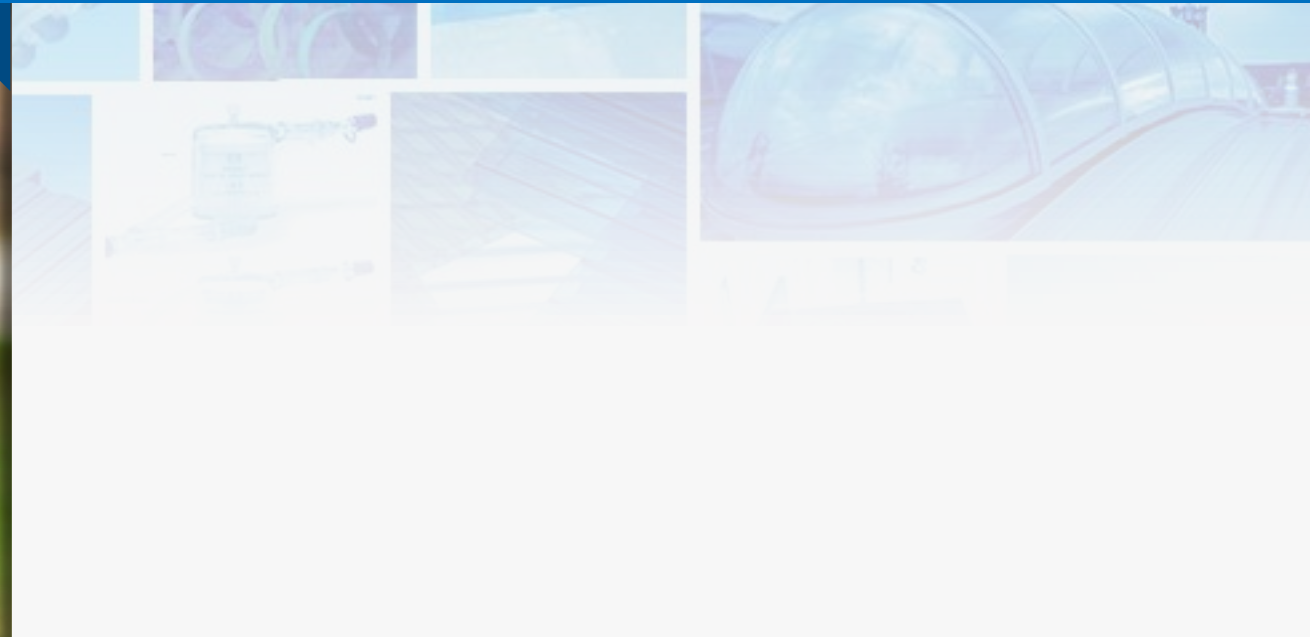




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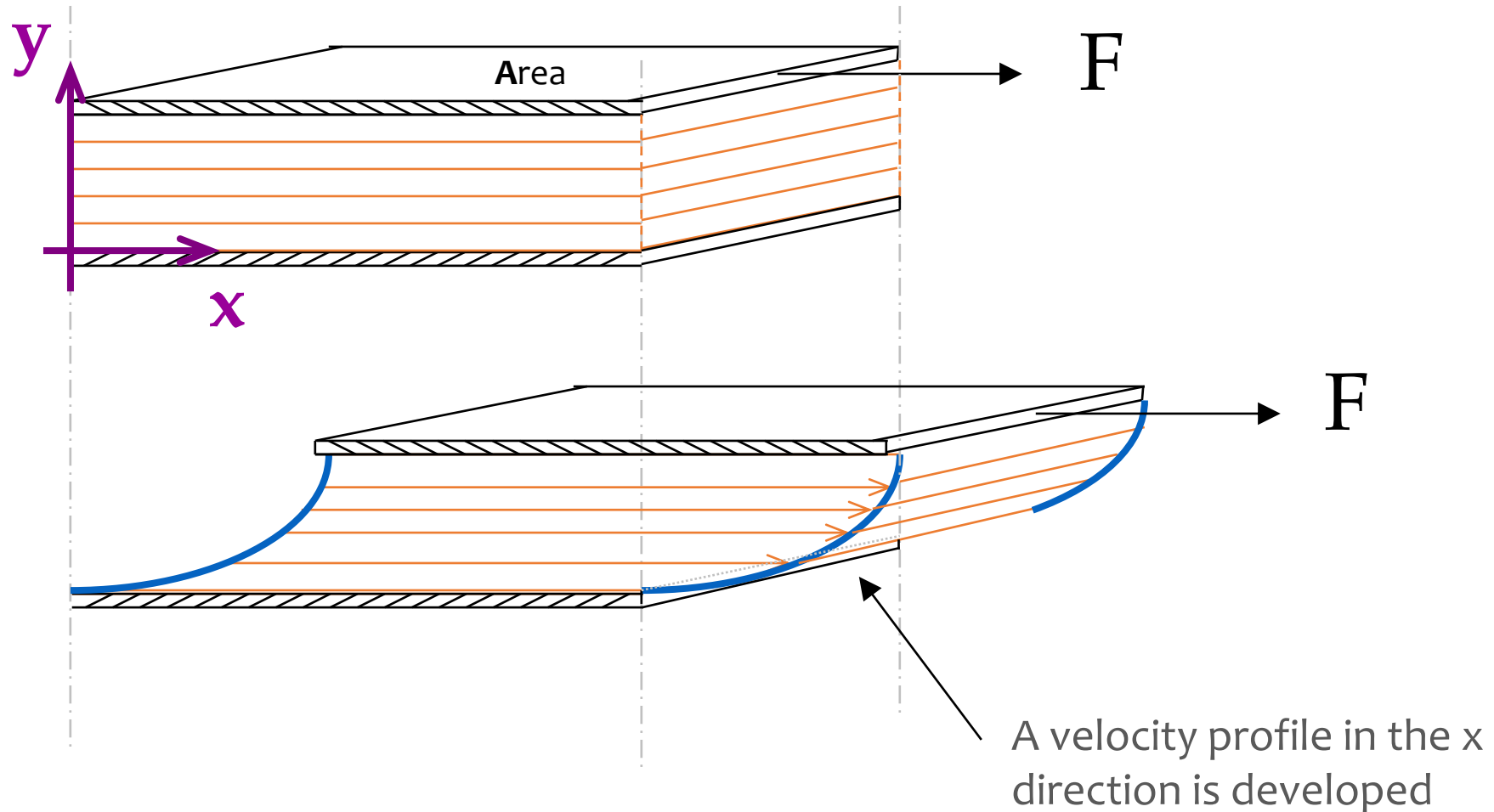


# Shear Viscosity



# The shear phenomenon

Pictorial model: A set of parallel sheets, an imposed Force, an Area, a Velocity, a “new” concept.



