

# Term Paper Introduction

## General Notes

- (i) Decide Vertical vs. Horizontal Approach
- (ii) Published, Peer reviewed articles are expectation
- (iii) No date limit on citations but you must read it & a review article, or book chapters books not strict published but they should not dominate
- (i) Do not cite web addresses as references
- (ii) Try to avoid writing a review article based on summarizing a review article, or book chapters
- (iii) Any more than 50 consecutive word match violates copyright law

## Possible Term Paper Subjects

- (i) **Vitrimers**: A chemical group that can be broken apart under certain conditions, while having thermoset characteristics at room temp. Can be considered a dynamic bond
- (ii) **Green Flame Retardants**: Traditionally Highly Toxic or produce toxic chemicals when heated. Cancer Causing usually. This focuses on developing one that isn't as toxic.
- (iii) **Bio-crystallites**: Making mm x nm crystals with no defects. This small size warranted this time.  
**Example:** Carbon Nanotubes  
Needle like crystals which can be prepared from cellulose, hemicellulose, or others
- (iv) **MXene**: 'Maxenes'. Layers can be separated. Such as graphite being separated into individual layers of graphene. **Incredible Aspect Ratio**
- (v) **Glass Transition Temperature**: Super easy to measure. Popular topic of polymer studies but not really known. Nobel Prize worthy.  
How can we predict glass transition temperature without any assumptions?
- (vi) **Collection of Rare Metals**: Natural Oil Reserves running out. Flaking helps this, but horrible to environment.  
↳ Contaminates with excess natural disasters. Metals much harder to replace. Using by-products and will exhaust before oil. Found in low concentrations in seawater.
- (vii) **Porous Materials**: Used to assist in topic of (vi). Analogous used on space shuttles. Very brittle/fragile but remarkably flame resistant. Carbonaceous porous  
Can create non-metal catalysts with porous nts!
- (viii) **Extreme Temperature Polymers**  
↳ Being Scramjet can fly in very thin air at fast speed. Falcon HTV-2 also incredibly hot, compared to current record of cmauth 3. Used for weapons, but can turn into passenger travel, reduces trips to other continents to months of hours.  
Polymers need to be developed to survive 750-1000°C. Breaks temps but is less sensitive to a slow, safe, stable travel.
- (ix) **Non-metallocene Catalyst**: Carbon's surface has defects  $\rightarrow$  acts as catalytic centers. Can add other atoms to defects  $\rightarrow$  more active.
- (x) **H-bonding (Supramolecular synthesis)**: Technique to let monomers contact in non-covalent manner and lets you selectively design polymerization (usually random). Catalyst allows polymers to obtain in a desired way  $\rightarrow$  crystalline properties. Can also through H-bonding control this you can apply desired polymerization

**Pages:** 1 page to 10,000 pages. 1 page is harder to write. Subject chosen, date due, length.

**Review Draft:** Acts as a check point along with other milestones outlined in syllabus

ASK Questions!

Ishida knows his shit, don't plagiarize or copy references word-for-word!

# **Chapter 1**

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**Goal: Refresh information from ENGR145**

# Concepts and Nomenclature

Polymer = poly + mer 3 Repetition Units Oligomer = oligo + mer  
 ↑ multi + unit requires 2-4 units to be counted as poly mer  
 Sub Category a few + unit

Plus ics ← πλαστικός (Greek for plastic)  
 means to 'mold into'

Macromolecules: Contain both polymeric and non-polymeric large molecules

How many units to be polymers?

Rubber (AKA elastomers): polymers that deform elastically and to very large strains  
 ↳ become glass at low temperatures → become brittle (glass transition temperature)

Not repeating

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## Structure of Polymer Chains



## Copolymers

- **AAAAAA** Mono polymer
- **AAAAABBB** A,B-block polymer
- **AAAAAABBBB** graft polymers
- **ABA BABA** alternating copolymer
- **A BBBA BA** random copolymer

Given Properties of homopolymers • Can you predict  
 A and B • Copolymer properties?  
 properties of A on one side, B on other like soap

even "mix" of properties: AB can be considered a monomer  
 unbalanced mix of properties: true random mixture  
 ↳ can be determined roughly with % of each

## Conformation vs. Configuration

Conformation: Structural change caused by chain rotation. Can be changed easily (reversibly) by changing temp.

trans: 'zig-zag' chain on a plane gauche: chain rotates  $\pm 60^\circ$  or  $-60^\circ$

