

# BASICS OF RHEOLOGY

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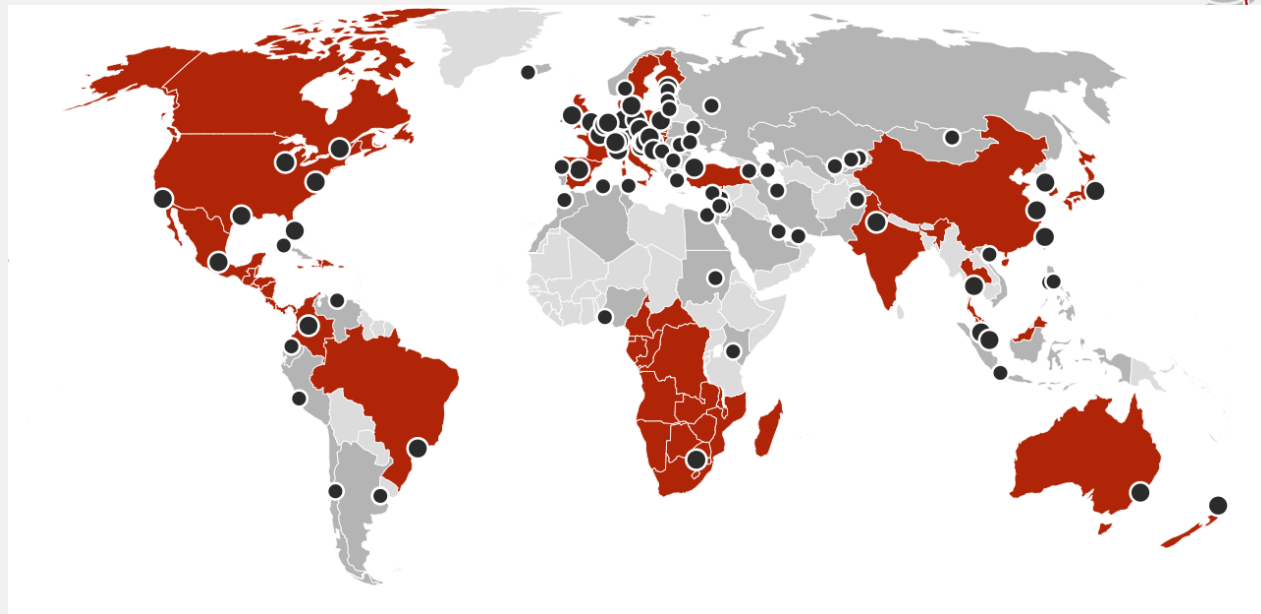
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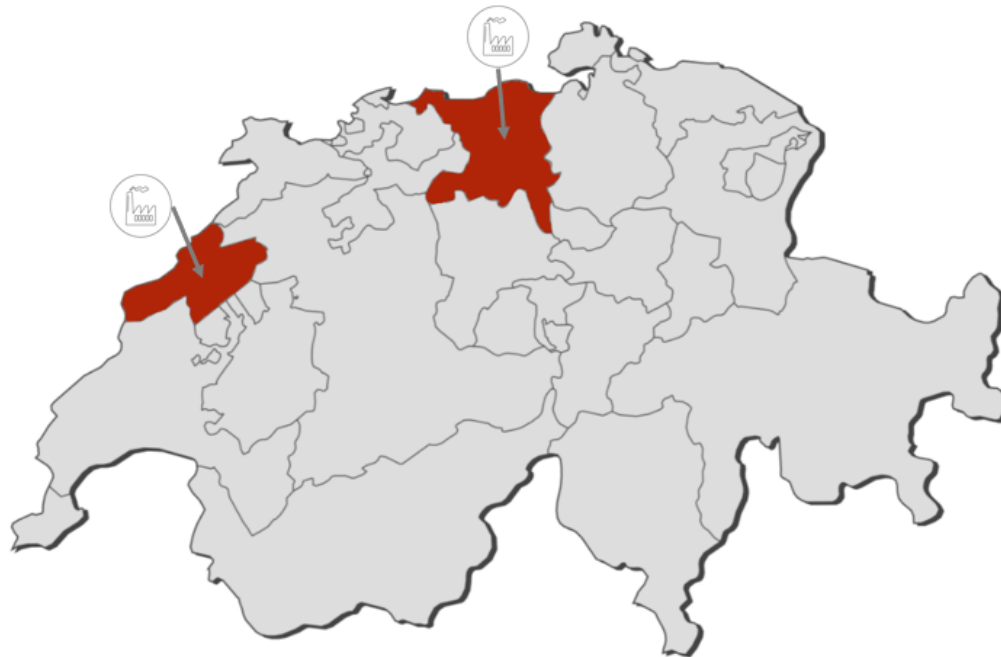
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# Seminar Program 1<sup>st</sup> Part

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- (1) Rheology and viscous behavior
- (2) Simple viscosity tests
- (3) Rheometers and measuring geometries
- (4) Definitions: shear stress, shear rate, (shear) viscosity
- (5) Rotational tests
- (6) Flow behavior
- (7) (Yield point)
- (8) Further flow curves and viscosity curves
- (9) (Time-dependent behavior (rotation))
- (10) (Temperature-dependent behavior (rotation))

Appendix: Pressure-dependent behavior (rotation)

# 1 Rheology and Viscous behavior



Drugstore (Apotheken) Museum  
in Heidelberg, Germany

## Rheology

to describe

**deformation and flow behavior  
of all kinds of materials**

rhei or rheo ... to flow

## Rheometry

measurement of rheological data

# 1 Rheology and Viscous behavior

## Rheology

is used to arrange materials in order.

Let's go through our common household items and line up all that we can find:

on the left - the **liquids**

on the right - the **solids**

and in between - the  
**semi-solid substances**





# 1 Rheology and Viscous behavior

## The Rheology Road

**viscous**



**ideal-viscous  
liquids**

water, oils

**Viscosity Law**

**viscoelastic**



**viscoelastic  
liquids**

glues, shampoos



**viscoelastic  
solids**

pastes, gels,  
elastomers

**elastic**



**ideal-elastic  
solids**

stone, steel

**Elasticity Law**

**rotational tests**

**oscillatory tests**

# 1 Rheology and Viscous behavior

## What is viscosity ?

### Internal friction or flow resistance

between the molecules and particles, when gliding along each other in a flowing state  
(Newton in 1687: defectus lubricitatus)

### comparison of size

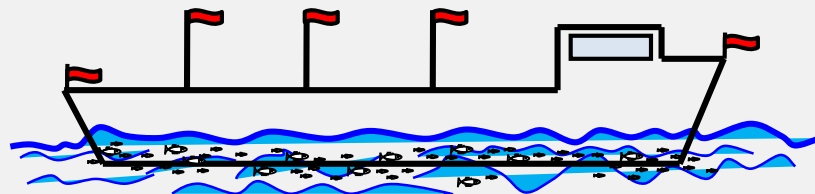
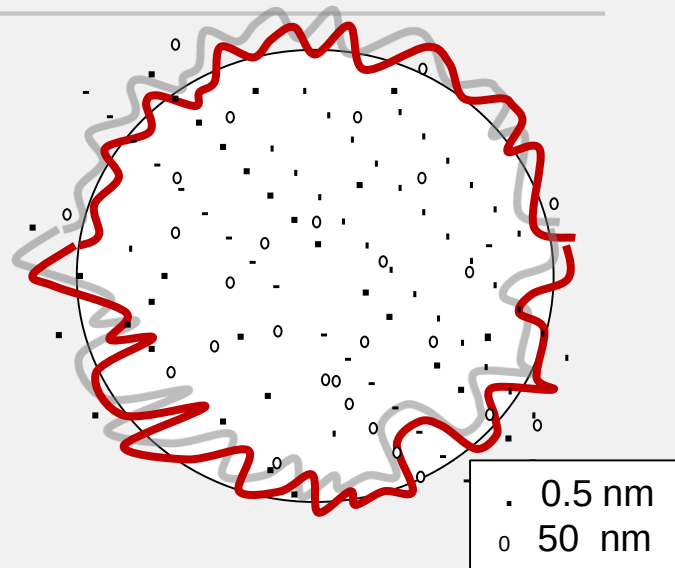
|                                  |                                 |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| molecules of solvents:           | about 0.5 nm                    |
| macro-molecules (polymer coils): | about 50 nm                     |
| particles (minerals):            | about 5 $\mu\text{m}$ = 5000 nm |

### size ratio of molecules and particles

is about 1:100 to 1:10,000 (e.g. 1:1000)

### illustrative comparison for 1:1000

|                 |              |           |
|-----------------|--------------|-----------|
| a molecule as a | 10 cm (0.1m) | long fish |
| a particle as a | 100 m        | long ship |



## 2 Simple Viscosity Tests

### Water-clock

(in Greek: klepsýdra)

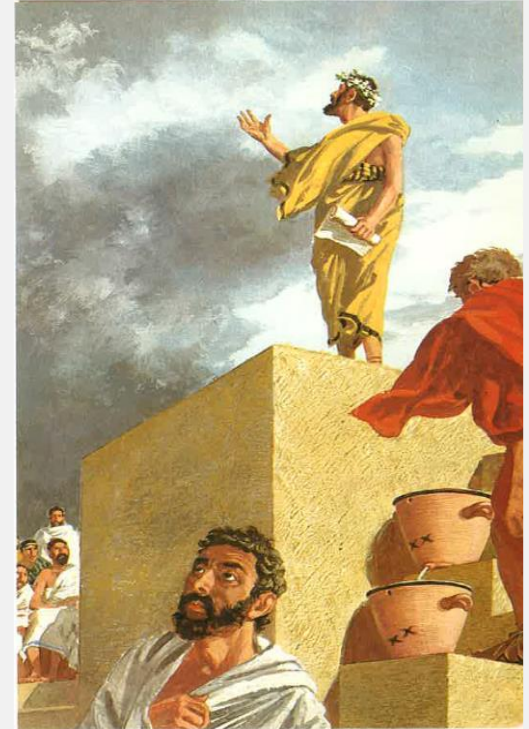
used to measure time,  
since about 3500 years in Egypt,  
and later e.g. at justice courts in Greece

Example:

**flow time**

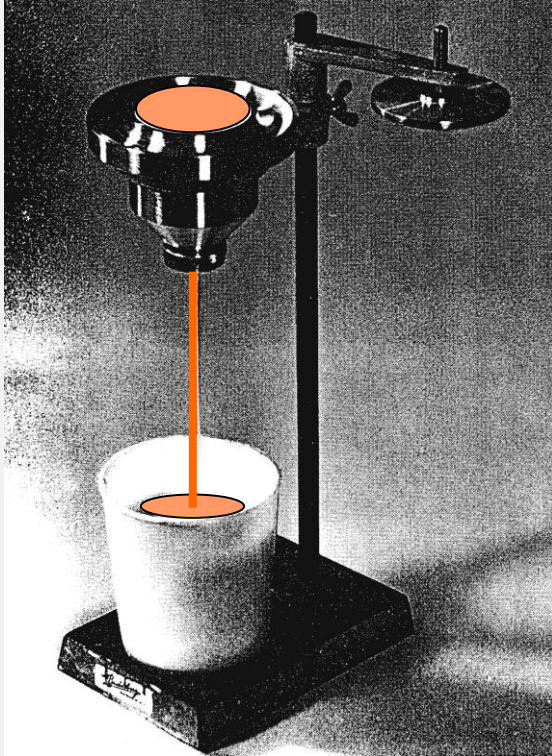
of about 6 min  
for water flowing out of a 5 liter

**container equipped with an outlet.**



Source: Miquel, P.: So lebten sie im alten Griechenland.  
Tessloff Nürnberg 1982 / Librairie Hachette, Paris 1981

## 2 Simple Viscosity Tests



### Flow cups

Measurement  
**flow time**  
of low-viscosity liquids

Result:  
**kinematic viscosity**  
weight-dependent viscosity

Examples:  
oils, solvent-based coatings,  
gravure and flexo printing inks

## 2 Simple Viscosity Tests

### Falling-Ball Viscometers

Measurement:

**falling time**

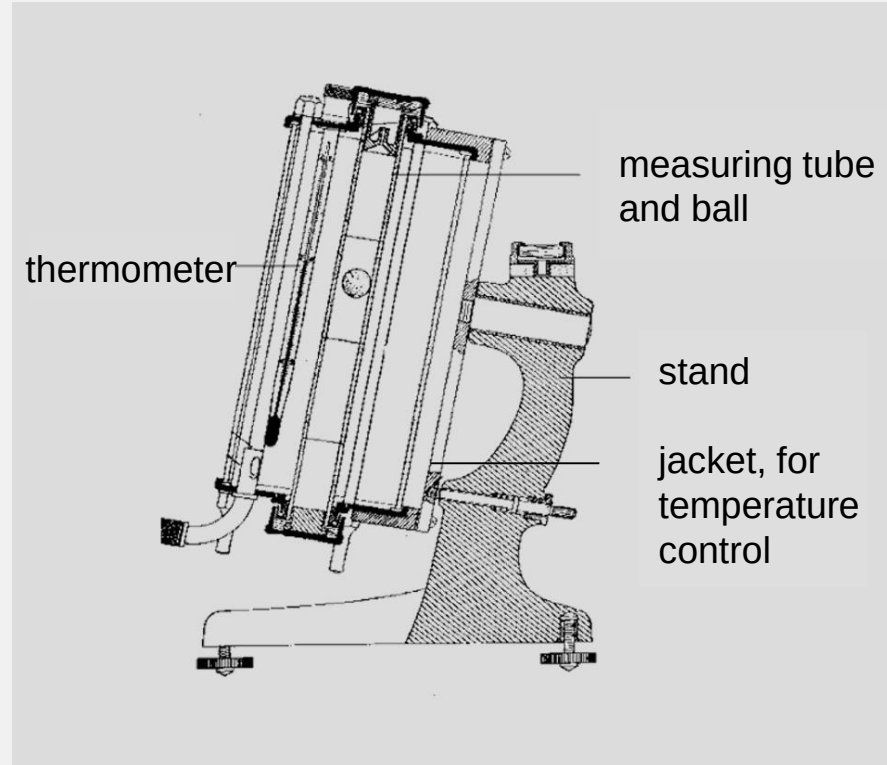
of a ball through a tube

- ISO 12058
- DIN 53015

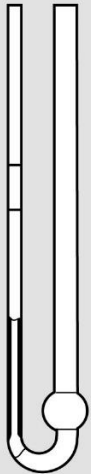
Example:

**micro-falling ball viscometer Lovis**

by Anton Paar for low-viscosity liquids,  
e.g. protein dispersions, polymer  
solutions, beer wort, inks



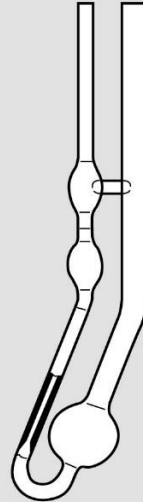
## 2 Simple Viscosity Tests



Ostwald



Ubbelohde



Cannon-Fenske

### Glass Capillary Viscometers

Measurement:  
**flow time**  
of liquids

Result:  
**Kinematic Viscosity**

Examples:  
mineral oils, diluted polymer solutions

Alternative:  
**SVM viscometer** by Anton Paar  
(DIN 51659-2, EN 16894, ASTM D7042)

