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A full range to characterize dispersions:

- *Without denaturation*
- *With easy operation*
- *From Formulation to Application*



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STABILITY & SIZE

DISPERSION STABILITY & SIZE
BY MULTIPLE LIGHT SCATTERING

FLUIDICAM

RHEOLOGY ON CHIP

FLOW RHEOLOGY
BY MICROFLUIDICS

RHEOLASER

MICRORHEOLOGY

ZERO SHEAR
MICRORHEOLOGY THERMAL ANALYSIS
BY MICRORHEOLOGY

DISPERSION STATE

SIZE

Dispersibility, aggregation...

STABILITY

Size variation, migration...

RHEOLOGY

FLOW BEHAVIOR

Injectability, sprayability...

STRUCTURE AT REST

Gelling, stability...

THERMAL ANALYSIS

PHASE TRANSITION

Crystallization, melting...

FROM FORMULATION TO APPLICATION

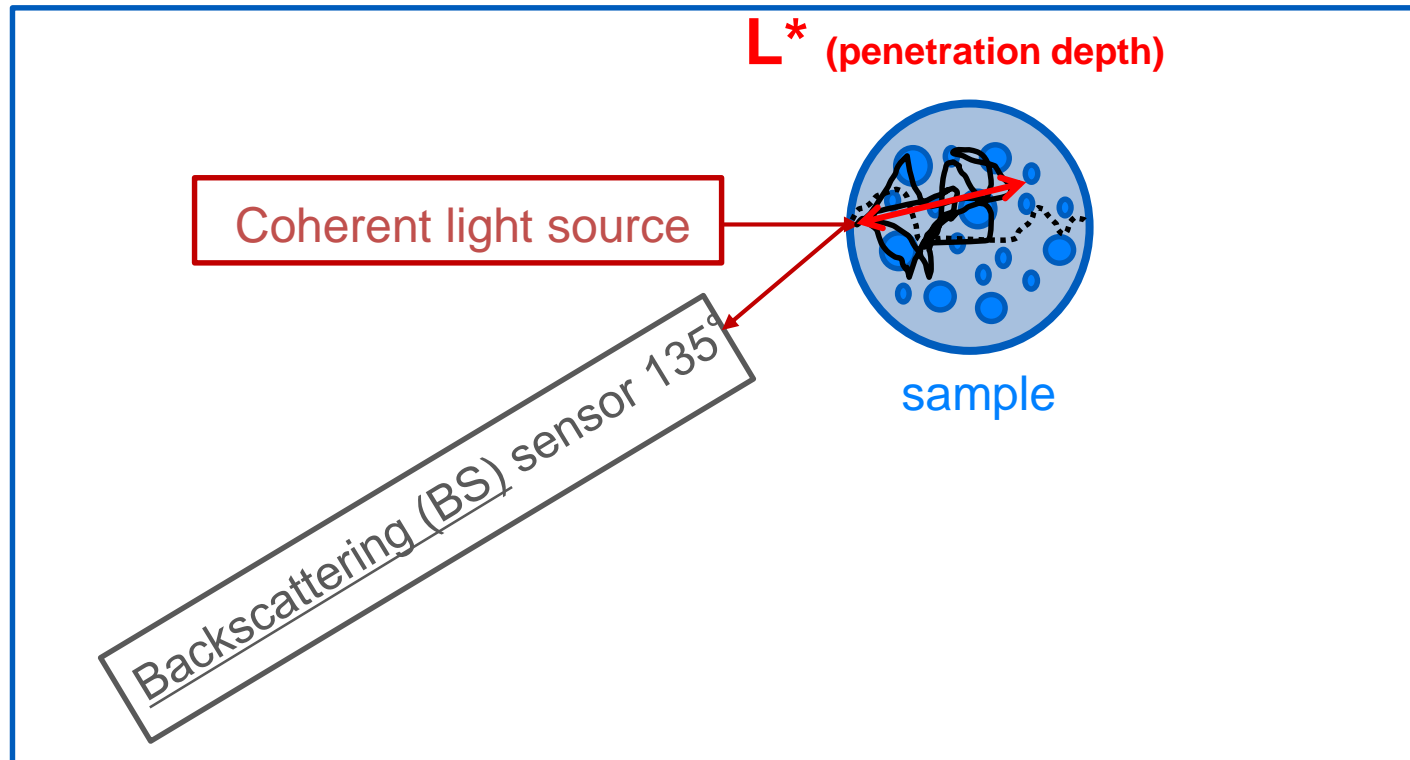
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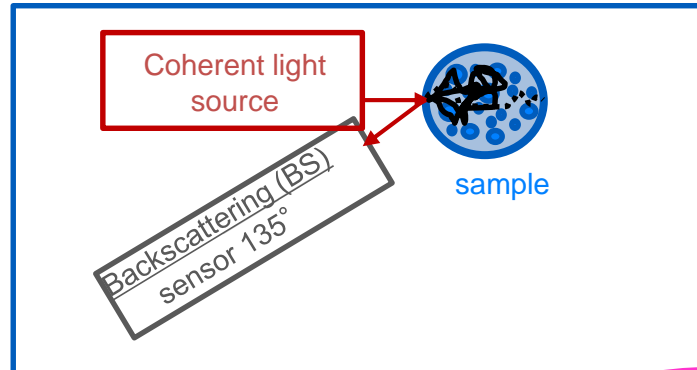
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Multiple light scattering



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Static Multiple Light Scattering



