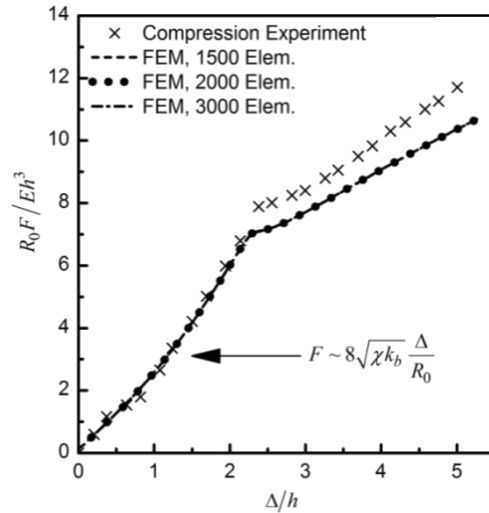
$h = 36 \text{ nm}$, $E = 6 \text{ GPa}$

- Same response pattern in f-d curves.
- The Reissner to Pogorelov transition overestimates the deformation.
- Combination of Reissner model & the buckling point predicts better the experiment.
- The horizontal plateau in experimental curve indicates inelastic effects.

[Lytra et al., *Soft Matter*, submitted]



Experiment by *Shorter et al., J. Mech. Mat. & Str., 2010*



Reissner & Buckling point

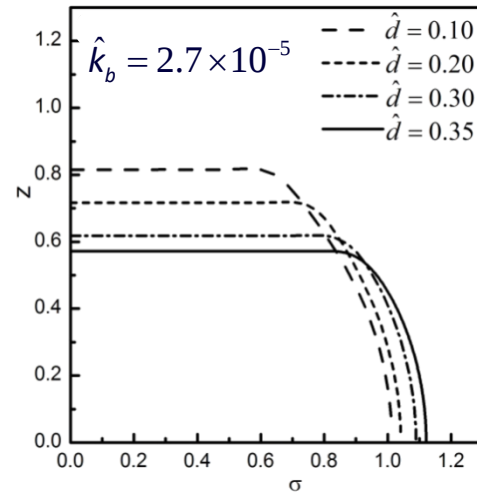
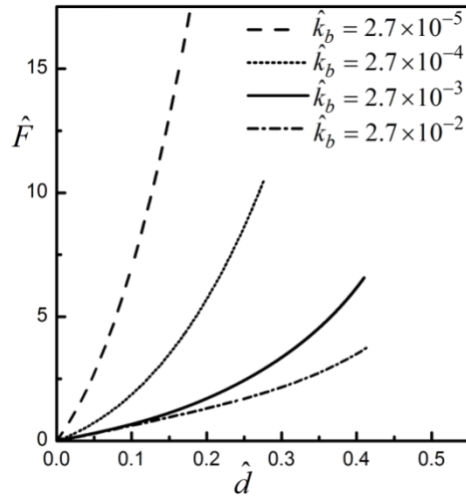
$$\begin{aligned} R_0 &= 2 \text{ cm}, \quad h = 0.4 \text{ mm}, \\ E &= 2.8 \text{ MPa}, \quad A = 10^{-10} \text{ Nm}, \\ \nu &= 0.4, \quad \gamma = 0, \quad \text{Hooke's law}, \\ \hat{k}_b &= 4 \times 10^{-5}, \quad \hat{P}_A = 0, \\ \hat{A} &= 2.2 \times 10^{-10}, \quad \hat{\gamma}_{BW} = 0, \quad u = 0 \end{aligned}$$

- A pure repulsive potential is considered here (Hamaker).
- The transition area between the contact and the outer shell is very small in comparison with the shell radius. Thus an area of high curvature is formed, which requires a finer mesh in order to obtain a converged solution.

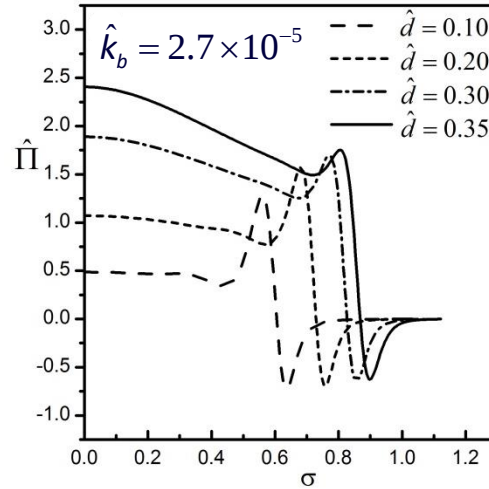
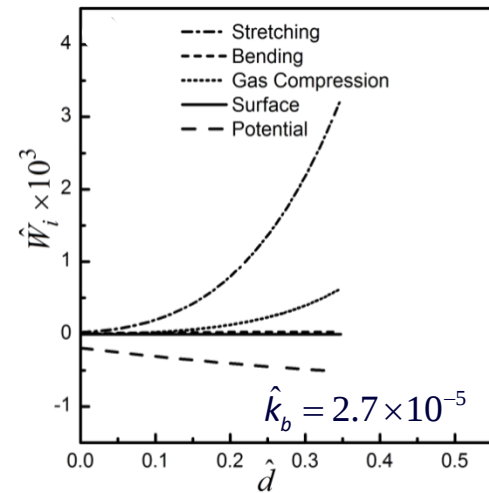
[Lytra et al., *Soft Matter*, submitted]



Parametric Study: $\hat{P}_A \sim 1$ Microbubbles covered with phospholipid: Effect of bending ¹³



- When elasticity is comparable with the gas pressure buckling is by-passed to a curved up-wards regime even for shell with small bending modulus.
- The increase of bending extends the validity of Reissner regime.
- The profiles of the disjoining pressure have a non-zero plateau in the contact area, which is responsible for the cubic dependence of the f-d curve.



