

ADVANCED MATERIAL CHARACTERIZATION PERFORMING RHEOLOGICAL INVESTIGATIONS AND DYNAMIC MECHANICAL ANALYSIS WITH A DUAL MOTOR DEVICE CONCEPT

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Outline

- MultiDrive: Unique Design Concept with Dual Motors
- Modes: Combined Motor Transducer, Separate Motor transducer and Linear Drive
- Application examples: Liquids to solids to granular materials.

MCR 702e MultiDrive



Single motor: Standard
rheometer (CMT)

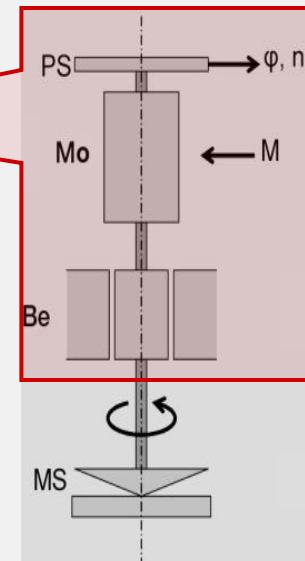


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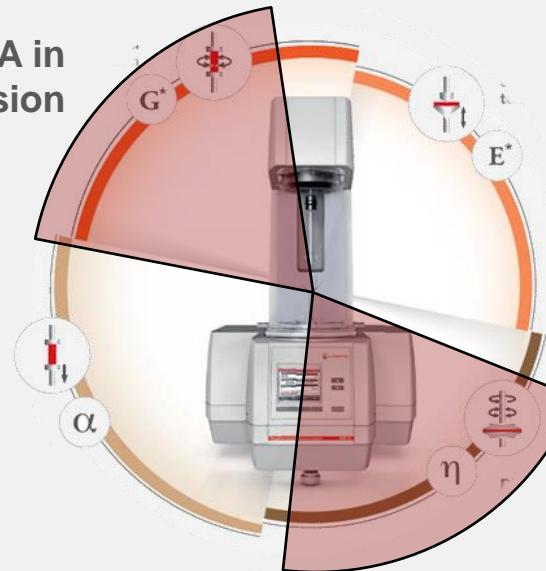


1 EC-Motor: Classic **Stress Controlled** Rheometer

CMT (Combined Motor Transducer)



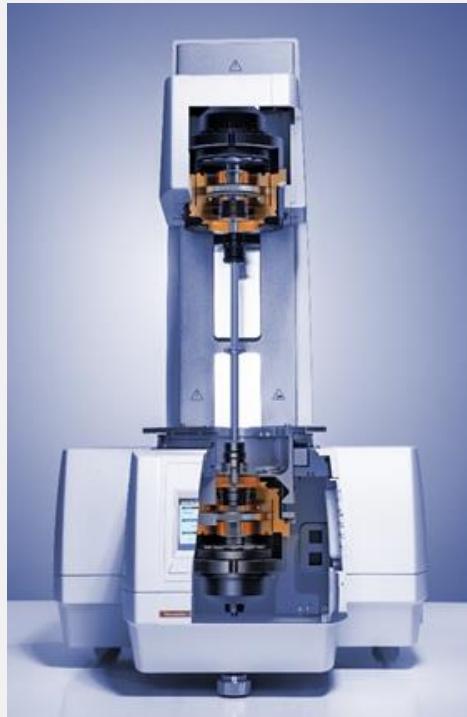
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Conventional
Rheology

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Additional rotational drive: SMT
and Counter rotation (CR)



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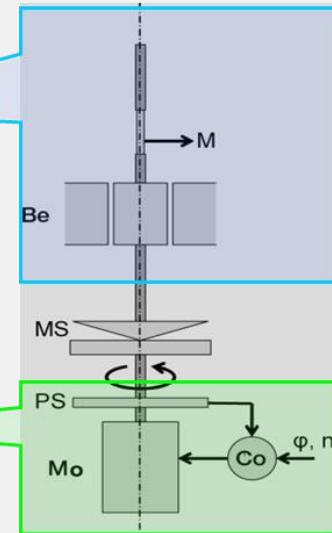
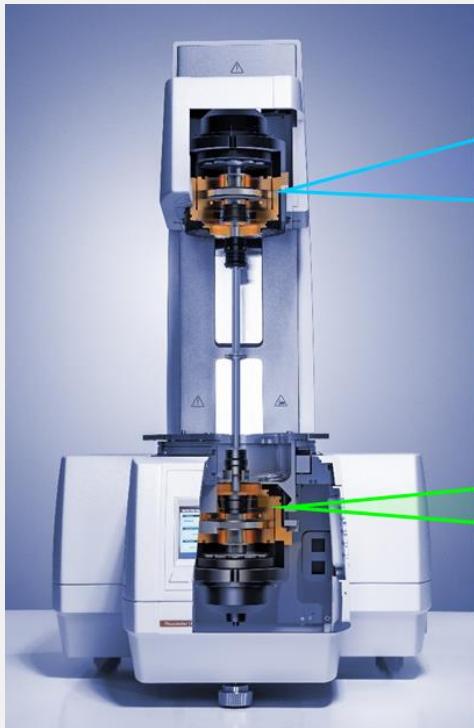


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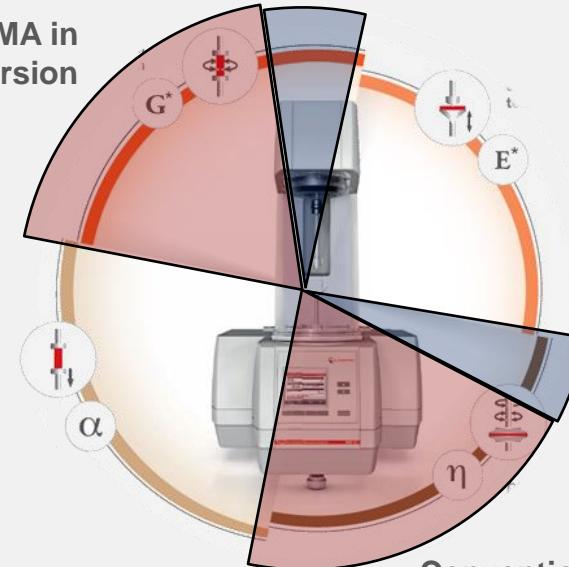
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(Classic Controlled Strain Rheometer)



CMT, **SMT (Separate Motor Transducer)**



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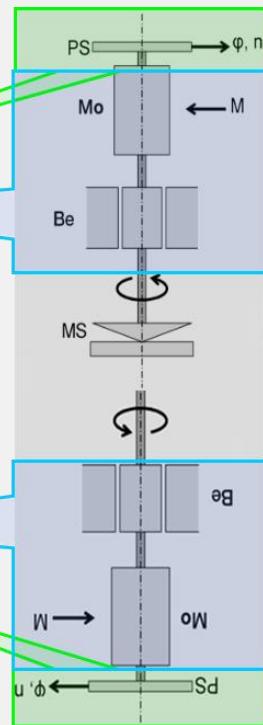
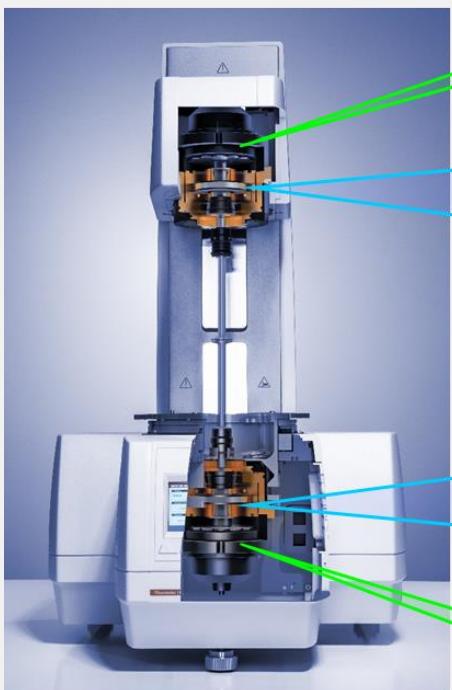
Conventional
Rheology CMT
+SMT

MCR 702e
MultiDrive with a
lower rotational
drive acts as
an enhanced
SMT rheometer
(Separate Motor
Transducer)

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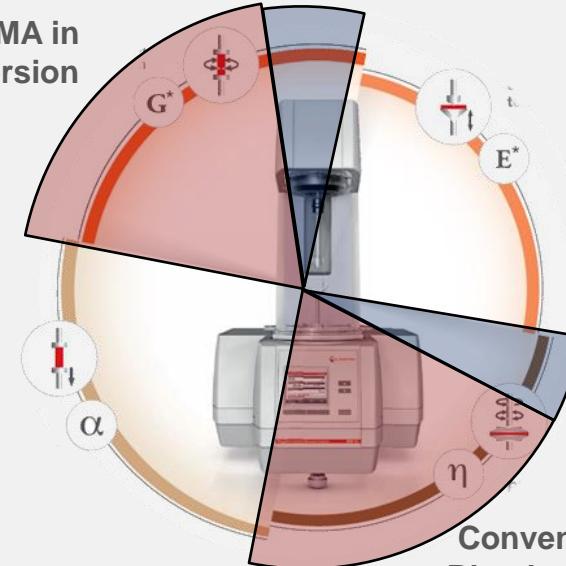


2 EC-Motors: **TwinDrive**
(Counter Rotation Mode)



CMT, CR (Counter-rotation)

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Conventional
Rheology CMT
SMT+CR

(US Patent, US 8499619)

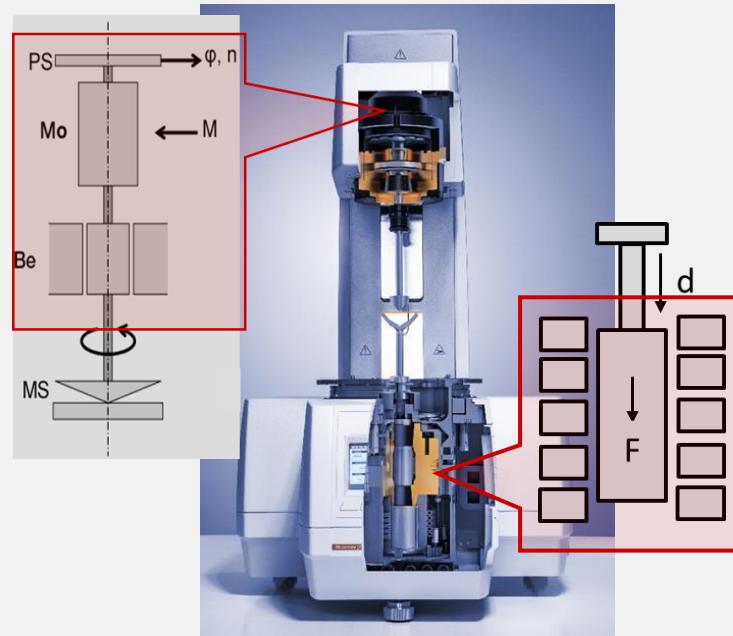
Opens up some new capability of experimentation and helps extend the range of conventional rheological measurements.

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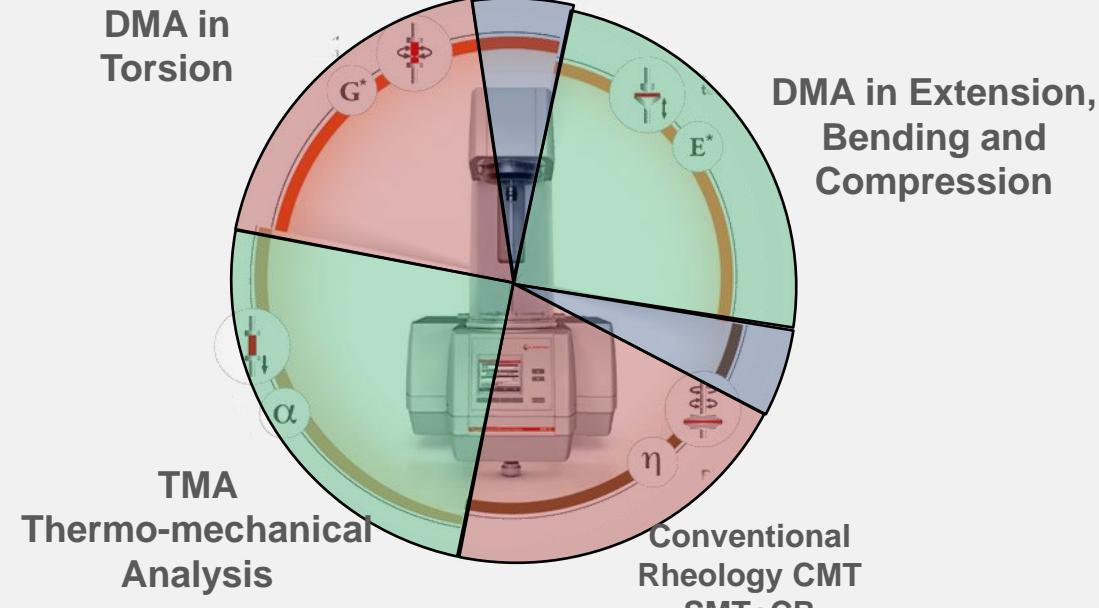


Top EC-Motor + Bottom Linear Motor:

DMA
(Dynamic mechanical analyzer)



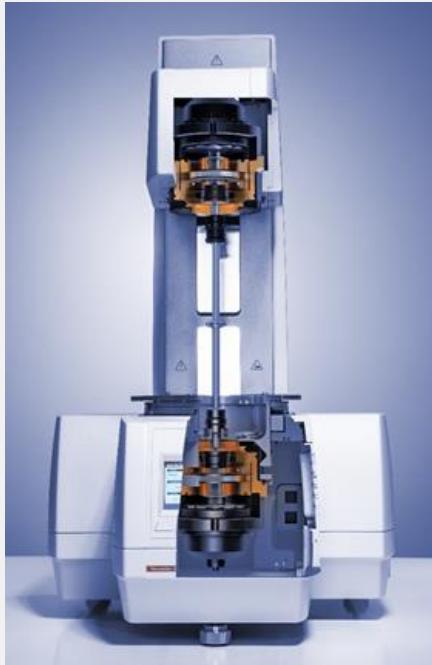
CMT, LD (Linear measuring drive)



