



Viscoelasticity and Oscillation Experiment

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Overview

- ✓ Repetition of some basic terms
- ✓ Viscoelastic behavior
- ✓ Experimental approach to viscoelasticity by Oscillation

Amplitude sweep

Frequency sweep

Temperature sweep

Time sweep

Repetition of some basic terms

Calculation of the dynamic viscosity

Viscosity (dynamic) η [Pa·s]

Shear stress τ [Pa]

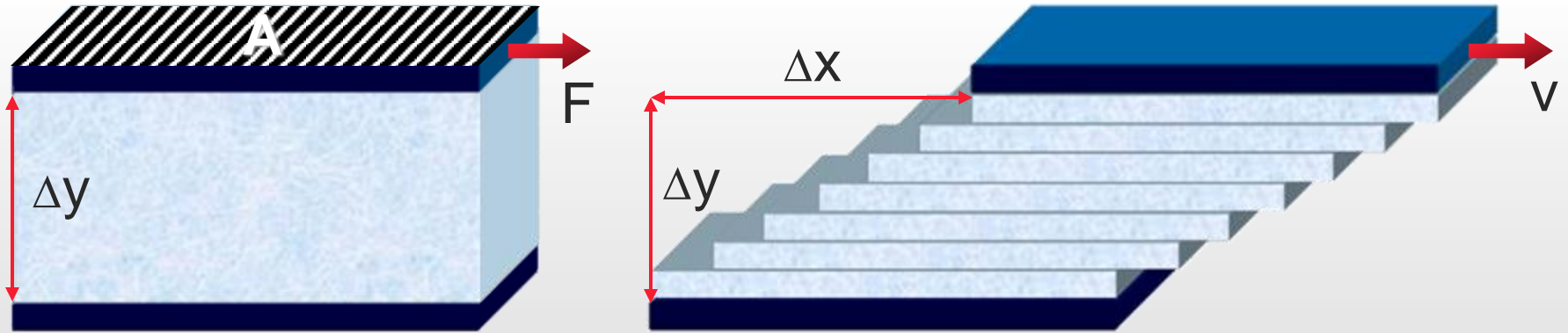
Deformation γ [-]

Shear rate $\dot{\gamma}$ [1/s]


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

Repetition of some basic terms

Calculation of the dynamic viscosity



$$\tau = \frac{\text{Force}}{\text{Area}} = \frac{F}{A} \left[\frac{\text{N}}{\text{m}^2} = \text{Pa} \right]$$

$$\gamma = \frac{\text{Displacement}}{\text{Distance}} = \frac{\Delta x}{\Delta y} \left[\frac{\cancel{\text{m}}}{\cancel{\text{m}}} \right]$$

$$\dot{\gamma} = \frac{dv}{dy} = \frac{dy}{dt} \left[\frac{\cancel{\text{m}}}{\cancel{\text{s}} \cdot \cancel{\text{m}}} = \frac{1}{\text{s}} \right]$$

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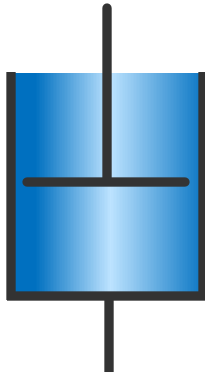
Time sweep

General considerations about viscoelasticity

Viscosity and elasticity

Viscosity

Dashpot



Investigated mainly with tests performed in rotation

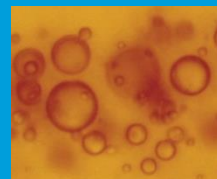
Elasticity

Spring



Investigated mainly with tests performed in oscillation

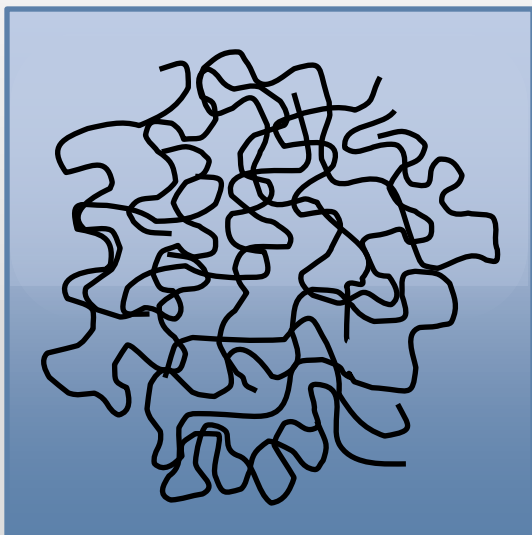
Real Systems



Viscoelastic behavior

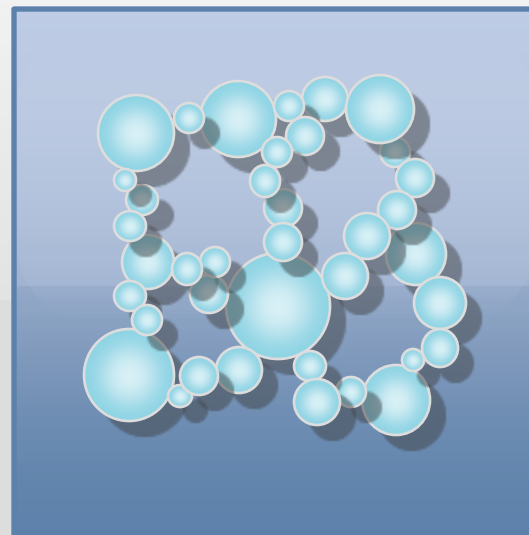
Reasons for viscoelasticity

Entanglements



- ✓ Polymer solutions
- ✓ Polymer melts

Network formation



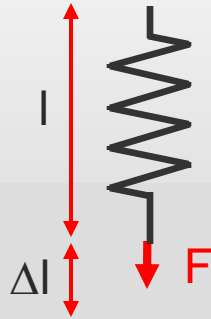
- ✓ Emulsions
- ✓ Suspensions

Viscoelastic behavior

Applying Hookke's law to rheology

Purely elastic behavior

Spring



$$k = \text{Spring constant} = \frac{F}{\Delta l}$$

Viscoelastic behavior



$$\gamma = \frac{\Delta x}{\Delta y}$$

$$\tau = \frac{F}{A}$$

Result

✓ Complex modulus G^*

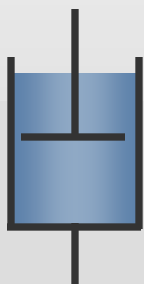
$$G^* = \frac{\tau}{\gamma} \left[\text{Pa} \right]$$

Viscoelastic behavior

Models for viscoelasticity

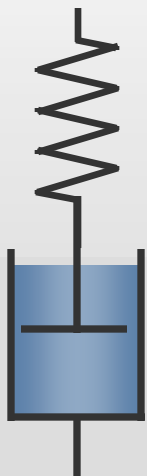
Viscous

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

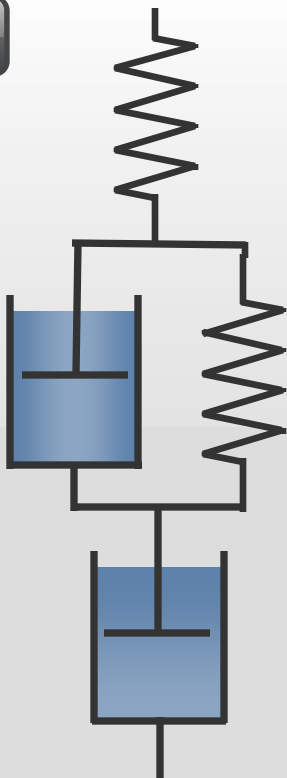


Dash pot

Viscoelastic

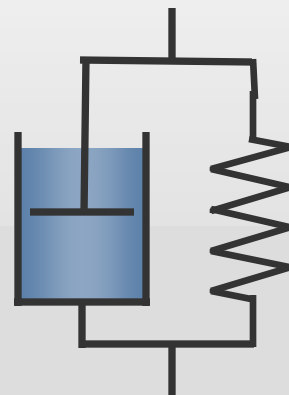


Maxwell Model



Burgers Model

$$\tau = G^* \cdot \gamma$$



Voigt/Kelvin Model

Elastic

$$F = k \cdot \Delta l$$



Spring

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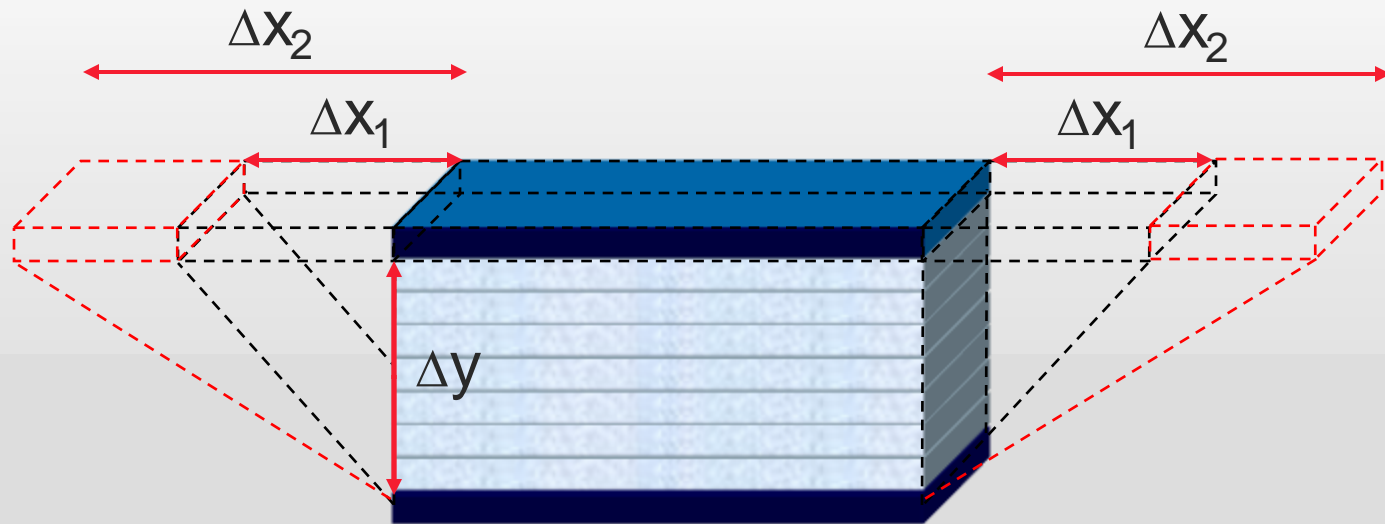
✓ Experimental approach to viscoelasticity

