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EDUCATION & TRAINING

2024-Present	Penn Center for Soft and Living Matter (CSLM) Postdoctoral Fellow
2021-Present	Postdoctoral Researcher Earth and Environmental Science Mechanical Engineering and Applied Mechanics University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA
2016-2021	Ph.D. in Chemical Engineering <i>Minor</i> : Materials Science and Engineering North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC
2013-2015	M.S. in Chemical Engineering Birla Institute of Technology and Science (BITS) Pilani, Pilani Campus, India
2008-2012	B.S. in Chemical Engineering First Class with Distinction (<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>) Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham University, Coimbatore, India

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Dense structured fluids, suspension rheology, soft matter tribology, structure-property relationships, materials geomimicry, soft earth geophysics, soft-living matter interactions, and sustainable manufacturing.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2021-Present	Postdoctoral Researcher , University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA <i>Mentor(s)</i> : Profs. Douglas J. Jerolmack and Paulo E. Arratia <i>Research Focus</i> : Exploring tribo-rheophysics of soft-earth materials and living matter
Fall 2022	Visiting Affiliate , Kavli Institute of Theoretical Physics (KITP), UC Santa Barbara, CA <i>Program</i> : Multiphase Flows in Geophysics and the Environment
2017-2021	Graduate Research Assistant , North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC <i>Advisor</i> : Prof. Lilian C. Hsiao (Hsiao SMART Lab) <i>Dissertation</i> : Flow mechanics in dense suspensions of anisotropic colloids
2015-2016	Research Assistant , Indian Institute of Technology Delhi, New Delhi, India <i>Advisor(s)</i> : Profs. Shalini Gupta and Ravikrishnan Elangovan <i>Project</i> : Immunomagnetic capture chip development for optical detection of bacteria
2014-2015	Research Assistant , Birla Institute of Technology & Science, Pilani, India <i>Advisor</i> : Sonal Mazumder, PhD (<i>Current Position</i> : Scientist, US-FDA, Silver Springs, MD) <i>Thesis</i> : Quantum dots for photocatalytic degradation of biological pollutants
2012-2013	Management Trainee , Mangalore Chemicals & Fertilizers Ltd., Mangalore, India Production Engineering, Ammonia Production Plant
2011-2012	Research Assistant , Amrita School of Engineering, Coimbatore, India <i>Advisor</i> : Prof. Kanakasabai Panchanathan <i>Senior Project</i> : Titania nanoparticles-embedded polyvinyl alcohol membranes
Summer 2011	Research Intern , Research & Development Establishment (Eng.), Pune, India <i>Advisor</i> : Anoop Anand, PhD (Composite Research Center) <i>Project</i> : Graphene in advanced structural composites
Summer 2010	In-Plant Trainee (Co-Op) , Exide Industries, Hosur, India Industrial Battery Division

AWARDS & HONORS

2024	Penn CSLM Postdoctoral Fellowship , Center for Soft & Living Matter, University of Pennsylvania
2024	APS FECS Mini Grant Recipient , APS Forum for Early Career Scientists
2023	Future Investigator Travel (FIT) Award , APS Division of Soft Matter
2023	Victor K. LaMer Award Finalist , ACS Colloids and Surface Science Division
2023	Postdoctoral Poster Award - Honorable Mention , APS Forum for Early Career Scientists
2022	Postdoctoral Poster Award - Third Place , Society of Rheology 93 rd Annual Meeting
2022	Diverse Leaders for Future , Future Faculty Workshop, University of Delaware
2021	James K. Ferrell Outstanding Ph.D. Graduate Award , NC State University
2021	Langmuir Graduate Student Award Finalist , ACS Colloids and Surface Science Division
2019	Travel Assistance Award , Graduate Student Association, NC State University
2019	Conference Travel Award , College of Engineering, NC State University
2016-2017	Provost's University Graduate Fellowship , College of Engineering, NC State University
2015	Department 1st Rank , Chemical Engineering Department, BITS Pilani
2015	Poster Award - Second Place , Indian Institute of Chemical Engineers, Pilani Chapter
2012	University 3rd Rank , Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham University
2009-2011	School of Engineering Merit Award , Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham
2008-2012	Prime Minister's Merit Scholarship , Ministry of Defence, Government of India

JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

† Equal Contribution | ♣ Supervised Undergrad | [Google Scholar](#)

Manuscripts Under Preparation:

1. Shravan Pradeep, Xiangyu Chen, Paulo Arratia, Douglas Jerolmack, "Tribo-rheological origins of baseball *Magic Mud* gripping mechanics". *Pre-Publication Highlights*: [Philly Inquirer](#) | [Penn News](#)
2. Shravan Pradeep[†], Larry Galloway[†], Jin Xiao, Poornima Chaturvedula, Paulo Arratia, Jihun Kim, Dorit Aviv, "Designing hydrogel-mediated adaptive windcatcher for urban cooling applications".
3. Shipeng Liu, Shravan Pradeep, Sen Gao, John Bush, John Ruck, Doug Jerolmack, Feifei Qian, "In-situ characterization of mud rheology via. robotic leg interaction".

Manuscripts Under Review:

1. Shravan Pradeep, Paulo Arratia, Douglas Jerolmack, "Origins of complexity in the rheology of Soft Earth suspensions". *Submitted* [\[Preprint\]](#)
2. Bryan O. Torres Maldonado, Shravan Pradeep, Ranjiangshang Ran, Douglas Jerolmack, Paulo Arratia, "Sedimentation dynamics of passive particles in dilute bacterial suspensions: emergence of bioconvection". *Submitted* [\[Preprint\]](#).

Peer-Reviewed Manuscripts:

1. Liam Lasting, Mostafa Akbari, Destynn Keuchel, Na Kyung Lee, Shravan Pradeep, Shivani Chawla, Abigail Weinstein, Masoud Akbarzadeh, Laia Mogas-Soldevila, "Terrene 2.0: Biomaterial Composites Design and Shellular Structures Optimization for Augmented Earthen Construction", *Materials and Design*, 239: 112792 (2024). [\[Paper\]](#)
2. 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
3. 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). [\[Paper\]](#)
4. Shravan Pradeep, Paulo E. Arratia, "To biofilm or not to biofilm", *eLife*, 80891 (2022). [\[Paper\]](#)

5. 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!](#)
6. 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
7. 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]
8. 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](#)
9. Jie Zhu, Weiwang Qiu, Hua Han, Chengjian Yao, Chun Wang, Dequn Wu, Shravan Pradeep, and Zijian Dai, "Water stable UiO-66-NH₂ 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]
10. Shravan Pradeep, Lilian C. Hsiao, "Contact criterion in suspensions of smooth and rough colloids", **Soft Matter**, 16:4980-4989 (2020). [Paper]
11. 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]
12. 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]
13. Shravan Pradeep[†], Sai Raghuram[†], Mahua Chaudhury, and Sonal Mazumder, "Synthesis and characterization of Fe³⁺ and Mn²⁺ 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]
14. Sai Raghuram, Shravan Pradeep, Subhra Dash, Rajdeep Chowdhury, and Sonal Mazumder, "Chitosan encapsulated ZnS:M (M: Fe³⁺ and Mn²⁺) quantum dots for fluorescent labelling of sulphate reducing bacteria", **Bulletin of Materials Science**, 39:405-413 (2016). [Paper]

TEACHING EXPERIENCE & CERTIFICATIONS

Teaching Assistant & Guest Lecturer, University of Pennsylvania

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

- MEAM 5360 Viscous Fluid Flow and Modern Applications Spring 2024
- MEAM 2020 Introduction to Thermo-Fluids Engineering Fall 2023, Fall 2022
- EESC 6720 Landslides | Lecture Focus: Subaqueous Granular Matter Failure Modes Spring 2022
- MEAM 225 Engineering in the Environment Spring 2022