$$\hat{P}_A = 3, \hat{W}_0 = 2 \times 10^{-3}, \hat{\gamma}_{BW} = 0$$

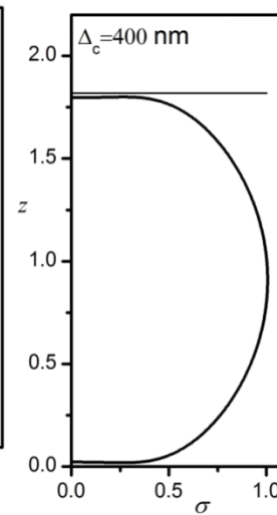
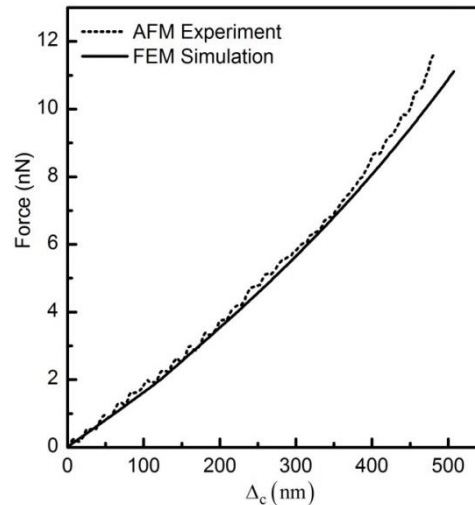
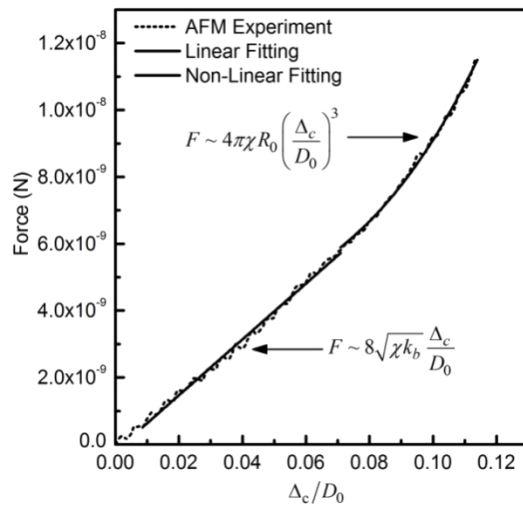
$$\nu = 0.5, \gamma = 0, \text{Mooney - Rivlin law, } u = 0$$

[Lytra & Pelekasis, *Phys. of Fluids*, 2018]



$\hat{P}_A \sim 1$ Microbubbles covered with phospholipid: Comparison with AFM experiments

Experiment by *Bucher Santos et al., Langmuir, 2012.*

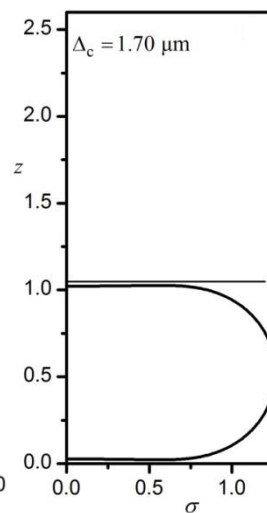
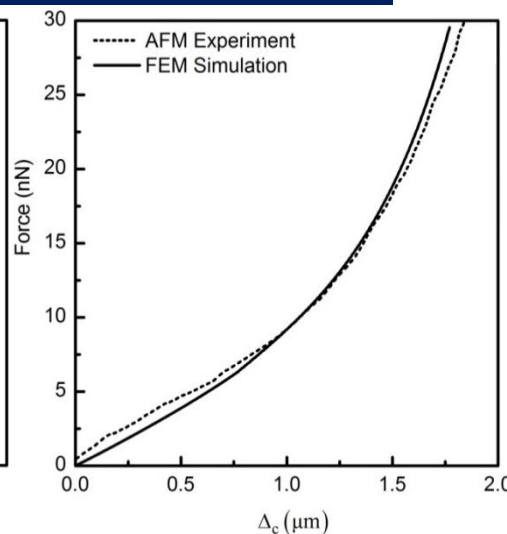
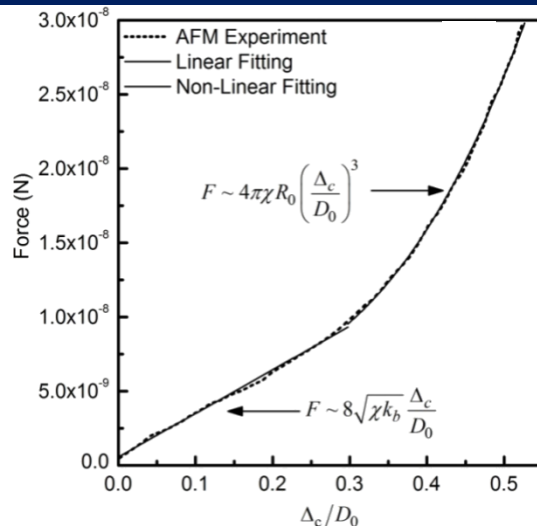


Reissner & pressure dominated regime

$$R_0 = 2.1 \mu\text{m}, \chi = 0.19 \text{ N/m}, k_b = 5.8 \times 10^{-16} \text{ Nm}, W_0 = 10^{-4} \text{ N/m}, \\ \nu = 0.5, \gamma = 1.07, \text{Mooney-Rivlin law}, \\ \hat{k}_b = 6.9 \times 10^{-4}, \hat{P}_A = 1.1, \hat{W}_0 = 5.2 \times 10^{-4}, \hat{\gamma}_{BW} = 0$$

- The experimental f-d curve follows the initial linear Reissner's regime and then the curved upwards cubic regime.
- Coupling of the two asymptotic models gives reliable estimates of the area elasticity and bending moduli.
- Numerical and experimental curves are in excellent agreement.
- The MB remains flattened around the contact area even at higher values of deformation.

