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# A new general correlation for the influence parameter in density gradient theory and Peng-Robinson equation of state for *n*-alkanes

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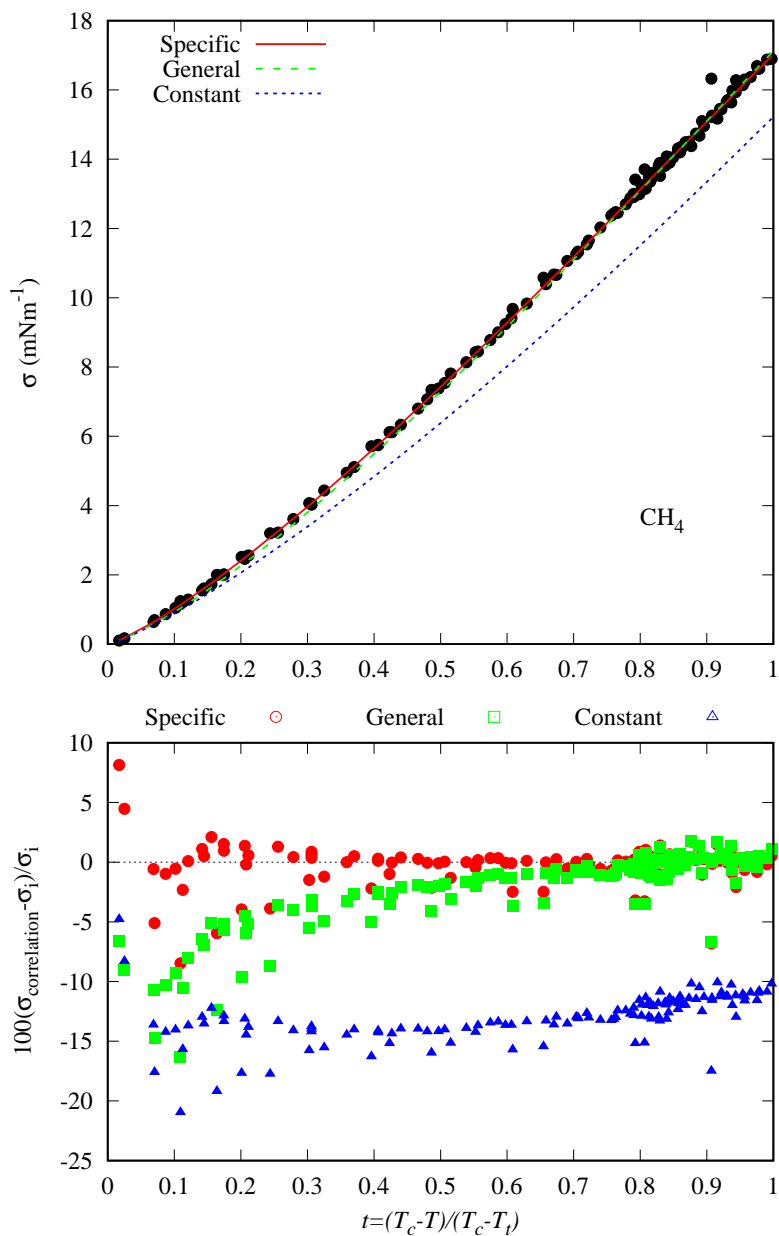
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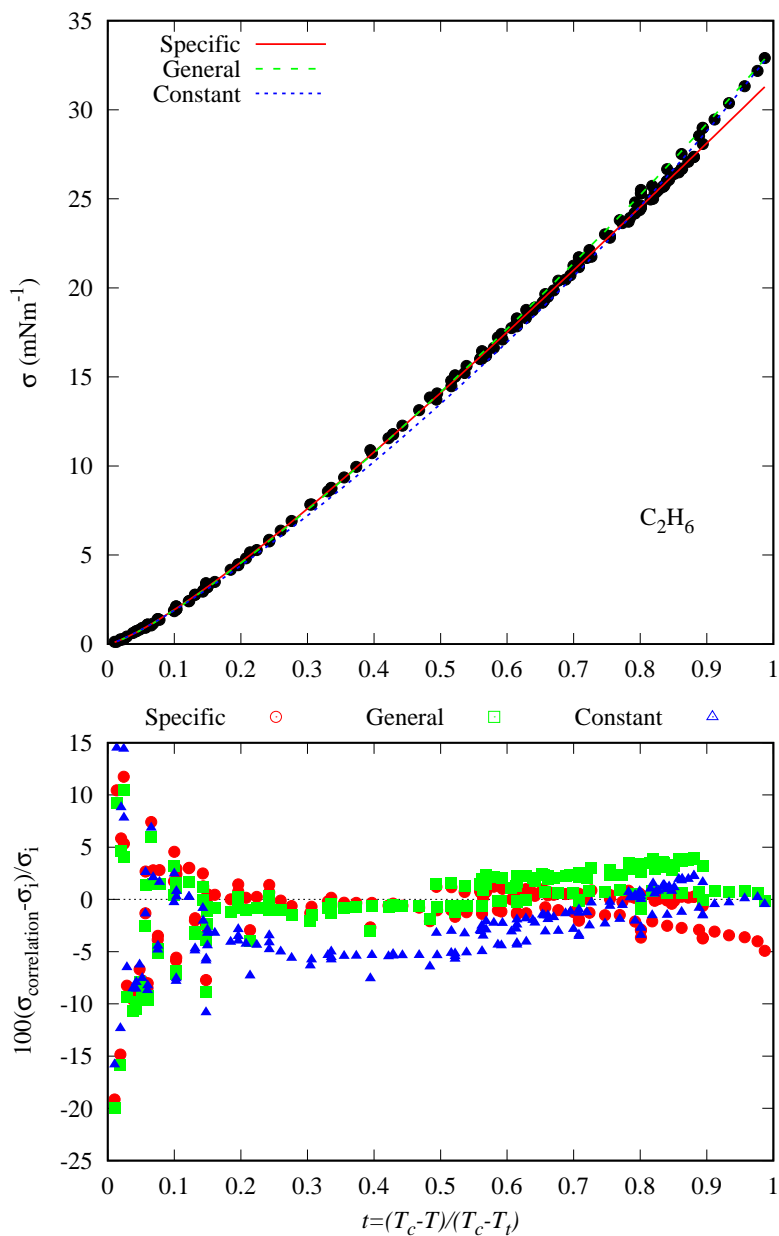
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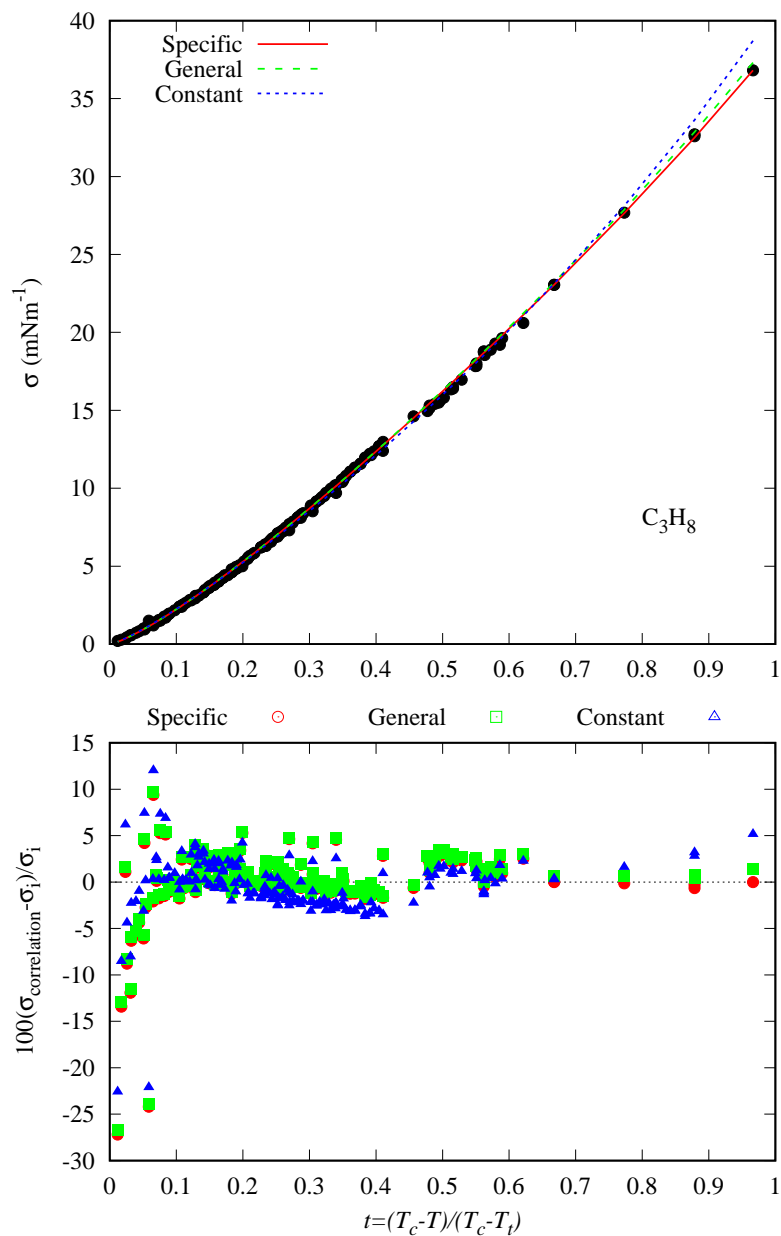
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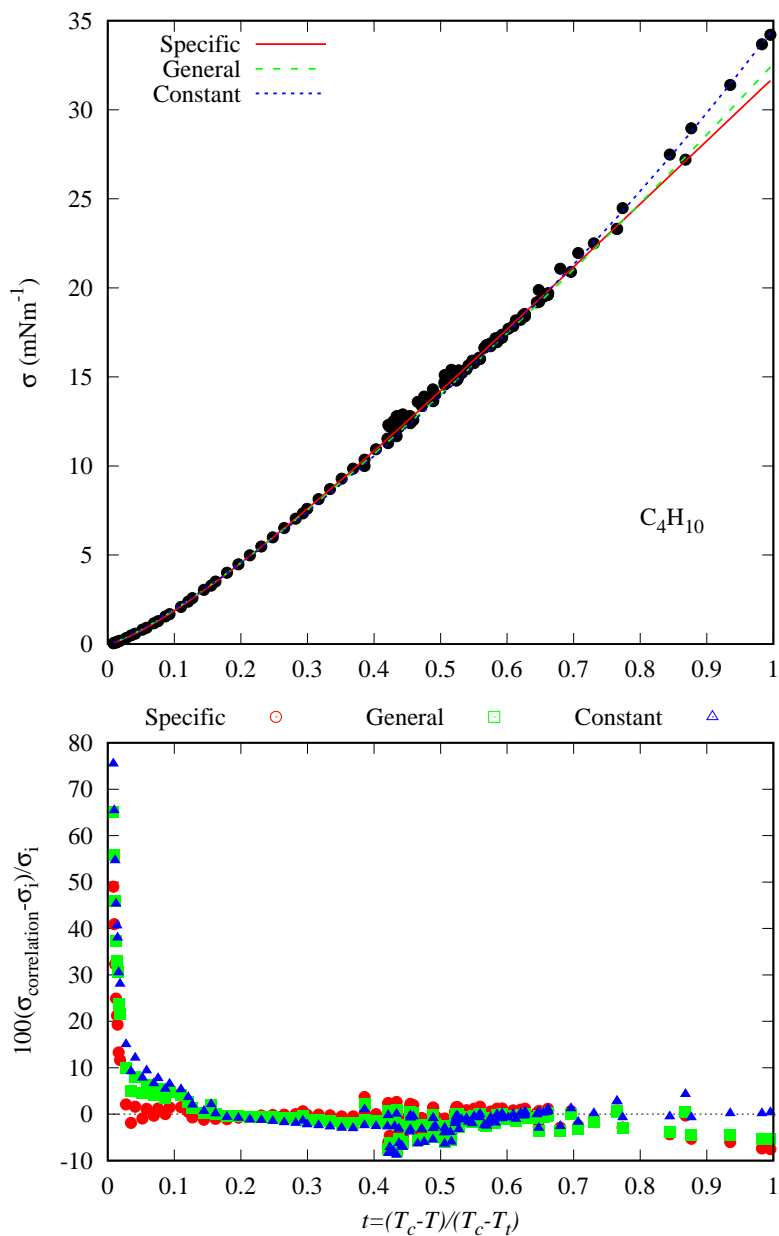
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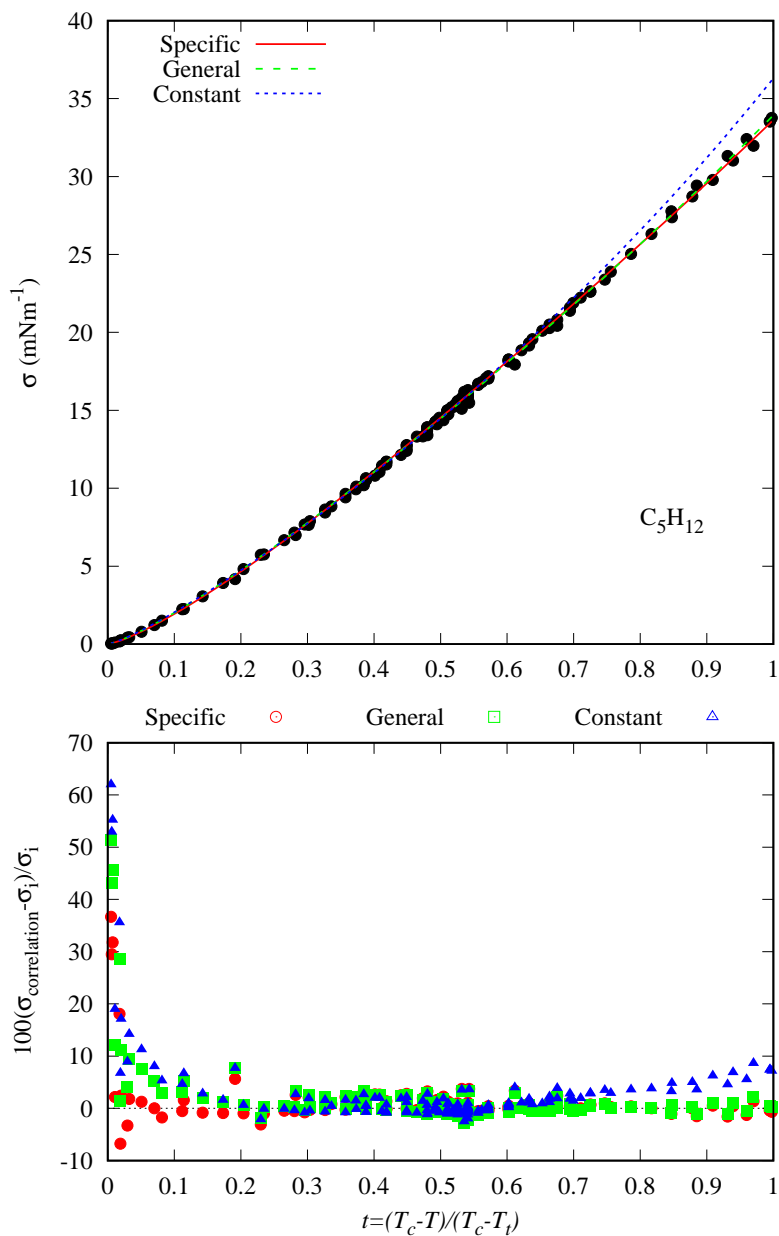
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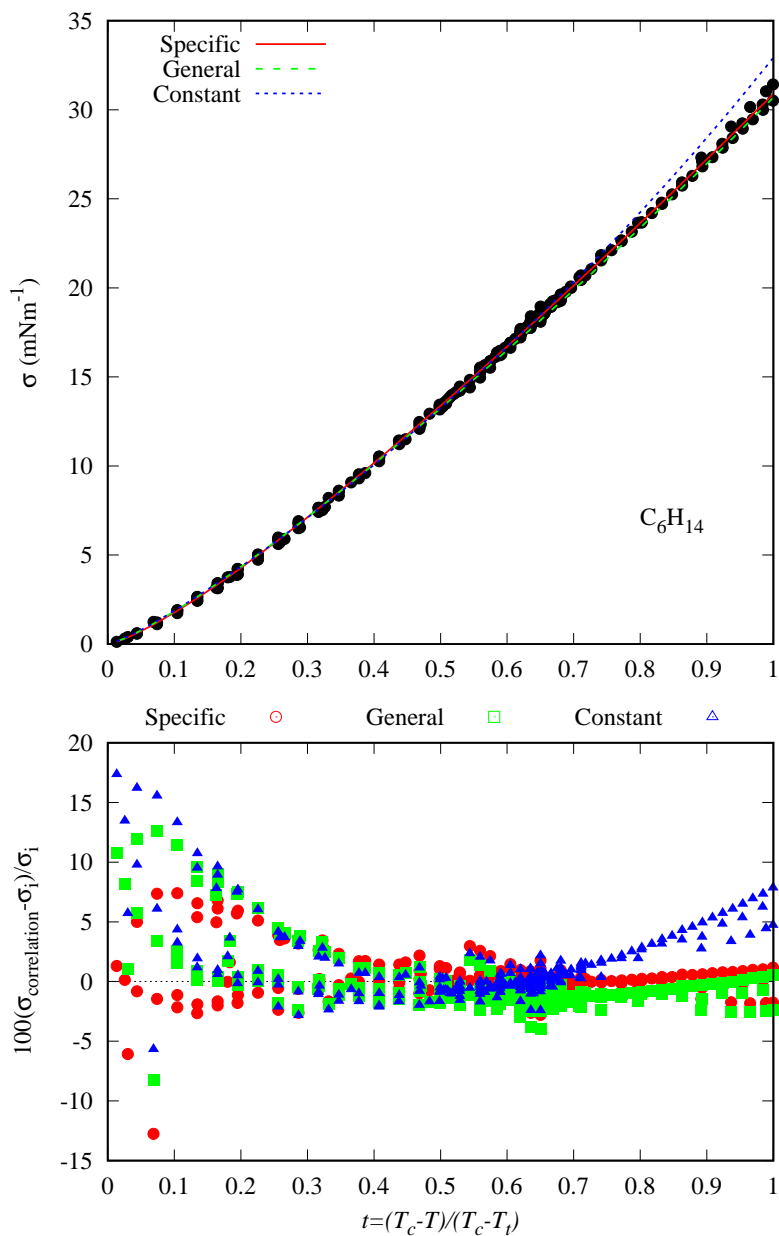
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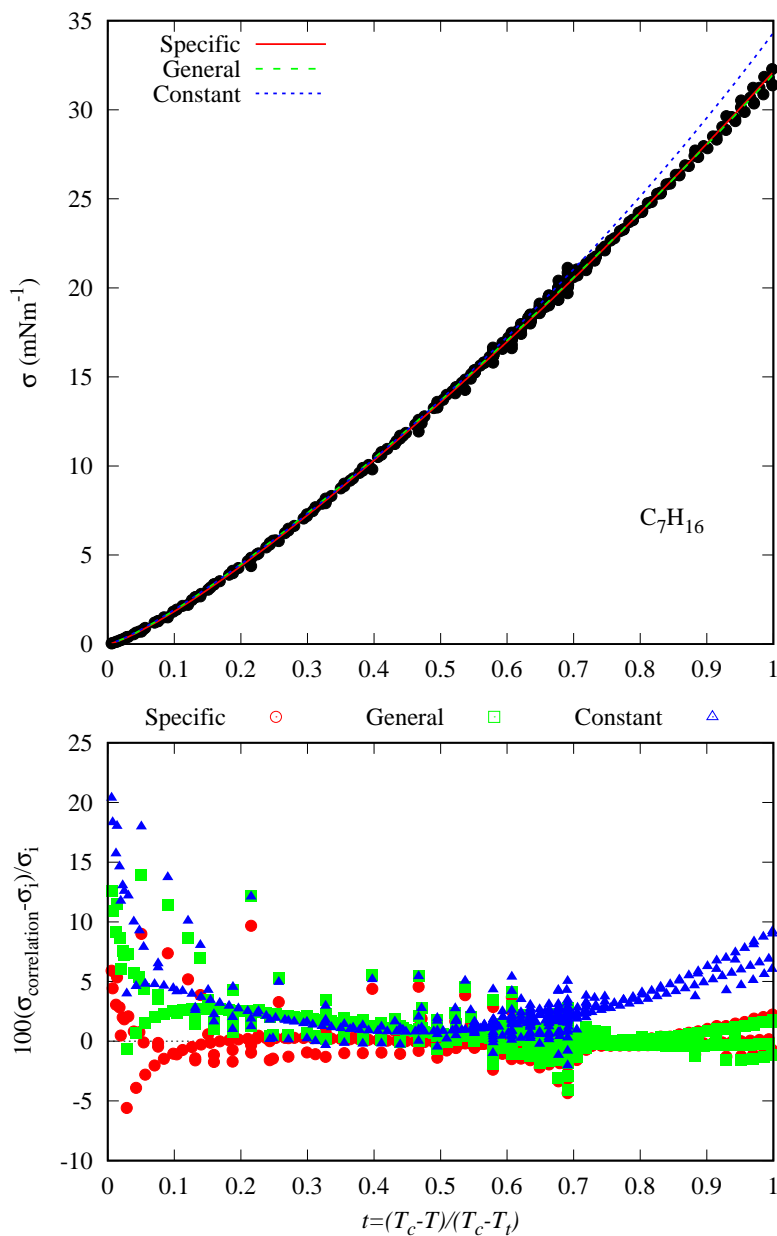
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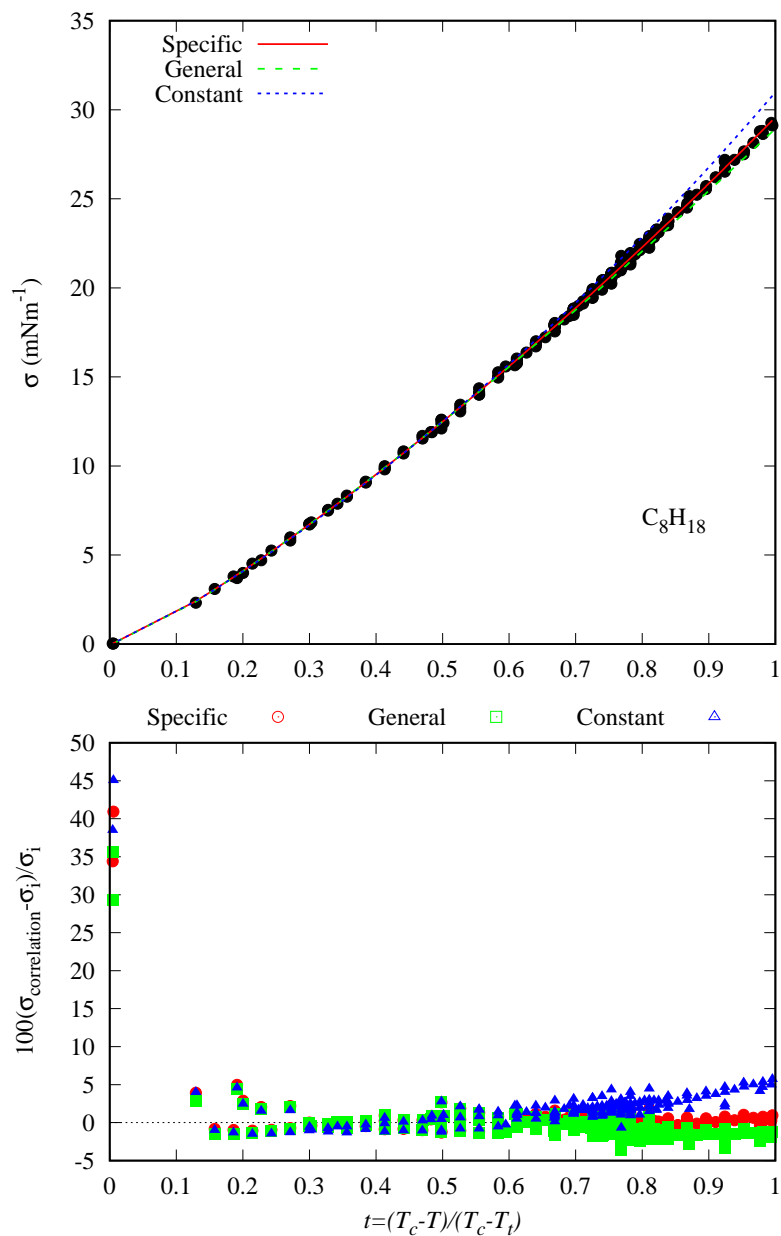
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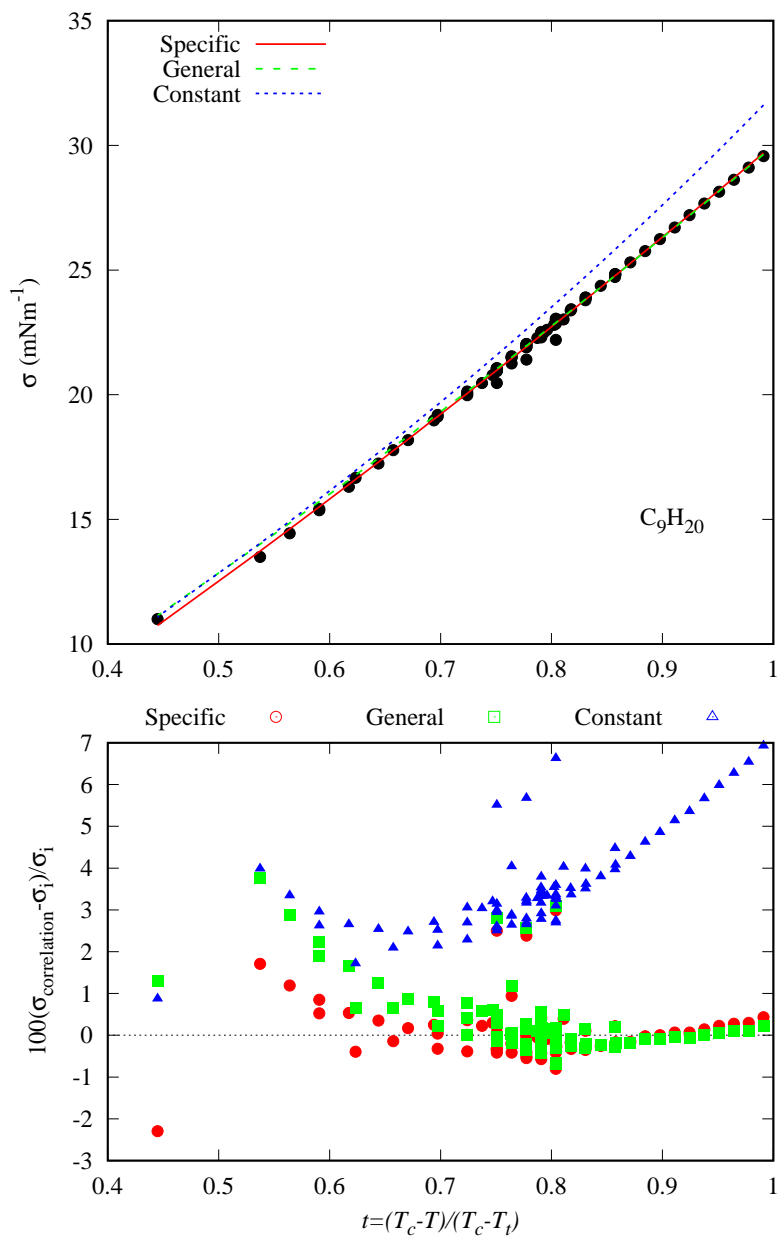
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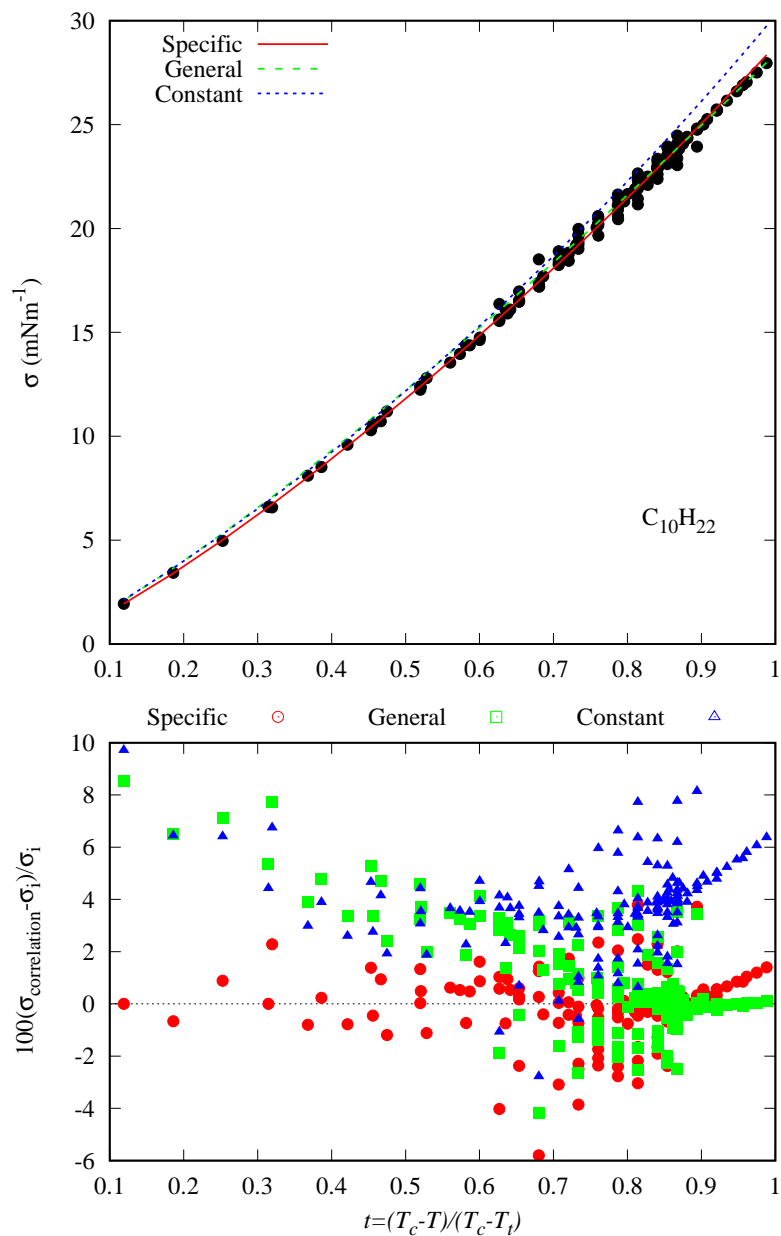
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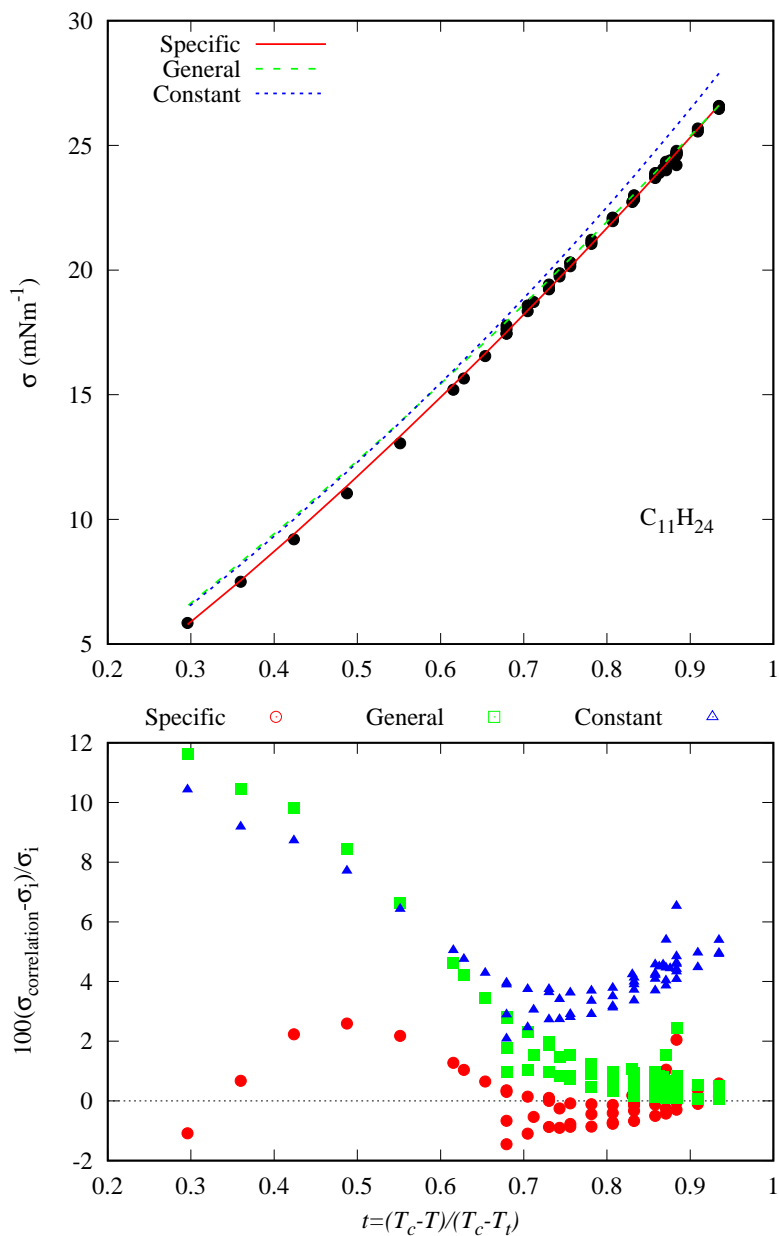
