

## 2.341J Lecture 6: Extensional Rheometry: From Entangled Melts to Dilute Solutions

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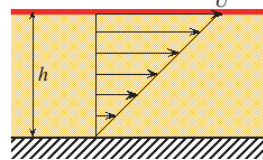
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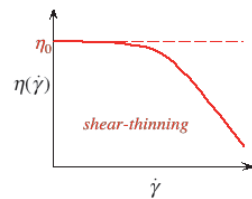
### The Role of Fluid Rheology



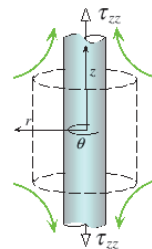
- "Slimy"



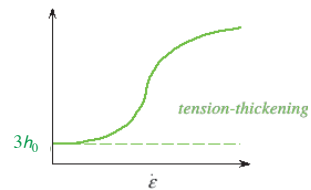
$$\tau_{yx} = \eta(\dot{\gamma}) \dot{\gamma}_{yx}$$



- "Sticky"



$$\tau_{zz} - \tau_{rr} = \bar{\eta}(\dot{\epsilon}) \dot{\epsilon}_{zz}$$



- Other manifestations: 'stringy', 'tacky', 'stranding', 'ropiness', 'pituity', 'long' vs. 'short' texture...

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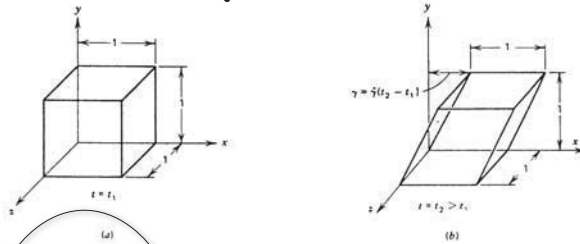
**Kinematics of Deformation**



- As we have seen, there are three major classes of extensional flow:

**Simple Shear**

$$v_x = \dot{\gamma}y$$



**Simple Shear-Free Flow**

$$v_x = -\frac{1}{2}\dot{\epsilon}_0(1+b)x$$

$$v_y = -\frac{1}{2}\dot{\epsilon}_0(1-b)y$$

$$v_z = \dot{\epsilon}_0 z$$

$b = \text{flow type parameter}$

*Fiber-spinning*

*Thermoforming*

*Calendering/rolling*

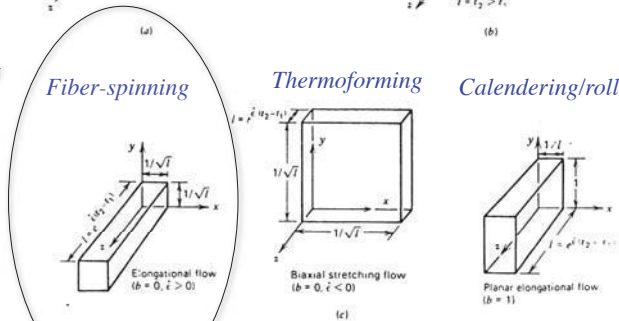


FIGURE 3.1-3. Deformation of (a) unit cube of material from time  $t_1$  to  $t_2$  ( $t_2 > t_1$ ), (b) steady simple shear flow and (c) three kinds of shearfree flow. The volume of material is preserved in all of these flows.

*Bird, Armstrong & Hassager, (1987)*

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**Fred Trouton (one paper on Rheology; 110 years ago)**

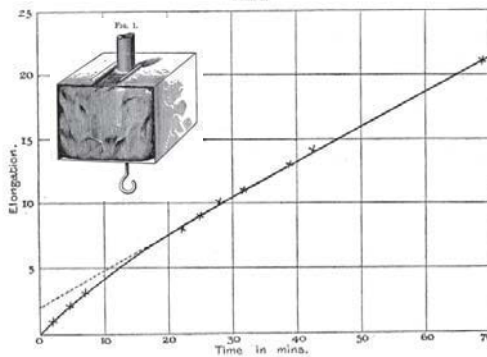


*On the Coefficient of Viscous Traction and its Relation to that of Viscosity.*

By FRED. T. TROUTON, F.R.S.

(Received February 12,—Read February 22, 1906.)

