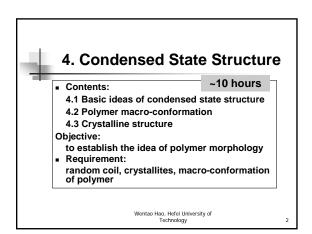


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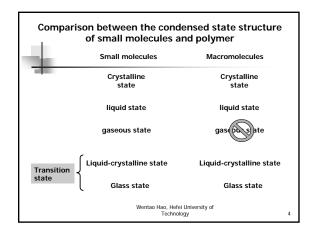


# 4.1 Basic ideas of Key point condensed state structure

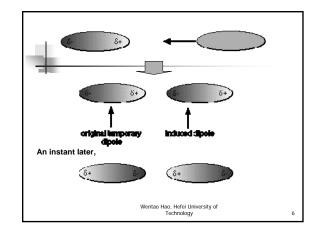
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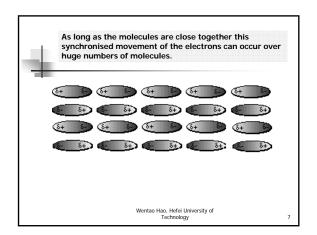
- Sometimes, condensed state structure of polymer is called the super-molecular structure. That is, how the polymer chains arrange themselves when they meet together.
- 高分子的聚集态结构是指高分子链之间的排列和堆砌 结构,也称为超分子结构。

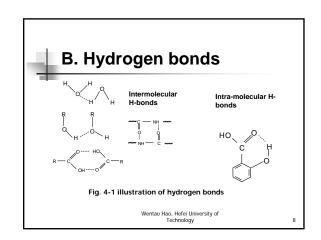
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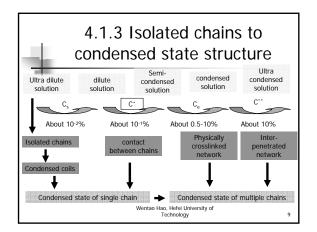


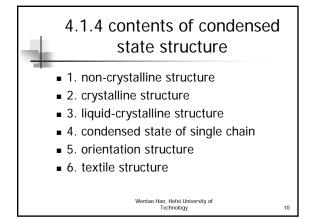
# 4.1.2 Interaction between polymer chains A. Van der Waals forces (范德华力) van der Waals forces: dispersion forces Wentao Hao, Hefel University of Technology 5