- Stability analysis
- Size determination

Rheolaser range

Diffusing Wave Spectroscopy

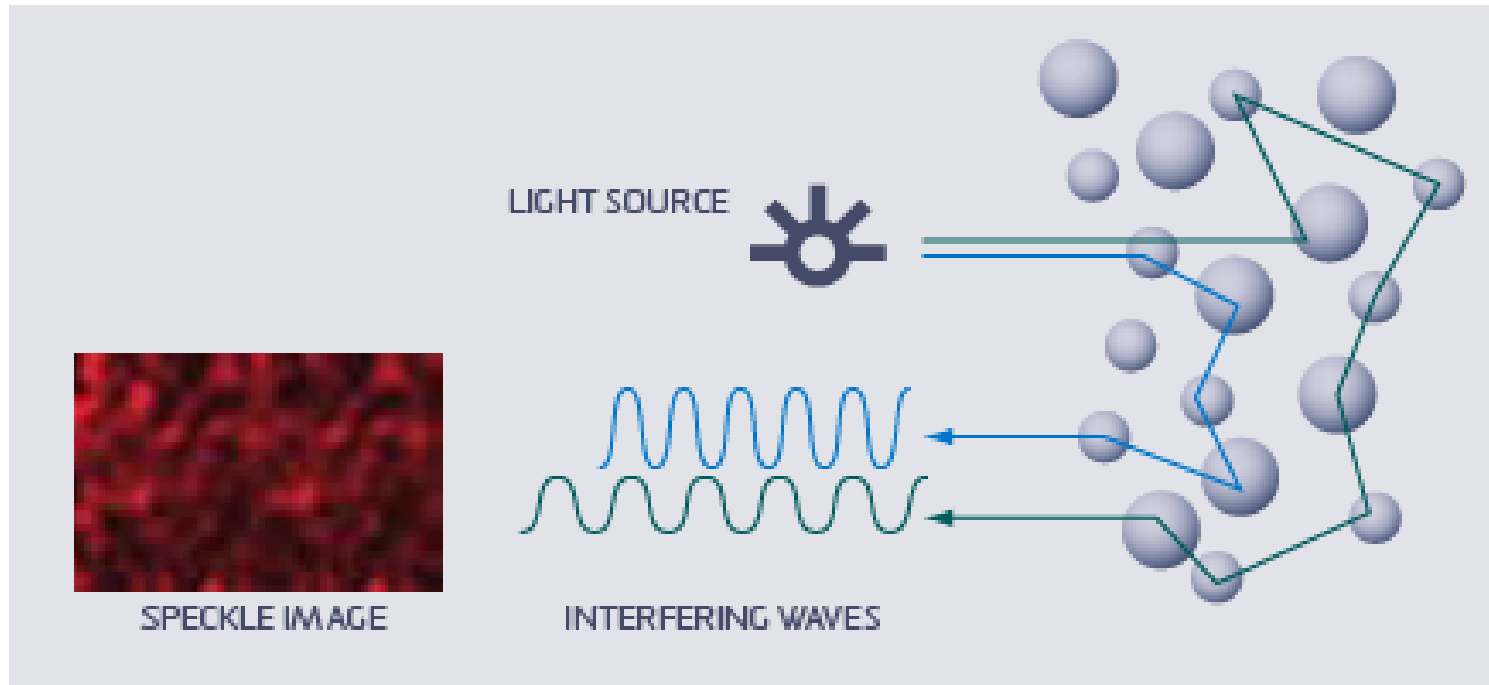
– passive microrheology



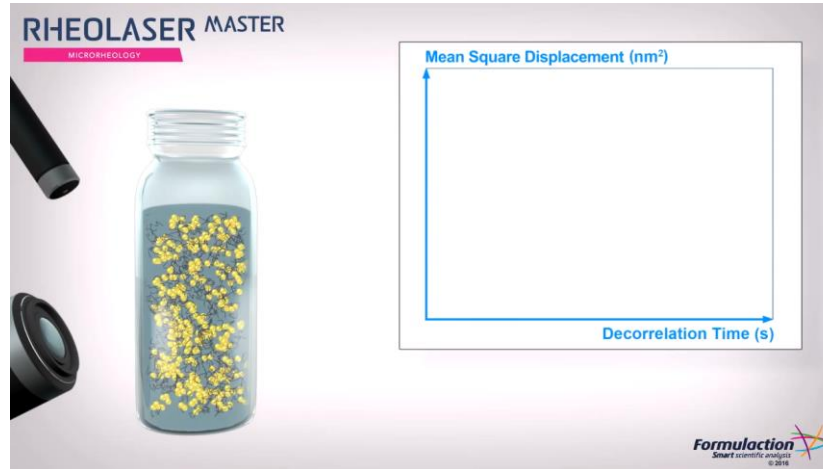
- Bulk rheological properties
- Gel time

Diffusing Wave Spectroscopy

Principle



Diffusing Wave Spectroscopy Principle



**Analysis of backscattered light in dynamic mode
=
Mean Square Displacement curves give
information about bulk rheology**

Gel point determination is quite complicated.

Usually people do it the easy way :

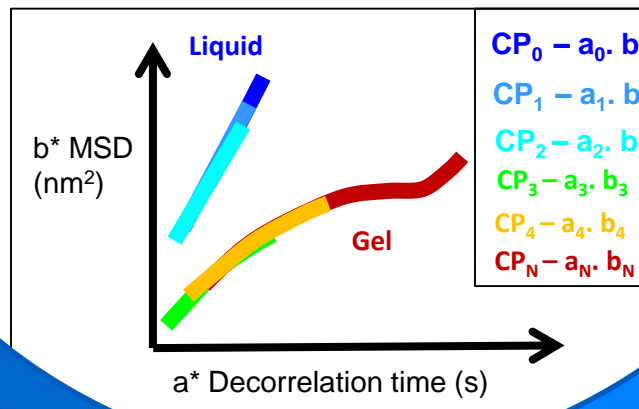
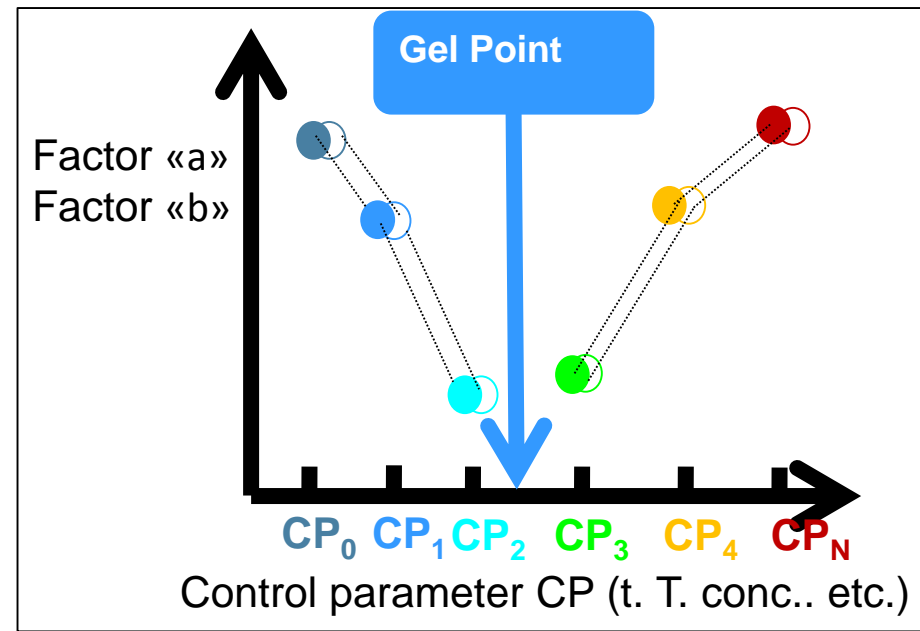
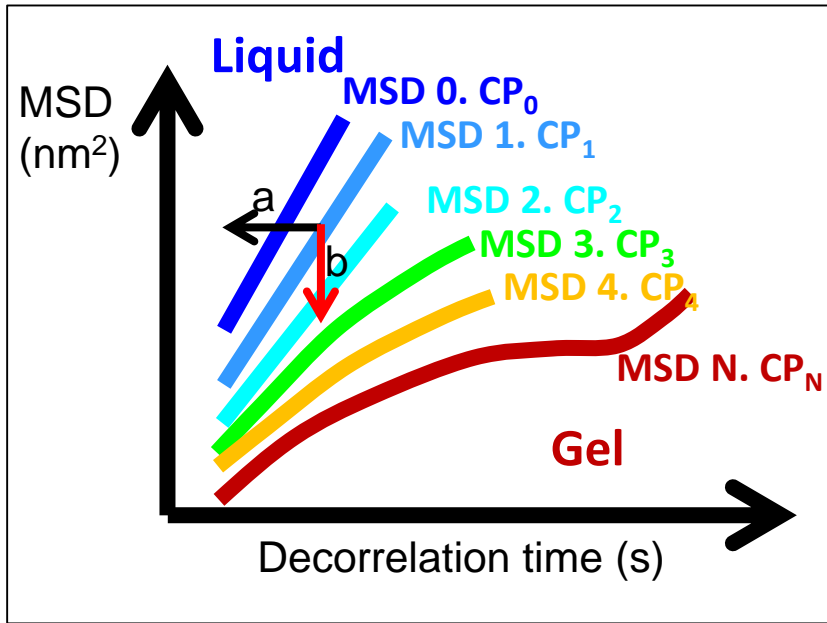
gel point is $G' = G''$ (at one frequency)

Actually:

$G' \sim G'' \sim \omega^n$ Definiton according to Winter and Chambon

Rheolaser Master

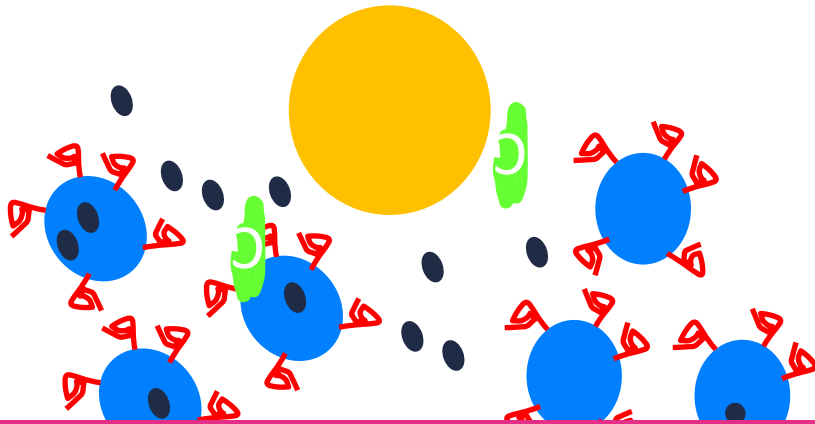
Gel point determination



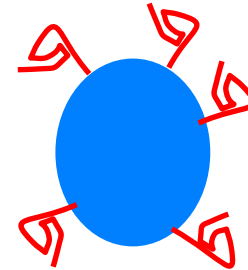
Furst et al., PRL 100, 146001 (2008)

Objective:

Studying milk gels (cheese and yogurt) with Rheolaser (DWS)



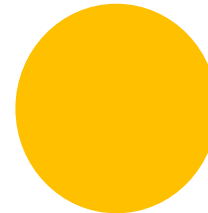
Complex System



3% Proteins
80% caseins
Hydrophilic
casein
Hydrophobic
casein



20 %
Whey proteins



Fat globules



Minerals

Composition of cow milk

- Water (87.5 %)
- Fat (3.7 %) ← 0.5-4 μm , composition depends of season, origin
- Proteins (3.3 %) ← 0.5-4 μm , composition depends of season, origin
- Glucides (4.7 %)
- Minerals (0.7 %)
- Others: enzymes, vitamines, pigments (0.1 %) ←

Changes during lactation !

