



Physical Bases of Dental Material science

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Polymers, composites.

E-book
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Types of dental materials

Metallic bond

METALS



CERAMICS

Compounds of metals and non-metals



POLYMERS

Molecules composed of series of monomeric building blocks



COMPOSITES

Contains at least two of the previous three families



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Polymers

Macromolecule, that is a long chain of monomers

Properties:

- low density
- liquid or solid at room temperature
- low/medium stiffness and hardness, but easily malleable
- viscoelasticity
- relatively bad heat and corrosion resistance
- relatively bad electric and heat conduction
- diverse optical properties



Structure:

- covalent bonds between monomers in the chain, but usually weaker secondary bonds between chains
- semi-crystalline or amorphous

Applications:

- denture
- temporary filling
- impression materials



synthesis:

- ❖ addition
- ❖ condensation

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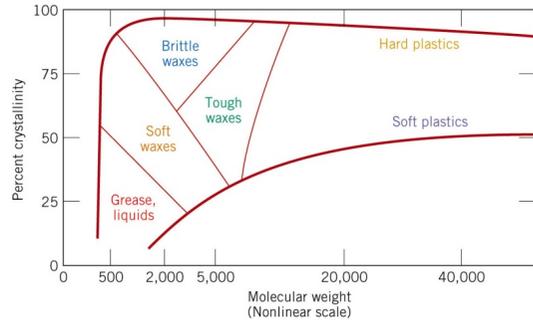
Monomer

name of the polymer	structure of the monomer	industrial application	dental application
polyethylene (PE)	$\begin{array}{c} \text{H} & \text{H} \\ & \\ -\text{C} & - & \text{C}- \\ & \\ \text{H} & \text{H} \end{array}$		
polyvinylchloride (PVC)	$\begin{array}{c} \text{H} & \text{H} \\ & \\ -\text{C} & - & \text{C}- \\ & \\ \text{H} & \text{Cl} \end{array}$		
polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFE, Teflon)	$\begin{array}{c} \text{F} & \text{F} \\ & \\ -\text{C} & - & \text{C}- \\ & \\ \text{F} & \text{F} \end{array}$		
Poly(methyl methacrylate) (PMMA, acrylic glass)	$\begin{array}{c} \text{H} & \text{CH}_3 \\ & \\ -\text{C} & - & \text{C}- \\ & \\ \text{H} & \text{C}=\text{O} \\ & \\ & \text{O}-\text{CH}_3 \end{array}$		

- **homopolymer:** one kind of monomer only
- **heteropolymer (copolymer):** two or more kinds of monomers

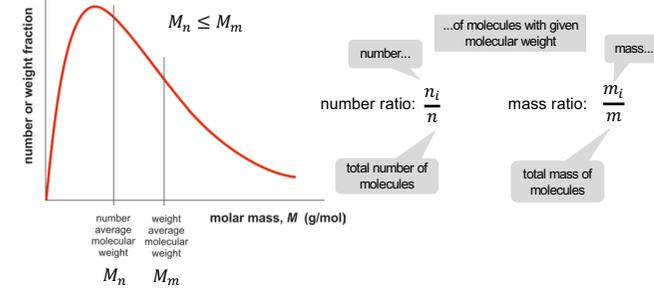
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The length (molar mass) of polymer molecules and percent of crystallinity determines the physical properties:



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Polymer composition Statistics!



number average molecular weight (M_n):

$$M_n = \frac{n_1 M_1 + n_2 M_2 + \dots + n_i M_i + \dots + n_k M_k}{n_1 + n_2 + \dots + n_i + \dots + n_k} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^k n_i M_i}{\sum_{i=1}^k n_i}$$

weight average molecular weight (M_m):

$$M_m = \frac{m_1 M_1 + m_2 M_2 + \dots + m_i M_i + \dots + m_k M_k}{m_1 + m_2 + \dots + m_i + \dots + m_k} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^k m_i M_i}{\sum_{i=1}^k m_i}$$

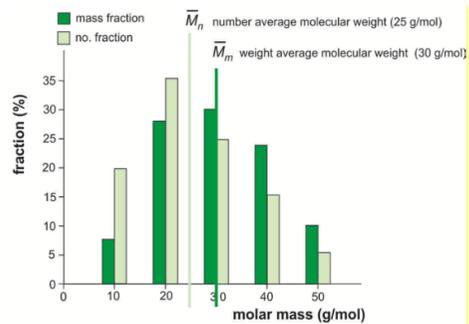
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An example:

