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Fluides complexes

La matière dans tous ses états

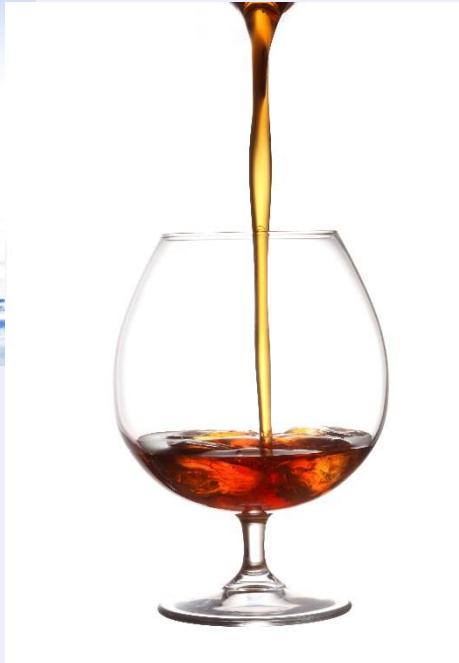
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Various liquids poured under same conditions



Flow velocity

Viscosity

Complex fluids



Fresh concrete



Liquid chocolate



Mayonnaise



Foams



Magma



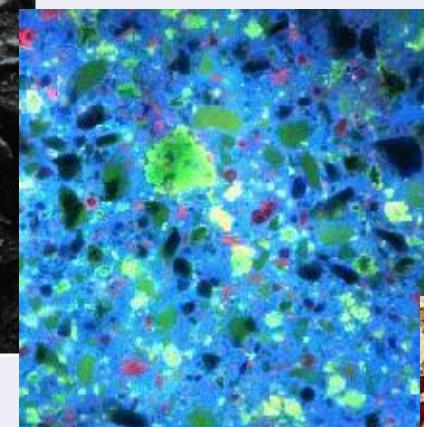
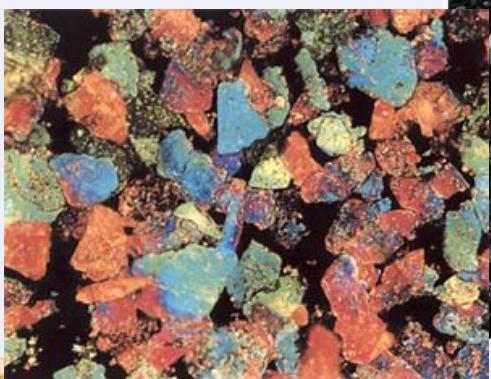
Blood



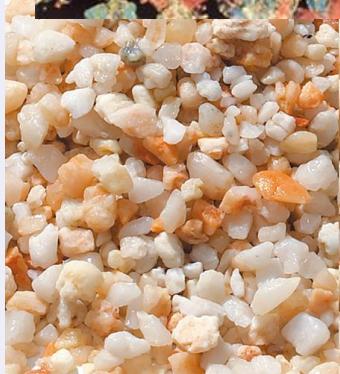
Polymer

« Fluids » : May be reversibly deformed at will
« Complex » : Viscous, elastic, and plastic
+ evolutions / velocity or time

Paint



Chocolate



Mud

Concrete

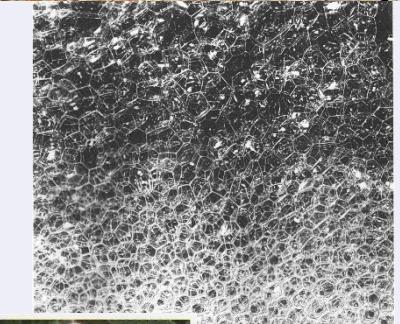
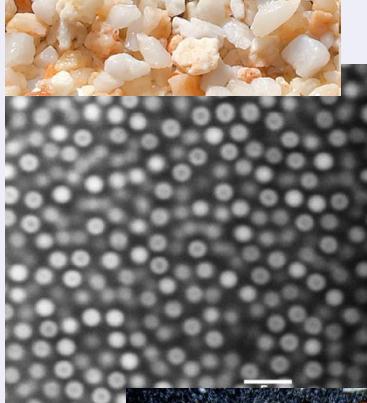


Sand

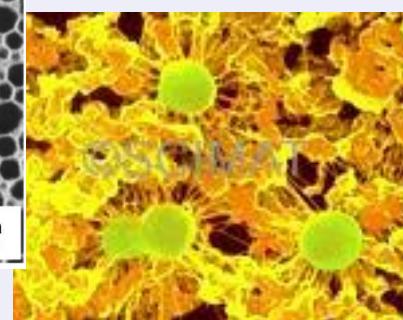
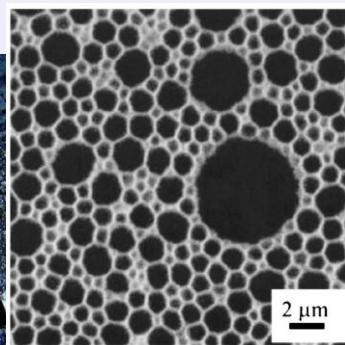
Structure of complex fluids

Latex

Emulsion

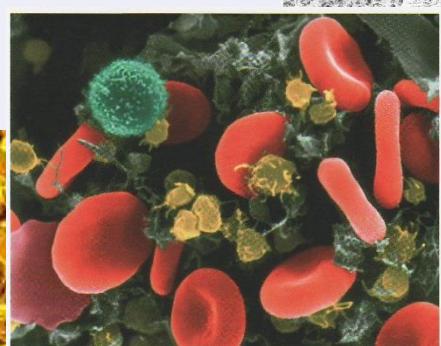


Soft cheese



Magma

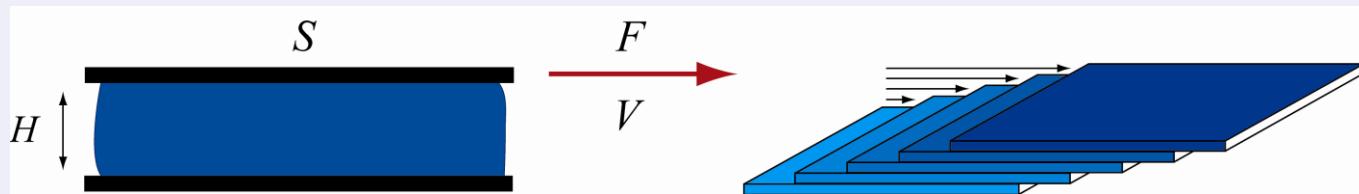
Blood



Foam

Characterization: Rheometry

Simple shear



Shear stress $\tau \approx \frac{F}{S}$

Shear rate $\dot{\gamma} \approx \frac{V}{H}$

Apparent viscosity

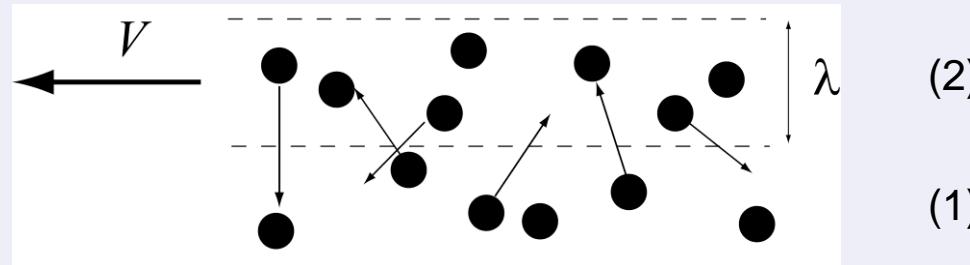
$$\boxed{\eta = \frac{\tau}{\dot{\gamma}}}$$

Newtonian fluid $\eta = \text{Cst.}$

Complex fluid $\eta(t) = F_{\theta < t}(\dot{\gamma}(\theta))$

Shear-thinning, viscoelastic, thixotropic,
Viscoplastic, etc

Viscosity of a gas

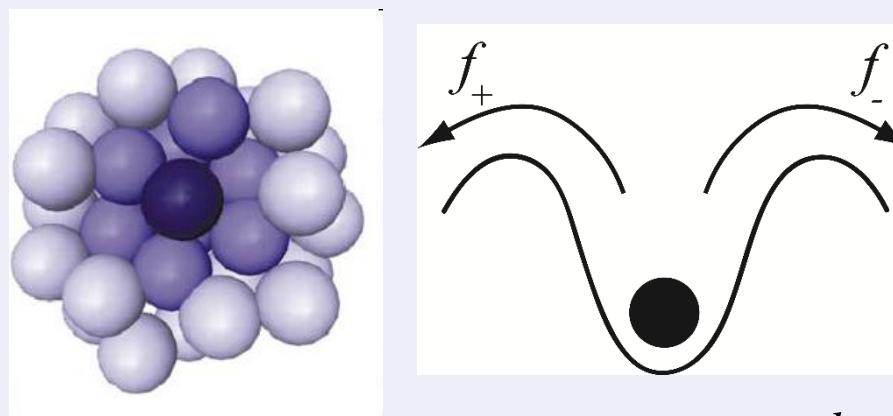


n Molecules per unit volume

λ Mean free path

$$\mu \propto n\lambda\sqrt{mk_B T}$$

Viscosity of a liquid

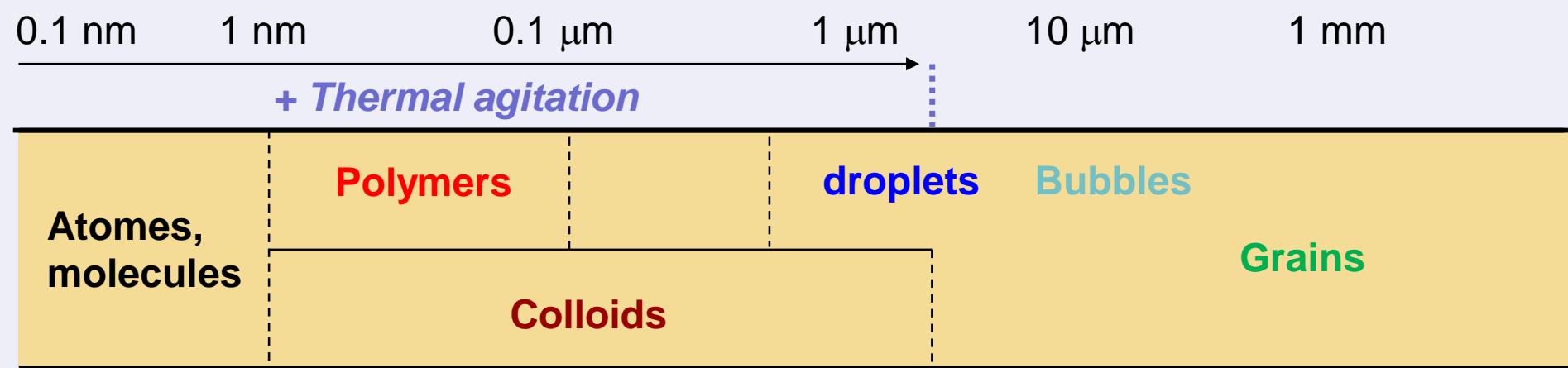


b Intermolecular distance

w Cohesion energy

$$\mu = \frac{\hbar}{b^3} \exp \frac{w}{k_B T}$$

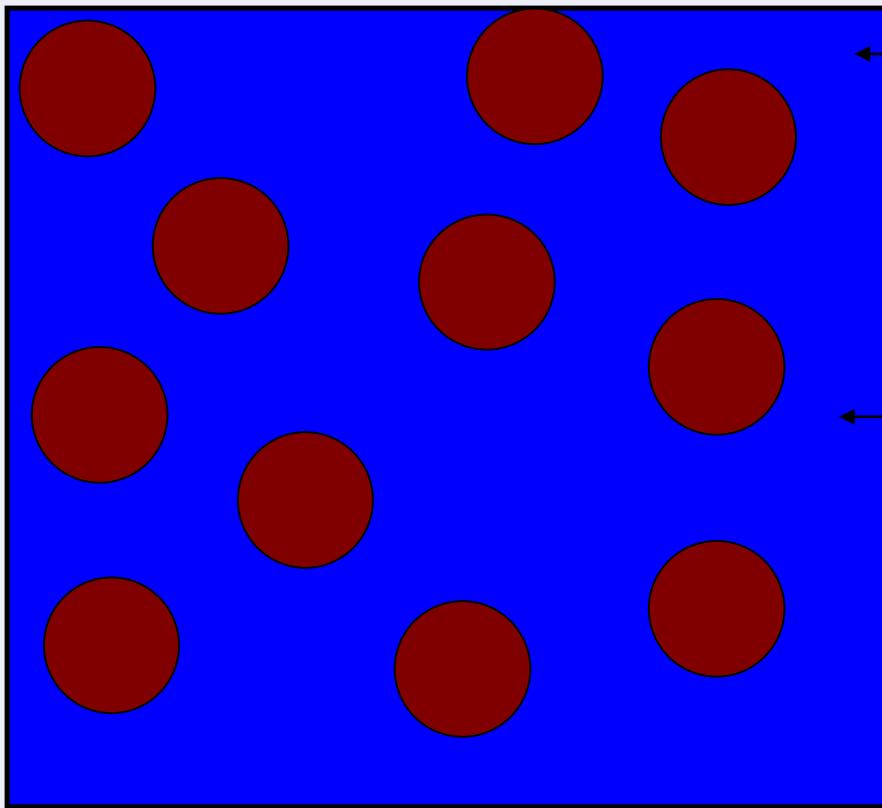
Components and scales



Mechanical behavior:

F(elementary components, dominant interactions, concentration, regime)

