

***MTT 552: Polymer Characterization and
Analysis (Rheological Tests)***

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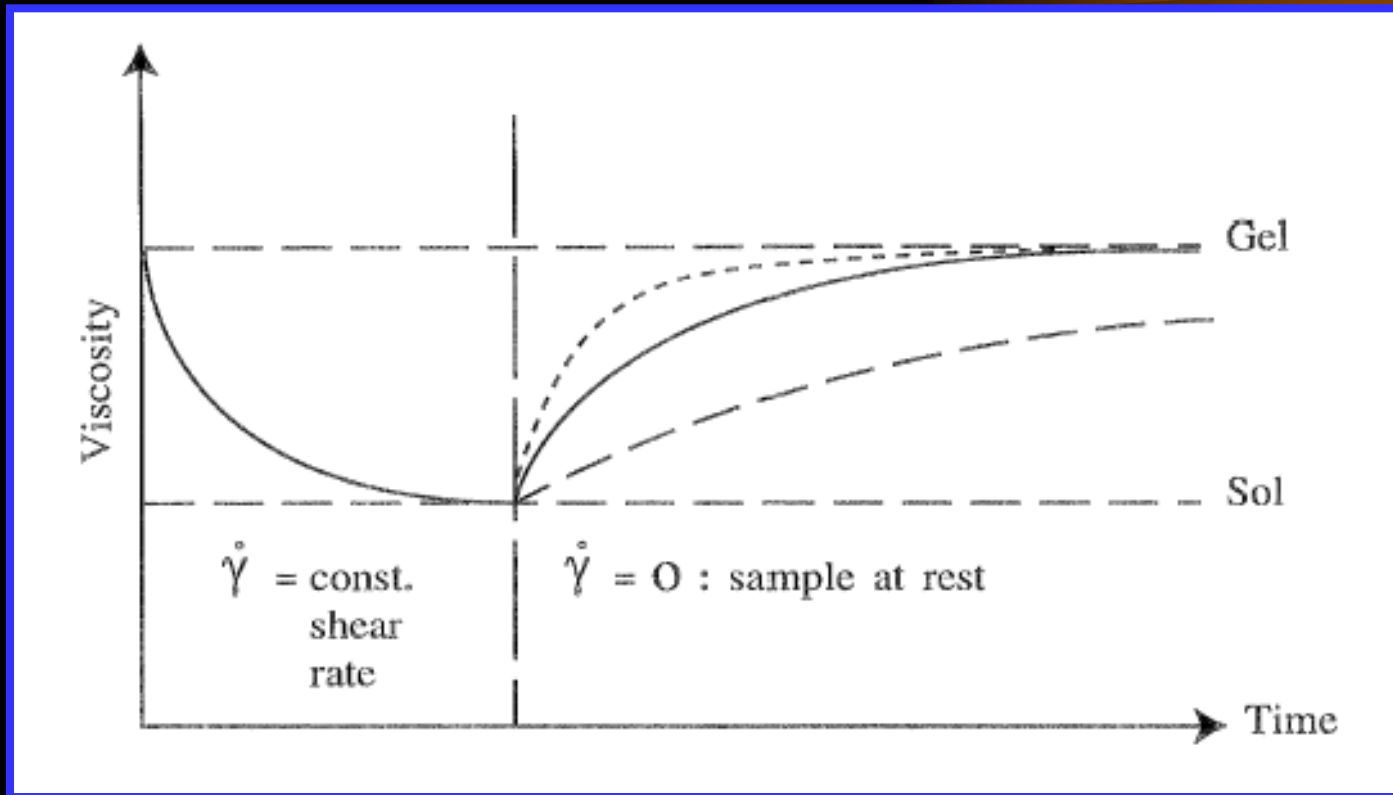
