

# Comparative study of spray dried and roller dried calcium caseinates on structure formation

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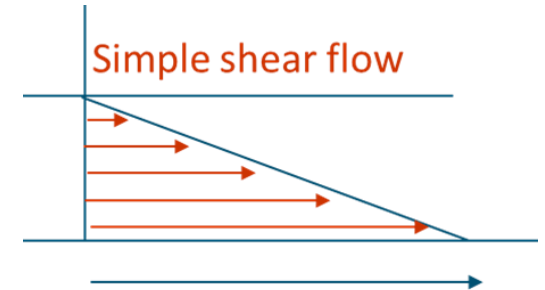
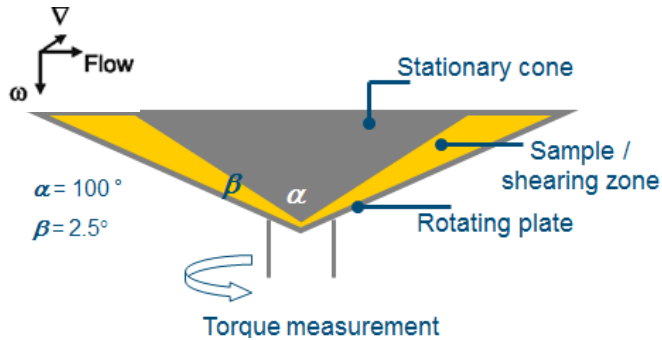
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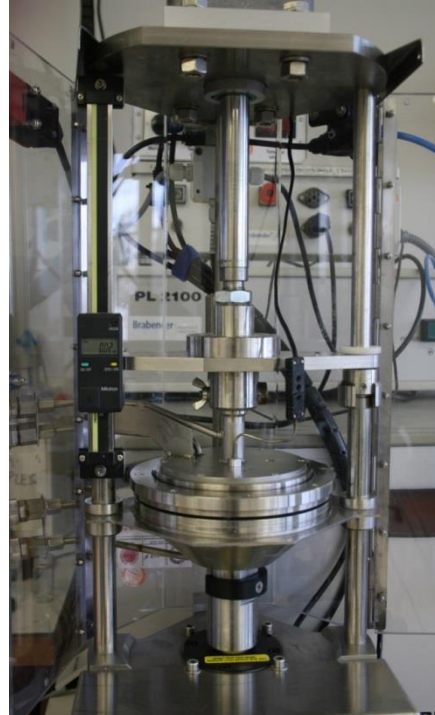
**“Anisotropic structure formation depend on the arrangement of air bubbles under shear flow in dense calcium caseinate system.”**



# Shear cell technology



30g Calcium Caseinate  
70g water  
Tgse(E:S=1:20)



50 rpm, 50 °C, 5 min

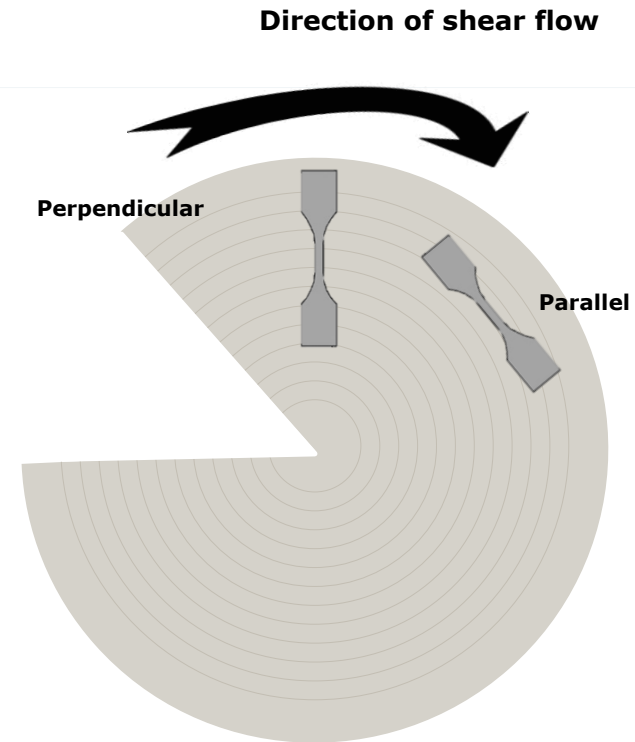


- ❖ No break-up of structure elements
- ❖ Viscous biopolymers
- ❖ Coupling to rheological phenomena



