

BASICS OF RHEOLOGY
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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

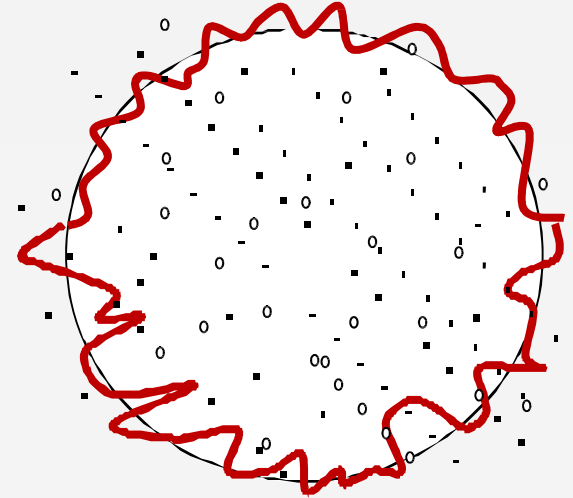
oscillatory tests

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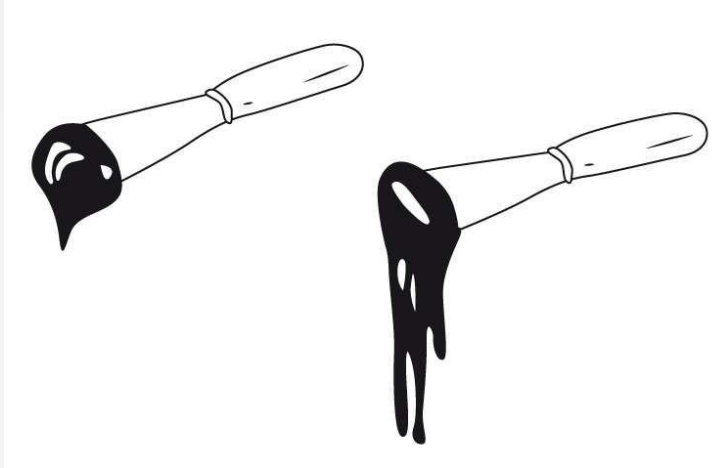
What is viscosity ?

Internal friction or **flow resistance**

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



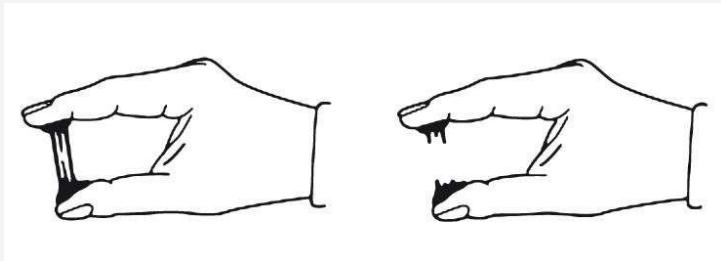
2 Simple Viscosity Tests



Trowel test

- highly viscous fluids:
- low-viscosity fluids:
e.g. dispersions

thick
thin

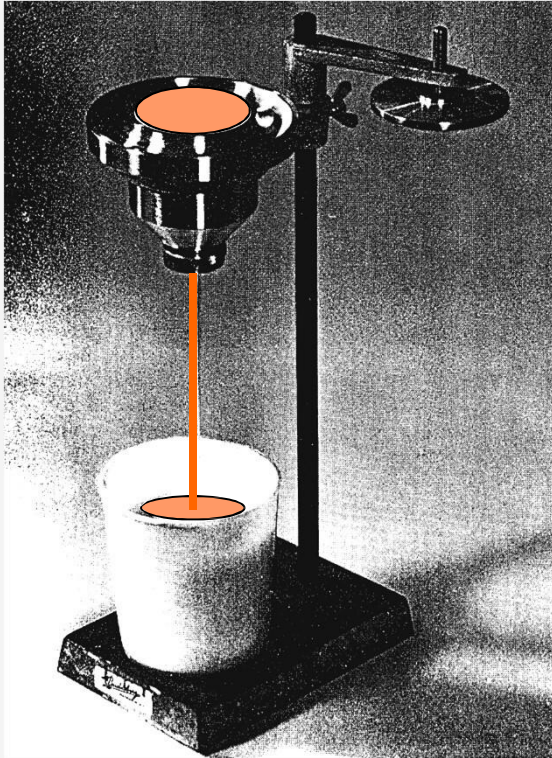


Finger test

- tacky:
- less tacky:
e.g. for adhesives, offset-printing inks, dough

long
short

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

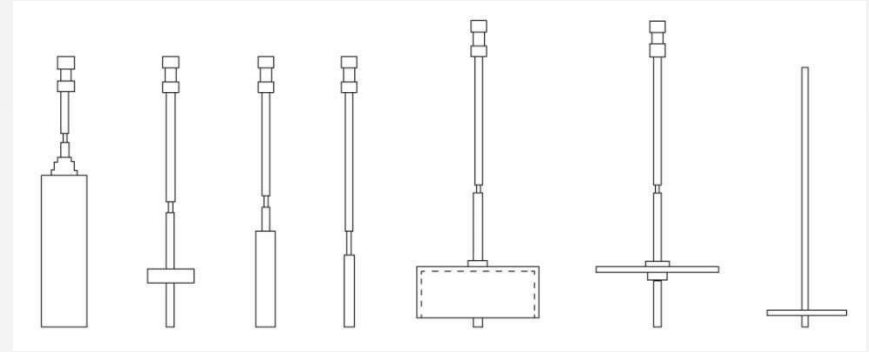
2 Simple Viscosity Tests

Rotational Viscometers

Preset: rotational speed

Measurement: torque

Example: **ViscoQC** by Anton Paar



Relative Viscosity Values

- ISO 2555
- ISO 3219-2

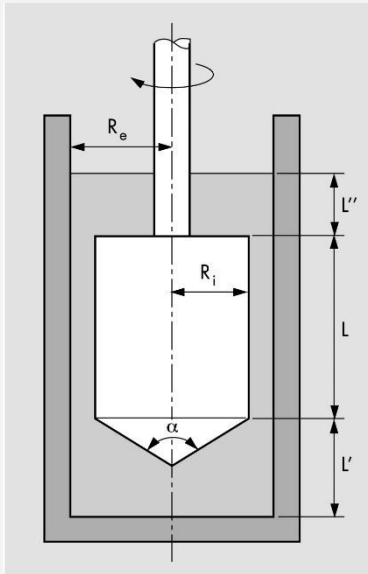
Typical Spindles:

- cylinders
- disks
- T-bars
- pins

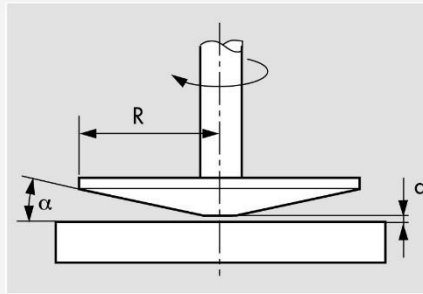


3 Rheometers and Measuring Geometries

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

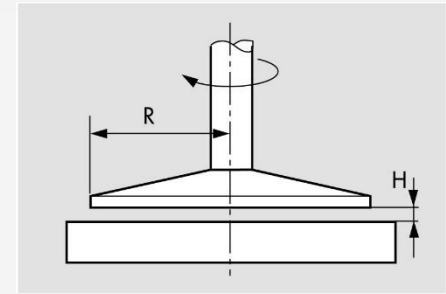
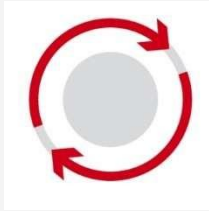


