

# **The „Tensor Diffusion approach“ for simulating viscoelastic fluids with special emphasis on „no solvent“-case**

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## Introduction

# Simulation of viscoelastic fluids without solvent

## Application in mind

- processing of (pure) **rubber melts** („Kautschuk“), industrial partner: ARLANXEO
- in CFD, consider „realistic“ viscoelastic fluids...
  - ... consisting of **wide relaxation time spectrum** (over several decades)
    - „multi mode“-approach for adequate modelling
    - High Weissenberg Number Problem (**HWNP**)
  - ... **without** „solvent contribution“, i.e. *no polymer solutions* considered
- **plus:** solver often intended for **direct steady-state** solutions (relevant for applications)
- governing equations for „**no solvent**“-case

$$\cancel{-2\eta_s \nabla \cdot \mathbf{D}(\mathbf{u})} - \nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma} + \nabla p = 0, \quad \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} = 0$$

plus constitutive equation for stress tensor  $\boldsymbol{\sigma}$

## Modelling approaches for constitutive equations

- **differential** material model (for multiple „modes“/relaxation times  $\Lambda_k, k = 1, \dots, K$ )

$$\boldsymbol{\sigma} = \sum_{k=1}^K \boldsymbol{\sigma}_k, \quad (\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla) \boldsymbol{\sigma}_k - \nabla \mathbf{u}^T \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}_k - \boldsymbol{\sigma}_k \cdot \nabla \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{f}(\Lambda_k, \eta_{p,k}, \boldsymbol{\sigma}_k) = 2 \frac{\eta_{p,k}}{\Lambda_k} \mathbf{D}(\mathbf{u})$$

- model function:  $\mathbf{f}(\Lambda_k, \eta_{p,k}, \boldsymbol{\sigma}_k) = \frac{1}{\Lambda_k} \left( \boldsymbol{\sigma}_k + \alpha_k \frac{\Lambda_k}{\eta_{p,k}} \boldsymbol{\sigma}_k \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}_k \right)$  for  $\alpha_k \in [0,1]$

- **integral** material model („Deformation Fields Method“, DFM, c.f. Hulsen et al.)

$$\boldsymbol{\sigma} = \int_0^\infty M(s) \mathbf{g}(\mathbf{B}(s)) ds, \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial s} \mathbf{B}(s) + (\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{B}(s) - \nabla \mathbf{u}^T \cdot \mathbf{B}(s) - \mathbf{B}(s) \cdot \nabla \mathbf{u} = 0$$

- (multi-mode) memory function:  $M(s) = \sum_{k=1}^K M_k(s) = \sum_{k=1}^K \frac{\eta_{p,k}}{\Lambda_k^2} \exp\left(-\frac{s}{\Lambda_k}\right)$

- in both cases for  $\eta_s = 0$  („no solvent“):

**Operator-Splitting not applicable vs. monolithic approach difficult**

## Monolithic approach

- „no solvent“ in Stokes equations

$$\cancel{-2\eta_s \nabla \cdot \mathbf{D}(\mathbf{u})} - \nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma} + \nabla p = 0, \quad \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} = 0$$

- **differential** models for **single-mode** (matrix-vector-notation)

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & B & -C \\ B^T & 0 & 0 \\ D & 0 & K(\mathbf{u}) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{u} \\ p \\ \boldsymbol{\sigma} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{r}_u \\ \mathbf{r}_p \\ \mathbf{r}_\sigma \end{pmatrix}$$

- standard Krylov-space methods: no diagonal preconditioning
  - multigrid
    - no diagonal smoother applicable
    - only Vanka-like smoothers work - but not robust
  - stability problems w.r.t. additional LBB for  $\mathbf{u}, \boldsymbol{\sigma}$
- how to apply for **integral** models?!