Oscillation

Oscillation

Principle of measurement

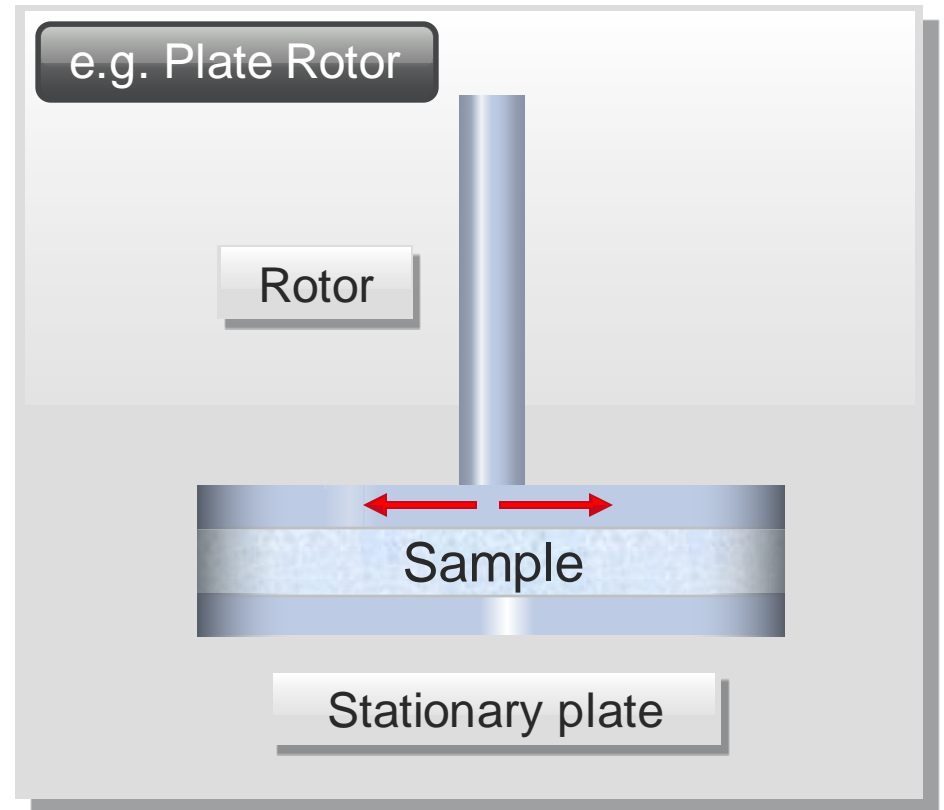
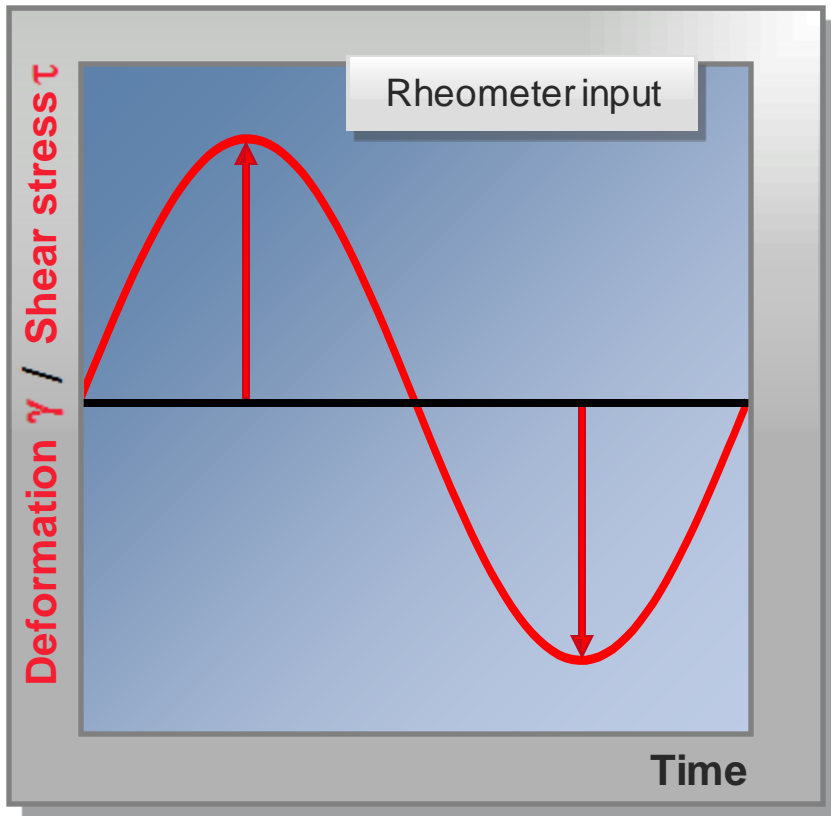
Two-Plates-Model



- ✓ A usually sinusoidal oscillation is being applied by the rheometer
- ✓ Controllable parameters are the maximum amplitude (Δx_i) of the shear stress (τ) or deformation (γ) as well as the (angular) frequency (f , ω) and the temperature (T)

Oscillation

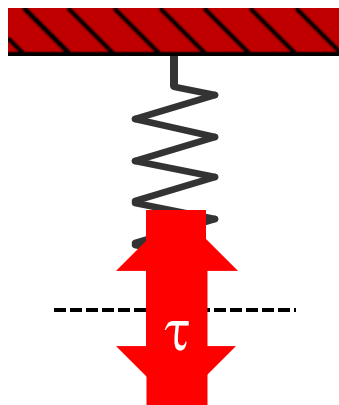
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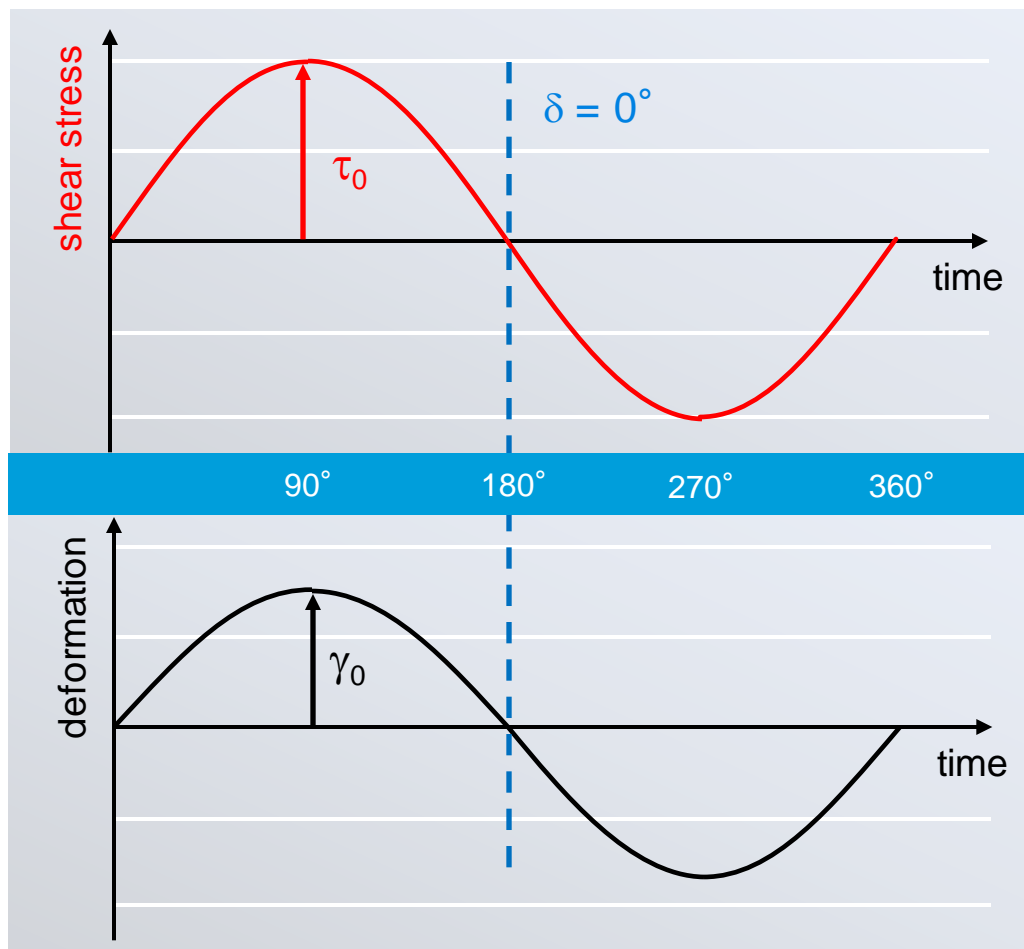
Oscillatory experiments

Principle of measurement

Purely elastic material



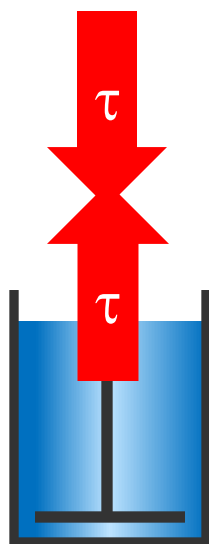
No phase shift between input
and response



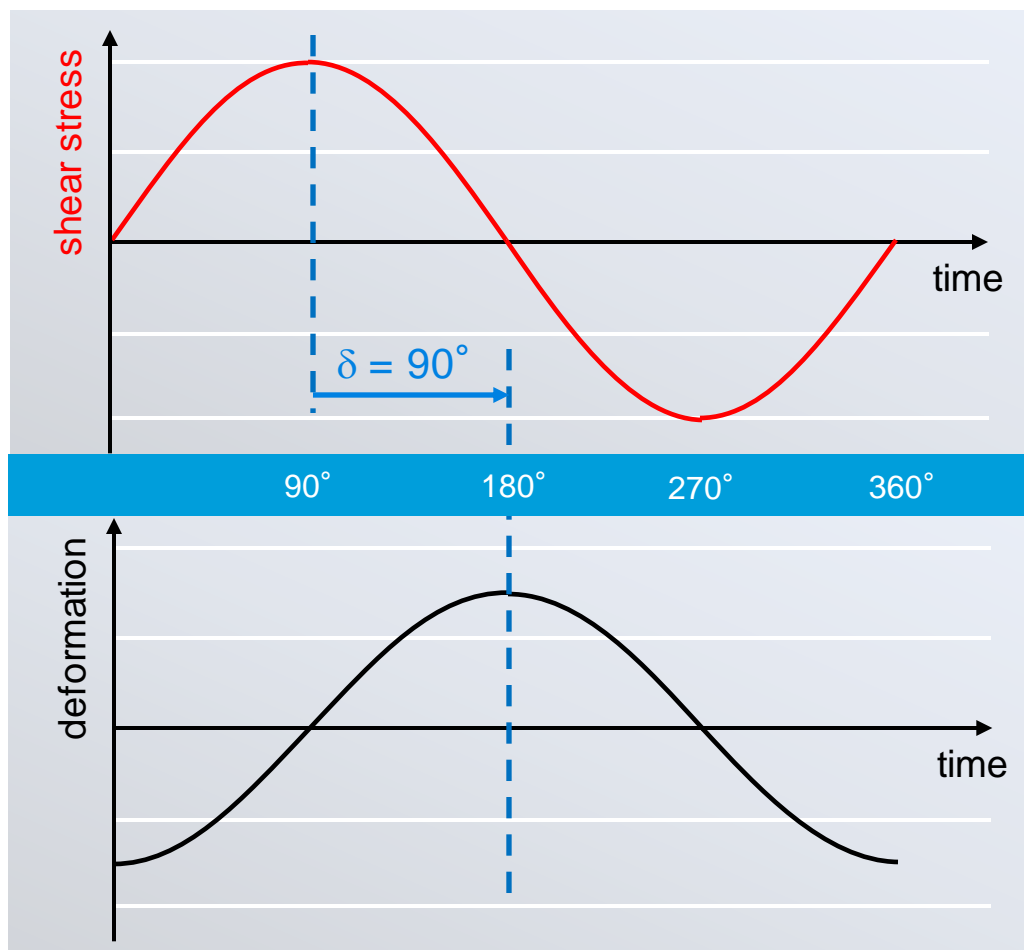
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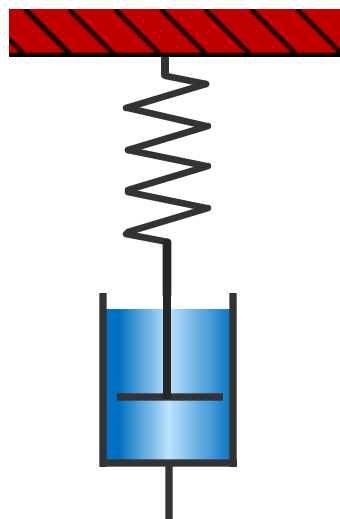
Phase shift (δ) between stress and deformation signal is 90°