Experiment by *Abou-Saleh et al., Langmuir, 2013.*



Reissner & pressure dominated regime

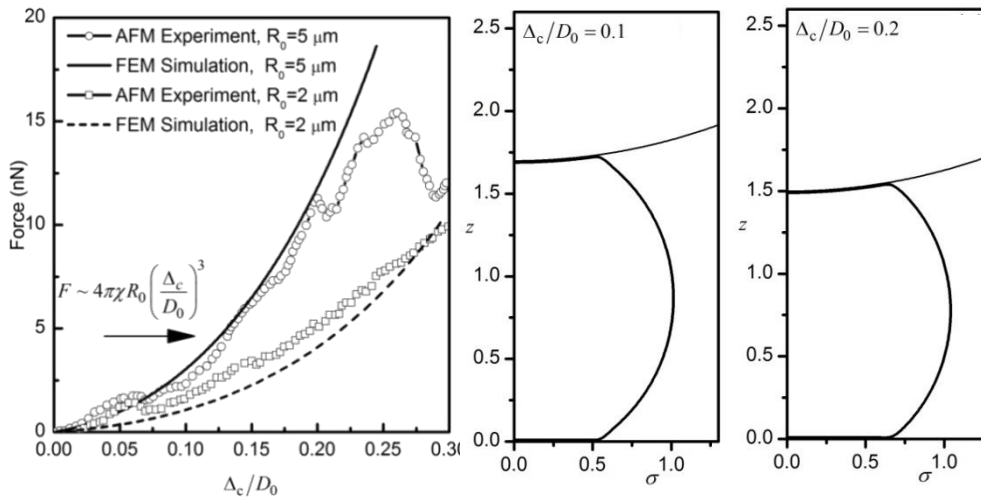
$$R_0 = 1.75 \mu\text{m}, \chi = 7.7 \times 10^{-3} \text{ N/m}, k_b = 1.76 \times 10^{-15} \text{ Nm}, W_0 = 10^{-4} \text{ N/m}, \\ \nu = 0.5, \gamma = 1.07, \text{Mooney-Rivlin law}, \\ \hat{k}_b = 7.5 \times 10^{-2}, \hat{P}_A = 2.3, \hat{W}_0 = 1.3 \times 10^{-2}, \hat{\gamma}_{BW} = 0$$

[Lytra et al., *Soft Matter*, submitted]

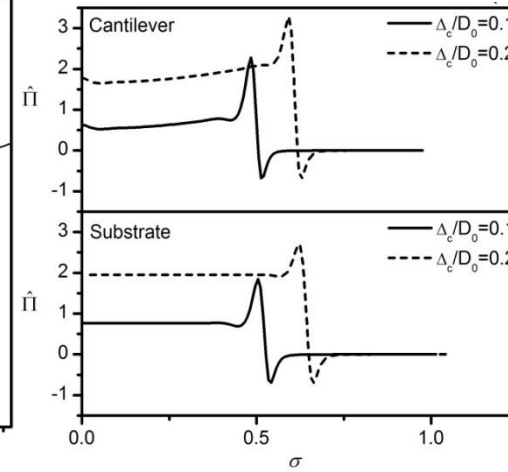


$\hat{P}_A \gg 1$ Capsules with constant volume: Comparison with AFM experiments

Experiment by *Lulevich et al., J. Chem. Phys., 2004.-PLA*

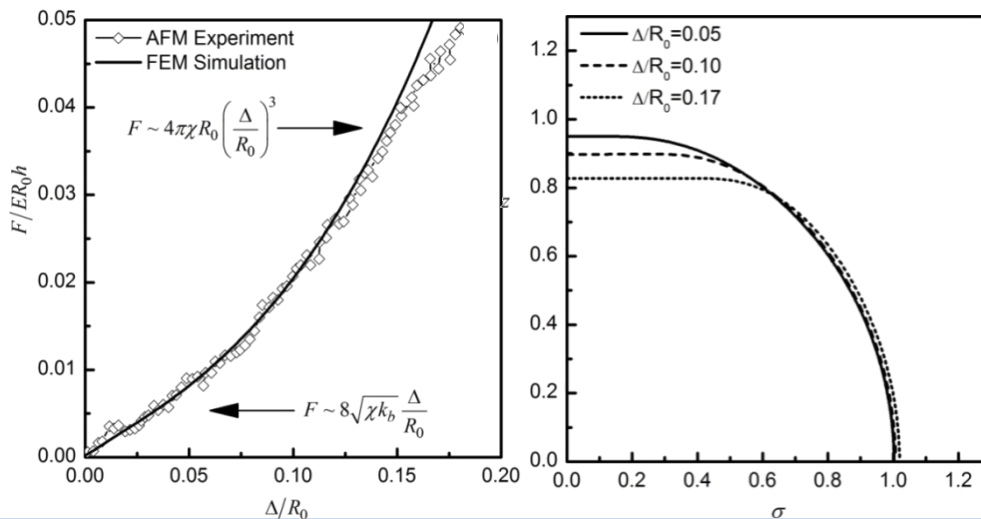


$R_0 = 5 \mu\text{m}$, $E = 1 \text{ MPa}$, $h = 25 \text{ nm}$, $W_0 = 10^{-5} \text{ N/m}$
 $\nu = 0.5$, Hooke's law,
 $\hat{k}_b = 2.78 \times 10^{-6}$, $\hat{P}_A = 20$, $\hat{W}_0 = 4 \times 10^{-4}$, $\hat{\nu}_{BW} = 0$

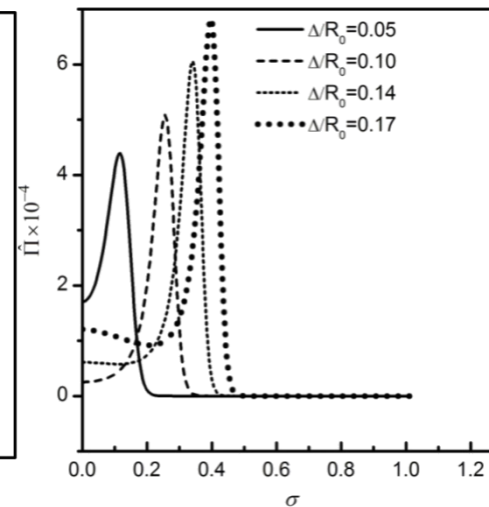


- The experimental f-d curve follows the curved upwards cubic regime.
- The linear regime disappears due to relatively small bending resistance.
- The asymmetric loading conditions do not introduce significant discrepancies.
- Both contact areas remain flattened without buckling.

