



# Shear banding in time-dependent flows of complex fluids

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## Outline

Shear banding in time-dependent flow protocols

shear startup

step stress (creep)

step strain

large amplitude oscillatory shear

**Aim:** to provide **fluid-universal criteria** for onset of banding, covering

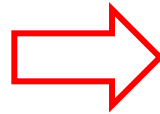
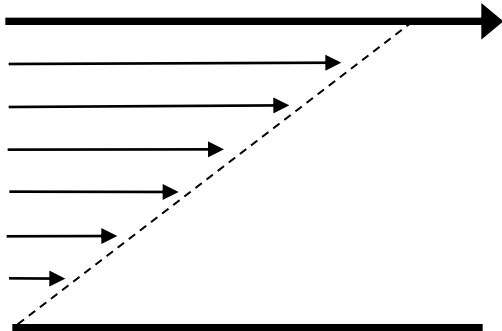
polymeric fluids (polymer solutions/melts, wormy micelles)

soft glassy materials (foams, emulsions, colloids, microgels)

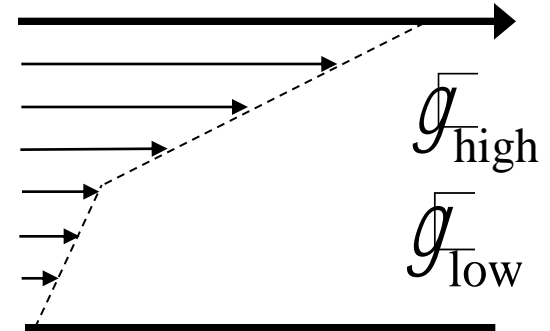
and everything else too...?

## Warmup: criterion for formation of steady state shear bands

Initial state:  
homogeneous shear flow



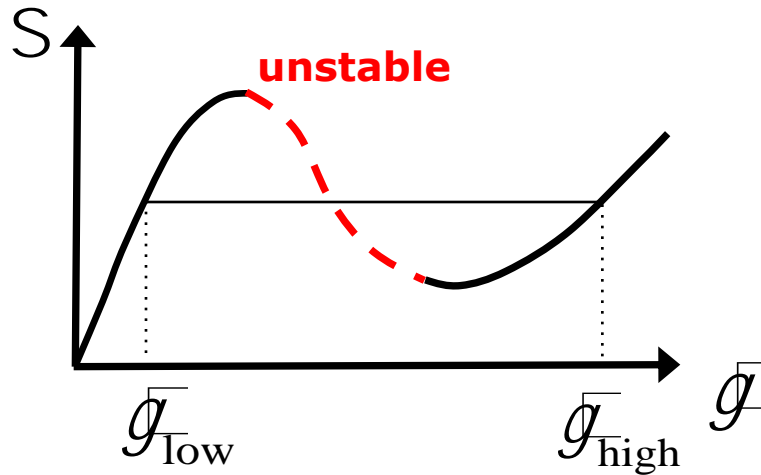
Steady state:  
shear banded



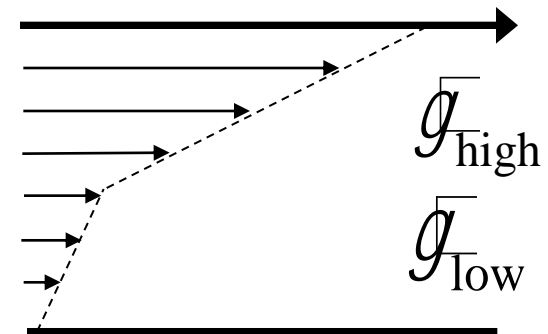
What is the criterion for this to happen?

## Warmup: criterion for formation of steady state shear bands

Constitutive curve for homogeneous shear flow



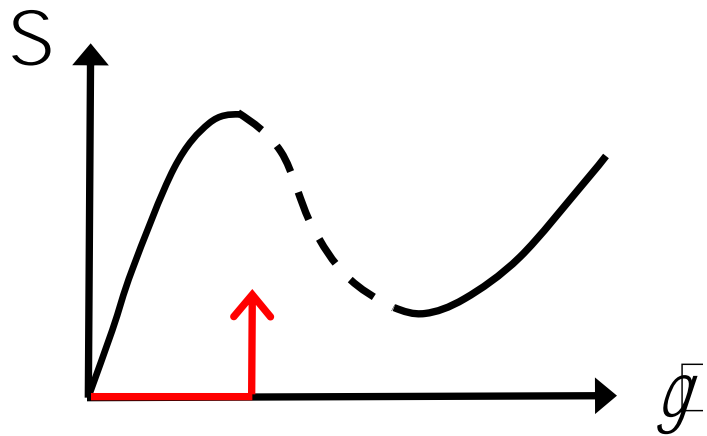
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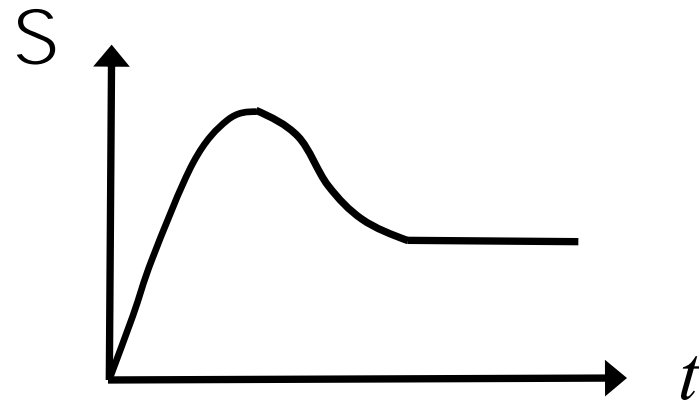
Criterion  $dS / d\bar{g} < 0$  is independent of fluid and model in question

## Time-dependent flow protocols...

constitutive curve



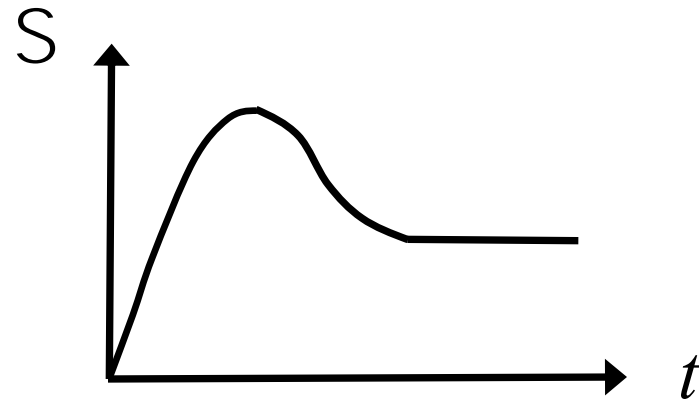
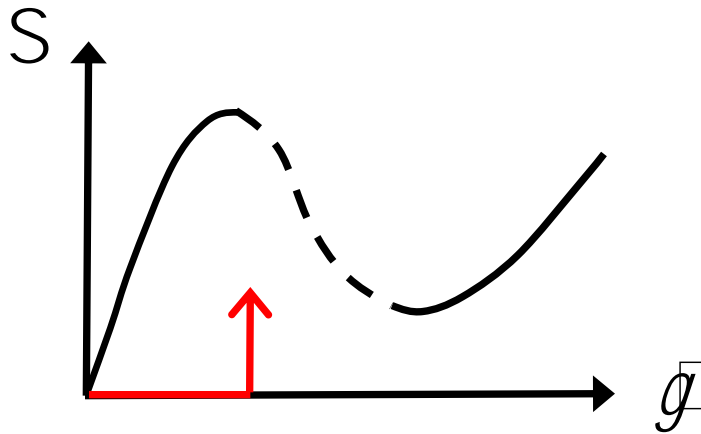
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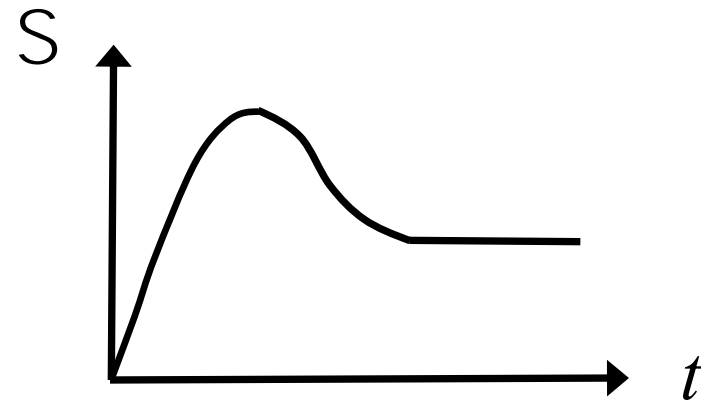
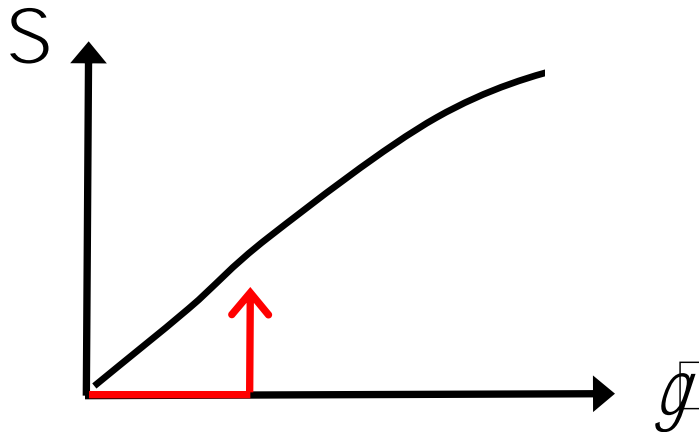


**At what stage of progression to steady state do bands form?**

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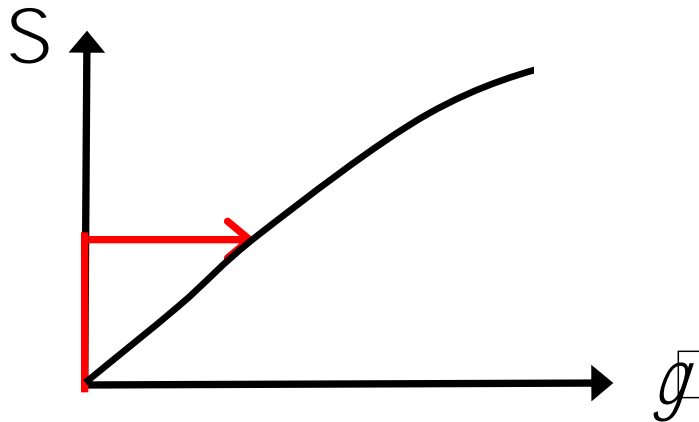
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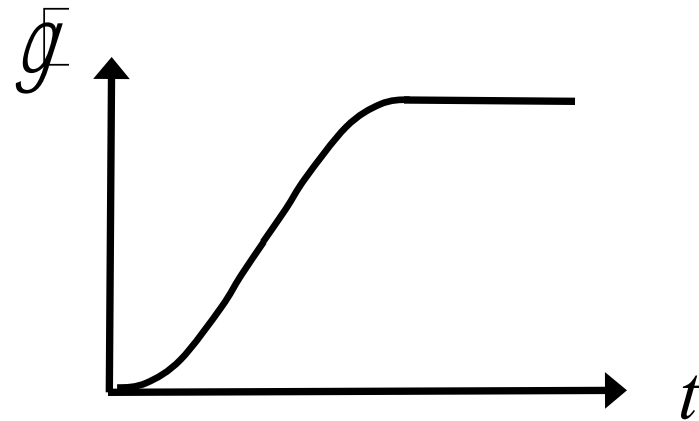
**Can bands form transiently in shear startup,  
even if steady state unbanded?**

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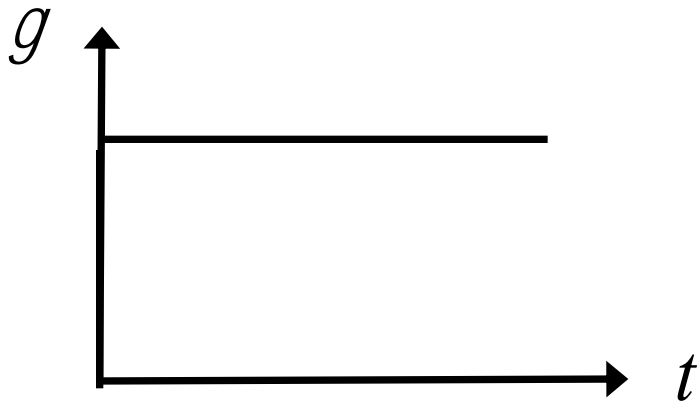


**and in a step-stress (creep) experiment?**

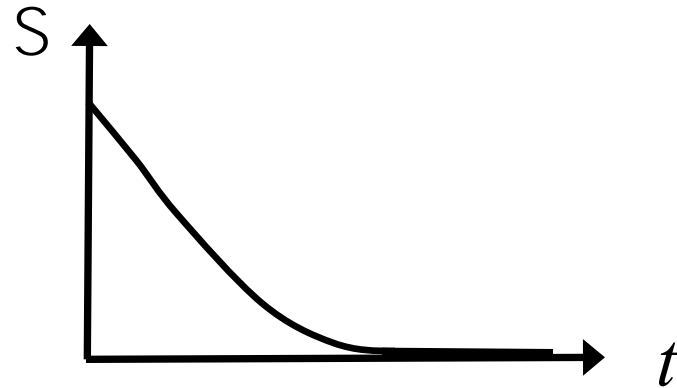


## Time-dependent flow protocols...

Step strain



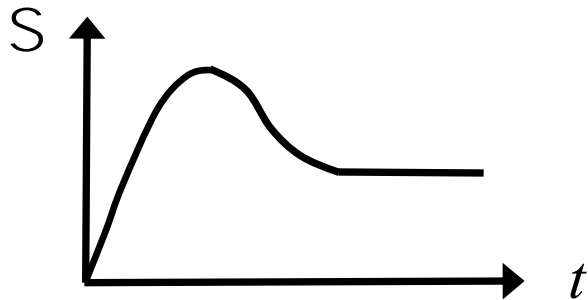
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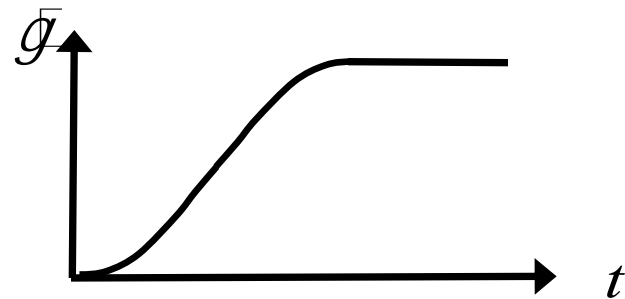
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**Aim here: derive general criteria for banding in time-dependent flows**