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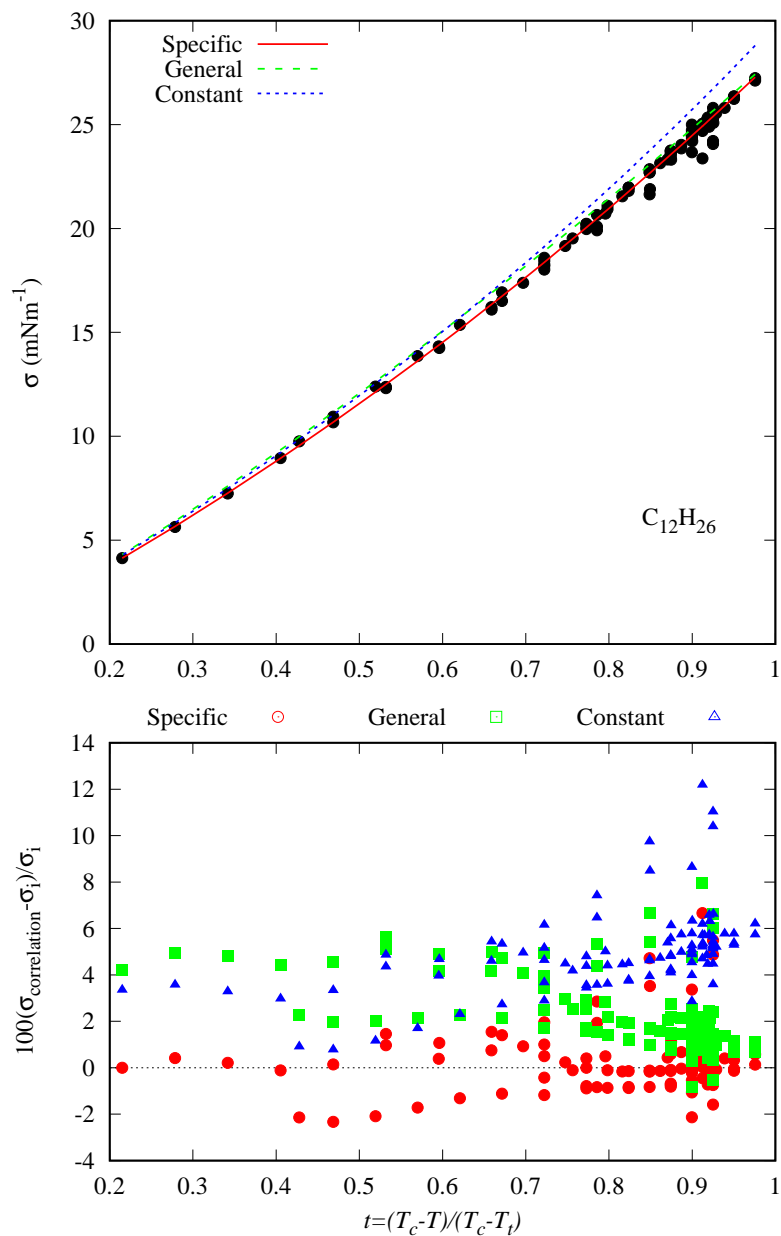
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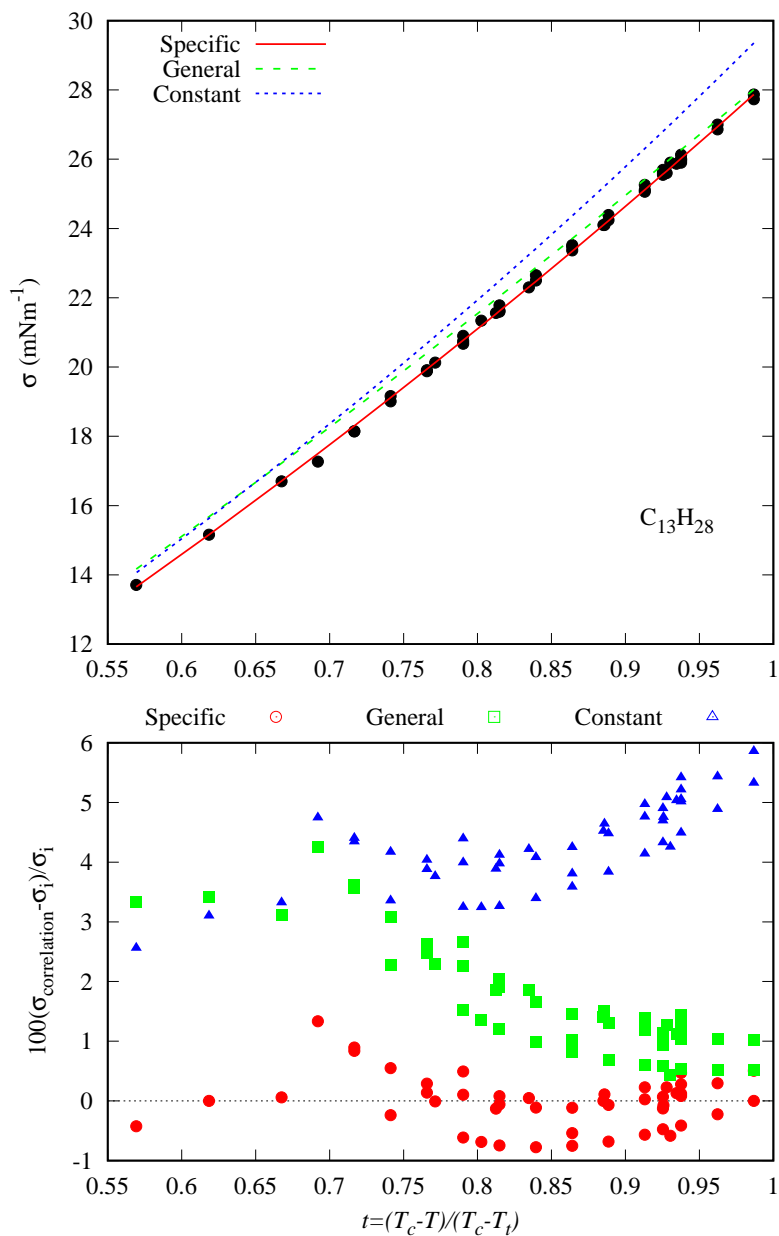
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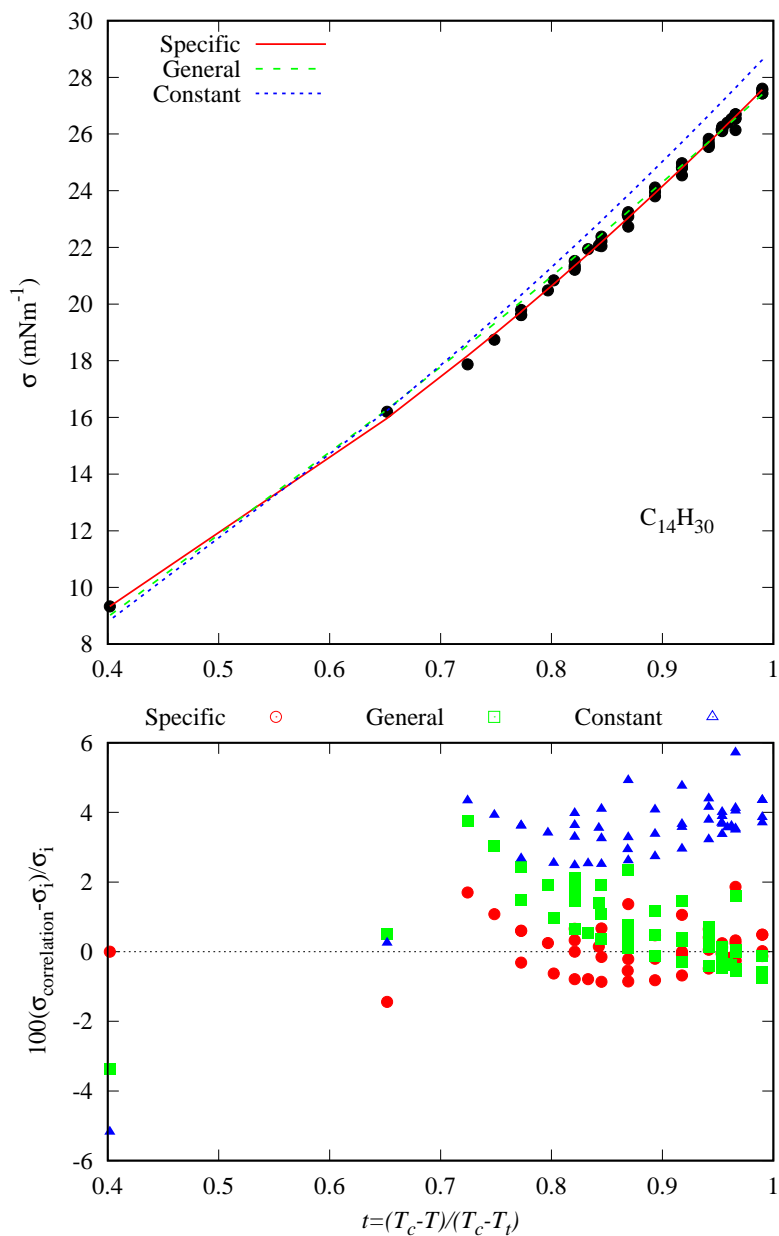
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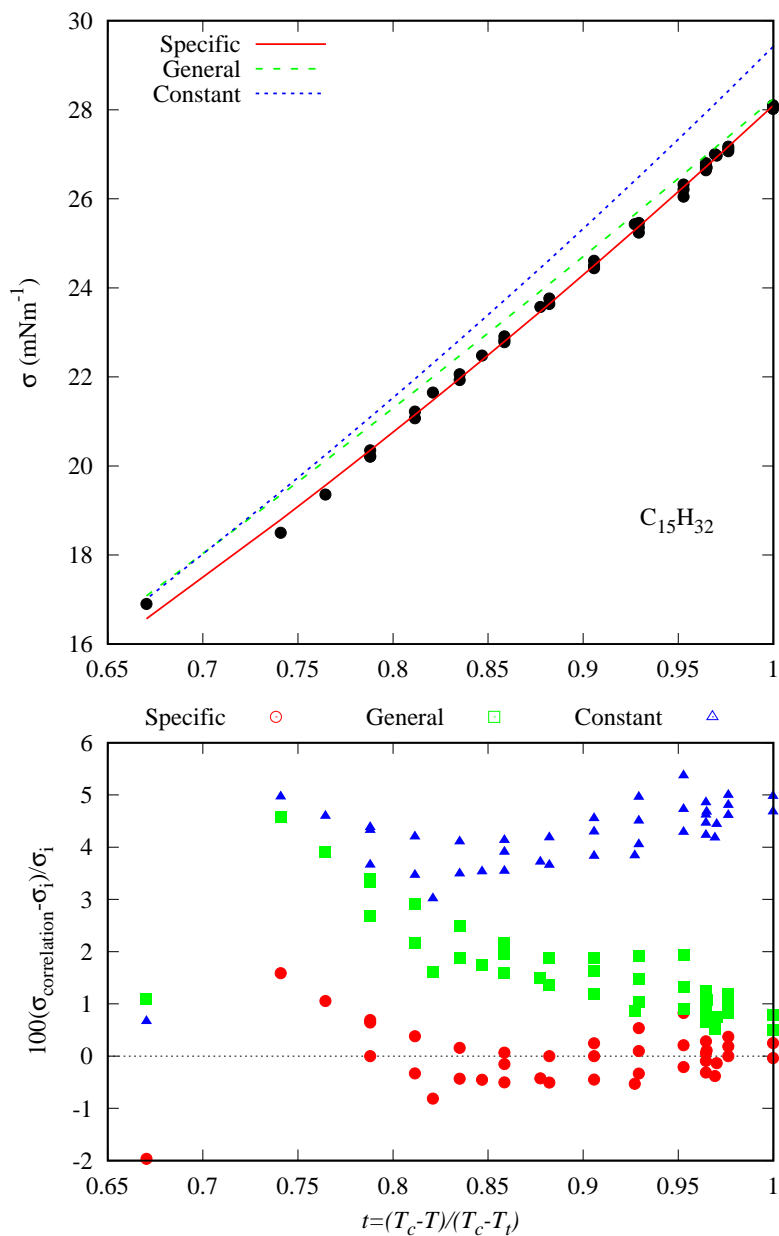
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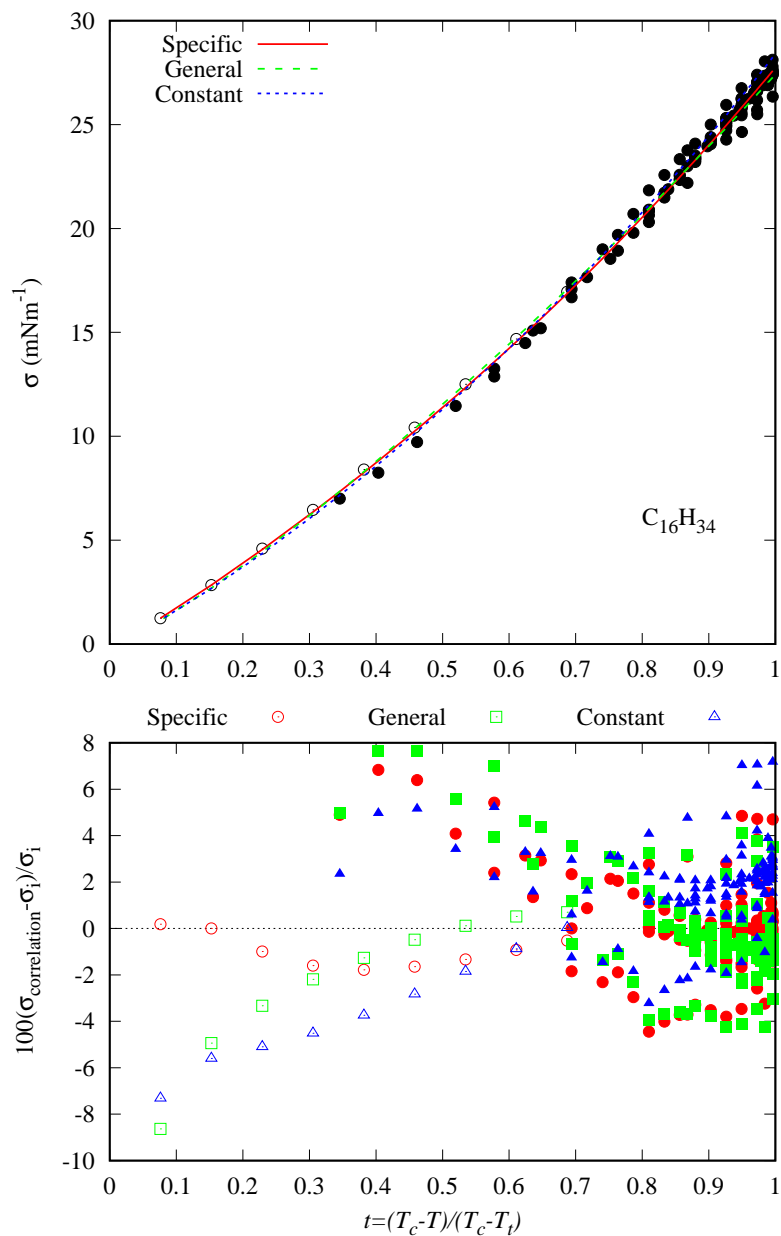
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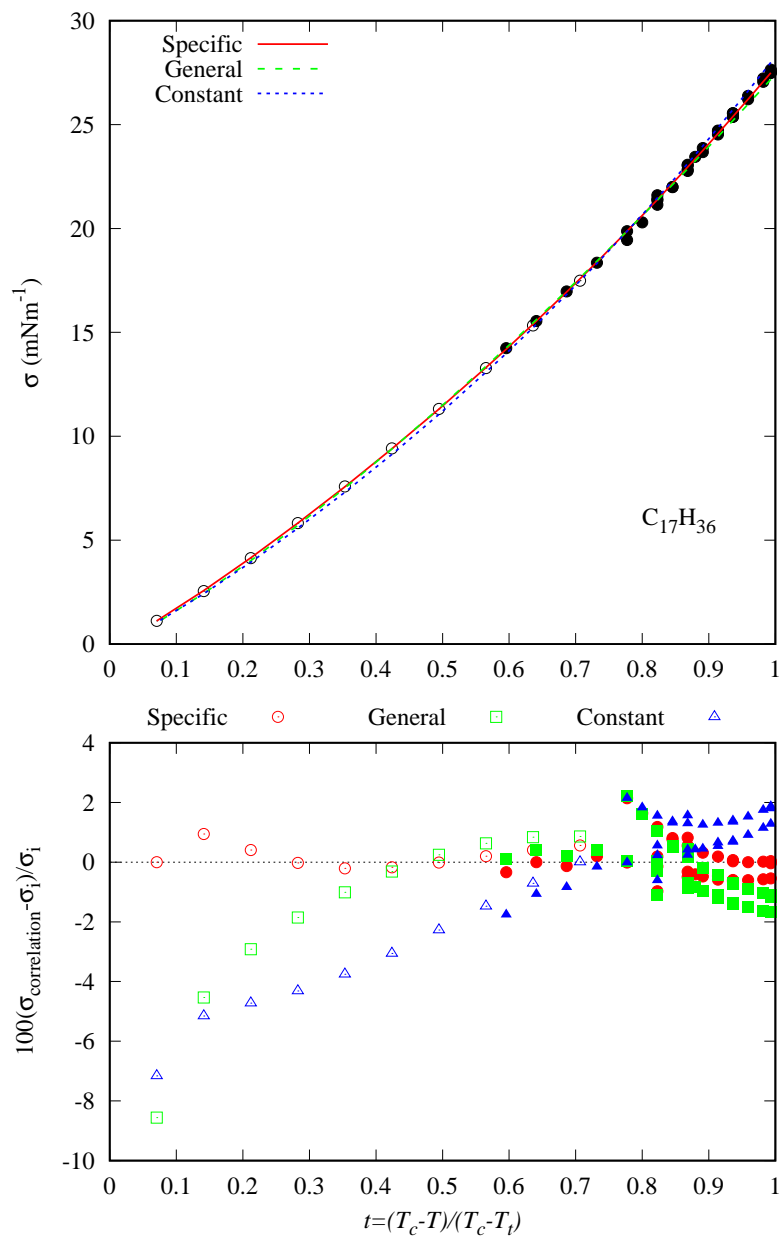
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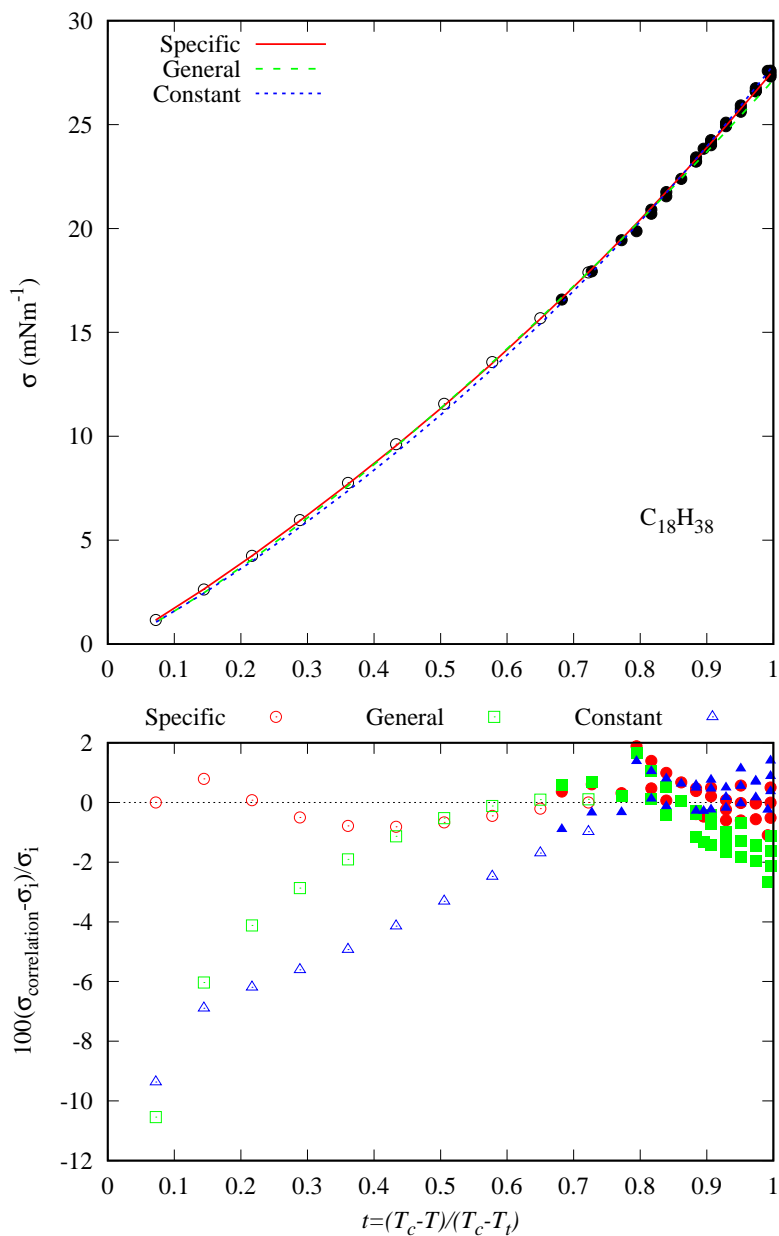
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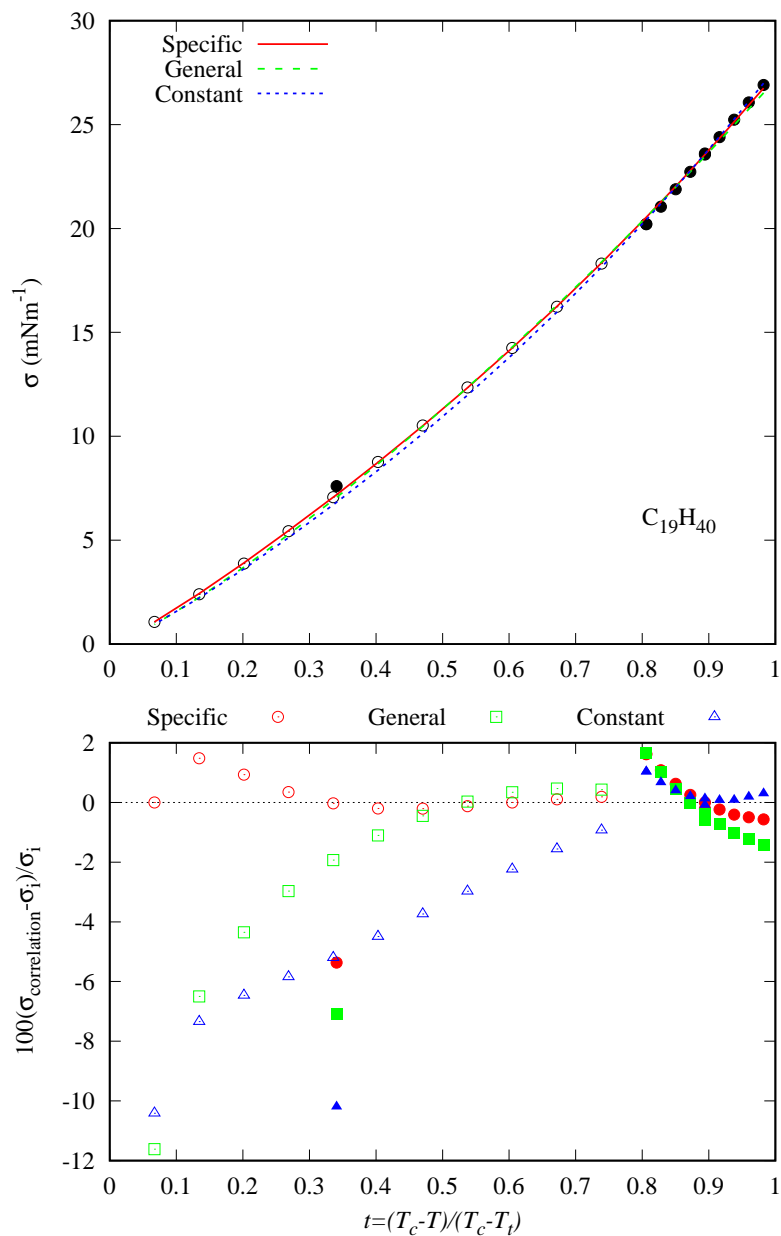
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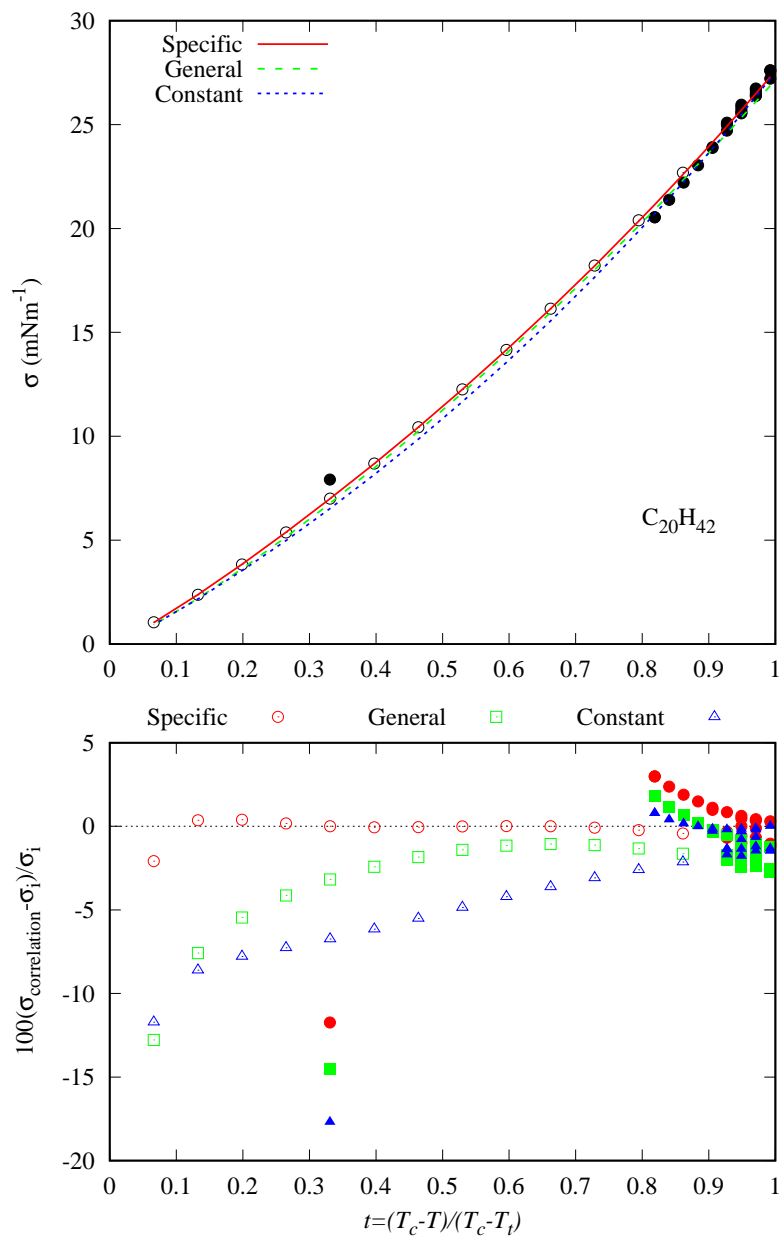
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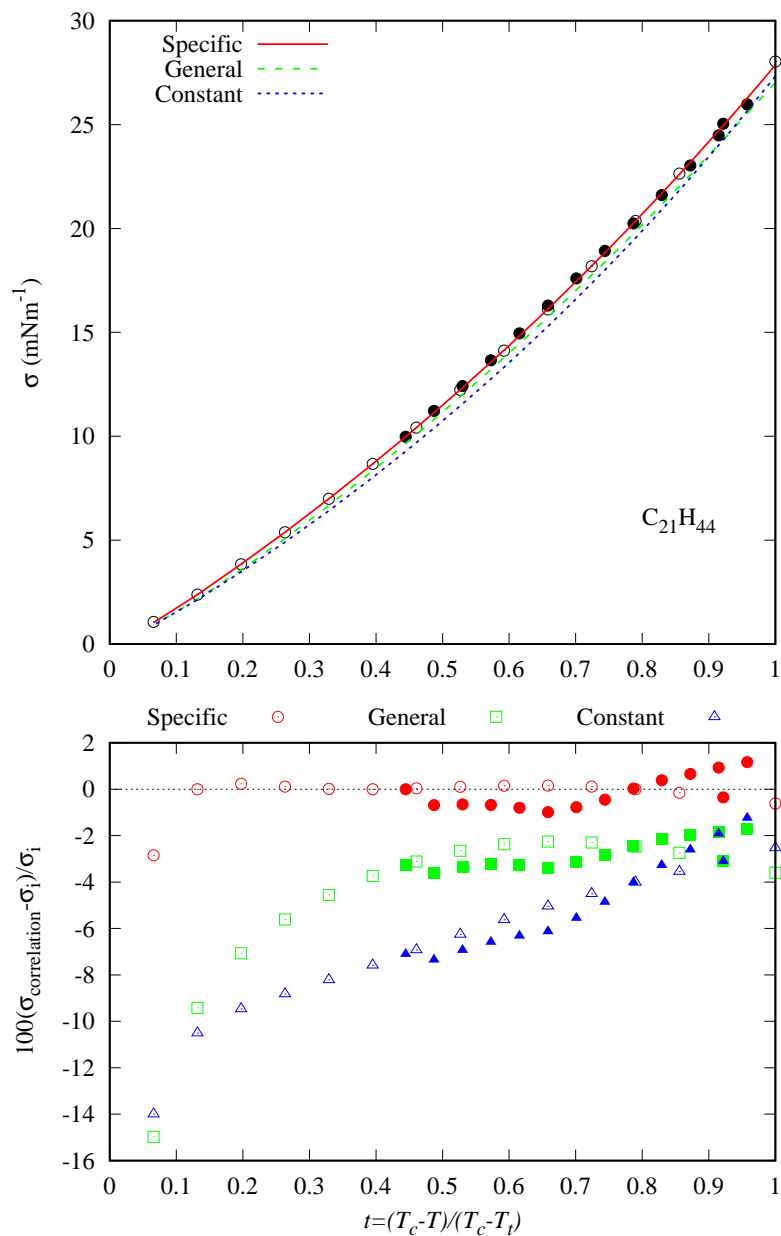
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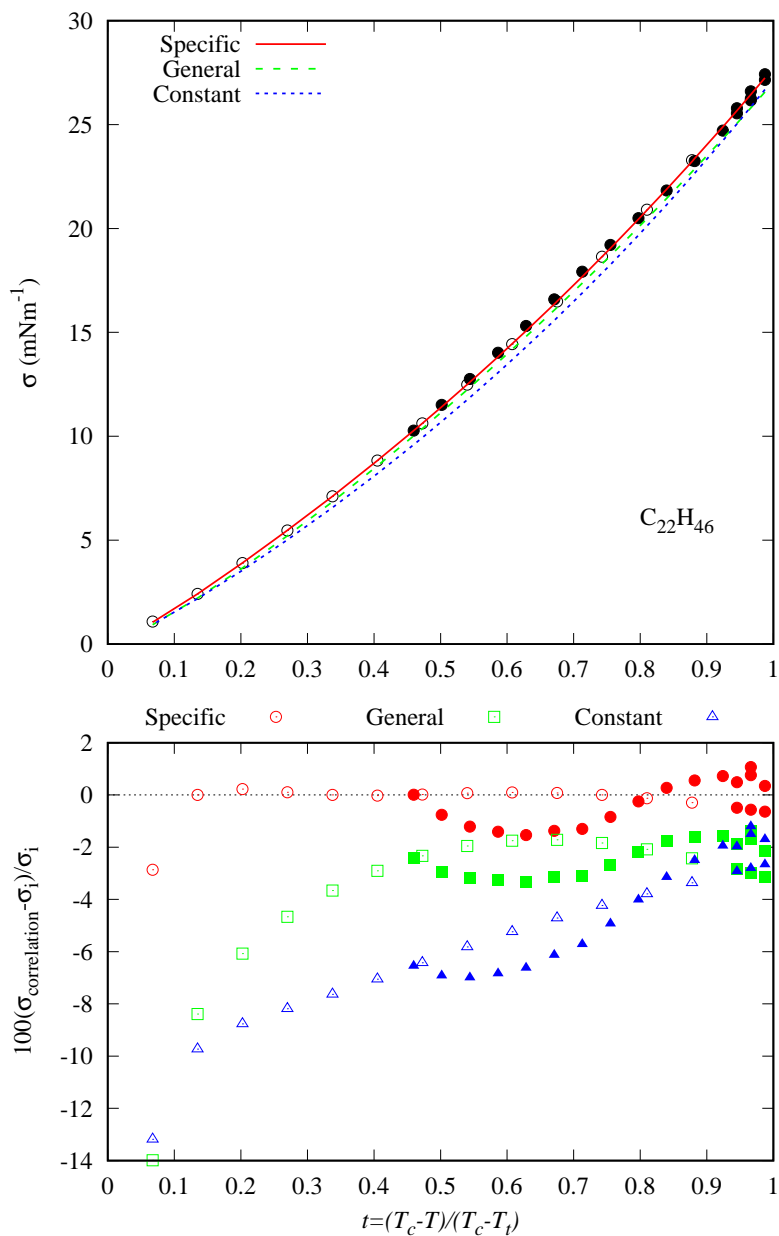
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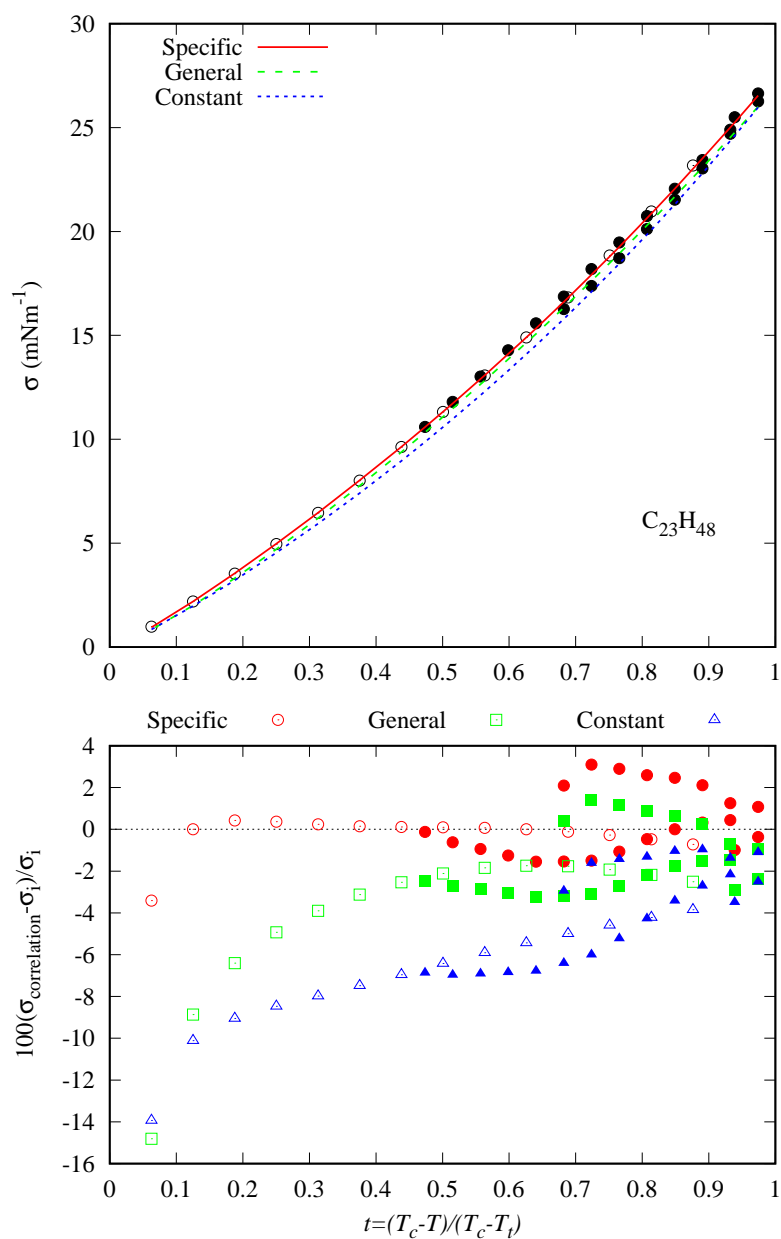
