



## Physical Foundations of Dental Materials Science

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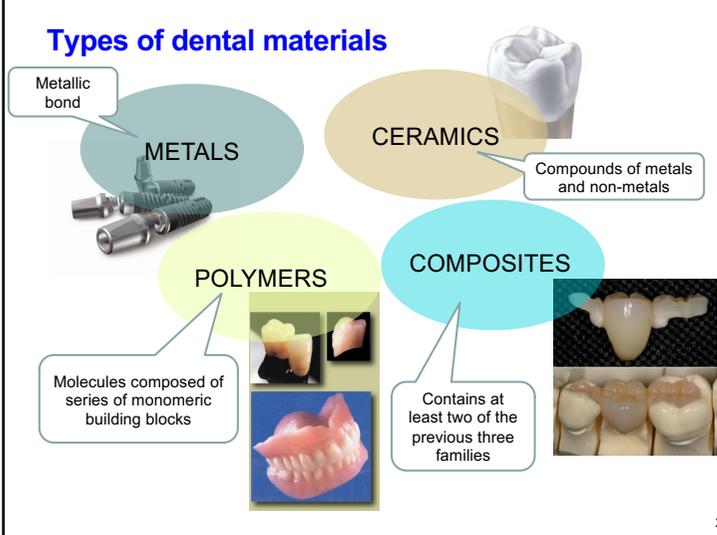
Polymers, composites.

**E-book Chapters: 12-13**

**Homework: Chapter 3.: 21, 24, 25, 27**

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## Types of dental materials



**METALS**  
Metallic bond

**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
- filling
- impression materials (siloxan)



**synthesis:**

- ❖ addition
- ❖ condensation

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## Monomer

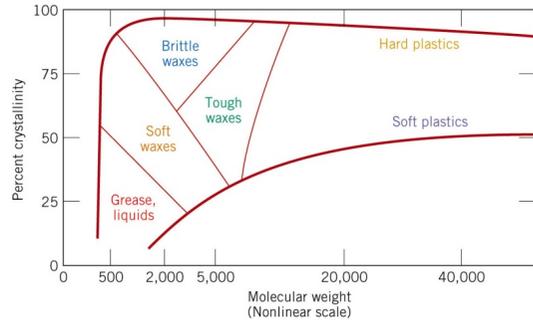
name of the polymer	structure of the monomer	industrial application	dental application
polyethylene (PE)	$\begin{array}{c} \text{H} & \text{H} \\   &   \\ -\text{C} & - & \text{C}- \\   &   \\ \text{H} & \text{H} \end{array}$		
polyvinylchloride (PVC)	$\begin{array}{c} \text{H} & \text{H} \\   &   \\ -\text{C} & - & \text{C}- \\   &   \\ \text{H} & \text{Cl} \end{array}$		
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)	$\begin{array}{c} \text{H} & \text{CH}_3 \\   &   \\ -\text{C} & - & \text{C}- \\   &   \\ \text{H} & \text{O}-\text{CH}_3 \\    \\ \text{O} \end{array}$		

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

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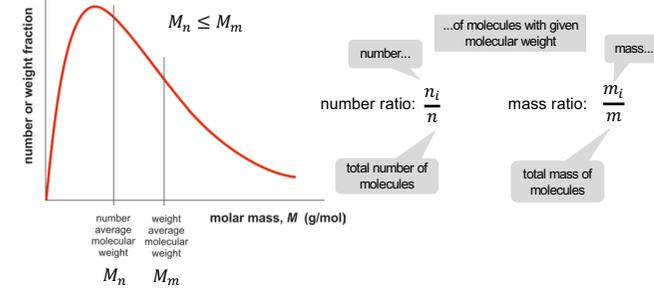
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The length (molar mass) of polymer molecules and percent of crystallinity determines the physical properties:



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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 ( $M_m$ ):

