

Chapter 15-1. Introduction to Polymer Chemistry

- Polymer - a macromolecule which contains large number of molecules joined together.

- Polymer :

Linear Polymer

Graft or Branched Polymer

Crosslinked Polymer

(i) Linear Polymer

Homopolymer - the same monomer is used



ex) PE, PP, PS, PC, PMMA

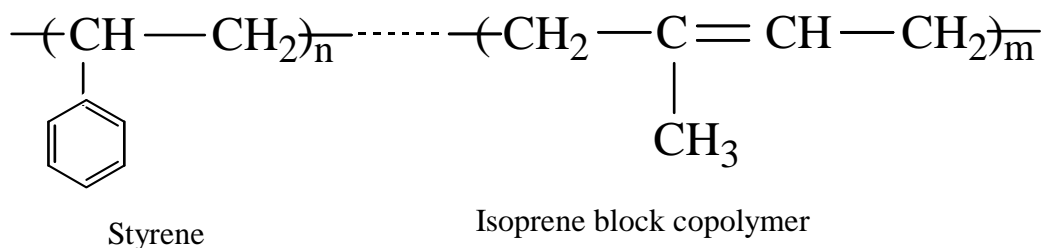
Copolymer - a polymer formed from more than one type of monomer

Block Copolymer : AAABBBB

Random " : ABAABABBAB

ex) SAN, Vectra -> Poly(HBA -HNA)

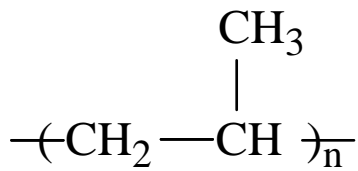
Alternating " : ABABABAB



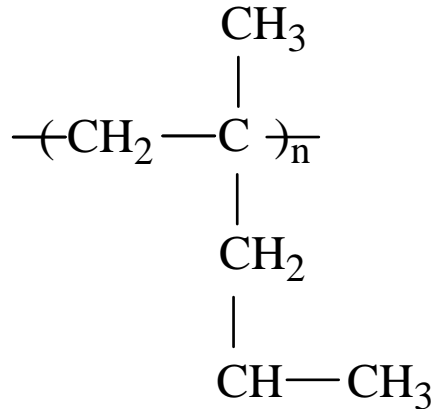
(ii) Graft or Branched polymer - have a side chain branching from

the polymer backbone.

(ex)



linear polyethylene



branched polyethylene

(iii) Crosslinked Polymers (or Network Polymers)

- (crosslinking) Polymer chain mobility가 flow가

(: (ex)Phenol resin, epoxy resin, polyester resin)

(1) (classification)

Polymer Plastics -

(PVC, PE, PS, PC)

Fiber - (L/D) 가

(ex) PET, N -6, N -66

Elastomer - polybutadiene, SBR

(2) (structure)

(a) 가 (Thermoplastic) - 가 flow가

, flow가

(ex) linear polymer PE, PP, PS, PET, NYLON -6

(b) – (Thermosetting polymer)

- 가 (curing reaction) ,
- flow가 . 가

(degradation)

(ex) , ,

(3) Grade

(a) (commodity)

- easy process
- low price

(ex) PS, PE, PP, PVC

(b) (Engineering)

- good mechanical properties
- 2-3

(ex) Nylon, PET, PBT, Polycarbonate

Polyacetal (or polyoxymethylene(POM))

(c) (specialty Polymers)

- high temp stability
- high modulus, high price

(ex) Poly(ether ether ketone) (PEEK)

Polyimide, Liquid crystalline polymer (LCP)