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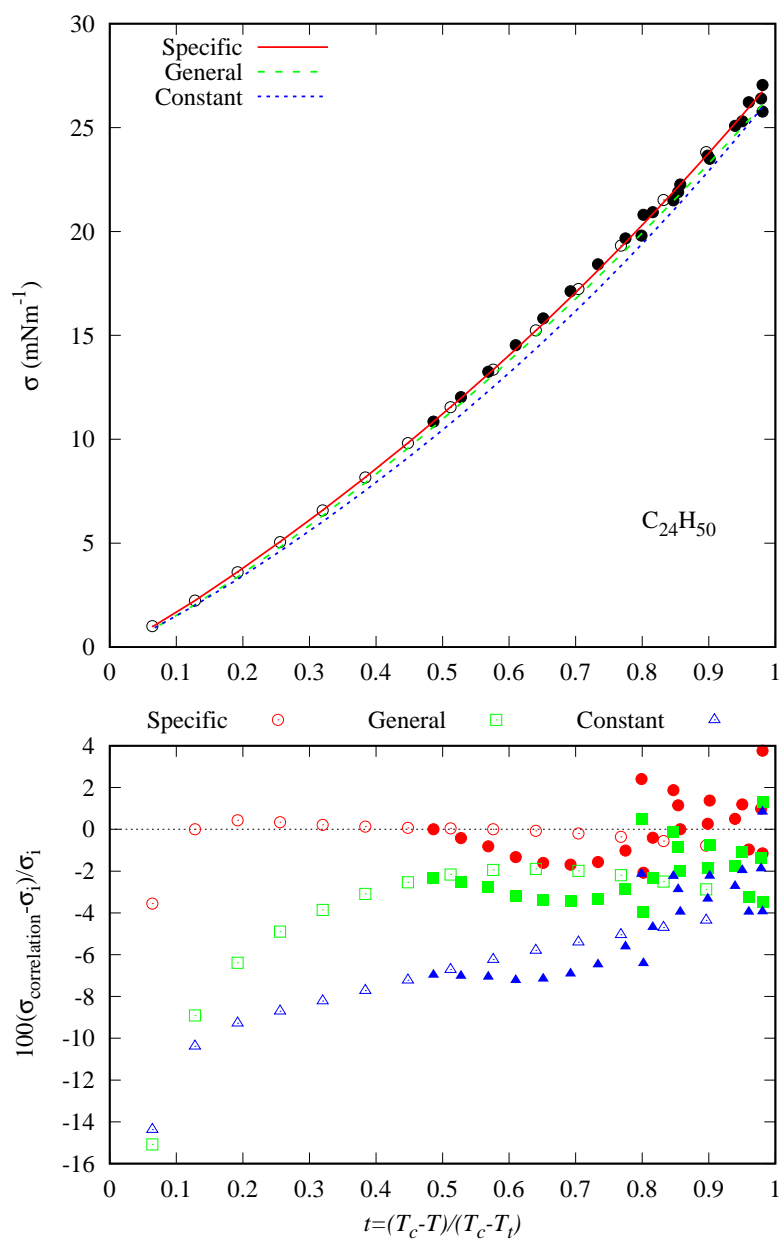
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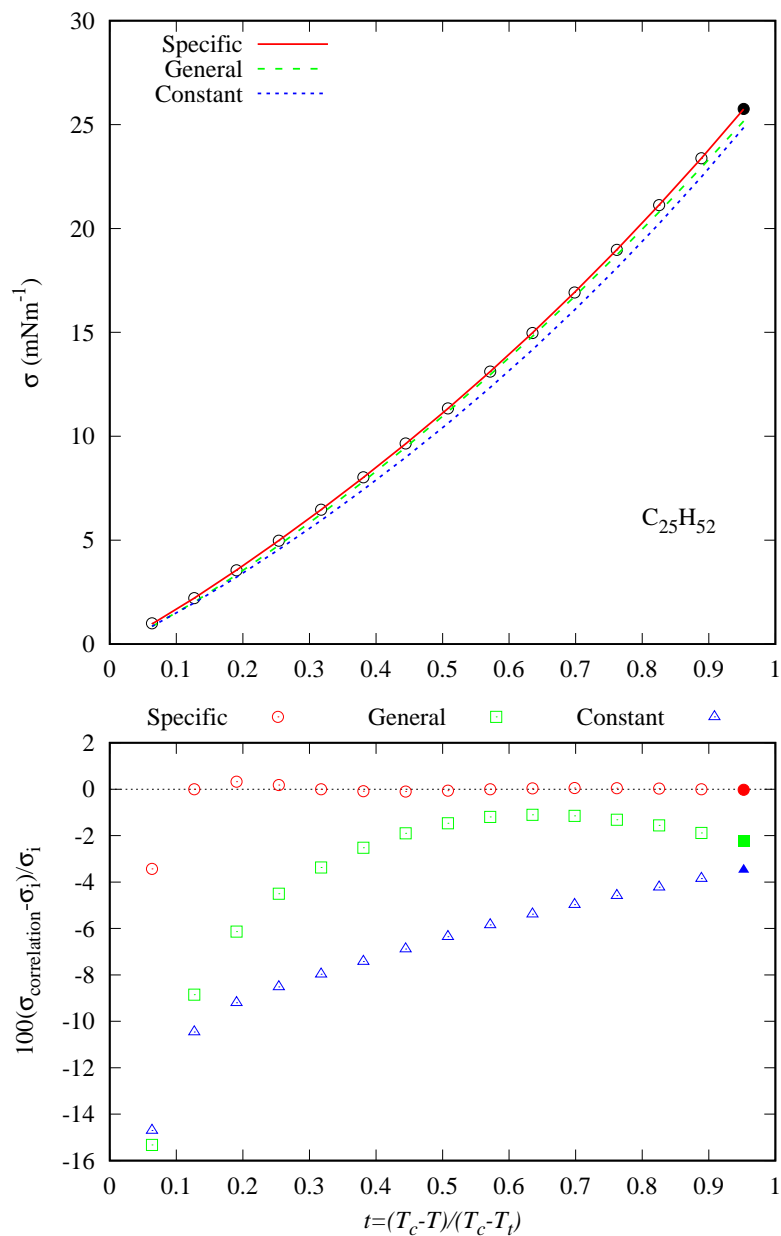
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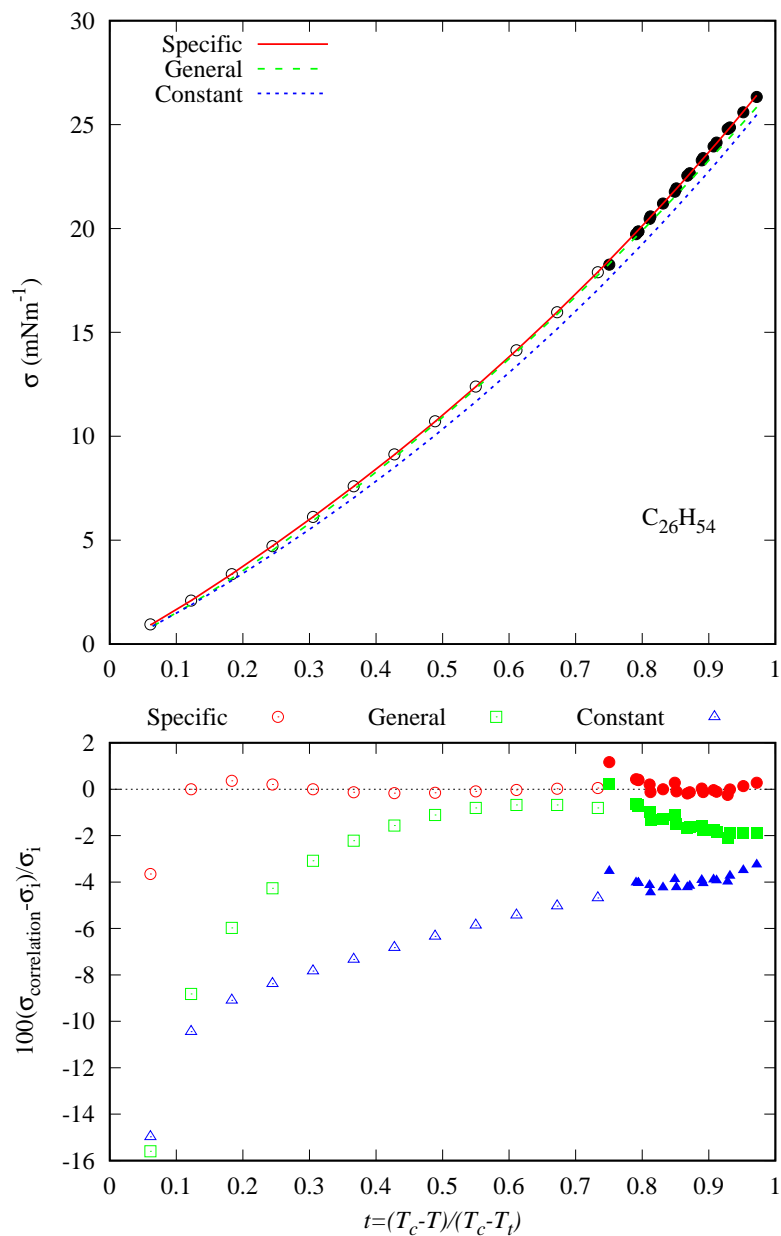
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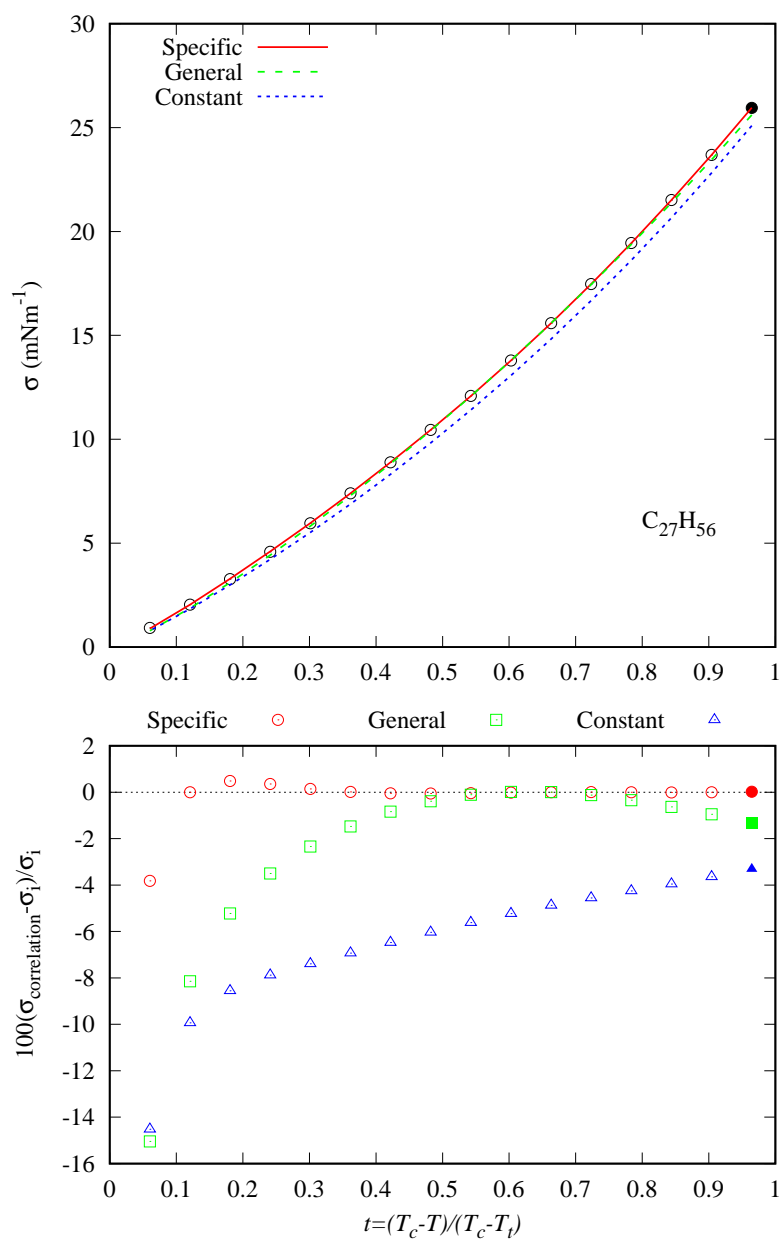
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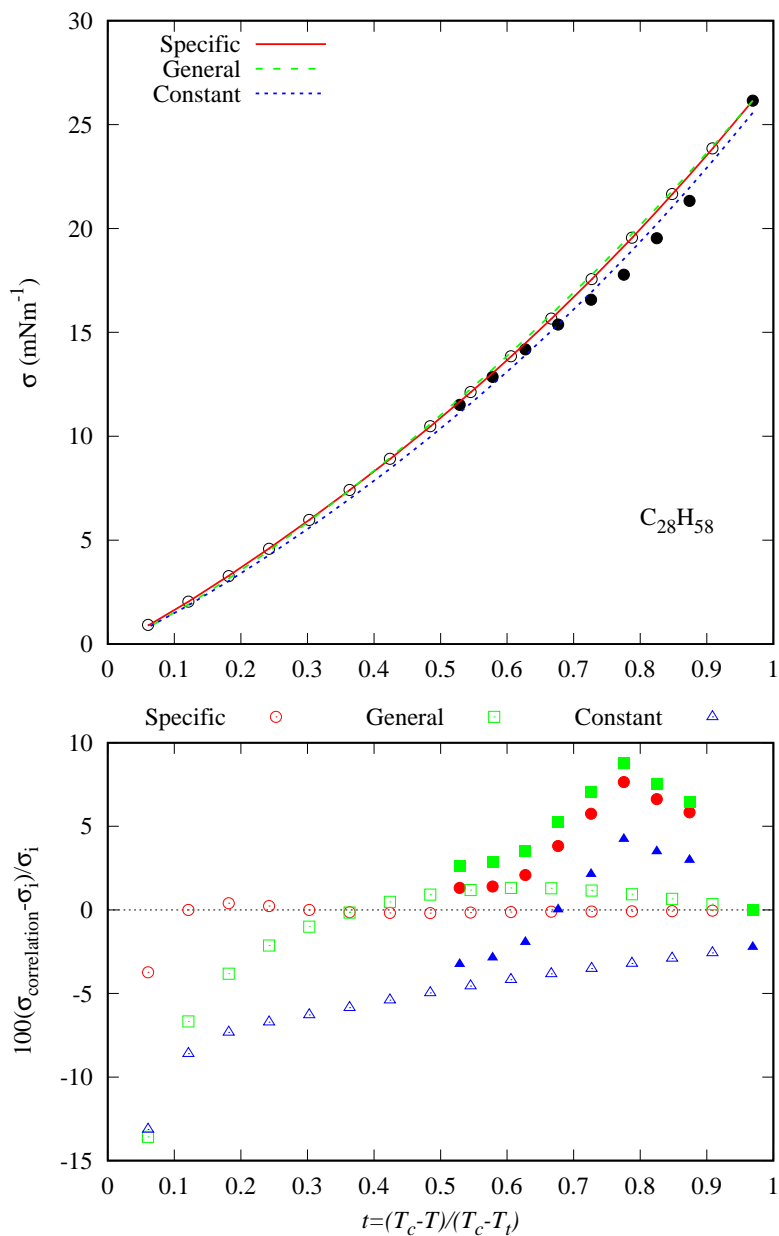
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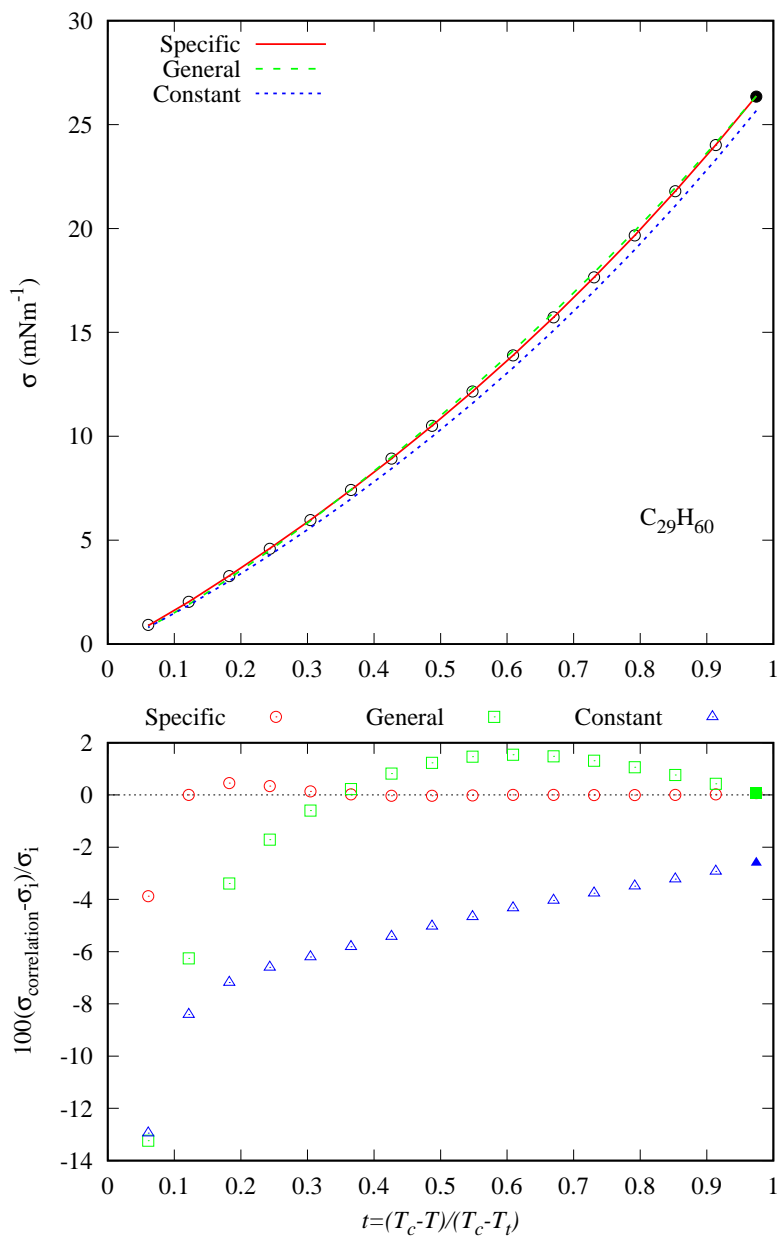
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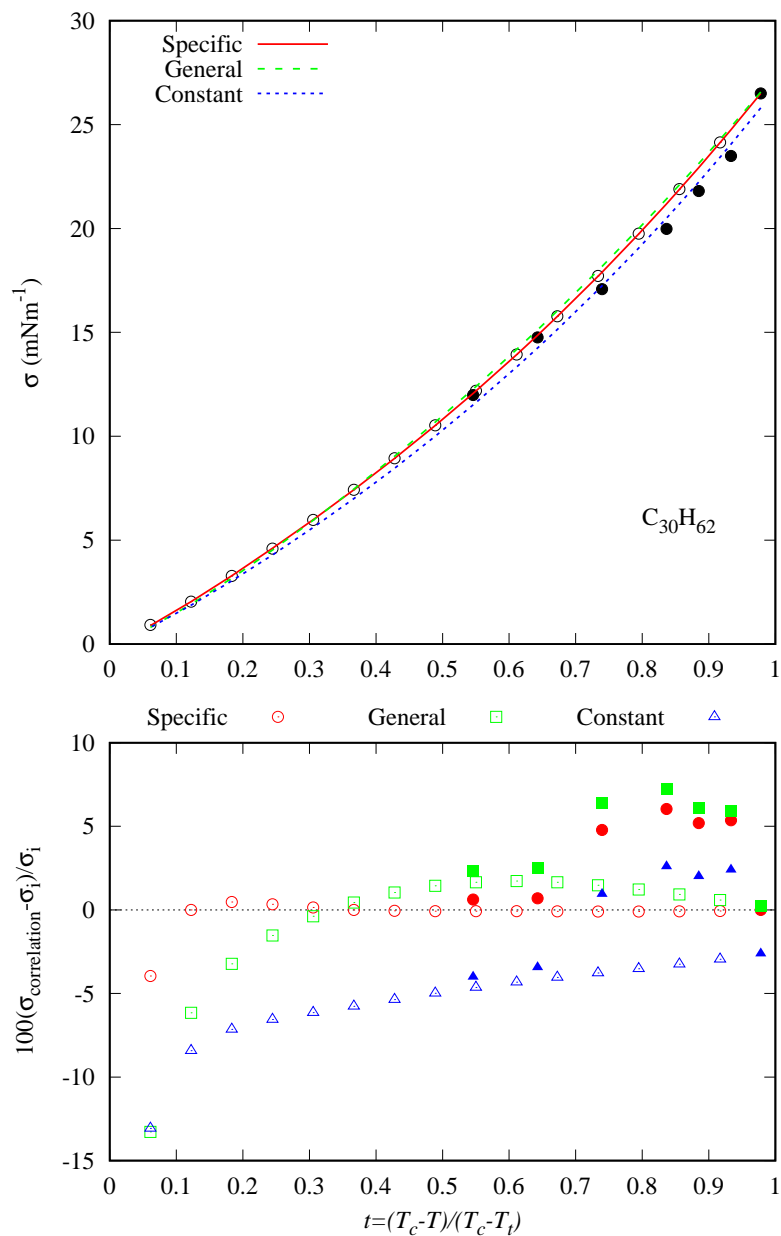
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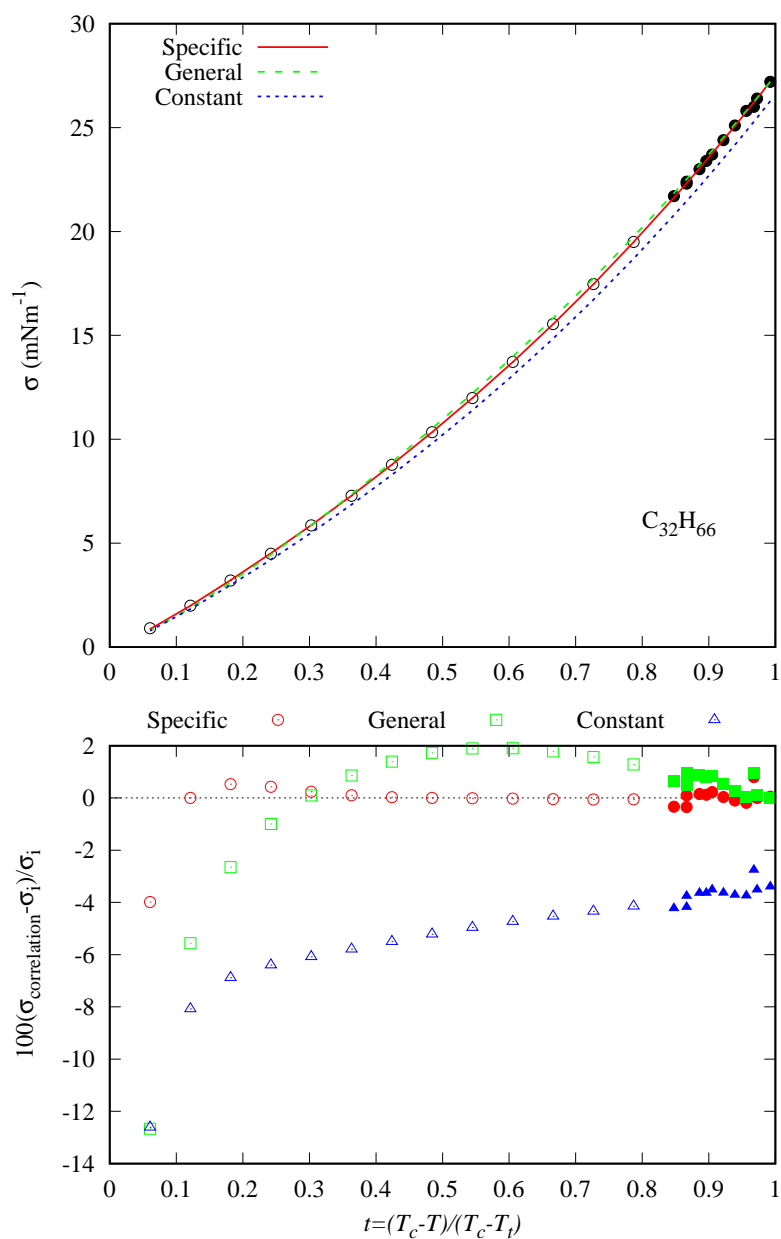
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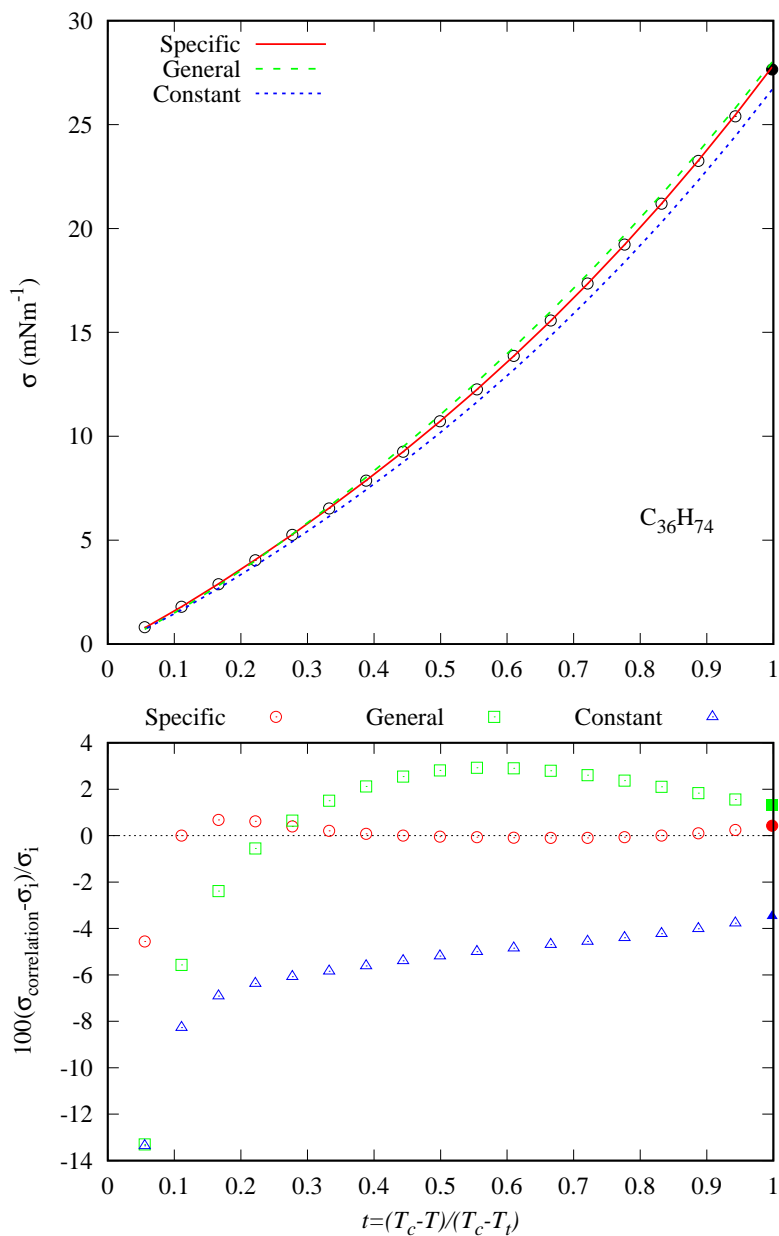
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**Figure 30.** Surface tension data for *n*-triacontane and percentage deviations from the correlations considered here (lines). The open symbols are the data from Sugden's correlation included in the DIPPR database. Closed symbols represent the fitting set data.



