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Study on dynamic viscoelastic constitutive model of nonwater reacted polyurethane grouting materials based on DMA

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Abstract: Nonwater reacted polyurethane grouting materials are new materials developed to make up for the shortcomings of water-reactive materials in emergency rescue. However, its viscoelastic properties and constitutive model under dynamic loads have not been systematically studied. Based on dynamic thermal mechanical analysis (DMA), the dynamic viscoelastic indexes such as storage modulus, loss modulus, and loss factor of nonwater reacted polymer grouting material were obtained, and the frequency spectrum of polymer with different densities were analyzed. In addition, comparing and analyzing the classical viscoelastic constitutive models such as Maxwell model, Kelvin model, and Fractional model, the fourth-order generalized Maxwell model (GMM) was selected to construct the viscoelastic constitutive model of polyurethane grounding materials. Then, the parameters of the viscoelastic constitutive model of polyurethane grounding materials were obtained by using multi-objective shared parameter fitting method, and dynamic viscoelastic constitutive model of nonwater reacted polyurethane grouting materials was established. Furthermore, the viscoelastic constitutive model with different densities was verified by the DMA test. The results show that the dynamic viscoelastic constitutive model of nonwater reacted polyurethane grouting materials in the article can accurately and efficiently describe the dynamic viscoelastic properties of polyurethane grounding materials, which lays a foundation for the dynamic response analysis of polymer structures.

Keywords: non-water reacted polymer material, dynamic thermomechanical analysis, dynamic viscoelastic constitutive model, generalized Maxwell model

1 Introduction

In recent years, many materials have been studied for the repair and improvement of engineering structures. Their mechanical properties, service life, and engineering properties have also been analyzed and verified [1–4]. As a new material, nonwater reacted polyurethane grouting materials (hereinafter referred to as polyurethane grounding materials) are new repairing and impermeable materials developed for the shortage of water reacted materials with significantly changing volume and mechanical properties in the water environment. The materials are made of polyisocyanate and polyether polyols or polyester polyols, whose shape and properties can be changed by changing the type and composition of raw materials, so as to obtain the final product from soft to hard. Polyurethane grounding materials have been applied in a number of infrastructure water disaster prevention and repair projects, such as crack treatment of highway, track slab lifting of high-speed railway, and emergency reinforcement of water conservancy projects [5–13] (Figure 1). In fact, the polyurethane grounding materials are often under dynamic loads such as vehicles and trains, so the study of dynamic viscoelastic properties of polyurethane grounding materials can actually reflect the mechanical properties of materials [14,15]. This article aims to obtain the constitutive model of polyurethane grounding materials under dynamic conditions for dynamic response analysis and finite element simulation.

As an effective method for studying the viscoelastic properties of polyurethane materials, the dynamic mechanical analysis (DMA) method has been widely used to study

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Figure 1: Engineering application of nonwater reacted polyurethane grouting materials.

the dynamic viscoelastic properties of materials. Shamsi et al. [16] studied the viscoelastic properties of polyurethane materials at different temperatures and frequencies based on the DMA method. Hartman et al. [17] constructed the master curves of shear modulus and the loss factor over a wide range of reduced frequencies by using the DMA method. Dadbin et al. [18] used the DMA method to accurately test the glass transition temperature of polyurethane materials with different densities. It can be seen from the previous studies that the viscoelastic energy parameters obtained by the DMA test are an important basis for establishing a viscoelastic constitutive model [19,20–22].

Christensen and Freund [23] have made a great contribution to the study of the constitutive model of viscoelastic materials by discussing the theory and the application of the viscoelastic constitutive model based on continuum mechanics. Yang et al. [24] also studied the constitutive relation of viscoelastic materials by analyzing the structural characteristics, mechanical behavior, energy loss, and so on. In the study by Sun et al. [25], a fractional plasticity model for geomaterials is proposed by using the fractional derivative. Among existing constitutive models [26–31], the generalized Maxwell model (GMM), as a classical viscoelastic constitutive model, can describe the stress–strain relation of viscoelastic materials accurately and be directly used in the finite element method (FEM), so it is widely applied in the structure analysis. Jalocha et al. [32] used the GMM to fit the DMA test results and obtained the model parameters. Wan et al. [33] used the GMM to describe the relationship between dynamic viscoelastic modulus and frequency of polyurethane grounding materials at different temperatures.

In this article, the dynamic viscoelastic frequency spectra of polyurethane grounding materials are obtained based on the DMA test analysis. By analyzing and comparing various viscoelastic constitutive models, the fourth-order GMM is selected to construct the viscoelastic constitutive model of polyurethane grounding materials. Furthermore, the validity

and rationality of the model were verified with DMA test data. The results provide a theoretical reference for the study of the dynamic response of a polymer compound structure.