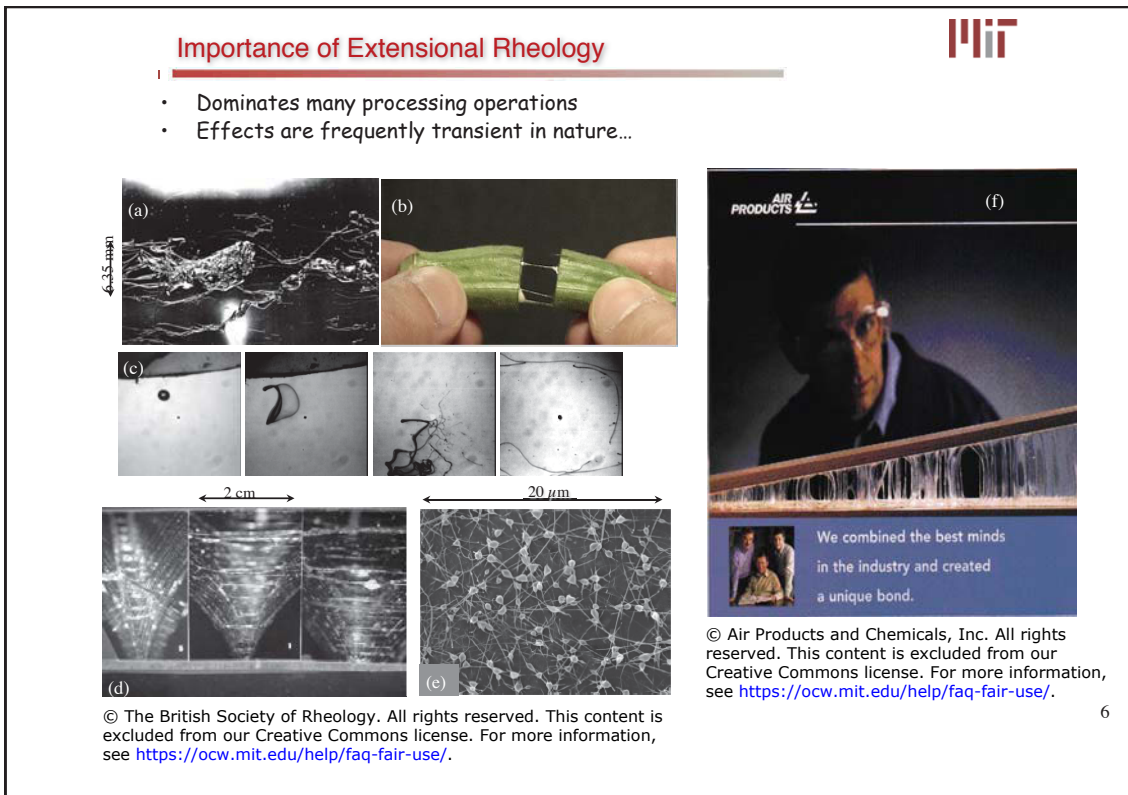
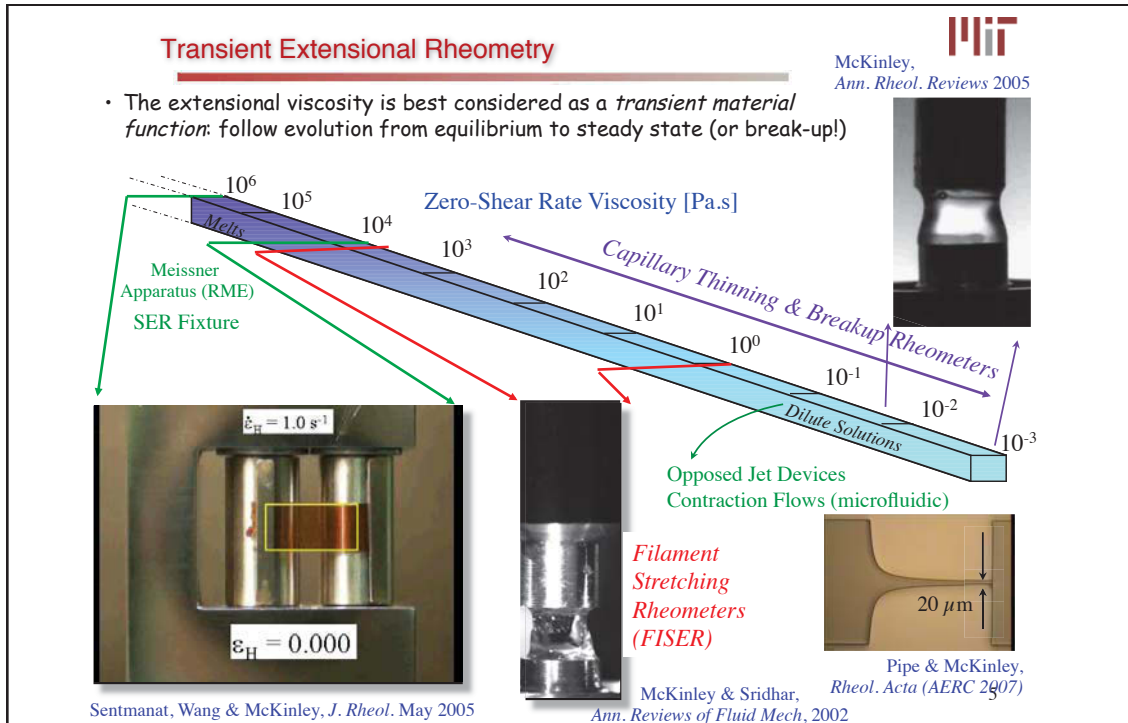
When experiments are made on the viscous flow of pitch and other substances of similar character, in the form of rods or cylinders, by the torsional method,\* it is found that the rate of turning under torsion of these rods is not strictly proportional to the driving couple. Thus the rate of flow of the material under shearing stress cannot be in simple proportion to stress. If it is wished to investigate the exact law connecting the rate of flow with the shearing forces, by means of the torsional method, a complication is at once met with, arising from the fact that the rate of flow in a twisting rod is not of the same value everywhere, but necessarily varies from nothing at the centre to a maximum at the surface of the rod.