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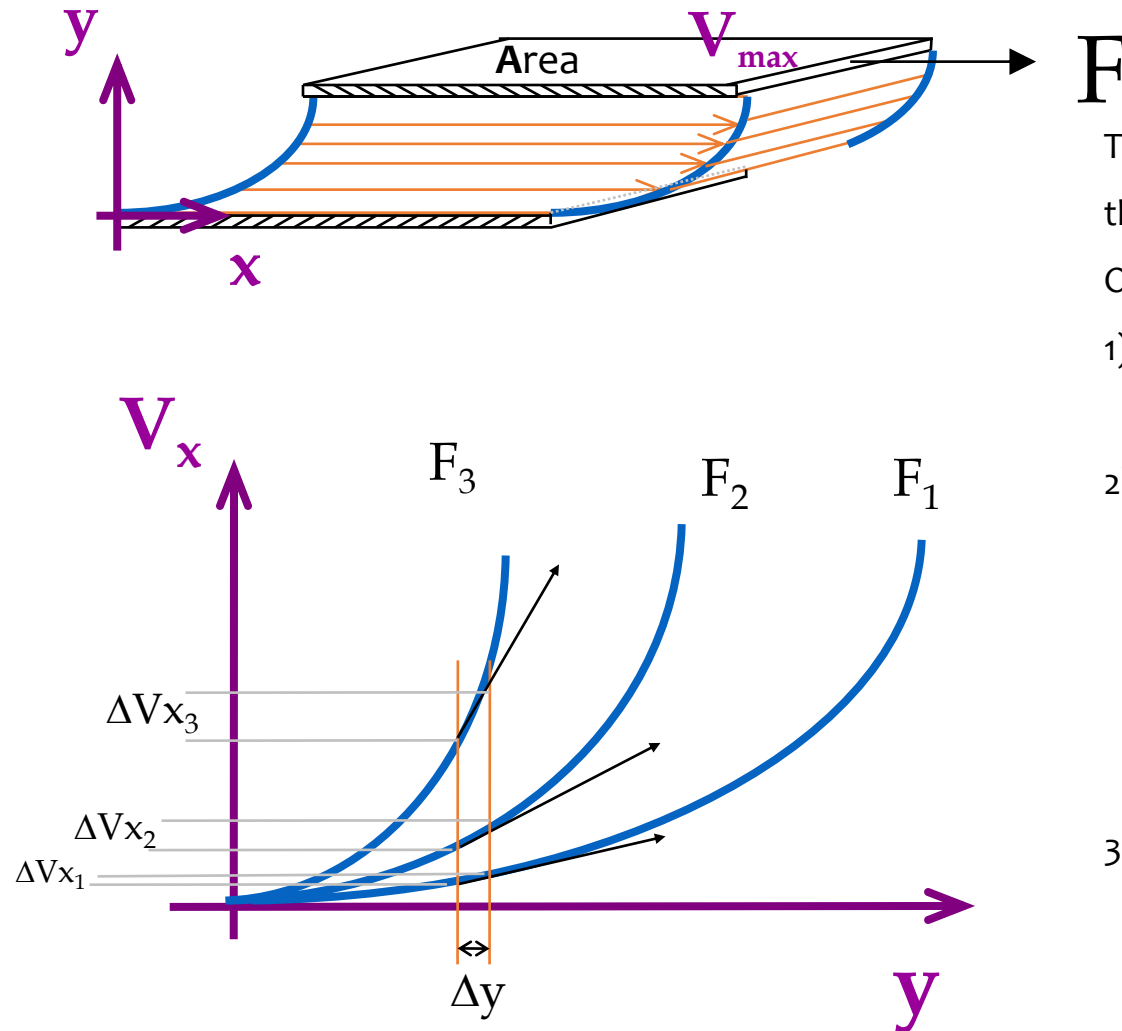


Figure 4. Velocity versus distance in the direction of the transfer of momentum

$F$

The shearing force ( $F$ ) has to be exerted all the time to maintain de motion ( $V_{max}$ )

Observations:

- 1) The bigger the area the bigger the force:

$$F \propto A \quad (0)$$

- 2) The bigger the force:

- a) the bigger the final velocity in the upper sheet, and
- b) the greater the difference in velocity between two consecutive sheets that is:

$$\frac{\Delta V_x}{\Delta y} \propto F \quad (1)$$

- 3) Combining 0 and 1:

$$F \propto A \frac{\Delta V_x}{\Delta y} \quad (2)$$

$$\frac{F}{A} \propto \frac{\Delta V_x}{\Delta y} \quad (3)$$

If we take  $\Delta V_x$  and  $\Delta y$  to be very small then we have the derivative of  $V_x$  with respect to  $y$ :  $\frac{\Delta V_x}{\Delta y}$ , which is the slope given in Figure 4.

**Well... this derivative is what is known as the**

and it means how fast the velocity changes due to the shearing force imposed to the system. Or how fast a material can be sheared.

**The shear rate is typically represented by the symbol:**



On the other hand, the left side of equation 3 is equal to

$$\frac{F}{A}$$

Notice that the Force is  
parallel to the Area

Well... this relation is what is known as the

The shear stress is typically represented by the symbol:

Therefore equation (3):

Can be expressed as:

A proportionality constant can be included to get:

Where constant  $h$  is the viscosity and is equal to  $\eta_0$  in the *Newtonian region*



How is the equation for the non-Newtonian region

The proportionality constant has to change since  $\eta$  is shear dependent (remember the “typical viscosity curve”?):

$$\eta = f(\dot{\gamma})$$

There are many functions to show such dependency

# Empirical functions (fitting) for the viscosity data

$$\eta = K \dot{\gamma}^{n-1}$$

Power Law,

$$\eta = \eta_o [ (1 + |\lambda_c \dot{\gamma}|^m ) ]^{-1}$$

Cross Model,

$$\eta = \eta_o [ (1 + |\lambda \dot{\gamma}|^2 ) ]^{-p}$$

Carreau Model,

$$\eta = \eta_o [ (1 + |\lambda \dot{\gamma}|^a ) ]^{(n-1)/a}$$

Yasuda Model,

$$\eta = \eta_o [ (1 + 0.6 ( \lambda \dot{\gamma} )^{0.75} ) ]^{-1}$$

Bueche-Harding Model,

$$\eta = \eta_o [ (1 + |\sigma / \sigma_{1/2}|^{\alpha-1} ) ]^{-1}$$

Ellis model

where  $\sigma_{1/2}$  is the stress at which  $\eta = \eta_o / 2$ .





