

VOIGT MODEL

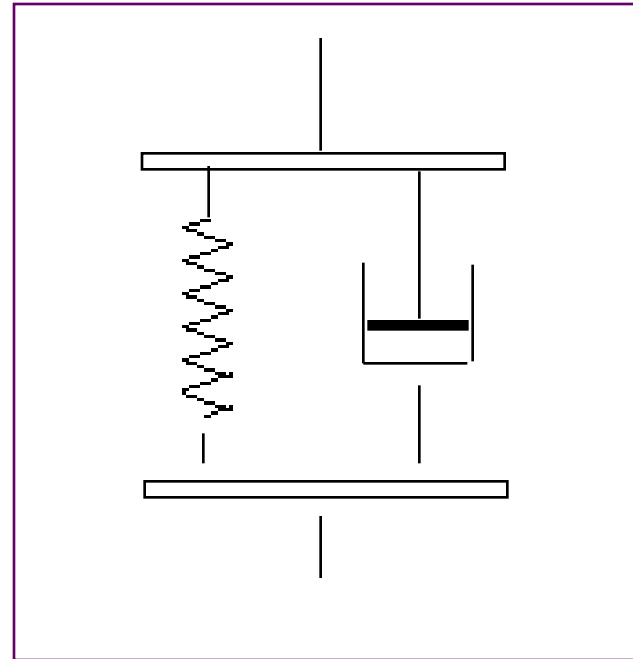
Maxwell model essentially assumes a uniform distribution of stress. Now assume uniform distribution of strain - VOIGT MODEL

Picture representation →

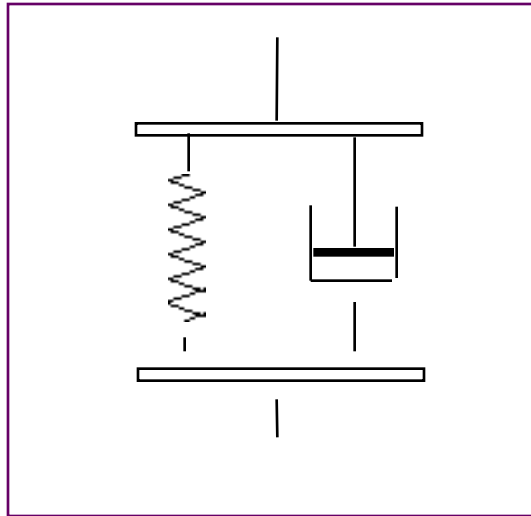
Equation

$$\sigma(t) = E \epsilon(t) + \eta \frac{d\epsilon(t)}{dt}$$

(Strain in both elements of the model is the same and the total stress is the sum of the two contributions)



VOIGT MODEL - creep and stress relaxation



Gives a retarded elastic response but does not allow for “ideal” stress relaxation, in that the model cannot be “instantaneously” deformed to a given strain.

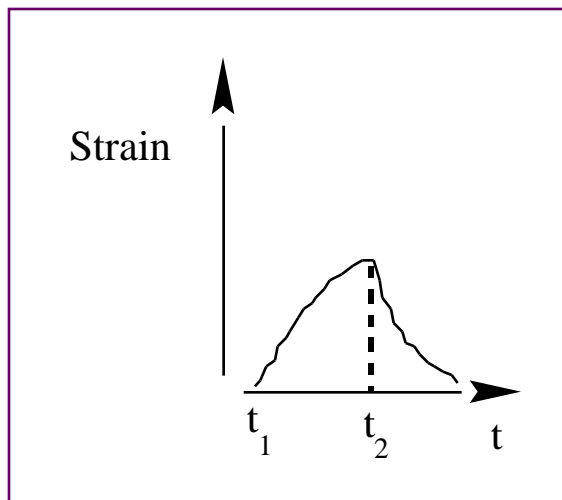
But in CREEP $\epsilon = \text{constant}$, σ_0

