



Colloidal Dispersions: Controlling Interactions and Understanding the Consequences

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in memory of
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OUTLINE

Reflections on colloid science 1950-2000

model particles and experimental tools

forces and phase behavior

rheology and dynamics

Recent interests

hard sphere crystals and glasses

film formation and cracking



model colloids

experimental techniques

principals

1956	polymer colloids		Vanderhoff
1968	silica		Stöber
1970	hydrous metal oxides		Matijevic
1974		dynamic light scattering	Schaefer, Pusey, Pecora
		modern rheometers	Rheometrics, Inc., Deer
		electrophoretic light scattering	Ware
1978		surface forces	Israelachvili
1979	octadecyl silica		de Kruif
1983		light scattering under shear	Ackerson and Clark
	quantum dots		Brus
1986	PMMA/PHSA		Ottewill
1988		dielectric spectroscopy	Saville
		rheo-optics	Fuller, Wagner
		SANS under shear	de Kruif
1990		TIRM	Prieve
1991		colloidal probe AFM	Ducker
	ellipsoidal lattices		Carruthers, Keller, Ottewill
1992	plates and rods		Lekkerkerker, Philipse
1995		confocal microscopy	van Blaaderen, Wiltzius



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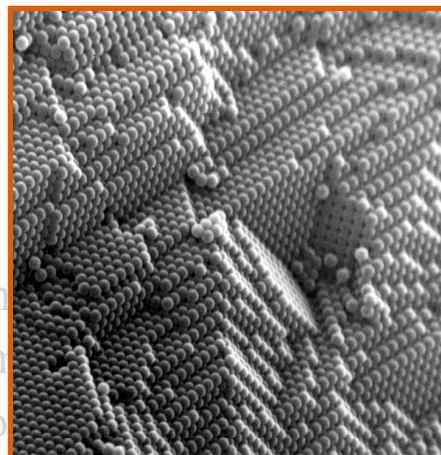
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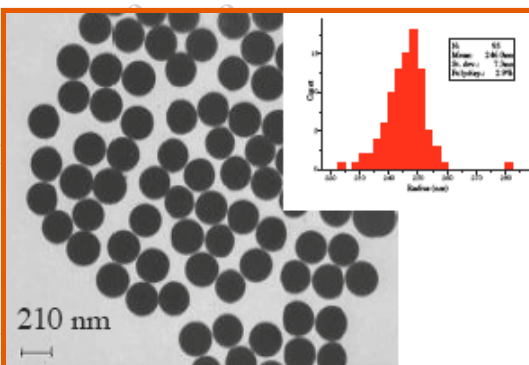
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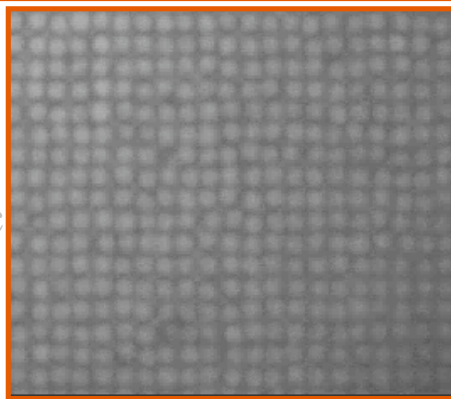
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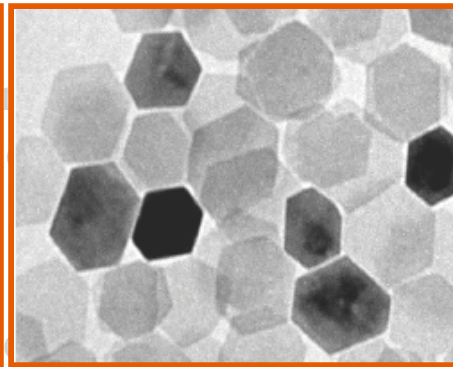
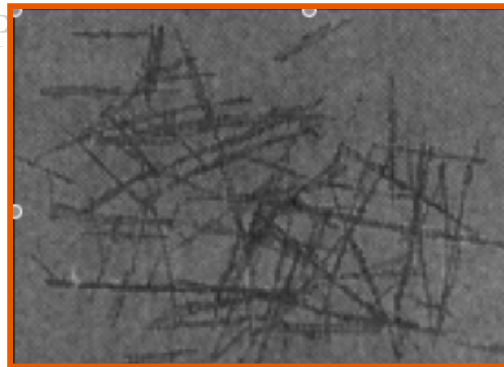
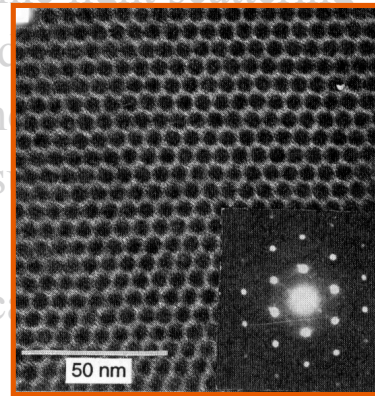
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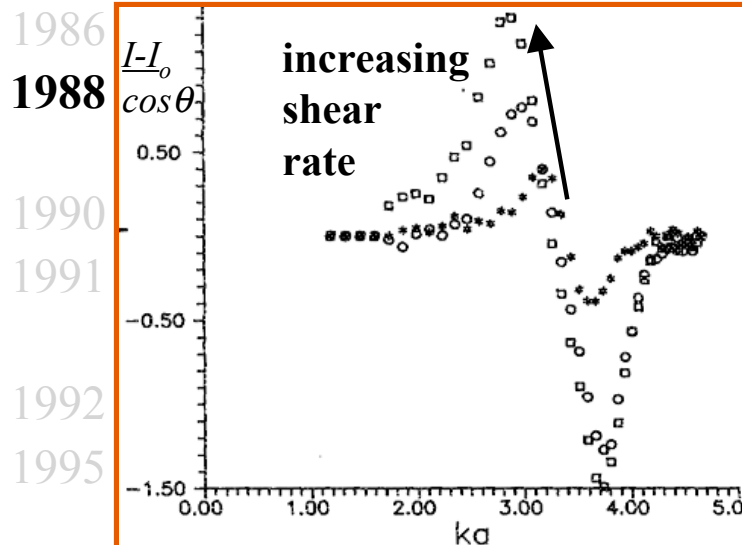
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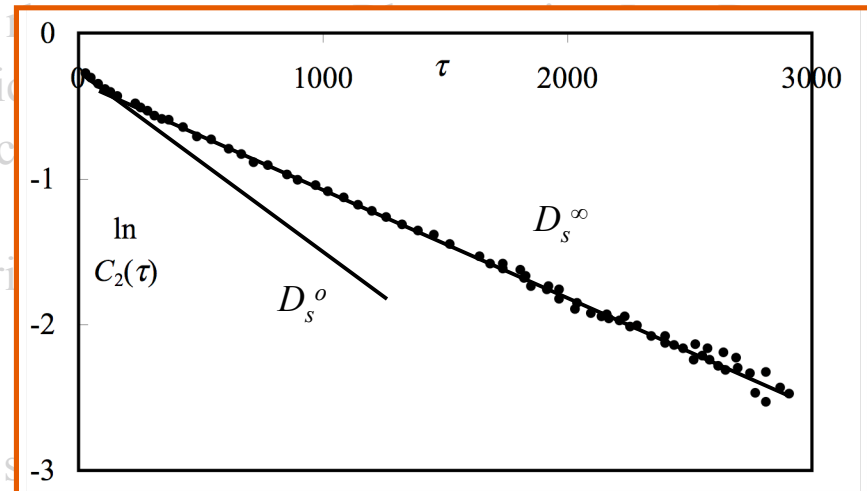


