

Shear Bands in Glassy Amorphous Polymers

Shear banding in tension or compression.

Neck formation via shear bands

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Please see Fig. 12a and 15a in Shin, E., et al. "The Brittle-to-Ductile Transition in Microlayer Composites." *Journal of Applied Polymer Science* 47 (1993): 269-288.

MicroShear Bands

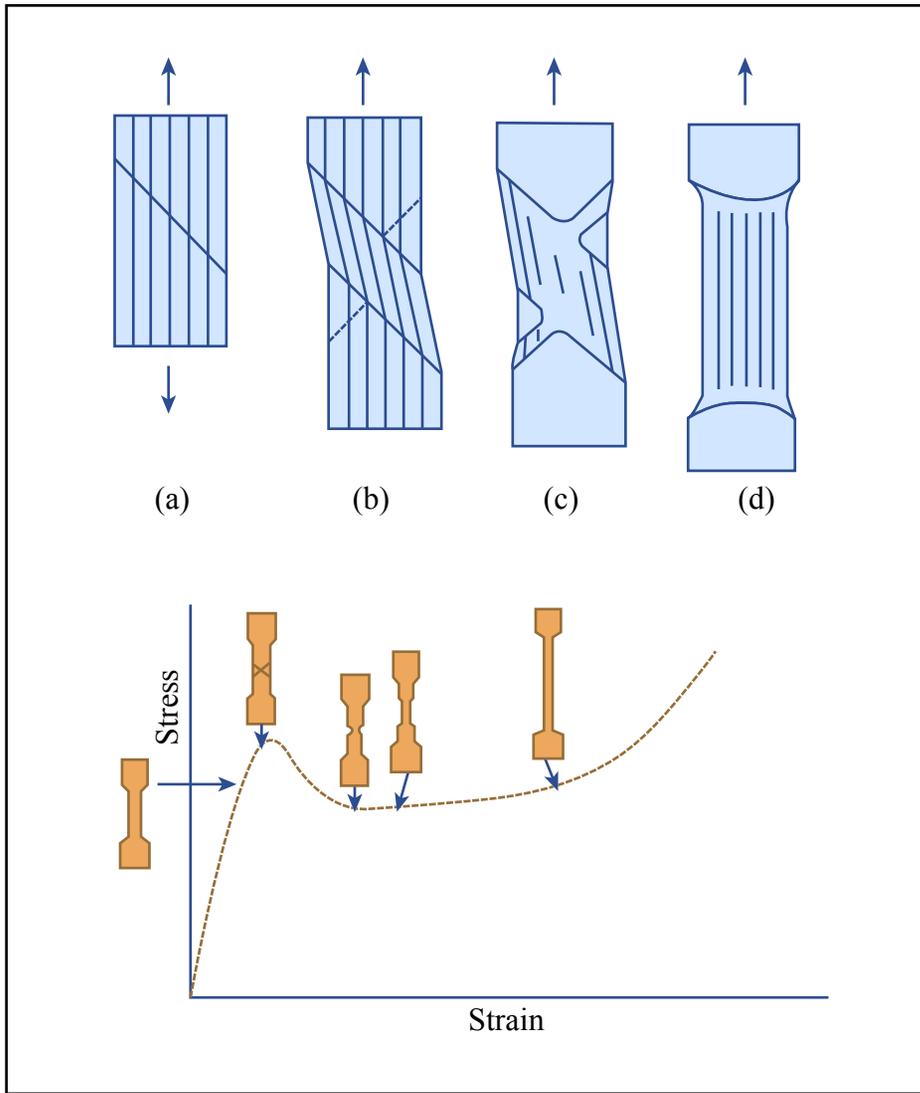


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Strain Rate Dependence

Yield stress increases as strain rate increases

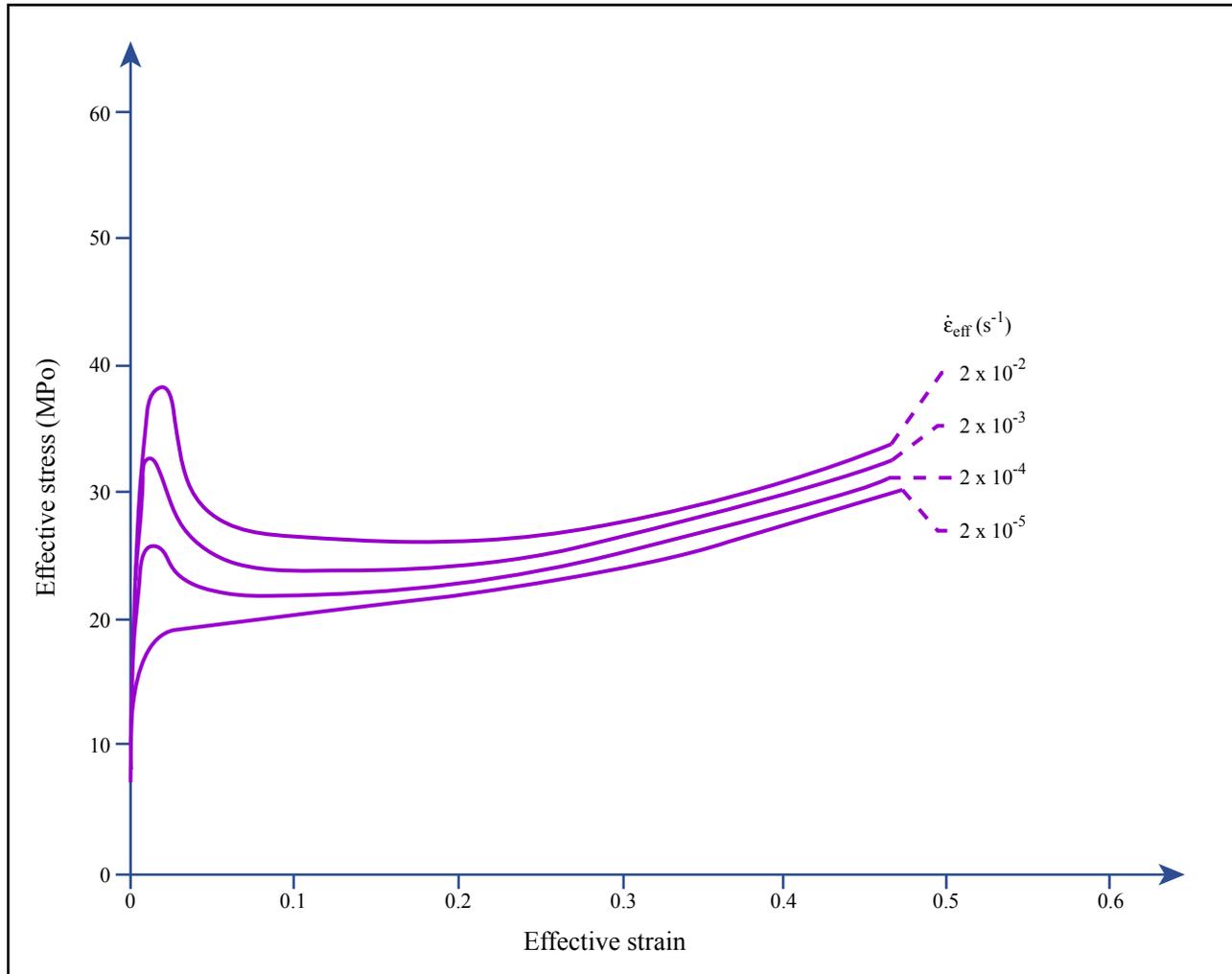


