

Discontinuous shear thickening of a moderately dense inertial suspension composed of frictionless soft-core particles



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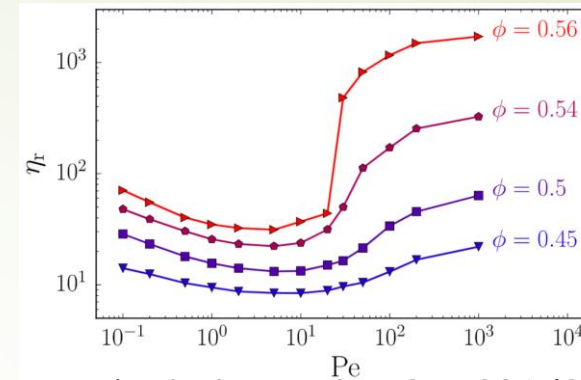
Shear thickening

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- Shear thickening:
viscosity: $\eta_s(\varphi) = \sigma(\varphi)/\dot{\gamma} \nearrow$
against the shear rate $\dot{\gamma}$.

- **Discontinuous shear thickening (DST)** is fascinating,
where the viscosity discontinuously increases.

⇒ DST is studied in many contexts and setups.



R. Mari, et al., PNAS **112**,15326 (2015)

Shear thickening

DST for dense systems (simulations)

- Mutual friction is important.

M.Otsuki & H. Hayakawa, Phys. Rev. E **83**, 051301 (2011)

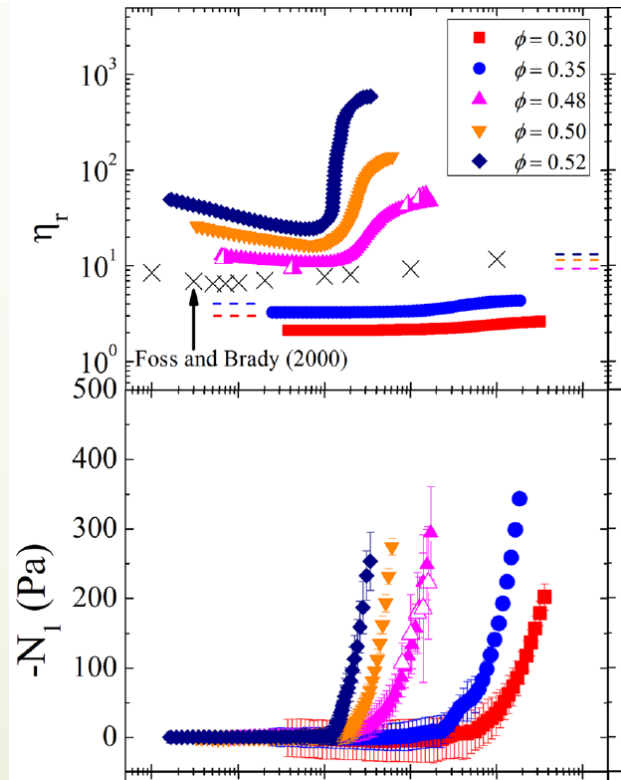
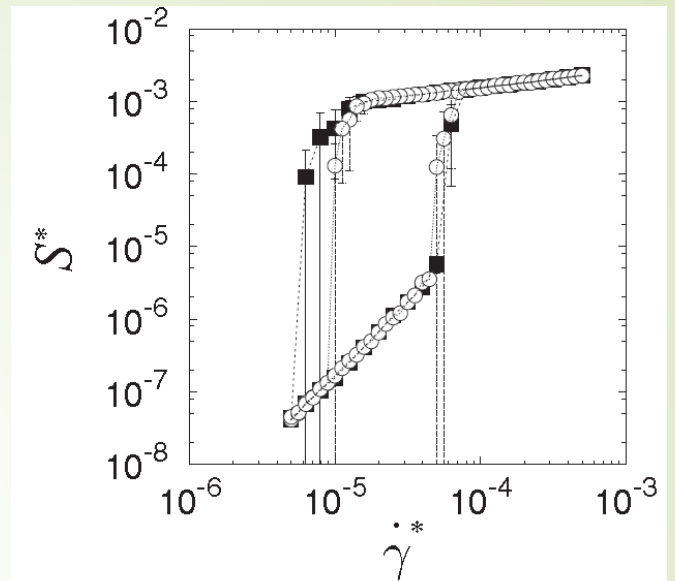
R. Seto, et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. **111**, 218301 (2013)

DST for colloidal systems (experiments)

- Normal stress difference

is also important.

C. D. Cwalina & N.J. Wagner, J. Rheol. **58**, 949 (2014)



Gas-solid suspensions

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- Inertial suspensions
(a model of aerosols)
- Particle size: 1 – 70 μm
- Homogeneity is kept.
- Not dense system
(theoretical treatment is available)
- Ex.) spray, COVID-19, nursing bed, ...

aerosol



COVID-19



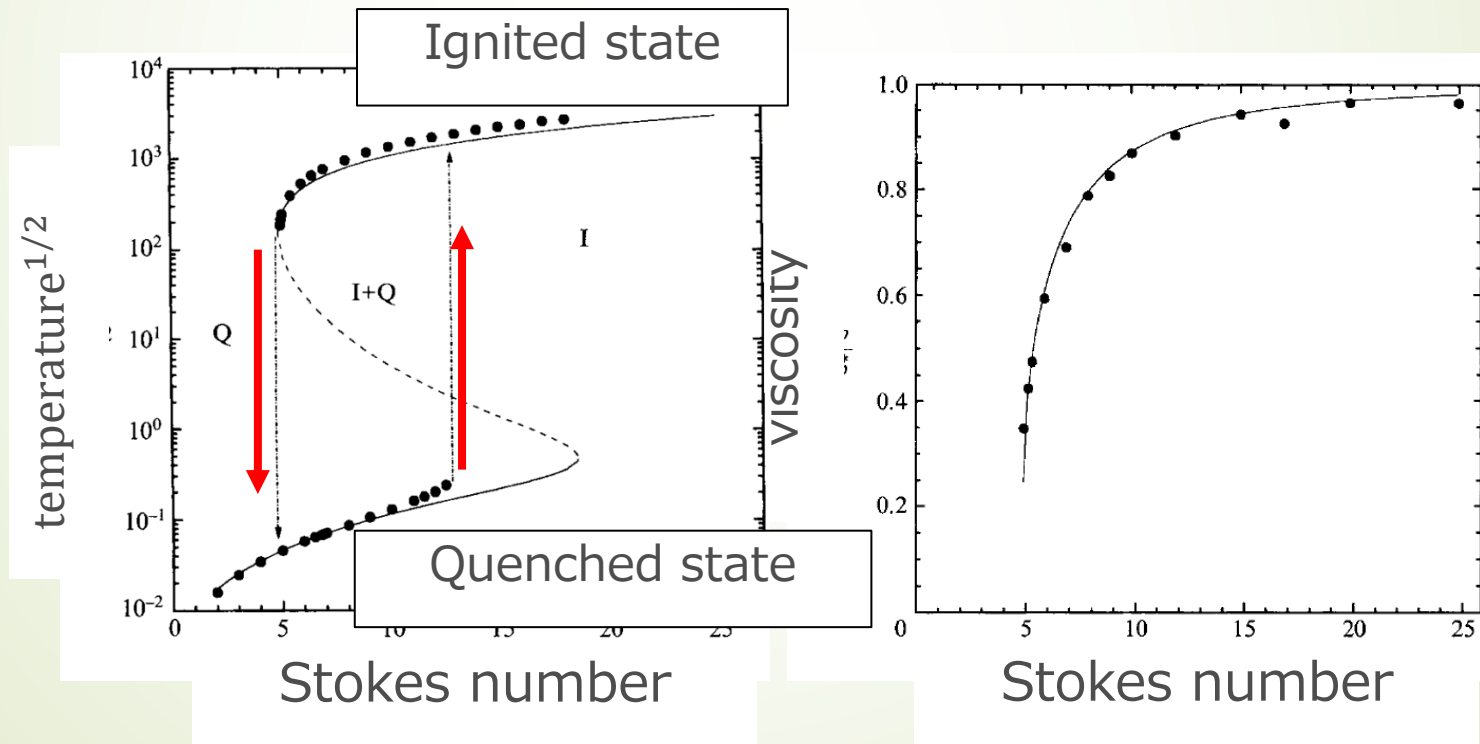
Previous (theoretical) studies for dilute systems

