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**THE “FOOD POLYMER SCIENCE”
APPROACH TO
FOOD STRUCTURE AND FUNCTIONALITY**

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FAR FROM EQUILIBRIUM

PRACTICAL PROBLEMS OF FOOD SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

GRAININESS AND ICINESS IN ICE CREAM

CRYOPROTECTION AND CRYOSTABILIZATION OF FROZEN OR FREEZER-STORED PRODUCTS

BAROPROTECTION

SUGAR AND FAT BLOOM

CAKING AND STICKINESS OF DRY POWDERS

COOKING OF CEREALS AND GRAINS

EXPANSION, COLLAPSE, AND STALING OF BAKED GOODS

RAW MATERIAL SELECTION AND DESIGN

GELATIN MANUFACTURING AND CONSUMER CONVENIENCE

BEYOND WATER ACTIVITY

MOISTURE MANAGEMENT

WHAT IS THE LINK

PROCESS CONTROL
STORAGE STABILITY

← WATER DYNAMICS

?

→ GLASS DYNAMICS

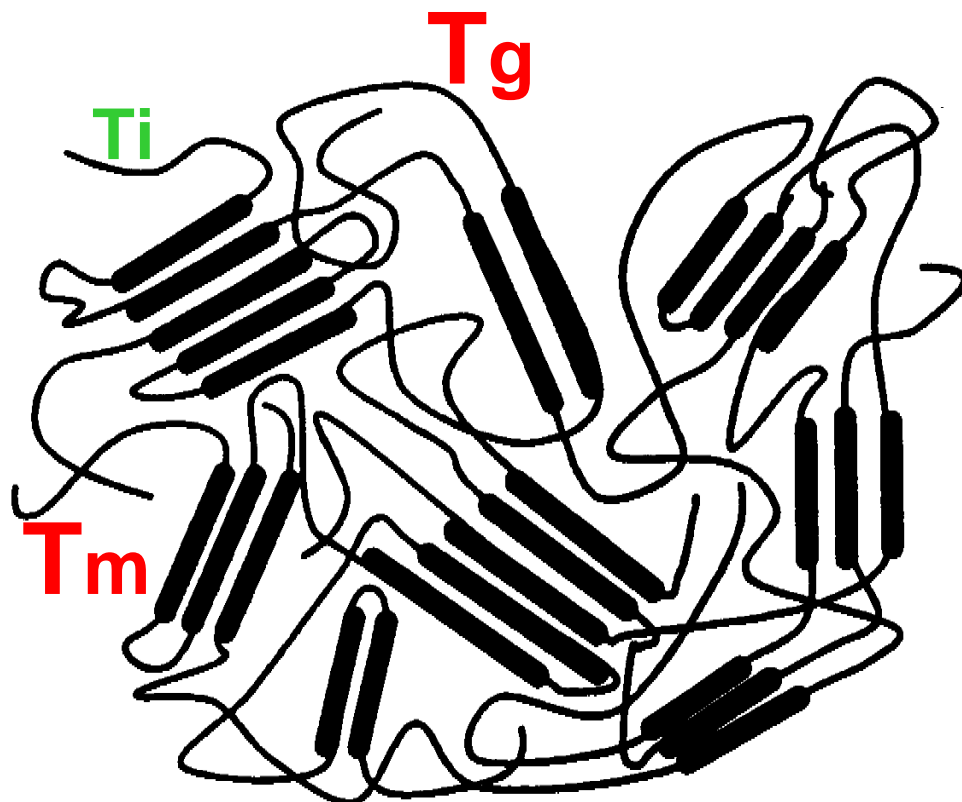
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CENTRAL CONCEPT OF FPS APPROACH

STRUCTURAL ASPECT

FUNCTIONAL ASPECT



10 nm domains

DEFINITION OF THE
GLASS TRANSITION

TEMPORAL ps to min

OPERATIONAL

mechanical relaxation

mobility transformations

time / temperature / pressure /
structural composition / dimensions

DIMENSIONAL

BIG polymers \leftrightarrow SMALL plasticizers
diffusion distances

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STRUCTURAL ASPECT

Partially crystalline glassy polymers
⇒ Non-equilibrium solid state

Fringed Micelle Model

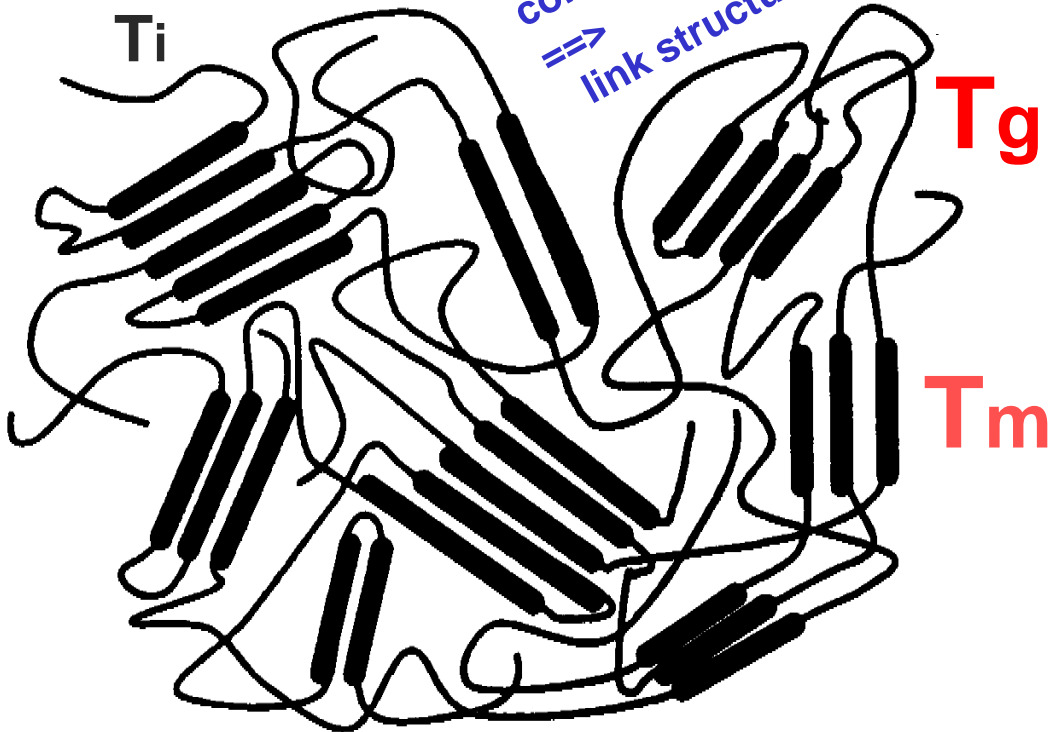
Homologous families

T_g and linear DP predict function

Nonhomologous families

T_m/T_g predicts function

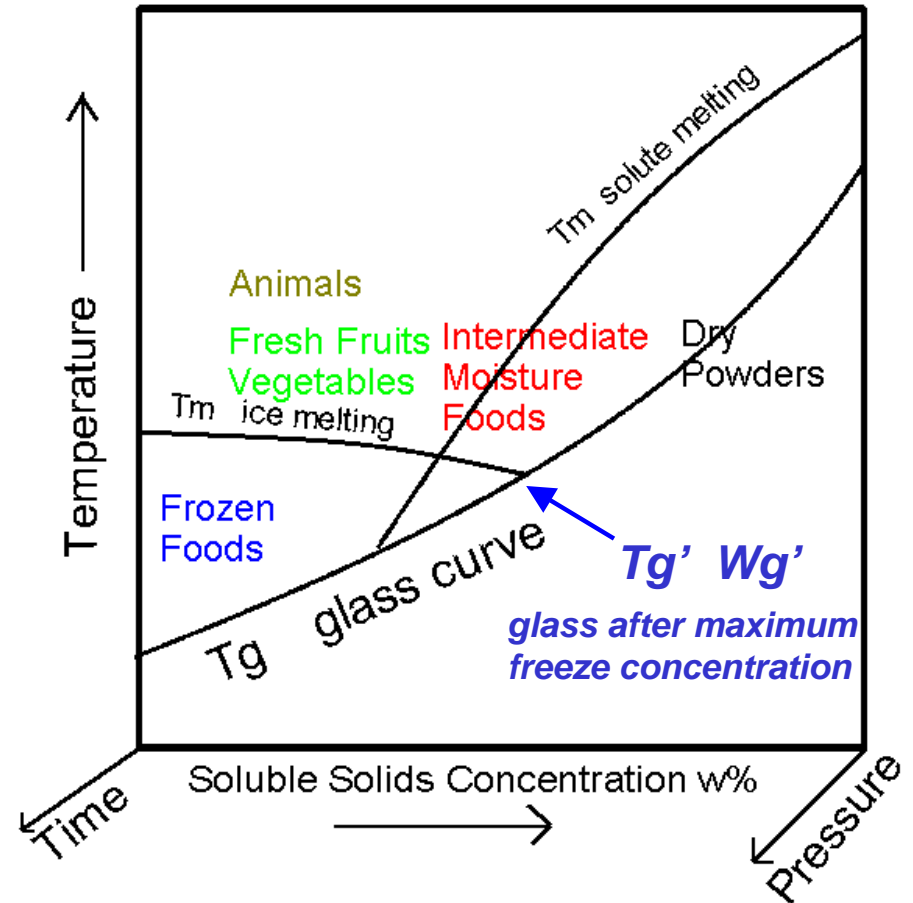
T_g and T_m define temperature domains
⇒ control relaxation timescales
⇒ link structure to function



FUNCTIONAL ASPECT

Mobility transformations

Snapshot for ~10nm diffusion distances



TEMPORAL DEFINITION OF T_g

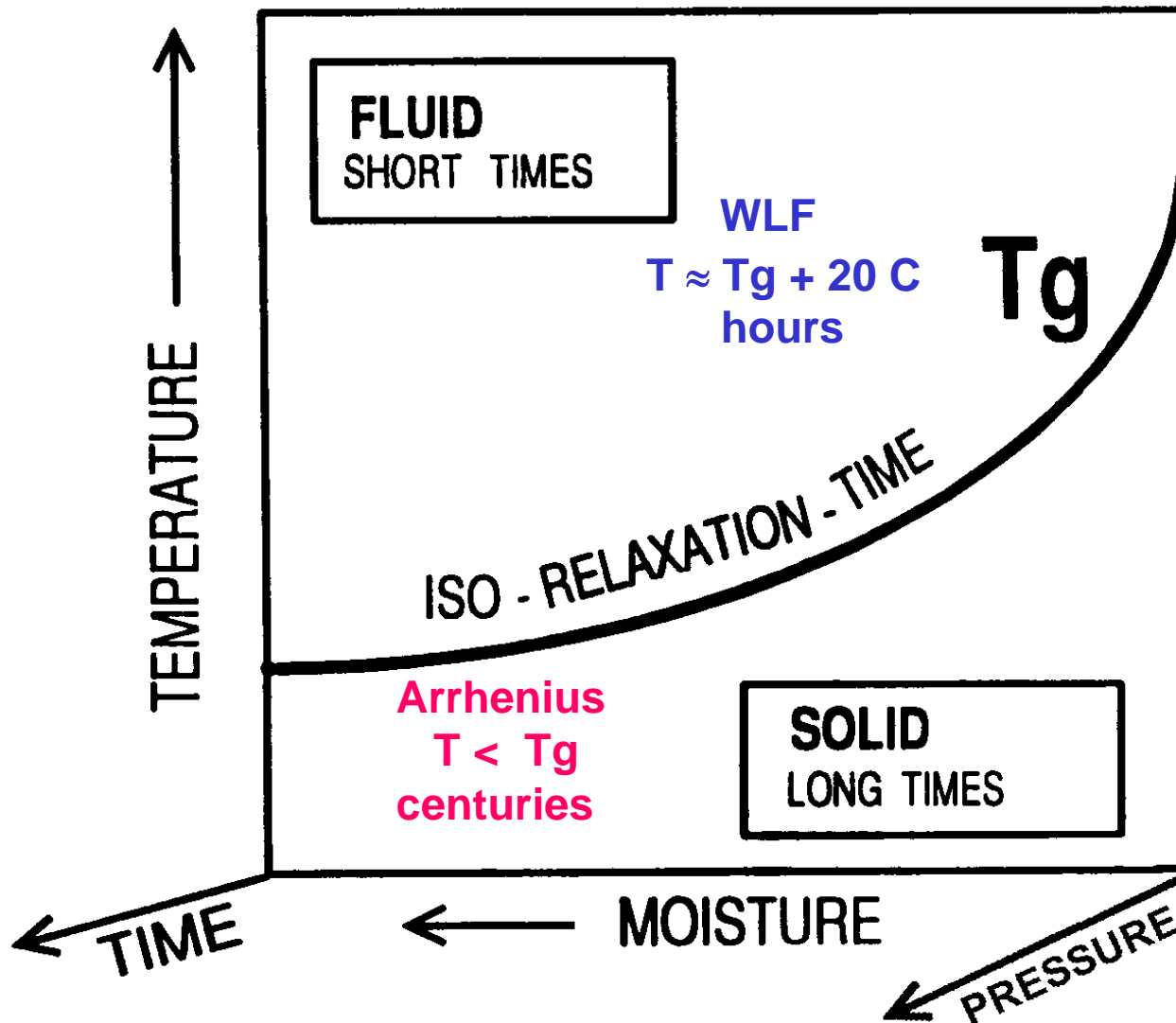
MOBILITY TRANSFORMATIONS

T_g CURVE OF ISO-RELAXATION-TIME

AS MATERIAL-SPECIFIC REFERENCE CONTOUR TO RELATE

TIME - TEMPERATURE - PRESSURE - DIMENSIONS -
MOISTURE CONTENT - SOLUTE TYPE

Arrhenius
T > T_m
nanosec



T_g and T_m define T domains
control relaxation timescales
=> link structure to function

