



Simplified industrial dispersions

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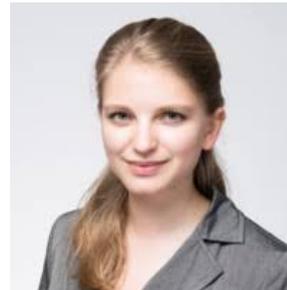
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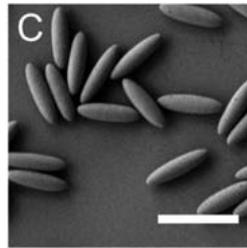
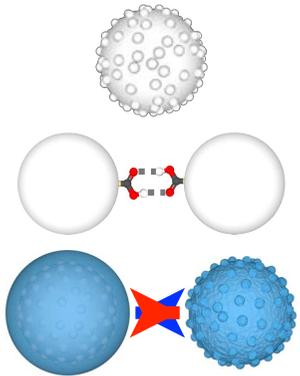


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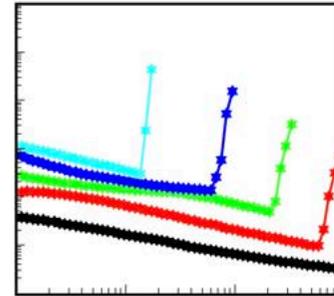


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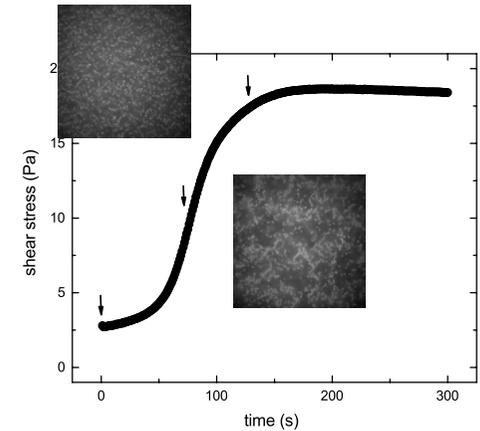
Complexity in model systems



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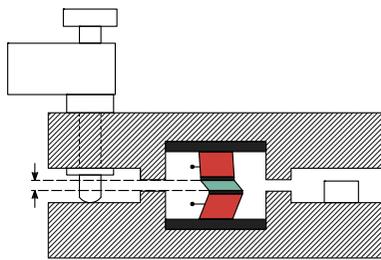


shear thickening

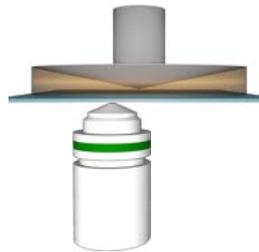


thixotropy

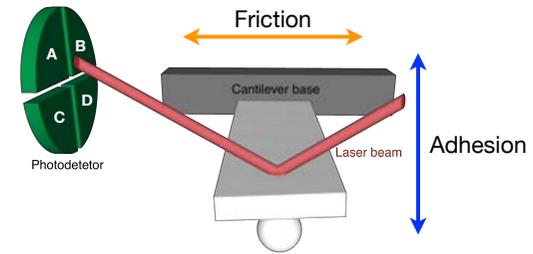
Analytical, structural and rheological methods tailored to interrogate structure



stress deconvolution

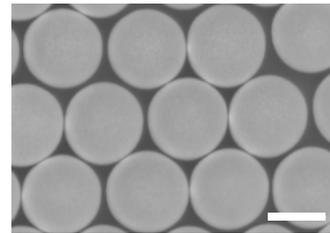
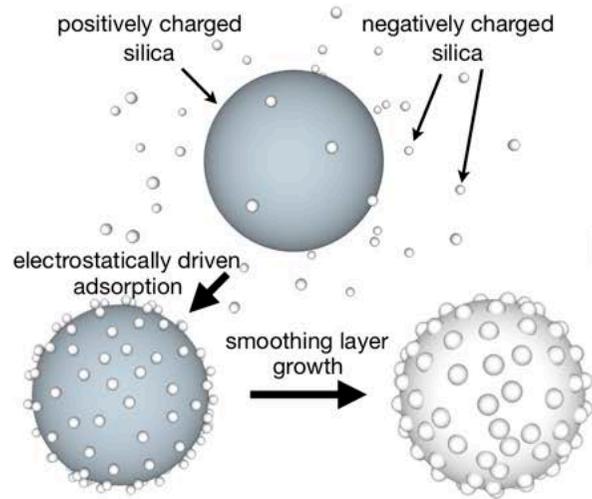


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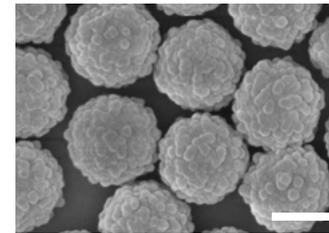


local scale tribology

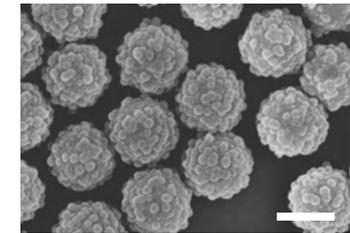
- ❑ Objectives
- ❑ Shear thickening : roughness and adhesion
- ❑ Thixotropy : strength and adhesion
- ❑ Conclusions / outlook



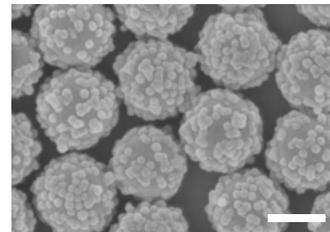
≈ 0



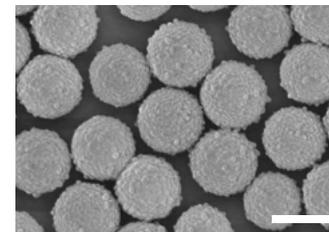
0.25 ± 0.028



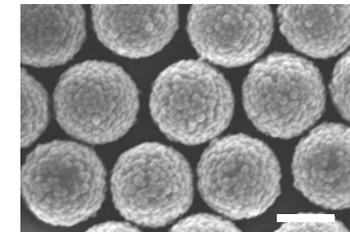
0.31 ± 0.035



0.36 ± 0.039

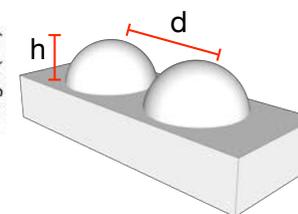
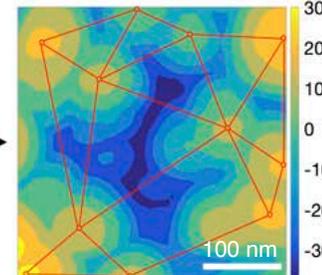
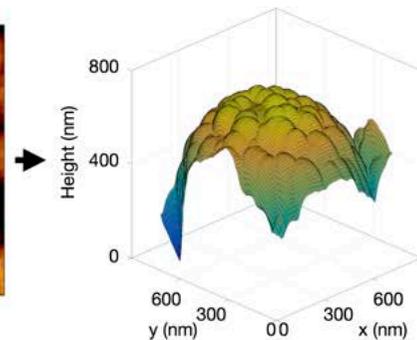
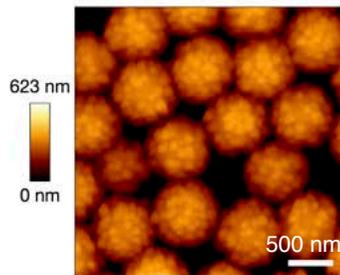


0.45 ± 0.049



0.53 ± 0.047

Scale bars = 500 nm



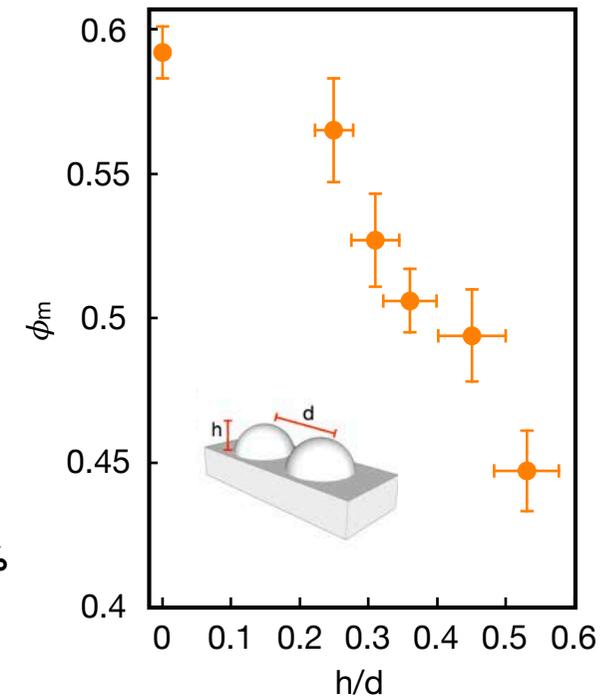
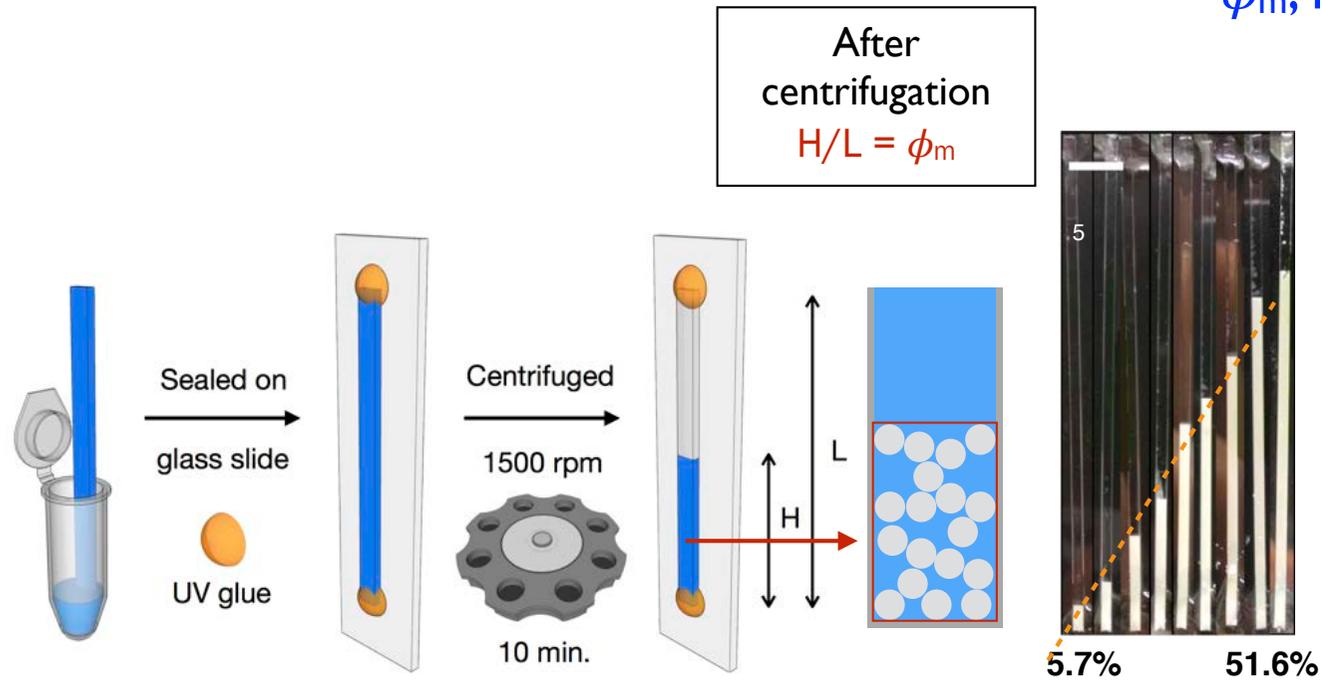
h: asperity height
d: inter-asperity distance

