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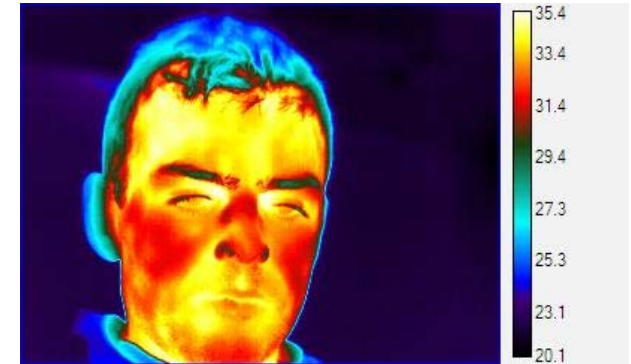


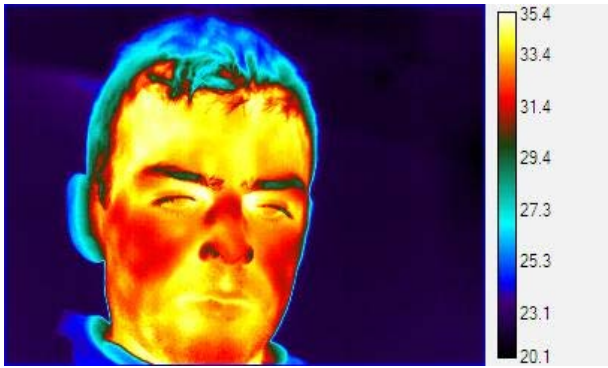
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# Outline

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- The MCIATTP project
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- Key findings and open questions
- The road to macroscopic simulations
- Roadmap for the next 6 (5.25) months





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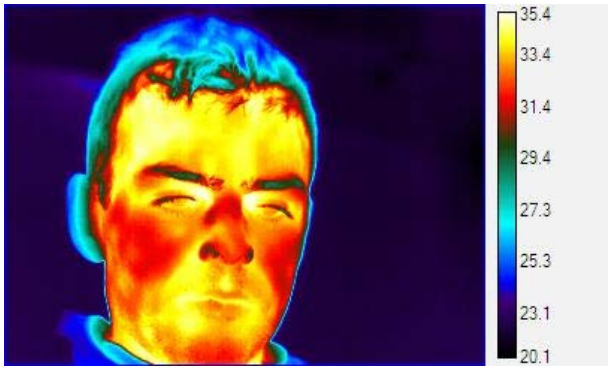
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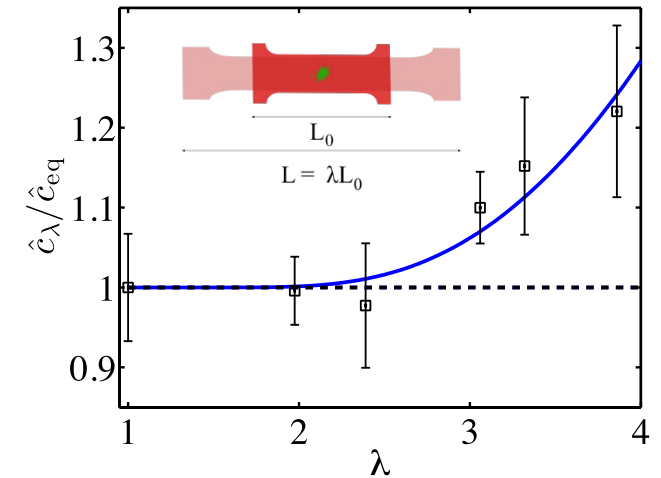
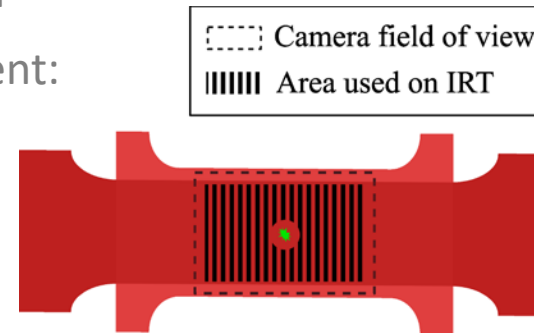
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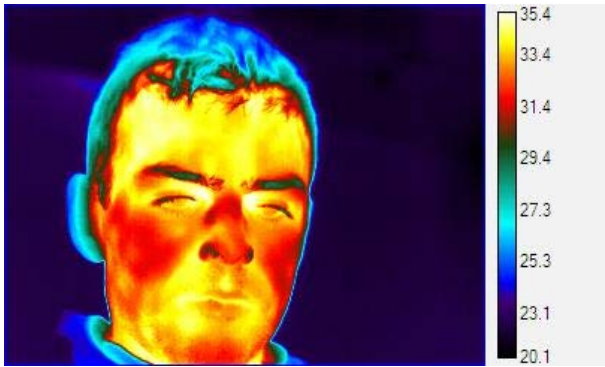
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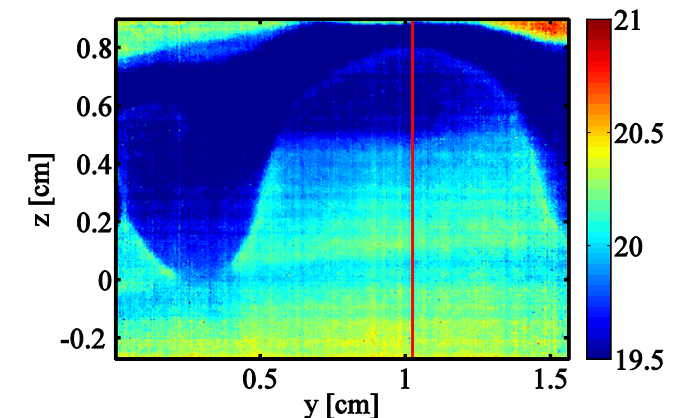
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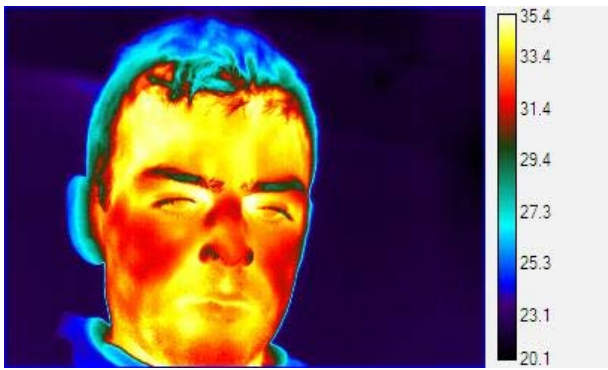
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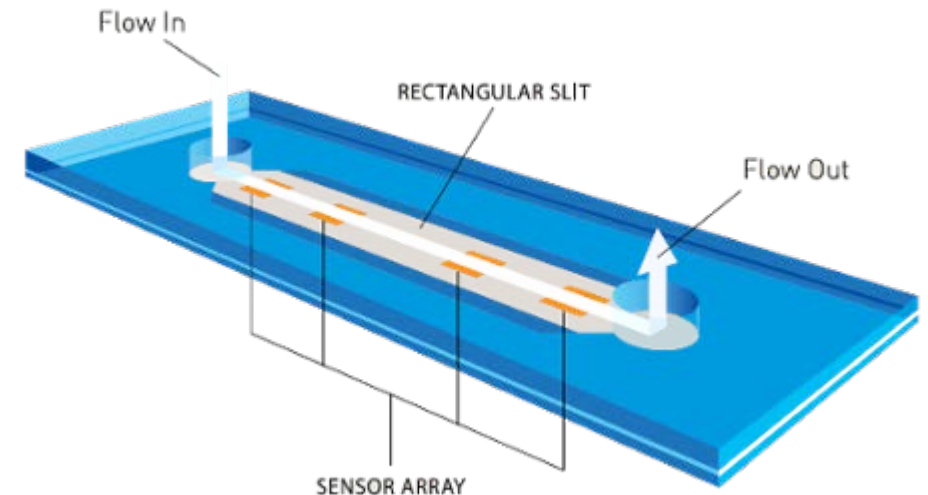
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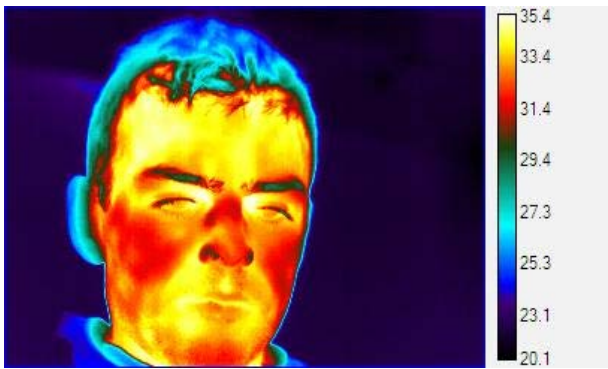
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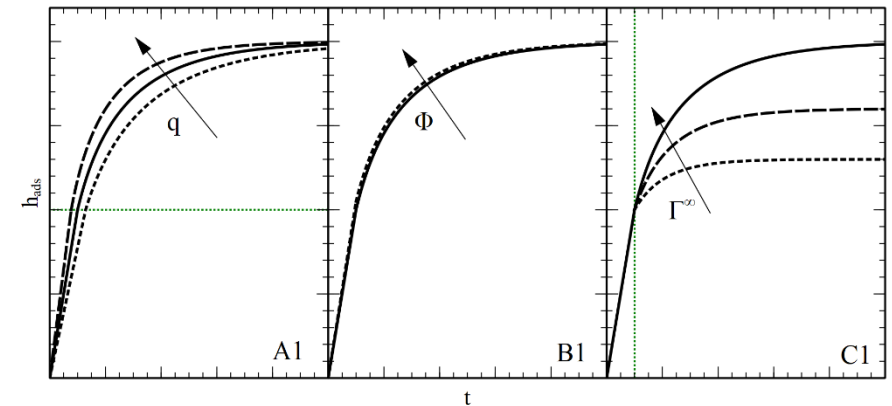
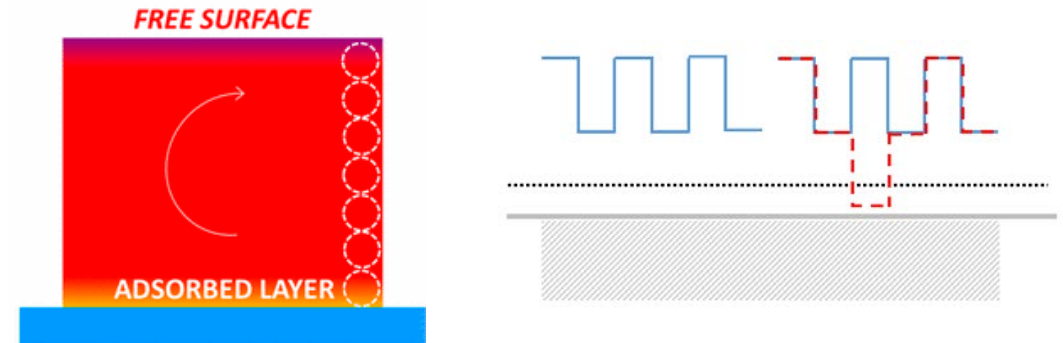
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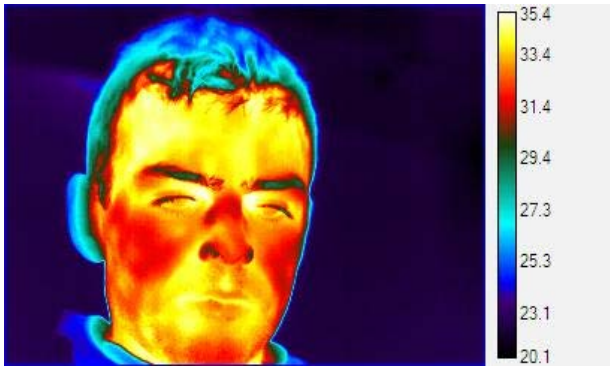
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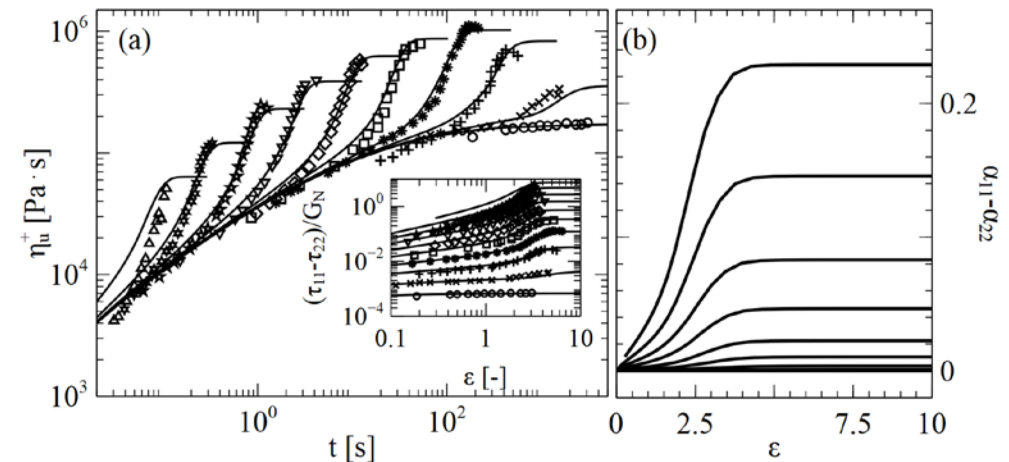
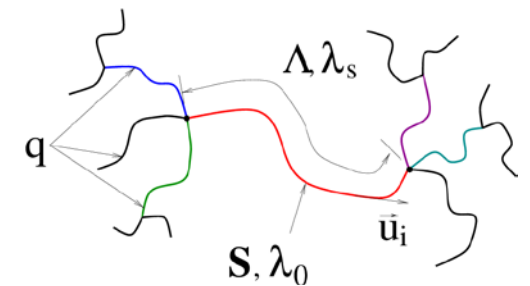
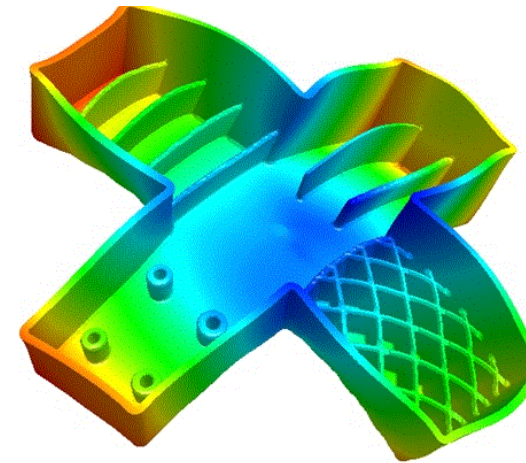
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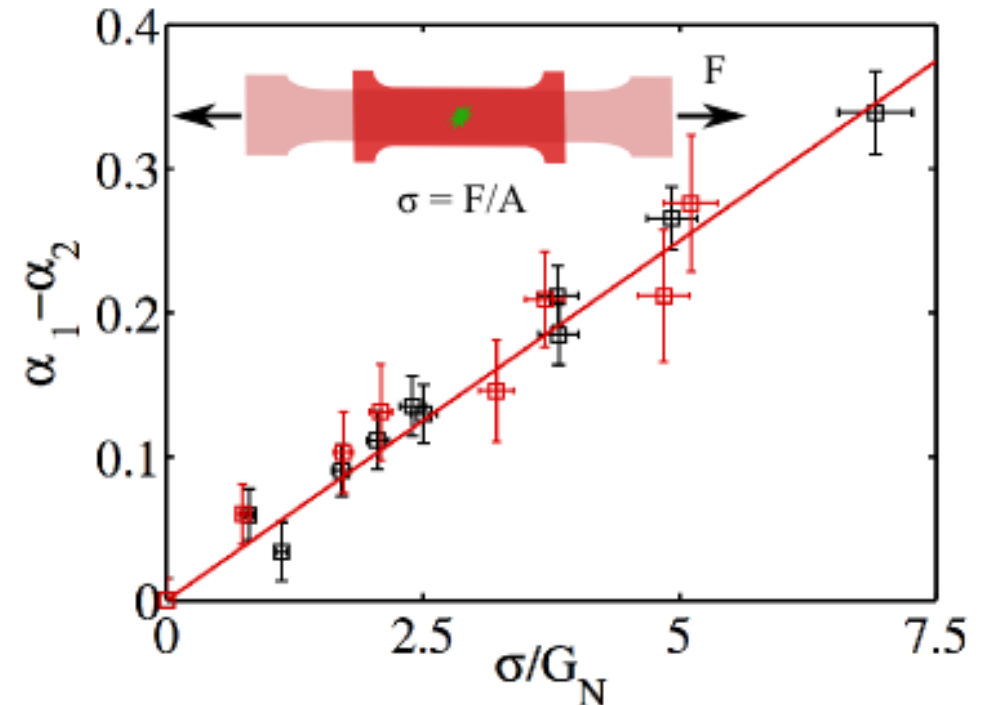
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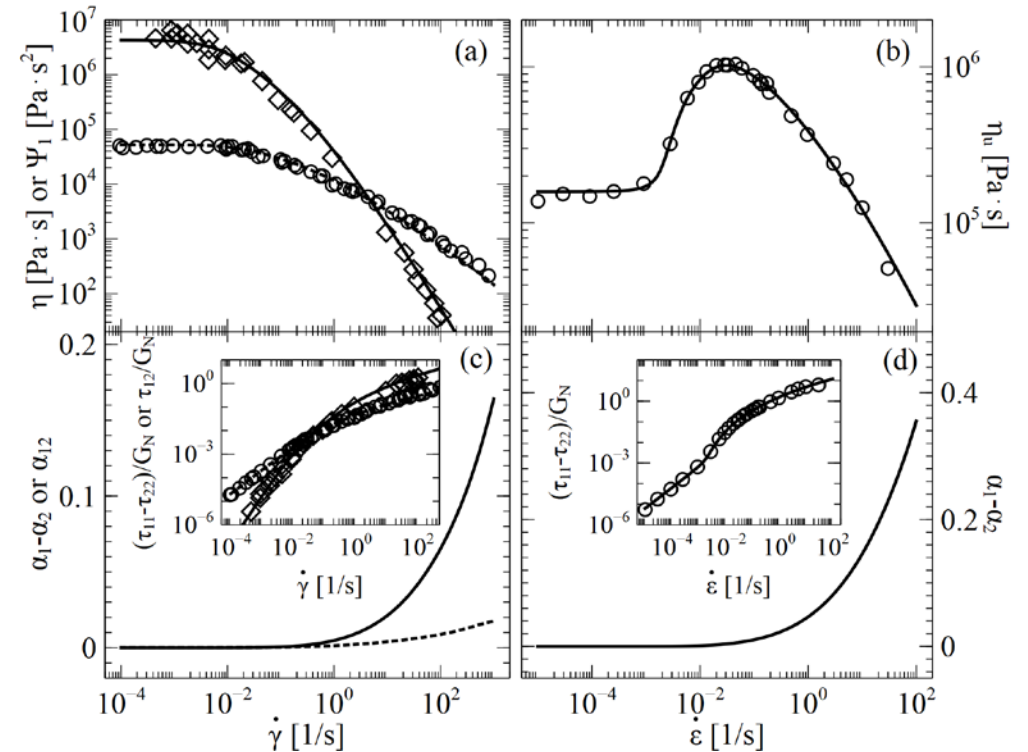
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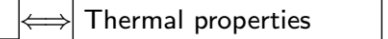
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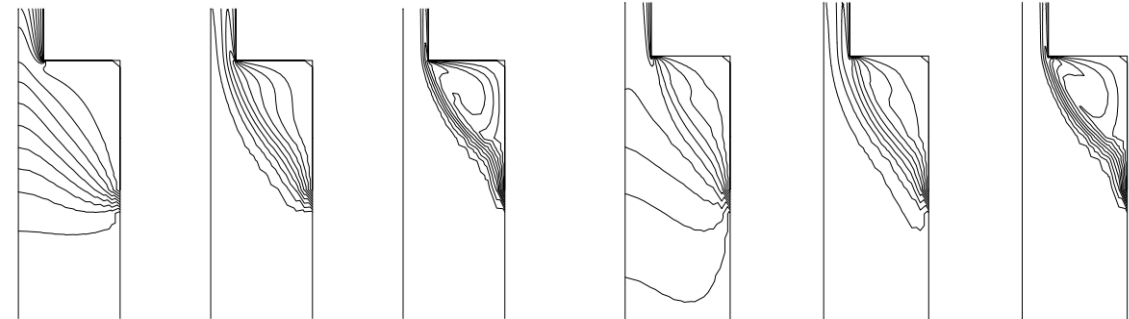