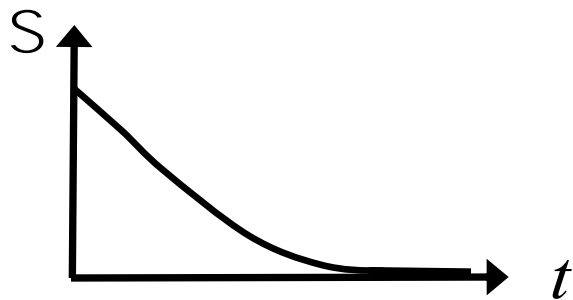
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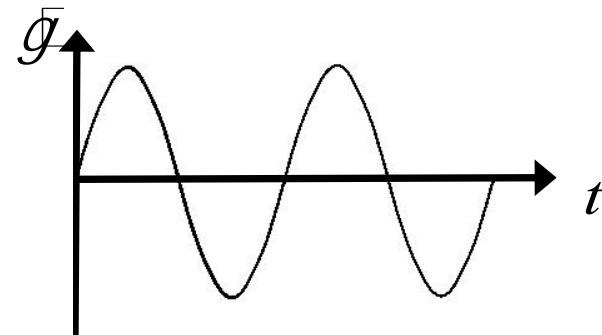
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step strain



LAOS



**that depend only on the shape of these rheological response functions**

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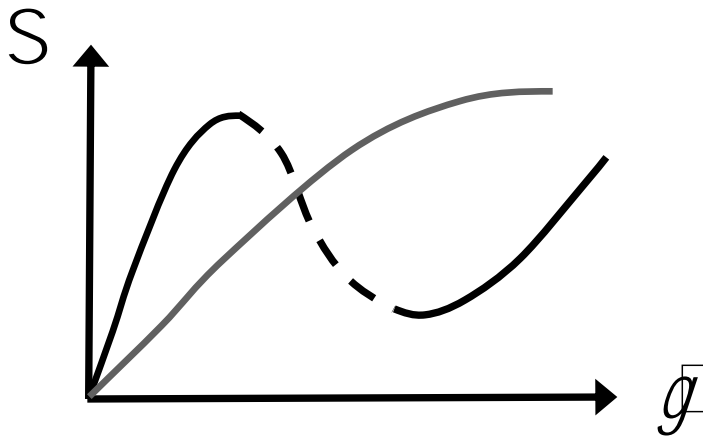
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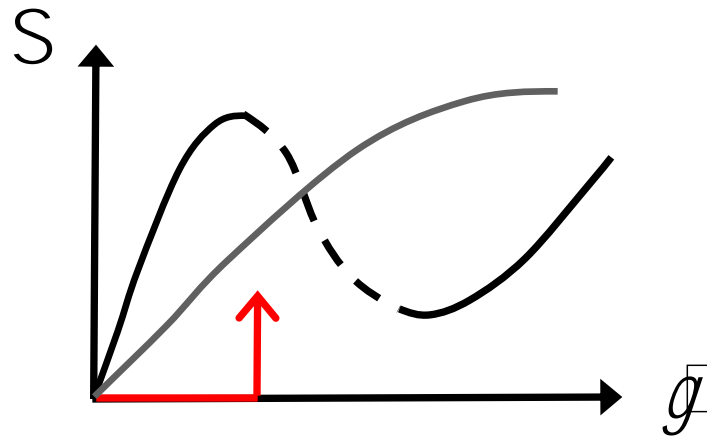
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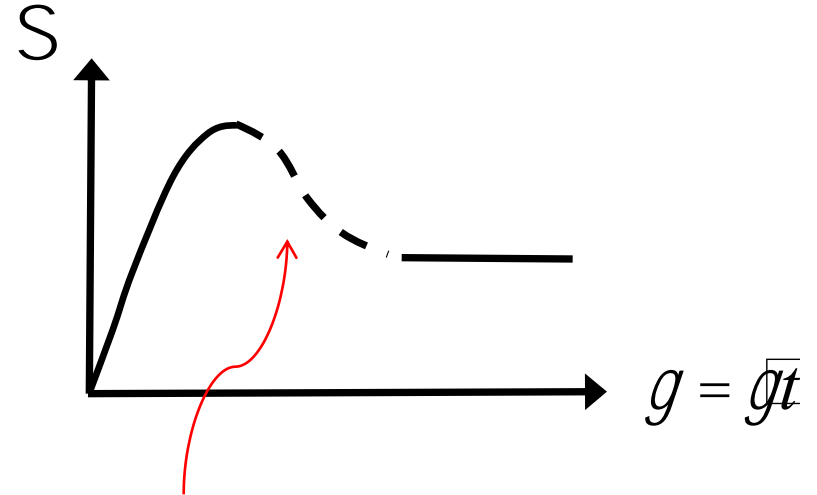


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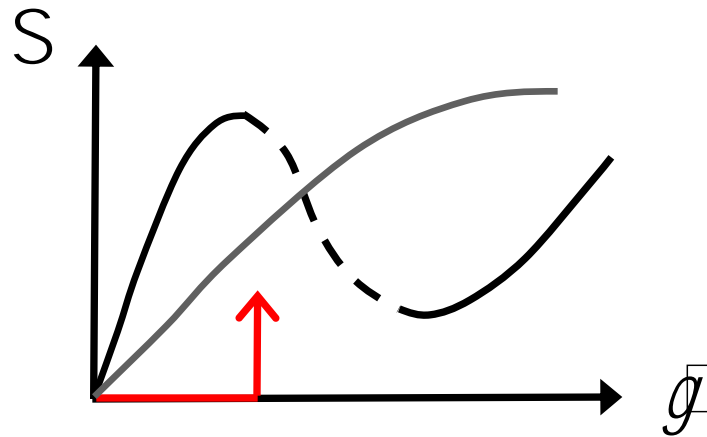
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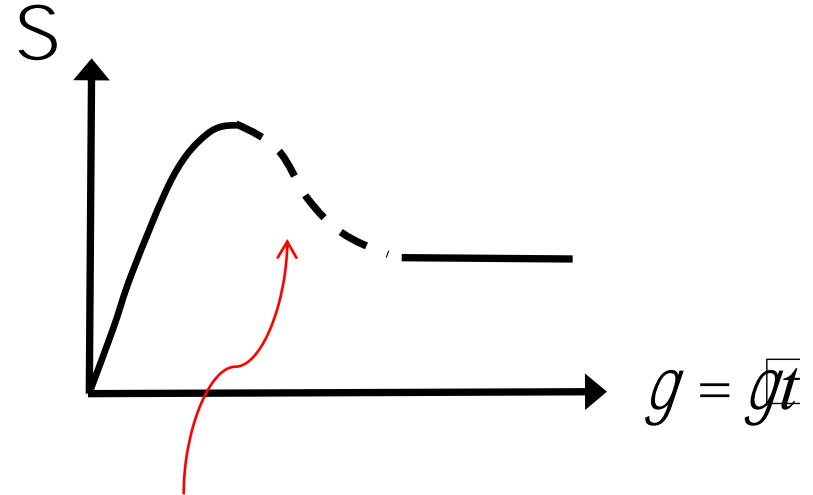
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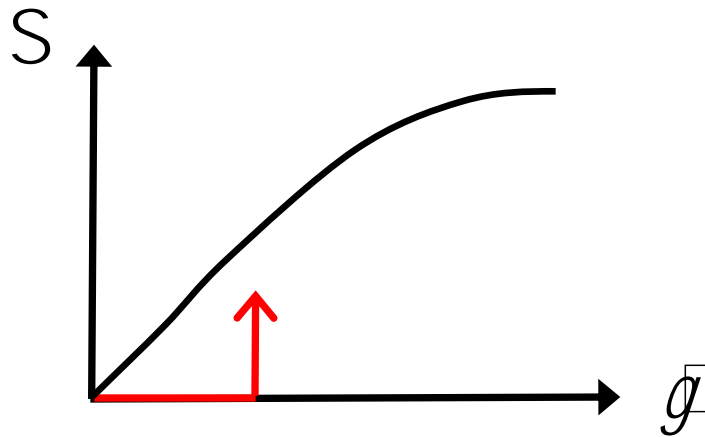
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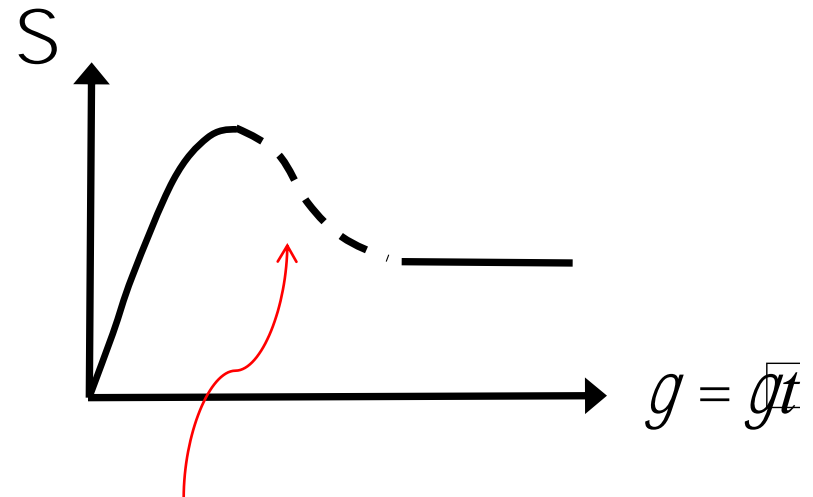
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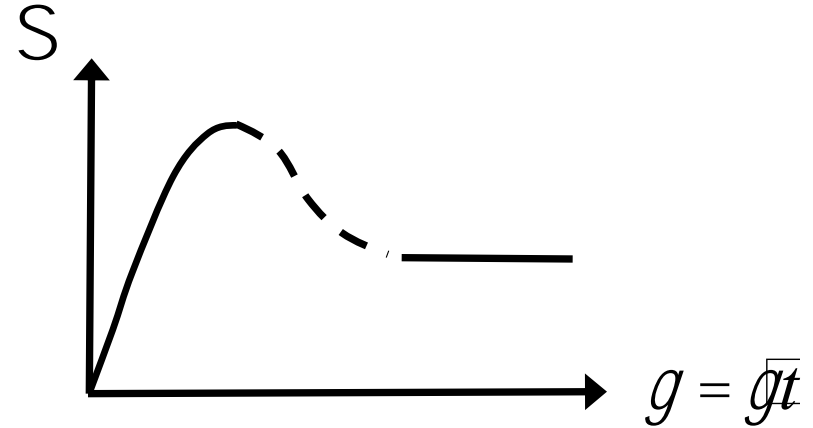
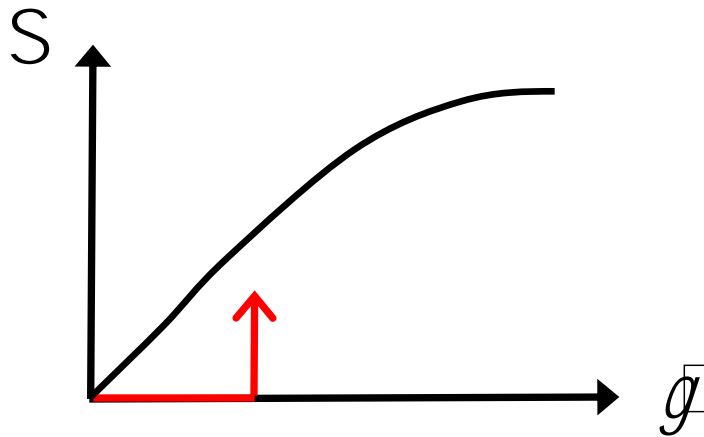


stress overshoot commonly seen associated with transient banding even if steady state cc monotonic

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**Indeed: for rest of talk, constitutive curve will be monotonic unless otherwise stated – no steady state banding !**



