

# International Year of **CHEMISTRY** 2011



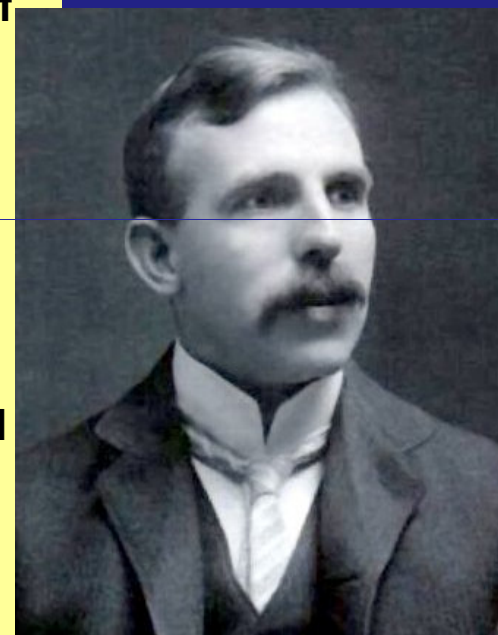
*Madame Curie, Nobel Prize  
in Chemistry, 1911*



- Celebrate the achievements of chemistry
- Improve public understanding of chemistry
- Champion the role of chemistry in addressing the critical challenges of our society
  - Food and nutrition
  - Clean water
  - Sustainable energy
  - Climate change
- Broader outreach and engagement
- Get younger people more interested in chemistry

***Chemistry is the central,  
useful and creative  
science : Ronald Breslow***

*Ernest Rutherford, The  
Structure of the Atom. 1911*



## ***THE AGES OF HUMAN KIND***

**Human Civilization has been marked by several ages, which are all material based :**

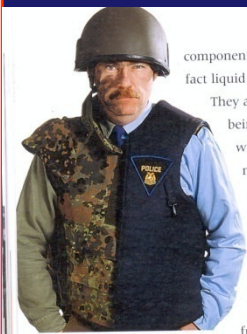
- ***Stone Age***
- ***Bronze Age***
- ***Iron Age ( Steel. Aluminum)***
- ***Polymer Age ( Carbon based materials)***
- ***Age of Elements ( Silicon, Uranium, Lithium, Indium, Gallium etc)***

# CHEMISTRY CREATES MATTER THAT NEVER EXISTED BEFORE eg. PLASTICS, DETERGENTS, DRUGS, INSECTICIDES, ETC.



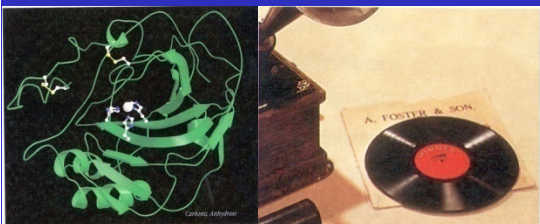
## Central

Underpins many other scientific disciplines  
Biology, geology, material science



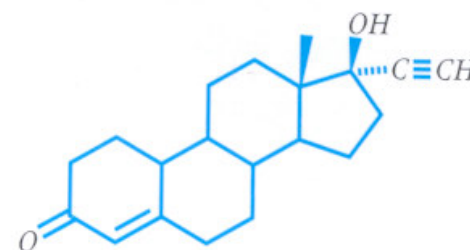
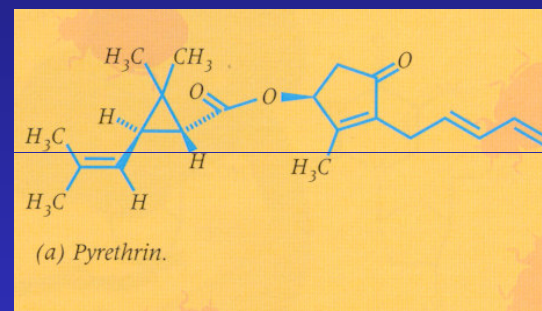
## Useful

Provides many materials essential to everyday life, knowledge to better human, veterinary and plant care, better food, environment



