

Polymer-surfactant complexation as a generic route to responsive viscoelastic nanoemulsions

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Electronic Supplementary Information

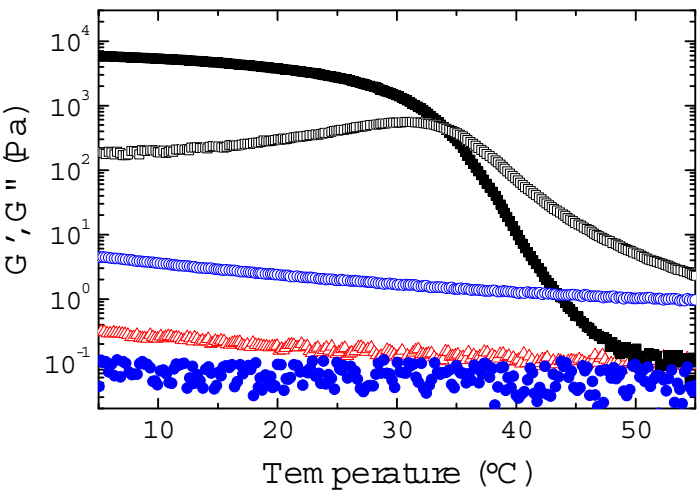


Figure S1. Thermal rheology (G' , closed symbols; G'' , open symbols) of nanoemulsions and PEG/SDS mixture from 5 °C to 55 °C at 1% strain and 20 rad s⁻¹ frequency. The nanoemulsions (black and squares) contain $\phi = 0.33$ PDMS droplets in water with P=0.33 PEGDME and $C_s=100$ mM SDS. The nanoemulsions (blue and circles) contain $\phi = 0.33$ PDMS droplets in water with P=0.33 PEGDA and $C_s=100$ mM Tween20. PEG/SDS mixture (red and triangles) contains P=0.33 PEGDA and $C_s=100$ mM SDS in water.

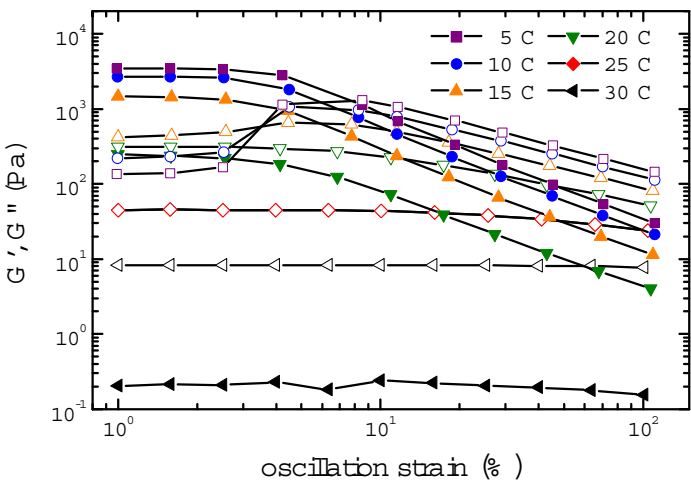


Figure S2. Dynamic strain sweep measurement for nanoemulsions containing $\phi = 0.33$ PDMS droplets in water with $P=0.33$ PEGDA and $C_s=100$ mM SDS at 20 rad s⁻¹ frequency and the temperature indicated.

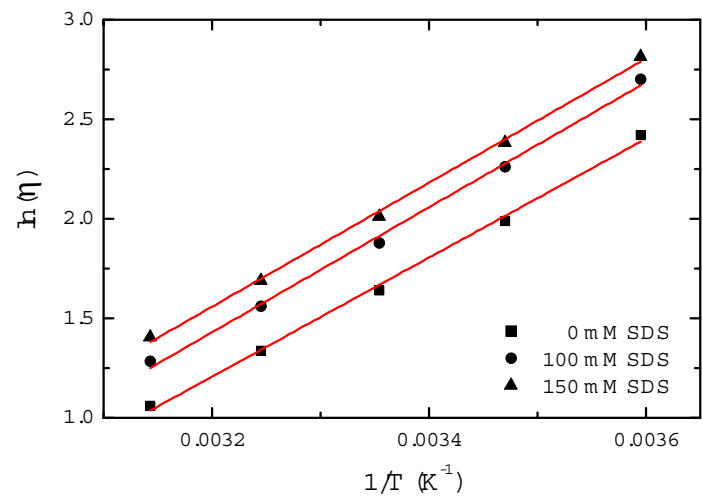


Figure S3. Arrhenius plot of viscosity for the PEGDA/SDS mixtures. PEG/SDS mixture contains $P=0.33$ PEGDA and $C_s=0$ (squares), 100 (circles) and 150 (triangles) mM SDS in water. Lines are fits to the Arrhenius equation to extract activation energy, E_a , which are 10.0 ± 0.29 , 10.5 ± 0.33 and 10.5 ± 0.25 k_BT at 25°C, respectively.

