

# Understanding chemomechanical interactions during hard surface cleaning processes

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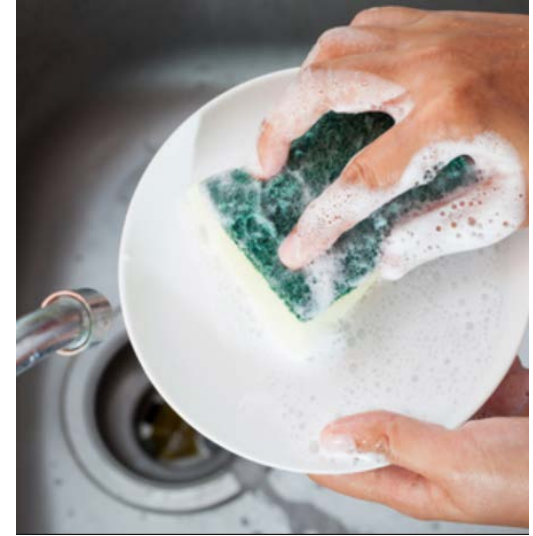


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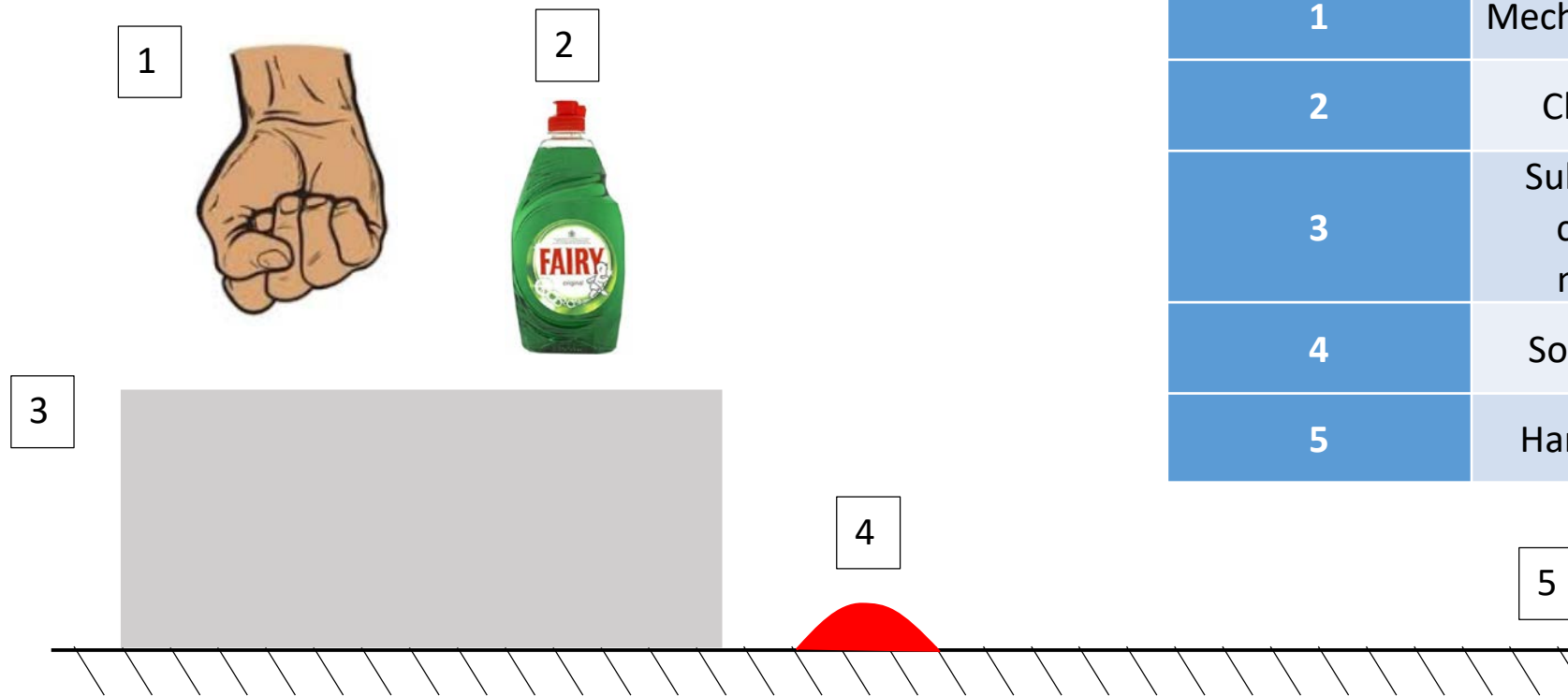


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# Hard surface cleaning



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Factors	Name	Formulation Control
1	Mechanical force	No
2	Chemistry	Yes
3	Substrate or cleaning material	Yes
4	Soil or Stain	Modelling
5	Hard Surface	Modelling

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# Factors affecting cleaning

- Main Factors that affect Cleaning:

- Temperature (T),
- Applied Pressure (P),
- Substrate Surface (A),
- Hardness of soil (H),
- Shear rate ( $\gamma$ ),
- Chemistry:
  1. Detergent Concentration (C)
  2. Surfactant Action

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# Equipment used to obtain these parameters



- Mini Traction Machine → measures **Traction Coefficient**



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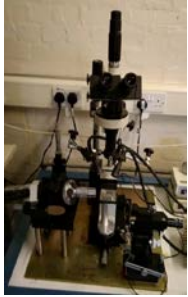
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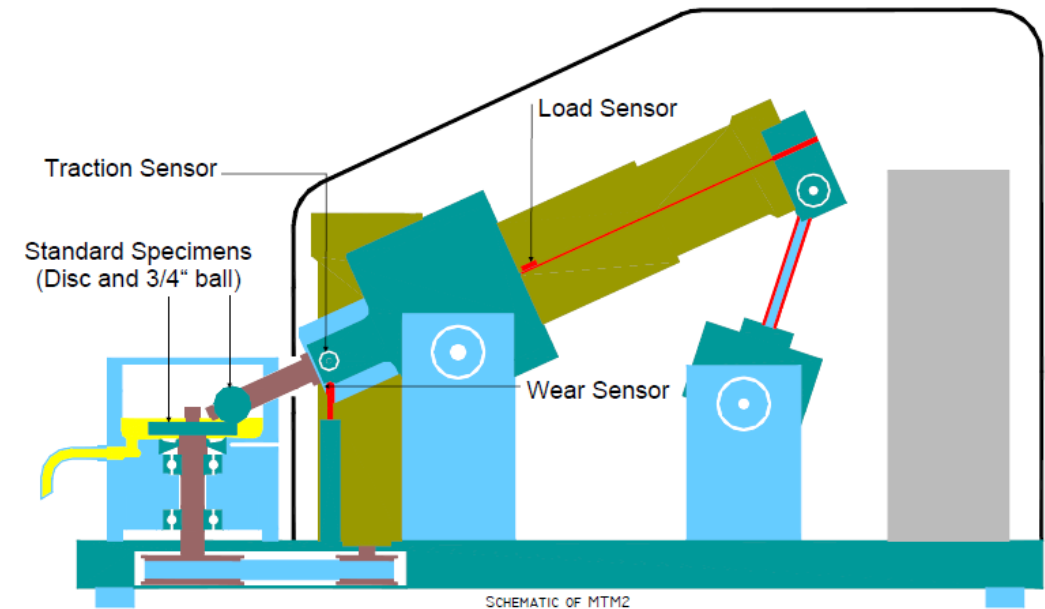
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# Mini Traction Machine

- Measures traction coefficient
- Main parts: Rotating ball – Rotating disc
- Controlled Factors: Load  $W$ , speed  $U$ , Slide Role Ratio SRR, Temperature  $T$
- Frictional force  $F$  measured by transducer  $\rightarrow$  traction coefficient  $\mu = F/W$