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

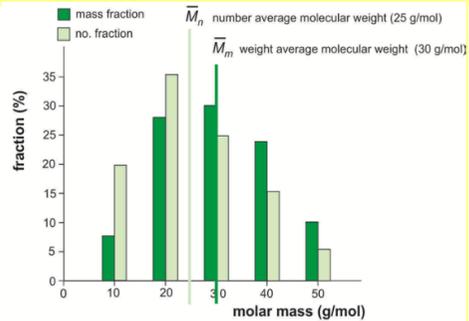
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An example:

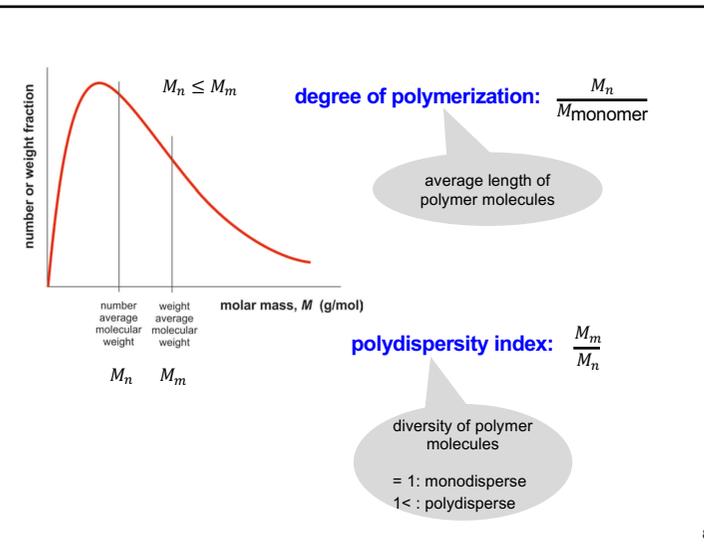
molar mass, $M_i$ (g/mol)	$n_i$	number ratio $n_i/n$	$m_i = n_i M_i$ (g/mol)*	mass ratio $m_i/m$
$M_1 = 10$	$n_1 = 4$	$4/20 = 0.20 = 20\%$	$m_1 = 4 \cdot 10 = 40$	$40/500 = 0.08 = 8\%$
$M_2 = 20$	$n_2 = 7$	$7/20 = 0.35 = 35\%$	$m_2 = 7 \cdot 20 = 140$	$140/500 = 0.28 = 28\%$
$M_3 = 30$	$n_3 = 5$	$5/20 = 0.25 = 25\%$	$m_3 = 5 \cdot 30 = 150$	$150/500 = 0.30 = 30\%$
$M_4 = 40$	$n_4 = 3$	$3/20 = 0.15 = 15\%$	$m_4 = 3 \cdot 40 = 120$	$120/500 = 0.24 = 24\%$
$M_5 = 50$	$n_5 = 1$	$1/20 = 0.05 = 5\%$	$m_5 = 1 \cdot 50 = 50$	$50/500 = 0.10 = 10\%$
<b>total</b>	<b><math>n = 20</math></b>	<b><math>1 = 100\%</math></b>	<b><math>m = 500</math></b>	<b><math>1 = 100\%</math></b>

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

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



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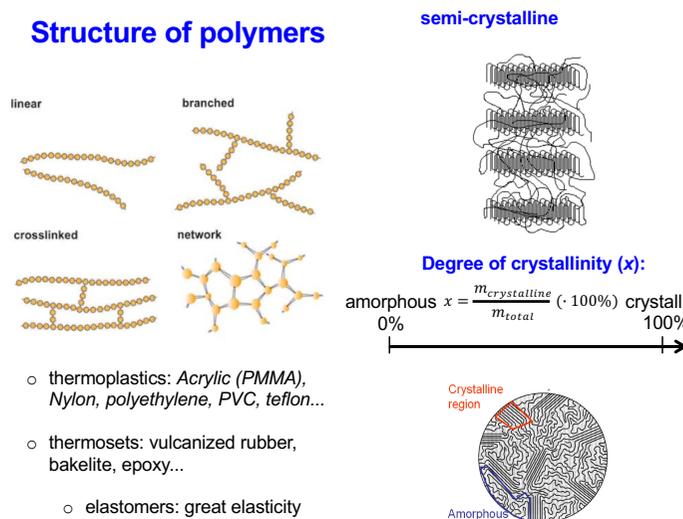