$$\sigma(t) = \sigma_0 = E \epsilon + \frac{d\epsilon(t)}{dt}$$

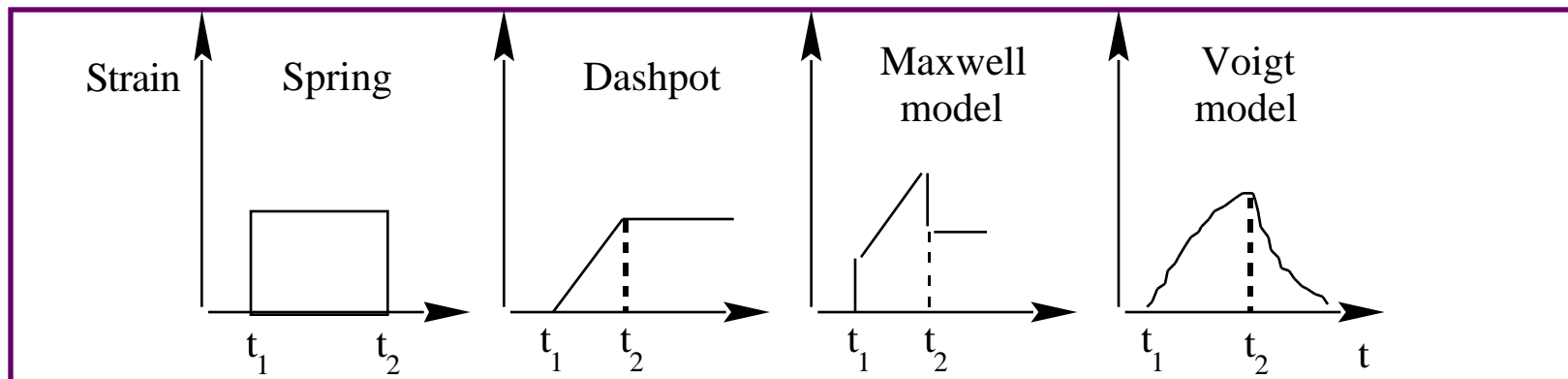
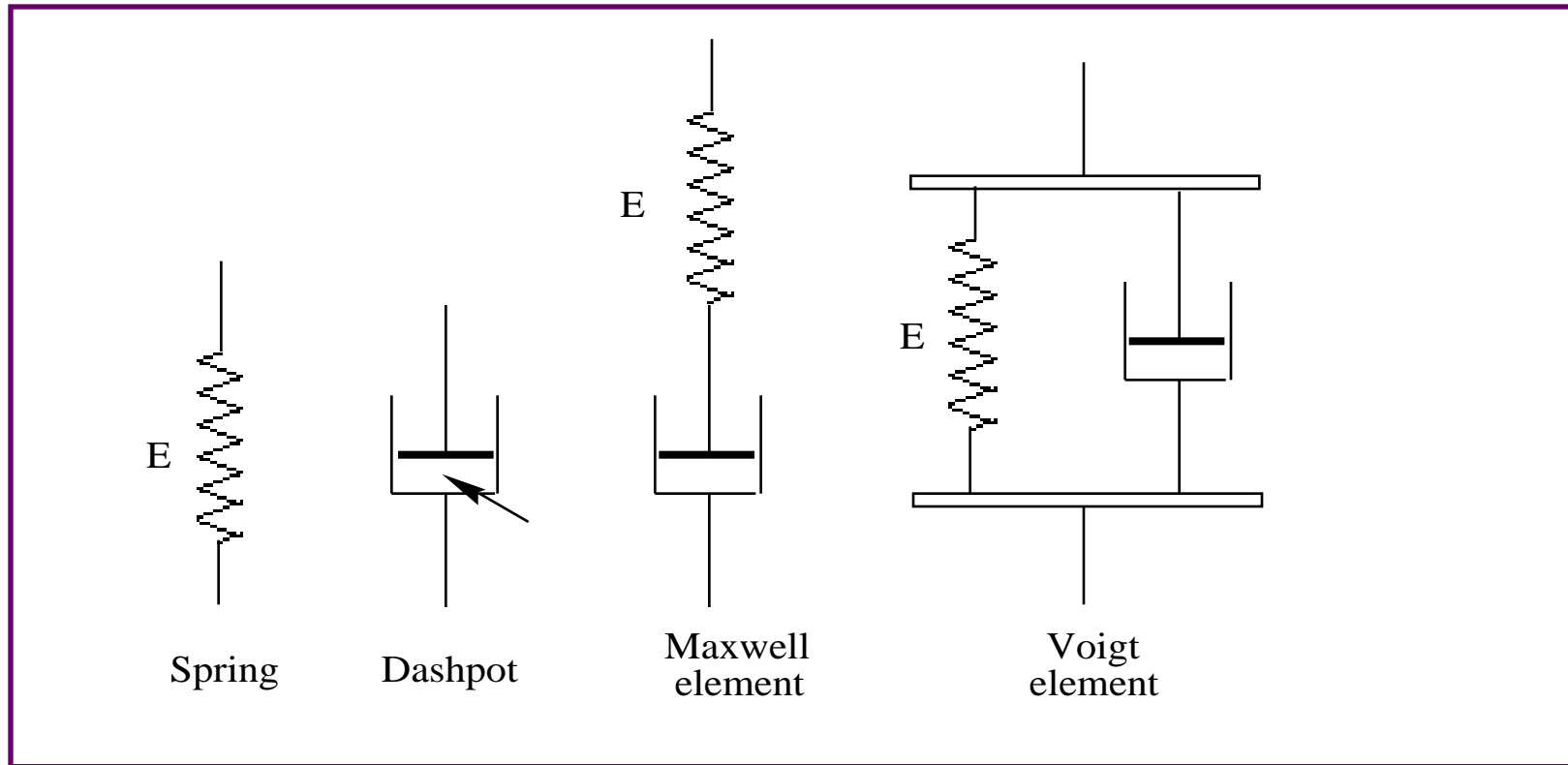
$$\frac{d\sigma(t)}{dt} + \frac{\sigma(t)}{t'} = -\sigma_0$$

$$\sigma(t) = \sigma_0 [1 - \exp(-t/t')]]$$

t' - retardation time (η/E)



