

# Dynamics of Transient and Double Dynamics Networks: a review

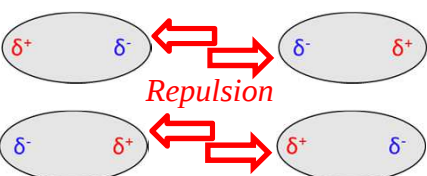
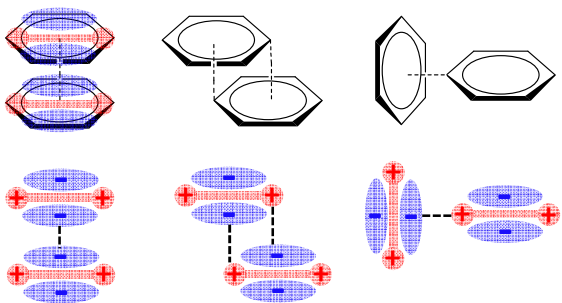
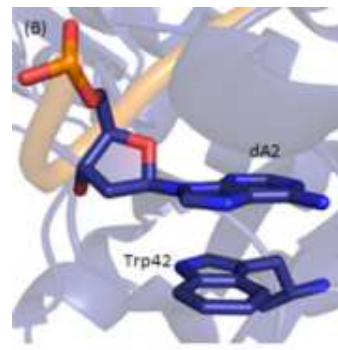
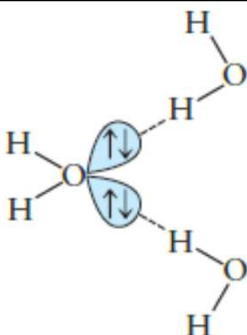
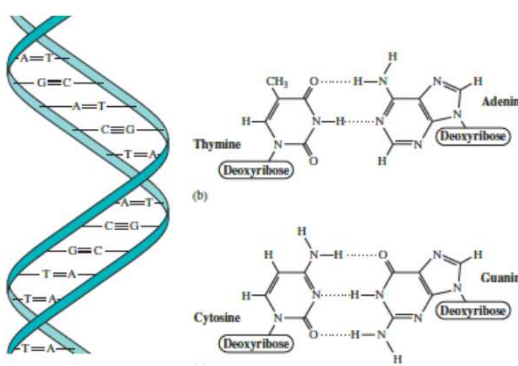
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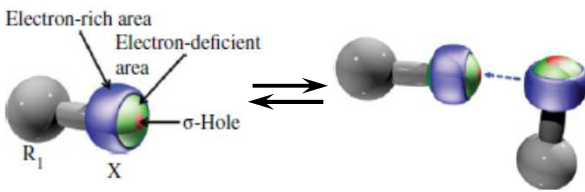
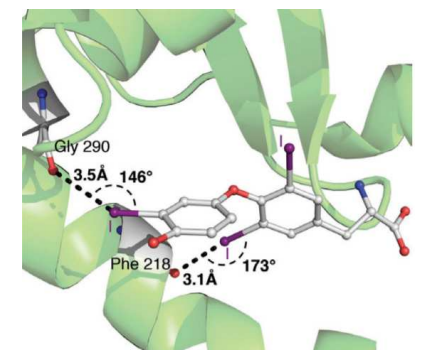
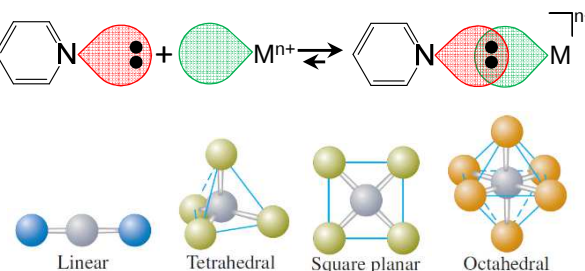
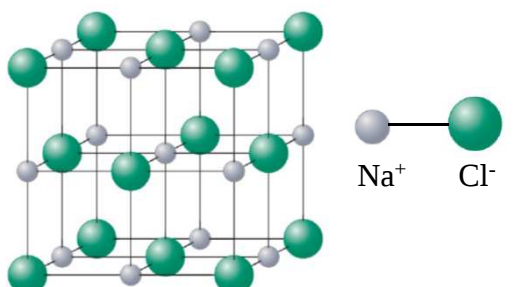
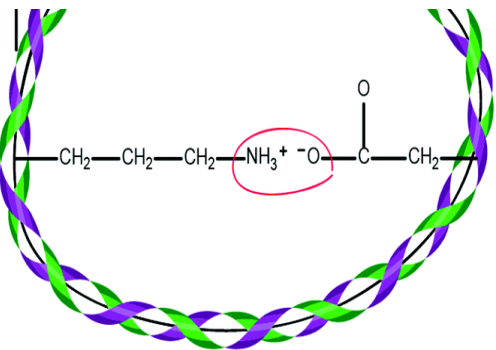
# Non covalent interaction

## *Non covalent interaction – Inspired by nature*

| van der Waals                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | $\pi$ - $\pi$ stacking                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Hydrogen bonding                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
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| <p>a) </p> <p>b) </p> <p>Electrostatic interactions between <math>e^-</math> clouds<br/>Short-range, non-directional, extrem. Weak<br/><math>E &lt; 5 \text{ kJ.mol}^{-1}</math></p> <hr/>  <p><u>Gecko's amazing toes</u></p> | <p></p> <p>Interactions between <math>e^-</math> rich/poor regions<br/>Within aromatics, directional, weak<br/><math>E = 2\text{-}50 \text{ kJ.mol}^{-1}</math></p> <hr/>  <p><u>Nucleobase-amino acid</u></p> | <p></p> <p><math>e^-</math> deficient H and electronegative atom<br/>Directional, from weak to strong<br/><math>E = 4\text{-}120 \text{ kJ.mol}^{-1}</math></p> <hr/>  <p><u>DNA double helix</u></p> |

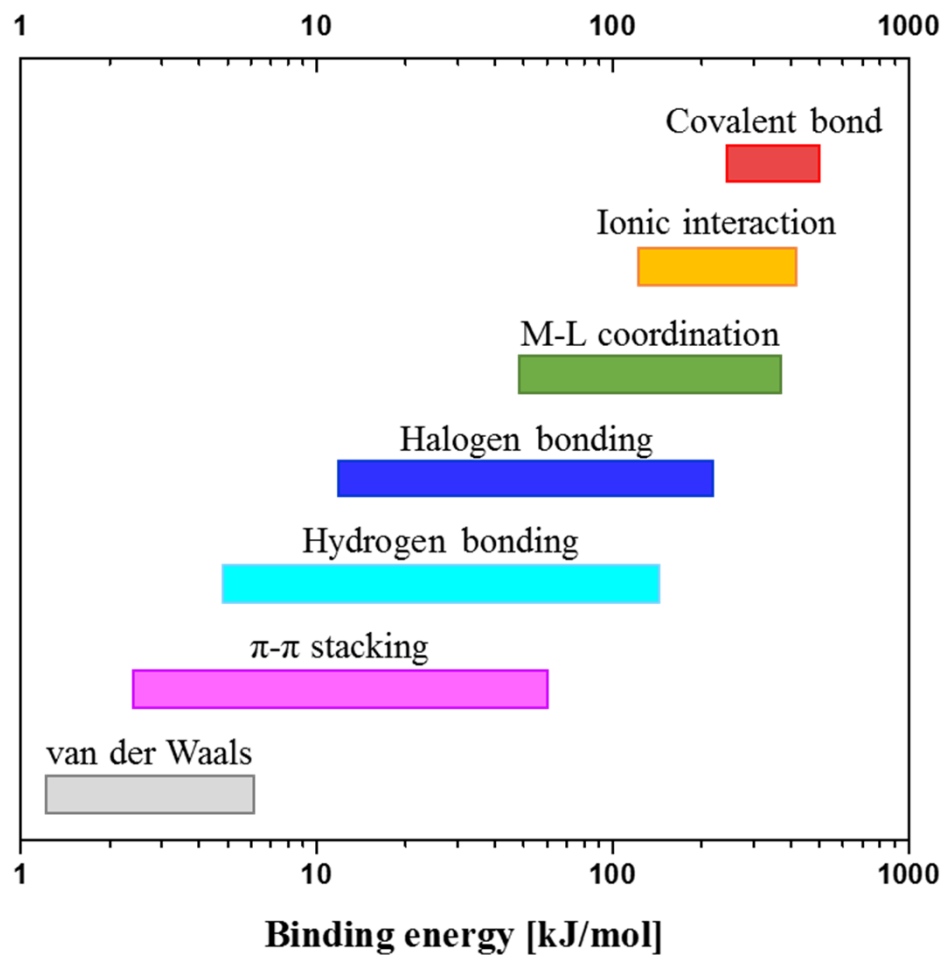
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| Halogen bonding                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Metal-ligand coordination                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Ionic interactions                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
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|  <p><math>R_1</math>: molecule with electrophilic region<br/> <math>X</math>: halogen atom (F, Cl, Br, I or At)</p> <p>Attractive interactions between <math>e^-</math> A/D<br/>             Directional, from weak to strong<br/> <math>E = 10\text{-}180 \text{ kJ.mol}^{-1}</math></p> <hr/>  <p><i>Hormone-protein recognition</i></p> |  <p>Transfer of lone electron-pair from D to A<br/>             Highly directional, strong, labile<br/> <math>E = 100\text{-}300 \text{ kJ.mol}^{-1}</math></p> <hr/>  <p><i>Mussel byssus</i></p> |  <p>Electrostatic attractive interactions<br/>             Directional, strong, easily disrupted<br/> <math>E = 100\text{-}350 \text{ kJ.mol}^{-1}</math></p> <hr/>  <p><i>Salt bridge in protein</i></p> |

# Non covalent interaction

## *Non covalent interaction – Summary*

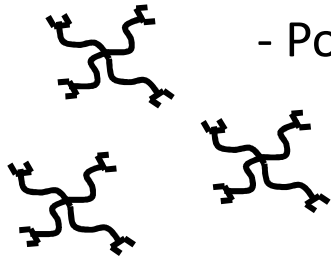


| Interactions           | Binding energy (kJ.mol <sup>-1</sup> ) |
|------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| Covalent bonds         | 200 - 400                              |
| Ionic bonds            | 100 – 350                              |
| Metal-ligand bonds     | 100 – 300                              |
| Halogen bonds          | 10 – 180                               |
| Hydrogen bonds         | 4 – 120                                |
| $\pi$ - $\pi$ stacking | 2 – 50                                 |
| van der Waals          | < 5                                    |

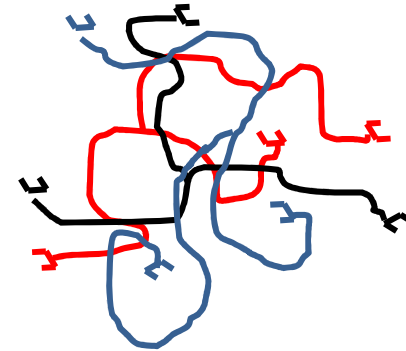
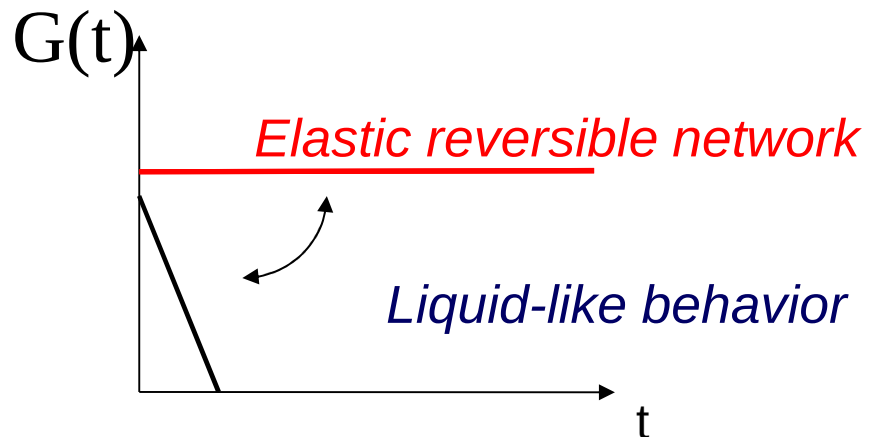
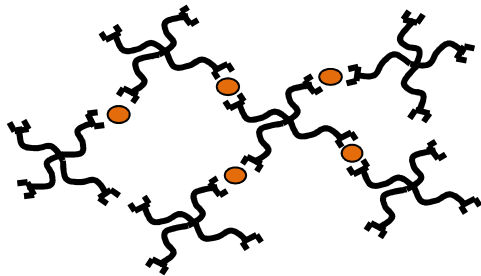
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# Unentangled vs entangled transient Network

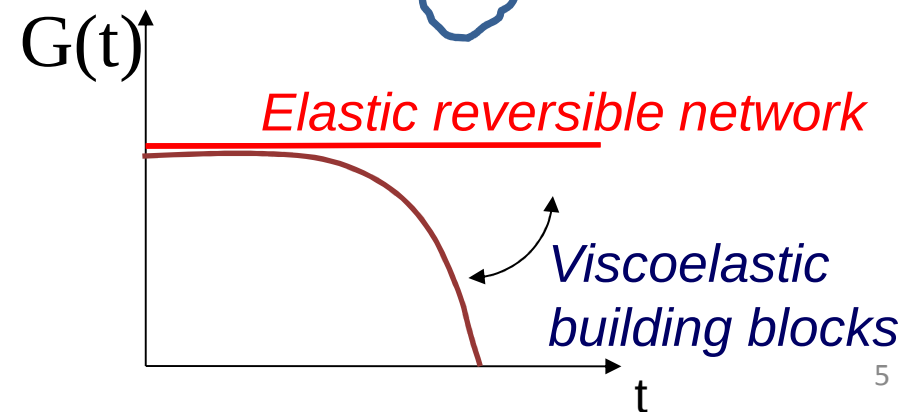
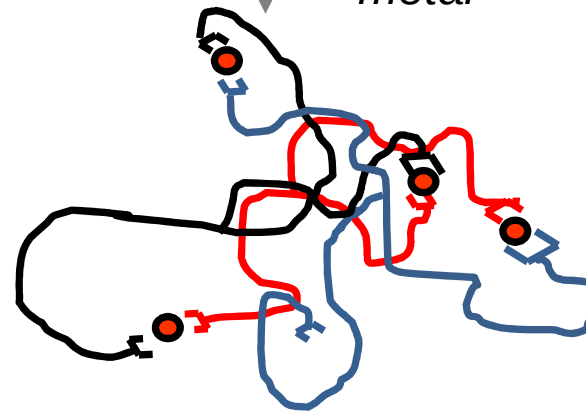
- Short blocks
- Polymer solution



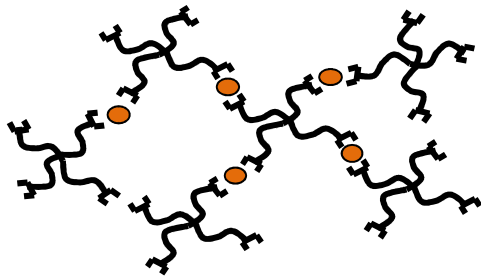
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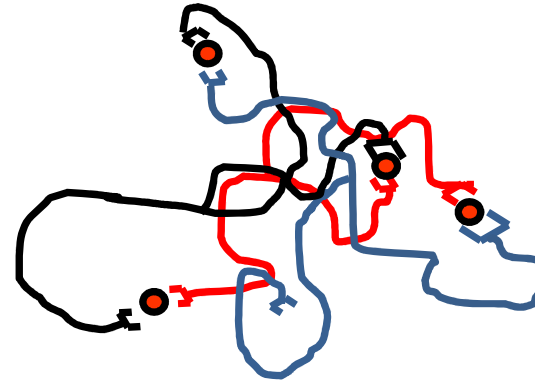


# Unentangled vs entangled transient Network



Elastic plateau and relaxation  
time: fully governed by the  
supramolecular junctions

*Many works in literature on  
this kind of supramolecular  
polymers*



Elastic plateau:  
also governed by the  
entanglement segments

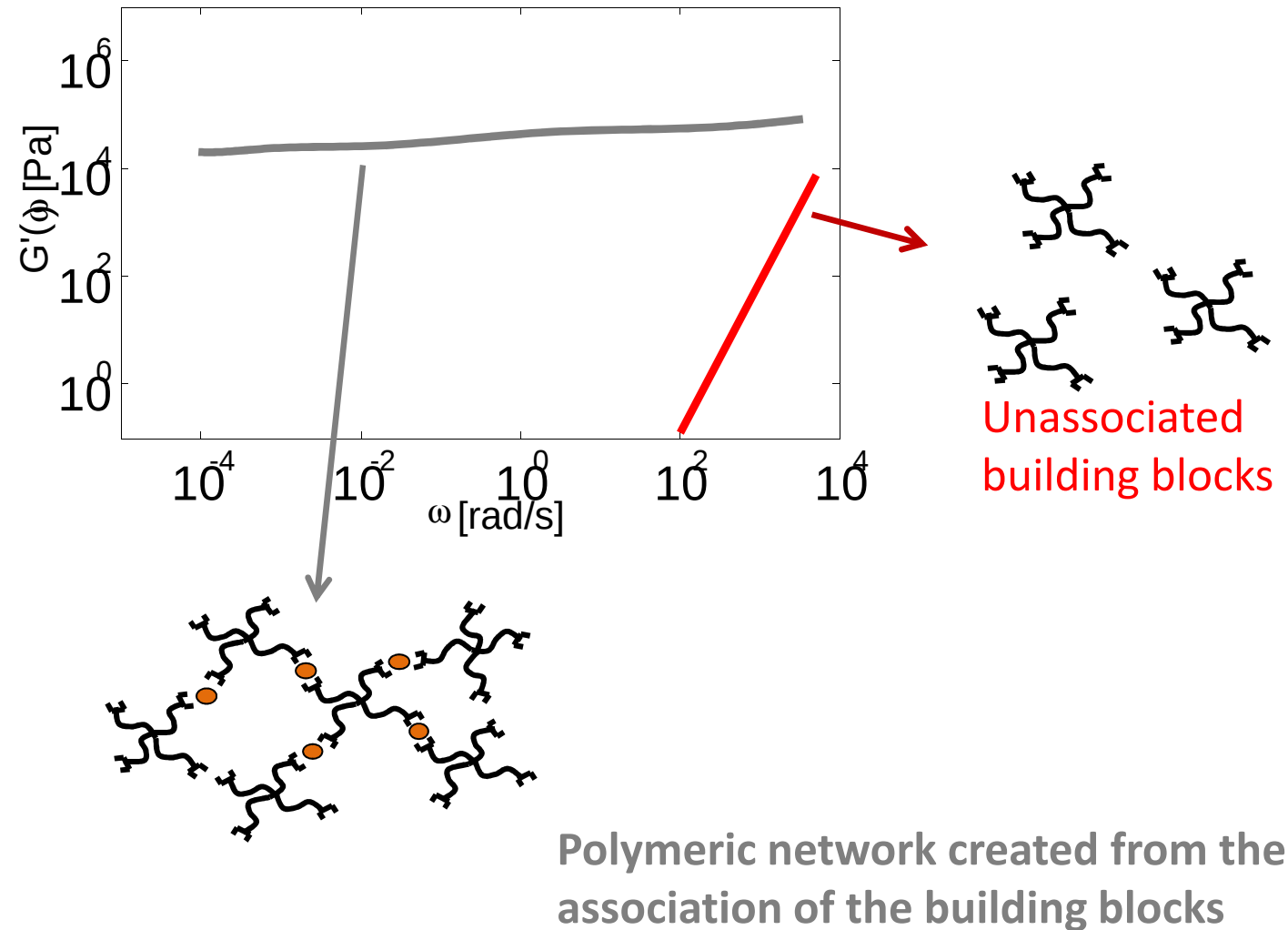
Relaxation time:  
Governed by both the  
supramolecular junctions and  
the entanglements dynamics

# Outline

- I) Dynamics of Transient Networks based on unentangled building blocks
- II) Dynamics of Transient Networks based on entangled building blocks
- II) Dynamics of Double Dynamics Polymer Networks

# I) Dynamics of Transient Networks based on unentangled building blocks

# Dynamics of unentangled transient Network



# Dynamics of unentangled transient Network

## Systems based on hydrogen bonding (Upy groups)

Supramolecular Polymers from Linear Telechelic Siloxanes with Quadruple-Hydrogen-Bonded Units

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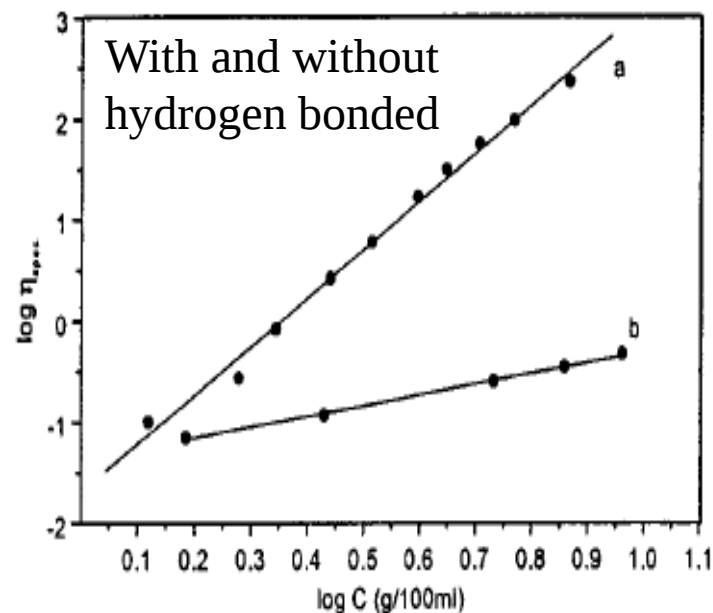
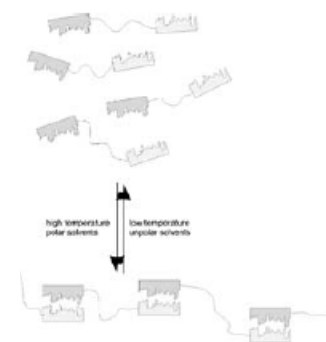
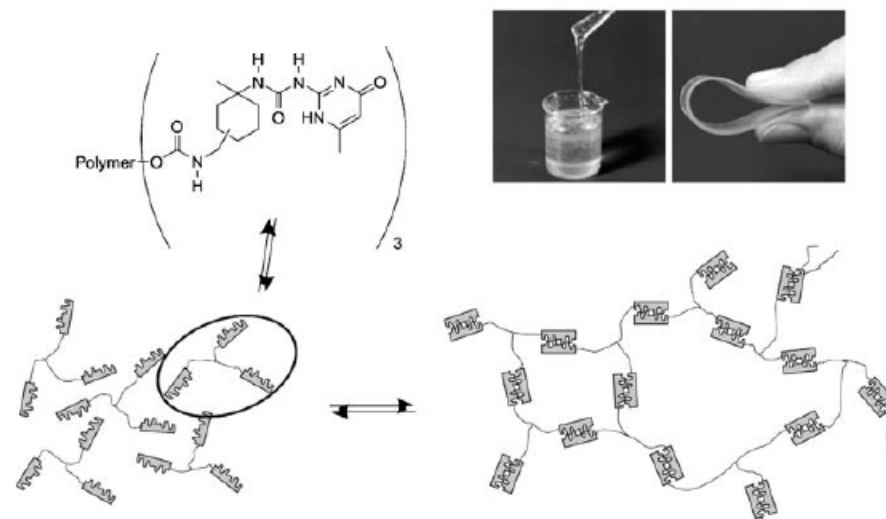


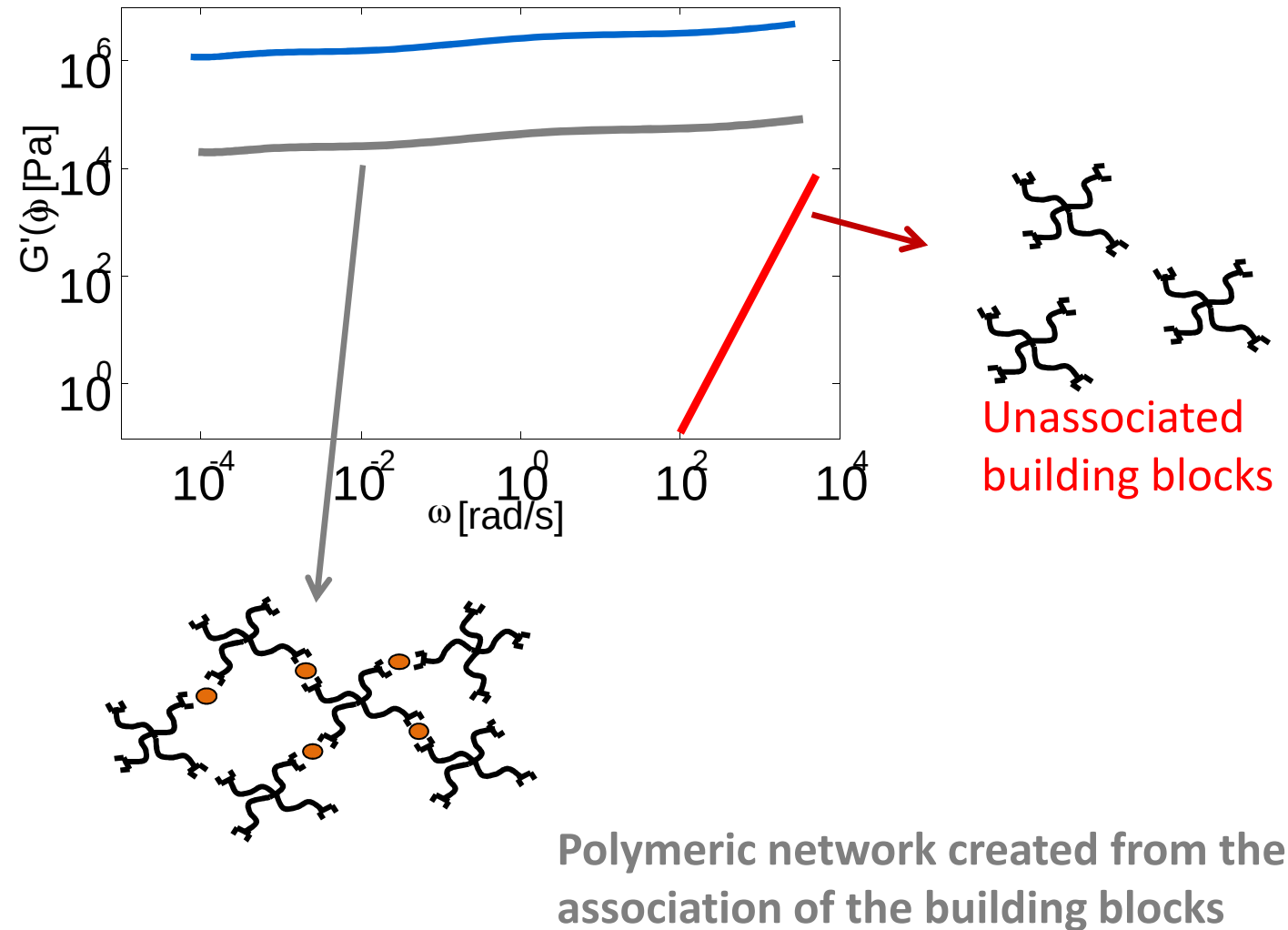
Figure 8. Specific viscosities of compounds 1 (a) and 1-Bn (b) in  $\text{CHCl}_3$  as a function of concentration at 20 °C.



Reversible network: PEO- and PPO-telechelics + dimerizing ability of the ureidopyrimidine units (Upy)

Large viscosity increase, especially for concentrated systems 10

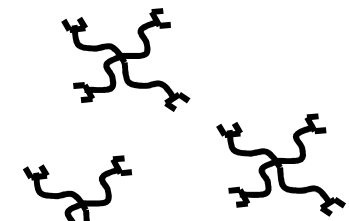
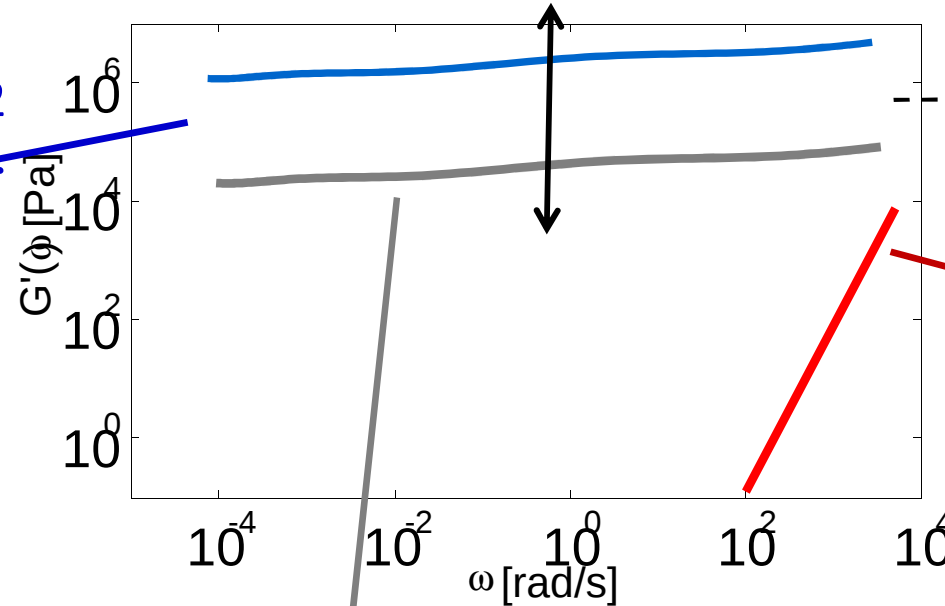
# Dynamics of unentangled transient Network



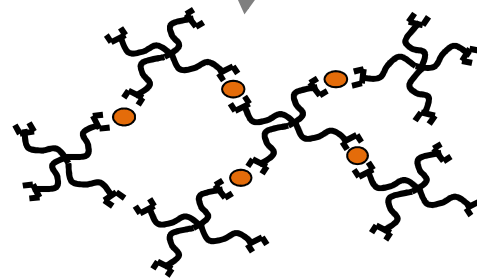
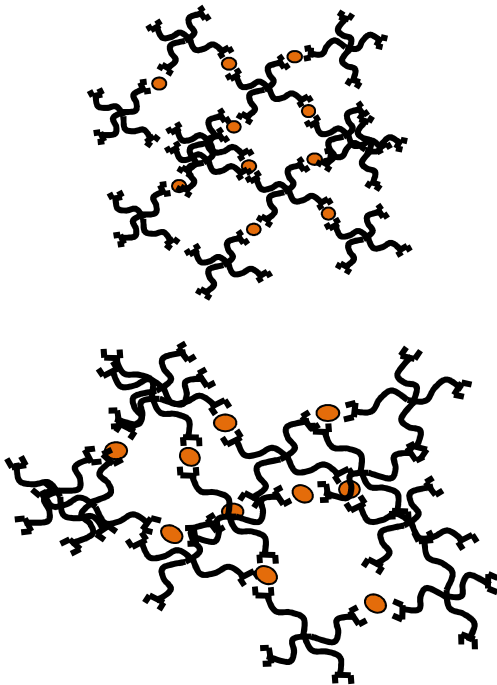
# Dynamics of unentangled transient Network

Larger density of  
junctions between 2  
reversible bonds

Or  
Larger polymer  
concentration



Unassociated  
building blocks

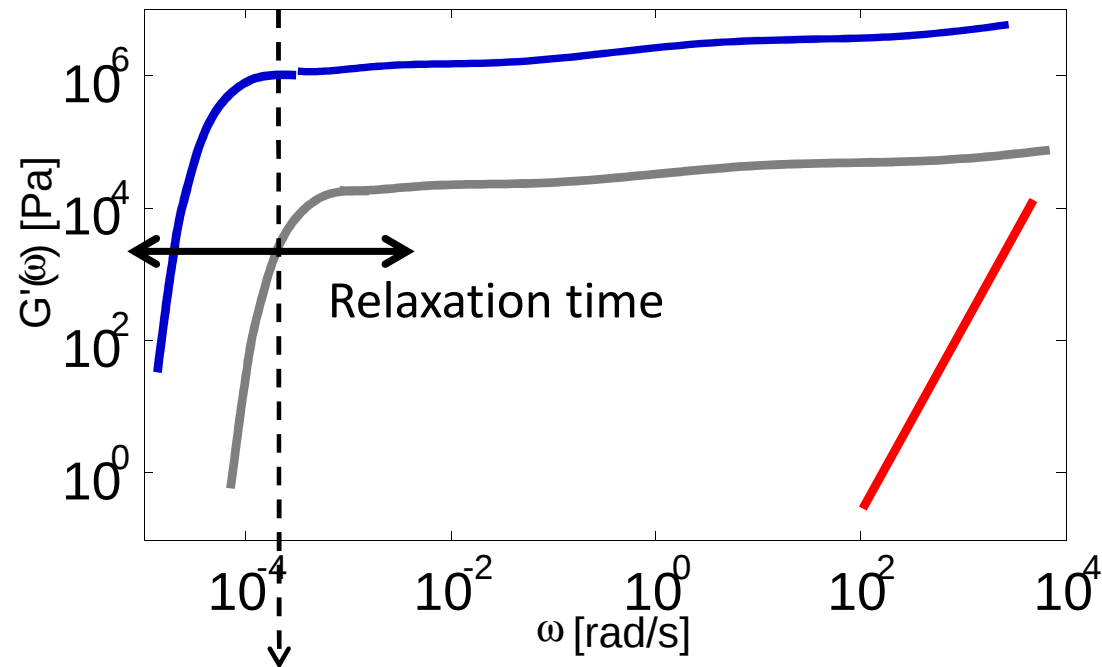


$$G_0^N = \frac{\rho RT}{M_{\text{cross-links}}}$$

Polymeric network created from the  
association of the building blocks

# Dynamics of unentangled transient Network

Relaxation times:



$1/\tau_{rel}$



Depends on the lifetime of the supramolecular junctions

# Dynamics of unentangled transient Network

Few examples...