Experiment by *Mercadé-Prieto et al., Chem. Eng. Sc., 2011.-MF*



$R_0 = 4.4 \mu\text{m}$, $E = 1.17 \text{ GPa}$, $h = 290 \text{ nm}$, $W_0 = 10^{-5} \text{ N/m}$
 $\nu = 0.5$, Hooke's law,
 $\hat{k}_b = 4.8 \times 10^{-4}$, $\hat{P}_A = 1.3 \times 10^{-3}$, $\hat{W}_0 = 3 \times 10^{-8}$, $\hat{\nu}_{BW} = 0$

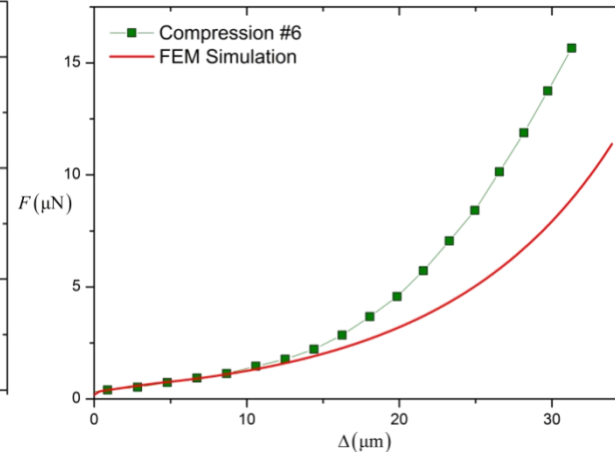
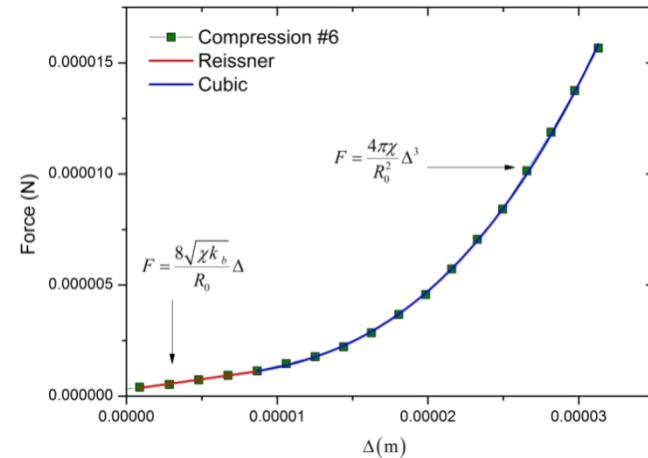


- The experimental f-d curve follows the linear Reissner regime and then the curved upwards cubic regime.
- The disjoining pressure reflect also the calculated f-d curves:
- PLA: constant and increasing disjoining pressure near the contact area even at small values of deformations.
- MF: Initially point load at the end of contact area and then non-zero around the contact for higher deformation.

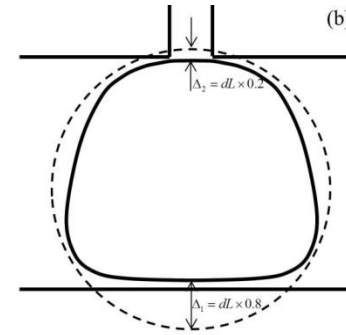
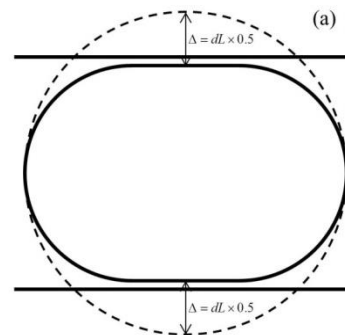
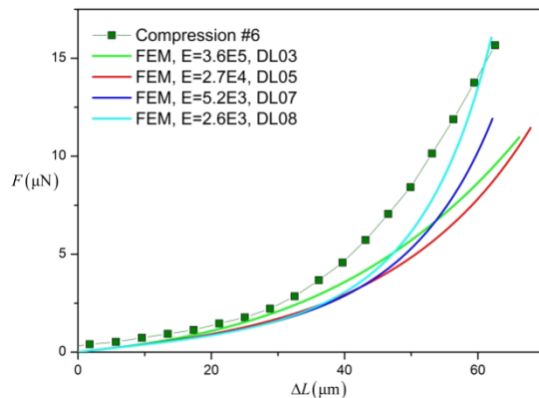


$\hat{P}_A \gg 1$ Capsules with constant volume: Comparison with AFM type experiments

Experiment by *Frostad et al.* (on going work...)



- The experimental f-d curve follows the linear Reissner regime and then the curved upwards cubic regime.
- The numerical curve predicts very well the linear regime, but underestimates the force in the non-linear regime.
- Asymmetric scenarios are investigated.
- Modelling improvement required.



Modelling & Simulations of AFM Experiments

- A theoretical model is presented to simulate afm experiments.
- **MB covered with polymer:** The f-d curve follows the Reissner and then the Pogorelov regime, where buckling takes place.
- **MB covered with lipid:** The f-d curves follow the Reissner and then the pressure dominated regime, where the shape remains flattened in the contact area.
- **Capsules with constant volume:** The f-d curves follow the same response pattern as MB covered with lipid.
But, for relatively small bending resistance the linear regime shrinks and the cubic response dominates even at low values of deformation.
- The increase of bending postpones buckling.
- Gas pressure prevents buckling even for relatively thin shells.
- The elastic properties can be estimated from the f-d curves for both type of materials, based on simple analytical solutions.
- The theoretical model recovers the experiments for a wide range of afm data.



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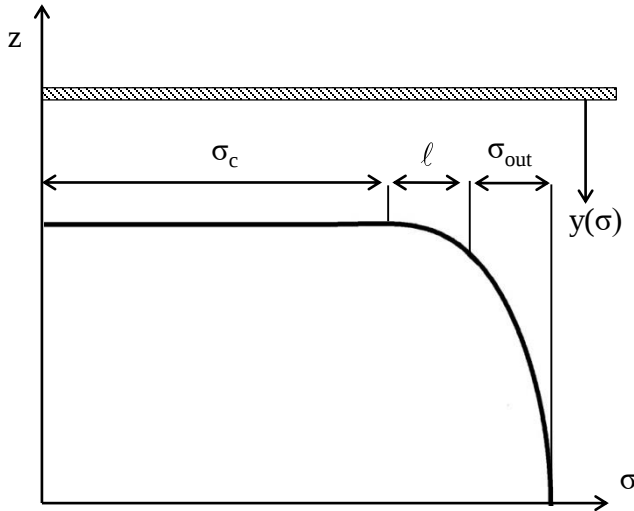
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Thank you for your attention!