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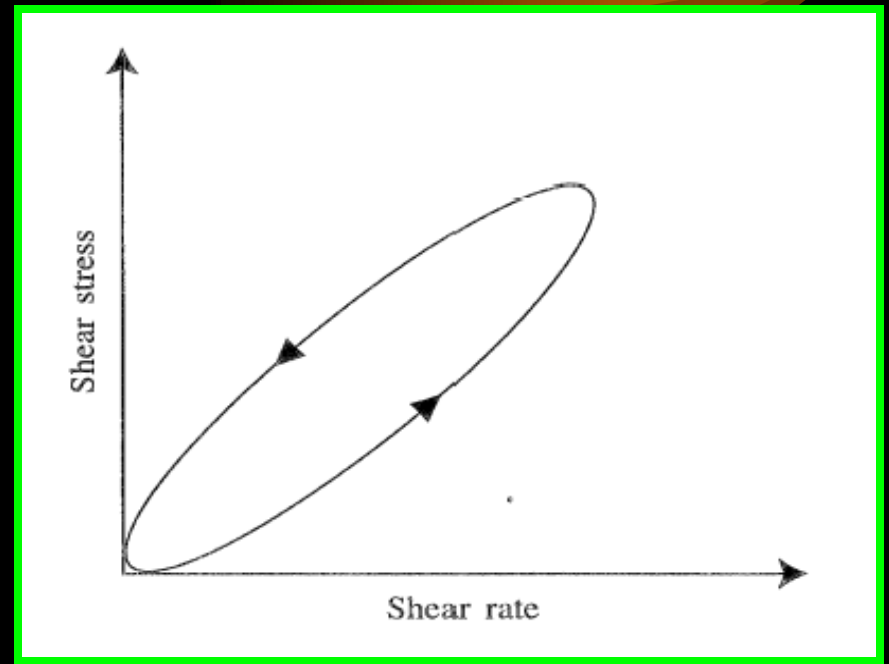
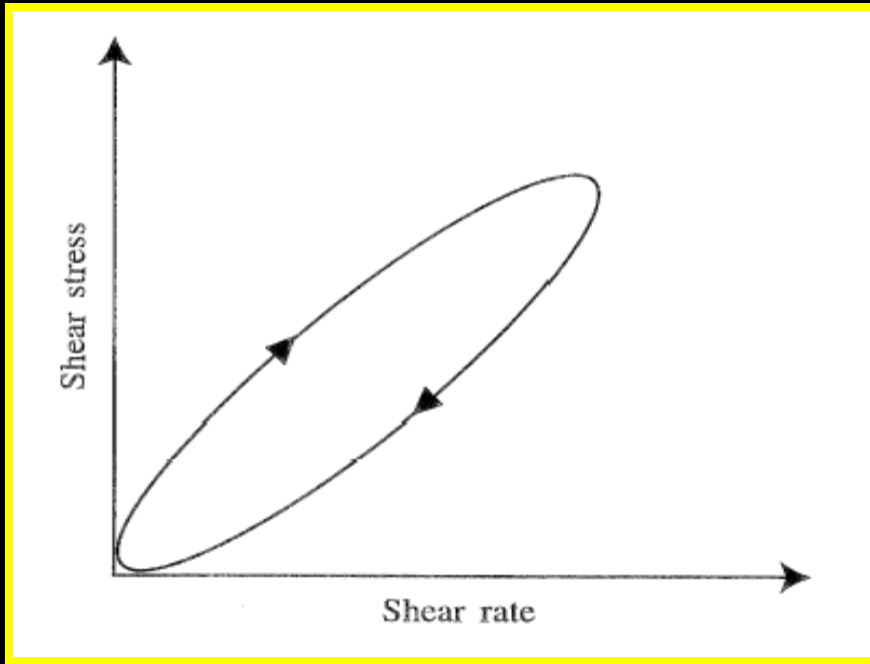
Time dependent fluids