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Polycarbonate @ 125 C

Temperature Dependence

Modulus and Yield Stress increase with decreasing T

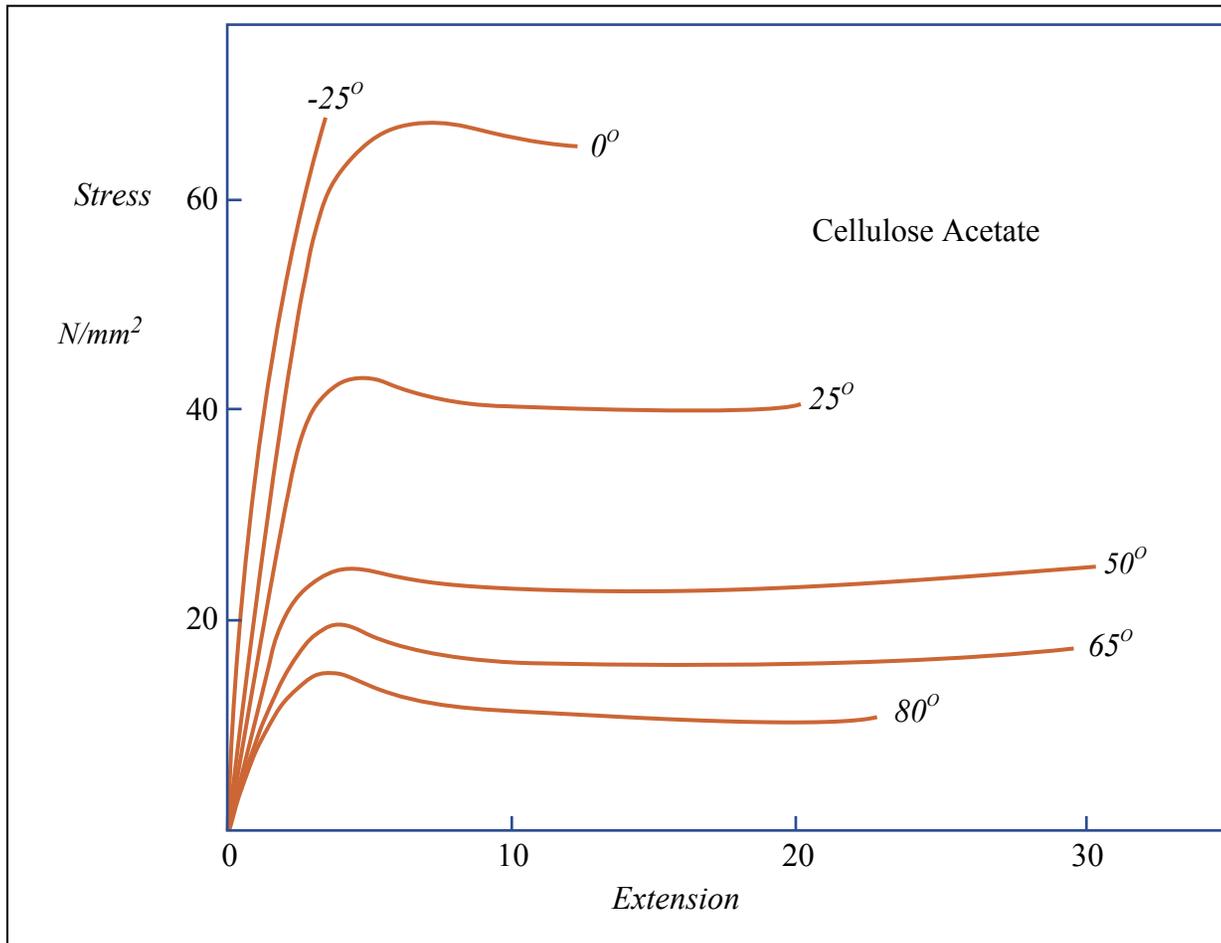


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Molecular Theories of Localized Flow in Glassy Polymers