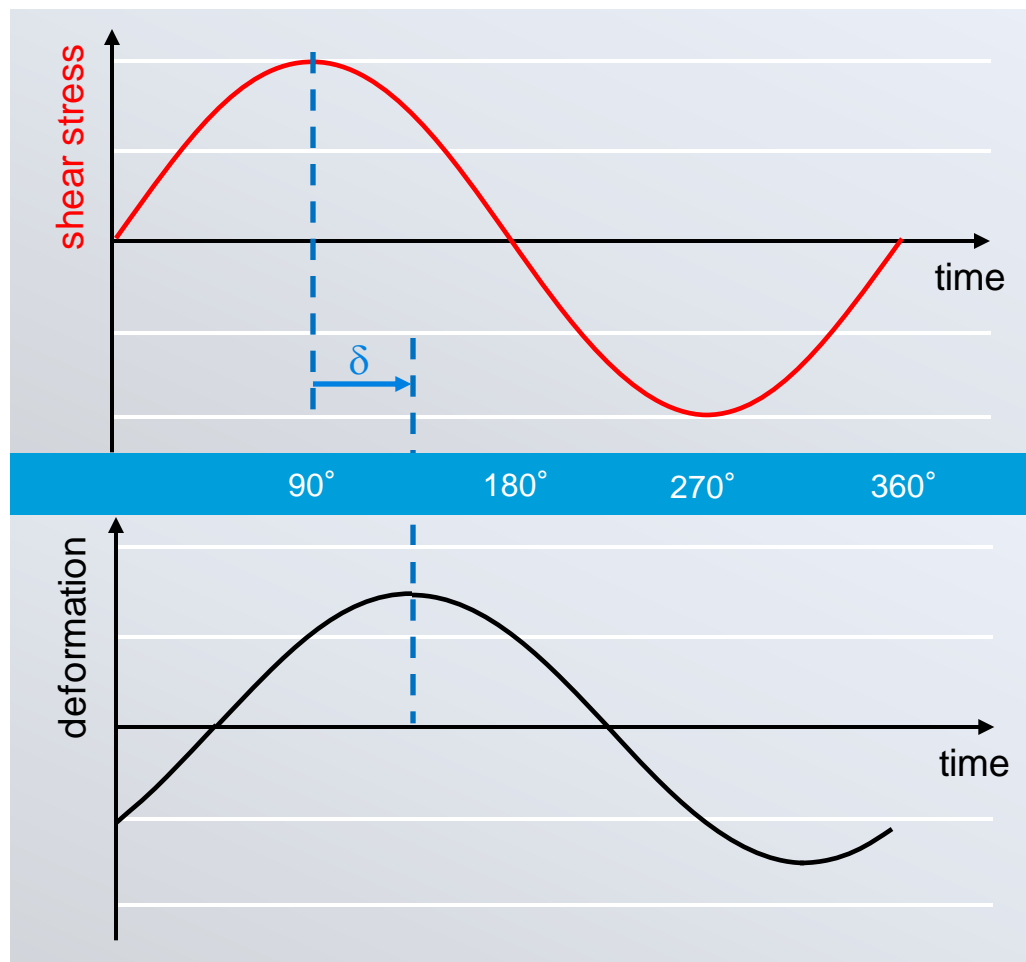
Oscillatory experiments

Principle of measurement

Viscoelastic sample



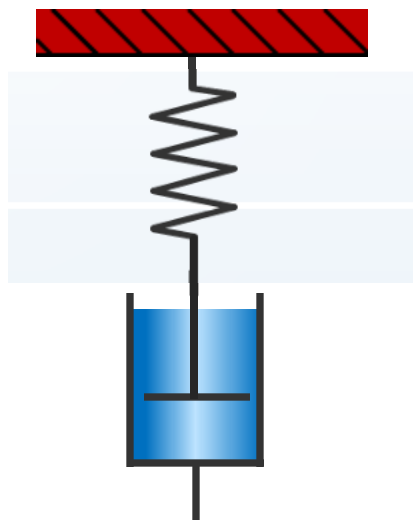
Phase shift (δ) between stress and deformation signal is between 0° and 90°



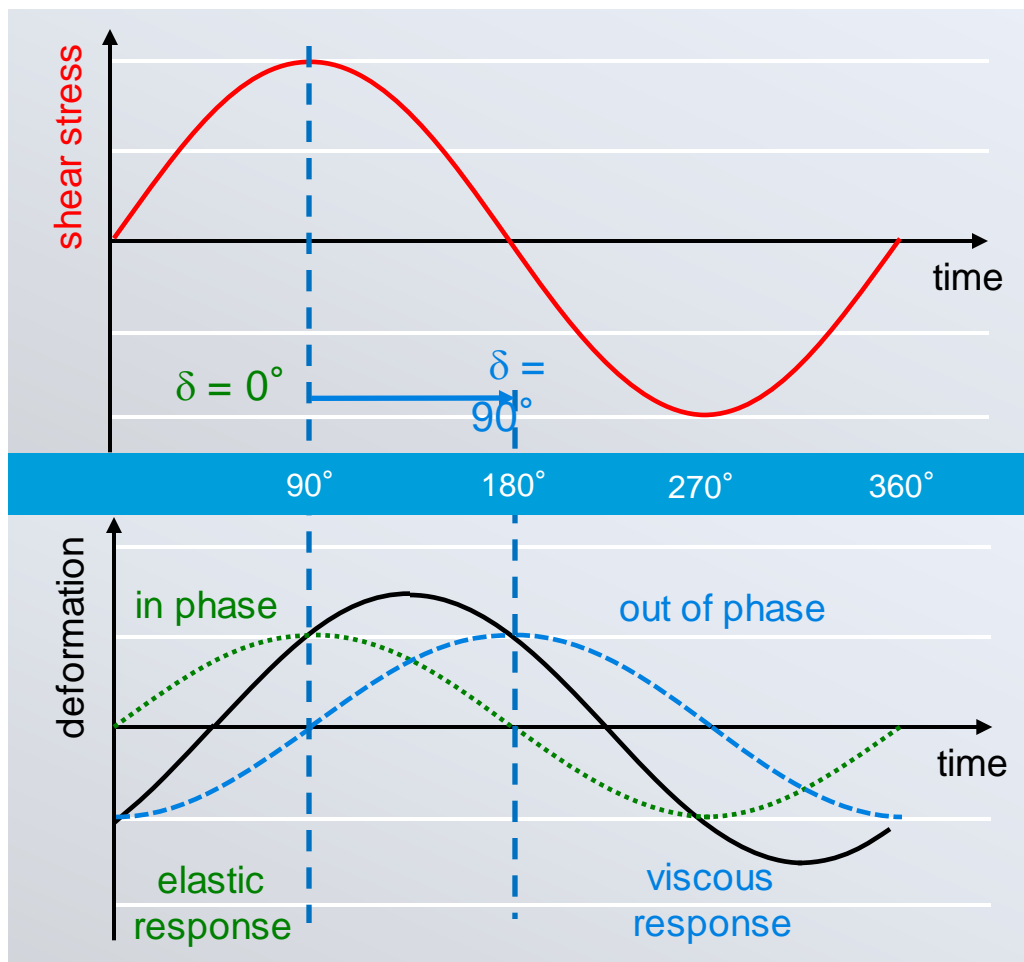
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Oscillation

Results I

- ✓ Complex modulus

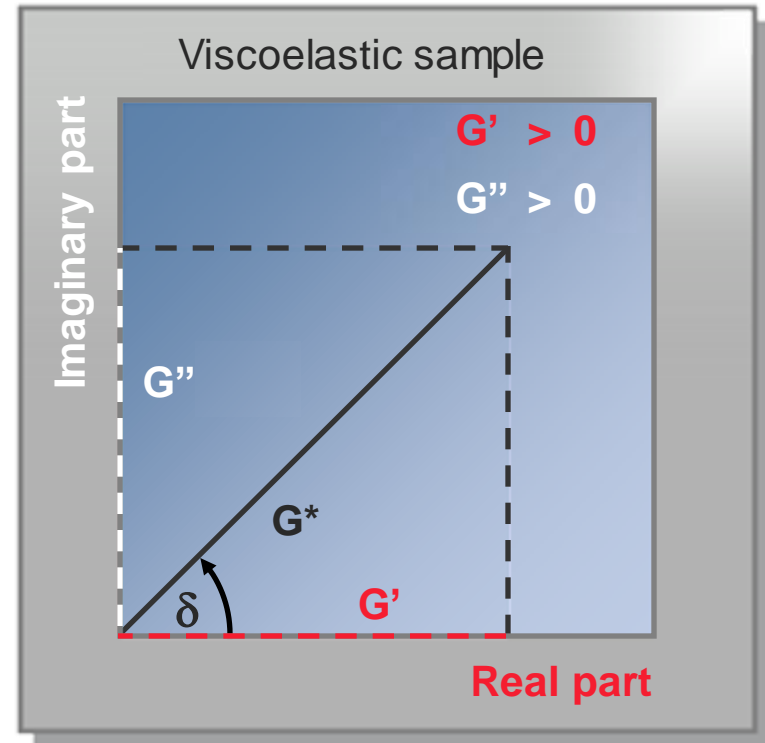
$$G^* = G' + i G'' \quad (i^2 = -1)$$

- ✓ Storage modulus

G' (elastic part)

- ✓ Loss modulus

G'' (viscous part, damping)



