



# QCM-D: NEW POSSIBILITIES FOR OPTIMISED CLEANING AND DISINFECTION AT THE RISE TESTBED CLEANING INNOVATION

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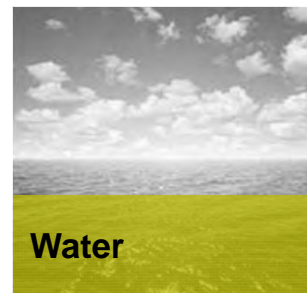
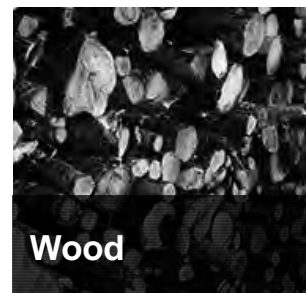
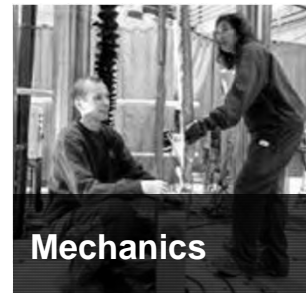
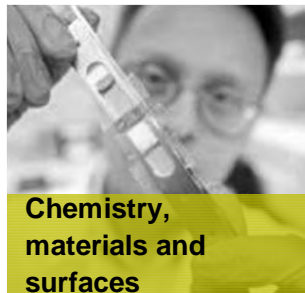
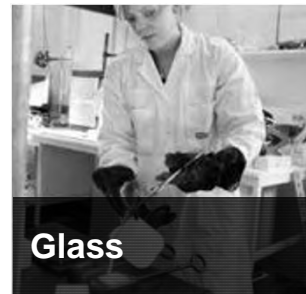
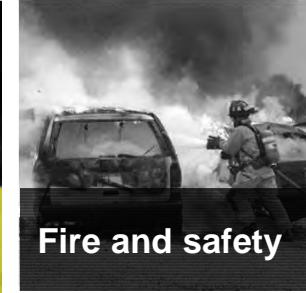


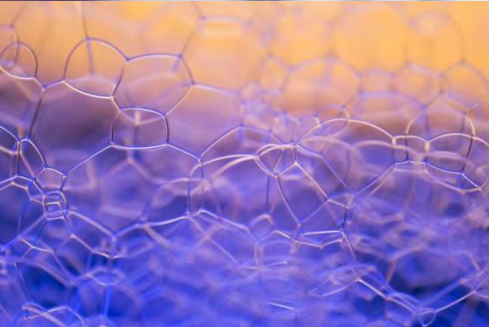
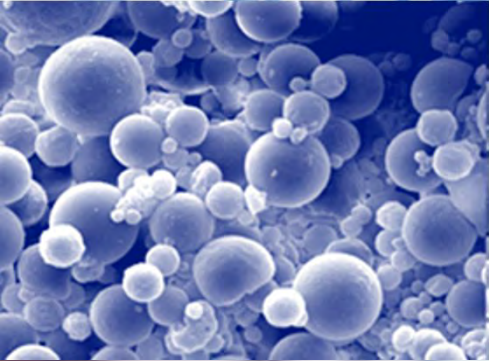
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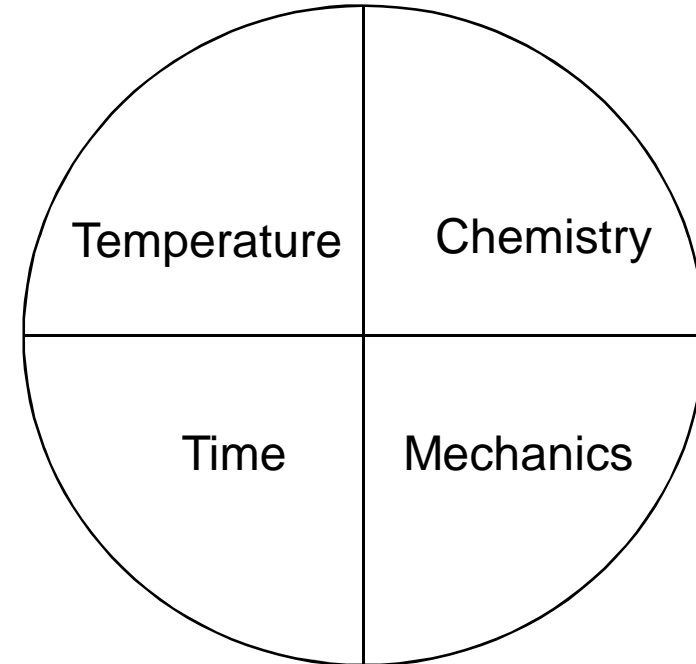
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# Cleaning-Important control parameters

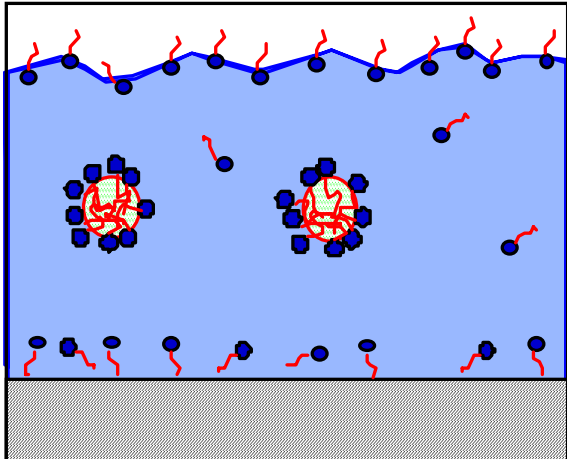
- § Temperature
  - § Time
  - § Mechanical energy
  - § Chemistry. Concentration of active substances
- § Also important: What is the demand of cleanliness?



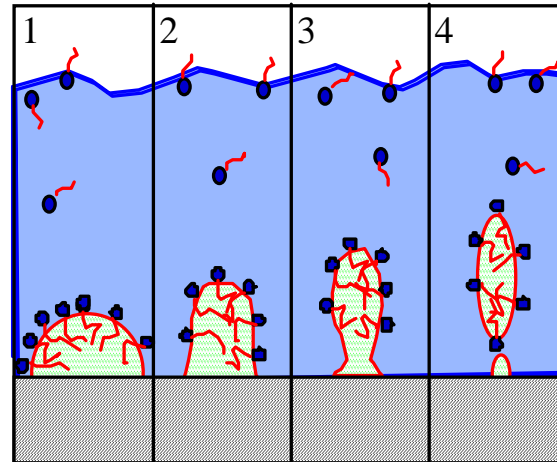
Sinner's circle  
4 factors that influence the  
cleaning result.