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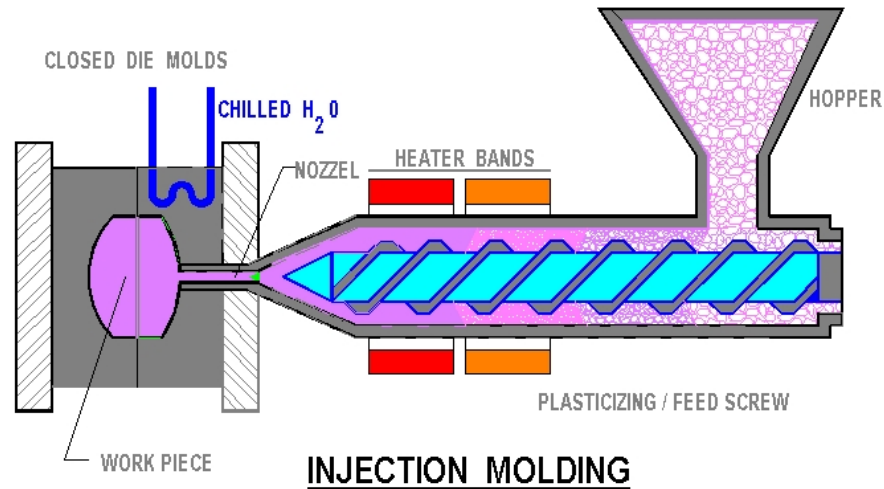
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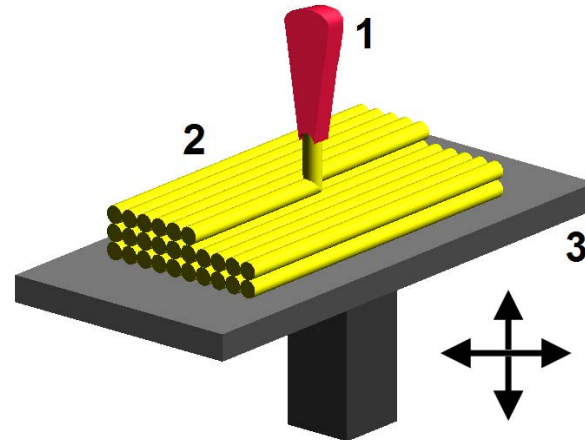
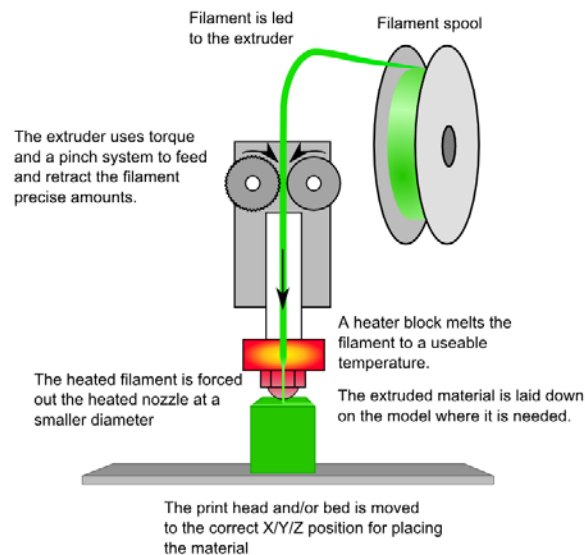
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# Motivation: Polymer Processing



Global plastics market is expected to reach 654 billion USD by 2020



Thermal Transport Affects:

- Injection Pressure
- Cavity Flow
- Residual Stress
- Part Shrinkage

# Non-Isothermal Transport Phenomena

## Balance Equations:

$$\text{Mass: } \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} = -\nabla \cdot (\rho \mathbf{v})$$

$$\text{Momentum: } \frac{\partial \rho \mathbf{v}}{\partial t} = -\nabla \cdot (\rho \mathbf{v} \mathbf{v} + \boldsymbol{\pi})$$

$$\text{Internal Energy: } \frac{\partial \rho \hat{u}}{\partial t} = -\nabla \cdot (\rho \hat{u} \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{q}) - \boldsymbol{\pi} : \nabla \mathbf{v}$$

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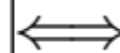
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$$\hat{c}_v = \hat{c}_v(T)$$

$$\boldsymbol{\tau} = \eta(T) [\nabla \mathbf{v} + \nabla \mathbf{v}^T]$$

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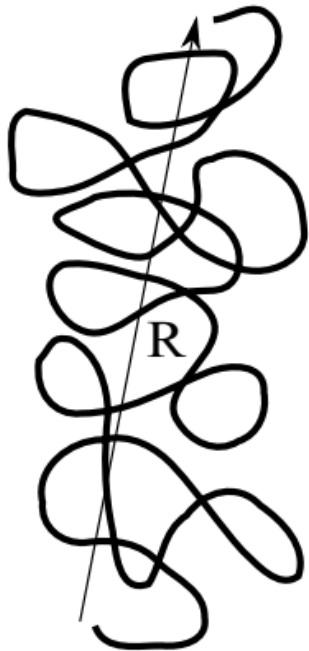
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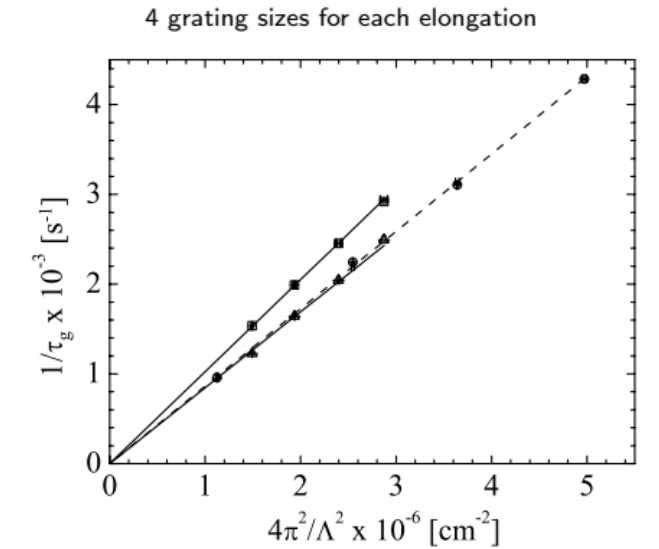
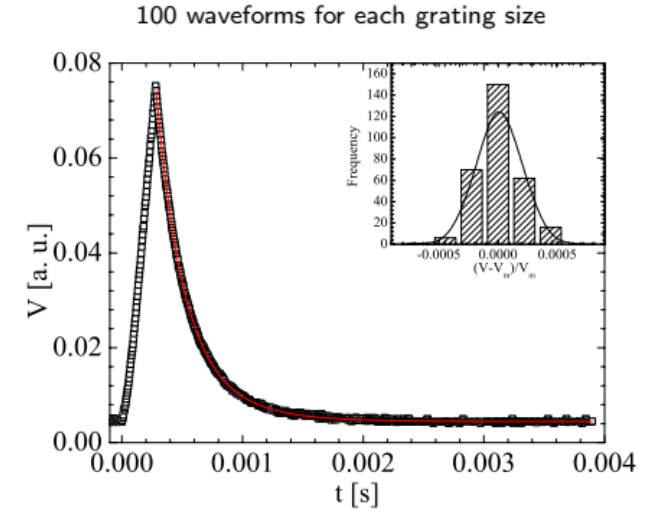
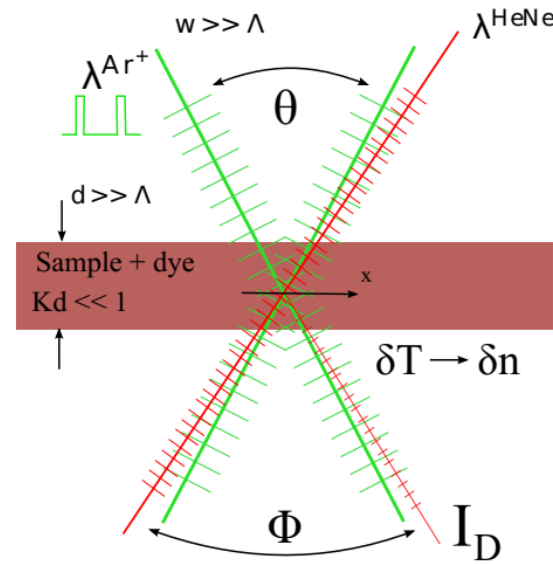
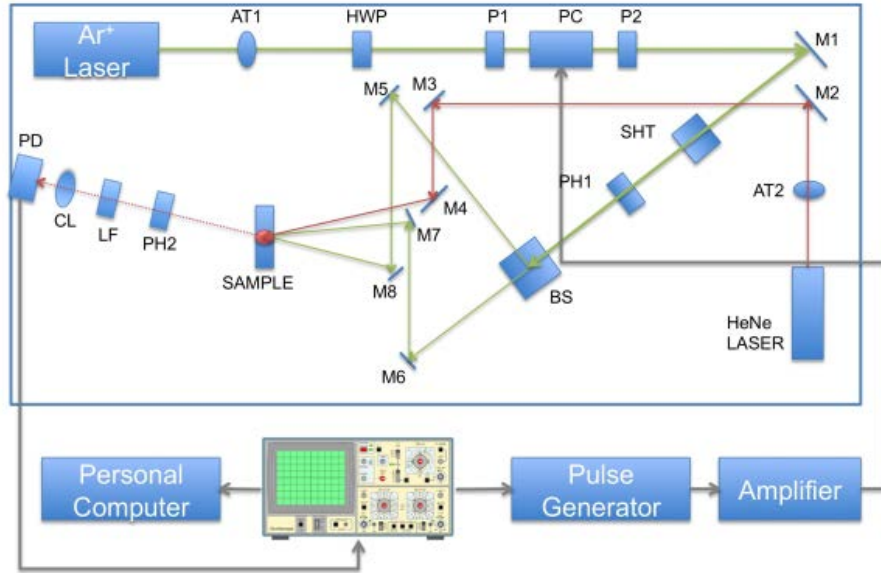
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# Experiments: Forced Rayleigh Scattering (FRS)