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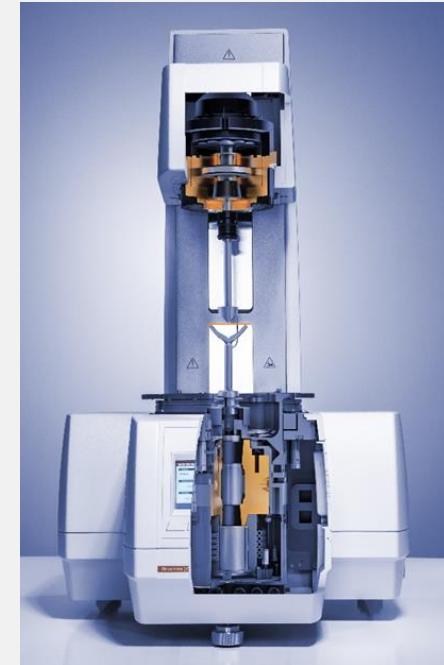
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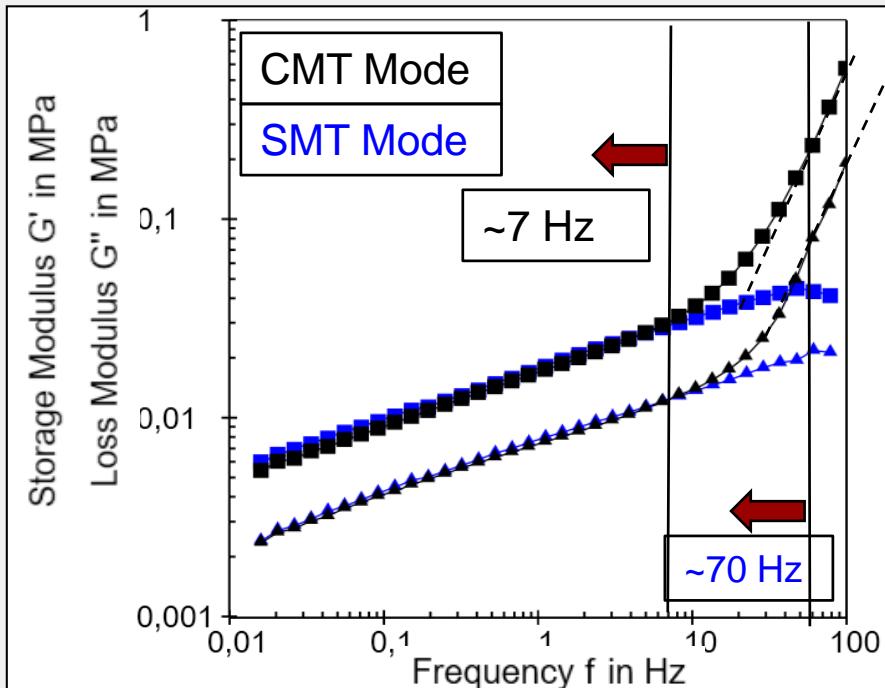


Additional Linear drive:
DMA and Special applications



➤ Universal Platform for Rheology and Dynamic Mechanical Analysis

Soft materials: Extension of measurement range



CMT Vs SMT:

- Double side tape (pressure sensitive adhesive) investigated with a PP12 at a gap of 1mm and at 90C.
- CMT: Increase in Moduli at high frequency
- SMT: One decade higher frequency possible with same sample and same geometry.
- Possible solution for CMT: Use of larger geometry: R^{-4} dependence
- At low temperature material becomes very stiff and issues with torsional compliance can occur.

CMT Mode

SMT Mode

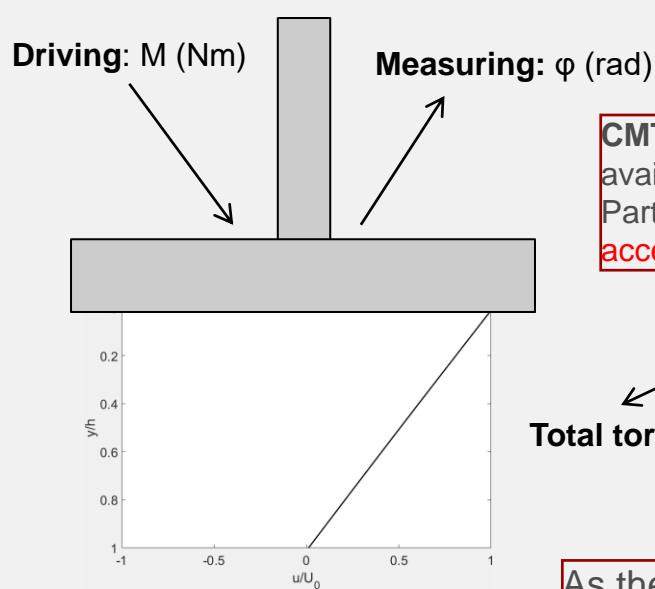
$$\frac{M_0}{M_S} = 1 + \frac{2h}{\pi R^4} \frac{1}{|G^*|} I \boxed{\omega^2}$$

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(PP-Geometry)

Ewoldt, Randy H et al., "Experimental challenges of shear rheology: how to avoid bad data." Complex fluids in biological systems. Springer, New York, NY, 2015. 207-241.

CMT (Combined Motor Transducer)



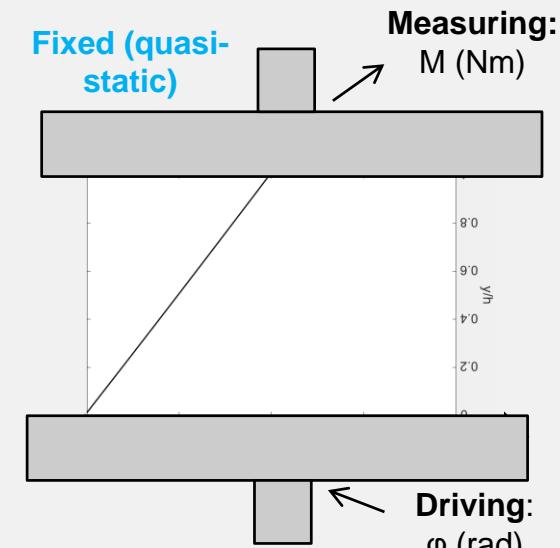
CMT Mode: Total torque (M_0) not **fully** available for sample loading (M_S). Part of total torque required for **acceleration** of measuring system (M_a)

$$M_0 = M_S + M_a$$

Acceleration torque

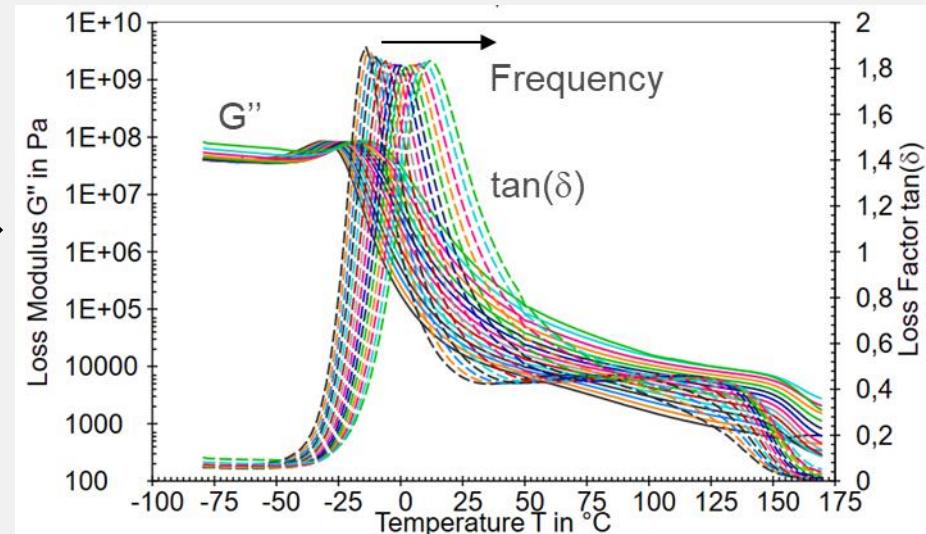
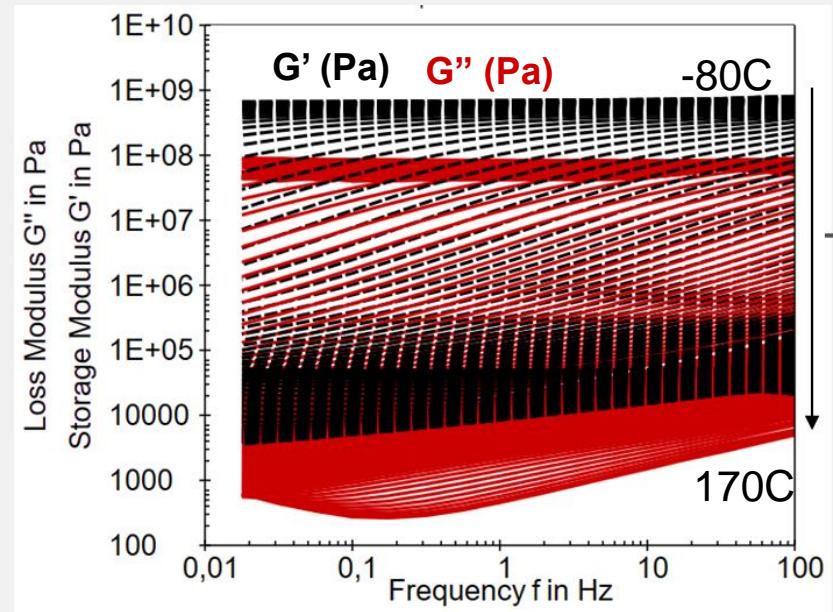
$$M_a = I\omega^2\phi_0$$

SMT (Separate Motor Transducer)



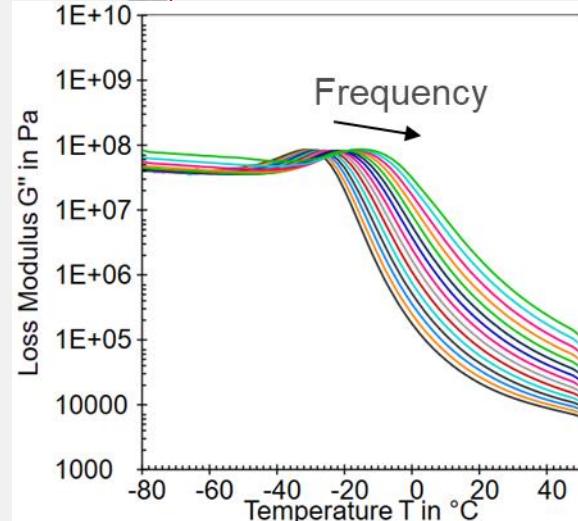
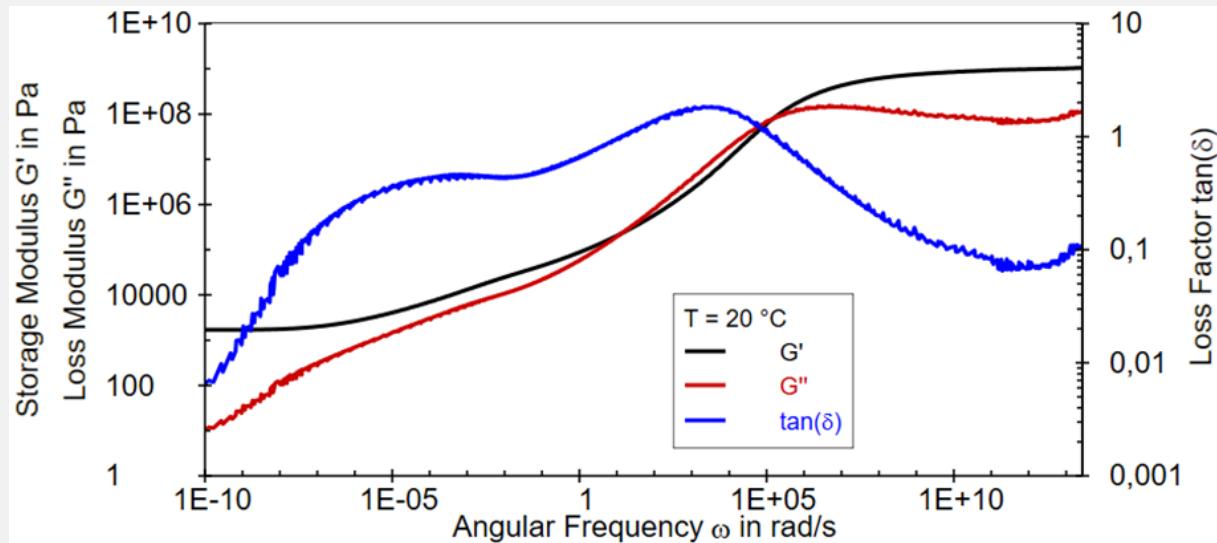
As the upper measuring system is not moving in **SMT mode** the torque required for **acceleration** can be **neglected**. This reduces **inertia effects** dramatically

Soft materials: Extension of measurement range

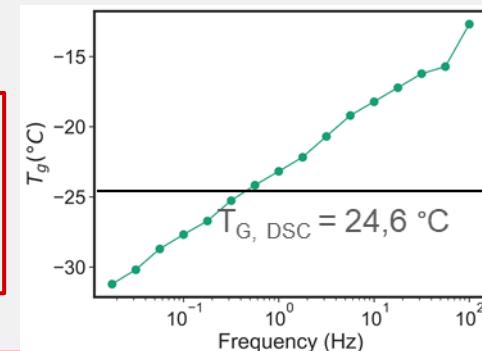


- PP12 frequency sweeps (0.01-100Hz) at different temperatures (-80C to +170C; $\Delta T = 2^\circ\text{C}$)
- Large ranges in moduli and frequency during one measurement. (5 decades in a single test)
- Using the **SMT mode** and an accurate compensation of the torsional compliance allow precise characterization over the **widest temperature and frequency range**.

