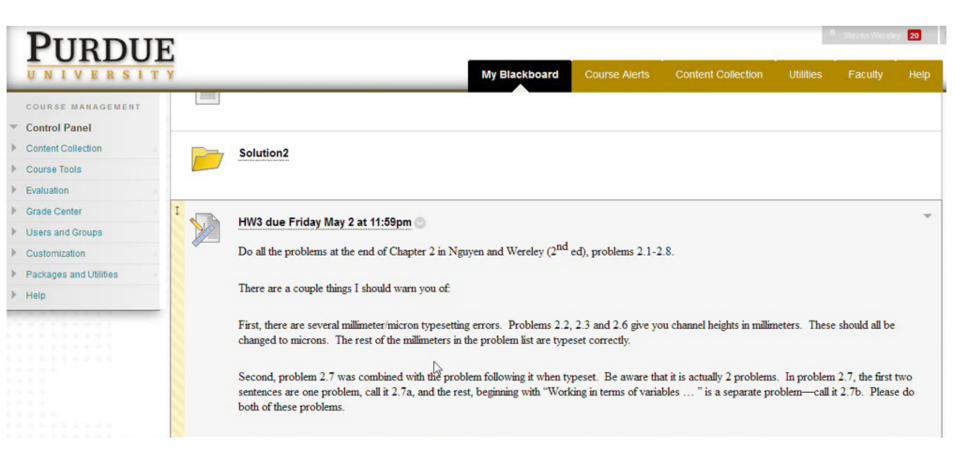
ME 517: Micro- and Nanoscale Processes

Lecture 31: Electrokinetics - II

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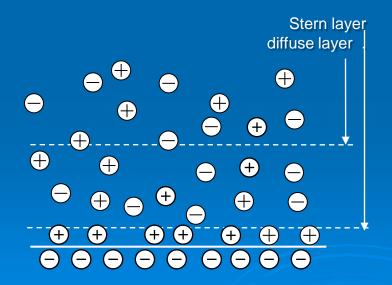


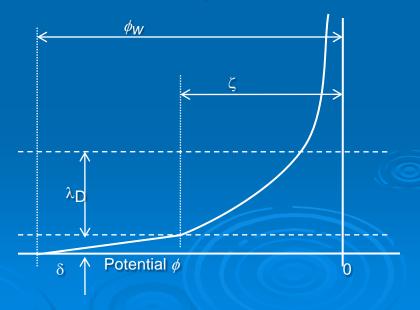


Electrokinetics Basics

- Most surfaces acquire surface charge in presence of polar liquid
 - e.g. glass-water
 - many polymers and water, too
 - Debye thickness generally order of nm
 - $K = 1.3805 \times 10^{-23}$ J/K, $F = 9.65 \times 10^{4}$ C mol⁻¹, z is valency of ion, c_{∞} is bulk concentration, ϵ is permittivity (8.85418×10⁻¹² F/m for vacuum)

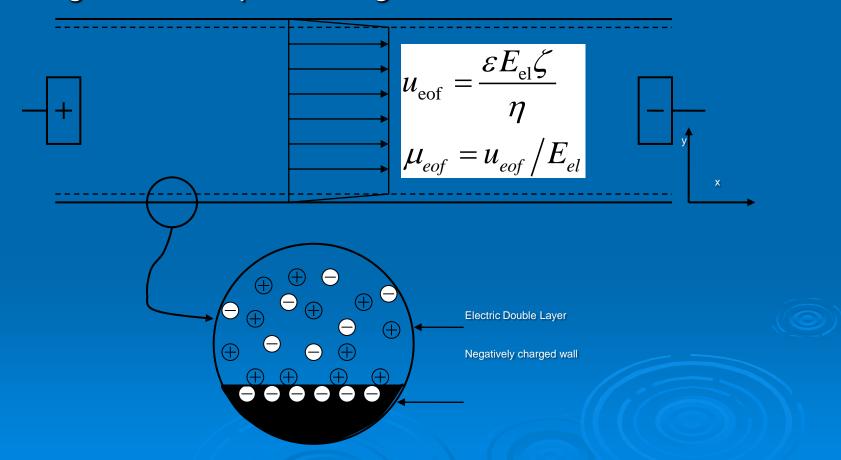
$$\lambda_{\rm D} = \sqrt{\frac{\varepsilon KT}{2z^2 F^2 c_{\infty}}}$$





