



Double Dynamics for design of new responsive polymer networks and gels

# Modelling the linear dynamics of Double Dynamics Polymer Networks

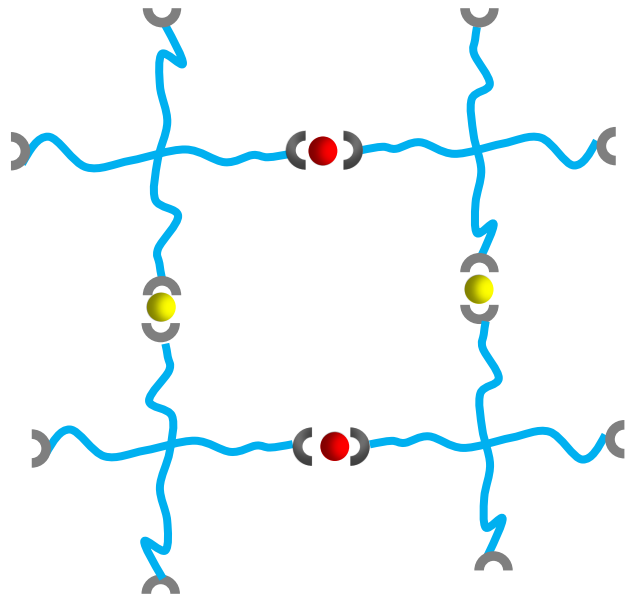
Blend two metal-ligand crosslinks with distinct relaxation modes in telechelic star polymer

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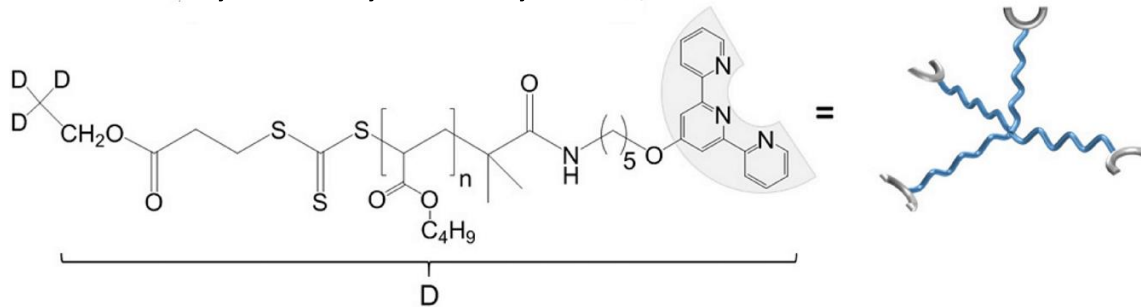
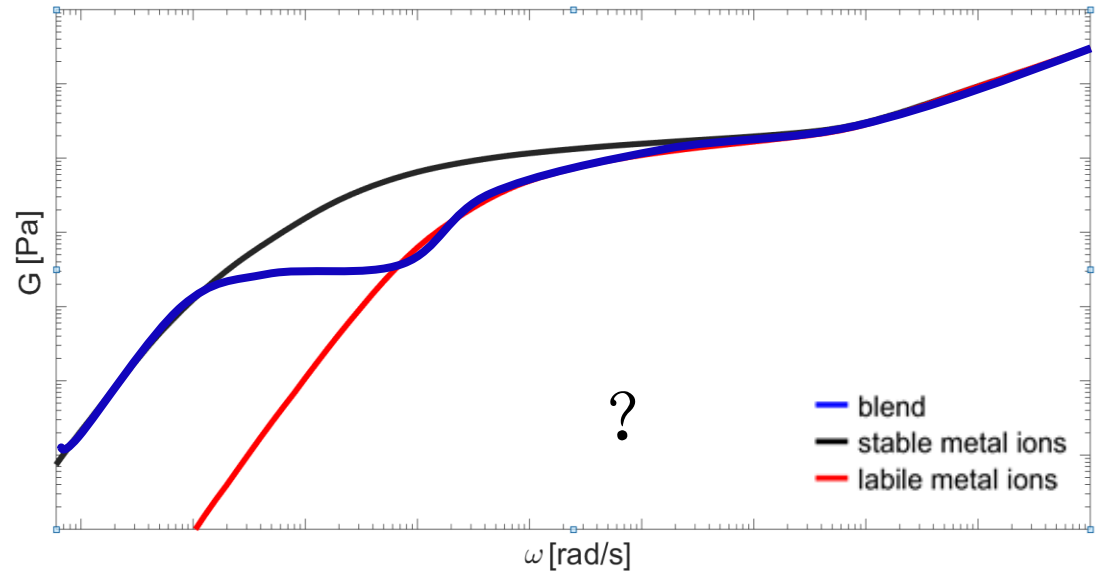
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# Objective

Understanding the dynamics of telechelic star polymer combined two metal-ligand crosslinks with distinct relaxation modes.

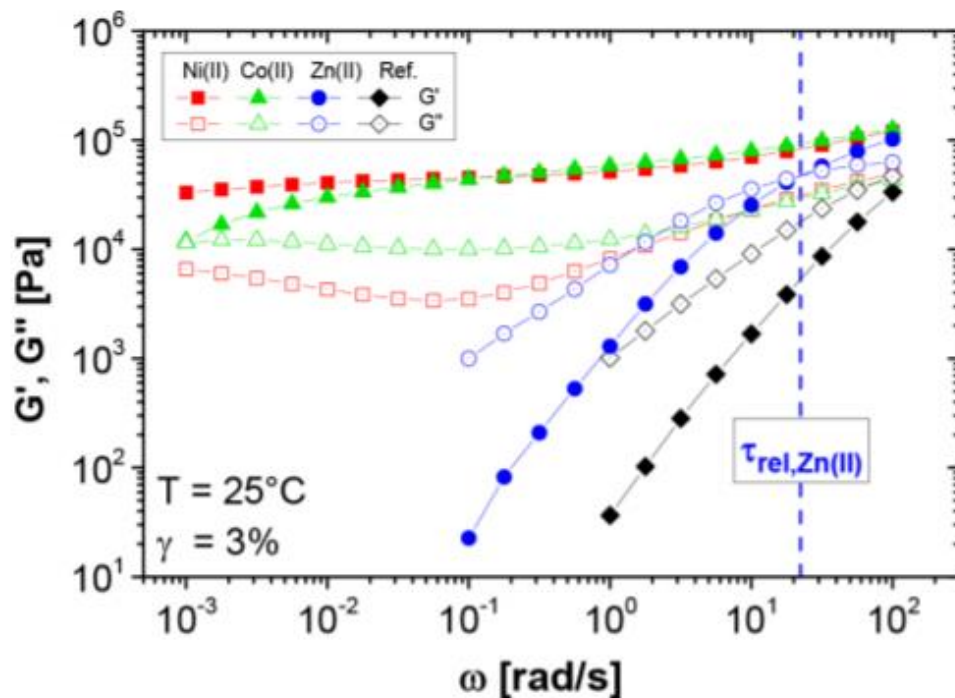


$\text{Zn}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{Cu}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{Co}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{Ni}^{2+}$



$M_e = 18 \text{ kg/mol}$

$M_n = 249 \text{ kg/mol}$



### List of samples

|                                       |                                    |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Zn <sup>2+</sup> and Cu <sup>2+</sup> | 0.5eq. 0.75eq. 1eq. 1.25eq. 2.5eq. |
| Cu <sup>2+</sup> and Co <sup>2+</sup> | 0.5eq.                             |
| Co <sup>2+</sup> and Zn <sup>2+</sup> | 0.5eq. 0.75eq.                     |

At different temperature, from  $-20^\circ\text{C}$  to  $100^\circ\text{C}$

**Labile**

Zn<sup>2+</sup>

**Stable**

Cu<sup>2+</sup> (Co<sup>2+</sup> or Ni<sup>2+</sup>)

0.5eq. & 0.5eq.  
(stoichiometric amount)

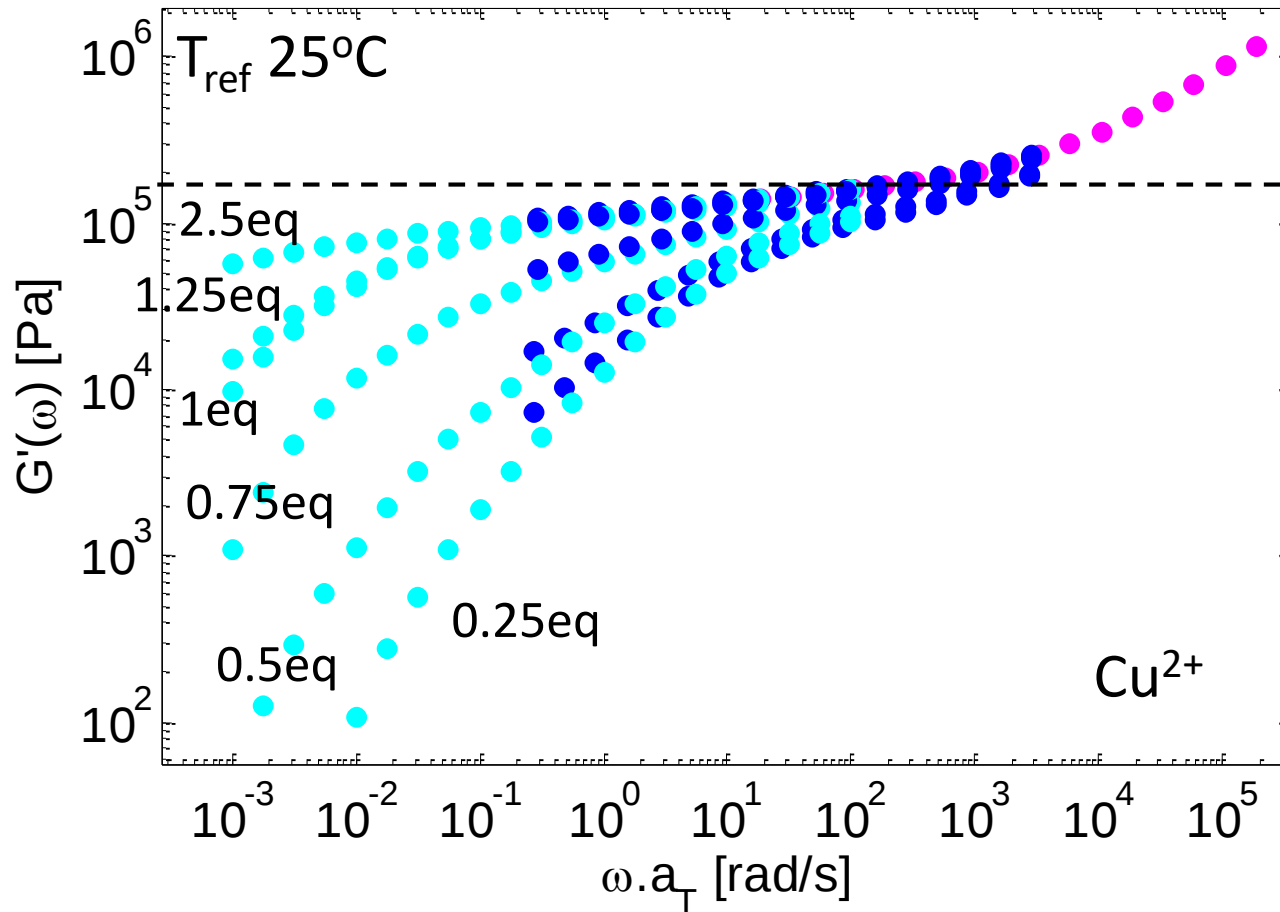


1.0eq. & 1.0eq.  
(excess amount)



Interaction?

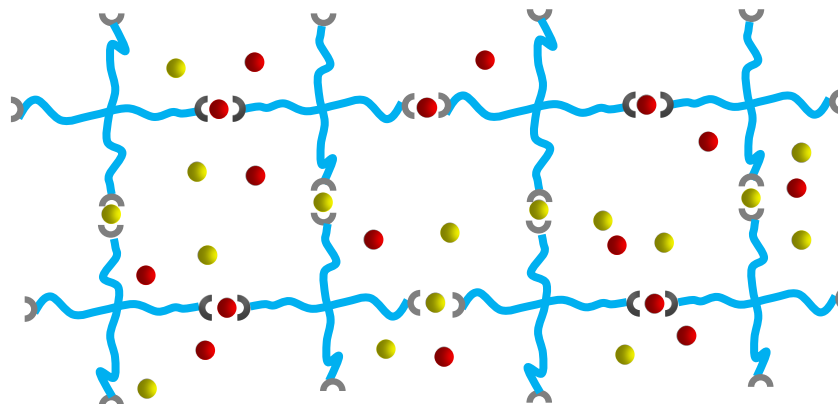
# Influence of the ions content



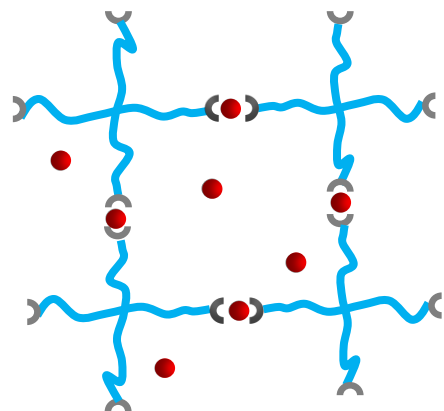
The network is fully saturated at 1eq.