## Operator-Splitting

- given  $\mathbf{u}^n, \boldsymbol{\sigma}^n, p^n$

1. solve **Stokes-problem** for  $\mathbf{u}^{n+1}, p^{n+1}$  with non-zero RHS

$$-\cancel{2\eta_s \nabla \cdot \mathbf{D}(\mathbf{u}^{n+1})} + \nabla p^{n+1} = \nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}^n, \quad \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}^{n+1} = 0$$

2. calculate  $\boldsymbol{\sigma}^{n+1}$  from **differential** ( $\boldsymbol{\sigma}_k^{n+1}$  for „multi-mode“  $\boldsymbol{\sigma} = \sum_{k=1}^K \boldsymbol{\sigma}_k$ )

$$(\mathbf{u}^{n+1} \cdot \nabla) \boldsymbol{\sigma}^{n+1} - \nabla \mathbf{u}^{n+1 T} \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}^{n+1} - \boldsymbol{\sigma}^{n+1} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{u}^{n+1} + \mathbf{f}(\Lambda, \eta_p, \boldsymbol{\sigma}^{n+1}) = 2 \frac{\eta_p}{\Lambda} \mathbf{D}(\mathbf{u}^{n+1})$$

or **integral** constitutive equation / DFM

$$\boldsymbol{\sigma}^{n+1} = \int_0^\infty M(s) \mathbf{g}(\mathbf{B}(s)) ds$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial s} \mathbf{B}(s) + (\mathbf{u}^{n+1} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{B}(s) - \nabla \mathbf{u}^{n+1 T} \cdot \mathbf{B}(s) - \mathbf{B}(s) \cdot \nabla \mathbf{u}^{n+1} = 0$$

- not applicable for „no solvent“ - independently of actual model!
- Stokes problem without diffusive part

# The „Tensor Diffusion“ approach

## Assumption: „Tensor Diffusion“ $\mu$ via $\sigma = \mu \cdot D(u)$

- idea: in 2D („no solvent“) Stokes equations, replace  $\sigma$  by  $\mu \cdot D(u)$ ,  $\mu \in \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}$  or  $\mathbb{R}^{3 \times 3}$

$$-\nabla \cdot \sigma + \nabla p = 0, \quad \nabla \cdot u = 0$$

- consider newly defined (symmetrized) „Tensor Stokes“-problem

$$-\frac{1}{2} \nabla \cdot (\mu \cdot D(u) + D(u) \cdot \mu^T) + \nabla p = 0, \quad \nabla \cdot u = 0$$

- issues to tackle
  - how to determine „Tensor Diffusion“  $\mu$ ?
  - (potential) benefits?
  - reasonable assumption / approach?



## „Tensor Diffusion“ $\mu$ given/known

- consider (symmetrized) „Tensor Stokes“-problem

$$-\frac{1}{2} \nabla \cdot (\boldsymbol{\mu} \cdot \mathbf{D}(\mathbf{u}) + \mathbf{D}(\mathbf{u}) \cdot \boldsymbol{\mu}^T) + \nabla p = 0, \quad \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} = 0$$

- approach I:** „Tensor Diffusion“  $\mu$  known from „somewhere“
  - original problem: Stokes equations coupled with nonlinear diff./int. model
  - fully coupled nonlinear *system* in  $(\mathbf{u}, \boldsymbol{\sigma}, p)$
  - but by introducing „Tensor Diffusion“:

direct computation of „nonlinear“ solution via **pure  $(\mathbf{u}, p)$ -problem**

- $\boldsymbol{\sigma}$  computed in postprocessing, only

## „Tensor Diffusion“ $\mu$ from algebraic equation

- **approach II:** determine „Tensor Diffusion“  $\mu$  from algebraic equation

- consider single-mode differential models for „no-solvent“

$$-\nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma} + \nabla p = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad -\frac{1}{2} \nabla \cdot (\boldsymbol{\mu} \cdot \mathbf{D}(\mathbf{u}) + \mathbf{D}(\mathbf{u}) \cdot \boldsymbol{\mu}^T) + \nabla p = 0,$$

$$(\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla) \boldsymbol{\sigma} - \nabla \mathbf{u}^T \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma} - \boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{f}(\Lambda, \eta_p, \boldsymbol{\sigma}) = 2 \frac{\eta_p}{\Lambda} \mathbf{D}(\mathbf{u}),$$

