

S. Waitukaitis & HMJ, Nature (2012)

Impact at 4m/s

Discontinuous Shear Thickening

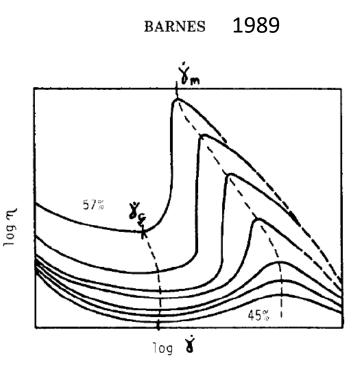
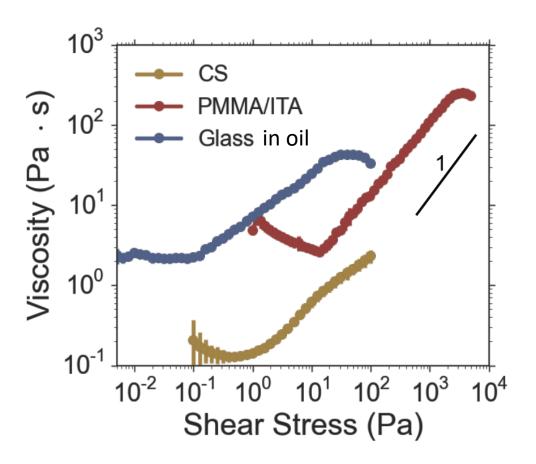


Fig. 1. Schematic representation of viscosity versus shear rate for shear-thickening systems, with approximate phase volume as parameter. Also shown are the loci of $\dot{\gamma}_c$ and $\dot{\gamma}_m$, the shear rates at the beginning and end of the shear-thickening region.

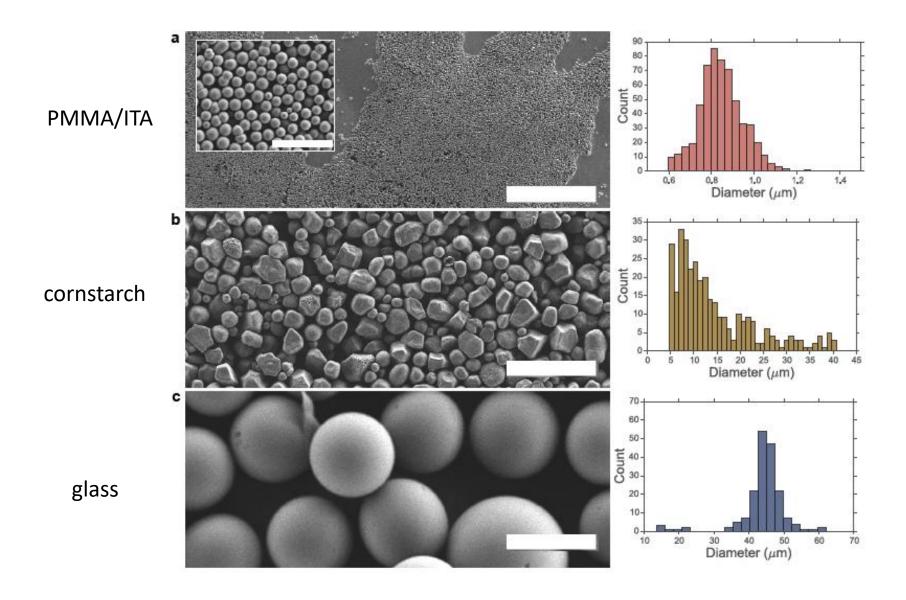
Viscosity depends on driving intensity → Non-Newtonian behavior

Discontinuous shear thickening (DST) is ubiquitous for dense suspensions

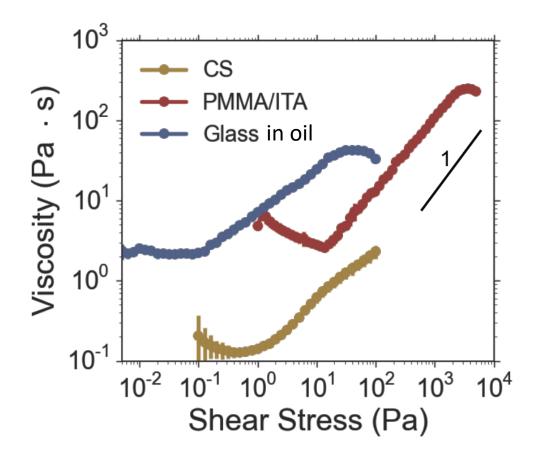


 $\tau = \eta \dot{\gamma}$

Slope 1 on plot of viscosity vs stress implies DST



Do all suspensions that exhibit DST also shear jam?