Eyring Theory of Viscous Flow

$$\nu_o = B e^{-\Delta G^* / kT}$$

Apply shear stress σ

$$\nu_f = B e^{-(\Delta G^* - .5\sigma Ax) / kT}$$

$$\nu_f = \nu_o e^{(\sigma Ax) / 2kT}$$

$$\nu_b = \nu_o e^{-(\sigma Ax) / 2kT}$$

strain rate $d\varepsilon/dt$ is proportional to $\nu_f - \nu_b$

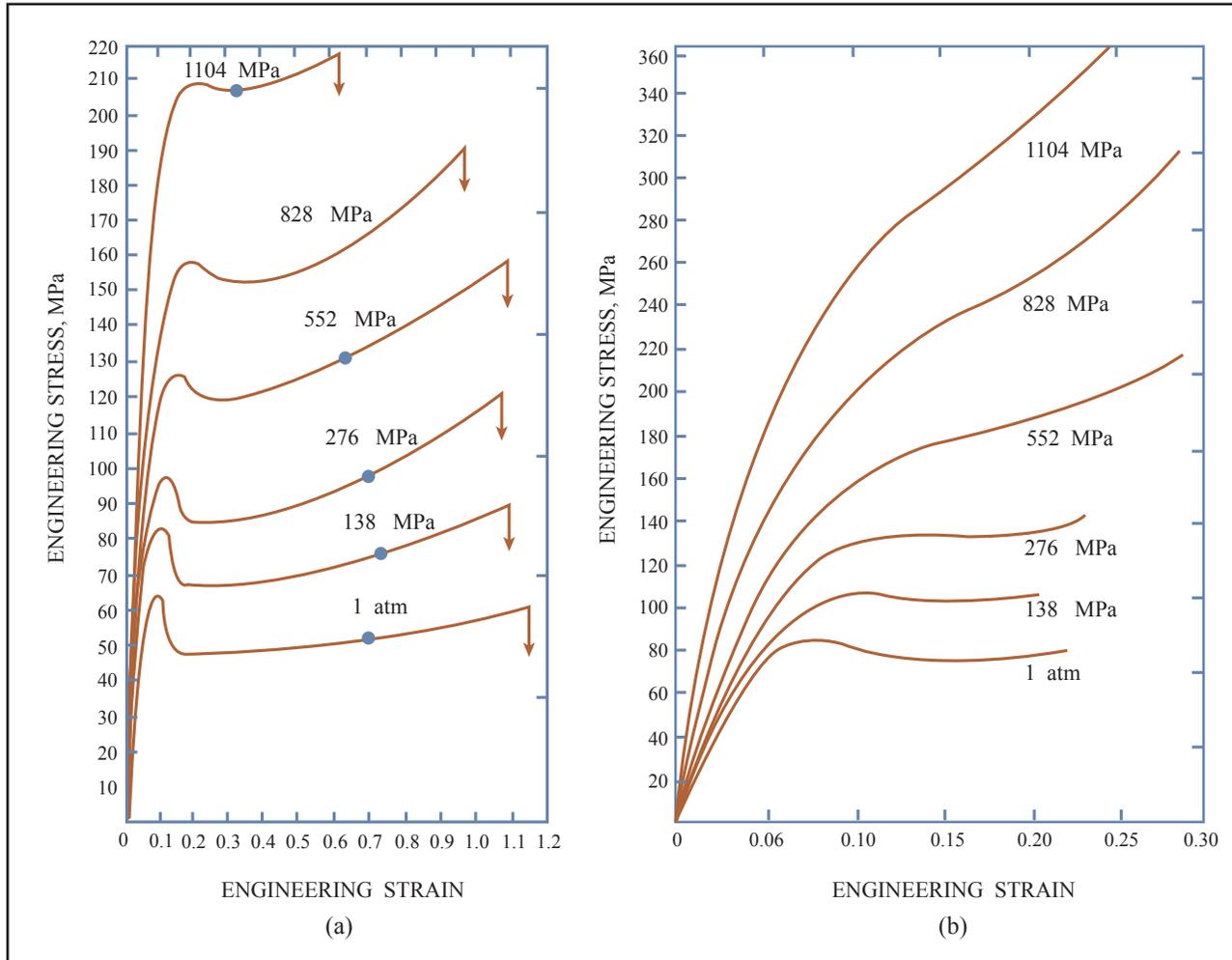
$$d\varepsilon/dt = \nu_o e^{(\sigma Ax) / 2kT} - \nu_o e^{-(\sigma Ax) / 2kT} = K \sinh \frac{\sigma V}{2kT}$$

where $V = Ax = \text{Activation volume}$

Pressure Dependence of Yield Stress

$$P = 1/3 \text{ (sum of 3 principal stresses)}$$

Strain rate $7 \times 10^{-3} \text{ sec}^{-1}$ @ 25 C



Polycarbonate

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Crazes in Amorphous Glassy Polymers