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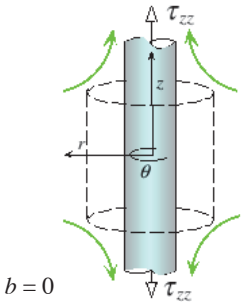
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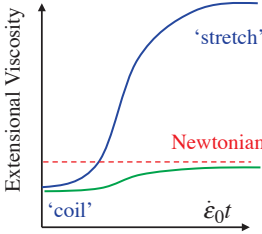
### Nonlinear Extensional Viscosity

- Extensional flows are "strong flows" which result in extensive molecular deformation, microstructural alignment and high tensile stresses
  - Applications: fiber-spinning, blow-molding, sheet-molding, extrusion, coating

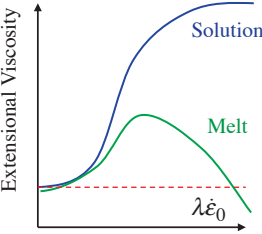


$b = 0$

#### Strain Hardening



#### Tension-Thickening



**Transient Response**

Molecular alignment increases with **Hencky strain**:

$$\eta_E^+(\dot{\epsilon}_0, t) = [\tau_{zz}(t) - \tau_{rr}(t)] / \dot{\epsilon}_0$$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \eta_E^+(\dot{\epsilon}_0, t) \rightarrow \eta_E(\dot{\epsilon}_0)$$

Trouton (1906):  $\eta_E = 3\mu$


**Steady-State Response ?**

Increasing molecular alignment at higher strain rates

Deborah Number  $De = \lambda \dot{\epsilon}_0$

$$\epsilon(t) = \int_{-\infty}^t \dot{\epsilon}(t') dt' = \ln \frac{L(t)}{L_0}$$

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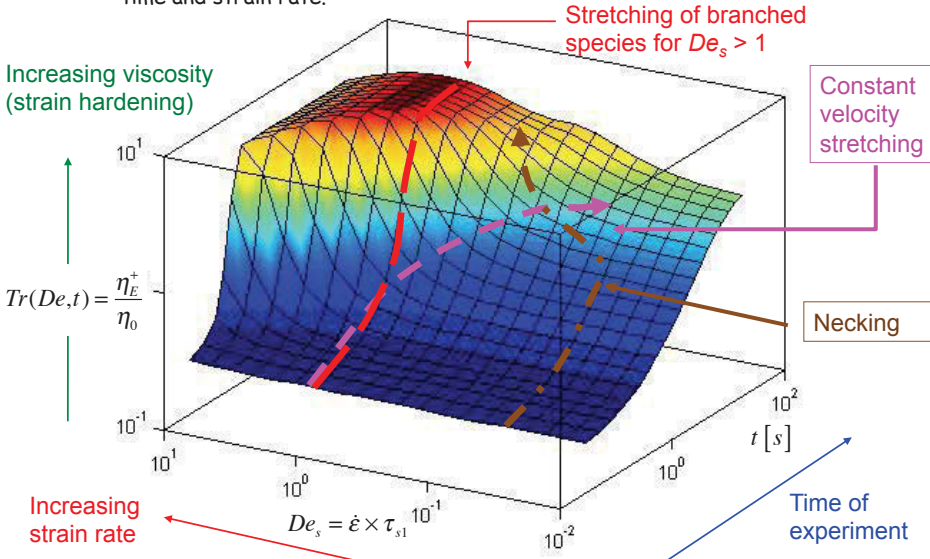
### Tensile Stress Surface

$\eta_E(\dot{\epsilon}_0, t) \Leftrightarrow Tr(De, \epsilon)$

- The evolution of the extensional viscosity can be visualized as a function of time and strain rate.