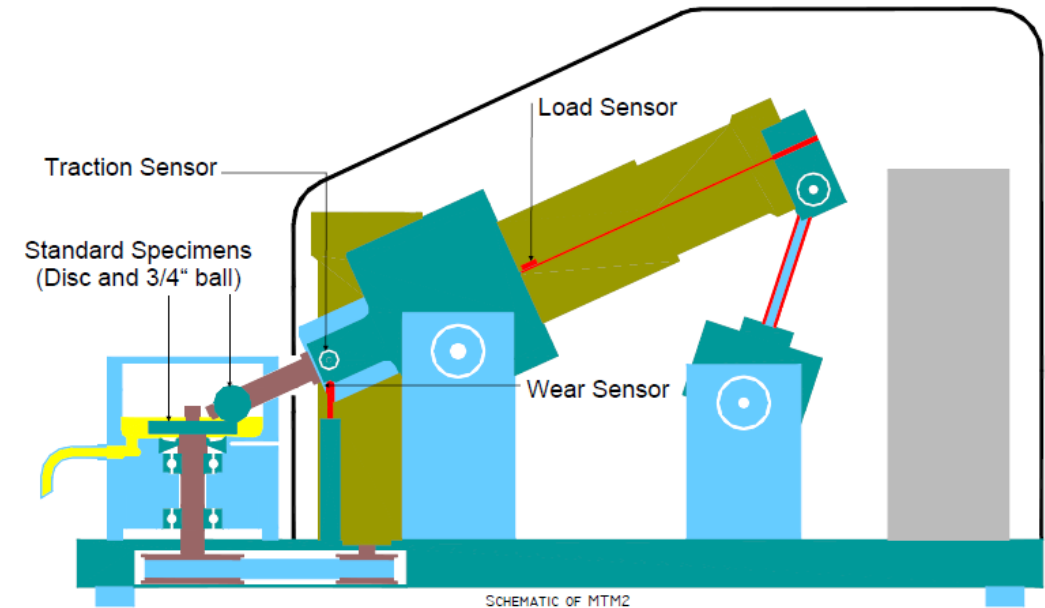
$$\text{SRR} = \frac{U_{\text{disc}} - U_{\text{ball}}}{U}$$



# Mini Traction Machine

## Why MTM?

- Friction coefficient values, while using mechanical force and changing various parameters
- Prove that MTM can be used for cleaning experiments
- An effort to correlate traction (friction) coefficient with cleaning rate



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# Sample preparation + Experimental procedure



	Mass (g)
Water	~75
Fat	~0.5
Carbohydrate	17.1
Fibre	2.6
Protein	4.4
Salt	0.38

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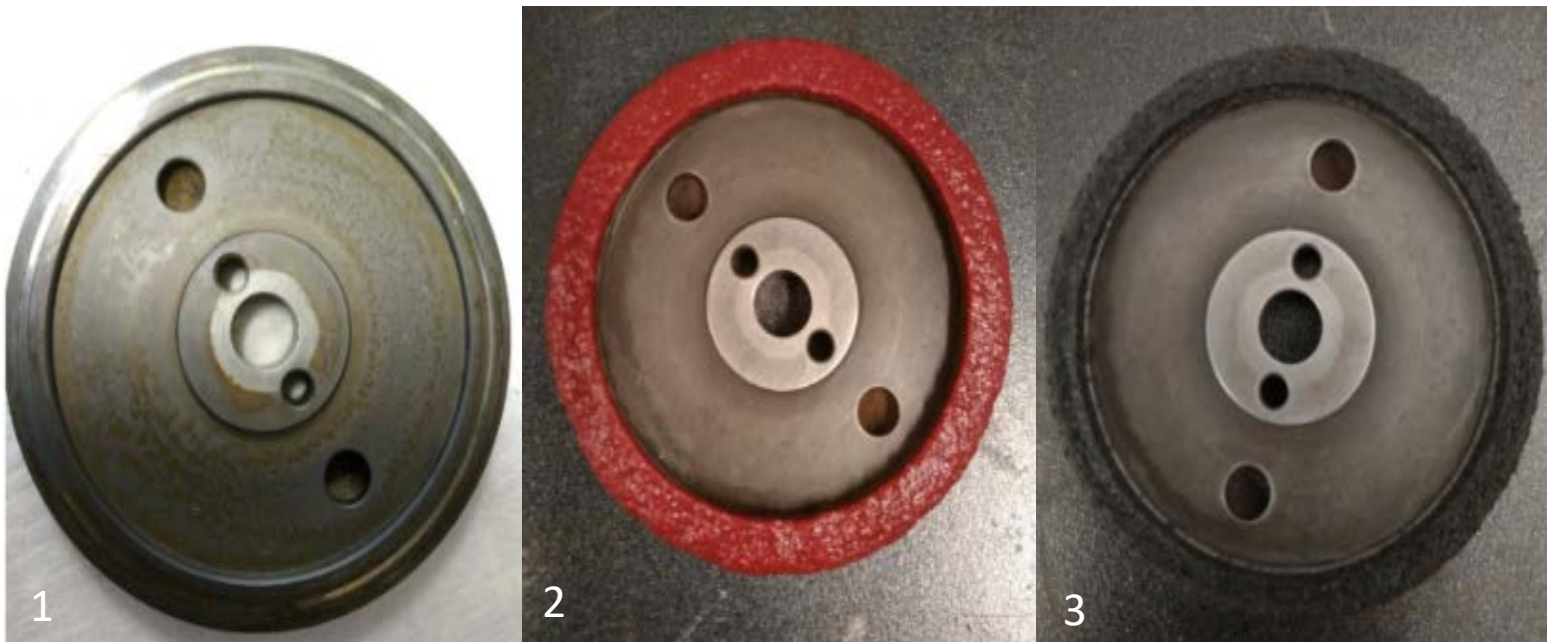
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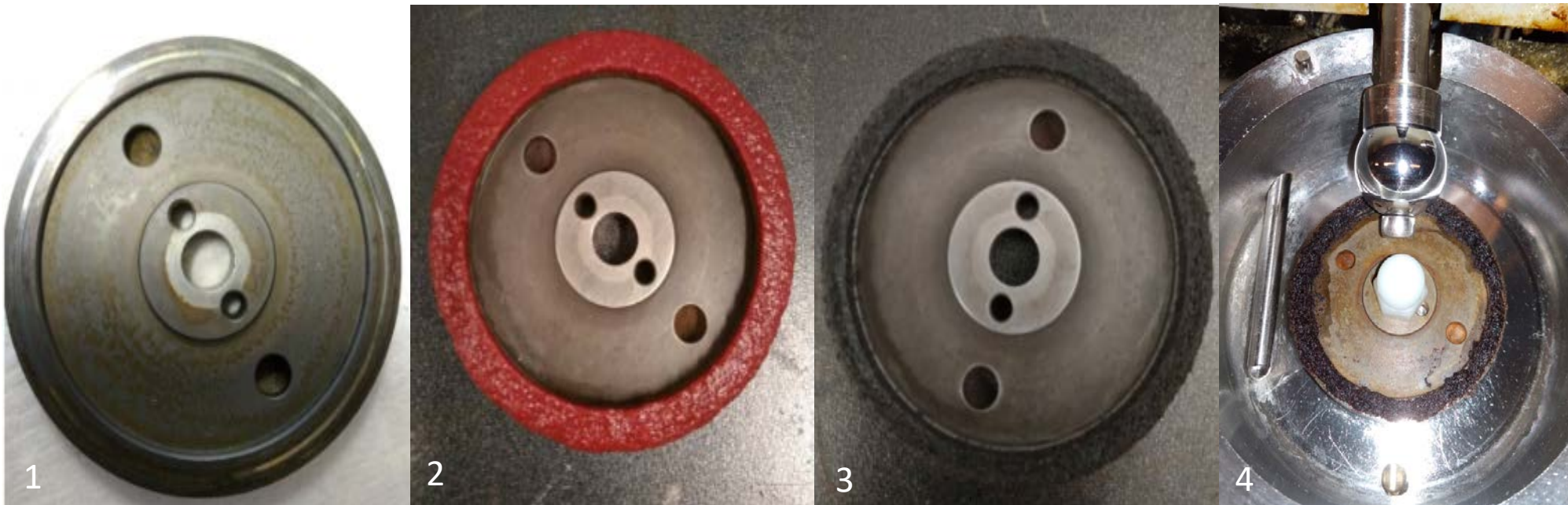
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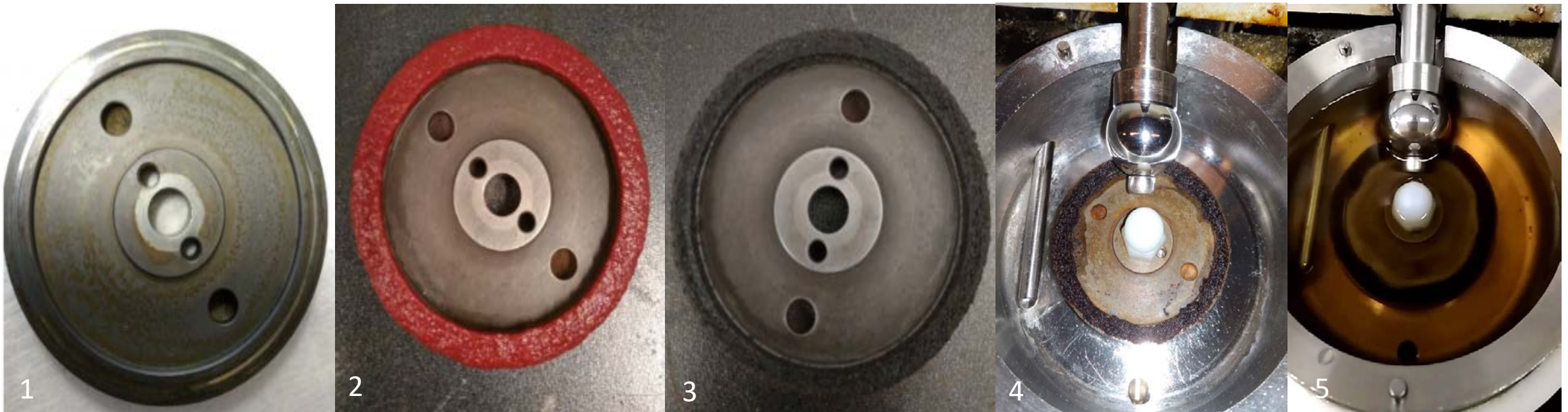
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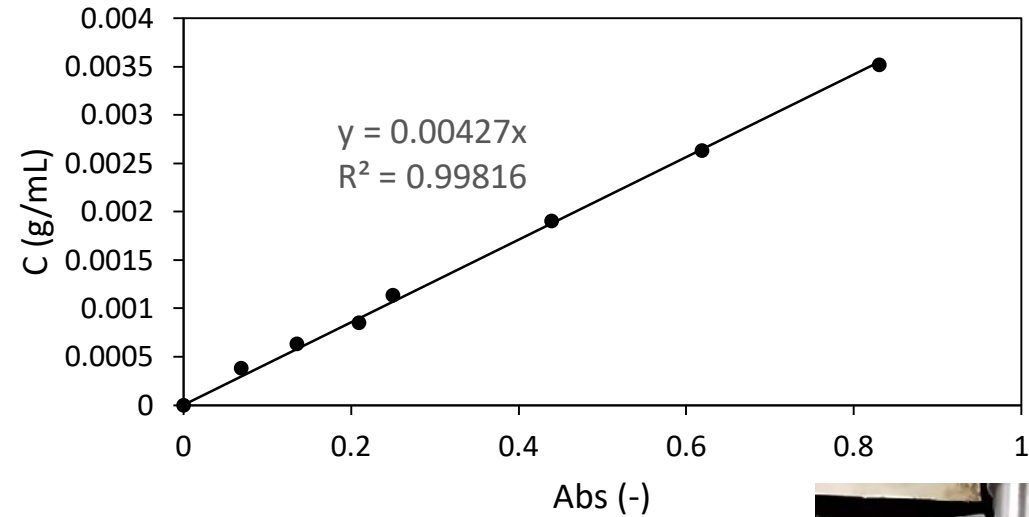




