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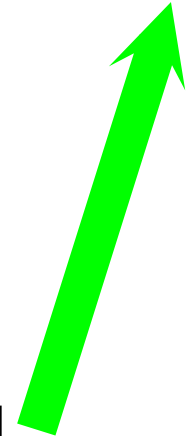
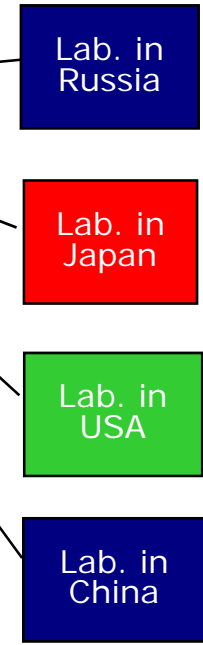
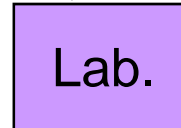
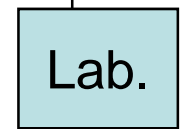
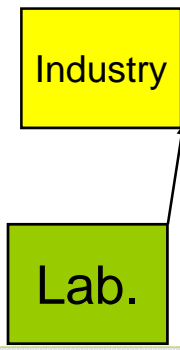
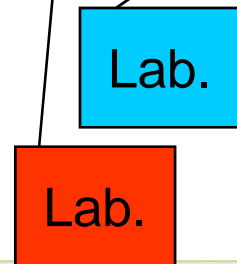
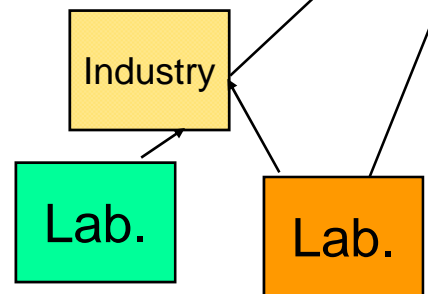
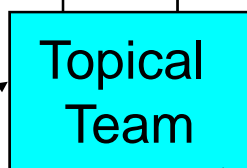
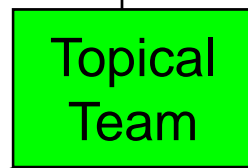
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Eight other EU states have Cooperation Agreements with ESA: Estonia, Slovenia, Poland, Hungary, Cyprus, Latvia, Lithuania and the Slovak Republic. Bulgaria and Malta are negotiating Cooperation Agreements.

Canada takes part in some programmes under a Cooperation Agreement.



ELIPS'  
RESEARCH PLAN:  
A SCIENCE DRIVEN  
BOTTOM-UP APPROACH



## Physical sciences in the ELIPS programme

**69** projects

**575** scientists

**30** countries

**32** multi-users

instruments under study or development for the ISS

AUSTRIA	7
BELGIUM	34
CANADA	22
CZECH REP.	2
SWITZERLAND	9
GERMANY	134
DENMARK	2
SPAIN	25
FRANCE	113
GREECE	4
IRELAND	4
ITALY	42
NORWAY	5
NETHERLANDS	15
SWEDEN	4

JAPAN	36
RUSSIA	27
USA	47
HUNGARY	9
FINLAND	3
POLAND	3
ROMANIA	2
SLOVAKIA	2
UNITED KINGDOM	13
MEXICO	1
ISRAEL	1
INDIA	1
AUSTRALIA	2
CHINA	5
KOREA	1