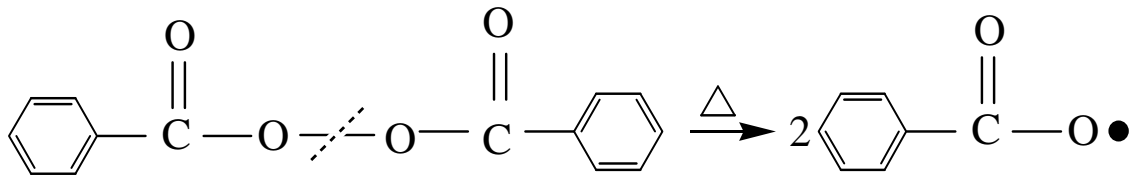
Polyetherimide, Polysulfone

(2) Polymerization Reactions

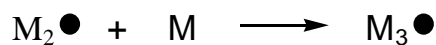
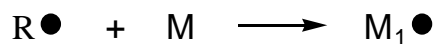
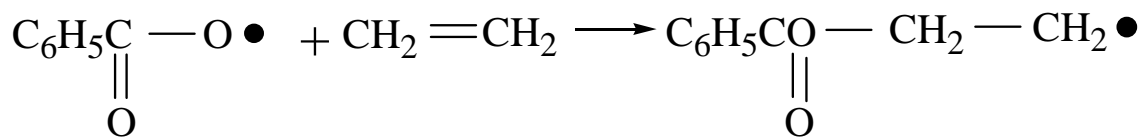
(a) Addition Polymerization

- free radical

(i) Free radical polymerization



Benzoyl Peroxide
(free radical initiator)



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(ii) Ionic Polymerization Cationic Polymerization Anionic Polymerization

- Cationic Polymerization : induced by chemical initiators, the active species are carbonium ions which is an exceedingly reactive particle. Vinyl polymers and dienes can be polymerized using cationic initiators. Phenol, Formaldehyde resin, isobutylene .

- Anionic polymerization : initiated by bases such as Li^+NH_2^-

Polystyrene, ethylene oxide . control

, High molecular weight .

(iii) Ziegler -Natta

(Al/TiCl₃, Al/TiCl₄)

PE PP

Aluminium -titanium

- The most important catalysts

() 1. linear polymer

2. stereochemical control

(ex) High density polyethylene (HDPE) :

- high degree of crystallinity

(up to 80%)

- greater strength than LDPE

(ex) Low density polyethylene (LDPE)

- a polymer with branched structure

- crystallinity (up to 53%)

• Polymer Tacticity

(i) Atactic - unsymmetric group such as methyl groups distributed at random.

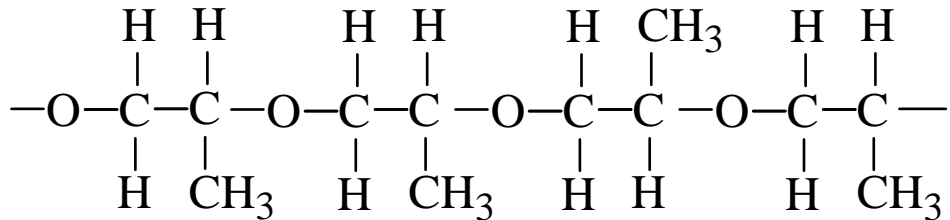
(ii) Isotactic - all methyl groups located on one side of the extended polymer chain.

