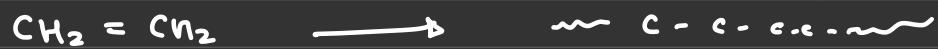


- Polymer



or

Polyethylene (PE)

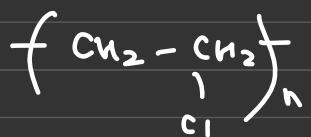
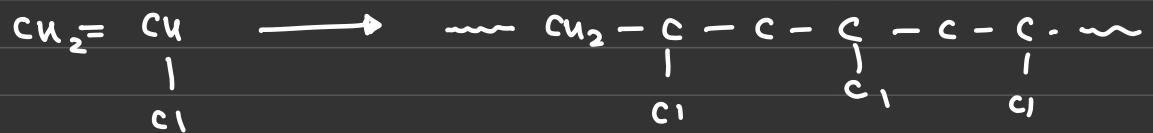


A Chain of repeated monomer is called polymer

degree of polymerization (n)

no of of monomer units in polymer

PVC - Polyvinyl Chloride



- Classification of polymers

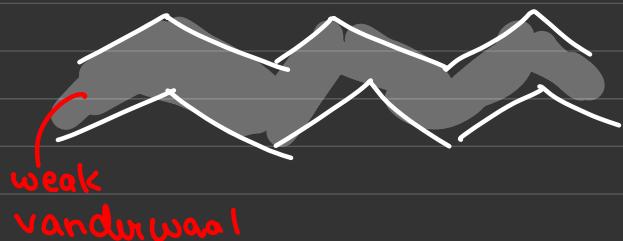
i) Based on origin

i) Natural : rubber, protein

ii) Synthetic : Polythene, Teflon

## ② Based on structure

### i) Linear



eg HDPE

### ii) Branched



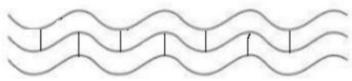
eg LDPE

### iii) Crosslink

#### 3. Cross-linked Polymers

Polymers in which various individual chains are connected together by covalent bonds (cross links) are called as cross linked polymers. These polymers are formed from bi-functional and tri-functional monomers and the additional functionality produces the cross links.

e.g., Bakelite and Melamine.



## ③ Based on type of monomer

### i) Homopolymer : Only one type of monomer chain

eg PE, PVC, PP, etc

### ii) Copolymer

#### i] alternate copolymer

eg  $\sim A - B - A - B - A \sim$

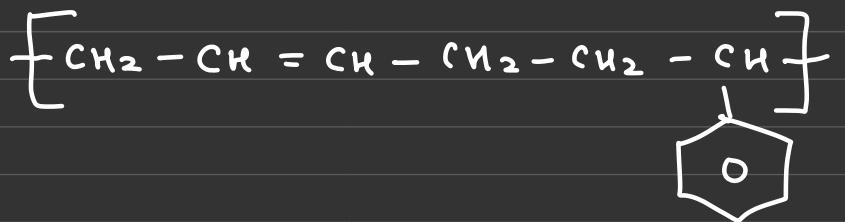
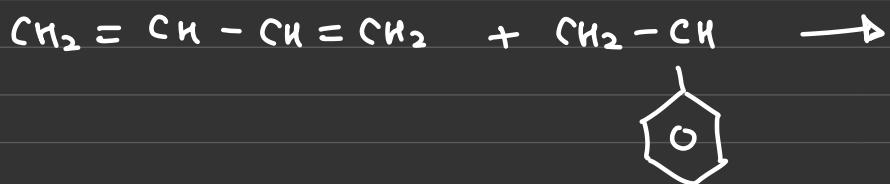
## 2] block



