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This first effort investigates key aspects concerning the basic properties of the dynamically jammed state that are still unresolved, thereby addressing Major Goals 1&2, above. This includes the relative importance of frictional (granular) and viscous (hydrodynamic) particle interactions in controlling how this state is established during loading and central properties such as the effective mechanical moduli. It also includes how this state reverts back to the liquid-like state once the applied stress is removed.

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The second effort develops the basis for a systematic approach to optimizing the energy dissipating properties, thereby addressing Major Goals 3&4, above. We are particularly interested in establishing how particle-level properties such as particle shape can be used to tailor dynamic jamming, especially the front propagation speed and the properties of the jammed solid. By tuning the particles' properties and their frictional interactions in concert

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In addition, graduate students Endao Han and Nicole James defended their PhD theses, based on results from

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work under this grant. Endao Han's thesis subsequently was published by Springer as a book, as part of their Outstanding PhD Theses series:

Endo Han, Transient Dynamics of Concentrated Particulate Suspensions Under Shear, Springer Nature Switzerland AG, Cham, Switzerland, 2020. ISBN 978-3-030-38348-0

Training Opportunities: Postdoc Abhinendra Singh was hired in summer 2018 and was co-mentored by the PI and Prof. Juan de Pablo (Pritzker School of Molecular Engineering). He participated in grant writing with the PI and co-mentored all graduate and undergrad students on the project.

Graduate students Endao Han, Nicole James and Michael van der Naald were trained in state-of-the art measurement and analysis techniques, including particle imaging velocimetry (PIV), advanced rheometry, and high-speed ultrasound and optical imaging.

Undergraduate students Medha Goyal and Huayue Xue worked in the PI's lab from summer 2018 until Winter 2019. Medha Goyal was trained in taking advanced measurements with our rheometers, while Huayue Xue was trained in chemical synthesis of particles for suspensions as well as in using scanning electron microscopy (SEM) and image analysis for particle characterization. Both undergrads were mentored extensively by graduate student Nicole James.

Undergraduate student Liang Zhao worked in the PI's lab until 2020 before moving on to graduate school. He was trained in ultrasound imaging techniques, particle imaging velocimetry (PIV), and in taking advanced measurements with our rheometers. He was mentored by graduate student Michael van der Naald.

During summers 2019 and 2020, undergraduate student Margot Young and high-school student Ionnis Nikas participated in project-related research in the PI's lab. Both were trained on the rheometers to measure flow curves of suspensions and were mentored by graduate student Michael van der Naald.

Results Dissemination: Besides the publications in journals, mentioned above, the PI, postdoc and graduate students disseminated results from this project through seminars and talks at conferences. Postdoc Abhinendra Singh attended the Society of Rheology meeting to present a talk on his simulation results and grad student Nicole James participated in APS and ACS Meetings and gave contributed talks on her work on hydrogen bonding. The PI gave invited seminars and colloquia at universities throughout the country.

Honors and Awards: During the project the PI was elected member of the American Academy of Arts & Sciences.

