



# Probing microstructural origin of complex flow behavior

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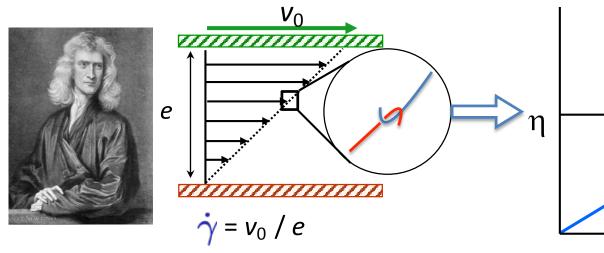


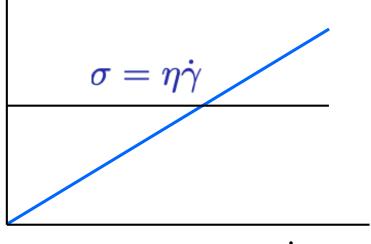
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## Ideal Newtonian fluids



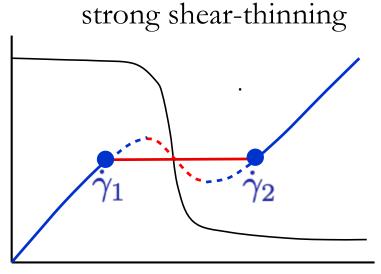




## Non-linear Newton: shear thinning fluids

Flow instabilities: shear banding

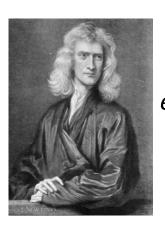
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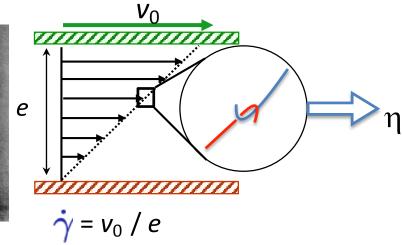


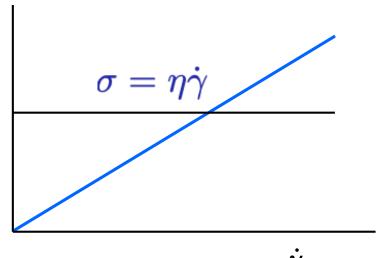


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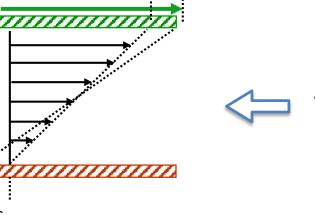


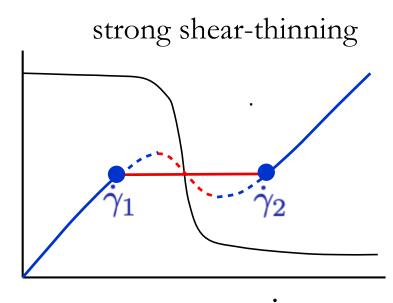




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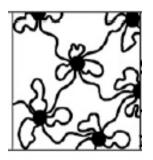




#### Possible shear thinners

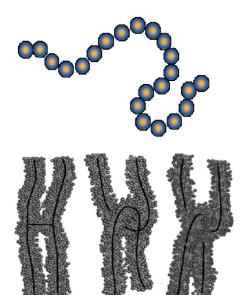


#### Living gels:

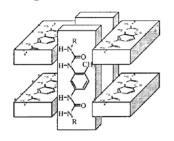


Sprakel et al, Soft Matter, 4, (2008) 1696

#### Living polymers:

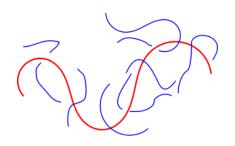


M. P. Lettinga and S. Manneville, Phys. Rev. Lett., 103 2009

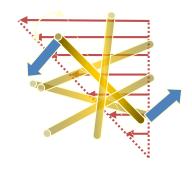


Van der Gucht et al Phys. Rev. Lett., 97, (2006) 108301

#### **Stiff Polymers:**



#### Rods:



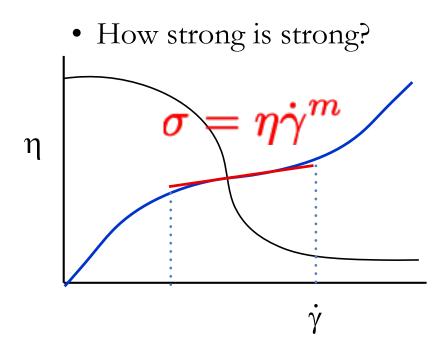


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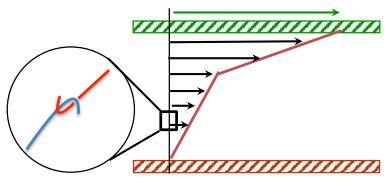


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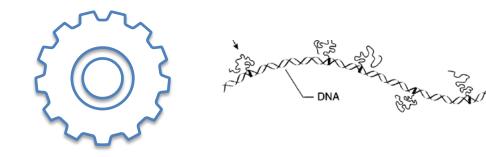
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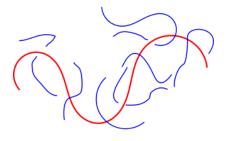


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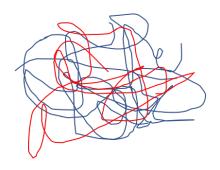
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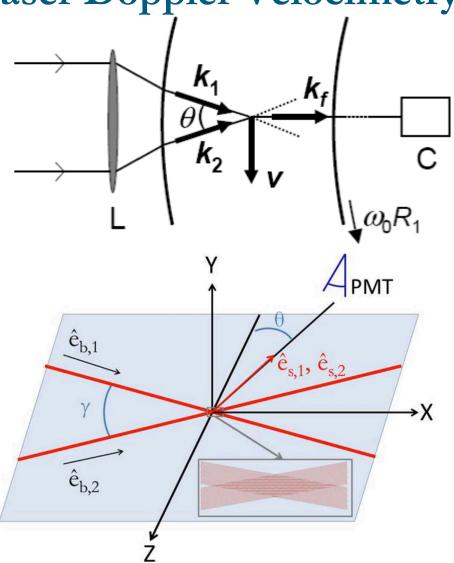
flexible Polymers:

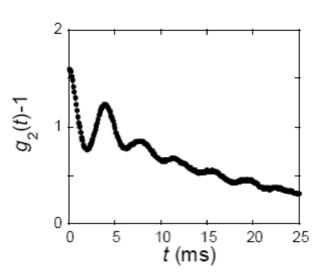


## Probe the stability of flow with



Laser Doppler Velocimetry

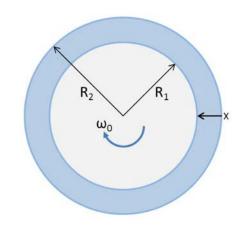


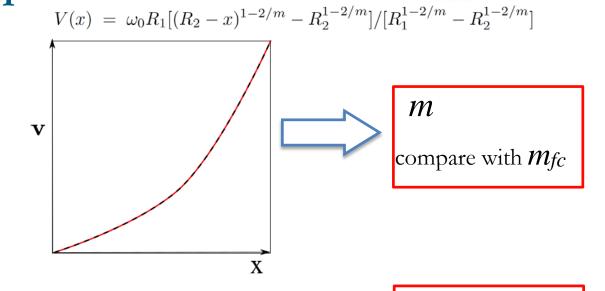


## Analyse velocity profiles



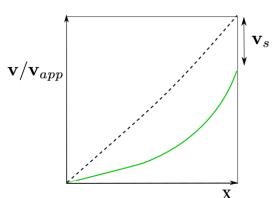
Account for curvature cell:

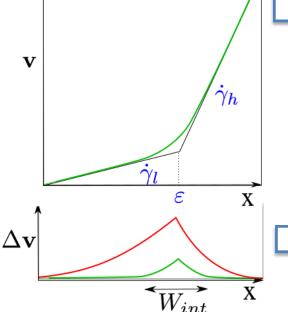


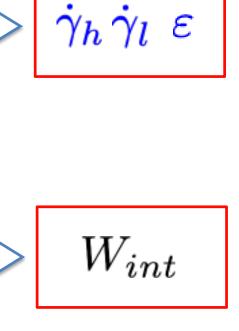


Shear banding with interface:

Wall slip:







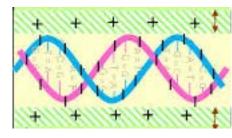


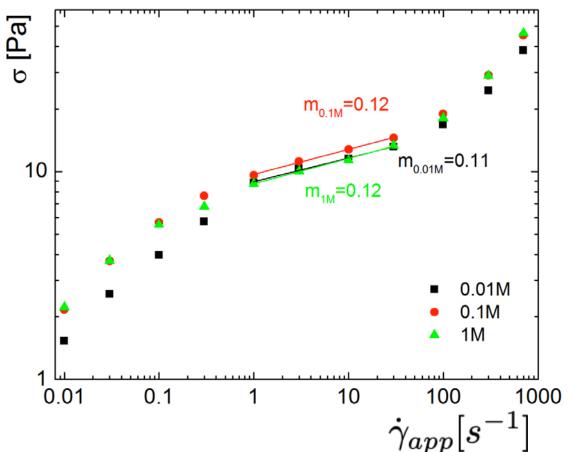
## DNA, the tuneable polymer part I



<L> $\approx$ 20  $\mu$ m, d=7 nm,  $l_p$ =50 nm

Tune repulsion by adding salt:

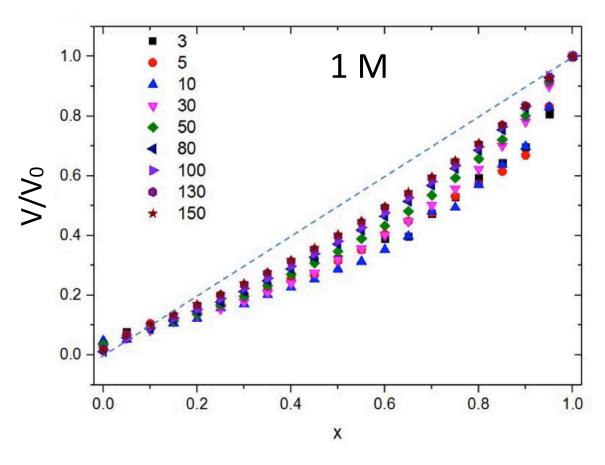




concentration: 0.7 mg/ml

### Tuning by addition of salt

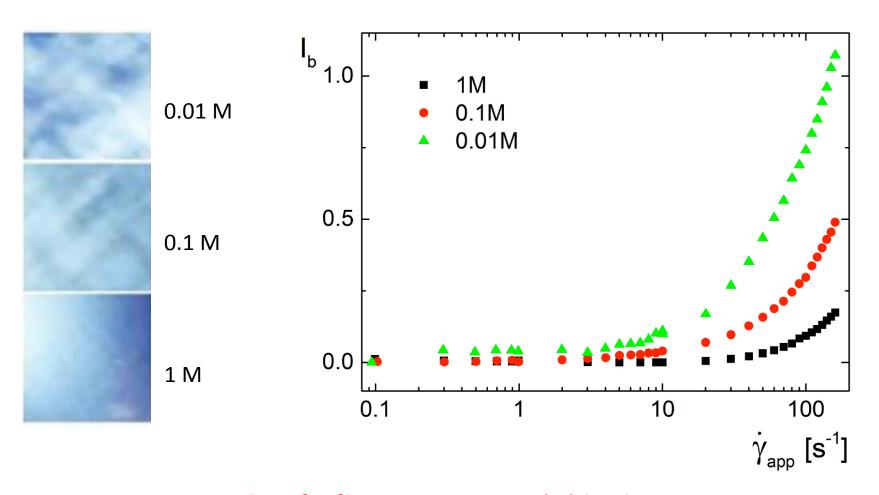




• Bands disappear at equal thinning  $m_{fc}$ 

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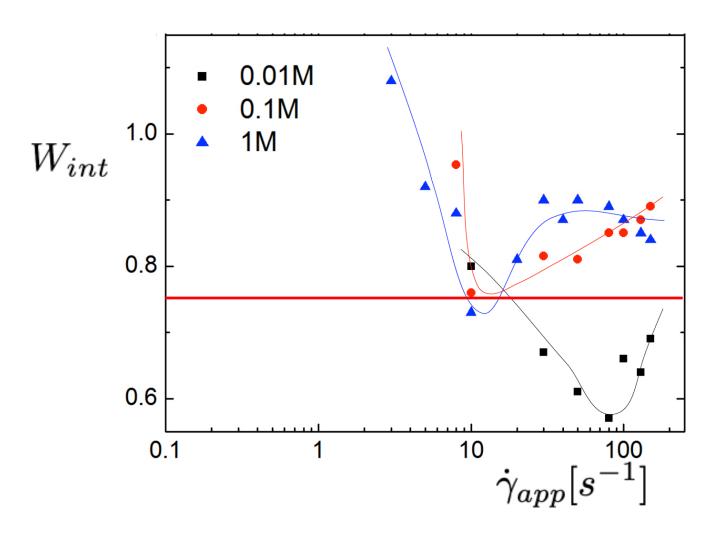




- Bands disappear at equal thinning  $m_{fc}$
- Birefringence disappears along with the bands

## Tuning by addition of salt





• Bands disappear via widening of the interface

## Some conclusions...



- How strong is strong?
- Always shear banding for given *m*, or is it system dependent?

Depends on system

- Suppression shear banding via widening interface, BUT: shear banding can exist with broad interface when  $m < m_{fc}$
- Can we tune shear band formation?

Yes, a bit

Also seen for Xanthan, with  $m_{fc} = 0.21$ Tang et al, Soft Matter 2018

• Is it charge or stiffness?

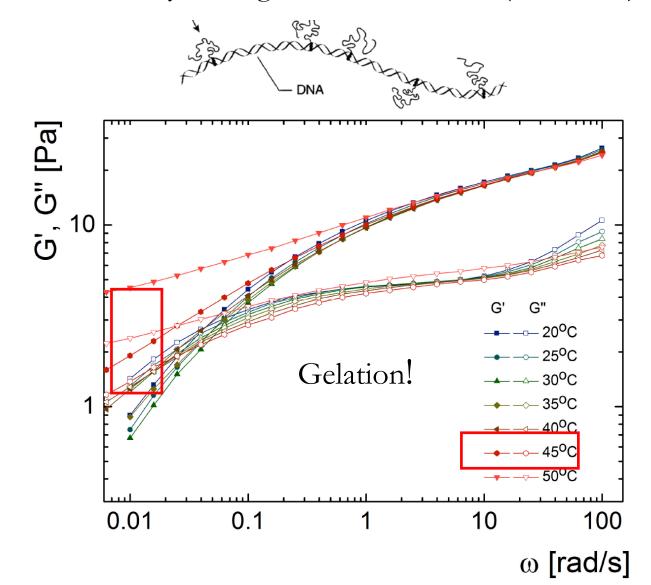
It is stiffness because SB observed for neutral PB-PEO micelles Lonetti et al, J. Phys. Rond. Matt. 2011

• New question: Can we force collapse?

## DNA, the tuneable polymer part II

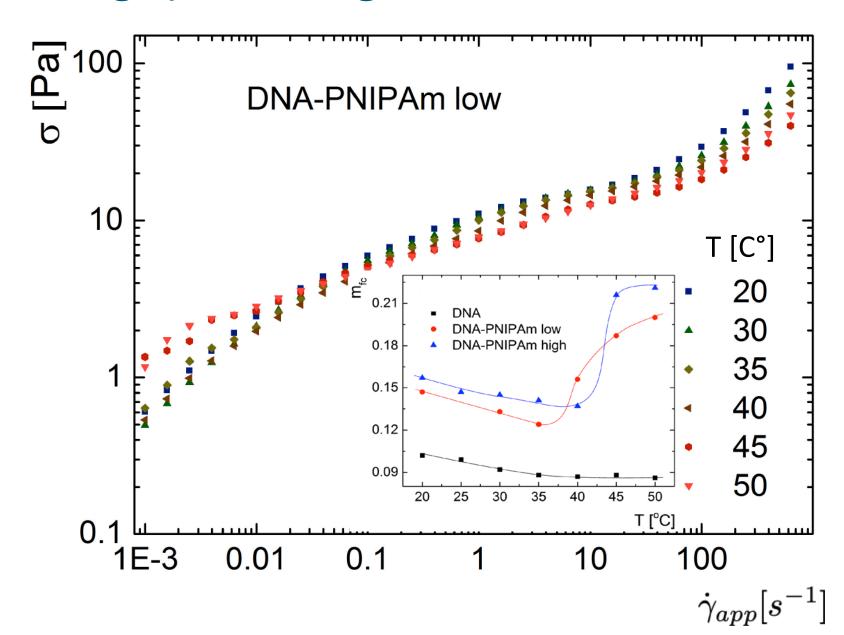


Tune attraction by adding T-sensitive brush (PNIPAm)