SUMMARY



PROBLEMS WITH SIMPLE MODELS

- *The maxwell model cannot account for a retarded elastic response*
- *The voigt model does not describe stress relaxation*
- *Both models are characterized by single relaxation times - a spectrum of relaxation times would provide a better description*



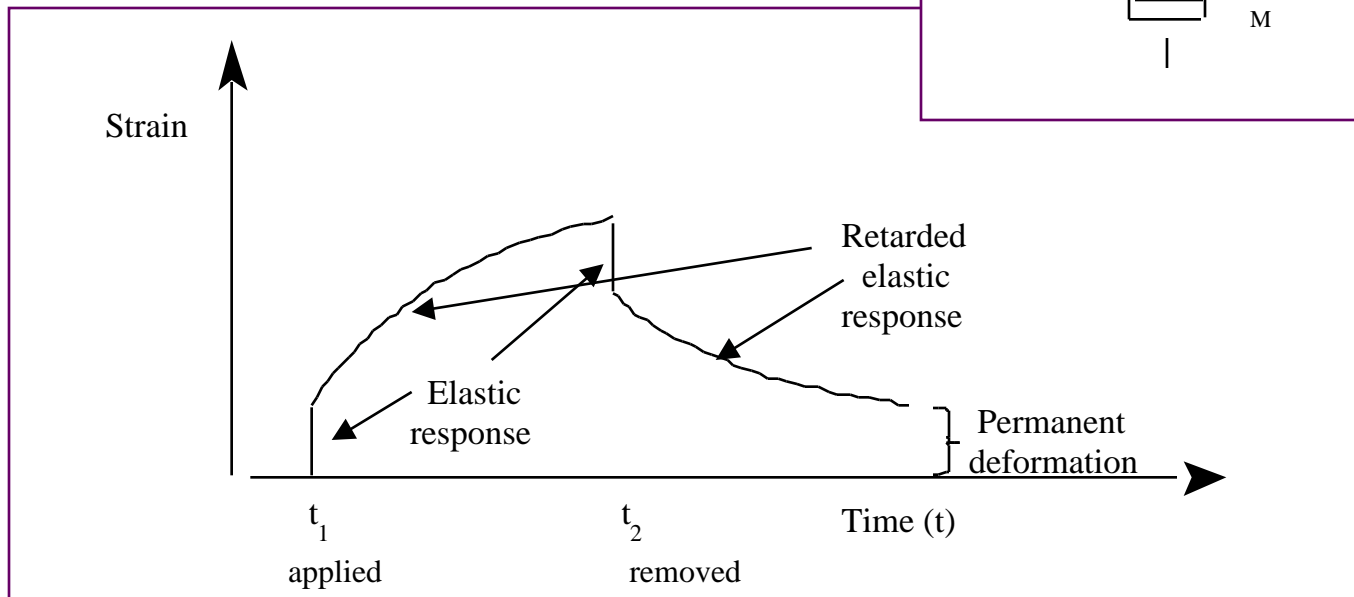
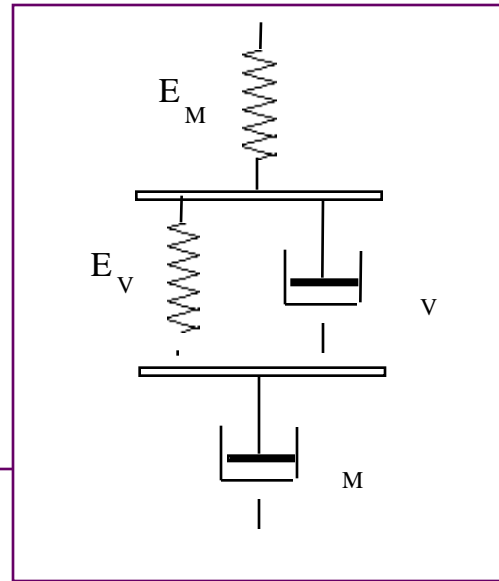
**NEXT - CONSIDER THE FIRST TWO PROBLEMS
THEN - THE PROBLEM OF A SPECTRUM OF
RELAXATION TIMES**

FOUR - PARAMETER MODEL

ELASTIC + VISCOUS FLOW + RETARDED ELASTIC

eg CREEP

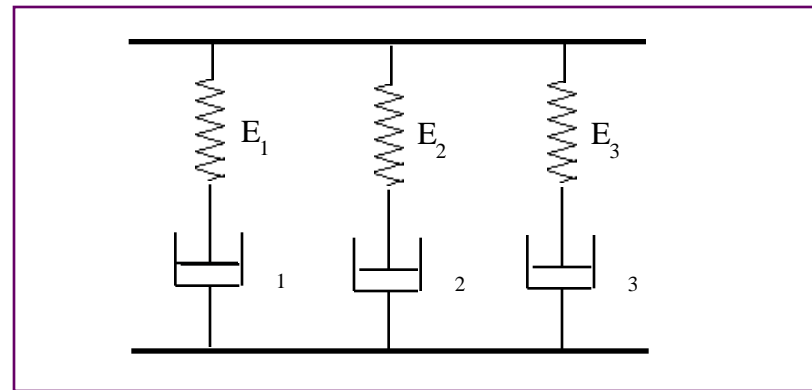
$$= \frac{\sigma_0}{M} + \frac{\sigma_0 t}{M} + \frac{\sigma_0}{M} [1 - \exp(-t/\tau)]$$



