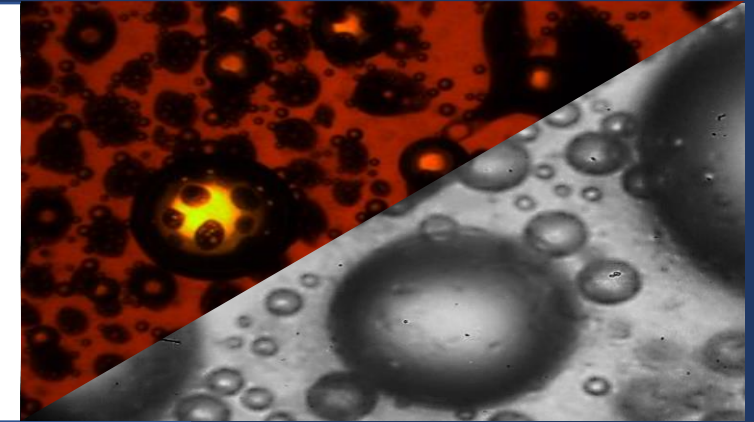
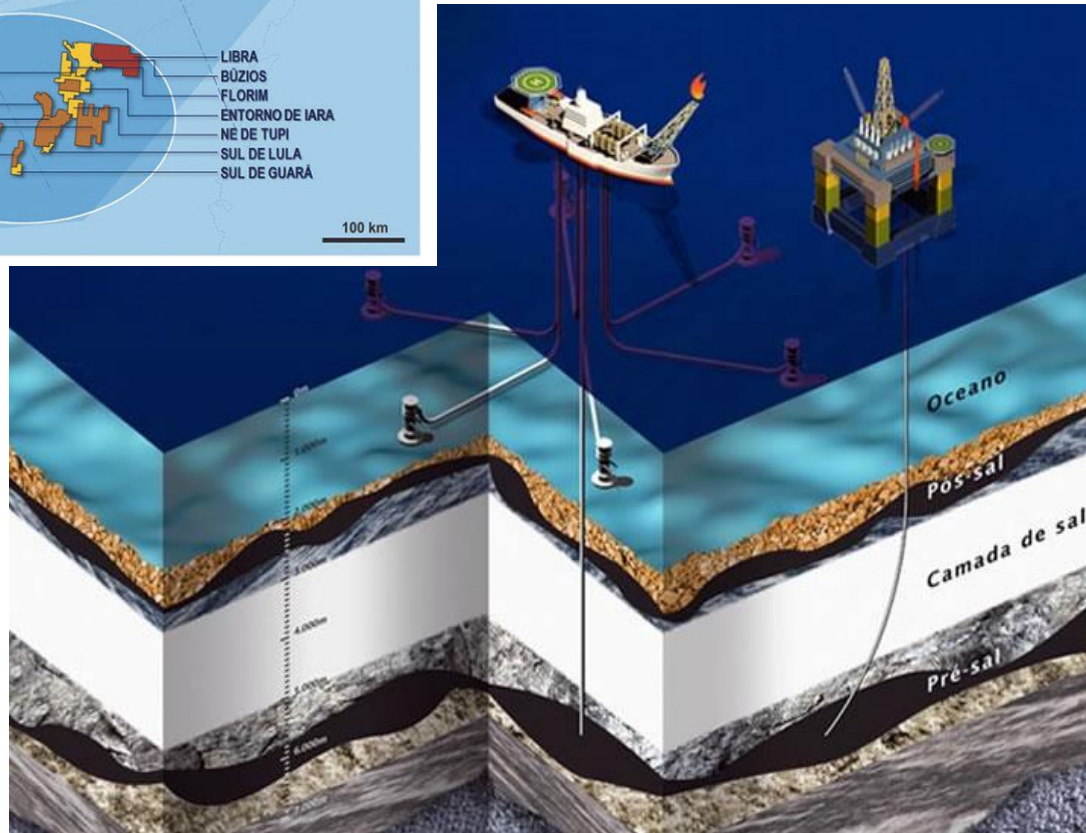
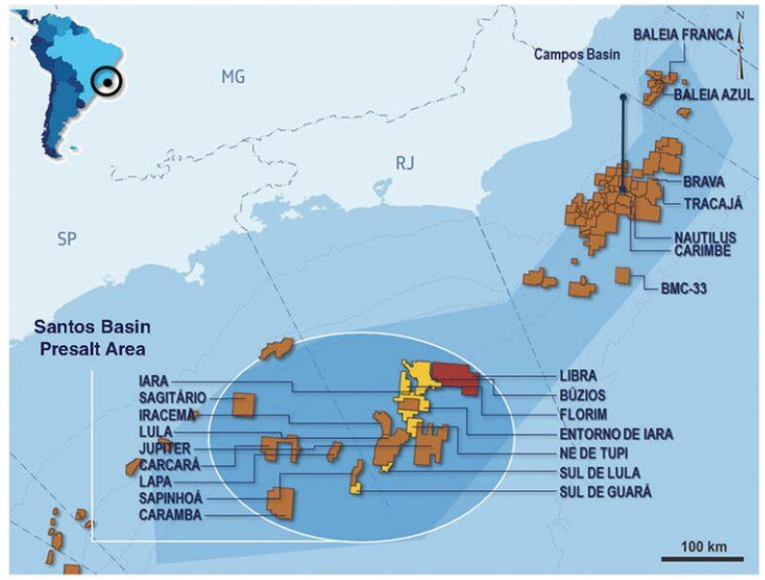


# PVT pour les fluides non-conventionnels de type pre-salt



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# BRAZILIAN PRE-SALT FLUIDS



Pr : 600-700 bar

Tr : 80 - 100°C

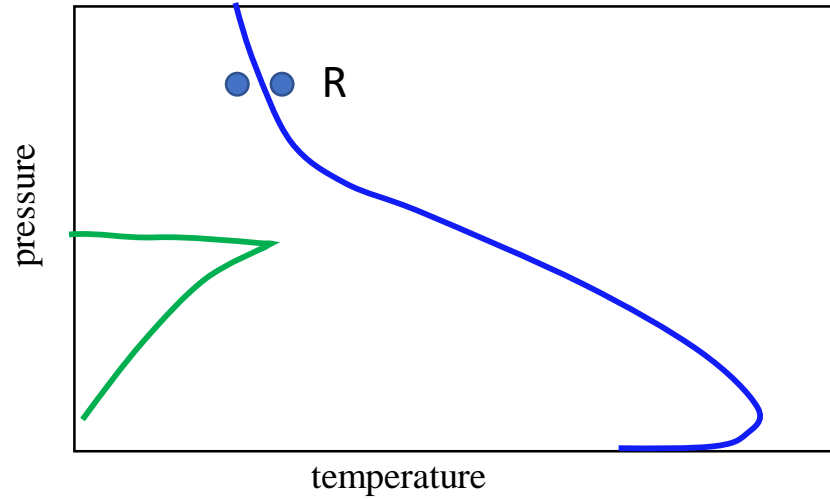
GOR 200 - 600 m<sup>3</sup>/m<sup>3</sup>

CO<sub>2</sub> up to 55 mol% LO

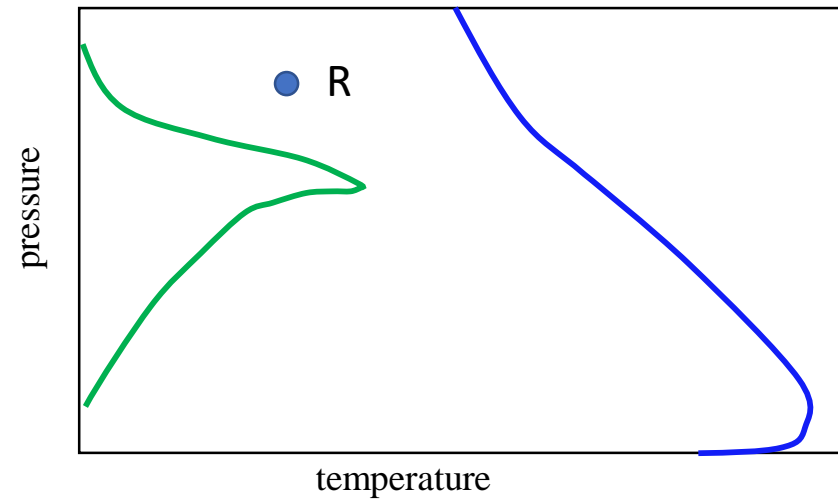
Asphaltene 0.1-0.3 mass% DO

Wax 5-7 mass% DO

# PHASE BEHAVIOR OF RESERVOIR FLUIDS

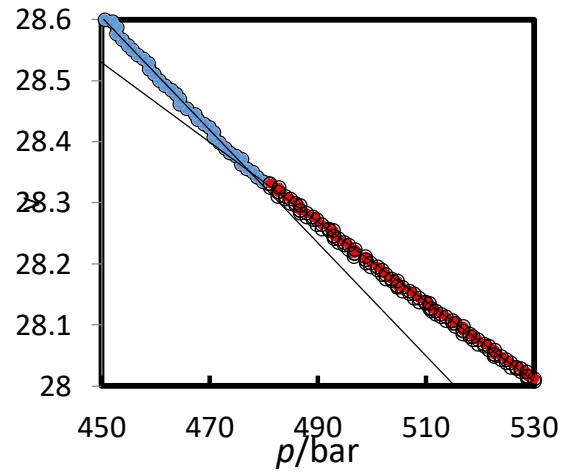


P.S. oil



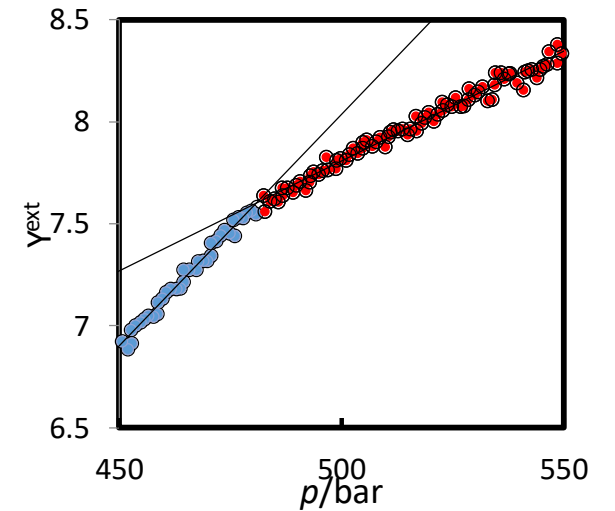
P.S. oil  
With  
CO<sub>2</sub>

# Conventional PVT techniques : Synthetic method



$$Y_{ext} = -\frac{V_{ext}}{P} \left( \frac{P - P_{ext}}{V - V_{ext}} \right)$$

✓ *Y<sub>ext</sub> method : CME at Tr*





✓ **Multi-scale observation for both fluid and solid phases**

- $L \rightarrow L + V$  : mm
- $L \rightarrow L + L$  : mm to  $\mu\text{m}$
- $L \rightarrow L + Wax$  : 0.5  $\mu\text{m}$
- $L \rightarrow L + Asphaltenes$ : 50 nm