Extra Slides

Asymptotic Analysis for Microbubbles covered with Lipid Monolayer



Contact regime
(shear vanish)

Transition regime
(Bending ~ Dis. Pressure)

Outer regime

Total force

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \vec{n} : P_G - P_A \approx \frac{\partial W}{\partial n} \\ \vec{t}_s : \frac{\partial \tau_{ss}}{\partial s} \approx -\frac{1}{\sigma} \frac{\partial \sigma}{\partial s} (\tau_{ss} - \tau_{\varphi\varphi}) \end{array} \right.$$

$$k_b \frac{\delta_A}{\ell^4} \sim \frac{W_0}{\delta_A} \rightarrow \ell \sim \delta_A^{1/2} \left(\frac{k_b}{W_0} \right)^{1/4} \\ \rightarrow \ell / R_0 \sim \left(\frac{\delta_A}{R_0} \right)^{1/2} \left(\frac{k_b}{W_0 R_0^2} \right)^{1/4} \rightarrow \ell \ll R_0$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \vec{n} : \frac{\partial \hat{q}}{\partial \hat{s}} \approx \frac{\partial W}{\partial n} \\ \vec{t}_s : \frac{\partial \tau_{ss}}{\partial \hat{s}} \approx -k_s \hat{q} \end{array} \right. \quad q = \frac{q'}{k_b (1/R_0^2)}, \quad \hat{q} = \frac{q'}{k_b (\delta_A / \ell^3)}$$

$$q = \frac{\partial m_s}{\partial s} + \frac{m_s}{\sigma} \frac{\partial \sigma}{\partial s} - \frac{\partial \sigma}{\partial s} \frac{m_\phi}{\sigma} \xrightarrow{m_s \sim \hat{m}_s} \hat{q} \approx \frac{\partial \hat{m}_s}{\partial \hat{s}}$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \vec{n} : (P_G - P_A) = k_s \tau_{ss} + k_\varphi \tau_{\varphi\varphi} - \frac{1}{\sigma} \frac{\partial (\sigma q)}{\partial s} + \gamma_{BW} (\vec{\nabla}_s \cdot \vec{n}) \\ \vec{t}_s : \frac{\partial \tau_{ss}}{\partial s} + \frac{1}{\sigma} \frac{\partial \sigma}{\partial s} (\tau_{ss} - \tau_{\varphi\varphi}) + k_s q = 0 \end{array} \right.$$

$$q = \frac{\partial m_s}{\partial s} + \frac{m_s}{\sigma} \frac{\partial \sigma}{\partial s} - \frac{\partial \sigma}{\partial s} \frac{m_\phi}{\sigma}, \quad P_G V^\gamma = P_{G0} V_0^\gamma$$

$$F = F_C + F_{Tr} \approx (P_G - P_A) \pi L^2 + q' 2\pi L$$



Classic Contact Problem

Normal and Tangential Force Balance

$$\Delta \vec{F} = \Delta \vec{P} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} \Delta \vec{F}_N = (P_G - P_A - P_{ext}(\xi)) \underline{\underline{l}} \cdot \vec{n} \\ \Delta \vec{F}_s = \vec{0} \end{cases}$$

$$\Delta \vec{F} = -\vec{\nabla}_s \cdot (\tau_{ss} \vec{t}_s \vec{t}_s + \tau_{\varphi\varphi} \vec{t}_\varphi \vec{t}_\varphi + q \vec{t}_s \vec{n}) + \gamma_{BW} \vec{\nabla}_s \cdot \vec{n}$$

$$\vec{q} = \vec{\nabla}_s \cdot \underline{\underline{m}} \cdot (\underline{\underline{l}} - \vec{n} \vec{n})$$

$$\begin{cases} \vec{n} : P_G - P_A - P_{ext}(\xi) = k_s \tau_{ss} + k_\varphi \tau_{\varphi\varphi} - \frac{1}{\sigma} \frac{\partial(\sigma q)}{\partial s} + 2k_m \gamma_{BW} \\ \vec{t}_s : - \left[\frac{\partial \tau_{ss}}{\partial s} + \frac{1}{\sigma} \frac{\partial \sigma}{\partial s} (\tau_{ss} - \tau_{\varphi\varphi}) + k_s q \right] = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$q = \frac{1}{\sigma} \frac{\partial \sigma}{\partial s} \left[\frac{\partial(\sigma m_{ss})}{\partial \sigma} - m_{\varphi\varphi} \right], P_{ext}(\xi) = \begin{cases} P_{ext}, \xi = \xi_c \\ 0, \xi \neq \xi_c \end{cases}$$

Kinematic Condition

$$z_\xi = 0 \quad \text{at} \quad \xi = \xi_c$$

Isothermal Gas Compression

$$P_{G0} V_0^\gamma = P_G V^\gamma$$

Boundary Conditions

$$r_\xi = \vartheta_{\xi\xi} = 0 \quad \text{at} \quad \xi = 0 \text{ and } 1$$

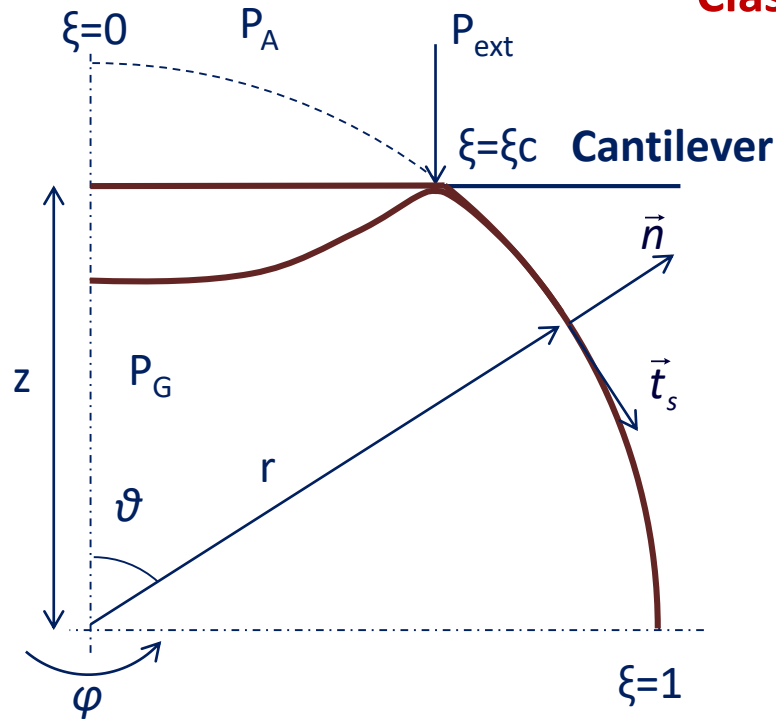
$$\vartheta = 0 \quad \text{at} \quad \xi = 0, \quad \vartheta = \frac{\pi}{2} \quad \text{at} \quad \xi = 1$$

$$\hat{r} = \frac{r}{R_o}; \quad \hat{k}_b = \frac{k_b}{\chi R_o^2}; \quad \hat{P}_A = \frac{P_A R_o}{\chi}; \quad \hat{\gamma}_{BW} = \frac{\gamma_{BW}}{\chi}; \quad \hat{\chi} = 1$$

$$\hat{k}_b = \frac{k_b}{\chi R_o^2} = \frac{1}{12(1-\nu^2)} \left(\frac{h}{R_o} \right)^2; \quad \hat{P}_A = \frac{P_A R_o}{\chi}$$