DISTRIBUTIONS OF RELAXATION AND RETARDATION TIMES

The Maxwell - Wiechert Model

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} &= -\frac{1}{1} + \frac{1}{1} \frac{d}{dt} \quad 1 \\ &= -\frac{2}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \quad 2 \\ &= -\frac{3}{3} + \frac{1}{3} \frac{d}{dt} \quad 3 \end{aligned}$$



Consider stress relaxation

$$\frac{d}{dt} = 0$$

$$1 = 0 \exp[-t/t_1]$$

$$2 = 0 \exp[-t/t_2]$$

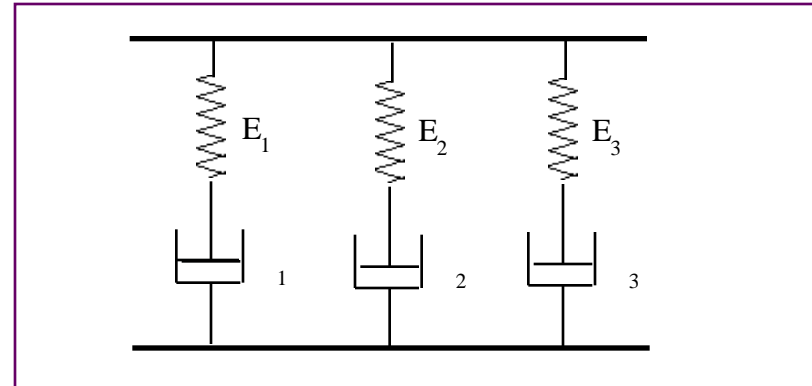
$$3 = 0 \exp[-t/t_3]$$

DISTRIBUTIONS OF RELAXATION AND RETARDATION TIMES

Stress relaxation modulus

$$E(t) = E_0 + \sum_{i=1}^n E_i \exp(-t/\tau_i)$$

$$\sigma(t) = \sigma_0 + \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i \exp(-t/\tau_i)$$



$$E(t) = E_0 + \sum_{i=1}^n E_i \exp(-t/\tau_i)$$

Or, in general

$$E(t) = E_0 + \sum_{n=1}^n E_n \exp(-t/\tau_n) \quad \text{where} \quad E_n = \frac{\sigma_0 \tau_n^n}{\tau_n^n}$$