Oscillation

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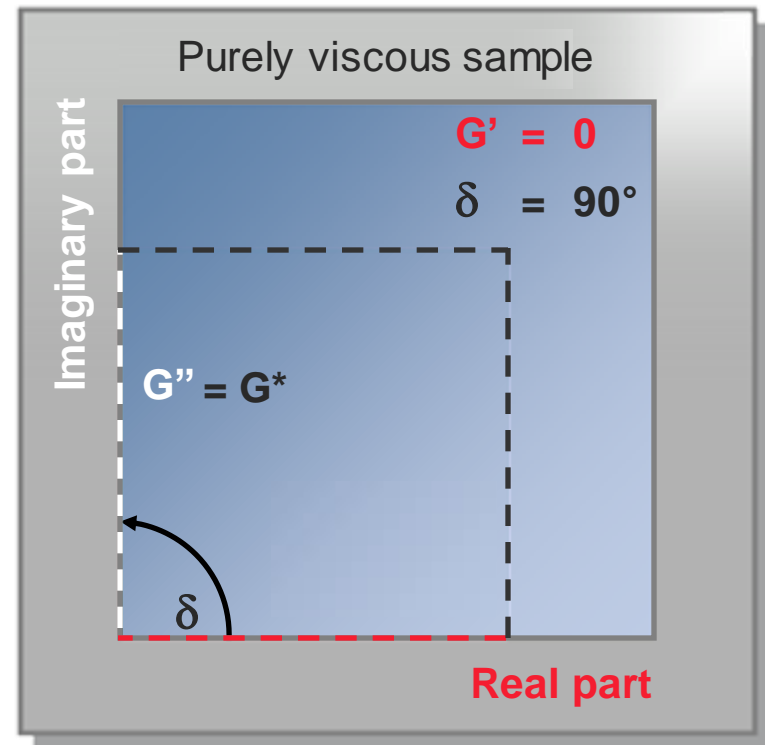
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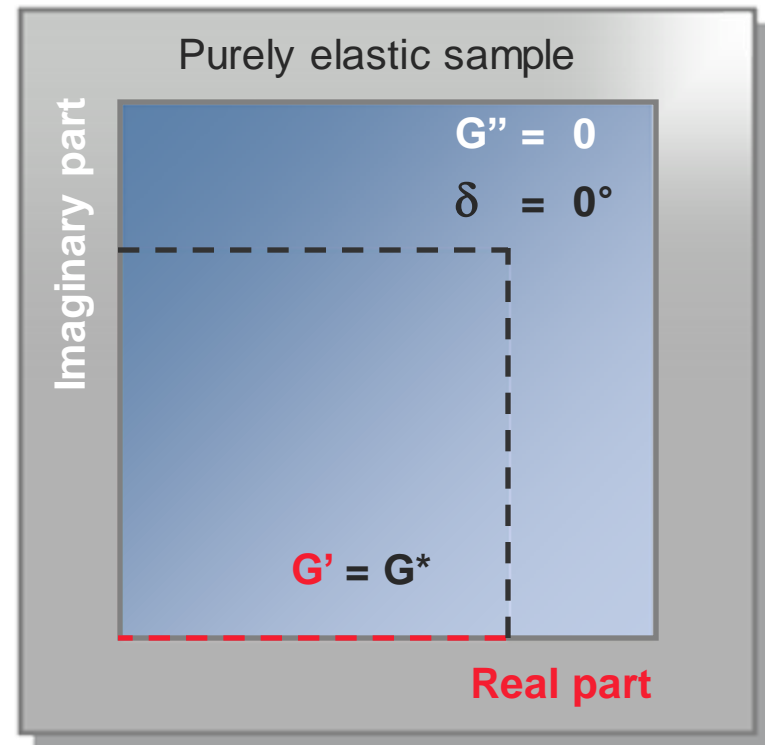
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- ✓ Phase angle δ ($0^\circ \geq \delta \leq 90^\circ$)
- ✓ Loss factor $\tan\delta = G'' / G'$
- ✓ Complex viscosity $\eta^* = G^* / i \omega$
- ✓ Angular frequency $\omega = 2\pi f$
($f = \text{frequency}$)

Oscillatory experiments

When to perform oscillatory measurements

- When information about viscoelasticity is wanted
- When the material's behavior at rest is of interest
- When a phase transition of a material is investigated
- When rotational experiments cannot be performed because
 - the investigated material is too elastic
 - the investigated material shows wall slip effects

Oscillatory experiments

Oscillatory test methods

Oscillatory tests in controlled deformation CD or controlled stress CS

Amplitude Sweep

$$G', G'', \delta \dots = f(\gamma_0 \text{ or } \tau_0)$$

- Increasing the amplitude of applied stress or deformation signal
- Determination of linear viscoelastic range (LVR)

Frequency Sweep

$$G', G'', \delta \dots = f(f \text{ or } \omega)$$

- Changing frequency while keeping amplitude constant
- Determination of material character at different time scales

Temperature sweep

$$G', G'', \delta \dots = f(T)$$

- Determination of temperature depending phase transitions and structural changes

Time Sweep

$$G', G'', \delta \dots = f(t)$$

- Investigation of curing and cross linking reactions
- Stability tests



Oscillation

Amplitude sweep

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Amplitude sweep

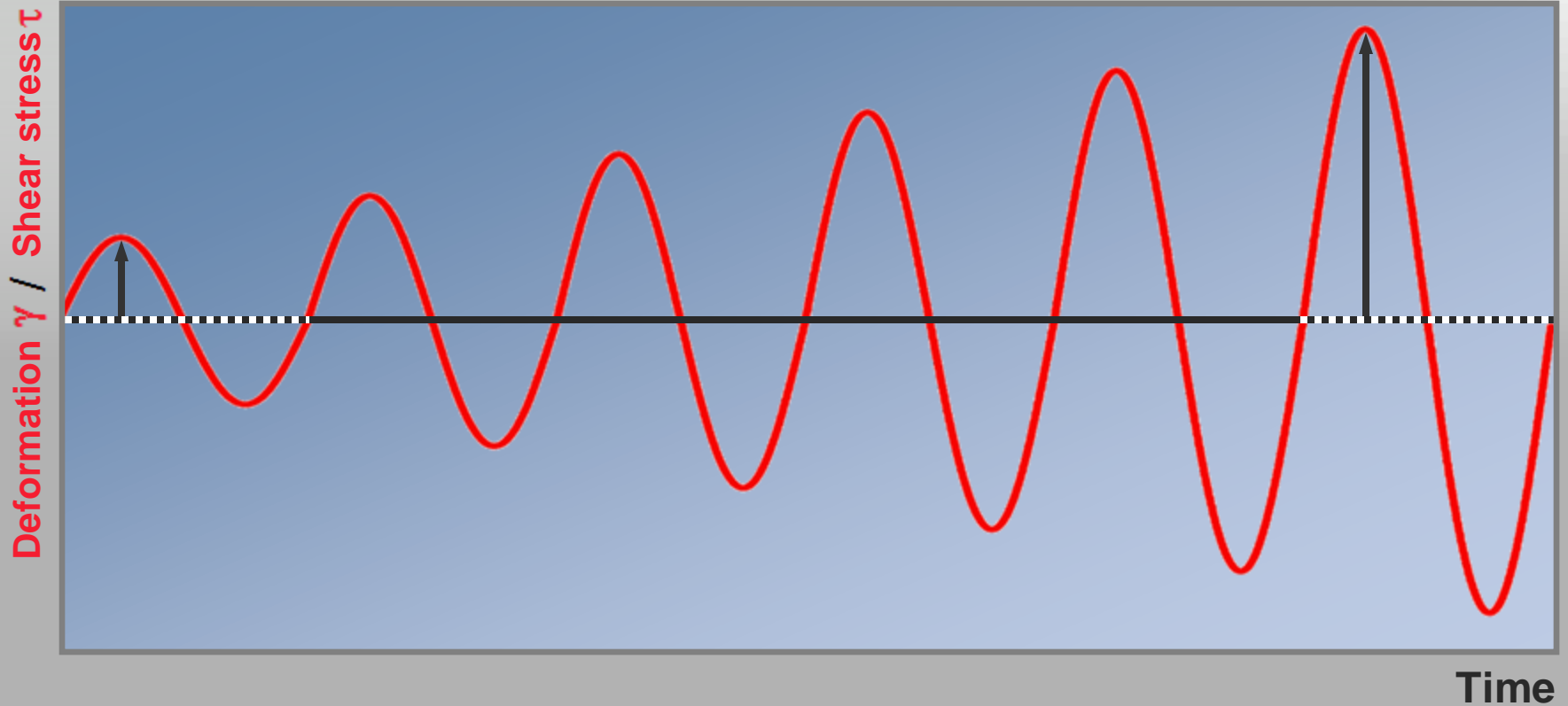
Increasing amplitude in shear stress τ (CS) or deformation γ (CD) with constant frequency

- ✓ Determination of the linear-viscoelastic range (LVR), where material functions (G' , G'' , δ) are independent of the stress or the deformation applied
- ✓ Information about product stability
e.g. gel strength

Oscillation

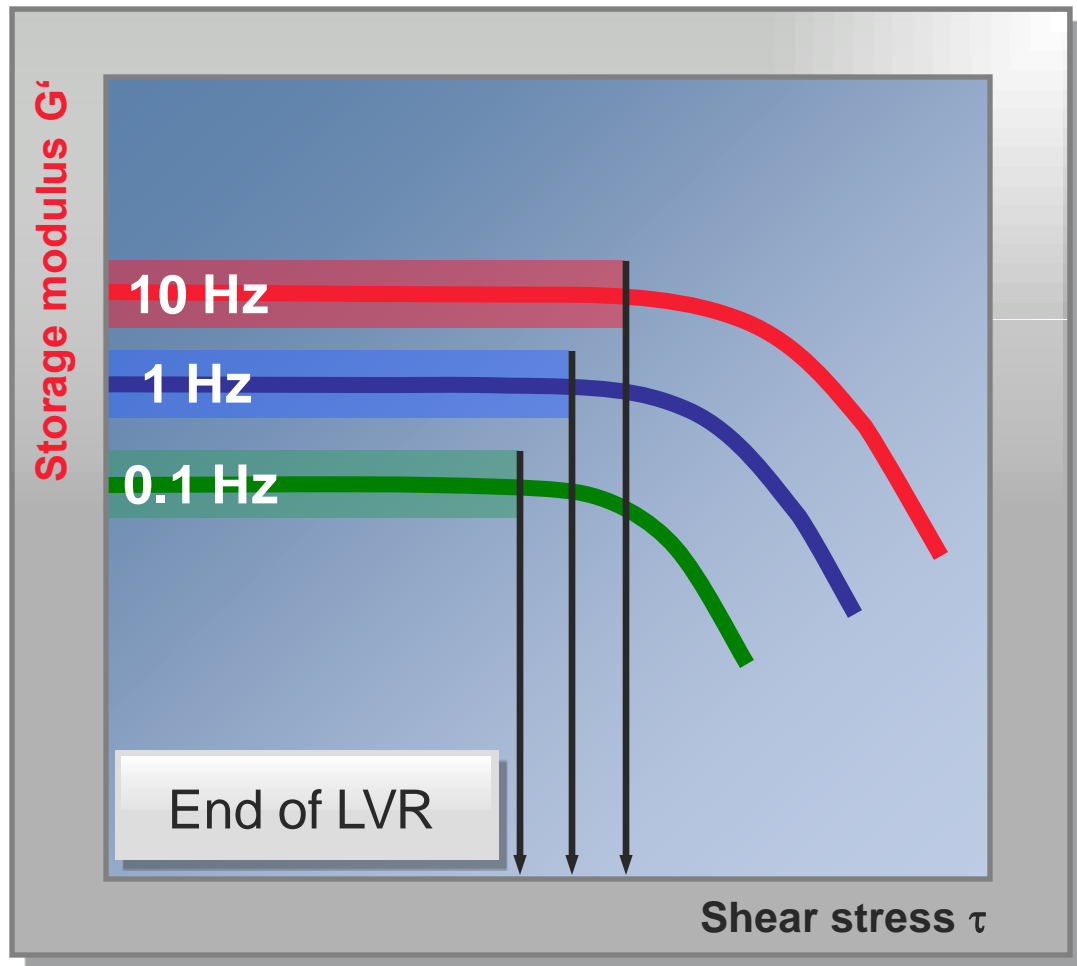
Amplitude sweep

Increasing amplitude in shear stress τ (CS) or deformation γ (CD) with const. frequency