## 3] graft



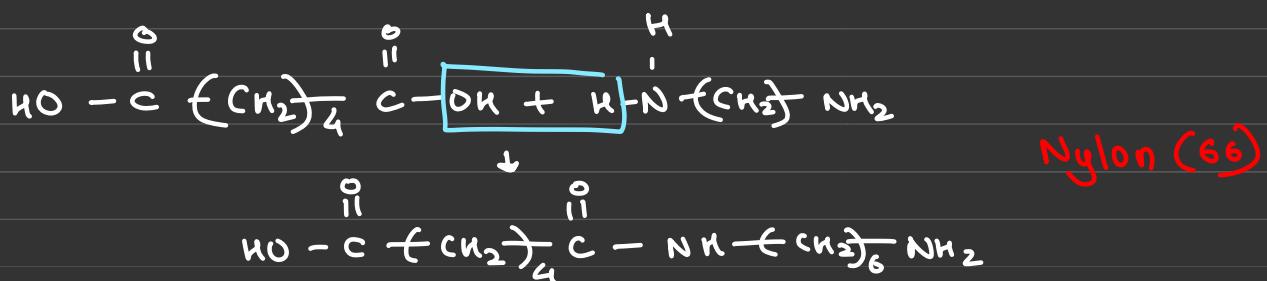
eg : Styrene - butadiene rubber



## ④ Based on synthesis

- i) Addition : no loss of molecule  
no change in chem comp  
 $M_w = n$  (unit)  
Linear  
Recyclable

## ii) Condensation



## ⑤ Based on Thermal behaviour

### i) Thermoplastic

When heated & cool can retain C, becomes soft

Linear poly, Add<sup>n</sup>

### ii) Thermoset

Cross link

When heated & then cooled, process is irreversible

Covalent bond breaks

Condensation

<u>Thermoplastic</u>	<u>Thermoset</u>
1. Formed by <b>addition</b> polymerization	1. Formed by <b>condensation</b> reaction
2. <b>No crosslinking</b> in structure	2. <b>cross-linked 3D</b> structure
3. <b>Softens on reheating</b> because of weak secondary forces	3. Softening on reheating <b>not possible</b> because of strong covalent bonds
4. <b>Can be recycled</b> from waste	4. <b>Can not be recycled</b> from waste

5. <b>soft, weak and less brittle</b>	5. <b>hard, strong and more brittle</b>
6. <b>Dissolve</b> in organic solvents	6. <b>Not soluble</b> in organic solvents
7. e.g. PE, PVC	7. e.g. bakelite, urea formaldehyde

## Polymer types & Examples

Type	Example
Origin :-	Natural Rubber , protein
	Synthetic Polythene , teflon
Structure:-	Linear HDPE
	Branched LDPE
	Cross - link Bakelite , Melamine
Monomer :-	Homopolymer PVC, PE, Nylon-6
	Copolymer Nylon - 6 6 , Terylene
Synthesis :-	Addition PVC, Teflon , PE
	Condensation Nylon - 6 6
Thermal :-	Thermoplastic Addition, linear ( PE , PVC )
	Thermoset Condensation , cross link ( Bakelite )
	Elastomer Rubbers
	Fibres Nylon . Terylene

