

# 第三章 高分子溶液

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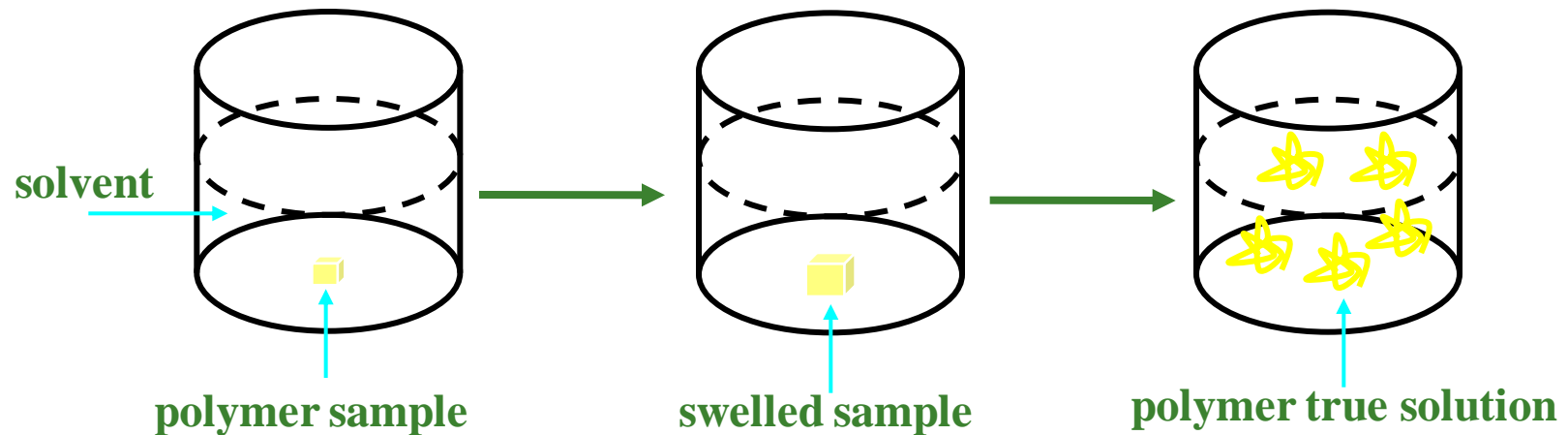
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# Chapt. 3 Polymer Solutions

## ➤ The solution process



- **This process is usually slower compared with small molecules, and strongly dependent on the chemical structures and condensed states of the samples.**

**Crosslinked polymer: only can be swelled.**

**Crystalline PE: dissolve at the temperature approached to its melting temperature.**

**Crystalline Nylon 6,6: dissolved at room temperature by using the solvent with strong hydrogen bonds.**

# 3.1 Criteria (判据) of Polymer Solubility

## ➤ Gibbs free energy of mixing

$$\Delta G_{mix} = \Delta H_{mix} - T\Delta S_{mix}$$

➤ Solubility occurs only when the  $\Delta G_{mix}$  is negative.

$$\Delta S_{mix} > 0$$

## 1. Hildebrand enthalpy of mixing (混合焓)



$$\Delta H_{mix} = \left( \frac{\Delta E_1}{v_1} + \frac{\Delta E_2}{v_2} - 2\sqrt{\frac{\Delta E_1 \Delta E_2}{v_1 v_2}} \right) P_{12} \quad \begin{array}{l} (\Delta E/v) \text{ cohesive energy density} \\ \text{(内聚能密度)} \end{array}$$

$$\Delta H_{mix} = V_m \phi_1 \left( \frac{n_2 \bar{V}_1}{V_m} \right) \left( \left( \frac{\Delta E_1}{v_1} \right)^{1/2} - \left( \frac{\Delta E_2}{v_2} \right)^{1/2} \right)^2 = V_m \phi_1 \phi_2 \left( \left( \frac{\Delta E_1}{v_1} \right)^{1/2} - \left( \frac{\Delta E_2}{v_2} \right)^{1/2} \right)^2$$

$$= V_m \phi_1 \phi_2 [\delta_1 - \delta_2]^2$$

$\delta = (\Delta E/v)^{1/2}$  : solubility parameter  
(溶度参数)

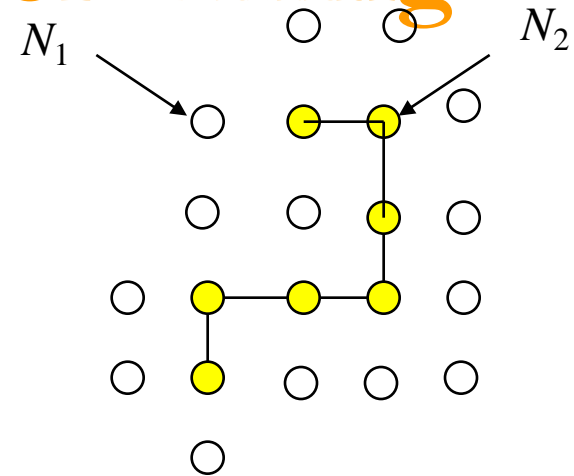
# 2. Huggin's Enthalpy of mixing

Different pairs in solution:

solvent-solvent molecule: [1-1],  $\epsilon_{11}$

solute-solute segment: [2-2],  $\epsilon_{22}$

solvent-solute: [1-2],  $\epsilon_{12}$



Mixing process:  $\frac{1}{2}[1-1] + \frac{1}{2}[2-2] = [1-2]$

$$\Delta\epsilon_{12} = \epsilon_{12} - \frac{1}{2}(\epsilon_{11} + \epsilon_{22})$$

$$\phi_1 = \frac{N_1}{N_1 + xN_2} \quad \text{and} \quad \phi_2 = \frac{xN_2}{N_1 + xN_2}$$

$$\Delta H_{\text{mixing}} = P_{12} \Delta\epsilon_{12} \quad [P_{12} \text{ total pairs of [1-2]}]$$

$$P_{12} = \left[ \underbrace{(Z-2)x + 2}_{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{cells surrounding} \\ \text{a polymer}}} \right] \underbrace{\phi_1 N_2}_{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{number of polymers}}} = (Z-2)N_1\phi_2$$

cells surrounding  
a polymer

number of polymers

volume fraction of solvent ~ Possibility  
of the cell occupied by solvent.

$$\Delta H_{\text{mixing}} = (Z-2)N_1\phi_2 \Delta\epsilon_{12}$$

$$\Delta H_{\text{mixing}} = kT \chi N_1\phi_2 = RT \chi n_1\phi_2$$

$$= \frac{V_m}{V_s} kT \chi \phi_1\phi_2 = V_m \phi_1\phi_2 [\delta_1 - \delta_2]^2 / \tilde{N}$$

$$\chi = \frac{(Z-2)\Delta\epsilon_{12}}{kT} = \frac{V_s (\delta_1 - \delta_2)^2}{RT}$$

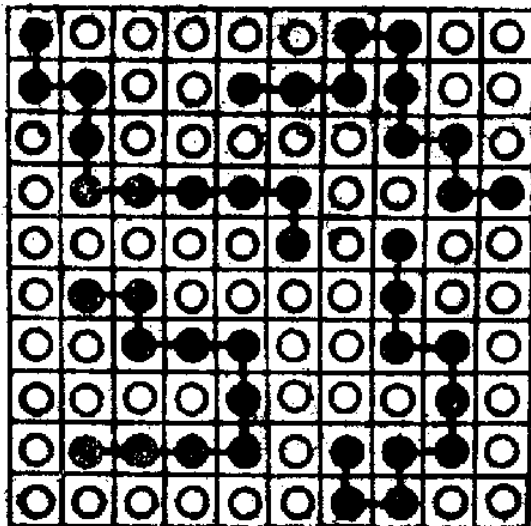
Flory-Huggins parameter:  
(interaction parameter)

## 3.2 Thermodynamics of Polymer Solutions

### (1) Entropy of mixing for ideal solution

$$\Delta S_{mix}^i = -k (N_1 \ln X_1 + N_2 \ln X_2)$$

### (2) Entropy of mixing for polymer solutions



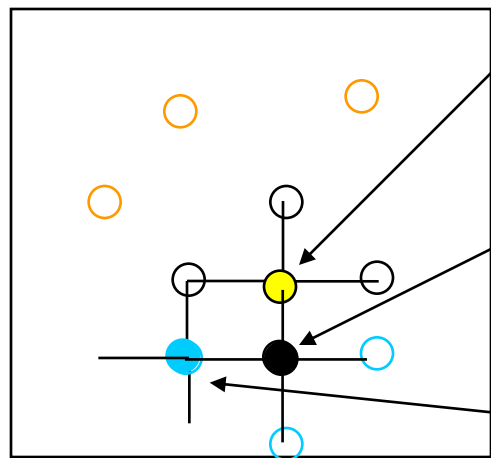
- The lattice model assumes that the volume is unchanged during mixing.
- Each repeating unit of the polymer (segment) occupies one position in the lattice and so does each solvent molecule.
- The mixing entropy is strongly influenced by the chain connectivity of the polymer component.

# Flory-Huggins theory (Lattice Model (格子模型))

体系中有 $N_1$ 个溶剂分子 +  $N_2$ 个链段数为 $x$ 的高分子

总格子数:  $N = N_1 + xN_2$

已有 $j$ 个高分子放入, 剩下 $N - xj$ 个空格, 求第 $j+1$ 个高分子的放置方式 $W_{j+1}$ ???



1. 放置第 $j+1$ 个高分子的第1个链段的概率

$$N - xj$$

2. 放置第 $j+1$ 个高分子的第2个链段的概率

$$Z(N - xj - 1)/N$$

3. 放置第 $j+1$ 个高分子的第3个链段的概率

$$(Z - 1)(N - xj - 2)/N \quad \dots$$

x. 放置第 $x$ 个链段的概率

$$(Z - 1)(N - xj - x + 1)/N$$

# Entropy of mixing from FH theory

$$W_{j+1} = \underbrace{(N - xj)}_{1^{\text{st}}} \times \underbrace{Z \left( \frac{N - xj - 1}{N} \right)}_{2^{\text{nd}}} \times \underbrace{(Z - 1) \left( \frac{N - xj - 2}{N} \right)}_{3^{\text{rd}}} \times \underbrace{(Z - 1) \left( \frac{N - xj - 3}{N} \right)}_{4^{\text{th}}} \cdots \underbrace{(Z - 1) \left( \frac{N - xj - x + 1}{N} \right)}_{x^{\text{th}} \text{ segment}}$$

$Z \approx Z - 1$

$$W_{j+1} = \left( \frac{Z - 1}{N} \right)^{x-1} \frac{(N - xj)!}{(N - xj - x)!}$$

总方式

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega &= \frac{1}{N_2!} \prod_{j=0}^{N_2-1} W_{j+1} = \frac{1}{N_2!} \left( \frac{Z - 1}{N} \right)^{N_2(x-1)} \underbrace{\frac{N!}{(N - x)!}}_{1^{\text{st}}} \underbrace{\frac{(N - x)!}{(N - 2x)!}}_{2^{\text{st}}} \cdots \underbrace{\frac{(N - xN_2 - x)!}{(N - xN_2)!}}_{N_2^{\text{st}} \text{ chain}} \\ &= \frac{1}{N_2!} \left( \frac{Z - 1}{N} \right)^{N_2(x-1)} \frac{N!}{(N - xN_2)!} \end{aligned}$$

Entropy of solution:

$$S_{\text{solution}} = k \ln \Omega = k \left[ N_2(x - 1) \ln \left( \frac{Z - 1}{N} \right) + \ln N! - \ln N_2! - \ln(N - xN_2)! \right]$$

# Entropy of mixing from FH theory

Using Stirling's approximation ( $\ln x! \approx x \ln x - x$ ), we have:

$$S_{\text{solution}} = -k \left[ N_1 \ln \frac{N_1}{N_1 + xN_2} + N_2 \ln \frac{N_2}{N_1 + xN_2} - N_2(x-1) \ln \frac{Z-1}{e} \right]$$

Entropy of the pure solvent  
and pure polymer:

$$S_{\text{polymer}} = kN_2 \left[ \ln x + (x-1) \ln \frac{Z-1}{e} \right] \quad (N_1 = 0) \text{ and } S_{\text{solvent}} = 0$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta S_{\text{mixing}} &= S_{\text{solution}} - (S_{\text{solvent}} + S_{\text{polymer}}) \\ &= -k \left[ N_1 \ln \frac{N_1}{N_1 + xN_2} + N_2 \ln \frac{xN_2}{N_1 + xN_2} \right] = -k [N_1 \ln \phi_1 + N_2 \ln \phi_2] \\ &= -R [n_1 \ln \phi_1 + n_2 \ln \phi_2] \\ &= -k \frac{V_m}{V_s} \left[ \phi_1 \ln \phi_1 + \frac{\phi_2}{x} \ln \phi_2 \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{where } \phi_1 = \frac{N_1}{N_1 + xN_2} = \frac{n_1}{n_1 + xn_2} = \frac{\tilde{N}n_1V_s}{V_m} \text{ and } \phi_2 = \frac{xN_2}{N_1 + xN_2} = \frac{xn_2}{n_1 + xn_2} = \frac{\tilde{N}xn_2V_s}{V_m}$$



# Free Energy of FH Theory

## Huggins Enthalpy:

$$\Delta H_{mixing} = kT \chi N_1 \phi_2 = RT \chi n_1 \phi_2 = \frac{V_m}{V_s} RT \chi \phi_1 \phi_2$$

## Gibbs Free Energy:

$$\Delta G_{mixing} = kT (N_1 \ln \phi_1 + N_2 \ln \phi_2 + \chi x_1 N_1 \phi_2) \quad \text{分子数}$$

$$\Delta G_{mixing} = RT (n_1 \ln \phi_1 + n_2 \ln \phi_2 + \chi x_1 n_1 \phi_2) \quad \text{摩尔数}$$

$$\Delta G_{mixing} = kT \frac{V_m}{V_s} \left( \frac{\phi_1}{x_1} \ln \phi_1 + \frac{\phi_2}{x_2} \ln \phi_2 + \chi \phi_1 \phi_2 \right) \quad \text{一般通式}$$

$$\phi_1 = \frac{x_1 N_1}{x_1 N_1 + x_2 N_2} = \frac{x_1 n_1}{x_1 n_1 + x_2 n_2} = \frac{\tilde{N} x_1 n_1 V_s}{V_m} \quad \phi_2 = \frac{x_2 N_2}{x_1 N_1 + x_2 N_2} = \frac{x_2 n_2}{x_1 n_1 + x_2 n_2} = \frac{\tilde{N} x_2 n_2 V_s}{V_m}$$

For Polymer Solutions  $x_1=1$

# Chemical potentials (化学位):

$$\Delta\mu_1 = \left[ \frac{\partial(\Delta G_{\text{mixing}})}{\partial n_1} \right]_{T,P,n_2} = RT \left[ \ln \phi_1 + \left( 1 - \frac{1}{x} \right) \phi_2 + \chi \phi_2^2 \right] \quad (\text{for solvent})$$

$$\Delta\mu_2 = \left[ \frac{\partial(\Delta G_{\text{mixing}})}{\partial n_2} \right]_{T,P,n_1} = RT \left[ \ln \phi_2 - (x-1)\phi_1 + x\chi\phi_1^2 \right] \quad (\text{for polymer})$$

In the case of  $\phi_2 \ll 1$ ,  $\ln \phi_1 = \ln(1 - \phi_2) \approx -\phi_2 - \frac{1}{2}\phi_2^2 \dots$

$$\Delta\mu_1 = RT \left[ -\frac{1}{x}\phi_2 + \left( \chi - \frac{1}{2} \right) \phi_2^2 + w\phi_2^3 \right] \quad \chi=1/2, \text{有热效应的“理想溶液” ???}$$



$\chi < 1/2$ , good solvent  
 $\chi = 1/2$ , theta  $\Theta$  solvent  
 $\chi > 1/2$ , poor solvent

# Osmotic pressure (渗透压):

$$\mu_s(\phi_2, P + \pi, T) = \mu_s(0, P, T)$$

$$\Pi = \frac{RT}{\bar{V}_1} \left( \phi_2 \frac{\partial F_m}{\partial \phi_2} - F_m \right) =$$

$$-\frac{\Delta\mu_1}{\bar{V}_1} = \frac{RT}{\bar{V}_1} \left[ \frac{1}{x} \phi_2 + \left( \frac{1}{2} - \chi \right) \phi_2^2 \right]$$

$$A_2 = \frac{\left( \frac{1}{2} - \chi \right)}{\bar{V}_1} \quad \text{second Virial coefficient}$$

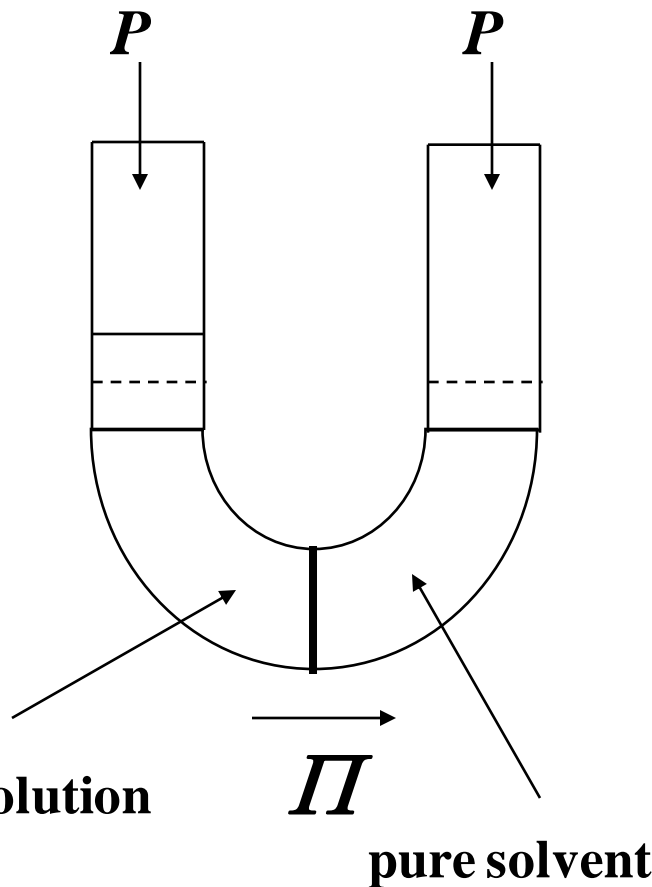
当  $\phi_2 \ll 1/x(0.5 - \chi)$  或  $\chi = 1/2$

$$\Pi = \frac{RT}{\bar{V}_1} \left[ \frac{1}{x} \phi_2 \right]$$

当  $\phi_2 \gg 1/x$ , 即  $\phi_2^2 \gg \phi_2 / x$

~~$$\Pi \sim \phi_2^2$$~~

$$???$$



Polymer solution

pure solvent

## Appendix: **Osmotic pressure**

$$V = (N_p x + N_s) v_s \quad \Delta G = kT \frac{V_m}{V_s} F$$

$$F(N_p, N_s, P, T) = F_m + PV = F_m + P(N_p x + N_s) v_s$$

$$\mu_s(\phi, P, T) = \mu_s^0 + kT \left( F_m - \phi \frac{\partial F_m}{\partial \phi} \right) + P v_s$$

$$\therefore \mu_s(\phi, P + \Pi, T) = \mu_s(0, P, T)$$

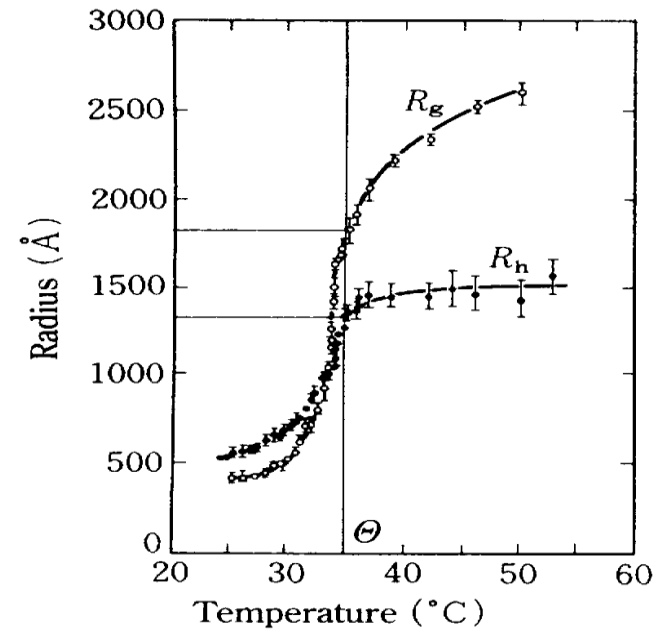
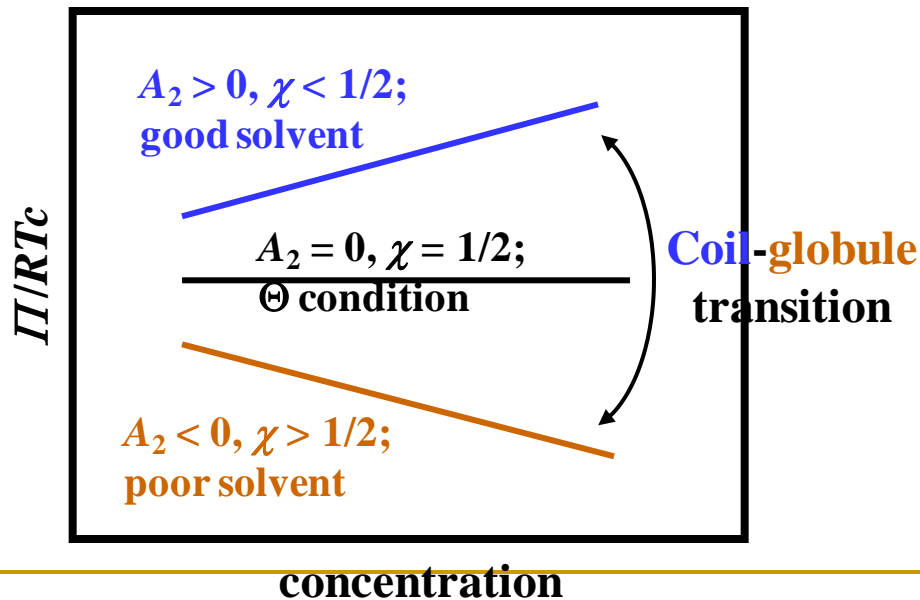
$$\mu_s^0 + kT \left( F_m - \phi \frac{\partial F_m}{\partial \phi} \right) + (P + \Pi) v_s = \mu_s^0 + P v_s$$

$$\therefore \Pi = \frac{kT}{v_s} \left( \phi \frac{\partial F_m}{\partial \phi} - F_m \right) = \frac{RT}{\bar{V}_1} \left( \phi \frac{\partial F_m}{\partial \phi} - F_m \right)$$