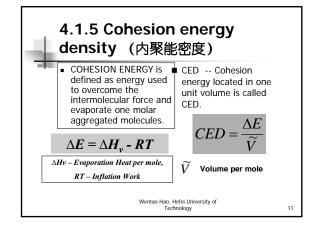


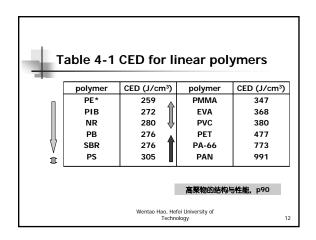


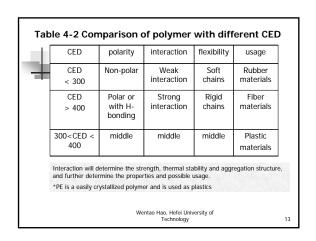


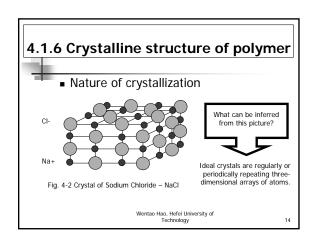


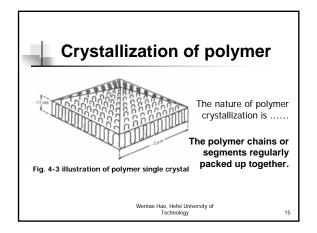


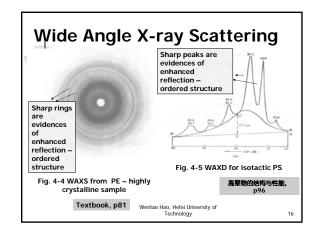


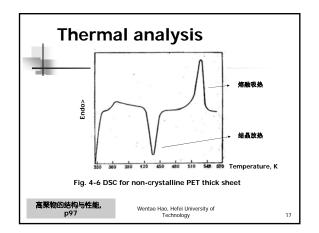


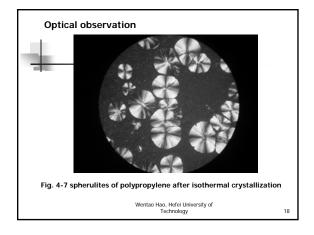


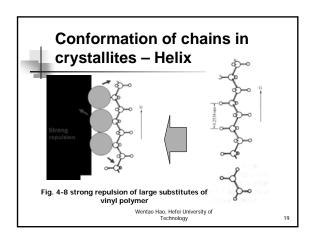


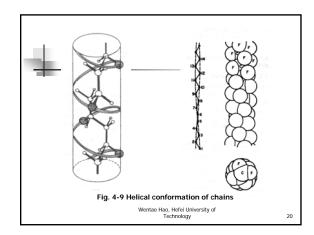


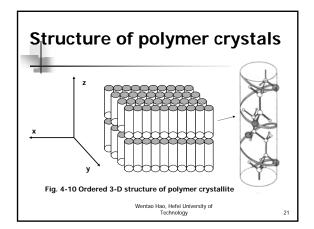


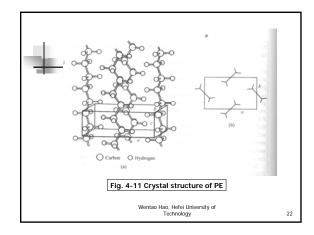


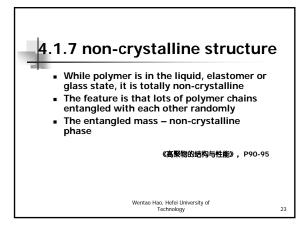


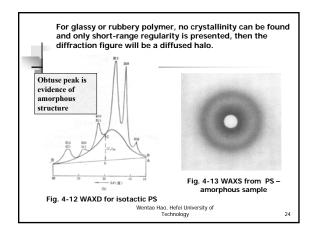












#### 4.2. polymer macroconformation

- 4.2.1 introduction
- 4.2.2 crystallites
- 4.2.3 non-crystalline regions
- 4.2.4 Macro-conformation of polymer

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#### 4.2.1 introduction

- Condensed state structure is complicated
  - Crystalline, non-crystalline, orientation, liquid crystalline, textile structure...
- Size of crystallite (微晶) is much less than the length of polymer chains
  - 10nm Thickness of crystal compared to the 3000nm length of polymer chain

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# Questions arose ...

- A. How can long molecules give rise to small crystallites?
- B. What are the sizes and shapes of polymer crystallites?
- C. How are the crystallites disposed (安置) with respect to each other and to the non-crystalline material?
- D. What is the nature of the non-crystalline material?
- E. The directions of the chain axes (轴) with respect to the crystallite faces.
- F. The relationship between the crystallites and the non-crystalline material, especially the nature of the crystalline - 'amorphous' interface.

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#### 4.2.2 crystallites (微晶)

Key point

- How can long molecules give rise to small crystallites? (what do you think?)
- The answer is:
  - Polymer chain will be folded in some way
    - Fringed-micelle model (缨状-微束模型)
    - Chain-fold model (折叠链模型)

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# 1. Fringed-micelle model

#### 缨状-微束模型(两相模型)

- history:

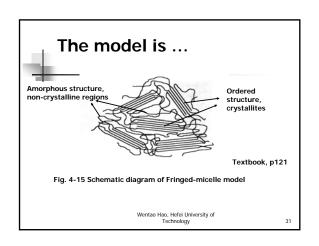
  - An early attempts to inter-relate long molecules, small crystals and a 'sea' of amorphous materials

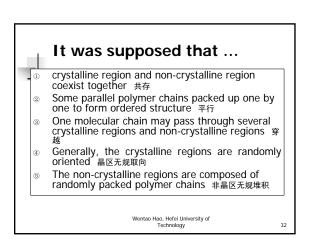
    Proposed by *Hermans* and others in 1930 according to the results from X-ray diffraction
  - Though it is now believed to be incorrect as the fundamental model for polymer crystallites, but has its own historical significance
  - can be applied in some special cases

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**Results from XRD** Diffused halo 弥散光晕 concentric rings 同心圓环 The crystalline material is not composed of randomly arranged polymer chains, but a mixture of ordered structure and amorphous structure in the whole. 高聚物的结构与性能。 P95 Fig. 4-14 XRD for POM sample Wentao Hao, Hefei University of Technology