## Functionality of monomer :-

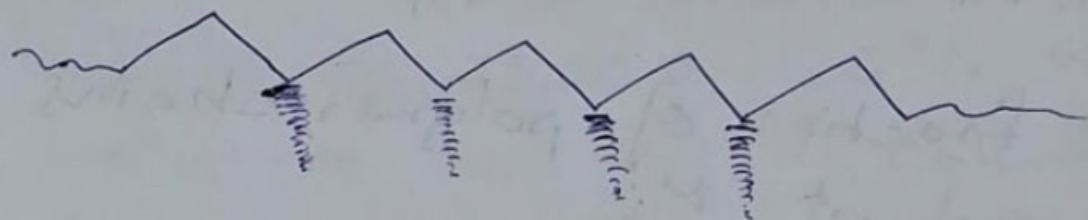
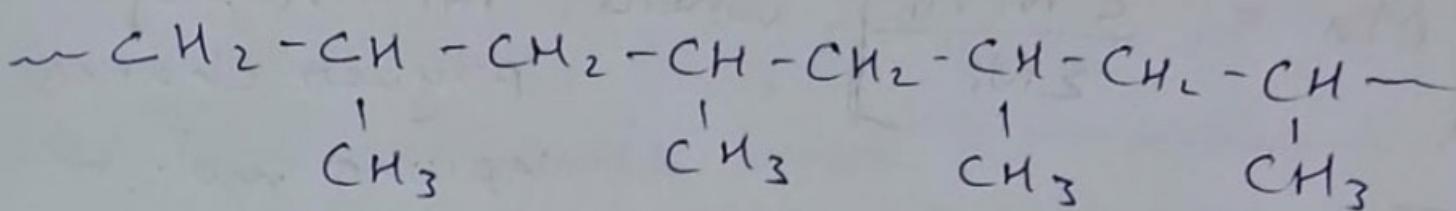
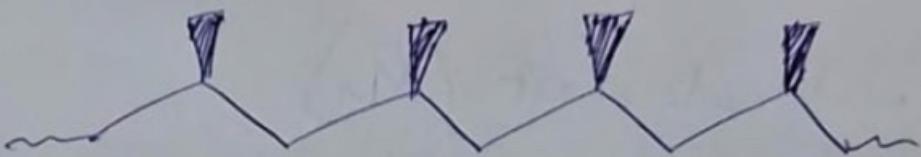
-X, -OH, - $\overset{\text{O}}{\underset{\text{C}}{\text{l}}}$ -OH, -NH<sub>2</sub>

- Defined as the no. of active sites or reactive sides per monomer unit.
- Minimum no. of functional group per monomer is two.
- $>=$  is functionality 2.
- $- \equiv -$  is functionality 3.
- Functionality 2  $\Rightarrow$  linear polymers  
" 3  $\Rightarrow$  branched / cross linked polymers

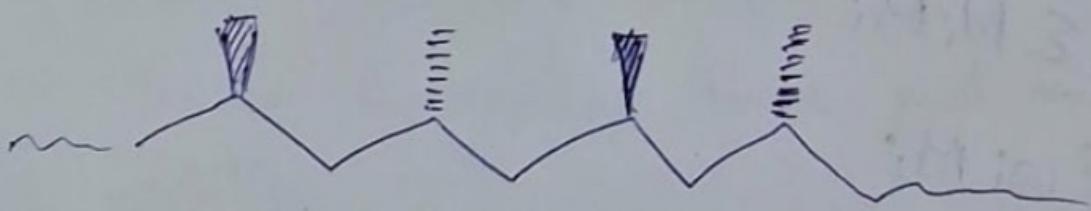
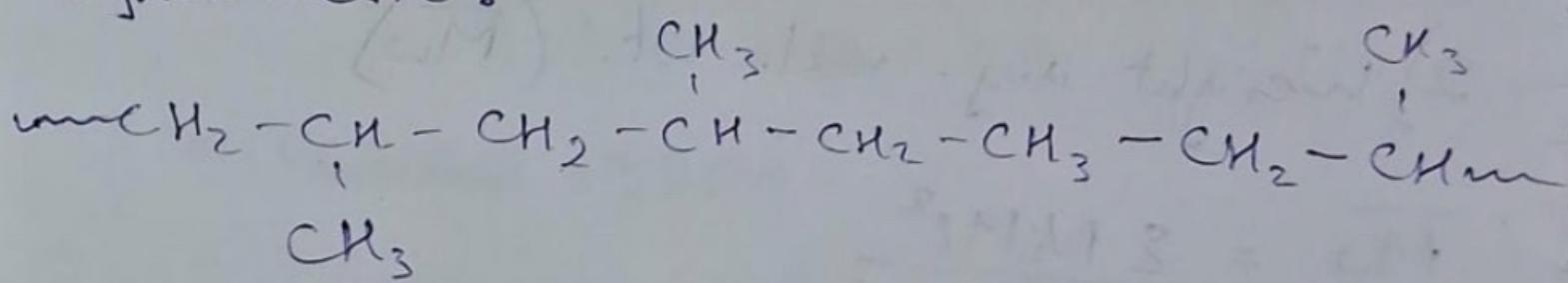
## Tacticity of polymers :-

- Defined as the spatial arrangement of monomer units in a polymer chain is known as tactic.