- Thixotropic fluids - Shear stress decreases with time for a given shear rate. (yogurt, salad dressing)
- Rheopectic fluids - Shear stress increases with time for a given shear rate. (suspended fluids, mud)

Time and viscosity relationship for thixotropic fluids



Shear stress and shear rate for thixotropic



Shear stress and shear rate for rheopectic

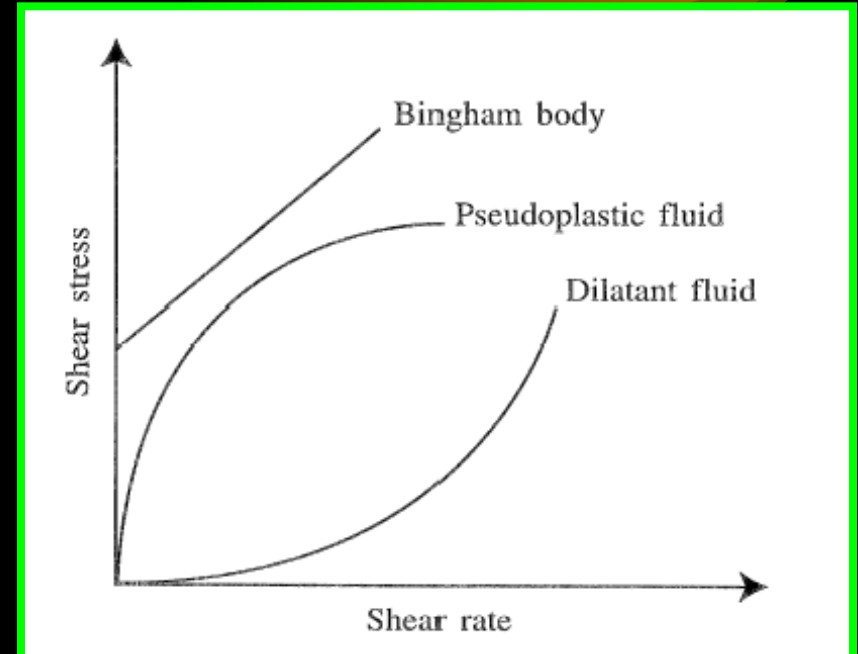
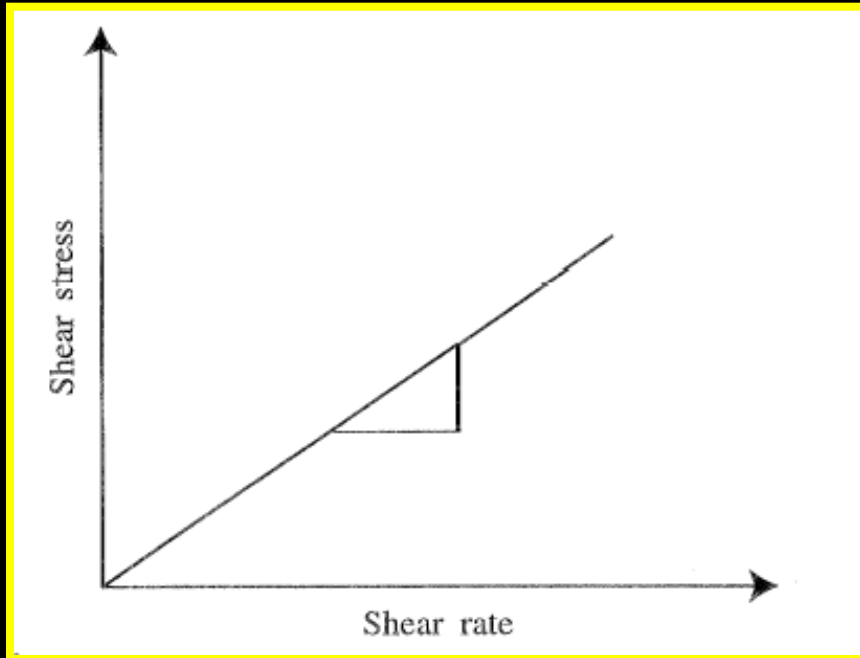
Time independent fluids

- **Newtonian fluids:** Viscosity is independent of shear rate. The ratio of shear stress and shear rate is constant.
- **Non-Newtonian fluids:** Viscosity is dependent on shear rate.

Non-Newtonian fluids

- Pseudoplastics fluids (shear thinning fluids) such as polymer melts, rubber liquids, adhesives, biological fluids and grease.
- Dilatant fluids (shear thickening fluids) such as PVC pastes and flour in water.
- Bingham fluids such as paints, clays, pea slurry, margarine, soaps, paper pulp, sewage sludge.

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Power law index and Power law consistency