2 DMA test

2.1 Test method

DMA test can obtain storage modulus, loss modulus, and loss factor of testing materials, which are important to characterize the dynamic viscoelastic properties of materials. Storage modulus E' is the energy storage capacity of viscoelastic materials under a cyclic alternating load. The larger the storage modulus is, the greater the stiffness of the material will be. Loss modulus E'' represents the ability to dissipate energy within a period of changing and reflects the viscosity of the material. Loss factor reflects the damping performance of viscoelastic materials, which is the ratio of loss modulus and storage modulus, represented as $\tan \delta = E''/E'$.

DMAQ800 dynamic thermal-mechanical analysis instrument (Figure 2) is used in this test with the three-point bending method. The dynamic viscoelastic parameters of polyurethane grounding materials with different densities (Figure 3) at different frequencies are measured at -50 , -25 , 0 , 25 , and 50°C . Besides, test data are recorded every 2 Hz interval in the frequency spectra scanning test. The test scheme is as presented in Table 1. For more details, one can refer to ref. [34].

2.2 Test results

The curves of storage modulus and loss factor of polyurethane grounding materials with different densities



Figure 2: Dynamic thermo-mechanical analysis instrument.

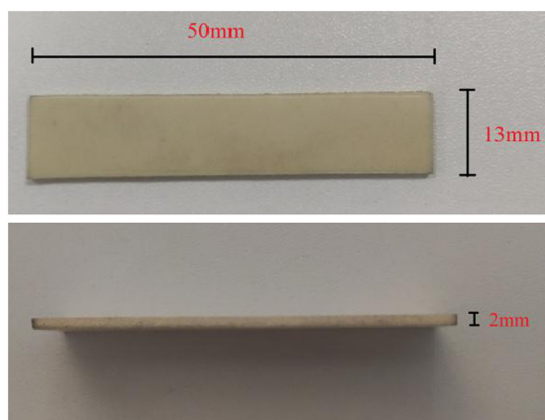


Figure 3: Polymer grouting materials sample.

(0–0.6 g·cm^{−3}) at room temperature (25°C) are plotted in Figure 3. As can be seen from Figure 4, at room temperature, the storage modulus of polymer material with each density increases at first and then decreases with the increase of frequency, while the loss factor first decreases slightly and then increases greatly with the increase of frequency.

3 Study on viscoelastic constitutive model

3.1 Maxwell model

Maxwell model is composed with a Hooke spring and a Newton dashpot in series, as shown in Figure 5.

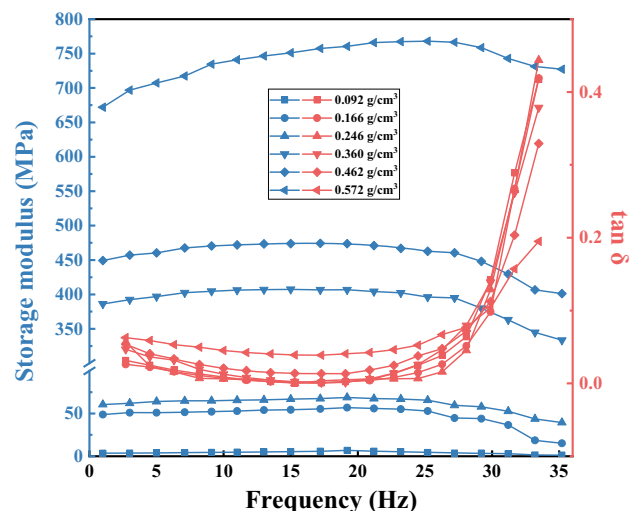


Figure 4: Frequency spectra of storage modulus and loss factor at different densities.

According to the characteristics of series connection, the stress on each element is equal to the total stress, and the total strain is the sum of the strains of each element. Thus, the constitutive relation of the Maxwell model can be deduced as follows:

$$\sigma(t) + \frac{\eta}{E} \frac{\partial \sigma}{\partial t} = \eta \frac{\partial \varepsilon}{\partial t}, \quad (1)$$

where $\sigma(t)$ is the stress of material at time t , E is Young's modulus, and η is the viscosity coefficient.

When the sinusoidal alternating stress is applied to the Maxwell model, expressions of storage modulus E' , loss modulus E'' , and loss factor $\tan \theta$ can be obtained as follows:

$$E' = \frac{E\eta^2\omega^2}{E + \eta^2\omega^2}, \quad (2)$$

$$E'' = \frac{E^2\eta\omega}{E^2 + \eta^2\omega^2}, \quad (3)$$

$$\tan \theta = \frac{E}{\eta\omega}. \quad (4)$$

It can be seen from equations (2) and (4) that the storage modulus of this model increases with the increase of frequency, and the loss factor decreases linearly as the frequency increased. However, the loss factor first decreases and then increases with the increase of frequency in the DMA test of polyurethane grounding materials.

Table 1: DMA test scheme

Test method	Test temperature (°C)	Test frequency (Hz)	Density (g·cm ^{−3})
Three-point bending method	−50, −25, 0, 25, 50	1–40	0–0.6



Figure 5: Maxwell model.

Therefore, this model is not suitable for describing the dynamic viscoelastic characteristics of polyurethane grounding materials.