Dimensionless roughness parameter h/d

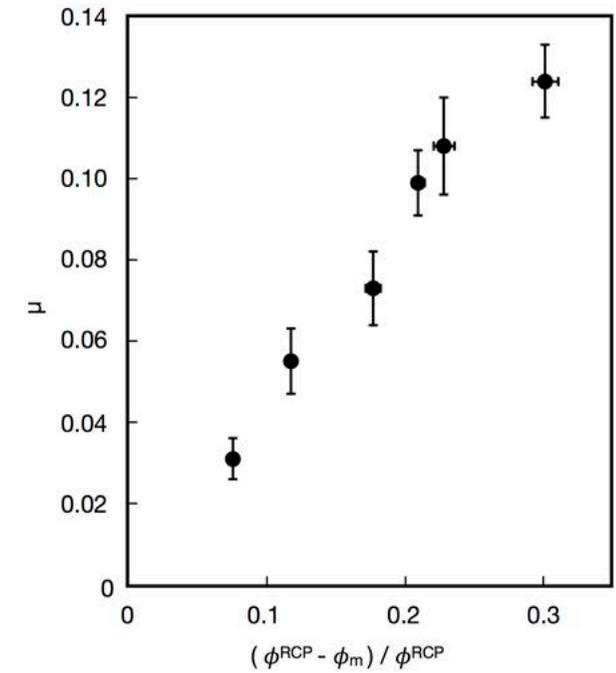
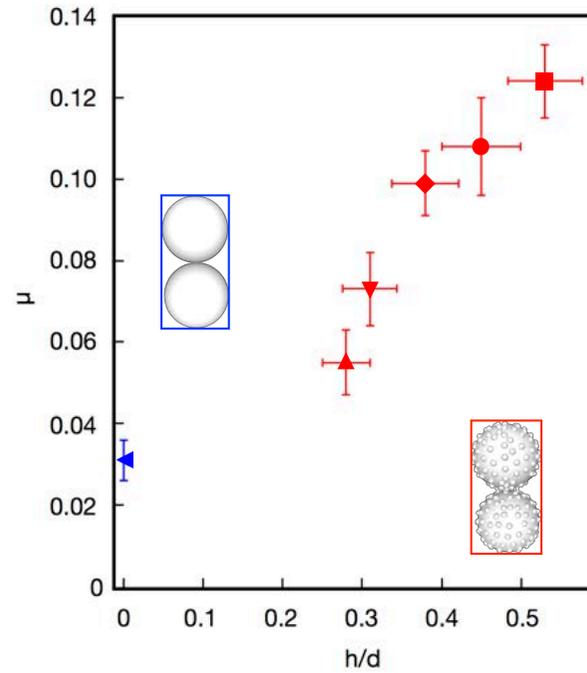
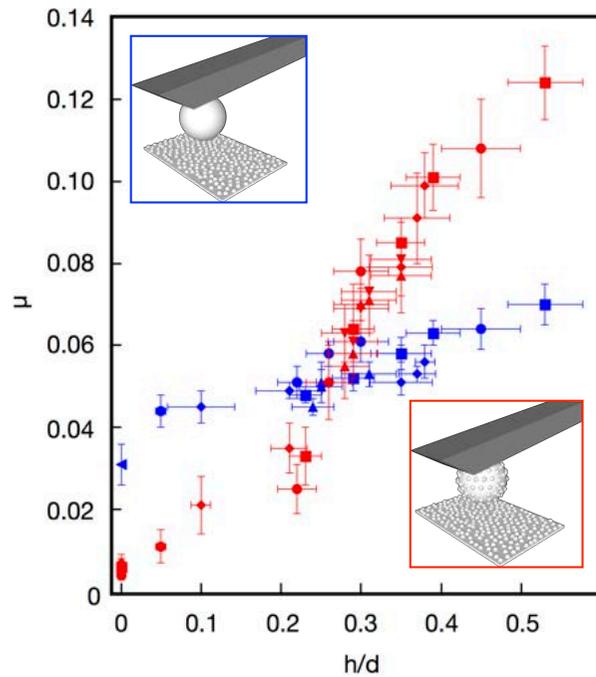
C. P. Hsu *et al.*, *PNAS* 115, (2018).

characterization

ϕ_m , frictional packing fraction



Higher $h/d \rightarrow$
Lower ϕ_m

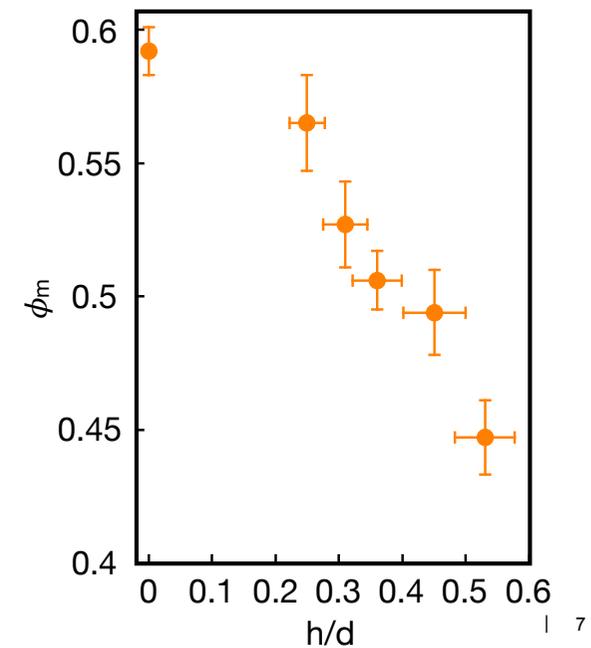


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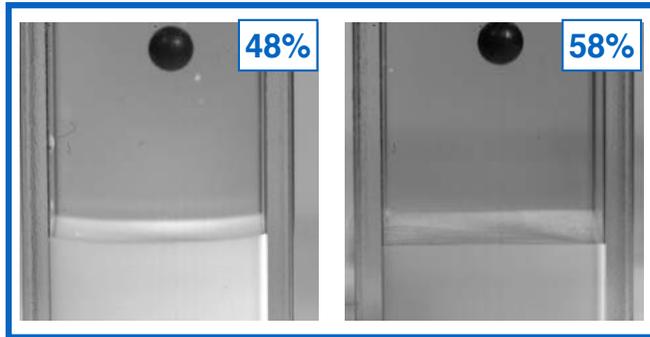
characterization : AFM

surprisingly simple relation

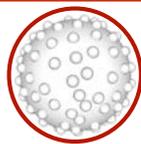
(topographic friction)



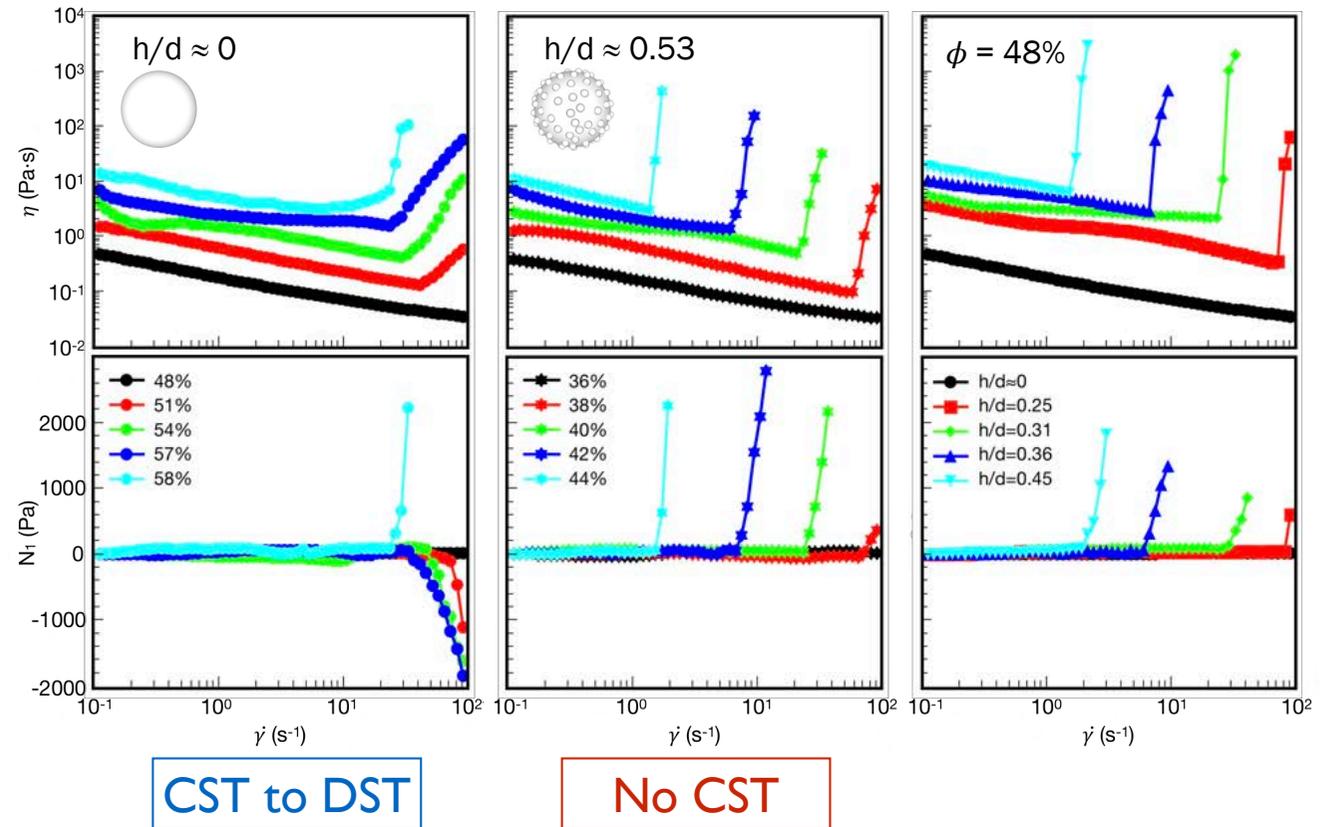
Smooth, $\phi_m = 59.2\%$



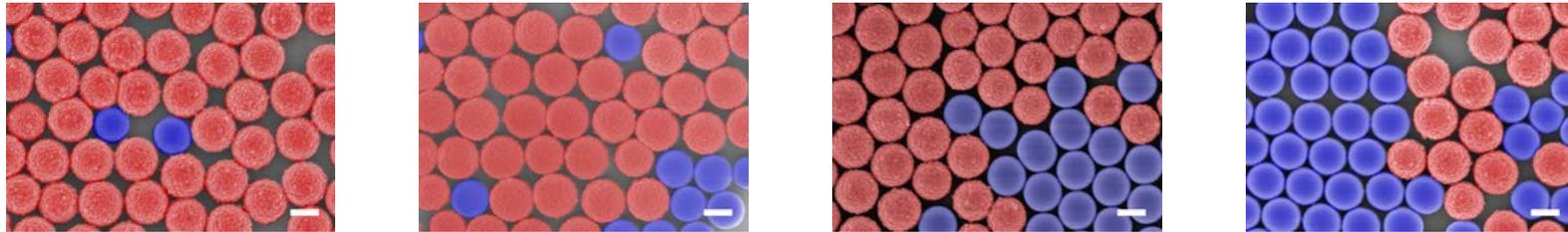
RB_0.53, $\phi_m = 44.7\%$



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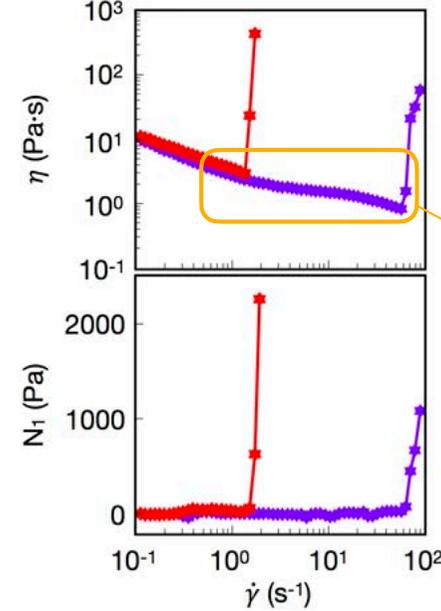
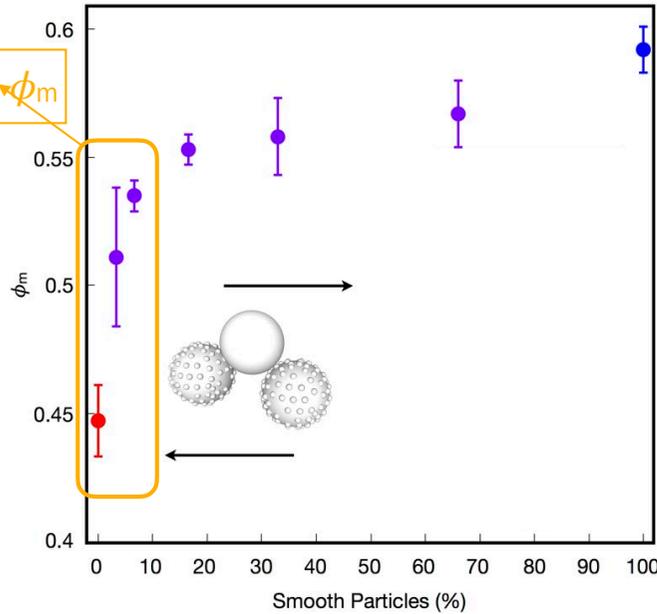
← Friction between particles →