✓ **High opacity**

- Indirect detection of phase transitions :  Sensor in full immersion

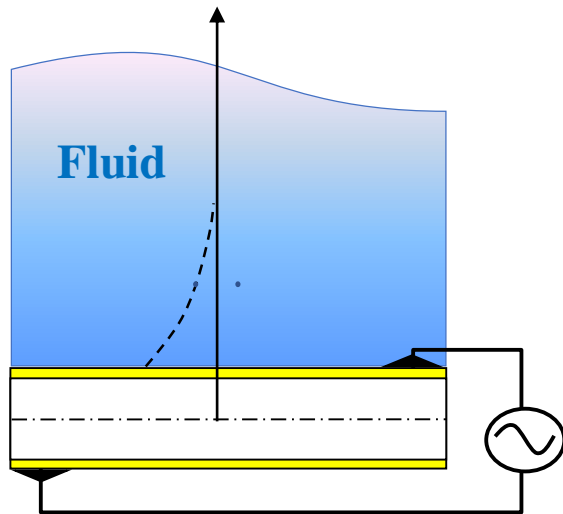
✓ **Complex phase behavior**

- Direct observation : Fluids : full sample (stirring)  HP full visibility cell
- Solids : focalization on a small sample (static)  HP microscopy

Combined Investigation



# Indirect detection method : QCR sensor (QCM)



- Measurements of the resonance properties
- Calculation of the physical properties of the surrounding media

$$\Delta f_{n,oil} = -\sqrt{n} \frac{C_m}{\sqrt{\pi f_0}} \sqrt{\rho_{oil} \eta_{oil}} - n^2 C_m \rho h_D \longrightarrow$$

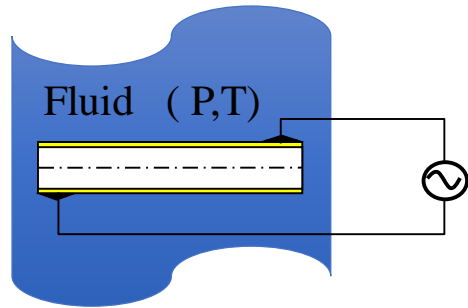
**mass**

$$\Delta \Gamma_{n,oil} = \sqrt{n} \frac{C_m}{\sqrt{\pi f_0}} \sqrt{\rho_{oil} \eta_{oil}} (1 + R) \longrightarrow$$

**viscous**



# QCR sensor in full oil immersion

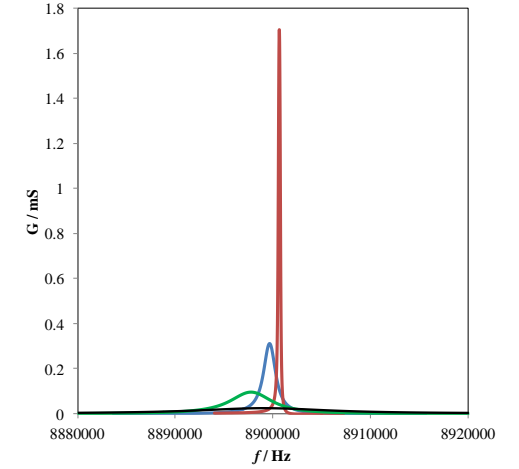


Viscous friction leads to a huge attenuation

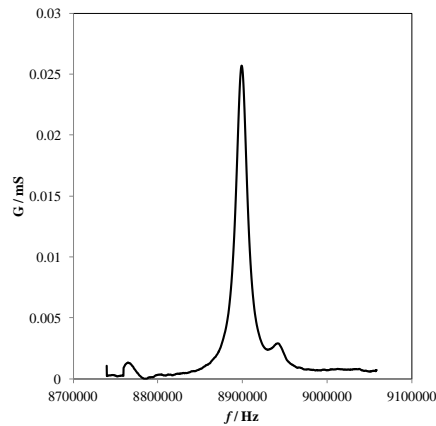


Steady state method

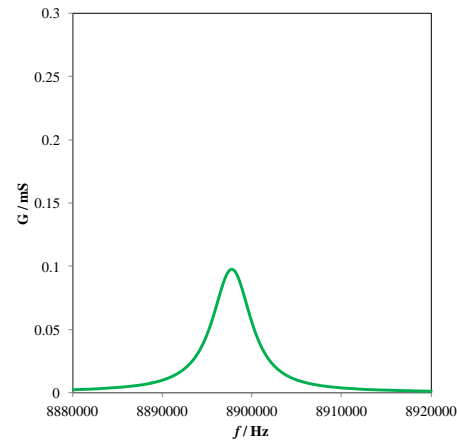
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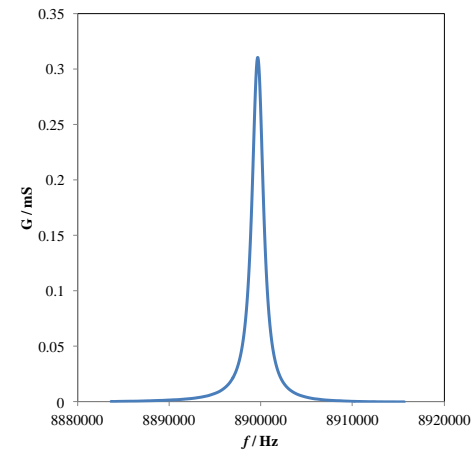
**Oil with unstable Asphatenes**



