

# SHRAVAN PRADEEP

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## EDUCATION & TRAINING

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| <b>Postdoctoral Researcher</b><br>Earth and Environmental Sciences, Mechanical Engineering and Applied Mechanics<br>University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA | 2021-Present |
| <b>Ph.D. in Chemical Engineering</b>    <i>Minor</i> : Materials Science and Engineering<br>North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC                         | 2016-2021    |
| <b>M.S. in Chemical Engineering</b><br>Birla Institute of Technology and Science (BITS) Pilani, Pilani Campus, India   | 2013-2015    |
| <b>B.S. in Chemical Engineering</b>    First Class with Distinction ( <i>Summa Cum Laude</i> )<br>Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham University, Coimbatore, India       | 2008-2012    |

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Nano- and micro-structured soft materials, dense structured fluids, suspension rheo-tribology, structure-property relationships, soft matter instrumentation, active-passive matter interactions, and 3D printing.

## AWARDS & HONORS

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| <b>Victor K. LaMer Award Finalist</b> , ACS Colloids and Surface Science Division                    | 2023      |
| <b>Postdoctoral Poster Award - Honorable Mention</b> , APS Forum for Early Career Scientists         | 2023      |
| <b>Postdoctoral Poster Award - Third Place</b> , Society of Rheology 93 <sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting | 2022      |
| <b>James K. Ferrell Outstanding Ph.D. Graduate Award</b> , NC State                                  | 2022      |
| <b>Langmuir Graduate Student Award Finalist</b> , ACS Colloids and Surface Science Division          | 2021      |
| <b>Travel Assistance Award</b> , Graduate Student Association, NC State                              | 2019      |
| <b>Conference Travel Award</b> , College of Engineering, NC State                                    | 2019      |
| <b>Provost's University Graduate Fellowship</b> , College of Engineering, NC State                   | 2016-2017 |
| <b>Department 1<sup>st</sup> Rank</b> , Chemical Engineering Department, BITS Pilani                 | 2015      |
| <b>Poster Award - Second Place</b> , Indian Institute of Chemical Engineers, Pilani Chapter          | 2015      |
| <b>University 3<sup>rd</sup> Rank</b> , Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham University                        | 2012      |
| <b>School of Engineering Merit Award</b> , Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham                                | 2009-2011 |
| <b>Prime Minister's Merit Scholarship</b> , Ministry of Defence, Government of India                 | 2008-2012 |

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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### RESEARCH:

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| <b>Postdoctoral Researcher</b> , University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA<br><i>Mentor(s)</i> : Prof. Douglas J. Jerolmack & Prof. Paulo E. Arratia<br><i>Research Focus</i> : Rheophysics of soft-earth materials and bacterial suspensions           | 2021-Present |
| <b>Graduate Research Assistant</b> , North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC<br><i>Advisor</i> : Prof. Lilian C. Hsiao (Hsiao SMART Lab)<br><i>Dissertation</i> : Flow mechanics in dense suspensions of smooth and rough colloids                    | 2017-2021    |
| <b>Research Assistant</b> , Indian Institute of Technology Delhi, New Delhi, India<br><i>Advisor(s)</i> : Prof. Shalini Gupta & Prof. Ravikrishnan Elangovan<br><i>Project</i> : Immunomagnetic capture chip development for optical detection of bacteria | 2015-2016    |

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| <b>Research Assistant</b> , Birla Institute of Technology & Science, Pilani, India<br><i>Advisor:</i> Sonal Mazumder, PhD ( <i>Current Position:</i> US-FDA, Silver Springs, MD)<br><i>Thesis:</i> Quantum dots for photocatalytic degradation of biological pollutants | 2014-2015   |
| <b>Research Assistant</b> , Amrita School of Engineering, Coimbatore, India<br><i>Advisor:</i> Prof. Kanakasabai Panchanathan<br><i>Senior Project:</i> Titania nanoparticles-embedded polyvinyl alcohol membranes  | 2011-2012   |
| <b>Research Intern</b> , Research & Development Establishment (Eng.), Pune, India<br><i>Advisor:</i> Anoop Anand, PhD (Composite Research Center)<br><i>Project:</i> Graphene in advanced structural composites   | Summer 2011 |
| <b>INDUSTRY:</b>  |             |
| <b>Management Trainee</b> , Mangalore Chemicals & Fertilizers Ltd., Mangalore, India<br>Production Engineering, Ammonia Production Plant  | 2012-2013   |
| <b>In-Plant Trainee (Co-Op)</b> , Exide Industries, Hosur, India<br>Industrial Battery Division   | Summer 2010 |

## JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

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† indicates equal contribution || Total Publications: 13 || First-Author: 7 || [Google Scholar](#)

- Ranjiangshang Ran, Shravan Pradeep, Sebastien Kosgodagan Acharige, Brendan C Blackwell, Christoph Kammer, Douglas J. Jerolmack, and Paulo E. Arratia, "Understanding the rheology of kaolinite clay suspensions using Bayesian inference", **Journal of Rheology** 67:241-252 (2023). [\[Paper\]](#)
  - *Highlight:* [Editor's Featured Article](#)
- Bryan O. Torres Maldonado, Ranjiangshang Ran, K. L. Galloway, Quentin Brosseau, Shravan Pradeep, and Paulo E. Arratia, "Phase-separation during sedimentation of dilute bacterial suspensions", **Physics of Fluids**, 34: 113305 (2022). [\[Paper\]](#)
- Robert Kostynick†, Hadis Matinpour†, Shravan Pradeep†, Thomas Dunne, Sarah Haber, Alban Sauret, Eckart Meiburg, Paulo E Arratia, and Douglas J Jerolmack, "Rheology of debris flows controlled by the distance from jamming", **Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences**, 119:44 (2022). [\[Paper\]](#)
  - *Highlights:* Physics of disaster: How mudslides move. [NSF News](#) | [Penn News](#) | [AAAS EurekAlert!](#)
- Shravan Pradeep, Alan Wessel, and Lilian C Hsiao, "Hydrodynamic origin for the suspension viscoelasticity in rough colloids", **Journal of Rheology**, 66: 895 (2022). [\[Paper\]](#)
  - *Highlight:* [Editor's Featured Article](#)
- Shravan Pradeep, Paulo E. Arratia, "To biofilm or not to biofilm", **eLife**, 80891 (2022). [\[Paper\]](#)
- Zijian Dai, Shravan Pradeep, Jie Zhu, Wenyi Xie, Heather F Barton, Yang Si, Bin Ding, Jianyoung Yu, and Gregory Parsons, "Freestanding metal organic framework-based microfiltration membranes fabricated *via* pseudomorphic replication toward liquid- and gas hazards abatement", **Advanced Materials Interfaces**, 2101178 (2021). [\[Paper\]](#)
- Shravan Pradeep, Mohammad Nabizadeh, Alan R. Jacob, Safa Jamali, and Lilian C. Hsiao, "Jamming distance dictates colloidal shear thickening", **Physical Review Letters**, 127: 158002 (2021). [\[Paper\]](#)
  - *Highlights:* New images lead to better prediction in shear thickening. [Phys.Org](#) | [NC State News](#)
- Jie Zhu, Weiwang Qiu, Hua Han, Chengjian Yao, Chun Wang, Dequn Wu, Shravan Pradeep, and Zijian Dai, "Water stable UiO-66-NH<sub>2</sub> metal organic frameworks armed poly(vinyl) alcohol nanofibrous wound dressing with anti-infective therapy", **Journal of Colloid and Interface Science**, 603: 243-251 (2021). [\[Paper\]](#)
- Shravan Pradeep, Lilian C. Hsiao, "Contact criterion in suspensions of smooth and rough colloids", **Soft Matter**, 16:4980-4989 (2020). [\[Paper\]](#)