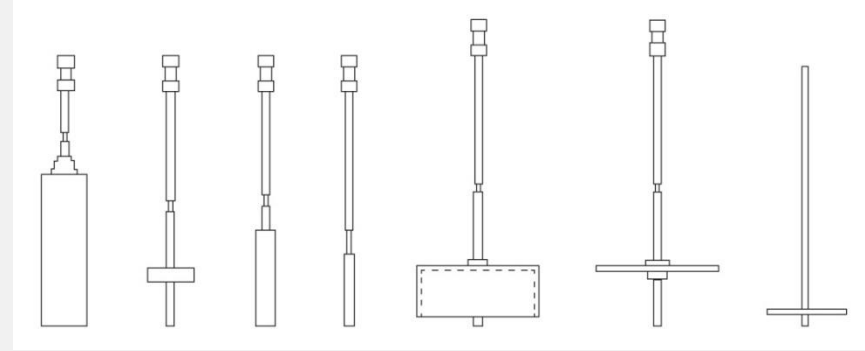
## 2 Simple Viscosity Tests

### Rotational Viscometers

Preset: rotational speed

Measurement: torque

Example: **ViscoQC** by Anton Paar



### Relative Viscosity Values

- ISO 2555
- ISO 3219-2

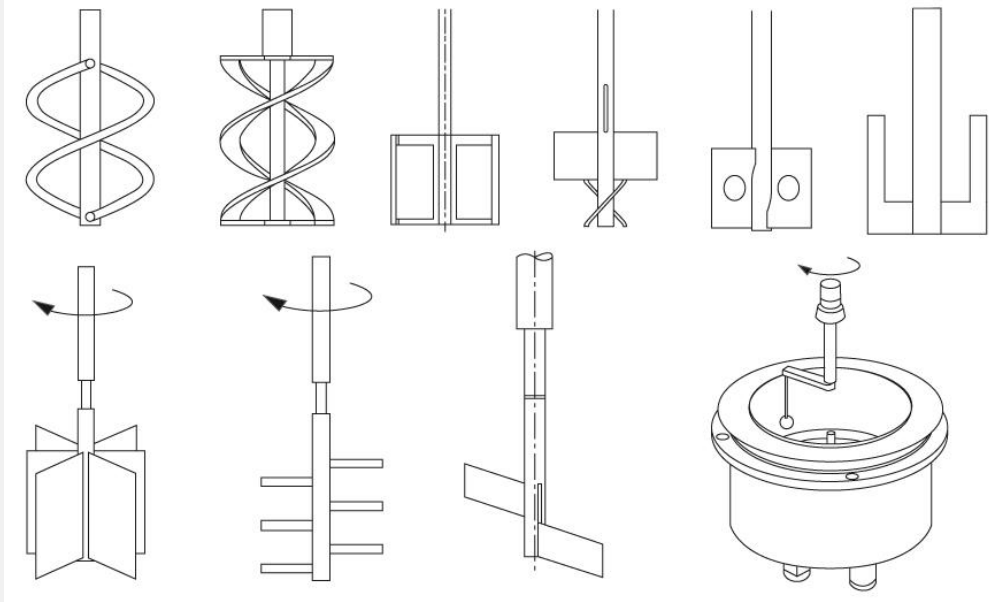
Typical Spindles:

- cylinders
- disks
- T-bars
- pins





## 2 Simple Viscosity Tests



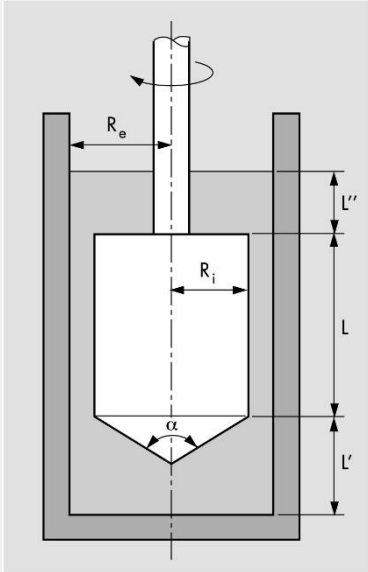
### Relative Measuring Geometries

- helix (1 & 2)
- stirrer for building materials (BMC)
- starch stirrer
- blade
- anchor-shaped
- vane rotor
- pin rotor
- Krebs spindle, „paddle“  
(for coatings, Krebs units KU)
- ball (BMS)

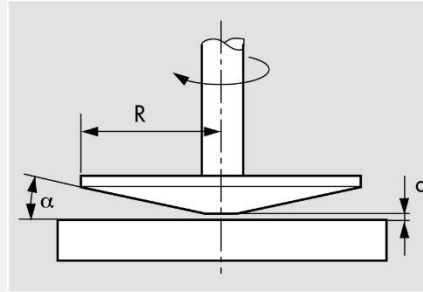


### 3 Rheometers and Measuring Geometries

#### Absolute measuring geometries (ISO 3219-2 and DIN 53019)

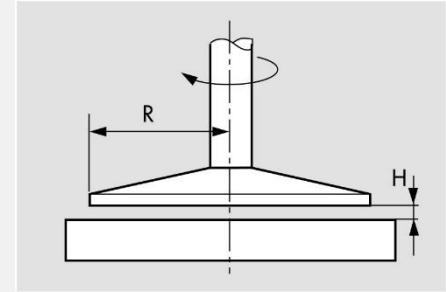


**concentric cylinders, CC**  
low-viscosity liquids



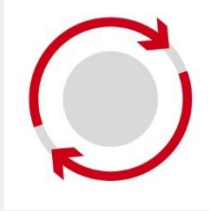
**cone / plate, CP**  
liquids, dispersions  
limited particle size

Example: CP 25-1;  $a = 50 \mu\text{m}$ ,  
max. particle size 10 % of  $a$



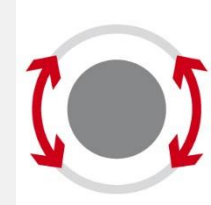
**plate / plate, PP**  
gels, pastes, soft solids,  
polymer melts

### 3 Rheometers and Measuring Geometries



#### **rotation**

- shear tests
- tensile tests



#### **oscillation**

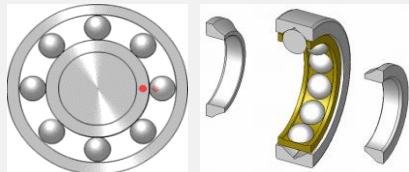
- shear tests
- torsional tests
- tensile tests

### 3 Rheometers and Measuring Geometries

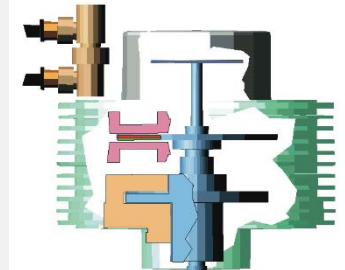
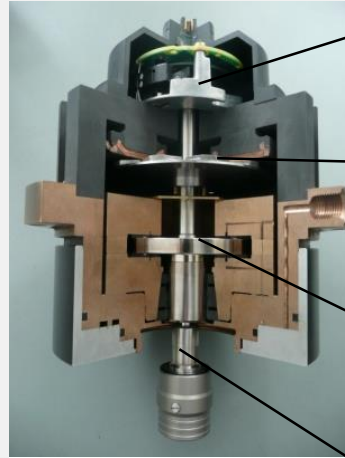
**Rheometers** - each drive requires a bearing

#### Ball Bearing

- inner ring (rotor)
- rolling element (e.g. balls, cylinders, cones)
- outer ring (stator)



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#### 1 Encoder

opto-electronical  
detection of deflection angle

#### 2 Measuring drive

electro-motor, torque detection

#### 3 Air Bearing

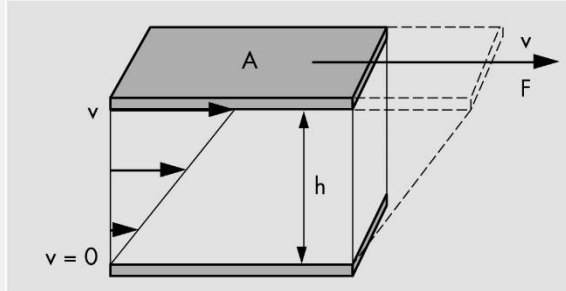
radial and axial: pressurized air  
between disc (rotor) and  
porous graphite (stator)

**An air bearing is up to 400 000  
times more sensitive than a ball  
bearing!**

#### 4 Motor shaft

coupling for measuring geometries

## 4 Definitions: Shear Stress, Shear Rate, Viscosity



The two-plates model

**shear stress**

$$\tau = F / A$$

unit:

$$1 \text{ N} / \text{m}^2 = \mathbf{1 \text{ Pa}}$$

**shear rate**

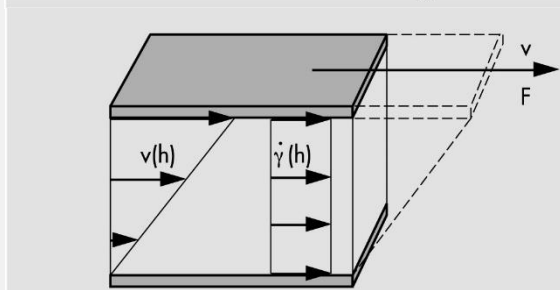
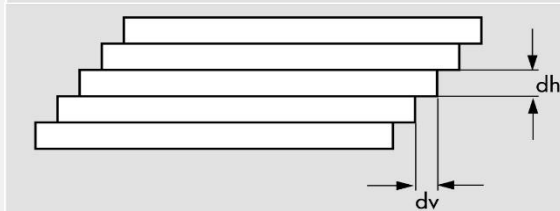
$$\dot{\gamma} = v / h$$

unit:

$$1 \text{ m} / (\text{s} \cdot \text{m}) = \mathbf{1 / s = 1 \text{ s}^{-1}}$$

Requirement: **Laminar flow**  
in contrast to **Turbulent flow**

$$\dot{\gamma} = dv / dh = \text{const} / \text{const} = \text{const}$$

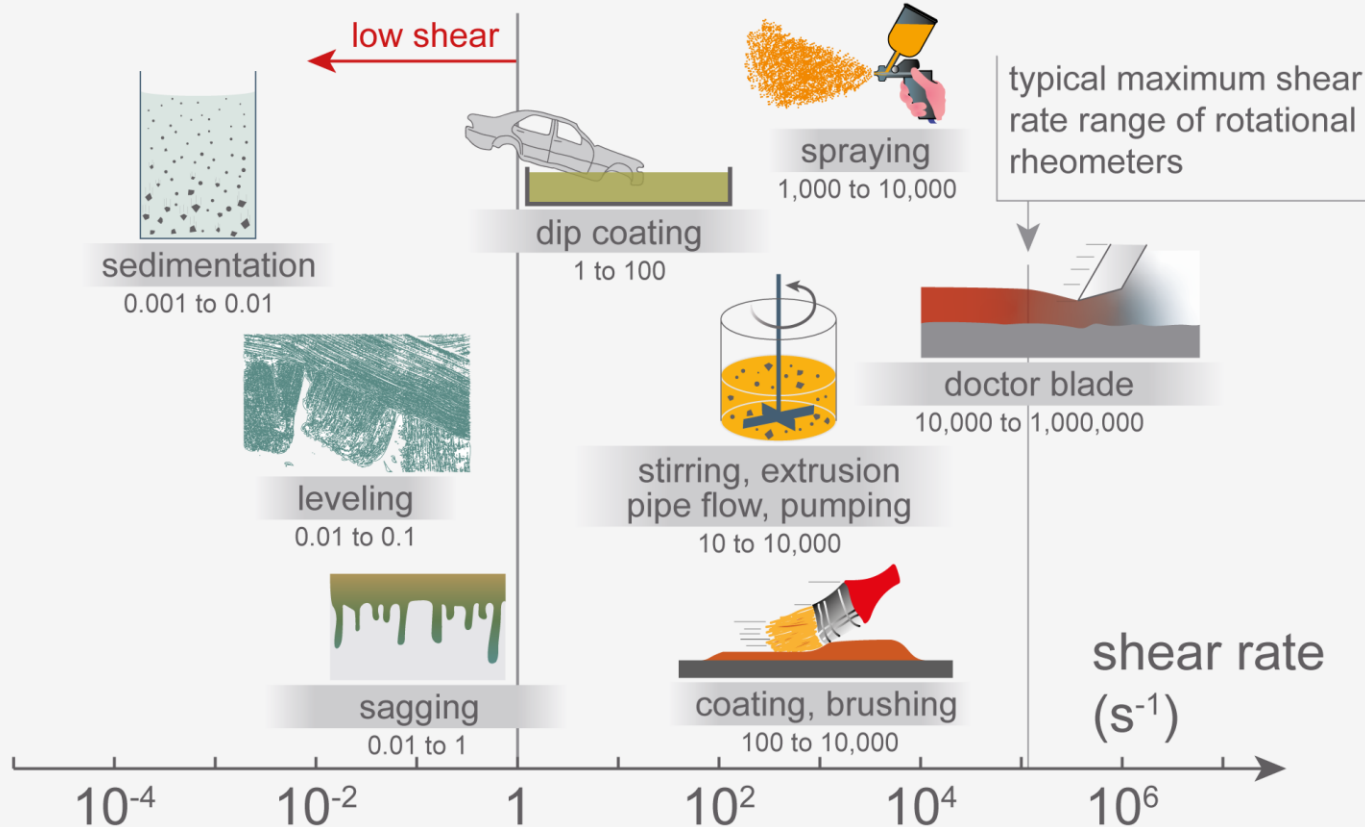


→ e-learning  
(laminar, 2-P-M)

→ movie  
(peas)

→ movie  
(turbulence)

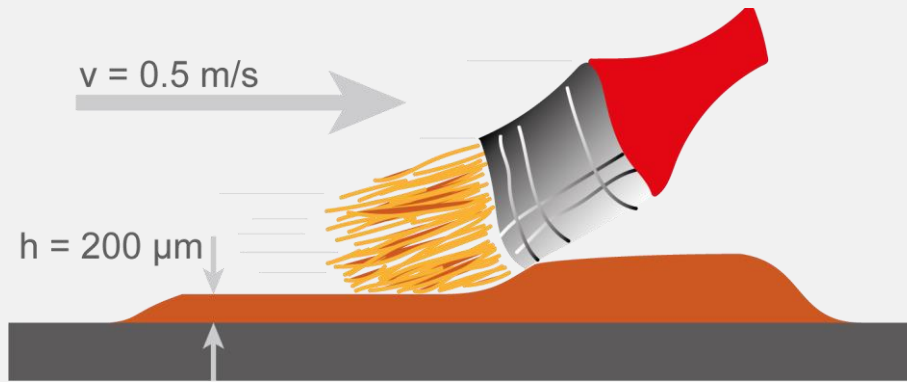
## 4 Definitions: Shear Stress, Shear Rate, Viscosity



**Application  
processes  
and typical  
shear rate ranges**

## 4 Definitions: Shear Stress, Shear Rate, Viscosity

### Shear rates of coating processes



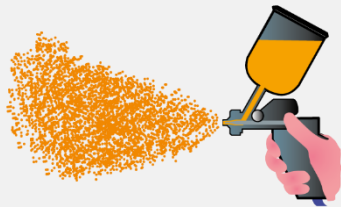
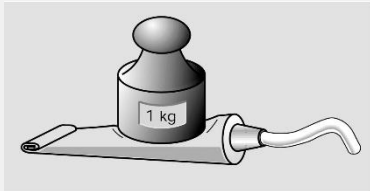
|                            | painting<br>with a<br>brush | blade coating<br>of a battery<br>slurry |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| velocity $v$               | 0.5 m/s                     | 0.1 m/s                                 |
| wet layer<br>thickness $h$ | 200 μm                      | 10 μm                                   |
| shear rate $\dot{\gamma}$  | 2.500 s <sup>-1</sup>       | 10.000 s <sup>-1</sup>                  |

**Shear rate calculation:  
similar to the two-plates model**

$$\dot{\gamma} = v / h$$

## 4 Definitions: Shear Stress, Shear Rate, Viscosity

### Shear rates in pipes and capillaries



|                                                   | tooth paste<br>(squeezing)                                   | automotive spray<br>(pneumatic application)                         |
|---------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|
| flow volume $V$                                   | $1 \text{ cm}^3 = 1 \text{ ml}$                              | 250 ml                                                              |
| flow time $t$                                     | 1 s                                                          | 1 min                                                               |
| volume flow rate<br>$V/t$ (or $\dot{V}$ )         | $1 \text{ ml/s}$<br>$= 1 \cdot 10^{-6} \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$ | $250 \text{ ml/min}$<br>$= 4.17 \cdot 10^{-6} \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$ |
| pipe (die)<br>diameter $d \rightarrow$ radius $R$ | 6 mm<br>$\rightarrow 3 \cdot 10^{-3} \text{ m}$              | 1.3 mm<br>$\rightarrow 6.5 \cdot 10^{-4} \text{ m}$                 |
| shear rate $\dot{\gamma}$                         | $47.2 \text{ s}^{-1} \approx 50 \text{ s}^{-1}$              | $19,318 \text{ s}^{-1} \approx 20,000 \text{ s}^{-1}$               |

**Shear rate calculation: formula of Hagen and Poiseuille**

$$\dot{\gamma} = (4 \cdot V) / (\pi \cdot R^3 \cdot t)$$

## 4 Definitions: Shear Stress, Shear Rate, Viscosity



Isaac Newton  
(1643 to 1727)  
wrote about the  
**flow resistance  
of fluids**  
(e.g. of air and water).

This was later known as:  
**Viscosity Law “of Newton”**  
was formulated in the 19. century  
(e.g. by G.G. Stokes in 1845).