(iii) Syndiotactic - the unsymmetric groups alternate regularly

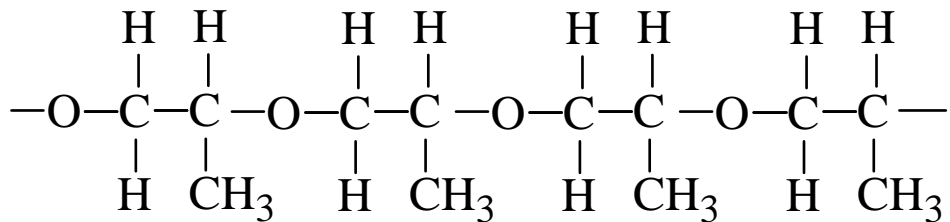
from side to side

(ex) polypropylene oxide

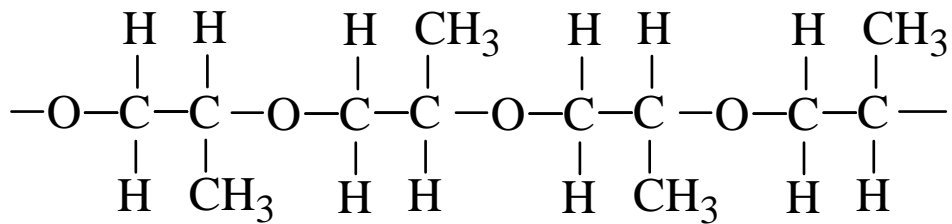
(i) atactic



(ii) isotactic



(iii) syndiotactic

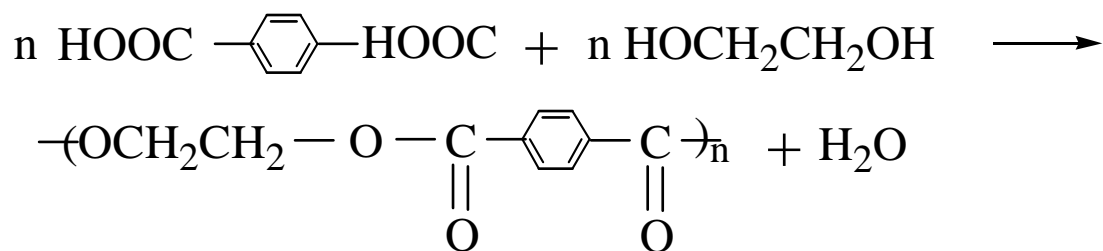


(b) Condensation polymerization

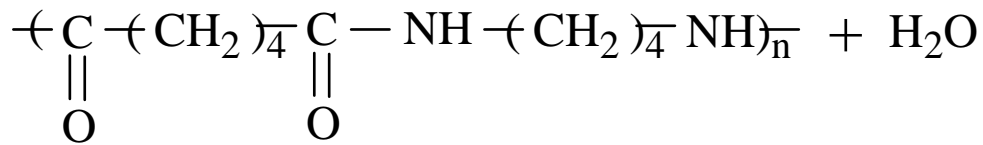
(step - growth)

(ex) Nylon-6, Nylon-66, PET

(i) Terephthalic acid + ethylene glycol PET + H₂O

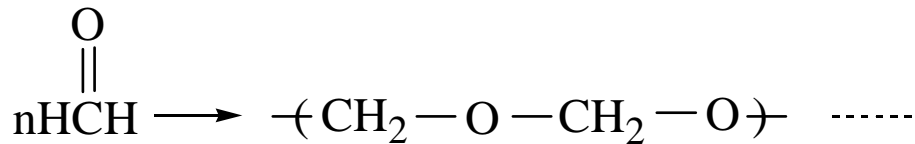


(ii) Hexamethylene diamine + adipic acid Nylon-66 + H₂O



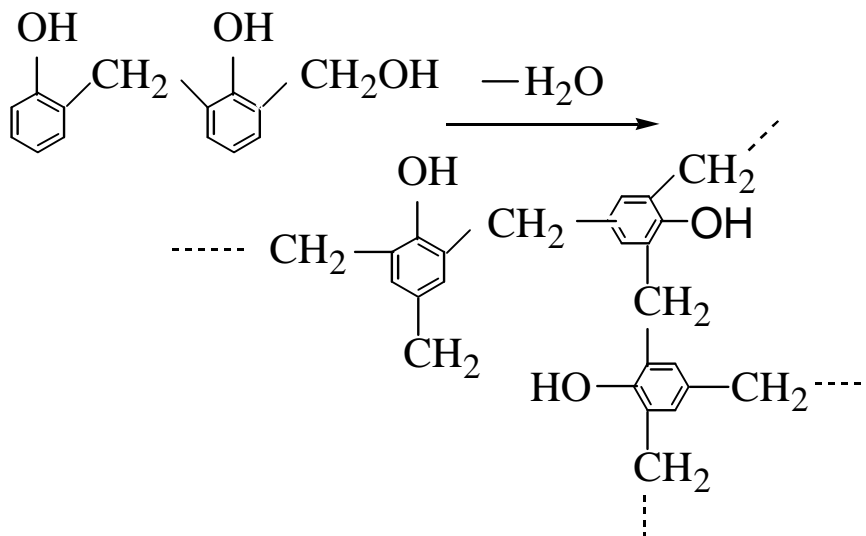
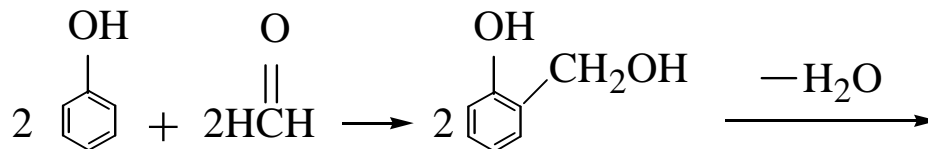
Nylon-66 (hexamethylene adipamine)