**Figure 31.** Surface tension data for *n*-dotriacontane and percentage deviations from the correlations considered here (lines). The open symbols are the data from Sugden's correlation included in the DIPPR database. Closed symbols represent the fitting set data.



**Figure 32.** Surface tension data for *n*-hexatriacontane and percentage deviations from the correlations considered here (lines). The open symbols are the data from Sugden's correlation included in the DIPPR database. Closed symbols represent the fitting set data.

**Table 1.** Statistical figures of the global correlation when  $m_0 = 4.99955$ ,  $m_2 = -3.45186$  and  $m_1 = 0.625431x^{-0.452929} + 3.52179x^{0.405698}$  (all in  $10^{-17}$  mol<sup>2/3</sup> units), with  $x$  being the acentric factor. CN is the carbon number,  $N$  the number of data, MAPD the mean absolute percentage deviation, MD the mean deviation, PD<sub>m</sub> the maximum absolute percentage deviation, and  $t_{PD_m}$  is the reduced temperature of the maximum percentage deviation. The subscript *fit* is added for those figures calculated with the fitting set.

CN	$N/N_{fit}$	MAPD/MAPD <sub>fit</sub> (%)	MD/MD <sub>fit</sub> (%)	PD <sub>m</sub> /PD <sub>m fit</sub> (%)	$t_{PD_m}/t_{PD_m fit}$