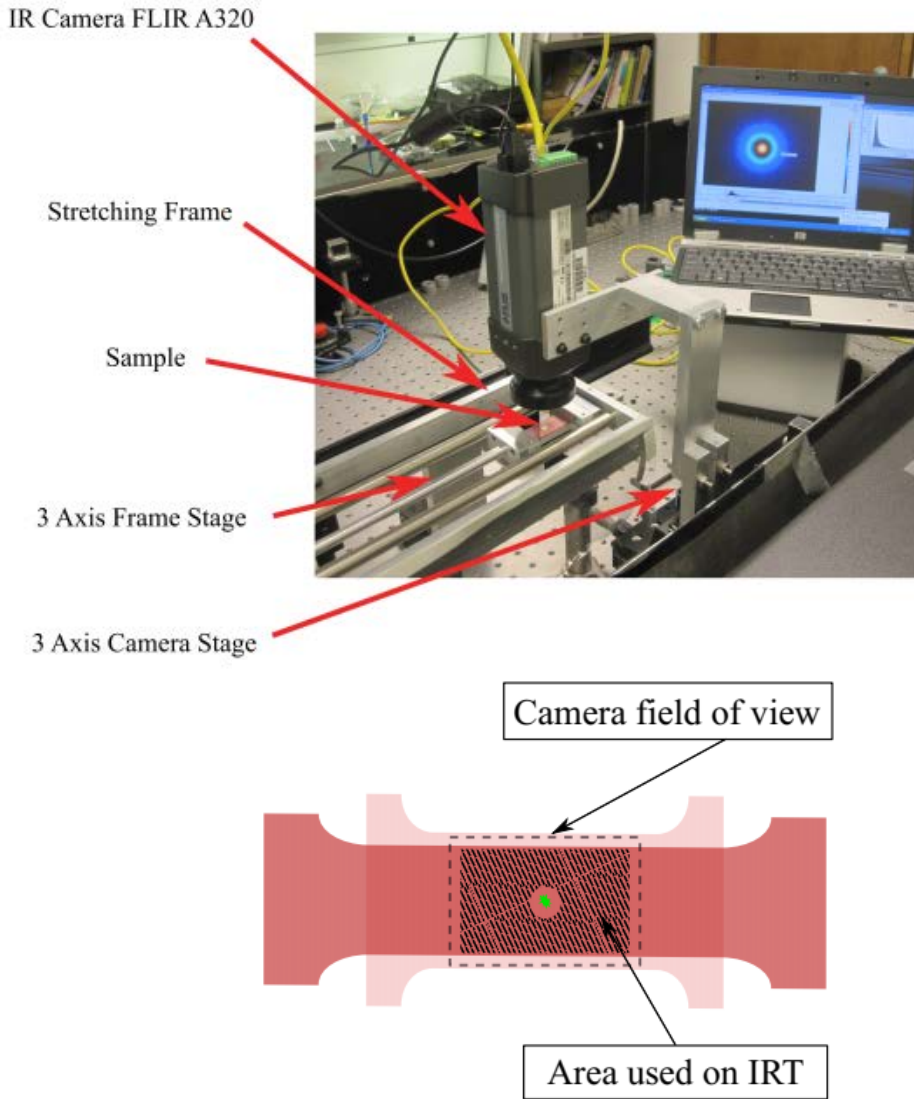
Intensity/Voltage at the photodetector:

$$V(t) = A \exp\left(-2\frac{t}{\tau_g}\right) + B \exp\left(-\frac{t}{\tau_g}\right) + C$$

$$\frac{1}{\tau_g} = D_{th} \frac{4\pi^2}{\Lambda^2} \quad D_{th} = \frac{k}{\rho \hat{c}_p}$$



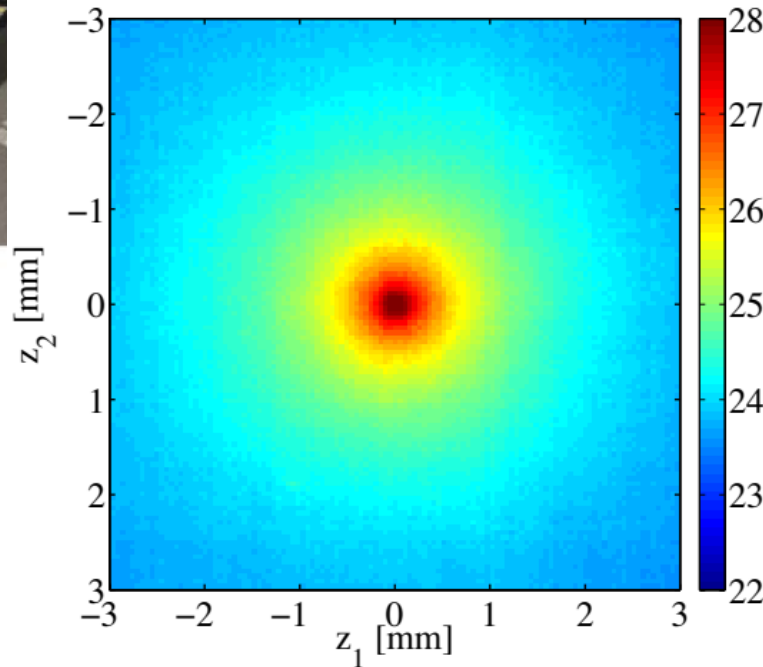
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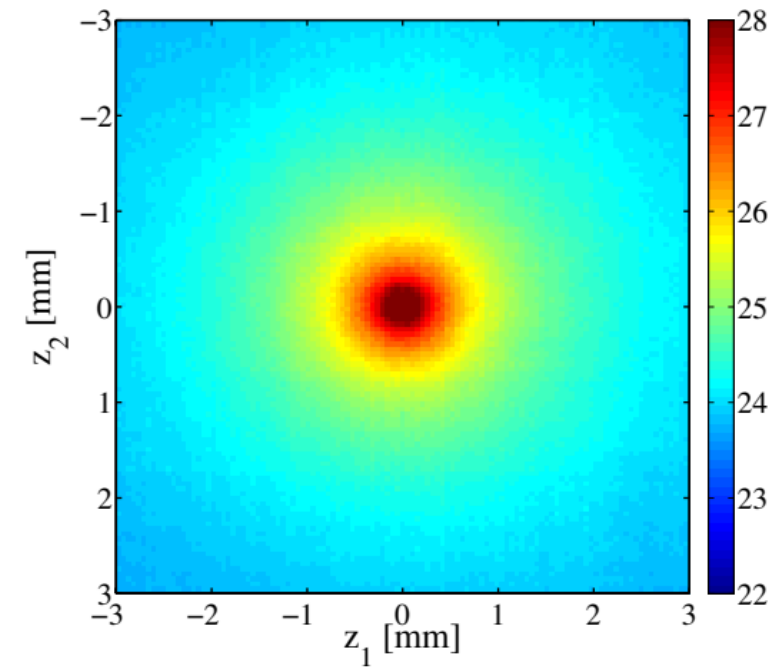
$$\theta(x_1, x_2) = \frac{1}{4\sqrt{\alpha_1\alpha_2}} K_0 \left( \sqrt{2\text{Bi}(x_1^2/\alpha_1 + x_2^2/\alpha_2)} \right)$$

$$KI_0w^2/k_{\text{eq}}, \quad \text{Bi} = hd/k_{\text{eq}}$$

$$\alpha_1 = k_{11}/k_{\text{eq}}, \quad \alpha_2 = k_{22}/k_{\text{eq}}$$

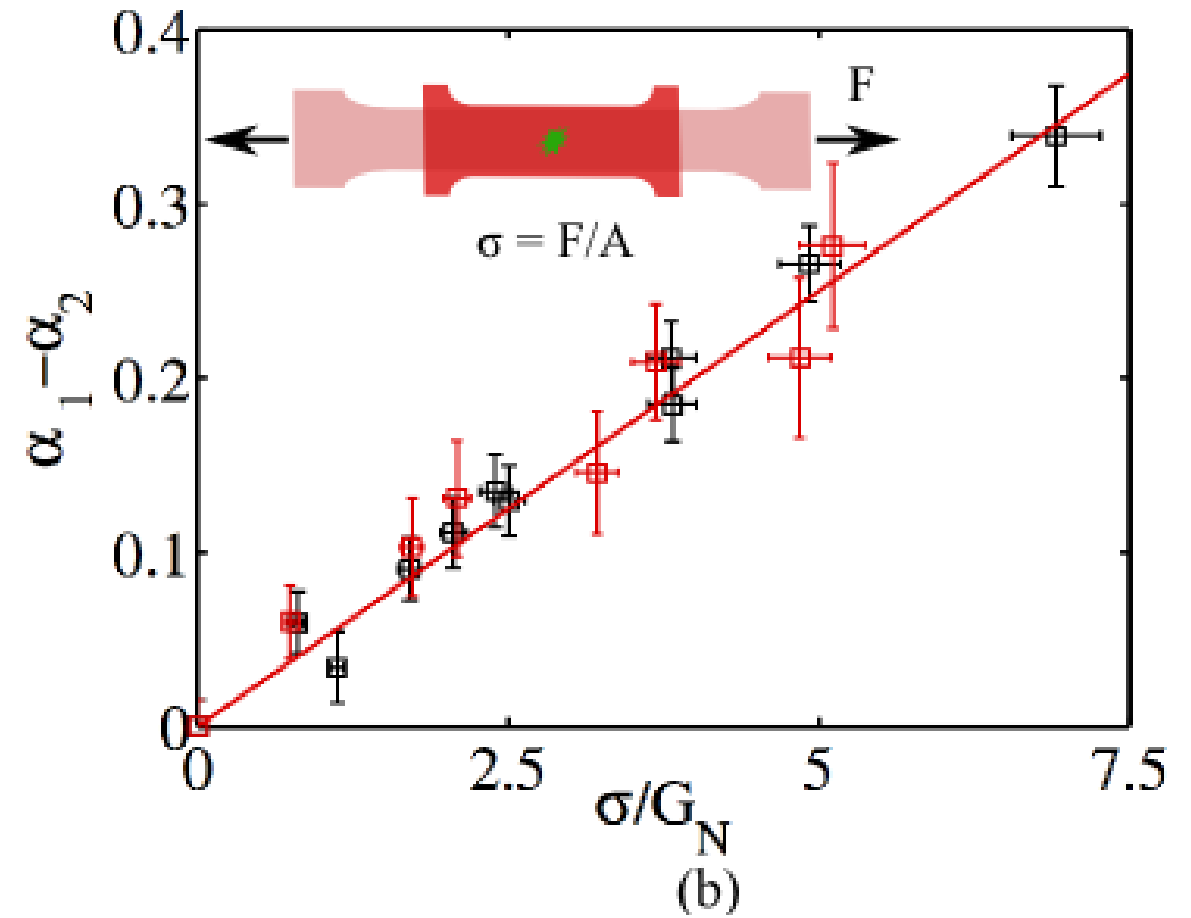
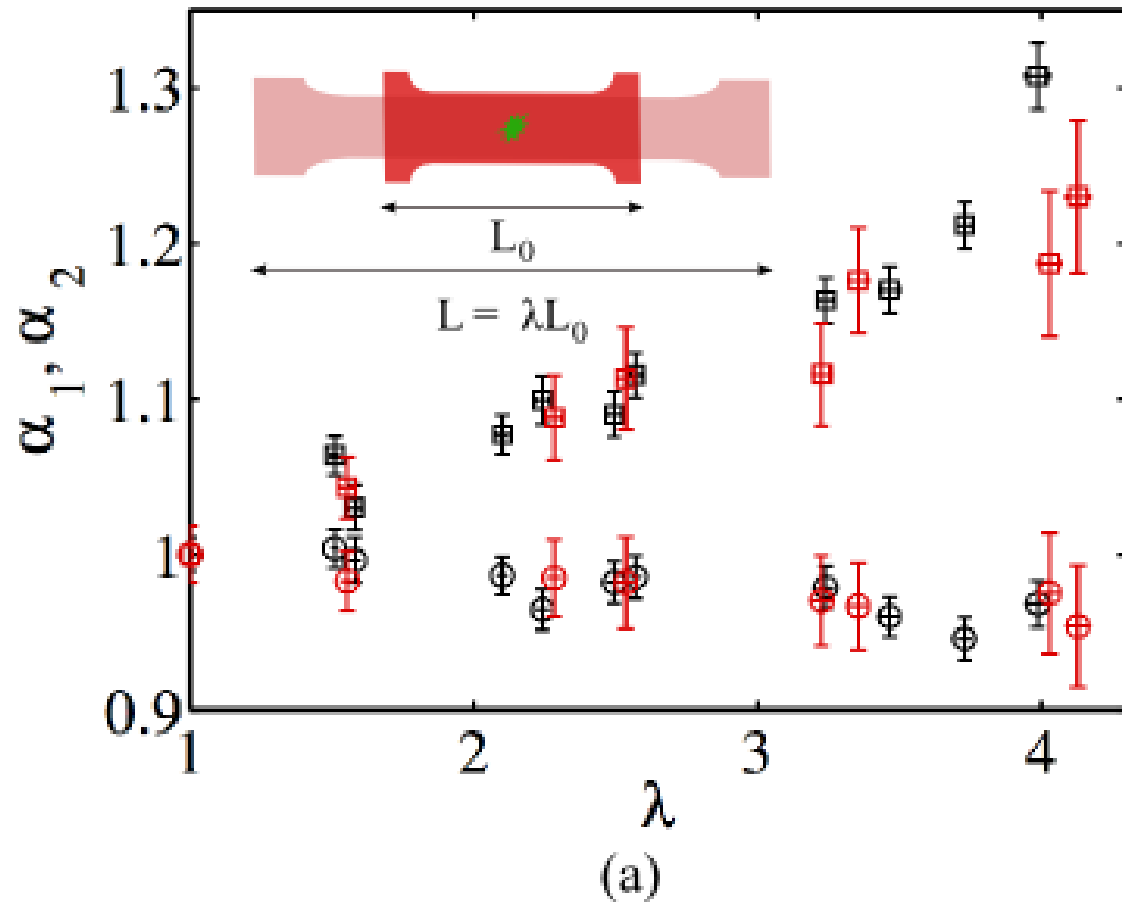


