

**Rheological Fingerprinting:  
Using LAOS to Physically Interpret the Nonlinear  
Behavior of Complex Fluids and Soft Solids**

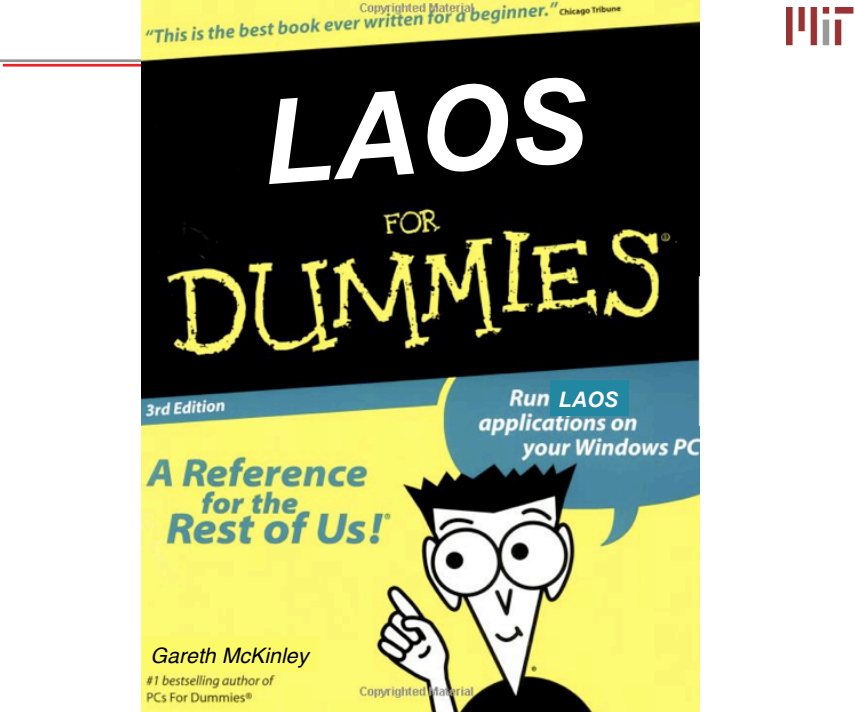
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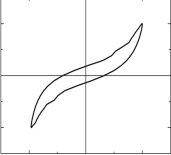
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## Outline






- **Rheological fingerprinting** of a complex fluid
- **Large Amplitude Oscillatory Shear (LAOS)**
  - Useful ways to characterize nonlinear properties of complex fluids
  - How to quantify the measured response?
- **Wormlike Micellar Solutions**
  - Commonly used in shampoos/conditioners
  - Single mode linear viscoelastic response?
  - How do we characterize the nonlinear response?
- **The nonlinear rheology of snail slime**
  - What is a mucin gel? How does it work?
  - How do we characterize the nonlinear response?
- **Gluten Gels as prototypical dough**
  - LAOS for soft viscoelastic solids & gels
  - How to characterize the thixotropy & nonlinear response?
- **Yielding Materials; viscoelastoplasticity**



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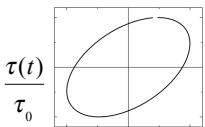
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### Motivation for LAOS



- Develop rheological methods that leverage the capabilities of modern instrumentation to probe the **nonlinear** properties of complex fluids and soft solids?
  - Foods and consumer products (gels, foams, surfactant systems)
    - gluten gel, micellar solutions, gastropod pedal mucus (snail slime)
- "... the whole infinite-dimensional space of shearing strain is projected onto two dimensions"
- "Nothing very systematic is known about the interior region..."

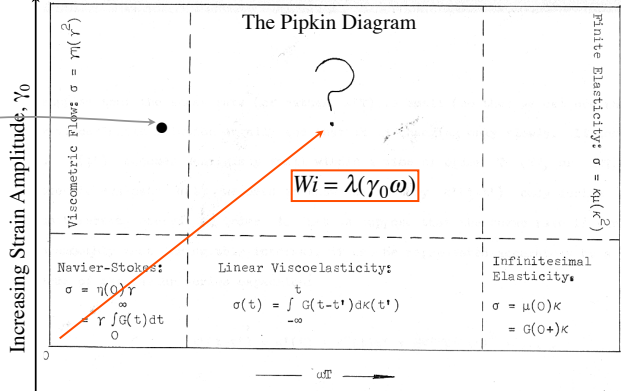
$\tau(t; \omega, \gamma_0)$



Bowditch-Lissajous Curve

Increasing Strain Amplitude,  $\gamma_0$


The Pipkin Diagram



Increasing frequency,  $\omega$  [rad/s], Deborah number,  $\lambda\omega$

A.C. Pipkin, *Lectures on Viscoelastic Theory*, Springer, New York (1972) 5

### Linear Viscoelasticity & Ellipses



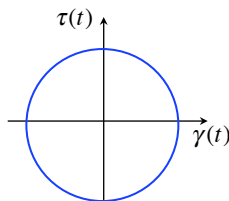
- The equation for a linear viscoelastic response can be re-written (by eliminating time  $t$ ) to show that the Lissajous figure for stress is **elliptical** when represented vs. shear strain or shear-rate.

$$\gamma(t) = \gamma_0 \sin \omega t \qquad \tau = \gamma_0 [G' \sin \omega t + G'' \cos \omega t]$$

$$\tau^2 - 2G'\tau\gamma + \gamma^2(G'^2 + G''^2) = (G''\gamma_0)^2$$

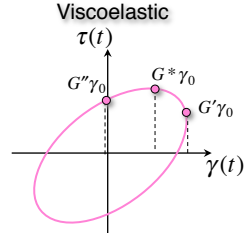
- For further reading, see wikipedia or <http://ibiblio.org/e-notes/Lis/Lissa.htm>

Viscous dominated



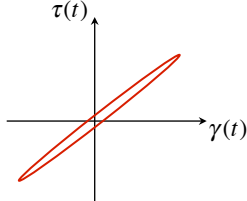
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Viscoelastic