# Cleaning mechanisms for oily soil. Three main types.

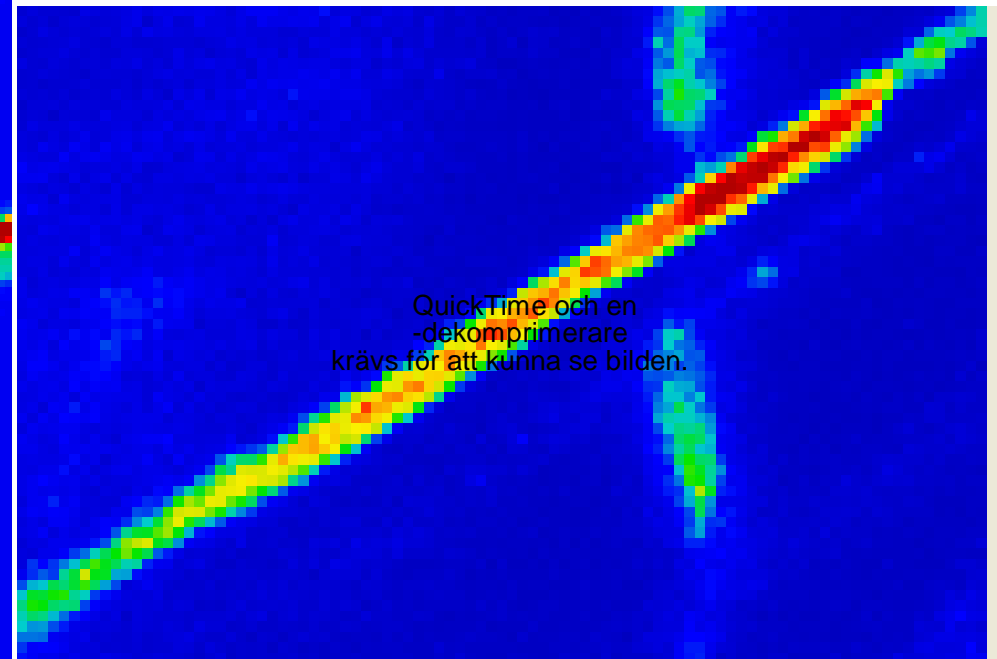
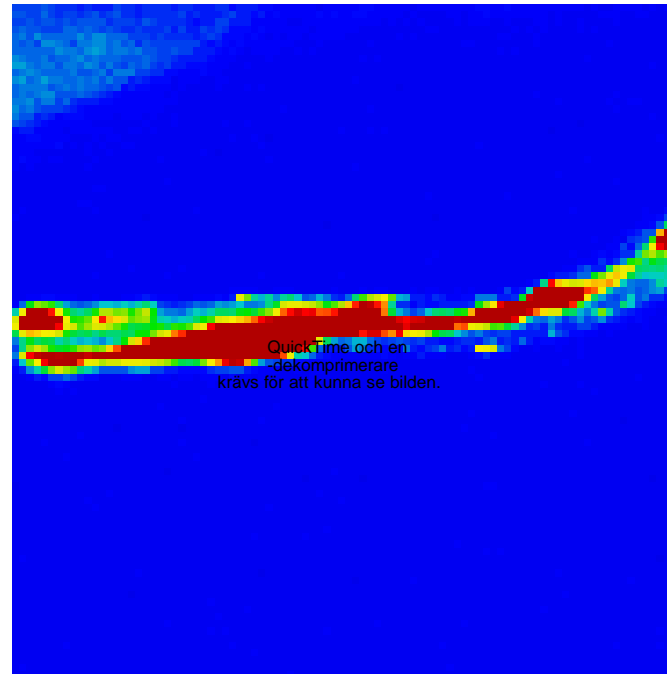
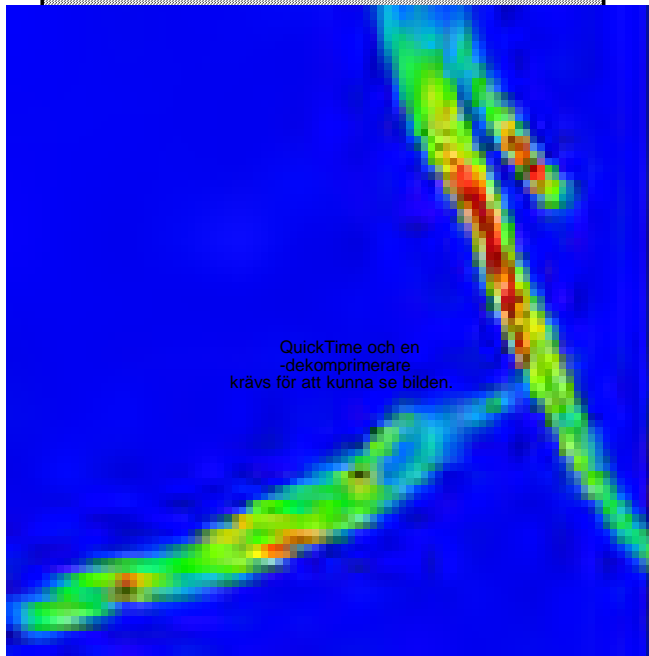
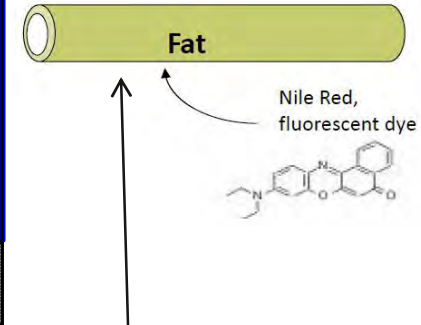
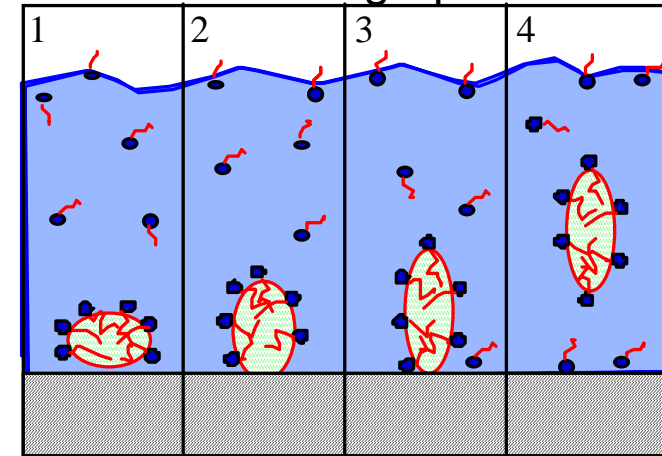
## Solubilisation



## Emulsification

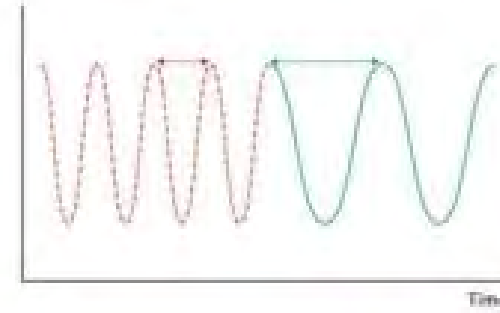
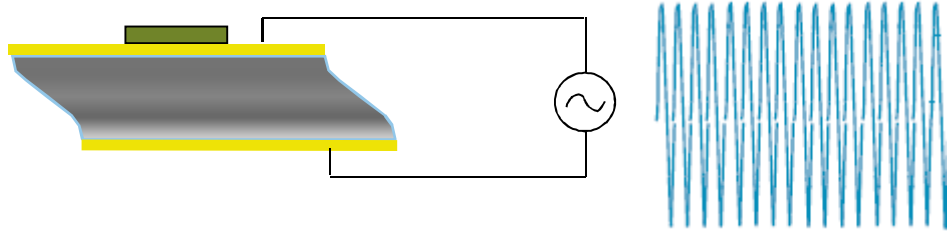


## Rolling-up

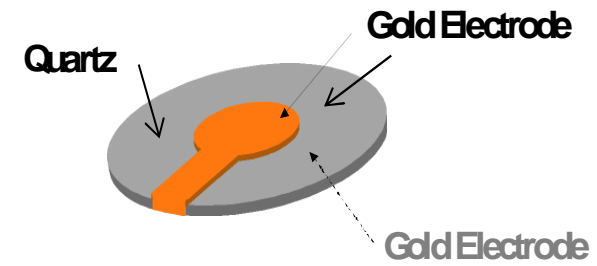
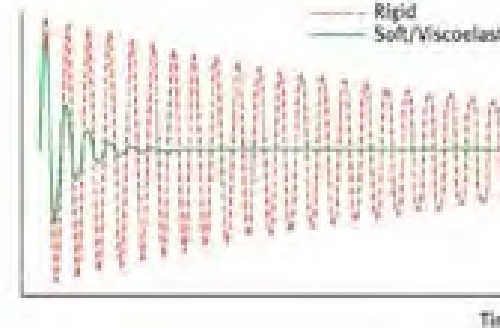
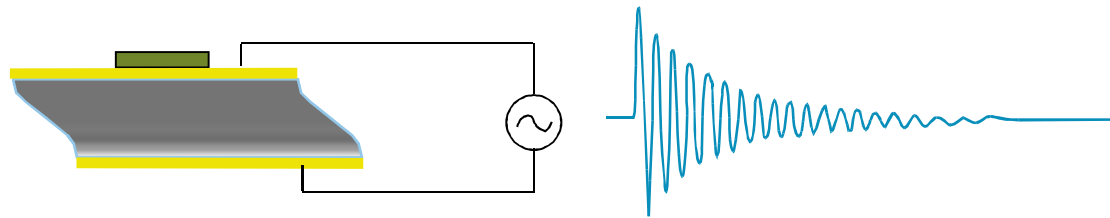


