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- POLYMERS:** are the macromolecules with very high molecular mass. They are made of repeating structural units. (Poly = many; merosc = molecules) eg- Polythene.
- MONOMERS:** are the repeating structural units. They join together through covalent bonds to form polymers. eg- ethene units join to form polythene.
- POLYMERISATION:** Process through which monomers join together to form polymers under specific conditions
- DEGREE OF POLYMERISATION:** the number of monomers that combine to form a polymer is known as its degree of polymerisation.

 $n \text{ } \text{CH}_2-\text{CH}_2$ **Polymerisation** $(\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}_2)_n$
 n = degree of polymerisation.
- The exact molecular weight of polymers cannot be calculated as they are polydisperse in nature. Their average molecular weight is calculated using either of the two methods :
 - Number average molecular weight.
 - Weight average molecular weight.

- Q1. Equal number of molecules (say 10) with $M_1 = 10^5$ and $M_2 = 100,000$ are mixed. Calculate M_n and M_w (2013-14), (2010-11)

Sol: Here, $n_1 = n_2 = 10$.

$$\begin{aligned} M_n &= \frac{\sum n_i M_i}{\sum n_i} = \frac{n_1 M_1 + n_2 M_2}{n_1 + n_2} \\ &= \frac{10 \times 10^5 + 10 \times 100,000}{10 + 10} \\ &= \frac{10^5 + 10^6}{20} = \frac{10^5 (1+10)}{20} \\ &= \frac{11 \times 10^4}{2} = 55,000. \end{aligned}$$

To calculate M_w , following formula is used:

$$\begin{aligned} M_w &= \frac{\sum w_i n_i M_i^2}{\sum w_i n_i M_i} = \frac{\sum w_i n_i M_i^2}{\sum w_i n_i M_i} \\ &= \frac{n_1 M_1^2 + n_2 M_2^2}{n_1 M_1 + n_2 M_2} = \frac{10 \times (10^5)^2 + 10 \times 10^6}{10 \times 10^5 + 10 \times 10^6} \\ &= \frac{10^9 + 10^{11}}{10^5 + 10^6} = \frac{10^9 (1+100)}{10^5 (1+10)} = \frac{101}{11} \times 10^6 \\ &= 91,818 \end{aligned}$$

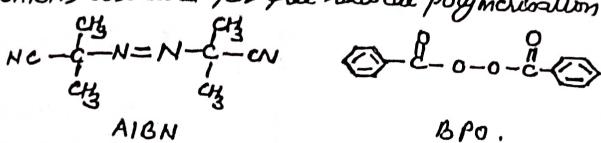
- Q2. What is the necessary condition for a monomer to undergo condensation polymerisation? (2014)

Ans: For any monomer to undergo condensation polymerisation :

- it must contain two or more functional groups
- there must be elimination of small molecules during polymerisation process.

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- c) They must undergo polymerization in steps.
- Ques. Give two examples of initiators used for free radical polymerization (2014-15)
- Ans. Organic peroxides such as benzoyl peroxide (BPO) and azo compounds such as 2,2'-azobisisobutyronitrile (AIBN) are used for free radical polymerization.



- Ques. Define chain growth polymers with examples (2014-15)
- Ans. Chain growth polymers or addition polymers are the polymers that are formed by the addition polymerization. Here molecules simply add on without any initiation which generally requires an initiator like organic peroxide to form a free radical. The process results in the formation of chain and ultimately a polymer is formed. Example - Buna-N, Buna-S, Polyethylene, PVC etc.

- Ques. In a particular sample of polymer, 100 molecules have a molecular mass 10^3 each, 200 molecules have molecular mass 10^4 each and 200 molecules have molecular mass 10^5 each. Calculate M_n and M_w . (2014-15)

$$\text{Sol. } M_n = \frac{\sum N_i M_i}{\sum N_i} = \frac{N_1 M_1 + N_2 M_2 + N_3 M_3}{N_1 + N_2 + N_3}$$

$$= \frac{100 \times 10^3 + 200 \times 10^4 + 200 \times 10^5}{100 + 200 + 200}$$

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$$= 2.00 \times 2.21 = 4.4, 200.$$

$$\begin{aligned} M_w &= \frac{\sum N_i M_i}{\sum N_i} = \frac{\sum N_i M_i^2}{\sum N_i M_i} = \frac{N_1 M_1^2 + N_2 M_2^2 + N_3 M_3^2}{N_1 M_1 + N_2 M_2 + N_3 M_3} \\ &= \frac{100 \times (10^3)^2 + 200 \times (10^4)^2 + 200 \times (10^5)^2}{100 \times 10^3 + 200 \times 10^4 + 200 \times 10^5} \\ &= \frac{20201 \times 10^8}{2.21 \times 10^5} = 91407.2 \end{aligned}$$

- Ques. What is meant by tacticity. With suitable examples explain Isotactic, Syndiotactic and Atactic polymers

Ans. Tacticity means the order of arrangement or orientation of side chains/groups on both the sides of main carbon skeleton. (2016-17, 2014-15)

- a) Isotactic: In this type of polymers the side groups are arranged on the same side of the polymeric backbone. e.g. Natural rubber (poly cis-isoprene).

- b) Syndiotactic: Here the functional groups are arranged on both the sides of the main polymeric backbone, but in the alternate manner. e.g. Gutta Percha (Polytrans isoprene).

- c) Atactic: Here the functional groups are arranged in a random manner around the main carbon

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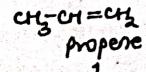
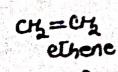
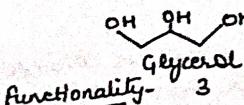
Skeleton eg - Poly vinyl chloride.

Q9. Differentiate between addition & condensation polymerisation. (2015-16), (2014-15), (2017-18)

Ans.

CONDENSATION POLYMERISATION	ADDITION POLYMERISATION
① Also known as step growth polymerisation	① Also known as chain growth polymerisation.
② It takes place in monomers with reactive functional groups	② It takes place in monomers having multiple bonds.
③ It takes place with the elimination of simple molecules like H_2O , HCl etc.	③ No elimination of simple molecules.
④ Repeating units of monomers are different.	④ Repeating units of monomers are same.
⑤ Molecular mass of polymer increases throughout the reaction.	⑤ Molecular mass of the polymer changes very little during the reaction.
⑥ Products obtained may be thermosetting/thermoplastics.	⑥ Products obtained are thermoplastic.
⑦ Examples:- Bakelite, polyester, polyamides etc.	⑦ Examples:- Polyethylene, PVC, polypropylene.

Q10. What do you understand by term functionality of polymer. The number of binding sites in a monomer is known as its functionality. For example: functionality of ethene is 2 as they can form two new bonds and propene is 3 as it has 3-OH groups. functionality of glycerol is 3 as it has three binding sites. (2017-18)



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Q9. Simple molecules do not polymerise. Why? Ans. A molecule can act as a monomer only if it is functional in nature i.e. it must either be unsaturated or must contain atleast two reactive functional groups. Simple molecules are not functional and so do not satisfy the criteria to act as a monomer. So, they do not polymerise.

Q10. Differentiate between thermoplastic & thermosetting polymers. (2014-15), (2017-18).

THERMOPLASTIC POLYMERS	THERMOSETTING POLYMERS
① formed by addition polymerisation	① formed by condensation polymerisation.
② Long chain polymers with no cross linkage.	② They have three dimensional network structure.
③ Chains are linked by weak Vanderwaal's forces.	③ Chains are held together by strong cross links.
④ On heating they soften, and on cooling become hard.	④ On heating become soft as they undergo further polymerisation of forces.
⑤ Can be remoulded & reused.	⑤ Can't be remoulded & reused.
⑥ Soft, weak & less brittle.	⑥ Hard, strong, tough & more durable.
⑦ Soluble in organic solvents.	⑦ Insoluble in organic solvents.
⑧ Eg - PVC,	⑧ Eg - Bakelite, epoxy.