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👉 Tsao and Koch, *JFM* **296**, 211 (1995)

Kinetic theoretical approach without thermal noise

⇒ DST-like (**Quenched-Inggnited**) transition for **temperature**,
but not for **viscosity**



Previous study (soft-core, dense)

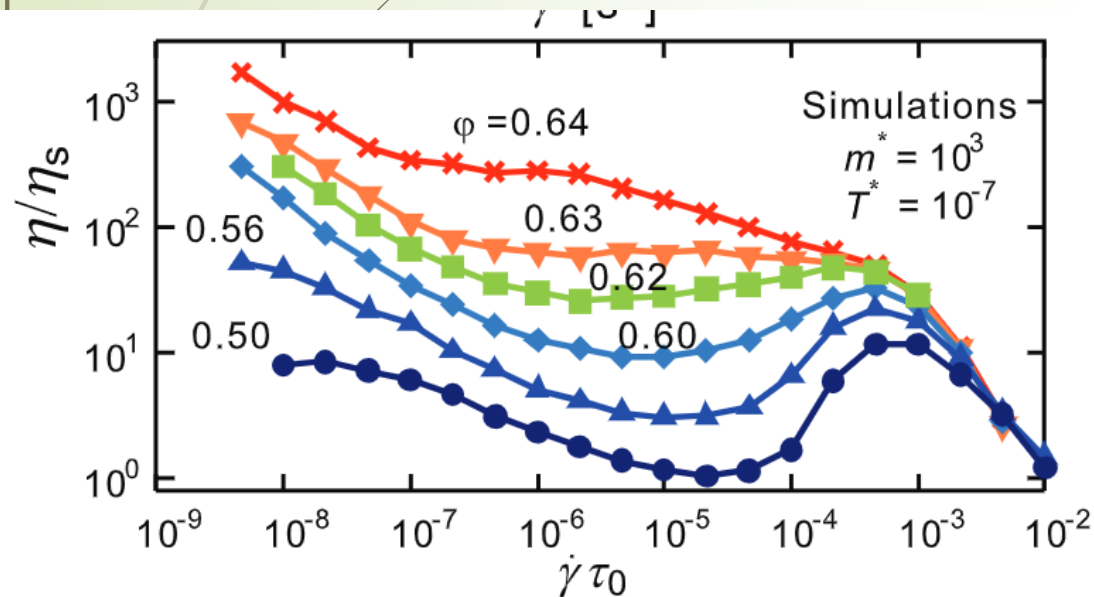
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- Rheology of inertial suspension composed of soft-core particles

👉 Kawasaki, Ikeda, & Berthier, EPL (2014)

harmonic potential: $U(r) = \frac{\varepsilon}{2} (1 - r/d)^2 \Theta(1 - r/d)$

Langevin equation: $\frac{d\mathbf{p}_i}{dt} = \sum_j \mathbf{F}_{ij} - \zeta \mathbf{p}_i + \boldsymbol{\xi}_i$



Complicated behaviors for moderately dense to dense systems

- Thinning → thickening → thinning for $\phi \lesssim 0.60$
- No thickening for $\phi \gtrsim 0.63$

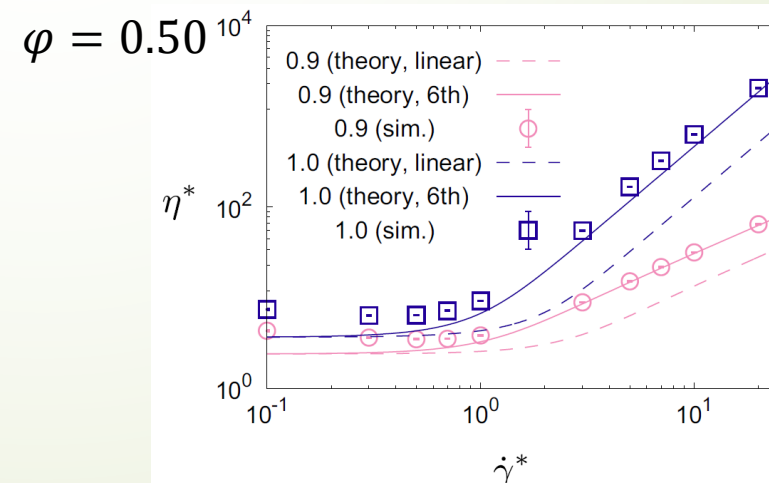
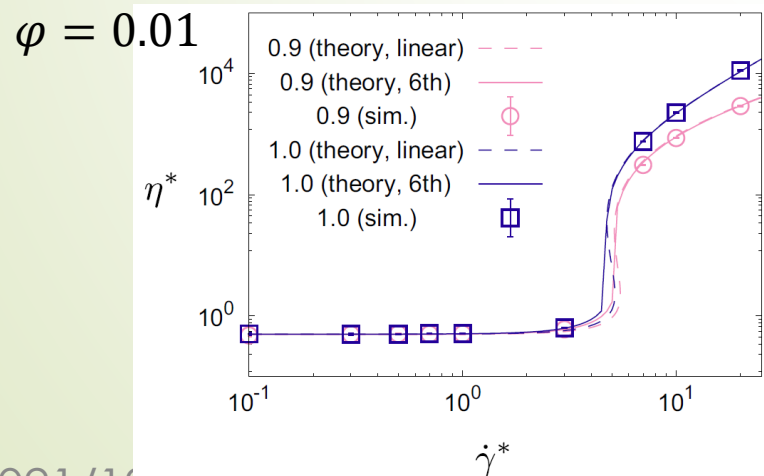
Our previous studies (hard-core)

hard-core potential:

$$U(r) = \begin{cases} \infty & (r < \sigma) \\ 0 & (r \geq \sigma) \end{cases}$$

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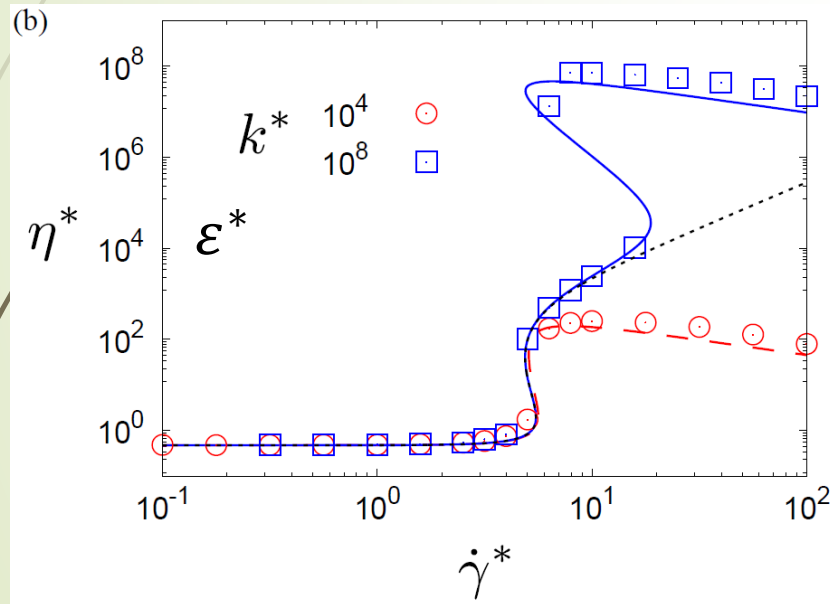
- Rheology of inertial suspension of **hard-core** particles
 - 📖 Hayakawa & Takada, PTEP (2019),
 - Hayakawa, Takada, & Garzó, PRE (2017),
 - Takada, Hayakawa, Santos, & Garzó, PRE (2020)
- Collisional contribution is written in terms of the kinetic part,
- **Discontinuous shear thickening (DST)-like behavior** for dilute systems (\cong ignited-quenched transition of the kinetic temp.)
- DST-like \rightarrow **continuous shear thickening (CST)-like behavior** at $\varphi \simeq 0.0176$.
- Kinetic theory reproduces simulation results even for $\varphi \simeq 0.50$.