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} = 0, \quad \boldsymbol{\mu} \cdot \mathbf{D}(\mathbf{u}) - \boldsymbol{\sigma} = 0$$

- **1st alternative:**  $(\mathbf{u}, \boldsymbol{\sigma}, p)$ -solution does not depend on  $\mu$  („postprocessing fashion“)

→ **2nd alternative:** *four-field* formulation of symmetrized „Tensor-Stokes“ problem,

$(\mathbf{u}, \boldsymbol{\sigma}, p)$  coupled with  $\mu$

- discrete operators and nonlinear systems via **FEM** with  $Q_2/P_1^{\text{disc}} / Q_2 / Q_0$

## „Tensor Diffusion“ $\boldsymbol{\mu}$ from PDE

- **approach III:** determine „Tensor Diffusion“  $\boldsymbol{\mu}$  from PDE

- insert stress decomposition into constitutive equation for  $\boldsymbol{\sigma}$

$$(\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla)[\boldsymbol{\mu} \cdot \mathbf{D}(\mathbf{u})] - \nabla \mathbf{u}^T \cdot [\boldsymbol{\mu} \cdot \mathbf{D}(\mathbf{u})] - [\boldsymbol{\mu} \cdot \mathbf{D}(\mathbf{u})] \cdot \nabla \mathbf{u} + \frac{1}{\Lambda} [\boldsymbol{\mu} \cdot \mathbf{D}(\mathbf{u})] = 2 \frac{\eta_p}{\Lambda} \mathbf{D}(\mathbf{u})$$

- suitable treatment of 2nd  $\mathbf{u}$ -derivatives:

$$(\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla)[\boldsymbol{\mu} \cdot \mathbf{D}(\mathbf{u})] = (\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla)[\boldsymbol{\mu} \cdot \mathbf{D}(\mathbf{u})] + (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}) \cdot (\boldsymbol{\mu} \cdot \mathbf{D}(\mathbf{u})) = \nabla \cdot [(\boldsymbol{\mu} \cdot \mathbf{D}(\mathbf{u})) \otimes \mathbf{u}]$$

- monolithic *three-field* formulation in  $(\mathbf{u}, \boldsymbol{\mu}, p)$

$$-\frac{1}{2} \nabla \cdot (\boldsymbol{\mu} \cdot \mathbf{D}(\mathbf{u}) + \mathbf{D}(\mathbf{u}) \cdot \boldsymbol{\mu}^T) + \nabla p = 0, \quad \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} = 0$$

$$\nabla \cdot [(\boldsymbol{\mu} \cdot \mathbf{D}(\mathbf{u})) \otimes \mathbf{u}] - \nabla \mathbf{u}^T \cdot [\boldsymbol{\mu} \cdot \mathbf{D}(\mathbf{u})] - [\boldsymbol{\mu} \cdot \mathbf{D}(\mathbf{u})] \cdot \nabla \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{f}(\Lambda, \eta_p, \boldsymbol{\mu}, \mathbf{u}) = 2 \frac{\eta_p}{\Lambda} \mathbf{D}(\mathbf{u})$$

- now, **non-vanishing velocity coupling** in momentum equation – even for „no-solvent“!
- potential benefit regarding numerical difficulties?

## Potential benefits

- prototypical **Operator-Splitting** in iterative methods

1. for given  $\boldsymbol{\mu}^n$  (e.g.  $\boldsymbol{\mu} = \mathbf{I}$  for  $n = 0$ ) determine  $(\mathbf{u}^{n+1}, p^{n+1})$  from „Tensor Stokes“-problem

$$-\frac{1}{2} \nabla \cdot (\boldsymbol{\mu}^n \cdot \mathbf{D}(\mathbf{u}^{n+1}) + \mathbf{D}(\mathbf{u}^{n+1}) \cdot \boldsymbol{\mu}^{nT}) + \nabla p^{n+1} = 0, \quad \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}^{n+1} = 0$$

*approach II* – four-field formulation in  $(\mathbf{u}, p, \boldsymbol{\sigma}, \boldsymbol{\mu})$

