A new approach to rheology and X-ray scattering at DESY

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Haake Mars II rheometer as installed at beamline BW1, Doris III
Why rheology with X-rays

There is lack of knowledge about microstructures of fluid materials when rheology is applied.

Could open a new market for DESY as a user facility?

~ 80 universities in Germany

~ 40 rheology

~ 40 % of MPI's

~ 75 % of Fraunhofer

In industrial processing
2) cone / plate, plate / plate with vertical X – ray beam

Advantage:

Apply the full range of rheological tests available for plate / plate and cone / plate and other possible geometries

The vertical X-ray beam allows to probe the sample in a very well defined way along the velocity gradient.
Vertical beam +

Plate / Plate

motor blocks access of beam

motor

monochromator: diamond (004)

deflector

plate

inverted geometry

2d detector
Liquid Crystal

(8CB)

Smectic 21.5 C – 33.6 C

Our plan: 2 experiments

in situ

Constant shear rate (alignment under shear)

Large amplitude oscillatory shear (LAOS) (prediction: alignment due to shear)
Smectic A phase of 8CB under steady shear:

Under steady shear: A orientation was observed in couette cell (Safinya et.al.)

In plate / plate geometry: C orientation not visible in vertical geometry (Laue equations)
Scattering geometry for 8CB

- Incoming X-ray beam
- Rheometer axis
- Smectic lamellae in 'a' configuration
- Neutral axis
- Velocity gradient \( \mathbf{m} \)
- Velocity \( \mathbf{v} \)
- Orientation of expected scattering pattern
- Plate/plate geometry
- Incoming X-ray beam
Results: steady shear

After quenching from isotropic phase
Sample is prealigned due to squeezing during the loading process (A/B orientation)

Beam probes few domains (domain size)
Large amplitude oscillatory shear (LAOS)

Strain_swp_frq_1Hz_23C

- $G'$
- $G''$

LAOS strain 0.02
frq 1 Hz

LAOS strain 1, frq 1 Hz

$G'$, $G''$

$|f^*|$ in Pas

$G'$ in Pa, $G''$ in Pa

$|f^*|$ in Pas

$G'$ in Pa, $G''$ in Pa

$G'$, $G''$ [Pa]

Time [min]

$\tilde{\alpha}$ in -
No orientation occurred during the experiment

Lamellae stay randomly distributed
Results: Large amplitude oscillatory shear (LAOS)

- Before
- 20min
- 40min
- After

Frequency: 1 Hz
Strain amplitude: 1

Non-linear regime

Creation of a sixth order orientational structure
Reorientation only in non linear regime
Stable hours after stopping the experiment

Struth B, Hyun K, Kats E, Meins T, Walther M, Wilhelm M, Gruebel G
LANGMUIR 27, 2880-2887, 2011
Possible scenarios

Experiments at Petra III:

Flipping and oriented domains

- A orientation
- Flipping

- Distorted herringbone
- Chevron like
- Oriented domains
Towards better spatial and time resolution

Since september 2012: Member of FS-DS (detector group) at DESY (H. Graafsma)

60% for detectors, 40% for rheology

Diffraction from liquid crystal 8CB under strain (Rheo/SAXS setup at P10, Petra III)

- First beamline experiment with LAMBDA detector
- Pixel size enables line shape analysis

8CB produces very sharp reflections, line shape analysis impossible with standard detectors

Pixel size of LAMBDA detector allows for line shape analysis when rheology setup is used

David Pennicard, Bernd Struth, Heinz Graafsma
Comparison of expected speckle shapes and sizes for a system of charge stabilized spheres with and without lateral confinement.

MC – Simulation: System parameters are identical. Only confinement force along the x-Axis increased by a factor of 10. Both systems start from completely random particle distribution and evolve into the two states:

Without confinement

Important result for experiments with coherent X-ray beams

Speckles are often too small for detection

In confined systems, speckle size increases mostly in one dimension

With confinement

This increase could allow detection of ultra fast processes with a completely new generation of ultra fast detectors

Possible application for XFEL???

J. Becker, B. Struth, H. Graafsma
Conclusion:

Installation of the modified Mars rheometer successful at DESY

First in situ experiments with vertical beam geometry at Doris III

28 user experiments already performed at DESY

5 publications (2011-2012)

(1) Observation of New States of Liquid Crystal 8CB under Nonlinear Shear Conditions as Observed via a Novel and Unique Rheology/Small-Angle X-ray Scattering Combination
Struth B., Hyun K., Kats E., Meins T., Walther M., Wilhelm M., Gruebel G.
LANGMUIR 27, 2880-2887, 2011

(2) New Insight to the Mechanism of the Shear-Induced Macroscopic Alignment of Diblock Copolymer Melts by a Unique and Newly Developed Rheo-SAXS Combination
Meins T, Hyun K, Dingenouts N, Ardakani MF, Struth B, Wilhelm M.
MACROMOLECULES 45, 1, 455-472 2012

(3) Shear induced structure orientation in norbornene block copolymers: In situ Rheo-SAXS investigations
Pulamagatta B, Ostas E, Herbst F, Struth B, Binder W.H.
EUROPEAN POLYMER JOURNAL 48 1127–1134 2012

(4) Influence of shear-induced crystallization on the electrical conductivity of high density polyethylene carbon nanotube nanocomposites
Tao F, Bonnaud L, Auhl D, Struth B, Dubois P, Bailly C
POLYMER 53 25 5909-5916 2012

(5) Nonlinear behavior of nematic platelet dispersions in shear flow
Lettinga M.P., Holmqvist P., Ballesta P., Rogers S., Kleshchanok D., Struth B.
PHYS. REV. LETT. 109 2012

Transfer of setup to Petra III, P10 successful in December 2010

New powerful detectors will push limits of spatial and time resolution
Time schedule, 2003 – 2013, acknowledgement

2003 idea for a rheology experiment with vertical X-ray beam (B. Struth, ESRF, France)
2004-2005 (B. Struth) first contact with Haake, Karlsruhe, C. Kuechenmeister
2005 idea for modification of the Haake Mars platform to inverted geometry (Haake, B. Struth)
         scientific support from M. Wilhelm, Karlsruhe university
2006 move to DESY, Hamburg (Bernd Struth), responsibility: Langmuir and Rheology at DORIS III
2007 delivery of modified rheometer Mars II to DESY
2008 first installation of rheometer with vertical beam geometry at Doris III, BW1
         postdoc: K. Hyun, engineers: M. Walther, H. Schultz-Ritter, scientific support M. Wilhelm
         first experiments on 8CB, steady shear and LAOS
2009 shutdown of DORIS III, development of heating chamber, 10C – 270C (M. Walther, B. Struth)
2010 first satisfying results at DORIS III: 8CB and Polymers, setup in user mode at BW1, DORIS III
         Transfer of experiment to Petra III in december, successful commissioning
2011 design of a developed vertical beam environment at Petra III, P10
         (D. Meissner, R. Heitmann, B. Struth), june: design finished, production of parts
         first publication: B. Struth et.al., Struth et al, LANGMUIR, 27, 6, 2880-2887, 2011
         September: new postdoc, Eric Stellamanns
         October / November: installation of vertical beam setup at P10
         (L. Klein, S. Bondarenko, E. Stellamanns, B. Struth)
2012 Rheology with vertical X-ray beam in user mode at beamline P10, Petra III
         3 papers (results from Doris III), 1 paper (result from Petra III)
         shutdown of Doris III
2013 Setup is integrated part of beamline P10, Petra III (beamline responsible M. Sprung)
         Instrument responsible: E. Stellamanns

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