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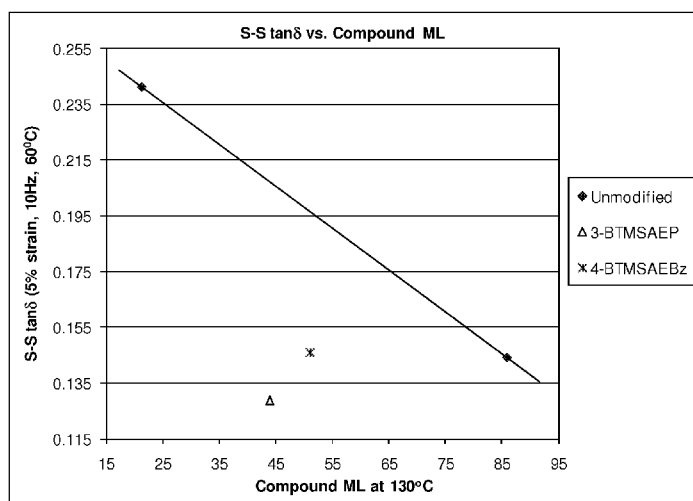
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Figure 1



(57) Abstract: A method for preparing a functionalized polymer, the method comprising the steps of: (i) polymerizing monomer with an anionic initiator to form a reactive polymer; and (ii) reacting the reactive polymer with a carboxylic or thiocarboxylic ester containing a silylated amino group, where the silylated amino group is directly attached to a moiety selected from the group consisting of acyclic moieties, heterocyclic moieties, and nonaromatic cyclic moieties.