10. Lilian C. Hsiao, Shravan Pradeep, “Experimental synthesis and characterization of frictional particles for colloidal and granular rheology”, **Current Opinion in Colloid and Interface Science**, 43:94-112 (2019). [[Paper](#)]
11. Shravan Pradeep, Sai Raghuram, and Sonal Mazumder, “Rapid synthesis of pure and doped ZnS quantum dots for photocatalytic degradation of biological dye pollutants”, **Materials Focus**, 6:657-667 (2017). [[Paper](#)]
12. Shravan Pradeep<sup>†</sup>, Sai Raghuram<sup>†</sup>, Mahua Ghosh Chaudhury, and Sonal Mazumder, “Synthesis and characterization of Fe<sup>3+</sup> and Mn<sup>2+</sup> doped ZnS quantum dots for photocatalytic application: Effect of mercaptoethanol and chitosan as capping agent”, **Journal of Nanoscience and Nanotechnology**, 17:1125-1132 (2017). [[Paper](#)]
13. Sai Raghuram, Shravan Pradeep, Subhra Dash, Rajdeep Chowdhury, and Sonal Mazumder, “Chitosan encapsulated ZnS:M (M: Fe<sup>3+</sup> and Mn<sup>2+</sup>) quantum dots for fluorescent labelling of sulphate reducing bacteria”, **Bulletin of Materials Science**, 39:405-413 (2016). [[Paper](#)]

## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES, SERVICE & OUTREACH

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### Academic Peer-Review:

- *Grants*: NASA MUREP Space Technology Artemis Research (M-STAR), *Ad-hoc* Reviewer & Panelist
- *Journals*: Nature Communications, Physical Review Letters, Journal of Colloid and Interface Science, Physics of Fluids, Scientific Reports

### Conference Chair/Co-Chair:

- American Physical Society March Meeting
  - *Session*: Functionality through Nonlinearity in Metamaterials 2023
  - *Session*: Rheology, Flow & Instabilities of Soft Materials 2022
  - *Session*: Interfaces and Mixing & Kadanoff Prize Talk 2022
- Society of Rheology Annual Meeting
  - *Session*: Colloids and Suspensions 2022

**Professional Memberships**: American Institute of Chemical Engineers (AIChE), American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME), Society of Rheology (SOR), American Chemical Society (ACS), American Physical Society (APS), and American Geophysical Union (AGU).

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| <b>Volunteer</b> , <i>Skype-a-Scientist</i> , Philadelphia   | 2023-Present |
| <b>Primary Member</b> , Climate, Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Committee (CDEIC), UPenn                            | 2022-Present |
| <b>Volunteer Staff</b> , Diversity Equity Engagement at Penn in STEM (DEEPenn STEM), UPenn                         | 2022-Present |
| <b>Visiting Researcher</b> , Kavli Institute of Theoretical Physics, <i>Multiphase Flows in the Environment</i>    | 2022         |
| <b>Participant</b> <sup>¶</sup> , Diverse Leaders for the Future - Future Faculty Workshop, University of Delaware | 2022         |
| <b>Participant</b> <sup>¶</sup> , Boulder Summer School for Condensed Matter, <i>Hydrodynamics Across Scales</i>   | 2022         |
| <b>Student Affairs Committee Member</b> , Division of Soft Matter, American Physical Society                       | 2019-2022    |
| <b>Mentor</b> , Alumni Mentoring Program, Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering, NC State                            | 2021-2022    |
| <b>Captain</b> , Graduate Recruitment Event, Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering, NC State                         | 2019         |
| <b>Student Organizer</b> , Future Leaders in Chemical Engineering, NC State  | 2018-2019    |
| <b>Vice-President</b> , Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering Graduate Student Association, NC State                 | 2017-2018    |
| <b>Department Ambassador</b> (Chemical & Biomolecular), Office of International Services, NC State                 | 2016-2018    |
| <b>Department Representative</b> (Master's Student Body), Chemical Engineering, BITS Pilani                        | 2014-2015    |
| <b>Student Senate Member</b> , Academic Counselling Cell, BITS Pilani  | 2014-2015    |