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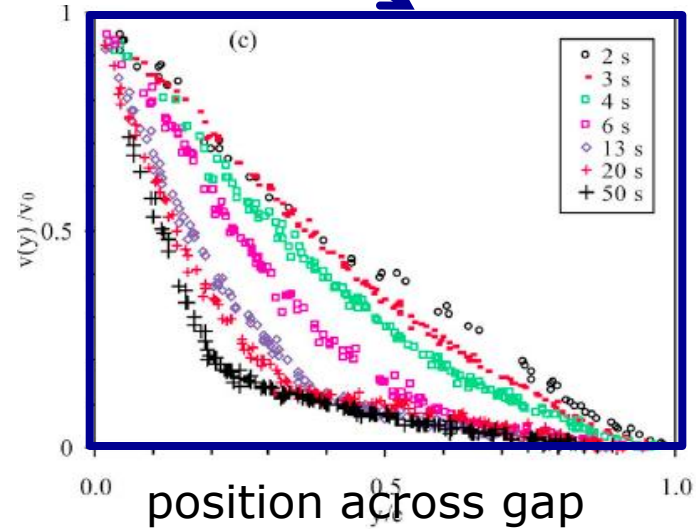
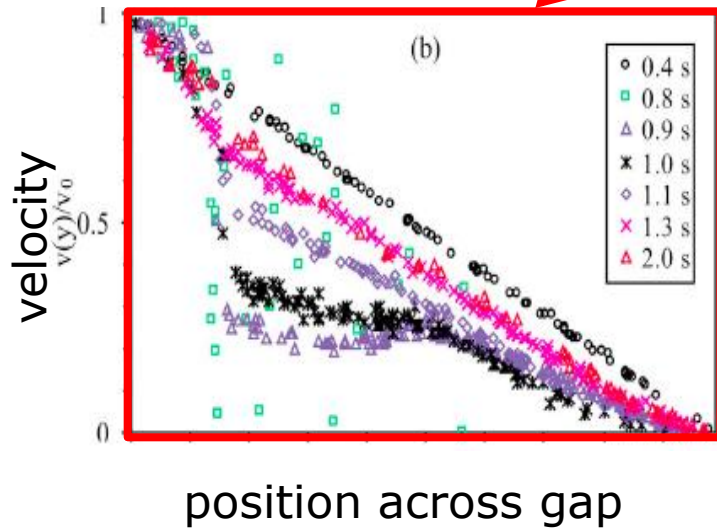
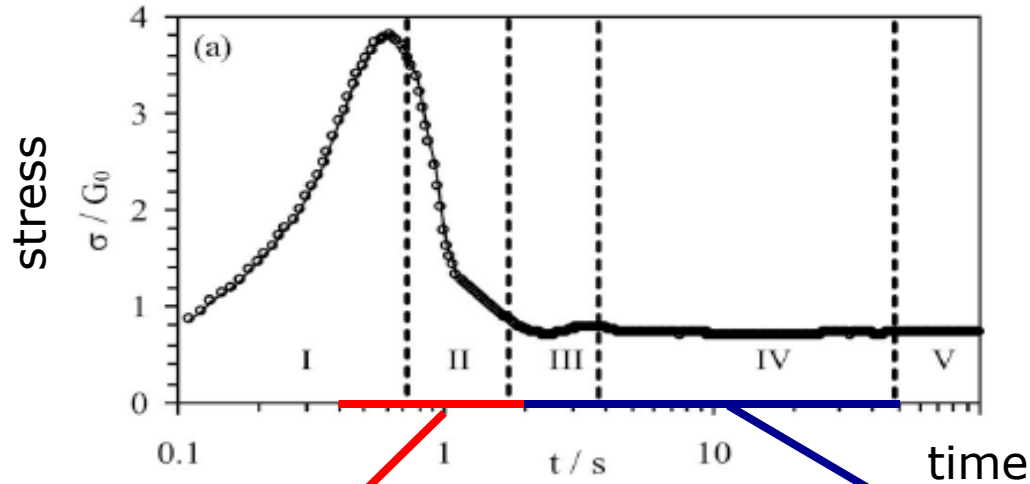
step stress

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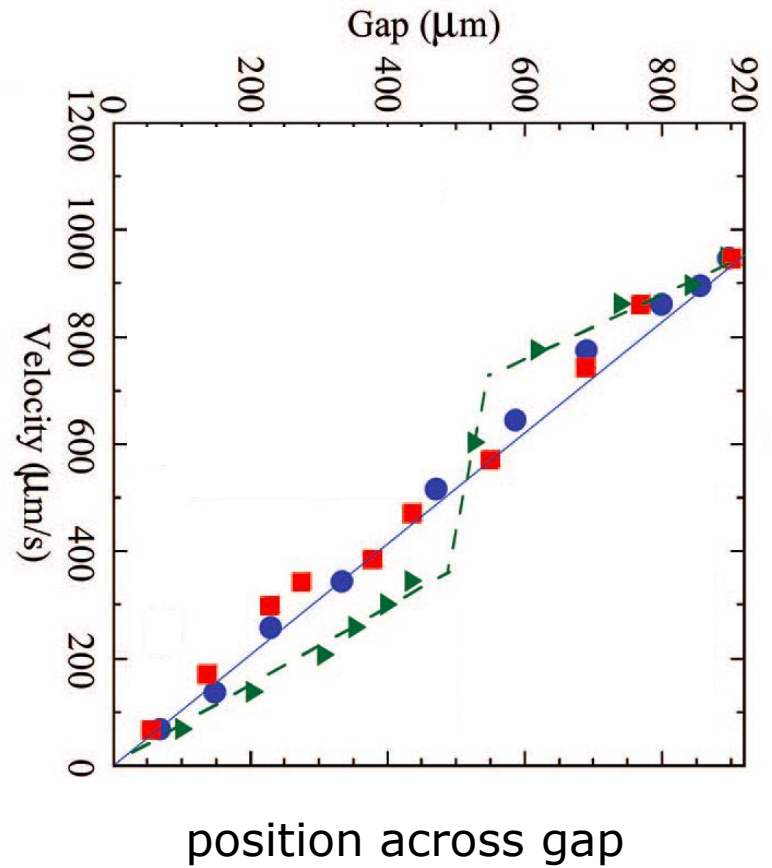
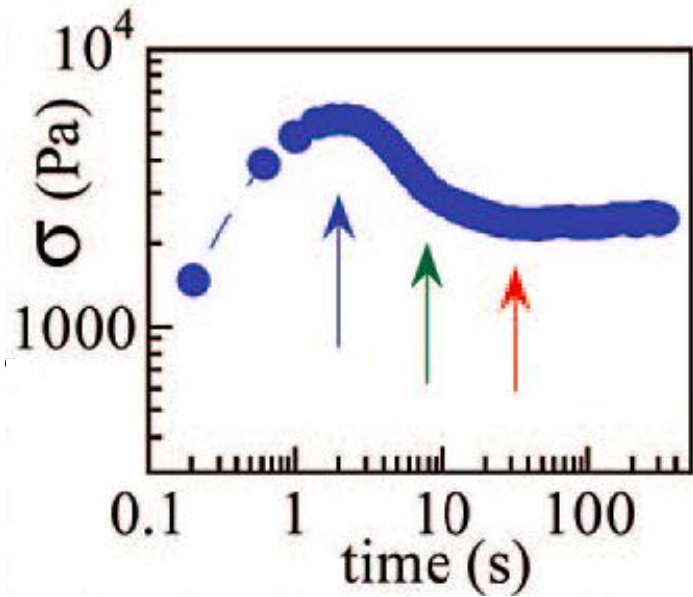
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[See also Zhou et al. J Rheol 08; and MD simulations of Cao and Likhtman PRL 2012]

## Shear startup in polymeric fluids: simulation

Force balance in creeping flow

$$\mathbf{0} = \nabla \cdot \left( \underset{\text{solvent}}{S} + 2\eta D - pI \right)$$

Polymeric stress

$$S = G \left( \mathbf{W} - \mathbf{I} \right)$$

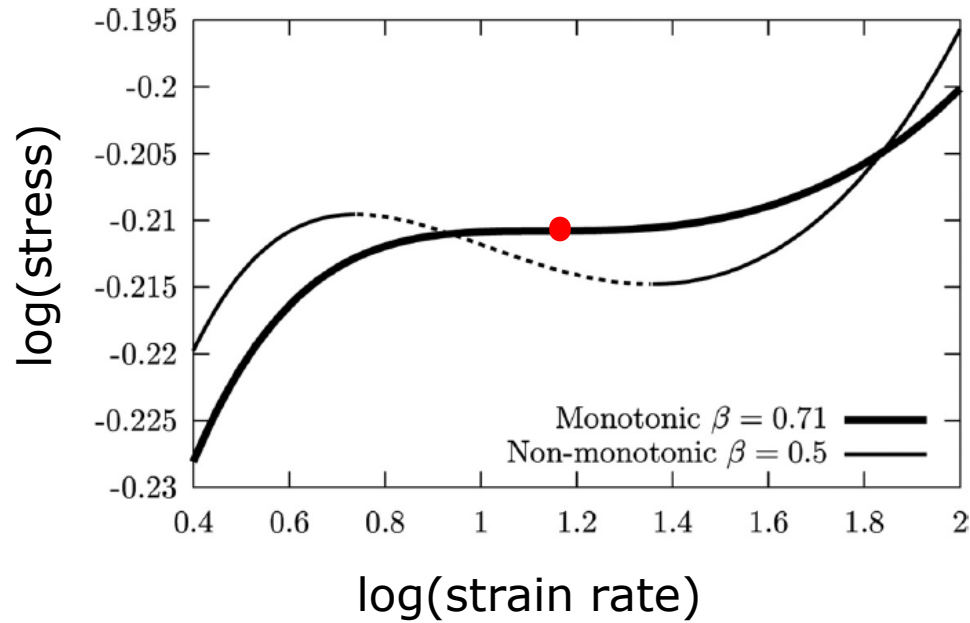
“Rolie-Poly” model for dynamics of polymer conformation tensor

$$\dot{\mathbf{W}} = -\frac{1}{t} (\mathbf{W} - \mathbf{I}) - \frac{2}{t_R} \left( \frac{\partial \mathbf{W}}{\partial t} - \sqrt{\frac{3}{T}} \frac{\partial \mathbf{W}}{\partial t} \right) + b \frac{T}{3} \left( \mathbf{W} - \mathbf{I} \right) + D \nabla^2 \mathbf{W}$$

Use units in which  $G = 1, \tau = 1$

[Likhtman + Graham JNNFM 2003]

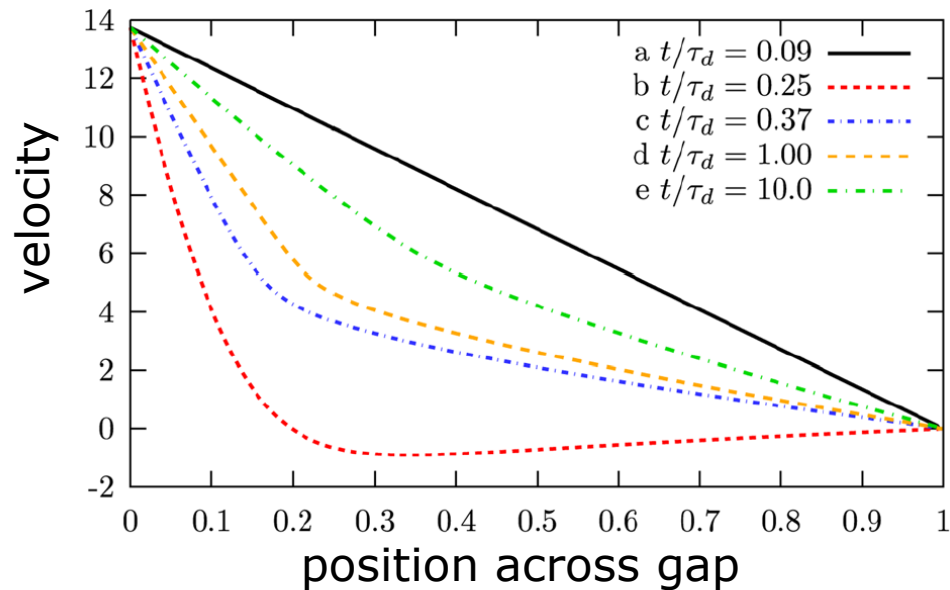
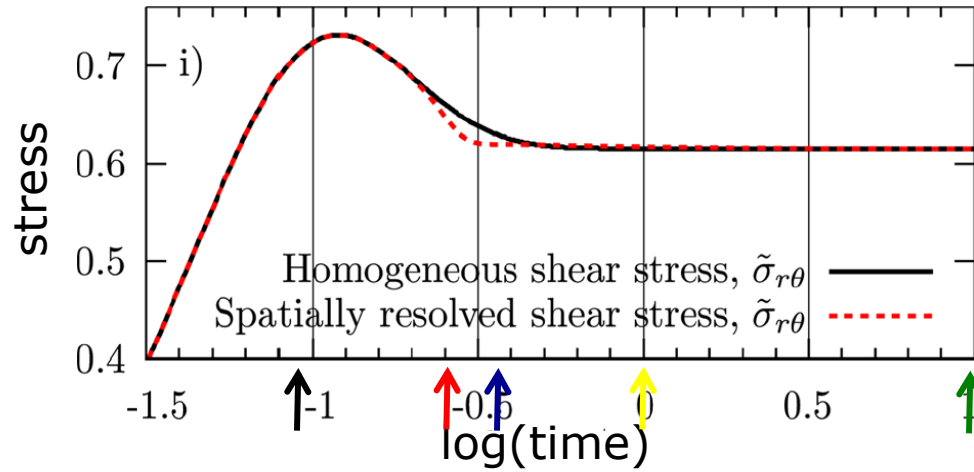
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monotonic or not according to model parameters

Results on next slide for startup at shear rate ● on monotonic one

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## Soft “glassy” materials

- Foams
- Dense emulsions
- Surfactant onion phases
- Gel bead suspensions
- Dense colloids (?)
- Gels (?)