SUSPENSIONS



Simple liquid

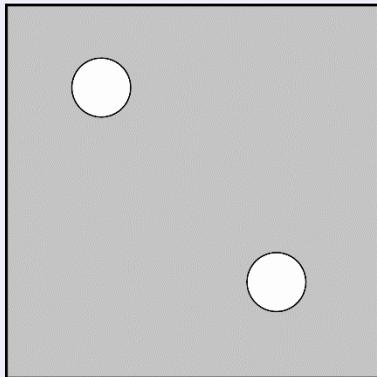
μ_0

Polymers, colloids,
bubbles, droplets,
grains, cells, fibers, etc

Volume fraction: $\phi = \frac{V_{Solid}}{V_{Total}}$

Maximum packing fraction:
 $\phi < \phi_m$

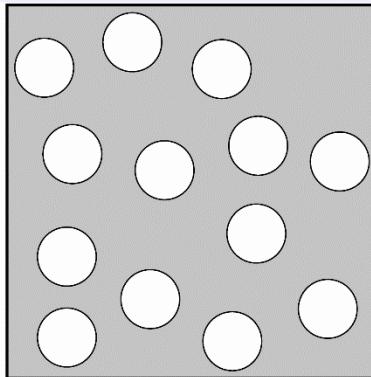
Rheology of suspensions



Dilute

No hydrodynamic
interparticle interaction

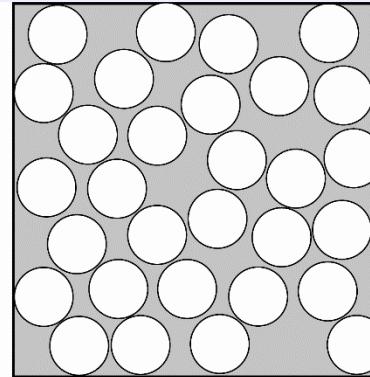
$$\phi \ll 0.1$$



Semi-dilute

Hydrodynamic
interactions

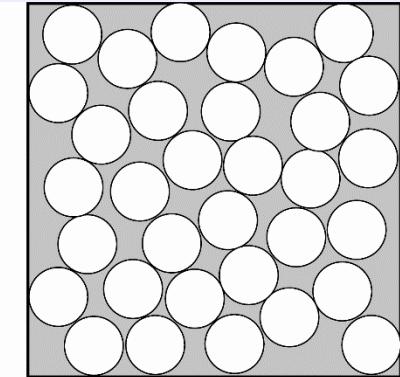
$$0.01 \ll \phi < \phi_c$$



Concentrated

Hydrodynamic
interactions +
Steric interactions

$$\phi_c < \phi < \phi_m$$



Compact

Hydrodynamic
interactions +
Steric interactions
+ Contacts

$$\phi \rightarrow \phi_m$$

$$\mu = \mu_0(1 + 2.5\phi)$$



$$\mu = \mu_0(1 - \phi/\phi_m)^{-2.5\phi_m}$$

Einstein

Krieger-Dougherty



**Granular
pastes**

POLYMERS



Flexibility - Resistance



Shaping

- « **Plasticity** » : Relative gliding of molecules
- « **Elasticity** » : Molecule deformations
- « **Rigidity** » : Glass transition, crystallisation, cross-linking



Deformability

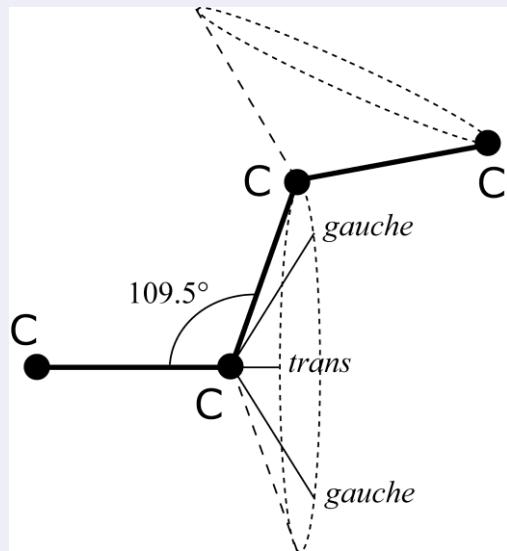


Extrusion - Moulding



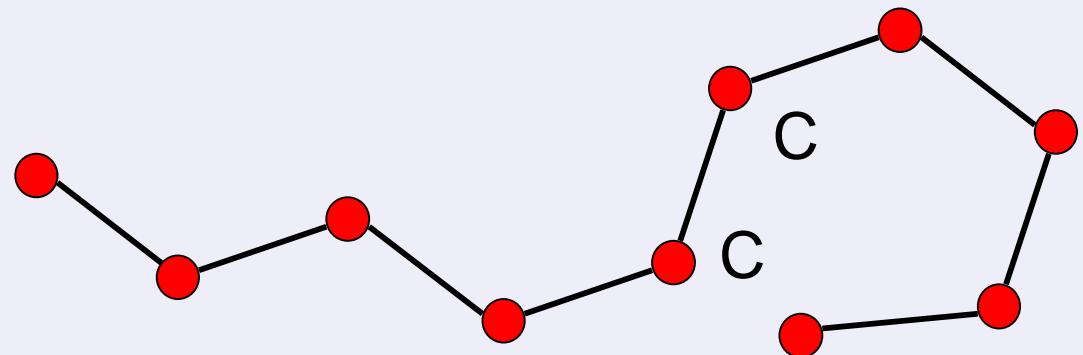
3D printing

POLYMERS



A few relative positions of successive Carbon atoms

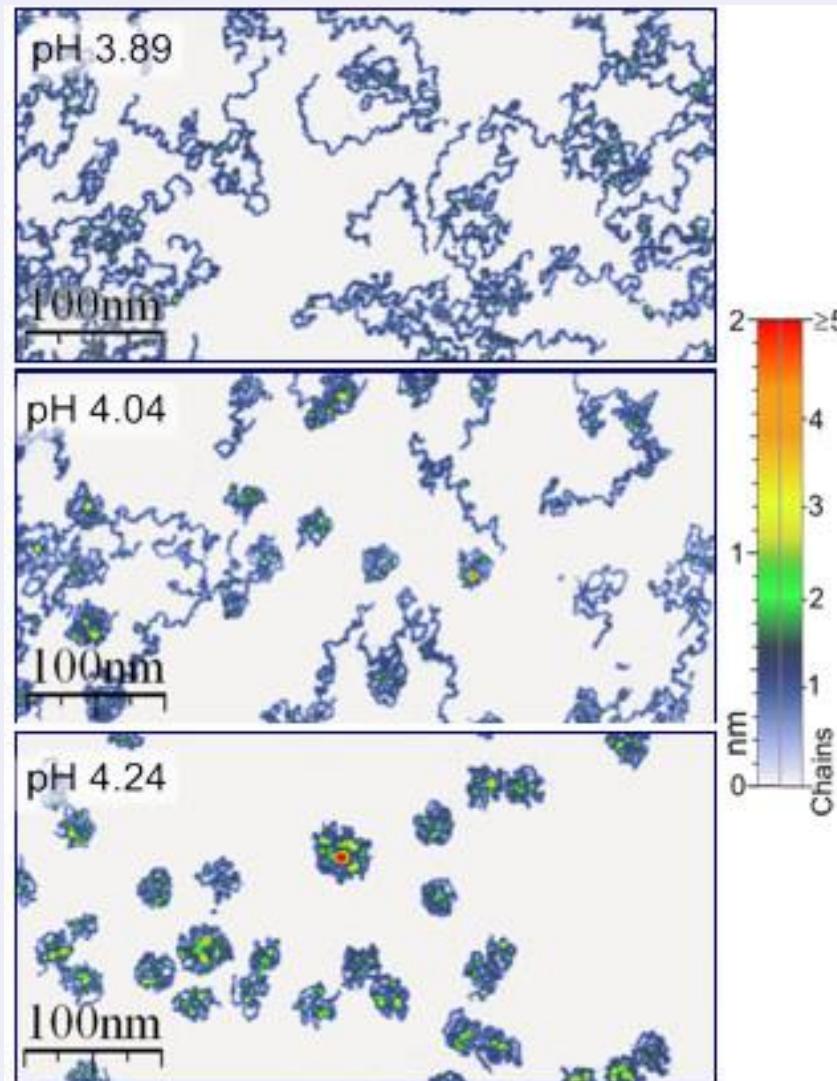
Chain configuration



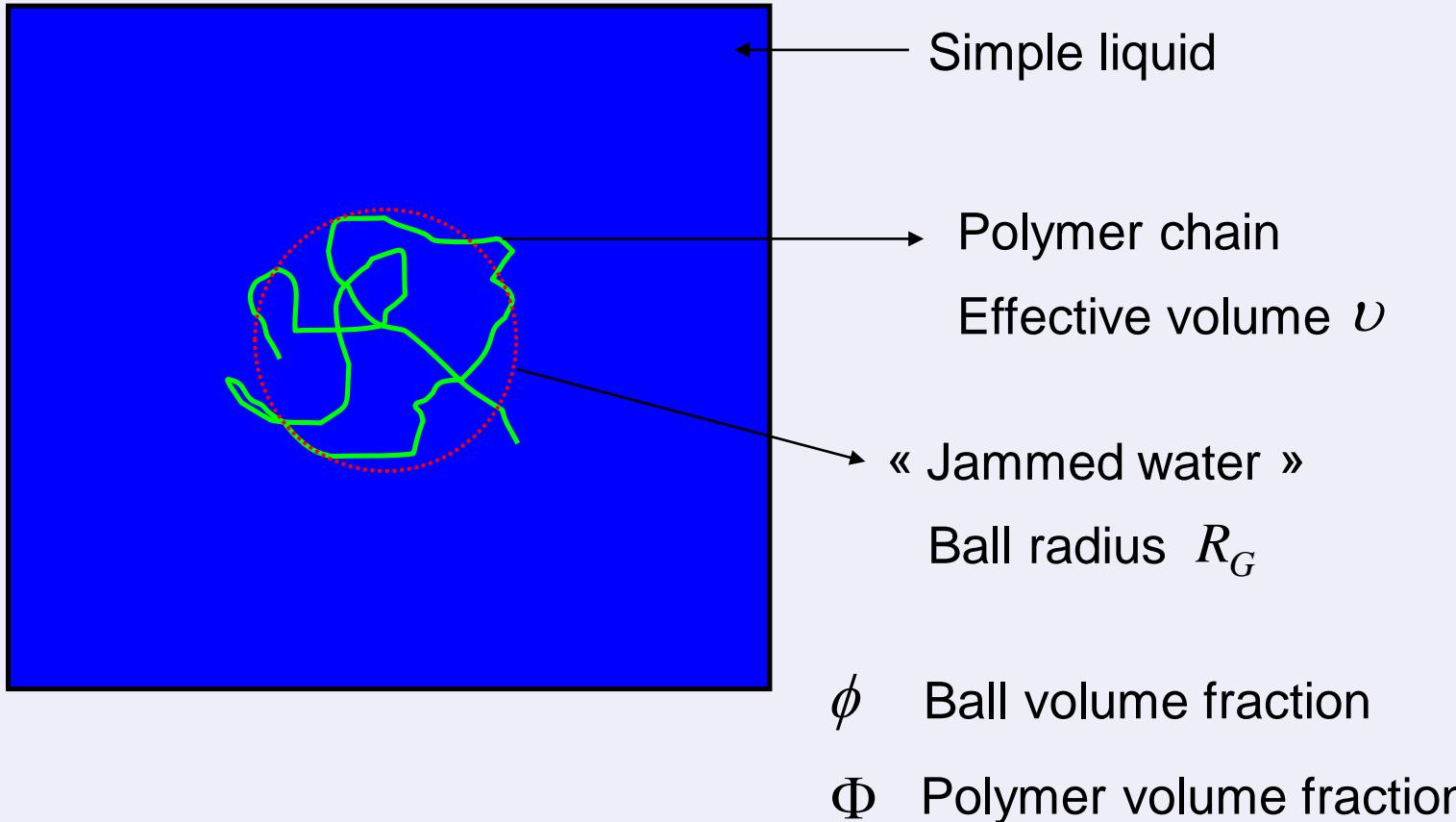
=> Variable shape and size possible around an equilibrium mean size

Polymers in solution

Affinity with solvent ↑
Apparent chain size ↑
*Chain deposits on mica
(from AFM)*



