

The Power of the Curve
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B.S. in Math, 1985 + High School
Math Teacher Certification

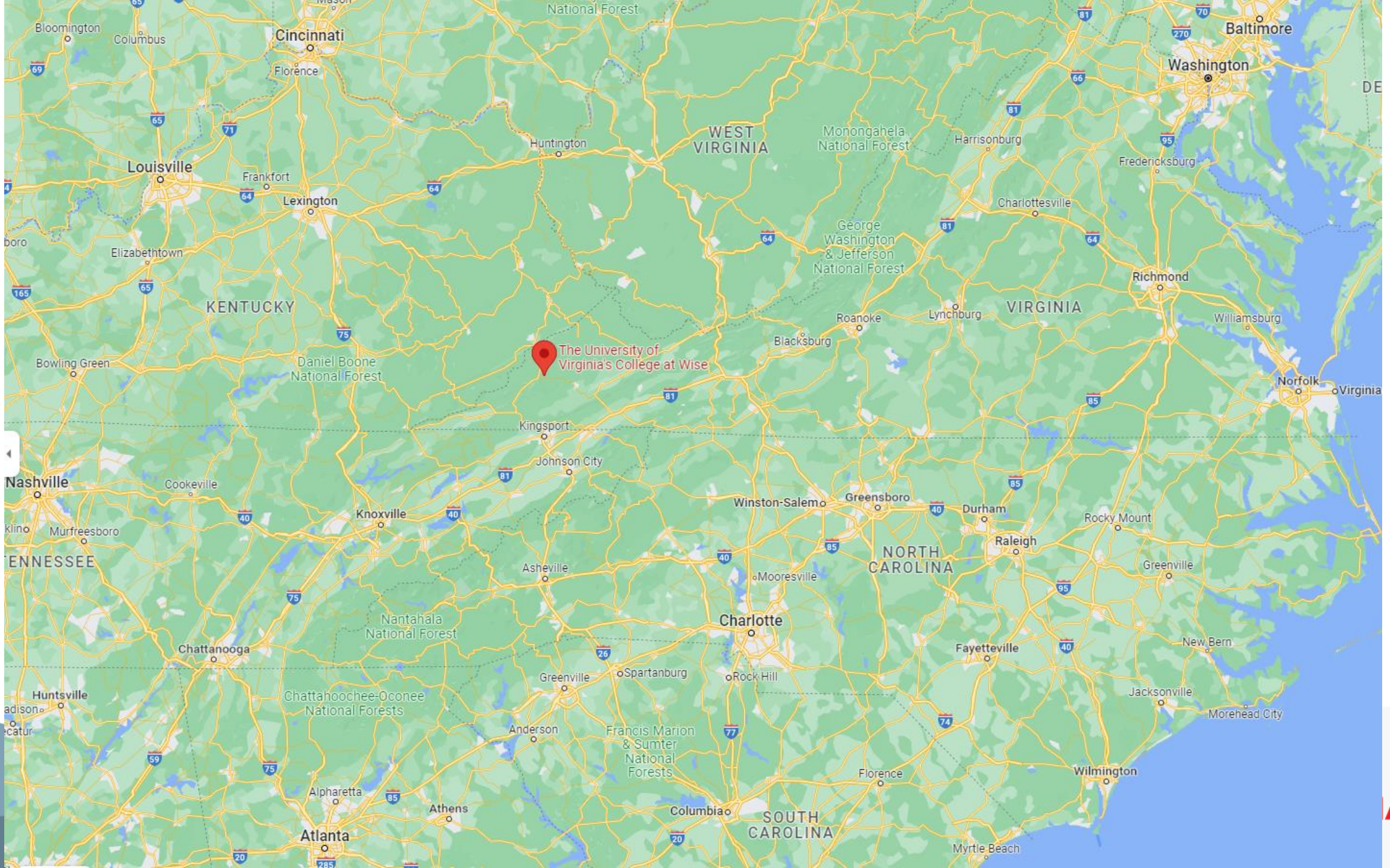
M.S. in Statistics, VA Tech, 1988

Have supported many organizations within
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Performance Films, Cellulose Esters,
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Advanced Interlayers
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– *Mark Costa*
Board Chair and Chief Executive Officer



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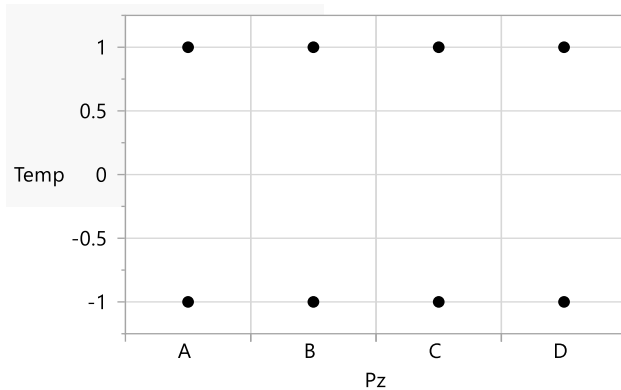
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Designed Experiments Come in Various Shapes and Sizes

Factorial and Fractional Factorial

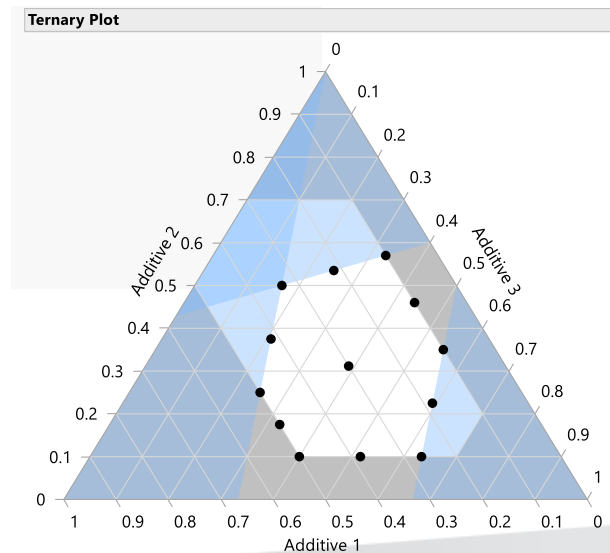
A 2x4 Factorial Experiment



8 runs + replicates

Mixture Experiments Components Add to A Constant

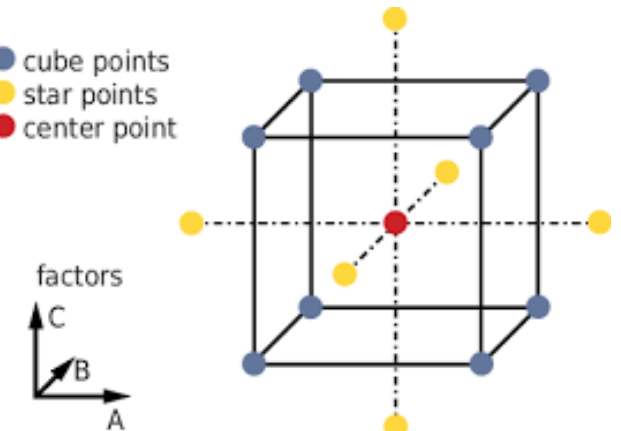
A 3-component mixture experiment with constraints
13 runs + replicates



Response Surface Design

3 Factor Central Composite

- cube points
- star points
- center point



15 runs + replicates

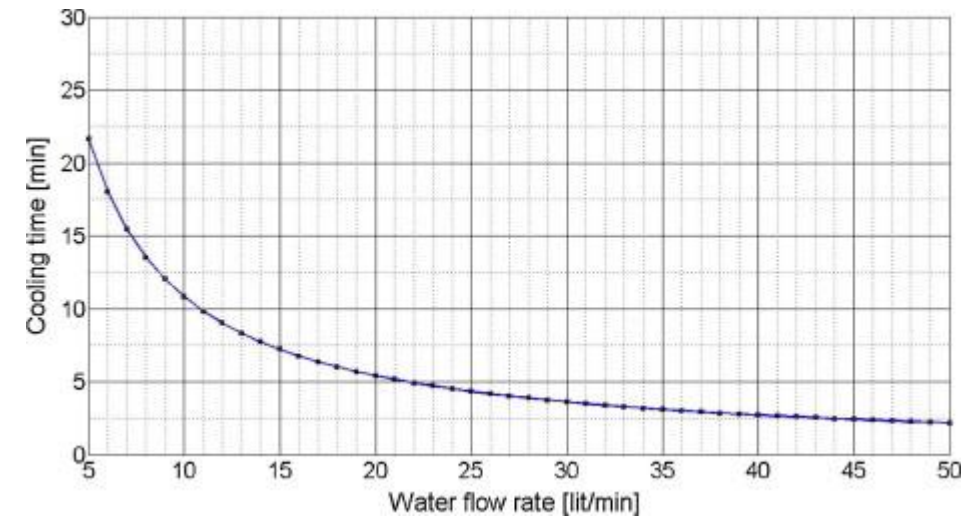
Responses for Experiments Also Come in Various Shapes and Sizes

- A single measurement on a sample
- An average of several measurements on a sample
- An average of several samples taken at the same conditions
- A standard deviation of several measurements or several samples at the same condition
- Censored data (Examples: drop height, when the sample does not break at that height and test values below the detection limit)