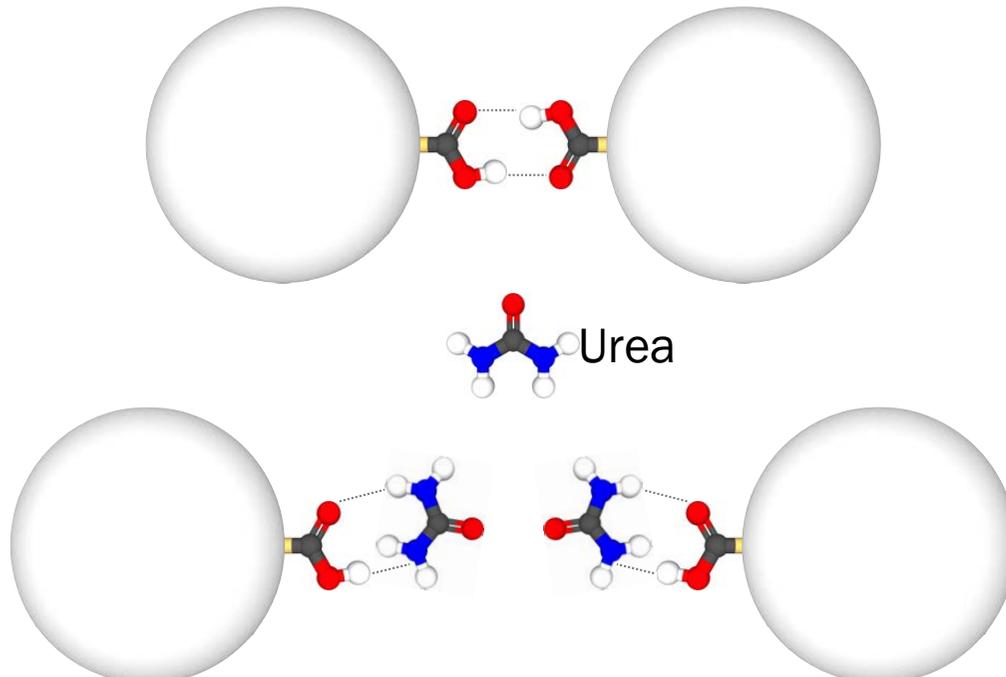
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→ Vol% of smooth particles

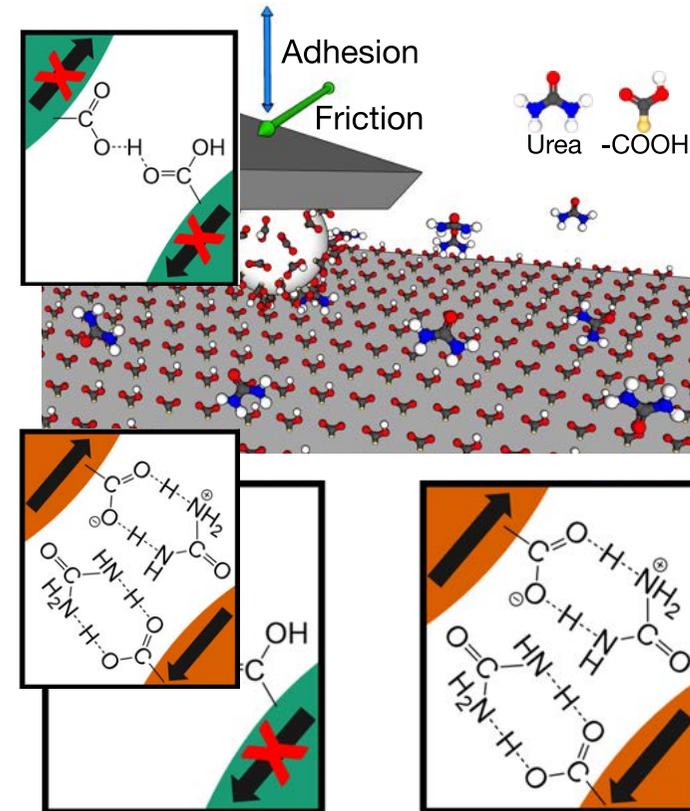
Large increase in ϕ_m



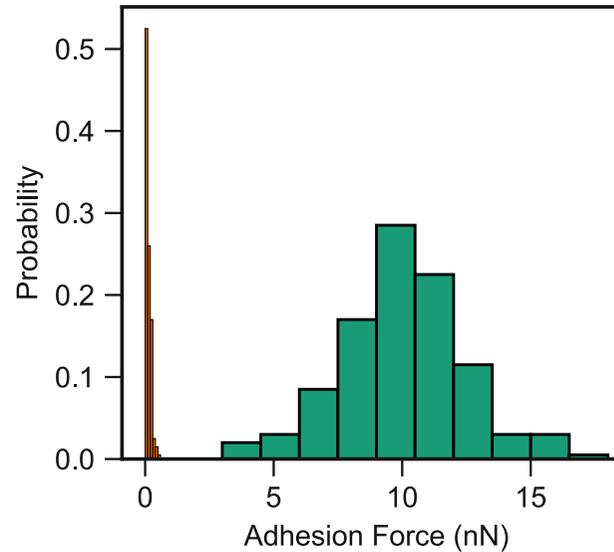
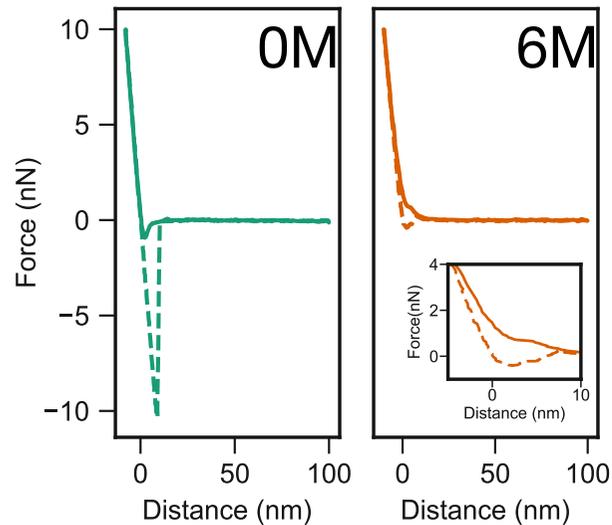
Large increase in γ_c



What is the role of adhesion introduced by interparticle hydrogen bonding?



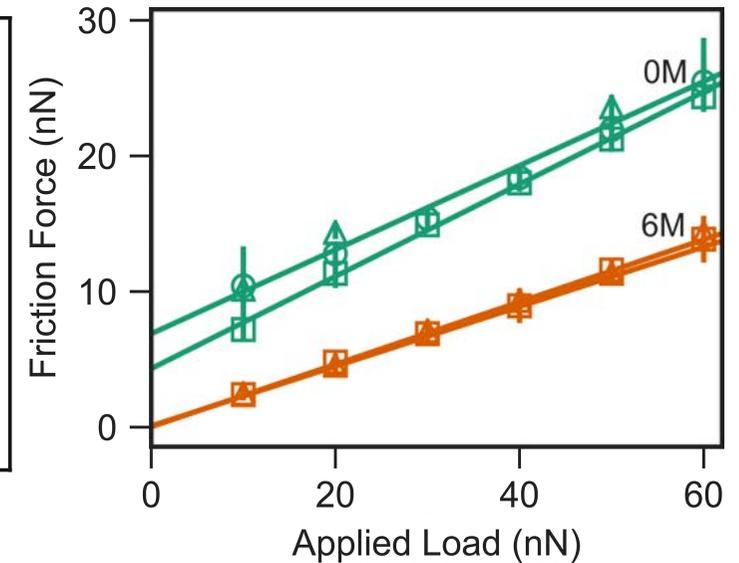
1 hr equilibration
in 69% (v/v) glycerol/water