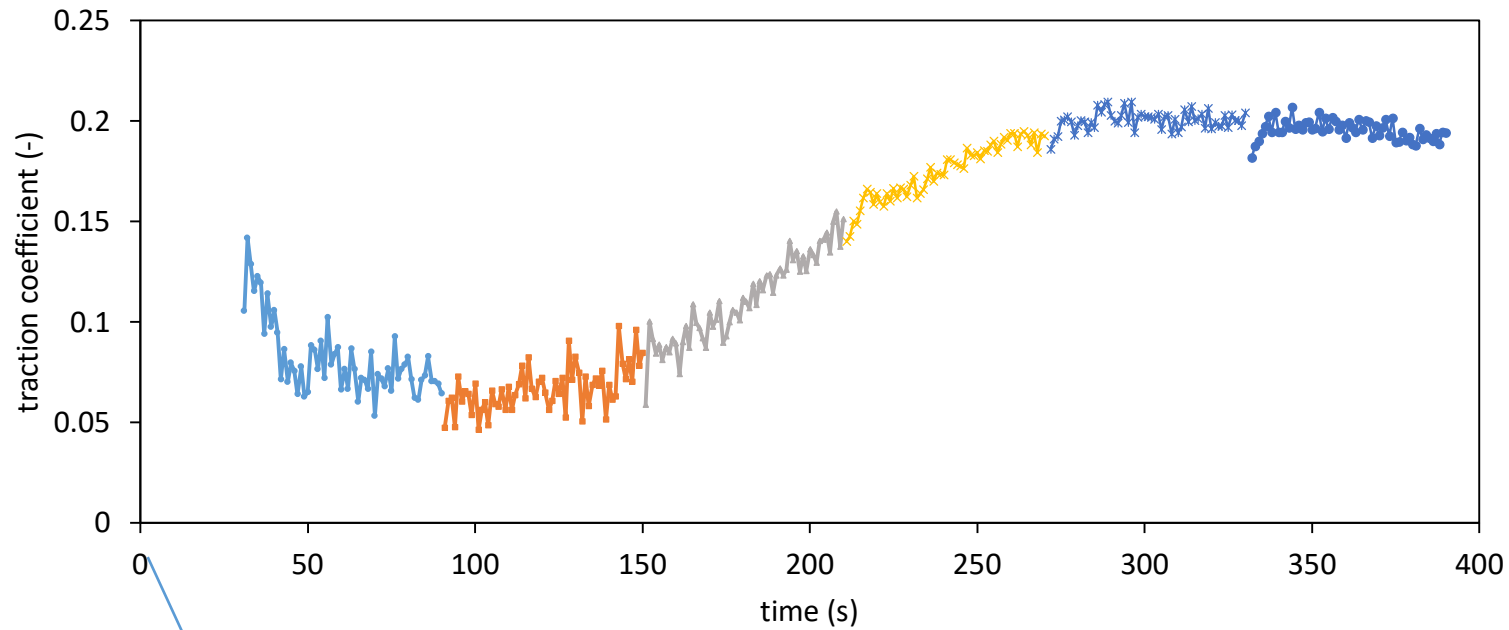
# UV-Vis calculations

- Calibration curve for tomato puree ( $\lambda=480$  nm)
- Liquid samples with syringe filters during the experiment
- UV-Vis measurements

