

# **A New Group Contribution Method For The Estimation Of The Surface Tension Of Non-Electrolyte Organic Compounds**



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# IMPORTANCE OF PHYSICAL PROPERTIES

- Required for design and simulation of plant.

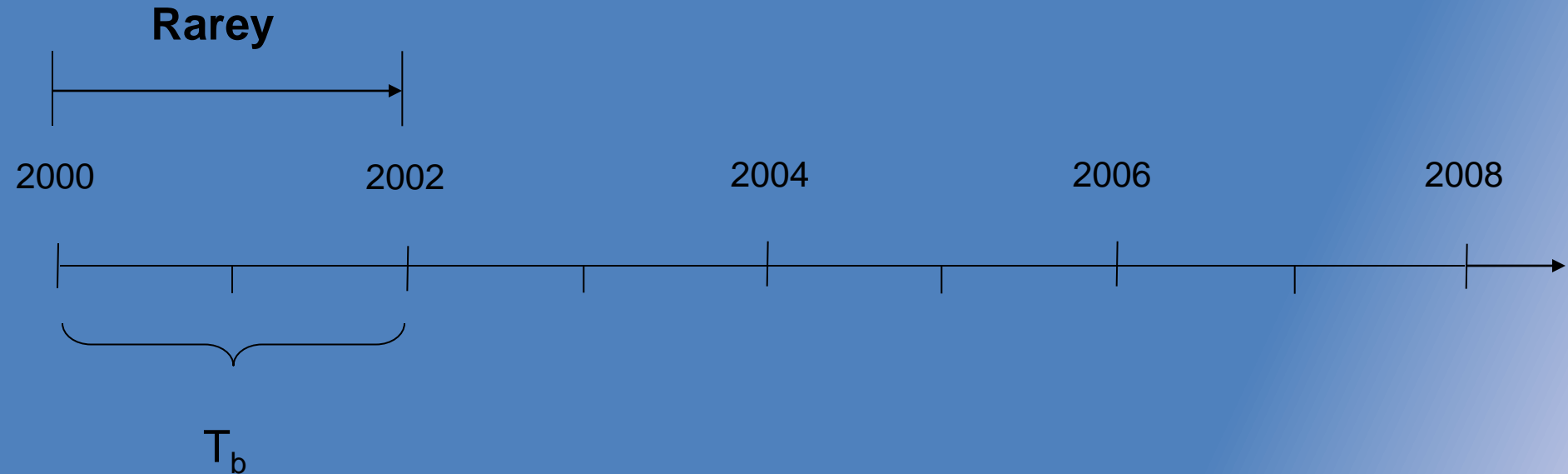
- Personal Experience:

  - Final year design project

  - Biodiesel Plant

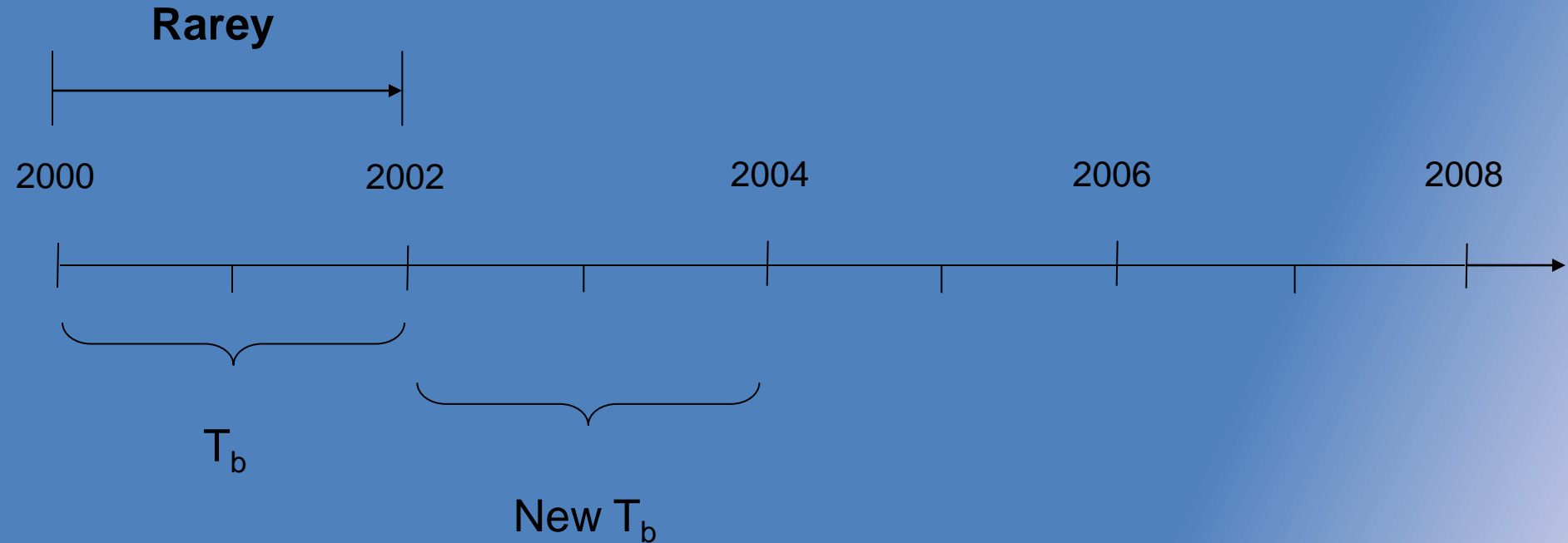
  - Missing Properties

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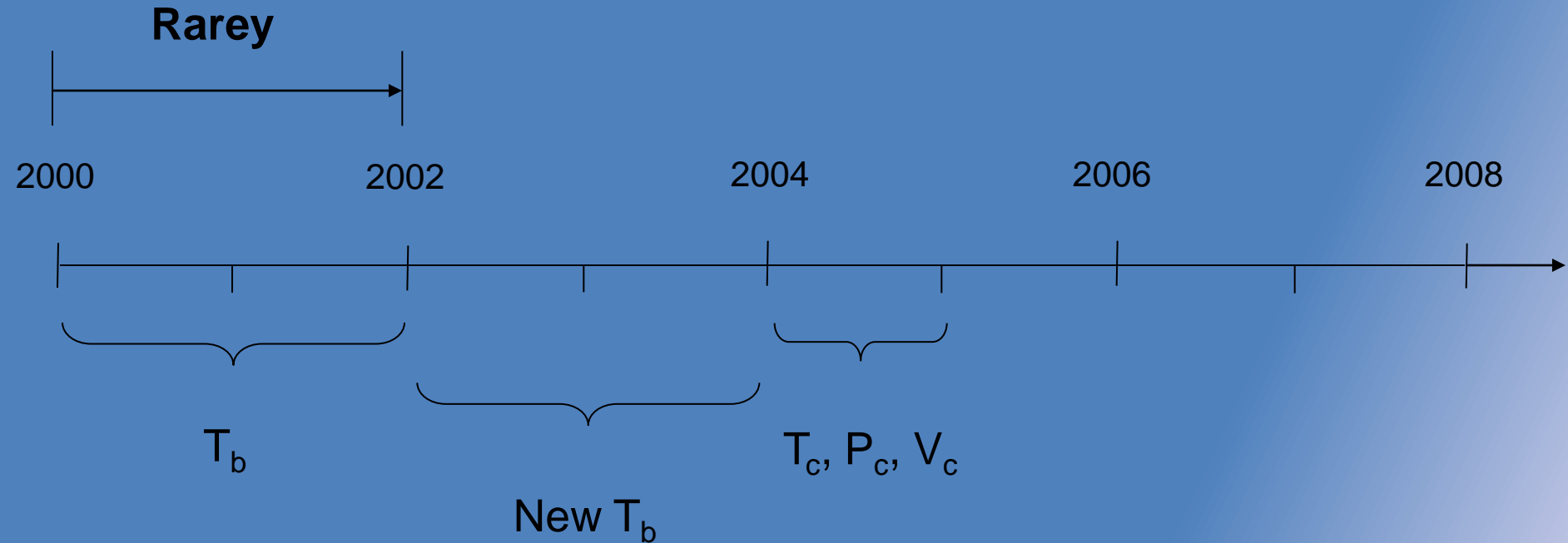