$$F_{ad} = 10.0 \pm 2.5 \text{ nN}$$

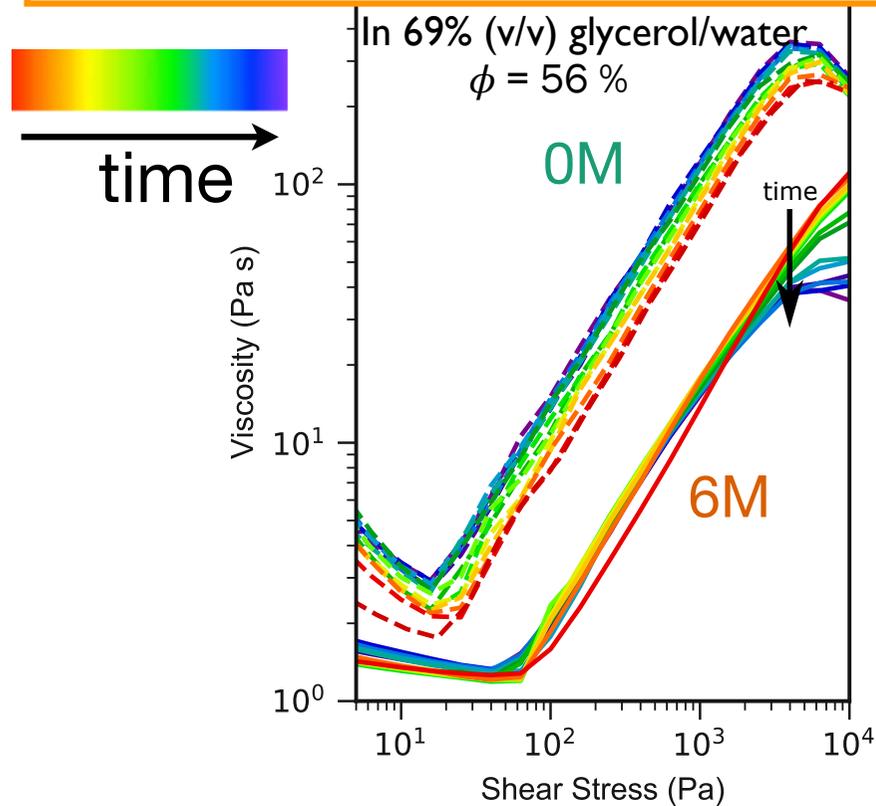
$$F_{ad} \approx 0.1 \text{ nN}$$

$$F_{\text{friction}} = F_0 + \mu \cdot L$$

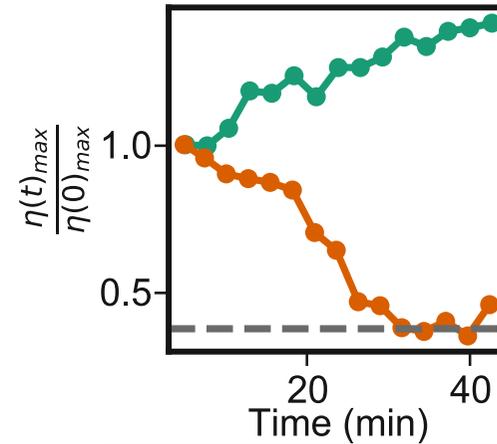


$$\mu = 0.33 \quad \mu = 0.22$$

High-shear rheology ↔ frictional interparticle interactions



N. James & C. P. Hsu *et al.*, *JPCL* 10,



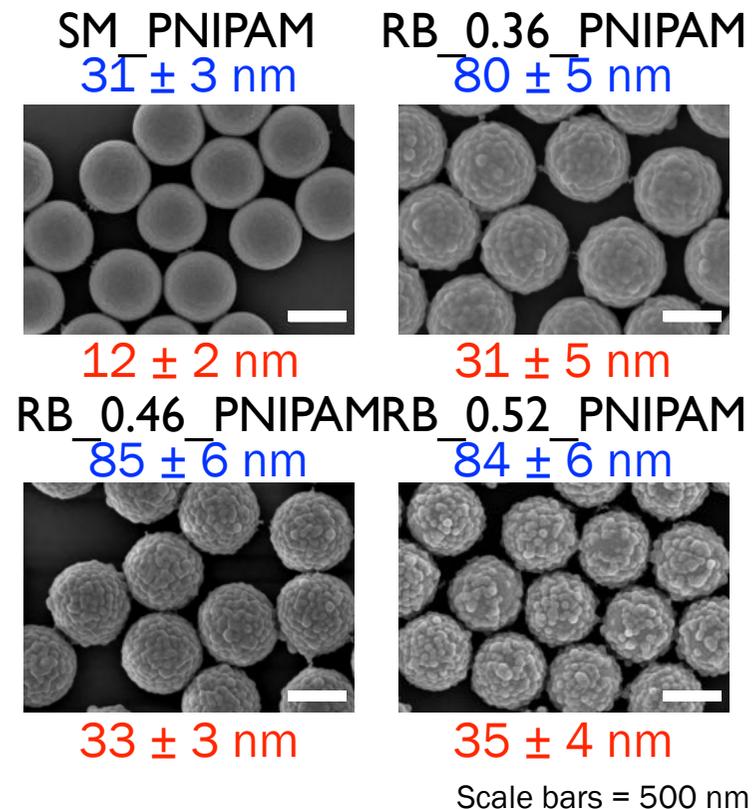
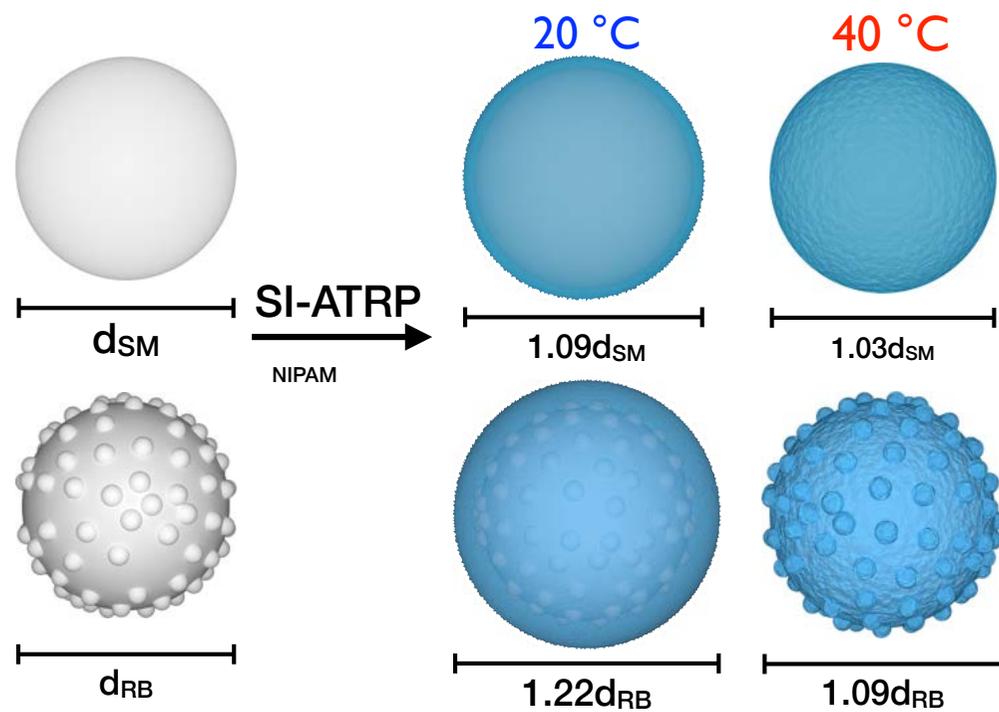
Krieger-Dougherty relation

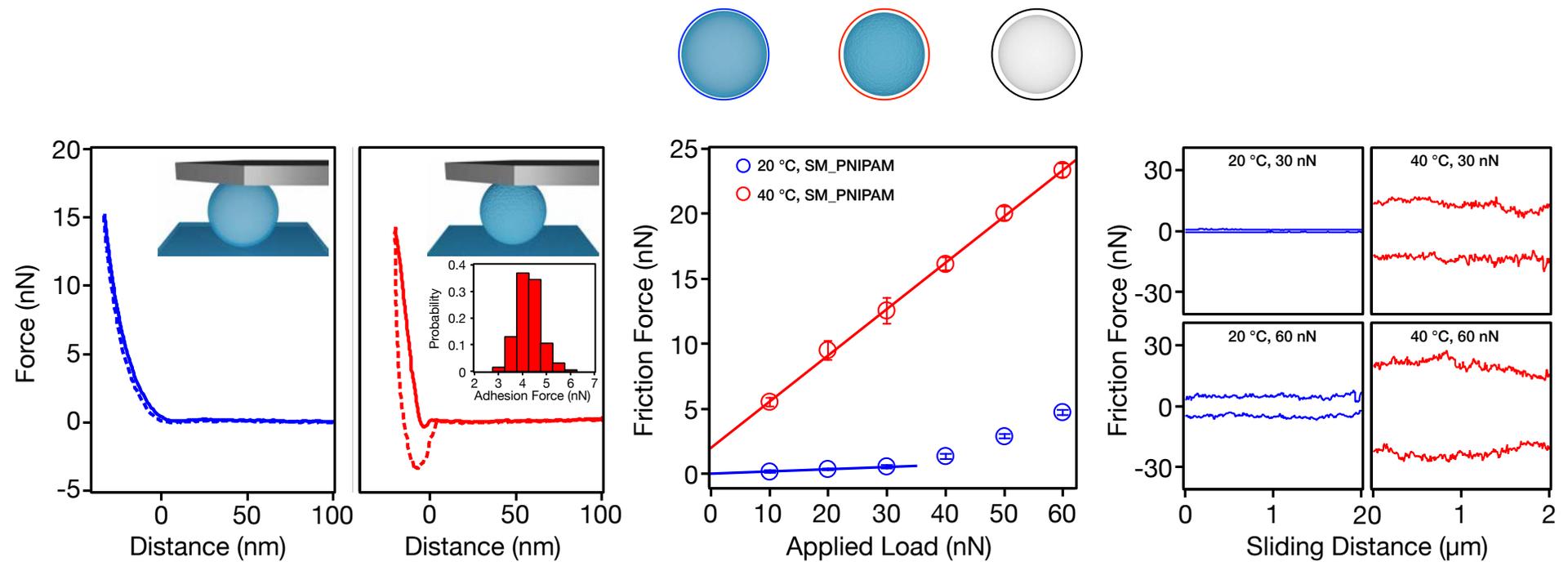
$$\eta = \eta_0 \cdot \left(1 - \frac{\phi}{\phi_m}\right)^{-\alpha}$$

Urea sorption onto the particle surface

$\mu \downarrow, F_0 \downarrow$

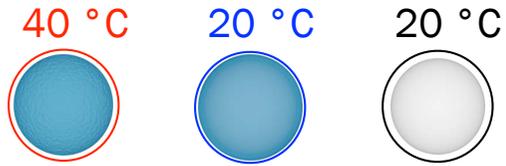
$\phi_m \uparrow, \eta_{max} \downarrow$





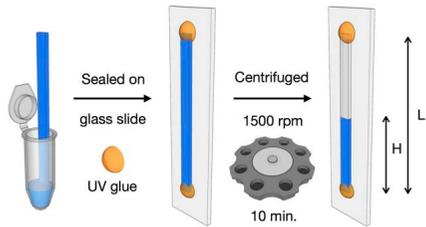
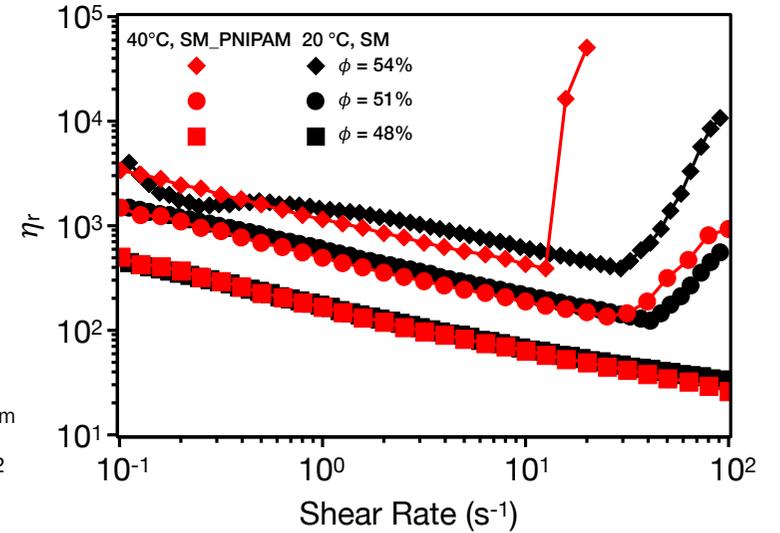
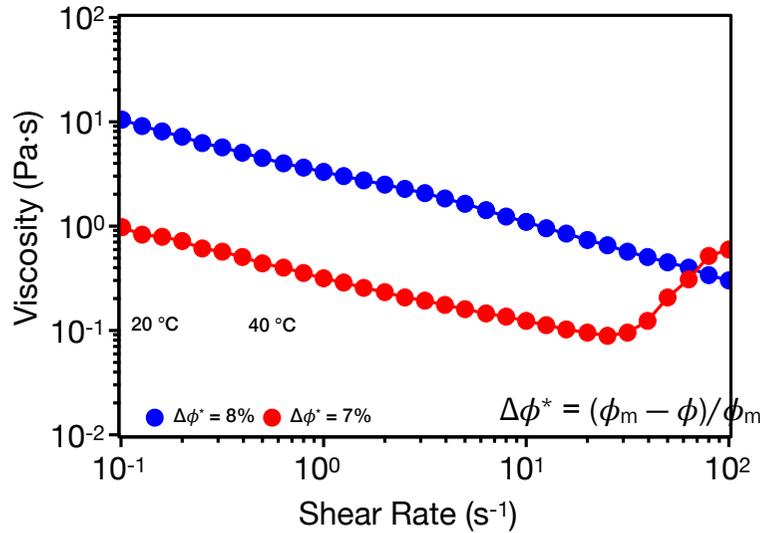
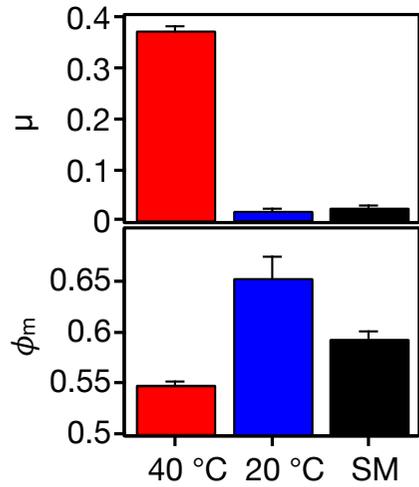
$$F_{ad} = 4.2 \pm 0.9 \text{ nN}$$

C. P. Hsu *et al.*, *arXiv:2004.05970*, (2020).



$$\phi(T)$$

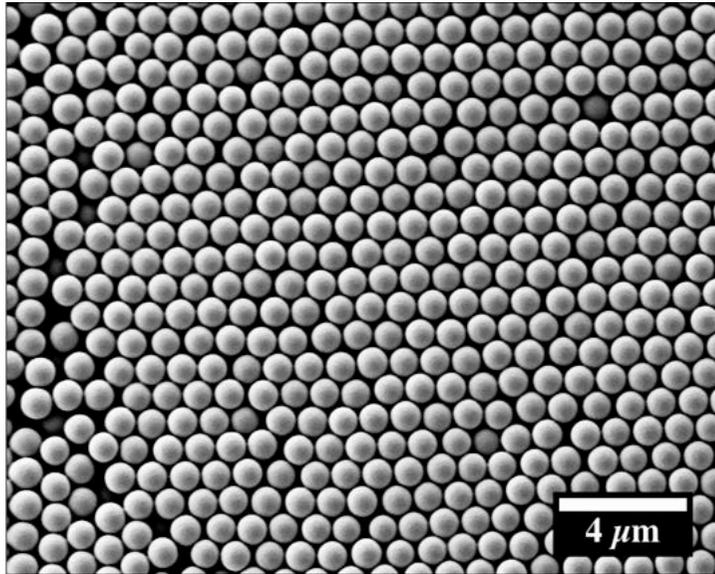
Friction \uparrow Adhesion \checkmark
 \updownarrow
 Friction \downarrow Adhesion \times