Q11. Write the properties or characteristics of polymers. Various methods for determination of molecular weight of polymers. (2014-15)

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Ans. Characteristics of Polymers:

- All the polymers are macromolecules with very high molecular weight.
- Polymers are semicrystalline materials.
- They have high resistance towards corrosion.
- They have low density.
- Polymers are generally insulators, few are conductors.
- Primary bond (in main polymeric backbone) in polymers are covalent bonds, whereas secondary bonds holding different chains together are weak forces like Van der Waal's forces, dipole-dipole interaction or hydrogen bond.
- Exact molecular weight of polymers cannot be determined as they are polydisperse in nature.
- The molecular weight of polymers is determined as average mol. wt.

Molecular Weight Determination of Polymers:

There are two ways to calculate the average molecular weight of polymers:

(i) Number average Molecular Weight (\bar{M}_n)

$$\bar{M}_n = \frac{\sum N_i M_i}{\sum N_i} = \frac{N_1 M_1 + N_2 M_2 + N_3 M_3 + \dots + N_n M_n}{N_1 + N_2 + N_3 + \dots + N_n}$$

M_i = total molecular weight of monomer

N_i = Number of monomers

\bar{M}_n = Number average molecular weight.

(ii) Weight average molecular weight (\bar{M}_{w0})

$$\bar{M}_{w0} = \frac{\sum w_i M_i^2}{\sum w_i} = \frac{\sum N_i M_i^2}{\sum N_i M_i} = \frac{N_1 M_1^2 + N_2 M_2^2 + \dots + N_n M_n^2}{N_1 M_1 + N_2 M_2 + \dots + N_n M_n}$$

w_i = weight of monomer. ($w = N \times M$)

M_i = Total molecular weight of monomer.

\bar{M}_{w0} = weight average molecular weight.

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- Q12. What are fibres and their important properties? Give different types of fibres with examples. (2014-15)

Ans. Fibres are thin, long, thread-like polymers which have strong intermolecular forces between the chains and therefore have high tensile strength.

Important properties of fibres:

- Have high tensile strength.
- Elastic nature.
- High length-to-width ratio.
- Tenacity.
- Flexibility.

There are two types of fibres:

i) Natural fibres: These fibres are derived from nature. Examples: cotton, wool, silk, Nylon-6.

ii) Artificial or synthetic fibres: These fibres are synthesized in factories etc. Examples: Nylon-6,6, Dacron etc.

The synthetic fibres can be further classified as:

i) Polyesters: The polyesters are the fibres which contain ester linkage i.e. $-C-O-$ linkage. Example: Terylene.

ii) Polyamides: These are the fibres containing amide linkage. ($-C-NH-$). Example - All the nylon fibres.

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Polymerisation Mechanism: There are two types of polymerisation mechanism: Addition chain growth & condensation (step growth) polymerisation.

Addition polymerisation can proceed through either of the two mechanisms:

- Free radical mechanism:- Here free radical acts as an initiator.
- Ionic Mechanism:- Here either cation or an anion acts as initiator and so they are known as cationic polymerisation and anionic polymerisation respectively.

Every polymerisation process proceeds through 3 steps:

- chain initiation
- chain propagation
- chain termination

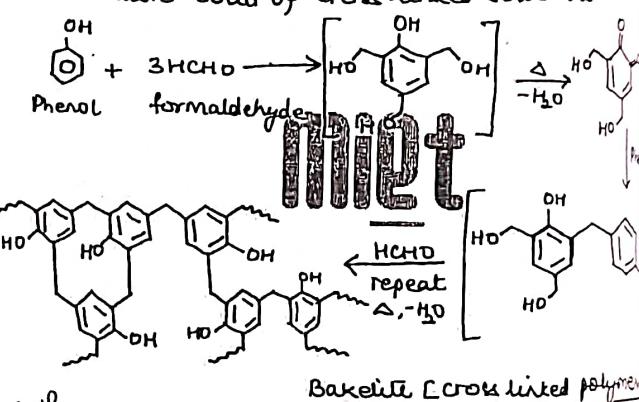


- In the chain initiation the initiator molecule reacts with one monomer and starts or initiates the polymerisation process. In case of free radical polymerisation initiator is a free radical and in case of cationic and anionic polymerisation the initiators are cation and anion respectively.

- During chain propagation the polymerisation process continues where monomers react with each other & keep increasing the polymer chain.
- Chain termination involves the termination of polymerisation process, whereby either the growing chain reacts with a free radical, anion or cation.

- Q1. Explain the synthesis of phenol-formaldehyde resin (2014-15).

Ans. Phenol-formaldehyde resin or Bakelite is prepared by condensing phenol with formaldehyde in presence of acidic / alkaline catalyst. first step involves the formation of ortho and para hydroxy methyl phenol which reacts to form linear polymer Novolac. During moulding $[\text{CH}_2\text{NH}_2]^+$ is added which soluble & fusible novolac into a hard, infusible insoluble solid of cross-linked structure.

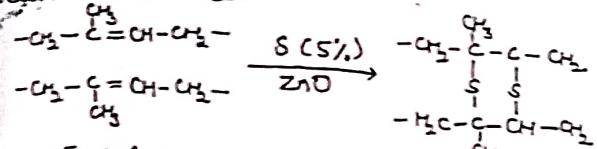


- Q2. What is vulcanisation? How does it improve the properties of raw rubber? [2014-15], [2015-16]

Ans. Vulcanisation is a chemical process in which rubber is heated with sulphur, accelerators and activators at $140^\circ\text{C} - 160^\circ\text{C}$. The added sulphur combines chemically at the double bonds of different rubber springs. The process involves the formation of cross-links between the rubber chains.

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between long rubber molecules so as to achieve improved elasticity, resilience, tensile strength and weather resistance.



Natural rubber.

Vulcanized Rubber

Q3. Explain why Teflon is highly chemical resistant? [2015-16] (2020-21).

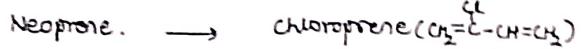
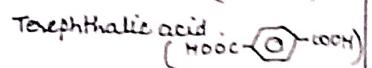
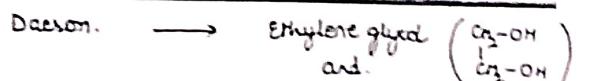
In teflon $(\text{CF}_2-\text{CF}_2)_n$, the fluorine atoms surround the carbon chain like a protective sheet, creating a chemically inert and relatively dense molecule with very strong C-F bonds.

Q4. What are the monomers of Buna-S, Buna-N, Nylon-6, Nylon-6,6, Dacron and Neoprene. [2015-16, 2018-19, 2020-21].

Ans.

Polymer	Monomers
Buna-S	Styrene ($\text{CH}_2=\text{CH}_2$) & 1,3-Butadiene ($\text{CH}_2=\text{CH}-\text{CH}=\text{CH}_2$)
Buna-N	Acrylonitrile & 1,3-Butadiene. ($\text{CH}_2=\text{CH}_2$) ($\text{CH}_2=\text{CH}-\text{CN}=\text{CH}_2$)
Nylon-6.	Caprolactum.
Nylon-6,6	Adipic acid & Hexamethylene diamine. $\text{HOOC}-(\text{CH}_2)_4-\text{COOH}$ $\text{HN}-(\text{CH}_2)_6-\text{NH}_2$

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Q5. What are copolymers? How does Buna-S differ from Buna-N? [2015-16].

Ans. Copolymers are the polymers that are formed by the combination of two or more different type of monomers. Example Nylon-6,6 is a copolymer of adipic acid & Hexamethylene-di-ammine.

Buna-S Buna-N.

1) Formed by polymerisation of 1,3-Butadiene and styrene.	1) Formed by polymerisation of 1,3-Butadiene & acrylonitrile.
2) Swells in oils & solvents.	2) Oil resistant.
3) Non polar	3) Highly Polar.

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Q6. How would you prepare the following polymers? Give their properties and applications. [2014-15], (2015-16), (2016-17), (2017-18), (2018-19), (2019-2020), (2020-21).

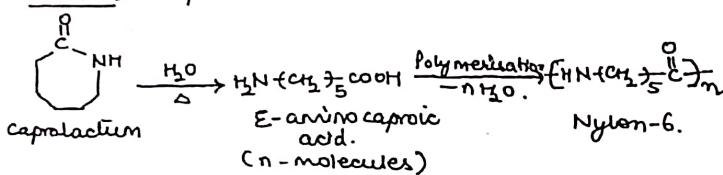
- 1) Bakelite 2) Nylon-6 3) Nylon-6,6 4) Dacron
- 5) Buna-N 6) Buna-S 7) Neoprene 8) Butyl rubber
- 9) HDPE 10) Kevlar 11) PMMA 12) PVC 13) Polyethylene

Ans. Bakelite: Preparation - discussed in Q1.

