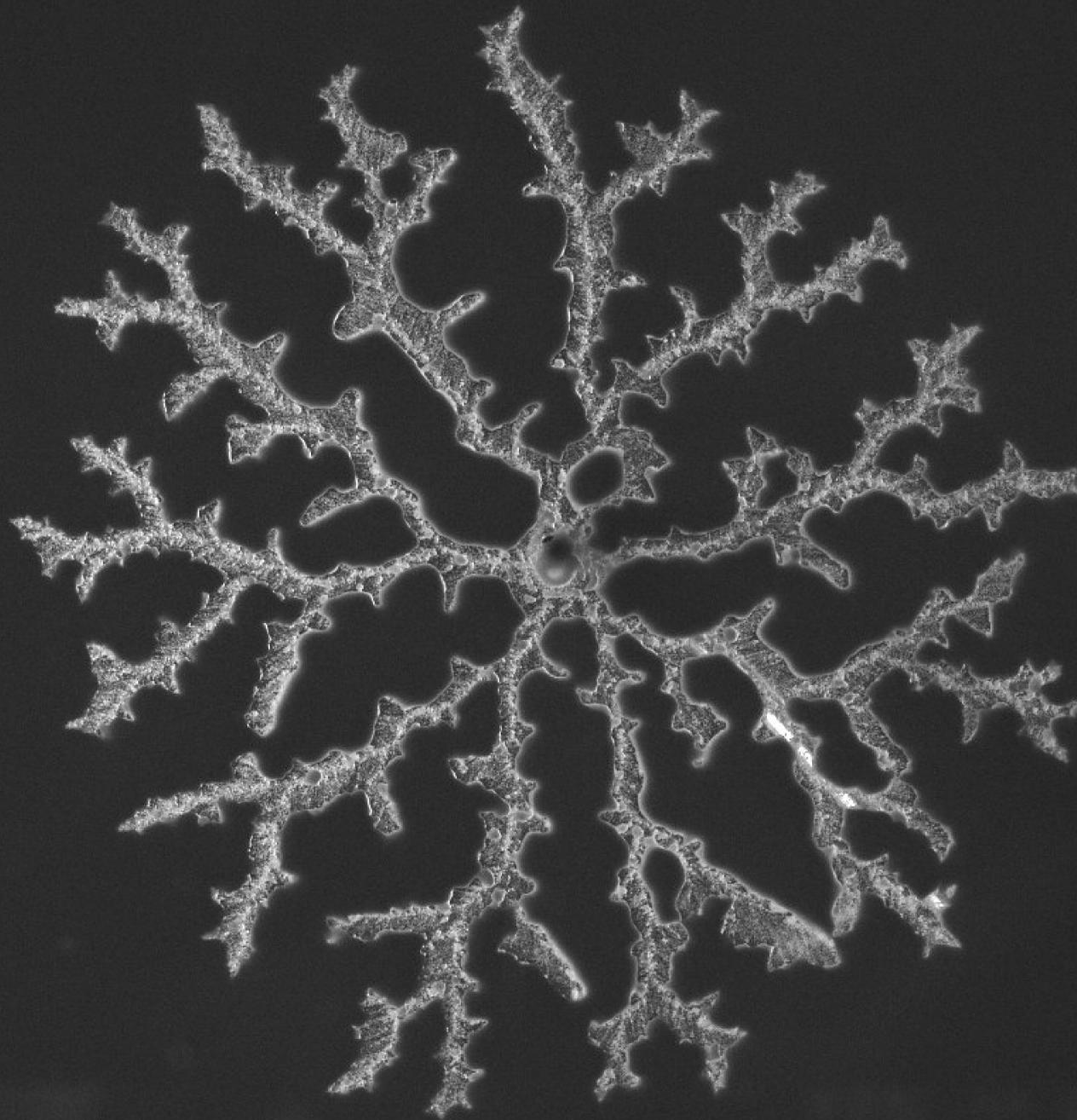


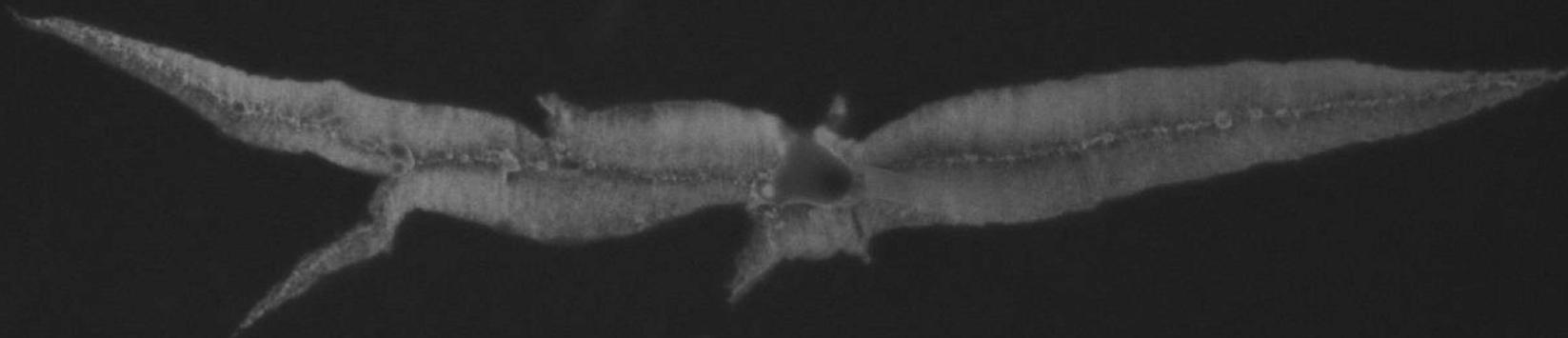
Flow and failure in dense suspensions

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The injection of air at a controlled pressure into a confined 2 mm thick layer of a dense suspension (cornstarch/water mixture at 57.5 wt%) leads to the formation of branched fractures at a gauge pressure $P = 10$ kPa (top) and the formation of straight fractures at $P = 20$ kPa (bottom). The transition occurs when the characteristic width of the branched fractures becomes comparable to the thickness of the layer.



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