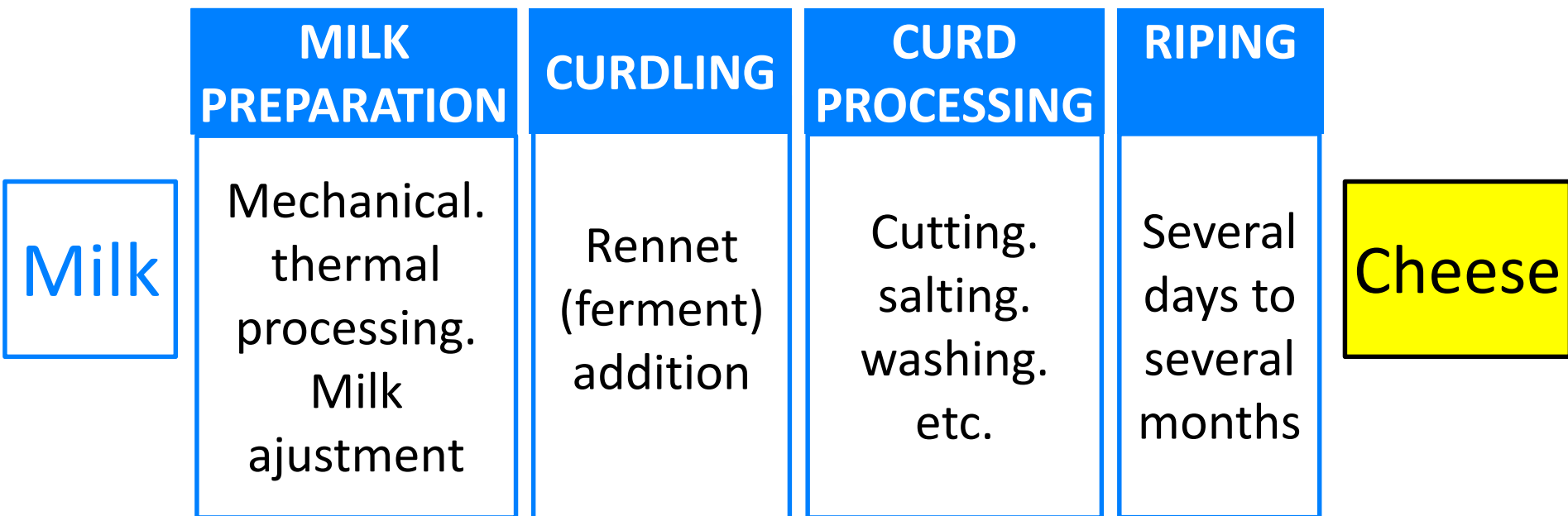
Introduction

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Cheese

Cheese making

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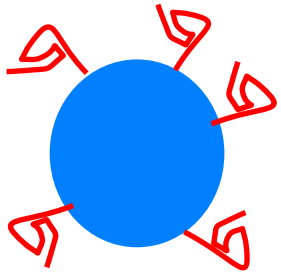
Influence of milk preparation and study of the curdling step with diffusive wave spectroscopy

1. Milk preparation

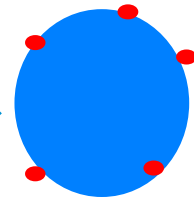
- Homogeneization of fat droplet size
- Pasteurization of milk
- Adjusting milk properties by adding cream, proteins, pH

2. Curdling

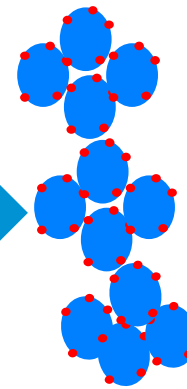
Hydrophilic casein



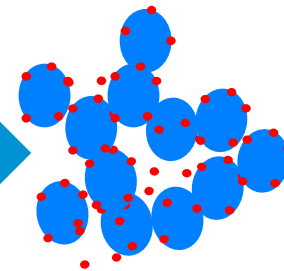
Rennet



Time



Time



Hydrophobic
casein

Cut off of hydrophilic
part – loss of steric and
electrostatic repulsion

Flocculation

Coagulation

Flocculation : gel point (percolation point)

Coagulation : somewhere during gel curing

Results

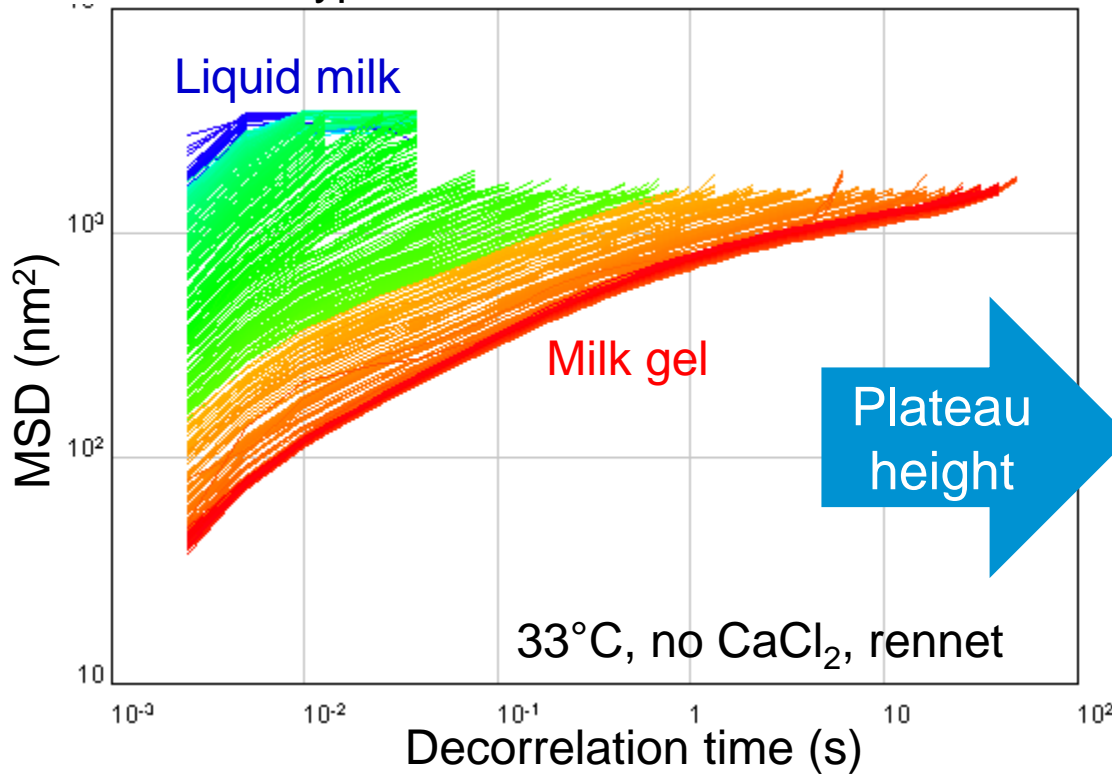
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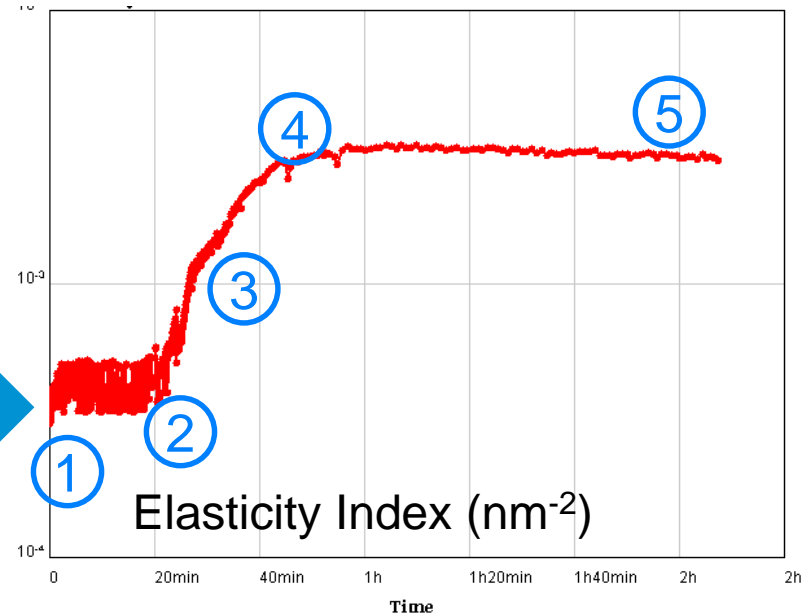
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General results

