

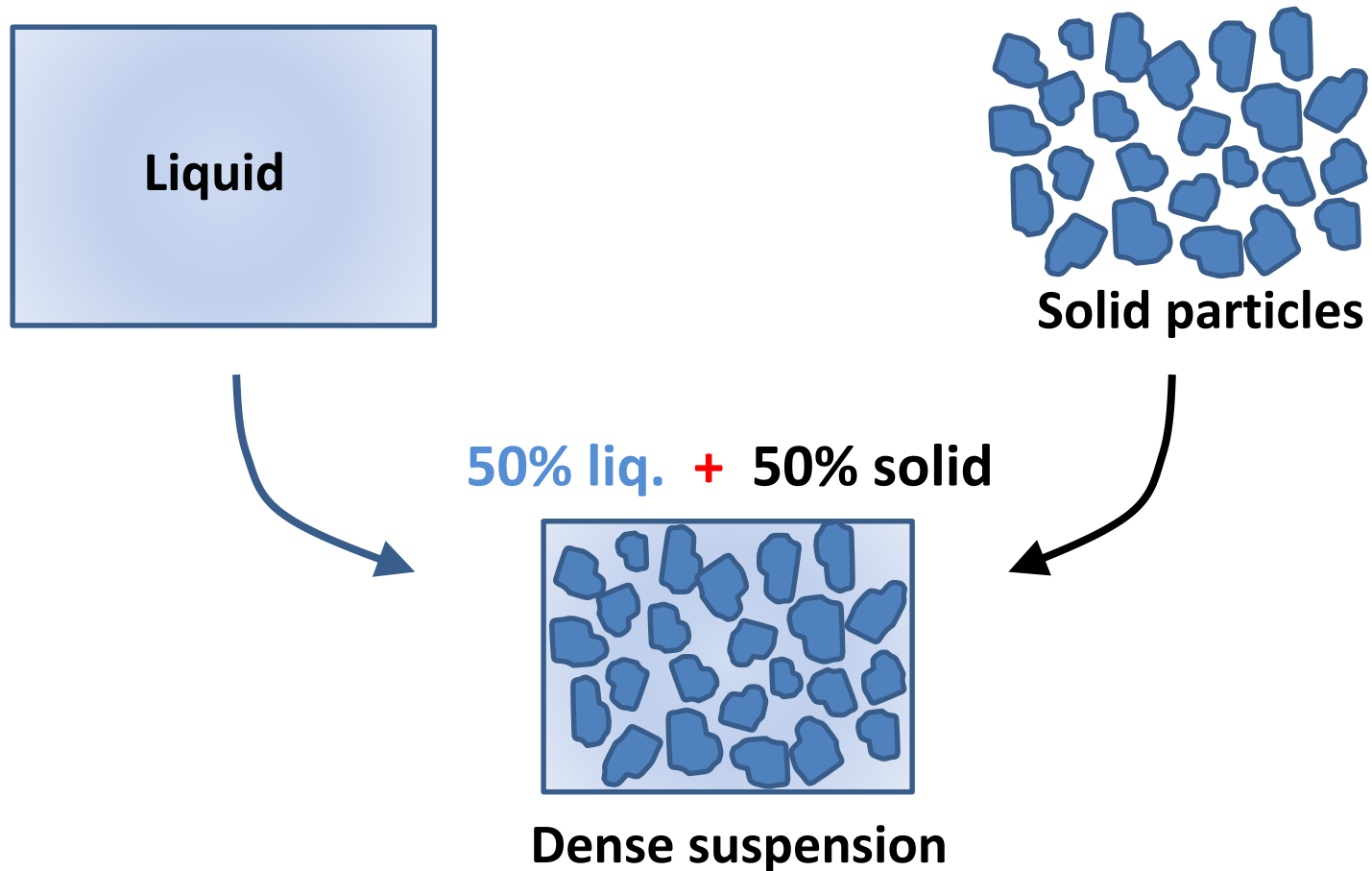
# Yielding in an athermal dense suspension