C. P. Hsu *et al.*,

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Rhodamine B



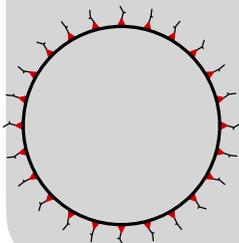
PMMA-g-PHSA (4)

$$2a = 1.2\mu m$$

Antl et al., *Colloids Surf.*, (1986) **17**, 67 -78

Palangetic, et al. (2016) *Faraday Discuss.* 191, 325

80% cyclobromohexane 20% cis-decalin



+ PS

$$M_w = 925kDa$$

$$R_g = 41nm$$

$$\xi = 0.07$$

Dissociation of Cyclobromohexane
creates HBR
Weak acid - induces charging

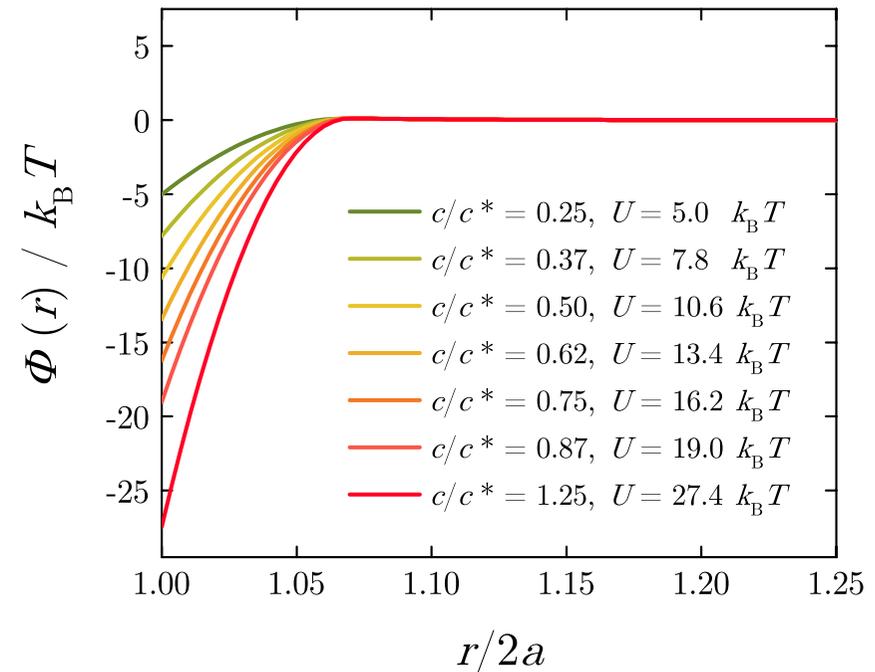
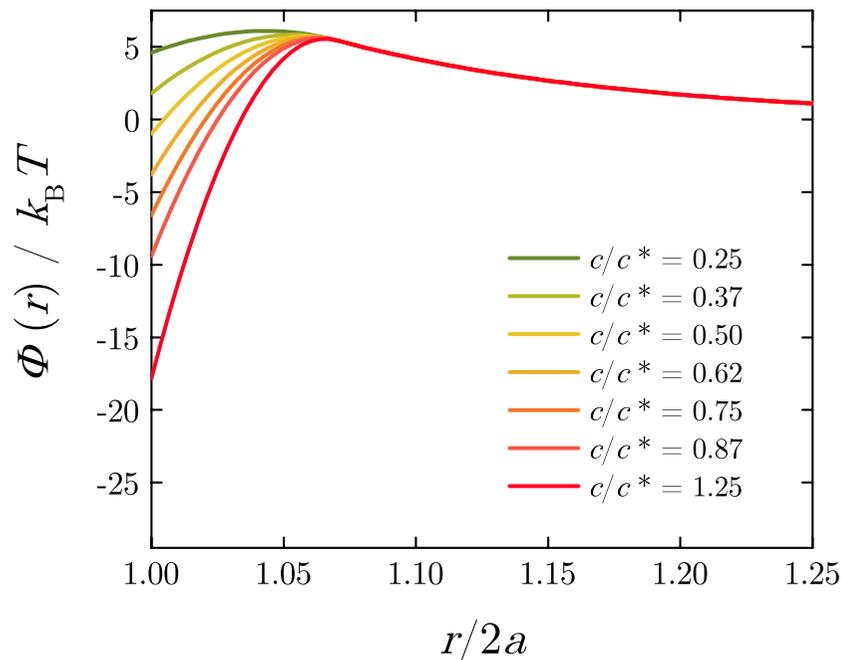
C. P. Royall, M. E. Leunissen, A. van Blaaderen *J. Phys.: Condens. Matter* **15** 3581 (2003)

Supplier	Treatment	σ [nS/cm]	Appearance
Sigma Aldrich	as received	0.9	colorless
Sigma Aldrich	stored 2 years	2.1	colorless
Alfa Aesar	as received	6.4	colorless
Acros Organics	as received	3.1	yellowish
Acros Organics	alumina cleaned	0.05	colorless
Acros Organics	cleaned, saturated HBr	146.3	colorless
Acros Organics	cleaned, saturated HBr, 50x diluted	12.2	colorless

Control initial charge + Screen charges
tetrabutylammonium chloride or bromide
TBAC or TBAB

Asakura-Oosawa + $\Phi_Y(r) = \frac{Z^2}{1 + \kappa a} \frac{\lambda_B}{2a} \frac{\exp(-\kappa 2a[r/2a - 1])}{r/2a}$

Debye length from conductivity, Z estimated from zeta potential



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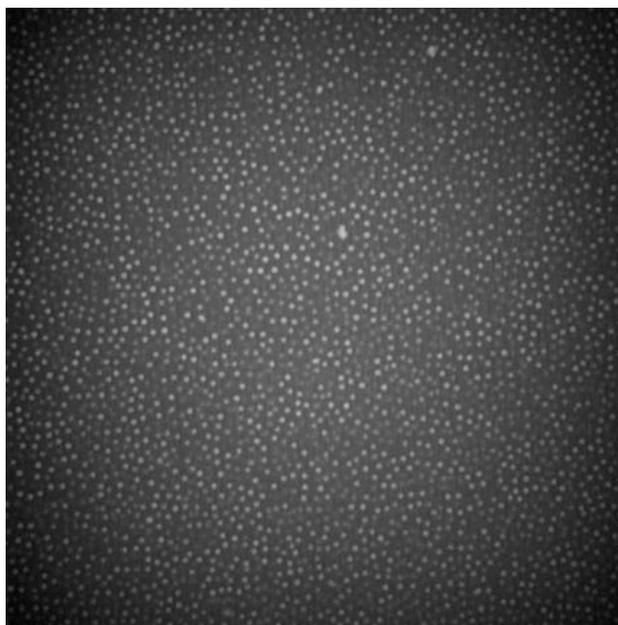
Lekkerkerker, H. N., & Tuinier, R. (2011). *Colloids and the depletion interaction* (Vol. 833). Springer.

near field - steric repulsion / weak screening hydrodynamics

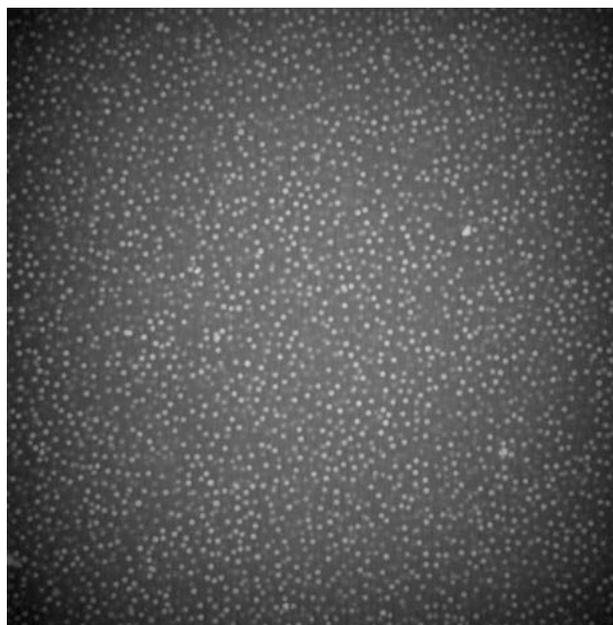
Schroyen, B., Hsu, C. P., Isa, L., Van Puyvelde, P., & Vermant, J. (2019). Stress Contributions in Colloidal Suspensions: The Smooth, the Rough, and the Hairy. *Physical Review Letters*, 122(21), 218001.

FOV:
100x100 μm

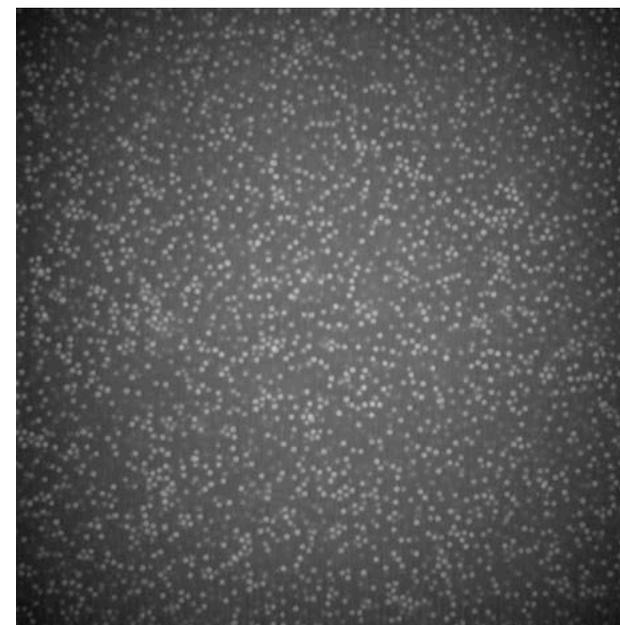
$\Phi = 0.2$ (always)