**(shear) viscosity**

$$\eta = \tau / \dot{\gamma}$$

**unit:** 1 Pa / (1/s) = **1 Pas = 1000 mPas**

Previously used unit (not SI):  
1 cP (centi-poise) = 1 mPas



## 4 Definitions: Shear Stress, Shear Rate, Viscosity

| materials                                          | viscosity $\eta$                                |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| gases / air                                        | 0.01 to 0.02 / 0.018 mPas                       |
| <b>water at 20 °C</b> (0 / 60 / 100 °C)            | <b>1.0 mPas</b> (1.8 / 0.47 / 0.28 mPas)        |
| milk, coffee creams                                | 2 to 10 mPas                                    |
| olive oils                                         | $\approx$ 100 mPas                              |
| motor oils, e.g.<br>SAE 10W-30, at 23 / 100 °C     | 175 / 20 mPas                                   |
| polymer melts (dependent on T and $\dot{\gamma}$ ) | 10 to 10,000 Pas                                |
| bitumen (at T = 80 / 40 / 0 °C)                    | 200 <b>Pas</b> / 20 <b>kPas</b> / 1 <b>MPas</b> |



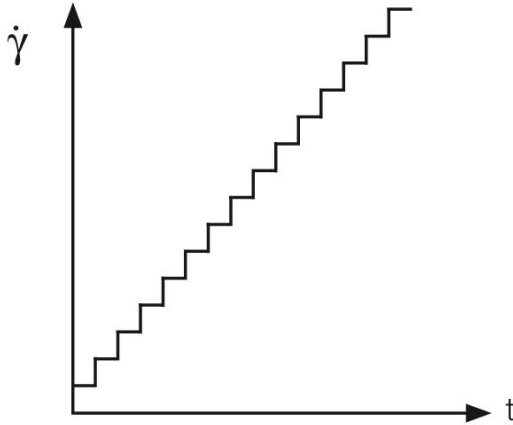
## 5 Rotational Tests

| rotation CSR<br>controlled shear rate   | test preset                                   | result                                        |
|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| raw data                                | rotational speed $n$ [ $\text{min}^{-1}$ ]    | torque $M$ [Nm]                               |
| rheological parameters                  | shear rate $\dot{\gamma}$ [ $\text{s}^{-1}$ ] | shear stress $\tau$ [Pa]                      |
| rotation CSS<br>controlled shear stress | test preset                                   | result                                        |
| raw data                                | torque $M$ [Nm]                               | rotational speed $n$ [ $\text{min}^{-1}$ ]    |
| rheological parameters                  | shear stress $\tau$ [Pa]                      | shear rate $\dot{\gamma}$ [ $\text{s}^{-1}$ ] |

torque  $M$ :  $1 \text{ Nm} = 1000 \text{ mNm} = 1,000,000 \text{ }\mu\text{Nm} = 1,000,000,000 \text{ nNm}$

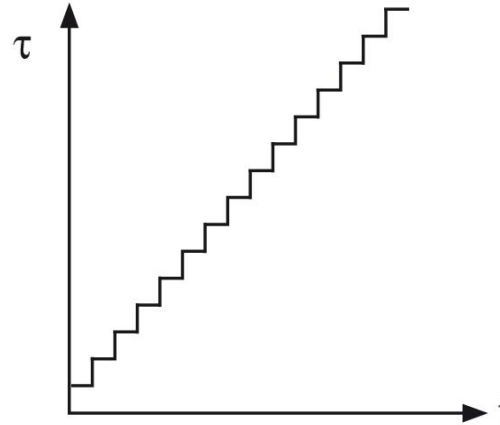
For each measuring geometry there are **two conversion factors**:  $M \rightarrow \tau$  and  $n \rightarrow \dot{\gamma}$

## 5 Rotational Tests



### rotational speed preset

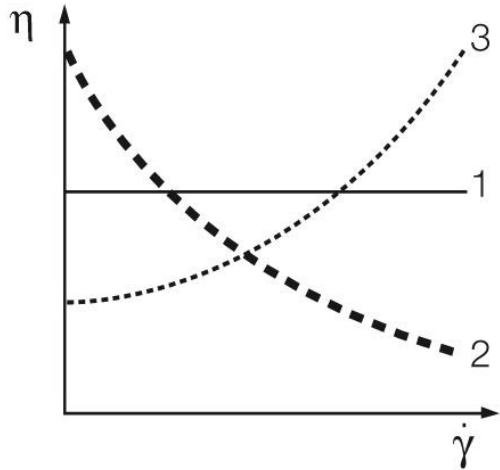
shear rate ramp  
**step-like upwards or downwards**  
CSR: controlled shear rate



### torque preset

shear stress ramp  
**step-like upwards or downwards**  
CSS: controlled shear stress

## 6 Flow Behavior

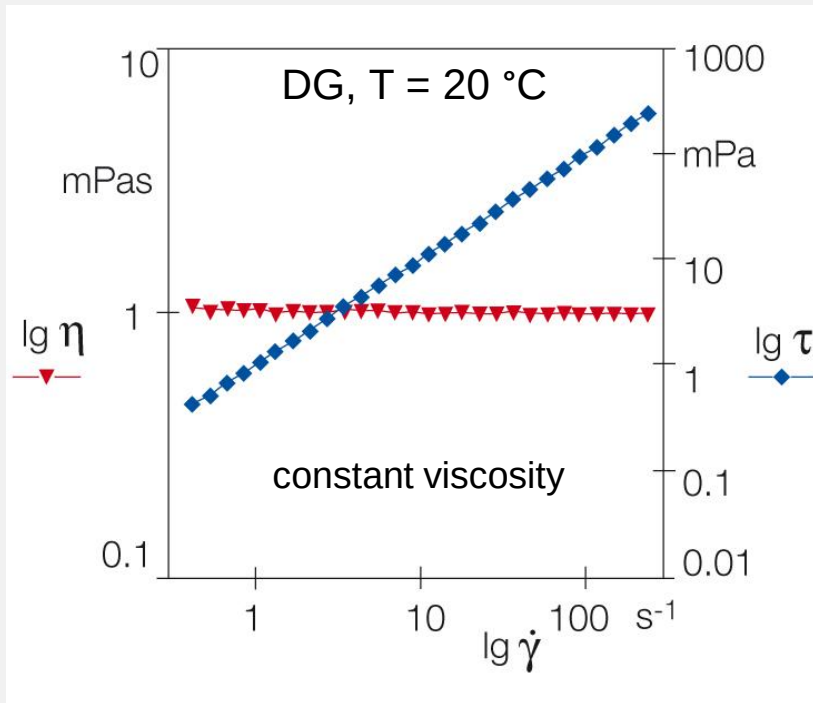


### Viscosity curves

- 1 ideal-viscous
- 2 shear-thinning
- 3 shear-thickening

(Newtonian)  
(pseudoplastic)  
(dilatant)

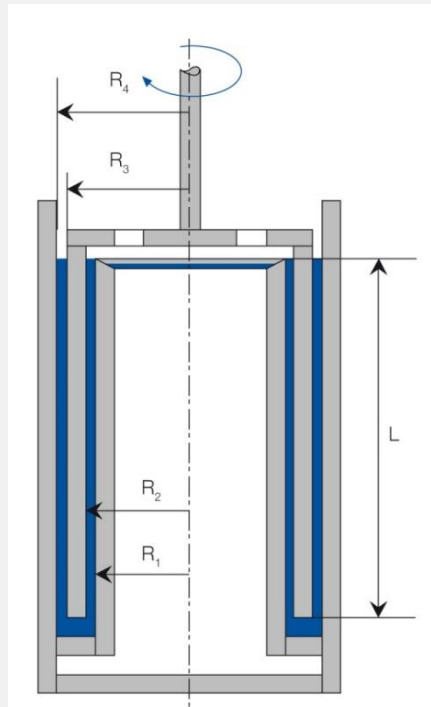
## 6 Flow Behavior



### Water

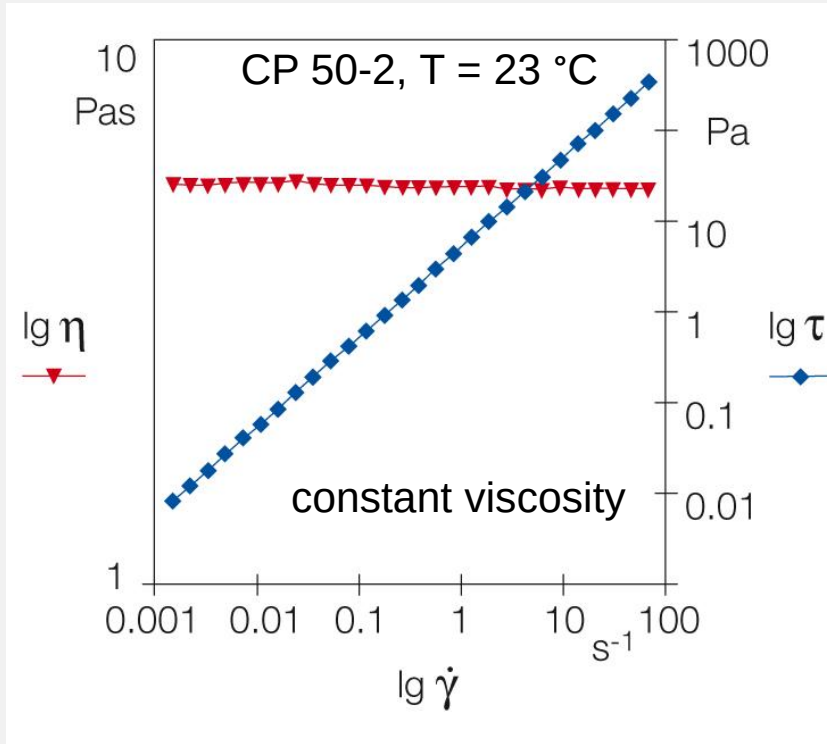
**Double-gap  
measuring geometry  
DG for  
low-viscosity liquids**

ISO 3219-2



→ movie (Taylor vortices,  
via PIV, particle imaging velocimetry)

## 6 Flow Behavior



**Silicone oil**

**logarithmic scale**

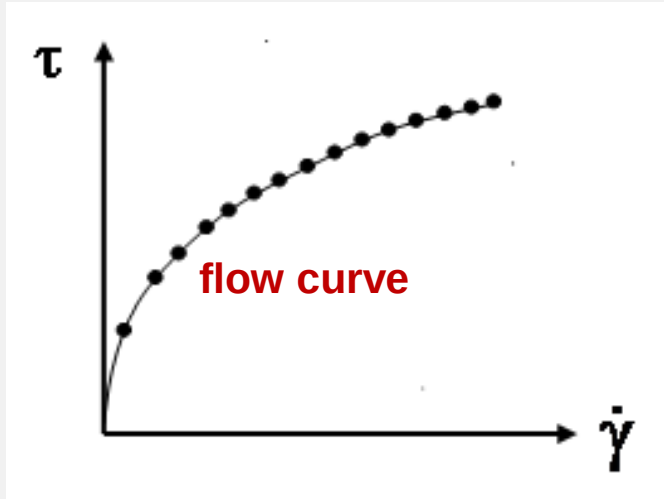
Advantage:  
Very low values  
can be displayed



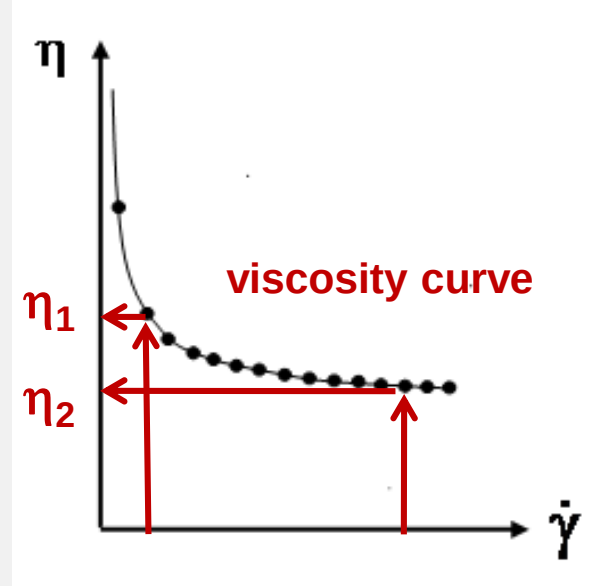
cone / plate  
measuring  
geometry, CP



## 6 Flow Behavior



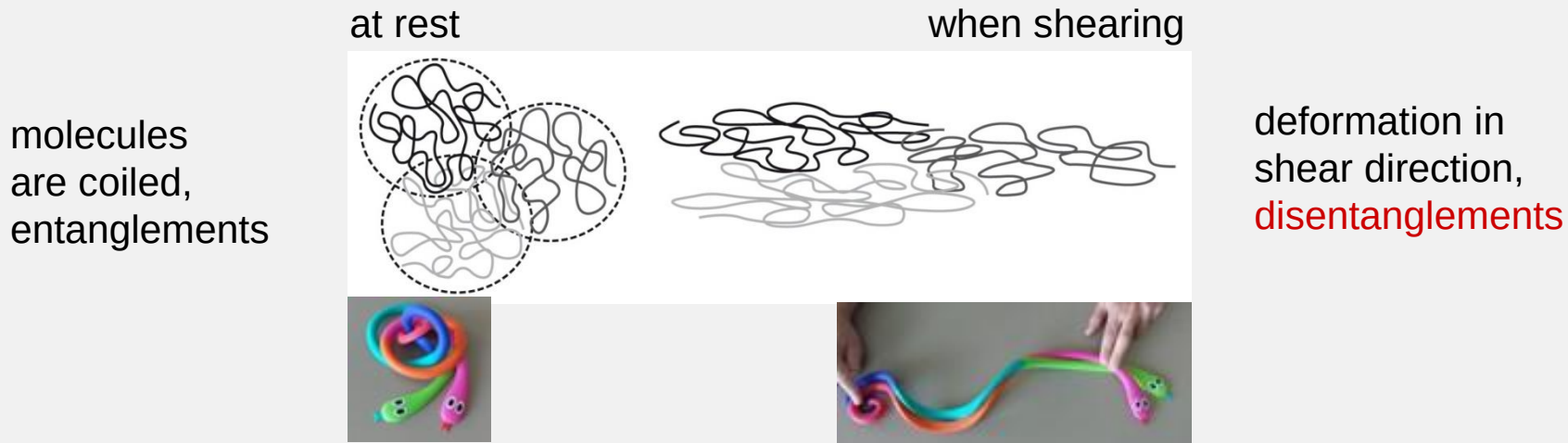
- **shear-thinning**
- pseudoplastic



$$\eta_1(\dot{\gamma}) > \eta_2(\dot{\gamma})$$

## 6 Flow Behavior

**Polymers:** chain-like macro-molecules



**Consequence: shear-thinning flow behavior, decreasing viscosity**

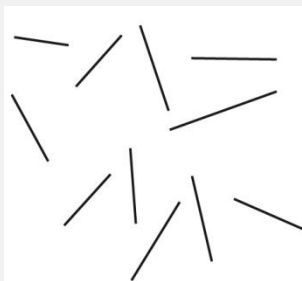
Typical size: molecule coil, hydrodynamic diameter 5 nm to 50 nm  
PE,  $M = 100 \text{ kg/mol}$ ,  $L = 1000 \text{ nm}$  (stretched),  $d = 0.5 \text{ nm}$ , ratio  $L/d = 2000:1$   
comparison: spaghetti noodles, 1 mm thick and 2 m long



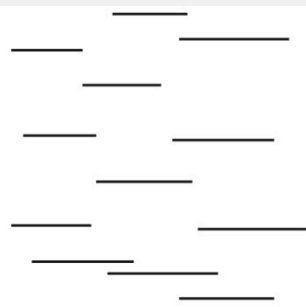
**Suspensions: with** needle- or platelet-shaped particles

particles are suspended randomly (when without interaction forces)

at rest



when shearing



particles are oriented in flow direction

**Consequence: shear-thinning flow behavior, decreasing viscosity**

Typical size:

(1) metallic-effect pigments, aluminum flakes

diameters  $d = 7$  to  $30\ \mu\text{m}$ , thickness  $h = 0.2$  to  $1\ \mu\text{m}$ , ratio  $d/h = 30:1$

(2) ceramics, such as Bentonite: length / width / thickness,  $L \times b \times h = 800 \times 800 \times 1\ \text{nm}$