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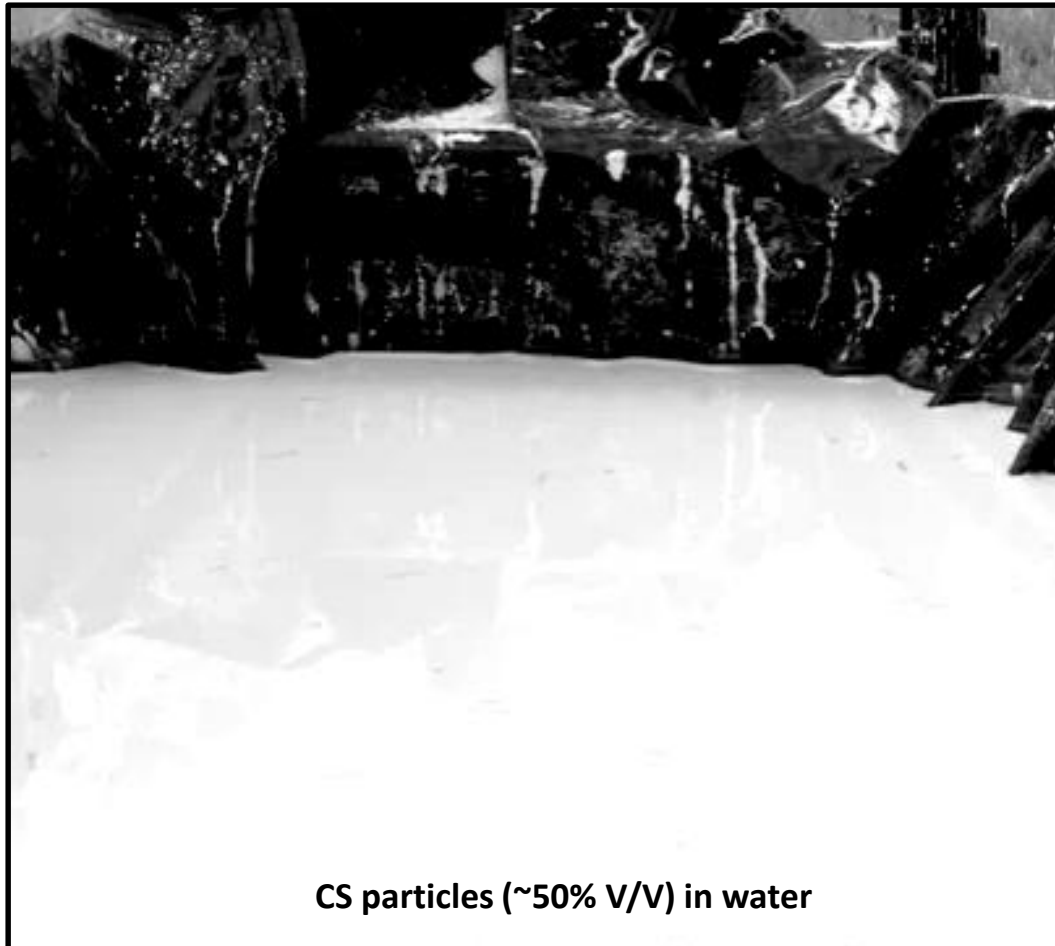
# Dense suspensions : New physics



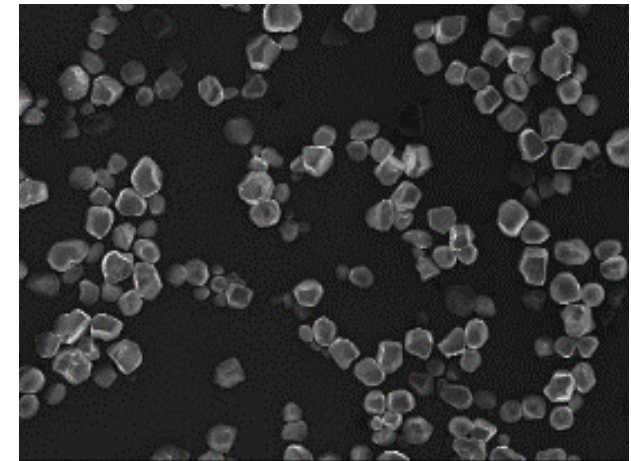
**Industrial and fundamental interests**

**Can't be understood from the properties of liquid and solid**

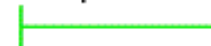
# Reversible liquid-solid transition under force