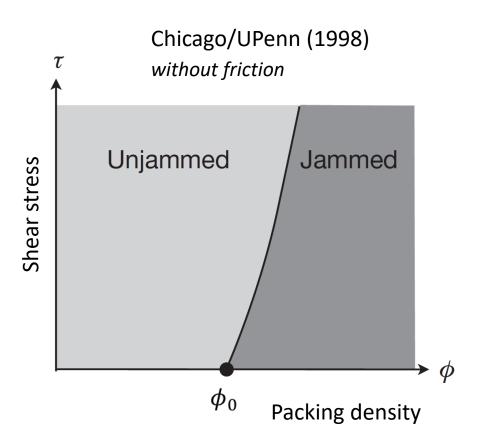


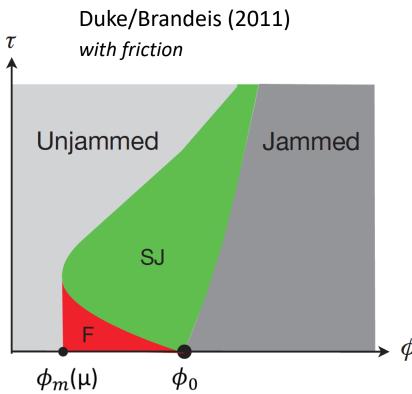


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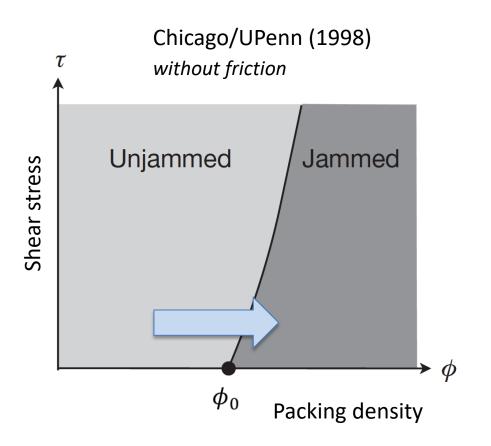
Jamming = onset of solid-like rigidity & non-zero yield stress

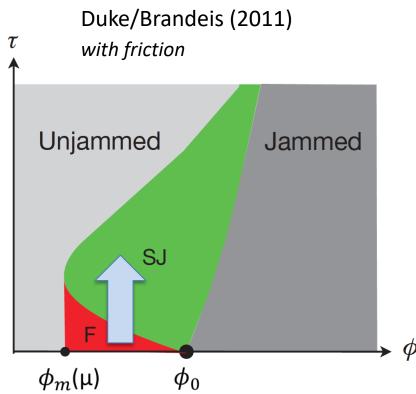
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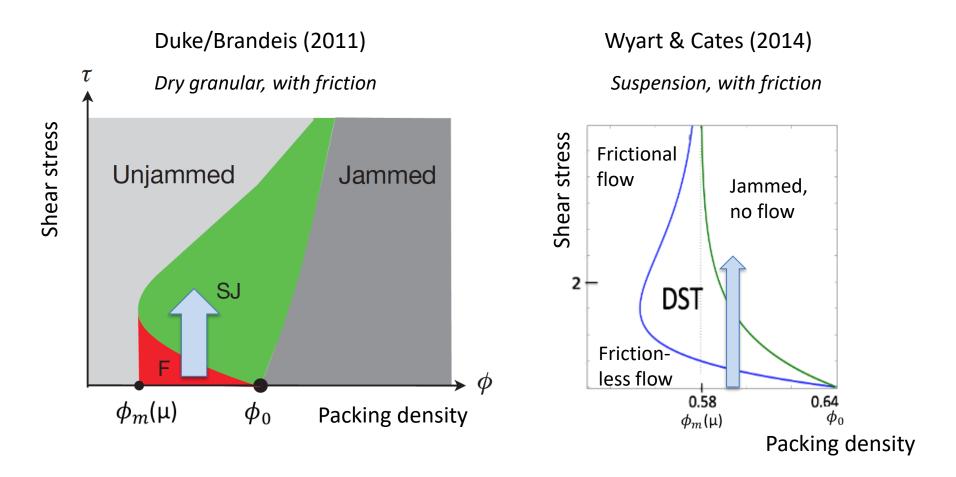