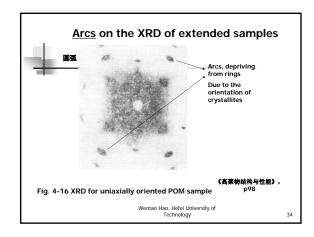


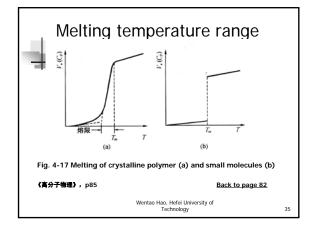


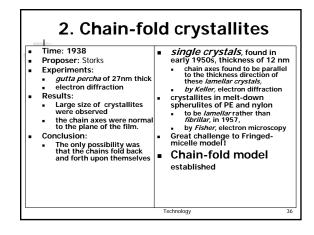
## Historical significance

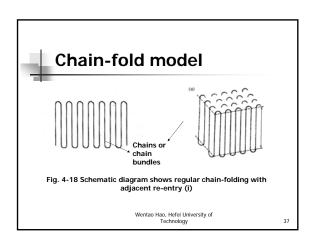
- It explained many results from XRD and other experiments
  - Arcs (圆弧) on the XRD of extended samples (due to orientation of crystallites)
  - Melting temperature range 熔限 (due to the size distribution of crystallites)
  - The density of the whole polymer material is less than the density of pure crystals (calculated from unit cell)

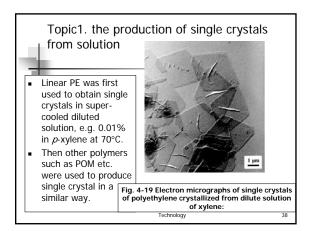
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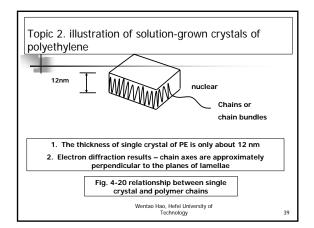


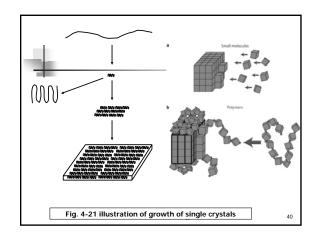


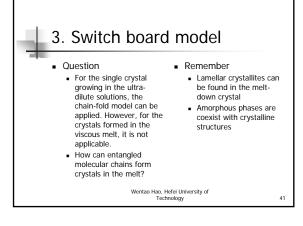


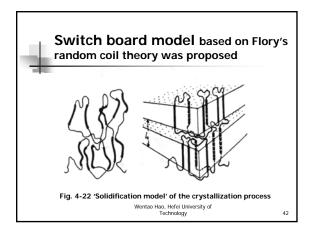


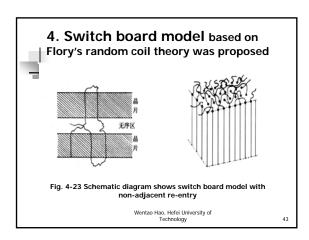














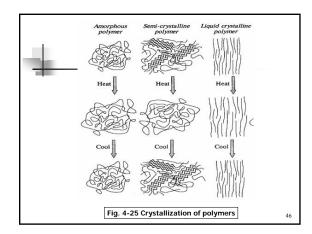
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#### 4. Switch board model

- Molecular chains enter crystal lattice in a random way
- Adjacent segments in the unit cell may be not the adjacently jointed segments
- Or they may be not belong to one molecular chain
- One molecule can pass through crystallites and noncrystalline region back and forth several times
- Molecular chain on the lamellae surface are like crisscrossing of wires on an old-fashioned manual telephone switchboard

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#### 4.2.3 Non-crystalline regions

- Non-crystalline regions are usually called amorphous, represented by tangled mass of polymer chains rather like a bowl of spaghetti
- Exists in melted polymers, totally amorphous polymers in the glassy or rubbery states, also as a component of semi-crystalline polymers.
- $\bullet$  Non-crystalline regions may sometimes have some kind of organization and they may certainly be oriented
- $\bullet$  They are the component of polymer morphology that is least well understood

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Left: the bundle model

Right: the random coil model

Fig. 4-26 proposed structure for the non-crystalline regions

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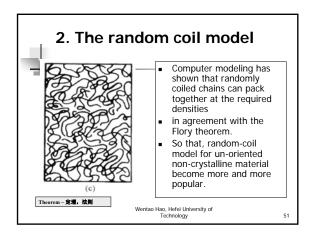


