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# Onsager's Variational Principle in Soft Matter Dynamics

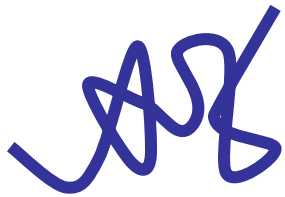
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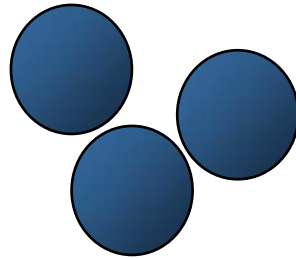
# Introduction

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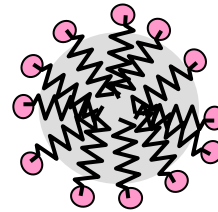
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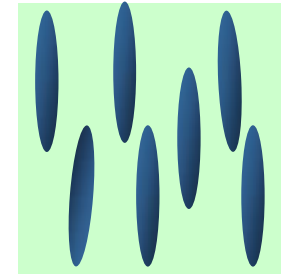
Colloids



Surfactants



Liquid crystals



- Complex fluids
  - Something between fluid and solid
  - Non-linear response

Such phenomena can be discussed quite generally based on Onsager's variational principle.

L. Onsager, Phys. Rev. 37 405- (1931), 38 2265-2279 (1931)

# Outline

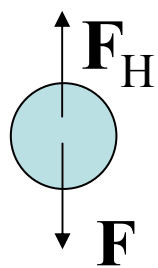
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1. The variational principle in Stokesian hydrodynamics
2. Onsager's variational principle in irreversible thermodynamics
  - What it is
  - When it works
  - A useful formula
3. Applications
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  - Gels
  - Liquid crystals
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# The Variational Principle in Stokesian Hydrodynamics

# Particle motion in a viscous fluid

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$$\mathbf{F} = m\mathbf{g} = -\frac{\partial U}{\partial \mathbf{R}}$$

potential force

$$\mathbf{F}_H = -\zeta \dot{\mathbf{R}}$$

frictional force

In a steady state

$$\zeta \dot{\mathbf{R}} + \frac{\partial U}{\partial \mathbf{R}} = 0$$



Minimize Rayleighian

$$\mathbf{R} = \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} \zeta \dot{\mathbf{R}}^2}_{\text{dissipation function}} + \underbrace{\frac{\partial U}{\partial \mathbf{R}} \cdot \dot{\mathbf{R}}}_{\dot{U}}$$

dissipation function

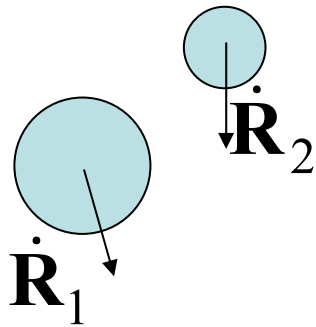
$\dot{U}$

The principle of the least dissipation of energy

Rayleigh 1883

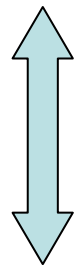
# Motion of two interacting particles in a viscous fluid

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$$\zeta_{11}\dot{\mathbf{R}}_1 + \zeta_{12}\dot{\mathbf{R}}_2 = -\frac{\partial U}{\partial \mathbf{R}_1}$$

$$\zeta_{21}\dot{\mathbf{R}}_1 + \zeta_{22}\dot{\mathbf{R}}_2 = -\frac{\partial U}{\partial \mathbf{R}_2}$$



$$\zeta_{ij} = (\zeta_{ji})^t$$

Reciprocal relation

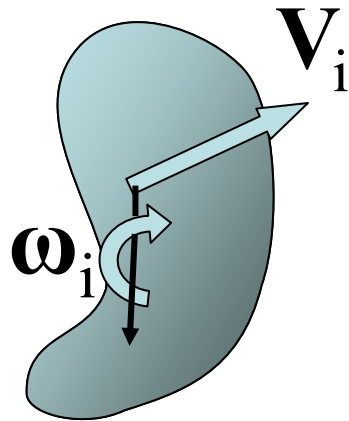
$$\mathbf{R} = \frac{1}{2} \sum \zeta_{ij} : \dot{\mathbf{R}}_i \dot{\mathbf{R}}_j + \sum \frac{\partial U}{\partial \mathbf{R}_i} \bullet \dot{\mathbf{R}}_i$$

# Reciprocal relation in the friction coefficients

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$x_i$  ( $i = 1, 2, \dots, f$ )

Generalized coordinate  
(position, orientation)



$$\mathbf{F}_{Hi} = -\sum \zeta_{ij} \dot{\mathbf{x}}_j \quad \zeta_{ij} = \zeta_{ji}$$