### Shared features:

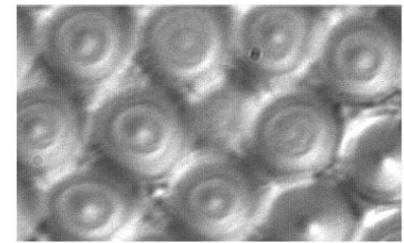
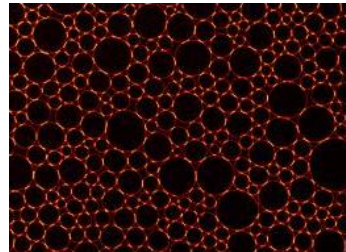
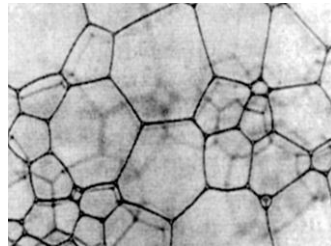
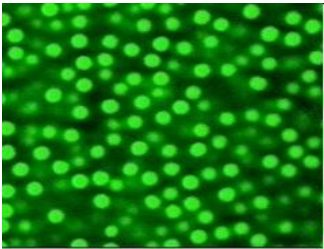
disorder

metastability

broken ergodicity

yield stress

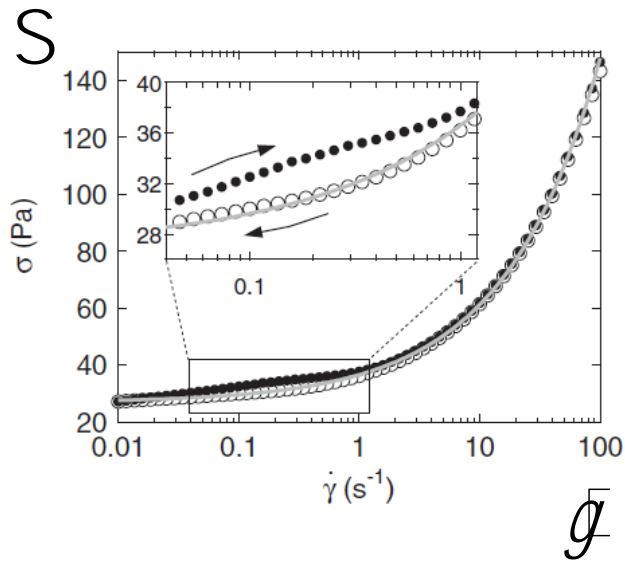
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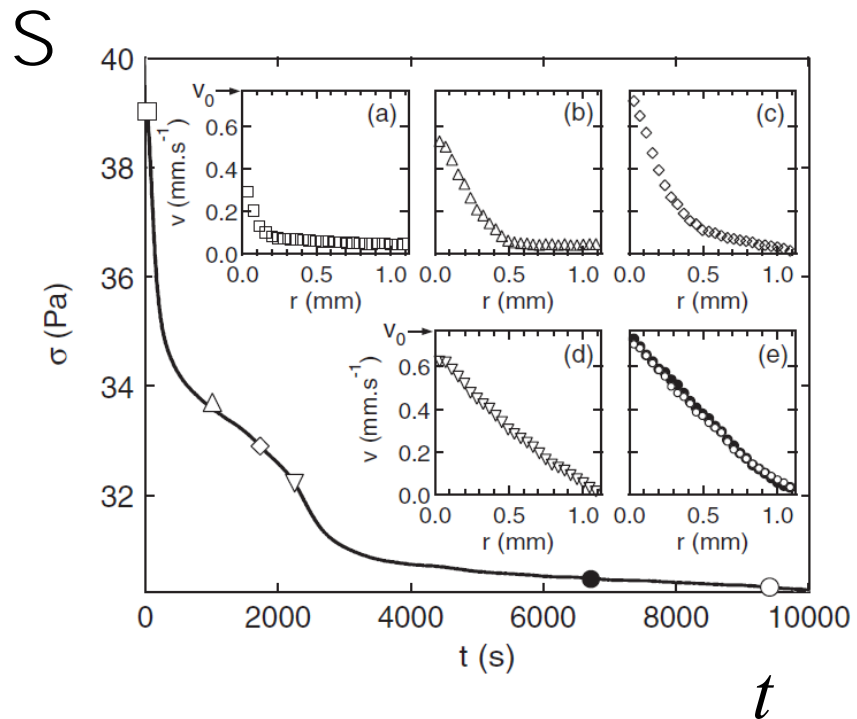


# Shear startup in a soft glassy material: experiment

flow curve: yield stress



stress overshoot + transient bands



[Carbopol gel - Divoux et al. PRL 2010]

## Soft glassy rheology (SGR) model

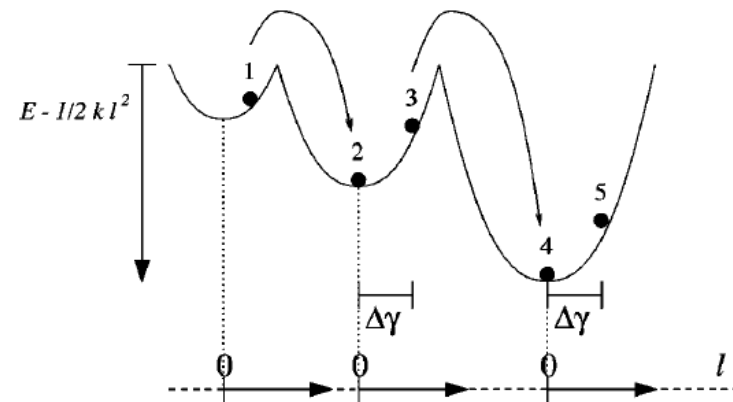
- Particles jump independently among traps at noise temperature  $x$

- $l$  = local strain

- $dl/dt = \dot{\gamma}^*(t)$  between hops

- Jump rate  $\Gamma_0 \exp[-(E - k l^2/2)/x]$

- Trap depth distribution  $\exp[-E]$   
 $\Rightarrow$  glass transition at  $x=l$



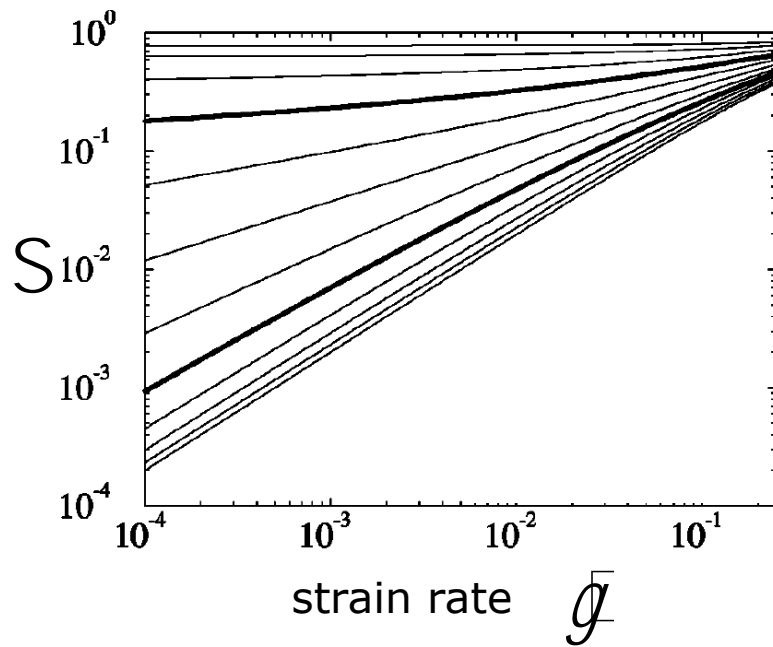
- Stress  $\sigma = k\langle l \rangle$ . Yield stress rises smoothly for  $x < l$

- Extended to account for spatial heterogeneity [Fielding et al. Soft Matter 2009]

See also: STZ (Langer, Falk et al) , MCT (Fuchs, Cates et al), fluidity (Coussot, Ajdari)

## SGR model predictions

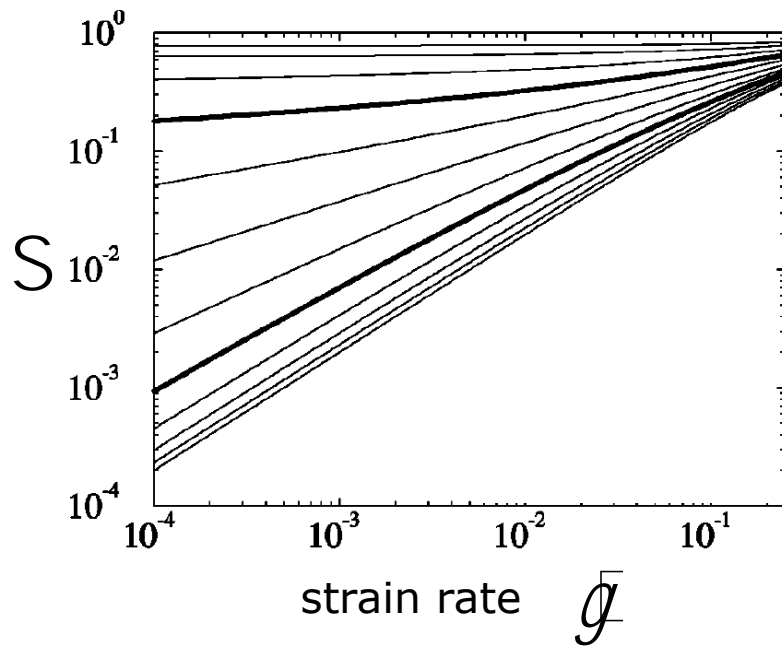
Flow curve: yield stress for  $x < 1$



Monotonic - no steady state bands

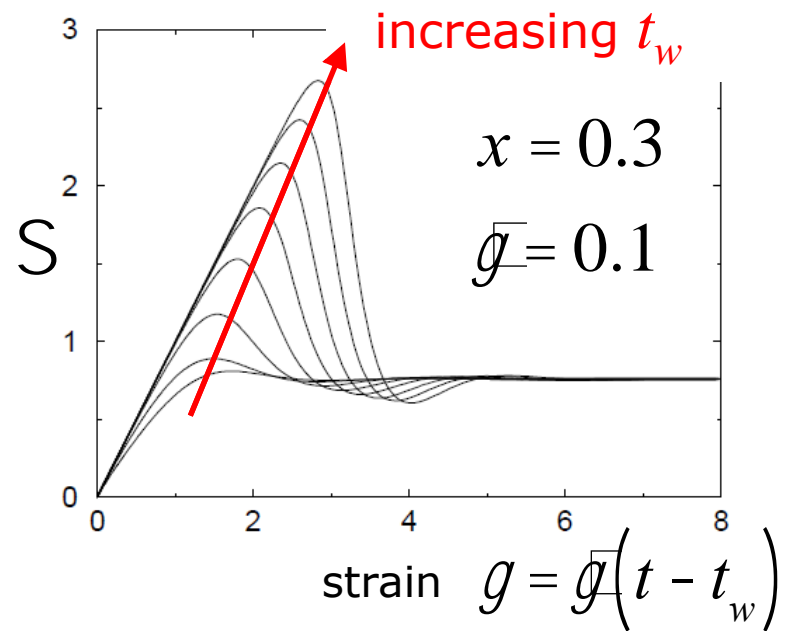
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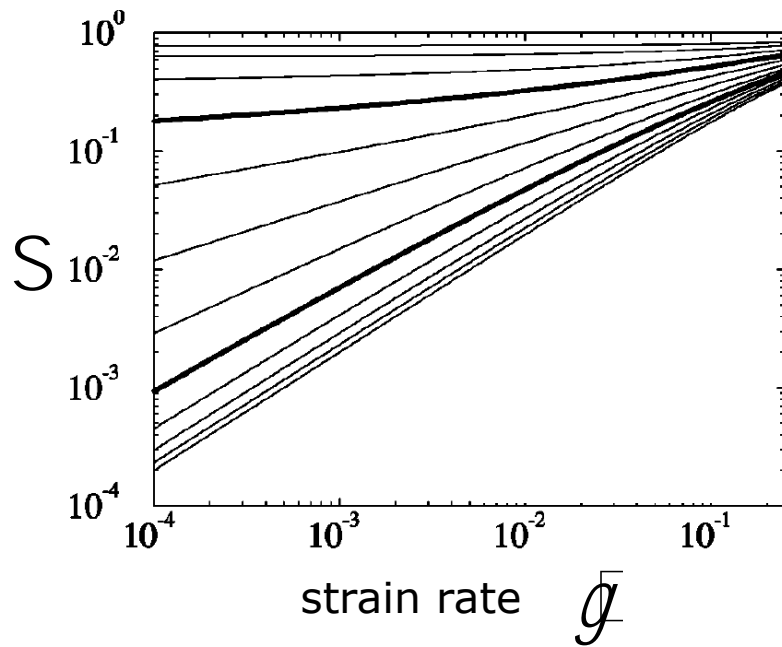
Overshoot in shear startup