# Approach

- Visual observation
- Mechanical analysis
- Microscope
- Rheometer



□ Anisotropy index can be calculated.

$$A.I._{\sigma} = \frac{\sigma_{\text{Parallel}}}{\sigma_{\text{perpendicular}}}$$

$$A.I._{\varepsilon} = \frac{\varepsilon_{\text{Parallel}}}{\varepsilon_{\text{perpendicular}}}$$

$A.I._{\sigma} > 2$  is defined fibrous structure.



# Challenge & objective



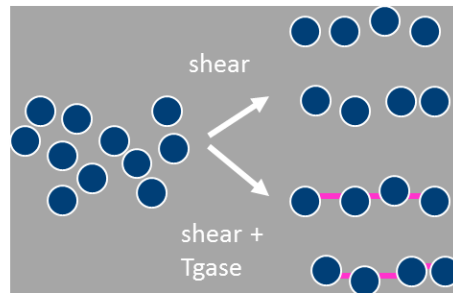
Understand the characteristics of dense CaCas dispersions in relation to **structure formation capabilities**.



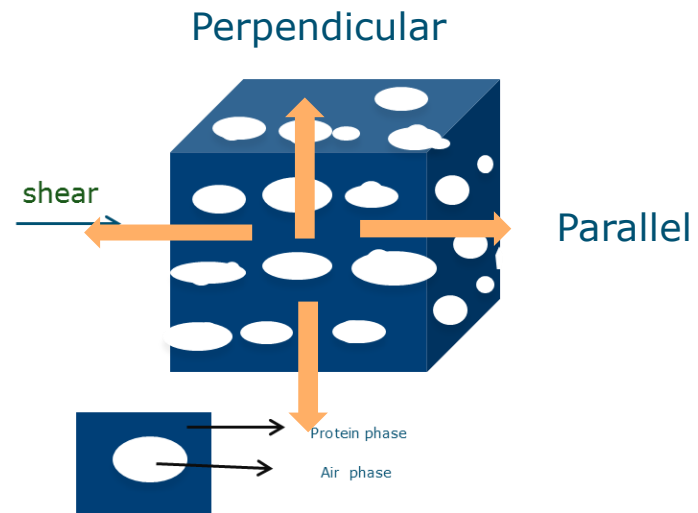
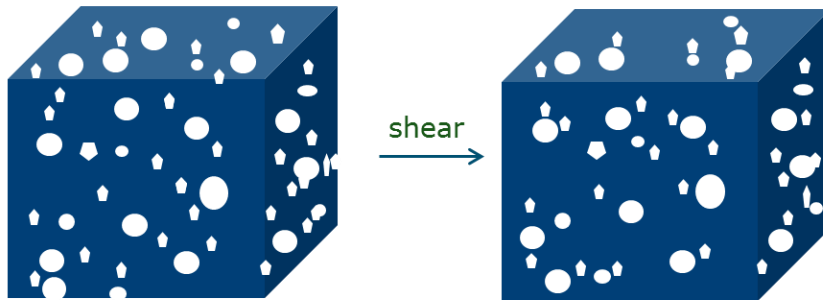