Increasing viscosity (strain hardening)

$Tr(De, t) = \frac{\eta_E^+}{\eta_0}$

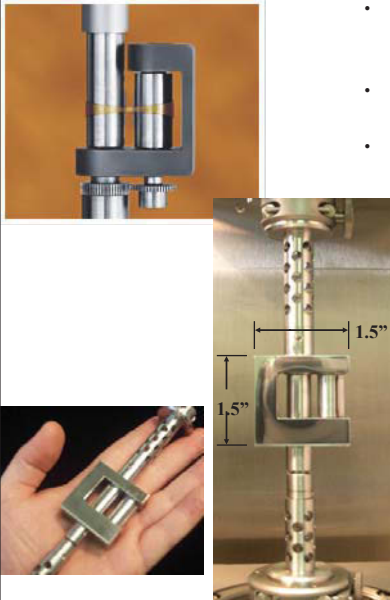


Increasing strain rate

Time of experiment

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### Polymer Melts



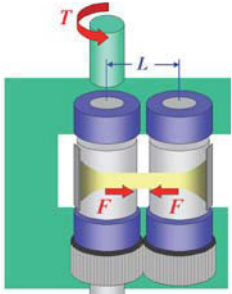
Sentmanat, *Rheol. Acta* (2004)

- **SER Universal Testing Platform**: specifically designed so that it can be easily accommodated onto a number of commercially available torsional rheometers
- TA Instruments version; **EVF = Extensional Viscosity Fixture**
- Can be housed within the host system's environmental chamber for controlled temperature experiments.
  - Requires only 5-200mg of material
  - Can be used up to temperatures of 250°C
  - Easily detachable for fixture changeover/clean-up

Validation Experiments: **LDPE (BASF Lupolen® 1840H)**  
 (Sentmanat, Wang & McKinley; *JoR* Mar/Apr (2005))  
 $\rho M_n = 17,000$ ;  $M_w = 243,000$ ;  $M_w / M_n = 14.3$   
 $\rho CH_3 / 1000C = 23$   
 Very similar to the IUPAC A reference material  
 Same polymer as that used by  
 Münstedt *et al.*, *Rheol. Acta* **37**, 21-29 (1998)  
 'Münstedt rheometer' (end separation method)

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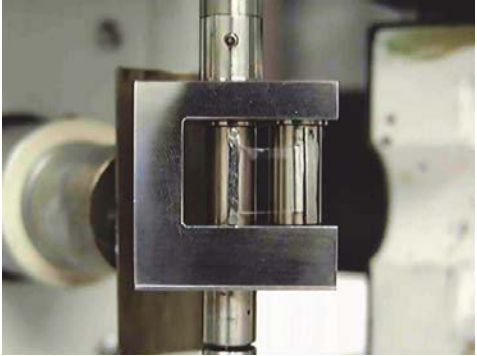
### SER Principle of Operation

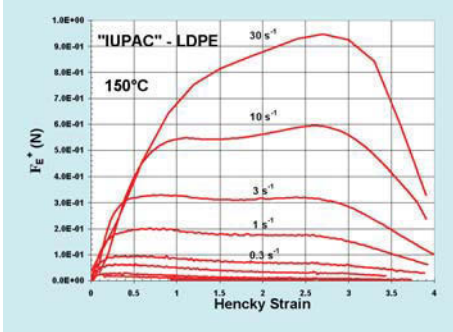


- "Constant Sample Length" Extensional Rheometer
- Ends of sample affixed to windup drums, such that for a constant drum rotation:
  - $\dot{\epsilon}_0 = 2\Omega R / L$
- Resulting torque on transducer (attached to housing)

$$T = 2(F + F_{friction})R$$

SER Fixture with ARES Rheometer





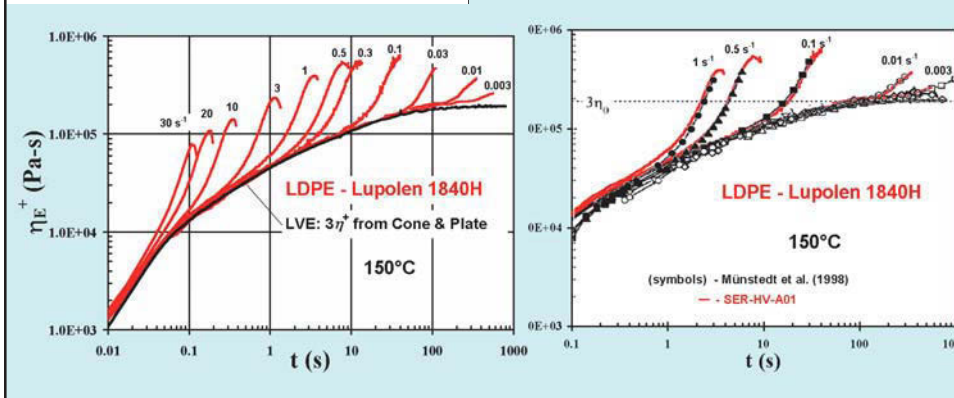
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### Comparison of LDPE Stress Growth Curves

- Good agreement with LVE response at short times ( $t \geq 0.01$  s)  $\eta_E^+ = 3\eta^+(t)$
- Increasing strain-hardening and sample rupture at high rates

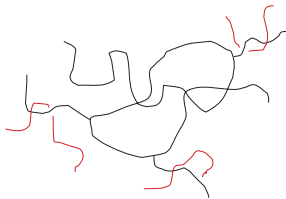


- The results with the SER (red curves) show excellent agreement with literature results from Münstedt et al. (black symbols & lines)