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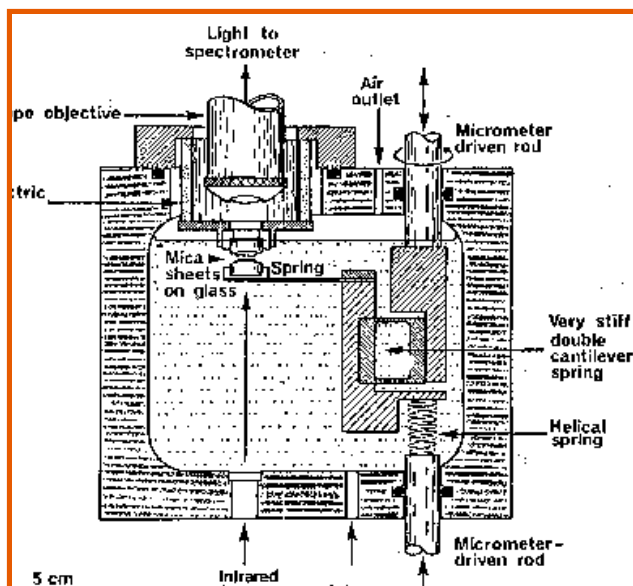
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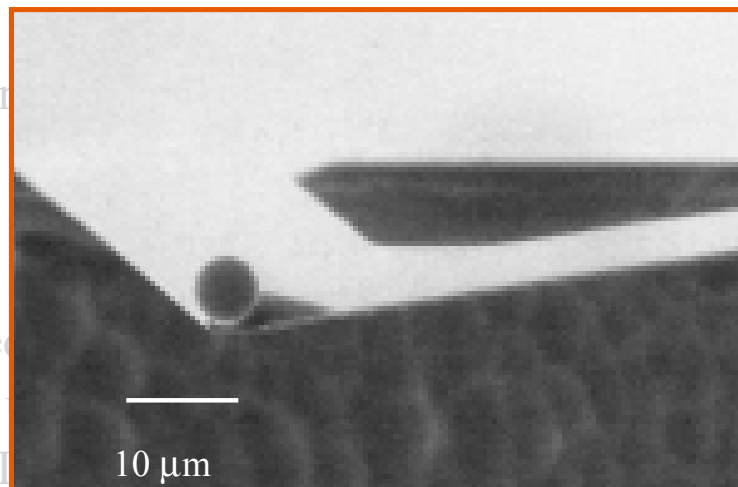
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phase transitions

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1968		polymeric stabilization	Napper
1969		colloidal crystals	Krieger, Hachisu
1970	dispersion		Ninham, Parsegian
1973	self-consistent field		Dolan, Edwards
1978	charge regulation		Healy, White
1979		Brownian/shear-induced flocculation	Higashitani, Schowalter
1980	scaling		de Gennes
1981		depletion gas/liquid/solid	Sperry, Vincent, Vrij, Gast
1983	hydration		Pashley, Israelachvili
1984		fractal growth	Witten, Weitz
1985	lattice theory, brushes		Scheutjens, Fler, Tirrell
1986		hard sphere crystal gelation	Pusey, van Megen Wiltzius, de Kruif
1987		hard sphere glass transition	van Megen, Pusey
1988	compressed brushes		Milner, Witten, Cates
1992		two-component depletion	Lekkerkerker, Pusey
	associative brushes		Milner, Witten
1994		adhesive sphere gels/spinodal/fluid-solid	Russel, Dhont, Zukoski
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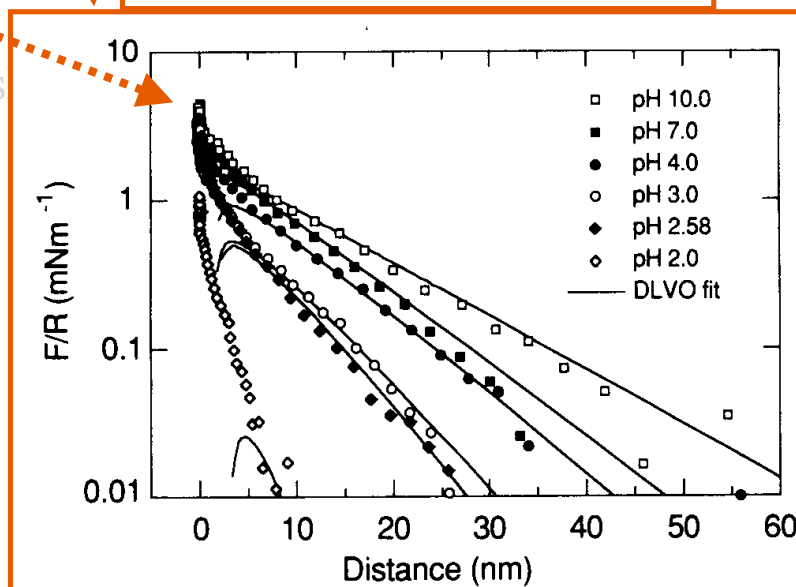
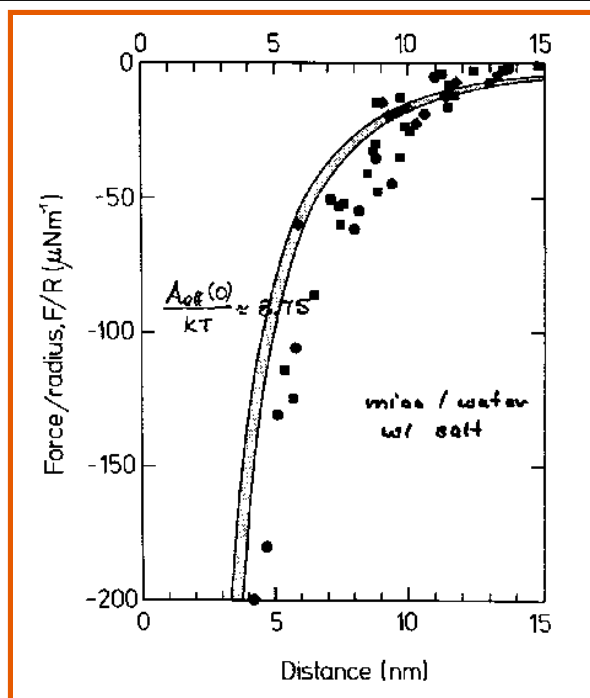
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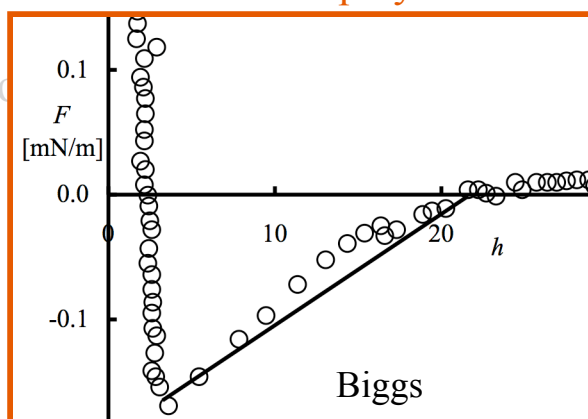
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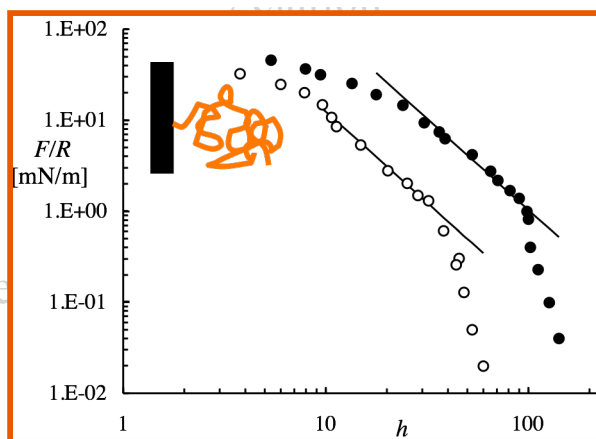
polymeric stabilization