$$\tau = K \gamma^n$$

$$\log \tau = \log K + n \log \gamma$$

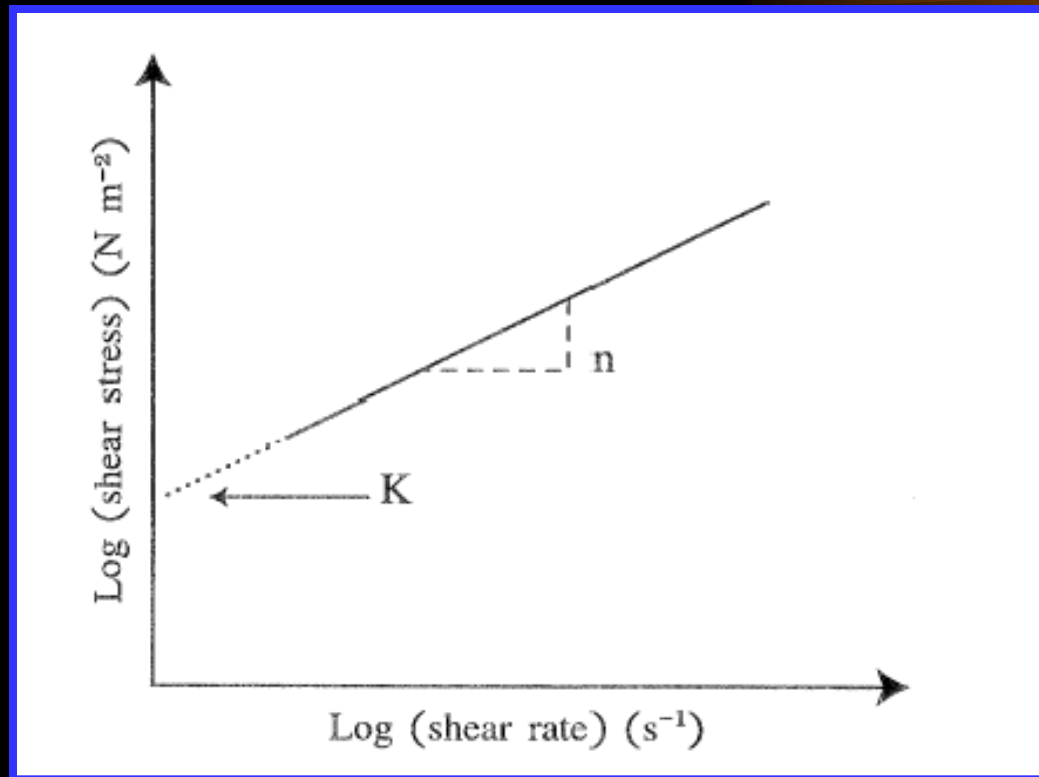
The n value indicates the type of fluids as follows:

Newtonian fluids $n = 1$

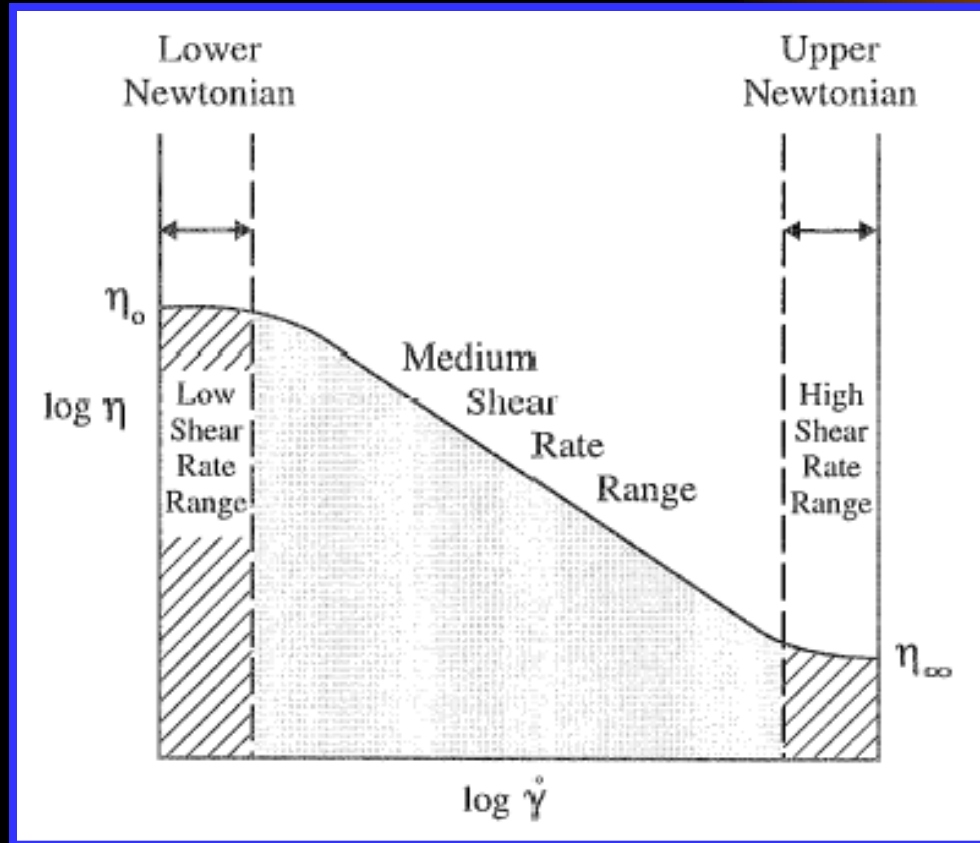
Non-Newtonian fluids $n \neq 1$

- Pseudoplastic fluids: $n < 1$
- Dilatant fluids: $n > 1$

ความสัมพันธ์ระหว่าง $\text{Log}(\text{shear stress})$ กับ $\text{Log}(\text{shear rate})$