*Crazing in tension only,
not in compression.*

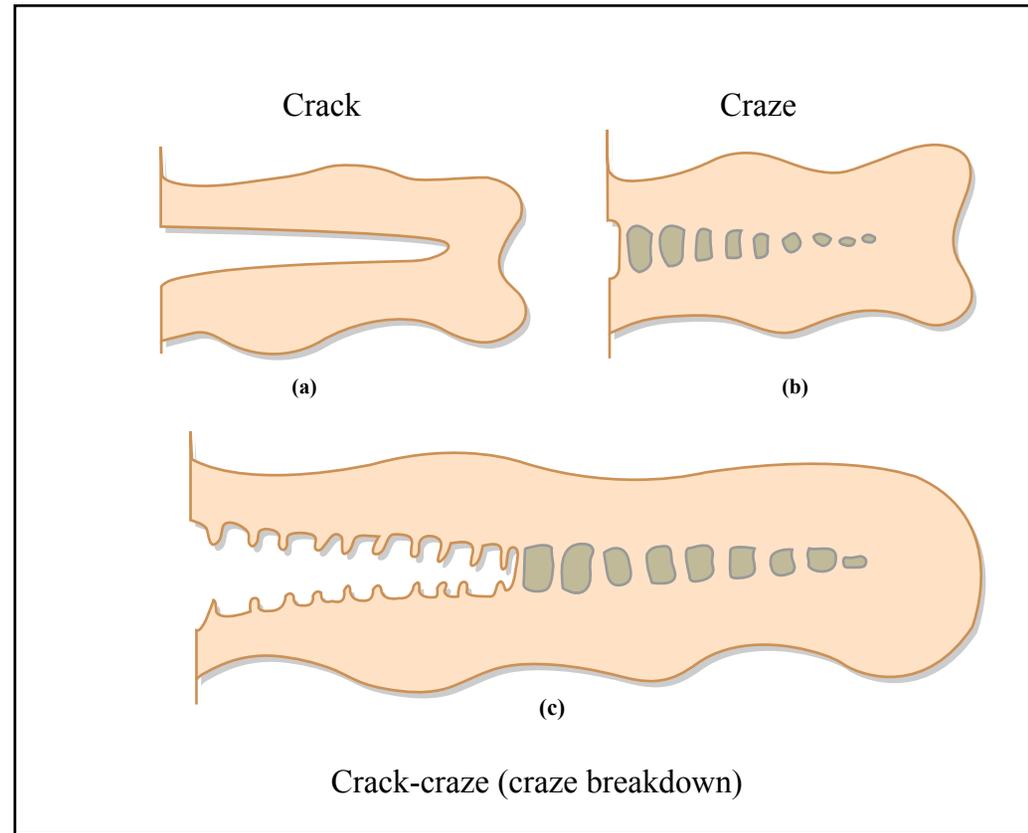


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Crazes extending across PC tensile specimen

Designs: 12-Connected Stretch Dominated Structures

Octo-Truss Structure

(Red Curves)

Inverse FR-D IL Structure

(Blue Curves)

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Experimental Realization and FEM (linear) of P Microframe

6-connected

Single P

Tubular P

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Single P (0.21 to 0.79)

Tubular P (solid line) , Single P (Dots)

3D Microframe with 200 nm feature size - Large Strain Deformation

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- **L/D ~ 3.2 for struts**
 ~ 2.3 for posts
- **Density ~ 0.3 gm/cm³**

Large Strain Deformation Modes of Microframe

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Mechanical Properties of SU8

1. SU-8: negative photoresist; used in MEMS applications.

Tensile test results of
130 μm SU-8 film:

Bulk

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Please see Fig. 2 in Feng, Ru, and Farris, Richard J. "Influence of Processing Conditions on the Thermal and Mechanical Properties of SU8 Negative Photoresist Coatings." *Journal of Micromechanics and Microengineering* 13 (2003): 80-88.



Feng & Farris
(2003)

2. Abnormal mechanical behavior observed in SU-8 Microframe

NanoFrame

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Ji-Hyun Jang *et al.* (2006)

Fabrication of SU-8 “fibers” using photolithography

1. Spin-coat SU-8 on Si substrates.

(SU-8 2025: 25 μm , SU-8 2002: 2 μm , and SU-8 200.5: 0.5 μm)