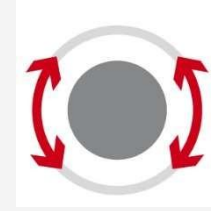
plate / plate, PP
gels, pastes, soft solids,
polymer melts

3 Rheometers and Measuring Geometries



rotation

- shear tests
- tensile tests



oscillation

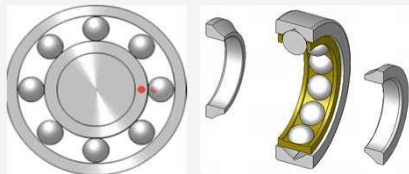
- shear tests
- torsional tests
- tensile tests

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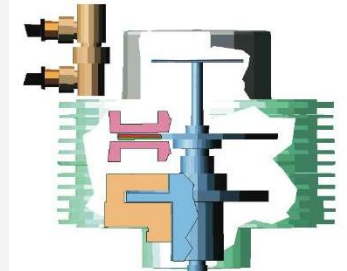
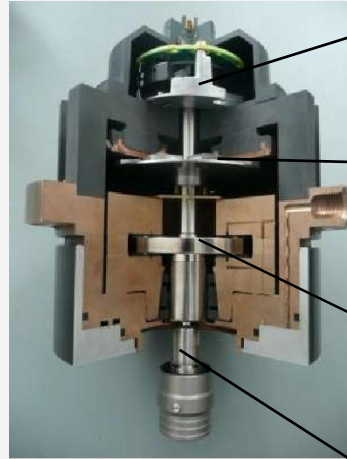
Rheometers - each drive requires a bearing

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

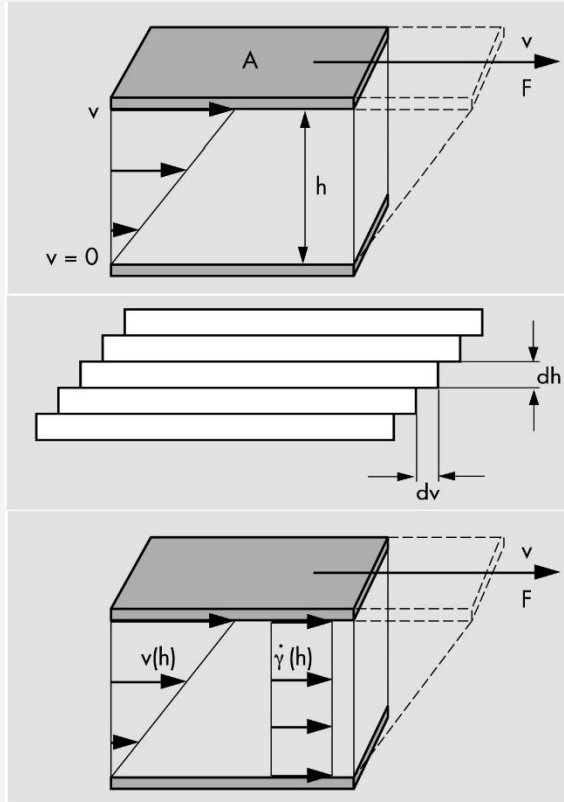
radial and axial: pressurized air
between disc (rotor) and
porous graphite (stator)

**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



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

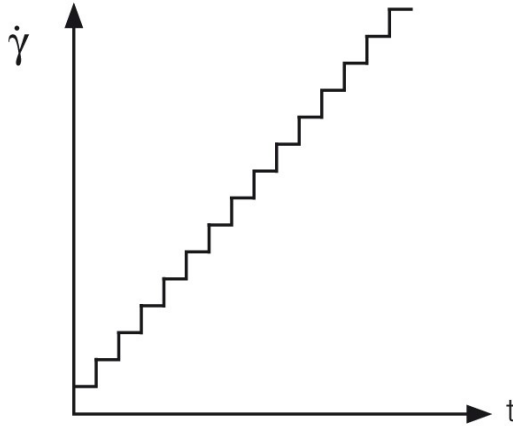
5 Rotational Tests

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

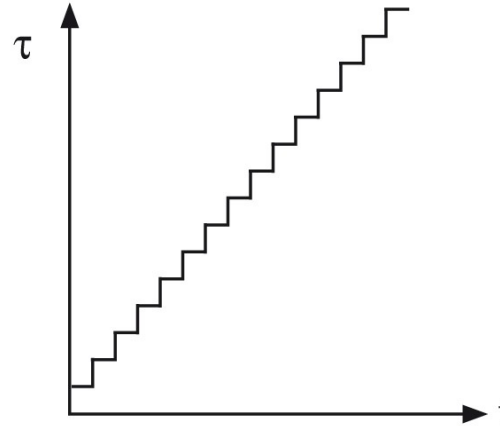


rotational speed preset

shear rate ramp

step-like upwards or downwards

CSR: controlled shear rate



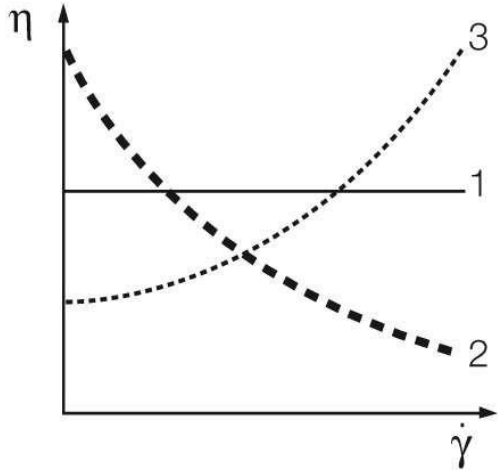
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CSS: controlled shear stress

6 Flow Behavior



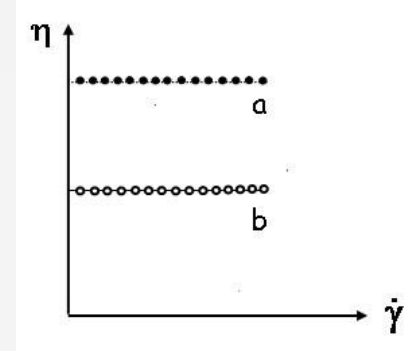
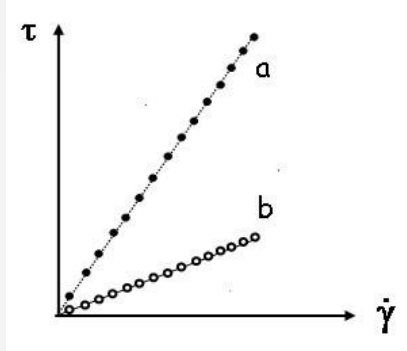
Viscosity curves

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

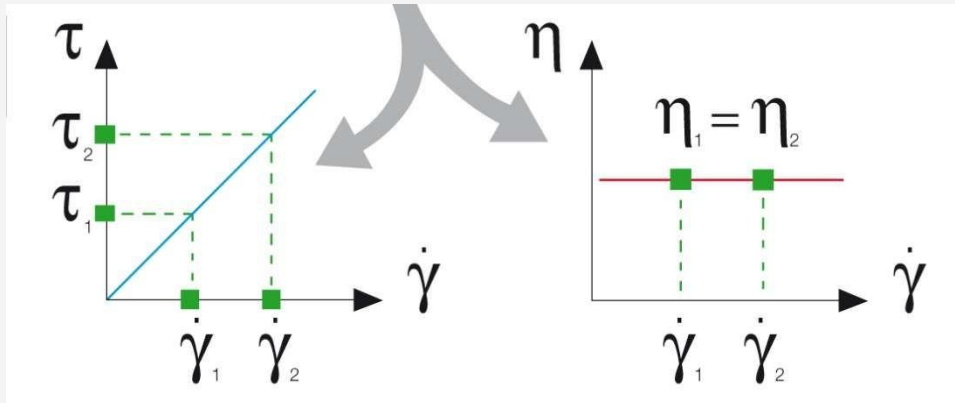
(Newtonian)
(pseudoplastic)
(dilatant)

