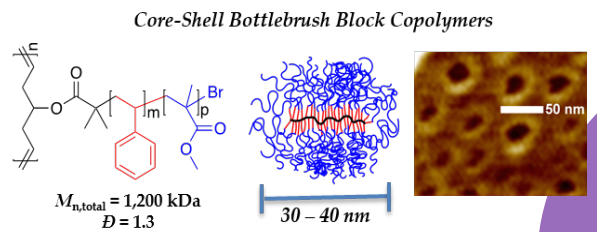
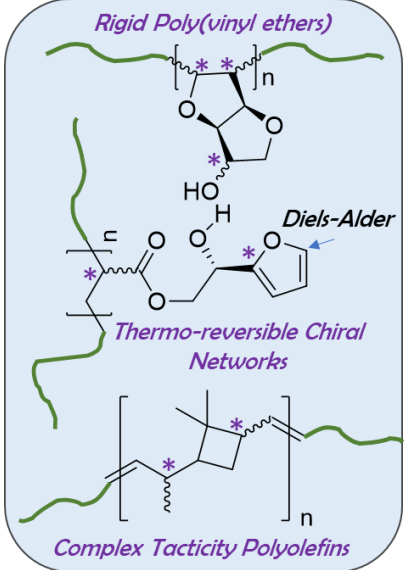


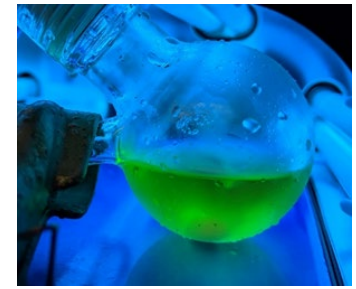
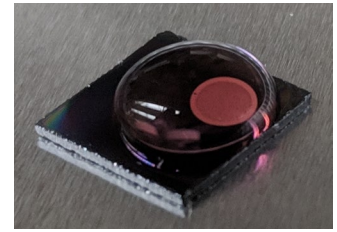
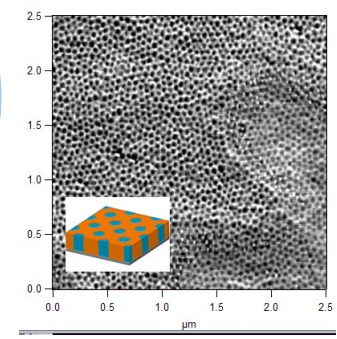
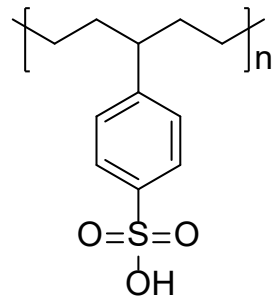
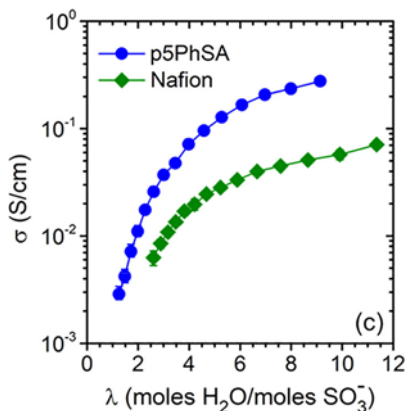
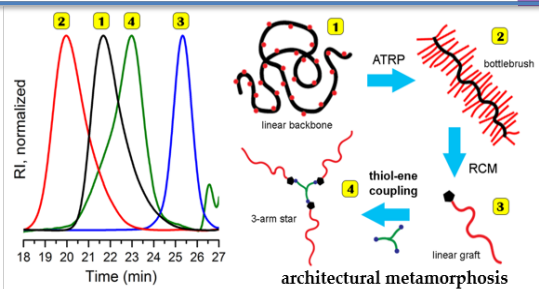
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“As petroleum came to the relief of the whale,” so “has celluloid given the elephant, the tortoise, and the coral insect a respite in their native haunts; and it will no longer be necessary to ransack the earth in pursuit of substances which are constantly growing scarcer.” ~J. W. Hyatt



Ceylon Ivory



3,500 elephants in 3 years  
~ *New York Times* (1867)



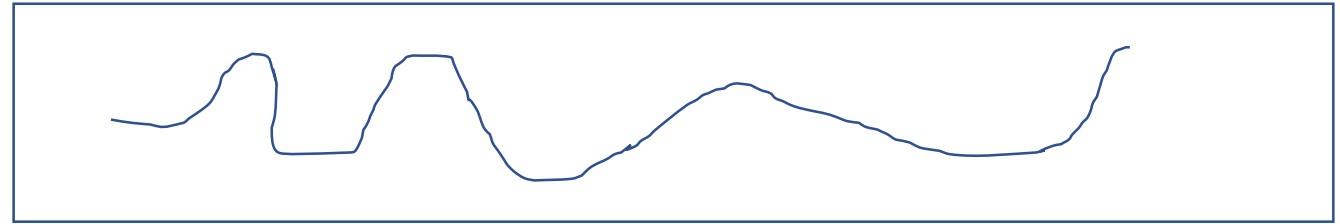
The Billiard Prize  
John Wesley Hyatt



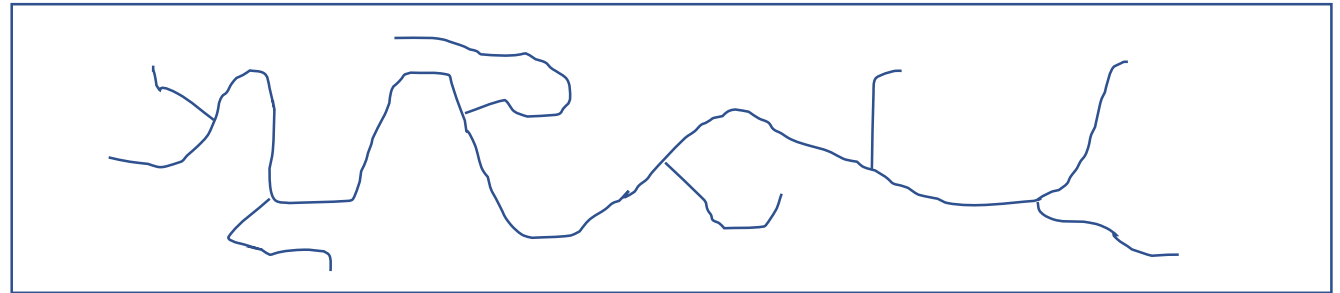
Hawksbill Turtle



# Humans have found utility in polymers since the beginning



**Cellulose** – the most abundant organic polymer

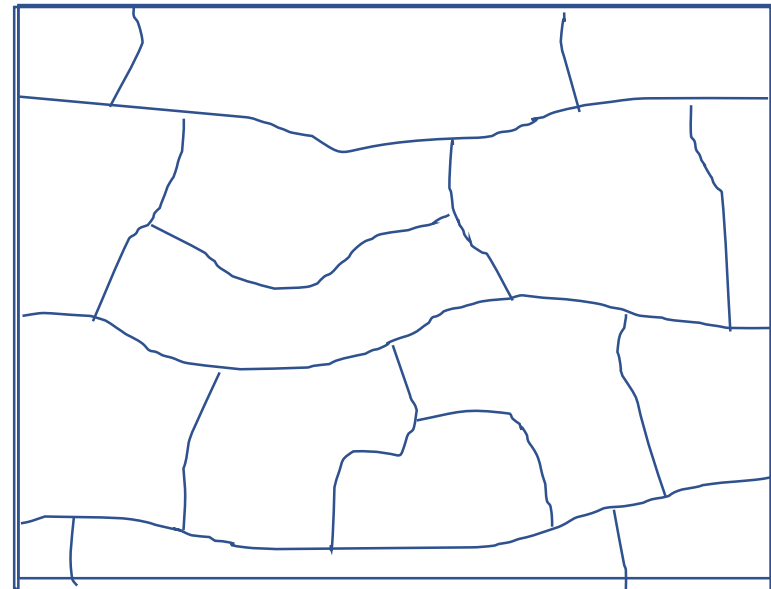


**Hemicellulose** – many isomers (one example)



## Lignin

- in hardwood ( $\sim 28 \pm 3\%$ )
- in softwood ( $\sim 20 \pm 4\%$ )
- "n" = infinity (network)
- extremely strong
- crosslinked
- hydrophobic





# The first “man-made” polymers were modifications to natural polymers

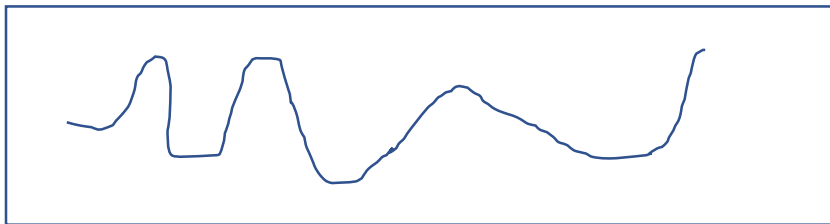
Natural Rubber (NR)