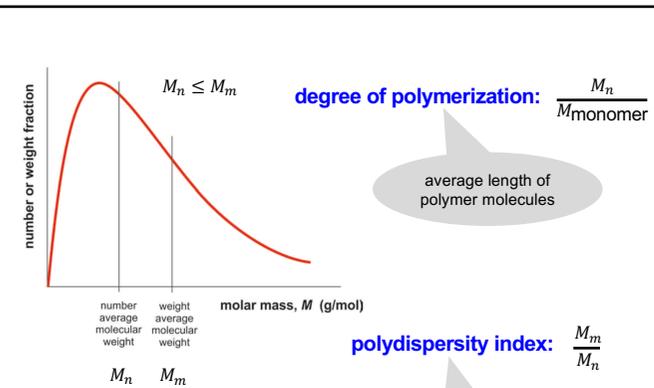
molar mass, M_i (g/mol)	n_i	no. fraction n_i/n (proportion)	$m_i = n_i M_i$ (g/mol)*	mass fraction m_i/m
$M_1 = 10$	$n_1 = 4$	$4/20 = 0.20 = 20\%$	$m_1 = 4 \cdot 10 = 40$	$40/500 = 0.08 = 8\%$
$M_2 = 20$	$n_2 = 7$	$7/20 = 0.35 = 35\%$	$m_2 = 7 \cdot 20 = 140$	$140/500 = 0.28 = 28\%$
$M_3 = 30$	$n_3 = 5$	$5/20 = 0.25 = 25\%$	$m_3 = 5 \cdot 30 = 150$	$150/500 = 0.30 = 30\%$
$M_4 = 40$	$n_4 = 3$	$3/20 = 0.15 = 15\%$	$m_4 = 3 \cdot 40 = 120$	$120/500 = 0.24 = 24\%$
$M_5 = 50$	$n_5 = 1$	$1/20 = 0.05 = 5\%$	$m_5 = 1 \cdot 50 = 50$	$50/500 = 0.10 = 10\%$
total	$n = 20$	$1 = 100\%$	$m = 500$	$1 = 100\%$

$$M_n = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^k n_i M_i}{\sum_{i=1}^k n_i}$$

$$M_m = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^k m_i M_i}{\sum_{i=1}^k m_i}$$



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Structure of polymers

semi-crystalline

linear branched

crosslinked network

Degree of crystallinity (x):

amorphous 0% $x = \frac{m_{crystalline}}{m_{total}} \cdot 100\%$ crystalline 100%

o thermoplastics

o elastomers

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Composites

Materials of multiple, chemically different components with distinct phase boundaries

Properties:

- low density
- solid at room temperature
- combines the benefits of each of the phases
- strong, elastic and tough
- diverse optical properties

Applications:

- > filling
- > dental tools

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Structure of composites

Two-phase composite: Matrix phase (polymer, metal, ceramics)
+ dispersion phase (ceramics, metal, ...)
+ couplin agent! (silanes)

matrix phase

particle-reinforced fiber reinforced lamellar

dispersion phase

Lack of bonding between dispersion and matrix phase

10µm

Hybrid composites: multiple dispersion phases

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particle-reinforced fiber-reinforced

large particles fine particles

long unidirectional short fiber

unidirectional randomly oriented

Longitudinal direction

Transverse direction

Structural composites

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Applications

■ Carbon/epoxy ■ Aramid/DuPont Nomex
■ Carbon/aramid/epoxy ■ Aramid/foam core
■ Glass-fiber ■ Carbon/DuPont Nomex

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Dental composites

matrix: polymer (dimethacrylate)
dispersion material: glass (silica), ceramic crystal (i.e. quartz), polymer, + pigment, + UV absorbent (photoinitiator), ...

CC(=C)C(=O)OCCOC(=O)C=C bis-GMA
CC(=C)C(=O)OCCOC(=O)C=C TEGDGMA
CC(=C)C(=O)OCCOC(=O)C=C UDMA

large-grained (0,1-100 μm)
 micrograined (≈ 40 nm)

shrinkage during polymerization may cause secondary caries

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DEFINITIONS	CALCULATIONS
a) Frenkel defect (d)	The vacancy formation energy in aluminium is 0.66 eV. What is the percentage of vacancies in the metal lattice at a temperature of 500 °C? (10p)
a) Eutectic alloy	
a) Thixotropic fluid (g)	The mass percent of gold is 59.1% in a gold-copper alloy.
a) Surface tension (f)	a) Calculate the molar percent of the metals! ($M_{Au}=197 \text{ g/mol}$, $M_{Cu}= 63.9 \text{ g/mol}$) (5p)
a) Degree of crystallinity	b) Calculate the mean density of the alloy! ($\rho_{Cu}= 8.96 \text{ g/cm}^3$, $\rho_{Au}= 19.3 \text{ g/cm}^3$) (5p)
a) Cohesion	

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Alloying ratios:

- mass%** $c_{m,1} = \frac{m_1}{m_1 + m_2} (\cdot 100\%)$
- mole%** $c_{v,1} = \frac{V_1}{V_1 + V_2} (\cdot 100\%) \rightarrow \text{properties!}$
 (i.e. Ni-Cr-Mo-Be alloy: Be 1,8 mass% ↔ 11 mole%)

Conversion:
 $c_{v,1} = \frac{c_{m,1} \cdot M_2}{c_{m,1} \cdot M_2 + c_{m,2} \cdot M_1} (\cdot 100\%) \quad c_{m,1} = \frac{c_{v,1} \cdot M_1}{c_{v,1} \cdot M_1 + c_{v,2} \cdot M_2} (\cdot 100\%)$

Mean density: $\bar{\rho} = \frac{\rho_1 \cdot \rho_2}{c_{m,1} \cdot \rho_2 + c_{m,2} \cdot \rho_1}$

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5. The figure shows the phase diagram of Ag-Pd alloy. Answer the questions!

a) What is the melting point of silver? (2p)
940 °C

b) A 40% Pd — 60% Ag melted alloy (m/m) is cooled from 1300 °C. At which temperature will the first solid grains appear? (2p)

1200 °C

c) A 40% Pd — 60% Ag melted alloy (m/m) is cooled from 1300 °C. Determine the mass % of Pd in the solid grains that appear first! (3p)

56%

d) A 30% Pd — 70% Ag alloy has a temperature of 1100 °C. Determine how many percent of the total mass is in liquid and in solid phases! (3p)

$l=3/7=43\%$
 $s=5/7=57\%$

