

# Chapter 1

## The Scope of Polymer Chemistry

- Introduction
- Definitions
- Different Types of Polymers
- Historical Overview

# Introductions

- **Available Materials Before the beginning of World War II**

For construction: **Steel, Glass, Wood, Stone, Brick, Concrete**

For fabric: **Cotton, Wool, Jute(苧), other agricultural products**

- **After World War II:**

New Materials: new fiber, plastics, elastomers, adhesives, resins.....

Theses are polymers.

**More than 50% of all chemists and chemical engineers are involved with polymer**

# Definitions

- **Monomer: any substance that can be converted into a polymer.**

## Examples

**Ethylene**

**Amino acid**

# Dimers, Trimers, and Oligomers

Oligomer: Low-molecular weight polymerization products, for example, dimers, trimers, tetramers, and so on-cyclic or linear

# Polymers

Broad Definition: high-molecular-weight substance

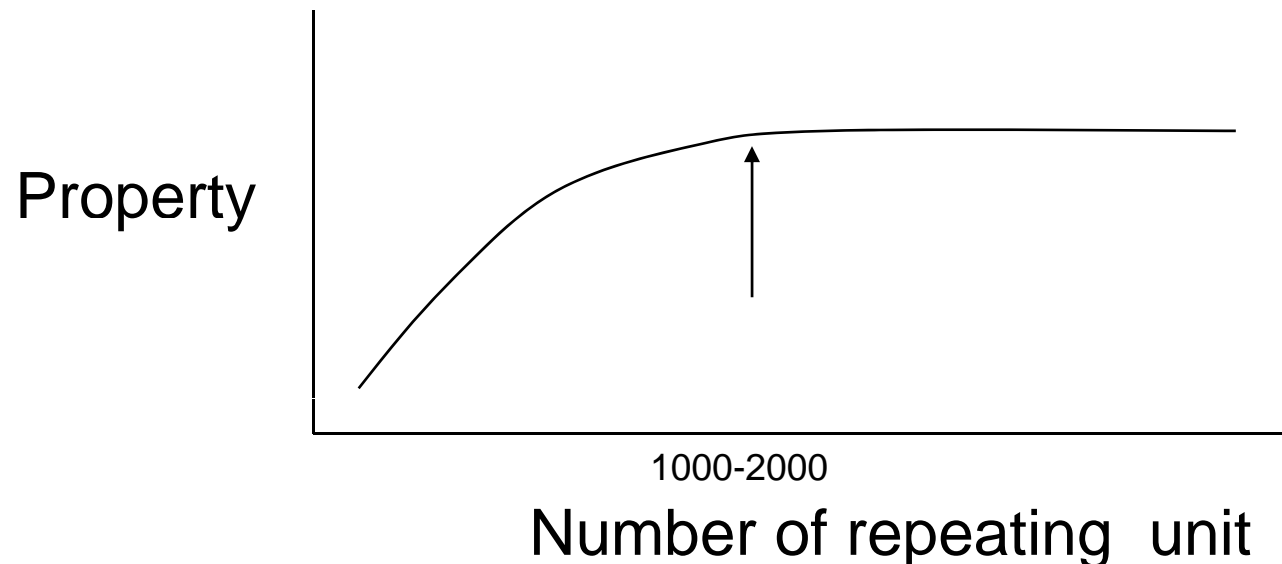
Low polymer: molecular weight  $< 10,000$  to  $20,000$

repeating units  $< 1000$  to  $2000$

High polymer: molecular weight  $> 10,000$  to  $20,000$

repeating units  $> 1000$  to  $2000$

Why?



# Linear Polymers

- Linear polymer consists of a long chain of skeletal atoms to which are attached the substituent groups.