Responses for Experiments Also Come in Various Shapes and Sizes

■ A curve

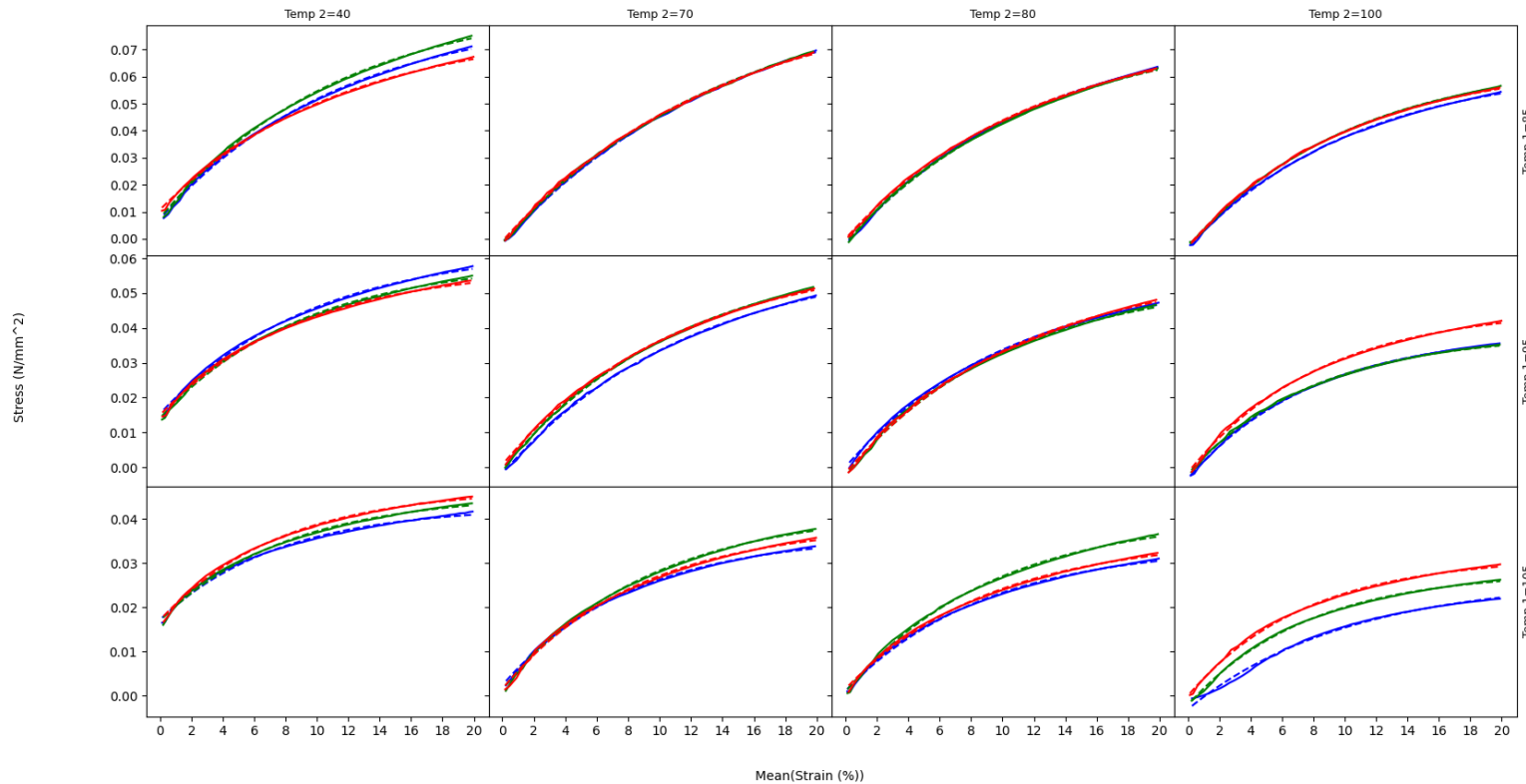
- Stress-Strain Curve – take the stress at a given strain level
- Response over time – take the response at a given time or at the end of x hours
- Viscosity as temperature rises or falls – take the response at a given temperature, or the temperature at a given viscosity as the response
- Frequency response curve in sound– use the value at a certain frequency as the response
- Dose-Response curves in drug development – use dose to achieve a certain %response



3 x 4 x 3 = 36 curves

The Power of the Curve

Experimentation to determine the effect of two processing temperatures on the **Stress@ 20 Strain**.



3x4 factorial with 3 complete replicates

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The Power of the Curve

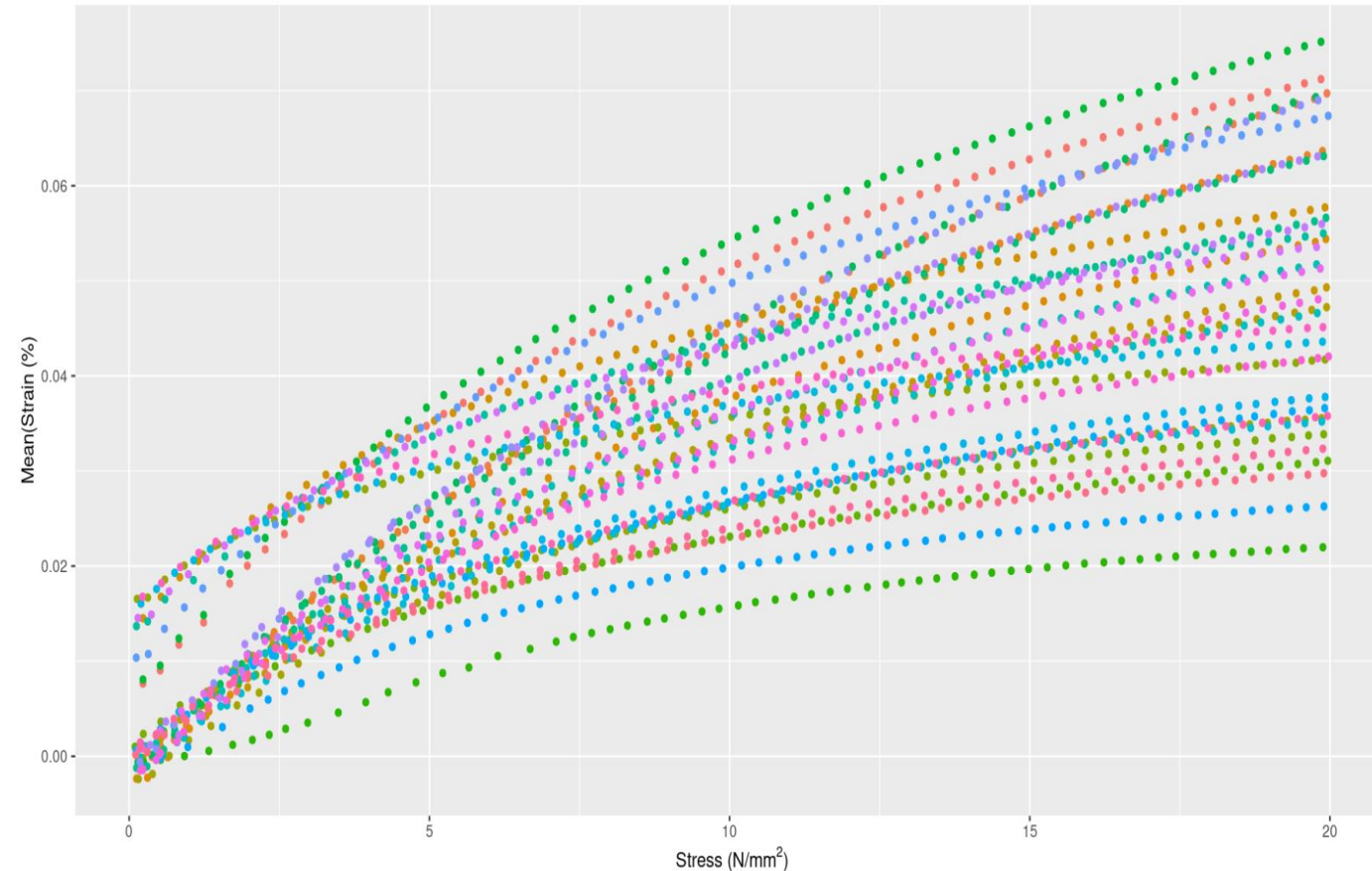
- **Original response of interest: Stress at a Strain of 20%**
- What if we could develop a model to understand how the two processing temperatures affect the Stress/Strain curve?
- What if we could understand which aspects of the curve are most affected by which variable?
- What if we could predict the Stress/Strain curve anywhere inside our design space?
- And the predictions will be within ± 0.005 of the actual stress value for the conditions we have.

Process of Analysis

- Decide what curve to fit for each run
- Fit each run and save the parameters
- Fit the parameters as a function of the variables in the study
- Decide what the optimum combination of the parameters are
- Draw a curve with the optimum set of parameters

What curve should we fit?

Stress (N/mm²) vs Mean(Strain (%))



To make this decision use process knowledge, literature searches, trying different fits.

Sometimes the non-linear parameters of the model can be scientific information, such as rates and asymptotes that mean something.

If nothing seems right, spline fits are a great option in software today, but may not provide as much scientific insight as non-linear models.

Functional data analysis (FDA) is a branch of statistics that analyzes data providing information about curves, surfaces or anything else varying over a continuum.

What curve should we fit?

