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On the thickness of soap films: an alternative to Frankel's law – CORRIGENDUM

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Constructive conversations with Peter Howell led us to notice an error in the derivation of equation (2.2), and therefore in the calculation of film thickness h_0 in (2.4). The evolution equation as developed in the derivation of (2.2) should have a minus sign due to the choice of coordinate system (with X being positive in the downward direction). As it stands, the solution given in (2.4) does not apply to extensional withdrawal of a film of fluid. Rather, the solution applies to the entrainment of a film into the bulk, where the entrainment speed is modified by surface viscosity μ^* , e.g. as similar to the case of a foam lamella draining into a Plateau border at early time when h_0 is nearly constant. See also, for example, the work by Breward & Howell (2002) and Naire *et al.* (2001) for related problems concerning the evolution of a film after it has been formed. We note that the manner in which variations of surface properties affect 'Frankel's law' for the case of a film formed by withdrawal from a bath remains an open question.

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