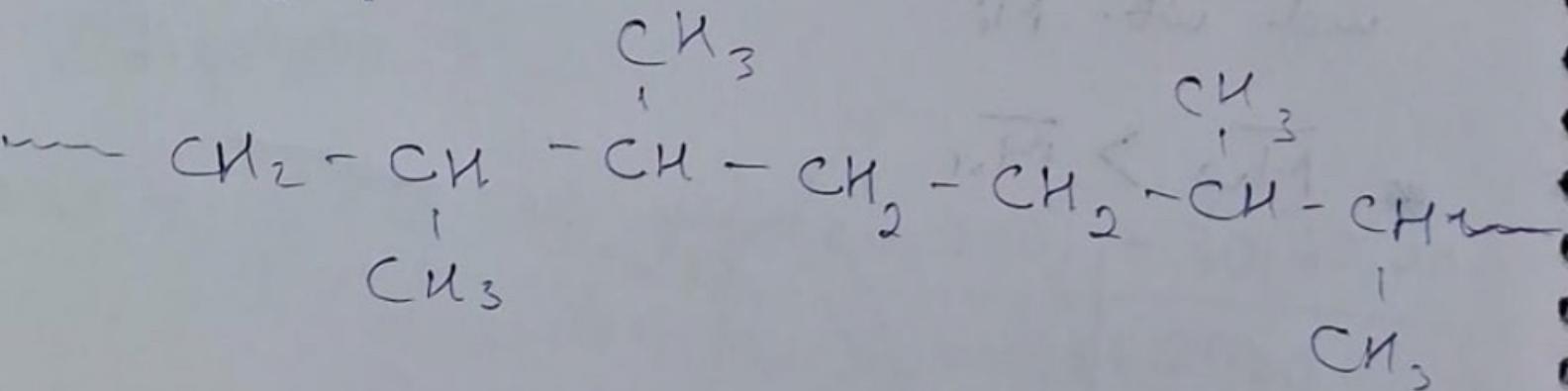
Eg - Isotactic  
Syndiotactic  
Atactic (Random)



Syndiotactic :



Atactic :



1) Number avg. molecular wt ( $\bar{M}_n$ )

$$\bar{M}_n = \frac{\sum N_i M_i}{\sum N_i}$$

where  $N_i$  = no. of polymer chains having mol. wt.  $M_i$ .

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$N_i$  = mole fraction of polymer chains having mol. wt.  $M_i$ .

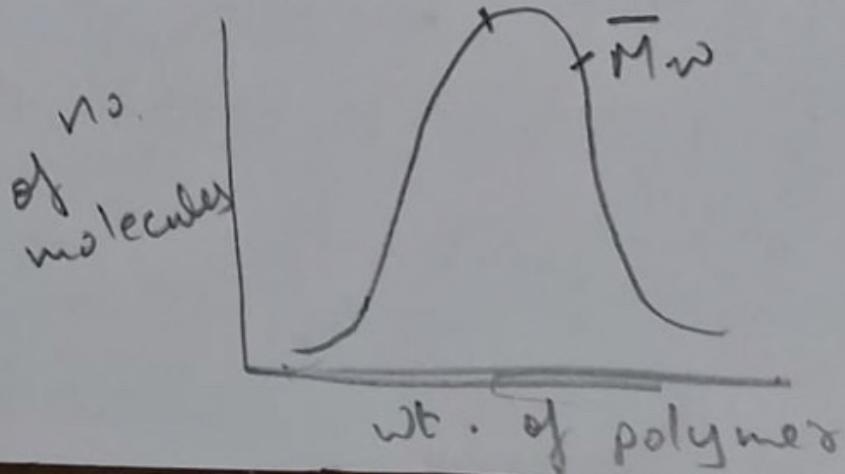
2) Weight avg. mol. wt. ( $\bar{M}_w$ )

$$\bar{M}_w = \frac{\sum N_i M_i^2}{\sum N_i M_i}$$

$$= \sum w_i M_i$$

$w_i$  = weight fraction of chains having mol. wt.  $M_i$

\*  $\bar{M}_w > \bar{M}_n$   $\bar{M}_n$



$\frac{M_w}{M_n}$  = Polydispersity index

$= 1 \Rightarrow$  monodisperse polymer

$> 1 \Rightarrow$  polydisperse "