# Hypothesis

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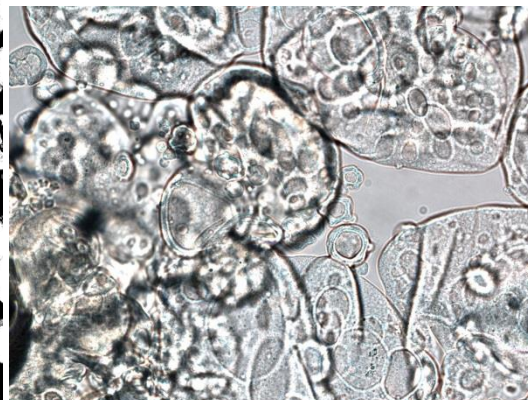
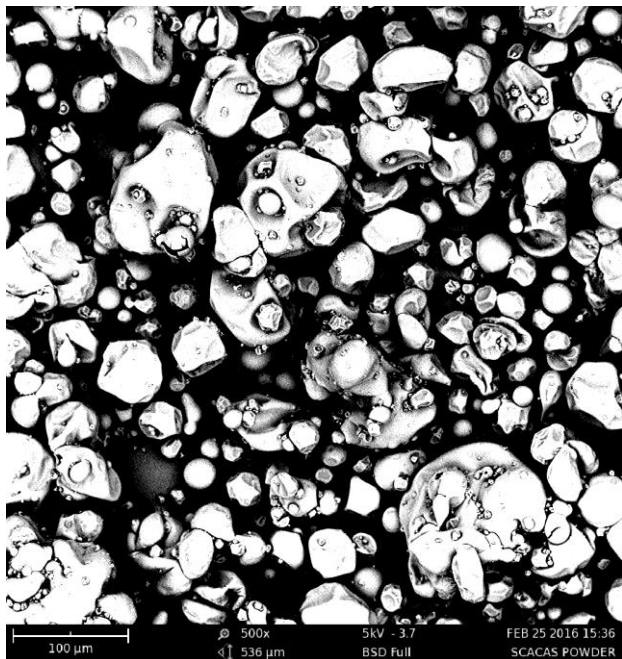
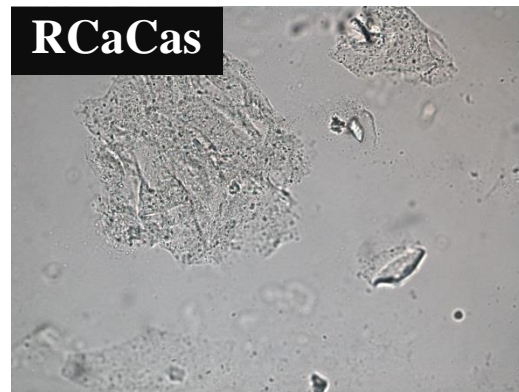


Micro

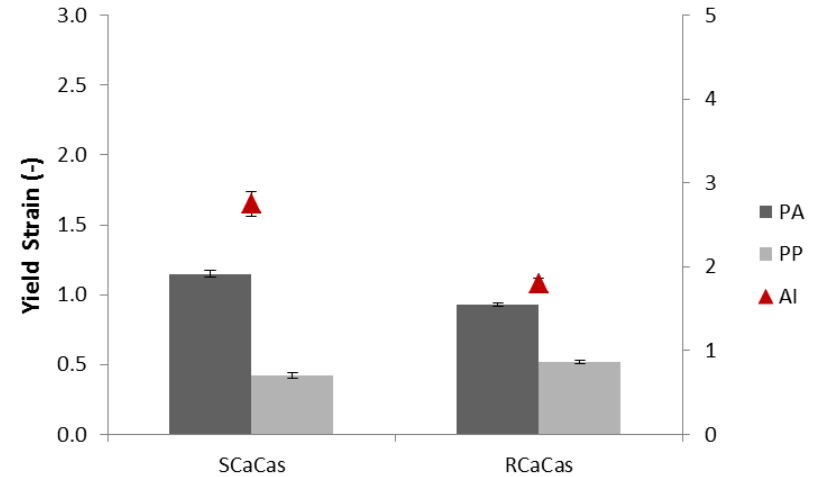
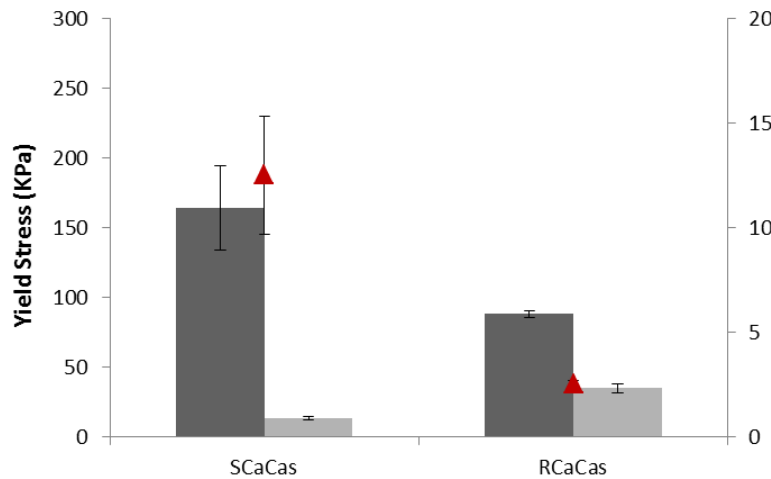