Rheology of polymer suspensions

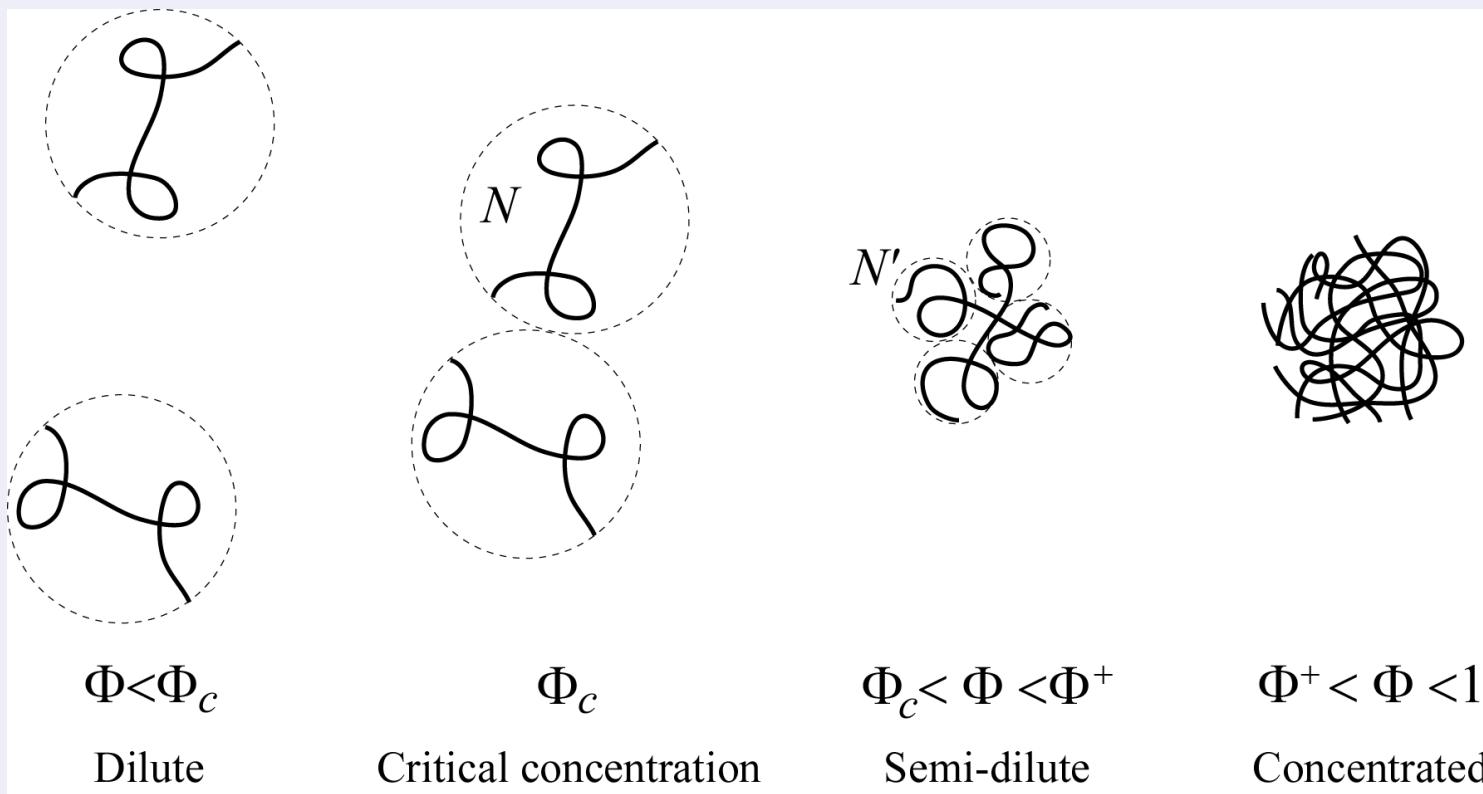


« Hydrodynamic effects »

$$\Rightarrow \mu = \mu_0 f(\phi) \gg \mu_0 f(\Phi)$$

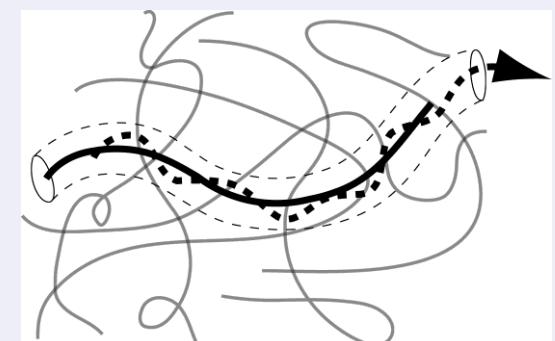
$$\phi = \left(\frac{R_G^3}{v} \right) \Phi \gg \Phi$$

Rheology of polymer suspensions



**Suspension viscosity
as a function of ϕ**
(Einstein \rightarrow Krieger-Dougherty)

↓
« Reptation model »



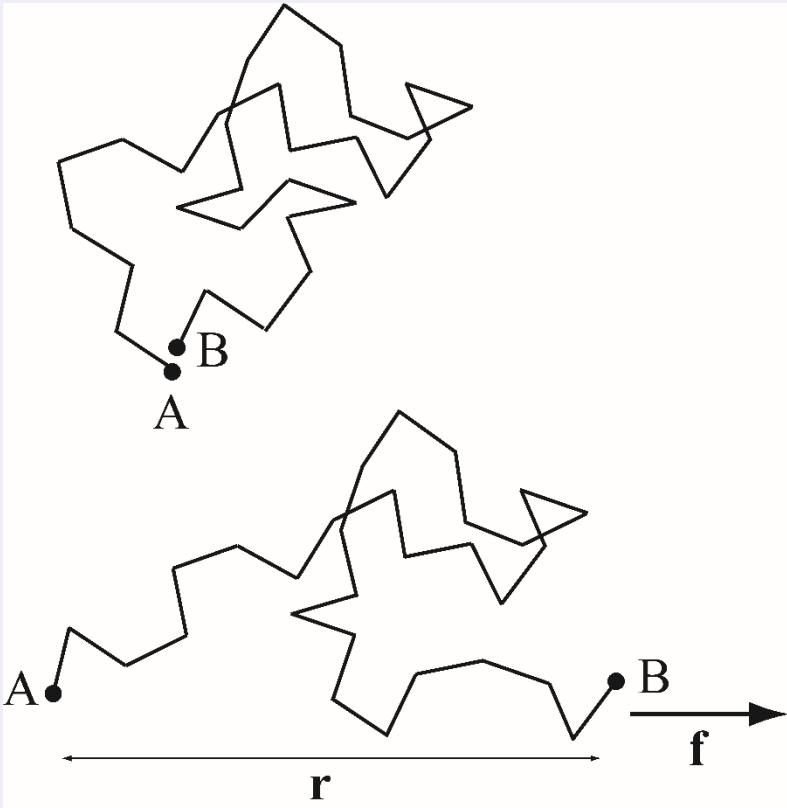
Mechanical properties of chains

Viscous friction :

Relative motion of chains

=> Viscosity = F(concentration, conformation, chain length)

Elastic deformation



Chain elongation: entropy loss

=> Supply energy to keep this length

$$\Delta G = fdr = -TdS$$

$$S = k_B \ln(\Omega_T \psi d\omega) = k_B \ln \psi + \text{Cst.}$$

Ω_T Total number of configurations

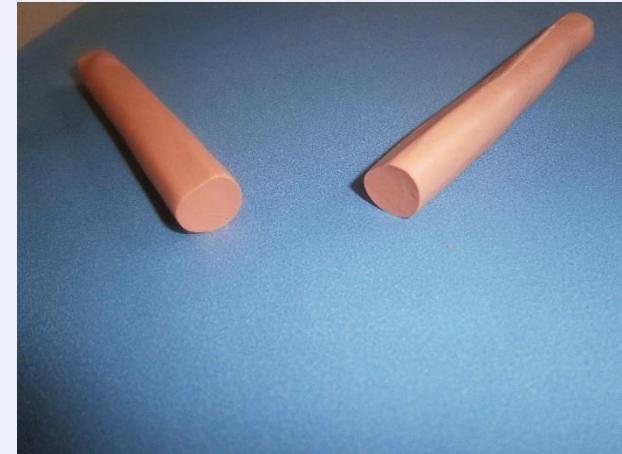
$d\omega$ Characteristics volume

⇒ Force: $f = 2k_B T \beta^2 r$

Bouncing



Ex: Silicone paste



Breakage



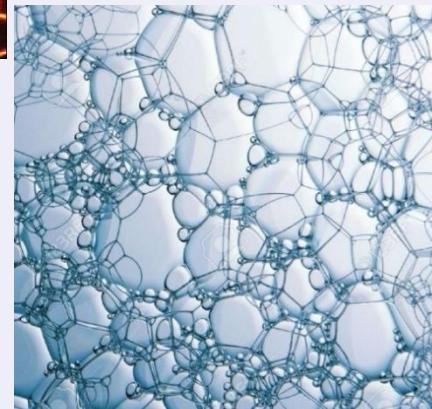
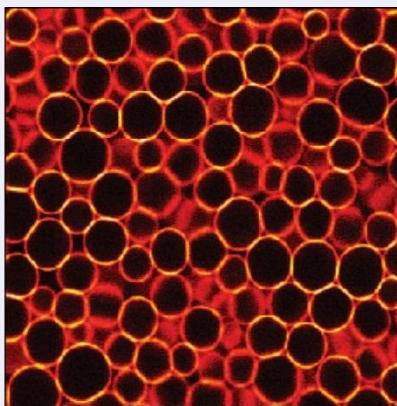
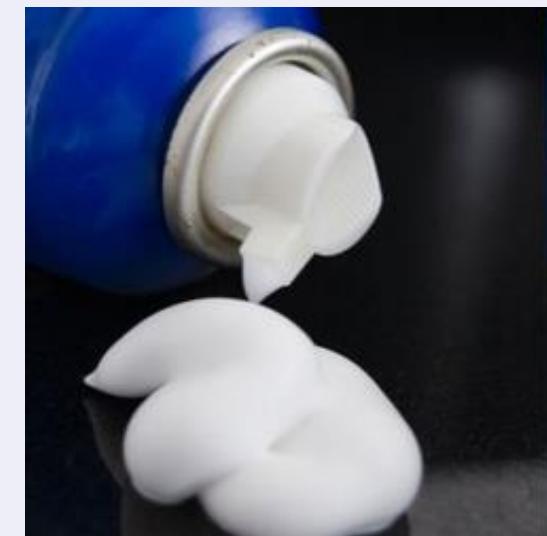
Flow



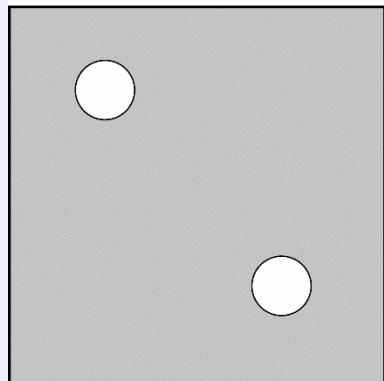




EMULSIONS AND FOAMS



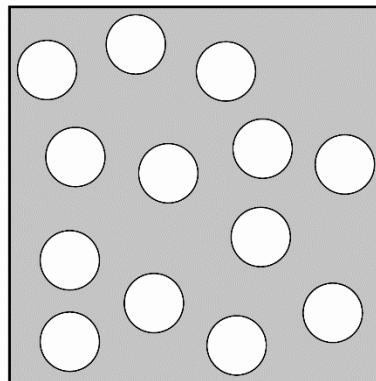
Rheological behavior: concentration regimes