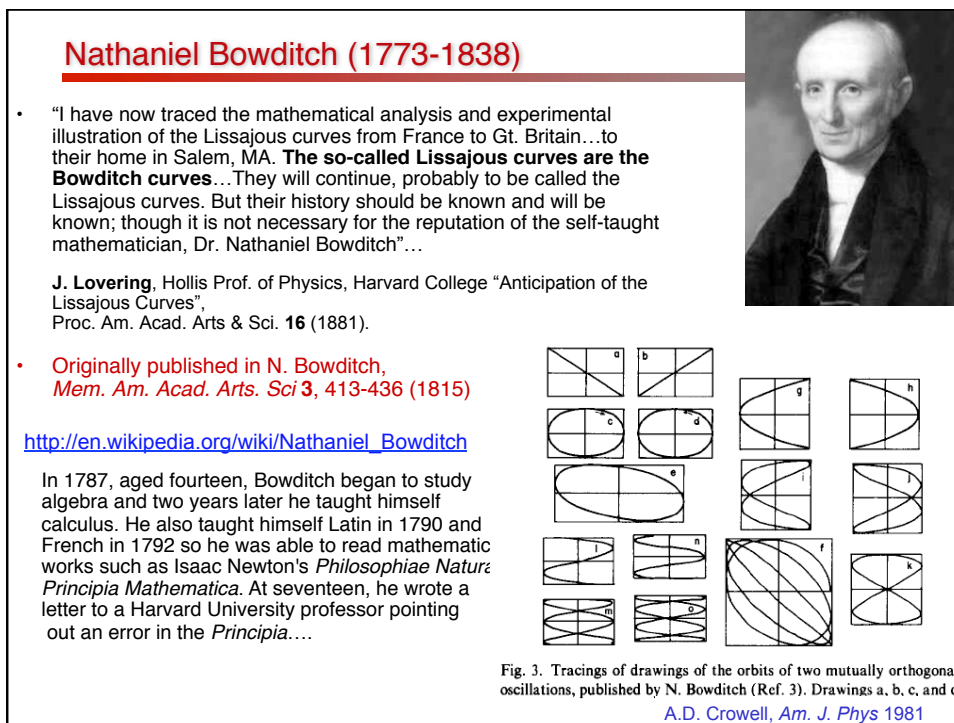
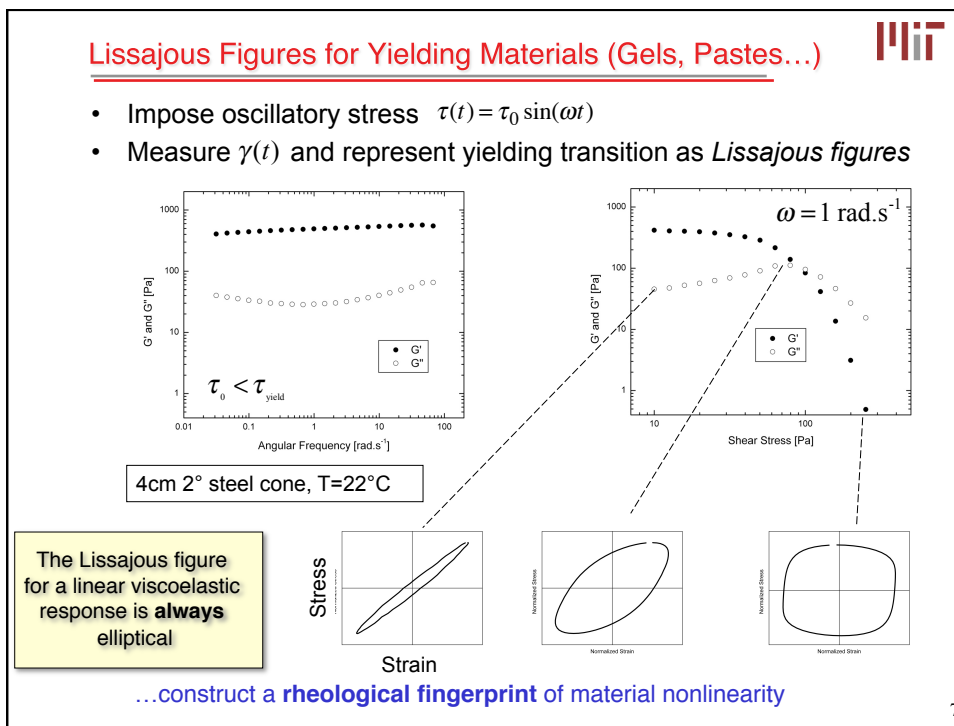
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elastic dominated



$\delta \rightarrow 0^\circ$

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## Tools for Analyzing Nonlinear Oscillatory Flows

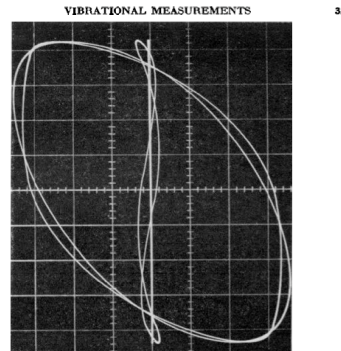
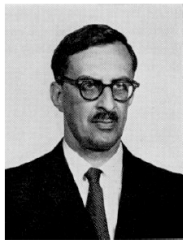


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Presentation of the Bingham Medal to  
Wladimir Philippoff

E. B. BAGLEY, *Canadian Industries Limited, McMasterville, Canada*

The Bingham Medal of the Society of Rheology for 1962 was presented to Dr. Wladimir Philippoff of the Esso Research and Engineering Company, Linden, New Jersey, in recognition of his outstanding contributions to the phenomenological rheology of viscoelastic materials. His dedication to experimental rheology over a period of almost thirty years has been manifested by his broad interests in new phenomena, in a wide range of materials, and in methods of measurement. He recognizes the basic scientific principle that theory and experiment are mutually dependent—that theory without experiment and experiment without theory are equally sterile. Undismayed by



g. 4. Resolving the non-Newtonian recording into first and third harmonics with the electronic computer.

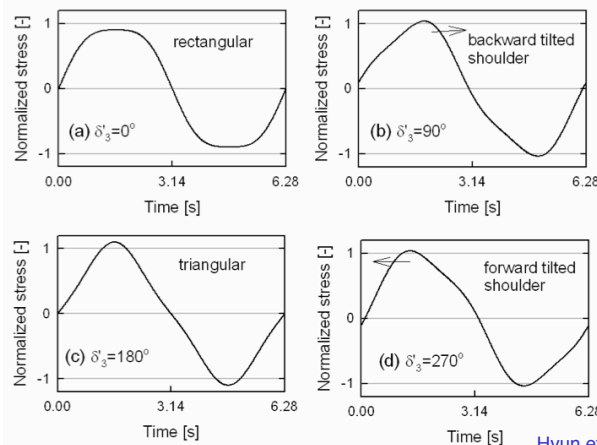
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## Time-Domain Representation



- Even if we only think about the third harmonic, representation becomes complicated, because relative **phase** of the waves is important:

$$\tau(t; \omega, \gamma_0) / (G_1^* \gamma_0) = \sin \omega t + 0.1 \sin(3\omega t + \delta_3)$$



How do we relate phase angle to higher harmonic information?

Fig. 8. The normalized stress data at different values of the phase angle for the third harmonic from Eq. (19) at a fixed frequency  $\omega = 1 \text{ rad/s}$  (a)  $\delta_3 = 0^\circ$  (b)  $\delta_3 = 90^\circ$  (c)  $\delta_3 = 180^\circ$  (d)  $\delta_3 = 270^\circ$ . There are various shapes of the

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### Fourier Transform Rheometry

- Single harmonic input  $\gamma(t) = \gamma_0 \sin \omega t$
- Measure  $\tau(t) = \gamma_0 \sum_{n=odd} [G'_n \sin n\omega t + G''_n \cos n\omega t]$
- Quantitatively robust, but lacking in *physical interpretation*

Snail Pedal Mucus  
2cm steel plate, T=22°C, 180µm gap

Dissipation:

$$G''_1 = \frac{E_d}{\pi \gamma_0^2} = \frac{\oint \tau d\gamma}{\pi \gamma_0^2}$$

Ganeriwala and Rotz, *Polym. Eng. Sci.*, 1987; Willhelm et al. *Macromol. Mater Eng.* 2002 11

### Physical Interpretation of LAOS Deformations

- General Fourier decomposition  $\tau = \gamma_0 \sum_{n \text{ odd}} G''_n \cos(n\omega t) + G'_n \sin(n\omega t)$

**A New Approach**

- Consider strain and strain rate as independent *orthogonal* inputs
- Decompose output stress using symmetry arguments into 'elastic' (x) and 'viscous' (y) contributions
- Represent the material response or *Transfer Function* in terms of **Chebyshev polynomials** in x and y:

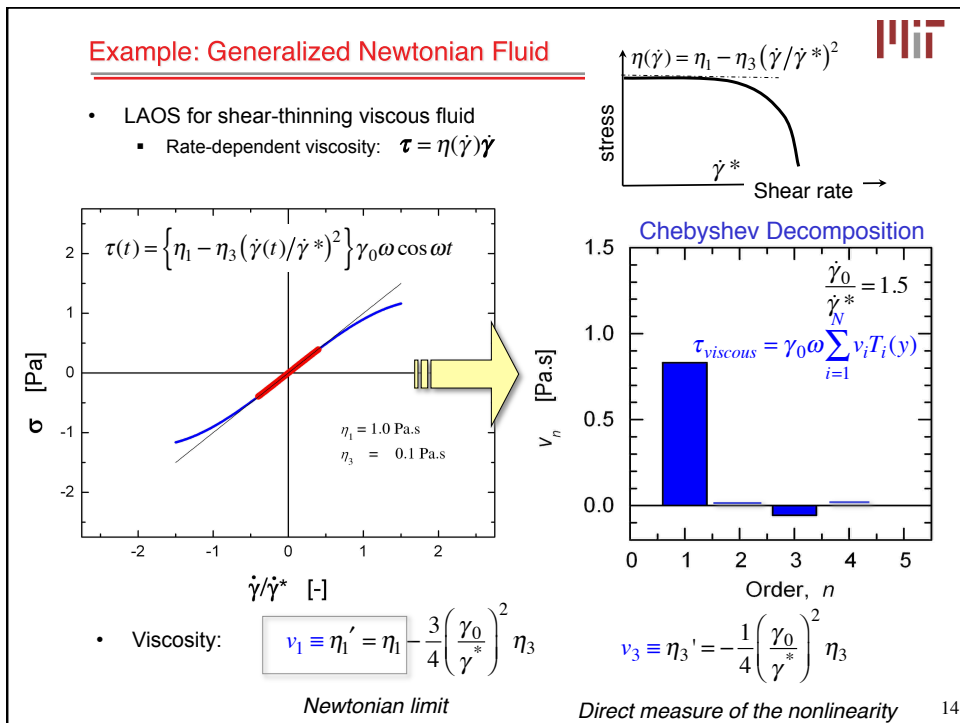
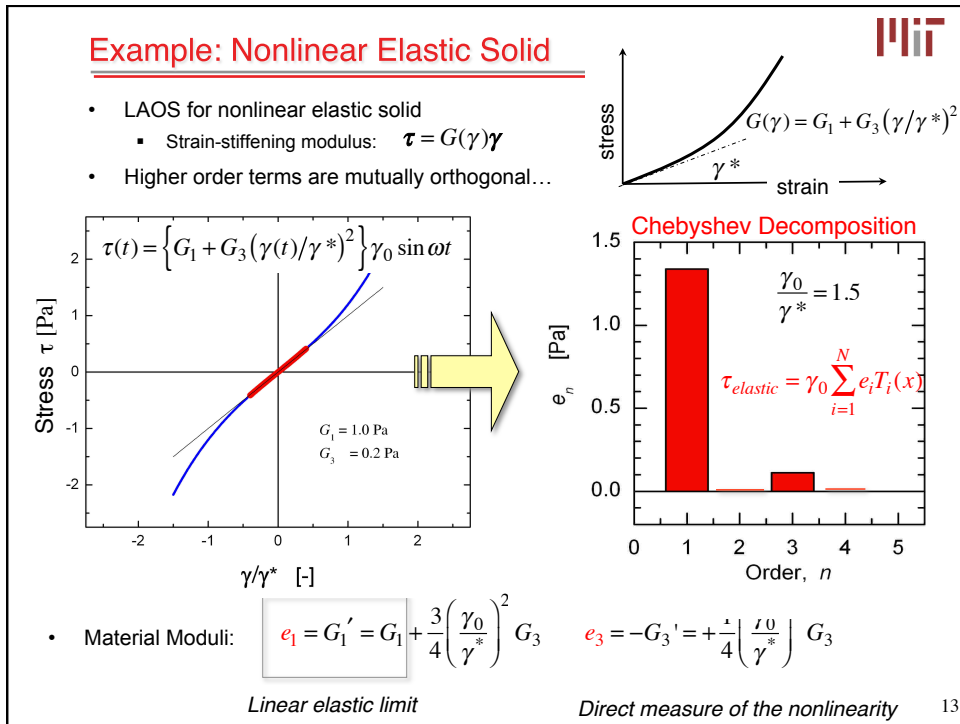
$$\tau(t; \omega, \gamma_0) \equiv \tau_{elastic}(\gamma(t)) + \tau_{viscous}(\dot{\gamma}(t)) = \gamma_0 \sum_{i=1}^N e_i T_i(x) + \gamma_0 \omega \sum_{i=1}^N v_i T_i(y)$$

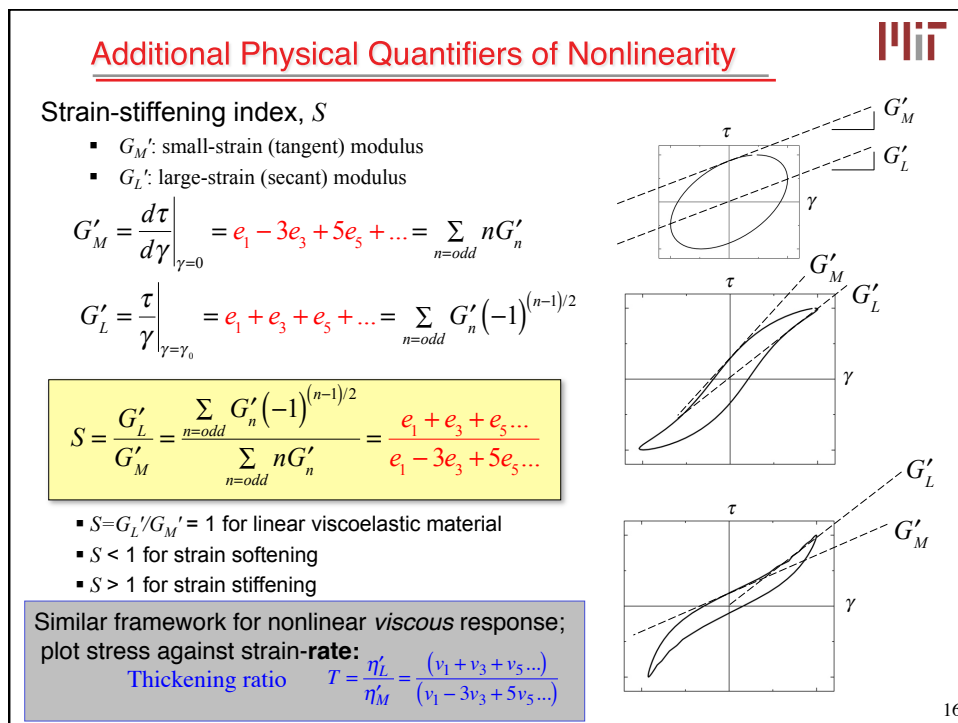
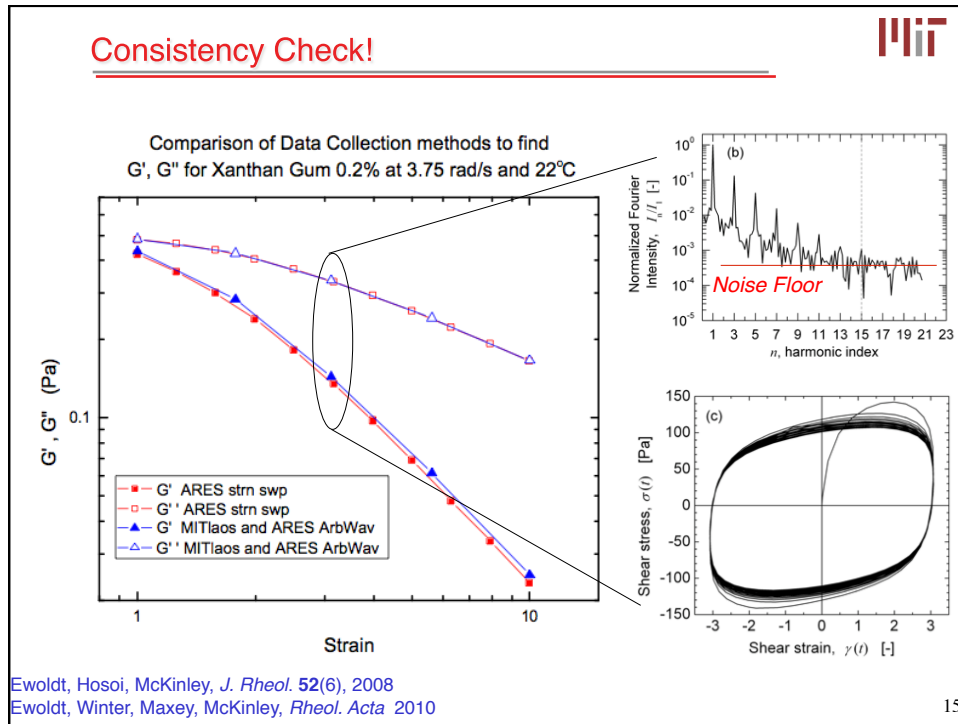
**BENEFITS**