# Blending $\text{Zn}^{2+}$ and $\text{Cu}^{2+}$

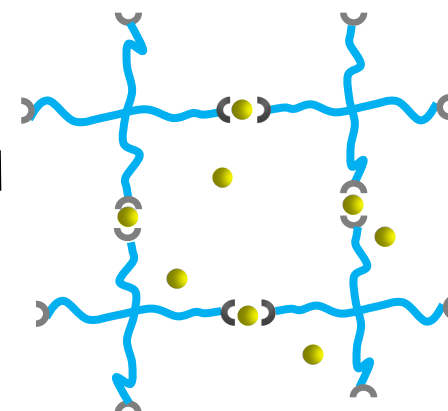
blend (1eq.  $\text{Zn}^{2+}$  and 1eq.  $\text{Cu}^{2+}$ )



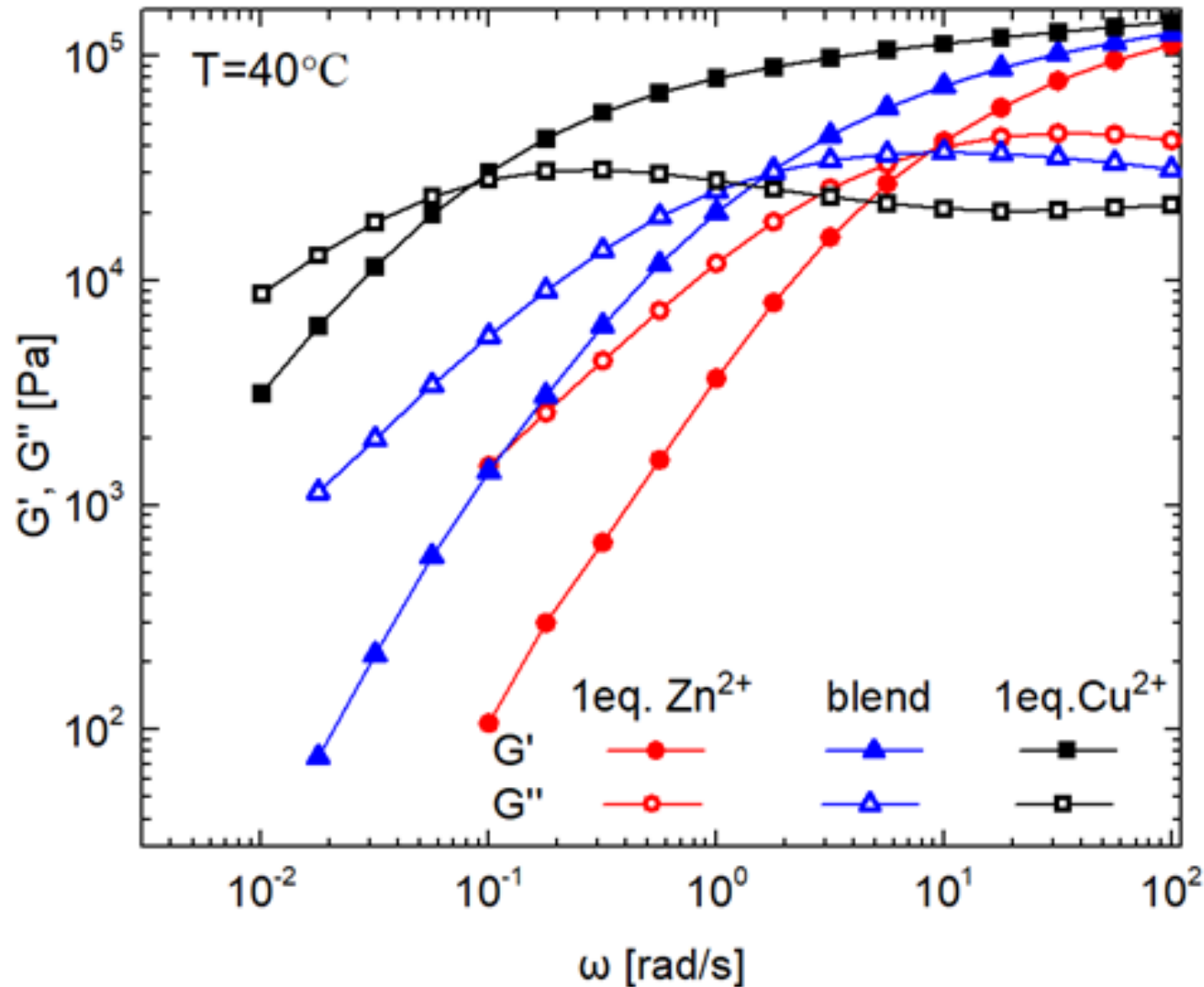
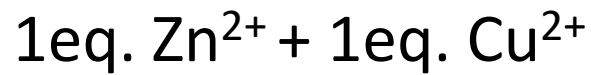
The total amount=1eq.  
0.5eq.  $\text{Zn}^{2+}$  and 0.5eq.  $\text{Cu}^{2+}$



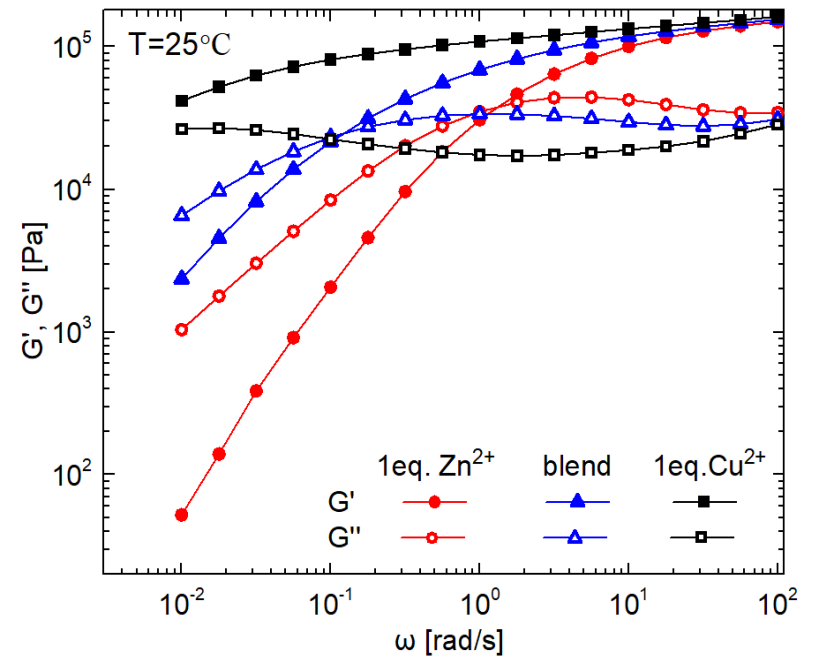
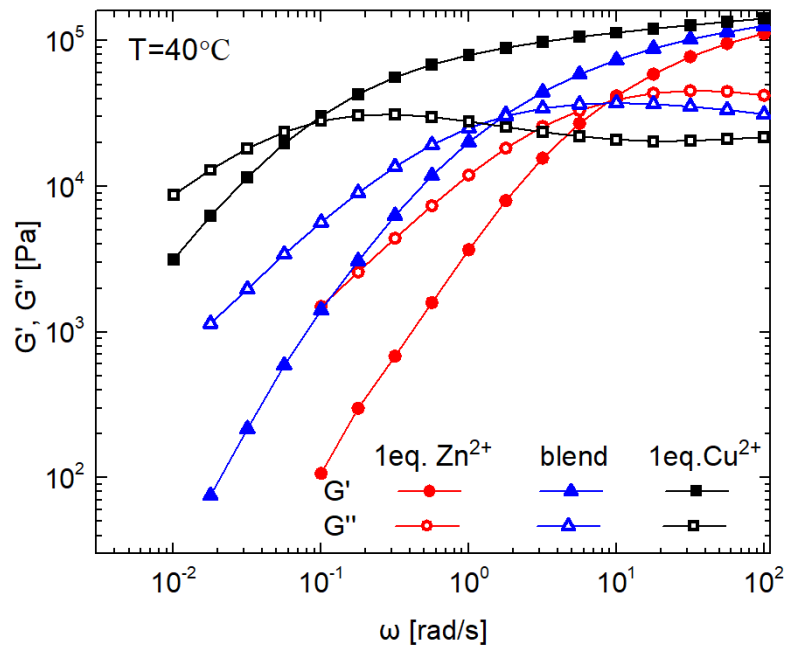
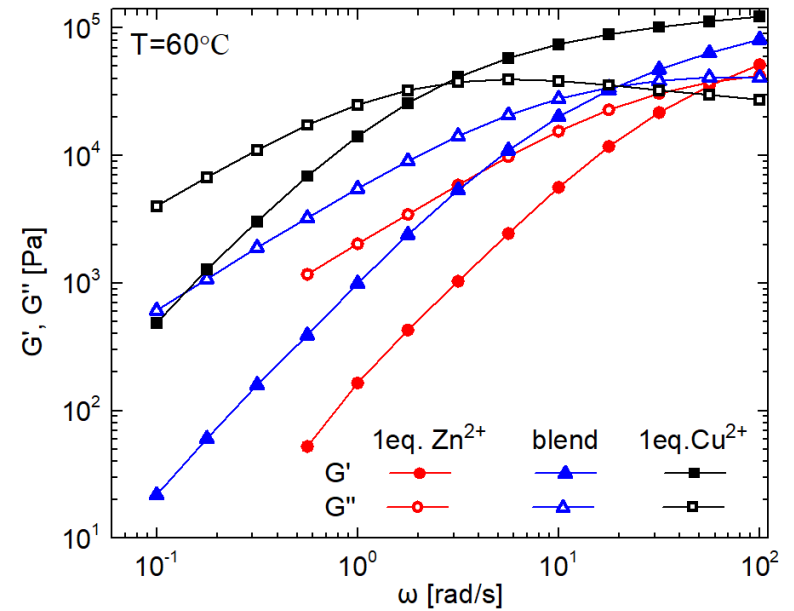
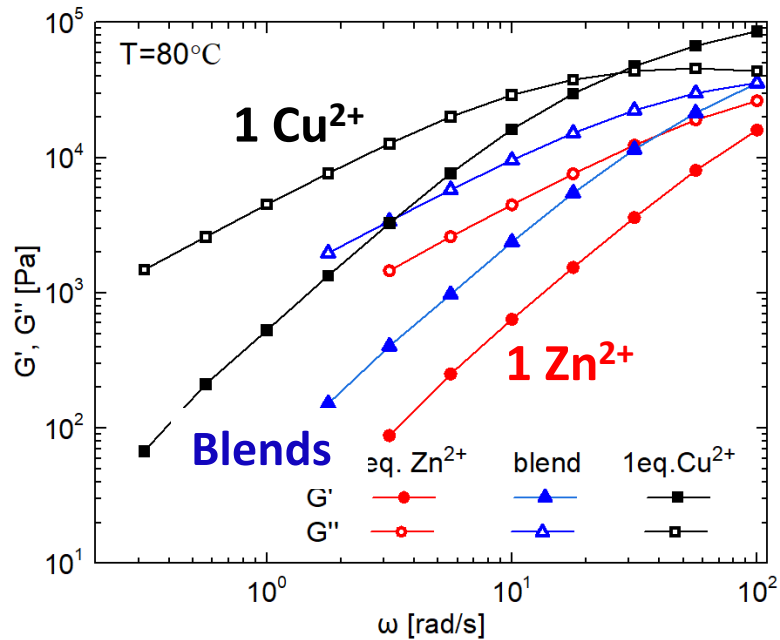
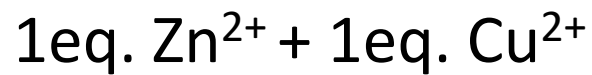
0.5eq.  $\text{Zn}^{2+}$



0.5eq.  $\text{Cu}^{2+}$



The blend shows relaxation behavior in between. No two relaxation peaks.

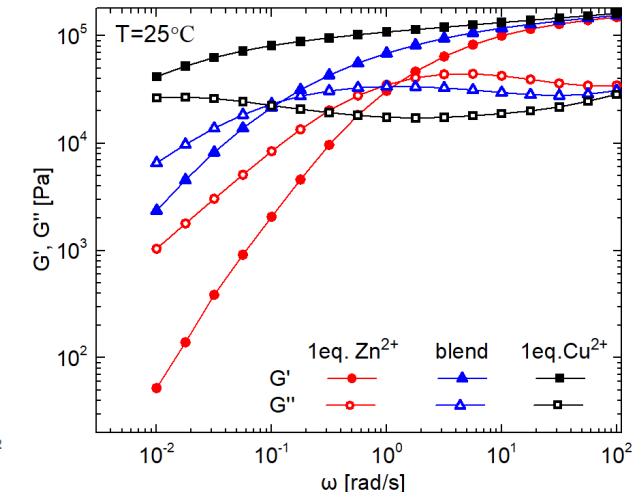
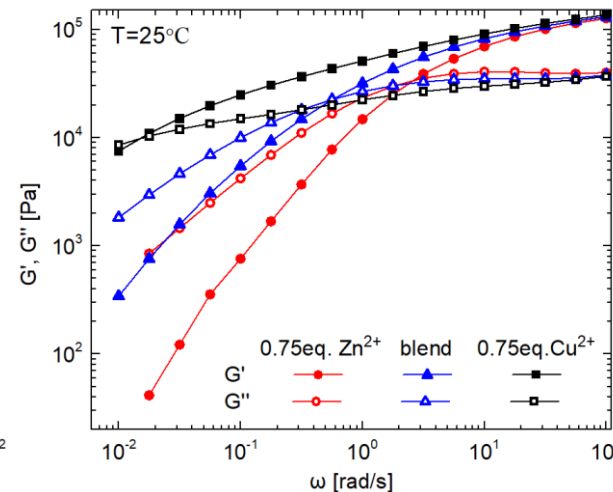
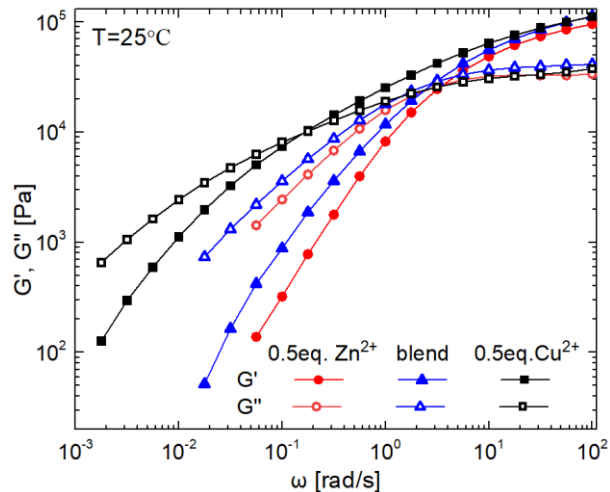
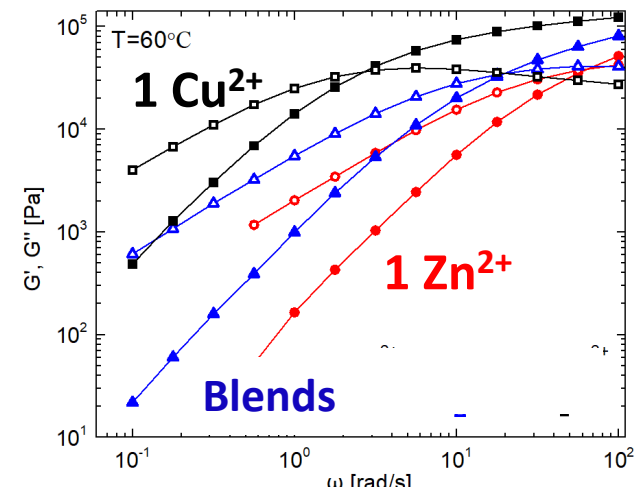
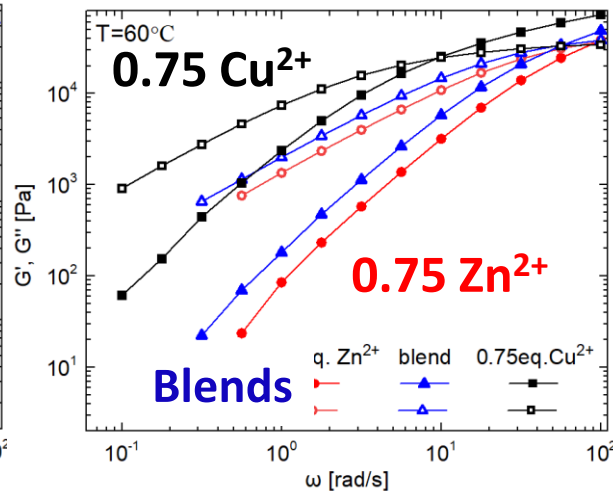
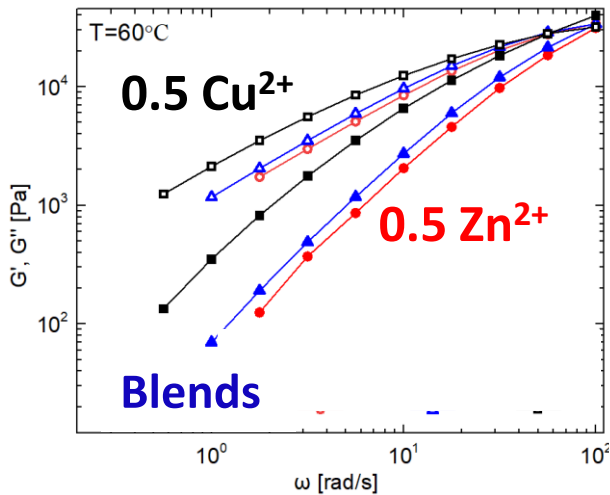


# Influence of the amount of metal ions

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0.75eq.