$c/c^* = 0.2$
90 min timelapse



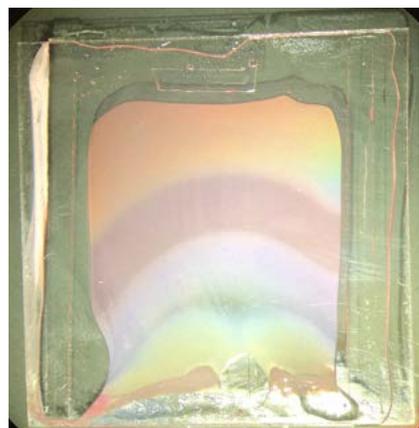
$c/c^* = 0.4$
35 min timelapse



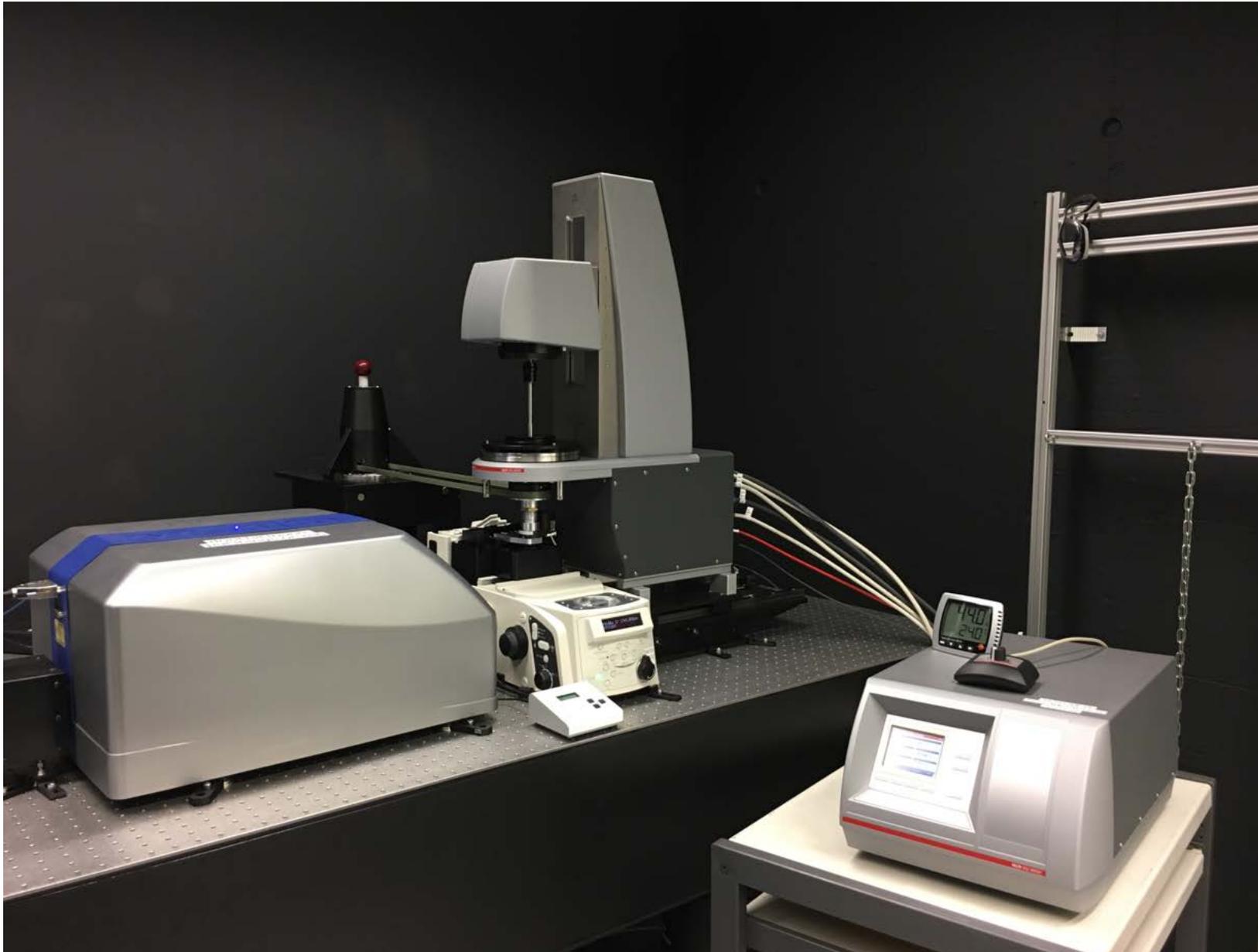
$c/c^* = 0.6$
30 min timelapse

Charge-stabilized
colloid-polymer mixture

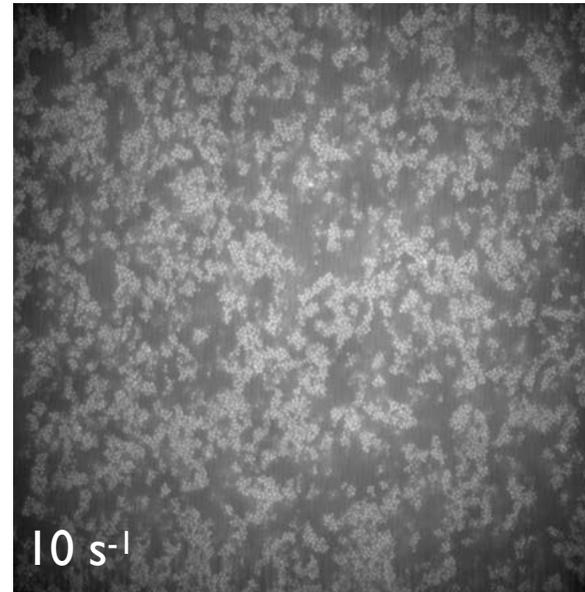
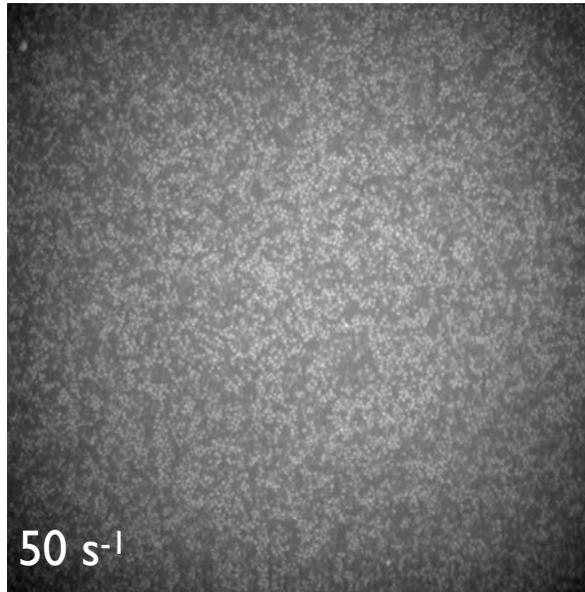
Diffusion of an organic salt
TBAC



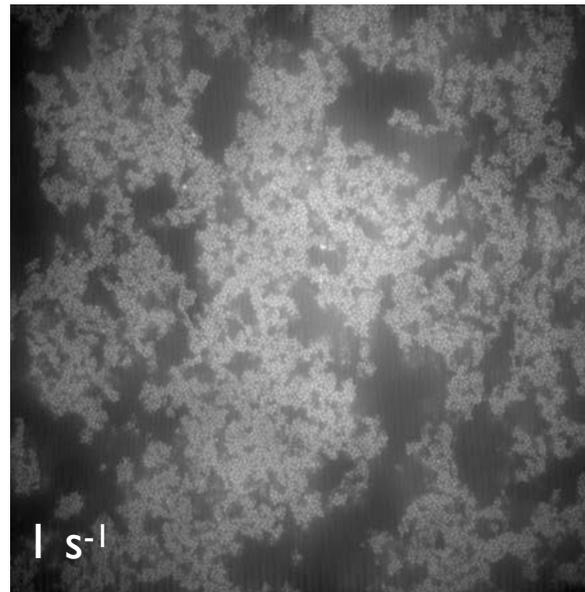
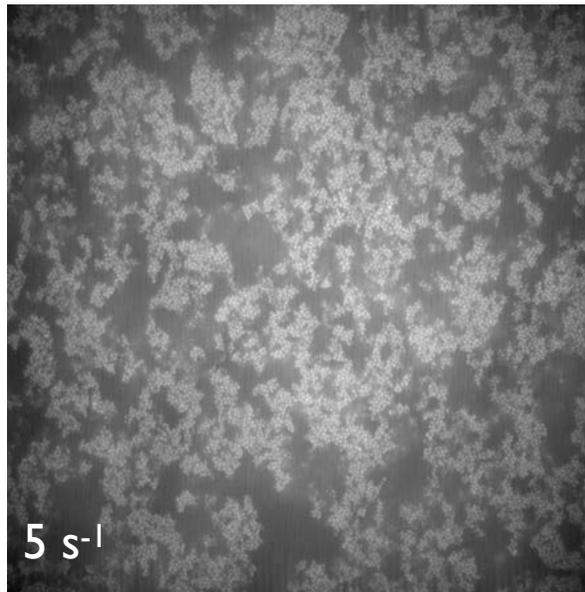
FOV: 100x100 μm



$Pe = 40$
real-time

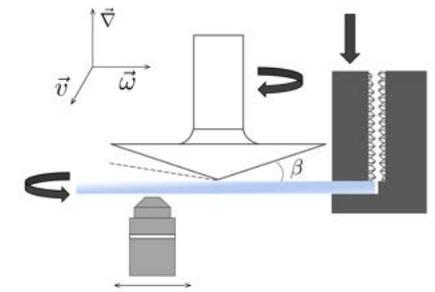


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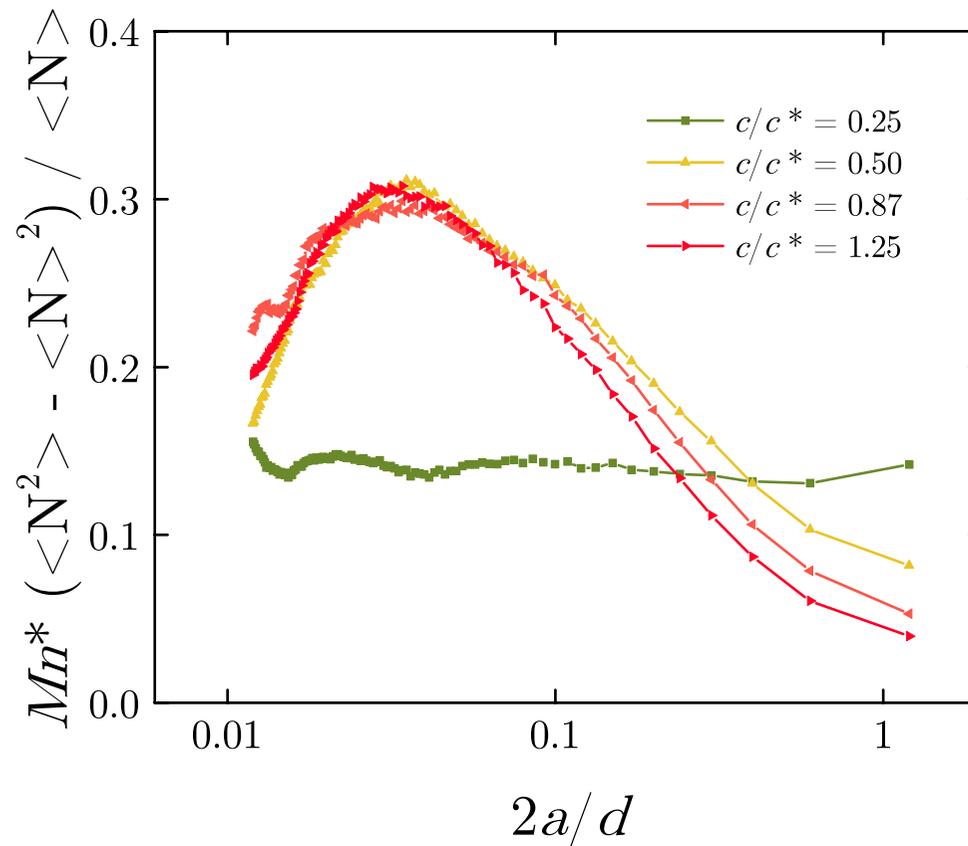


$c/c^* = 0.7$
FOV: 150x150 μm

real-time



sped up 2x



$$Mn^* = MnU / (f^* \xi)$$

Z Varga, JW Swan Large scale anisotropies in sheared colloidal gels
Journal of Rheology 62 (2), 405-418

Scaling with Mn also for 2DSANS - Min Kim, J., et al.. Journal of Rheology, 58(5), 1301-1328. (2014)

Stress jump experiments

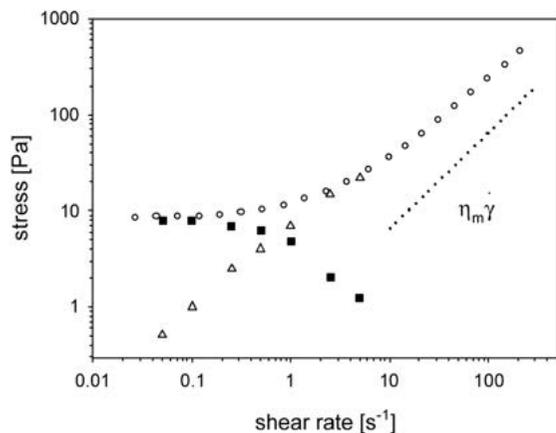
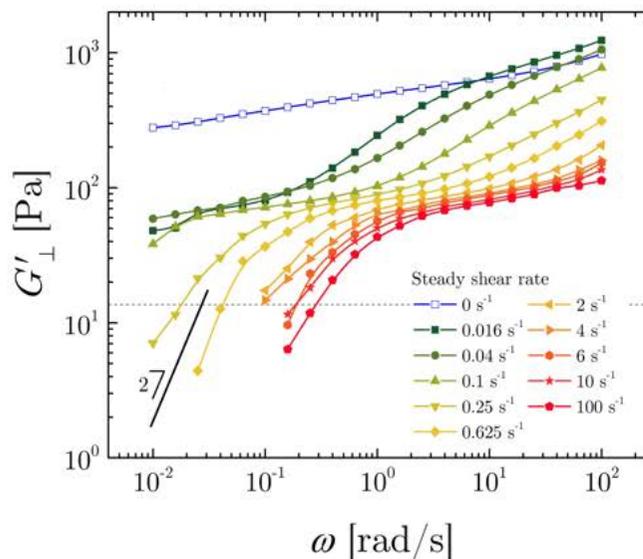


Fig. 3. Elastic (■) and viscous (△) contributions to the total steady stress (○) as a function of the shear rate (2.9 vol% fumed silica dispersion); the dotted line represents the medium contribution ($\eta_m \dot{\gamma}$).