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100  $\mu\text{m}$

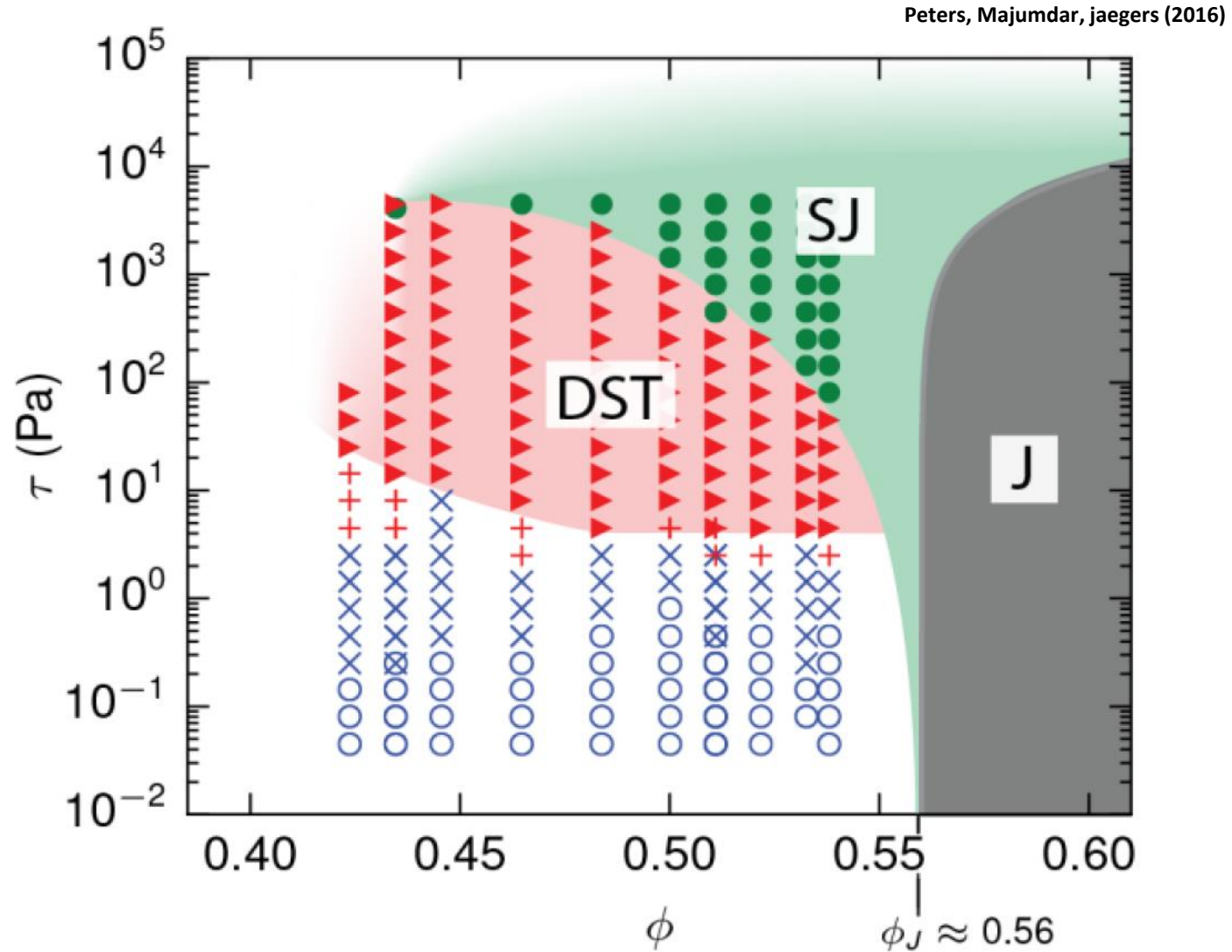


EHT = 5.00 kV

WD = 2.4 mm

SEM Image: S. Chattopadhyay, RRI

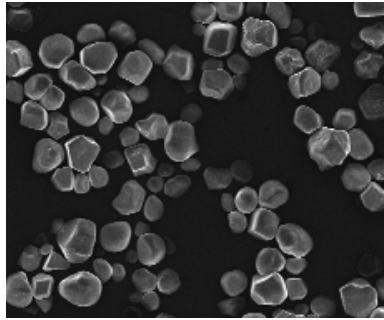
# Volume-fraction control the flow-deformation properties



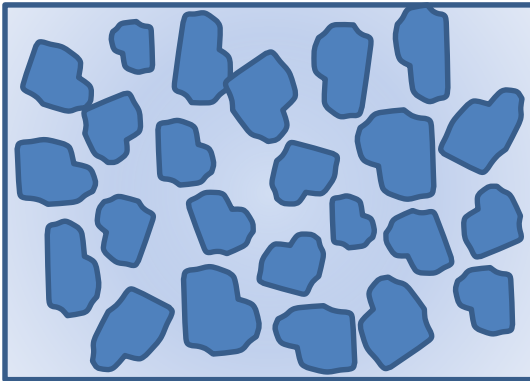
Solid-like state under arbitrarily small stresses for  $\phi_J > 56\%$

# Solvent mediated interparticle interactions

CS (Hydrophilic)



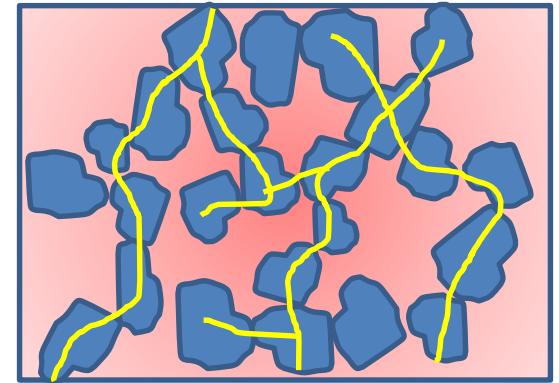
Hydrophilic Solvent  
(water, glycerol)



Well dispersed system

$$\phi_j \sim 56 \%$$

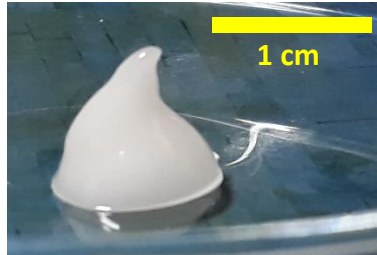
Hydrophobic Solvent  
(different types of oil)