Properties: It is very hard & has high melting point. Resistant to several destructive solvents.

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- Uses: a) In manufacturing electrical switches.
b) In making handles of utensils.
c) In making machine parts of various electrical systems.
2. Nylon-6 - Polyamide, condensation polymer, homo polymer
Monomer - caprolactum.



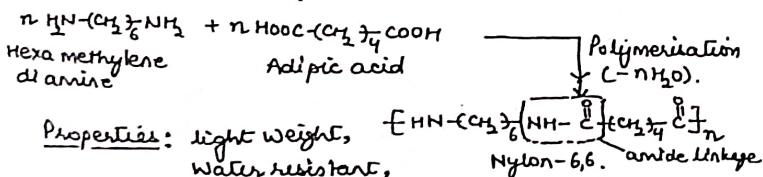
Properties: Tough, elastic in nature, high tensile strength, have luster.

Applications: Used in automotive industries.

Used as string in guitars, sitars, violins etc.

Used in making hoses, fibers, filaments etc.

3. Nylon-6,6 : Polyamide, condensation polymer, copolymer
Monomers: Hexamethylene diamine and adipic acid.



Properties: light weight, water resistant, amide linkage.

High melting point.

Uses: To make swim suits, sleeping bags.

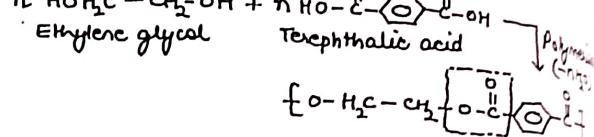
To make carpets, socks, ropes etc.

Used in making parachutes.

4. Dacron or Terylene or Polyethylene Phthalate:
Polyester, condensation polymer, copolymer.

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- Monomers: Ethylene glycol and Terephthalic acid

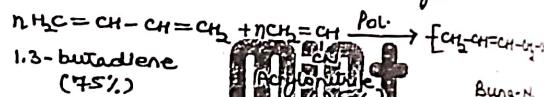


Properties: Crease resistant, weightless, white, highly resistant to minerals and organic acids.

Uses: In making ropes, nets, raincoats, cloths, textiles, fleece jackets, quilts.

5. Buna-N: Elastomer, addition polymer, copolymer

Monomers: 1,3-Butadiene and acrylonitrile.



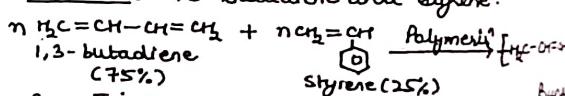
It is also known as SBR (styrene-butadiene rubber).

Properties: Highly polar, oil-resistant.

Uses: Used in making seals, gaskets, protective gear, nuclear industry tank lining, used as adhesive.

6. Buna-S or SBR: Elastomer, addition polymer, copolymer

Monomers: 1,3-Butadiene and styrene.



Properties: High abrasion resistance, high load bearing capacity, swells in oils and solvents.

Applications: Used in shoe soles, Used in chewing gum, Used for electrical insulation, Used for making tyres of scooter, motor

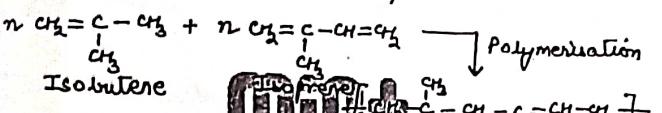
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Neoprene: Elastomer, addition polymer, homopolymer
Monomer: Chloroprene (2-chloro-1,3-butadiene)
 $n \text{H}_2\text{C}=\overset{\text{Cl}}{\underset{\text{CH}_2}{\text{C}}}=\text{CH}_2 \xrightarrow{\text{Polymerization}} \left[\text{H}_2\text{C}-\overset{\text{Cl}}{\underset{\text{CH}_2}{\text{C}}}-\text{CH}_2 \right]_n$
 chloroprene
 (2-chloro-1,3-butadiene) Neoprene

Properties: Fire resistant, water resistant, corrosion resistant, inert to chemicals.

Uses: In making swim suits, diving suits.
 In making gloves and coated fabrics.
 used for Halloween masks.

Butyl Rubber: Rubber, addition polymer, copolymer.
Monomers: Isobutene and Isoprene.



Properties:
 Impermeable to air and other gases.

Highly resistant to heat, abrasion, ageing, chemicals, ozone, tearing, have good electrical insulation properties.

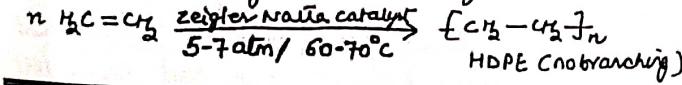
Applications: used for making cycle & automobile tyres,
 used in tank linings, used in conveyor belts,
 used in insulation for high voltage wires & cables.

9. HDPE - High density polyethylene

Addition polymer, homopolymer.

Monomer: Ethylene.

Catalyst used: Zeigler Natta Catalyst.



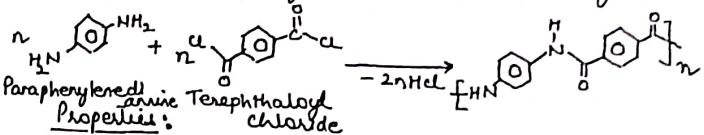
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Properties: Highly crystalline (80-90%), very tough but flexible, chemically inert, non polar.

Uses: used for storage of H_2SO_4 , used in 3D printer filament and banners, used in chemical resistant pipings, used in far-IR lenses, used in bottle caps, folding chairs, tables.

10 Kevlar: Polyamide, condensation polymer, copolymer.

Monomers: Paraphenylene diamine & Terephthaloyl chloride



Properties: very strong (about 5 times more stronger than steel)

- High tensile strength, low weight and high chemical inertness.
- High cut resistance, flame resistance & fracture resistance

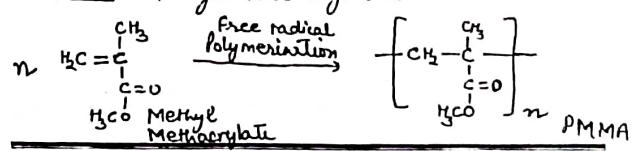
Applications:

- Heat or flame resistant fabric.
- Bullet proof clothing
- for aircraft panels.
- Motorcycle helmets.

11 PMMA - Poly methyl methacrylate or Perspex or Plexiglas or acrylic glass: Also known as lucite.

Thermoplastic, addition polymer, homopolymer.

Monomer: Methyl methacrylate.



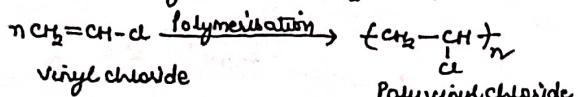
Properties: High resistance to UV light & weathering.
Excellent light transmission, durable, light weight
Unlimited colouring options, scratch resistant

Application: Used in smart phone screen.
Used in car windows.
Used as wind screen in motorbikes.

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Thermoplastic, addition homopolymer.

Monomer: vinyl chloride ($\text{CH}_2=\text{CHCl}$)

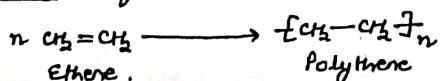


Properties: light weight, durable, low cost, easy procurability.

Applications: used for refrigerator components.
Used in safety helmets, window frames,
drainage pipes, water service pipe, medical devices

- ### 13. Polyethylene Thermoplastic, addition homopolymer.

Monomer: Ethylene.



Properties: light weight, durable, excellent electrical insulating properties, good processibility.

Applications: Used to prepare tubes, pipes, large bottles, bags.