→ Telechelic molecules

→ Sticky chains

# Dynamics of unentangled transient Network

## Hydrogen-Bonded Supramolecular Polymer Networks

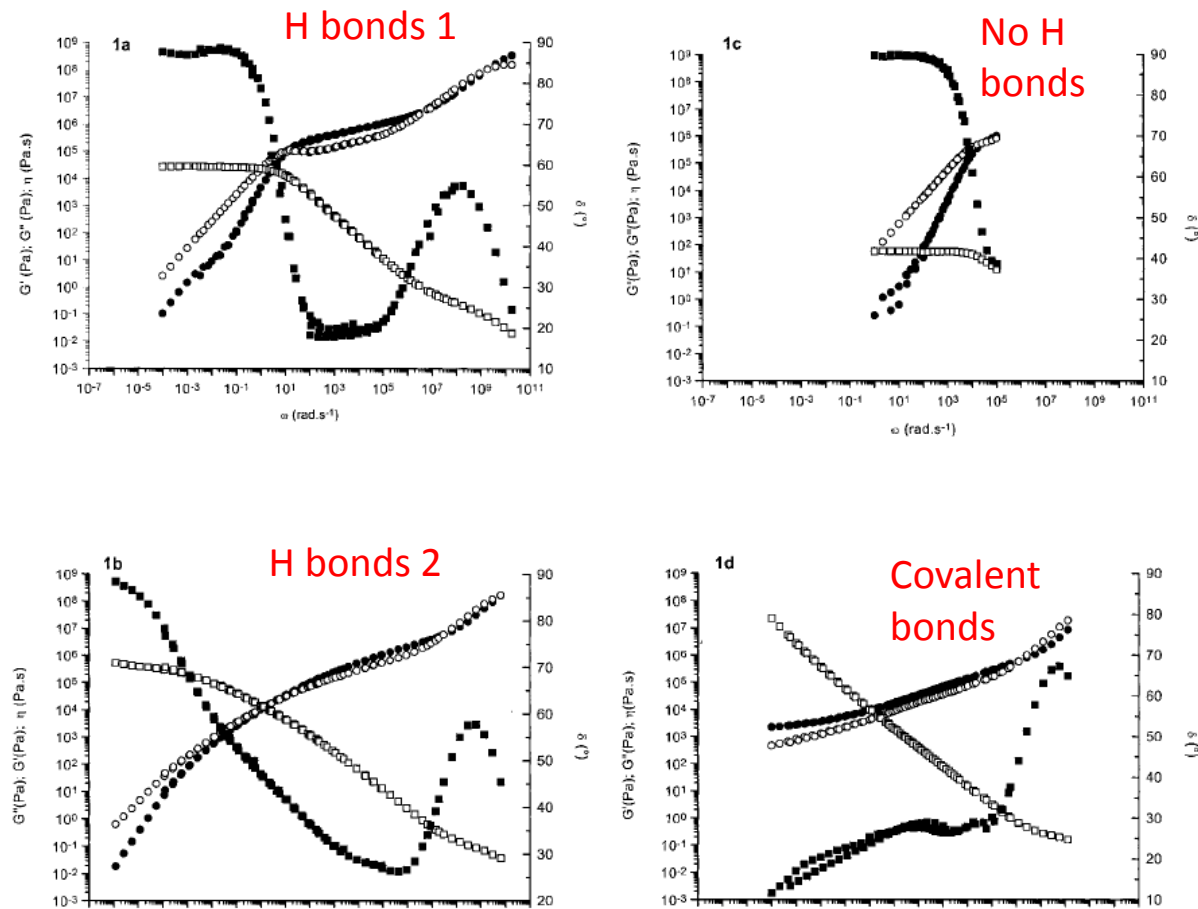
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In the melt state:



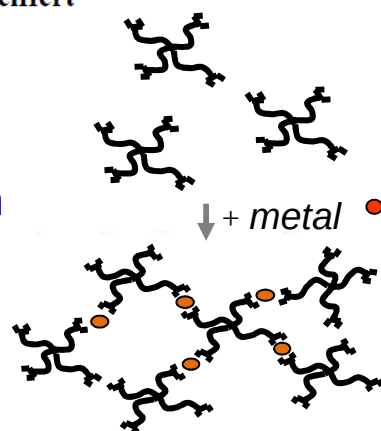
Viscosity increases in function of the lifetime of the supramolecular junctions

# Dynamics of unentangled transient Network

## Supramolecular Polymer Gels with Potential Model-Network Structure

Torsten Rossow<sup>a,b</sup> and Sebastian Seiffert<sup>\*a,b</sup>

Narrow disperse  
building blocks  
(regular network), in  
solution

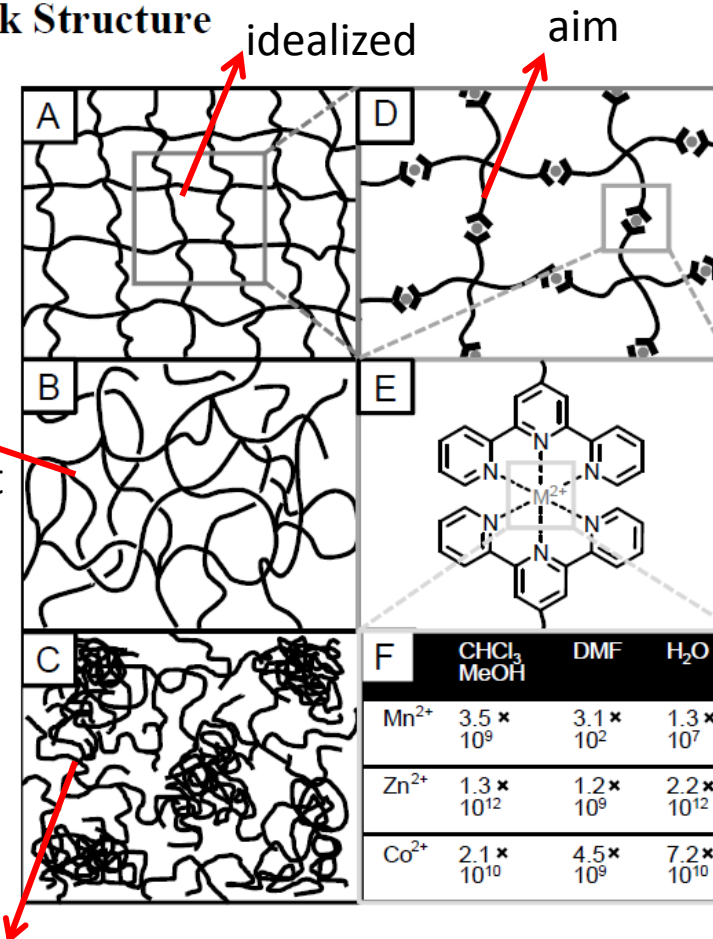


Chain  
entanglement

Longest relaxation times, in different solvents:

85

|                          | CHCl <sub>3</sub> -MeOH  | DMF              | H <sub>2</sub> O         |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|------------------|--------------------------|
| w/o X-Linking            | $\tau = 0.012$ s         | $\tau = 0.008$ s | $\tau = 0.014$ s         |
| Mn <sup>2+</sup> Linking | $\tau = 0.055$ s         | $\tau = 0.010$ s | $\tau = 0.008$ s         |
| Zn <sup>2+</sup> Linking | $\tau = 317$ s           | $\tau = 13$ s    | $\tau = 4$ s             |
| Co <sup>2+</sup> Linking | ( $\tau$ not accessible) | $\tau = 1800$ s  | ( $\tau$ not accessible) |



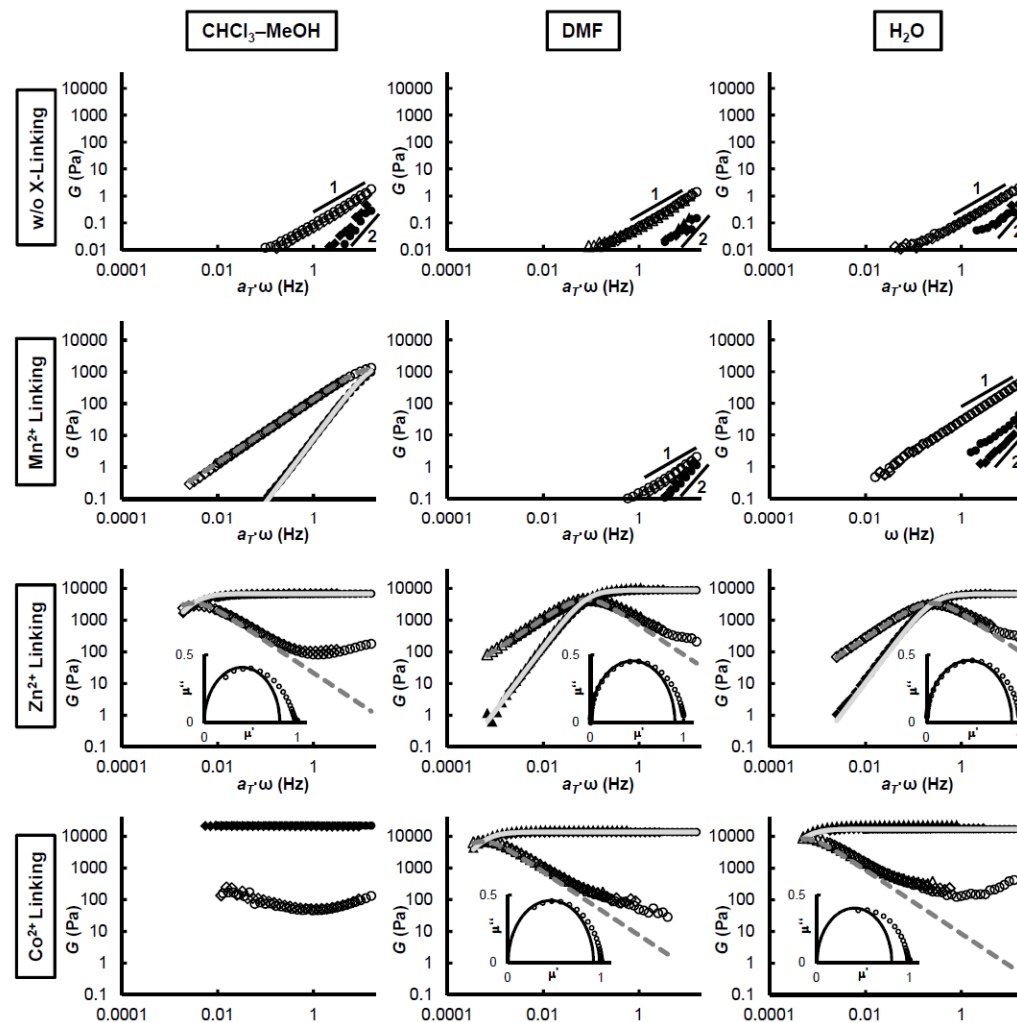
Clustering of  
the cross-links

Relaxation times depends on the solvent and on the metal ions

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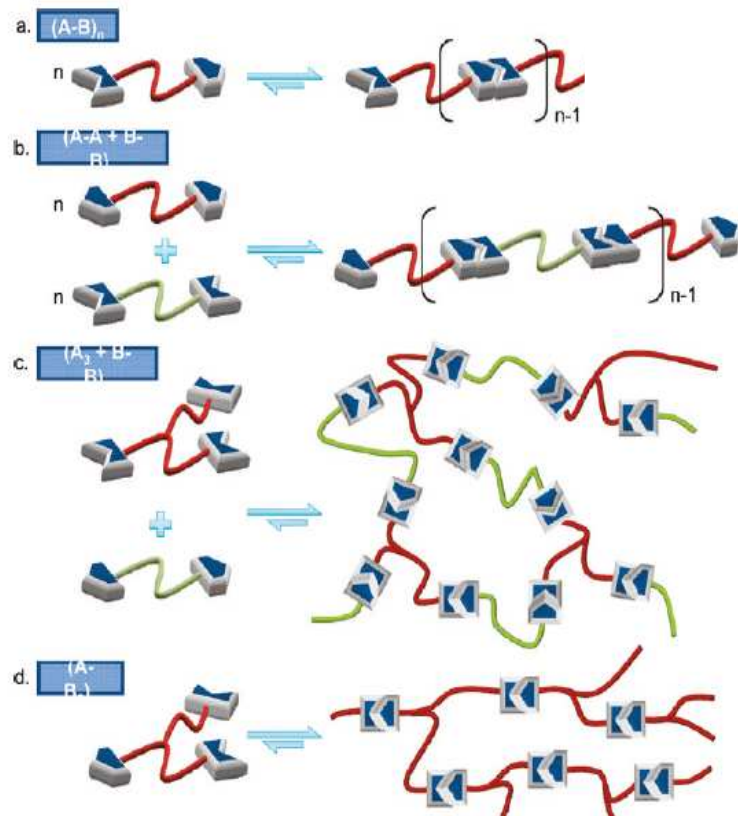


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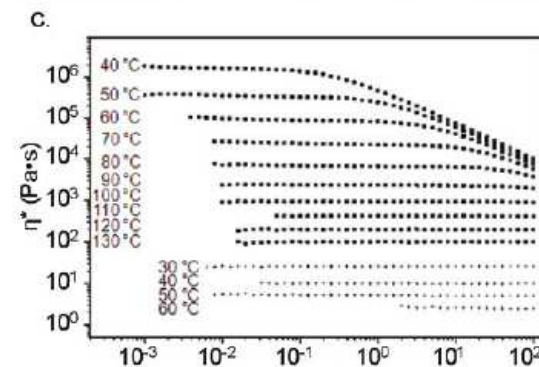
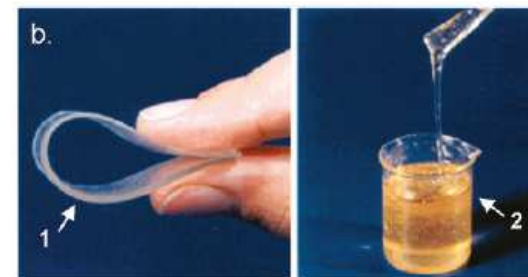
# Influence of Temperature

## Supramolecular Polymerizations and Main-Chain Supramolecular Polymers

D. Fox and Stuart J. Rowan\*



H bonding



Relaxation times and plateau modulus depends on temperature

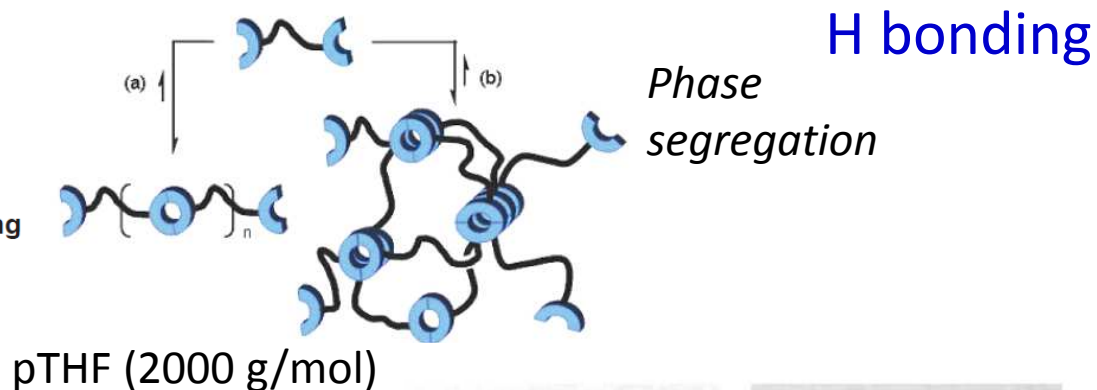
# Additional effects of Upy groups

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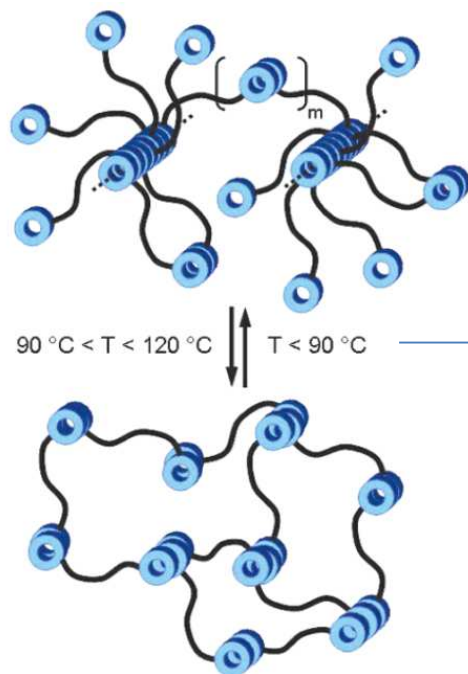
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## Utilization of a Combination of Weak Hydrogen-Bonding Interactions and Phase Segregation to Yield Highly Thermosensitive Supramolecular Polymers

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Temperature influence:



Up to 90°C: The materials behaves like a normal (non relaxing) polymer

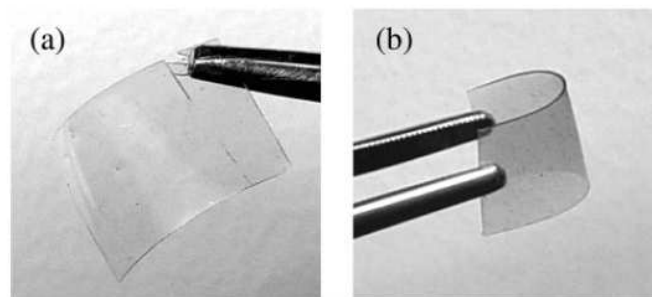
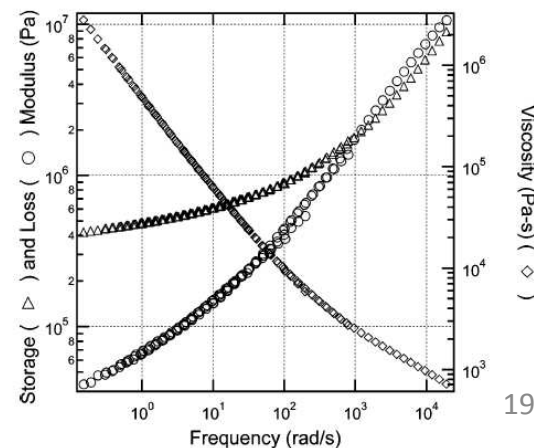
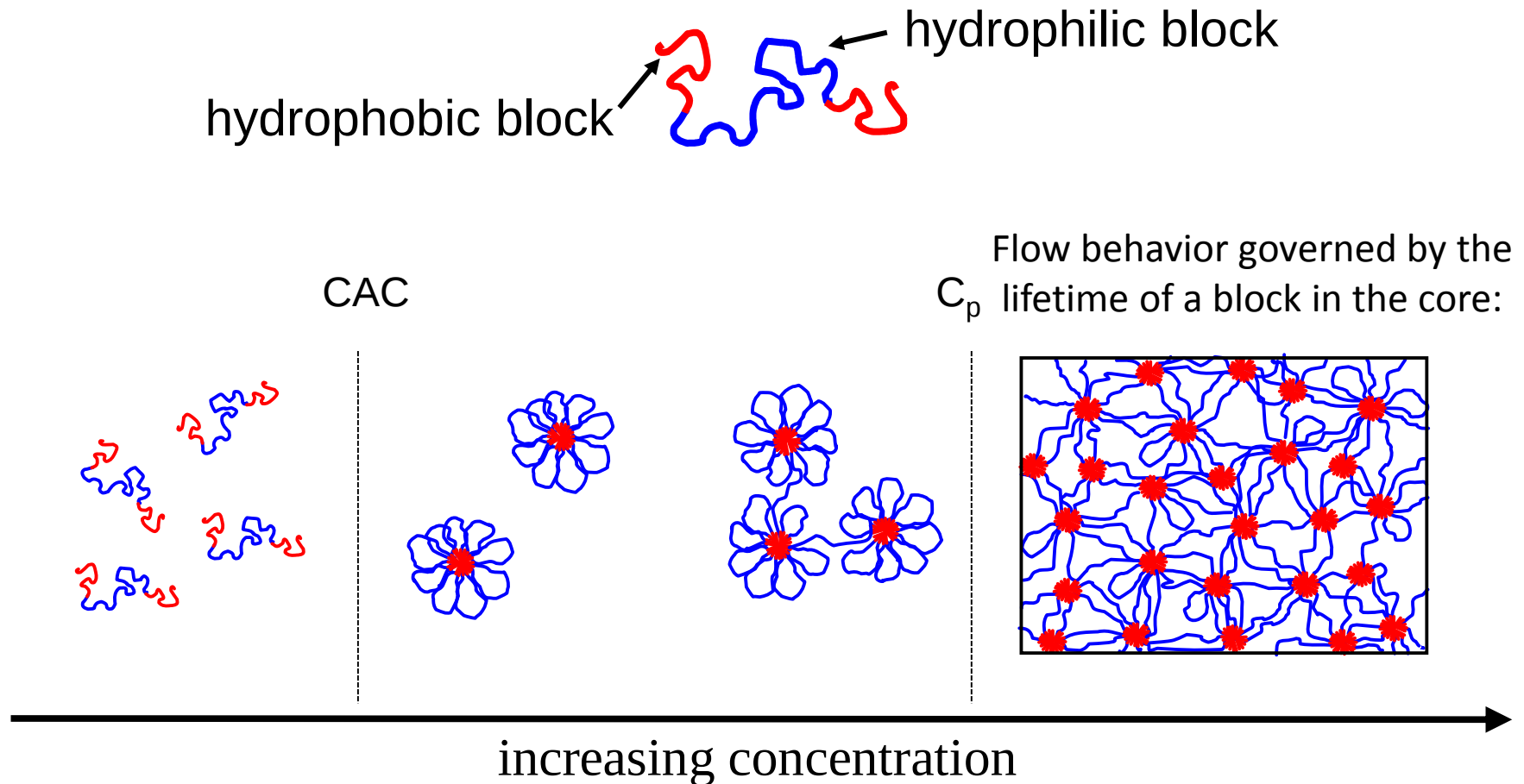


Figure 3. Pictures of the films formed from (a)  $A^{An}3A^{An}$  and (b)  $C^{Pbz}3C^{Pbz}$ .



# Self-assembly of triblock copolymers in solution

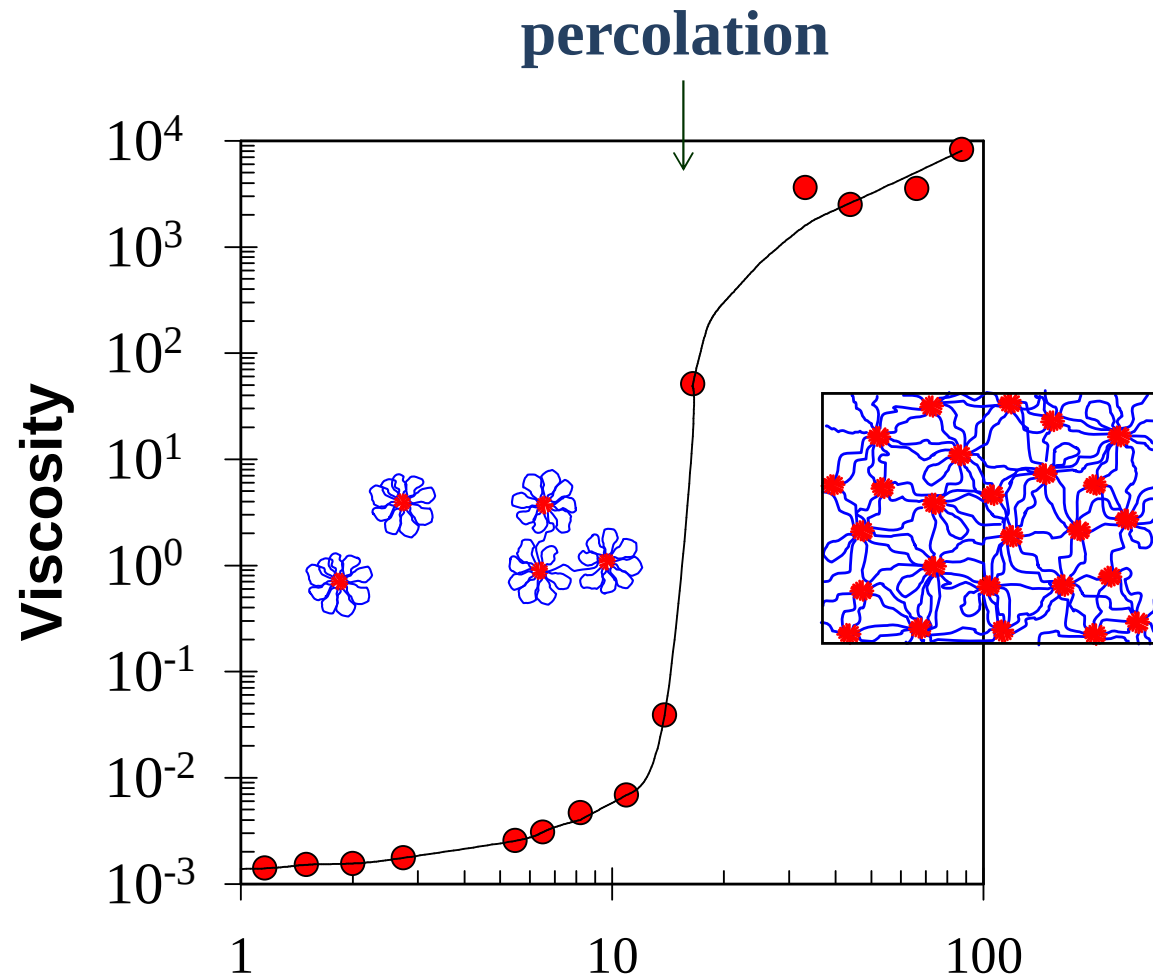
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The properties of this micellar network depends on the concentration, the association strength and the length of the triblocks

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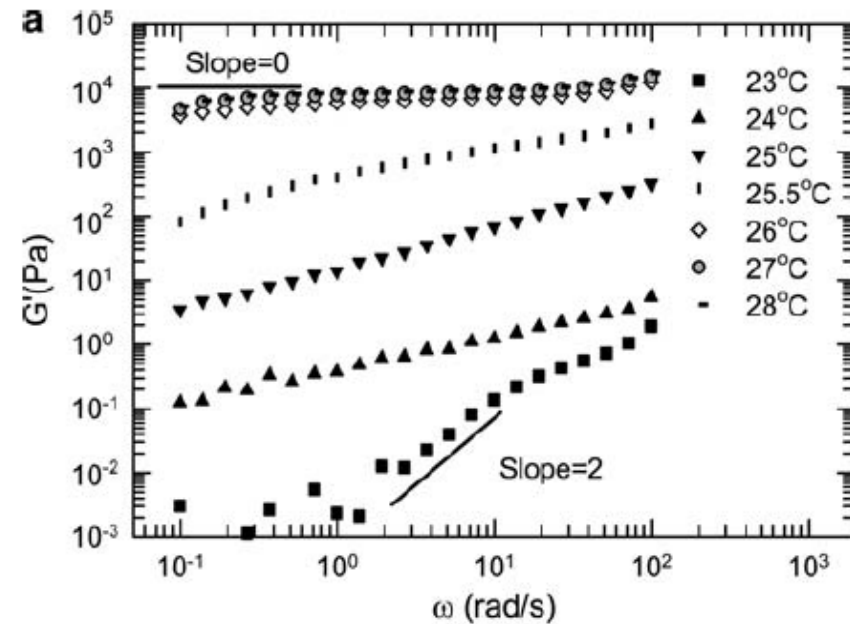
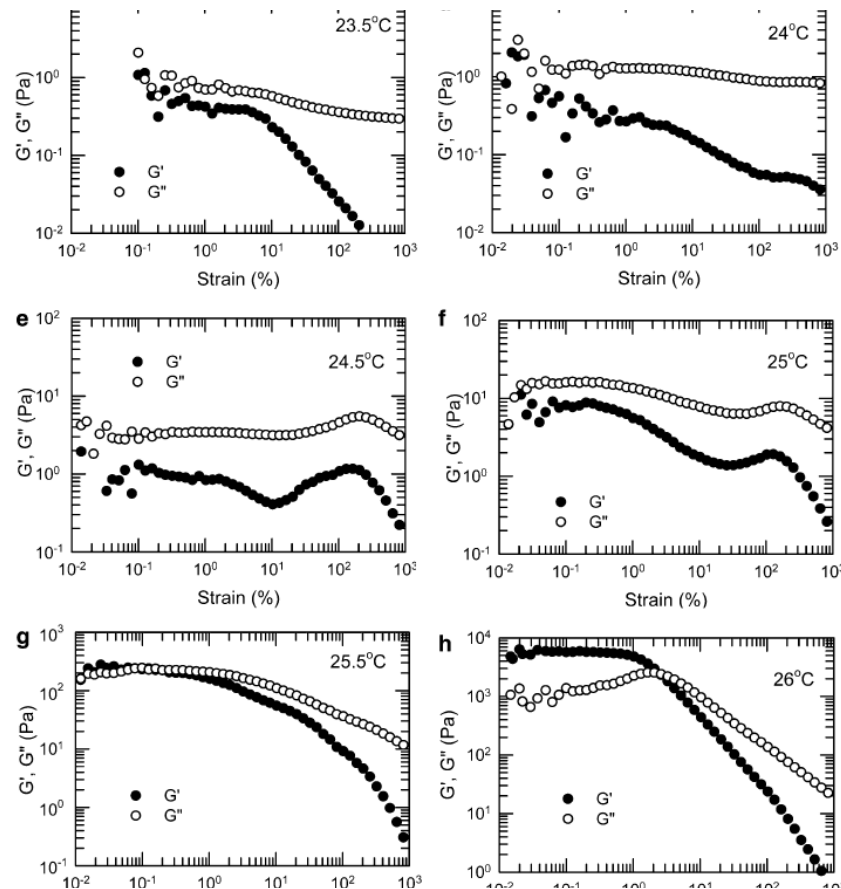


There is a minimum concentration needed to reach the percolation of the system

# Shear thickening properties

Kyu Hyun  
Jung Gun Nam  
Manfred Wilhelm  
Kyung Hyun Ahn  
Seung Jong Lee

## Large amplitude oscillatory shear behavior of PEO-PPO-PEO triblock copolymer solutions



Transient network can lead to shear thickening

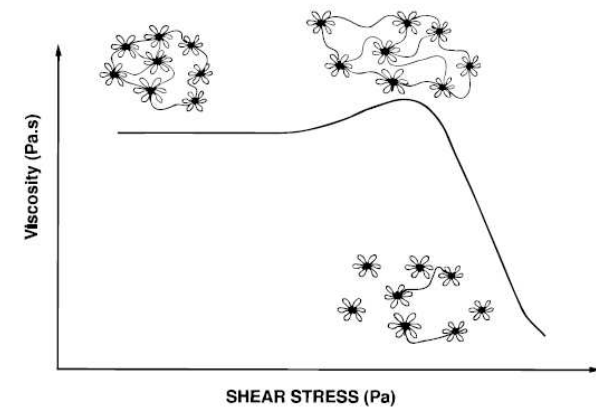
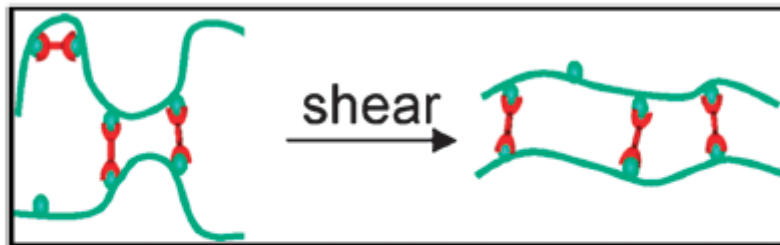
# Shear thickening properties

Mechanism of Shear Thickening in Reversibly Cross-Linked Supramolecular Polymer Networks

Donghua Xu, Jennifer L. Hawk, David M. Loveless, Sung Lan Jeon, and Stephen L. Craig\*

There are mainly two propositions to explain the shear thickening:

- ➡ Non-Gaussian stretching effect within a network whose number of elastically active chains does not change during shear. This extended conformation partially relax when the chain end dissociates (Marrucci et al.)
- ➡ The shear thickening properties come from the coagulation of free chains into the existing network. (Wang et al.)



Shear thickening does not have a fully clear origin

# Shear thickening properties

A new stochastic simulation for the rheology of telechelic associating polymers

Gun Woo Park<sup>aj</sup> and Giovanni Ianniruberto

Strain hardening: FENE effect

(Brownian dynamics for HEUR solutions)

Deviation from Cox-Merz: persistence of bridge chains and flow-induced creation of new bridges

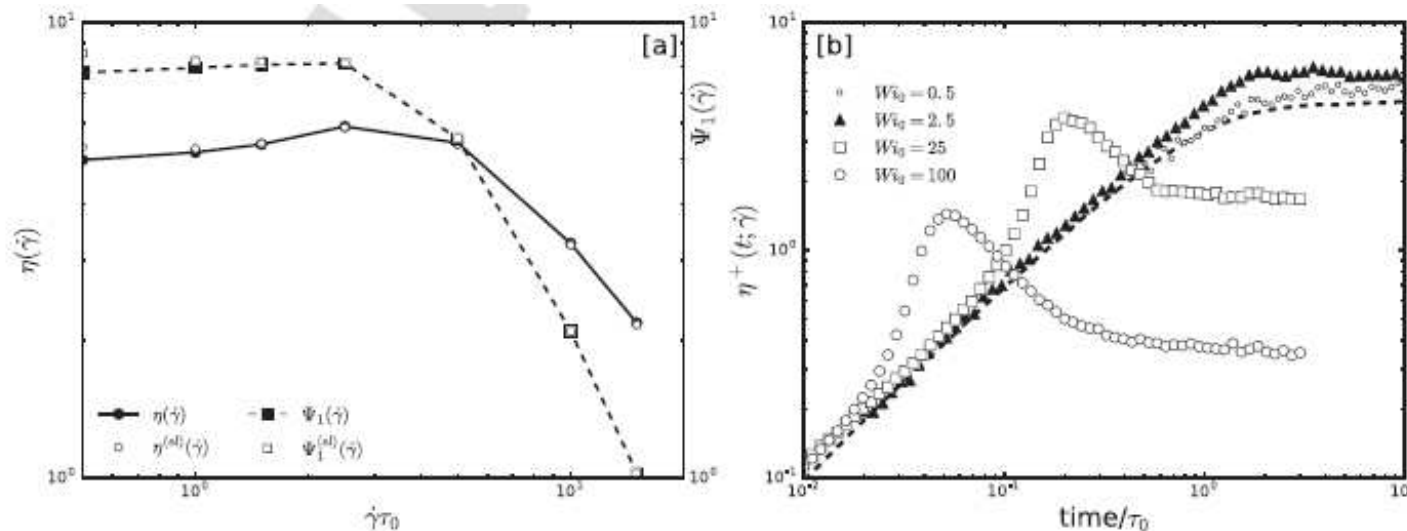


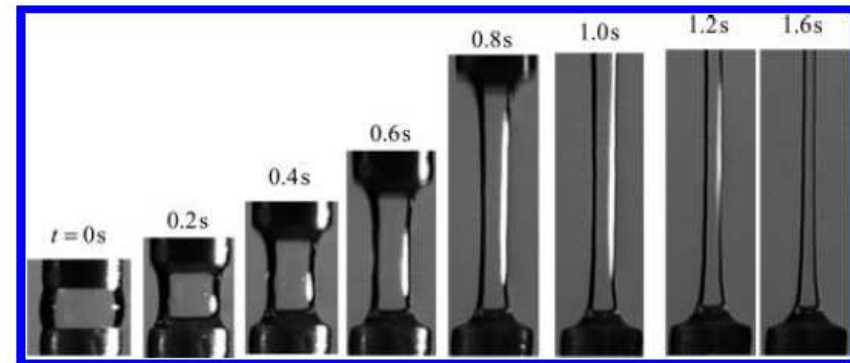
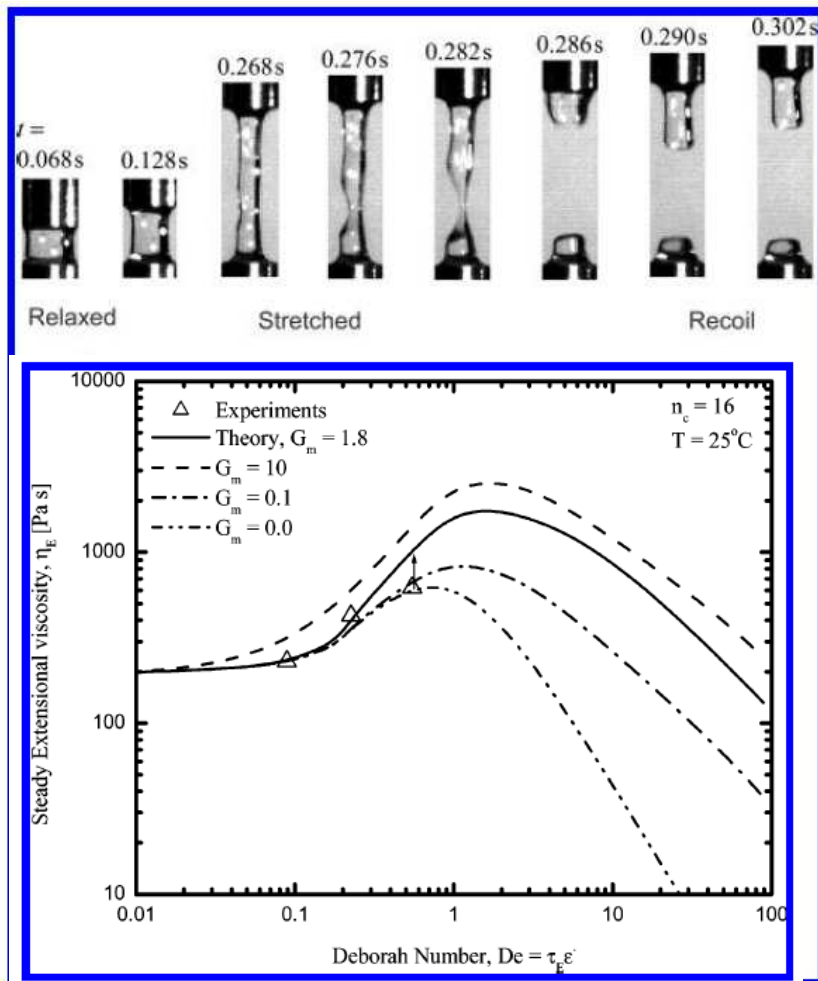
FIG. 12. Steady-state shear viscosity and first normal stress difference coefficient vs shear rate (a) and shear stress growth function during startup (b), for  $n_c = 7$  and  $\nu_m = 2$ . Other parameters are as in Fig. 6.

# Elongation properties

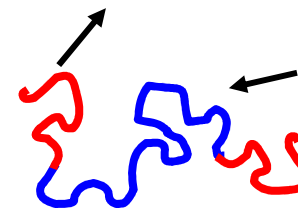
## Rheology and Dynamics of Associative Polymers in Shear and Extension: Theory and Experiments

Anubhav Tripathi,<sup>\*,†</sup> Kam C. Tam,<sup>‡</sup> and Gareth H. McKinley<sup>§</sup>

*Macromolecules* **2006**, *39*, 1981–1999



hydrophobic block



hydrophilic block

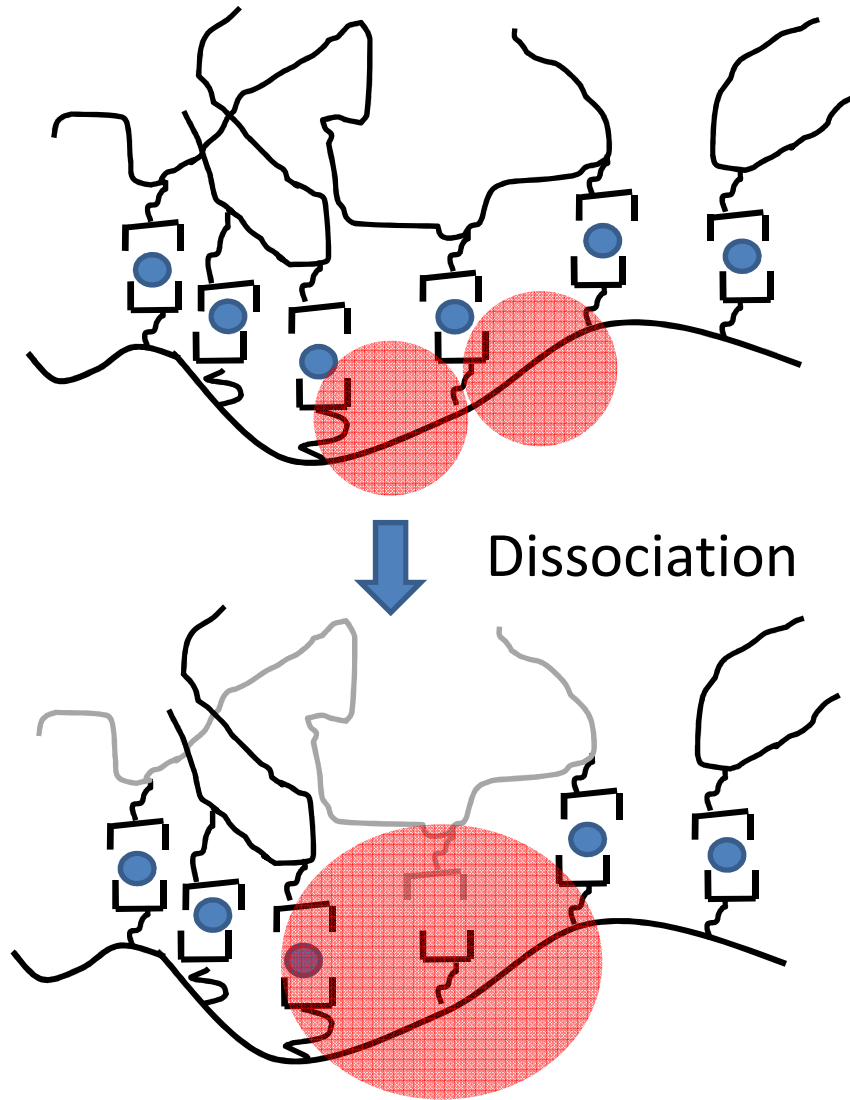
# Dynamics of unentangled transient Network

Few examples...