Dilute

$$\phi \ll 1$$

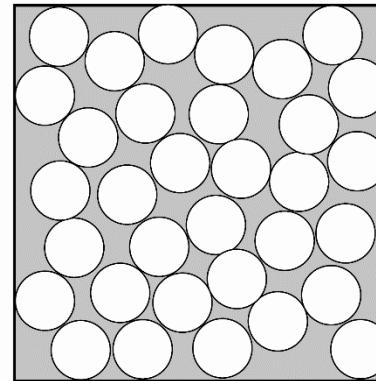
No hydrodynamic interaction



Semi-dilute

$$0.01 << \phi < \phi_c$$

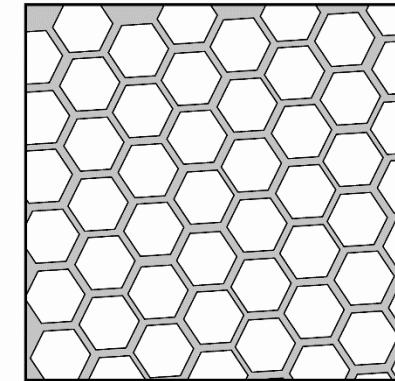
Hydrodynamic interactions



Concentrated

$$\phi_c < \phi < \phi_m$$

Hydrodynamic interactions +
Steric interactions



Compact

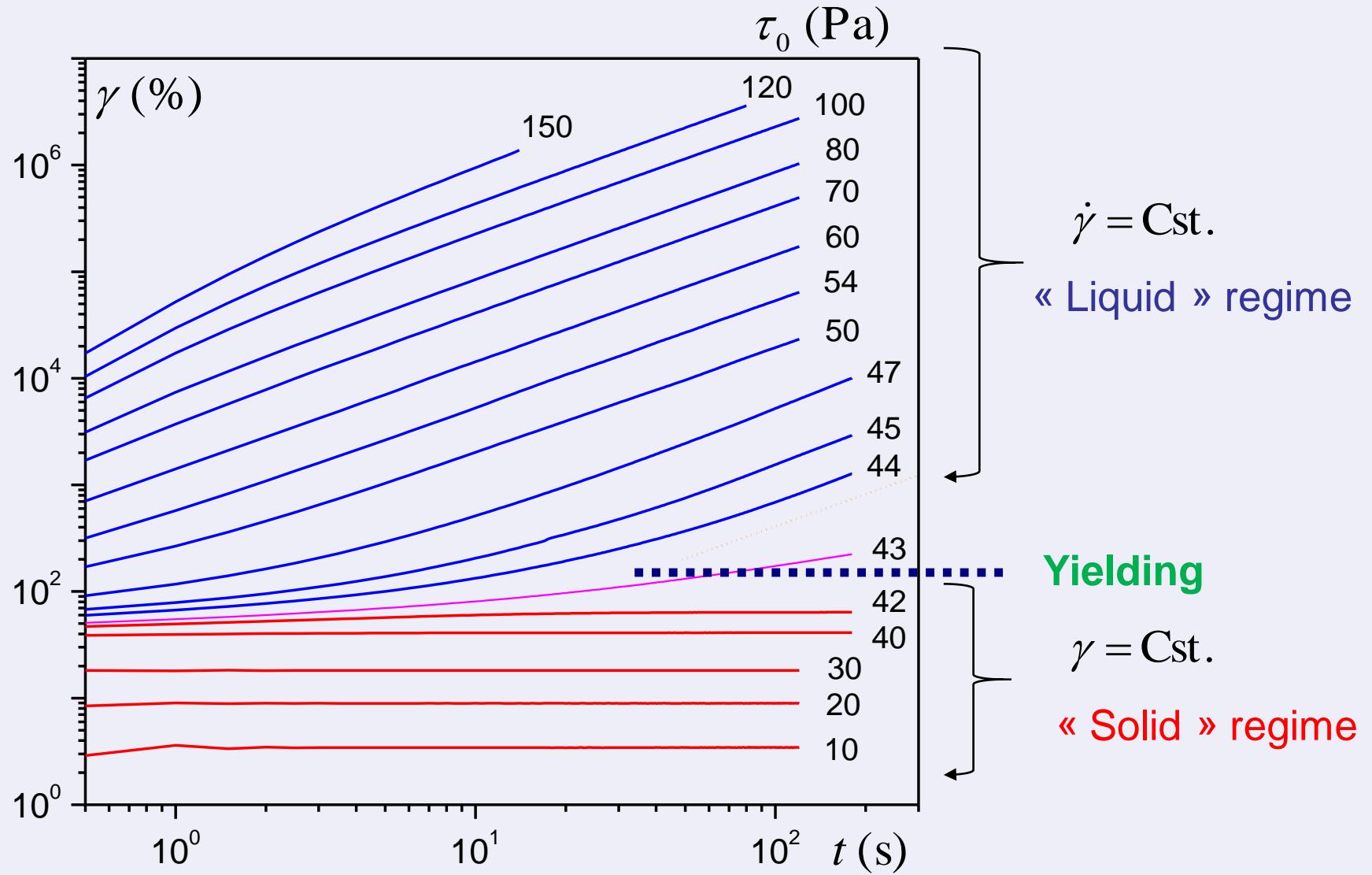
$$\phi \rightarrow 1$$

Hydrodynamic interactions +
Steric interactions
+ Contacts
=> deformation

essentially Newtonian

essentially yield stress fluids

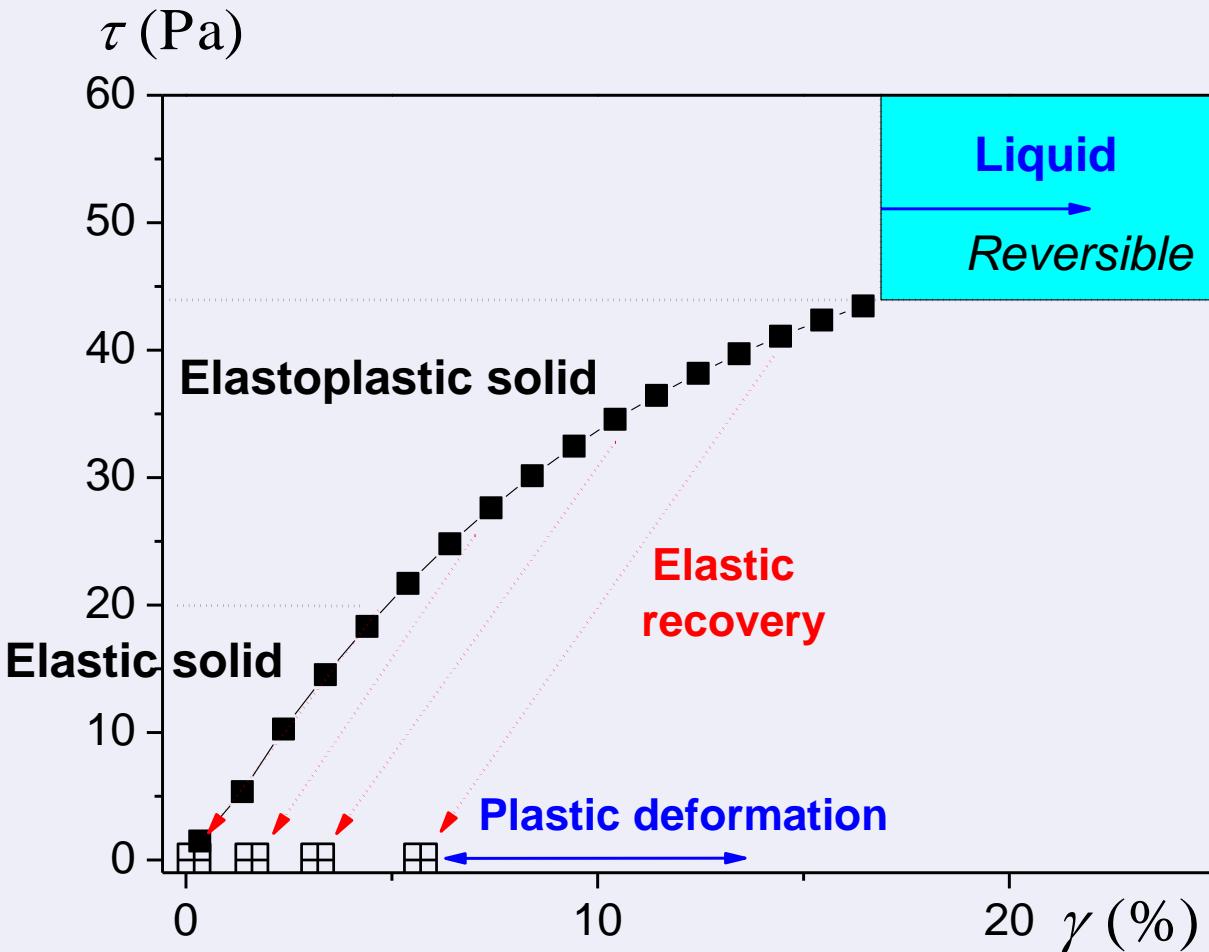
Simple shear creep tests, after same preparation, at different stresses: $\{\tau_0\}$



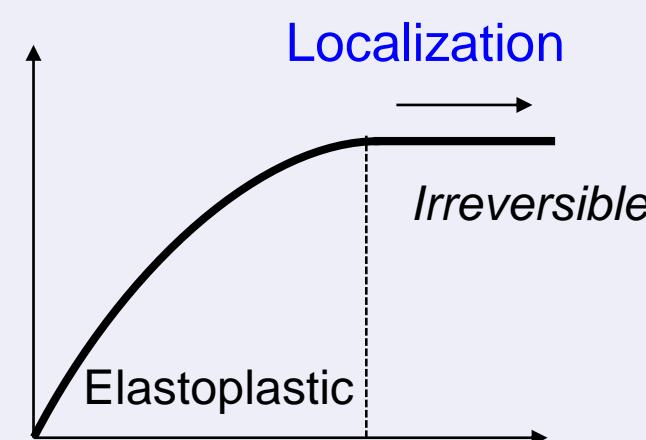
*Oil in water emulsion (82%)
Rough parallel disks*

$$\gamma \propto t^a \text{ and } a > 1 \Rightarrow \ddot{\gamma} < 0$$

Solid-liquid transition

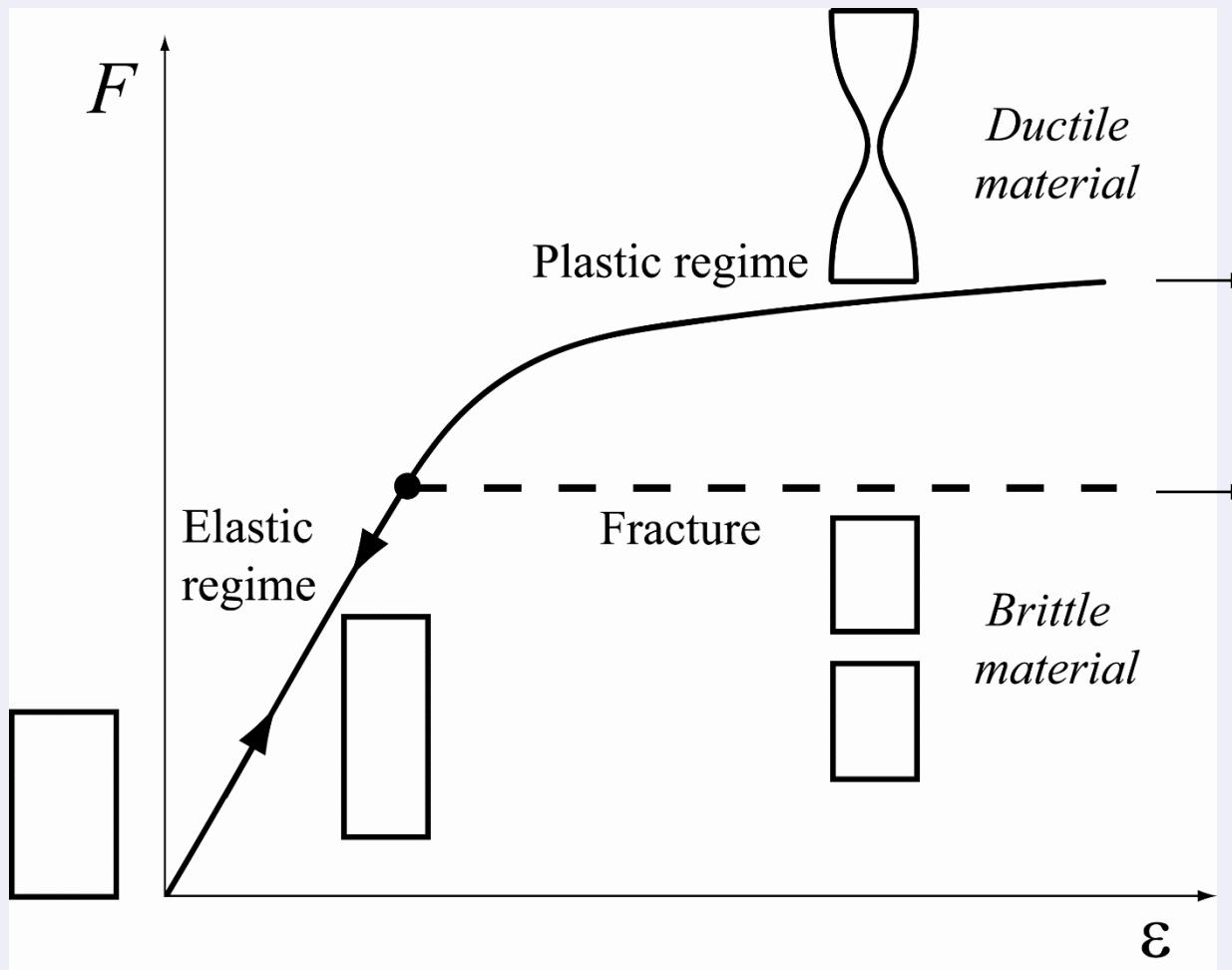


Yield stress fluid



« Standard solid »

Usual behavior of solids



Strong localization of the deformation



6 m



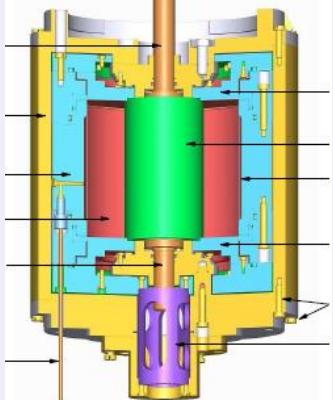
Injection-extrusion

+ Drying
+ Flow through
porous medium

NMR experts:

P. Faure, S. Rodts, D. Courtier-Murias

**Shear cell with
radial force control**



Rheometer

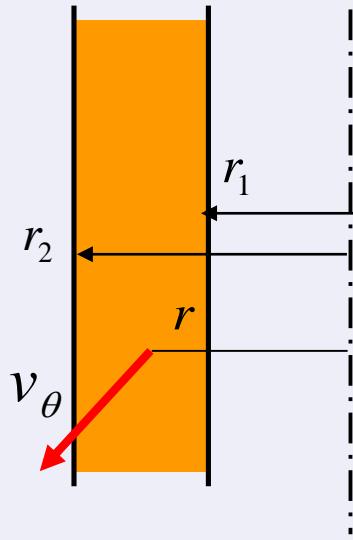


**Température control
(-40 to +60°C)**

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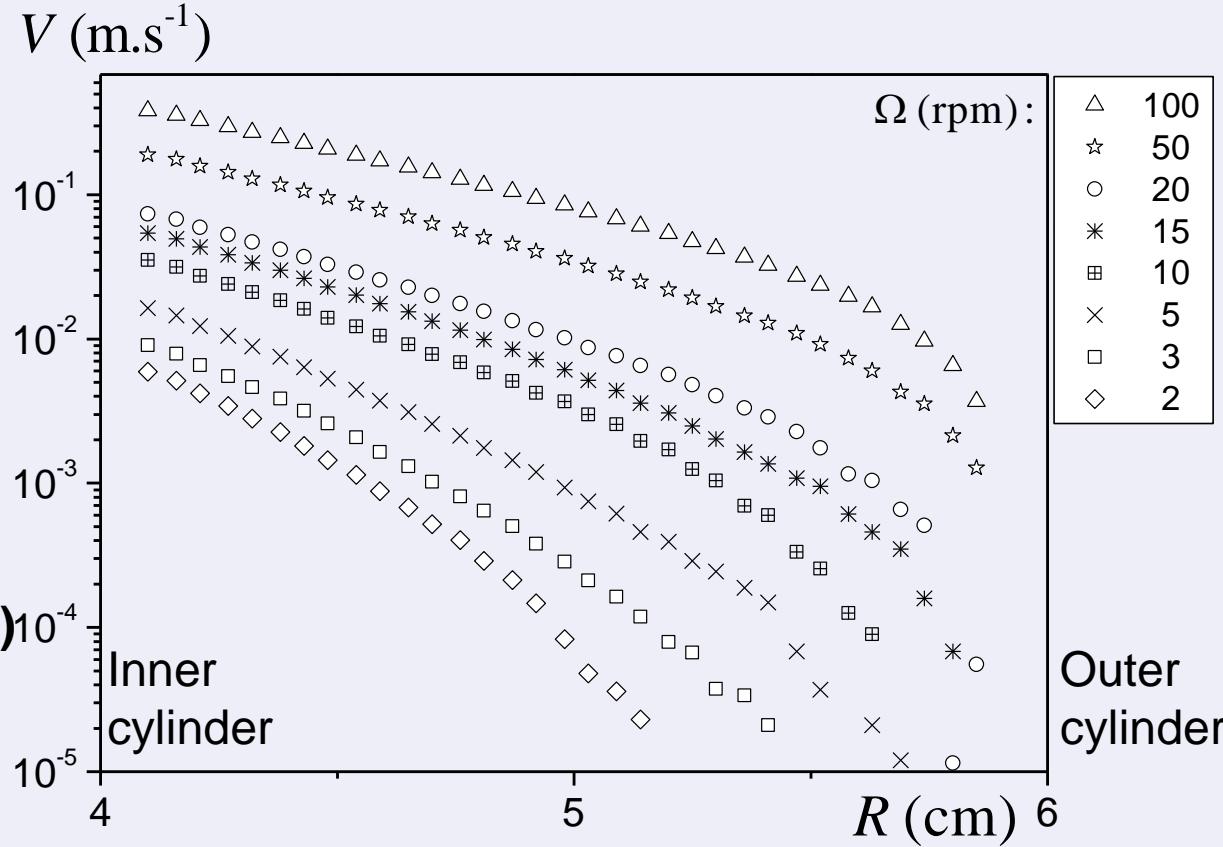
MRI (Magnetic Resonance Imaging)