Prepare sample at time  $t = 0$   
and wait a time  $t_w$  before shearing

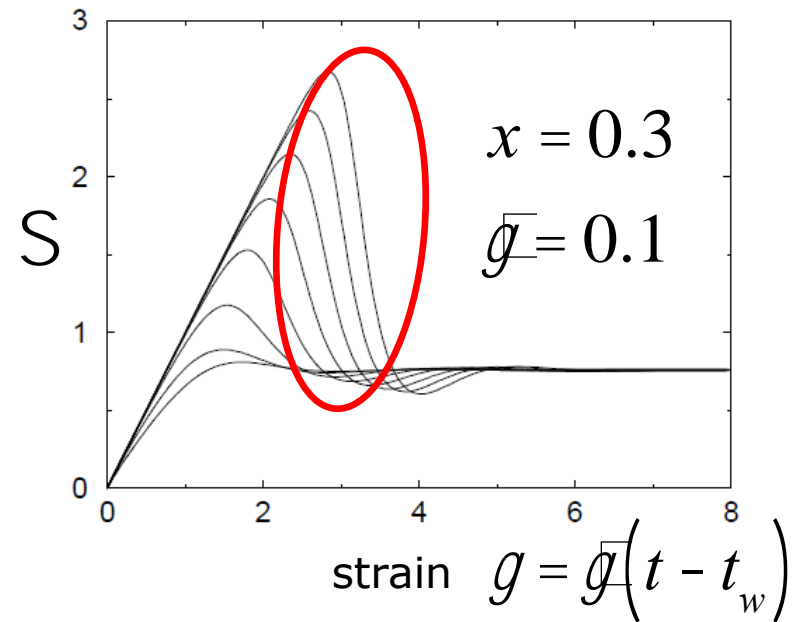
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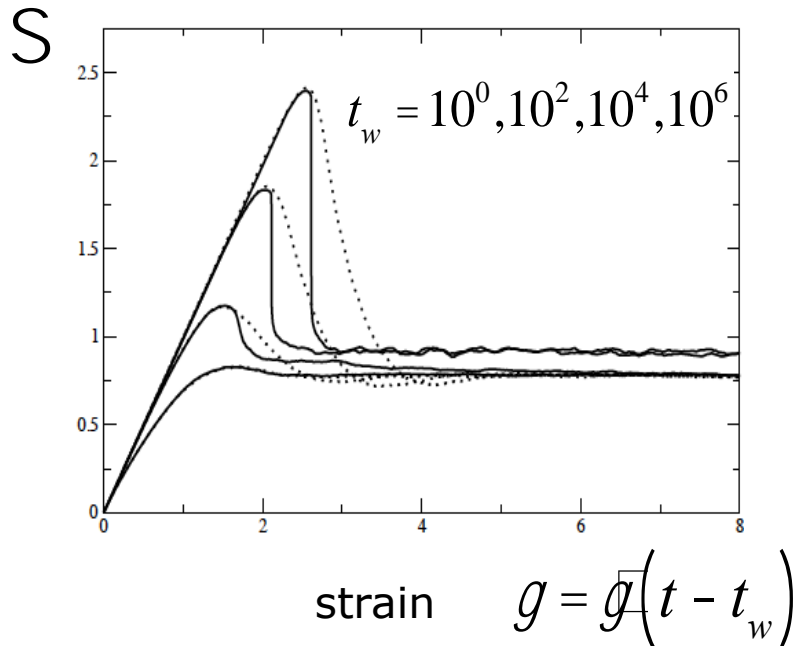
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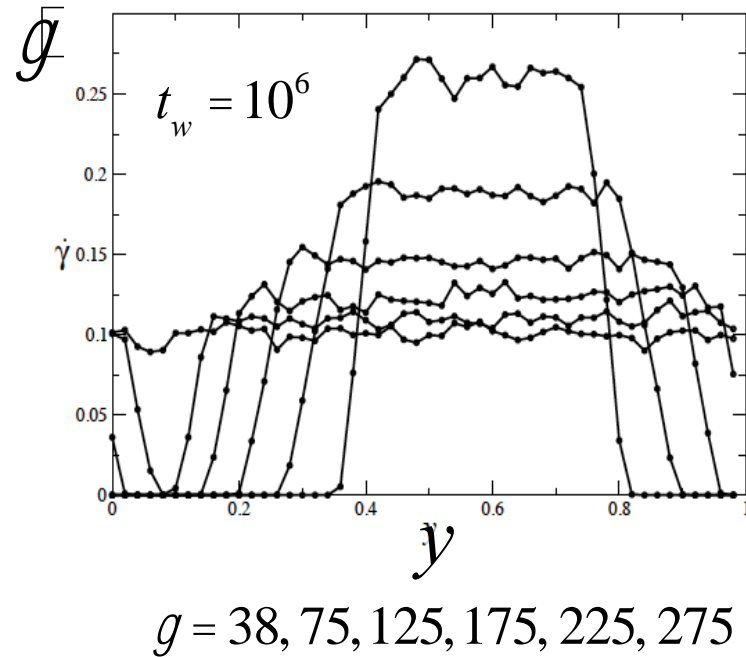
transient banding,  
**with strong age dependence?**

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"transient" bands



persist longer than duration  
of realistic experiment....?

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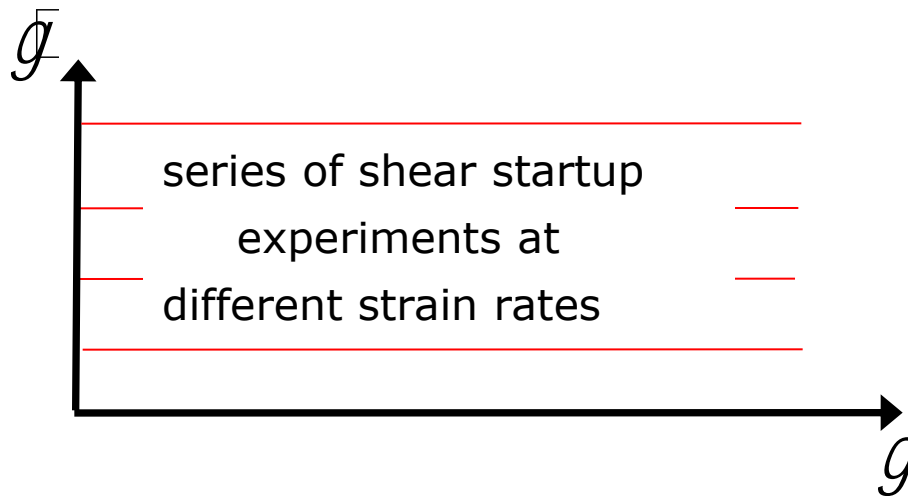
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## General criterion

Criterion for banding in steady state known  $dS/d\bar{g} < 0$

Criterion for transient banding in startup associated with  $dS/dg < 0$

Consider series of startup runs at different  $\bar{g}$  each run to steady state  $g \rightarrow \infty$



Can we arrive at a general condition on derivatives of  $S(g, \bar{g})$ ?



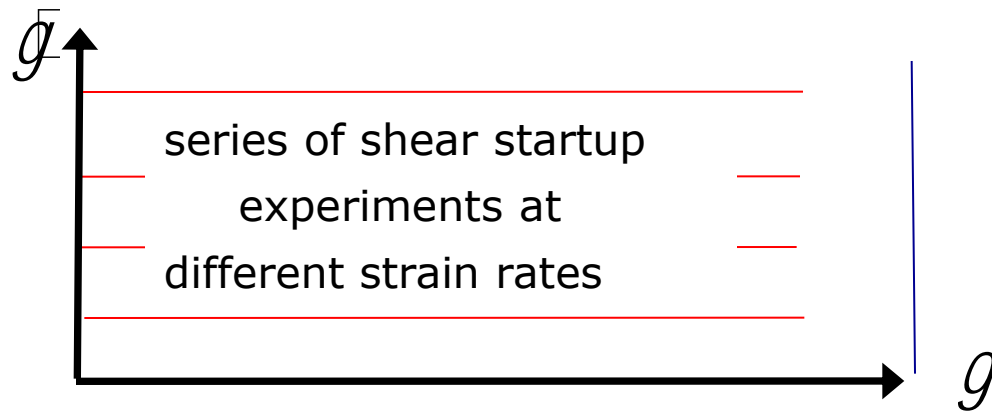
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force balance in 1D

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viscoelastic dynamics  
(rolie-poly, fluidity...)



Linear instability criterion for onset of shear banding

$$\boxed{D \partial_{\dot{g}} S} - \boxed{T \partial_g S + \dot{g} \partial_g^2 S} + \dots \partial_g \partial_{\dot{g}} S < 0$$

“viscous”

“elastic”

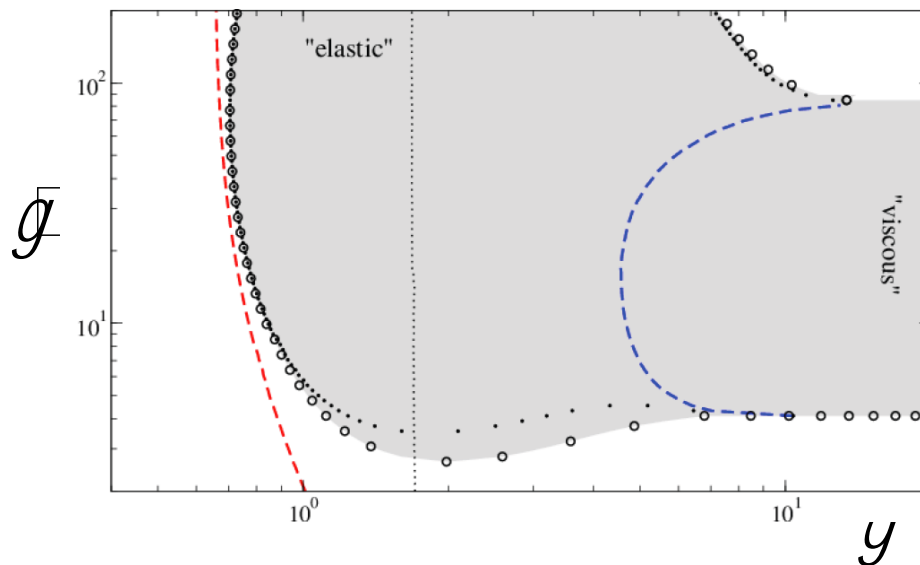
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rolie-poly model

non-monotonic  
constitutive curve

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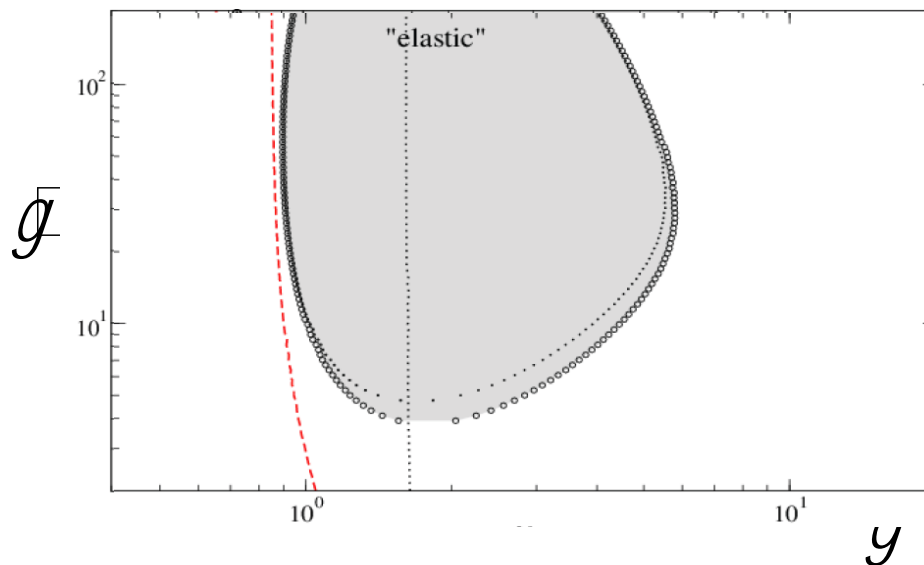
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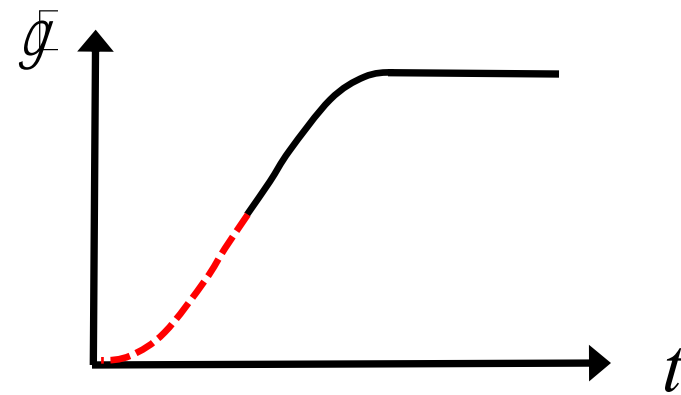
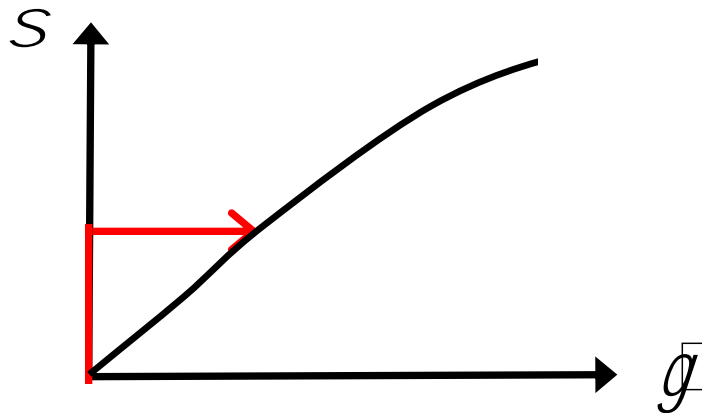
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## Shear banding in step stress protocol: general criterion



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force balance in 1D

viscoelastic dynamics

highly general

(Rolie Poly, SGR)