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## Structure of polymers

**semi-crystalline**



**Degree of crystallinity (x):**

$$\text{amorphous } x = \frac{m_{\text{crystalline}}}{m_{\text{total}}} (\cdot 100\%) \text{ crystalline}$$

0% 
←
→
 100%

- 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

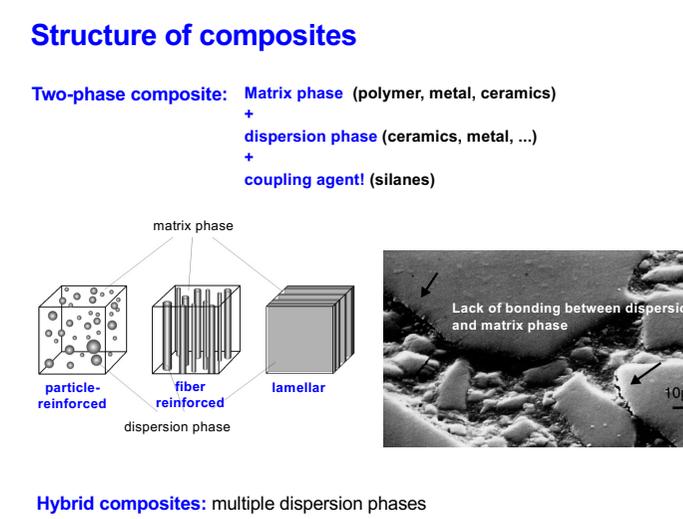


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## Structure of composites

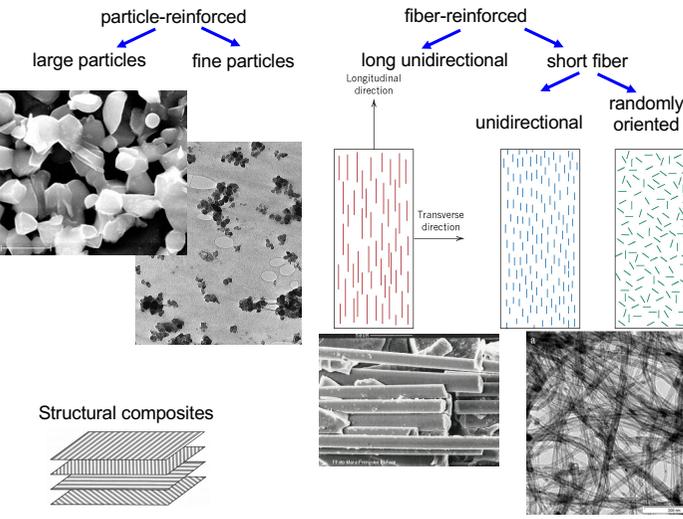
**Two-phase composite:** Matrix phase (polymer, metal, ceramics)  
+ dispersion phase (ceramics, metal, ...)  
+ coupling agent! (silanes)



**Hybrid composites:** multiple dispersion phases

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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), ...

C=C(C)C(=O)OCCOC(=O)C=C bis-GMA  
C=C(C)C(=O)OCCOC(=O)C=C TEGDGMA  
C=C(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**

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! ( $M_{Au}=197 \text{ g/mol}$ ,  $M_{Cu}= 63.9 \text{ g/mol}$ ) (5p)

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

b) Calculate the mean density of the alloy! ( $\rho_{Cu}= 8.96 \text{ g/cm}^3$ ,  $\rho_{Au}= 19.3 \text{ g/cm}^3$ ) (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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