Prediction Model

$$\text{Stress} = a - b * \text{Exp}(-c * \text{Strain})$$

a = Asymptote

-b = Scale

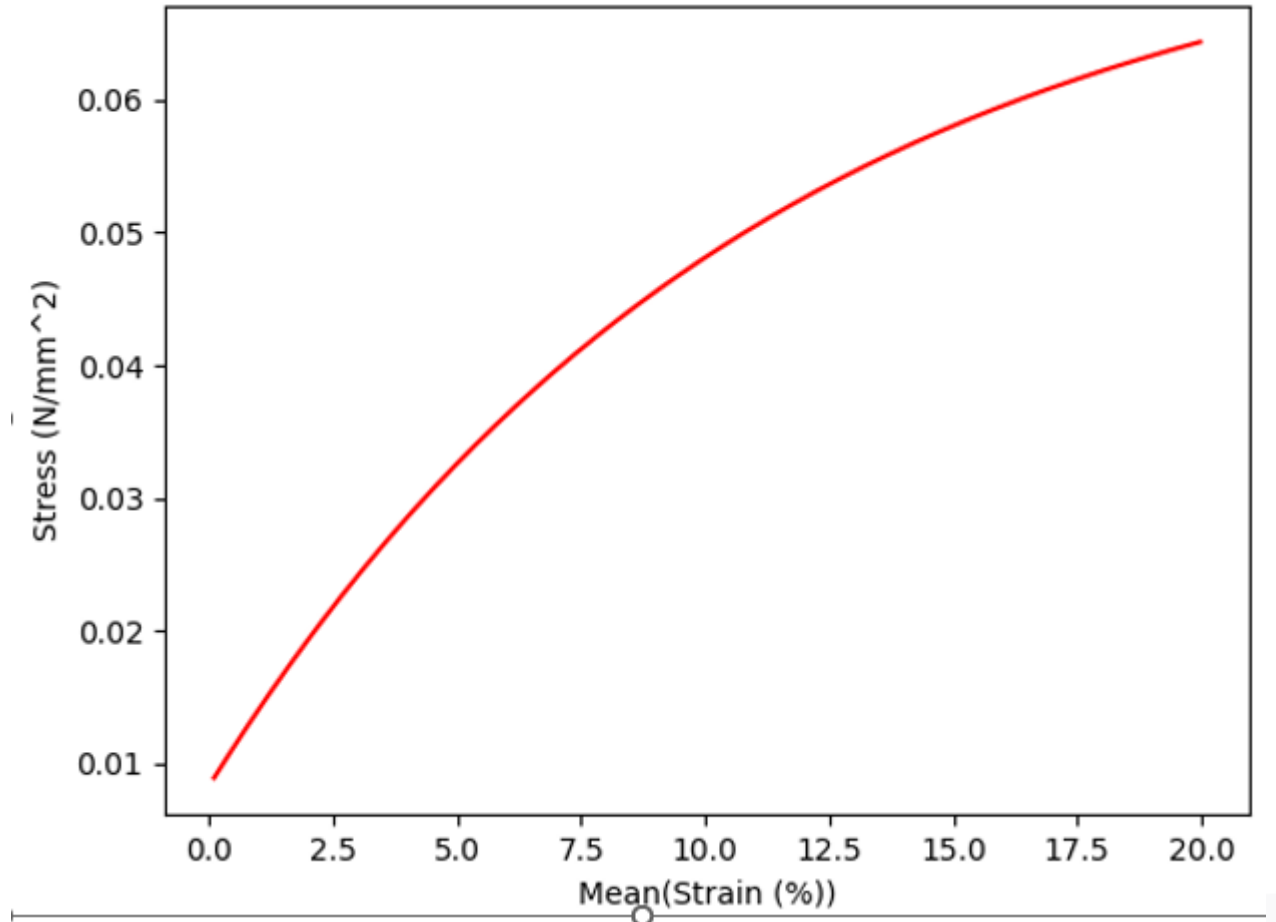
-c = Growth Rate

Starting Point = Asymptote + Growth Rate

Starting point = Stress at Strain = 0.

36 curves

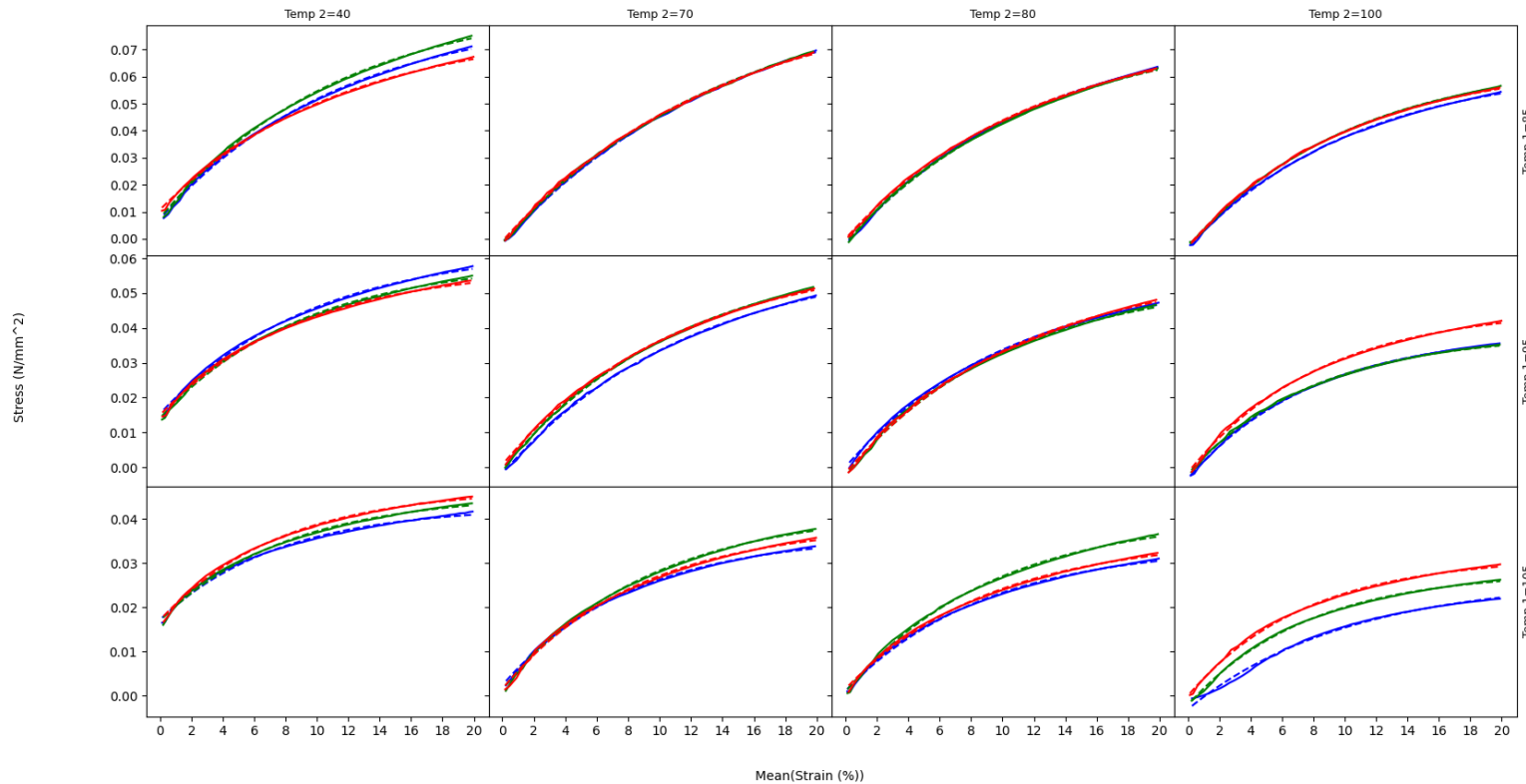
[Useful Nonlinear Models in Python • Juliano Garcia \(robotenique.github.io\)](https://robotenique.github.io)



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Parameter Estimates Obtained for all 36 curves

		Factor 1	Factor 2	Response 1	Response 2	Response 3	Response 4	Response 5
Group	Run	a:Temp 1	B:Temp 2	Asymptote	Scale	Growth rate	Starting Point	Stress at 20% Strain
		°C	°C					
1	1	85	40	0.0841	-0.0767	-0.0865	-0.0024	0.0705
1	2	85	70	0.0936	-0.0956	-0.0683	0.0253	0.0692
1	3	85	80	0.0787	-0.0804	-0.0821	-0.0034	0.0631
1	4	85	100	0.0644	-0.0675	-0.0929	-0.0286	0.0539
2	5	95	40	0.0631	-0.0478	-0.1025	-0.0393	0.0570
2	6	95	70	0.0610	-0.0628	-0.0826	-0.0215	0.0490
2	7	95	80	0.0548	-0.0547	-0.0953	-0.0405	0.0467
2	8	95	100	0.0388	-0.0419	-0.1238	-0.0850	0.0353
3	9	105	40	0.0428	-0.0256	-0.1324	-0.0896	0.0410
3	10	105	70	0.0364	-0.0340	-0.1218	-0.0854	0.0334
3	11	105	80	0.0340	-0.0329	-0.1125	-0.0785	0.0306
<i>3</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>105</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>0.0263</i>	<i>-0.0293</i>	<i>-0.0992</i>	<i>-0.0729</i>	<i>0.0223</i>

Estimates for only 12 curves shown.

Notice split plot structure of the data table with groups of Temp 1. And Temp 2 not randomized.

