

# Characterizing the Viscoelastic Behavior of PDMS/PDPS Copolymers

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# Thesis

- Determine the viscoelastic behavior of polydimethylsiloxane-polydiphenylsiloxane (PDMS/PDPS) copolymer

Step1: Experimentally determine properties DMA, TMA, Pressure Dilatometry



Step2: Calibrate data to populate Simplified Potential Energy Clock Model (SPEC)

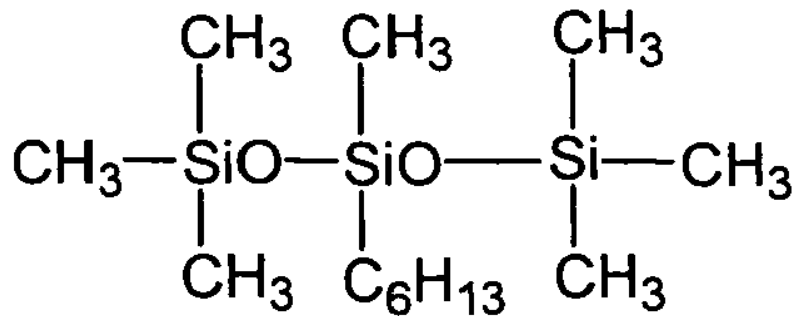


Step3: Validate Material Model

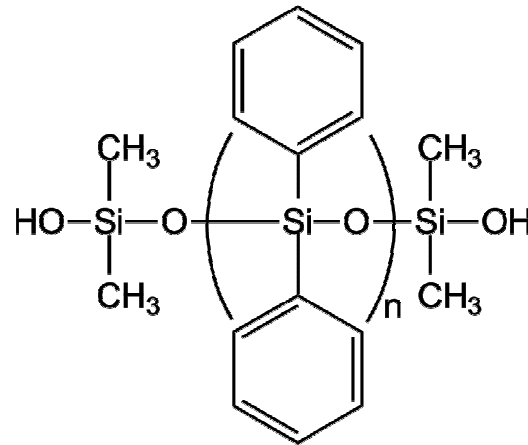
# Contribution to Scientific Community

- Objective is to calibrate a linear thermo-viscoelastic model for PDMS/PDPS
- A model for PDMS/PDPS has yet to be determined
  - The siloxane polymer of interest consists of dimethyl (DMS), diphenyl (DPS), and methyl vinyl (MVS) siloxane monomer units.
  - The composition is approximately 90.7 wt% DMS, 9.0 wt% DPS, between 0.1 and 0.5% MVS, and 6.8 wt% ethoxy- endblock siloxane processing aid.

## polydimethylsiloxane



## polydiphenylsiloxane



## Tri-block (ABA)



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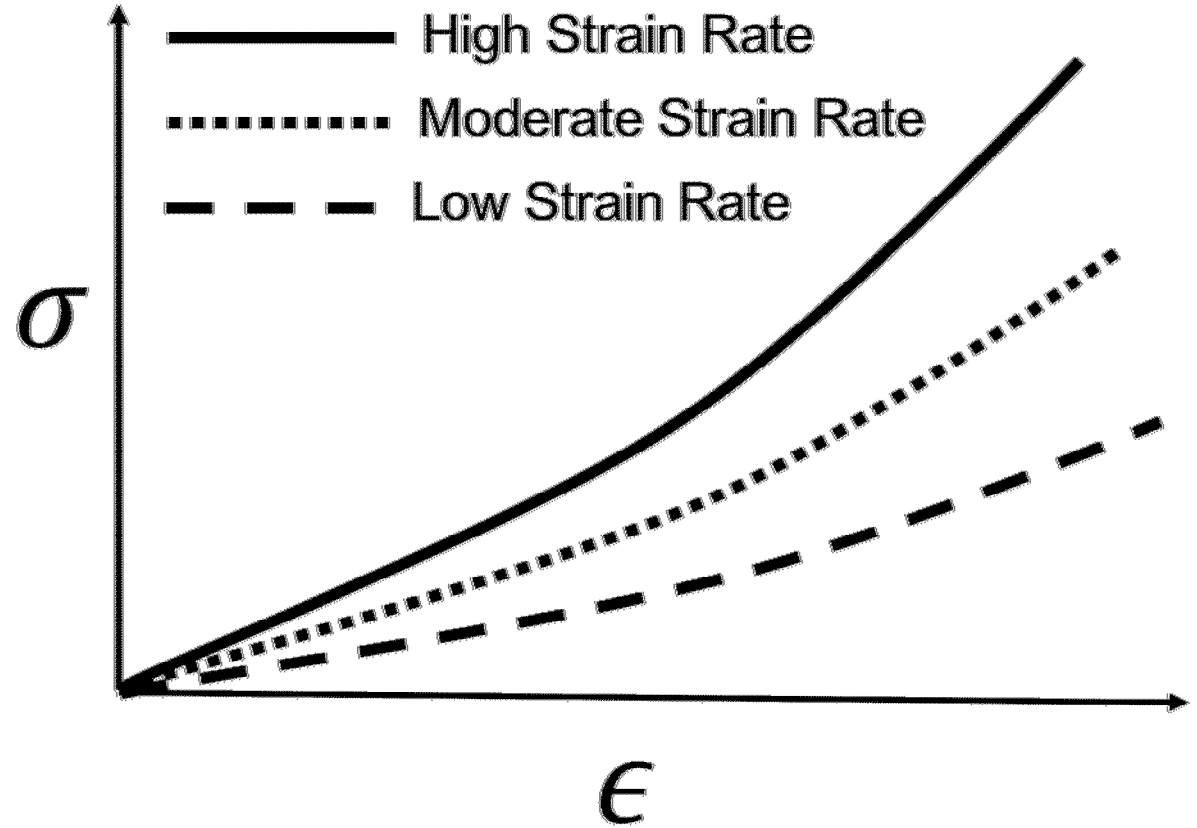
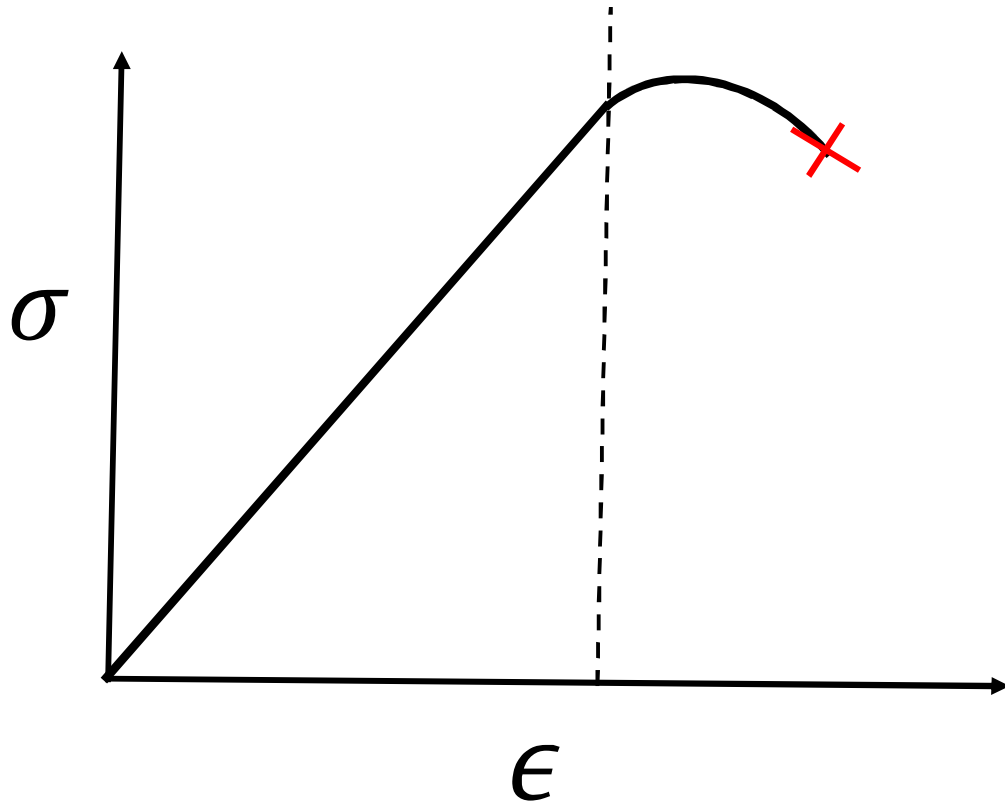
- PDMS/PDPS copolymers are used in a wide range of applications due to their favorable thermal and mechanical properties:
  - Earplugs, gaskets, computer disks, medical diagnosis, vibration abatement, tire performance, sports
- PDMS/PDPS will behave differently than already built models for PDMS due to its heavily cross-linked structure
- One may deliberately use of the viscoelasticity of PDMS/PDPS in design process to achieve desired goal i.e. shock environment
  - An accurate material model will give the ability to predict the behavior in a shock environment and allow for better design and engineering for its application

# Outline

- Linear Viscoelasticity Theory
  - Developing Constitutive Equations
- Experiments
  - Dynamic Mechanical Analysis
  - Thermal Mechanical Analysis
  - Pressure Dilatometry
  - Flexural/Axial Storage Modulus
- Calibrate Experimental Data
- Model Validation
- Conclusions
- Future work

# What is Viscoelasticity?

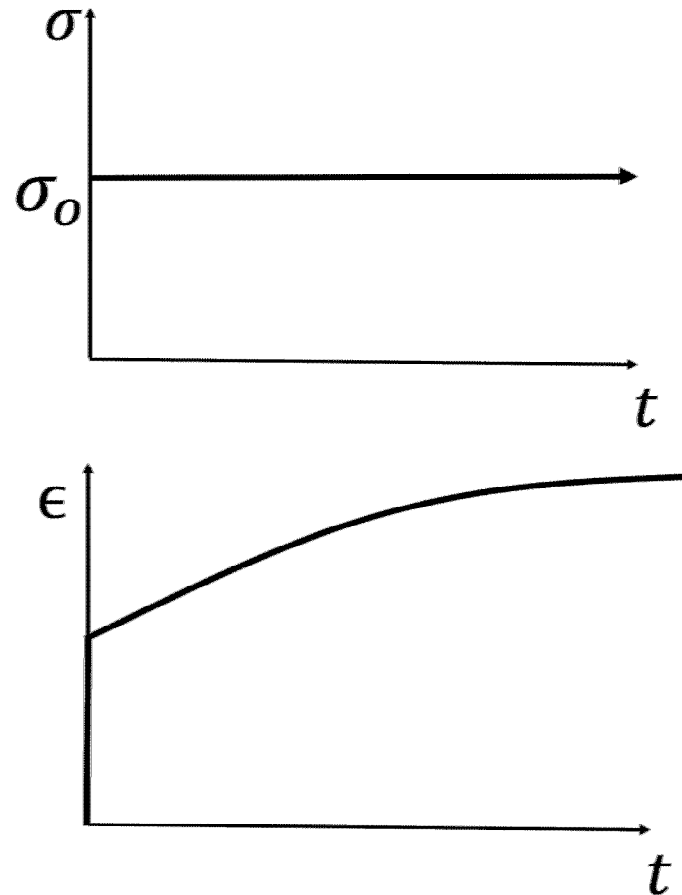
- Viscoelasticity is the property of materials that exhibit both viscous and elastic characteristics when undergoing deformation.



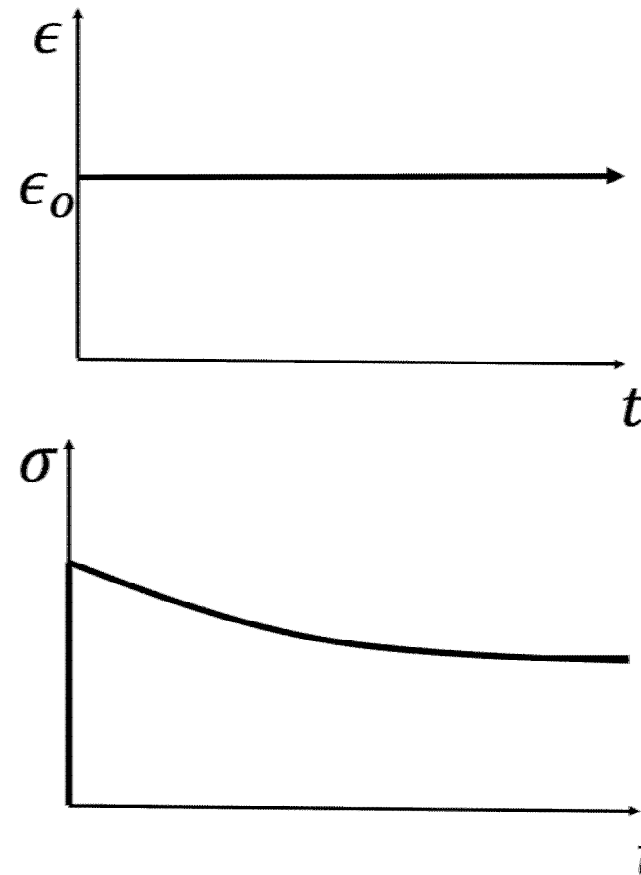
# What is Viscoelasticity?