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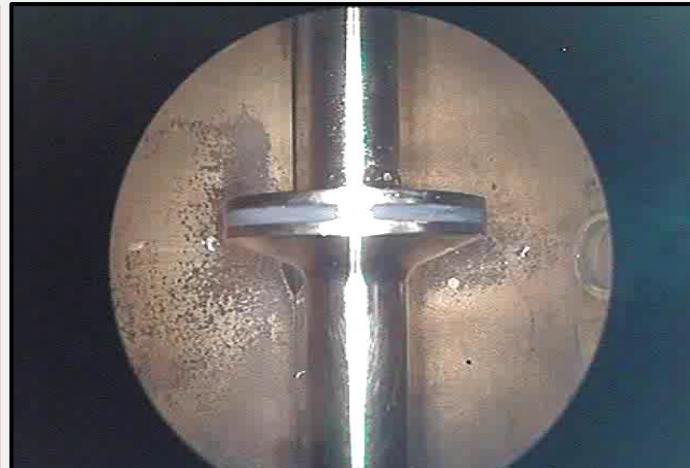
- Master Curve Data at 20C for a PSA covers more than 25 decades in frequency.
- Allows to analyze performance of PSA at reference temperature
- PSA performance correlates to: Viscoelastic properties of the bulk adhesive.
- Study of glass transition as a function of frequency Vs measured by DSC



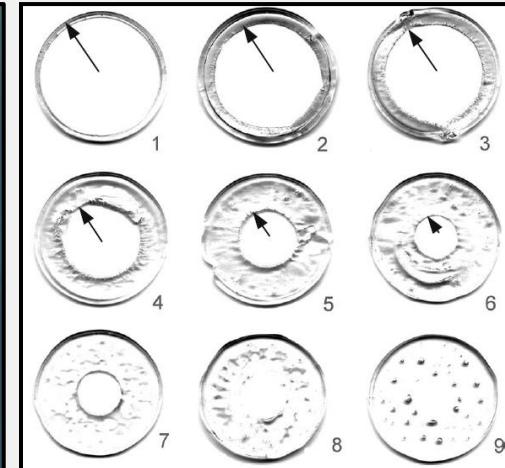
Edge fracture in viscoelastic samples

- Commonly seen in traditional PP and CP rheometric configurations.
- Deformation of the sample surface
- Propagates radially
 - Function of time
 - Function of deformation
- Limits accuracy of start up shear measurements, Flow curves and LAOS measurements.
- Flows relevant to polymer processing involve higher deformations.

How can we extend measurements!



Edge fracture effects in Polypropylene polymer.



Mattes et al., Rheo Acta 47 929-942(2008)



Edge fracture effects in PDMS as a function of the set deformation.

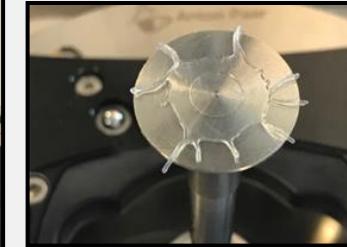
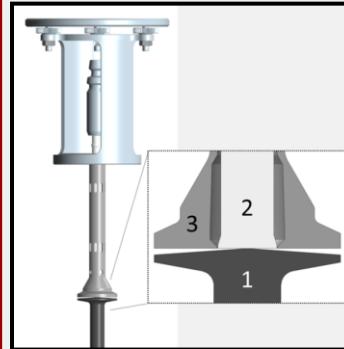


SMT Setup: Cone Partitioned Plate



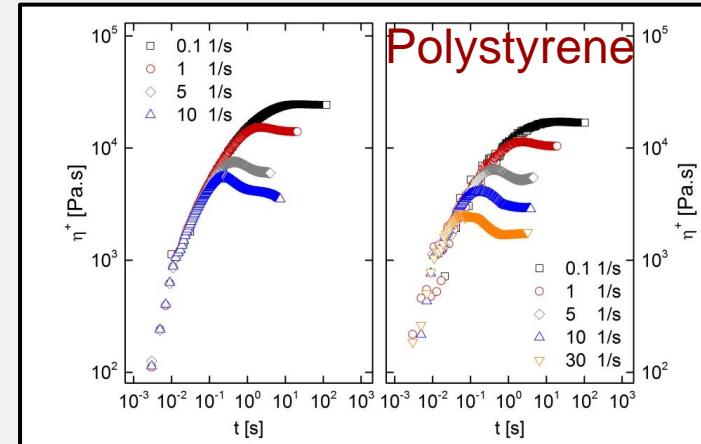
Operation:

- Upper geometry: Partitioned Plate
- Lower geometry: Cone
- Only sample volume below the inner plate used for characterizing sample behavior.

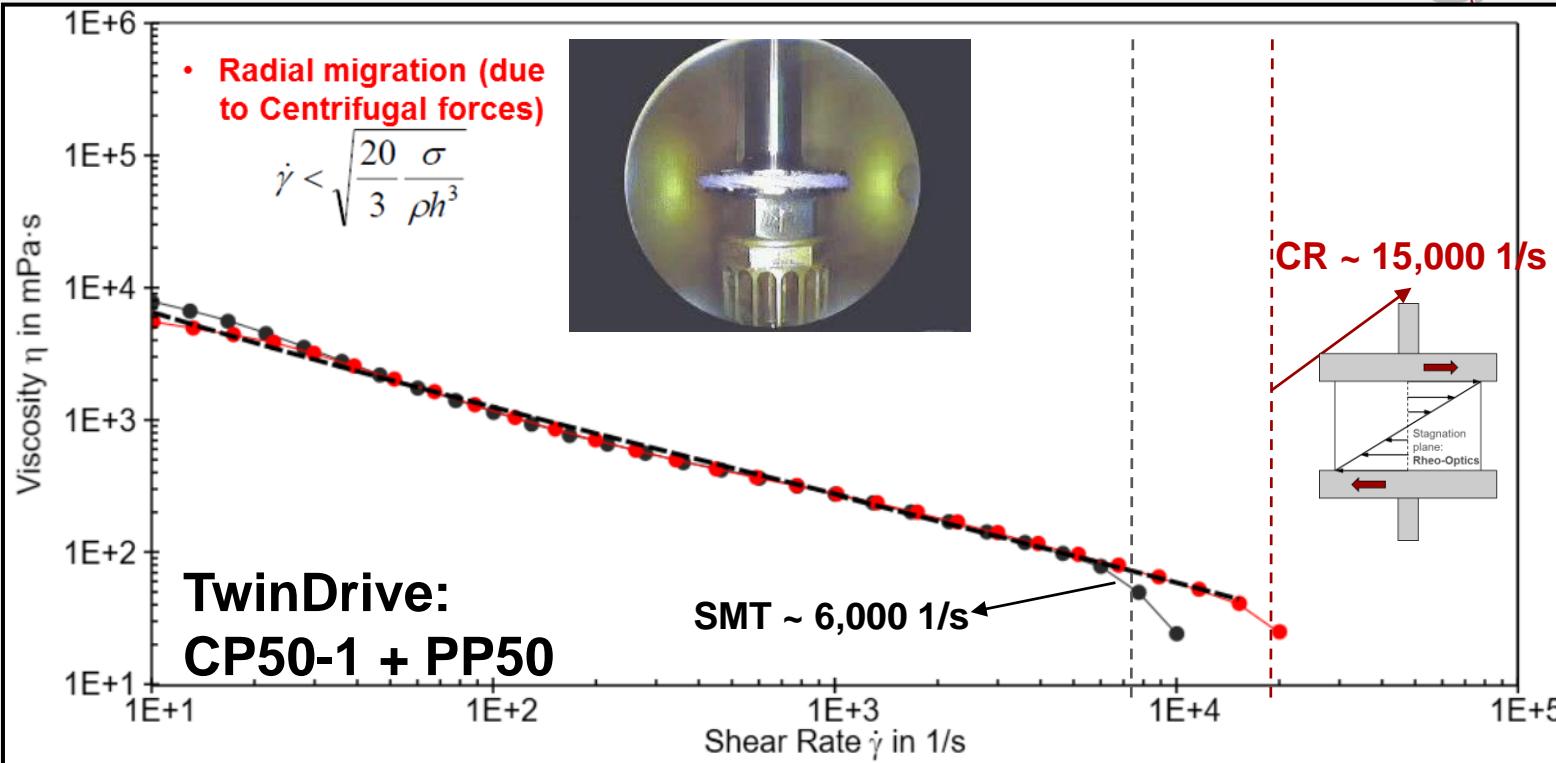


Benefits:

- Instabilities arising at the edge don't have any effect.
- Reduces effect of trimming.
- Measurements at larger deformations than conventional geometries.

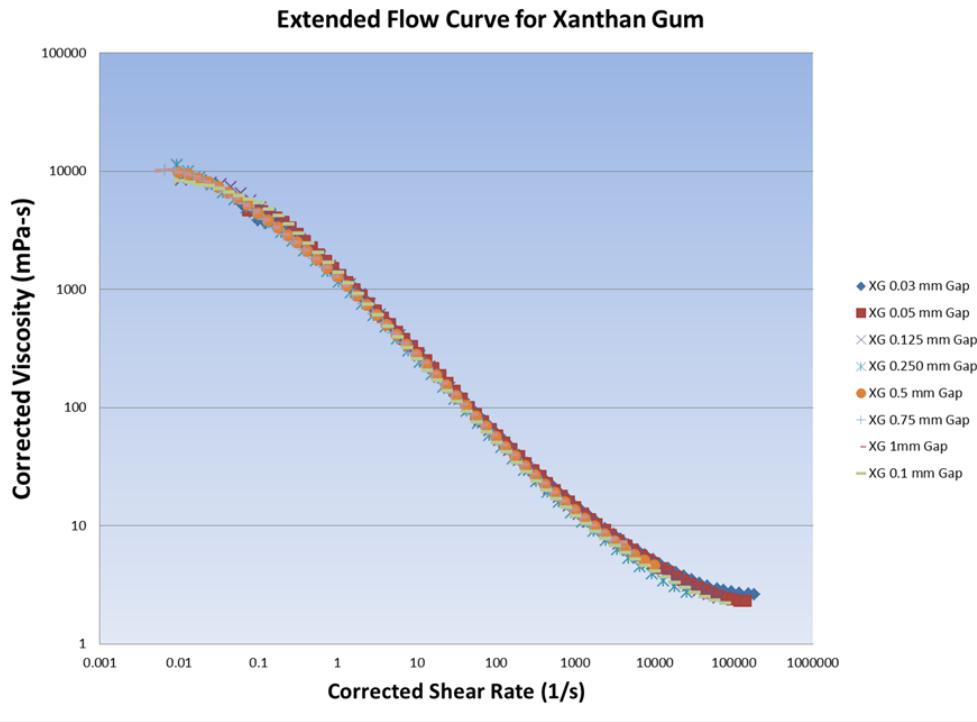


Soft materials: Extension of shear rates (CR)



- Counter rotation extends the range of achievable shear rates compared.
- Extending flow curves (CR) beyond what is possible on a conventional rheometer.

Polymer solutions: Extending flow curves (CR)



- Using CR and narrow PP gap rheometry (Xanthan Gum).
- Errors in narrow gap rheometry: a) Viscous Shear Heating b) Edge Fracture c) Secondary Flows d) **Gap Parallelism Errors.**
- Formalism of Davies et al., applied to correct for gap parallelism errors.

$$\dot{\gamma}_R = \dot{\gamma}_{actual} = \dot{\gamma}_M \frac{\delta}{\delta + \varepsilon}$$

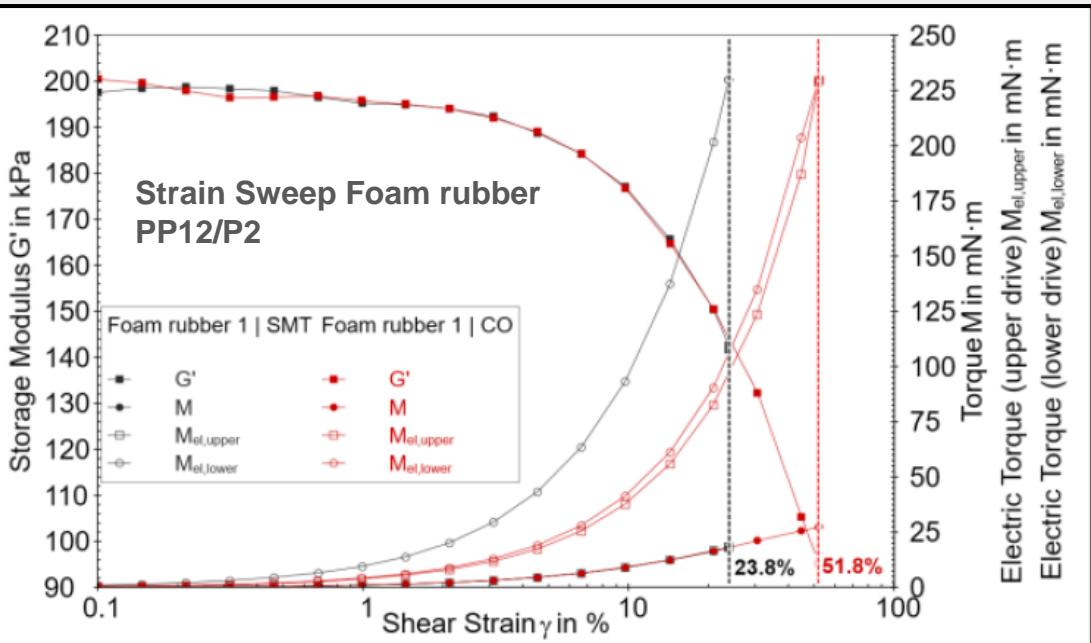
$$\eta = \eta_{actual} = \eta_M \frac{\delta + \varepsilon}{\delta}$$

$$R_E = \frac{\rho \dot{\gamma}_R h^2}{\eta}$$

G.A Davies et al., J Non-Newtonian Fluid Mech 148 (2008)

Narrow gap PP rheometry in conjunction with Counter Rotation can be used to extend the flow curve to shear rates in excess of 100000 (1/s)