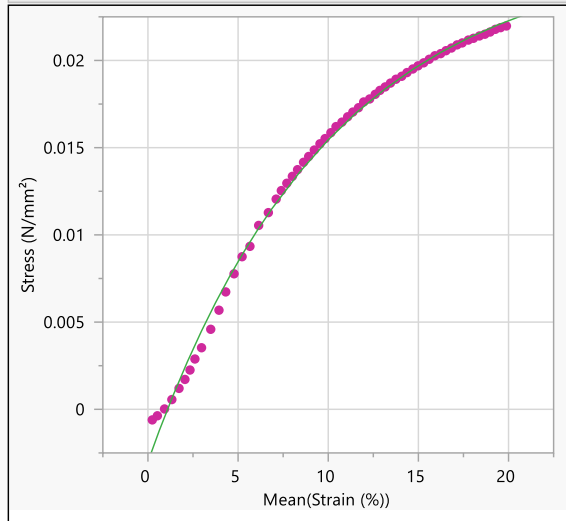
An Outlier?

Fit Curve Set=12

Model Comparison

Model	AICc ^	BIC	SSE	MSE	RMSE	R-Square
Exponential 3P	-752.0763	-744.4262	1.0934e-5	1.9183e-7	0.000438	0.9962184

Plot



Exponential 3P

Parameter Estimates

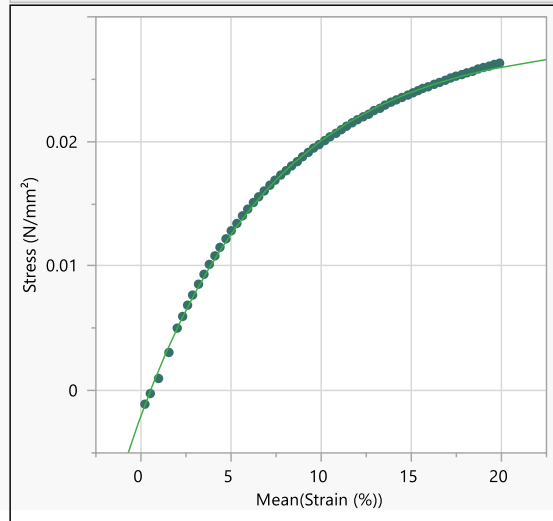
Parameter	Estimate	Std Error	Wald ChiSquare	Prob > ChiSquare	Lower 95%	Upper 95%
Asymptote	0.02631	0.0004231	3867.6207	<.0001 *	0.0254808	0.0271392
Scale	-0.029302	0.0003474	7115.3856	<.0001 *	-0.029983	-0.028622
Growth Rate	-0.099247	0.0034148	844.69812	<.0001 *	-0.105939	-0.092554

Fit Curve Set=24

Model Comparison

Model	AICc ^	BIC	SSE	MSE	RMSE	R-Square
Exponential 3P	-894.9476	-886.9901	2.7659e-6	4.5343e-8	0.0002129	0.9991809

Plot



Exponential 3P

Parameter Estimates

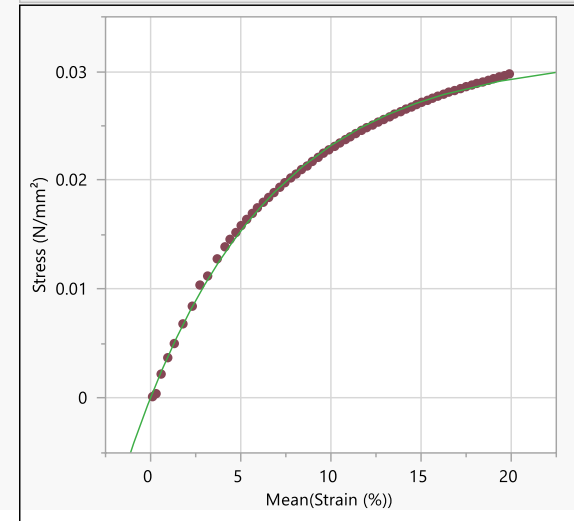
Parameter	Estimate	Std Error	Wald ChiSquare	Prob > ChiSquare	Lower 95%	Upper 95%
Asymptote	0.0281214	0.0001221	53033.253	<.0001 *	0.0278821	0.0283608
Scale	-0.030139	0.0001137	70207.921	<.0001 *	-0.030362	-0.029916
Growth Rate	-0.131964	0.0016016	6788.621	<.0001 *	-0.135103	-0.128825

Fit Curve Set=36

Model Comparison

Model	AICc ^	BIC	SSE	MSE	RMSE	R-Square
Exponential 3P	-832.5864	-824.7035	5.8543e-6	9.7572e-8	0.0003124	0.9984995

Plot



Exponential 3P

Parameter Estimates

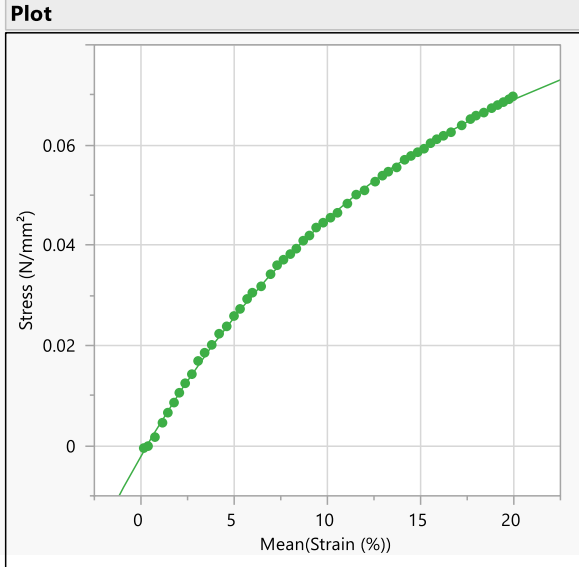
Parameter	Estimate	Std Error	Wald ChiSquare	Prob > ChiSquare	Lower 95%	Upper 95%
Asymptote	0.031464	0.0001715	33663.97	<.0001 *	0.0311279	0.0318001
Scale	-0.031383	0.0001663	35605.987	<.0001 *	-0.031709	-0.031057
Growth Rate	-0.13344	0.0021347	3907.3199	<.0001 *	-0.137624	-0.129256

How good do the models fit? An Example.

Temp 1=85, Temp 2 = 70
Runs 2, 14, 26

Fit Curve Set=2

Model Comparison						
Model	AICc \wedge	BIC	SSE	MSE	RMSE	R-Square
Exponential 3P	-687.6352	-680.4956	7.9198e-6	1.5529e-7	0.0003941	0.9996702

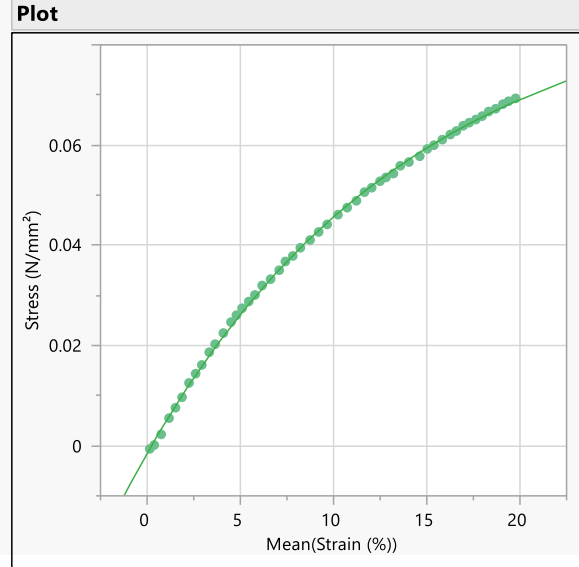


Exponential 3P

Parameter Estimates						
Parameter	Estimate	Std Error	Wald ChiSquare	Prob > ChiSquare	Lower 95%	Upper 95%
Asymptote	0.0935751	0.0007694	14792.662	<.0001 *	0.0920672	0.0950831
Scale	-0.095567	0.0006758	19999.459	<.0001 *	-0.096892	-0.094243
Growth Rate	-0.068286	0.0010246	4442.0288	<.0001 *	-0.070294	-0.066278

Fit Curve Set=14

Model Comparison						
Model	AICc \wedge	BIC	SSE	MSE	RMSE	R-Square
Exponential 3P	-625.7976	-618.9399	1.1764e-5	2.4507e-7	0.000495	0.9994732

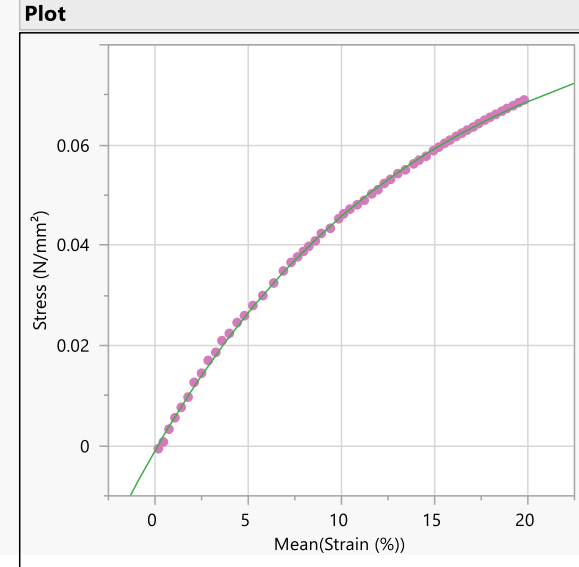


Exponential 3P

Parameter Estimates						
Parameter	Estimate	Std Error	Wald ChiSquare	Prob > ChiSquare	Lower 95%	Upper 95%
Asymptote	0.0922522	0.000976	8933.5839	<.0001 *	0.0903392	0.0941652
Scale	-0.093731	0.000853	12074.69	<.0001 *	-0.095403	-0.09206
Growth Rate	-0.069947	0.0013729	2595.8254	<.0001 *	-0.072638	-0.067256