SIMILARLY, FOR CREEP COMPLIANCE COMBINE VOIGT ELEMENTS TO OBTAIN

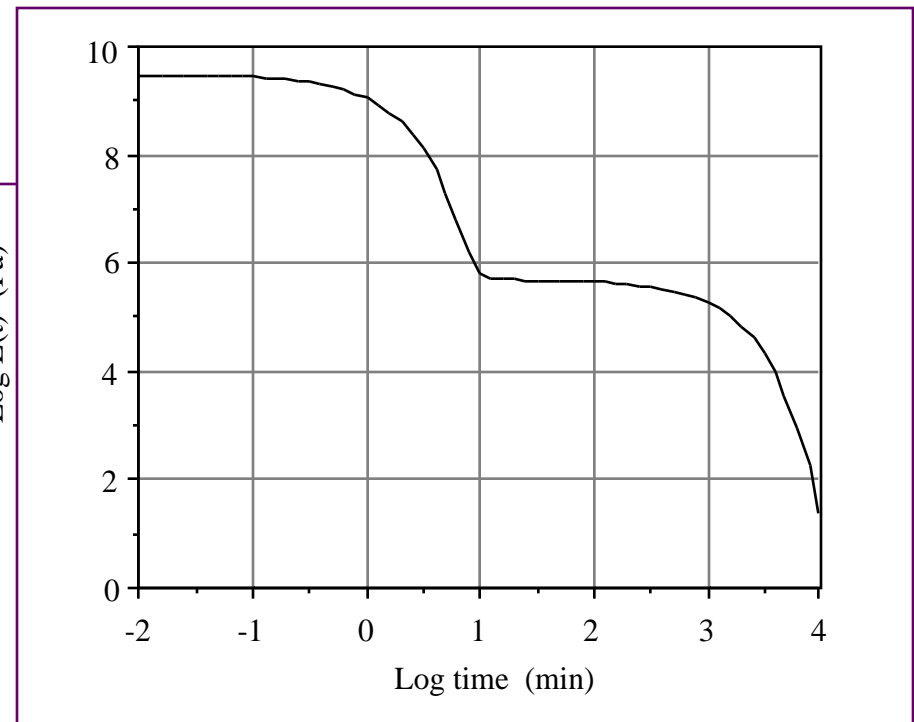
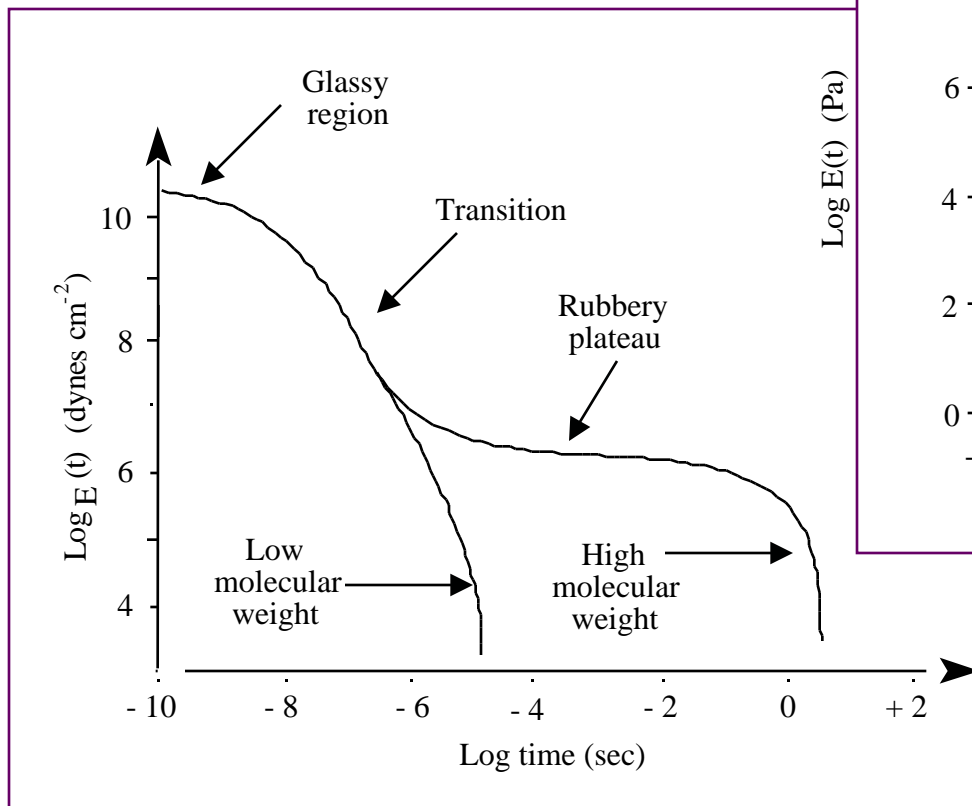
$$D(t) = D_0 + \sum_{n=1}^n D_n [1 - \exp(-t/\tau_n)]$$