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ideal-viscous / Newtonian flow behavior

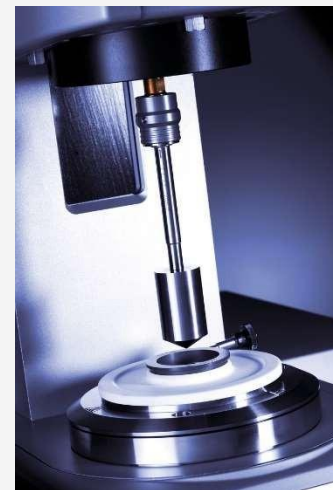
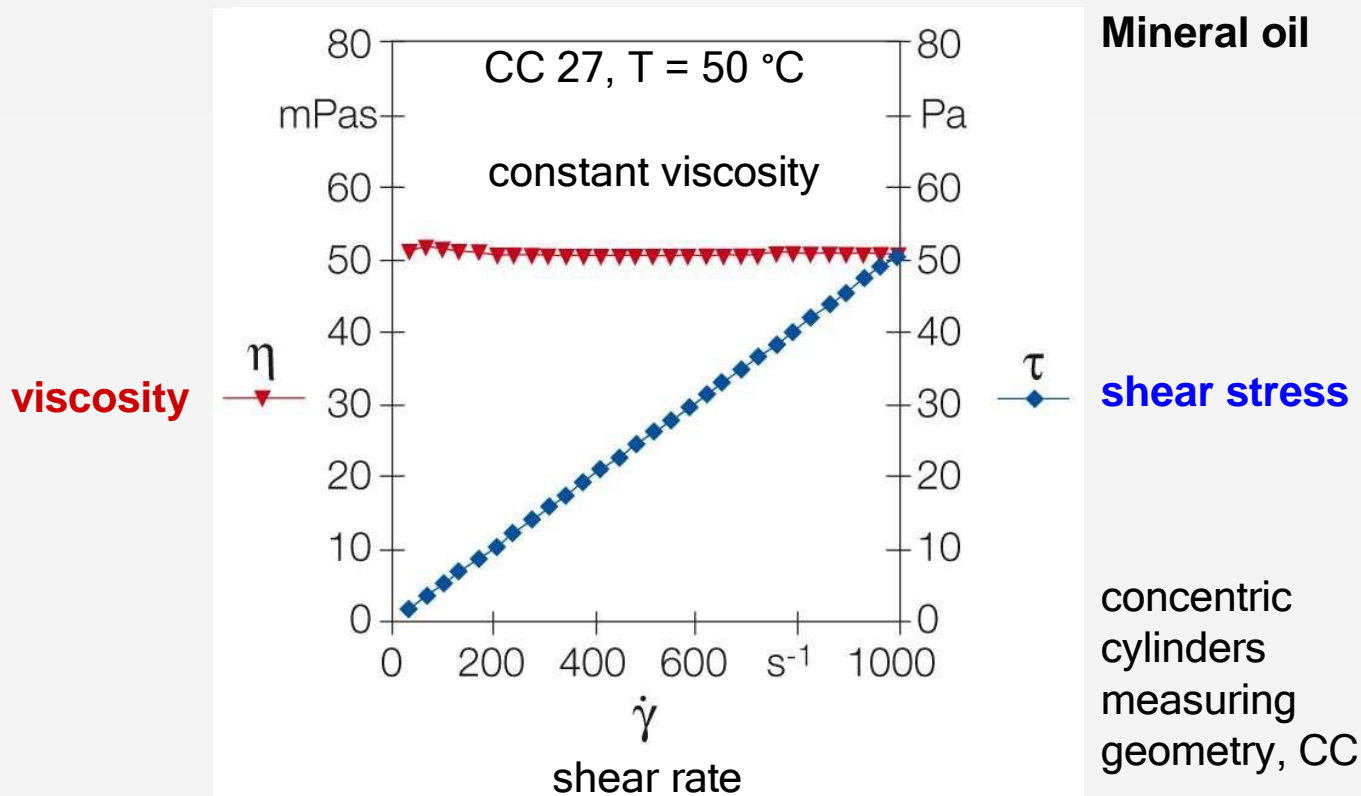


flow curves

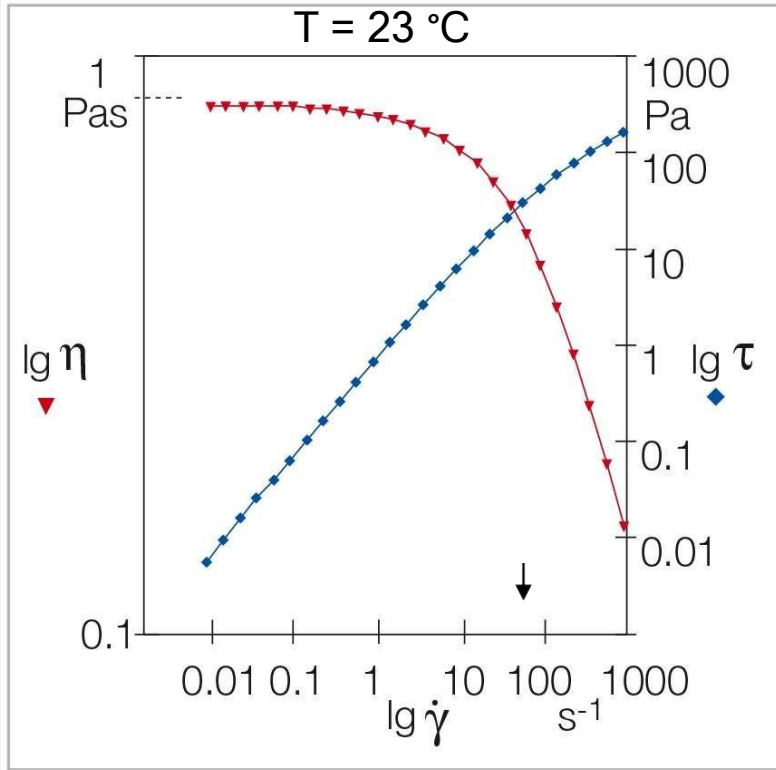


viscosity curves

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Wall paper paste

aqueous
methylcellulose
solution



uncrosslinked polymer

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

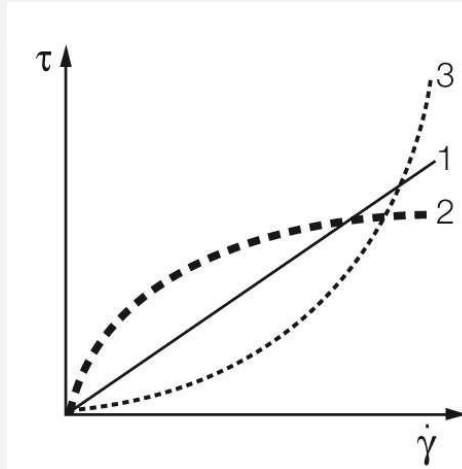
plateau of the zero-shear viscosity

logarithmic scale

focus on low-shear range

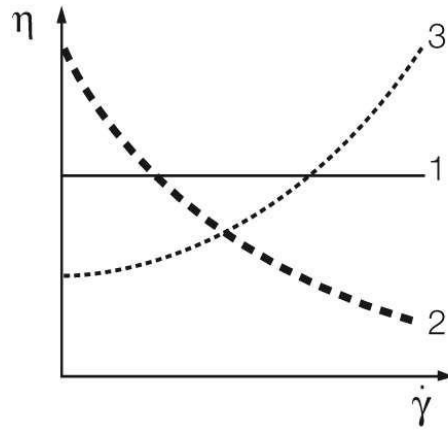
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flow curves