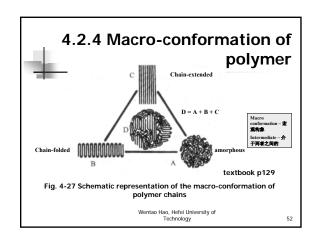
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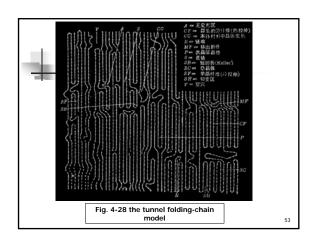
- However, the results from SAXS experiment did not support such hypothesis
- Because electron density was the same everywhere
- There is no difference between the postulated bundles and the rest regions
- Such a model is not perfect

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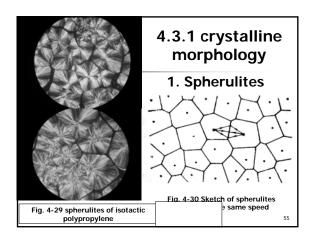
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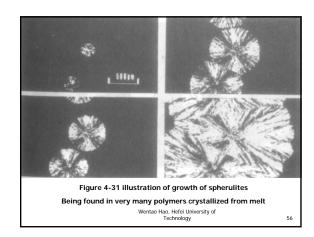


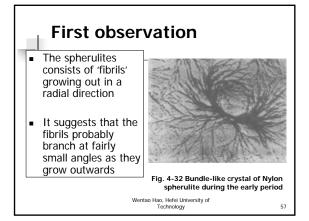


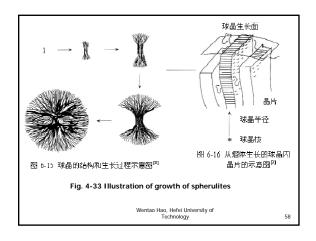


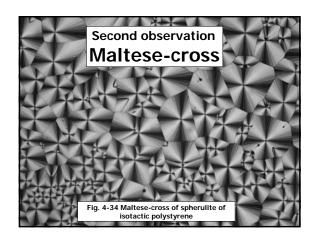
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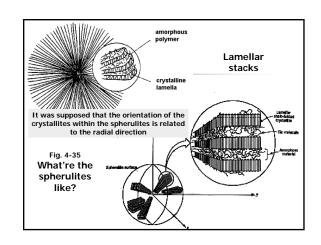


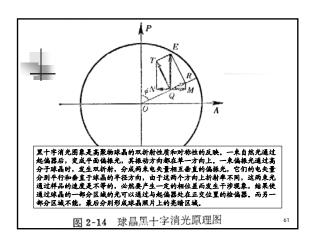


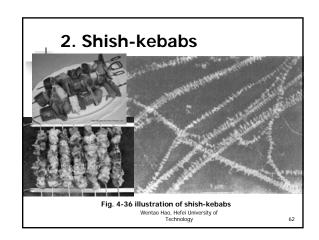


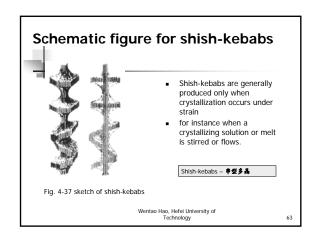


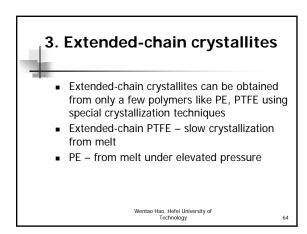


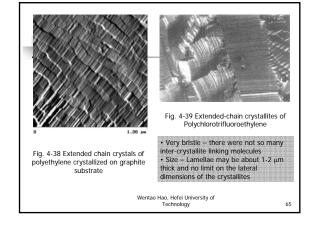












# Summary of crystalline morphology

- Single crystal in ultra-dilute solutions
- 2. Spherulite in melt, condensed solutions
- 3. Shish-kebab under strain
- 4. Extended crystal extremely high-pressure

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#### 4,3.2 crystallization and melting

- The previous sections
  - focused on description of the morphological features, on what had been observed
- The present section
  - focused on why some of the observed features are as they are, and at what rate they appear
- It Involves .....
  - The melting temperature Tm
  - The factors determining the overall crystallinity achievable
  - the rate of growth of crystallites
  - Factors affecting the fold length in lamellar crystallites

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# 1. Melting temperature or melting point

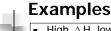
 Generally, the melting point is defined as the temperature at which the change of Gibbs free energy per unit mass is zero.