ความสัมพันธ์ระหว่าง *shear viscosity* กับ *shear rate*



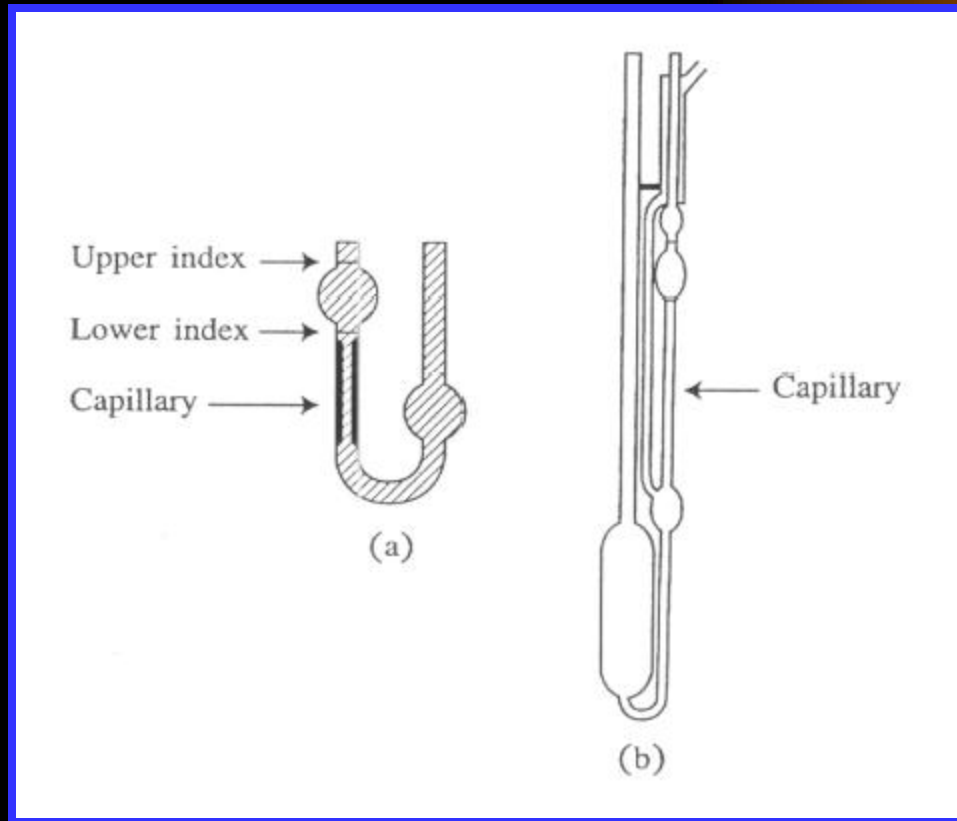
Examples of materials viscosities (Nsm^{-2})

- 10 poise = 1 Nsm^{-2}
- Air (gaseous) = 10^{-5} (0.01 poise)
- Water = 10^{-3} (10 poise)
- Oil = 10^{-1}
- Glycerine = 1
- Syrup = 10^2
- Polymer melts = $10^2 - 10^6$
- Glass = 10^{21}