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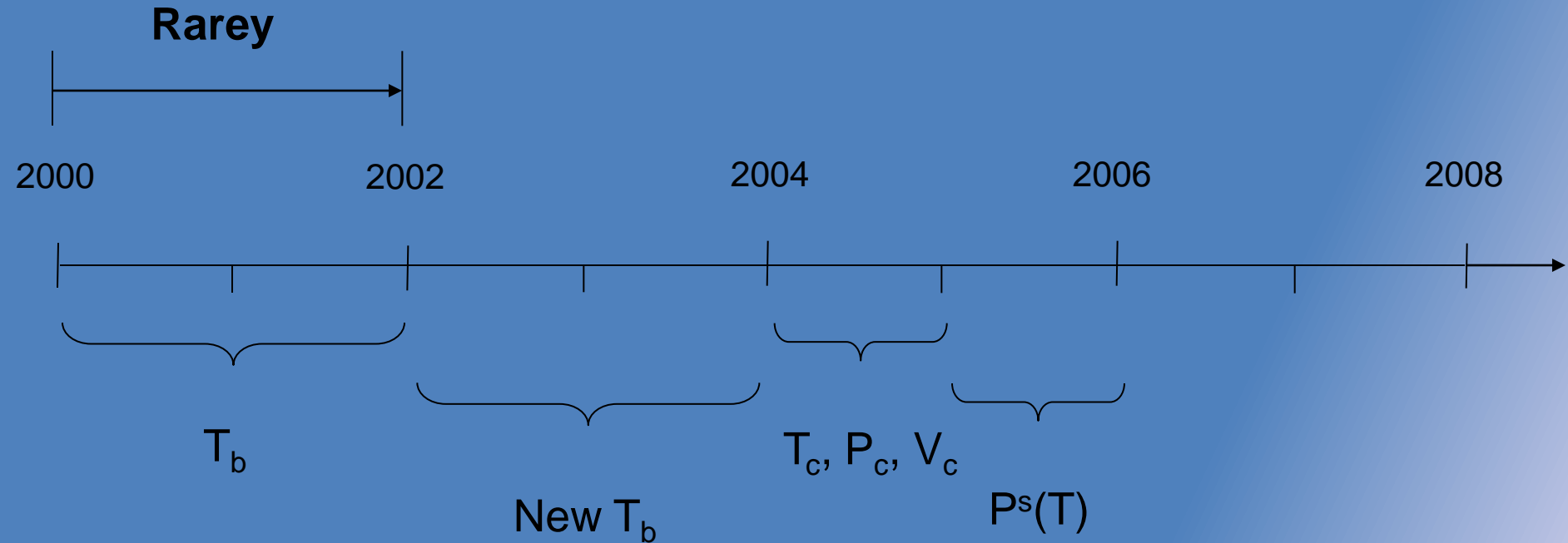
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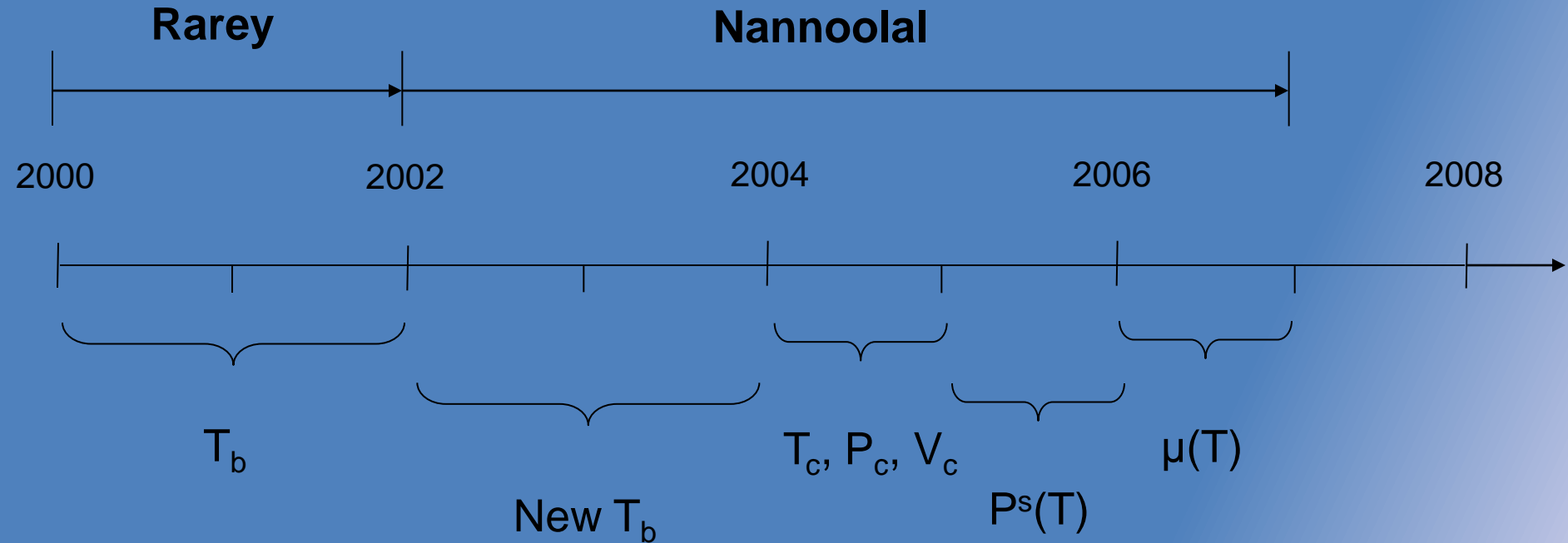
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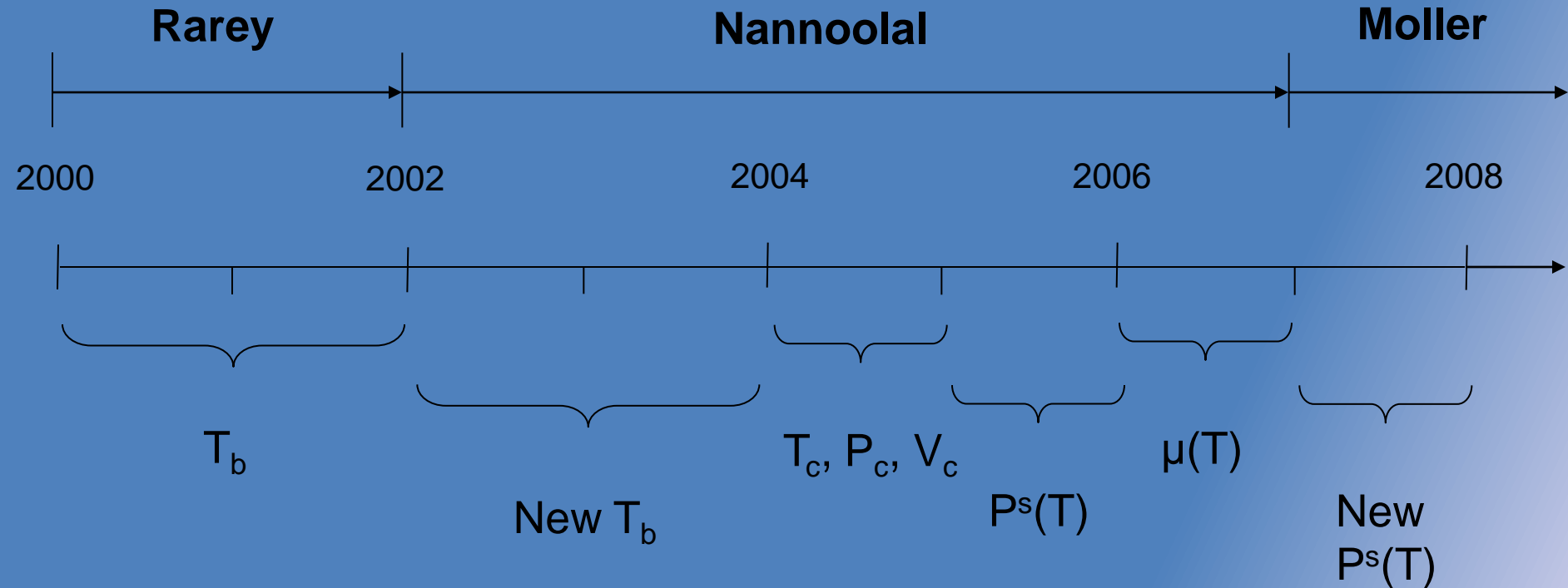