- △ H the increases in enthalpy per unit mass
- ∆S the increases in entropy per unit mass

$$\qquad \qquad \mathbf{T}_m = \Delta \, H / \underline{\Delta} S$$
 Gibbs free energy – 音布新自由集

Enthalpy — 樂焓; Entropy — 嫡 Wentao Hao, Hefei University of Technology

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- High △H, low △S, results in high T<sub>m</sub>
- Polyethylene,
  - weak intermolecular force, low △ H
  - high flexibility, high △S
  - $T_{\rm m} = 418 \text{ K}$
- Nylon-6,6
- hydrogen bonding, high △ H
- similar chain flexibility, same △S
- $T_m = 543 \text{ K}$

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# Approximate equilibrium melting points of some commonly used polymers

Polymer	Melting point (°C)
Polyisoprene (cis form)	28
Poly(ethylene oxide)	66
Polyisoprene (trans form)	80
1,2-polybutadiene (isotactic form)	120
Polyethylene (linear)	135
1,2-polybutadiene (syndiotactic form)	154
Polypropylene (syndiotactic form)	163
Polyoxymethylene	183
Polypropylene (isotactic form)	187
Poly(vinyl chloride)	212
Polystyrene (isotactic form)	240
Poly (vinyl alcohol)	250
Nylon-6	260
Poly(ethylene terephthalate)	270
Nylon-6,6	270
Polytetrafluoroethylene	332
Polyacrylonitrile (syndiotactic)	341

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### 2. T<sub>m</sub>, talking more

- The T<sub>m</sub> mentioned above is the equilibrium melting point T<sub>m</sub><sup>0</sup>
- If the lamella is infinitely large and perfect, the melting point will be equilibrium melting temperature T<sub>m</sub><sup>0</sup>
- Usually obtained by extrapolation

equilibrium melting point T<sub>m</sub><sup>0</sup> – 平衡熔点

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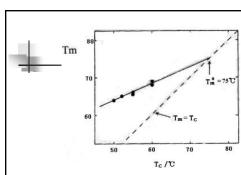


Fig. 4-40 How to determine the equilibrium melting point  $\mathsf{Tm}^0$ 

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#### 3. T<sub>m</sub> and size of crystallites

- For smaller crystallites, T<sub>m</sub> will be less
- For polymer material, size of crystallites are not the same; distribution exists.
- Fixed melting points are replaced by melting temperature range

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# 3. T<sub>m</sub> and size of crystallites

- For any crystallite, the total Gibbs free energy is the sum of a part proportional to its volume and a part due to the extra energy involved in forming its surfaces.
- As the crystallite becomes larger, the ratio of volume to surface area increases and the contribution due to the surfaces becomes negligible compared with that due to the volume.

- due to the volume. For a small crystallite, however, the surface energy contributes significantly to the enthalpy, so that the effective enthalpy per unit mass is higher. This means that the increase in enthalpy required to melt the crystallite is lower and, assuming that  $\Delta s$  is temperature-independent, Tm is lower than that of larger crystals. For lamellar polymer crystals the fold surfaces contribute by far the larger part to the surface energy, both because they are much larger in area than the other surfaces and because the surface energy per unit area is much higher owing to the high energy required to make the folds.

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#### 熔融温度与晶体尺寸

- 对于任何晶体而言,总的吉布斯自由能都是两部分能量之和。其 中一部分正比于其体积,另一部分是由于形成微晶表面而必需的 额外能量。
- 級//fit.里。 当晶体变大时,体积与表面之比变大。与表面相关那部分能量相 对于与体积相关能量而变得可忽略不计。
- 然而,对于一个小晶 量的有效热焓更高。 ·个小晶体,表面能对于热焓贡献较多,因此单位质
- 支意味着为了熔融晶体而需要增加的热焓较少,同时假定熵变与 温度无关,小晶体的Tm就比大晶体的Tm低。
- 如于片晶状聚合物晶体,折叠表面对表面能贡献更大,一方面由于它们的表面积较其他表面更大,另一方面由于形成这些折叠所需的较高能量而使每单位面积表面能更高。