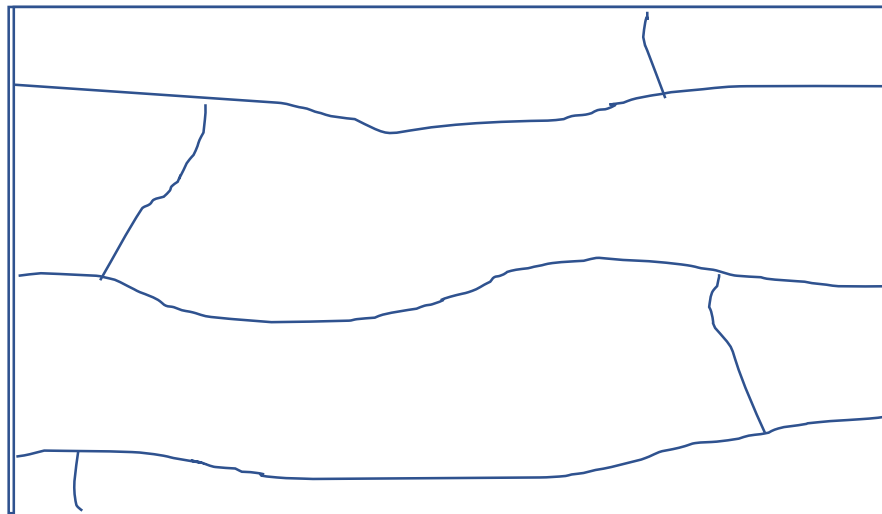
Vulcanized NR (sulfur treated) ~1839



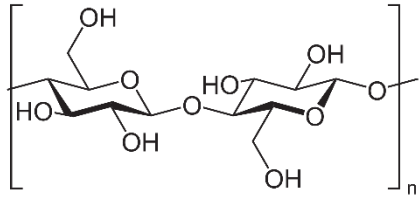
Utilizing the chemistry of olefins, Charles Goodyear treated NR with sulfur and temperature/pressure, creating a network polymer therefore stronger than NR.



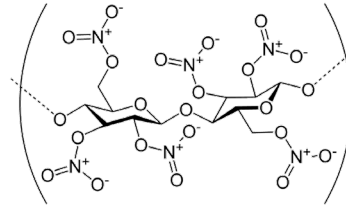
Note\* - 100% *cis* conformation



# The nitration of cellulose



Nitric Acid



ignition

$\text{CO}_2, \text{CO}, \text{N}_2, \text{H}_2\text{O}$   
all gases!!

cellulose trinitrate (gun cotton)

$\text{KNO}_3, \text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$

cellulose mononitrate (celluloid) more stable  
- industrial use (movie films, pool balls)

“smokeless” gun powder



nitrate film (early movies)

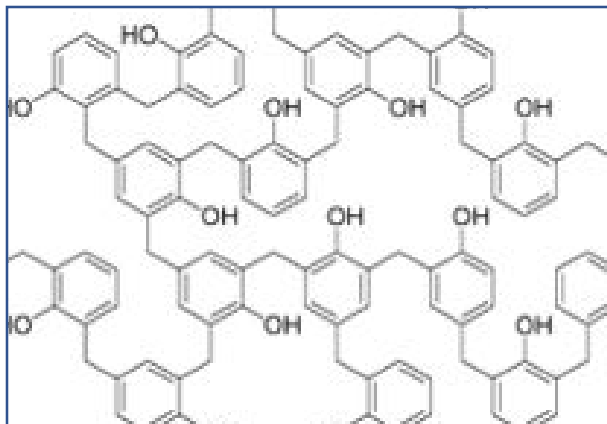
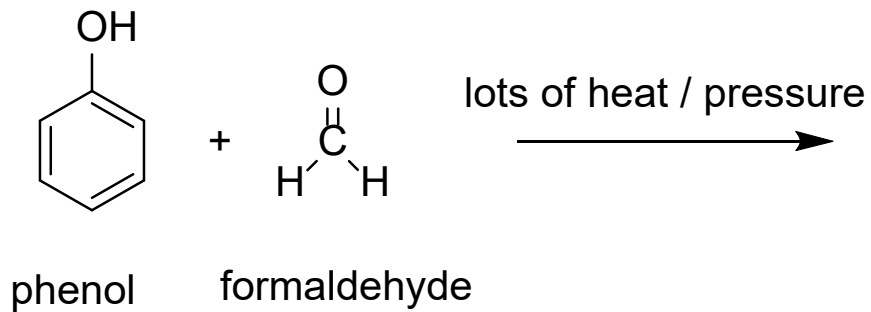




# The first synthetic polymer - Bakelite

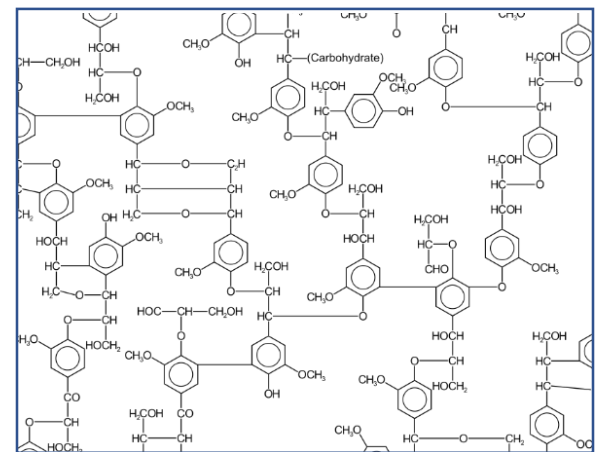
Leo Baekeland - 1910's (only a century ago)

“Bakelite” – Phenolic Resins



Bakelite

remind you of anything you just saw?



Lignin!

# Hermann Staudinger

Born: 23 March 1881 (Worms, Germany)

Died: 8 September 1965

**1920:** First predicted that polymers (rubber, cellulose, starch) were long chains of **covalently bonded** repeating units



WATER

mol. mass = 18

boils at 100 °C

(212 °F)

METHANE

mol. mass = 16

boils at -162 °C

(-258 °F)

Nobel Prize Chemistry

1953





# World War II & the Birth of the Polymer Enterprise



**Synthetic Rubbers**

**Polyesters**

**Polystyrene**

**Nylons**

**Vinyl**

**Acrylics**

**Saran**

**POLYETHYLENES**



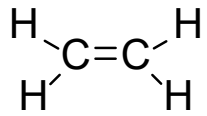


## Post-war Era – Rebranding of Plastics



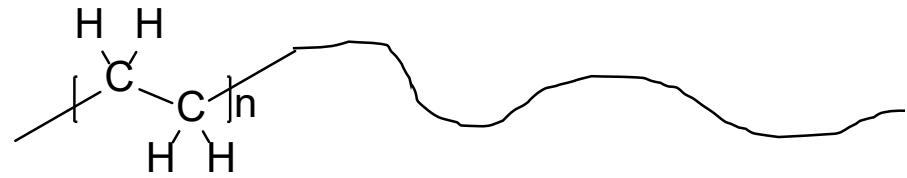


# The World of Polyethylenes

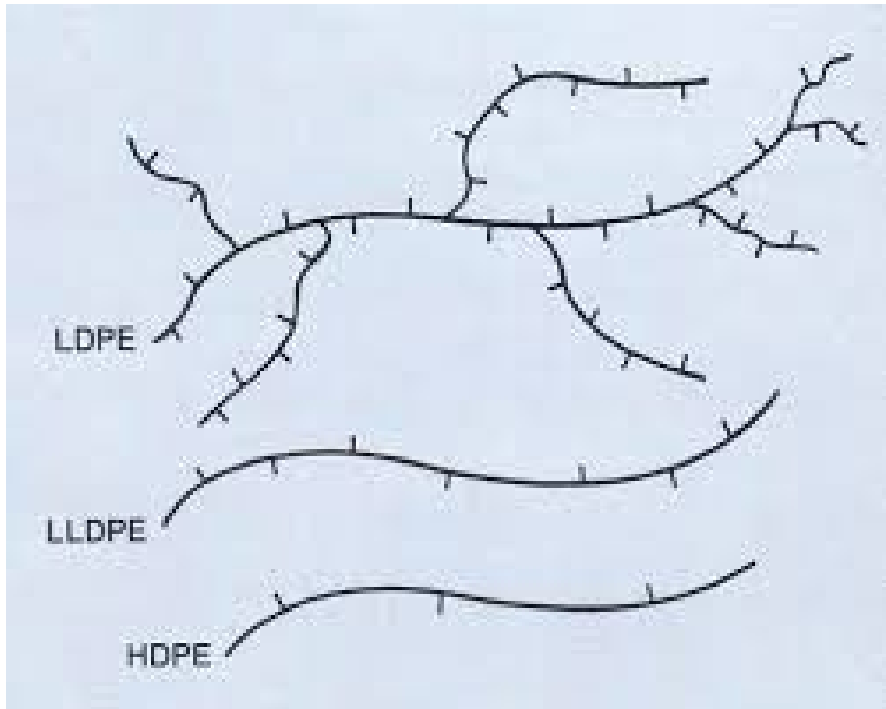


ethylene

catalyst + pressure  
→



polyethylene



LDPE



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HDPE

wid  
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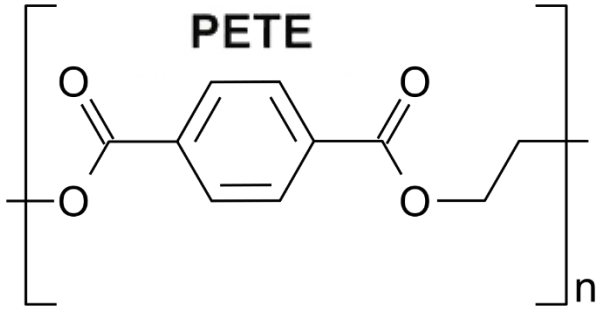
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# Polyethylene Terephthalate (PET or PETE)