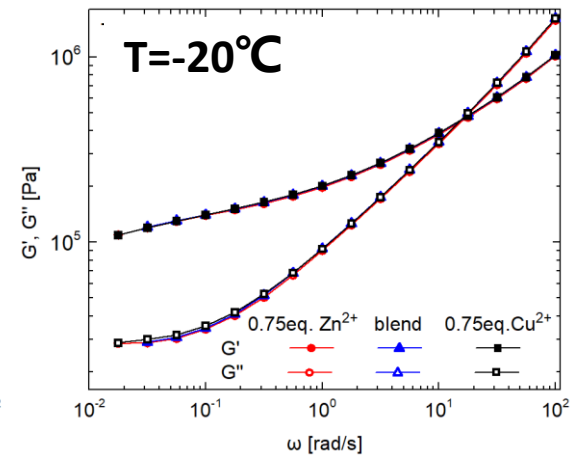
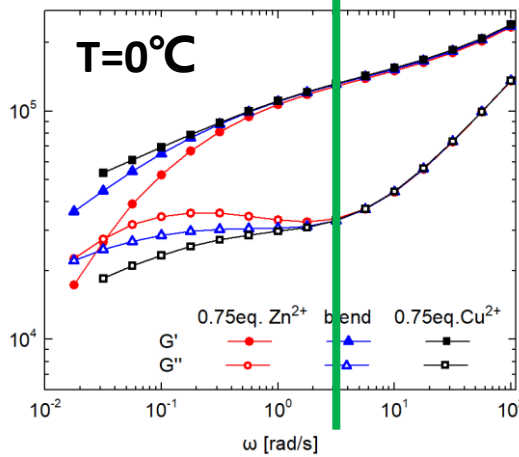
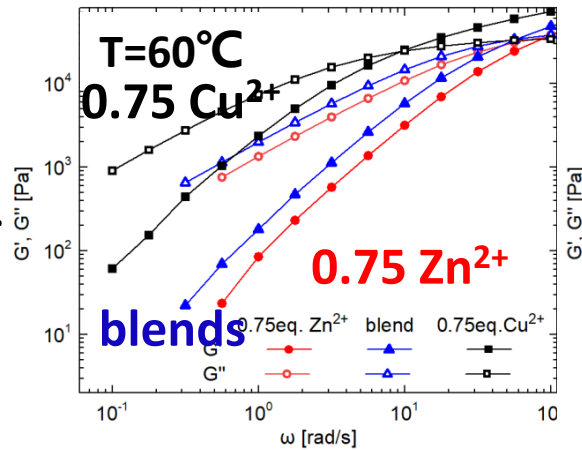
1eq.



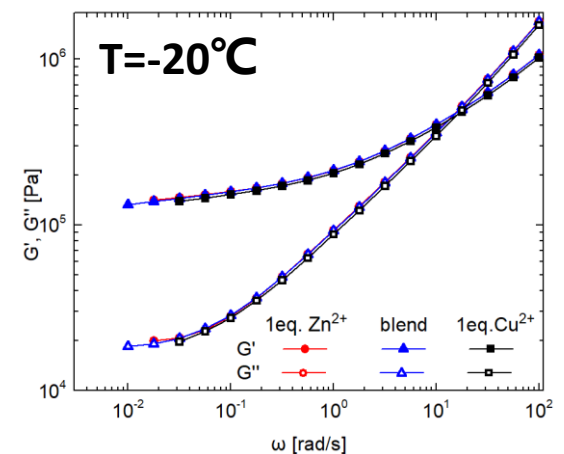
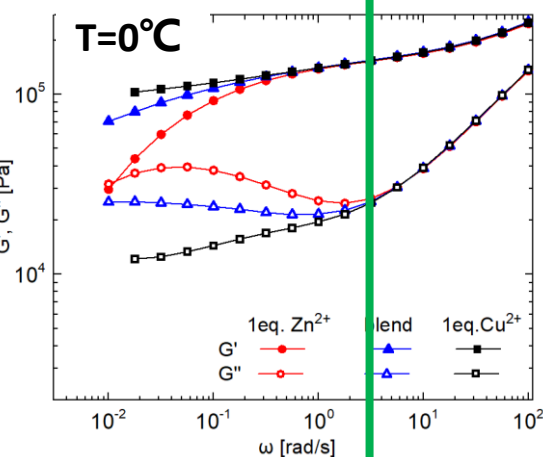
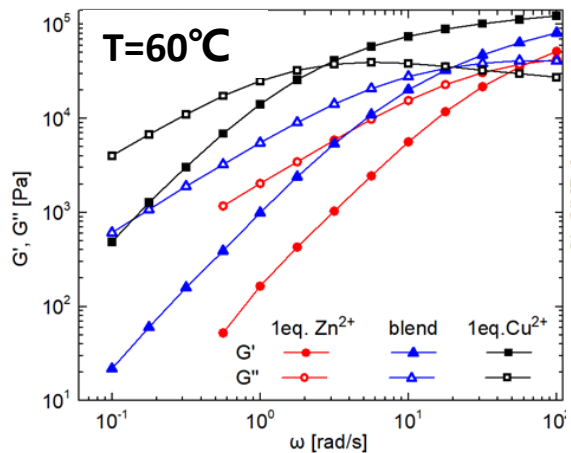
With the increasing amount of metal ions, the relaxation behavior of the blends shifts to  $\text{Cu}^{2+}$ , and close to the middle.

# Influence of the temperature

0.75eq.

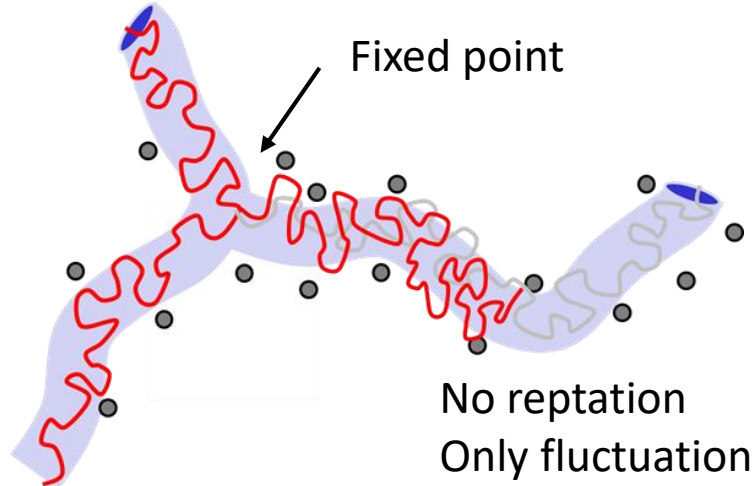


1eq.



The sticker dynamics at 0°C is visible, starting at a certain frequency (around 3 rad/s)  
 At -20°C, the dynamics of stickers are frozen.

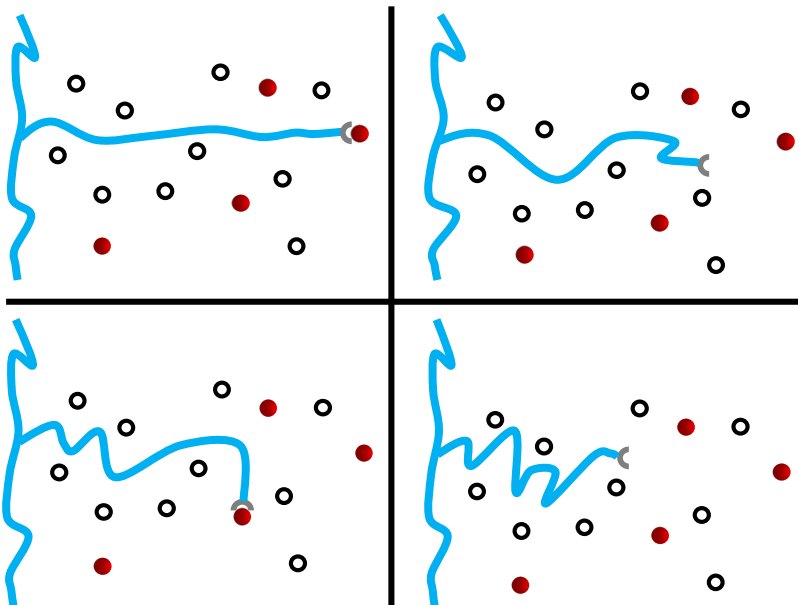
# Modelling



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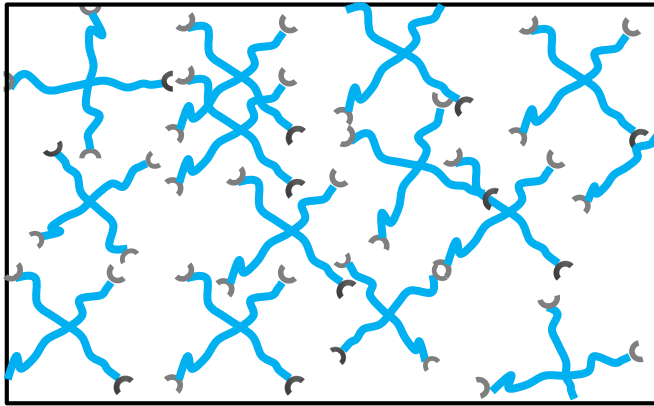


$$P(x,t) = \exp\left(\frac{-p_{free} t}{\tau_{fluc}(x)}\right)$$



- $p_{free}$ , average probability for a sticker to be free
- $p_{dangling}$ , the proportion of arms which do not participate at all to the network