Linear instability criterion  
for onset of shear banding

$$\partial_t^2 \bar{g} / \partial_t \bar{g} > 0$$

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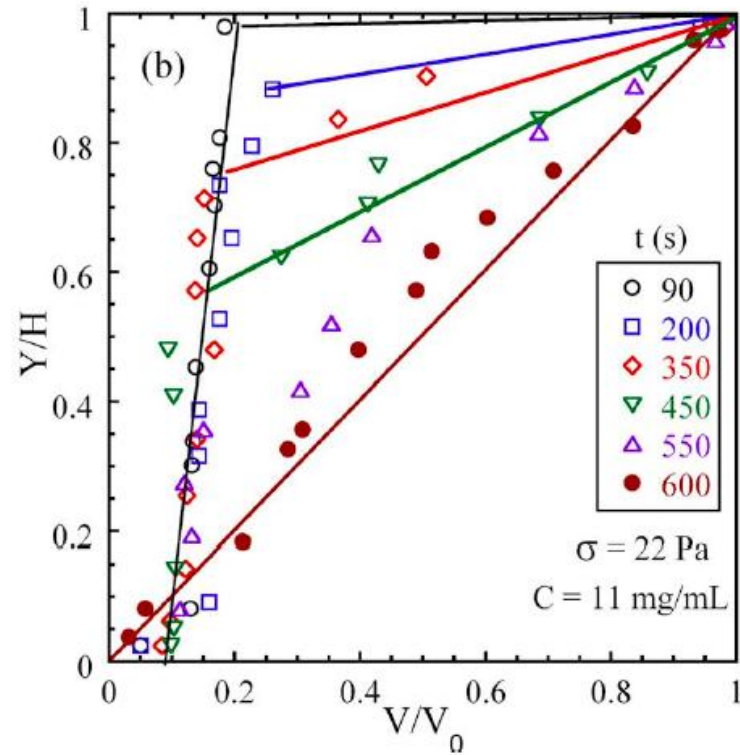
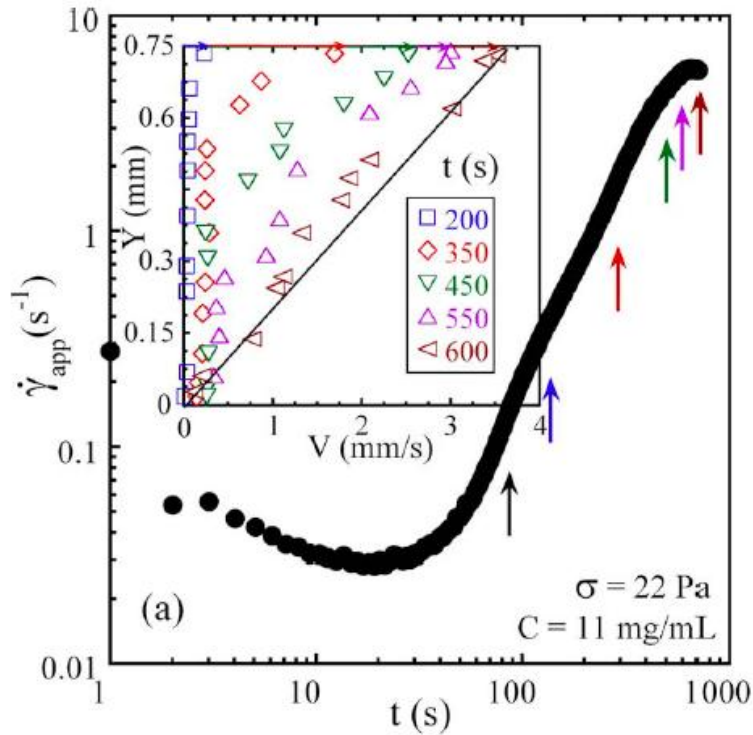
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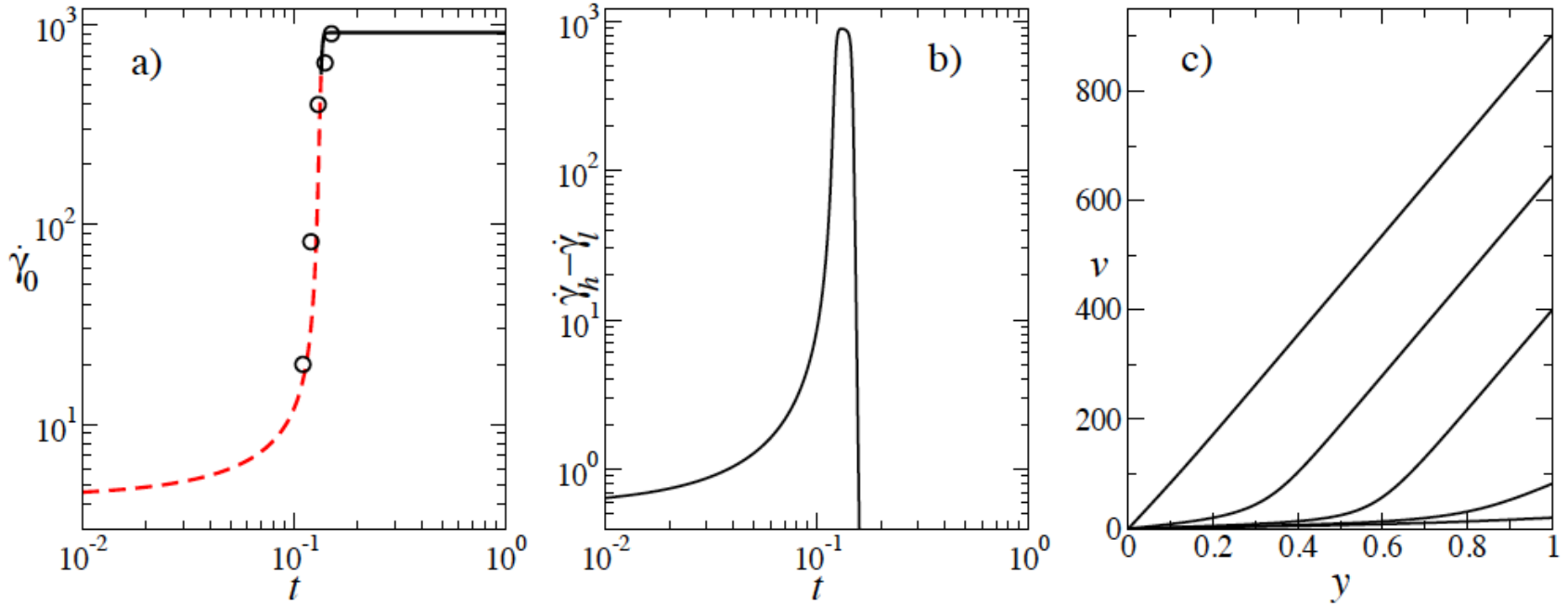
## Shear banding in step stress protocol: polymer experiments



Consistent with prediction

$$\frac{\partial^2 g}{\partial t^2} / \frac{\partial g}{\partial t} > 0$$

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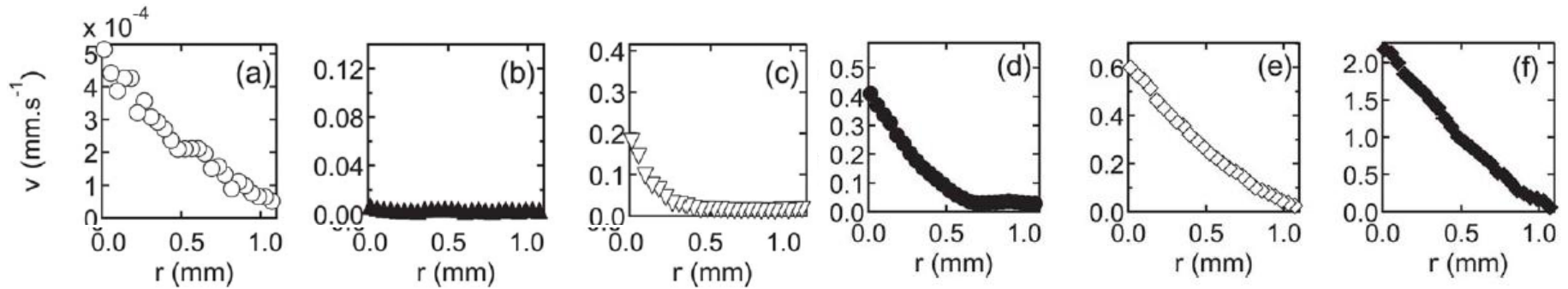
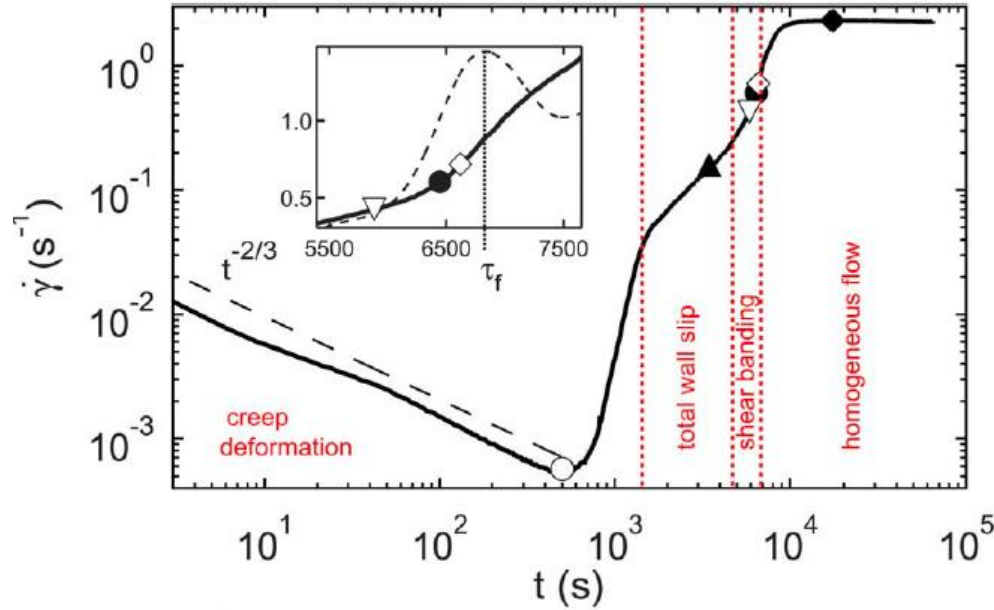
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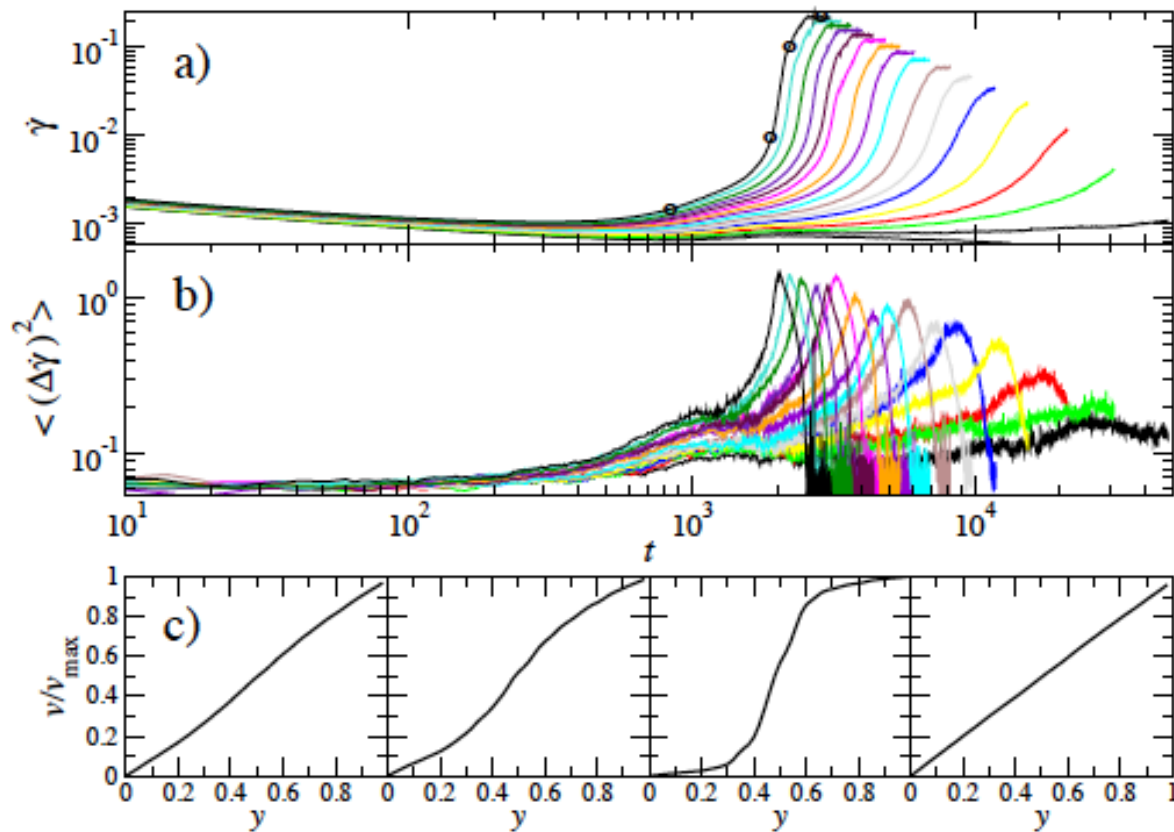
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## LAOS: protocol with a sustained time dependence

- Shear startup and step stress are only transiently time-dependent, so any associated shear banding is also only transient
- Consider now flows with a sustained time-dependence, (of which LAOS is a simple - and much-studied- example)...

Question - Do we see sustained shear banding here,

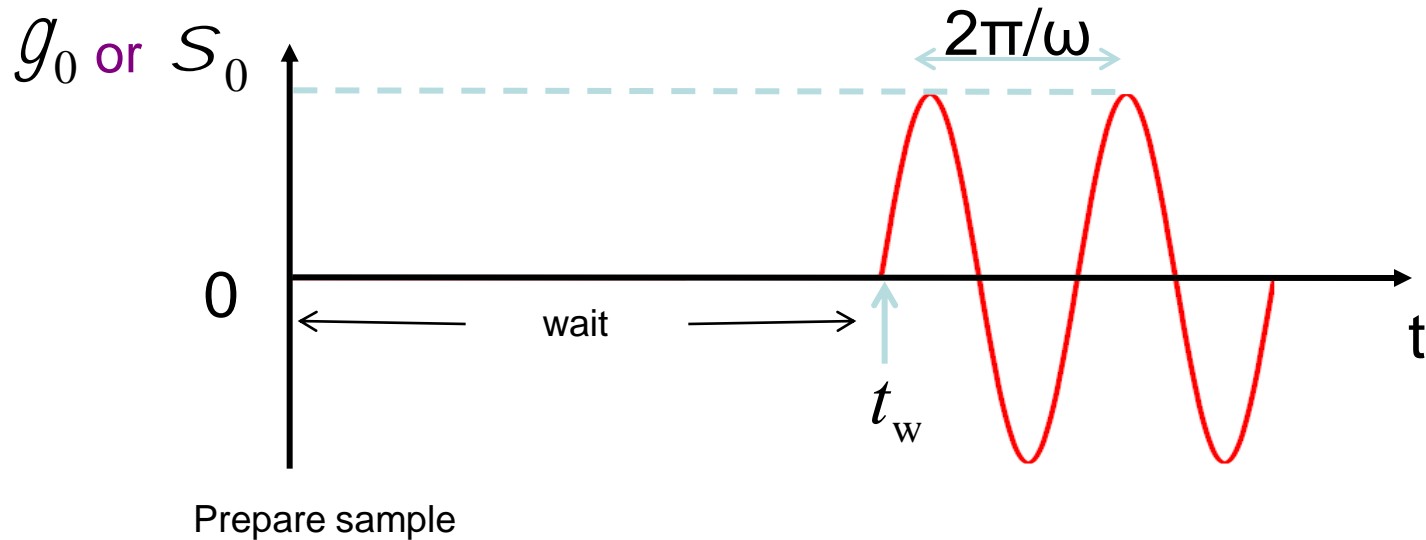
arising simply due to the time-dependence of the flow,

even in fluids that don't support bands in steady state?