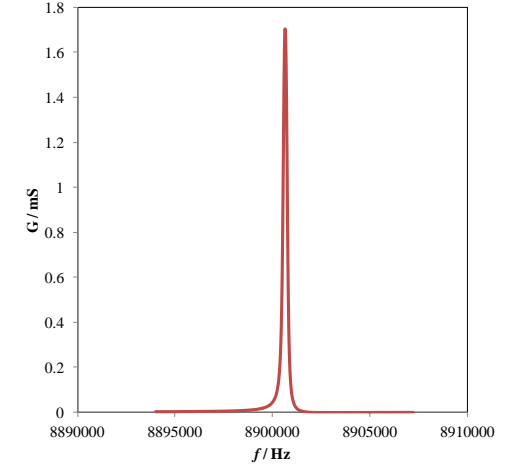
**Dead oil**



**Toluene**



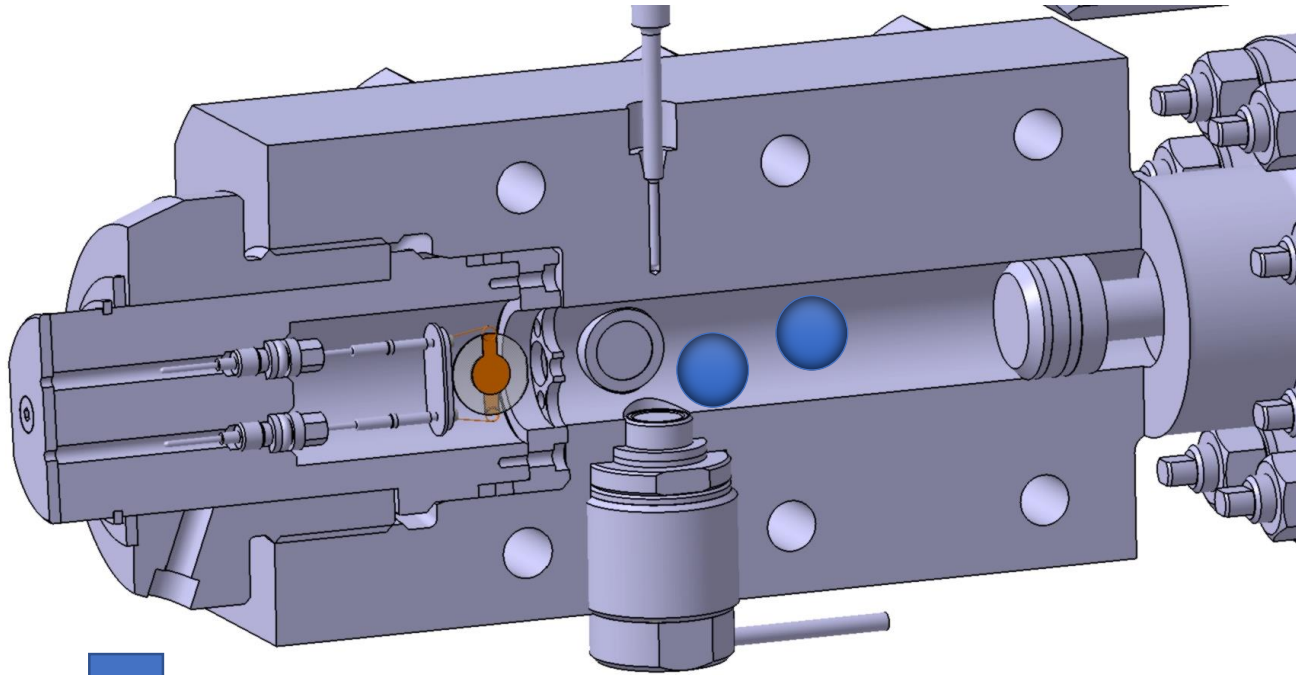
**Vacuum**



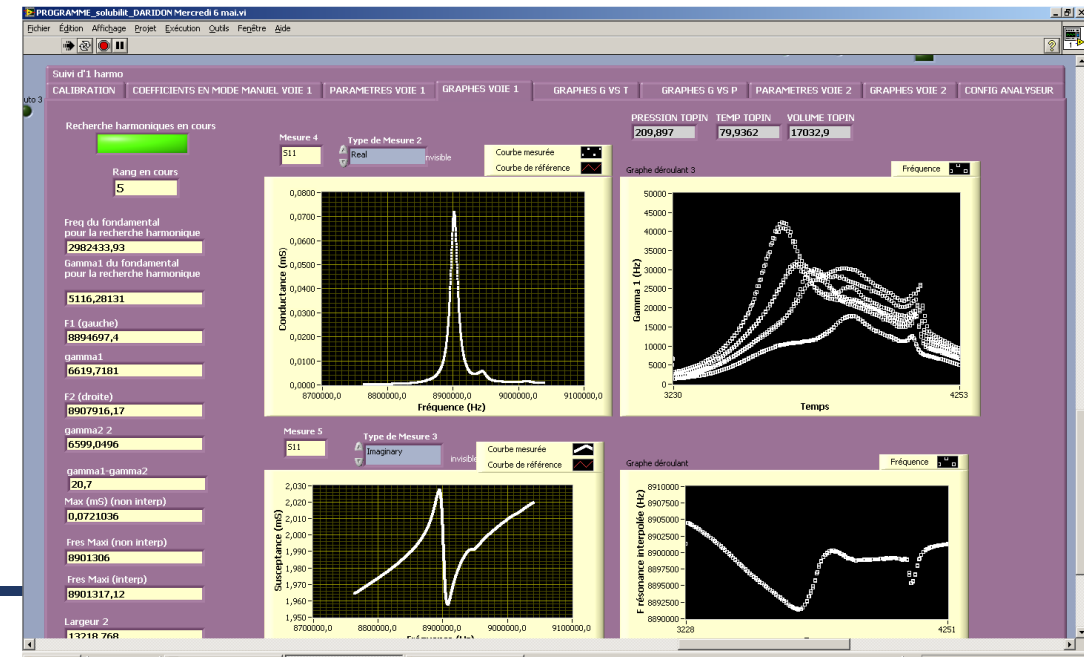


# High pressure cell

Device



- **P : 0.1 – 100 Mpa**
- **T : 0 – 100 C**
- **V : 20 – 50 cm<sup>3</sup>**

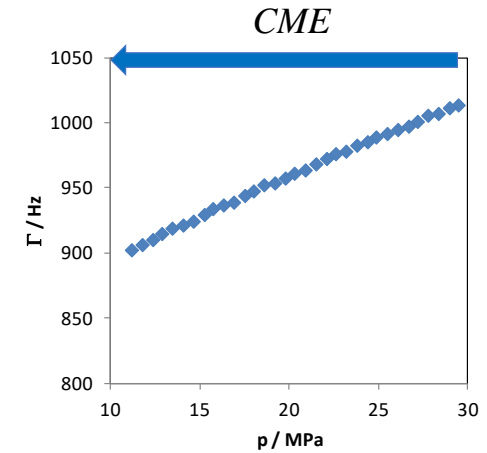
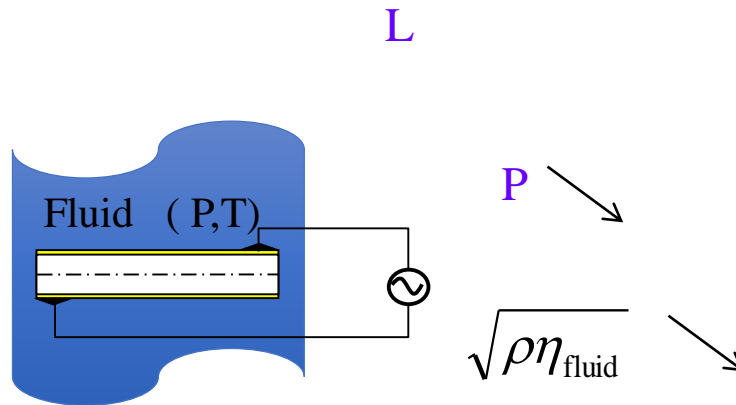
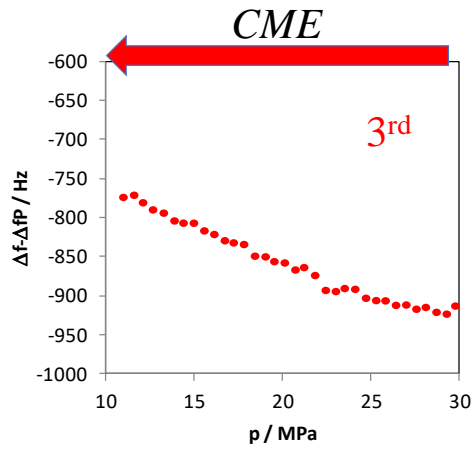






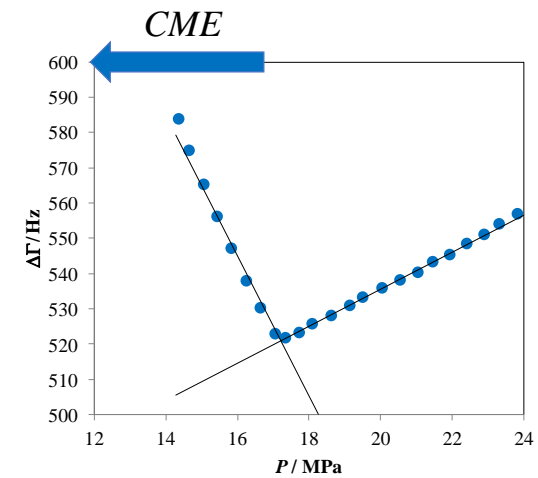
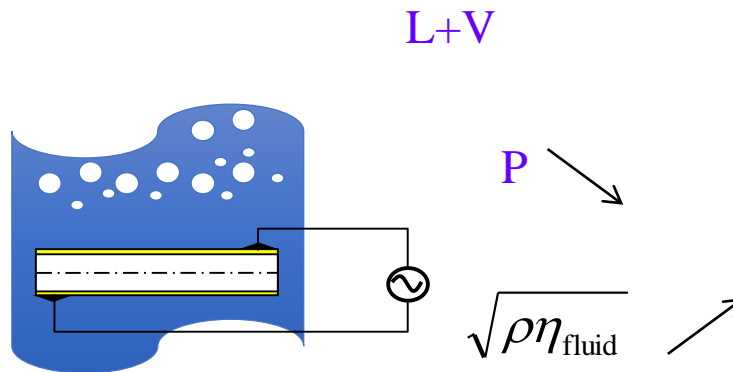
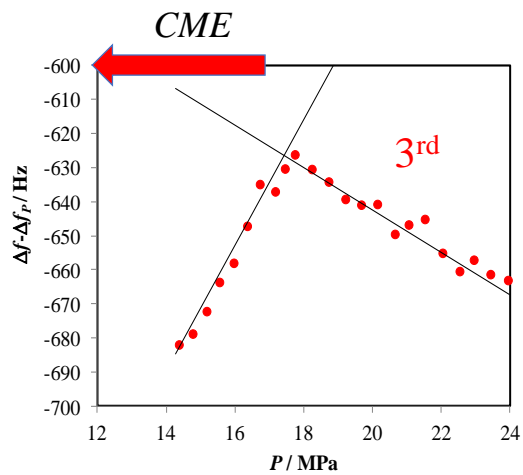
# Fluid phase transitions using QCR

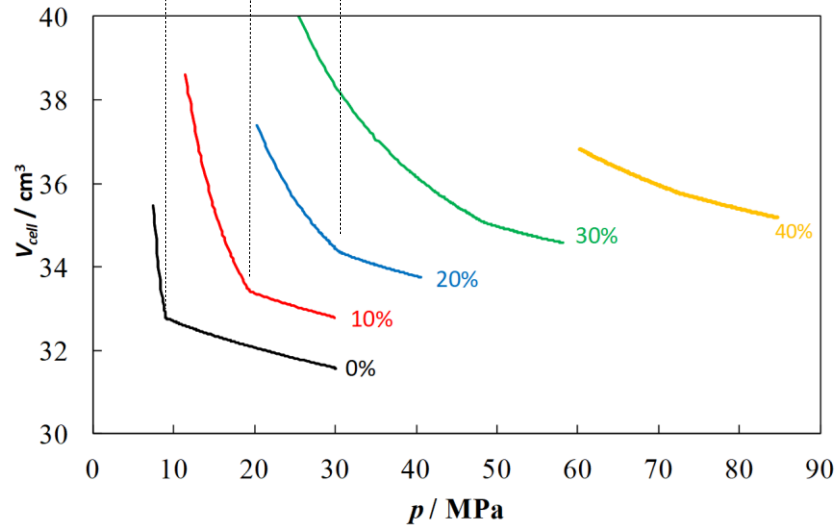
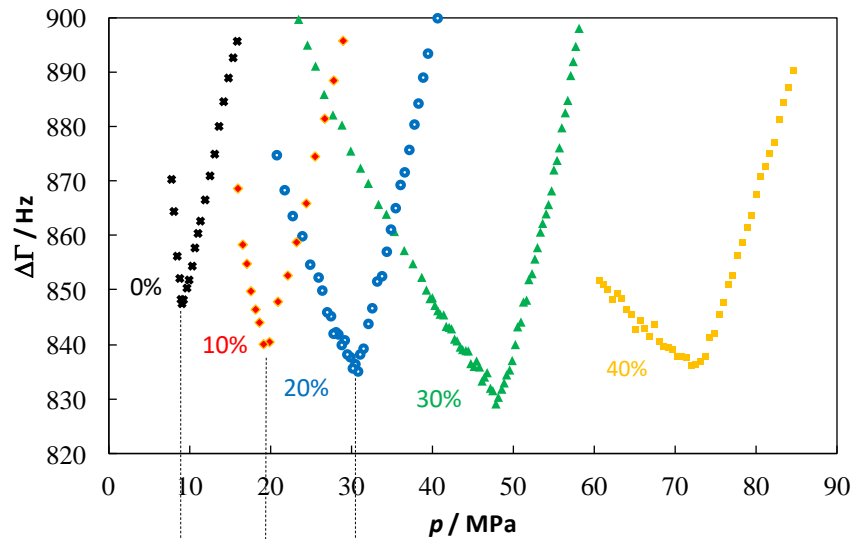
Constant Mass Expansion (CO<sub>2</sub> + nC<sub>17</sub>)



$$\Delta f_{n,oil} = -\sqrt{n} \frac{C_m}{\sqrt{\pi f_0}} \sqrt{\rho_{oil} \eta_{oil}} - n 2 C_m \rho h_D$$

$$\Delta \Gamma_{n,oil} = \sqrt{n} \frac{C_m}{\sqrt{\pi f_0}} \sqrt{\rho_{oil} \eta_{oil}} (1 + R)$$





➤ The minimum is in good agreement with the observed break in the PV curve.