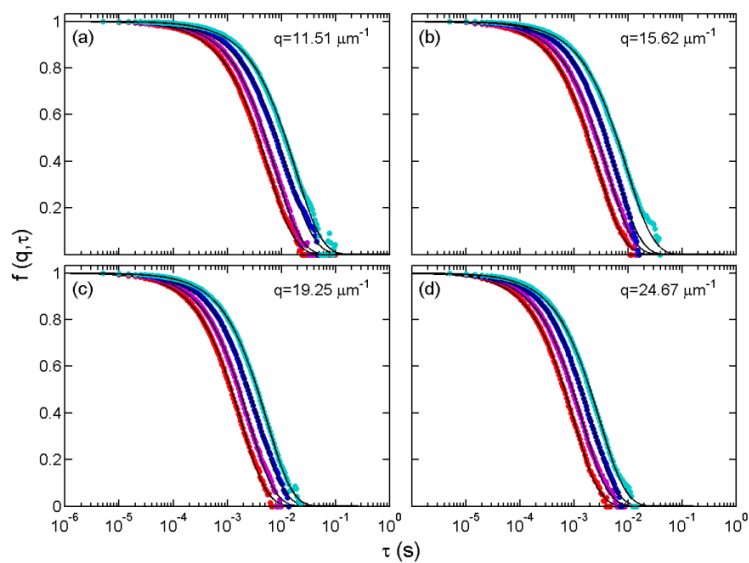


Figure S4. Intermediate scattering functions for $\phi=0.01$ measured at $T=35$ °C, 25 °C, 15 °C and 5 °C. Solid lines are fits to stretched exponentials.

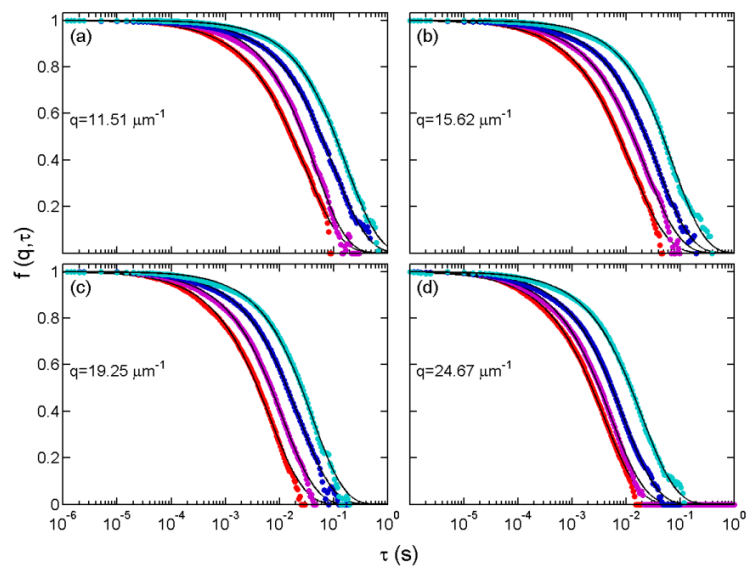


Figure S5. Intermediate scattering functions for $\phi=0.20$ measured at $T=35$ °C, 25 °C, 15 °C and 5 °C. Solid lines are fits to stretched exponentials.