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Toward a state diagram for frictional suspensions



Key idea: strong shear stress creates frictional contacts

How do you know a suspension is shear-jammed?

- Prepare suspension with $\phi_m < \phi < \phi_0$
- Apply shear stress (at rates below the speed of sound so the liquid doesn't compress)
- Detect the onset of solid-like rigidity

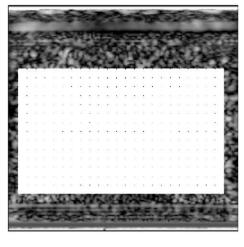
- → Cannot use steady-state rheology!
- → Look for propagating shear-jamming fronts

Visualizing Shear Jamming Fronts that convert unjammed fluid into jammed solid

Majumdar et al., PRE (2017)

Extension (3D)

Han et al., Nat. Commun. (2016)



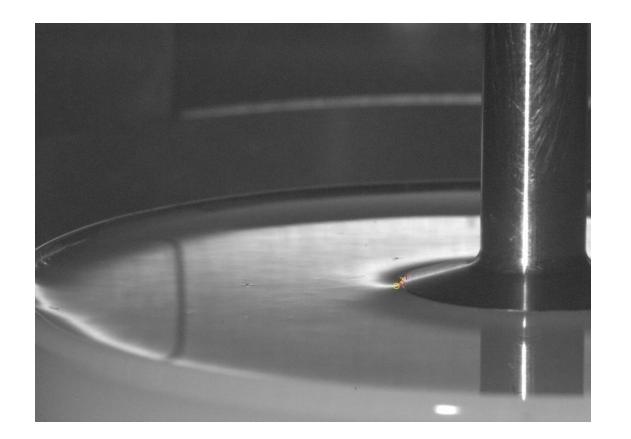
Impact (2D, 3D)

Peters et al., Nature (2016)



Couette Shear (2D)

Even easier test for SJ: Pull on the suspension surface

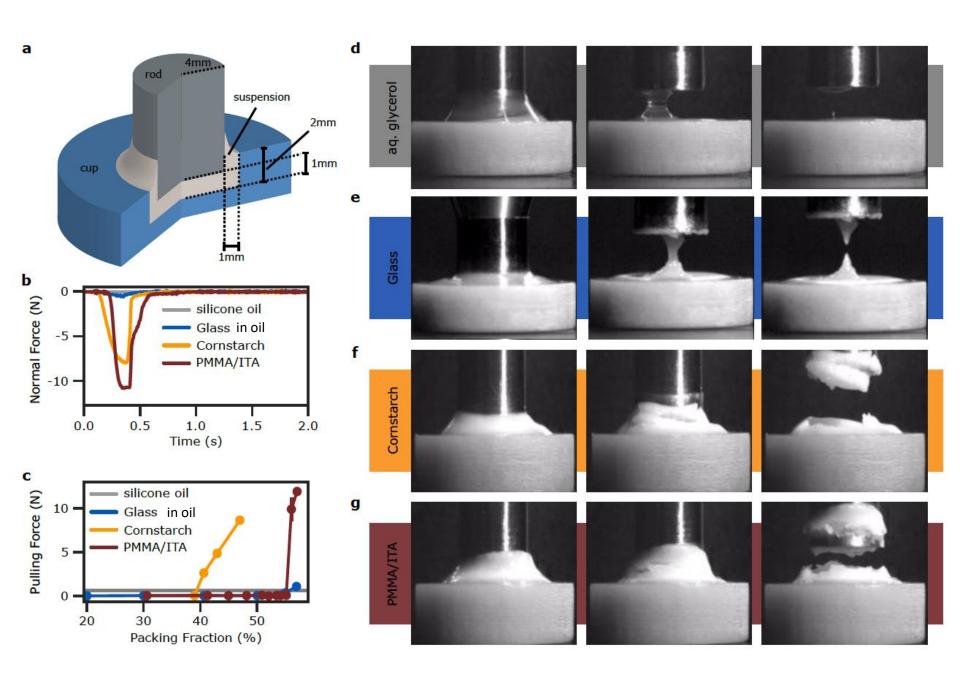




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- Tensile loading creates jammed, solid-like state
- Jamming front appears during tensile loading
- Tensile force shoots up when front reaches boundaries