Fit Curve Set=26

Model Comparison						
Model	AICc \wedge	BIC	SSE	MSE	RMSE	R-Square
Exponential 3P	-694.914	-687.5969	1.1438e-5	2.1581e-7	0.0004646	0.9995087

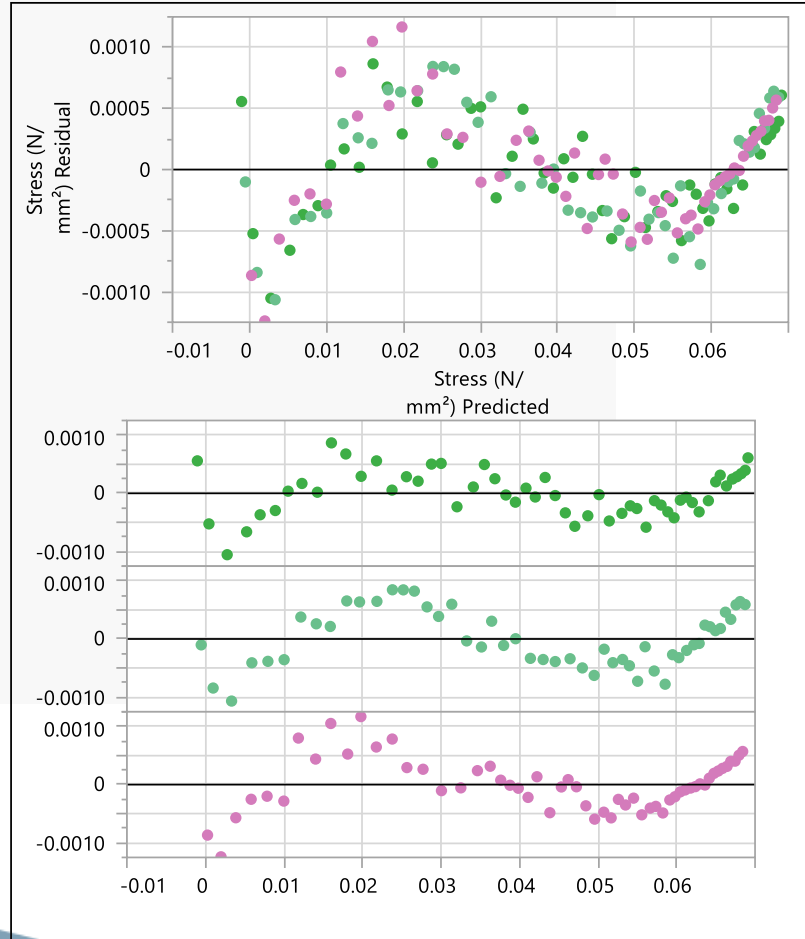


Exponential 3P

Parameter Estimates						
Parameter	Estimate	Std Error	Wald ChiSquare	Prob > ChiSquare	Lower 95%	Upper 95%
Asymptote	0.0908299	0.0008427	11617.334	<.0001 *	0.0891782	0.0924816
Scale	-0.091724	0.000735	15572.954	<.0001 *	-0.093164	-0.090283
Growth Rate	-0.071176	0.0012495	3244.7052	<.0001 *	-0.073625	-0.068727

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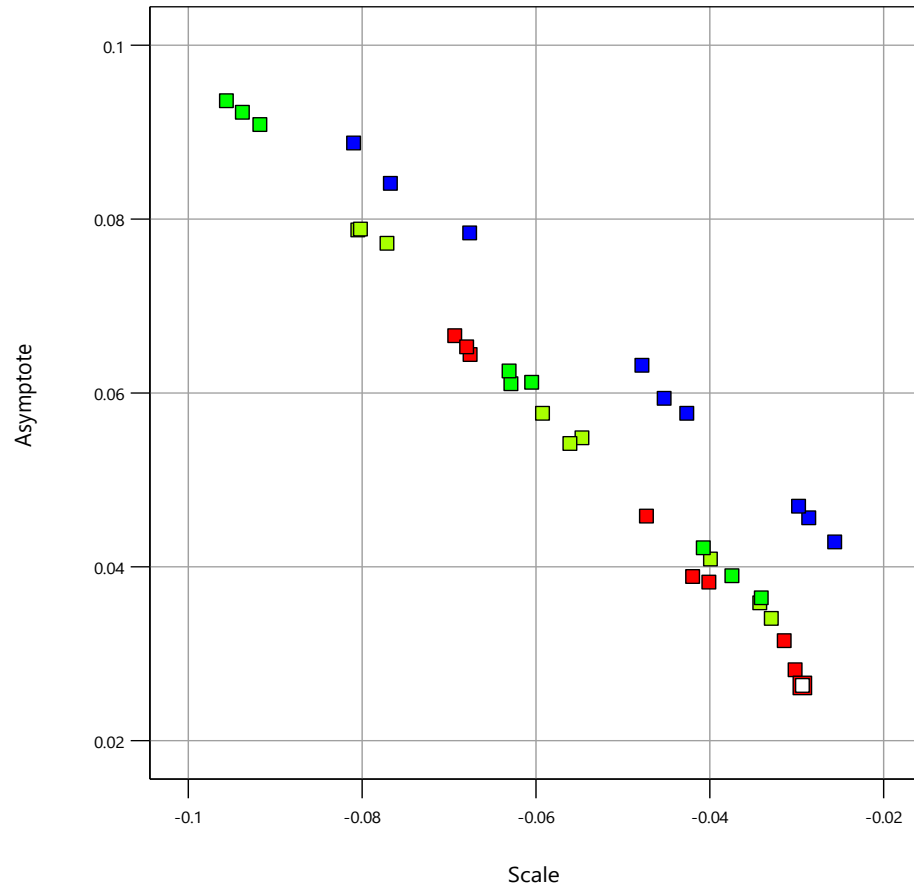
Residual by Predicted Plot



Temp 1=85, Temp 2 = 70
Runs 2, 14, 26

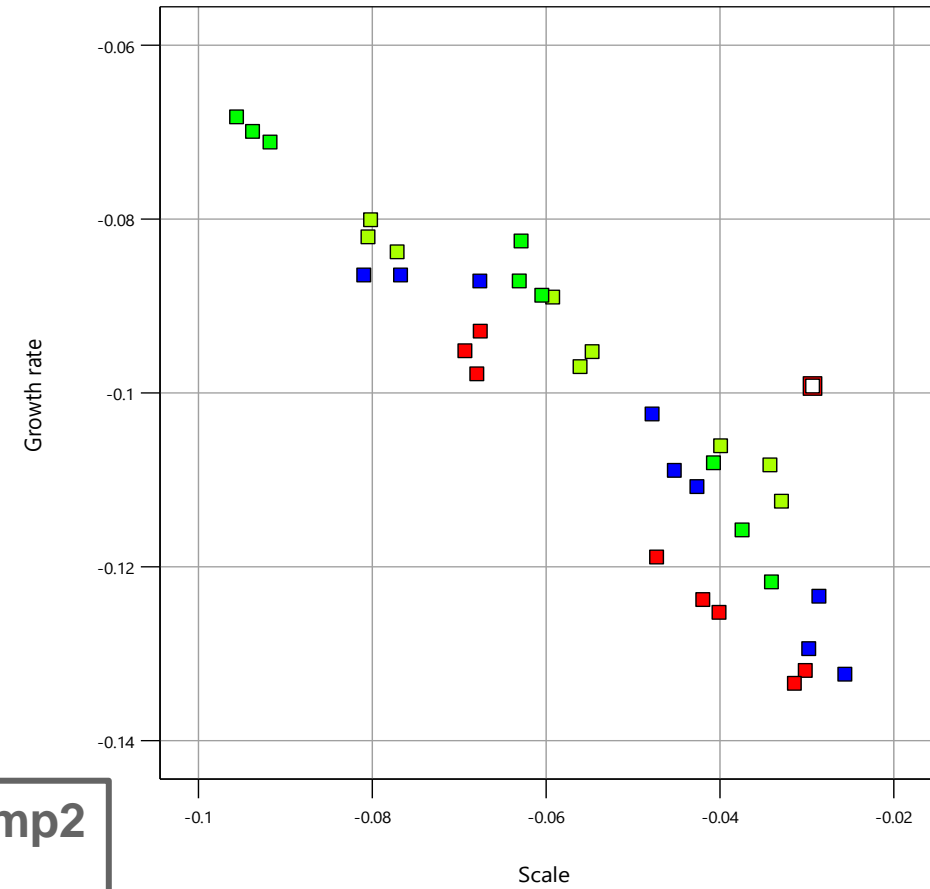
A little systematic error left, but the predictions are ± 0.0015 .
R-squared > 0.99 .