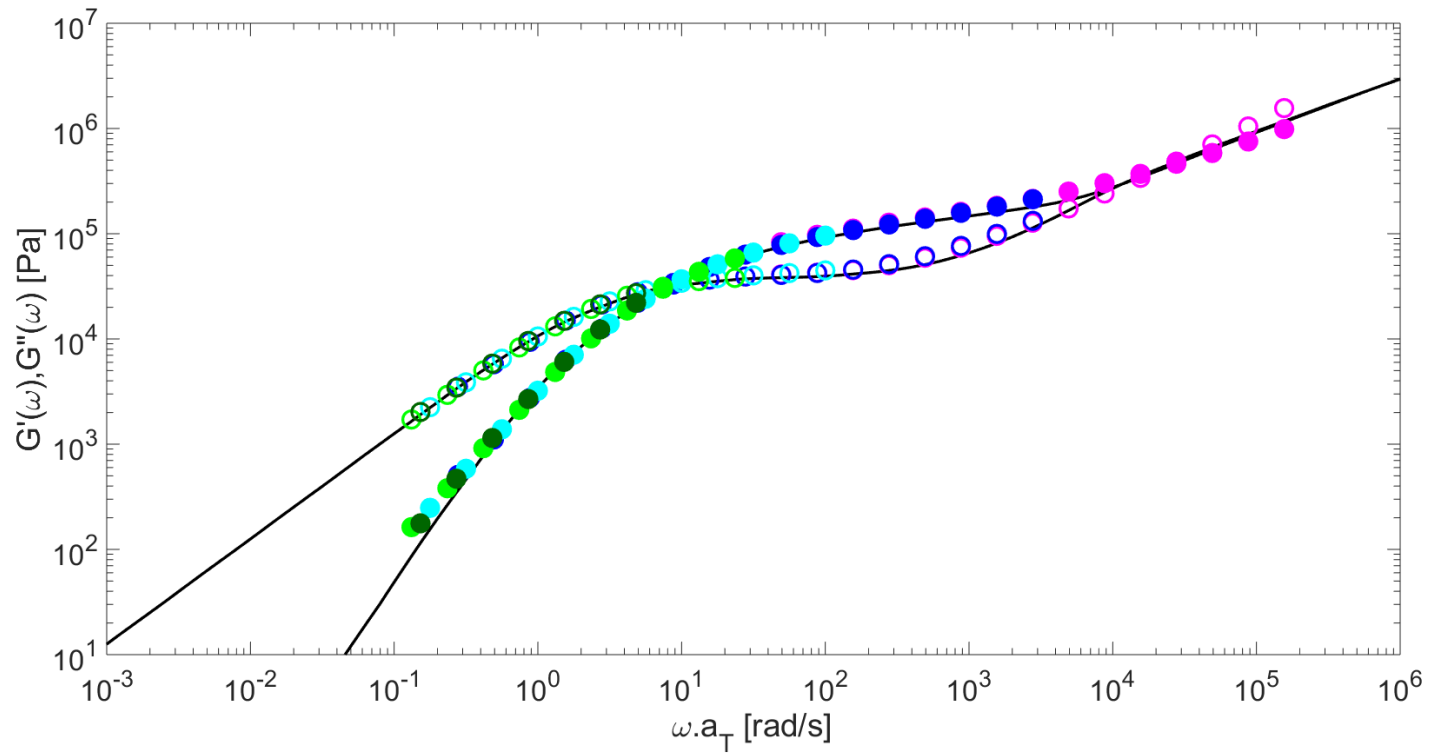
# Reference sample



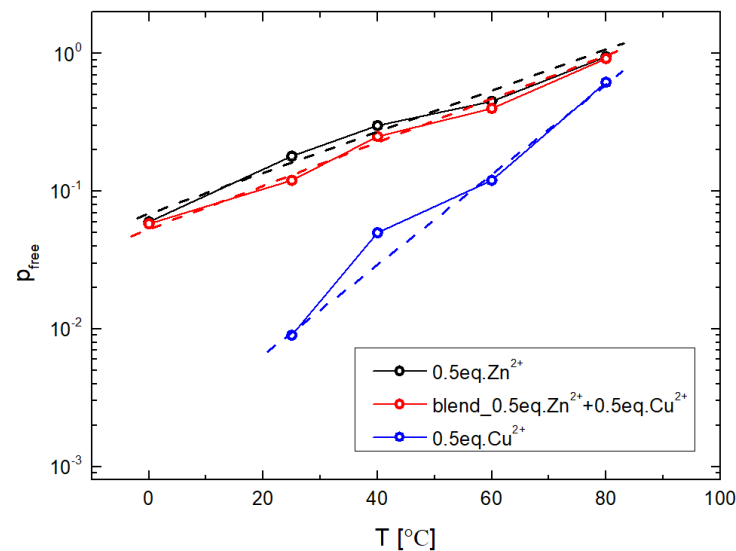
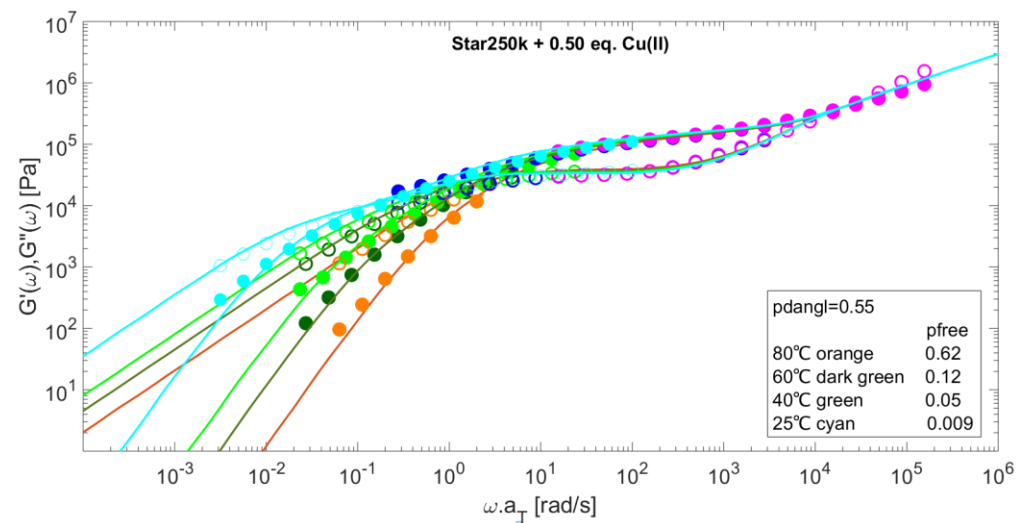
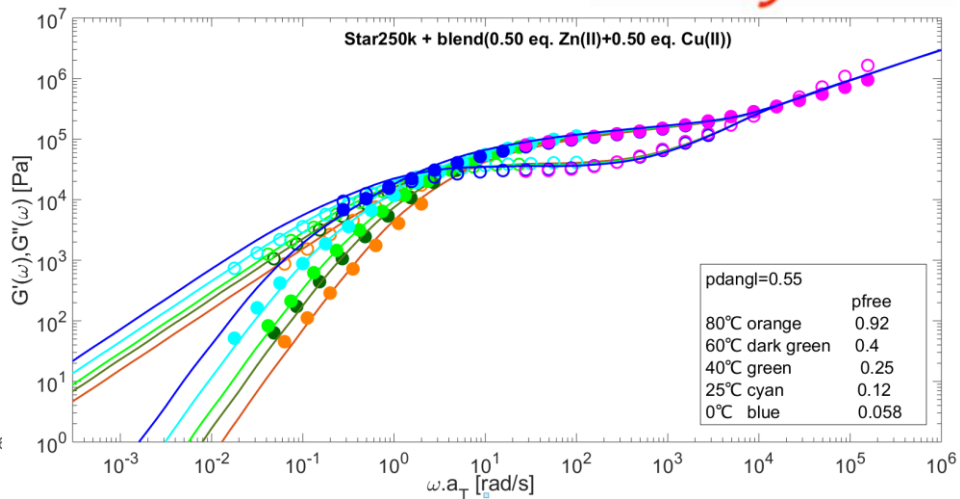
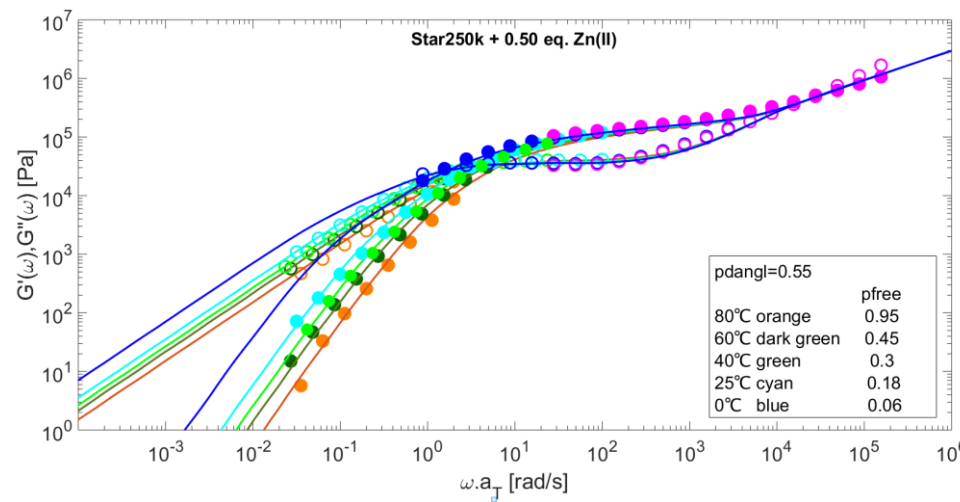
$$P(x,t) = \exp\left(\frac{-p_{free} t}{\tau_{fluc}(x)}\right)$$

$$p_{free} = 1$$

$$p_{dangling} = 1$$



# 0.5eq. $\text{Zn}^{2+}$ + 0.5eq. $\text{Cu}^{2+}$

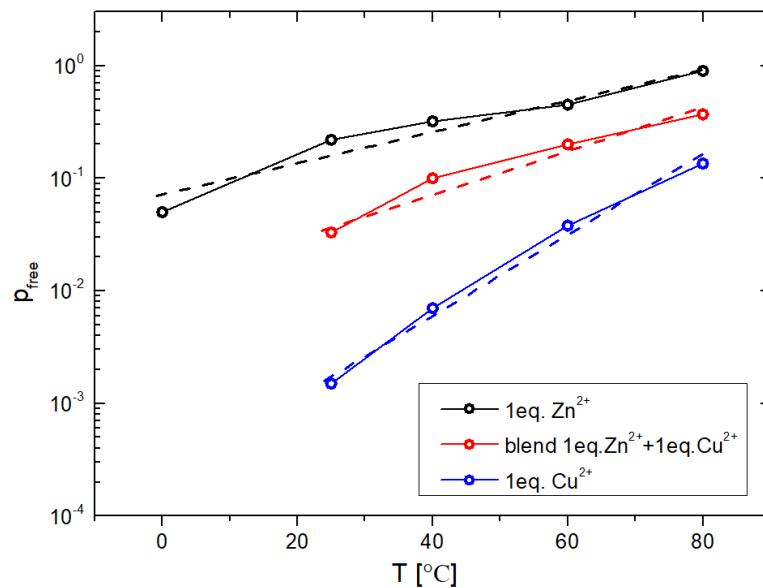
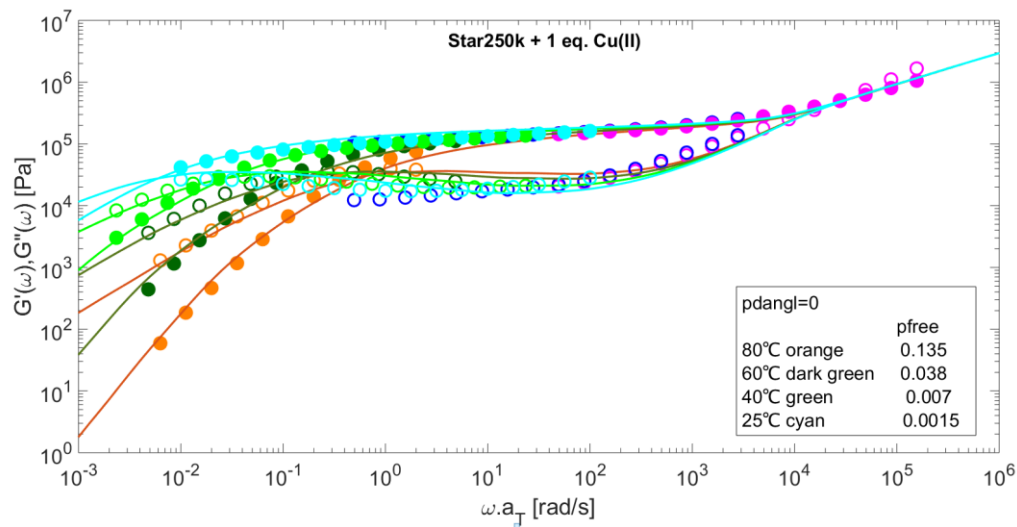
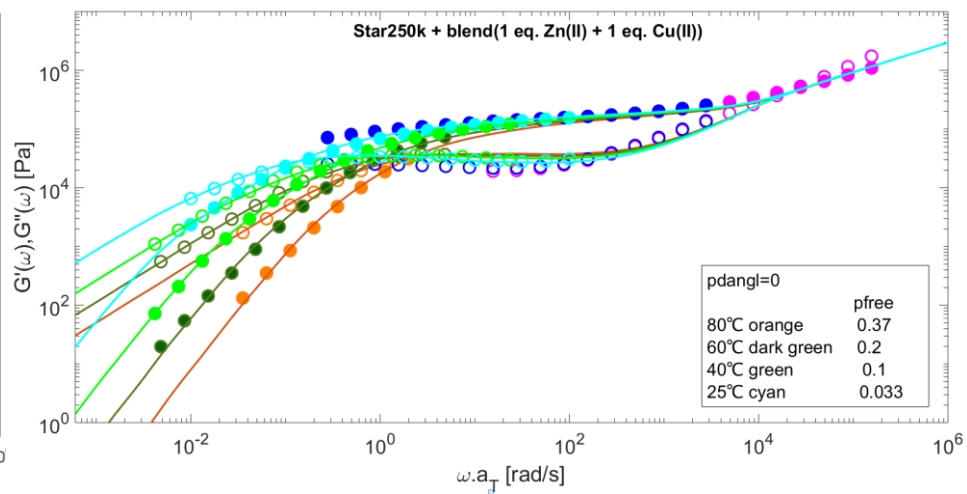
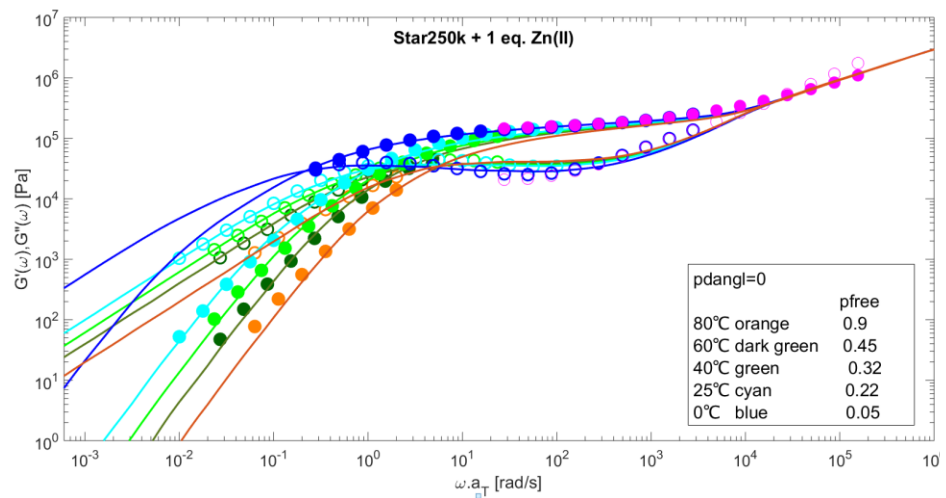
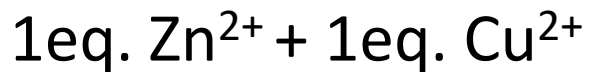


**Shift factors:** taken from the reference sample

The Metal-ligand act as extra friction point

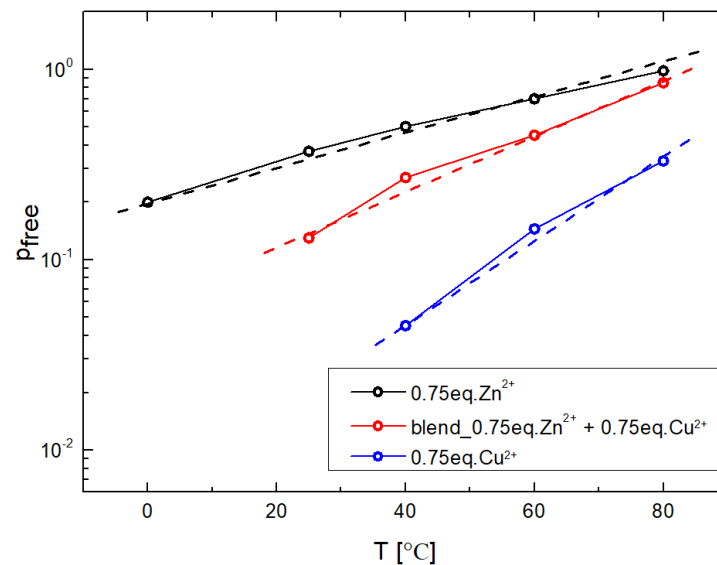
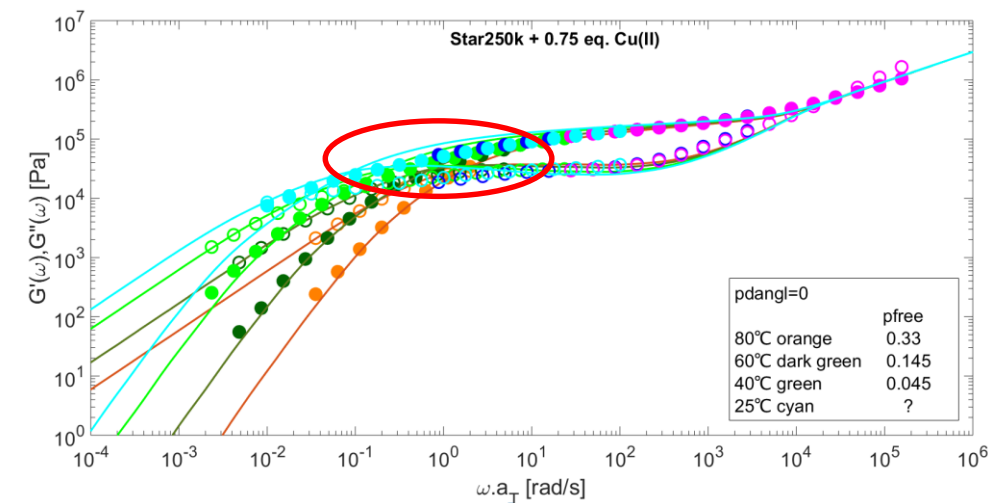
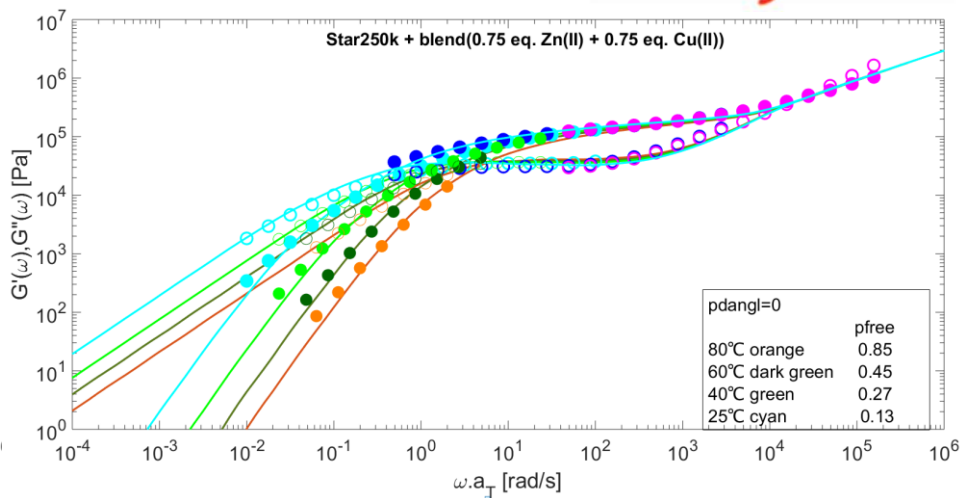
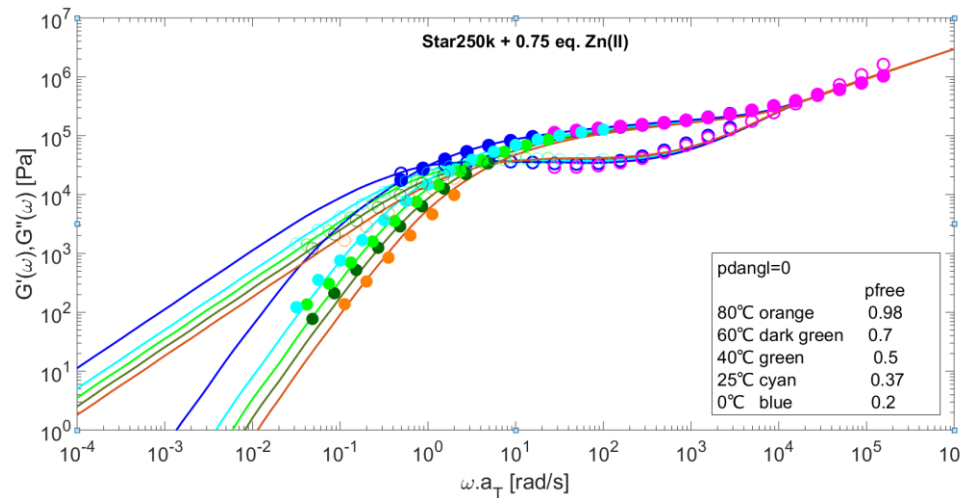
Overall delay of the star relaxation