# Principles of the QCM-D Technology

- Apply voltage, cause the crystal to oscillate



- Stop voltage, allow crystal to come to rest



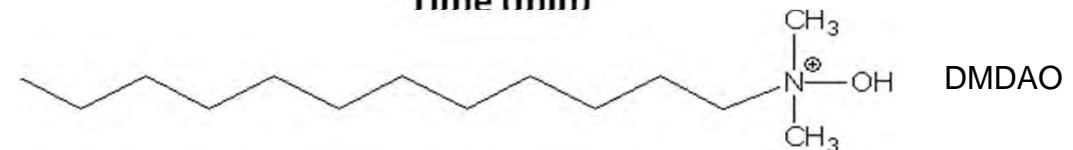
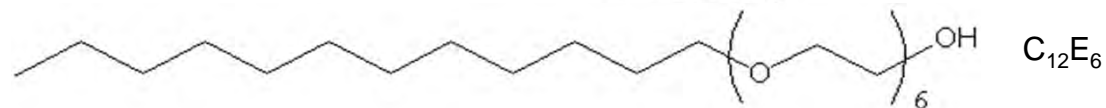
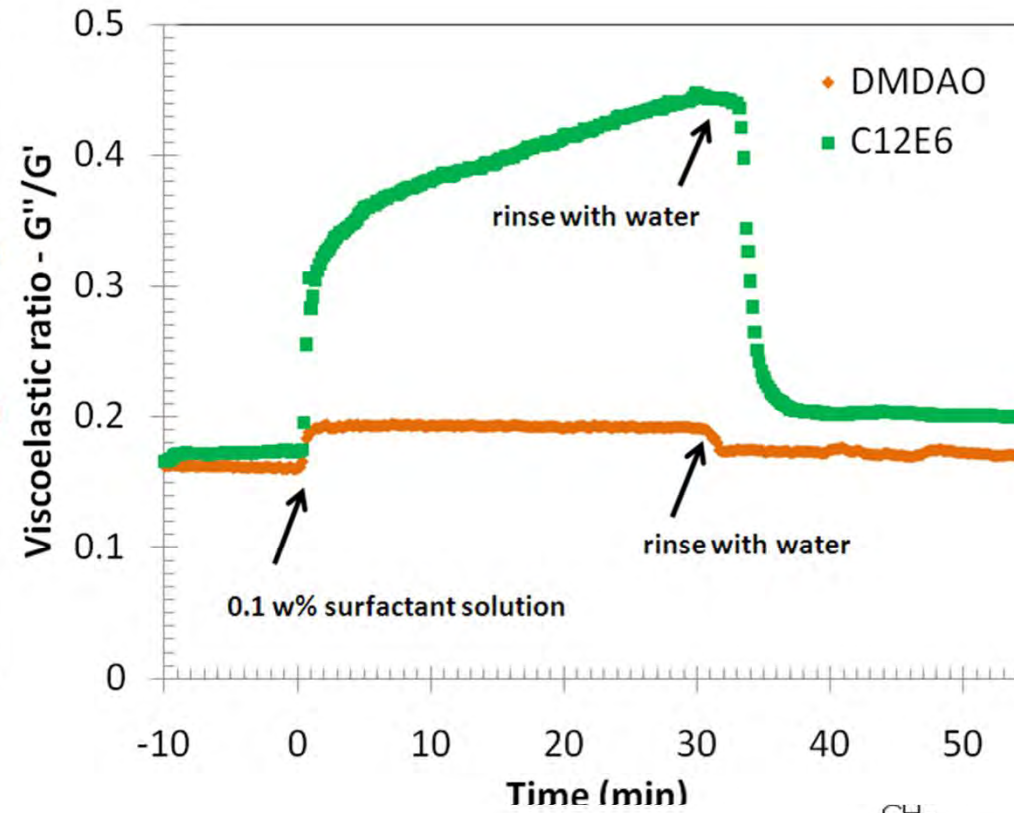
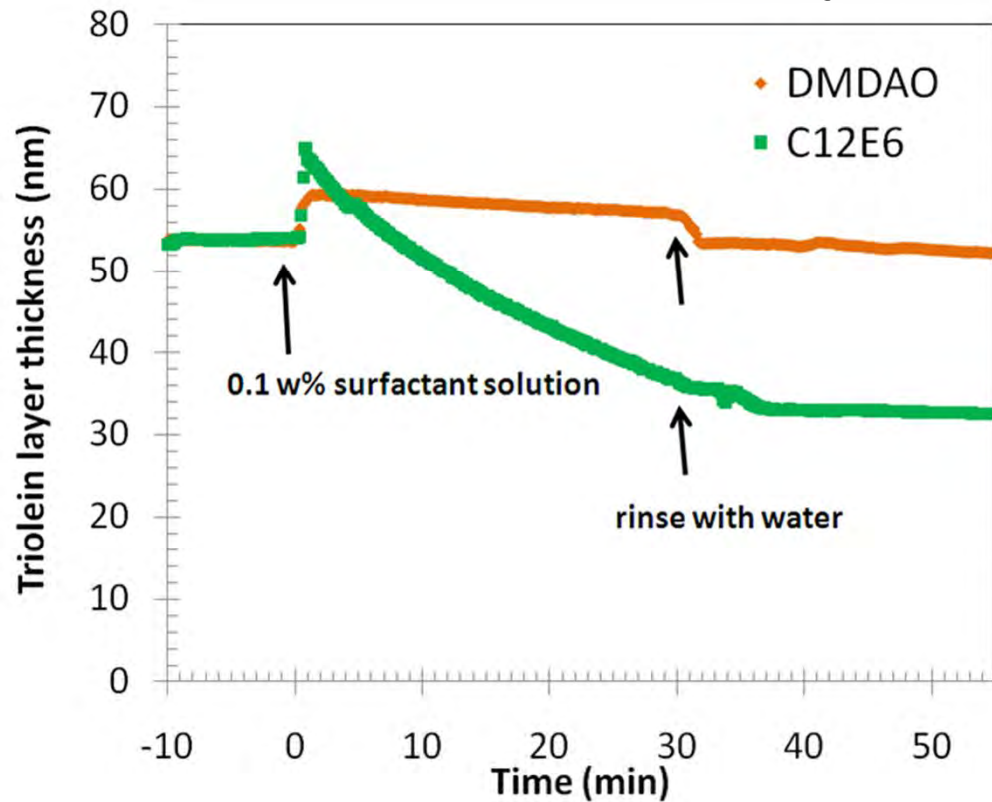
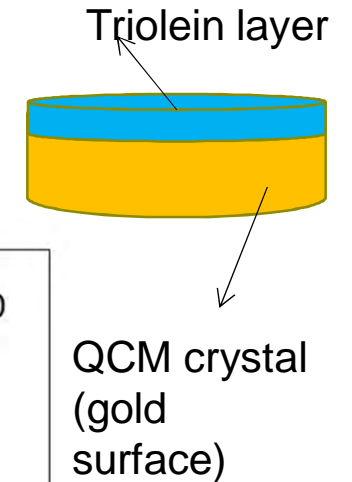
- Change in **mass** on sensor → change in **frequency** ( $\Delta f$ )
- Change in **viscoelastic** properties → change in **Dissipation** ( $\Delta D$ )
- Layer viscosity, elasticity and thickness can be calculated.

$$\Delta m = - \frac{C \Delta f}{n}$$

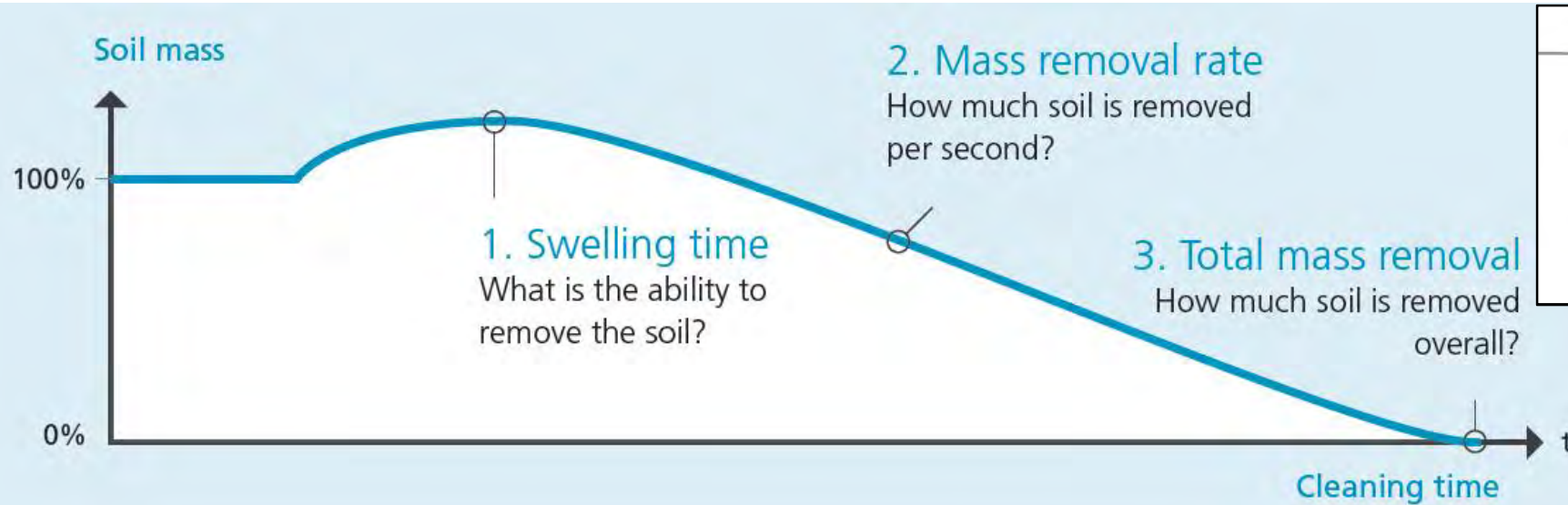
$$C = \frac{r_q t_q}{f_0} = 17.8 \text{ ng cm}^{-2} \text{ Hz}^{-1}$$