K. Dullaert, J. Mewis, *J. Colloid Interface Sci.* **287** 542 (2005)

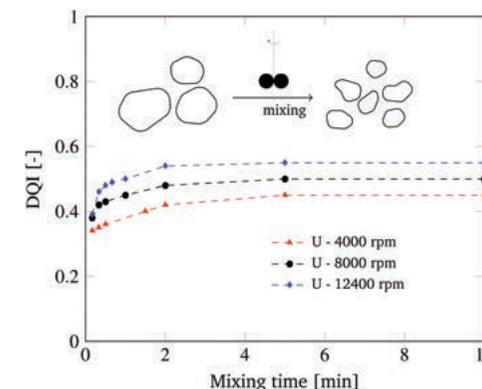
Flow reversals experiments

Orthogonal superposition rheometry



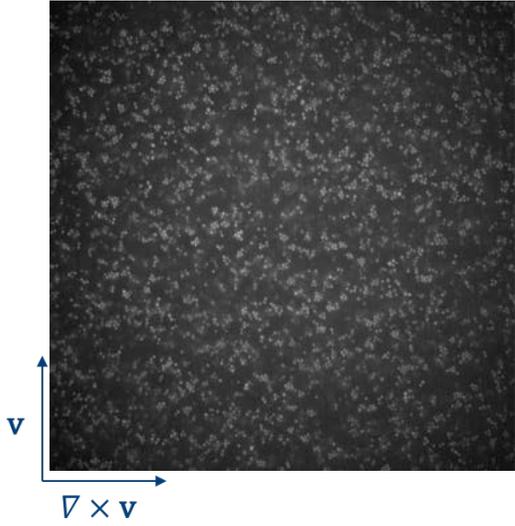
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HF rheology non-ideal systems

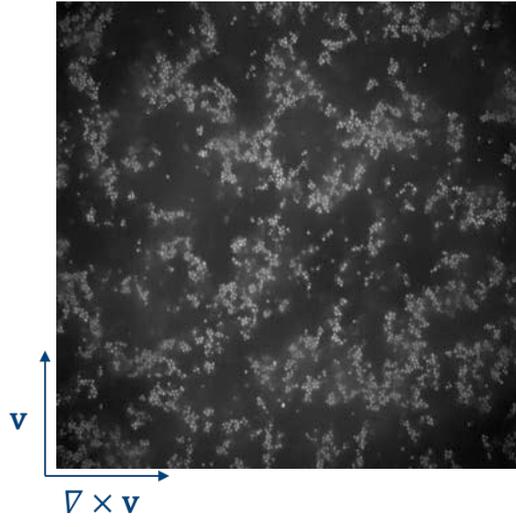


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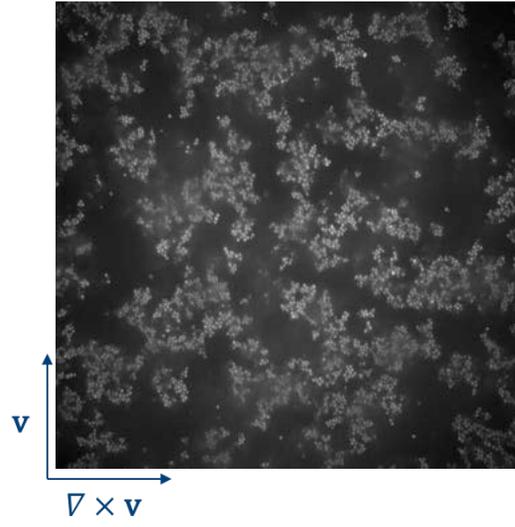
$\dot{\gamma} = 0.025 \text{ s}^{-1}$



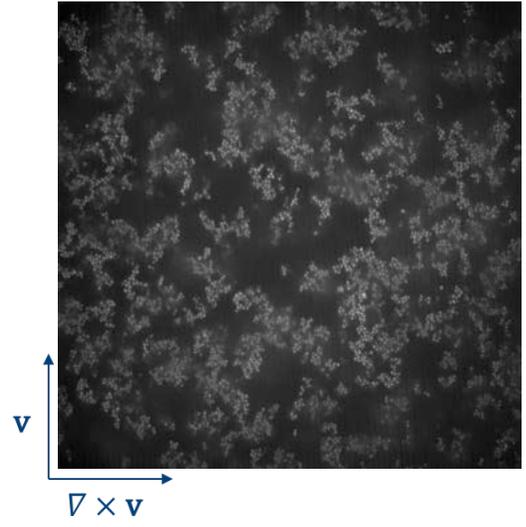
$\dot{\gamma} = 0.063 \text{ s}^{-1}$



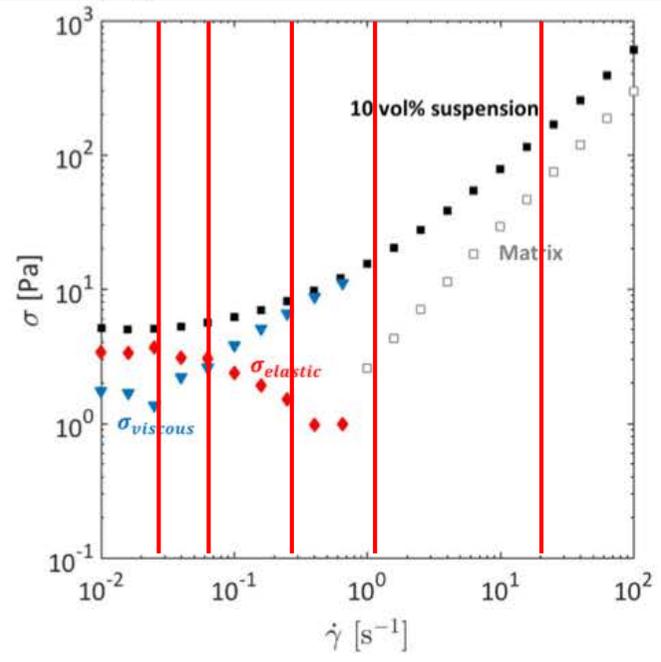
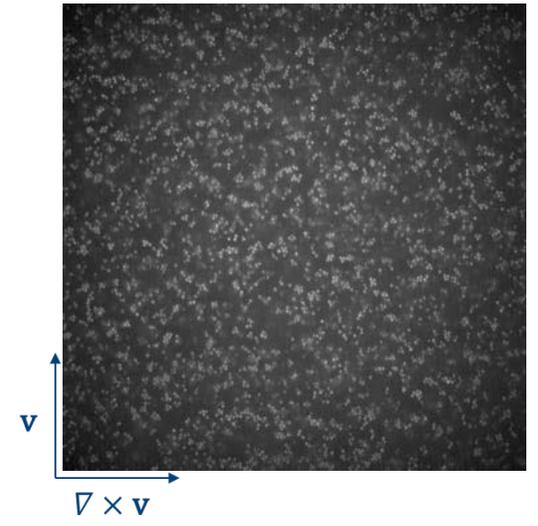
$\dot{\gamma} = 0.25 \text{ s}^{-1}$

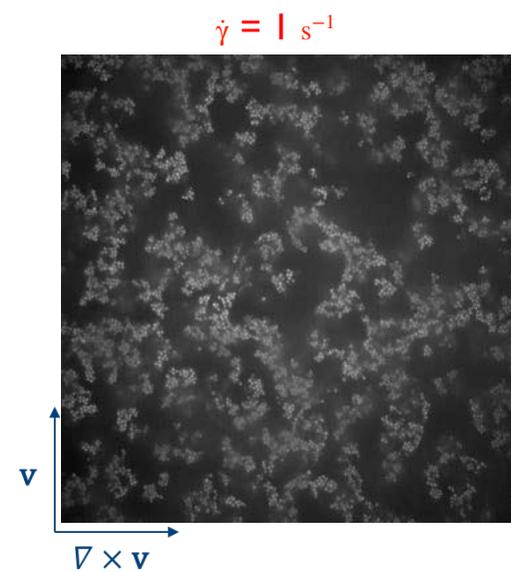
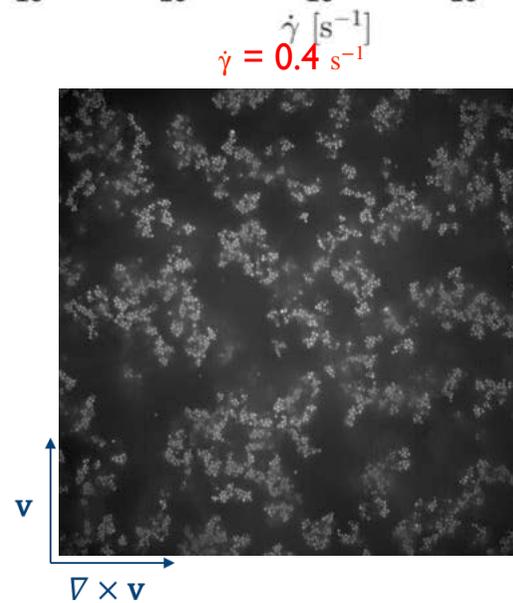
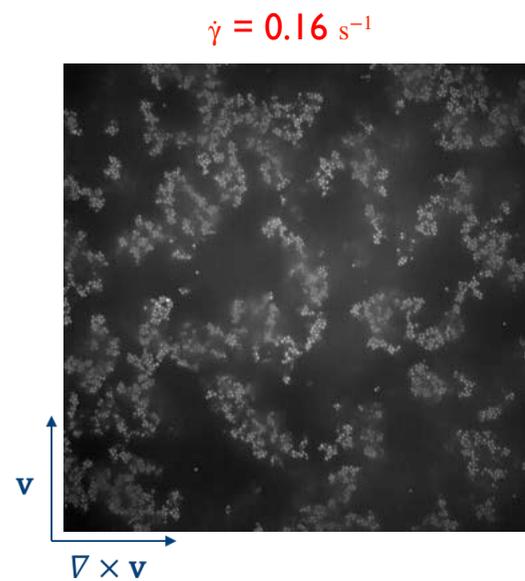
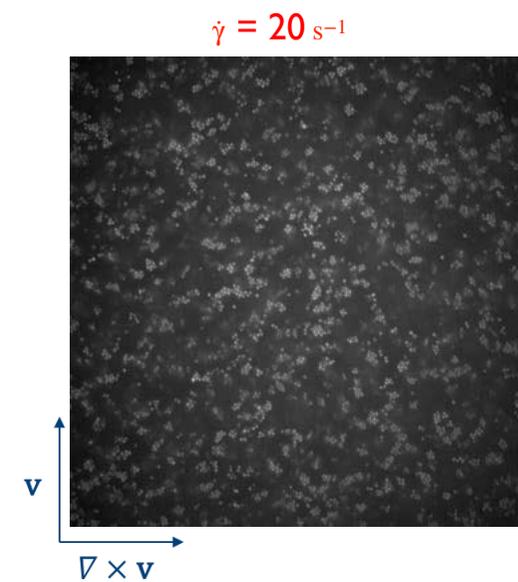
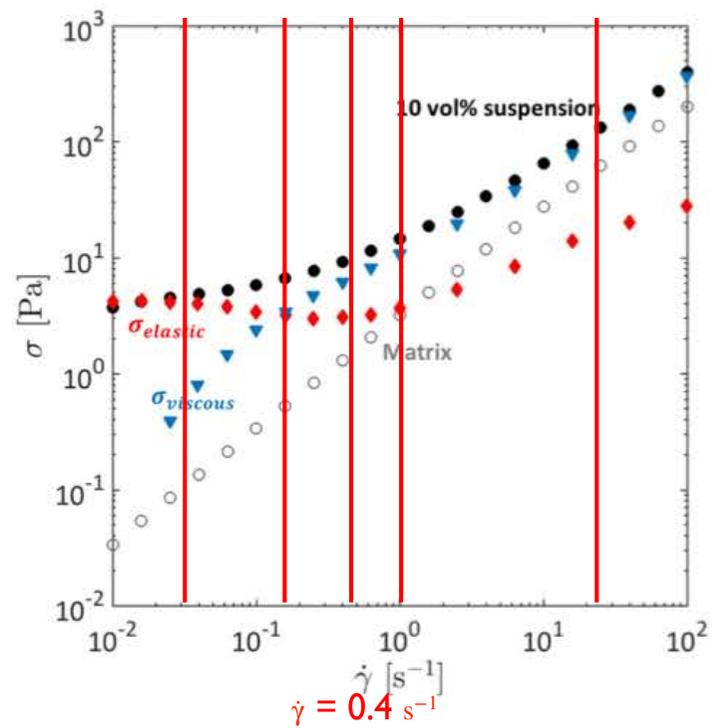
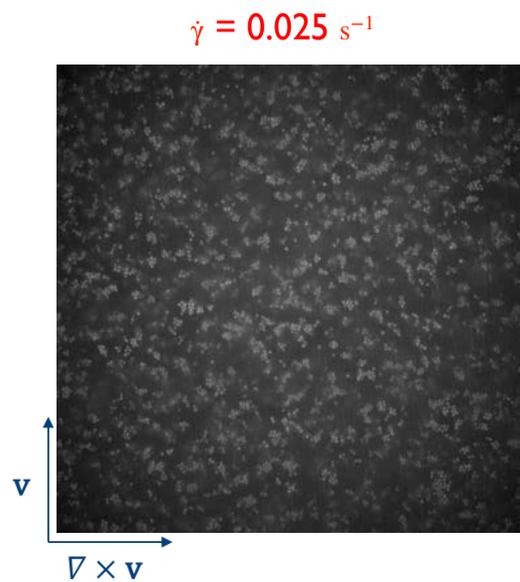