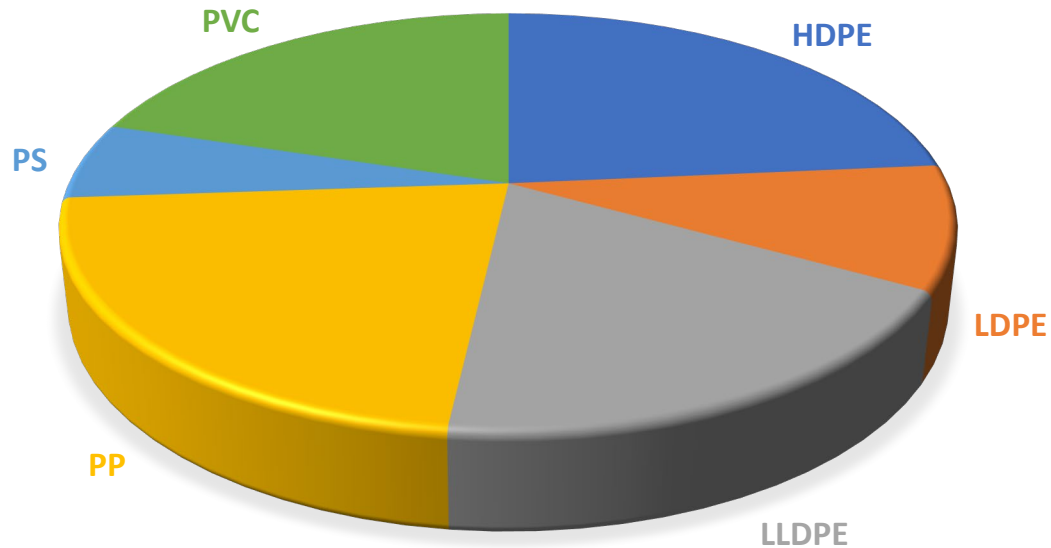


PETE





# 2013 NAFTA\* PRODUCTION OF MAJOR COMMODITY POLYMERS – 74.3 BILLION POUNDS

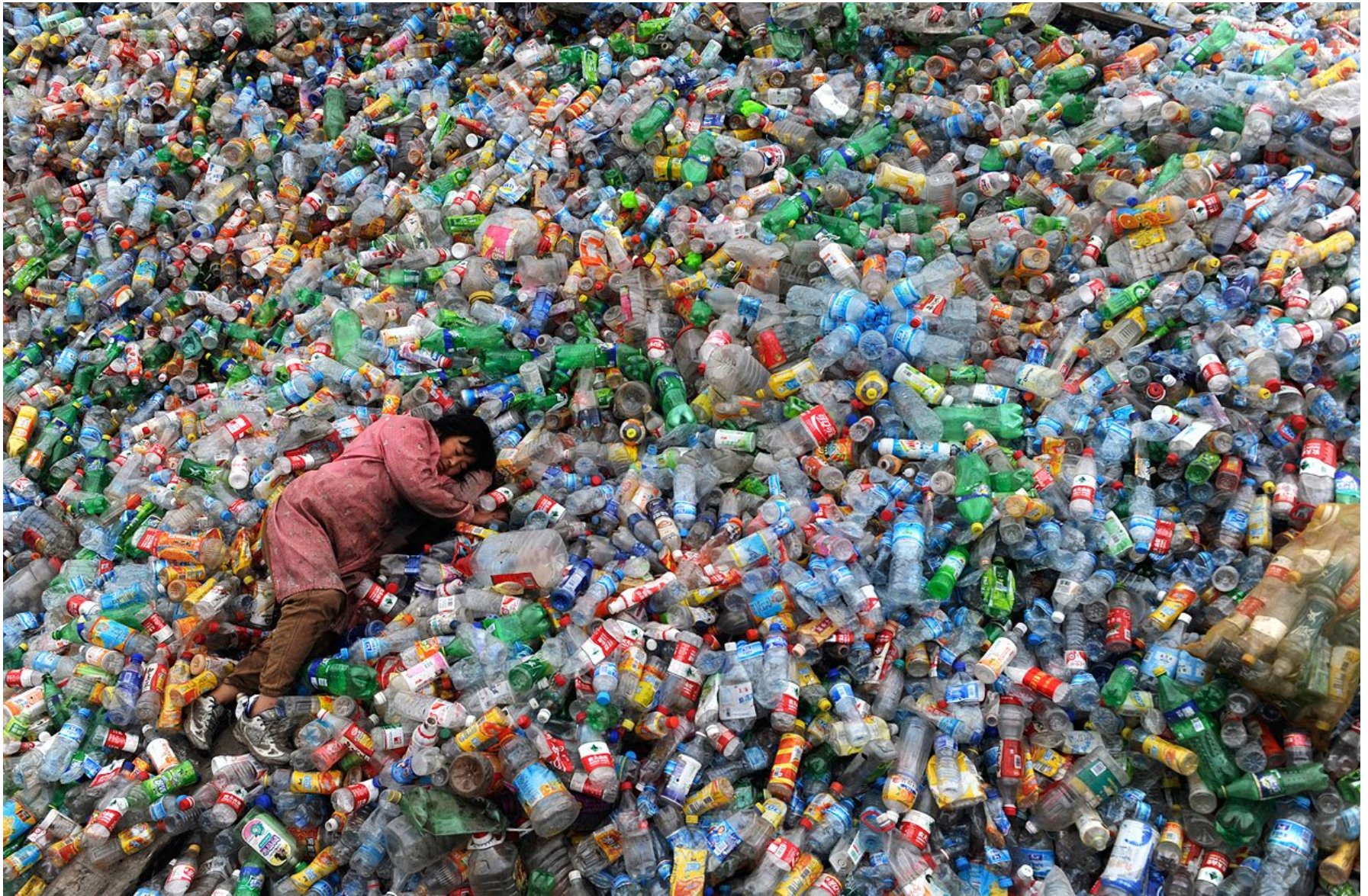


Doesn't include PETE, which comprises most of your beverage bottles.

\*North American Free Trade Agreement (includes Mexico, US, and Canada)



The growing realization that polymers are a bit TOO popular...