- Viscoelastic materials mechanical properties are time dependent

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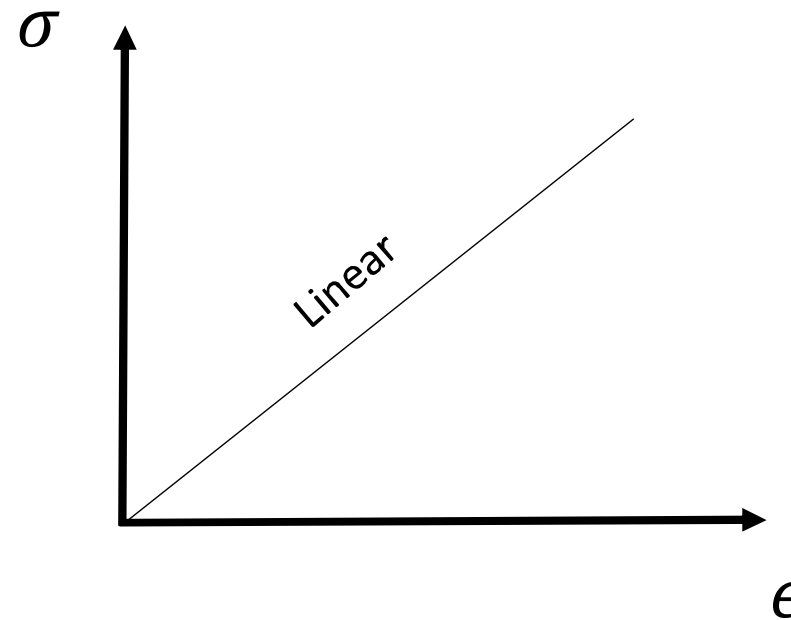
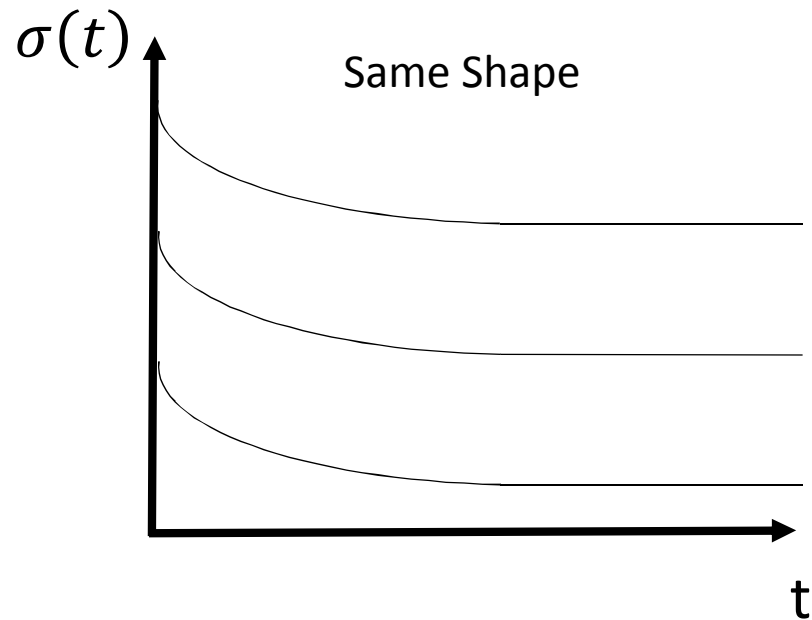
Stress Relaxation



# Linear Viscoelasticity

Two Assumptions for Linear Viscoelasticity:

1. The relaxation modulus is independent of the applied strain level
2. The relationship of stress vs. strain is linear



# Transient Behavior



Hook's Law:

$$(1) \quad \sigma = E\epsilon$$

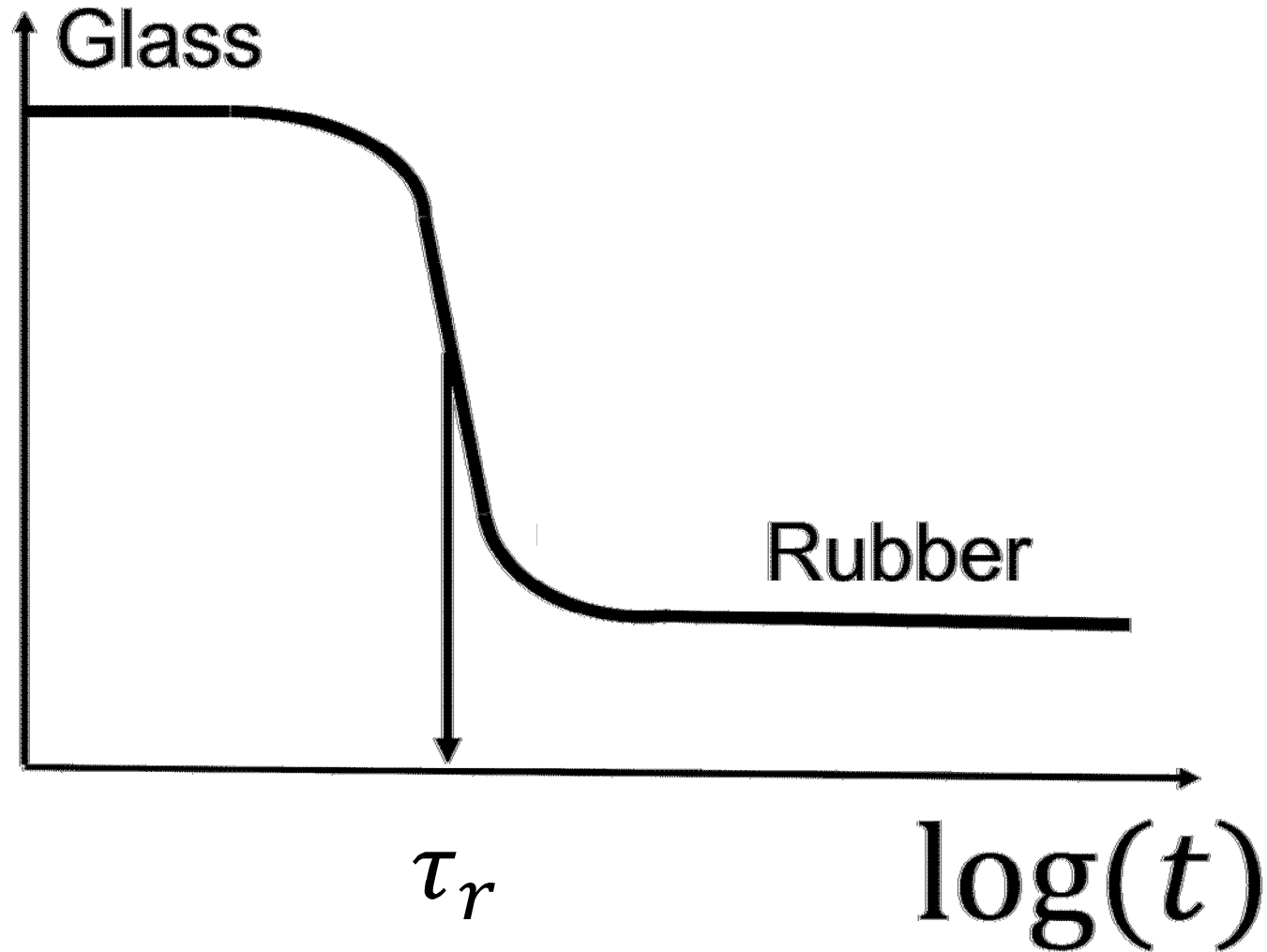
Young's Modulus: resistance to deformation

$$(2) \quad \sigma(t) = E(t)\epsilon_0$$

Relaxation Modulus: How stiffness changes with time

# Debye Relaxation Modulus

Relaxation modulus

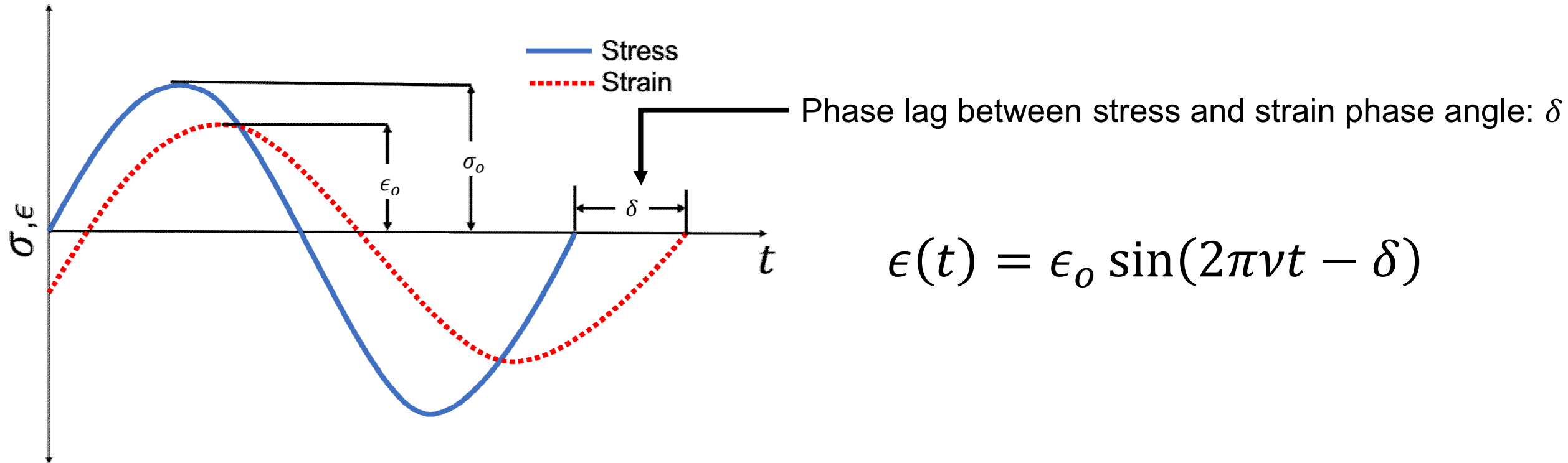


$$\frac{-t}{\tau_r}$$

# Dynamic Loading

Now suppose the stress  $\sigma(t)$  varies sinusoidally with respect to time:

$$\sigma(t) = \sigma_o \sin(2\pi\nu t)$$



$$\epsilon(t) = \epsilon_o \sin(2\pi\nu t - \delta)$$

# Dynamic Stiffness

- Dynamic stiffness can be expressed as a complex number:

Real

$$E' = |E^*| \cos(\delta)$$

Imaginary

$$E'' = |E^*| \sin(\delta)$$

Loss Tangent

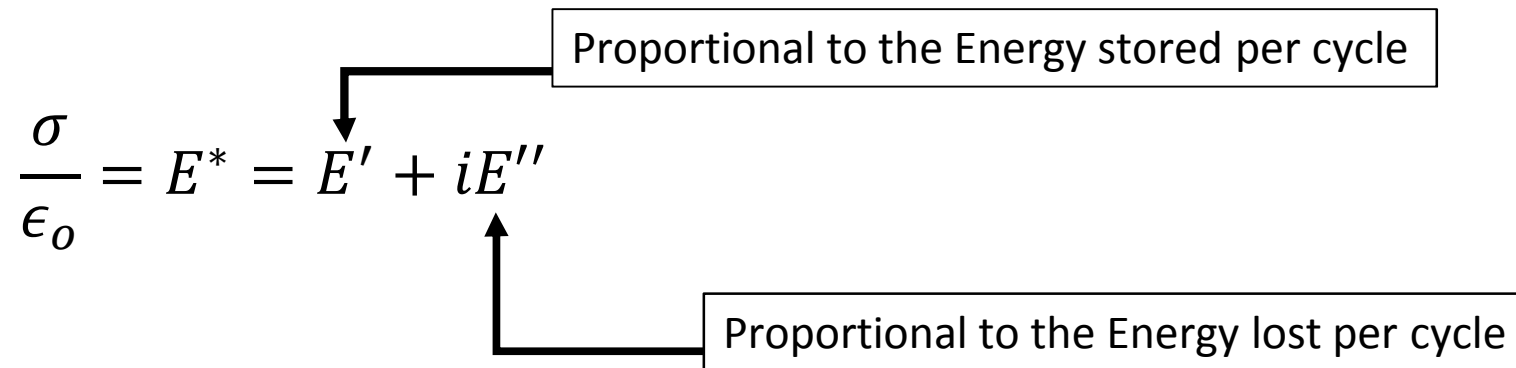
$$\tan(\delta)$$

$$|E^*| = \sqrt{(E')^2 + (E'')^2}$$

$$\frac{\sigma}{\epsilon_0} = E^* = E' + iE''$$

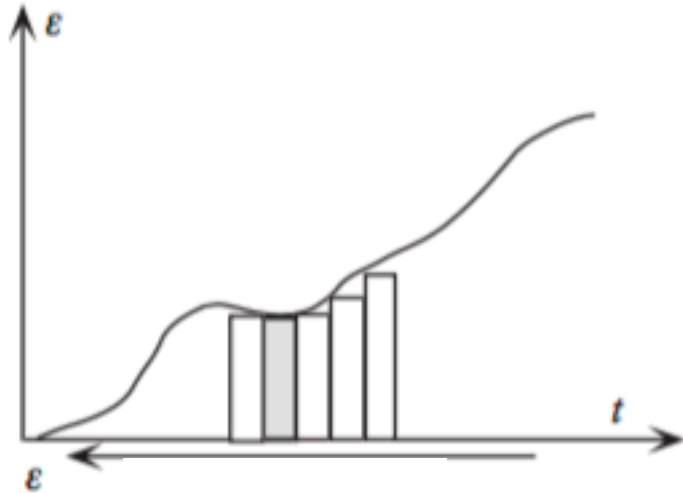
Proportional to the Energy stored per cycle

Proportional to the Energy lost per cycle



# Constitutive Equations

Consider an arbitrary loading history



1.  $\epsilon(t) = \epsilon_o H(t)$

$$H(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & t < 0 \\ \frac{1}{2} & t = 0 \\ 1 & t > 0 \end{cases}$$

- A series of step increases are used:

2.  $\epsilon(t) = \sum_{i=1}^r \Delta\epsilon_i H(t - \tau)$

- Boltzmann Superposition Principle
  - The compound cause is the sum of the individual causes

$$\epsilon(t) = \sum_{i=1}^r \Delta\epsilon_i H(t - \tau) \quad \rightarrow \quad \sigma(t) = E(t)\epsilon_o$$

$$3. \quad \sigma(t) = \sum_{i=1}^r E(t - \tau_i)H(t - \tau_i)$$

- Converges to a hereditary integral:

$$3. \quad \sigma(t) = \int_0^t E(t - \tau)H(t - \tau)d\epsilon(\tau)$$

- Constitutive equation for a linear viscoelastic material with differentiable strain history:

$$4. \quad \sigma(t) = \int_0^t E(t - \tau) \frac{d\epsilon(\tau)}{d\tau} d\tau$$