Oscillation

Amplitude sweep



Plotted over τ

Width of the linear-viscoelastic range (LVR) depends on the frequency

Plotted over γ

Width of LVR is less frequency depending

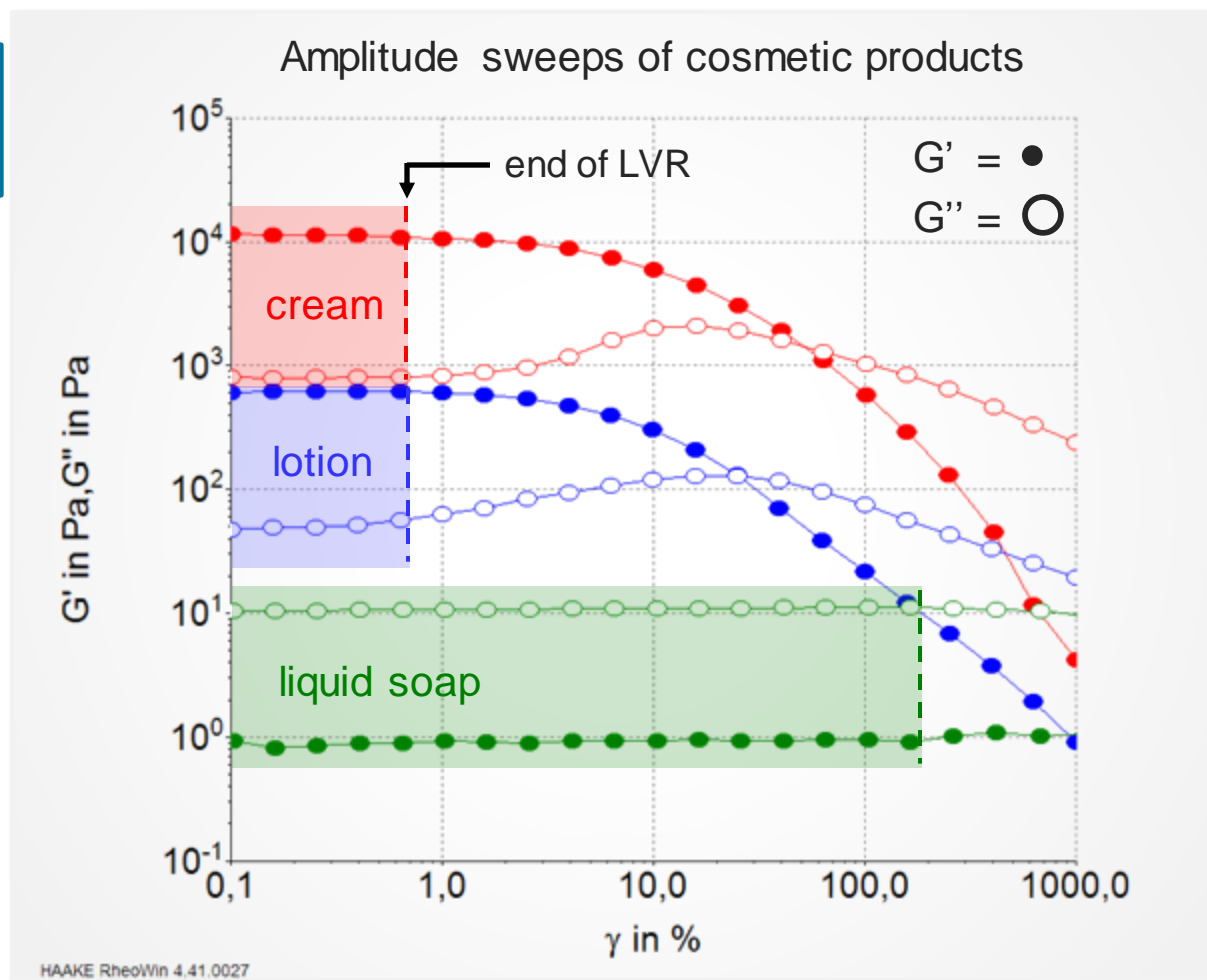
Oscillatory experiments

Oscillatory test methods

Amplitude Sweep

$$G', G'', \delta \dots = f(\gamma_0 \text{ or } \tau_0)$$

- Determination of the linear viscoelastic range (LVR)
- Within LVR rheological parameters are independent of applied deformation / stress
- Within LVR microstructure of sample does not change





Oscillation

Frequency sweep

Oscillation

Frequency sweep

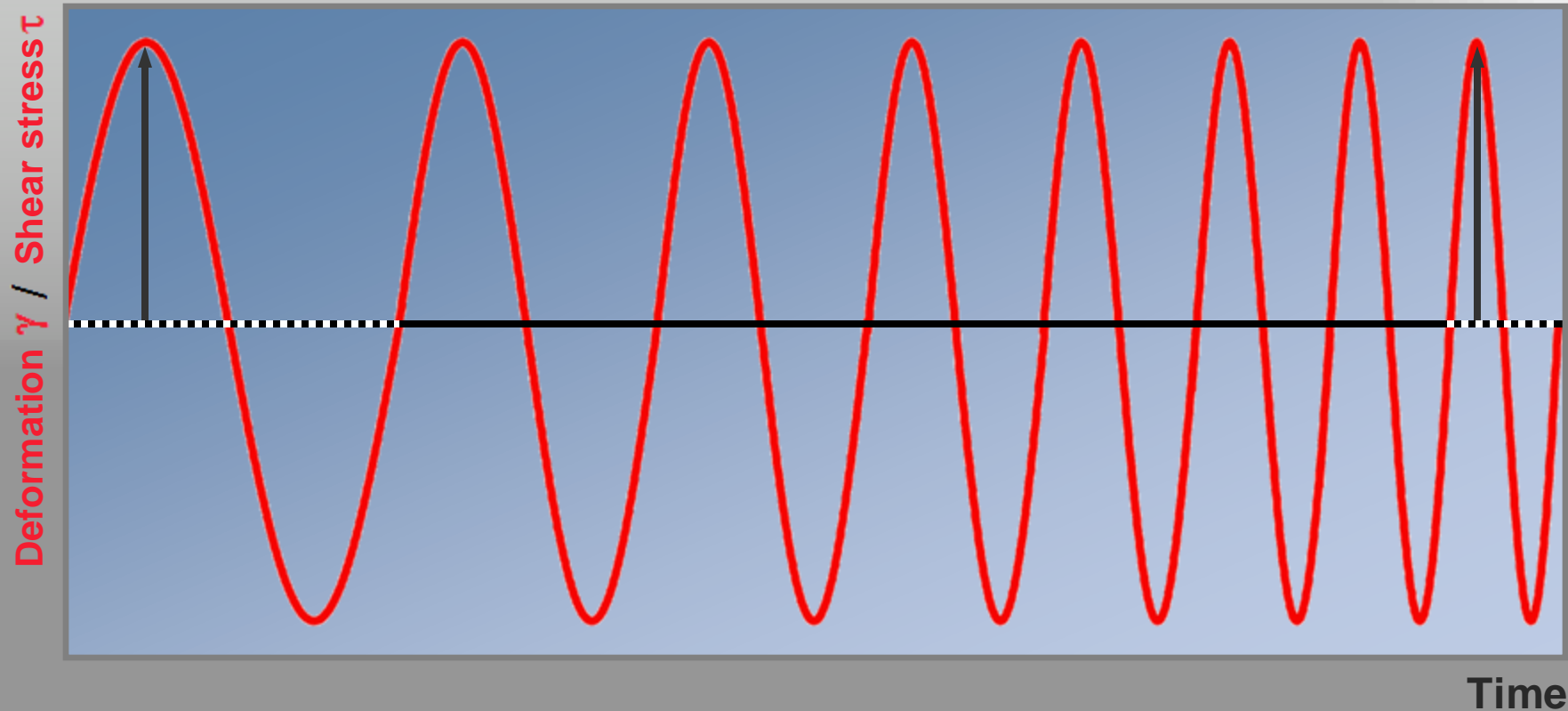
Variation of frequency with constant shear stress τ or deformation γ respectively

- ✓ Determination of material's structure
- ✓ Determination of material's properties, which cannot be measured in shear