# Quantifying oily soil removal and understanding cleaning mechanisms

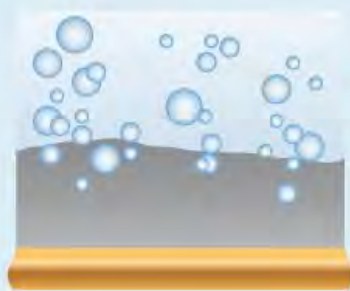
The quartz crystal surface is covered with a layer of model dirt (triolein) and then mounted into the QCM-D apparatus. The cleaning solution is then added and the amount dirt removed is continuously monitored as a function of time.



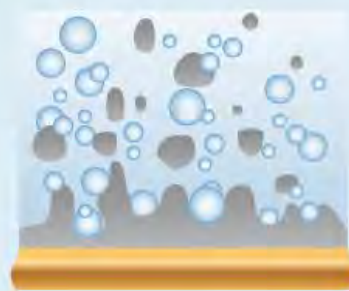
# The Cleaning profile at a glance. Development at Biolin.



Nano scale soil



Compound flow over sensor swells soil



Soil dissolves and leaves surface



Final cleaning result

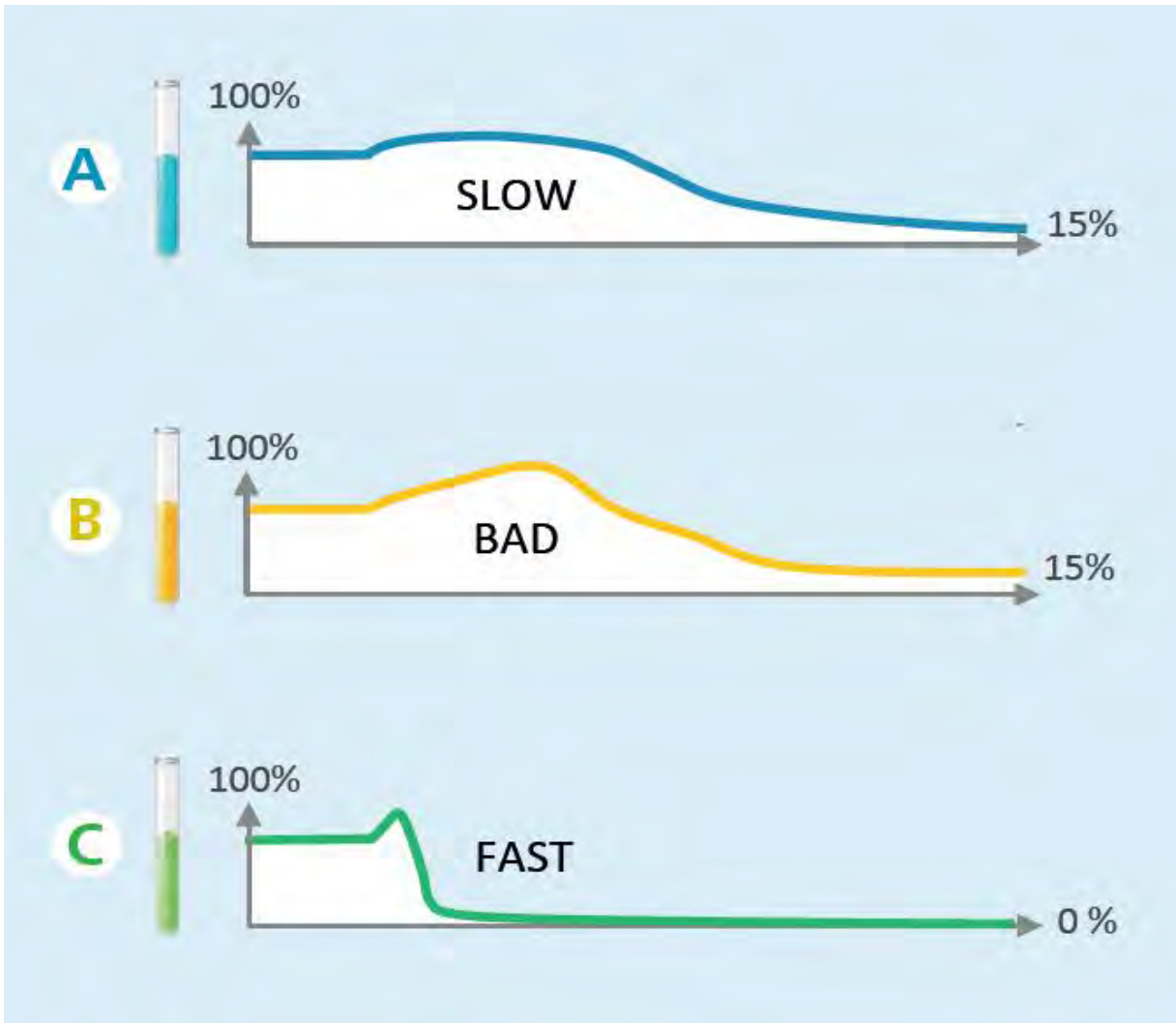
## NOVEL MEASURING METHODS

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# Comparing different cleaning profiles



## Cleaning profile A: SLOW

- 15% of the soil remains
- Cleaning process still ongoing
- Longer wash cycle required

## Cleaning profile B: BAD

- 15% of the soil remains
- Cleaning process inactive
- Bad final result

## Cleaning profile C: FAST

- 100% of the soil removed
- Cleaning process inactive
- Shorter wash cycle or less efficient candidate possible

# Comparing candidates in varying conditions



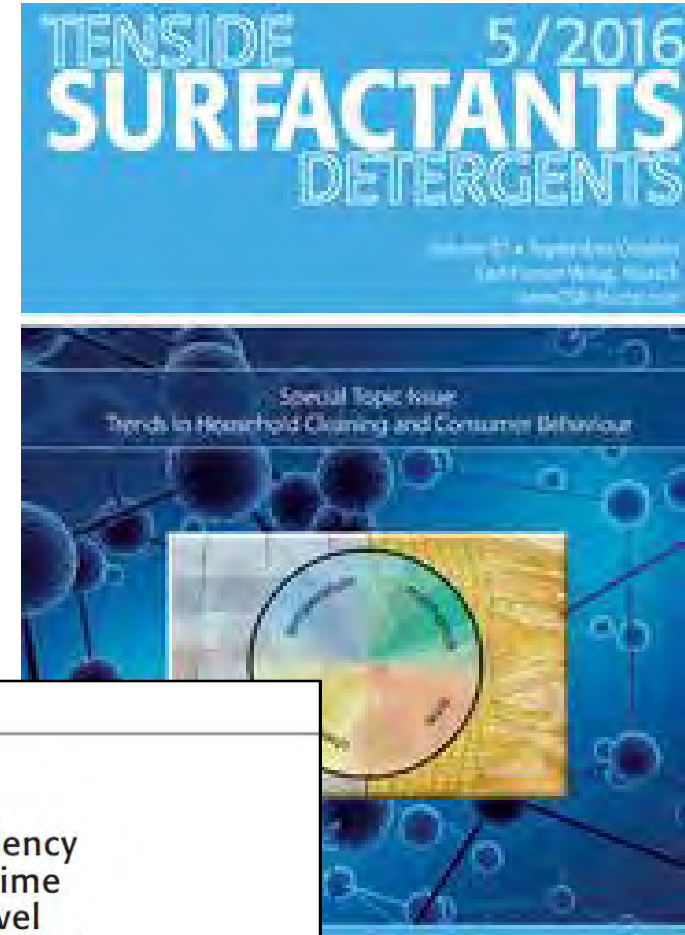
- Composition
  - Concentration
  - Temperature dependence
  - Water quality
  - Wash cycle time
- 
- Pre-program and run up to 8 samples in one go using the Q-Sense Pro.
  - Get high precision, real-time reproducible data



# Evidence-based ranking of surfactants/formulations

Study by Biolin Scientific in collaboration with Center for Testmaterials BV(Netherlands)

- Swell time, mass removal rate and total mass removal tested for 9 commercially available formulations
- Rapid screening and ranking of the formulations was easily achieved
- Significant correlation found when comparing to Center for Testmaterials 'macro scale' set-up



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# AkzoNobel – an application example

In Q2 2017 AkzoNobel revealed new results for their ELFAN AT 84 G surfactant based on QSense Cleaning Profile

- Helped differentiate products
- Used both during and after the development phase
- QSense Cleaning Profile added to the ELFAN product data sheet

AkzoNobel Surface Chemistry

## ELFAN® AT 84/ELFAN® AT 84 G

Mild anionic surfactant for cleansing systems



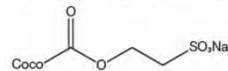
Easy to use, non-ethoxylated sulfate-free anionic surfactants ELFAN AT 84/ELFAN AT 84 G provide better cleansing and foam build up than competitive benchmarks and similar cleansing performance to sulfated surfactants (SLS benchmark). Based on vegetable fatty acid and readily biodegradable, it has superior clarity over other sulfate-free cleansers due to its highly efficient synthesis and low residuals. Both grades are very effective even in hard water.