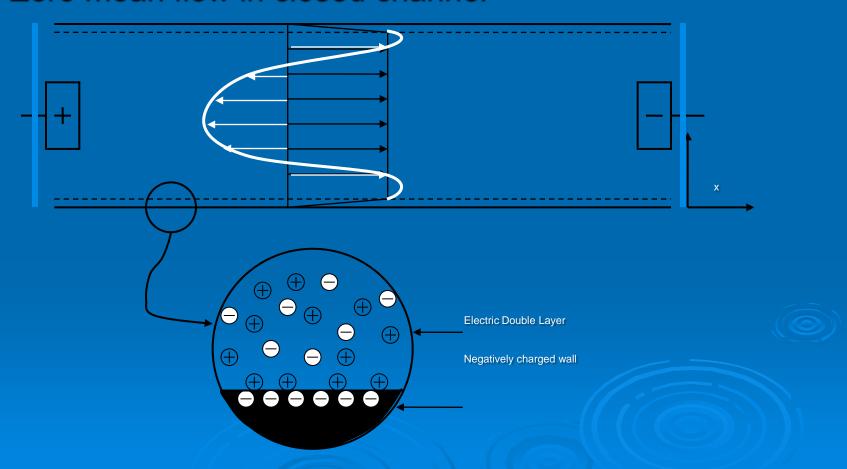
DC Electroosmosis (EOF)

- Apply electrical field across channel
- EDL drawn toward electrode pulling bulk along
- "Plug flow" if no pressure gradient



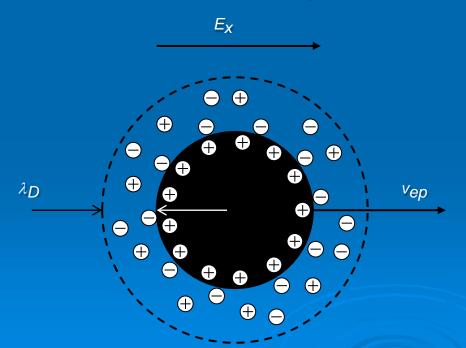
DC Electroosmosis

- Backflow in the presence of pressure gradient
- Zero mean flow in closed channel



DC Electrophoresis (EP)

- Particle/ion manipulation using EDL and electrical field
 - Common technique called 'capillary electrophoresis' (CE) used to sequence DNA, ala OJ Simpson or Human Genome Project

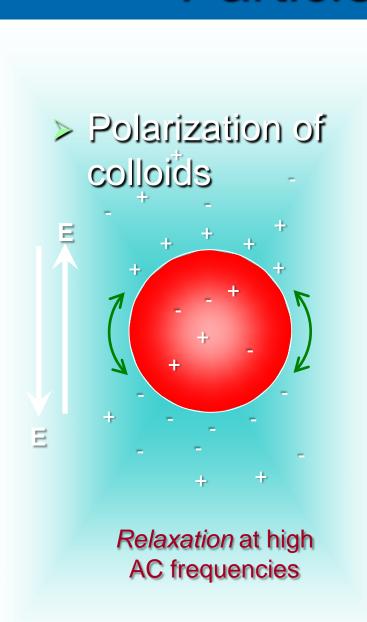


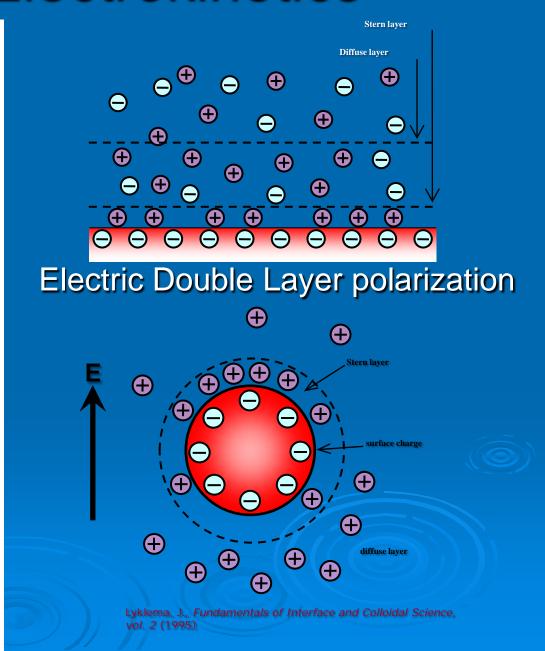
$$u_{\text{ep}} = \frac{2}{3} \frac{\varepsilon \zeta E_{\text{el}}}{\mu}, \lambda_D \gg d_p$$