Oscillation

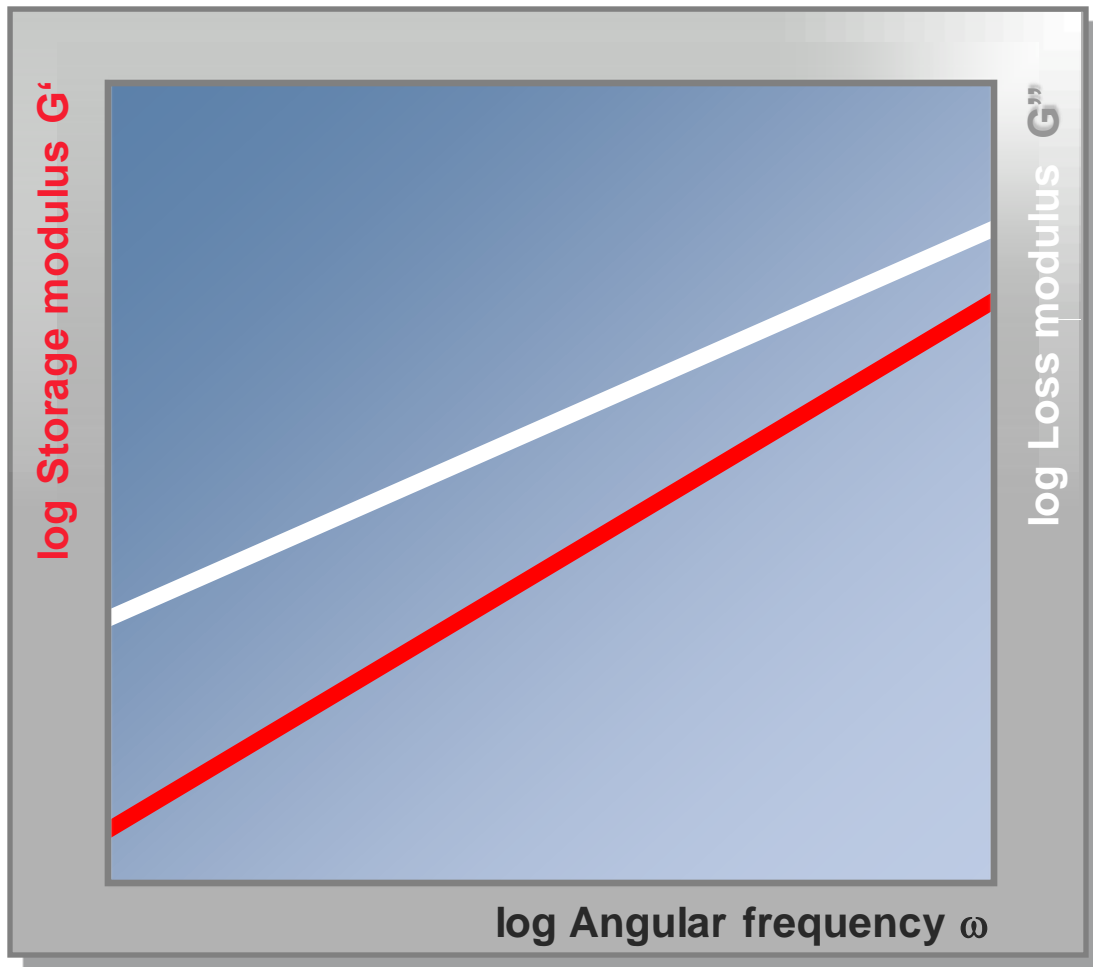
Frequency sweep

Variation of Frequency with const. shear stress τ or deformation γ



Oscillation

Frequency sweep



Viscous Flow

The samples behaves mainly viscous over the entire measuring range

$$G' < G''$$

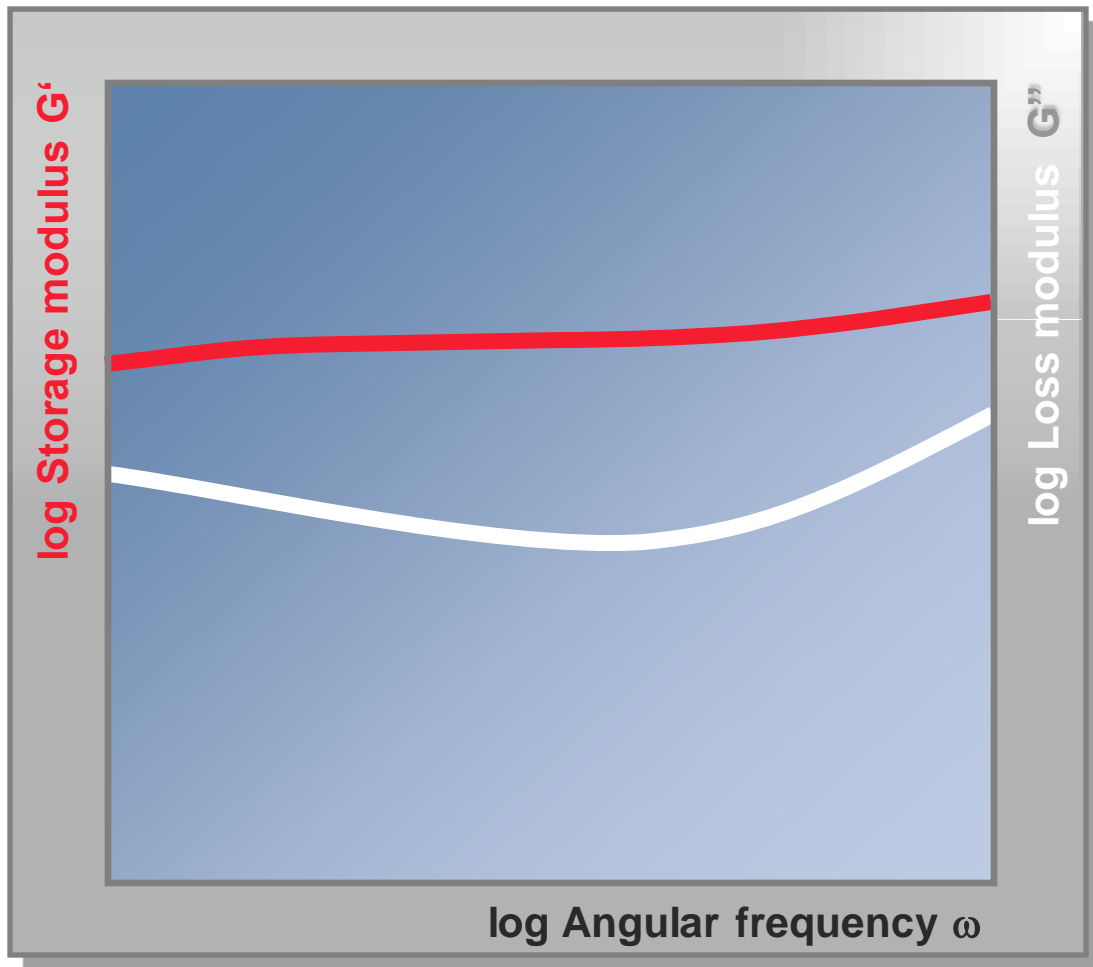
For ideal viscous samples:

$$\text{Slope } G'(\omega) = 2$$

$$\text{Slope } G''(\omega) = 1$$

Oscillation

Frequency sweep



Elastic Plateau

Sample behavior is dominated by the elastic properties

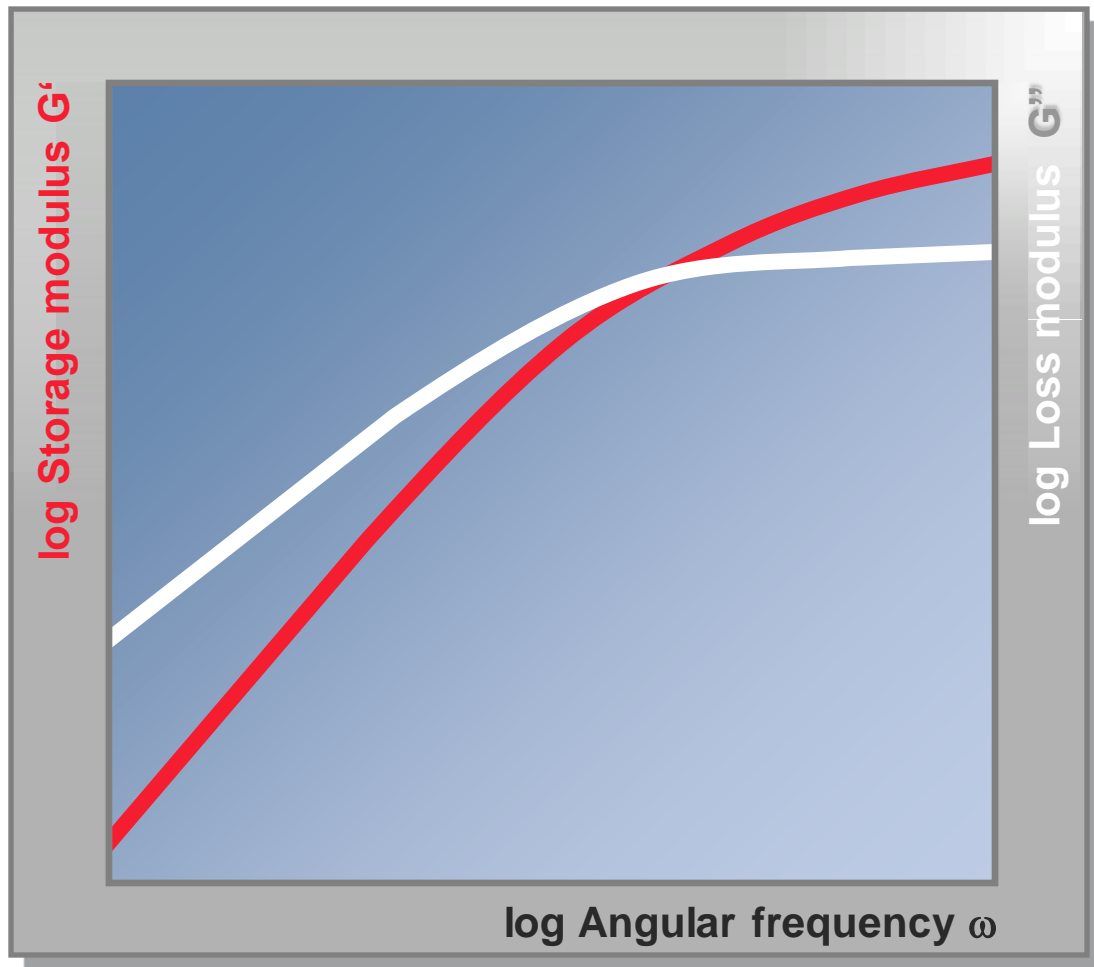
$$G' > G''$$

Examples:

- ✓ Cross linked Polymers
- ✓ Physical Networks

Oscillation

Frequency sweep



Viscoelastic behavior

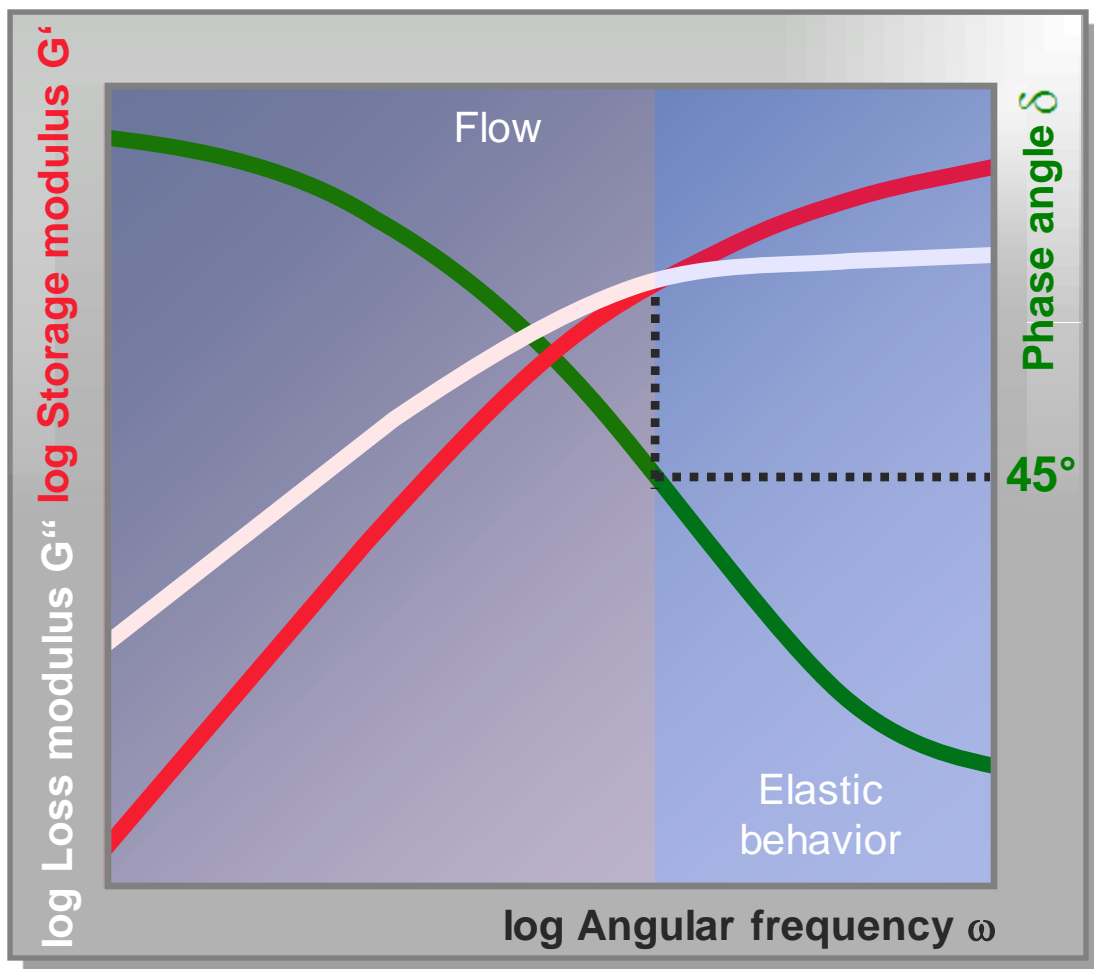
In the region of low frequencies the sample behaves viscous