3.2 Kelvin model

Kelvin model is formed by a Hooke spring and a Newton dashpot in parallel, as shown in Figure 6.

According to the nature of the parallel connection, the strain of each element in this model is equal, while the total stress is the sum of the stresses of each element. Its constitutive model can be expressed as follows:

$$\sigma(t) = E\varepsilon(t) + \eta \frac{\partial \varepsilon(t)}{\partial t}, \quad (5)$$

where $\varepsilon(t)$ is the strain of material at time t .

When applying sinusoidal alternating stress on the Kelvin model, the expressions of storage modulus, loss modulus, and loss factor can be derived as following equations:

$$E' = E, \quad (6)$$

$$E'' = \eta\omega, \quad (7)$$

$$\tan \theta = \frac{\eta\omega}{E}. \quad (8)$$

Equations (6) and (8) describe that storage modulus is constant and independent of frequency, and the loss factor increases linearly with the increase of frequency. However, the storage modulus of polyurethane grounding materials increases and then decreases with the increase of frequency in the DMA test of polyurethane grounding materials. It indicates that this model may not accurately describe the dynamic viscoelastic properties of polyurethane grounding materials.

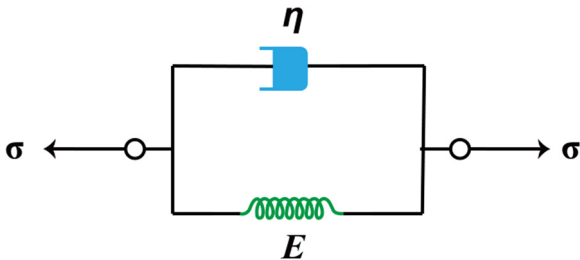


Figure 6: Kelvin model.

3.3 Fractional viscoelastic model

3.3.1 Fractional Maxwell model

The fractional Maxwell model is composed of a Hooke spring in series with an Abel dashpot, as shown in Figure 7.

According to the series characteristics, the constitutive relation of the fractional Maxwell model can be described as follows:

$$\sigma(t) = \frac{E_1 E \tau^\alpha D^\alpha}{E_1 + E \tau^\alpha D^\alpha} \varepsilon(t), \quad (9)$$

where E_1 is the young's modulus of Hooke spring, E is the young's modulus of Abel dashpot, τ is the relaxation time, and D^α is the fractional calculus operator.

The expressions of storage modulus, loss modulus, and loss factor can be deduced as follows:

$$E' = \frac{E_1 E \tau^\alpha \omega^\alpha (E_1 \cos \frac{\alpha\pi}{2} + E \tau^\alpha \omega^\alpha)}{E_1^2 + 2E_1 E \tau^\alpha \omega^\alpha \cos \frac{\alpha\pi}{2} + E^2 \tau^{2\alpha} \omega^{2\alpha}}, \quad (10)$$

$$E'' = \frac{E_1^2 E \tau^\alpha \omega^\alpha \sin \frac{\alpha\pi}{2}}{E_1^2 + 2E_1 E \tau^\alpha \omega^\alpha \cos \frac{\alpha\pi}{2} + E^2 \tau^{2\alpha} \omega^{2\alpha}}, \quad (11)$$

$$\tan \theta = \frac{E_1^2 E \tau^\alpha \omega^\alpha \sin \frac{\alpha\pi}{2}}{E_1 E \tau^\alpha \omega^\alpha (E_1 \cos \frac{\alpha\pi}{2} + E \tau^\alpha \omega^\alpha)}. \quad (12)$$

3.3.2 Fractional Kelvin model

The fractional Kelvin model is composed of a Hooke spring and an Abel dashpot in parallel, as shown in Figure 8.

From the characteristics of parallel connection, the constitutive relation of the fractional Kelvin model is obtained as follows:

$$\sigma(t) = (E_1 + E \tau^\alpha D^\alpha) \varepsilon(t). \quad (13)$$

The expressions of storage modulus, loss modulus, and loss factor are as follows:

$$E' = E_1 + E \tau^\alpha \omega^\alpha \cos \frac{\alpha\pi}{2}, \quad (14)$$

$$E'' = E \tau^\alpha \omega^\alpha \sin \frac{\alpha\pi}{2}, \quad (15)$$

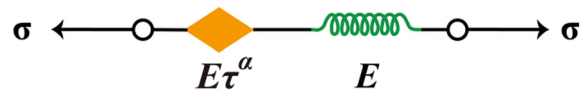


Figure 7: Fractional Maxwell model.