# Drop Tower



**zero-g period:  
9 seconds**

**19 campaigns since 1990**

# Parabolic Flight



**zero-g period:  
20 seconds**

**Since 1984... 51 ESA PFC**

# Sounding rocket



**zero-g period:  
3 to 13 minutes**

**Since 1961...**

# International Space station

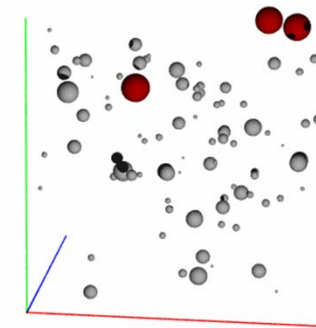
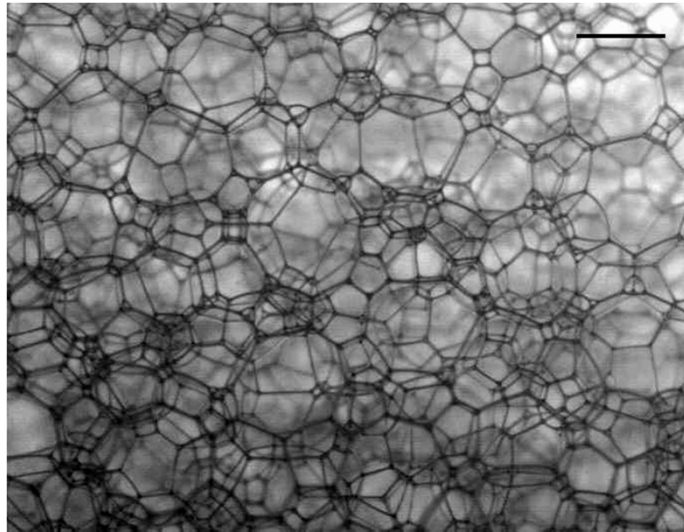


zero-g period:  
30 days

Since 1973...



# Foams and Emulsions



Coarsening of very wet foam:

- Diffusing Wave Spectroscopy (DWS)
- Time resolved Correlation (TRC)

**EXCHANGEABILITY of the individual cell samples**

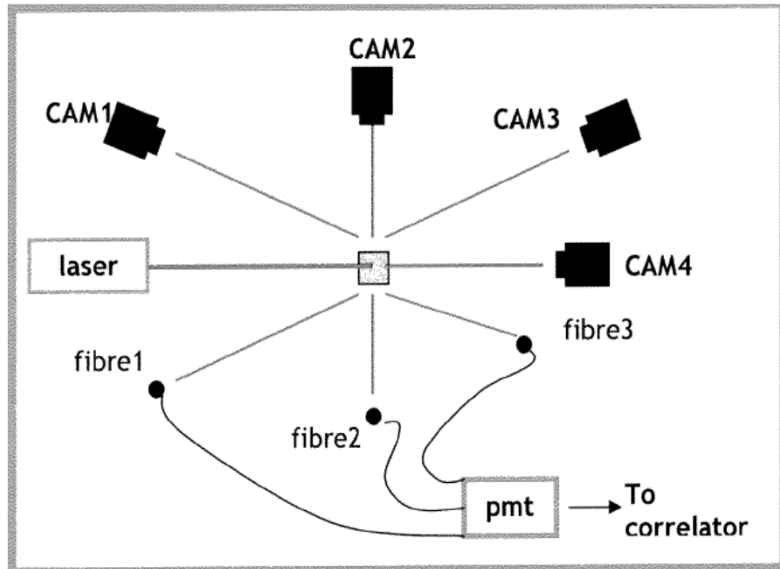
-> Launch 2015

Study the droplets size distribution and dynamics:

- Optical tomography
- Differential calorimetry
- Drop tensiometer

-> Launch 2013

# Colloids



- DLS+SLS at two (three) angles: (near)backscattering (fibre1),  $90^\circ$  (fibre2) and a low angle in the range  $35^\circ$ - $70^\circ$  (fibre 3)
- SALS in homodyne configuration with a CCD or CMOS camera (CAM4);
- TRC at two (three) angles with CCD or CMOS (CAM1, CAM2, CAM3).
- **EXCHANGEABILITY** of the individual cell samples