2. Soft bake: 65 $^{\circ}\text{C}$, 1 min; 95 $^{\circ}\text{C}$ 3 min.

3. Exposure: $\lambda=365$ nm; total dose: 270 mJ/cm².

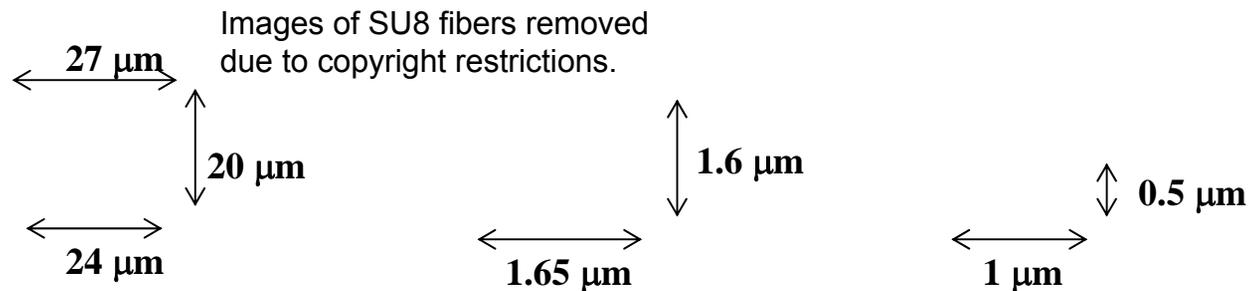
(A mask is an array of windows having a length of 1 mm and variable line widths of 25 μm , 2 μm , and 1 μm .)

4. Post-exposure bake: 65 $^{\circ}\text{C}$, 1 min; 95 $^{\circ}\text{C}$, 1 min.

5. Develop.

6. Hard bake: 180 $^{\circ}\text{C}$ 5 min.

Cross-sectional SEM images of the fibers:

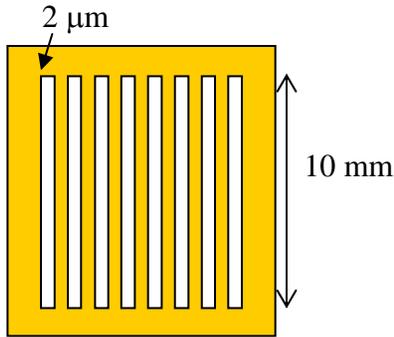


Diameter: 25 μm

1.8 μm

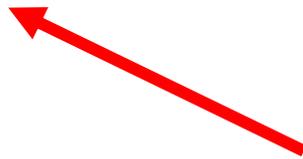
0.7 μm

Get Simple: Tensile Behavior of SU8 “Fibers”

