

Group-Meeting

(Photo)Rheology

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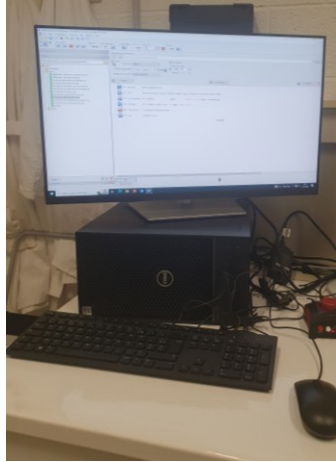
Introduction

Part 1 – Generalities and characterisation in rheology

- I. Photorheometer : HAAKE MARS 60
- II. Choice of geometry
- III. Choice of operating mode
- IV. Choice of shear rate
- V. Possibilities and results
- VI. Conclusion-Perspectives

Part 2 – Next Group Meeting

Photorheometer : HAAKE MARS 60



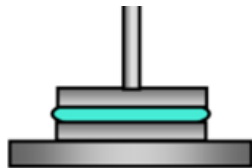
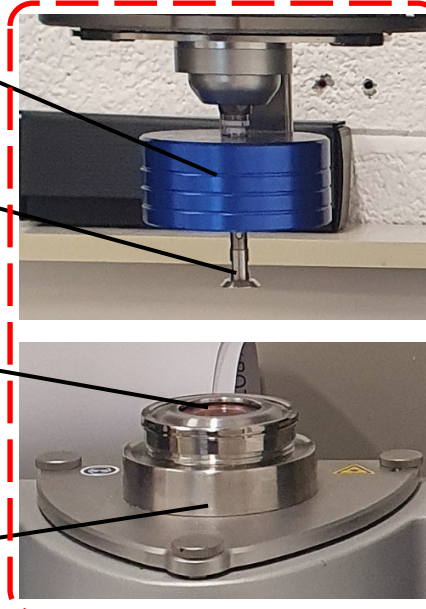
Computer