(iii) Formaldehyde condensation

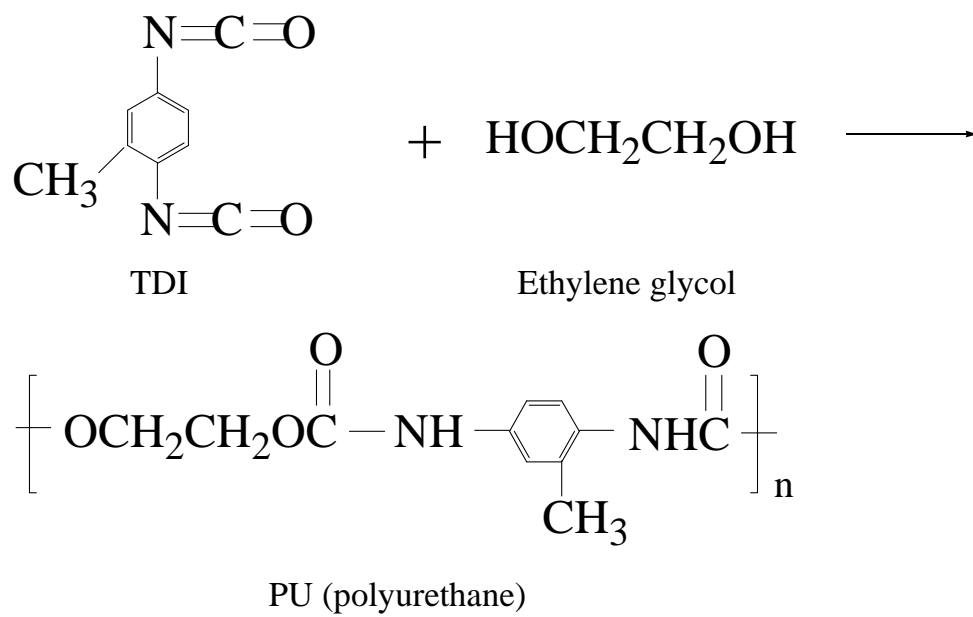


polyacetal, polyoxymethylene

• The first synthetic resin : Bakelite



- Polyurethanes :



(3) Polymerization Technics

(a) Bulk polymerization

- monomer 가
- solvent

(ex) PE, PP, PAN, Nylon, PET, PS

(b) solution (")

- monomer (solvent)
- 가 polymer : polymer
- 가 polymer : polymer

(ex) cis - polybutadiene, cis - polyisoprene,

(c) Suspension ()

- monomer 가

- Initiator monome

- used in free radical olefin

(pearl or bead)

(ex) styrene foam, PVC , PS ion exchange

(d) Emulsion ()