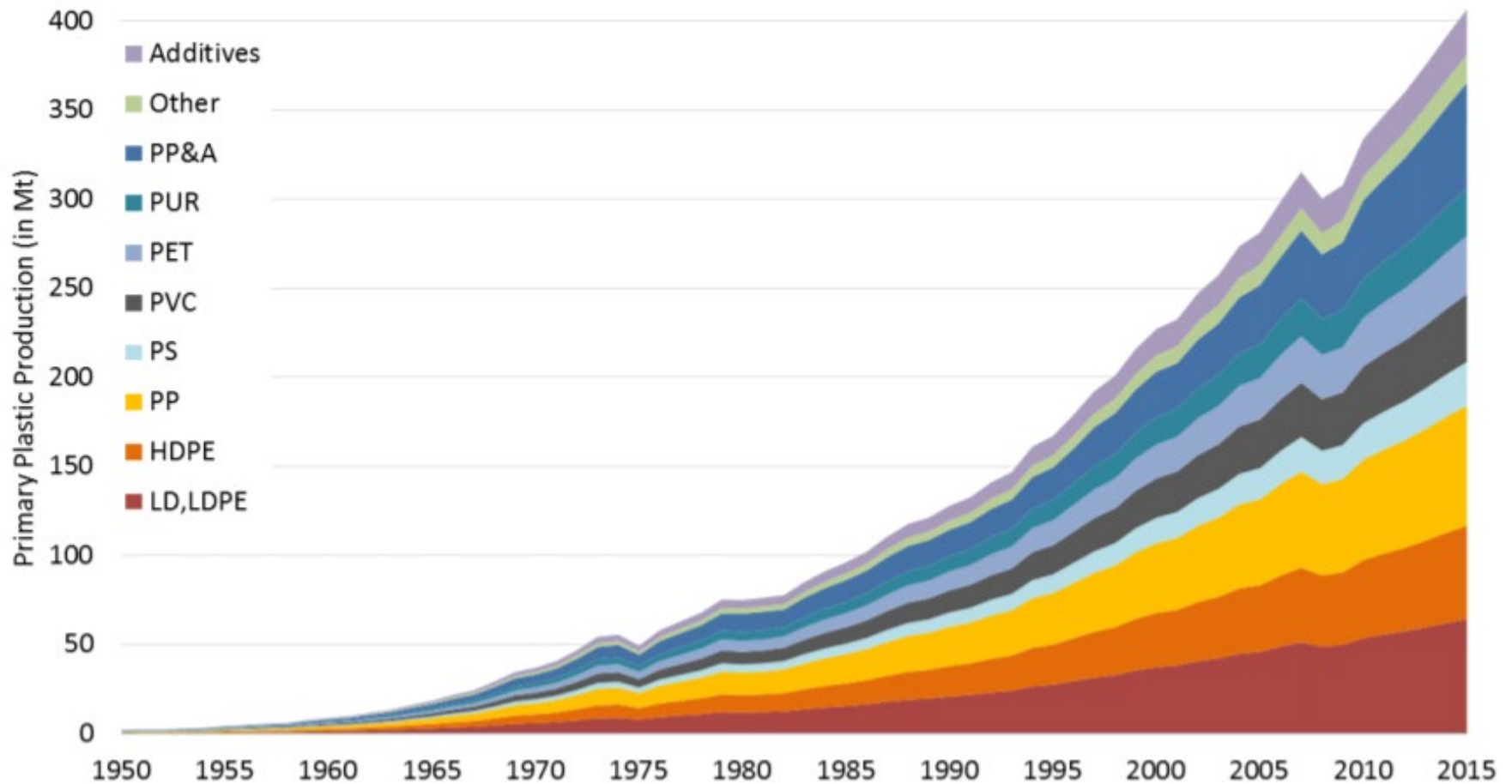


*Laborer rests at a recycling plant in Jiaxing, China*

<http://www.theatlantic.com/infocus/2011/11/recycling-around-the-world/100186/>



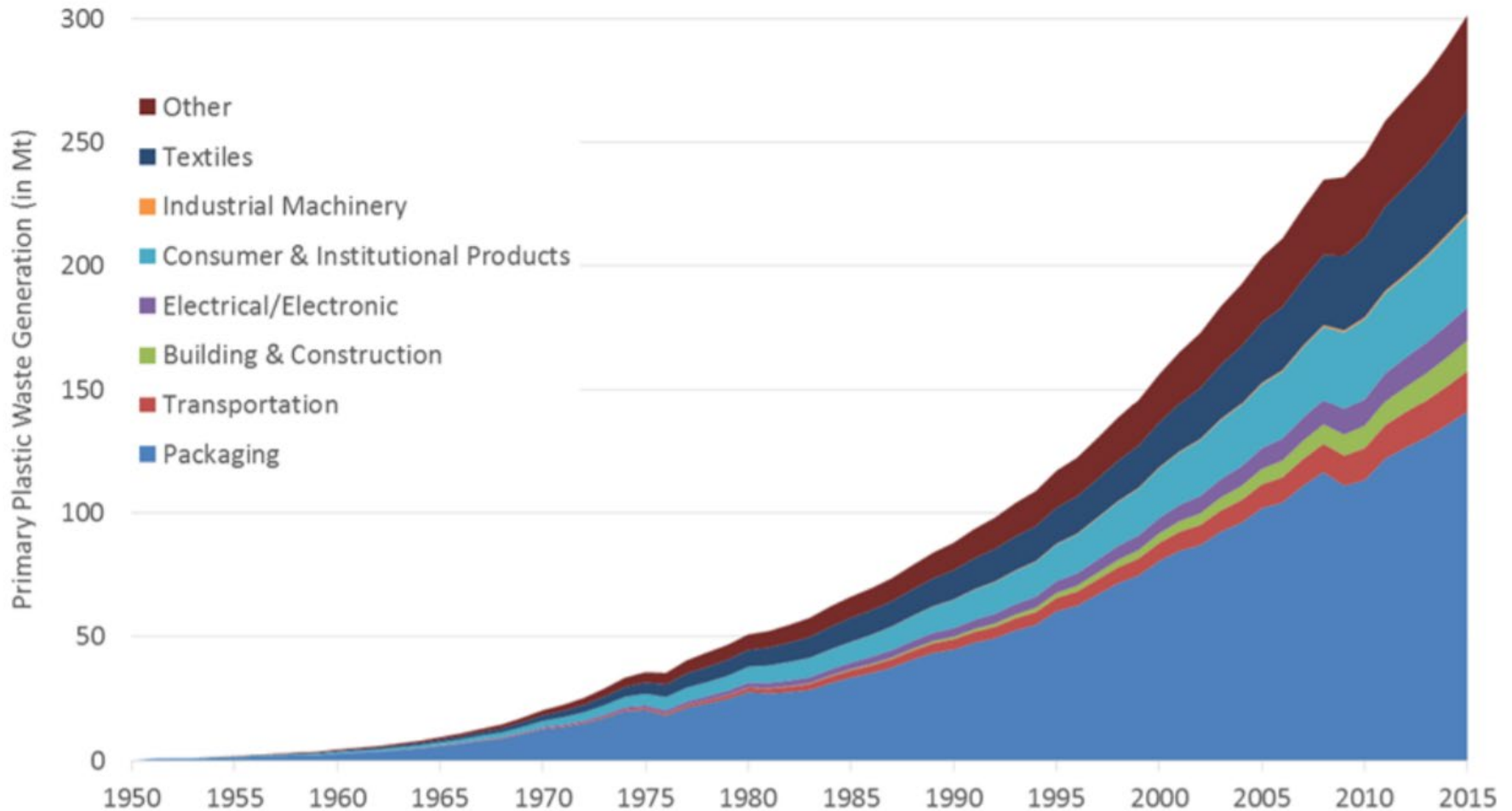
## A Graphical Perspective by Type of Plastic



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400 Mtn = 882 BILLION POUNDS

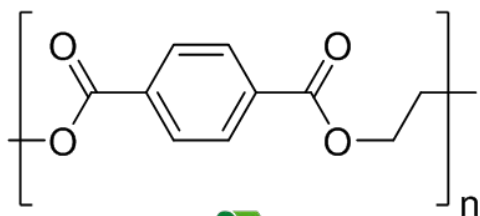
# A Graphical Perspective of Waste by Application



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**330 BILLION POUNDS** of plastic packaging waste  
Equivalent to 10,000 adult blue whales





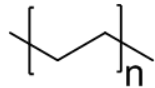
**PETE**

# A Positive Trend: Recycling

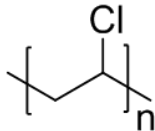


## Plastic Resin Identification Codes

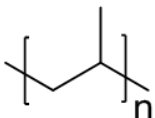
PETE	HDPE	PVC	LDPE	PP	PS	OTHER
Polyethylene Terephthalate	High-Density Polyethylene	Polyvinyl Chloride	Low-Density Polyethylene	Polypropylene	Polystyrene	Other