T_g + 10° 36 days
If process at T_g = century
T_g - 10° 200 years

Dramatic evolution of
timescales in “parallel”
contours above T_g
WLF kinetics

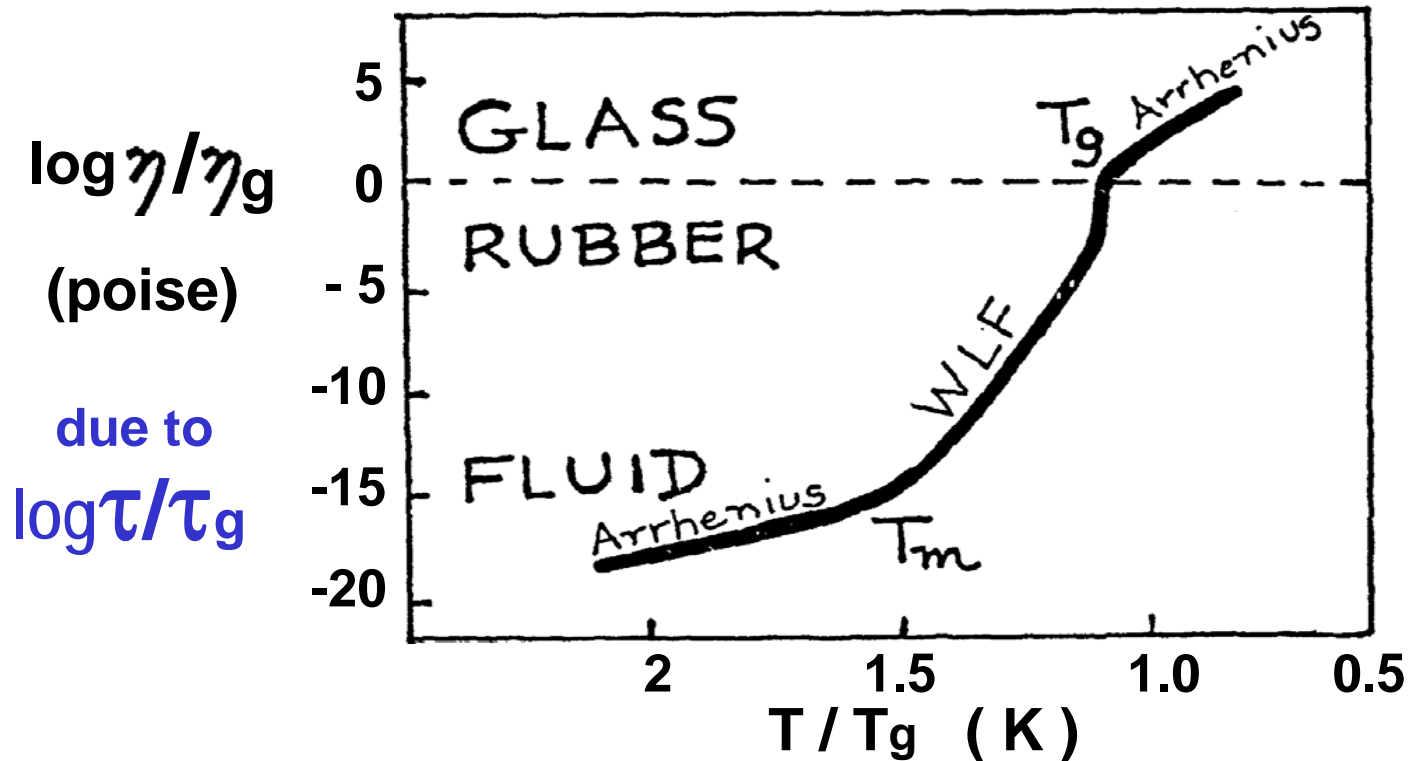
OPERATIONAL DEFINITION OF T_g

ORIGIN OF FUNCTIONAL DOMAINS OF TEMPERATURE

WLF KINETICS

PHYSICO-CHEMICAL MECHANISM OF RELAXATION PROCESSES

$$\log \eta / \eta_g = \frac{-A (T - T_g)}{B + (T - T_g)}$$

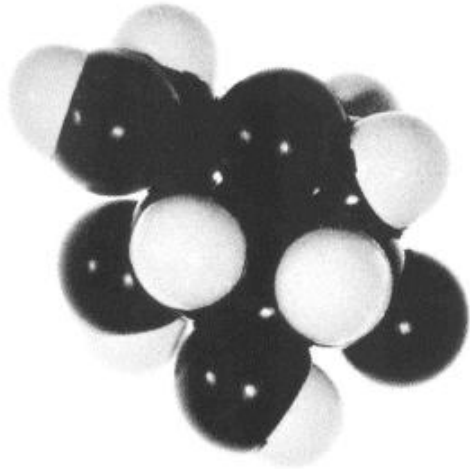


17 orders
of magnitude
from T_m to T_g !!

S. aureus 0.5 μ
trip across wheat
starch granule 30 μ
takes a century
in the glassy state

SAME COEFFICIENTS IN WLF EQUATION FOR TYPICAL SYNTHETIC POLYMERS,
ANHYDROUS GLUCOSE, AND SUCROSE SOLUTIONS **BUT NOT FRUCTOSE**

DIMENSIONAL DEFINITION OF T_g



α-D-Glucopyranose

**TRANSLATIONAL
CONSTRAINT**

$T_m / T_g \sim 1.42$

$T_g \ 31^\circ\text{C}$

$T_g' - 43^\circ\text{C}$

Mixture Behavior

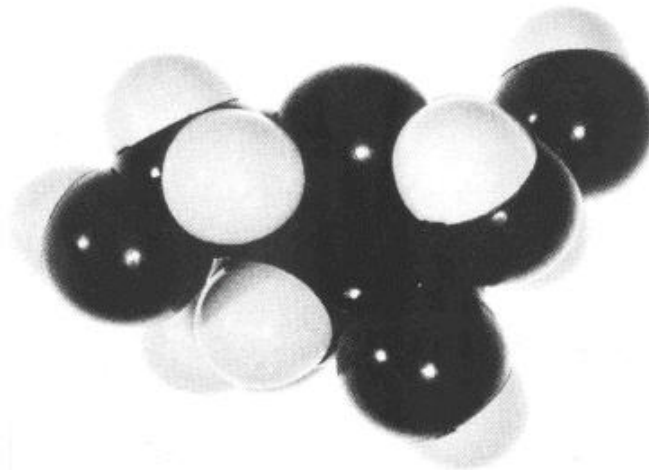
1:1 Glucose:Fructose $T_g \ 20^\circ\text{C}$

Mobility more like glucose alone than like fructose alone

6 glucose units = 1 turn amylose helix = 0.8 nm $T_g' \ -14.5^\circ\text{C}$

18 glucose units ~ 6 DE maltodextrin ~ 2 nm $T_g' \ -6^\circ\text{C}$

Biopolymer (globular protein) hemoglobin = 6.4 nm $T_g' \ -5^\circ\text{C}$



β-D-Fructofuranose

**ROTATIONAL
CONSTRAINT**

$T_m / T_g \sim 1.06$

$T_g \ 100^\circ\text{C}$

$T_g' - 42^\circ\text{C}$

Nucleation

Dielectric loss



TINY !