- Q4. Differentiate between elastomers and fibres. [2018-19]

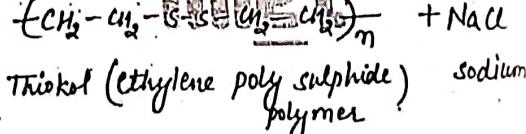
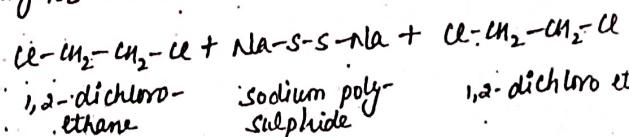
Ans. Elastomers are rubbery material composed of long chain like polymers that are capable of recovering

1. Thickol Rubber or

Poly Sulphide Rubber :-

Thiokol is prepared by the condensation polymerization of sodium poly sulphide (Na_2S_x) and ethylene dichloride ($\text{ClCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}$).

In these elastomers, sulphur forms a part of the polymer chain.



Properties :-

- 1) These rubbers possess strength and impermeability to gases.
 - 2) This rubber can't be vulcanized because it is not similar to natural rubber and it is hard rubber.
 - 3) It possesses extremely good resistance to mineral fuels, Oxygen, Solvent ozone and sunlight.

Applications :-

- 1. Fibres coated with Thiokef are used for barrage balloons.
- 2. It is mainly used as solid propellant fuel for rocket.
- 3. It is also used for making gaskets, hoses, cable linings, tanks lining etc.
- 4. It is also used for printing rolls.
- 5. Containers for transporting solvents.
- 6. Diaphragms and seals in contact with solvents.

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Their original shape after being stretched.
Fibres are long thread like polymer which have strong intermolecular forces between chain and therefore have high tensile strength.

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Conventional polymers, also called plastic have been considered as insulators for a long time. At the beginning, polymers were used in clothes, tools, plastic bags, wire shielding and many other applications. The majority of polymers are insulators due to unavailability of free electrons to create the conductivity. In the covalent bond, electrons are locked in their strong and directional bonds. So, these type of materials show poor conductivity.

In 1970, when first intrinsic conducting polymer was produced by Shirakawa, Heeger and Mac Diarmid, which resulted in noble prize in 2000. The polymer was produced by the exposure of the polyacetylene to dopant compounds (oxidants or reducing agents, electron donor or electron acceptor).

The structure of these materials has conjugated chain i.e. (an alternating single and double bond between atoms). The process of doping becomes easier due to these conjugated bonds.

Polyacetylene is synthesized by the reaction of via ethyne, commercially known as acetylene with Ziegler Natta catalyst.

M.Q. 1: How do natural biodegradable polymers undergo biodegradation? (2014-15).

Ans: Biodegradable polymers are those polymers which undergo decomposition or degradation in nature by the action of microbes, enzymes etc. They undergo biodegradation by the following process:

Step 1: The large polymer molecules are reduced to short length and undergo oxidation. The molecule become hydrophilic (water attracting) and small.

Step 2: Biodegradation occurs in the presence of molluscs and microorganisms. The polymer is completely broken down into the residual product.

Step 3: Microorganisms consume the degraded polymer, CO_2 , H_2O and biomass are produced and returned to nature by the way of tricycle.

M.Q. 2: What are conducting polymers? Elaborately conducting polymers and mention their important applications. How can conductivity of polymers be increased? (2015-16)

Ans: Conducting polymers are the organic polymers which conduct electricity due to extensive conjugation in their backbone. Examples - polypyrrole, polythiophene, poly para-phenylene etc.

conducting polymers can be classified as:

CONDUCTING POLYMERSIntrinsically conducting polymers

conjugated
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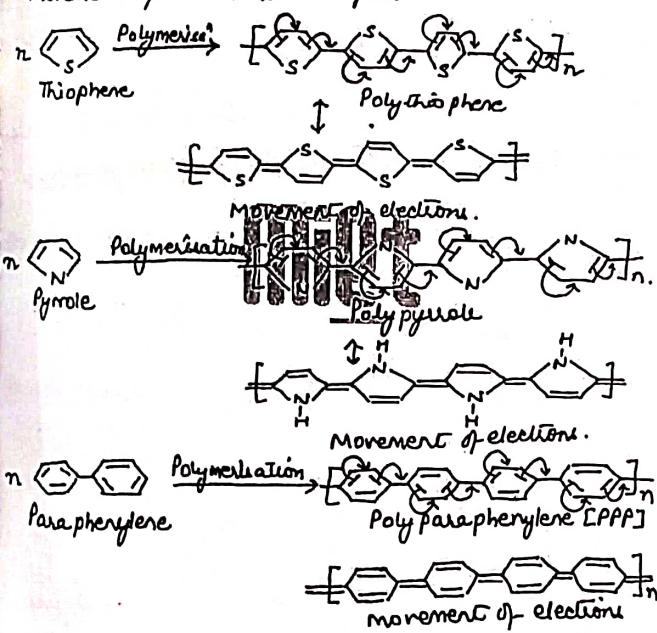
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Extrinsically conducting polymers

Polymers
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i) Intrinsically Conducting Polymers: These polymers have pi conjugation in the main chain and can conduct the electricity either normally or on doping. They can be further classified as:

a) Conjugated Conducting Polymers: They contain conjugated pi bonds in their backbone which help them to form the valence bond and conduction band. So, there is movement of electrons. Example:



b) Doped Conducting Polymers:

These are the intrinsically conducting polymers which have gap between valence and conduction band and cannot conduct electricity normally. They are doped

With electron donor or electron acceptor to make them conductive. Doping can be of two types :

i) P-doping - done by removal of electrons, by using Lewis acid. $(\text{CH})_x + A \xrightarrow{\text{oxidation}} (\text{CH})_x^+ A^-$ [$A = \text{FeCl}_3$] Acetylene Lewis acid

ii) n-doping - done by addition of electrons, by using Lewis base. $(\text{CH})_x + B \xrightarrow{\text{Reduction}} (\text{CH})_x^- B^+$ [$B = \text{Na}, \text{LiCl}$] Acetylene Lewis base

2) Extrinsically Conducting Polymers: They do not contain the factors responsible for conduction and are made conducting by adding external factor in them. They are of two types :

i) Polymers with Conducting Elements : In these type of polymers conducting elements such as carbon black, metal oxide etc are added. The polymer act as a binder and hold these elements.

ii) Blended Conducting Polymers : In these polymers there is blending of conventional polymer with conducting polymer. As a result of this blending the conventional polymer gains conductivity.

conductivity of a polymer can be increased by: Doping, blending or filling the polymer with conductive element.

Applications of Conducting Polymers

i) used in rechargeable batteries.

ii) used as antistatic material.

iii) used in optical filters & sensors.

iv) Used in electromagnetic screening material.

Q4. What are biodegradable polymers? write a short note on them. Also give the preparation, properties and uses of some biodegradable polymers. (2015-16), (2016-17), (2018-19).

Ans: The polymers which can degrade in nature by the action of enzymes and microbes are called biodegradable polymers.

Factors affecting biodegradation :

- i) Size and shape: The size of the polymer should not be too large and it should not be too branched. Simple polymers with minimum branching or no branching undergo biodegradation easily.

ii) Crystallinity: Polymers are semicrystalline materials. The polymers with low crystallinity can degrade easily.

iii) Hydrophilicity: The biodegradable polymers are hydrophilic in nature. They generally dissolve in water.

iv) Presence of functional groups: Polymers based only on carbon chains are non biodegradable. The presence of a functional group is required as the enzymes and microbes start their action from these functional groups.

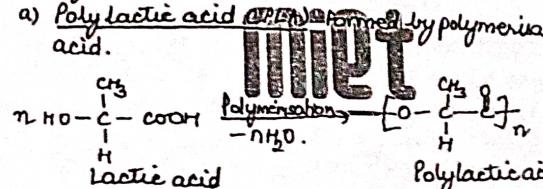
v) Presence of suitable micro organisms: For the polymers to undergo biodegradation, presence of suitable microbes, enzymes etc is required.

vi) Presence of suitable conditions: The microorganisms require a suitable temperature, moisture, pH etc for their survival and proper functioning.

Biodegradation Process: discussed in Q1.