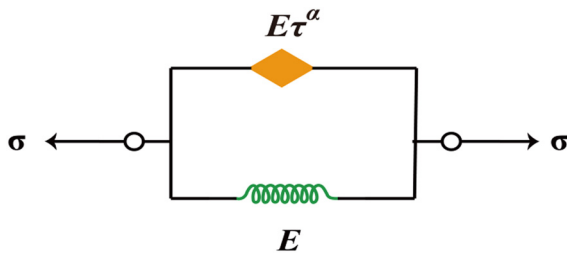


Figure 8: Fractional Kelvin model.

$$\tan \theta = \frac{E\tau^\alpha \omega^\alpha \sin \frac{\alpha\pi}{2}}{E_1 + E\tau^\alpha \omega^\alpha \cos \frac{\alpha\pi}{2}}. \quad (16)$$

From equations (10), (12), (14), and (16), it is seen that the storage modulus of the aforementioned two models first increases and then decreases with the increase of frequency, the loss factor first decreases and then increases with the increase of frequency, which can accurately describe the dynamic viscoelastic properties of polyurethane grounding materials. However, it also indicates that these models have a large amount of calculation, and it is relatively difficult to obtain the parameters.

3.4 GMM

GMM is composed of any number of Maxwell models in parallel, and each Maxwell model is different. Its modulus is E_i , viscosity is η_i , and relaxation time $\tau_i = \eta_i/E_i$, as shown in Figure 9.

The relaxation modulus of the GMM can be expressed as follows:

$$E(t) = E_\infty + \sum_{i=1}^n E_i e^{-\frac{t}{\tau_i}}, \quad (17)$$

where E_∞ is quasi static modulus.

The expressions of storage modulus and loss modulus of each Maxwell model can be known from equations (2)

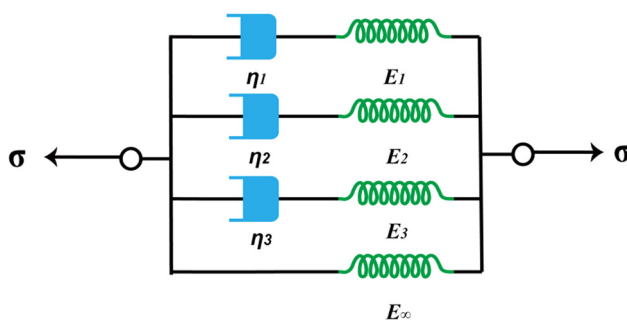


Figure 9: GMM.

and (3). Through Fourier transform and inverse transform, the storage modulus and loss modulus of the GMM can be expressed as follows:

$$E' = E_\infty + \sum_{i=1}^n E_i \frac{\omega^2 \tau_i^2}{1 + \omega^2 \tau_i^2}, \quad (18)$$

$$E'' = \sum_{i=1}^n E_i \frac{\omega \tau_i}{1 + \omega^2 \tau_i^2}, \quad (19)$$

$$\tan \theta = \frac{E_\infty + \sum_{i=1}^n E_i \frac{\omega^2 \tau_i^2}{1 + \omega^2 \tau_i^2}}{\sum_{i=1}^n E_i \frac{\omega \tau_i}{1 + \omega^2 \tau_i^2}}. \quad (20)$$

According to equations (18) and (20), the storage modulus first increases and then decreases with the increase of frequency, while the loss factor first decreases and then increases with the increase of frequency. Therefore, this kind of model can exactly describe viscoelastic characteristics under dynamic load. Moreover, the GMM is composed of several units, corresponding to several relaxation times. So it is relatively easy to obtain the model parameters, which can be calculated directly by fitting the DMA test data.

In conclusion, Maxwell and Kelvin models can describe the creep and stress relaxation of viscoelastic materials, but they are not applicable to describe the dynamic viscoelastic properties of materials. The fractional constitutive model is comparatively difficult to obtain the model parameters although it can precisely represent dynamic viscoelastic properties of materials. GMM can accurately describe the dynamic viscoelastic properties of materials, and the model parameters can be easily obtained as well. Furthermore, it can also describe the frequency dependence of viscoelastic materials under dynamic alternating loads. As a result, the GMM is used to establish the dynamic viscoelastic constitutive model of polyurethane grounding materials [35–38].

4 Dynamic viscoelastic constitutive model of polyurethane grounding materials

4.1 Relationship between density and dynamic viscoelastic modulus

In engineering applications, polymer structures with different densities meet different demands of actual projects. For example, $0\text{--}0.2 \text{ g}\cdot\text{cm}^{-3}$ polyurethane grounding materials are usually used for seepage control and

reinforcement of water conservancy projects, while the materials with densities of $0.5\text{--}0.6\text{ g}\cdot\text{cm}^{-3}$ are usually used for pavement lifting. Therefore, it is very important to research the relationship between density and dynamic viscoelastic modulus.

4.1.1 Relationship between density and storage modulus

As the common frequency range of dynamic loads on polymer material is mostly from 1 to 19 Hz, the frequency of the scope in this study is set from 1 to 19 Hz. As the scanning interval of testing frequency is 2 Hz, the data are extracted every 2 Hz. As is shown in Figure 10, the fitting curves of DMA testing data of storage modulus under different densities at 25°C are obtained, where the points are test values and the curves are the fitting curve.