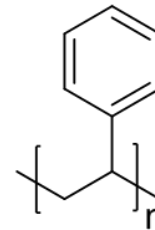
**HDPE, LDPE**



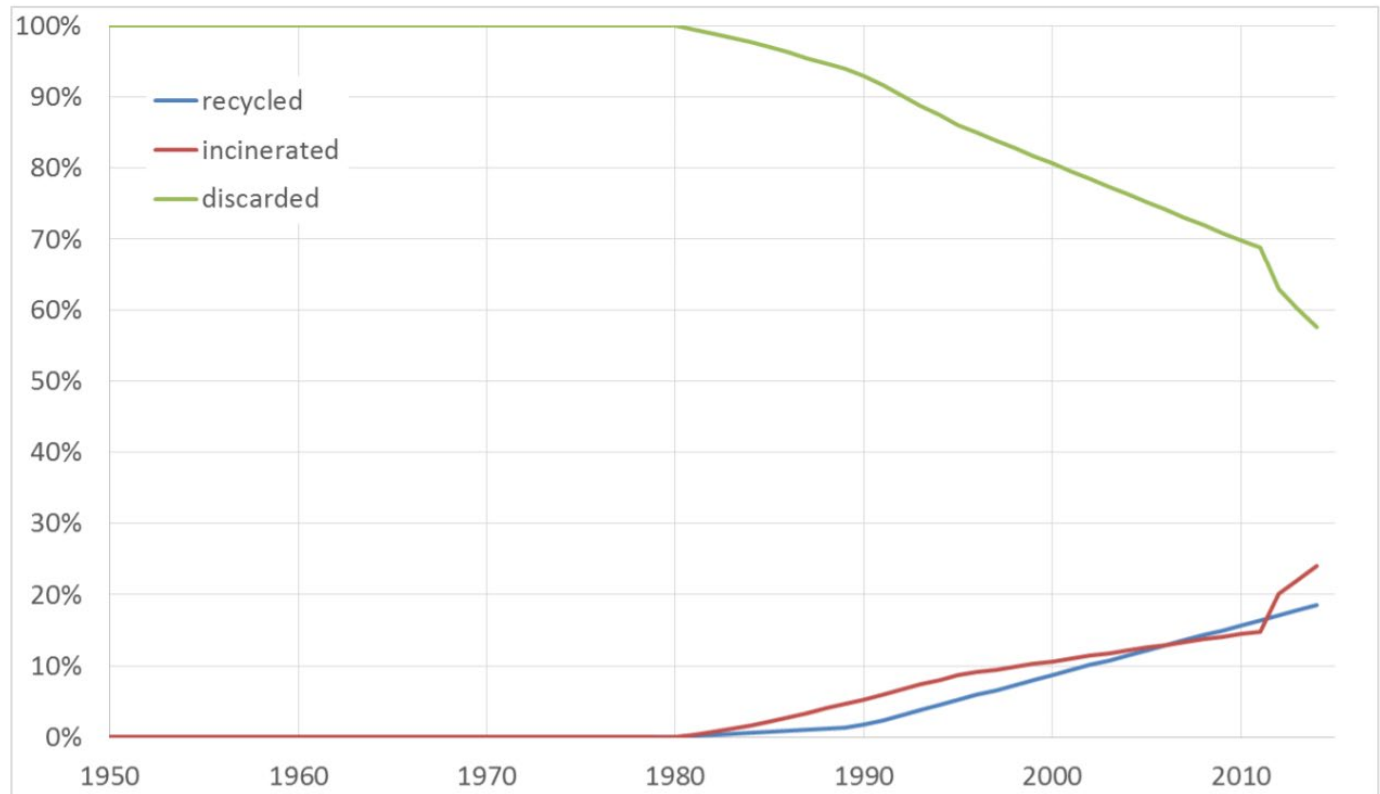
**PVC**



**PP**

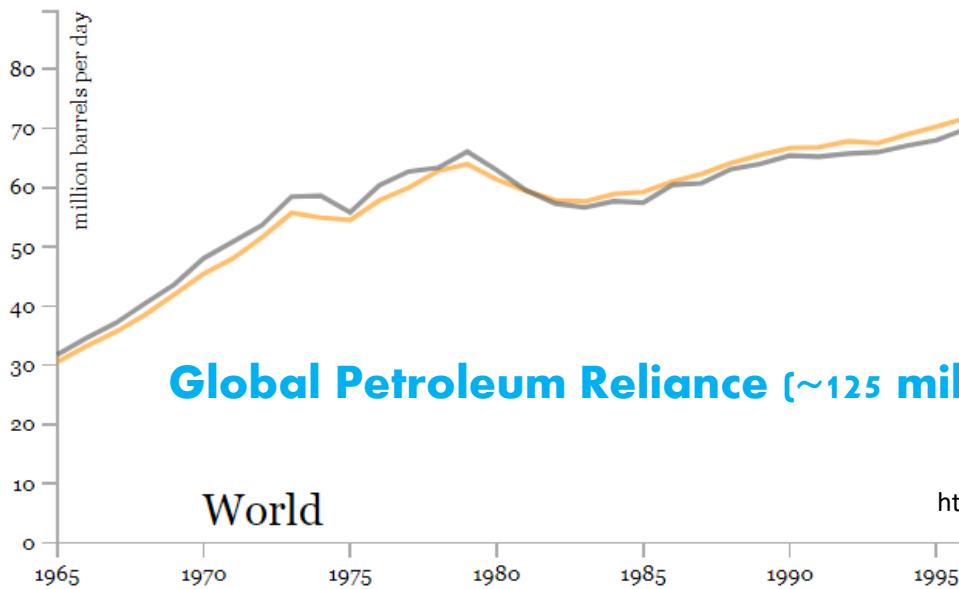


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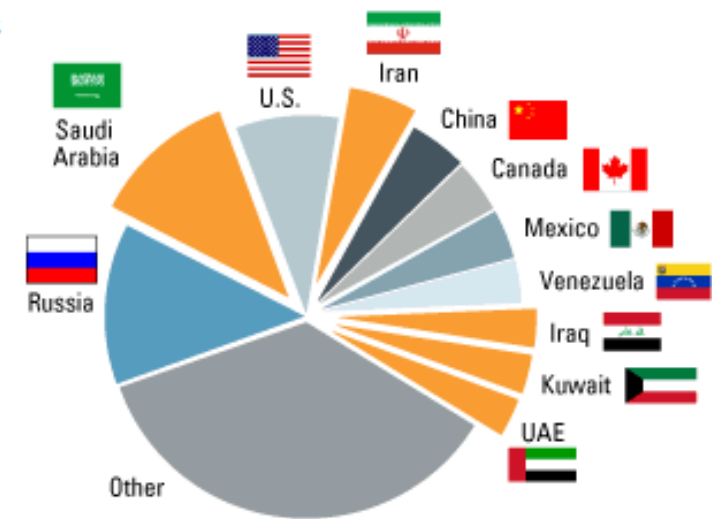
# Our Increasing Dependence on Fossil Fuels



**Global Petroleum Reliance (~125 million barrels in 2018)**

## Much of Global Oil Production Comes from the Middle East

Oil production as a % of world total as of 2009



Source: BP (Statistical Review of World Energy, 2010), Barclays Capital



**harder to get locations...**

**limited geographic availability...**



...and...of course, this!



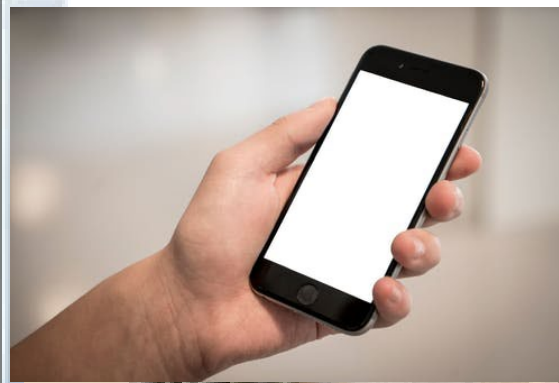


**OK, LETS TAKE A DEEP BREATH...**





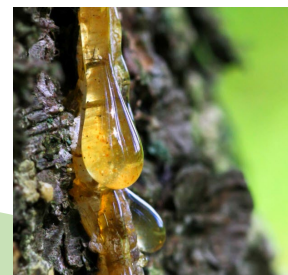
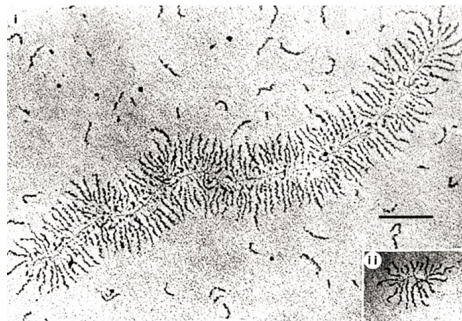
..where would we  
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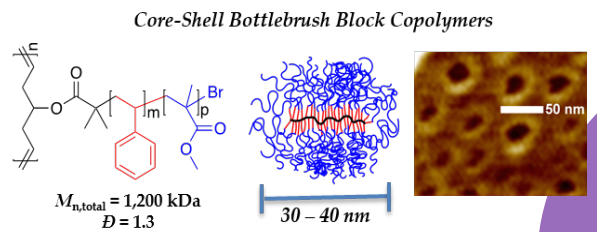
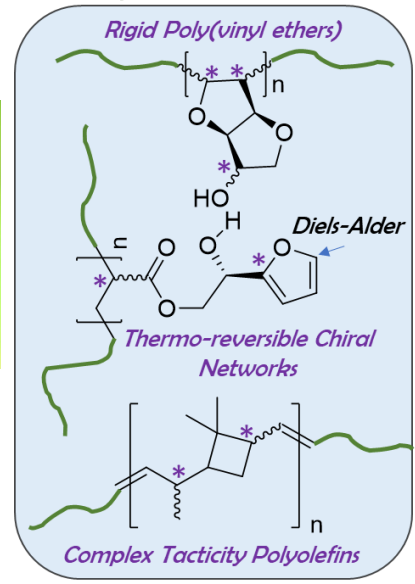








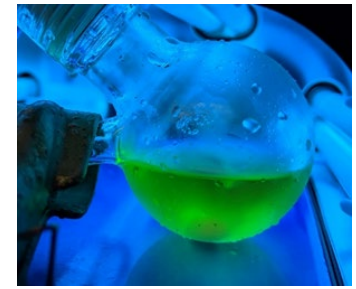
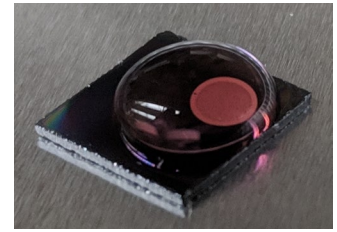
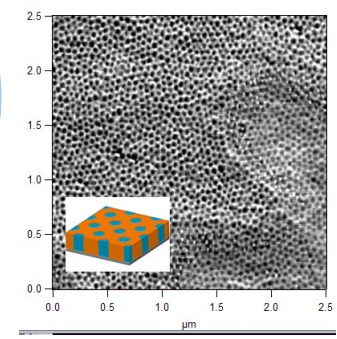
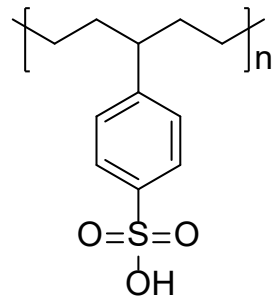
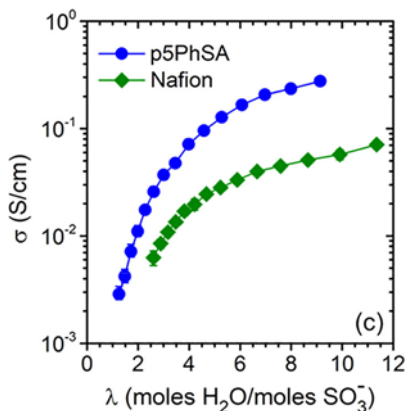
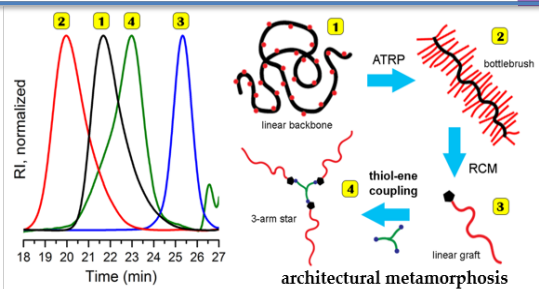
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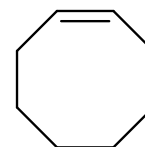
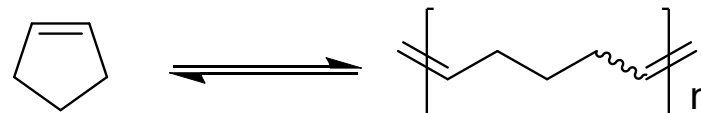
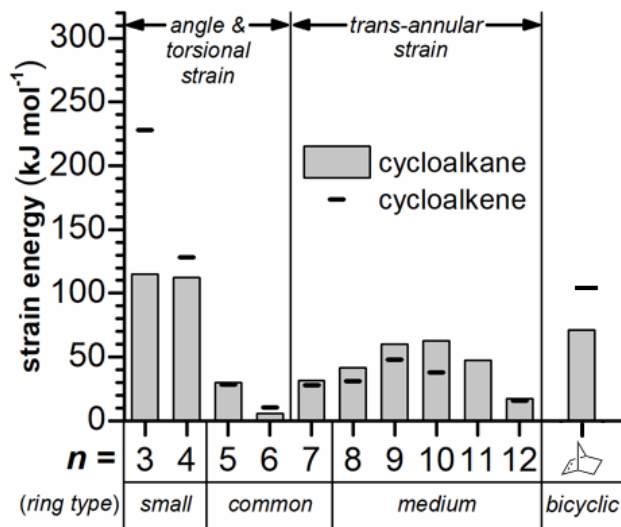
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# The Challenges of ROMP on Low Strain Rings



