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the time-temperature superposition (TTSP) for his SAOS (small-angle oscillatory shear) measurements. Explain TTSP using the Arrhenius dependence of viscosity on temperature. Replace the activation energy by DH – T DS, and T by the Vogel expression (T – T0) to obtain a three-parameter function for viscosity, or relaxation time (~1/viscosity). Relate DH, DS, and T0 to the three parameters in the WLF equation.

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Time-Temperature Superposition (TTSP) is a fundamental concept in rheology used to extend the range of viscoelastic data by shifting measurements taken at different temperatures to create a master curve. This principle relies on the fact that the material's response at different temperatures can be scaled by a shift factor, $a_T$, which modifies time or frequency.

## Arrhenius Dependence of Viscosity on Temperature

The Arrhenius equation describes the temperature dependence of viscosity $\eta$ as:

$$\eta(T)=\eta_0 e^{\frac{E_A}{RT}}$$

where:

- $E_A$ is the activation energy,
- $R$ is the universal gas constant,
- $T$ is the absolute temperature,
- $\eta_0$ is a pre-exponential factor.

Replacing the activation energy $E_A$ by $\Delta H - T\Delta S$, we obtain:

$$\eta(T)=\eta_0 e^{\frac{\Delta H - T\Delta S}{RT}}$$

or rewriting,

$$\eta(T)=\eta_0 e^{\frac{\Delta H}{RT}} e^{-\frac{\Delta S}{R}}$$

Since relaxation time $\tau$ is proportional to viscosity ($\tau \sim \eta$), we can express the relaxation time similarly:

$$\tau(T)=\tau_0 e^{\frac{\Delta H - T\Delta S}{RT}}$$

## Modification Using the Vogel Equation

The Vogel-Fulcher-Tammann (VFT) equation provides a more accurate description of viscosity in glass-forming materials:

$$\eta(T)=\eta_0 e^{\frac{B}{T-T_0}}$$

where:

- $B$ is a material-specific constant,
- $T_0$ is the Vogel temperature.

By comparing the exponential dependencies, we set:

$$\frac{\Delta H - T\Delta S}{RT}=\frac{B}{T-T_0}$$

which implies the following parameter correspondences:

- $B \approx \frac{\Delta H}{R}$,
- $T_0$ accounts for the entropic effects in a manner analogous to the Kauzmann temperature where configurational entropy vanishes.

## Connection to the WLF Equation

The Williams-Landel-Ferry (WLF) equation, which describes the temperature dependence of the shift factor $a_T$, is given by:

$$\log a_T = \frac{-C_1 (T-T_r)}{C_2+(T-T_r)}$$

where $C_1$ and $C_2$ are empirical constants, and $T_r$ is a reference temperature.

Comparing with the Vogel equation, we identify:

- $C_1 \approx \frac{B}{\ln(10) R}$,
- $C_2 \approx (T_r - T_0)$,
- $T_0$ plays a role similar to the temperature where the viscosity diverges.

Thus, TTSP is validated through the VFT equation, which refines the Arrhenius approach by incorporating a divergence temperature $T_0$. This approach explains why the WLF equation provides a better fit for polymer relaxation dynamics than a simple Arrhenius model.