Bingham flow

Many colloidal dispersions show Bingham flow which is characterized by a σ -*D* diagram as shown. At rates of shear greater than that at point A, the following relation applies:

$$\sigma - \sigma_{\rm B} = \eta_{\Delta} D$$

where $\sigma_{\rm B}$ (or $\tau_{\rm B}$) is called the Bingham yield stress, η_{Δ} is the differential viscosity, *D* is the shear rate, and σ is the average of three normal stress components if the deformation is purely dilatational.



Source:

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