Typical evolution of MSD curves



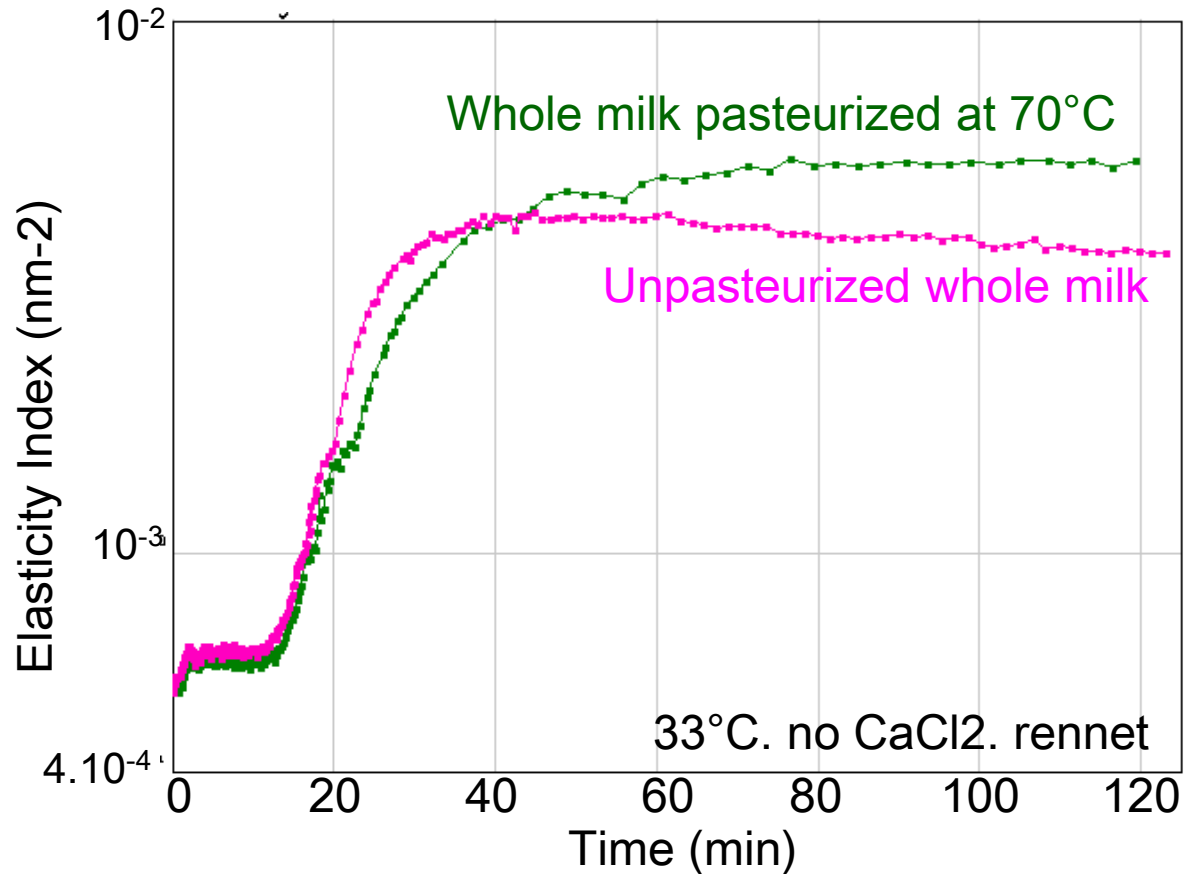
Elasticity Index (nm^{-2})



- ① Enzymatic reaction
- ② Flocculation
- ③ Formation of coagulation
- ④ Maximum elasticity of coagulum
- ⑤ Syneresis

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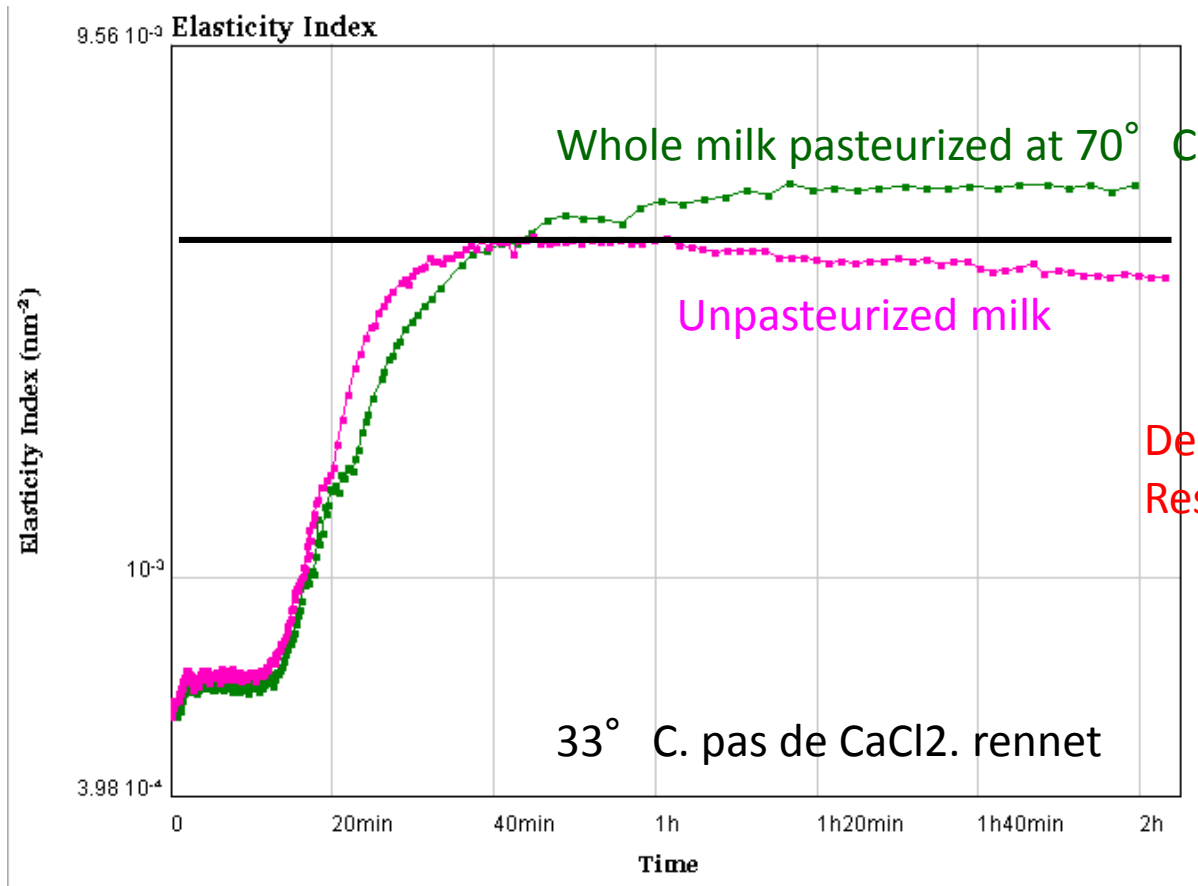
Influence of pasteurization