2. for  $\mathbf{u}^{n+1}$ , determine stress tensor  $\boldsymbol{\sigma}^{n+1}$  from **integral** or **differential** model
3. determine (tensor) viscosity  $\boldsymbol{\mu}^{n+1}$  via  $\boldsymbol{\sigma}^{n+1} = \boldsymbol{\mu}^{n+1} \cdot \mathbf{D}(\mathbf{u}^{n+1})$

*approach III* – three-field formulation in  $(\mathbf{u}, p, \boldsymbol{\mu})$

2. for  $\mathbf{u}^{n+1}$ , calculate  $\boldsymbol{\mu}^{n+1}$  from PDE

## Potential benefits

- **monolithic** solution approach for „no-solvent“ (differential models only, single-mode)
- diffusive operator introduced in „natural way“

*approach II* – four-field formulation in  $(\mathbf{u}, p, \boldsymbol{\sigma}, \boldsymbol{\mu})$

$$\begin{pmatrix} -T(\boldsymbol{\mu}) & B & 0 & 0 \\ B^T & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ D & 0 & K(\mathbf{u}) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & M & D(\mathbf{u}) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{u} \\ p \\ \boldsymbol{\sigma} \\ \boldsymbol{\mu} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{r}_u \\ \mathbf{r}_p \\ \mathbf{r}_\sigma \\ \mathbf{r}_\mu \end{pmatrix}$$

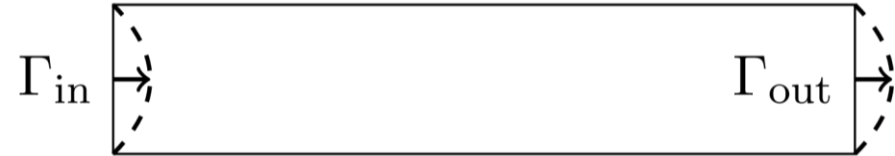
*approach I* – pure  $(\mathbf{u}, p)$ -problem

$$\begin{pmatrix} -\tilde{T}(\mathbf{u}) & B \\ B^T & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{u} \\ p \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{r}_u \\ \mathbf{r}_p \end{pmatrix}$$

- Operator-Splitting / standard Stokes-solvers applicable for all approaches

# Proof of concept

## $\mu$ known analytically



- in the following, consider **fully developed channel flows**

$$\mathbf{u} = \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} u(y) \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = 0, \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \sigma_{ij} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} B_{ij} = 0 \text{ for } i, j \in \{1, 2\}$$

- for **differential version** of UCM, parabolic velocity profile obtained
- corresponding stresses read

$$\boldsymbol{\sigma}_{\text{diff}} = \begin{pmatrix} 2\Lambda\eta_p \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial y}\right)^2 & \eta_p \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \\ \eta_p \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{D}(\mathbf{u}) = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \\ \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} & 0 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \boldsymbol{\mu}_{\text{diff}}(\mathbf{u}) = 2\eta_p \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2\Lambda \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

- tensor quantity relating  $\boldsymbol{\sigma}$  to  $\mathbf{D}(\mathbf{u})$  known analytically

## $\mu$ known analytically



- in DFM, analytical solution of Finger tensors for  $s \in [0, \infty[$  given

$$B_{22}(s) = 1, \quad B_{12}(s) = s \frac{\partial u}{\partial y}, \quad B_{11}(s) = s^2 \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right)^2 + 1$$

- inserting into **stress integral** for UCM gives

$$\boldsymbol{\sigma} = \int_0^\infty \frac{\eta_p}{\Lambda^2} \exp\left(-\frac{s}{\Lambda}\right) (\mathbf{B}(s) - \mathbf{I}) ds = \left\{ 2 \int_0^\infty \frac{\eta_p}{\Lambda^2} \exp\left(-\frac{s}{\Lambda}\right) \begin{pmatrix} s & s^2 \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \\ 0 & s \end{pmatrix} ds \right\} \left\{ \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \\ \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

