

Relaxation Behavior of Network Polymers with Random Connectivity

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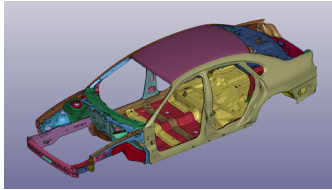
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Adhesive Bonding Technology

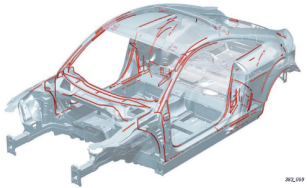


- For **Energy conservation**

- weight reduction of cars
- multi-materialization
- adhesive bonding technology is a key

- durability in long-term use is important

- Especially for fatigue tests
- reliability of polymer materials is still ambiguous



1. focusing on Energy conservation

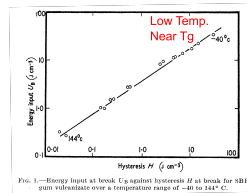
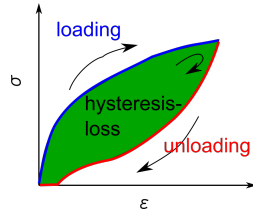
- weight reduction of transportation equipment, especially automobiles is being considered.
- for that purpose, multi-materialization using Aluminum, Magnesium, CFR(T)Ps is discussed.
- these different colors
- in the process, adhesive bonding technology is a big key.
- for example, these red lines

2. requirements for network polymers used as adhesives are

- not only high primary mechanical properties
- but also the ability to withstand fatigue tests
- , in which the polymer is repeatedly deformed at various deformation rates in order to ensure durability in long-term use.

Mechanical Hysteresis Loss and Fracture Energy

- Mechanical Hysteresis Loss
 - Reduced stress on unloading
 - Energy dissipation during cycle
 - **Positive correlation** with fracture energy^a
- The origin of Hysteresis Loss^b
 - **Viscoelasticity**
 - **Crystallization**
 - **Derived by added filler**



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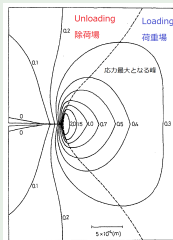
^bA.R.Payne, J.Poly.Sci.:Symposium, 48, 169(1974)

- hyst
 - Mechanical Hysteresis is illustrated in this figure.
 - Reduced stress comes out on unloading compared with loading one.
 - this green area is equivalent to Energy dissipation during cycle
 - and the intensity of hysteresis loss had been reported to have Positive correlation with fracture energy by Payne.
- The origin of hysteresis loss is also categorized by Payne
 - Viscoelasticity based
 - Crystallization
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Andrews Theory for Rubber Toughness

Andrews Theory

- Focused on stress field around the crack^a
 - Stress Loading zone
 - Unloading one
 - divided by stress maximum line
- On the progress of the crack,
 - stress field is transit
 - Hysteresis Loss \Rightarrow Energy Dissipation
 - The progress of Crack is Suppressed



- On the fracture of rubber, Andrews proposed a model focused on Stress fields around the Crack top area
- stress fields can be divide in two regions, stress loading field and unloading one.
- On the progress of the crack,
 - stress field is transit
 - During this transition, Hysteresis Loss is occur and dissipate energy
 - through this process, the progress of Crack is suppressed

^aE.H.Andrews, Y.Fukahori, J. of Mat. Sci. 12, 1307 (1977)

Classical Theory of Rubber Elasticity

Neo-Hookean Model

$$W = C_1(I_1 - 3)$$

against Uniaxial elongation

$$\sigma_{nom} = 2C_1 \left(\lambda - \frac{1}{\lambda^2} \right) = G \left(\lambda - \frac{1}{\lambda^2} \right)$$

Mooney-Rivlin Model

$$W = C_1(I_1 - 3) + C_2(I_2 - 3)$$

against Uniaxial elongation

$$\sigma_{nom} = 2 \left(C_1 + C_2 \frac{1}{\lambda} \right) \left(\lambda - \frac{1}{\lambda^2} \right)$$

With or without Junction Points fluctuation

Affine Network Model ^a

$$G_{affine} = \nu k_B T$$

ν : Number density of strands in the system

^aP.J. Flory, Principles of Polymer Chemistry, (1953)

Phantom Network Model ^a

$$G_{phantom} = \nu k_B T \left(1 - \frac{2}{f} \right)$$

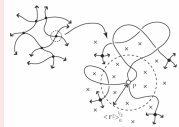
f : Functionality of Junction Points

^aH.M. James, E.J. Guth, Chem. Phys., 21, 6, 1039 (1953)

Constraint Factors for Junction Points and Strands

Vicinity of Junction Point

- Junction points are surrounded by many of **adjacent strands**(x in fig.).
- Fluctuation of junctions are **suppressed**.



combination of G_c and G_e

- Constrained Junction Model
 - Constraints are reduced and G approaches to G_c .^a
- Topological relationships
 - Contribution of entanglement.^b

$$G_e = T_e G_N^0$$

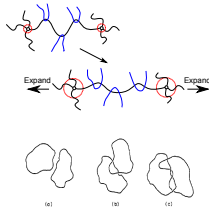


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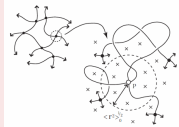
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Constraints Effect

- Suppress the fluctuation of Junction Point
 - Deviate from Phantom Network Model
 - Affect G_c
- Strands Entangles each other
 - Works as a Junction Point
 - Generate additional G_e

Storage modulus G is **combination of G_c and G_e**

- Vicinity of Junction Point
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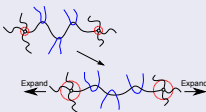


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- Diffused-Constraint Model
 - Confining potential affect all points along the chain.^a
- Nonaffine Tube Model
 - Improved model of "Edwards' Tube Model".^b
- Slip-tube Model
 - A pairwise interaction of chains is introduced.^c

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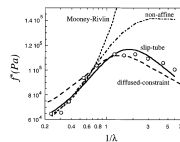


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Recent approach for Constraints (Entanglements)

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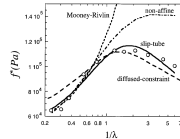


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- 前述のモデルの問題点
 - 変形速度依存性の議論が陽に行われていない。
 - 基本となる PNM の再現が必須。
- ネットワーク構造の連結性にランダム性を導入
 - Flory のファントムネットワークの要件に合致^a
 - the mean values \bar{r} of starand fluctuate
 - fluctuations $\Delta r = r - \bar{r}$ are Gaussian
 - the mean-square fluctuations depend only on structure
- Previous Work for Random Network
 - Random end-crosslink for telechelic polymers^b
 - Primitive Chain Network Simulation^c

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^bG.S. Grest, et.al., Non-Cryst. Solids, 274, 139 (2000)

^cY. Masubuchi, Nihon Reoroji Gakkaishi, 49, 2, 73 (2021)