1	127/126	2.39/2.37	0.09/ 0.13	14.17/14.17	0.11/ 0.11
2	163/160	6.33/6.17	-5.97/-5.91	20.64/11.87	0.01/ 0.04
3	193/191	2.47/2.28	-1.64/-1.44	26.98/24.35	0.01/ 0.06
4	126/118	6.39/4.17	-0.45/-3.13	64.95/11.78	0.01/ 1.00
5	149/143	3.36/2.22	0.44/-0.82	51.58/11.53	0.01/ 0.02
6	270/269	2.73/2.70	-1.18/-1.23	13.47/13.47	0.07/ 0.07
7	363/357	1.88/1.74	0.66/ 0.50	14.95/14.95	0.05/ 0.05
8	196/194	1.96/1.64	-0.54/-0.89	36.19/6.09	0.01/ 0.19
9	78	0.88	0.27	4.97	0.54
10	149	2.02	1.44	10.54	0.12
11	60	2.44	2.42	14.18	0.30
12	100	3.06	3.04	8.12	0.91
13	48	2.48	2.48	5.95	0.69
14	49	1.47	1.34	5.37	0.72
15	40	2.60	2.60	6.36	0.74
16	127/117	1.97/1.94	0.60/ 0.65	10.45/10.45	0.40/ 0.40
17	44/ 34	1.45/1.13	0.55/ 0.52	6.84/3.64	0.07/ 0.78
18	39/ 29	1.51/1.19	-0.11/ 0.02	8.85/2.99	0.07/ 0.79
19	23/ 12	2.08/1.51	-0.02/ 0.27	10.01/4.65	0.07/ 0.34
20	38/ 25	1.94/1.90	-1.23/-1.05	12.37/12.37	0.33/ 0.33
21	28/ 14	2.15/1.35	-2.15/-1.35	13.44/2.53	0.07/ 0.92
22	32/ 19	1.71/1.33	-1.68/-1.33	12.41/2.90	0.07/ 0.99
23	36/ 22	1.74/1.35	-1.02/-0.22	13.32/2.98	0.06/ 0.72
24	36/ 22	1.82/1.38	-1.60/-1.04	13.61/3.36	0.06/ 0.98
25	15/ 1	2.30/1.94	-1.90/-1.94	13.86/1.94	0.06/ 0.95
26	31/ 19	1.64/0.93	-1.10/-0.65	14.18/1.75	0.06/ 0.97