Un-stretched sample,  $\lambda = 1$   
and  $\text{Bi}_0 = 0.029 \pm 0.001$



Stretched sample,  $\lambda = 4.129$ ,  
 $\alpha_1 = 1.23 \pm 0.049$  and  $\alpha_2 = 0.954 \pm 0.039$

# Comparison FRS and IRT



# Key Findings: Universality...

Stress-Thermal Coefficients for several polymeric materials

Material	Deformation –	$G_N$ [kPa]	$C_t \times 10^4$ [kPa <sup>-1</sup> ]	$C_t G_N$ –	$C \times 10^9$ [Pa <sup>-1</sup> ]
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xI-PDMS <sup>6</sup>	Uniax.	200 <sup>1</sup>	1.3	0.026 ± 0.008	0.13-0.26
xI-PBD 200k <sup>5</sup>	Uniax.	760 <sup>1</sup>	0.73	0.051 ± 0.011	3.5
xI-PBD 150k <sup>5</sup>	Uniax.	760 <sup>1</sup>	0.93	0.059 ± 0.014	3.5
xI-PI 100k <sup>4</sup>	Uniax.	370 <sup>2</sup>	0.37	0.014 ± 0.005	2.2
PS 260k <sup>3</sup>	Uniax.	200 <sup>1</sup>	1.65	0.033 ± 0.007	-4.8
PMMA 83k <sup>3</sup>	Uniax.	310 <sup>1</sup>	1.7	0.054 ± 0.011	0.16

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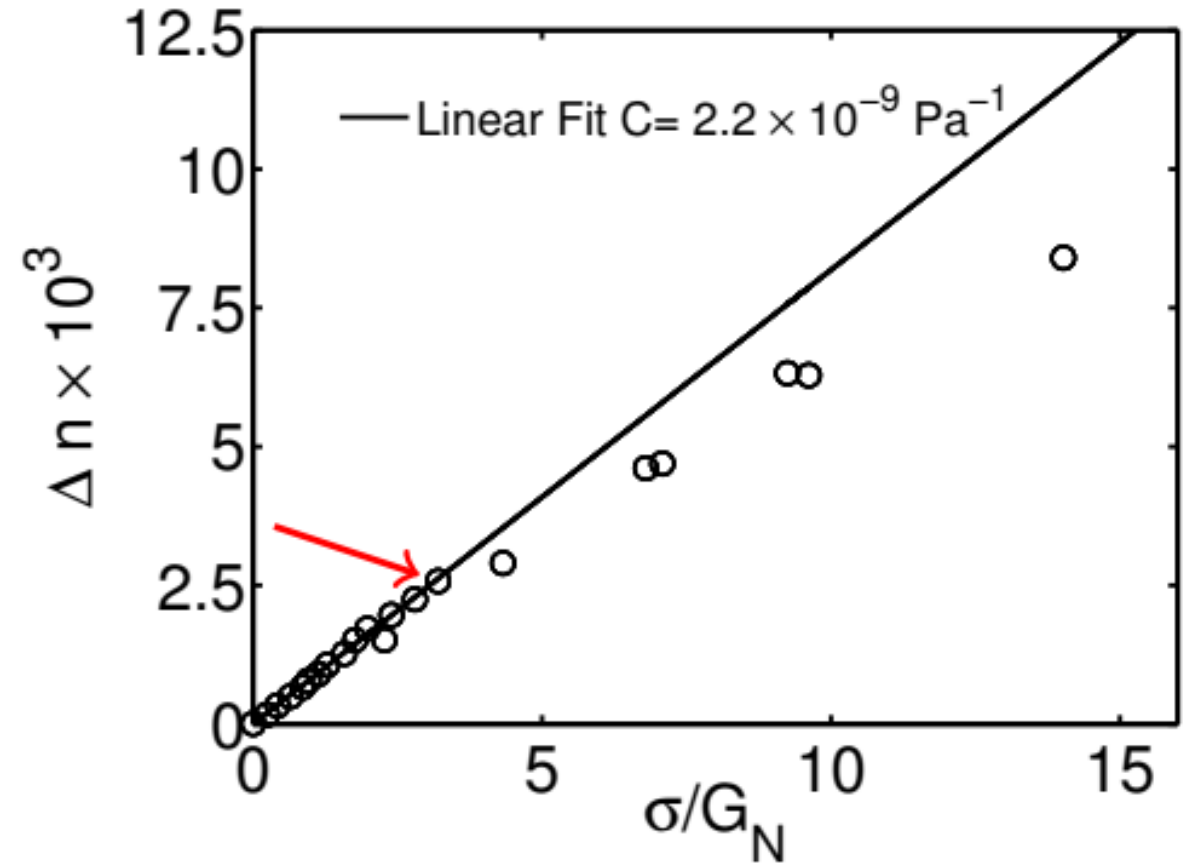
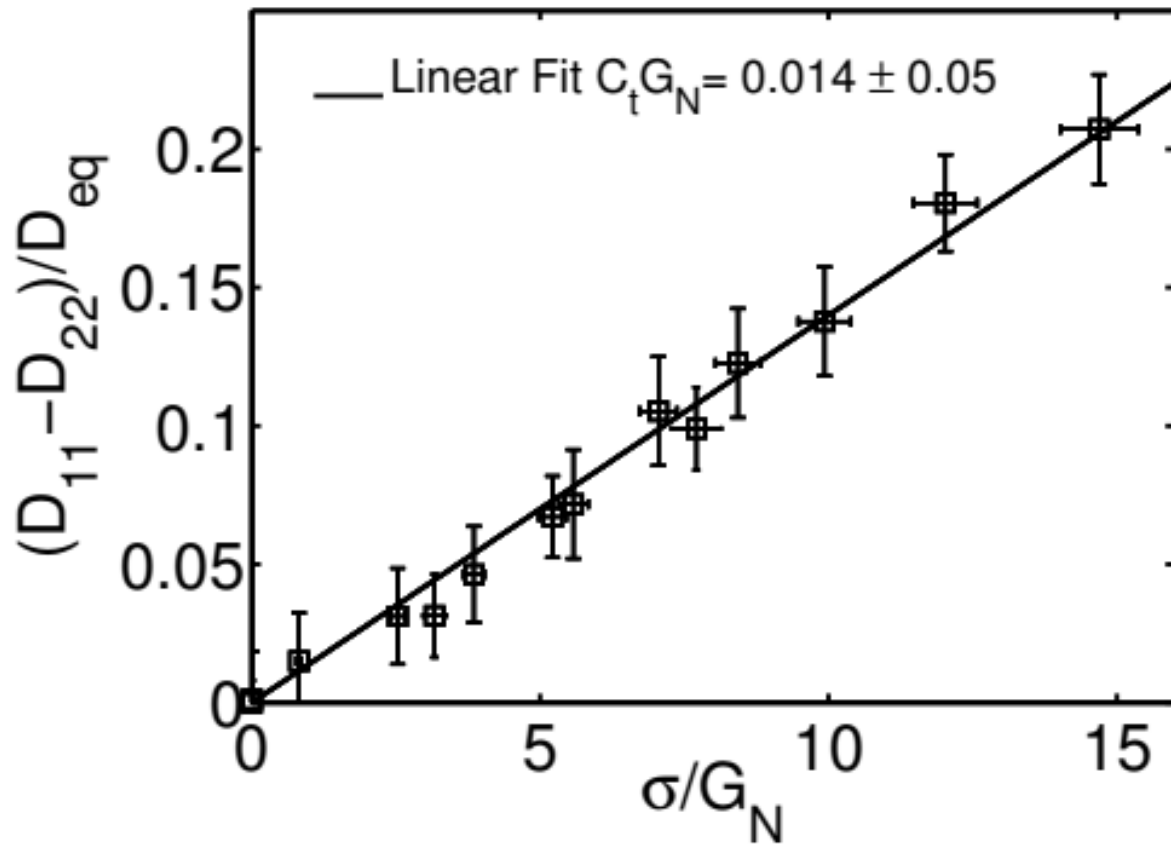
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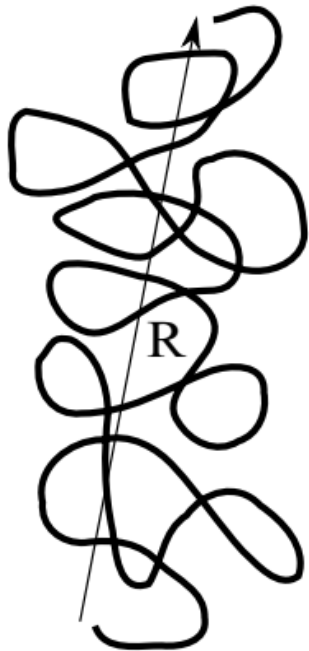
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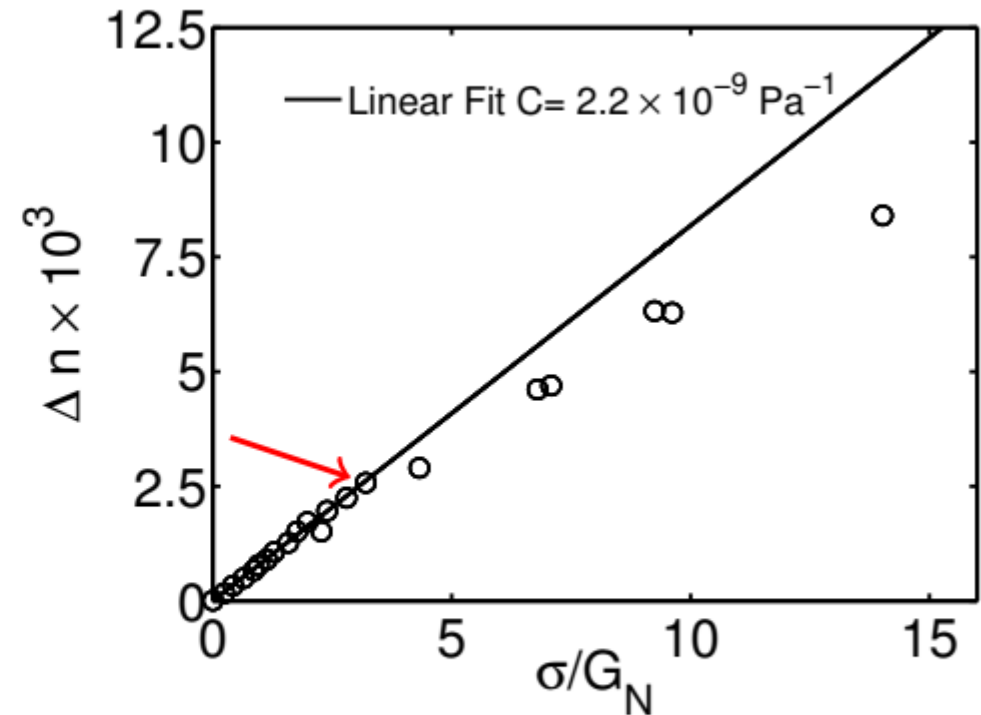
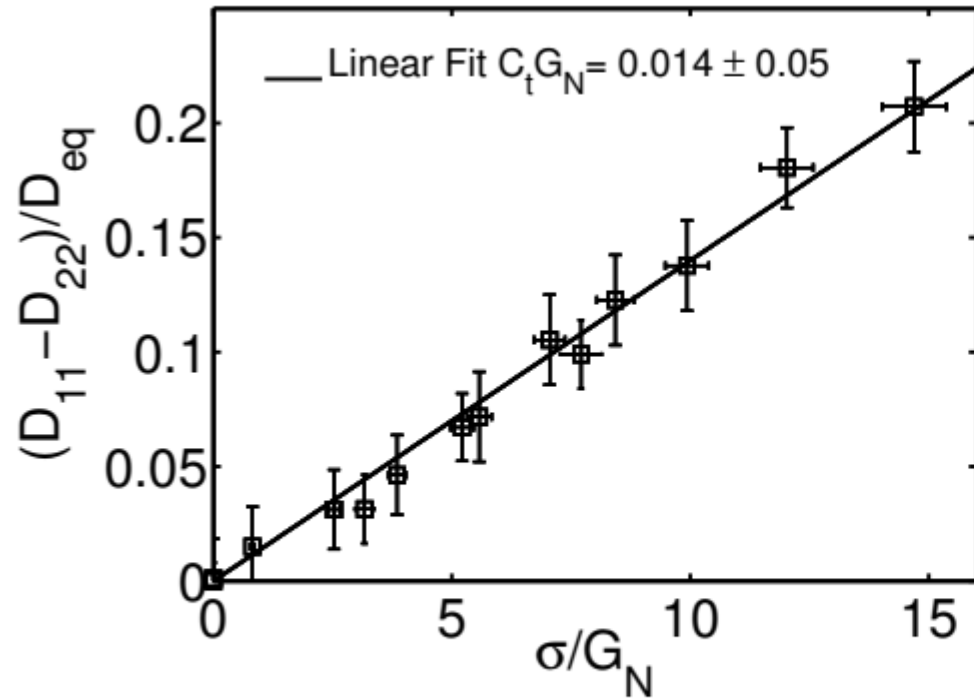
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1. To any melt just by knowing stress and  $G_N$
2. At high strain and strain rates beyond the onset of finite extensibility effects