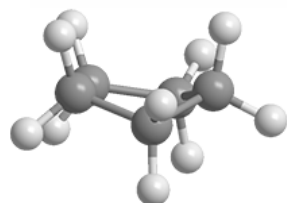
$$-\Delta H = 31 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$$

$$-\Delta S = 9 \text{ J mol}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1}$$

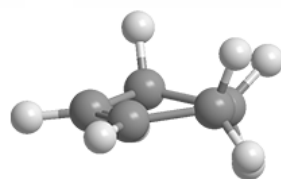


$$-\Delta H = 28 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$$

$$-\Delta S = 70 \text{ J mol}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1}$$



cyclopentane



cyclopentene

$$\Delta G_{\text{pol}} = \underbrace{\Delta H_{\text{pol}}}_{\text{ring strain}} - T \underbrace{\Delta S_{\text{pol}}}_{\text{heightened molecular aggregation (-) / rot. degrees of freedom (+) / temperature}}$$

- also  $[M]_0$





# Cyclopentene ROMP

## A need for:

- **Better control** - (dispersity, targeted molar mass, high conversion)
- **Monomer development** - More derivatives that undergo ROMP
- **Material Properties** - Especially on functionalized derivatives
- **Advanced architectures** - with control = block, gradient, or grafted polymers

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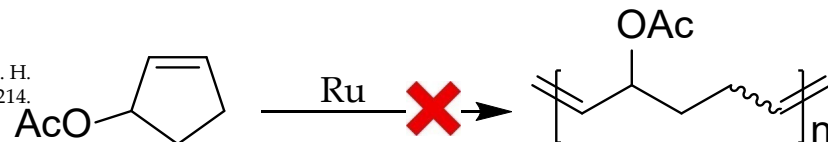
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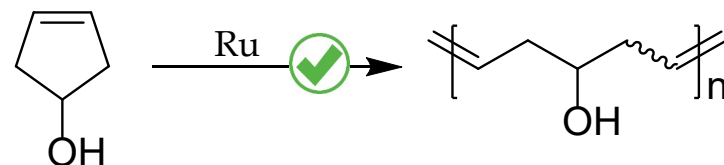
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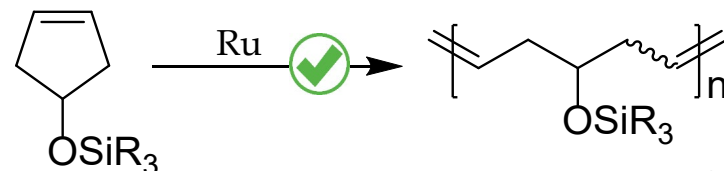
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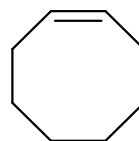
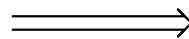
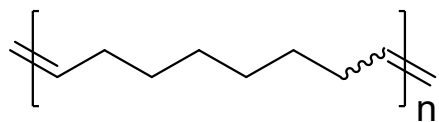
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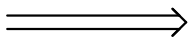
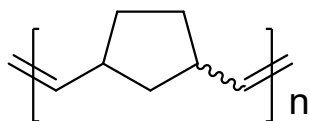
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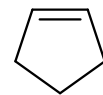
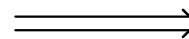
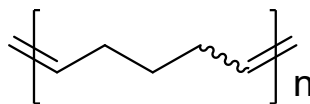
# Why Go Through All the Trouble?



- Even numbered ring
- Regioregularity required unless symmetric disubst.



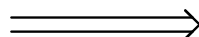
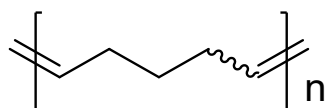
- semi-crystalline
- Cyclopentane-tethered backbone
- Enhanced rigidity ( $T_g = 40\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ )



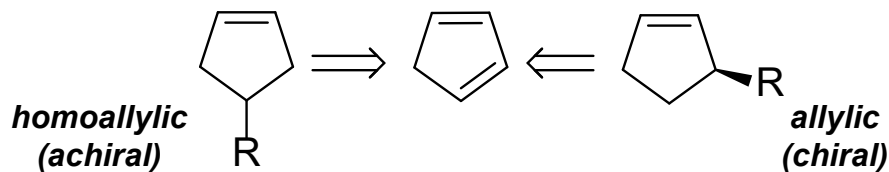
- Odd numbered ring
- Flexible backbone ( $T_g = -44\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ )



# Divergent Possibilities from Cheap Starting Materials



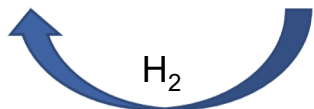
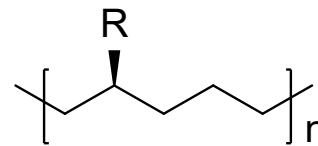
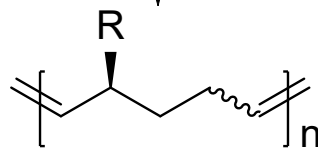
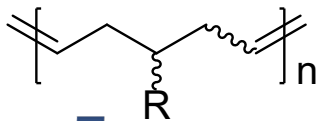
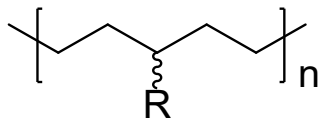
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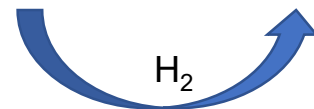
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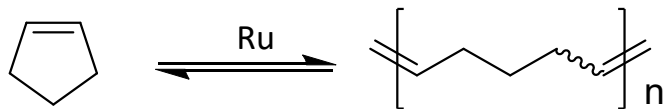
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*precision elastomers*



# Polypentenamers are Chemically Recyclable

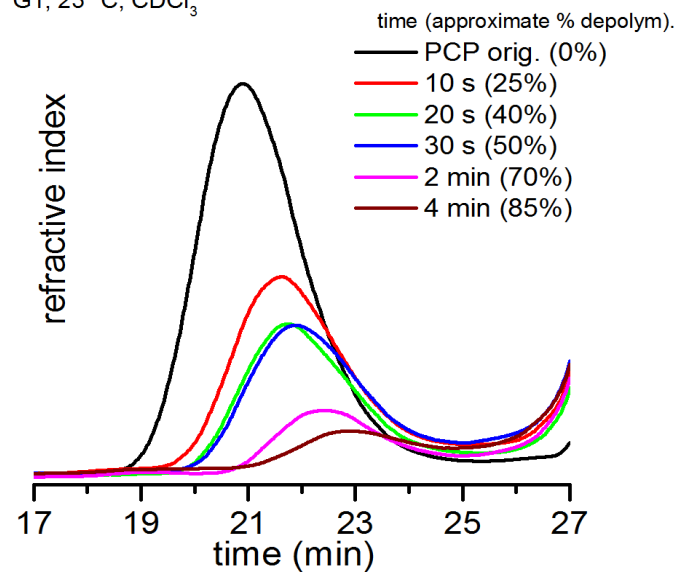
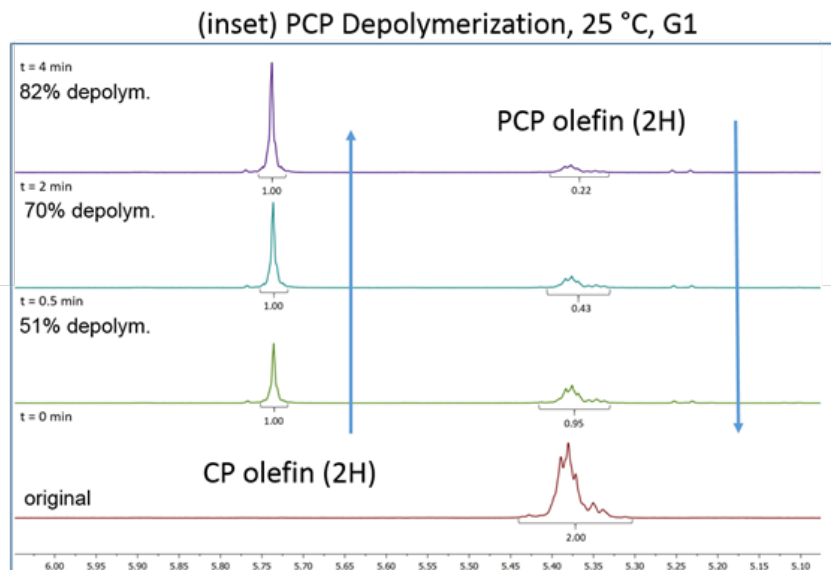


Monomer favored at  
high temp  
diluted

Polymer favored at  
low temp,  
concentrated

Due to the low ceiling temperature ( $T_c$ ), depolymerization is possible under reverse conditions