Time evolution equation

$$\sum \zeta_{ij} \dot{\mathbf{x}}_j = -\frac{\partial U}{\partial \mathbf{x}_i}$$

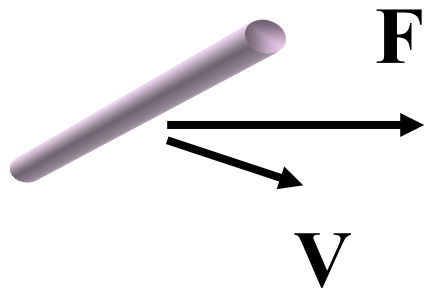
$$R = \frac{1}{2} \sum \zeta_{ij} \dot{\mathbf{x}}_i \dot{\mathbf{x}}_j + \sum \frac{\partial U}{\partial \mathbf{x}_i} \dot{\mathbf{x}}_i$$

Happel J. and Brenner H. 1963 Low Reynolds Number Hydrodynamics Kluwer  
Kim S., Karrila S. J. 1991 Microhydrodynamics Butterworth-Heinemann

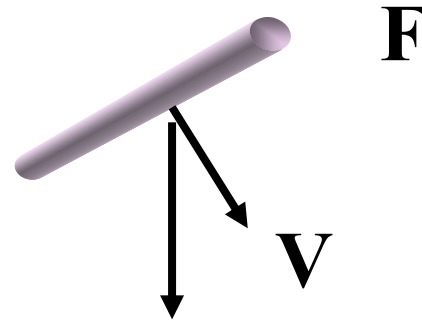
# Reciprocal relation is NOT a trivial relation

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$$F_x \Rightarrow V_y$$



$$F_y \Rightarrow V_x$$

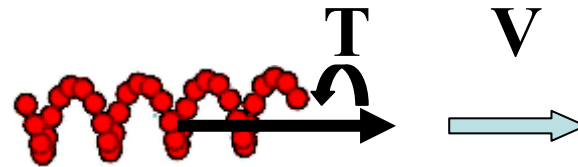


$$V_y / F_x = V_x / F_y$$

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$$\omega = \mu_{tr} F$$



$$V = \mu_{tr} T$$



# Lagrangian mechanics


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$\mathbf{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_f)$  Generalized coordinate

$$L = K(\mathbf{x}, \dot{\mathbf{x}}) - U(\mathbf{x})$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\partial K}{\partial \dot{x}_i} \right) - \left( \frac{\partial U}{\partial x_i} \right) = \left( \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial \dot{x}_i} \right) \quad \Phi = \frac{1}{2} \sum \zeta_{ij} \dot{x}_i \dot{x}_j$$

Ignore the inertia term


$$\sum \zeta_{ij} \dot{x}_j = - \frac{\partial U}{\partial x_i}$$

# Onsager's Variational Principle in Irreversible Thermodynamics

# Onsager's reciprocal relation

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Onsager 1931

$(x_1, x_2, x_3 \dots)$  Slow variables describing non-equilibrium state

$$\dot{x}_i = \sum L_{ij}(x) \frac{\partial S}{\partial x_j} \quad S = S(x_1, x_2, x_3 \dots)$$

$$L_{ij} = L_{ji}$$

Can be proven by the time reversal symmetry in the fluctuation at equilibrium

$$\dot{S} = \sum \frac{\partial S}{\partial x_i} \dot{x}_i - \frac{1}{2} \sum (L^{-1})_{ij} \dot{x}_i \dot{x}_j$$

# Onsager's variational principle

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If  $T$ (temperature) is constant:

$$R = \frac{1}{2} \sum \zeta_{ij}(\mathbf{x}) \dot{x}_i \dot{x}_j + \sum \frac{\partial A}{\partial x_i} \dot{x}_i$$

$\mathbf{x} = (x_1, x_2, \dots)$  Slow variables defining the non-equilibrium state

$$R = \Phi + \dot{A}$$

$2\Phi = \sum \zeta_{ij}(\mathbf{x}) \dot{x}_i \dot{x}_j$  Work done to the dissipative system per unit time

$A = A(\mathbf{x})$  Free energy of the system

# Onsager's proof of the reciprocal relation

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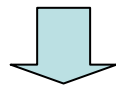
$$\dot{x}_i = \sum L_{ij}(\mathbf{x}) \frac{\partial S}{\partial x_j} \qquad \dot{x} = -\frac{1}{\zeta} \frac{\partial U}{\partial \mathbf{x}}$$