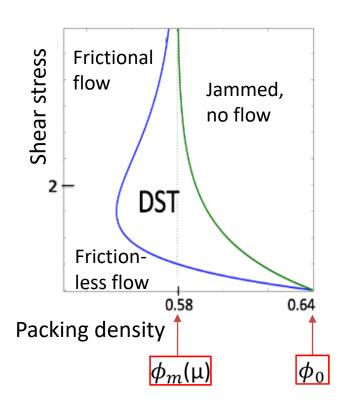
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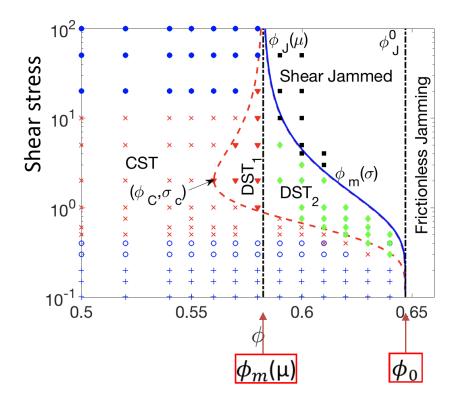
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Wyart & Cates (2014)



Singh, Mari, Denn, Morris (in press)



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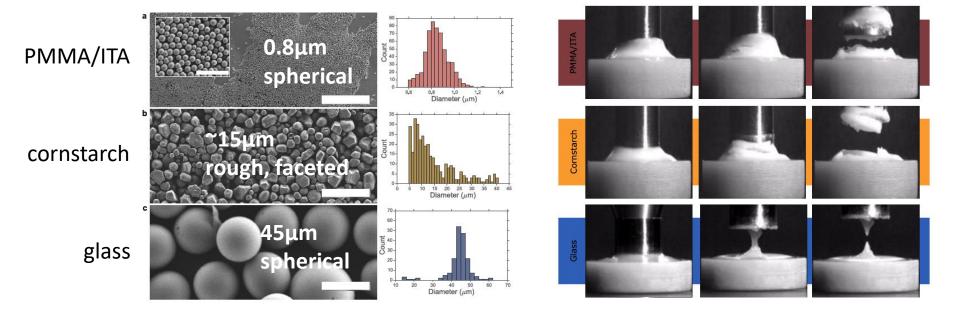
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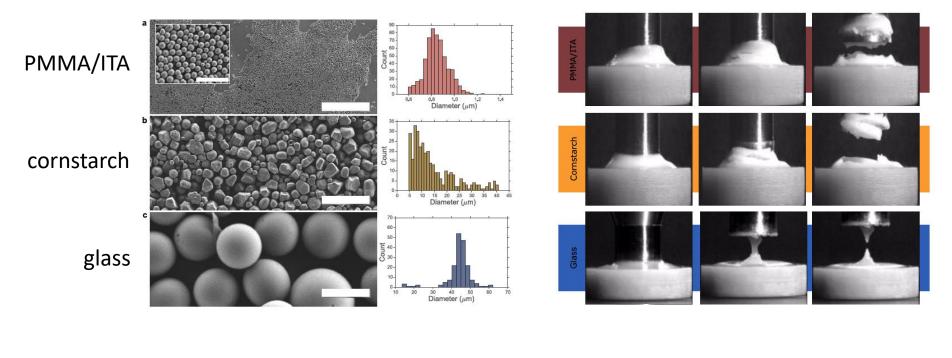
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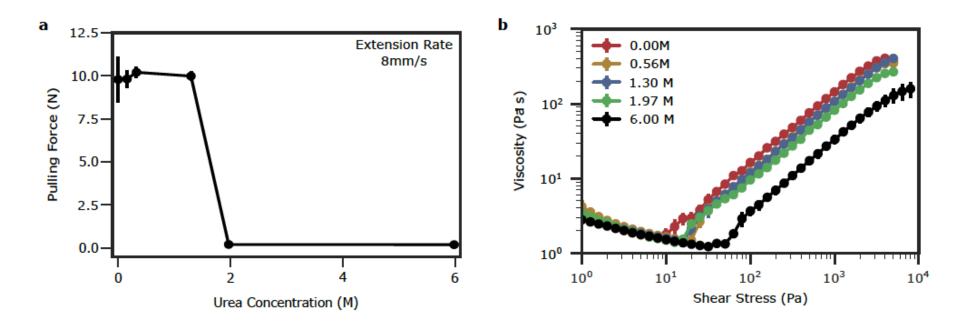