Insulated lid

Geometry

Measuring
plate glass

Thermal
regulation module



Parallel plate



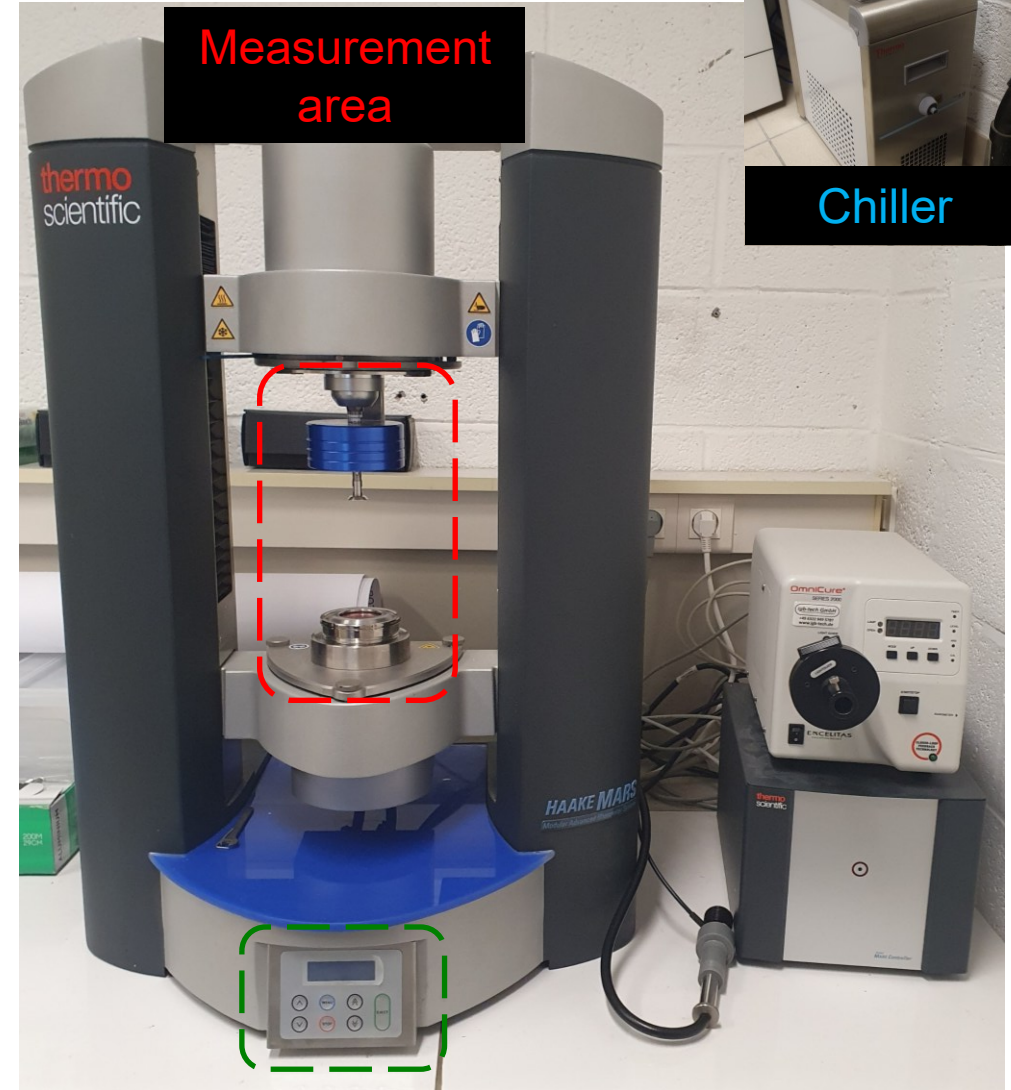
Concentric
Cylinders

Pure de-ionized water : **0 to 180°C**

Water with anti-freeze : **-40 to 180°C**

Pure de-ionized water : **0 to 200°C**

Water with anti-freeze : **-20 to 200°C**

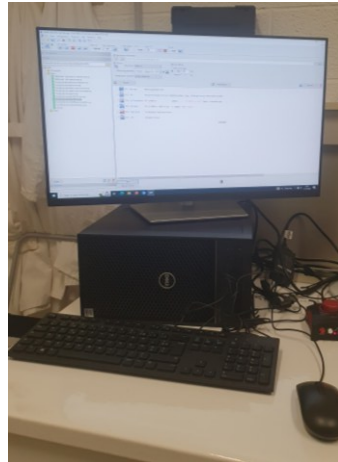


Measurement
area

Chiller

Control panel

Photorheometer : HAAKE MARS 60



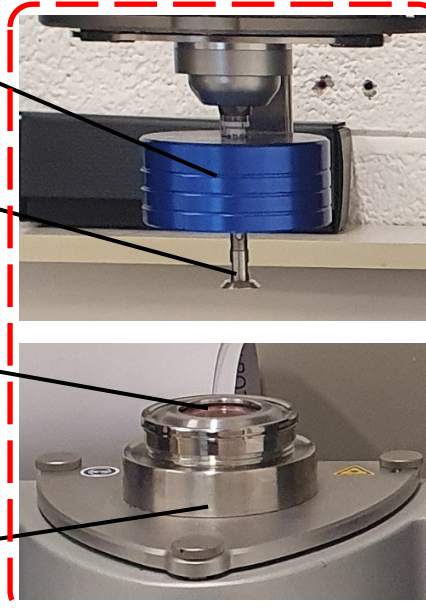
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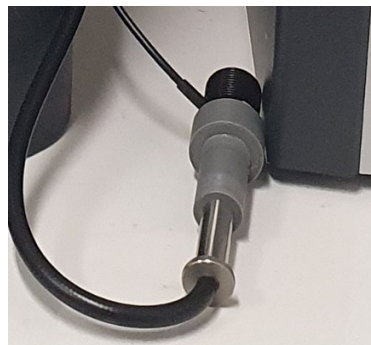
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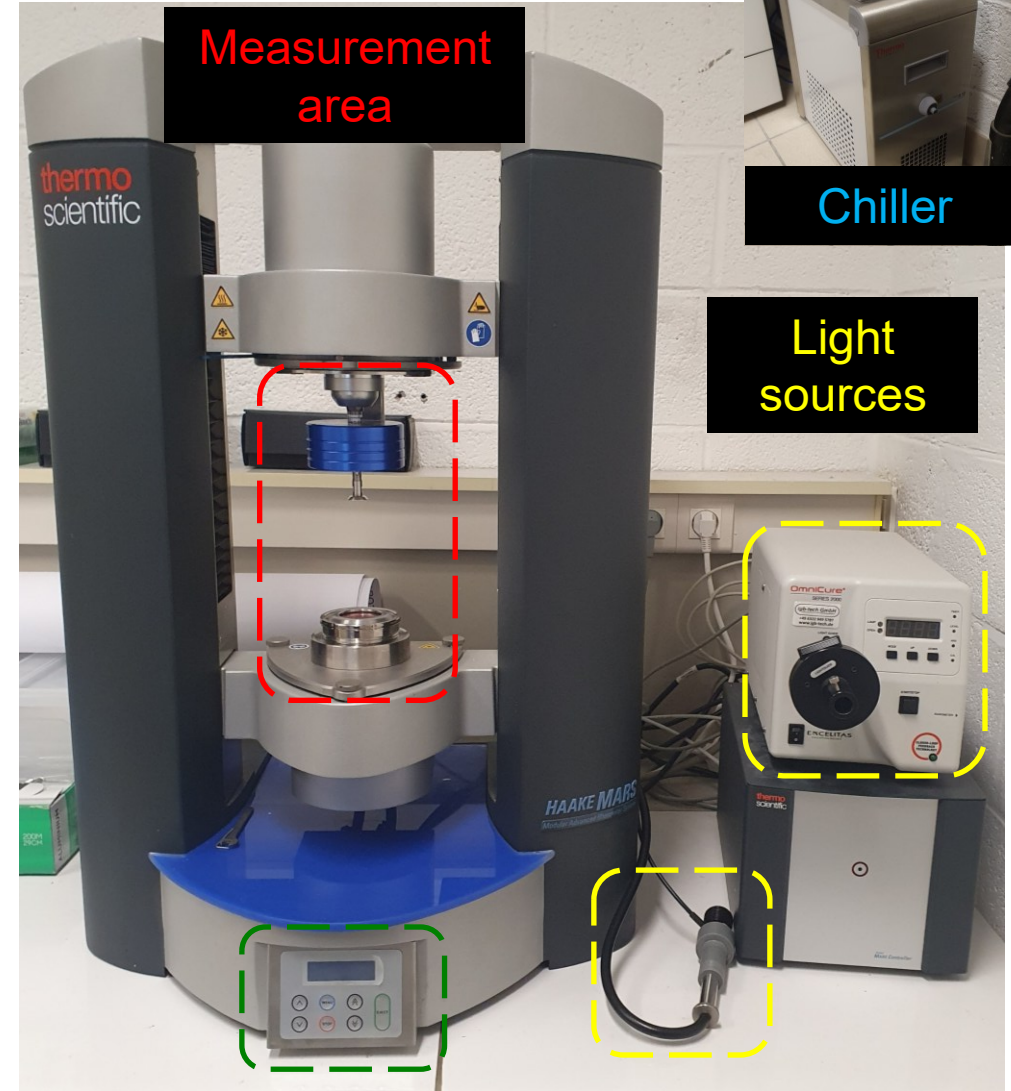
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Light with manual control
405 - 470 - 530 nm