colloidal crystals

non-adsorbed polymer



grafted brush



non-ergodic transitions

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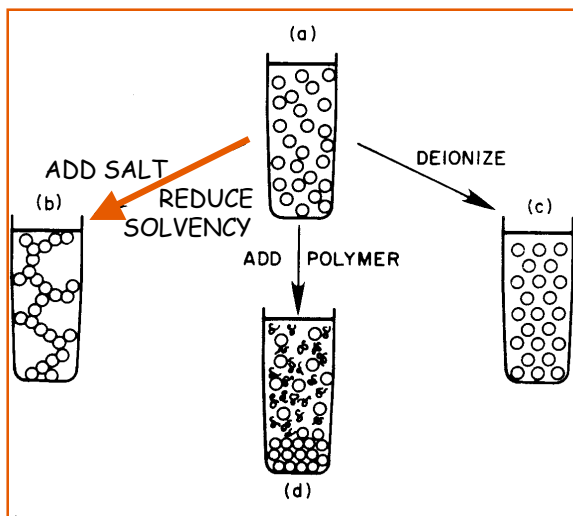
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hard sphere crystal

Pusey, van Megen

gelation

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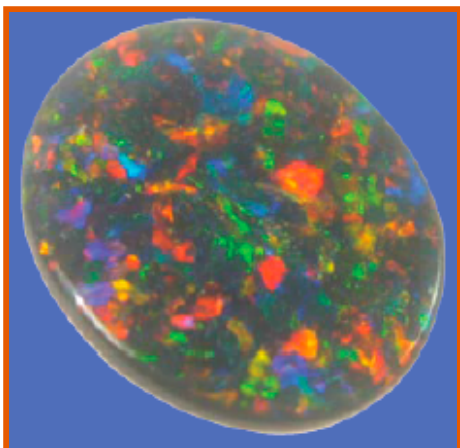
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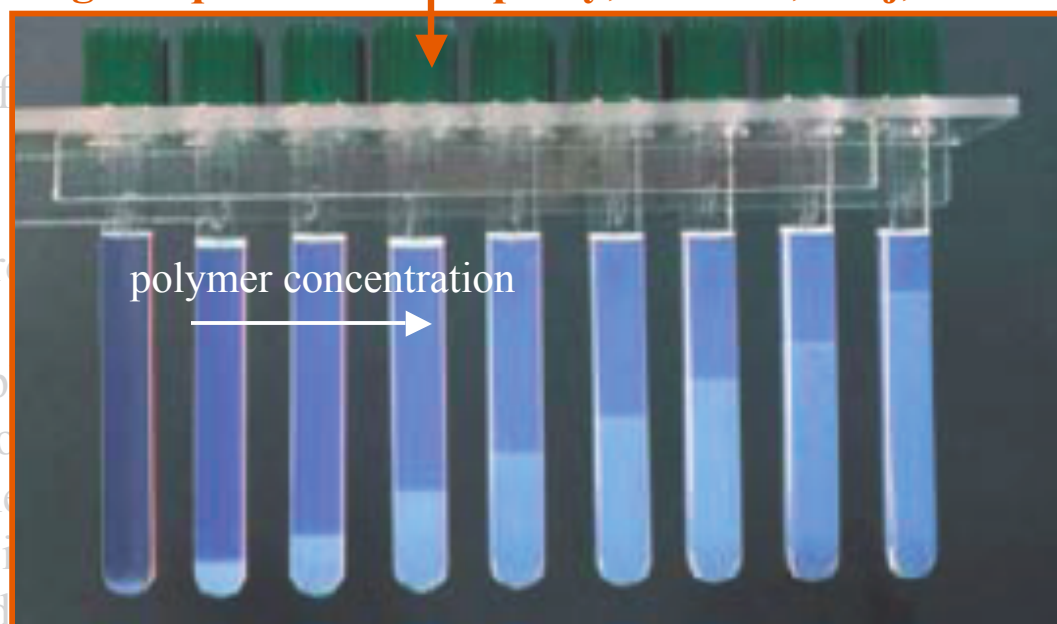
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a/r_g

0.54

0.97

1.52

3.37

c_p
 $\frac{\text{kg}}{\text{M}^3}$

2.8

2.5

2.2

1.4

gas-liquid

gas-solid

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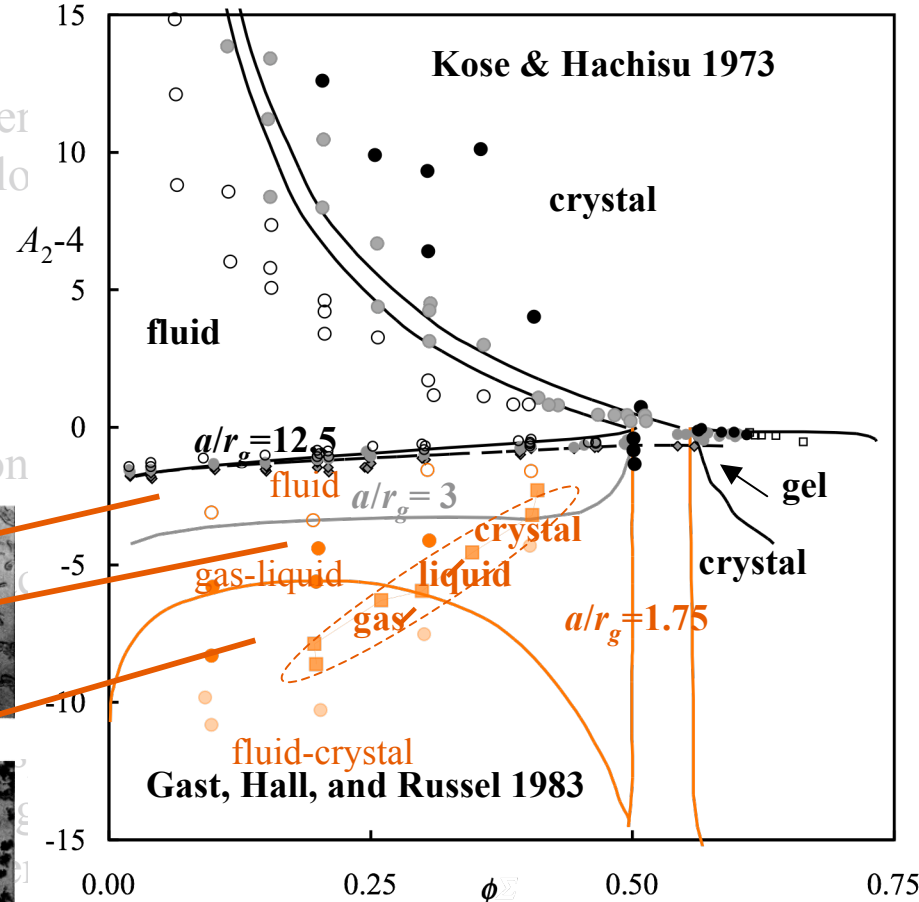
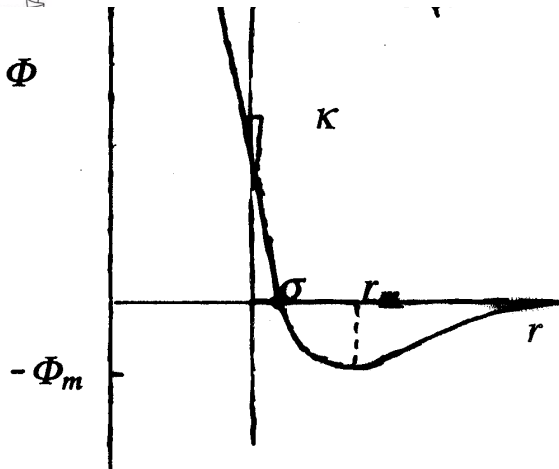
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Sperry 1984