# Ingredients property

| Components             | SCaCas | RCaCas |
|------------------------|--------|--------|
| Protein (%; N×6.38)    | 91.0   | 91.8   |
| Moisture content (%)   | 6.40   | 6.04   |
| Calcium content* (%)   | 1.50   | 1.20   |
| pH (10% sol. 20 °C)    | 6.9    | 6.7    |
| Reactive Lysine (mg/g) | 4.21   | 0.76   |
| Micelle size (nm)      | 199    | 187    |

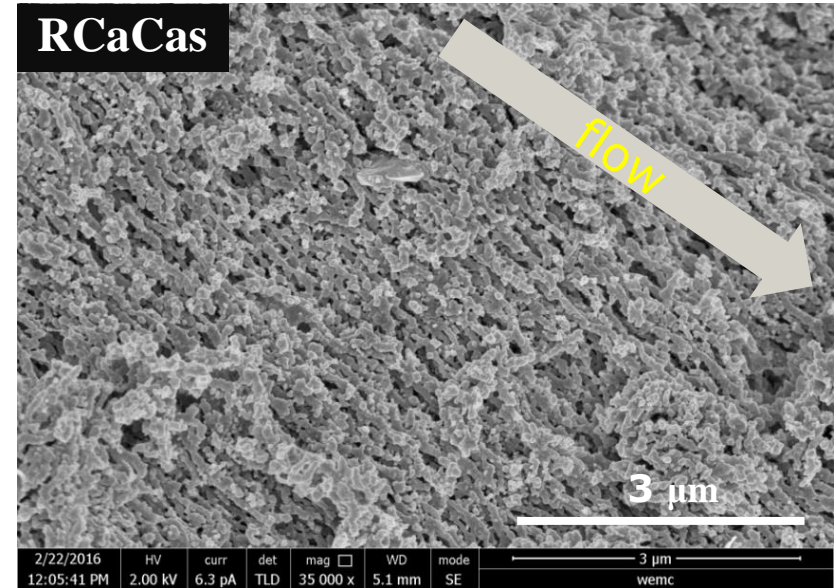
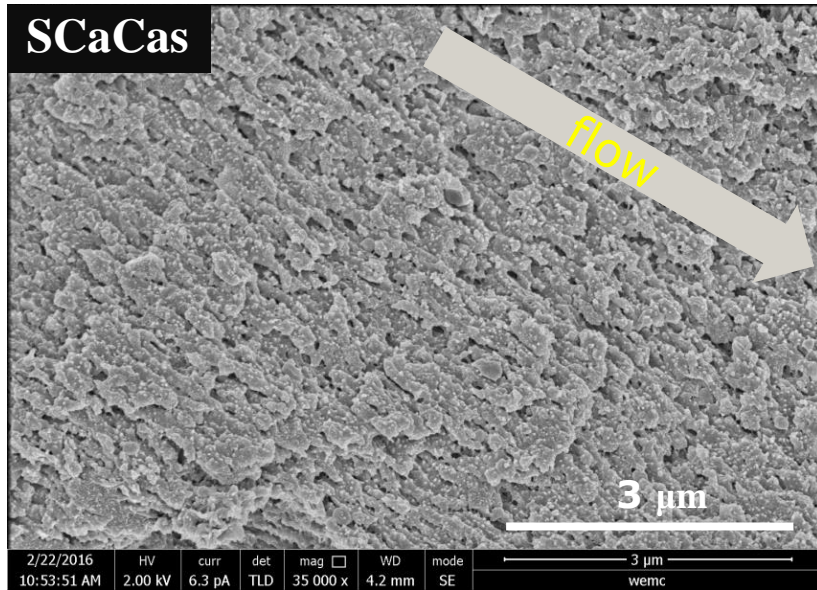