Unknowns:

$$r(\xi), \theta(\xi), P_G, P_{ext}$$



Comparison against experiments

$$\text{Deformation} = R_o - z(\xi_c)$$

[Barthès-Biesel et al., *J. Fluid Mech.*, 2002]

[Pozrikidis, *Modeling and Simulation of Capsules and Biological Cells*. 2003: Taylor & Francis]

[Tsiglifis & Pelekasis, *Phys. Fluids*, 2011]

[Udipike & Kalnins, *Trans. ASME*, 1970, 1972, 1972]

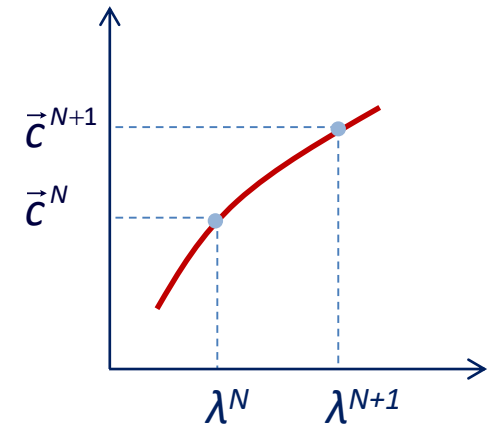


Continuation of the solution

Simple Continuation:

$$\lambda^{N+1} = \lambda^N + \Delta\lambda$$

Initial guess for the
new solution (N+1): $\vec{c}^{N+1} = \vec{c}^N$



Arc-Length Continuation:

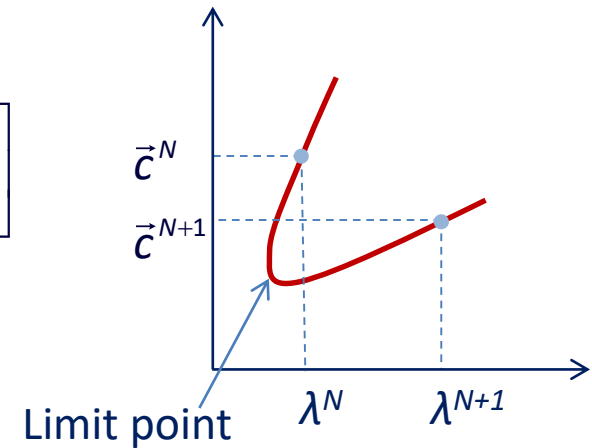
$$\begin{bmatrix} [J] & \vec{R}_\lambda \\ \vec{N}_c & N_\lambda \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \vec{c} \\ \lambda \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \vec{R} \\ N \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \begin{bmatrix} [J] & \vec{R}_\lambda \\ \vec{N}_c & N_\lambda \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \partial \vec{c} / \partial s \\ \partial \lambda / \partial s \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \partial \vec{R} / \partial s \\ \partial N / \partial s \end{bmatrix}$$

$$N = (c_i^{N+1} - c_i^N)^2 + (\lambda^{N+1} - \lambda^N)^2 - \Delta s^2$$

Initial guess for the new solution (N+1):

$$\vec{c}^{N+1} = \vec{c}^N - \frac{\partial \vec{c}^N}{\partial s} \Delta s$$

$$\lambda^{N+1} = \lambda^N - \frac{\partial \lambda^N}{\partial s} \Delta s$$



Initial Guess $\longrightarrow$ Newton-Raphson Iterations $\longrightarrow$ Convergence



Finite Elements-Weak Form

Weak Form-Classic contact problem

$$R_1 = \int_0^1 \left[(k_s \tau_{ss} + k_\varphi \tau_{\varphi\varphi} + 2k_m \sigma + P(\xi) + P_{atm} - P_G) B_i r \sin \vartheta s_\xi - \frac{\sigma (B_{i,\xi\xi} s_\xi - B_{i,\xi} s_{\xi\xi})}{s_\xi^2} - \frac{m_\varphi B_{i,\xi} \sigma_\xi}{s_\xi} \right] d\xi + M_{BT}$$

$$R_2 = \int_0^1 \left[\tau_{ss} B_{i,\xi} \sigma + B_i \sigma_\xi \tau_{\varphi\varphi} + \sigma m_s (k_{s,\xi} B_i + k_s B_{i,\xi}) + k_s m_\varphi B_i \sigma_\xi \right] d\xi + N_{BT}$$

$$R_3 = P_G V^\nu - P_{atm} V_0^\nu$$

where

$$\xi = 0 : (\vartheta = 0) \quad M_{BT} = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad N_{BT} = 0$$