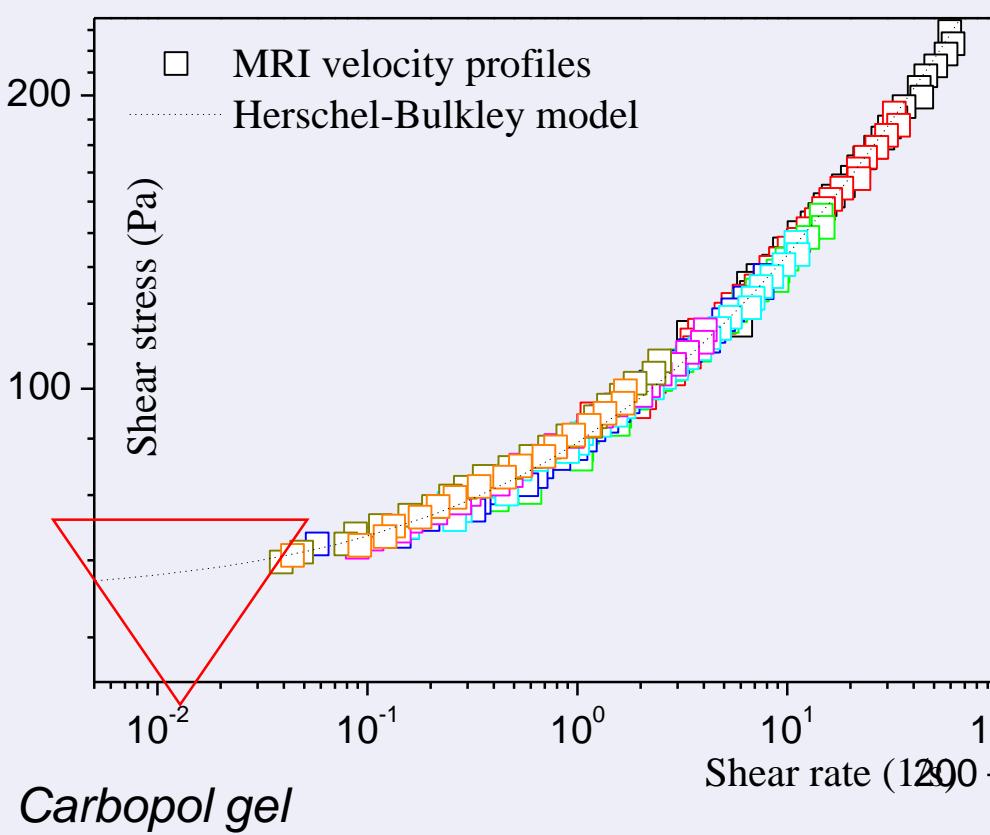
$$\dot{\gamma} = r \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(\frac{v_\theta}{r} \right)$$

$$\tau = \sigma_{r\theta} = \frac{C}{2\pi h r^2}$$

« Local rheometry »

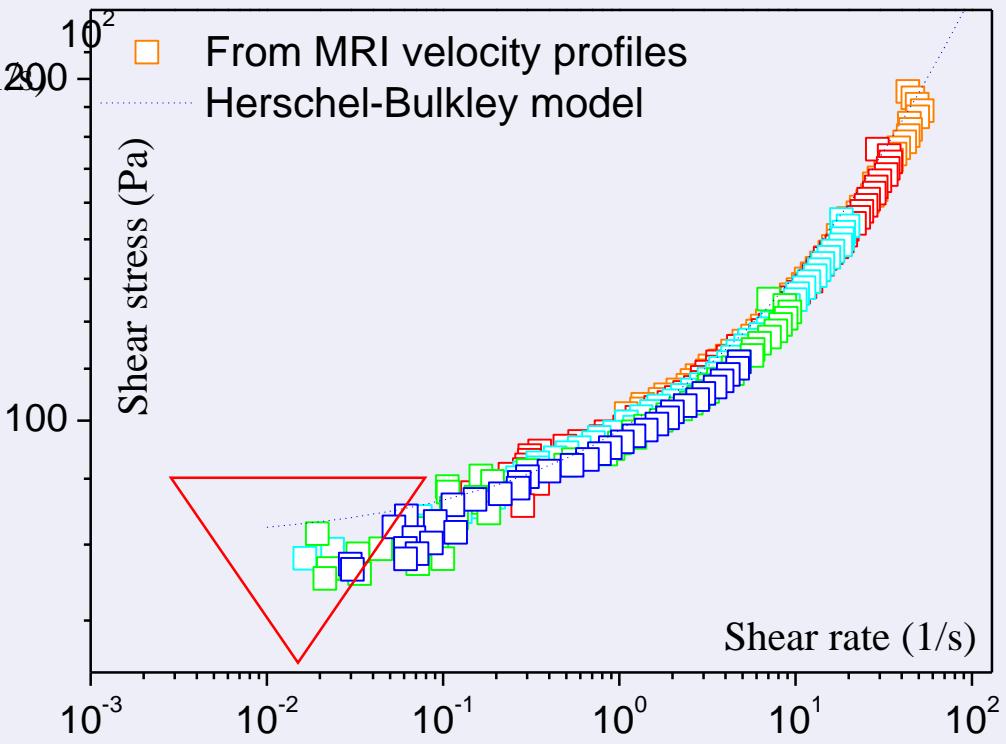


Steady-state velocity profiles under different imposed rotation velocities of the inner cylinder

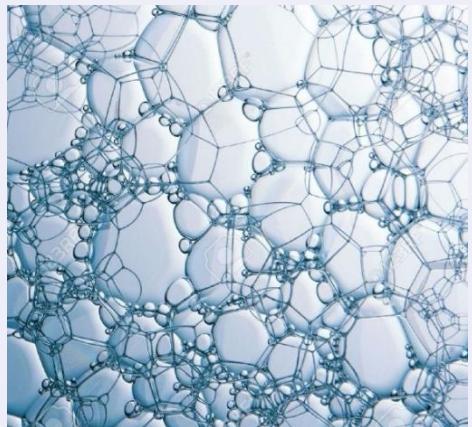


A unique, consistent, rheological behavior in the liquid regime

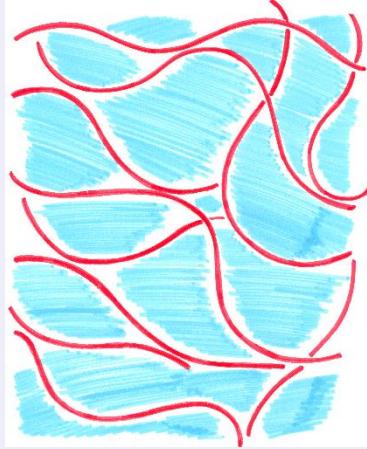
Emulsion



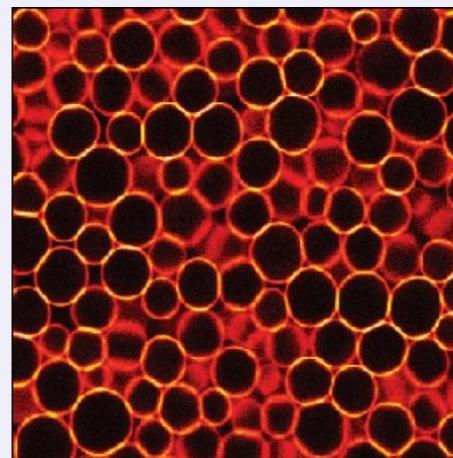
« Simple » yield stress fluids



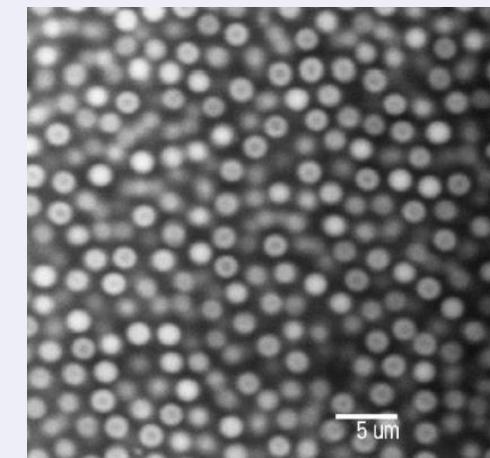
Foam



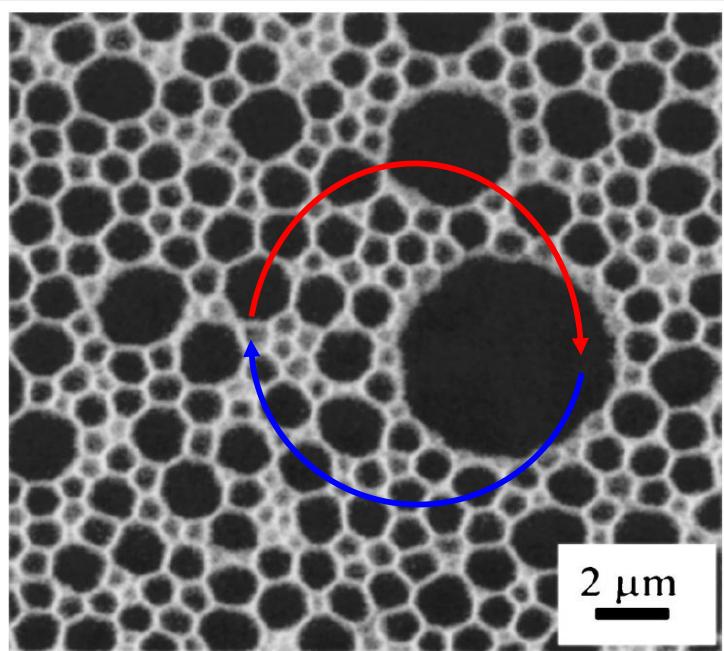
Physical gel



Emulsion

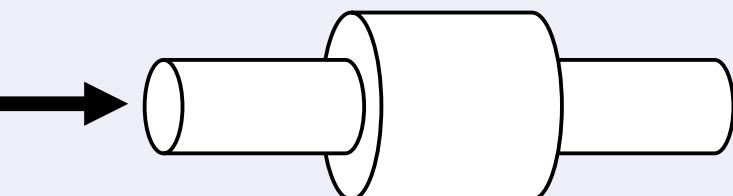
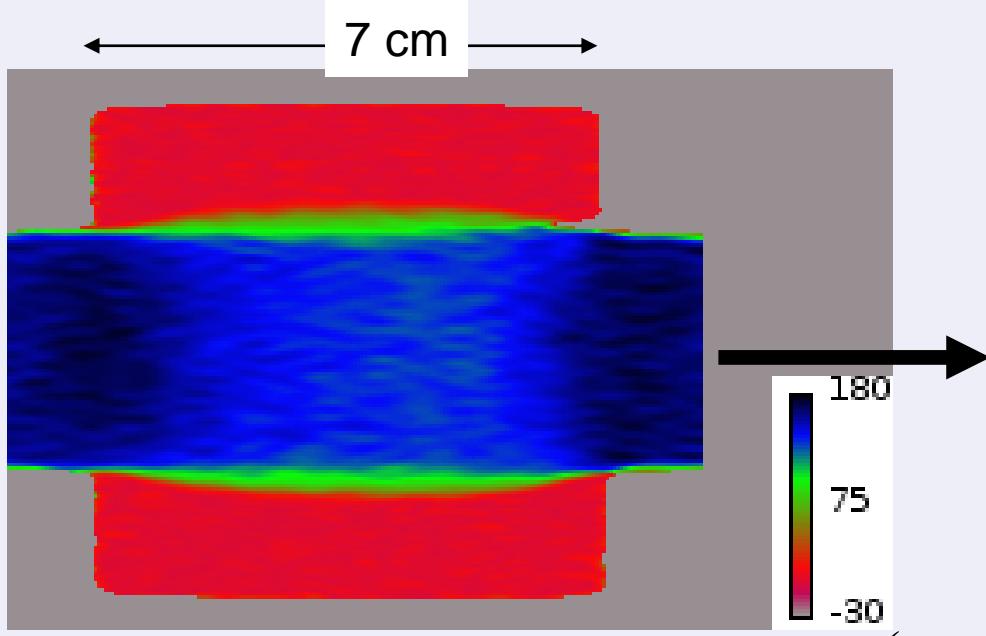