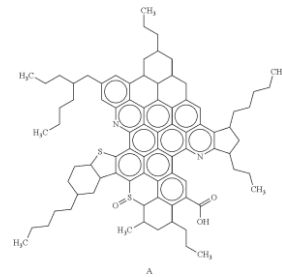
➤ QCR is more sensitive than PV method.

➤ **QCR cannot detect LL phase separation**



# Asphaltene instability threshold measurement using QCR

**Unstable Asphatenes lead to :**



➤ **an increase of viscosity**

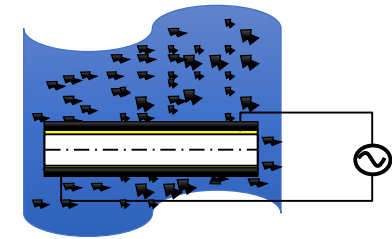
$$\sqrt{\rho\eta_{\text{fluid}}} \nearrow \Delta f_{\text{fluid}} \searrow \Delta\Gamma_{\text{fluid}} \nearrow$$

➤ **mass deposition**

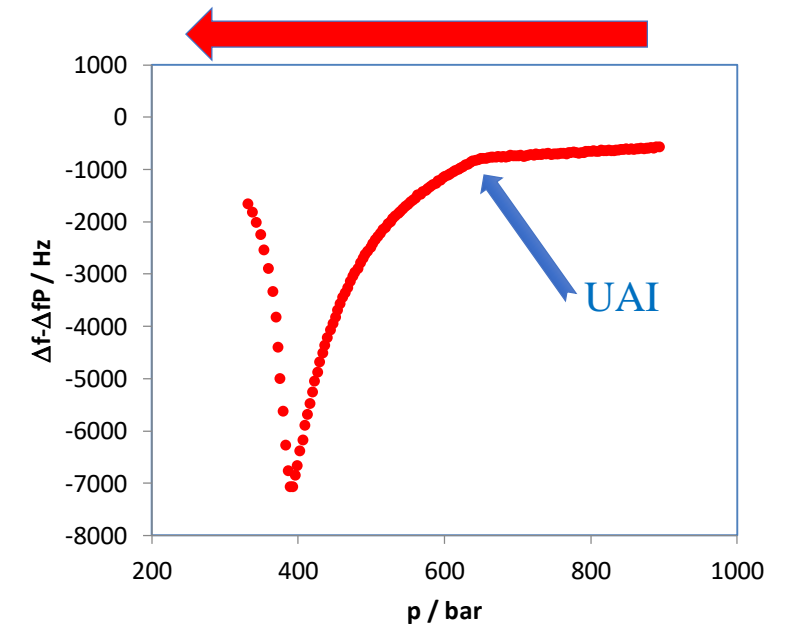
$$h_D \nearrow \Delta f_{\text{fluid}} \searrow$$

➤ **Electrical response to AI is Huge. It allows to sense the UAI Threshold**

$$\Delta f_{n,oil} = -\sqrt{n} \frac{C_m}{\sqrt{\pi f_0}} \sqrt{\rho_{oil}\eta_{oil}} - n2C_m\rho h_D$$

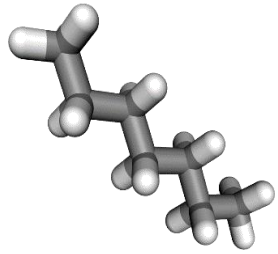


**CME of a Live oil**



$$\Delta\Gamma_{n,oil} = \sqrt{n} \frac{C_m}{\sqrt{\pi f_0}} \sqrt{\rho_{oil}\eta_{oil}} (1 + R)$$

# Wax Appearance Temperature measurement using QCR



- Wax precipitation leads to an increase of viscosity
- No mass deposition on quartz surface

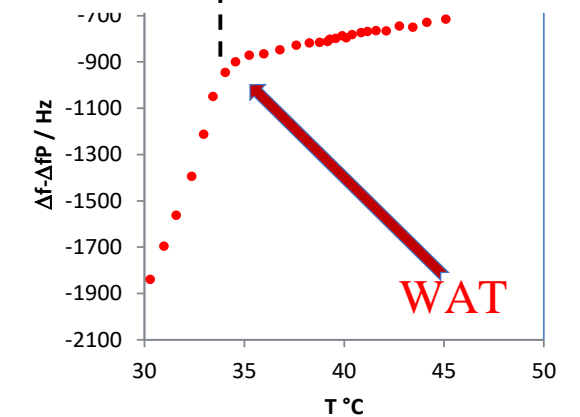
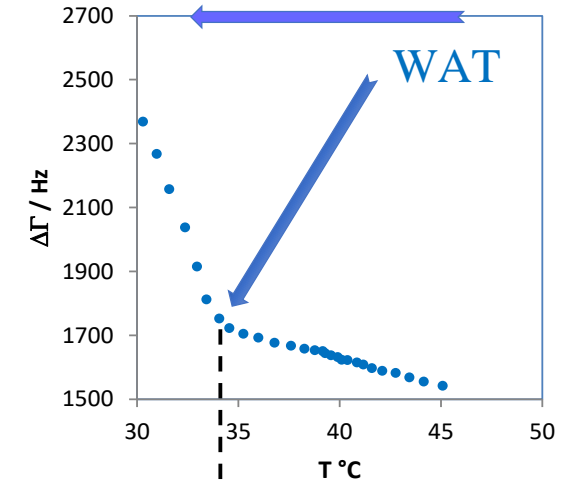
$$\sqrt{\rho\eta}_{\text{fluid}} \nearrow \quad \Delta f_{\text{fluid}} \searrow \quad \Delta\Gamma_{\text{fluid}} \nearrow$$

$$\Delta f_{n,oil} = -\sqrt{n} \frac{C_m}{\sqrt{\pi f_0}} \sqrt{\rho_{oil}\eta_{oil}} - \cancel{n2C_m\rho h_D}$$

$$\Delta\Gamma_{n,oil} = \sqrt{n} \frac{C_m}{\sqrt{\pi f_0}} \sqrt{\rho_{oil}\eta_{oil}} (1 + R)$$

## Constant Mass Cooling

Live oil : 400 bar



Under visible light, crude oils absorb most of the radiation and appear as dark fluids



in situ observation of phase transitions is limited.

Transmittance of a material is a function of the:

➤ thickness of the sample

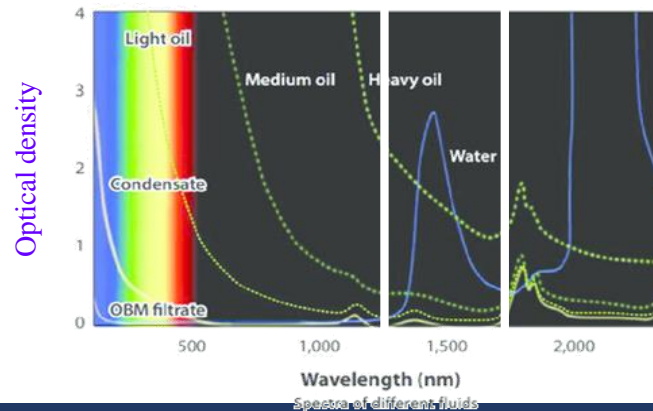


Fluid sample thickness  $\sim$  1 to 1/10 mm

➤ wavelength of the incident light



Visual  $\longrightarrow$  Infra Red : 1 - 2  $\mu$ m,

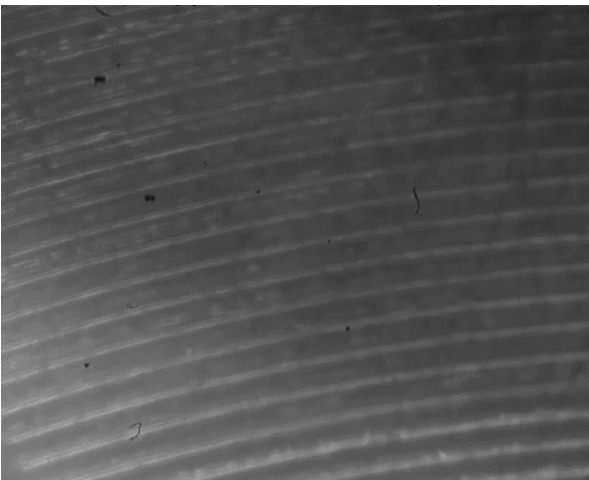
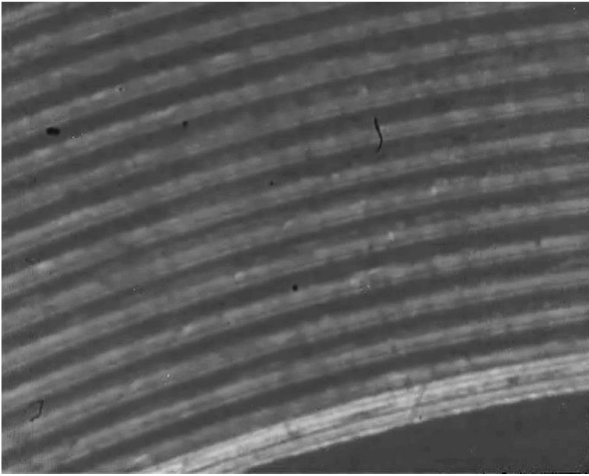