Arrhenius dependence of  $p_{\text{free}}$  on  $T$



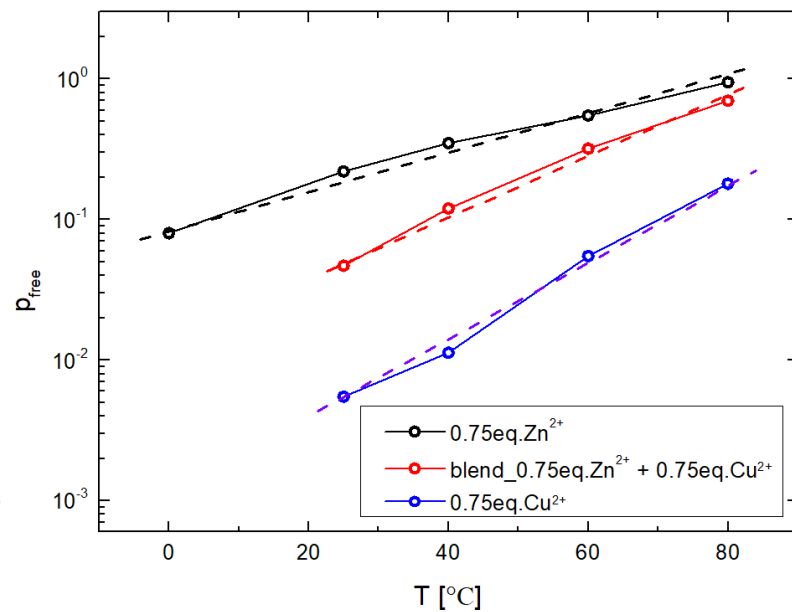
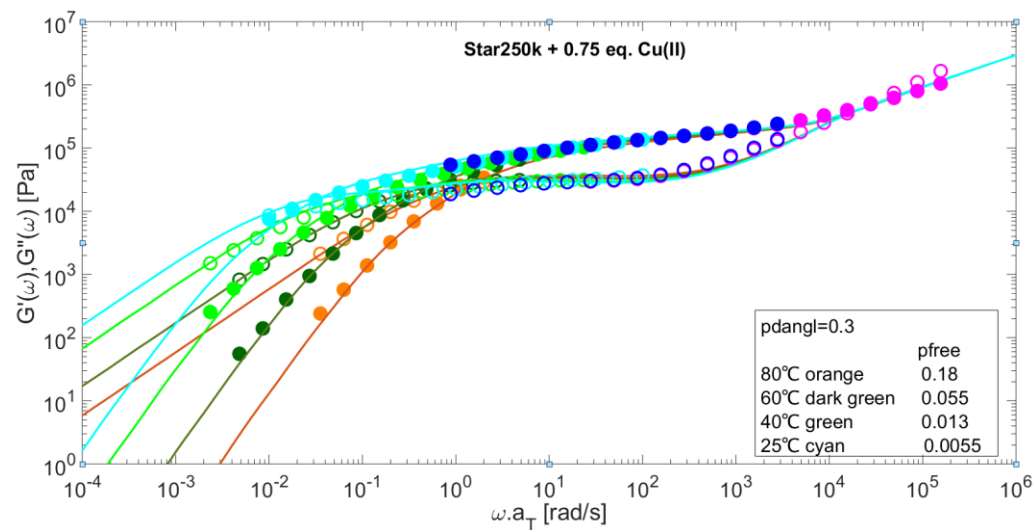
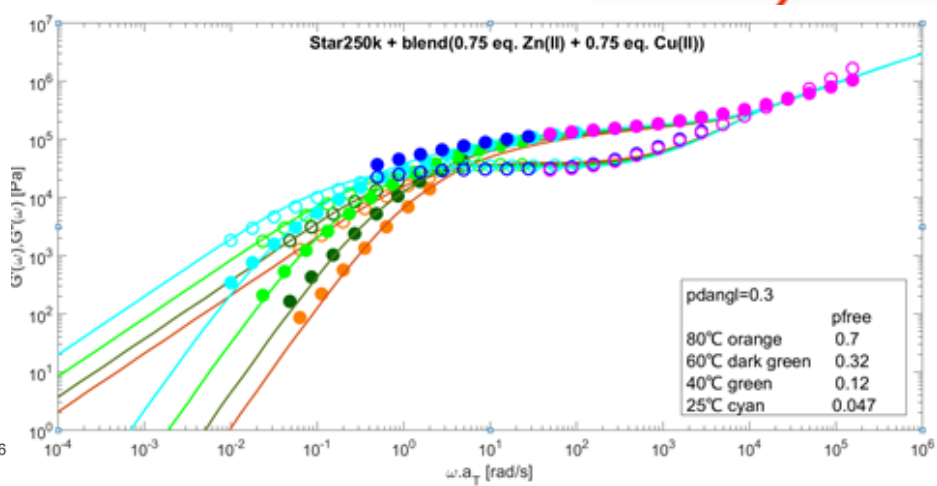
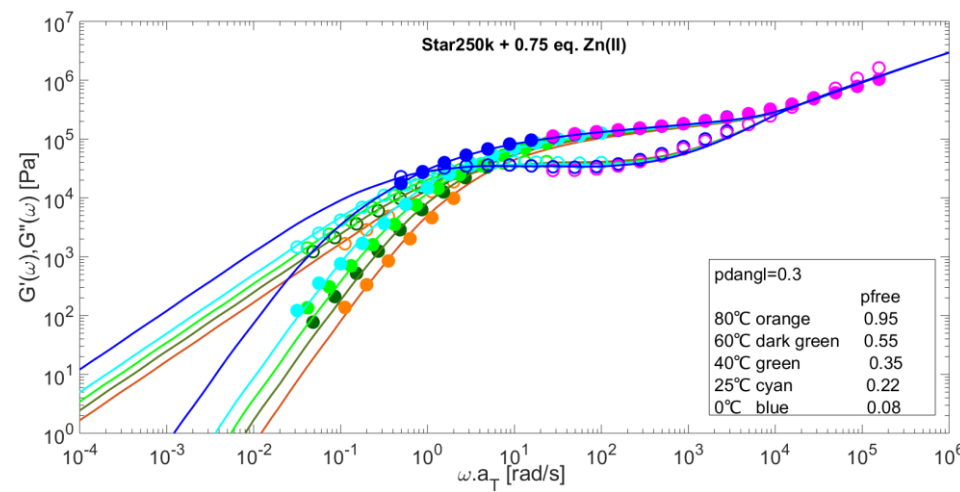
The network is completely connected. No dangling ends.

# 0.75eq. $\text{Zn}^{2+}$ + 0.75eq. $\text{Cu}^{2+}$



No dangling ends

# 0.75eq. $\text{Zn}^{2+}$ + 0.75eq. $\text{Cu}^{2+}$

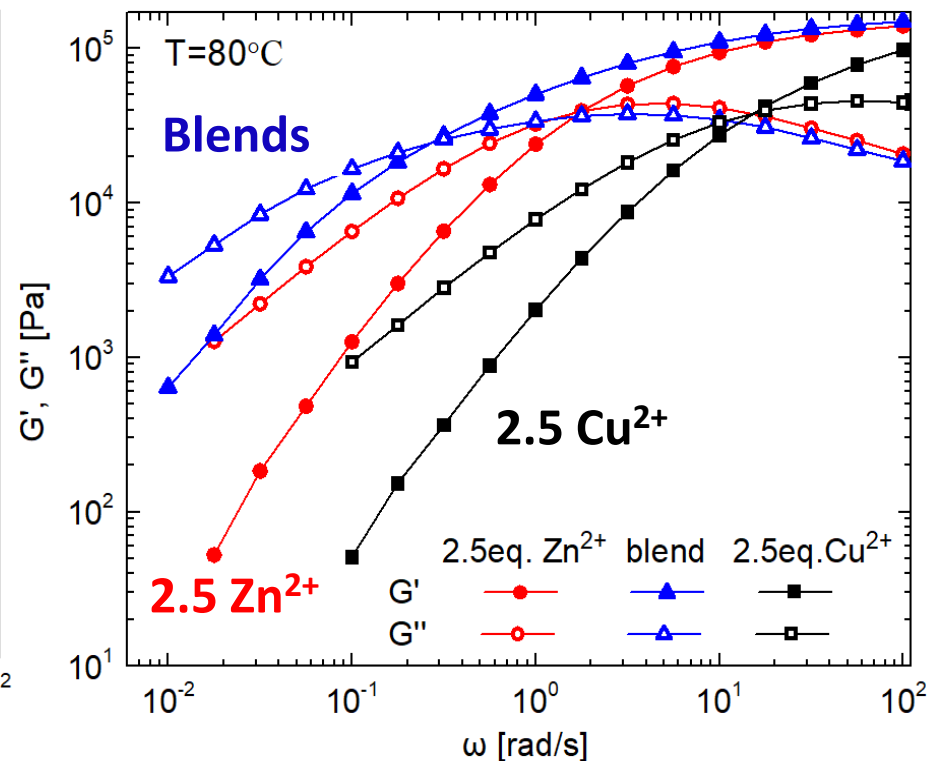
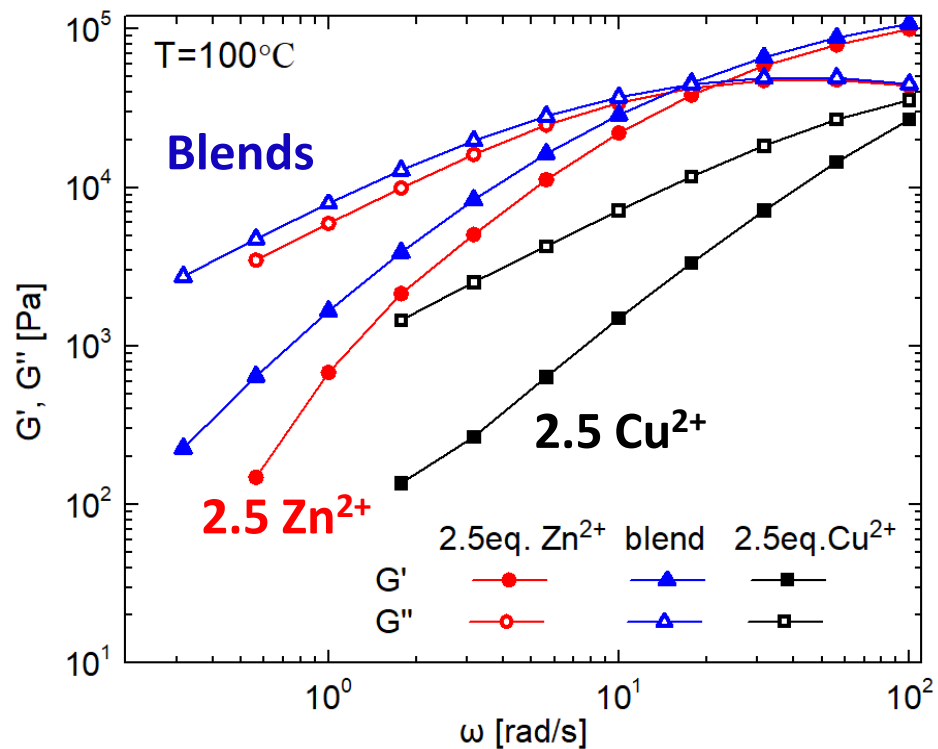


30% dangling ends

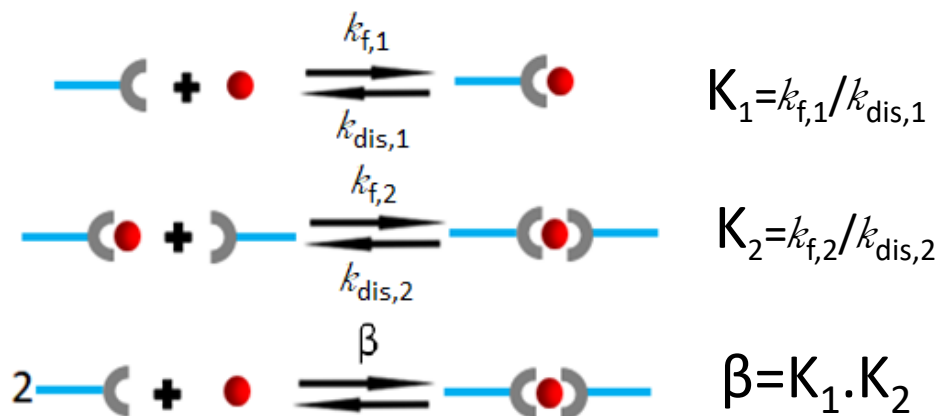
- Modelling predicts well with the experiment data, at 0.5eq., 0.75eq., and 1eq.  
 Blends: an average lifetime for describing the stickers dynamics is found
- Arrhenius dependence of  $p_{\text{free}}$  on  $T$ , the  $p_{\text{free}}$ (activation energy) of the blends is in between  $\text{Zn}^{2+}$  and  $\text{Cu}^{2+}$ , close to  $\text{Zn}^{2+}$  at 0.5eq., and shift close to the middle with increasing the amount of metal ions.
- At 0.5eq. and 0.75eq., for different metal ions( $\text{Zn}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{Cu}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{Co}^{2+}$ ), the proportion of the dangling ends?

What will happen on the relaxation dynamics with too much amount of excess metal ions?