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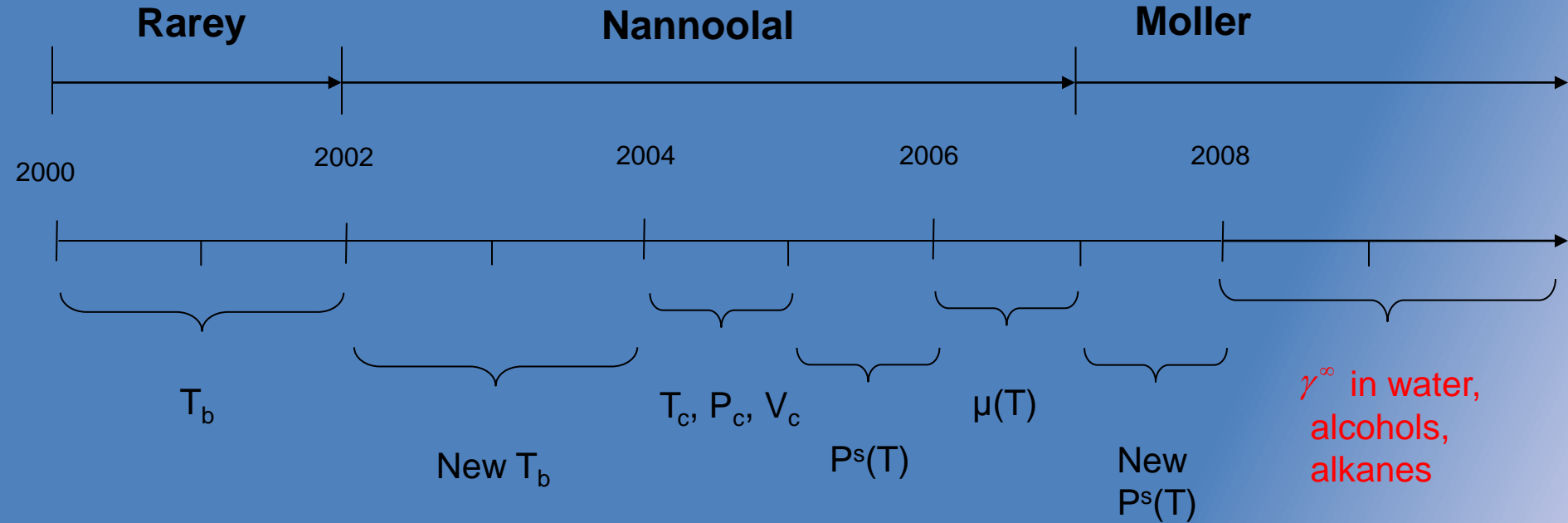
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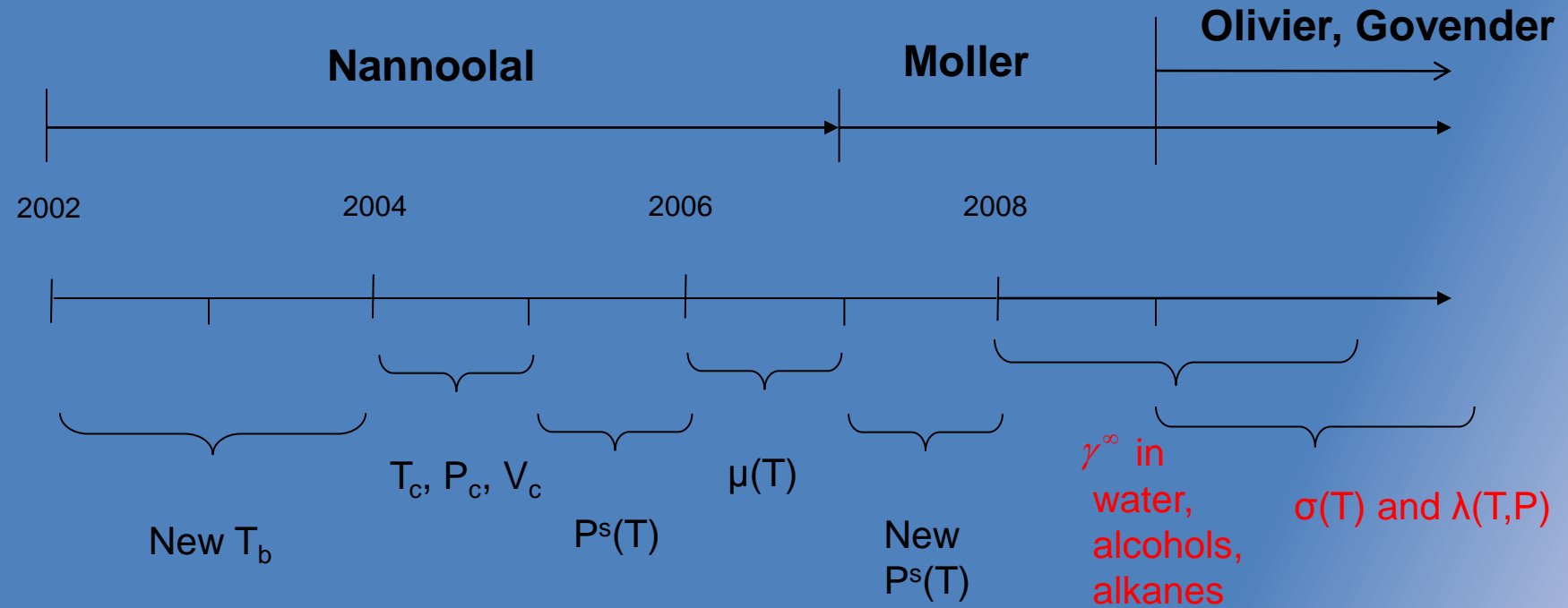