- Importance of biodegradable polymers:

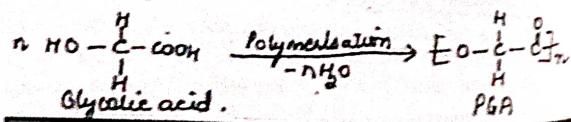
 - i) Improper disposal and failure to recycle the polymers results in overflowing landfills. Biodegradable polymers are the best solution to this problem.
 - ii) Biodegradable polymers can be easily recycled and even burned without producing toxic products.
 - iii) Used in localized drug delivery.
 - iv) Biodegradable polymers reduce the risk of side effects.
 - v) They undergo degradation with a controlled



Properties: Resistant to grease and moisture, & compostable & biodegradable.

Uses: used in plastic surgery, biodegradable sutures, food packaging and drug delivery systems.

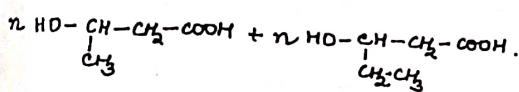
- b) Poly glycolic acid (PGA): It was the first synthetic absorbable suture.



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Properties: Highly crystalline, has high melting point, low solubility in organic solvents.
Uses: Used in tissue engineering, controlled drug delivery, biodegradable sutures. This polymer was used to develop the first synthetic absorbable suture which was marketed under the trade name of Dexon.

c. PHBV (Poly- β -hydroxybutyrate-co- β -hydroxylvalerate) or BIOPOL or Biomer-L

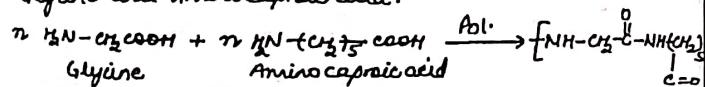


3-hydroxybutyric acid. 3-hydroxy valeric acid.



Properties: It is a thermoplastic polymer, brittle in nature
Uses: Used in controlled drug delivery, medical implants and repairs, orthopedic devices, for manufacturing shampoo bottles etc.

i) Nylon-2-nylon-6: formed by copolymerisation of Glycine and Aminocaprylic acid.



Properties: Light weight, biodegradable, high tensile strength.
Uses: To make ropes, parachutes, tooth brush bristles, dress materials.

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Environmental Impacts of Polymers:-

The polymer industry is linked with the following environmental problems regarding manufacturing, use and synthetic polymers disposal.

Air Pollution :-

The non-biodegradable nature of synthetic polymers makes them permanent waste. The used polymeric products like plastic bags and bottles can not be dumped in sanitary landfills.

These synthetic waste items are then combusted in the incinerators which results in release of harmful gases and cause air pollution. The gases that are produced during combustion include carbon dioxide, nitrogen oxides and carbon monoxide. All these gases are toxic in nature and are cause of global warming and formation of acid rain.

Water Pollution :-

When the polymeric wastes are introduced to marine environment they are rapidly broken down into smaller particulates. The tiny plastic particles are ingested by sea organisms and results in the intestinal blockage in larva fishes.

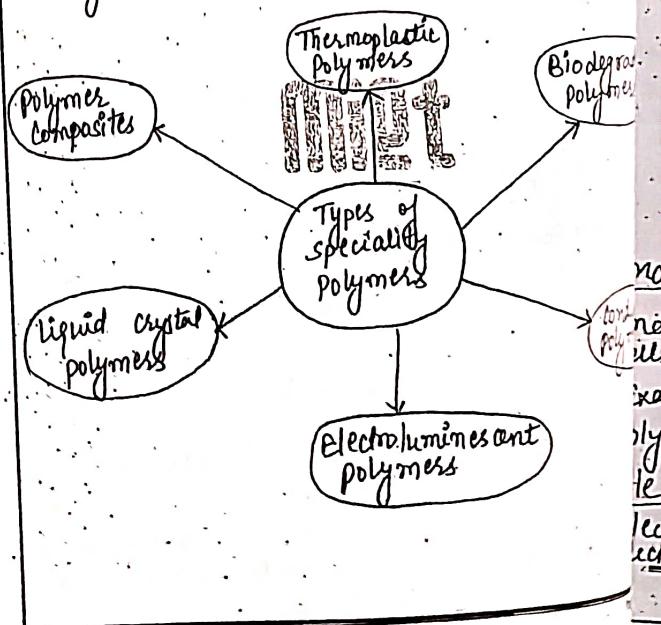
Health hazards due to Polymers

The additives used for hardening of plastic to plasticizers mainly causes health hazards in humans. For example, phthalate ester plasticizers are taken out by the hand from the plastic bags which are used for the storage of hand.

- The health problems concerned with poly chlorinated biphenyl are more dangerous.
- They are fat soluble polymers and therefore they concentrate in the aquatic organisms.
- When human consume contaminated fish they are due to headache, fatigue and pains in joint.
- If the poly chlorinated biphenyl concentration increases to 12 ppm it results in blindness.

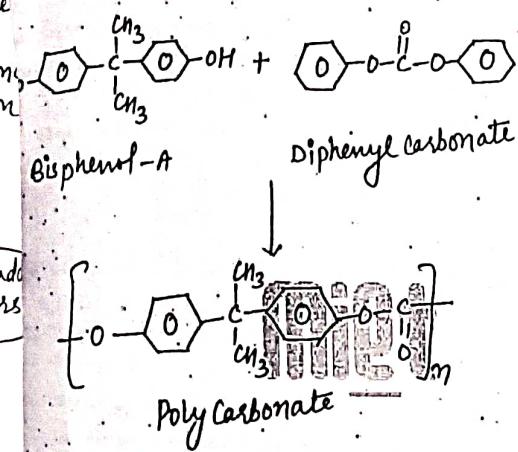
SPECIALITY POLYMERS

Speciality polymers are the class of some High Performance Polymers (HPP), including plastics, rubber, gels, membranes, smart hydrogels and elastomers that are designed to meet the critical requirements that engineers face every day in key industries including plastics, Automobiles, Aeronautics, Consumer Services, Health Care, Pharmacy, Energy Production and Storage.



Thermoplastic Polymers :-

Poly carbonate or engineering Thermoplastics are specialty polymers made up of polyesters of phenol and carbonic acid.



Conducting Polymers :-

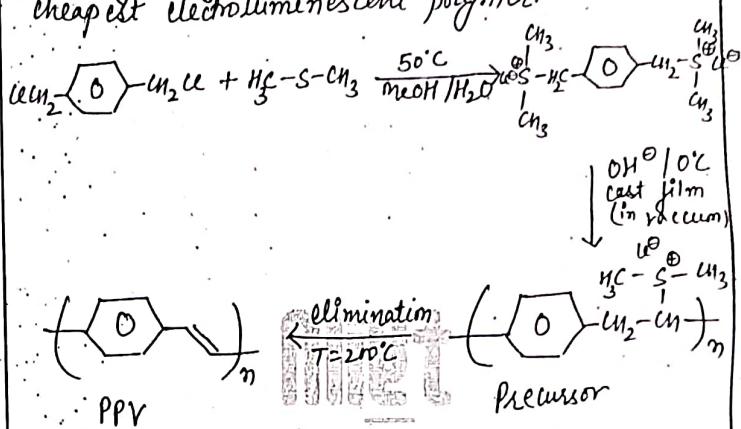
Conducting polymers find use in electronics, solar cells, displays, illumination sources and micro chips. Examples of conducting polymers - Poly acetylene (PAC), Poly (phenylene sulfide) (PPS), Poly (pyrrole) (PPY).

Electroluminescent Polymers :-

Electroluminescence is light emission stimulated by electric current. This property has led to the development

of flat panel displays using organic LED's, solar panels and optical amplifiers.

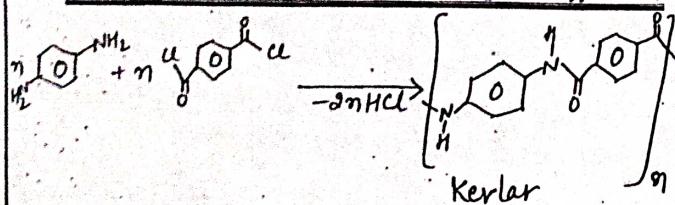
e.g. Poly phenylene vinylene is the simplest and cheapest electroluminescent polymer.



- Electroluminescent polymers are organic polymers that emit light upon application of an electric field.