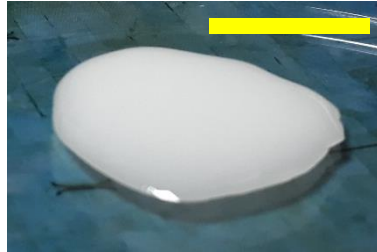
Fractal clusters

Solid-like state for  $\phi \ll \phi_j$

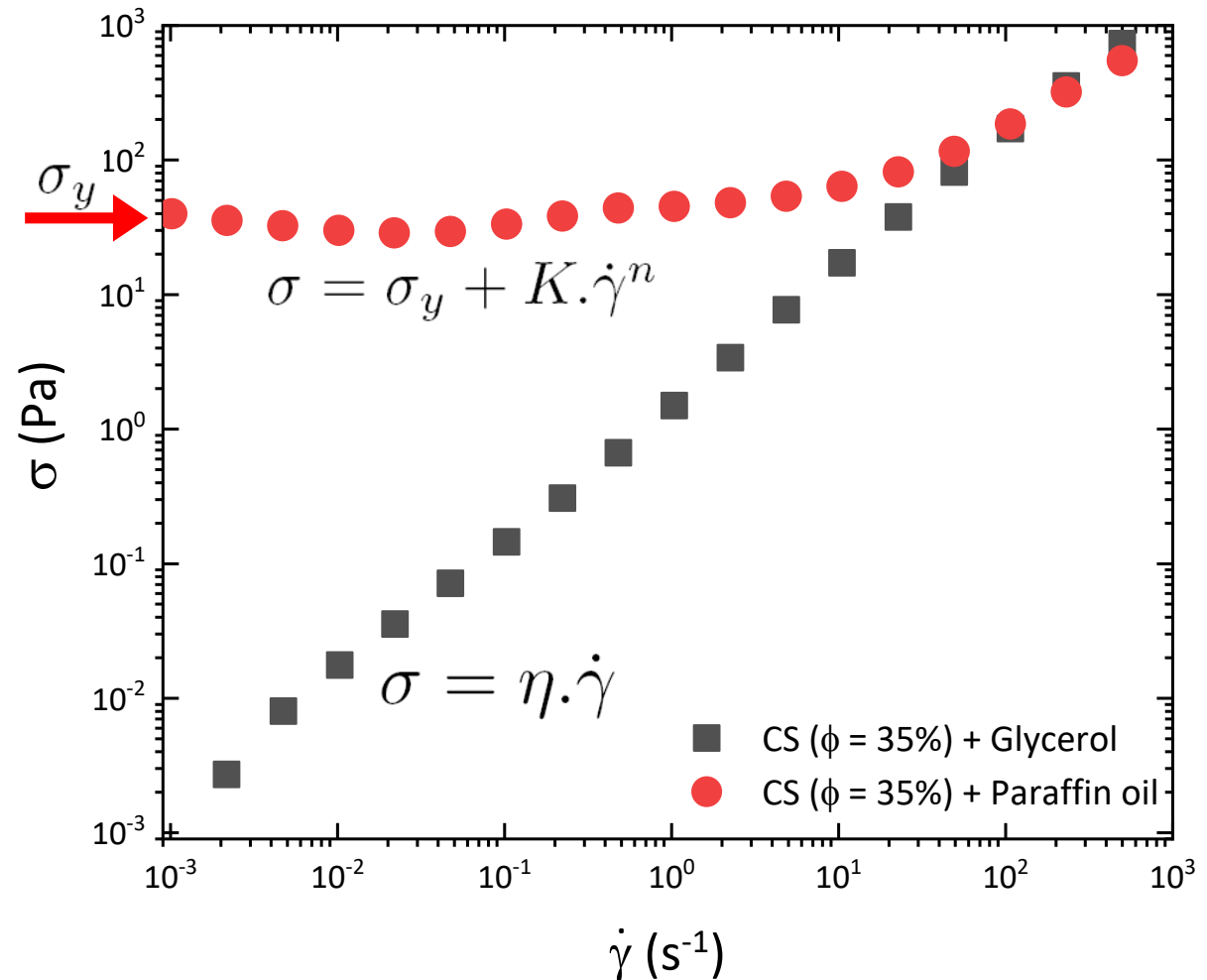
# Formation of soft amorphous solid below yield stress



CS ( $\phi = 35\%$ ) + Paraffin oil



CS ( $\phi = 35\%$ ) + Glycerol



Athermal amorphous solids below yielding for  $25\% < \phi < 50\%$

# Yielding in disordered materials

## Transition from a disordered solid to liquid-like state under applied stress

Amorphous athermal solids with soft attractive particles:

[Irani, Chaudhuri, Heussinger \(2014, 2016\)](#)

[Lin, Lerner, Rosso, Wyart \(2014\)](#)

Lennard-Jones binary glasses under cyclic deformation:

[Leishangthem, Parmar, Sastry \(2017\)](#)

LAOS study of dense colloidal suspensions of soft and hard particles:

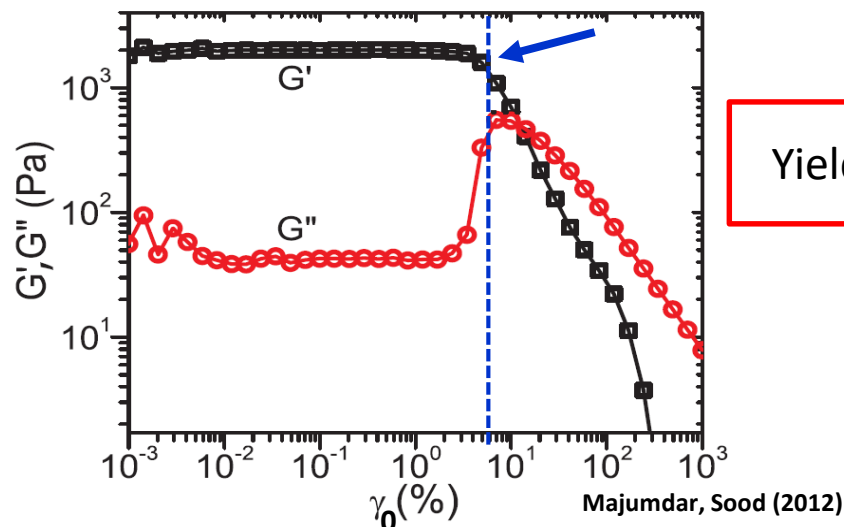
[van der Vaart et al. \(2013\)](#)