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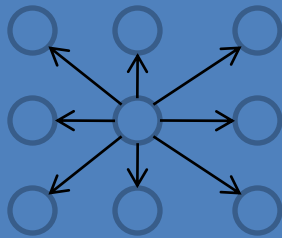
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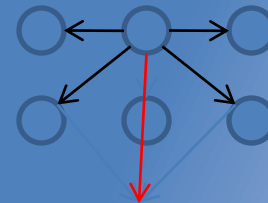
# SURFACE TENSION

$$\sigma = \left( \frac{\partial G}{\partial A} \right)_{T,P,n}$$

$$\mu_i = \left( \frac{\partial G}{\partial n_i} \right)_{T,P,n_j}$$

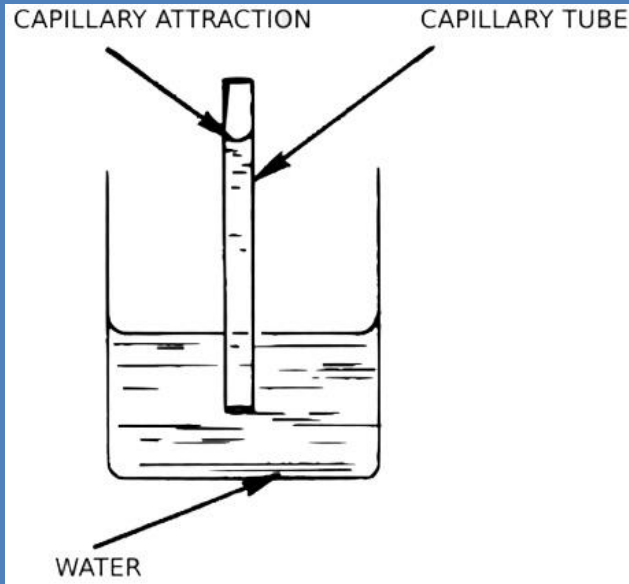


Bulk Liquid



Vapour-Liquid Interface

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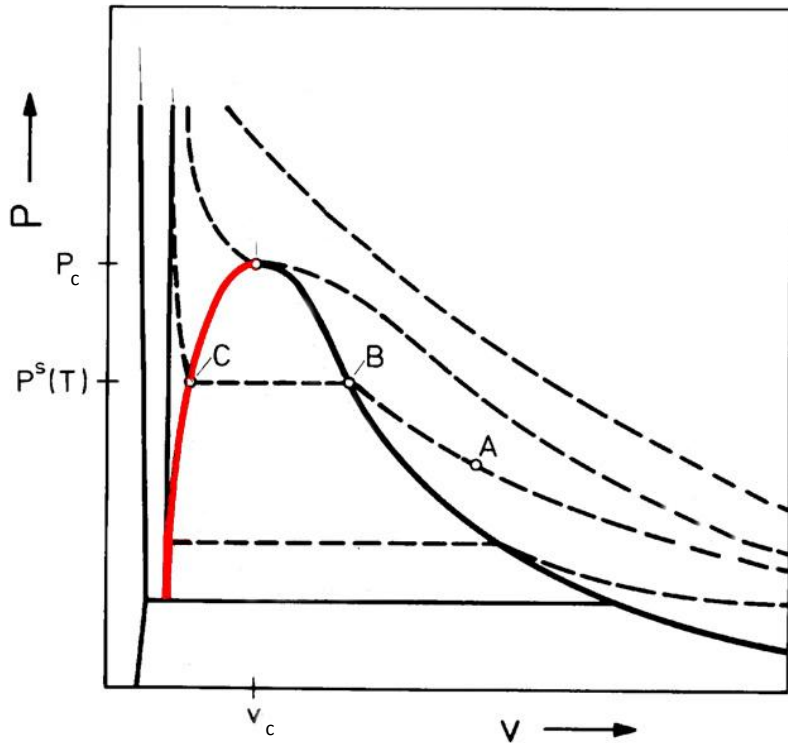


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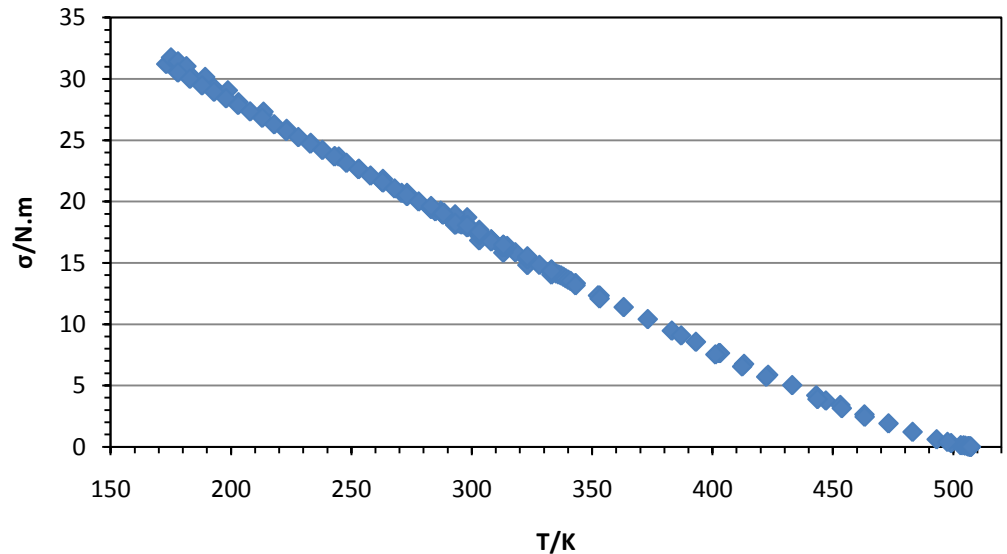