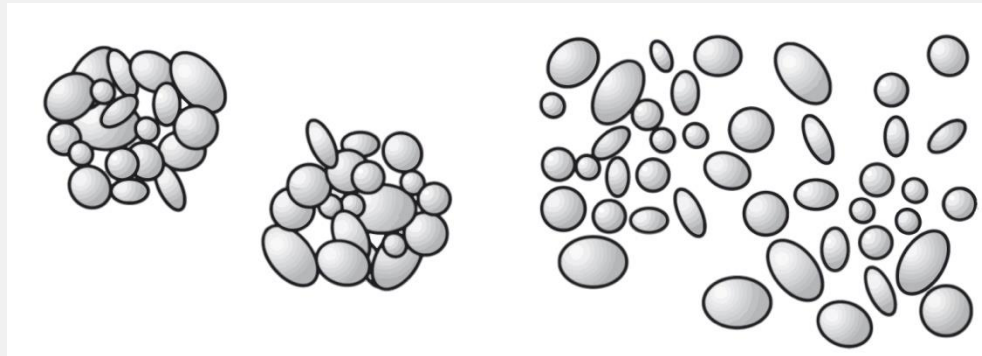
## 6 Flow Behavior

**Suspensions** containing agglomerated particles

at rest

when shearing

agglomerates entrap  
and immobilize  
part of the liquid



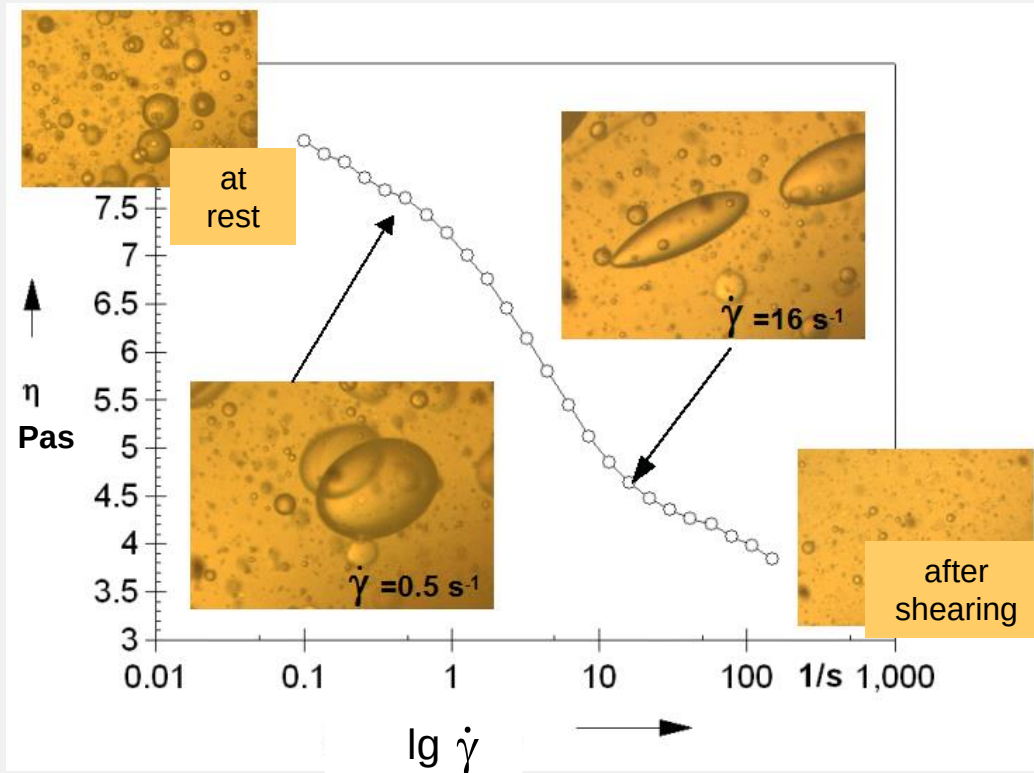
agglomerates  
are disintegrated

**Consequence: shear-thinning flow behavior, decreasing viscosity**

Typical size:

primary particles 1 to 10 nm, aggregates up to 100 nm, agglomerates up to 100  $\mu\text{m}$  = 0.1 mm

## 6 Flow Behavior



### Rheo-microscopy

**Emulsion: water  
in silicone oil**

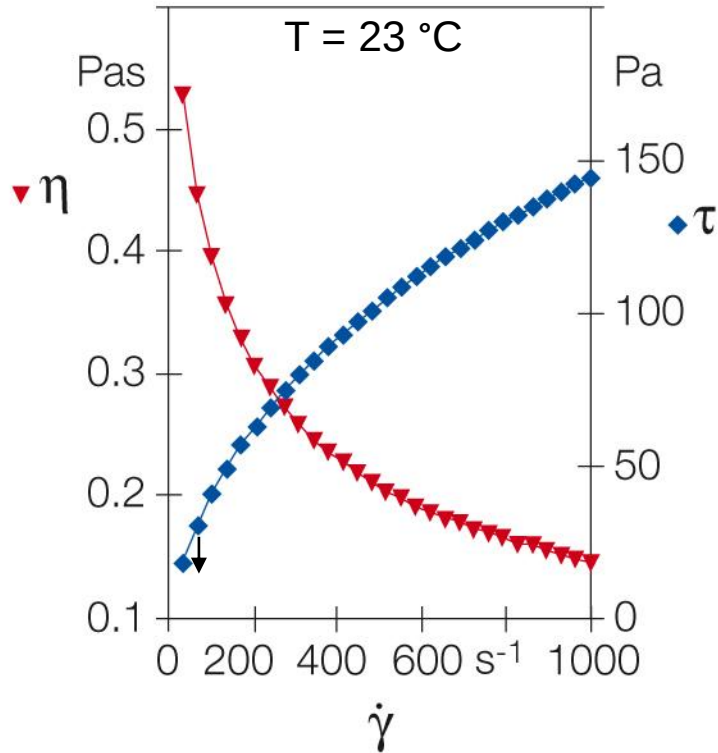


Size and shape of the droplets are dependent on sample preparation and shear rate.

Increase of the volume specific surface ratio due to decreasing droplet size

→ **viscosity may increase** at rest after shearing.

## 6 Flow Behavior



### Wall paper paste

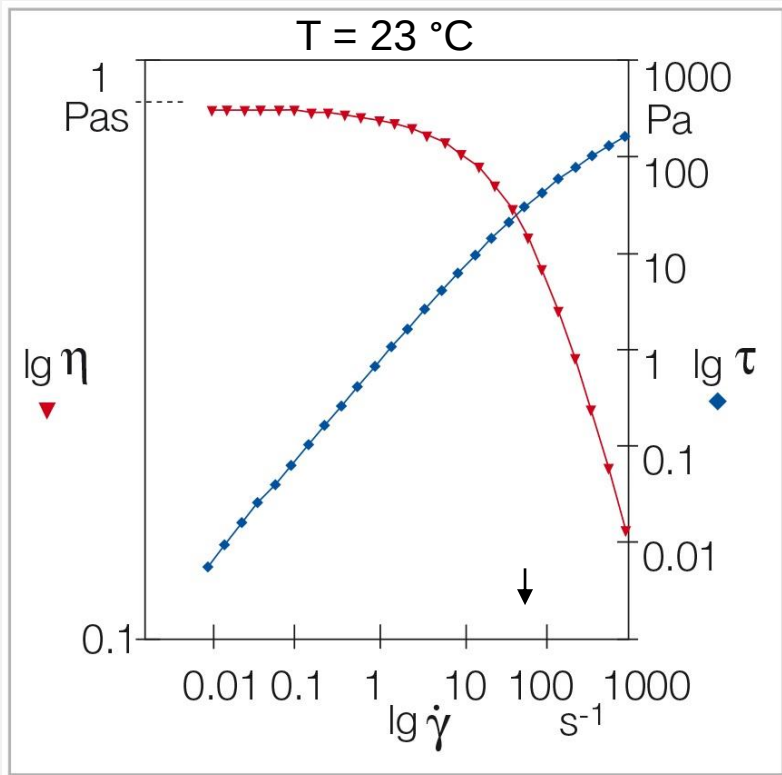
aqueous  
methylcellulose  
solution



uncrosslinked polymer

typical behavior of  
**polymer solutions**  
→ continued shear-thinning

## 6 Flow Behavior



### Wall paper paste

aqueous  
methylcellulose  
solution



uncrosslinked polymer

for  $\dot{\gamma} < 0.1\text{ s}^{-1}$

**plateau of the zero-shear viscosity**

**logarithmic scale**

focus on low-shear range



**Uncrosslinked polymers in the low-shear range,  
zero-shear viscosity**

Superposition of two processes

(1) Orientation of the macromolecules under shear load

→ **disentanglements**

→ viscosity decreases

(2) Re-coiling due to visco-**elastic** behavior

→ **re-entanglements**

→ viscosity increases



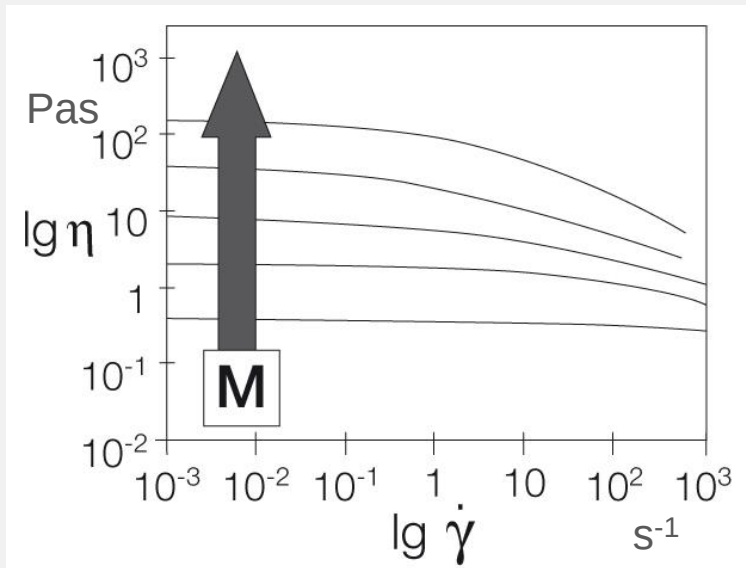
**Result:**

no change of viscosity in the low-shear range

→  **$\eta_0$  value**

usually observed for  $\dot{\gamma} < 1 \text{ s}^{-1}$

## 6 Flow Behavior

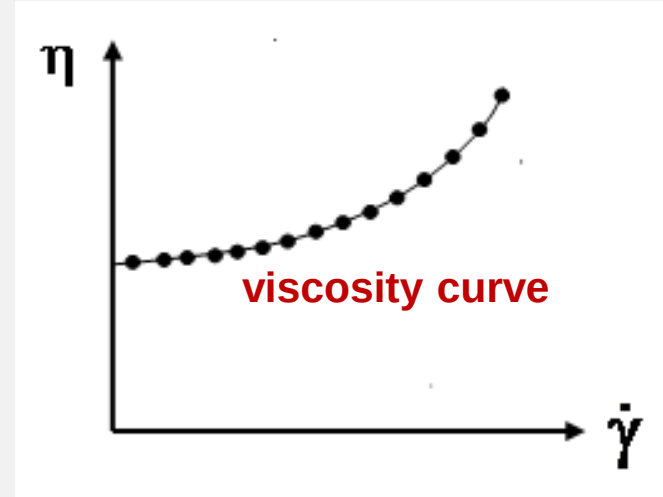
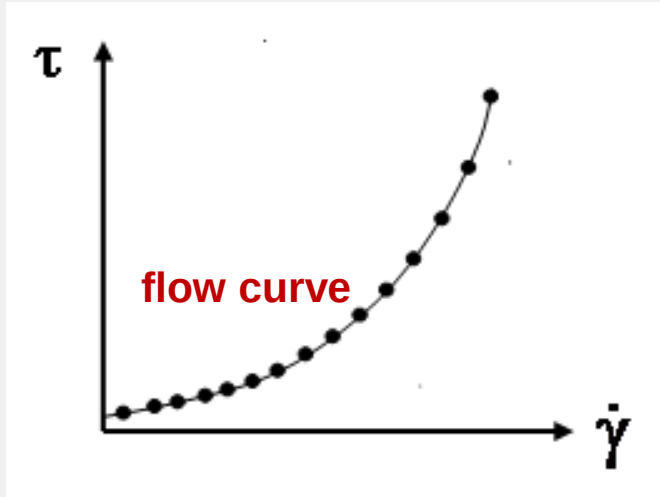


### Uncrosslinked polymers

An increasing average  
**molar mass  $M$**   
results in a higher value of the  
**zero-shear viscosity.**

(for a constant polymer concentration)

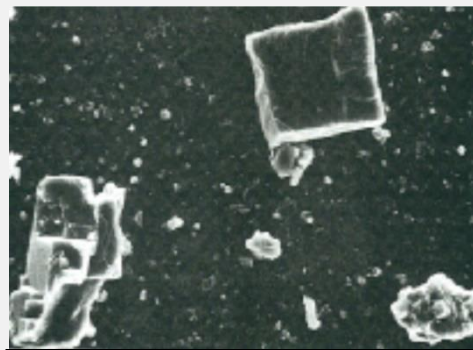
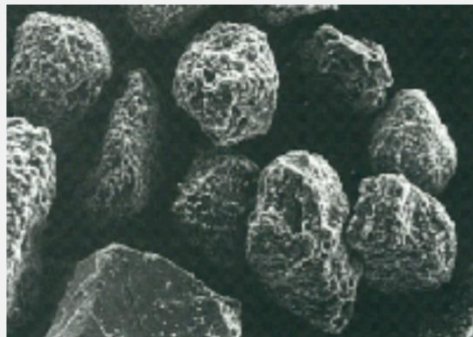
## 6 Flow Behavior



- **shear-thickening**
- dilatant



## 6 Flow Behavior



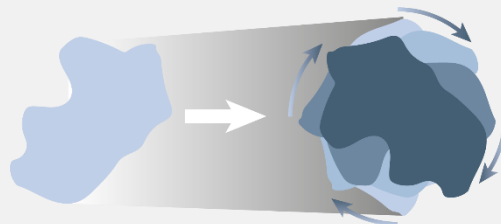
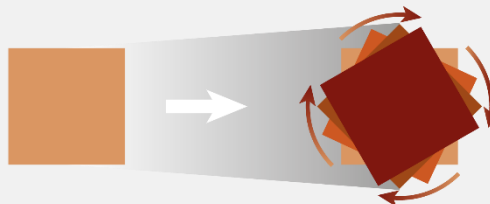
Source: REM images, University of Karlsruhe

### Influence of the particle shape

(1)



(2)



### Aqueous chalkstone suspensions

(1) **spherical particles**

(2) **cube-shaped particles**

Comparison:

Same solid concentration,  
suspension (2) showed

**shear-thickening**

already at lower shear rates.

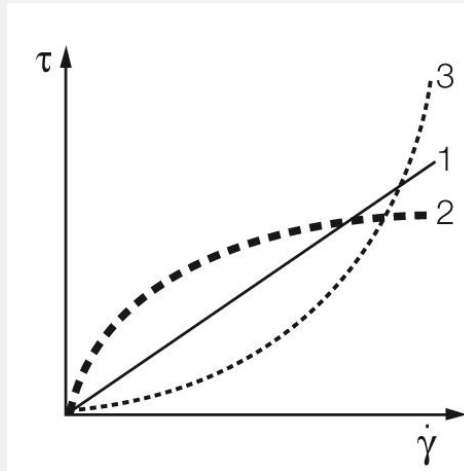
Reason:

difference in required volume

→ **in flowing dispersions,  
particles are permanently  
in a rotational motion**

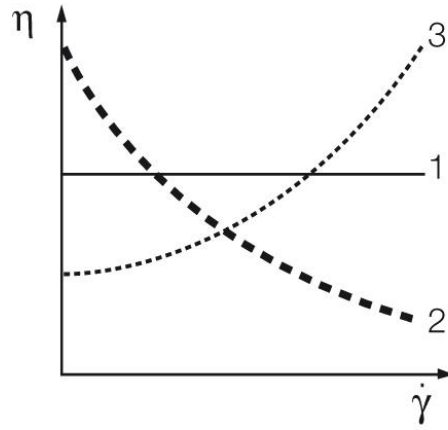
## 6 Flow Behavior

**flow curves**



- 1 ideal-viscous
- 2 shear-thinning
- 3 shear-thickening

**viscosity curves**



- (Newtonian)
- (pseudoplastic)
- (dilatant)

## Summary: Seminar Program 1<sup>st</sup> part

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- (1) Rheology and viscous behavior *viscosity as flow resistance, internal friction; “Rheology Road”*
- (2) Simple viscosity tests *flow cups, falling-ball & glass-capillary viscometers; rotational viscometers, relative measuring geometries*
- (3) Rheometers and measuring geometries *absolute measuring geometries; concentric cylinders, cone/plate, plate/plate; ball bearing & air bearing*
- (4) Definitions: shear stress, shear rate, (shear) viscosity *laminar & turbulent flow, shear rate range & technical applications; viscosity law, kinematic viscosity*
- (5) Rotational tests *raw data and rheological parameters; controlled shear rate (CSR), controlled shear stress (CSS)*
- (6) Flow behavior *ideal-viscous, Newtonian; shear-thinning, pseudoplastic; shear-thickening, dilatant; rheo-microscopy; zero-shear viscosity*
- (7) Yield point (via flow curves and via  $\gamma/\tau$  - diagrams) *as interception on the stress-axis, mathematical curve fitting, regression models; crossover of fitting lines*
- (8) Further flow curves and viscosity curves *effect of rheology additives; transient viscosity peak*
- (9) Time-dependent behavior (rotation) *step tests, structure recovery, thixotropic behavior; curing*
- (10) Temperature-dependent behavior (rotation) *softening; crystallization; gelation, curing; pour point (oils)*