# Metallic foams



Ground

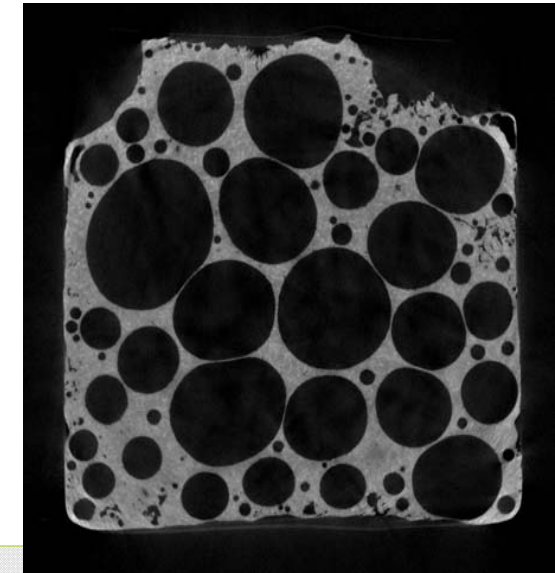
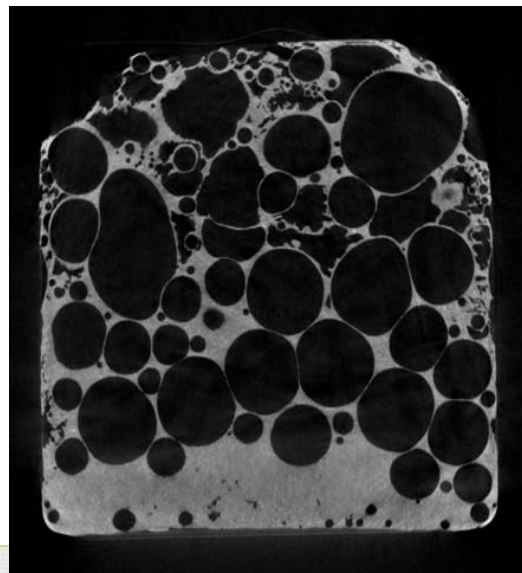
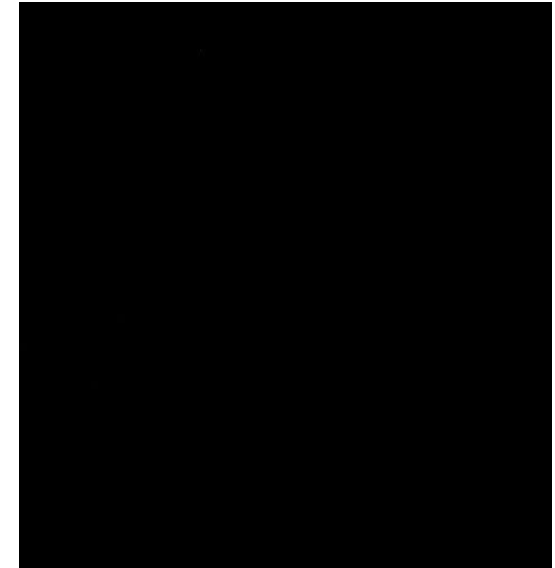
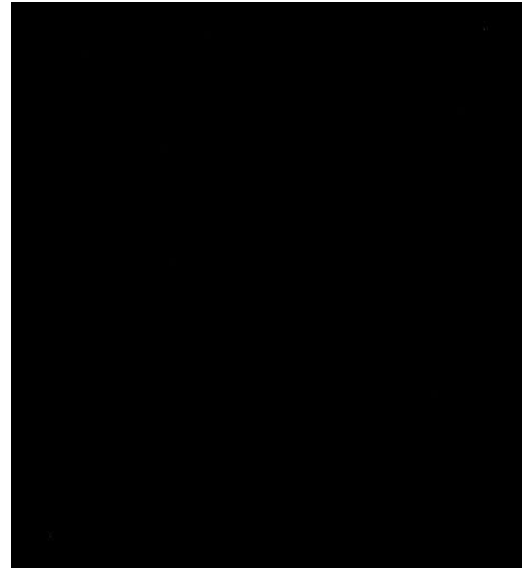
Space

Observation of metallic foam formation by the 'bread process'.