Particle Diameter (Å) — 250 MR Con

→ | ← 50 MICR



two-component depletion

Lekkerkerker, Pusey, Poon

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rheology

principals

1964 Bingham stress
1972 hard spheres
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1984 associative polymers
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1986 consolidation of gels

1989 electrorheology

1991 **adhesive hard sphere**

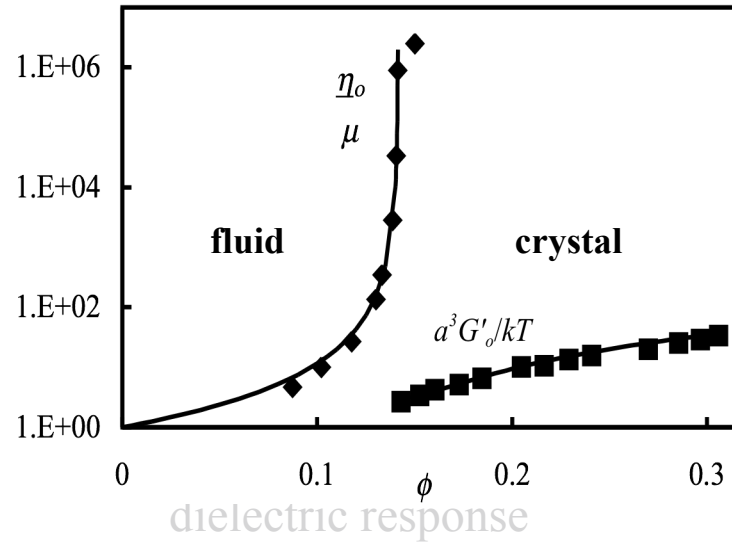
1992 thickening mechanism

1993 **depletion / fluid**

1995 shear thickening

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Michaels, Bolger
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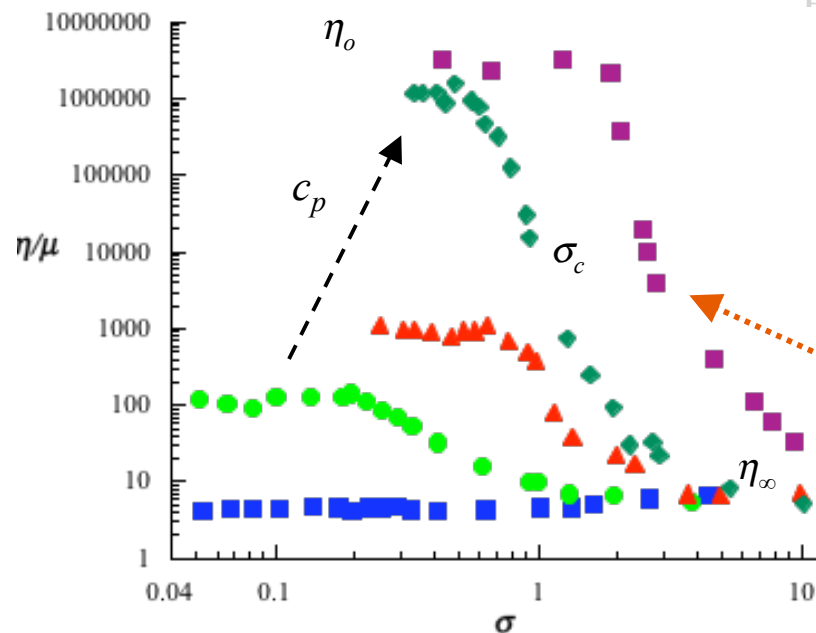
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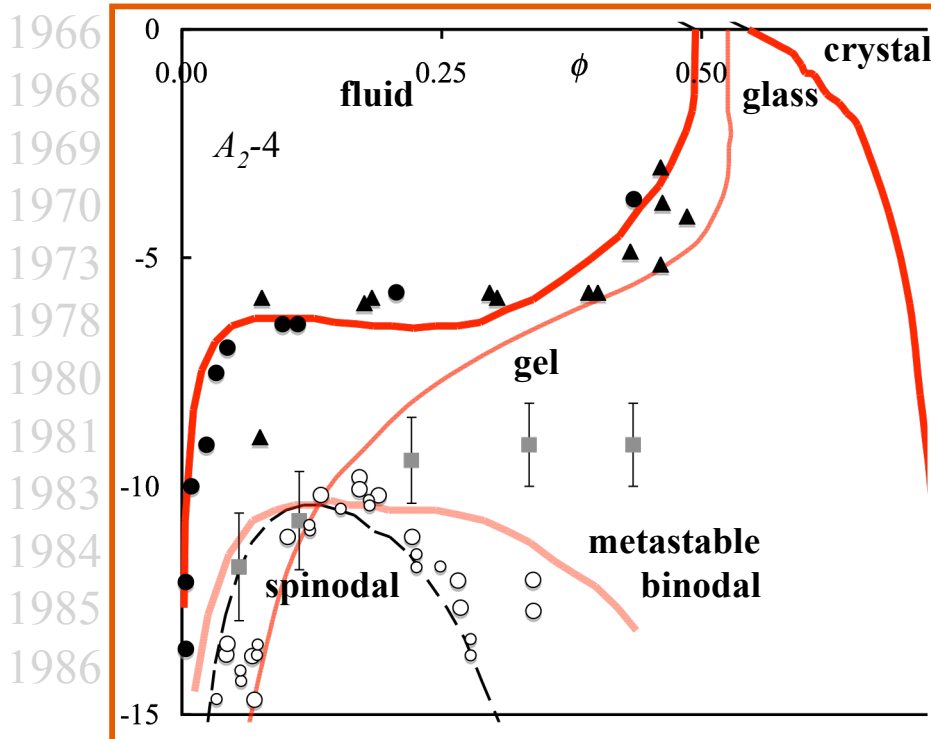
van der Hulst, Blaaderen





