A Study on Organic Modification of Damping Properties of Polyurethane Materials for Building

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Abstract: The damping property of viscoelastic dampers is mainly based on the shear hysteretic behavior of viscoelastic materials, so as to reduce the dynamic response of viscoelastic materials. Therefore, the viscoelastic damping properties of viscoelastic materials greatly affect the viscoelastic dampers. At present, viscoelastic materials mainly use rubber materials, but in this thesis, the excellent properties of polyurethane elastomer materials are used to replace rubber materials and applied to viscoelastic dampers. However, pure polyurethane elastomer damping properties are related to poor performance, so it should be modified. Based on the research of inorganic filler-modified polyurethane elastomer, the research group modified the three kinds of organic chemicals with hydroxyl silicone oil, HTPB liquid rubber and epoxy resin E-51, in the low frequency region of 0.025Hz-1.5Hz through the dynamic load test machine to test the damping performance.

1 Introduction

The polyurethane elastomers contain microphase separation structure. The soft segment provides elastic function and the hard one has the enhancement in filling and cross-linking. Many Chinese and foreign scholars have done a lot of research on changing the damping property based on the fact that the damping property of pure polyurethane elastomer is poor.

Tan Wenli1 and others of Jiangnan University modified the polyacrylate adhesive by hydroxyl silicone oil and studied the effect of its mechanical properties to indicate that the physical characteristics of the adhesive can be improved by modifying it. The influence of the structure and physical properties of the modified RPUF on the hydroxy-terminated liquid rubber was studied by Hejiang Ping2 and others of the chemical materials institute of China Institute of Engineering Physics which ascertained that the one with lower viscosity has relatively strong impact toughness, and the one with larger viscosity and polar cyanide has high mechanical loss, even the yield strength and the absorption of the buffer energy are relatively low. Pan Guangjun3 and others of Qingdao University of Science and technology also got the modified PUE through the epoxy resin modified PU and tested it, which shows that the hardness, tensile strength and tearing strength of PUE are the lowest when the mass fraction of epoxy resin up to 5%.

The research group reacted with hydroxyl silicone oil, HTPB liquid rubber, epoxy resin E-51, and also studied the damping and mechanical properties of the modified elastomer on the basis of researching the effects of four kinds of inorganic filler of mica powder, Zinc Oxide, silica and glass fiber on the properties of polyurethane viscoelastic dampers. Test by dynamic loading test machine under 0.025Hz ~ 1.5Hz, the hysteresis curve of load displacement is obtained, and the damping performance is analyzed.

2 Experimental section

2.1 Raw materials and instruments

Polyoxypropylene glycol (PPG), industrial grade, Shandong usos Chemical Technology Co Ltd. Toluene disocyanate (TDI), analytically pure, Bayer, Germany. 3,3'- two chlorine -4,4'- two amino two phenyl methane (MOCA), industrial grade, Suzhou Xiangyuan special Fine Chemical Co., Ltd. Hydroxy silicone oil, industrial grade, Wuxi city full Chemical Co., Ltd. Release agent for silicone oil, industrial grade, Lorr chemical (Shanghai) Co. Ltd. Hydroxy terminated polybutadiene, industrial grade, Sichuan multi element Pharmaceutical Technology Co., Ltd. 50T flatbed vulcanizing machine, Hebei Zheng Shi Hydraulic Machinery Co., Ltd. Dynamic loading test machine, mold, self-made, as shown in Figure 1, 2, 3.
2.2 Experimental method

The specific synthesis steps are as followed. First, the calculated amount of PPG-1500 and hydroxyl silicone oil or HTPB liquid rubber should be weighed, then mix and stir for ultrasonic for 30 minutes, and dehydrate it for 2 hours in the electrothermal constant temperature vacuum drying box at 110 degrees, after that, cool it to 50 degrees in three flasks and add the calculated TDI. Then, we should slowly heat it up to 80±5 °C, and react it for 2-3H to get the polyurethane prepolymer in order to measure its -NCO content. Next, we need to add the calculated chain extender or epoxy resin and mix it, and stir it even after the mixing, then to deform inject the grinding tool and cure for 30 min at 110 °C. Last, it should be pressed 4H on the vulcanizing machine, and cured at 110 °C for 3 hours after the demoulding to get the modified elastomer.

2.3 Performance test

The viscoelastic dampers made in the low frequency zone (0.025Hz-1.5Hz) are used to test the damping performance by dynamic loading test machine to get the hysteresis curves and calculate the relative damping coefficients. The design parameters of viscoelastic dampers in this experiment are shown as follows. The equivalent damping ratio is an important index to measure the damping of viscoelastic materials. Equivalent damping ratio = $4\pi$ times of strain energy stored in a cycle when the energy / system dissipation is maximal. Using the related formulae of viscoelastic materials, the equivalent damping ratio of viscoelastic dampers can be calculated.

### Table 1 Design parameters for viscoelastic dampers

| Matrix material | Viscoelastic area (mm$^2$) | Viscoelastic layer thickness (mm) | Steel plate thickness (mm) | Viscoelastic layer number |
|-----------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| Polyurethane    | 2500                        | 15                              | 10                        | 2                        |

3 Experiment and discussion

3.1 Unmodified polyurethane elastomer

The hysteresis curve of polyurethane elastomers without inorganic filler is tested by dynamic loading test machine, as shown below.