# 2.5eq. $\text{Zn}^{2+}$ + 2.5eq. $\text{Cu}^{2+}$



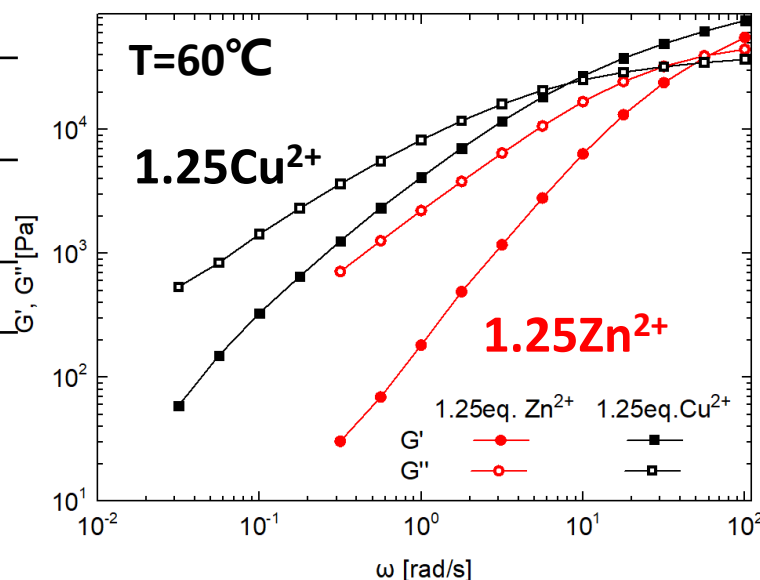
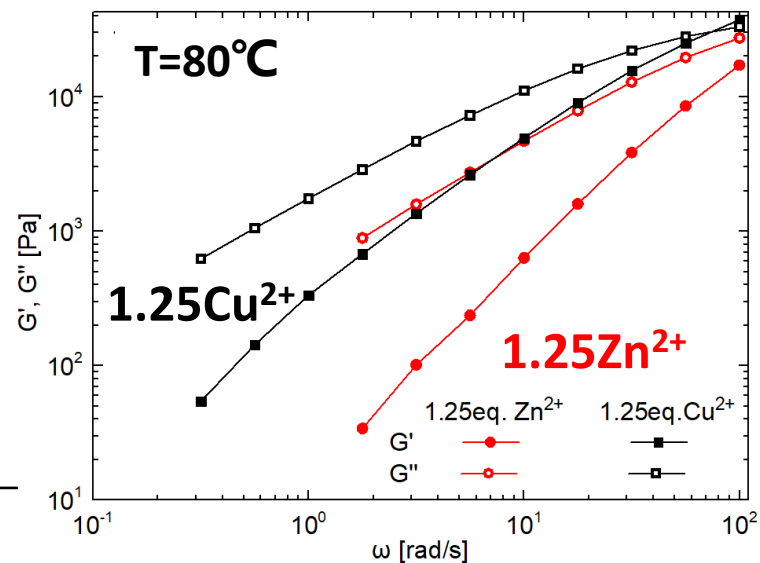
The relaxation behavior of 2.5eq.  $\text{Cu}^{2+}$  becomes faster than 2.5eq.  $\text{Zn}^{2+}$   
 The blend is slower than both single metal ions



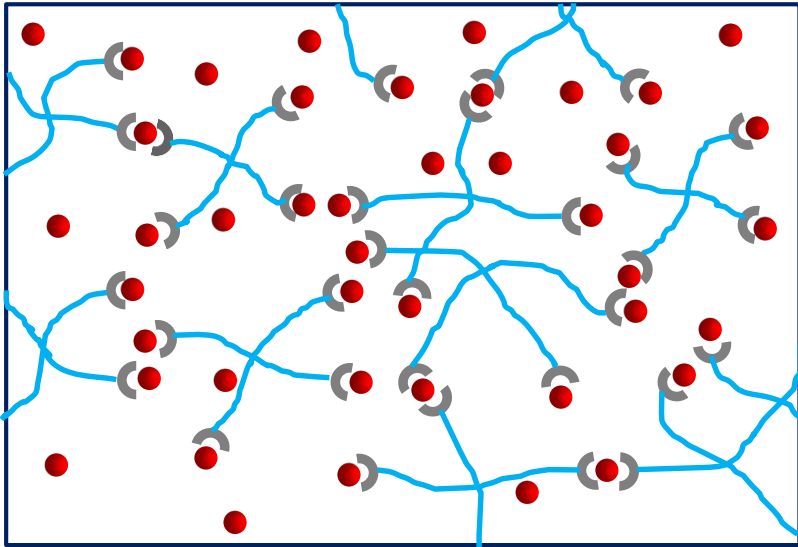
| Ion       | $K_1$<br>( $M^{-1}$ ) | $k_{f,1}$<br>( $M^{-1} \cdot s^{-1}$ ) | $k_{dis,1}$<br>( $s^{-1}$ ) | $K_2$<br>( $M^{-1}$ ) | $k_{f,2}$<br>( $M^{-1} \cdot s^{-1}$ ) | $k_{dis,2}$<br>( $s^{-1}$ ) | $\beta = K_1 \cdot K_2$<br>( $M^{-2}$ ) |
|-----------|-----------------------|----------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| $Co^{2+}$ | $10^{8.4}$            | $10^{4.4}$                             | $10^{-4}$                   | $10^{9.9}$            | $10^{6.7}$                             | $10^{-3.2}$                 | $10^{18.3}$                             |
| $Cu^{2+}$ | $10^{12}$             | $10^{7.3}$                             | -                           | $>10^6$               | -                                      | -                           | $>10^{18}$                              |
| $Zn^{2+}$ | $10^6$                | $10^{6.1}$                             | $10^{0.1}$                  | $10^{5.2}$            | -                                      | -                           | $10^{11.2}$                             |

The formation and dissociation rate of terpyridine mono- and bis-complexes with different transition metal ions in water at 25°C

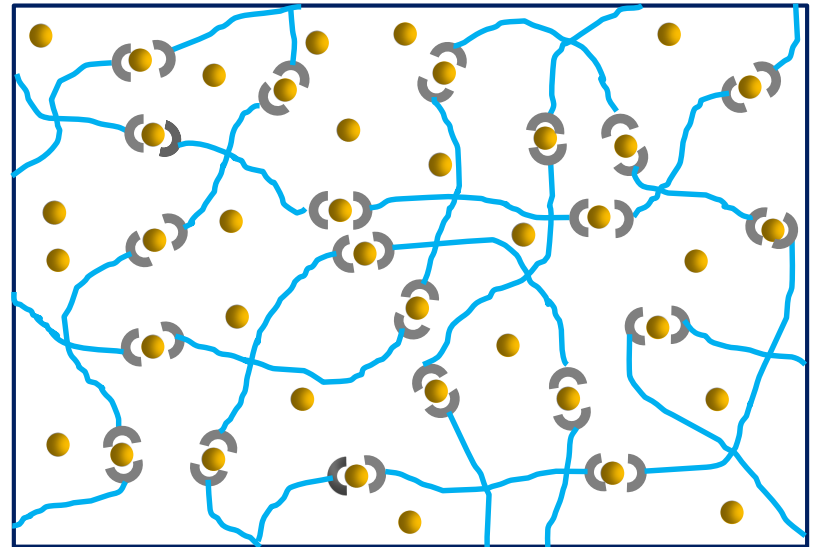
At a certain amount of metal ions, bis-complex transforms to mono-complex?



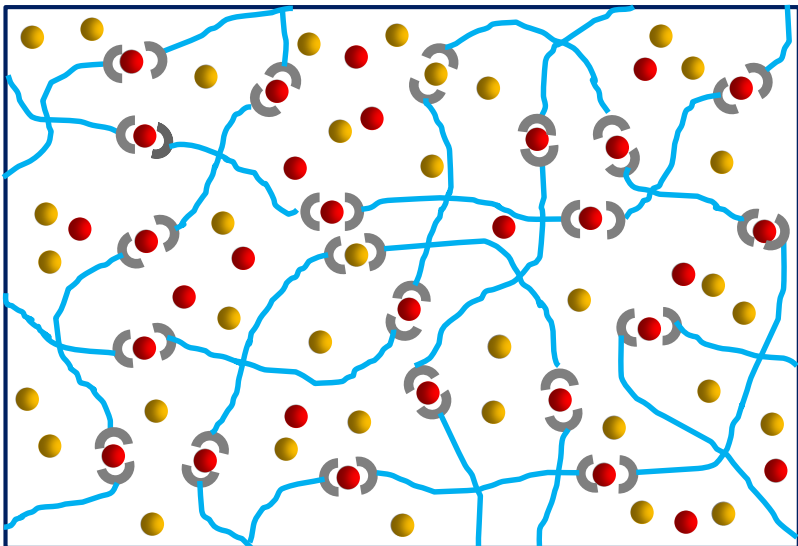
Mono-complex(2.5eq.  $\text{Cu}^{2+}$ )



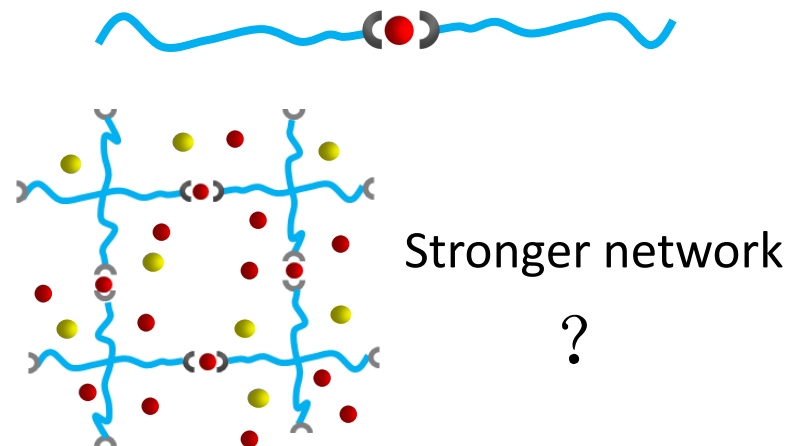
Bis-complex(2.5eq.  $\text{Zn}^{2+}$ )



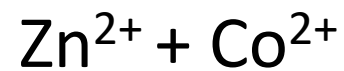
Blend( 1.25eq.  $\text{Cu}^{2+}$  and 1.25eq.  $\text{Zn}^{2+}$ )



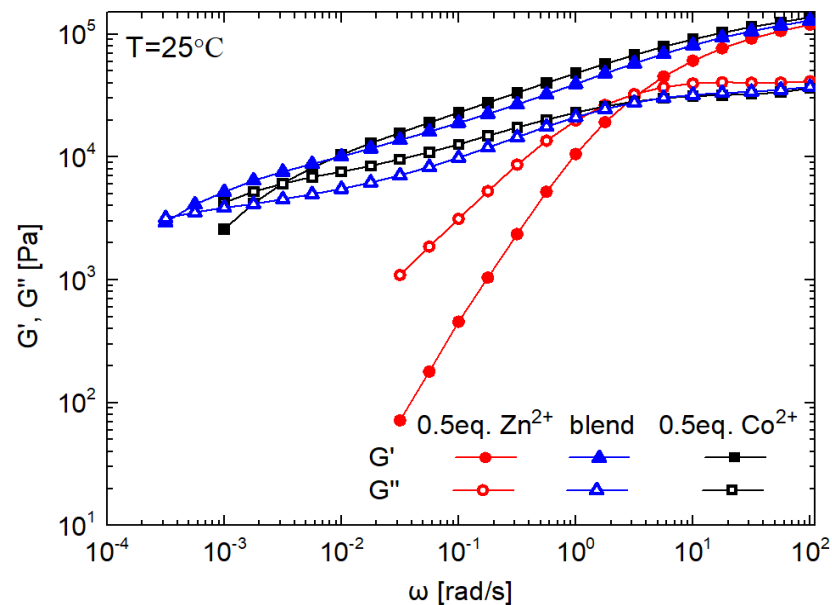
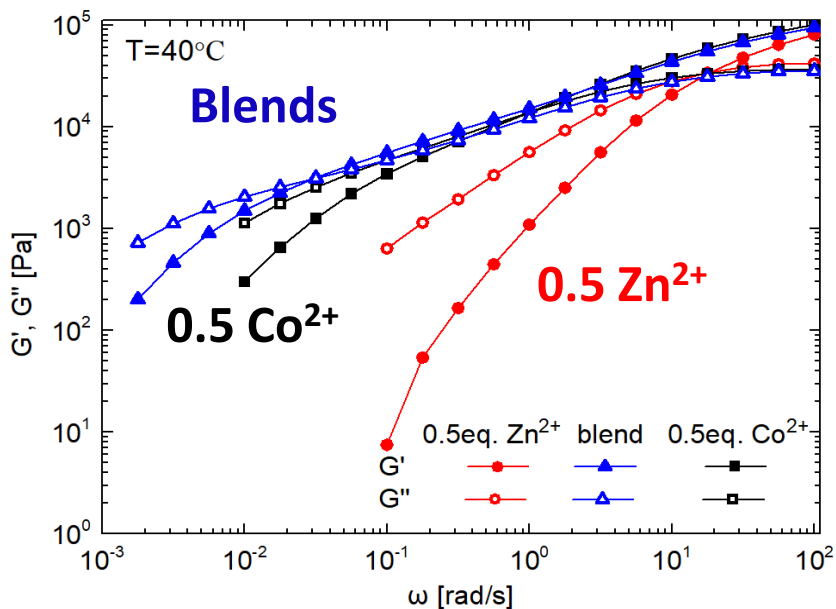
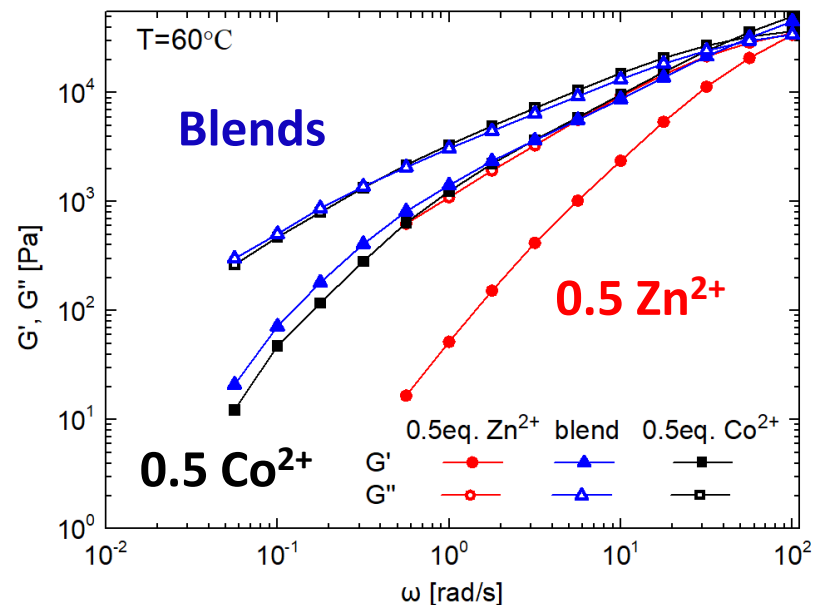
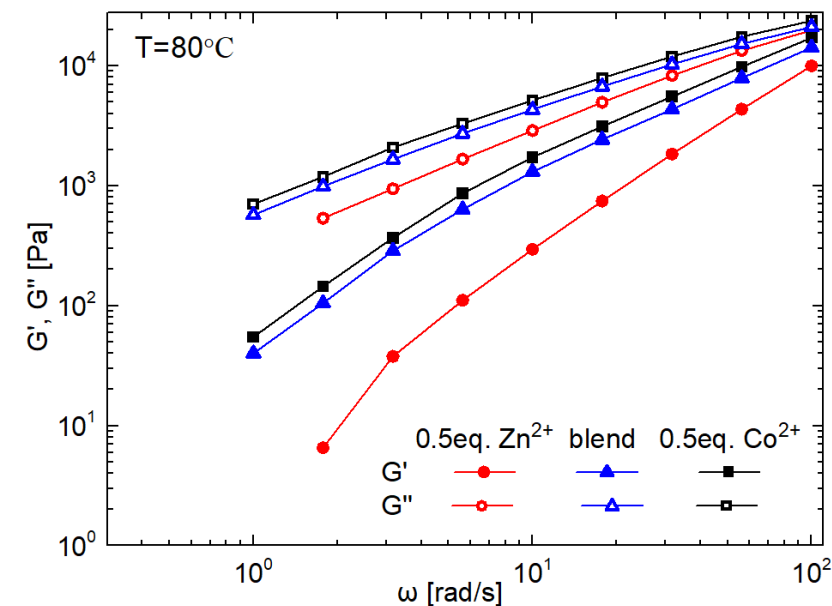
Rebuild bis-complex