$$u_{\text{ep}} = \frac{\varepsilon \zeta E_{\text{el}}}{\mu}, \lambda_D \ll d_p$$

$$\mu_{ep} = u_{ep} / E_{el}$$

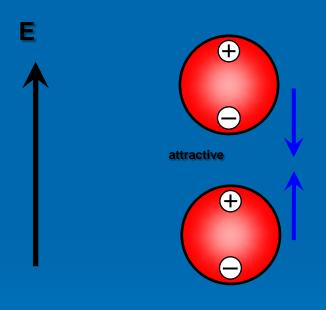
Particle Electrokinetics





Interparticle Forces

Dipole-Dipole Interactions



'Pearl Chaining'

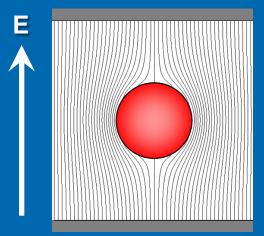
Dipole-Dipole repulsive force

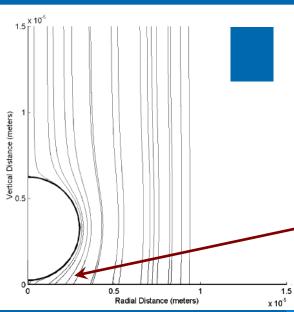
$$F = 3\pi \varepsilon_{\rm m} a^6 E_o^2 / r^4$$

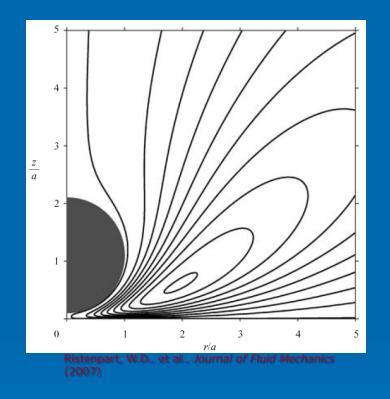
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Background: AC Electrokinetics

> Particles themselves will alter electric field



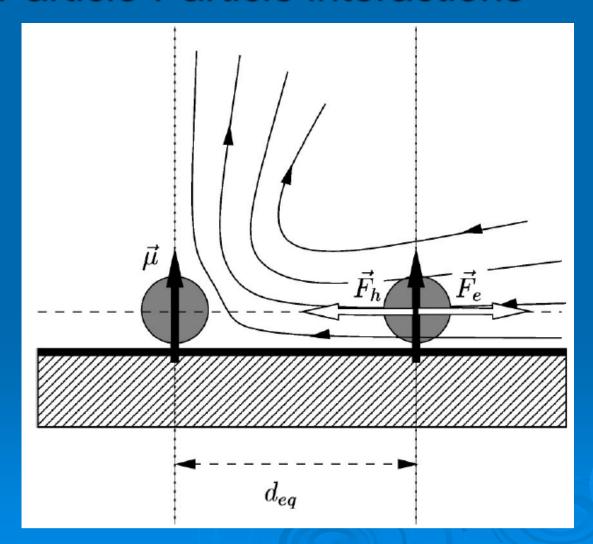




- Distortion leads to a tangential component of the electric field over the electrode surface.
- This generates electrohydrodynamic flow (ACEO)

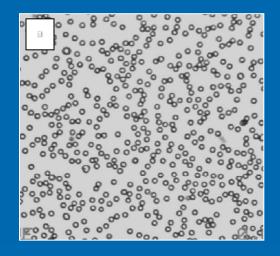
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> Particle-Particle interactions

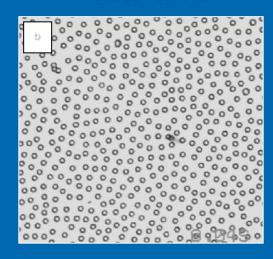


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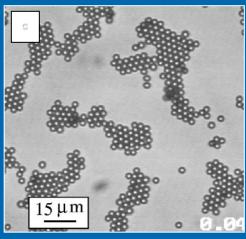
No electric field



 $f = 2 \text{ kHz}, E = 185 \text{ V cm}^{-1}$



f = 400 Hz. $E = 185 \text{ V/cm}^{-1}$



Overcome dipole-dipole repulsive forces at lower frequencies

Assembly of 1.5 μ m particles in an aqueous solution of NaOH (10⁻⁴ M)

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