Liquid Crystalline Polymers :-

Liquid crystalline polymers are those polymers that are capable of forming regions of highly ordered structure while in liquid phase. A very commonly known liquid crystalline polymer is Kevlar.

Uses of Speciality Polymers :-

- * It is used for mouldings for computers, calculating machines, for making hair dryers, electric razors, CDs and DVDs etc.
- * It is used in automobile industry for making motorcycle windshields, police shields, headlight covers, car bumpers, front panels, safety helmets, etc.
- * It is used for making blenders, food processing bowls, coffee makers, food mixer housings etc.
- * It finds use in the manufacture of baby bottles, syringes etc.
- * It is also used for making water dispensers, vacuum cleaner bases, cord hooks, spectacles, cameras.

LECTURE - 37

Composites, the wonder materials are becoming an essential part of today's materials due to advantages such as low weight, corrosion resistance, high tensile strength and faster assembly.

The different systems are combined sensibly to achieve a system with more useful structural and functional properties which would be impossible to attain by any of the single constituent. They find extensive application in aircraft structures, electronic packaging, medical equipments, space vehicles, home building etc.

Polymer blend is a mixture of at least two different polymers to create a new material with different properties. The first polymer blend was patented in 1930 by Parker. This blend of natural rubber with gutta-percha resulted in partially cross-linked material whose rigidity was controlled by composition of each monomer isomers. Most blends have been developed for improvement of specific properties and also the modification of existing polymer is more economically viable than development of new monomers for production of this type of polymers.

- * The basic difference between a polymer blend and composite is that the two main constituents in composite remain recognisable while these may not be recognisable in blends.
- * Composite comprises of a polymeric and a non-polymeric material whereas polymer blend is made of two polymers.

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Q1. What do you understand by polymer blends? (2016-17)

A1. Polymer blend is a mixture of two or more than two polymers having physical properties different from the component polymers. The components of polymer blends should be friendly with each other.

Example: Mixture of wool (+CONH₂) and Terylene (+C=O) form a polymer blend.

Types of Polymer blends:

a) Miscible Polymer blend:

- Homogeneous
- Negative value of free energy of mixing
- It is a single phase structure
- Has one T_g (Glass transition temperature).
- Example: PS/PCP, PE/PP

b) Immiscible polymer blend:

- Heterogeneous
- $\Delta G_{mix} < 0$ and $\Delta H_{mix} > 0$
- Poor adhesion between phases of blend
- Example: PA/PP, PA/PE, PA/ABS

c) Homologous polymer blend:

Mixture of two or more fractions of the same polymer each having different molecular weight distribution.

d) Isomorphic polymer blend:

Polymer blend of two or more different semicrystalline polymers that are miscible in crystalline as well as molten state.

e) compatible Polymer blends:

Blends which are miscible in a certain useful range of composition and temperature but immiscible in others.

Applications of Polymer blends-

Used in fabrics, textiles, sports materials, cold drink bottles.

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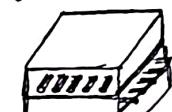
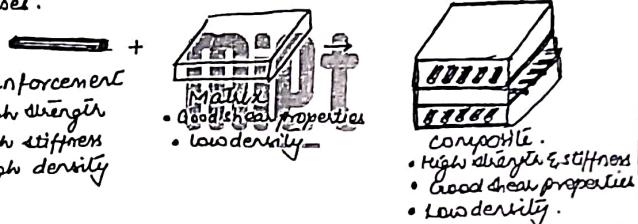
Advantages of blending

- 1) Production of desired materials which are less in cost.
- 2) It improves solvent and chemical resistance.
- 3) It improves flame resistance
- 4) Plastic wastes are recycled.
- 5) Blending reduces material cost.

M&M

Q3. What are composites? Give their classification and advantages. Illustrate various applications of polymer composites. (2016-17), (2019-20), (2020-21).

A3. Composite material is a material composed of two or more phases known as matrix phase and dispersed phase, and an interface separating them. The combination results in a material with enhanced structural and functional properties which are different from any of the constituent phases.



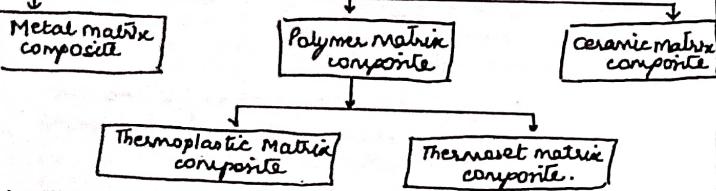
- High strength & stiffness
- Good shear properties
- Low density

MATRIX PHASE	DISPERSED/REINFORCING PHASE
1. It is a primary phase	It is a secondary phase.
2. It is continuous form.	It is discontinuous form.
3. It holds dispersed phase & share load with it.	It is embedded in matrix.
4. Weaker than dispersed phase	It is stronger than matrix phase.

Classification of composite Materials

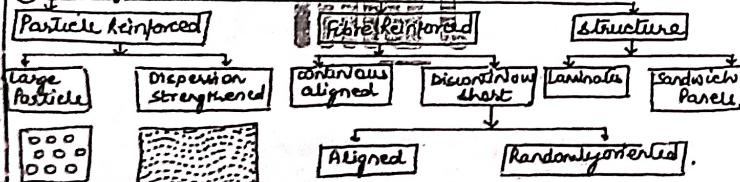
- 1) Based on Matrix phase
- 2) Based on Reinforcement phase.

① composite material based on matrix



Polymer matrix comp.	Metal Matrix comp.	Ceramic metal comp.
• Matrix is made up of polymer.	• Matrix is made up of metal	• Matrix is made up of ceramic material.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Low cost • Low density • Low thermal stability 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High cost • High density • Resists thermal shock 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High cost • High density • High thermal stability

② classification based on Reinforcing material.



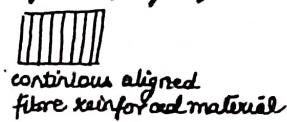
a) Particle Reinforced composite: these are the composites in which dispersed phase is made of particles.
 • The particles used can be metallic or non-metallic.
 • Distribution of particles is random so there are isotropic.
 • Hard and have high load bearing capacity.

b) Fibre Reinforced composite
 • The dispersed phase consists of fibres, which may be continuous and aligned or may short & discontinuous.
 • short discontinuous fibres can be randomly oriented or

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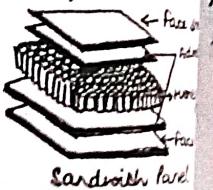
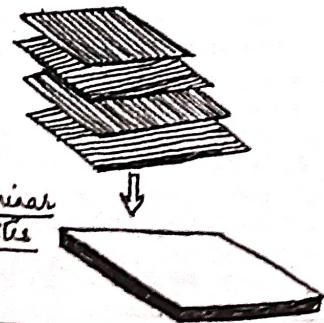
may be properly aligned.



③ Structural Reinforced Composite:

The properties of these composites depends upon the constituent materials and on the geometric design of various structural elements. The most common structural composite types are: Laminar and sandwich panels.

- i) Laminar: Laminates can be described as materials made of layers of materials bonded together. The layers can be same or different materials occurring alternately or in other order as per the requirement. Example - Plywood.
- ii) Sandwich panel: they consist of two outer strong called face sheets which may be made of aluminum, fiber reinforced plastic, steel etc. These face sheets carry most of the load & stress. The core has less density and is a honeycomb. The core provides shear rigidity. Sandwich panels are used in floors, walls of buildings, roofs etc.



Laminar composite

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The discovery of Ziegler Natta represents the first and most significant step in the synthesis of crystalline poly alkenes.

The German chemist Karl Ziegler (1898 - 1973) discovered in 1953 that when $TiCl_3$ and $(C_2H_5)_3Al$ are combined together, they produce an extremely active heterogeneous catalyst for polymerization of ethylene at atmospheric pressure.

Giulio Natta (1903 - 1979), an Italian chemist developed variations of Ziegler catalyst and extended the method to produce stereoregular polypropylene.

The Ziegler Natta catalyst include many mixtures of halides of transition metals especially Ti , Cr , V , Cr with organometallic compounds of a metal from group I to III.