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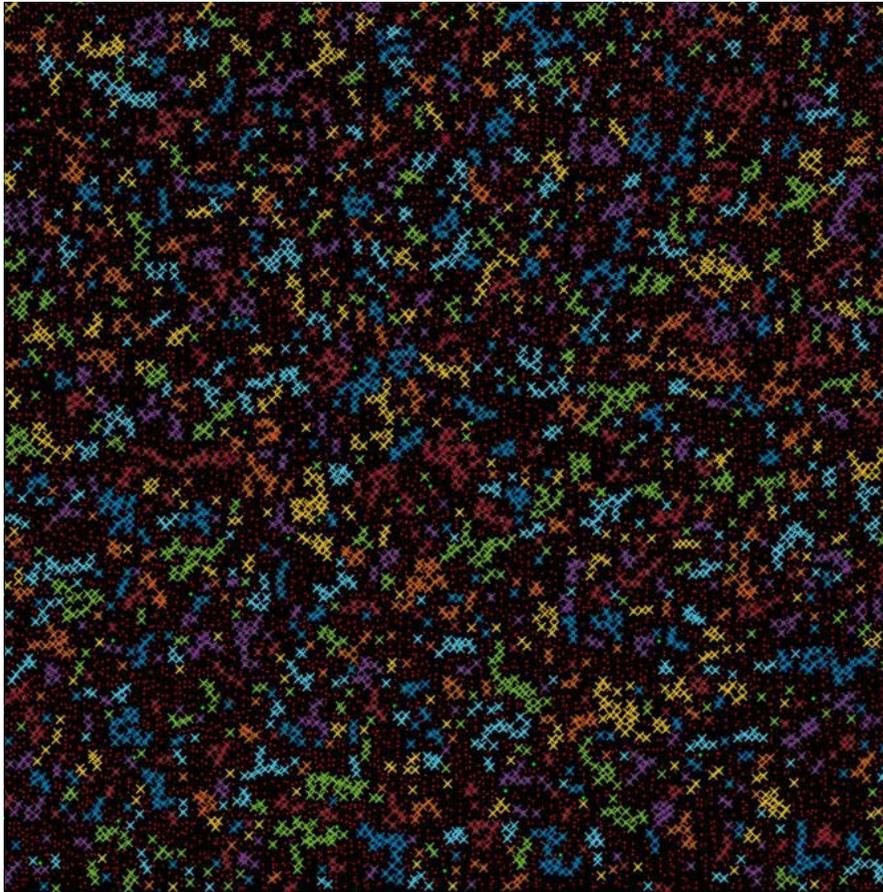


$\dot{\gamma} = 20 \text{ s}^{-1}$





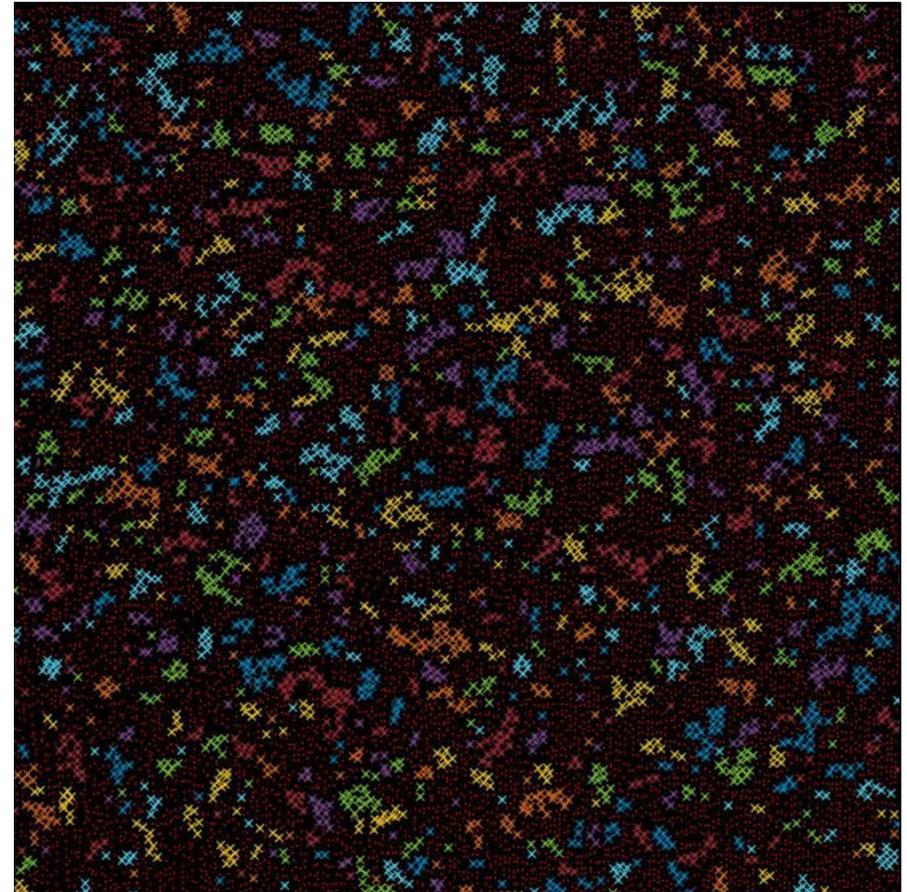
Suspension in linear matrix



$$\phi_{eff} = 0.3$$

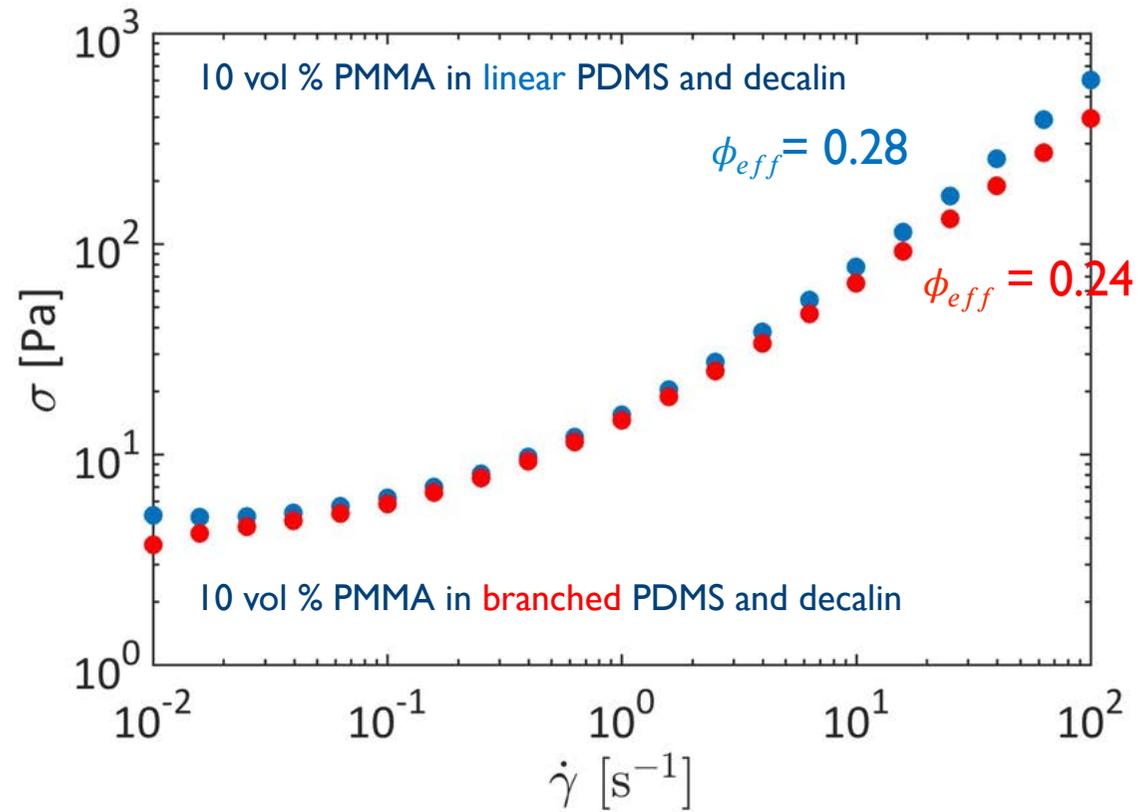
$$\dot{\gamma} = 20 \text{ s}^{-1}$$
$$154 \times 154 \mu\text{m}$$

Suspension in branched matrix



$$\phi_{eff} = 0.25$$

$$\dot{\gamma} = 20 \text{ s}^{-1}$$
$$154 \times 154 \mu\text{m}$$



$$\eta_r = \left(1 - \frac{\phi}{\phi_{max}}\right)^{-[\eta]\rho\phi_{max}}$$

I. M. Krieger and T. J. Dougherty, *Trans Soc Rheol.* 3 (1959), 137

- Objectives
- Shear thickening : roughness and adhesion
- Thixotropy : strength and adhesion
- Conclusions / outlook

Toolbox for colloidal gel understanding and design:

- model systems** which enable us to interrogate mechanisms
- rheological techniques which deconvolute the contributions to the stress
- structural techniques which probe pertinent time and length scales

Challenges:

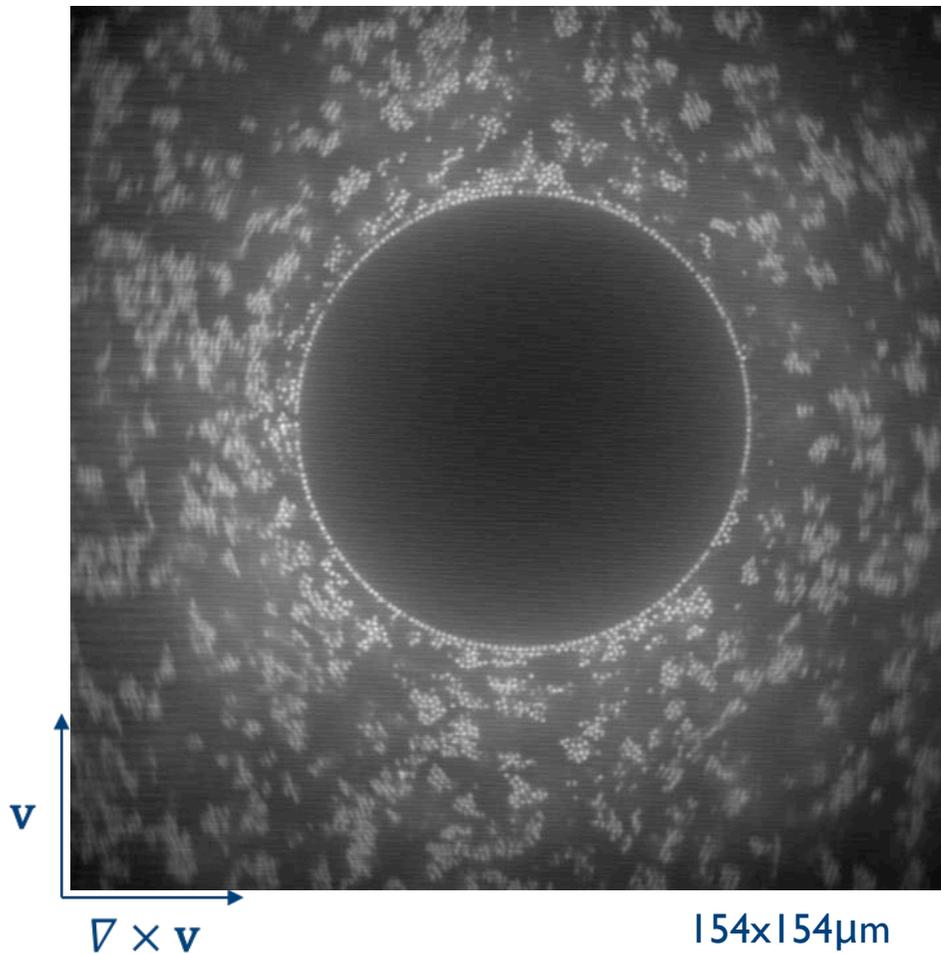
- non-**model systems** and yet interrogate mechanisms
- complex flows
- HF during flow/processing

Feedback requested :

- rheological profiles/problems (IFPRI members)
- selected industrial systems

Instrument : Rheo-confocal setup, Obj = 60 x
 Particles on the coverslip: PMMA of 75-90 μm in diameter (Cospheric)
 Sample: 10 vol% PMMA in CHB, cis- decalin and PS

100% upper motor, $\dot{\gamma} = 10 \text{ s}^{-1}$



- ✓ Compressional flow before single bead
- ✓ Rotational flow around the sphere
- ✓ Extensional flow after the bead