- decomposition of the stress tensor  $\boldsymbol{\sigma} = \boldsymbol{\mu}(\mathbf{u}) \cdot \mathbf{D}(\mathbf{u})$

$$\boldsymbol{\mu}_{\text{int}}(\mathbf{u}) = 2\eta_p \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2\Lambda \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \boldsymbol{\mu}_{\text{diff}}(\mathbf{u})$$

- similar to differential case: „Tensor Diffusion“ known analytically



## $\mu$ known „semi-analytically“ - PSM

- for fully developed channel flows, PSM reads

$$\boldsymbol{\sigma} = \int_0^\infty \frac{\eta_p}{\Lambda^2} \exp\left(-\frac{s}{\Lambda}\right) \frac{1}{1 + \gamma \left(s^2 \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial y}\right)^2\right)} \begin{pmatrix} s^2 \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial y}\right)^2 + 1 & s \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \\ s \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} & 1 \end{pmatrix} ds$$

- similar to UCM, stress integral can be decomposed into

$$\boldsymbol{\sigma} = \begin{pmatrix} g \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial y}\right) & h \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial y}\right) \\ 0 & g \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial y}\right) \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{D}(\mathbf{u}) + \begin{pmatrix} f \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial y}\right) & 0 \\ 0 & f \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial y}\right) \end{pmatrix}$$

→ „Tensor Diffusion“  $\mu$  explicitly modelled depending on  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial y}$

## $\mu$ known „semi-analytically“ - PSM

- direct modelling of „Tensor Diffusion“ according to  $\boldsymbol{\mu} = \mu \left( \frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial \mathbf{y}} \right)$  ( $\frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial \mathbf{y}} \approx$  shear rate)
- for 1D-flows, procedure in principle applicable for „all“ integral models
- isotropic part absorbed into pressure  $P = p - f \left( \frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial \mathbf{y}} \right)$
- „transform“ full viscoelastic integral model to **generalized non-Newtonian model**

$$-\nabla \cdot \left( \boldsymbol{\mu} \left( \frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial \mathbf{y}} \right) \cdot \mathbf{D}(\mathbf{u}) \right) + \nabla P = 0, \quad \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} = 0$$

- complex rheology (arising from stress integral) hidden in „Tensor Diffusion“
- now: for PSM-channel flow solve only
  - „generalized tensor-valued“ Stokes problem
  - including non-vanishing **tensor-valued viscosity (NEW!)**