# Prony Series

- Cannot solve hereditary integral directly so use Prony series
  - Approximate relaxation modulus using Prony series:

$$1. \sigma(t) = \int_0^t E(t - \tau) \frac{d\epsilon(\tau)}{d\tau} d\tau \quad \rightarrow \quad E(t) = \sum_{i=1}^N E_i e^{\frac{-t}{\tau_i}} + E_\infty$$

- Now the stress can be expressed as:

$$2. \sigma(t) = \int_0^t \left[ \sum_{i=1}^N E_i e^{-\left(\frac{t-\tau}{\tau_i}\right)} + E_\infty \right] \frac{d\epsilon(\tau)}{d\tau} d\tau$$

- The incremental formulation for linear viscoelasticity:

$$3. \sigma_{n+1} = \sum_{i=1}^N E_i \left[ e^{-\left(\frac{\Delta t_n}{\tau_i}\right)} + \frac{1 - e^{-\left(\frac{\Delta t_n}{\tau_i}\right)}}{\frac{\Delta t_n}{\tau_i}} \right] + E_\infty \epsilon_{n+1}$$

# Material Model

- Models to choose from: Viscoelastic Swanson Model, HyperYeohDamage Model, Specific Potential Energy Clock Model (SPEC)
- SPEC model is the flexible and most production hardened model available viscoelastic material at moderate to small deformations
- These models have been proven to accurately predict viscoelastic behavior of glassy and semi-crystalline polymers
- SPEC model is a thermodynamically consistent fully nonlinear viscoelastic constitutive model

$$\underline{\underline{\sigma}} = \left[ \Delta K \int_0^t ds f_v(t^* - s^*) \frac{dI_1}{ds}(s) - \Delta(K\beta) \int_0^t ds f_v(t^* - s^*) \frac{dT}{ds}(s) \right] \underline{\underline{I}} + 2\Delta G \int_0^t ds f_s(t^* - s^*) \frac{d\underline{\underline{\epsilon}}_{dev}}{ds}(s)$$

$$+ [K_\infty I_1 - K_\infty \beta_\infty \Delta T] \underline{\underline{I}} + 2G_\infty \underline{\underline{\epsilon}}_{dev}$$

Pressure/Volume terms

Shear terms

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# Simplified Potential Energy Clock Model

- Model is driven by a material clock
  - Hereditary integrals over the difference in material time
  - Increment in material time,  $dt'$ , and laboratory time,  $dt$ , are related through shift factor:

$$t^* - s^* = \int_s^t \frac{dw}{a(w)} \quad \log(a) = -C_1 \left( \frac{N}{C_2 + N} \right)$$

$$N = \left\{ [T(t) - T_{ref}] - \int_0^t ds f_v(t^* - s^*) \frac{dT}{ds}(s) \right\} + C_3 \left\{ I_1(t) - \int_0^t ds f_v(t^* - s^*) \frac{dI_1}{ds}(s) \right\} + C_4 \left\{ \int_0^t ds f_s(t^* - s^*) \frac{\epsilon_{dev}(s)}{ds} \right\}$$

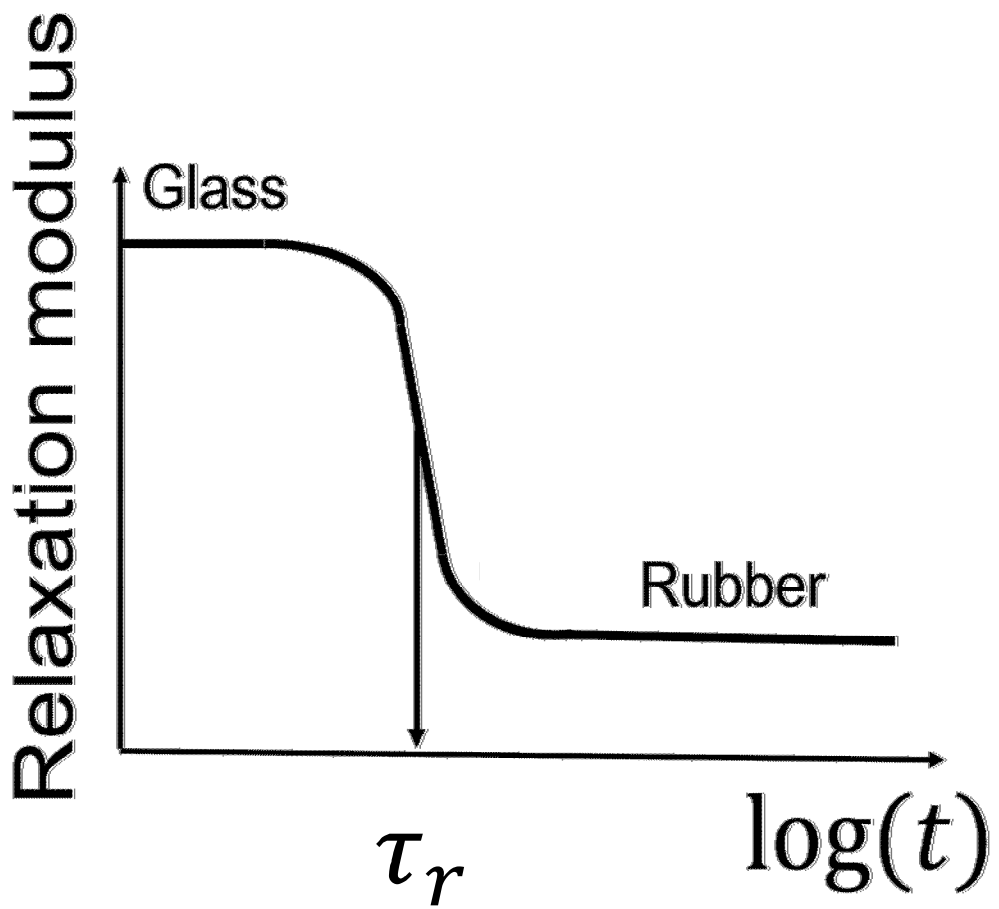
- Volumetric and shear relaxation functions:

$$f_v(t) = \sum_K A_k e^{-\frac{t}{\tau_k}} \quad f_s(t) = \sum_K w_k e^{-\frac{t}{\tau_k}}$$

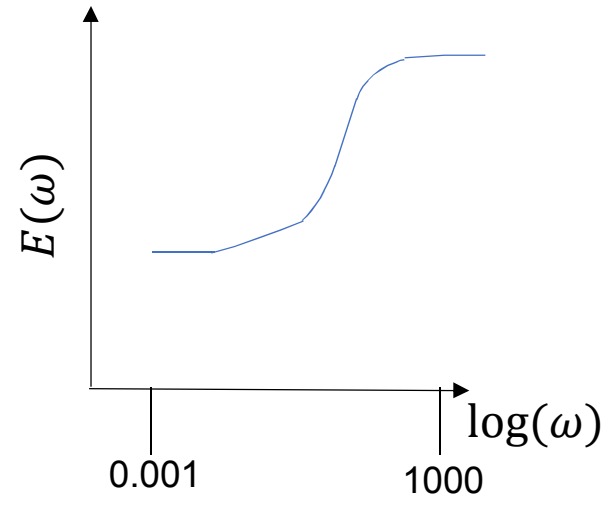
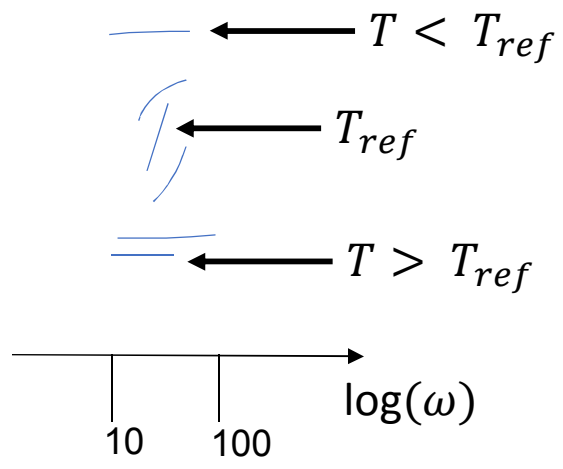
# Parameters for SPEC

Symbol	Definition
$T_{ref}$	Reference temperature
$K_{\infty}$	Rubbery bulk modulus
$\frac{dK_{\infty}}{dT}$	Derivative of $K_{\infty}$ with respect to temperature
$K_g$	Glassy bulk modulus
$\frac{dK_g}{dT}$	Derivative of $K_g$ with respect to temperature
$\alpha_{\infty}$	Rubbery coefficient of thermal expansion
$\frac{d\alpha_{\infty}}{dT}$	Derivative of $\alpha_{\infty}$ with respect to Temperature
$\alpha_g$	Glassy coefficient of thermal expansion
$\frac{d\alpha_g}{dT}$	Derivative of $\alpha_g$ with respect to temperature
$G_{\infty}$	Rubbery shear modulus
$\frac{dG_{\infty}}{dT}$	Derivative of $G_{\infty}$ with respect to temperature
$G_g$	Glassy shear modulus
$\frac{dG_g}{dT}$	Derivative of $G_g$ with respect to temperature
$C_1$	First Williams-Landel-Ferry (WLF) coefficient
$C_2$	Second WLF coefficient
<del><math>C_3</math></del>	<del>Determined by the pressure dependence of <math>T_g</math></del>
<del><math>C_4</math></del>	<del>Parameter accelerating relaxations by applied deformations</del>
$f_v$	Volumetric relaxation spectrum
$f_s$	Shear relaxation spectrum

# Time Temperature Superposition (TTS)



$$\sigma(\omega)e^{-i\omega t} = E(\omega)\epsilon(\omega)e^{-i\omega t}$$



WLF Equation:

$$\log(a_T) = -C_1 \left( \frac{T - T_g}{C_2 + T - T_g} \right)$$

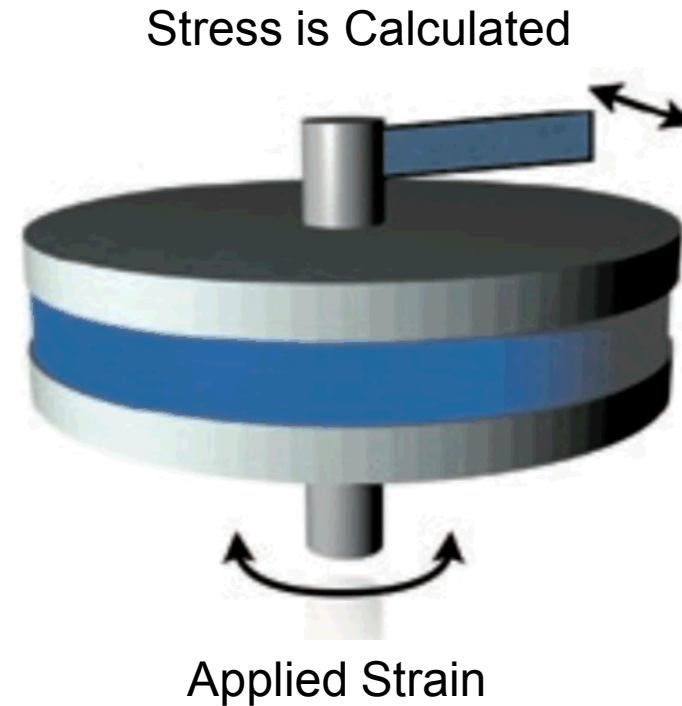
# Dynamic Mechanical Analysis (DMA)

- Shear relaxation and two WLF coefficients can be determined by commercial rheometers

ARES-G2



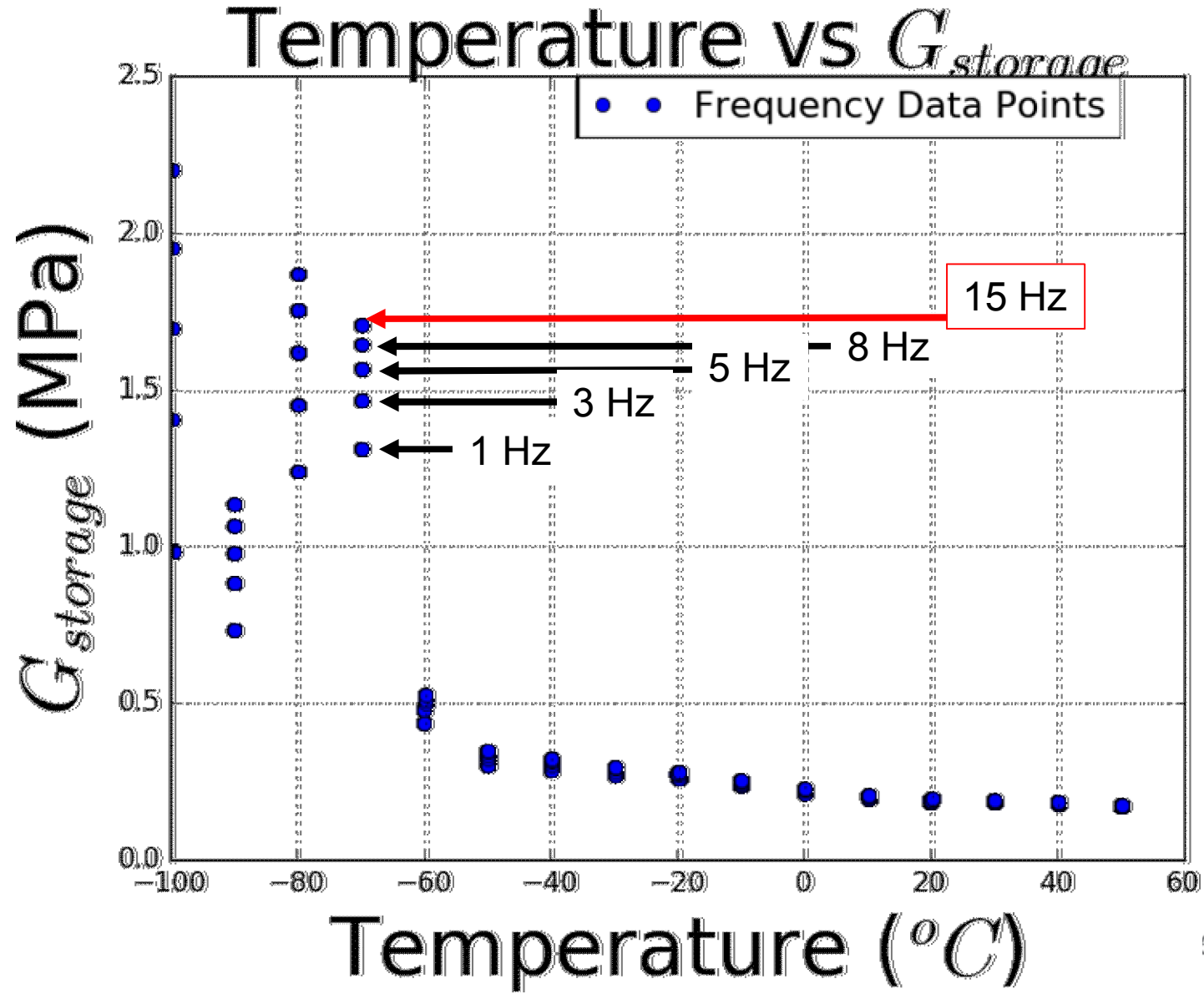
- Frequency Range: 1-15 Hz
- Temperature Range: -100° C – 50° C