27	16/ 1	2.30/1.30	-0.97/-1.30	13.67/1.30	0.06/ 0.96
28	24/ 9	4.33/6.43	2.82/ 6.43	12.08/10.26	0.06/ 0.78
29	16/ 1	2.89/0.18	0.74/ 0.18	11.80/0.18	0.06/ 0.97
30	22/ 7	3.97/5.51	2.44/ 5.51	11.81/8.24	0.06/ 0.84
32	25/ 12	2.29/0.94	1.07/ 0.93	11.23/1.63	0.06/ 0.87
36	18/ 1	3.74/1.15	1.97/ 1.15	11.96/1.15	0.06/ 1.00
Overall	2681/3427			64.95/24.35	
	$N_{fluid}$	OMAPD/ OMAPD <sub>fit</sub>	OMD/ OMD <sub>fit</sub>		
	32	2.57/2.18	0.11/0.24		

**Table 2.** Statistical figures of the global correlation when  $m_0 = 4.91156$ ,  $m_2 = -2.6442$  and  $m_1 = 1.09159x^{-0.53364} + 2.68771x^{0.401163}$  (all in  $10^{-17} \text{ mol}^{2/3}$  units), with  $x$  being the critical volume. CN is the carbon number,  $N$  the number of data, MAPD the mean absolute percentage deviation, MD the mean deviation,  $\text{PD}_m$  the maximum absolute percentage deviation, and  $t_{\text{PD}_m}$  is the reduced temperature of the maximum percentage deviation. The subscript *fit* is added for those figures calculated with the fitting set.

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12	100	1.94	1.91	7.84	0.91
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	32	2.52/1.94	-0.79/-0.02		