Our previous study (dilute soft-core system)

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- Kinetic theory is extended to soft-core system
👉 S. Sugimoto and S. Takada, J. Phys. Soc. Jpn. **89**, 084803 (2020)
- System: similar to Kawasaki *et al.*, but dilute limit is considered.
- Kinetic theory is constructed.



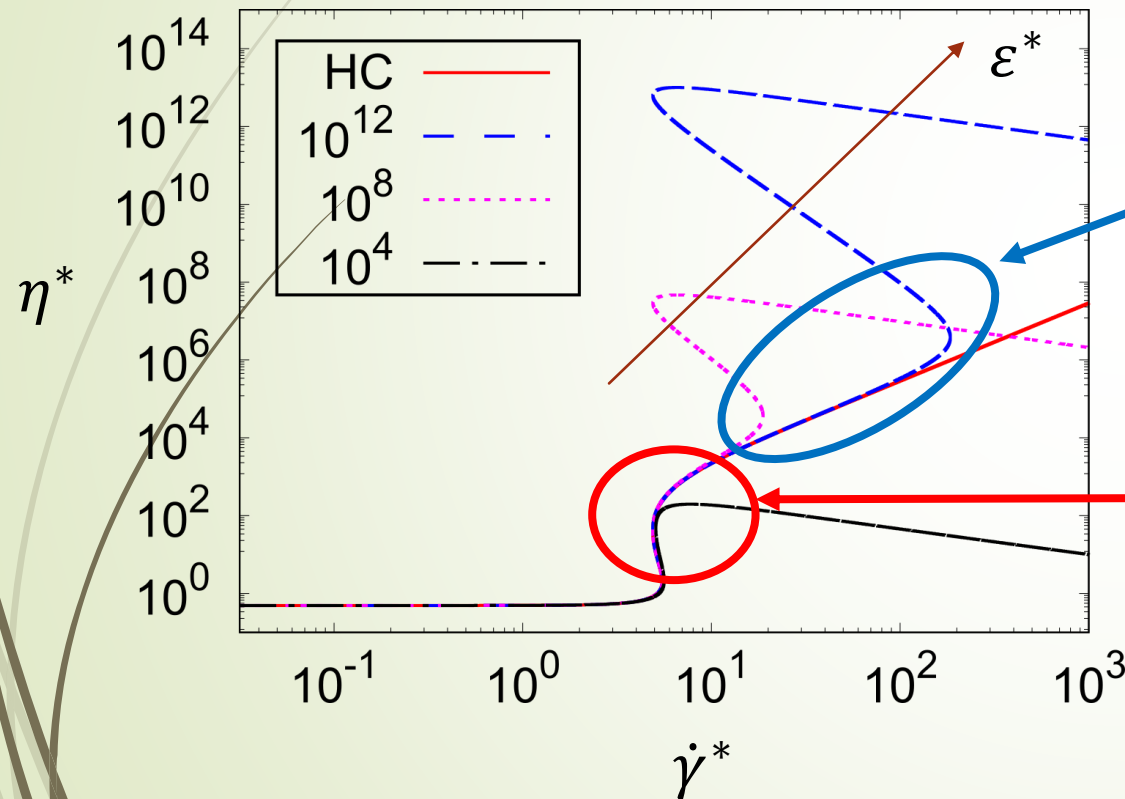
- DST occurs **twice** when (hardness ε^*) \nearrow
- Good agreement with simulation
- Shear thinning for large $\dot{\gamma}^*$
- No thinning for small $\dot{\gamma}^*$

$$U(r) = \frac{\varepsilon}{2} (1 - r/d)^2 \Theta(1 - r/d)$$

Previous study (dilute soft-core system)

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- Relationship to hard-core limit?
⇒ Softness is inevitable at a certain shear rate.



This shear rate \nearrow as $\varphi \nearrow$.
Softness is the origin.
Does this survive even when $\varphi \nearrow$?

This shear rate is common.
Similar to hard-core system.
This DST will vanish as the density \nearrow .

(👉 Hayakawa, Takada, Garzó, PRE (2017))

$\varphi = 0.01, \xi_{\text{env}} = 1.0$
 ε^* is changed.

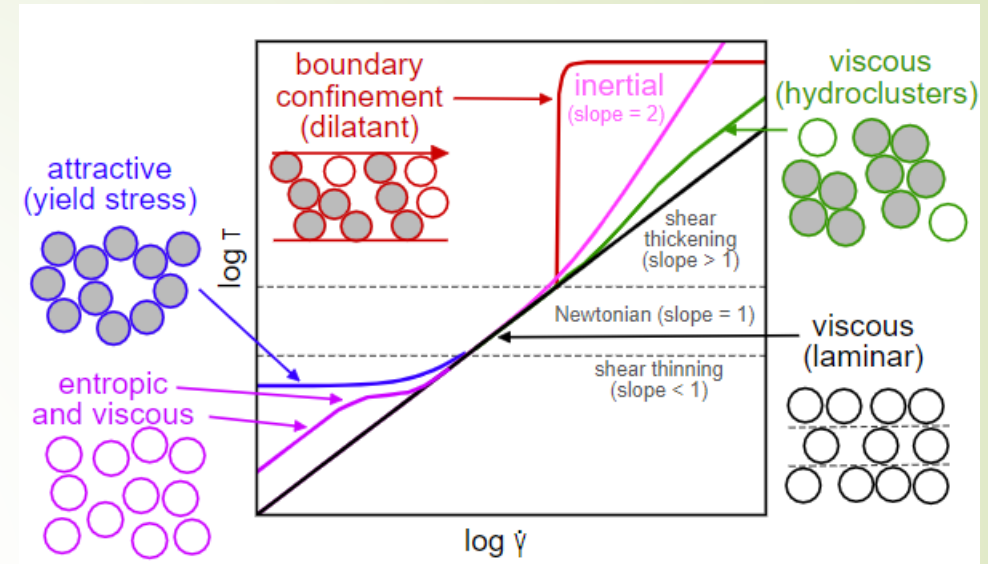
Motivation

- What causes DST?
 - Tangential friction between particles?
 - ☞ for granular system; Otsuki & Hayakawa, PRE (2011)
 - Hydrodynamic interaction?

Our question:

Is it possible to observe DST for simple systems, especially, frictionless soft-core systems?

This question might sound crazy for people in rheology community. But this actually happens!