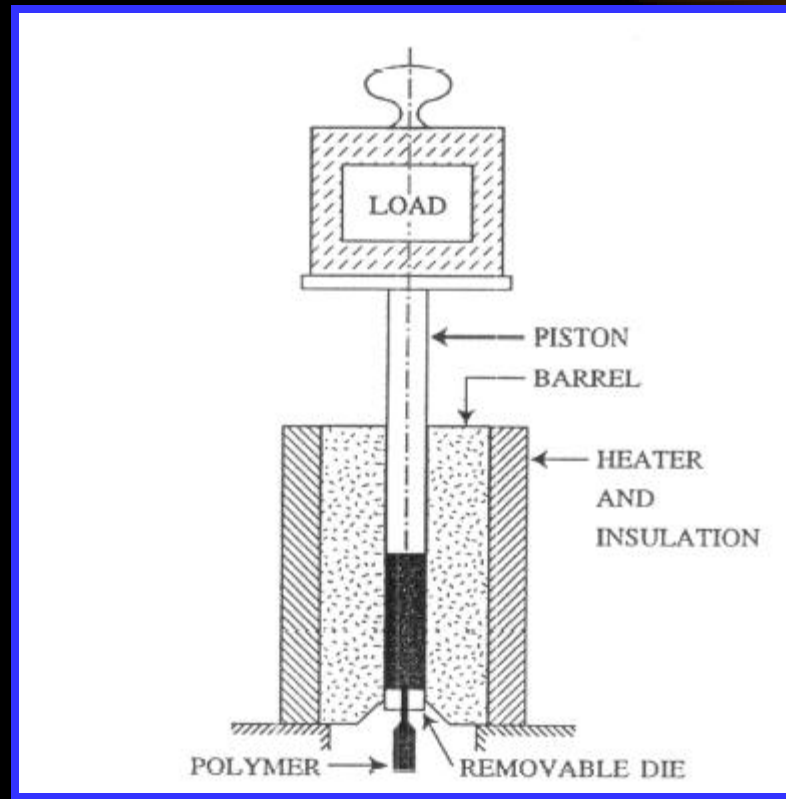
Measurement of Rheological Properties

- Ostwald Glass Viscometer
- Melt Flow Rate (MFR)
- Falling Ball Viscometer
- Rolling Ball
- Capillary Rheometer

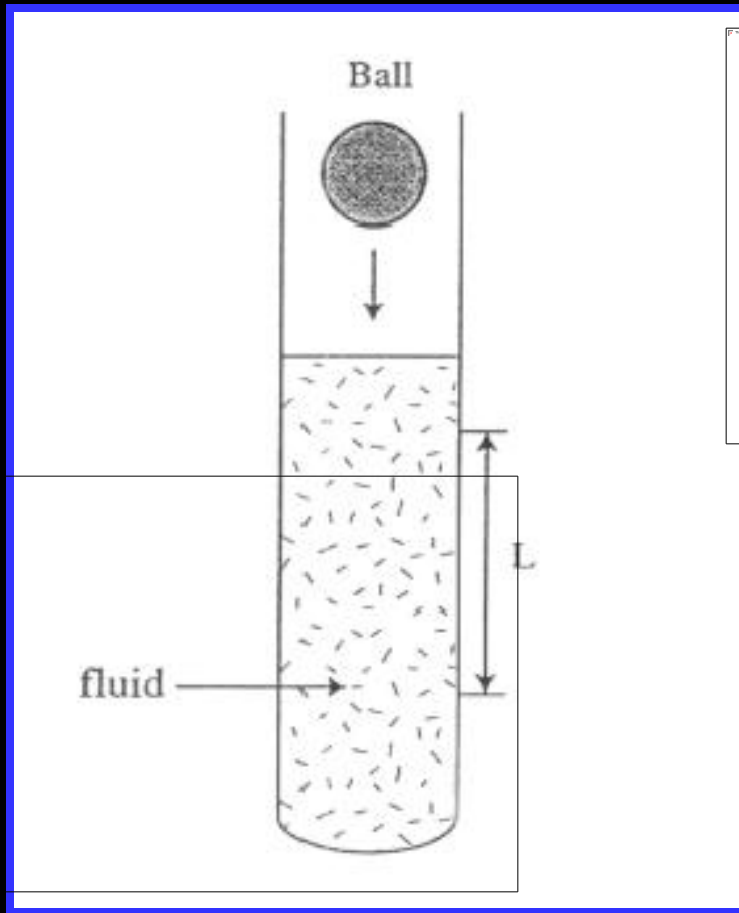
Ostwald Glass Viscometer



Melt Flow Rate (MFR)