Unexpected observation of foam destabilisation even without drainage.

Coarsening comparable with or without drainage

-> New knowledge-based process patented

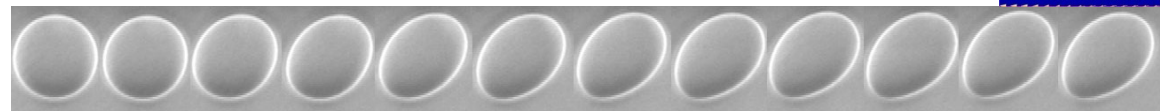
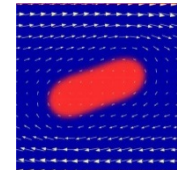


# BIOMIMETIC LIQUIDS

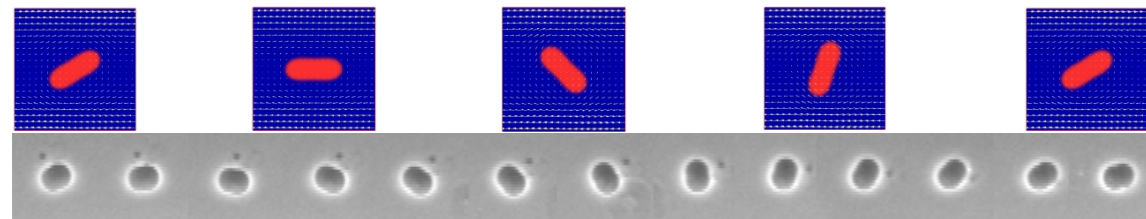


Physics:  
Rheology of non-newtonian fluids, complex hydrodynamic interactions

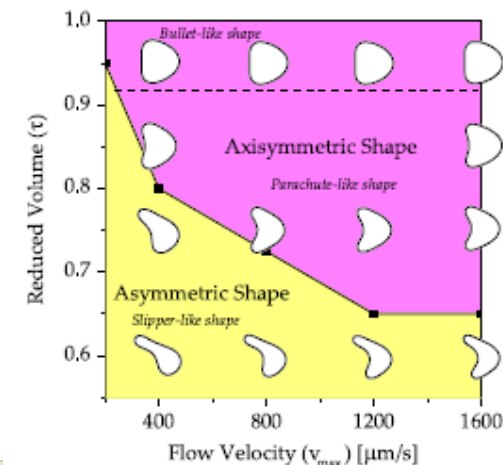
Biology:  
blood flow, cell function, may ultimately result into mechanical effect, stiffness...