At high frequencies the elastic behavior predominates

Cross-Over-Point $G' = G''$

Oscillation

Frequency sweep



Cross-Over-Point

The Cross-Over-Point $G' = G''$ separates viscous flow at low frequencies and elastic behavior at higher frequencies

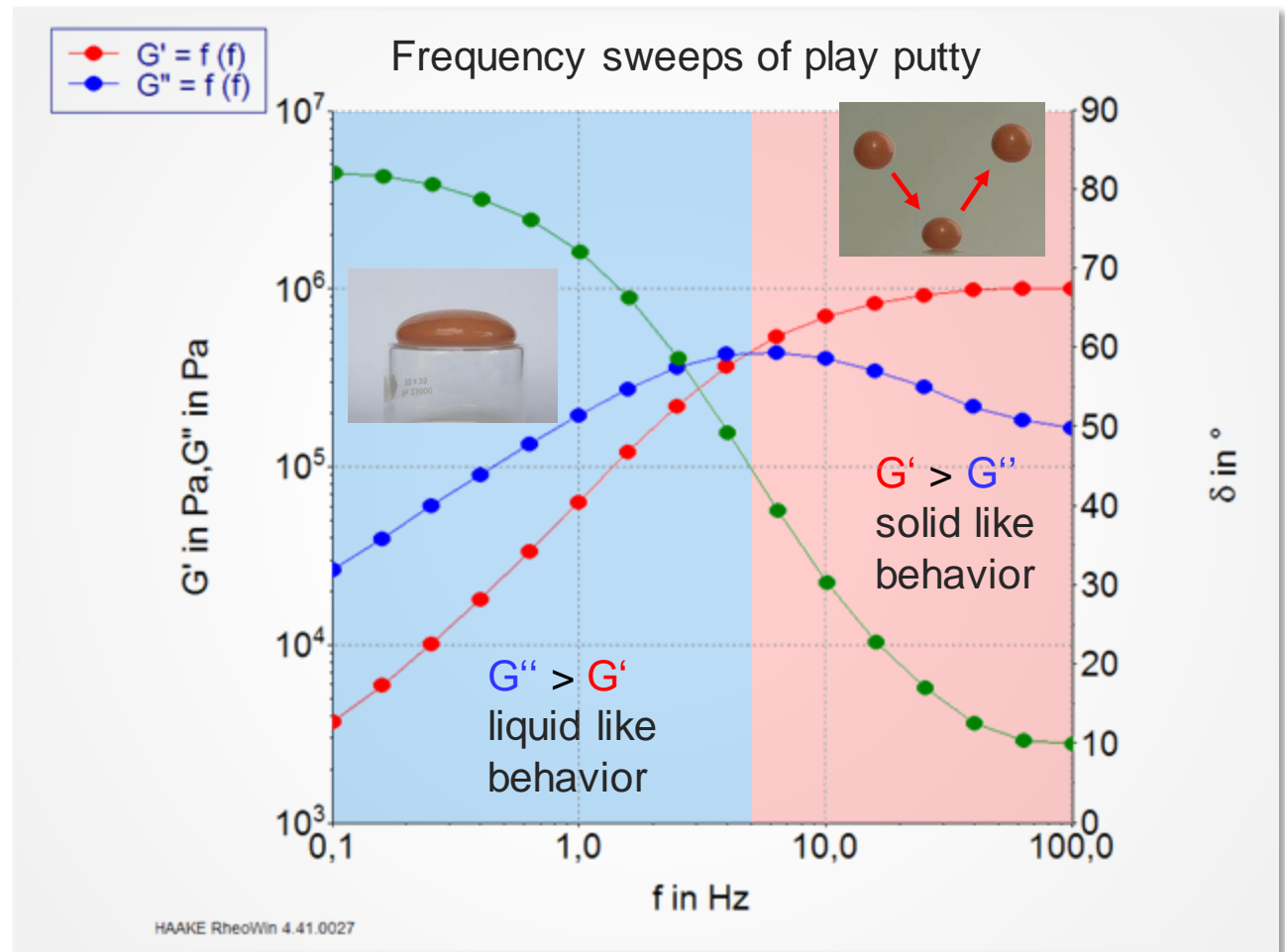
Oscillatory experiments

Oscillatory test methods

Frequency Sweep

$$G', G'', \delta \dots = f(f \text{ or } \omega)$$

- Performed within LVR
- Within LVR rheological parameters are independent of applied deformation or stress



Oscillatory experiments

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Frequency Sweep

$G', G'', \delta \dots = f(f \text{ or } \omega)$

- a) viscoelastic fluid

liquid soap

- b) viscoelastic fluid

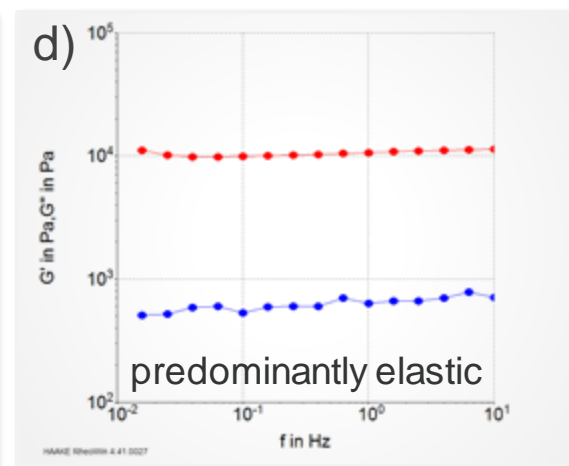
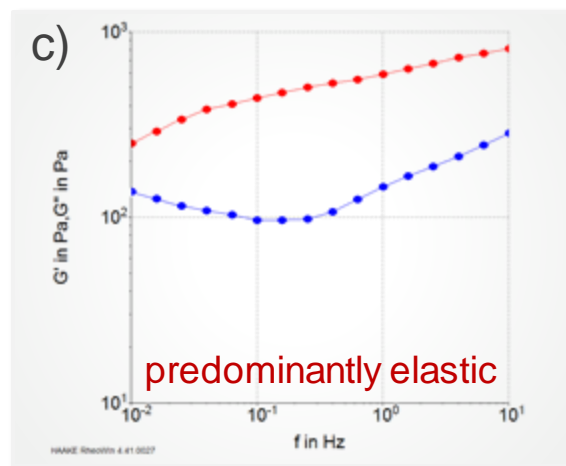
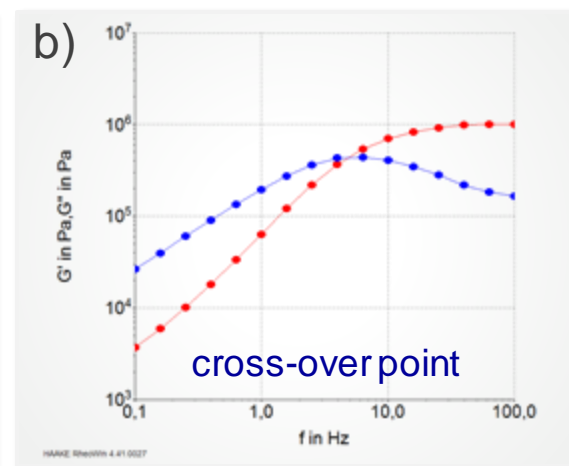
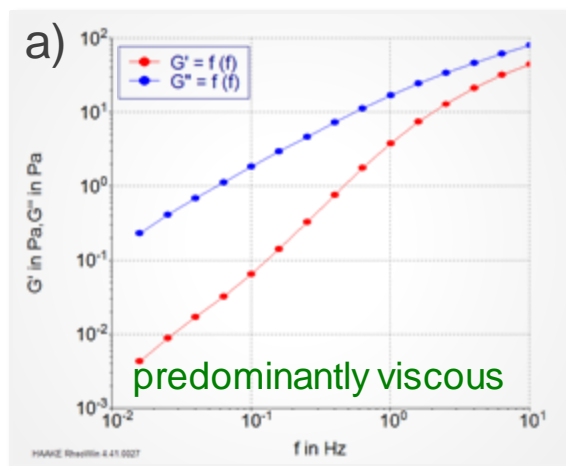
play putty

- c) viscoelastic solid

soft lotion

- d) viscoelastic solid

stiff cream



Oscillation

Frequency sweep

Freq. [Hz]	Time [s]	Time [min]	Time [h]	Time [d]
100	0.01			
10	0.1			
1	1			
0.1	10	0.17		
0.01	100	1.67		
0.001	1000	16.7	0.28	
0.0001	10000	167	2.78	0.12
0.00001	100000	1670	27.8	1.2
0.000001	1000000	16700	278	12