CO₂

$\sim 0.512 \text{ nm}$

Water

$\sim 0.4 \text{ nm}$

**TRANSLATIONAL
CONSTRAINT**

$T_m/T_g \sim 2$

$T_g - 135^\circ\text{C}$

**TRANSLATIONAL
CONSTRAINT**

$T_m/T_g \sim 1.39$

$T_g \ 12^\circ\text{C}$

Growth

Crystallization

Microwave heating

Observed rvp of sample

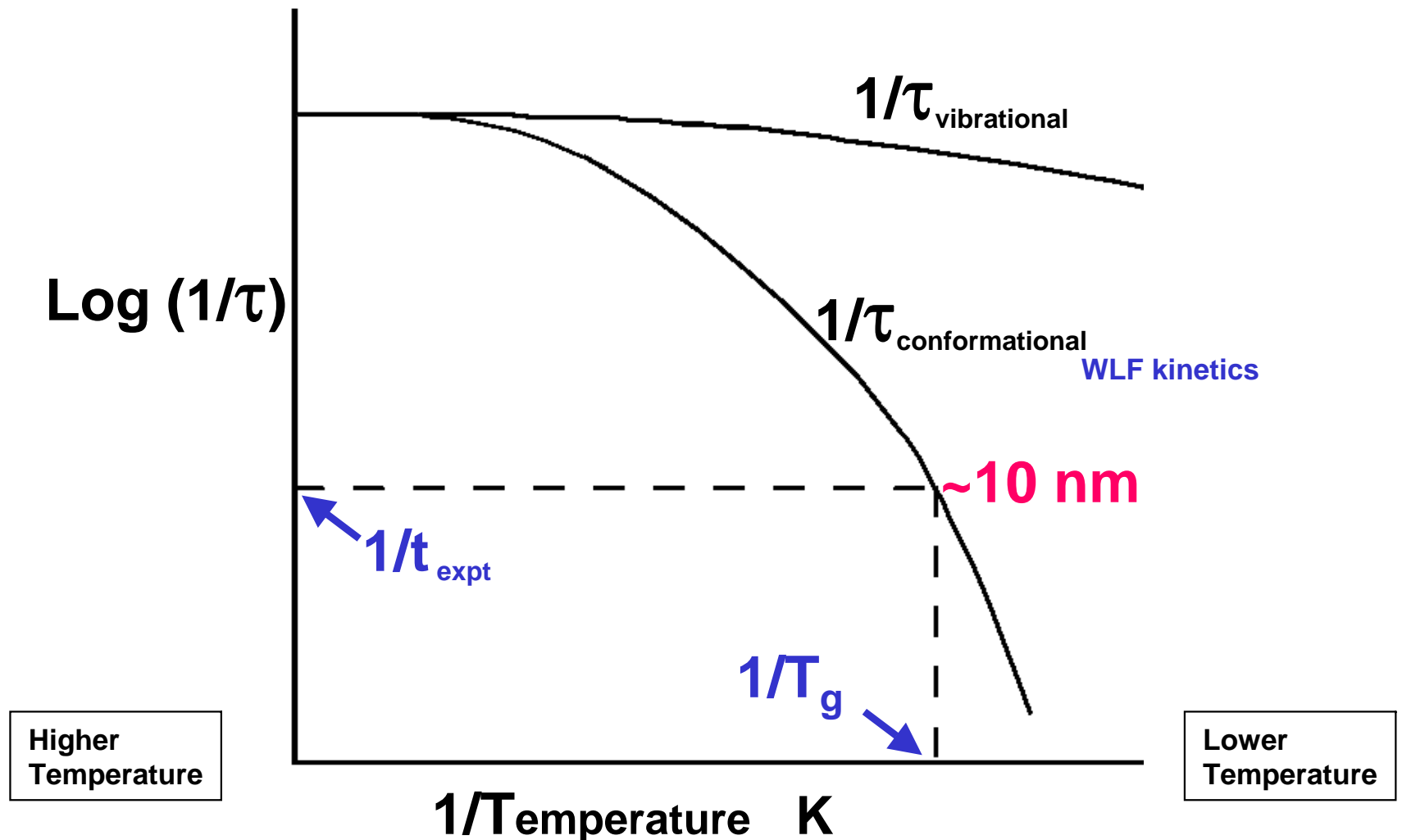
Microbiological stability

Bulk moisture migration

Baking functionality

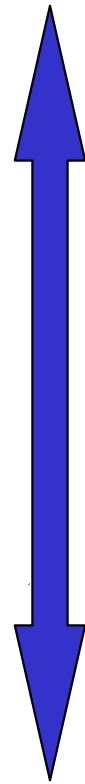
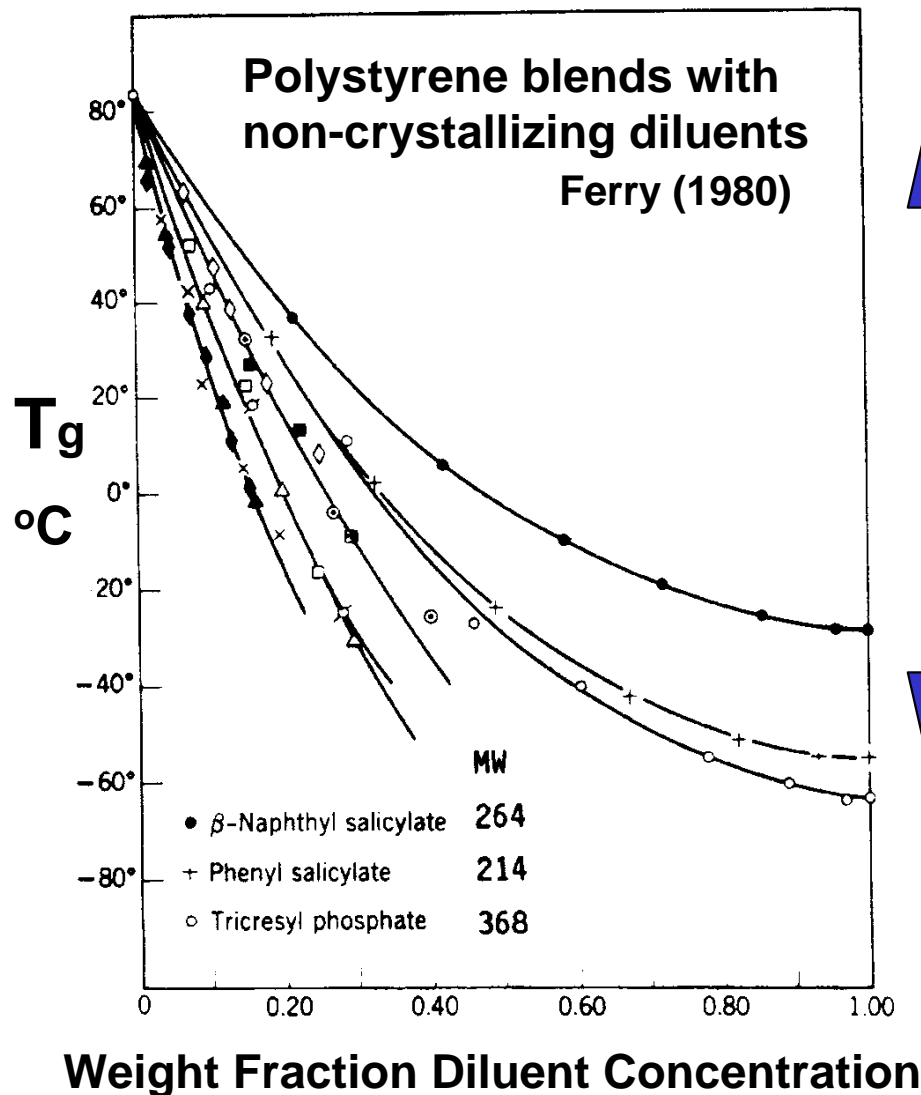
MOBILITY TRANSFORMATIONS BASED ON TEMPORAL, OPERATIONAL, & DIMENSIONAL DEFINITIONS

T_g is the temperature at which the allowed experimental time matches the conformational relaxation time in a 10 nm diffusion space



WHAT IS A PLASTICIZER ?

A plasticizer depresses initial T_g to below T or increases t / τ



THE BEST PLASTICIZER
is a compatible diluent
with the lowest T_g
(but not always the lowest molecular weight)

Maximum potential plasticization =

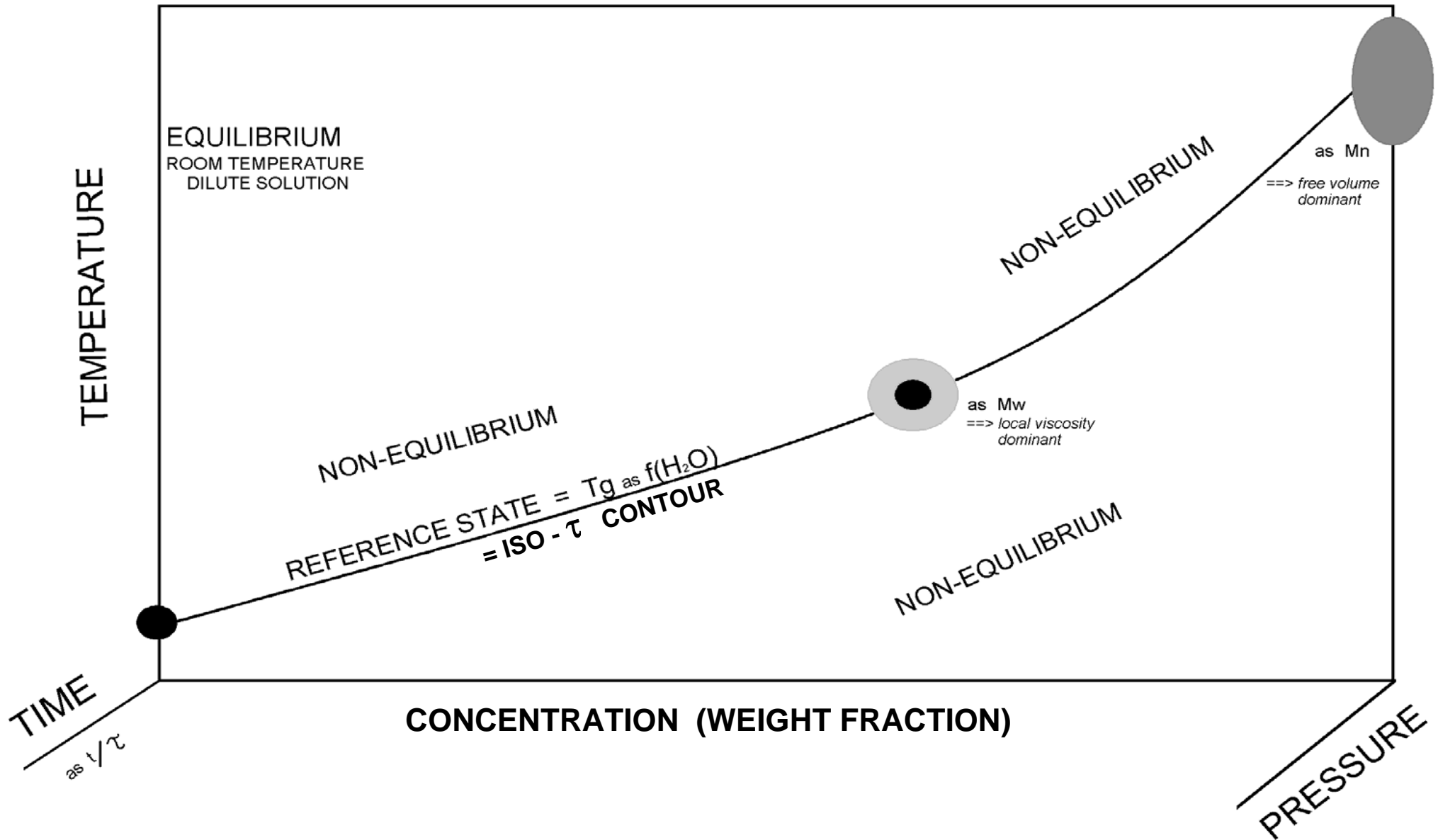
$$T_{g_{\text{pure polymer}}} - T_{g_{\text{pure diluent}}}$$

Plasticization of food polymers by water
is potentially excellent (avoid ice)

$T_{g_{\text{pure diluent}}} \sim -135^{\circ}\text{C}$

DEFINITION OF T_g OF A BLEND

T_g of a blend = T_g of “reporter molecule” with $\tau \propto M_w$ of blend composition

