

From Skeletons to Supercontinents: How Fluid Dynamics Can Model It All

PSS Talk

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Overview

- Many materials we encounter have **viscoelastic** properties.
 - Viscosity: measure of resistance to flow.
 - Elasticity: ability of a material to return to its original state after removal of deforming forces.
- Characterised by a *relaxation time* — quantifies ‘memory’ of deformation history.



Gibson, A., 1972.



Arnold, J., 1955



Disney, 1929.

Polymeric Fluids

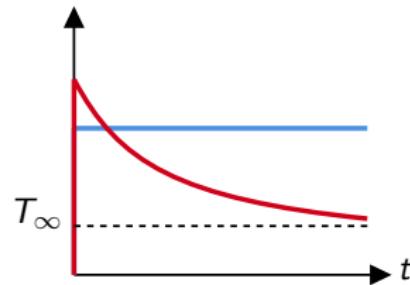
- Polymer — long chain molecule formed of repeating units/monomers.
- Polymer melt — a thermoplastic heated to a temperature above its melting point.
- (Dilute) polymer solution — polymer molecules suspended in a solvent.



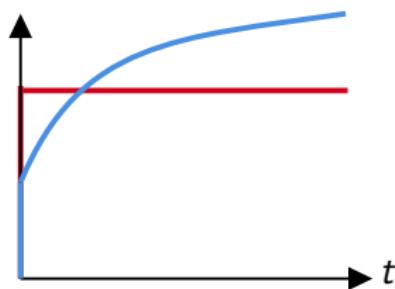
EI, A., 2022.

Properties of Polymeric Fluids

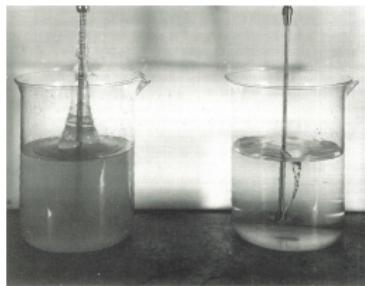
Stress Relaxation:



Creep:

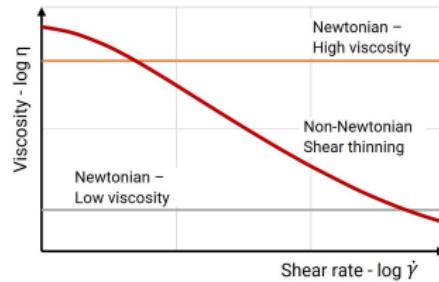


Normal Stress Effects:



Tanner, R. I., 2000

'Variable' Viscosity:

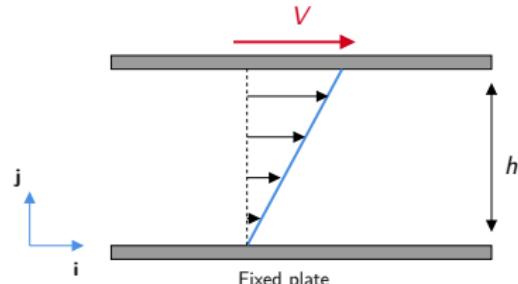


Østergård, A. L., 2020.

Variable Viscosity

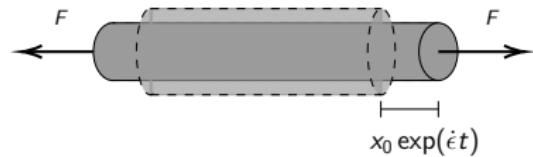
- Shear thinning — shear viscosity η_s should drop with shear rate $\dot{\gamma}$.

$$\mathbf{u} = (\dot{\gamma}y, 0, 0)^T, \dot{\gamma} = \frac{V}{h}$$



- Strain hardening — elongational viscosity η_e should increase with elongation rate $\dot{\epsilon}$.

$$\mathbf{u} = (\dot{\epsilon}x, -\frac{1}{2}\dot{\epsilon}y, -\frac{1}{2}\dot{\epsilon}z)^T$$