### Table 2 damping unmodified elastomer correlation coefficient

| Displacement amplitude (mm) | Frequency (Hz) | Equivalent damping ratio | Hysteresis curve area (J) |
|-----------------------------|----------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| 0.025                       | 0.09           | 7.06                     |
| 0.05                        | 0.07           | 4.18                     |
| 0.1                         | 0.03           | 0.73                     |
| 0.25                        | 0.20           | 12.33                    |
| 4                           | 0.74           | 14.65                    |

From above, through the correlation coefficient of viscoelastic material, the results are as Table 2:
Table 3  Unmodified elastomers have the corresponding maximum force at each frequency stage

| frequency (Hz) | The maximum force (N) |
|----------------|-----------------------|
| 0.025          | 3270                  |
| 0.05           | 3220                  |
| 0.1            | 3110                  |
| 0.25           | 2435                  |
| 0.5            | 1555                  |
| 0.75           | 995                   |
| 1.0            | 740                   |
| 1.5            | 430                   |

Table 4  Hydroxyl - silicone - modified polyurethane elastomer damping correlation coefficient

| Displacement amplitude (mm) | Frequency (Hz) | Equivalent damping ratio | Hysteresis curve area (J) |
|-----------------------------|----------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| 0.025                       | 0.11           | 1.72                     |
| 0.05                        | 0.09           | 1.25                     |
| 0.1                         | 0.05           | 0.27                     |
| 0.25                        | 0.15           | 2.67                     |
| 0.5                         | 0.82           | 3.43                     |
| 0.75                        | 2.39           | 2.64                     |
| 1.0                         | 1.98           | 1.89                     |
| 1.5                         | 1.06           | 1.01                     |

Table 5  Hydroxyl silicone oil modified elastomer corresponding to the maximum force at each frequency stage

| frequency (Hz) | The maximum force (N) |
|----------------|-----------------------|
| 0.025          | 459                   |
| 0.05           | 464                   |
| 0.1            | 785                   |
| 0.25           | 615                   |
| 0.5            | 378                   |
| 0.75           | 241                   |
| 1.0            | 170                   |
| 1.5            | 101                   |

Table 6  HTPB Modified Polyurethane Elastomer Damping Correlation Coefficient

| Displacement amplitude (mm) | Frequency (Hz) | Equivalent damping ratio | Hysteresis curve area (J) |
|-----------------------------|----------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| 0.025                       | 0.11           | 5.47                     |
| 0.05                        | 0.07           | 3.55                     |
| 0.1                         | 0.09           | 2.00                     |
| 0.25                        | 0.18           | 5.62                     |
| 0.5                         | 0.75           | 8.12                     |
| 0.75                        | 1.63           | 6.39                     |
| 1.0                         | 2.32           | 4.80                     |
| 1.5                         | 1.86           | 2.71                     |

Table 7  The HTPB modified elastomer corresponds to the maximum force at each frequency stage

| frequency (Hz) | The maximum force (N) |
|----------------|-----------------------|
| 0.025          | 1779                  |
| 0.05           | 1810                  |
| 0.1            | 1492                  |
| 0.25           | 1377                  |
| 0.5            | 909                   |
| 0.75           | 599                   |
| 1.0            | 446                   |
| 1.5            | 283                   |

3.4 Epoxy resin E-51 modified polyurethane elastomer

Table 8  Epoxy resin modified elastomer damping correlation coefficient

| Displacement amplitude (mm) | Frequency (Hz) | Equivalent damping ratio | Hysteresis curve area (J) |
|-----------------------------|----------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| 0.1                         | 0.05           | 0.12                     |
| 0.25                        | 0.18           | 6.98                     |
| 0.5                         | 0.78           | 8.70                     |
| 0.75                        | 2.86           | 6.52                     |
| 1.0                         | 2.30           | 4.74                     |
| 1.5                         | 1.92           | 2.60                     |

Table 9  The epoxy resin modified elastomer corresponds to the maximum force at each frequency stage

| frequency (Hz) | Corresponding maximum force (N) |
|----------------|---------------------------------|
| 0.1            | 1999                            |
| 0.25           | 1451                            |
| 0.5            | 934                             |
| 0.75           | 615                             |
| 1.0            | 453                             |
| 1.5            | 280                             |

4 Conclusions

1) The average equivalent damping ratio of the hydroxyl silicone elastomer was increased by 9.2%, the area of the average hysteresis curve was reduced by 75.7%, and the average force decreased by 73.3% in the 0.025Hz-1.5Hz.

2) The average damping ratio of the HTPB modified polyurethane elastomer at 0.025Hz-1.5Hz increased by 15.8%, the average hysteresis curve area decreased by 36.8%, and the average force decreased by 44.8%.

3) The average equivalent damping ratio of epoxy modified polyurethane elastomers increased by 37.8% and the average hysteresis area of 0.1Hz-1.5Hz decreased by 40.6%.

The viscoelastic dampers based on the polyurethane material in this paper are between rubber viscoelastic and liquid viscous dampers. Low frequency is similar to rubber viscoelastic and distributes in the first and three quadrants. High frequency is similar to liquid viscosity, distributing averagely in four quadrants. Therefore, in this paper, the low frequency is expressed by the equivalent damping coefficient and the high frequency is expressed by the energy dissipation area when measuring.

The low frequency damping performance of the polyurethane elastomer modified by organic chemicals is
not significant, it cannot react with the liquid NBR, and the hysteresis loop of the damper is not full in the low frequency region of 0.1Hz.

This may be related to the smaller molecular weight of the polyurethane elastomer itself (the molecular weight is only a few thousand), and the rubber viscoelastic dampers are made of solid materials by blending which contains over 100 thousand weight of molecular. Next, we will increase the molecular weight and further study the damping capacity of high molecular weight polyurethane elastomers.

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