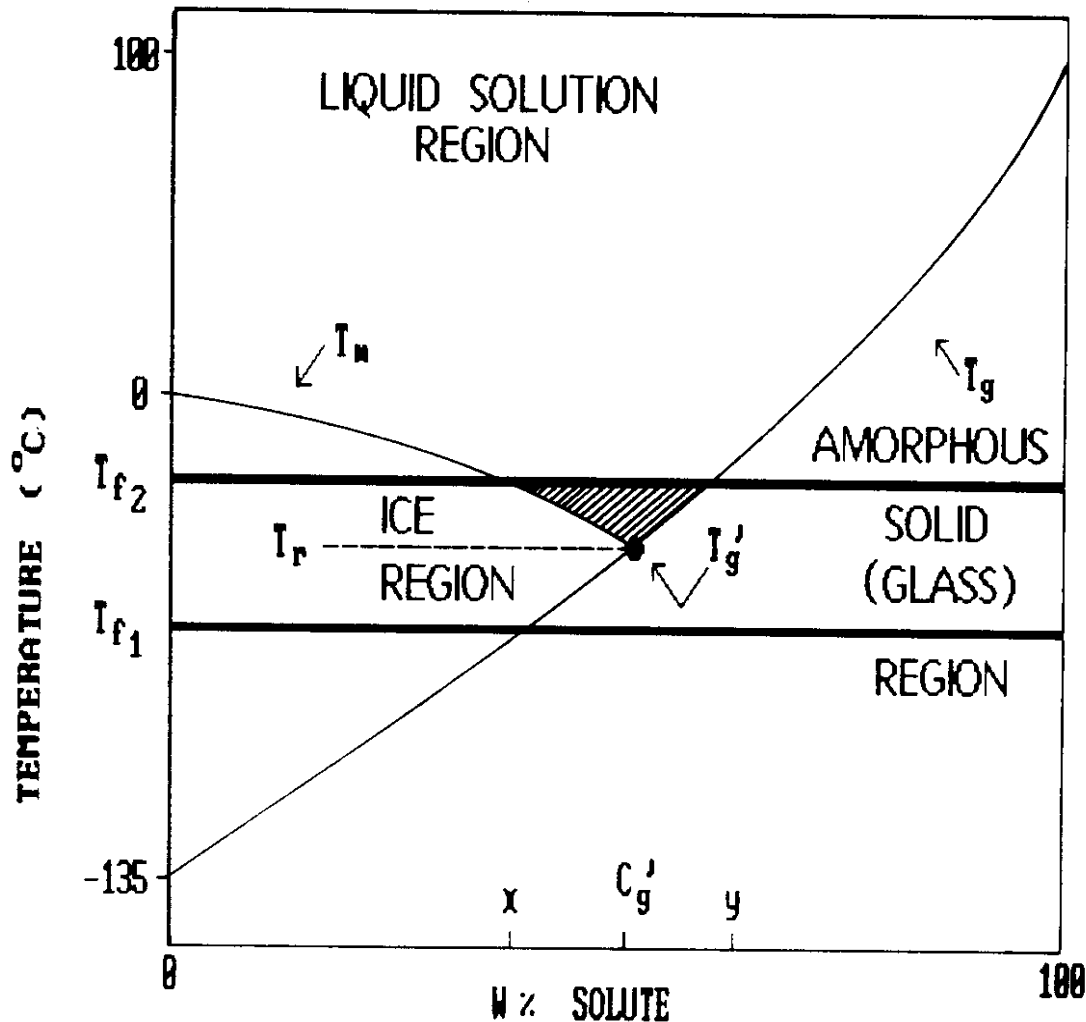


Cryotechnnology of Frozen Foods

Freezing = Dehydration

FREEZER $T_{f1} < T_g'$ STABLE STORAGE

FREEZER $T_{f2} > T_g'$ PRODUCT DETERIORATION



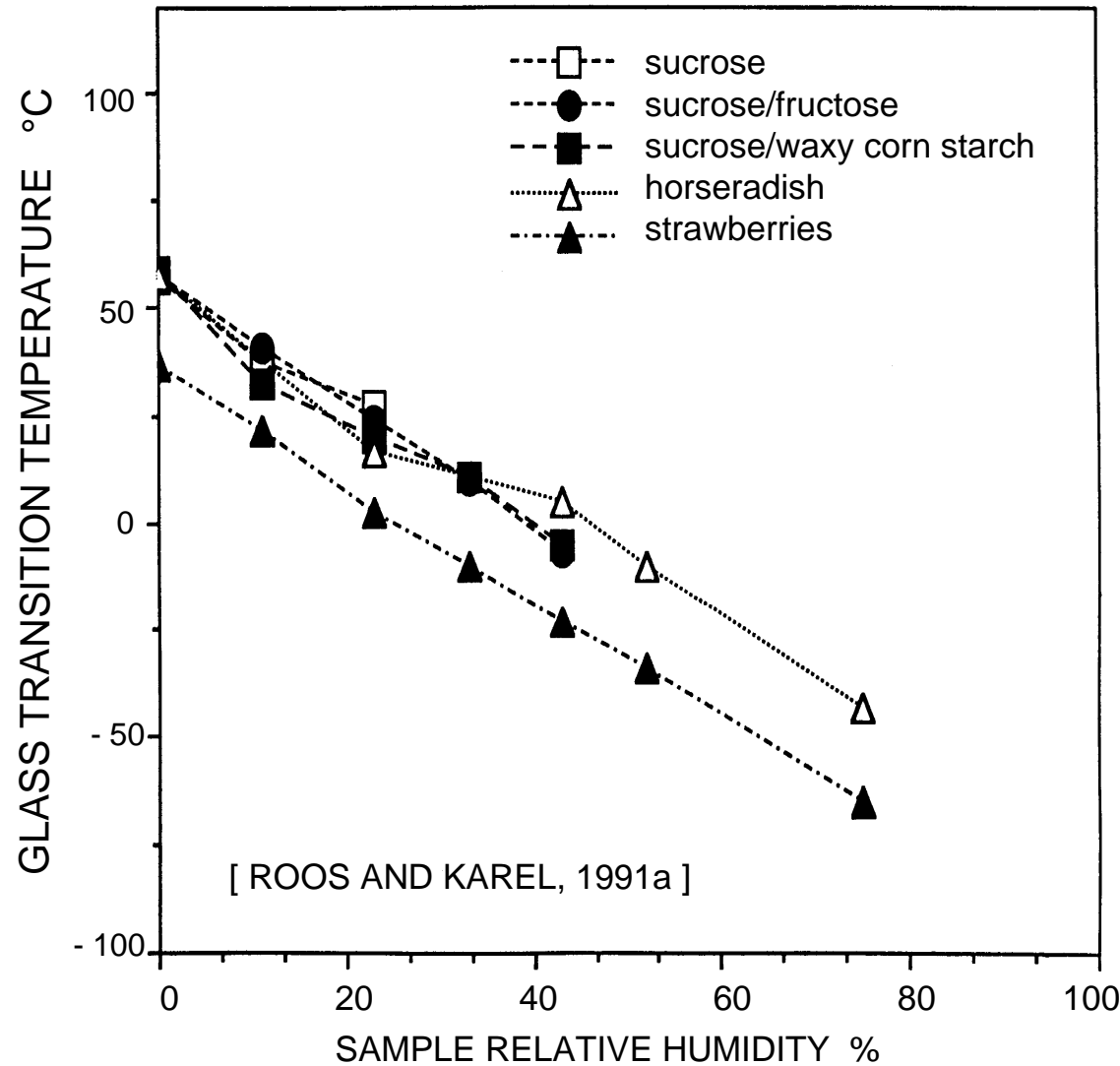
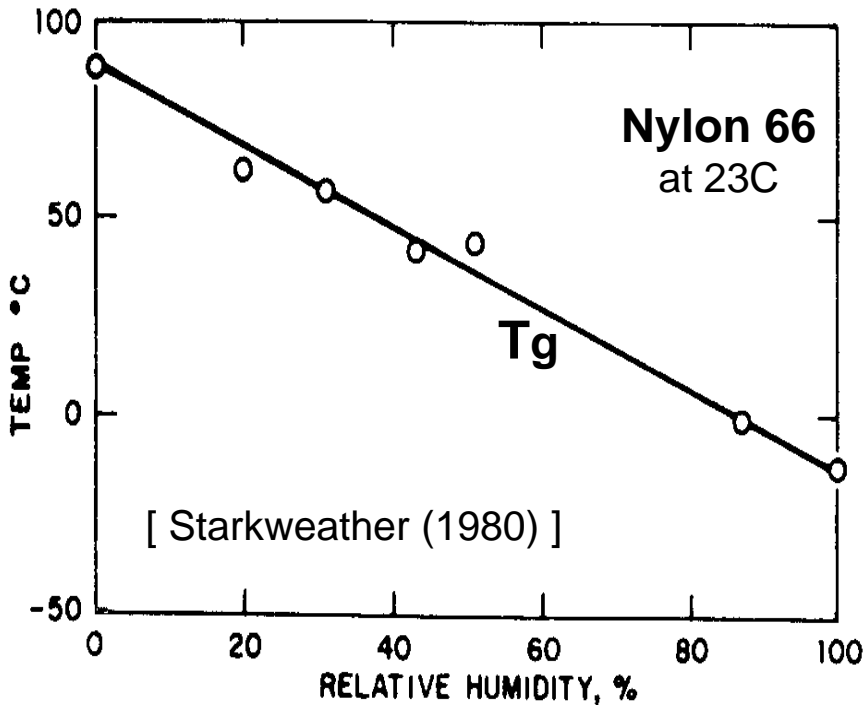
Optimum freezer temperature is below or very near above T_g' .

SAMPLE RH IS LINEAR WITH T_g , NOT WITH MOISTURE CONTENT

For synthetic polymers

and

Amorphous food materials



APPLICATION: edible barrier films based on food proteins

MOISTURE MANAGEMENT

3 REGIMES CONTROL
 HYDRATION DRYING FREEZING PRODUCT RH
 MOISTURE MIGRATION BIOLOGICAL STABILITY

III $T \gg T_g$



rvp predicts BOTH surface and bulk moisture loss

II $T < T_g$ $T \sim T_g$ $T > T_g$



rvp predicts ONLY surface evaporation NOT bulk moisture loss

I $T \ll T_g$ but $T_{g_{network}} > T > T_g$

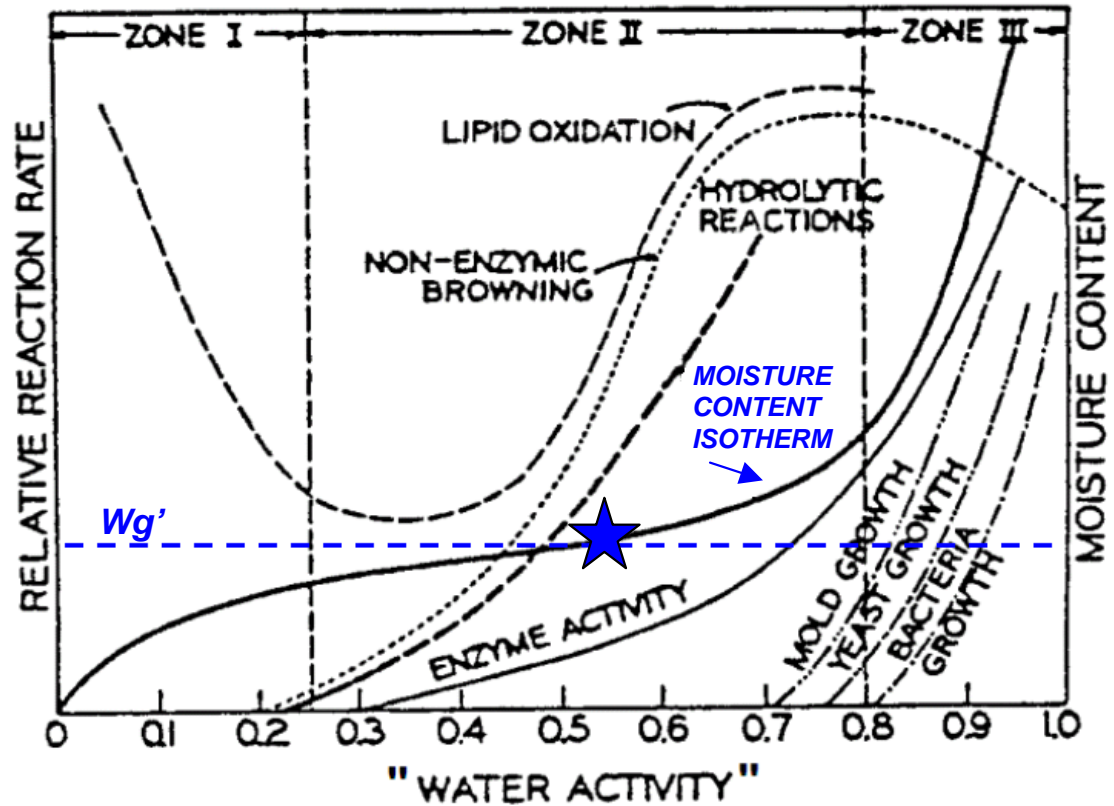


Scott (1953) Related *S. aureus* growth at 30°C to "Aw"
 Controlled rvp with sucrose; growth when rvp = 0.88 with ~ 62 % sucrose
 no growth when rvp = 0.86 with ~ 67.5% sucrose
 $T_g = T_g' = -32^\circ\text{C}$ ~ 64 % sucrose

HOW TO INTERPRET 3 ZONES OF GENERIC SORPTION ISOTHERM

Labuza Food Stability Map 20°C

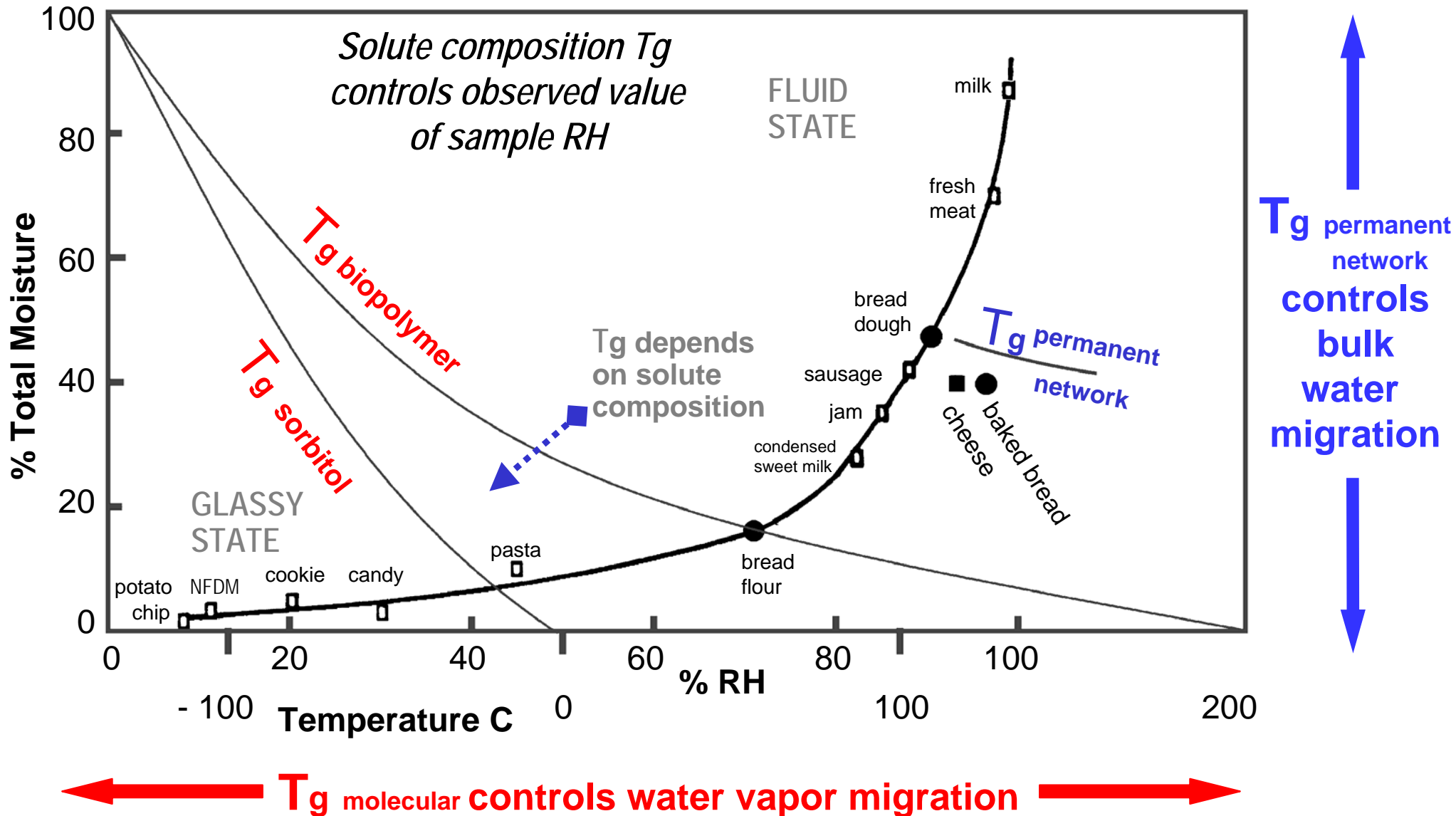
$T \ll T_g$ | $T < T_g$ $T \sim T_g$ $T > T_g$ | $T \gg T_g$