Viscoelastic Modelling

Overview

Q. How can we model these materials?

A. Use **conservation laws**.

1 Mass:

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} = 0.$$

2 Momentum:

$$\rho \left(\frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} + (\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{u} \right) = -\nabla p + \nabla \cdot \mathbf{T}, \quad \mathbf{T}^T = \mathbf{T}.$$

With this notation, we also have

$$\eta_s = \frac{T_{12}}{\dot{\gamma}}, \quad \eta_e = \frac{T_{11} - T_{22}}{\dot{\epsilon}}.$$

Viscoelastic Modelling

Specifying \mathbf{T}

We still need to specify $\mathbf{T}!$

$$\rho \left(\frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} + (\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{u} \right) = -\nabla p + \nabla \cdot \mathbf{T}.$$

- $\mathbf{T} = \mathbf{0} \rightarrow \text{inviscid fluids.}$
- $\mathbf{T} = \eta [\nabla \mathbf{u} + \nabla \mathbf{u}^T] := 2\eta \mathbf{D} \rightarrow \text{Newtonian fluids.}$
- $\mathbf{T} = 2\eta(\dot{\gamma}) \mathbf{D} \rightarrow \text{generalised Newtonian fluids.}$

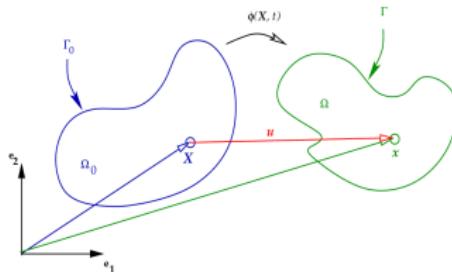
None of these really help us... but we can do better!

Viscoelastic Modelling

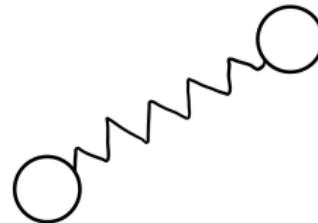
Constitutive Equations

Models fall into four categories:

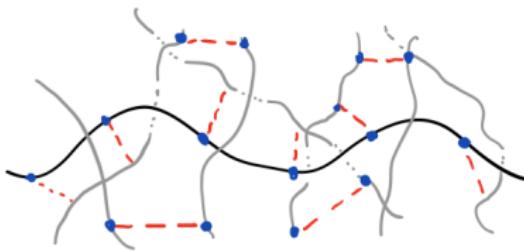
Continuum:



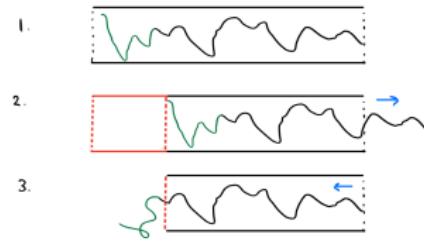
Dumbbell:



Network:



Reptation:



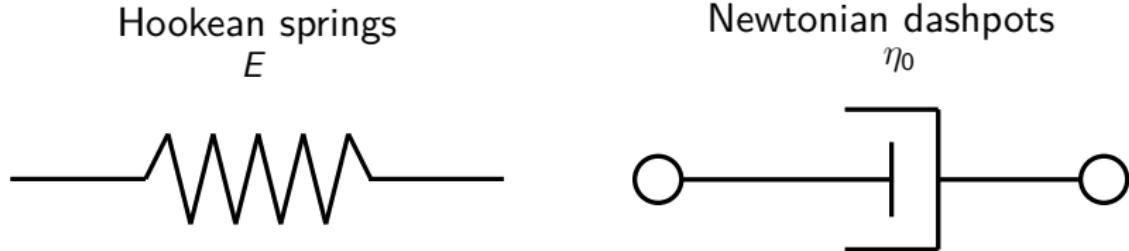


Hutson, M., 2016.

Maxwell Model

Spring-Dashpot Schematics

- Need to capture effects of elasticity and viscosity.
- Initially work in 1D.
- Represent materials schematically.