Configuration: Permanent structural difference caused during synthesis. Mild temp change does not affect this

a) Head-to-Head



Less likely to occur  
as this is energetically demanding

b) Head-to-Tail



Much less steric  
hindrance → thermodynamically more stable

## Stereoregularity (stereo isomers)

Isotactic

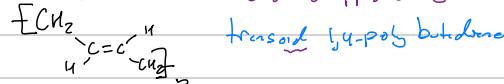
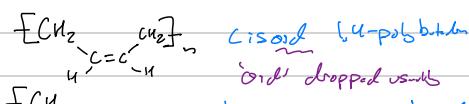
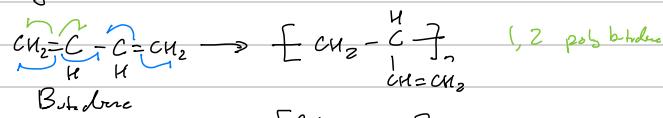
Can crystallize  
↳ Material looks shiny

amorphous

A tactic (Regular/Not polymers)  
↳ Doesn't crystallize → looks very glasslike

Most cost effective

## Regiosomers



## IUPAC Naming

- Add 'poly' to start of monomer name
- Not accurate! Polybenzoxazide is not wrong!

## Molecular Weight

Provide MW in Paper

Tensile Strength  
Cut 1 =  $10^8$  MW  
In half, more  
 weaker  
 $1/200$  strength

$$\text{Number Avg MW: } M_n = \frac{\sum N_x M_x}{\sum N_x} \quad \text{Related to tensile strength}$$

Basic average idea

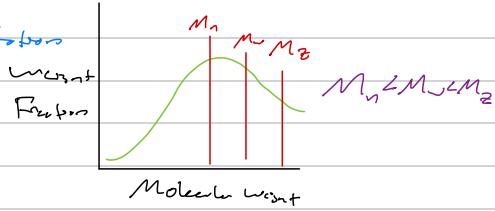
$$\text{Weight Avg MW: } M_w = \frac{\sum W_x M_x}{\sum W_x} \quad \text{How, } W_x = N_x M_x \rightarrow M_w = \frac{\sum N_x M_x^2}{\sum N_x M_x}$$

Average from weight perspective

$$\text{Z-average MW: } M_z = \frac{\sum N_x M_x^3}{\sum N_x M_x^2} \quad \text{Related to precipitators}$$

$$\text{Poly Dispersal Index (PDI): } PDI = \frac{M_w}{M_n}$$

$\hookrightarrow$  Higher PDI  $\rightarrow$  broader MW



# Molecular Weight & Macromolecules

## Various MW Measurement Methods

Method	Type	M.W. type	MW range
Colligative properties		Mn	
Boiling point elevation	Absolute	Mn	< $10^4$
Freezing point depression	Absolute	Mn	< $10^4$
Vapor pressure lowering	Absolute	Mn	< $10^4$
Osmotic pressure	Absolute	Mn	$2 \times 10^4 - 10^6$
Terminal group concentration	Absolute	Mn	< $10^4$
Light scattering	Absolute	Mw	$10^4 - 10^8$
Sedimentation	Absolute	Mw, Mz	$10^2 - 5 \times 10^6$
Intrinsic viscosity	Relative	Mv	$10^3 - 10^5$
Size exclusion chromatography(SEC)	Relative	Mn, Mw, Mz	$10^2 - 10^7$

Notes accurate but most convenient

With be discussed  
with Macromolecules

## Colligative Properties

- Add NaCl to water to lower Freezing Point
- Properties related to numbers

## Staudinger's finger

Hypothesis: stronger propylene molecule consists of aggregates of molecules  $\rightarrow$  size of aggregates should change as electronic structure of molecules is altered

## Approach: Hydrogenation of regular Benzene into a polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbon

Saturated cyclohexenyl ring

Materials Used: Polymers small oligomers of polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons

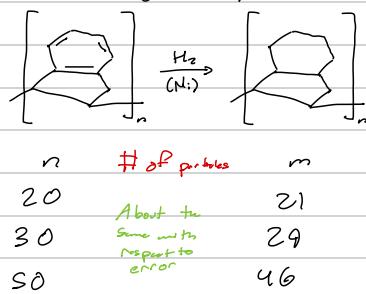
## Meas Method: Colligative property Measurement