# Polymer Shapes in Dilute Solutions

$$\Pi = \frac{RT}{\bar{V}_1} \left[ \frac{1}{x} \phi_2 + \left( \frac{1}{2} - \chi \right) \phi_2^2 \right]$$

➤ Expanded, unperturbed, and collapsed chains

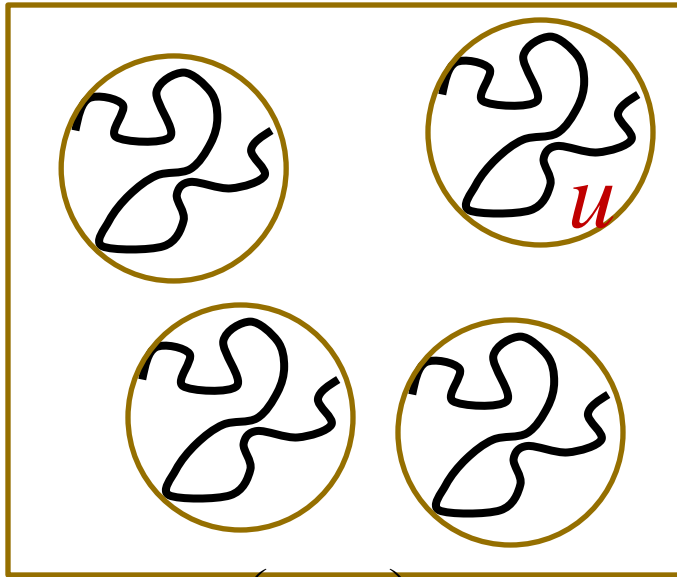


The coil-globule transition in a solution of polystyrene in cyclohexane. The radius of gyration  $R_g$  and the hydrodynamic radius  $R_h$  of the polymer show a dramatic change as temperature passes through the  $\Theta$  temperature. (Sun, S.T.; etc. *J. Chem. Phys.* 1980, 73, 5971.)

$$\chi \sim 1/kT !!!$$

### 3.3 Chain Conformations in Dilute Solutions

#### (1) Flory-Krigbaum's Theory



有  $N_2$  个体积为  $u$  的“刚球”

两两刚球都不发生重叠的总概率

$$P \approx (V - u)^{(N_2-1)} (V - u)^{(N_2-2)} \dots (V - u)^0$$

$$P \approx V^{N_2} \left(1 - \frac{u}{V}\right)^{N_2(N_2-1)/2} \quad P \approx \prod_{i=0}^{N_2-1} (V - iu)$$

$$\ln \left(1 - \frac{iu}{V}\right) \approx -\frac{iu}{V}$$

$$\Delta F \approx -T \Delta S = -kT \ln P$$

$$= -kT \left[ N_2 \ln V - \frac{N_2^2}{2} \frac{u}{V} \right]$$

$$\Pi = -\frac{\Delta \mu_1}{\tilde{V}_1} = -\frac{\partial \Delta F}{\partial V}$$

$$= RT \left[ \frac{c}{M} + \frac{\tilde{N}u}{2M^2} c^2 \right]$$

$$u \sim R_g^3 \sim T??$$

$A_2$

# 3.3 Chain Conformations in Dilute Solutions

## (2) Flory 理论

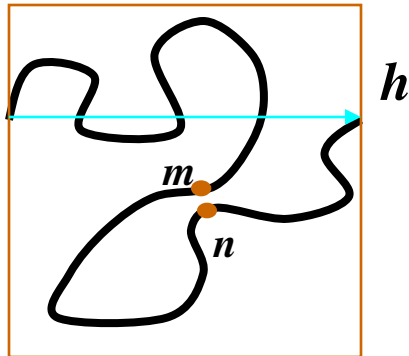
ideal chain

$$W_0(h, x) = \left( \frac{3}{2\pi x l^2} \right)^{3/2} \exp\left( -\frac{3h^2}{2xl^2} \right) 4\pi h^2$$

real chain in solutions

$$Z(h, x) = W_0(h, x) \underbrace{P(h)}_{\text{体积排除修正}} \exp\left( -\frac{\bar{E}(h)}{kT} \right) \quad \text{能量权重修正}$$

(1)  $P(h)$



链包含的体积  $h^3$     链段的体积  $v_c$

一个链段占有的体积分数  $v_c/h^3$

其他链段不与之发生重叠的概率  $(1 - v_c/h^3)$

整条链两两链段都不发生重叠的总概率

$$P(h) \approx \prod_{i=0}^{x-1} \left( 1 - i \frac{v_c}{h^3} \right) \quad \text{---} \quad P(h) \approx \left( 1 - \frac{v_c}{h^3} \right)^{(x-1)} \left( 1 - \frac{v_c}{h^3} \right)^{(x-2)} \dots \left( 1 - \frac{v_c}{h^3} \right)^0 \quad \text{---}$$

# 溶液中真实单链的末端距概率分布函数 $W(h, x)$

$$P(h) \approx \left(1 - \frac{v_c}{h^3}\right)^{x(x-1)/2} = \exp\left(\frac{1}{2} x(x-1) \ln\left(1 - \frac{v_c}{h^3}\right)\right) \approx \exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{2} \frac{v_c}{h^3}\right)$$

$$P(h) \approx \exp\left[\ln \prod_{i=0}^{x-1} \left(1 - i \frac{v_c}{h^3}\right)\right] = \exp\left[\sum_{i=0}^{x-1} \ln\left(1 - i \frac{v_c}{h^3}\right)\right] \approx \exp\left[-\frac{v_c}{h^3} \sum_{i=0}^{x-1} i\right]$$

## (2) $E(h)$

$$\bar{E}(h) = (z-2)x\phi_1\Delta\varepsilon_{12} = (z-2)x(1-\phi_2)\Delta\varepsilon_{12}$$

$$= (z-2)x\Delta\varepsilon_{12} - (z-2)x\phi_2\Delta\varepsilon_{12}$$

$$= \text{const.} - (z-2)x \frac{xv_c}{h^3} \Delta\varepsilon_{12}$$

$$\frac{\bar{E}(h)}{kT} = C' - \chi \frac{x^2 v_c}{h^3}$$

$$Z(h, x) \propto h^2 \exp\left[-\frac{3h^2}{2xl^2} - \frac{x^2}{2} \frac{v_c}{h^3} (1-2\chi)\right] \quad \text{当 } \chi=1/2, \text{理想高斯链}$$



# 1. Polymer chain in good solvents – method I

$$\frac{\partial Z(h, x)}{\partial h} = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial Z(h, x)}{\partial h} = \exp \left[ -\frac{3h^2}{2xl^2} - \frac{x^2}{2} \frac{v_c}{h^3} (1-2\chi) \right] \left\{ 2h + h^2 \left[ -\frac{3h}{xl^2} + \frac{3x^2}{2} \frac{v_c}{h^4} (1-2\chi) \right] \right\} = 0$$

$$1 - \frac{3h^{*2}}{2xl^2} + \frac{3x^2}{4} \frac{v_c}{h^{*3}} (1-2\chi) = 0 \rightarrow \left( \frac{h^*}{h_0^*} \right)^5 - \left( \frac{h^*}{h_0^*} \right)^3 = \frac{9\sqrt{6}}{16} \frac{v_c}{l^3} x^{1/2} (1-2\chi)$$

$W_0(h, x)$ 的极值  $h_0^* = (2xl^2/3)^{1/2}$

$$h^* \propto h_0^* \left( \frac{x^{1/2} v_c}{l^3} (1-2\chi) \right)^{1/5} \propto x^\nu (1-2\chi)^{1/5}$$

$$\chi = 1/2, \nu = 1/2$$

$$\chi < 1/2, \nu = 3/5$$

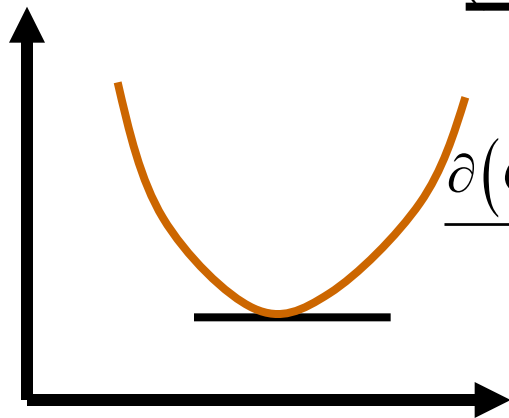
$$\chi > 1/2, \nu = ??$$

# 1. Polymer chain in good solvents - method II

$$G \sim -kT \ln Z \quad Z(h, x) \propto \exp \left[ -\frac{3h^2}{2xl^2} - \frac{x^2}{2} \frac{v_c}{h^3} (1 - 2\chi) + \dots \right]$$

$$G \sim kT \left( \frac{3h^2}{2xl^2} + \frac{x^2 v_c}{2h^3} (1 - 2\chi) + \dots \right) \quad \phi_2 = \frac{xv_c}{h^3} \quad \chi < 1/2$$

$$G/h^3 \sim kT \left( \frac{3}{2xl^2h} + \frac{x^2 v_c}{2h^6} (1 - 2\chi) + \dots \right) = kT \left( \frac{3}{2xl^2h} + \frac{\left( \frac{1}{2} - \chi \right)}{\frac{v_c}{h^3}} \phi_2^2 + \dots \right)$$



$$\frac{\partial(G/h^3)}{\partial h} = 0$$

$$h \sim x^{3/5}$$

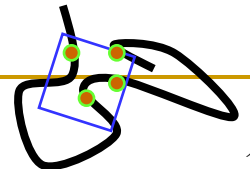
conformation  
entropy

second Virial coefficient

two body interaction:  
**excluded volume  
repulsion**

**solvent-segment  
interaction**

Two body interaction is very important



# How to get ideal chain?

$$\boxed{\chi=1/2} \longrightarrow \boxed{h^2 \sim N^1}$$

$$\chi_{\theta} = \frac{(Z-2)\Delta\epsilon_{12}}{kT_{\theta}} = \frac{V_s(\delta_1 - \delta_2)^2}{RT_{\theta}} = \frac{1}{2}$$

⊖ Solution

$$T_{\theta} = \frac{2(Z-2)\Delta\epsilon_{12}}{k} = \frac{2V_s}{R}(\delta_1 - \delta_2)^2$$

⊖ Temperature

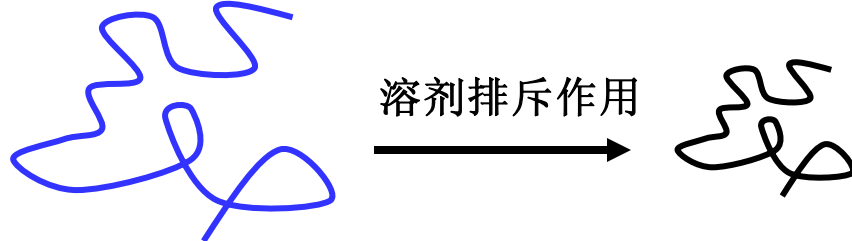
$$1 - 2\chi = 1 - \frac{\chi}{1/2} = \left(1 - \frac{T_{\theta}}{T}\right) = \tau$$

排除体积

$$u = v_c(1 - 2\chi) \approx l^3 \tau$$

# When does the freely jointed chain works — 等效自由连接链

(1) 调节溶剂-链节的作用屏蔽掉体积排除效应和链节-链节相互作用  $\longrightarrow$  达到 $\Theta$ 温度的溶液, 测得无扰尺寸  $\langle h^2 \rangle_0 \sim N$

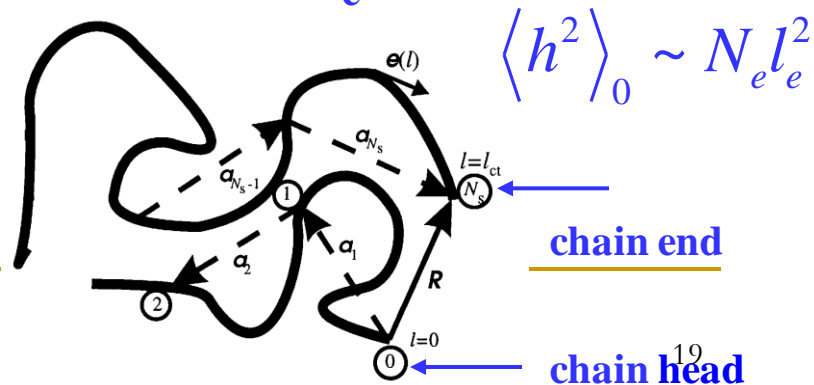
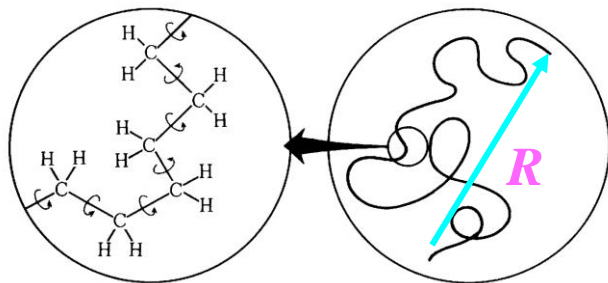


$$\langle h^2 \rangle \sim N^{6/5} \tau^{2/5}$$

$$\langle h^2 \rangle_0 \sim N^1$$

(2) 降低高分子链的分辨率-消除局部刚性和旋转不自由

将链重新划分成有效链节数  $N_e$  和有效链节长度  $l_e$

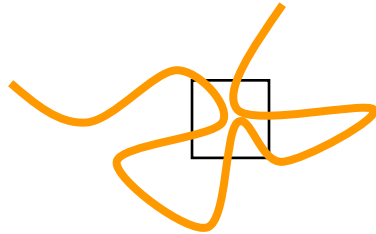


“Coarse-grained” (粗粒化) picture:

## 2. Polymer chain in poor solvents-Method I

$$\chi > 1/2$$

$$h \ll h_0$$



$$Z(h, x) \propto \exp \left[ -\frac{3h^2}{2xl^2} - \frac{x^2}{2} \frac{v_c}{h^3} (1 - 2\chi) + \dots \right]$$

$$G \sim kT \left( \frac{3h^2}{2xl^2} + \frac{x^2 v_c}{2h^3} (1 - 2\chi) + ??? \right)$$

$$\phi_2 = xv_c / h^3$$

$$G/h^3 \sim \left[ \frac{\left( \frac{1}{2} - \chi \right)}{v_c} \phi_2^2 + w \phi_2^3 \right] = \left[ \frac{\left( \frac{1}{2} - \chi \right)}{v_c} \left( \frac{xv_c}{h^3} \right)^2 + w \left( \frac{xv_c}{h^3} \right)^3 \right]$$

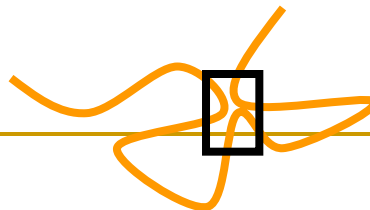
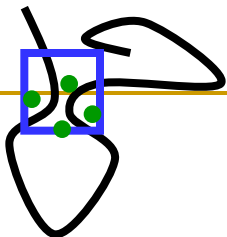
second Virial coefficient  
two body interaction:  
excluded volume repulsion  
solvent-segment interaction

+ third Virial coefficient  
three body repulsion

$G=0$

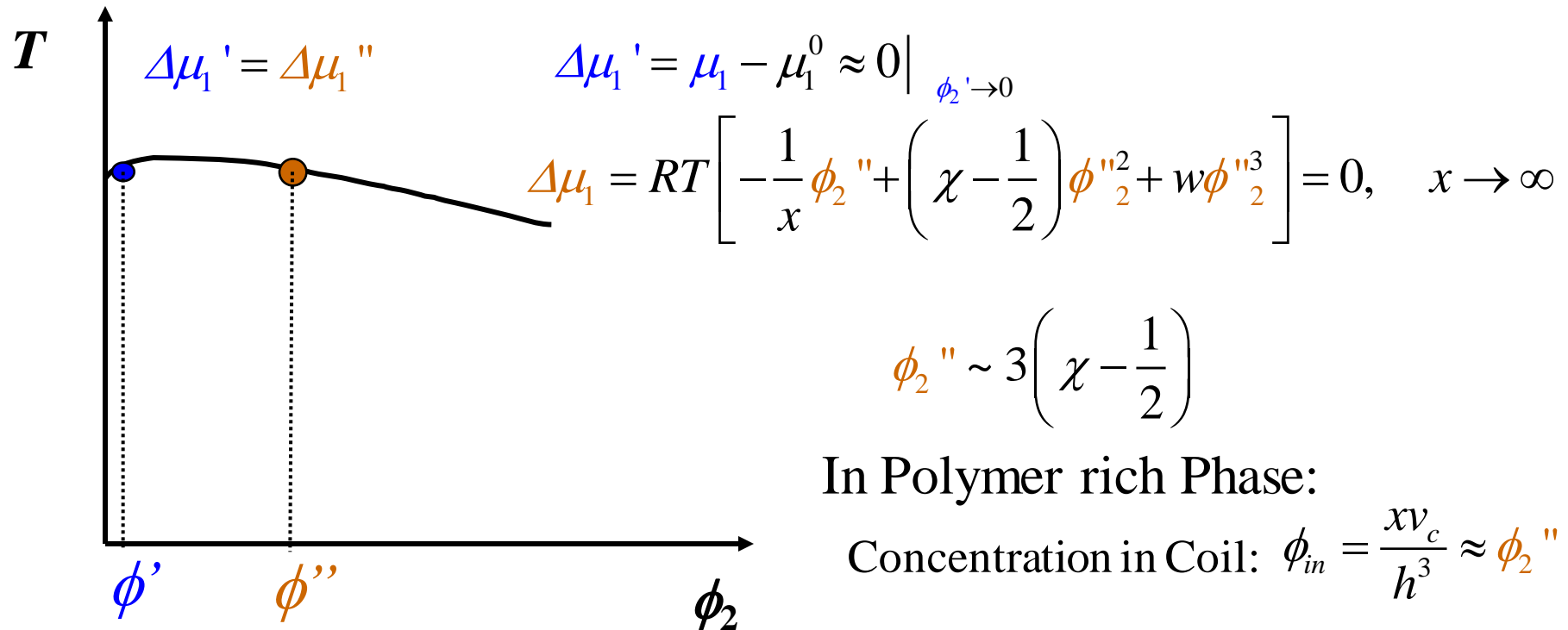
$$h^3 \sim x(-\tau)^{-1}$$

Three body interactions  
becomes important



## 2. Polymer chain in poor solvents-Method II

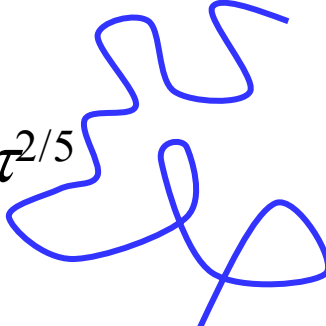
$$\Delta\mu_1 = RT \left[ -\frac{1}{x} \phi_2 + \left( \chi - \frac{1}{2} \right) \phi_2^2 + w \phi_2^3 \right]$$



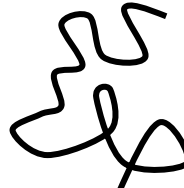
$$h \sim v_c^{1/3} x^{1/3} (\chi - 1/2)^{-1/3} \sim v_c^{1/3} x^{1/3} (-\tau)^{-1/3}$$

# Polymer Shapes in Dilute Solutions


(1) Polymer in a good solvent

$$\langle h^2 \rangle \sim \langle S^2 \rangle \sim N^{6/5} \tau^{2/5}$$


(2) Polymer in a  $\Theta$  solvent

$$\langle h^2 \rangle \sim \langle S^2 \rangle \sim N^1$$


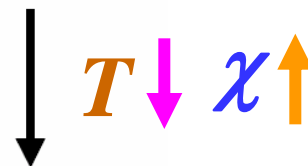
(3) Polymer in a poor solvent

$$\langle h^2 \rangle \sim \langle S^2 \rangle \sim N^{2/3} |\tau|^{-2/3}$$


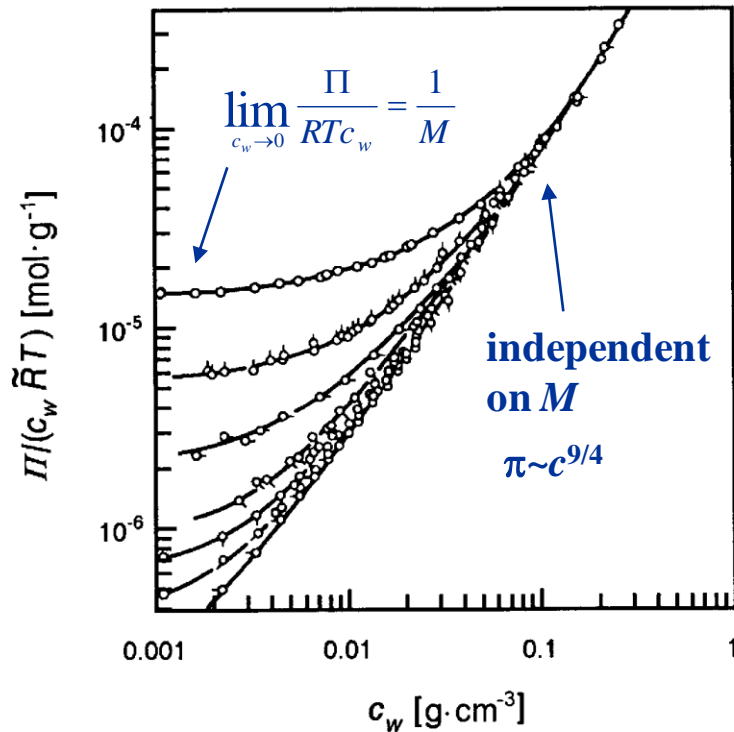
**Coil-globule transition**

$$\chi = \frac{(Z-2)\Delta\epsilon_{12}}{kT}$$

$$\chi \sim 1/kT$$



# 3.4 Semi-dilute Solutions of Polymers



$$\Pi = \frac{RT}{\bar{V}_1} \left[ \frac{1}{x} \phi_2 + \left( \frac{1}{2} - \chi \right) \phi_2^2 \right]$$

Osmotic pressure measured for samples of poly( $\alpha$ -methylstyrene) dissolved in toluene (25 °C). Molecular weight vary between  $M = 7 \times 10^4$  (uppermost curve) and  $M = 7.47 \times 10^6$  (lowest curve). (Noda, I.; et al. *Macromolecules* 1981, 14, 668.)