The pasteurized milk forms a stronger milk gel

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Observation of syneresis



EI maximum

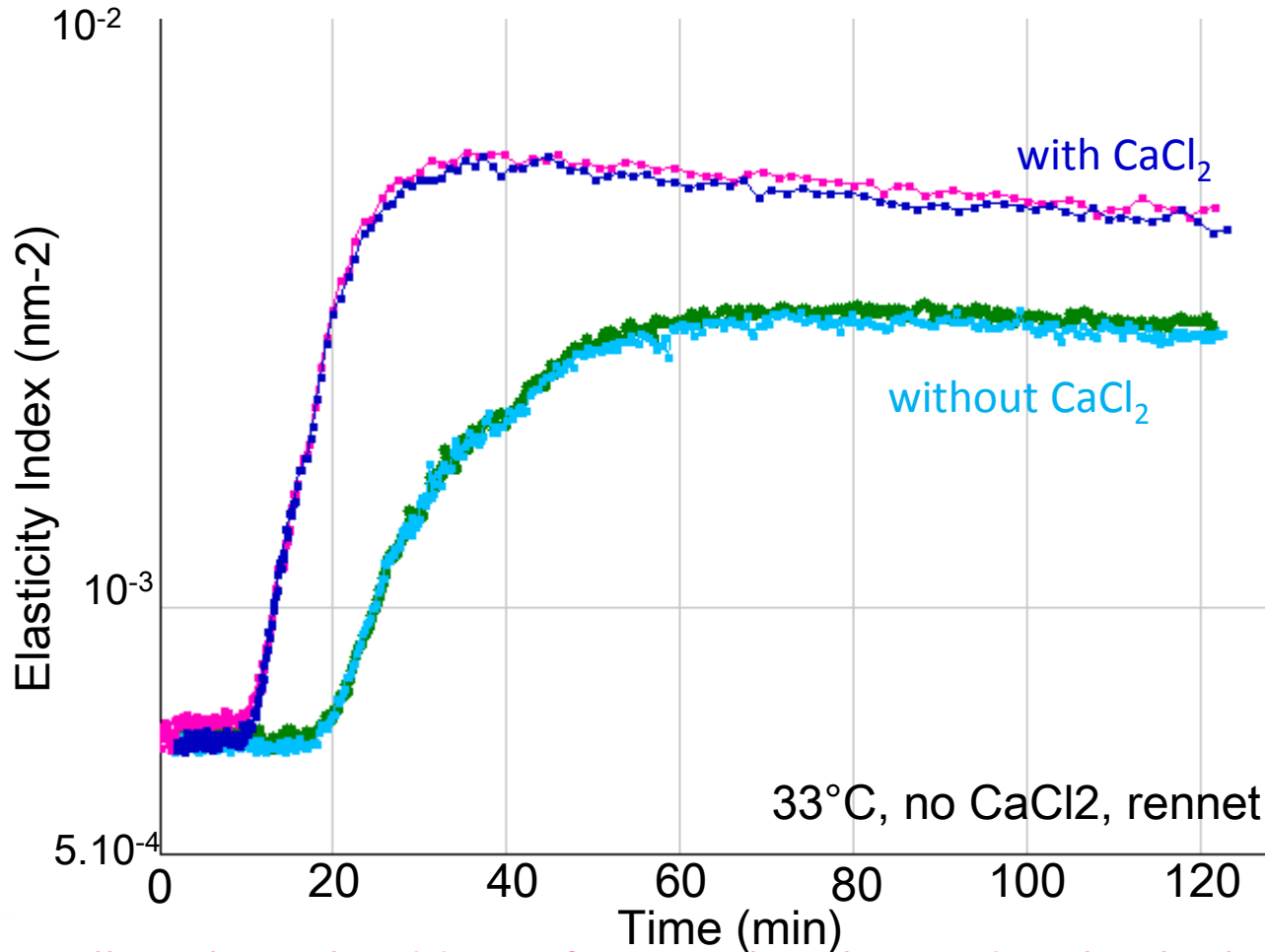


Decrease of EI =
Restructuration (syneresis ?)

Rheolaser allows the observation of syneresis

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Influence of CaCl_2

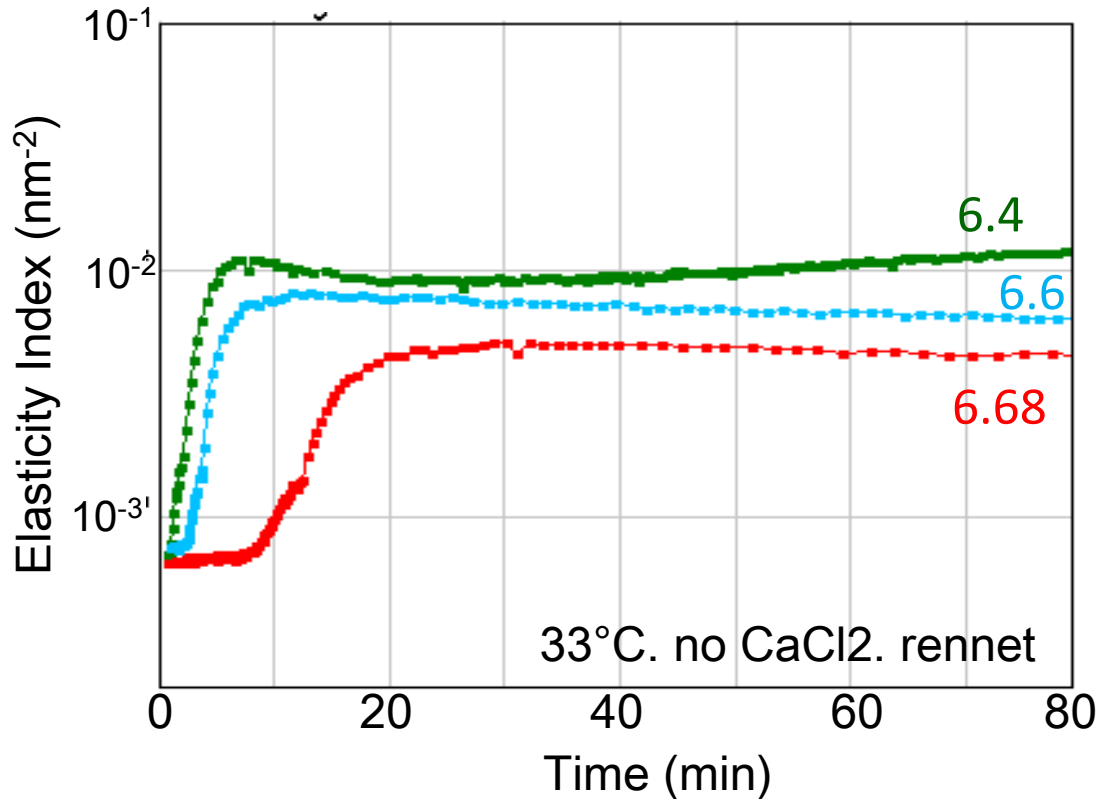


1. Milk with CaCl_2 addition forms gel earlier and with a higher gel strength
2. Milk with CaCl_2 undergoes syneresis earlier and more strongly → curd cutting has to be done earlier