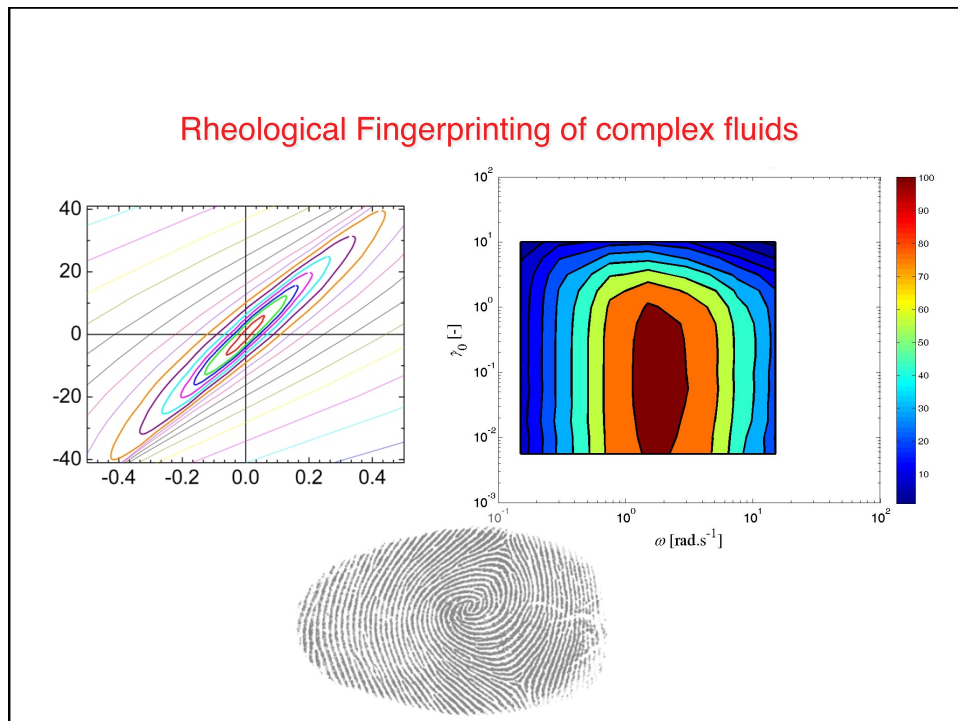
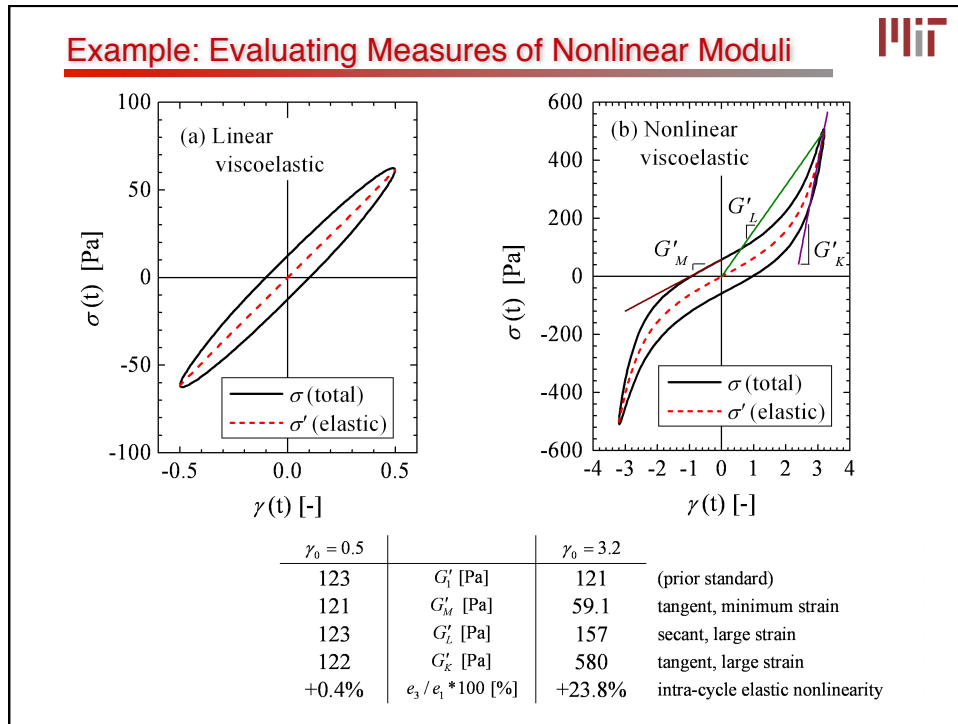
- Chebyshev polynomials are orthogonal and offer near-optimal polynomial interpolation
- The **Chebyshev coefficients** ( $v_i$  &  $e_i$ ) have physical interpretations with respect to familiar rheological concepts such as *shear-thinning* and *strain-stiffening*
- Temporal response can always be reconstructed using identities for Chebyshev polynomials