Tank treading

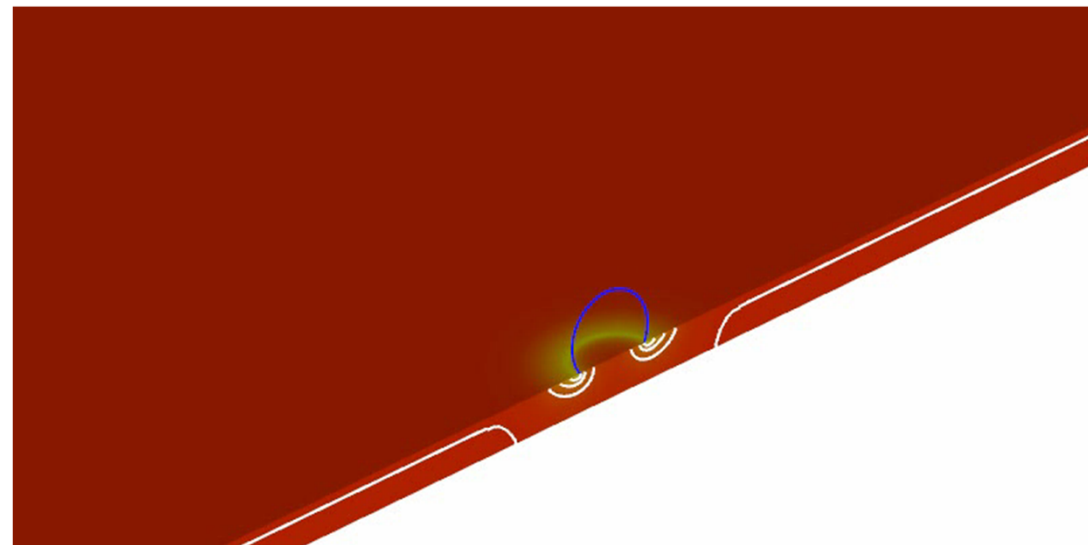
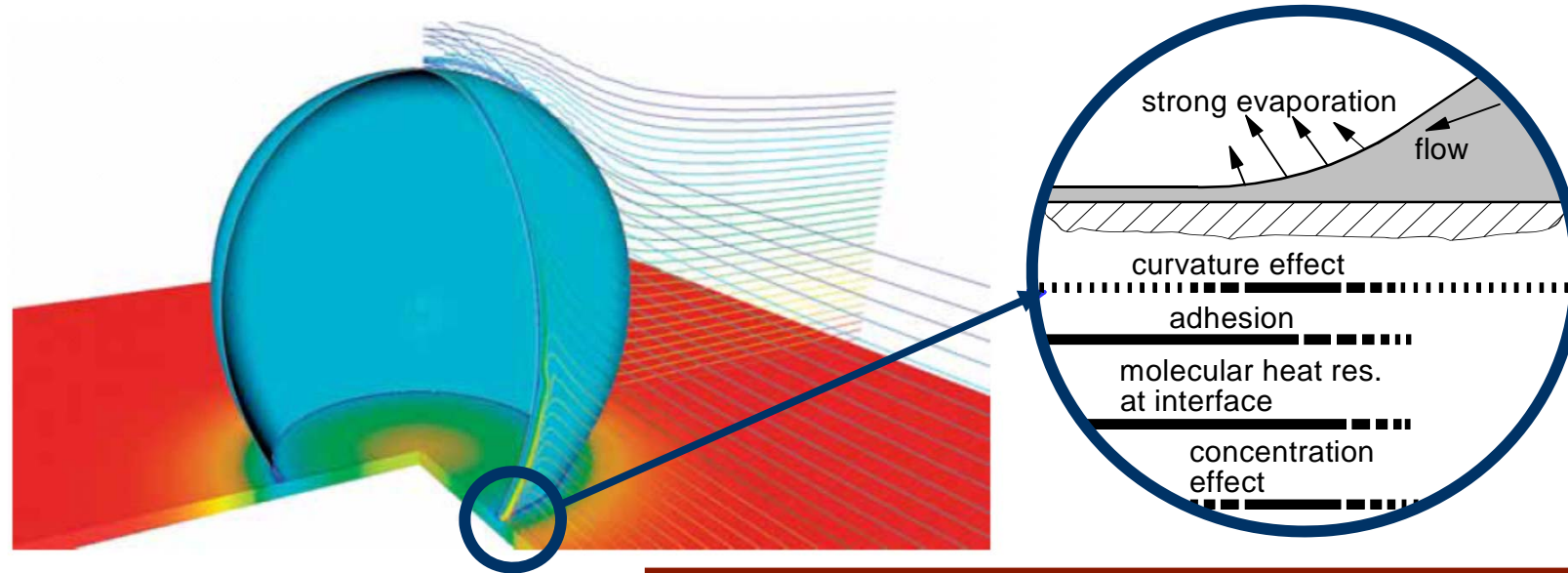