DISTRIBUTIONS OF RELAXATION AND RETARDATION TIMES

Example - The Maxwell - Wiechert Model with

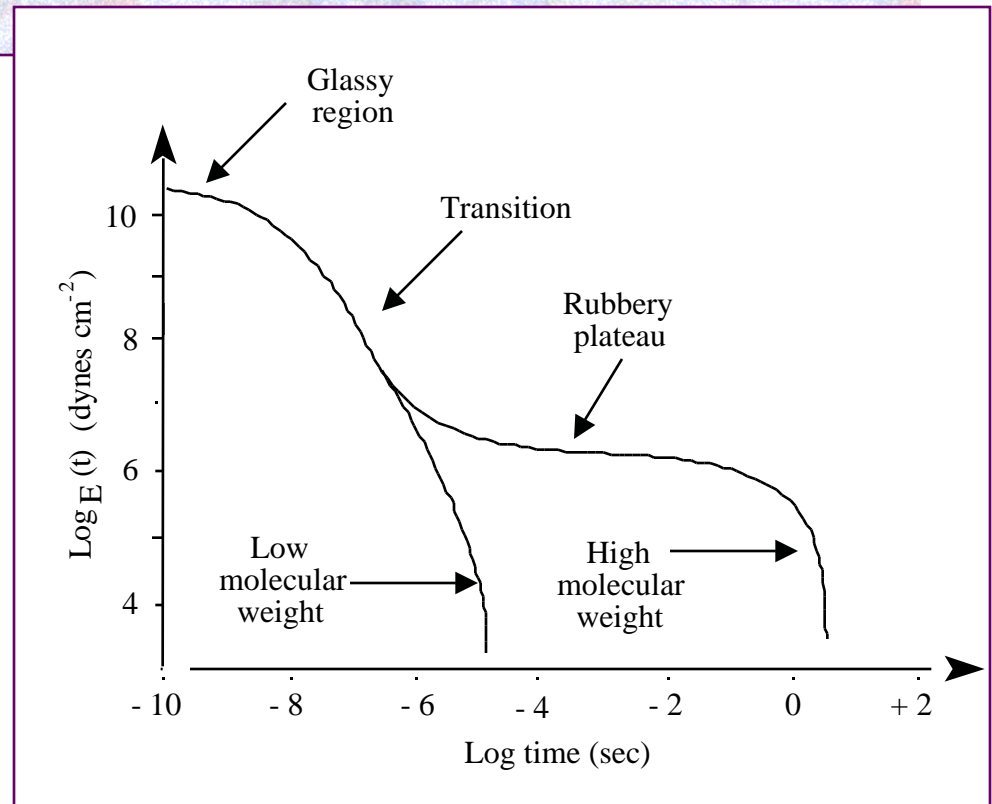
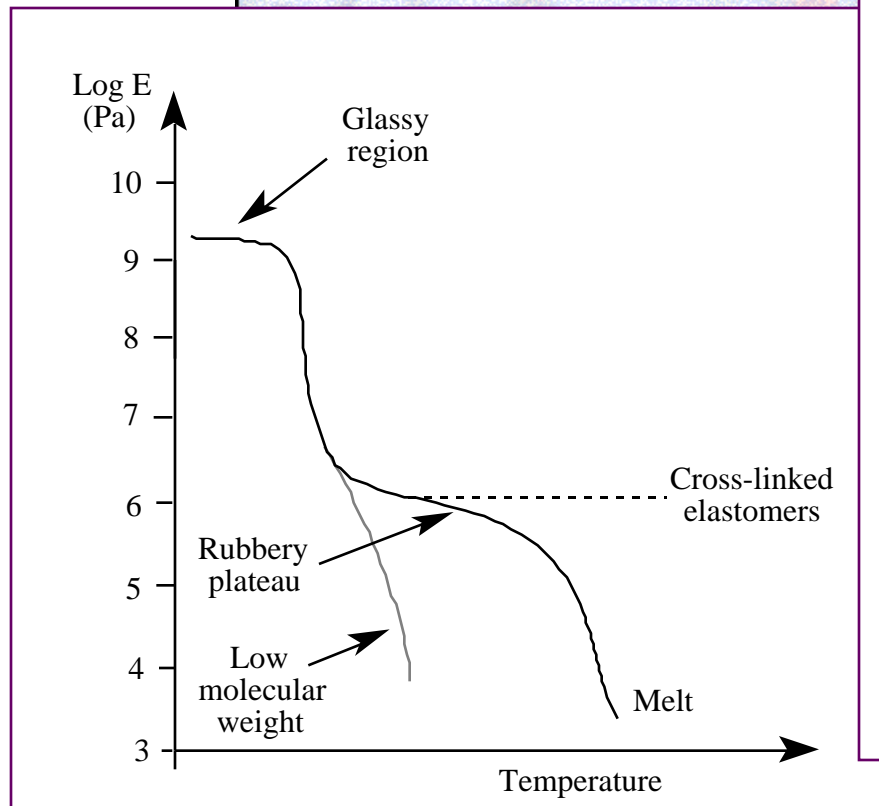