From Figure 9, the relationship between density and storage modulus could be approximately expressed by the following equation, and the correlation coefficients R^2 are all greater than 0.96.

$$E' = a\rho^b, \quad (21)$$

where E' is storage modulus, ρ is the density of polyurethane grounding materials, and a and b are fitting parameters.

The fitting parameters at each frequency are presented in Table 2.

4.1.2 Relationship between density and loss modulus

Similarly, the relationship curve between density and loss modulus at 25°C is fitted, and fitting results are shown in Figure 11.

The relationship between density and loss modulus can be approximately shown by the following equation, and the correlation coefficients R^2 are all greater than 0.95.

$$E'' = a\rho^b, \quad (22)$$

where E'' is loss modulus, ρ is densities of polyurethane grounding materials, and a and b are fitting parameters.

The fitting parameters at each frequency are presented in Table 3.

Based on equations (21) and (22), the storage modulus and loss modulus of polyurethane grounding materials with different densities of $0\text{--}0.6\text{ g}\cdot\text{cm}^{-3}$ in the frequency range of 1–19 Hz at room temperature (25°C) can be calculated. Then, the model parameters of polyurethane grounding materials with a certain density can be obtained.

4.2 Viscoelastic constitutive model of polyurethane grounding materials

The steps for establishing the viscoelastic model are as follows:

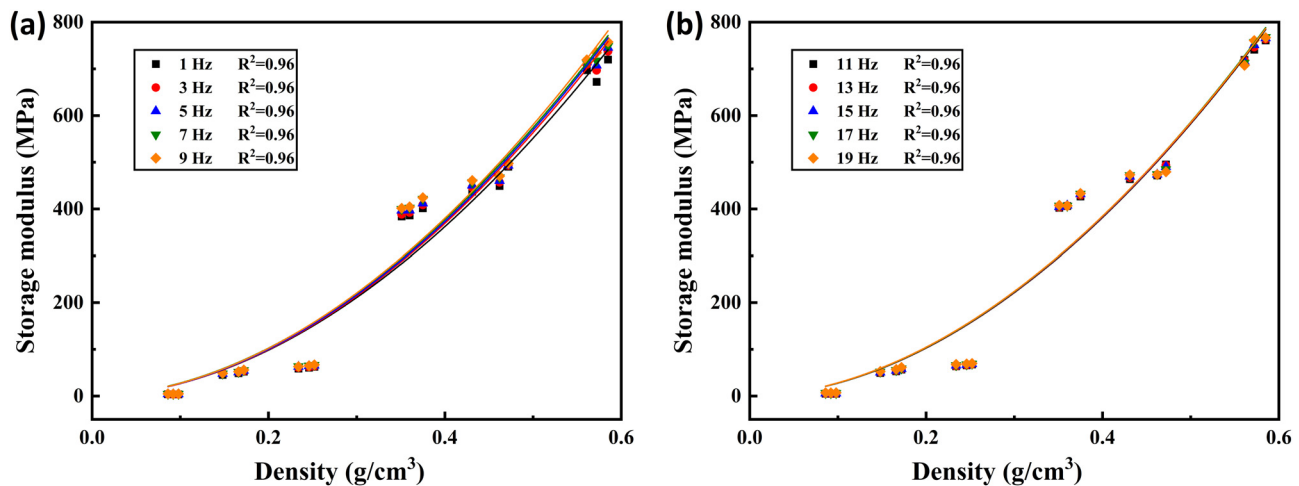


Figure 10: Relationship between density and storage modulus of polyurethane grounding materials (25°C): (a) fitting results (1–9 Hz) and (b) fitting results (11–19 Hz).

Table 2: Fitting parameters of storage modulus

Frequency (Hz)	a	b
1	2048.08	1.87
3	2109.37	1.88
5	2124.78	1.88
7	2127.84	1.87
9	2168.19	1.88
11	2176.63	1.88
13	2180.64	1.88
15	2181.53	1.88
17	2184.69	1.88
19	2173.54	1.87

Table 3: Fitting parameters of loss modulus

Frequency (Hz)	a	b
1	185.74	2.36
3	187.17	2.59
5	186.52	2.75
7	215.61	3.12
9	236.22	3.43
11	271.88	3.78
13	320.07	4.13
15	330.66	4.25
17	355.52	4.40
19	370.81	4.50

4.2.1 Constitutive equations

First, equations (18) and (19) need to be transformed into expressions in the form of the Prony series before fitting model parameters:

$$E' = E_{\infty} + E_0 \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{g_i \tau_i^2 \omega^2}{1 + \tau_i^2 \omega^2}, \quad (23)$$

$$E'' = E_0 \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{g_i \tau_i \omega}{1 + \tau_i^2 \omega^2}, \quad (24)$$

where $E_0 = E_{\infty}/1 - \sum_{i=1}^n g_i$ is instantaneous modulus, and $g_i = E_i/E_0$ is dimensionless modulus parameters, $\tau_i = \eta_i/E_i$ is relaxation time, ω is frequency, and n is the model order.