Soft Materials: Increase the Measurable Strain range using CO



$$\gamma = \frac{R \cdot \Delta\varphi}{D}$$

$$\Delta\varphi = |\varphi_{upper}| + |\varphi_{lower}|$$

$$\frac{R}{D} \Delta\varphi_{CO} = \frac{R}{D} \Delta\varphi_{SMT}$$

$$\varphi_{CO,lower} = \frac{1}{2} \varphi_{SMT,lower}$$

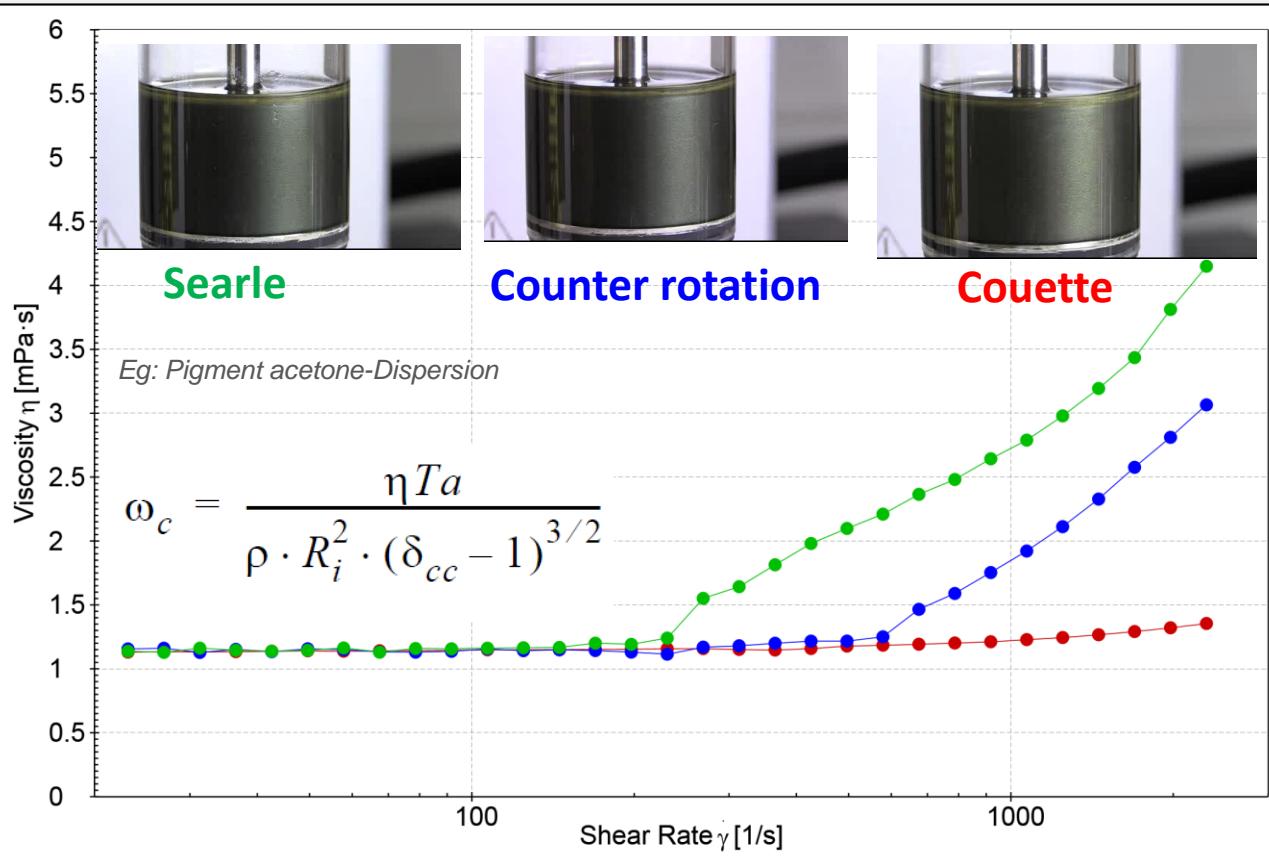
$$I\omega^2 \Delta\varphi_{CO} = I\omega^2 \varphi_{SMT}$$

$$I\omega^2 (\varphi_{CO,upper} + \varphi_{CO,lower}) = I\omega^2 \varphi_{SMT,lower}$$

$$\Rightarrow M_{a,CO,lower} = M_{a,CO,upper} = \frac{1}{2} M_{a,SMT} = \frac{1}{2} M_{a,CMT}$$

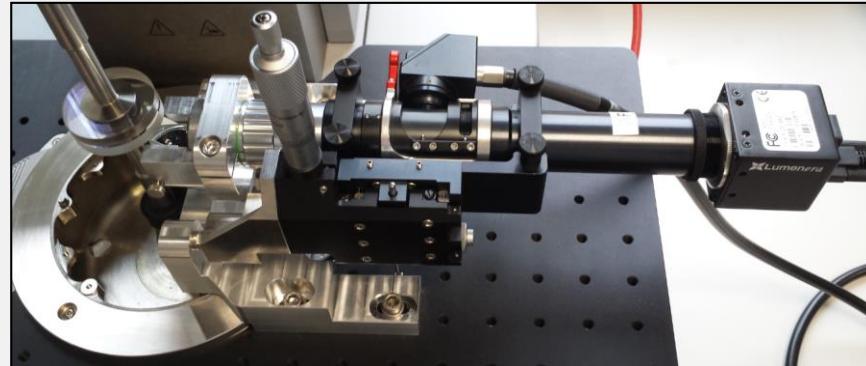
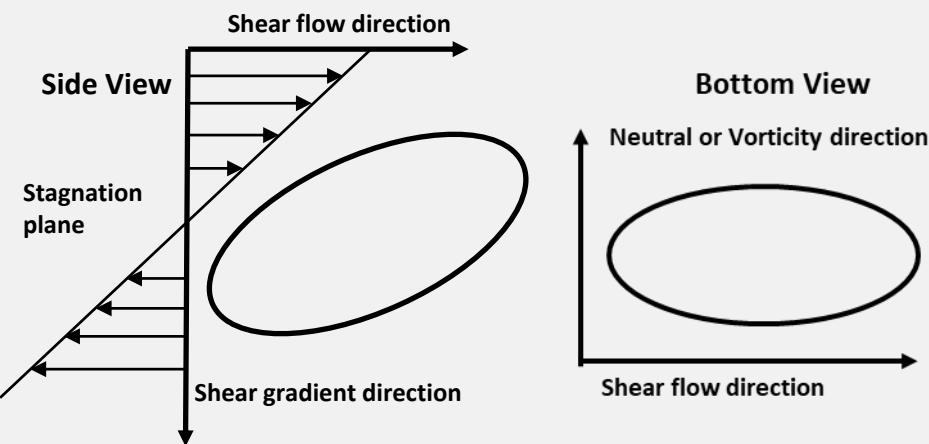
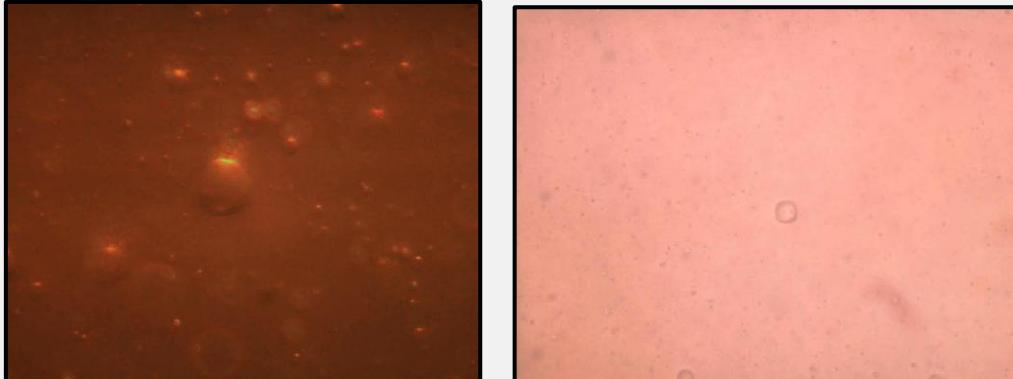
- The maximum strain amplitude that can be reached in an oscillatory rheological measurement using the CO mode is almost twice that seen with single drive modes (SMT/CMT).
- CO mode, the total deflection angle of the measurement system was distributed onto the two individual motor drives.

Effect of CMT, SMT and CR on Low Viscosity Fluids



Counter Rotation for Microscopy

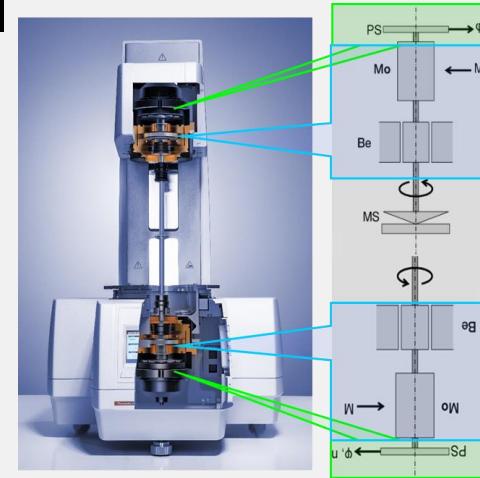
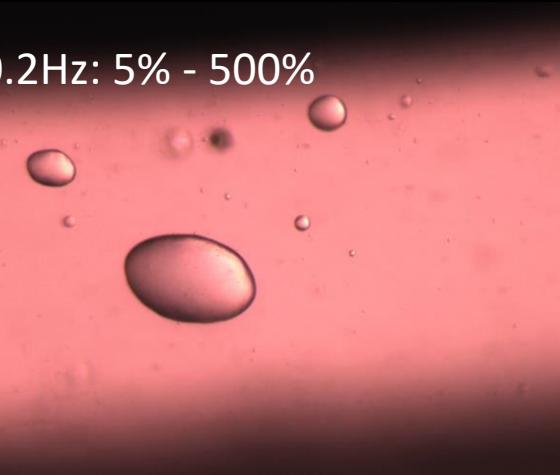
PIB in PDMS



- CMT Mode: Challenging to keep the sample elements in the field of view.
- Counter rotation creates a stagnation plane in the sample.
- Better for microscopic investigations since the material of interest can be locked in the stagnation plane.
- Stretched particles or droplets can be followed much more easily in the stagnation plane.
- Investigation limited to room temperature

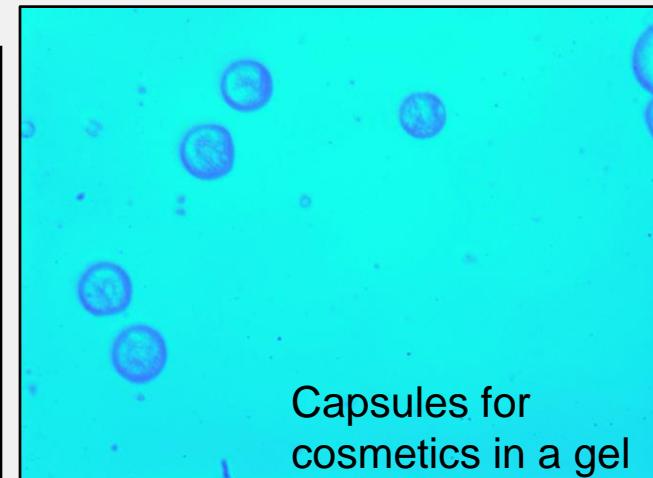
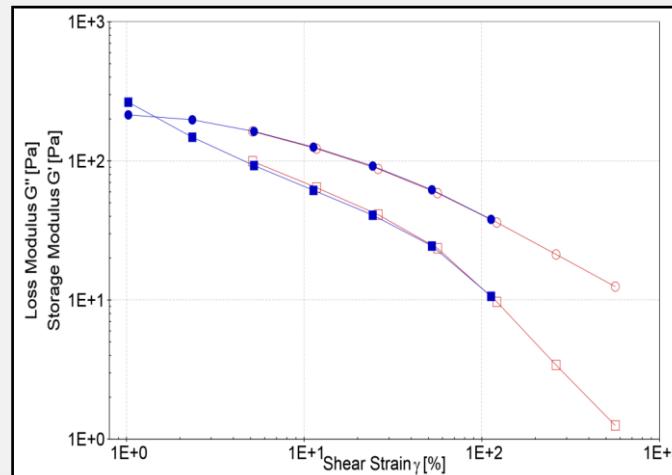
Counter Oscillation Microscopy: PIV-Cell