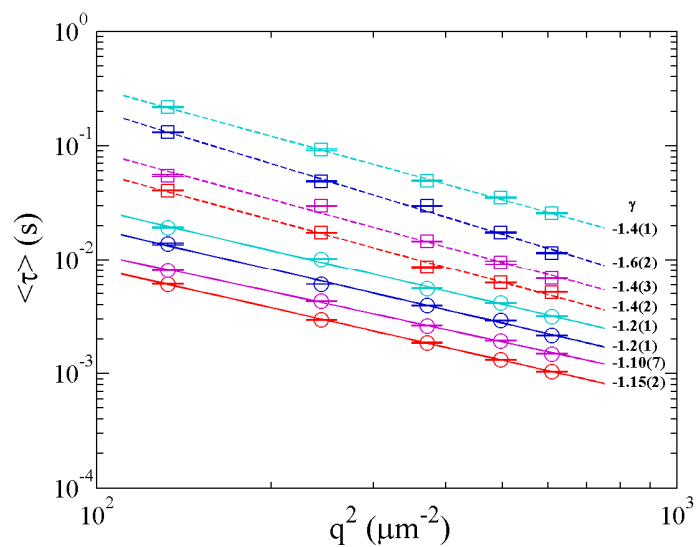


Figure S6. q -dependence of average relaxation times for $\phi=0.01$ (circles) and $\phi=0.20$ (squares). The measurements were done at 35 °C (red), 25 °C (purple), 15 °C (blue) and 5 °C (cyan). Lines are power-law fits, $\langle \tau \rangle \sim (q^2)^\gamma$, to the data.

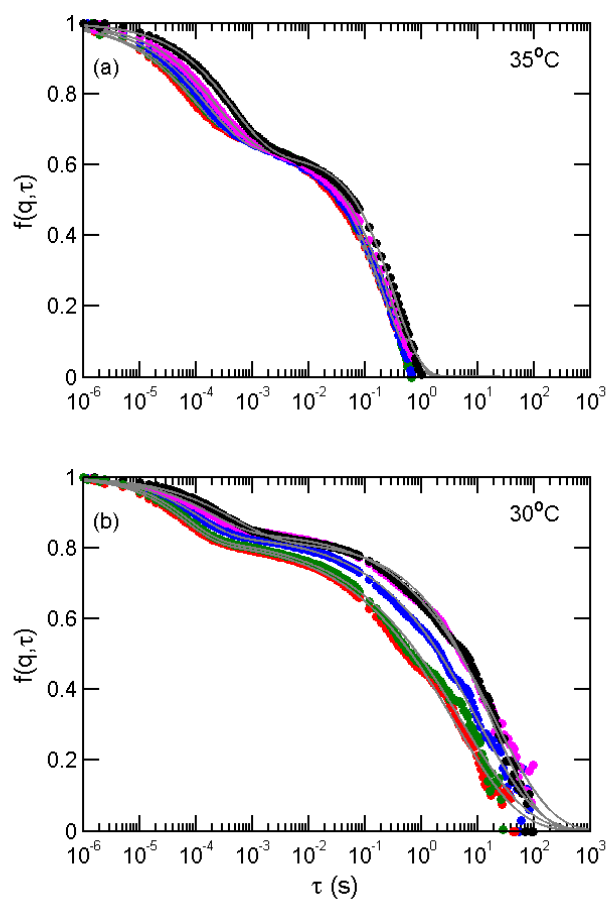


Figure S7. Intermediate scattering functions probed at $q=24.67 \mu\text{m}^{-1}$ (red), $22.30 \mu\text{m}^{-1}$ (dark green), $19.25 \mu\text{m}^{-1}$ (blue), $15.62 \mu\text{m}^{-1}$ (purple) and $11.51 \mu\text{m}^{-1}$ (black). Grays lines are fits to Eq. 1.

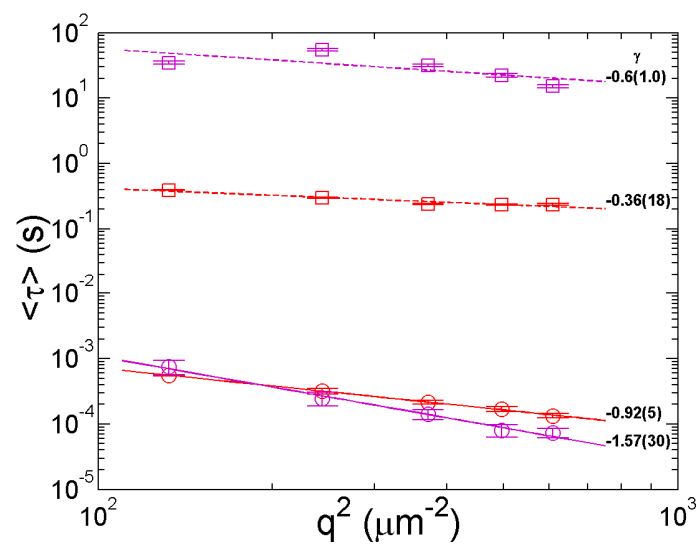


Figure S8. q -dependence of average relaxation times (circles for $\langle \tau_1 \rangle$ and squares for $\langle \tau_2 \rangle$) at $T=35^\circ\text{C}$ (red) and 30°C (purple). Lines are fits to $\langle \tau_i \rangle \sim (q^2)^\gamma$.