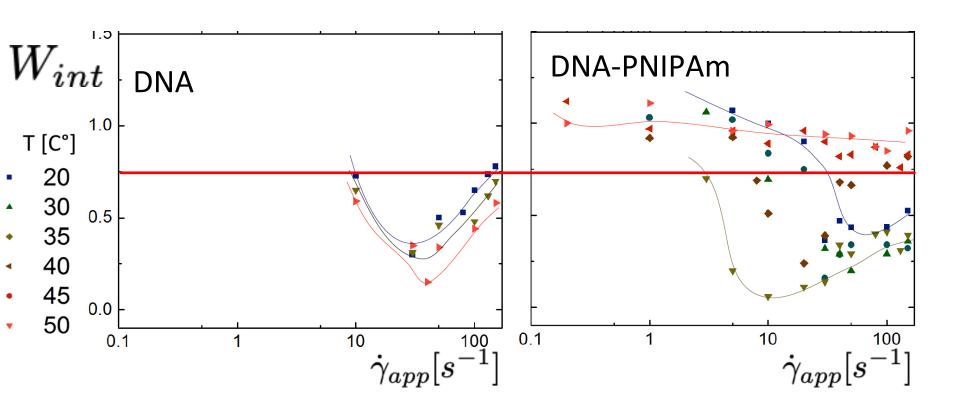
#### Tuning by increasing attraction





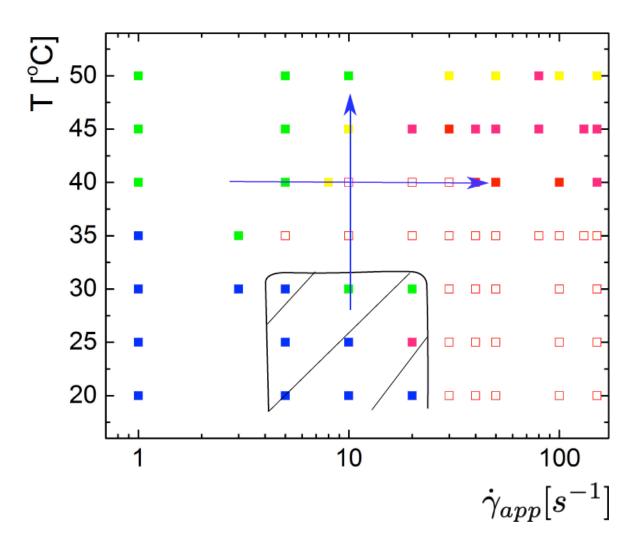
### Tuning by increasing attraction





#### Diagram of states





- Attraction suppresses shear band formation (and orientation)
- Re-entrant behavior in two directions

#### **Conclusions**



• Always shear banding for given *m*, or is it system dependent?

Depends on system

• Suppression shear banding via widening interface, BUT: shear banding can exist with broad interface when  $m < m_{fc}$ 

• How strong is strong?

 $m_{fc} < 0.25$ 

• Can we tune shear band formation?

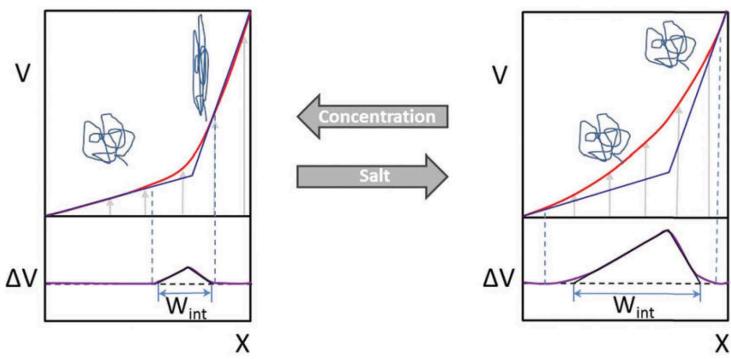
YES

• Is it charge or stiffness?

STIFFNESS, but...

#### Mechanism?





Adams&Olmsted, PRL, 2009

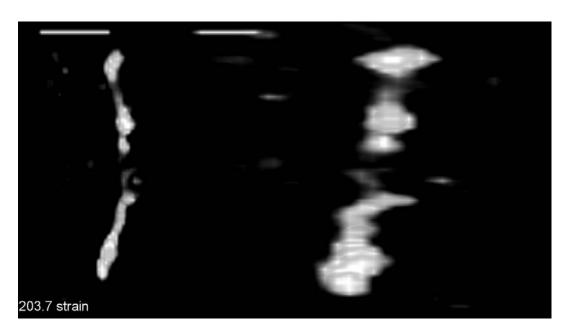
A) 
$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{I} + \mathbf{N}(1 + RA) \end{bmatrix} + \mathcal{D}\nabla^2\mathbf{N}$$

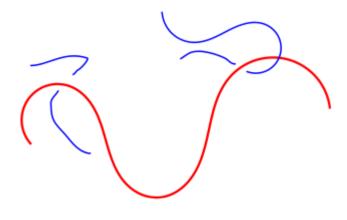
$$(\partial_t + \mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{\Sigma} - (\nabla \mathbf{v}) \cdot \mathbf{\Sigma} - \mathbf{\Sigma} \cdot (\nabla \mathbf{v})^T + \frac{1}{\tau_d} \mathbf{\Sigma} = 2\mathbf{D} - \frac{2}{\tau_R} (1 - A) [\mathbf{I} + \mathbf{\Sigma} (1 + \beta A)] + \mathcal{D} \nabla^2 \mathbf{\Sigma}$$

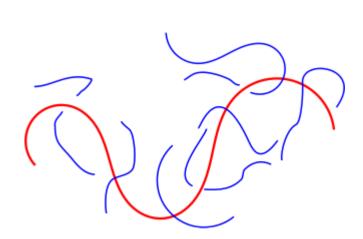
- Shear banding is suppressed when chain collapses after disentanglement, or alignment supports interface
- Collapse affects the shear-curvature viscosity
- Shear banding is suppressed when system is not long enough

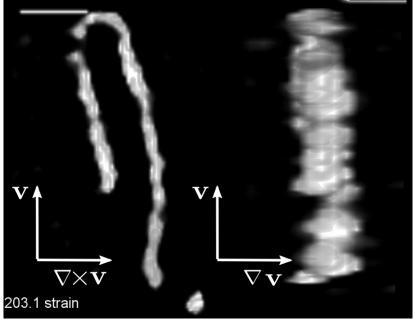
#### Sheared F-Actin in 3-D







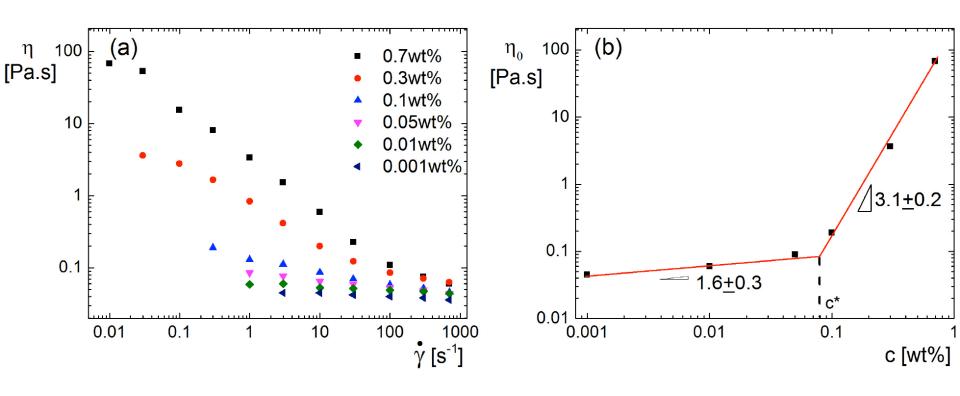




Kirchenbüchler et al Nature Communications 5:5060 (2014)

