



Asphalt Binder Large Amplitude Oscillatory Shear

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- Linear Viscoelasticity
- Large Amplitude Oscillatory Shear (LAOS)
- Linear Amplitude Sweep (LAS) test method
- Analysis LAS strain sweep using the first harmonic Fourier coefficients $G_1'(\omega)$, $G_1''(\omega)$
- Analysis of a LAS strain sweep using LAOS
- LAOS test and Pipkin diagrams
- Unresolved issues with the nonlinear data (torque and angle)
- Summary



Linear Viscoelasticity (strain control)









Wilhelm, M., Macromol. Mater. Eng. 2002, 287, No. 2



The LAS Test Method

• The Frequency sweep is used to develop a relaxation parameter



• LAS strain sweep is almost entirely in the nonlinear viscoelastic range



• Linear ramp (small discrete strain steps,) 0.1 to 30%, 10 Hz and 10 oscillations per step.



- Stress amplitude , $\sigma_{_{O}}$ versus strain amplitude, $\Upsilon_{_{O}}$





We are seeing flow



Yielding? Perhaps disruption of the molecular structure



Cracking Strain





Application of LAOS





Pipkin Diagram



• PG 76 – 22, Test temp. = 28°C

•A Pipkin diagram characterizes the binder response as a function of both imposed frequency and strain amplitude

- It is a distinct rheological signature or "fingerprint" of the binder
- At all of the frequencies and strain amplitudes, except 30%, elasticity appears dominant. At 30% the binder transitions to a circular trajectory indicating the binder is behaving like a viscous dominated fluid, especially at high frequency
 - Test temperature makes a big difference in all this



Inertia effects





Parallel Plate Geometry (Calculating the True Stress Response)



Parallel plate geometry is unsuitable for nonlinear viscoelasticity measurements because the strain field, and thus the nonlinear response, varies across the sample¹ (this is only a problem in the nonlinear regime because the local stress depends linearly on strain).

• Fahimi¹ has recently proposed obtaining correct data from LAOS measurements which allows access to the true nonlinear response of a material based solely on the apparent response obtained using parallel plates geometry

Parallel Plate Geometry



Edge Fracture



Schematic cross section of the edge fracture, parallel plate geometry (from Mattes et al¹)

¹ Mattes et al, Rheol Acta (2008) 47:929–942

Edge Fracture Test Temp. = 9°C LAS strain sweep





fracture zone



MITIaos software (Example of output)

- MITlaos is a data analysis program for analyzing rheological properties in large amplitude oscillatory shear (LAOS).
- As input, the program requires oscillatory waveforms of strain and stress from a strain controlled oscillatory shear test.



Version 2.2 Beta for MATLAB, Ewoldt et al, Hatsopoulos Microfluids Laboratory, Department of Mechanical Engineering, Massachusetts Institute of Technology





- LAOS presents a new framework for analyzing the linear and nonlinear material responses of complex fluids and soft solids.
- The common practice has been to apply the "viscoelastic moduli" corresponding to the first harmonic Fourier coefficients $G_1'(\omega)$, $G_1''(\omega)$. However, in many cases that can be misleading in describing the nonlinear phenomena.
- In the nonlinear regime, at intermediate temperature, asphalt binders appear to strain soften
- At very large strain amplitudes, binders appear to strain harden and fracture. We are uncertain of the type of fracture but the data so far suggest edge fracture
- Inertia effects can dominate when the binder fractures and there is a dramatic drop-off of stiffness
- LAOS is an amazingly interesting science with direct application to asphalt binders





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Questions?

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