$$\phi_2 \ll 1$$

$$\Pi/c \sim c^0$$

$$\phi_2^2 \gg \phi_2 / x$$

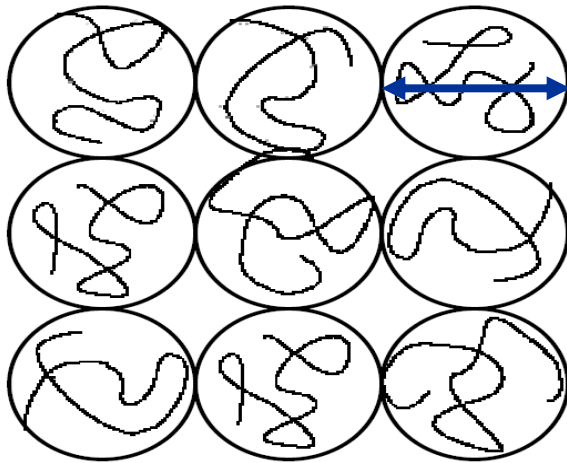
~~$$\Pi/c \sim c^1$$~~

$$\Pi/c \sim c^{5/4}$$



# overlap concentration $c^*$

**Semi-dilute regime:  $c = c^*$**

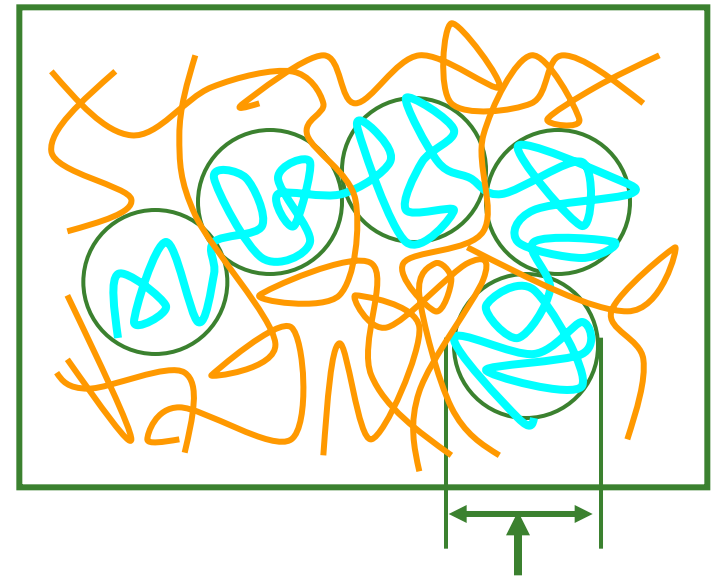


$$c^* = \frac{M}{\langle S^2 \rangle^{3/2}} \sim \frac{N}{N^{3\nu}} \sim N^{1-3\nu} \sim N^{-4/5} \tau^{-3/5}$$

**For good solvent,  $\nu = 3/5$**

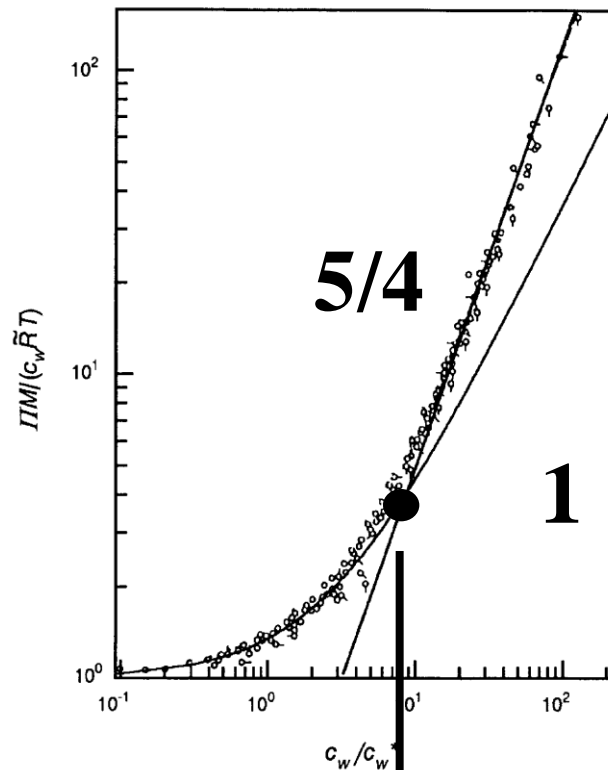
**Semi-dilute regime:  $c > c^*$**

$c \uparrow$



**Apparent correlation length**  
(表观相关长度)  $\xi_{app} \gg l_e$

# Scaling Law of semi-dilute solution



$$\Pi = \frac{c}{N} k_B T f \left( \frac{c}{c^*} \right)$$

➤ Osmotic pressure:

$$\Pi = \frac{c}{N} k_B T \left( \frac{c}{c^*} \right)^m = \frac{c}{N} k_B T \quad (c = c^*)$$

$$c^* \sim N^{1-3\nu} = \frac{c}{N} k_B T c^m N^{m(3\nu-1)} \quad (c \geq c^*)$$

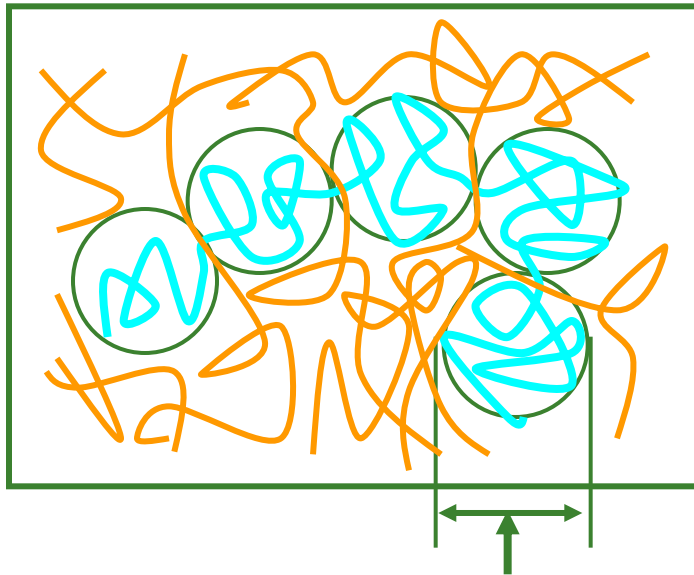
In semi-dilute regime,  $\Pi$  is independent on  $N$ :

$$m(3\nu - 1) - 1 = 0$$

For good solvent,  
 $\nu = 3/5$ , therefore  $m = 5/4$ .

$$\Pi \propto c^{1+m} \propto c^{9/4}$$

# Apparent correlation length $\xi_{app}$ :



$$\xi_{app} = Sf \left( \frac{c}{c^*} \right)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \xi_{app} &\propto N^\nu \tau^{1/5} \left( \frac{c}{c^*} \right)^m && \propto S = N^\nu && (c = c^*) \\ c^* &\propto N^{1-3\nu} && \propto N^\nu c^m N^{m(3\nu-1)} \tau^{(1+3m)/5} && (c \geq c^*) \end{aligned}$$

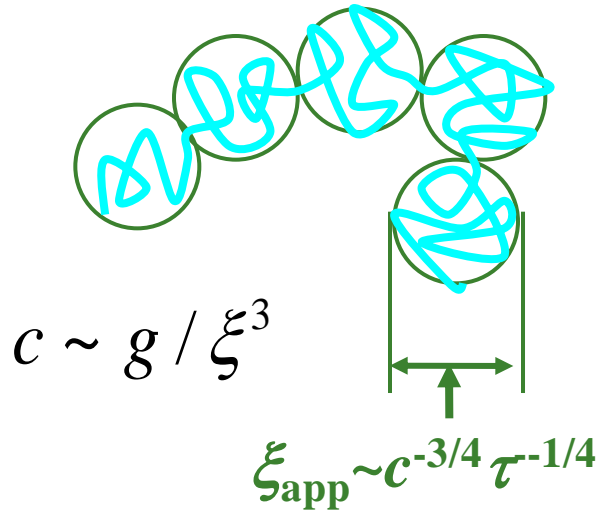
**$\xi_{app}$  is independent on  $N$ :**

$$\nu + m(3\nu - 1) = 0$$

**For good solvent,  $\nu = 3/5$ ,  
therefore  $m = -3/4$ .**

$$\xi_{app} \propto c^{-3/4} \tau^{-1/4}$$

# Polymer Shapes in Semi-dilute Solutions



**blob model:**

由  $N'$  个串滴单元组成的理想链

$$\langle S^2 \rangle = N' l'^2$$

串滴内 - 由  $N''$  个单元组成的扩张(良溶剂下)的短链

$$\langle \xi_{app}^2 \rangle \sim N''^{6/5} l^2 \tau^{2/5}$$

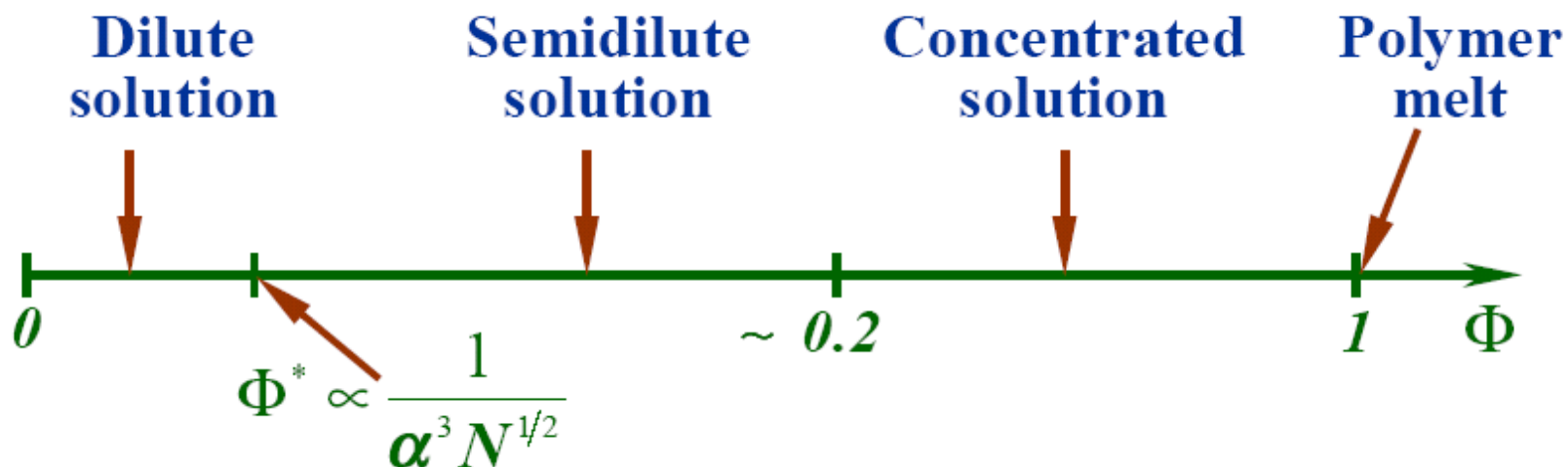
串滴内有  $N'' = g$  个链段单元, 串滴数  $N' = N/g$ , 每个串滴大小  $l' = \xi_{app}$

$$\xi_{app} \sim g^{3/5} \tau^{1/5}$$

$$g \sim \xi_{app}^{5/3} \tau^{-1/3} \sim c^{-5/4} \tau^{-3/4}$$

$$\langle S^2 \rangle_{\text{semi-dilute}} \sim \frac{N}{g} \xi_{app}^2 \sim \frac{N}{c^{-5/4}} c^{-6/4}$$

$$\langle S^2 \rangle_{\text{semi-dilute}} \sim N c^{-1/4} \tau^{1/4}$$



$$\xi_{\text{app}} \gg S$$

$$\xi_{\text{app}} \leq S$$

$$\xi_{\text{app}} \sim l_e \ll S$$

$$\langle S^2 \rangle_{\text{dilute}} \sim N^{2\nu}$$

$$\langle S^2 \rangle_{\text{semi-dilute}} \sim Nc^{-1/4}$$

$$\langle S^2 \rangle_{\text{concentrated}} \sim N$$

The presence of monomers from the other chains begins to “screen” (屏蔽) the intramolecular excluded volume interactions.

实质

亚浓溶液: 串滴(blobs)在溶液中的分布达到均匀, 链段分布未达均匀

浓溶液: 链段在溶液中的分布完全均匀

# Regions of the Polymer-Solvent Phase Diagram

I: 稀溶液良溶剂区  $R_g \sim N^{3/5} \tau^{1/5}$

II: 亚浓溶液良溶剂区

$$R_g \sim N^{1/2} c^{-1/8} \tau^{1/8}$$

III: 亚浓溶液 $\theta$ 溶剂区  $R_g \sim N^{1/2}$

I': 稀溶液 $\theta$ 溶剂区  $R_g \sim N^{1/2}$

V: 塌陷区  $R_g \sim N^{1/3} |\tau|^{-1/3}$

IV: 两相共存区

$$c^* \text{ 方程: } c^* = N^{-4/5} \tau^{-3/5}$$

$$\text{BM 方程: } c = \tau$$

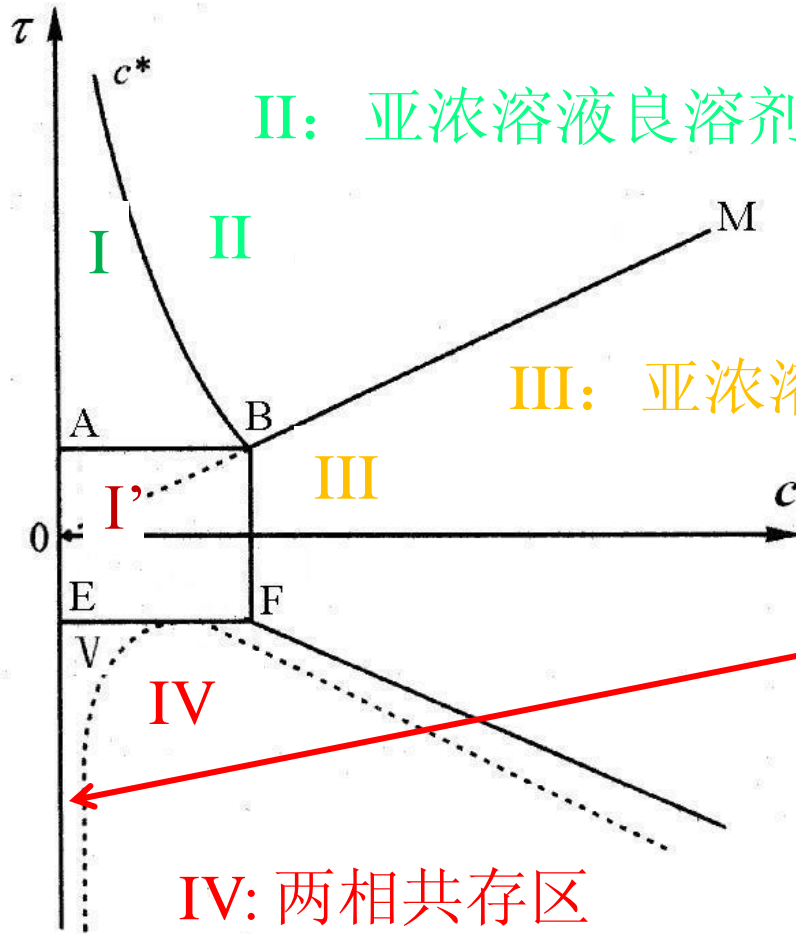
$$\text{AB 方程: } \tau = N^{-1/2}$$

$$\text{EF 方程: } \tau = -N^{-1/2}$$

$$R_g \sim (N/|\tau|)^{-1/3} \quad R_g \sim N^{1/2}$$

稀相

浓相

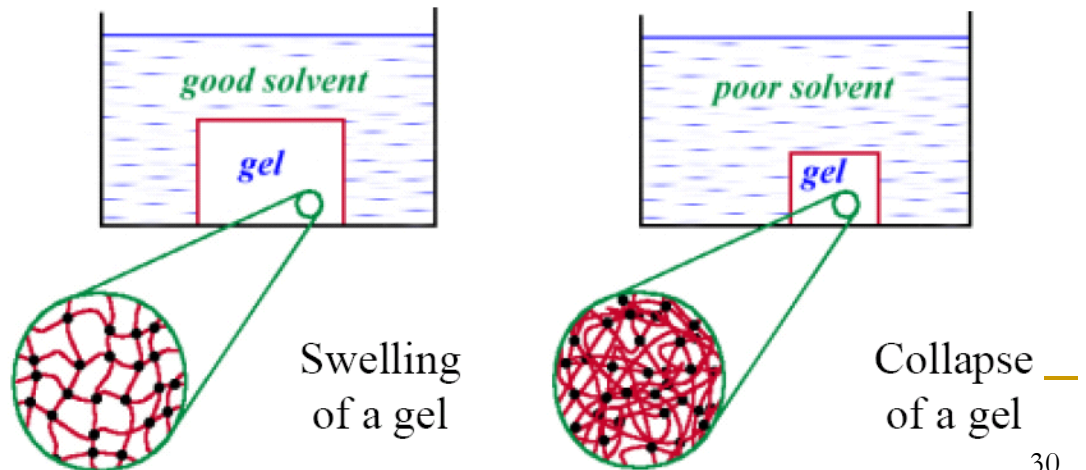


# 3.5 Concentrated Solutions of Polymers

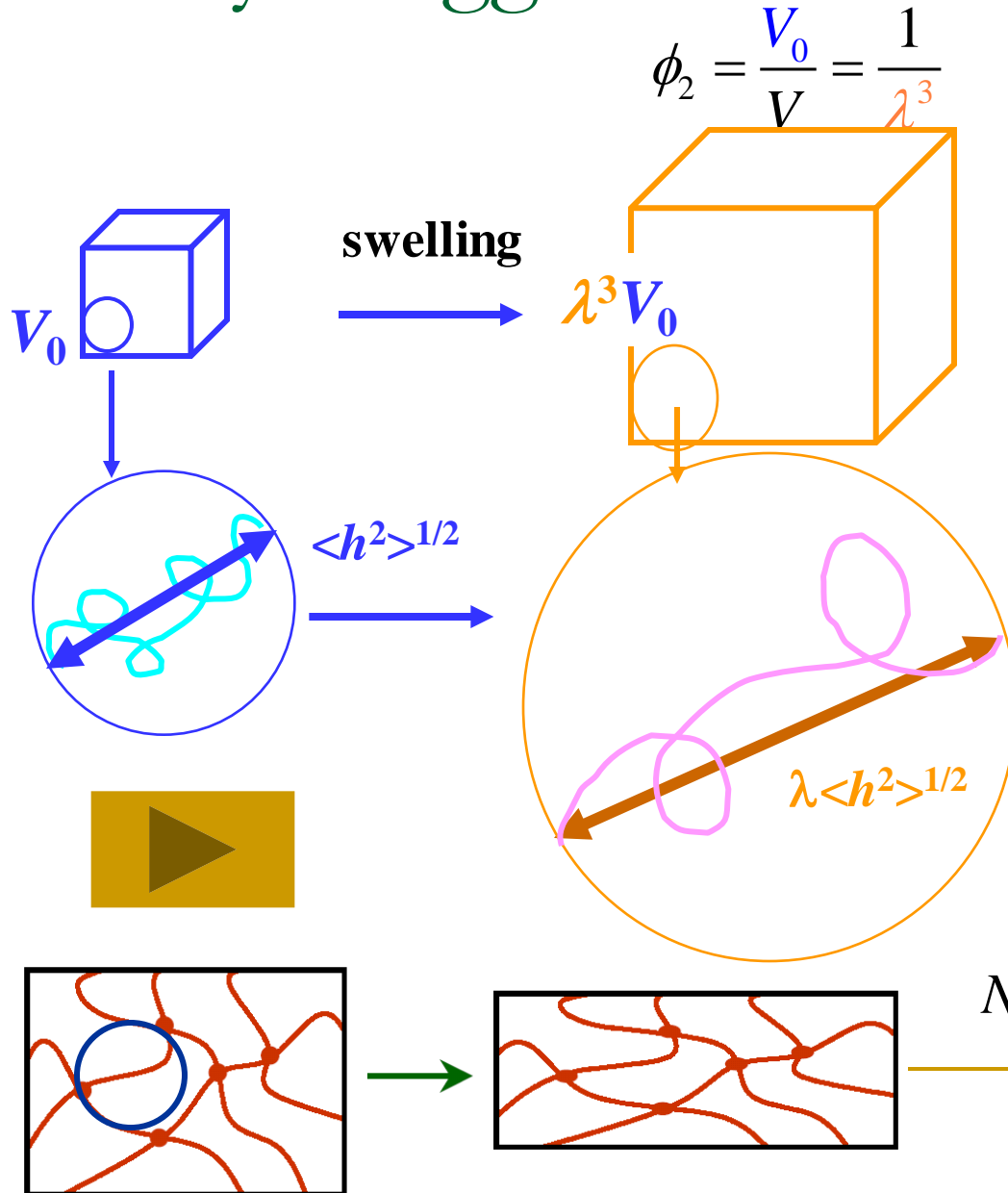
1. 高分子-增塑剂

2. 纺丝液

3. 凝胶和冻胶



# Flory-Huggins free energy of a gel



$$\phi_2 = \frac{V_0}{V} = \frac{1}{\lambda^3}$$

$$\Delta F = \Delta F_{\text{mixing}} + \Delta F_{\text{elastic}}$$

$$\Delta F_{\text{mixing}} = RT [n_1 \ln \phi_1 + n_2 \ln \phi_2 + \chi n_1 \phi_2]$$

$$S = k \ln \Omega \sim k \ln \Phi(\mathbf{R}, N)$$

$$\Delta F_{\text{elastic}} = -T \Delta S_{\text{elastic}}$$

$$= NkT \left( \frac{3}{2h_0^2} \right) (\lambda^2 \bar{x}^2 + \lambda^2 \bar{y}^2 + \lambda^2 \bar{z}^2)$$

$$- NkT \left( \frac{3}{2h_0^2} \right) (\bar{x}^2 + \bar{y}^2 + \bar{z}^2)$$

$\bar{x}^2 = \bar{y}^2 = \bar{z}^2 = \frac{1}{3} h_0^2$

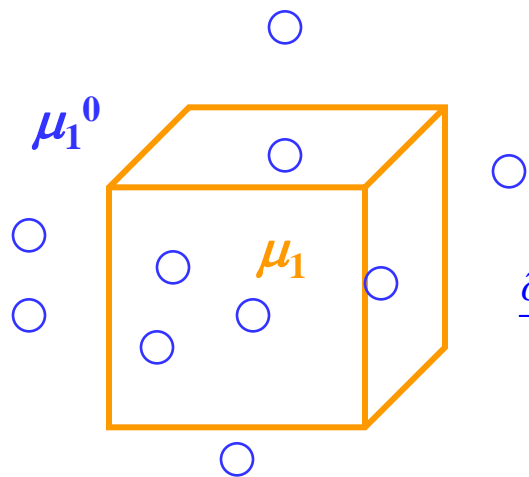
$$= \frac{1}{2} NkT (3\lambda^2 - 3)$$

$$N = \frac{N / N_a M / V_0}{M} V_0 N_a = \frac{\rho_2}{\bar{M}_c} V_0 N_a$$

$$\Delta F_{\text{elastic}} = \frac{3}{2} \frac{\rho_2 V_0}{\bar{M}_c} RT (\phi_2^{-2/3} - 1)$$