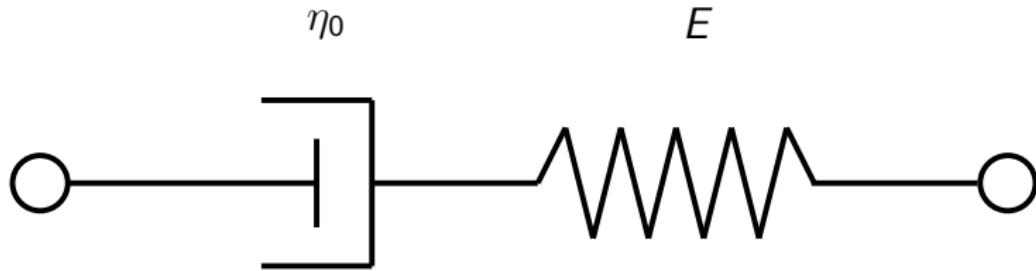


- Build models by combining these elements!

Maxwell Model

Maxwell Material

The simplest construction we can make is

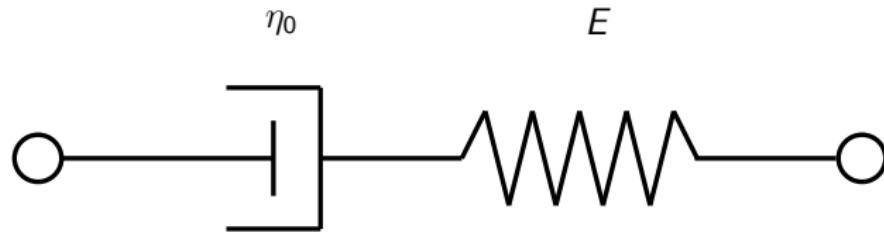


We need to relate the stress T to the strain ϵ .

$$\epsilon = \frac{\text{change in length}}{\text{original length}}.$$

Maxwell Model

Maxwell Equation



Components

Spring: $T_S = E\epsilon_S$ (Hooke's Law)

Dashpot: $T_D = \eta_0 \frac{\partial \epsilon_D}{\partial t}$ (Newton's Law of Viscosity)

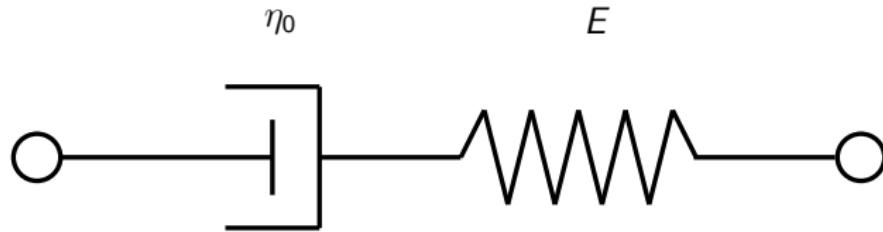
Total

Stress: $T = T_S = T_D$.

Strain: $\epsilon = \epsilon_S + \epsilon_D$.

Maxwell Model

Maxwell Equation



Differentiating total strain yields:

$$T + \lambda \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = \eta_0 \frac{\partial \epsilon}{\partial t},$$

with relaxation time $\lambda = \frac{\eta_0}{E}$.

This is the Maxwell equation!

Maxwell, J. C. 1867.

Maxwell Model

Is this any good?