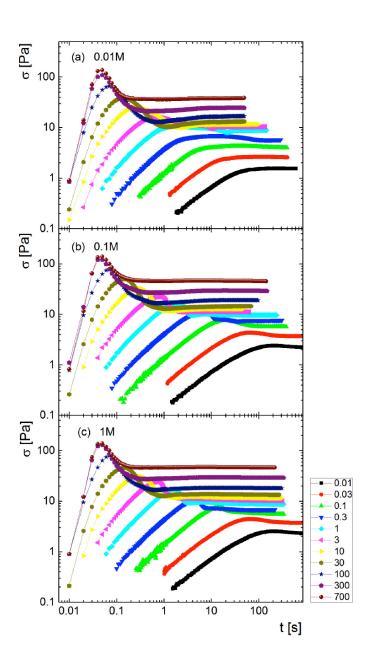
#### Entangled DNA





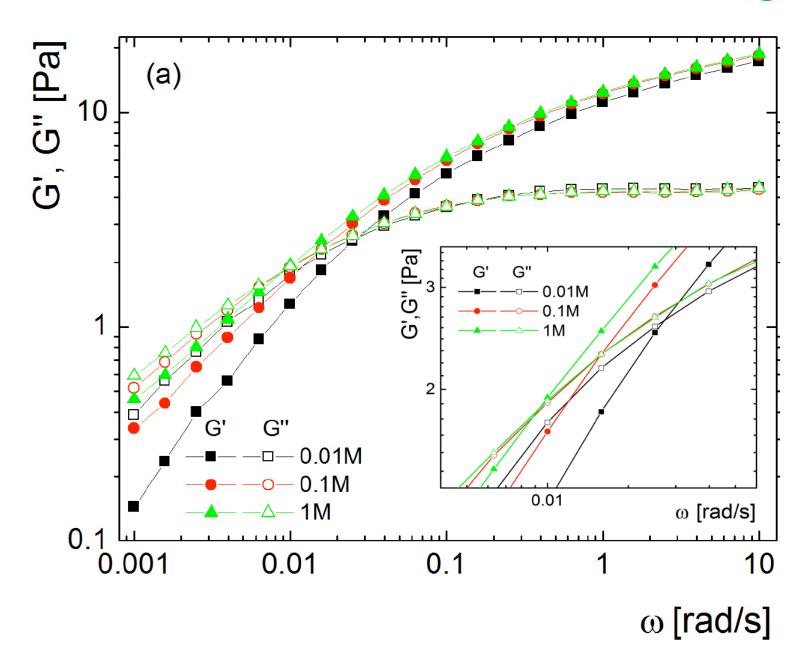
## Start up on DNA at different ionic strengths WILEUVEN