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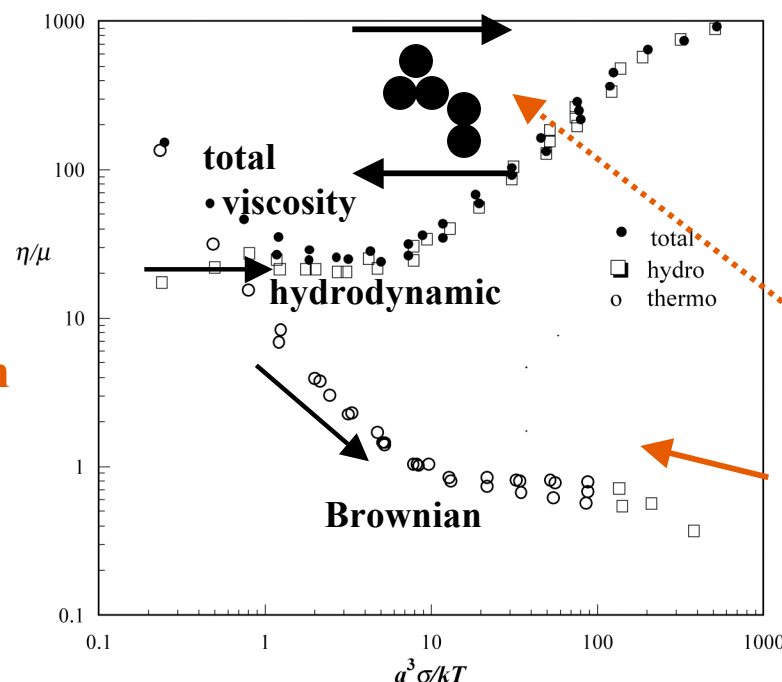
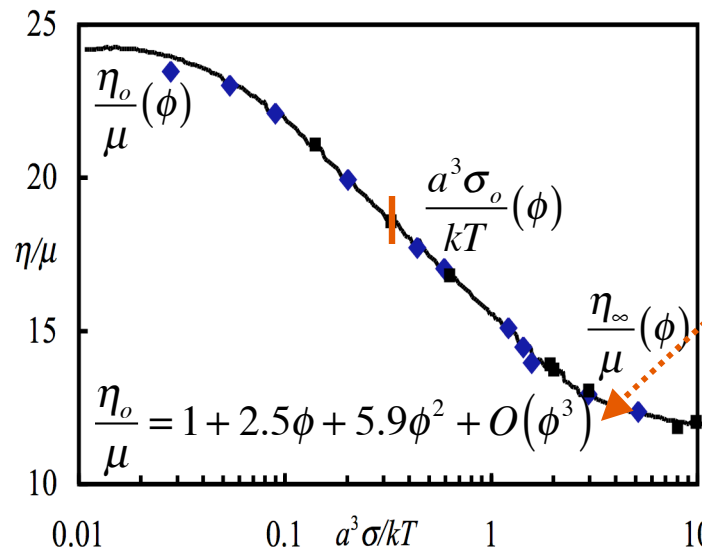
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FLUIDS, GLASSES, AND CRYSTALS

Adventures encountered while tagging along with Paul Chaikin

Princeton University Jixiang Zhu Martin Rutgers See-Eng Phan Zhengdong Cheng

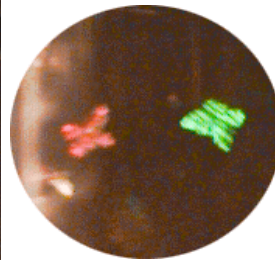
NASA Glenn W.V. Meyer R.B. Rogers

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Crews of Space Shuttle Columbia, STS-73, 83



Is the disorder-order transition affected by (μ -)gravity?



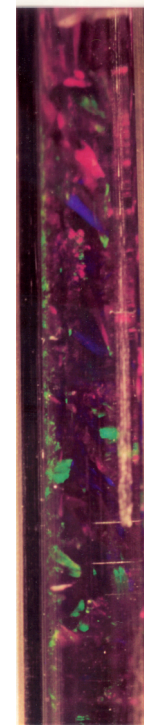
*J. Zhu, et al.,
Nature* **387**
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(1997)

YES!

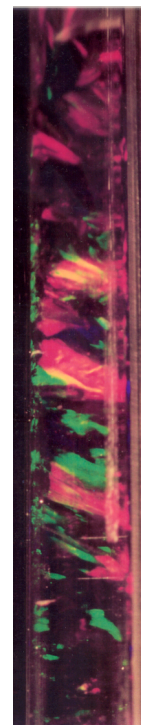
- dendritic growth of crystallites
- crystallization of glasses



$\phi = 0.58$



0.59

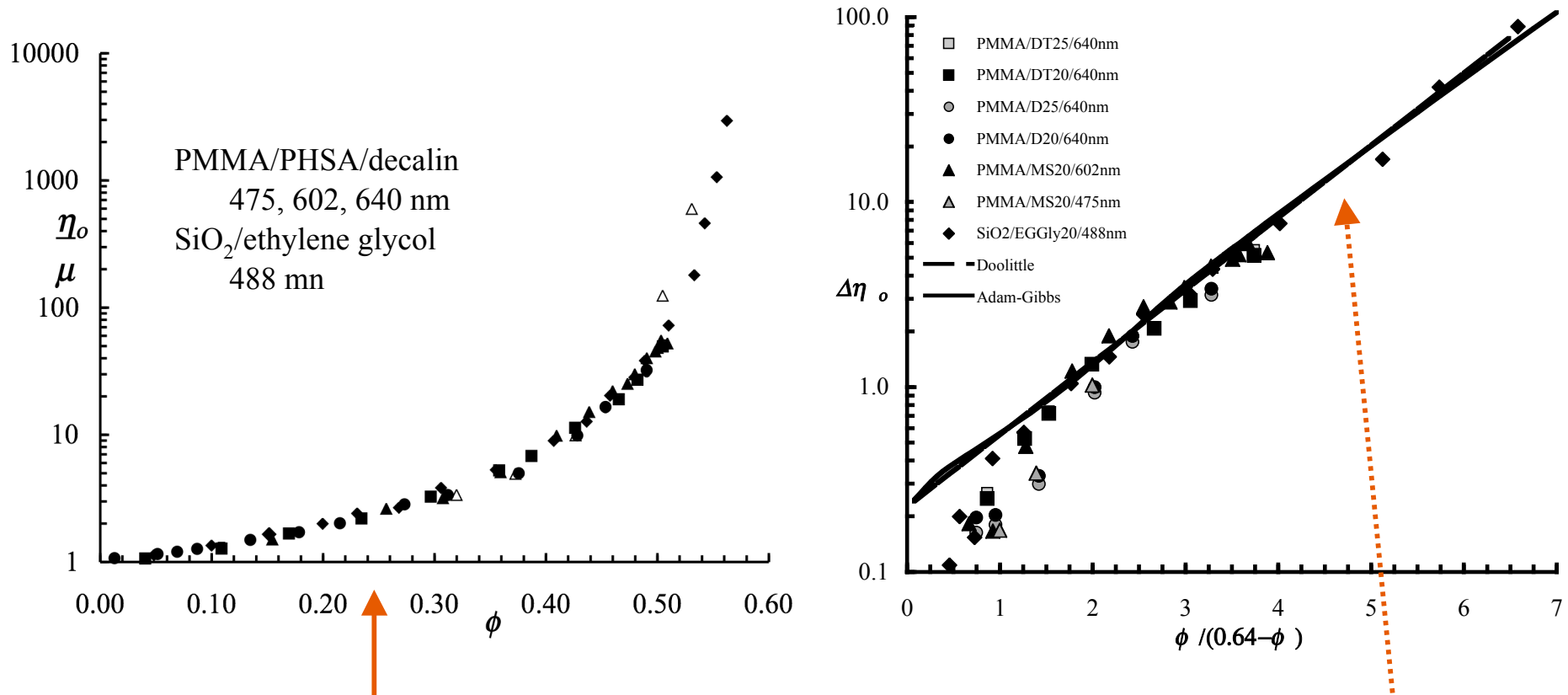


0.63



HARD SPHERE GLASS OR METASTABLE FLUID?