In three dimensions:

$$\boldsymbol{T} + \lambda \frac{\partial \boldsymbol{T}}{\partial t} = 2\eta_0 \boldsymbol{D}.$$

Predictions:

- Viscous and elastic limits!
- Stress relaxation — for a step strain ($2\boldsymbol{D} = \epsilon_0 \delta(t)$),

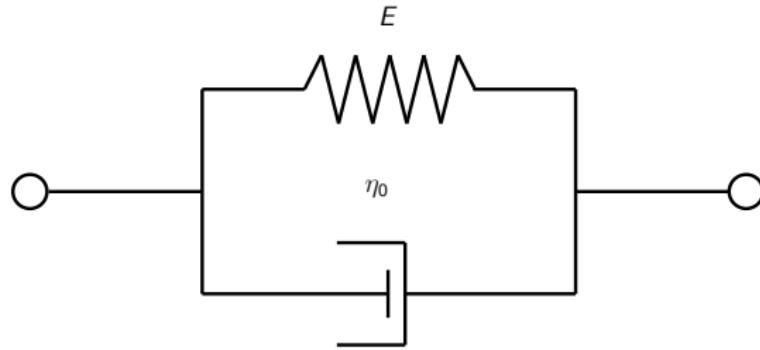
$$\boldsymbol{T} = \epsilon_0 \frac{\eta_0}{\lambda} e^{-t/\lambda} H(t).$$

- Creep — response to step stress is linear.
- Shear — no shear thinning ($\eta_s = \eta_0$).
- Elongation — no strain hardening ($\eta_e = 3\eta_0$).

Further Spring and Dashpot Models

How else can we relate strain (ϵ) and stress (T)?

1. Kelvin-Voigt



$$T = E\epsilon + \eta_0 \frac{\partial \epsilon}{\partial t}.$$

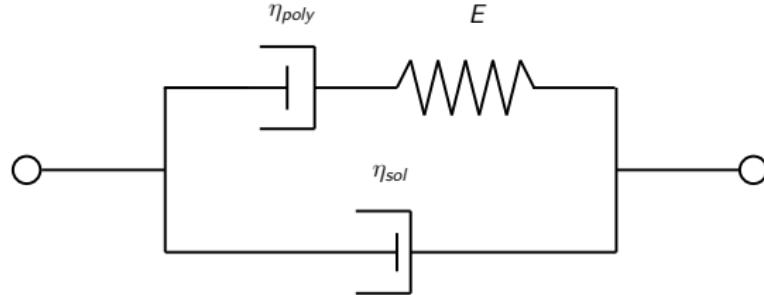
Captures creep behaviour better at expense of stress relaxation.

Thompson, W. 1878.

Further Spring and Dashpot Models

How else can we relate strain (ϵ) and stress (T)?

2. Jeffreys'



$$T + \lambda \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = \eta_0 \left(\frac{\partial \epsilon}{\partial t} + \lambda_r \frac{\partial^2 \epsilon}{\partial t^2} \right).$$

- Relaxation time: $\lambda = \frac{\eta_{poly}}{E}$
- Zero-shear viscosity: $\eta_0 = \eta_{poly} + \eta_{sol}$
- Retardation time: $\lambda_r = \frac{\eta_{sol}\eta_{poly}}{E\eta_0}$

Jeffreys, H., 1929.

A Major Problem!

- None of these models hold for large deformations!
- Why? They are not *frame invariant*.
 - Relation between stress and strain needs to be independent of the frame of reference.
- Fix: replace $\frac{\partial}{\partial t}$ with a new time derivative!
- Choose an *upper convected derivative*:

$$\overset{\nabla}{S} := \frac{\partial S}{\partial t} + (\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla) S - (\nabla \mathbf{u}) S - S(\nabla \mathbf{u})^T.$$

A Major Solution!

New equations!

- Maxwell → Upper Convected Maxwell (UCM)

$$\boldsymbol{T} + \lambda \overset{\nabla}{\boldsymbol{T}} = 2\eta_0 \boldsymbol{D}.$$

- Jeffreys' → Oldroyd-B

$$\boldsymbol{T} + \lambda \overset{\nabla}{\boldsymbol{T}} = 2\eta_0 (\boldsymbol{D} + \lambda_r \overset{\nabla}{\boldsymbol{D}}).$$

Note that setting $\lambda_r = 0$ gives UCM; setting $\lambda_r = \lambda$ gives the Newtonian stress tensor.

Oldroyd, J. G., 1950.