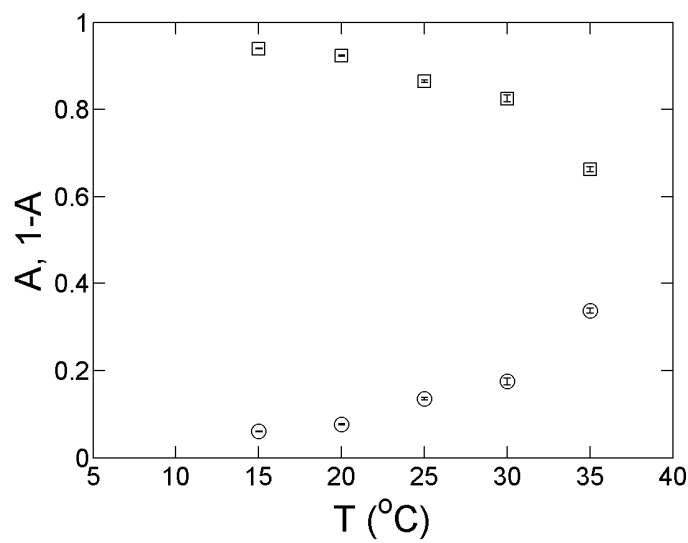


Figure S9. Temperature dependence of the amplitudes of the fast mode (circles) and the slow one (squares). $\phi=0.33$

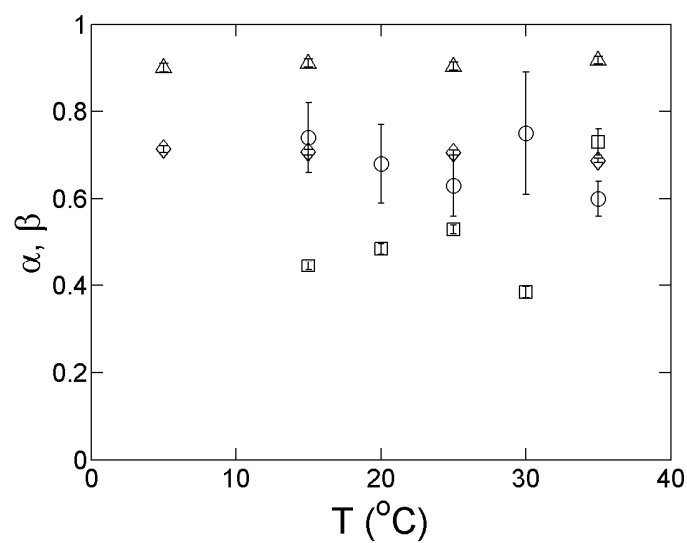


Figure S10. Exponents of stretched exponentials for $\phi=0.01$ (triangles), 0.20 (diamonds) and 0.33 (circles for the fast mode and squares for the slow mode)

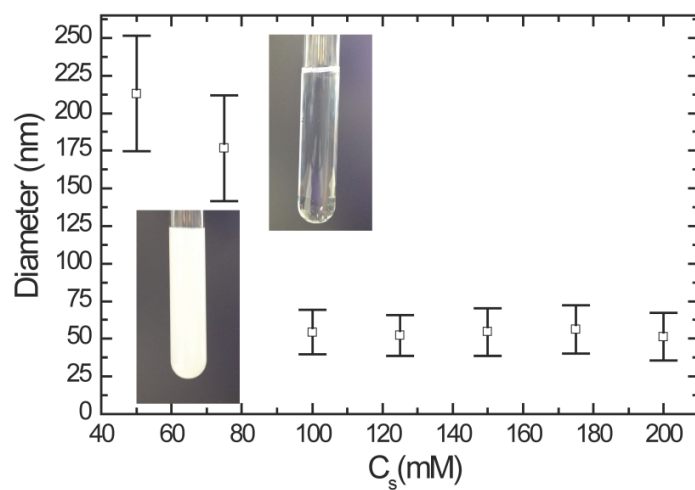


Figure S11. Dependence of z-average diameter of droplet on SDS concentration. The nanoemulsions contain $\phi = 0.33$ PDMS droplets in water with $P=0.33$ PEGDME and varying SDS. The samples were homogenized at 5 kspi for 20 passes. Inset photos: turbid nanoemulsions containing low SDS concentration $C_s=75\text{mM}$ (left) and transparent nanoemulsions containing SDS above $C_s=80\text{mM}$ (right).