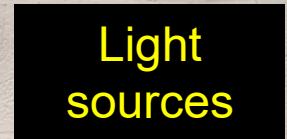
Automatic light at
365 nm



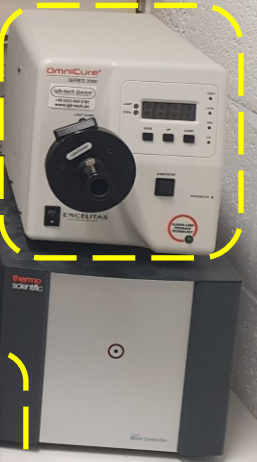
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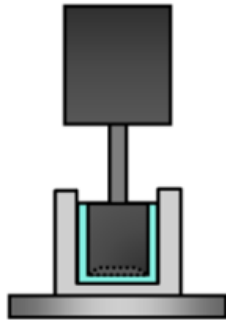


Light
sources



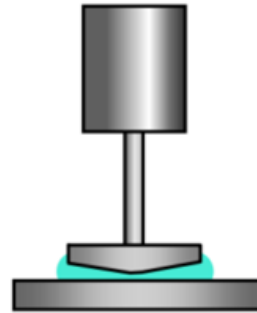
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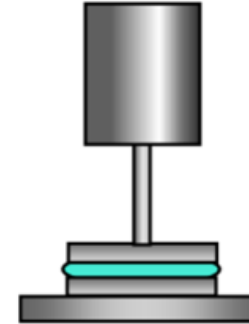
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Viscosity

Cone and
Plate



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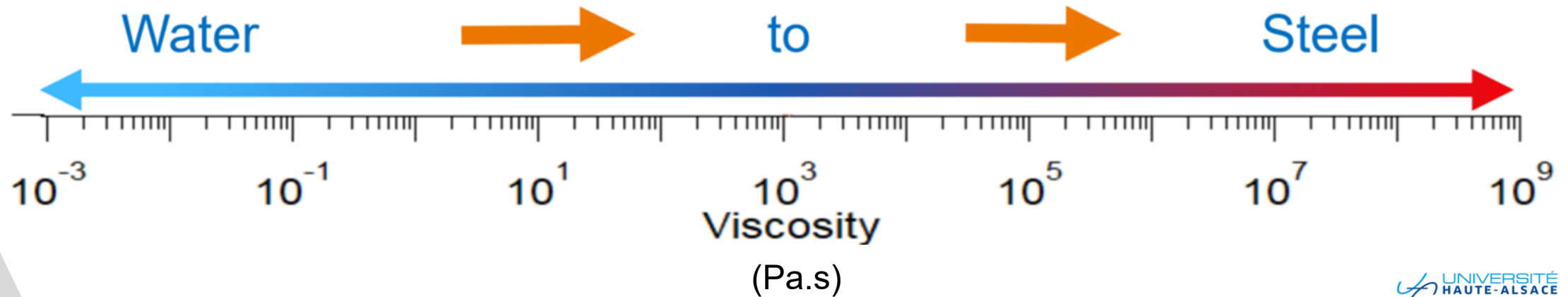


Very Low
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Torsion
Rectangular