0.2Hz: 5% - 500%

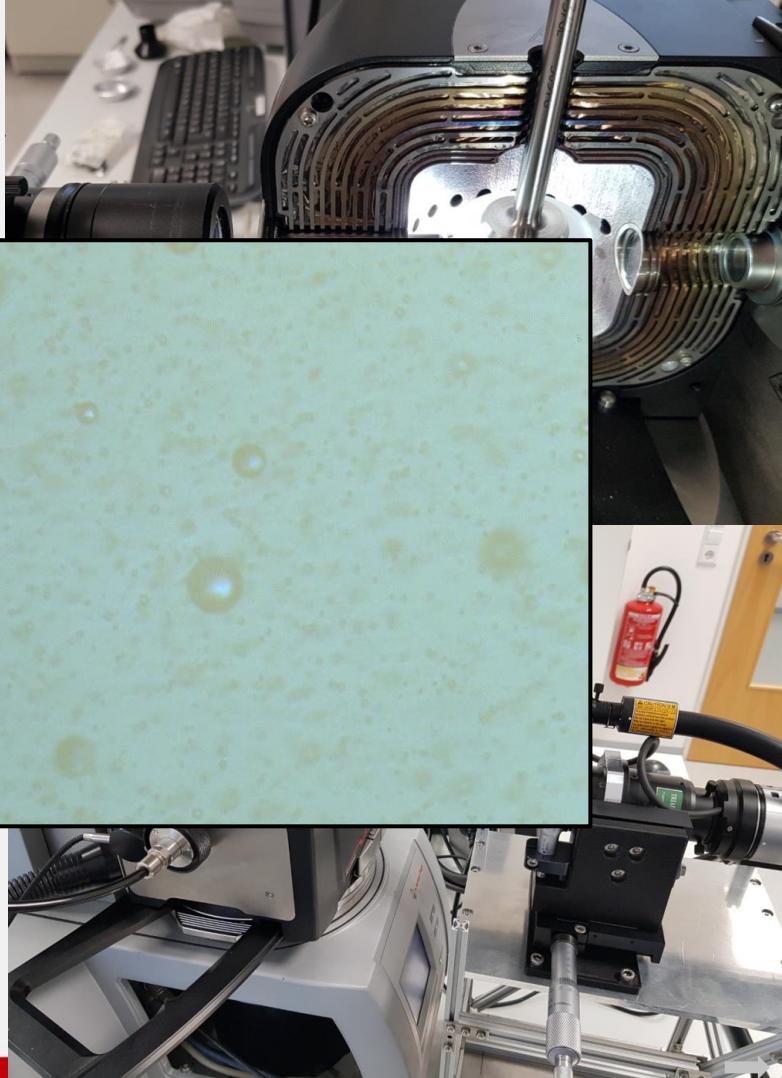
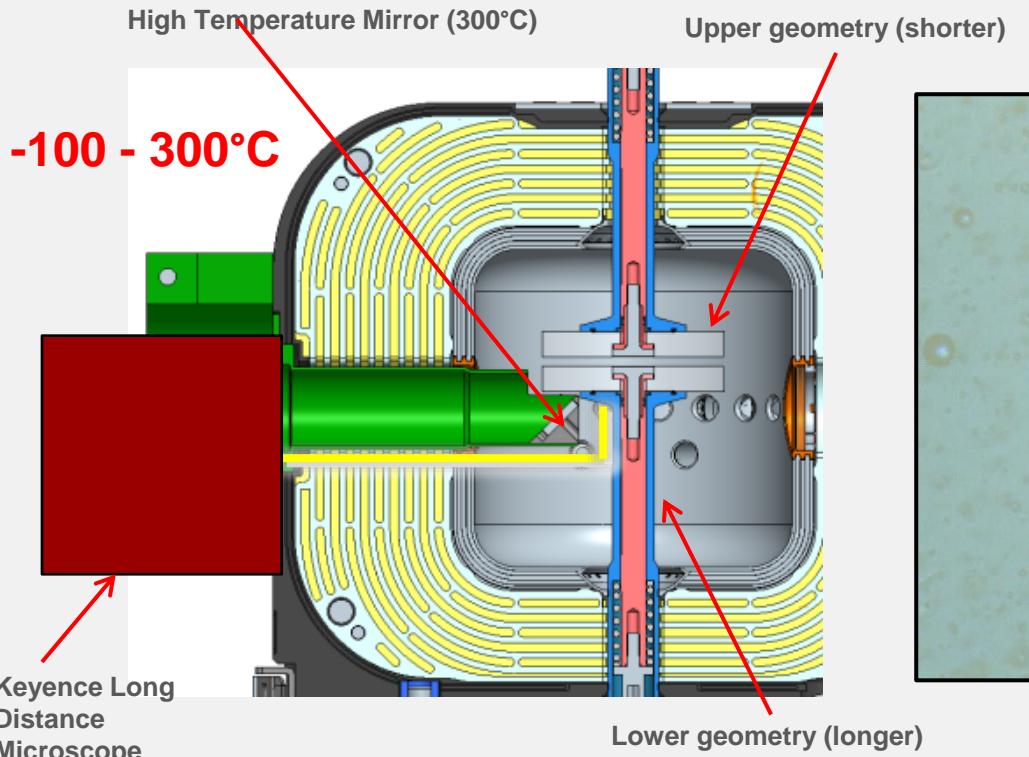


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- Rheological data coupled with structural changes.
- Intra-cycle information for LAOS-analysis is available



Counter Rotation: High (Low)Temperature

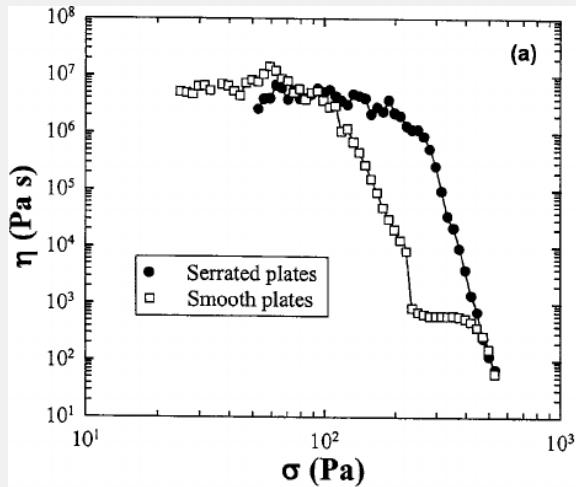


Combination with a convection oven and long distance microscope increases range of measurements in CR.

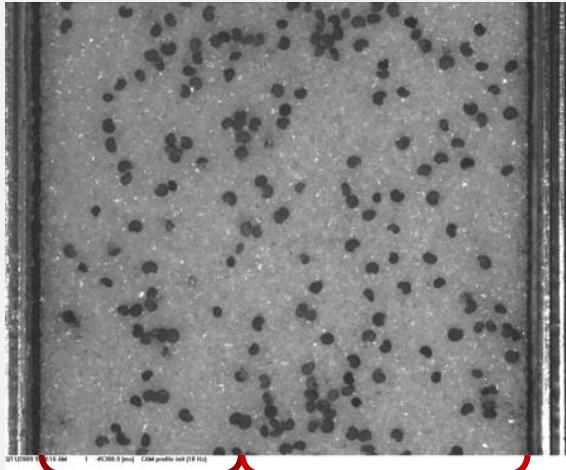
Flow instabilities in rheometric flows



Wall slip¹



Strain localization (solids)²



Shear banding (liquids)³



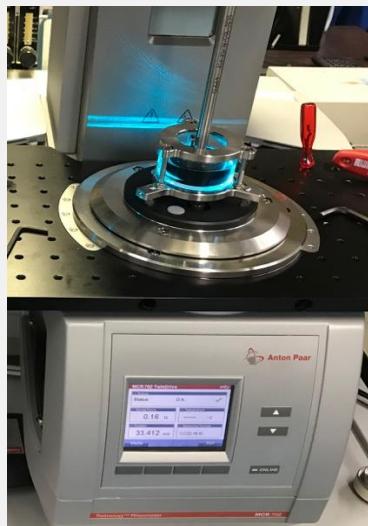
Flow instabilities complicate processing, confound interpretation of rheological data, and hide important information about fluid physics.

[1] H.J. Walls et al., *J Rheology*, 2003 47(4): 847-868. [2] T. Börzsönyi et al., *Phys Rev E*, 2009, 80(6): 060302. [3] S. Ravindranath et al., *Macromolecules*, 2008, 41(7): 2663-2670.

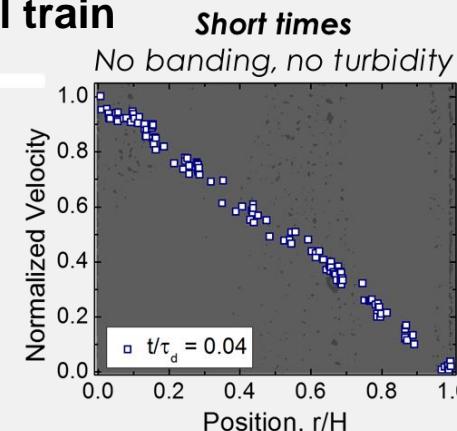
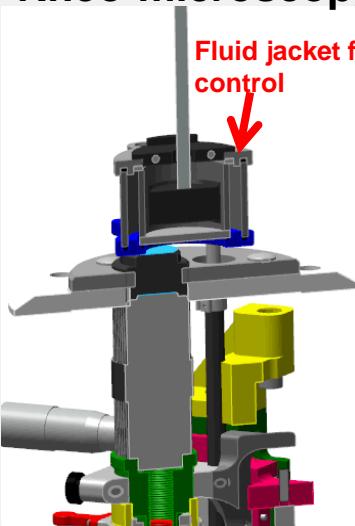
CMT: Rheo-PTV and Microscopy to identify mechanisms of banding



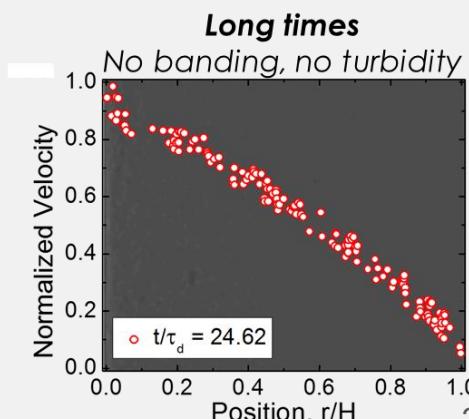
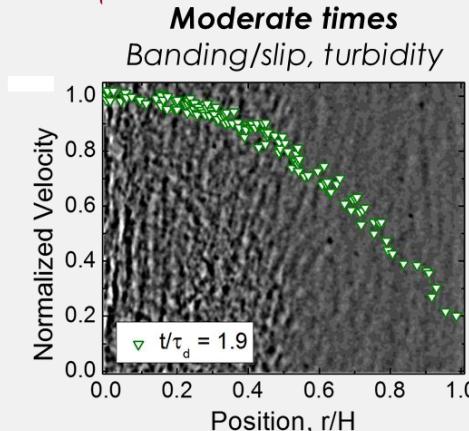
Rheo-PTV cell



Rheo-microscopy optical train



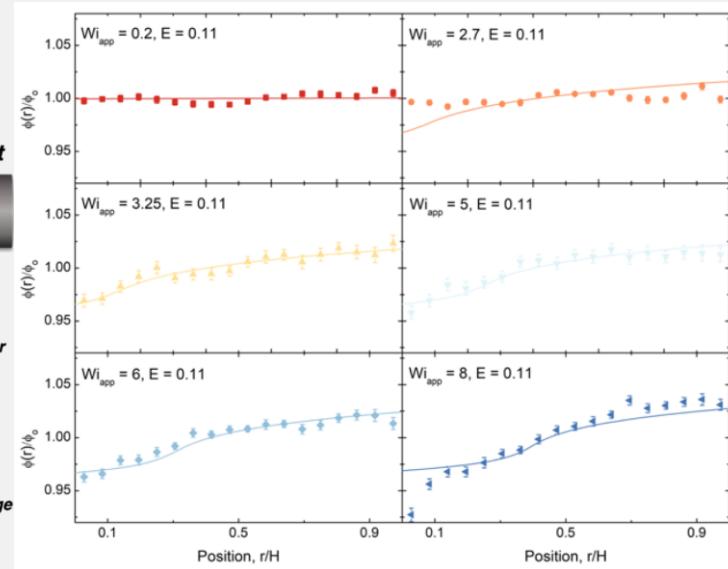
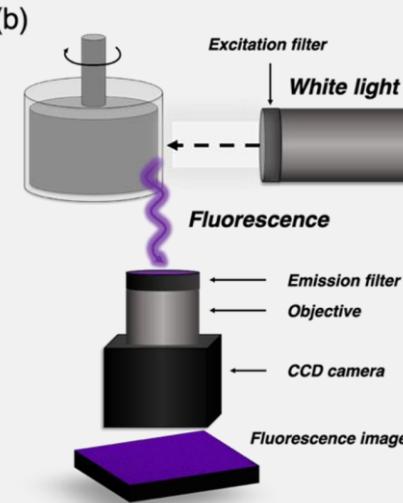
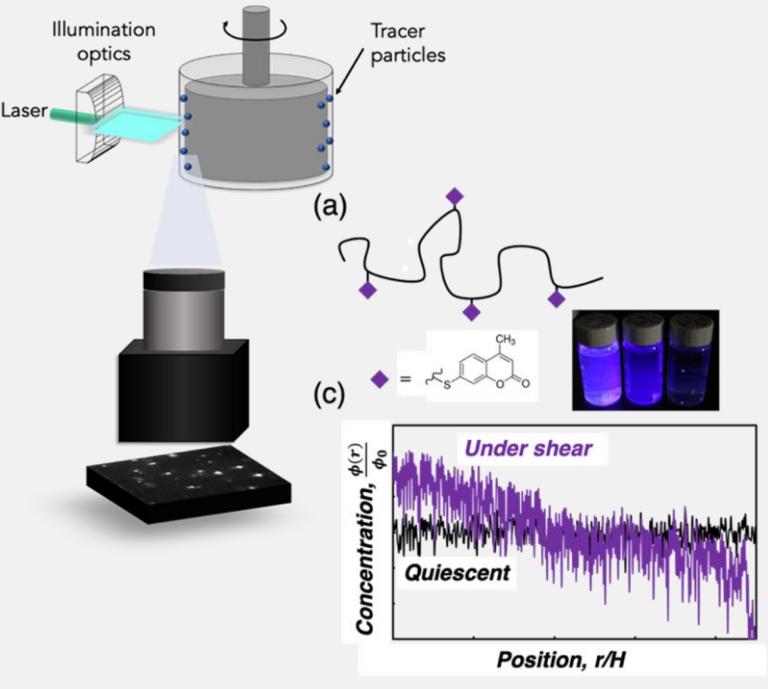
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Combining rheo-PTV and rheo-microscopy gives insight into the microstructural origins of non-homogeneous flow (shear-enhanced concentration fluctuations)

Burroughs, Michael C., Abhishek M. Shetty, L. Gary Leal, and Matthew E. Helgeson, *Physical Review Fluids* 5, no. 4 (2020): 043301.

Rheo-PTV and Rheo-Fluorescence to identify mechanisms of banding

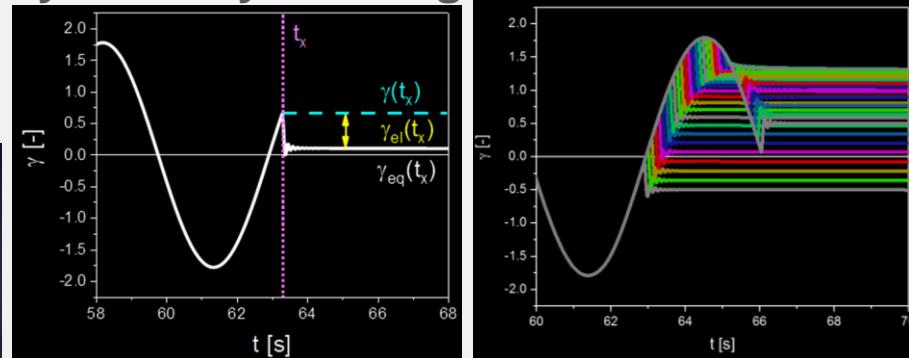
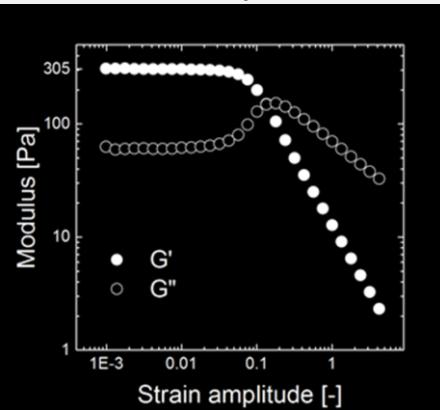


First experimental probe of the *in situ* concentration and velocity profiles of entangled polymer solutions under shear.