Applied oscillatory strain:  $\gamma(t) = \gamma_0 \sin \omega t$

Stress response:  $\sigma(t) = \gamma_0 [\underbrace{G'(\omega)}_{\text{Elastic modulus}} \sin(\omega t) + \underbrace{G''(\omega)}_{\text{Viscous modulus}} \cos(\omega t)]$

Elastic modulus

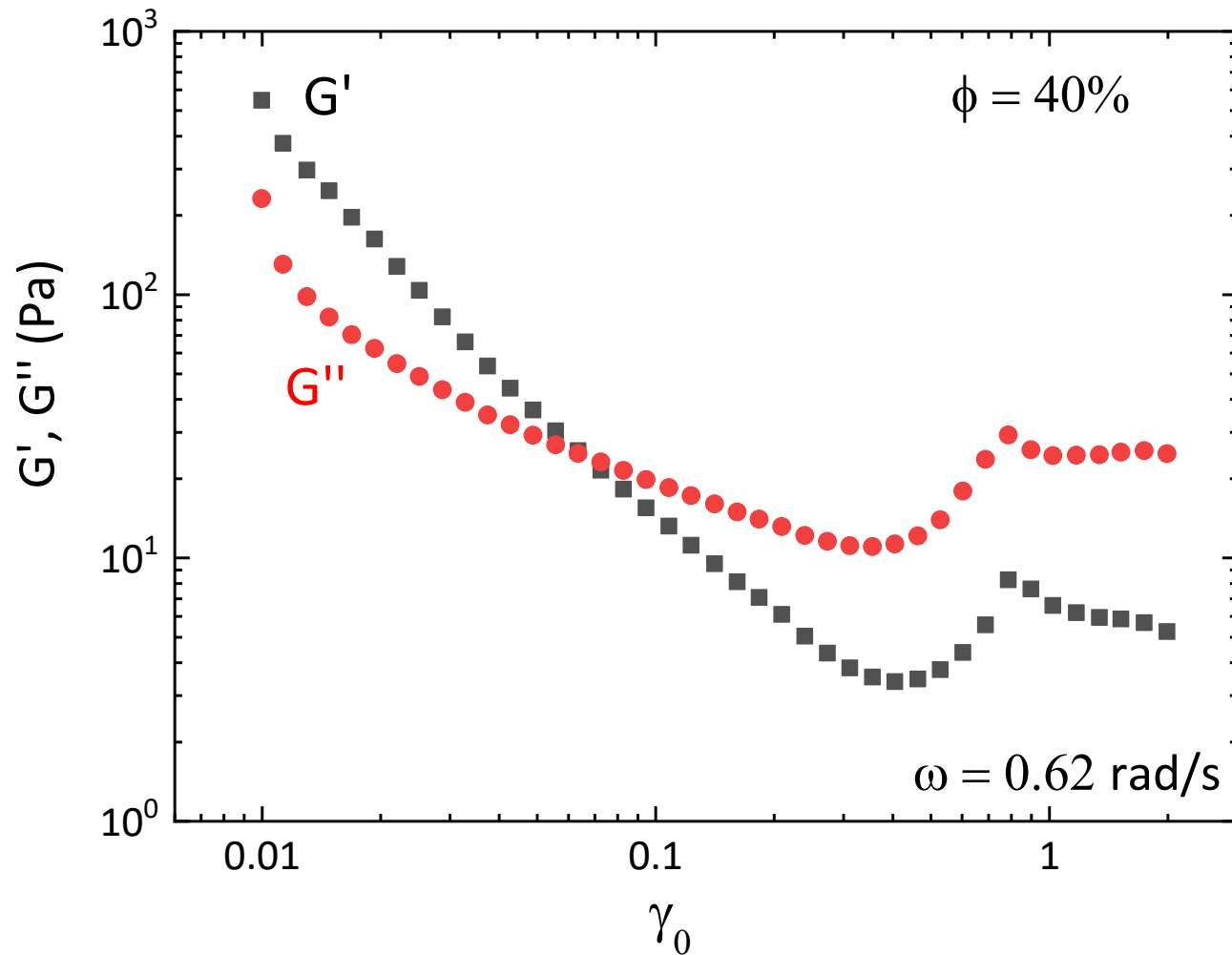
Viscous modulus



Yielding in a repulsive colloidal glass (laponite)