# Homework

(Fitting two similar resins  
with the Cross Model)

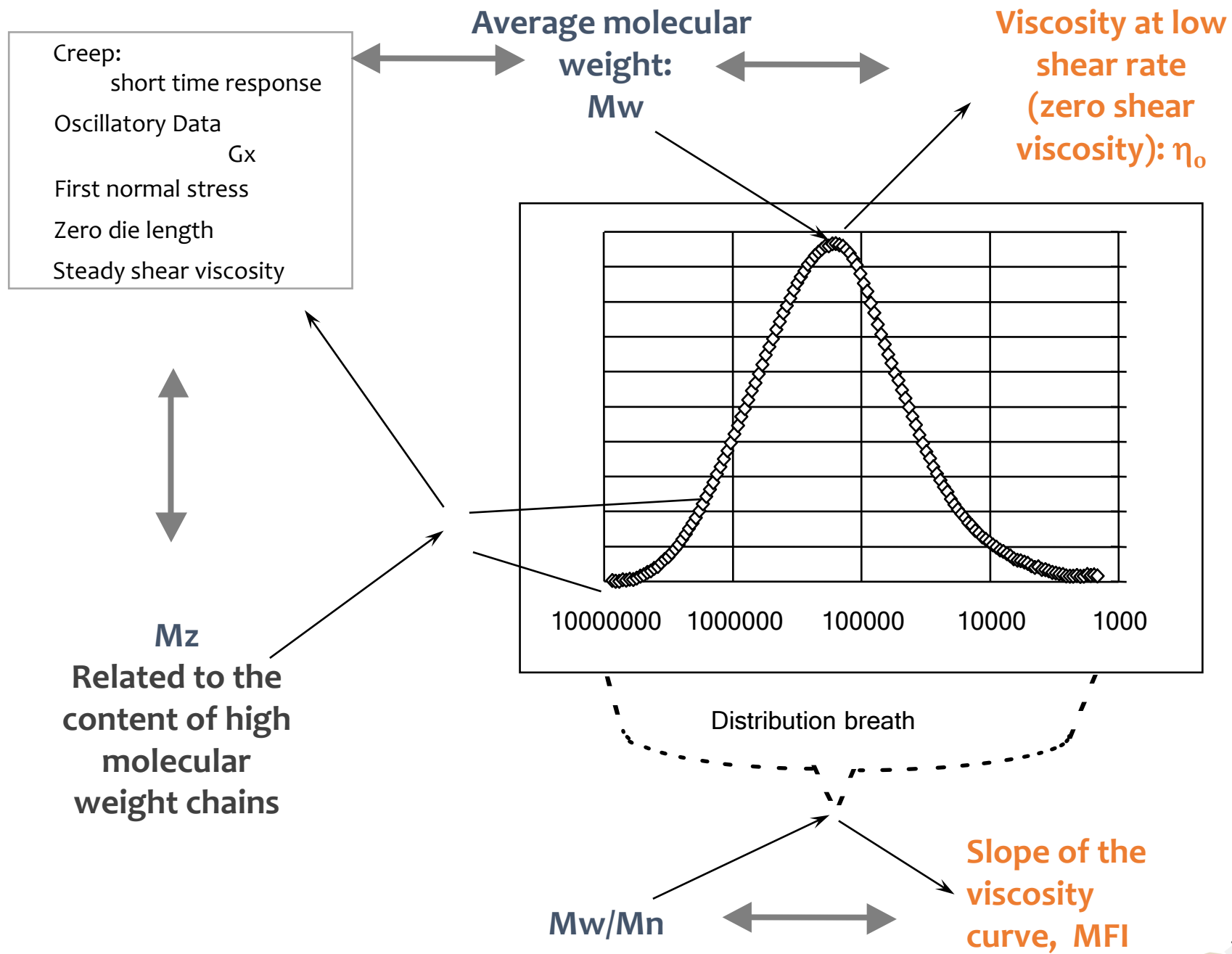


OK,  
What do I need the  
viscosity curves and the  
fitting models for ?