UCM/Oldroyd-B

$$\boldsymbol{T} + \lambda \overset{\nabla}{\boldsymbol{T}} = 2\eta_0(\boldsymbol{D} + \lambda_r \overset{\nabla}{\boldsymbol{D}})$$

Predictions:

- Stress relaxation/creep inherited from Maxwell model.
- Shear:

$$\eta_s = \eta_0, \quad T_{11} - T_{22} = 2\eta_0(\lambda - \lambda_r)\dot{\gamma}^2, \quad T_{22} - T_{33} = 0.$$

- Extension:

$$\eta_e = \eta_0 \left[\frac{2(1 - \lambda_r \dot{\epsilon})}{1 - 2\lambda \dot{\epsilon}} + \frac{1 + \lambda_r \dot{\epsilon}}{1 + \lambda \dot{\epsilon}} \right]$$

We obtain strain hardening (with a vengeance!)

Going Further

We can improve on this... but the equations become unwieldy!

- White-Metzner:
Viscosity and relaxation time shear rate dependent.
- Extended White-Metzner:
Viscosity and relaxation time dependent on trace of stress tensor.
- Corotational UCM:
Swap $\overset{\nabla}{T}$ with a *Jaumann* time derivative.

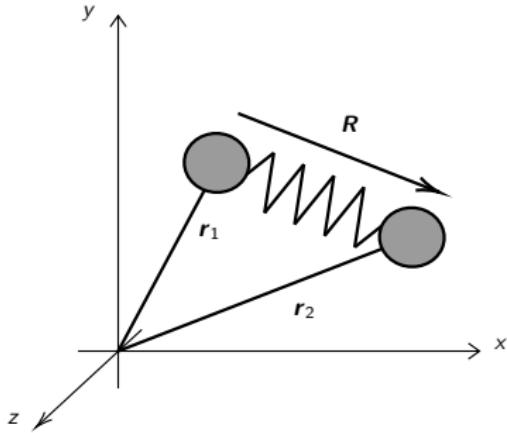
What if we considered molecular arguments instead?

White, J. L. and Metzner, A. B., 1960/Souvaliotis, A. and Beris, A. N. 1992/Jaumann, G., 1911

Dumbbell Modelling

- Consider two beads connected via a Hookean spring, immersed in a Newtonian solvent.
- Acting forces: inertia, spring, friction and Brownian.
- Neglect inertia; friction given by Stokes drag

$$6\pi\eta_{sol}a(\dot{\mathbf{r}}_i - \mathbf{u})$$



a = radius of bead,
 $\zeta := 6\pi\eta_{sol}a$,
 \mathbf{R} = end-to-end vector.

Kuhn, W., 1934/Renardy, M., 2000

Dumbbell Modelling

Stochastic Equation

- Force balance:

$$\begin{aligned}-\zeta(\dot{\mathbf{r}}_1 - \mathbf{u}(\mathbf{r}_1, t)) + H\mathbf{R} + \mathbf{S}_1 &= \mathbf{0}, \\ -\zeta(\dot{\mathbf{r}}_2 - \mathbf{u}(\mathbf{r}_2, t)) - H\mathbf{R} + \mathbf{S}_2 &= \mathbf{0}.\end{aligned}$$

- Approximation: since molecules are small,

$$\mathbf{u}(\mathbf{r}_2, t) = \mathbf{u}(\mathbf{r}_1, t) + (\nabla \mathbf{u})(\mathbf{r}_1, t)(\mathbf{r}_2 - \mathbf{r}_1).$$

- Setting $\mathbf{R} = \mathbf{r}_2 - \mathbf{r}_1$:

$$\dot{\mathbf{R}} = \nabla \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{R} - \frac{2H}{\zeta}\mathbf{R} + \frac{1}{\zeta}(\mathbf{S}_2 - \mathbf{S}_1).$$

Dumbbell Modelling

Fokker-Planck Equation

- Assumption:

Large number of polymer molecules — distribution of end-to-end vectors \mathbf{R} given by $\psi(\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{x}, t)$.