Relating the Exponential Parameters to One Another



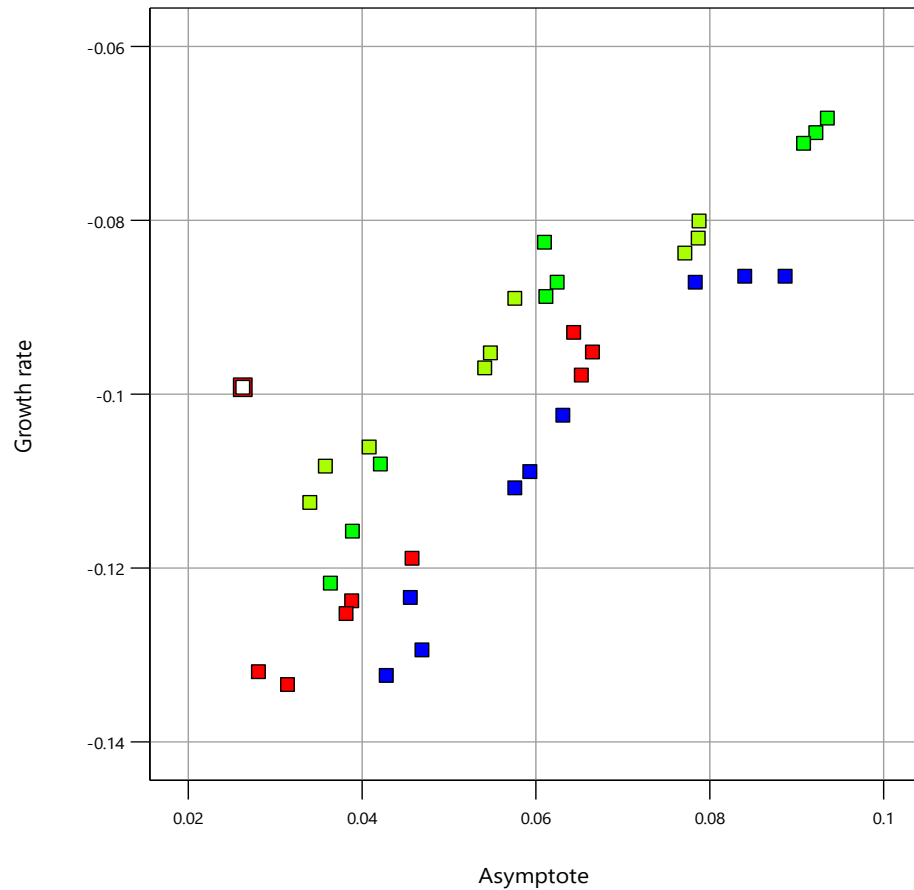
Correlation = -0.946

Color	Temp2
Blue	40
Green	70,80
Red	100



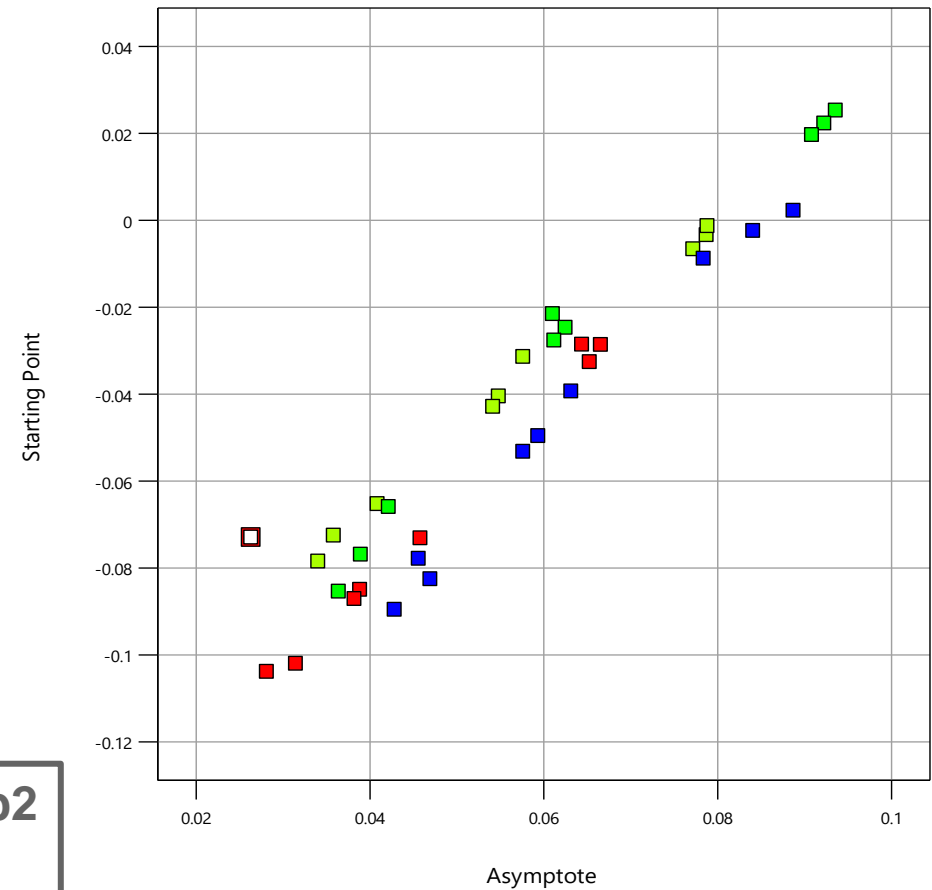
Correlation = -0.910

Relating the Exponential Parameters to One Another



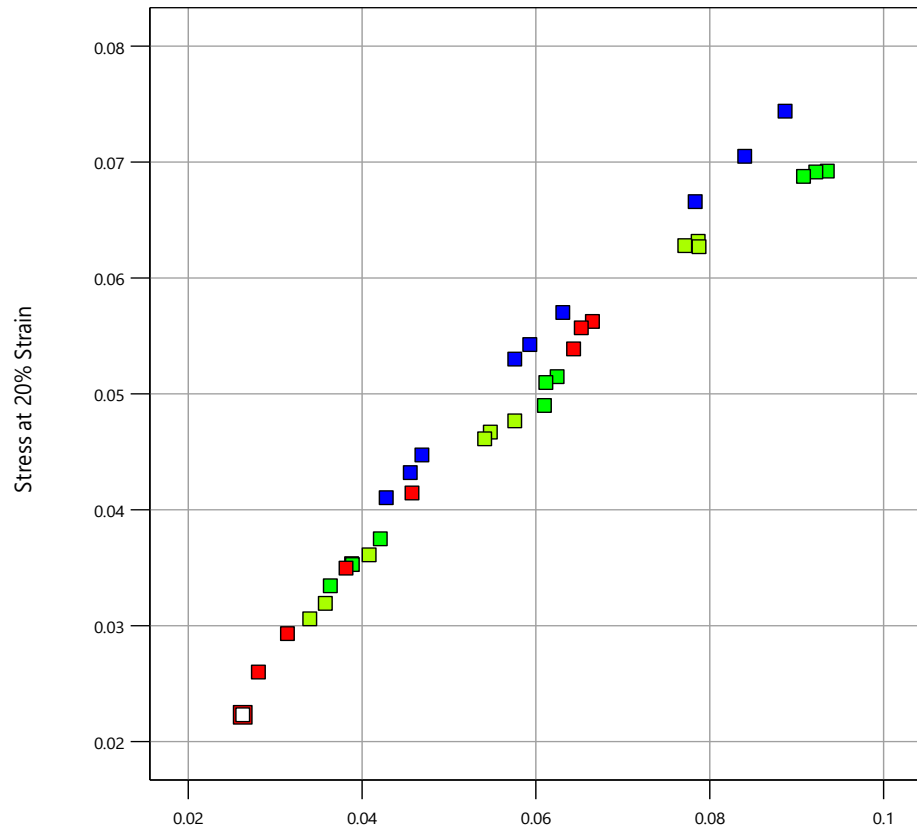
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Green	70,80
Red	100



Correlation = 0.963

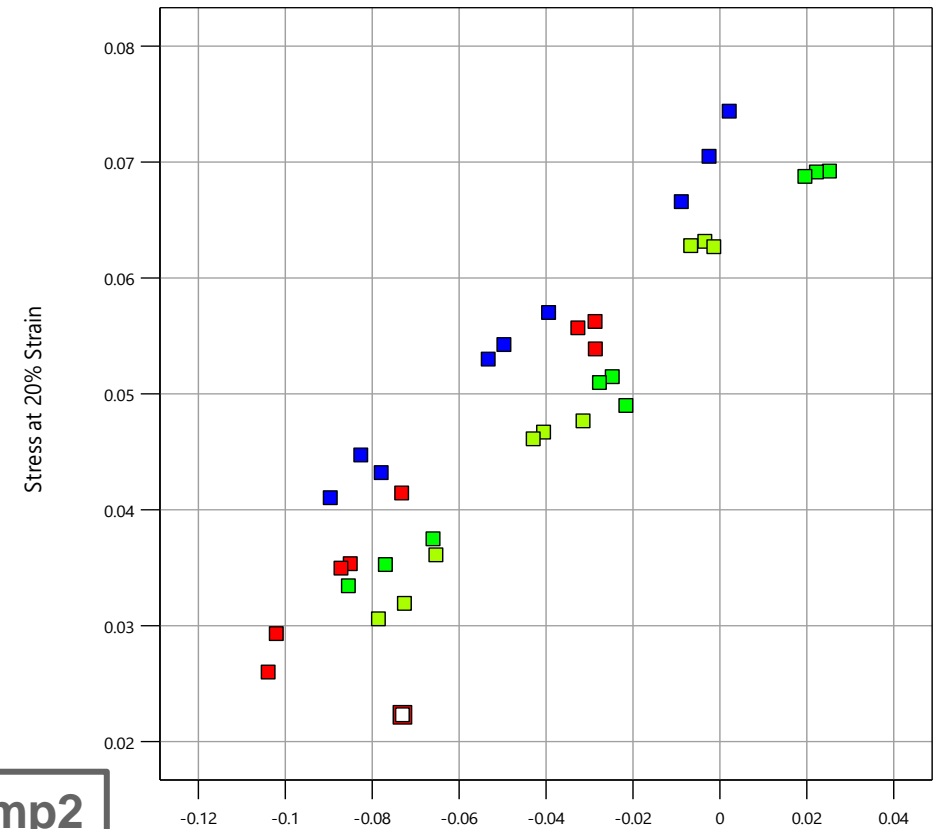
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Asymptote