- Distillation
- Liquid-Liquid Extraction
- Absorption
- Adsorption
- Gas-Liquid Reactors

# SURFACE TENSION



Highest value at the Triple point  
Zero at the Critical Temperature





# OVERVIEW OF CURRENT METHODS

- Empirical Equations
- Group Contribution
- Corresponding-States (1955-1997)
- EOS
- QSPR

# EMPIRICAL EQUATIONS

- Exponential equation (Guggenheim) -  $\sigma=f(T)$
- Macleod's equation -  $\sigma=f(\rho_l, \rho_v)$  – Can be used with the Parachor
- Schonhorn equation -  $\sigma=f(\mu_l, \mu_v)$
- Faizullin equation -  $\sigma=f(\Delta H_{\text{vap}}, v_l)$

# GROUP CONTRIBUTION

- Sheldon et al. (30.1 % error 66% of data)
- Conte et al.
- CSGC (Corresponding States Group Contribution)

# PROS AND CONS

- Only requires molecular structure
- Only predicts surface tension at one temperature.

# CORRESPONDING STATES

- Brock and Bird (12.2% error, 85% of data) -1955
- Zuo and Stenby
- Sastri and Rao
- Hakim et al.
- Pitzer

# PROS AND CONS

- Good for simple compounds
- Not good for large compounds
- Not good for alcohols and acids
- Inputs may not be widely available

# PROPOSED MODEL

$$\sigma = \sigma_{non-polar} + \sigma_{polar}$$

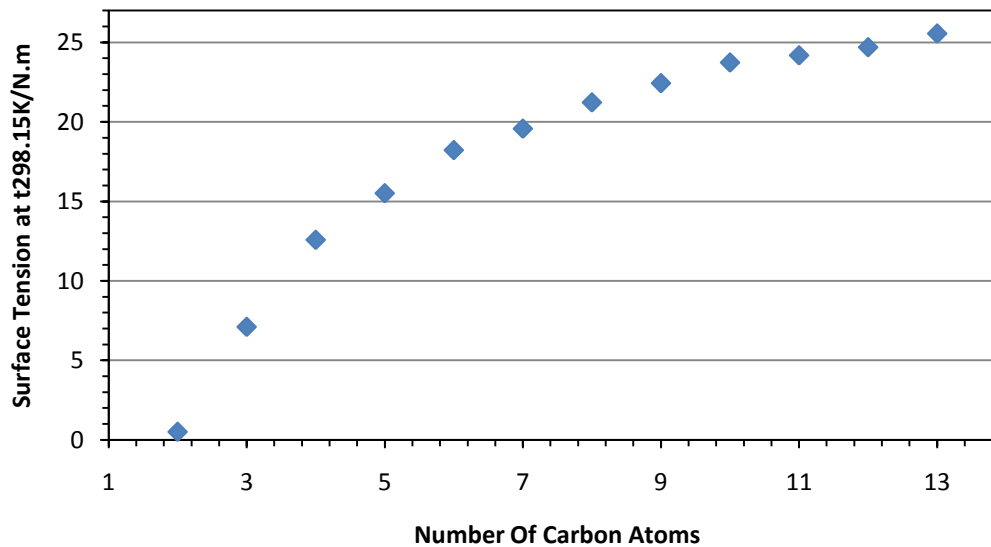
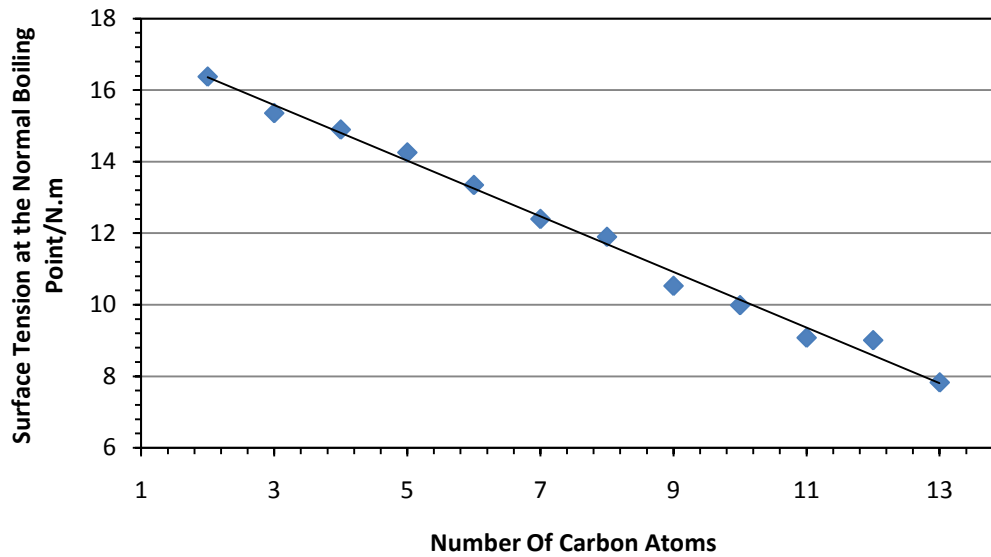
$$\sigma_{non-polar} = (a + b(1 - T / T_b))^{11/9}$$

T<sub>b</sub> chosen as reference temperature:

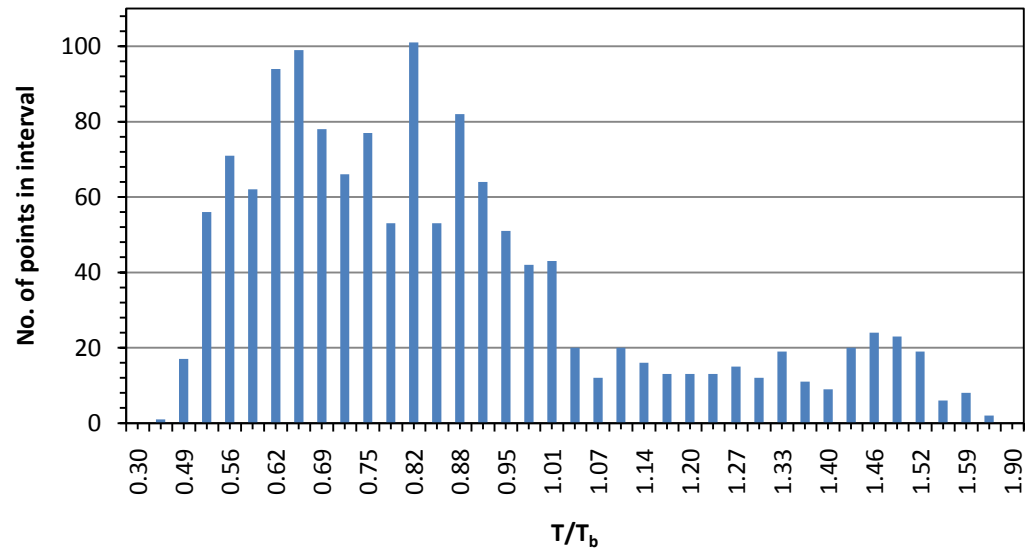
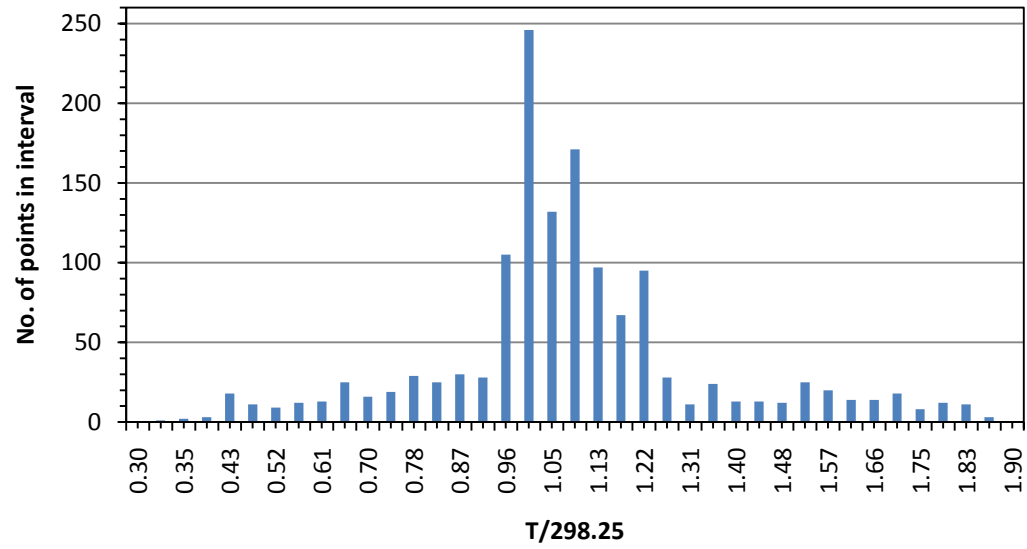
- Easier to model.
- Wider data range for parameter fitting.