Tumbling



Misbah et al, PRL 2009

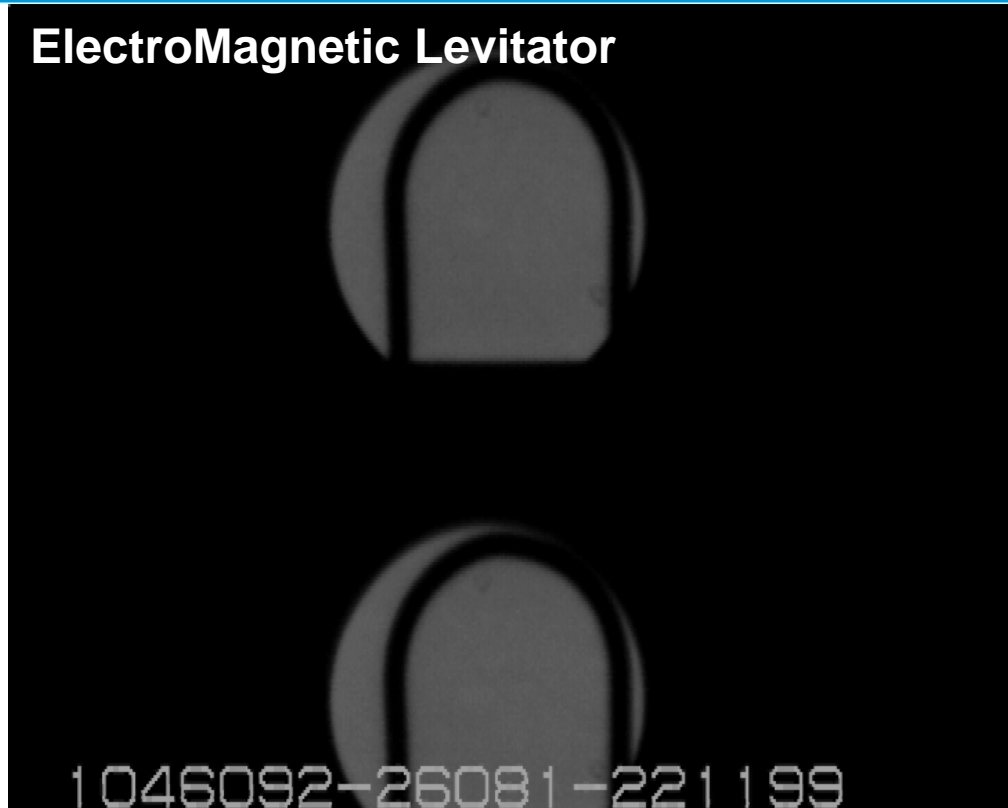
# BOILING



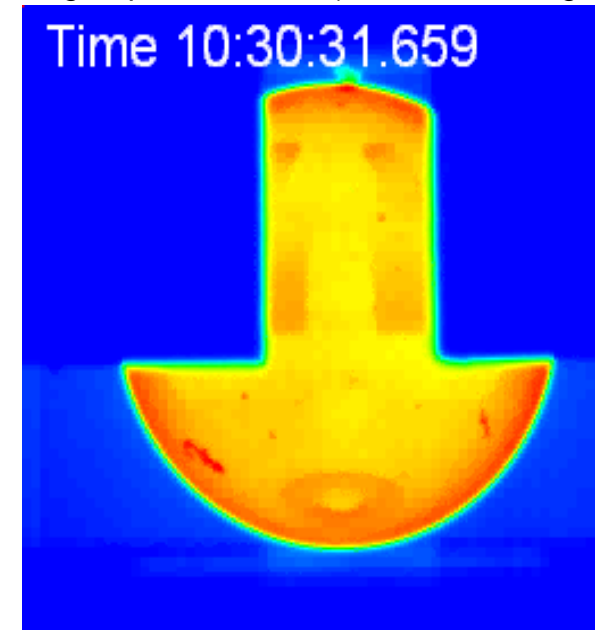
# Metallic drops



## ElectroMagnetic Levitator



Growth velocity of Fe-10Ni  
High Speed Camera (on Parabolic Flight)