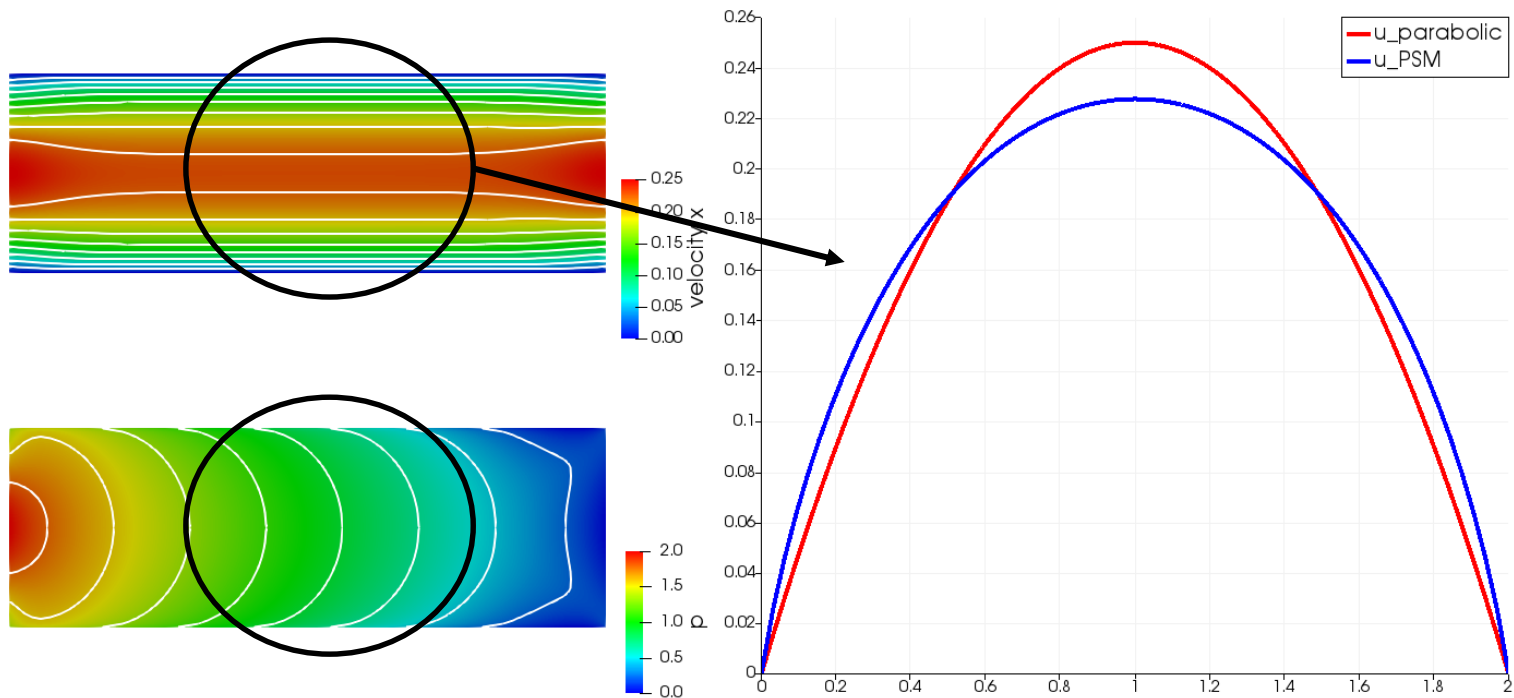
## Poiseuille flow - PSM



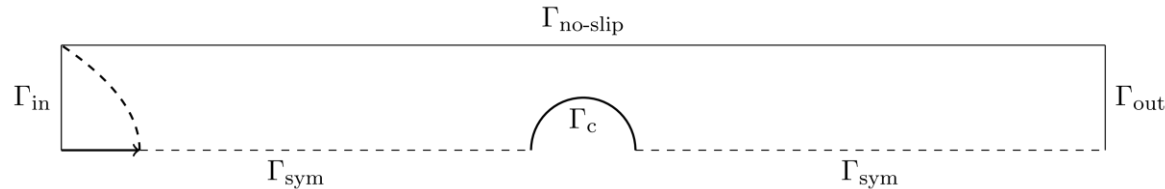
- „wrong“ initial parabolic velocity profile, evaluate „suitable“  $\mu$

$$\mathbf{u}_0 \rightarrow \mu_0 \Rightarrow \mathbf{u}_1 \rightarrow \mu_1 \Rightarrow \mathbf{u}_2 \dots$$

→ pure **Stokes-like problem** gives viscoelastic solution from **integral model**



## Flow around cylinder



- simulations via *four-field* formulation of „Tensor Stokes“-problem
- key feature: **monolithic Newton-multigrid approach**

drag coefficient calculated via  $C_D(\mathbf{T}) = \frac{2}{U_{\text{mean}}^2 R} \int_{E_C} (T_{xx}n_1 + T_{xy}n_2) \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial x} dx$

→ specific total stress tensor problem-dependent:

$$\mathbf{T}_C = -p\mathbf{I} + 2\eta_s \mathbf{D}(\mathbf{u}) + \boldsymbol{\sigma}, \quad \mathbf{T}_T = -p\mathbf{I} + 2\eta_s \mathbf{D}(\mathbf{u}) + \frac{1}{2} (\boldsymbol{\mu} \cdot \mathbf{D}(\mathbf{u}) + \mathbf{D}(\mathbf{u}) \cdot \boldsymbol{\mu}^T)$$

Oldroyd-B ( $\eta_s = 0.59$ )

Giesekus ( $\alpha = 0.1, \eta_s = 0.59$ )

$\Lambda$	$C_D(\mathbf{T}_C)$	$N_C$	$C_D(\mathbf{T}_T)$	$N_T$	Ref.
0.1	130.342	2	130.348	3	130.36
0.6	117.695	3	117.970	3	117.78