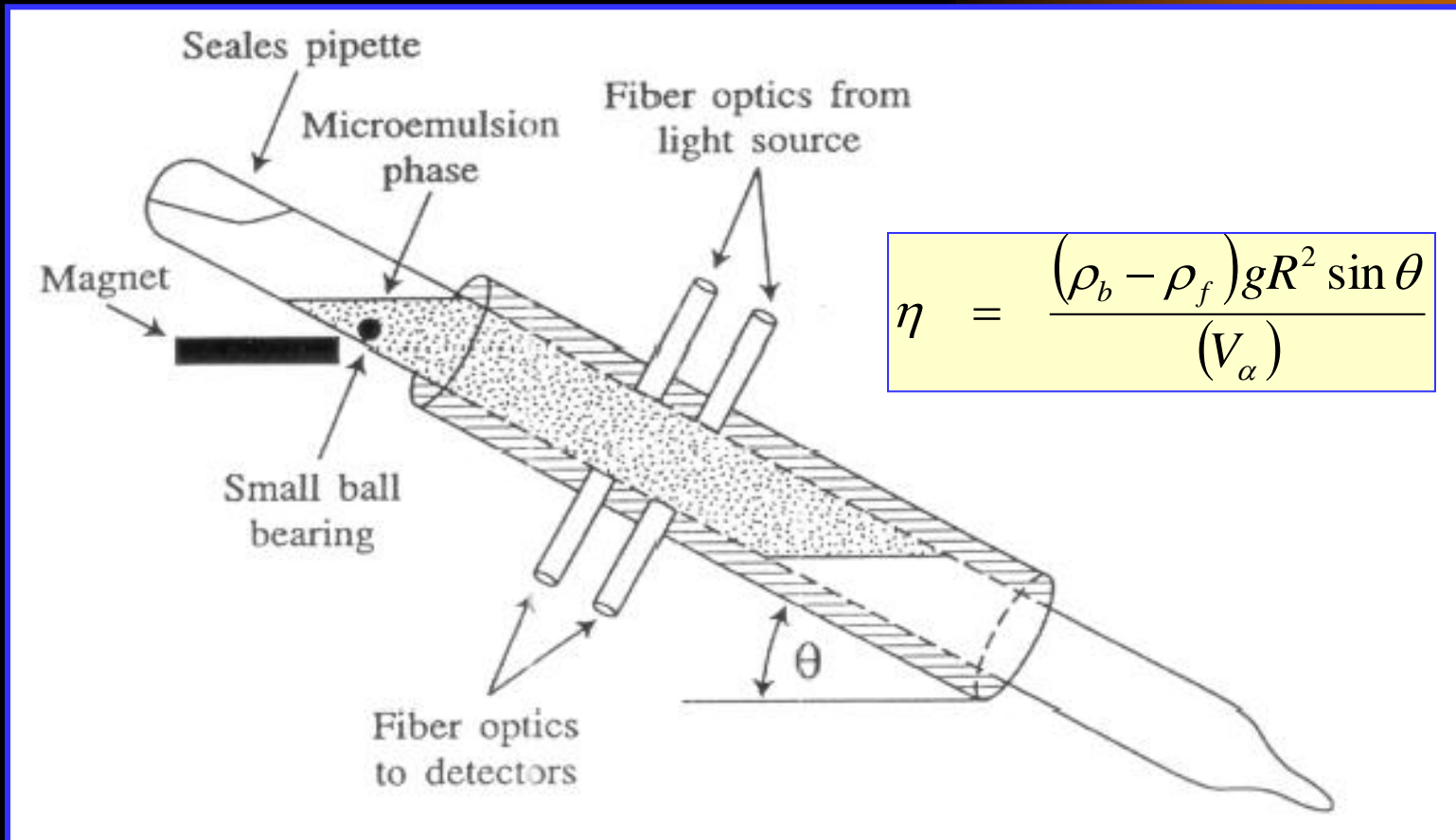


Falling Ball Viscometer



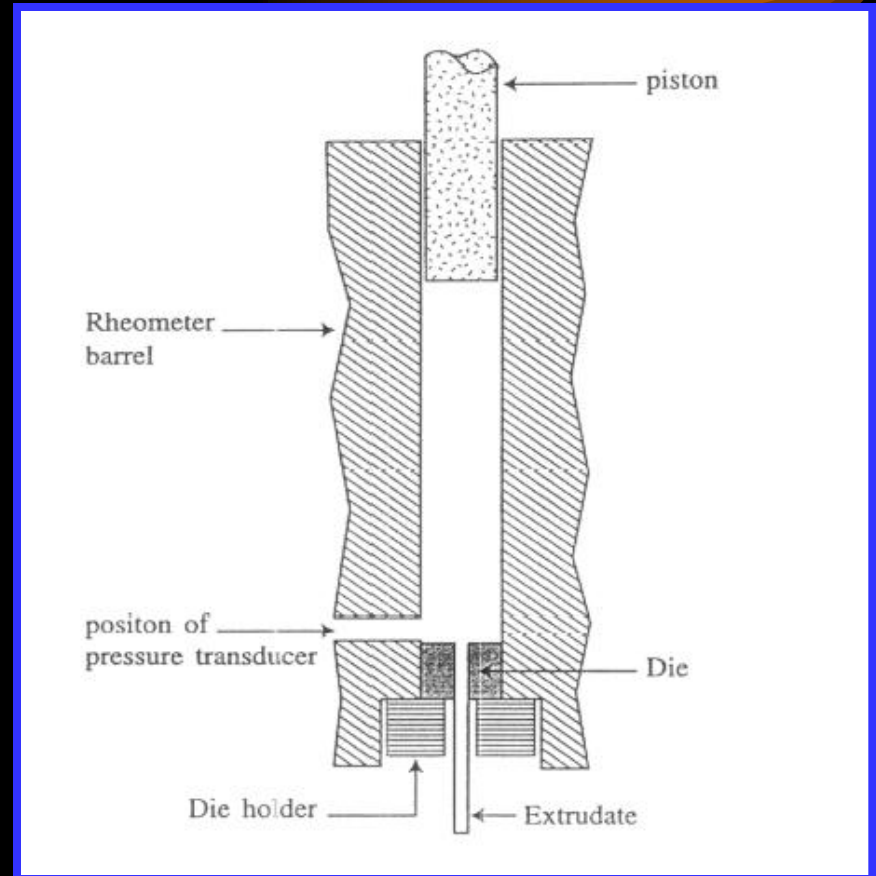
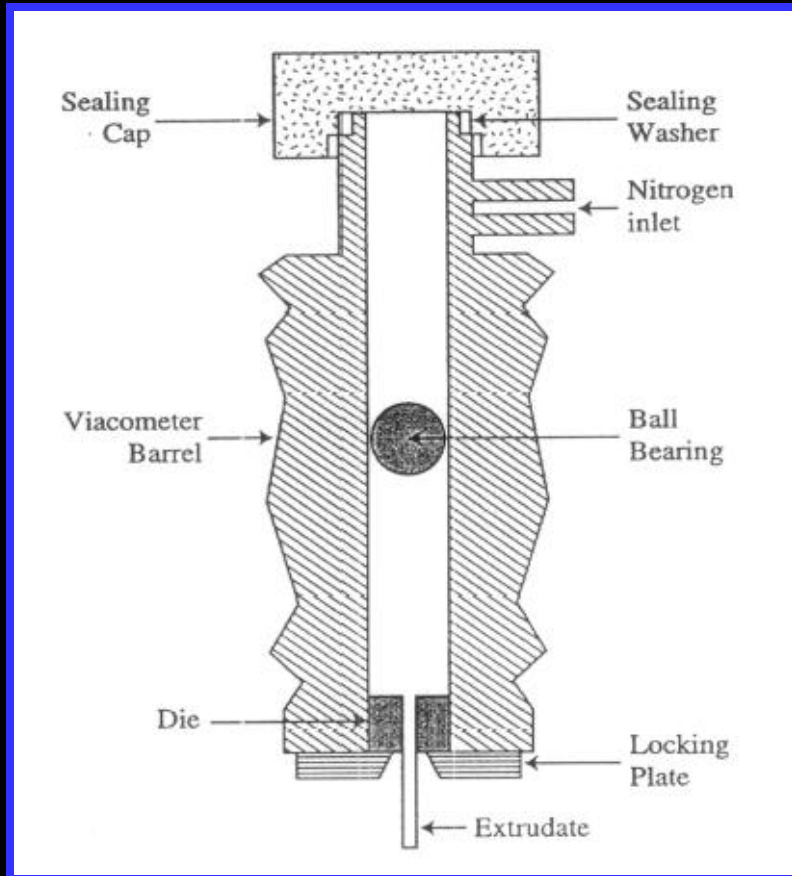
$$\eta = \frac{2(\rho_b - \rho_f)gR^2}{9(L/t)}$$

Rolling Ball



$$\eta = \frac{(\rho_b - \rho_f)gR^2 \sin \theta}{(V_a)}$$

Capillary Rheometer



Summary of wall shear stress and wall shear rate

For circular die

$$\tau_w = \frac{RP}{2L}$$

$$\gamma_w = \frac{4Q}{\pi R^3} \quad \text{and} \quad \gamma_w = \left(\frac{3n+1}{4n} \right) \frac{4Q}{\pi R^3}$$

For slit die

$$\tau_w = \frac{HP}{2L}$$

$$\gamma_w = \frac{6Q}{WH^2} \quad \text{and} \quad \gamma_w = \left(\frac{2n+1}{3n} \right) \frac{6Q}{WH^2}$$

where H and W are the die height (m) and the die width (m) respectively.