# Basic Equation of Gel Swelling



$$\mu_1 = \mu_1^0 \quad \Delta\mu_1 = \mu_1 - \mu_1^0 = 0$$

$$\Delta\mu_1 = \frac{\partial \Delta F}{\partial n_1} = \frac{\partial \Delta F_m}{\partial n_1} + \frac{\partial \Delta F_{el}}{\partial \phi_2} \frac{\partial \phi_2}{\partial n_1} = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \Delta F_m}{\partial n_1} &= RT \left[ \ln(1 - \phi_2) + \left(1 - \frac{1}{x}\right) \phi_2 + \chi \phi_2^2 \right] \\ &= RT \left( \chi - \frac{1}{2} \right) \phi_2^2 \end{aligned} \quad \frac{\partial \Delta F_{elastic}}{\partial \phi_2} = -\frac{\rho_2 V_0}{\bar{M}_c} RT \phi_2^{-5/3}$$

$$\frac{\partial \Delta F_{elastic}}{\partial \phi_2} \frac{\partial \phi_2}{\partial n_1} = \frac{\rho_2 V_1}{\bar{M}_c} RT \phi_2^{1/3}$$

$$\ln(1 - \phi_2) \doteq -\phi_2 - \frac{1}{2} \phi_2^2 \quad x \rightarrow \infty$$

$$\frac{\partial \phi_2}{\partial n_1} = \frac{\partial \left( \frac{V_0}{V_0 + n_1 V_1} \right)}{\partial n_1} = -\frac{V_0}{(V_0 + n_1 V_1)^2} V_1 = -\phi_2^2 \frac{V_1}{V_0}$$

$$Q = V/V_0 = 1/\phi_2$$

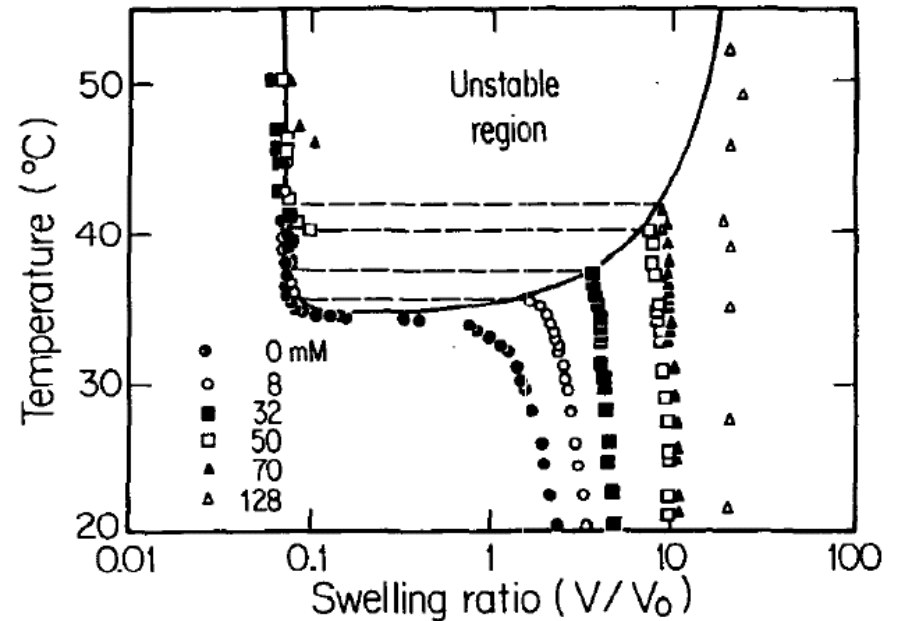
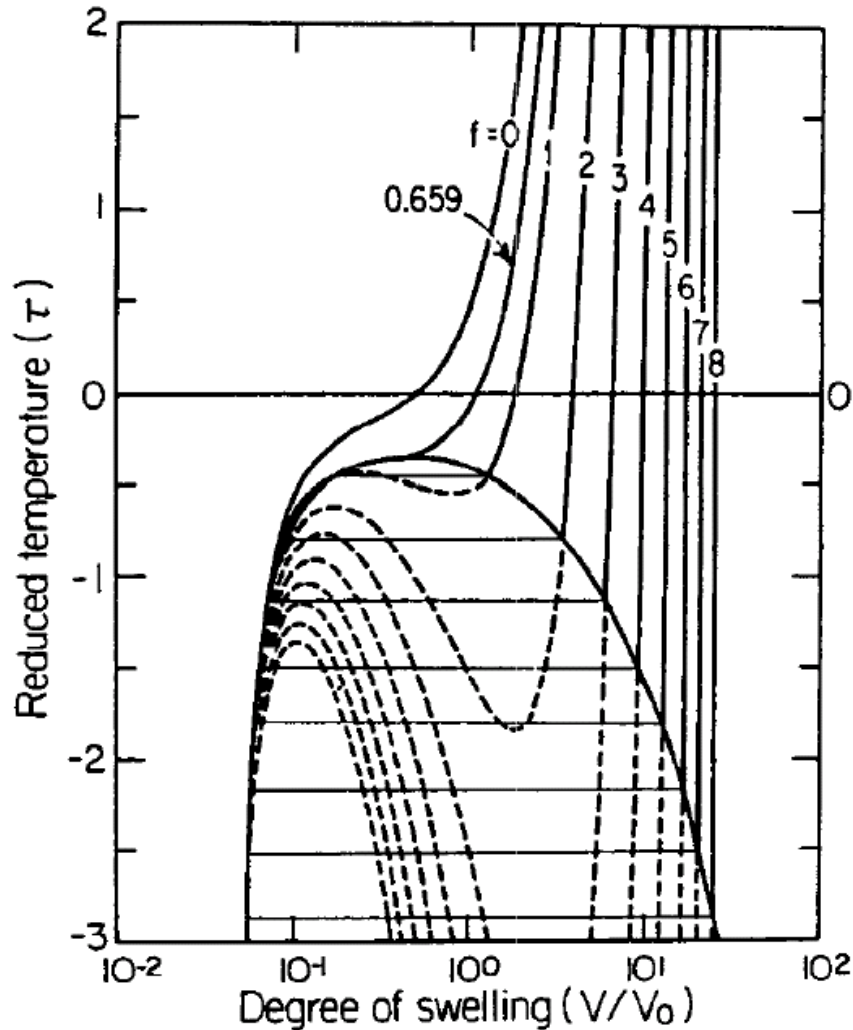
$$\Delta\mu_1 \doteq \left( \chi - \frac{1}{2} \right) \phi_2^2 + \frac{\rho_2 V_1}{\bar{M}_c} \phi_2^{1/3} = 0$$

$$\left( \frac{1}{2} - \chi \right) \frac{\bar{M}_c}{\rho_2 V_1} = Q^{5/3}$$

(1) 求  $\chi$

(2) 求  $M$

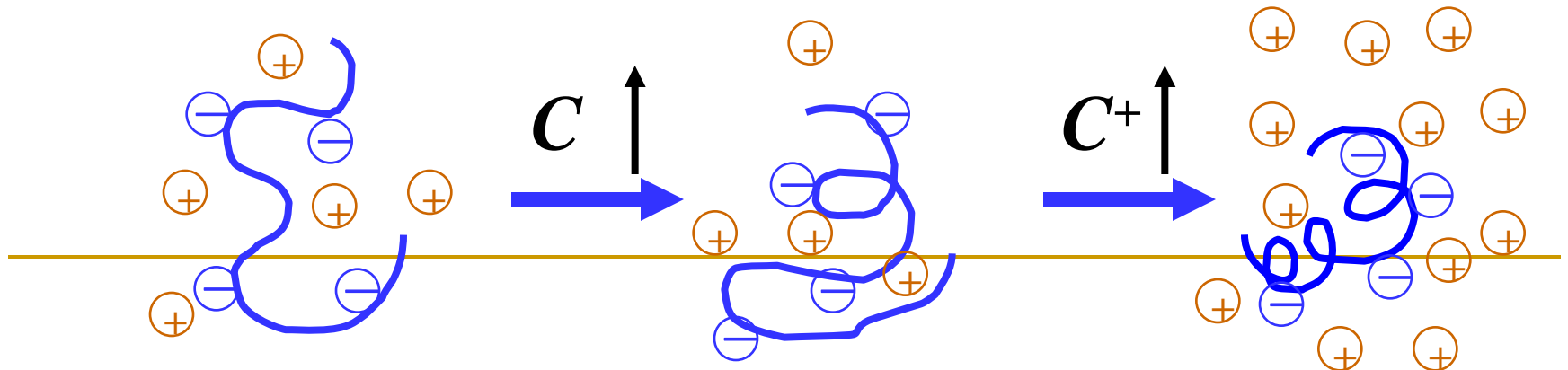
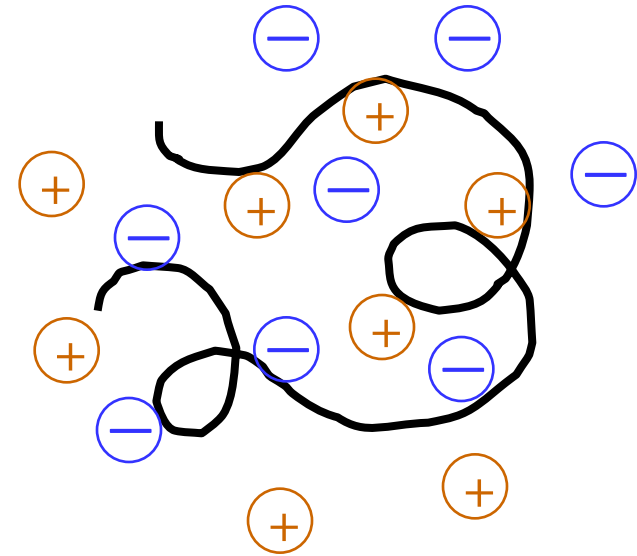
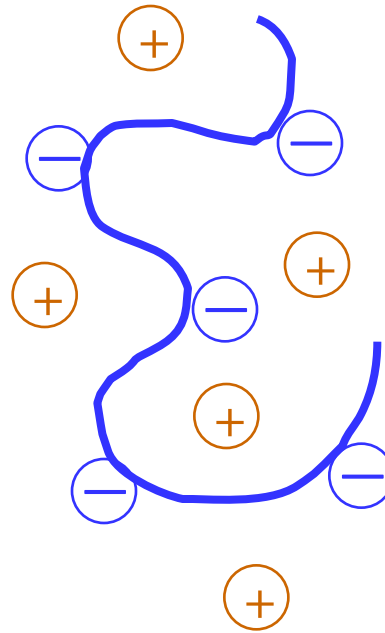
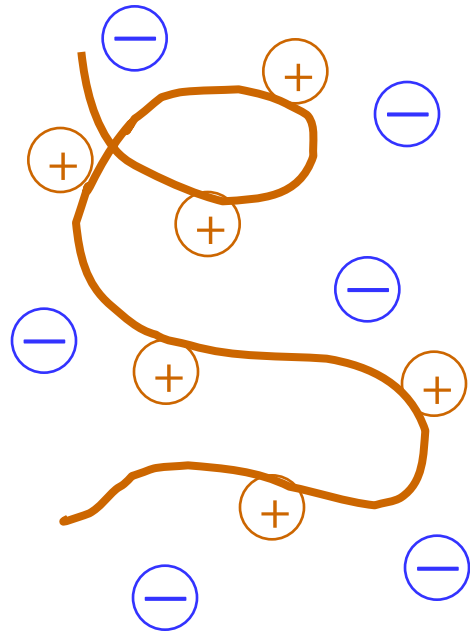
# Volume Phase Transition of Gels



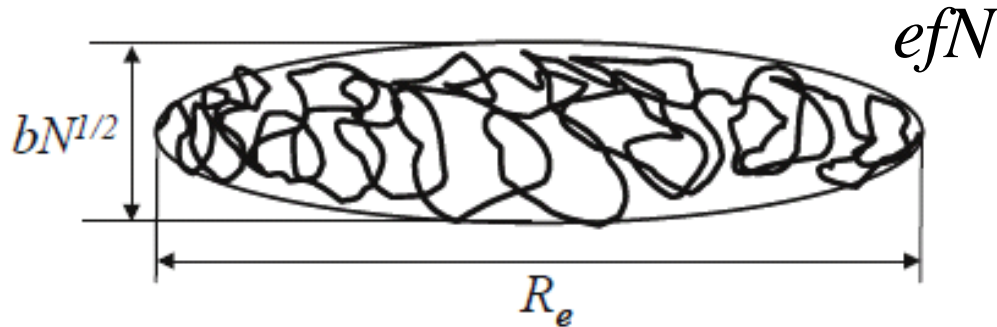
**Experiment**

**Theory,  $\tau=1-2\chi \sim 1-T_{\theta}/T$**

## 3.6 Solutions of Polyelectrolytes



# Theoretical Model of Polyelectrolytes



$$\frac{F(R_e)}{k_B T} = \frac{F_{\text{conf}}(R_e)}{k_B T} + \frac{F_{\text{electr}}(R_e)}{k_B T}$$

$$\frac{F_{\text{conf}}(R_e)}{k_B T} \approx \frac{R_e^2}{Nb^2}$$

$$\frac{F_{\text{electr}}(R_e)}{kT} \approx \frac{l_B (fN)^2}{R_e} \ln \left( \frac{R_e}{N^{1/2}b} \right)$$

$l_B$  为 Bjerrum 长度  $l_B = e^2 / (\epsilon kT)$   $u = l_B / b$

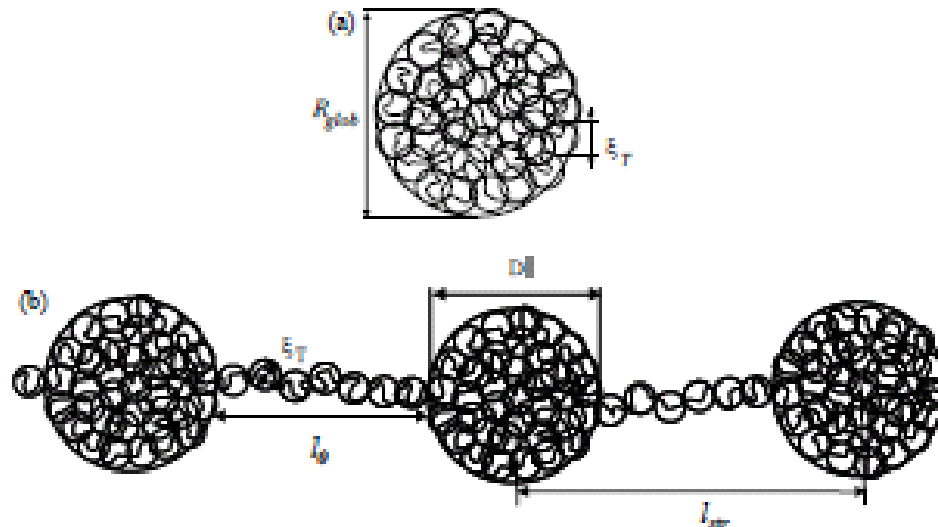
$$\frac{\partial F(R_e)}{\partial R_e} = 0$$

# Polyelectrolytes in good or poor solvent

Good solvent,  $\chi < 1/2$ :

$$R_e \approx bNu^{1/3} f^{2/3} \left[ \ln \left( eN (uf^2)^{2/3} \right) \right]^{1/3} \sim N (\ln N)^{1/3} \gg N^{1/2}$$

Poor solvent,  $\chi > 1/2$ :



## 3.7 Thermodynamics of Polymer Mixtures

Why are two kinds of polymers not compatible?

### Entropy of Mixing

**Polymer/Polymer**  $\Delta S_{x_1 N_1, x_2 N_2} = -k \left( N_1 \ln \frac{x_1 N_1}{x_1 N_1 + x_2 N_2} + N_2 \ln \frac{x_2 N_2}{x_1 N_1 + x_2 N_2} \right)$

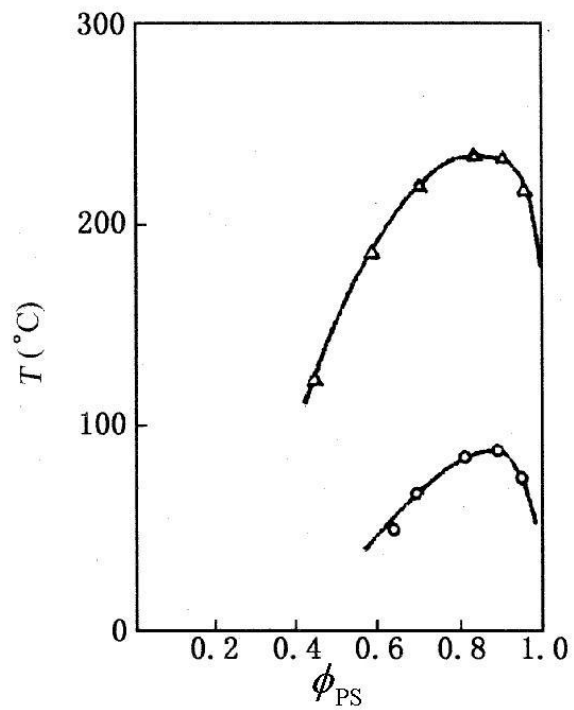
**Solvent/Solvent**  $\Delta S_{N_1, N_2} = -k \left( N_1 \ln \frac{N_1}{N_1 + N_2} + N_2 \ln \frac{N_2}{N_1 + N_2} \right)$

**Solvent/Solvent**  $\Delta S_{xN_1, xN_2} = -k \left( xN_1 \ln \frac{xN_1}{xN_1 + xN_2} + xN_2 \ln \frac{xN_2}{xN_1 + xN_2} \right)$

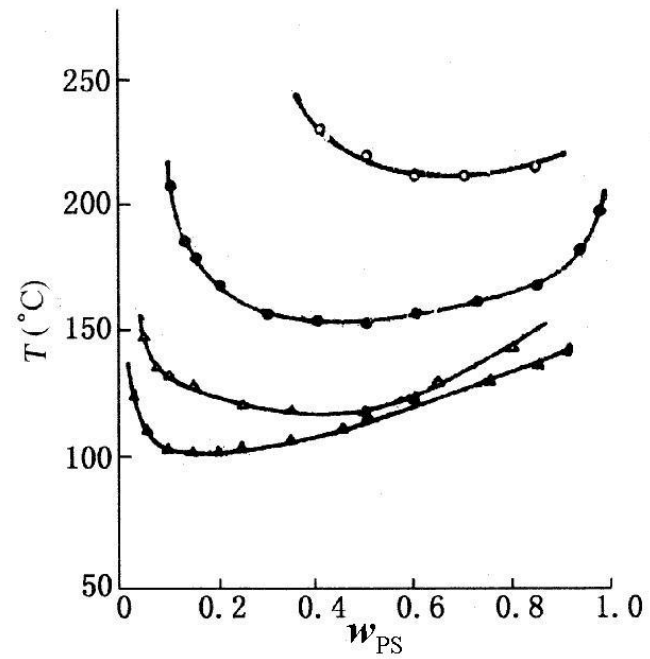
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$$\Delta S_{x_1 N_1, x_2 N_2} \sim \Delta S_{N_1, N_2} \ll \Delta S_{xN_1, xN_2}$$

# Phase Diagram



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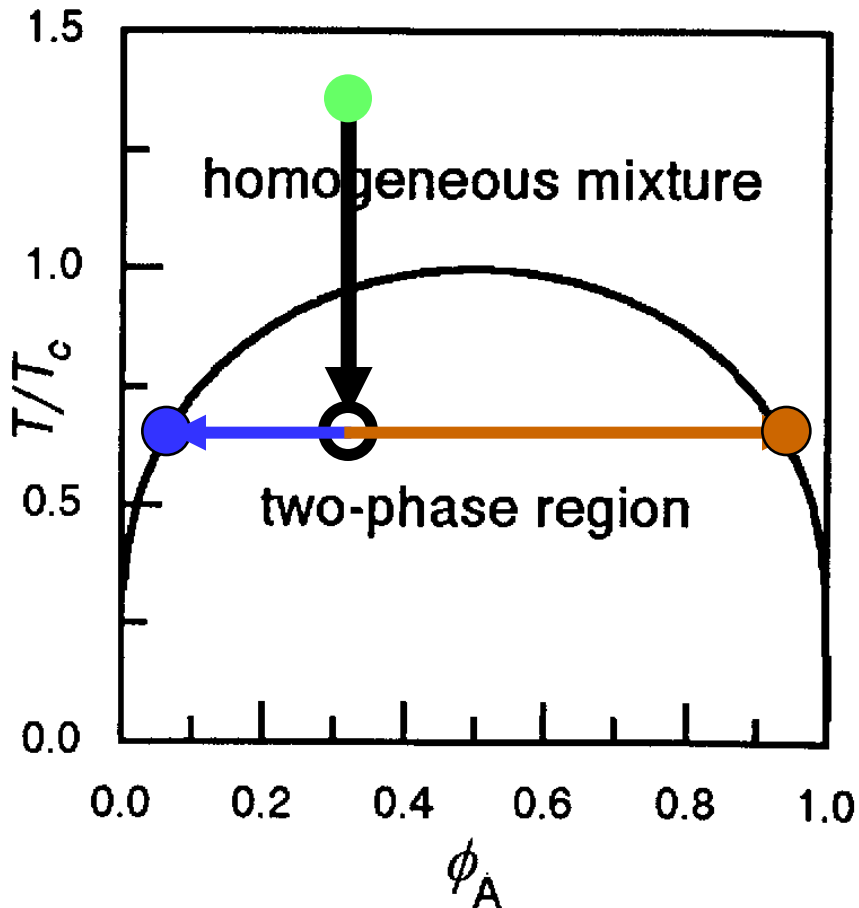


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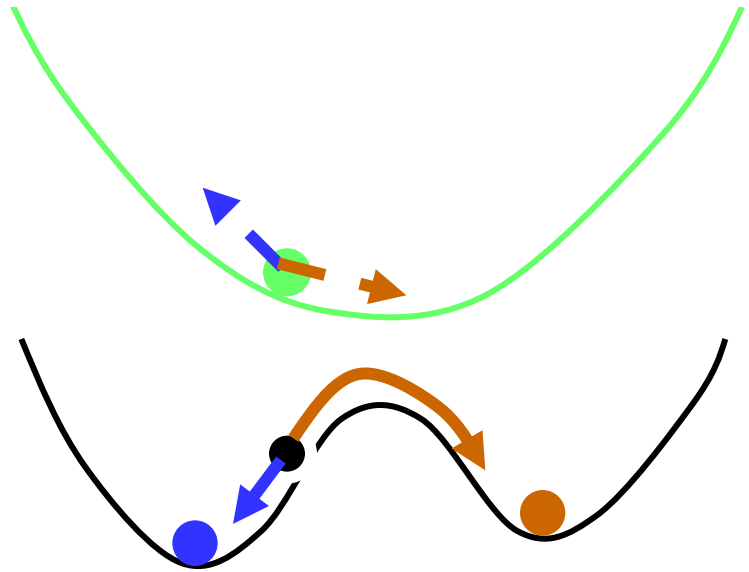
# The Phase Behavior of Polymer Mixtures

How to judge it's homogeneous state or inhomogeneous state ?