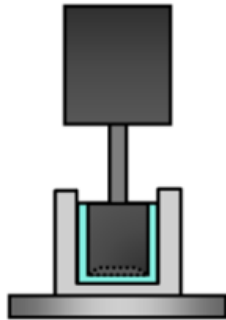


Mid-modulus
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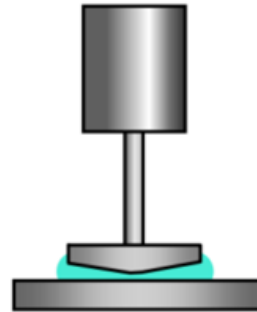
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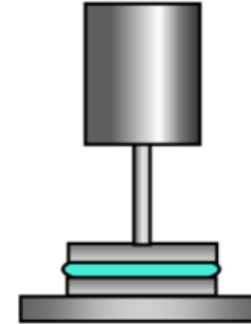
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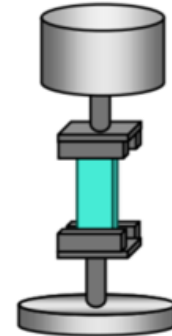
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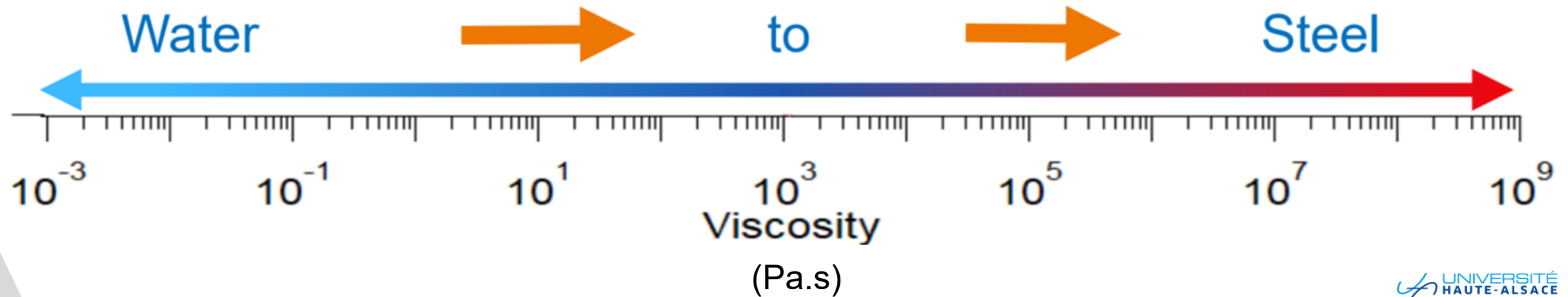


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Choice of geometry

C25 1°/Ti

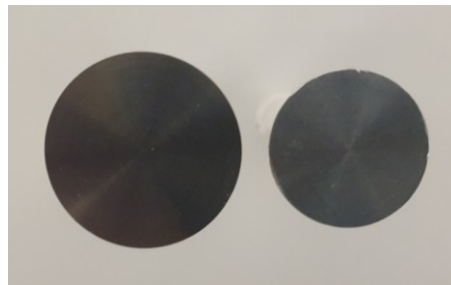


Fixed gap = 0.054 mm

P3 adapter and
P20-CTC/Al inserts



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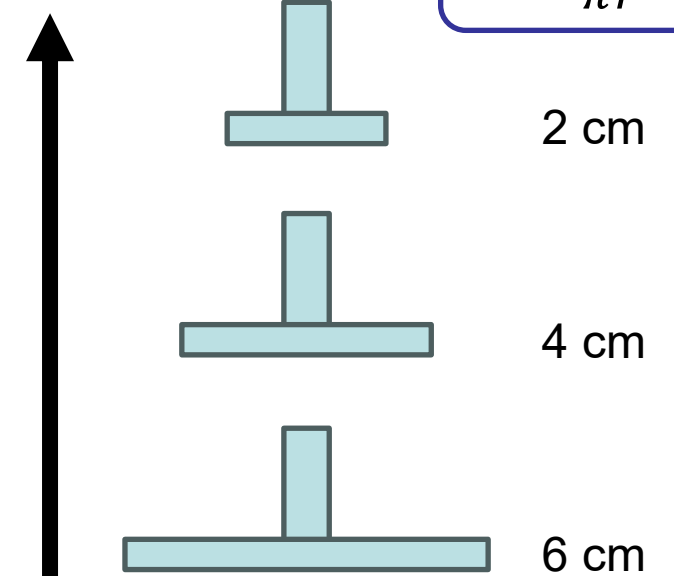


ø = 2.5 cm ø = 2 cm

Advised gap
0.1 - 0.5 mm

Shear Stress

$$\tau = \frac{2M}{\pi r^3}$$



Shear rate

$$\dot{\gamma} = \frac{\omega \times r}{h}$$

τ = shear stress (Pa)
 M = applied torque (N.m)
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 ω = angular plate speed (rad/s)
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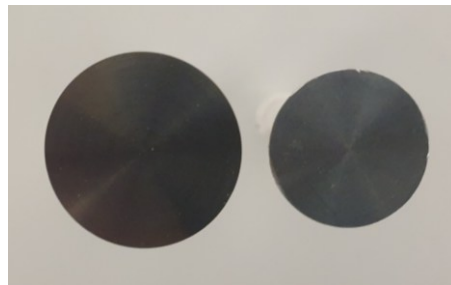


Photorheology
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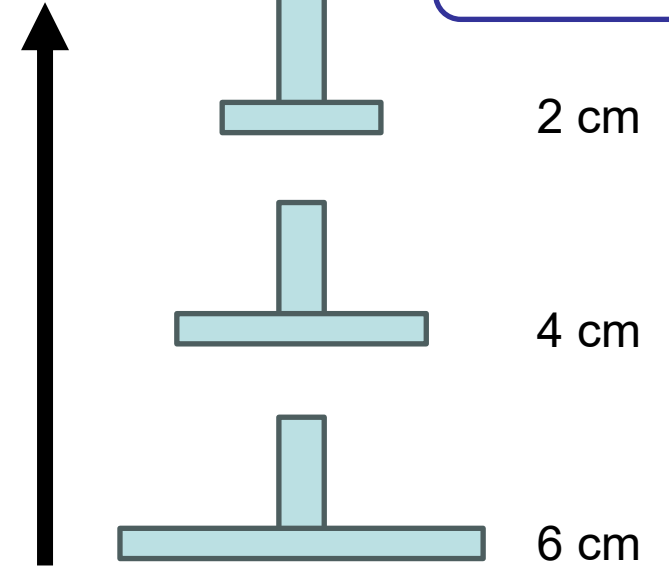
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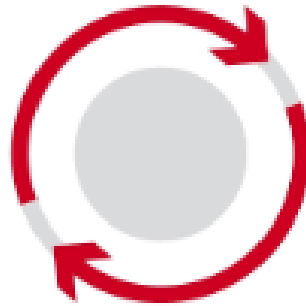
Choice of operating mode