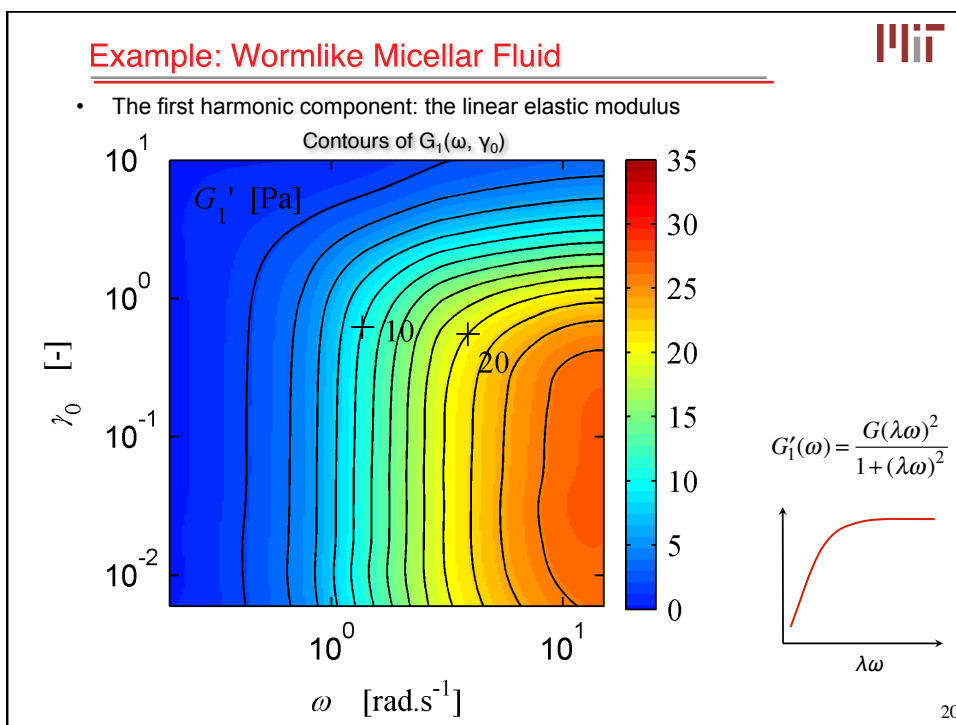
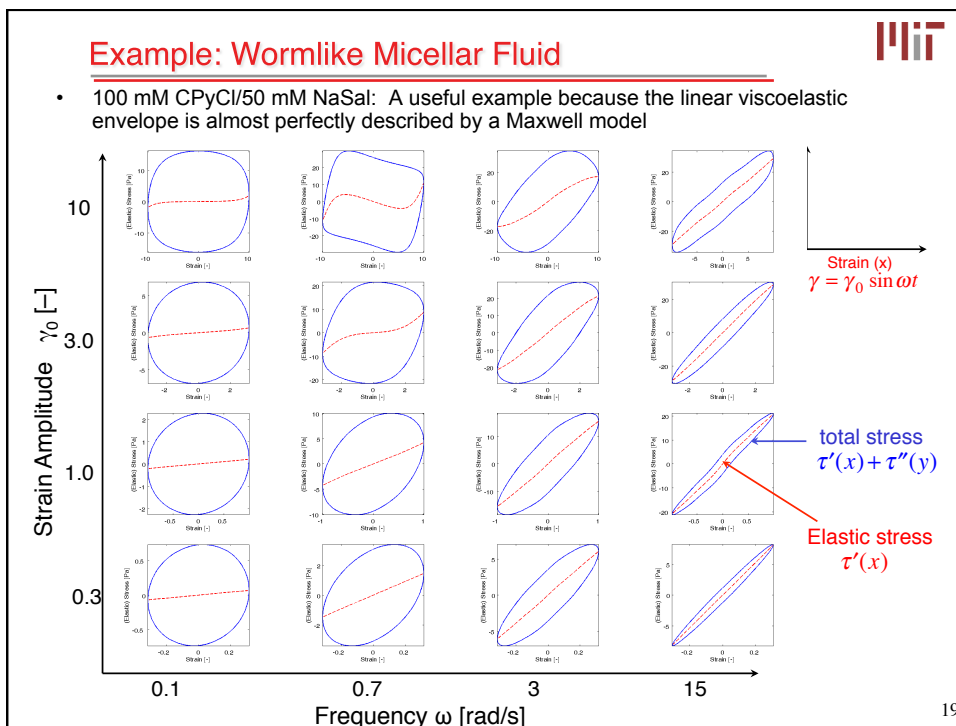
$T_i(x) \equiv T_i(\sin \omega t) = (-1)^{i+1} \sin(i\omega t)$       $T_i(y) \equiv T_i(\cos \omega t) = \cos(i\omega t)$