Appendix: Pressure-dependent behavior (rotation)

- (11) Viscoelastic behavior
- (12) Definitions: deformation, shear strain, shear modulus
- (13) Yield point via  $\gamma / \tau$  - diagram
- (14) Oscillatory tests
- (15) Amplitude sweeps
- (16) Frequency sweeps
- (17) (Time-dependent behavior (oscillation))
- (18) Temperature-dependent behavior (oscillation)

## Appendix:

- (19) DMA in torsion (on solid specimens)
- (20) (DMA in tension)

# 11 Rheology and Viscous Behavior

## The Rheology Road

**viscous**



**ideal-viscous  
liquids**

water, oils

**Viscosity Law**

**viscoelastic**



**viscoelastic  
liquids**

glues, shampoos



**viscoelastic  
solids**

pastes, gels,  
elastomers

**elastic**



**ideal-elastic  
solids**

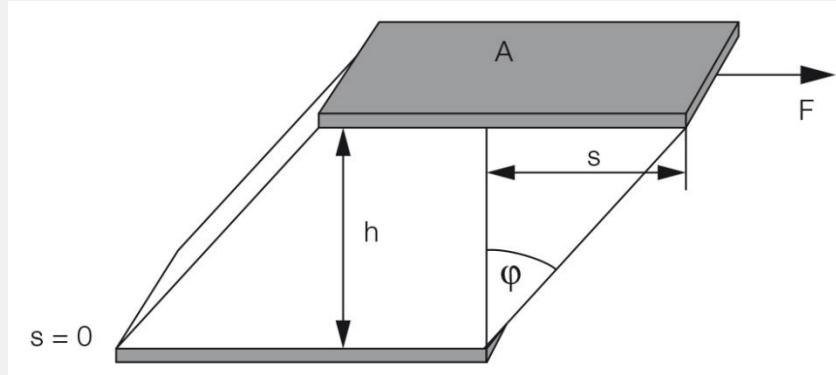
stone, steel

**Elasticity Law**

**rotational tests**

**oscillatory tests**

## 12 Definitions: Deformation, Strain, Shear Modulus



Two-plates model

**shear stress**

**unit:**  $1 \text{ N} / \text{m}^2 = \mathbf{1 \text{ Pa}}$

$$\tau = F / A$$

**shear deformation or shear strain**

**unit:**  $1 \text{ m} / \text{m} = \mathbf{1 = 100 \%}$

$$\gamma = s / h$$

## 12 Definitions: Deformation, Strain, Shear Modulus



Robert Hooke (1635 to 1703),  
in 1676 he states **for solids proportionality of force and deformation.**

The later so-called  
**Elasticity Law of Hooke**  
was formulated in the  
19. century (e.g. by T. Young in  
1807, or A.L. Cauchy in 1827).



### Shear modulus

$$G = \tau / \gamma$$

**unit:** (1 Pa / 1 = ) **1 Pa**

**1 GPa = 1000 MPa = 10<sup>6</sup> kPa = 10<sup>9</sup> Pa**

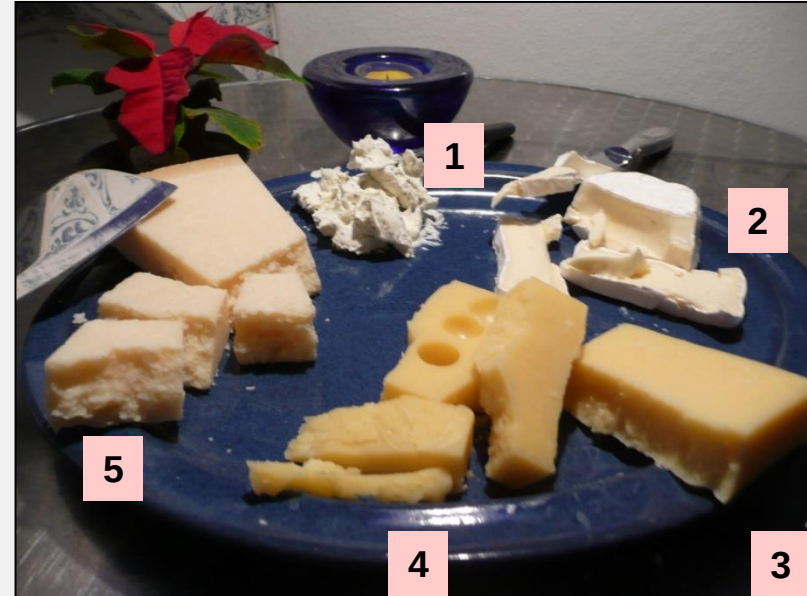
Giga-pascal, Mega-pascal, kilo-pascal

|                 |               |
|-----------------|---------------|
| spring force    | F             |
| deflection path | s             |
| spring constant | C (stiffness) |
| law of springs: | $F / s = C$   |

## 12 Definitions: Deformation, Strain, Shear Modulus

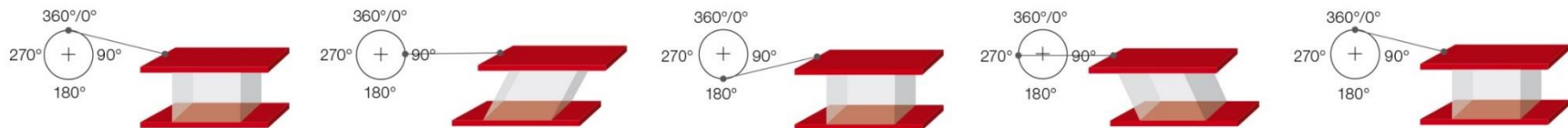
### Material stiffness and shear moduli

| cheese type  | example               | shear modulus (around) |
|--------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| 1 cream      | spread cheese         | 1 kPa                  |
| 2 soft       | French Camembert      | 10 kPa                 |
| 3 semi-hard  | Holland Gouda (young) | 0.1 MPa                |
| 4 hard       | Swiss Emmentaler      | 0.5 MPa                |
| 5 extra hard | Italian Parmigiano    | 1 MPa                  |





## 14 Oscillatory Tests



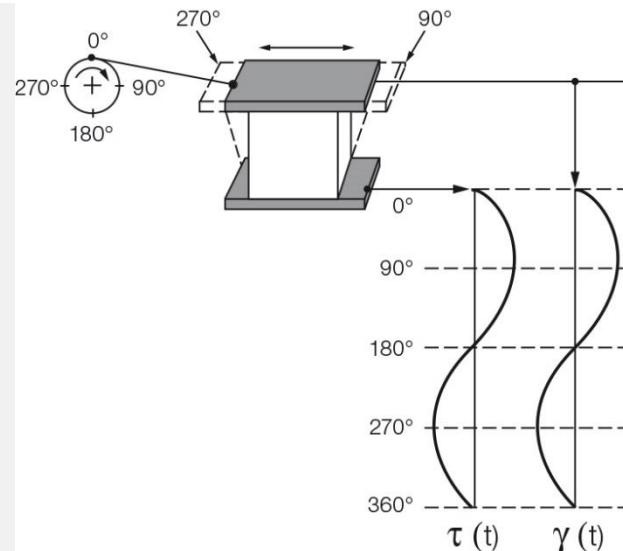
Two- plates model, equipped with two sensors,  
top preset of deflection path (strain or deformation)  
bottom measurement of resulting force (shear stress)

**sinusoidal preset**

**ideal-elastic behavior**

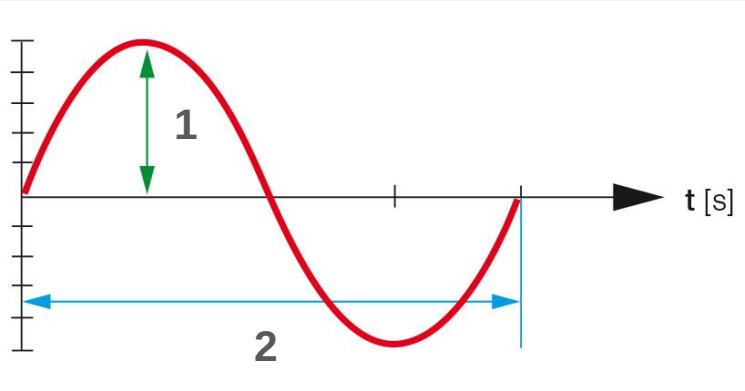
stiff sample (e.g. a stone or steel):  
no time shift between the sine curves of  
preset strain and resulting shear stress:

**the curves of  $\gamma$  and  $\tau$  are “in phase”**



→ movie (2-plates-model, ideal-elastic behavior)

## 14 Oscillatory Tests



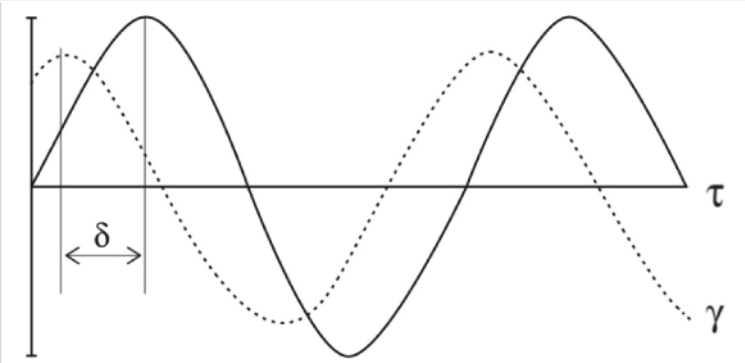
### Preset

constant amplitude (1) and constant frequency (2)

### Result

Most samples show  
**viscoelastic behavior**  
with a

**phase shift  $\delta$**   
between the maxima of the sine curves as the  
**retardation of the measuring response**  
compared to the preset.



→ movie (2-plates-model, viscoelastic behavior)

## 14 Oscillatory Tests



### ideal-viscous behavior

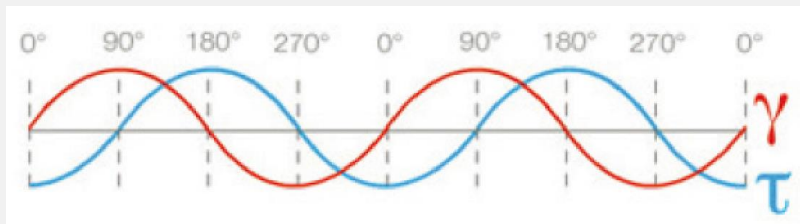
fluid, liquid:  $90^\circ \geq \delta > 45^\circ$

and

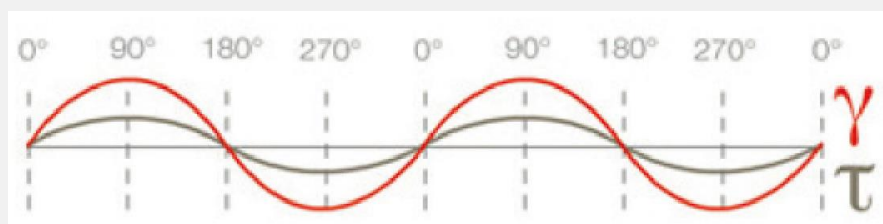
### ideal-elastic behavior

solid, gel-like:  $45^\circ > \delta \geq 0^\circ$

Illustrative concept:  $\delta$  as the “street number in Rheology Road”



ideal-viscous:  $\delta = 90^\circ$



ideal-elastic:  $\delta = 0^\circ$

# 14 Oscillatory Tests

## Vector diagram

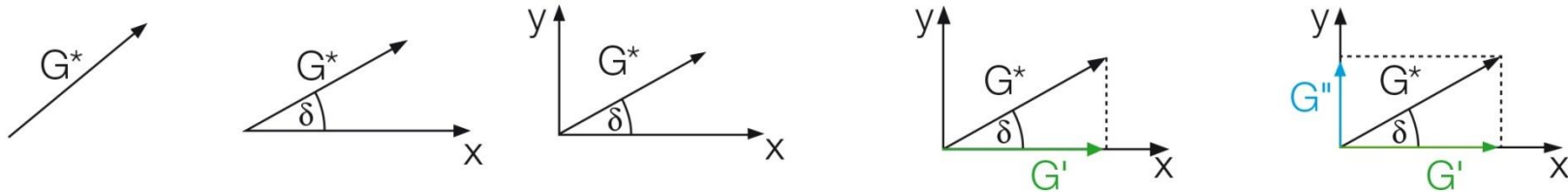
to determine the parameters  $G'$  and  $G''$  based on the Elasticity Law

- preset of  $\gamma_A$
- measurement of  $\tau_A$  and phase shift angle  $\delta$  (index A for amplitude)

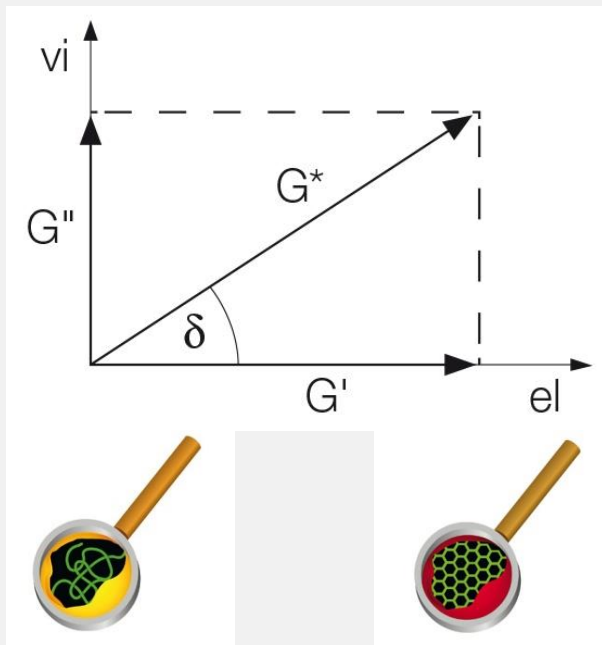
Calculation:

**complex shear modulus  $G^*$**

$$G^* = \tau_A / \gamma_A$$



## 14 Oscillatory Tests



Molecules

left: freely moveable, uncrosslinked

right: crosslinked

### Vector diagram

$G^*$  complex shear modulus,  
viscoelastic behavior in total

$G'$  (shear) storage modulus, elastic shear modulus

$G''$  (shear) loss modulus, viscous shear modulus

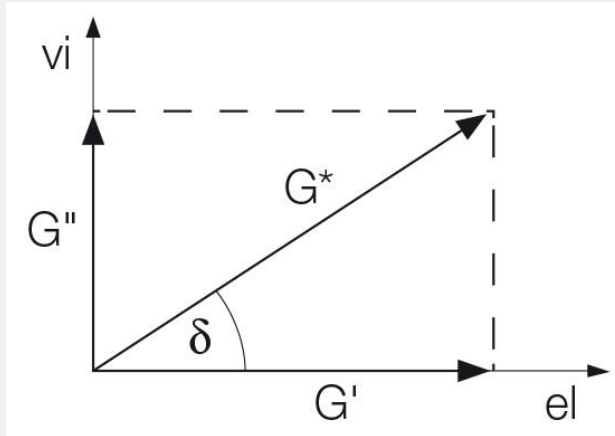
$G'$  (G-prime) for the **stored**,

$G''$  (G-double prime) for the **lost** (dissipated)

### deformation energy

internal friction when flowing

## 14 Oscillatory Tests



$$\tan \delta = G'' / G'$$

**loss factor** (or **damping factor**)

tangent delta

unit: dimensionless (or 1)

**“viscoelastic ratio”**

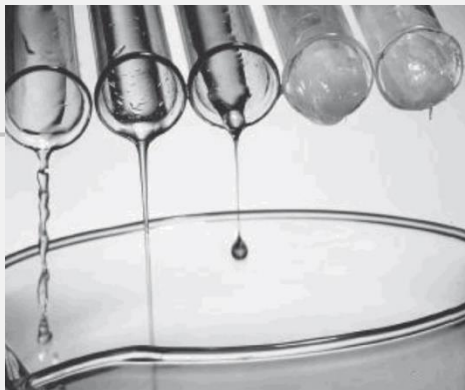
**of viscous and elastic portions**

use case

**point of phase transition**

$$G' = G'' \text{ or } \tan \delta = 1 \text{ or } \delta = 45^\circ$$

# 14 Oscillatory Tests



| viscous             |            | viscoelastic         |                       | elastic      |
|---------------------|------------|----------------------|-----------------------|--------------|
| $G'' \gg G'$        | $G'' > G'$ | $G'' = G'$           | $G' > G''$            | $G' \gg G''$ |
| liquid, fluid state |            | sol / gel transition | gel-like, solid state |              |