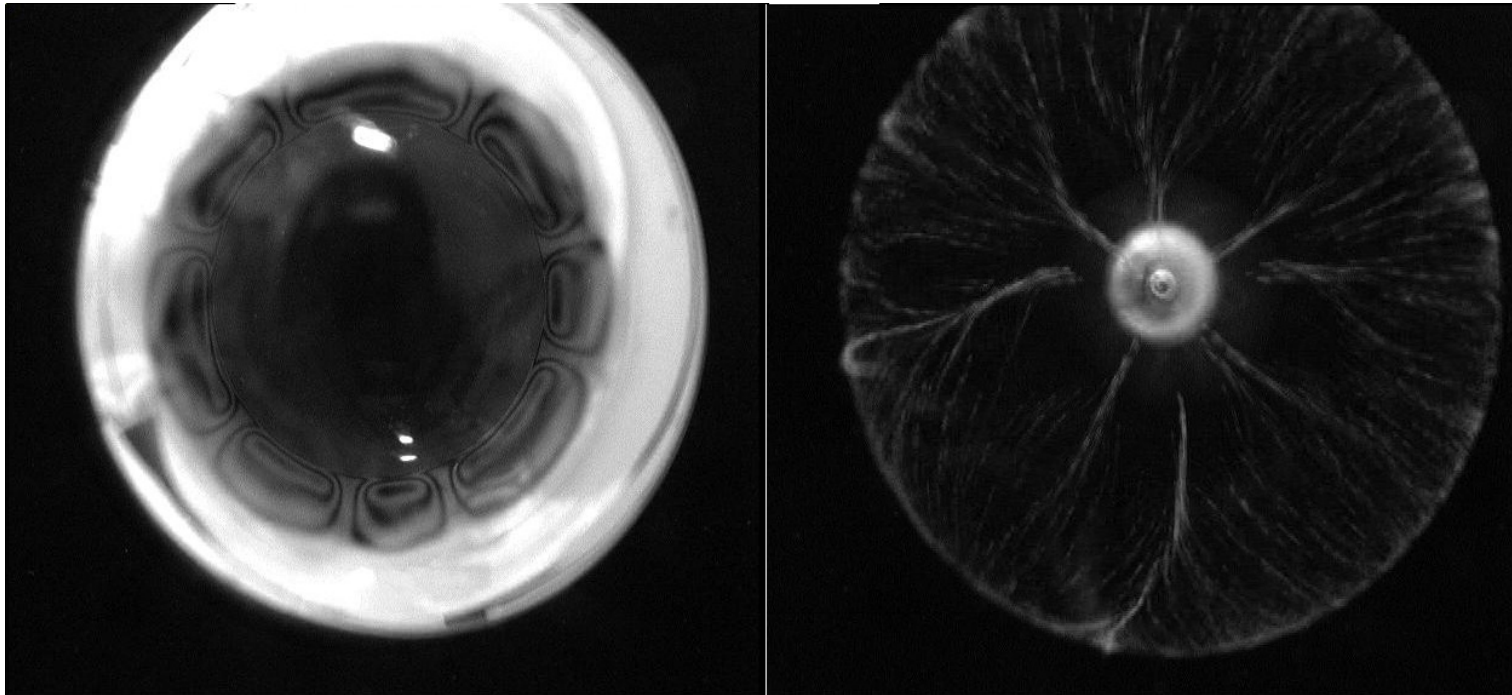


Courtesy: MAGNEPHAS team

Thermal expansion (optical metrology), surface tension and viscosity (surface oscillation), heat capacity (temperature response to heat pulse), total emissivity (pyrometry), electrical resistivity (electric coupling with the coil)

Undercooling and nucleation (triggered or spontaneous) -> growth velocities by optical observation

# Polarized and charged droplets esa



Topical Team on polarized and charged droplets

Study of problems related to atmospheric electricity, including collisional induced charging, interaction between charged droplets, effect of charging on surface tension, coupling to evaporation and condensation.

A photograph of Koichi Wakata, a Japanese astronaut, floating in a spacecraft. He is wearing a green shirt and a dark blue harness. A circular magnifying glass effect is applied to his eyes, showing a close-up of his face.

Thank you for your attention

Koichi Wakata