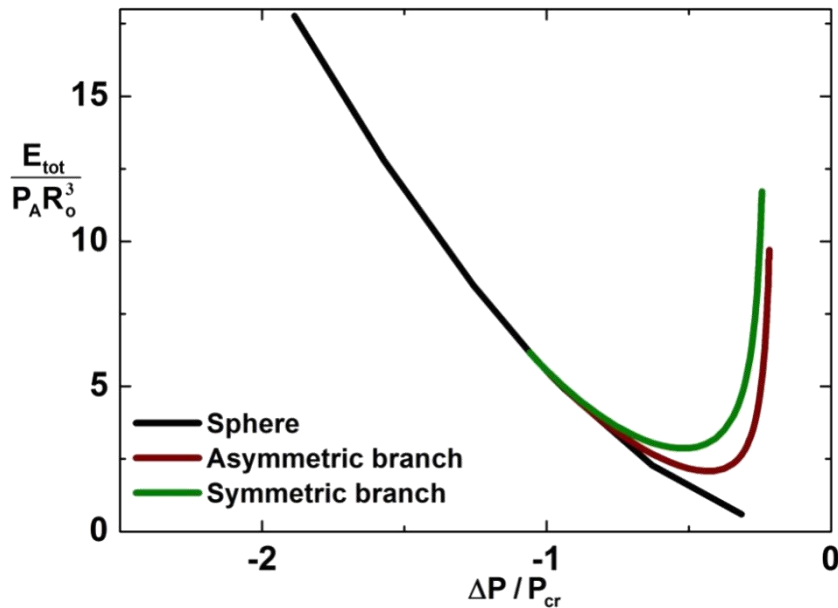
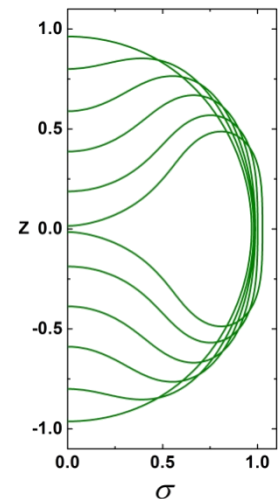
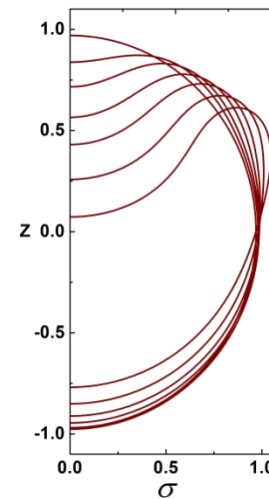
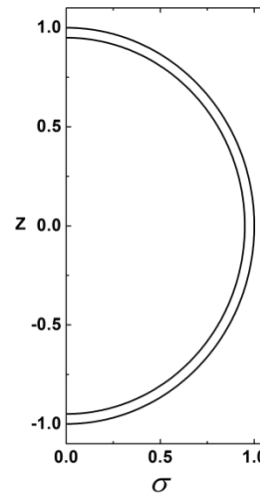
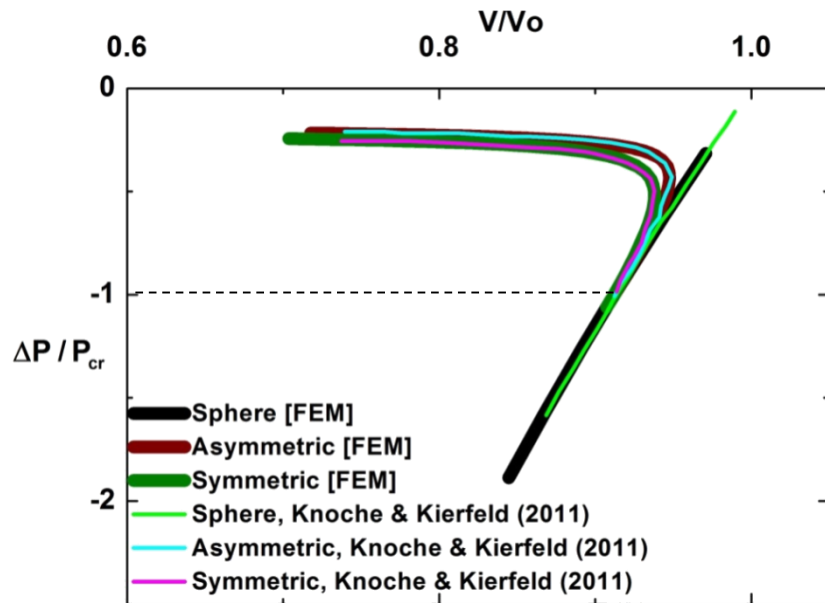
$$\xi = 1 : \left(\vartheta = \frac{\pi}{2} \right) \quad M_{BT} = \frac{\sigma m_s B_{i,\xi}}{s_\xi} - \sigma q B_i \quad \text{and}$$

$$N_{BT} = -[k_s m_s + \tau_{ss}] \sigma B_i$$

$$s_\xi = \frac{ds}{d\xi} = \sqrt{r^2 \vartheta_\xi^2 + r_\xi^2} \quad ; \quad \sigma = r \sin \vartheta \quad ; \quad \sigma_\xi = \frac{d\sigma}{d\xi} = r_\xi \sin \vartheta + r \vartheta_\xi \cos \vartheta$$



Validation of Bifurcation Diagrams



$$\hat{k}_b = 10^{-3}, \hat{P}_A = 4 \cdot 10^{-3}$$

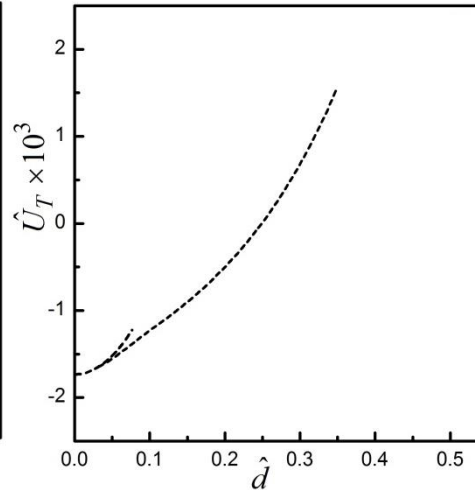
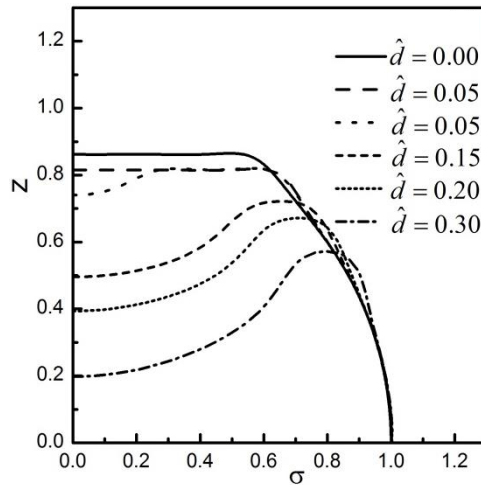
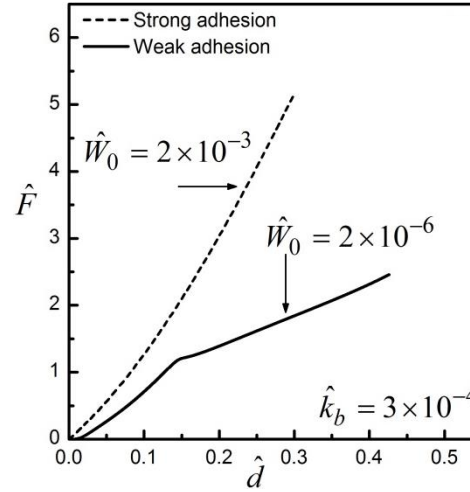
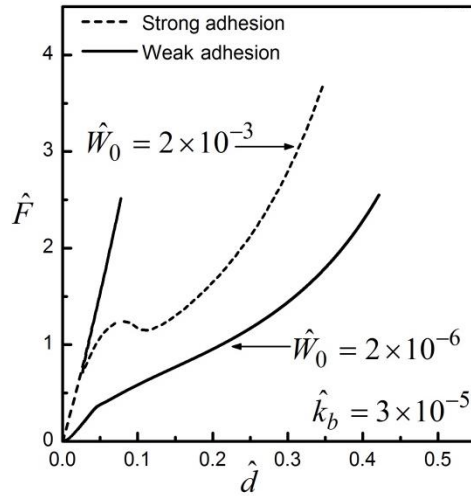
$$E = 2.64 \cdot 10^8 \text{ Pa}, h = 1.9 \cdot 10^{-7} \text{ m}, R_o = 2 \cdot 10^{-6} \text{ m}$$