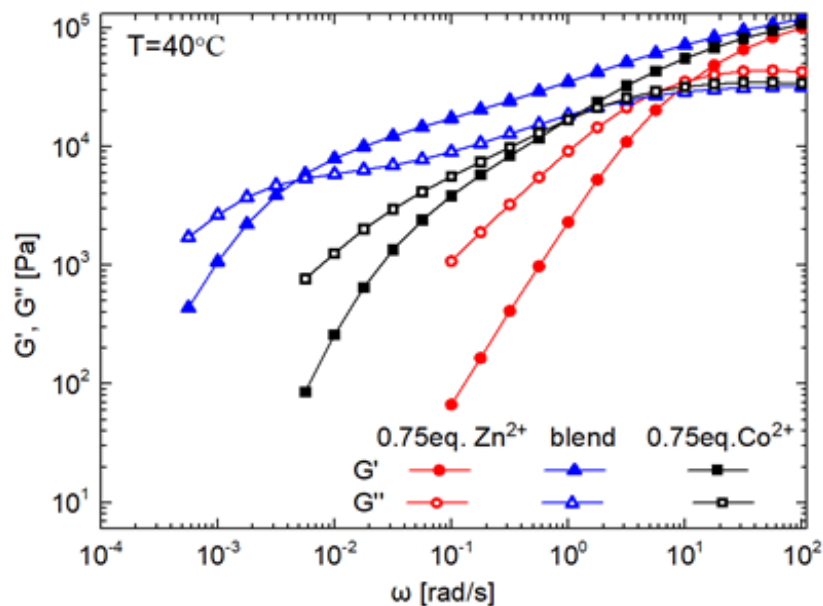
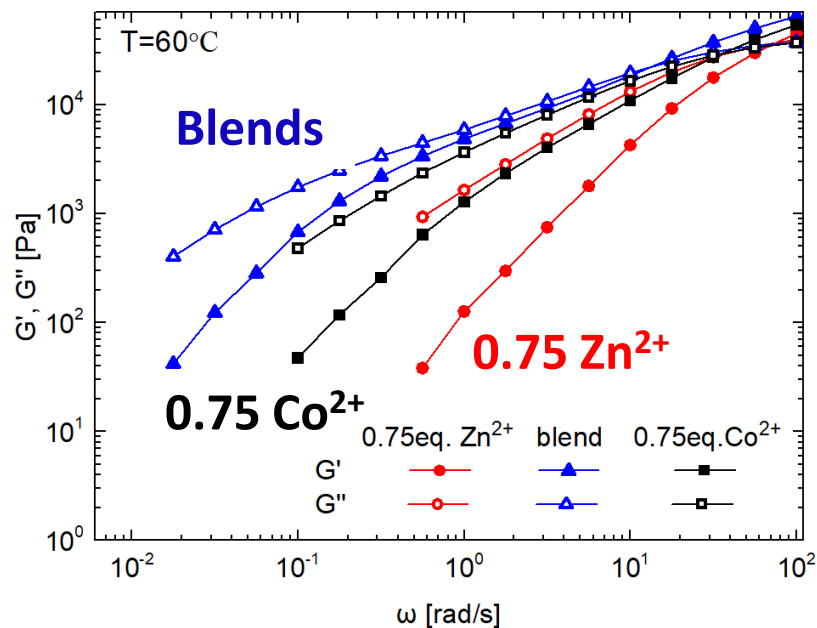
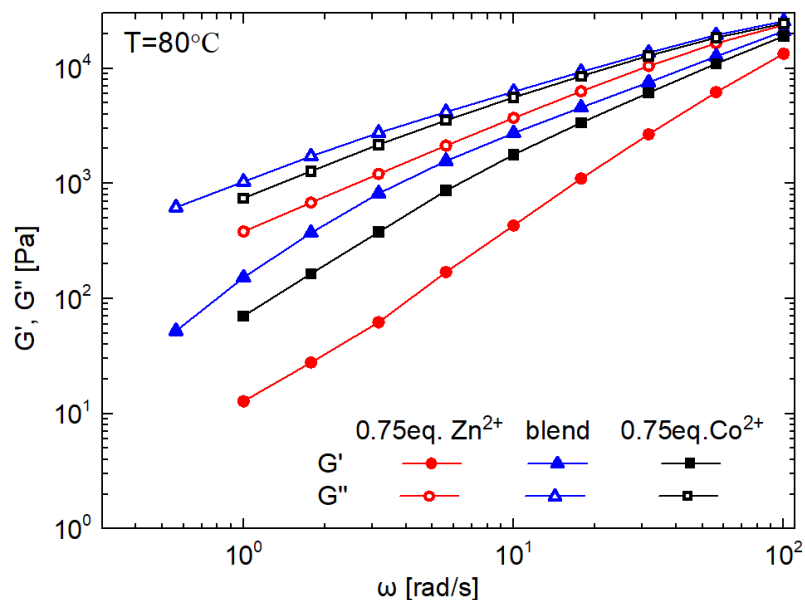
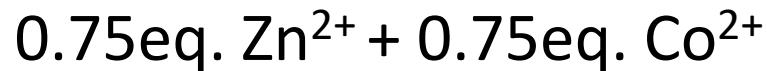
Influence of different nature of metal ions



# 0.5eq. $\text{Zn}^{2+}$ + 0.5eq. $\text{Co}^{2+}$



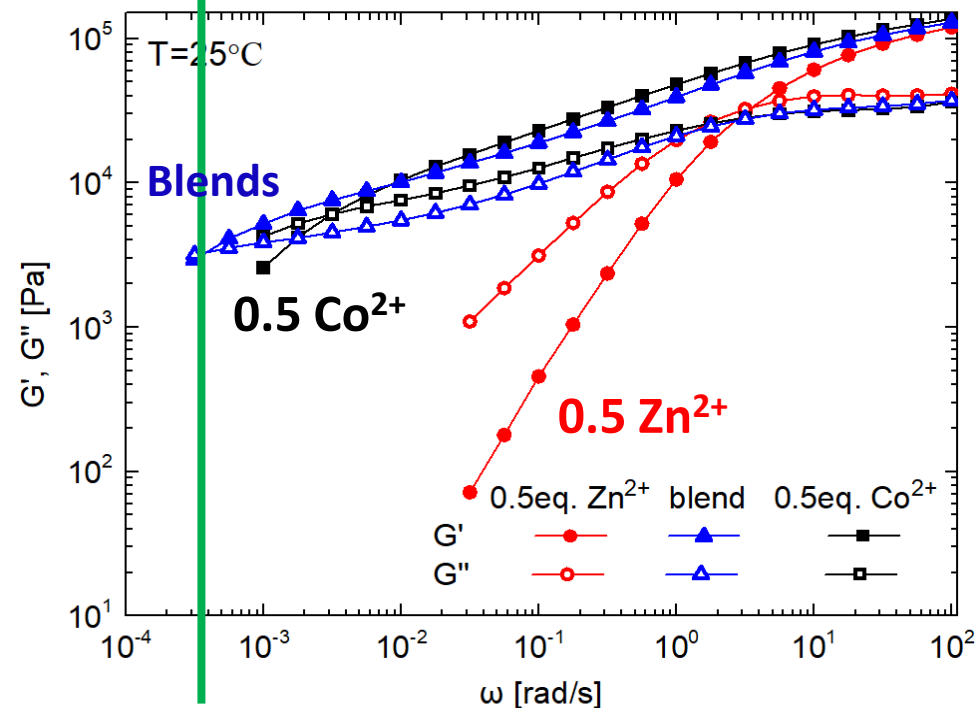
The blend shows relaxation behavior slower than both the single metal ions



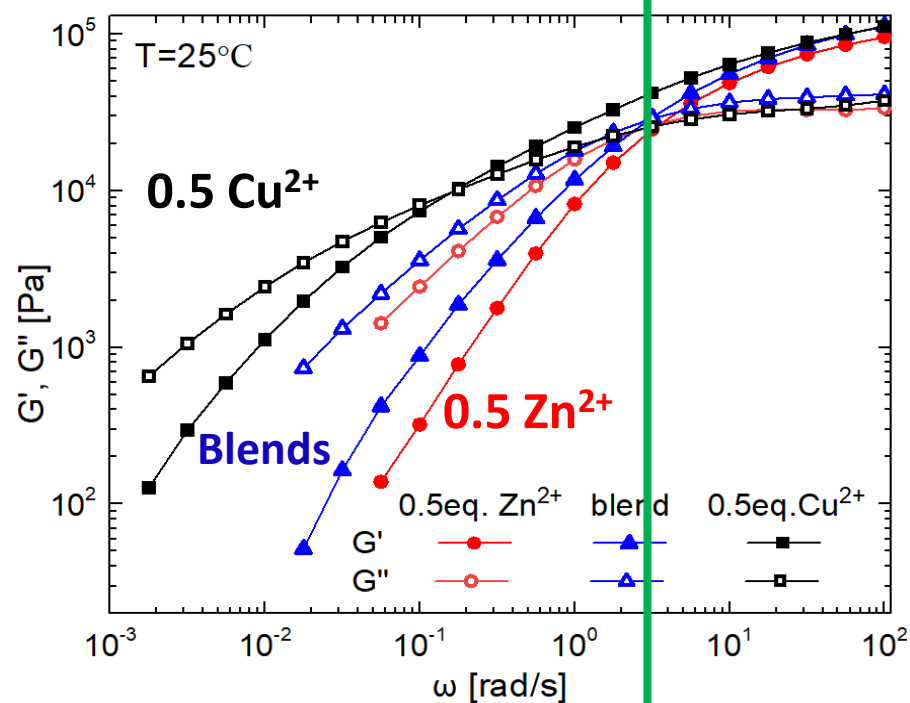
With increasing the amount of metal ions, at  $80^{\circ}\text{C}$ , the blend starts to relax slower than two single metal ions



0.5eq.  $\text{Zn}^{2+}$  and 0.5eq.  $\text{Co}^{2+}$

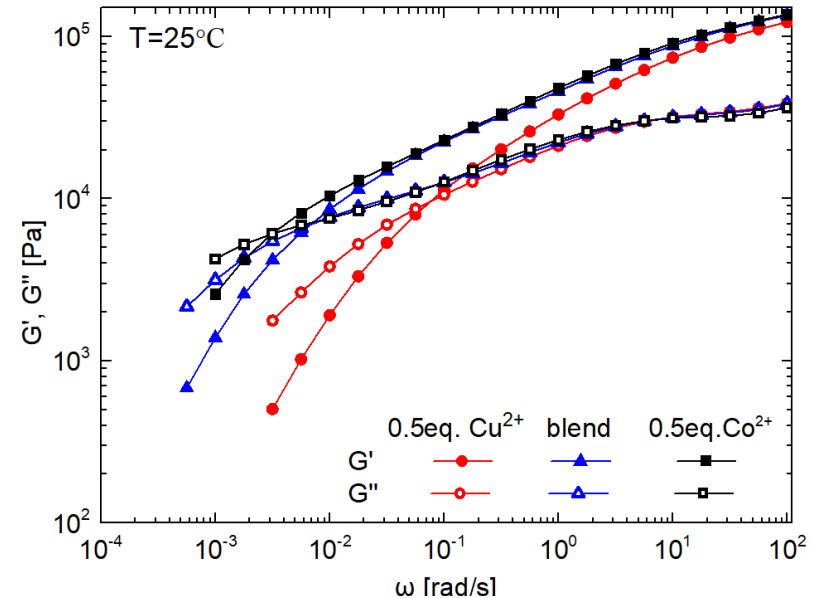
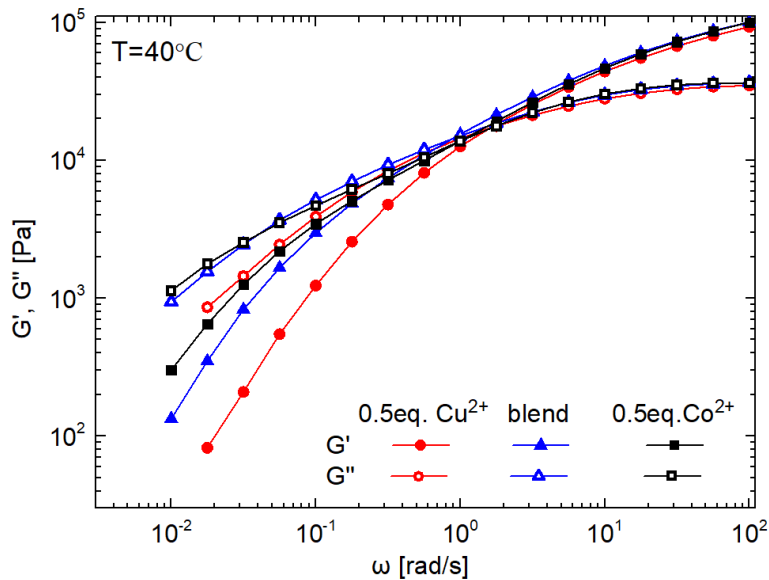
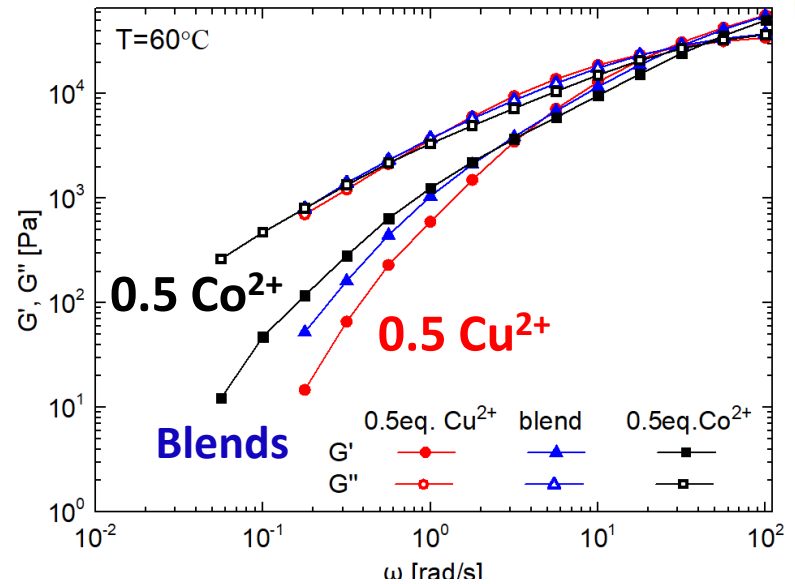
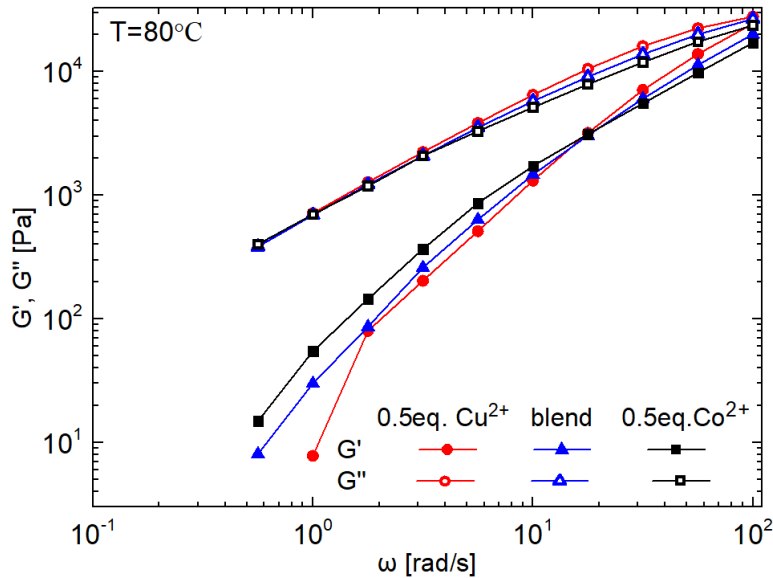