# Mechanical property

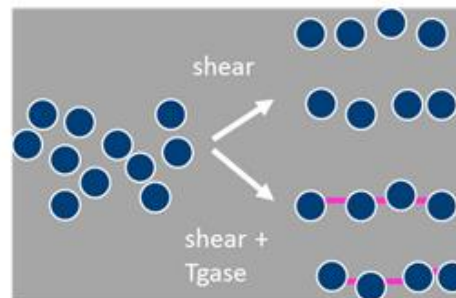




# Alignment nanoscale



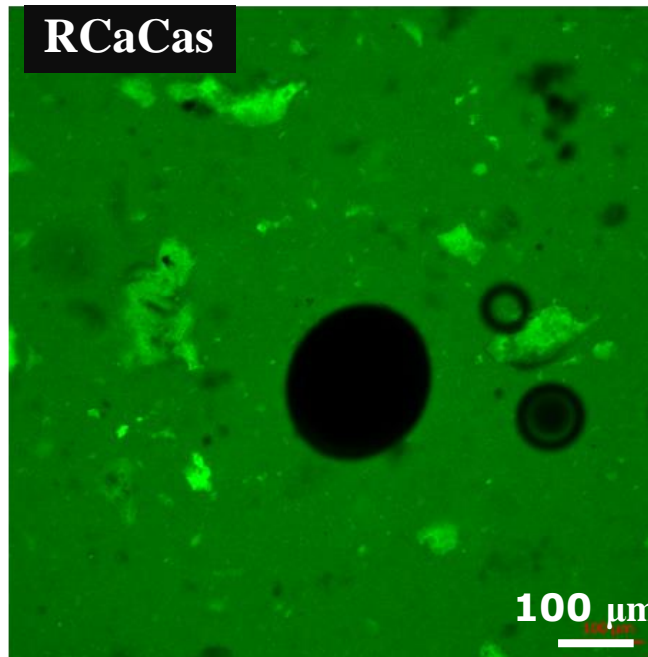
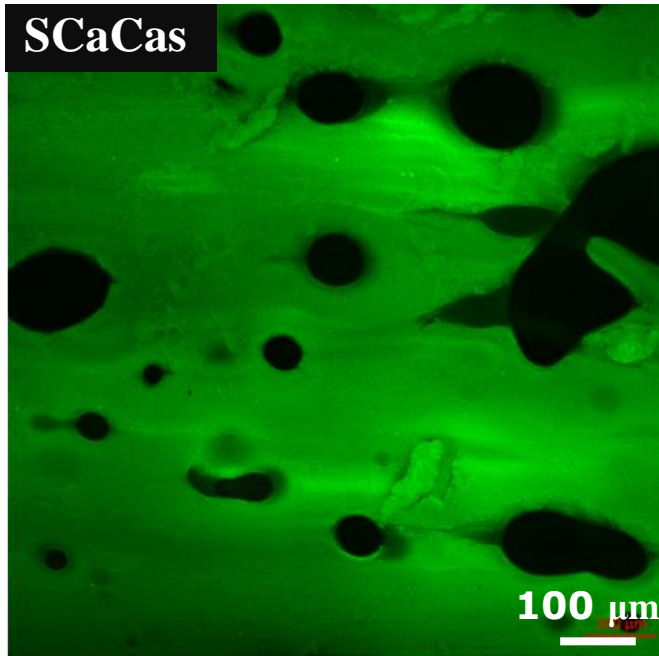