- simulations by Torquato - osmotic pressure diverges as $\Pi \sim 1/(0.64 - \phi)$
→ no thermodynamic transition
- glasses crystallize in microgravity but not on earth



- measurements of (very) low shear viscosities by Phan and Cheng
→ consistent with **exponential divergence at $\phi = 0.64$** *a la* Adam-Gibbs ■



HARD SPHERE GLASSES

● non-ergodic transition

mode coupling theory

dynamic light scattering - van Megen, Pusey, Underwood

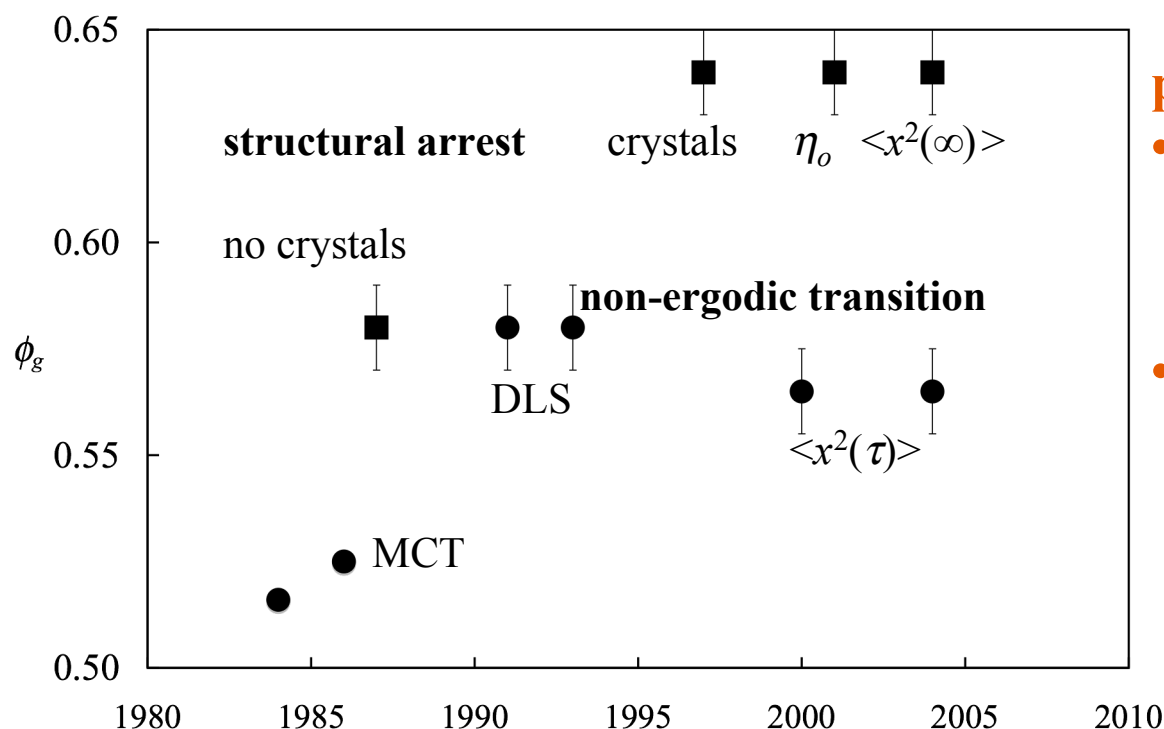
real space dynamics via confocal microscopy - Weeks & Weitz, Kegel

■ dynamic arrest

crystallization or not - Pusey & van Megen, Zhu et al.

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perhaps...

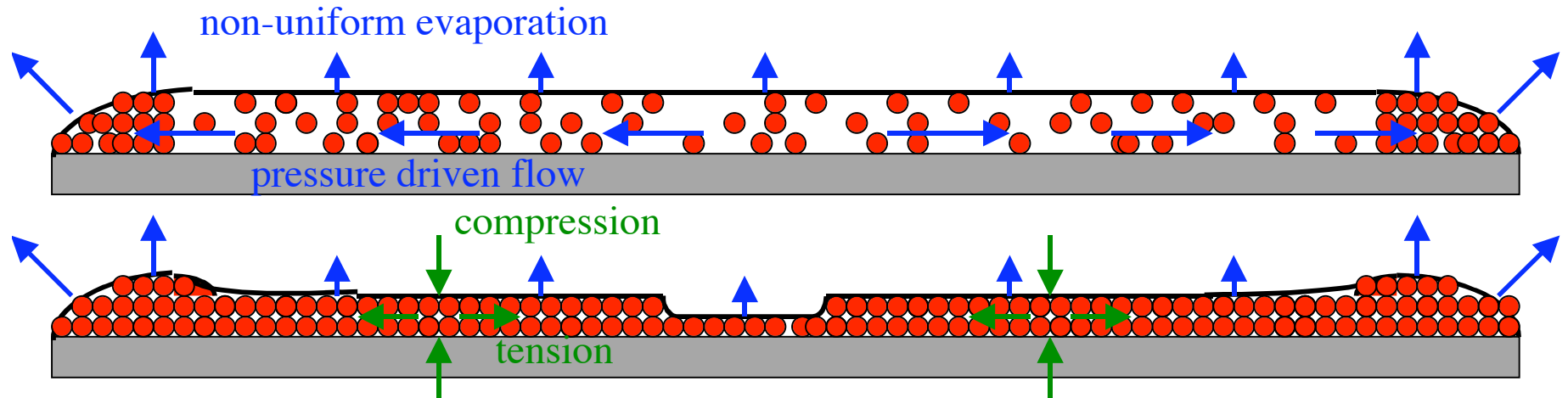
- structural arrest at random close packing $\phi = 0.64$