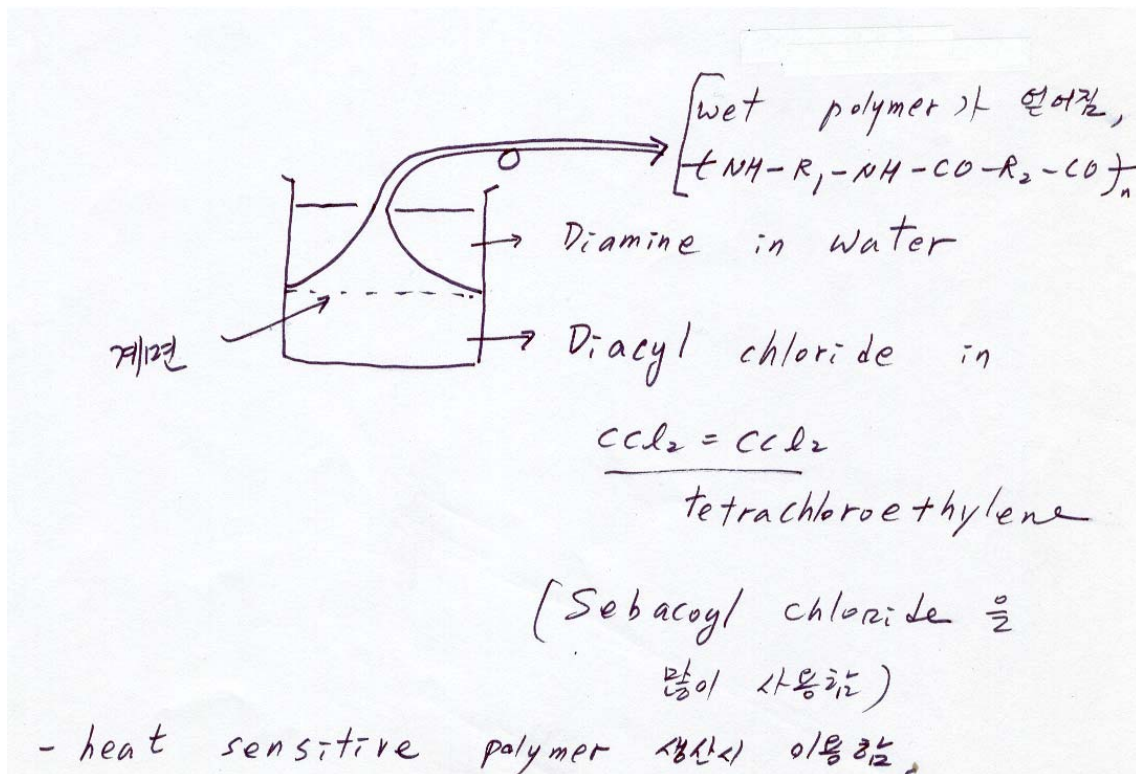
- , (initiator) ,

(emulsifier) 가

(ex) PS, PVC, SBR, NBR

(e) Interfacial () Polymerization

- immiscible liquid interface



- Physical Properties

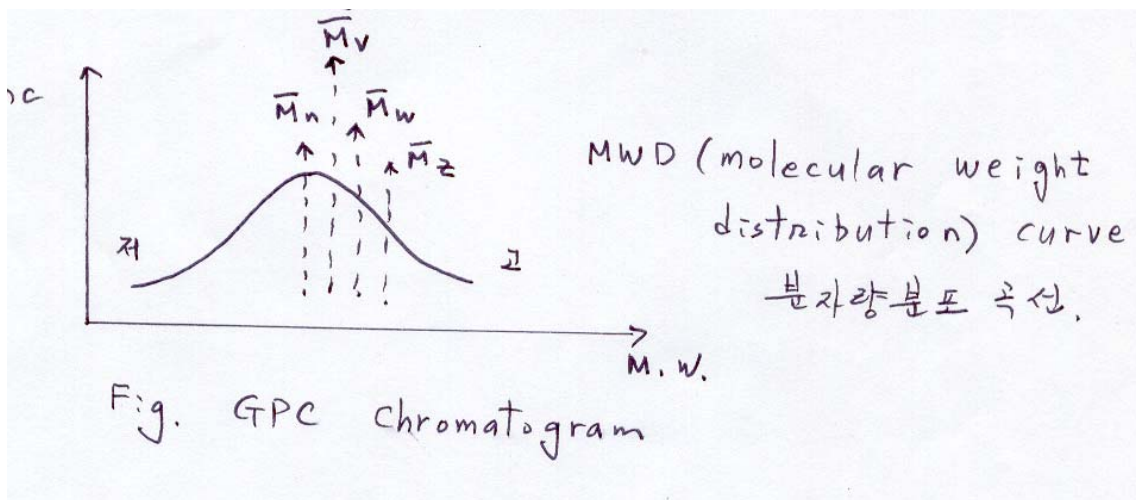
- Molecular weight ()

- (a) number-average molecular weight (\bar{M}_n)