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viscosity curves



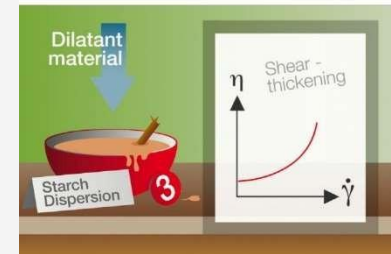
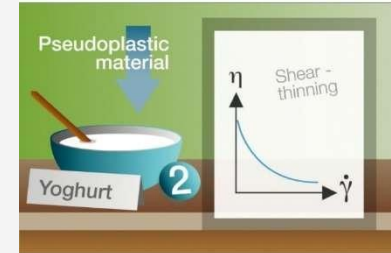
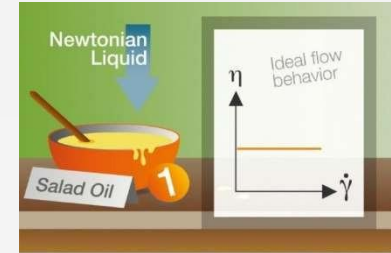
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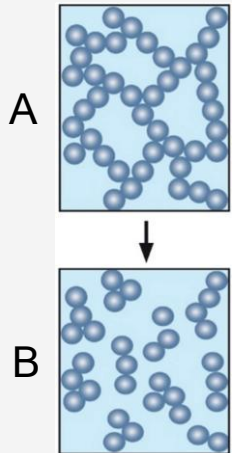
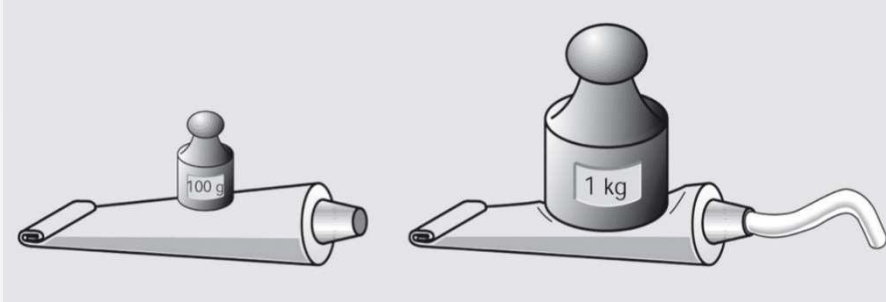
Flow curves and viscosity curves

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



→ e-learning
(the stirring chefs)

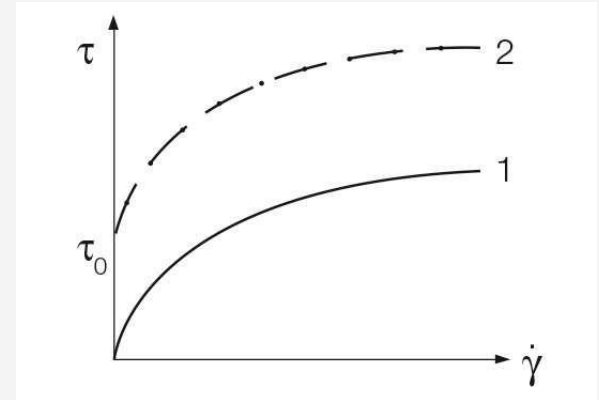
7 Yield Point



Yield point as the limiting value of the shear stress

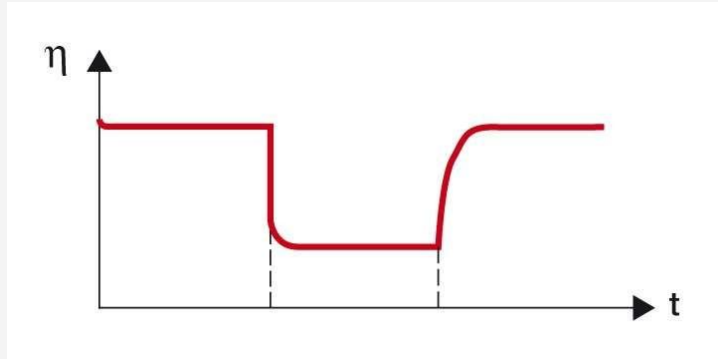
- (A) super-structure as a **physico-chemical network of interactive forces**
(B) break of the structure-at-rest

Yield point determination via flow curves on a linear scale



- (1) without a yield point
(2) **yield point τ_0 as interception with the τ - axis**

9 Time-dependent Behavior (Rotation)

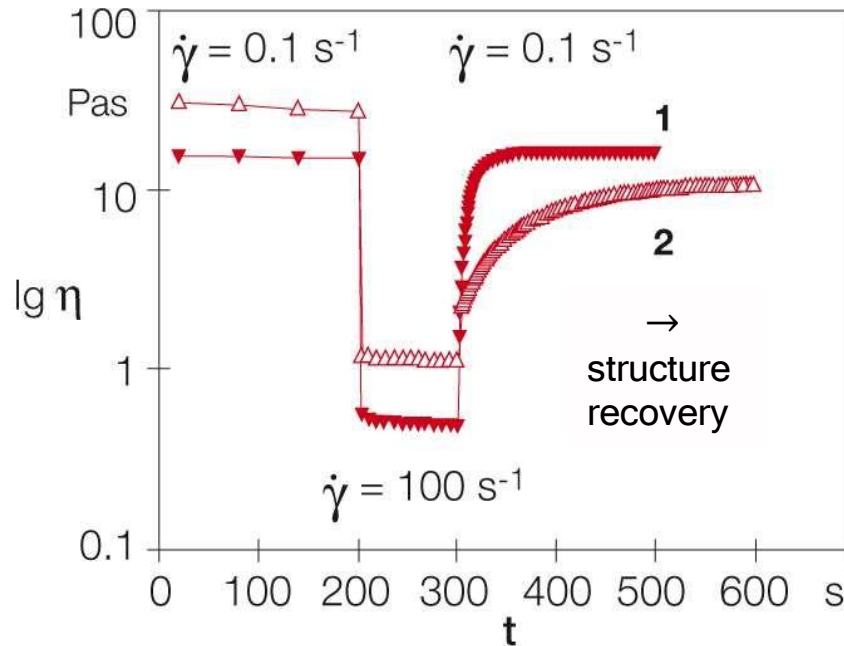


Structure recovery, step test

Determination of **thixotropic behavior**
(3ITT, 3 interval thixotropy test)

interval	preset shear rate	result	viscosity
1	low	(close to) state of rest	high
2	high	structure break	low
3	low	structure recovery	increasing