## Branched Polymers

→ linear polymers with branches

## Cross linked Polymers

in which chemical

→ linkages exist  
between the chains

## Star Polymers

have arms (3 or more) radiating from a common core

## Dendritic Polymers (Dendrimer)

Two methods for the preparation of dendrimers

1. core first
2. arm first



## Cyclolinear Polymers

→ linking together of ring systems

## Ladder Polymers

consists of linear molecules in which two  
→ skeletal strands are linked together in a  
regular sequence by crosslinking units

## Cyclometrix Polymers

Ring systems are linked together to form a three dimensional matrix of connecting units

# Copolymers

a polymer made from two or more different monomers

- Random copolymer
- Alternating copolymer
- Block copolymer
- Terpolymer: contains three different monomeric units. Random or block

Graft copolymers

Telechelic polymers: bears functional groups

# Average molecular weights and distributions

Number average molecular weight

$N_i$  = number of molecules of molecular weight  $M_i$

Weight average molecular weight

$X_i$  = number(mole) fraction of molecules having molecular weight  $M_i$

$w_i$  = weight of molecules having molecular weight  $M_i$

$W_i$  = weight fraction of molecules having molecular weight  $M_i$

Molecular weight Distribution: Polydispersity =  $M_n / M_w$

## Example for MW

$w_i$ (g)	$M_i$ (g/mol)	$N_i$ (mol)	$n_i M_i$ (g)	$n_i^2 M_i^2$ (g <sup>2</sup> mol)
1,000	$1.0 \times 10^3$	1.0	1,000	$1.0 \times 10^6$
1,000	$1.0 \times 10^6$	0.001	1,000	$1.0 \times 10^9$
total		1.001	2,000	$1.001 \times 10^9$

**Mn ~ 2000 g/mol**

**Mw ~ 500,000 g/mol**

# Polymer morphology

the study of the solid-state structure and behavior of polymers chapter 17, 19, 20, 21

## thermoplastics

any material that softens when it is heated.