$\tan \delta$   
=  $G'' / G'$

|                                             |                   |                   |                   |                                        |
|---------------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|----------------------------------------|
| $\tan \delta \gg 1$<br>$\rightarrow \infty$ | $\tan \delta > 1$ | $\tan \delta = 1$ | $\tan \delta < 1$ | $\tan \delta \ll 1$<br>$\rightarrow 0$ |
|---------------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|----------------------------------------|

ideal-viscous:  $\tan \delta > 100:1 = 100$   
for scientists:  $\tan \delta > 1000$

ideal-elastic:  $\tan \delta < 1:100 = 0.01$   
for scientists:  $\tan \delta < 0.001$

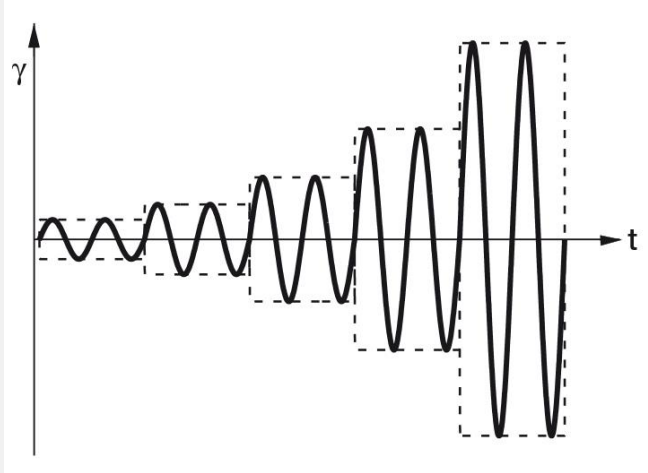
## 14 Oscillatory Tests

| Oscillation CSD<br>contr. shear deformation | test preset                         | result                                                                |
|---------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| raw data                                    | deflection angle $\varphi(t)$ [rad] | torque $M(t)$ [Nm]<br>phase shift $\delta$ [degrees]                  |
| rheological parameters                      | Deformation/strain $\gamma(t)$ [%]  | shear stress $\tau(t)$ [Pa]<br>phase shift $\delta$ [degrees]         |
| Oscillation CSS<br>controlled shear stress  | test preset                         | result                                                                |
| raw data                                    | torque $M(t)$ [Nm]                  | deflection angle $\varphi(t)$ [rad]<br>phase shift $\delta$ [degrees] |
| rheological parameters                      | shear stress $\tau(t)$ [Pa]         | deformation/strain $\gamma(t)$ [%]<br>phase shift $\delta$ [degrees]  |

$\varphi$  in degrees or in 1 rad; 360° corresponds to  $2\pi$  rad



## 15 Amplitude Sweeps



### Preset

**constant frequency**

(e.g. angular frequency  $\omega = 10 \text{ rad/s}$ )

**variable strain (deformation)**

strain sweep

**or variable stress**

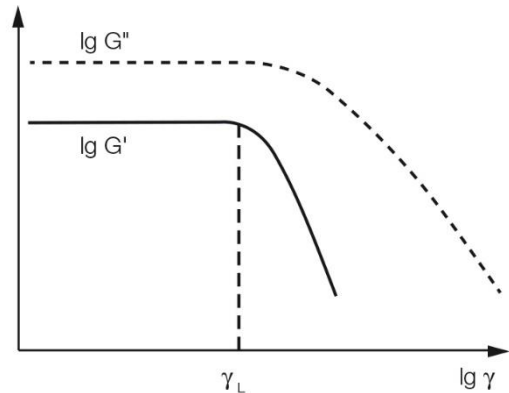
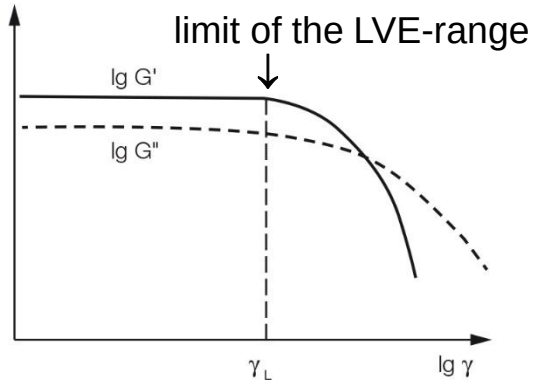
stress sweep

Frequency conversion:  $\omega = 2\pi \cdot f$

with **angular frequency  $\omega$  in rad/s** (or  $\text{s}^{-1}$ ) and **frequency  $f$  in Hz**

Please note: Hz is not a SI unit.

# 15 Amplitude Sweeps



## Result

storage modulus  $G'$  (elastic behavior)  
 loss modulus  $G''$  (viscous behavior)

**limiting value of the  
 linear viscoelastic (LVE-) range when reaching  $\gamma_L$   
 linearity limit of shear strain**

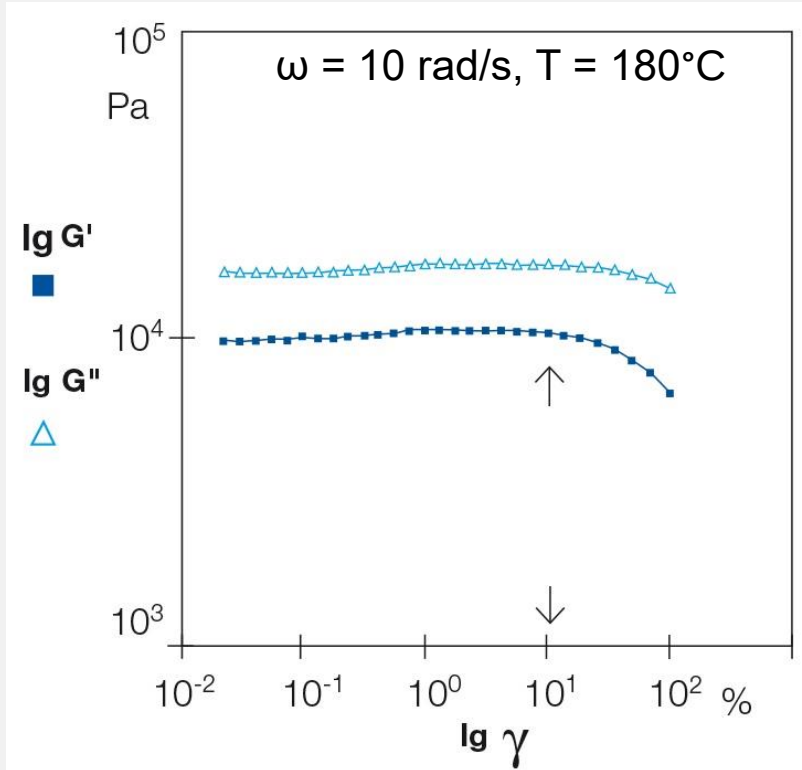
at **given** conditions,  
 i.e., at the **preset** frequency

in the LVE-range

top:  $G' > G''$  (gel-like, solid structure)

bottom:  $G'' > G'$  (liquid, fluid structure)

# 15 Amplitude Sweeps



**Polymer melt**

**liquid state**

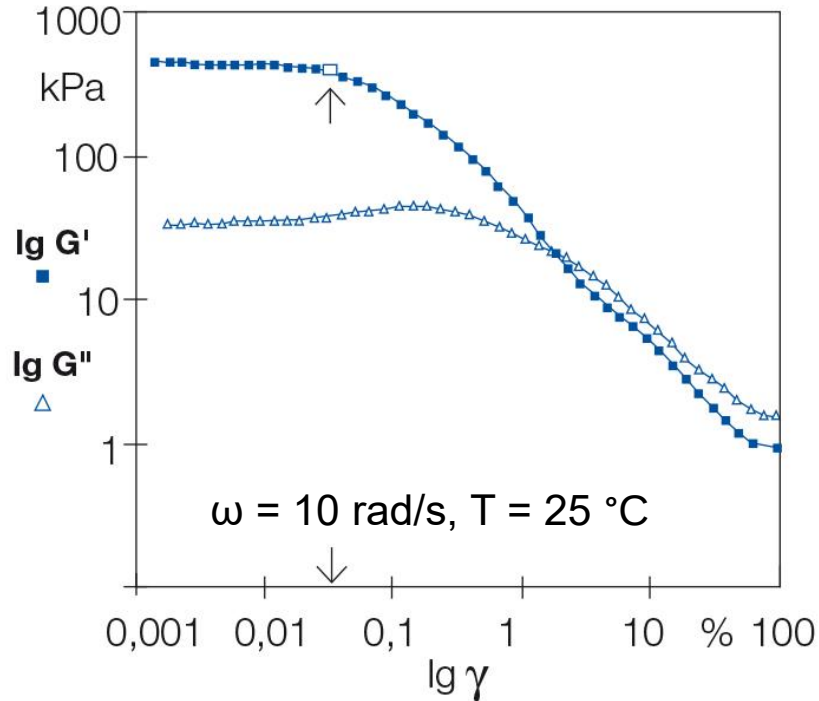
because  $G'' > G'$

viscoelastic fluid

limit of the LVE range at

$\gamma_L = 10 \% = 0.1$

## 15 Amplitude Sweeps



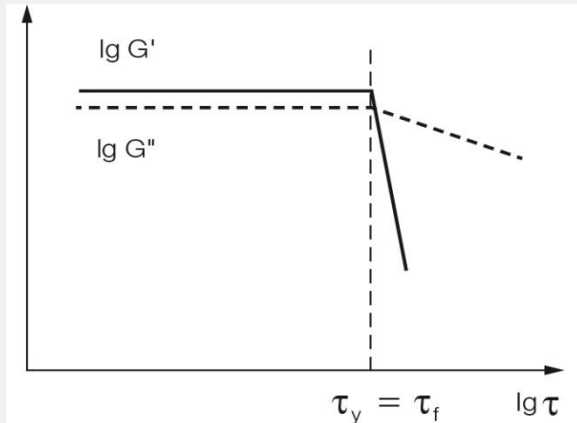
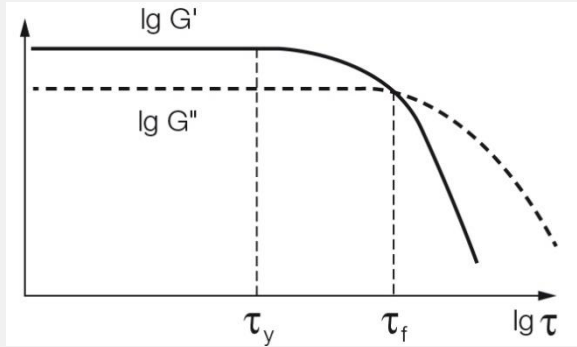
### Sealant

in the LVE range  
**gel-like or pasty state**  
because  $G' > G''$

limit of the LVE-range at  
 $\gamma_L = 0.026 \%$



# 15 Amplitude Sweeps



- **yield point  $\tau_y$**   
value at the **limit of the LVE-range**,  
or **linearity limit of shear stress**  
(also as  $\tau_L$ )
- **flow point  $\tau_f$**   
value at the **crossover point  $G' = G''$**   
(also as  $\tau_{co}$ )

For both values:  
At **given** test conditions,  
i.e. **preset** frequency

**Brittle fracture** if  $\tau_y = \tau_f$

## 15 Amplitude Sweeps

### Oscillatory tests: calculation of shear rate values

$$\dot{\gamma} = \gamma_A \cdot \omega$$

$$\text{unit: } 100 \% \cdot (1 \text{ rad/s}) = 1 \cdot (1/\text{s}) = 1 \text{ s}^{-1}$$

Example

**amplitude sweep**

$$\gamma_A = 10 \%$$

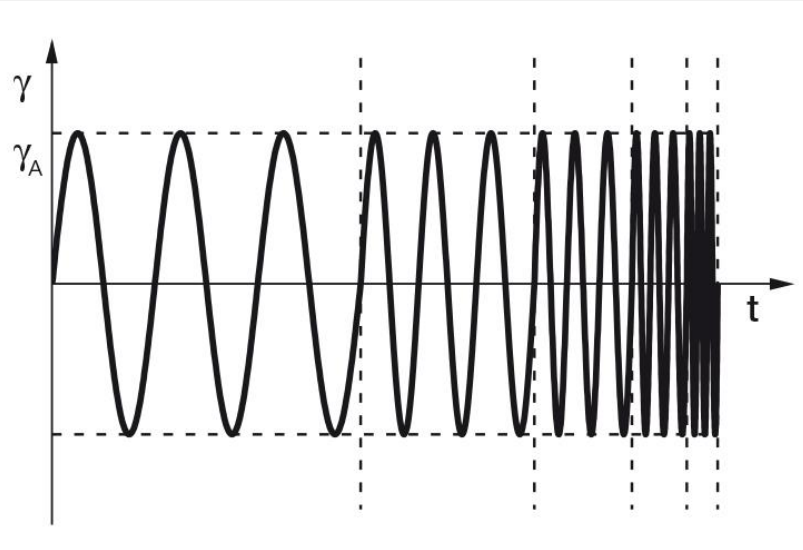
$$\omega = 10 \text{ rad/s}$$

$$\dot{\gamma} = 10 \% \cdot 10 \text{ rad/s} = 0.1 \cdot 10 \text{ s}^{-1} = \mathbf{1 \text{ s}^{-1}}$$

**Summary:**

**Usually oscillatory tests are performed in the low-shear range.**

## 16 Frequency Sweeps



### Preset

**constant amplitude**

shear strain (or shear stress)  
within the LVE-range

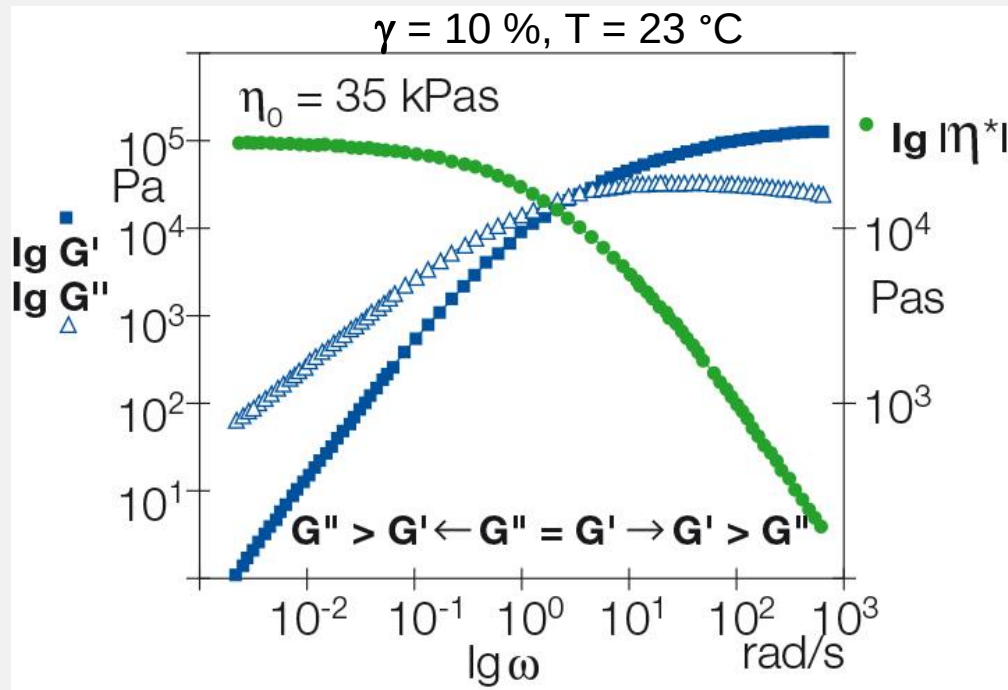
and

**variable frequency**

### Precondition:

LVE-range has been checked  
by an amplitude sweep.