9 Time-dependent Behavior (Rotation)



Coatings

(1) with gellant

fast structural recovery

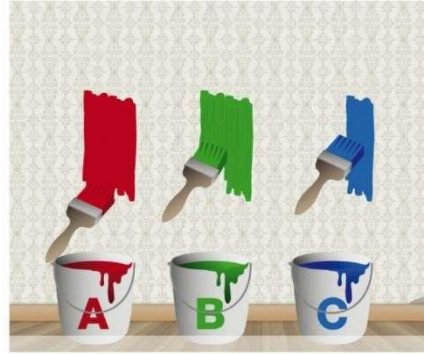
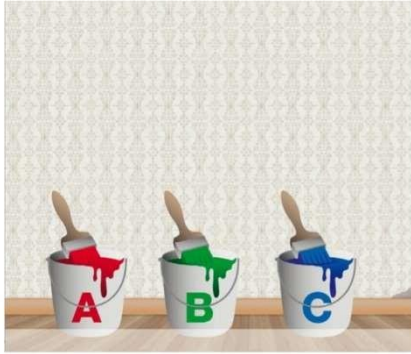
- less sagging
- high wet-layer thickness
- maybe poor leveling

(2) with viscosifier

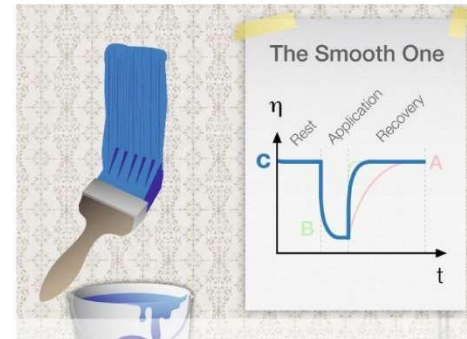
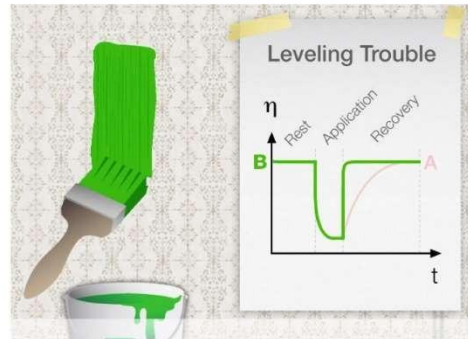
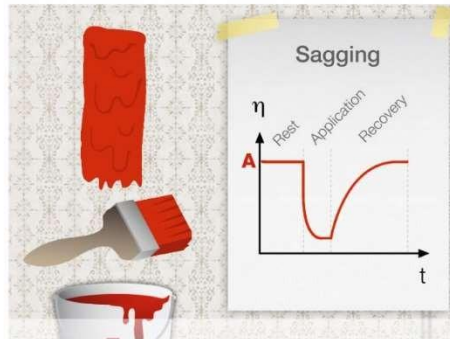
slow structural recovery

- good levelling
- maybe too much sagging

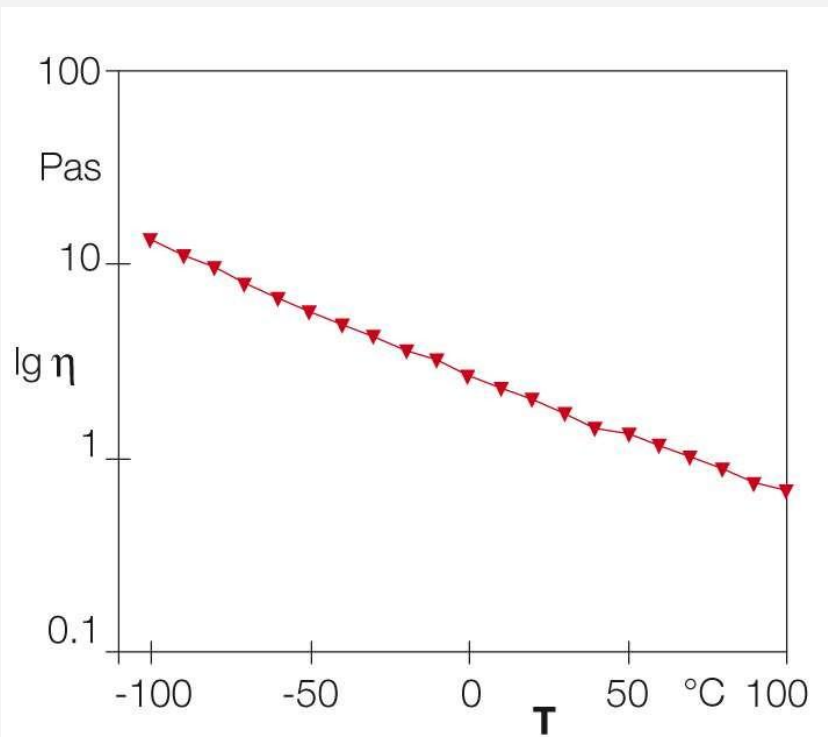
9 Time-dependent Behavior (Rotation)



→ *e-learning*
(brushing of 3 paints)



10 Temperature-dependent Behavior (Rotation)



Silicone oil

Heating:
viscosity decrease



Without phase change:
Linear viscosity functions
in semi-logarithmic
 $\log \eta / \ln T$ diagram

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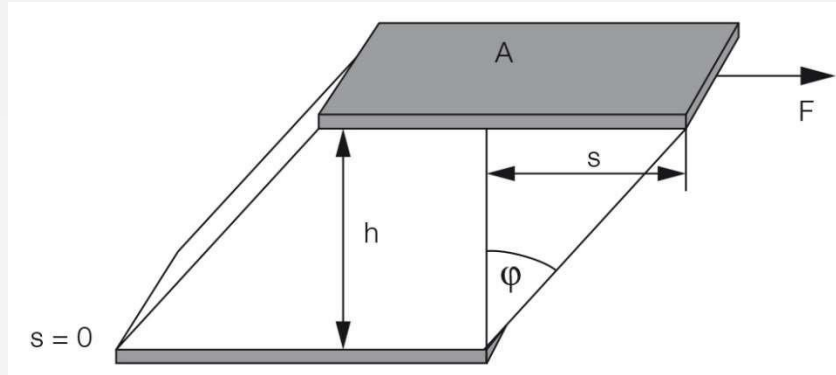
**ideal-elastic
solids**

stone, steel
Elasticity Law

rotational tests

oscillatory tests

12 Definitions: Deformation, Strain, Shear Modulus



Two-plates model

shear stress

$$\tau = F / A$$

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

shear deformation or shear strain

$$y = s / h$$

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

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

$$G = \tau / \gamma$$

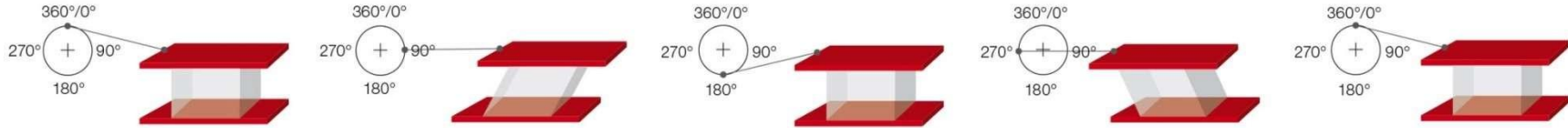
unit: (1 Pa / 1 =) **1 Pa**

1 GPa = 1000 MPa = 10⁶ kPa = 10⁹ Pa

Giga-pascal, Mega-pascal, kilo-pascal

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

14 Oscillatory Tests



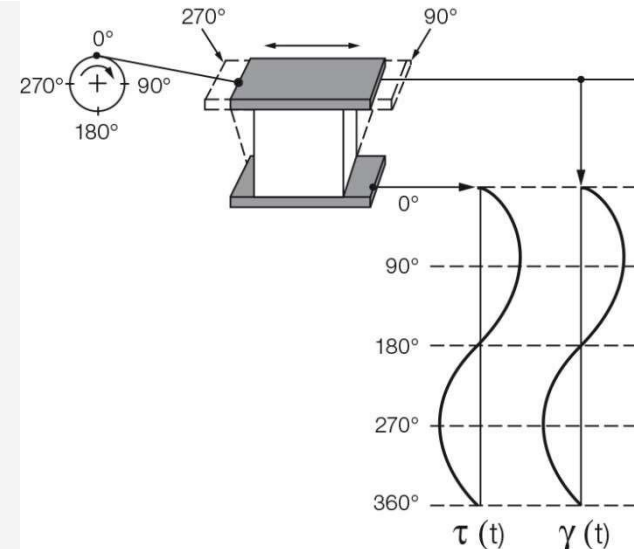
Two- plates model, equipped with two sensors,
top preset of deflection path (strain or deformation)
bottom measurement of resulting force (shear stress)