**Table 3.** Statistical figures of the global correlation when  $m_0 = 5.37325$ ,  $m_2 = 2.05972$  and  $m_1 = 0.662073x^{-0.595946} + 4.84453x^{0.542305}$  (all in  $10^{-17}$  mol<sup>2/3</sup> units), with  $x$  being the liquid molar volume at 298.15 K and 101325 Pa. CN is the carbon number,  $N$  the number of data, MAPD the mean absolute percentage deviation, MD the mean deviation, PD<sub>m</sub> the maximum absolute percentage deviation, and  $t_{PDm}$  is the reduced temperature of the maximum percentage deviation. The subscript *fit* is added for those figures calculated with the fitting set.

CN	$N/N_{fit}$	MAPD/MAPD <sub>fit</sub> (%)	MD/MD <sub>fit</sub> (%)	PD <sub>m</sub> /PD <sub>m fit</sub> (%)	$t_{PDm}/t_{PDm fit}$
1	127/126	3.35/3.33	-1.43/-1.40	16.82/16.82	0.11/ 0.11
2	163/160	3.44/3.22	-2.54/-2.44	19.07/11.63	0.01/ 0.15
3	193/191	2.08/1.91	-0.47/-0.28	25.46/23.76	0.01/ 0.06
4	126/118	4.79/2.29	1.76/-0.94	68.36/11.25	0.01/ 0.03
5	149/143	2.97/1.72	1.77/ 0.47	54.88/12.73	0.01/ 0.02
6	270/269	1.97/1.93	-0.54/-0.59	12.54/12.32	0.01/ 0.04
7	363/357	1.43/1.26	0.59/ 0.41	14.97/14.01	0.01/ 0.05
8	196/194	1.51/1.16	-0.52/-0.89	38.48/3.59	0.01/ 0.21
9	78	0.65	0.46	3.40	0.80