Assume the system is close to equilibrium

$$S(\mathbf{x}) = -\frac{1}{2} \sum k_{ij} x_i x_j$$

Calculate  $\langle x_i(t) x_j(0) \rangle$

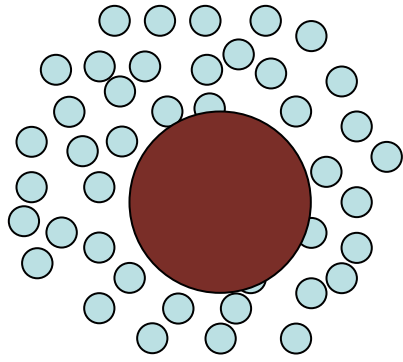
Use  $\langle x_i(t) x_j(0) \rangle = \langle x_i(-t) x_j(0) \rangle = \langle x_j(t) x_i(0) \rangle$



$$L_{ij} = L_{ji}$$

# Proof based on Kubo formula

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$H(\Gamma, \mathbf{x})$  Hamiltonian

$$\hat{F}_i(\Gamma, \mathbf{x}) = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial x_i} \quad \text{Force}$$

$$\langle F_i(t) \rangle = -\frac{\partial A}{\partial x_i} - \sum \tilde{\zeta}_{ij}(\mathbf{x}, t) \dot{x}_j$$

$$\tilde{\zeta}_{ij}(\mathbf{x}, t) = \frac{1}{k_B T} \int_0^t dt' \langle F_{ri}(t') F_{rj}(0) \rangle_{\mathbf{x}} \quad F_{ri} = \hat{F}_i(\Gamma, \mathbf{x}) - \langle \hat{F}_i(\Gamma, \mathbf{x}) \rangle$$

If the correlation time of the force is short

$$\langle F_i(t) \rangle = -\frac{\partial A}{\partial x_i} - \sum \zeta_{ij}(\mathbf{x}) \dot{x}_j$$

$$\zeta_{ij}(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{k_B T} \int_0^\infty dt' \langle F_{ri}(t') F_{rj}(0) \rangle_0 \quad \zeta_{ij}(\mathbf{x}) = \zeta_{ji}(\mathbf{x})$$

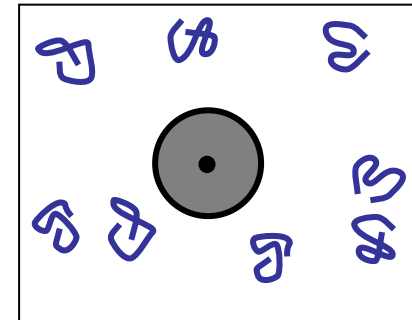
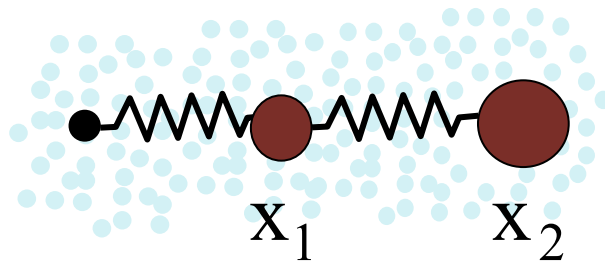
# When Onsager's principle is valid?

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$\mathbf{x} = (x_1, x_2, \dots)$  is a proper set of slow variables.

- All slow variables are listed.

Given  $(x_1, x_2, \dots)$ ,  $(\dot{x}_1, \dot{x}_2, \dots)$  is uniquely determined.

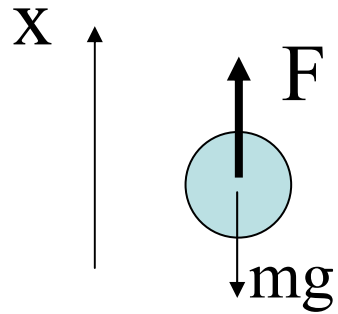


State variables  $(x_1, x_2)$  or  $\psi(x_1, x_2)$

- The fast variables are close to equilibrium

# A useful formula

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Forces needed to move the particle at a controlled rate  $\dot{x}$