0 ----- rvp = NErvp ----- 0.95 rvp ~ Aw 0.995 rvp = mole fxn water concentration 1.0
 NONequilibrium Equilibrium Equilibrium
 NONideal NONideal Ideal
 100% reference sucrose concentration ~ 43% ~ 6% 0%

MULTIPLE TEXTURE STABILIZATION REQUIRES CONTROL OF MOISTURE CONTENT, SAMPLE RH, T_g molecular, T_g network

Bread and cheese are thermoset permanent protein disulfide networks
=> easy to dehydrate surface, but difficult to remove bulk water content



LEVELS OF $S \leftrightarrow F$ RELATIONSHIPS

MOLECULAR $\xrightarrow{\text{ENTANGLEMENT}}$ SUPRA-MOLECULAR

1D MONOMER
POLYMER

FIBER

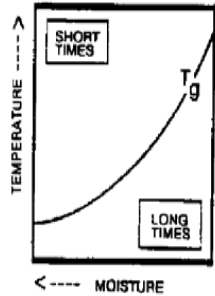
2D FILM

FILM

3D GLASSY MATRIX

**GLASSY MATRIX
NETWORK
GEL**

FOOD POLYMER SCIENCE APPROACH TO INGREDIENT SELECTION



**WATER
AT EVERY
LEVEL !!!**

STRUCTURE

FUNCTION

INGREDIENT

**GLASSY
MATRIX**

MOISTURE MANAGEMENT III

MOISTURE MANAGEMENT II

ENCAPSULATION
ICE CRYSTAL CONTROL
EXTRUSION HALF-SNACKS
SOFT vs HARD
SHELF LIFE

FAT BLOOM

FILM

PUFFING
MICROWAVE HALF-SNACKS
VACUUM FRYING
CRISPNESS
ADHESION / COHESION
EXTENSIBILITY
ENHANCE COOKIE SPREAD
ENHANCE STACK HEIGHT

SUGARS

SUGAR ALCOHOLS

SHP

DESIGNED
HPs
BIOTECHNOLOGY

POLYDEXTROSE

FATS

STARCH
AMYLOPECTIN

GLUTEN
GLIADEN*

CASEINATE

GELATIN

EGG WHITE

WHEY

CHEMICAL LEAVENERS

STRUCTURE

FUNCTION

INGREDIENT

MOISTURE MANAGEMENT I

FIBER

REINFORCEMENT
SHREDDING
MOUTHFEEL
TOUGHNESS
CRUNCHINESS

SOY

STARCH
AMYLOSE

GLUTEN
GLUTENIN*

CASEINATE

GELATIN

NETWORK

MOISTURE MANAGEMENT III

RUBBERINESS
ELASTICITY
RETARD COOKIE SPREAD
MAINTAIN STACK HEIGHT
DRYING
POROSITY
EXTEND BOWL LIFE
EXTEND SHELF LIFE

STARCH
MIRAGEL

GLUTEN*

CELL WALL
POLYMERS

PENTOSAN*

BETA GLUCAN

COCOA*

GEL

GELATION

STARCH*

GELATIN

PENTOSANS*

GLUTEN*

CASEINATE

EGG WHITE

SOY

FOR REDUCED CHOs

RESISTANT STARCHES

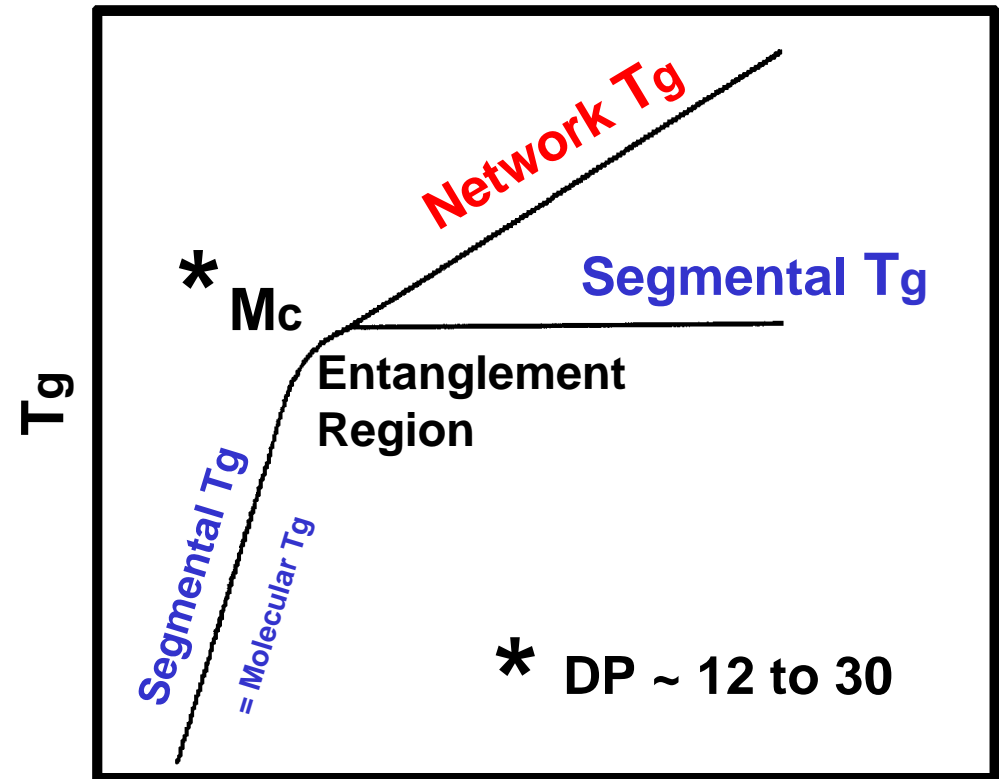
Segmental vs Supramolecular Structure - Function Relationships

Oriented polymer system model for uniaxially stretched gluten films: network reinforced by anisotropic fibrils



(Research & Development, October 1988)

SEGMENTAL T_g constant above M_c
 BUT
 NETWORK T_g continues to increase



Linear Degree of Polymerization

DESPITE THE COMPLEXITY OF THE HEXAPLOID WHEAT GENOME FOR GLUTEN PROTEINS ----
 POLYMERIZATION OF GLUTENINS TO MACROPOLYMERS AND ASSOCIATION AS FIBRILS AND NETWORKS
 PREDOMINATE OVER GENETICS AS DETERMINANTS OF DOUGH STRENGTH

COLIN WRIGLEY CFW 48:261 2003

COOKIE BAKING MECHANISM

EFFECT OF FLOUR TYPE

BREAD
POOR

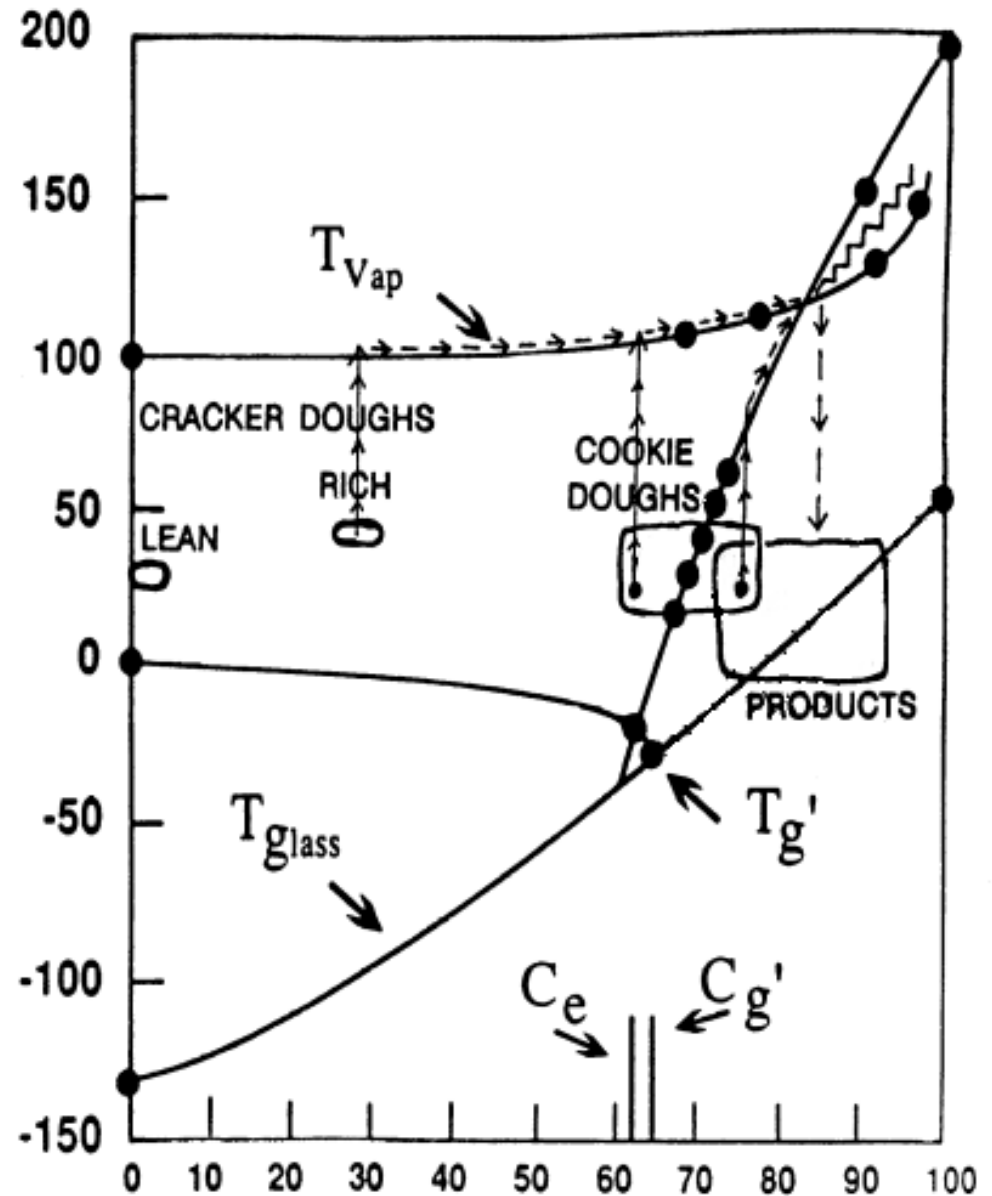
COOKIE
EXCELLENT



BAKING TIME (min)