- (b) weight-average molecular weight (\bar{M}_w)

- (c) viscosity-average " " (\bar{M}_v)

- (d) z-average " " (\bar{M}_z)



$$(\bar{M}_z) \geq (\bar{M}_w) \geq (\bar{M}_v) \geq (\bar{M}_n)$$

when MWD = 1.0, $(\bar{M}_z) = (\bar{M}_w) = (\bar{M}_v) = (\bar{M}_n)$

$$\text{MWD} = \frac{\bar{M}_w}{\bar{M}_n}$$

- $\bar{M}_n =$

$$= \frac{\sum N_i M_i}{\sum N_i}$$

N_i = the number of each species

M_i = molecular weight of each polymer species

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

$N_i M_i = W_i$ (the weight of each polymeric species)

$$\bar{M}_w = \frac{\sum W_i M_i}{\sum W_i} \quad (\quad : \text{By A. Rudin "The Elements of Polymer$$

Science and Engineering", page 53)

(ex)	\underline{N}_i	\underline{M}_i	
	2	600	
	3	1000	calculate \bar{M}_n , \bar{M}_w , MWD
	1	2000	

$$\bar{M}_n = \frac{2(600) + 3(1000) + 1(2000)}{2 + 3 + 1} = \frac{6200}{6} = 1033$$

$$\bar{M}_w = \frac{2(600)^2 + 3(1000)^2 + 1(2000)^2}{2 + 3 + 1} = 1245$$

$$\text{MWD} = \frac{\bar{M}_w}{\bar{M}_n} = \frac{1245}{1033} = 1.21 \text{ (polydisperse)}$$

if MWD = 1.0 ($\bar{M}_w = \bar{M}_n$ monodispersi polymer)

(a) Gel Permeation Chromatography (GPC)

size exclusion chromatography (SEC)

(b) Light scattering

- \bar{M}_w

(c) Membrane osmometry

- \bar{M}_w

(: By A. Rudin "The Elements of Polymer Science and Engineering", Academic press, chapter 3)

· Crystallinity ()

- requirements for crystallinity :