## LAOS: defining the protocol

Prepare sample at time  $t=0$ , then age it for waiting time  $t_w$

Execute many cycles of either LAOStrain or LAOStress



After many cycles, response independent of cycle number and initial  $t_w$

Any run prescribed fully by  $(\gamma_0, \omega)$  or  $(\dot{\gamma}_0, \omega)$  or  $(\sigma_0, \omega)$

## LAOS: the basic intuition

- LAOStrain:

a bit like a repeating series of forward and reverse startup runs

expect banding associated with stress overshoot in each half cycle?

- LAOStress:

a bit like a repeating series of positive and negative stress steps

expect banding associated with yielding in each half cycle?



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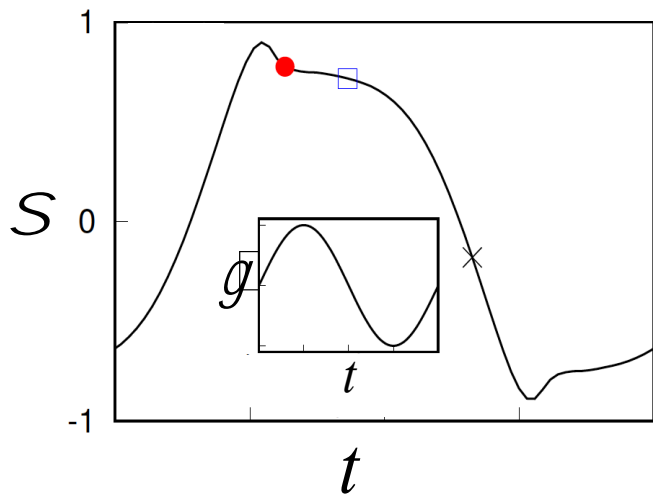
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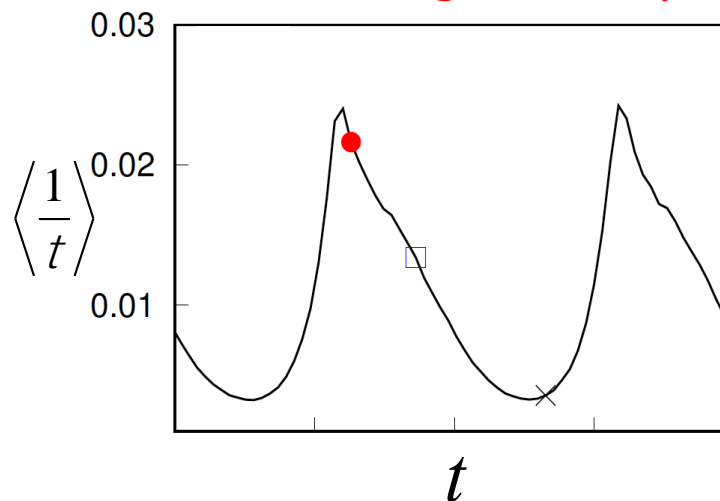
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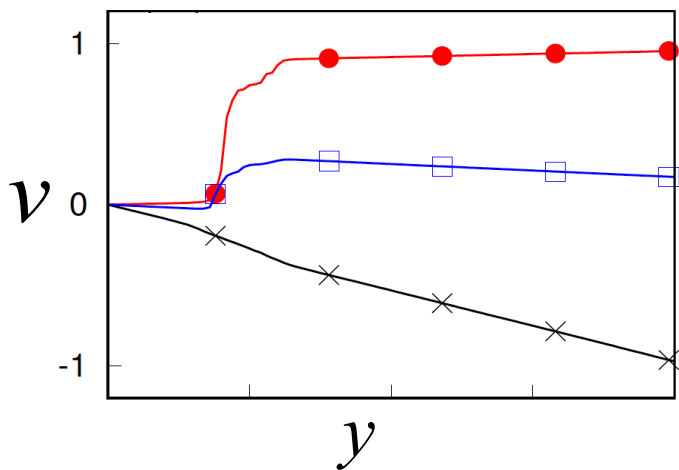
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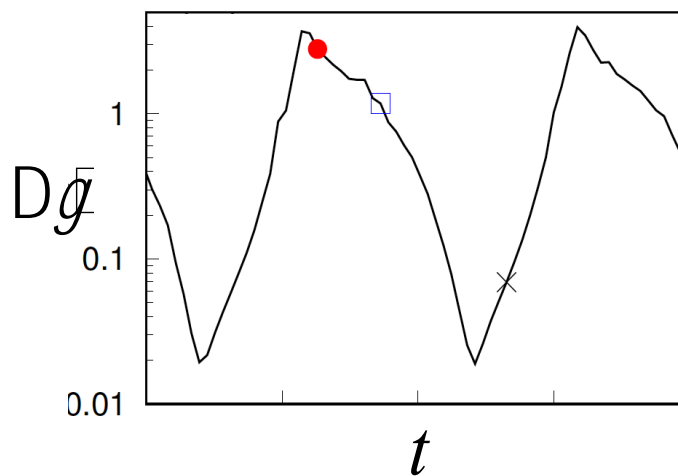
inverse 'age' over cycle



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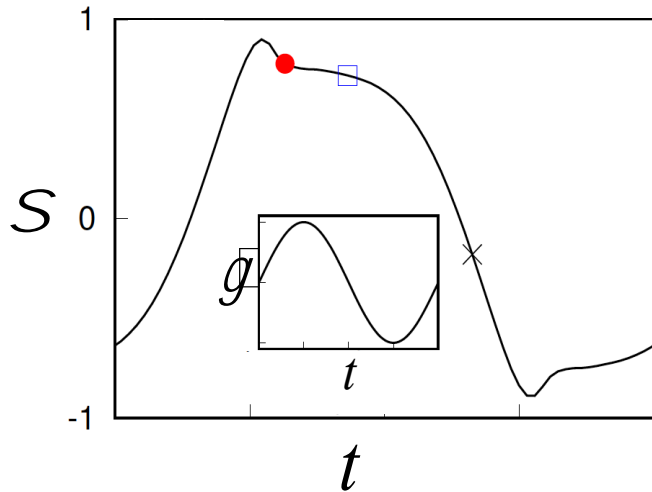


banding over cycle

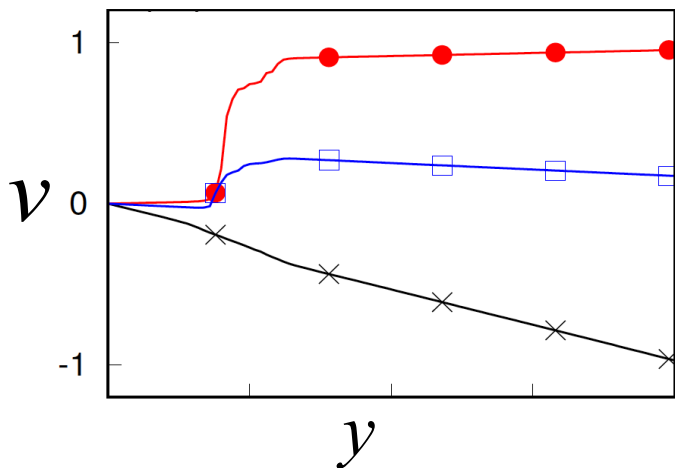


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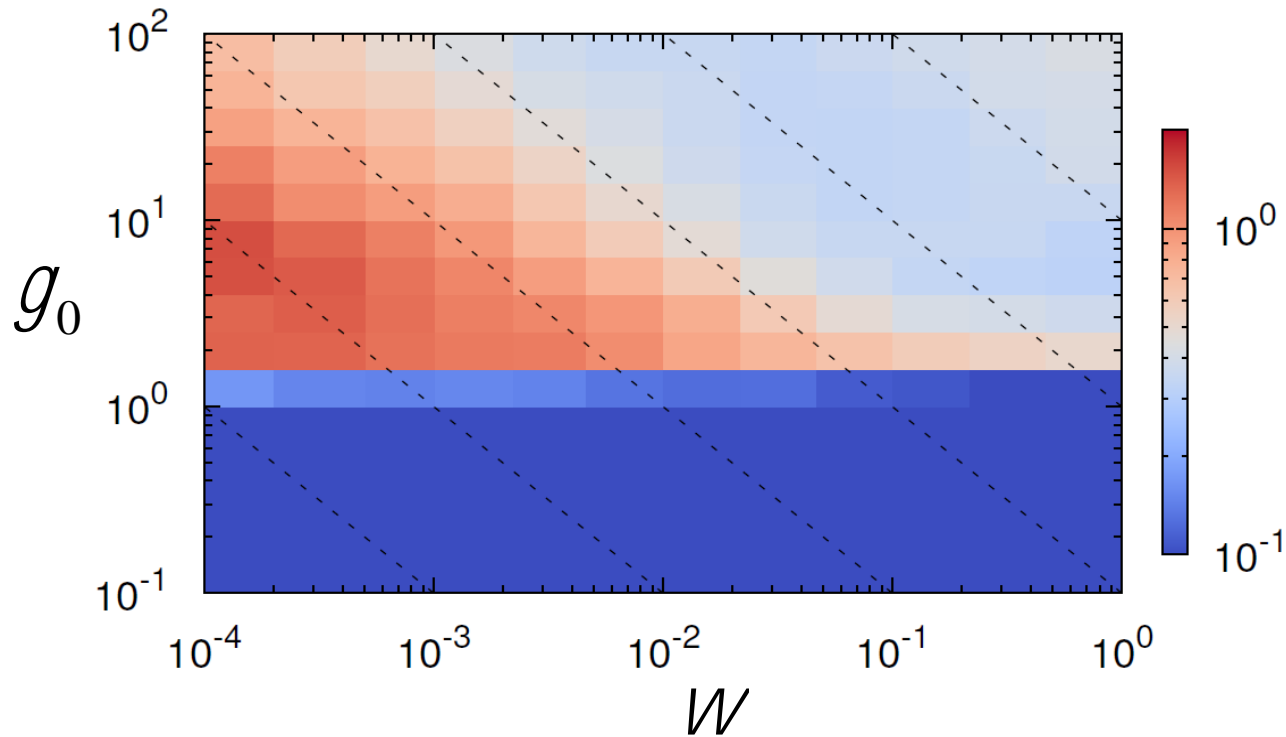


Confirms basic intuition:

- see banding in LAOStrain
- associated with stress overshoot
- repeated competition over cycle between aging and 'rejuvenation'