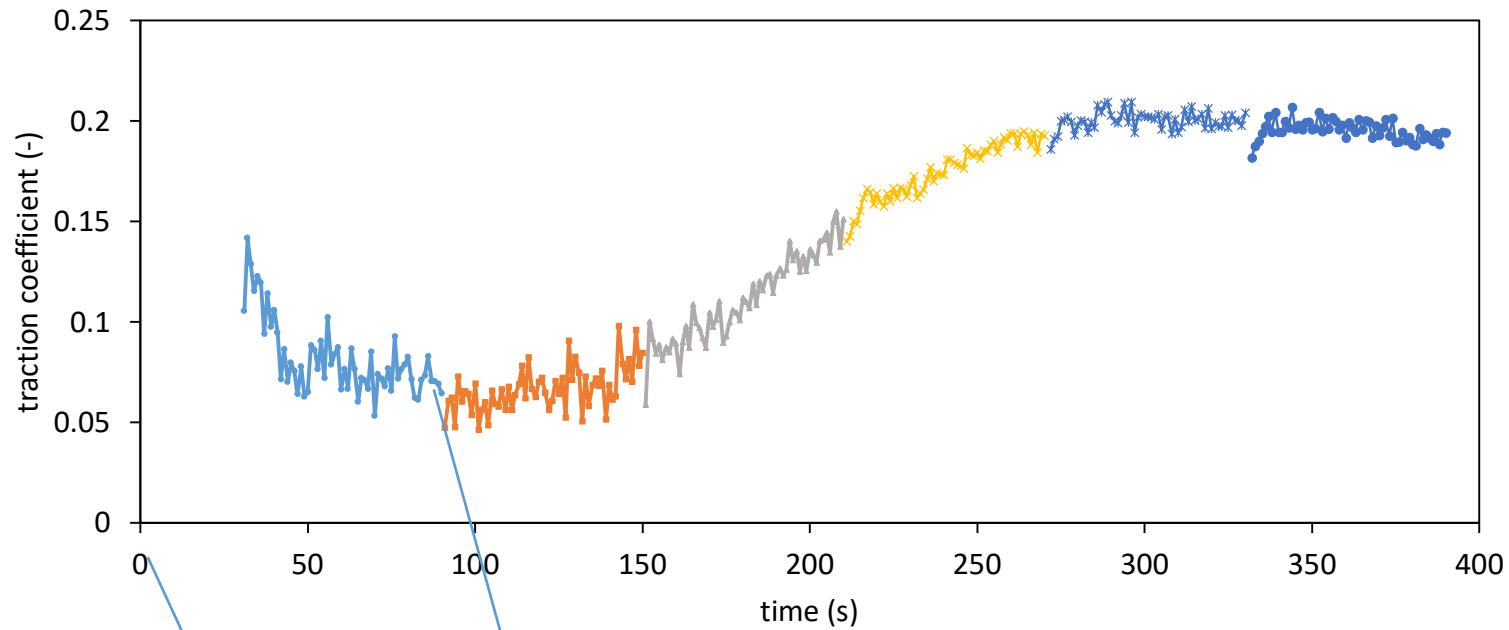
calibration curve of burnt tomato puree



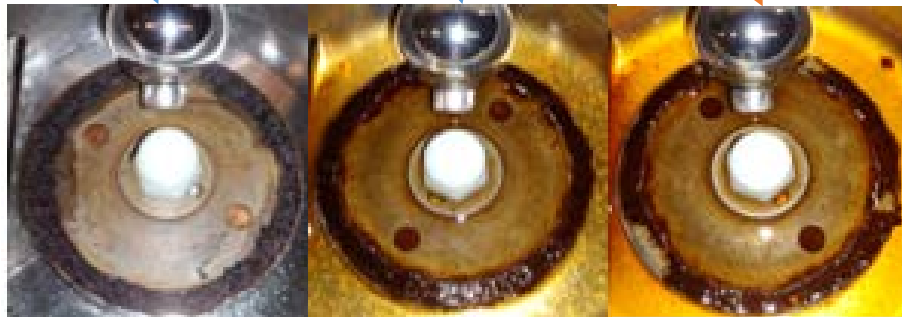
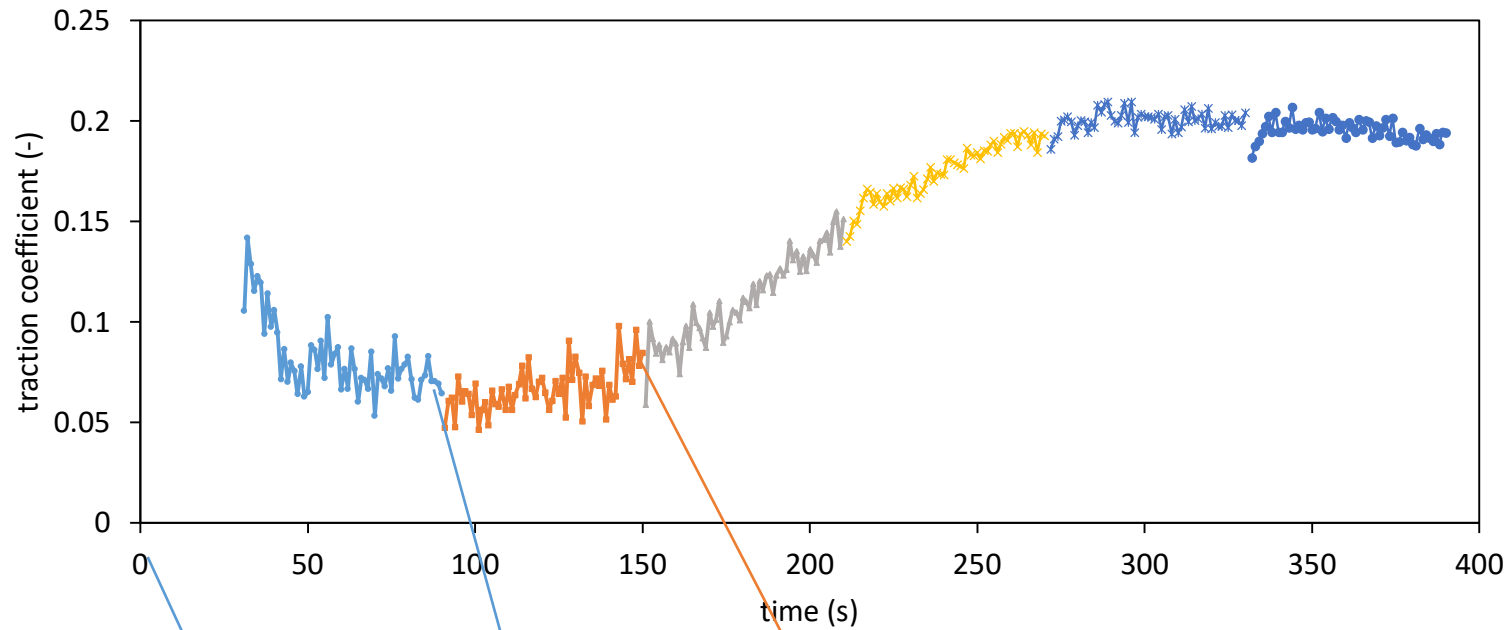
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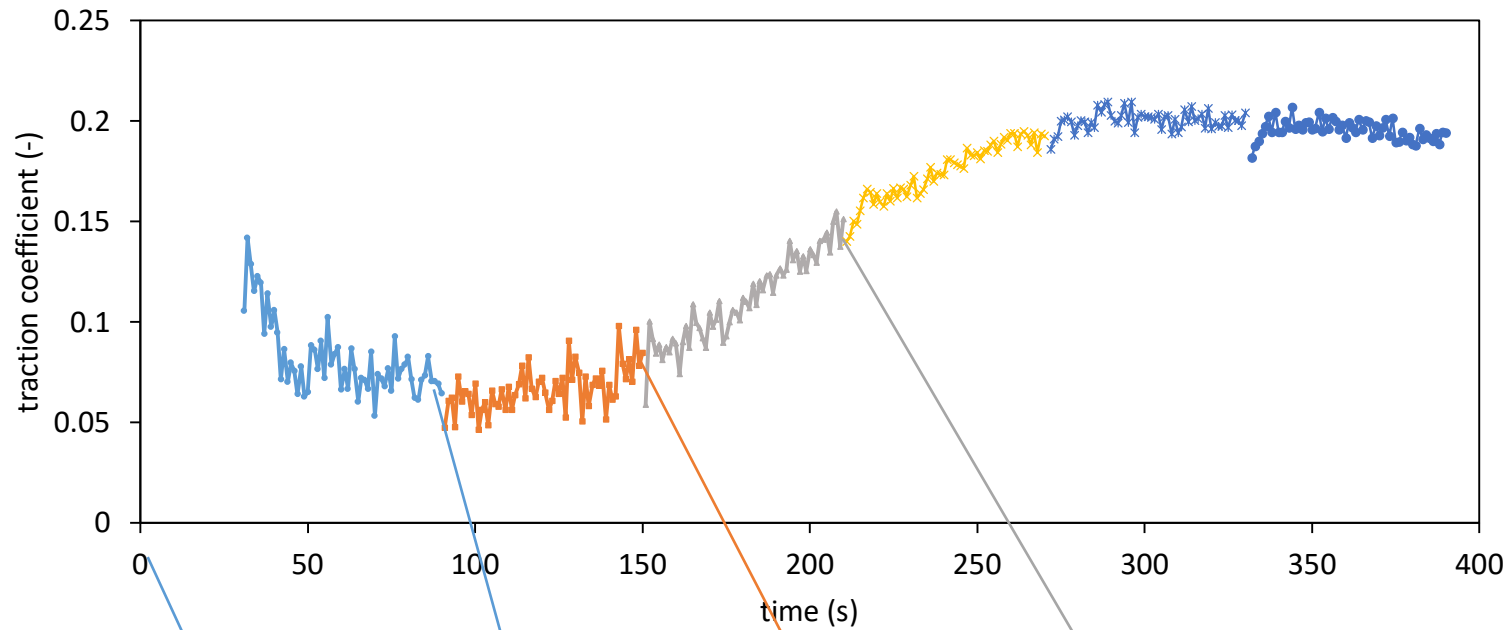
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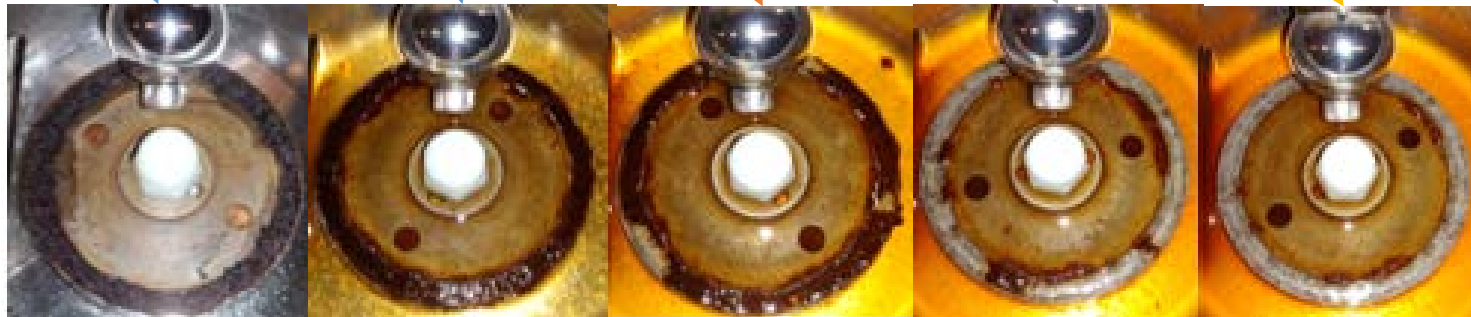
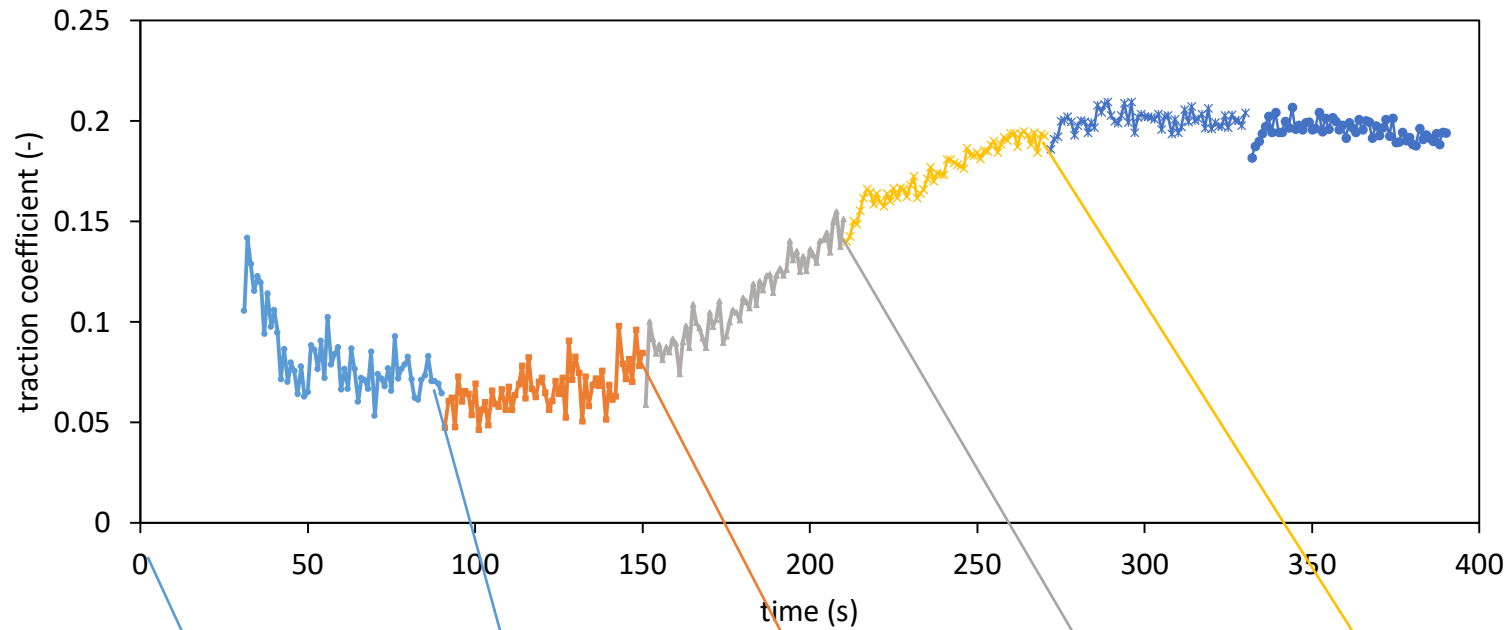
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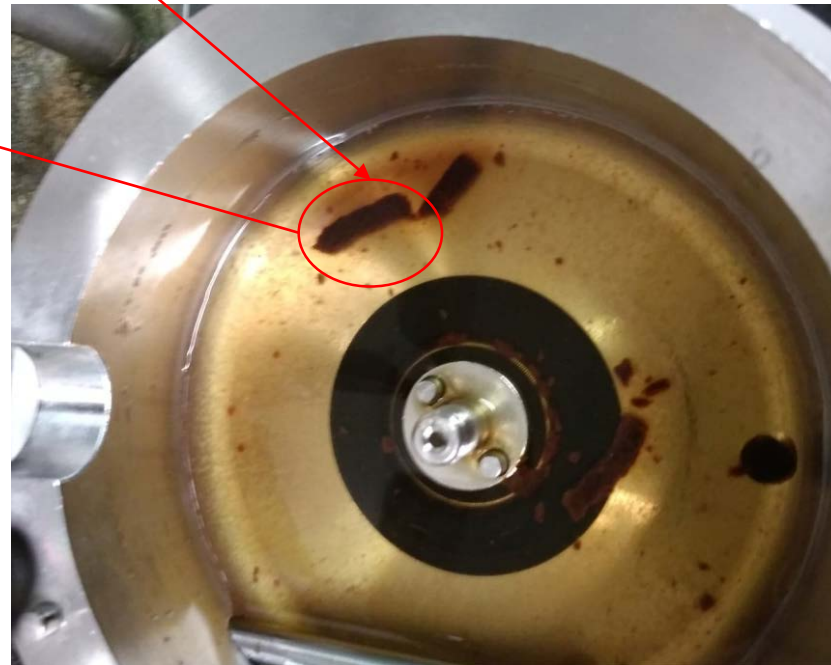