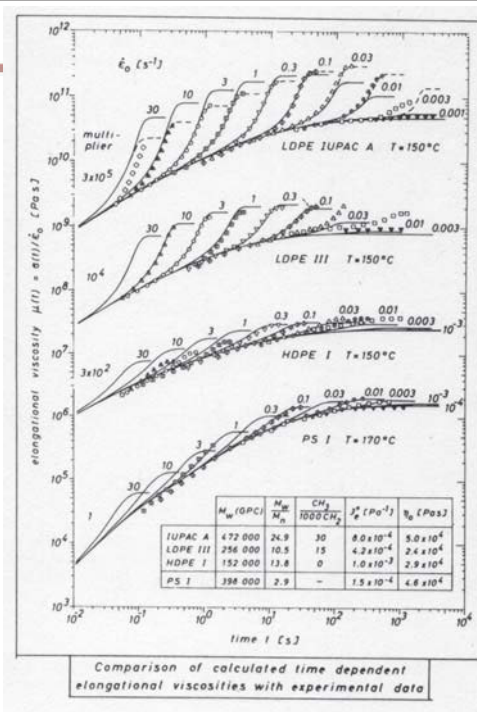
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### The Role of Chain-Branching

- Extensional stress growth is a strong function of the level of molecular branching.
- Branch points act as 'crosslinks' that efficiently elongate chains and transmit stress...
  - Provided they are long enough to be **entangled**




H.M. Laun, *Int. Cong. Rheol.* 1980



Comparison of calculated time dependent elongational viscosities with experimental data

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### Results for Simple Fluids

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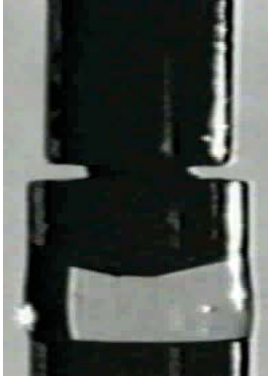
- **Newtonian Fluids**
- McKinley & Tripathi, *J Rheol.*, 2000

$$\frac{R_{mid}}{R_0} = 0.0709 \frac{\sigma}{\eta_s R_0} (t_c - t)$$

- **Ideal Elastic Fluids**
- Entov & Hinch, *JNNFM*, 1997


$$\frac{R_{mid}}{R_0} = \left( \frac{GR_0}{\sigma} \right)^{1/3} \exp\left( -\frac{t}{3\lambda_1} \right)$$

Polystyrene Oil




← 2R<sub>0</sub> = 6 mm →

Laser  
Micrometer




SM-1 (500 ppm 2x10<sup>6</sup> g/mol.



$t_{cap} = \frac{\eta_0 R_0}{\sigma} \sim 8 \text{ sec}$


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### Dilute Polymer Solutions

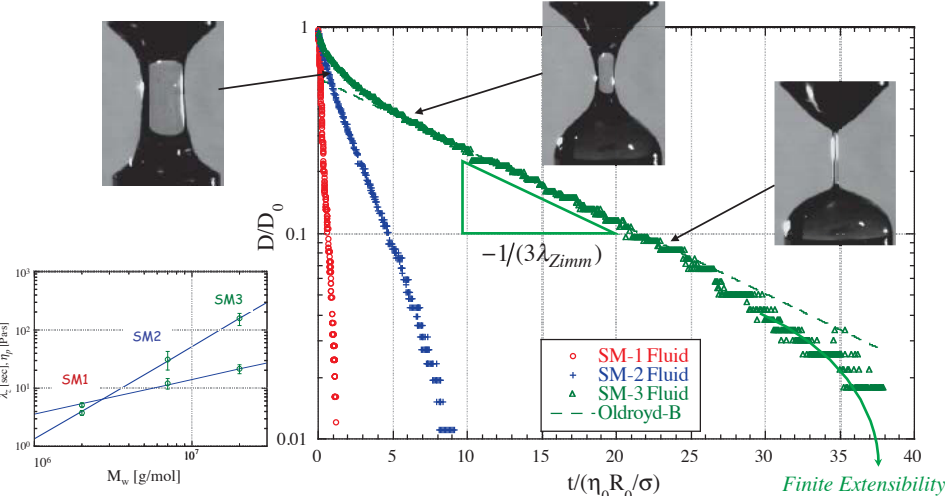
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- Increasing molecular weight delays elasto-capillary breakup
- Measured time-scale agrees quantitatively with Zimm relaxation time








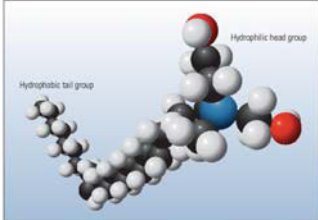


- Important in many biological processes (saliva, spinning of spider silk) 14

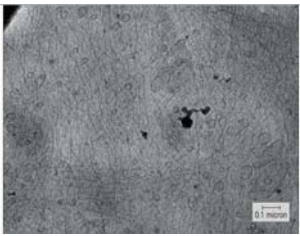
## Flow Through Porous Media



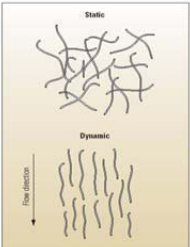
- Solutions of flexible polymers and self-assembling wormlike surfactants are commonly used in *enhanced oil recovery* (EOR) and reservoir fracturing operations.