Theoretical oriented motivation of this study

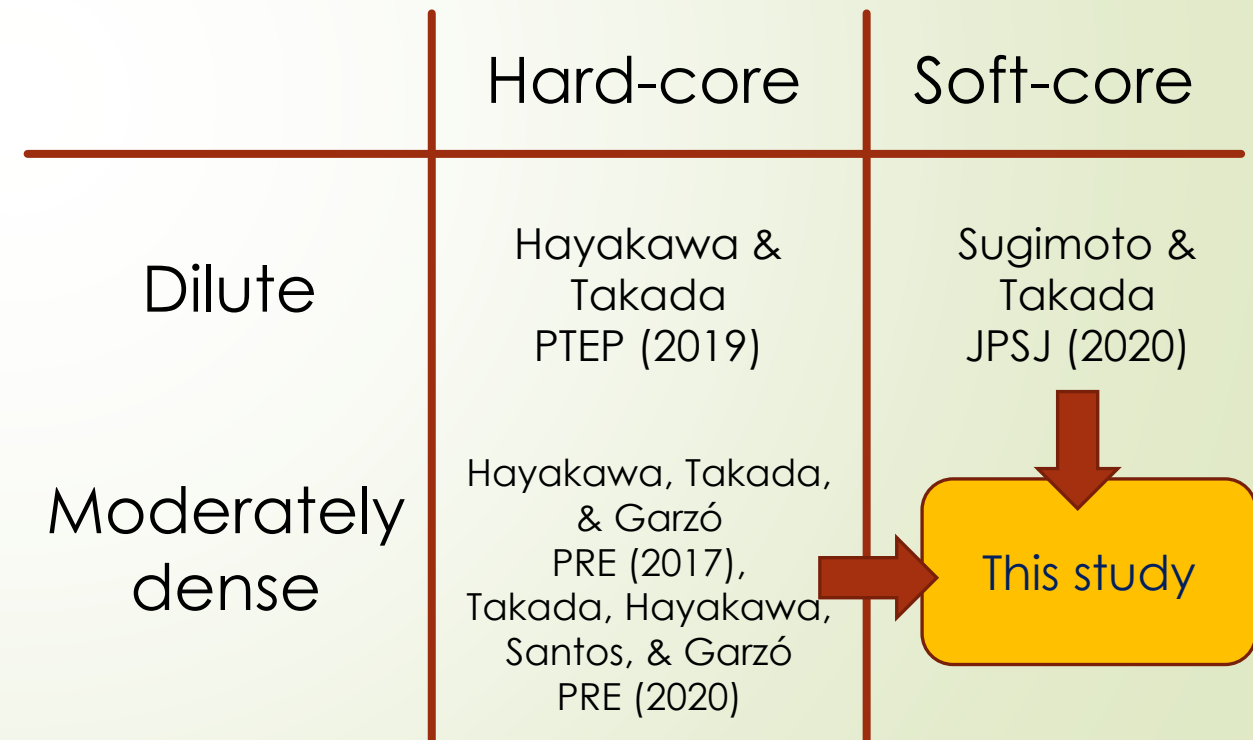
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Question:

- Can we observe DST of frictionless soft inertial suspension?
- If we can, is it possible to treat it by the kinetic theory?

Approach:

- Molecular dynamics (MD) simulation
- Kinetic theory of inertial suspension



Simulation model and setup

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- Monodisperse particles (mass: m , diameter: σ)
- Interaction = harmonic potential

$$\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{r}) = -\frac{\partial U(\mathbf{r})}{\partial \mathbf{r}}, U(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \left(1 - \frac{r}{\sigma}\right)^2 \Theta\left(1 - \frac{r}{\sigma}\right)$$

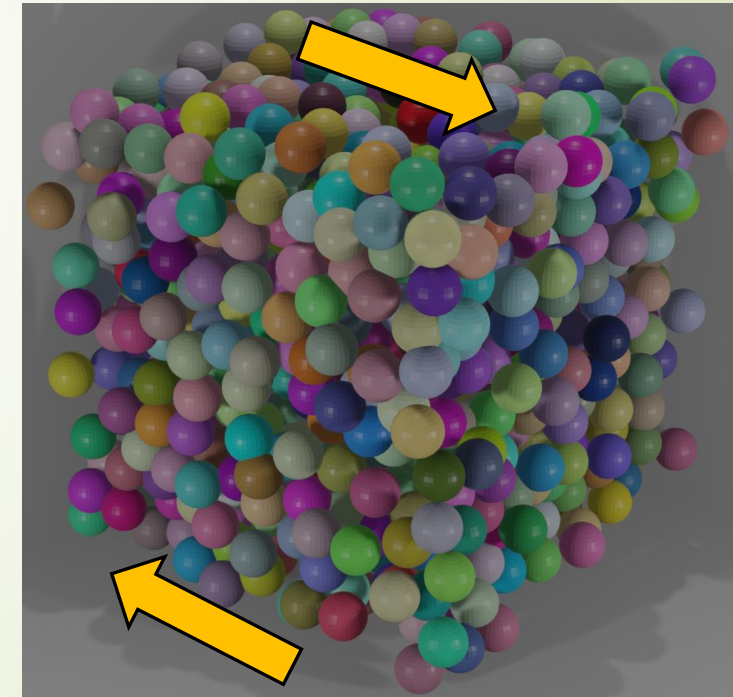
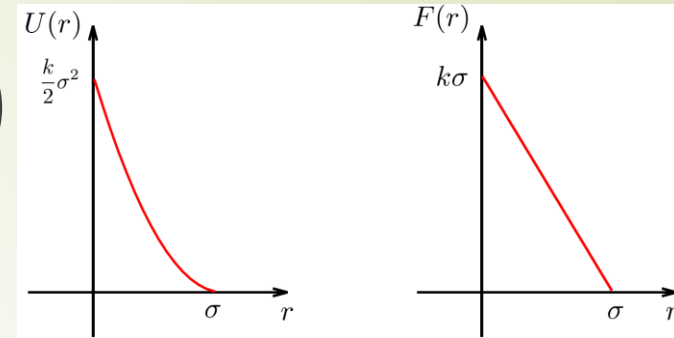
- Equation of motion = Langevin eq.

$$\frac{d\mathbf{p}_i}{dt} = \sum_j \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{r}_{ij}) - \zeta \mathbf{p}_i + m \boldsymbol{\xi}_i$$

$\mathbf{p}_i \equiv m(\mathbf{v}_i - \dot{\gamma} y_i \hat{\mathbf{e}}_x)$: peculiar momentum

- Shear is applied.
Slid + Lees-Edwards b.c.

$$\varepsilon = k\sigma^2$$



Langevin model for suspensions

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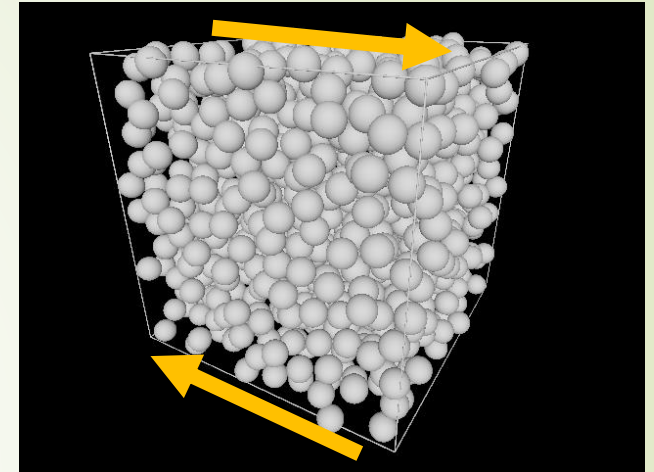
$$\text{Langevin equation: } \frac{d\mathbf{p}_i}{dt} = \underbrace{\sum_j \mathbf{F}_{ij}}_{\text{①}} - \underbrace{\zeta \mathbf{p}_i}_{\text{②}} + \underbrace{m \xi_i}_{\text{③}}$$

$\mathbf{p}_i \equiv m(\mathbf{v}_i - \dot{\gamma} y_i \mathbf{e}_x) = m\mathbf{V}_i$: peculiar momentum

- ① interparticle force between particles
- ② drag term (**Stokesian**)
- ③ thermal noise term satisfying

$$\langle \xi_i(t) \rangle = 0,$$

$$\langle \xi_{i,\alpha}(t) \xi_{j,\beta}(t') \rangle = \frac{2\zeta T_{\text{env}}}{m} \delta_{ij} \delta_{\alpha\beta} \delta(t - t')$$



Control parameters

- ① Packing fraction: φ
- ② Shear rate: $\dot{\gamma} \Rightarrow \dot{\gamma}^* \equiv \dot{\gamma} / \zeta$
- ③ Particle hardness: $\varepsilon \Rightarrow \varepsilon^* \equiv \frac{\varepsilon}{m\sigma^2\zeta^2}$
- ④ Env. temp.: $T_{\text{env}} \Rightarrow \zeta_{\text{env}} \equiv \sqrt{\frac{T_{\text{env}}}{m} \frac{1}{\zeta\sigma}}$

Langevin model for suspensions

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$$\text{Langevin equation: } \frac{d\mathbf{p}_i}{dt} = \sum_j \mathbf{F}_{ij} - \zeta \mathbf{p}_i + m \xi_i$$