$$F = \zeta \dot{x} + mg$$
$$= \frac{\partial R}{\partial \dot{x}}$$

$$R = \frac{1}{2} \zeta \dot{x}^2 + mg\dot{x}$$

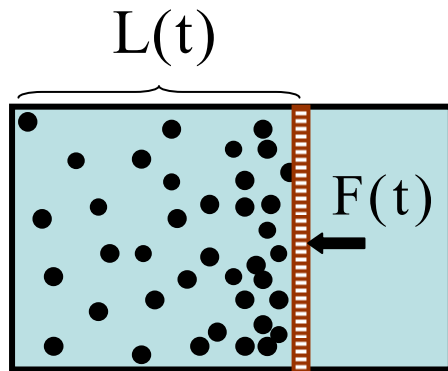


# Forces needed to change external parameters

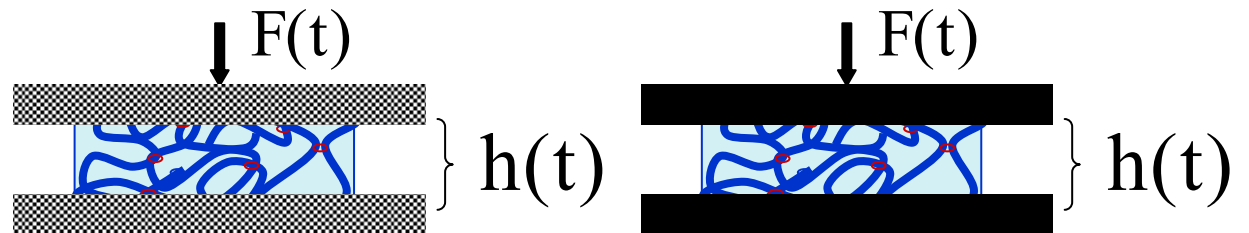
$$R = R(\dot{x}, x; \underline{L}, \dot{\underline{L}})$$

External parameters

$$F = \frac{\partial R}{\partial \dot{L}} \quad \text{The force needed to change an external parameter } p$$



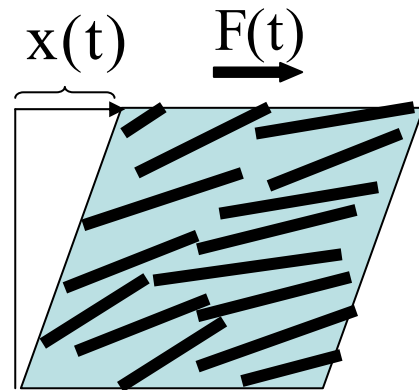
$$F = \frac{\partial R}{\partial \dot{L}}$$



$$F = \frac{\partial R}{\partial \dot{h}}$$

# Microscopic expression for stress tensor

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$$F = \frac{\partial R}{\partial \dot{x}}$$

If  $R$  involves a velocity gradient tensor, the stress tensor is given by

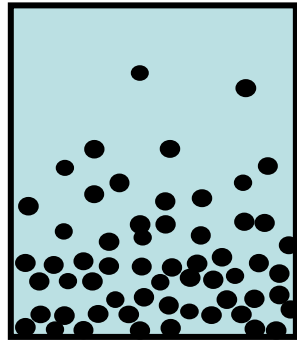
$$\kappa_{\alpha\beta} = \frac{\partial v_{\alpha}}{\partial r_{\beta}}$$

$$\sigma_{\alpha\beta} = \frac{\partial R}{\partial \kappa_{\alpha\beta}}$$

# Applications

# Sedimentation of colloidal particles

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State variables  $\phi(\mathbf{r}; t)$

$$\phi = n \frac{4\pi}{3} a^3$$

$$\mathbf{R}[\dot{\phi}; \phi] = \Phi[\dot{\phi}; \phi] + \dot{A}[\dot{\phi}; \phi]$$

$$\dot{\phi} = -\nabla \cdot (\phi \mathbf{v}_p)$$

Dissipation function  $\Phi = \frac{1}{2} \int d\mathbf{r} \xi(\phi) \mathbf{v}_p^2$

Free energy  $A[\phi] = \int d\mathbf{r} [f(\phi) - \rho \mathbf{g} \cdot \mathbf{r} \phi]$

# Time evolution equation

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$$A[\phi] = \int d\mathbf{r} [f(\phi) - \rho \mathbf{g} \cdot \mathbf{r} \phi]$$

$$\dot{A} = \int d\mathbf{r} \dot{\phi} [f'(\phi) - \rho \mathbf{g} \cdot \mathbf{r}]$$

$$= \int d\mathbf{r} [-\nabla \cdot (\phi \mathbf{v}_p)] [f'(\phi) - \rho \mathbf{g} \cdot \mathbf{r}]$$

$$= \int d\mathbf{r} \phi \mathbf{v}_p \cdot \nabla [f'(\phi) - \rho \mathbf{g} \cdot \mathbf{r}]$$

$$\Pi(\phi) = \phi f' - f$$

$$= \int d\mathbf{r} \mathbf{v}_p \cdot [\nabla \Pi - \rho \mathbf{g} \phi]$$

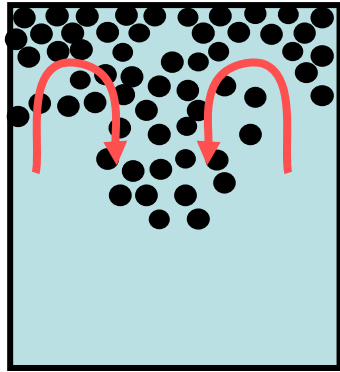
Osmotic pressure

$$R = \frac{1}{2} \int d\mathbf{r} \xi(\phi) \mathbf{v}_p^2 + \int d\mathbf{r} \mathbf{v}_p \cdot [\nabla \Pi + \rho \mathbf{g} \phi]$$

$$\mathbf{v}_p = -\frac{1}{\xi} [\nabla \Pi - \rho \mathbf{g} \phi] \quad \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t} = \nabla \cdot \left[ \frac{\phi}{\xi} (\nabla \Pi - \rho \mathbf{g} \phi) \right]$$