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Influence of pH

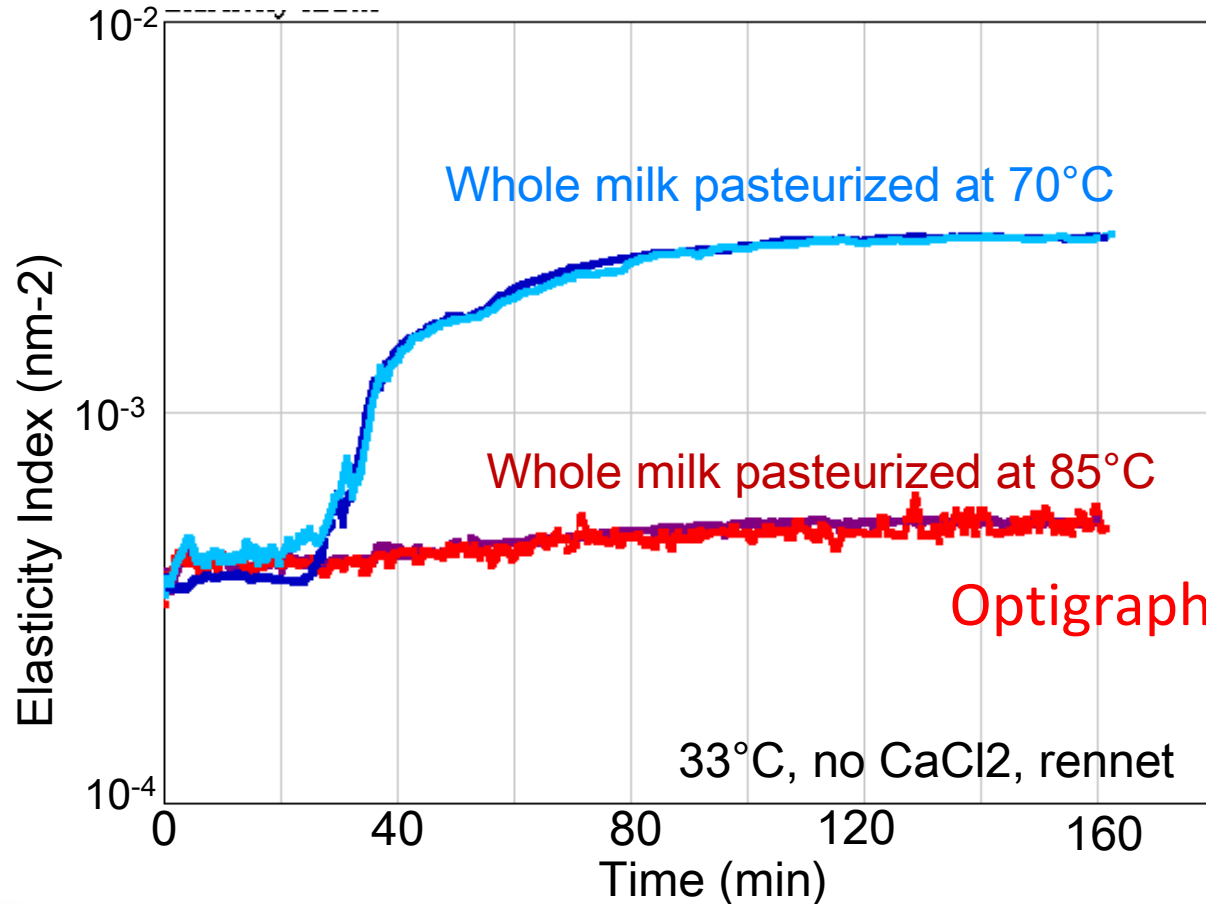
pH adjusted with GDL (glucono- δ -lactone)



1. The lower the pH, the better works the enzyme, the faster is gel formation

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Influence of high temperature



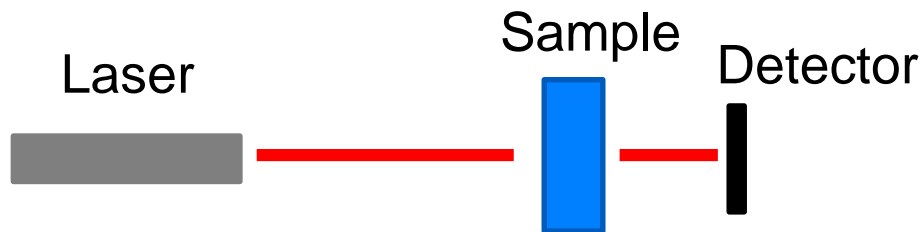
At 70° C → milk gel formation

At 85° C → only slight flocculation observed

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Flocculation time – Rheolaser vs. Optigraph

Optigraph



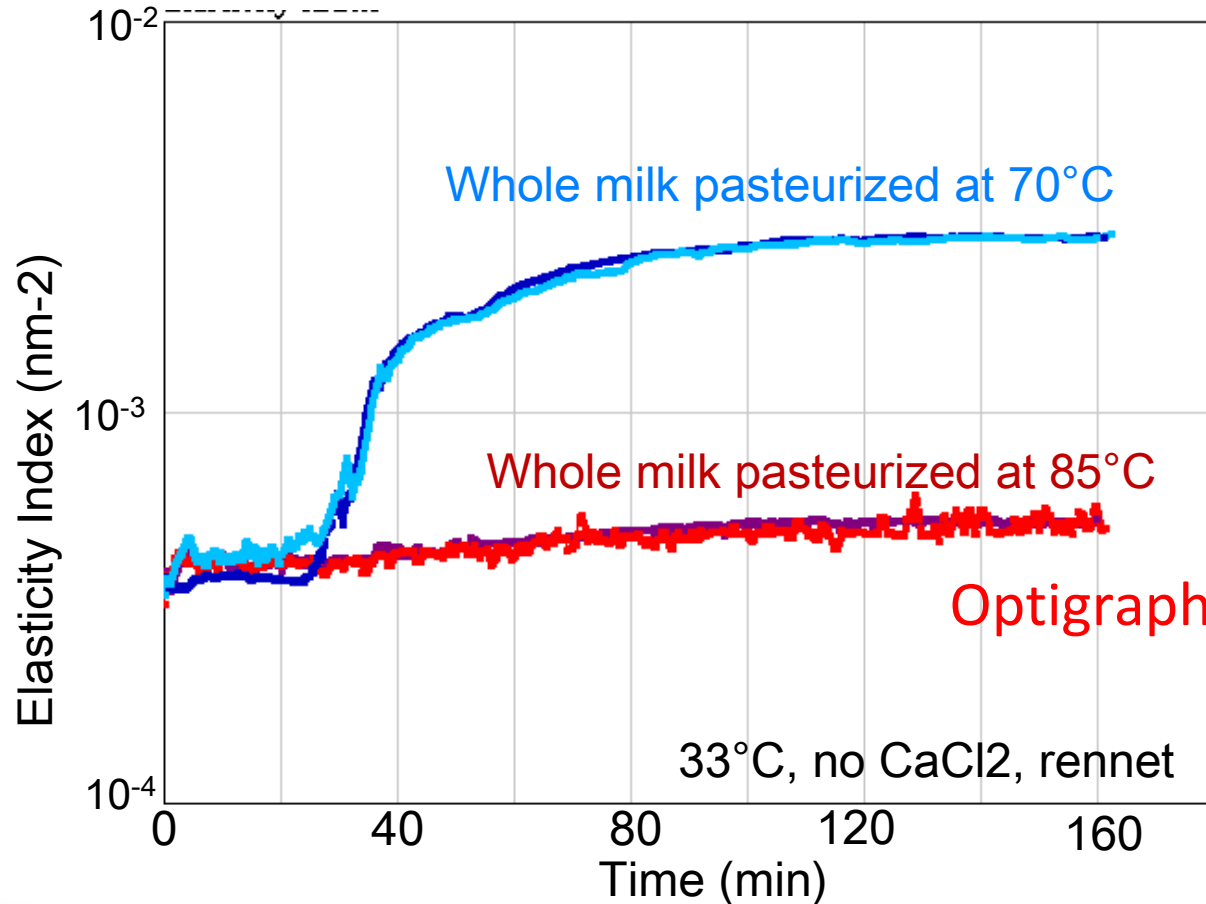
Measures the increase of laser power to maintain 4 mV at the detector

