

Rheology of polymer systems/ Reologia dos sistemas poliméricos

2. Viscoelasticity/Viscoelasticidade

Viscoelasticity

Depending on the frequency of the applied stress, a polymer fluid can behave as:

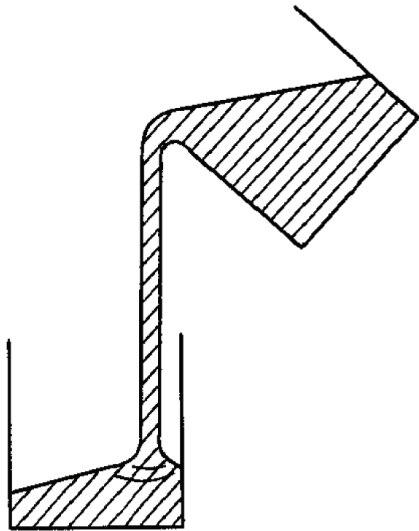
normal, low molecular weight, liquid

or as an

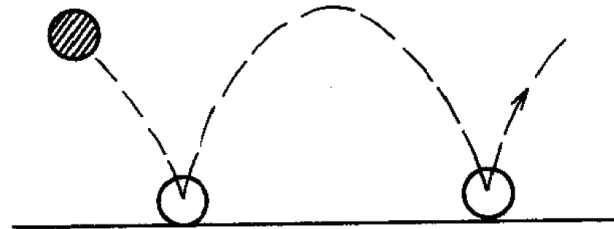
elastic solid

Viscoelasticity

- Demonstrations



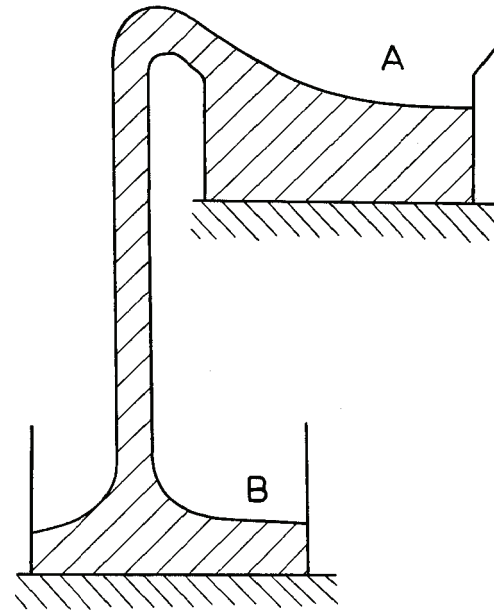
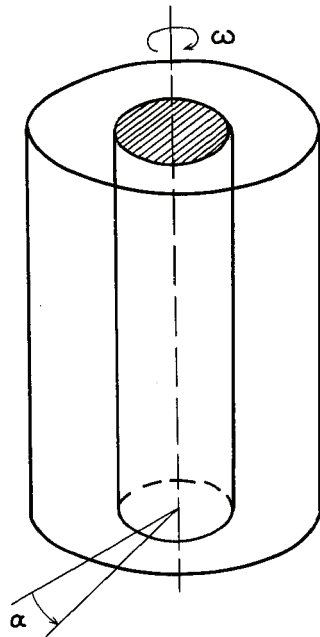
Flow



Ball bouncing on the floor

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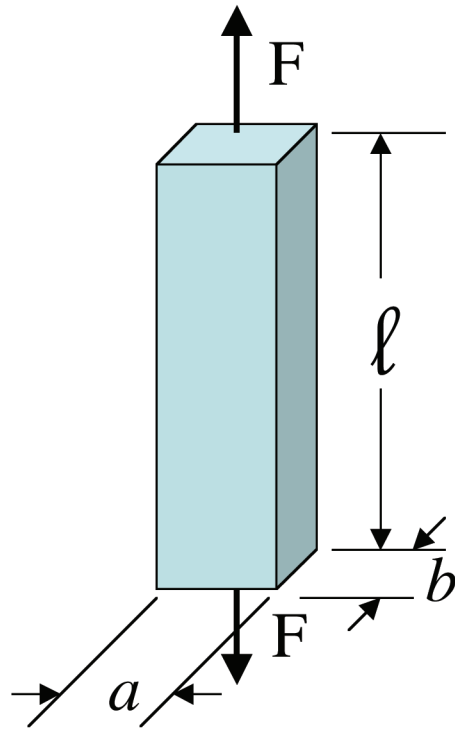
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Siphon effect