→ Telechelic molecules

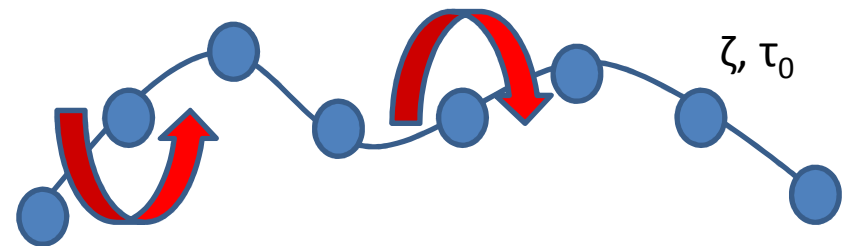
→ Sticky chains

# Unentangled sticky chains



Extra space to move (if not entangled)

*Like a Rouse process, governed by the lifetime and number of the sticky groups (release of local constraint)*



Sticky Rouse model  
(Rubinstein, Colby)

$$\tau_{rel} = \tau_{sticker} \#_{sticker}^2$$

# Unentangled sticky chains: ionomers

## Sulfonated PEO and PTHF

### Block copolymer:

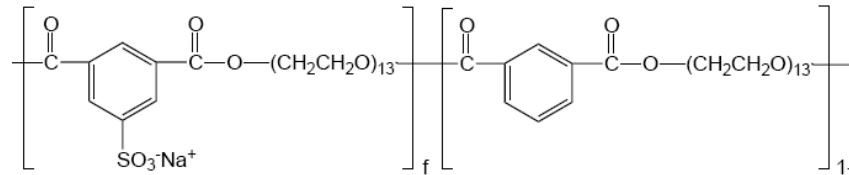
PEO (M= 400, 600 & 1100 g/mol)

PTHF (M=650 g/mol)

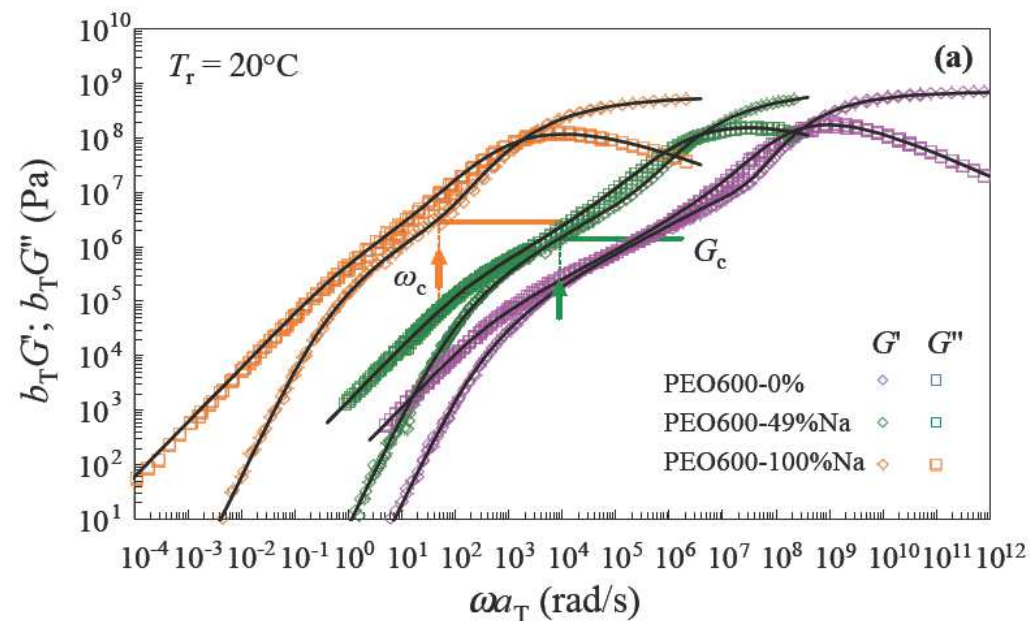
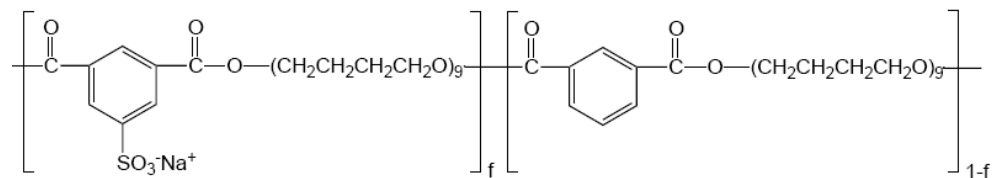
$M_n \sim 4K-14K$

### Effect of Ion content:

(a) PEO600- $f$ Na



(b) PTMO650- $f$ Na



Both glassy and polymeric relaxations are delayed

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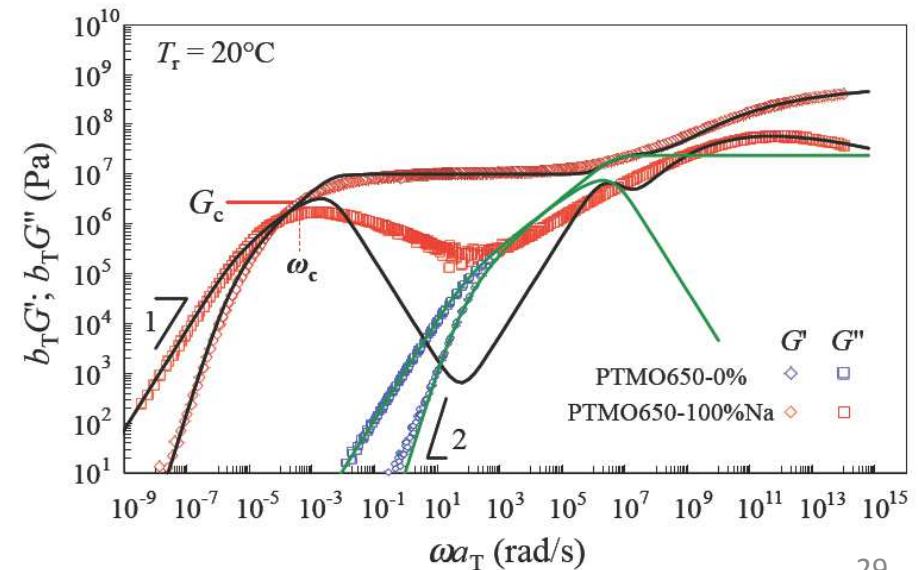
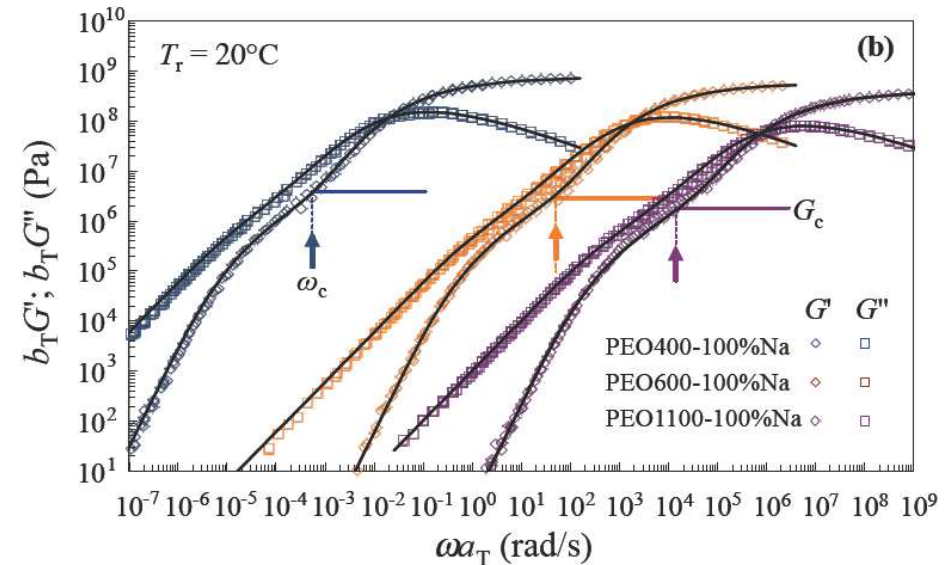
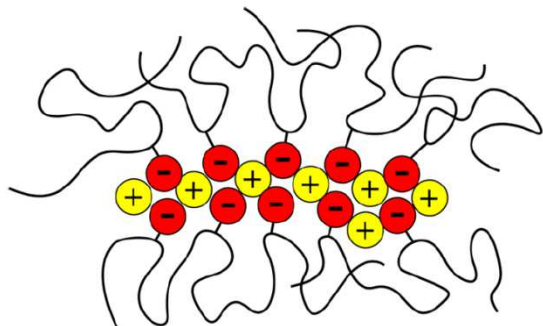
Colby et al. J Rheol, 2013

Effect of the length of the sulfonated PEO blocks:

Both glassy and polymeric relaxations are delayed

Influence of the nature of the sulfonated blocks:

With PTMO: Lower ion solvation ability of PTHF, Higher activation energy of cluster dissociation



# Chain dynamics against sticker dynamics

## Association energy in strongly associative polymers

Zhijie Zhang

(unentangled)

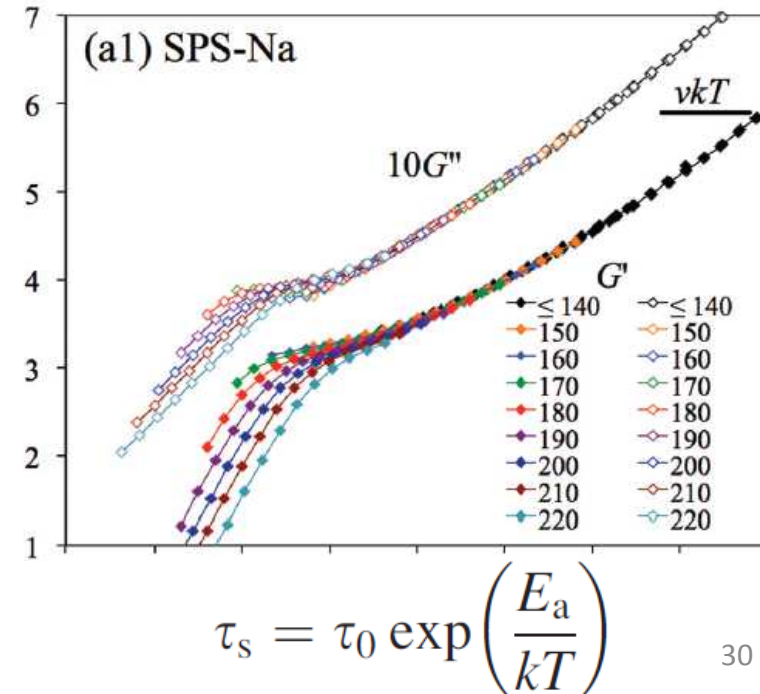
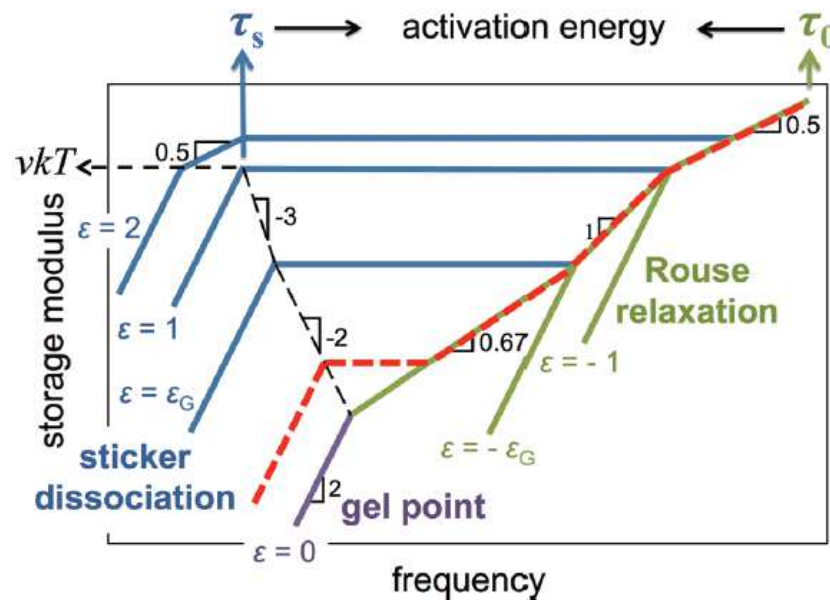
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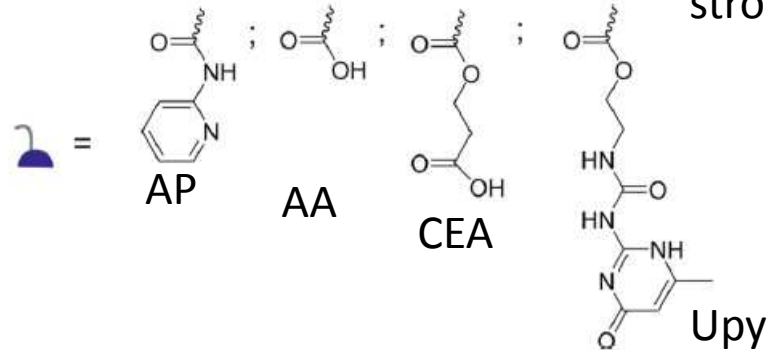
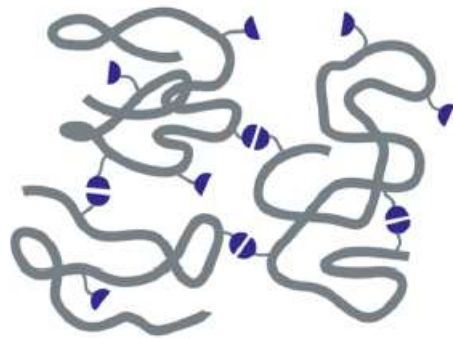


# Unentangled sticky chains

## The Influence of Hydrogen Bonding Side-Groups on Viscoelastic Behavior of Linear and Network Polymers

Christopher L. Lewis, Kathleen Stewart, and Mitchell Anthamatten\*

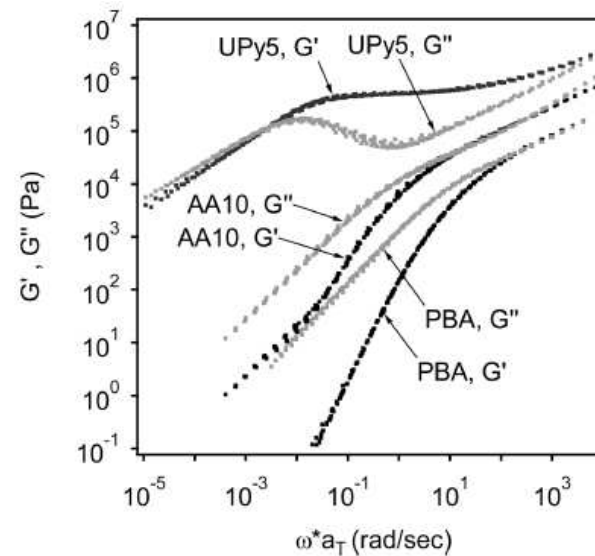
From weak to strong bonds



PBA polymer,  $M_n = 32 \text{ kg/mol}$

| sample | H-bonding monomer feed [mol %] |
|--------|--------------------------------|
| PBA    | 0                              |
| AP5    | 5.4                            |
| AP10   | 10                             |
| AP15   | 15                             |
| AA6    | 7                              |
| AA10   | 13                             |
| AA23   | 25                             |
| CEA5   | 5                              |
| CEA12  | 12                             |
| UPy1   | 1                              |
| UPy2   | 2                              |
| UPy5   | 5                              |

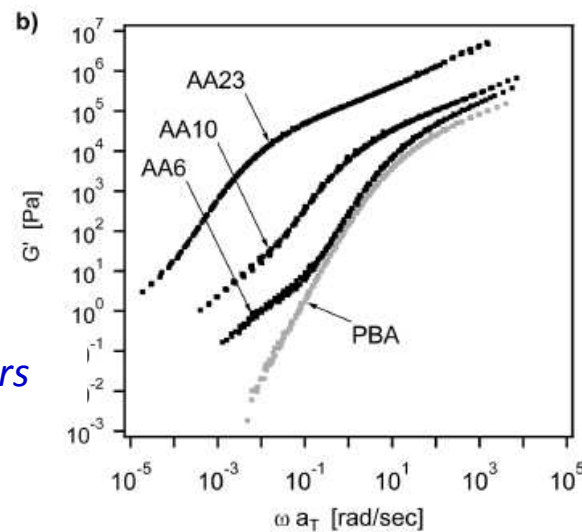
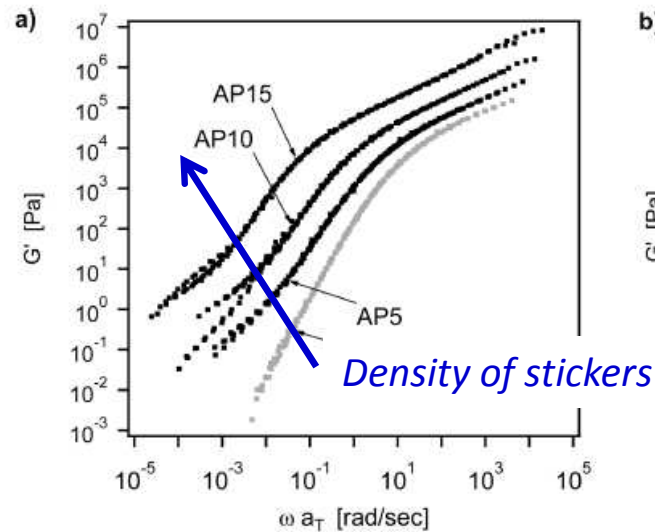
$x_{HB}$  is the mole fraction of H-bonding monomer,



Strength of the side-groups strongly influences the flow properties

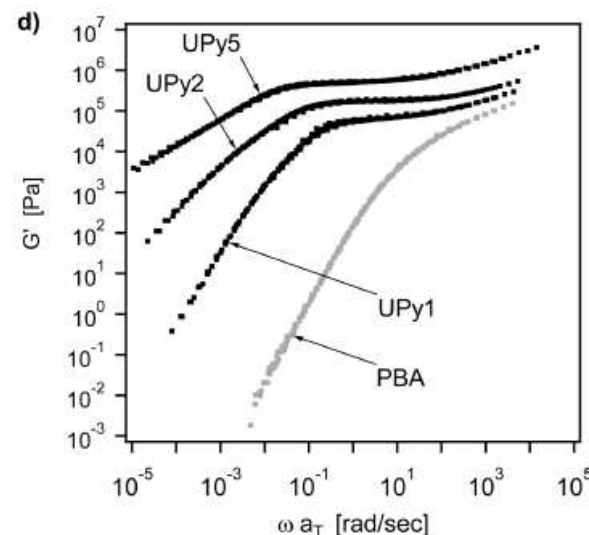
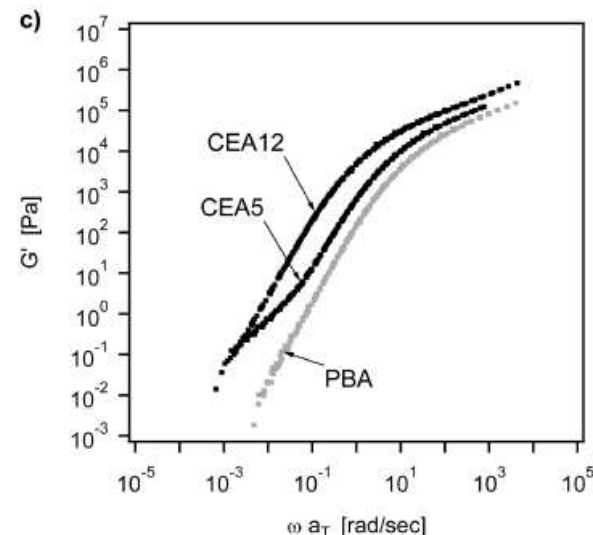
# Unentangled sticky chains

Increasing the density of supramolecular junctions:



From weak to strong bonds

AP AA CEA Upy



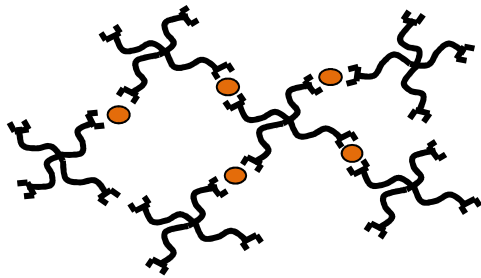
To be noted:

*T<sub>g</sub> varies according to the density of transient bonds*

Density of the side-groups strongly influences the flow properties<sup>32</sup>

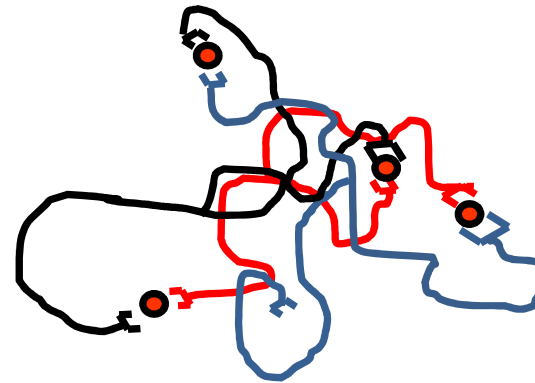
## II) Dynamics of Transient Networks based on entangled building blocks

# Unentangled vs entangled transient Network



Elastic plateau and relaxation  
time: fully governed by the  
supramolecular junctions

*Many works in literature on  
this kind of supramolecular  
polymers*

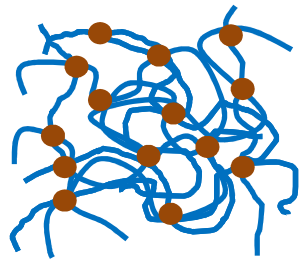


Elastic plateau:  
also governed by the  
entanglement segments

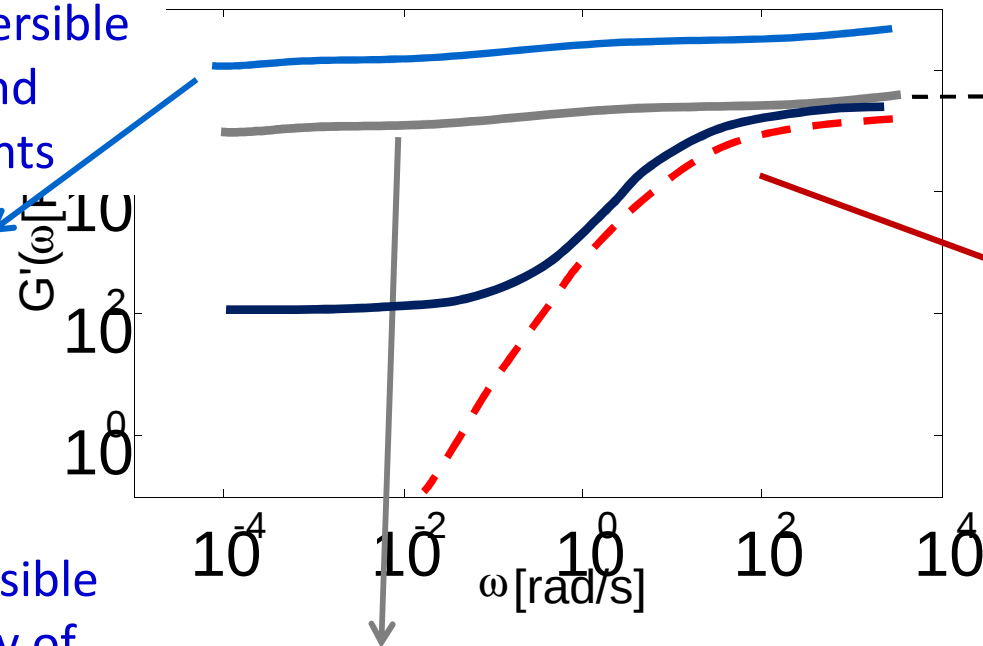
Relaxation time:  
Governed by both the  
supramolecular junctions and  
the entanglements dynamics

# Entangled transient Network

Network governed  
both by the reversible  
junctions and  
entanglements



Density of reversible  
bonds > density of  
entanglements

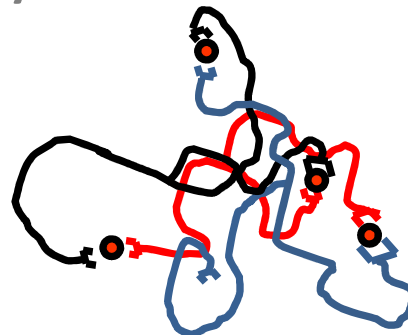
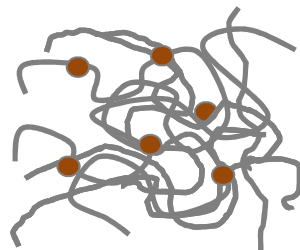


Entangled polymer melt unable to relax



Entangled polymer  
melts

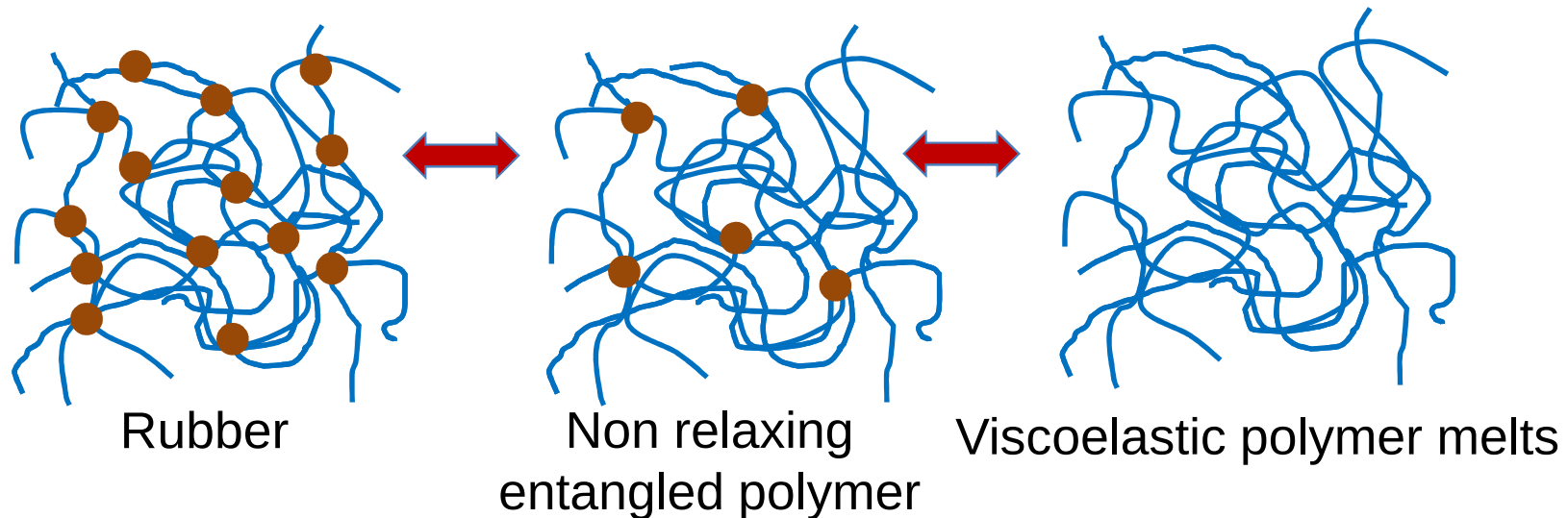
$$G_0^N = \frac{4}{5} \frac{\rho RT}{M_e}$$



Density of reversible  
bonds << density of  
entanglements

# Entangled transient Network

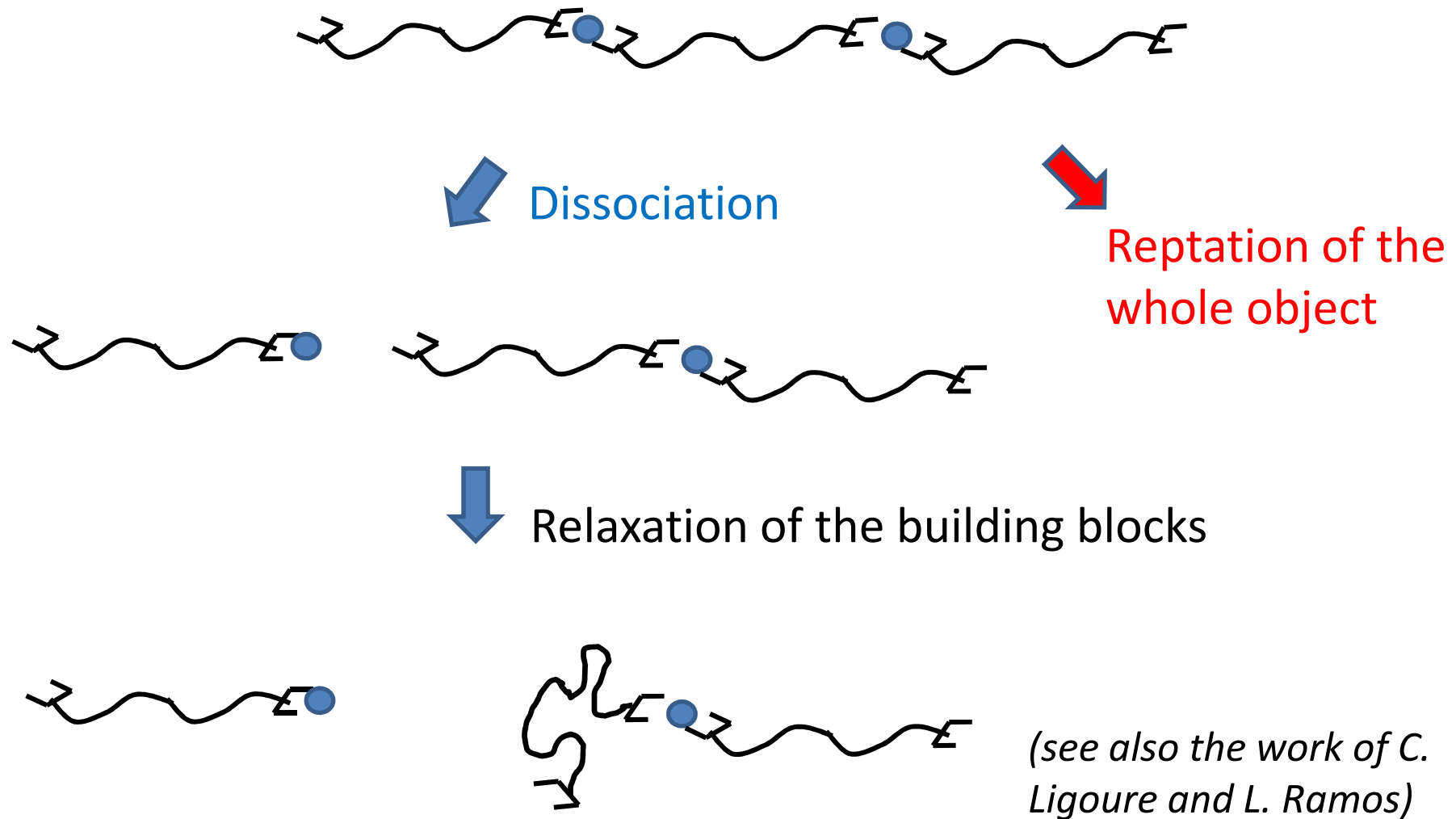
Depending on the density of supramolecular junctions:



The relaxation time depends on:

- **Lifetime** of the supramolecular junctions (stimuli responsive)
- **Architecture** of the building blocks (disentanglement time)
- $M_e$

# Entangled transient Network from unentangled molecules



(see the model of Cates for living polymers)

# Entangled transient Network from unentangled molecules

Humidity affects the viscoelastic properties of supramolecular living polymers

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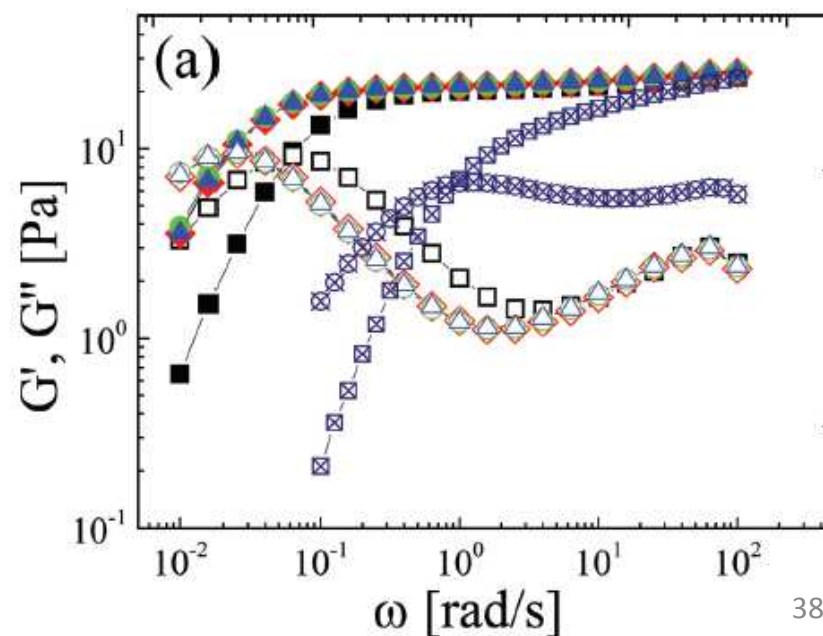
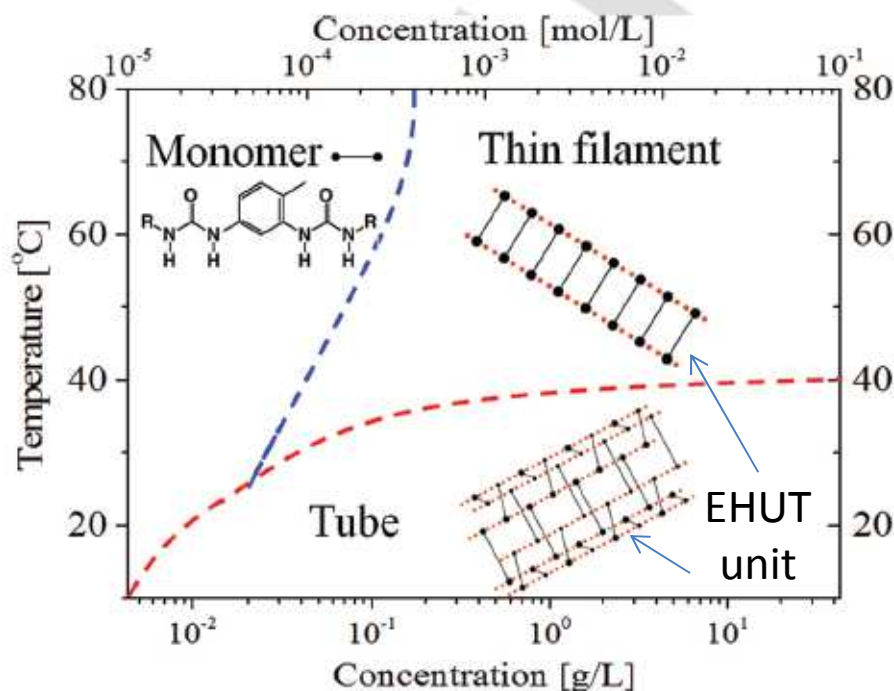
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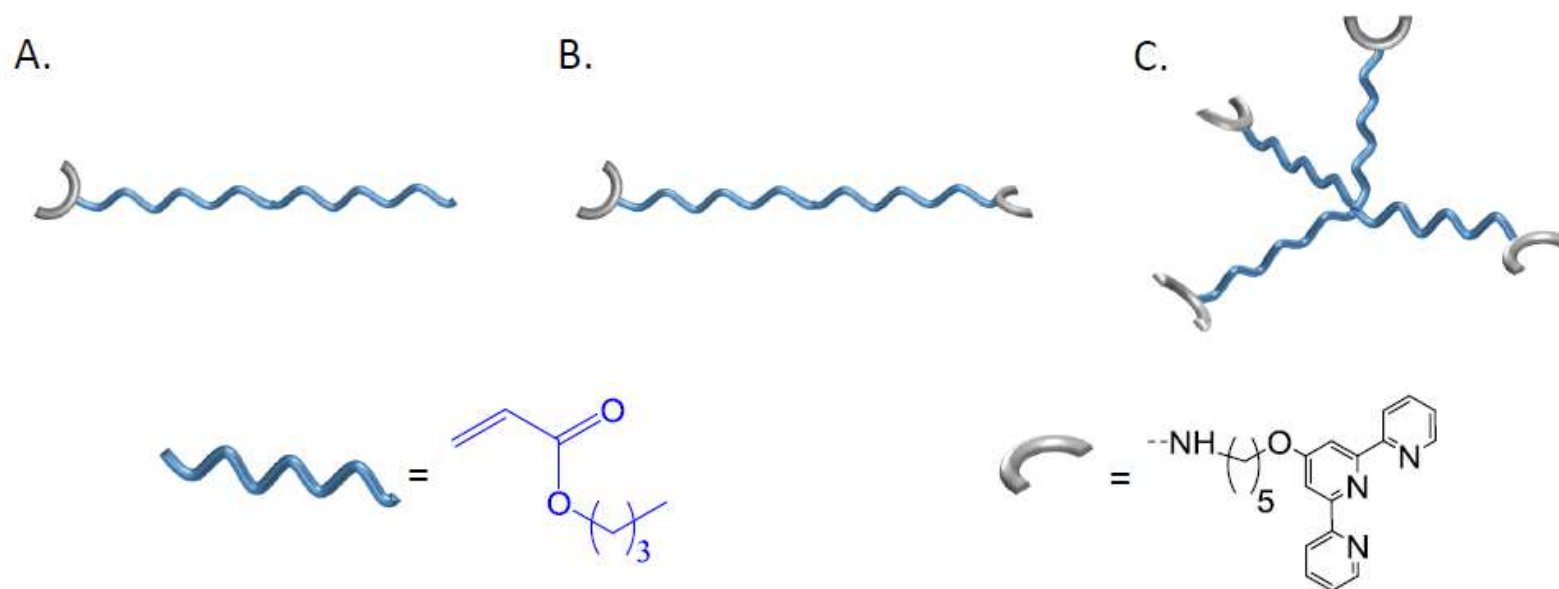
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# Metallo-supramolecular PnBA polymers



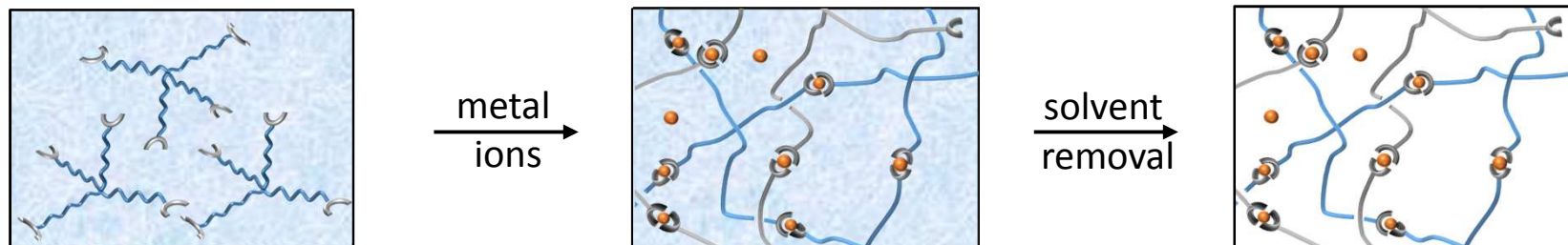
| Sample                                                     | Mn <sup>*a</sup><br>(g/mol) | Ma <sup>†a</sup><br>(g/mol) | Đ <sup>b</sup> | Z <sup>c</sup> | Tg <sup>d</sup><br>(°C) |
|------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------|----------------|-------------------------|
| A. <i>PnBA</i> <sub>100.9k</sub> - <i>tpy</i>              | 100 900                     | /                           | 1.14           | 5.9            | -52                     |
| B. <i>PnBA</i> <sub>113.2k</sub> - <i>tpy</i> <sub>2</sub> | 113 200                     | /                           | 1.13           | 6.7            | -53                     |
| C. <i>PnBA</i> <sub>107.3k</sub> - <i>tpy</i> <sub>4</sub> | 107 300                     | 40 000                      | 1.25           | 2.3/arm        | -53                     |

\*Molecular weight of the whole system. †Molecular weight per arm.