What is the mechanism of phase separation?

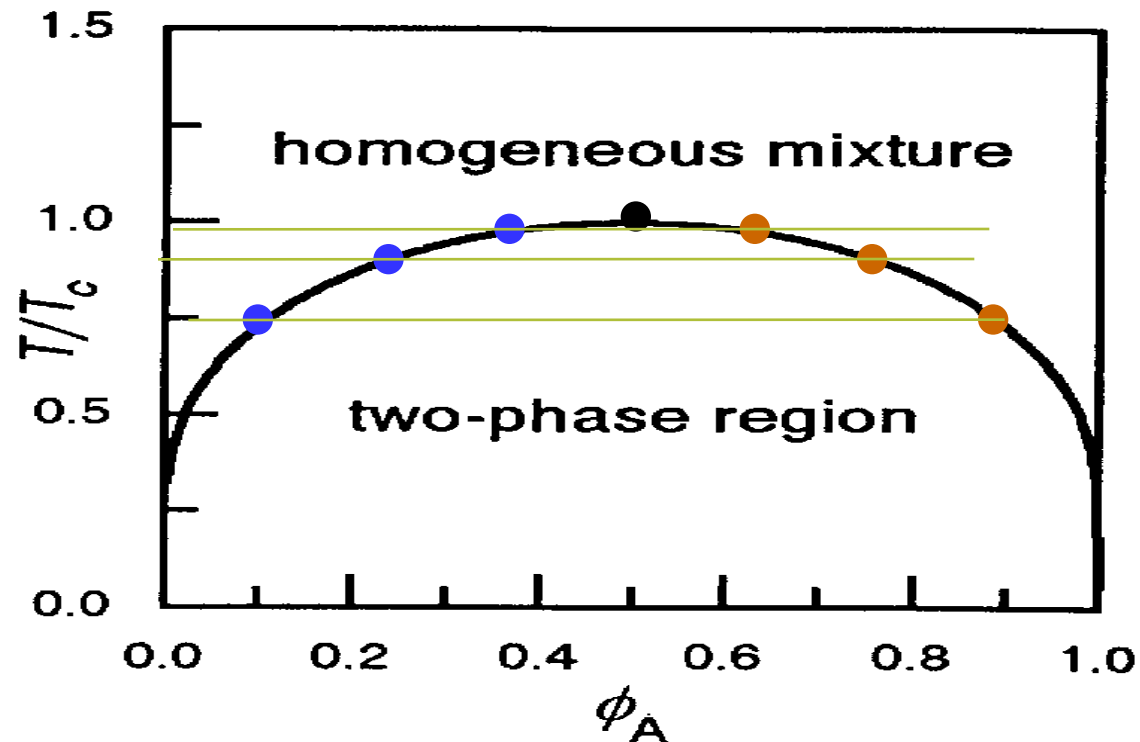
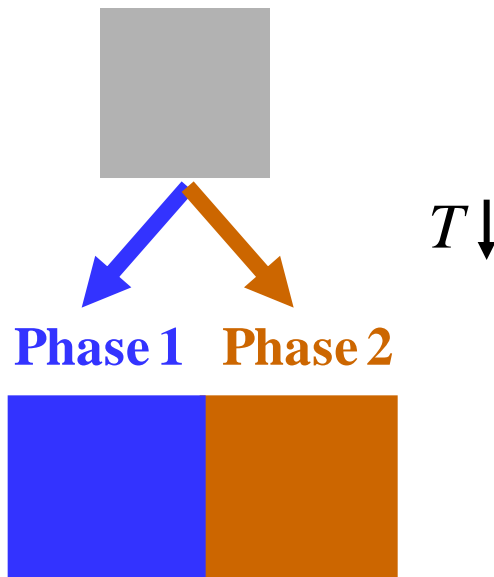


$$V_1\Delta G_1 + (1-V_1)\Delta G_2 - \Delta G < 0$$





# Phase Diagram and Phase Equilibrium



$$\left. \begin{aligned} \Delta\mu_1^1 &= \Delta\mu_1^2 \\ \Delta\mu_2^1 &= \Delta\mu_2^2 \end{aligned} \right\}$$

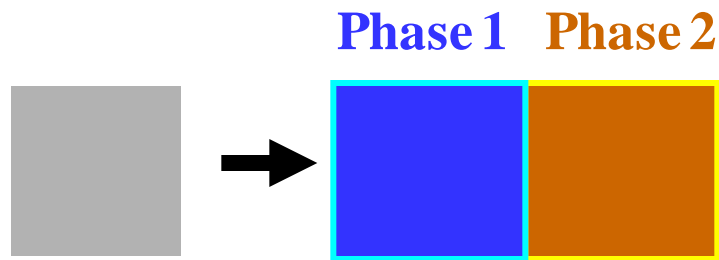
$$\phi_1^1 + \phi_2^1 = 1$$

$$\phi_1^2 + \phi_2^2 = 1$$

$$\ln\left(1-\phi_2^1\right) + \left(1-\frac{x_1}{x_2}\right)\phi_2^1 + x_1\chi\left(\phi_2^1\right)^2 = \ln\left(1-\phi_2^2\right) + \left(1-\frac{x_1}{x_2}\right)\phi_2^2 + x_1\chi\left(\phi_2^2\right)^2$$

$$\ln\phi_2^1 + \left(1-\frac{x_2}{x_1}\right)\left(1-\phi_2^1\right) + x_2\chi\left(1-\phi_2^1\right)^2 = \ln\phi_2^2 + \left(1-\frac{x_2}{x_1}\right)\left(1-\phi_2^2\right) + x_2\chi\left(1-\phi_2^2\right)^2$$

# How to calculate the phase diagram from free energy ?



$$\Delta\mu_1^1 = \Delta\mu_1^2$$

$$\Delta\mu_2^1 = \Delta\mu_2^2$$

$$d\Delta G = \Delta\mu_1 dn_1 + \Delta\mu_2 dn_2$$

$$\Delta G = n_1 \Delta\mu_1 + n_2 \Delta\mu_2$$

$$\phi_1 = \frac{n_1 x_1 V_s}{V_m}, \quad \phi_2 = \frac{n_2 x_2 V_s}{V_m} \quad \phi_1 = 1 - \phi_2$$

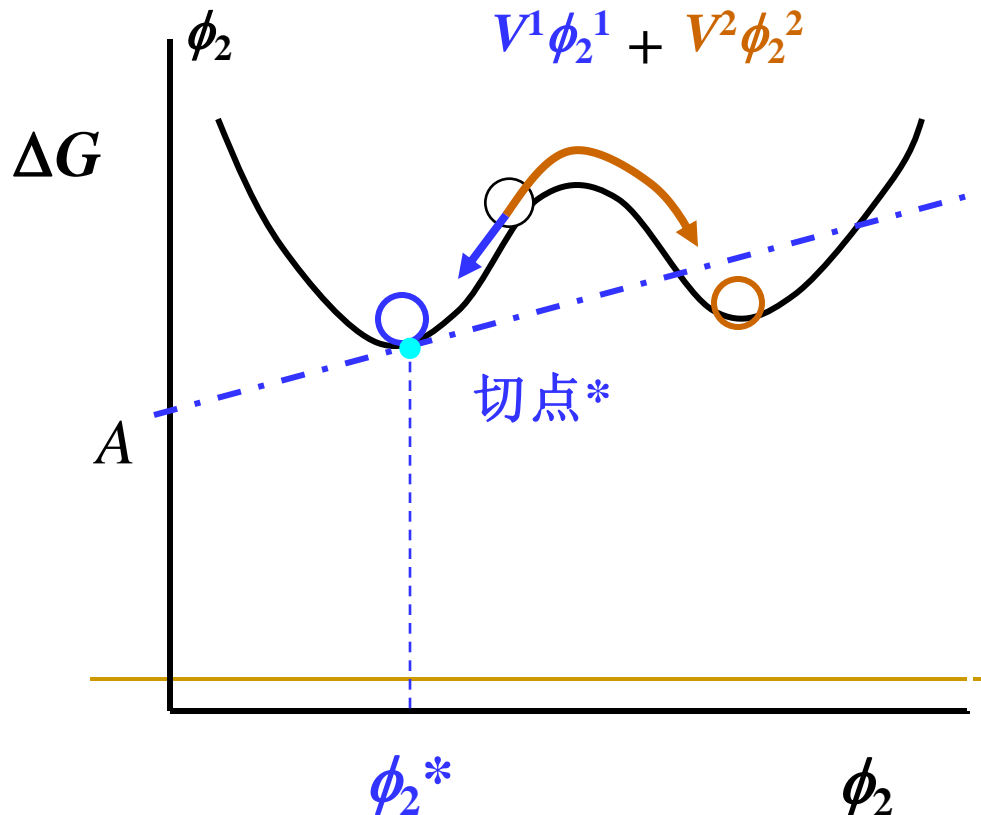
$$\Delta G = \phi_1 \frac{V_m}{V_s} x_1^{-1} \Delta\mu_1 + \phi_2 \frac{V_m}{V_s} x_2^{-1} \Delta\mu_2$$

$$= \frac{V_m}{V_s} \left[ x_1^{-1} \Delta\mu_1 + \phi_2 \left( x_2^{-1} \Delta\mu_2 - x_1^{-1} \Delta\mu_1 \right) \right]$$

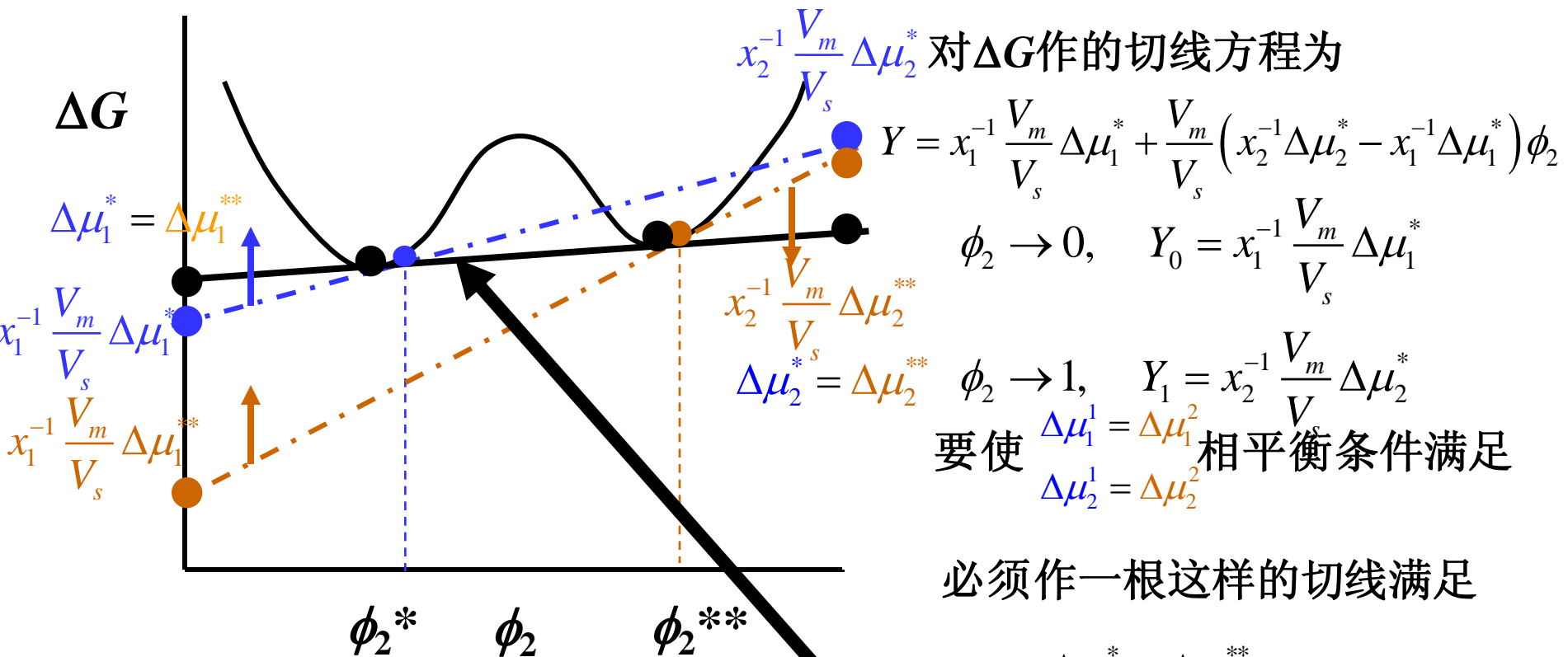
对 $\Delta G$ 作切线  $Y=A+B\phi_2$ , 切点 $\phi_2^*$

斜率 $B$   $B = \left( \frac{\partial \Delta G}{\partial \phi_2} \right)^* = \frac{V_m}{V_s} (x_2^{-1} \Delta\mu_2^* - x_1^{-1} \Delta\mu_1^*)$

$$\Delta G^* = A + B\phi_2^* \longrightarrow A = x_1^{-1} \frac{V_m}{V_s} \Delta\mu_1^*$$



# Finding the phase equilibrium conditions



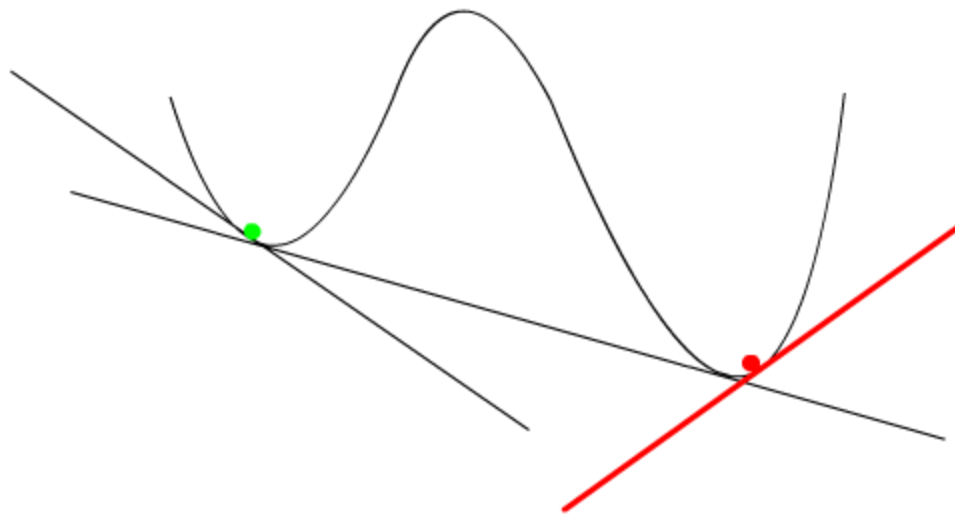
必须作一根这样的切线满足

$$\Delta\mu_1^* = \Delta\mu_1^{**}$$

$$\Delta\mu_2^* = \Delta\mu_2^{**}$$

唯有同时通过两个切点的共切线

$$\Delta\mu_1^* = \Delta\mu_1^{**}$$

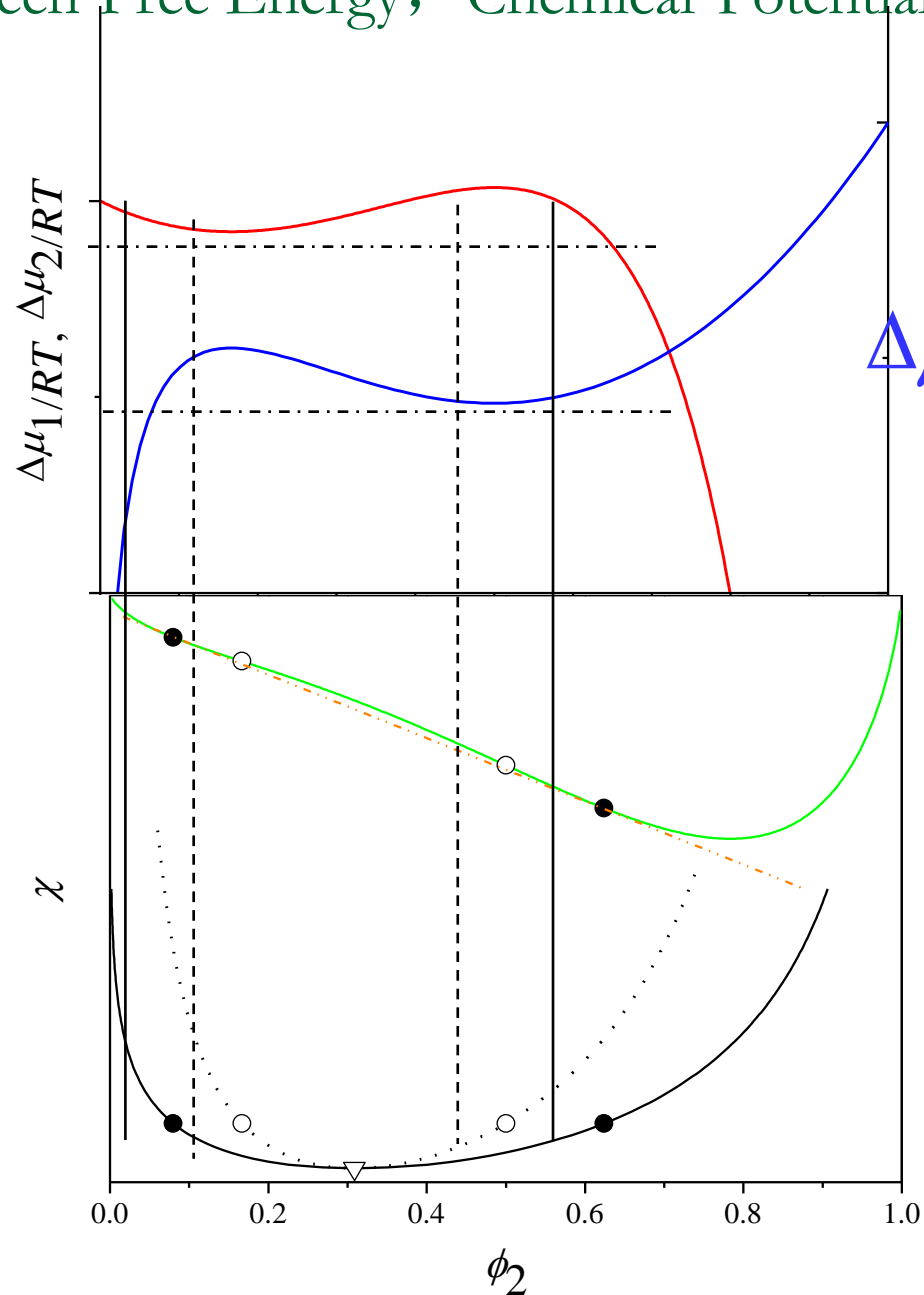


$$\mu_2^* = \mu_2^{**}$$

# Relations between Free Energy, Chemical Potentials and Phase Diagram

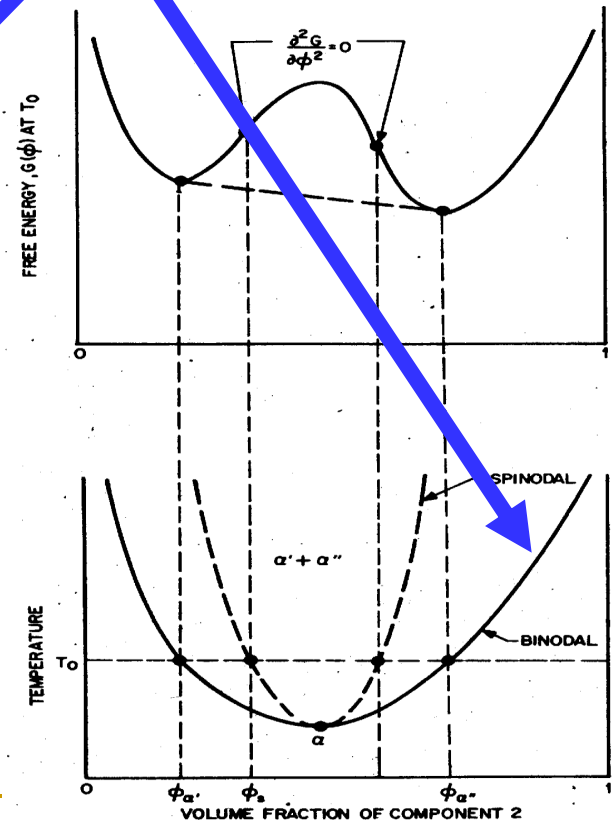
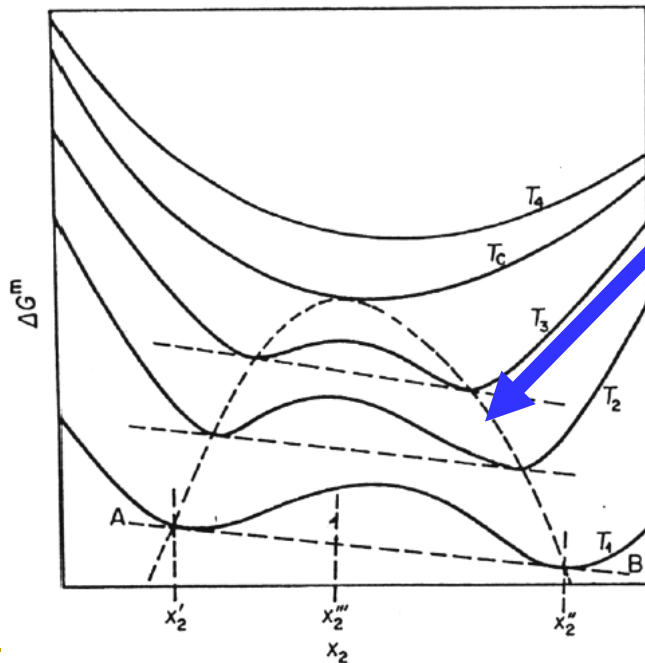
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$$\Delta\mu_2^* = \Delta\mu_2^{**}$$