The molecular level. Viscoelastic surfactants exhibit a well-defined, hydrophilic head section and a hydrophobic tail section with a dispersed in specific brine solutions, tail forming a worm-like micellar structure.



Kefi *et al.* (2004) Oilfield Review

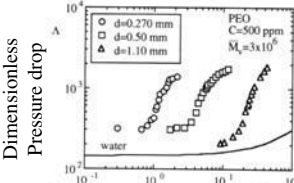


Static

Dynamic

Flow direction

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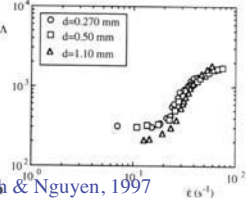


Dimensionless Pressure drop

PEO C=500 ppm  $M_w=3 \times 10^6$

Legend:  $\square$  d=0.270 mm,  $\square$  d=0.50 mm,  $\Delta$  d=1.10 mm

water




Legend:  $\square$  d=0.270 mm,  $\square$  d=0.50 mm,  $\Delta$  d=1.10 mm

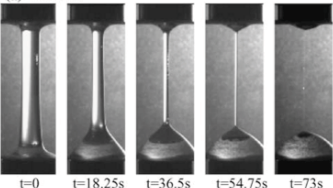
Müller & Sanz in Kausch & Nguyen, 1997

Fig. 11.22a, b. Effect of particle size on resistance coefficient for PEO solutions: a as a function of Reynolds number; b as a function of average strain rate [10]

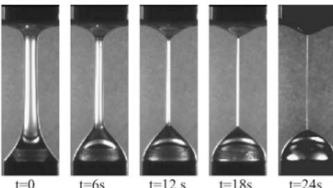
## Extensional Viscosity of Wormlike Surfactants



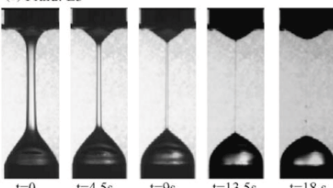
(a) Fluid: E1



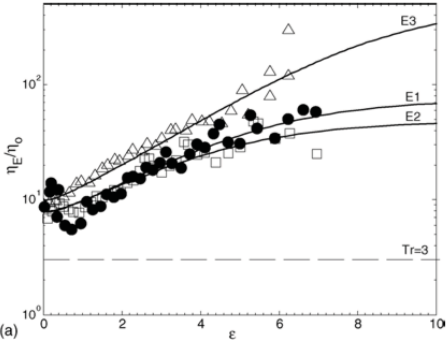
(b) Fluid: E2



(c) Fluid: E3



- Solutions of EHAC (Schlumberger VES "clearfrac.") in brine



$$D_{mid}(t) \Rightarrow \dot{\epsilon}(t) = -\frac{2}{D_{mid}} \frac{dD_{mid}}{dt} \Rightarrow \eta_{E,apparent}(t)$$

Yesilata, Clasen & McKinley, *JNNFM* 133(2) 2006  
 Kim, Pipe, McKinley; *Kor-Aust Rheol. J.* 2010

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## Drag Reduction and Jet Breakup

- Extensional effects from polymer additives can dramatically reduce the extent of turbulent dissipation in high Reynolds number flows
- Applications include:
  - Wake reduction: sailing, submarines, high-speed swimming (dolphins)
  - Flow-rate enhancement: storm drains, firehoses...

Union-Carbide  
"Rapid Water"!!



Enhancement of fire-hose range by addition of small amounts of polyethylene oxide to water. (Photograph, courtesy of Union Carbide Corporation.)

From W.R. Schowalter "Non-Newtonian Fluid Mechanics" ( Pergamon) 1978

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## Commercial Interest in Jet (?) Breakup

New York Times, Dec 4th, 1984

### Test Crash of Jetliner Sets Off Unexp...

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The National Aeronautics and Space Administration, told The Associated Press.

Officials who later got a close look at the plane's ground tests said it was cleared and that a large portion of a wing fell at least one engine had been knocked off. It took firefighters well over an hour to quell the outpouring of black smoke. "There were holes through the top from the lateral fire," said James Woodall of the Federal Aviation Administration, a leader in the agency's work with safer fuel tanks.

It was not immediately clear what had caused the fiery outburst that presumably would have killed many if not all occupants who might have witnessed the impact of the crash.