Extremely gentle on skin with an excellent dermatological profile, ELFAN AT 84 and ELFAN AT 84 G cleansing agents provide rich, creamy foam to cleansing formulations with minimal impact on skin barriers to keep skin and scalp looking healthy and conditioned:

- Excellent dermatological profile, non-irritating on skin, low impact on skin barrier
- Extra mild, ideal for baby products and sensitive skin
- Readily biodegradable
- EO-free, sulfate-free anionic surfactant

CHEMICAL STRUCTURE OF ELFAN AT 84/ELFAN AT 84 G



- Granular form (ELFACOS AT 84 G)
- Non-dusty granules for easy handling in manufacturing process
- Suitable for soap bars giving excellent foam creaminess

### Suggested Applications

Due to its extreme mildness and high-foaming performance, ELFAN AT 84/ELFAN AT 84 G cleansing agents are suitable for a variety of applications such as:

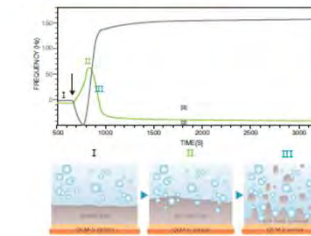
1. Mild shampoos
2. Two-in-one shampoo/conditioners
3. Mousse, bath and shower gels
4. Body wash
5. Facial wash
6. Liquid hand soap
7. Syndet and Comb-i-bar soap
8. Baby cleanser
9. Shaving cream

### Key Benefits

- ELFAN AT 84 and ELFAN AT 84 G cleansing agents allow formulators to create superior products compared to other Sodium Cocoyl Isethionate alternatives.
- Mild surfactant that provides high foam build up and equal cleansing performance to sulfated surfactants (SLS)
- Enables dense, creamy and stable foams in soft and hard water
- Enables clearer formulations than benchmarks in both water and surfactant solutions. It delivers ultra-low residue due to its highly efficient synthesis, giving personal care products superior clarity and foaming
- Efficient cleansing while gentle on skin
- Skin humidity: exhibits less Trans-epidermal Water Loss (TEWL) compared to both Magnesium Laureth Sulfate and Sodium Lauryl Sulfate

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Figure 6: QCM-D cleaning profile and illustration of soil removal. Also the three cleaning parameters are marked in the graph.



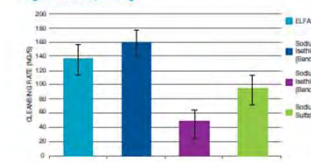
### Settings

- Used cooking grease (Center For test materials BV, The Netherlands) was spin-coated onto CSX 303 SICE QCM-D sensors (Bolin Scientific AB) by dissolving 0.25 g in 50 ml toluene solvent.
- 7% active surfactant solution.
- All surfactants were dissolved in tap water at the desired concentration and run at 23 degrees Celsius.
- Both AkzoNobel cleansing agents were tested against two Sodium Cocoyl Isethionate brands available in the marketplace, which is called benchmark 1 and 2 in this study, as well as against Sodium Laureth Sulfate.

### Results

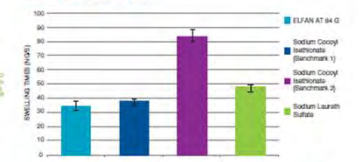
The QCM-D evaluation results demonstrate that ELFAN AT 84 G cleansing agent has a significantly better cleaning rate than Sodium Laureth Sulfate and Sodium Cocoyl Isethionate (benchmark 2). There is no statically difference in cleaning rate between ELFAN AT 84 G and Sodium Cocoyl Isethionate (benchmark 1).

Figure 8: QCM-D, cleaning



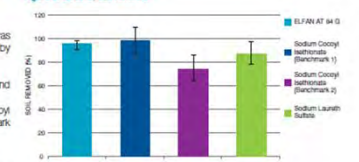
The swelling time study quantifies how fast the soil swells after injection of surfactant solution. The shorter swelling time means better the cleansing rate. Results demonstrated in Figure 7 reveal that ELFAN AT 84 G cleansing agent has a faster swelling time than Sodium Laureth Sulfate and Sodium Cocoyl Isethionate (benchmark 2). No statically difference between ELFAN AT 84 G and Sodium Cocoyl Isethionate (benchmark 1).

Figure 7: QCM-D, swelling time



When it comes to soil removal test, the results (Figure 8) indicate no statically difference in percentage of soil removed between ELFAN AT 84 G cleansing agent, Sodium Laureth Sulfate and Sodium Cocoyl Isethionate (benchmark 1). ELFAN AT 84 G removed more soil than Sodium Cocoyl Isethionate (benchmark 2).

Figure 9: QCM-D, soil removal



### Clarity performance

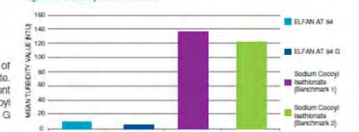
Both ELFAN AT 84 AND ELFAN AT 84 G cleansing agents were tested against two Sodium Cocoyl Isethionate brands available in the marketplace, which we call benchmark 1 and 2 in this study.

**Methodology:** 0.5% active surfactant solution (in deionised water) were prepared and tested at room temperature (21°C), three times with turbidimeter (HACH 21).

### Results

The Turbidity study results showed that ELFAN AT 84 and ELFAN AT 84 G cleansing agents provide a considerably better clarity in aqueous solution than benchmarks.

Figure 9: Turbidity measurement



# Develop cleaning formulations with low glass etching

## § Challenge

To rapidly determine glass etching instead of performing between 100-1000 dishwashing cycles.