Continuous rotation

Type of analysis
Flow (fluid)

Parameters measured
Viscosity, shear stress, shear rate

Example of use
Painting, extrusion, pumping

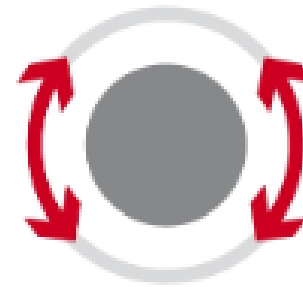


Rotary oscillation

Type of analysis
Viscoelasticity (solid + fluid)

Measured parameters
 G' , G'' , δ , etc.

Example of use
Gels, creams, foams, polymers



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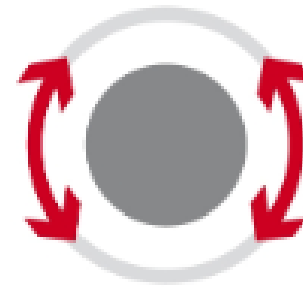
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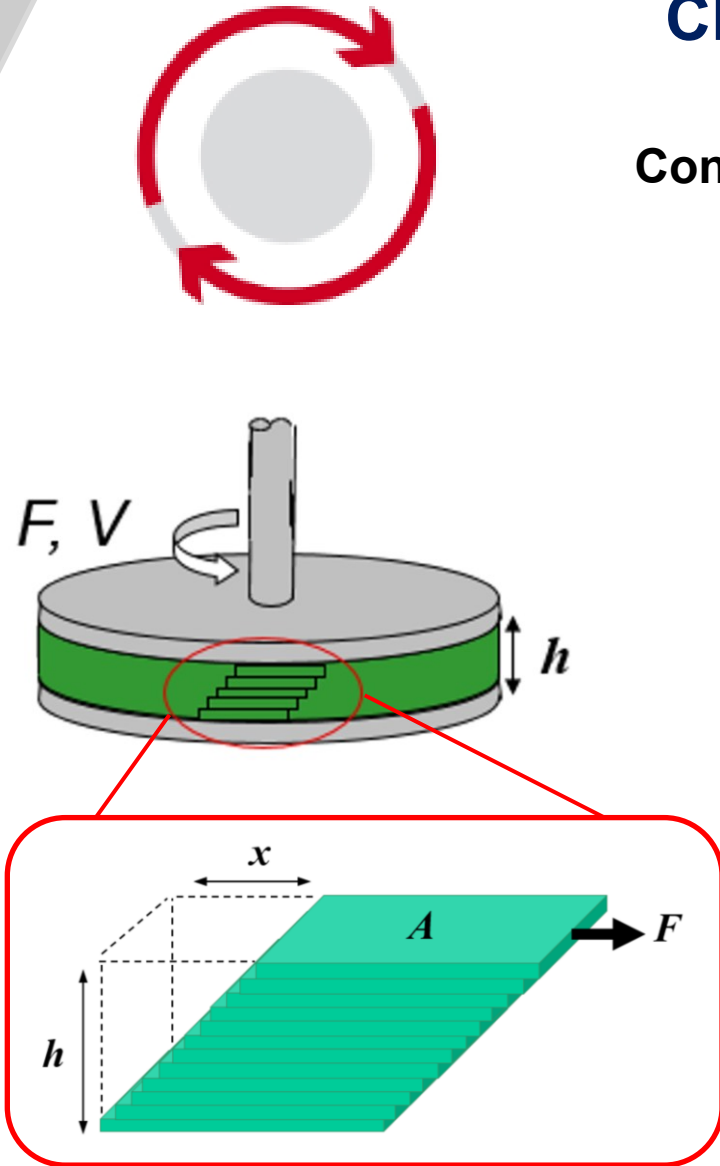
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Photorheology
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Choice of operating mode

Continuous rotation : Viscosity test



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

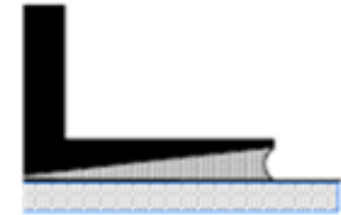
$$\gamma = \frac{x}{h}$$

$$\dot{\gamma} = \frac{d\gamma}{dt}$$

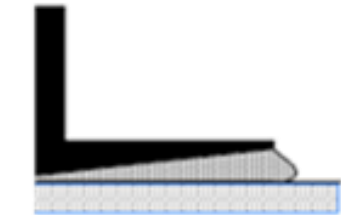
$$\eta = \frac{\tau}{\dot{\gamma}}$$

F = Force (N)
 A = Aire (m²)
 x = travel distance (m)
 h = Gap (m)
 τ = shear stress (Pa)
 $\dot{\gamma}$ = shear rate (s⁻¹)
 η = dynamic viscosity (Pa.s)