sinusoidal preset

ideal-elastic behavior

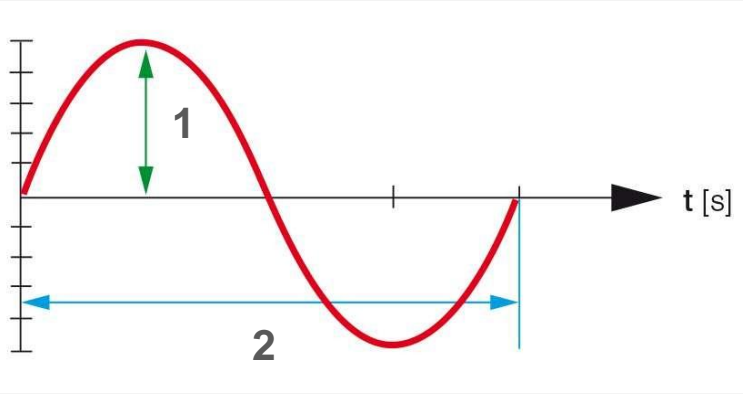
stiff sample (e.g. a stone or steel):
no time shift between the sine curves of
preset strain and resulting shear stress:

the curves of γ and τ are “in phase”



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

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Preset

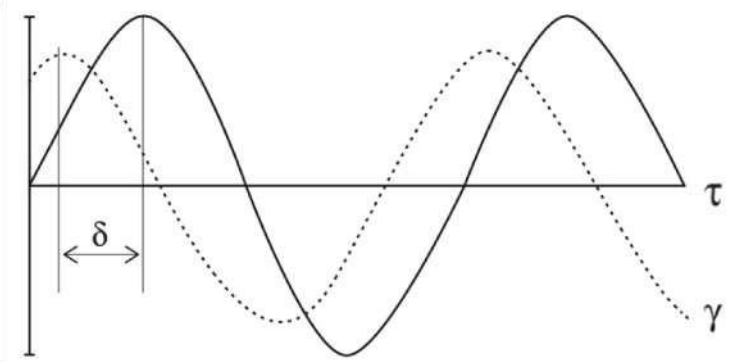
constant amplitude (1) and constant frequency (2)

Result

Most samples show
viscoelastic behavior
with a

phase shift δ

between the maxima of the sine curves as the
retardation of the measuring response
compared to the preset.



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

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ideal-viscous behavior

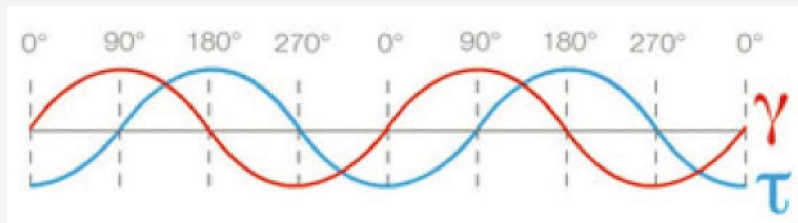
fluid, liquid: $90^\circ \leq \delta < 45^\circ$

and

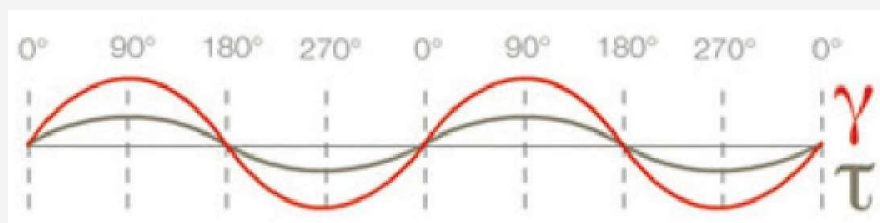
ideal-elastic behavior

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

Illustrative concept: δ as the “street number in Rheology Road”



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



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

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Vector diagram

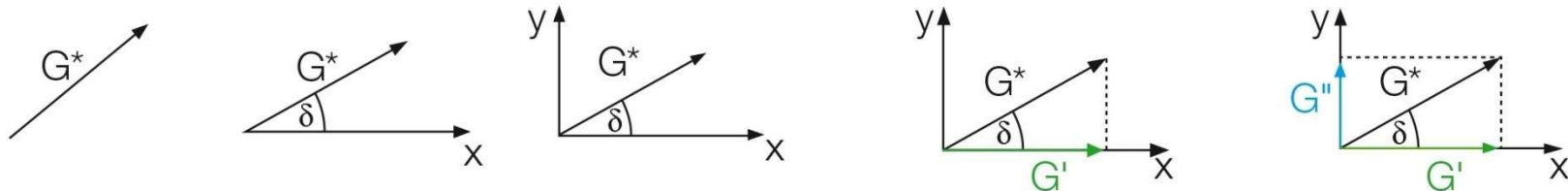
to determine the parameters G' and G'' based on the Elasticity Law

- preset of y_A
- measurement of τ_A and phase shift angle δ (index A for amplitude)

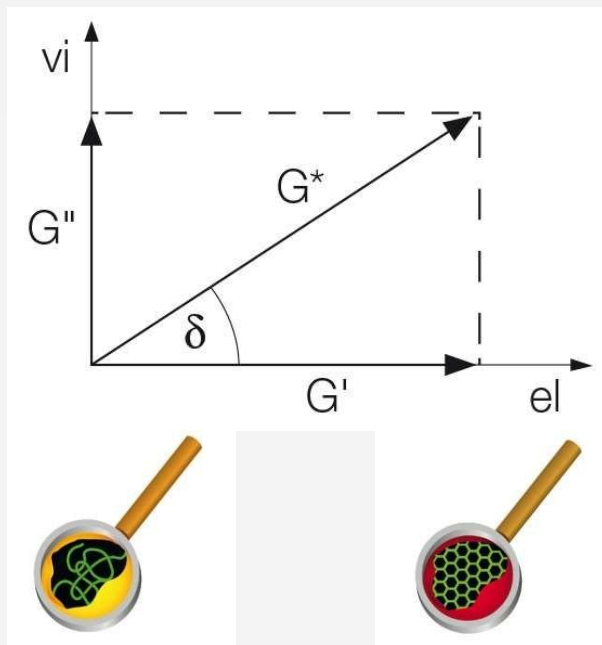
Calculation:

complex shear modulus G^*

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



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

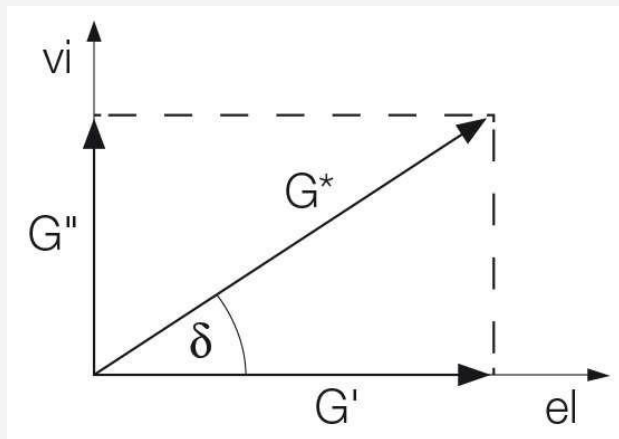
G' (G-prime) for the **stored**,

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

deformation energy

internal friction when flowing

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

loss factor (or **damping factor**)

tangent delta

unit: dimensionless (or 1)