Colloids (repulsive)

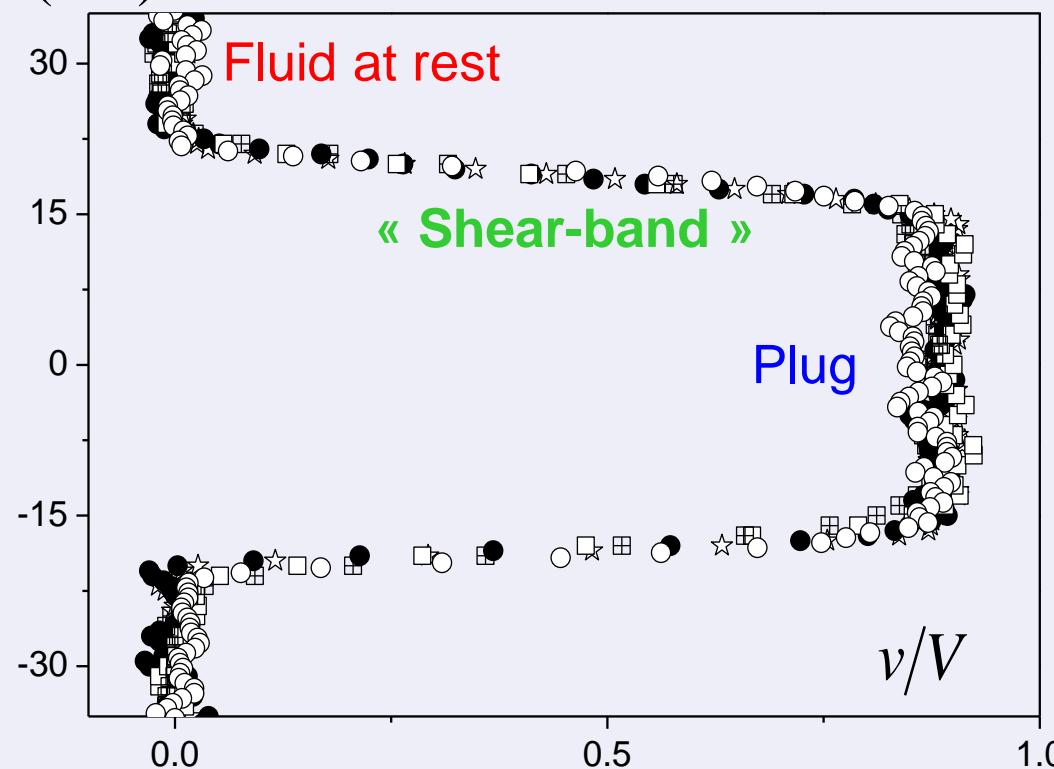


- 1) Jamming \leftrightarrow Solids
 - 2) Fast relaxation :
Soft interactions and Disorder
- ⇒ YSF: « Fast self-healing solids »

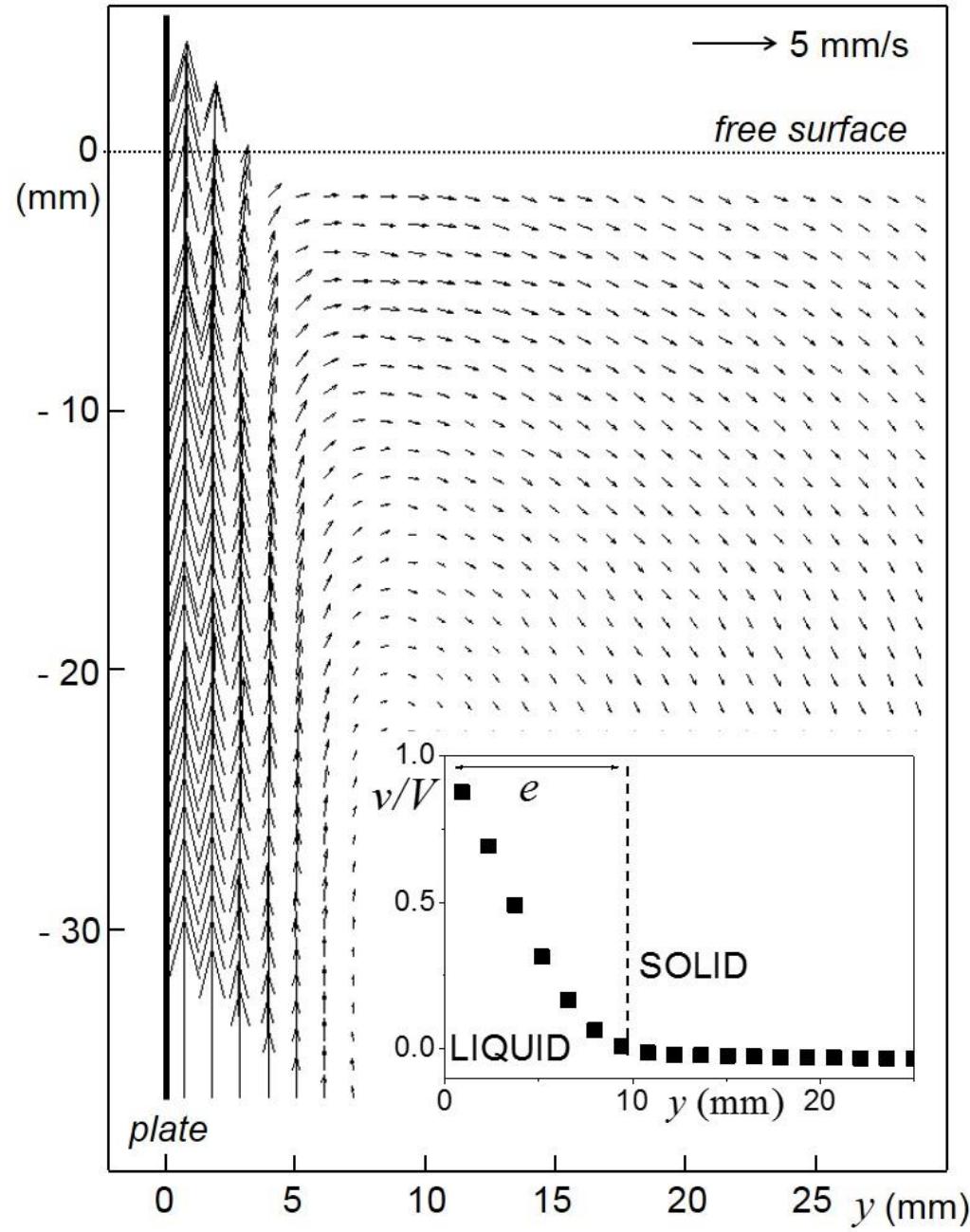
Flow of a yield stress fluid through a model pore