SWIR

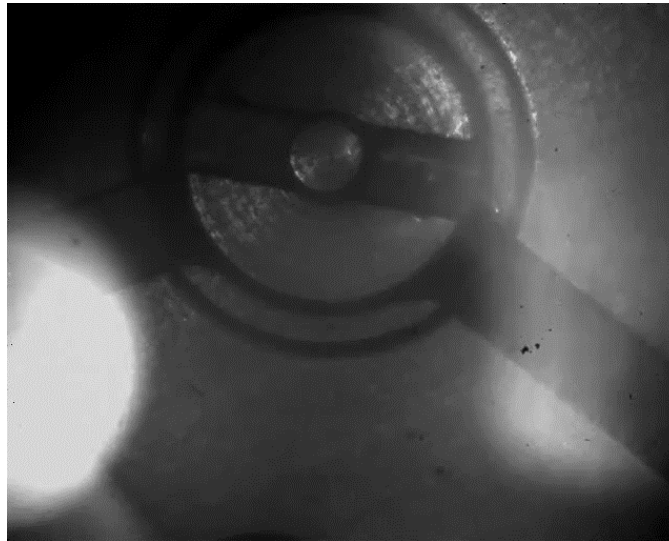
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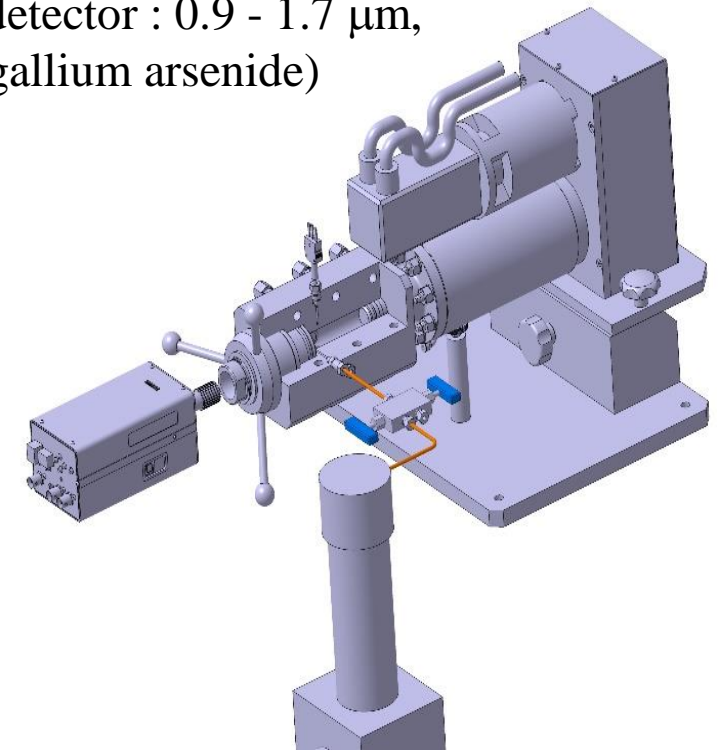
Empty PVT



PVT charged with oil



InGaAs detector : 0.9 - 1.7  $\mu\text{m}$ ,  
(indium gallium arsenide)

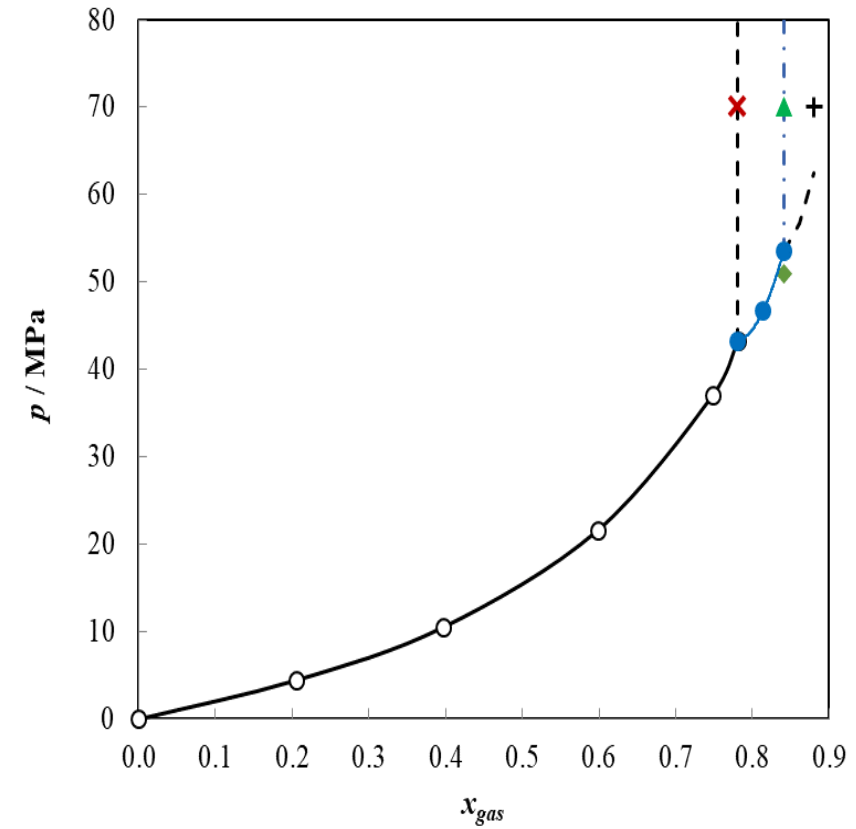
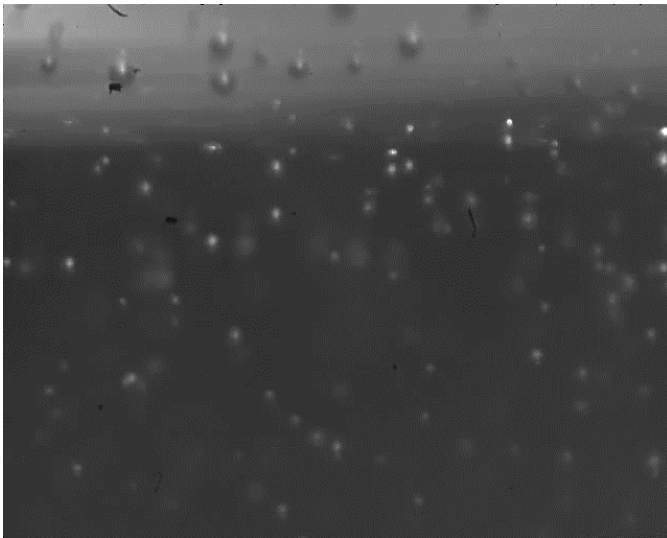


- Fixed focal 12.5 mm length lens
- long working distance objective lens
  - x4
  - x8

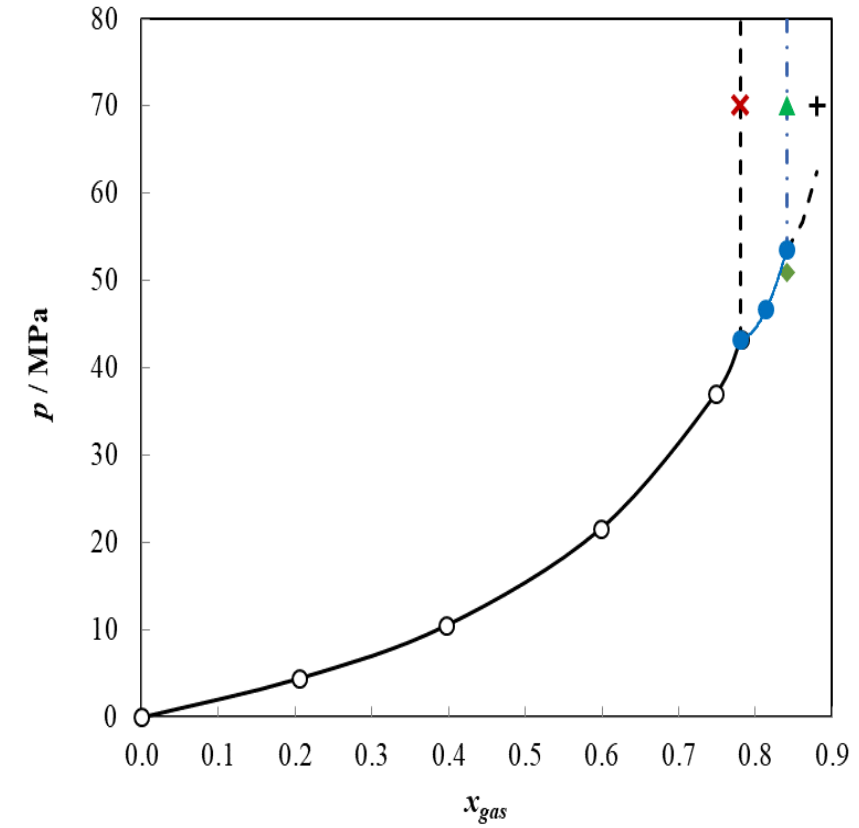
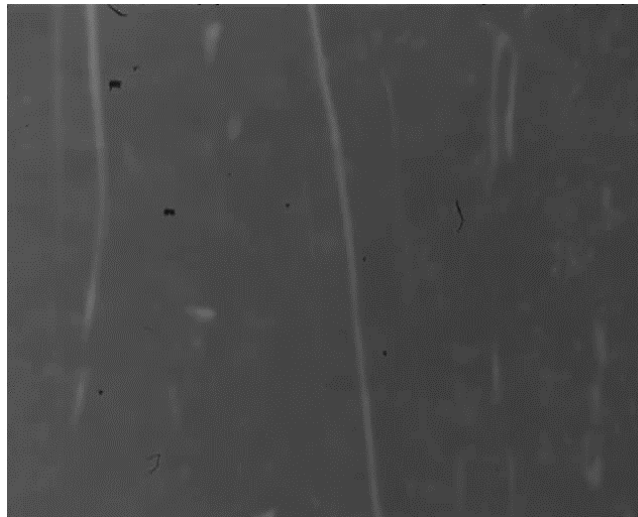
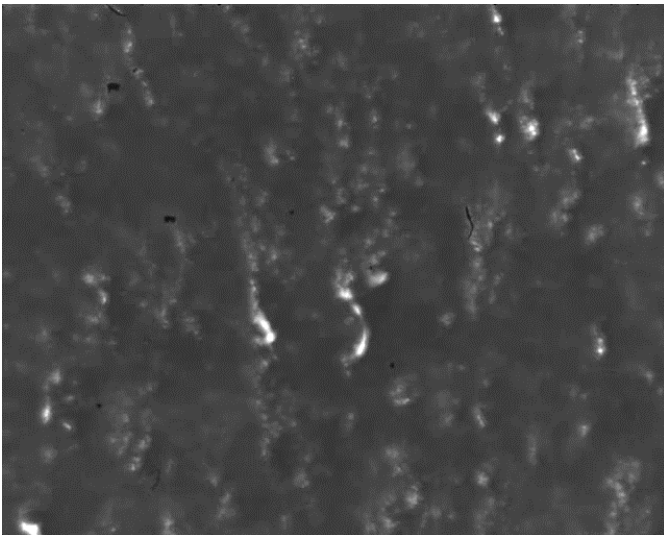
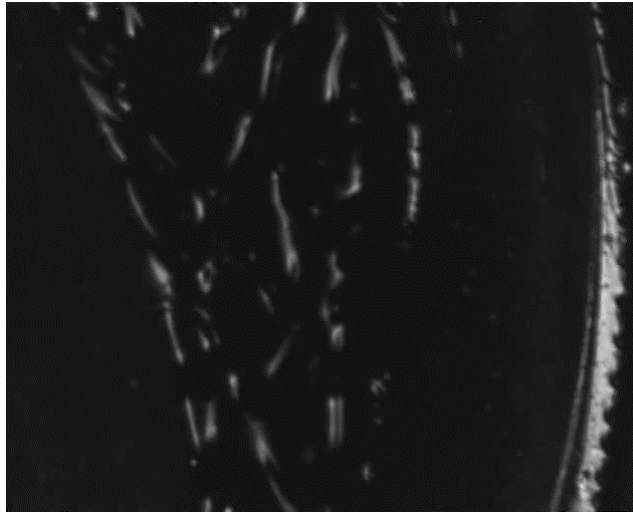
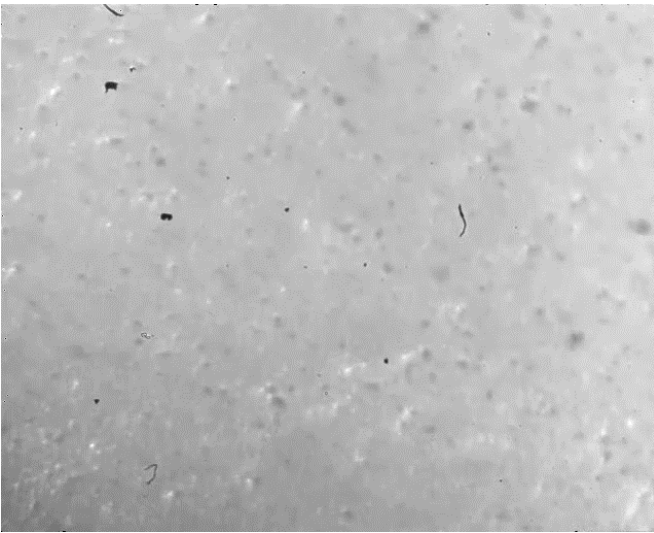