What about surface chemistry?

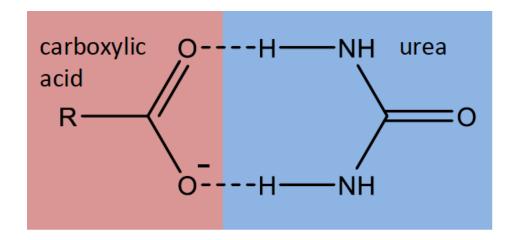
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Adding a chaotrope kills shear jamming... ...but not DST!



PMMA/ITA in aq. glycerol

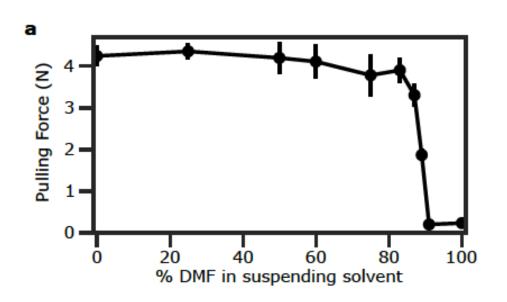
PMMA/ITA particles specifically designed to have surface terminated with COOH groups

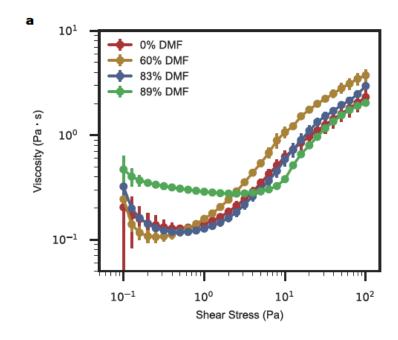


Urea couples to COOH → interferes with hydrogen bonding capacity

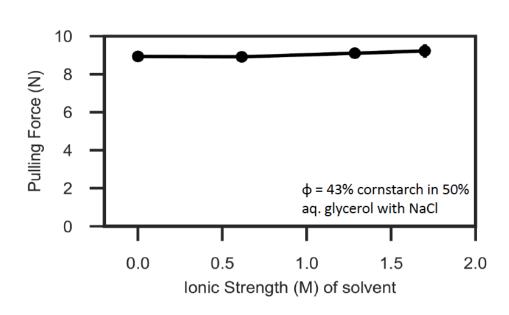
Deplete hydrogen bonding capacity in cornstarch suspensions

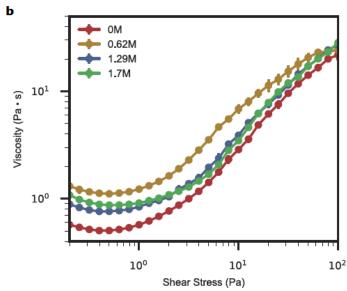
→ SJ no longer observed...but DST alive & well