EFFECT OF SUGAR CONCENTRATION

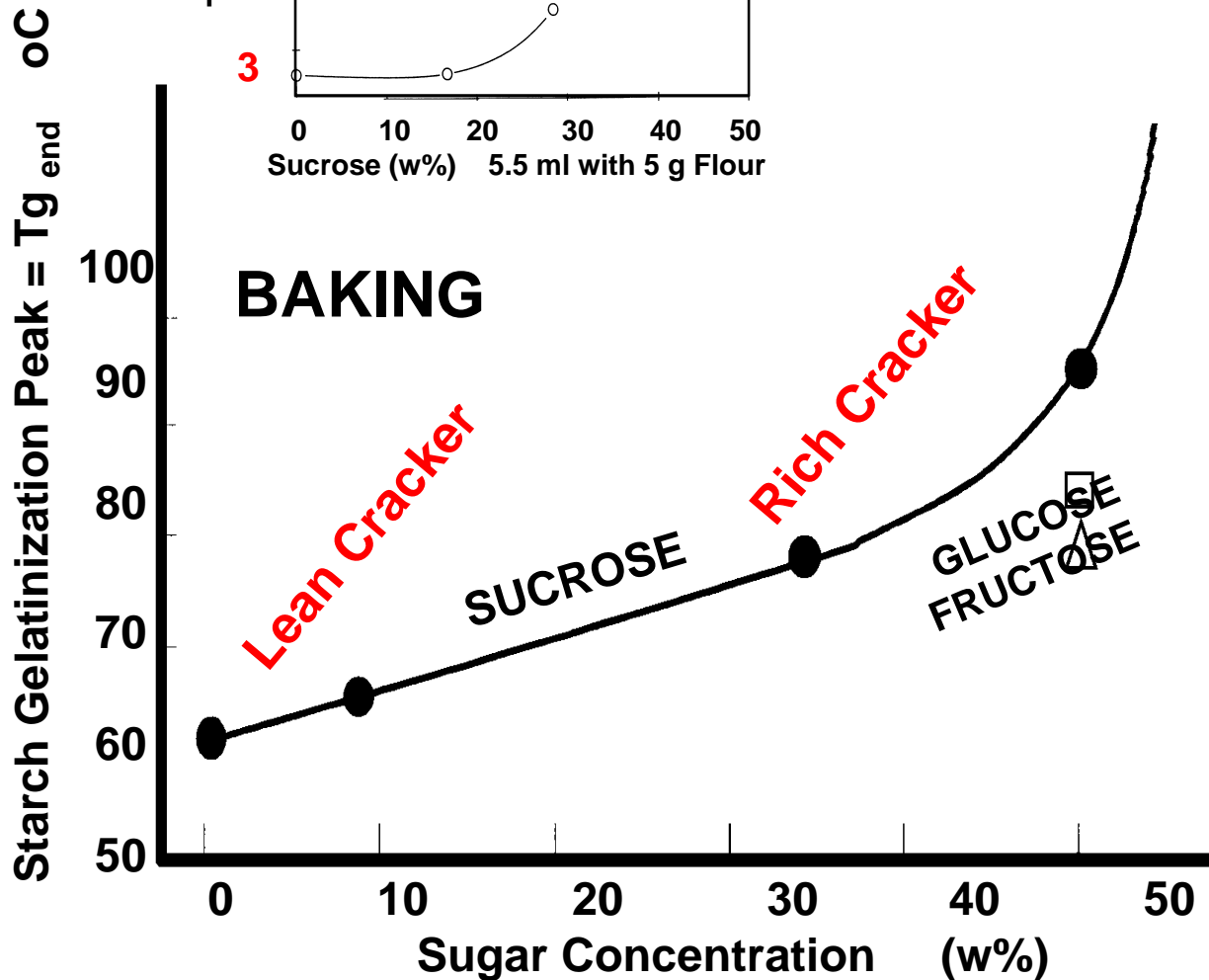
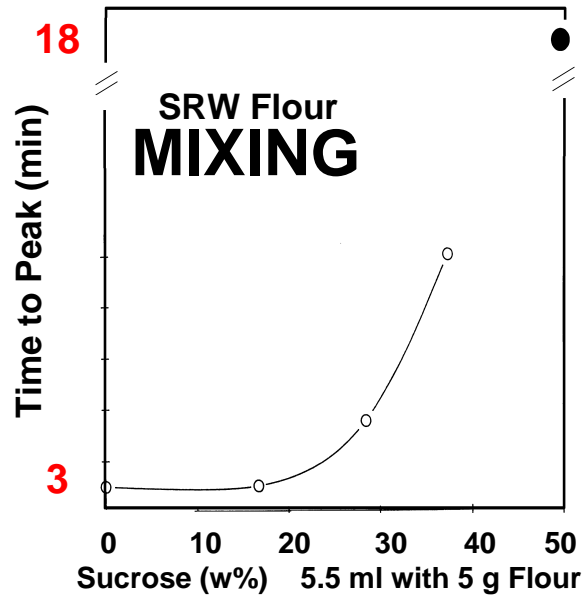
EXTENDED SUCROSE STATE DIAGRAM
AS A BISCUIT BAKING FUNCTIONALITY MAP