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Tomato fragments



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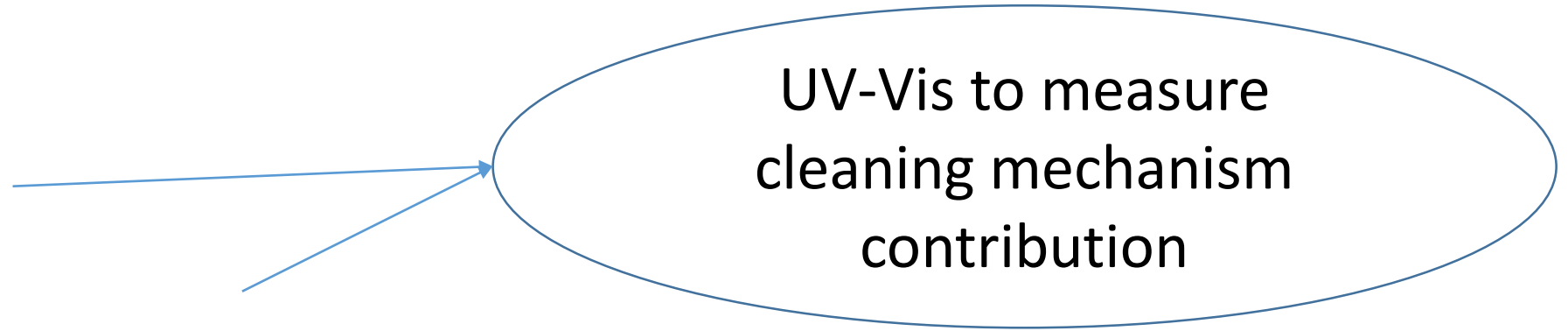