<sup>¶</sup>: Competitive and fully-funded professional development programs

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE & CERTIFICATIONS

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**Teaching Assistant & Guest Lecturer**, University of Pennsylvania

Department of Mechanical Engineering & Applied Mechanics | Department of Earth & Environmental Sciences

- EESC 6720 Landslides | Lecture Focus: Subaqueous Granular Matter Failure Modes Spring 2023
- MEAM 2020 Introduction to Thermo-Fluids Engineering Fall 2022

- MEAM 225 Environmental Engineering Spring 2022
- Teaching and Communication Certificate**, The Graduate School, NC State Spring 2021
- Teaching Assistant**, Department of Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering Department, NC State
- CHE 713 Chemical Engineering Thermodynamics Fall 2019
- CHE 205 Chemical Process Calculations Fall 2017
- CHE 312 Transport Processes II Spring 2017
- Teaching Assistant**, Chemical Engineering Department, BITS Pilani
- CHE F312 Chemical Engineering Lab I Fall 2013-14
- CHE F322 Chemical Engineering Lab II Spring 2014-15

## MENTORING EXPERIENCE

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### University of Pennsylvania

- Eric Sigg (B.S. Mechanical Engineering), Phillip Choi (B.S. Physics)

### North Carolina State University

- Alan Wessel, Sara Wozniak, Christine Dang, Colin Donaldson, and Alex Kramer (B.S. Chemical Engineering)

## SCIENTIFIC PRESENTATIONS

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### Invited Talks

1. Shravan Pradeep, "Frictional interactions anneal yielding dynamics in model earth suspensions", *ACS Colloids and Surface Science Symposium*, Raleigh, NC (2023). **LaMer Keynote Speaker**
2. Shravan Pradeep, "Material constraints dictate flow mechanics in dense suspensions", Session: Frontiers in Soft Matter, *APS March Meeting*, Las Vegas, NV (2023).
3. Shravan Pradeep, "Distance to jamming dictate colloidal shear thickening", *The Plot Thickens*, Shear Thickening Seminar Series, Virtual (2021).
4. Shravan Pradeep, "Probing contact microstructure in shear thickening colloidal suspensions", *ACS Colloids and Surface Science Symposium*, Virtual (2021). **Langmuir Graduate Student Speaker**

### Oral Presentations

1. Shravan Pradeep, Paulo Arratia, Douglas Jerolmack, "Rheological state diagrams for model earth suspensions under shear flow", *APS March Meeting*, Las Vegas, NV (2023).
2. Shravan Pradeep, Robert Kostynick, Hadis Matinpour, Sarah Haber, Alban Sauret, Eckart Meiburg, Thomas Dunne, Paulo Arratia, Douglas Jerolmack, "Dense suspension rheology approach towards debris flows" *New England Complex Fluids Workshop*, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA (2022).
3. Shravan Pradeep, Eckart Meiburg, Paulo Arratia, Douglas Jerolmack, "Rheological flow curves for model earth suspension mixtures", *Society of Rheology Annual Meeting*, Chicago, IL (2022).
4. Shravan Pradeep, Robert Kostynick, Thomas Dunne, Paulo Arratia, Douglas Jerolmack, "Constraint-based approach towards debris flow rheology", *APS March Meeting*, Chicago, IL (2022).
5. Shravan Pradeep, Alan Wessel, Lilian Hsiao, "Elucidating the effect of surface roughness-induced geometric frustration on linear viscoelasticity in colloids suspensions", *APS March Meeting*, Chicago, IL (2022).
6. Shravan Pradeep, Alan Wessel, Lilian Hsiao, "Effect of geometric frustration on the linear viscoelasticity in dense colloidal suspensions", *Society of Rheology Annual Meeting*, Bangor, ME (2021).
7. Shravan Pradeep, Alan Wessel, Lilian Hsiao, "Elasticity in dense suspensions of geometrically frustrated colloids", *APS March Meeting*, Virtual (2021).