# Intra-cycle stress response

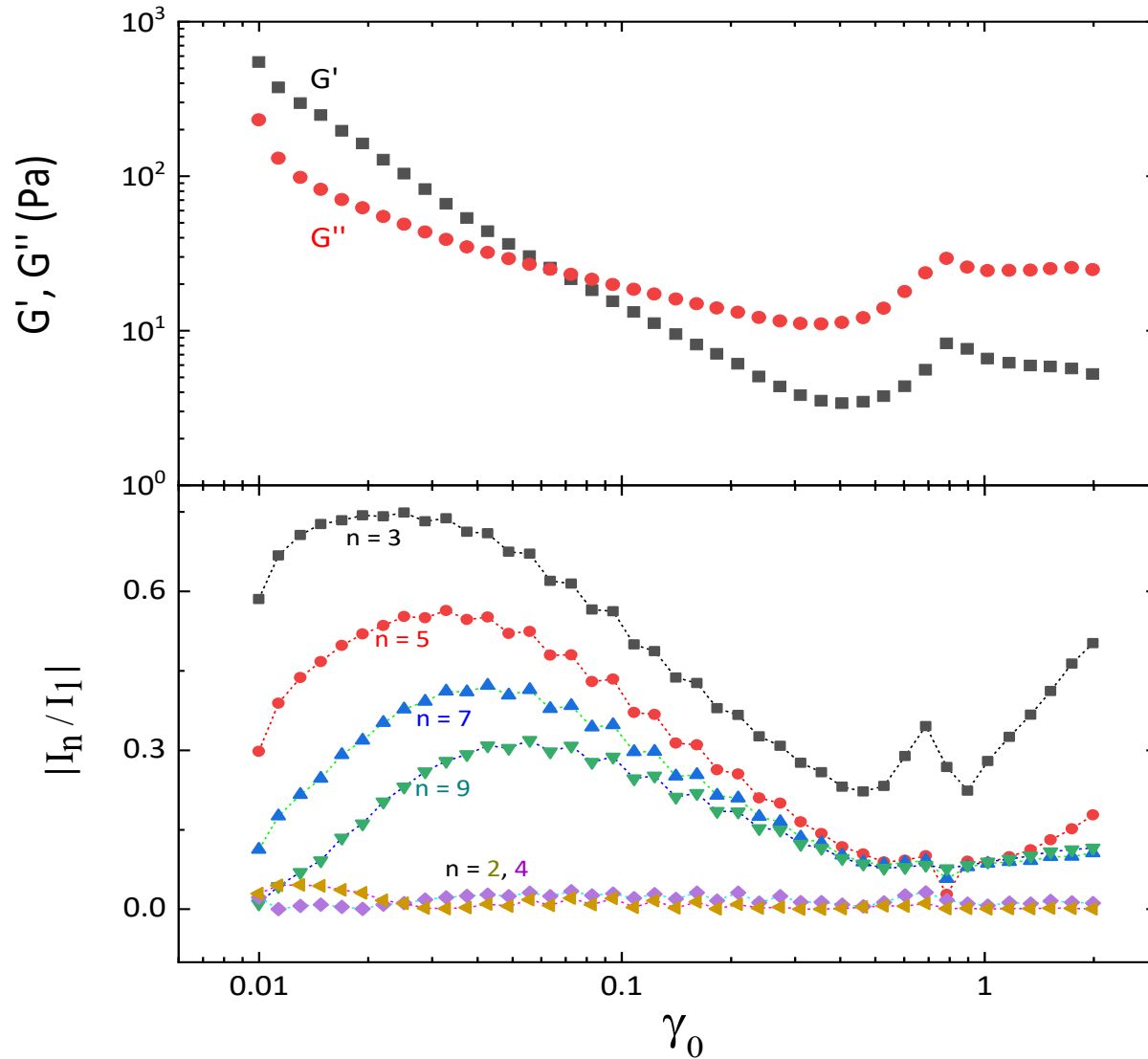
Corn Starch particles in Paraffin oil



No observable feature near the cross-over amplitude

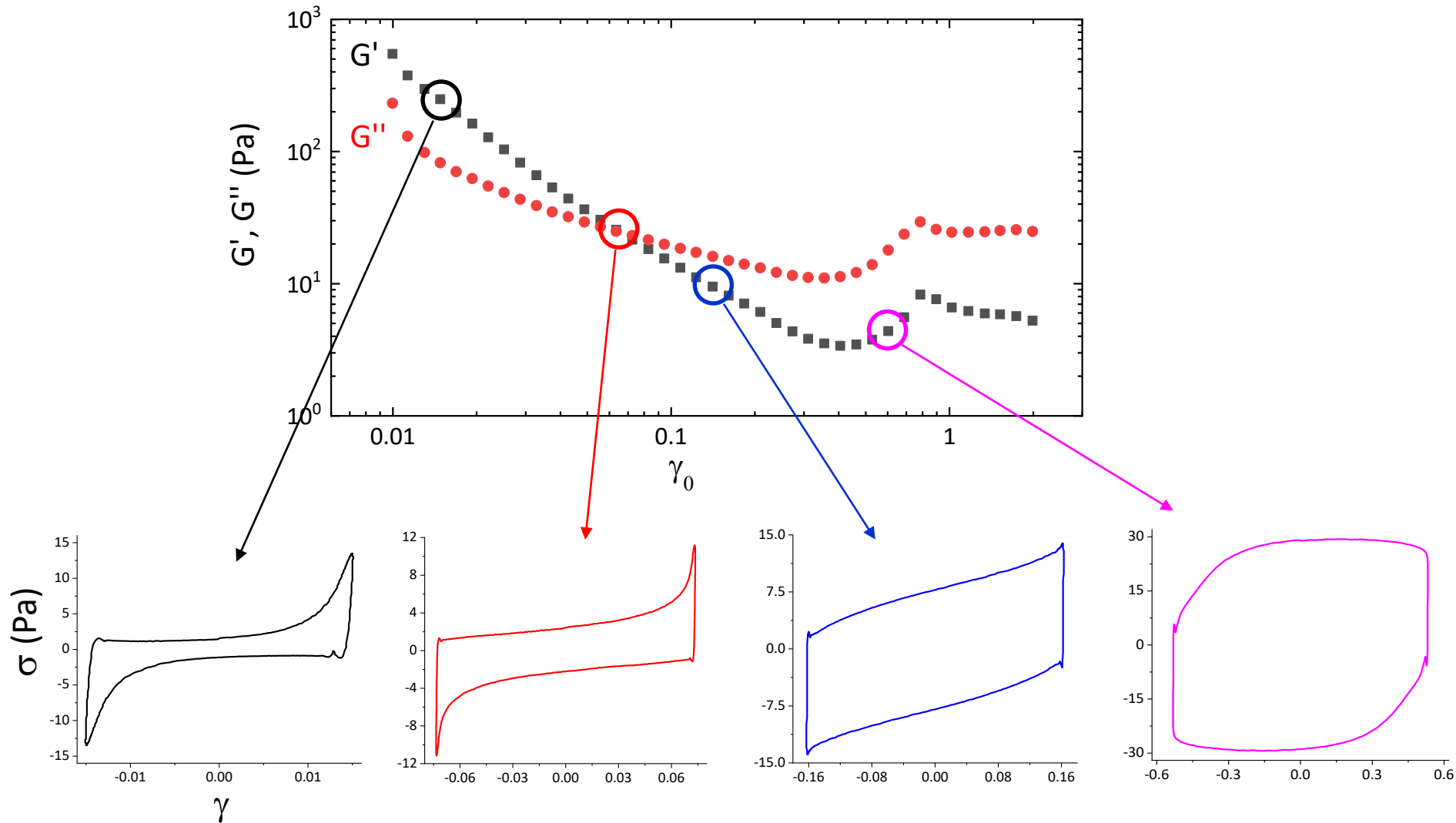