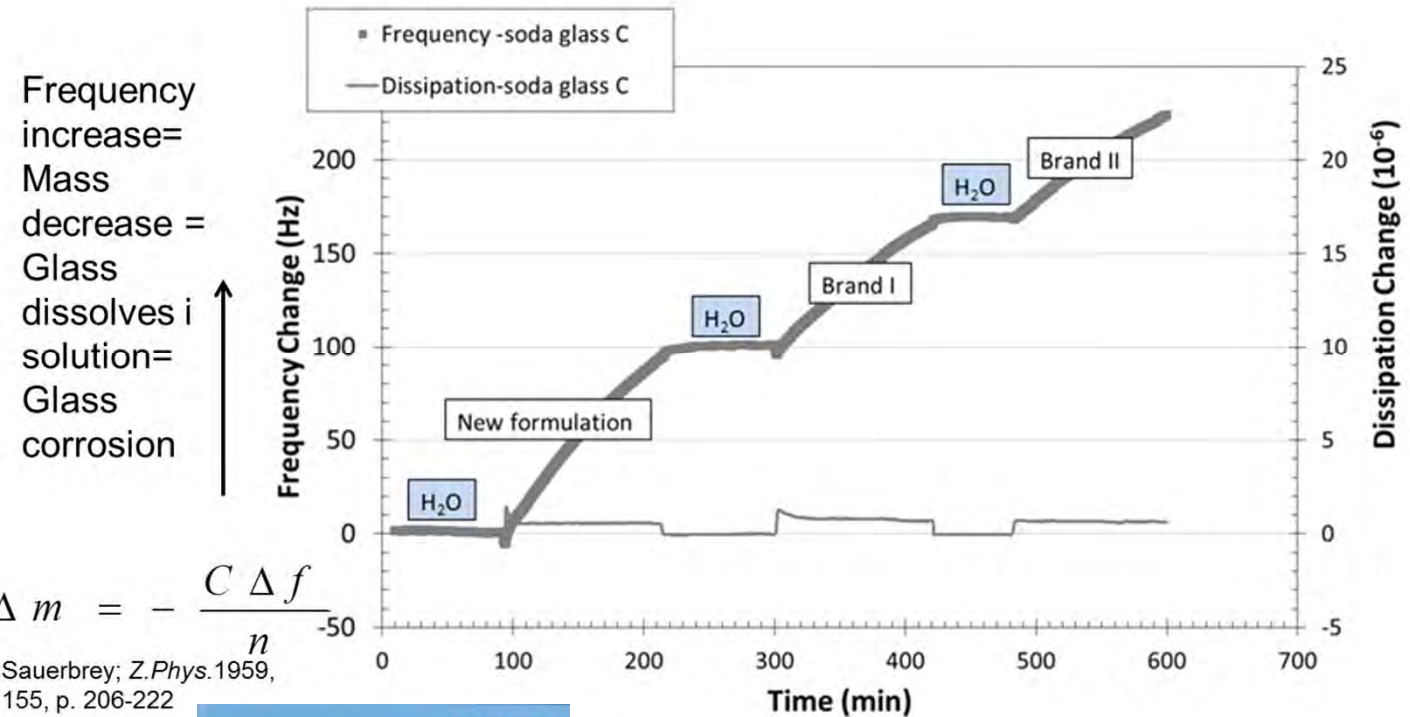
## § Solution

Use the QCM-D, which has the ability to measure glass removal of nm thicknesses. Four formulations can be evaluated in parallel. Different glass types can be used.

## § Results

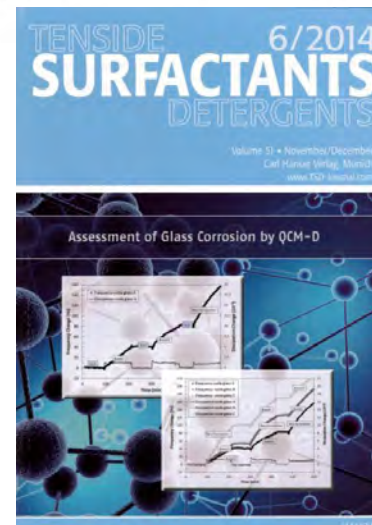
The etching effect of the formulation is completed in 1 hour and enables the screening of many formulations. The best formulations can then be evaluated in full scale at GLAFO (Swedish glass research institute).

Macakova et al, Tenside, Surfactants, Detergents(2014), 51(6), 484,486-490



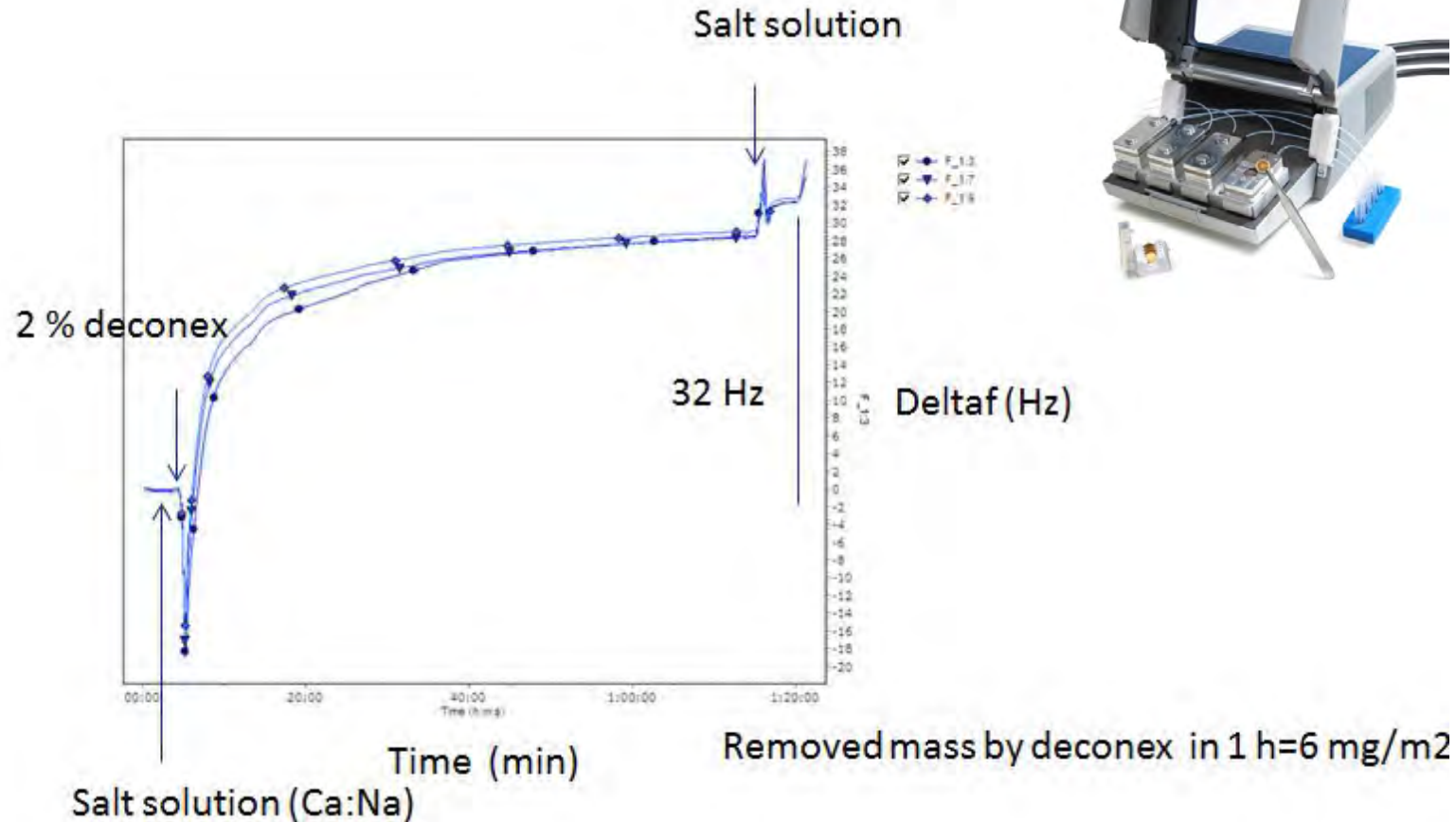
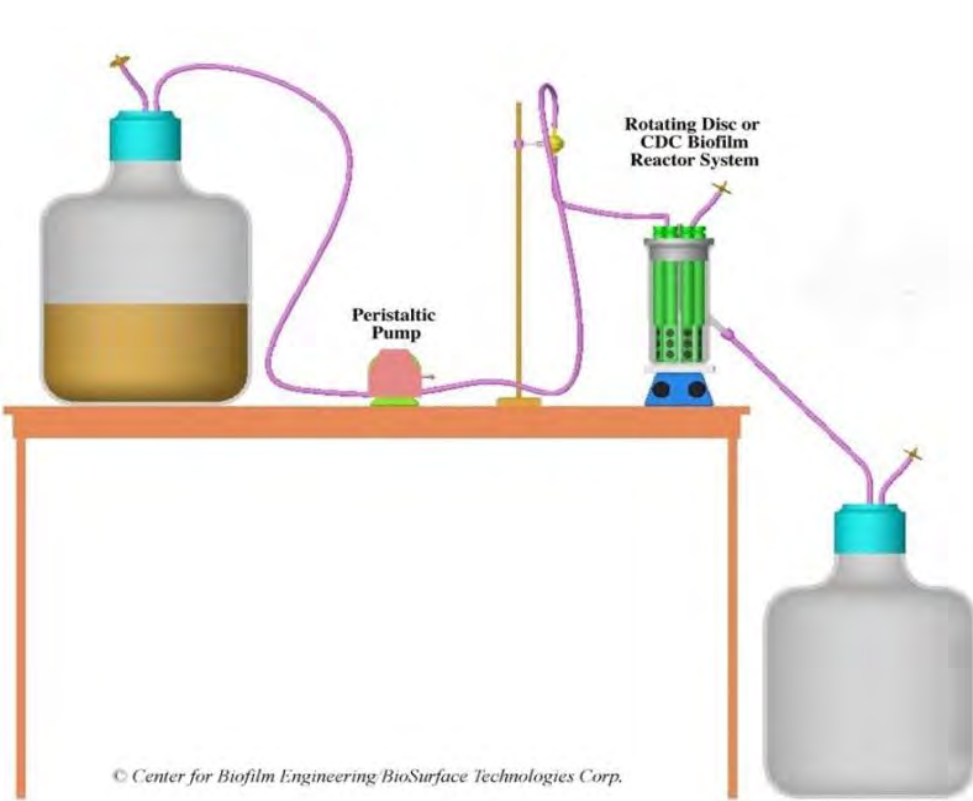
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Sauerbrey; Z.Phys.1959, 155, p. 206-222



# Follow desorption of biofilm/desinfection by QCMD technique

CBR 90 CDC Biofilm reactor - Controlled growth of biofilm (temperature and flow)



## Measured parameters:

Resonance frequency,  $\Delta f$  (Hz) - (increase = desorption)

Osc.energy dissipation (low – stiff layer, high – fluffy, viscoelastic layer) (not shown in picture above)

# Measuring cleaning effect of different ingredients

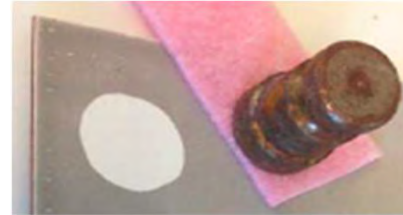
## Methods

### Elcometer 1720



### Drop equilibration

Drop is allowed to equilibrate on soil surface and wiped off with cloth and weight at selected time for optimum result.



