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Introduction

Context:

• The interindividual variability in saliva flow rate or

Materials & Methods

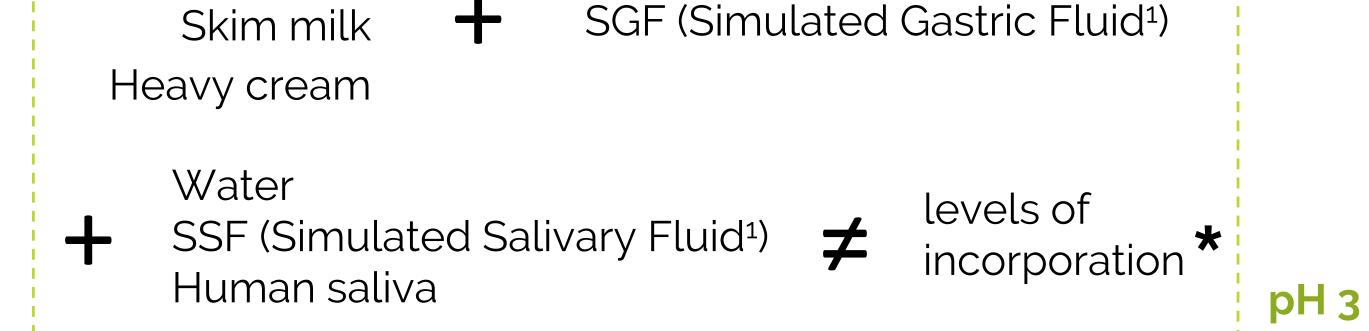
Gastric contents

Whole milk

- composition is usually overlooked in digestion studies.
- Results from *in vitro* digestion of cheese suggest that saliva modifies the chyme (i.e., gastric content) physical properties leading to a slight decrease in proteolysis.

Objective:

• Evaluate the impact of saliva incorporation on the rheological properties of *in vitro* gastric contents.



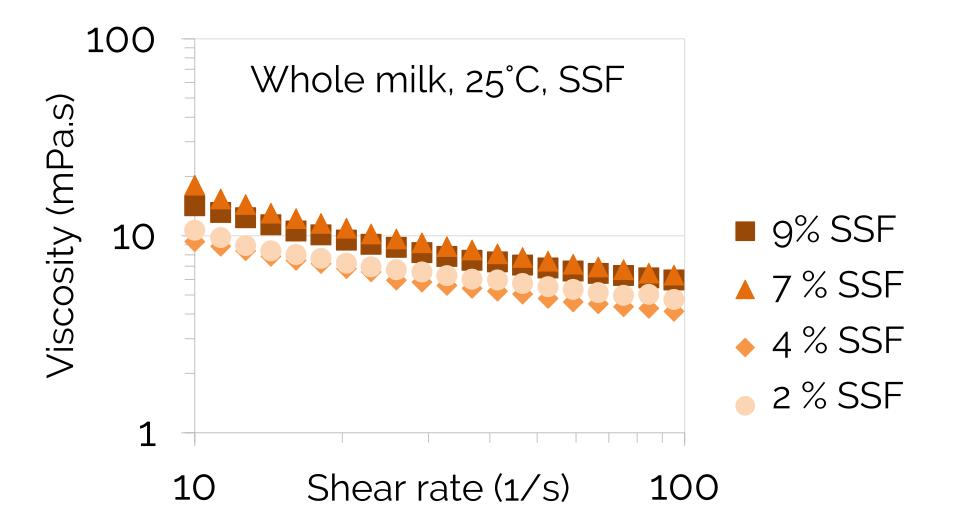
Rheological properties



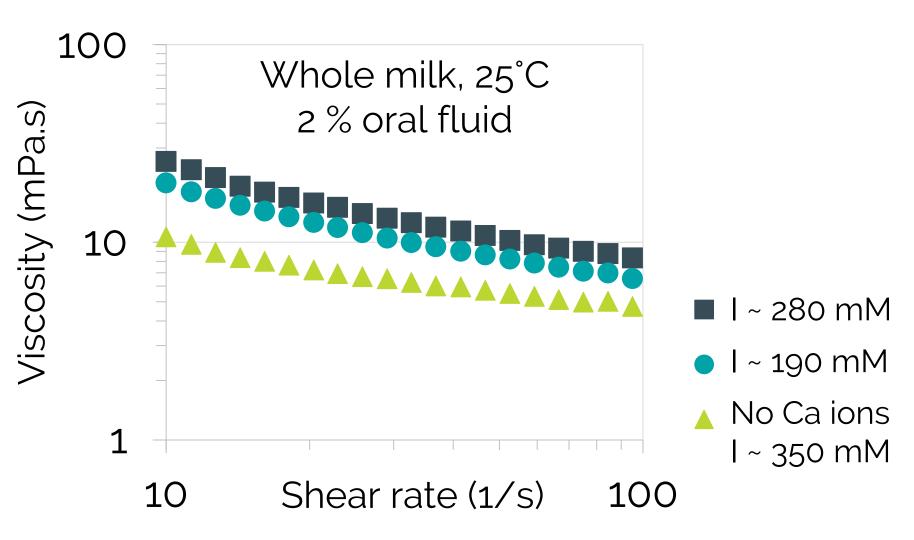
- Flow test at 25 or 37°C
- Shear rates between 10 and 200 $\rm s^{-1}$
- 10 min after mixing