Teaching and Communication Certificate, The Graduate School, NC State

Spring 2021

Teaching Assistant, Department of Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering, 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 (Transport Phenomena) Fall 2014, Fall 2013
- CHE F322 Chemical Engineering Lab II (Chemical Kinetics & Process Control) Spring 2015, Spring 2014

MENTORING EXPERIENCE

University of Pennsylvania

- Bryan Torres (Ph.D. Mechanical Engineering); John Ruck (Ph.D. Geophysics)
- Lidan Gou (M.S. Chemical Engineering)
- Xiangyu Chen and Eric Sigg (B.S. Mechanical Engineering); Phillip Choi (B.A. Physics)

North Carolina State University

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

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES, SERVICE & OUTREACH

Academic Peer-Review: (WOS Researcher ID: AAB-1603-2019)

- *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 Institute of Chemical Engineers
 - *Session*: Nonlinear Flows and Combined Transport Processes 2024
- American Physical Society March Meeting
 - *Session*: Soft Earth Geophysics 2024
 - *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

Admissions Committee, Diversity Equity Engagement at Penn in STEM (DEEPenn STEM) 2024

Science Instructor, Skype-a-Scientist (Non-Profit), Philadelphia 2023-Present

Membership Committee, Division of Soft Matter (DSOFT), American Physical Society 2024

Poster Session Judge, Materials Engineering & Sciences Division, AIChE Annual Meeting 2023

Primary Member, Climate, Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Committee (CDEIC), UPenn 2022, 2023

Volunteer Staff, Diversity Equity Engagement at Penn in STEM (DEEPenn STEM) 2022, 2023

Participant[¶], Boulder Summer School on Condensed Matter, *Hydrodynamics Across Scales* 2022

Student Activities Committee, Division of Soft Matter (DSOFT), American Physical Society 2019-2022

Mentor, Alumni Mentoring Program, Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering, NC State 2021-2022

Captain, Graduate Recruitment Event, Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering, NC State 2019

Student Organizer, Future Leaders in Chemical Engineering, NC State 2018, 2019

Vice-President, Chemical & Biomolecular Engg. Graduate Student Association, NC State 2017-2018

Department Representative (Master's Student Body), Chemical Engineering, BITS Pilani 2014-2015

Student Senate Member, Academic Counselling Cell, BITS Pilani 2014-2015

[¶]: Competitive and fully-funded summer school program

Professional Member: 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).

SCIENTIFIC PRESENTATIONS

Invited Talks:

1. Shravan Pradeep, “Soft Soil Mechanics: Towards discovering constitutive rheological models for better hazard potential predictions”, Department of Earth and Environmental Science Seminar, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA (2024).
2. Shravan Pradeep, “Rheological signatures of yielding in model soft earth suspensions”, *Future of Rheology*, Society of Rheology Virtual Seminar Series (2024).

3. Shravan Pradeep, "Frictional interactions anneal yielding dynamics in model earth suspensions", *ACS Colloids and Surface Science Symposium*, Raleigh, NC (2023). LaMer Keynote Speaker
4. Shravan Pradeep, "Material constraints dictate flow mechanics in dense suspensions", Session: Frontiers in Soft Matter, *APS March Meeting*, Las Vegas, NV (2023).
5. Shravan Pradeep, "Steady shear rheological flow curves in model earth suspension mixtures", Disordered Colloids, Nanoparticles, Atoms, and Particulates Seminar Series, Penn MRSEC, Philadelphia, PA (2023).
6. Shravan Pradeep, "Distance to jamming dictate colloidal shear thickening", *The Plot Thickens*, Shear Thickening Virtual Seminar Series (2021).
7. Shravan Pradeep, "Probing contact microstructure in shear thickening colloidal suspensions", *ACS Colloids and Surface Science Symposium*, Virtual (2021). Langmuir Graduate Student Speaker
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