- A small normal force is applied to hold the specimen in place

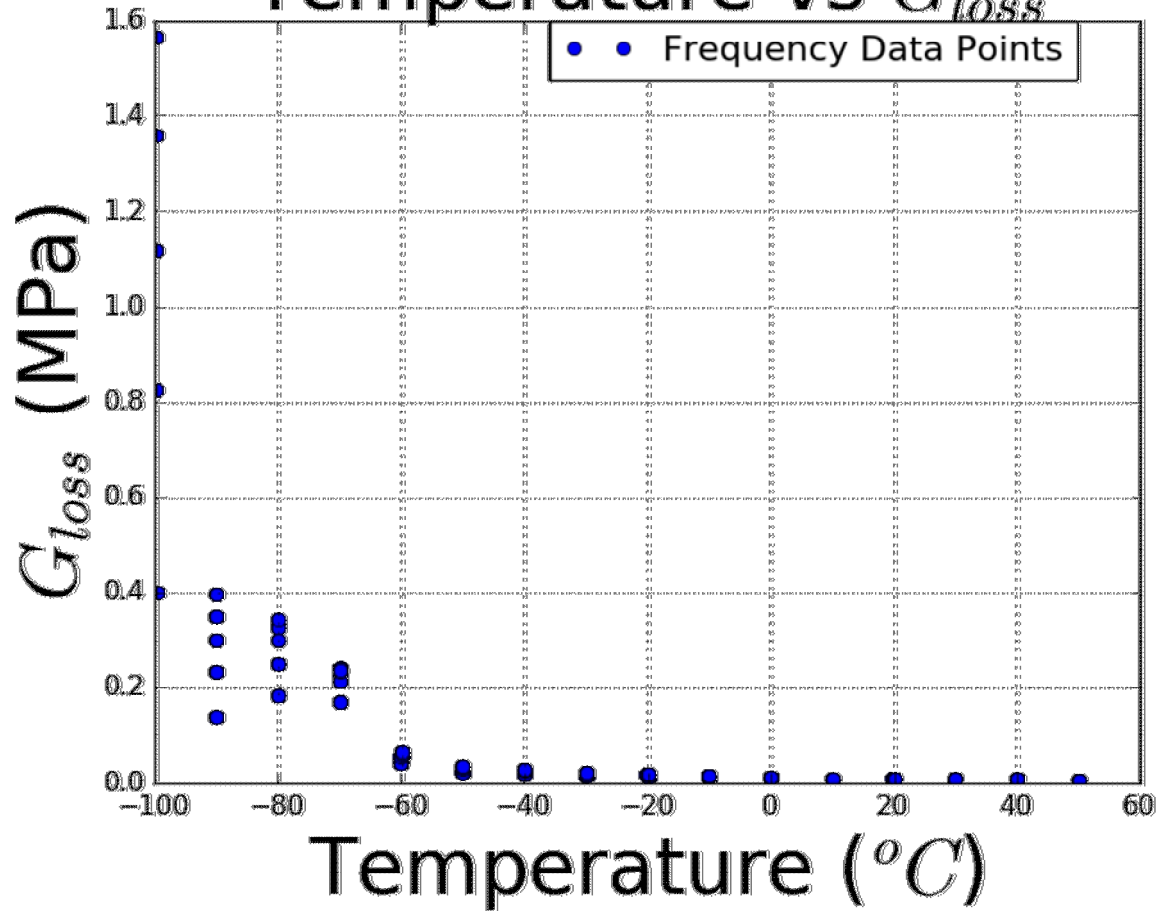
# Data from DMA

To avoid inertial effects the data was clipped at 15 Hz

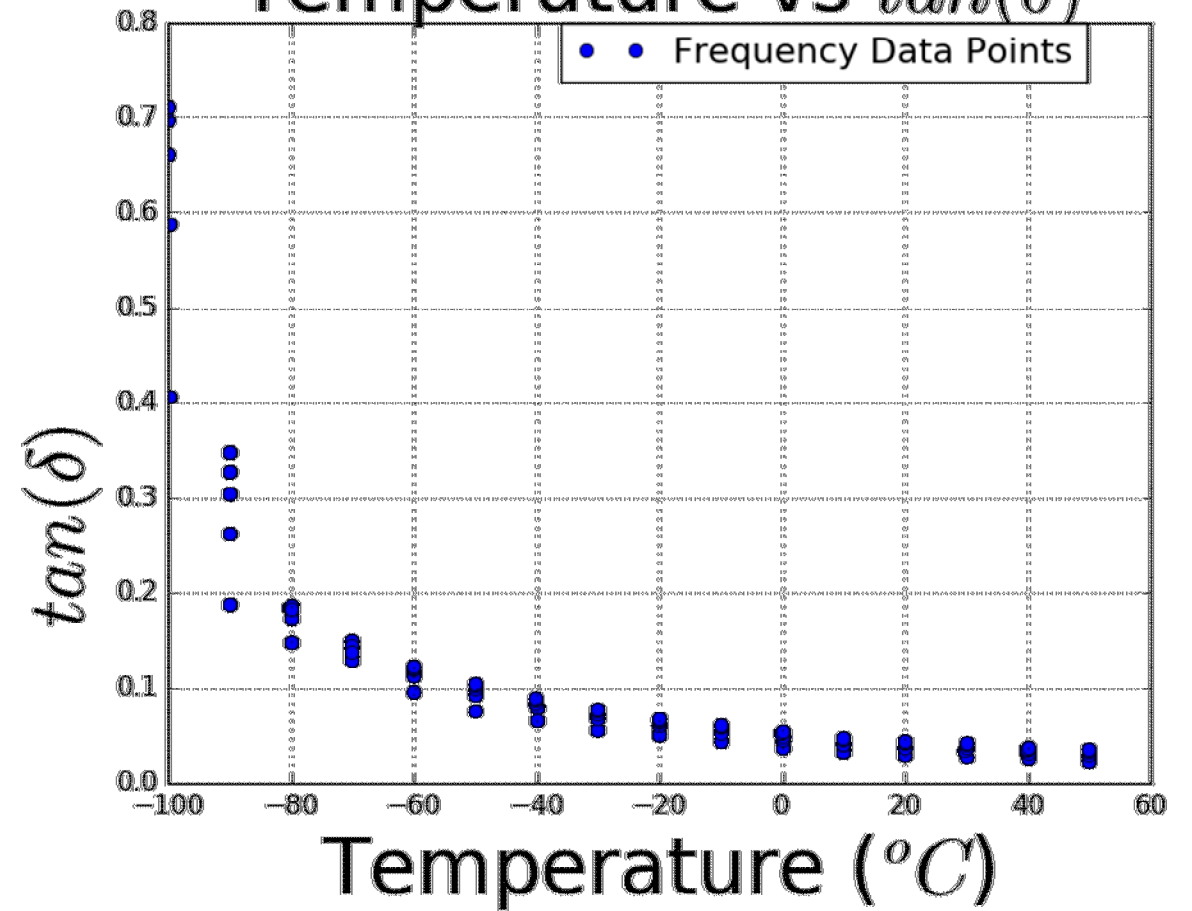


# Data from DMA

## Temperature vs $G_{loss}$



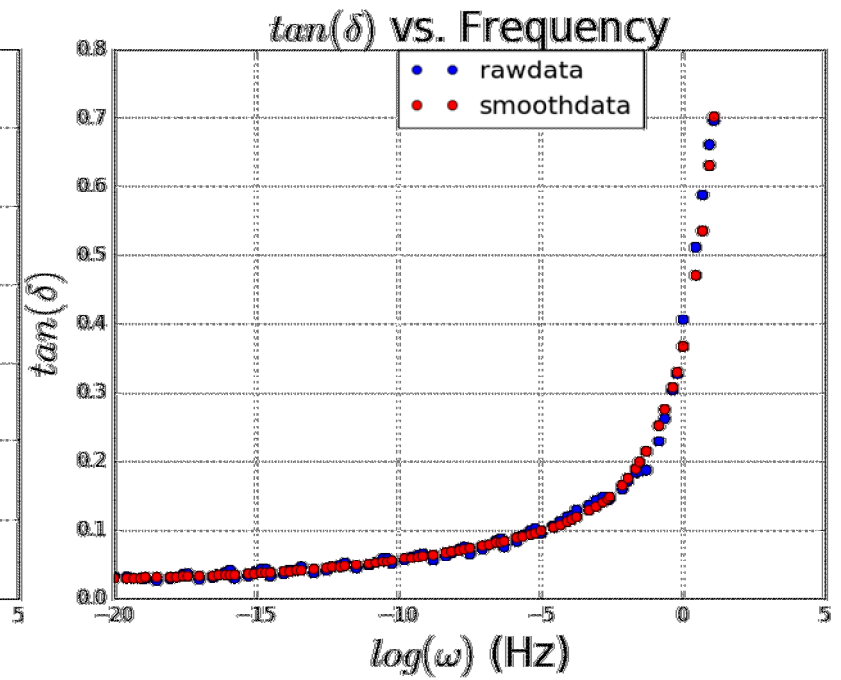
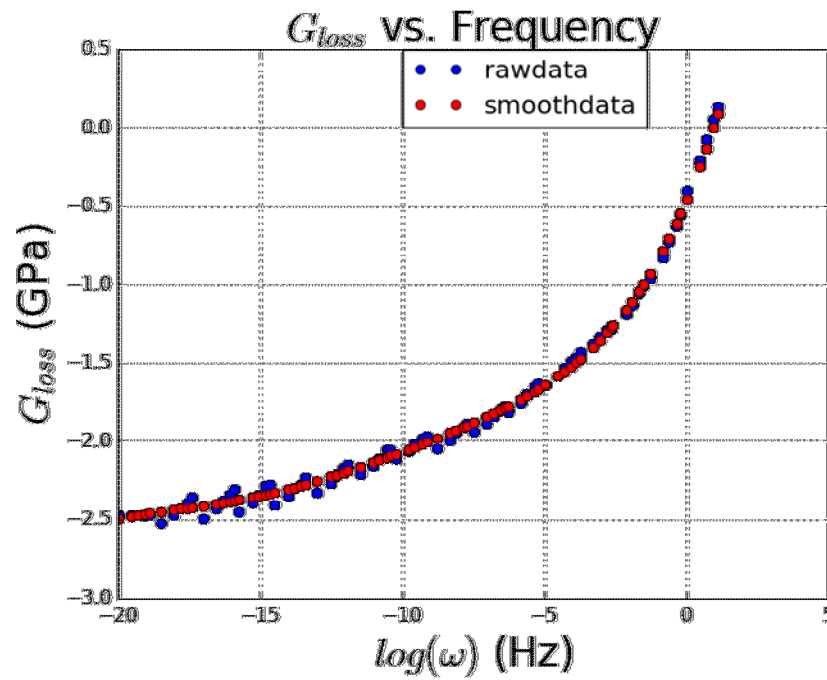
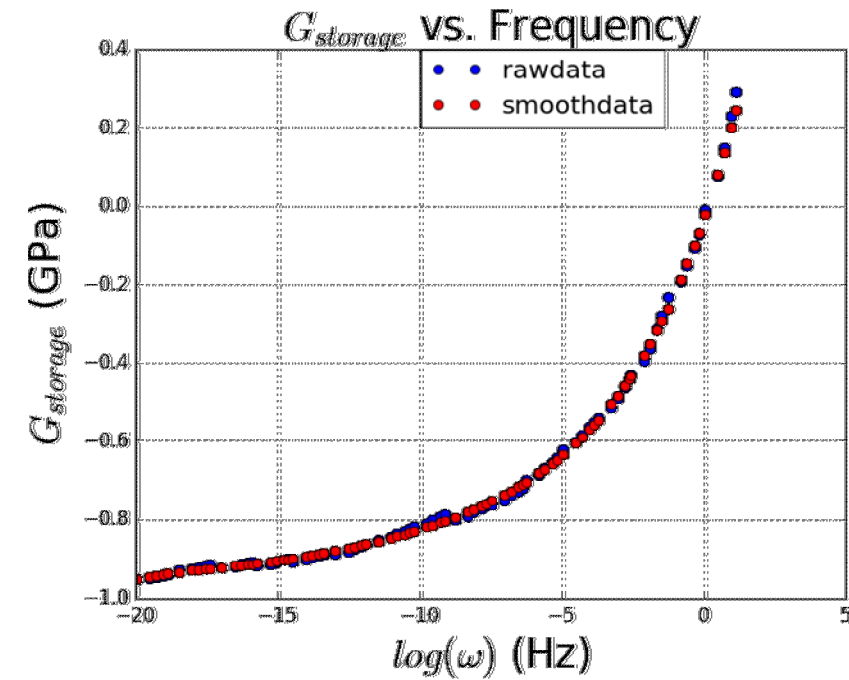
## Temperature vs $\tan(\delta)$