Enskog kinetic equation for the inertial suspension



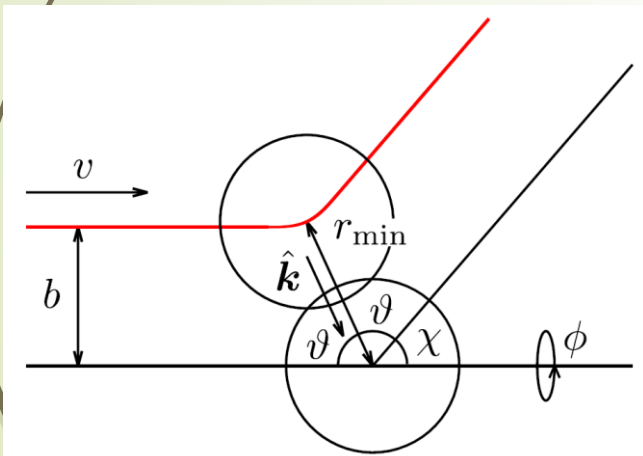
$$\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \dot{\gamma} V_y \frac{\partial}{\partial V_x} \right) f(\mathbf{V}, t) = \zeta \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{V}} \cdot \left(\left[\mathbf{V} + \frac{T_{\text{env}}}{m} \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{V}} \right] f(\mathbf{V}, t) \right) + J_E(\mathbf{V} | f, f)$$

shear

drag from the solvent

particle interaction

$$\text{Collision integral: } J_E[\mathbf{V} | f, f] = \int d\mathbf{V}_2 \int d\hat{\mathbf{k}} \sigma_s(\chi, V_{12}) V_{12} \\ \times [f^{(2)}(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r} + r_{\min} \hat{\mathbf{k}}, \mathbf{V}'_1, \mathbf{V}'_2, t) - f^{(2)}(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r} - r_{\min} \hat{\mathbf{k}}, \mathbf{V}_1, \mathbf{V}_2, t)]$$



$\sigma_s(\chi, V_{12})$: collision cross section

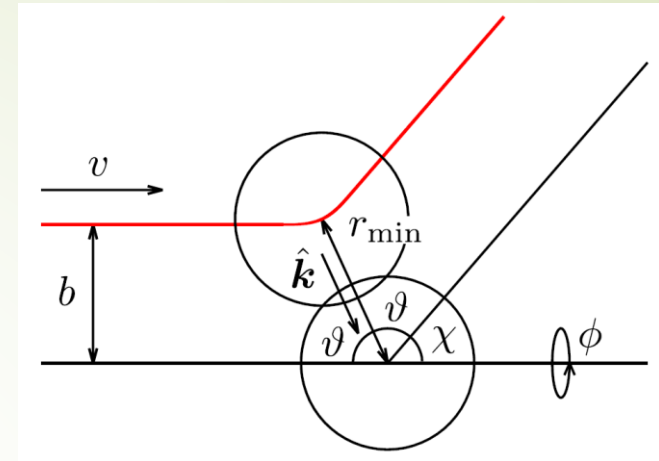
determined from the scattering problem

$f^{(2)}(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2, \mathbf{V}_1, \mathbf{V}_2, t) \approx g_0 f(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{V}_1, t) f(\mathbf{r}_2, \mathbf{V}_2, t)$: decoupling approx.

Softness of particles

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- Scattering analysis
⇒ Appearance of softness



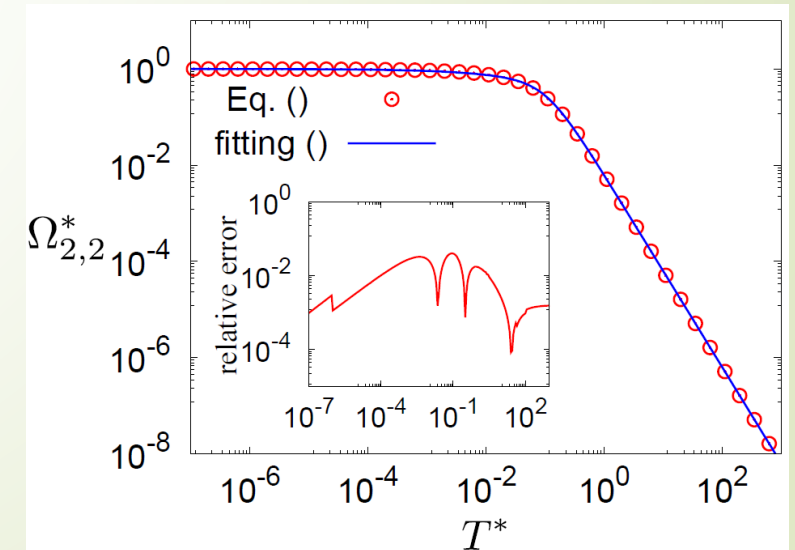
Omega integral:

$$\Omega_{2,2}^*(T^*) \equiv \int_0^\infty dy y^7 e^{-y^2} \int_0^1 db^* b^* \sin^2 \chi (b^*, 2y\sqrt{T^*})$$

- The ratio of the coll. freq. of soft particles to that of hard-core particles

$$\Omega_{2,2}^* = \nu_{\text{soft}} / \nu_{\text{HC}}$$

- Low T : hard-core like ($\Omega_{2,2}^* \simeq 1$)
- High T : softer and softer ($\Omega_{2,2}^* \rightarrow 0$)



Enskog kinetic equation for the inertial suspension

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$$\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t} - \dot{\gamma} V_y \frac{\partial}{\partial V_x} \right) f(\mathbf{V}, t) = \zeta \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{V}} \cdot \left(\left[\mathbf{V} + \frac{T_{\text{env}}}{m} \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{V}} \right] f(\mathbf{V}, t) \right) + J_E(\mathbf{V}|f, f)$$

Evolution equation for the kinetic stress:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} P_{\alpha\beta}^k + \dot{\gamma} (\delta_{\alpha x} P_{y\beta}^k + \delta_{\beta x} P_{y\alpha}^k) = -2\zeta (P_{\alpha\beta}^k - nT_{\text{env}}\delta_{\alpha\beta}) - \Lambda_{\alpha\beta}$$

Kinetic stress: $P_{\alpha\beta}^k = m \int d\mathbf{V} V_\alpha V_\beta f(\mathbf{V}, t)$

Moment of the collision integral: $\Lambda_{\alpha\beta} = -m \int d\mathbf{V} V_\alpha V_\beta J_E(\mathbf{V}|f, f)$

This equation is NOT closed!

Closure: Grad's moment method

$$f(\mathbf{V}) = f_M(\mathbf{V}) \left(1 + \frac{m}{2T} \left(\frac{P_{\alpha\beta}^k}{nT} - \delta_{\alpha\beta} \right) V_\alpha V_\beta \right)$$

Maxwellian distribution

$$f_M(\mathbf{V}) = n \left(\frac{m}{2\pi T} \right)^{\frac{3}{2}} \exp \left(-\frac{mV^2}{2T} \right)$$

Further two assumptions:

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► **Replacement** (for any $F(\hat{\mathbf{k}}, r_{min})$)

$$\int d\Omega \sigma_s(\chi, V_{12}) V_{12} F(\hat{\mathbf{k}}, r_{min}) \rightarrow \Omega_{2,2}^* d^2 \int d\hat{\mathbf{k}} \Theta(\mathbf{V}_{12} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{k}}) (\mathbf{V}_{12} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{k}}) F(\hat{\mathbf{k}}, d)$$

$\sigma_s(\chi, V_{12}) V_{12}$: collision cylinder of soft particles

$\Rightarrow d^2(\mathbf{V}_{12} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{k}})$: that of hard-core particles + $\Omega_{2,2}^*$ (softness)

Same procedure as hard-core system

► Linear approximation with respect to $\dot{\gamma}^*$



We can obtain a set of equations for

$$\textcircled{1} \theta \equiv \frac{T}{T_{env}}, \textcircled{2} \Delta\theta \equiv \frac{P_{xx}^k - P_{yy}^k}{nT_{env}}, \textcircled{3} \delta\theta \equiv \frac{P_{xx}^k - P_{zz}^k}{nT_{env}}, \textcircled{4} \Pi_{\alpha\beta}^* \equiv \frac{P_{\alpha\beta}^k}{nT_{env}} - \theta \delta_{\alpha\beta}.$$

($\textcircled{1}$: dim.less. temp., $\textcircled{2}, \textcircled{3}$: dim.less. anisotropic temp., $\textcircled{4}$ dim.less. shear stress)

✂ The contact part of the stress is written in terms of the kinetic part.