# PVT CELL with SWIR CAMERA

LV / LL / LLV



$P,x$  phase diagram of  
Recombined gas + PS oil

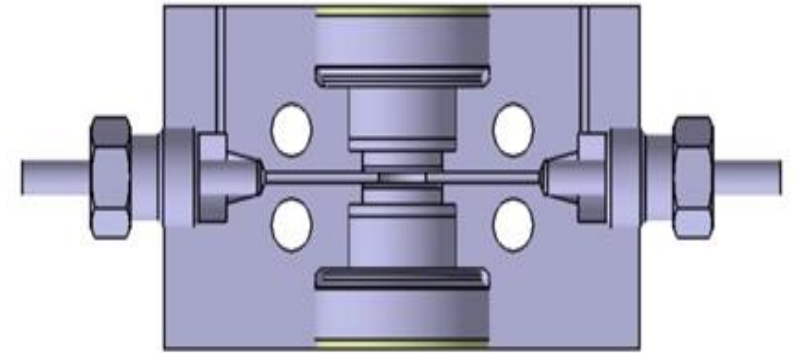
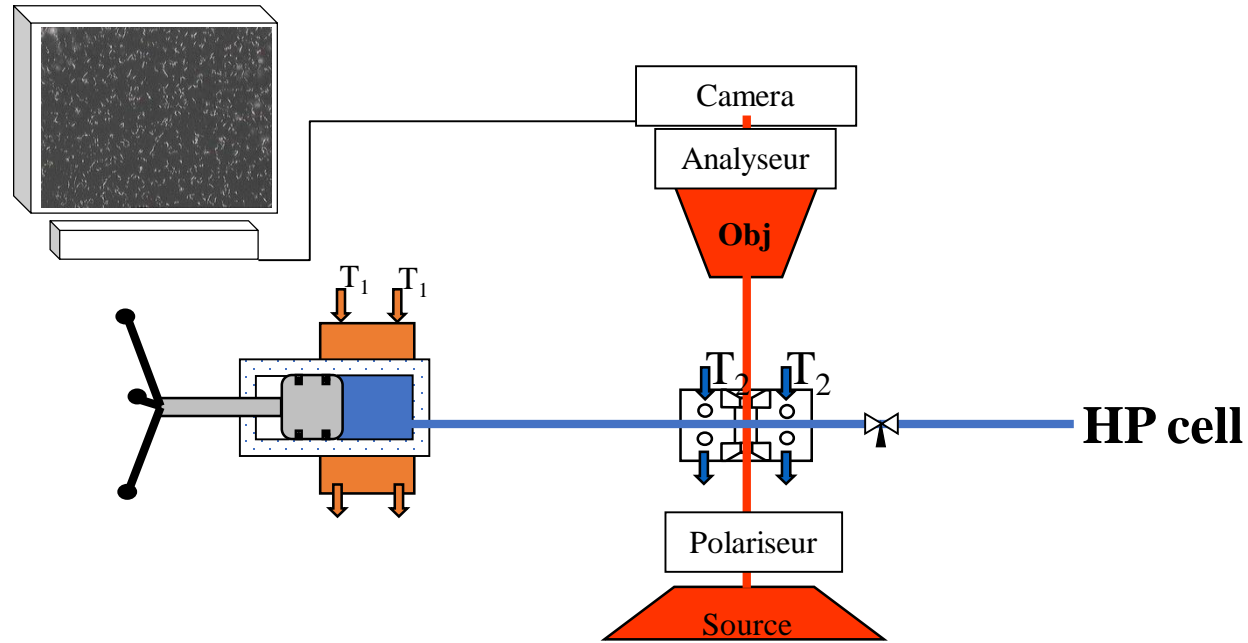


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# HP Microscopy

Device

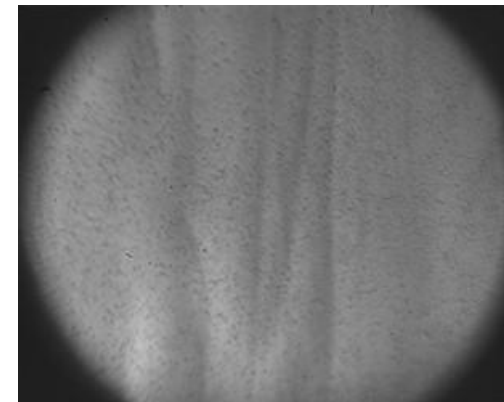


Gap: 1 mm

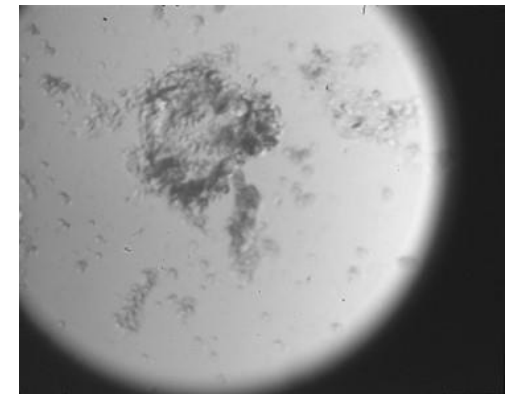
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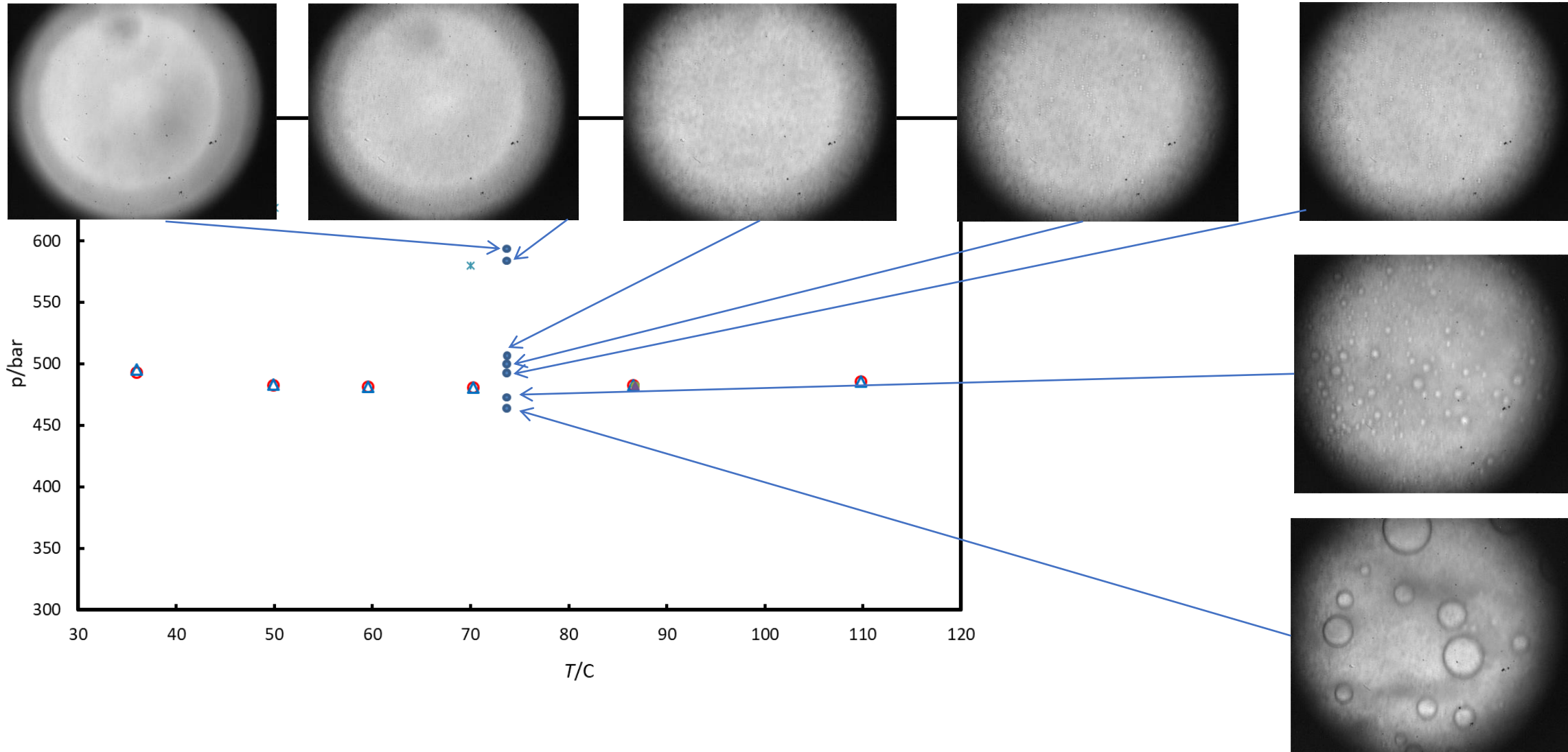