Time resolved Oscillatory Shear/Recovery to study Yielding

Hybrid Stress/Strain Experiments

Traditional Amplitude Sweep



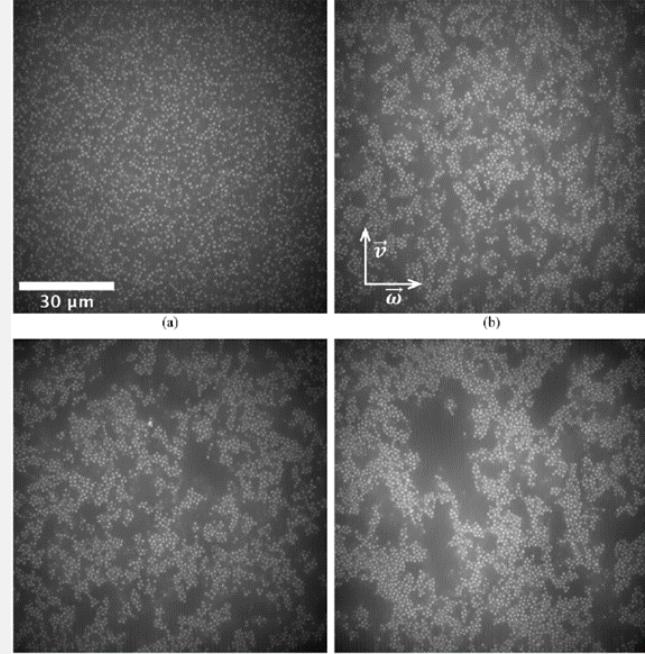
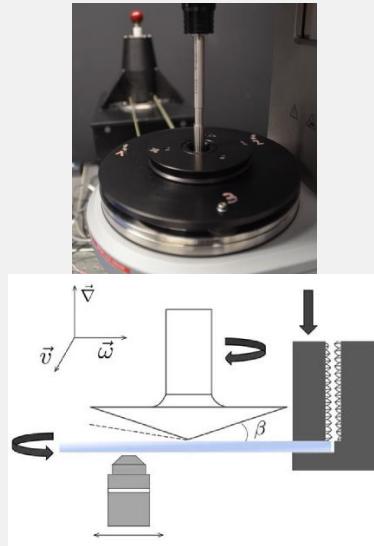
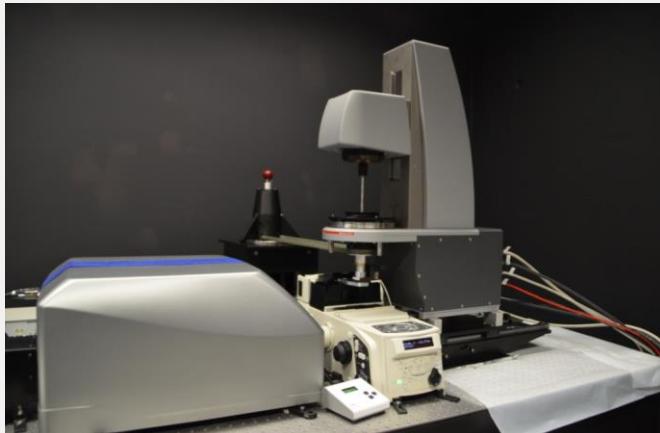
Hybrid Protocols:

- Apply oscillatory strain till steady alternance is reached.
- Continue oscillating for a portion of a cycle.
- Apply zero stress until the strain in the material completely relaxes
- Use of the MCR-702 –EC Motor allows for controlled stress and controlled strain measurements on one device.

New hybrid tests shed light on sequence of physical processes which occur during yielding

Donley, G. J., Singh, P. K., Shetty, A., & Rogers, S. A. (2020). Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, 117(36), 21945-21952.

Confocal Rheo-Microscopy in Counter rotation



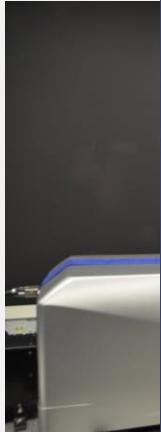
Images of Model Depletion gel at different shear rates

- Dual motor stress controlled rheometer coupled with Rheo-Confocal.
- Rotation of the second motor via a toothed belt to the shear cell assembly.
- Imaging in the velocity-vorticity plane.
- Possibility to study structural evolutions with higher resolution and for longer times at the stagnation plane.

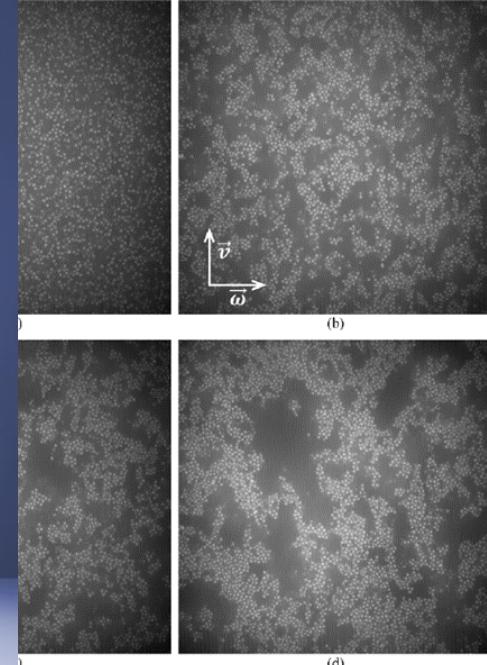
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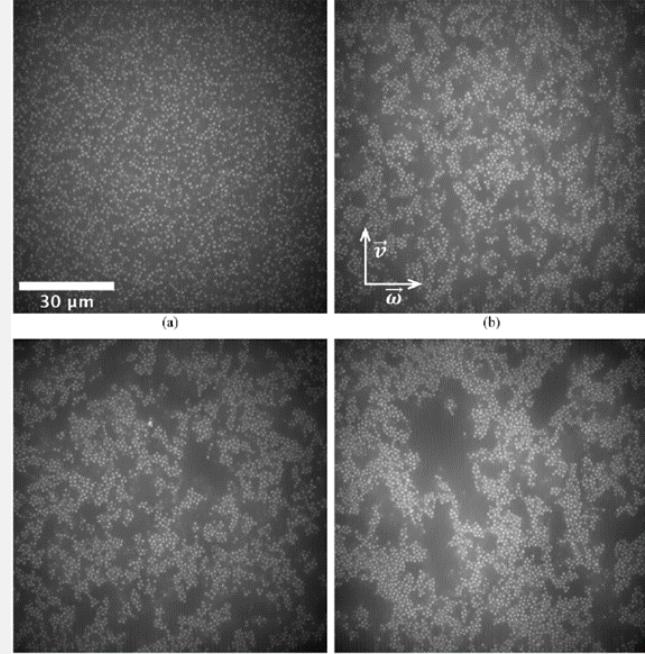
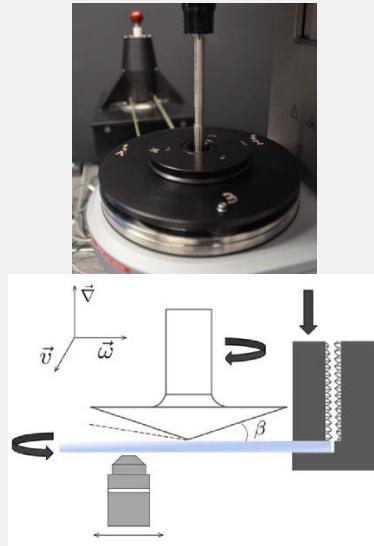
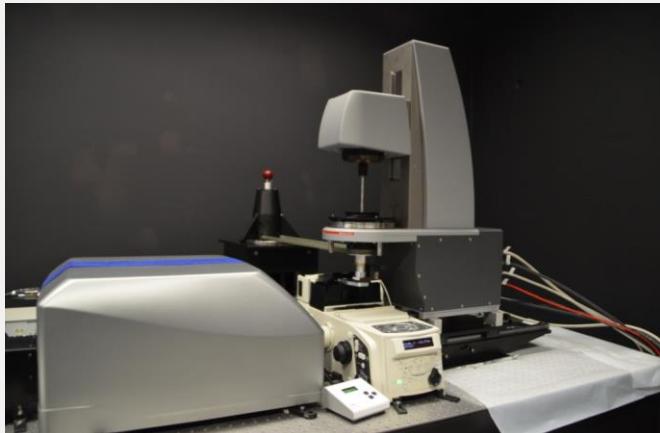
MCR 702e Space



- Dual motor stage
- Rotation of the assembly.
- Imaging in the
- Possibility to longer times at the stagnation plane.



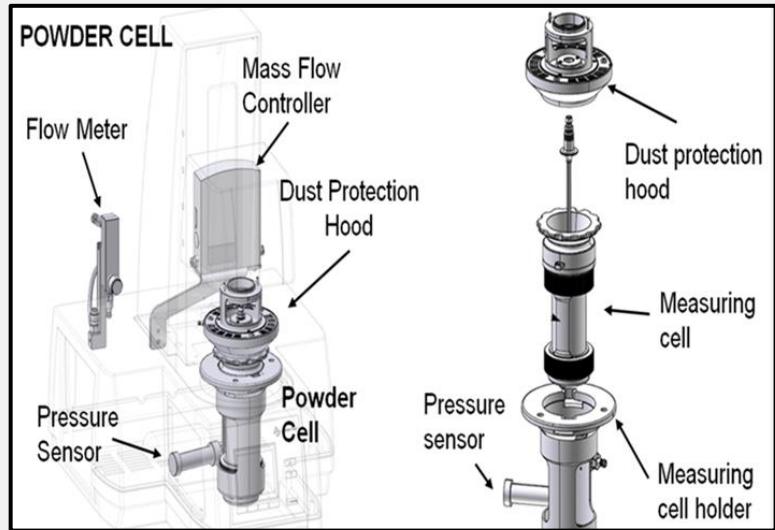
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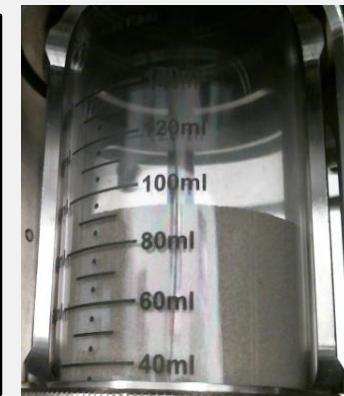
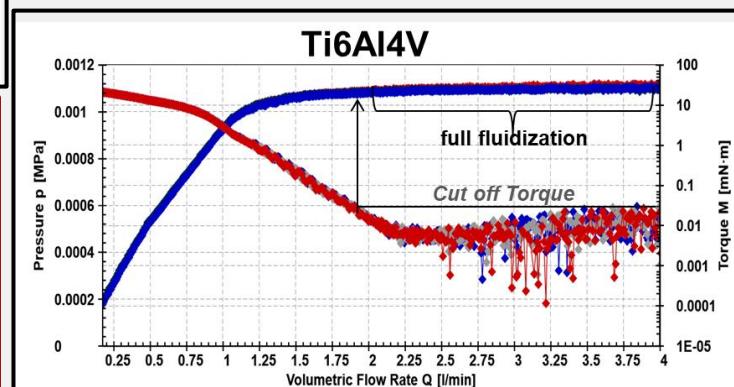
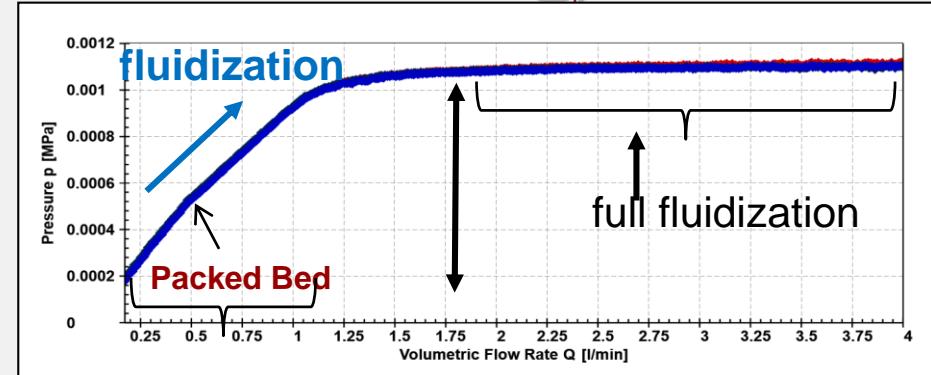
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- Possibility to study structural evolutions with higher resolution and for longer times at the stagnation plane.