Purely optical method,
No correlation with rheological properties

Formagraph – not anymore produced

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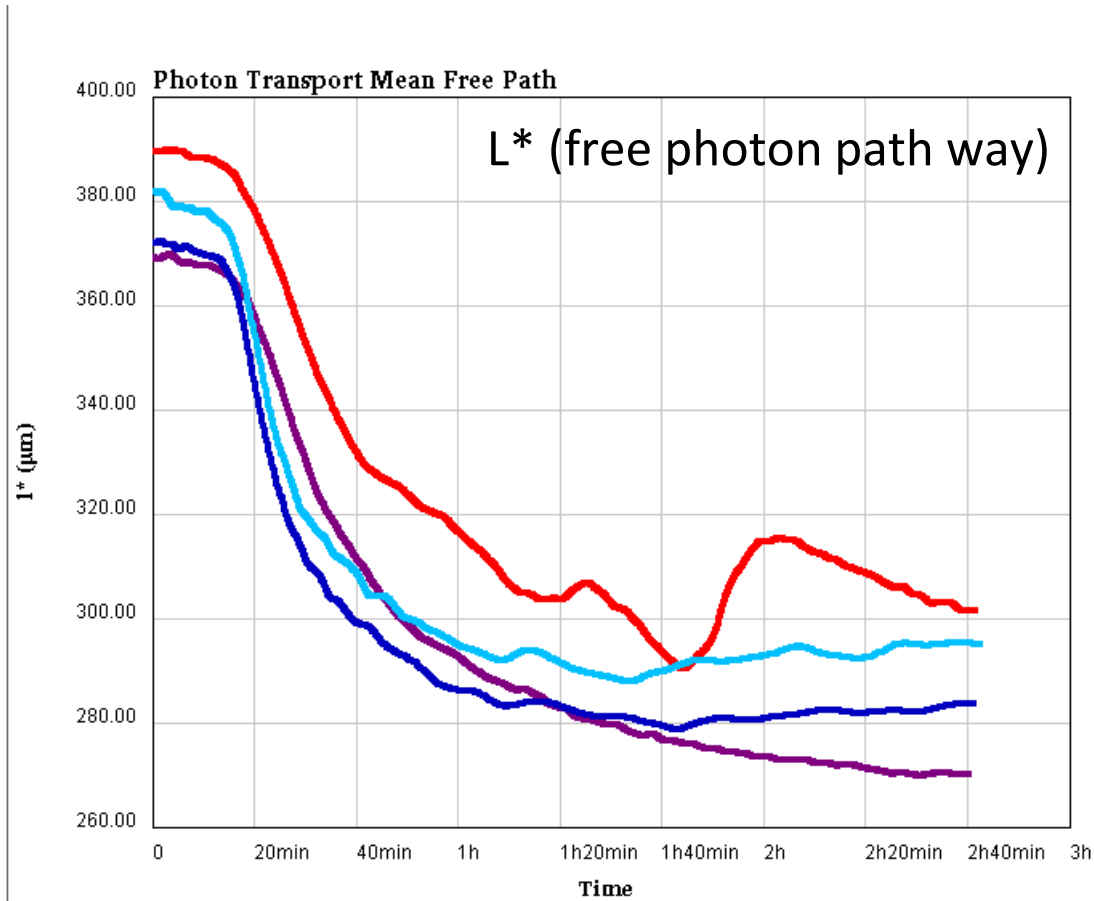


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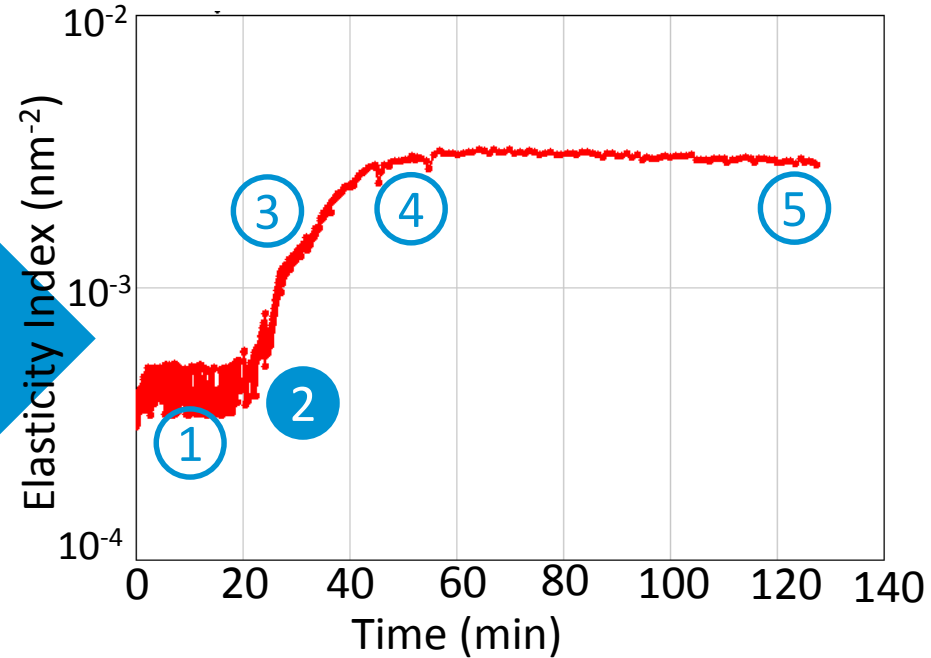
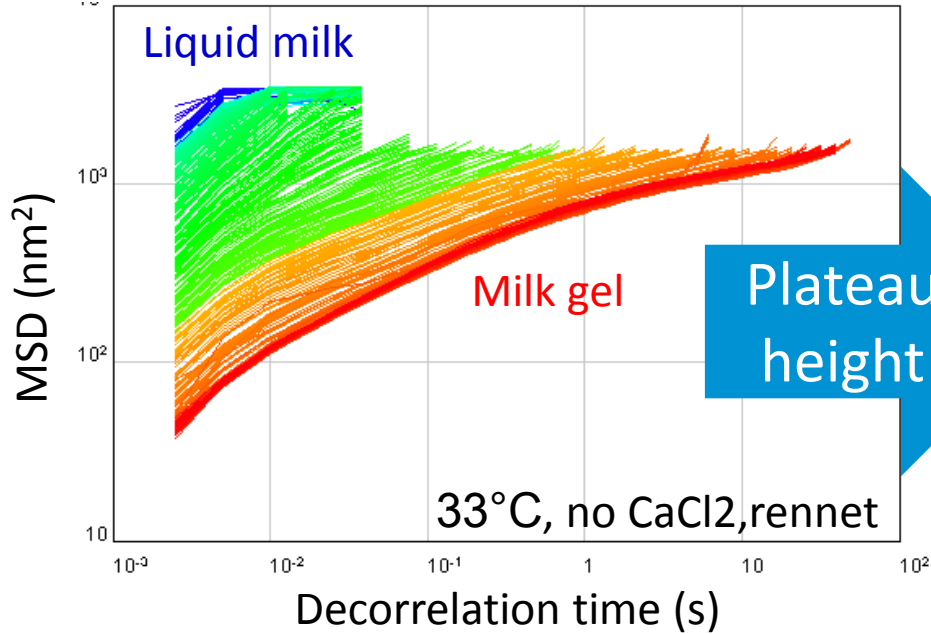
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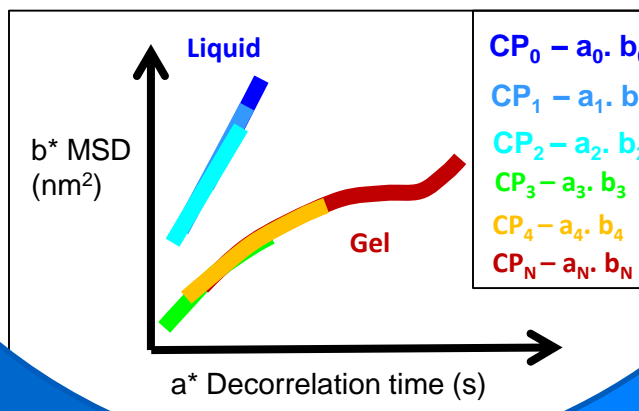
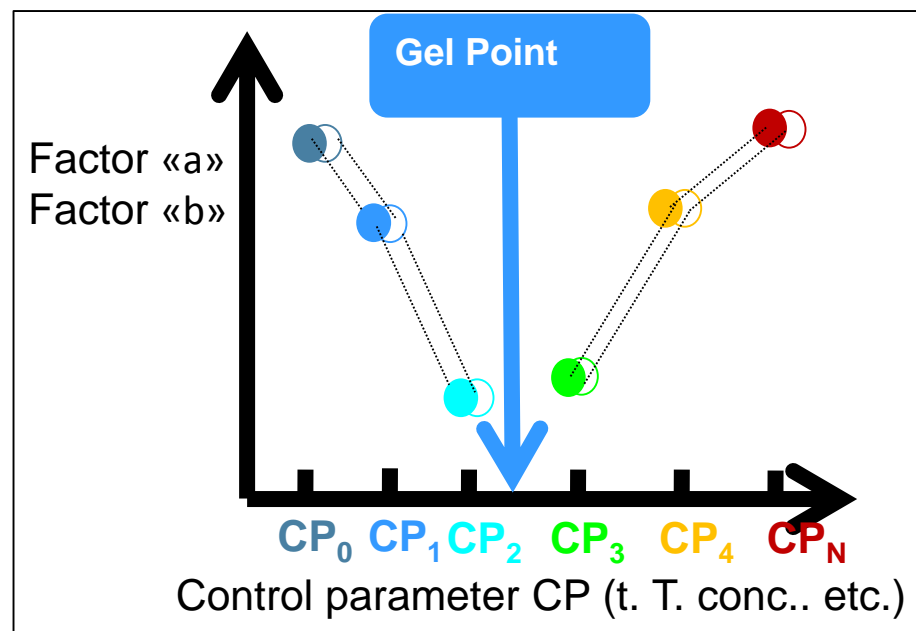
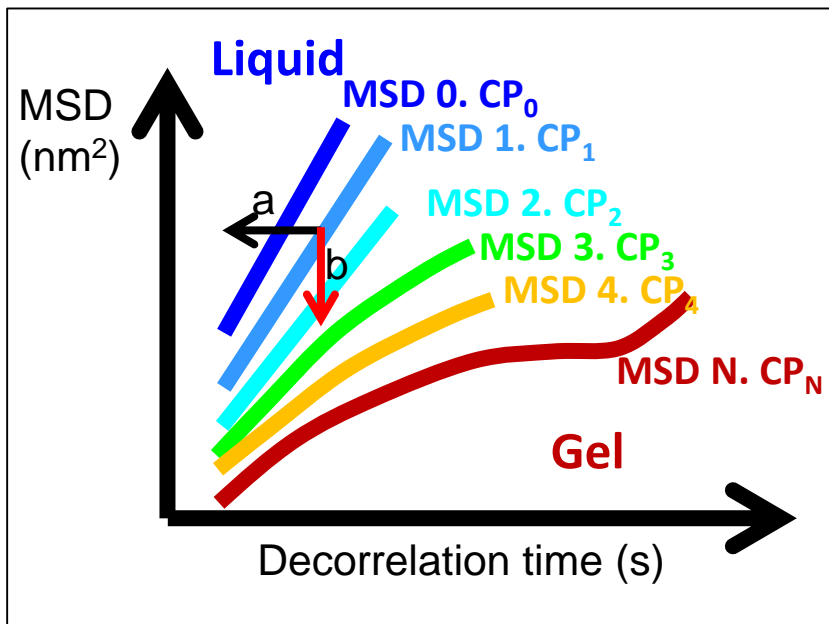
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Cheese making