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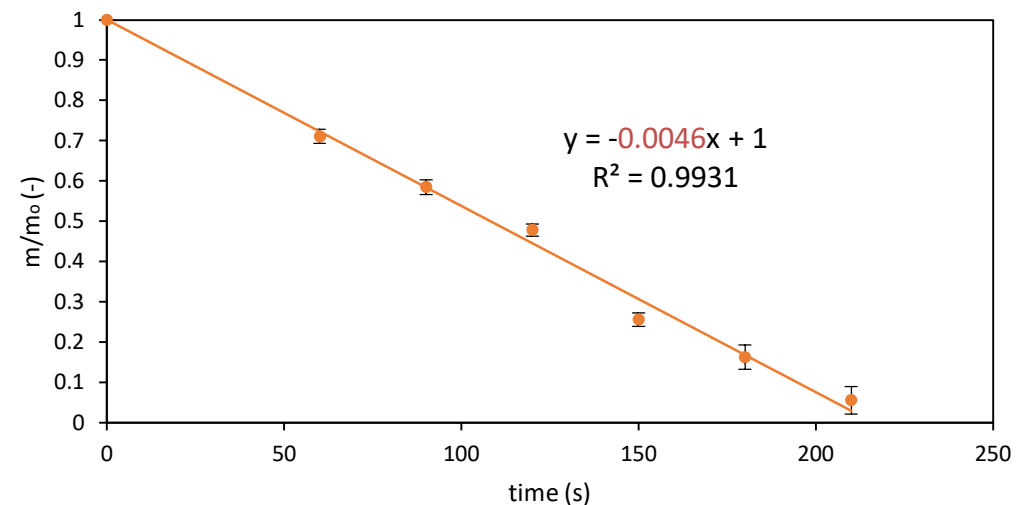


# Cleaning mechanisms in MTM – Cleaning rate

- 2 main cleaning mechanisms  
no chemistry:
  - Dissolution
  - Mechanical Removal

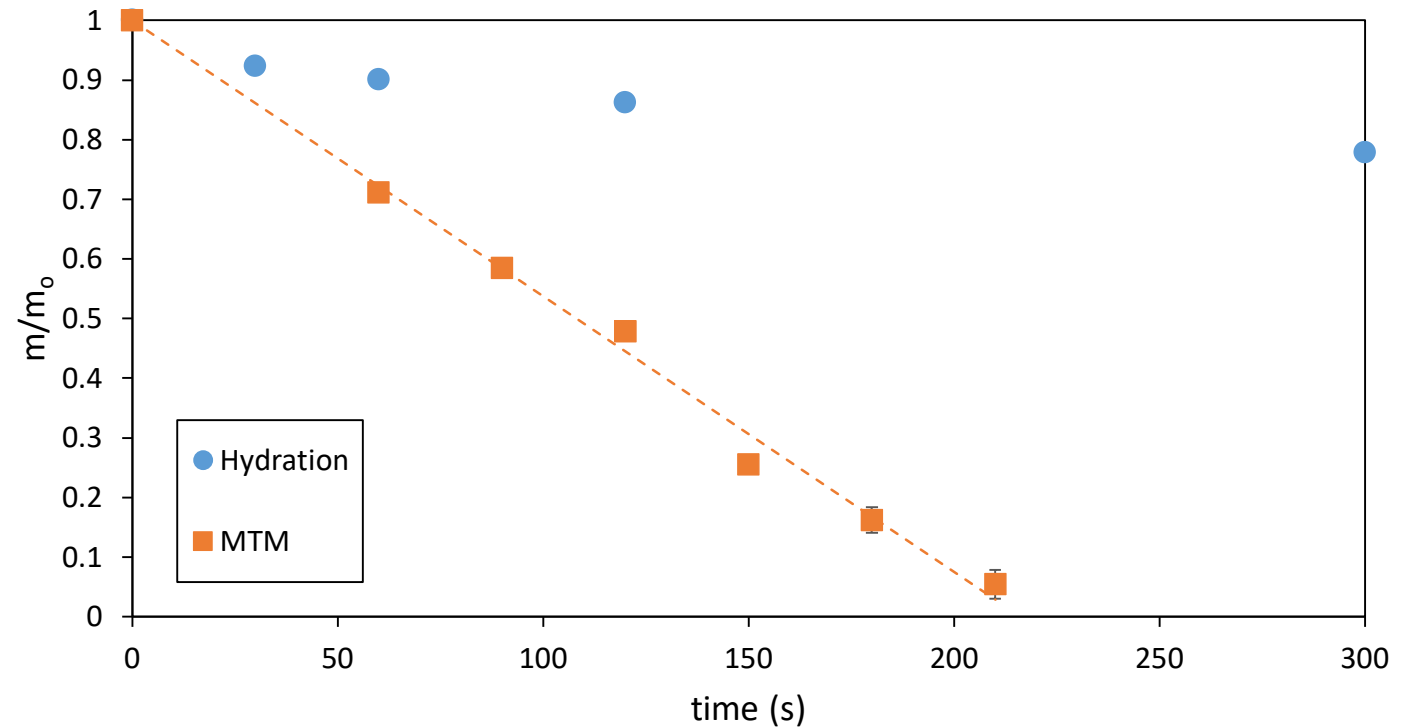
UV-Vis to measure  
cleaning mechanism  
contribution

- Cleaning rate =  $\frac{d\left(\frac{m}{m_0}\right)}{dt}$



# Hydration vs Mechanical removal

- Hydration  
Removed 20% in 5 min
- +Mechanical force  
Should coexist → 100%  
removal in less than 5 min

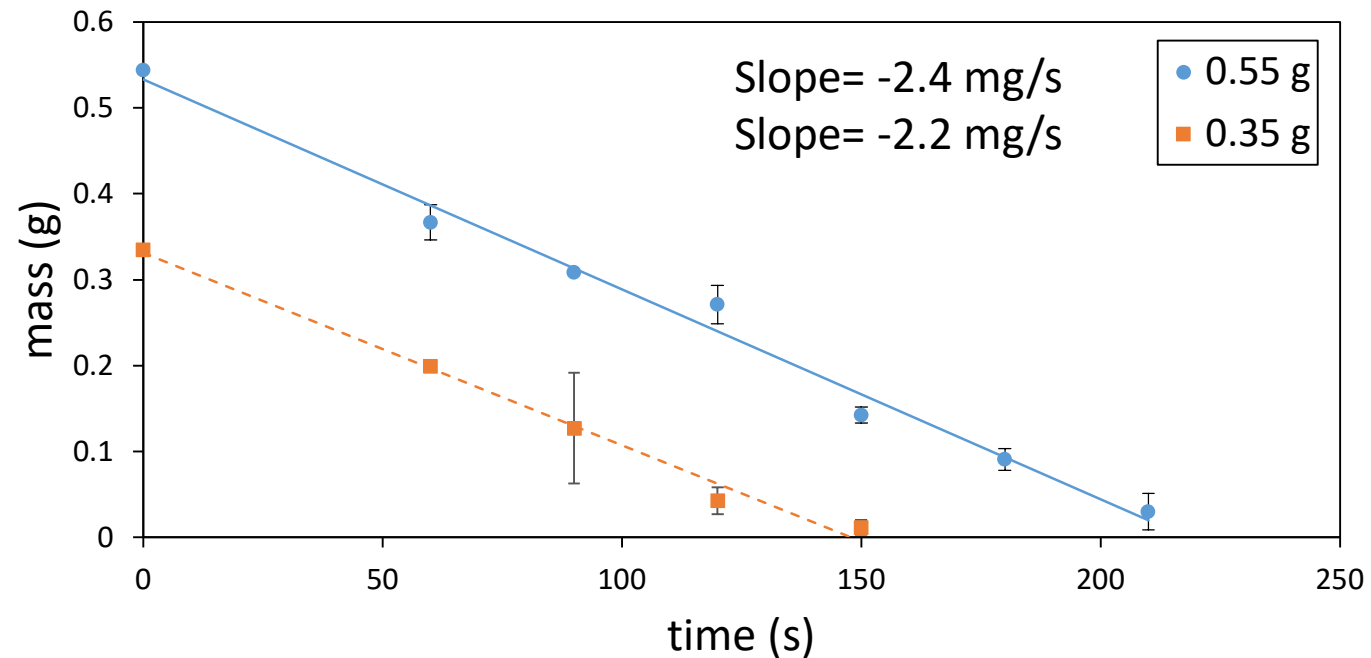


# Parameter variation

- 1. Mass of the tomato puree
- 2. Normal Load/Applied Pressure
- 3. Rolling Speed
- 4. Detergent Concentration