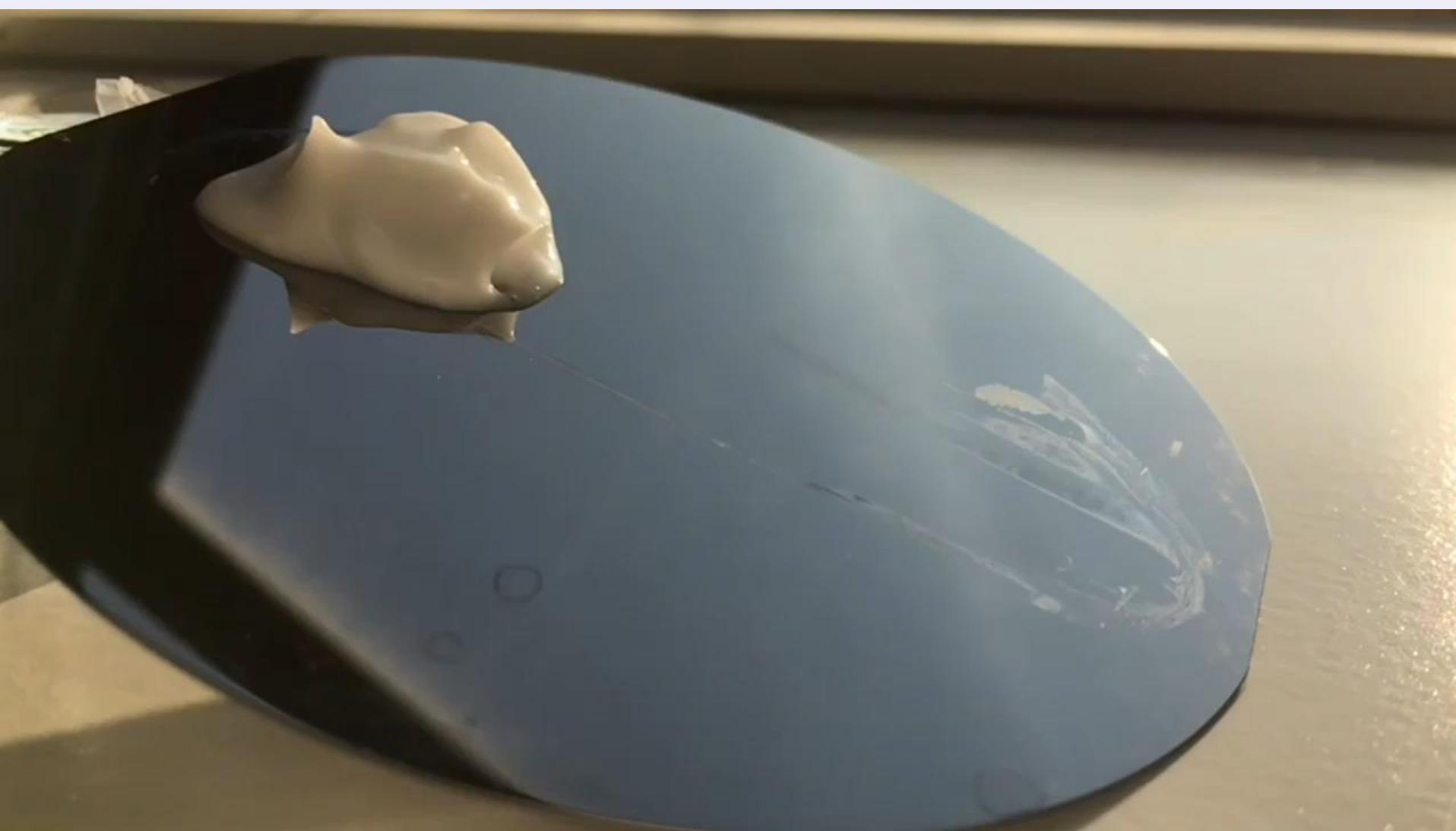


$$V \in [0.16 - 5.2] \text{ mm/s}$$

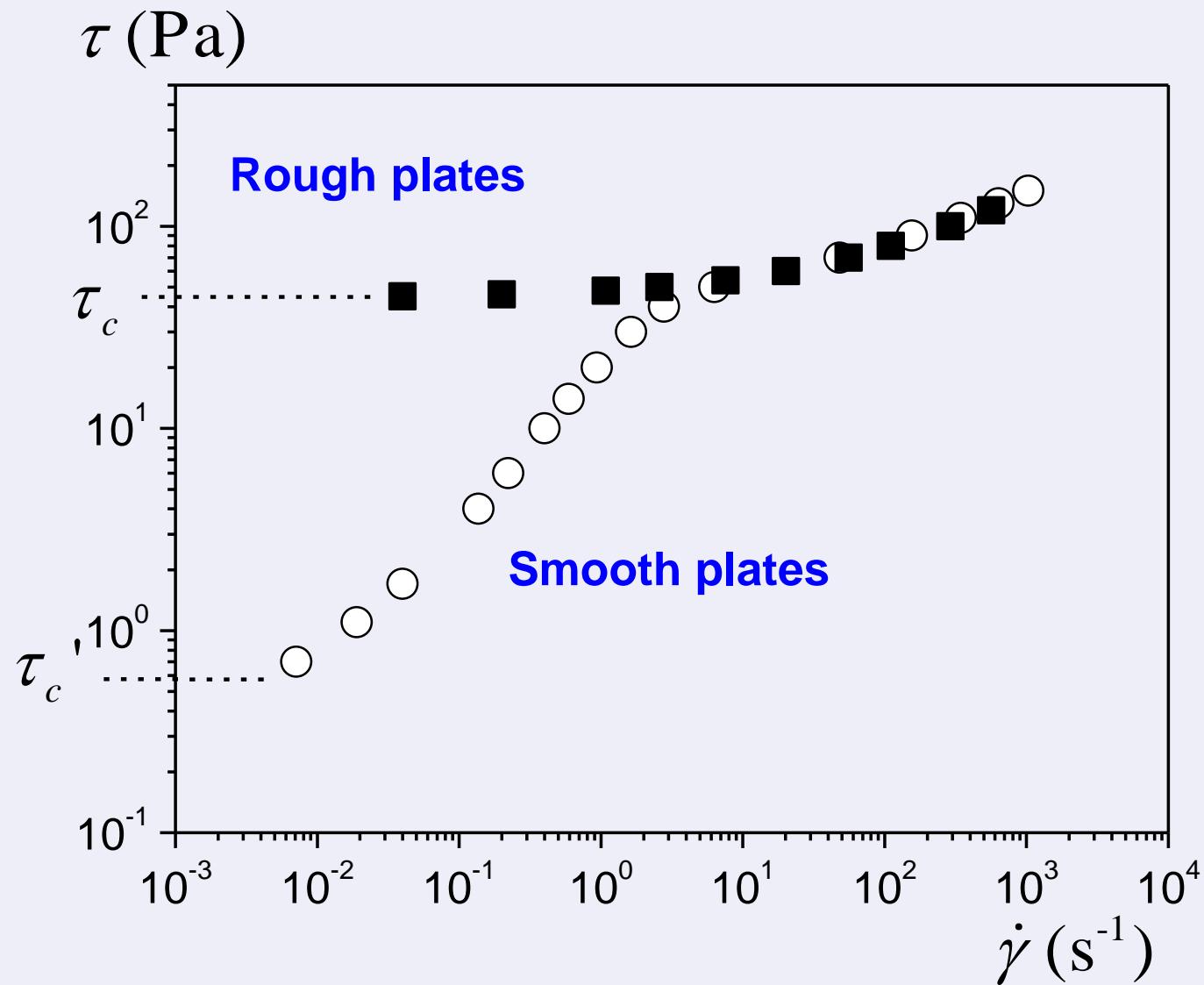






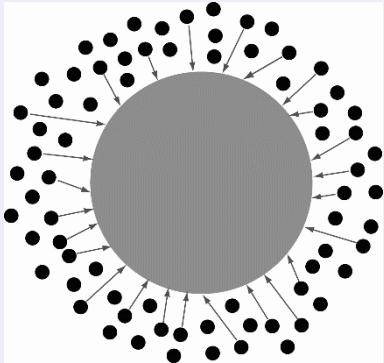


Apparent flow curve with smooth surface

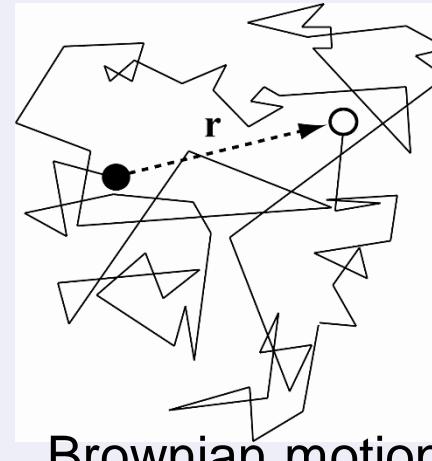


COLLOIDAL DISPERSIONS

Hydrodynamic interactions +



Thermal agitation:



⇒ Slow relaxation process

Brownian motion

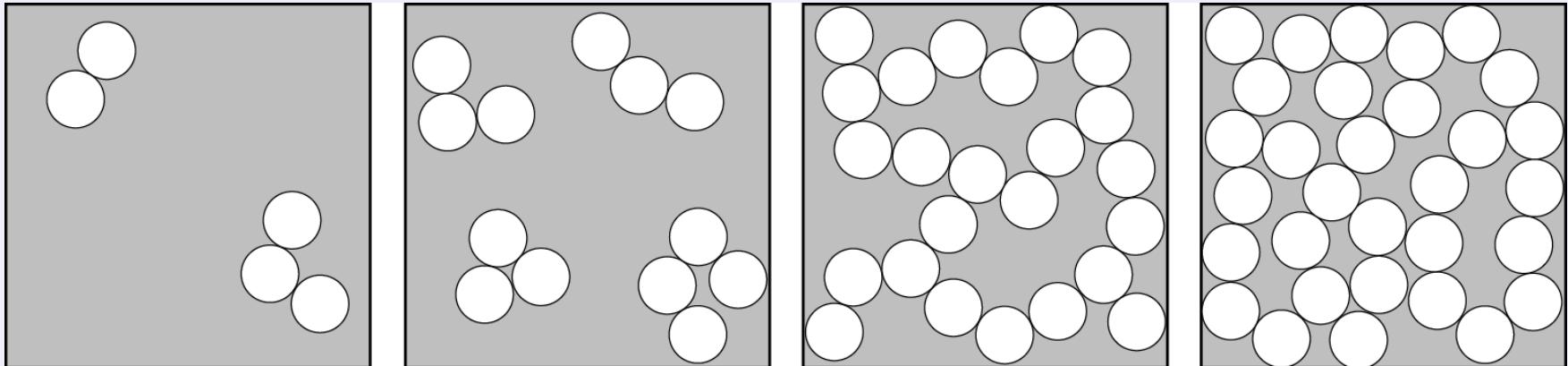
In a liquid: interactions between particles

- Van der Waals attraction
- Electrostatic (repulsion)
- Depletion effect
- Steric repulsion

⇒ Weak attractive or repulsive forces

Ex.: Silica, clay, latex, pollens ($>10 \mu\text{m}$), cement, micelles, microgels, micro-droplets

Attractive suspensions



Dilute

$$\phi \ll 1$$

Semi-dilute

$$0.01 \ll \phi < \phi_c$$

Infinite aggregate

$$\phi_c$$

Concentrated

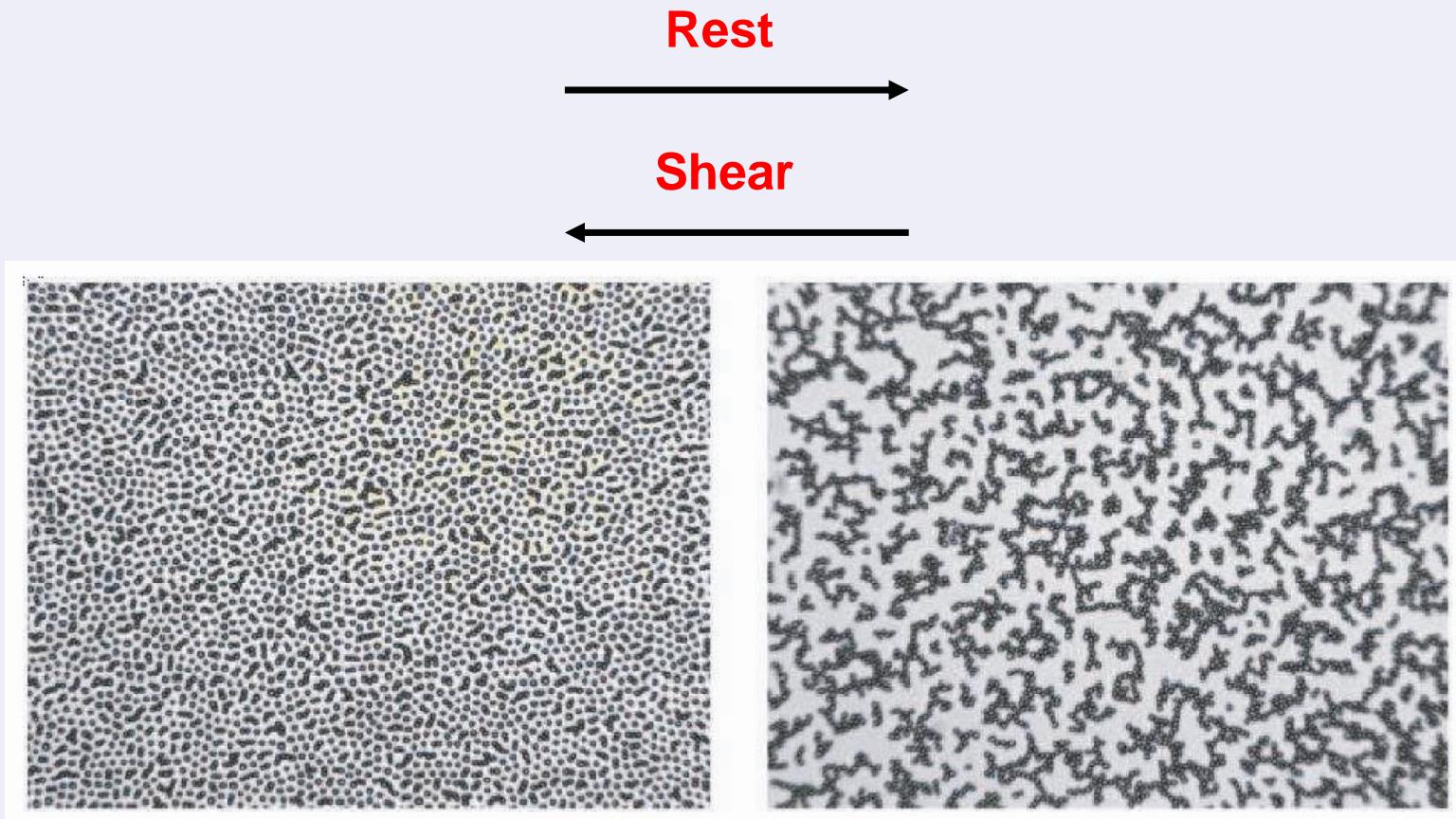
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Essentially Newtonian



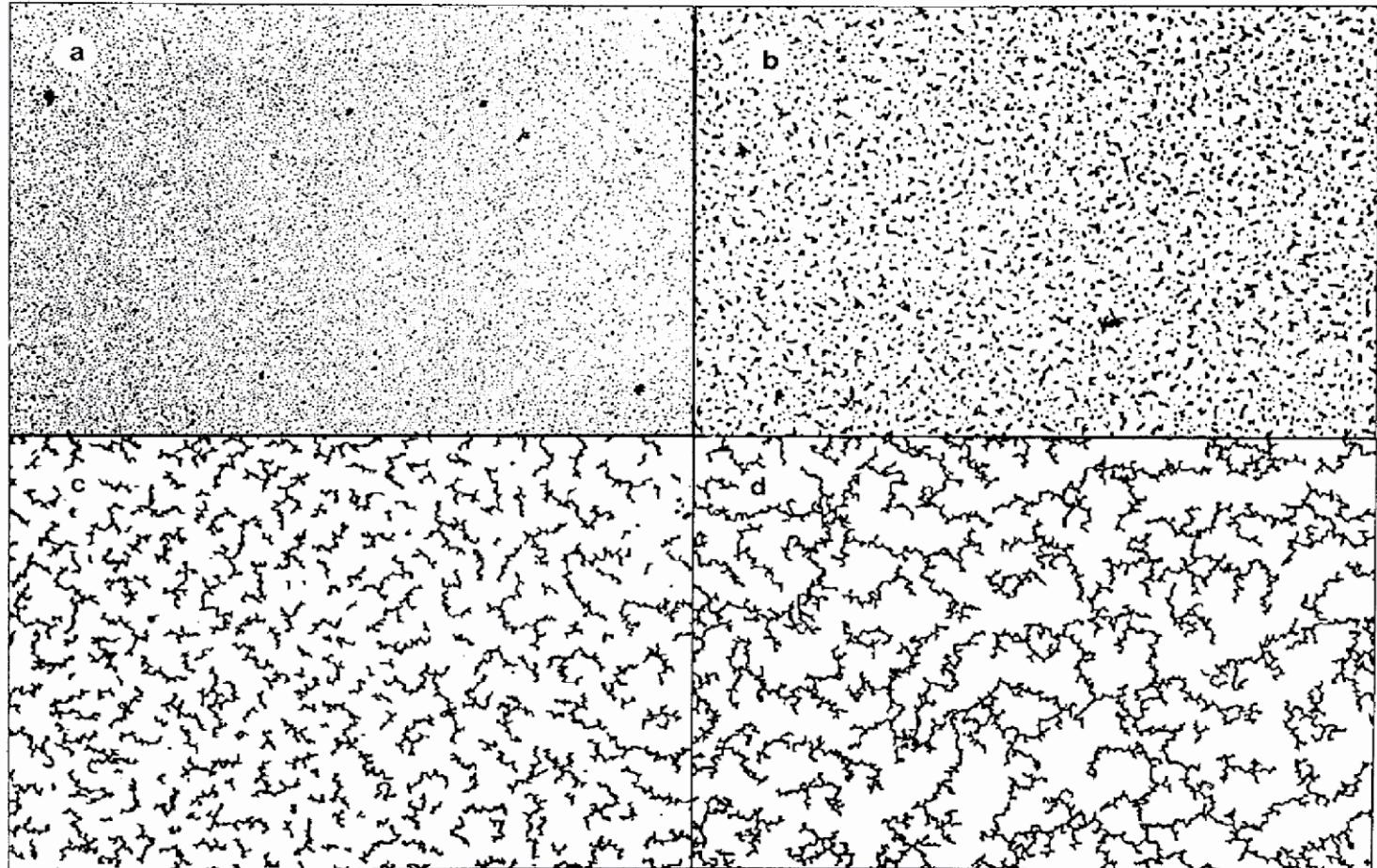
**Yield stress fluids
thixotropic
(shear-banding)**