# Constitutive Model: eXtended Pom-Pom

- What physics are in the model?

$$\overset{\nabla}{\boldsymbol{\tau}} + \boldsymbol{\lambda}(\boldsymbol{\tau})^{-1} \cdot \boldsymbol{\tau} - 2G_0 \mathbf{D}_u = \mathbf{0}$$

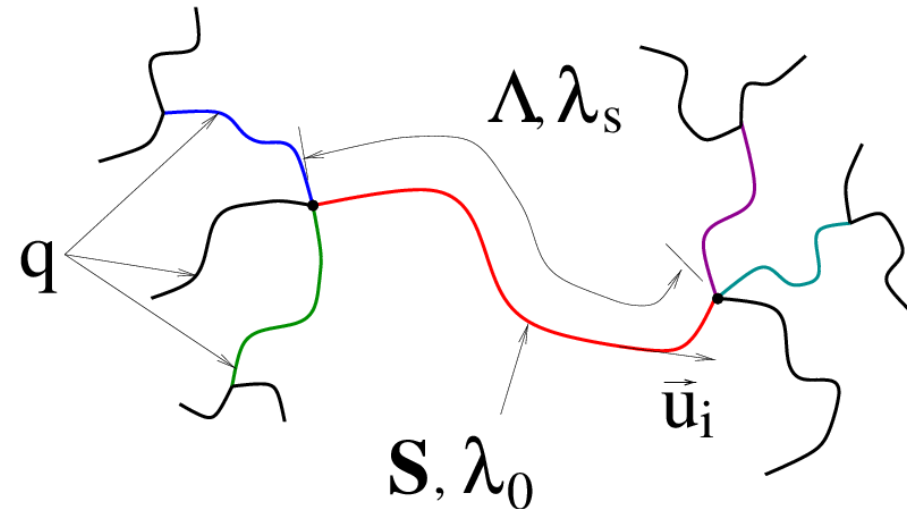
$$\alpha \neq 0 \rightarrow \Psi_2 \neq 0$$

$$\boldsymbol{\lambda}(\boldsymbol{\tau})^{-1} = \frac{1}{\lambda_{0b}} \left[ \frac{\alpha}{G_0} \boldsymbol{\tau} + f(\boldsymbol{\tau})^{-1} \mathbf{I} + G_0 (f(\boldsymbol{\tau})^{-1} - 1) \boldsymbol{\tau}^{-1} \right] \quad \Lambda = \sqrt{1 + \frac{I_{\boldsymbol{\tau}}}{3G_0}}$$

$$\frac{1}{\lambda_{0b}} f(\boldsymbol{\tau})^{-1} = \frac{2}{\lambda_s} \left(1 - \frac{1}{\Lambda}\right) + \frac{1}{\lambda_{0b}} \left( \frac{1}{\Lambda^2} - \frac{\alpha I_{\boldsymbol{\tau} \cdot \boldsymbol{\tau}}}{3G_0^2 \Lambda^2} \right) \quad \lambda_s = \lambda_{0s} e^{-\frac{2}{q}(\Lambda-1)}$$

- Why XPP?

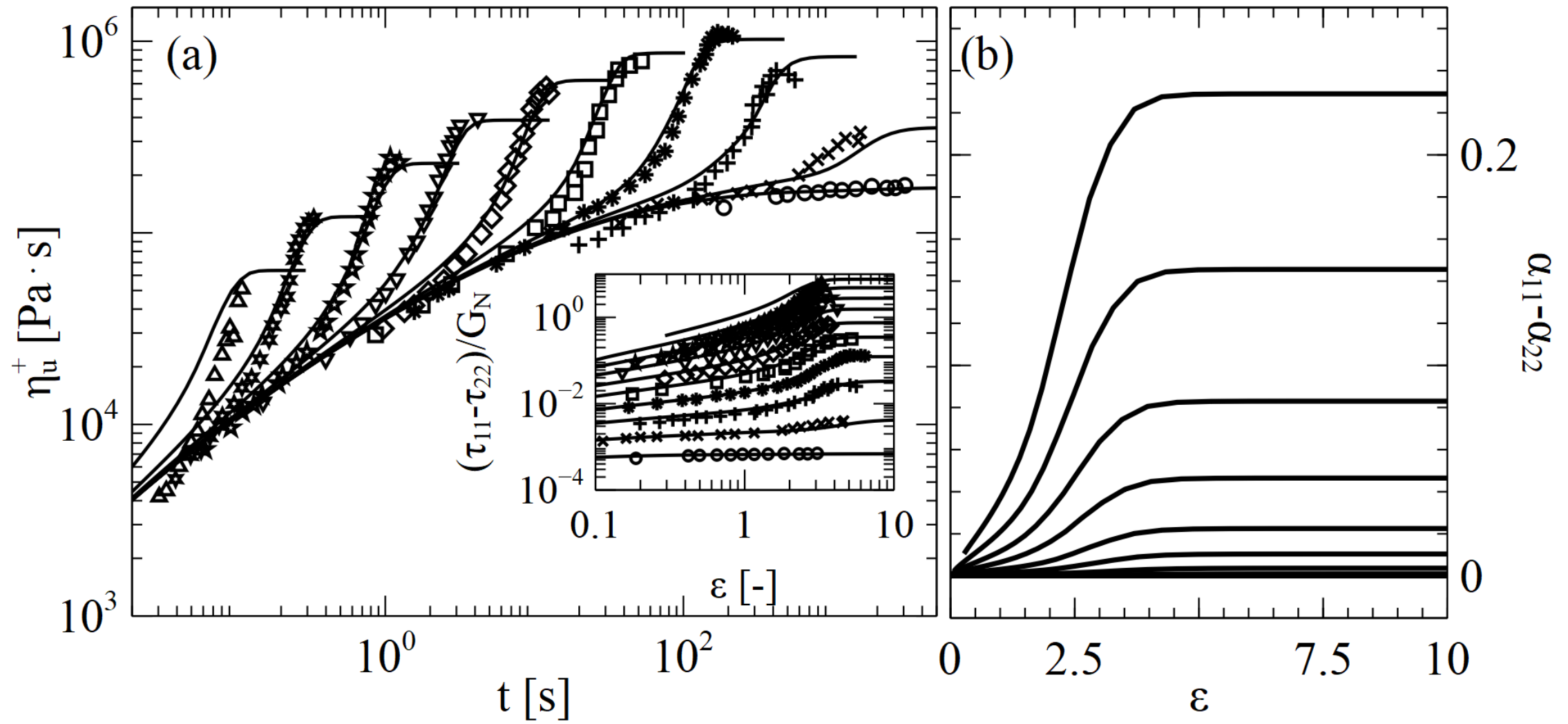
- Amenable to FEM
- Able to describe non-linear rheology
- X: Avoids finite extensibility discontinuities
- X: Includes second normal stress difference



Data: IUPAC\_A LDPE melt at 170°C  
Verbeeten et al. JOR 2001

PP: McLeish and Larson. JOR 1998  
xPP: Verbeeten et al. JOR 2001

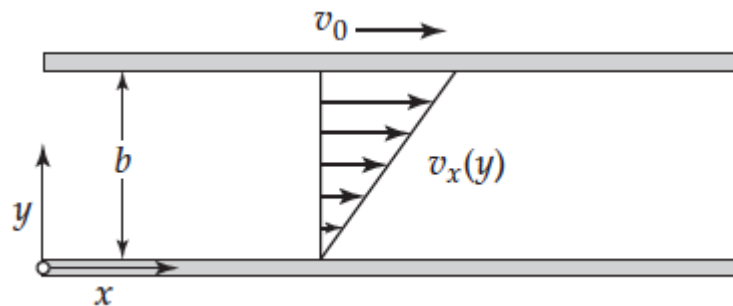
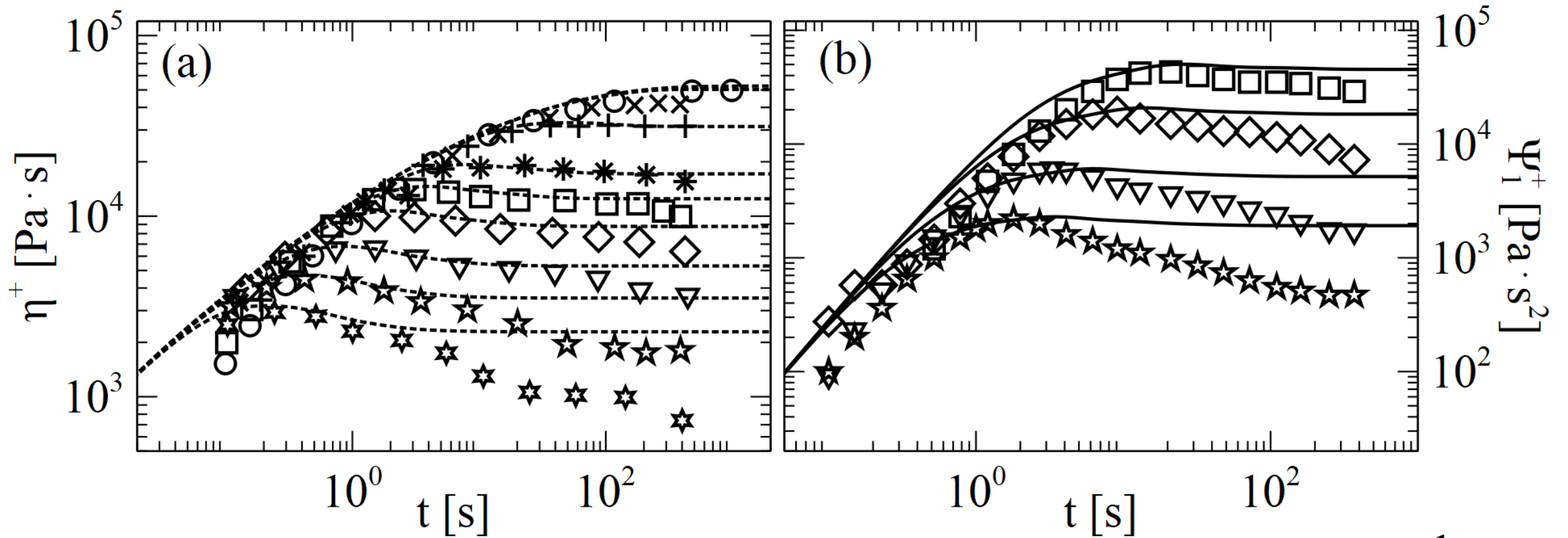
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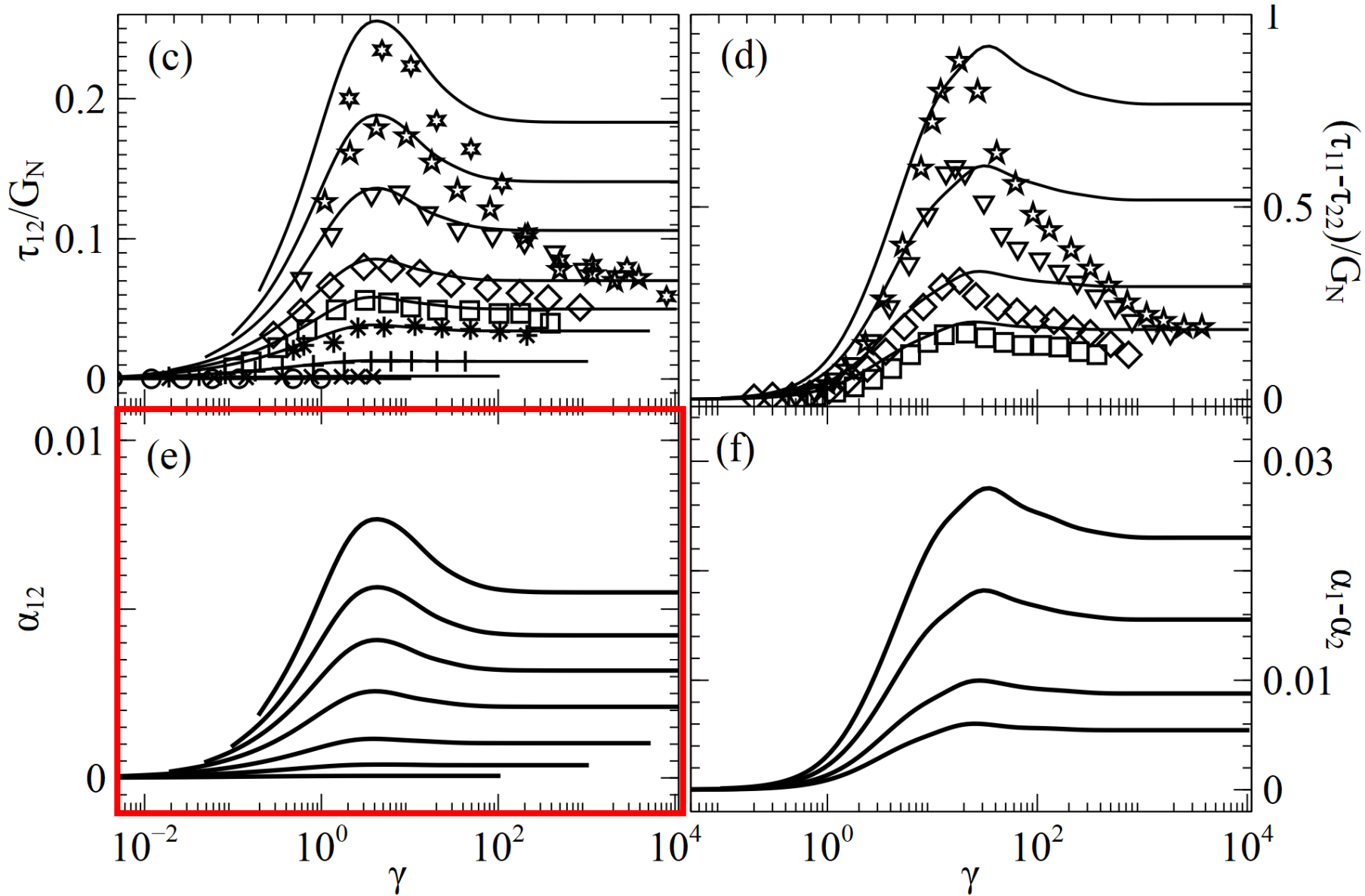
The anisotropy in TC is comparable to that observed in PS and PMMA melts  $\sim 20\%$ .  
Gupta et al. Journal of Rheology 57, 2013.