# Shear Master Curve

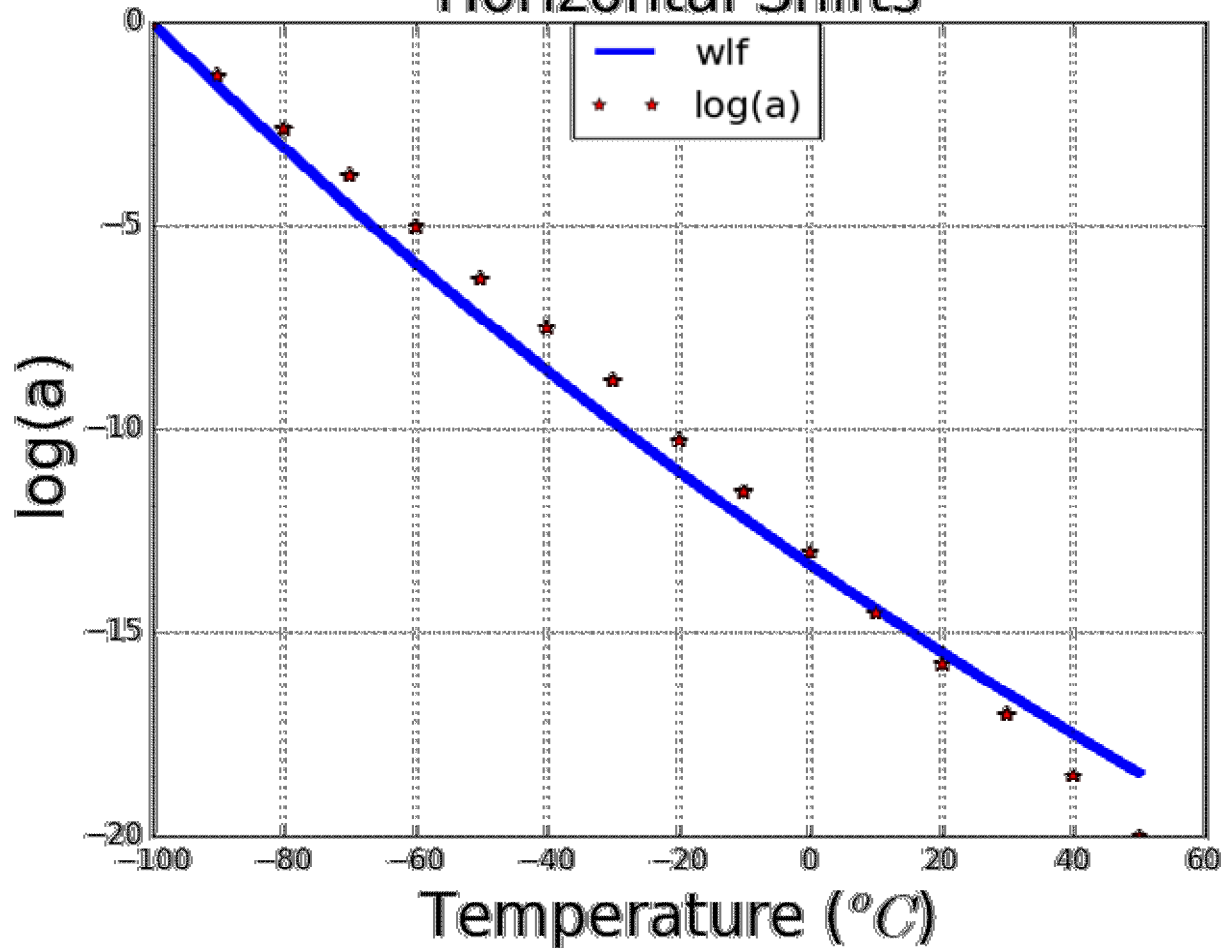
- Recall TTS
- Must be smooth and monotonically decreasing
- Still have some inertial effects, but they can be ignored

$$T_{ref} = -100 \text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$$



# WLF Values for Shifted Data

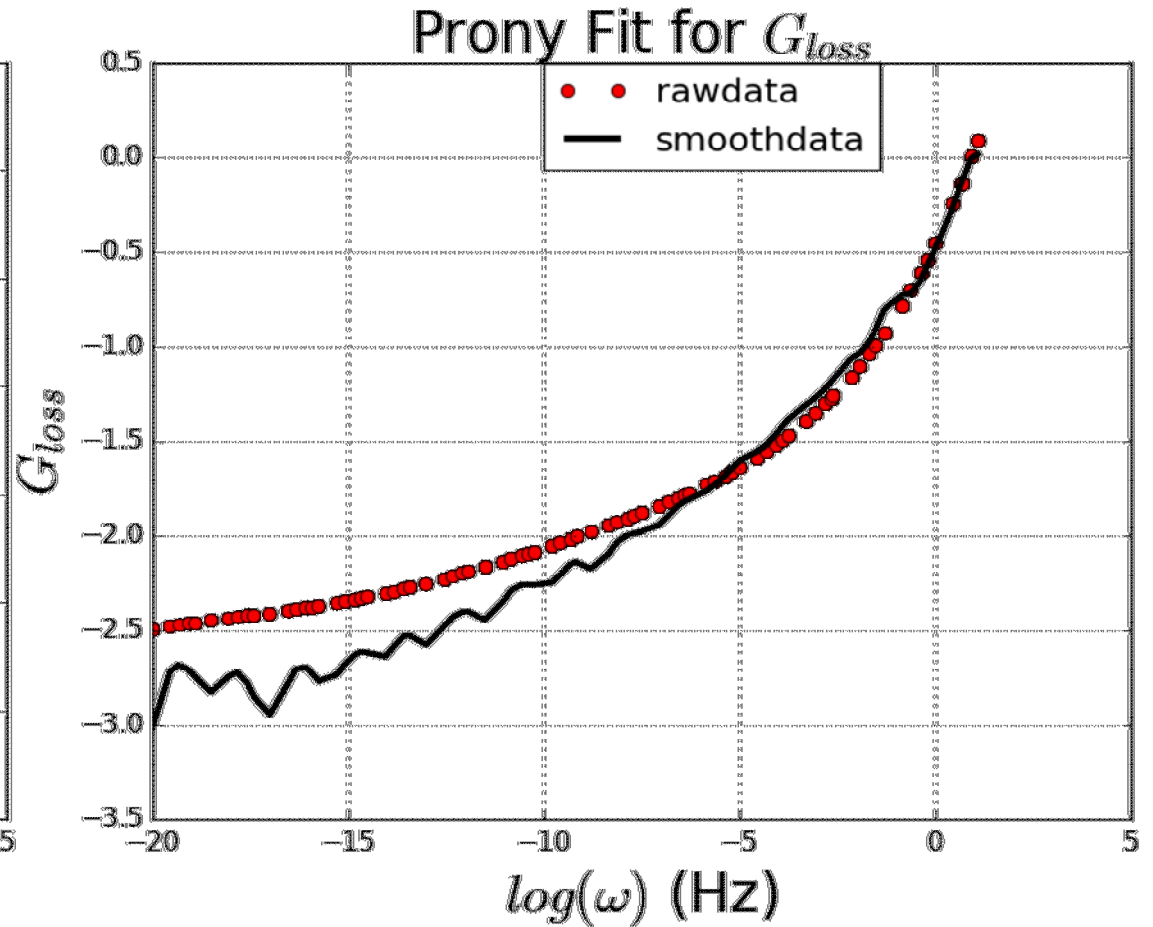
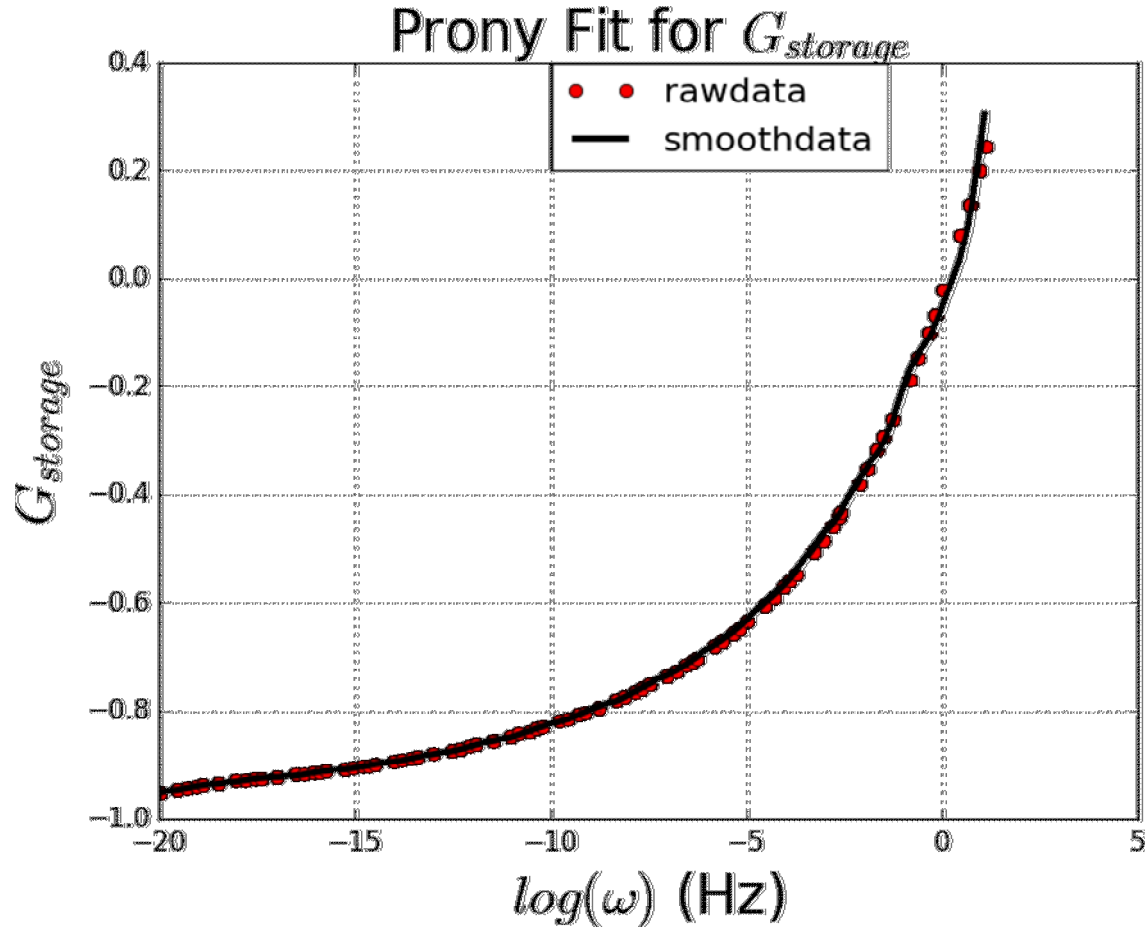
Horizontal Shifts



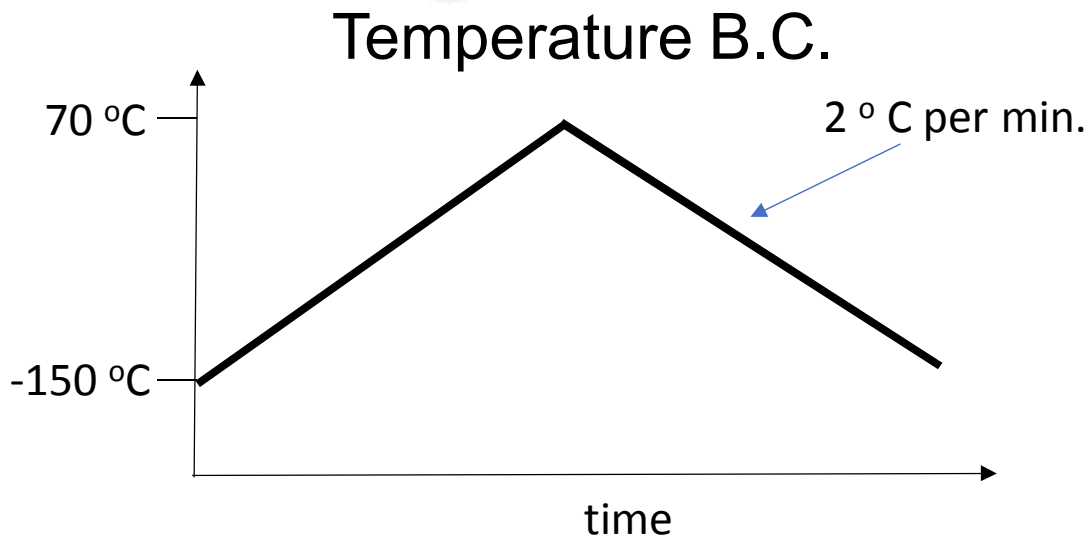
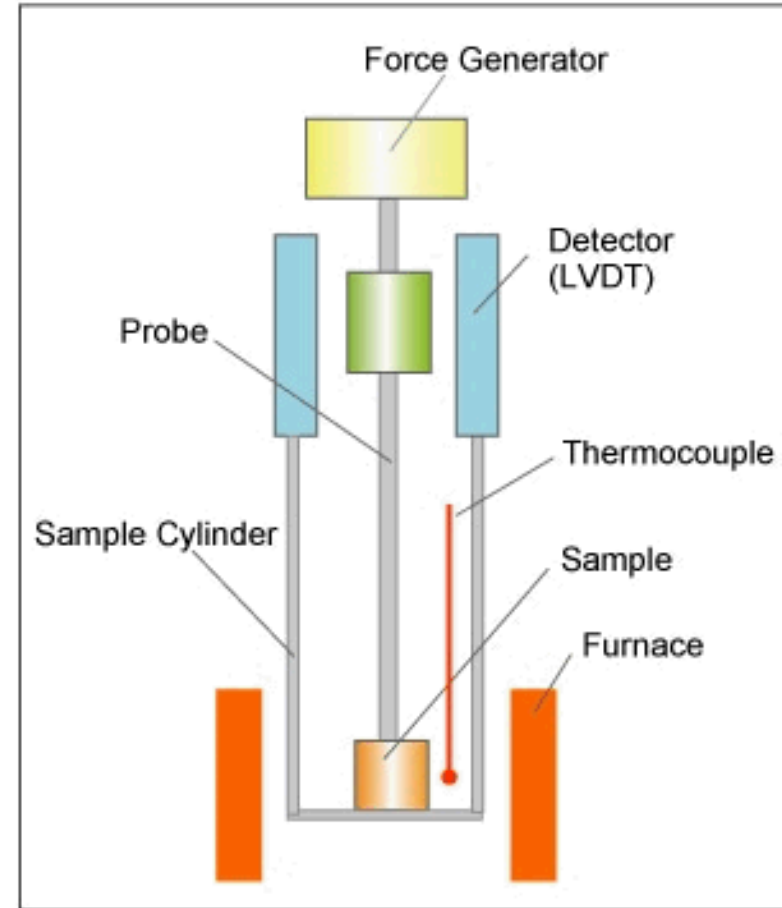
Coefficient	Value
$C_1$	80
$C_2$	500