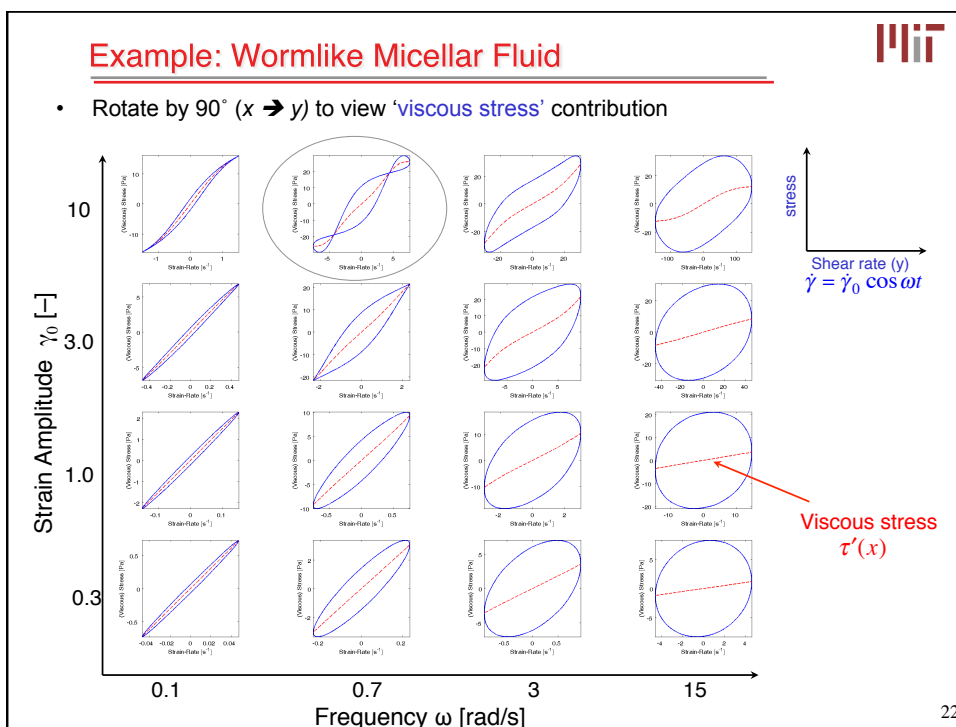
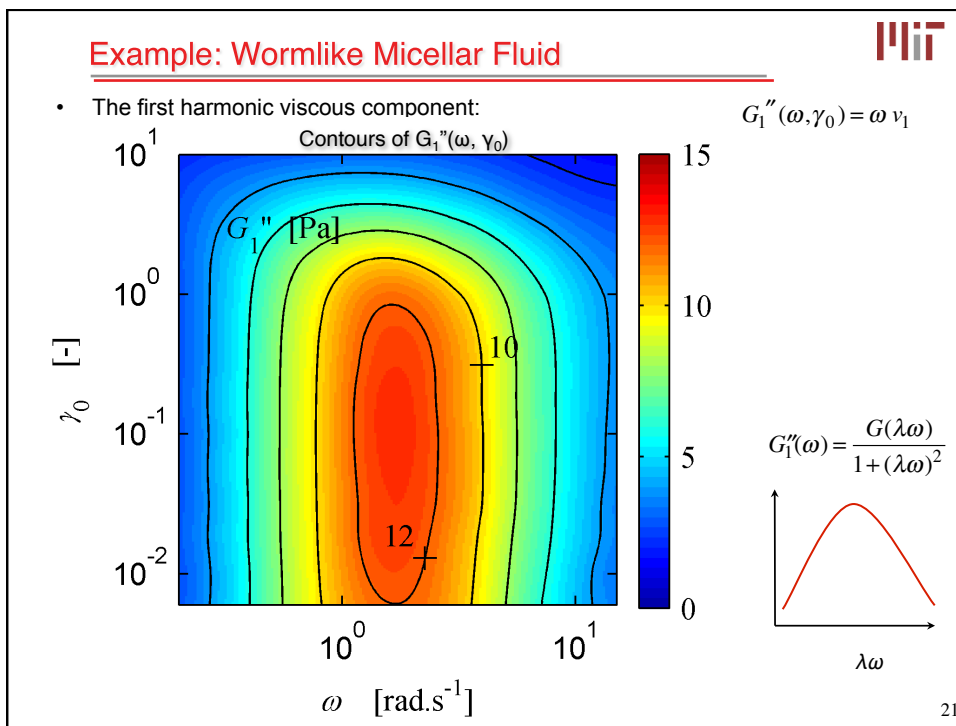
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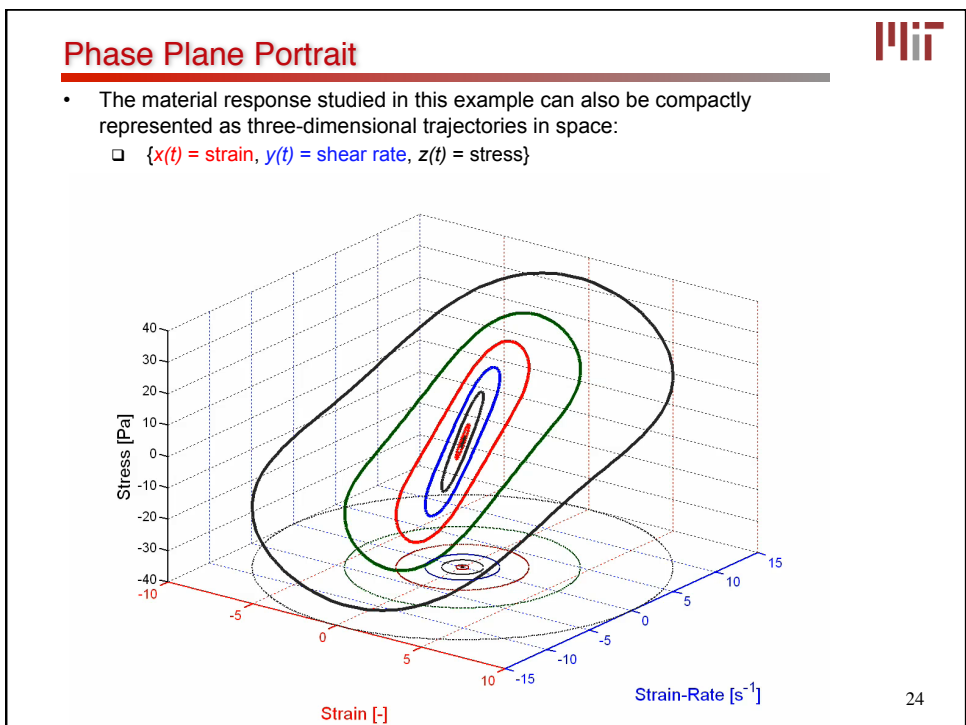
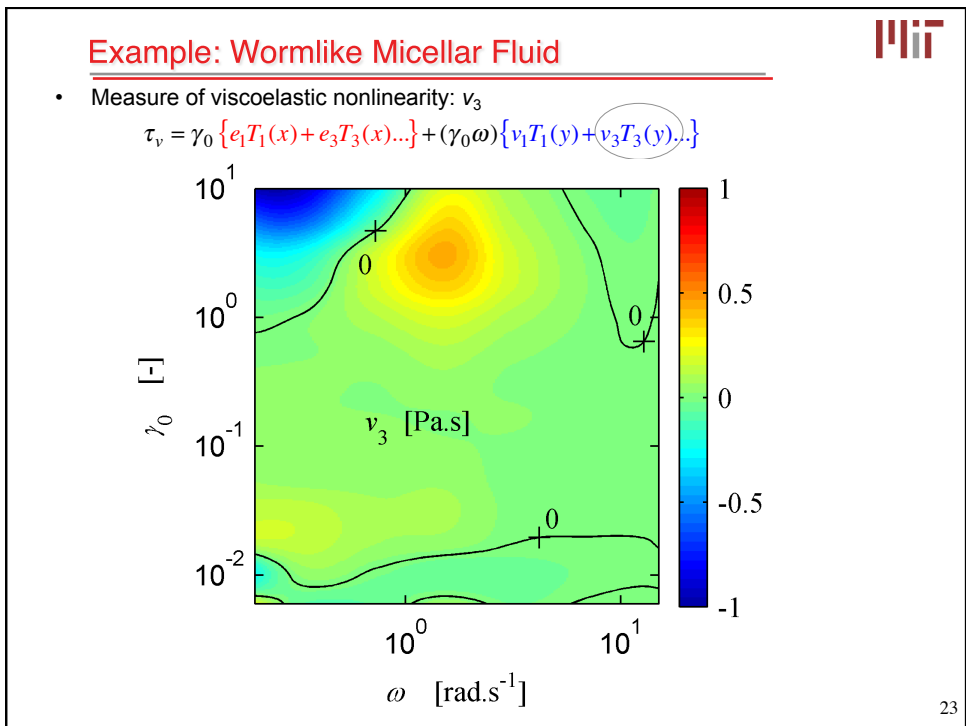














## Fluids with Yield Stresses/Critical Stresses MIT

*How "yield-stressy" is a given fluid?*

*Oil-based Drilling Mud (Invert Emulsion)*  
J. Maxey, Halliburton

**General Characteristics of Drilling Muds:**

- Yield stress is important (removal of cuttings, suspension of densifying solids)
- Time dependent rheological properties
- Exposed to various timescales and magnitudes of deformation downhole

**Most common rheometric tests**

- Steady flow:  $\eta(\dot{\gamma})$   
steady state nonlinear viscous properties
- Thixotropic loops:  $\eta(\dot{\gamma}_{up}), \eta(\dot{\gamma}_{down})$   
time-dependent viscous properties
- Linear viscoelasticity:  $G'(\omega), G''(\omega)$

**A more-complete characterization?**

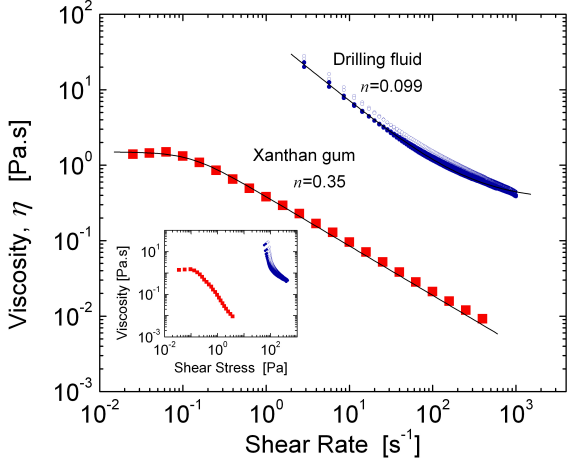
- Large amplitude oscillatory shear (LAOS) systematically spans the timescale and magnitude of deformation
- Probes time-dependent nonlinear viscous *and* elastic properties
- Connects steady flow viscosity, linear viscoelastic moduli, and nonlinear viscoelastic properties



Ewoldt, Winter, Maxey, McKinley, *Rheol. Acta.* 49(2), 2010. 25

## Characterization in Steady Shear MIT

- Compare response of a shear-thinning ('pseudoplastic material') and a real elasto-viscoplastic material (drilling mud)



Carreau model fits shown by lines

$$\frac{\eta - \eta_{\infty}}{\eta_0 - \eta_{\infty}} = \left[ 1 + (\lambda \dot{\gamma})^2 \right]^{\frac{n-1}{2}}$$

Dynamic yield stress of drilling mud  $\sigma_y \sim 70$  Pa

What about the elastic properties?