# Transient Start-up: Shear Rheology IUPAC\_A LDPE



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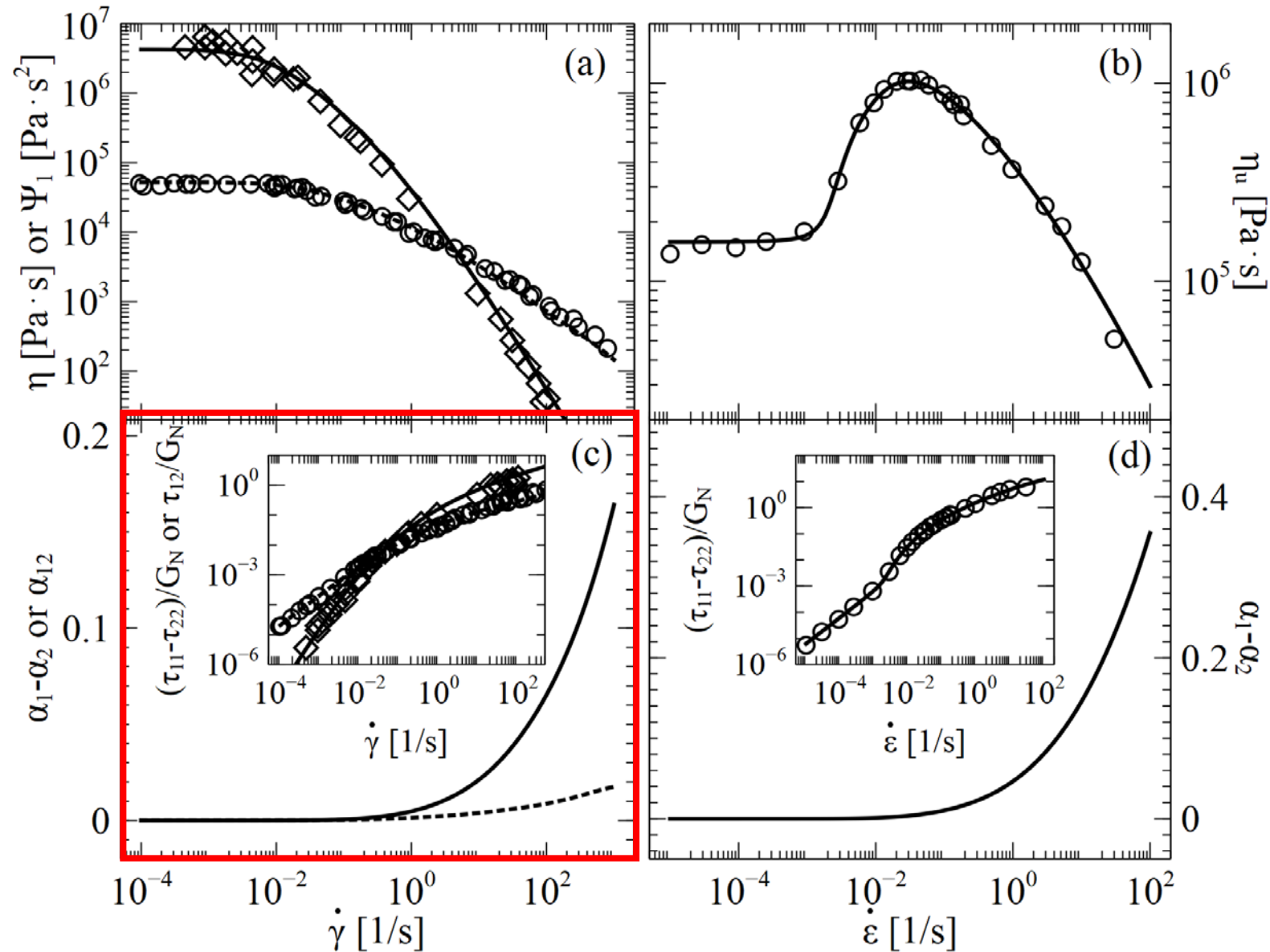
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**Thermal Hall Effect**

# Steady-State: Shear and Uniaxial Ext. IUPAC\_A LDPE



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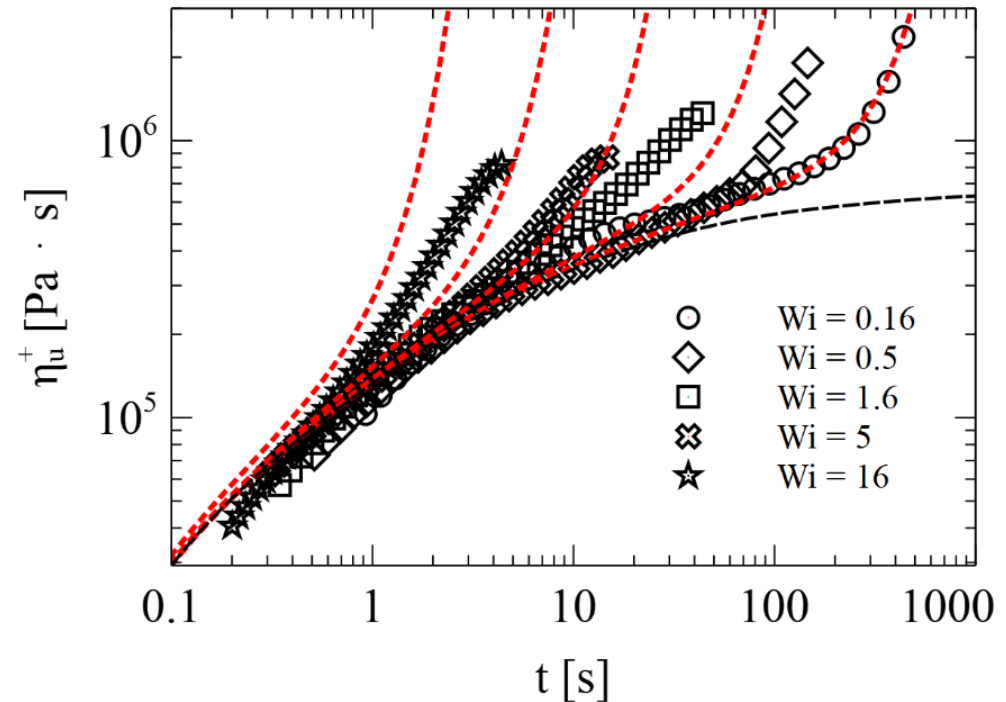
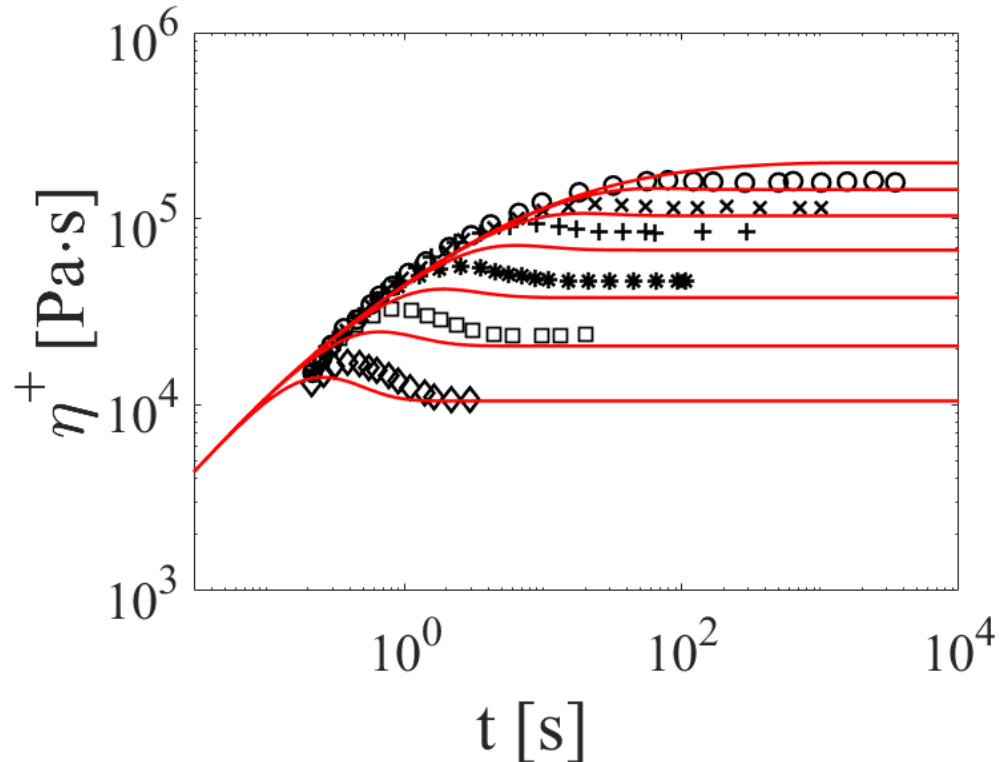
# Constitutive Model: Rolie Poly

Graham et al. JOR 2003  
Likhtman et al. JNNFM 2003

- Rolie Poly Model: Rouse Linear Entangled POLYmers

$$\frac{d\boldsymbol{\sigma}}{dt} = \boldsymbol{\kappa} \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma} + \boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \boldsymbol{\kappa}^T - \frac{1}{\tau_d} (\boldsymbol{\sigma} - \mathbf{I}) - \frac{2(1 - \sqrt{(3/\text{tr}\boldsymbol{\sigma}))})}{\tau_R} \left( \boldsymbol{\sigma} + \beta \left( \frac{\text{tr}\boldsymbol{\sigma}}{3} \right)^\delta (\boldsymbol{\sigma} - \mathbf{I}) \right)$$

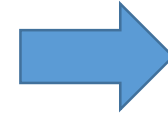
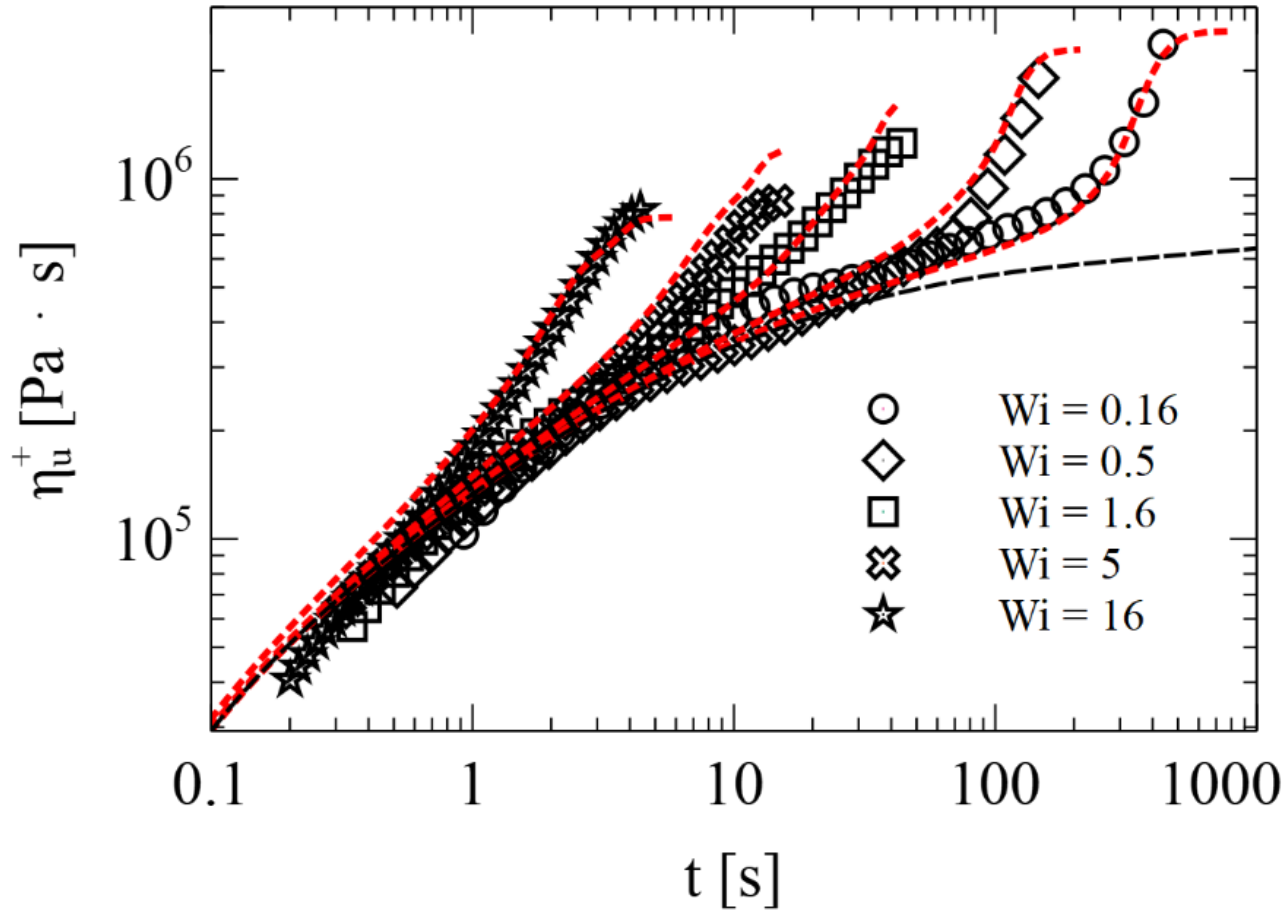
- Predictions