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Major Goals

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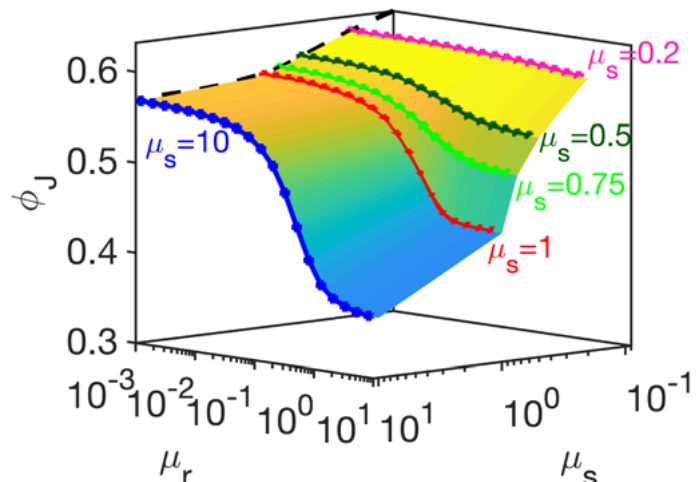
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Major Activities not already discussed in prior reports for this project focused on mapping out how the state diagram for dense suspensions can be tailored by controlling frictional particle-particle interactions to optimize dynamic jamming properties. This effort addressed **Major Goals 2 & 3** and was led by postdoc Abhinendra Singh. Prior simulations by Singh and colleagues had shown how the interparticle sliding friction coefficient μ controls the extent of the SJ regime in the (σ, ϕ) state diagram as well as the extent of DST. The key message that emerged from these simulations is that friction needs to be maximized in order to make the interval $[\phi_J^\mu, \phi_J^0]$ as large as possible, i.e., in order to optimize access to the DST and SJ regimes. The question addressed by Singh in the PI's group now became how this is modified by the presence of additional constraints on the relative movement of contacting particles, such as rolling friction in addition to sliding friction. This required a careful extension of the simulation code and extensive calibration against experimental results. For the latter, Singh used data published by grad student Nicole James in her 2018 *Nature Materials* paper. The idea here being that hydrogen bonding introduces a



strong constraint against rolling. The upshot of these simulations was that the short-range attractive forces due to hydrogen bonding, with range on the molecular scale and thus much less than λ , do not produce a yield stress, but instead shift the onset of DST to lower stress levels and furthermore increase the viscosity in the high-stress limit. Acting like molecular-scale ‘sticky pads’, hydrogen bonds strongly enhance sliding friction by snapping contacting surface patches together, and they *also introduce a certain degree of stickiness*. Our simulations indicate that the overall effect of this stickiness is similar to introducing rolling friction in addition to sliding friction.

A central result from these simulations was the development of a state diagram that shows how the onset packing fraction for shear jamming, ϕ_j^u , is controlled by the strengths of sliding (μ_s) and rolling (μ_r) friction. This is shown in the picture above. Very interestingly, rolling friction only appears to have a significant effect beyond a minimum of sliding friction, around $\mu_s = 0.2$. However, for physically reasonable values of the order of $\mu_s = 0.5 \dots 0.8$ already small amounts of rolling friction, perhaps one order of magnitude smaller than μ_s , can dramatically lower the onset threshold ϕ_j^u for jamming in the state diagram. These results were published in Physical Review Letters 124, 248005 (2020).

Training Opportunities:

Postdoc Abhinendra Singh was hired in summer 2018 and was co-mentored by the PI and Prof. Juan de Pablo (Pritzker School of Molecular Engineering). He participated in grant writing with the PI and co-mentored all graduate and undergrad students on the project.

Graduate students Endao Han, Nicole James and Michael van der Naald were trained in state-of-the-art measurement and analysis techniques, including particle imaging velocimetry (PIV), advanced rheometry, and high-speed ultrasound and optical imaging.

Undergraduate students Medha Goyal and Huayue Xue worked in the PI’s lab from summer 2018 until Winter 2019. Medha Goyal was trained in taking advanced measurements with our rheometers, while Huayue Xue was trained in chemical synthesis of particles for suspensions as well as in using scanning electron microscopy (SEM) and image analysis for particle characterization. Both undergrads were mentored extensively by graduate student Nicole James.

Undergraduate student Liang Zhao worked in the PI’s lab until 2020 before moving on to graduate school. He was trained in ultrasound imaging techniques, particle imaging velocimetry (PIV), and in taking advanced measurements with our rheometers. He was mentored by graduate student Michael van der Naald.

During summer 2019 undergraduate student Margot Young and high-school student Ionnis Nikas participated in project-related research in the PI’s lab. Both were trained on the rheometers to measure flow curves of suspensions and were mentored by graduate student Michael van der Naald.