ARES-LS displacement controlled rheometer (TA Instruments)  
Aqueous Xanthan gum solution (0.2wt%), steady flow data (cone, D=50mm, T=22° C)  
Invert emulsion drilling fluid, thixotropic loops test (parallel disks with sandpaper, D=25mm, T=49°C)  
closed circles for disk correction

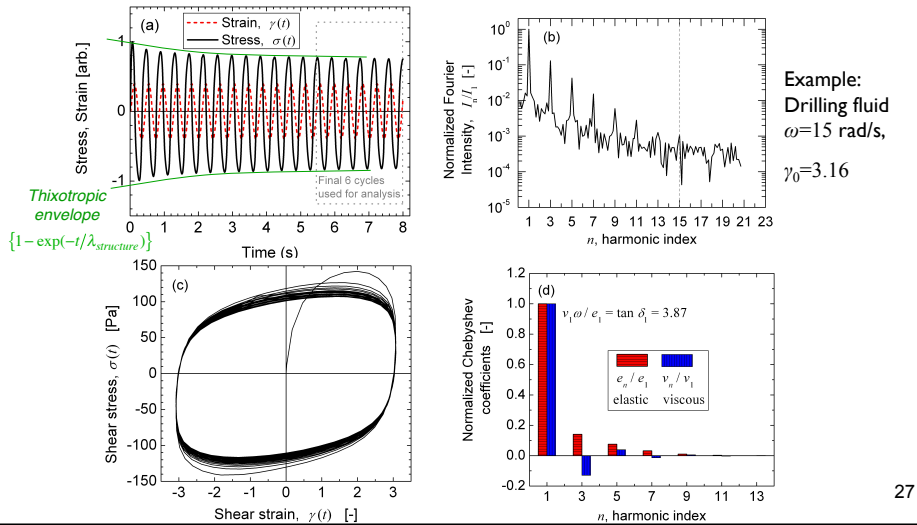
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## LAOS Data Analysis



MITIaos (Ewoldt & Winter, 2008) used for processing

- From full raw data, select final 6 steady cycles (after initial thixotropic response)
- Fourier transform (FT) spectrum is calculated, along with other measures including Chebyshev coefficients and nonlinear moduli



## Perfect plastic dissipation ratio

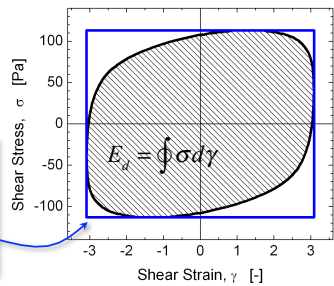


- So how do I quantify 'how square' the Bowditch-Lissajous curve is?

Perfectly plastic response appears as a rectangular elastic response curve  
 Compare dissipated energy (enclosed area) to that of a corresponding *perfectly plastic response*:

$$\sigma(t) = \sigma_y \operatorname{sgn}(\dot{\gamma}(t))$$

$$G'_n = 0 \quad G''_n = \frac{4 \sigma_y}{\pi \gamma_0 n} \frac{1}{2} (-1)^{\frac{n-1}{2}} \quad n: \text{odd}$$