In addition, the order of the GMM also has to be determined. Related studies [39] show that the fourth-order model (i.e., $n = 4$) has high efficiency, small error,

and convenient parameter acquisition. Therefore, the fourth order of GMM is used in this article for establishing the viscoelastic constitutive model, and its constitutive equations after expansion are as follows:

$$E' = E_{\infty} + \frac{E_{\infty}}{(g_1 + g_2 + g_3 + g_4)} \left(\frac{g_1 \tau_1^2 \omega^2}{1 + \tau_1^2 \omega^2} + \frac{g_2 \tau_2^2 \omega^2}{1 + \tau_2^2 \omega^2} + \frac{g_3 \tau_3^2 \omega^2}{1 + \tau_3^2 \omega^2} + \frac{g_4 \tau_4^2 \omega^2}{1 + \tau_4^2 \omega^2} \right), \quad (25)$$

$$E'' = \frac{E_{\infty}}{(g_1 + g_2 + g_3 + g_4)} \left(\frac{g_1 \tau_1 \omega}{1 + \tau_1^2 \omega^2} + \frac{g_2 \tau_2 \omega}{1 + \tau_2^2 \omega^2} + \frac{g_3 \tau_3 \omega}{1 + \tau_3^2 \omega^2} + \frac{g_4 \tau_4 \omega}{1 + \tau_4^2 \omega^2} \right), \quad (26)$$

where E' is storage modulus, E'' is loss modulus, E_{∞} is quasi-static modulus, g_i is dimensionless modulus parameters, τ_i is relaxation time, and ω is frequency.

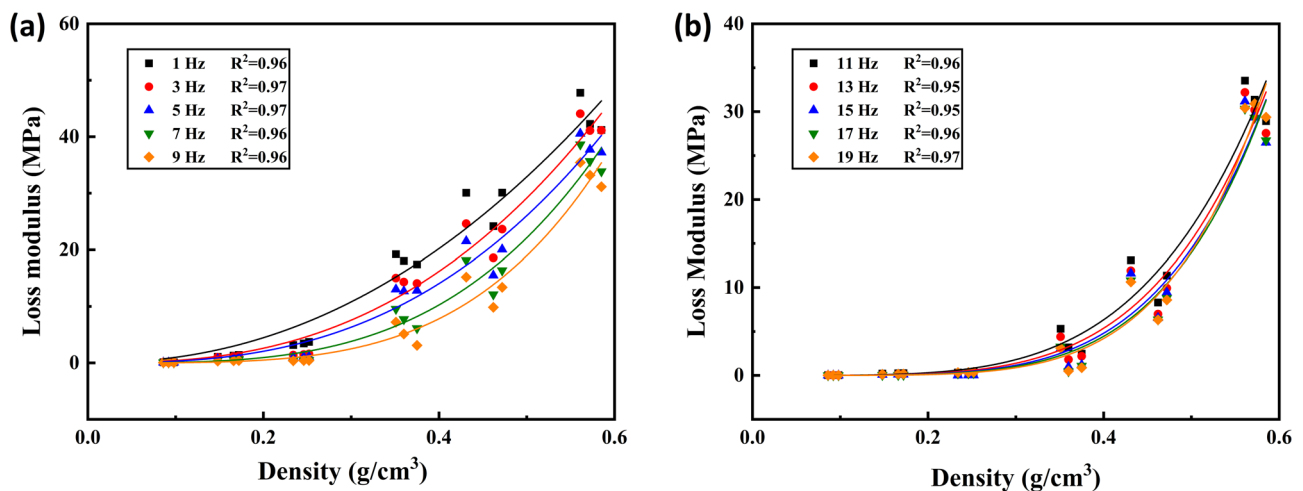


Figure 11: Relationship between density and loss modulus of polyurethane grounding materials (25°C): (a) fitting results (1–9 Hz) and (b) fitting results (11–19 Hz).

4.2.2 Model parameters

To obtain optimal model parameters [40,41], the `lsqcurvefit` function was used in the fitting program based on the least square method, and by fitting the experimental data and the GMM, the model parameters are obtained under the condition of minimum error sum of squares.

As storage modulus and loss modulus shared the same parameter, the multiconstraint sharing parameter method is adopted, which ensures that the constraints forced parameters to be equal, so that they were regarded as a group of shared parameters. Moreover, to narrow the search range and improve the computational efficiency, the relaxation time of parameters should be constrained as follows:

$$\tau_1 > \tau_2 > \dots > \tau_n. \quad (27)$$

As $g_i = E_i/E_0$, the parameters g_i and $\sum g_i$ should satisfy the constraints as shown in equation (28) to avoid large values.

$$0 < g_i < 1, \quad \sum g_i < 1. \quad (28)$$

In addition, it is necessary to determine the value of the parameters E_∞ , which usually corresponds to the storage modulus of polyurethane grounding materials at 0 Hz. Ref. [36] points out that its value is approximately 80% of the energy storage modulus at 1 Hz, which can be referred in the fitting process.