Attractive systems



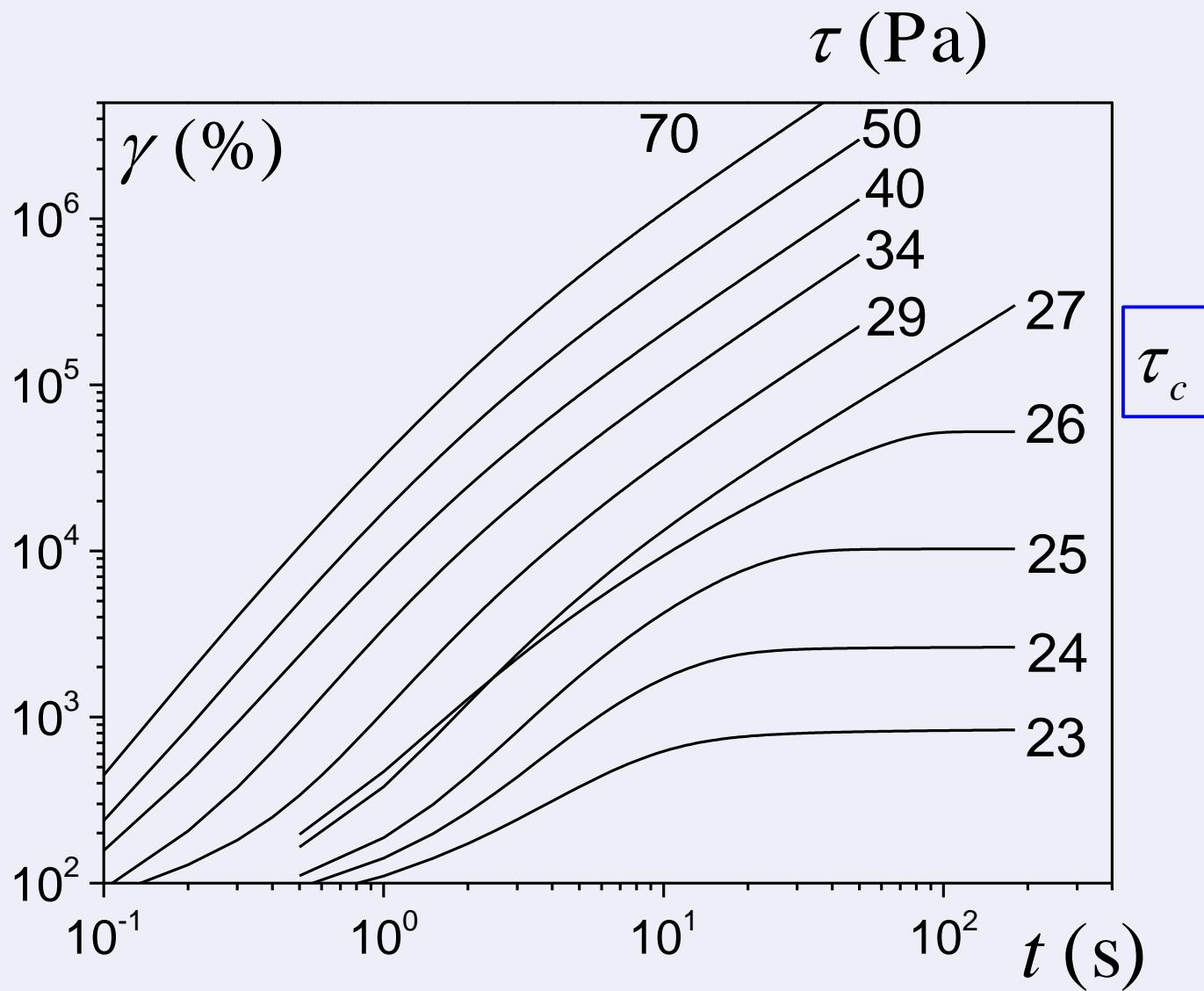
Monolayer of polystyrene beads (3.1mm) along an oil-water interface

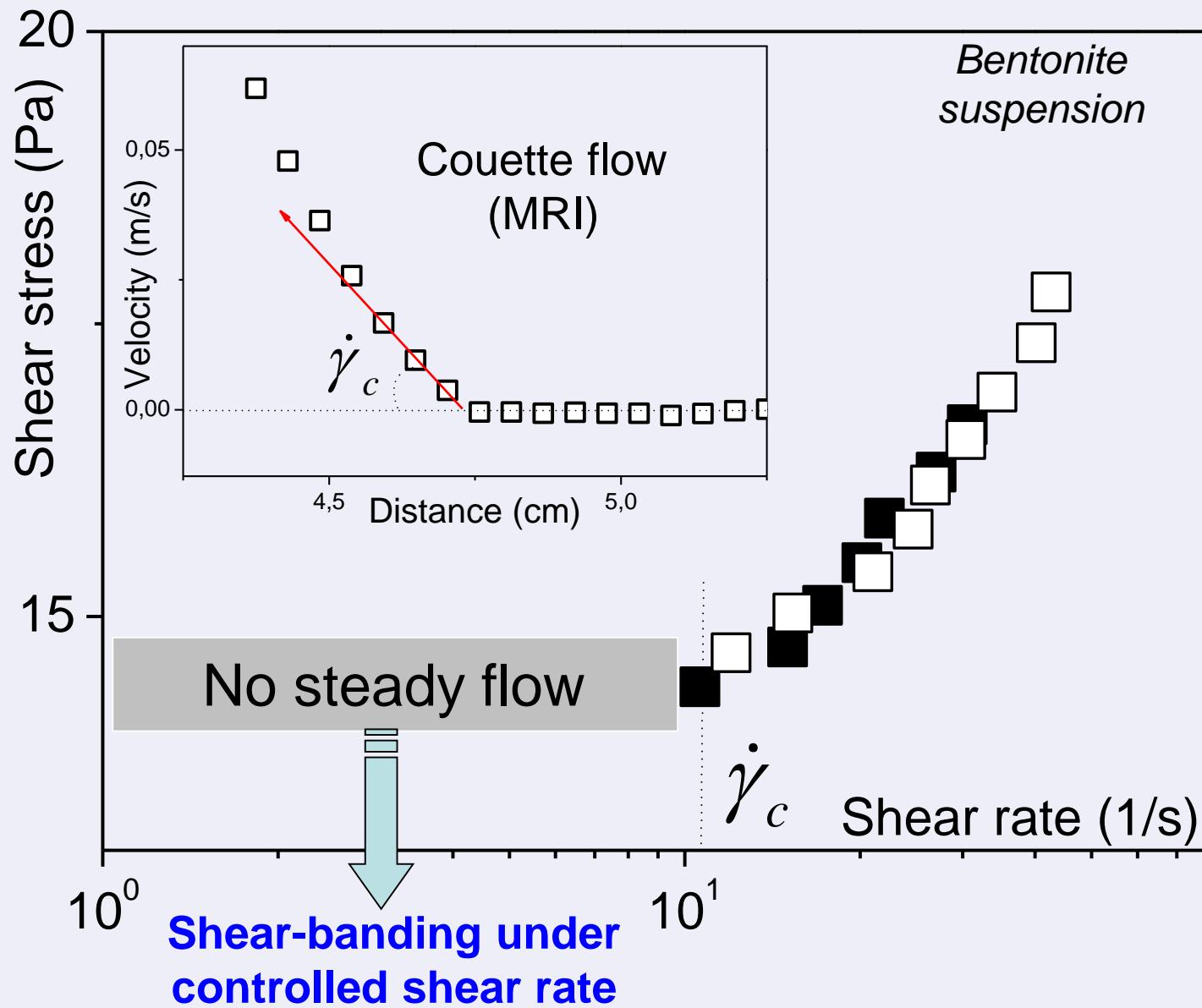
Park et al., *Langmuir*, 2008



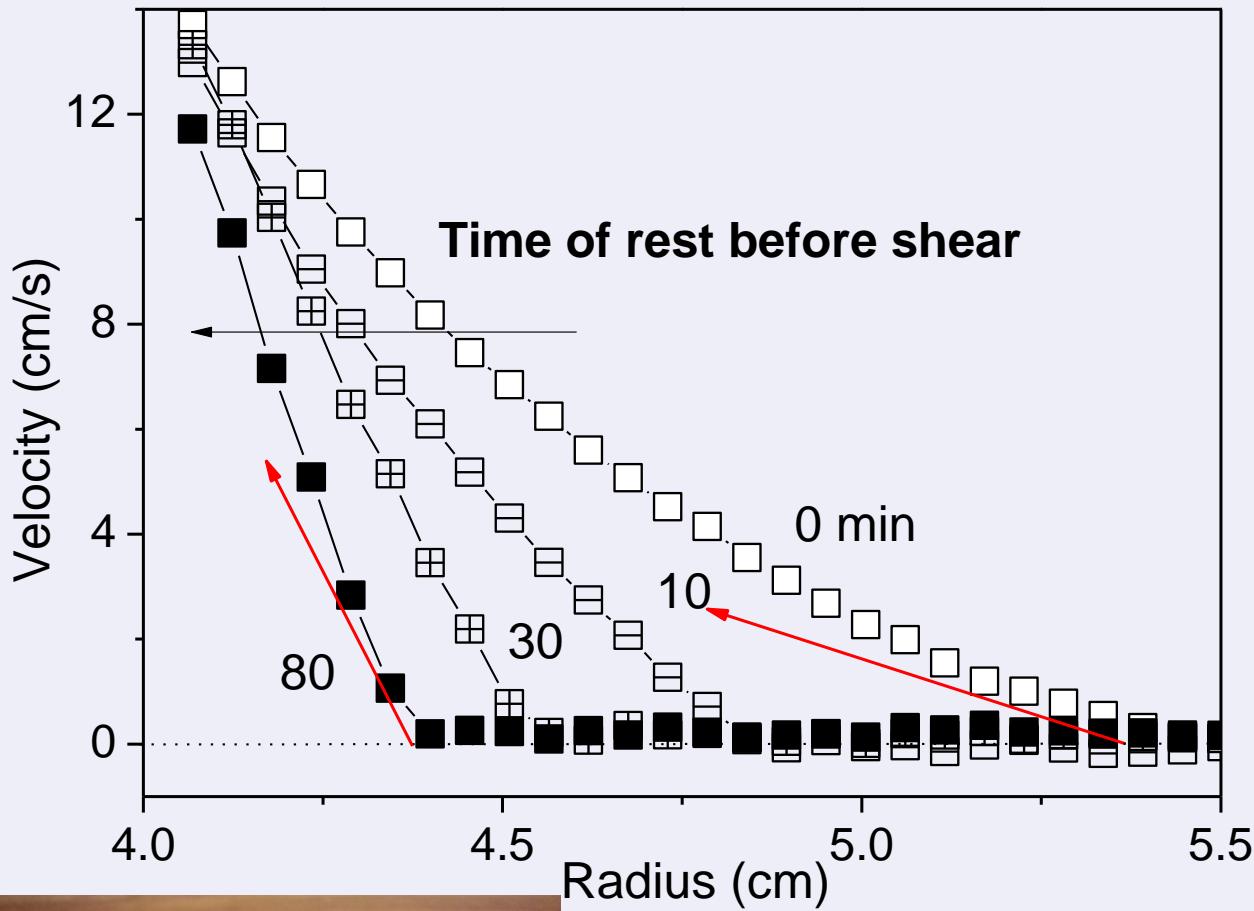
Latex beads (15, 75, 105, 135 min after salt addition)

Creep tests with a thixotropic material





Impact of time of rest



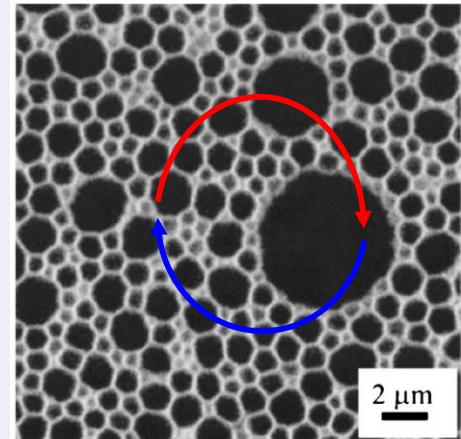
Steady state Couette flow
after different times of rest

$\dot{\gamma}_c$ Increases with
the time of rest

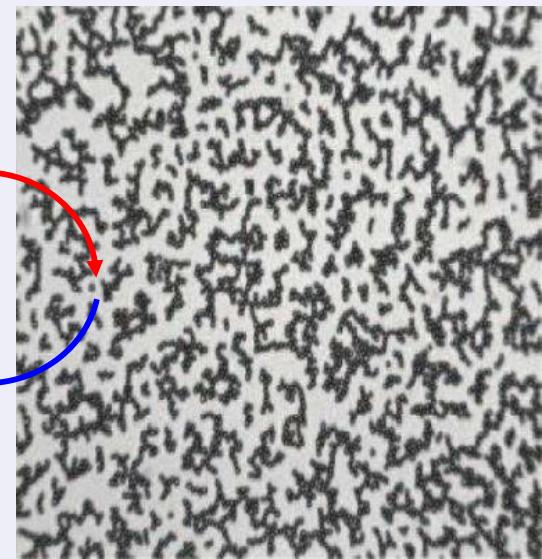
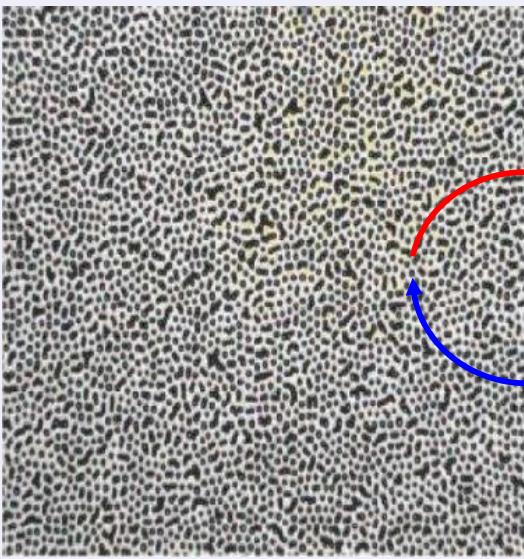
Bentonite suspension



Simple yield stress fluids



Thixotropic yield stress fluids



Slow restructuring

Park et al., *Langmuir*, 2008

Flow curve of concentrated attractive systems

