

Physical Foundations of Dental Materials Science

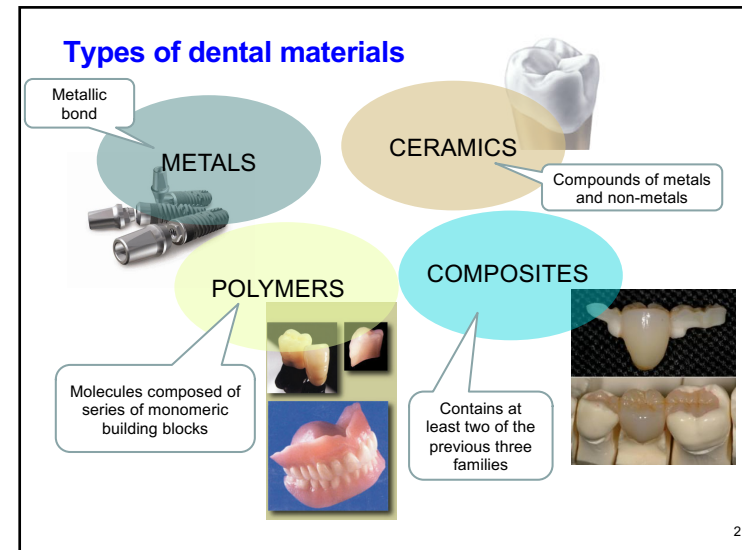
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Polymers, composites.

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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
- filling
- impression materials (siloxane)











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)	$\begin{array}{c} \text{H} & \text{CH}_3 \\ & \\ -\text{C} & - & \text{C}- \\ & \\ \text{H} & \text{O}-\text{CH}_3 \end{array}$		

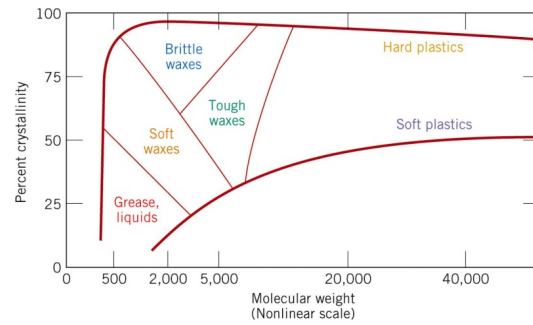
• **homopolymer:** one kind of monomer only

• **heteropolymer (copolymer):** two or more kinds of monomers

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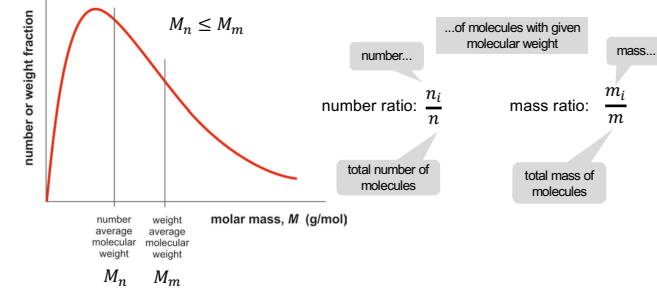
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The length (molar mass) of polymer molecules and percent of crystallinity determines the physical properties:



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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):

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

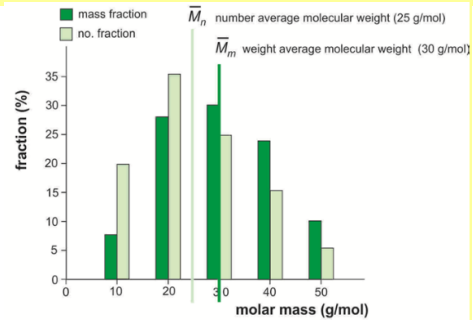
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An example:

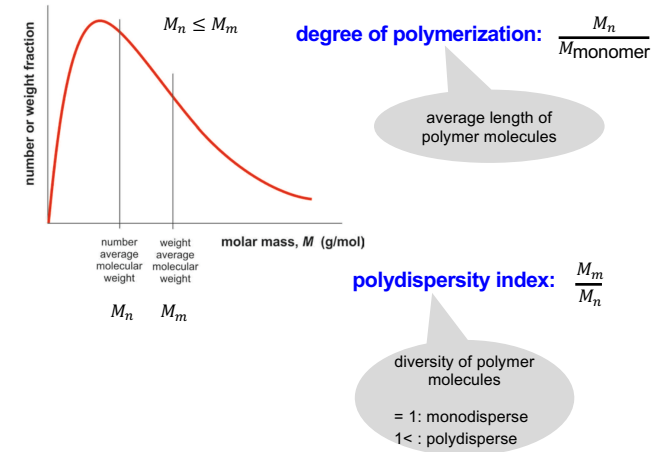
molar mass, M_i (g/mol)	n_i	number ratio n_i/n	$m_i = n_i M_i$ (g/mol)*	mass ratio m_i/m
$M_1 = 10$	$n_1 = 4$	$4/20 = 0.20 = 20\%$	$m_1 = 4 \cdot 10 = 40$	$40/500 = 0.08 = 8\%$
$M_2 = 20$	$n_2 = 7$	$7/20 = 0.35 = 35\%$	$m_2 = 7 \cdot 20 = 140$	$140/500 = 0.28 = 28\%$
$M_3 = 30$	$n_3 = 5$	$5/20 = 0.25 = 25\%$	$m_3 = 5 \cdot 30 = 150$	$150/500 = 0.30 = 30\%$
$M_4 = 40$	$n_4 = 3$	$3/20 = 0.15 = 15\%$	$m_4 = 3 \cdot 40 = 120$	$120/500 = 0.24 = 24\%$
$M_5 = 50$	$n_5 = 1$	$1/20 = 0.05 = 5\%$	$m_5 = 1 \cdot 50 = 50$	$50/500 = 0.10 = 10\%$
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