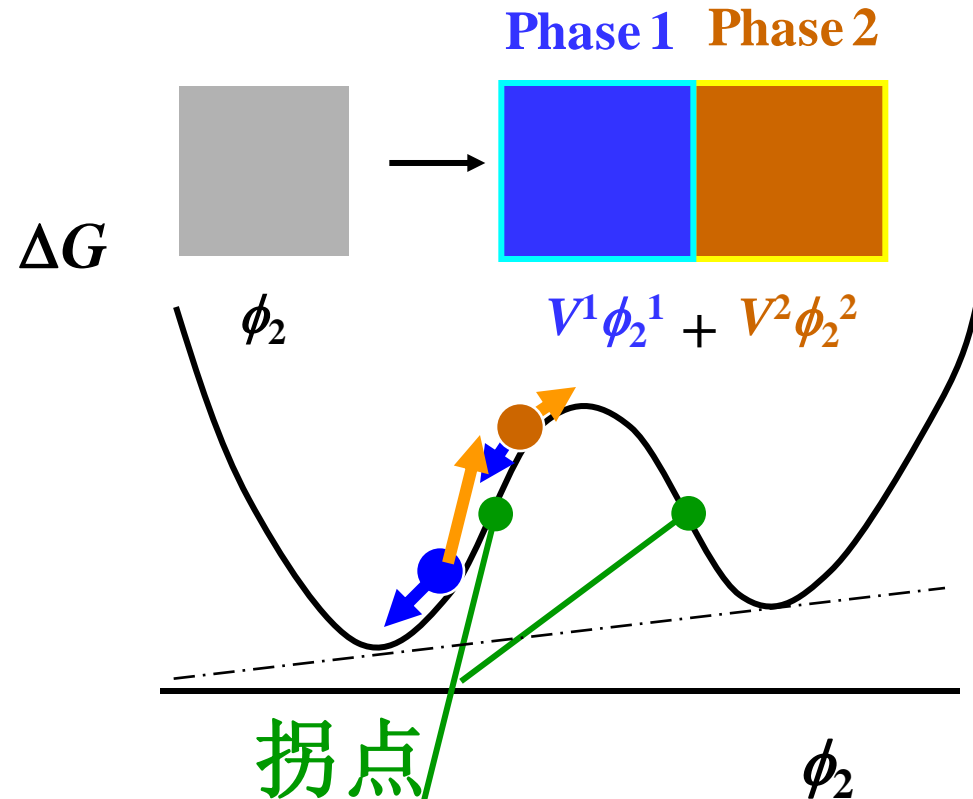


# (1) Phase equilibrium curve – binodal

作  $T(\chi) \sim [\phi_2^*(T), \phi_2^{**}(T)] \longrightarrow$  binodal curve



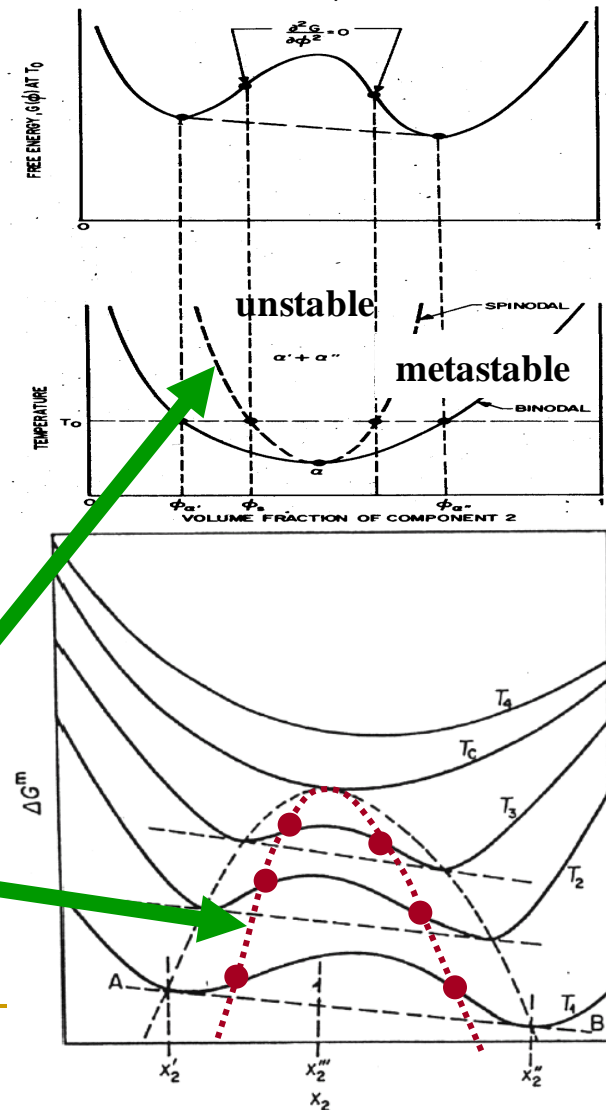
## (2) Metastable/unstable limits - spinodal



$$\frac{\partial^2 \Delta G}{\partial \phi_2^2} = 0$$

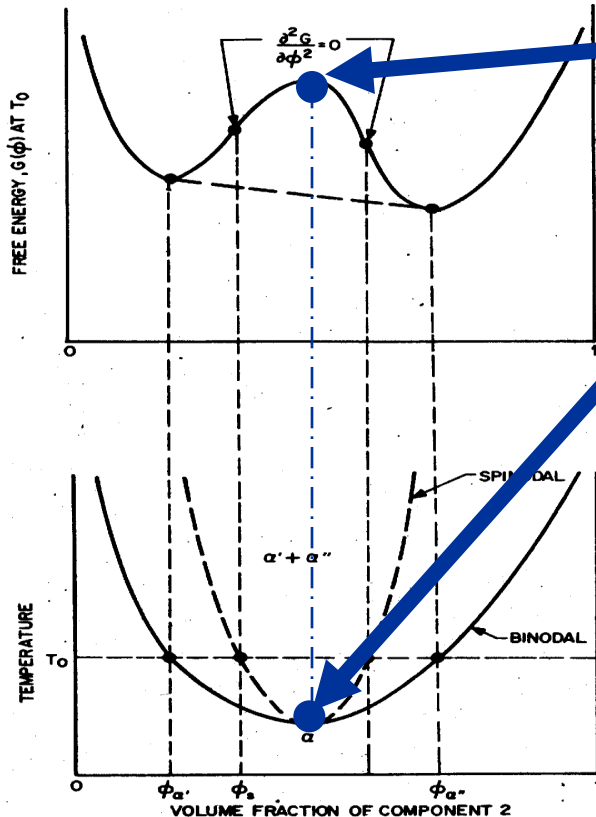
Spinodal curve

$$\frac{\partial^2 \Delta G}{\partial \phi_2^2} = \frac{1}{x_1(1-\phi_2)} + \frac{1}{x_2\phi_2} - 2\chi = 0$$



### (3) Critical point

Spinodal 和 binodal 的交点: Critical point



$$\frac{\partial^3 \Delta G}{\partial \phi_2^3} = \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi_2} \left[ \frac{1}{x_1(1-\phi_2)} + \frac{1}{x_2\phi_2} - 2\chi \right] = 0$$

$$\phi_{2,c} = \frac{x_1^{1/2}}{x_1^{1/2} + x_2^{1/2}}, \quad \chi_c = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{x_1^{1/2}} + \frac{1}{x_2^{1/2}} \right)^2$$

For symmetric  
blends  $x_1=x_2$

$$\chi_c N = 2$$

For polymer  
solutions

$$\chi_c \rightarrow \frac{1}{2}$$

For symmetric  
di-blocks  $f=0.5$

$$\chi_c N = 10.5$$



# Critical points dependence of $N$

## For blends

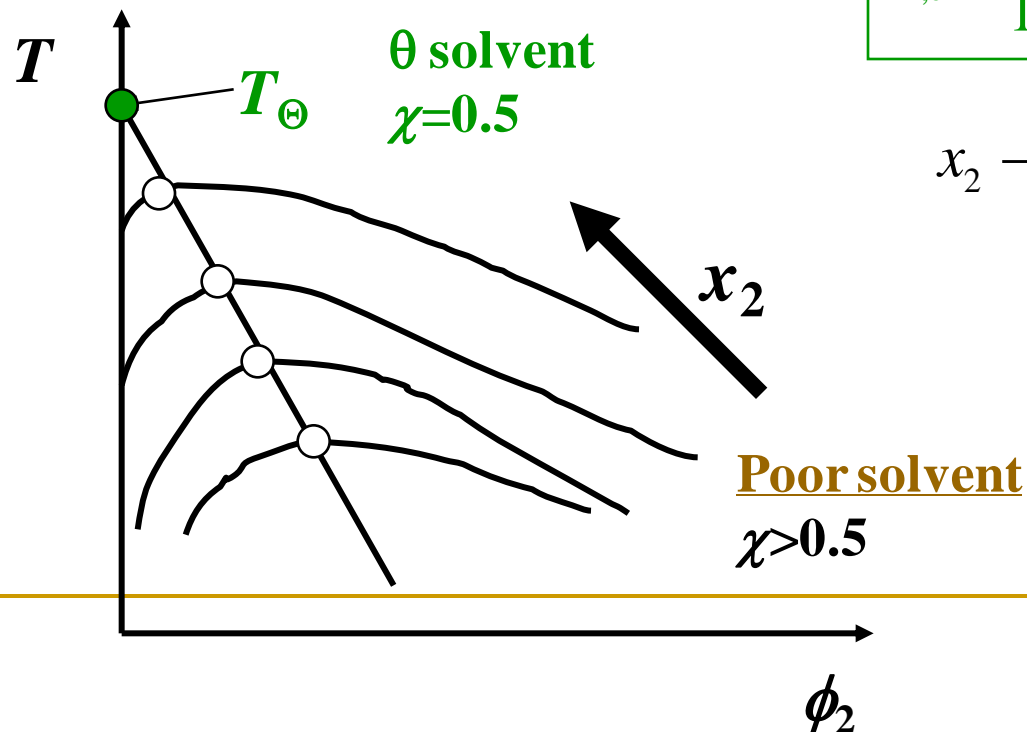
$$\phi_{2,c} = \frac{x_1^{1/2}}{x_1^{1/2} + x_2^{1/2}}, \quad \chi_c = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{x_1^{1/2}} + \frac{1}{x_2^{1/2}} \right)^2$$

$$x \uparrow \rightarrow \chi_c \downarrow, \quad T_c \uparrow$$

## For solutions

$$\phi_{2,c} = \frac{1}{1 + x_2^{1/2}}, \quad \chi_c = \frac{1}{2} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{x_2^{1/2}} \right)^2$$

$$x_2 \rightarrow \infty, \quad \phi_{2,c} \rightarrow 0, \quad \chi_c \rightarrow \frac{1}{2}$$



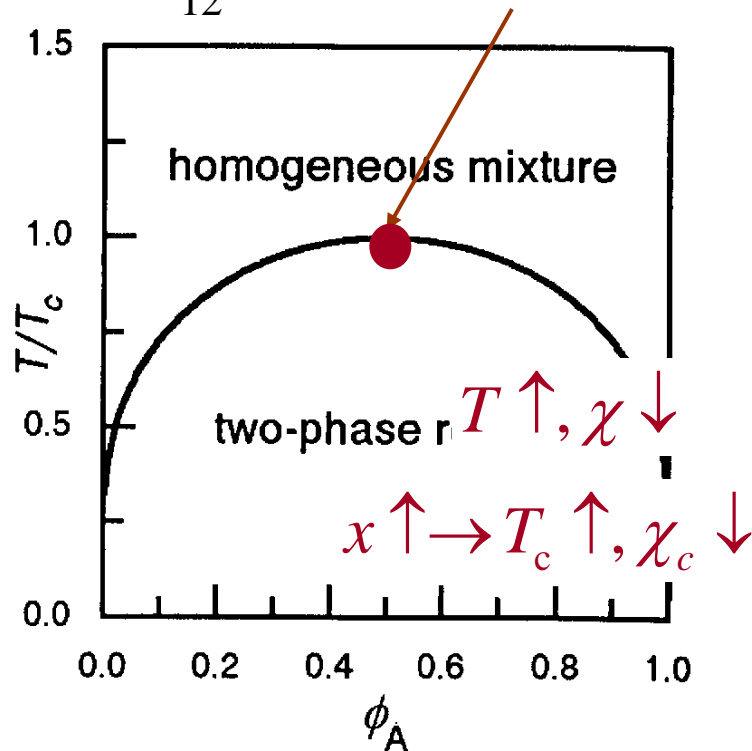
# UCST/LCST

$$\chi = \frac{(Z-2)\Delta\epsilon_{12}}{kT}$$

$$\Delta G = \chi\phi_1\phi_2 - T\Delta S$$

Upper critical solution  
temperature (UCST)

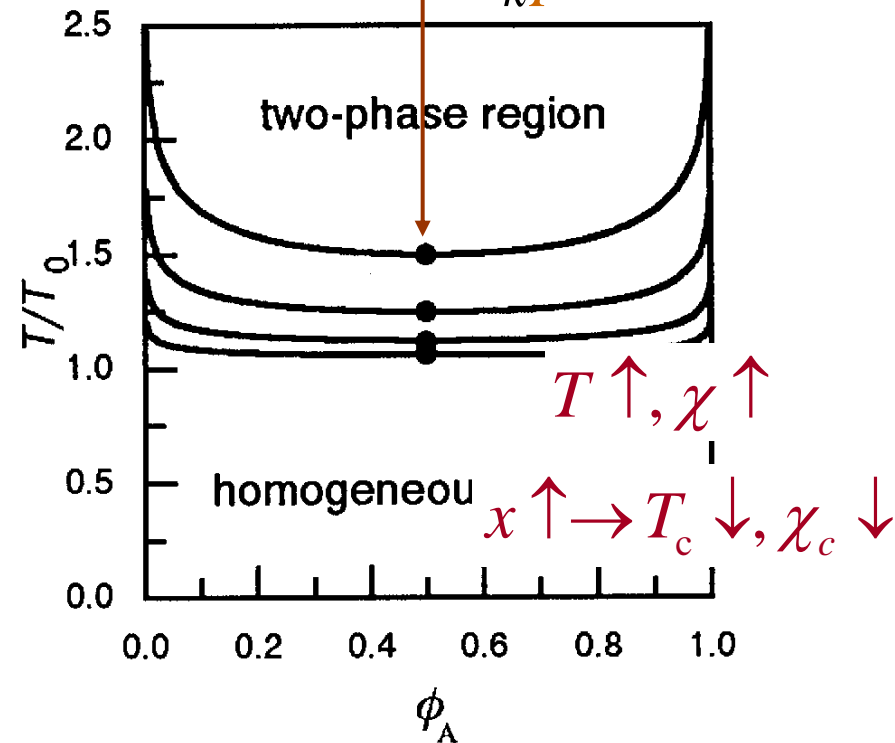
$$\Delta\epsilon_{12} > 0$$



Endothermic symmetrical  
polymer mixture with lower  
miscibility gap.

Lower critical solution  
temperature (LCST)

$$\Delta\epsilon_{12} < 0 \quad \chi = \frac{(Z-2)\Delta\epsilon_{12}}{kT} + B \quad B > 0$$



Exothermic symmetrical  
polymer mixture with upper  
miscibility gap.

# Why UCST or LCST

$$\Delta G_{mix} = RTV \left( \frac{\phi_A}{N_A} \ln \phi_A + \frac{\phi_B}{N_B} \ln \phi_B + \chi \phi_A \phi_B \right) \longrightarrow \chi \text{ is the key issue.}$$

➤ Effective interaction parameter  $\chi_{\text{eff}}$ :

Dispersion forces

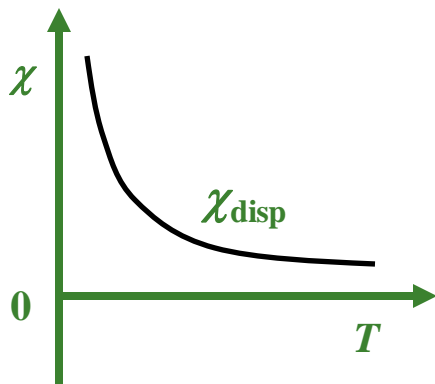
Free volume effects

Specific interactions

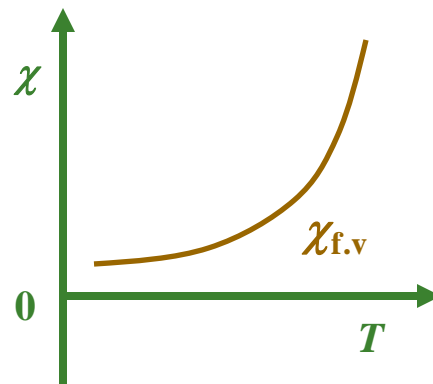
$$\chi_{\text{eff}} = \chi_{\text{disp}} + \chi_{\text{f.v.}} + \chi_{\text{s.i.}} = \frac{A}{T} + B$$

$A > 0$  UCST

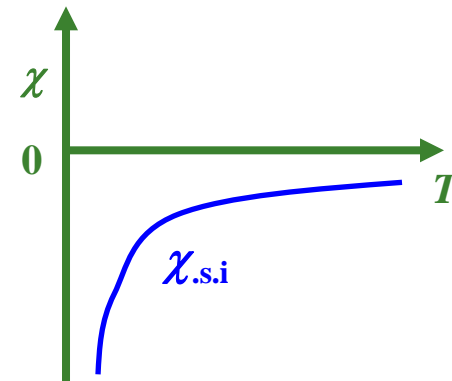
$A < 0$  LCST



Dispersion force:  
 $\sim 1/T$  monotonic decreasing,  
 $\chi_{\text{disp}} \rightarrow 0$  as  $T \rightarrow \infty$ .



Free volume effect:  
 Monotonic increasing with  $T$ ,  
 small, but positive at low  $T$ .



Specific interaction:  
 Always  $< 0$ , decreasing  
 magnitude with increasing  $T$ .

# Phase Equilibrium

## 1. 相平衡线

在某一温度下,达到热力学平衡的两相平衡点

(1)自由能曲线作共切线取两切点法

(2)数值解

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta\mu_1^1 &= \Delta\mu_1^2 & \phi_1^1 + \phi_2^1 &= 1 \\ \Delta\mu_2^1 &= \Delta\mu_2^2 & \phi_1^2 + \phi_2^2 &= 1\end{aligned}$$

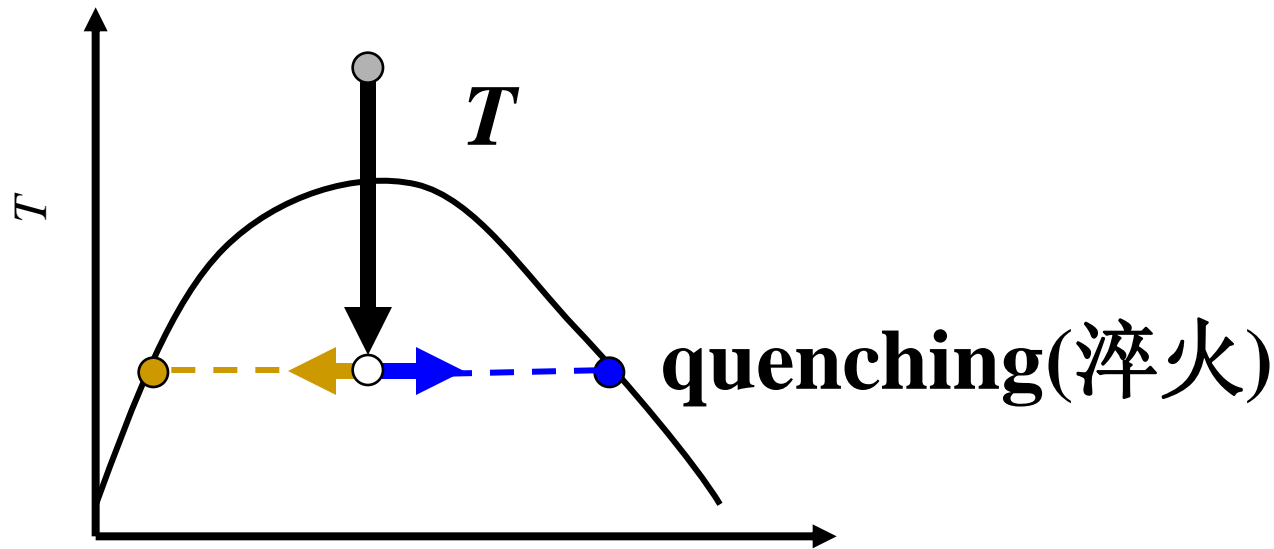
$$\ln \phi_1^1 + \left(1 - \frac{x_1}{x_2}\right) \phi_2^1 + x_1 \chi (\phi_2^1)^2 = \ln \phi_1^2 + \left(1 - \frac{x_1}{x_2}\right) \phi_2^2 + x_1 \chi (\phi_2^2)^2$$

$$\ln \phi_2^1 + \left(1 - \frac{x_2}{x_1}\right) \phi_1^1 + x_2 \chi (\phi_1^1)^2 = \ln \phi_2^2 + \left(1 - \frac{x_2}{x_1}\right) \phi_1^2 + x_2 \chi (\phi_1^2)^2$$

## 2. spinodal线

与相分离机理和动力学有关

# Phase Separation Dynamics



达到两相最终平衡的动力学过程

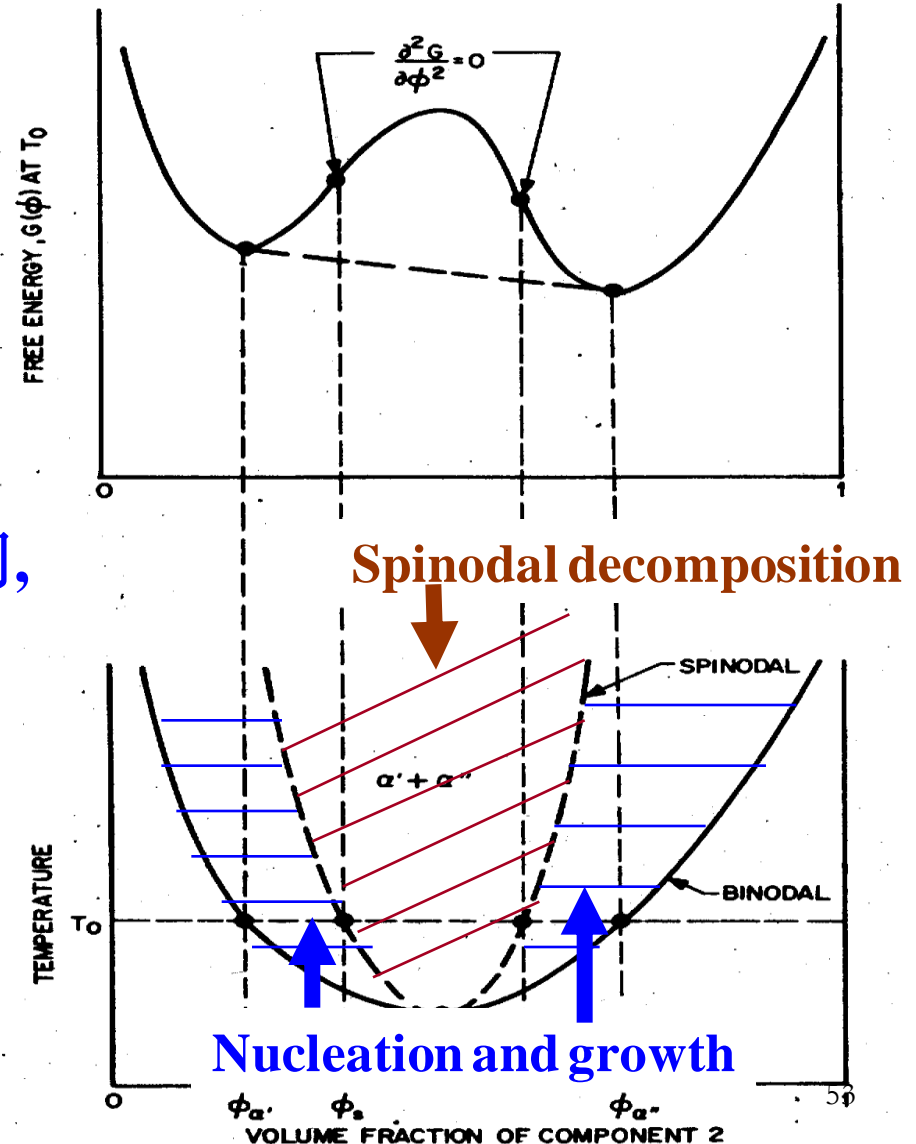
与初始状态的浓度有关

- (1) 在临界组成附近, 不稳区, **spinodal decomposition**
- (2) 在相平衡线和spinodal线之间, 亚稳区, **nucleation and growth**

# Phase diagram and phase separation mechanisms

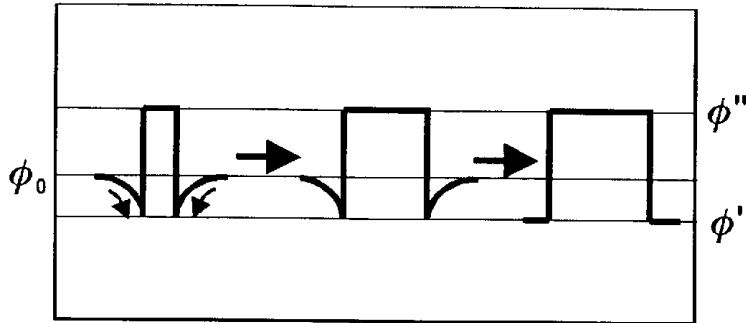
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# Phase Separation Mechanisms

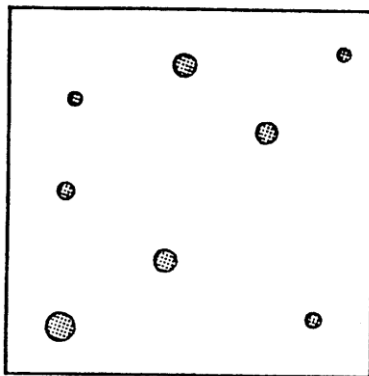
## 1. Nucleation and growth (成核生长) mechanism



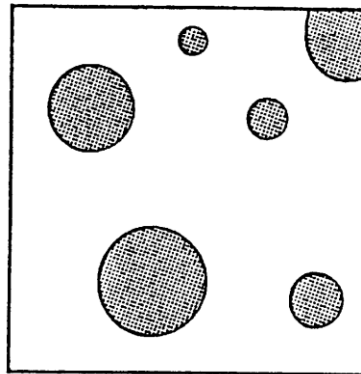
In metastable region, separation can proceed only by overcoming the barrier with a large fluctuation in composition.