8. Shravan Pradeep, Alan Jacob, Lilian Hsiao, “Distance to jamming dictates onset stress and strength of shear thickening”, *International Congress on Rheology*, Virtual (2020). **Keynote Speaker - Colloids, Suspensions, and Granular Media Session**
9. Shravan Pradeep, Alan Jacob, Lilian Hsiao, “Universal correlation between jamming distance and shear thickening strength in dense colloidal suspensions”, *Annual Meeting of the APS Division of Fluid Dynamics*, Virtual (2020).
10. Shravan Pradeep, Alan Jacob, Lilian Hsiao, “Distance to jamming defines shear thickening strength in colloids”, *AIChE Annual Meeting*, Virtual (2020).
11. Shravan Pradeep, Lilian Hsiao, “Dynamics and contact microstructure of rough colloids”, *APS March Meeting*, Denver, CO (2020).
12. Shravan Pradeep, Lilian Hsiao, “Contact numbers and radial distributions in suspensions of smooth and rough colloids”, *APS March Meeting*, Boston, MA (2019).
13. Shravan Pradeep, Sai Raghuram, Sonal Mazumder, “Synthesis and characterisation of Fe<sup>3+</sup> doped ZnS based colloidal quantum dots in aqueous media”, *2<sup>nd</sup> International Conference on Nanotechnology*, Haldia, India (2015).

### Poster Presentations

1. Shravan Pradeep, Paulo E. Arratia, Douglas J. Jerolmack, “Model complex fluids reveal rheological fingerprints of debris flows”, *Colloids and Interface Symposium*, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA (2023).
2. Shravan Pradeep, Lilian Hsiao, Paulo Arratia, Douglas Jerolmack, “Jamming distance: physics-informed design parameter for dense suspension rheology”, *APS March Meeting*, Las Vegas, NV (2023). **APS Forum for Early Career Scientists Poster Award - Honorable Mention**
3. Shravan Pradeep, Robert Kostynick, Hadis Matinpour, Sarah Haber, Alban Sauret, Eckart Meiburg, Thomas Dunne, Paulo Arratia, Douglas Jerolmack, “Jamming distance controls rheology of debris flows”, *KITP Conference: Multiphase Flows Atmospheres, Oceans, Earths*, Santa Barbara, CA (2022).
4. Shravan Pradeep, Lilian Hsiao, “Engineering flow mechanics in dense suspensions of surface-anisotropic colloids”, *Society of Rheology Annual Meeting*, Chicago, IL (2022). **Poster Award - Third Place**
5. Shravan Pradeep, Robert Kostynick, Hadis Matinpour, Sarah Haber, Alban Sauret, Eckart Meiburg, Thomas Dunne, Paulo Arratia, Douglas Jerolmack, “Yield, jam, and flow: Unpacking physics of debris flows”, *Gordon Research Seminar: Granular Matter*, Boston, MA (2022).
6. Shravan Pradeep, Lilian Hsiao, “Geometric frustration-induced phase behavior in spherically symmetric colloids”, *AIChE Annual Meeting*, Virtual (2020).
7. Shravan Pradeep, Yunhu Peng, Lilian Hsiao, “Connecting frictional dissipation to rheology of confined suspensions”, *Society of Rheology Annual Meeting*, Raleigh, NC (2020).
8. Shravan Pradeep, Alex Kramer, Lilian Hsiao, “Programmable self-assembly and suspension rheology in light-responsive colloidal systems”, *ACS Colloids & Surface Science Symposium*, State College, PA (2018).
9. Shravan Pradeep, Sai Raghuram, Sonal Mazumder, “Synthesis and characterization of Fe<sup>3+</sup> and Mn<sup>2+</sup> doped ZnS nanocrystals”, *Workshop on Analytical Instruments for Chemical & Environmental Engineers*, Pilani, India (2015). **Poster Award - Second Place**
10. Shravan Pradeep, A. K. Ashwath, Smita Raghuvanshi, “Synthesis and characterisation of Graphene oxide nanoparticles using Modified Hummer’s Method”, *National Conference on Nano-and Functional Materials*, Pilani, India (2014).