After the aforementioned steps, the `lsqcurvefit` function is used to fit the fourth-order generalized Maxwell constitutive equation and the test data. Subsequently, the model parameters are obtained and the correlation coefficient of the fitting curve is analyzed. If the correlation coefficient meets the requirements, g_i and τ_i can be substituted into equations (25) and (26), and the dynamic viscoelastic constitutive model of polyurethane grounding materials at the particular density is obtained. Furthermore, model parameters g_i and τ_i are also input parameters for the finite element analysis.

Table 5: Fitting parameters of constitutive model

	Fitting parameters	1	2	3	4
$\rho = 0.375 \text{ g}\cdot\text{cm}^{-3}$	g_i	0.1068	0.1180	0.0742	0.6571
	$\tau_i \text{ (s)}$	0.7695	0.7262	0.0457	0.0001
$\rho = 0.430 \text{ g}\cdot\text{cm}^{-3}$	g_i	0.1025	0.0788	0.0622	0.4951
	$\tau_i \text{ (s)}$	0.7046	0.6563	0.0400	0.0001
$\rho = 0.506 \text{ g}\cdot\text{cm}^{-3}$	g_i	0.1040	0.1217	0.0791	0.6057
	$\tau_i \text{ (s)}$	0.6043	0.5979	0.0362	0.0002

4.3 Verification of viscoelastic constitutive model of polyurethane grounding materials

For the validity of the new viscoelastic constitutive model, taking 0.375, 0.430, and 0.506 $\text{g}\cdot\text{cm}^{-3}$ polyurethane grounding materials as examples, the dynamic viscoelastic modulus of different densities are calculated, respectively, based on the aforementioned derivation. Then, the viscoelastic constitutive model of the polymer material is fitted and the fitting results are compared with DMA test data to verify the correctness of the viscoelastic constitutive model.

4.3.1 Model fitting

The first step of fitting the viscoelastic constitutive parameters is to calculate the dynamic viscoelastic modulus, and calculation data are used as DMA test data in the fitting program. The storage modulus and loss modulus within 0–19 Hz of 0.375, 0.430, and 0.506 $\text{g}\cdot\text{cm}^{-3}$ polyurethane grounding materials were calculated by equations (21) and (22), respectively, as shown in Table 4.

To obtain fitting parameters of the constitutive model, these data are input into the `lsqcurvefit` function, which is simulated by GMM. The calculation criterion of the `lsqcurvefit` function is that the sum of square error between the

Table 4: Calculation of dynamic viscoelastic modulus

	Frequency (Hz)	1	3	5	7	9	11	13	15	17	19
$\rho = 0.375 \text{ g}\cdot\text{cm}^{-3}$	E' (MPa)	327.1	333.1	336.5	341.0	343.4	344.6	345.8	346.6	347.1	347.6
	E'' (MPa)	18.3	14.8	12.6	10.1	8.1	6.7	5.6	5.1	4.7	4.5
$\rho = 0.430 \text{ g}\cdot\text{cm}^{-3}$	E' (MPa)	422.5	430.9	435.2	440.3	444.1	445.7	447.1	448.0	448.7	448.9
	E'' (MPa)	25.3	21.0	18.4	15.5	13.0	11.2	9.8	9.2	8.6	8.3
$\rho = 0.506 \text{ g}\cdot\text{cm}^{-3}$	E' (MPa)	572.9	585.4	590.9	596.6	602.9	605.1	606.9	607.9	608.9	608.5
	E'' (MPa)	37.2	32.1	28.7	25.8	22.8	20.7	19.2	18.3	17.7	17.3