EFFECT OF SUGAR CONCENTRATION

Sugar Snap Cookie AACCC 10-52
74 - 80%

Wire-cut Cookie AACCC 10-53
~ 67%

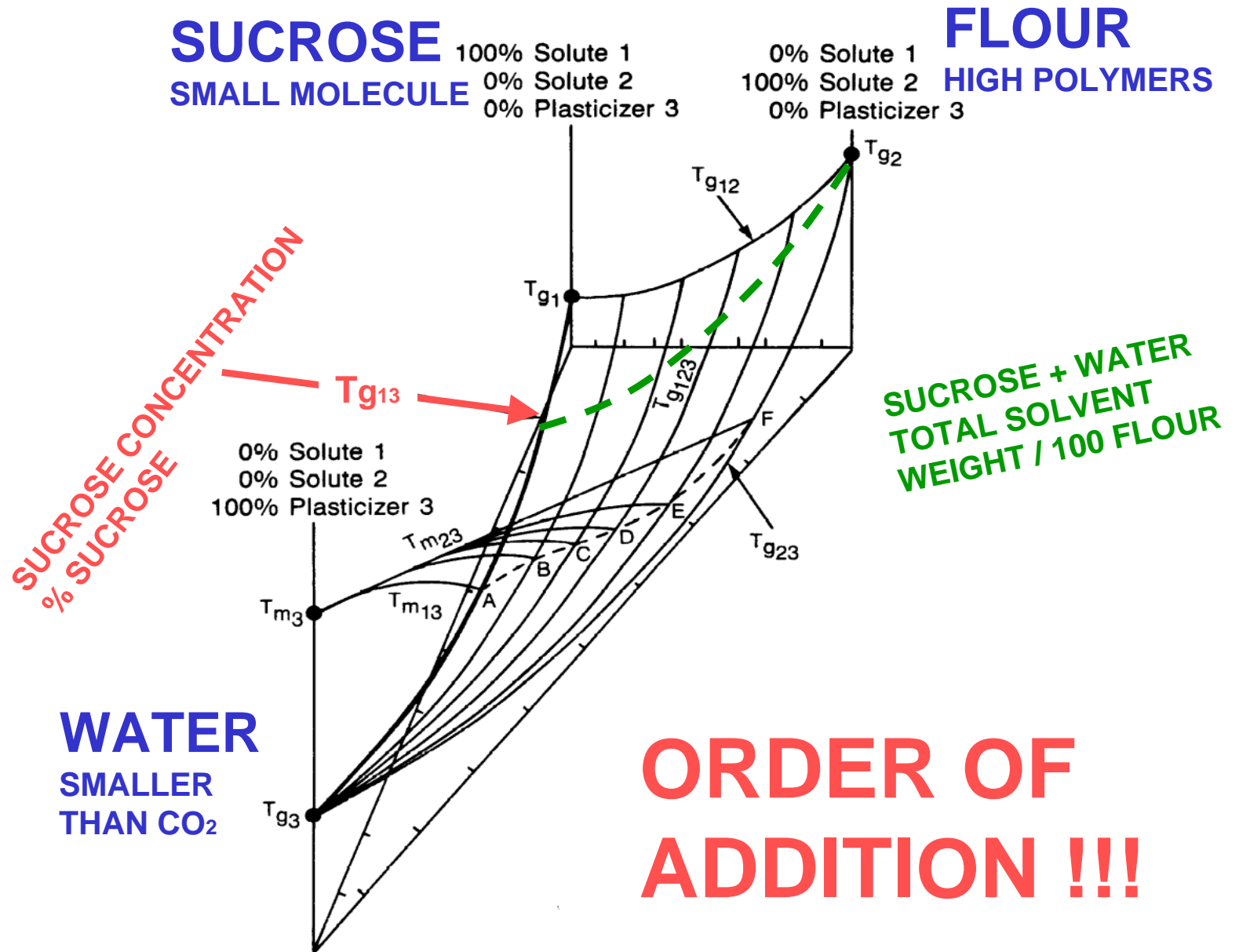


KINETICS

OF MIXING < 50°C

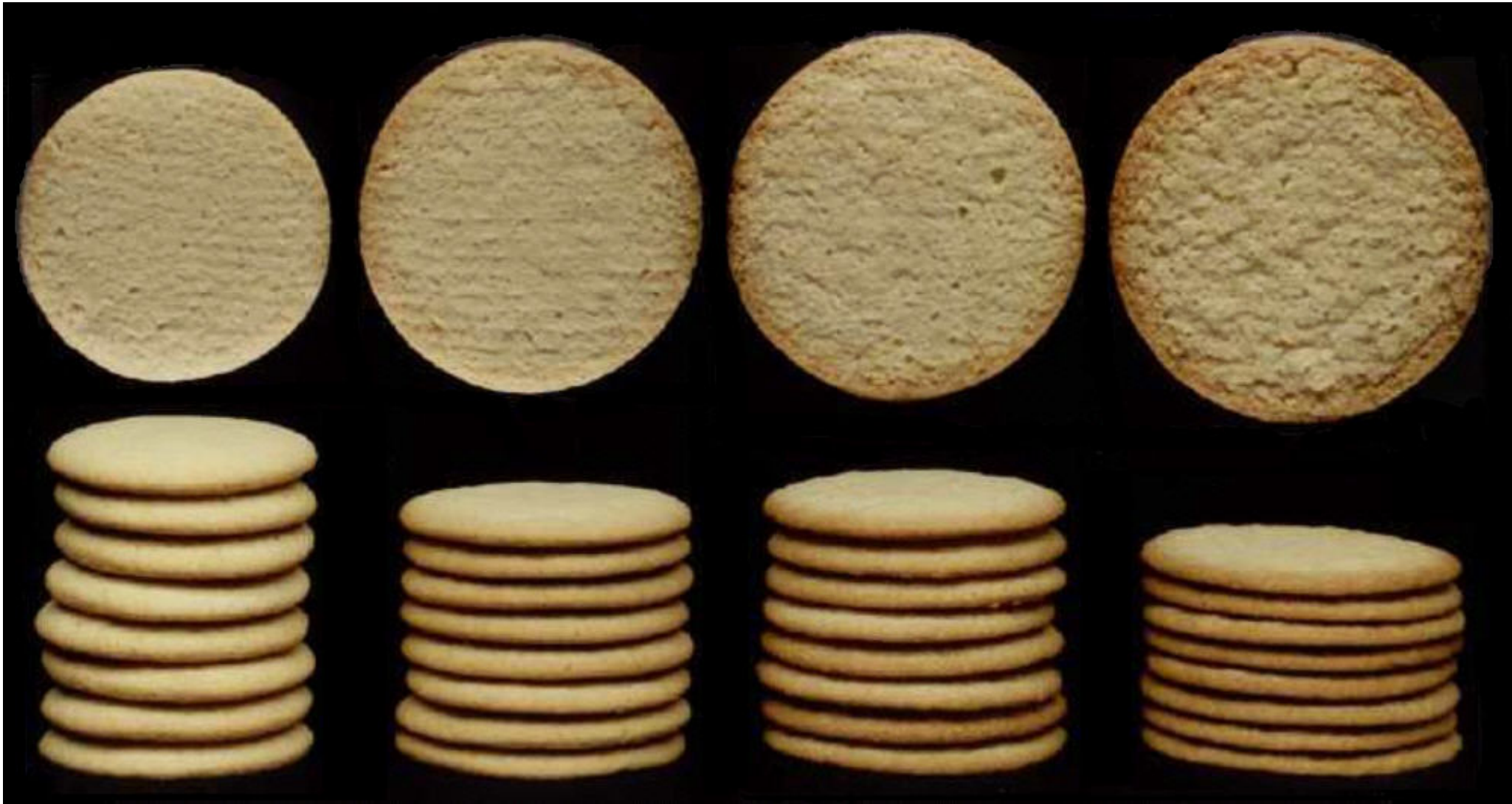
OF BAKING > 50°C

3D STATE DIAGRAM AS FUNCTIONALITY MAP FOR COOKIE BAKING



AACC 10-53
Wire Cut Model

AACC 10-52
Sugar Snap Model



Sucrose 40
Water 23
S% 63.5%
TS 63
 η^* 240

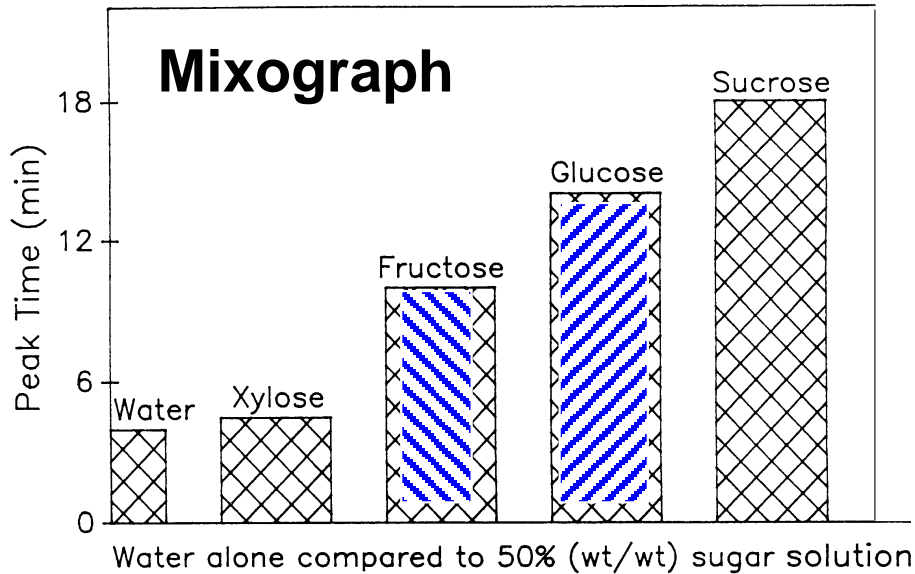
45.54
17.46
72.3%
63
308 firmest

52.7
30.3
63.5%
83
94 softest

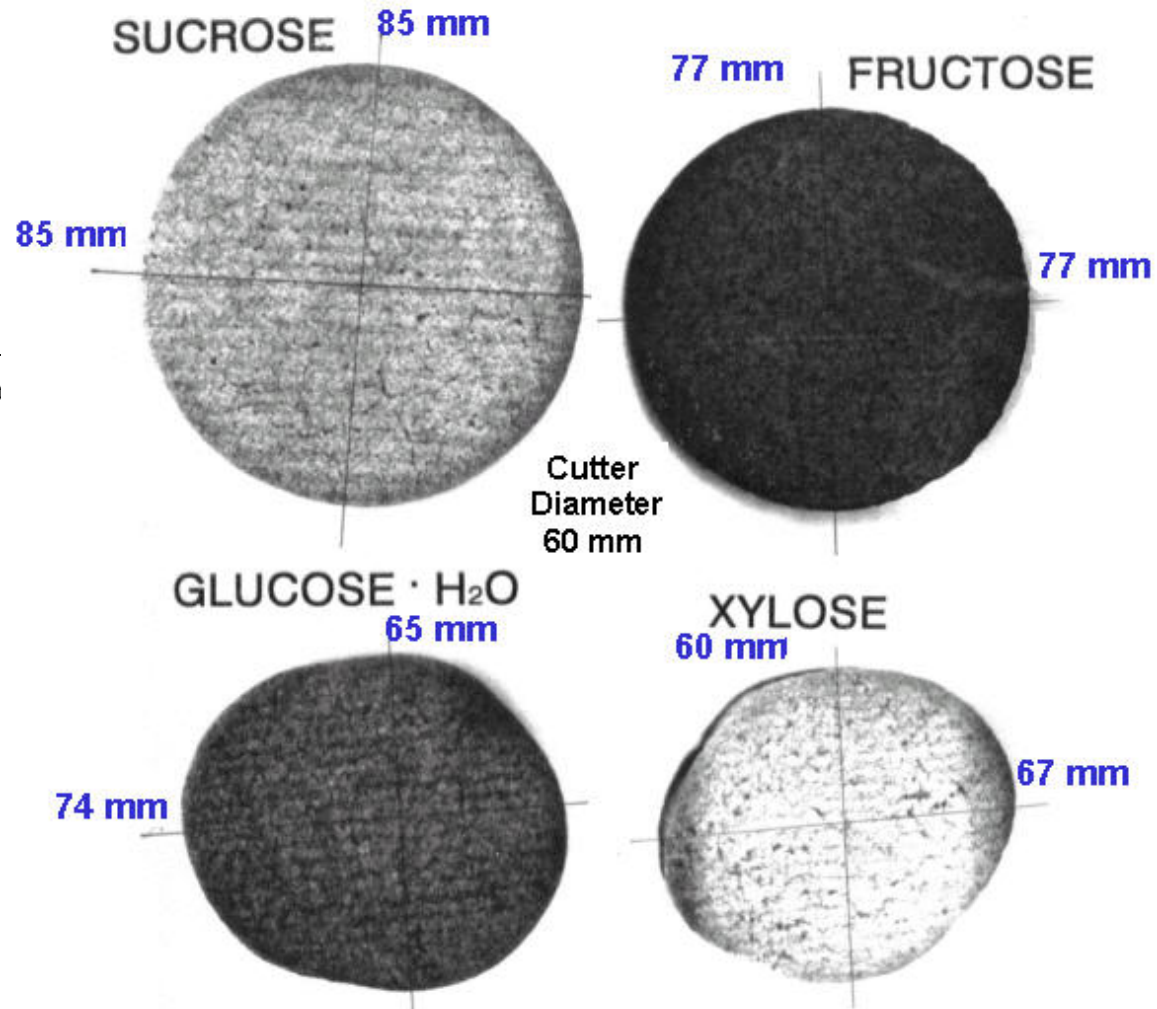
60
23
72.3%
83
156

EFFECT OF SUGAR TYPE

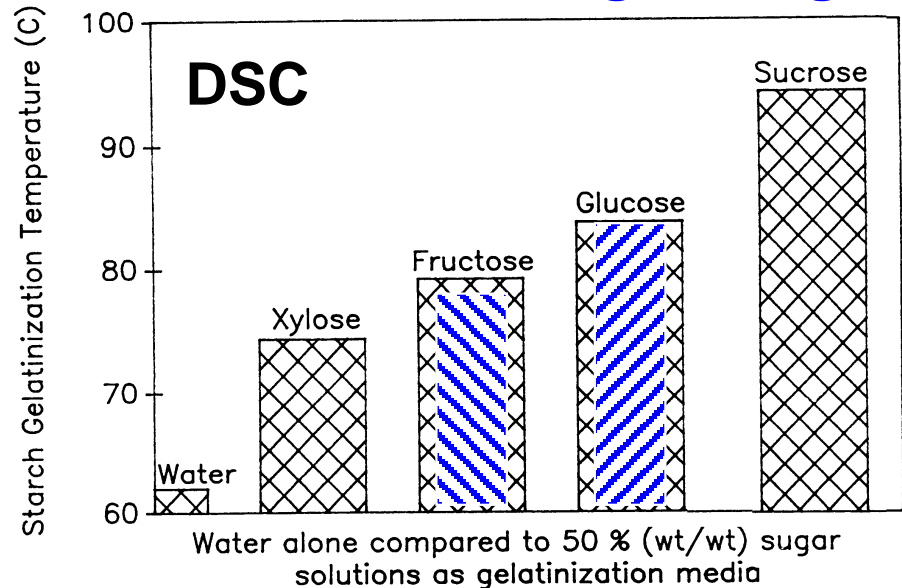
on gluten during mixing



SUGAR SNAP COOKIE BAKING

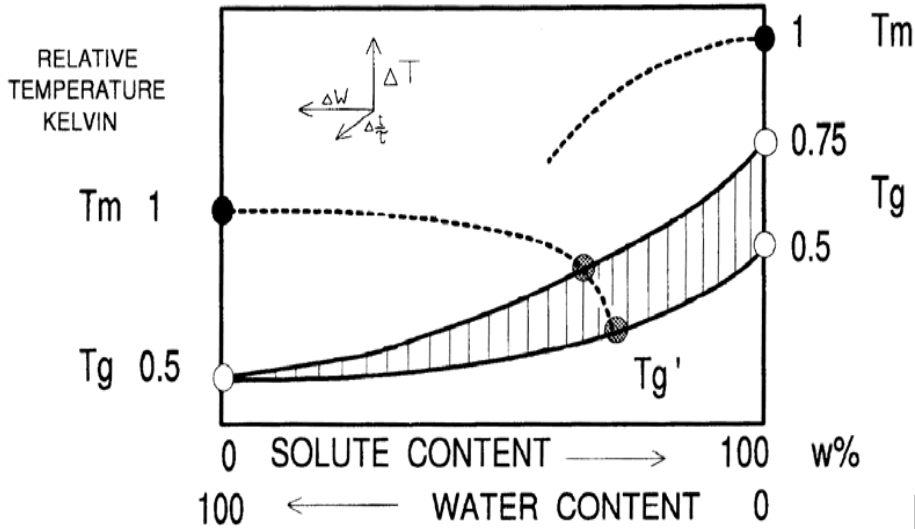


on starch during baking



USE OF MAP TO CREATE SUPERIOR RESISTANT STARCH

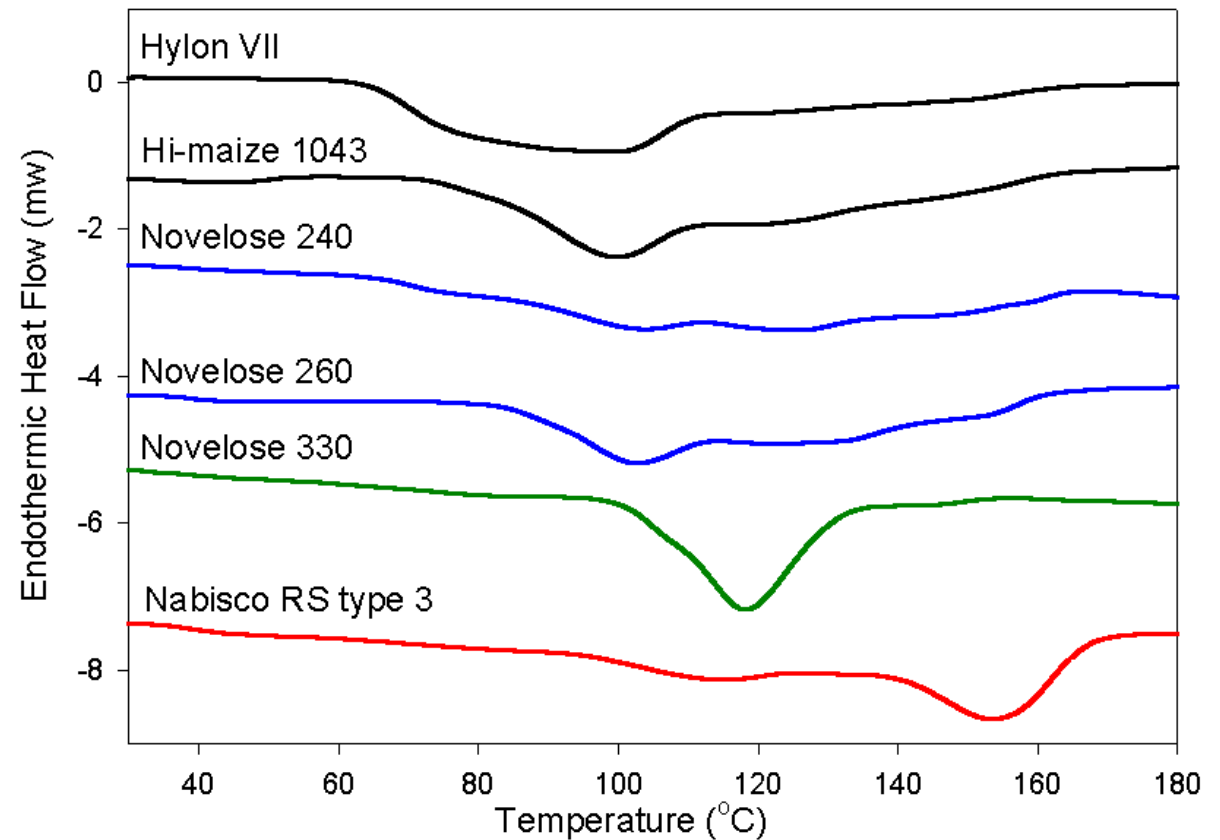
FIND SYSTEM ON t-T-M MAP ISO-FUNCTIONALITY CONTOUR LINES || T_g CURVE