$$E(t) = E_n \exp(-t/t_n)$$

$$n = 2$$



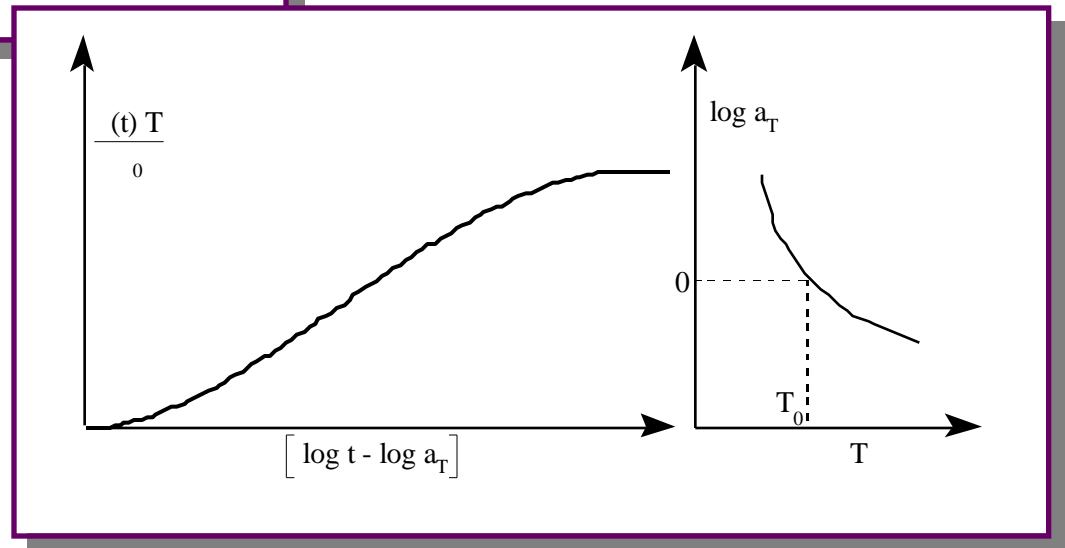
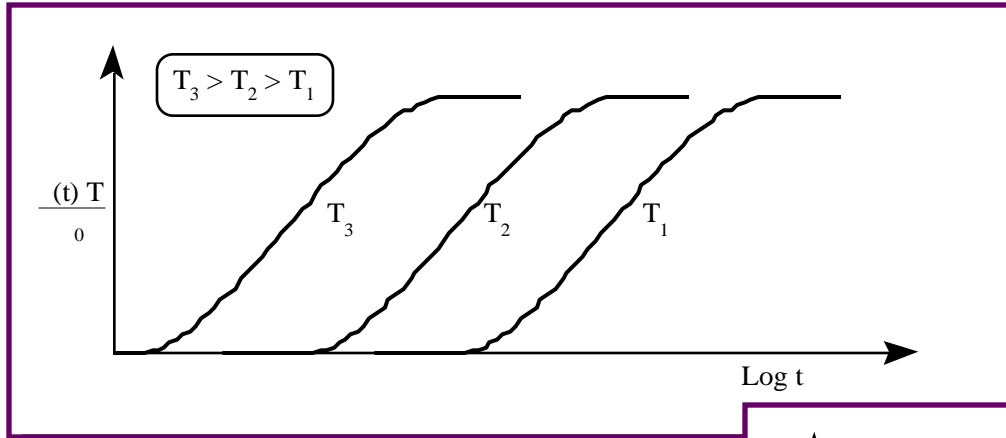
TIME - TEMPERATURE SUPERPOSITION PRINCIPLE