Well, the viscosity and  
the elasticity of a  
polymer is highly related  
to its MWD...

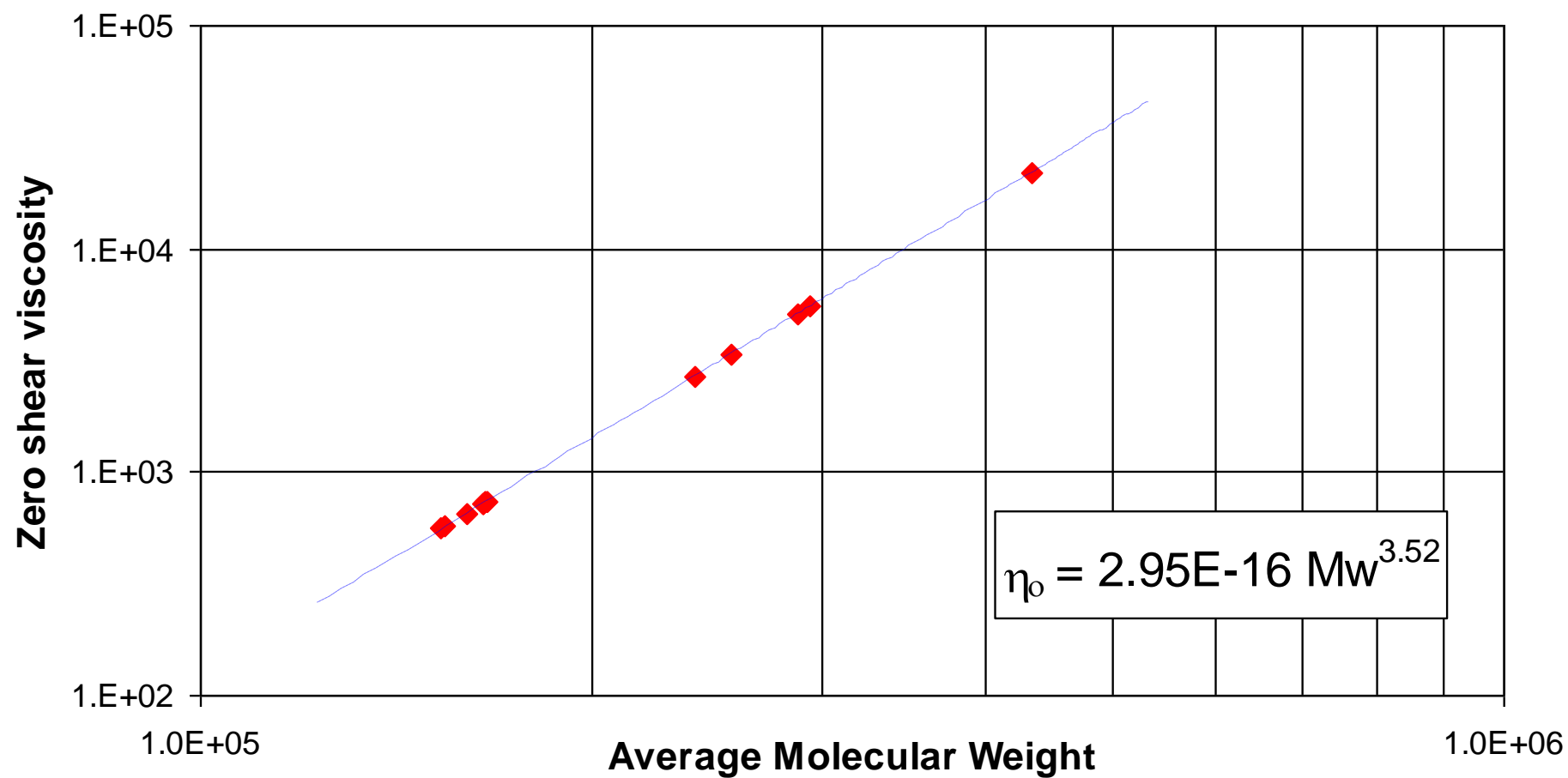
And besides, how  
that relates to the  
processing or  
properties of the  
materials