$$\nu = 0.5, \gamma_{BW} = 0 \text{ N/m}, \gamma = 1.07, \text{ Hook's law, } u = 0$$

[Knoche & Kierfeld, *Physical Review E*, 2011]



Parametric Study: $\hat{P}_A \ll 1$ Microbubbles covered with polymer: Effect of adhesion ²⁵



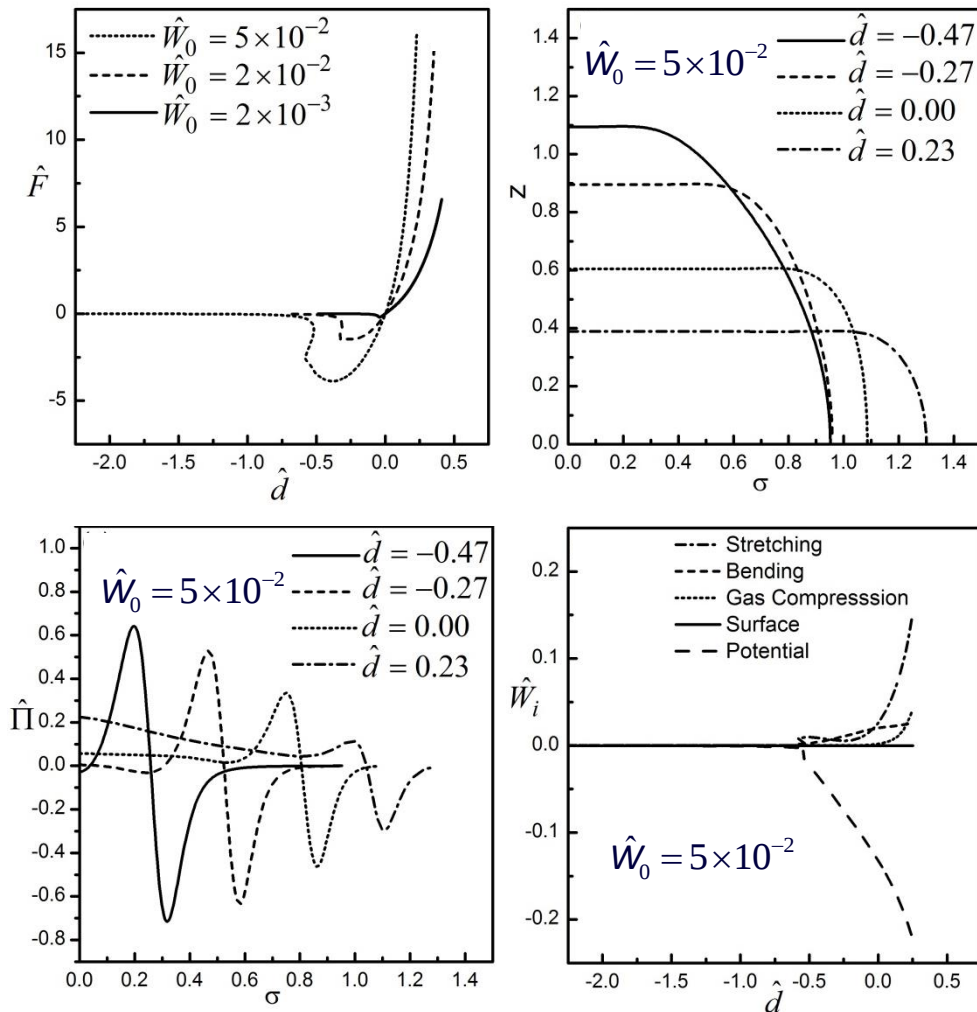
$$\hat{k}_b = 3 \times 10^{-5}, \hat{P}_A = 3 \times 10^{-5}, \hat{W}_0 = 2 \times 10^{-3}, \hat{\nu}_{BW} = 0$$

$$\nu = 0.5, \gamma = 0, \text{Hooke's law, } u = 0$$

- Buckling is postponed or even by-passed as adhesion increases.
- When strong adhesion is considered, the zero point force does not correspond to an undeformed shape.
- The flat solution after the buckling point has higher energy: Unstable branch.



Parametric Study: $\hat{P}_A \sim 1$ Microbubbles covered with phospholipid: Effect of adhesion



$$\hat{k}_b = 2.7 \times 10^{-3}, \hat{P}_A = 3, \hat{\gamma}_{BW} = 0$$

$$\nu = 0.5, \gamma = 0, \text{Mooney - Rivlin law, } u = 0$$

- As the adhesion parameter increases both repulsive and maximum attractive forces increase.
- The shape of the shell at maximum attraction is significantly deformed with the position of the pole at a value higher than the initial.
- The competition between the thinning of the liquid film and the increase of the gas pressure results an increase in in-plane stresses.
- The latter generate a linear response in f-d curve with slope higher than Reissner slope.