Elastic modulus, E (tension)

$$\sigma = E \varepsilon = E \gamma = E \frac{\Delta \ell}{\ell_u} = E (\alpha - 1)$$



$$\sigma = \frac{F}{a_0 b_0}$$

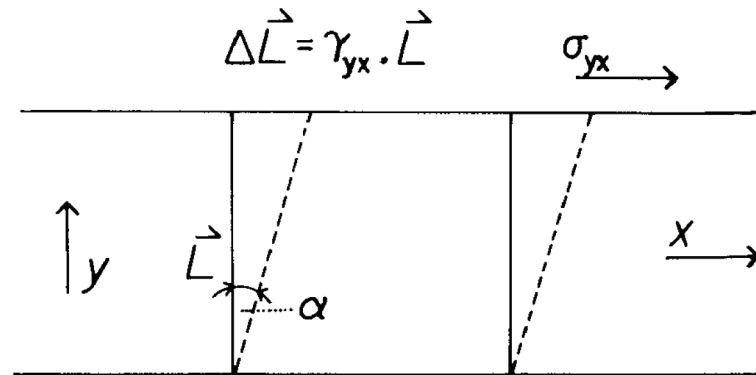
σ - tensile stress

ε -elongation

E-Young's modulus

J-compliance $(\varepsilon/\sigma)=1/E$

Shear modulus, G



$$\sigma_{yx} = G \gamma_{yx}$$

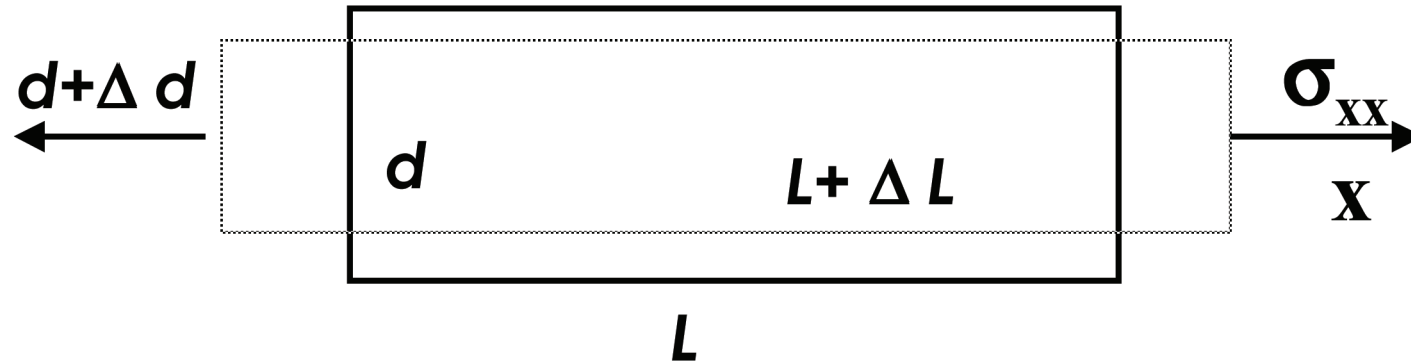
σ (or τ)- shear stress

γ_{yx} -shear strain

G -shear (storage) modulus

Poisson's ratio, ν

$$\nu = -\frac{d(\ln a)}{d(\ln L)} = -\frac{d(\ln b)}{d(\ln L)} = -\frac{d(\ln d)}{d(\ln L)}$$



$$\nu = -\frac{\gamma_{yy}}{\gamma_{xx}} = -\frac{\Delta d / d}{\Delta L / L}$$

Isotropic materials: $E = 2G (1+\nu)$

Incompressible liquids, most rubbers, $\nu=0.5$

Compliance

$$J=1/E \quad (J=1/G, \text{ in "Munk})$$

Bulk modulus /módulo em volume (K)