0.5eq.  $\text{Zn}^{2+}$  and 0.5eq.  $\text{Cu}^{2+}$



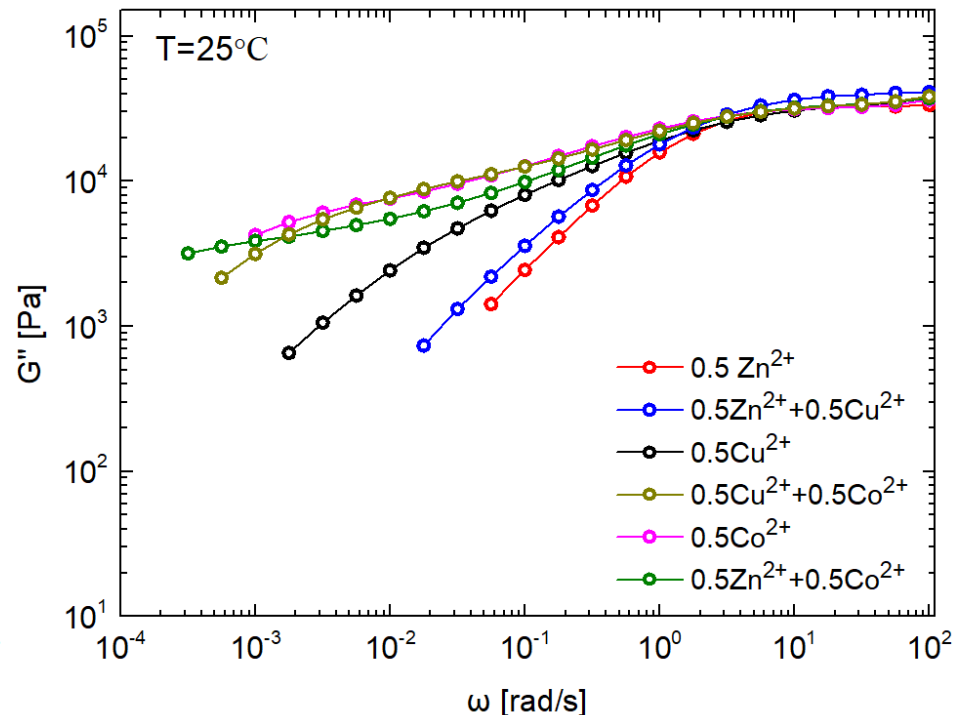
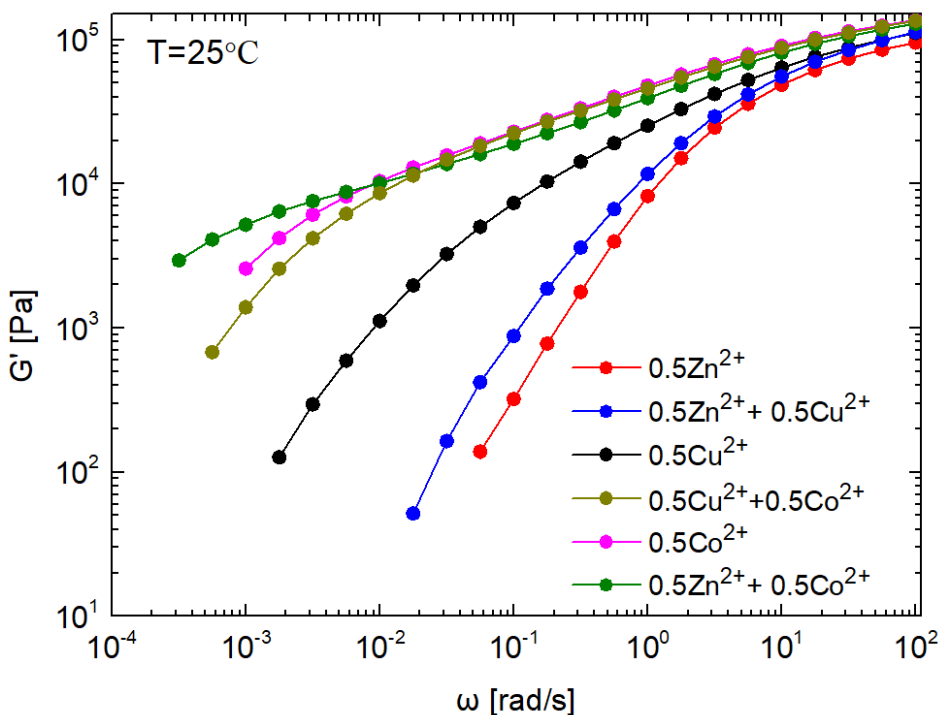
How about 0.5eq.  $\text{Cu}^{2+}$  + 0.5eq.  $\text{Co}^{2+}$  ?

# 0.5eq. $\text{Cu}^{2+}$ + 0.5eq. $\text{Co}^{2+}$



In between, close to the  $\text{Co}^{2+}$ , stronger one

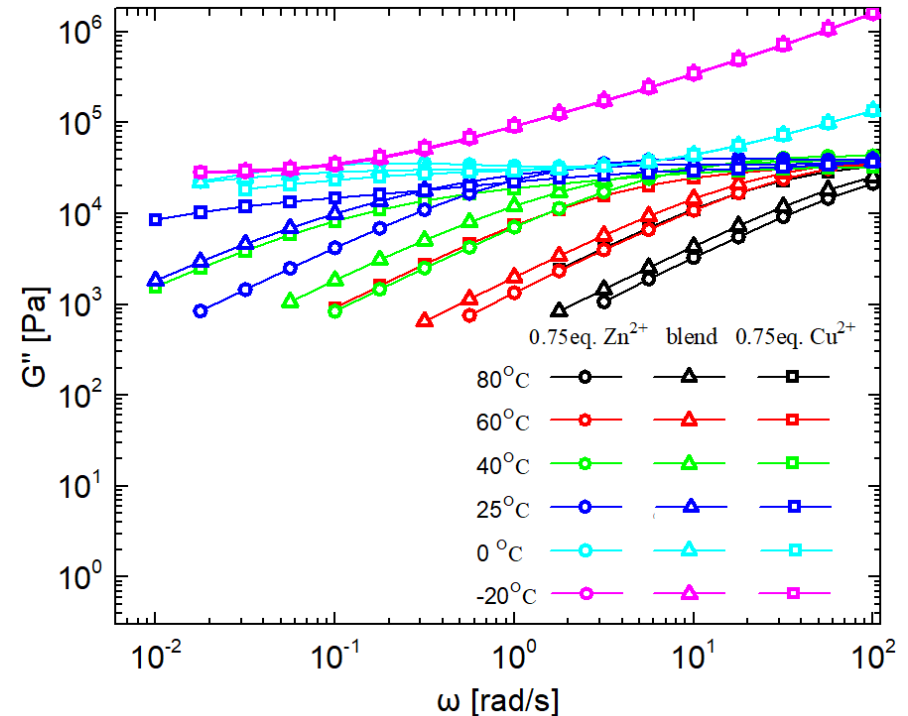
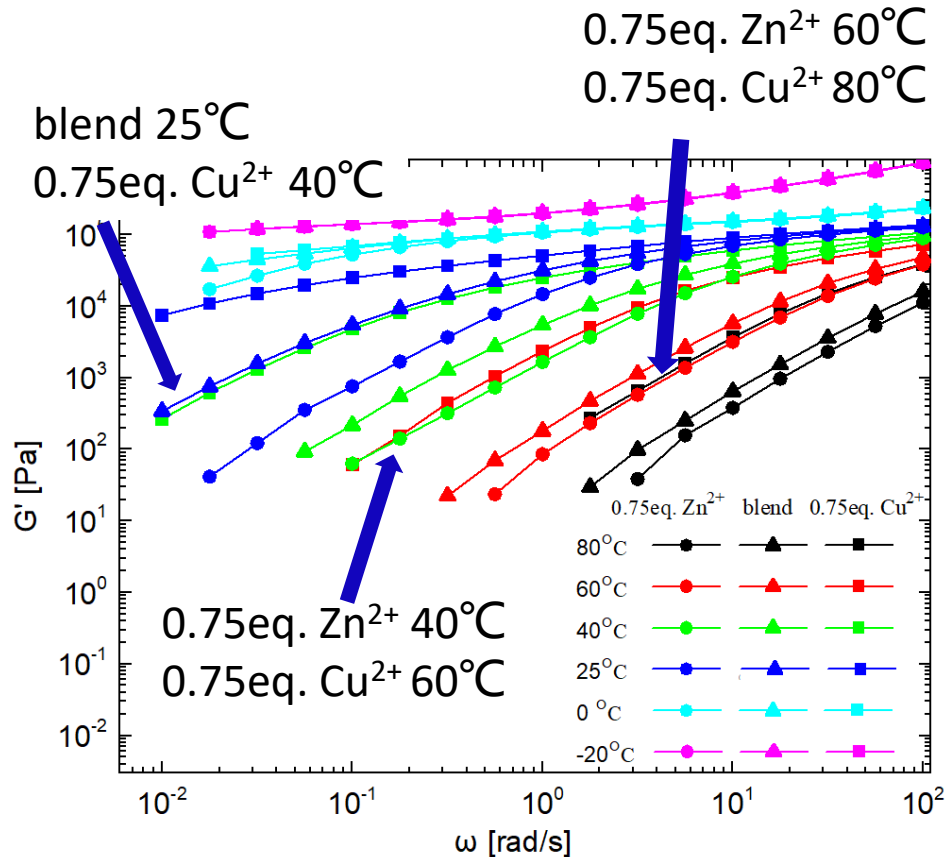
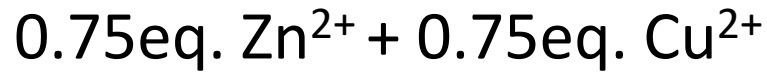
# 0.5eq. $\text{Zn}^{2+}$ , $\text{Cu}^{2+}$ , $\text{Co}^{2+}$ and blends



A large range of relaxation dynamics

The interaction of the nature of metal ions?

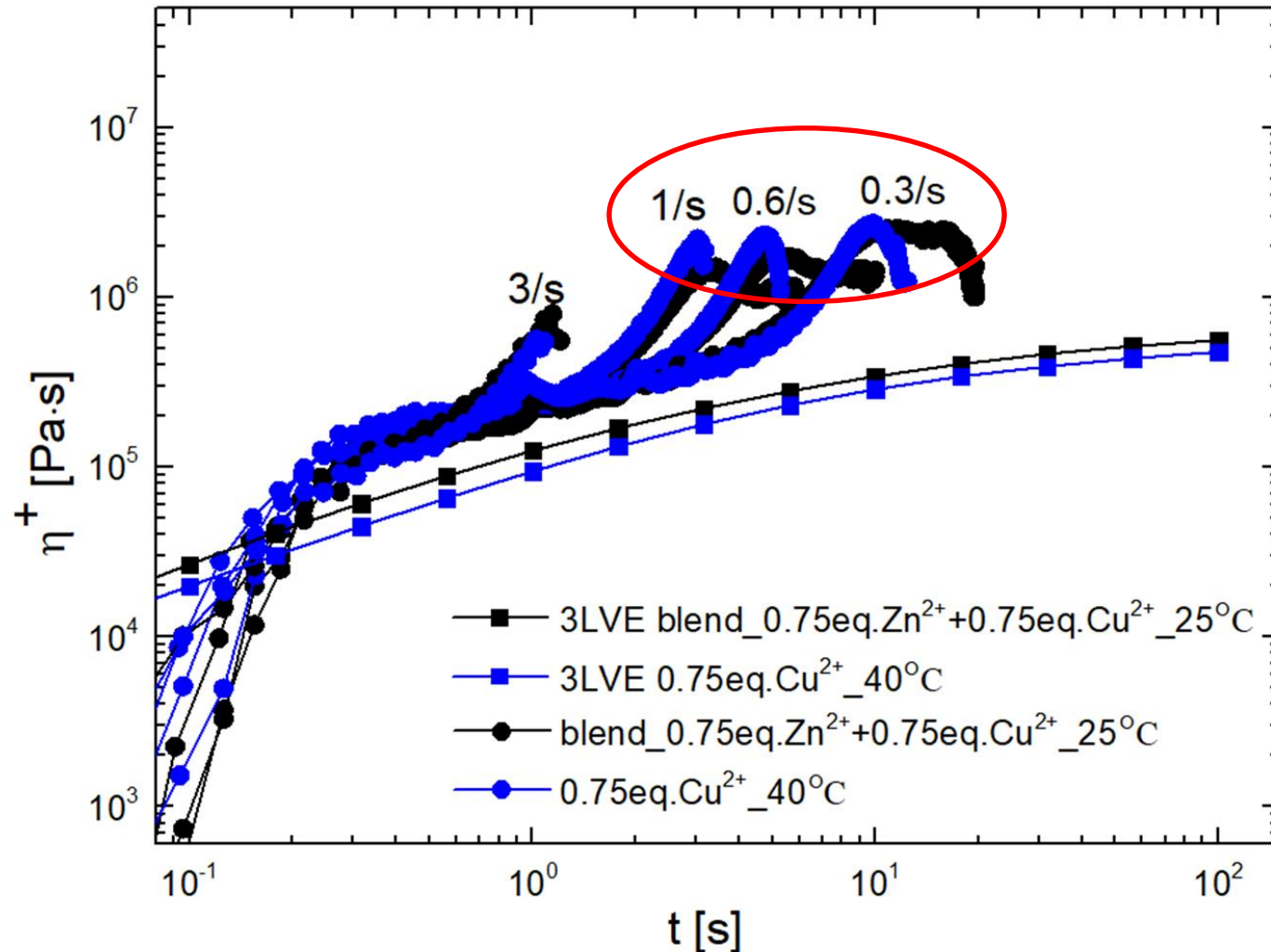
(the dangling ends, mono- and bis-complex as well as the bonding energy)



The slowest one at temperature of 60°C and 80°C is more close to the fastest one at a lower contiguous temperature. At 40 °C, the slowest one is close to the intermediate one at 25°C.

Elongation properties of these blends?

blend at 25°C and 0.75eq. Cu<sup>2+</sup> at 40°C



- The gap between the 3LVE and the elongation data?
- The different behavior after strain hardening?

# Conclusions and Perspectives

- Blending two metal-ligand crosslinks with distinct relaxation mode in telechelic star polymers leads to a tunable and interesting associating system. Its relaxation dynamics depends on the nature of two metal ions, amount of metal ions and temperature, etc.
- The established model is based on two unknown parameters.  $P_{\text{free}}$  of the blends based on  $\text{Zn}^{2+}$  and  $\text{Cu}^{2+}$  shows an Arrhenius dependence on  $T$ , in between of the two single metal ions.
- We should use other techniques to analyze the interaction of  $\text{Zn}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{Cu}^{2+}$  and  $\text{Co}^{2+}$ , and try to elucidate relaxation dynamics of the blend of  $\text{Zn}^{2+}$  and  $\text{Co}^{2+}$ .
- The first elongation data on these samples seems interesting.



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Thank you for your attention.