#### Linear rheology on DNA at different ionic strengths

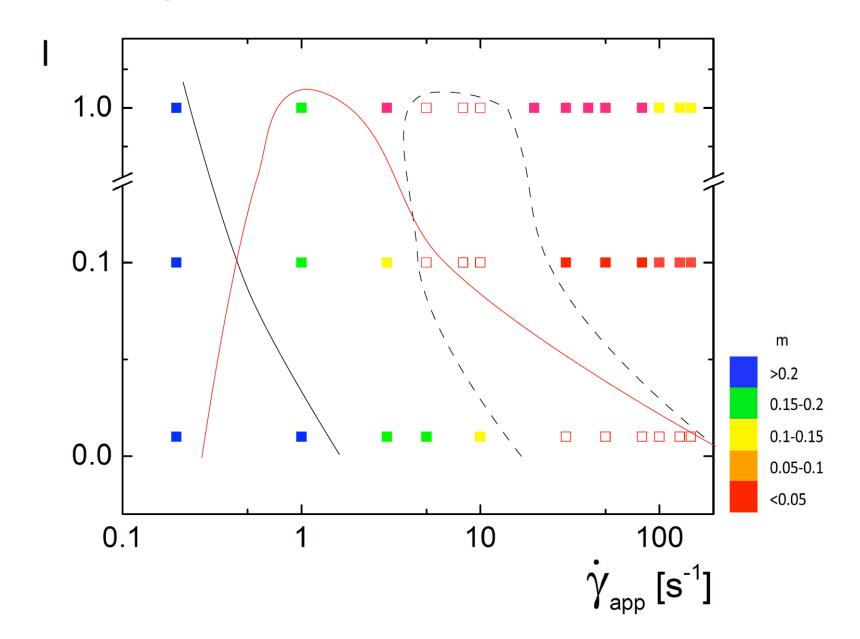






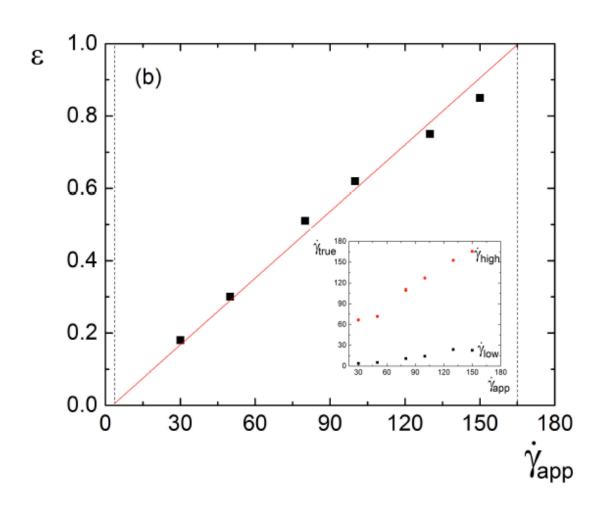
### **DNA** diagram of states





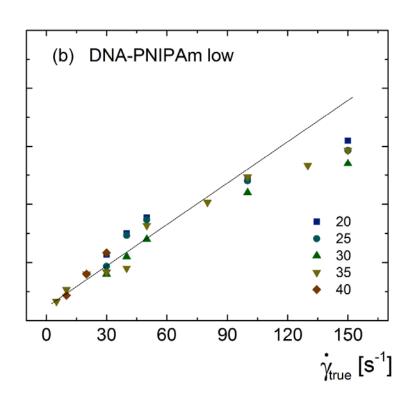
### banding results for DNA

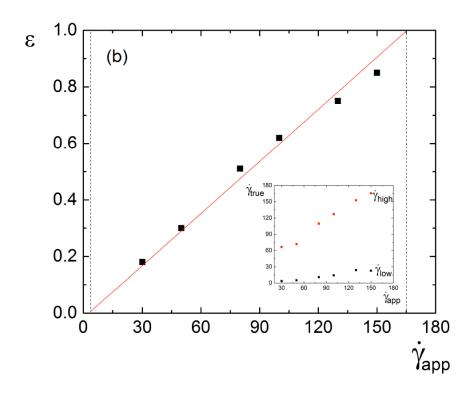




## banding results for DNA-pnipam

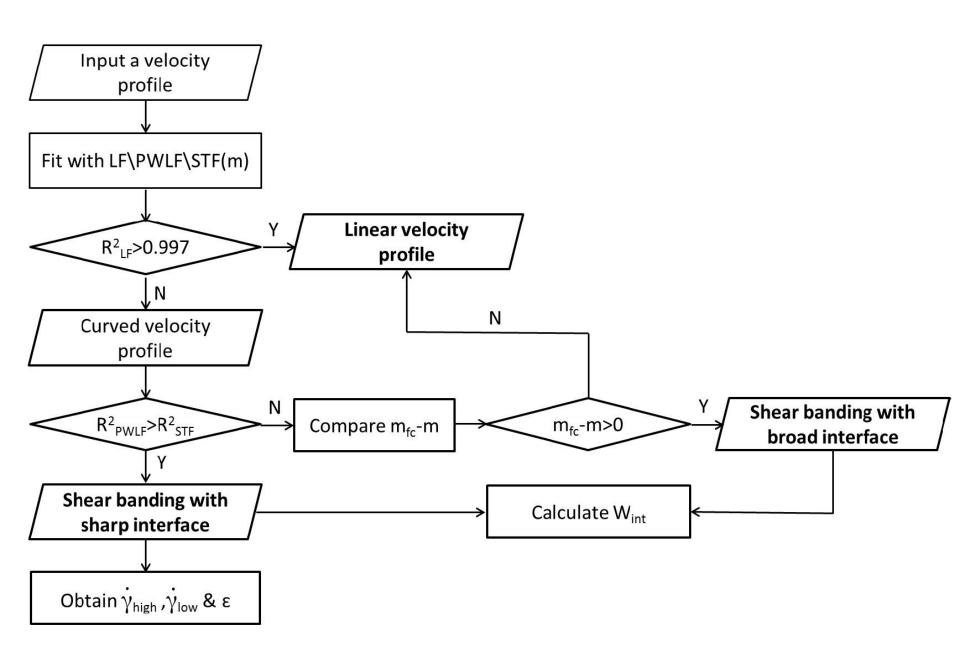






#### Analysis procedure



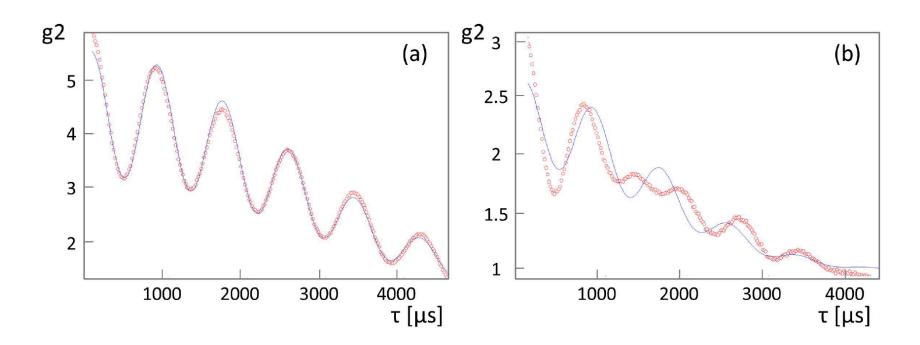


#### Stability of the profile

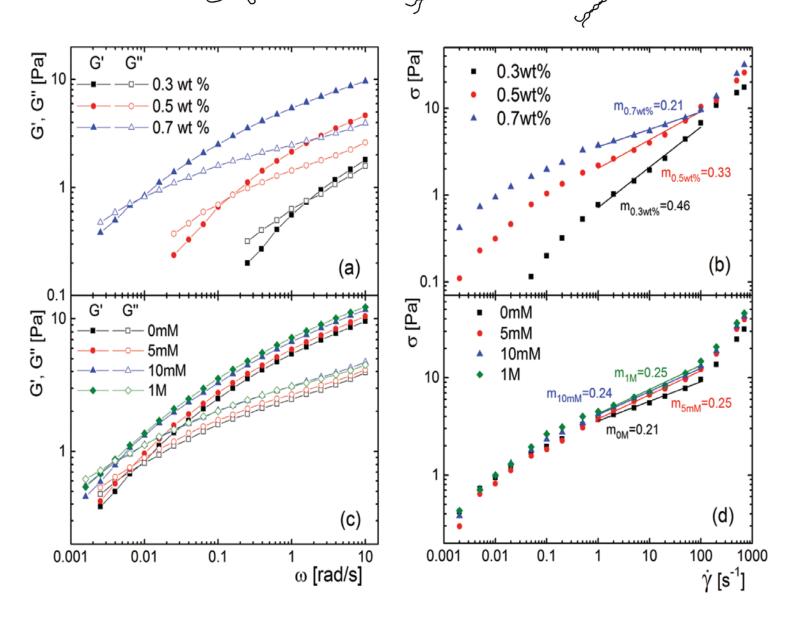


Away from the banding region

In the banding region

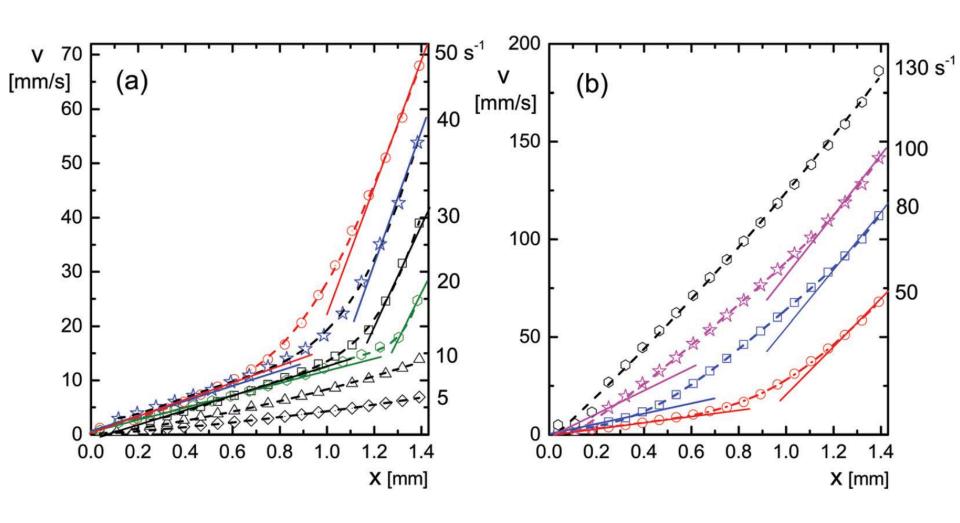


# Xanthan... KU LEUVEN



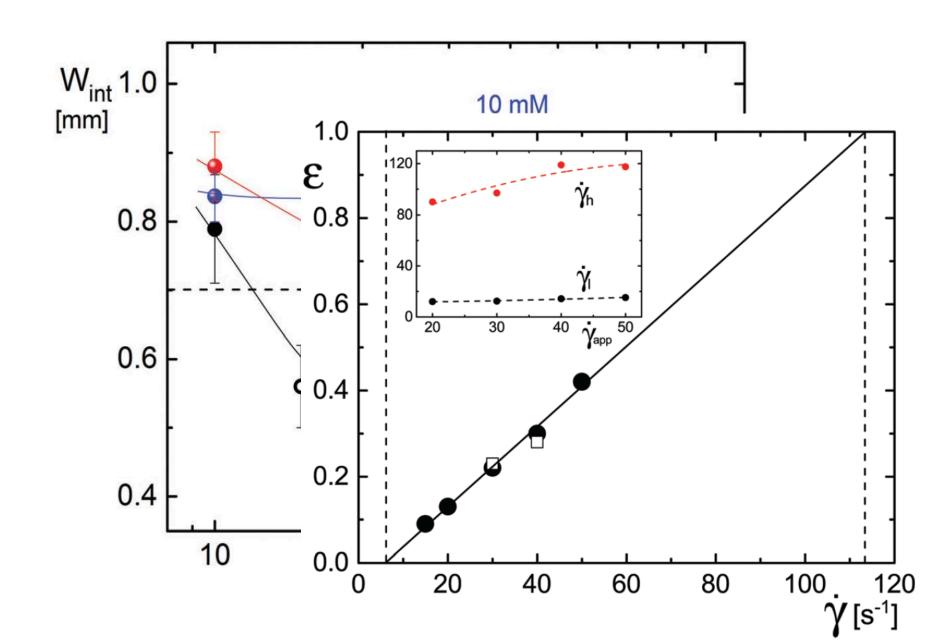
#### Xanthan... the profiles





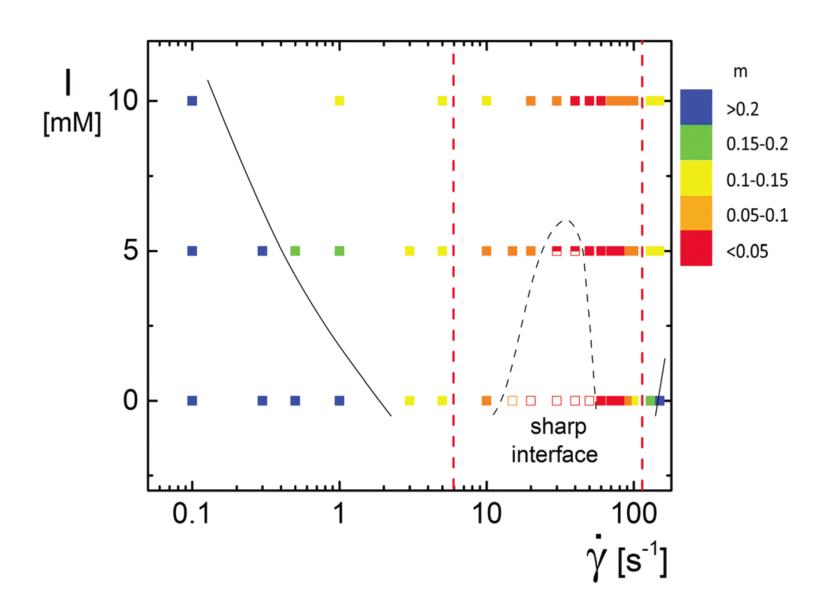
#### Xanthan... the results





#### Xanthan... the diagram of states





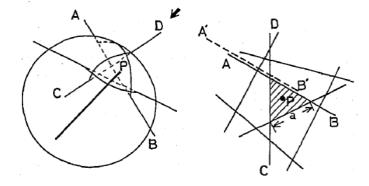




#### Topological slowing down:

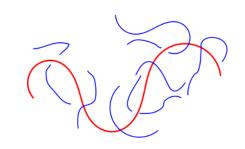
Dois phenomenological rotational diffusion coefficient