PCP  
G1, 23 °C,  $\text{CDCl}_3$



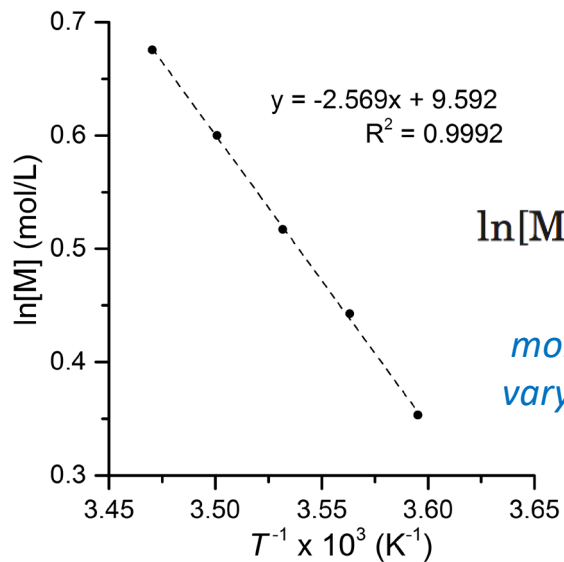
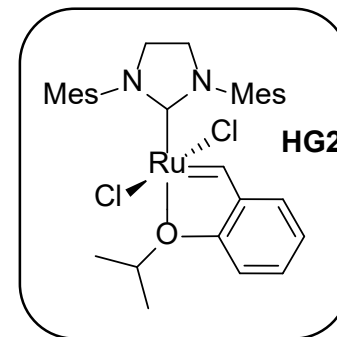
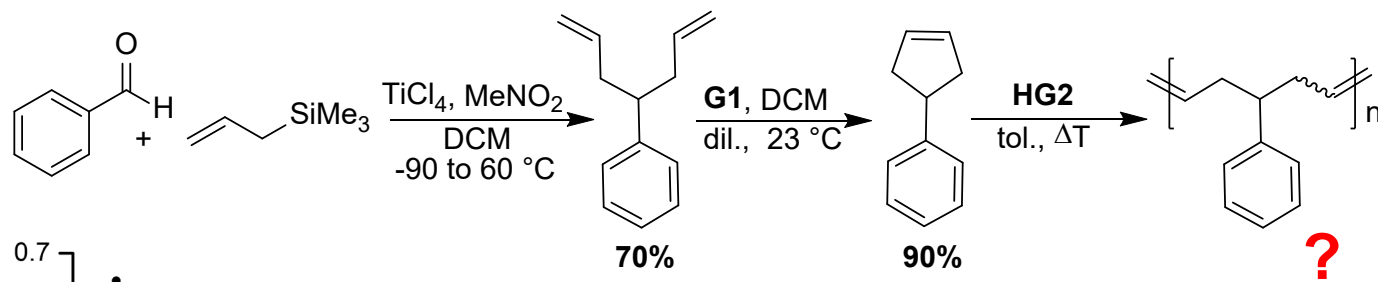
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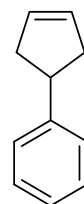
# Where to Begin?: 4-Phenylcyclopentene (4PCP)



$$\ln[M]_e = \frac{\Delta H_p}{RT} - \frac{\Delta S^\circ}{R}$$

monitoring  $[M]_{eq}$  at varying  $T$  by  $^1H$  NMR

in toluene- $d_8$ ;  $[M]_0=2.50$  M; 0.23 mol% HG2  
(VT- $^1H$  NMR; 5, 7.5, 10, 12.5, 15 °C)



$$\Delta H_p = -21.3 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$$

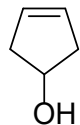
$$\Delta S_p = -79.5 \text{ J mol}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1}$$

ring strain slightly less than CP



$$\Delta H_p = -23.4 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$$

Tuba, R.; Al-Hashimi, M.; Bazzi, H. S.; Grubbs, R. H. *Macromolecules* **2014**, *47*, 8190.



$$\Delta H_p = -25.9 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$$

Tuba, R.; Grubbs, R. H. *Polym. Chem.* **2013**, *4*, 3959.



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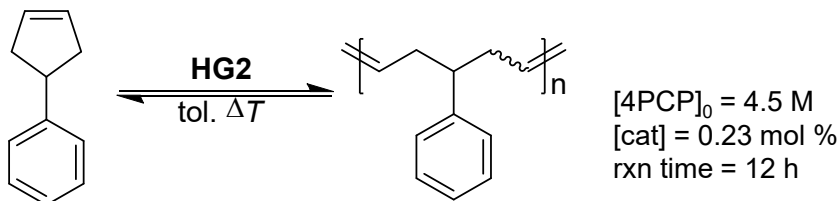
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# Effect of Temperature on Ru-based ROMP



- colder temperature = higher conversion  
but loss of control

$T$ (°C)	Conv. (%) <sup>a</sup>	$M_{n,\text{theo}}$ (kg mol <sup>-1</sup> ) <sup>b</sup>	$M_{n,\text{SEC}}$ (kg mol <sup>-1</sup> ) <sup>c</sup>	$\mathcal{D}$ <sup>c</sup>
10	62.3 ± 0.3	39.1	47.9 ± 2.7	1.51 ± 0.02
5	67.2 ± 0.3	42.1	47.6 ± 0.5	1.65 ± 0.03
0	72.2 ± 0.4	45.3	50.9 ± 0.6	1.63 ± 0.01
-5	75.0 ± 0.1	47.1	67.4 ± 1.4	1.60 ± 0.01
-10	78.9 ± 1.2	49.5	72.1 ± 0.5	1.60 ± 0.15
-15	84.6 ± 0.4	53.1	92.3 ± 3.3	1.63 ± 0.03

- standard deviation values represent duplicate trials (repeatable!)
- each material had 85 ± 3% *trans* olefins
- dispersities are consistent with previous Ru-ROMP reports

<sup>a</sup> determined by <sup>1</sup>H-NMR analysis (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) following termination with ethyl vinyl ether.

<sup>b</sup> based on  $[M]_0/[cat]_0$  adjusted for % conversion.

<sup>c</sup> determined by SEC analysis in THF.



# A Precision Styrenic-Rubber → Precision ES Copolymer



access to ES Interpolymers with varying %S (w/w)

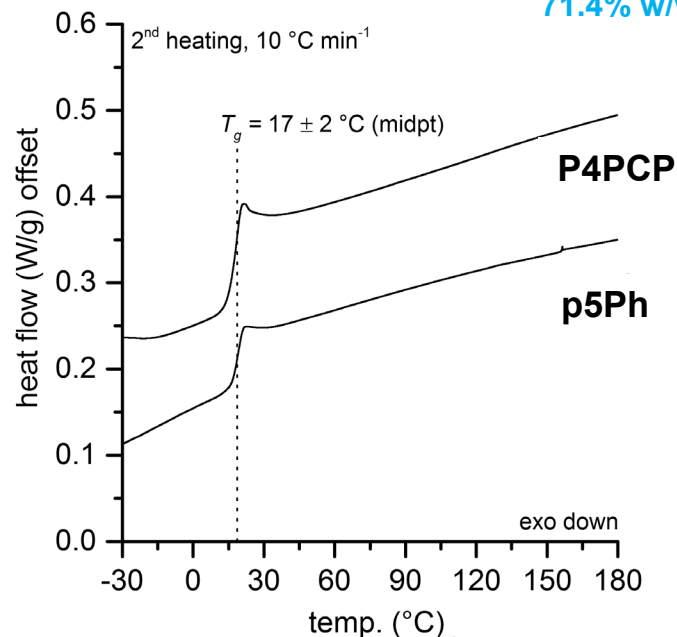
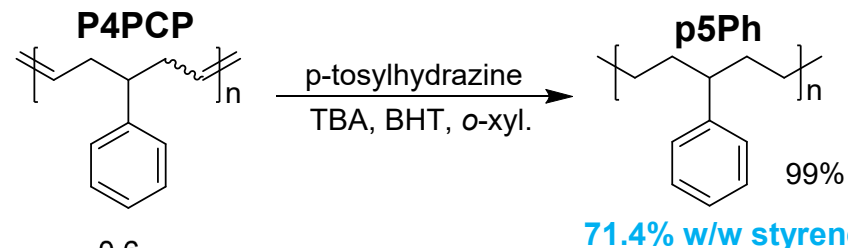
## Pros:

- large scope of material properties
- variety of applications: compatibilizers, packaging, foams, bitumen modifiers

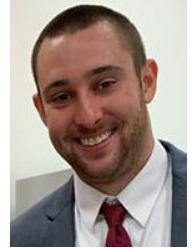
## Cons:

- homopolymer formation
- aggressive reaction conditions
- batch repeatability

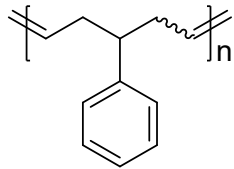
**cons increase when higher S content targeted**



# Elucidating Precision Material Properties

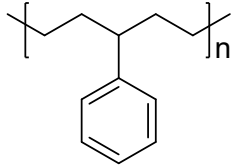


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$M_n = 44 \text{ kg/mol}$   
 $\bar{D} = 1.80$

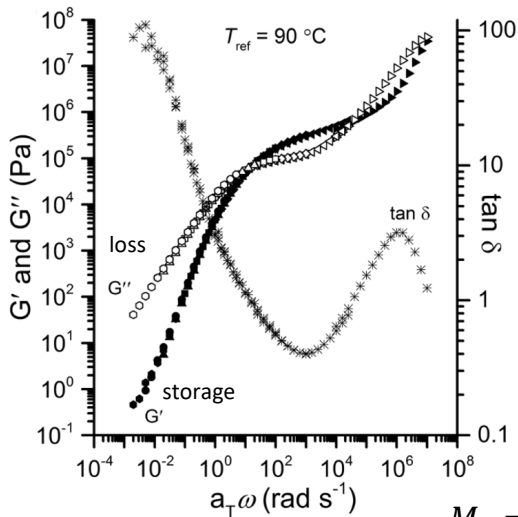
$\rho_{90^\circ\text{C}} = 0.999 \text{ g/cm}^3$



