

Supporting Information

Monodisperse Polystyrene Foams via Polymerization of Foamed Emulsions: Structure and Mechanical Properties

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S1. Foaming Maps

The variation of pressure allows the control of the bubble size. As one increases the pressure of the dispersed phase the bubble size increases. When the pressure of the continuous phase is increased, the bubble size decreases. The variation of pressures also leads to a change of the pressure ratio between dispersed and continuous phase, i.e. the pressure ratio cannot be changed independently from the bubble size. To easily set parameters like the bubble size one has to measure a phase diagram or a calibration curve for each microfluidic chip. First of all, the limits for stable foaming have to be found. Within these limits the pressures of the continuous and of the dispersed phase can be varied systematically and the resulting bubble size for each pressure pair is determined. Plotting the pressure of the dispersed phase p_{Gas} versus the pressure of the continuous phase p_{Emulsion} leads to phase diagrams for both, the chip with the 100 μm junction (left in **Figure S1**) and the chip with the 190 μm junction (right in **Figure S1**).

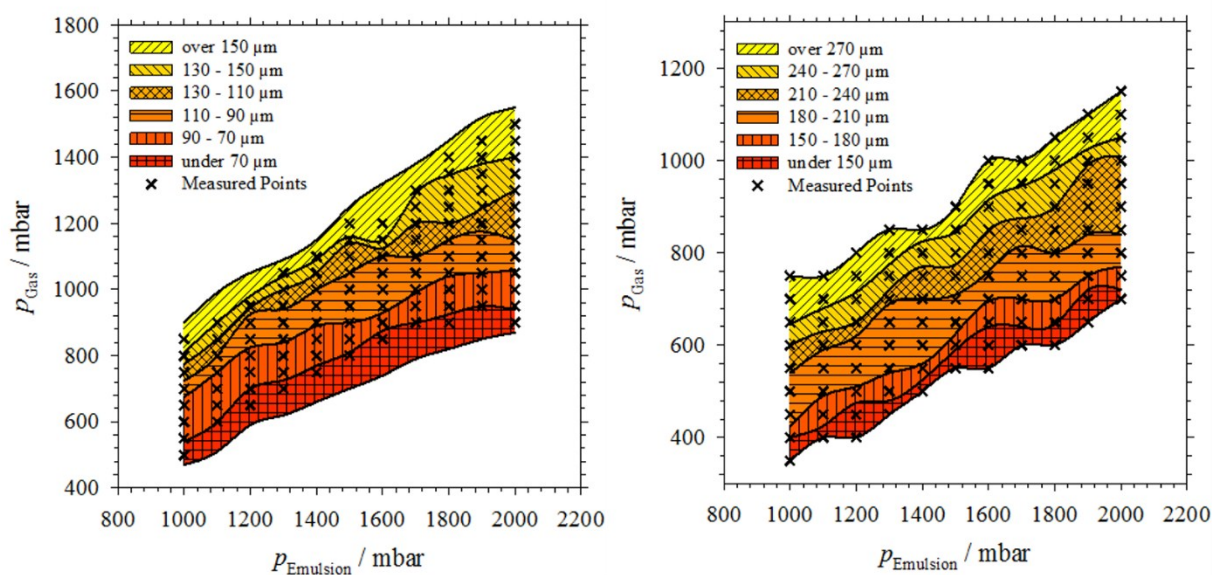


Figure S1: (Left) Foaming map for the Dolomite chip with the 100 μm junction and (right) foaming map for the Dolomite chip with the 190 μm junction.

S2. Measured Samples

The pore size, density, Young's modulus and shear modulus of the synthesized samples are summarized in **Table S1**. For samples measured with the NETZSCH DMA 242E (not marked specifically), the Young's modulus was determined at a temperature of 20 °C from the storage modulus E' taking into account that the loss modulus E'' was ~ 0 Pa.

Table S2: List of measured samples (see Fig. 6)

sample	pore size $d_{\text{pore}} / \mu\text{m}$	density $\rho_{\text{foam}} / \text{g cm}^{-3}$	Young's modulus $E_{\text{foam}} / \text{MPa}$	shear modulus $G_{\text{foam}} / \text{MPa}$
100 μm 1000	139	0.299	54.80	19.7
100 μm 1050	154	0.152	30.20	23.4
190 μm 800	225	0.2912	60.94	34.9
190 μm 900	245	0.159	31.74	N/A
190 μm 950	255	0.171	32.60	13.4
190 μm 1000	285	0.118	8.50	7.67
300 μm 60	365	0.250	63.32	17.65
300 μm 80	588	0.059	0.77	N/A