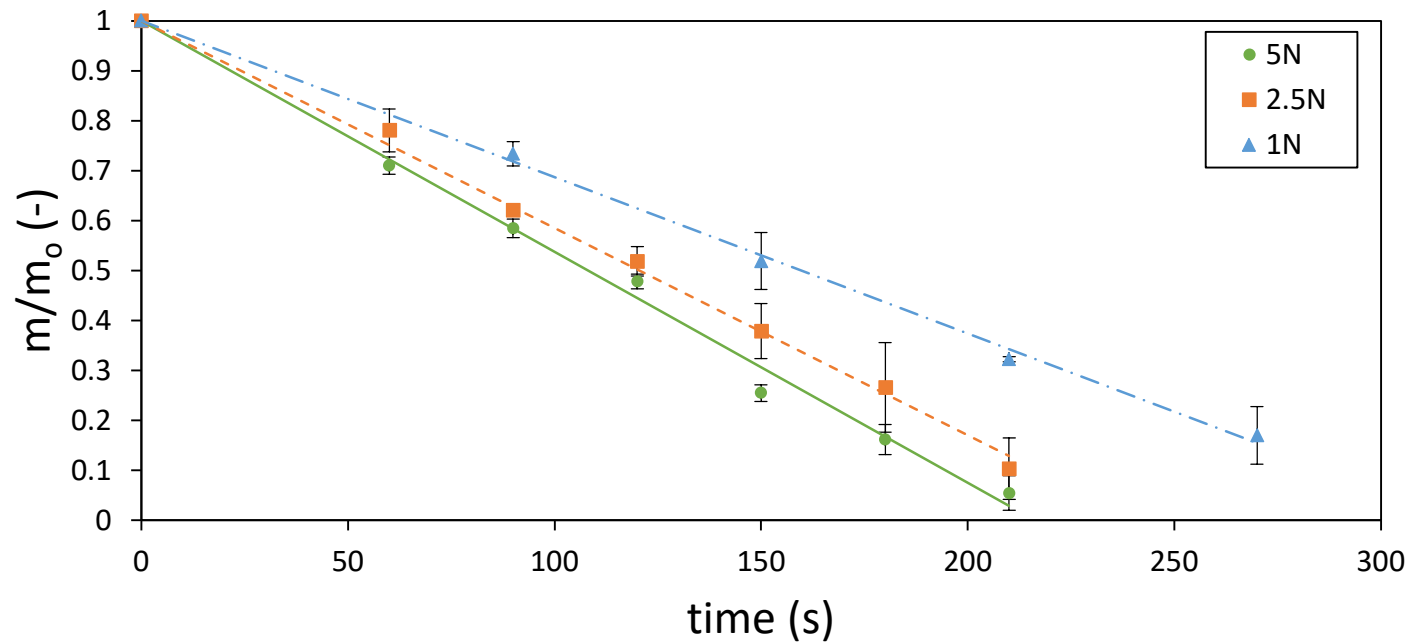
# 1. Mass of the tomato puree

- Slope=Cleaning rate (constant)
- Different masses  $\sim$  cleaning rates  $\rightarrow$  Mass does not affect cleaning rate



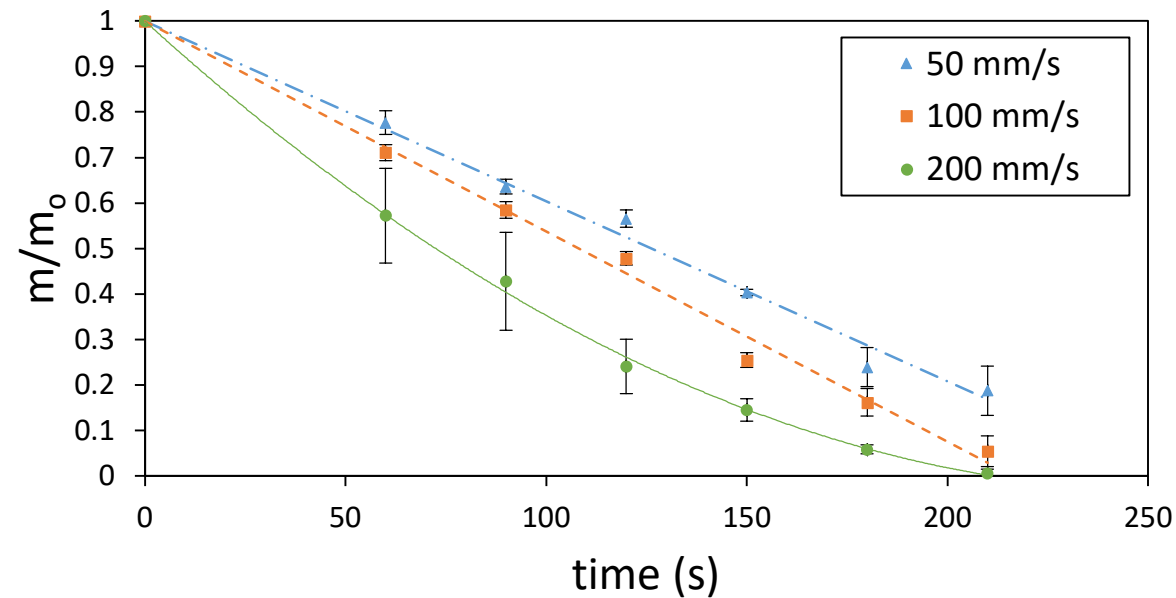
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- Different load (1, 2.5, 5N or 260, 350 and 440 kPa)
- Increase of load → Increase of cleaning rate