Correlation = 0.985

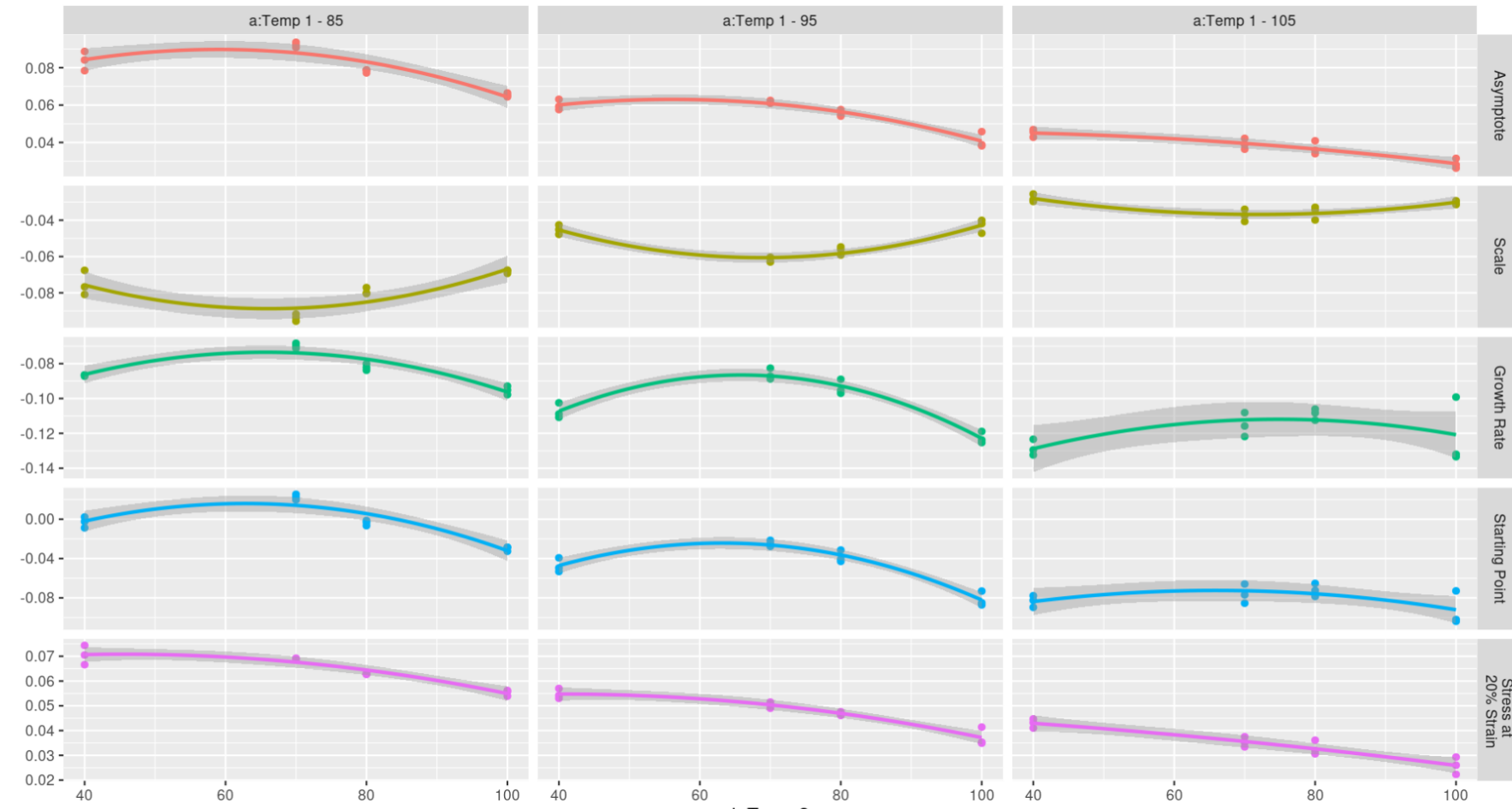
Color	Temp2
Blue	40
Green	70,80
Red	100



Starting Point

Correlation = 0.917

A Great View of the Raw Data Table of Parameter Estimates



An individual quadratic fit of the parameter vs Processing Temperature1 is made to each of the three Processing Temperature 2's.

Can you see the effects?
 Temp1² Quadratic effect of temp1
 Temp2² Quadratic effect of temp1
 Temp1 * Temp2² - The degree of Quadratic effect of temp1 depends on the level of temp2

Modeling in Stat-Ease 360

Show models live.

- Used split-plot analysis approach.
- Base model was

Source
Whole-plot
a-Temp 1
a ²
Subplot
B-Temp 2
aB
B ²
a ² B
aB ²

- Model was reduced as appropriate using backward regression.
- All models had R-squared > 0.93 and R-squared adjusted > 0.92
- Transformation were considered but not needed when adding the aB² term.

Model Coefficients

Coefficients Table

p-value shading: **p < 0.05** 0.05 ≤ p < 0.1 p ≥ 0.1

	Intercept	a	B	aB	a ²	B ²	a ² B	aB ²
Asymptote	0.0598908	-0.0242506	-0.00957755	0.0011293	0.00421981	-0.00866812	0.000681229	0.00579371
p-values		< 0.0001	< 0.0001	0.2867	0.0021	< 0.0001	0.6957	0.0009
Scale	-0.0591525	0.0258346	0.00153807	-0.0027489	-0.00420093	0.0137787		-0.00474039
p-values		< 0.0001	0.1290	0.0329	0.0076	< 0.0001		0.0153
Growth rate	-0.090602	-0.0191023	-0.00495619			-0.0218372		
p-values		< 0.0001	0.0005			< 0.0001		
Starting Point	-0.0277879	-0.0405879	-0.0145747			-0.0311242		
p-values		< 0.0001	< 0.0001			< 0.0001		
Stress at 20% Strain	0.0496747	-0.0160782	-0.00818191	-1.43812E-05	0.00218338	-0.00320084		0.00222346
p-values		< 0.0001	< 0.0001	0.9823	0.0560	0.0004		0.0301