Q) A sample of polymer contains 50% molecules have mol. mass 15,000. 20% molecules have mol. mass 25,000. 30% with mol. mass w 10,000. Calculate  $M_n$ .

$$\overline{M_n} = \frac{50 \times 15000 + 20 \times 25000 + 30 \times 10000}{50 + 20 + 30}$$
$$= \cancel{16750} \quad 15500$$

Q) In a polymer sample,  
30% molecules have mol. mass 20,000  
40% - - - - - 30,000  
the rest - - - - - 60,000

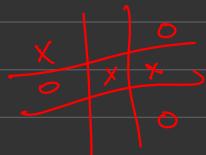
Calculate  $\overline{M_w}$ .

$$\overline{M_w} = \frac{30 \times (20,000)^2 + 40(30,000)^2 + 30(60,000)^2}{30(20,000) + 40(30,000) + 30(60,000)}$$
$$= \cancel{3600000} \quad 43,300$$

## • Properties of Polymers

### ① Mech properties (strength)

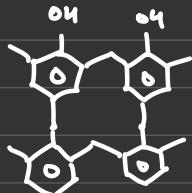
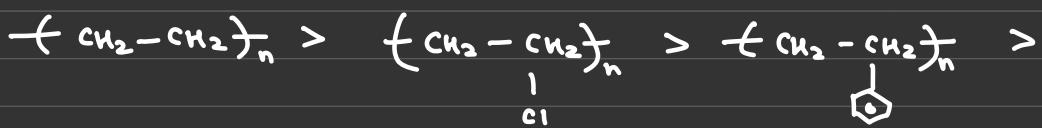
a) Mol. wt  $\uparrow$  St  $\uparrow$



b) Polar grp (H-bond)  $\uparrow$ , St  $\uparrow$



c) Slip over motion  $\uparrow$ , St  $\downarrow$



Strength

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### ② Thermal behaviour

glass Trans temp ( $T_g$ )

PE	-125°C
PP	0°C
PVC	81°C
PS	95°C

brittle —  $T_g$  — Soft, rubbery

### ③ Physical Phases

a) Crystalline

Crys  $\uparrow$ , solub. +, toughness  $\uparrow$ , flexibility +, shorter, mol wt repeating unit

b) Amorphous

### ④ Chemical resistance

Like dissolves like, i.e. polar in polar, etc

factors

- a) Mol. wt
- b) extent of cross linking
- c) Crys

} similar in  $T_g$

## • Synthesis of Polymers

### ① Polyethylene



Properties :- high impact strength, low brittleness, chemically inert, good resistance to acids & alkalis

Uses :- food packaging, garments, squeeze bottles, etc

HDPE :-

Properties : Better chem res than LDPE, less impact strength.

Uses : wires & cables, buckets, dust bins

### ② Polypropylene



Properties : elastic and tough, high CR to acids & alkalis, isotactic, highly flammable, white crystalline solid.

Uses : strong plastic hinges, pipes to avoid corrosion.

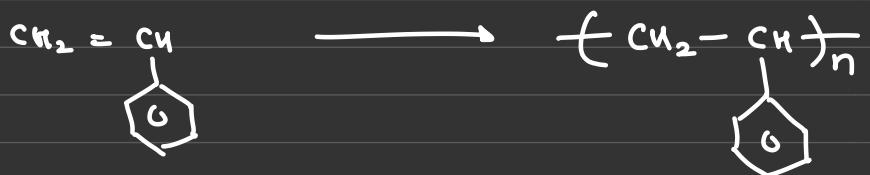
## ② PVC



Properties : colourless, odourless, non-flammable, high stiffness & rigidity, resistant to oxidation ( $\text{O}_2$ )

Uses : Building and construction materials, pipes, raincoats, film sheets

## ③ Polystyrene



Properties : Amorphous, high boiling point (430), non-polar, optical, hard but brittle.