## 16 Frequency Sweeps



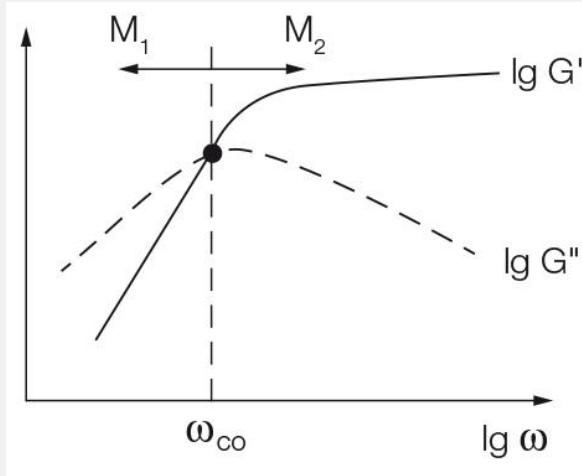
**PDMS**  
poly-  
di-methyl  
siloxane



typical behavior of  
**uncrosslinked polymers**  
showing a crossover point  $G' = G''$



## 16 Frequency Sweeps



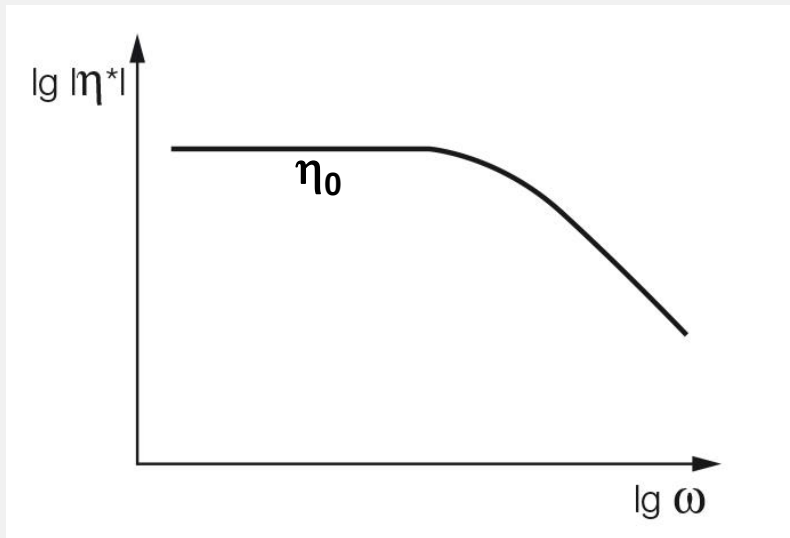
**uncrosslinked polymers**

**average molar mass  $M$**

**position of the crossover point  $G' = G''$**   
depends on  $M$  (here:  $M_1 > M_2$ )

relaxation time  $\lambda = 1 / \omega_{co}$

## 16 Frequency Sweeps



**Uncrosslinked polymers**  
**complex viscosity  $\eta^*$**

$$|\eta^*| = G^* / \omega$$

unit: 1 Pas = 1 Pa / (1/s)

**Maxwellian fluids** show a  
**plateau of the zero-shear viscosity  $\eta_0$**   
at low frequencies

$\eta_0$  is proportional to the molar mass  $M$   
(at the same polymer concentration),  
as for viscosity curves  $\eta(\dot{\gamma})$  in rotation.

## 16 Frequency Sweeps

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### Cox / Merz relation

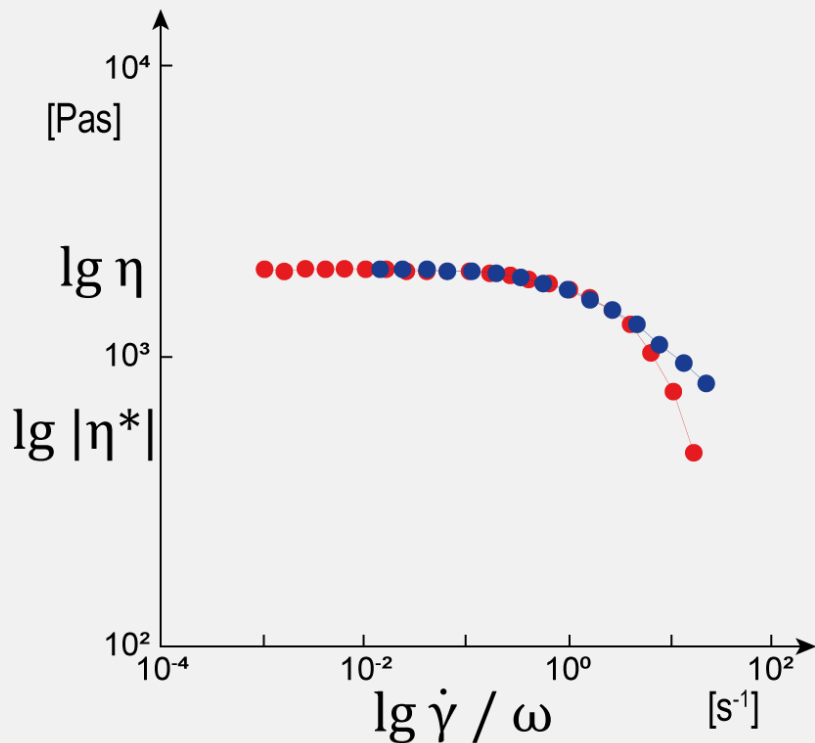
In the low-shear range, for uncrosslinked polymers:

**The plateau of the zero-shear viscosity  $\eta_0$  is on the same level for both.**

- |                       |                      |                  |
|-----------------------|----------------------|------------------|
| (1) shear viscosity   | $\eta(\dot{\gamma})$ | (in rotation)    |
| (2) complex viscosity | $ \eta^*(\omega) $   | (in oscillation) |

Reason: In the low-shear range or the LVE-range, respectively, applies:  $\eta(\dot{\gamma}) = |\eta^*(\omega)|$

# 16 Frequency Sweeps



## Cox / Merz relation

**Polymer melt**

**oscillation**

frequency sweep

**complex viscosity**  $|\eta^*(\omega)|$

**rotation**

shear rate dependent

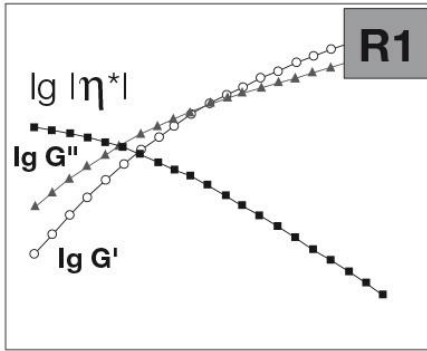
**(shear) viscosity**  $\eta(\dot{\gamma})$

Summary:

Same plateau value of the zero-shear viscosity in the low-shear range

Source: Cox, W.P., Merz, E.H.: J. Polym. Sci., 1958

# 16 Frequency Sweeps



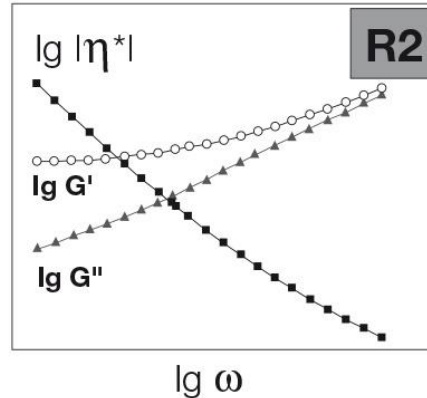
## Behavior-at-rest of two resins

problem: bad start of pumping  
→ check low frequency range

**top: uncrosslinked molecules**

$$G'' > G'$$

$\eta^*$  shows plateau of the zero-shear viscosity  $\eta_0$   
→ viscoelastic liquid



**bottom: cross-linked molecules**

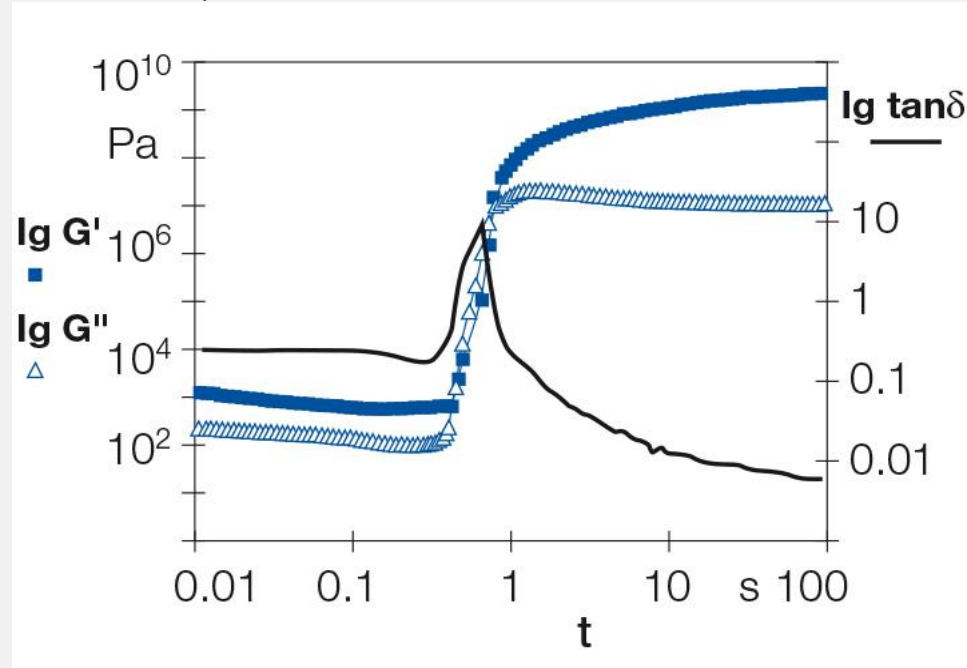
$$G' > G''$$

$\eta^*$  rises towards infinity  
→ solid structure

Comment: Values of  $\eta^*$  are not useful where  $G' > G''$ .

## 17 Time-dependent Behavior (Oscillation)

D-PP 08,  $\gamma = 0.02 \%$ ,  $\omega = 63 \text{ rad/s}$  (or  $f = 10 \text{ Hz}$ )



**UV-curing  
resin**



**fast curing  
reaction**

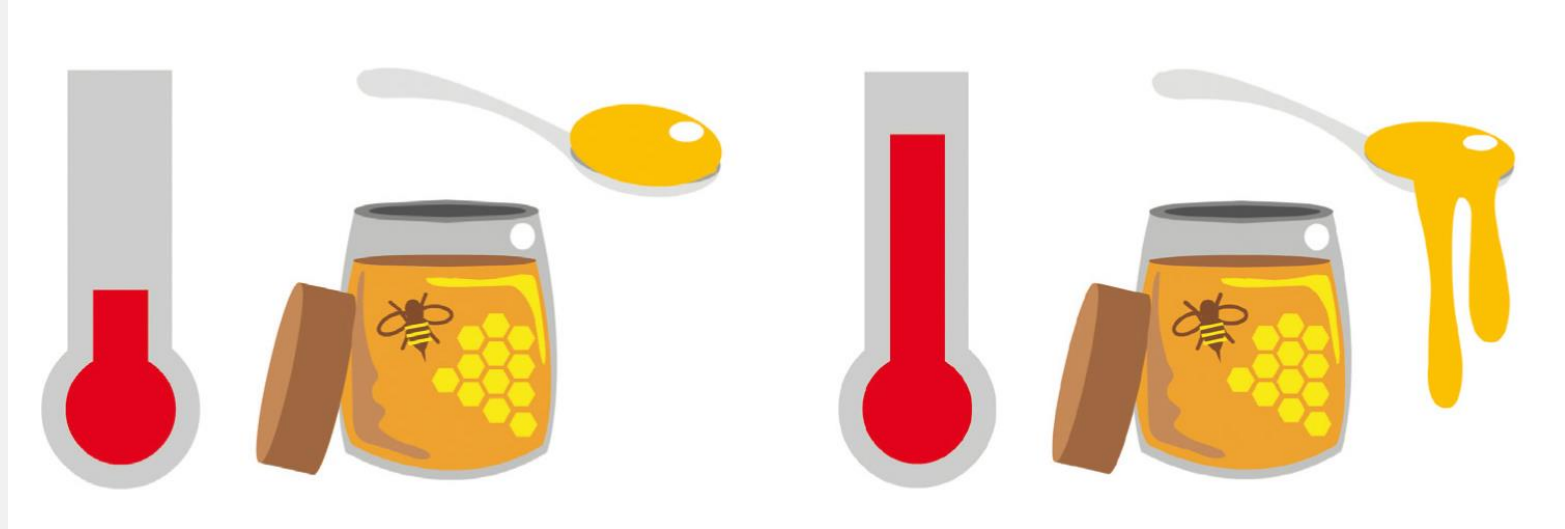
main reaction in 0.5 s  
finally very rigid, since  $G' > 1 \text{ GPa}$

$$\tan \delta = G'' / G'$$

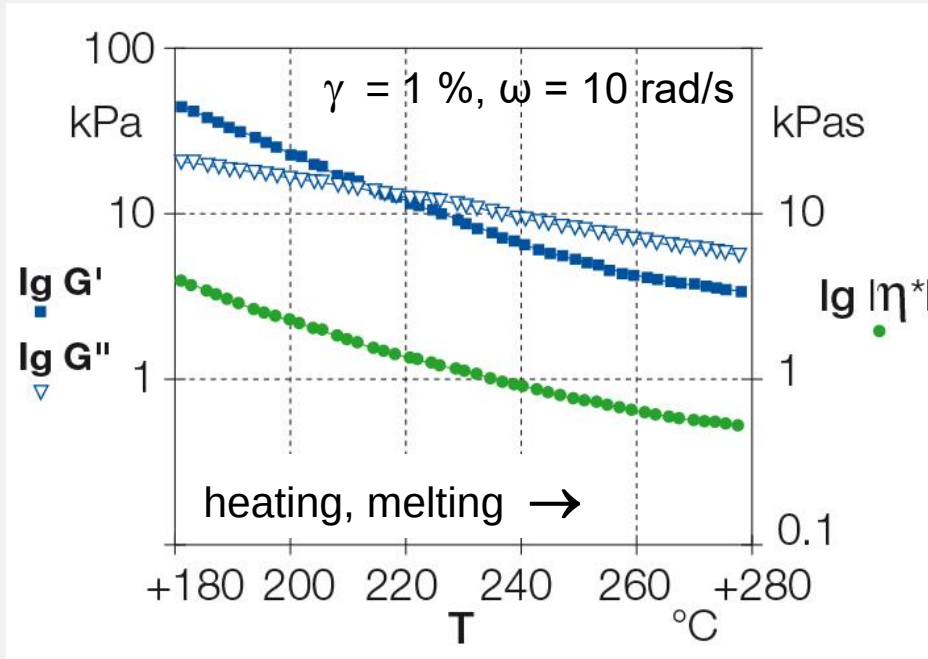
## 18 Temperature-dependent Behavior (Oscillation)



**Anton Paar**



## 18 Temperature-dependent Behavior (Oscillation)



### ABS resin

blend of 3 immiscible polymers

### softening temperature

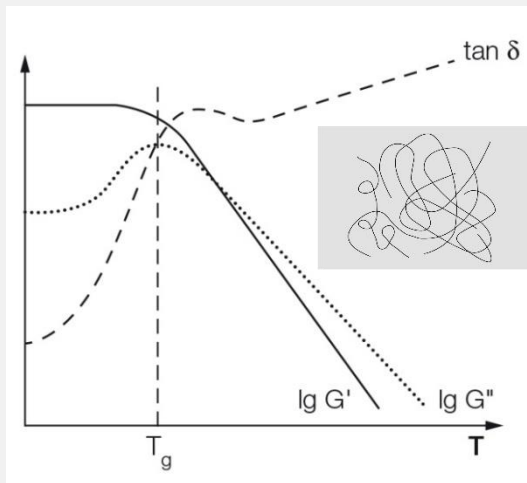
$T = 215^{\circ}\text{C}$

at the crossover point  $G' = G''$



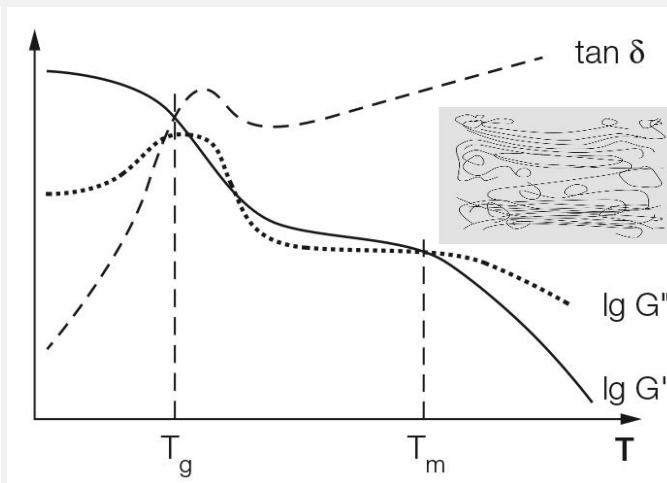
# 18 Temperature-dependent Behavior (Oscillation)