$$a = a_0 + \sum_i^m v_i a_i$$

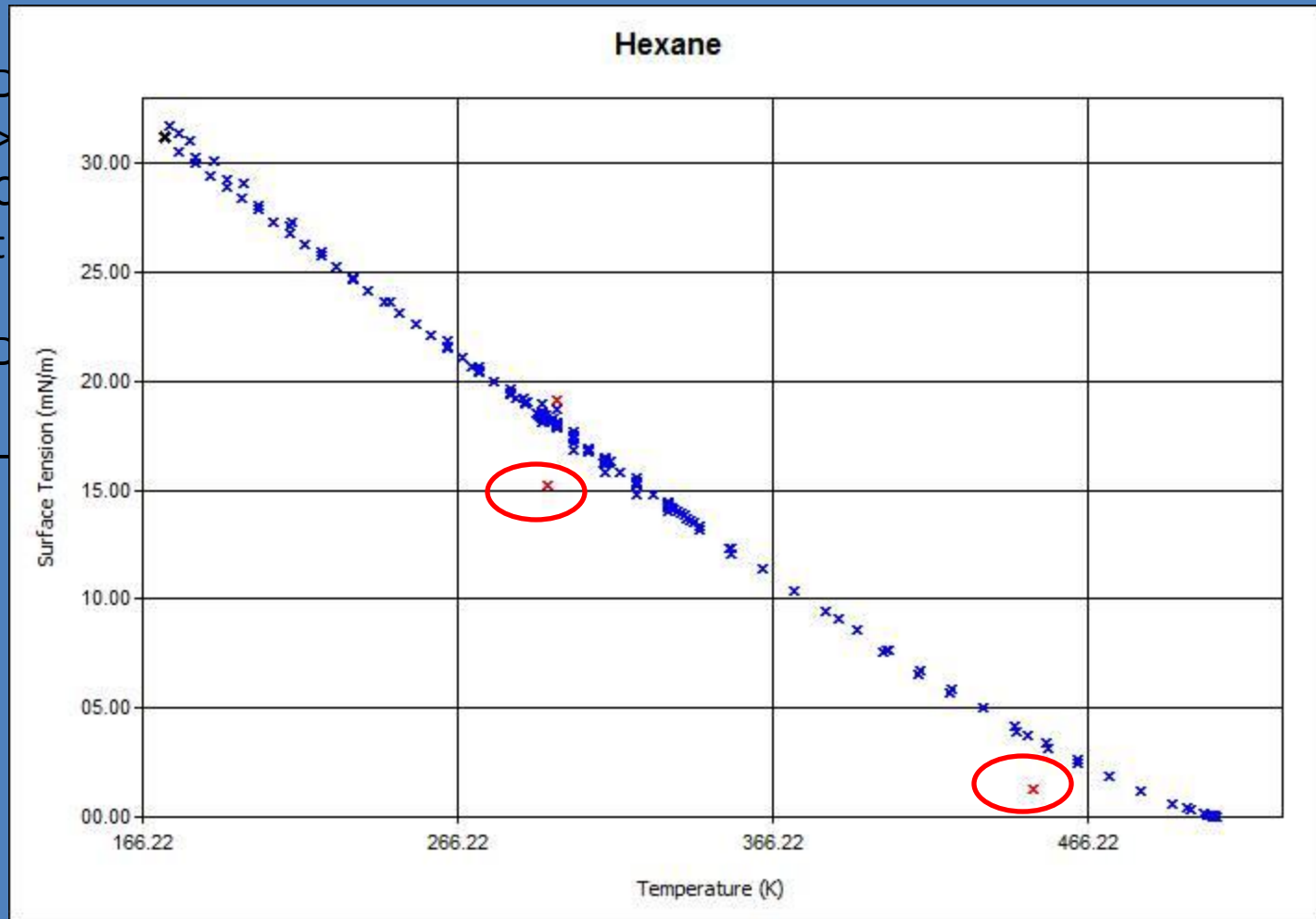
$$b = b_0 + \sum_i^m v_i b_i$$





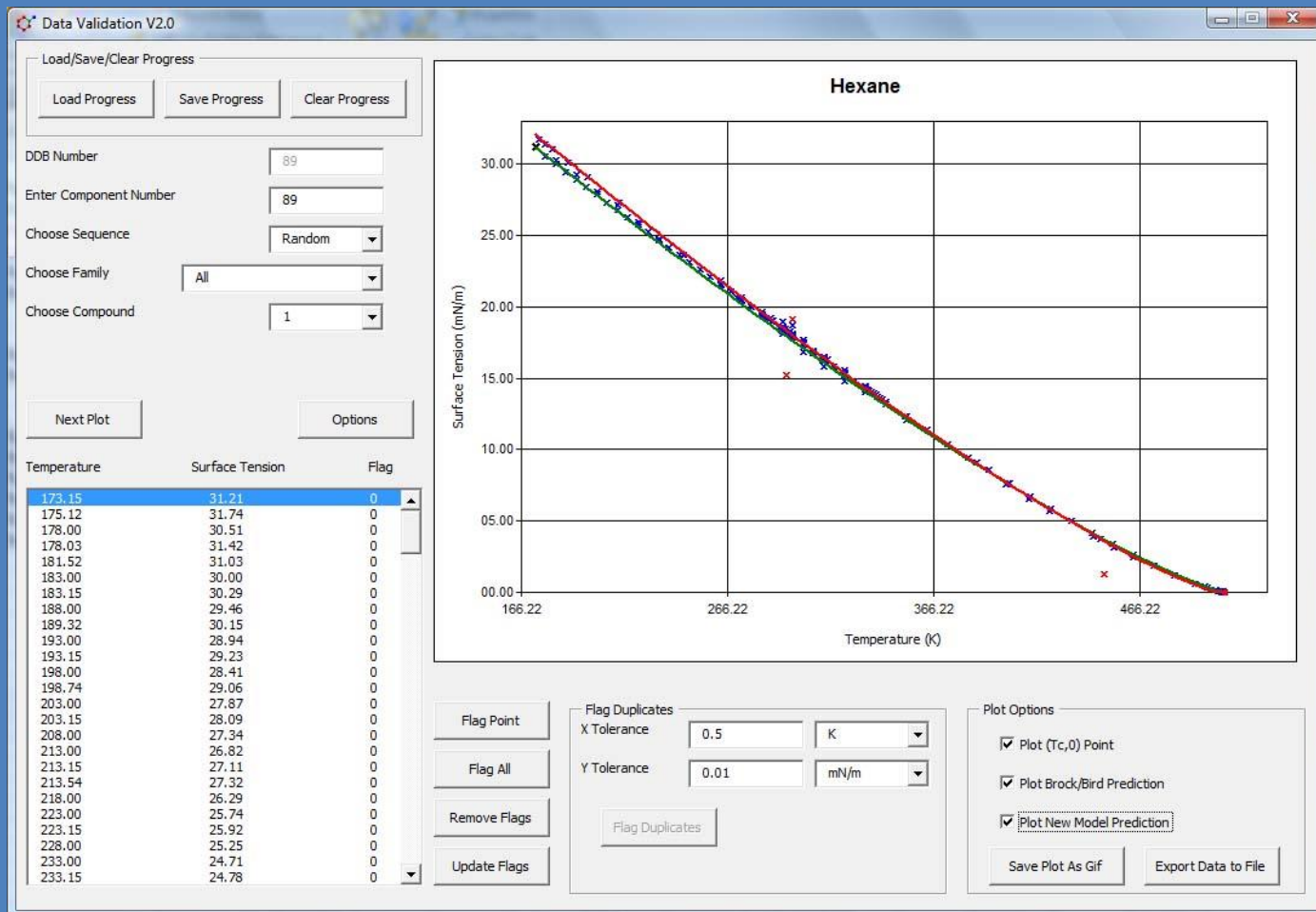


# DATA



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# SOFTWARE



Database

SQL, DAO

Artist

# FUTURE WORK

- Determine expression for non-polar part of the equation
- Regress group parameters
- Regress interaction parameters
- Assess performance using a test set.

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