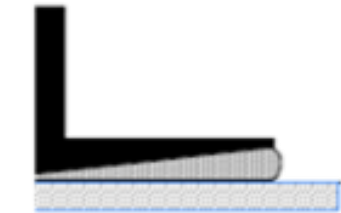
Appropriate amount of material is essential



under loading



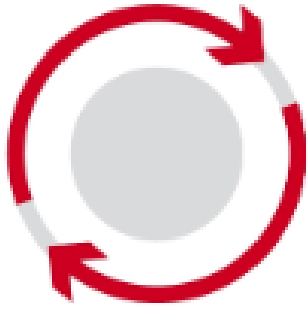
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correct loading

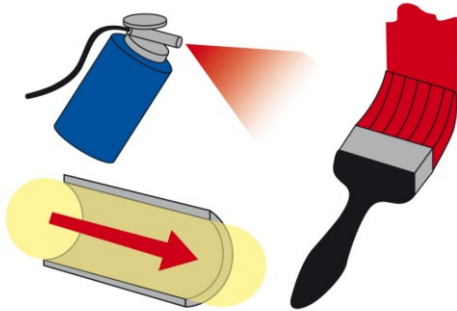
Measures the push (stress) needed to get the material to move a certain speed (shear rate) and vice versa.

Choice of operating mode



To obtain the viscosity, it is necessary to define a shear rate or a shear stress.

Controlled shear rate (CSR or CR)



Paints, creams and lotions,
liquid resins, oils

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

η = dynamic viscosity (Pa.s)
 τ = shear stress (Pa)
 $\dot{\gamma}$ = shear rate (s⁻¹)

Controlled shear stress (CSS or CS)



Ketchup, toothpaste,
thick cosmetic creams, thick inks

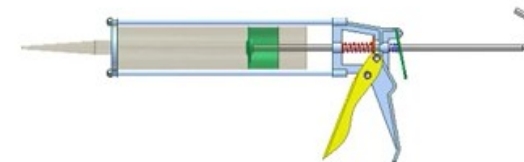
- **CSR** mode: Deformation is imposed (variable shear rates) and the force required to cause it is measured.
Suitable for fluids, where deformation depends on the speed applied.
- **CSS** mode: The force is imposed, and the deformation of the material is observed.
Suitable for viscoelastic or plastic materials, where flow begins above a stress threshold.

Choice of shear rate

Situation	Typical Shear Rate Range (s ⁻¹)	Application
Sedimentation of fine powders in suspensions	10 ⁻⁶ – 10 ⁻⁴	Pharmaceutical products, paints
Leveling due to surface tension	10 ⁻² – 10 ⁻¹	Paints, printing inks
Gravity-driven drainage	10 ⁰ – 10 ¹	Paints and coatings, rinsing layers
Extruders	10 ⁰ – 10 ²	Polymers
Chewing gums	10 ¹ – 10 ²	Food products
Coating applied by dipping	10 ¹ – 10 ²	Paints, confectionery
Mixing and agitation	10 ⁰ – 10 ³	Industrial liquids

Situation	Typical Shear Rate Range (s ⁻¹)	Application
Flow in pipes	10 ⁰ – 10 ³	Pumping, blood flow
Spraying and equipment application	10 ³ – 10 ⁴	Spraying, paints, fuel atomization
Rubbing	10 ⁴ – 10 ⁵	Application of creams and lotions on the skin
Grinding pigments in fluid bases	10 ³ – 10 ⁵	Paints, printing inks
High-speed coating	10 ⁵ – 10 ⁶	Paper
Lubrication	10 ³ – 10 ⁷	Engines