The fuel tank has worked well in scores of on-the-ground tests. These included tests in which it was carried by large aircraft capsulated down test tracks and deliberately exposed to ignition sources.

Fuel Program Criticized

"If anybody needed any proof that it was too early for proposing a rule to make the test mandatory, they got it today," said Tom Tripp, a spokesman for the Air Transport Association. The organization, which represents this country's major air carriers, has been notably skeptical about the fuel because of its solid cost, the relatively low number of deaths caused by fuel explosions, and the huge problems that remain in developing the fuel.

According to Government figures, about 40 percent of fatalities in navigable accidents are caused by fires that occur after a crash.

But the domestic accident rate has been so low that only about 30 people have died annually in such accidents in the past decade, as compared to a world-wide total of 130 deaths a year.

The dominant view among Government and industry officials was that

## Milestones in Flight History

# Dryden Flight Research Center

## Controlled Impact Demonstration

### December 1, 1984

...the fuel tank... would... such... craft... over... "Th... on... show... a sup... Cent... ticks... So... might... fact... vary... and... Expe... GAT... usual... nique... ple to... A... ions... passed... crash.

On... the... cover... game... reach... The... hand... ing is... all... They... for... an aircraft by... 40 seconds. A... require... emergency... aircraft exits.


A highly modified passenger seat was also tested today. The seat's legs

...there is little resistance. But if you pull it out, it pulls on more than you have hold of. The resistance is much higher."

...contributions in the engine. They know... knowledge that it might not support... combustion during engine killing or lack... Government officials raised... doubt, however, that non-graded... anti-icing fuel would keep an engine... running properly in the air.

"...if a few pieces of spaghetti are withdrawn gently there is little resistance. But if you jerk it out, it pulls on more than you have hold of. The resistance is much higher." (strain-hardening)

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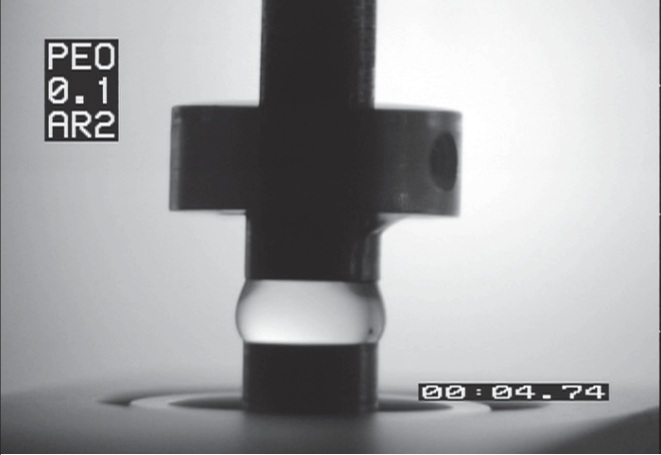



### Break Up of Low Viscosity Liquids

- 0.1 wt% PEO ( $2 \times 10^6$  g/mol) in water
  - Standard test fluid;  $\eta_0 \approx 1.10 \times 10^{-3}$  Pa.s
  - Plate diameter  $R_0 = 3$ mm; Aspect Ratio  $L = 2.3$

Rayleigh Time Scale

$$t_R \approx \sqrt{\frac{\rho R_0^3}{\sigma}} \approx 0.020 \text{ s}$$





Rodd, Cooper-White, McKinley; *Applied Rheol.* **15**(1), 12-27; 2005

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### Low Viscosity Fluids

- Critical to Inkjet Printing
  - 100-1000 drops per second
  - Drop volume 2-10 picoliter
  - Eliminate formation of spray and "satellite droplets"
- Identical viscosities and surface tensions
  - One contains Poly(ethylene oxide) (PEO)  
 $M_w = 1,000,000$  g/mol,  $c = 100$  ppm