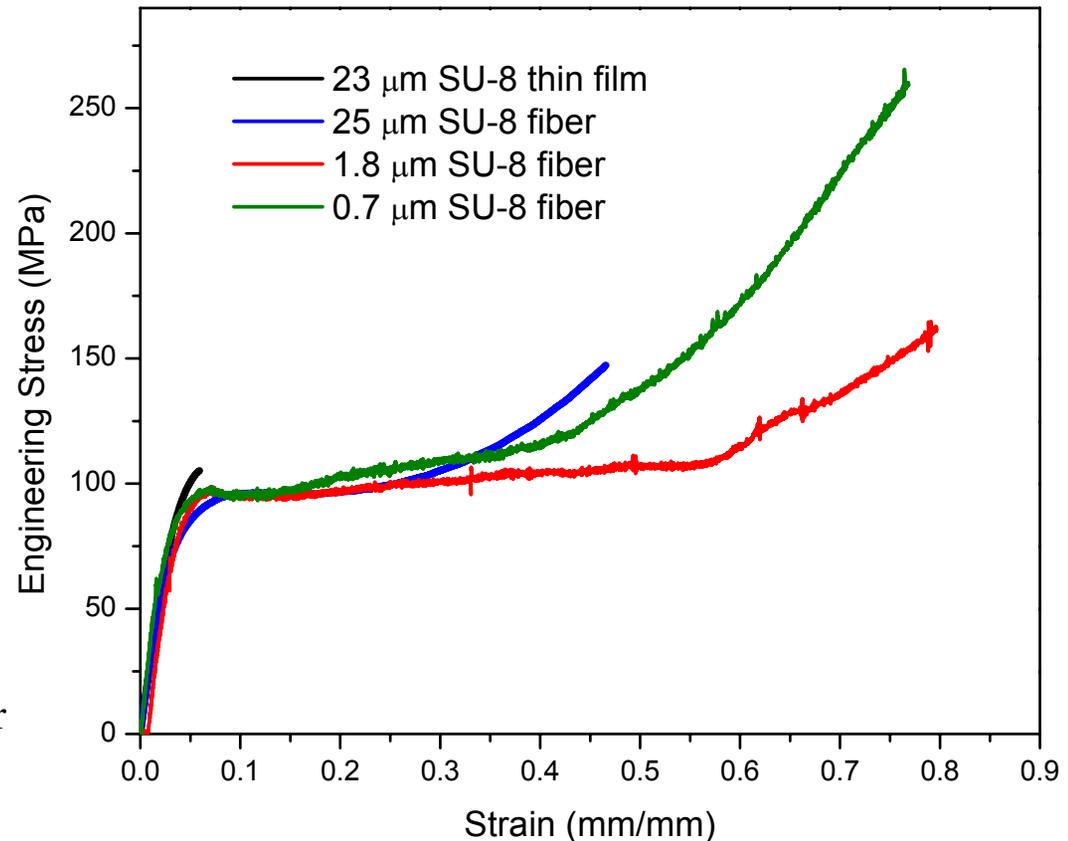


- Spin coat SU-8 on silicon substrates
- Soft bake: 65 °C, 1 min; 95 °C 3 min.
- Exposure: λ : 365 nm; total dose: 270 mJ/cm².
- Develop: SU-8 developer (from Microchem Corporation).
- Post-exposure bake: 65 °C, 1 min; 95 °C, 1 min.
- Hard bake: 180 °C 5 min.

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Cardboard
template & fiber



Tensile Test Results of SU-8 fibers

Without hard-baking

With hard-baking (180 °C, 5 min)

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Summary of SU8 Tensile Test Results

Toughness

<u>Material</u>	<u>Kevlar</u>	<u>Polycarbonat e</u>	<u>25 μm SU-8 fiber</u>	<u>1.8 μm SU-8 fiber</u>	<u>0.7 μm SU-8 fiber</u>	
<u>Toughness (MPa)</u>		120 \pm 3.2	60	44 \pm 0.5	72.5 \pm 2.7	85.4 \pm 3.3

Modulus

Plot of Young's modulus against fiber diameter removed due to copyright restrictions.

SU-8 film



Micromechanics of Tensile Deformation

Microscopic response under tension

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Model

Actual Sample

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Lessons Learned

- Red indicates material deforming
- Blue indicates material not deforming
- Small scale of epoxy makes it deformable
- Micro-frame geometry creates multiple deformation domains which spread the deformation through the structure