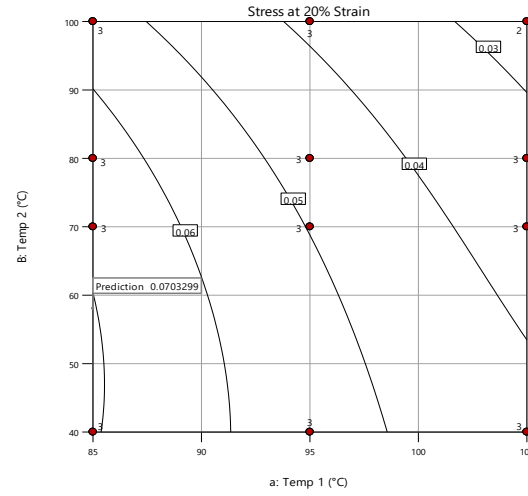
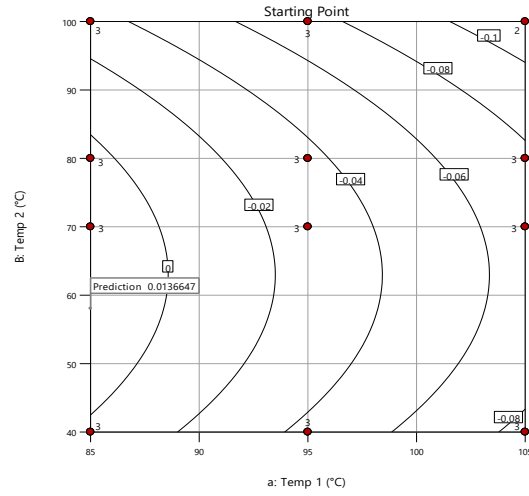
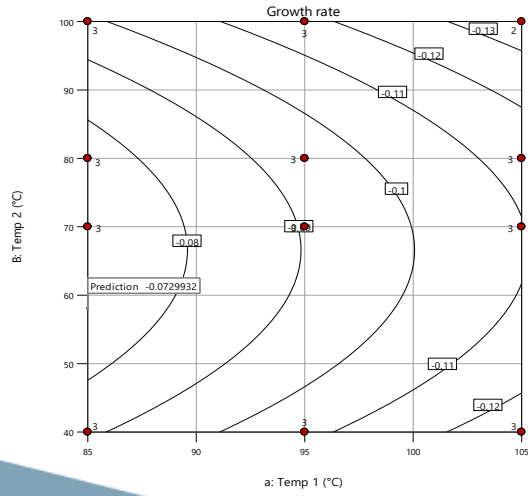
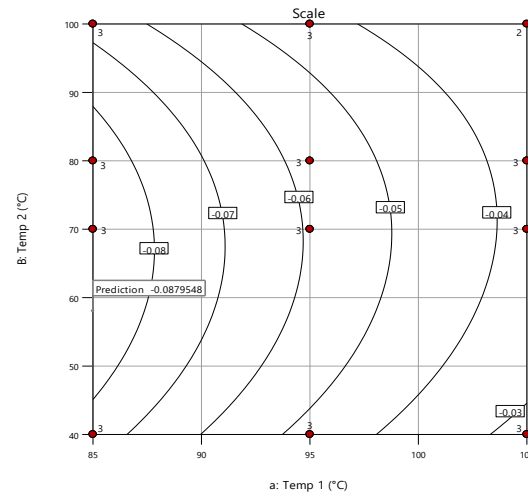
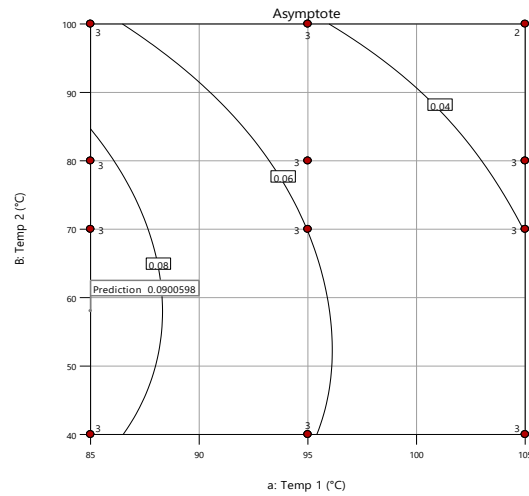
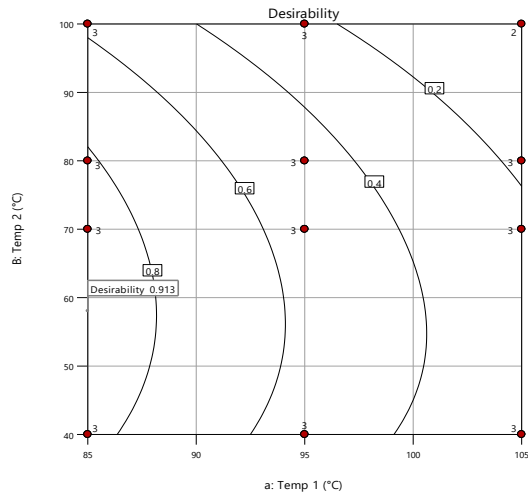
In these models, hierarchy was followed so if a higher order term was statistically significant, then a lower order term is included regardless of its significance.

Objective

- Maximize the starting point parameters, as well as the stress at 20% strain.

Number	Temp 1	Temp 2	Asymptote	Scale	Growth rate	Starting Point	Stress at 20% Strain	Desirability
1	85.000	58.043	0.090	-0.088	-0.073	0.014	0.070	0.913
2	85.000	57.788	0.090	-0.088	-0.073	0.014	0.070	0.913
3	85.000	58.451	0.090	-0.088	-0.073	0.014	0.070	0.913
4	85.000	57.387	0.090	-0.088	-0.073	0.013	0.070	0.913
5	85.000	58.991	0.090	-0.088	-0.073	0.014	0.070	0.913
6	85.000	56.828	0.090	-0.088	-0.074	0.013	0.070	0.913
7	85.000	56.363	0.090	-0.087	-0.074	0.013	0.071	0.913
8	85.000	55.021	0.090	-0.087	-0.074	0.012	0.071	0.911
9	85.000	54.500	0.090	-0.086	-0.075	0.012	0.071	0.911
10	85.000	65.500	0.090	-0.089	-0.071	0.014	0.069	0.902
11	85.000	46.692	0.087	-0.081	-0.081	0.005	0.071	0.887
12	85.000	45.983	0.087	-0.081	-0.082	0.005	0.071	0.884
13	85.000	45.483	0.087	-0.080	-0.082	0.004	0.071	0.881
14	85.000	74.500	0.087	-0.088	-0.073	0.010	0.067	0.860
15	85.000	80.500	0.083	-0.085	-0.076	0.004	0.064	0.814

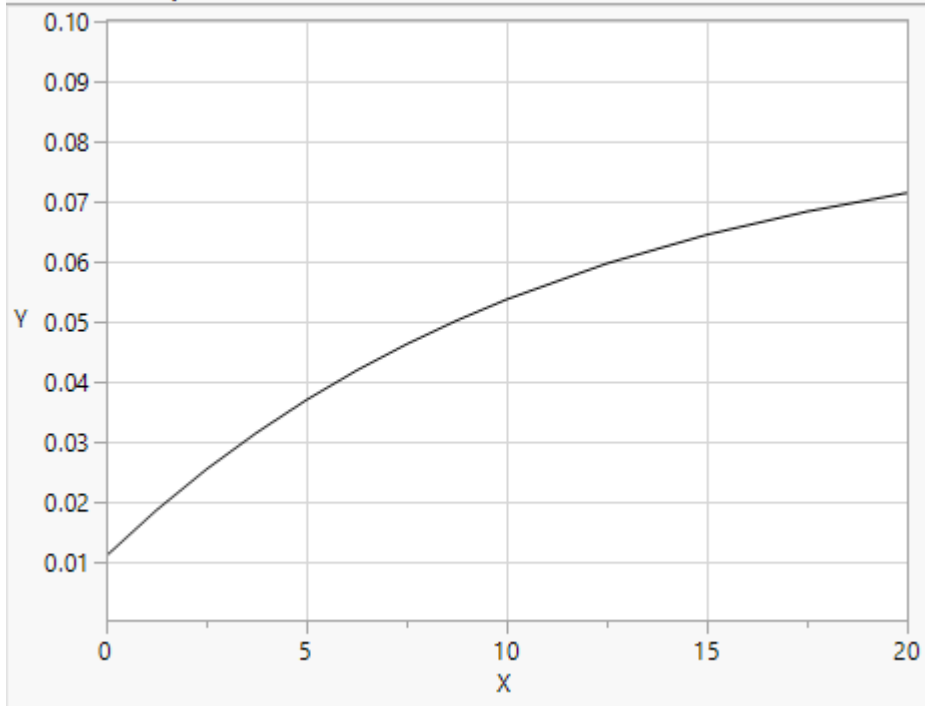
Optimum Area



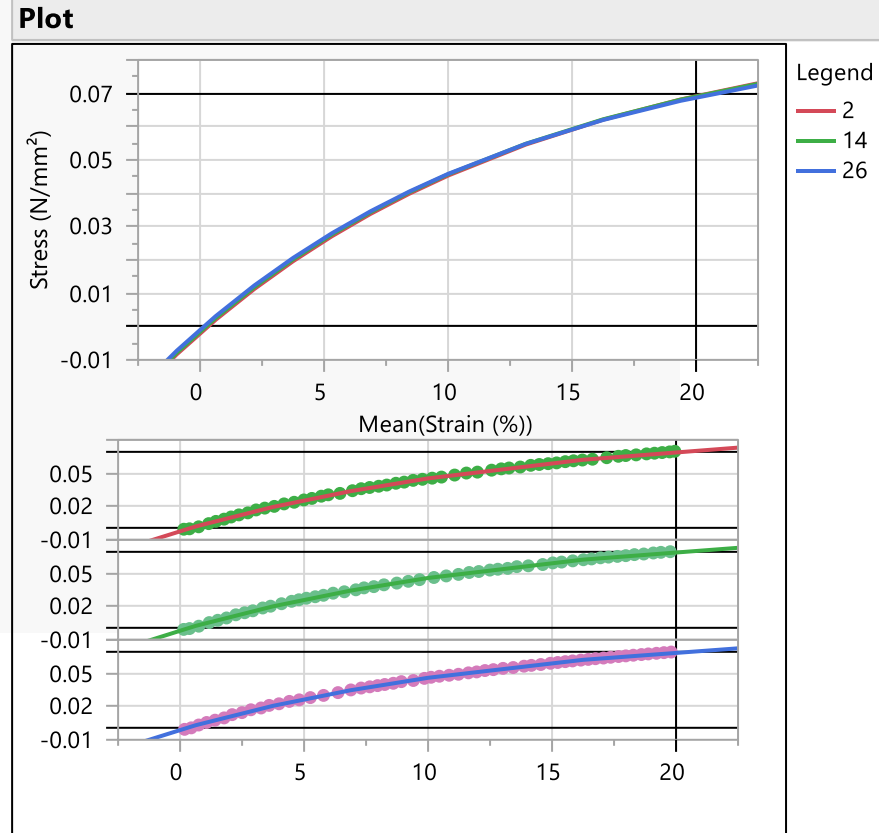
If the optimum is in a corner or edge, the optimum is not in the corner or edge.

Optimum Parameters

Temp 1=85, Temp 2 = 58



Temp 1=85, Temp 2 = 70
Runs 2, 14, 26



Starting point can be a little better at the new optimum.

Learnings

- **Original response of interest: Stress at a Strain of 20%**
- By recognizing the power of the curve, we can learn a lot more than our original objective.
- With this new knowledge we now have power over the curve, and can change the shape, starting values, asymptote and stress @ 20% strain, to what we want.