Dilute Degree Polymerization as the product was aggregate of molecules

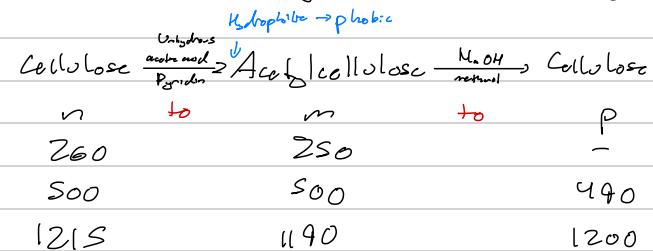
## Staudinger's Experiments

### Initial: Colligative Property Measurement



He was criticized for using small molecules

### Final: Acetylation and regeneration of cellulose; viscosity measurement



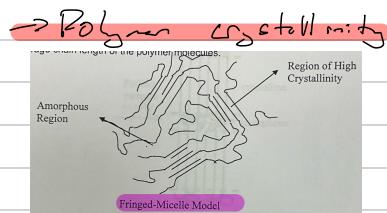
Directly from his paper, so molar value probably measurement error

Critics stuck as they rebutted all they were arguing  
Covalent Bonds proved as structure const.

(like very cheap arm to make 'pamkin' lacquer)

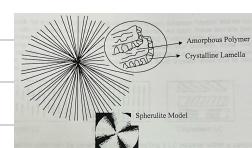
## Morphology

Def: Study of forms of polymer chains, such as crystal structure



## → Spherulites

Polarized light reveals a molten cross (X)

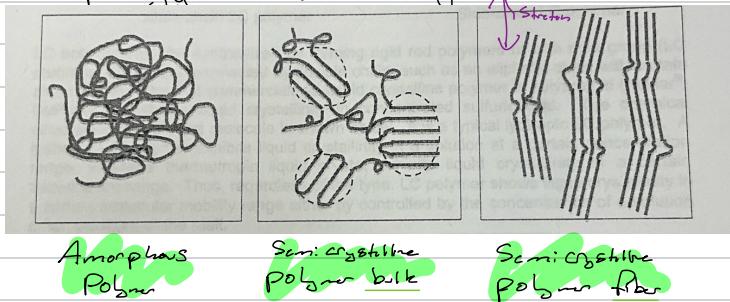


## → Lamella Structure

Adjacent rotary model  
↳ thought to occur due to energy preference

Today Adjacent is a more favorable explanation

## Morphology Controls Stretching

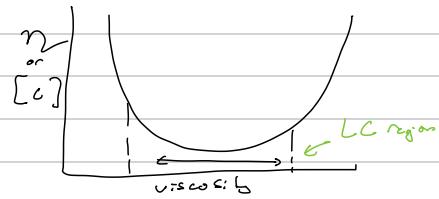


## Stretching

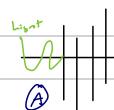
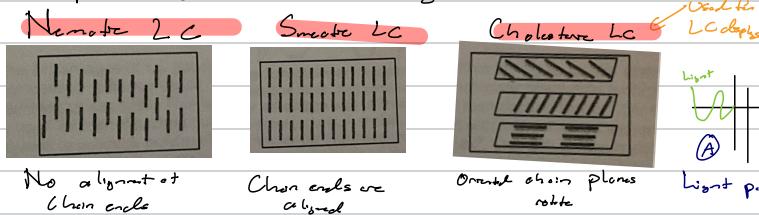
- Molecules realign along stretching direction.
- ↑ stretching → ↓ intermolecular distance
  - ↳ leads to crystalline region formation
- Cracks are also observed along stretching direction
  - ↳ Thus the fibers or structural films are stronger along stretching directions

# Liquid Crystalline (LC) Polymers

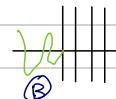
liquid = amorphous  
crystal = perfectly ordered } Two opposing words used to express unusual material  
that is neither completely amorphous nor ordered



## Types of LC Polymers



vs.



Light passes through  $\oplus$  as it needs transverse alignment

Allows microwaveable

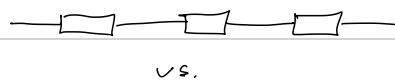
Supperware

only dissolving

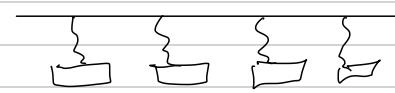
Sustaining orientation  
the longer so lighter  
rotate up and out

**Thermotropic LC:** Formed between certain temperature range ex: Aromatic Polyester

**Liquid-crystalline LC:** Formed between certain concentration range ex: Poly(p-phenylene phthalimide), polyaramid Kevlar



Main-chain type LC



Side-chain type LC

□: LC chromophore

## Advantages

- (i) Lower viscosity in LC state than random melt/solvent
- (ii) Molecular alignment even in liquid state  $\rightarrow$  strong fibers

even bullet proof

## **Chapter 2**

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You should always start by determining if its a mixture or pure substance

"If you continue into other sol studies; purify, purify, purify, and most importantly purify" - which