A set of dynamic equations:

$$-\frac{2\dot{\gamma}^*}{3}\mathcal{C}\Pi_{xy}^* = 2(\theta - 1),$$

$$-2\dot{\gamma}^*\Pi_{xy}^* = (2 + \nu_{\text{soft}}^*)\Delta\theta,$$

$$-2\dot{\gamma}^*\mathcal{E}\Pi_{xy}^* = (2 + \nu_{\text{soft}}^*)\delta\theta,$$

$$(2 + \nu_{\text{soft}}^*)\Pi_{xy}^* = \dot{\gamma}^* \left(\frac{2}{3}\mathcal{D}\Delta\theta - \frac{1}{3}\mathcal{E}\delta\theta - \mathcal{C}\theta \right),$$

$$\mathcal{C} \equiv 1 + \frac{8}{5}\varphi g_0 \Omega_{2,2}^*,$$

$$\mathcal{D} \equiv 1 - \frac{4}{35}\varphi g_0 \Omega_{2,2}^*,$$

$$\mathcal{E} \equiv 1 - \frac{16}{35}\varphi g_0 \Omega_{2,2}^*.$$

➔ Then, the rheology is described by

$$\dot{\gamma}^* = \sqrt{\frac{-3(1 - \theta^{-1})(2 + \nu_{\text{soft}}^*)}{\mathcal{C}\mathcal{F}}},$$

$$\Pi_{xy}^* = -\frac{3}{\dot{\gamma}^*\mathcal{C}}(\theta - 1),$$

$$\Delta\theta = \frac{3}{\mathcal{C}} \frac{2(\theta - 1)}{2 + \nu_{\text{soft}}^*},$$

$$\delta\theta = \frac{3\mathcal{E}}{\mathcal{C}} \frac{2(\theta - 1)}{2 + \nu_{\text{soft}}^*}.$$

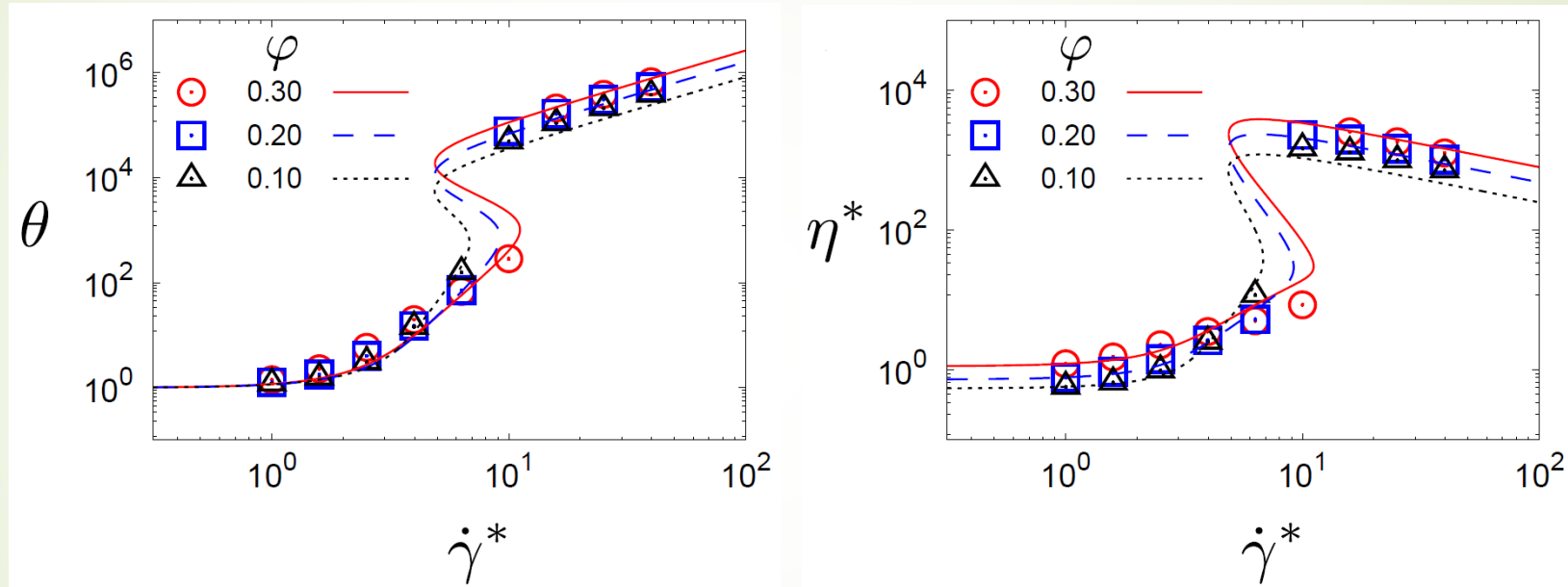
$$\mathcal{F} \equiv \frac{2}{3}\mathcal{D}\frac{\Delta\theta}{\theta} - \frac{1}{3}\mathcal{E}\frac{\delta\theta}{\theta} - \mathcal{C} = \frac{2\mathcal{D} - \mathcal{E}^2}{\mathcal{C}} \frac{2(1 - \theta^{-1})}{2 + \nu_{\text{soft}}^*} - \mathcal{C}.$$

All quantities are written as a function of the temperature.

Flow curves

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- Temperature and viscosity against the shear rate
 $\varphi = 0.10, 0.20, 0.30; \varepsilon^* = 10^4, \xi_{\text{env}} = 1.0$

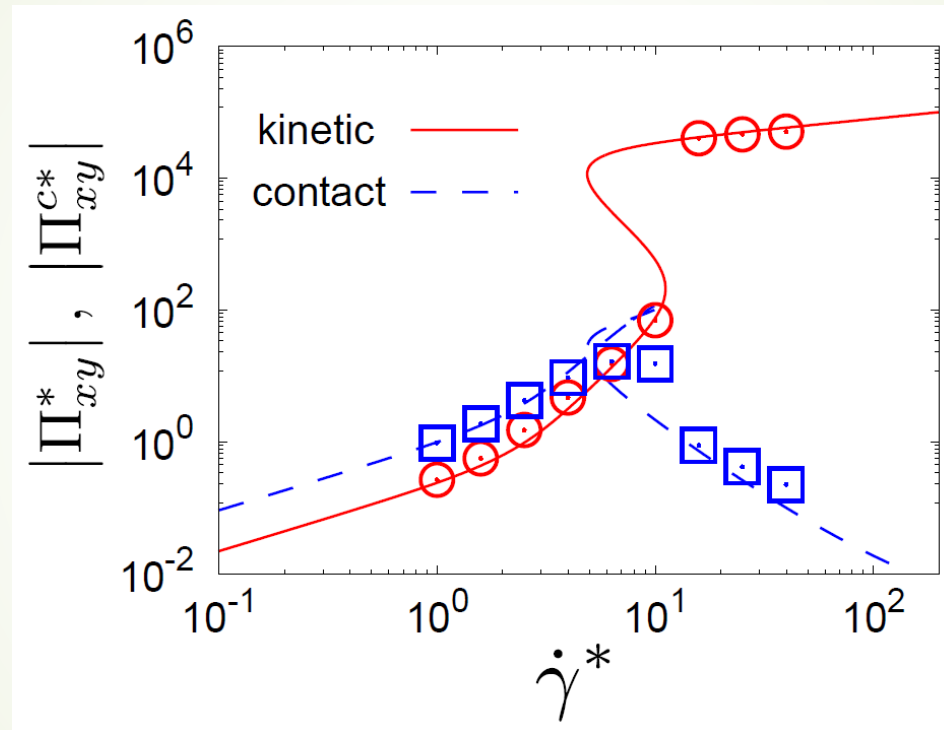


- DST-like behavior survives even for the finite density!
(softness induced DST)
- Shear thinning in the high shear regime
- Good agreement with the simulation