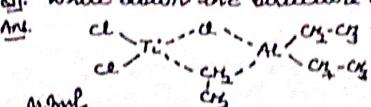
Vanadium based catalyst allows the formation of syndiotactic polypropene. However such a heterogeneous catalyst can be improved significantly by impregnating the catalyst on solid support such as $MgCl_2$ or MgO .

Ziegler Natta catalysts are now used worldwide to produce different classes of polymers from α -olefins.

Example: • Polybutene (PB)

- Thermoplastic polyethylene
- Polyethylenes : HDPE, LDPE

Q1. Write down the structure of Ziegler Natta catalyst.

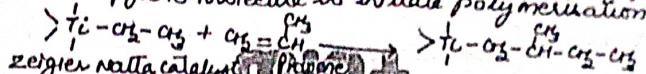


Q2. Discuss the mechanism of preparation of polypropylene using Ziegler Natta catalyst. Give the preparation & application of PTAE and butyl rubber. [2014-15]

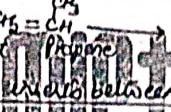
Ans. By using Ziegler Natta catalyst during the preparation of polypropylene, stereoregular (isotactic) polypropylene is produced.

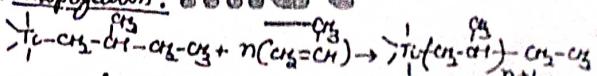
Mechanism for the preparation of isotactic polypropylene

Step I: Initiation: In this step Ziegler Natta Catalyst react with propylene molecule to initiate polymerization.

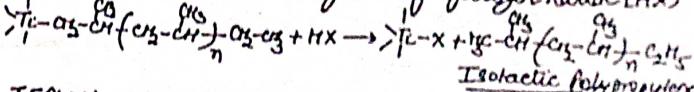


* Propene molecule intercalates between Ti-C bond.

Step 2- Propagation: 

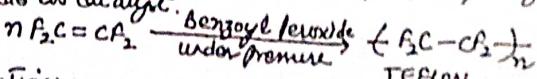


Step 3 - Termination: Done by adding hydrogen halide (HX)



Isotactic polypropylene

TEFLON - It is obtained by polymerization of water emulsion Tetrafluoroethylene, under pressure in presence of benzoyl peroxide as catalyst.



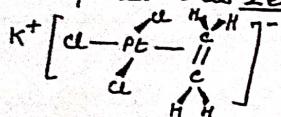
Applications:

- Used for making non stick cookware.
- Used for making water proof fabrics.
- Used for coating medical appliances.

LECTURE - 39Organometallic Compounds

There are the class of compounds containing atleast one metal-carbon bond in which carbon is a part of organic group.

The first synthetic organometallic compound $K[PtCl_3(C_2H_5)_2]$ was prepared by the Danish pharmacist William C. Zeise in 1827 and is referred to as Zeise's Salt.

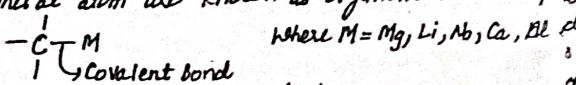
 $K[PtCl_3(C_2H_5)_2]$ - Zeise's Salt

- Organomagnesium halide (Grignard Reagent) is used widely in synthetic organic chemistry.
- Alkyl aluminium compounds are employed in organic synthesis.
- Organotin compounds are used as pharmaceuticals, pesticides and fire retardants.
- Tetra carbonyl Nickel is employed in a process for nickel purification.
- Metal carbonyls are employed as catalyst in many reactions of petrochemical industry.

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Q What are organometallic compounds. Write their classification, preparation and applications. [2017-18]

Ans The compounds in which carbon atom is directly linked to metal atom are known as organometallic compounds.



based on groups attached to metal atom

i) Simple Organometallic Compounds:— Metal atom bonded to carbon and hydrogen atoms. E.g. $(C_2H_5)_4Be$. They are of 2 types
a) Symmetrical: Metal atom is bonded to some type of group
e.g. $(C_2H_5)_2Hg$

b) Unsymmetrical: Metal atom is bonded to different hydrocarbon radical. E.g. $C_2H_5HgC_4H_9$

ii) Mixed Organometallic Compounds:— In addition to carbon, metal atom is attached to other groups also. E.g. C_2H_5MgI

On the basis of type of C-M bond:

① Ionic Organometallic Compounds:— Ionic Bond between metal atom and carbon atom. E.g. Organo sodium compound (C_6H_5Na)

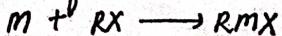
② Covalent Organometallic Compounds:— Covalent Bond between carbon and atom. E.g. Metal alkyl compound — $Pb(C_2H_5)_4$

③ Electron Deficient Organometallic Compound:— These include the compounds having bridge alkyl groups. E.g.: Dimeric aluminium [$Al_2(C_2H_5)_6$]

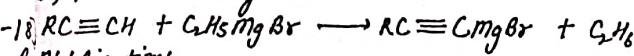
iii) Organometallics involving π Bonds:— Have metal-ligand bond between metal and π orbitals of organic ligands.
E.g. Ferrocene — $(C_5H_5)_2Fe$

General synthesis

i) Direct reaction of metal with alkyl/aryl halide in presence of ether or THF



2) Metal - Exchange Reactions.



Applications

Used as homogeneous catalyst in some chemical reactions.
Used as stoichiometric reagents in both industrial and research oriented chemical reactions.

Used in manufacturing of semiconductors.

Used in production of LEDs.

Used in bulk hydrogenation process.

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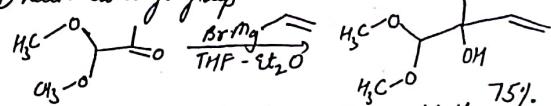
Fundamentals

Grignard reagents are extremely useful organometallic compounds in the field of organic chemistry.

- They exhibit strong nucleophilic qualities and also have the ability to form carbon-carbon bond.
- When alkyl group replaced by an amido group, the resulting compound is Hauser base.
- Grignard reagents are known for their ability to quickly target carbonyl at their carbon level.
- Grignard reagents do not function in presence of protic solvent.
- The reagents were discovered by French Chemist Victor Grignard who won the noble prize in chemistry for his discovery of new sequence of reactions resulting in creation of new $C-C$ bonds.

* Reactions of Grignard reagent

① With Carbonyl group.



* Reaction with Non-Carbon Electrophiles.



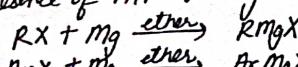
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Q1 Why dry ether solvent is important for the preparation of Grignard reagent? [2018-19]

Ans The preparation of Gr.R is carried out in presence of diethyl ether or tetrahydrofuran to avoid the presence of moisture, as Gr.R reacts with water to form alkane [2020-21]

Q2 Give the preparations of Grignard Reagent. [2020-21]

Ans ① Prepared by reaction of organic halide with Mg in presence of THF or dry ether.

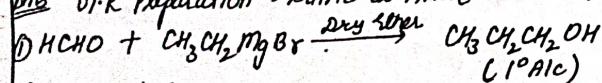


② Metal Exchange Reaction

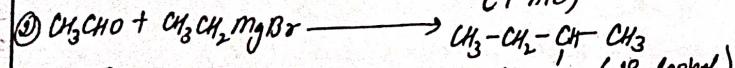


Q3 How is Grignard Reagent prepared? How will CH_3CH_2MgBr reacts with $HCHO, CH_3CHO + (CH_3)_2CO$ [2014-2015]

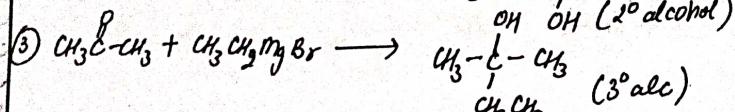
Ans Gr.R Preparation → same as Ans 2. [2016-2017]



(1° alc)



OH OH (2° alcohol)



CH₃CH₃ (3° alc)

Q4 Explain various methods of preparation of Gr.R and also write its at least 5 applications. [2015-16] [2016-17] [2019-20]

Ans Preparation → same as Ans 2.