- Center of mass $\mathbf{x} = \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{r}_1 + \mathbf{r}_2)$.

- Result — Fokker-Planck equation!

$$\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t} + (\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla_{\mathbf{x}}) \psi = \frac{2}{\beta \zeta} \Delta_{\mathbf{R}} \psi + \nabla_{\mathbf{R}} \cdot \left[-\nabla_{\mathbf{x}} \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{R} \psi + \frac{2H}{\zeta} \mathbf{R} \psi \right].$$

- We can solve this... but we don't need to!

Dumbbell Modelling

Closure Approximations

$$\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t} + (\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla_{\mathbf{x}}) \psi = \frac{2}{\beta \zeta} \Delta_{\mathbf{R}} \psi + \nabla_{\mathbf{R}} \cdot \left[-\nabla_{\mathbf{x}} \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{R} \psi + \frac{2H}{\zeta} \mathbf{R} \psi \right] \quad (*)$$

- We can show that the polymer contribution to the stress is

$$\mathbf{T}_p = \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} n H \mathbf{R} \mathbf{R}^T \psi \, d\mathbf{R}.$$

- Multiplying Fokker-Planck (*) by $n H \mathbf{R} \mathbf{R}^T$ and integrating gives

$$\nabla_{\mathbf{T}_p} + \frac{4H}{\zeta} \mathbf{T}_p = \frac{4nH}{\beta \zeta} \mathbf{I}.$$

Have we seen this before?

Dumbbell Modelling

Déjà Vu?

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{T}_p + \frac{4H}{\zeta} \mathbf{T}_p = \frac{4nH}{\beta\zeta} \mathbf{I}.$$

- Setting $\mathbf{T}_p = \frac{n}{\beta} \mathbf{I} + \tilde{\mathbf{T}}_p$, $\lambda = \frac{\zeta}{4H}$ and $\eta_p = \frac{n\zeta}{4\beta H}$, we get

$$\lambda \nabla \cdot \tilde{\mathbf{T}}_p + \tilde{\mathbf{T}}_p = 2\eta_p \mathbf{D}.$$

This is the UCM model again!

- Total extra stress is

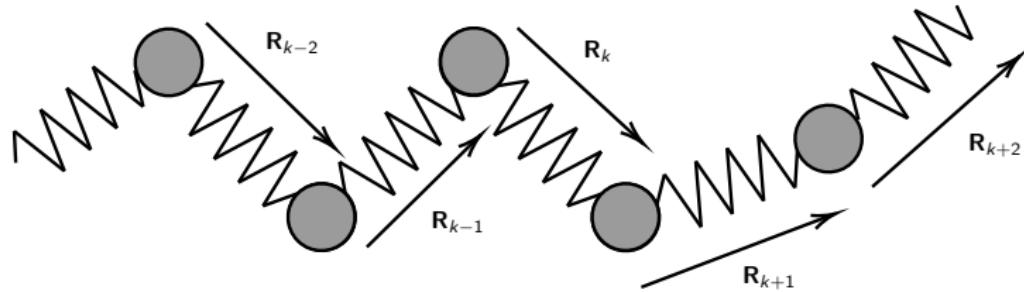
$$\mathbf{T} = \tilde{\mathbf{T}}_p + 2\eta_{sol} \mathbf{D},$$

which gives us Oldroyd-B!

Dumbbell Modelling

What do we learn from this?

- 1 UCM/Oldroyd-B aren't stupid choices!
- 2 Can easily obtain an extension \rightarrow Rouse model.
 - Each 'spring' satisfies its own UCM equation.
 - Applicable to polydisperse solutions.



Rouse, P. E., 1953.