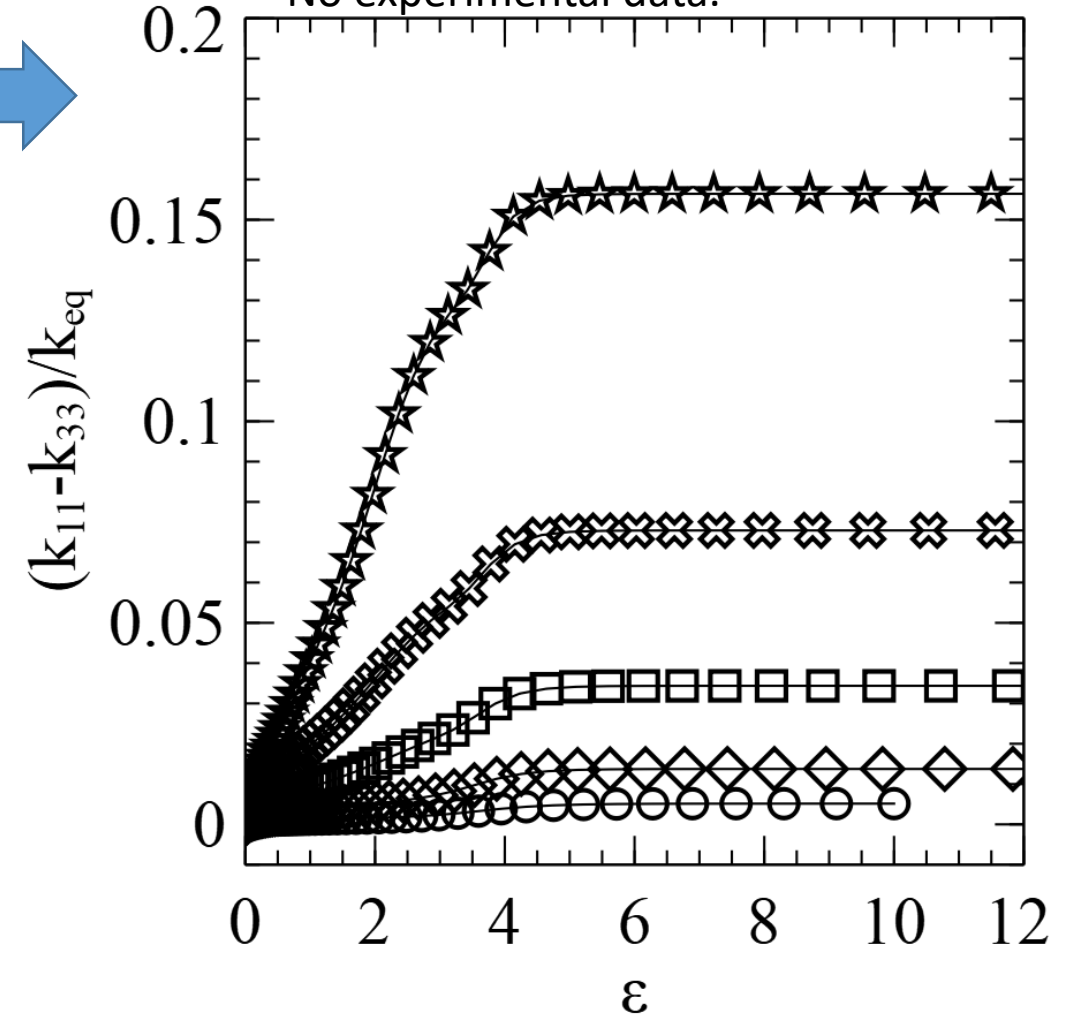
- Future Work: Implement Finite extensibility. Kabameni et al. Rheol Acta 2009

# Transient Start-up: Uniaxial PS

Dashed lines → XPP Model



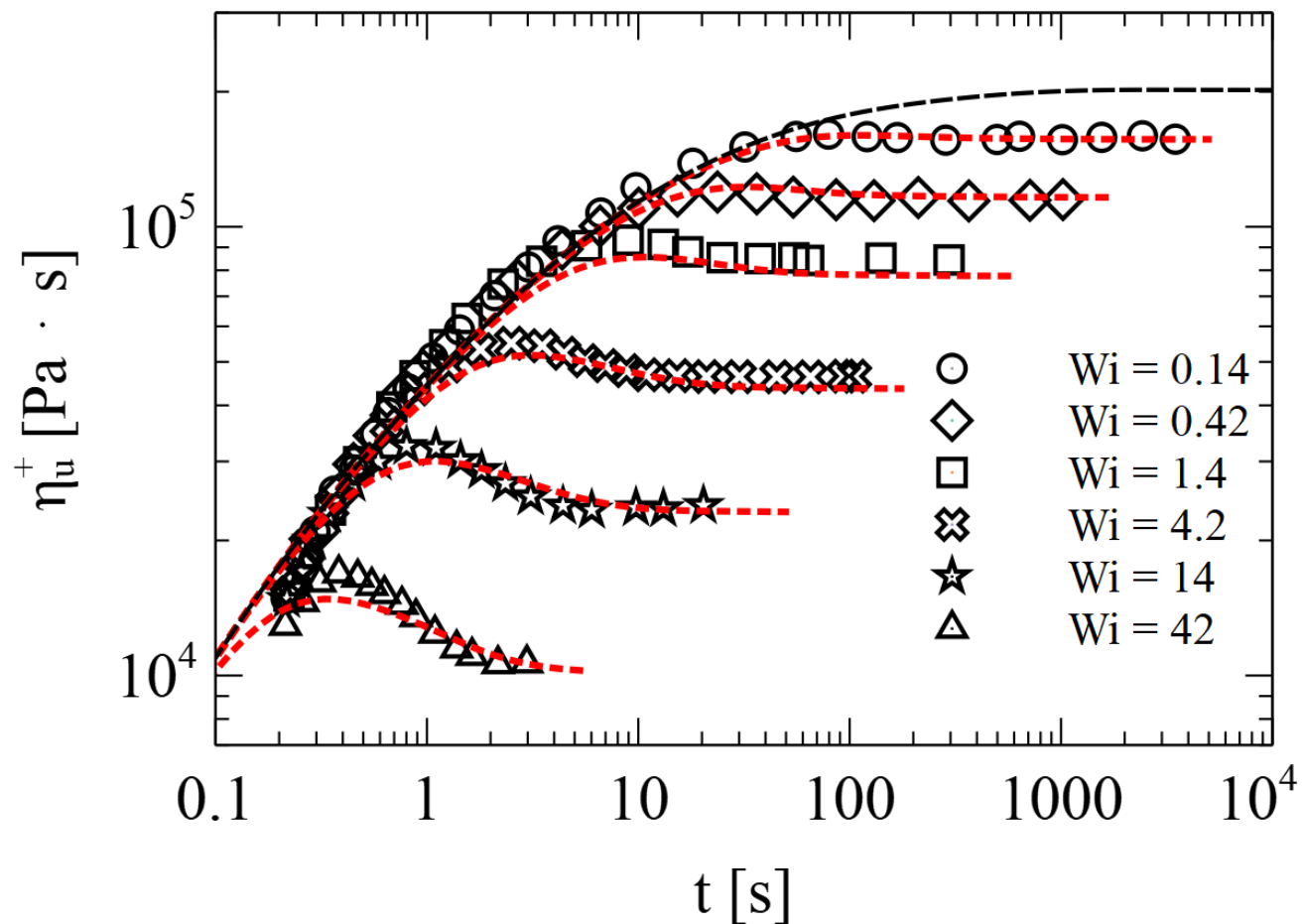
XPP + STR Model prediction.  
No experimental data.



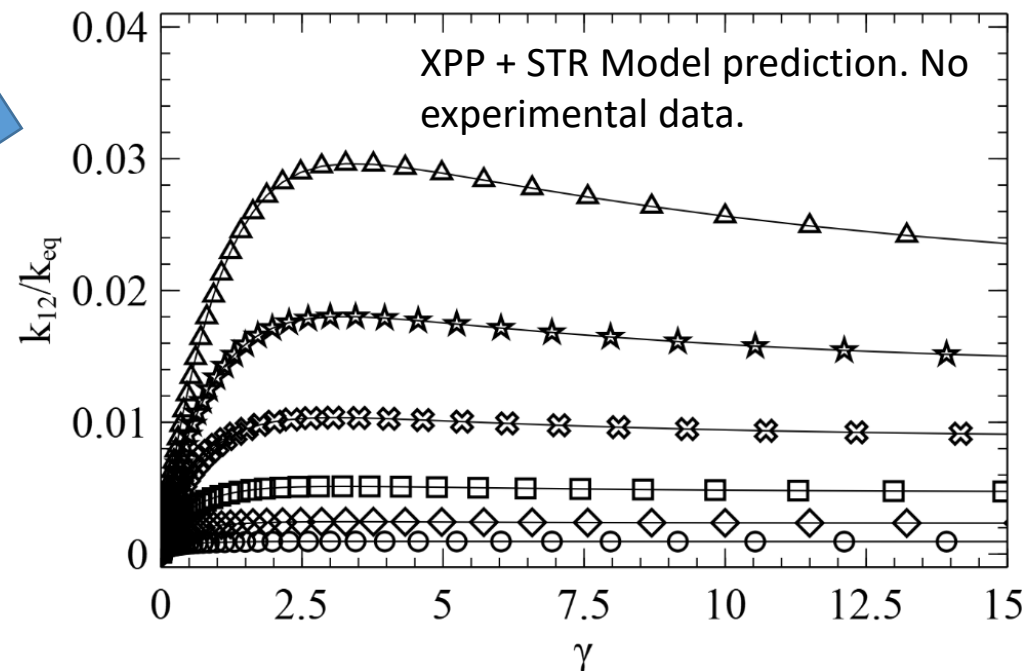
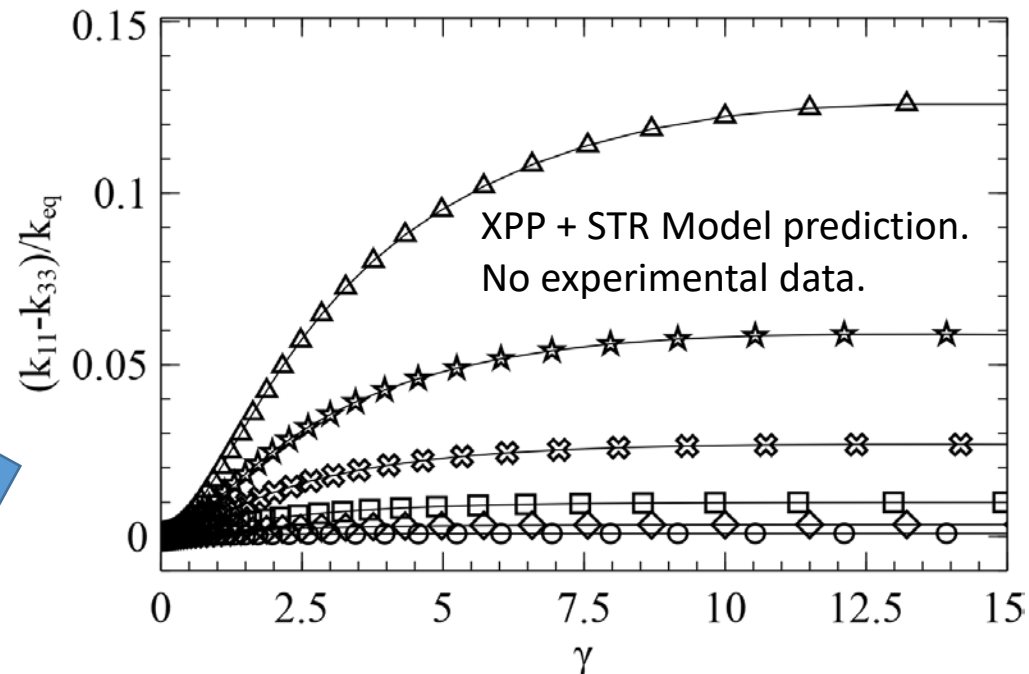
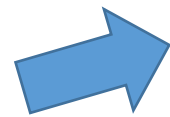
Data: Venerus et al. JOR 1999