# Calibrated Shear Function

- Recall:  $f_s(t) = \sum_K w_k e^{-\frac{t}{\tau_k}}$

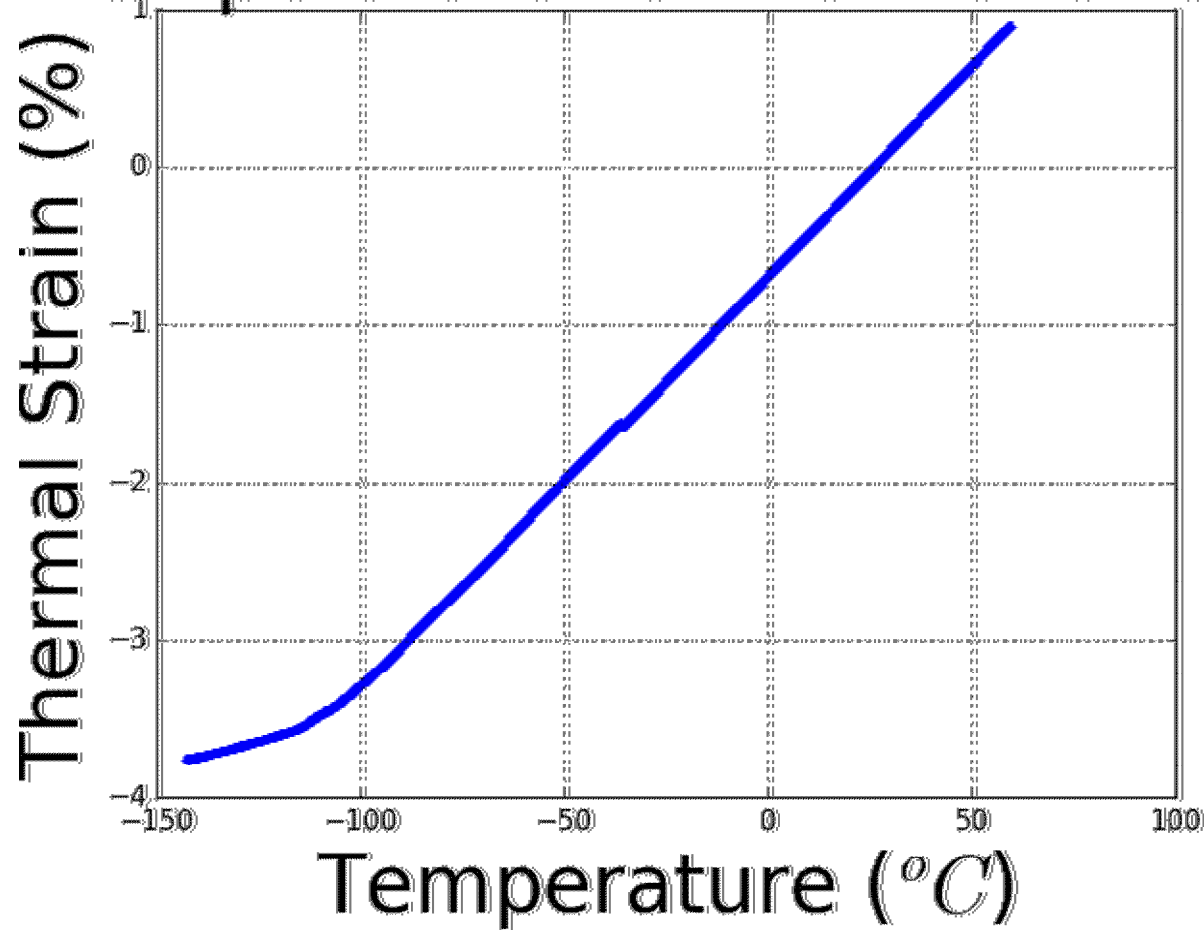


# Thermal Mechanical Analysis (TMA)

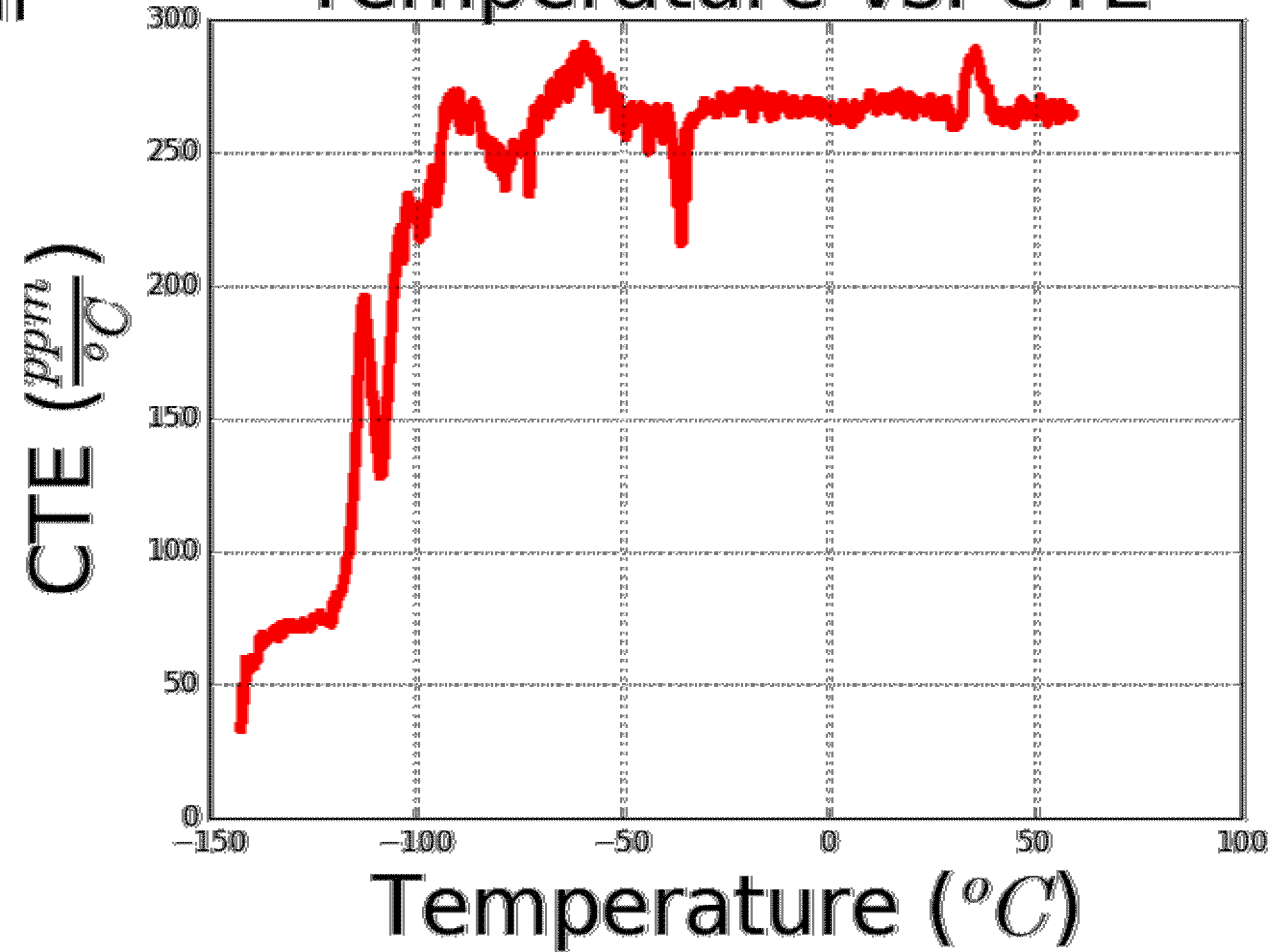


# Data from TMA

## Temperature vs Thermal Strain

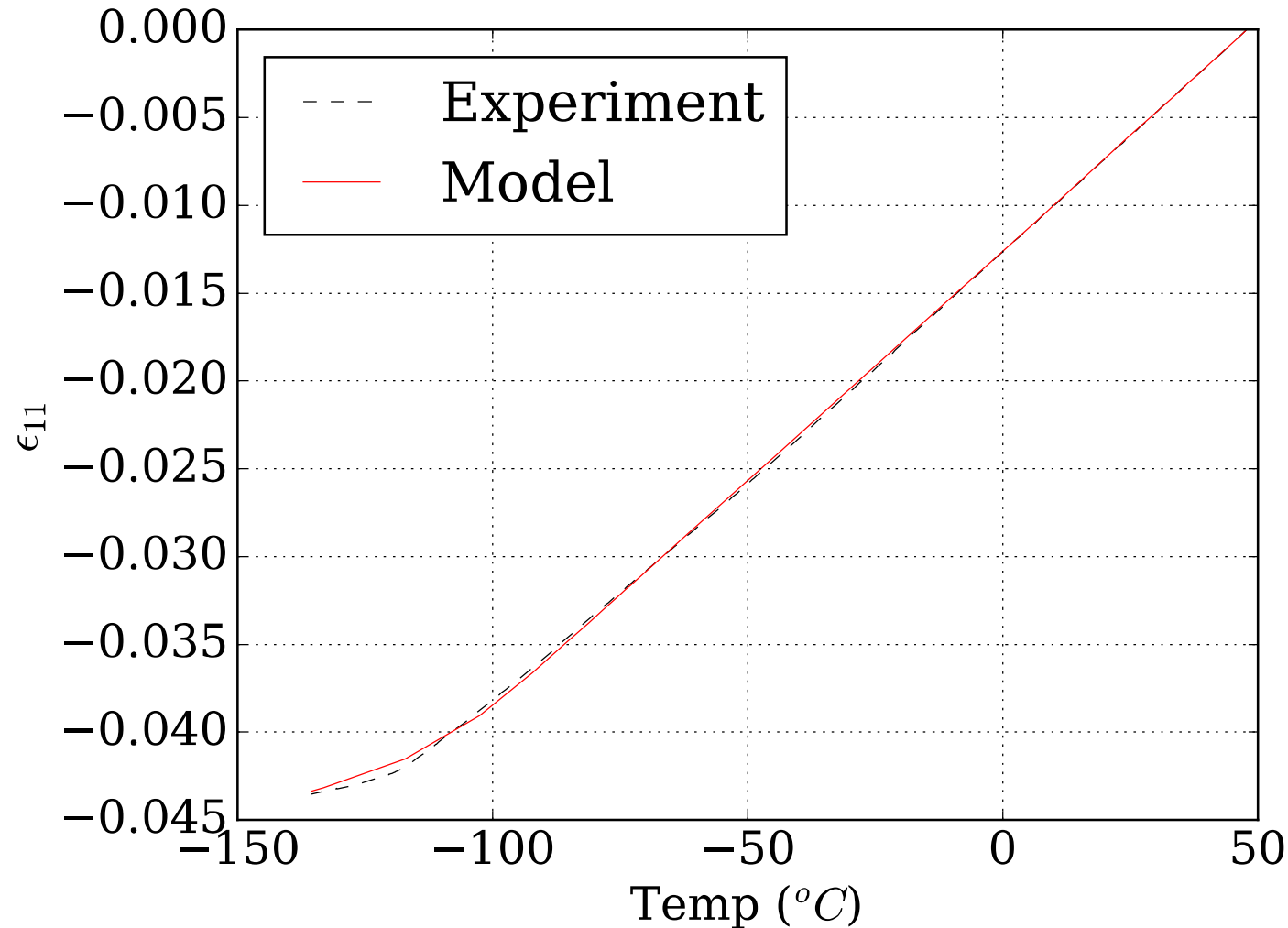


## Temperature vs. CTE

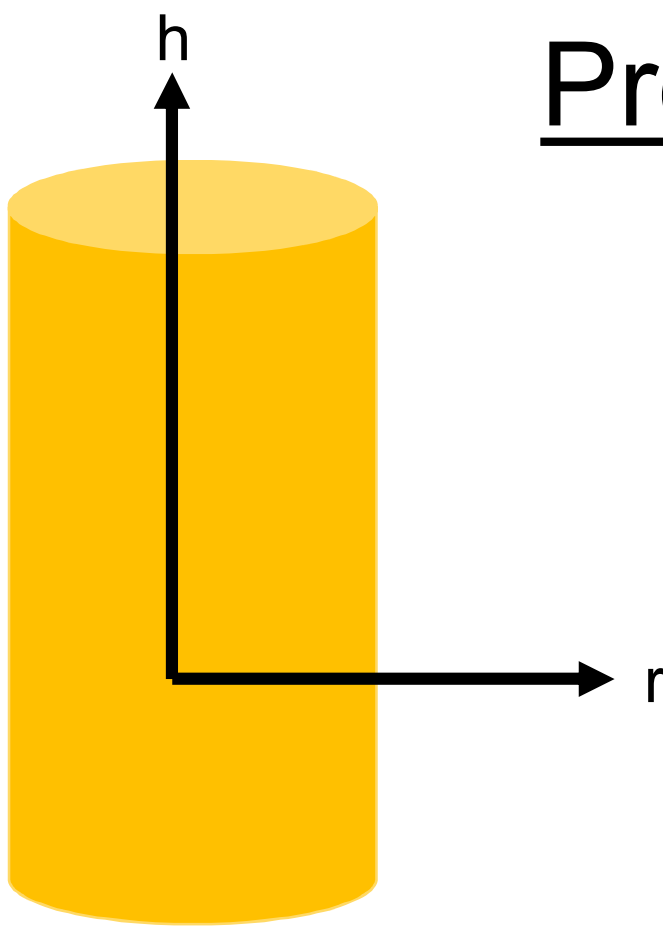