Kinetic and contact parts of shear stress

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► $\varphi = 0.30, \varepsilon^* = 10^4, \xi_{\text{env}} = 1.0$

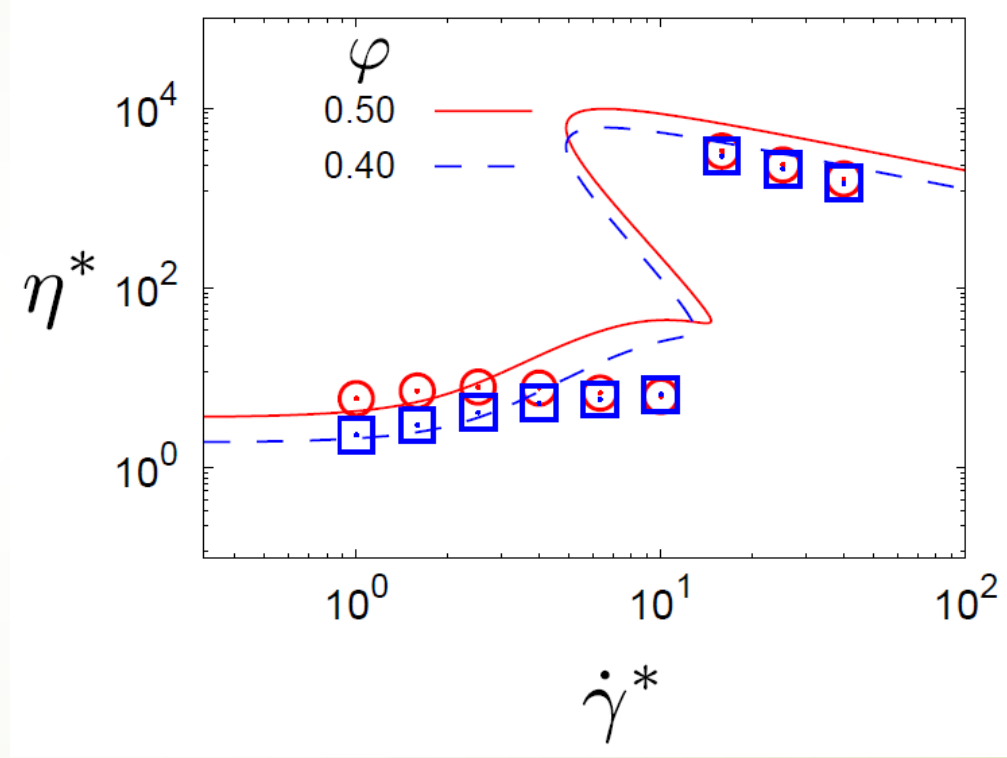
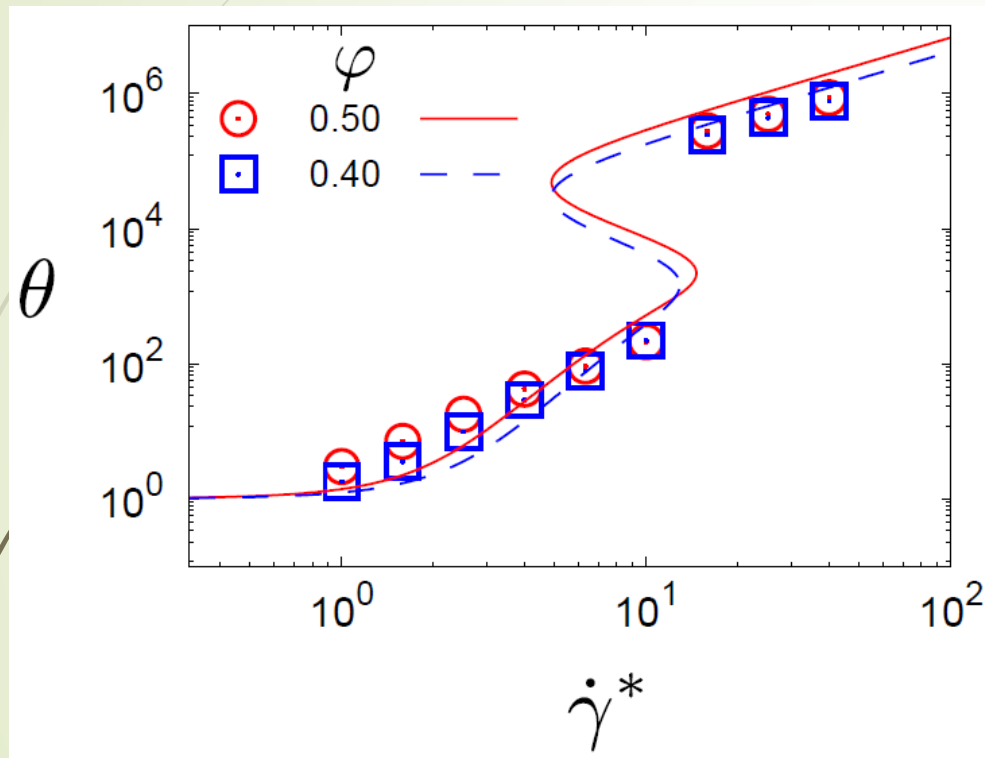


- Both contributions are well reproduced.
- Kinetic (contact) part increases (decreases) after DST.

Flow curves for denser situations

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➤ $\varphi = 0.40, 0.50, ; \varepsilon^* = 10^4, \zeta_{\text{env}} = 1.0$

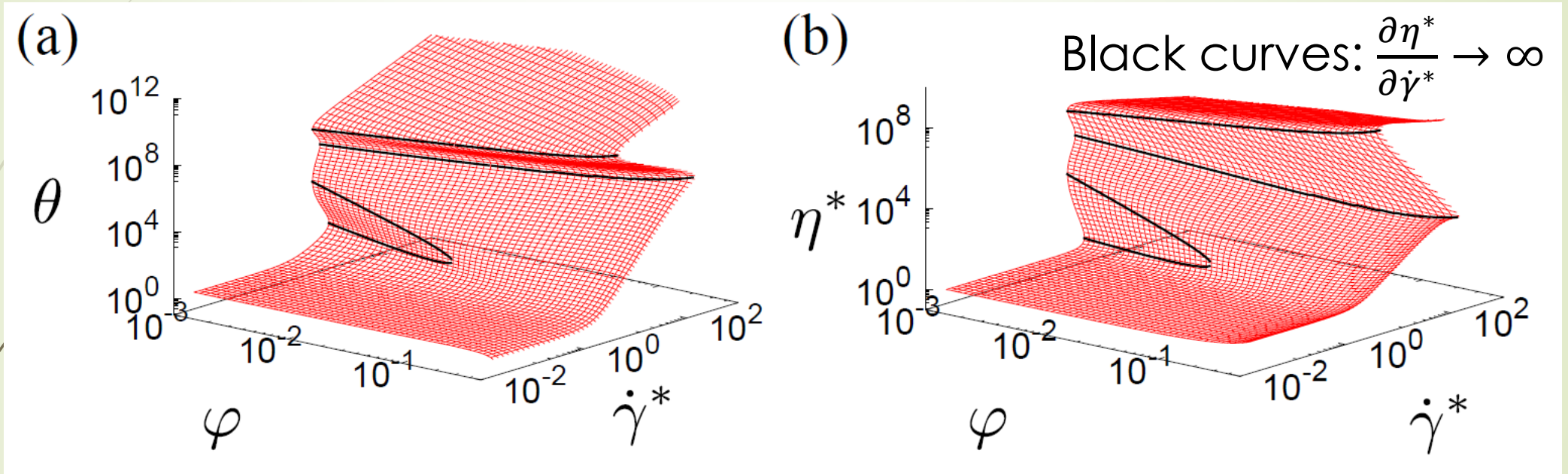


➤ Still good agreement with the simulation
⇒ Kinetic theory is available in the wide range of φ .