Time cure superposition



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Flocculation time – Rheolaser vs. Optigraph

	Rheolaser (min)
w/o CaCl ₂	24.2 ± 0.2
with CaCl ₂	12.9 ± 0.4
Milk. 3.3% proteins	9.2 ± 0.4
Milk. 4% proteins	11.6 ± 0.1
Milk. 5% proteins	14.2 ± 0.1
Unpasteurized Milk. 5% proteins	16.3 ± 0.4
Pasteurized Milk. 5% proteins	14.5 ± 0.6

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Flocculation time – Rheolaser vs. Optigraph

	Rheolaser (min)	Optigraph (min)
w/o CaCl ₂	24.2 ± 0.2	23.8 ± 0.1
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Milk. 4% proteins	11.6 ± 0.1	13.7 ± 0.7
Milk. 5% proteins	14.2 ± 0.1	17.6 ± 1.9
Unpasteurized Milk. 5% proteins	16.3 ± 0.4	16.6 ± 0.4
Pasteurized Milk. 5% proteins	14.5 ± 0.6	16.7 ± 0.3

Rheolaser and Optigraph have similar results.

In all cases, visual observation with spoon test are closer to Rheolaser

Milk gels for cheese preparations were studied

- Rheolaser determines similar values for flocculation time in comparison to Optigraph
- Rheolaser detects also « gel strength » and gel formation
- Rheolaser observes syneresis
- Rheolaser can use 6 independent positions
- What else ?

3. Curd cutting

Cutting is a very important step:

- Is it done too early – network is too loose and whey protein is loss
- Is it done too late – network is too strong and humidity is enclosed

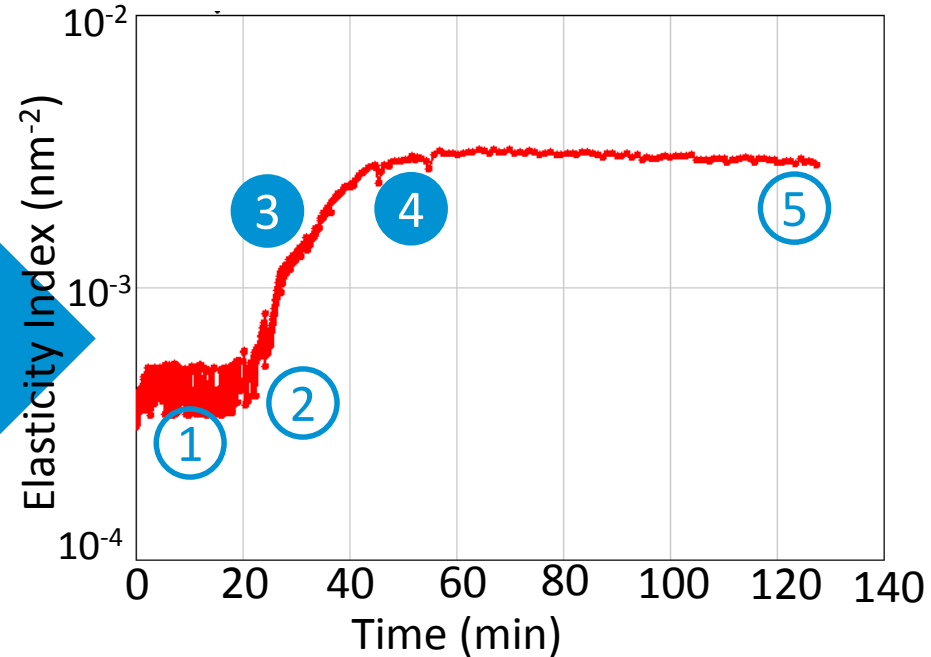
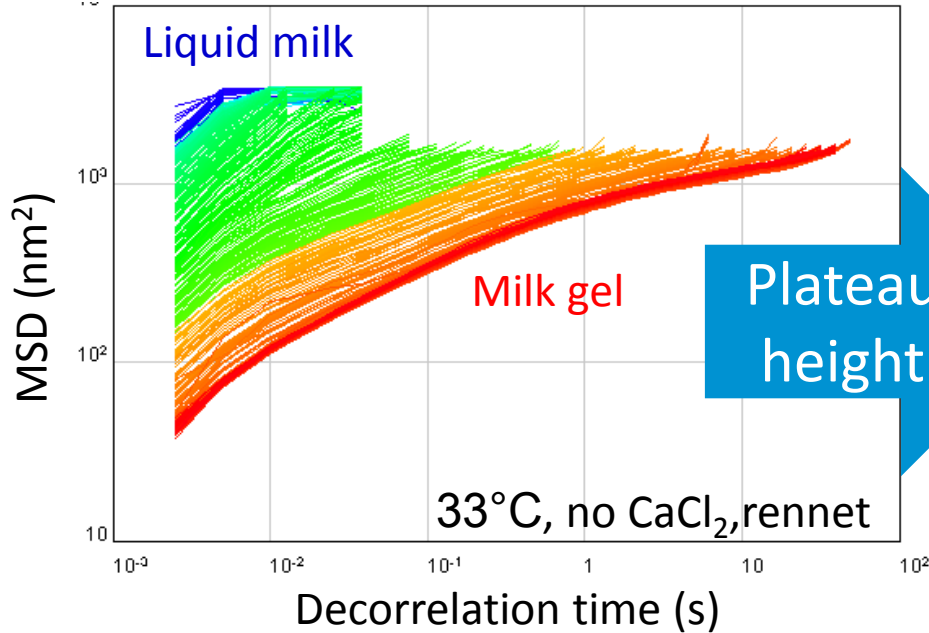


Quality problems (taste, shape, etc) and yield loss !

Cheese making

Where is the ideal curd cutting time

Typical evolution of MSD curves



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New project on curd cutting time determination in collaboration with the Agriculture Engineering School Toulouse (INPT) and several companies in France.



Thank you for your attention !



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