# Contribution of higher harmonics



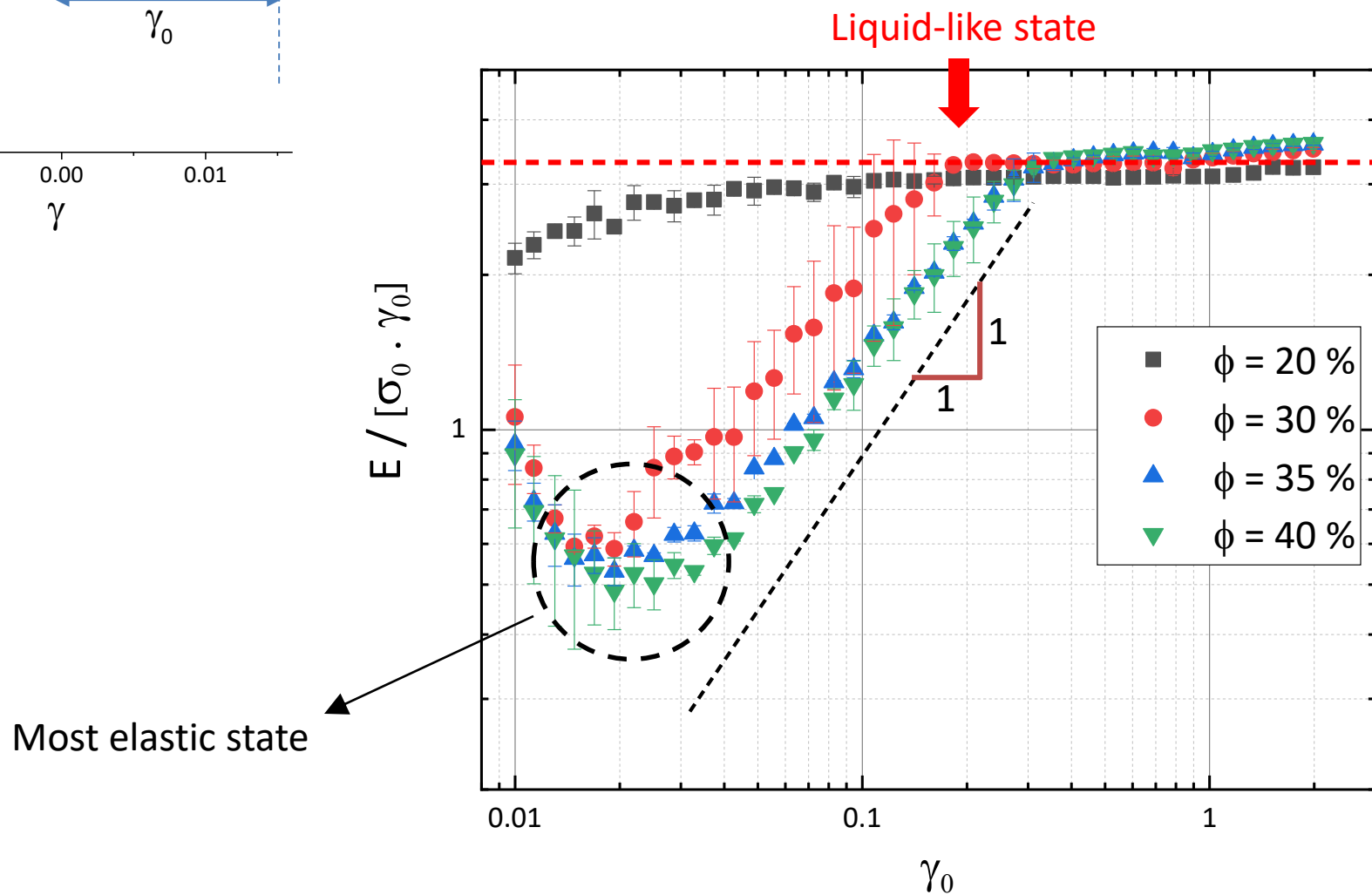
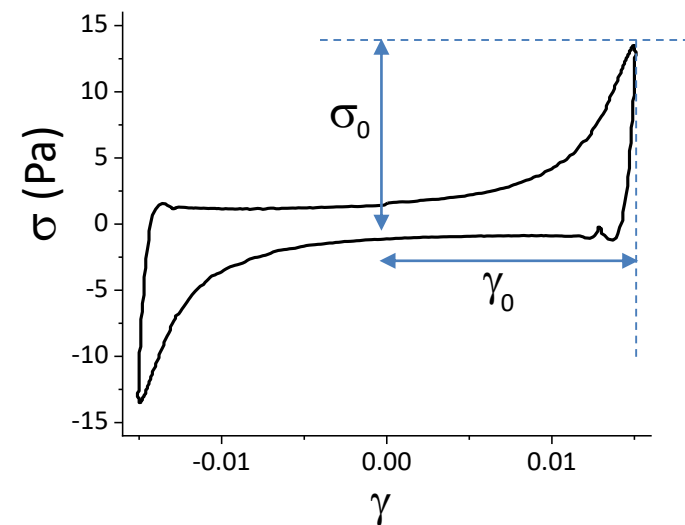
Highly non-linear even at small strains:  $G'$ ,  $G''$  not meaningful