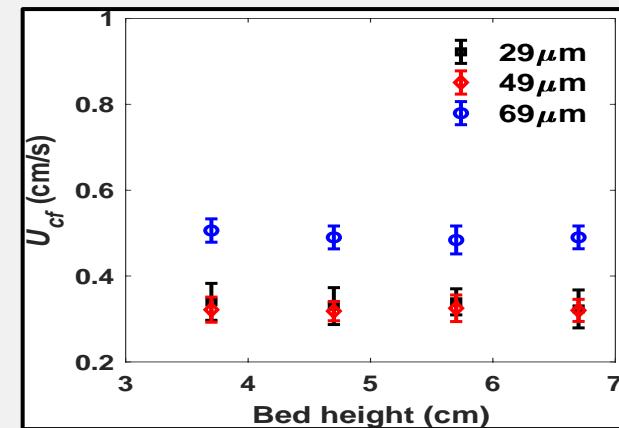
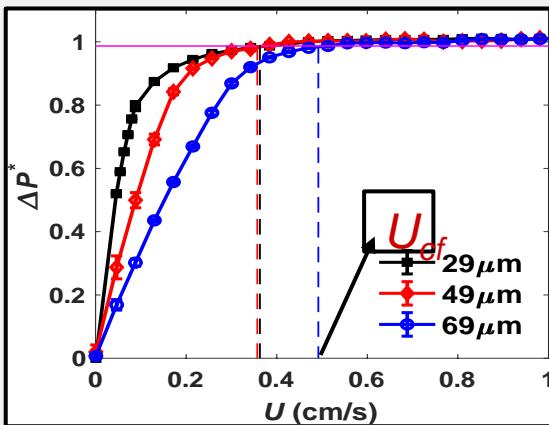
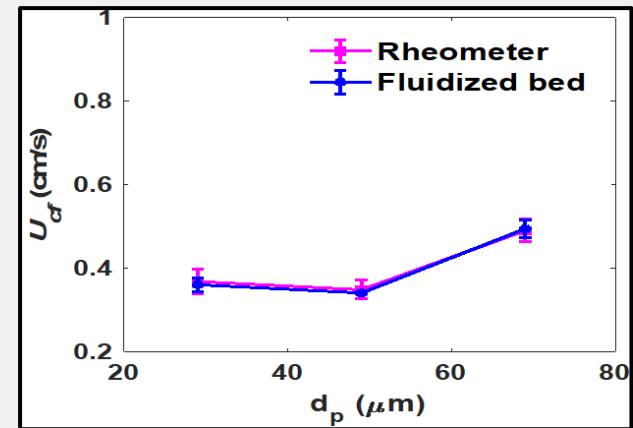
CMT: Fluidized Bed Powder rheology



- Controlled gas flow through a powder bed.
- Gauge fluidization by monitoring pressure drop and torque.
- Determination of minimum and complete fluidization points as with classic fluidized beds.
- Ability to measure extremely low torques.
- Characterization of hazardous powders-sealed cell concept.



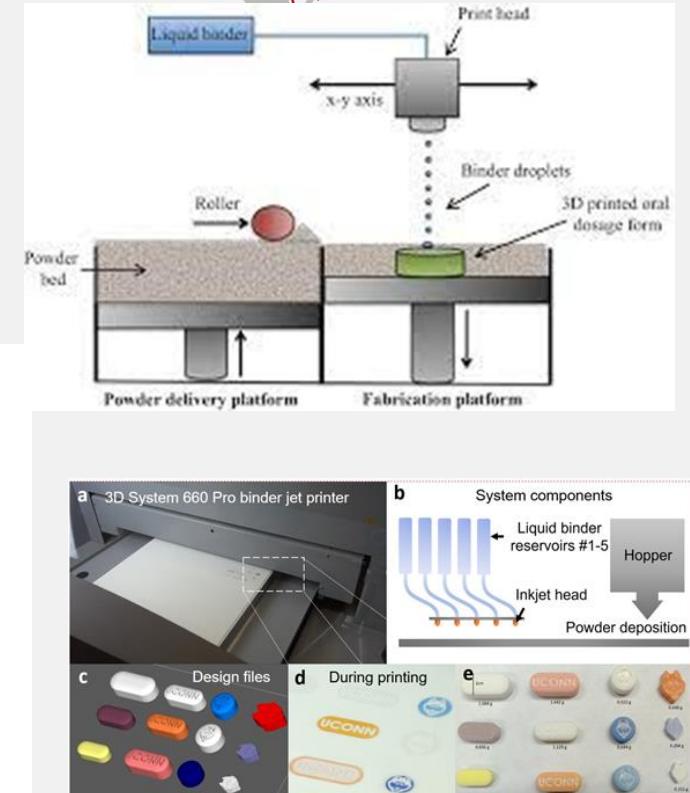
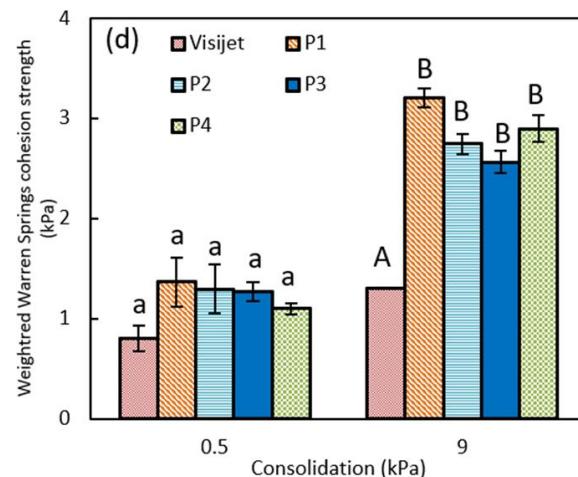
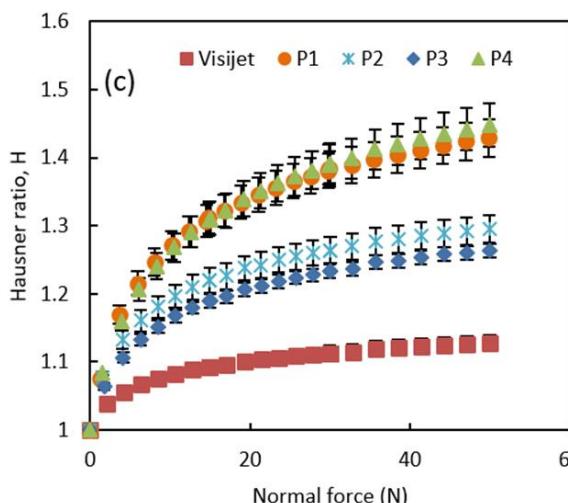
CMT: Fluidized Bed Powder rheology



- Defluidization experiments on glass beads (mildly cohesive) showed system size independence.
- Results found to be insensitive to bed diameter and static bed height.
- System able to fluidize cohesive particles as well which would show channeling in a conventional bed.
- Feasibility to directly couple experiments with smaller DEM simulations.

Binder-jet 3D printing of pharmaceutical dosage forms

- Characterization of powder flow properties important.
- Need to explore new types of pharmaceutical excipient powder-binder combinations that can be effectively used in binder jet printing.
- Quasi-static characterization and empirical flow indices characterized.
- Useful tool for benchmarking formulations.

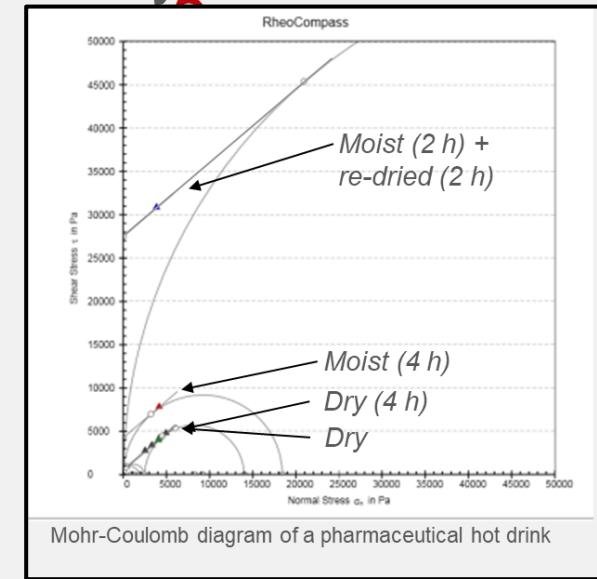


CMT: Powder rheology at elevated temperatures and humidity

Shear Cell measurements at elevated temperatures



- Extrinsic factors like humidity and temperature have a huge effect on flowability of powders.
- Characterize powders -Mohr-Coulomb type analysis at elevated temperatures (-160°C to 600°C) and humidity (5 %rH to 95 %rH).
- Shear measurements:
 - Caking of a pharmaceutical hot drink
 - Dry powder (4 h at 7 %rH)
 - Moist powder (4 h at 95 %rH)
 - Moist and re-dried powder (2 h at 95 %rH, 2 h at 7 %rH)
- Influence of an increase in ambient moisture is clearly visible



Mohr-Coulomb diagram of a pharmaceutical hot drink

	σ_c [kPa]	σ_1 [kPa]	ffc [1]
Dry	1.9	14.1	7.23
Dry (4 h 7% rH)	2.4	14.1	5.81
Moist (4 h 95 %rH)	18.5	14.1	0.76
Moist + re-dried (2 h 95 %rH & 2 h 7 %rH)	119.4	14.1	0.12

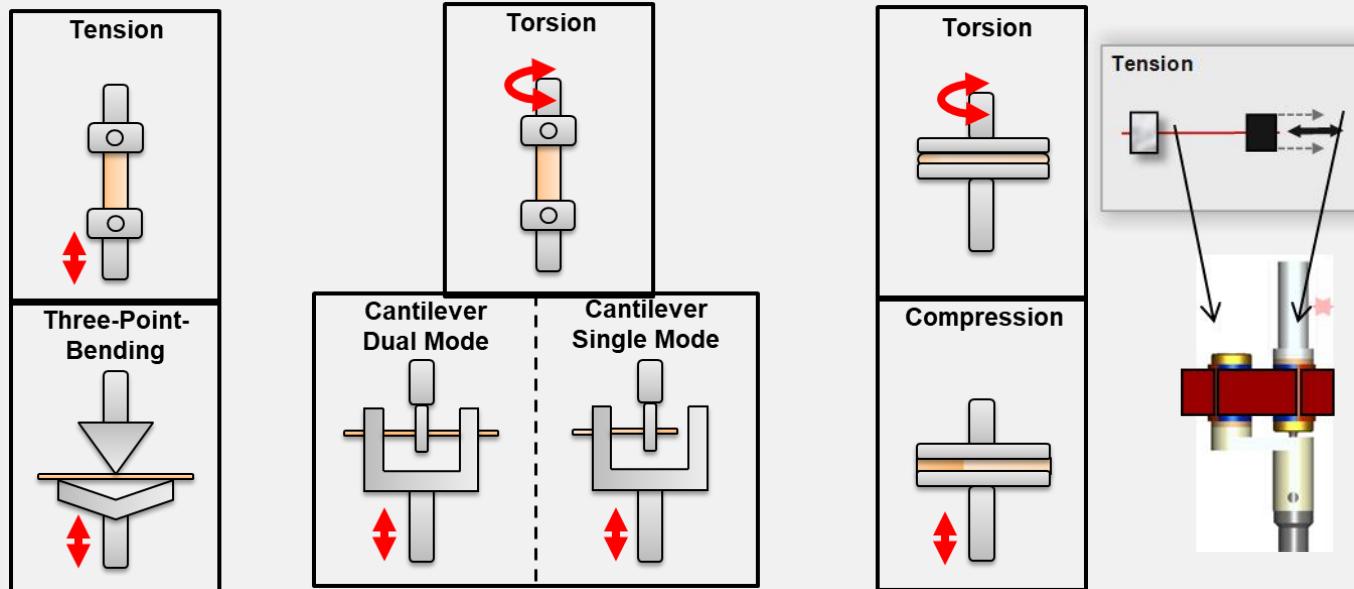
Complete DMTA analysis



Rotational Measuring Drive



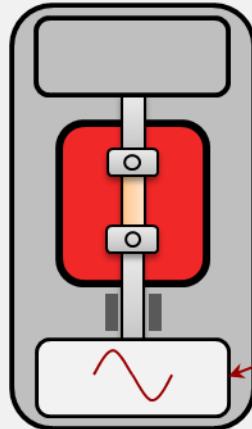
Linear Measuring Drive



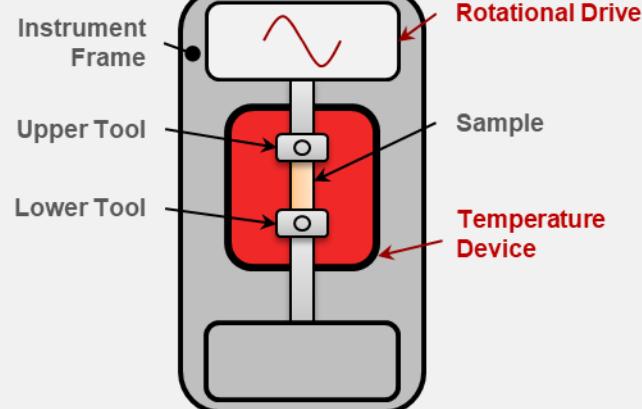
- DMTA with *rotational motor*: Solid torsion bar (SRF,SCF), parallel plate, UXF film fixture
- DMTA with *linear motor*: TPB, Cantilever (Single/Dual), SRF in Tension
- Complete DMTA possible on one device.