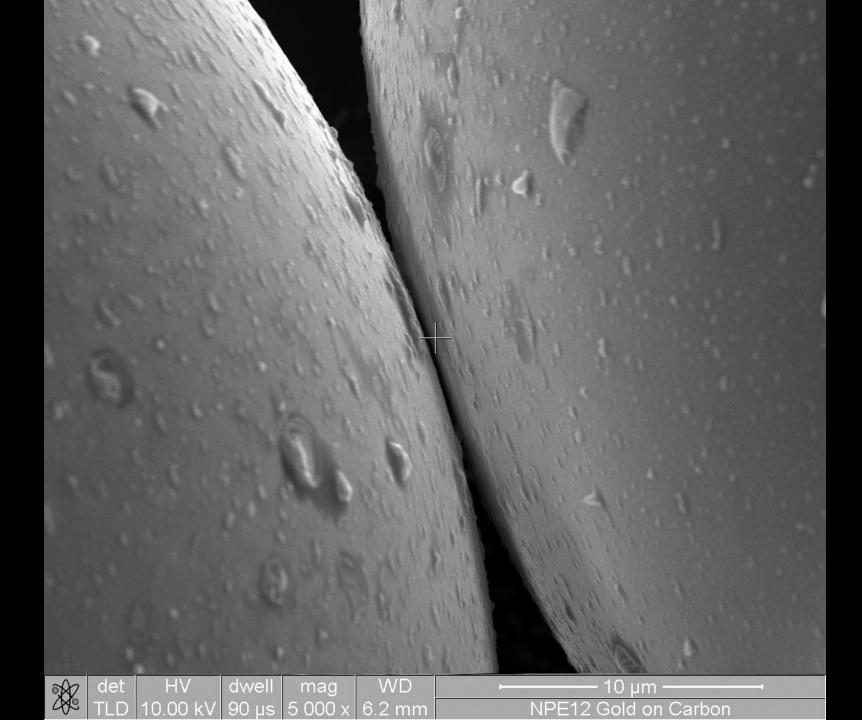
Is this really linked to particle "contacts"?

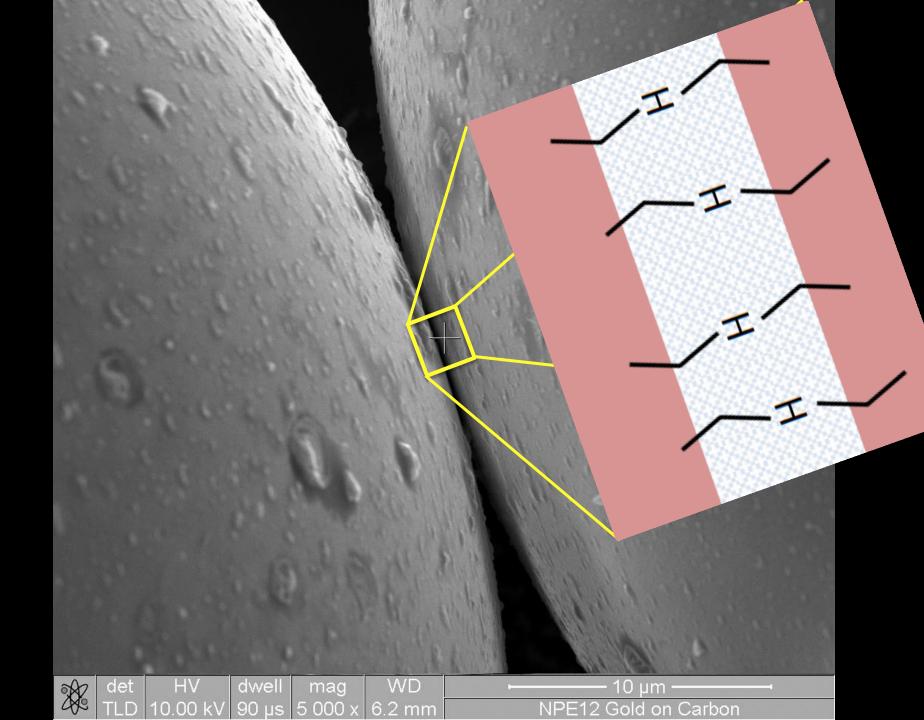




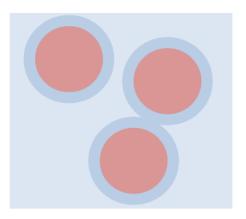
$$\kappa^{-1} = \sqrt{\frac{\varepsilon_r \varepsilon_0 k_B T}{2N_A e^2 I}}$$
 (Debye length) $\kappa^{-1} (1.7M \text{ NaCl}) \approx 2\text{Å}$