$$P = -K \frac{\Delta V}{V_0}$$

P-hydrostatic pressure
V-volume

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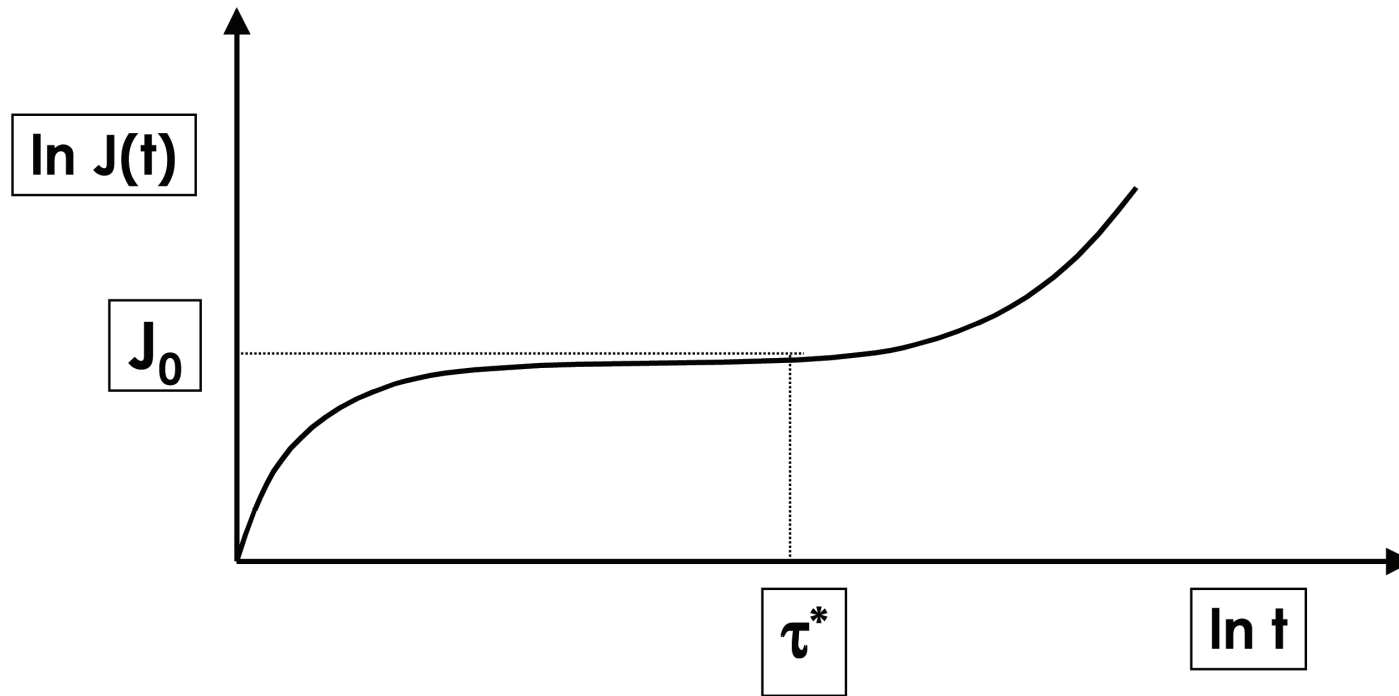
$t=0$: application of a constant tensile stress, σ , to a polymeric fluid (concentrated solution or melt):

The deformation is given by $\frac{\Delta l}{l}$

which, for small σ , is,

$$\frac{\Delta l}{l}(t) = \sigma \cdot J(t)$$

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At the plateau, considering $J_0=1/E$,

$$\sigma = E \frac{\Delta l}{l} \quad (\text{Hooke's law})$$

the fluid behaves as an elastic material with modulus E

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$t > \tau^*$ - the deformation becomes irreversible (flow)