“viscoelastic ratio”

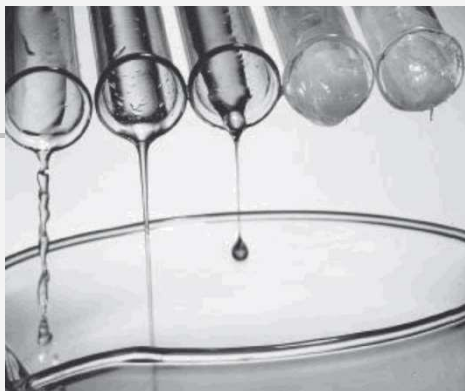
of viscous and elastic portions

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

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

$\tan \delta \gg 1$ → ?	$\tan \delta > 1$	$\tan \delta = 1$	$\tan \delta < 1$	$\tan \delta \ll 1$ → 0
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ideal-viscous: $\tan \delta > 100:1 = 100$
for scientists: $\tan \delta > 1000$

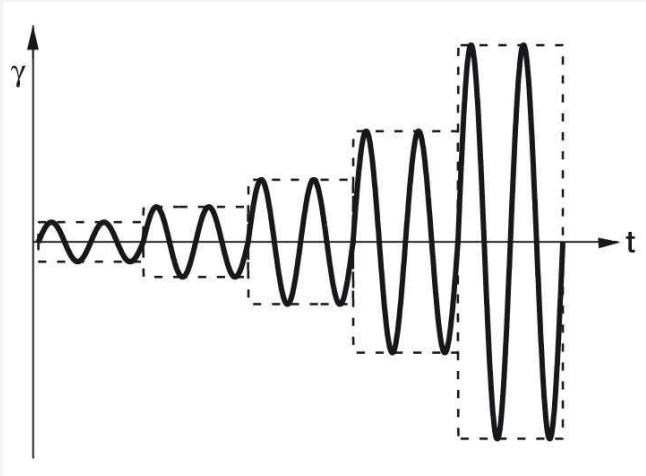
ideal-elastic: $\tan \delta < 1:100 = 0.01$
for scientists: $\tan \delta < 0.001$

14 Oscillatory Tests

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

φ in degrees or in 1 rad; 360° corresponds to 2π rad

15 Amplitude Sweeps



Preset

constant frequency

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

variable strain (deformation)

strain sweep

or variable stress

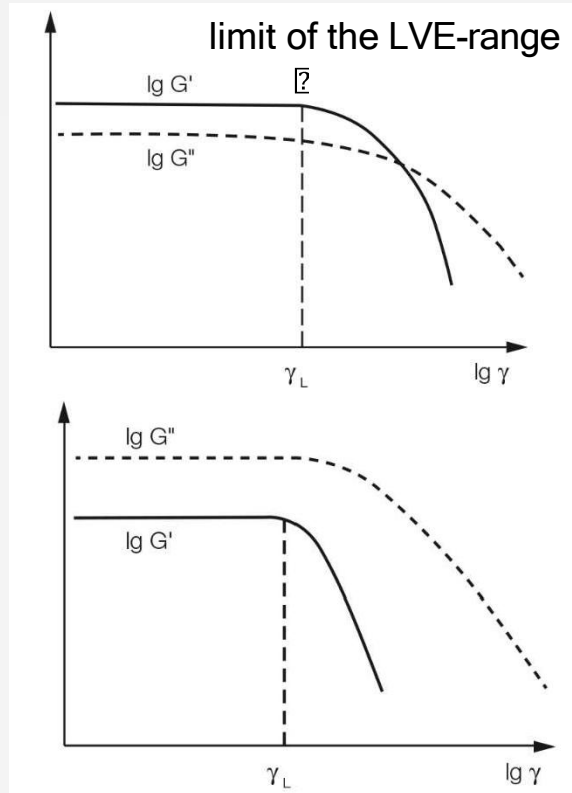
stress sweep

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

with **angular frequency ω in rad/s** (or 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)

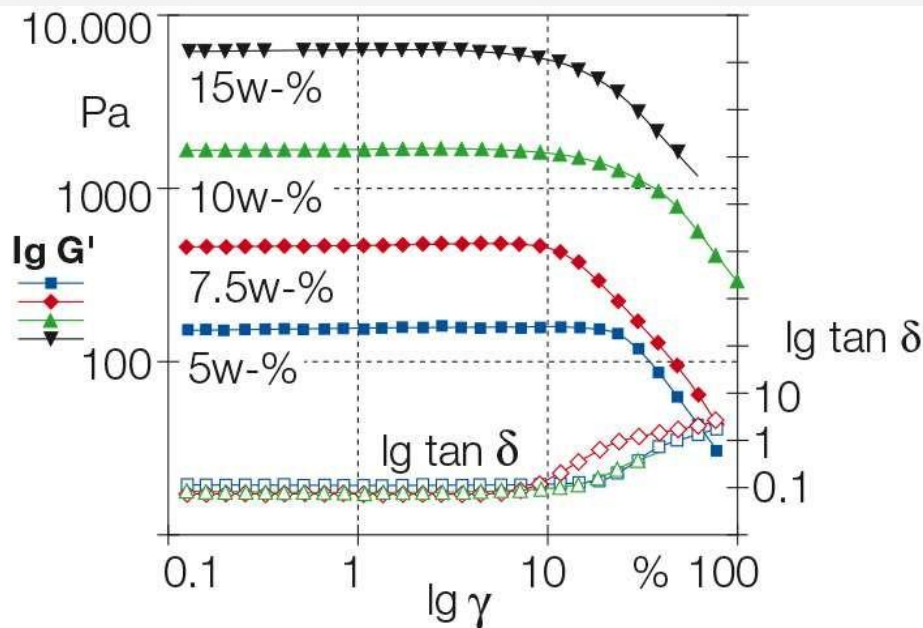
**limiting value of the
 linear viscoelastic (LVE-) range when reaching γ_L
 linearity limit of shear strain**

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



$\omega = 10 \text{ rad/s}$, $T = 23 \text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$