Visual camera



SWIR camera



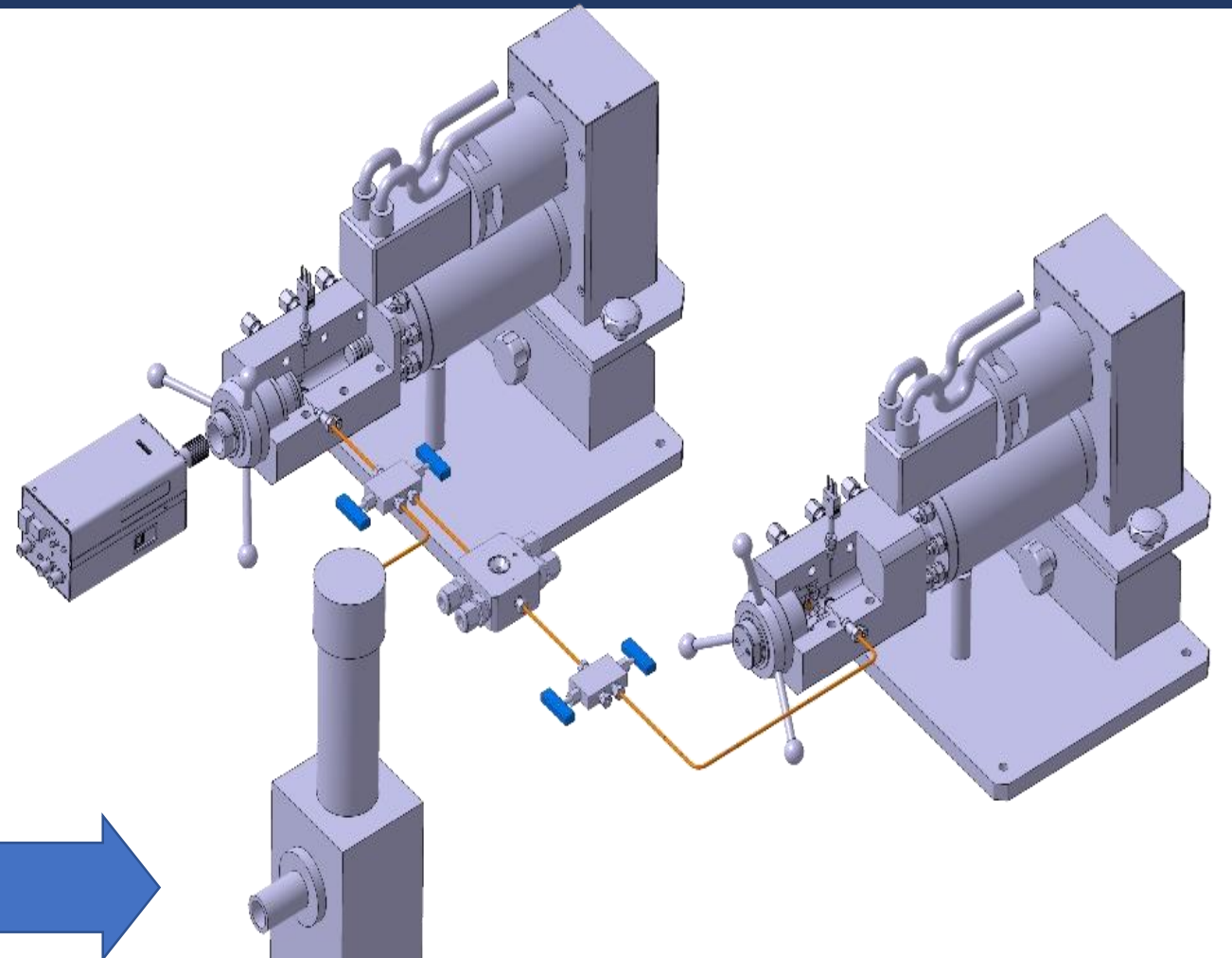


# Conclusion

Combined Investigation  
using 3 devices

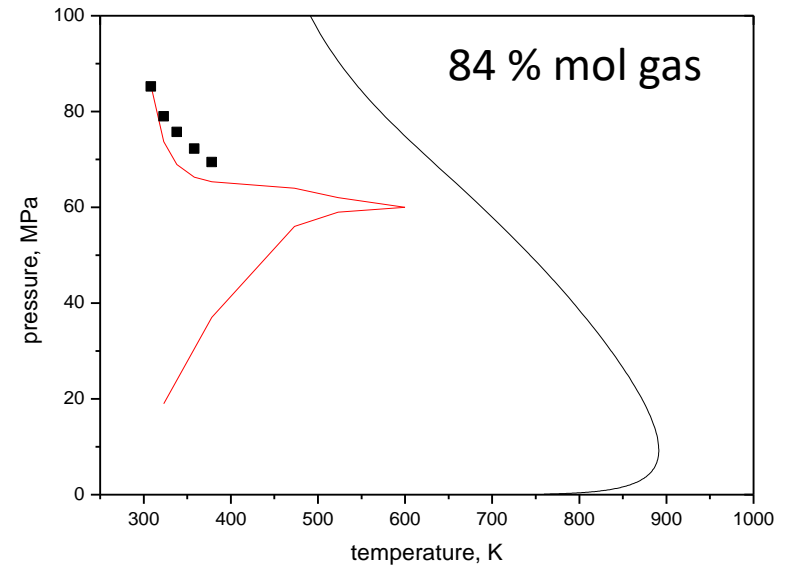
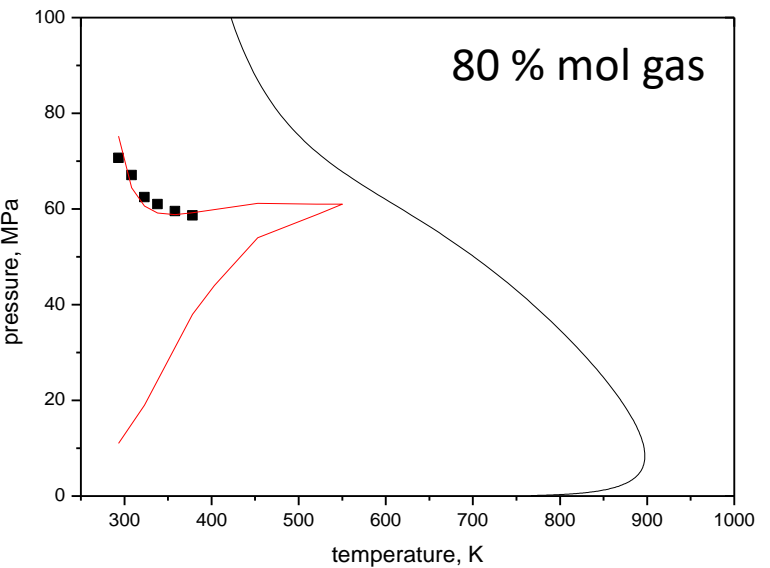
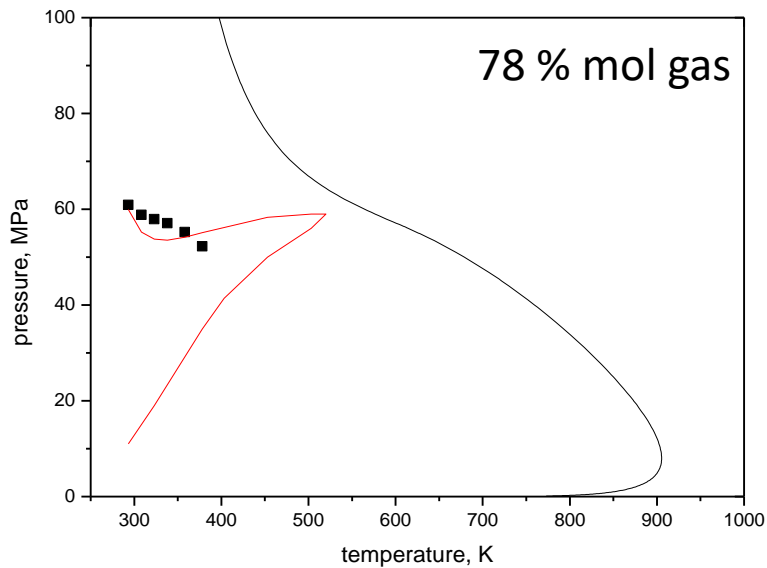
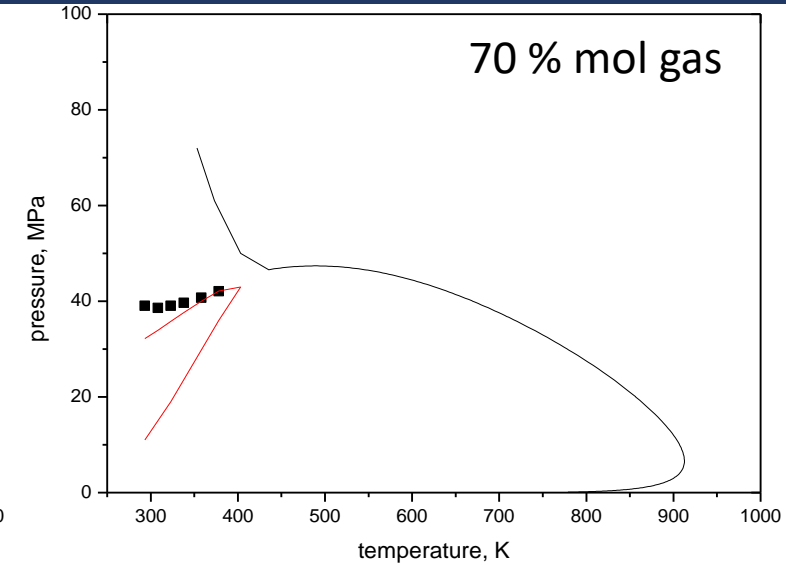
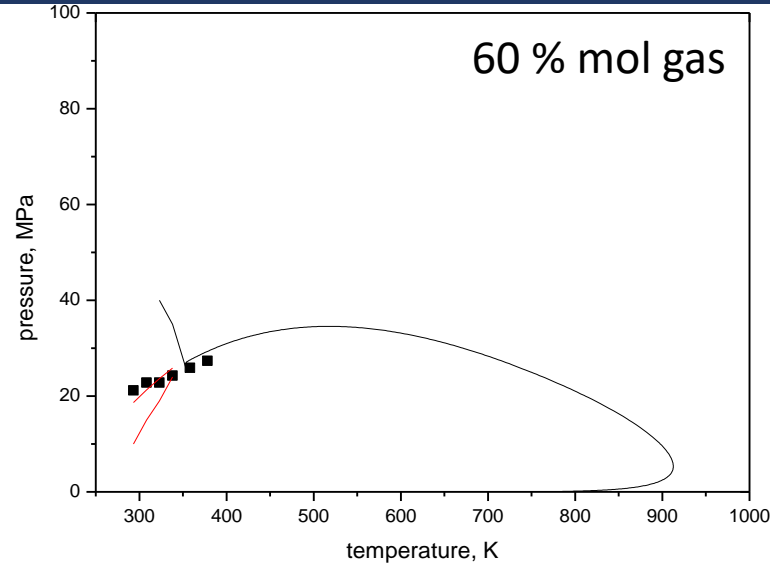
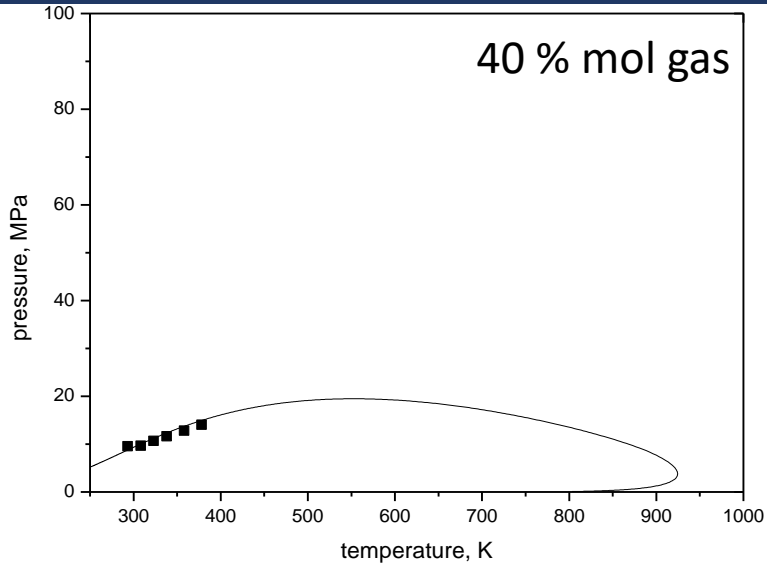