Degree of crystallinity (x):

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

amorphous 0% → crystalline 100%

Crystalline region

Amorphous region

- thermoplastics: *Acrylic (PMMA), Nylon, polyethylene, PVC, teflon...*
- thermosets: vulcanized rubber, bakelite, epoxy...
- elastomers: great elasticity

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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

amalgam

composite

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Structure of composites

Two-phase composite: Matrix phase (polymer, metal, ceramics) + dispersion phase (ceramics, metal, ...) + coupling 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

large particles

fine particles

fiber-reinforced

long unidirectional

short fiber

Longitudinal direction

Transverse direction

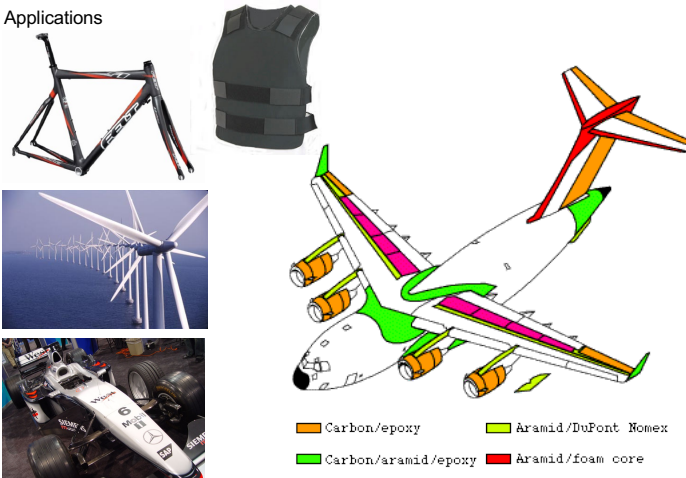
unidirectional

randomly oriented

Structural composites

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Applications



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

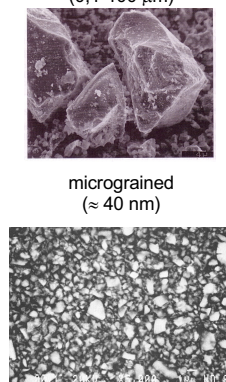

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Dental composites

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

bis-GMA: CC(C)=CC(=O)OCCOC(=O)C1=CC=C(C(C)C)C=C1
 TEGDGM: CC(C)=CC(=O)OCCOCCOC(=O)C1=CC=C(C(C)C)C=C1
 UDMA: CC(C)=CC(=O)OCCOC(=O)NCC(C)CC(C)CNC(=O)OCCOC(=O)C1=CC=C(C(C)C)C=C1

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

shrinkage during polymerization may cause secondary caries

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DEFINITIONS

Frenkel defect (**d**)

Eutectic alloy

Thixotropic fluid (**g**)

Surface tension (**f**)

Degree of crystallinity

Cohesion

CALCULATIONS

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)

The mass percent of gold is 59.1% in a gold-copper alloy.

a) Calculate the molar percent of the metals! ($M_{Au}=197$ g/mol, $M_{Cu}=63.9$ g/mol) (5p)

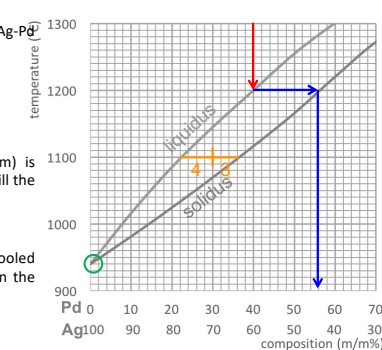
$$c_{v,l} = \frac{c_{m,1} \cdot M_2}{c_{m,1} \cdot M_2 + c_{m,2} \cdot M_1} (\cdot 100\%)$$

b) Calculate the mean density of the alloy! ($\rho_{Cu}=8.96$ g/cm³, $\rho_{Au}=19.3$ g/cm³) (5p)

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

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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)

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

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