# Coupling with hydrodynamics

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$\mathbf{v}_p$  polymer velocity

$\mathbf{v}_s$  Solvent velocity

$\mathbf{v} = \phi \mathbf{v}_p + (1 - \phi) \mathbf{v}_s$  Material velocity

$$\Phi = \frac{1}{2} \int d\mathbf{r} \left[ \xi(\phi) (\mathbf{v}_p - \mathbf{v})^2 + \frac{1}{2} \eta(\phi) (\nabla \mathbf{v})^2 \right]$$



$$\mathbf{v}_p = \mathbf{v} - \frac{1}{\xi} [\nabla \Pi - \rho \mathbf{g} \phi]$$

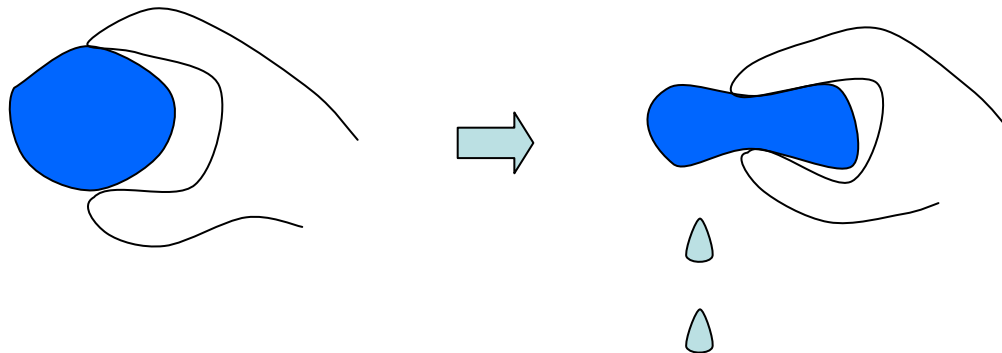
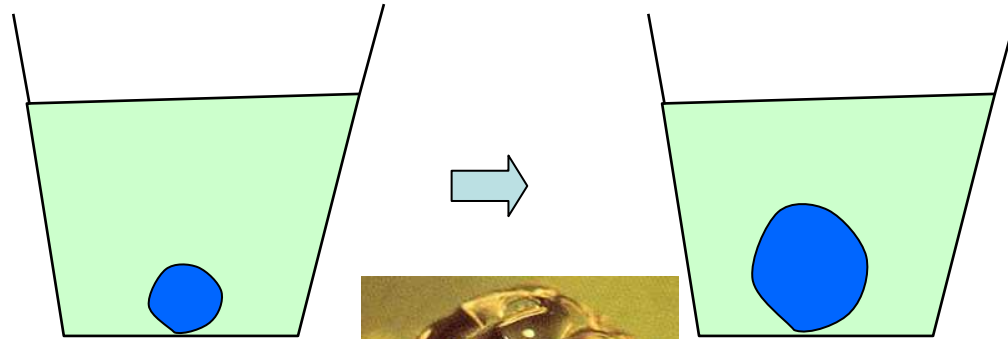
$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{v} = 0$$

$$\nabla \eta [\nabla \mathbf{v} + \nabla \mathbf{v}^t] \mathbf{v}_p = \nabla (\Pi + p) \mathbf{v} - \rho \mathbf{g} \phi$$

$$\dot{\phi} = -\nabla \cdot (\phi \mathbf{v}_p)$$

# Gel dynamics

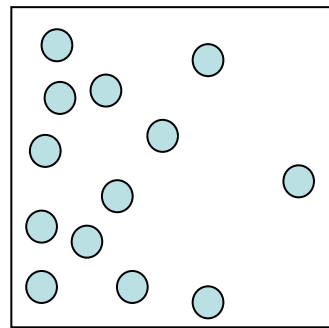
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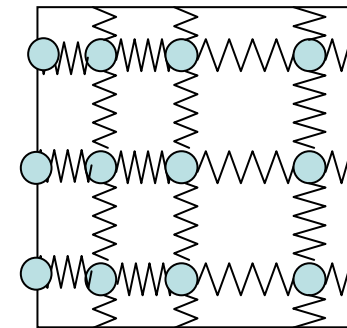
# Sol vs Gel