$$D_{\rm r} = cD_{\rm r}^0(\nu L^3)^{-2}$$



#### Monotonic constitutive theory for polymeric liquids

Competition of shear flow with Rouse and reputation time non-monotonic behavior due to concentration coupling



Cromer et al, Phys. Fluids, 2013

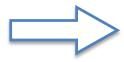


## Smoluchowski theory for hard rods



Gives equation of motion for the orientational tensor S:

$$\frac{d}{dt}\mathbf{S} = -6D_r \left\{ \mathbf{S} - \frac{1}{3}\hat{\mathbf{I}} + \frac{L}{D}\varphi \left( \mathbf{S}^{(4)} : \mathbf{S} - \mathbf{S} \cdot \mathbf{S} \right) \right\} + \dot{\gamma} \left\{ \hat{\boldsymbol{\Gamma}} \cdot \mathbf{S} + \mathbf{S} \cdot \hat{\boldsymbol{\Gamma}}^T - 2\mathbf{S}^{(4)} : \hat{\mathbf{E}} \right\}$$



Link with macroscopic stress

$$\Sigma_D = 2\eta_0 \dot{\gamma} \left[ \hat{\mathbf{E}} + \frac{(L/D)^2}{3 \ln\{L/D\}} \varphi \times \left\{ \hat{\mathbf{\Gamma}} \cdot \mathbf{S} + \mathbf{S} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{\Gamma}}^{\mathrm{T}} - \mathbf{S}^{(4)} : \hat{\mathbf{E}} - \frac{1}{3} \hat{\mathbf{I}} \mathbf{S} : \hat{\mathbf{E}} - \frac{1}{\dot{\gamma}} \frac{\mathrm{d} \mathbf{S}}{\mathrm{d} t} \right\} \right]$$

Collective slowing down: Dynamic definition spinodal point

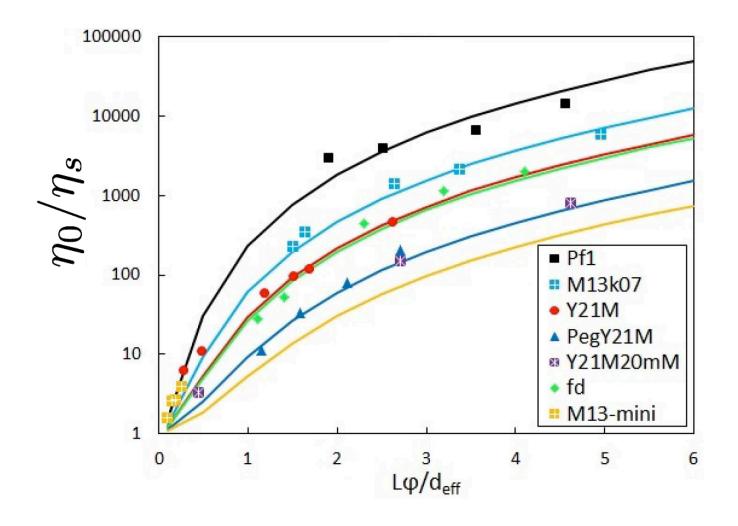
$$D_R^{eff} = D_R^0 \left( 1 - \frac{1}{4} \frac{L}{d_{eff}} \varphi \right) \longrightarrow \Omega_{eff} = \omega / D_R^{eff}$$

$$\longrightarrow Pe_{eff} = \dot{\gamma}_0 / D_R^{eff}$$

$$D_R^0 : \text{rotational at infinite dilution}$$

### Zero shear viscosity of rods



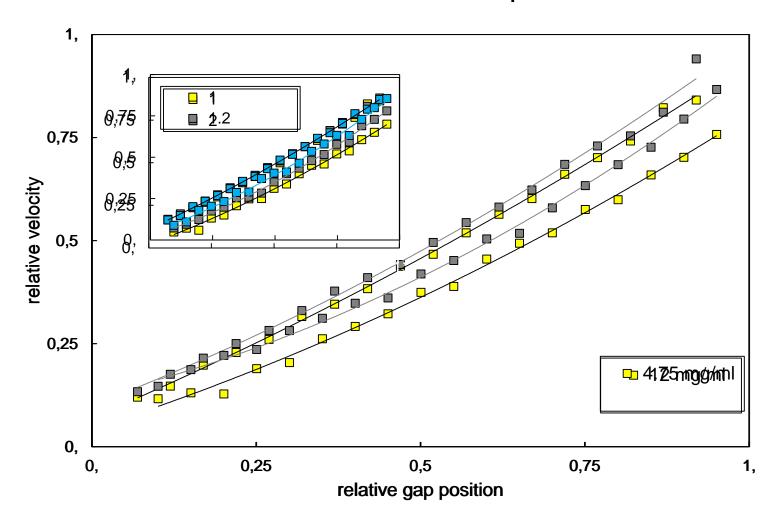


$$D_r = cD_r^0(\nu L^3)^{-2}$$
 = c=3.10<sup>3</sup>

### Velocity profiles of rods



#### Velocity profile of M13k07 (L=1.2 $\mu$ m, L<sub>p</sub>=2.2 $\mu$ m):

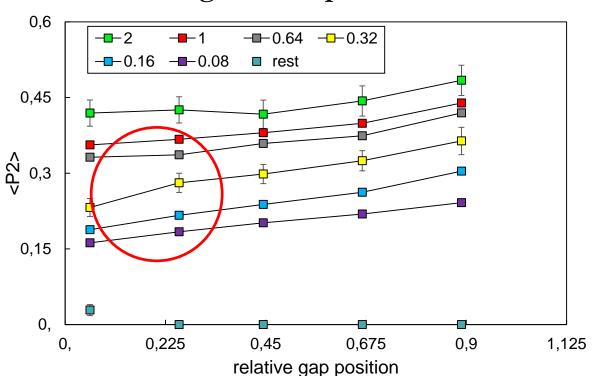


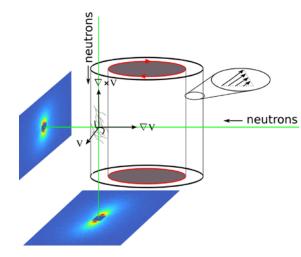
very long and flexible rods show hints of shear banding

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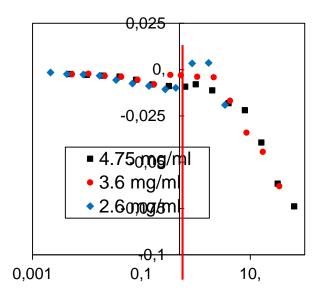
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#### Shear-banding and hairpin formation





• biaxiality reverses in a small shear rate range after "shear banding"