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Thompson-Gibbs equation - relationship between  $T_{\rm m}$  and thickness of lamellae

#### $T_m = T_m^{\theta} \left[ 1 - 2 \sigma / (l \rho_c \Delta h) \right]$

where I is the thickness of the lamellae

 $\sigma$  is the surface free energy per unit area

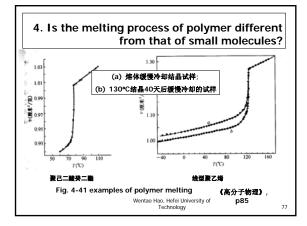
 $\Delta h$  is the increase in enthalpy per unit mass on melting for an infinitely thick crystal

The larger I, the higher the T<sub>m</sub>

Or it can be said, the better the perfection of the crystal, the higher the T<sub>m</sub>

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#### What can be inferred from the previous page

- Under very low heating rate (1°C/24h), the melting process of polymer is like that of small molecules – a jumping process – an absolute melting point can be seen
- The larger the crystallites, the narrower the melting temperature range, the higher the melting point
- In fact, the melting process for polymer and small molecule is the same in nature - they are all thermodynamic first-order phase transition

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#### 5. Kinetics -The rate of crystallization

- The crystallization rate is depending on Degree of Supercooling ΔT
- $\Delta T = T_{\rm m}^{0} T_{\rm c}$ 
  - Where T<sub>c</sub> is the temperature at which crystallization takes place

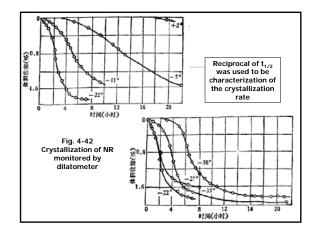
Degree of supercooling - 过冷(程)度 T<sub>c</sub> - 结晶温度

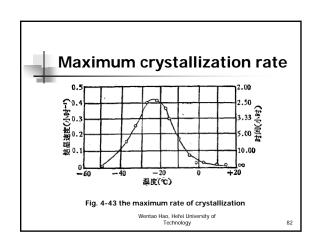
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## Crystallization rate -**Temperature Relationship**

- $= \Delta H \cdot \Delta T / T_m^0$
- $T_c^{\dagger}$ ,  $\Delta T^{\dagger}$ ,  $\Delta G_c^{\dagger}$
- More favorable for crystallization

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### **Nucleation and** crystallization rate

- Crystallization of polymers can be seen as a combination of nucleation process and crystallite growing process
- Nucleation includes homogeneous nucleation and heterogeneous nucleation
  - Homogeneous nucleation is due to the formation of fibrils of folded chains in the melt or chain ends Heterogeneous nucleation is due to the impurities, crystallite remains and dispersed solid particles
- crystallization rate = nucleation rate + crystallite growing rate

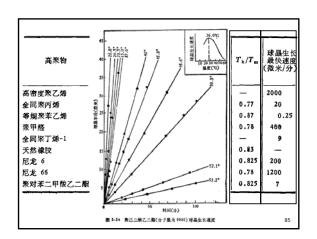
Heterogeneous 异相的

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#### **Explanation**

- At temperature not far below from the  $T_{\rm m^\prime}$  nuclei forming rate is low because of the instability of nuclei, the crystallization rate is low;
- At temperature far below from the  $T_{\rm m},$  but near  $T_{\rm g},$  molecular chains will have not so much energy to move, the crystallization rate is low again.
- So that, there must be a temperature, at which the nuclei are fairly stable and the mobility of chains is fairly good too and the crystallization rate reach the maximum.

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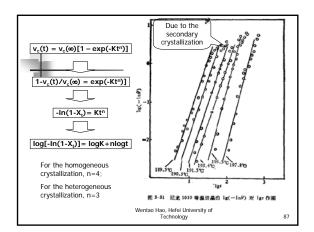
# 6. Avrami equation - about growth rate of crystallinity