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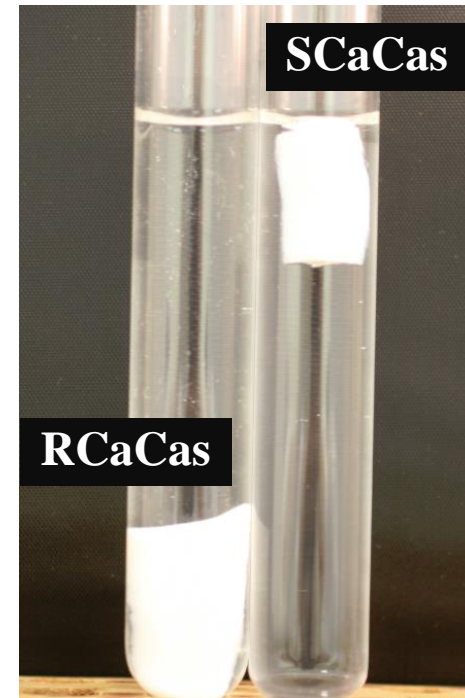
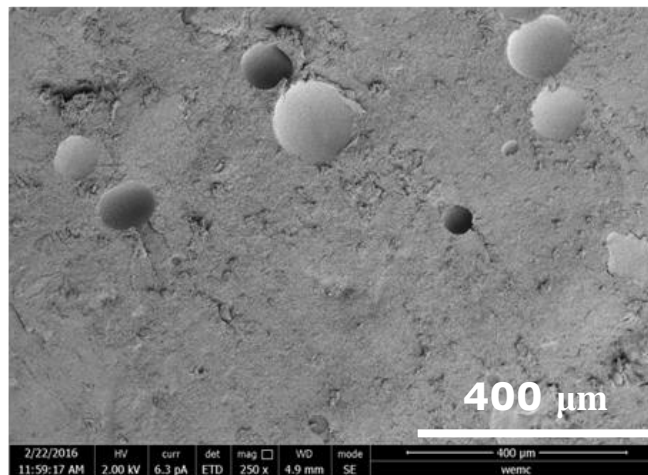
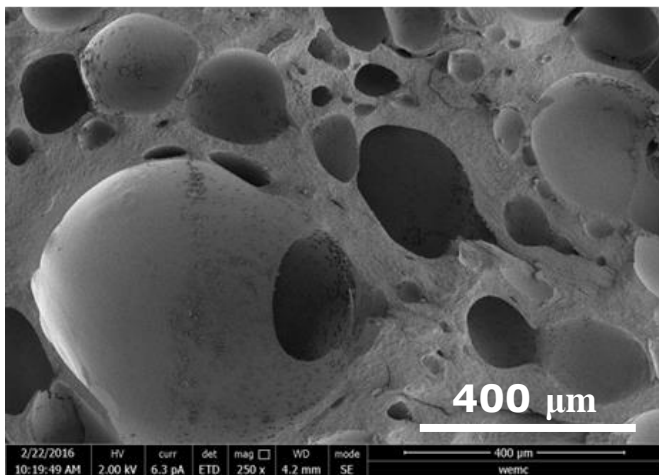
● Micelle  
— Tgase



