

Supplementary Information:

“Gas bubble dynamics in soft materials”

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Supp. Info. Abstract: Here we provide tables of numerical values of dissolving times for a bubble embedded in an soft elastic medium. These values are intended to serve as benchmarks for those readers who may want to check their work against ours.

I. $(\partial c/\partial r)_R$ FROM THE DIFFUSION EQUATION

The dissolving time for a bubble embedded in an elastic medium is found by numerically solving the differential equation

$$\frac{dR}{ds} = \frac{6BTD^*(P_{WSR} - P_e + 4G/3 - 2\gamma/R)}{(3P_eR + 4\gamma - 4GR)K_H} \left\{ s + \frac{R}{\sqrt{\pi D^*}} \right\}, \quad (1)$$

which is obtained by combining Eqs. (10), (14), and (15) from the main article, together with the change of variable

$$t = s^2. \quad (2)$$

This change of variable eliminates the singularity at $t = 0$ (see Section 3 of the main article).

A tabulated series of dissolving times for different combinations of the shear modulus G , and initial radius R_0 is given in Table I.

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	$t_d(R_0, G) \times \text{sec}^{-1}$ (($\partial c/\partial r$) _R from the Diffusion equation.)			
$R_0 \times \mu^{-1}$	$G = 0.0\text{atm}$	$G = 0.1\text{atm}$	$G = 0.2\text{atm}$	$G = 0.3\text{atm}$
5	0.4741	0.5365	0.6483	0.9195
10	2.477	3.119	4.808	∞
15	6.337	8.546	16.38	∞
20	12.16	17.21	40.19	∞
25	20.01	29.33	82.27	∞
30	29.9	45.04	150.3	∞

TABLE I. Dissolving times obtained numerically from Eq. (1). Here we have used $T = 298.15 \text{ K}$, $P_e = 1 \text{ atm}$, $P_{WSR} = 0.75 \text{ atm}$, $D^* = 2900 \mu^2/\text{sec}$, $\gamma = 0.7 \mu \cdot \text{atm}$ (70 dynes/cm), $B = 0.082057 \text{ atm} \cdot \text{l} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1} \cdot \text{K}^{-1}$, and $K_H = 1614 \text{ atm} \cdot \text{l} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1}$.

II. ($\partial c/\partial r$)_R FROM THE LAPLACE EQUATION

The time evolution of a bubble embedded in a soft elastic material, using ($\partial c/\partial r$)_R obtained from the Laplace equation (Eq. (17) in the main paper), is given by

$$t = \frac{1 - \alpha}{2D^*d(1 - f - \alpha)}(R_0^2 - R^2) - \frac{2\gamma(2f + 1 - \alpha)}{3D^*d(1 - f - \alpha)^2P_e}(R_0 - R) + \frac{4\gamma^2(2f + 1 - \alpha)}{3D^*d(1 - f - \alpha)^3P_e^2} \ln \left(\frac{(1 - f - \alpha)R_0P_e + 2\gamma}{(1 - f - \alpha)RP_e + 2\gamma} \right), \quad (3)$$

where

$$d \equiv \frac{BT}{K_H}, \quad f \equiv \frac{P_{WSR}}{P_e}, \quad \text{and} \quad \alpha \equiv \frac{4G}{3P_e} \quad (4)$$

Equation (3) has physical units and is equivalent to Eq. (26) of the main paper.

The dissolving times shown in Table II were obtained from:

$$t_d = \frac{1 - \alpha}{2D^*d(1 - f - \alpha)}R_0^2 - \frac{2\gamma(2f + 1 - \alpha)}{3D^*d(1 - f - \alpha)^2P_e}R_0 + \frac{4\gamma^2(2f + 1 - \alpha)}{3D^*d(1 - f - \alpha)^3P_e^2} \ln \left(\frac{(1 - f - \alpha)R_0P_e + 2\gamma}{2\gamma} \right), \quad (5)$$

which was obtained from Eq. (3) with R set equal to 0.

	$t_d(R_0, G) \times \text{sec}^{-1}$ $((\partial c/\partial r)_R \text{ from the Laplace equation.})$			
$R_0(\mu)$	$G = 0.0\text{atm}$	$G = 0.1\text{atm}$	$G = 0.2\text{atm}$	$G = 0.3\text{atm}$
5	0.5316	0.5982	0.7172	1.004
10	2.74	3.417	5.189	∞
15	6.965	9.286	17.44	∞
20	13.32	18.61	42.42	∞
25	21.86	31.6	86.27	∞
30	32.61	48.42	156.8	∞

TABLE II. Dissolving times obtained from Eq. (5). Here we have used $T = 298.15 \text{ K}$, $P_e = 1 \text{ atm}$, $P_{WSR} = 0.75 \text{ atm}$, $D^* = 2900 \mu^2/\text{sec}$, $\gamma = 0.7 \mu \cdot \text{atm}$ (70 dynes/cm), $B = 0.082057 \text{ atm} \cdot \text{l} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1} \cdot \text{K}^{-1}$, and $K_H = 1614 \text{ atm} \cdot \text{l} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1}$.