Example: Drilling fluid  
 $\omega=15$  rad/s  
 $\gamma_0=3.16$

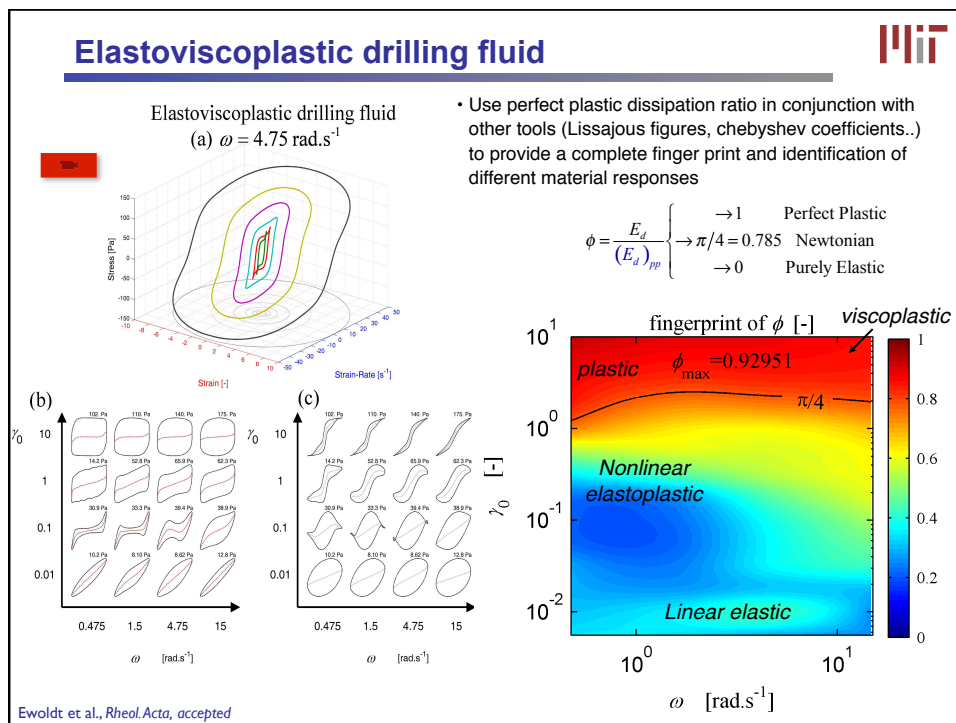
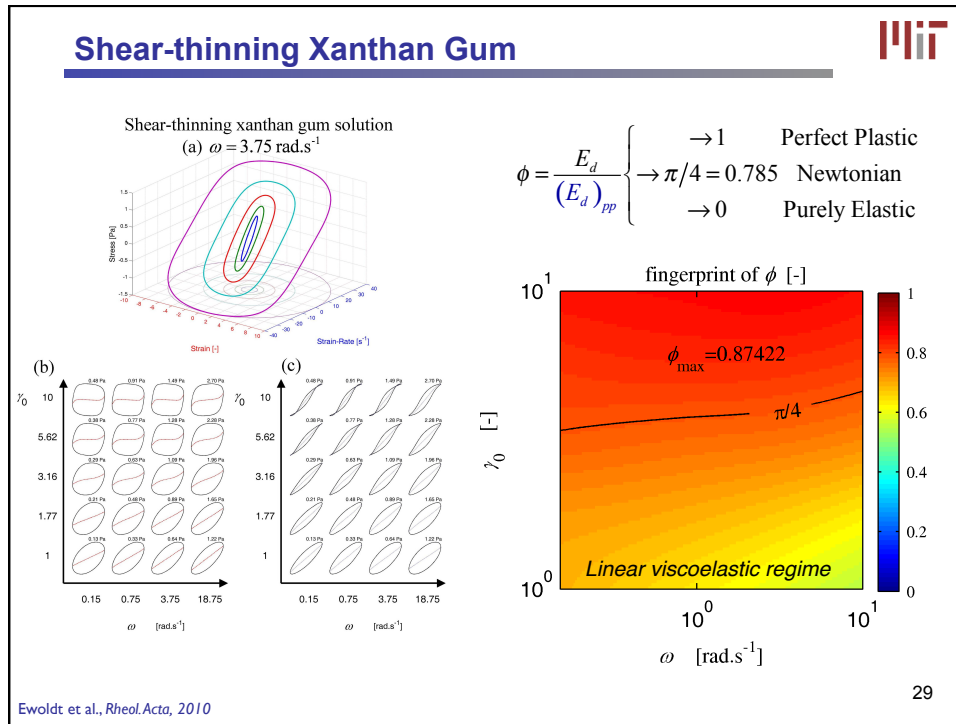
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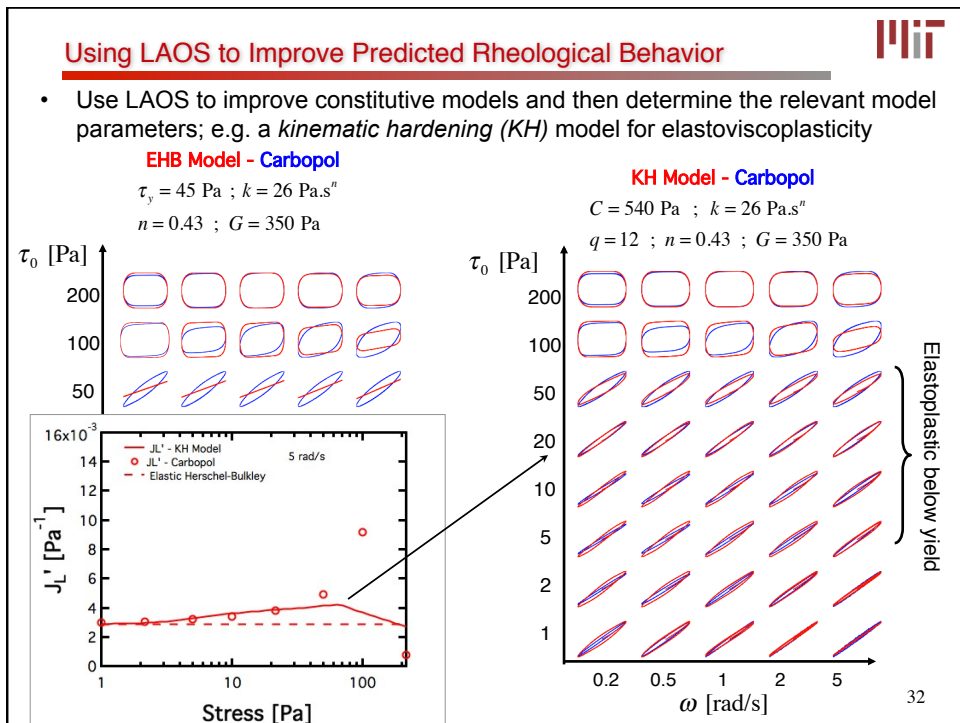
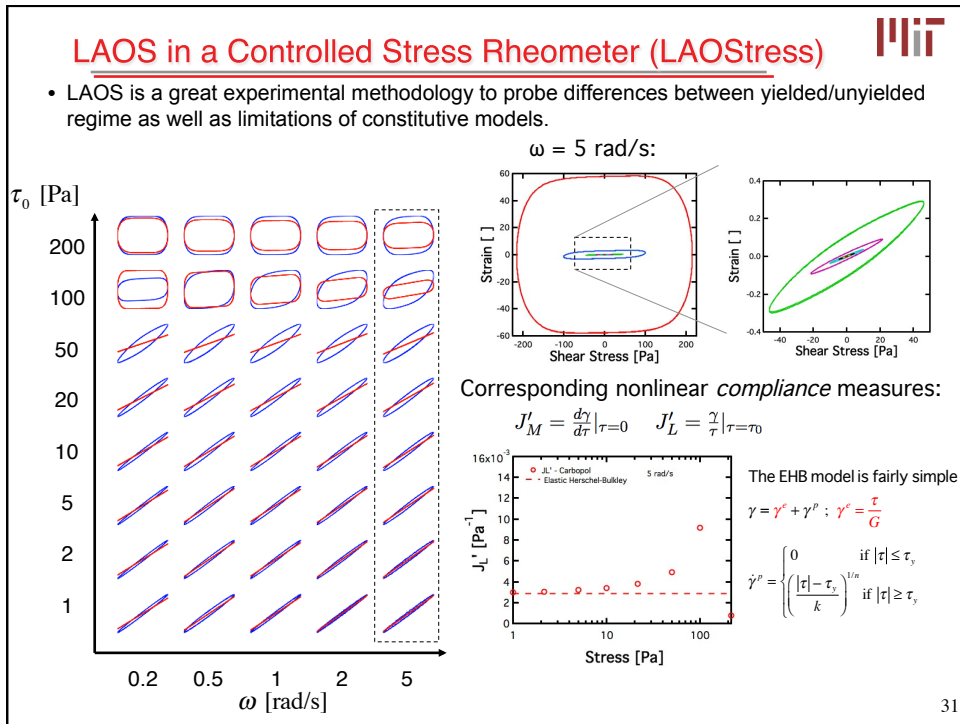
$$\phi = \frac{E_d}{(E_d)_{pp}} = \frac{\pi \gamma_0^2 G''_1}{(2\gamma_0)(2\sigma_{\max})} \begin{cases} \rightarrow 1 & \text{Perfect Plastic} \\ \rightarrow \pi/4 = 0.785 & \text{Newtonian} \\ \rightarrow 0 & \text{Purely Elastic} \end{cases}$$

$$\phi = \frac{\pi G''}{4 |G^*|} = \frac{\pi}{4} \sin \delta \quad \text{Linear viscoelastic response}$$


$$\sigma_{\max} = f(\gamma_0, G'_n, G''_n) \quad \text{General nonlinear viscoelastic response}$$

Ewoldt et al., Rheol. Acta, 2010



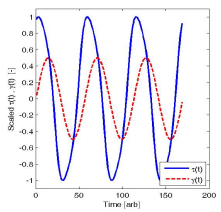


### Summary of Rheological Fingerprinting



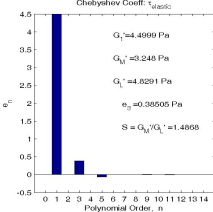
- A physical interpretation and language for LAOS experiments in complex fluids
- Framework of elastic/viscous stress decomposition plus **Chebyshev coefficients**

**Time Series**



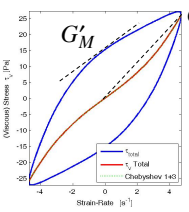
**Harmonic Coefficients**

$$T_n(\gamma) = \cos(n\omega t)$$

$$y = \frac{\dot{\gamma}(t)}{\gamma_0 \omega}$$


$$\tau(t; \omega, \gamma_0) \equiv \tau_{elastic}(\dot{\gamma}(t)) + \tau_{viscous}(\dot{\gamma}(t)) = \gamma_0 \sum_{i=1}^N e_i T_i(x) + \gamma_0 \omega \sum_{i=1}^N v_i T_i(y)$$

**Bowditch-Lissajous Figures**




**Measures of Nonlinearity**

$$G'_M = \left. \frac{d\tau}{d\gamma} \right|_{\gamma=0} = e_1 - 3e_3 + 5e_5 + \dots \quad S = \frac{G'_L}{G'_M}$$

$$G'_L = \left. \frac{\tau}{\gamma} \right|_{\gamma=\gamma_0} = e_1 + e_3 + e_5 + \dots \quad T = \frac{\eta'_L}{\eta'_M}$$

- Also applicable to thixotropic and 'yield stress' responses: *elasto-visco-plastic* materials (Ewoldt, Winter, Maxey & McKinley; *Rheol. Acta*, 49(2), 2010)



Using Fourier Transform Rheology, Chebyshev Decomposition, and Alternative Moduli to gain physical insight with Large Amplitude Oscillatory Shear (LAOS)

**Data Input**

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**Stress Filtering/Smoothing**

The Highest Harmonic to consider in stress reconstruction: n = 9, n (max) = 61

Points per Quarter Cycle in Fourier-Transform reconstruction: 300, suggested range: 100 - 1000

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