# Alignment microscale

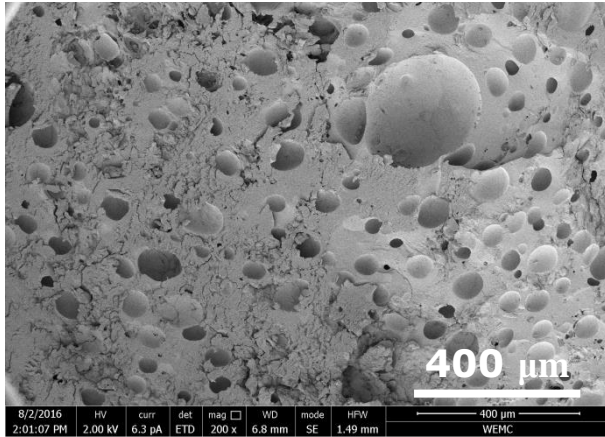


|               | Air(% <i>v/v</i> ) |
|---------------|--------------------|
| <b>SCaCas</b> | 26.8               |
| <b>RCaCas</b> | 12.7               |

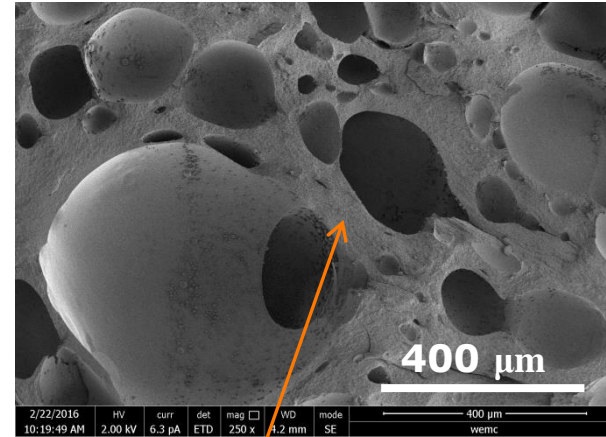


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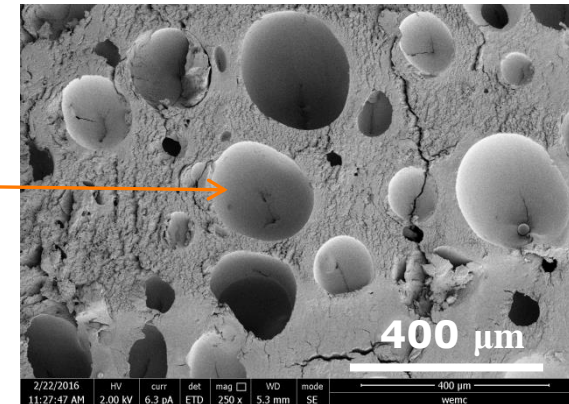
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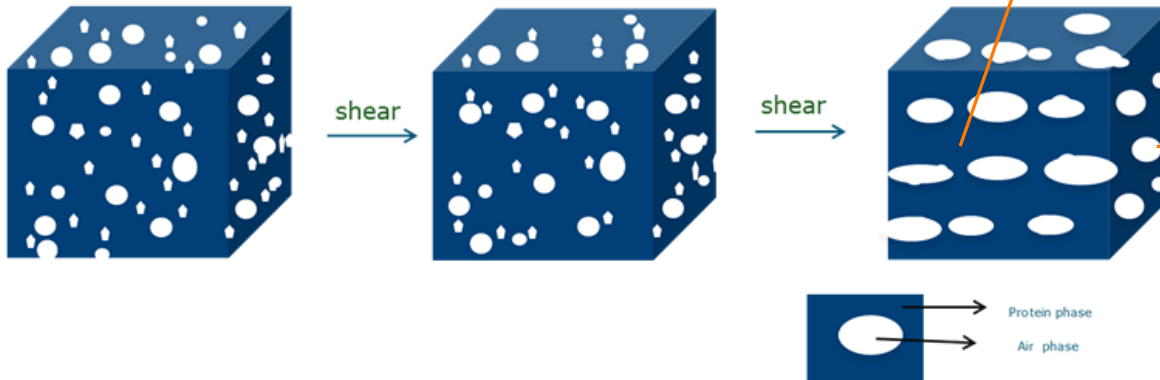
Parallel