Results

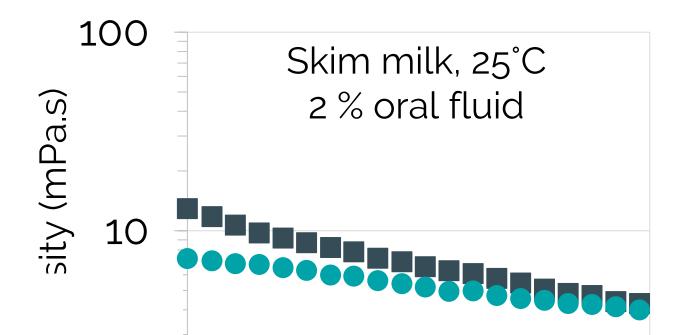
Effect of different levels of oral fluid incorporation



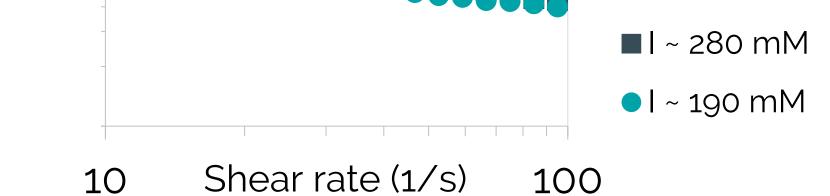
Effect of different ionic strengths/contents



Effect of ionic strength on proteins or fat globules?

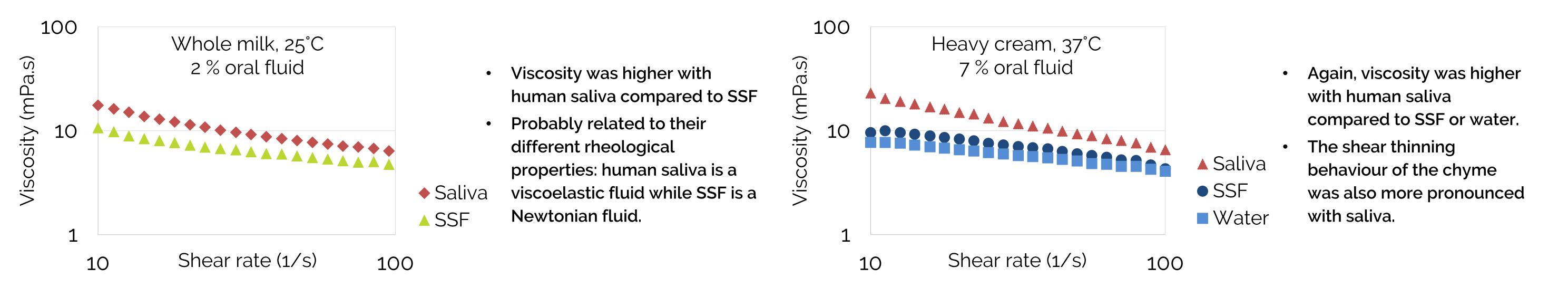


- Chymes containing whole milk were non-Newtonian shear-thinning fluids.
- Unexpectedly, the viscosity of the chyme increased with higher levels of SSF incorporation.
- The viscosity of the chymes increased when increasing the ionic strength of SSF & SGF.
- The absence of calcium ions in SSF & SGF largely reduced the chyme viscosity.



- In skim milk the influence of the ionic strength was comparable to that in whole milk,
- Suggesting that changes in viscosity were not related to the presence of fat globules.

Effect of saliva incorporation on the rheological properties of chymes containing different dairy products



Conclusions

- The composition of the oral fluid and the incorporation rate influenced the rheological properties of *in vitro* gastric contents.
- The shear viscosity of chymes depended on the rheological properties, ionic strength, and calcium ions content of oral fluids.
- Interindividual variability in saliva flow rate and composition may therefore impact the rheological properties of gastric contents.

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* Based on the definition of gastric emptying half-time of foods², and on the range of non-pathological salivary flow rates³



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