

# Storage shear modulus

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What is the shear storage modulus & loss modulus?

Similarly, for deformations resulting from shear forces, the shear storage modulus ( $G'$ ) and the shear loss modulus ( $G''$ ) are frequently evaluated by rheology and oscillatory experiments (Table 1). As biological tissues generally have viscoelastic responses, these tests are extremely relevant in the biomechanical field.

How is shear modulus calculated?

However, in addition to uniaxial stress, biological tissues might also be subjected to deformations resulting from shear forces (Fig. 1c). The shear modulus ( $G$ ) is calculated similarly to Young's modulus in that stress (force per unit area) is divided by strain.

What is a storage modulus?

The storage modulus is a measure of how much energy must be put into the sample in order to distort it. The difference between the loading and unloading curves is called the loss modulus,  $G''$ . It measures energy lost during that cycling strain. Why would energy be lost in this experiment? In a polymer, it has to do chiefly with chain flow.

What is the shear modulus of hydrogels?

In many papers where the rheology of hydrogels has been investigated, scientists use the term shear modulus  $G$  by mistake. The shear modulus  $G$  is used for linear elastic materials and defines the rigidity of a material. In contrast, the complex shear modulus  $G^*$  is used for visco-elastic materials like hydrogels.

What is the difference between complex shear modulus  $G^*$  and  $G'$ ?

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$G''$  : (viscous modulus, loss modulus) - (energy) - (shear stress) ? ? ? ? ?

Viscoelasticity is studied using dynamic mechanical analysis where an oscillatory force (stress) is applied to a material and the resulting displacement (strain) is measured. In purely elastic materials the stress and strain occur in phase, so that the response of one occurs simultaneously with the other. In purely viscous materials, there is a phase difference between stress and strain, where strain lags stress by a 90 degree (radian) phase

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