

Culinary Fluids Mechanics



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Flows are everywhere... but they are often hidden





Fluid mechanics is used in many industries



Why study "Culinary Fluid Mechanics"?



Creative (just like chefs) Accessible (affordable and observable)

Equitable (support minorities in STEM)

GG Fuller et al., "Kitchen flows: Making science more accessible, affordable, and curiosity driven", Phys. Fluids 34:11 (2022)



Agnes Pockels (1862 - 1935)





The legacy of Agnes Pockels



Modern Langmuir-Blodgett Trough, based on Pockels' sliding trough invention. Letter to Lord Rayleigh (1891):

"My Lord,

Will you kindly excuse my venturing to trouble you

... I thought I ought not to withhold from you these facts which I have observed, although I am not a professional physicist; and again begging you to excuse my boldness, I remain, with sincere respect,

Yours faithfully, Agnes Pockels"

Rayleigh helped to publish her work in the journal **Nature**

Selected publications...

- "Surface Tension", (1891) **Nature**, 46, 437.
- "On the relative contamination of the water-surface by equal quantities of different substances", (1892) Nature 47, 418.
- "Relations between the surface tension and relative contamination of water surfaces", (1893) Nature, 48, 152.
- "On the spreading of oil upon water", (1894) Nature 50, 223.
- "The measurement of surface tension with the balance" (1926) **Science** 64, 304.

So, she established the modern discipline known as surface science Overview of this Presentation (Menu of the Day)



Drinks



Starter

Main course

Dessert

Coffee

Vinkovci treasure of late Roman silver plate Vulic et al. (2017), J. Roman Archaeol. 30, 127

Ewoldt research group

Physics of bubbly drinks

a) Foam

- Creamy taste (yield stress rheometry)
- Temperature insulation (heat transfer)
- b) Bubble train
 - Size increases (supersaturated CO₂)
 - Velocity increases (drag hydrodynamics)
- c) Nucleation
 - Creation of bubbles (thermodynamics)
- d) Bubble implosion
 - Plume formation (multiphase flows)
- e) Foam stability
 - Drainage dynamics (interfacial flows)

Zenit et al., Physics Today 71 (11), 44–50 (2018)

Bubbles in space

What happens if an astronaut drinks sparkling water?

Hard to burp... extremely uncomfortable!!

Zenit et al., Physics Today 71 (11), 44–50 (2018)

Champagne effervescence

Normal glass

Treated glass

Beaumont et al. (2016) J. Food Eng. 188: 58

Evaporating cocktails – Rayleigh Taylor instability

Alcohol evaporates, heavier water remains, Top layer becomes unstable

Breakthrough experiment for Rayleigh-Taylor instabilities in miscible fluids

De Haeck et al. (2009) Phys. Fluids 21: 091108

Alcohol concentration (%)

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Self-propelled boats

Camphor boat

Lisa J Burton et al. (2013) Bioinspir. Biomim. 8 044003

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Swimming micro-droplets

Jin et al. (PNAS 114: 5089, 2017)

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Spaghetti experiment

Experiment Time!

Bend the pasta – in how many pieces does it break?

Breaking spaghetti

Normal spaghetti

Heisser et al. (PNAS, 2018)

Cooking pasta

Prakash et al. (Chem Eng Sci, 2017)

Hwang et al. (Physics of Fluids, 2021)

Cooking pasta

24 min

I 80 °C Experimental

Al dente

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80 °C Theoretical (Eqn. 6)

100 °C Experimental

100 °C Theoretical (Eqn. 6)

30 min

Hwang et al. (Physics of Fluids, 2021)

Morphing pasta into 3D shapes

Tao et al. (Science Advances, 2021)

Grilling with the Leidenfrost effect

10

4

100

Temperature of pan above T_S (°C)

1000

Bouillant et al. (Nature Physics, 2018), Kurz Instruments

More fun with the Leidenfrost effect

More fun with the Leidenfrost effect

Singla and Rivera (PRF 2019), Bouillant et al. (Nature Physics, 2018)

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Baking a cake properly

Mixing at low Reynolds number

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Coffee percolation

Xia & Thorpe, PRA (1988), Stauffer & Aharoni (1993), Ersi Ni (2015)

Latte art = inverted fountain

Increasing Froude number ightarrow

Increasing Reynolds number \rightarrow

Key variables:

- Velocity of pouring
- Height of milk jug
- Radius of the milk jet

Xue et al. (2019) Phys Rev Fluids 4: 024501

More coffee preparation methods

Metzger et al. (J Fluid Mech 2007)

Wadsworth et al. (Am J Phys 2021)

Xue et al. (Nat Commun, 2017)

Coffee ring effect

...and preventing it for coating materials

Add

Jafari Kang et al. (2016), Li et al. (2016), Ooi et al. (2017)

evaporation

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