Stress-Strain Behavior of Polygranular Isotropic Samples of 4 Microdomain Types

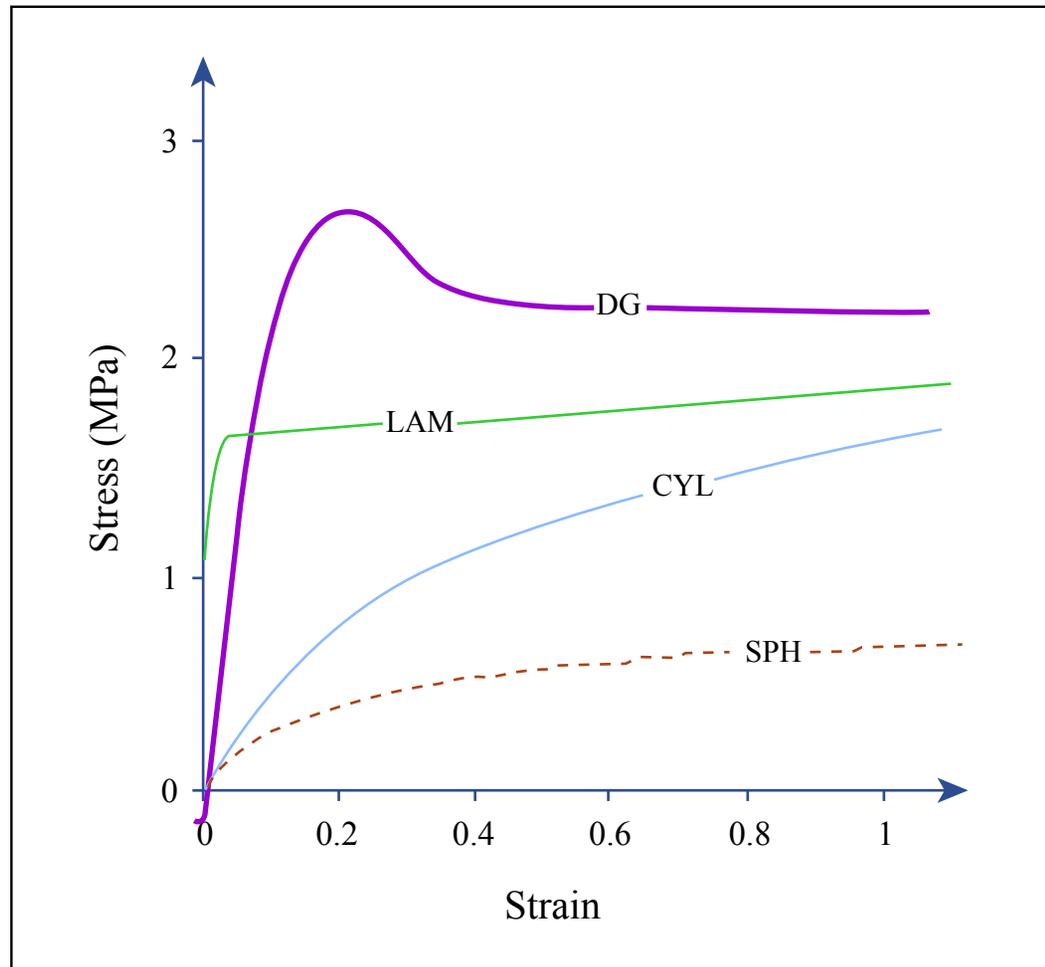


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Roll-Casting of Block Copolymers

- Concept of roll-casting

Set-up of roll-caster

X-Ray Diffraction Pattern and TEM
Micrograph

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Please see Fig. 2 and 9 in Honeker, Christian C., and Thomas, Edwin L. "Impact of Morphological Orientation in Determining Mechanical Properties in Triblock Copolymer Systems." *Chemistry of Materials* 8 (1996): 1702-1714.

ABA Triblock Copolymer
(Doped with
Conjugated Polymer) with
Cylindrical Morphology

- ⇒ Commercially available SIS block copolymer ($M_n = 101,000$ PDI = 1.05)
- ⇒ Films of block copolymers with nearly single crystal structure
- ⇒ Film Dimensions: 0.04mm Thick and 6 x 16 cm² in area

Deformation of Lamellar Morphology cont'd

Material:

Dexco Vector 4461-D

triblock copolymer

styrene-butadiene-styrene (18.5-45-18.5)

Roll-cast from 40% solution in toluene

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Deformation of Lamellar Microdomain Morphology

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SAXS

TEM

Roll cast lamellar BCP

Stress-strain Curves for Oriented Lamellar Films

Anisotropy

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Perpendicular Deformation of Lamellae

In Situ SAXS X12B, NSLS, Brookhaven N.L.

At 20°C

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Kinking Pattern

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Model: The Lamellae Rotate in an Affine Relation to the Macroscopic Elongation

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Macroscopic measurement of elongation:	$\lambda = L/L_o$
SAXS measurement of lamellar spacings: and rotation angle:	d_o and $d(\lambda)$ α
Incompressibility:	$ad_o = \text{constant}$
Affine rotation:	$\lambda = L/L_o = d_+/d_o$

Affine Rotation Model

Predictions: $d(\lambda) = \text{constant} = d_o$
 $\Rightarrow \lambda = 1/\cos\alpha$

In Situ SAXS Deformation

X12B, NSLS, Brookhaven N.L.

Test/confirm: $d_o = 27\text{nm}$, maintained throughout deformation
 d at 600% strain ($\lambda=5$) is 25nm

SAXS - microscopic

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$$1/\cos\alpha = \lambda$$

Macroscopic

Parallel Deformation of Lamellae

(Note: very similar to cylinder parallel deformation)

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