# Intra-cycle stress response



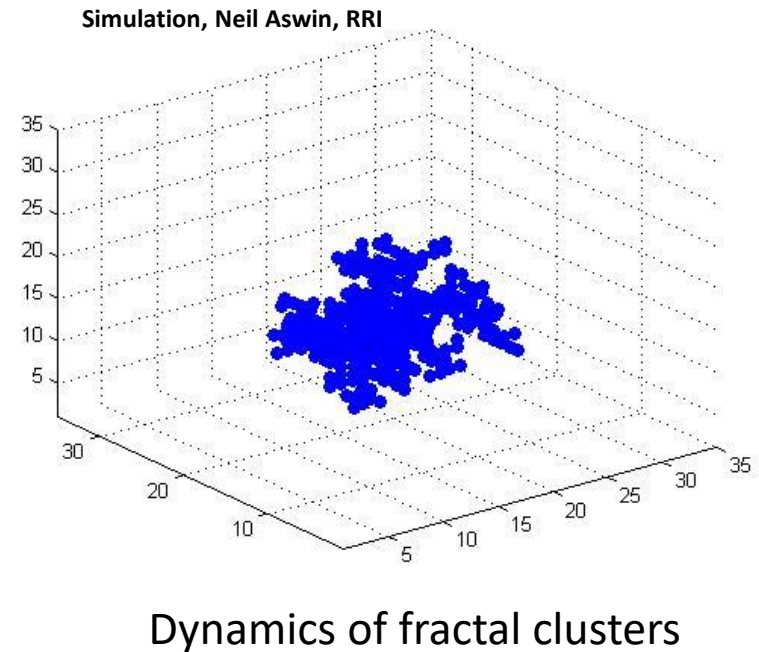
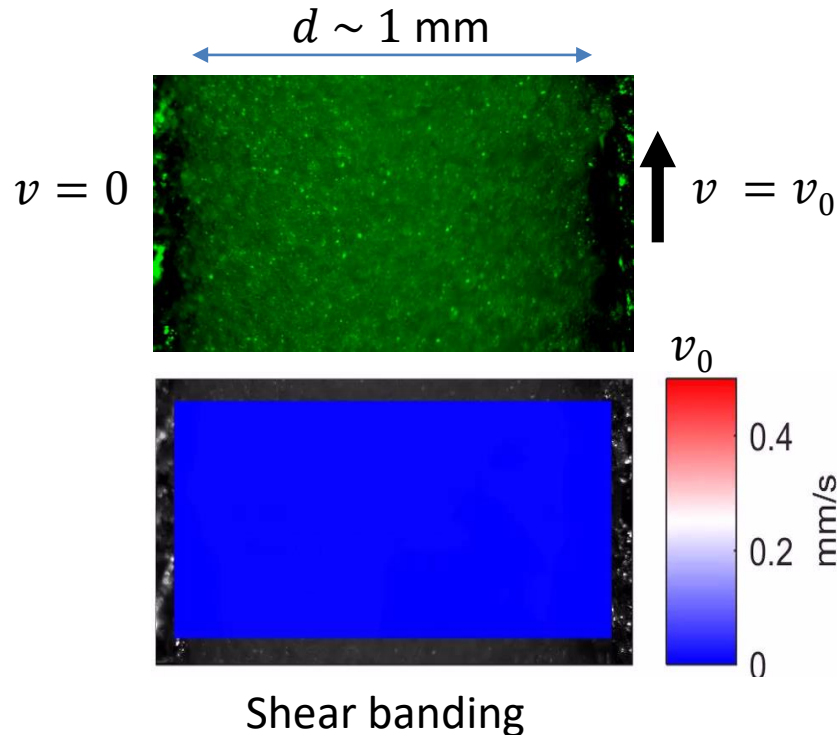
Area of Lissajous curves proportional to the dissipative energy per cycle

# Energy dissipation per cycle



# Conclusions and outlook

- Yielding transition in athermal dense suspension of attractive particles.
- Highly non-linear process:  $G'$  and  $G''$  do not give much information
- Intra-cycle energy dissipation capture the transition (why non-monotonic??)
- Differentiate solid-like states of attractive and repulsive systems?



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