- $1 v_s(t) = \exp(-Kt^n)$ 
  - Where v<sub>s</sub> is the volume fraction occupied by spherulites;
  - t is time;
  - K and n depend on the nucleation and growth mechanism.
- Suitable for all kinds of crystallization, not only for polymers
- - v<sub>c</sub>(t) is the volume-fraction crystallinity at time t

$$\Rightarrow v_c(t) = v_c(\infty)[1 - \exp(-Kt^n)]$$

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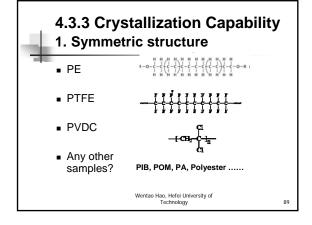
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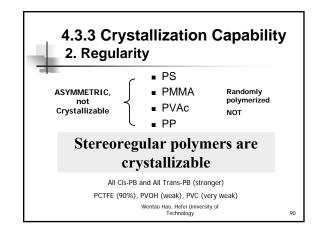


## 4.3.3 Crystallization Capability

- 1. Symmetric structure
- 2. Regularity
- 3. Copolymer
- 4. Talking more

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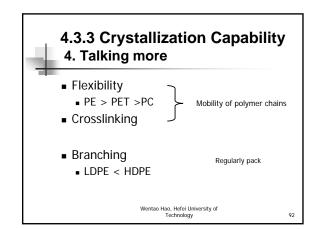






- Block copolymer MAYBE
  - PP copolymer
- Random copolymer usually NOT
  - EPR

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#### 4.3.4 Crystallinity

了解结晶度的实验测定方法和计算公式

- Polymer morphology is not only composed of crystalline region and noncrystalline region (amorphous region)
- Intermediate region exists!
- But we assume the morphology is only a two-phase model to simplify it <sup>©</sup>

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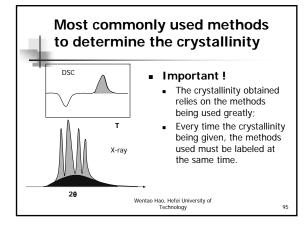
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## 4.3.4 Crystallinity

- Degree of crystallinity is always labeled as x, and usually being simply called crystallinity.
- Volume crystallinity,  $x_v = v_c/(v_c + v_a)$
- Mass crystallinity,  $x_m = m_c/(m_c + m_a)$
- $x_{\rm m} = x_{\rm v} \cdot (\rho_{\rm c}/\rho_{\rm s})$ 
  - $\rho$  density, s sample

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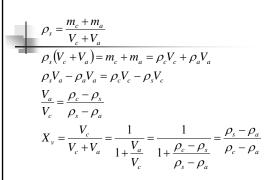


# **Experimental determination of crystallinity**

- $x_v = (\rho_s \rho_a)/(\rho_c \rho_a)$ , why?
- The density of the sample is usually obtained by means of a densitygradient column.

density-gradient column - 密度梯度管

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Question

It has been summarized from many experiments that

$$\rho_c / \rho_a = 1.13$$

Please deduct the following equation

$$\rho/\rho_a = 1 + 0.13X_c^V$$

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#### 4.3.5 Crystallization to property

- 例4-1有两种乙烯和丙烯的共聚物, 其组成相同(均为65%乙烯和35%丙烯), 但其中一种室温时是橡胶状的, 一直到穩定降至约-70℃时才变硬, 另一种室温时却是硬而韧又不透明的材料。 试解释它们内在结构上的差别。
- ■解:前者是无规共聚物,丙烯上的甲基在分子链上是 无规排列的,这样在晶格中难以堆砌整齐,所以得到 一个无定形的橡胶状的透明聚合物。
- 一个九足形的橡胶状的透明旅行物。 后者是乙烯和有规立构聚丙烯的嵌段共聚物,乙烯的 长嵌段堆砌入聚乙烯晶格,而丙烯嵌段堆砌入聚丙烯 晶格。由于能结晶从而是硬而韧的塑料,且不透明。 ■错误分析:"前者是交替共聚物"。交替共聚物的结构 规则性也很好,也易结晶。

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#### 4.3.5 Crystallization to property

- 例4-2 为什么聚对苯二甲酸乙二酯从熔体淬火时得到透明体?为什么IPMMA是不透明的?
- 解:聚对苯二甲酸乙二酯的结晶速度很慢,快速冷却时来不及结晶,所以透明。等规PMMA结晶能力大,结晶快,所以它的试样是不透明的。
- 例4-3 试分析聚三氟氯乙烯是否结晶性聚合物?要制成 透明薄板制品,问成型过程中要注意什么条件的控制?
- 解:是结晶性聚合物,由于氟原子与氟原子大小差不多,分子结构的对称性好,所以易结晶。 成型过程中要使制品快速冷却,以降低结晶度并使晶 粒更细小,才能得到透明薄板。

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