- → Extremely close range effect
- → likely not solvation, but direct contact

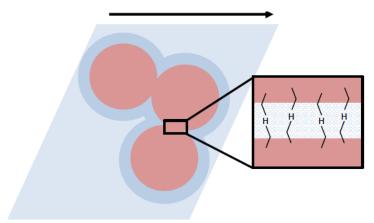




Proposed scenario

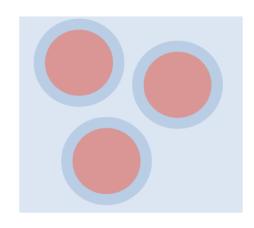


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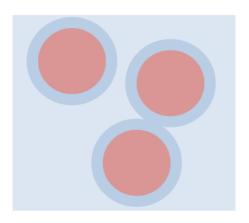
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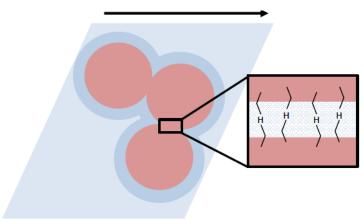
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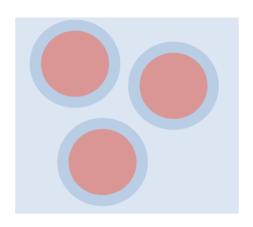


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- Inter-particle hydrogen bonding enhances contact friction
- This decreases $\phi_m(\mu)$ & enlarges SJ regime

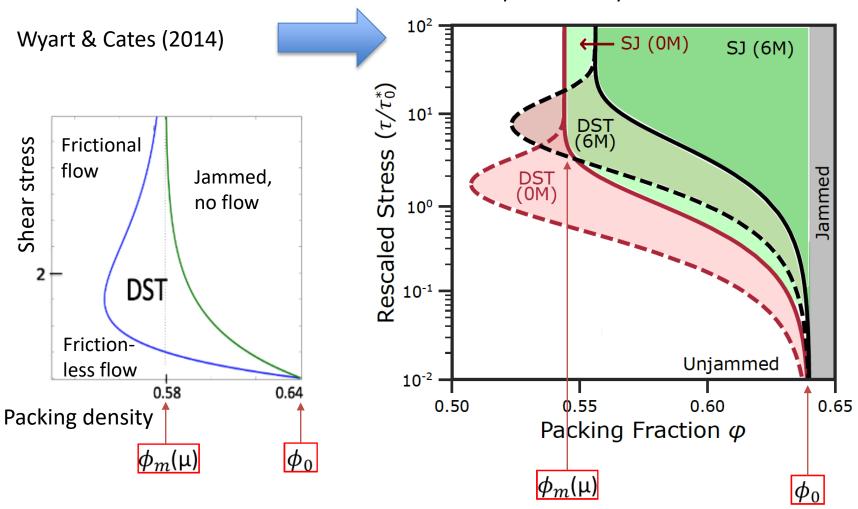
Conversely:

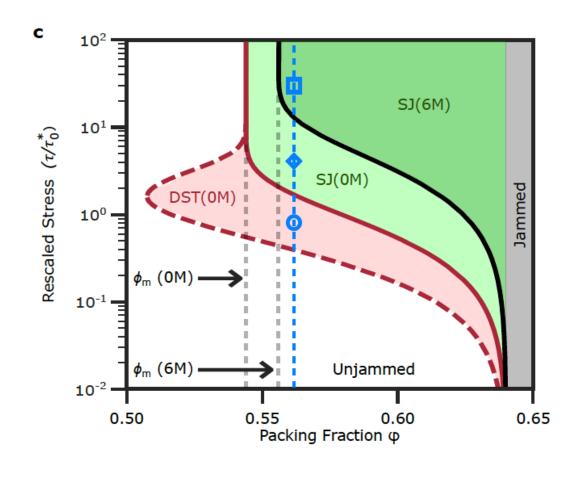
Reduced hydrogen bonding capacity \rightarrow smaller μ , larger $\phi_m(\mu)$