Complete DMTA analysis

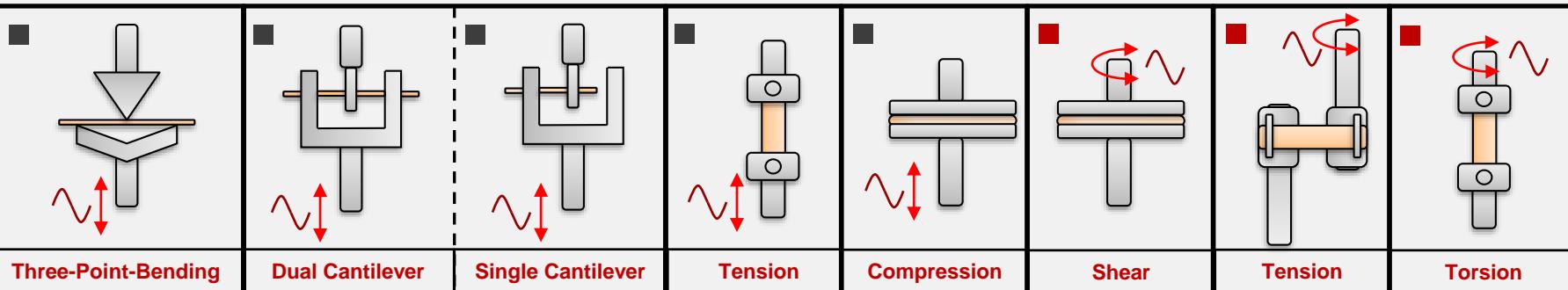
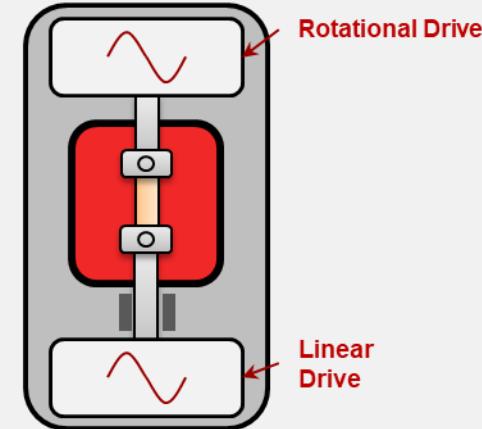
Linear DMA



Rheometer + Torsional DMA



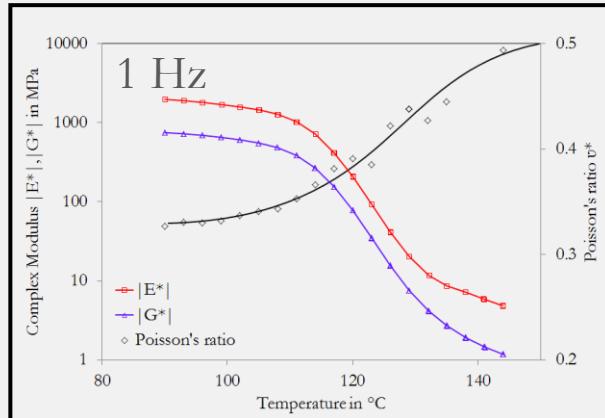
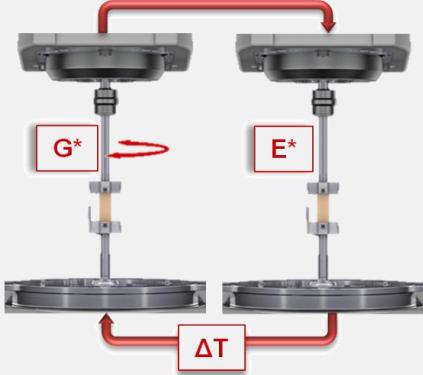
Combined Device



Poisson ratio determination

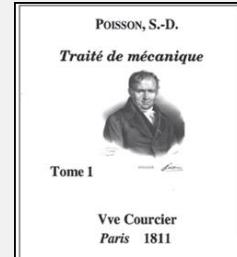
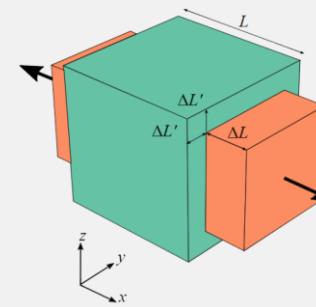
- Sequential execution of measurements in torsion and tension
- Stepwise increase in temperature and repeat above.
- Linear viscoelastic Poisson's ratio $|\nu^*|$ determined as a function of temperature and/or frequency in a single run, using a single specimen.
- Poisson's ratio constant in the glassy region; increases as the glass transition is approached

$$\text{Poisson's ratio: } \mu = -\frac{\varepsilon_{trans}}{\varepsilon_{axial}} = -\frac{dL'}{dL}$$

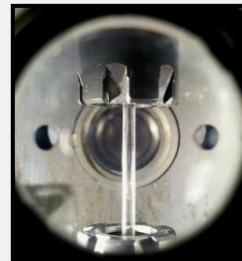


Poisson's Ratio μ :

Rubber: 0.5
 Thermoplastics: 0.35 ... 0.45
 Glass: 0.18 ... 0.3
 Foam: 0.1 ... 0.5



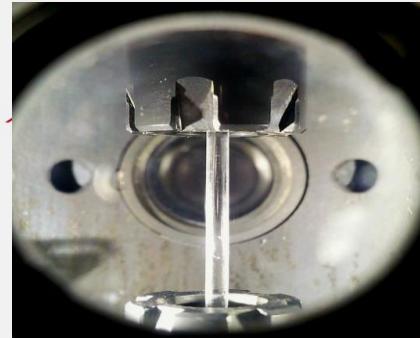
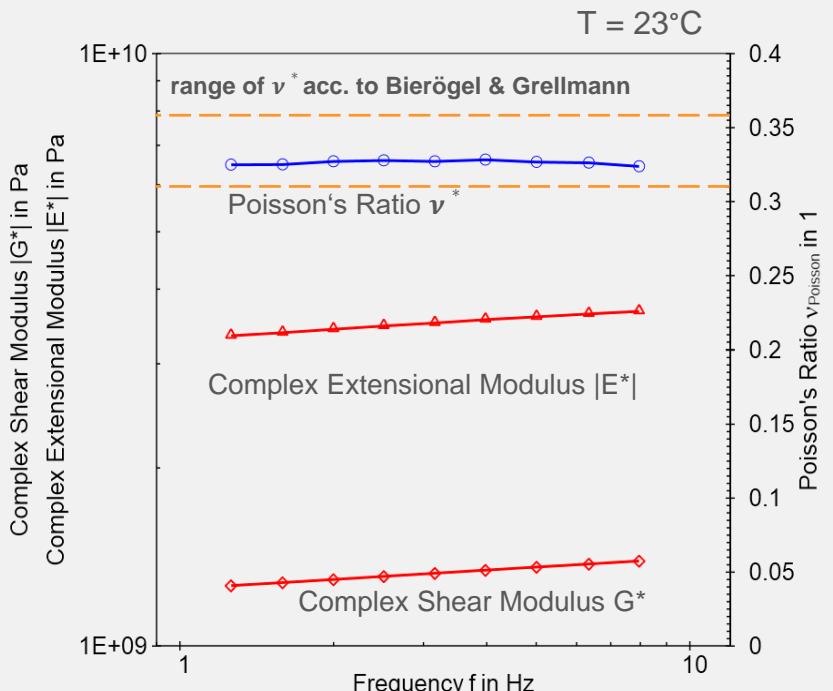
$$|\mu^*(t, T)| = \frac{|E^*(t, T)|}{2|G^*(t, T)|} - 1$$



Poisson ratio determination

Sample: PMMA-GS (moulded)

Cylindrical bars (D=2 mm, L=30 mm) with Solid Circular Fixture

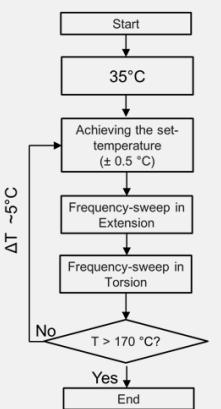


- Good agreement with literature values.
- Poisson's ratio is time (frequency), temperature and strain dependent.
- Reliable Poisson's ratio values are scarce in material databases.
- Direct measurements are time consuming and prone to errors.

Bierögel & Grellmann, 2014, Quasi-static tensile test – Poisson ratio of thermoplastic materials – data in Polymers, Polymer Solids and Polymer Melts, Mechanical and Thermomechanical Properties of Polymers

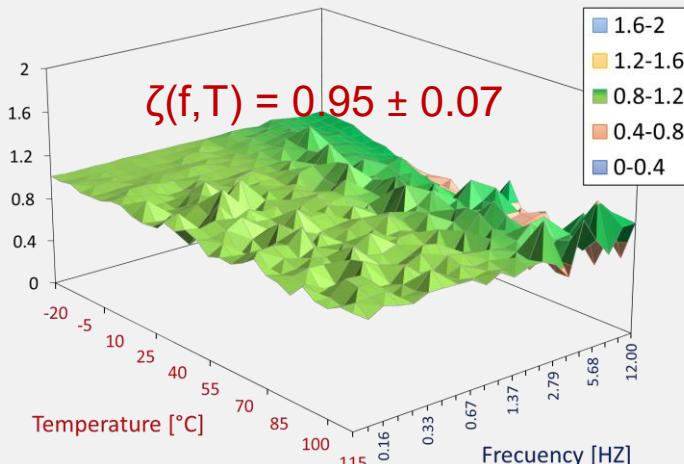
Outlook: Possibility of new experimental metrics

Multi-Task DMA Experiment

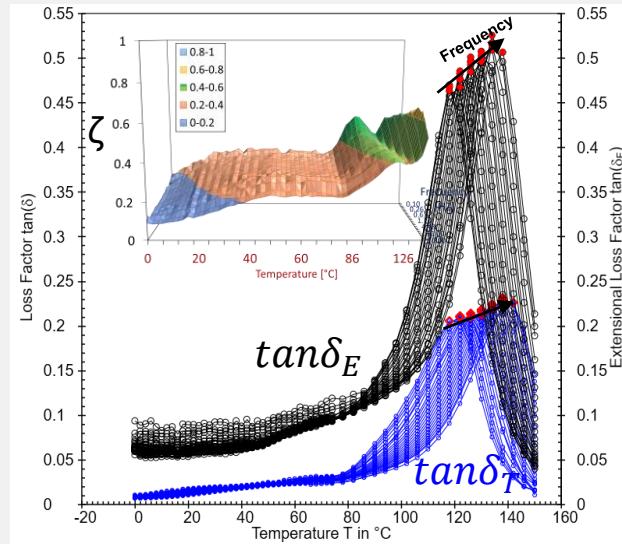


Easily programmable in the Software

Thermoplastic Polyurethane (TPU)

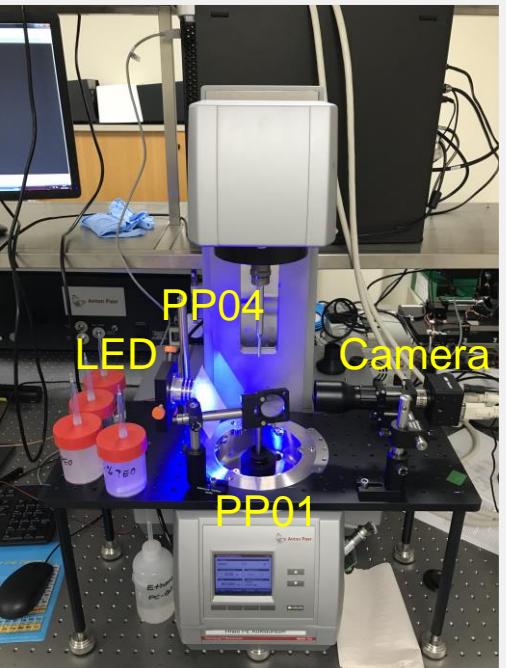


Glass fiber reinforced plastic (GFRP) :



- Dimensionless parameter $\zeta = \tan\delta_T / \tan\delta_E$ that may provide direct information about anisotropy of the material.
- $\zeta(f, T)$ approaching 1 → isotropic material.
- $\zeta(f, T)$ differs significantly from 1 → anisotropic material.
- Can this $\zeta(f, T)$ be used as a unique dynamic fingerprint?

Outlook: Capillary Breakup

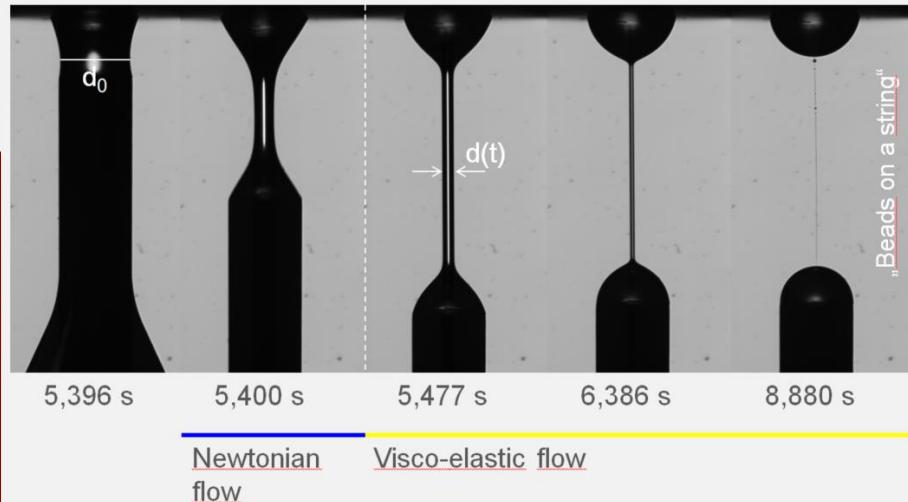


- PAAm (polyacrylamide)
- High speed (1000fps) camera
- PP04/PP01
- Fastest step time: 30 ms
- Up to 9 mm stroke
- About 10% overshoot (not optimized yet)

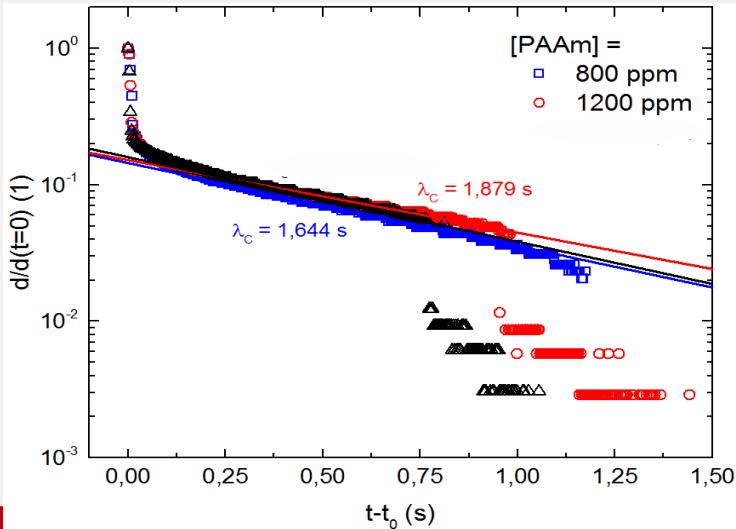


$$\ln \frac{d(t)}{d_0} = - \frac{t}{\lambda_C}$$

Relaxation time



Newtonian flow Visco-elastic flow



Summary

A MultiDrive instrument as a universal platform for mechanical testing:

- Use as a single motor rotational rheometer (CMT):
 - All tests and all options a standard rheometer can do and have. Things like powder rheology also possible.
- Two rotational motors:
 - SMT rheometer for special applications: CPP, weakly structured fluids
 - Counter-Rotation for microscopy, flow instabilities, rheo-confocal etc.
- Use as a single linear device
 - DMA instrument: tensions, cantilever, 3 point bending, etc.
 - Extensional rheometry: Capillary break up (In progress)
- One rotational and one linear drive
 - DMA in torsion and tension on the same sample: Poisson' ratio



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