# Calibrating CTE Data

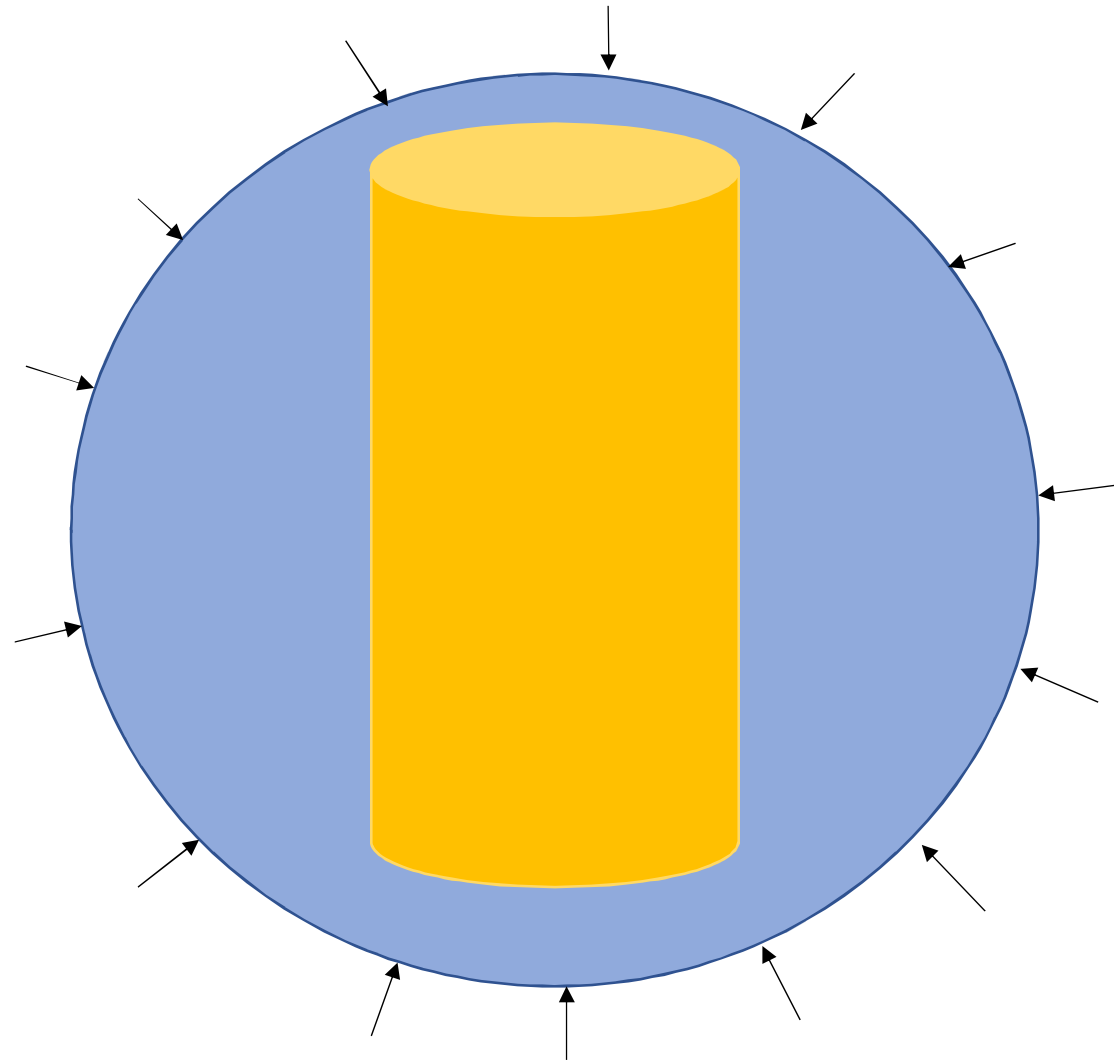
- Recall:  $f_v(t) = \sum_K A_k e^{-\frac{t}{\tau_k}}$
- Single uniform-gradient finite element subjected to the same BC as the TMA



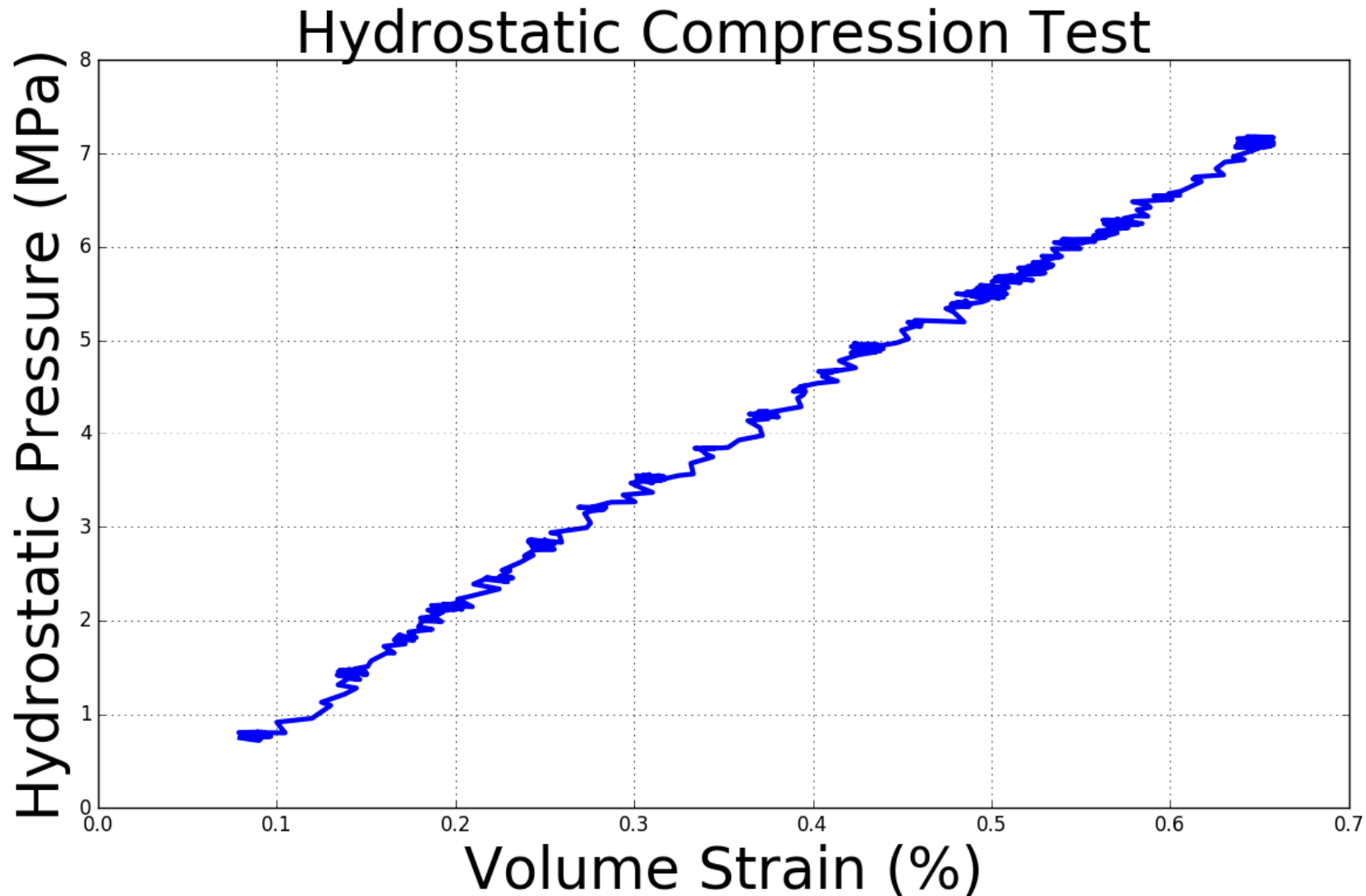
# Pressure Dilatometry



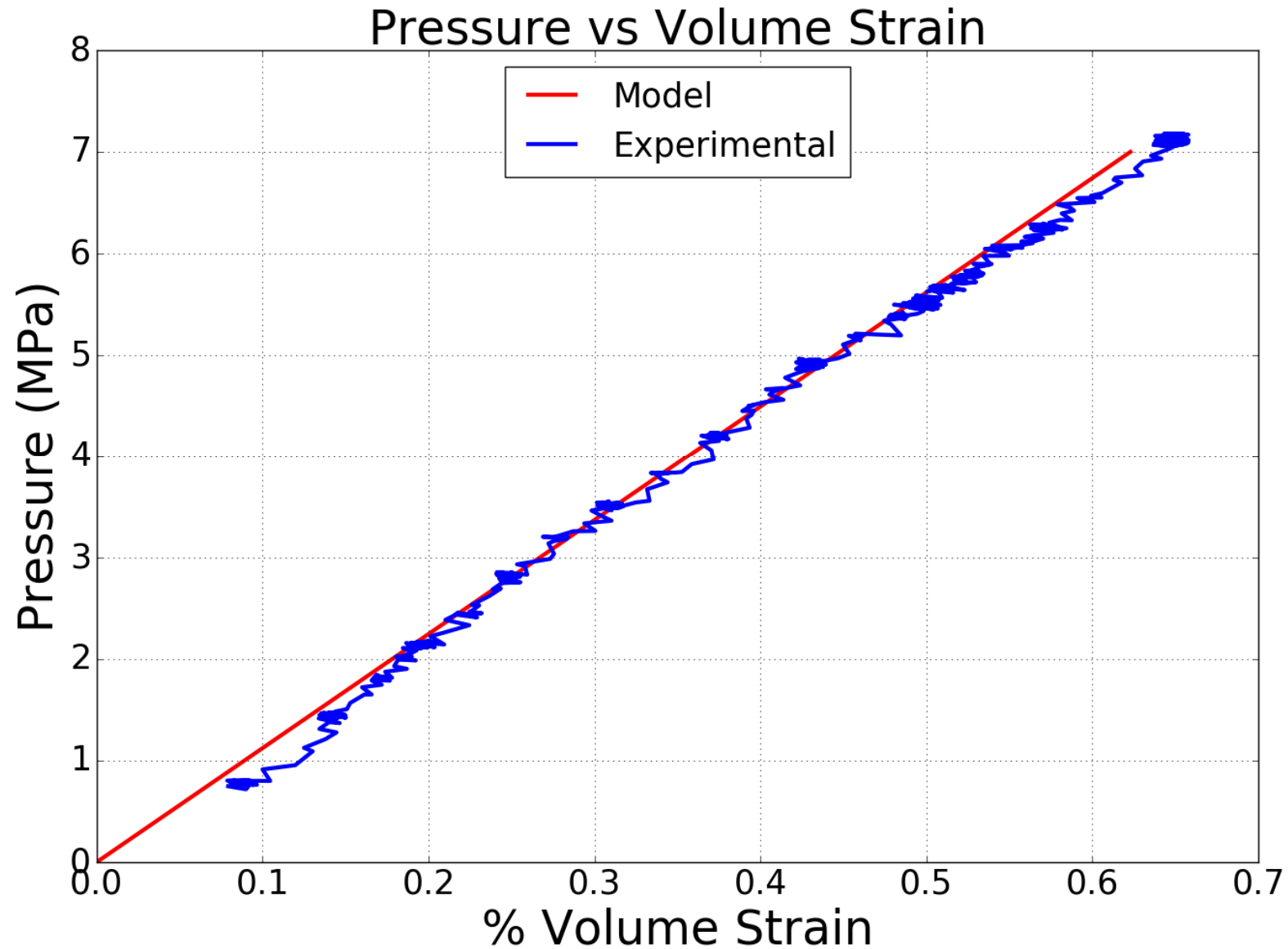
- $h = 28.956 \text{ mm}$
- $r = 6.25 \text{ mm}$