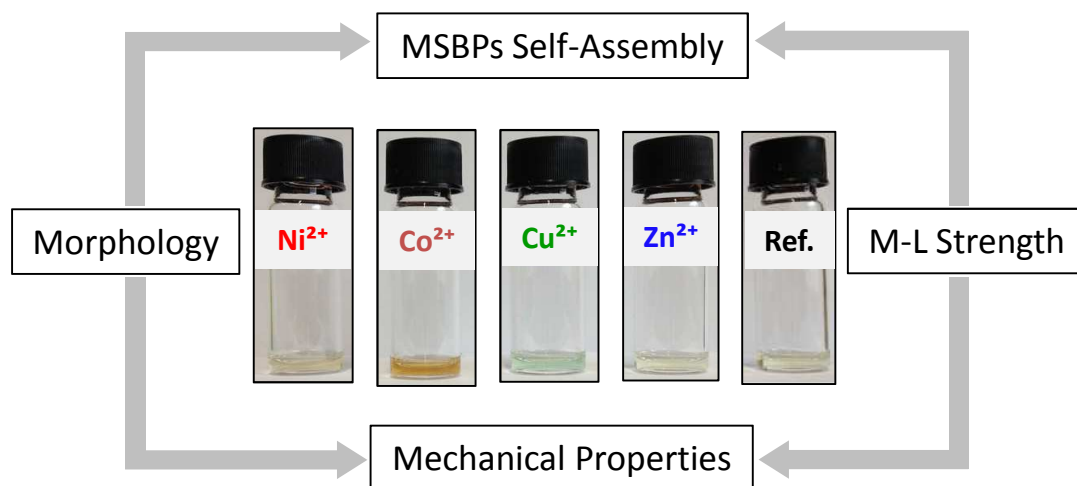
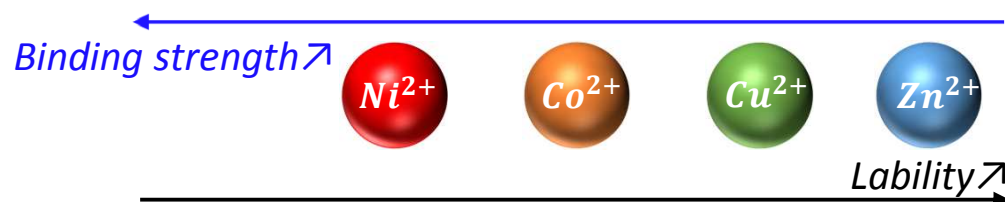
<sup>a</sup>Determined by <sup>1</sup>H-NMR. <sup>b</sup>Measured by SEC in DMF+NH<sub>4</sub>PF<sub>6</sub> eluent. <sup>c</sup>Me(*PnBA*)=17 kg/mol). <sup>d</sup>Measured by DSC.

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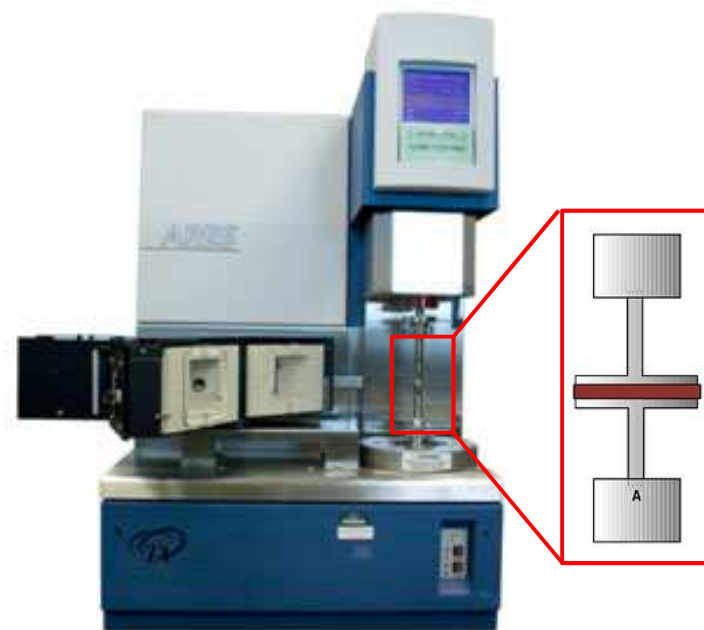
Sample preparation identical to organo-gel but at high concentration ( $C \geq 400$  g/L)



Transition metal ions

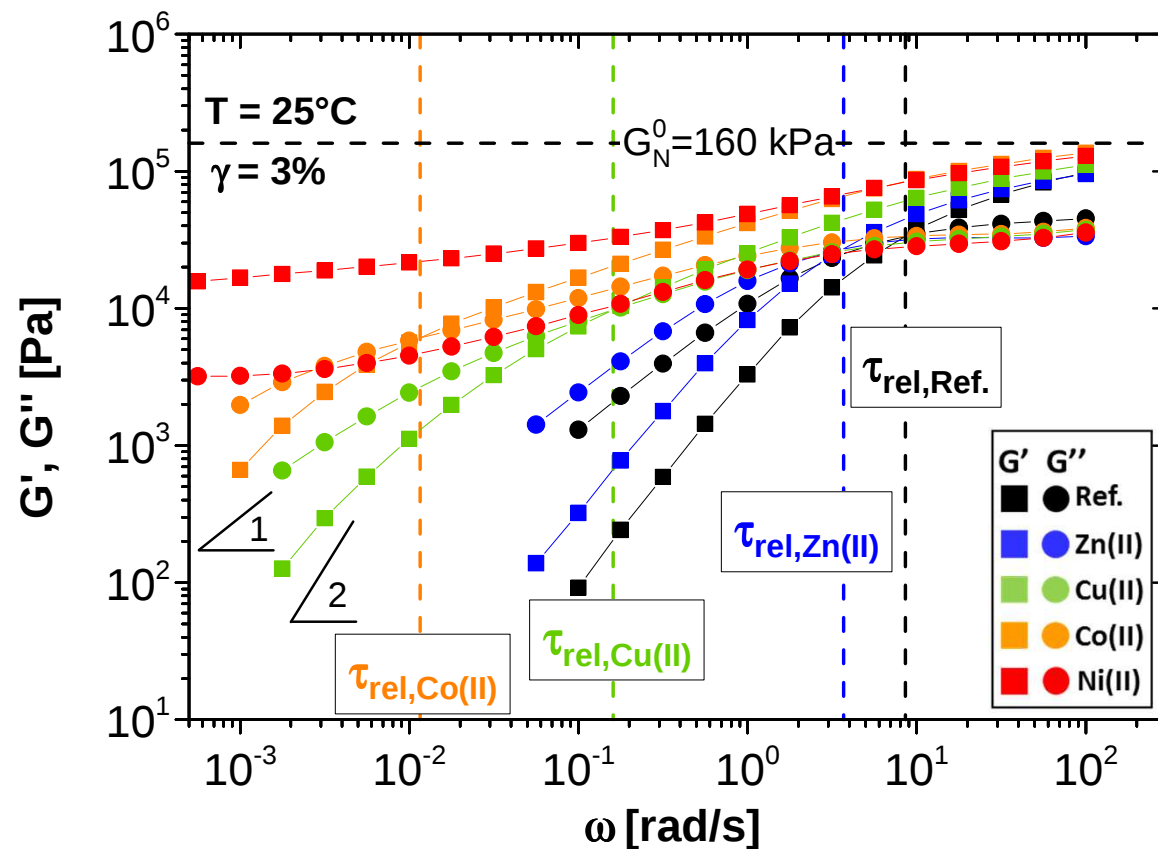


ARES Shear rheometer



$\Rightarrow$  Correlate Structure with Mechanical Properties

# Influence of the metal ion nature



✓  $\tau_{\text{rel}} = 2\pi/\omega \nearrow$  upon addition of metal ions

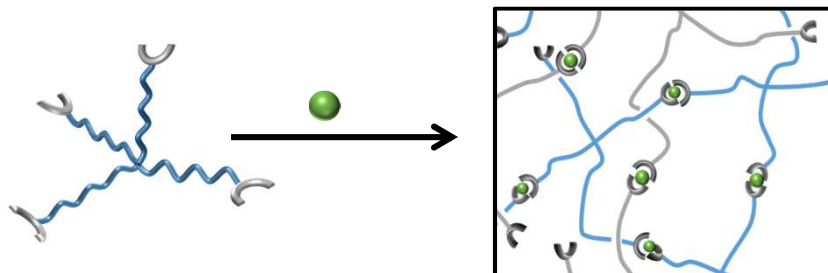
✓ Formation of M-L cross-links

✓  $M : \text{Ni}^{2+} > \text{Co}^{2+} > \text{Cu}^{2+} > \text{Zn}^{2+}$

$$K = \frac{k_f}{k_{\text{diss}}}$$

*Inorg. Chem.* **1966**, *5*, 622–625

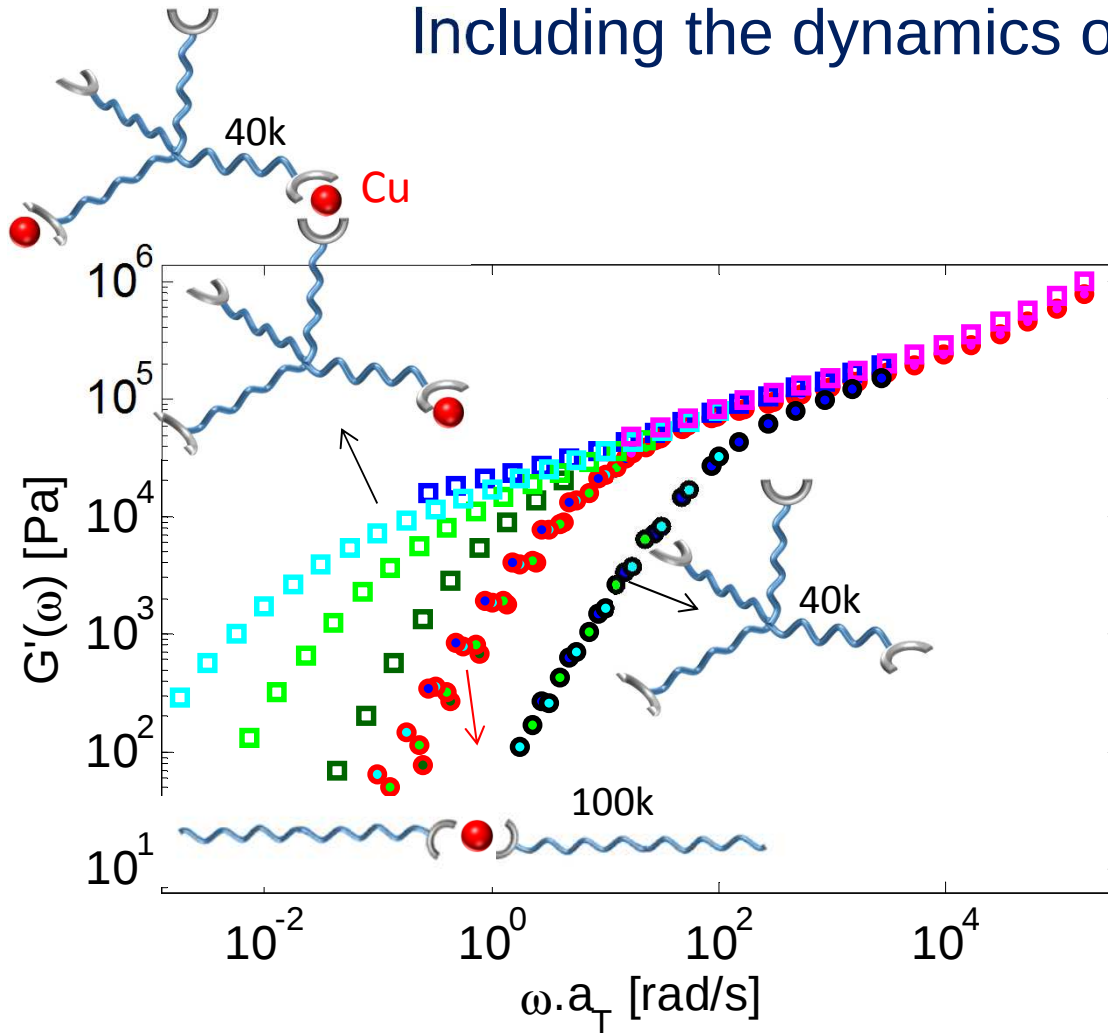
$M_n = 249 \text{ kg/mol}$   
 $\bar{D} = 1.20$   
 $Z = 3.4/\text{arm}$



*Macromolecules* **2017**, *50*, 5165-5175

# Influence of the metal ion amount

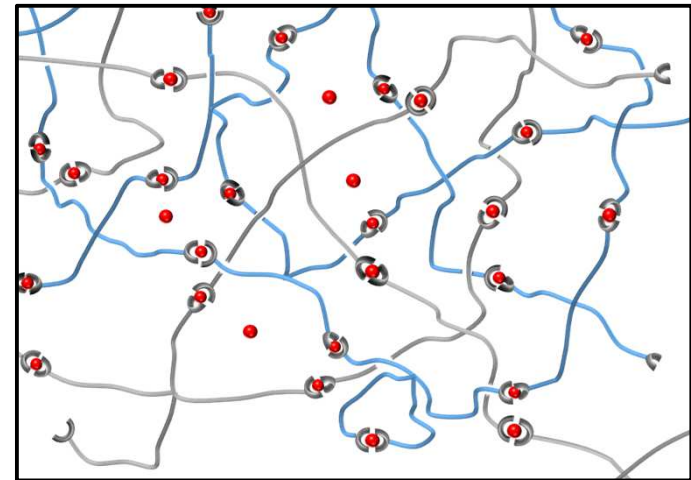
Including the dynamics of the stickers



0.5eq. Ions

➡ At time  $t=0$ :  
part of the arms are not  
associated and can relax

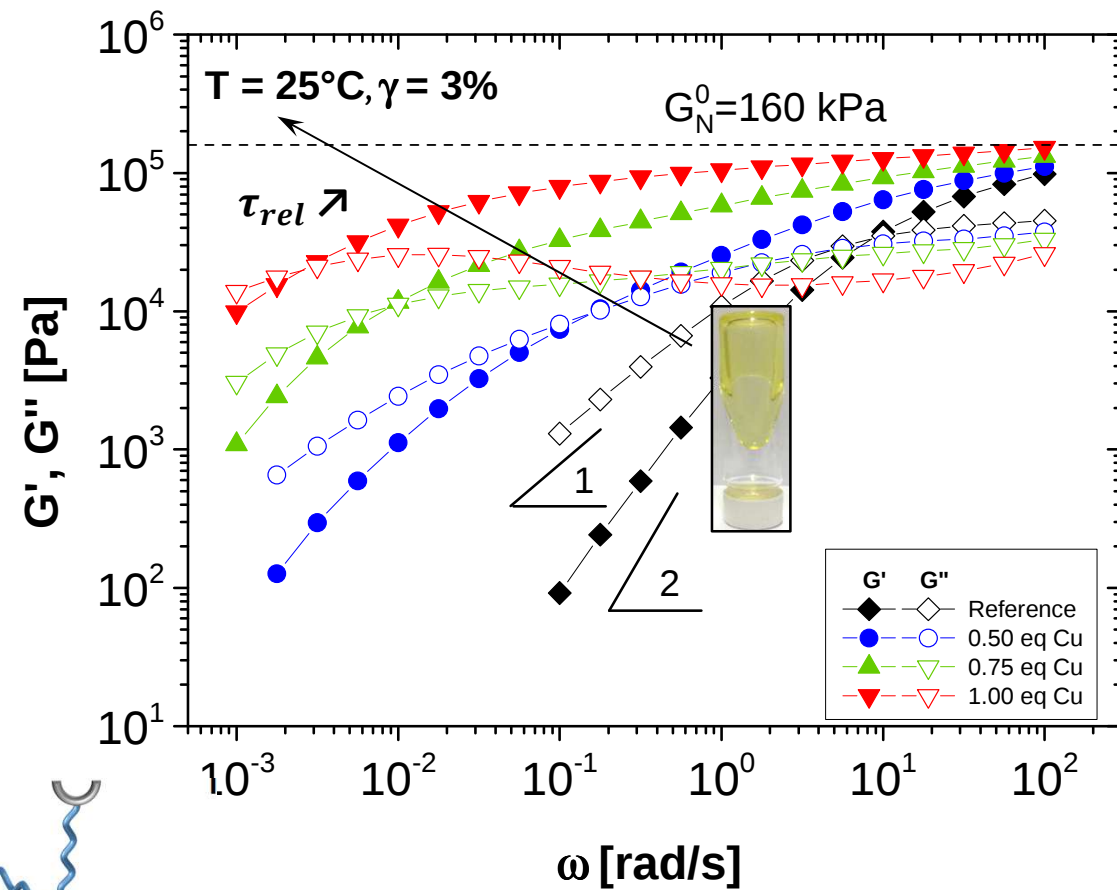
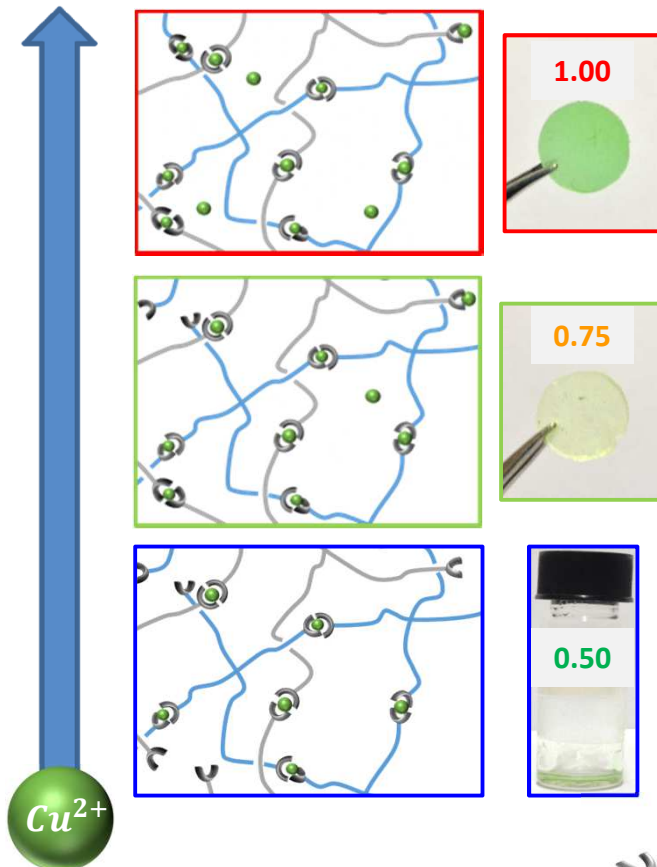
$$\tau_{\text{fluc}} \ll \tau_{\text{ass}}, \tau_{\text{exchange}}$$



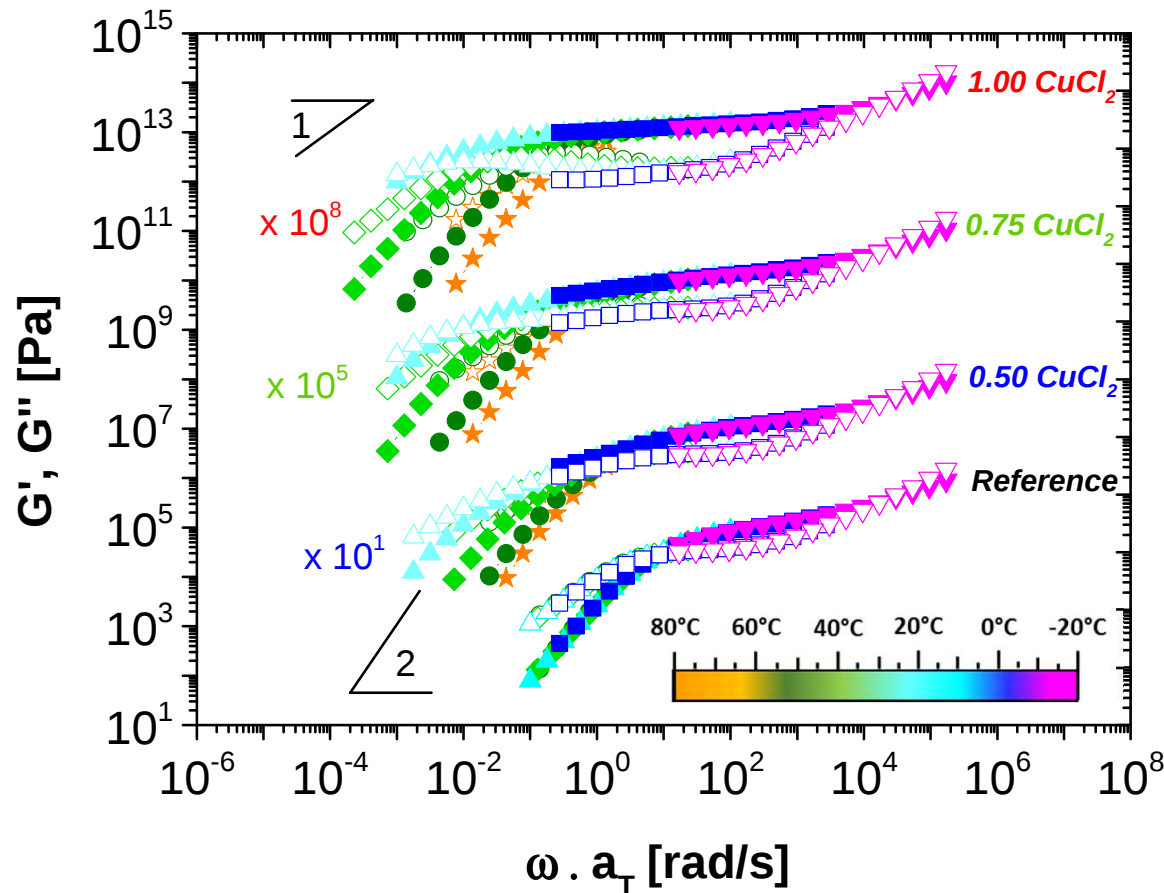
Dangling arms

# Influence of the metal ion amount

eq. Cu(II) added ↗

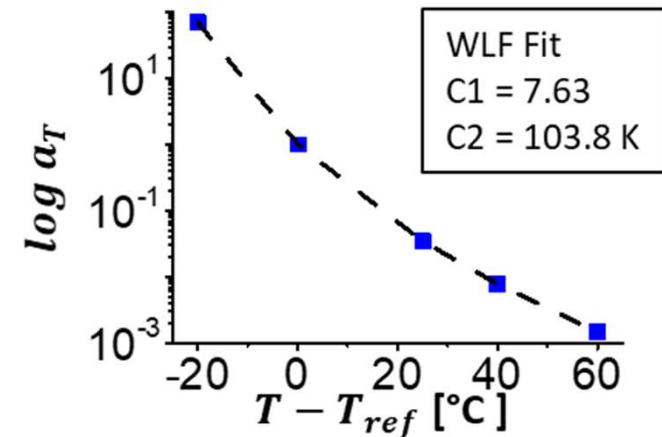
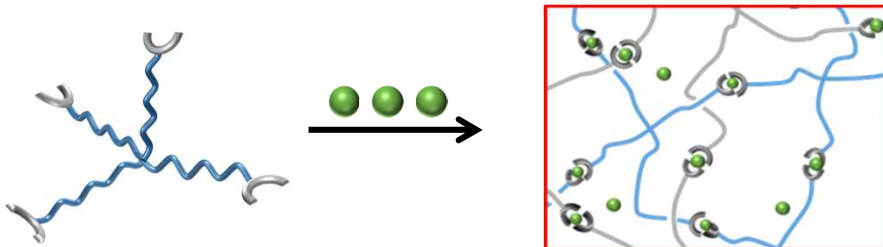


# Influence of Temperature



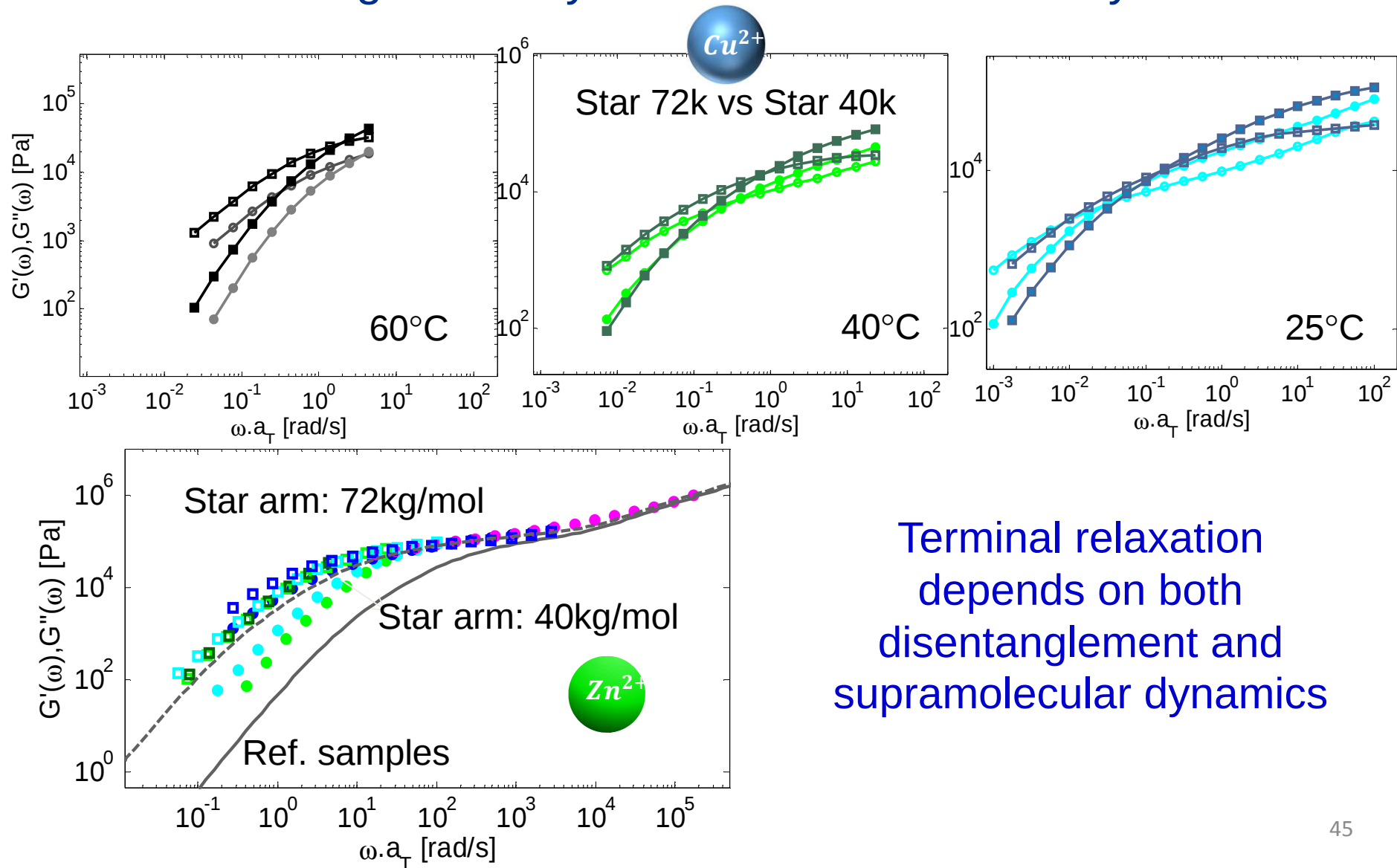
⇒ Thermo-rheological complexity

- ✓ Thermo-rheological complexity
- ✓ Stickers temperature dependent
- ✓ No well fitted master curves



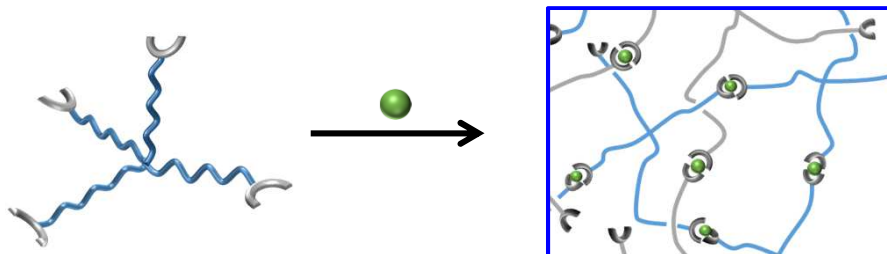
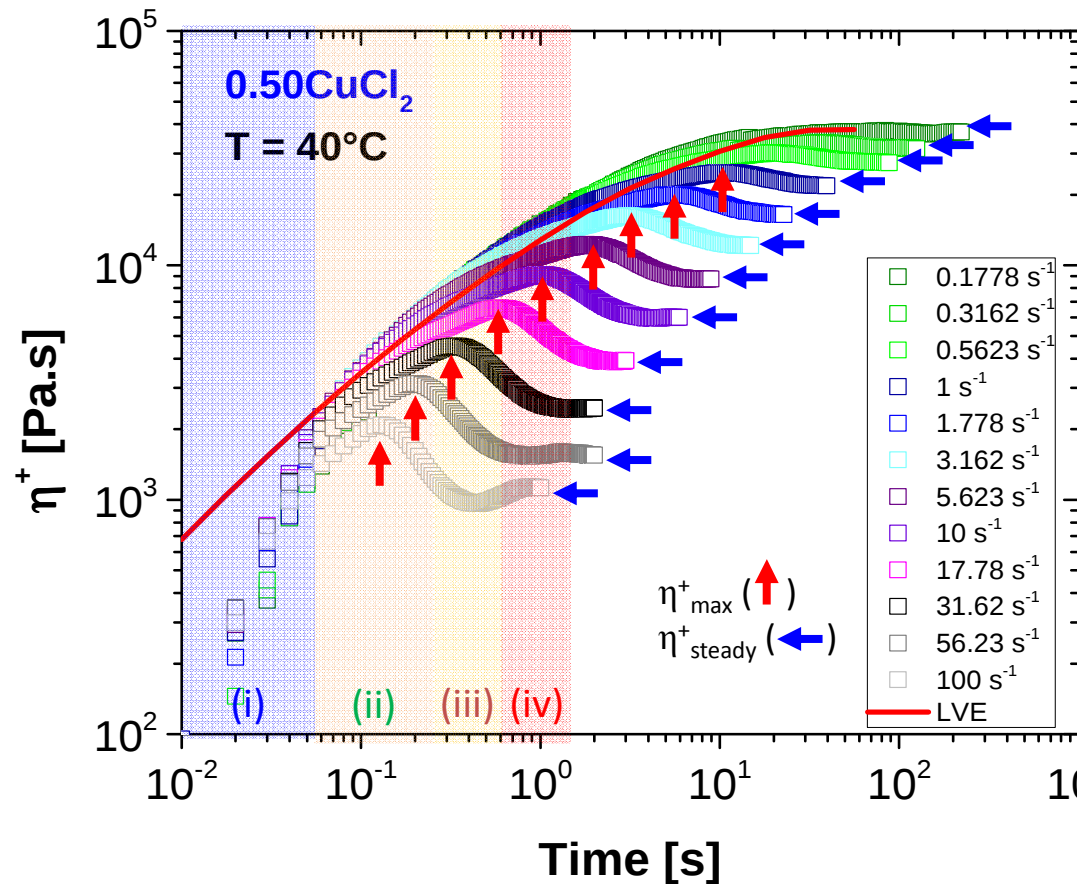
# Metallo-supramolecular PnBA polymers

## Disentanglement dynamics versus stickers dynamics



Terminal relaxation  
depends on both  
disentanglement and  
supramolecular dynamics

# Nonlinear Shear rheology of PnBA stars



Measured with the CPP (S. Costanzo, D. Vlassopoulos)

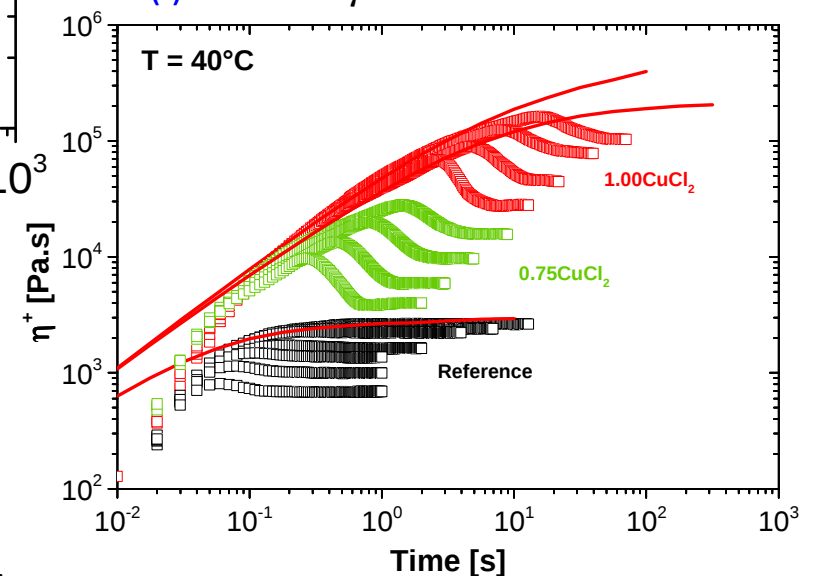
## ⇒ Transient shear viscosity

✓ Presence of four regions

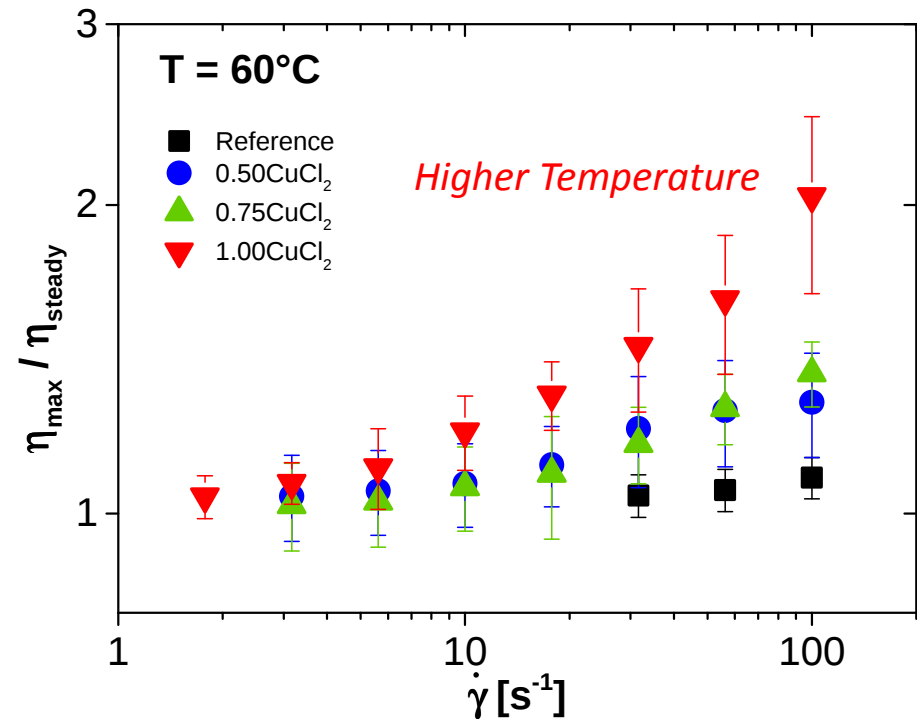
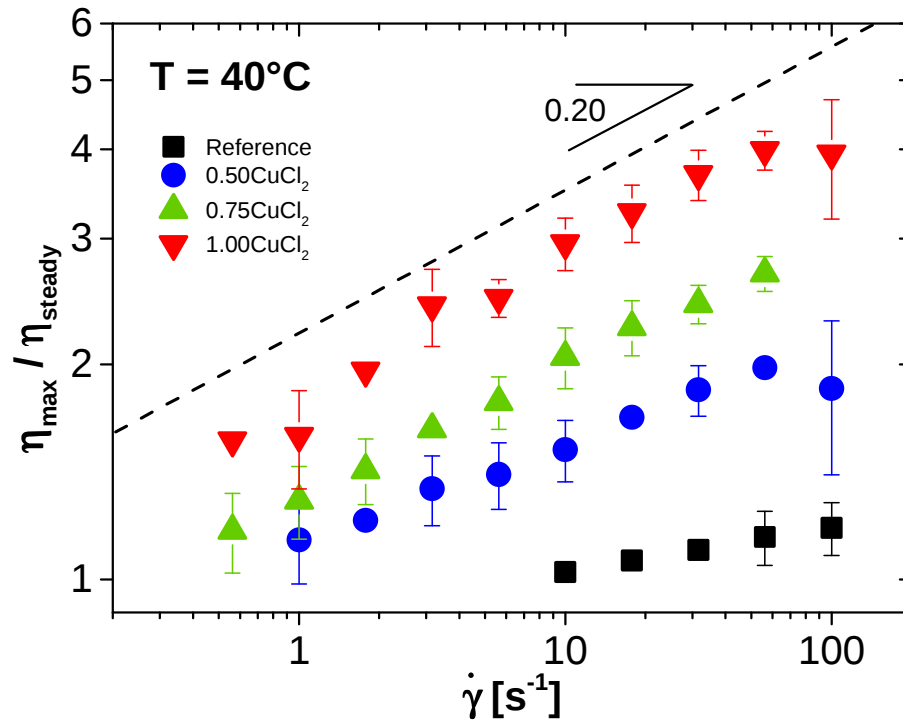
- (i) Viscosity  $\propto$  linearly
- (ii) Overshoot (orientation, stretching)
- (iii) Undershoot (tumbling effect)
- (iv) Steady state