$$J(t) = J_1 t + J_2$$

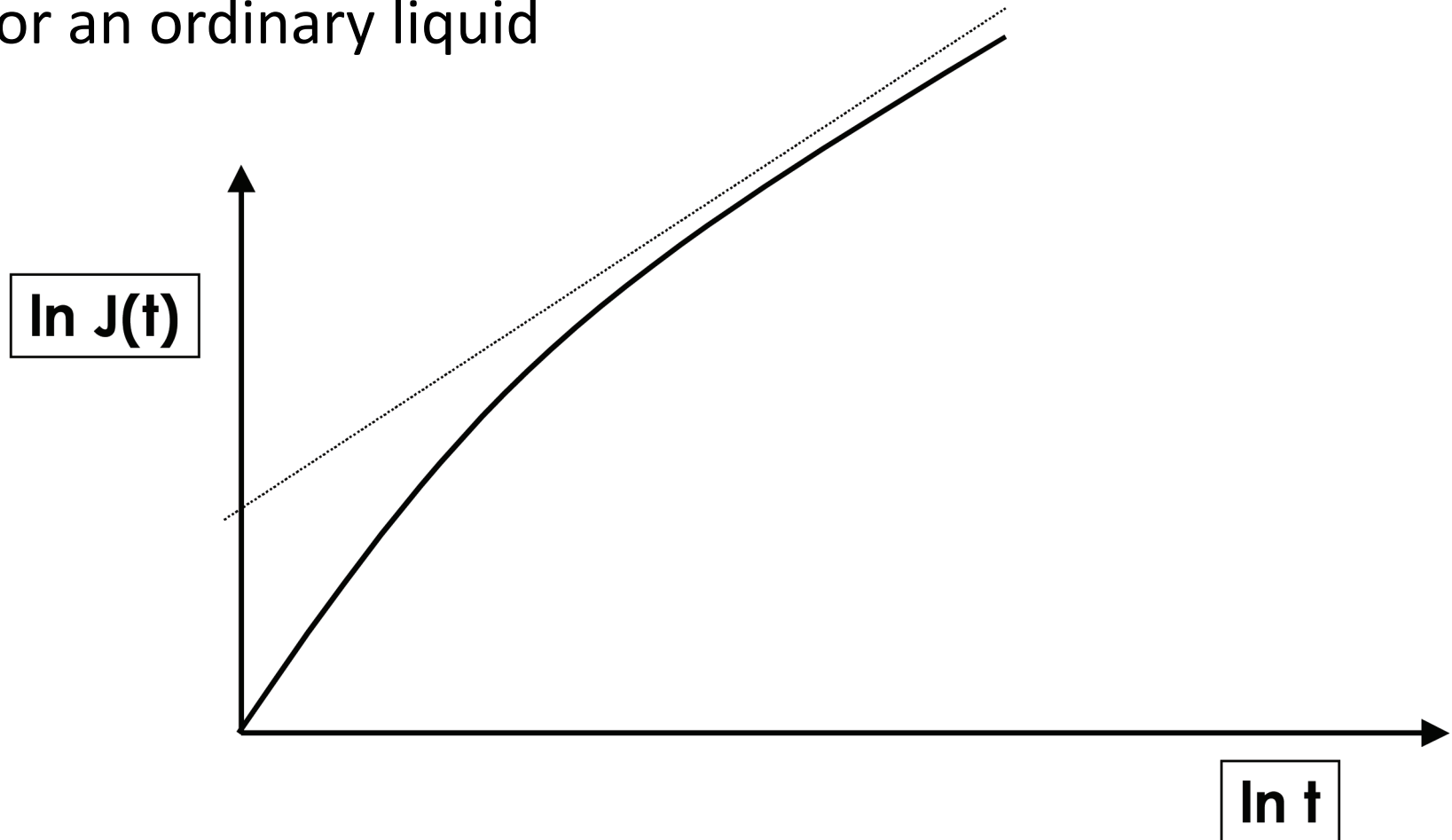
$$\sigma = J_1^{-1} \frac{d(\Delta \ell / \ell)}{dt} \quad (\text{typical of fluids})$$

which is equivalent to (viscous flow)

$$\sigma = \eta \frac{d(\Delta \ell / \ell)}{dt}$$

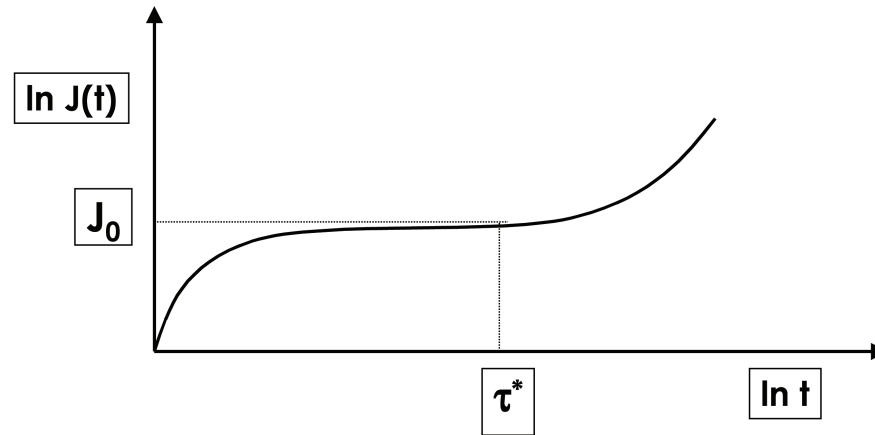
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For an ordinary liquid



There is no elastic plateau

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Melt behaves as an elastic body

Polymer behaves as an ordinary liquid

τ^* -maximum relaxation time
(at which there is a change in response of the melt)

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Meaning of τ^* within the reptation model ?

A polymer chain interacts with its neighbours through effective cross links, which have an average lifetime on the order of τ^* .

It corresponds to the time required for a given chain to diffuse from the initial to the next tube (*so the cross links have to break*).

- $t < \tau^*$ - the cross links hold the sample together-“elastic body”
- $t > \tau^*$ - the cross links start decaying so the sample flows

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