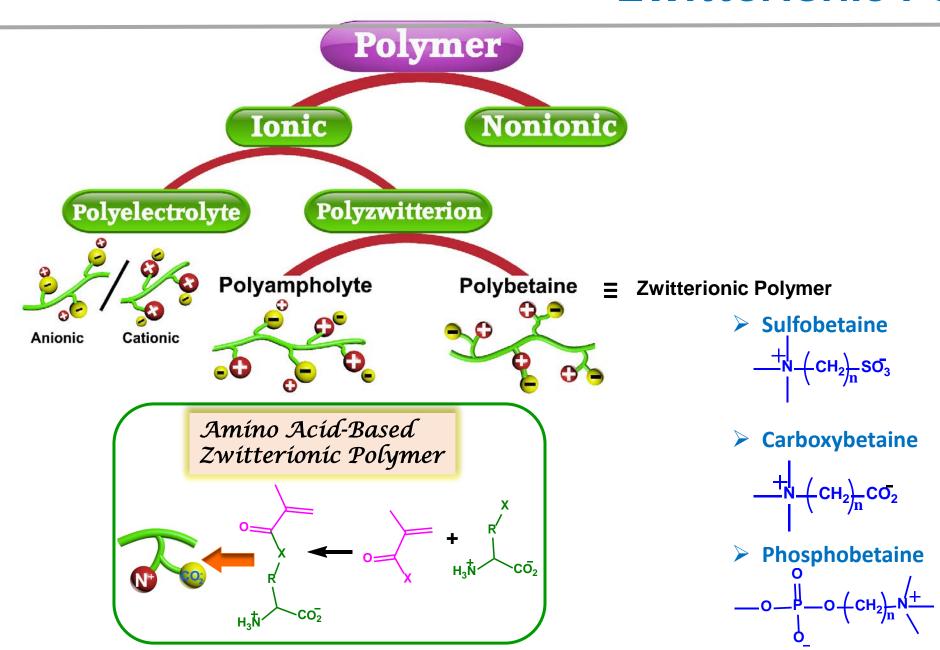
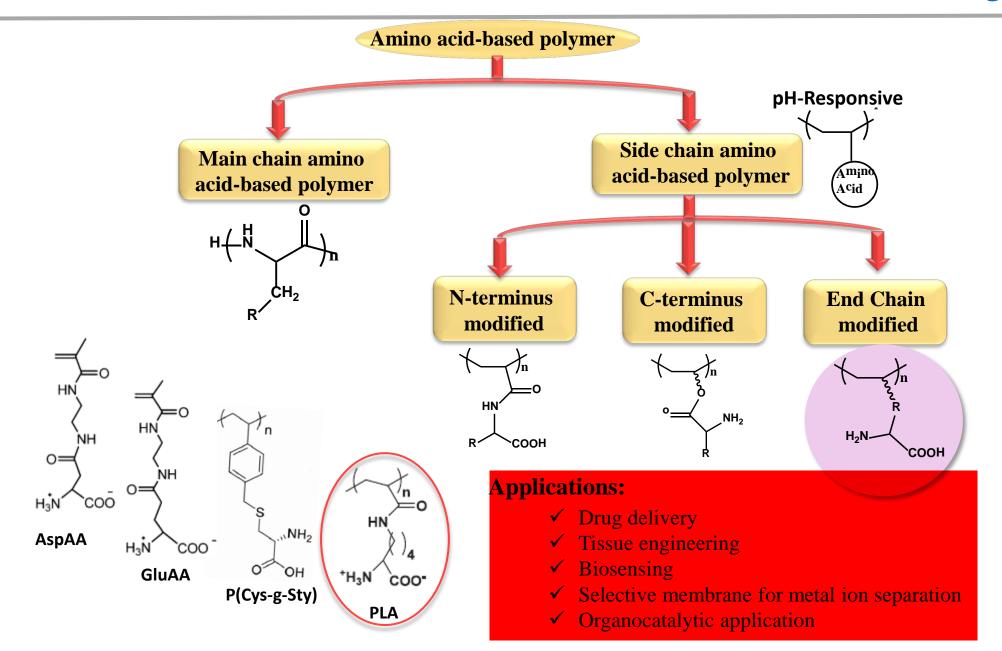
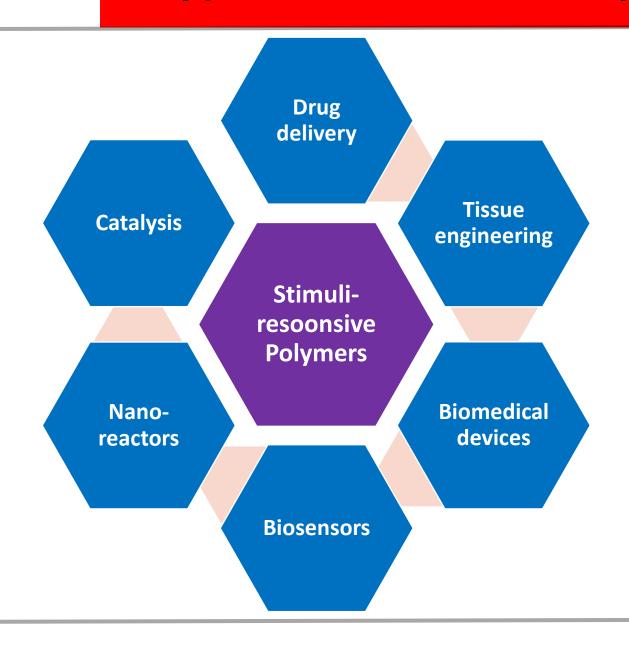
## **Zwitterionic Polymer**



