Beyond Debye Relaxation

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Dispersion and Absorption in Dielectrics I: Alternating Current Characteristics

K. S. Cole and R. H. Cole, J. Chem. Phys., 9, 341-351, 1941.

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Kramer's-Kronig relations

- These relations stem from the basic principle of causality, that "the polarization response of matter to an electric excitation cannot precede the cause".
 - **D**(t) = **E**(t) + $\int_0^\infty f(\tau) \mathbf{E}(t-\tau) d\tau$
 - f(τ) is a function of time and properties of the medium, is finite, and is only significantly different from 0 for a period of time similar to the relaxation time
- Assume ω is a complex variable and use math to show that $\epsilon(\omega)$ is regular in the upper half plane a direct consequence of causality
- The Kramer's-Kronig relations follow

See secs. 77 and 82 of Landau & Lifshitz' "Electrodynamics of Continuous Media"

Hydrogen bonding

- A **hydrogen bond** is the attractive interaction of a hydrogen atom with an electronegative atom, such as nitrogen, oxygen or fluorine, that comes from another molecule or chemical group.
- The hydrogen must be covalently bonded to another electronegative atom to create the bond.
- These bonds can occur between molecules (*intermolecularly*), or within different parts of a single molecule (*intramolecularly*).
- The hydrogen bond (5 to 30 kJ/mole) is stronger than a van der Waals interaction, but weaker than covalent or ionic bonds. This type of bond occurs in both inorganic molecules such as water and organic molecules such as DNA.

Hydrogen bonding

An example of intermolecular

hydrogen bonding in a self-assembled dimer complex

Beijer et al, *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **37** (1– 2): 75–78, 1998.



Havriliak-Negami Model

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A Complex Plane Analysis of a-Dispersions in Some Polymer Systems

S. Havriliak and S. Negami, J. Polym. Sci. C, vol. 14, pp. 99-117, 1966.

95%PMMA-5%MMT, T = 50 °C



95%PMMA-5%MMT, T = 100 °C



Relaxation 'map' or Arrhenius diagram



Temperature dependencies

• Vogel-Fulcher-Tamman-Hesse eqn.

$$f = f_0 \exp\left[B / \left(T - T'\right)\right]$$

T' usually 30 to 70 degrees < T_g
Arrhenius Law

$$f = f_0 \exp\left[-E_a / (RT)\right]$$

E_a is the activation energy for the process

Molecular Dynamics from Temperature-Dependent Dielectric Spectroscopy

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Influence of Cooperative a Dynamics on Local β Relaxation during the Development of the Dynamic Glass Transition in Poly(*n*-alkyl methacrylate)s

F. Garwe et al, Macromolecules, vol. 29, 247-253, 1996.

Alkyl groups

 An alkyl group, generally abbreviated with the symbol R, is a functional group or side-chain that, like an alkane, consists solely of single-bonded carbon and hydrogen atoms, for example a <u>methyl</u> or ethyl group. -CH3

Tacticity

 Tacticity is the relative <u>stereochemistry</u> of adjacent <u>chiral</u> centers within a <u>macromolecule</u> and affects the physical properties of the <u>polymer</u>. The regularity of the macromolecular structure influences the degree to which it has rigid, <u>crystalline</u> long range order or flexible, <u>amorphous</u> long range disorder. Tacticity affects at what temperature a polymer <u>melts</u>, how <u>soluble</u> it is in a <u>solvent</u> and its mechanical properties.

Isotactic polypropylene



Syndiotactic polypropylene



Fitting functions

• One or a sum of N HN functions is used to fit experimental $\varepsilon''(\omega)$:

$$\varepsilon''(\omega) = \operatorname{Im}\left\{\sum_{n=1}^{N} \frac{\Delta \varepsilon_n}{\left[1 + (i\omega\tau_{0n})^{1-\alpha_n}\right]^{\beta}}\right\}$$

• A conductivity contribution is included

$$\varepsilon''(\omega) = A\omega^{-c} + \operatorname{Im}\left\{\sum_{n=1}^{N} \frac{\Delta\varepsilon_n}{\left[1 + (i\omega\tau_{0n})^{1-\alpha_n}\right]^{\beta}}\right\}$$

PnBMA: ϵ'' v. log ω for various T



PnBMA: Relaxation map



Mechanical and Dielectric Relaxations in Polymers

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Comparative Study of Mechanical and Dielectric Relaxations in Polymers *R. Díaz-Calleja and E. Riande, Materials Science and Engng. A, vol. 370, 21-33, 2004.* Ref: Thermal Analysis of Polymers, Menczel & Prime, 2009

$\varepsilon''(\omega)$, constant T



Ref: Thermal Analysis of Polymers, Menczel & Prime, 2009

$\epsilon''(T)$, constant ω



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Arrhenius diagram for mechanisms commonly observed in polymers



Type A chains

Polymer dipoles are classified as A, B or C.

Type A dipoles are rigidly fixed to the chain backbone so that their reorientation requires motion of the molecular skeleton, and are parallel to the chain contour.