✓ Systematic investigation

(i)  $0.1 \text{ s}^{-1} \leq \dot{\gamma} \leq 100 \text{ s}^{-1}$  at 40°C



# Nonlinear Shear rheology of PnBA stars



⇒ Tailored resistance towards deformation



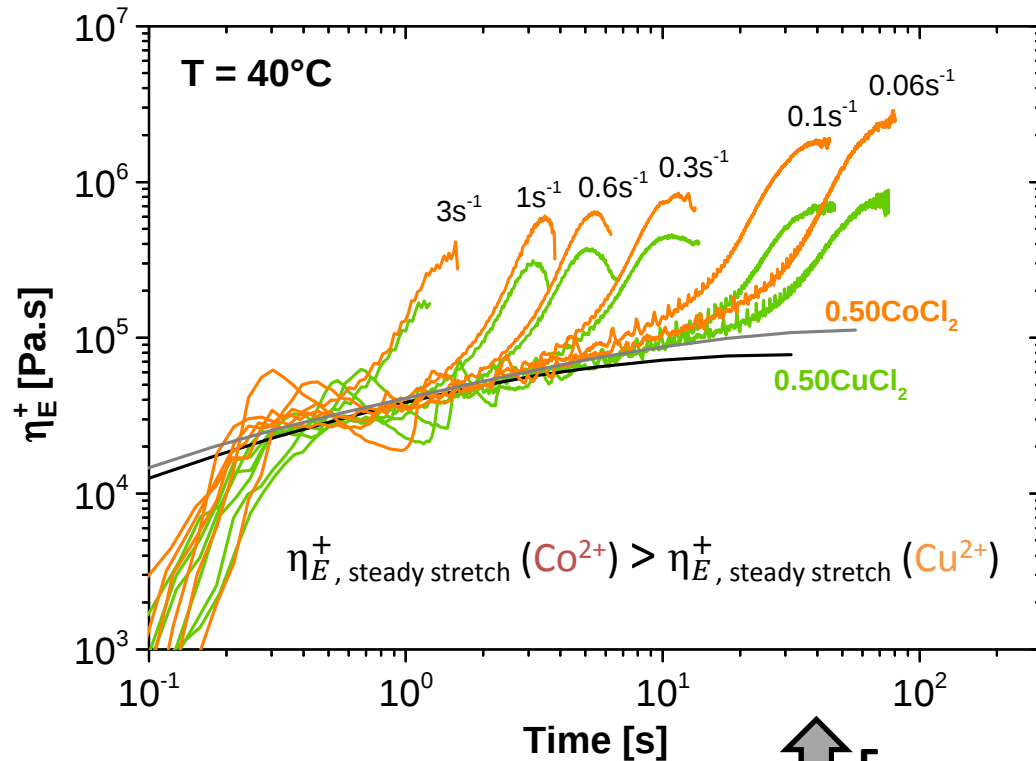
⇒ Influence of temperature on M-L

✓ M-L cross-links less stable and more labile

$$K = \frac{k_f}{k_{diss}} \quad , \quad K_{40^\circ\text{C}} > K_{60^\circ\text{C}}$$

✓ M-L resistance capacity  $\searrow$  when  $T \nearrow$

# Nonlinear extensional rheology of PnBA stars



## Influence of metal ion type

- ✓ Similar linear dynamic viscosity
- ✓ Difference in elongation viscosity

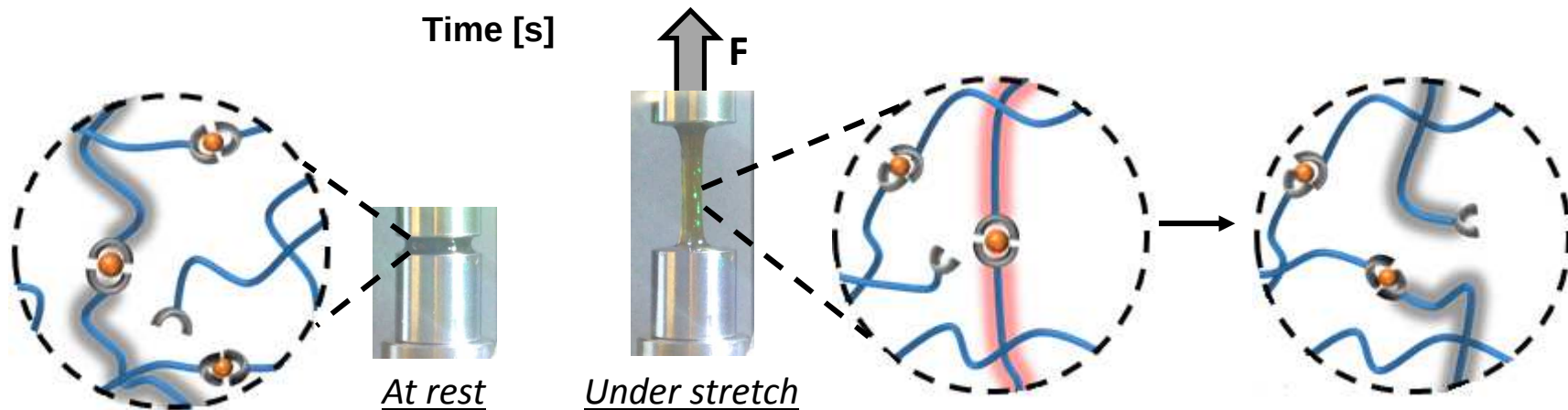
Stability ↗



↘ Lability

$$K = \frac{k_f}{k_{diss}}$$

- ✓ Highlight M-L cross-links ( $\text{Co}^{2+} > \text{Cu}^{2+}$ )

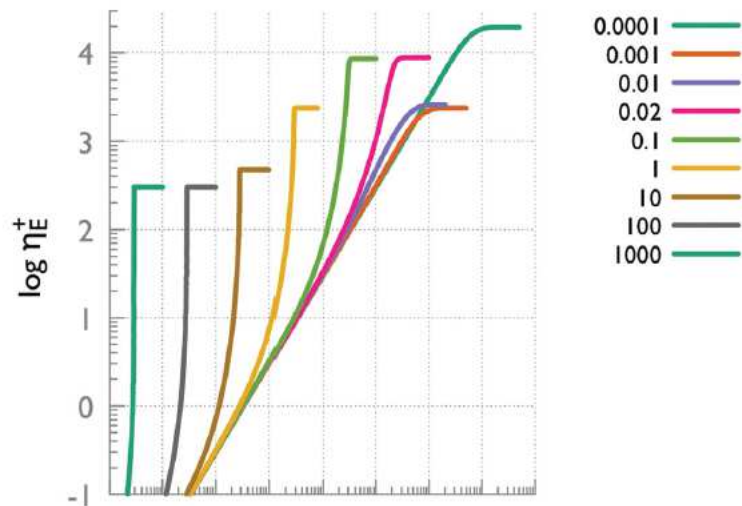


# Nonlinear rheology of star polymers

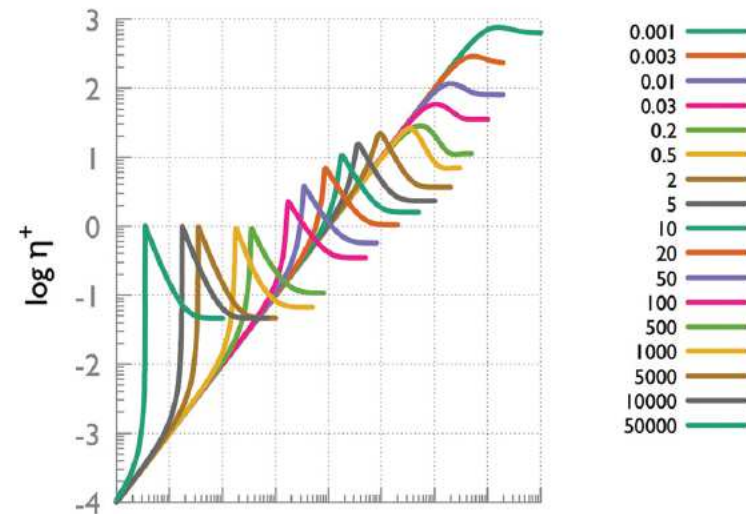
## Stochastic and preaveraged nonlinear rheology models for entangled telechelic star polymers

Victor A. H. Boudara, and Daniel J. Read

Citation: *Journal of Rheology* **61**, 339 (2017); doi: 10.1122/1.4974908

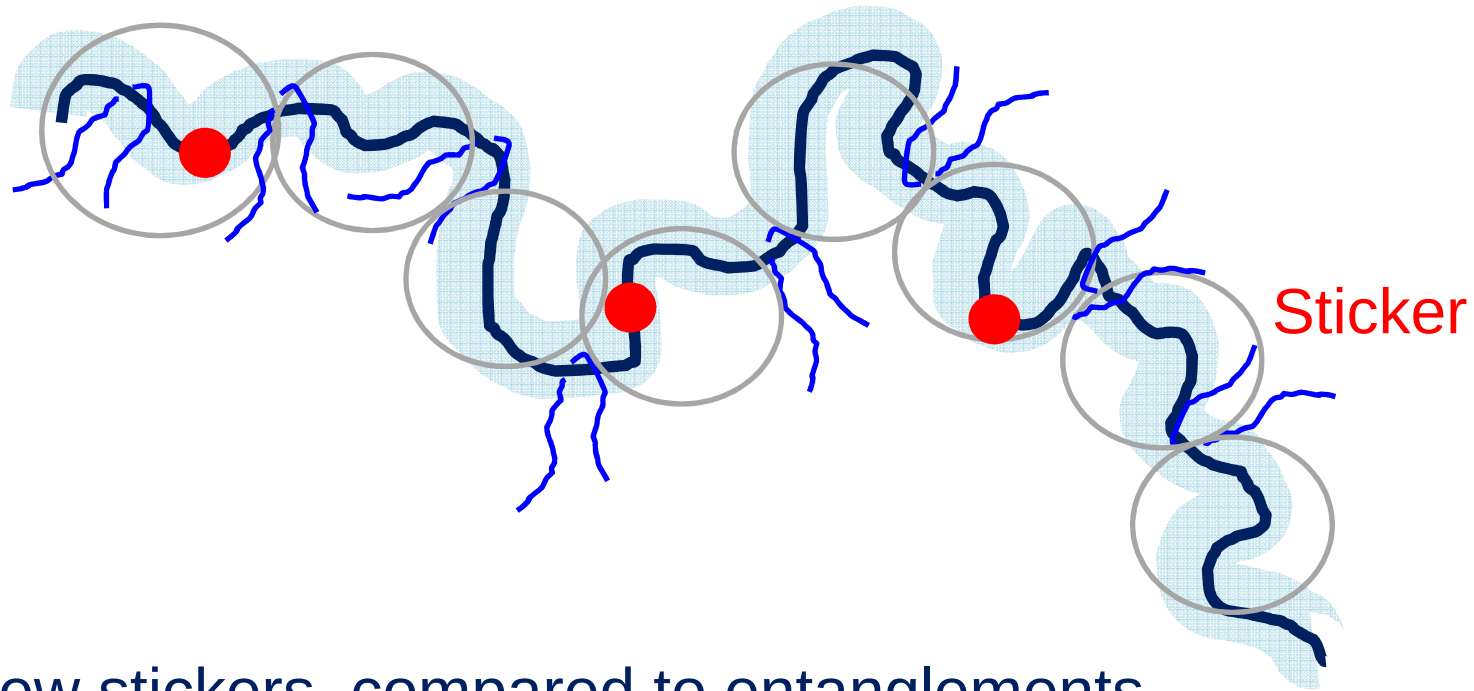


Elongation viscosity



Shear viscosity

# Entangled sticky linear polymers



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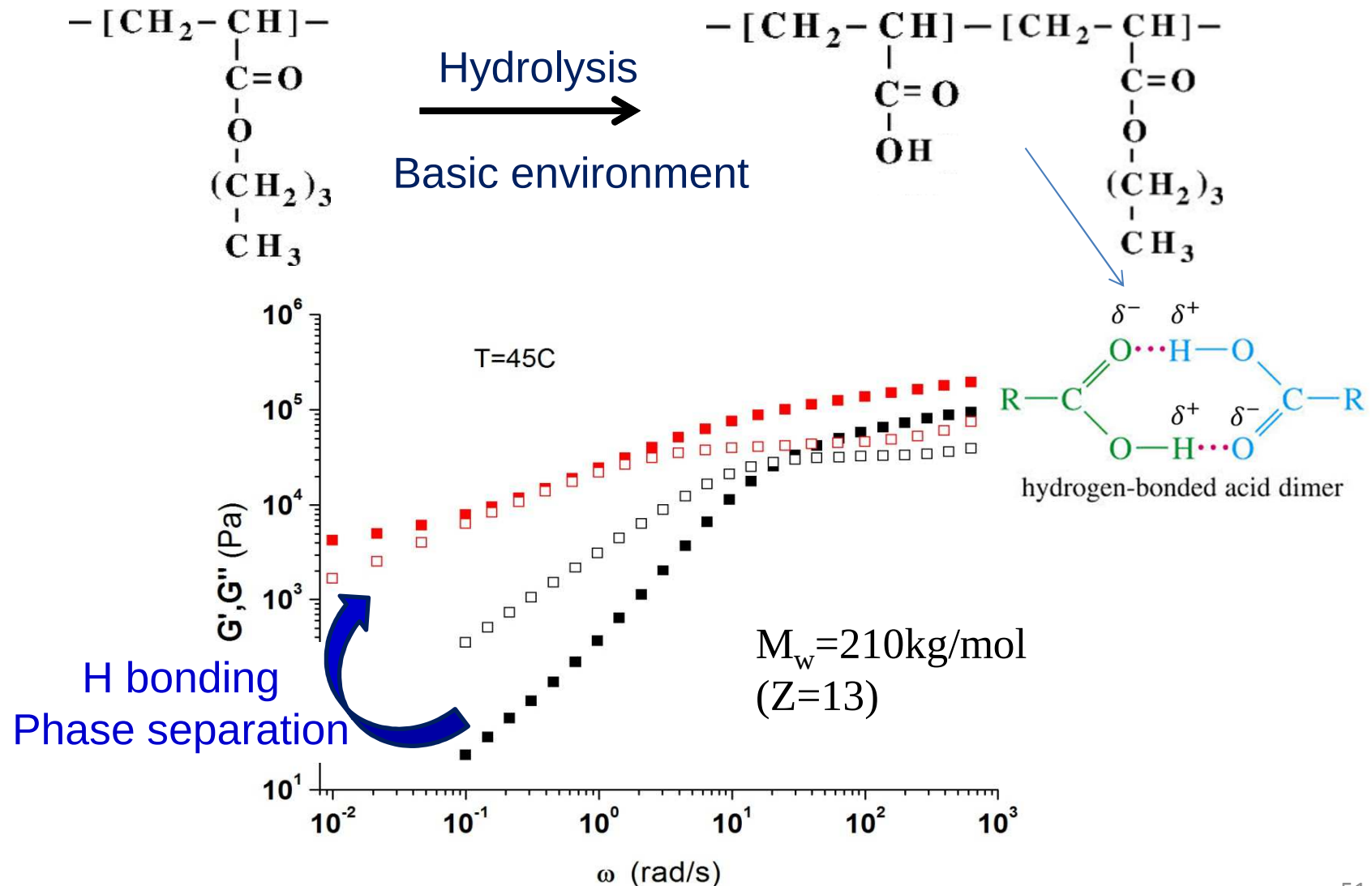
➡ Few stickers, compared to entanglements

$$M_{e,total}^{-1} = M_{e,ent}^{-1} + M_{e,XX}^{-1}$$

➡ Stickers with long lifetime

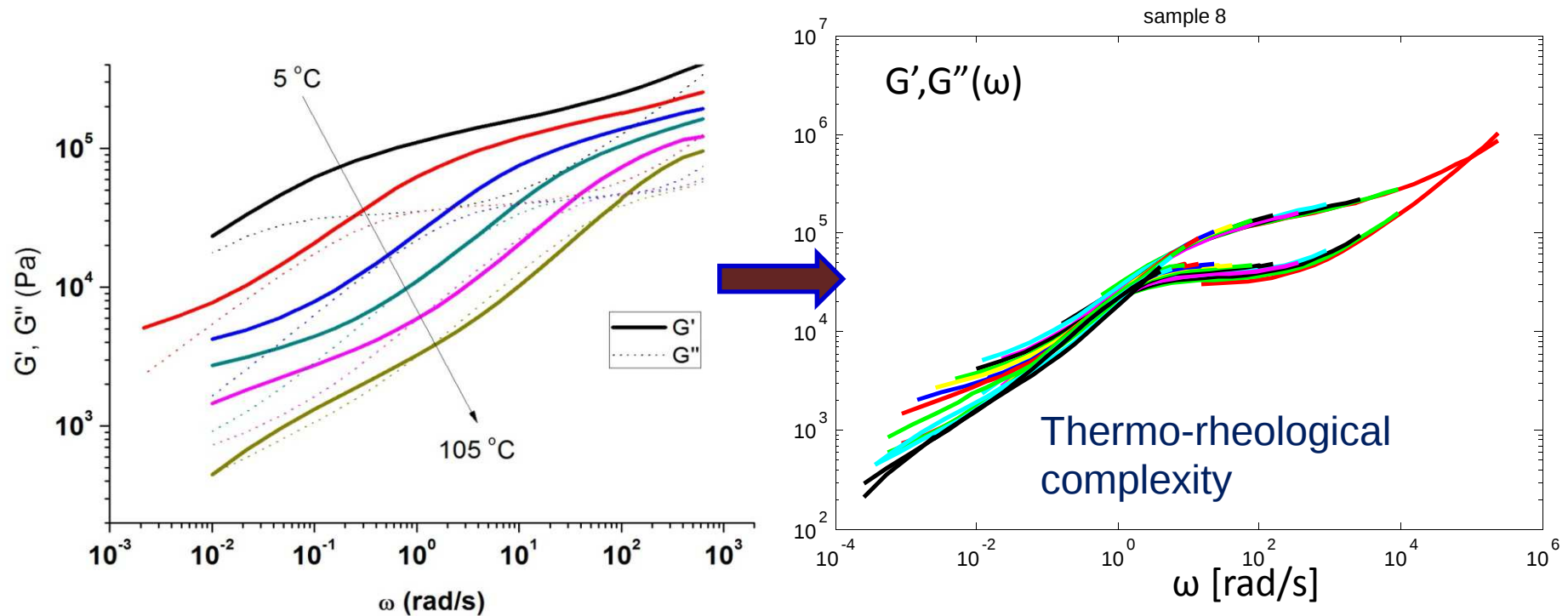
# Viscoelastic properties of hydrolized PnBA chains

PnBA: Poly (n-butyl acrylate)



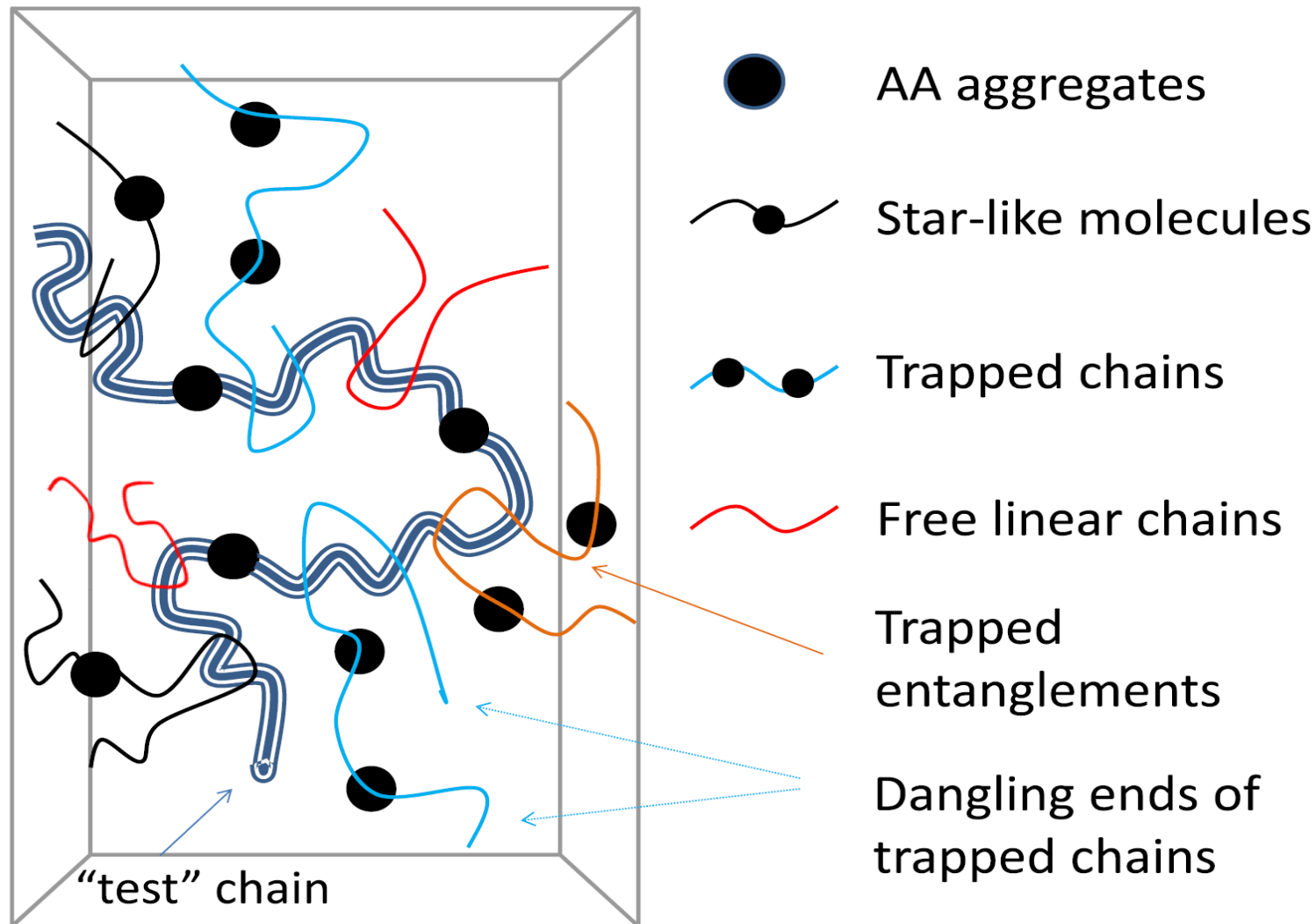
# Viscoelastic properties of hydrolized PnBA chains

## Influence of the temperature



The proportion of active stickers decreases with  $T$

# Viscoelastic properties of hydrolized PnBA chains



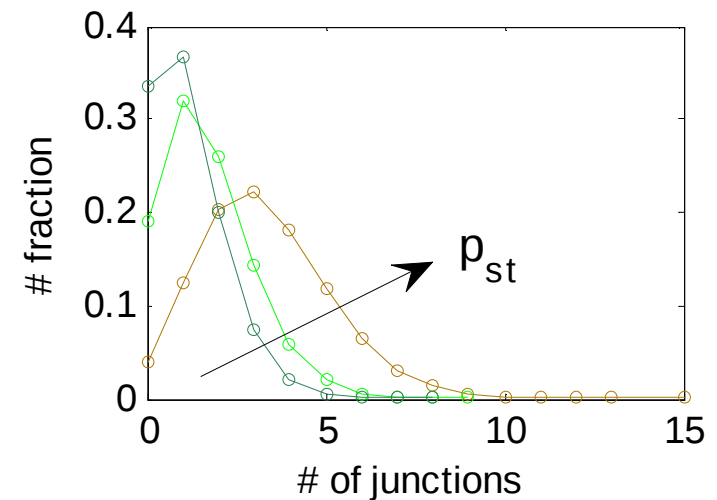
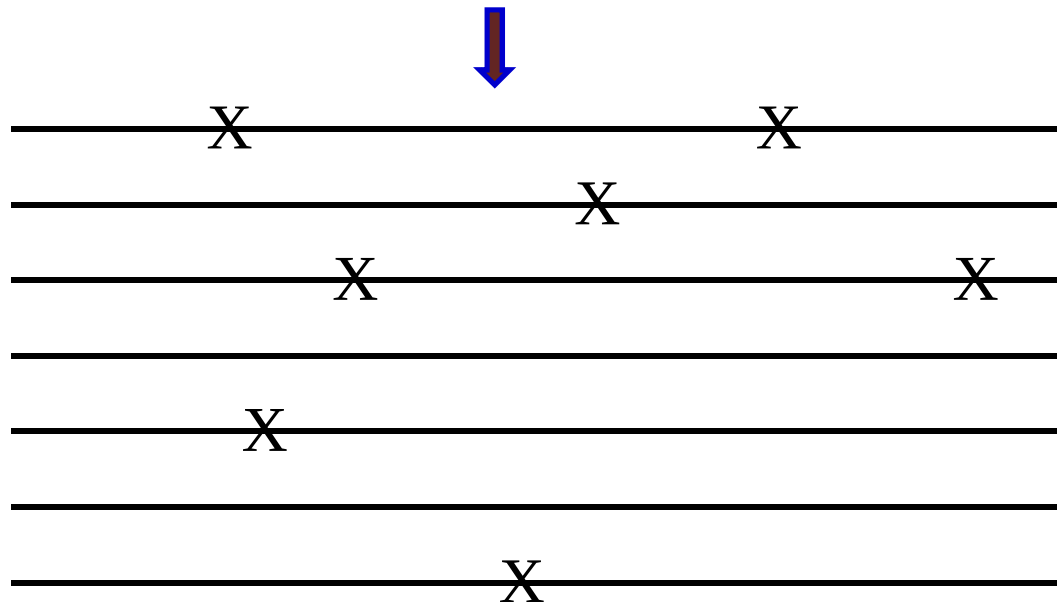
At low frequency: only the trapped chains cannot relax

# Viscoelastic properties of hydrolized PnBA chains

## Statistical composition

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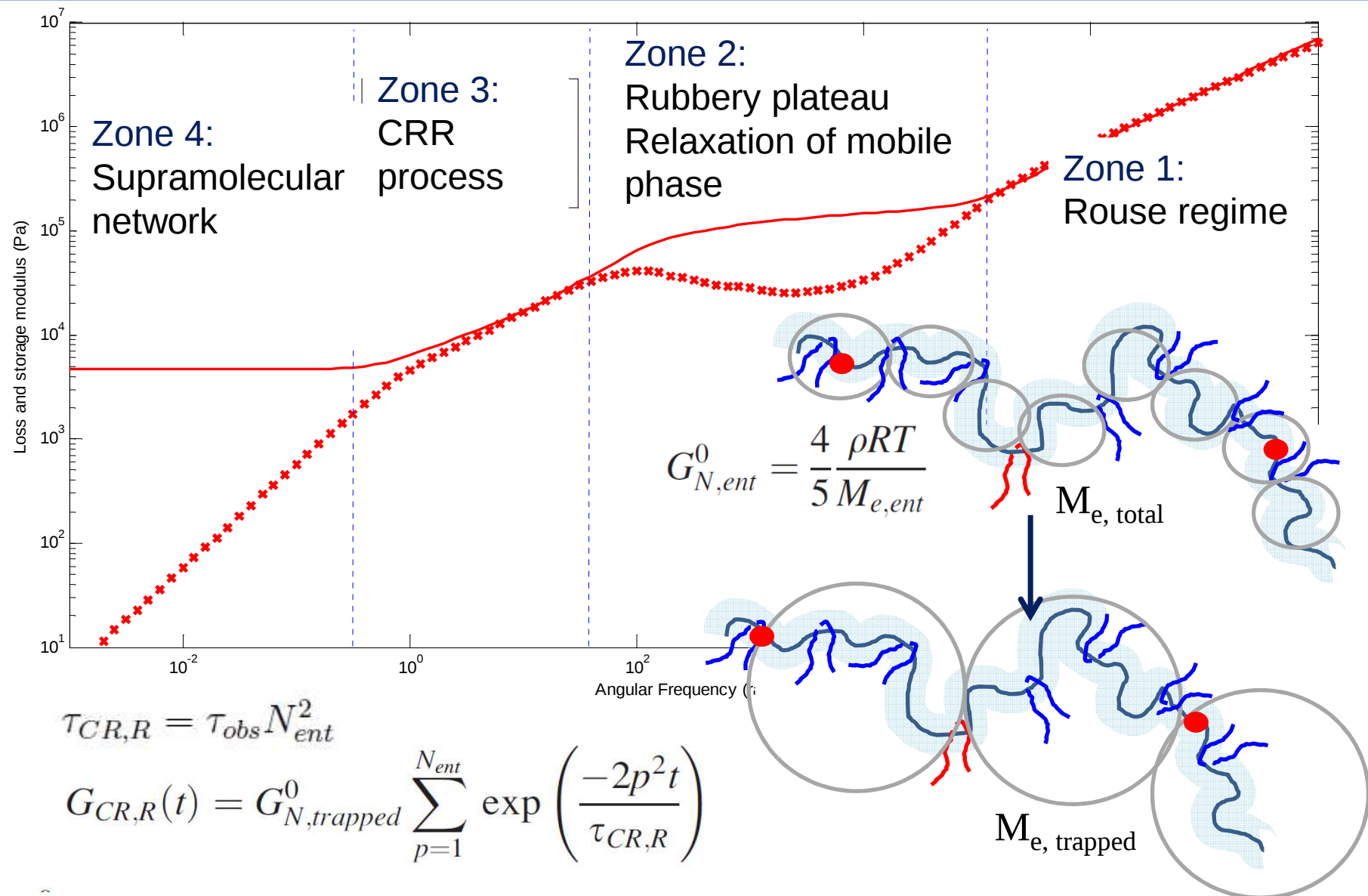
$p_{\text{active\_st}}$  *the probability to find an active sticker along the chain*



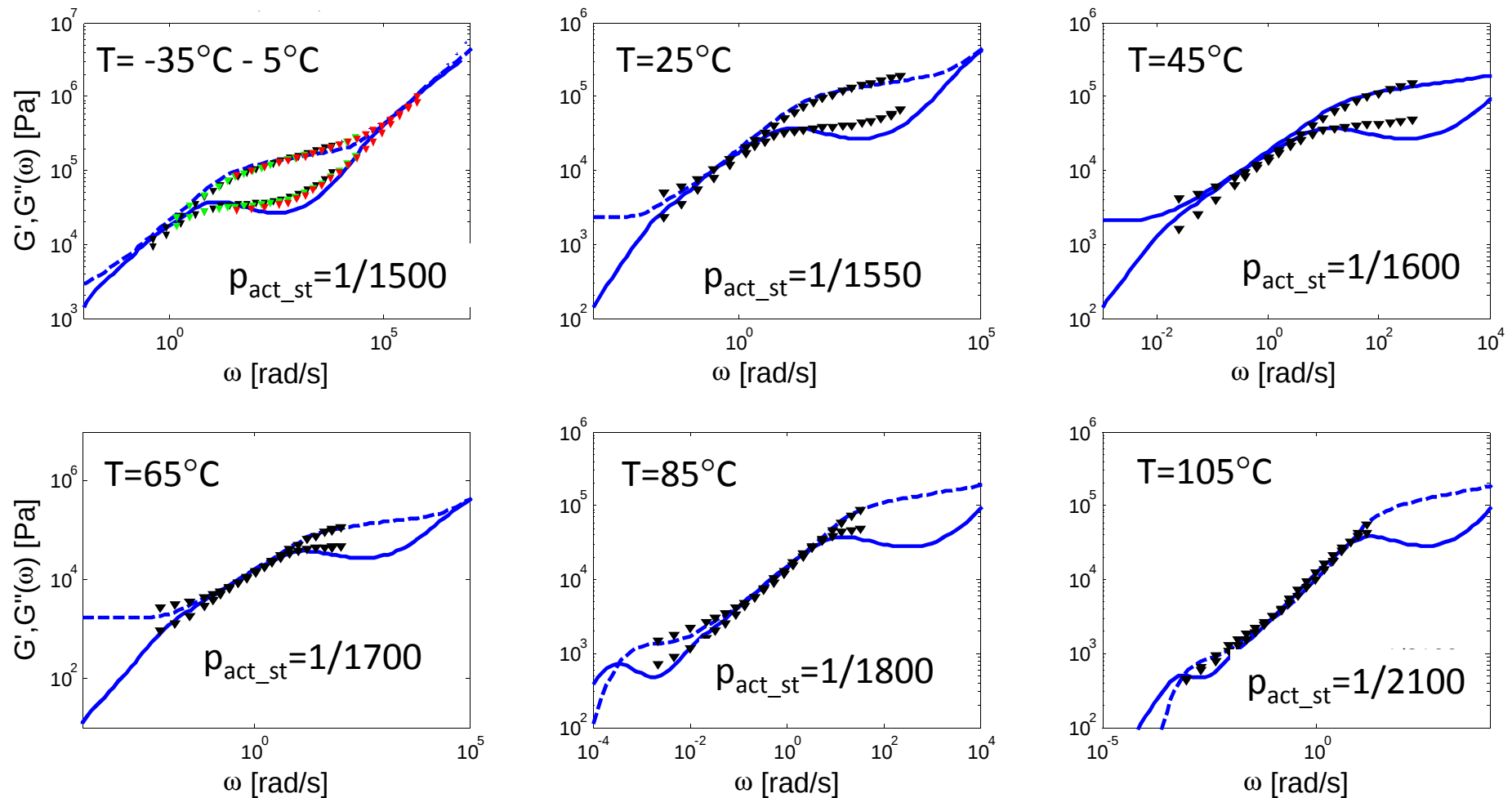
Analysis and  
classification  
of the chain  
segments

*Building the sticky molecules*

# Viscoelastic properties of hydrolized PnBA chains



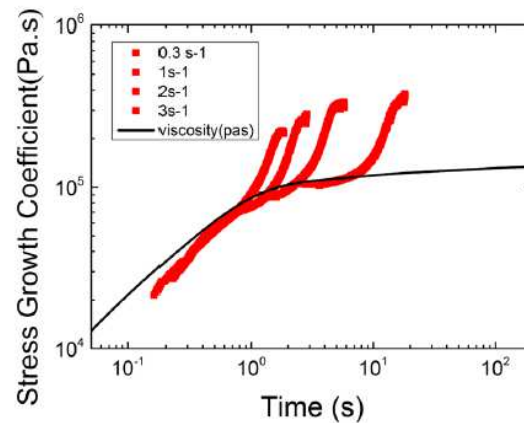
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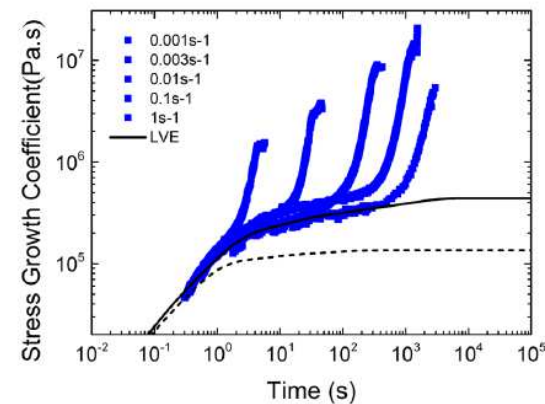
# Viscoelastic properties of hydrolized PnBA chains

## Effect of Hydrogen Bonding on Linear and Nonlinear Rheology of Entangled Polymer Melts

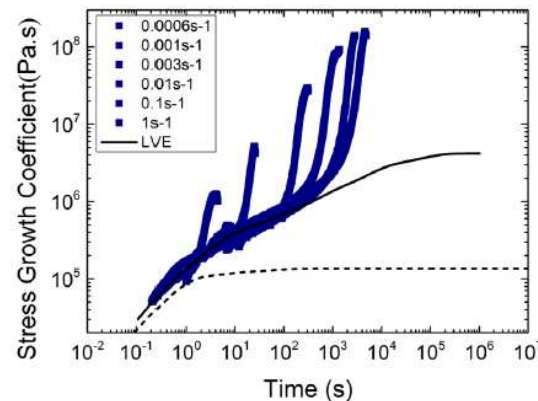
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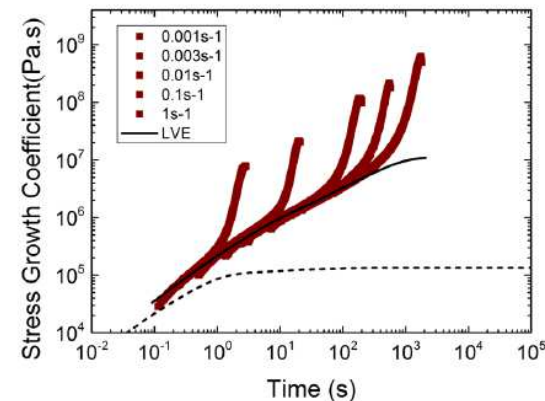
(a) PnBA