# Amino Acid-based Polymers



### Application of Stimuli Responsive Polymers



### pH Responsive Polymers

- Respond to the changes in the pH of surrounding medium
- Expand or collapse depending on the pH of the environment
- Due to presence of certain functional groups in the polymer chain
  - Acidic group (-COOH, -SO<sub>3</sub>H)
  - Basic group (-NH<sub>2</sub>)
- After ionization of these groups: hydrodynamic volume increase due to electrostatic repulsion
- Drug delivery systems and biomimetics

poly(acrylic acid) (PAA)

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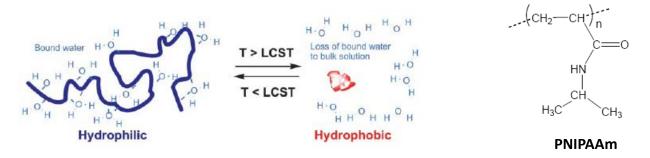
poly(methacrylic acid)

#### Temperature Responsive Polymers

- Respond to temperature changes
- A critical solution temperature:
  - Phase of the polymer and solution is changed
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- Types:
  - TRP which shows UCST
    - One phase above certain temp
    - Phase separation below it
  - TRP which shows LCST
    - Monophasic below a specific temp
    - Biphasic above this temp
- Find applications again as biomaterials mostly

#### Temperature Responsive Polymers

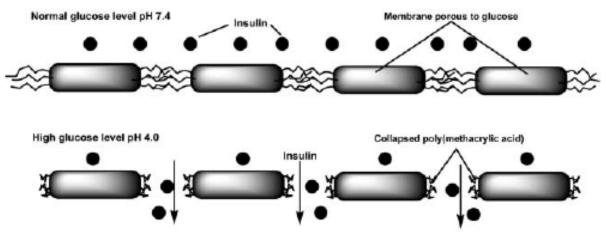
- The first established LCST is 32°C for poly(N-isopropylacrylamide)
   (PNIPAAm) in water solution
- At this temp:
  - Undergoes a sharp coil-globule transition
  - Changes from hydrophilic state to hydrophobic state as temperature is increases
  - In aqueous solutions, it is soluble below LCST and less soluble above it



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#### Drug Release Systems

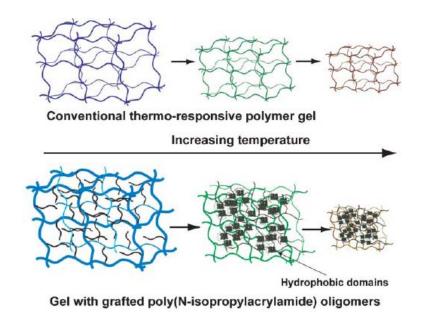
- Controlled release of insulin
- Hydrogel works as insulin containing reservoir within (P(MAA-g-EG)) copolymer in which glucose oxidase was immobilized.



- The surface of polymer contains a series of molecular entraces for delivery of insulin
- When pH drops, there occurs the release of protons causing the gates to be opened for transportation of insulin.

#### Drug Release Systems

- The reversible collapse and expansion behavior
- PNIPAAm incoroprated into cross-linked polymer gel above the LCST of the hompolymer
- At low temperatures, swollen PNIPAAm hydrogels kept in drug solutions and at elevated temperatures, rapid initial drug release is observed as a result of fast matrix contraction



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