(i) regular chain structure,

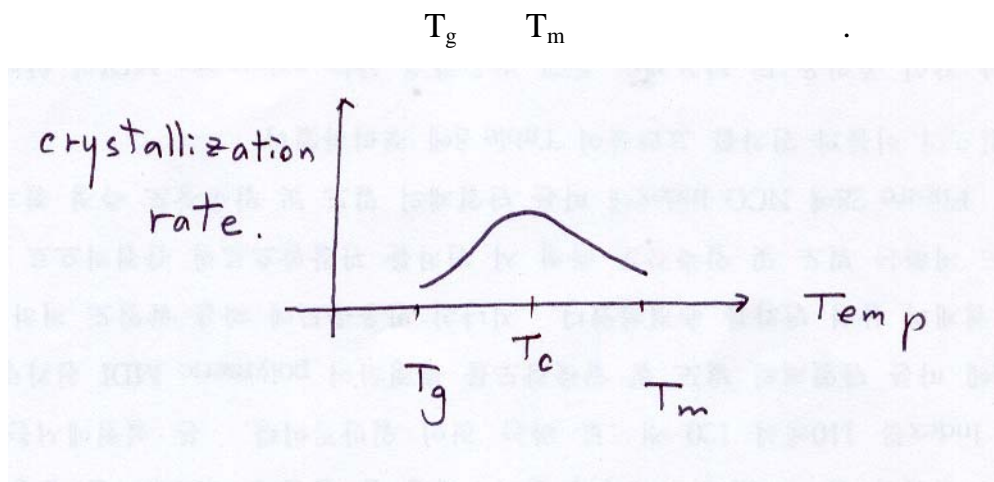
(ex) i-PS, i-PP

(ii) need hydrogen bonding or strong dipole interaction

(ex) Nylon-6

· Crystallization

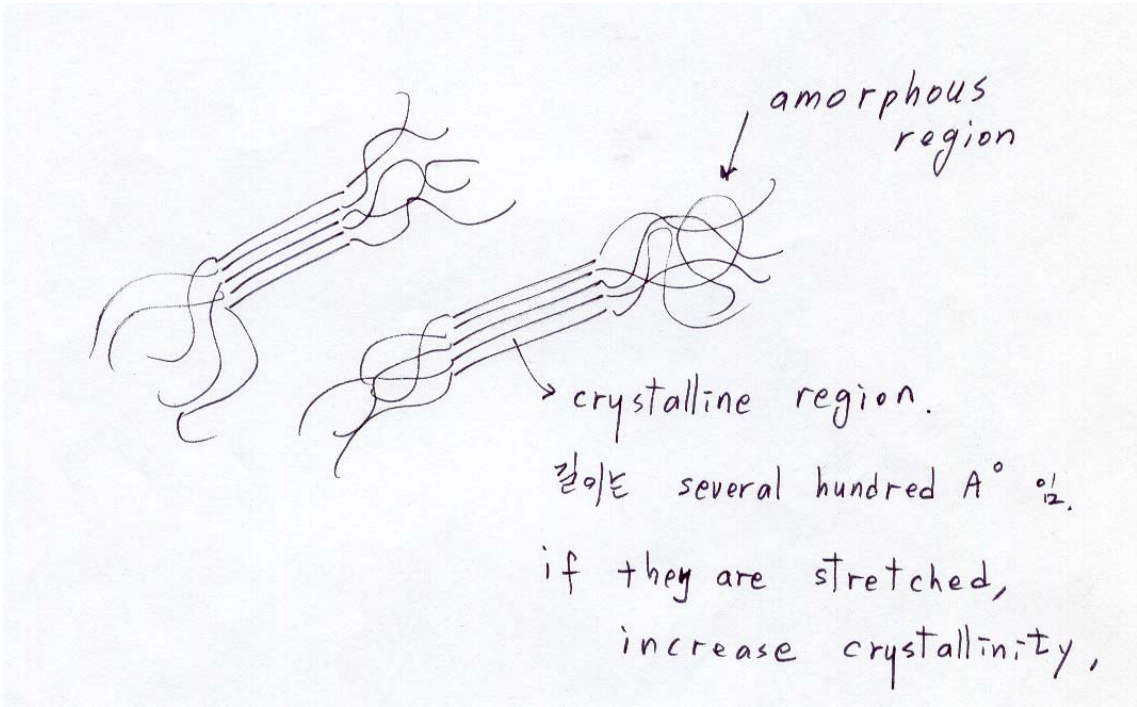
(a) Primary crystallization - Polymer molecules crystallize when they are cooled from melted state.



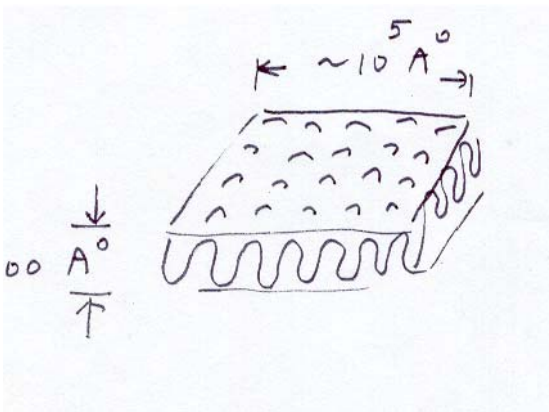
(b) Secondary crystallization - melted state () sample
(quenching) , T_g T_m , T_c (:
crystallization temperture) ,
가 가

• model

* The fringed-micelle model : (amorphous region)
(crystalline region)



* Folded - chain crystallites :



- Lamellar : platelike polymer crystal

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- , growth rate가 more perfect crystal

- , 1000\AA polymer

molecule 100\AA Lamellar 가 folding .