An Advanced Dumbbell Model

- Based on the idea of *direction dependent drag*.
- In absence of solvent ($\eta_{sol} = 0$, $\eta_p = \eta_0$), modify UCM equation as

$$\lambda \nabla \boldsymbol{T} + \boldsymbol{M} \boldsymbol{T} = 2\eta_0 \boldsymbol{D}.$$

- Choosing $\boldsymbol{M} = \boldsymbol{I} + \frac{\alpha\lambda}{\eta_0} \boldsymbol{T}$ gives the *Giesekus model*:

$$\lambda \nabla \boldsymbol{T} + \boldsymbol{T} + \frac{\alpha\lambda}{\eta_0} \boldsymbol{T}^2 = 2\eta_0 \boldsymbol{D}, \quad \alpha \in (0, 1).$$

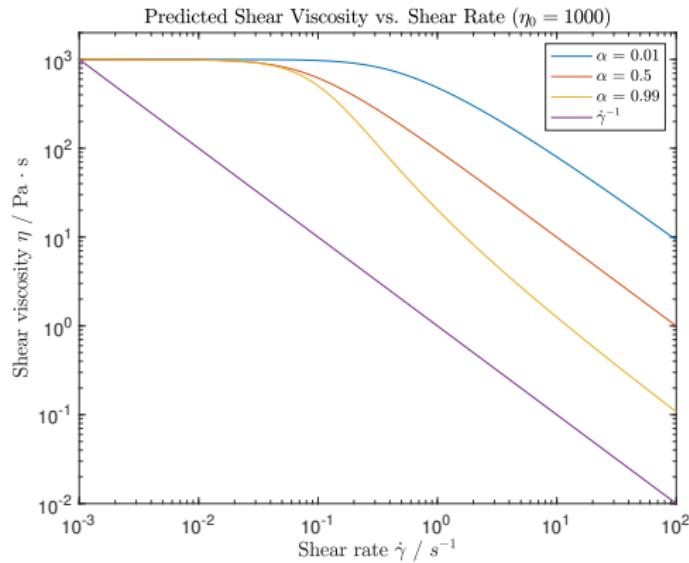
- This is no longer linear in stress!

Giesekus, H., 1966.

Giesekus Predictions

Shear Viscosity

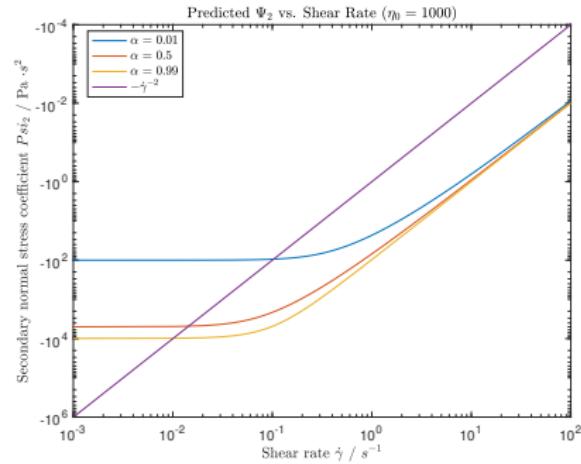
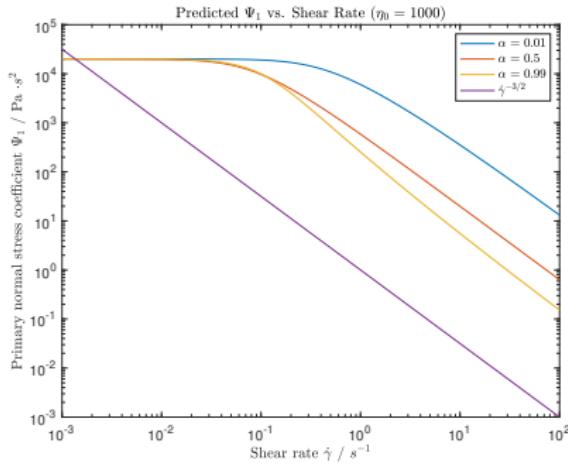
We actually predict shear thinning!