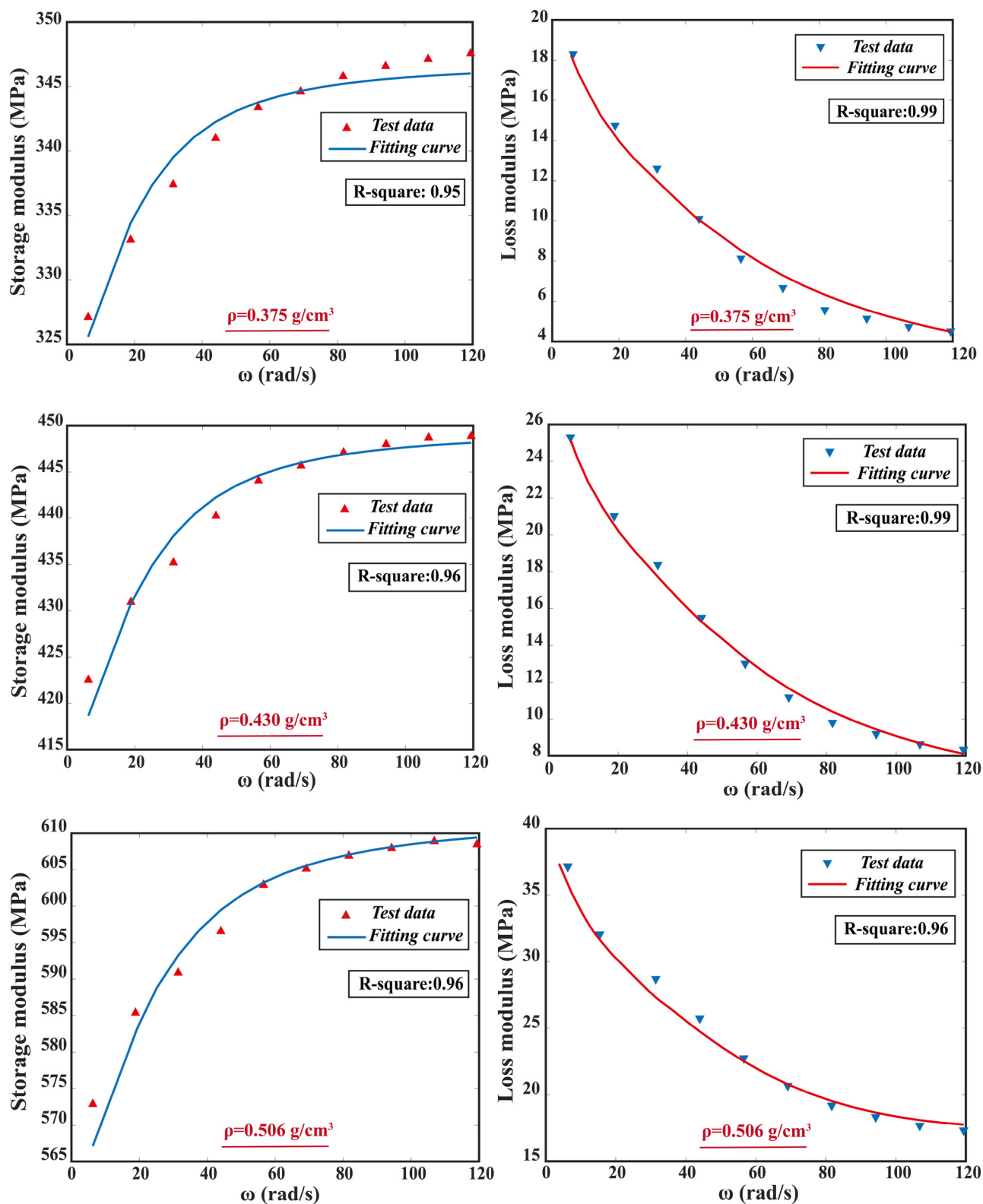


Figure 12: Fitting results of dynamic viscoelastic modulus at different densities.

fitting value and the calculated value is the minimum. The expression is expressed as follows:

$$R = \sum_{i=1}^n [(E_i - \bar{E}_i)^2 + (G_i - \bar{G}_i)^2], \quad (29)$$

where E_i is fitted value of storage modulus, \bar{E}_i is the test value of storage modulus, G_i is fitted value of loss modulus, and \bar{G}_i is test value of loss modulus.

4.3.2 Results and discussion

To determine the GMM viscoelastic constitutive parameters, curve fitting is done on the data points of E' and E'' of the polyurethane grounding materials obtained from the calculation results (Table 4). The fitting parameters of the viscoelastic constitutive model (Table 5) and the fitting results of dynamic viscoelastic modulus (Figure 12) are obtained.

As can be seen from Figure 12, the calculated data of the viscoelastic constitutive model and DMA test data have a high degree of fitting, and the correlation coefficients are all greater than 0.95. Therefore, this constitutive model can accurately and efficiently characterize the dynamic viscoelastic properties of polyurethane grounding materials and can be directly used in the finite element simulation, which lays a foundation for the dynamic response analysis of polymer structures.

5 Conclusions

In this article, based on the DMA test of polyurethane grounding materials, the dynamic viscoelastic properties and constitutive models were systematically studied. Then, the dynamic viscoelastic constitutive model of polyurethane grounding materials based on generalized Maxwell was proposed, and the correctness and rationality of the constitutive model were verified. The main conclusions are as follows:

(1) Different viscoelastic constitutive models are compared based on frequency spectra of E' and $\tan \delta$ at different densities from the DMA test. The test results show that Maxwell and Kelvin models are not applicable in describing dynamic viscoelastic properties, and fractional viscoelastic models are not suitable for establishing the constitutive model of polyurethane grounding materials because the parameters are difficult to obtain. Owing to the feasibility of parameter acquisition and direct application in the structure analysis, the fourth-order GMM was adopted

to construct the viscoelastic constitutive model of polyurethane grounding materials.

(2) To obtain the dynamic viscoelastic constitutive model of polyurethane grounding materials with different density. The multi-constraint sharing parameter method is adopted in fitting program. Based on the relationship between density and dynamic viscoelastic modulus, the fitting parameters were obtained. Then, the dynamic viscoelastic constitutive model of polyurethane grounding materials at particular density is obtained. The results of comparison show that the dynamic viscoelastic constitutive model constructed in this article is a more accurate and efficient model for polyurethane grounding materials that can serve as a reference for dynamic response analysis of structures.

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