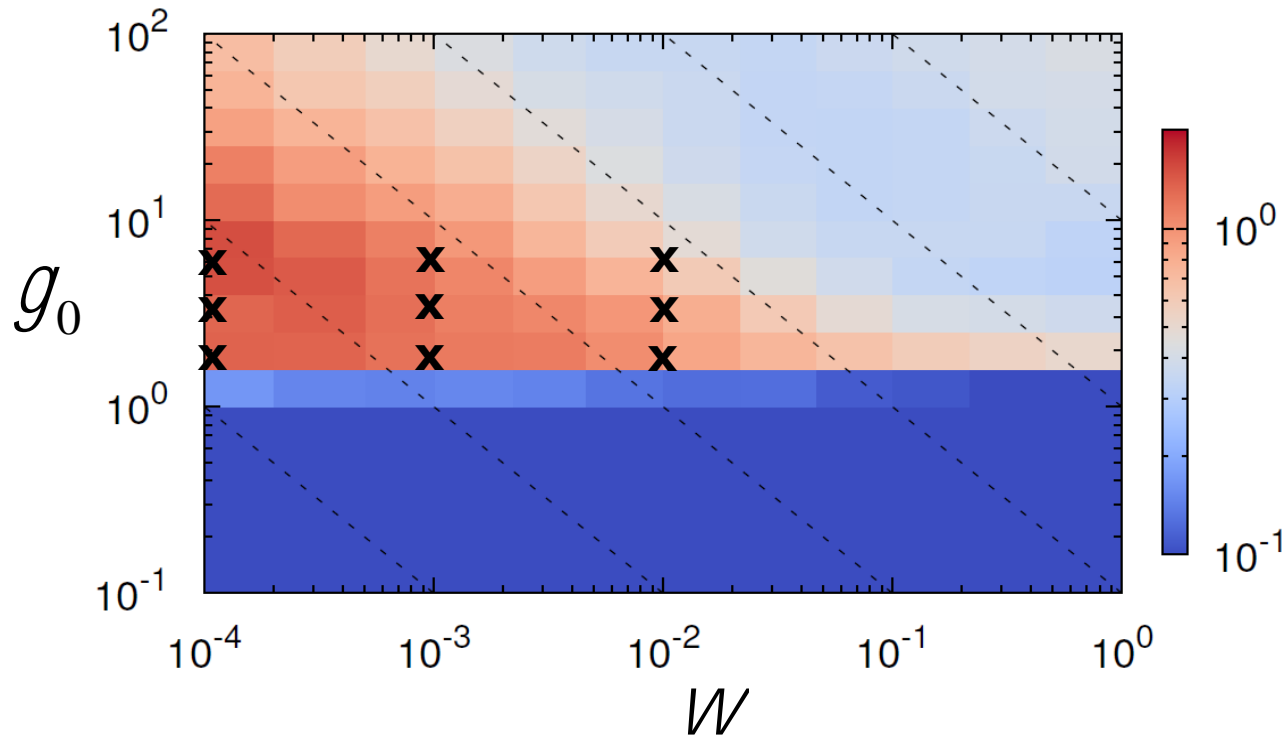
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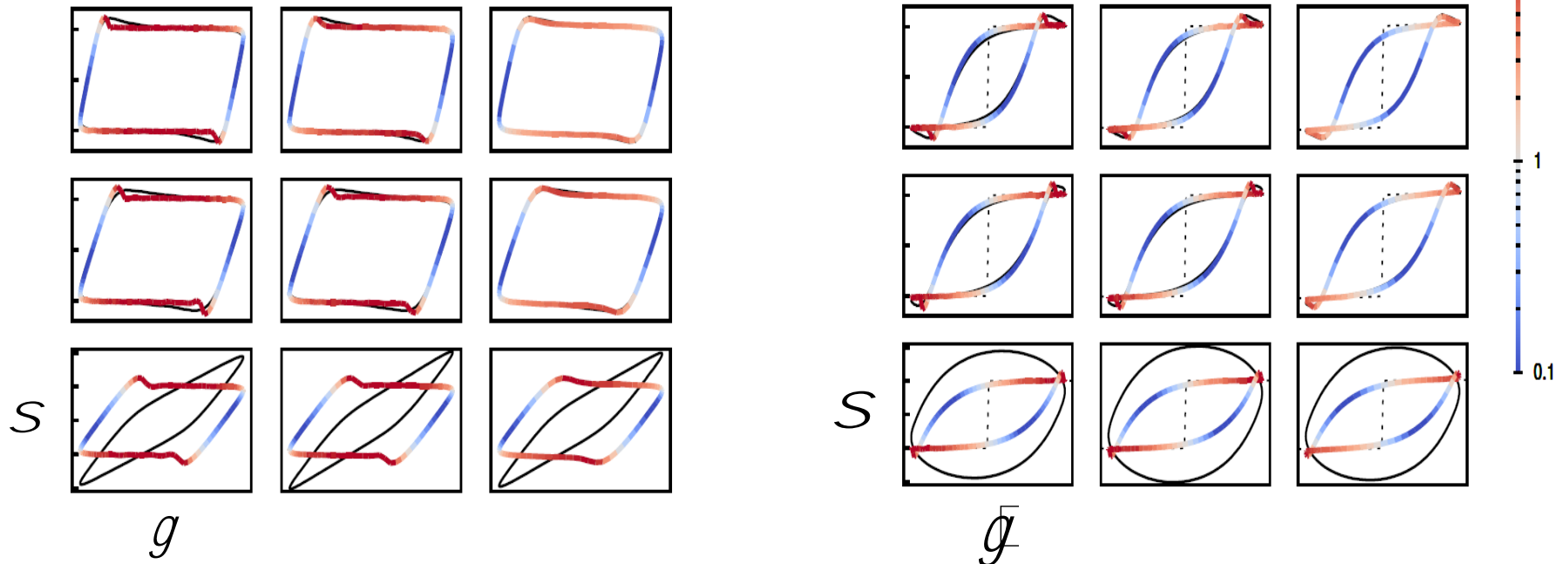
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## Pipkin diagrams: grid of Lissajous-Bowditch curves

Elastic: stress vs strain round cycle

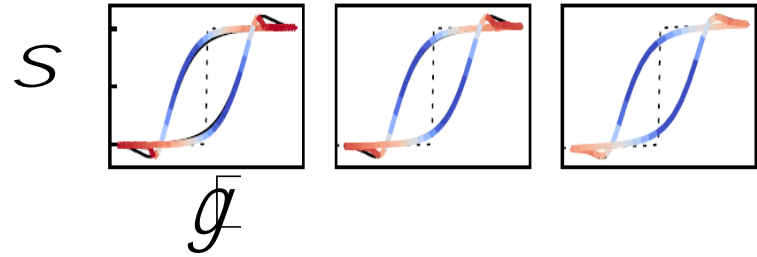
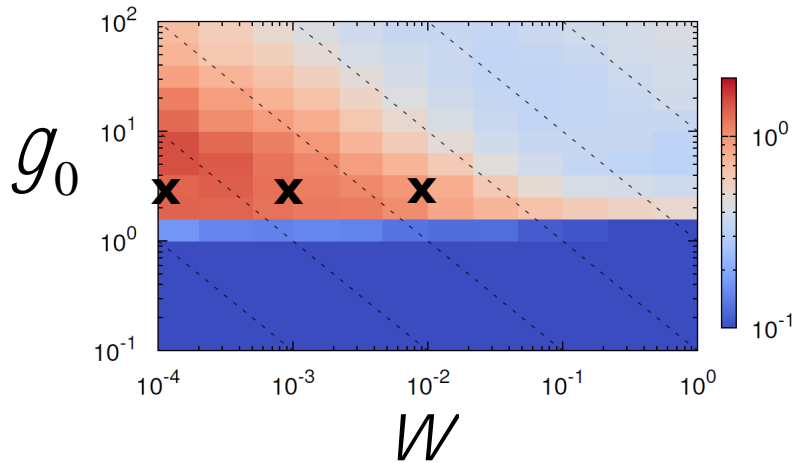
Viscous: stress vs strain rate



Colourscale: degree of banding round cycle

Important: shape of curve strongly changed by banding

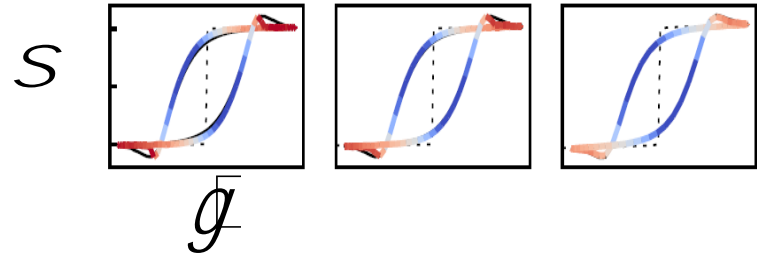
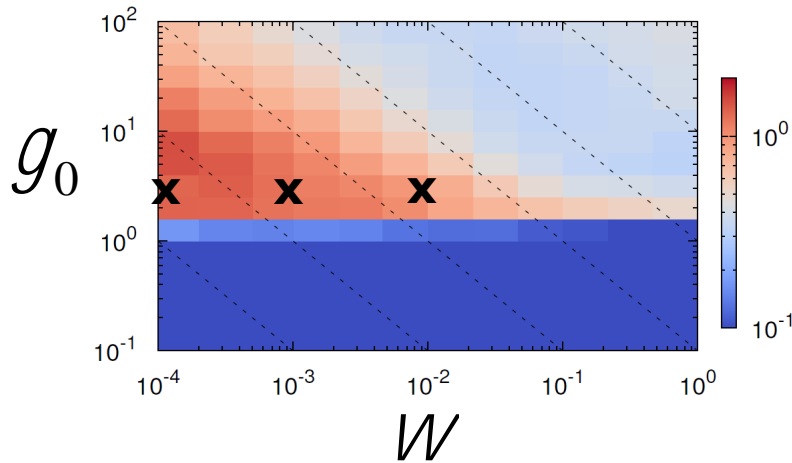
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### Resolution:

ageing glassy material has no fixed inverse relaxation time against which can set frequency to be small  $wt \rightarrow 0$   
Instead: repeating ageing and rejuvenation in each cycle

### Same in:

square/triangular/sawtooth strain and LAOStress



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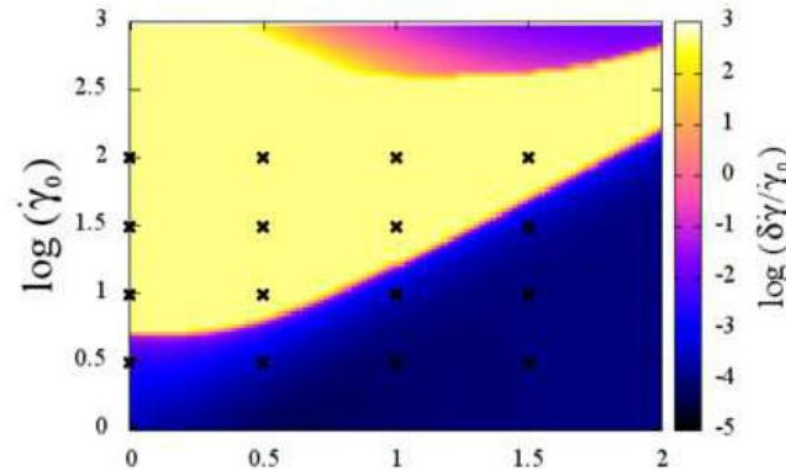
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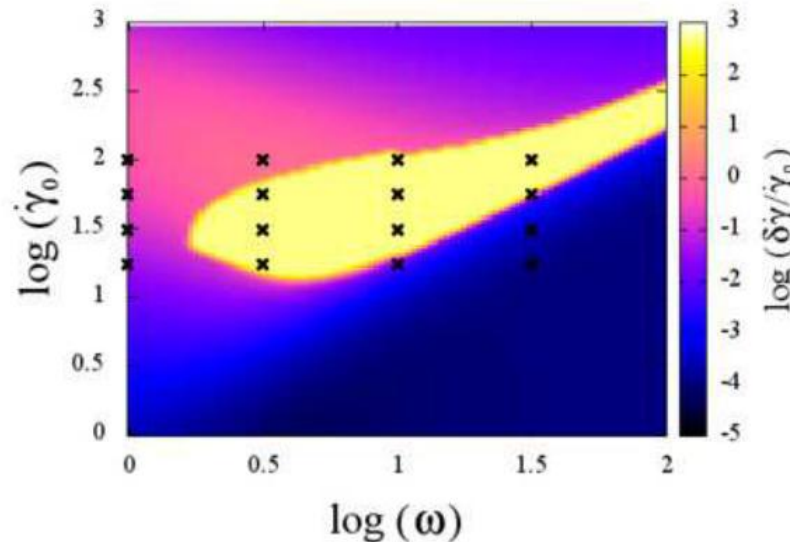
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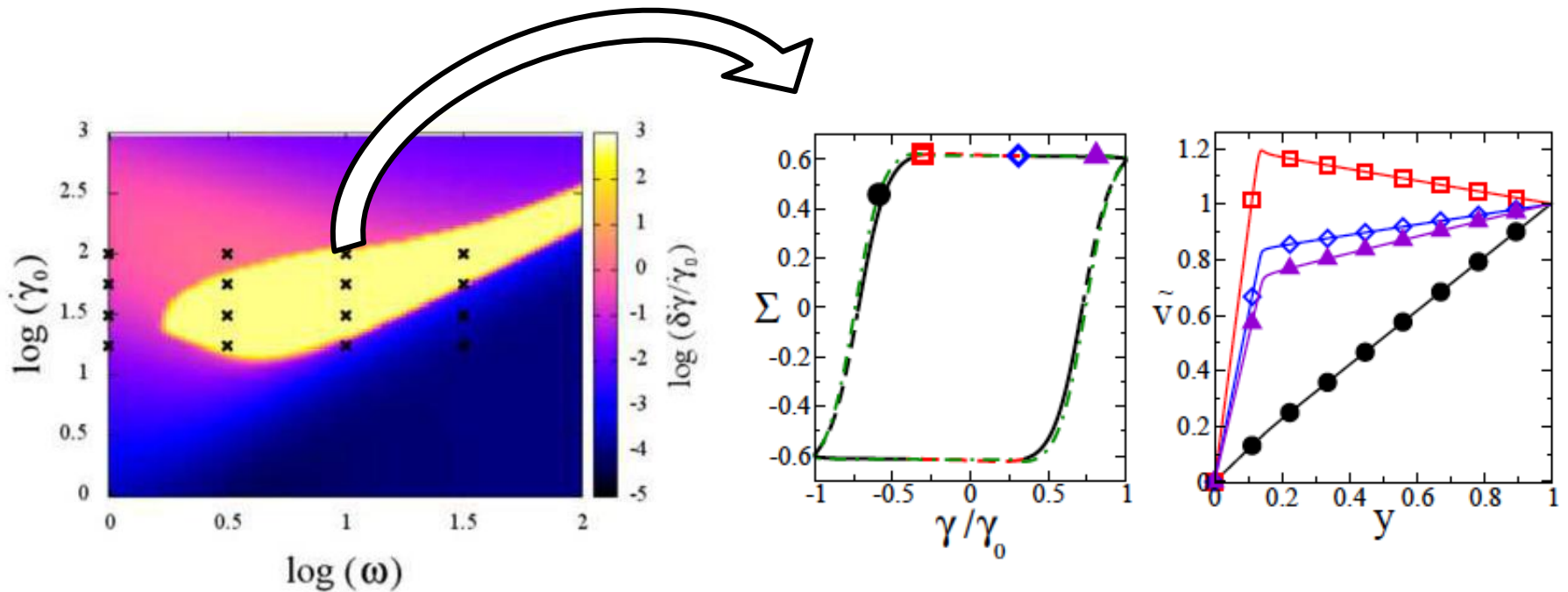
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Monotonic underlying constitutive curve    high frequency 'elastic' banding



## Summary - polymeric fluids, soft glasses (and all else?) predicted to band:

- Transiently in shear startup, associated with stress overshoot
- Transiently following imposition of step stress, as sample yields
  - note: in (soft) glasses this ‘transience’ likely appears permanent and/or
  - in (hard) glasses might ‘break’ the sample – game over anyway
- In a sustained way in time-periodic flow protocols
- Do complex fluids have a generic predisposition to form shear bands in flows with a strong enough time dependence ?
- Do glasses have a generic predisposition to form shear bands in flows of even arbitrarily slow time dependence ?



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