



Rheology Solutions

Rheology Solutions is the sole Australian distributor of this product range and we welcome the opportunity of discussing your application requirements.

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We look forward to being of further service.*

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RheoAdaptive Control

Ultra low rotational speed control and fast response times

Most (very) low shear rate measurements are performed in Controlled Stress (CS) mode, because most real live applications in which (very) low shear rates are important are driven by a constant stress.

Examples are sagging, sedimentation, and phase separation all phenomena that are driven by a constant force i.e. gravitation. These processes are simulated in a rheometer by applying a constant stress.

However, under certain circumstances applying a (very) low shear-rate in Controlled Rate (CR) mode might be required, for example when the flow of material which is slowly stirred in a large container needs to be simulated (measured).

The measurement data below shows that the HAAKE MARS is very capable of applying very low rotational speed values by using the RheoAdaptive rotational speed control loop, which can be activated by an optional software module for HAAKE RheoWin 4.

Key-words

- Viscosity measurement
- RheoAdaptive Controlled Rate (CR) control loop
- (Ultra) low shear rates
- HAAKE MARS
- HAAKE RheoStress 6000

Instrument

- HAAKE MARS
- UTC Peltier
- C35/1°Ti

Sample

- Viscoelastic sample (cosmetic cream)

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Reliable data down to 10^{-9} rad/s

The graph below shows the results of an experiment on a cosmetic cream in which the rotational speed was stepwise increased from 10^{-9} rad/s to 10^1 rad/s. Even at a very low rotational speed the response time is clearly < 100 s, whereas for rotational speeds of 10^{-6} rad/s and higher response times shorter than 10 ms can be achieved. It should be emphasized that these are measurements on a cosmetic cream, that is a “difficult” sample which shows a yield stress and properties that change dramatically as a function of the shear rate.

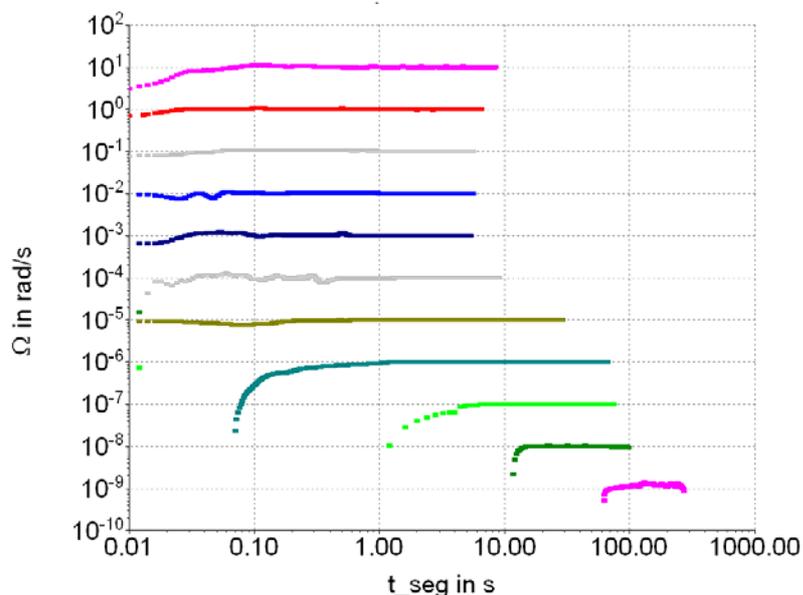


Fig. 1 Performance of the "RheoAdaptive Control" over a 10 decade rotational speed range