(b) AA6, 6% AA



(c) AA13, 13% AA

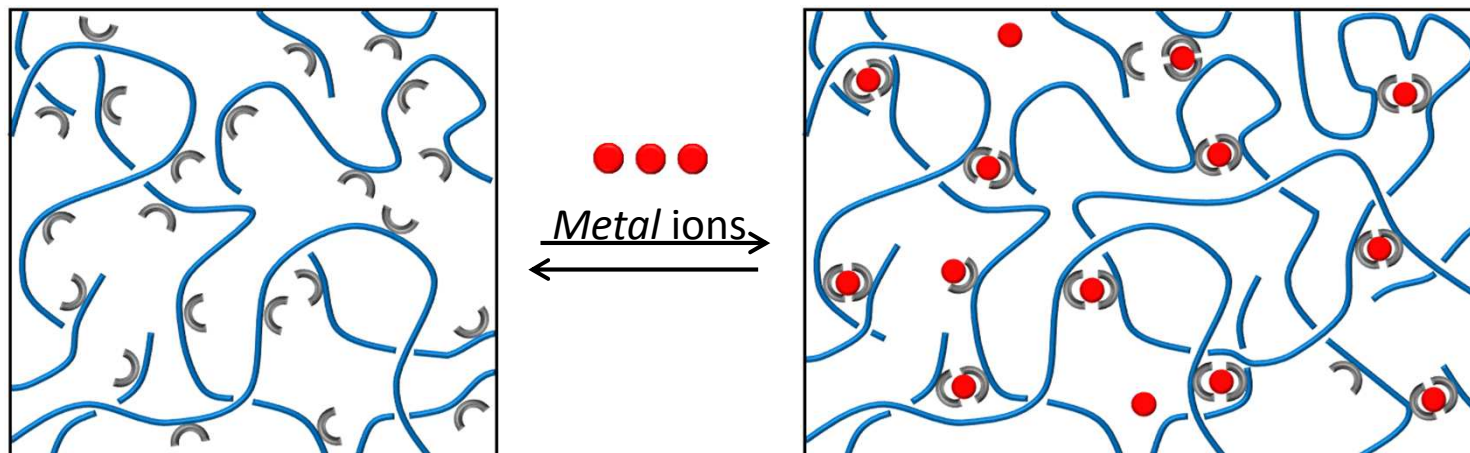


(d) AA38, 38% AA

Large strain  
hardening  
is observed

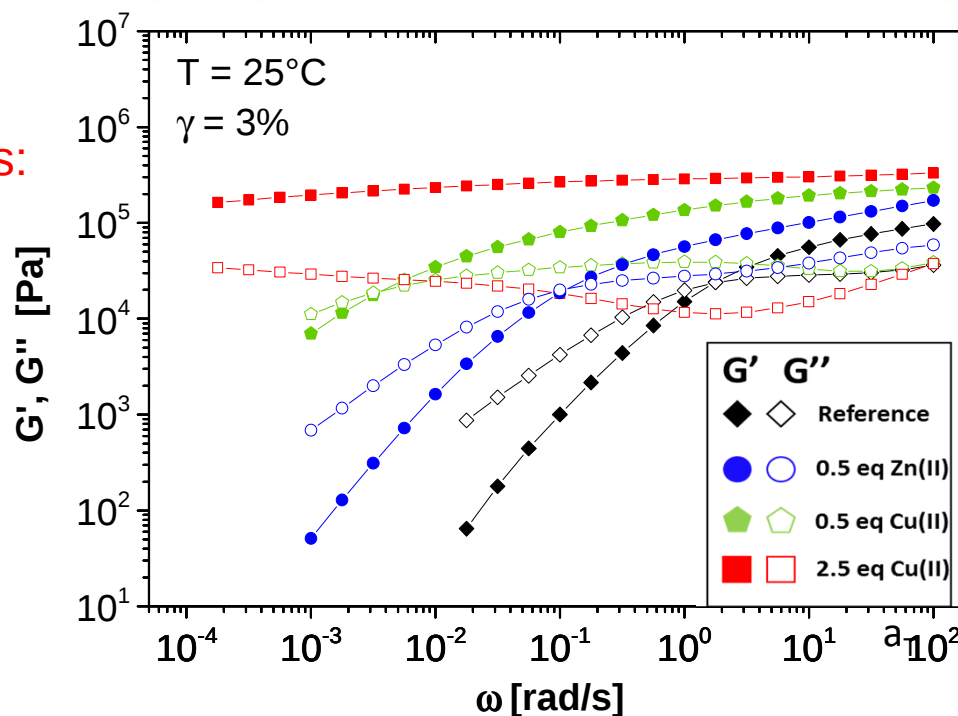
# Entangled sticky linear polymers

## Case 2: Short lifetime stickers



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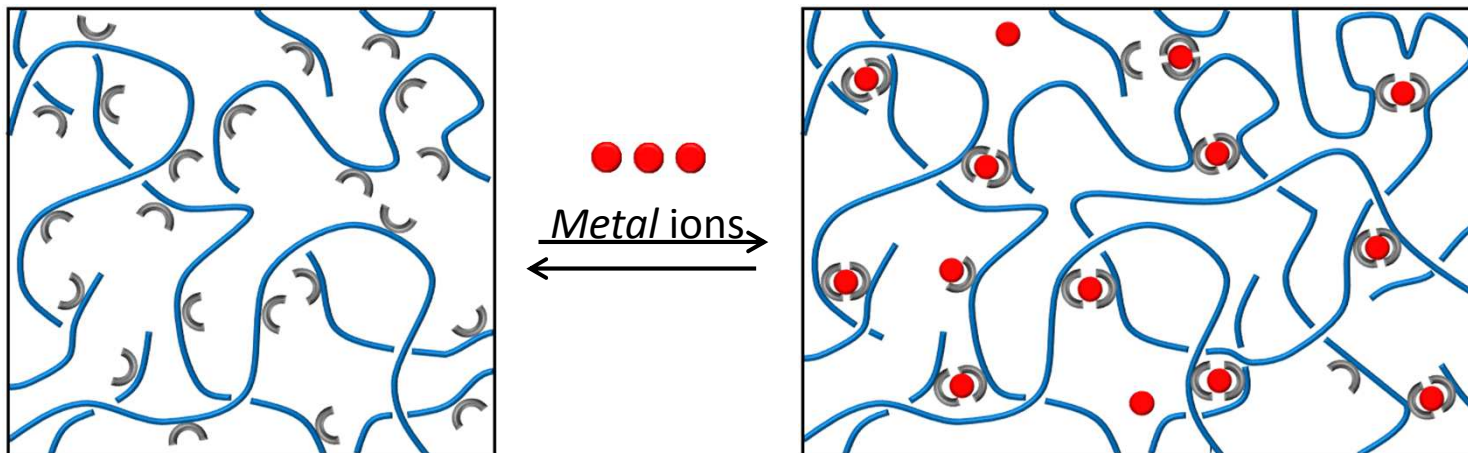
Dominated by  
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Entangled  
chains with  
extra friction

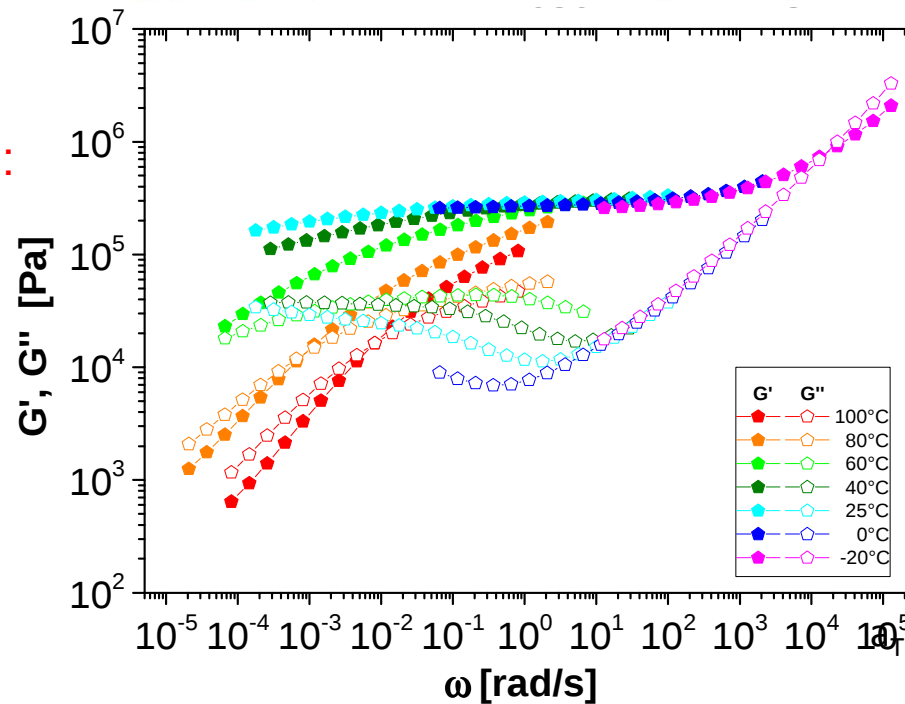
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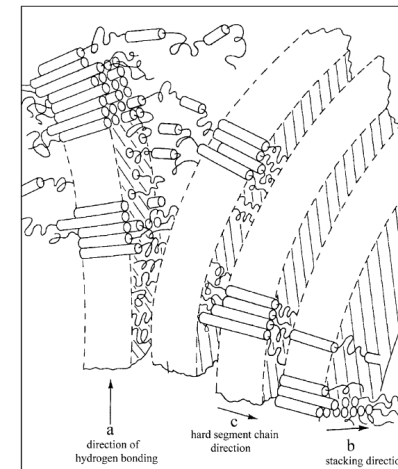
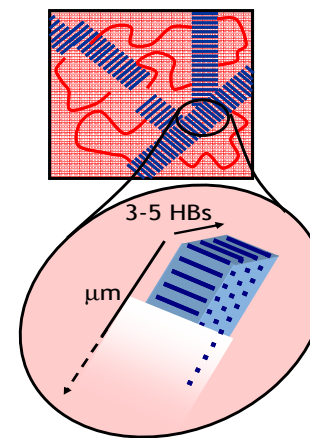
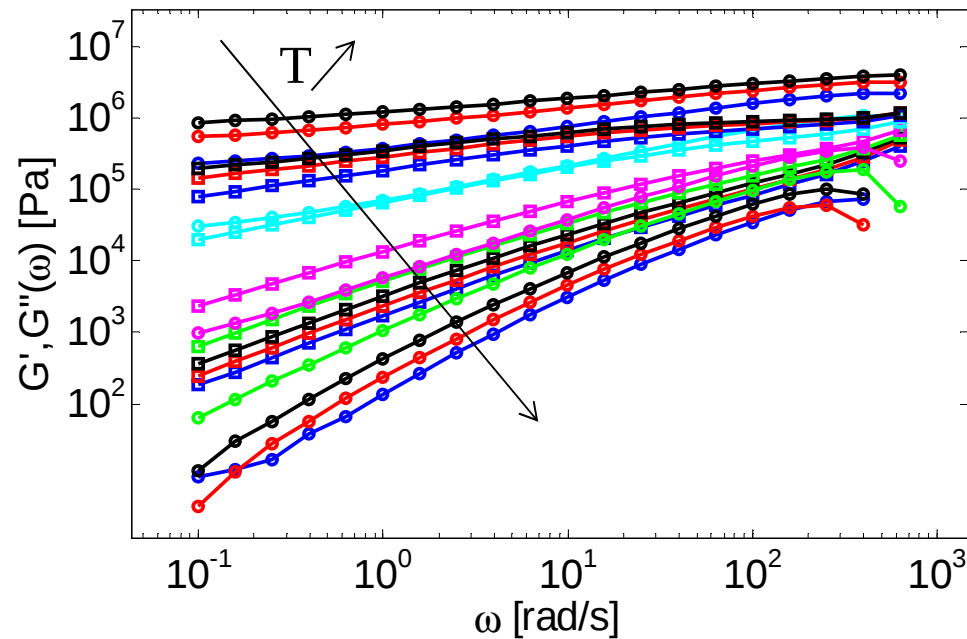
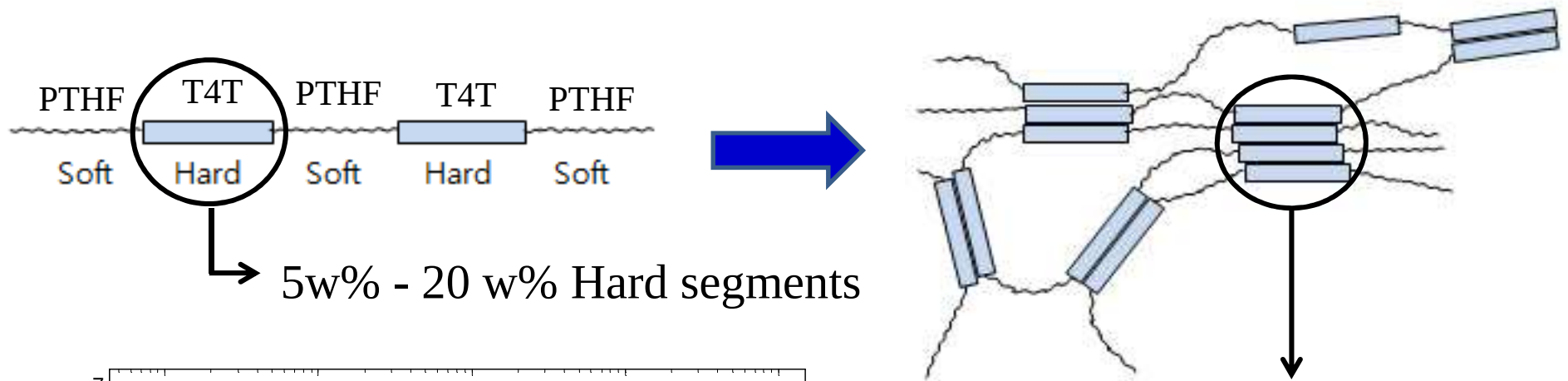
Plateau modulus:

Dominated by  
entanglements



Entangled  
chains with  
extra friction

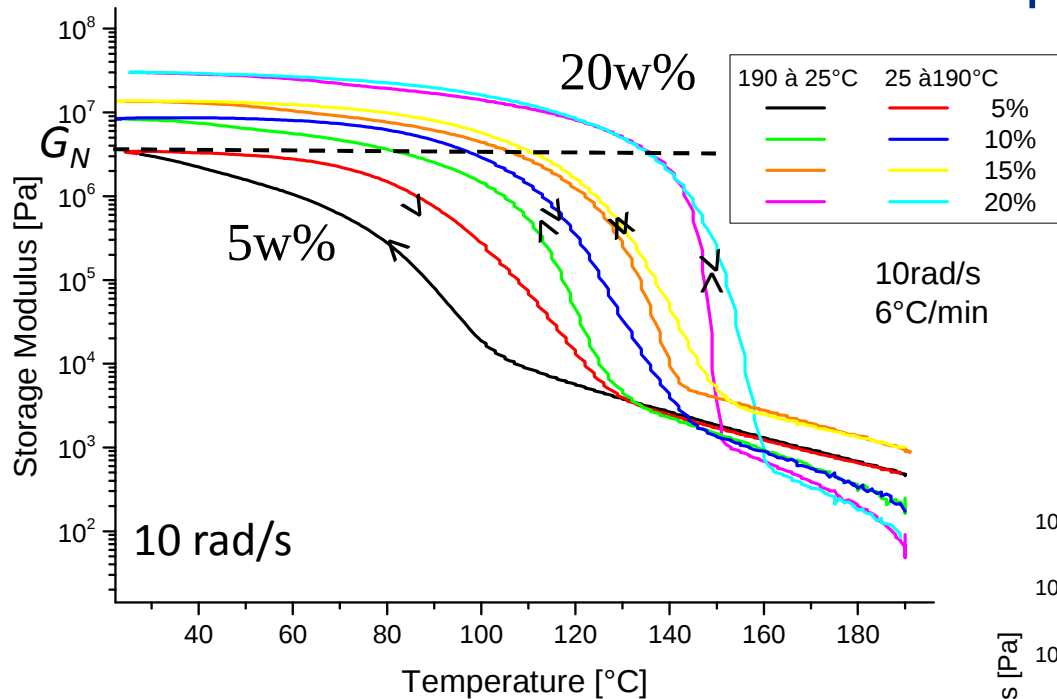
# Viscoelastic properties thermoplastic elastomers



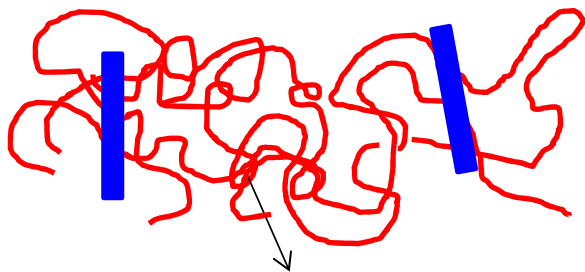
Large  $M_n$  (20 kg/mol)  $\rightarrow$  Chains are entangled

# Viscoelastic properties thermoplastic elastomers

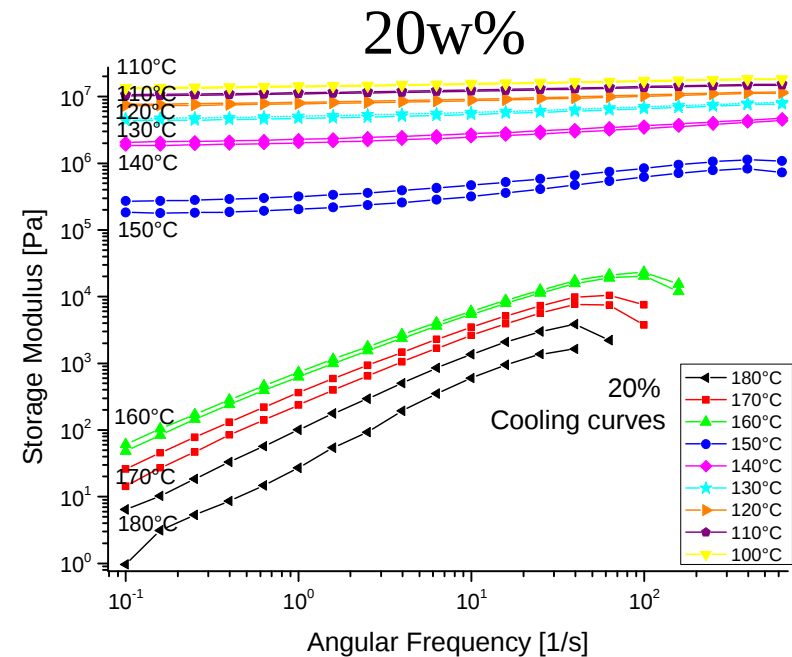
## Influence of Temperature



- Large hysteresis
- Sharp liquid-solid transition
- Low module



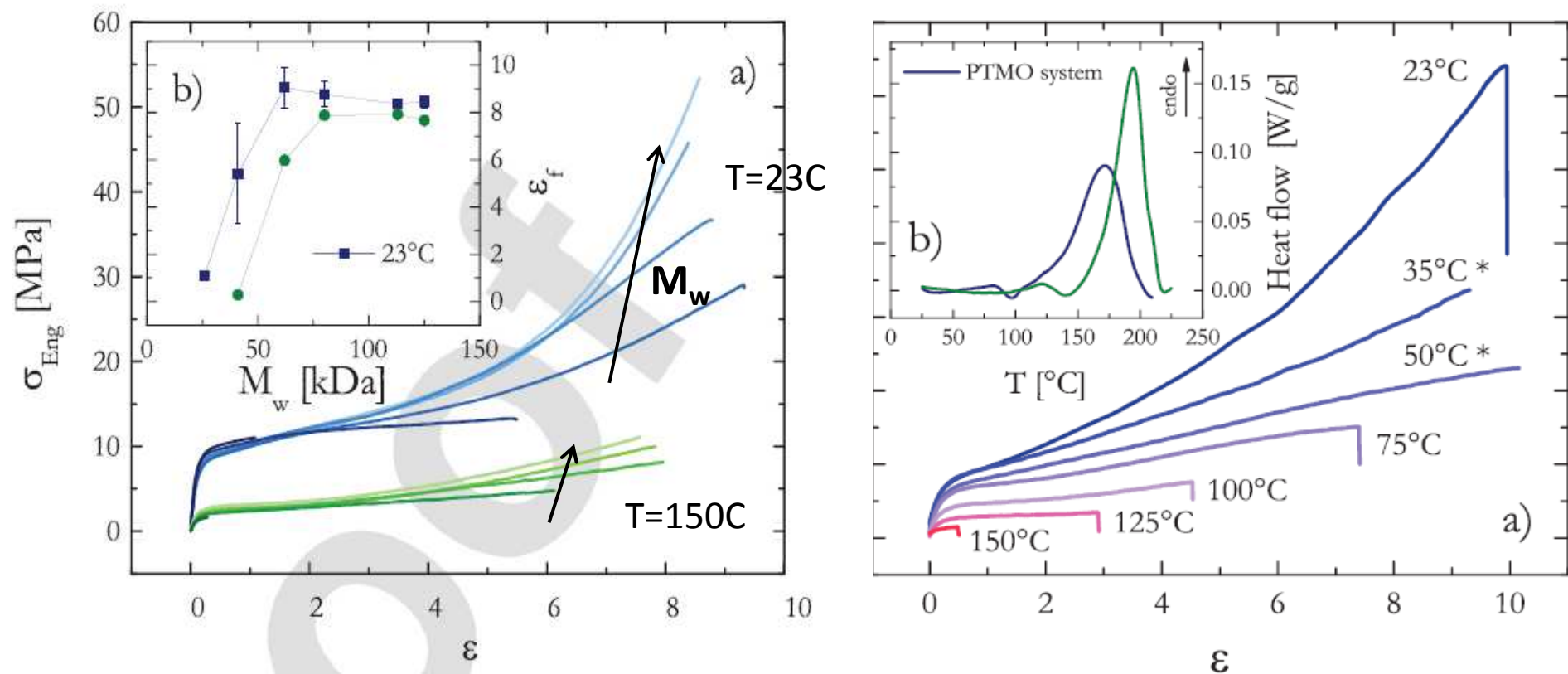
Trapped entanglements



# Viscoelastic properties thermoplastic elastomers

## Role of the chain Architecture

S. Aime, N. Eisenmenger, T. Engels, JoR 2017



Weak mechanical properties at high  $T$

# Viscoelastic properties of block copolymers

## Uniaxial Extensional Behavior of (SIS)<sub>p</sub>-Type Multiblock Copolymer Systems: Structural Origin of High Extensibility

Yumi Matsumiya and Hiroshi Watanabe\*

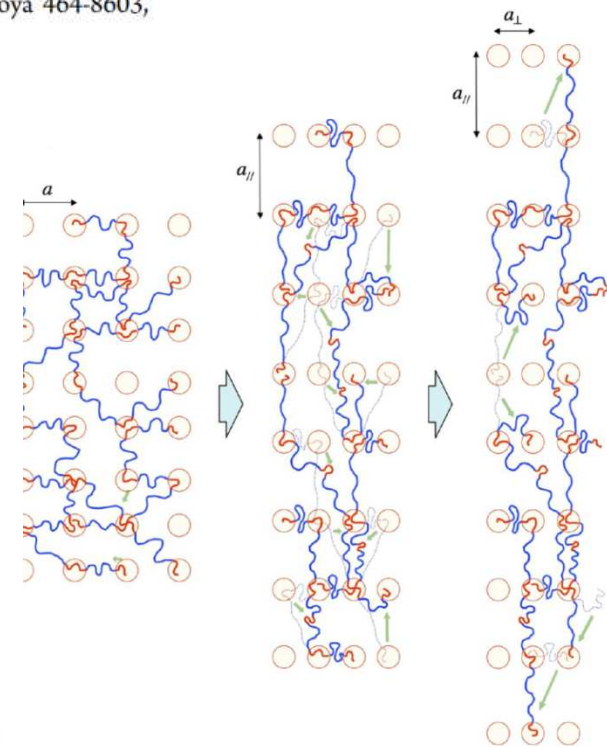
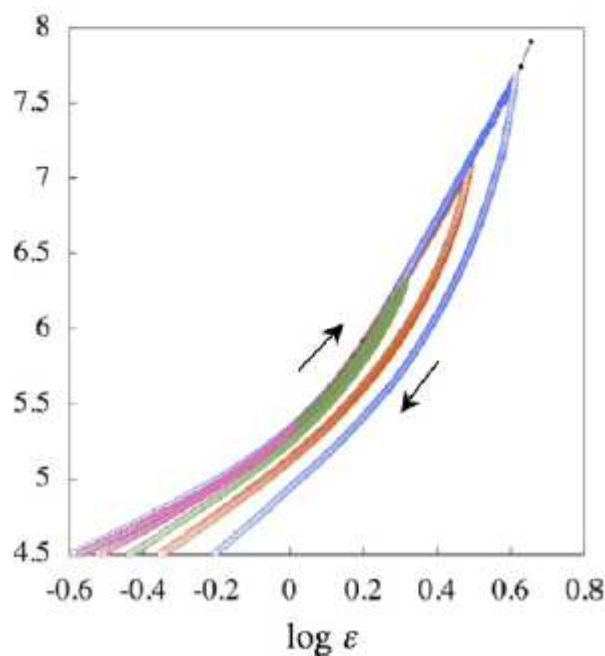
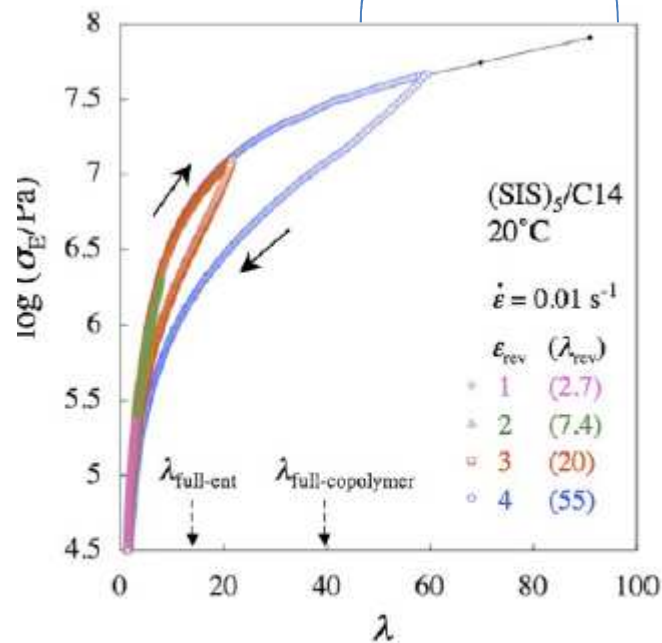
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Yoshiaki Takahashi

*Stretched above the full extension of a chain*



Important recovery despite the large formation imposed

# Viscoelastic properties of block copolymers

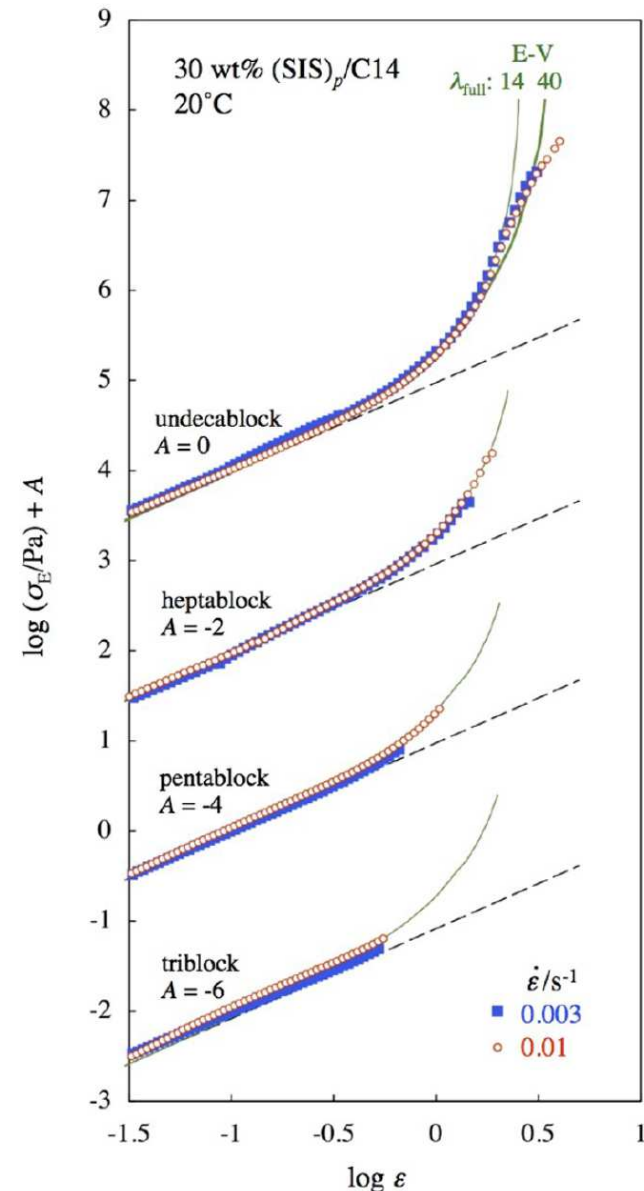
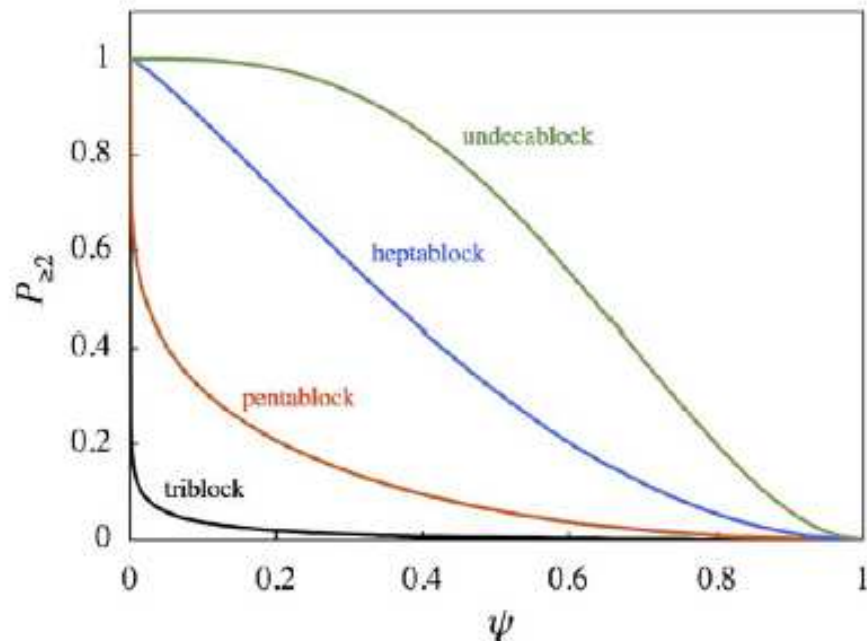
## Block copolymers of different length:

Same linear rheology, different extension behavior

$M(I)=40\text{kg/mol}$ ,  $M(S)=20\text{ kg/mol}$

S domains: physical crosslinks

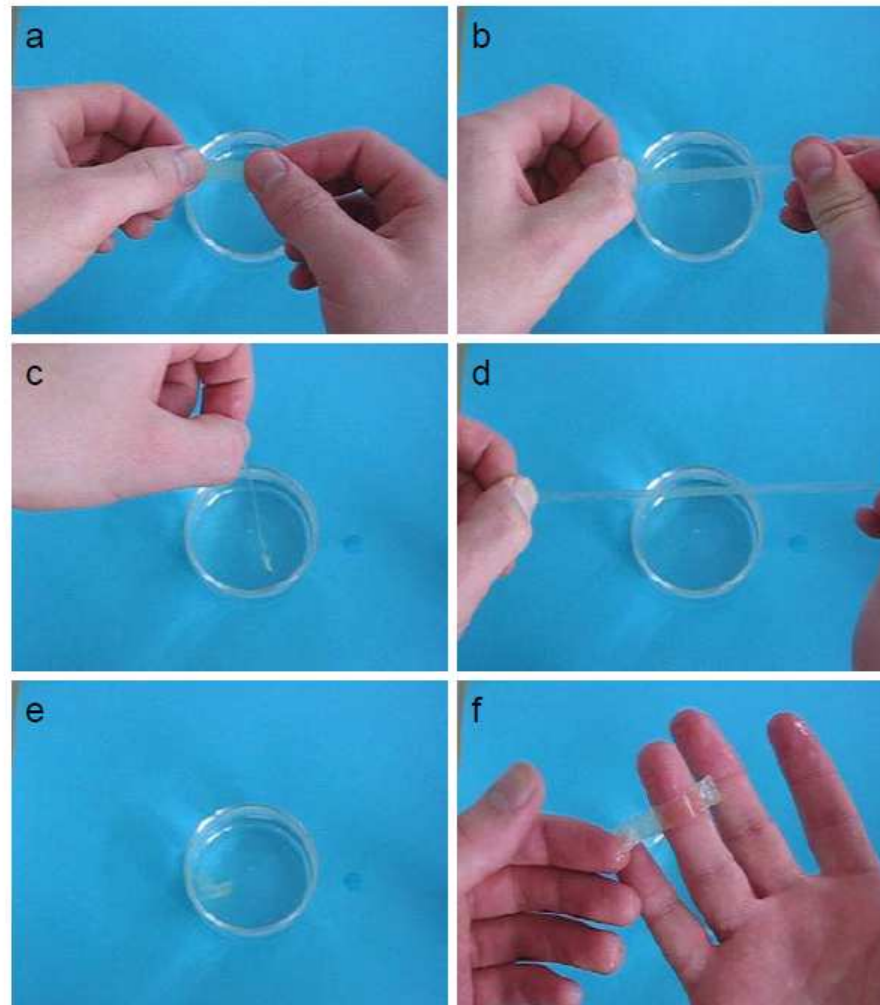
Probability to conserve connectivity versus  
Probability to dissociate a S block



# Viscoelastic properties of block copolymers

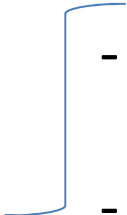
## EFFECT OF CHAIN EXTENDERS ON SHAPE-MEMORY PROPERTIES OF SEGMENTED COPOLYMERS WITH ARAMID HARD SEGMENTS AND POLYCAPROLACTONE SOFT SEGMENTS

*Arno Kraft, Louis Garnier*



# **III. Double Dynamics Networks**

# Double Dynamics Networks



- Entanglements + stickers: See Section II

- Stickers 1 + Stickers 2

- Building blocks 1 + Building blocks 2



- Interpenetrated networks

- Dual networks



- Rheological behaviour

- Mechanical response

# Blending two different stickers - unentangled sticky chains

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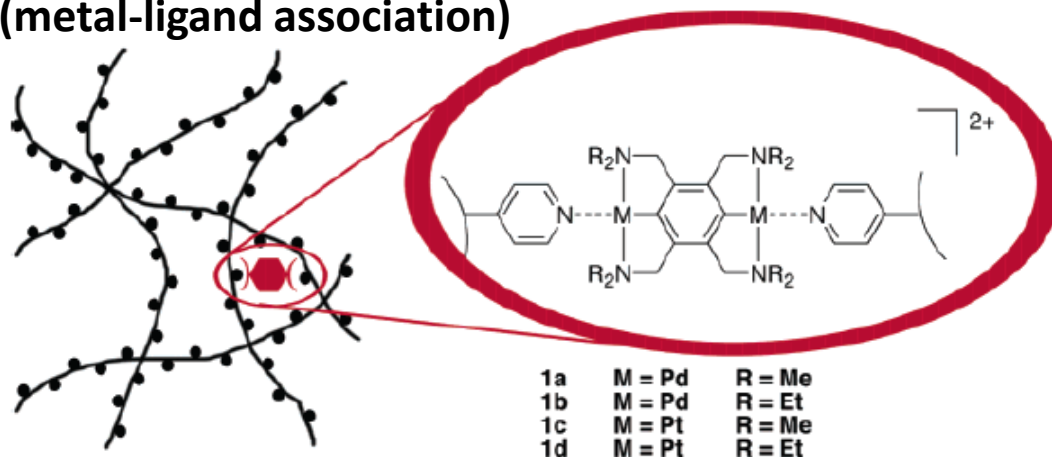
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## Small-Molecule Dynamics and Mechanisms Underlying the Macroscopic Mechanical Properties of Coordinatively Cross-Linked Polymer Networks

Wayne C. Yount, David M. Loveless, and Stephen L. Craig\*

### Poly vinyl Pyridine + Bisfunctional cross-linker (metal-ligand association)



### 4 different cross-linkers of different strength:

| complex | $K_{eq}$ ( $M^{-1}$ ) | $k_d$ ( $s^{-1}$ )  |
|---------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| 1a·2    | 29 <sup>a</sup>       | 1450 <sup>b</sup>   |
| 1b·2    | 33 <sup>a</sup>       | 17 <sup>b</sup>     |
| 1c·2    | 8000 <sup>a</sup>     | 0.026 <sup>a</sup>  |
| 1d·2    | 4000 <sup>a</sup>     | 0.0006 <sup>a</sup> |



Figure 3. Gel formed from PVP and bimetallic compound 3b (5% functional group equivalents) at 100 mg/mL in DMSO.

at 25 °C

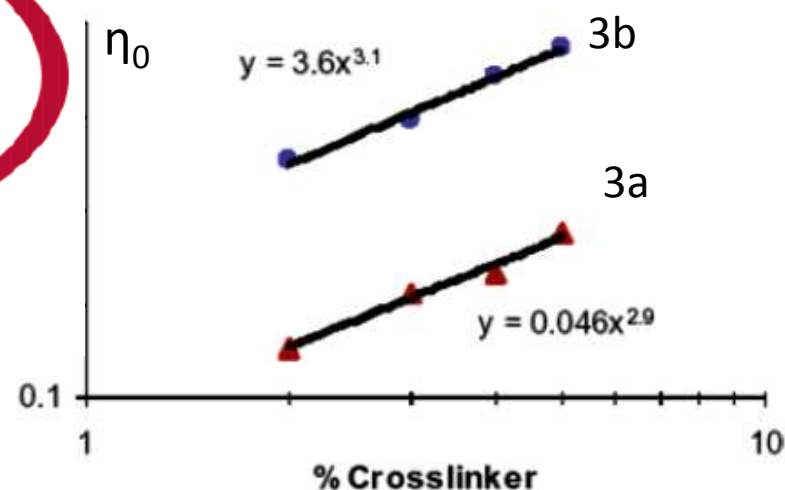
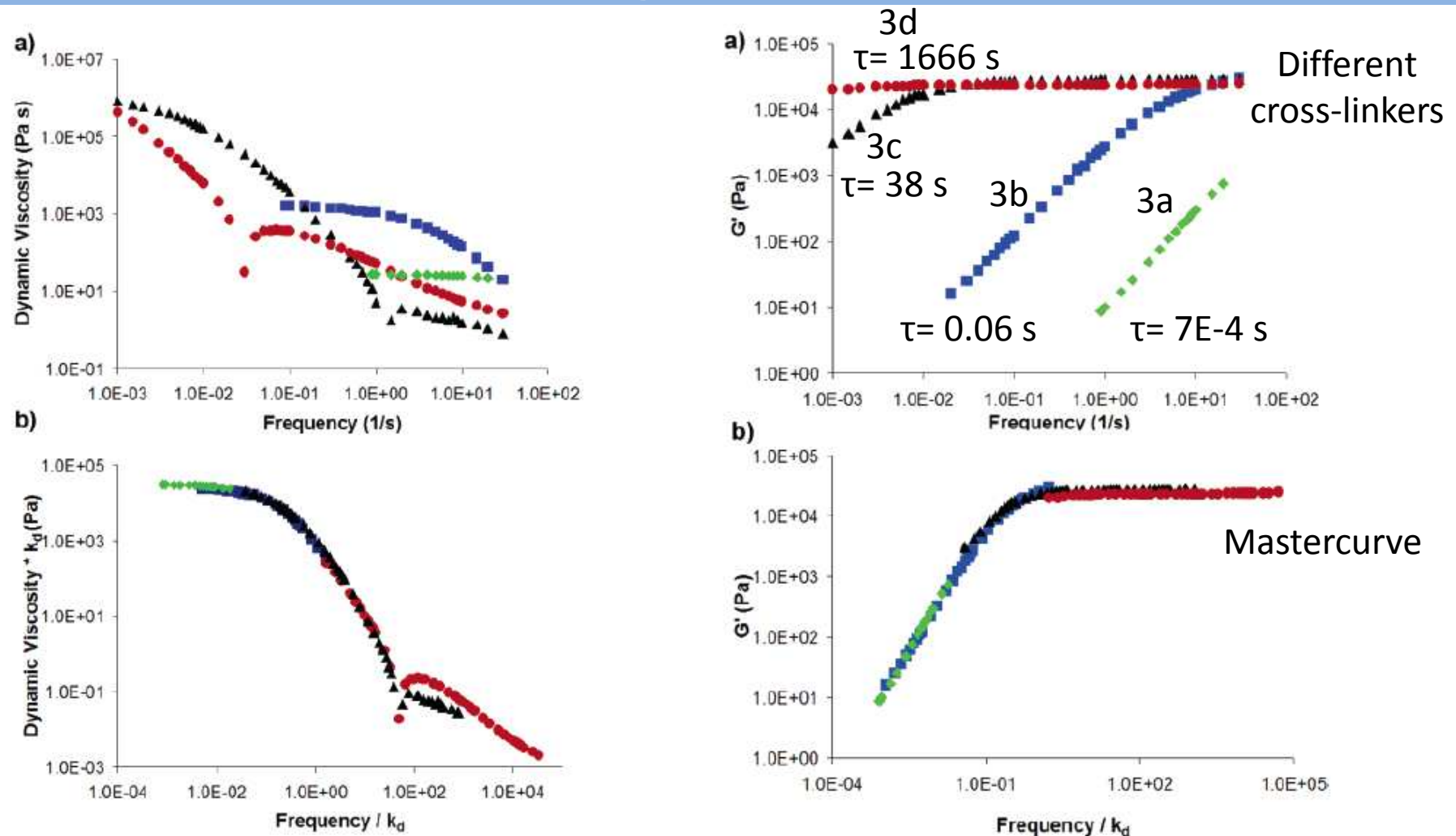


Figure 4. Steady shear viscosity as a function of density of cross-linker 3a (red  $\blacktriangle$ ) or 3b (blue  $\bullet$ ), expressed as functional group equivalents of metal relative to pyridine side group. 100 mg/mL 3·PVP in DMSO.