Silicone gun pressure



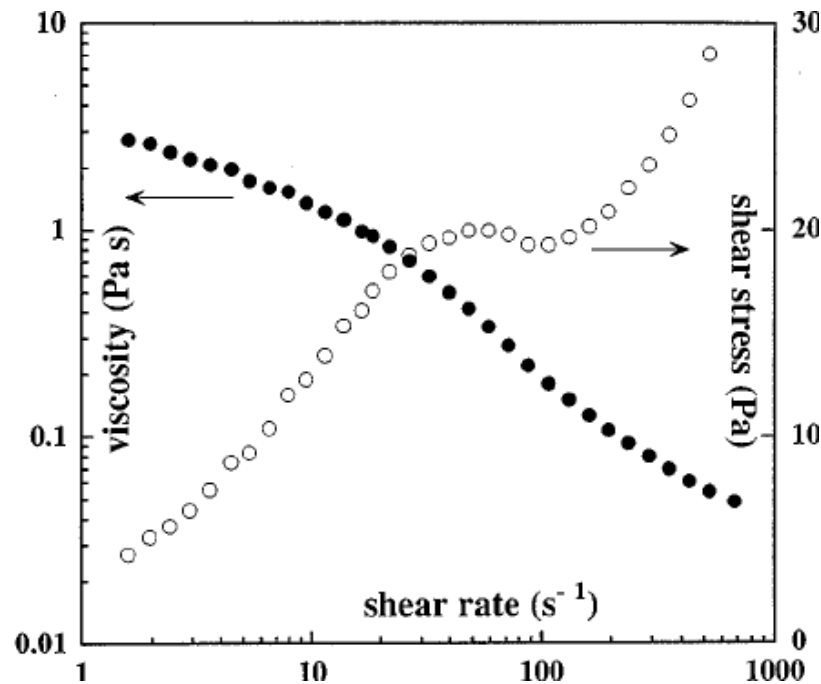
Application of a cream



Possibilities and results

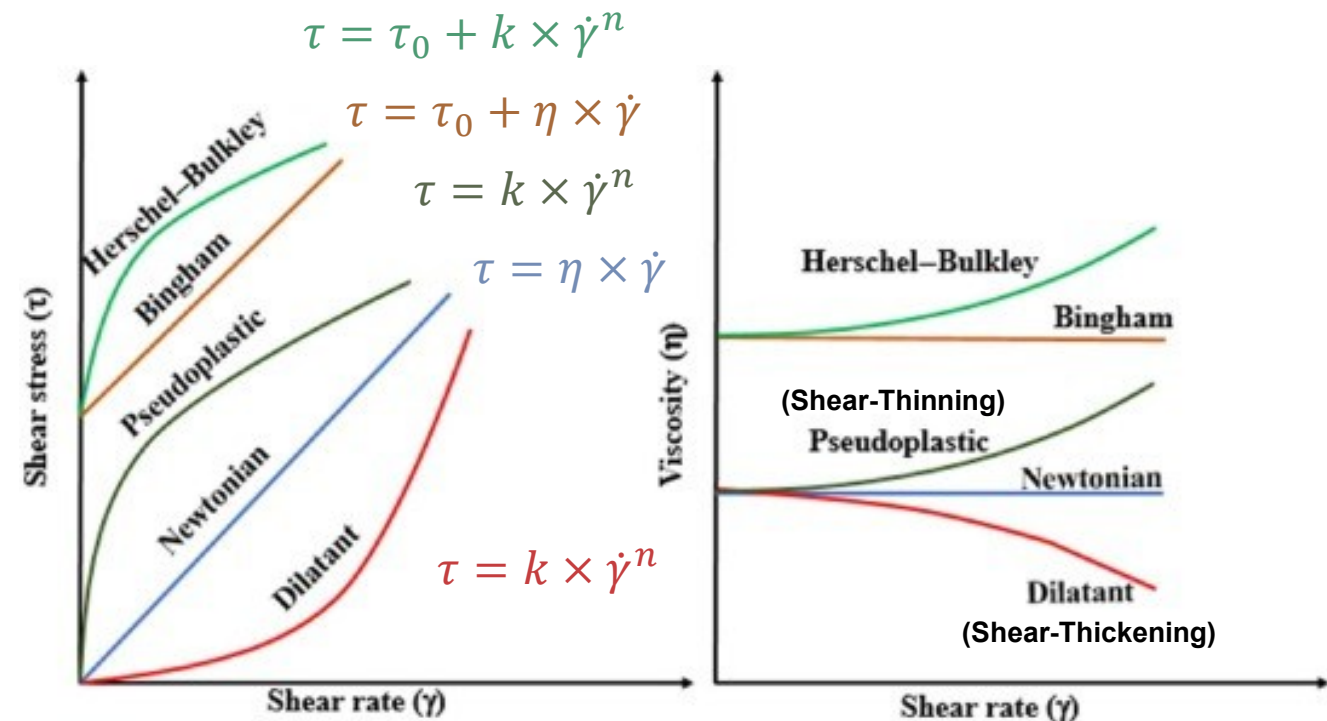
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Viscosity curve



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

Rheological behaviours



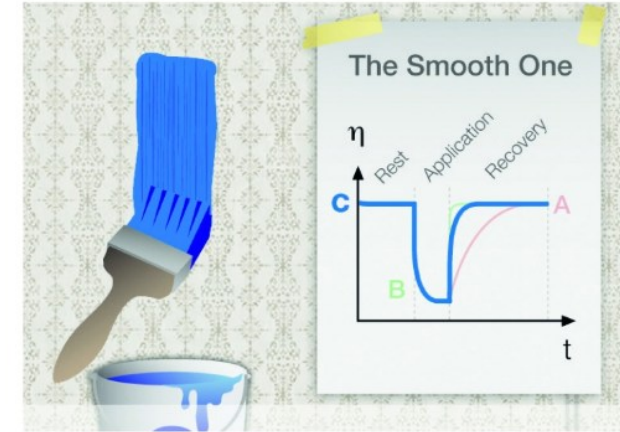
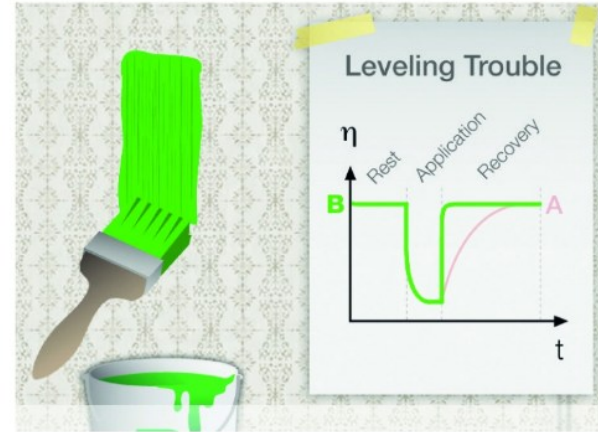
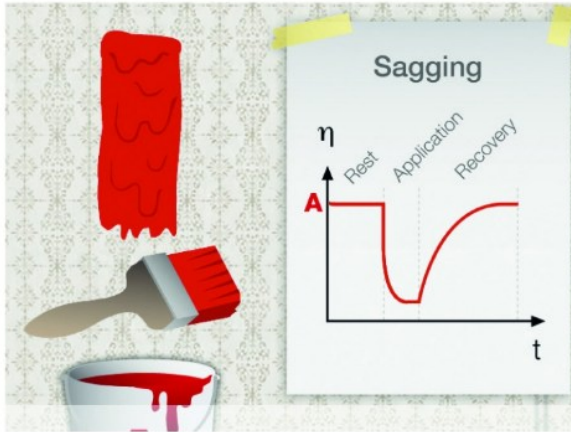
τ = shear stress (Pa)
 τ_0 = threshold stress (Pa)
 $\dot{\gamma}$ = shear rate (s^{-1})
 η = dynamic viscosity (Pa.s)