Starch gels
in water



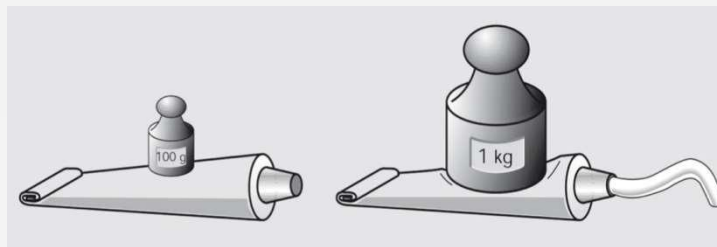
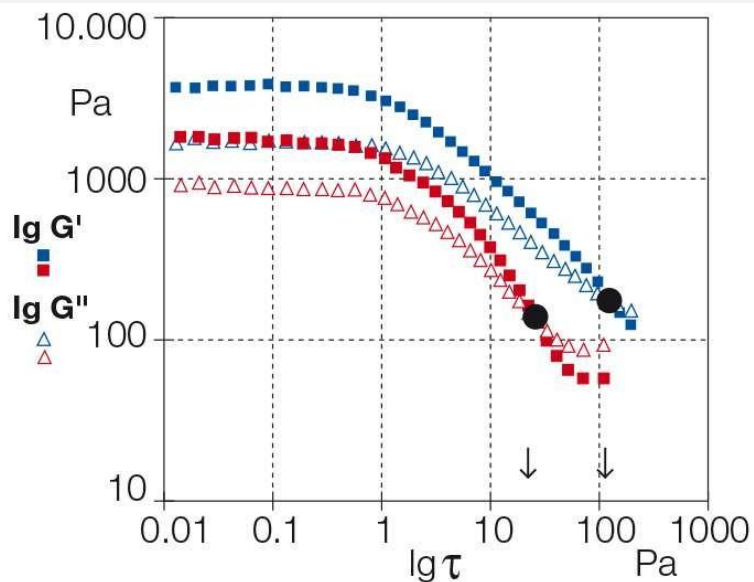
gel strength
as the G' -value in the LVE-range

First check:

LVE-range: $\tan \delta < 1$ for all samples
(= gel-like structure)? Yes !

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

15 Amplitude Sweeps



Tooth pastes

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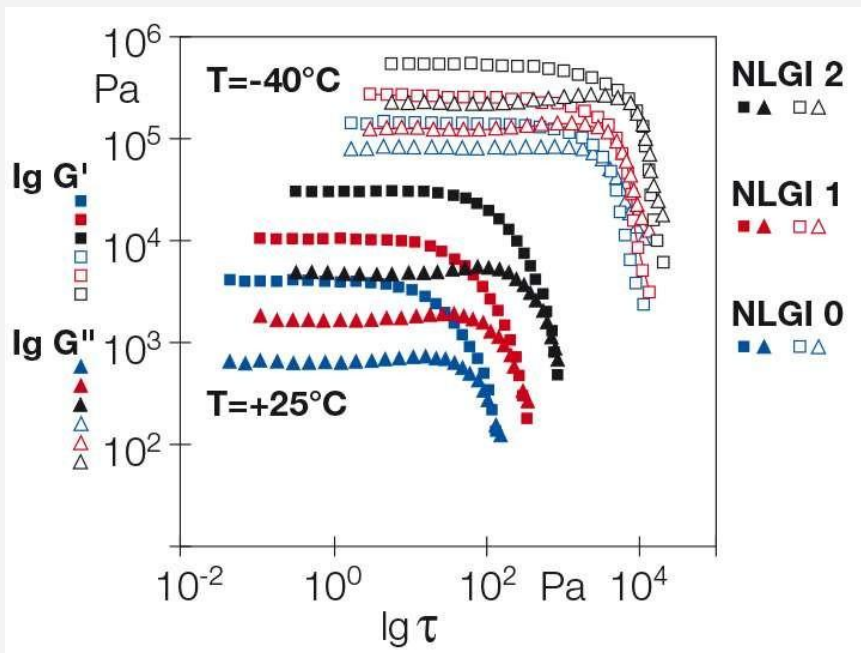
flow point $\tau_f = 125 \text{ Pa}$

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flow point $\tau_f = 24.9 \text{ Pa}$

**the same yield point (linearity limit),
but different flow points**

15 Amplitude Sweeps



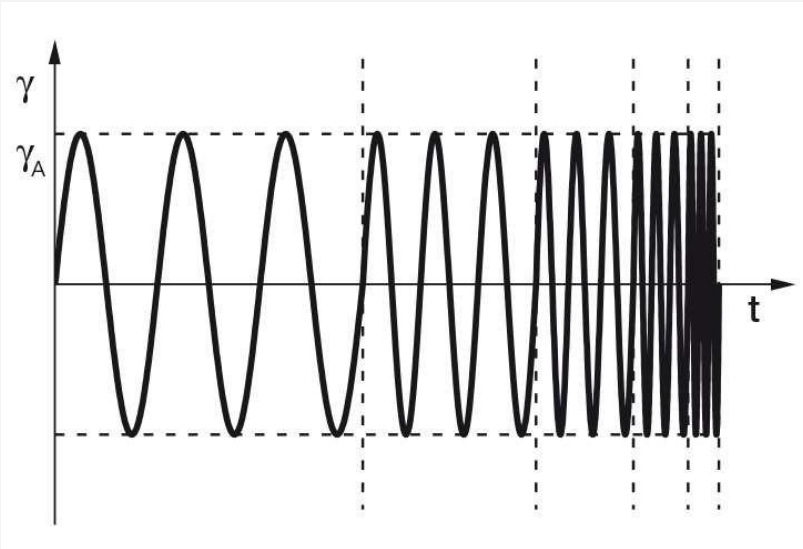
Lubrication greases
 flow point τ_f
 acc. to DIN 51810-2
 crossover point $G' = G''$



NLGI classification	$T = +25^\circ\text{C}$	$T = -40^\circ\text{C}$
NLGI 0	100 Pa	5 kPa
NLGI 1	200 Pa	7 kPa
NLGI 2	400 Pa	10 kPa

Consistency according to *NLGI*-classification (*National Lubrication Grease Institute*, USA) via pen-values, using a penetrometer

16 Frequency Sweeps



Preset

constant amplitude

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

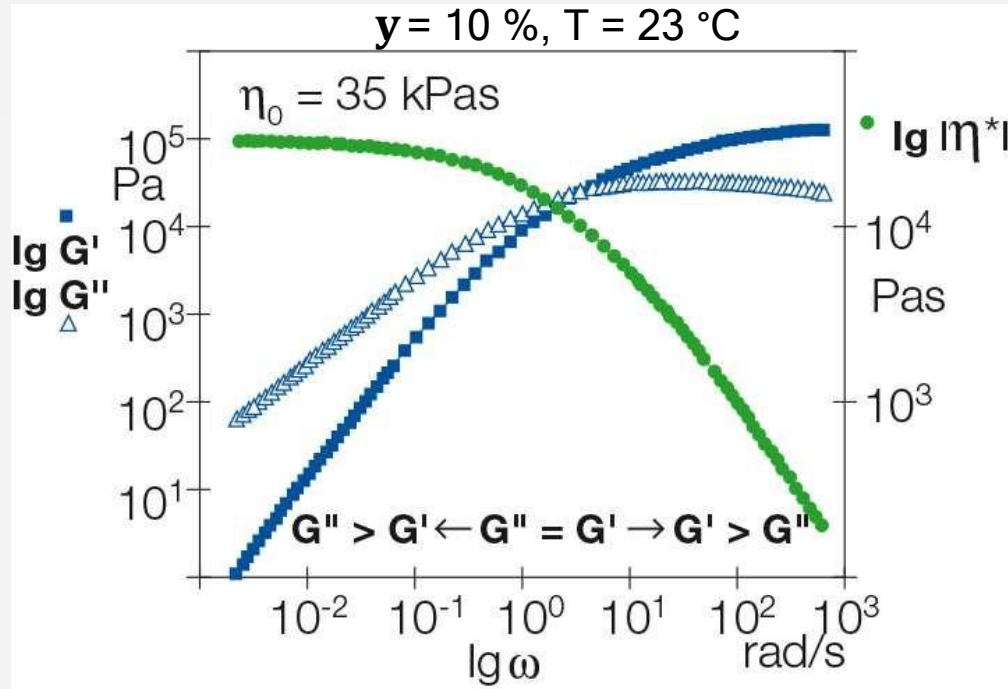
and

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 $G' = G''$

Thank you.