• Solution melted state

(i) solution

- solution

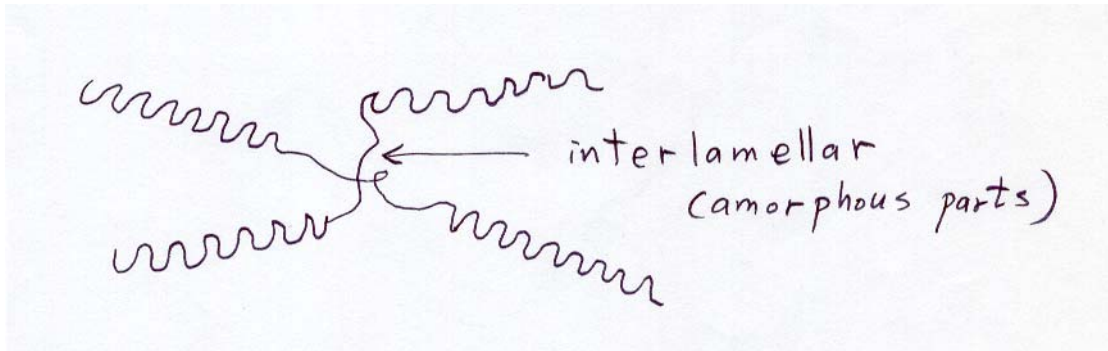
solvent 가 (evaporate)

single crystal (lamellar, folded)

chain crystal)

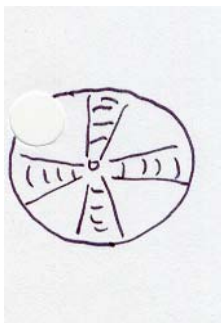
(ex) PE single crystal

- (ii) melt - a model combining the folded - chain lamellar with the interlamellar amorphous material



- Extend - chain crystals : fibrillar structure - polymers crystallized from a melt while subjected to extensional flow.

- Spherulite : ()



- spherulites are aggregates of lamellar crystallites
- polycrystal , single crystal
- grow radially from a point of nucleation
- 0.01 mm(diameter) , "Maltese Cross"

- semicrystalline polymer

- Thermoplastics

가 : PE, PP, PVC, PS, PMMA, SAN, ABS

- The crystallinity of polyethylene (PE)

(i) low density polyethylene (LDPE)

- long branched polymer
- made by high - pressure process

(about 25000 ~ 50000 psi)

- density (d) = 0.910 ~ 0.925(g/cm³)
- (crystallinity) = 42 ~ 53 %
- (melting point, T_m) = 110 ~ 120

(ii) linear low density polyethylene (LLDPE)

- short, straight branch
- low pressure process (100 psi)
- = 0.926 ~ 0.940 (g/cm³)
- = 54 ~ 63 %
- T_m = 120 ~ 130

(iii) high density polyethylene (HDPE)

- no branches, linear polymer
- made by low pressure process
- = 0.941 ~ 0.965 (g/cm³)
- = 64 ~ 80 %
- T_m = 130 ~ 136

Table 5.1 The Influence of Crystallinity on Some of the Properties of Polyethylene*

Commercial product	Low density	Medium density	High density
Density range, g/cm ³	0.910-0.925	0.926-0.940	0.941-0.965
Approximate % crystallinity	$\frac{42-53}{15-30}$	$\frac{54-63}{5-15}$	$\frac{64-80}{1-5}$
Branching, equivalent CH ₃ groups/1000 carbon atoms	110-120	120-130	130-136
Crystalline melting point, °C	41-46	50-60	60-70
Hardness, Shore D	0.14-0.38 × 10 ⁵	0.25-0.55 × 10 ⁵	0.6-1.8 × 10 ⁵
Tensile modulus, psi (N/m ²)	(0.97-2.6 × 10 ⁸)	(1.7-3.8 × 10 ⁸)	(4.1-12.4 × 10 ⁸)
Tensile strength, psi (N/m ²)	600-2300 (0.41-1.6 × 10 ⁷)	1200-3500 (0.83-2.4 × 10 ⁷)	3100-5500 (2.1-3.8 × 10 ⁷)
Flexural modulus, psi (N/m ²)	0.08-0.6 × 10 ⁵ (0.34-4.1 × 10 ⁸)	0.6-1.15 × 10 ⁵ (4.1-7.9 × 10 ⁸)	1.0-2.6 × 10 ⁵ (6.9-18 × 10 ⁸)

* It must be kept in mind that mechanical properties are influenced by factors other than the degree of crystallinity (molecular weight, in particular).