10	149	1.29	0.69	6.70	0.12
11	60	1.35	1.33	8.28	0.30
12	100	2.01	1.94	8.54	0.91
13	48	1.41	1.41	2.47	0.69
14	49	0.99	0.66	6.51	0.40
15	40	1.77	1.73	3.08	0.74
16	127/117	1.53/1.28	-0.50/-0.17	9.79/4.87	0.08/ 0.81
17	44/ 34	1.65/0.86	-1.58/-0.77	9.60/2.53	0.07/ 0.60
18	39/ 29	2.05/0.93	-2.03/-0.89	11.60/1.80	0.07/ 0.99
19	23/ 12	3.20/1.41	-3.10/-1.22	12.57/10.33	0.07/ 0.34
20	38/ 25	3.20/1.80	-3.12/-1.68	17.58/17.58	0.33/ 0.33
21	28/ 14	5.58/4.35	-5.58/-4.35	15.84/6.64	0.07/ 0.49
22	32/ 19	4.55/3.34	-4.55/-3.34	14.88/5.91	0.07/ 0.54
23	36/ 22	4.00/2.54	-3.99/-2.51	15.58/5.53	0.06/ 0.52
24	36/ 22	4.25/2.94	-4.12/-2.74	15.85/5.39	0.06/ 0.61
25	15/ 1	5.41/1.59	-5.41/-1.59	16.05/1.59	0.06/ 0.95
26	31/ 19	3.21/1.44	-3.21/-1.44	16.23/1.87	0.06/ 0.81
27	16/ 1	4.23/0.48	-4.23/-0.48	15.68/0.48	0.06/ 0.96
28	24/ 9	3.48/3.92	-0.39/ 3.92	14.16/8.05	0.06/ 0.78
29	16/ 1	2.90/1.20	-2.47/ 1.20	13.85/1.20	0.06/ 0.97
30	22/ 7	3.32/4.17	-0.28/ 4.17	13.83/7.25	0.06/ 0.84
32	25/ 12	2.24/1.59	-0.48/ 1.59	13.13/2.50	0.06/ 0.97
36	18/ 1	3.01/3.68	-0.23/ 3.68	13.50/3.68	0.06/ 1.00
Overall	2681/2427			68.36/23.76	
	$N_{fluid}$	OMAPD/ OMAPD <sub>fit</sub>	OMD/ OMD <sub>fit</sub>		
	32	2.78/1.99	-1.20/-0.13		