**Nucleation barrier:**  $\Delta G(r) = -\frac{4\pi}{3} r^3 \Delta g + 4\pi r^2 \sigma$  with  $\Delta g = g(\phi_0) - g(\phi'')$

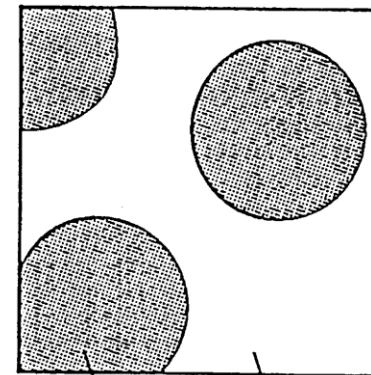
$r$ : radius of the nuclear;  $\sigma$ : excess free energy per unit surface area.



**Nucleation**



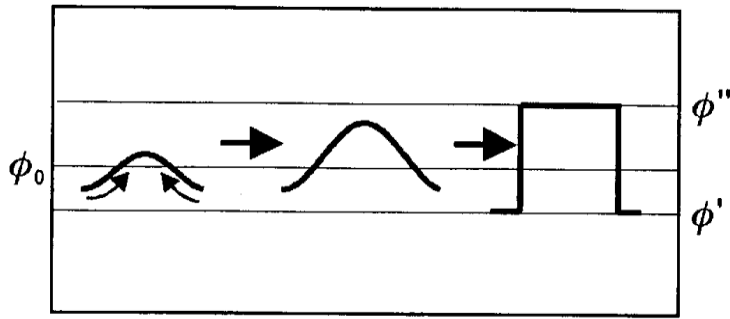
**Growth**



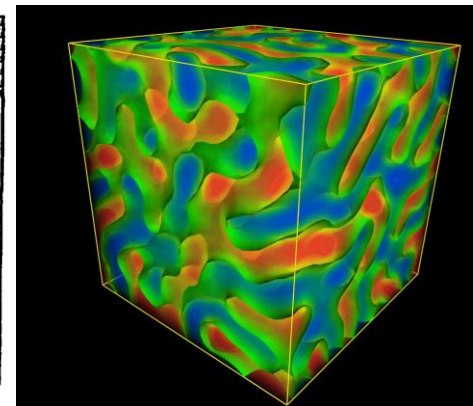
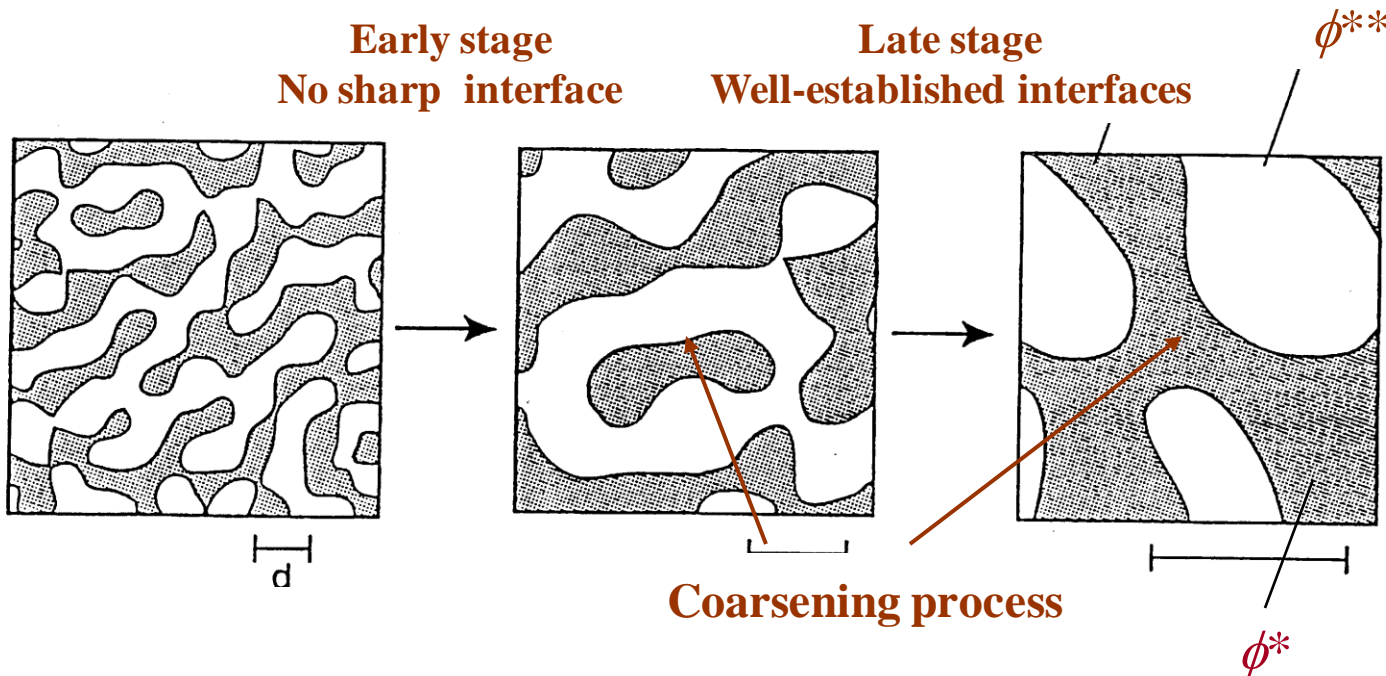
**droplet-dispersed phase**

# Phase Separation Mechanisms

## 2. Spinodal decomposition (亚稳极限分解) mechanism



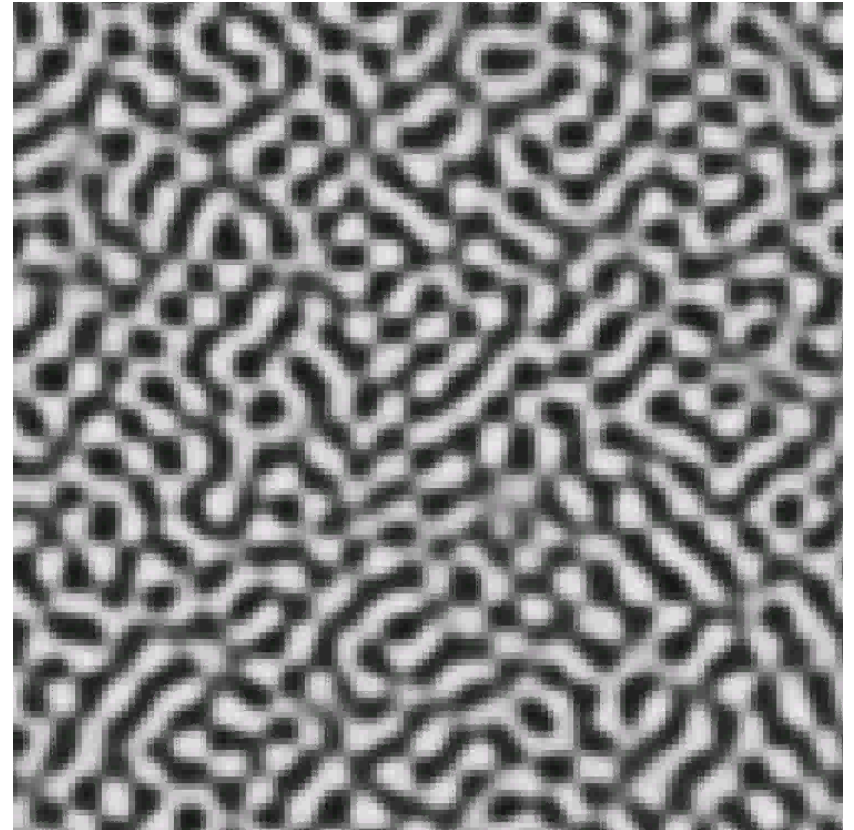
In unstable region, separation can occur spontaneously and continuously without any thermodynamic barrier.



Co/bi-continuous  
phase



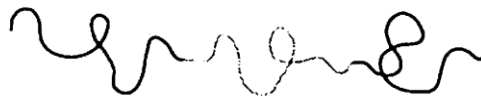
# Examples of Phase Separation Dynamics



## 3.8 Thermodynamics of Block Copolymers



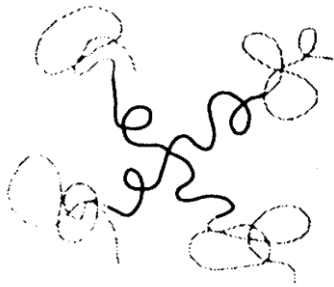
**diblock**



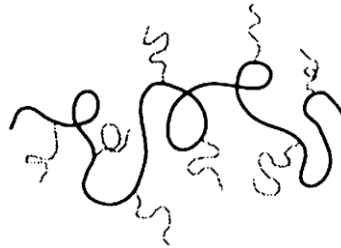
**triblock**



**random multiblock**



**four arm starblock**

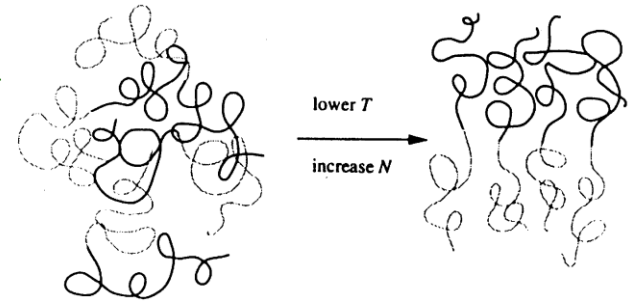


**graft copolymer**

# Self-assembly of Diblock Copolymers

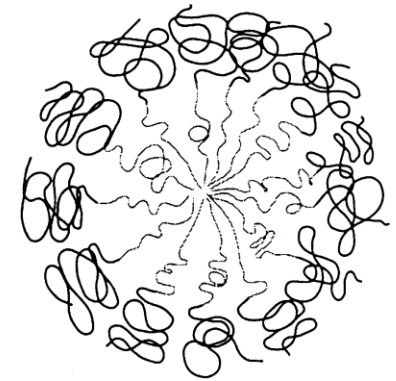
## ➤ Melts

**Microphase (mesophase, nanophase) separation (微相分离)** is driven by chemical incompatibilities between the different blocks that make up block copolymer molecules.



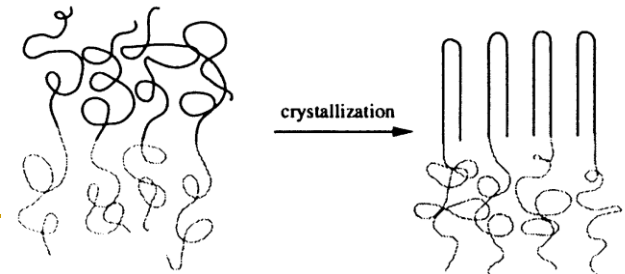
## ➤ Solutions

**Micellization (胶束化)** occurs when block copolymer chains associate into, often spherical, micelles (胶束) in dilute solution in a selective solvent (选择性溶剂). In concentrated solution, micelles can order into gels (凝胶).



## ➤ Solids

**Crystallization of the crystalline block from melt often leads to a distinct (usually lamellar (片晶)) structure, with a different periodicity from the melt.**

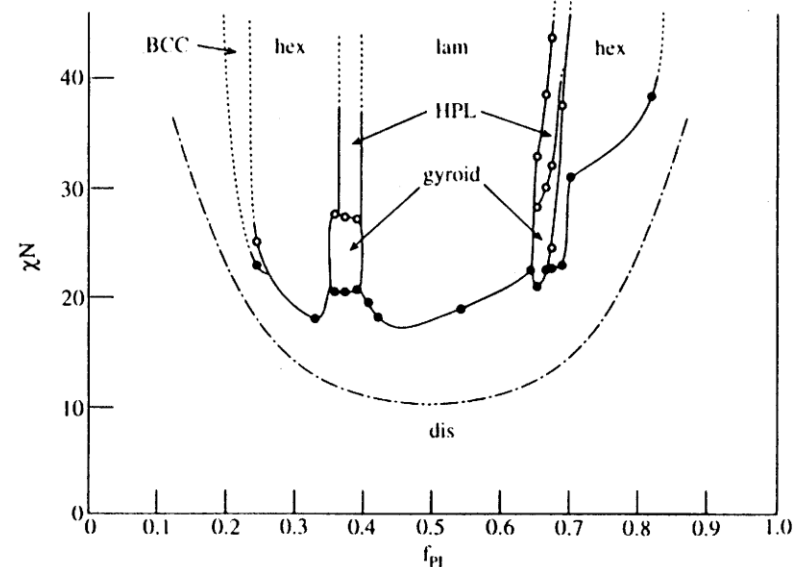
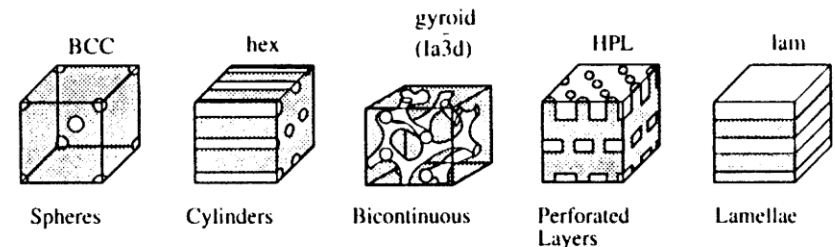


# Microphase Separation of Diblock Copolymers (BCPs)

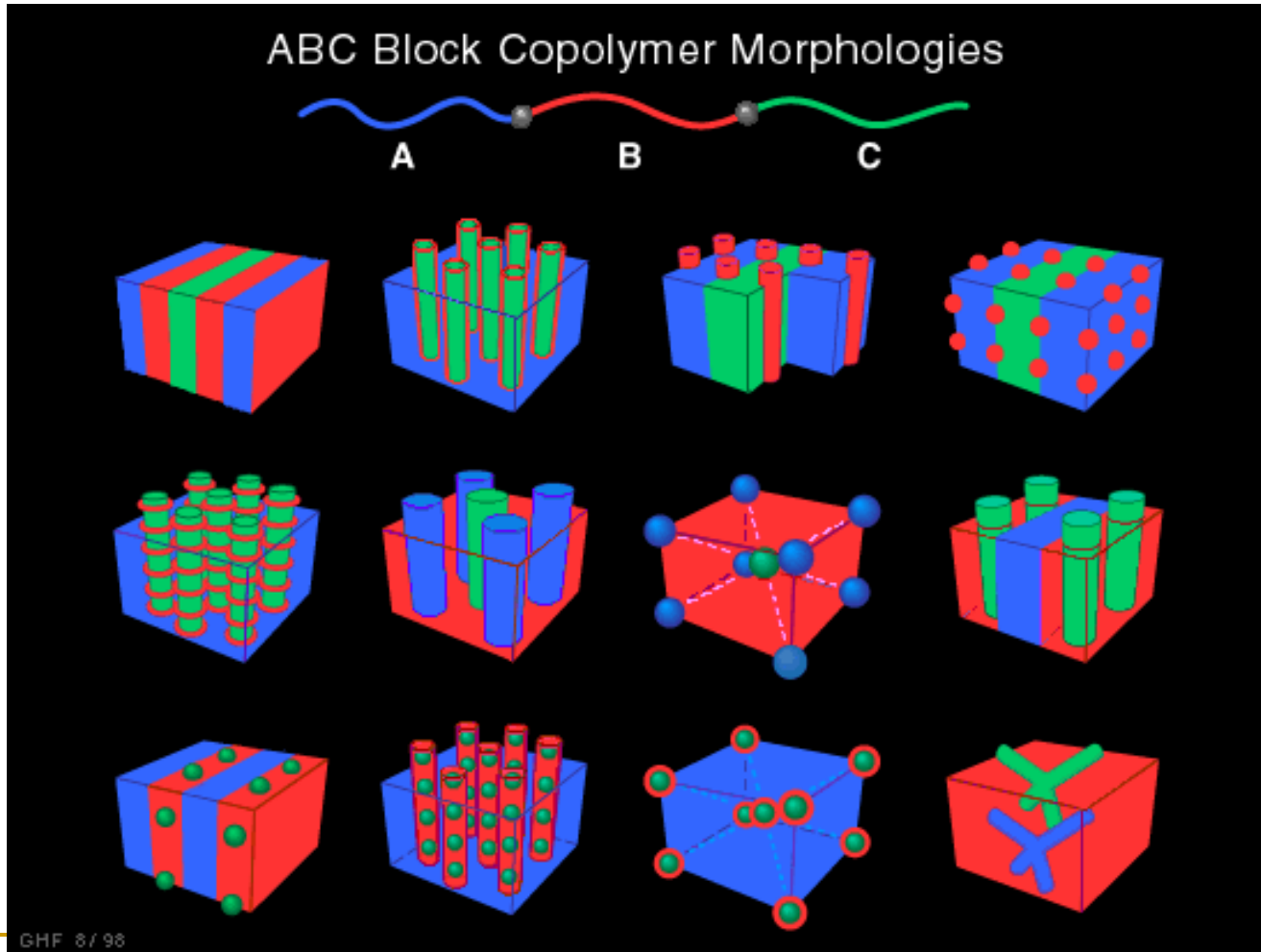
## ➤ Phase diagram

Homogeneous State  $\xrightarrow[\text{disorder}]{\text{order}}$  Structurally Ordered State  $\xrightarrow[\text{order}]{\text{order}}$  Structurally Ordered State

- $f$  is the volume fraction of one component.  $f$  controls which ordered structures are accessed beneath the order-disorder transition.
- $\chi N$  expresses the enthalpic-entropic balance. It is used to parameterize block copolymer phase behavior, along with the composition of the copolymer.