Recall that we have seen that there is a time - temperature equivalence in behaviour

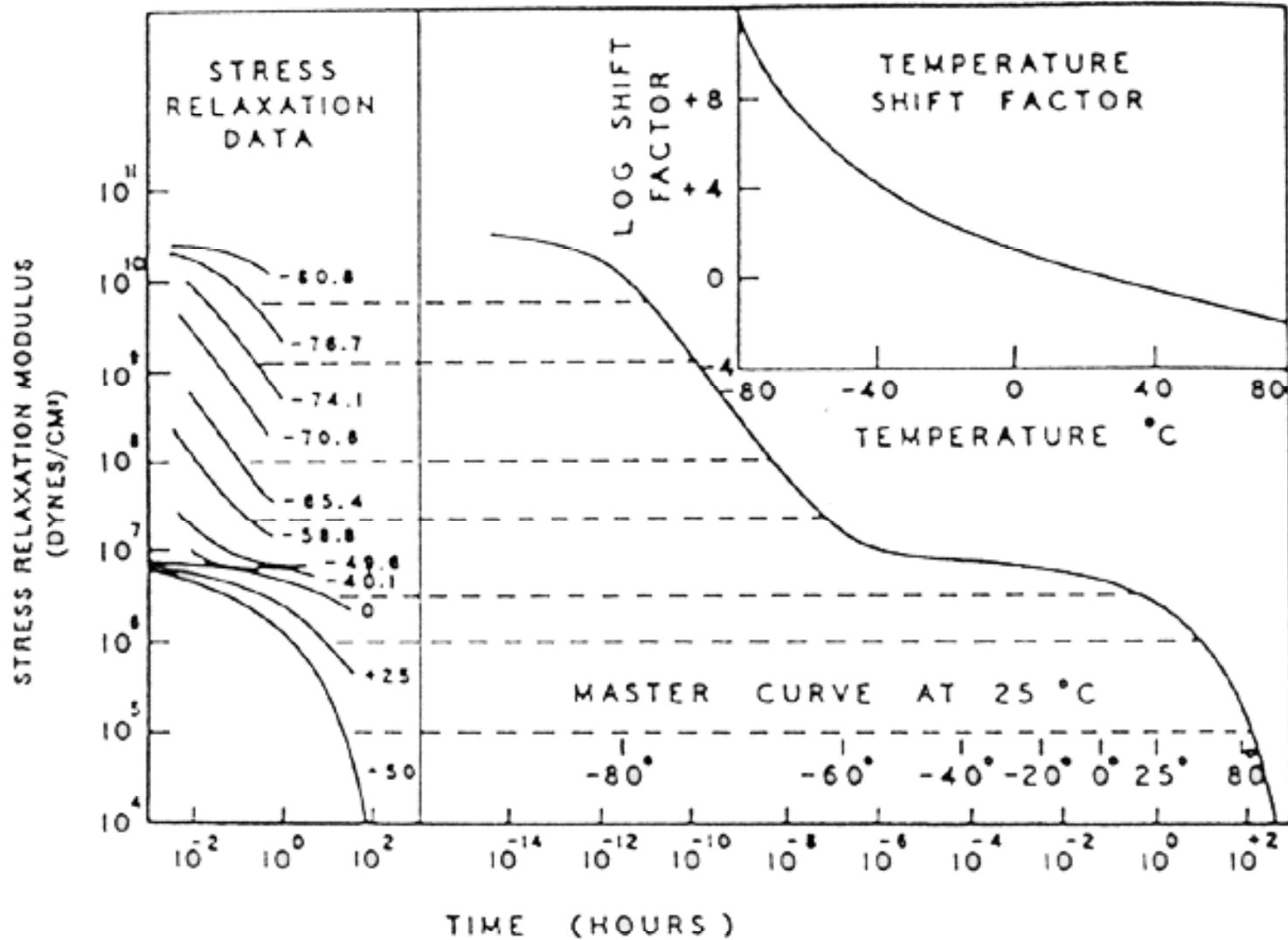


This can be expressed formally in terms of a superposition principle

TIME TEMPERATURE SUPERPOSITION PRINCIPLE - creep



TIME TEMPERATURE SUPERPOSITION PRINCIPLE - stress relaxation



SIGNIFICANCE OF SHIFT FACTOR

What is the significance of the log scale for a_T , and what does this tell us about the temperature dependence of relaxation behaviour in amorphous polymers ?

Consider stress relaxation:

$$E(t) = E_n \exp \left(- t / \tau_n \right)$$

Let a particular mode of relaxation have a characteristic time τ_0 at T_0 , and a characteristic time τ_1 at T_1 . Then DEFINE

$a_T = \frac{\tau_1}{\tau_0}$	<p><i>So that the exponential term can be written</i></p>	$\frac{t}{\tau_1} = \frac{t}{a_T \tau_0}$
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Hence, taking logs

$\log \left(t / \tau_1 \right) = \log \left(t / \tau_0 \right) + \log a_T$
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SIGNIFICANCE OF SHIFT FACTOR

$$\log (t/ t_1) = \log (t_{t_0}) + \log a_T$$

- *ie relaxation behaviour at one temperature can be superimposed on that at another by shifting an amount a_T along a log scale.*
- *BUT ,real behaviour is characterized by a distribution of relaxation times and relaxation mechanisms vary and have different length scales as a function of temperature*
- *This implies that all the relaxation processes involved have (more or less) the same temperature dependence*

RELAXATION PROCESSES ABOVE T_g - THE WLF EQUATION

From empirical observation

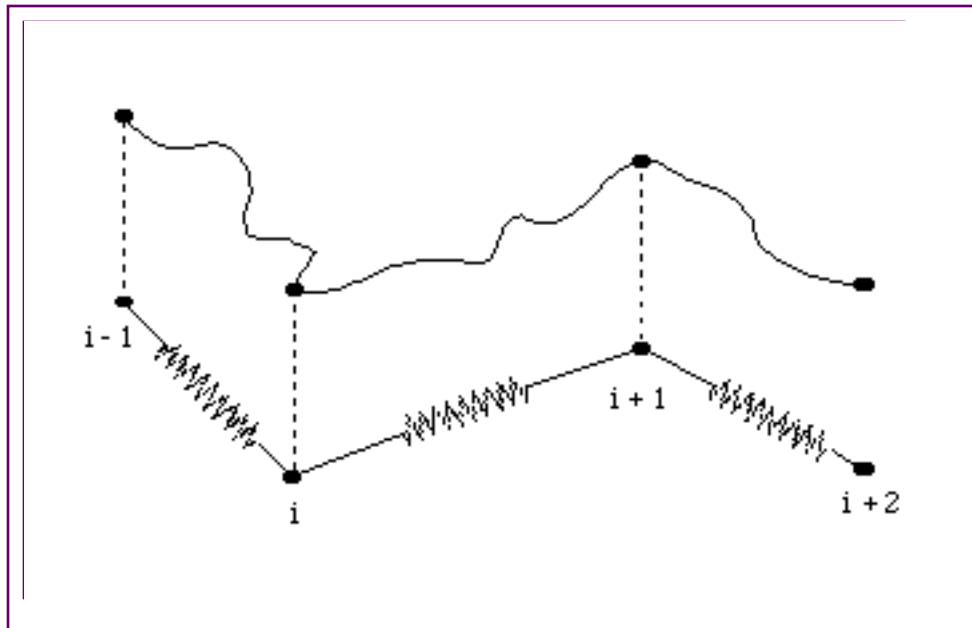
$$\text{Log } a_T = \frac{-C_1 (T - T_s)}{C_2 + (T - T_s)} \quad \text{For } T_g > T < T_g + 100 \text{ } ^\circ\text{C}$$

Originally thought that C_1 and C_2 were universal constants, = 17.44 and 51.6, respectively, when $T = T_g$. Now known that these vary from polymer to polymer.

Homework problem - show how the WLF equation can be obtained from the relationship of viscosity to free volume as expressed in the Doolittle equation

DYNAMICS OF POLYMER CHAINS

An advanced topic that we will not discuss in detail



*Rouse - Bouche model
A chain as a string of
Beads linked by springs*

*Reptation, scaling concepts
And other advanced theories*