Oscillation

Temperature sweep

Oscillation

Temperature sweep



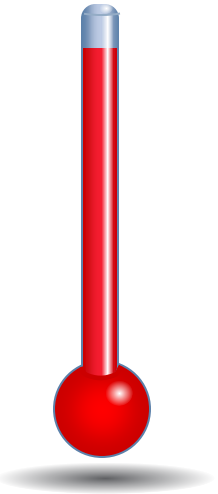
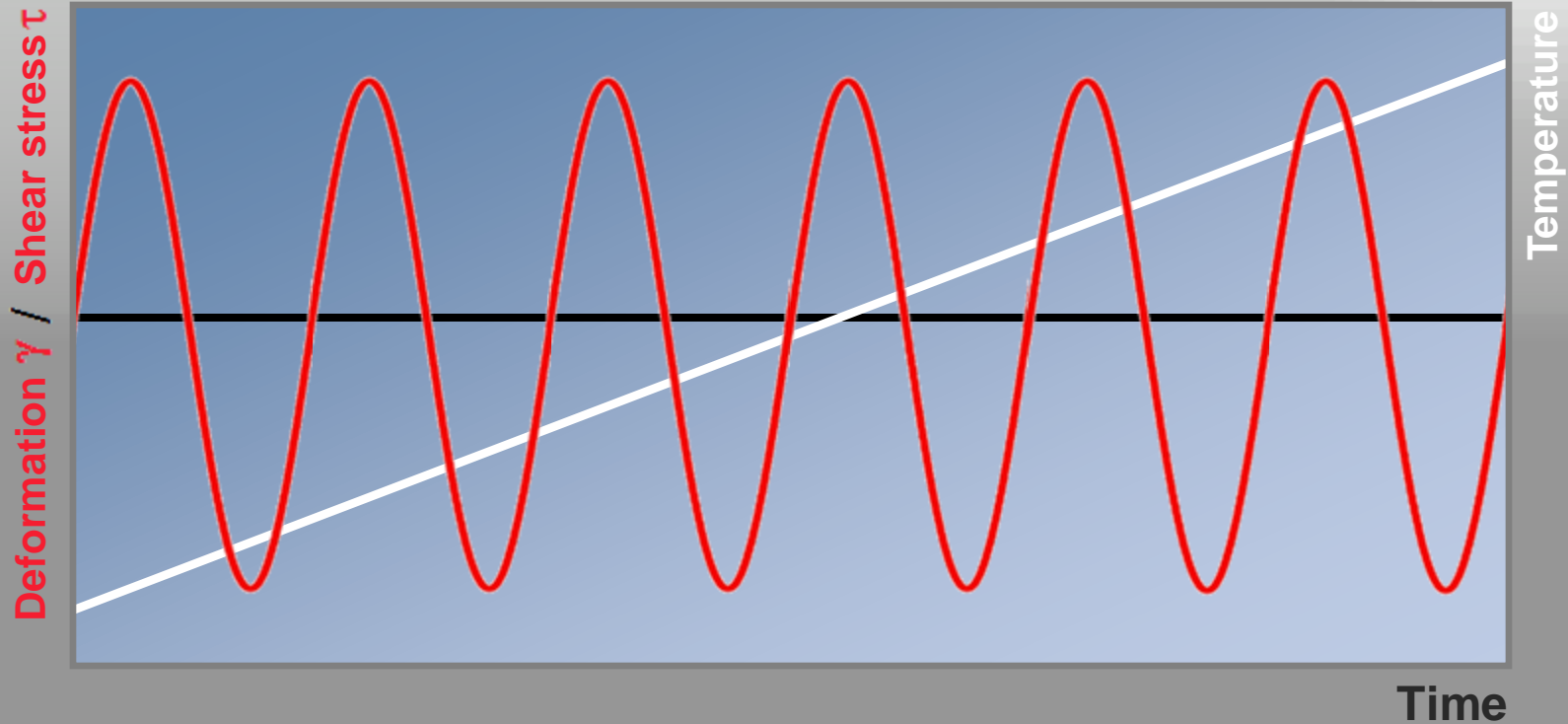
Variation of the temperature with constant shear stress τ or deformation γ and (angular) frequency ω, f

- ✓ Determination of the temperature depending sample characteristics
- ✓ Determination of the glass transition, softening and melting temperature
- ✓ Investigation of crystallization processes and sol-gel transitions

Oscillation

Temperature sweep

Variation of the temperature with const. shear stress τ or deformation γ and (angular) frequency ω, f



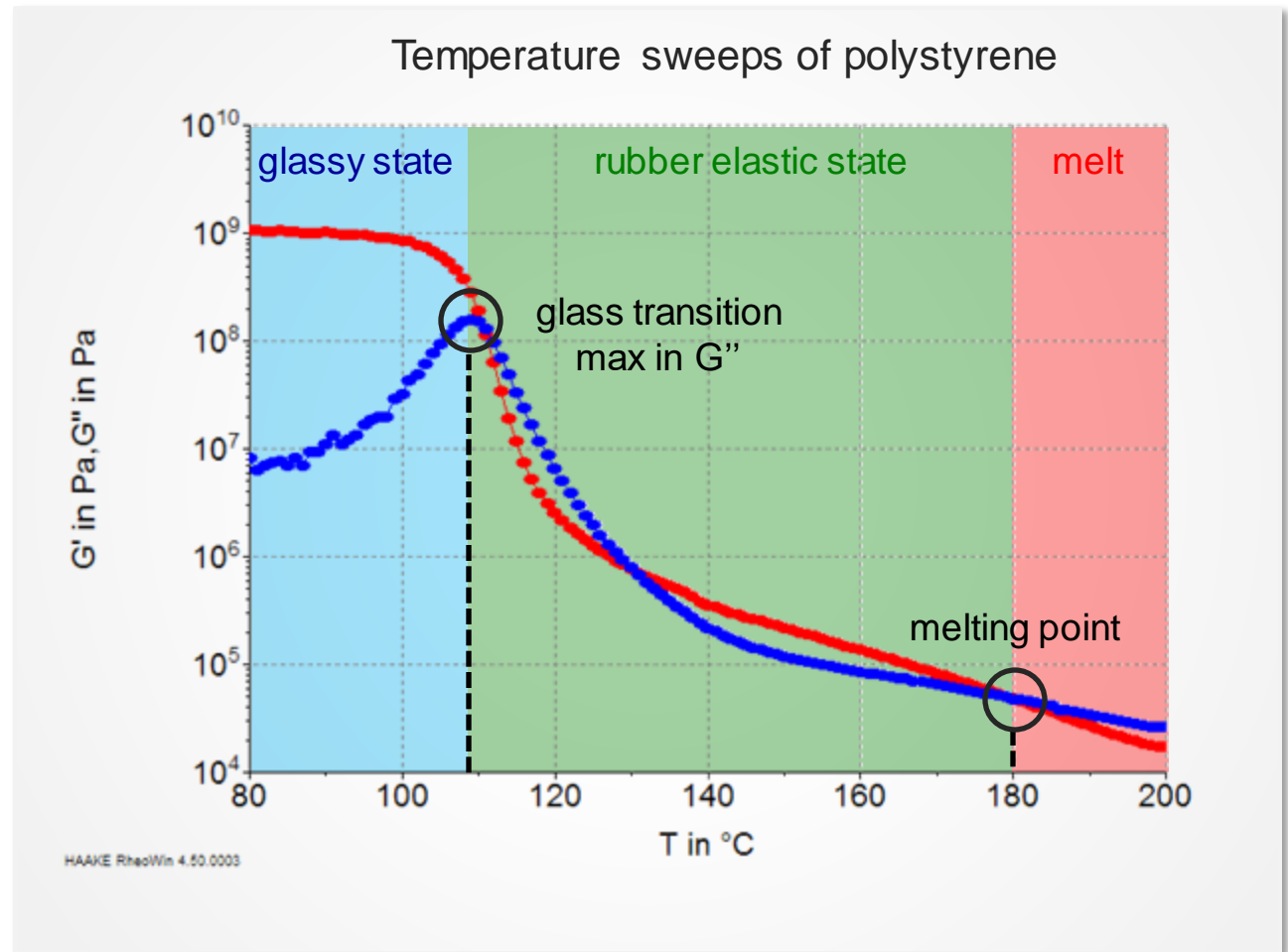
Oscillatory experiments

Oscillatory test methods

Temperature sweep

$$G', G'', \delta \dots = f(T)$$

- Determination of major phase transitions like
 - Melting point
 - Glass transition
- Monitoring temperature induced crystallization



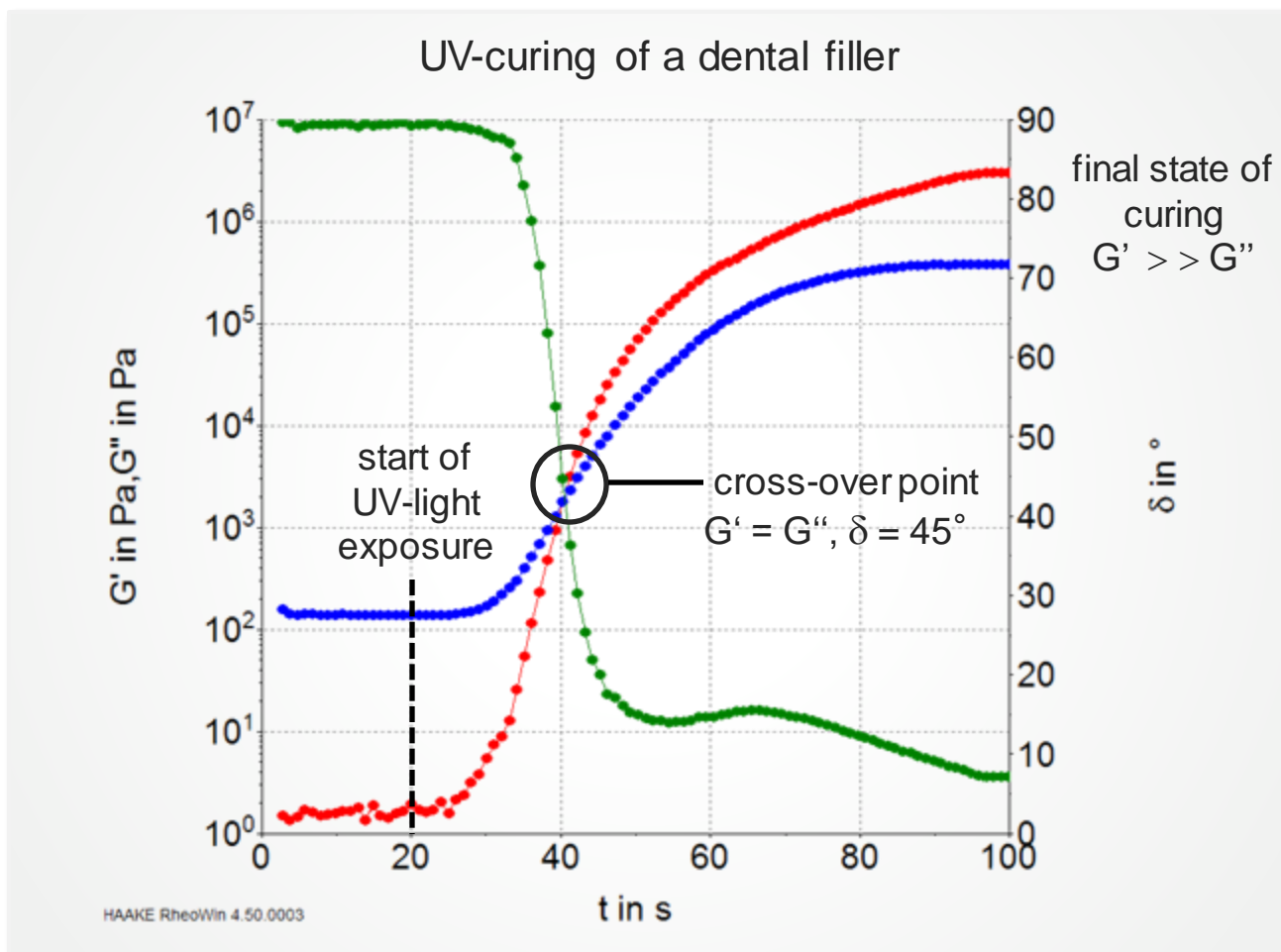
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Time Sweep

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- Monitoring curing and cross-linking reactions
- Phase transition from liquid to solid like
- Cross-over point is often referred to as gel point





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