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This is the first book on interfacial rheology and aims to describe both its history as well as the current, most frequently used experimental techniques for studying dilational and shear rheology of layers at liquid/gas and liquid/liquid interfaces. The book opens with a chapter on the fundamentals of interfacial rheology. All (16) contributions include the theoretical basis for the presented methodologies and experimental examples are given.

This scientific field is relatively young with its beginnings in the sixties. At first the field developed rather slowly due to lack of professional instruments and was the domain of only very few highly specialized laboratories. In the past decade, good equipment has become more widely available and the Web of Science shows a strong increase in both number of articles published and an exponential increase in citations.

This is mainly caused by the fact that interfacial rheology has been understood as one of the main factors in stabilizing liquid films, foams and emulsions. It gives important insight into the composition and structure of interfacial layers, essentially when built up from mixed solutions.

The users of instruments for shear and dilational surface rheology, which are sold in increasing number year by year, therefore require this basic reading and overview of the available methods.

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This book deals with various methods of interface science based on the particular properties and characteristics of liquid menisci, most of all drops and bubbles. The most versatile tensiometry method these days is the drop profile analysis, a method that became routine only 25 years ago. Today it is the ultimate methodology for liquid interfaces to probe adsorption phenomena and to study mechanical properties of liquid layers. Equipped with a capillary pressure sensor it is the only experiment that can provide data for interfaces between two liquids similar density. Bubble pressure tensiometry developed from an initial qualitative tool in 1851 to the world champion in shortest time dynamic interfacial tensions, suitable to provide information for highly dynamic processes like inkjet printing. Most challenging processes in microfluidics, these days yet a qualitative tool, are based on drops formed in confined geometries.

The number of publications on advanced studies is high and the number of citations in papers that applied these methods is linearly increasing. The book aims at describing the most important experimental methods for characterizing liquid interfaces, such as drop profile analysis, bubble pressure and drop volume tensiometry, capillary pressure technique, and oscillating drops and bubbles. Besides the details of experimental set ups, also the underlying theoretical basis is presented in detail. In addition, a number of applications based on drops and bubbles is discussed, such as rising bubbles and the very complex process of flotation. Also wetting, characterized by the dynamics of advancing contact angles is discussed critically. Special application like a double capillary arrangement for single drop manipulations, and the so-called fibre drop analyzer are presented as excellent examples for the use of drops in interfacial science.

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