Uses : Food packaging, Talcum powder, foam, combs, brush handles.

## ④ Poly tetra fluoro ethylene



Properties : highly crystalline & CR, insoluble in all solvents, low coeff of friction

Uses : Non-stick cookware, coating medical appliances

## ⑥ Nylon 6,6



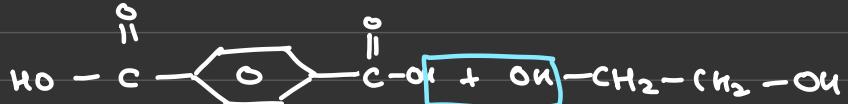
adipic acid

hexamethylenediamine

**Properties :** Chemically resistant, high MP, dry rapidly, durable and lightweight, fabric is tough and easy to dye

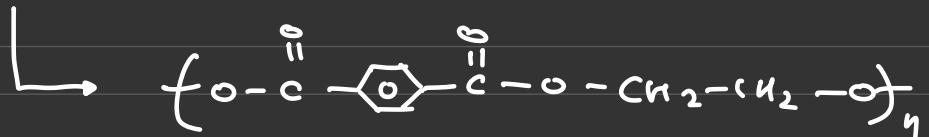
**Uses :** Swimsuit wear, sports gear, combs, fishnets, brush bristles

## ⑦ Polyethylene terephthalate (PET / PETE) (Terylene)



Terephthalic

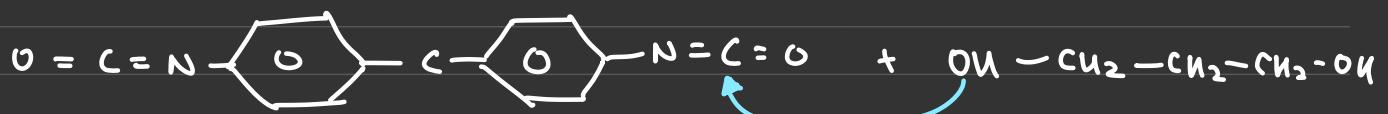
ethylene glycol



**Properties :** high mech strength, strong fabric, low absorption in water, elastic

**Uses :** food packaging, PET sheets, plastic bottles.

## ④ Polyurethane



disocyanate

Poly()

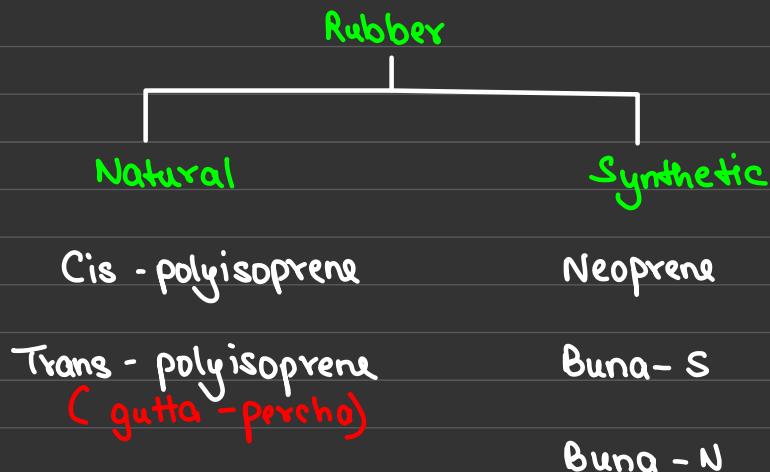


urethane linkage

Properties : high cross-linking, soft & elastic if long & flexible

Used : mattresses, cushions, couches, production of foams

## • Rubber



## • Natural rubbers

### ① Cis - polyisoprene



### ③ Trans - polyisoprene



Gutta-Percha is the trans isomer of isoprene. It is used to **fill tooth cavities** to prevent reinfection.