- non-ergodic transition at $\phi = 0.56-0.58$

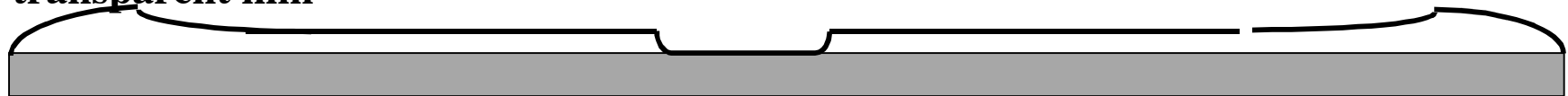


Film Formation, Non-Uniformities, and Cracking Driven by Capillary Pressure

early time



transparent film



water flows →

stresses →

Collaborators

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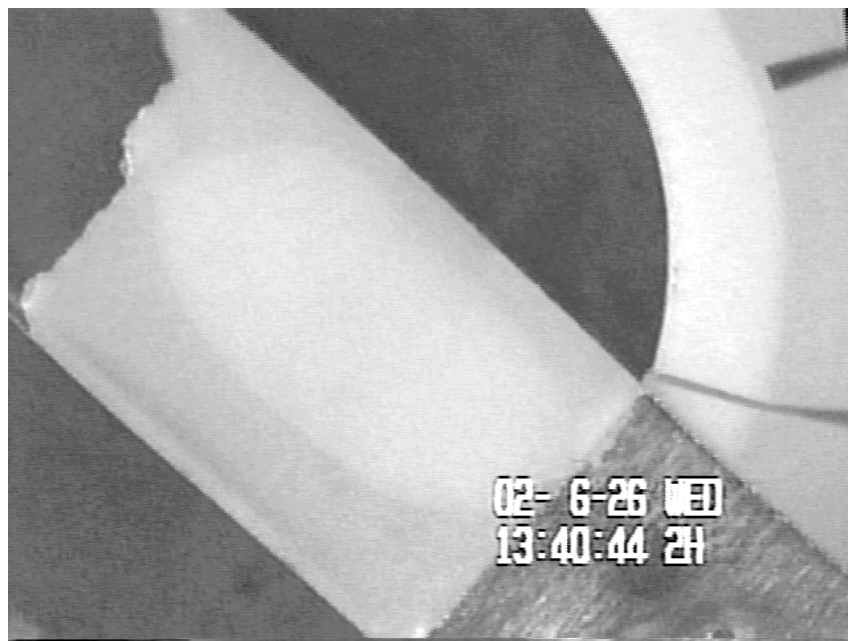
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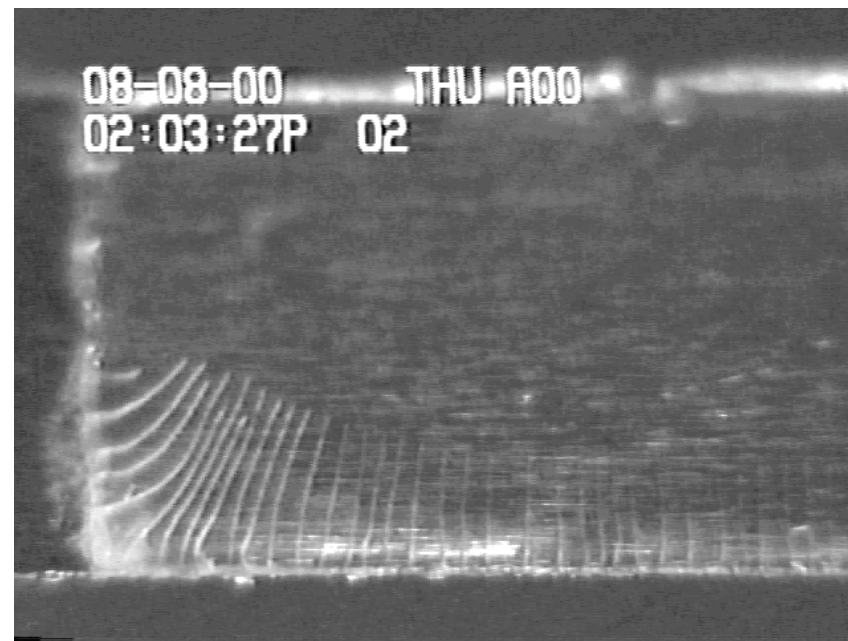


Film Cracking: High T_g Particles

$2a=342$ nm $h_{dry}=79.5$ μ m
 $E=2.5$ μ m/min, $RH=66\%$, $T=23.5$ $^{\circ}$ C

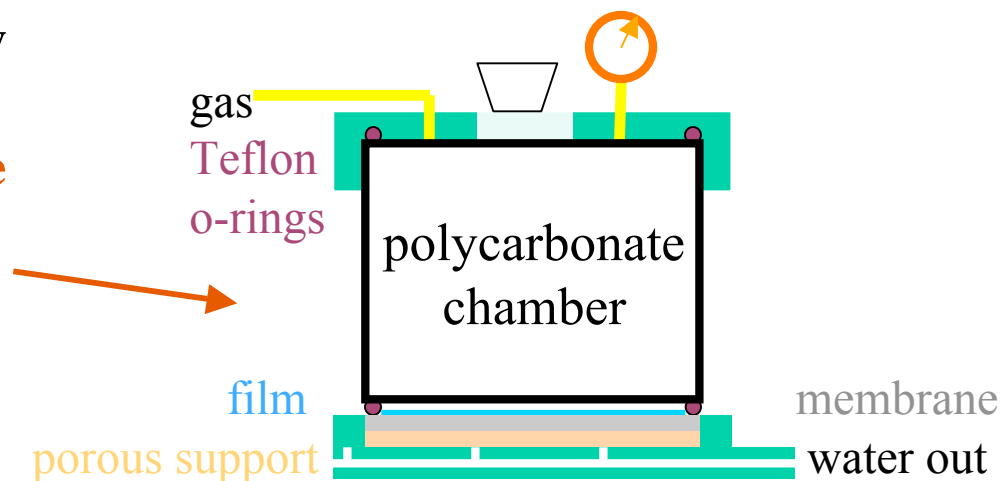


$2a=95$ nm $h_{dry}=101$ μ m
 $E=6.7$ μ m/min, $RH=35\%$, $T=24.4$ $^{\circ}$ C



Simple and reproducible, but how to understand the mechanism?

Create uniform and controllable capillary pressure field by suppressing evaporation in a pressure filtration cell





Capillary Pressure Required for Cracking

- pressure at first crack independent of particle radius
 → two dimensionless variables ph/γ $Gh/(1-\nu)\gamma$
 one must be function of the other
- energy criterion