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Sol



Gel



State variables

$$\phi(\mathbf{r}, t)$$

$$\mathbf{u}(\mathbf{r}, t) = \mathbf{r}'(\mathbf{r}, t) - \mathbf{r}$$

$$\dot{\phi} = -\nabla \cdot (\mathbf{v}_p \phi)$$

$$\dot{\mathbf{u}} = \mathbf{v}_p$$

Free energy

$$f(\phi)$$

$$f(\nabla \mathbf{u})$$

Energy dissipation

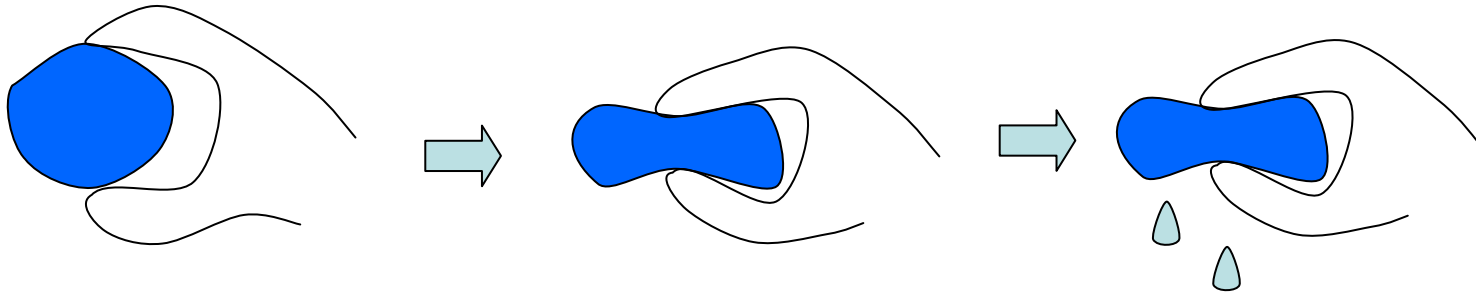
$$\xi(\phi)(\mathbf{v}_p - \mathbf{v})^2 + \frac{1}{2} \eta(\phi)(\nabla \mathbf{v})^2$$

$$\xi(\phi)(\mathbf{v}_p - \mathbf{v})^2$$



# For small deformation

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$$A[\nabla \mathbf{u}] = \int d\mathbf{r} \left[ \frac{1}{2} G (\nabla \mathbf{u})^2 + f(\phi) \right]$$

$$\phi = (1 - \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}) \phi_0$$

$$\dot{\mathbf{u}} = \mathbf{v}_s - \frac{1}{\xi} \nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}$$

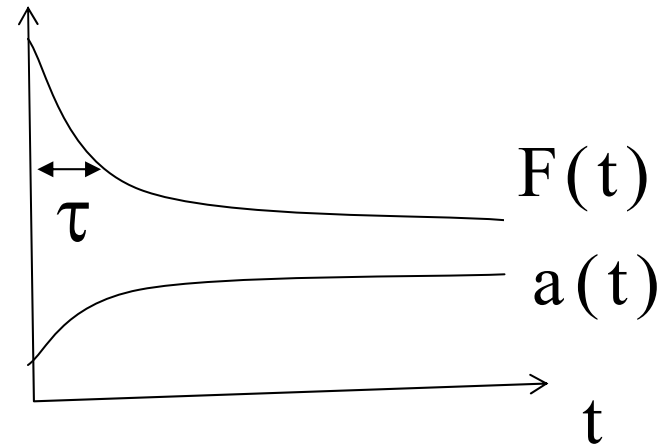
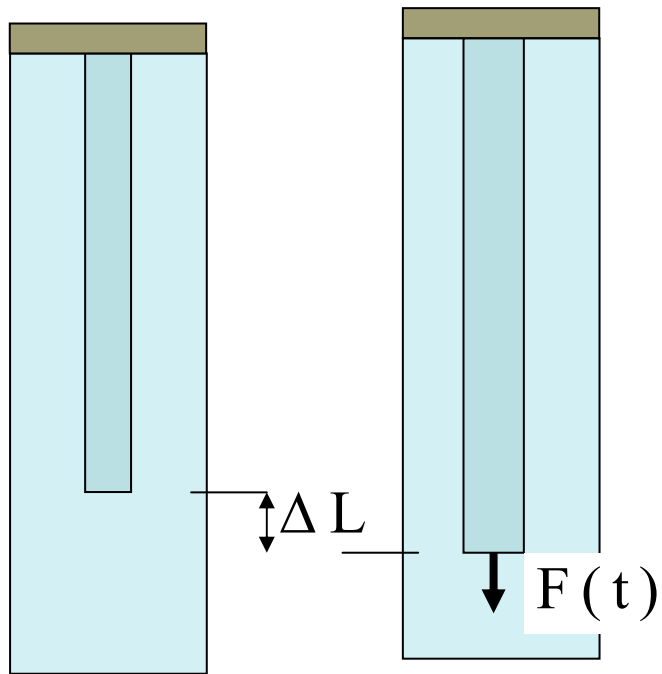
$$\nabla \cdot (\boldsymbol{\sigma} - p\mathbf{I}) = 0$$

$$\boldsymbol{\sigma} = G \left( \nabla \mathbf{u} + \nabla \mathbf{u}^t - \frac{2}{3} \mathbf{I} \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} \right) - \Pi' \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}$$

