Viscoelastic Material Models

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Introduction

- Amorphous polymers show complex time-dependent behavior when subjected to a history of stress or strain.
- Viscoelasticity theory was developed to approximate this behavior in polymers that are subjected to modest strains (less than 0.5%).
- Polymers strongly resist volume changes at all temperatures. The bulk modulus is comparable to that of metals or covalently bonded solids.
- The shear response of a polymer is strongly temperature dependent.



Introduction

- At temperatures near the glass transition, the shear modulus is strongly time dependent. The time dependent shear response can be measured by applying (1) a step load or (2) a harmonic (sinusoidal) load to the specimen.
- The time-dependent modulus of polymers is also temperature dependent. Reducing the temperature is qualitatively equivalent to increasing the strain rate.
- Most amorphous polymers are isotropic.



Response to Step Loading

• Creep compliance: the strain response to a unit constant stress

• Relaxation modulus: the stress response to a unit constant strain.



- The results of such a test depend on the degree of cross-linking in the polymer.
- Heavily cross-linked materials show "retarded elastic" behavior, whereas un-cross-linked materials show steady-state creep.

Retarded Elasticity for Crosslinked Polymers

- There is always an instantaneous strain in response to a step change in stress.
- At temperatures significantly below T_g , the solid is essentially elastic.
- At temperatures significantly above T_g , the solid is very compliant.
- For a range of temperatures near T_g , the solid shows a slow transient response.
- The deformation is reversible, although this may take a very long time.



Steady-state Creep for uncrosslinked polymers

- There is always an instantaneous strain in response to a step change in stress, exactly as in crosslinked polymers.
- At temperatures well below T_g , the solid is essentially elastic and has a very low compliance, comparable with J_g .
- At temperatures above T_g , the solid is very compliant. For most practical ranges of loading, the compliance will increase more or less linearly with time. The slope of compliance is strongly temperature dependent. Compliance J
- Above the glass transition temperature T_g , the deformation is irreversible.



Elastic vs. Viscoelastic Materials

- For a constant loading acting from time 0 to *T*,
- The strain responses of elastic materials:

 σ

T

 σ_0

 $\mathbf{\Gamma}$

• The strain responses of viscoelastic materials:

Viscoelastic Models

• Maxwell model (steady-state creep of uncrosslinked polymers) $\dot{\varepsilon} = \dot{\varepsilon}_E + \dot{\varepsilon}_\eta = \frac{\dot{\sigma}}{E} + \frac{\sigma}{\eta}$ • Creep compliance due to a constant loading σ_0 acting $\sigma = \sigma_0 \implies \dot{\sigma} = 0 \implies \dot{\varepsilon} = \frac{\sigma_0}{\eta} \implies \varepsilon[t] = \begin{cases} \frac{\sigma_0}{\eta} t + \frac{\sigma_0}{E}, & 0 < t \le T \\ \frac{\sigma_0}{\eta} t + \frac{\sigma_0}{E}, & 0 < t \le T \end{cases}$ $\downarrow t \implies J[t] = \frac{\varepsilon[t]}{\sigma_0} = \frac{1}{\eta} t + \frac{1}{E} \end{cases}$ tion modulus due t from time 0 to T Е T• Relaxation modulus due to a constant strain ε_0 $\varepsilon = \varepsilon_0 = \text{const} \quad \Rightarrow \frac{\dot{\sigma}}{E} = -\frac{\sigma}{n} \quad \Rightarrow \frac{\dot{\sigma}}{\sigma} = -\frac{E}{n} \quad \Rightarrow \ln \sigma = -\frac{Et}{n} + \ln C \quad \Rightarrow \sigma[t] = Ce^{-Et/\eta}$ $\sigma[0] = E\varepsilon_0 = C \quad \Rightarrow \sigma[t] = E\varepsilon_0 e^{-Et/\eta} \quad \Rightarrow G[t] = \frac{\sigma[t]}{Et} = Ee^{-Et/\eta}$ 9

Kelvin-Voigt Model (Retarded Elasticity of Crosslinked Polymers)



$$\varepsilon[T] = De^{-ET/\eta} = \frac{\sigma_0}{E} \left(1 - e^{-ET/\eta}\right) \Longrightarrow \varepsilon[t] = \frac{\sigma_0}{E} \left(e^{ET/\eta} - 1\right) e^{-Et/\eta} \Longrightarrow \left[J[t] = \frac{e^{-Et/\eta}}{E} \left(e^{ET/\eta} - 1\right)\right]$$