$\Lambda$	$C_D(\mathbf{T}_C)$	$N_C$	$C_D(\mathbf{T}_T)$	$N_T$	Ref.
5.0	85.210	3	85.243	6	85.22
10.0	83.047	4	83.068	6	83.06

- good agreement to original approach and reference
- appropriate solver behaviour

# Conclusion

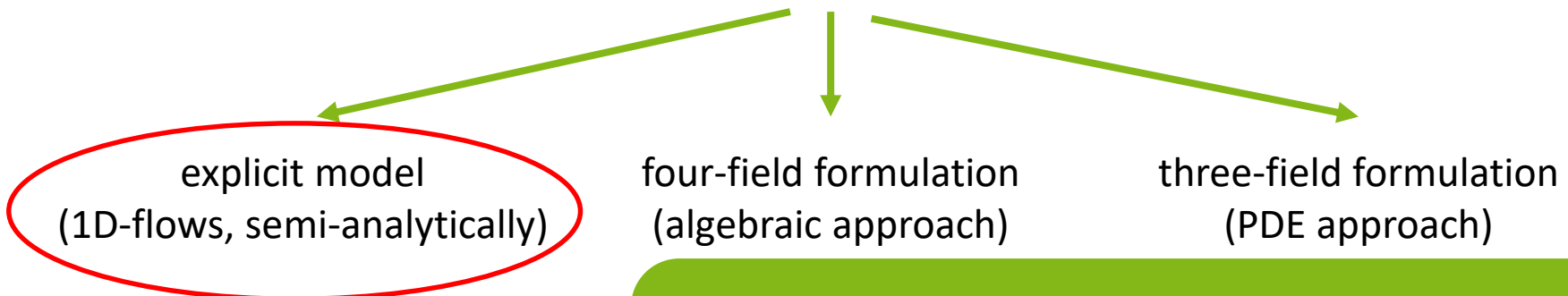
## Summary

- original problem: nonlinear system in  $(\mathbf{u}, \boldsymbol{\sigma}, p)$  for „no-solvent“ in 2D

$$\cancel{-2\eta_s \nabla \cdot \mathbf{D}(\mathbf{u})} - \nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma} + \nabla p = 0, \quad \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} = 0$$

$$(\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla) \boldsymbol{\sigma} - \nabla \mathbf{u}^T \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma} - \boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{f}(\Lambda, \eta_p, \boldsymbol{\sigma}) = 2 \frac{\eta_p}{\Lambda} \mathbf{D}(\mathbf{u}) \text{ (or integral model)}$$

- introducing „Tensor Diffusion“ via  $\boldsymbol{\sigma} = \boldsymbol{\mu} \cdot \mathbf{D}(\mathbf{u})$ ,  $\boldsymbol{\mu} \in \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}$  or  $\mathbb{R}^{3 \times 3}$



currently most interesting for future work!

- „Tensor Diffusion“ not known
- numerical calculation from algebraic equation/PDE
- validated, evaluated for complex test cases
- more numerical tests, detailed numerical analysis

## Outlook

- explicit (semi-analytical) model of „Tensor Diffusion“  $\boldsymbol{\mu} = \boldsymbol{\mu}(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{D}(\mathbf{u}))$
- for 1D-flows, complex rheology can be hidden in  $\boldsymbol{\mu}\left(\frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial y}\right)$
- generalization of direct modelling approach?
- even for complex 2D-configurations: instead of nonlinear *system*...  
...solve „Tensor Stokes“-problem in  $(\mathbf{u}, p)$  only

$$-\frac{1}{2} \nabla \cdot (\boldsymbol{\mu}(\mathbf{u}) \cdot \mathbf{D}(\mathbf{u}) + \mathbf{D}(\mathbf{u}) \cdot \boldsymbol{\mu}(\mathbf{u})^T) + \nabla p = 0, \quad \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} = 0$$

**Can steady viscoelastic fluids be modelled as  
generalized non-Newtonian Stokes equations including a *tensor-valued viscosity*?**