#### Properties of natural rubber:

- Soluble in non-polar solvents
- Non-resistant to attack by oxidising agents.
- High water absorption capacity.

### • Synthetic rubbers

#### ① Neoprene



**Properties :** Stability to aerial oxidation , resistant to oil, gasoline

**Used :** shoe heels, surgical instruments, hoses, etc.

#### ② Buna - S



**Uses :** Tyres + Water proof shoes

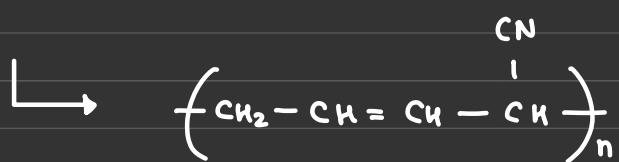
## ② Buna-N

CN

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Acrylonitrile



Properties : rigid, resistant to swelling action of petrol & oil

Uses : oil seals, tank linings.

• general properties of all three above

Properties : low temp heat resistance, heat ageing

Uses : automobile industry, wetsuits, elevator belts, footwear

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- In the automobile industry for making seats, airbags, padding in brakes etc.
- In the clothing industry to produce expandable clothes like- cycling shorts, wetsuits etc.
- In the construction industry in the form of tubes, elevator belts etc.
- In the manufacturing of consumer goods like- footwear, eraser etc.

### Formation of Buna-N

## CONDUCTING POLYMERS

- Conducting polymers are organic polymers that conduct electricity. Until 1970, all organic polymers were used in electrical, electronic and other applications as insulators, taking advantage of their excellent insulation properties.
- Thus, organic polymers having electrical conductance of the order of conductors are now called as conducting polymers.
- Conducting polymers have been classified into two types:
  1. Extrinsic Conducting Polymers 2. Intrinsically Conducting Polymers

### 1. Extrinsic Conducting Polymers

- They are prepared by mixing conducting fillers like metal fibres, metal oxides or carbon black with insulating polymers.
- These are also called as conductive element filled polymers.
- Here, insulating polymer forms the continuous phase and added fillers form the conducting network. A minimum concentration of conducting filler has to be added so that the polymer starts conducting.
- The conductivity in this type of polymer is not due to the matrix polymer but due to conducting fillers which are added.

### 2. Intrinsically Conducting Polymers

- In these type of polymers, conductivity is due to the organic polymers themselves.
- They conduct electricity when doped with oxidizing or reducing agents or protonic acids.
- The factor responsible for conductance in these polymers are conjugated electrons.
- Organic polymers with highly de-localized  $\pi$ -electrons having electrical conductance of the order of conductors are called as inherently or intrinsically conducting polymers or synthetic metals.