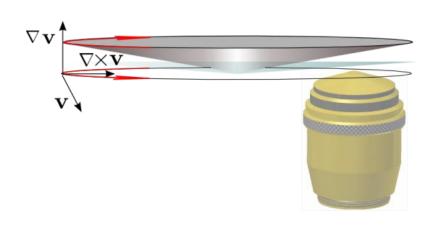


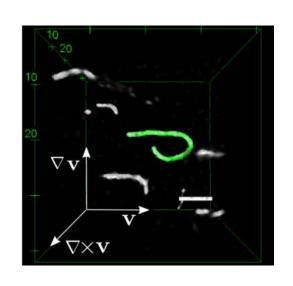
Lang et al, Polymers, 2016



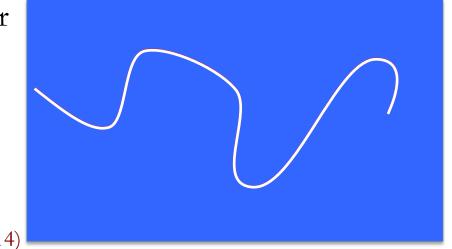
# In situ confocal microscopy on entangled F-actin





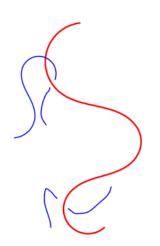


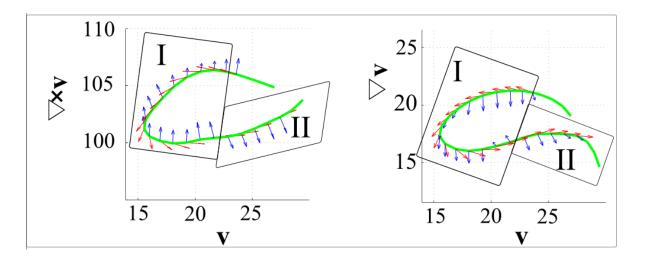
- ➤ Use three concentrations, label 1 per 100 filaments
- ➤ About 100 analyzed filaments per combination

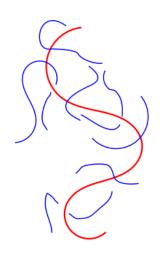


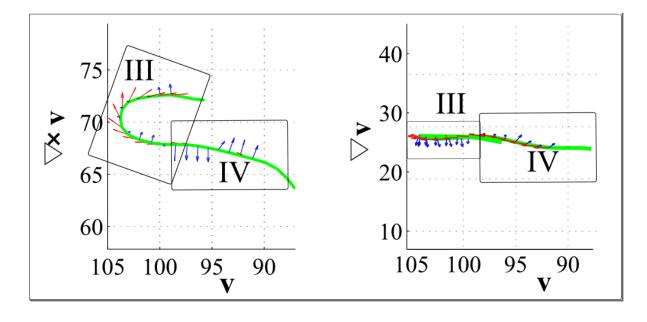
## Typical examples:











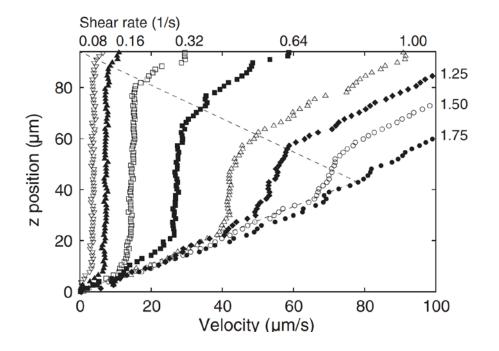
## F-actin: stiffer and longer



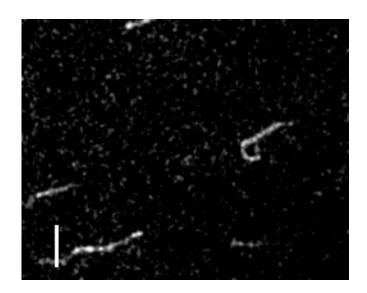
 $< L> \approx 20 \ \mu \text{m}, d=7 \ \text{nm}, l_p=17 \ \mu \text{m}$ 

Shear banding has been identified by

Kunita et al, PRL 109, 248303 (2012)

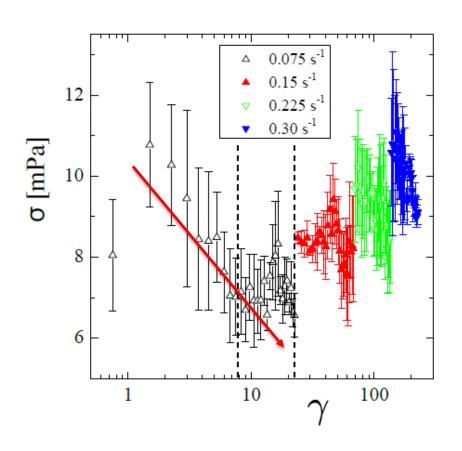


Goal: obtain 3-D structural information



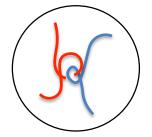
#### Rheological response of F-actin dispersions



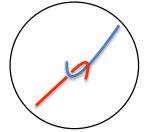


0.15 mg/ml100 0.02 mg/ml  $\eta$  [mPa.s] 0.1 0.2 0.3  $\dot{\gamma} [s^{\text{-}1}]$ 

Strain softening



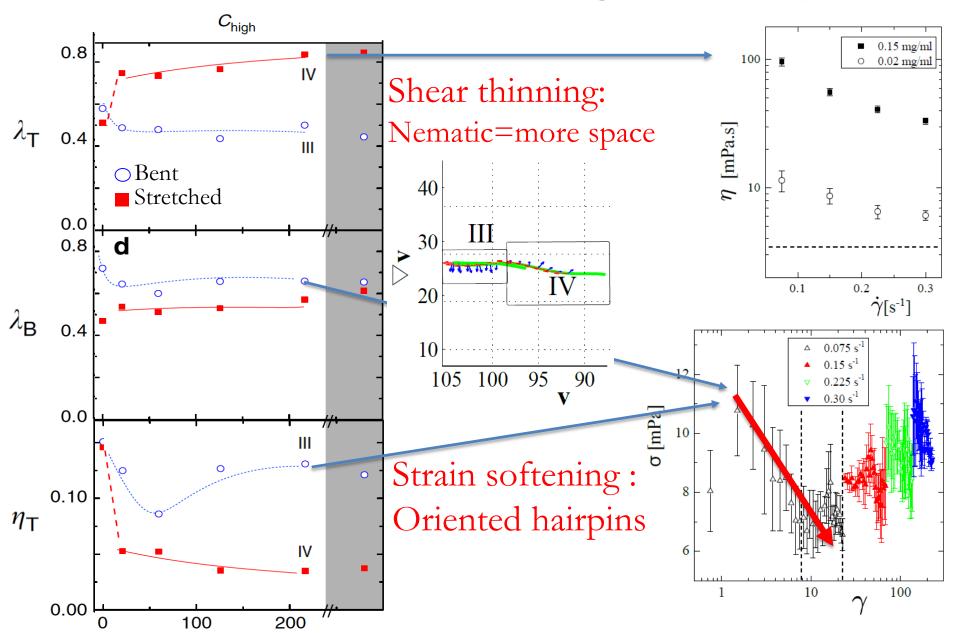
Shear thinning





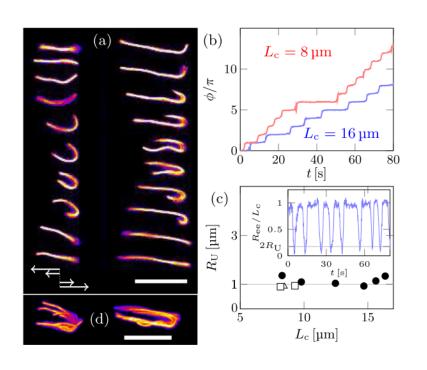
#### Connection between ordering and stress



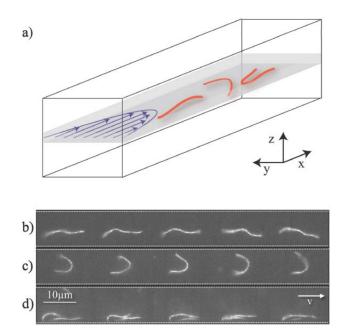


### Shear experiments on F-Actin





Direct Observation of the Dynamics of Semiflexible Polymers in Shear Flow Harasim et al, PRL, 110 (2013)