$M_n = 51 \text{ kg/mol}$   
 $\bar{D} = 1.68$

$\rho_{90^\circ\text{C}} = 0.980 \text{ g/cm}^3$

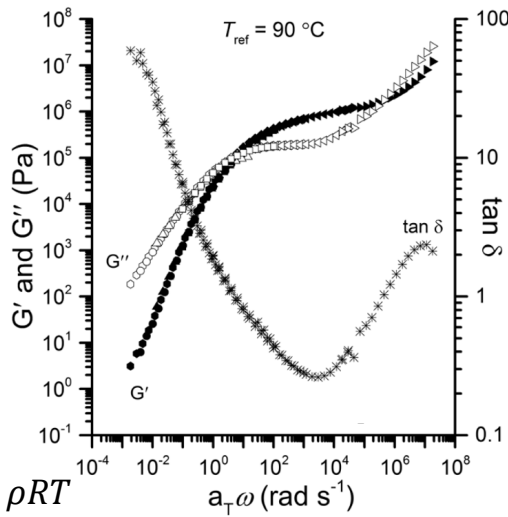
average of multiple specimens



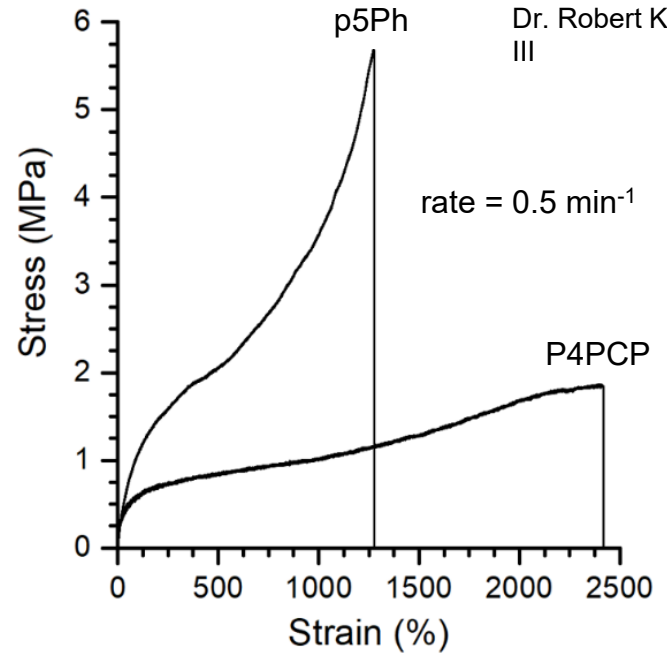
$M_e = 10 \text{ kg/mol}$

$$M_e = \frac{\rho RT}{G_N^0}$$

$$G_N^0 = G' \text{ at min } \tan \delta$$

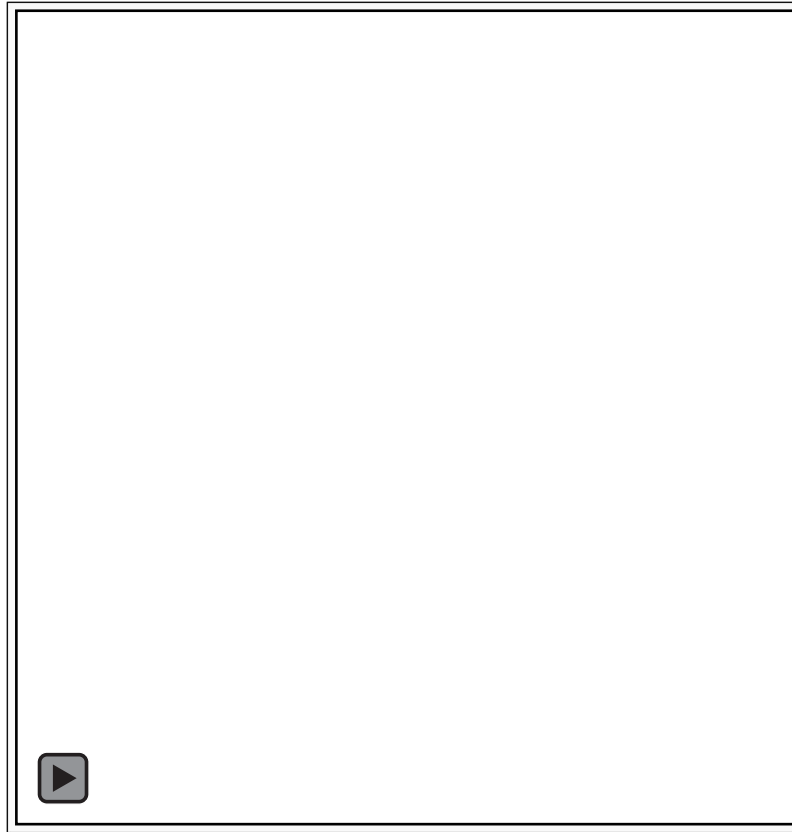


$M_e = 3.6 \text{ kg/mol}$



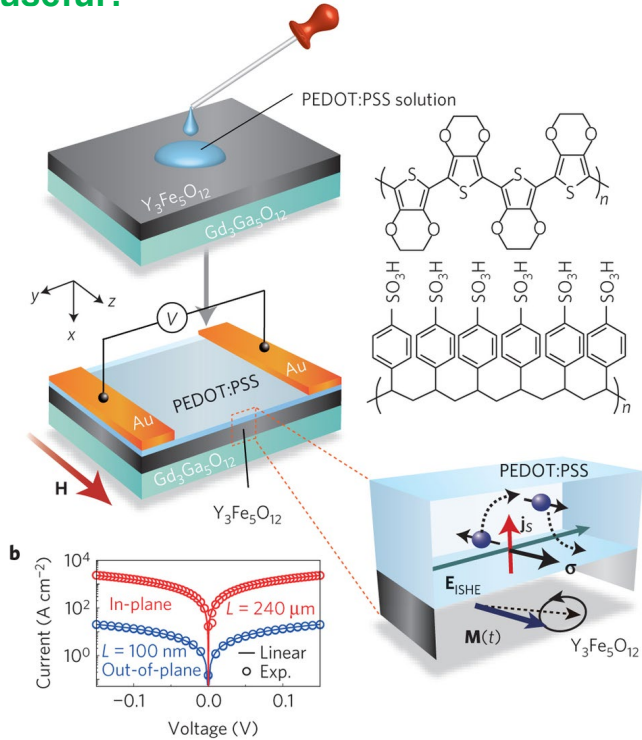


# Elastic at Low Strain Rate

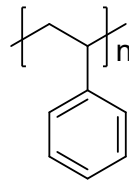


# Polystyrene Sulfonate (PSS)

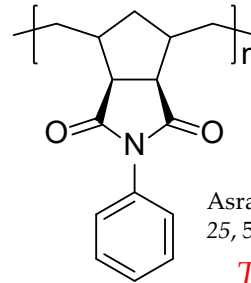
Where might more flexible versions of PS be useful?



Ando et al. Nature Materials, 12, 622–627, (2013)

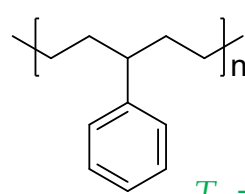


$T_g \approx 105 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$

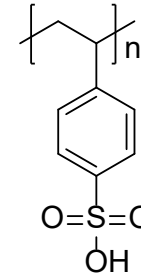


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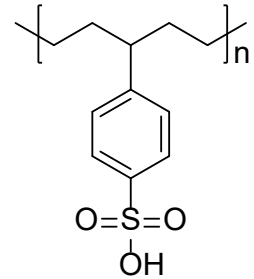
$T_g > 200 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$



$T_g = 17 \pm 2 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$



$T_g > T_d$



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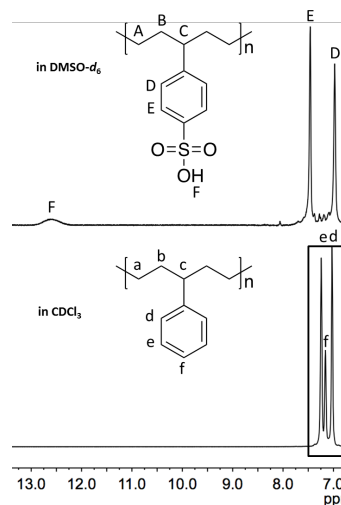
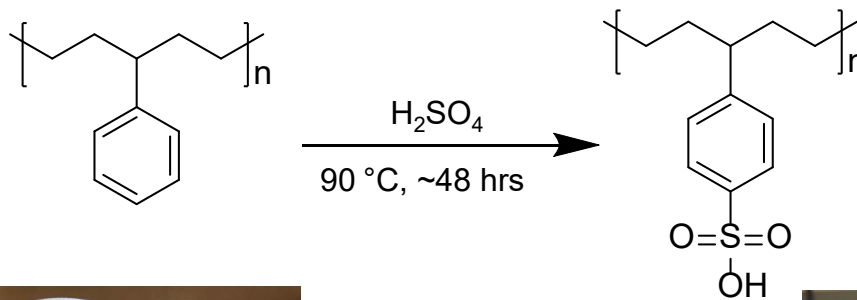
# A Precise and More Flexible PSS Analog?



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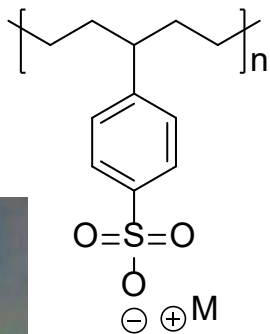


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# Collaboration: Percolated Ion Networks



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