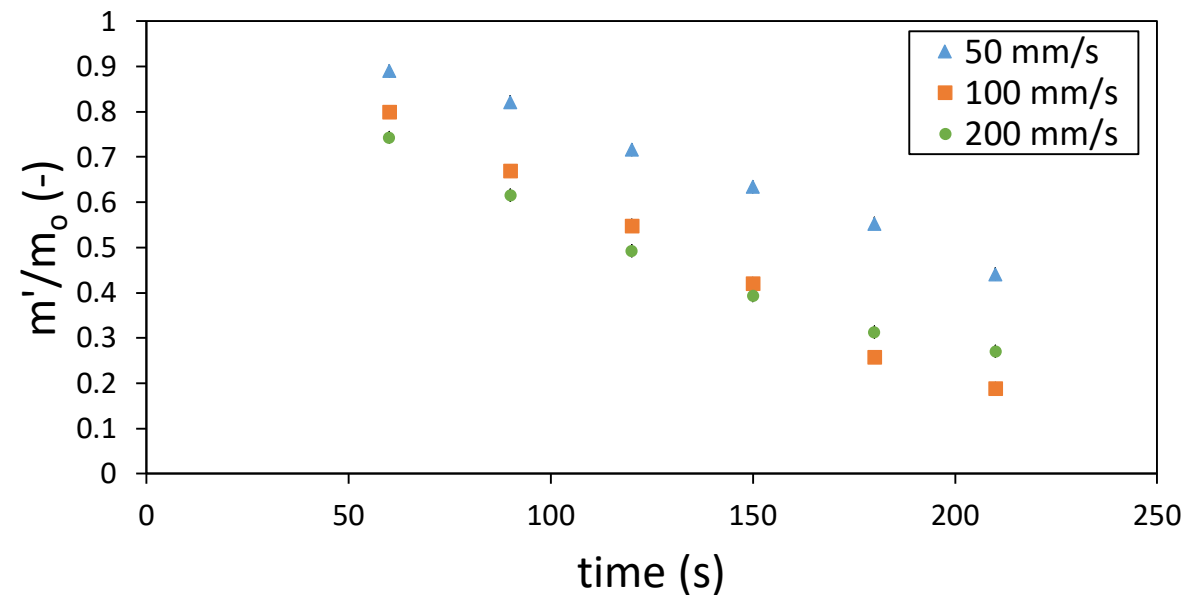
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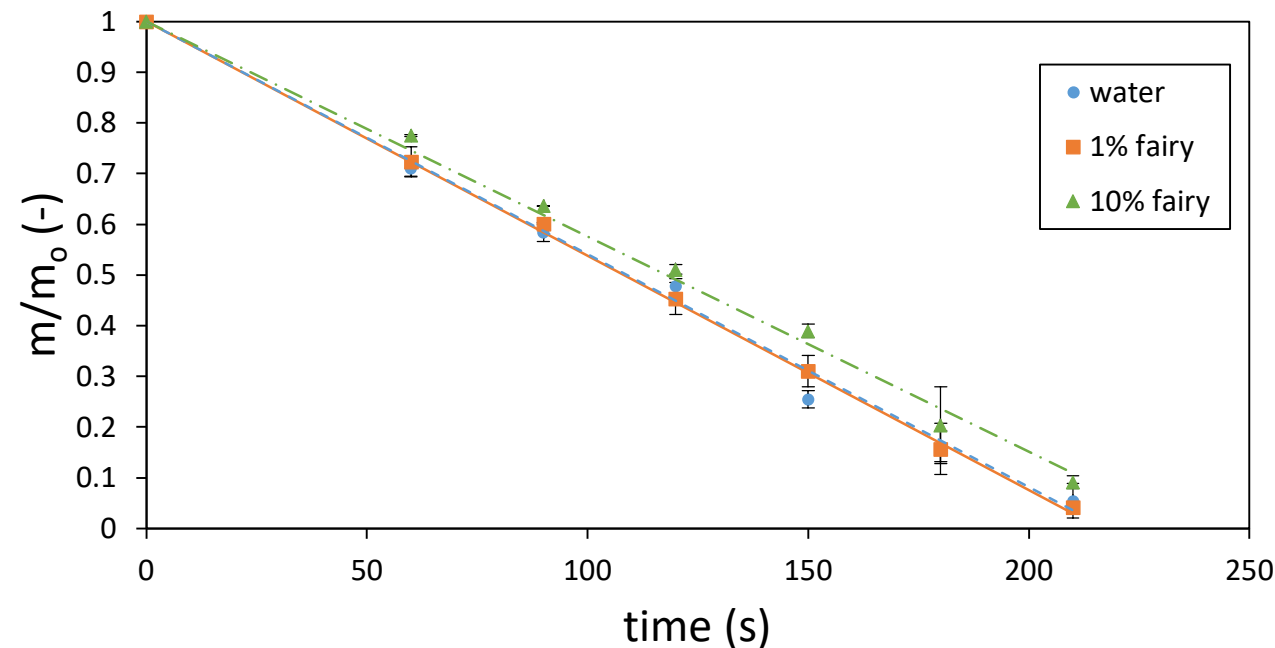
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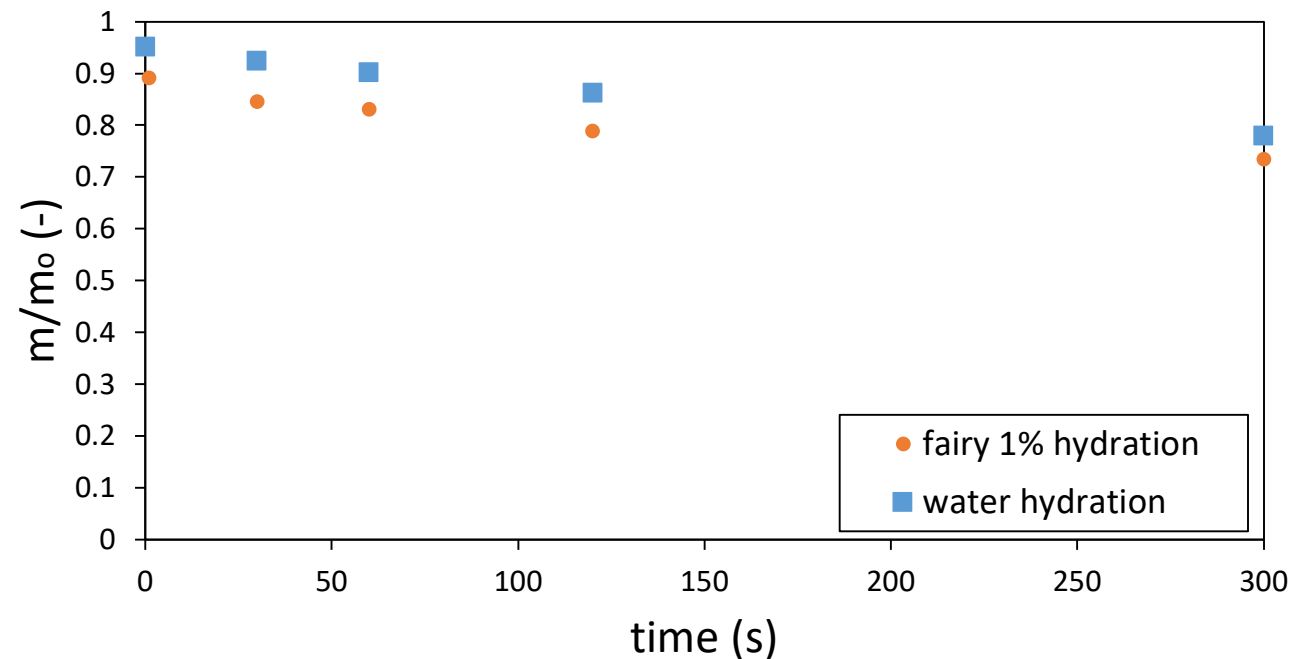




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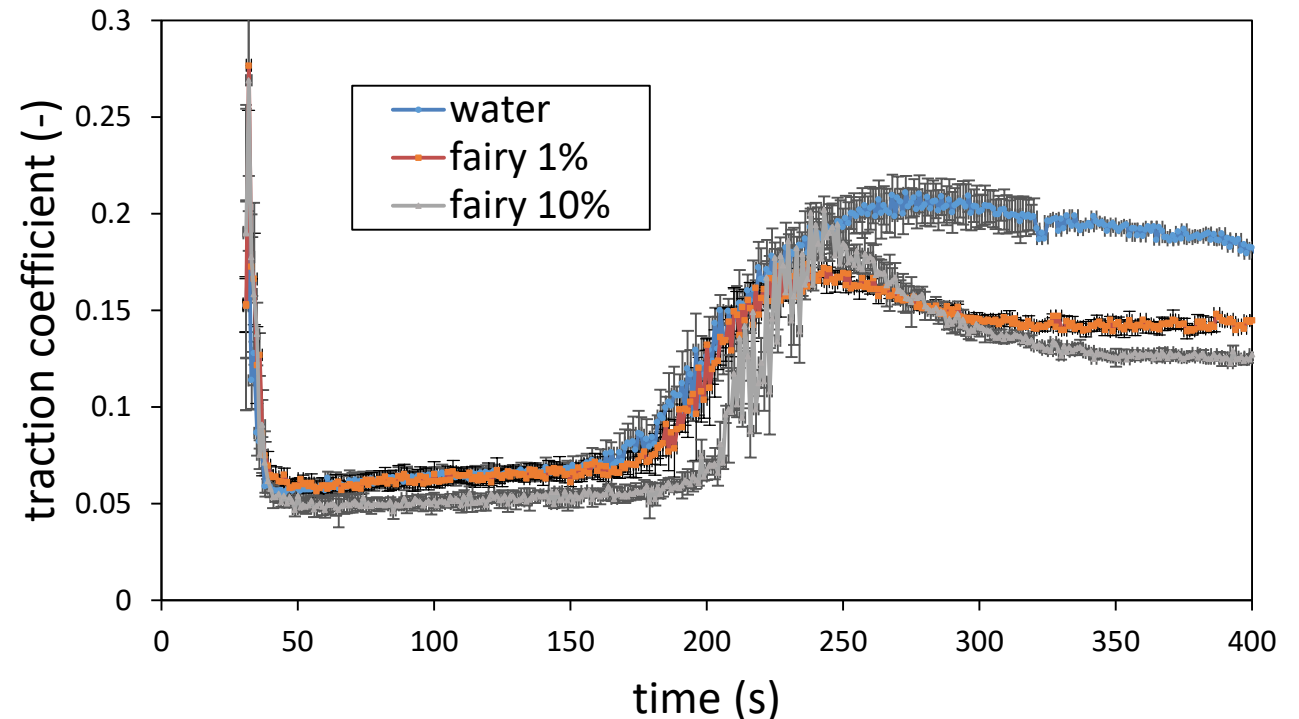


## 4. Detergent Concentration (2)



1. Water traction coefficient > Fairy traction coefficient values
2. Traction coefficient decreases after the removal of tomato puree

Lubrication effect



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## Parameters

Mass: No effect on cleaning rate

Load, Speed: load/speed increase → earlier traction coefficient increase and better cleaning

Detergent: Lubrication hinders cleaning efficiency of detergent for the experiment in MTM for tomato puree

# **FORMULA X**

**Understand Formulate Innovate**

Thank you for your attention