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{v} = 0$$

# Stress Relaxation of a Stretched Gel

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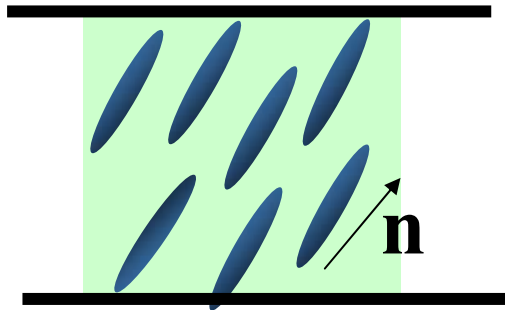


$$\frac{F(\infty)}{F(0)} = \frac{3K}{3K + G}$$

$$\tau \cong \frac{a^2}{\kappa K}$$

# Ericksen-Leslie theory

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$\mathbf{n}(\mathbf{r}, t)$  director

$\mathbf{v}(\mathbf{r}, t)$  velocity

Rayleighian  $R = \int d\mathbf{r} \left[ \Phi(\dot{\mathbf{n}}, \mathbf{v}) + \dot{A} - h\mathbf{n} \cdot \dot{\mathbf{n}} - p\nabla \cdot \mathbf{v} \right]$

$$\mathbf{n} \cdot \dot{\mathbf{n}} = 0, \quad \nabla \cdot \mathbf{v} = 0$$

$$\frac{\delta R}{\delta \dot{\mathbf{n}}} = 0, \quad \frac{\delta R}{\delta \mathbf{v}} = 0$$



Ericksen-Leslie equation for  $\mathbf{n}(\mathbf{r}, t)$  and  $\mathbf{v}(\mathbf{r}, t)$

# Dissipation function and free energy

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$$\Phi = \frac{a_1}{2} (\mathbf{n}_\alpha \mathbf{n}_\beta \dot{\epsilon}_{\alpha\beta})^2 + \frac{a_2}{2} \dot{\epsilon}_{\alpha\beta} \dot{\epsilon}_{\alpha\beta} + \frac{a_3}{2} \mathbf{n}_\mu \mathbf{n}_\nu \dot{\epsilon}_{\alpha\mu} \dot{\epsilon}_{\beta\nu} + \frac{a_4}{2} (\tilde{\dot{\mathbf{n}}}_\alpha)^2 + \frac{a_5}{2} \tilde{\dot{\mathbf{n}}}_\alpha \dot{\epsilon}_{\alpha\beta} \mathbf{n}_\beta$$

$$\dot{\epsilon}_{\alpha\beta} = \frac{1}{2} (\partial_\alpha v_\beta + \partial_\beta v_\alpha) \quad \tilde{\dot{\mathbf{n}}}_\alpha = \dot{\mathbf{n}}_\alpha - \frac{1}{2} (\partial_\beta v_\alpha - \partial_\alpha v_\beta) \mathbf{n}_\beta$$

$$A_{\text{tot}} = \int d\mathbf{r} A \quad A = \frac{1}{2} K_1 (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{n})^2 + \frac{1}{2} K_2 (\mathbf{n} \cdot \nabla \times \mathbf{n})^2 + \frac{1}{2} K_3 (\mathbf{n} \times \nabla \times \mathbf{n})^2$$

$$\dot{A}_{\text{tot}} = \int d\mathbf{r} \left[ \frac{\delta A_{\text{tot}}}{\delta \mathbf{n}_\alpha} \dot{\mathbf{n}}_\alpha - \frac{\partial A}{\partial \mathbf{n}_{\alpha,\beta}} (\partial_\mu \mathbf{n}_\alpha) (\partial_\beta v_\mu) \right]$$

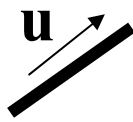
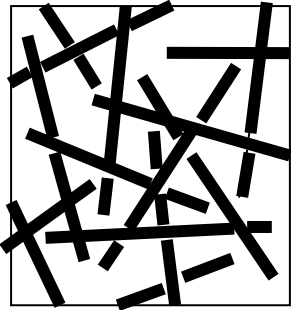