## • Conducting Polymers

### Types

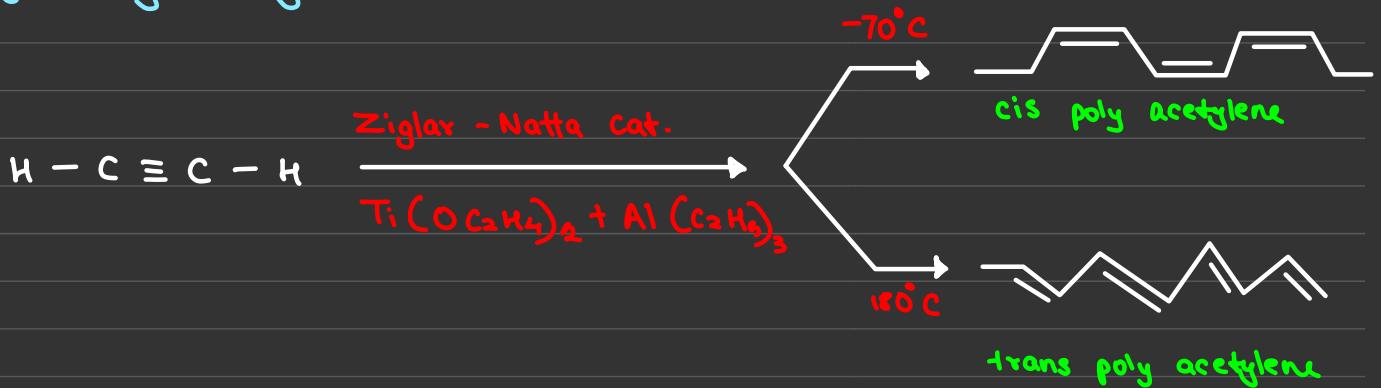
#### Extrinsic

Poly itself is insulator and mixed with conducting materials such as carbon fibres, thin metals, etc

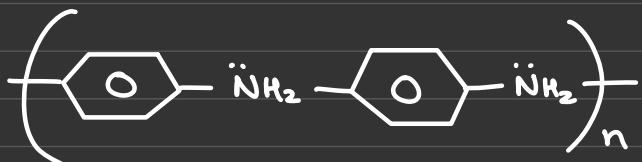
#### Intrinsic

The poly itself show conductivity

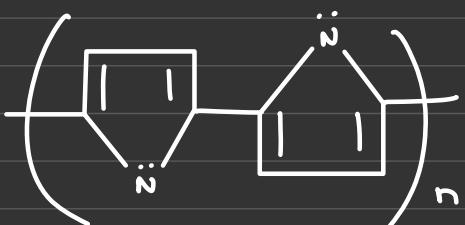
eg) Poly acetylene



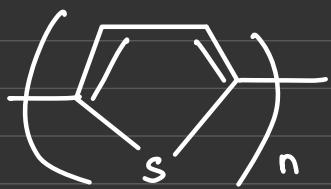
eg Poly aniline



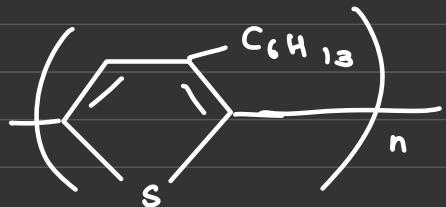
eg Poly pyrrole



eg Polythiophene



eg P3HT (Poly-3-thiophene)

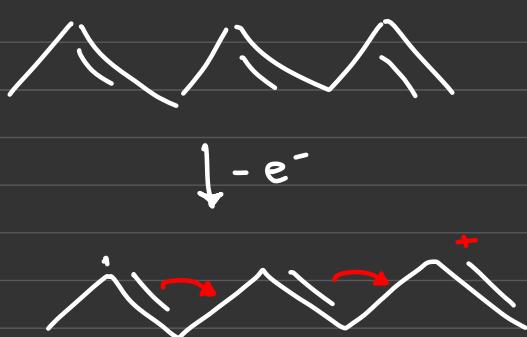


Note:- All the poly show Conductance at  $10^{-3} - 10^{-5} \text{ ohm}^{-1}\text{cm}^{-1}$

doping is done to vary conductance

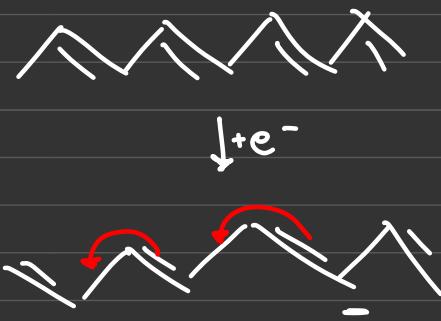
P-doping (oxidative)

I<sub>2</sub>, SbF<sub>5</sub>, AsF<sub>5</sub>



N-doping (Reductive)

Na, K, Cs, Rb, etc



Conjugated organic polys are insulators or semi-conductors in their pure state. The  $\pi-e^-$  are localized & they do not take part in conductivity. On doping they become delocalised & conduct electricity. The dopant may be oxidising or reducing agent.  
P-doping poly      N-doping poly.