Target 150C

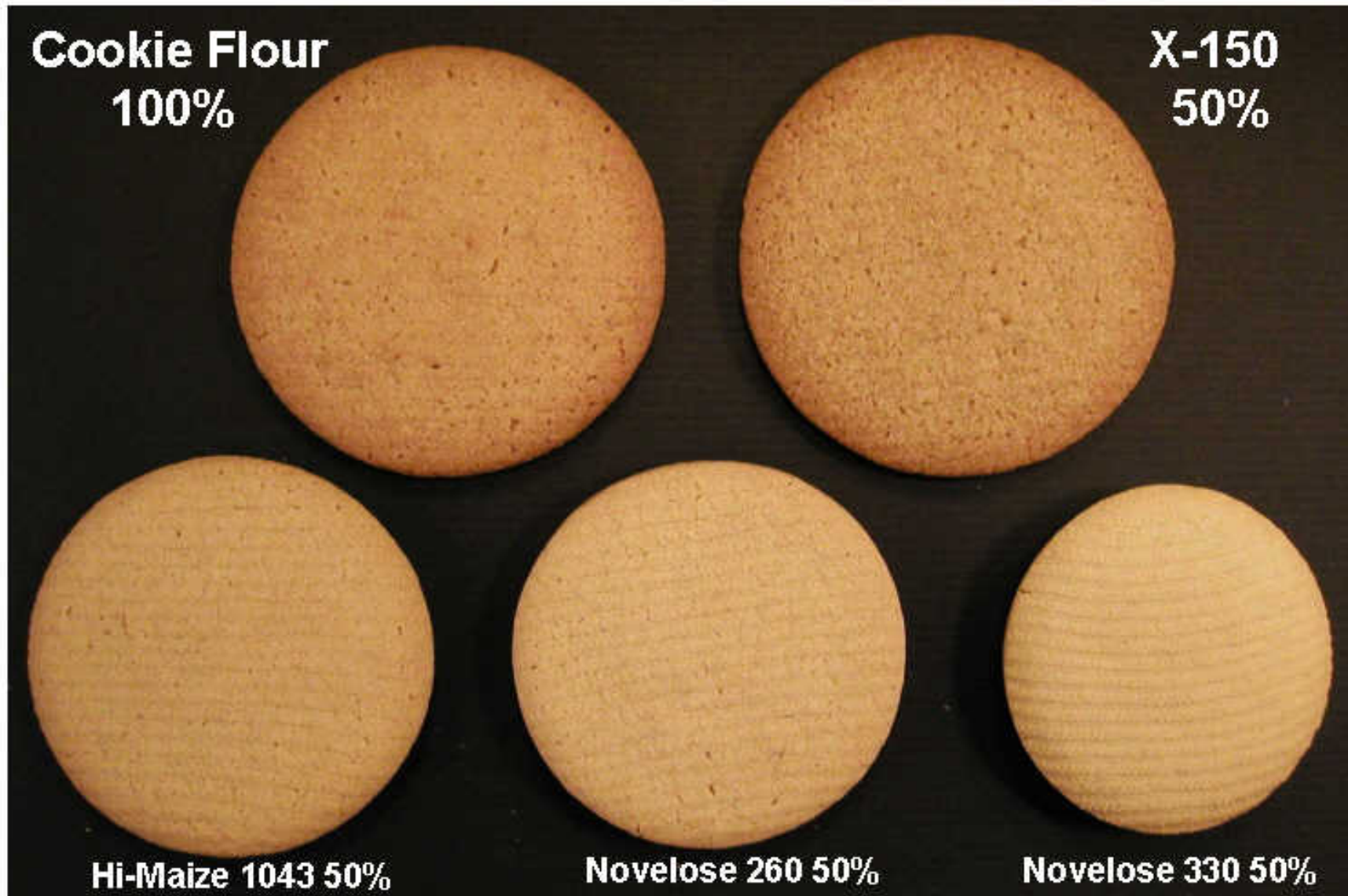
**Avoid L-Am
110-130C**

Thermal stability of Nabisco RS type 3



AACC 10-53 Wire-Cut Cookie Test Baking

with Cookie Flour Control versus 50% Replacement of Flour by Nabisco Patented X-150 or Commercial Resistant Starch Ingredients

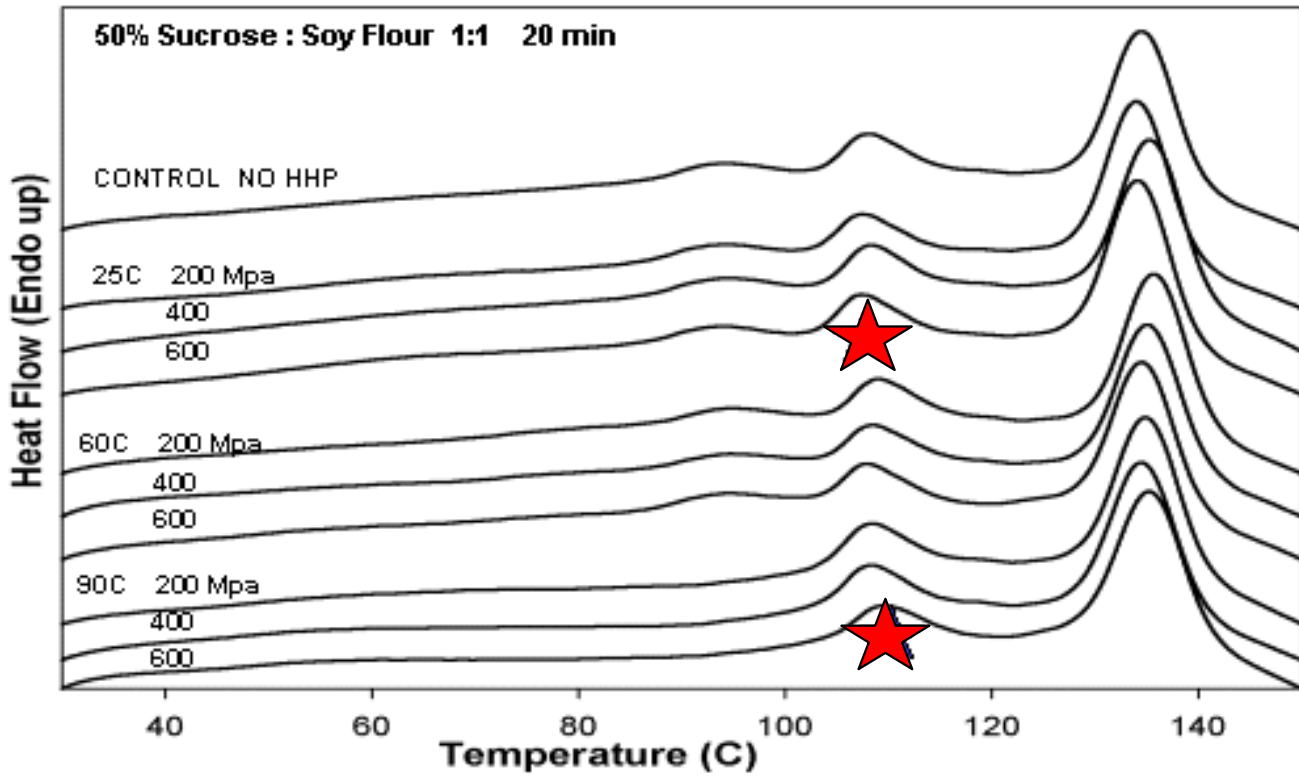
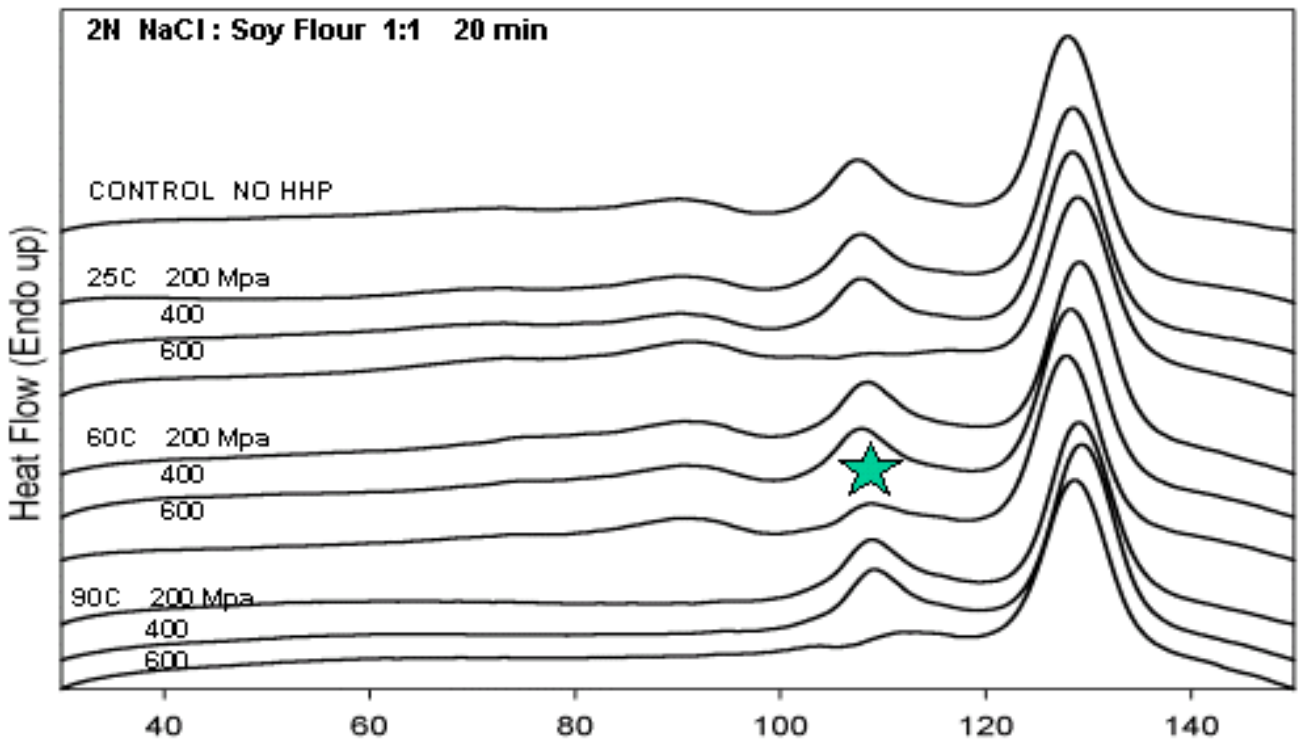


INVERTED SHOULDER

HHP → 4th DIMENSION

ENERGETICS

Aqueous salt solution is NOT a glass-forming solvent



KINETICS

Order of addition effect of glass-forming sugar-water plasticizer blend on soy protein Td (denaturation peak temperature = end of glass transition region)

BAROPROTECTION

not so **NEW APPROACH TO FOOD RESEARCH**
BUT STILL EVOLVING !!

(over 75 thesis programs and 2000 publications from industry, government, and academia)

**MOISTURE
MANAGEMENT**

**PROCESS CONTROL
STORAGE STABILITY**

"WATER ACTIVITY"
THEORY OF CONTROL

GLASS TRANSITION
EFFECT ON PROCESSING

FOOD POLYMER SCIENCE

WATER DYNAMICS

GLASS DYNAMICS

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Questions and answers will be collated and sent to everyone