Perpendicular

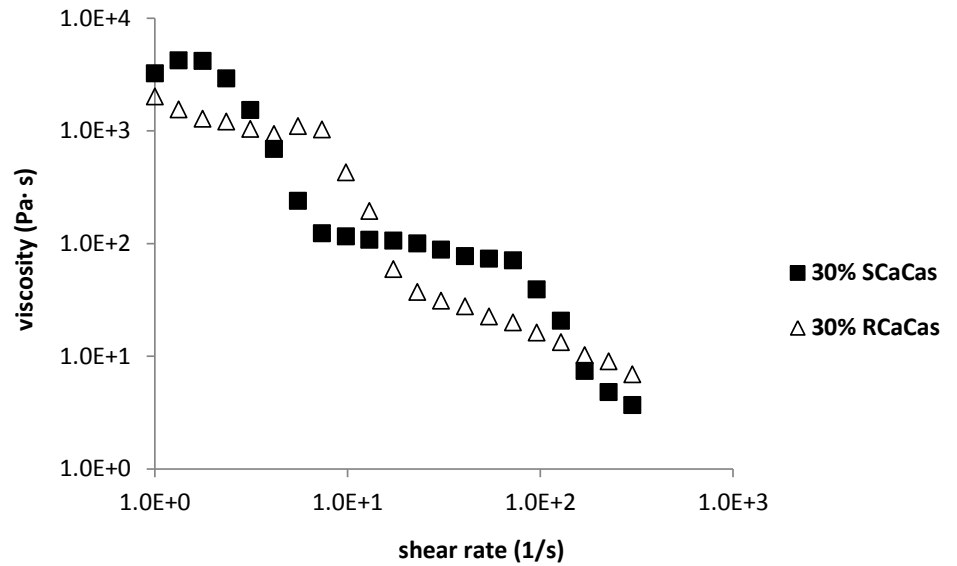
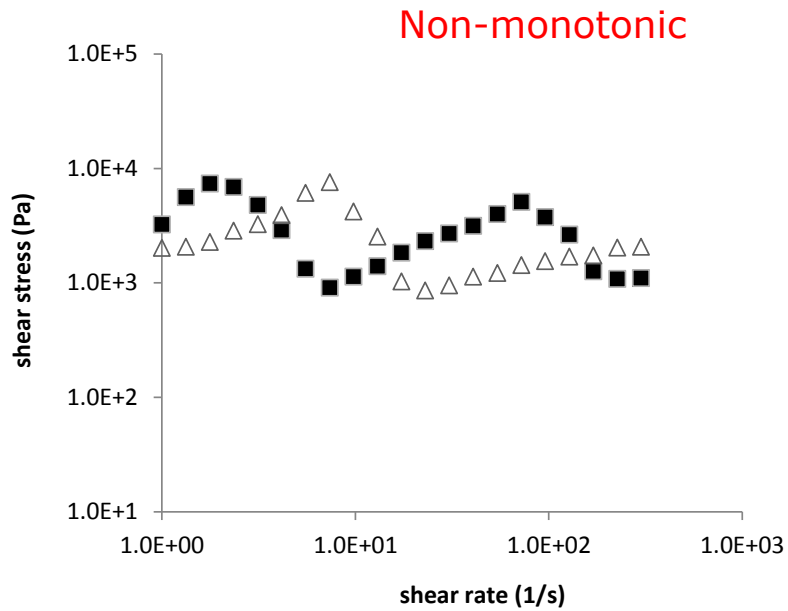


Micro





# Rheological property





# Take home message

- ❑ Air is a dispersed phase (weak phase) in fibrous structure. ———→ arranged by shear flow resulting in high anisotropy index.
- ❑ The porous morphology of spray dried CaCas powder is needed
- ✓ On going research: factors influencing porosity arrangement



# Thank you for listening!

## Questions?



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