## Polymers (dynamic-mechanical analysis DMA, acc. to ISO 6721-1)



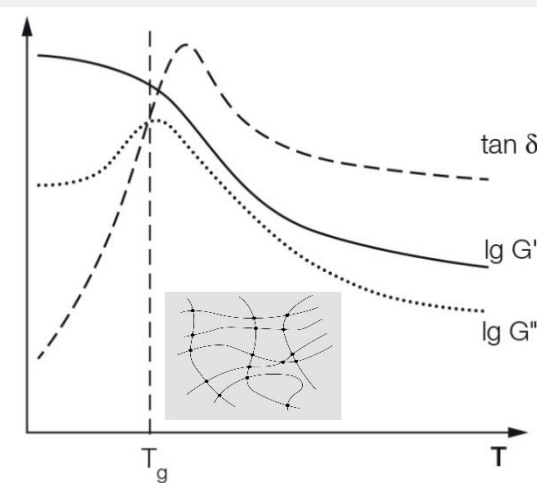
**amorphous**

uncrosslinked, no order



**partially crystalline**

uncrosslinked, partially ordered



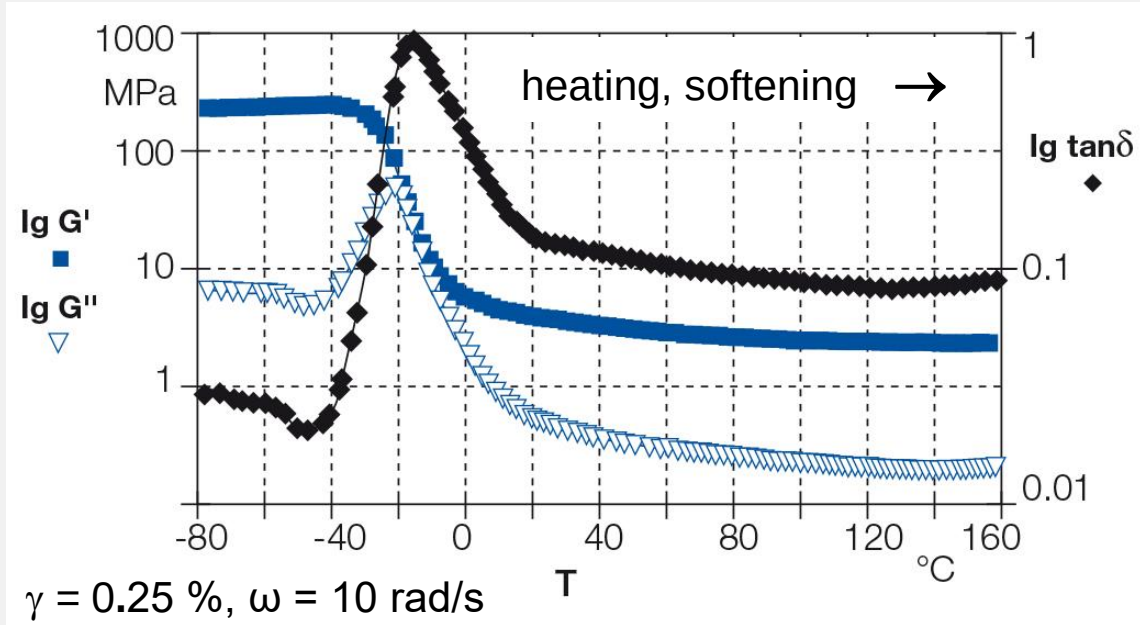
**chemically cross-linked**

covalent primary bonds

**$T_g$  glass transition temperature** at the  $G''$  maximum (peak): ISO 6721-11

**$T_m$  melting temperature**

## 18 Temperature-dependent Behavior (Oscillation)



**Rubber**



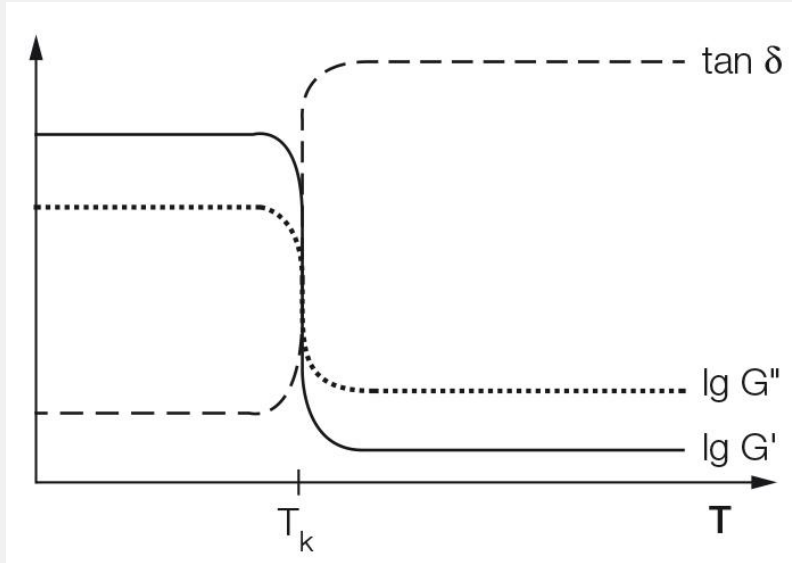
**crosslinked polymer**

$T_g = -22\text{ °C}$  ( $G''$  max)

$T_g = -16\text{ °C}$  ( $\tan\delta$  max)

no  $T_m$

## 18 Temperature-dependent Behavior (Oscillation)



**Melting or crystallization**  
crystallizing substances

### Preset

constant dynamic-mechanical  
shear conditions

- amplitude in the LVE-range
- usually  $\omega = 10$  rad/s

### Result

steeply decreasing or increasing curves  
**in a relatively narrow temperature range**

**$T_k$  crystallization temperature**

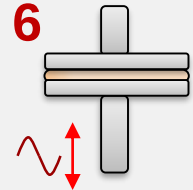
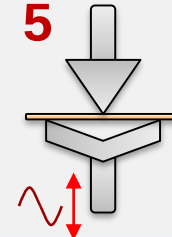
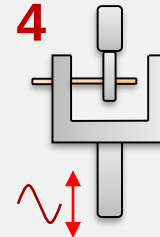
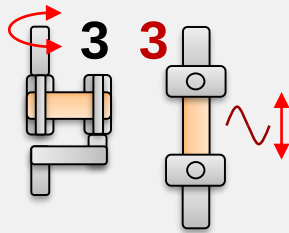
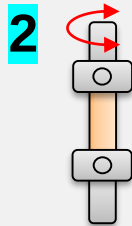
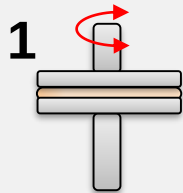
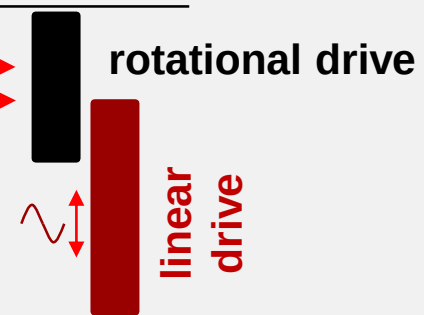
# Appendix: Further Tests besides Shear Tests

## Overview: Test modes according to ISO 6721

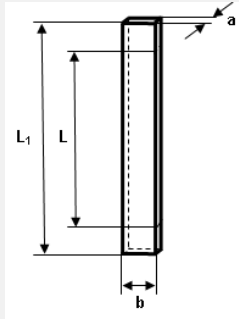
with oscillation, to measure dynamic-mechanical properties

as **DMA** or **DMTA**, dynamic-mechanical (thermal) analysis (oscillatory or unidirectional)

|       | Test mode                  | Samples                               | Measured moduli      |
|-------|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1.    | <b>Shear</b>               | liquids, dispersions, soft solids     | <b>G</b>             |
| 2.    | <b>Torsion</b>             | solids                                | <b>G</b>             |
| 3./3. | <b>Tension / extension</b> | highly viscous liquids, films, solids | <b>E</b>             |
| 4.    | <b>Cantilever bending</b>  | solids                                | <b>E</b>             |
| 5.    | <b>3-point bending</b>     | solids                                | <b>E</b>             |
| 6.    | <b>Compression</b>         | rubber, solids                        | <b>E<sub>c</sub></b> |



## 19 DMA in Torsion

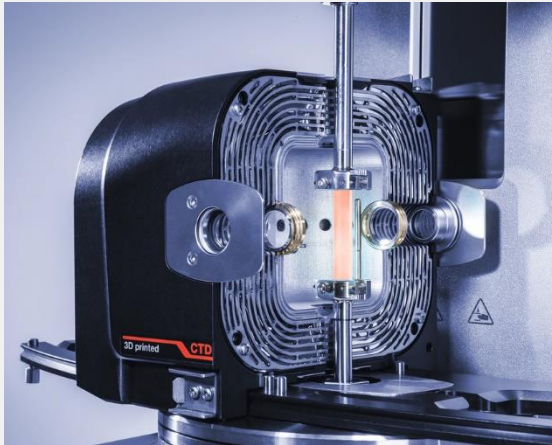


### Solid Torsion bars

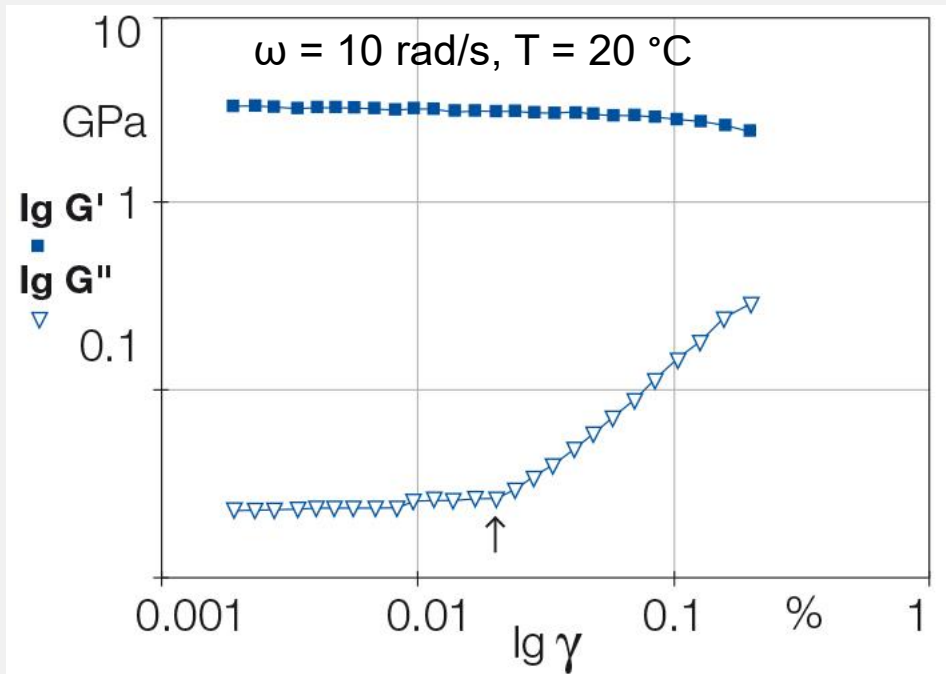
measuring geometry SRF  
(solid rectangular fixture)

typical dimensions:

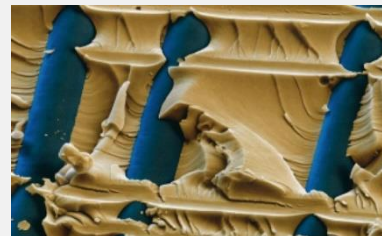
54 x 10 x 1 ( $L_1 \times b \times a$ , in mm),  
with  $L = 40$  mm free length, between the clamps  
total length  $L_1 = L + (2 \times 7)$  mm



## 19 DMA in Torsion



### Fiber-reinforced resin



resin matrix and fibers  
Source: BASF calendar 2013

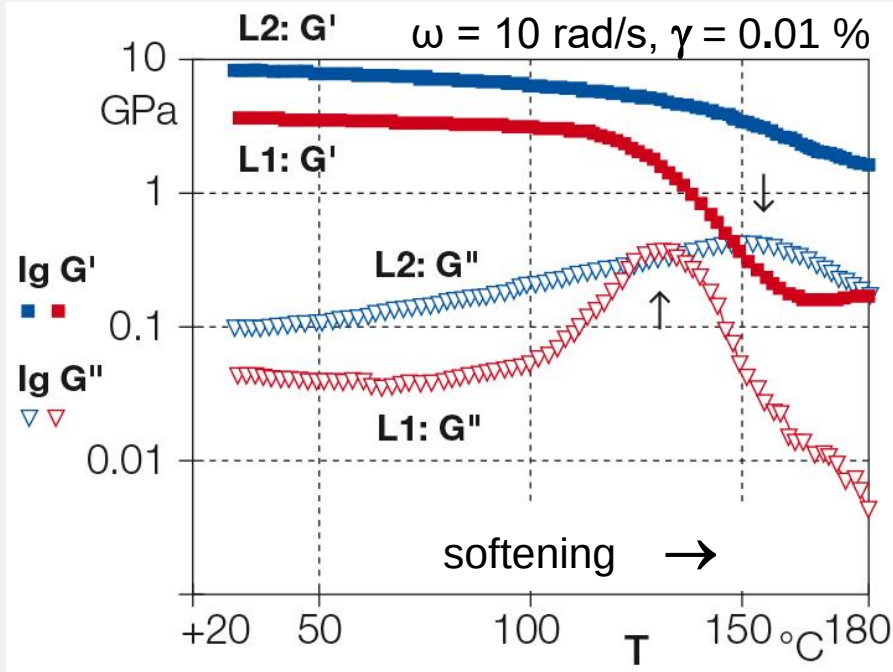
### Amplitude Sweep

LVE-range up to  $\gamma = 0.02$  %

Rising  $G''$ :  
increasing consumption of deformation energy (lost energy) due to the formation of

**micro-cracks**

## 19 DM(T)A in Torsion



### Laminates

unmodified laminate L1  
reinforced laminate L2

increase of G' from 3 GPa to 8 GPa

→ **harder surface, less abrasion**

## Summary: Seminar Program 2<sup>nd</sup> part

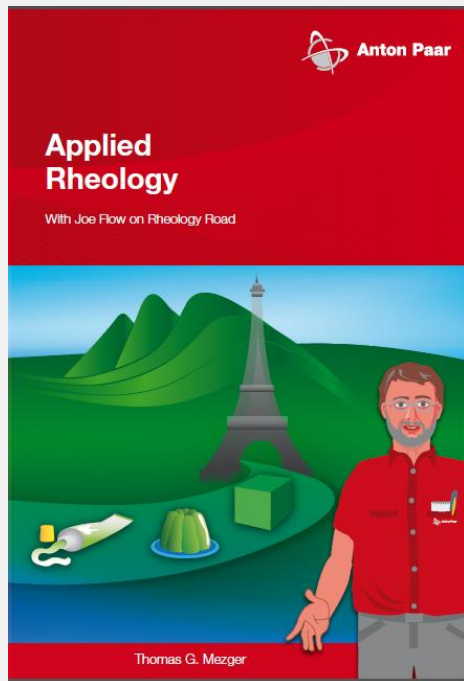
- (11) Viscoelastic behavior *“Rheology Road”, stringiness, rod climbing or Weissenberg-effect, extrudate swelling, melt fracture*
- (12) Definitions: deformation, shear strain, shear modulus *elasticity law*
- (13) Yield point via  $\gamma / \tau$  - diagram *straight fitting line in the linear-elastic deformation range*
- (14) Oscillatory tests *phase shift; raw data and rheological parameters; shear storage modulus, shear loss modulus, loss factor or damping factor; sol / gel transition*
- (15) Amplitude sweeps *LVE-range, gel strength, brittle break behavior,  $G''$ -maximum; yield point & flow point*
- (16) Frequency sweeps *uncrosslinked polymers: average molar mass, Maxwellian behavior; complex viscosity, zero-shear viscosity; cross-linked polymers; dispersion stability, syneresis*
- (17) Time-dependent behavior (oscillation) *step tests, structure recovery, thixotropic behavior; ORO-test; curing, UV-curing*
- (18) Temperature-dependent behavior (oscillation) *softening, melting,  $T_g$  -values; crystallization; high-temperature tests; gelation, curing*

### Appendix:

- (19) DMA in torsion *solid torsion bars; DMA and DMTA in torsion;  $T_g$  values*
- (20) DMA in tension *extensional rate, ext. viscosity, strain softening, strain hardening; tensile stress, elongation, E-modulus, Young's modulus, Poisson's ratio; DM(T)A in extension;  $E'$  &  $E''$  moduli,  $T_g$  values*



# Rheo-Books



**9 languages available:** German, English, Chinese, Korean, French, Spanish, Portuguese, Italian, Japanese  
additionally: **The Rheology Handbook** (5<sup>th</sup> ed., publisher Vincentz, Hanover, 432 p.) also available in German

# End of the Rheo-Seminar

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*Have a nice day...*