Giesekus Predictions

Shear Normal Stress Coefficients

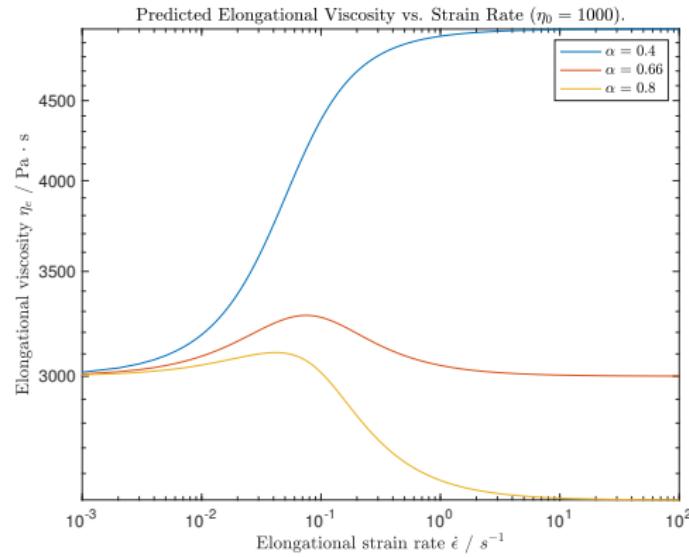
Positive primary normal stresses; negative secondary normal stresses.



Giesekus Predictions

Elongational Viscosity

Strain *hardening* for $\alpha < 2/3$; strain *softening* for $\alpha \geq 2/3$.



Giesekus Predictions

In fact...

Constitutive model	Steady viscometric										Remark
	Small-strain	η	N_1	N_2	Steady elongation	Start/stop in shearing flow	Elongational start/recoil	Single shear step	Double-step shear		
Newtonian, eqn (1.7)	P	M	U	U	M	P	U	U	U	Infinite stresses in step strains.	
Generalized Newtonian, e.g. eqns (4.4, 4.11)	P	E	U	U	M	P	U	U	U	Infinite stresses in step strains.	
Lodge-Maxwell, (UCM) eqns (4.25, 5.150)	E	M	M	U	P	M	M	M	M	Useful for illustrative purposes.	
Giesekus eqn (5.111)	E	E	E	G-E	G	G	G	M	M		

...Giesekus can have fairly good predictions in many situations!

Tanner, R. I., 2000.

Summary

In this presentation, we have

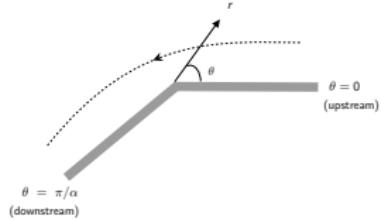
- Discussed the basics of viscoelastic modelling.
- Looked at some mechanical-based continuum models and motivated the UCM model.
- Motivated the UCM model again via molecular theory (so it's certainly not a bad model!)
- Discussed a more complicated model which can make more useful predictions.

Where Do I Fit into This?

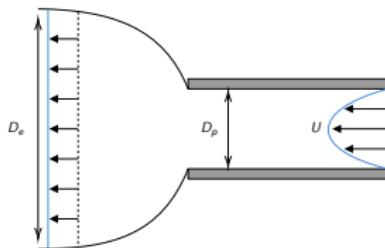
PhD aim: *Apply asymptotic techniques to study White-Metzner fluids.*

$$\nabla \boldsymbol{T} + \lambda_0 \dot{\gamma}^{q-1} \boldsymbol{T} = 2\eta_0 \dot{\gamma}^{n-1} \boldsymbol{D}, \quad \dot{\gamma} = \sqrt{2\text{tr}(\boldsymbol{D}^2)}.$$

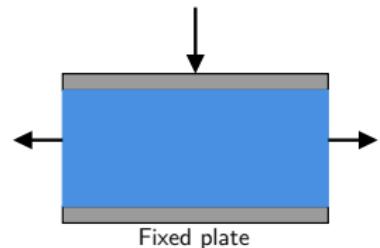
Re-entrant corners



Die swell



Squeeze flow



Thank you for listening!



Happy Halloween!

Erickson Blog, n.d.

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