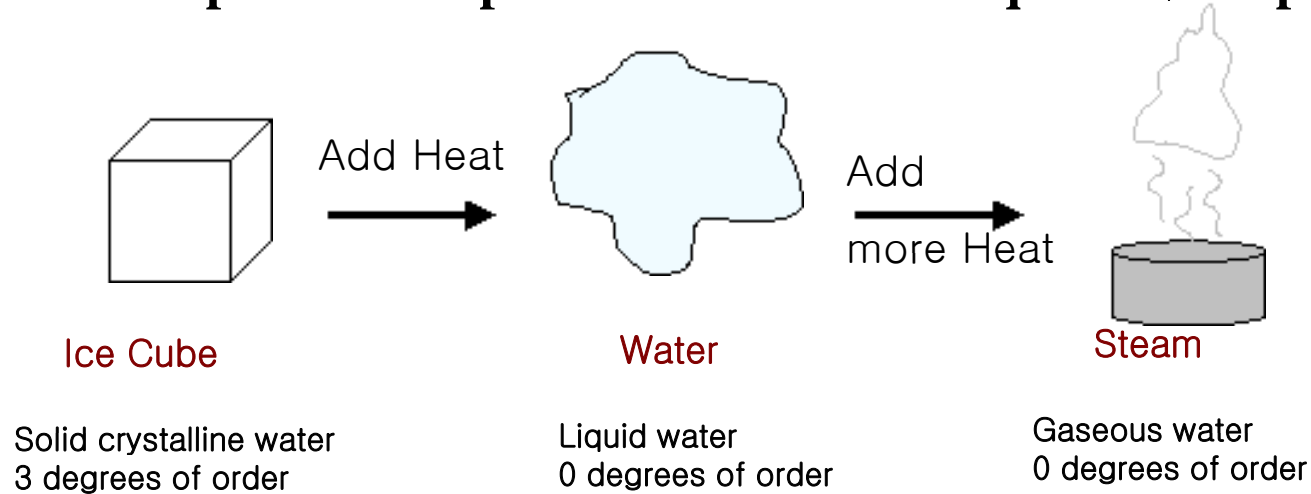
$T_g$ : glass transition temperature

$T_m$ : melting temperature

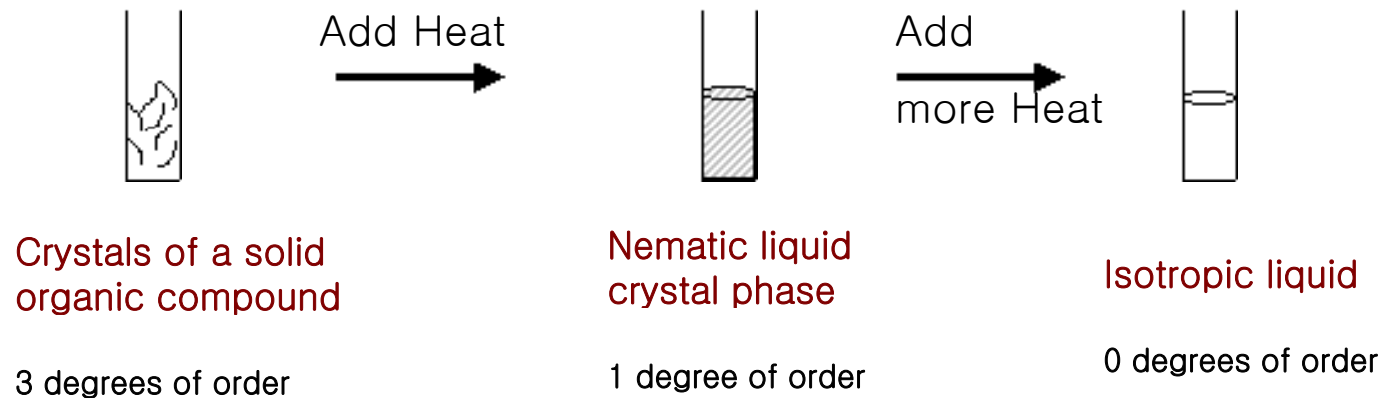
$T_{lc}$ : quasi melting temperature

# Liquid crystals ?

**Example of a compound that shows no liquid crystal phase**



**Example of a compound that shows liquid crystal phases**





# Elastomer

flexible polymer in the temperature range between its glass transition and liquefaction temperatures

*Normally crosslinked (mostly chemically some times physically) polymers*

## Plasticizer

softens the polymers (ex phthalate esters)

antiplasticizer ?

## Thermosetting resin

a range of system which exist initially as liquid but which, on heating, undergo a reaction to form a solid, highly crosslinked matrix

## Polymer blends

two or more polymers are mixed together

## Tacticity

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# **Classification of polymer by polymerization reaction types.**

## **1. Condensation polymers (Step reactions)**

nylon, polyesters, phenol–formaldehyde resin, urea–formaldehyde resin, inorganic condensation polymers, biological polymers

**And others in p. 17, 18, chapter 8 and 9**

## 2. Addition polymers

formed by the Addition reactions of  
*unsaturated bonds*.

**Other examples in p. 18 and 19**

## 3. Ring opening polymerizations

polymers from cyclic compounds

# Initiators

start the polymerization process

# 고분자의 역사

1. 인간 최초의 도구 = 나무 ? (나무: 천연 고분자 + 저분자 물질) ⇒ 원시인
2. 동물의 뽕을 이용한 램프 및 창문의 제조 ⇒ 중세유럽
3. 고무나무 액을 이용한 고무공 및 방수복의 이용  
⇒ 아메리카 인디언
4. 근대 유럽인들의 고무 이용  
⇒ cotton (면)섬유에 coating하여 방수복으로 이용  
⇒ 골프공 껍질  
⇒ 1850년 영국 프랑스 해저 케이블의 피복 ....  
⇒ 자동차 타이어? 0 °C이하에서는 깨지고 높은 온도에서는 흐른다.

# 화학을 이용한 고분자의 개발

1. 황을 첨가한 천연고무: 타이어 재료
2. 나무에서 추출한 cellulose의 개질: 당구공, 레이온섬유, 사진용 필름, 라커등
3. 페놀을 이용한 phenol-formaldehyde수지: 전자제품의 하우징(과거 전화기의 검정색 껍데기등), 항공기 재료, 식기

Cellulose 의 구조

# 고분자 분야의 노벨상 수상자

1. Staudinger (독일): 1953년 노벨 화학상  
⇒ 고분자의 존재규명
2. Ziegler (독일)와 Natta(이태리): 1963년 노벨 화학상  
⇒ 촉매 개발로 물성이 좋은 PE, PP의 합성 성공
3. Flory (미국, Nylon을 발명한 Carothers의연구팀 일원이었음) : 1971년 노벨 화학상  
⇒ 고분자의 물리화학적 특성규명
4. De Gennes (프랑스): 1991년 노벨 물리학상  
⇒ 액정과 고분자의 배열 현상규명과 그 이론
5. Heeger와 MacDiarmid (미국), Shirakawa (일본): 2000년 노벨 화학상  
⇒ 전기를 통하는 고분자 그리고 전기에 의해 빛을 발광하는 고분자의 개발