Standard Linear Solid Model

• Spring + Kelvin

$$\sigma = \sigma_{E_1} = \sigma_{E_2} + \sigma_{\eta}$$

$$= E_2 \varepsilon_2 + \eta \dot{\varepsilon}_2$$

$$= E_2 \left(\varepsilon - \frac{\sigma}{E_1} \right) + \eta \left(\dot{\varepsilon} - \frac{\dot{\sigma}}{E_1} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \overline{\left(E_1 + E_2 \right) \sigma + \eta \dot{\sigma} = E_1 E_2 \varepsilon + E_1 \eta \dot{\varepsilon}}$$
• Strain response to a constant
loading σ_0 acting from time 0 to
 T

$$T$$

Three-parameter Model



• Relaxation modulus due to a constant strain ε_0

$$\varepsilon = \varepsilon_0 = \text{const} \quad \Rightarrow E_1 \sigma + \eta \dot{\sigma} = E_1 E_2 \varepsilon_0 \quad \Rightarrow e^{E_1 t/\eta} \left(\frac{E_1}{\eta} \sigma + \dot{\sigma} \right) = e^{E_1 t/\eta} \frac{E_1 E_2 \varepsilon_0}{\eta}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d}{dt} \left(e^{E_1 t/\eta} \sigma \right) = e^{E_1 t/\eta} \frac{E_1 E_2 \varepsilon_0}{\eta} \quad \Rightarrow e^{E_1 t/\eta} \sigma = e^{E_1 t/\eta} E_2 \varepsilon_0 + C \quad \Rightarrow \sigma [t] = E_2 \varepsilon_0 + C e^{-E_1 t/\eta}$$

$$\sigma[0] = E_2 \varepsilon_0 + C = E_1 \varepsilon_0 + E_2 \varepsilon_0 \implies C = E_1 \varepsilon_0 \implies \sigma[t] = E_2 \varepsilon_0 + E_1 \varepsilon_0 e^{-E_1 t/\eta}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left| G[t] = \frac{\sigma[t]}{\varepsilon_0} = E_2 + E_1 e^{-E_1 t/\eta} \right|$$

Prony Series for the Relaxation Modulus

• Spring // lots of Maxwell elements



• Relaxation modulus due to a constant strain ε_0

$$G[t] = \sigma[t] / \varepsilon_0 = G_{\infty} + \sum_{i=1}^n G_i e^{-t/t_i}, \quad t_i = \eta_i / G_i$$

- These parameters are used directly as the properties of the material.
- The sum of exponentials is known as the *Prony series*.

Williams–Landell–Ferry Time/Temperature Equivalence

- At temperature T_1 , subject a specimen to a step change in shear strain and measure the relaxation modulus.
- Repeat the experiment at several higher temperatures.
- The double log plot demonstrates that, if you simply shift the modulus curves for the higher temperatures to the right, the data collapse onto a single master curve.
- WLF shift function: $\log A[T,T_1] = -\frac{C_1(T-T_1)}{C_2 + T - T_1}$
- More convenient to use T_g as the reference temperature

$$\log A\left[T,T_g\right] = -\frac{C_1^g\left(T-T_g\right)}{C_2^g + T - T_g}$$

 $C_1^g \approx 10-40$ and $C_2^g \approx 50-100$ Kelvin



Calibrating Viscoelastic Models



More Sophisticated Models



Generalization to 3D

• 1D linear elastic

 $\sigma = E\varepsilon$

• 3D linear elastic

$$\sigma_{kk} = 3K\varepsilon_{kk};$$

$$\sigma'_{ij} = 2G\varepsilon'_{ij}.$$

- 1D linear viscoelastic $P\sigma = Q(E\varepsilon)$
- 3D linear viscoelastic

$$P\sigma_{kk} = Q(3K\varepsilon_{kk});$$
$$P\sigma'_{ij} = Q(2G\varepsilon'_{ij}).$$

Response to Harmonic Loading



• Elasticity:

 $\sigma = \sigma_0 \sin \omega t$, $\varepsilon = \frac{\sigma_0}{E} \sin \omega t = \varepsilon_0 \sin \omega t$ (no delay for strain response)

- Viscoelasticity: $\varepsilon = \varepsilon_0 \sin(\omega t \delta) = \varepsilon_0 \cos \delta \sin \omega t \varepsilon_0 \sin \delta \cos \omega t$
- Storage compliance: $\varepsilon_0 \cos \delta / \sigma_0$
- Loss compliance: $\varepsilon_0 \sin \delta / \sigma_0$