reduced SJ regime

Experimentally calibrated model



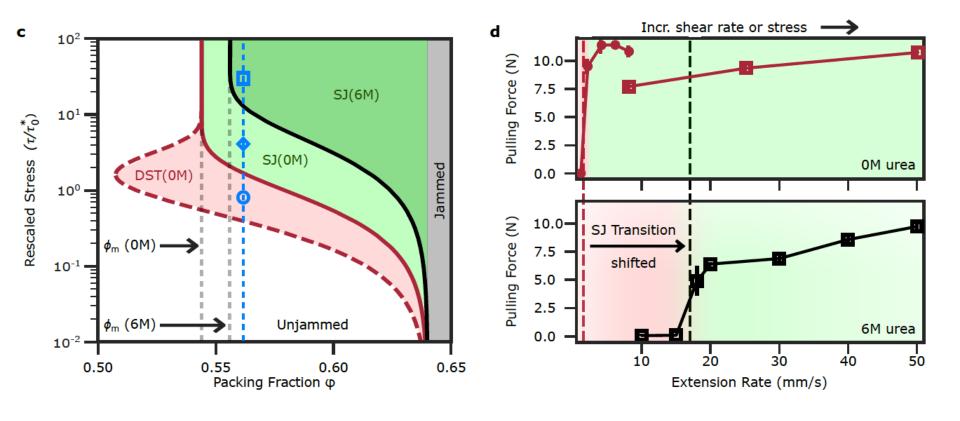


Get ϕ_m , ϕ_0 , and τ^* from steady-state rheometry!

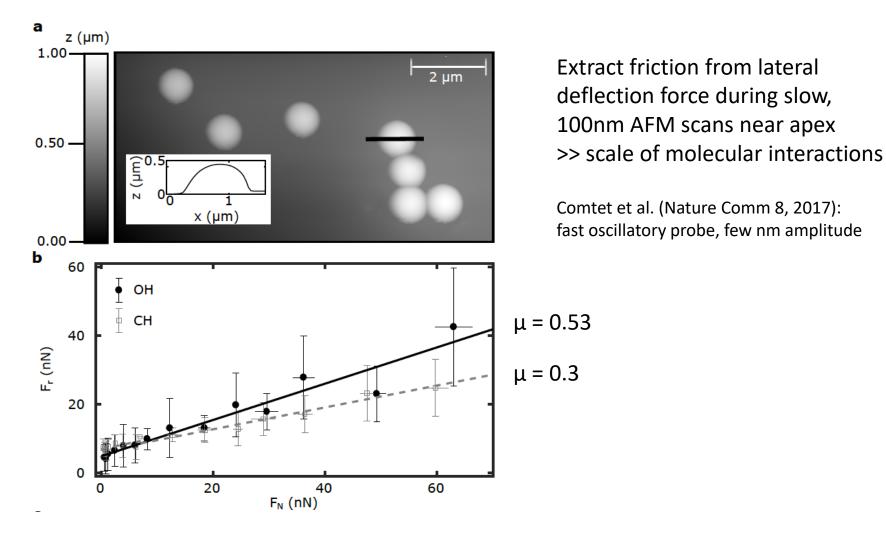
→ See Endao Han's new preprint

- Move DST-SJ boundary by controlling friction via hydrogen bonding capacity
- At fixed packing fraction: Onset stress for SJ (and also DST) shifts

Pull test = facile method for detecting shear jamming



Measure frictional interactions directly



Open Questions & New Opportunities

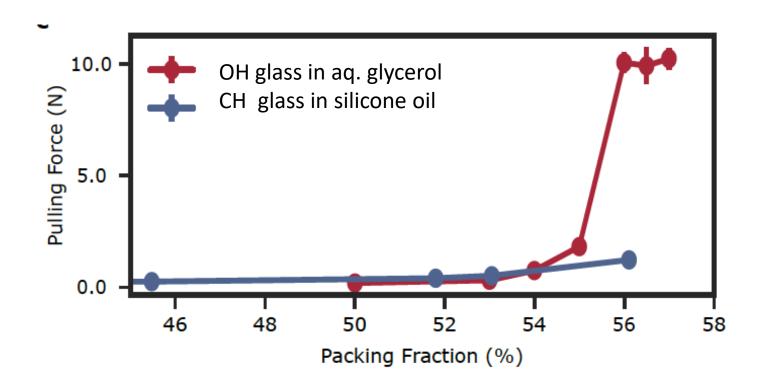
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Similar scenarios for non-aqueous systems?