variables

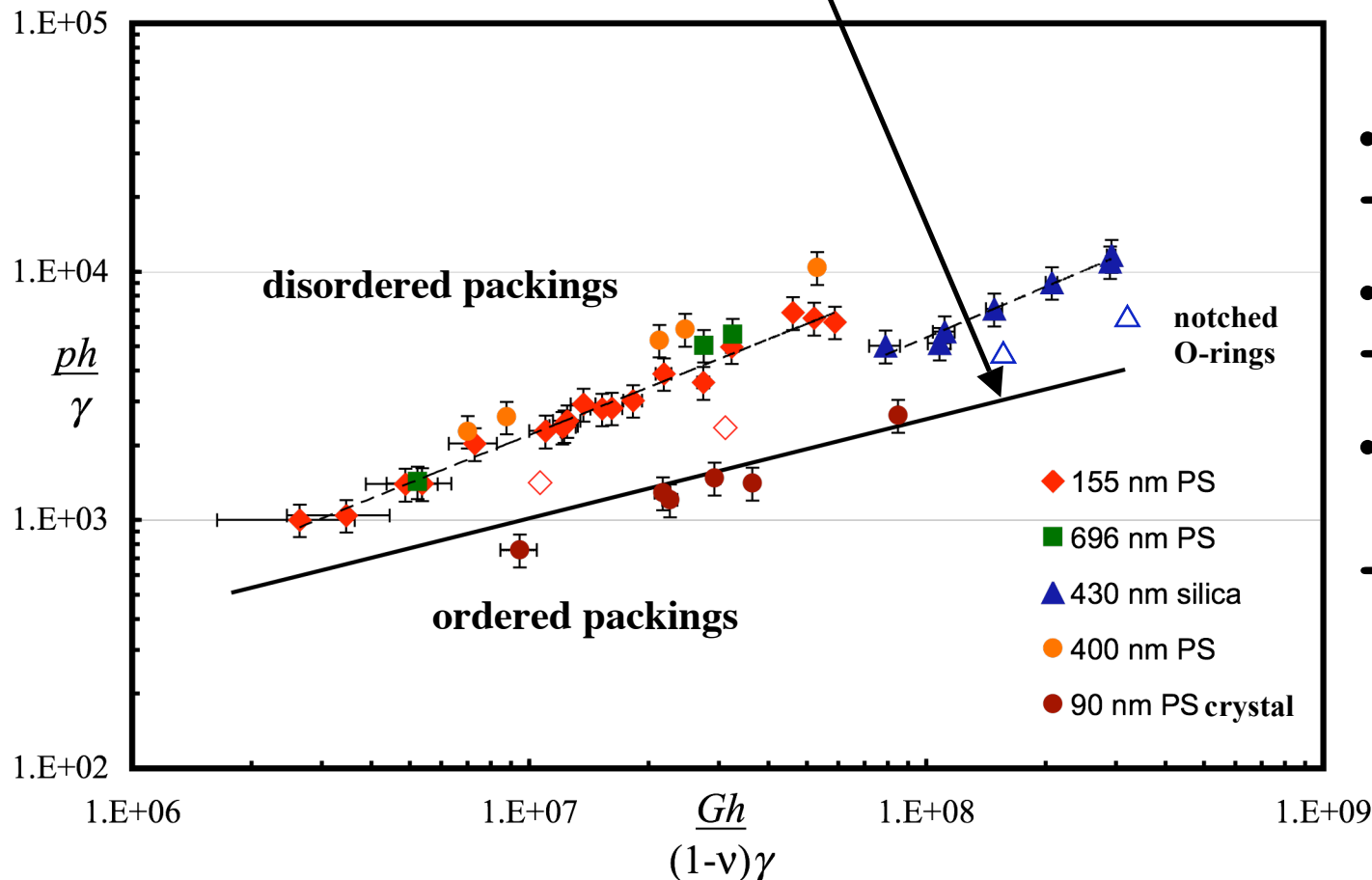
p kg/m-s

h m

γ kg/s

$G/(1-\nu)$ kg/m-s

$$-\frac{hp_{cap}^{crack}}{\gamma} \cong 2.0 \left(\frac{Gh}{(1-\nu)\gamma} \right)^{2/5}$$

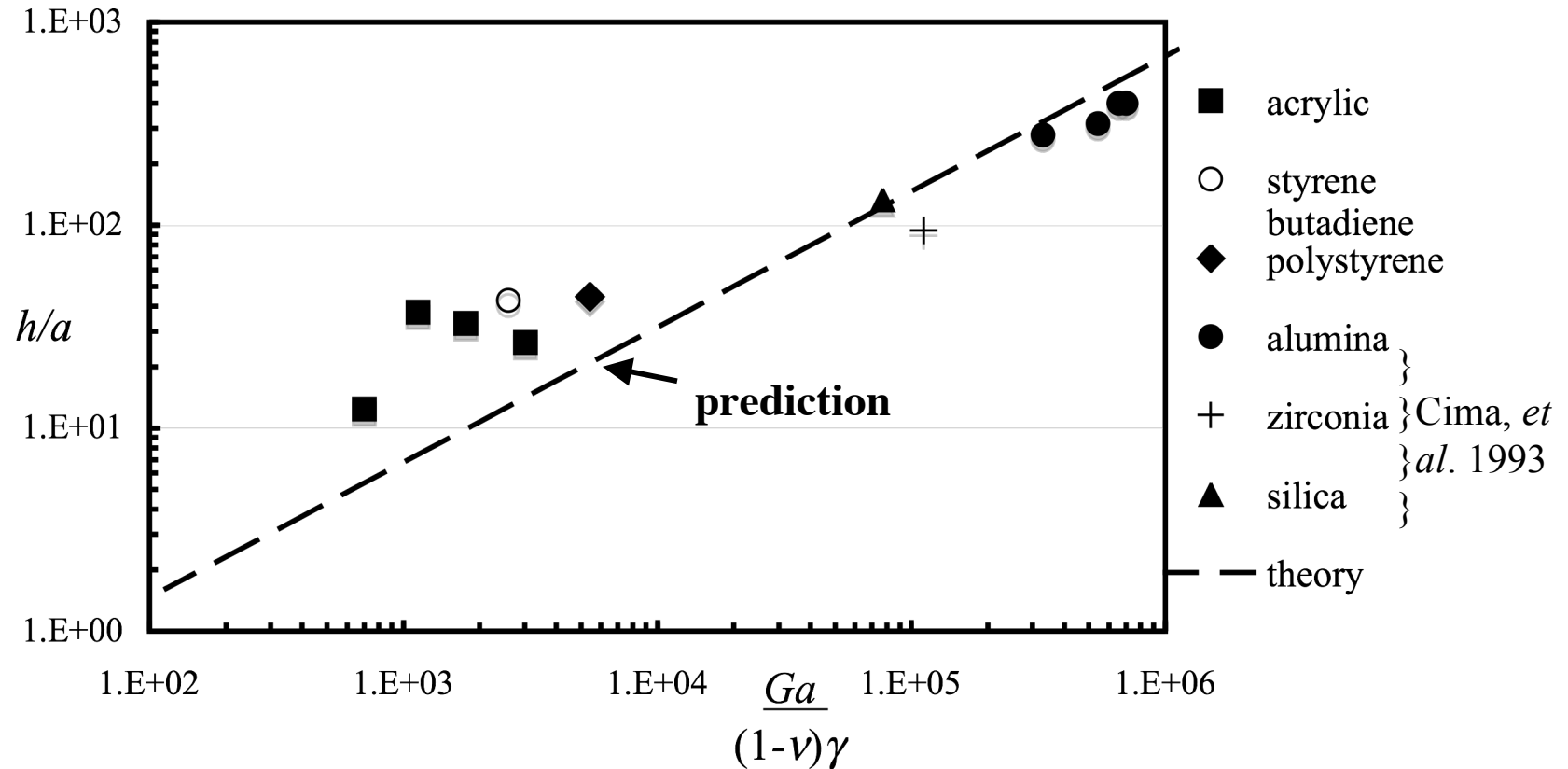


- energy criterion
 → lower bound
- packing flaws
 → initiate cracks
- grain boundaries and notches
 → nucleation sites



Critical Thickness via Spin Coating

K.B. Singh & M.S. Tirumkudulu (in preparation)



- **hypothesis:** When capillary pressure exceeds $12.5\gamma/a$ without causing cracking, the water front simply recedes into film.

$$-\frac{p_{cap}^{max}h}{\gamma} = 2.0 \left(\frac{Gh}{(1-\nu)\gamma} \right)^{2/5} \Rightarrow \frac{h_{crit}}{a} = 0.047 \left(\frac{Ga}{(1-\nu)\gamma} \right)^{2/3}$$



With thanks to

Priscilla on our 35th anniversary

**my advisers, colleagues,
students, and postdocs**

**the scientists and engineers who comprise
the international and interdisciplinary
colloids community**