# Pressure Dilatometry Data



# Calibrating Bulk Data

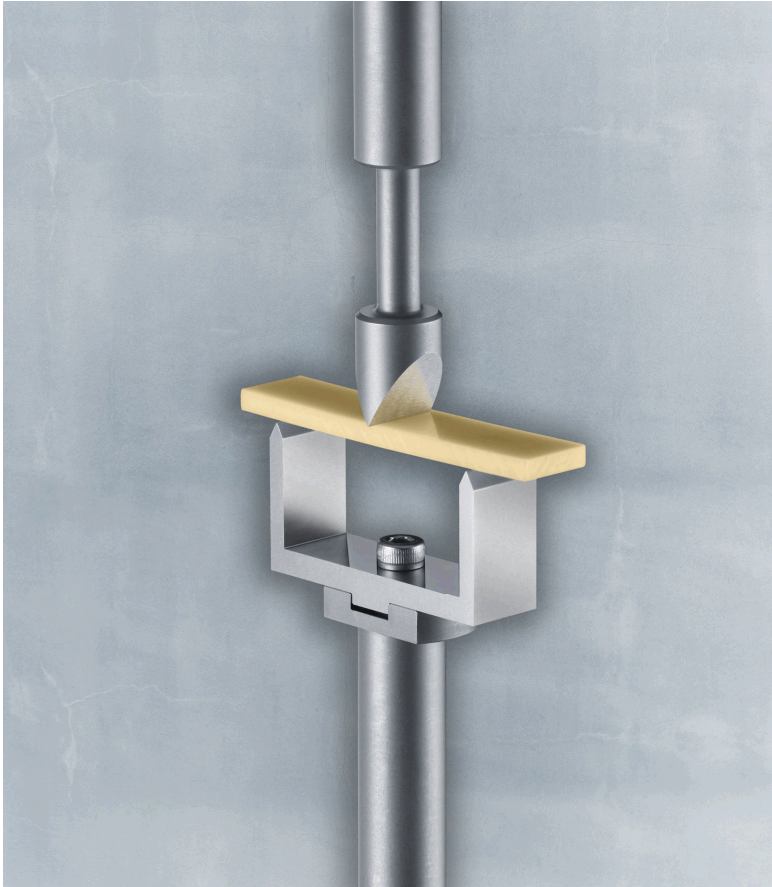


# SPEC Parameters

Symbol	Definition	Units
$T_{ref}$	-100.0	$^{\circ}C$
$K_{\infty}$	1.100	GPa
$\frac{dK_{\infty}}{dT}$	0	$\frac{Pa}{^{\circ}C}$
$K_g$	7.250	GPa
$\frac{dK_g}{dT}$	0.000	$\frac{Pa}{^{\circ}C}$
$\alpha_{\infty}$	8.070	-
$\frac{d\alpha_{\infty}}{dT}$	-0.001E-4	-
$\alpha_g$	2.100E-04	-
$\frac{d\alpha_g}{dT}$	0	-
$G_{\infty}$	0.112	MPa
$\frac{dG_{\infty}}{dT}$	0	$\frac{Pa}{^{\circ}C}$
$G_g$	3.00	GPa
$\frac{dG_g}{dT}$	0	$\frac{Pa}{^{\circ}C}$
$C_1$	80	-
$C_2$	500	-
$f_s$	See Appendix	-
$f_v$	See Appendix	-

# Flexural and Storage Modulus

## Three point Bend



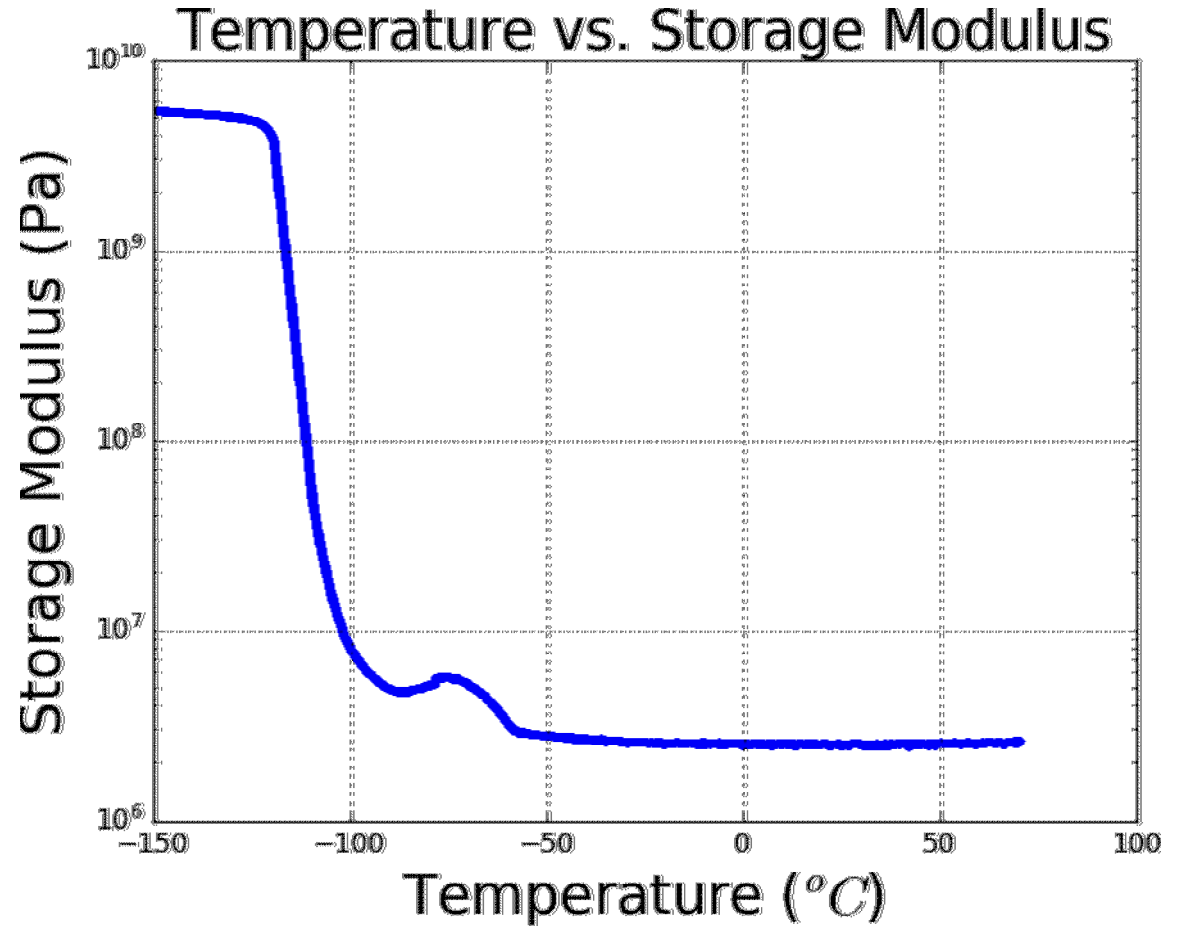
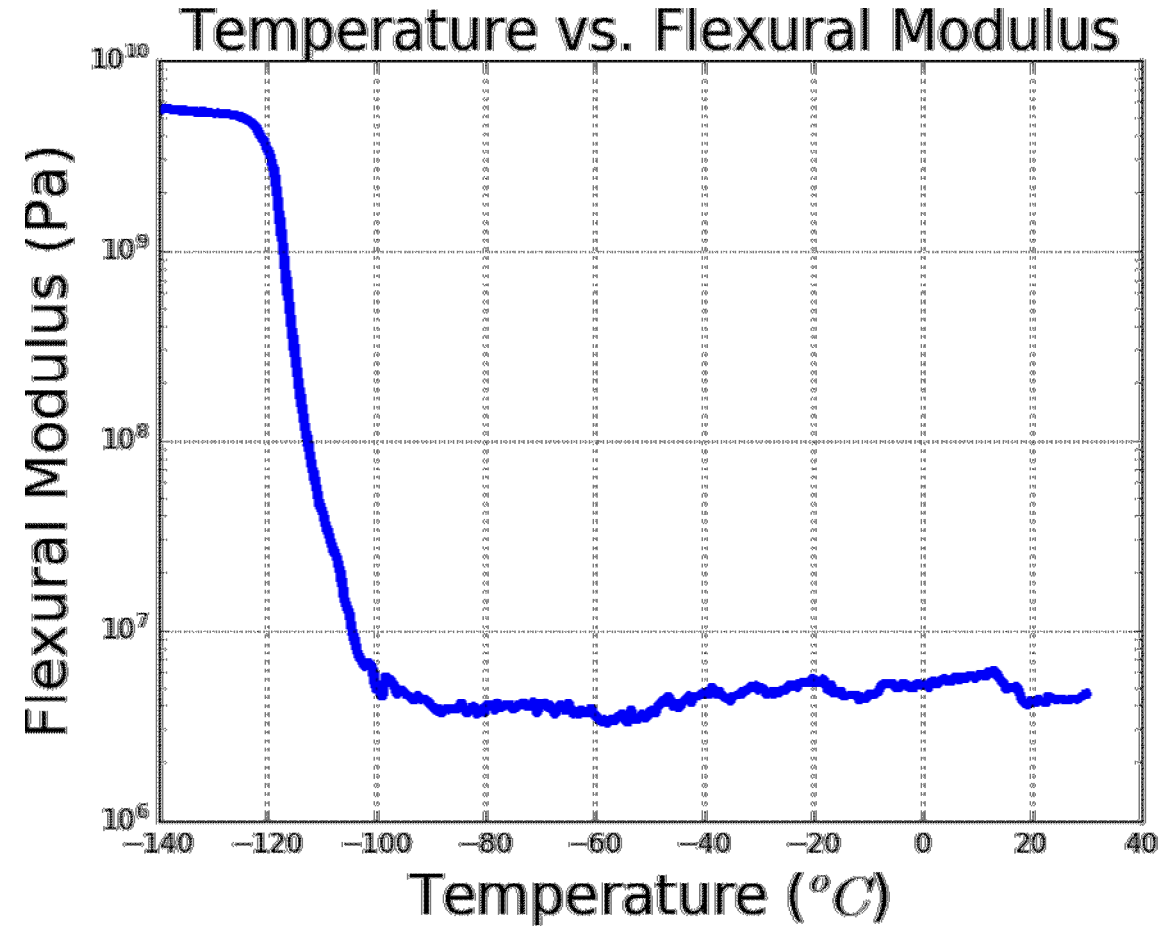
## Uniaxial



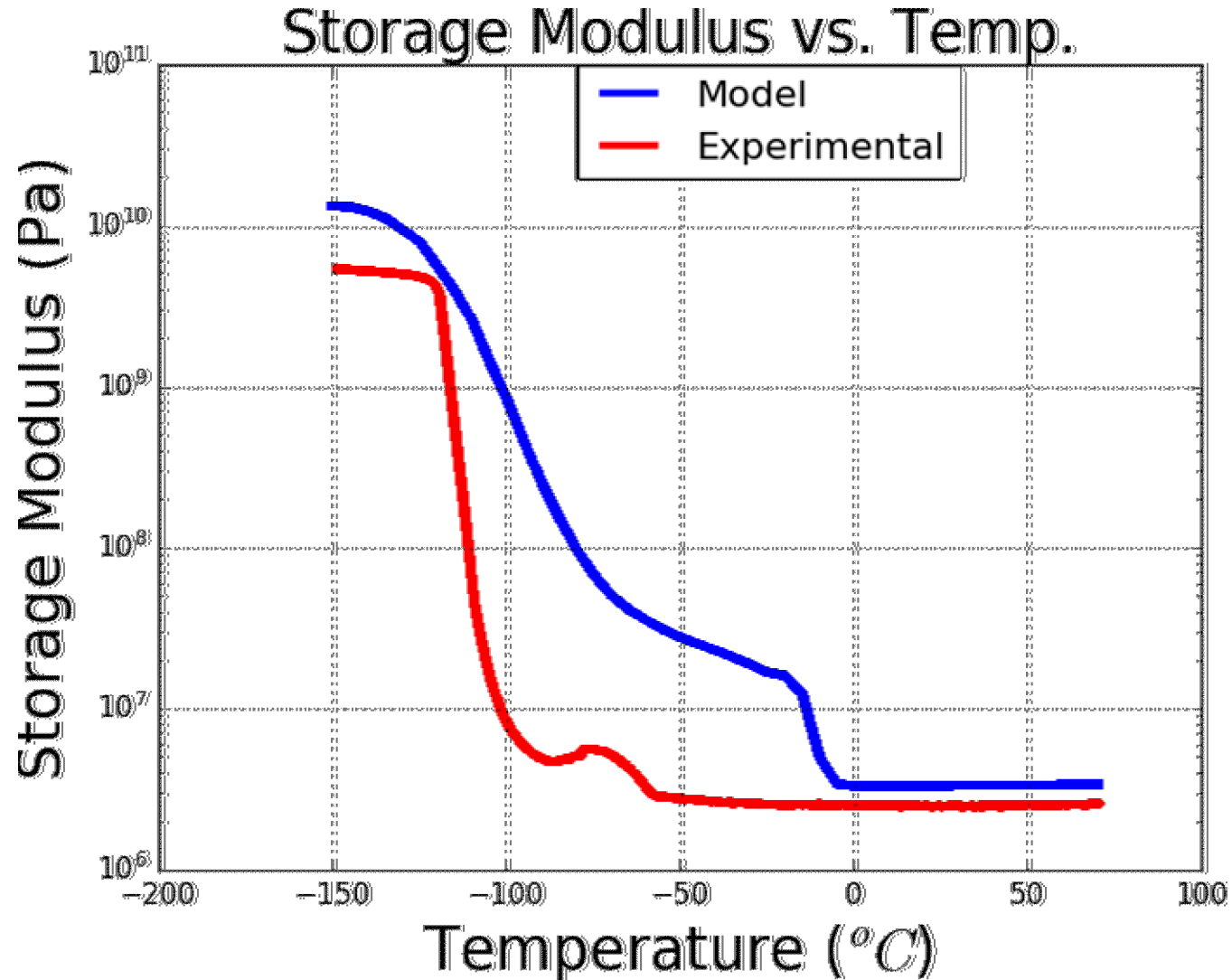
Temperature B.C.  $-140^{\circ}\text{C} \rightarrow 30^{\circ}\text{C}$

$\omega = 1\text{ Hz}$

# Flexural/Storage Modulus Data



# Predicting of Calibrated SPEC Model



# Conclusions

- Calibrated SPEC model was determined for PDMS/PDPS copolymer
  - ✓ Shear response was determined with DMA
  - ✓ Thermal response was determined with TMA
  - ✓ Volumetric response was determined with pressure dilatometry
- Validation of SPEC model was conducted with uniaxial simulation
- SPEC applications:
  - Thermal Environments
  - Shock Environments
  - Stress/Yield/Enthalpy Relaxation

# Conclusions

- Things to note:
  - The DMA data did not reach temperatures below  $T_g$ 
    - Model only valid for frequency of constructed master curve
  - Pressure dilatometry measure measurements did not reach sub-ambient
    - The glassy response was assumed to be similar to Sylgard 184

# Future Work

- Fit the model to the uniaxial data
- Shift to a different ref Temp.
- Conduct DMA with sample geometry that will go sub-ambient

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