Flow curves (3D)

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- Continuously change the packing fraction

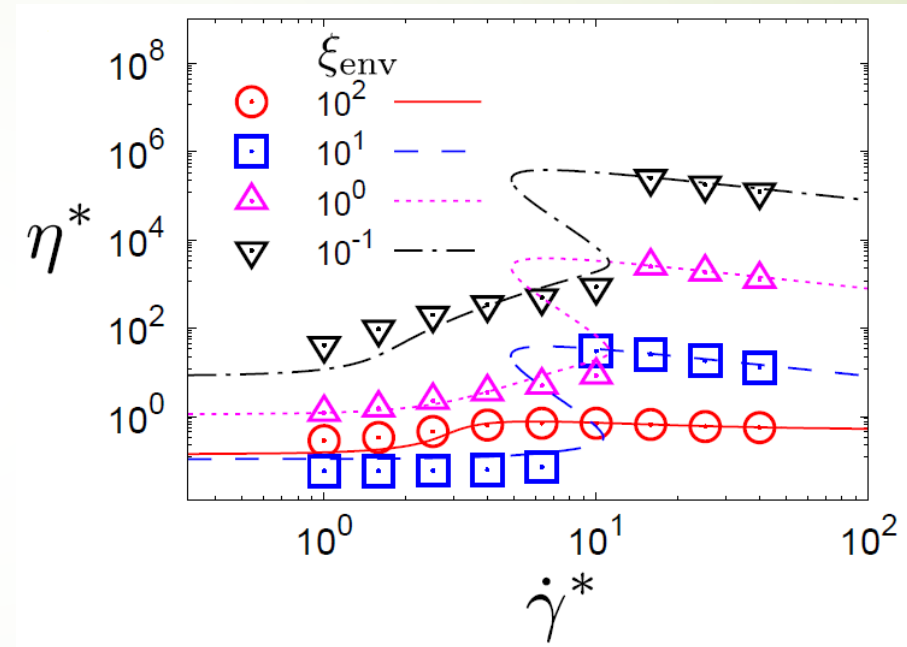
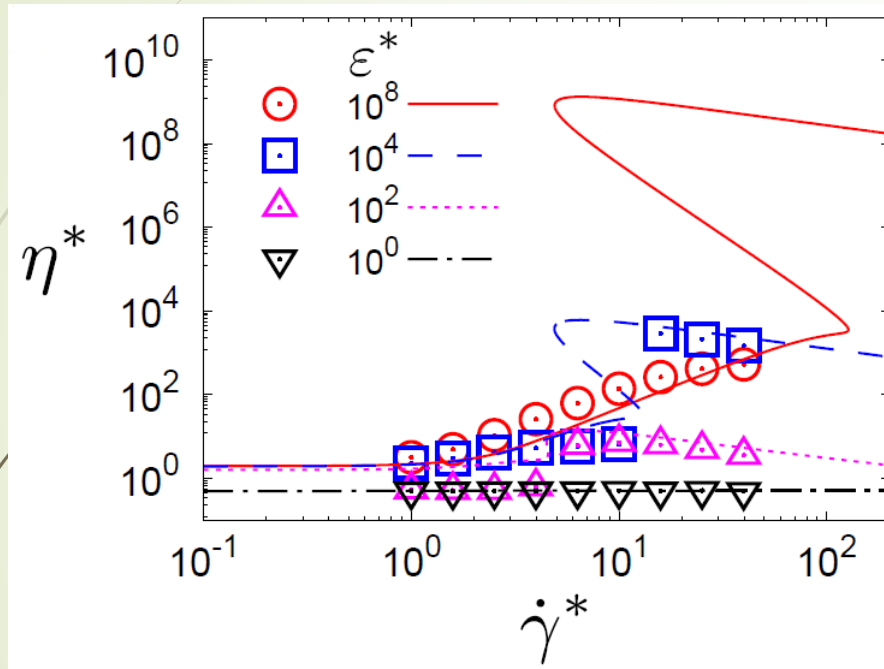


Softness induced DST exists in the wide range of φ

Comparison with simulations

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- Also change $\varepsilon^* = 10^4$ and ξ_{env}



- Still good agreement for $\xi_{\text{env}} \geq 1$
 \Rightarrow Kinetic theory is available
in the wide range of the control parameters.

Discussion

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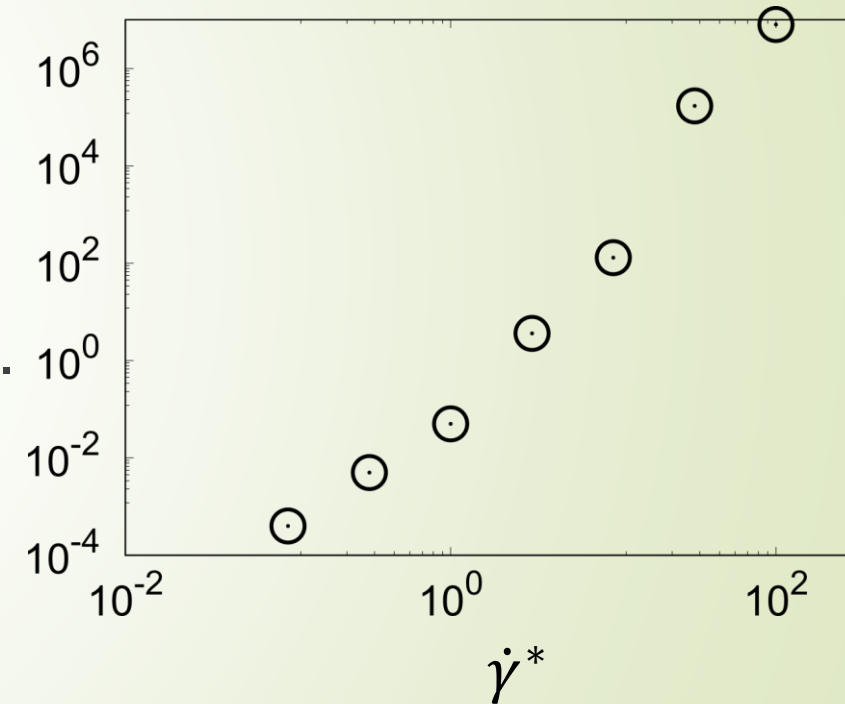
► Hydrodynamic interaction

Our current model: an oversimplified model.
Drag from the background = Stokes's drag

For denser systems,
drag \Rightarrow the resistance matrix

👉 Kim & Karrila, "Microhydrodynamics" (1991) θ
 \Rightarrow depends on the configuration of particles.

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{F}_i \\ \mathbf{F}_j \\ \boldsymbol{\sigma}_i \\ \boldsymbol{\sigma}_j \end{bmatrix} = -\eta \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{A}_{ij}^{(11)} & \mathbf{A}_{ij}^{(12)} & \tilde{\mathbf{G}}_{ij}^{(11)} & \tilde{\mathbf{G}}_{ij}^{(12)} \\ \mathbf{A}_{ij}^{(21)} & \mathbf{A}_{ij}^{(22)} & \tilde{\mathbf{G}}_{ij}^{(21)} & \tilde{\mathbf{G}}_{ij}^{(22)} \\ \mathbf{G}_{ij}^{(11)} & \mathbf{G}_{ij}^{(12)} & \mathbf{M}_{ij}^{(11)} & \mathbf{M}_{ij}^{(12)} \\ \mathbf{G}_{ij}^{(21)} & \mathbf{G}_{ij}^{(22)} & \mathbf{M}_{ij}^{(21)} & \mathbf{M}_{ij}^{(22)} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{v}_i - \mathbf{E} \cdot \mathbf{x}_i \\ \mathbf{v}_j - \mathbf{E} \cdot \mathbf{x}_j \\ -\mathbf{E} \\ -\mathbf{E} \end{bmatrix}$$



Is it possible to observe DST?
 \Rightarrow What we should do next.

Summary

- ▶ We construct the kinetic theory of inertial suspensions of soft particles.
- ▶ Softness is characterized by $\Omega_{2,2}^*$.
- ▶ **DST-like behavior** survives even for finite φ .
- ▶ Good agreement with the simulation in the wide range of the control parameters

What we should do

- ▶ Hydrodynamic effect