# Transient Start-up: Shear Rheology PS

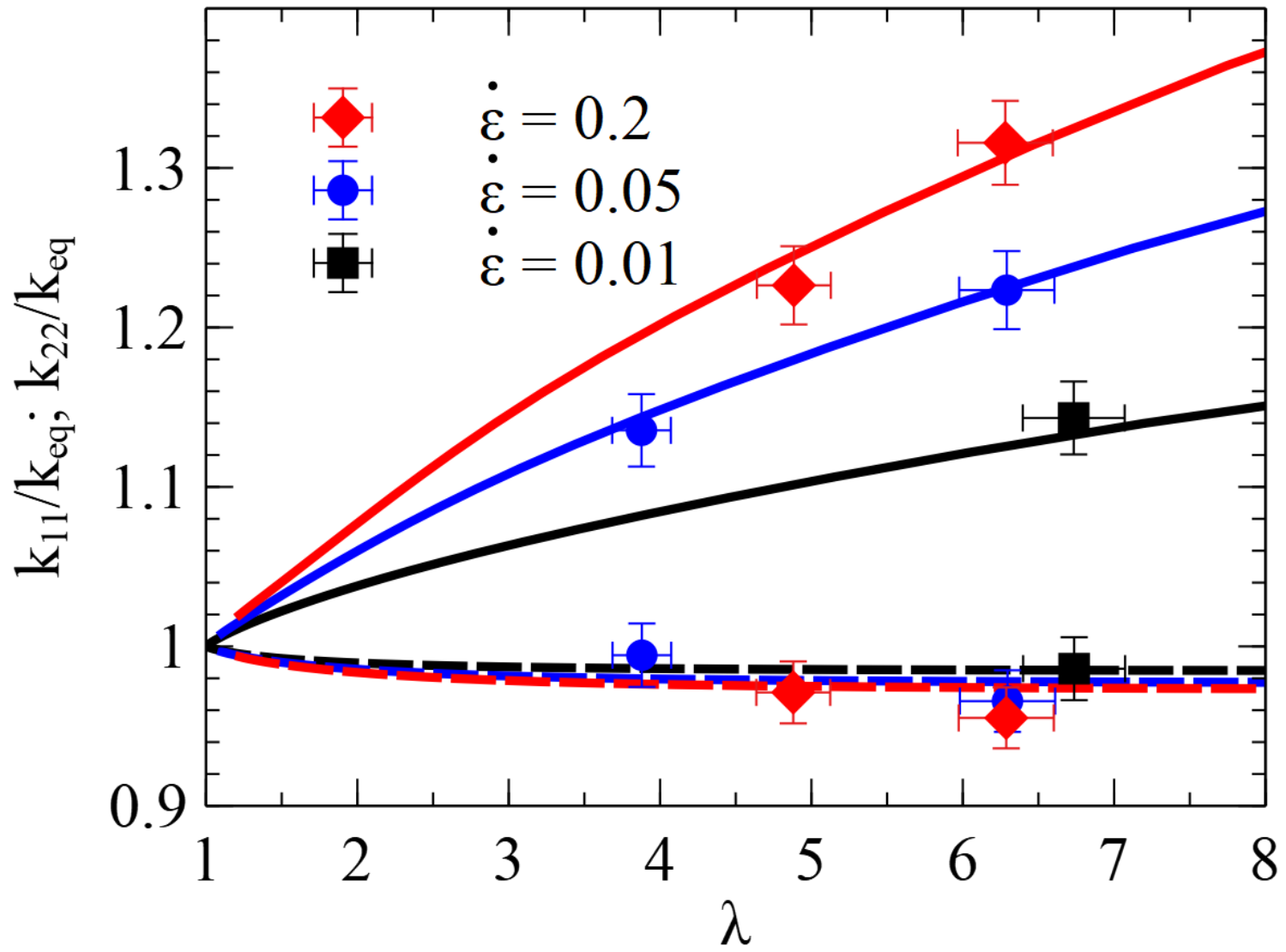
Dashed lines → XPP Model



Data: Thomas Schweizer Rheol. Acta 2002



# Comparison to experiments: PS



FRS Measurements after quenching. Data from Gupta et al. JOR 2013

# Thermal Hall Effect

1. Shear





2. Quench & Cut




3. Subject to  $\nabla T$

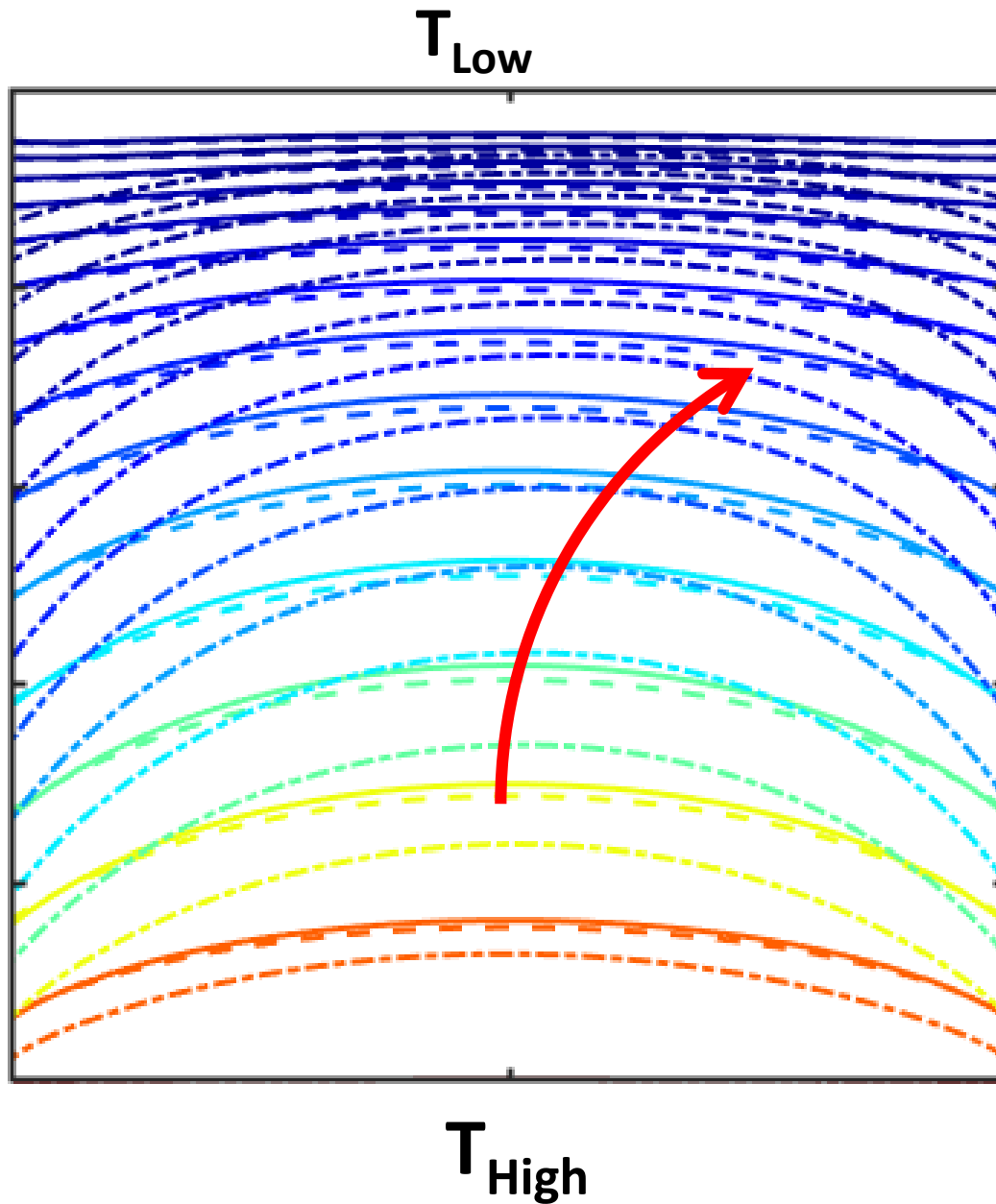


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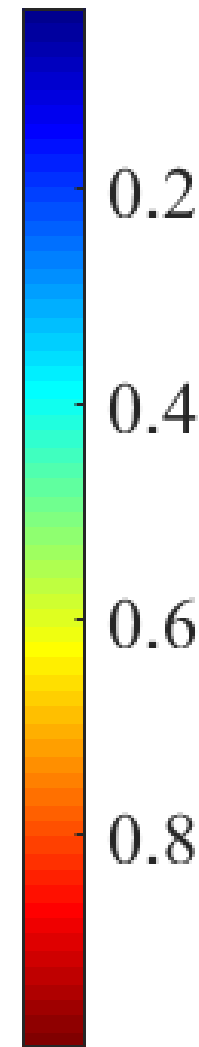
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Newton's Cooling  
Thermally thick ( $Bi > 0.1$ )



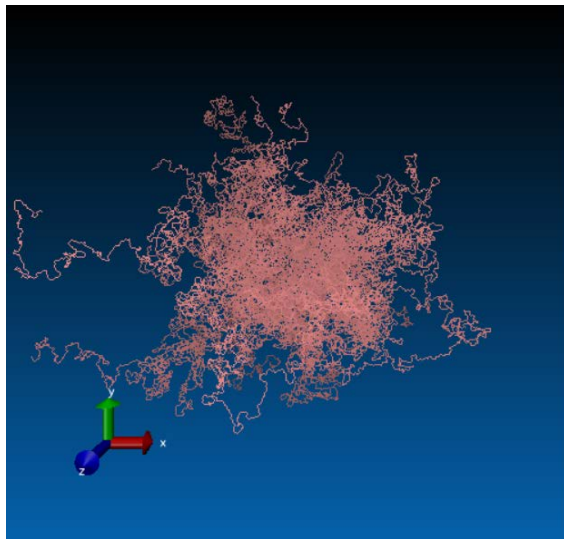
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# Roadmap for the next six months:

- Previous MD work focus on dimensionality, effect of chemistry, chain length, stiffness...



- C78 (N=48)
- C1000 (N=60)

1) MC equilibration under orienting fields  
~ deformation rates

2) EMD to obtain structure-property relations:

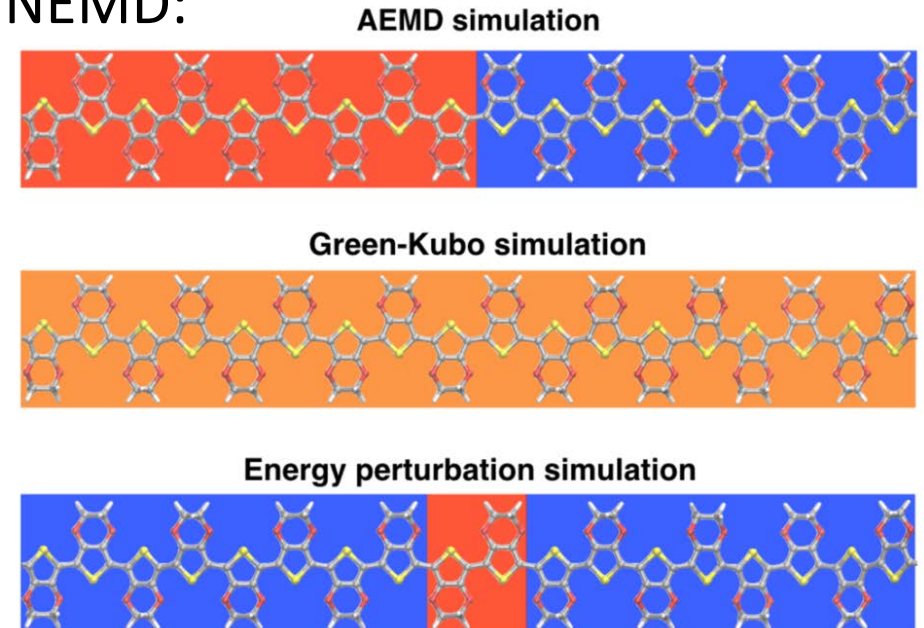
- k vs. stress
- k vs. structure

$$k_{ij} \propto C_{k,p} v_{k,p}^i \lambda_{k,p}^j$$

$$\lambda_j \propto L_e?$$

- k Measurement methods:

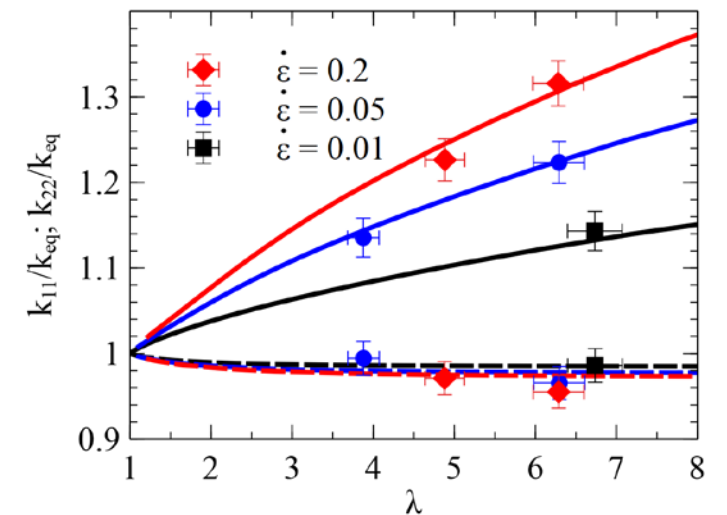
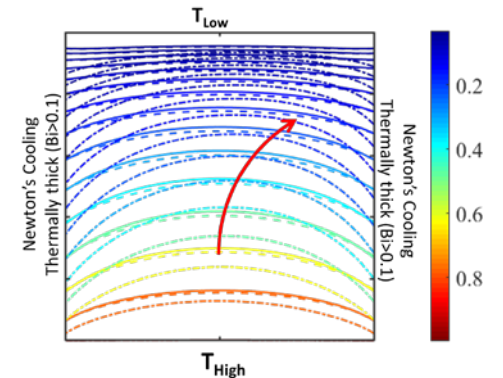
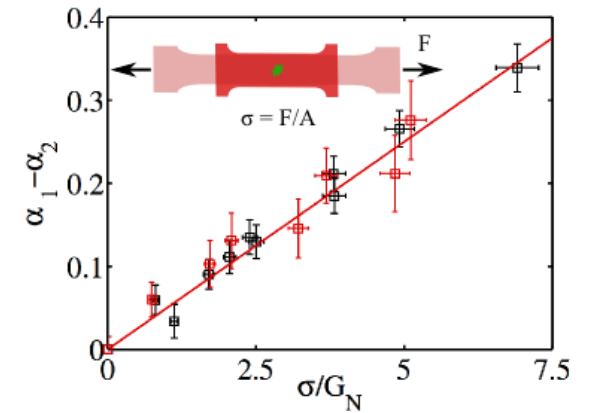
- EMD: Green-Kubo
- AEMD:
- NEMD:



$$k_{ij} = \frac{1}{k_B V T^2} \int_0^\infty \langle J_i(t) J_j(0) \rangle dt$$

# Conclusions

1. Thermal transport becomes anisotropic in polymers subjected to deformation
2. Flow induced anisotropy has significant implications in polymer processing
3. Experimental evidence of:
  - Proportionality to Stress: Stress-Thermal Rule (STR)
  - Universality
  - Beyond Finite Extensibility
4. We can use constitutive models (XPP, RP...) amenable to numerical flow simulations and the STR to include anisotropy in thermal conductivity in non-isothermal flows
5. MD simulations represent a unique tool to gain insight into the open questions regarding thermal transport in polymeric materials.



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