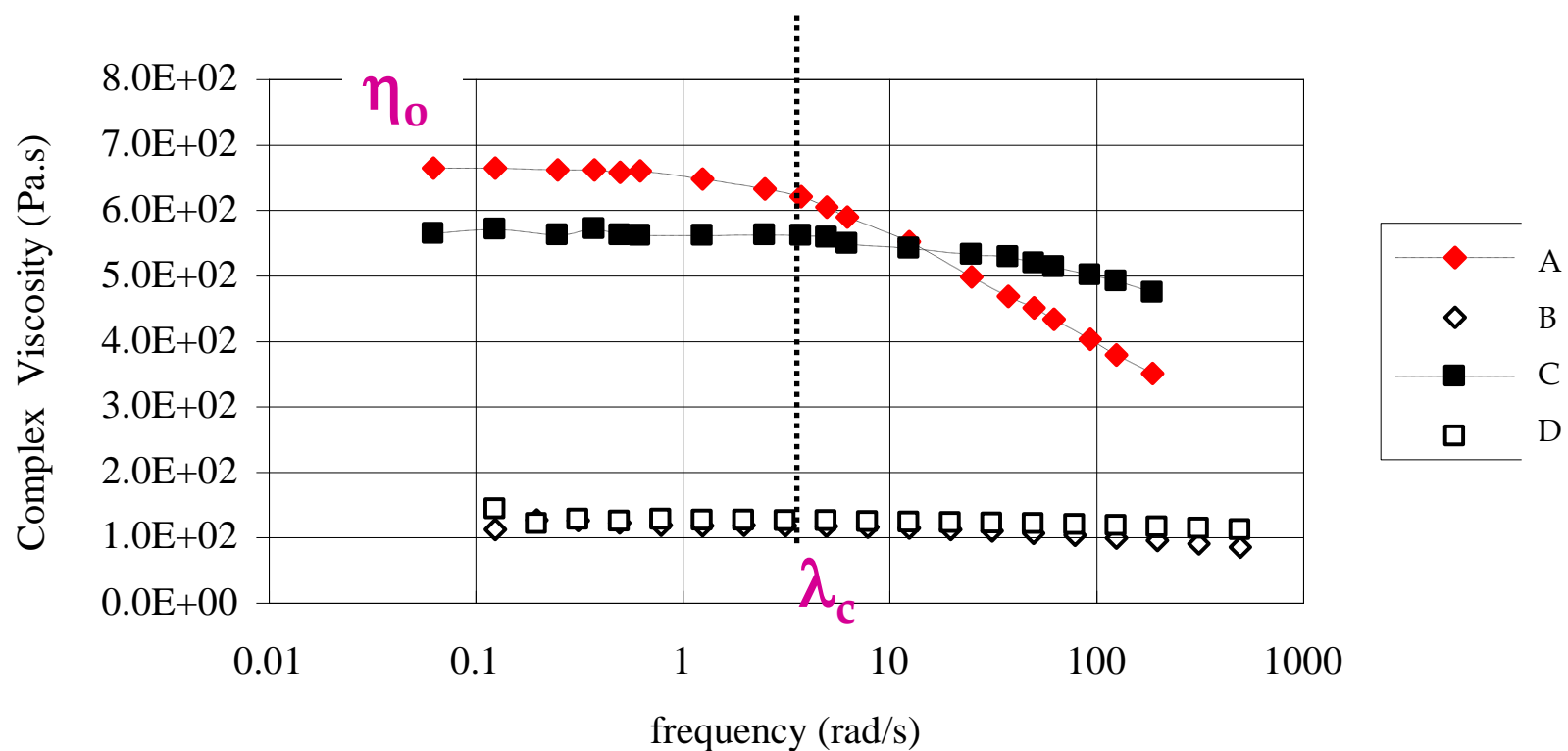
Relation between  $\eta_0$  and  $M_w$

# (Polypropylene resins)





# Viscosity data and GPC data (Asphalts)



Sample	Mn	Mw	Mz	PDI
A	80	2270	26800	28.4
B	130	840	14400	6.5
C	80	1630	21200	20.4
D	140	540	8450	3.9

GPC data  
from  
(Viscotek)

*Mhhh!!!, How can I get the viscosity at the lab? What are the limitations? Can I do these for every resin?*

*Before we keep going let's answer some "anchoring" questions.*

Let's keep listening, this might of help when dealing with the customer



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