k = Consistency index ($Pa \cdot s^{-1}$)
 n = Flow index (a.u.)
 Dilatant $n > 1$
 Pseudo-plastique $0 < n < 1$

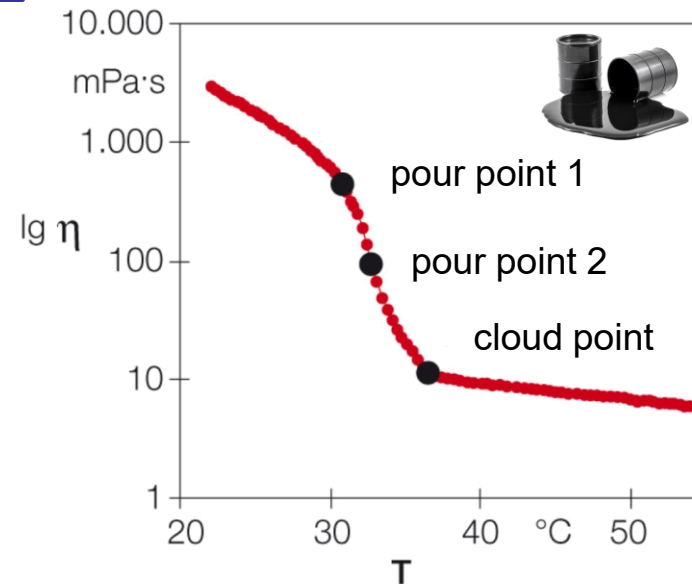
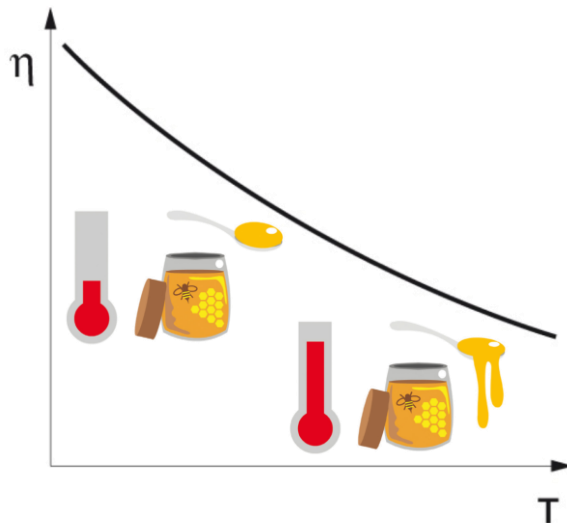
Possibilities and results

Viscosity vs time curve

Thixotropic behaviour of a paint



Viscosity vs temperature curve



- Cloud point (fuel becomes cloudy – initial crystallization of waxes and paraffins)
- Pour point 1: Turning point of the viscosity curve
- Pour point 2: Bend where the viscosity curve becomes flatter

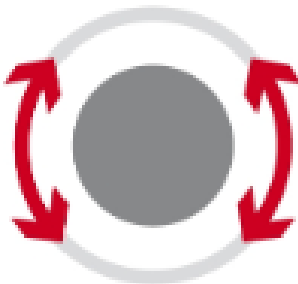
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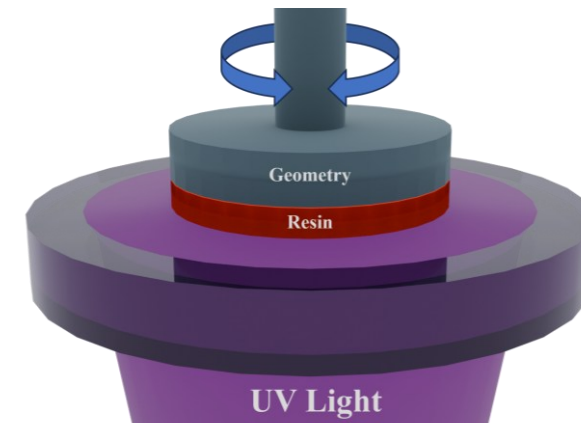
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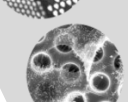
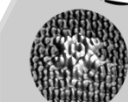
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Perspectives



Rotary oscillation mode





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