## Surfaces

### In-house prepared wood-tar surfaces on ceramic tile

- Amount of tar, oven baking time, drying time can be varied for optimum result.

### Surfaces from Center for Testmaterials (CFT)

- DM 40 All-purpose cleaner soil, on melamine tile
- DM 80 All purpose cleaning soil on Melamine
- DS 50 Corn Oil on Stainless extra smooth steel
- DS 80 All purpose cleaning soil on Stainless Steel

## Materials

### Surfactants

#1 2% Nonionic C10-AGP1

#2 2% Nonionic alcohol ethoxylate

#3 2% Nonionic C10-APG2

#4 2% Anionic ethyleneoxide sulfonate

#5 2% Nonionic C14-APG

#6 2% Sodium Dodecyl Sulfate

### Builder/complexing agent

B: 1 wt% Sodium citrate

C: 1 wt% Potassium carbonate

D: 1 wt% Sodium silicate

E: 1 wt% Strong complexing agent

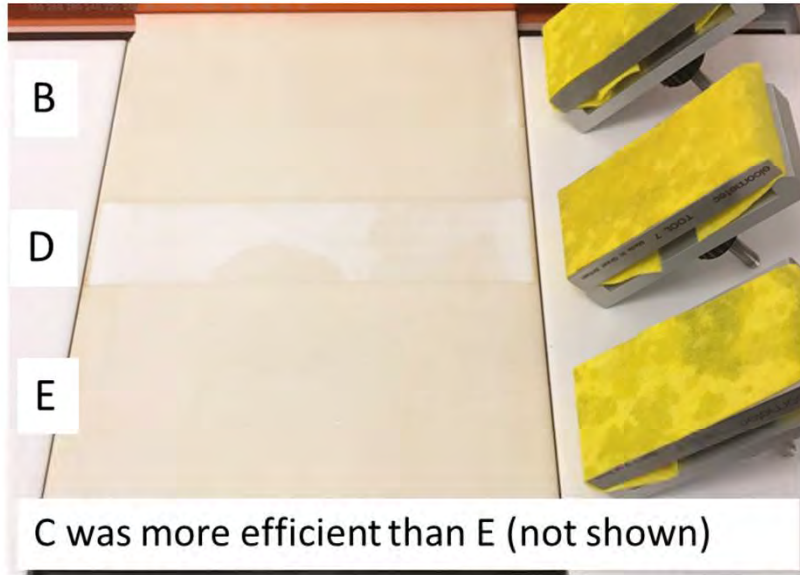
### pH

pH=8

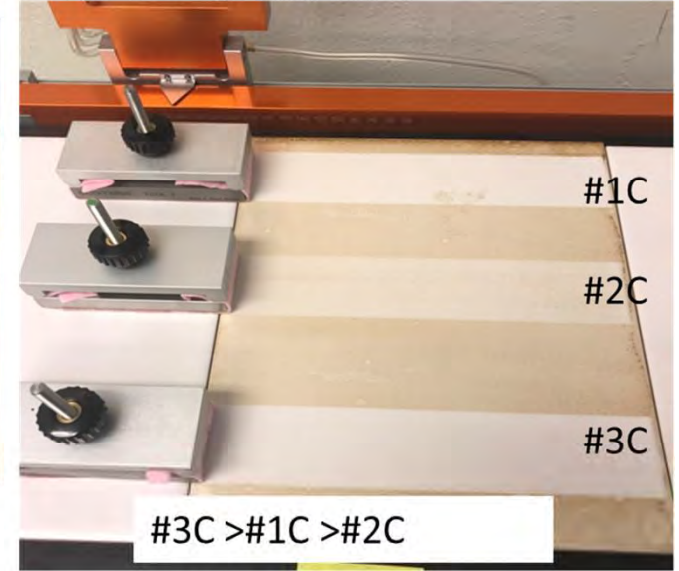
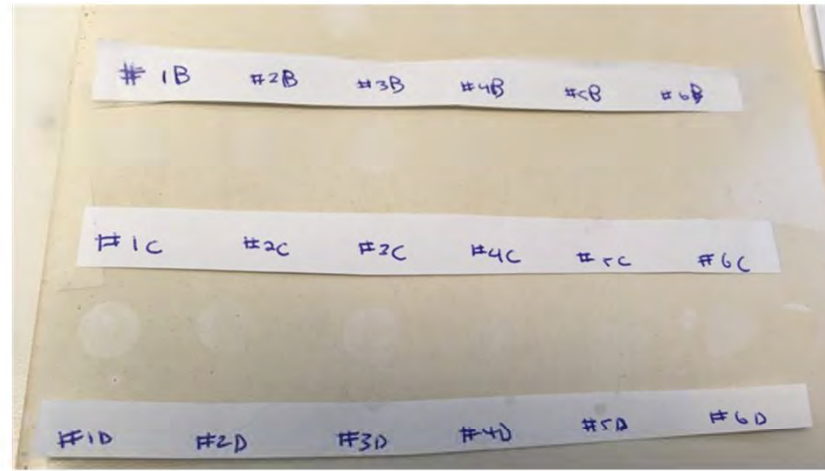
pH=11

pH=13

## Effect of complexing agent alone, pH=13

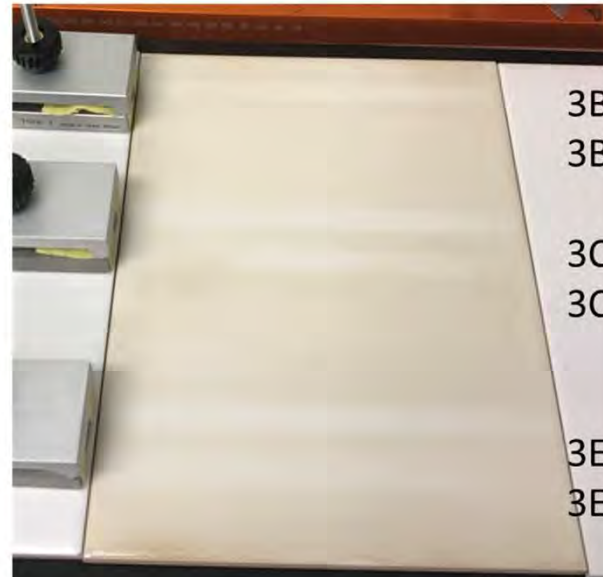
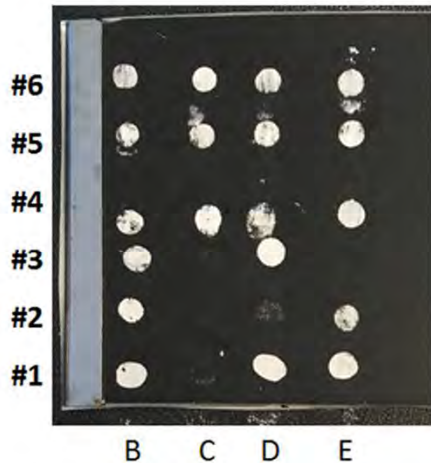