# Microphase Separation of Triblock Copolymers



# Thermodynamics of Microphase Separation

- Minimize interfacial area and Maximize chain conformational entropy (MIN-MAX Principle)

$F$ : free energy per chain

$N$ : number of segments ( $=N_A + N_B$ )

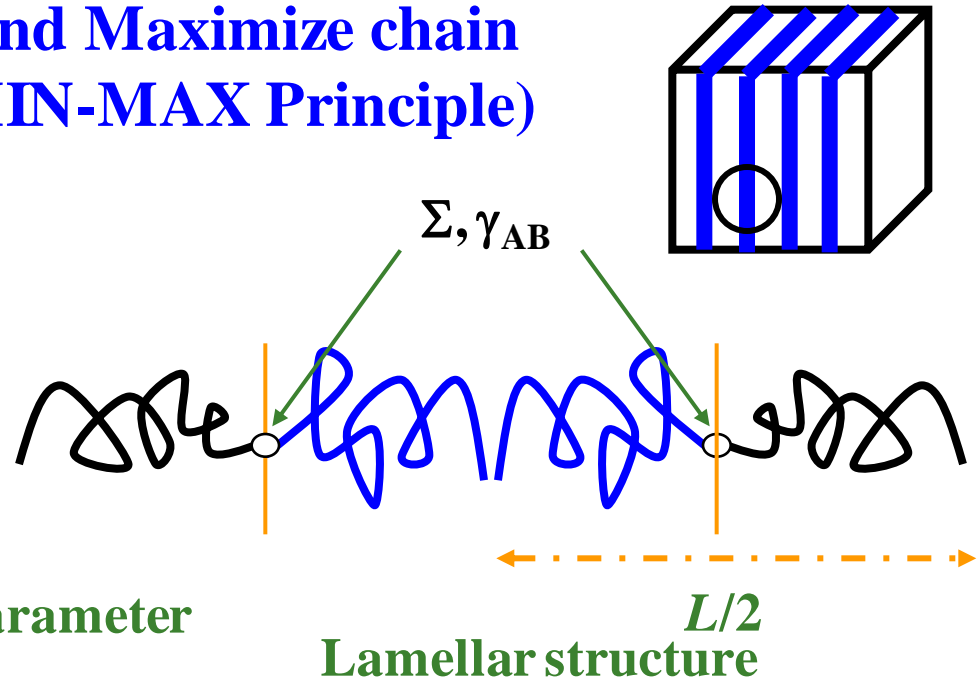
$a$ : Kuhn length  $\nu_a \sim a^3, a_A \sim a_B$

$L$ : domain periodicity

$\Sigma$ : interfacial area per chain

$\gamma_{AB}$ : interfacial energy per area

$\chi_{AB}$ : segment-segment interaction parameter



$$\gamma_{AB} = \frac{kT}{a^2} \sqrt{\frac{\chi_{AB}}{6}} \quad (\text{Helfand, E.; Tagami, Y. } \textit{Polymer Letters}, 1971, 9, 741)$$

$$\chi_{AB} = \frac{Z-2}{kT} \left( \varepsilon_{AB} - \frac{1}{2} (\varepsilon_{AA} + \varepsilon_{BB}) \right) \quad \text{and} \quad \chi_{AB} \sim \frac{A}{T} + B$$

# Thermodynamics of Microphase Separation

➤ **Free energy of lamellae:**  $F_{LAM} = \overbrace{\gamma_{AB}\Sigma}^{\text{enthalpic term}} + \underbrace{\frac{3}{2}kT \frac{(L/2)^2}{Na^2}}_{\text{entropic spring term}}$  See [Appendix](#)

Using  $Na^3 = V = \frac{L}{2}\Sigma$

we have  $F_{LAM} = \frac{kT}{a^2} \sqrt{\frac{\chi_{AB}}{6}} \frac{Na^3}{(L/2)} + \frac{3}{2}kT \frac{(L/2)^2}{Na^2} = \frac{\alpha}{L} + L^2\beta$

$$\frac{\partial F_{LAM}}{\partial L} = 0 \longrightarrow -\frac{\alpha}{L_{opt}^2} + 2L_{opt}\beta = 0$$

Thus, the optimum period of the lamellae and the lamellar free energy are:

$$L_{opt} = \sqrt[3]{\frac{\alpha}{2\beta}} \cong aN^{2/3}\chi_{AB}^{1/6} \quad \text{and} \quad F_{LAM}(L_{opt}) = \frac{\alpha}{L_{opt}} + L_{opt}^2\beta \quad F_{LAM} \cong 1.2kTN^{1/3}\chi_{AB}^{1/3}$$

Assume  $F_{disorder} \approx \frac{\widetilde{V}_m}{\widetilde{V}^s} \chi_{AB}\phi_A\phi_B kT = N\chi_{AB}\phi_A\phi_B kT$

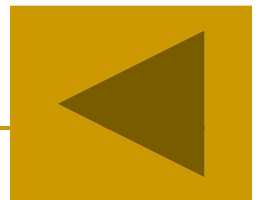
At the order-disorder transition:  $F_{LAM} = F_{disordered}$

For a 50/50 volume fraction,  $\phi_A\phi_B = 1/4$ , so:  $-1.2kTN^{1/3}\chi_{AB}^{1/3} = \frac{1}{4}N\chi_{AB}kT$

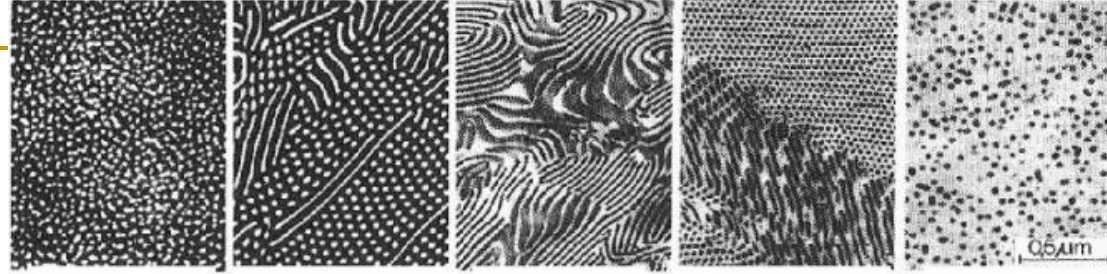
BCPs  $(\chi N)_c = (4.8)^{3/2} \sim 10.5$  Critical point Symmetric blends  $\chi_c N^{62} = 2$

# Appendix

$$\begin{aligned} S_{el}(h) &= k \ln \Omega = k \ln \Phi(h, N) = k \ln \left[ \left( \frac{3}{2\pi Na^2} \right)^{3/2} \exp \left( -\frac{3h^2}{2Na^2} \right) \right] \\ &= k \ln \left( \frac{3}{2\pi Na^2} \right)^{3/2} + k \ln \left[ \exp \left( -\frac{3h^2}{2Na^2} \right) \right] \\ &= -k \frac{3h^2}{2Na^2} + \text{const.} \\ F_{el}(h = L/2) &= \frac{3}{2} kT \frac{(L/2)^2 - Na^2}{Na^2} = \frac{3}{2} kT \left( \frac{(L/2)^2}{Na^2} - 1 \right) \approx \frac{3}{2} kT \frac{(L/2)^2}{Na^2} \end{aligned}$$







A Spheres  
0-20% A

A Cylinders  
20-40% A

Lamellae  
40-64% A

B Cylinders  
64-84% A

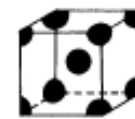
B Spheres  
>84% A



PS  
Spheres



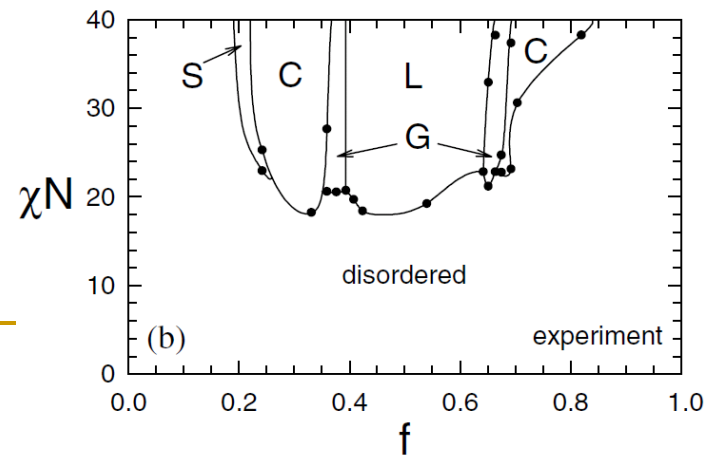
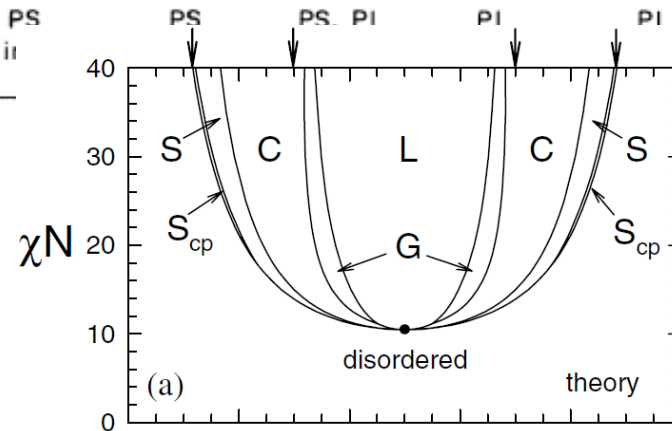
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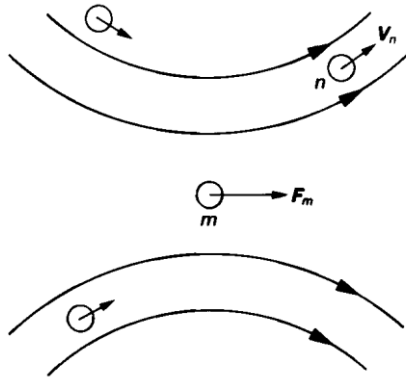
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# $\chi$ - the key parameter in polymer physics

- (1) 溶液中链的构象
- (2) 凝胶的体积相变
- (3) 高分子溶液和共混物的相平衡
- (4) 高分子溶液和共混物的相分离
- (5) 高分子嵌段共聚物的微相分离
- ...

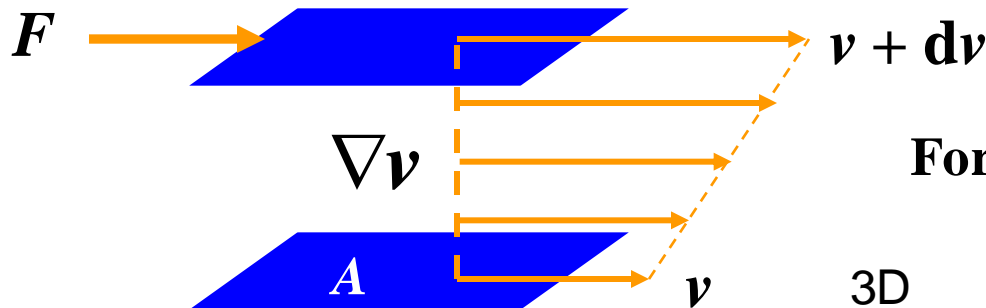
# 3.9 Hydrodynamics Properties of Polymer Solutions



$$\mathbf{v}(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_m \mathbf{H}_{nm} \cdot \mathbf{F}_m$$

$$\mathbf{v}(\mathbf{r}) = \int d\mathbf{r}' H(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}') \cdot \mathbf{g}(\mathbf{r}')$$

Correlation function:  $\mathbf{H}_{nm}$  or  $\mathbf{H}(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}')$



For Newtonian fluids

$$3D \quad \frac{\mathbf{F}}{A} = \boldsymbol{\sigma} = \eta \left[ \nabla \mathbf{v} + (\nabla \mathbf{v})^T \right]$$

$$2D \quad \boldsymbol{\sigma} = \eta \frac{d\mathbf{v}}{dy}$$

# Velocity and Oseen Tensor

# The Momentum Equation – Navier-Stokes Equation

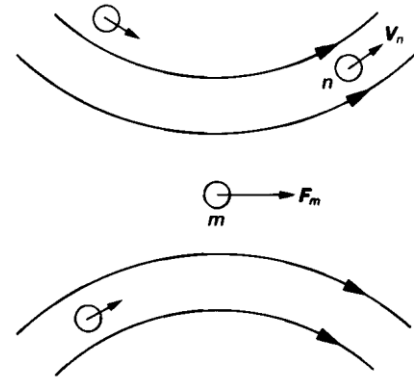
$$\rho \frac{\partial \mathbf{v}}{\partial t} = \eta \nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma} + \nabla P + g(\mathbf{r}) = \eta \nabla^2 \mathbf{v} + \nabla P + g(\mathbf{r})$$

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{v} = 0$$

## Stokes Approximation:

$$\eta \nabla^2 \mathbf{v} + \nabla P = -g(\mathbf{r})$$

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{v} = 0$$

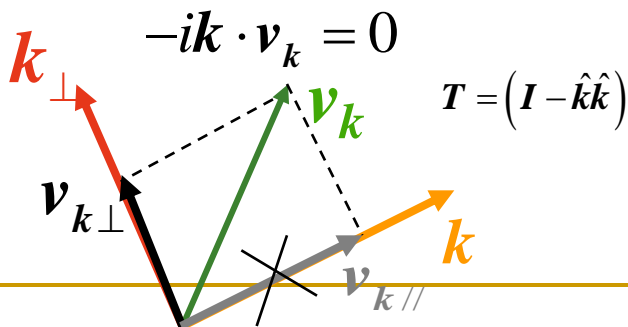


In Fourier Space:  $\nabla \rightarrow -ik$        $\nabla^2 \rightarrow (-ik)^2$

$$-\eta k^2 \mathbf{v}_k - ikP_k = -g_k \quad \Rightarrow \quad \left( -\eta k^2 \mathbf{v}_k + g_k \right)_{|} = 0$$

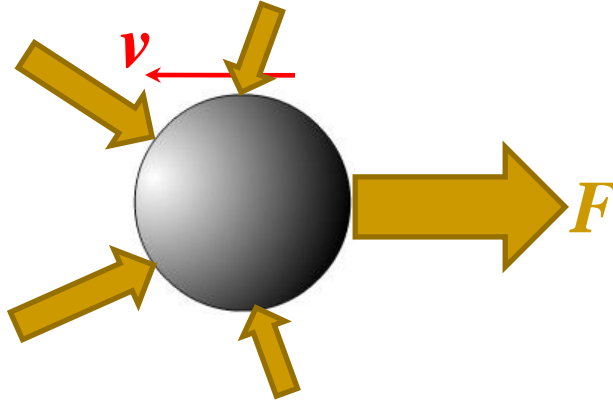
$$v_k = \frac{1}{\eta k^2} \left( \mathbf{I} - \hat{k} \hat{k}^T \right) \cdot \mathbf{g}_k = \mathbf{H}(k) \cdot \mathbf{g}_k$$

$$\mathbf{v}(\mathbf{r}) = \int d\mathbf{r}' H(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}') \cdot \mathbf{g}(\mathbf{r}')$$



$$\mathbf{H}(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^3} \int d\mathbf{k} \frac{1}{\eta k^2} (\mathbf{I} - \hat{\mathbf{k}}\hat{\mathbf{k}}) e^{-i\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{r}} = \frac{1}{8\pi\eta r} (\mathbf{I} + \hat{\mathbf{r}}\hat{\mathbf{r}})$$

# Diffusion of Suspensions in Solution



Stokes formula

$$\mathbf{F} = -6\pi R\eta\mathbf{v} = -\zeta\mathbf{v}$$

Stokes-Einstein relation

$$D = k_B T / \zeta = \frac{k_B T}{6\pi\eta R}$$

$$D = D_0 (1 + k_D c + \dots)$$

Fick's law

**flux**  $\vec{J} = -D \frac{\partial c}{\partial r}$

$$\frac{\partial c}{\partial t} = -\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{J} = D \frac{\partial^2 c}{\partial r^2}$$

$$D_0 = k_D M^{-b} = \frac{k_B T}{6\pi\eta R_h} \quad b \approx \frac{1+a}{3}$$

$$[\eta] = K_{MH} M^a$$

hydrodynamics radius:  $R_h$

# Effective viscosity of suspensions

For the solution of impenetrable spheres of radius  $R$ , Einstein derived the Effective viscosity of suspensions

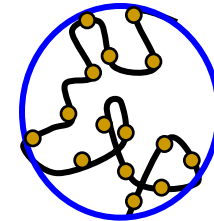
$$\eta = \eta_0 (1 + 2.5\Phi)$$

$\eta_0$ : viscosity of pure solvent

$\Phi$ : volume fraction occupied by the suspensions in the solution.

If each sphere consists of  $n$  particles (monomer units) of mass  $m$ , and their density is  $c$ , we have

$$\Phi = N \frac{4}{3} \pi R^3 / V = \frac{N_A c}{M} \frac{4}{3} \pi R^3$$



$$nm = M$$

Intrinsic viscosity (特性粘度)

$$[\eta] = \left[ \frac{\eta - \eta_0}{\eta_0 c} \right]_{c \rightarrow 0}$$

$N_A$ : Avogadro Number

$$[\eta] = \frac{2.5\Phi}{c} = 2.5N_A \frac{4\pi R^3 / 3}{M} = 2.5N_A \frac{V_h}{M}$$

$V_h$  hydrodynamics volume .

# [ $\eta$ ] dependence of MW: Flory-Fox equation

$\phi_0$  is calculated by Rouse-Zimm Theory and confirmed by experiments

$$[\eta] = \phi \frac{\langle h^2 \rangle^{3/2}}{M} = \phi \left[ \frac{\langle h^2 \rangle}{M} \right]^{3/2} M^{1/2}$$

$$\alpha = \left( h^2 / h_0^2 \right)^{1/2} \sim N^{\nu-0.5} \quad \text{扩张因子}$$

$$[\eta] = \phi \left[ \frac{\langle h_0^2 \rangle}{M} \right]^{3/2} M^{1/2} \alpha^3$$

For  $\Theta$  solution

$$\langle h_0^2 \rangle \sim M^1 \quad [\eta] \sim M^{0.5}$$

For flexible chain in good solvent

$$\langle h^2 \rangle \sim M^{6/5} \quad [\eta] \sim M^{0.8}$$

For stiff chain

$$\langle h^2 \rangle \sim M^2 \quad [\eta] \sim M^2$$

$$[\eta]_{\Theta} = \phi_0 \left[ \frac{\langle h_0^2 \rangle}{M} \right]^{3/2} M^{1/2}$$

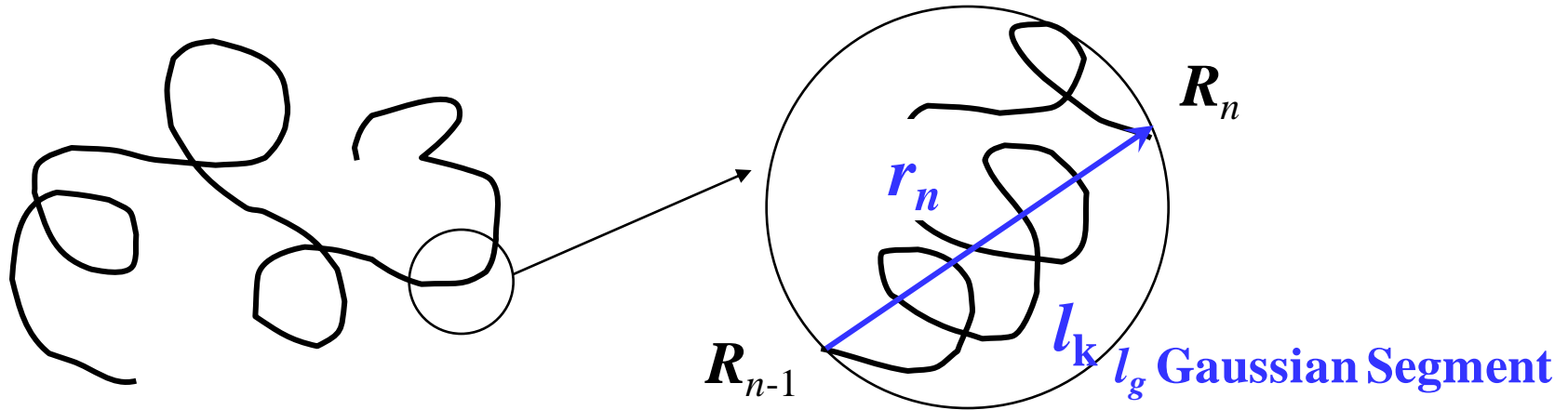
$$\phi_0 = 2.84 \times 10^{23} \text{ mol}^{-1}$$

$$\text{Mark-Houwink Relation } [\eta] = KM^a$$

For flexible chain  $a=0.5\sim0.8$

For stiff chain  $a=0.8\sim1.2$

# A Brief Review of Gaussian Model



小高斯链段的末端距分布  $\psi = \left( \frac{3}{2\pi l_k^2} \right)^{3/2} \exp \left( -\frac{3\mathbf{r}_n^2}{2l_k^2} \right) = A \exp \left( -\frac{u_0(\mathbf{r}_n)}{k_B T} \right)$

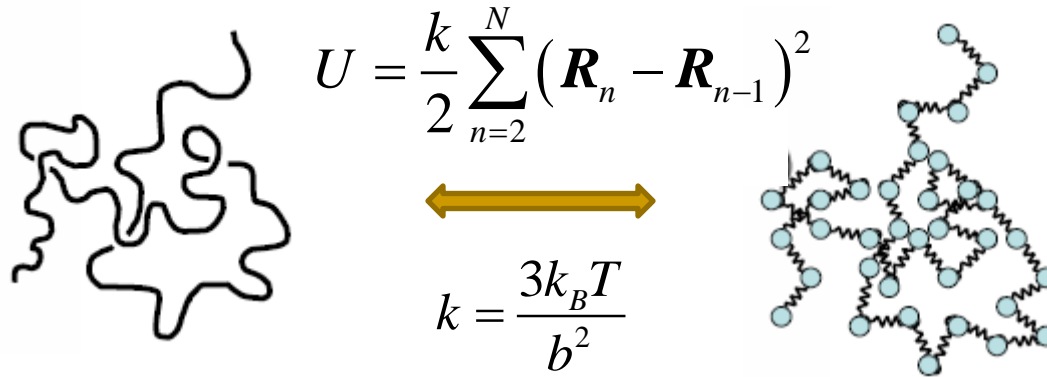
$u_0(\mathbf{r}_n) = \frac{3}{2l_k^2} k_B T (\mathbf{R}_n - \mathbf{R}_{n-1})^2$  熵弹簧

高斯长链  $\Phi(\mathbf{R}) = \prod_{n=1}^{n_g} \psi = \left( \frac{3}{2\pi l_g^2} \right)^{3n_g/2} \exp \left( -\frac{1}{k_B T} \sum_{n=1}^{n_g} u_0(\mathbf{r}_n) \right)$

$= \left( \frac{3}{2\pi l_g^2} \right)^{3n_g/2} \exp \left( -\frac{U_0(\{\mathbf{r}_{n_g}\})}{k_B T} \right) \quad U_0(\{\mathbf{r}_{n_g}\}) = \frac{3}{2l_g^2} k_B T \sum_{n=1}^{n_g} (\mathbf{R}_n - \mathbf{R}_{n-1})^2$



# Rouse-Zimm Model



Spring force

$$\mathbf{F}_n^s = -\frac{\partial U}{\partial \mathbf{R}_n} = k \frac{\partial^2 \mathbf{R}_n}{\partial n^2}$$

Local drag

$$\mathbf{F}_n^d = -\zeta \mathbf{v}_n = -\zeta \frac{\partial \mathbf{R}_n}{\partial t}$$

Random force of Brownian Motion

$$\langle \mathbf{f}_\alpha(n, t) \mathbf{f}_\beta(m, t') \rangle = 2\zeta k_B T \delta_{\alpha\beta} \delta(n-m) \delta(t-t')$$

$$\langle \mathbf{f}(n, t) \rangle = 0$$

$$k \frac{\partial^2 \mathbf{R}_n}{\partial n^2} - \zeta \frac{\partial \mathbf{R}_n}{\partial t} + \mathbf{f}(n, t) = 0$$

# Rouse-Zimm Model

$$R_H = \frac{1}{8} \sqrt{\frac{3\pi}{2}} \sqrt{N} b = 0.66467 R_g$$

$$D_G = \frac{k_B T}{\zeta_0} = \frac{k_B T}{6\pi\eta R_H} = 0.196 \frac{k_B T}{6\pi\eta \sqrt{N} b}$$

$$[\eta] = 0.425 \frac{N_A}{M} \left( \sqrt{N} a \right)^3 = \frac{\phi}{M} \left( \sqrt{6} R_g \right)^3$$

$$\phi_{0(\text{RZ})} = 0.425 N_A = 2.56 \times 10^{23}$$

$$\phi_{0(\text{exp})} = 2.2 \sim 2.87 \times 10^{23}$$