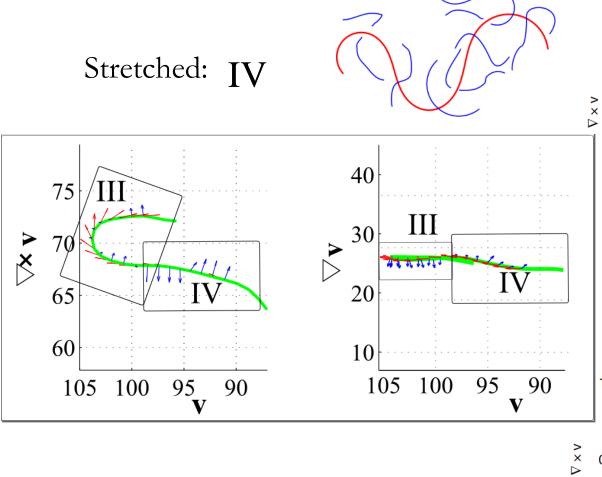


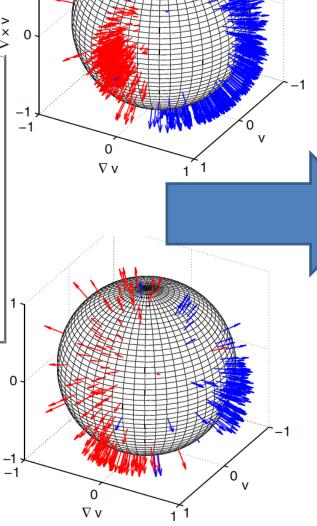
Mobility Gradient Induces Cross-Streamline Migration of Semiflexible Polymers
Steinhauser et al, ACS Macroletters, p. 542 (2012)

# Ill defined geometries; Infinite dilute; 2-D imaging









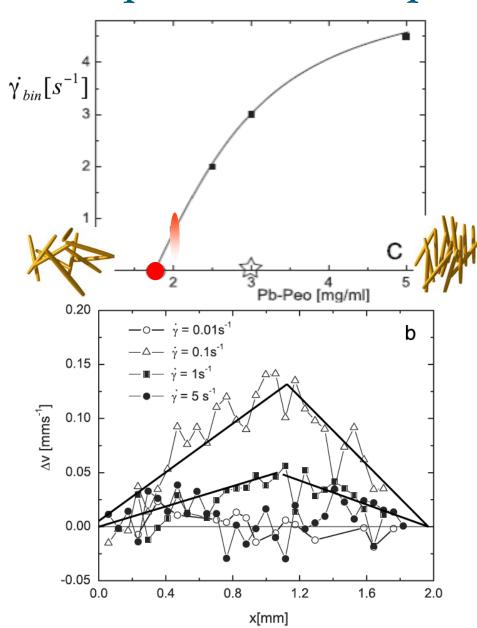
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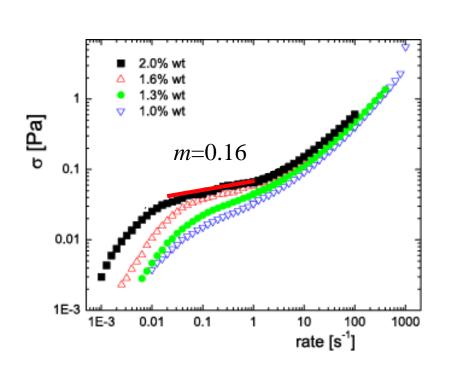
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# Non-equilibrium isotropic-nematic binodal KULEUVEN







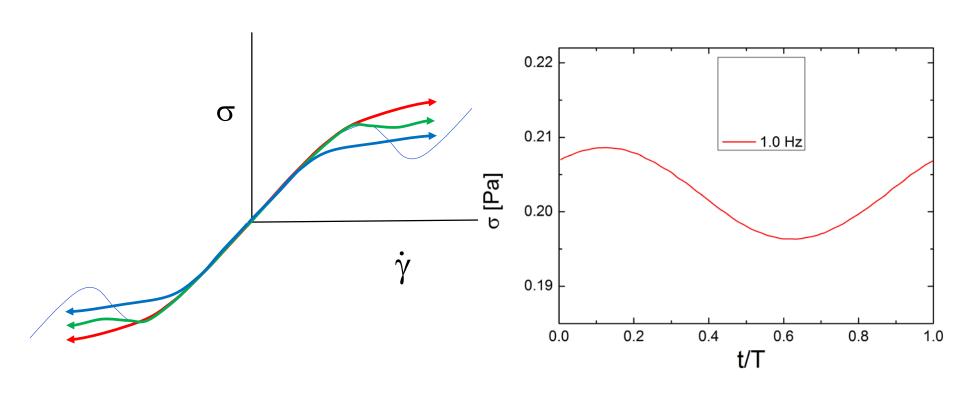




## Probe dynamics



Probe dynamics with Large Amplitude Oscillatory Shear

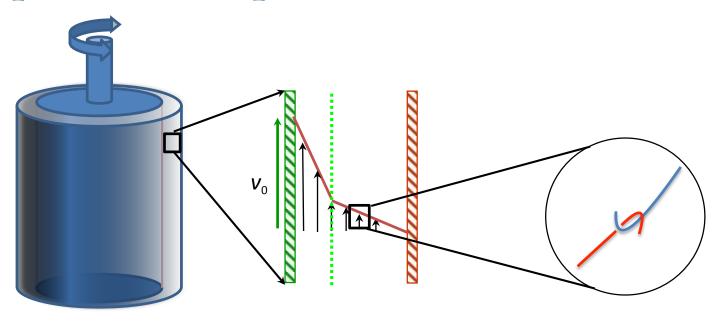


Probe structure with *in situ* scattering methods over broad range of length-scales and time-scales



# Experimental input needed:





#### Information needed:

- Probe the mechanical response of the system.
- Probe the stability of the flow.
- Probe structure *in situ* over broad range of length-scales and time-scales.



We see a reentrant behavior in shear thinning: Far away from I-N —> nothing around I-N but flexible —> shear banding towards ideal rod—> loose it Ideal—> nothing Systems:
high salat DNA/xanathan
low salt DNA/xanthan AND pb-peo
pf1 / F-actin
fd-y21m

Strong shear thinning does not mean that you will get Sms



done:

#### Open:

effect of salt works different directions, comparing DNA with pf1 How does system sustain orientation after disentanglement?

—> shear rate should now be scaled by local rotation motion and not reptation time.

For the how strong is strong question we have that indeed systems that have m>0.3 don't band Possible reason could be that gamma\_high and gamma low are too close to each other.

#### Suggestion:



stiff rods go into nematic before reaching really high concentration

but

- 0.7% xanthan is not that high
- 0.5 mg/ml DNA also not that high
- 2 mg/ml for pb-Peo

- We see a link between I-N and shear banding

Is it the charge?

Screening charge aids SB for DNA screening charge reduces SB pf1 (if at all)

PbPeo is uncharged.

—> no

But: both very long contour length!

xanthin, DNA and pb-peo are all long. F-actin also.

Is it the length or is it polydispersity?

What tuning tells us:

collateral understanding: understand stiff polymers and rods

- we got hold on shear thinning using new theory and ideal re
- We understand shear thinning stiff polymers. No theory!

Hint:

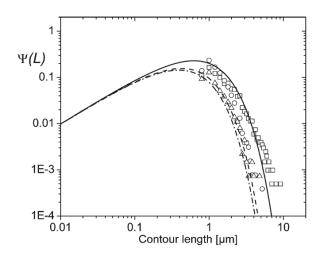
stress overshoot in LAOS when WLMs are overstretche



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**Figure 3.** Probability density distribution of contour lengths for different molar fractions of DMF (solid line, square for f = 0; dashed line, circle for f = 0.025; dotted line, triangle for f = 0.06). The curves correspond to an exponential distribution with the parameters determined by DLS. The symbols are the data obtained from microscopy.

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#### **DNA Phase Transitions**

TABLE 1 Lengths, length distributions, and critical concentrations of DNA samples

DNA (bp)	Length* (nm)	Range*		SD§		C;*
		(bp)	(nm)	(bp)	$M_{ m W}/M_{ m n}^{ m q}$	(mg/ml)
147	50	135–162	46–55	±12	1.07	135
170	58	131-210	44–71	±32	1.07	122
336	114	311-355	105-120	±19	1.01	48
570	190	257-1140	87-386	NA	1.23	23
1450	490	766-2400	262-804	±690	1.14	13
8000	2700	4k->23k	1352-7774	NA	ND	13