Full characterization  
of PS oil in reservoir  
conditions



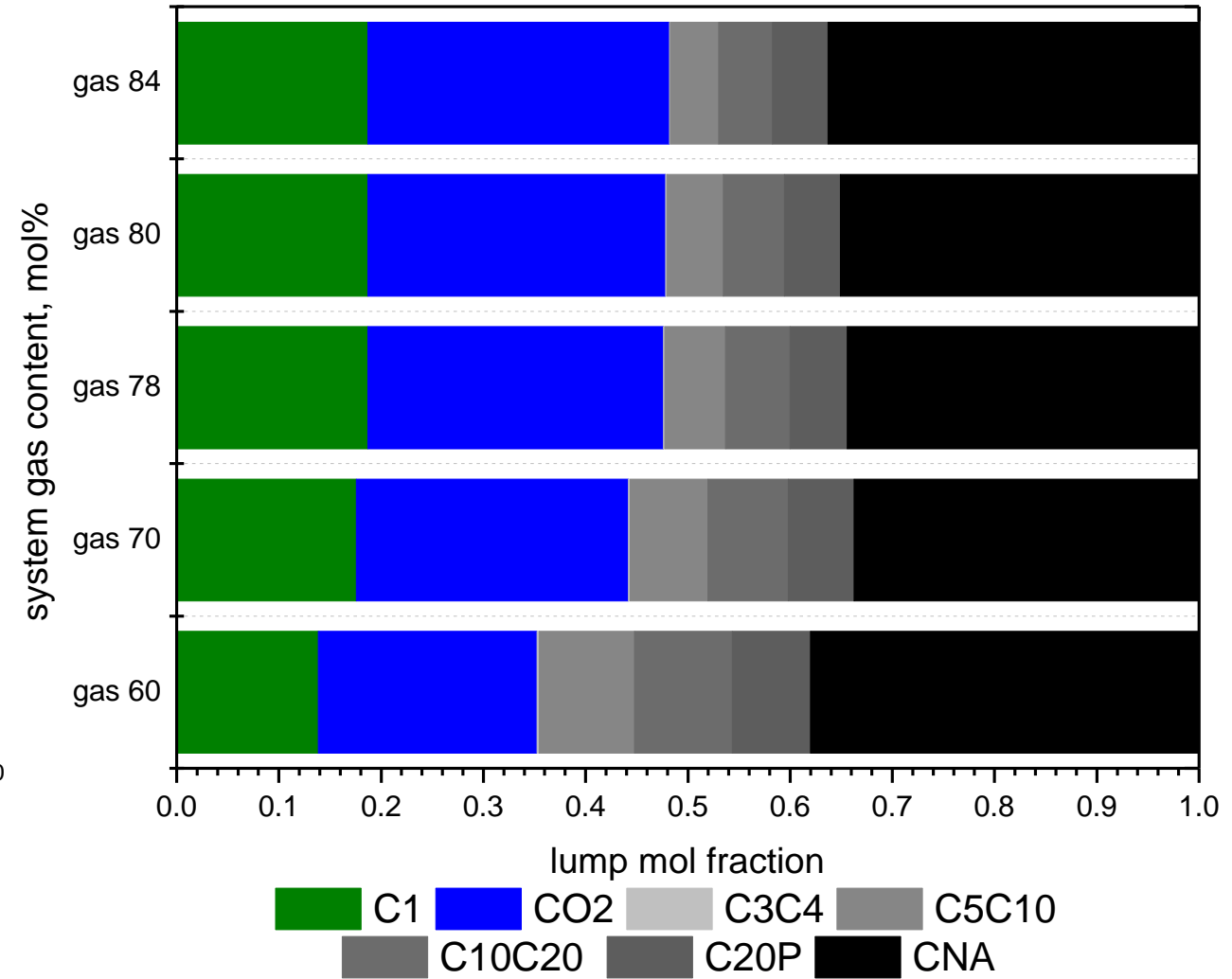
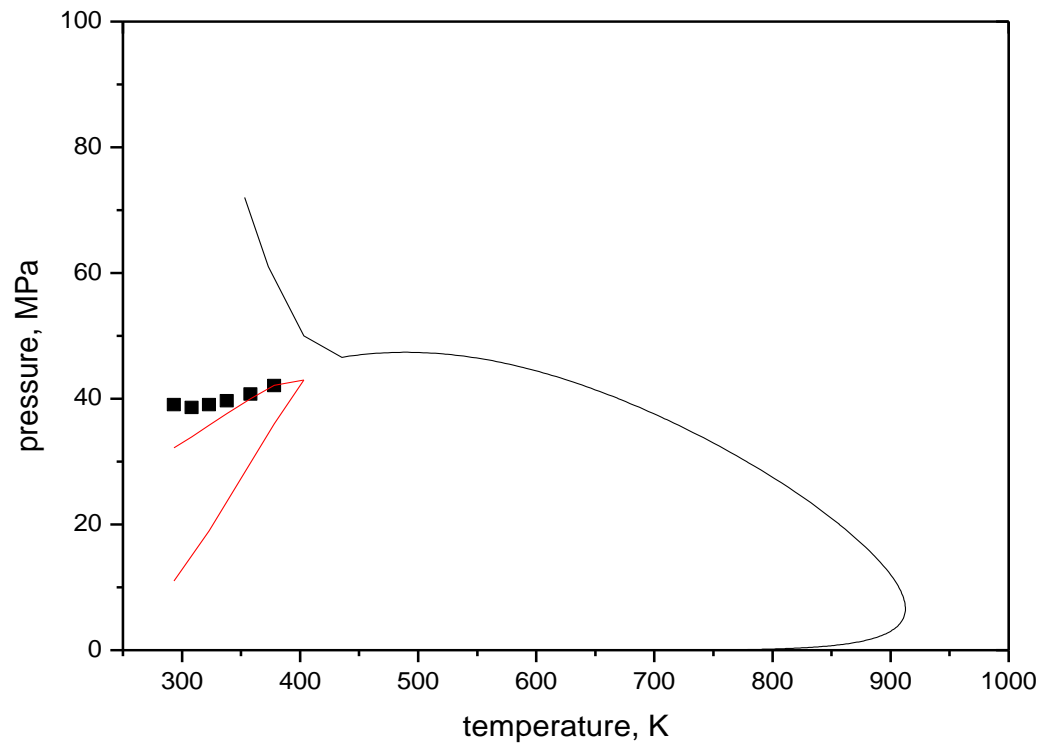
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