Non-entangled solutions (10%) + 5% (Metal to Nitrogen) cross-linkers

# Blending two different stickers - unentangled sticky chains

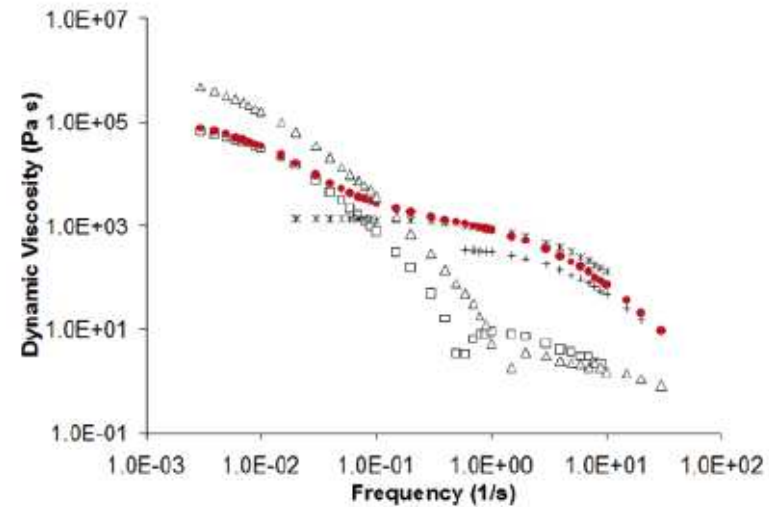
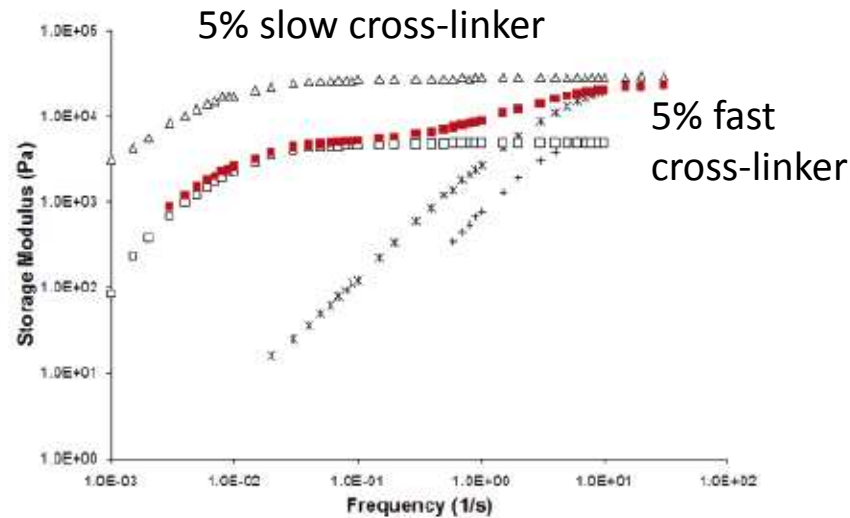


Reduced master-curve proofs that no dynamics except the crosslinkers

The dissociation process fully dominates the flow properties

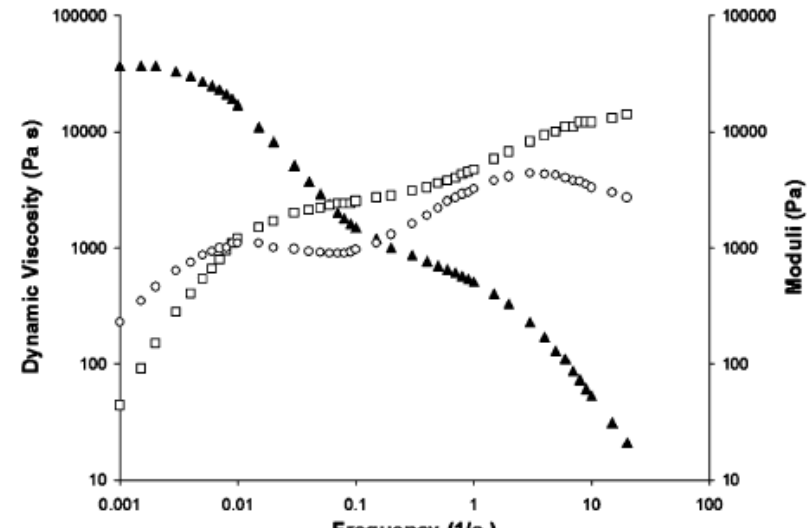
# Blending two different stickers - unentangled sticky chains

Rational control by introducing **2.5% of fast** and **2.5% of slow** crosslinker



@ low frequency follows 2.5% of slow sample  
@ high frequency follows 5% of fast sample

1.66% of fast, 1.66% of slow & 1.66 of intermediate crosslinker

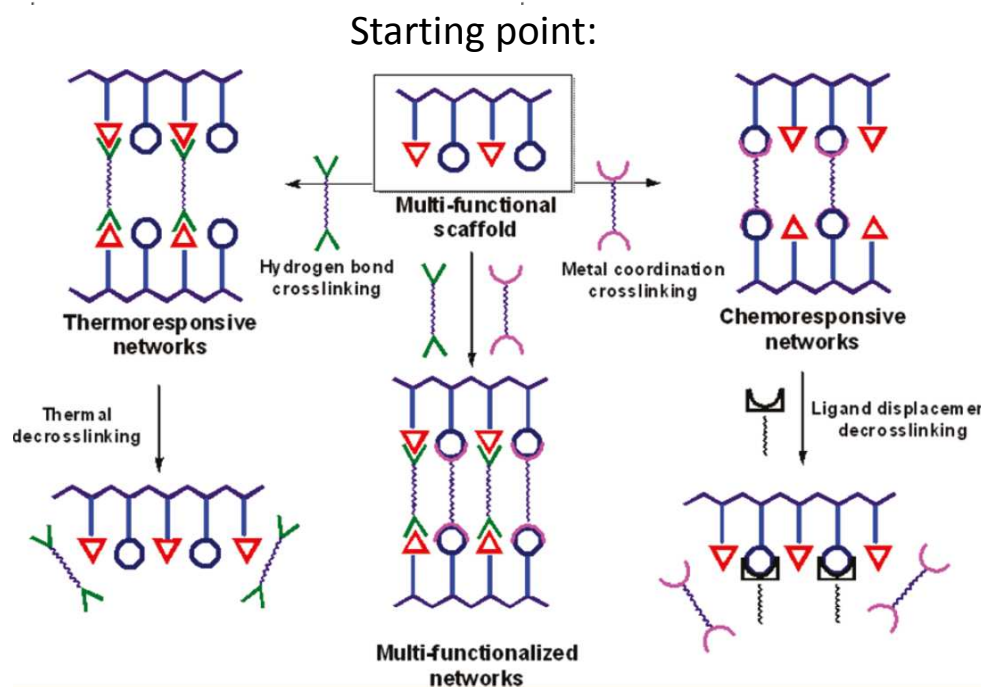


Simple mixing law based on the lifetime of the cross-linkers

# Blending two different stickers - unentangled sticky chains

## Multiresponsive Reversible Polymer Networks Based on Hydrogen Bonding and Metal Coordination

Kamlesh P. Nair,<sup>†</sup> Victor Breedveld,<sup>\*,‡</sup> and Marcus Weck<sup>\*,§</sup>



Dissociation  
by T increase

Dissociation  
by adding a  
decrosslinker

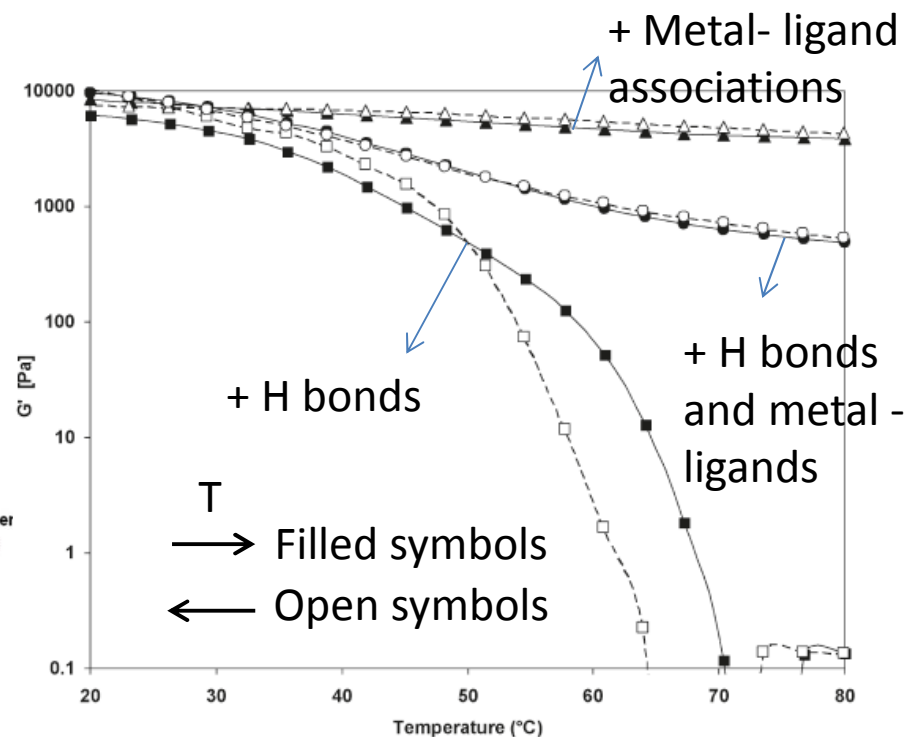


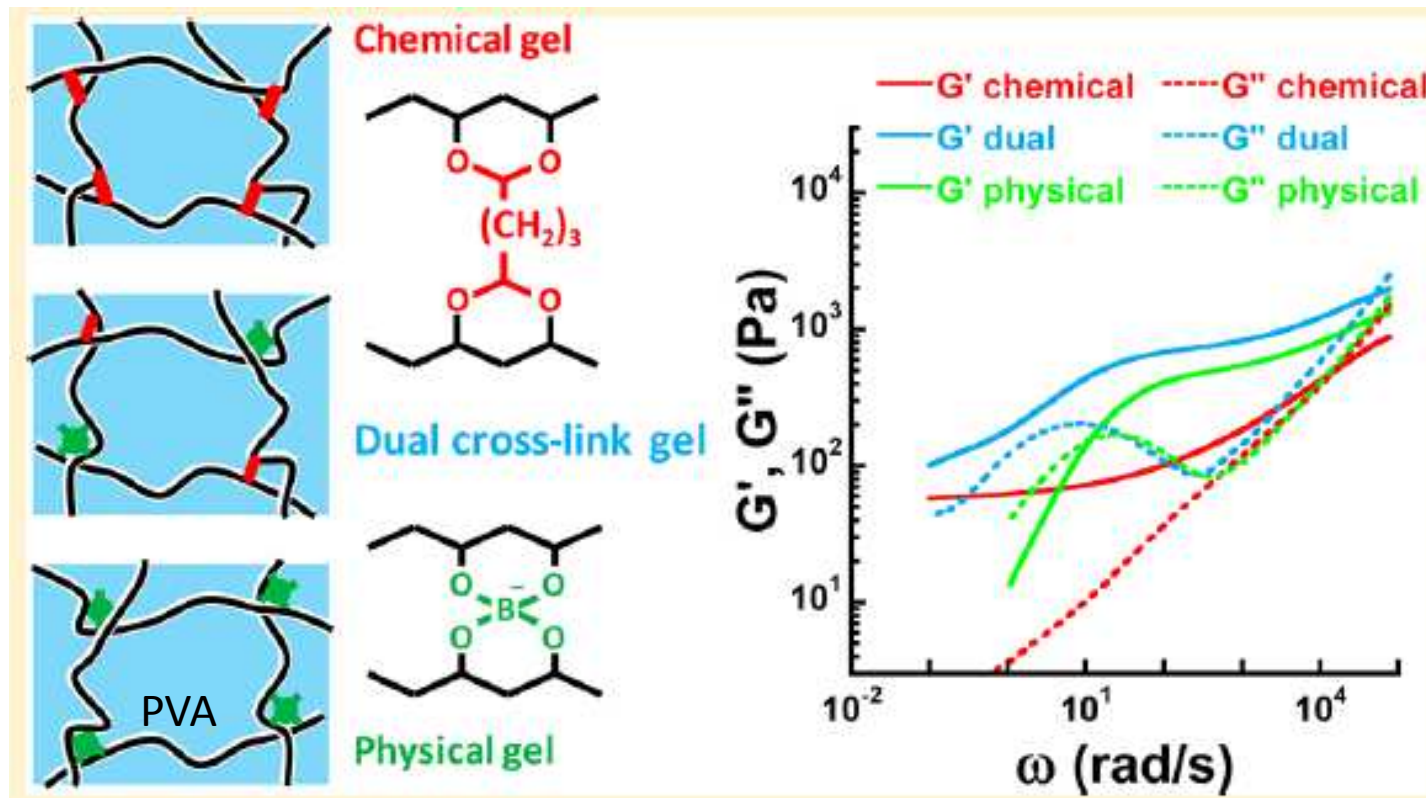
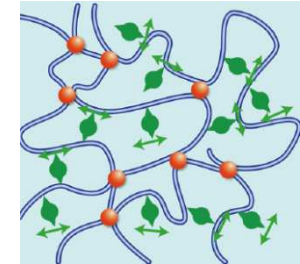
Figure 9. Thermal recovery of  $G'$ : (1) 20 to 80 °C (heating cycle: filled symbols) and (2) 80 to 20 °C (cooling cycle: empty symbols) for Poly-123-4 (rectangles), Poly-123-5 (triangles), and Poly-123-45 (circles).  $G'$  was measured at  $\omega = 6.3$  rad/s and a strain of 0.1.

Double networks: H junctions are very sensitive to T.

# Blending covalent and transient stickers

## Viscoelastic Properties of Poly(vinyl alcohol) Hydrogels Having Permanent and Transient Cross-Links Studied by Microrheology, Classical Rheometry, and Dynamic Light Scattering

Tetsuharu Narita,<sup>†,\*</sup> Koichi Mayumi,<sup>†</sup> Guylaine Ducouret,<sup>†</sup> and Pascal Hébraud<sup>‡</sup>



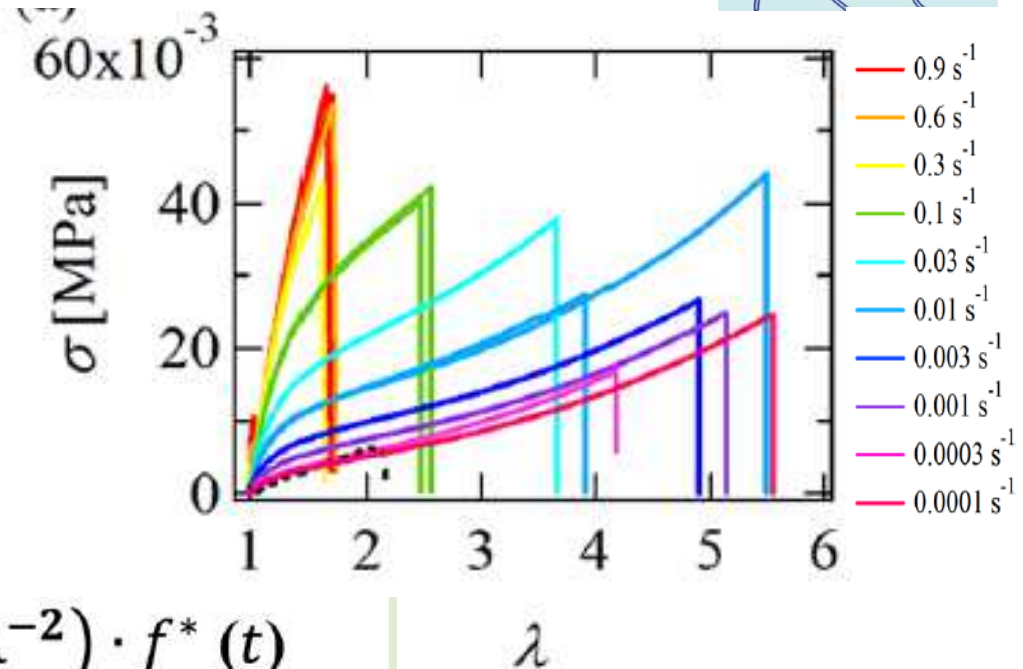
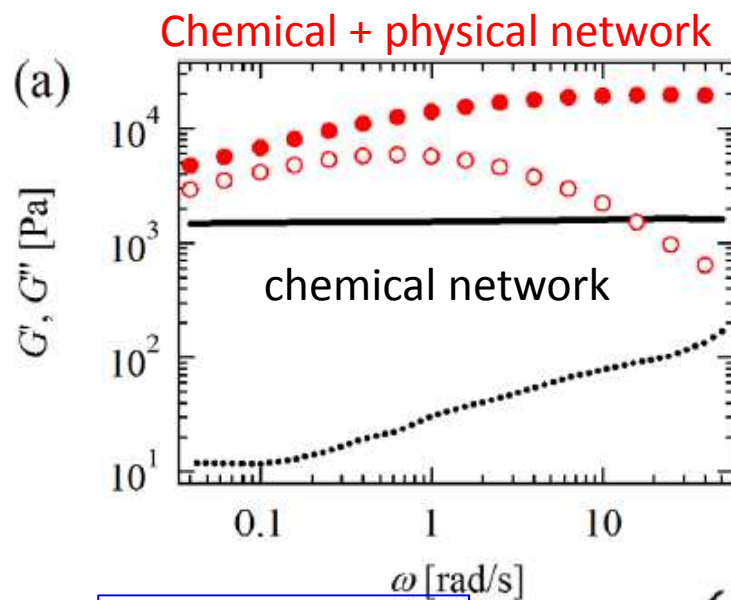
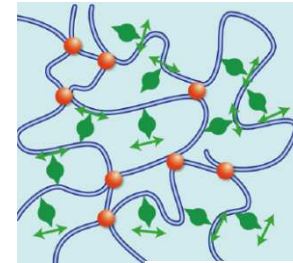
Additive effects of transient and permanent bonds

# Blending covalent and transient stickers

## Stress–Strain Relationship of Highly Stretchable Dual Cross-Link Gels: Separability of Strain and Time Effect

Koichi Mayumi, Alba Marcellan, Guylaine Ducouret, Costantino Creton, and Tetsuharu Narita\*

Laboratoire SIMM-PPMD, UMR7615, ESPCI ParisTech – UPMC - CNRS, 10 Rue Vauquelin, 75231 Paris, Cedex 05, France



**Unentangled network:**

$$\sigma = (\lambda - \lambda^{-2}) \cdot f^*(t)$$

strain dependent (rubber elasticity)    time dependent (shear modulus)

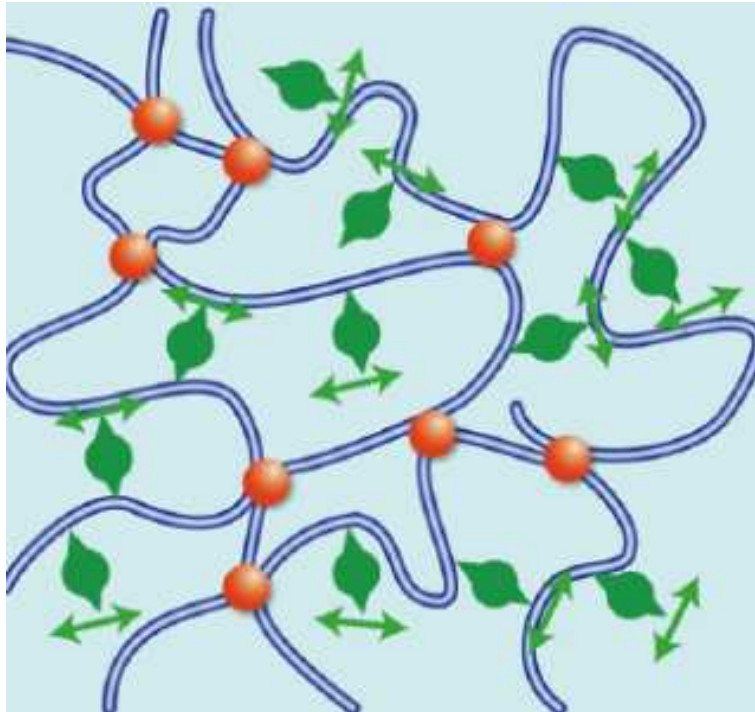
Stretch

from the chemical network

from the supramolecular bonds

Higher modulus 73

# Blending covalent and transient stickers



Comment:

At high deformation rate:

Reversible bonds act similarly as covalent bonds.

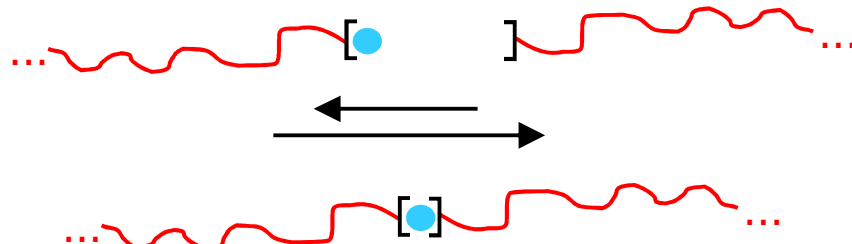
➡ Limited extensibility

# Blending two different stickers - unentangled telechelic chains

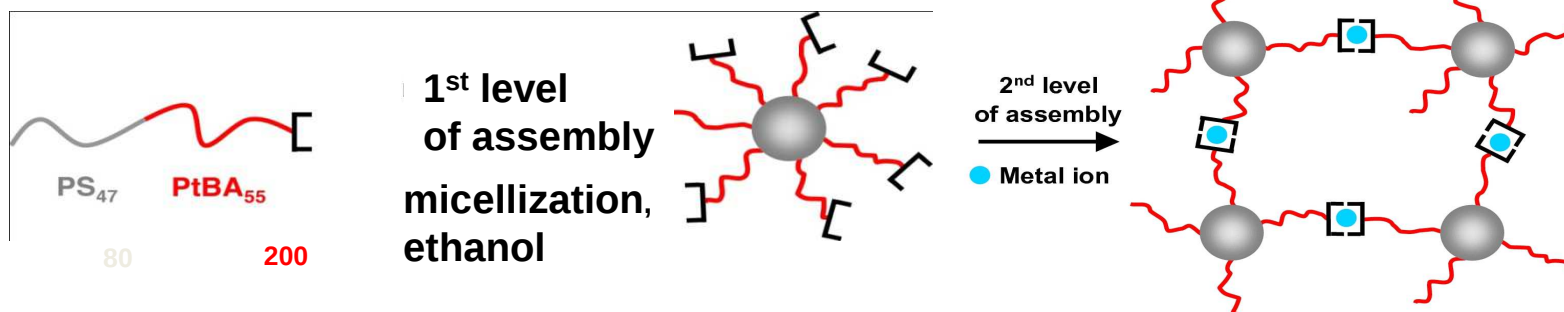
Combining block copolymers and metal-ligand associations

Fustin, Gohy et al., *Adv. Mater.* **2007**, 19, 1665

Stadler et al., *Soft Matter*, **2009**



(Interesting non-linear properties: see later)



15 w%

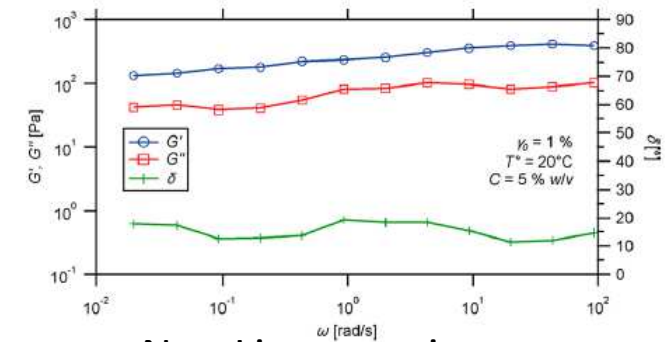
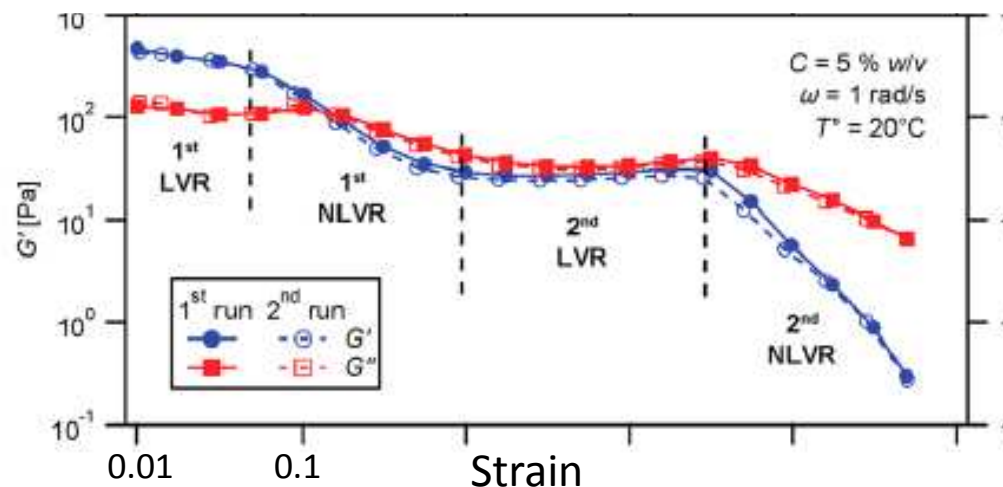
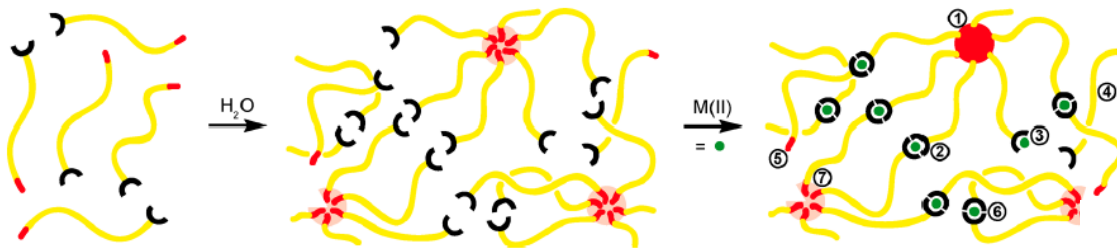
15 w%+Ni<sup>2+</sup>-  
salt (0.5 equ.)

Supramolecular network obtained based on two reversible mechanisms:  
micellization + metal-ligand association

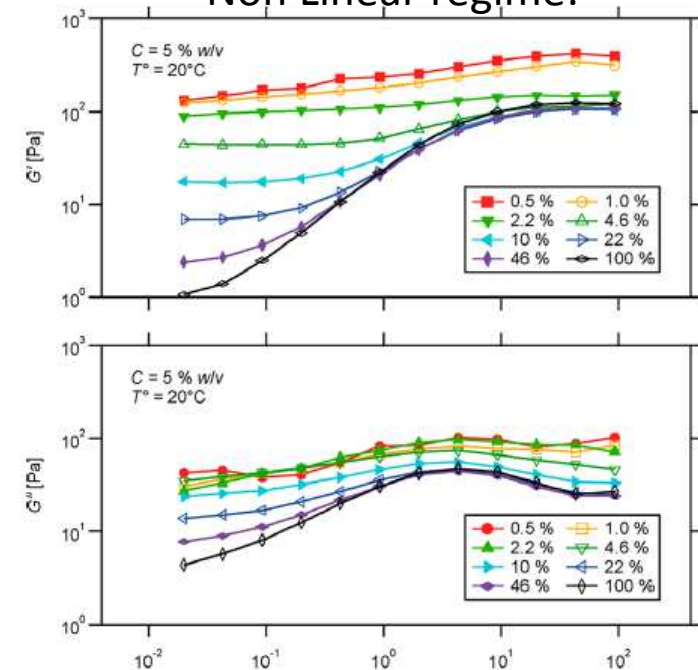
# Blending two different stickers - unentangled telechelic chains

## Hydrogels with Dual Relaxation and Two-Step Gel–Sol Transition Linear regime:

Jérémy Brassinne, Arnaud M. Stevens, Evelyne Van Ruymbeke, Jean-François Gohy and Charles-André Fustin\*



## Non Linear regime:

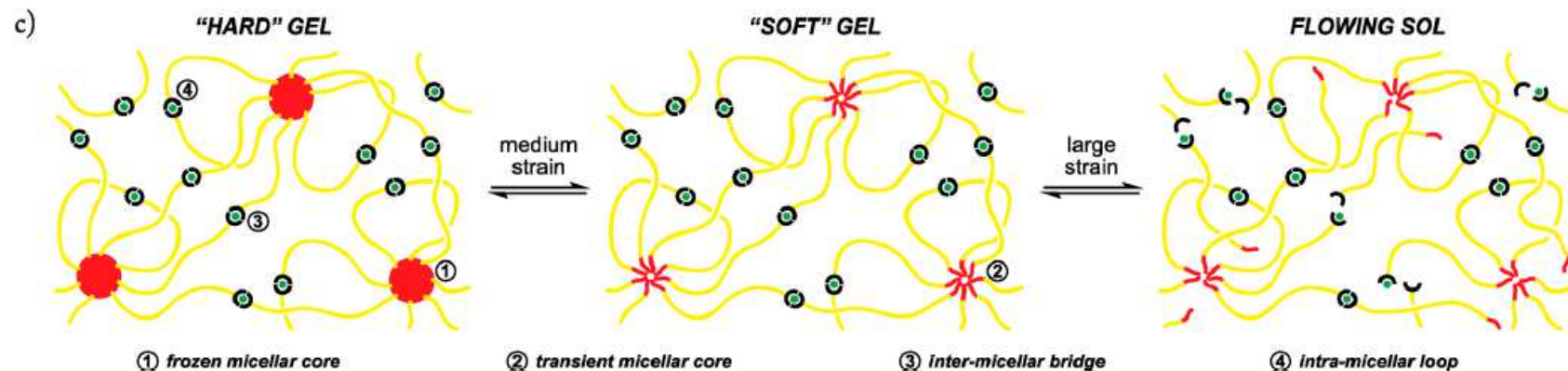
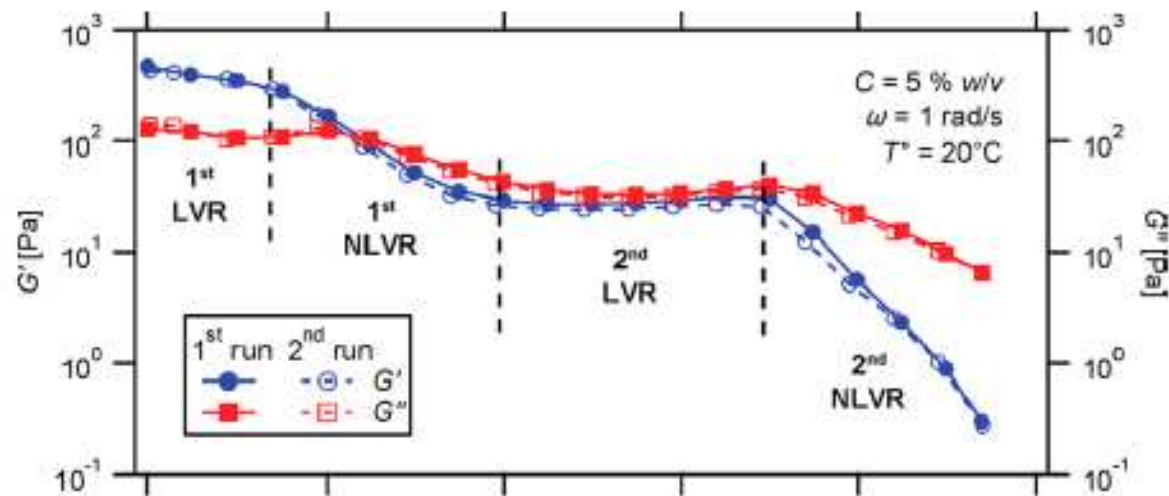


Two linear plateaus are observed

# Blending two different stickers - unentangled telechelic chains

## Hydrogels with Dual Relaxation and Two-Step Gel–Sol Transition from Heterotelechelic Polymers

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and Charles-André Fustin\*



# Interpenetrated polymer networks

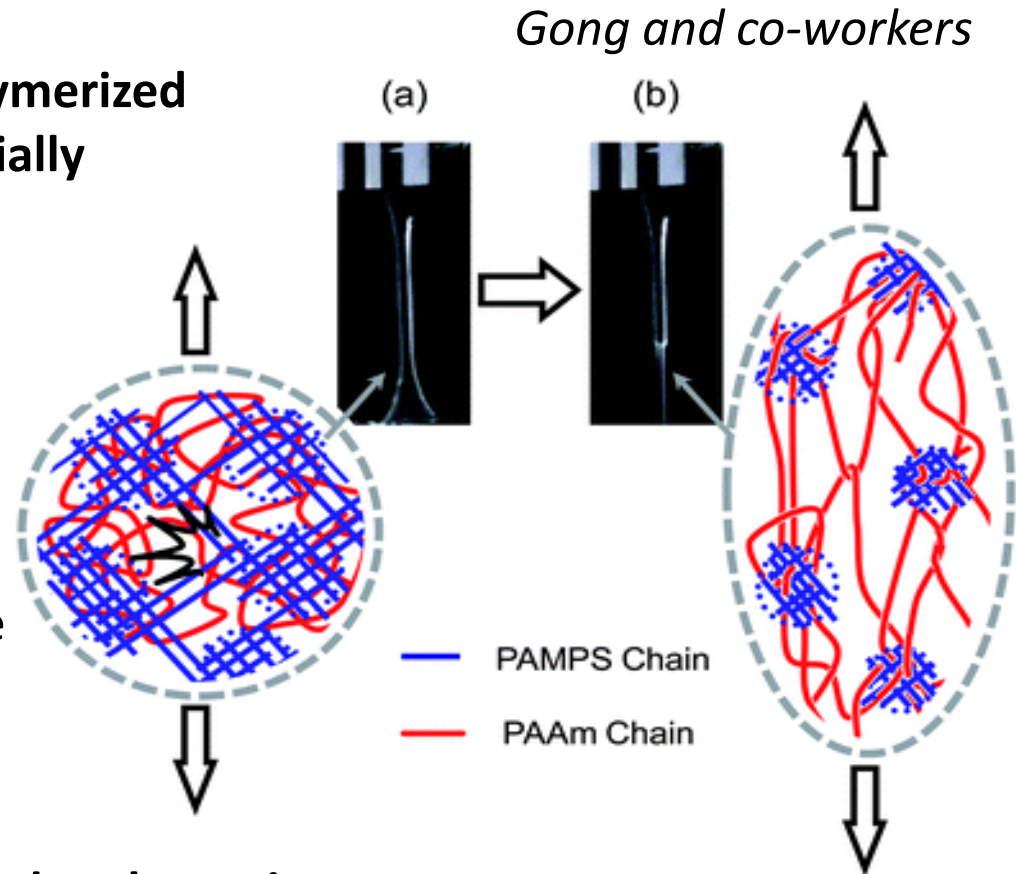
Two interpenetrating networks polymerized and chemically crosslinked sequentially

## The first network:

Highly crosslinked and stretched, “sacrificial minority network”

## The second “majority” network:

Large deformability (hence coherence of the overall structure)



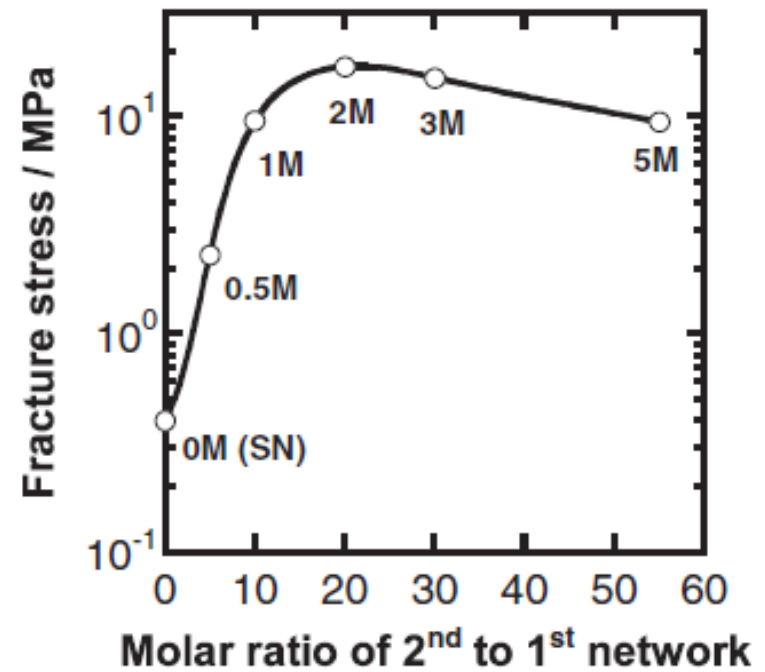
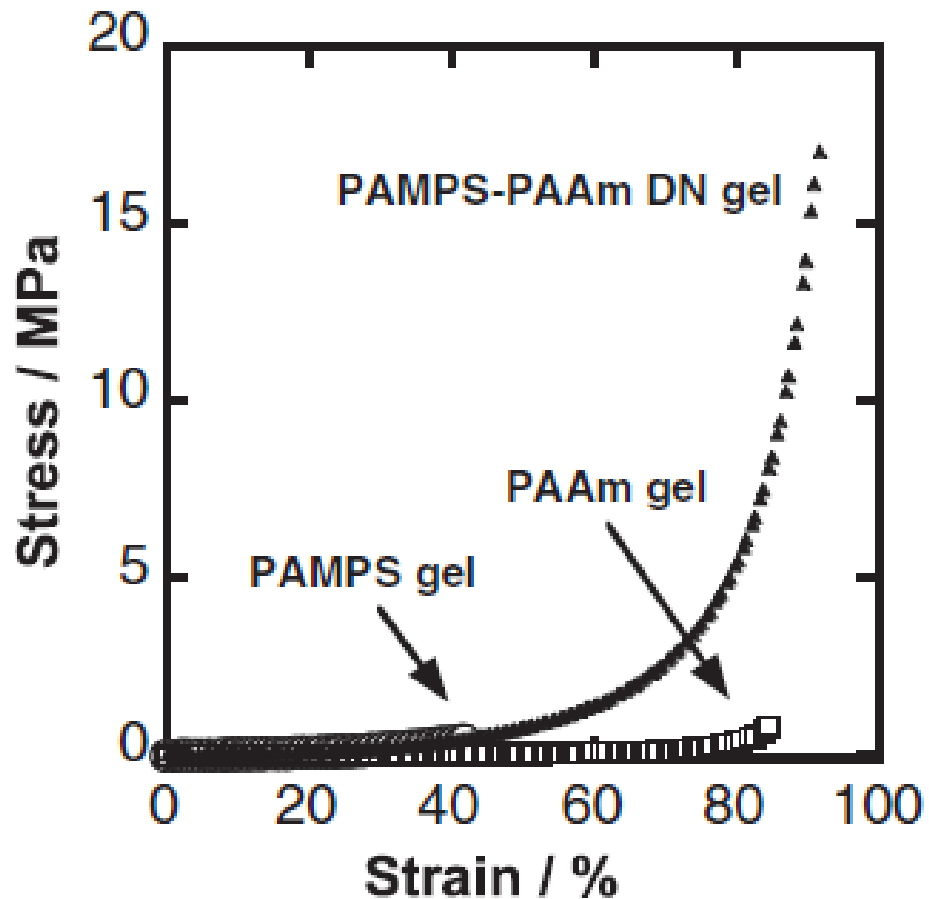
➡ Permanently damaged under elongation