Elastic effects



Inertio-capillary effects

$$De_0 = \frac{\lambda}{\sqrt{\rho R_0^3 / \sigma}} \sim O(1)$$

Viscous effects

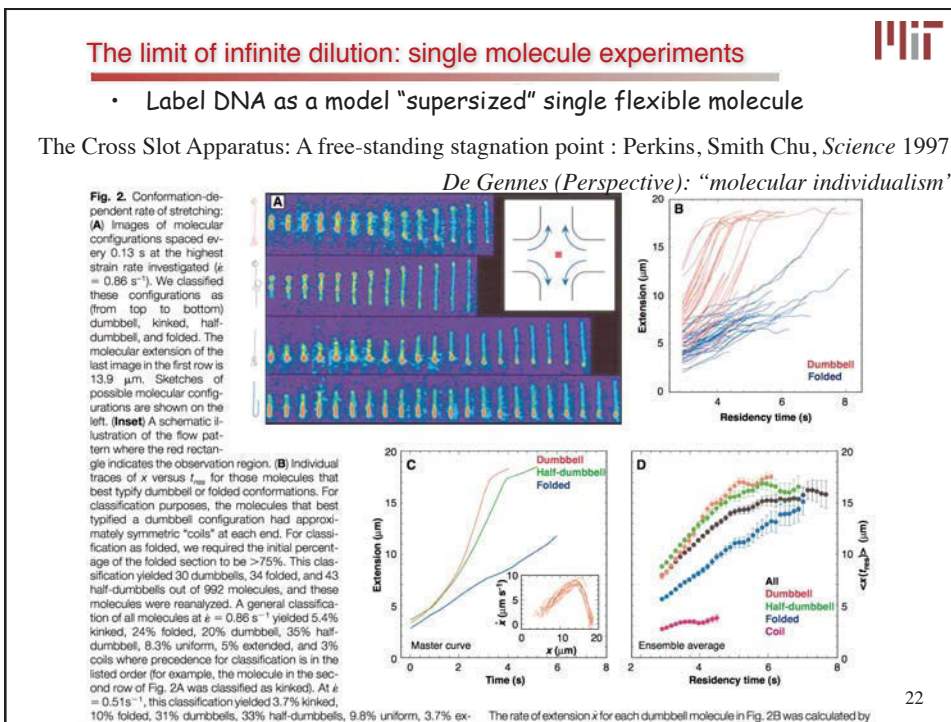
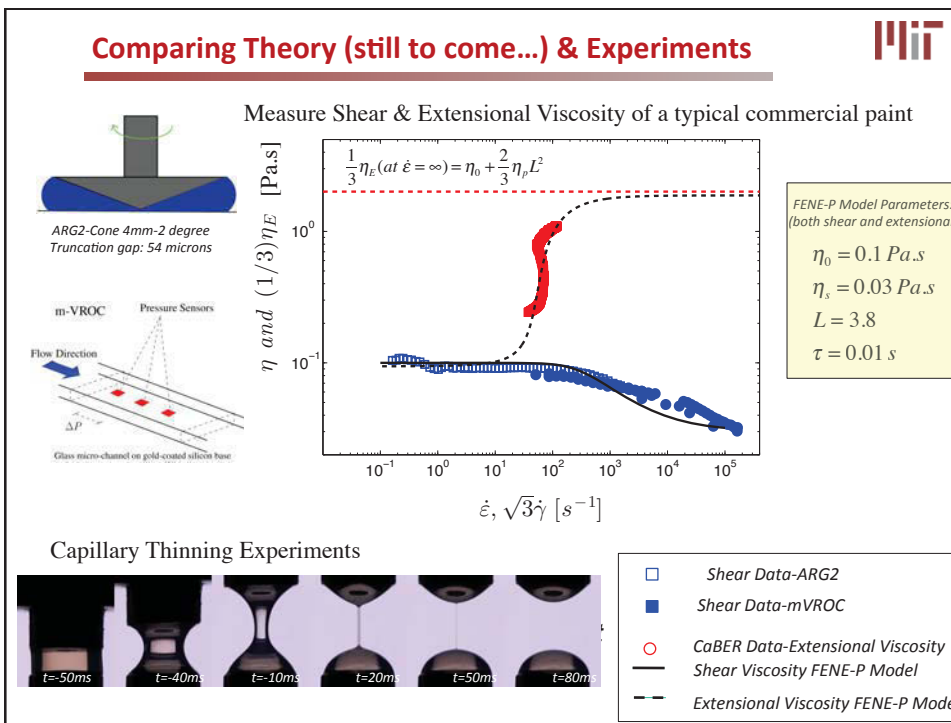
Inertio-capillary effects

$$Oh = \frac{\eta_0}{\sqrt{\rho \sigma R_0}} \ll 1$$

- Viscous effects are never important compared to inertial, capillary, elastic effects!!
  - **Inviscid Viscoelastic Fluids...**

V. Tiratmadja, J.J. Cooper-White *et al.*, *Phys Fluids* **18** (2006)



### Polymer Additives and Extensional Rheology

$$\nabla v = \frac{\dot{\epsilon}_0}{2} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & +2 \end{pmatrix}$$

- Large axial stresses ("Streamline tension")
- Transient extensional stretching of chains and tensile stress growth...

(extensional viscosity)/(shear viscosity)

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### Summary

- A number of well-characterized instruments now exist for performing measurements of transient extensional rheometry for fluids spanning range from dilute solution to the melt
  - 'constant volume' devices: e.g. FISER, CABER, Münstedt Rheometer
  - 'constant length' devices: e.g. EVF, SER, RME = Meissner Rheometer
- Understanding the kinematics imposed by the instrument and the dynamics of filament evolution is essential in order to extract the true material functions
- Challenges still remain:
  - Theory for filament deformation and rupture at very high strains
  - Measurements for 'weakly elastic' materials "non-spinnable materials"
  - Understanding and exploiting extensional viscosity on the microscale:

N. Kojic et al.

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