Ericksen-Leslie equation for  $\mathbf{n}(\mathbf{r}, t)$  and  $\mathbf{v}(\mathbf{r}, t)$

Parodi's relation is guaranteed

# Diffusion equation approach

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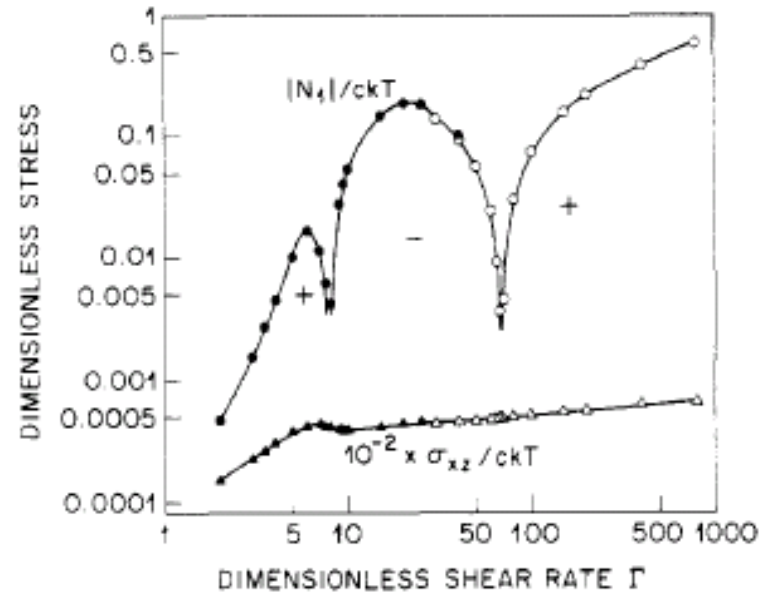
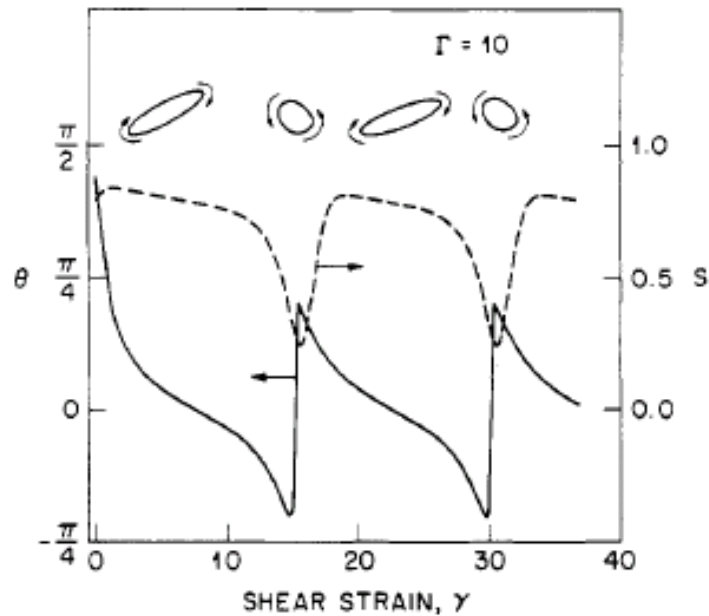
$\psi(\mathbf{u}, t)$  Distribution function

$$\dot{\psi} = -\mathcal{R} \cdot (\omega \psi)$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \Phi = \frac{n\zeta_r}{2} \int d\mathbf{u} (\omega - \omega_0)^2 \psi \\ A = nk_B T \int d\mathbf{u} \psi \ln \psi - \frac{nU}{2} \int d\mathbf{u} \int d\mathbf{u}' (\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{u}')^2 \psi(\mathbf{u})\psi(\mathbf{u}') \\ \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t} = D_r \mathcal{R} \cdot [\mathcal{R} \psi + \beta \psi \mathcal{R} w_{mf}] - \mathcal{R} \cdot (\omega_0 \psi) \\ \sigma_{\alpha\beta} = nk_B T \left\langle u_\alpha u_\beta - \frac{1}{3} \delta_{\alpha\beta} \right\rangle + n \left\langle [\mathcal{R} w_{mf}(\mathbf{u})]_\alpha u_\beta \right\rangle - p \delta_{\alpha\beta} \\ w_{mf}(\mathbf{u}) = -nU \int d\mathbf{u}' (\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{u}')^2 \psi(\mathbf{u}') \end{array} \right.$$

# Non-linear viscoelasticity in nematic state

Larson, Macromolecules



# Conclusion

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- Many kinetic equations in soft matter dynamics can be derived from Onsager's variational principle
  - Diffusion and sedimentation of colloidal particles
  - Gel dynamics
  - Hydrodynamics of liquid crystals
- The variational principle is simple and easy to use.

Onsager's variational principle is a useful principle