➡ Hybrid DNs: covalent bonds of the stiff network are replaced by reversible bonds

*Viscoelastic properties has hardly been addressed*

# Interpenetrated polymer networks

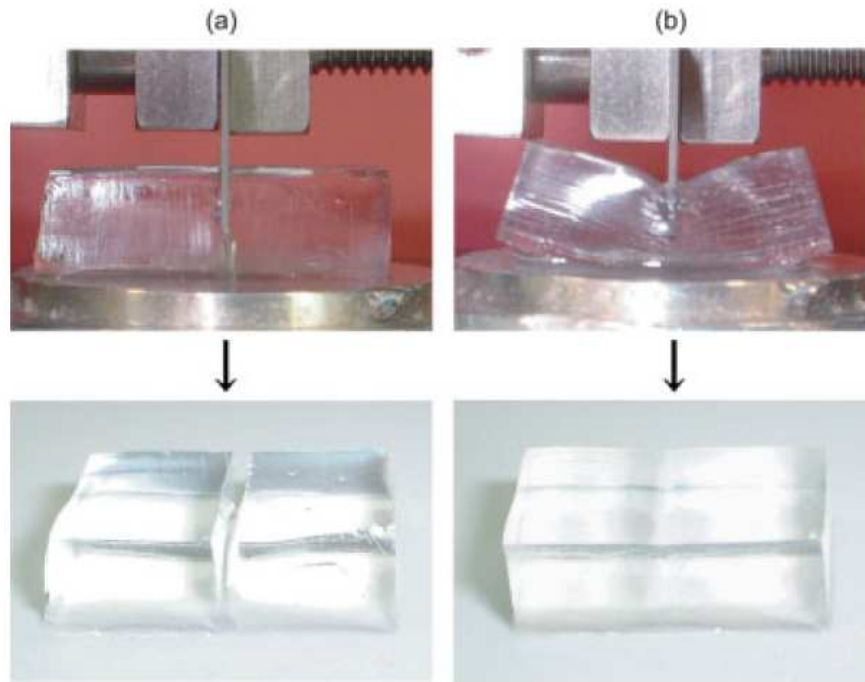
First rigid network: PAMPS  
Second soft network: PAAm



# Interpenetrated polymer networks

## Double-Network Hydrogels with Extremely High Mechanical Strength\*\*

By Jian Ping Gong,\* Yoshinori Katsuyama,  
Takayuki Kurokawa, and Yoshihito Osada



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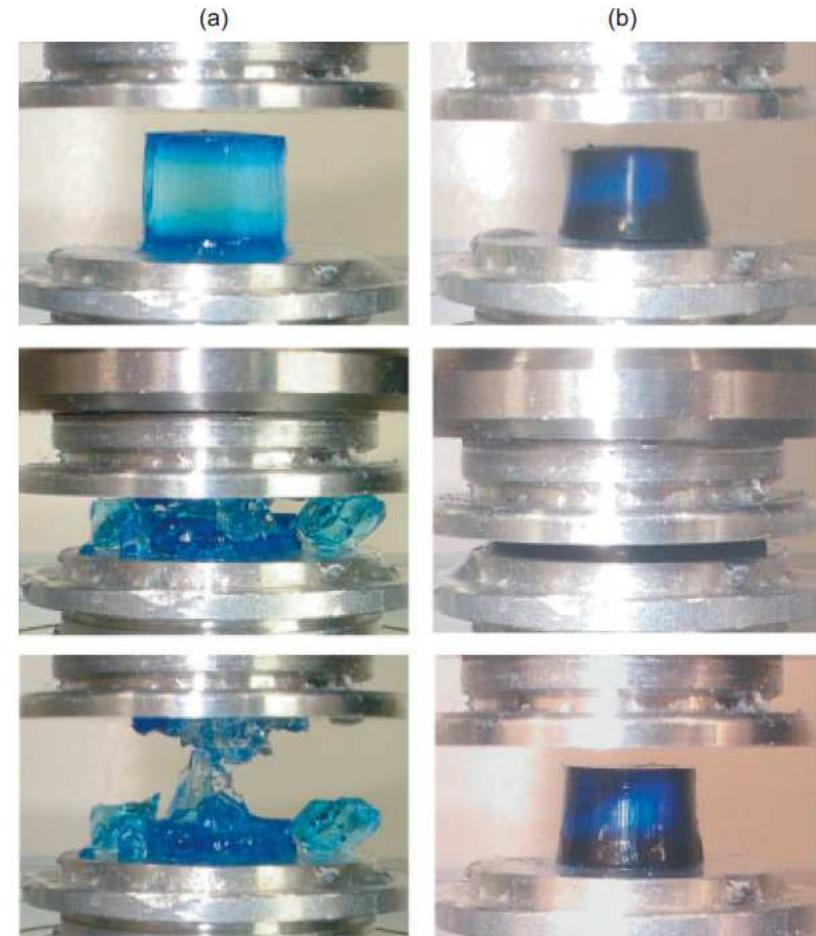


Fig. 3. Photographs demonstrating how a DN gel sustains a high compression. a) PAMPS-1-4 SN gel, b) PAMPS-1-4/PAAm-2-0.1 DN gel. Fracture stress: PAMPS SN gel, 0.4 MPa, PAMPS/PAAm DN gel, 17.2 MPa.

# Interpenetrated polymer networks

## Large Strain Hysteresis and Mullins Effect of Tough Double-Network Hydrogels

**Rebecca E. Webber and Costantino Creton\***

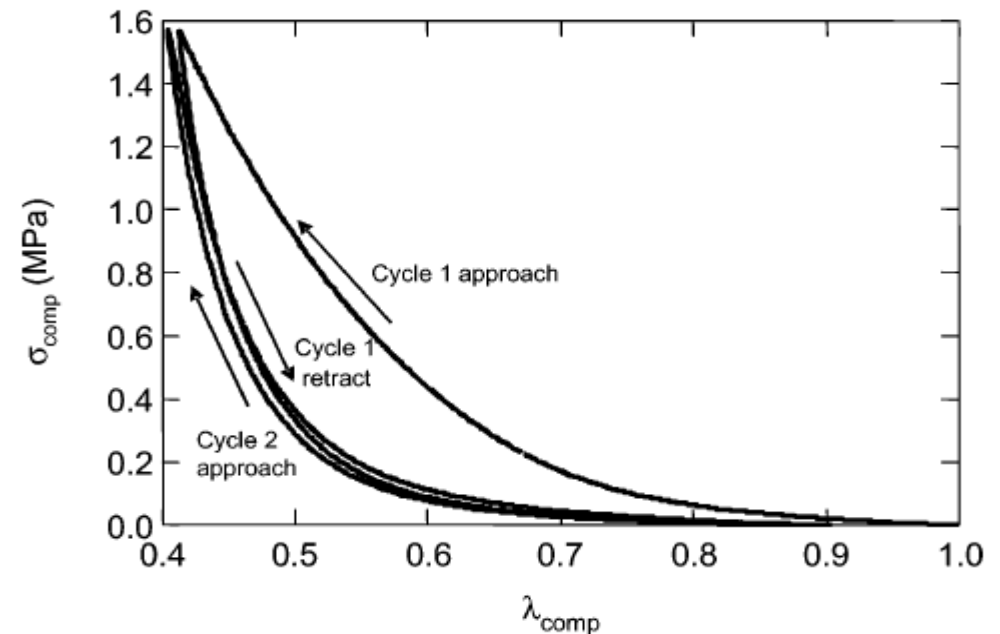
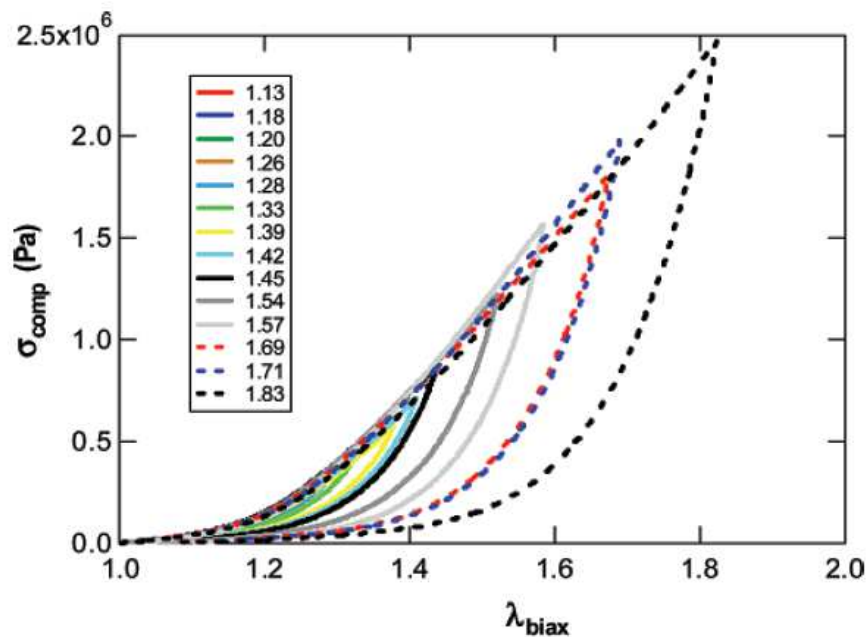
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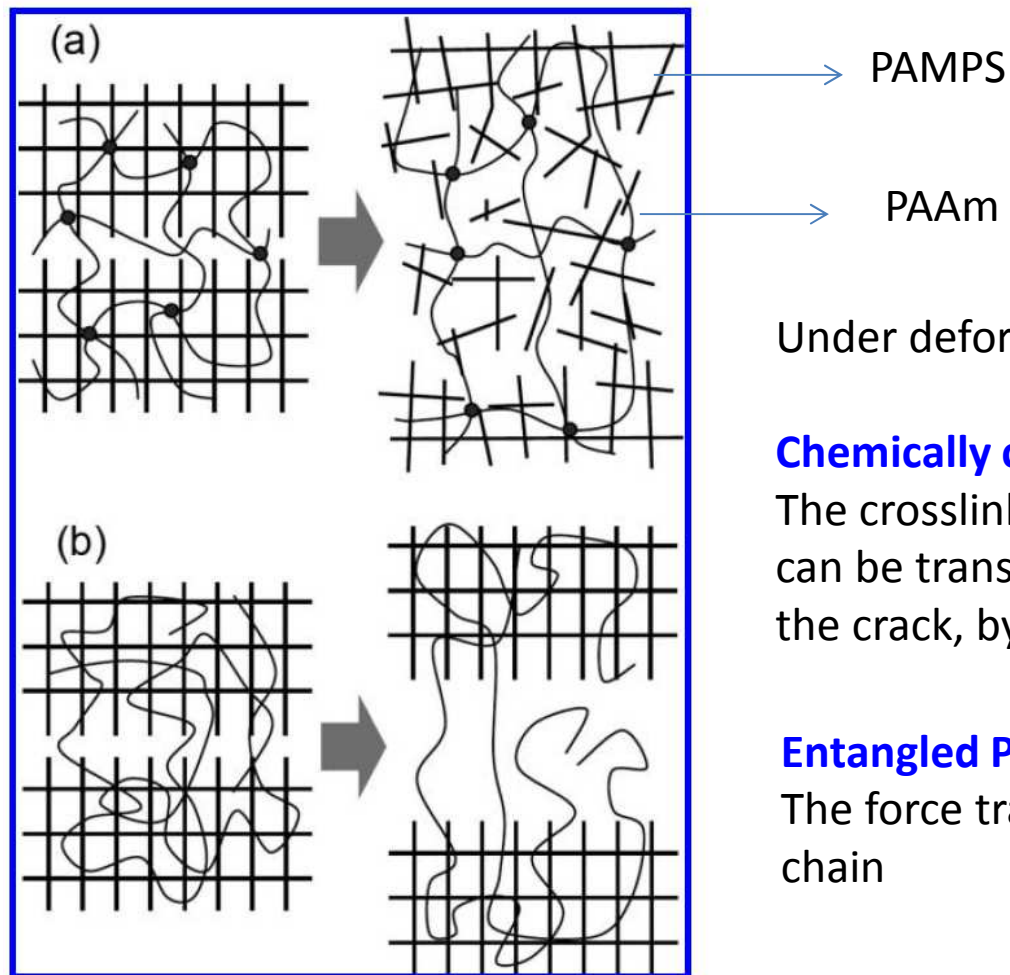


Large hysteresis: permanent damage of the highly crosslinked network

# Interpenetrated polymer networks

## True Chemical Structure of Double Network Hydrogels

Tasuku Nakajima, Hidemitsu Furukawa, Yoshimi Tanaka, Takayuki Kurokawa, Yoshihito Osada, and Jian Ping Gong\*



Under deformation, cracks appear.

### Chemically crosslinked PAAm network:

The crosslinks play the role of anchors: the force can be transferred to PAMPS network far from the crack, by elongation of the PAAm network.

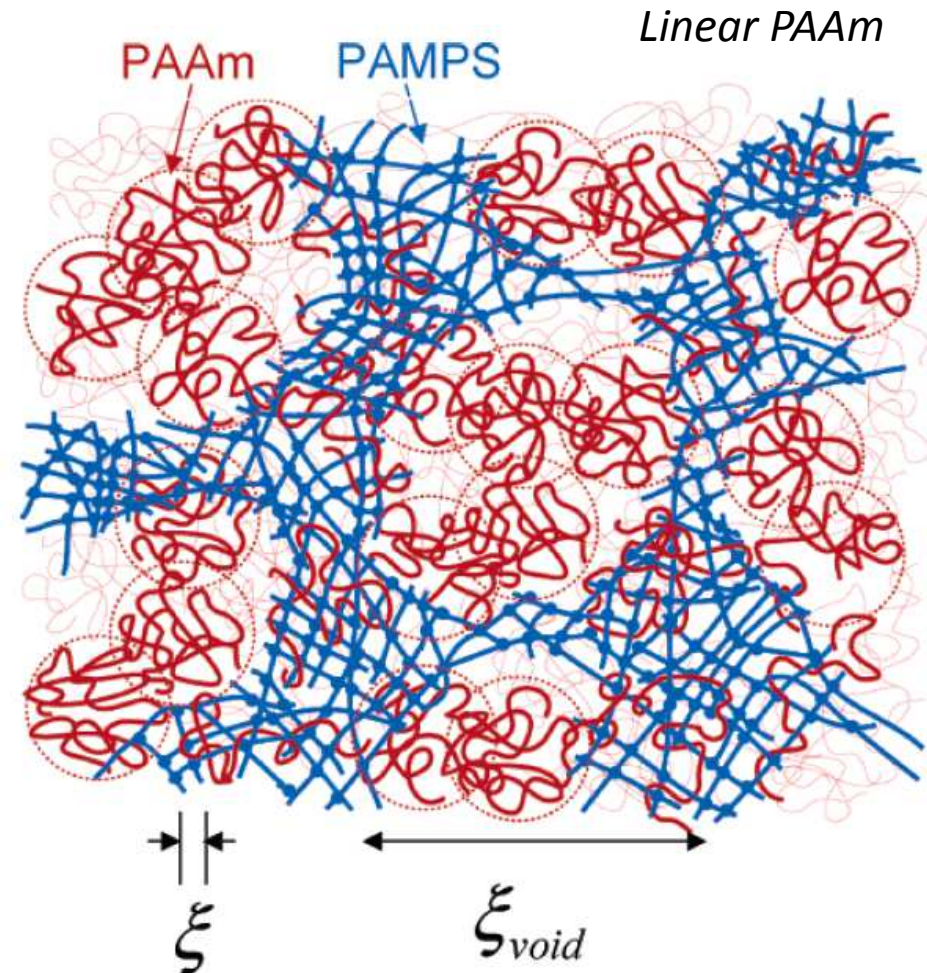
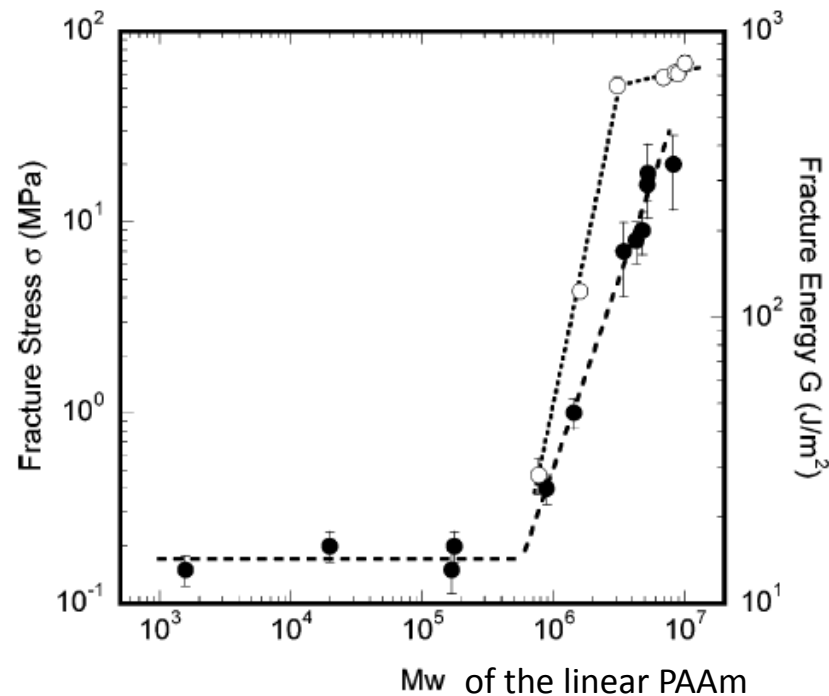
### Entangled PAAm:

The force transfer depends on the length of the chain

# Interpenetrated polymer networks

## Effect of Polymer Entanglement on the Toughening of Double Network Hydrogels

Hiroyuki Tsukeshiba,<sup>†</sup> Mei Huang,<sup>†,||</sup> Yang-Ho Na,<sup>†</sup> Takayuki Kurokawa,<sup>†</sup>  
Rikimaru Kuwabara,<sup>†</sup> Yoshimi Tanaka,<sup>‡</sup> Hidemitsu Furukawa,<sup>†</sup> Yoshihito Osada,<sup>†</sup> and  
Jian Ping Gong<sup>\*,†,§</sup>

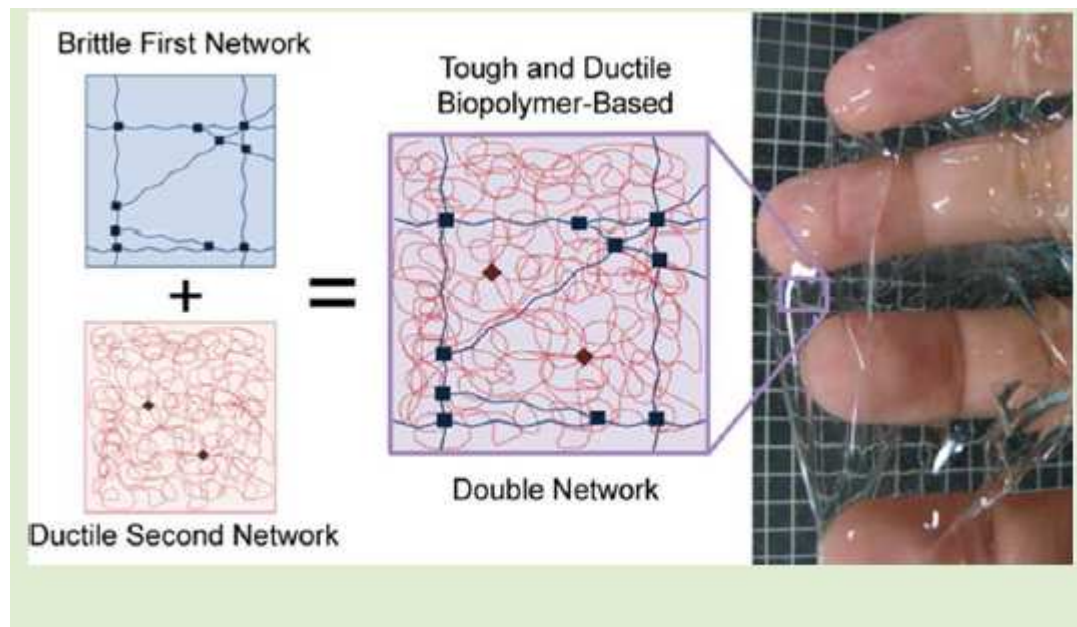


Entanglements are important to increase the fracture stress

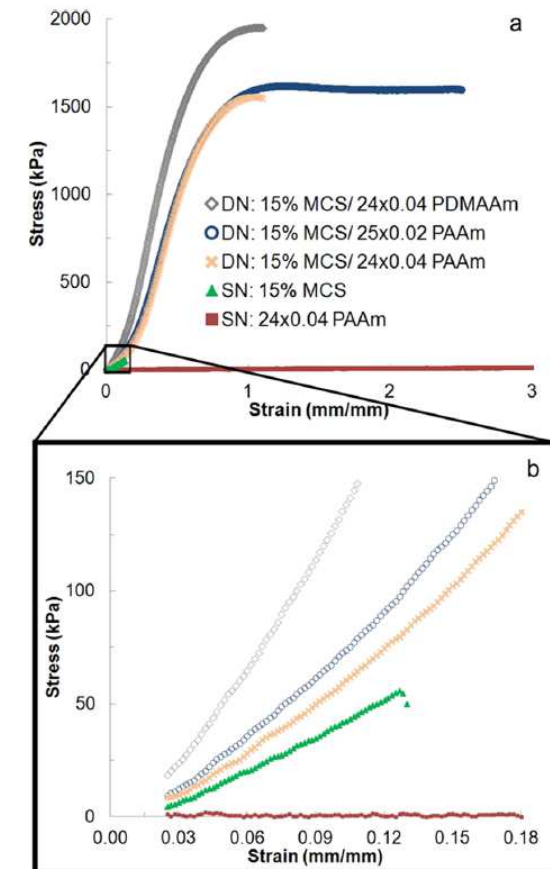
# Interpenetrated polymer networks

## Double-Network Strategy Improves Fracture Properties of Chondroitin Sulfate Networks

Tiffany C. Suekama,<sup>†</sup> Jian Hu,<sup>‡</sup> Takayuki Kurokawa,<sup>‡</sup> Jian Ping Gong,<sup>‡</sup> and !



Biopolymer-based hydrogel

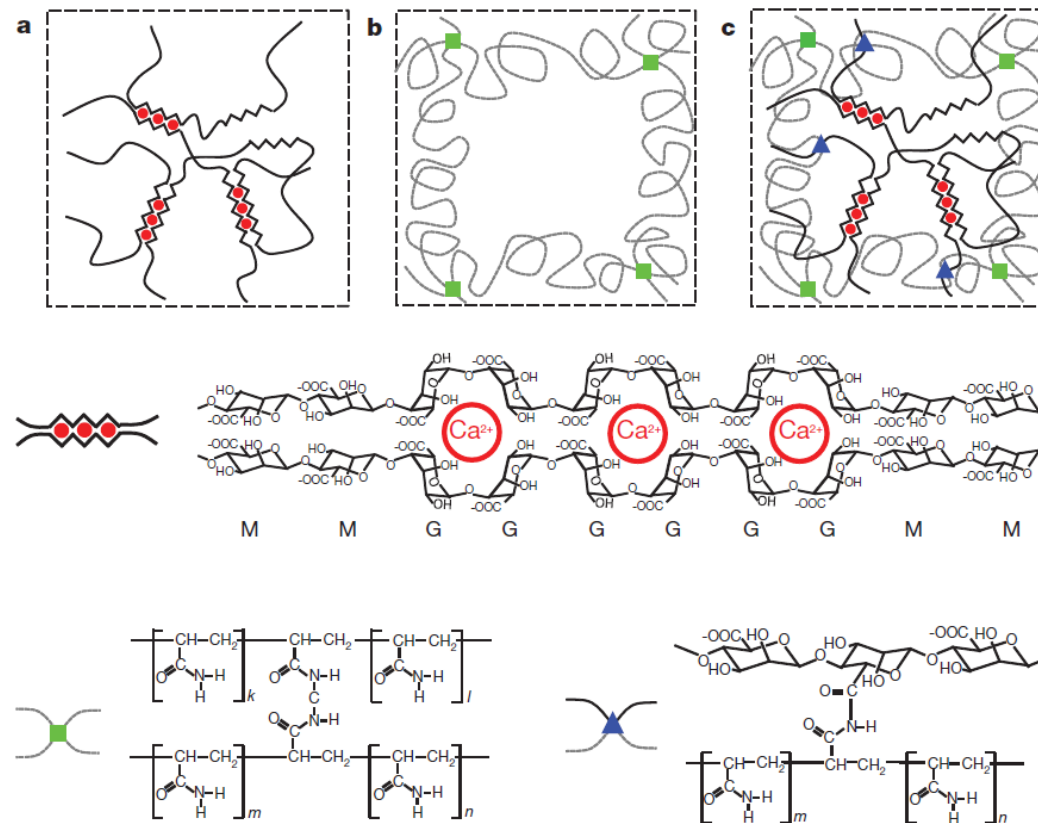


Combination of tough and ductile networks is needed to observe enhanced properties

# Interpenetrated polymer networks

## Highly stretchable and tough hydrogels

Jeong-Yun Sun<sup>1,2</sup>, Xuanhe Zhao<sup>3</sup>, Widusha R. K. Illeperuma<sup>1</sup>, Ovijit Chaudhuri<sup>1</sup>, Kyu Hwan Oh<sup>2</sup>, David J. Mooney<sup>1,4</sup>, Joost J. Vlassak<sup>1</sup> & Zhigang Suo<sup>1,5</sup>



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# Interpenetrated polymer networks

Review

Design and applications of interpenetrating polymer network hydrogels.

A review

Ecaterina Stela Dragan\* (2014)

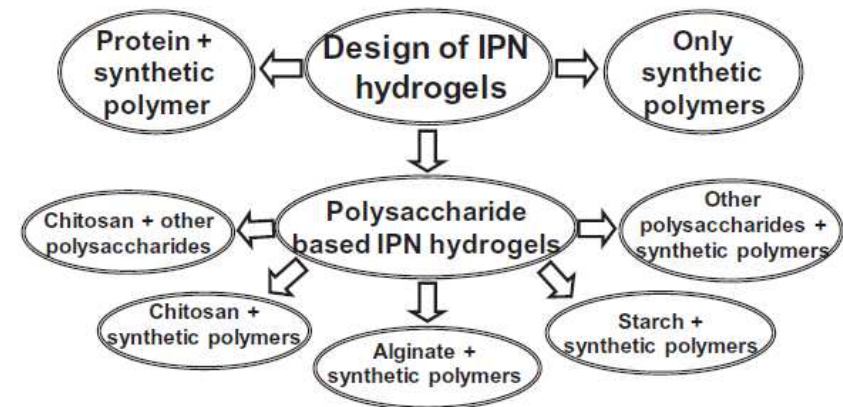
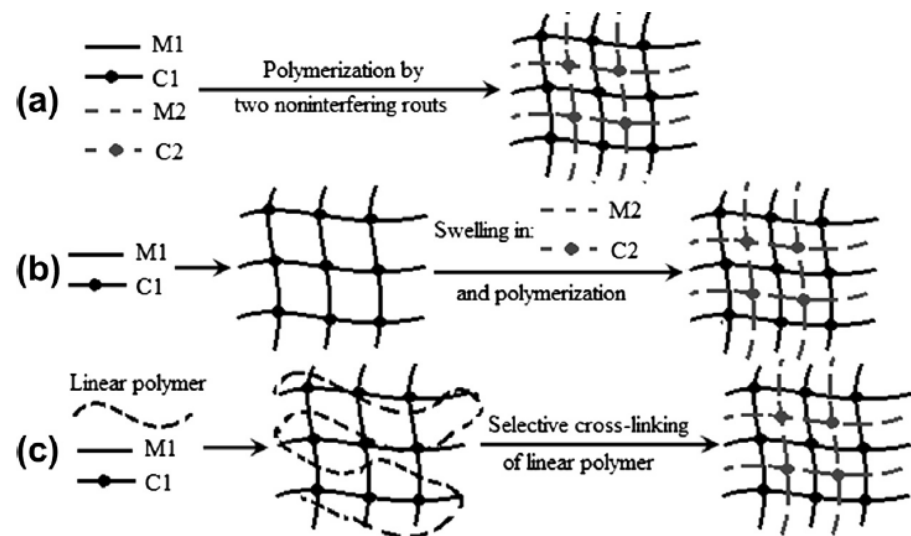


Fig. 2. Possible combinations of hydrophilic polymers used to prepare IPN hydrogels.

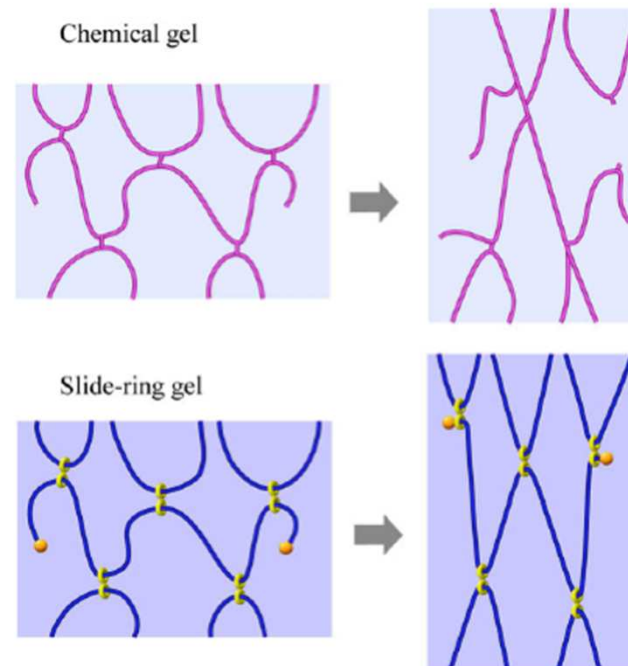
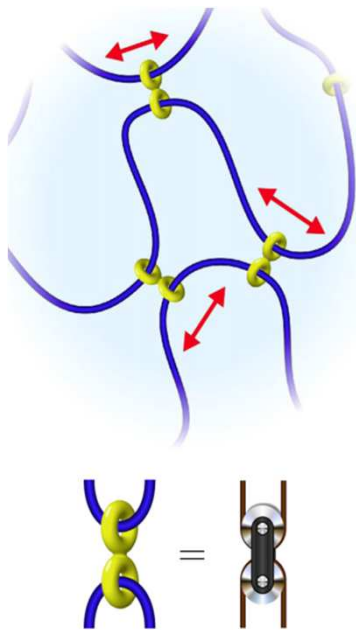
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# Dynamics of slide-ring gels

Slide-ring materials using topological supramolecular architecture

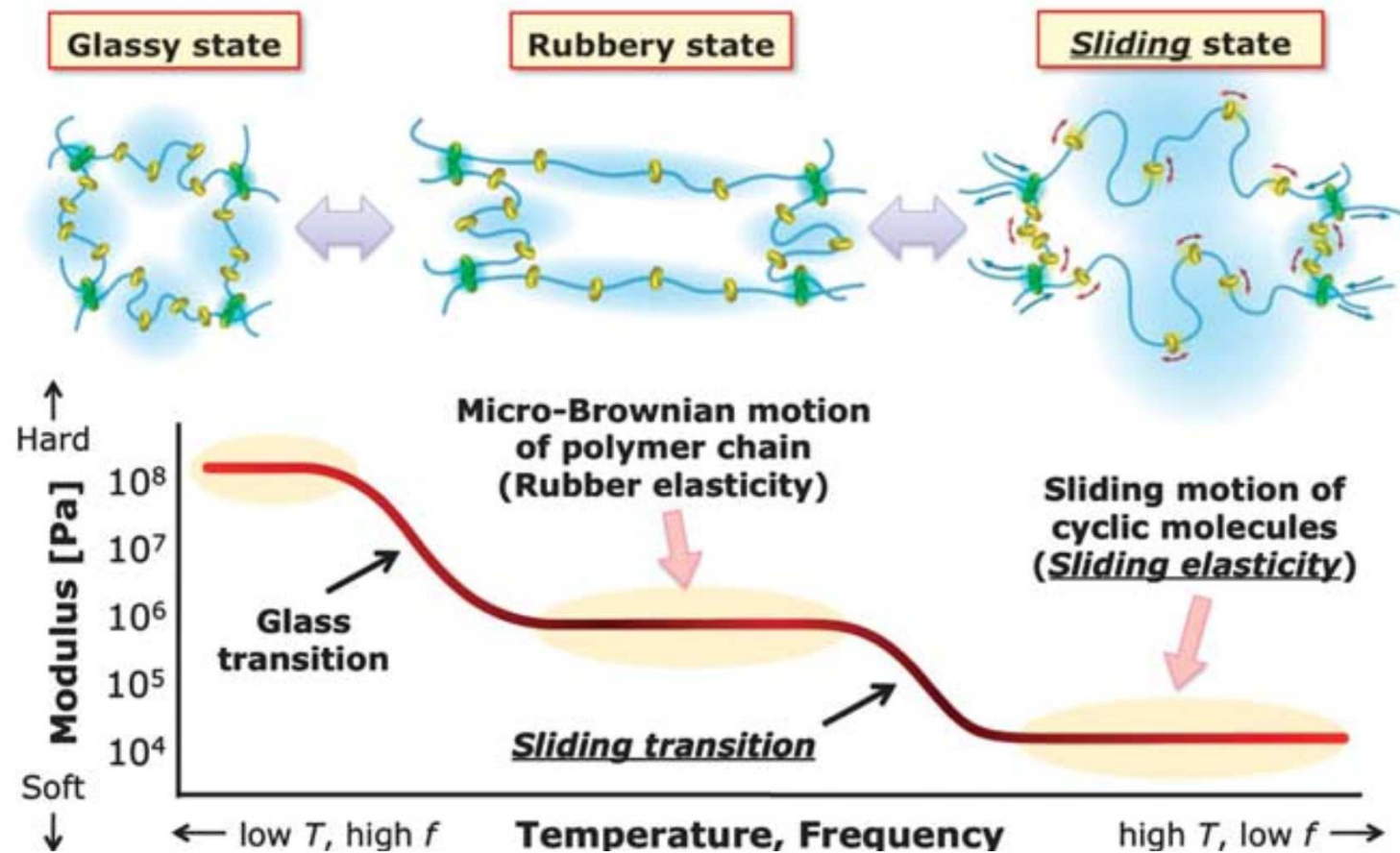
Kohzo Ito

- ➡ Gels based on freely movable (topological) crosslinks
- ➡ Equilibration of tensions along the chains (pulley effect)



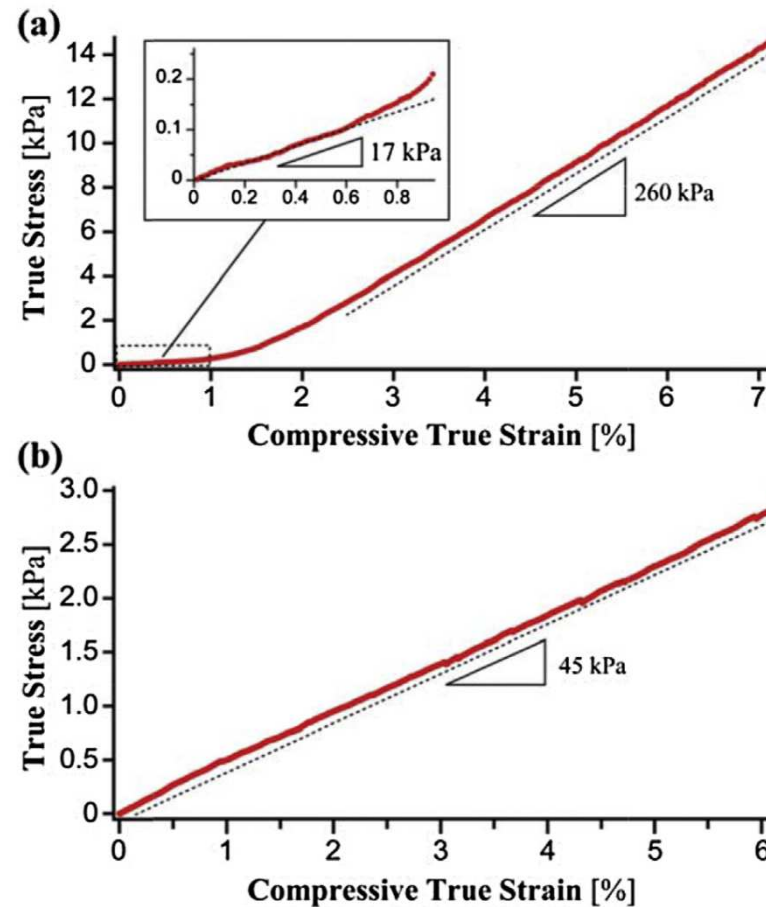
huge swelling capacity, extreme softness, and ability to equilibrate internal tension of the chain in a manner similar to pulleys

# Dynamics of slide-ring gels



Ito et al.

# Dynamics of slide-ring gels



Slide-ring gels

covalent gels

Such a J shape response has been observed in many biomaterials such as mammalian skin, vessels and tissues, and is responsible for their toughness: their low modulus drastically reduces the energy released in a fracture while the gradual increase in stiffness prevents elastic instability.