Oral Presentations:

1. Shravan Pradeep, Paulo Arratia, Douglas Jerolmack, "Rheological fingerprints of soft earth suspensions", *APS March Meeting*, Minneapolis, MN (2024).
2. Shravan Pradeep, "*Soft Soil Mechanics: Discovering rheological constitutive models via. Soft Earth Geophysics*", Mid-Atlantic Soft Matter Workshop, Georgetown University, Washington D.C. (2024).
3. Shravan Pradeep, Paulo Arratia, Douglas Jerolmack, "Rheological fingerprints of non-inertial debris flows", *Annual Meeting of the APS Division of Fluid Dynamics*, Washington, DC (2023).
4. Shravan Pradeep, Paulo Arratia, Douglas Jerolmack, "Less is more: *Simple* complex fluids reveal rheological fingerprints in environmental flows", *AIChE Annual Meeting*, Orlando, FL (2023).
5. Shravan Pradeep, Paulo Arratia, Douglas Jerolmack, "Rheological state diagrams for model earth suspensions under shear flow", *APS March Meeting*, Las Vegas, NV (2023).
6. 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).
7. Shravan Pradeep, Eckart Meiburg, Paulo Arratia, Douglas Jerolmack, "Rheological flow curves for model earth suspension mixtures", *Society of Rheology Annual Meeting*, Chicago, IL (2022).
8. Shravan Pradeep, Robert Kostynick, Thomas Dunne, Paulo Arratia, Douglas Jerolmack, "Constraint-based approach towards debris flow rheology", *APS March Meeting*, Chicago, IL (2022).
9. 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).
10. 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).
11. Shravan Pradeep, Alan Wessel, Lilian Hsiao, "Elasticity in dense suspensions of geometrically frustrated colloids", *APS March Meeting*, Virtual (2021).
12. 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).
13. Shravan Pradeep, "Engineering flow mechanics in surface-anisotropic colloidal suspensions", *Schoenborn Graduate Research Symposium*, Raleigh, NC (2020).
14. Shravan Pradeep, Alan Jacob, Lilian Hsiao, "Distance to jamming defines shear thickening strength in colloids", *AIChE Annual Meeting*, Virtual (2020).

15. Shravan Pradeep, Lilian Hsiao, "Contact numbers and radial distributions in suspensions of smooth and rough colloids", *APS March Meeting*, Boston, MA (2019).
16. Shravan Pradeep, Sai Raghuram, Sonal Mazumder, "Synthesis and characterisation of Fe³⁺ doped ZnS based colloidal quantum dots in aqueous media", *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, "Towards designing flow mechanics in dense suspensions", *Triangle Soft Matter Workshop*, Virtual (2021).
7. Shravan Pradeep, Lilian Hsiao, "Geometric frustration-induced phase behavior in spherically symmetric colloids", *AIChE Annual Meeting*, Virtual (2020).
8. Shravan Pradeep, Yunhu Peng, Lilian Hsiao, "Connecting frictional dissipation to rheology of confined suspensions", *Society of Rheology Annual Meeting*, Raleigh, NC (2020).
9. 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).
10. Shravan Pradeep, Alex Kramer, Lilian Hsiao, "Programmable self-assembly in photoresponsive colloids", *Schoenborn Graduate Research Symposium*, Raleigh, NC (2018).
11. Shravan Pradeep, Sai Subbulakshmi, Vignesh Karupannan, Gokul Venugopal, Raji Nair, "Effect of TiO₂ nano-fillers on properties of PVA/Sulphthalic acid membranes", *Symposium on Sustainable Technology Development in Polymer*, Pilani, India (2016).
12. Shravan Pradeep, Sai Raghuram, Sonal Mazumder, "Synthesis and characterization of Fe³⁺ and Mn²⁺ doped ZnS nanocrystals", *Workshop on Analytical Instruments for Chemical & Environmental Engineers*, Pilani, India (2015). Poster Award - Second Place
13. 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).