## Effect of surfactant+complexing agent



## pH effect

DM40, pH=13, t=30 min

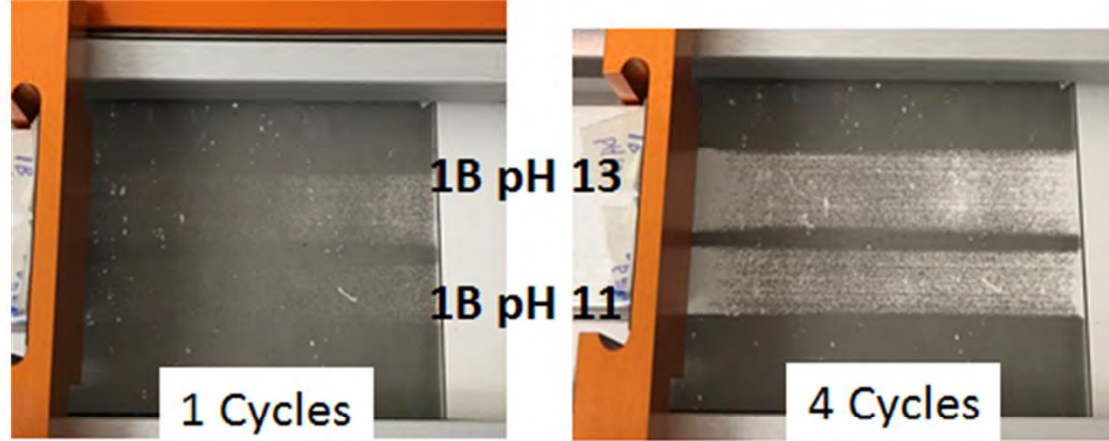


- Sodium silicate was most effective complex builder on tar surface.
- Surfactants #4-#6 showed best effect with all complex builders on DM40 surface
- #1 was very efficient with B, D, and E on DM40.
- pH13 works better than pH11 on DM40 and tar surface.

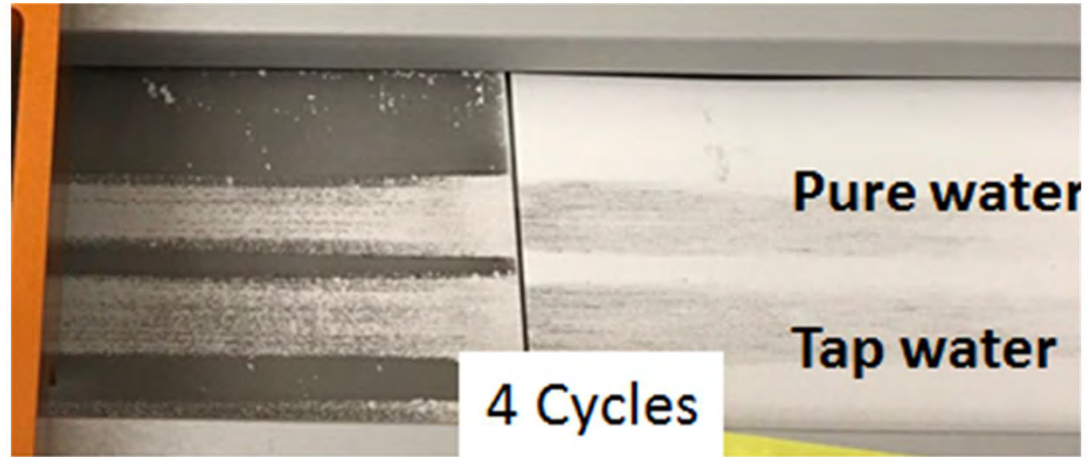
DS 80, all purpose soil



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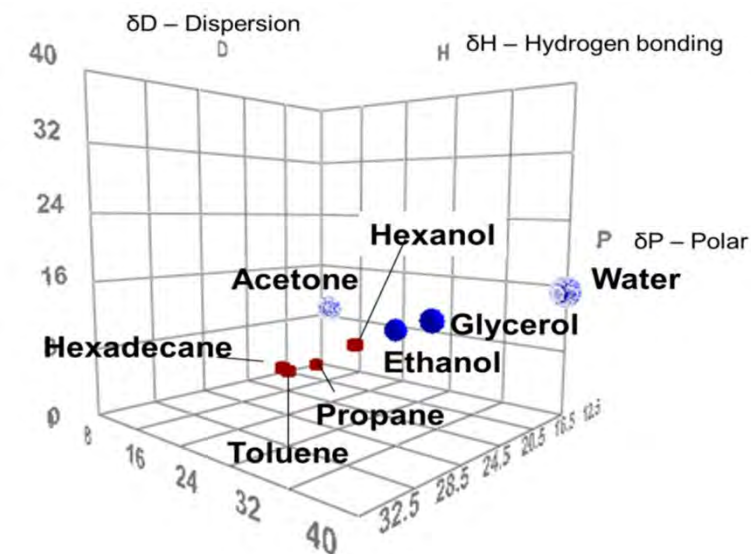
DS 50, corn oil



Mechanical abrasion is (too) significant for DM80. Note the tracks on the backing tray, which is not seen for surfactant solution. **Surfaces from CFT can efficiently be used in Elcometer 1720.**

# A Hansen solubility parameter approach to predict solubility and interaction of emollients, actives, polymers, solvents and skin

- § All solvents, polymers, tissue and active ingredients have three Hansen solubility parameters
- § HSPiP software and database
  - § 1200+ solvents, 600+ polymers and 300 emollients in the database
  - § Calculate HSP for emollient blends and for the full external phase in a formulation
  - § Calculate HSP for unknown molecules or active ingredients using SMILES input
  - § Calculate HSP for surfaces/skin (or use default values)
- § Find which emollient mix / cream recipe is most compatible with the active
- § Predict skin interactions of emollient mixes, actives and full formulation recipes
- § Optimize recipe for maximum/minimum skin interaction and uptake



- §  $\delta D$  - Dispersion
- §  $\delta H$  - Hydrogen bonding
- §  $\delta P$  - Polar

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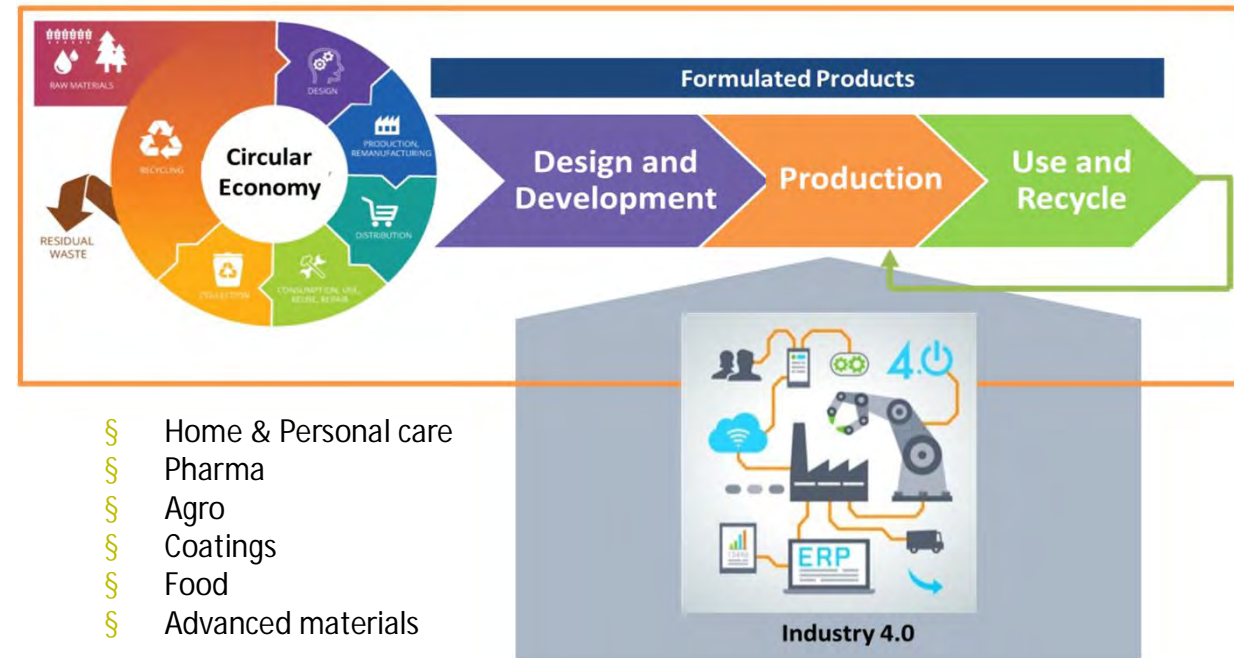
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## Objectives

- § Establish a European Formulation Interest Group (EU-FIG)
- § Identify common technical and industrial challenges for the European Formulated Products Industries
- § Establish a common vision and roadmap
- § Arrange knowledge exchange activities and facilitate new initiatives along the value chain

## Key project output

- § Influence the content of future EU calls
- § EU-FIG community with >500 organizations
- § > 10 new collaborative cross-sectorial initiatives



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