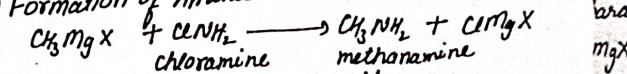
Applications of Grignard Reagent

① Formation of alkenes on reaction with acidic type prep with Water: $C_2H_5MgBr + H_2O \longrightarrow C_2H_6 + Mg(OH)_2$

With alcohol: $C_2H_5MgBr + C_2H_5OH \longrightarrow C_2H_6 + Mg(OH)_2$

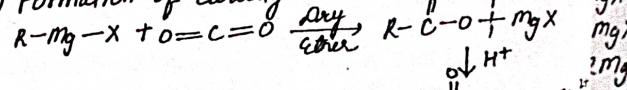
With Ammonia: $CH_3MgBr + NH_3 \longrightarrow CH_4 + Mg(OH)_2$

② Formation of Amines



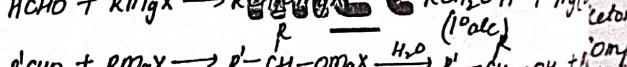
chloramine methanamine

③ Formation of Carboxylic Acid

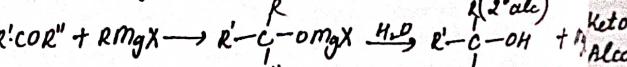


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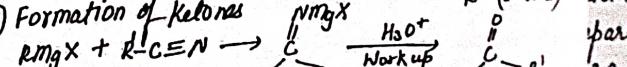
④ Formation of Primary, Secondary and Tertiary Alcohols



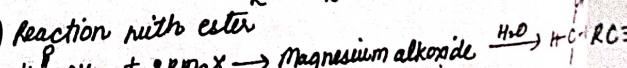
⑤ Formation of Ketones



⑥ Reaction with ester



⑦ Formation of aldehyde

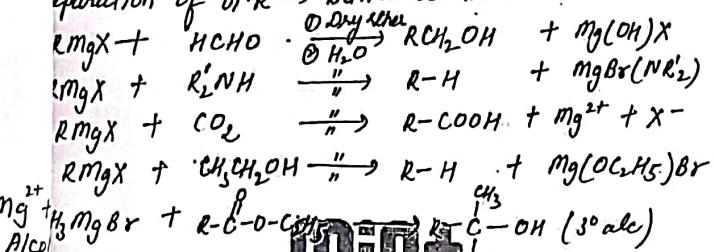


Q5 What are organometallic compounds? Explain various methods of preparation of Grignard Reagent and also write the reaction of Grignard with HCHO , R_2NH , CO_2 , $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{OH}$ & ester.

Q6 The compounds in which Carbon atom of organic group are bonded to metal atom directly are known as Organometallic Compounds.

[2018-19]

Preparation of Grignard → Same as Ans 2



Q7 Explain the various preparations of Acid, Ketone, alcohol, alkane and Organometallic Compound from Grignard reagent. [2020-21]

Acid from CO_2

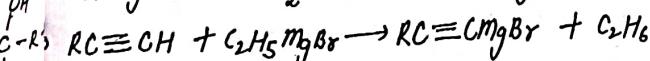
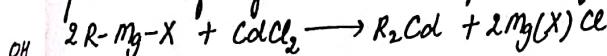
Ketone from Alkyl cyanides

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Alcohols from aldehydes & ketones.

Alkanes from NH_3 , H_2O

Preparation of Organometallic Compounds from Grignard



Lithium Aluminium Hydride (LiAlH_4)

* Lithium aluminium hydride, LiAlH_4 also abbreviated as LAH is a reducing agent commonly employed in modern organic synthesis.

* It is a nucleophilic reducing agent, best used to reduce polar multiple bonds like $\text{C}=\text{O}$.

* LiAlH_4 reagent can reduce aldehydes to primary alcohols, ketones to secondary alcohols, carboxylic acids and esters to primary alcohols, amide and nitriles to amines and epoxides to alcohols.

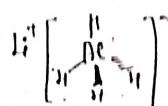
* Lithium aluminium hydride, LAH reagent cannot reduce isolated non-polar multiple bond like $\text{C}=\text{C}$. However, the double bond in conjugation with the polar multiple bonds can be reduced.

Structure of LiAlH_4 :

* There is a tetrahedral arrangement of hydrogens around Al^{3+} in aluminium hydride, AlH_4^- ion.

* It is formed by coordination of hydride, H^- with Al^{3+} ion.

* The hybridization in central Al is sp^3



Tetrahedral structure of LiAlH_4

Preparation of LiAlH_4

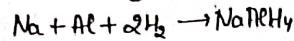
Method 1 conventional method

LiAlH_4 was first prepared from the reaction between lithium alkylide (LiH) and aluminium chloride.



Method 2 Industrial method

In addition to above method, the industrial synthesis entails the initial preparation of sodium aluminium hydride from the elements under high pressure and temperature.

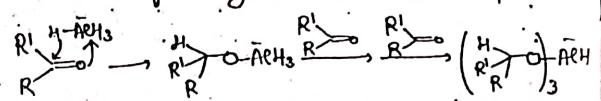


LiAlH_4 is then prepared by a salt metathesis reaction



Mechanism of reduction by LiAlH_4 :

Initially, a hydride ion is transferred onto the central carbon and the oxygen atom coordinates to the over-lapping aluminium hydride species to furnish an alkoxyl-aluminate ion, which can reduce the next carbonyl group. Thus, three of the hydride ions are used up in red.



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Applications of LiAlH_4 in organic synthesis:

The summary chart of applications of LiAlH_4 in the synthesis of different types of functional groups.

functional group conversion:

Aldehydes, ketones \rightarrow Alcohols

Carboxylic acid \rightarrow Alcohols

Esters, acid halides \rightarrow Alcohols

Amides \rightarrow Amines

Nitrile \rightarrow Amines

oxiranes(epoxides) \rightarrow Alcohols

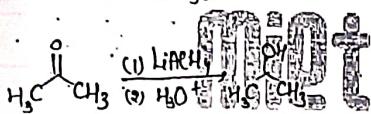
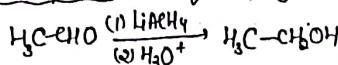
lactones \rightarrow diols

haloalkanes, haloarenes \rightarrow alkynes, arenes

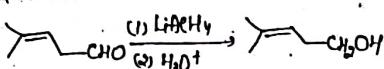
Reduction of carbonyl compounds using LiAlH₄:

The aldehydes or ketones are reduced by LiAlH₄ to the corresponding primary or secondary alcohols respectively.
e.g. Acetaldehyde is reduced to ethyl alcohol and acetone is reduced to isopropyl alcohol.

LiAlH₄ Reduction of carbonyl compounds

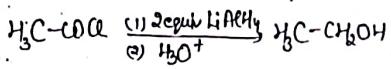
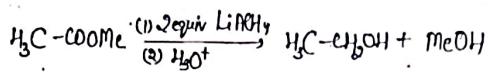
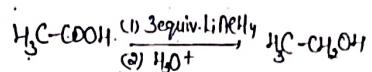


LiAlH₄ does not affect the isolated carbon-carbon double or triple bonds.



2) The carboxylic acids, esters and acid chlorides are reduced to corresponding primary alcohols by LiAlH₄.

e.g. The reduction of acetic acid, methyl acetate and acetyl chloride by LiAlH₄ furnish the same ethyl alcohol.

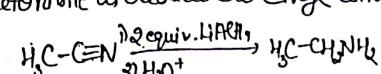


④ The amides are reduced to amines by LiAlH₄. This method is used to get secondary amines.

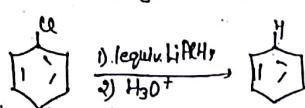
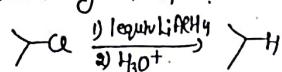
e.g. Diethylamine can be prepared starting from acetyl chloride as follows:-



⑤ The nitriles are reduced to primary amines by LiAlH₄.
e.g. Acetonitrile is reduced to ethyl amine by LiAlH₄.



⑥ The haloalkanes and haloarenes are reduced to corresponding hydrocarbons by LiAlH₄.



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Topic-Wise Important Questions for AKTU End Semester Examinations

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CONDUCTING and BIODEGRADABLE POLYMER	44	Give the preparation, properties and uses of: Teflon, Lucite, Bakelite, Kelvar, Dacron, Thiokol, Nylon, Buna-N and Buna-S	2018-2019, 2019-2020, 2020-2021, 2021-2022	10
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