## Creative

Designs structures with new and unique properties

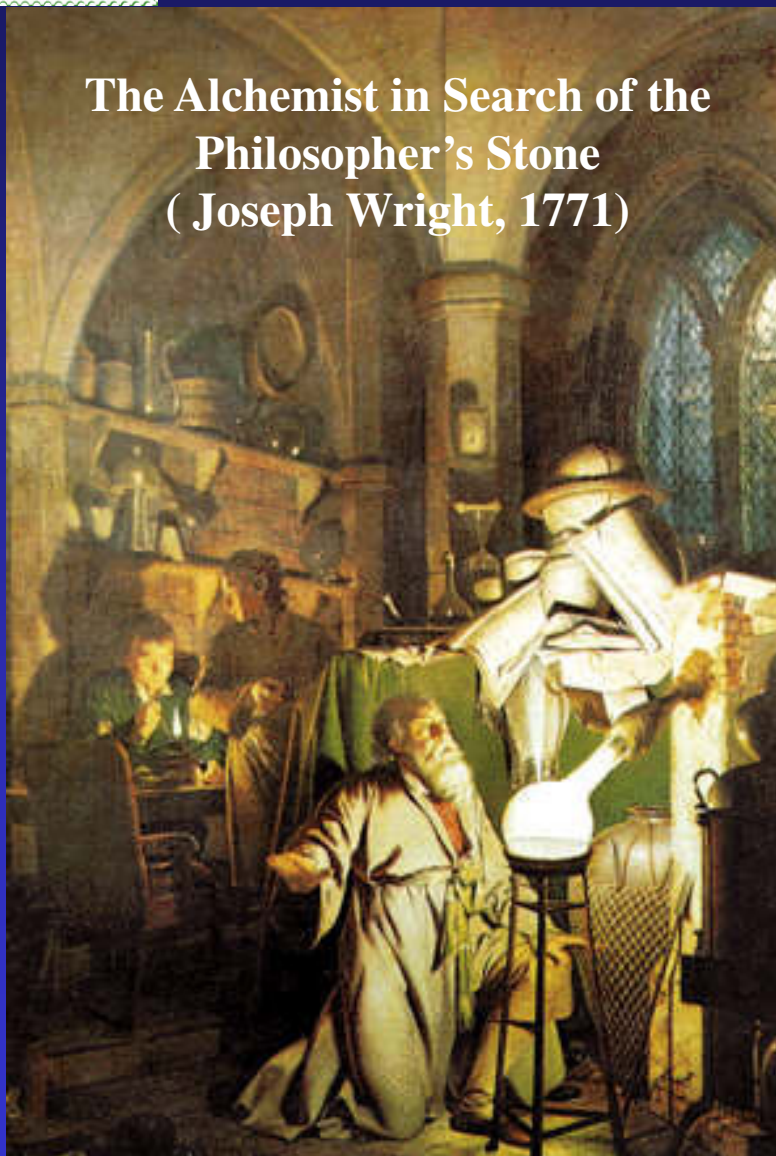


Norethindrone (Norlutin)

Figure 14. Norlutin, the first contraceptive pill.



The Alchemist in Search of the  
Philosopher's Stone  
( Joseph Wright, 1771)



*Hennig Brandt of Hamburg  
(1630 -1710)*

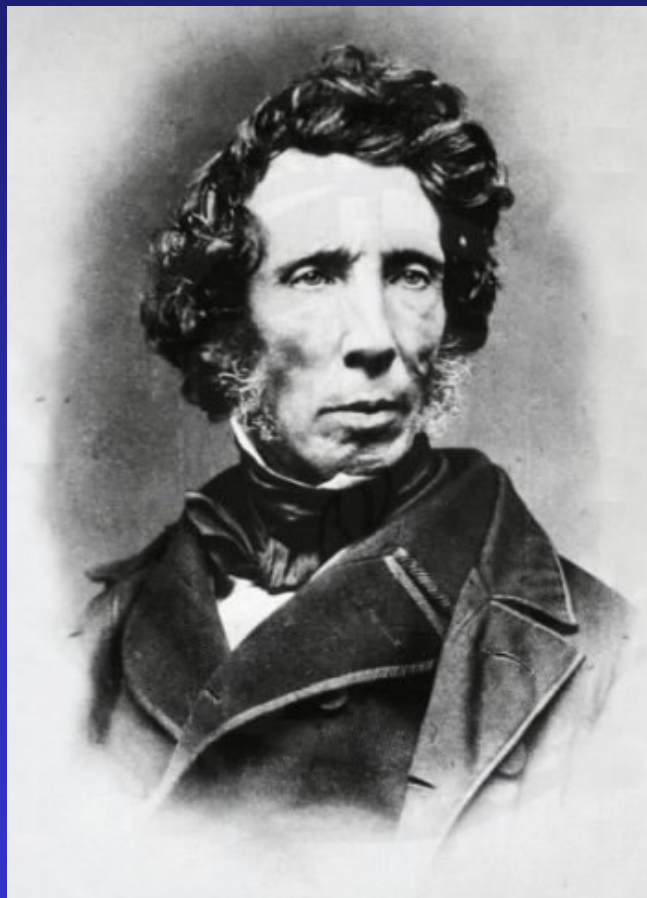
*Discoverer of Phosphorous*

The chemical reaction Brandt stumbled on was as follows. Urine contains phosphates  $\text{PO}_4^{3-}$ , as sodium phosphate (i.e. with  $\text{Na}^+$ ), and various carbon-based organics. Under strong heat the oxygens from the phosphate react with carbon to produce carbon monoxide  $\text{CO}$ , leaving elemental phosphorus  $\text{P}$ , which comes off as a gas. Phosphorus condenses to a liquid below about  $280^\circ\text{C}$  and then solidifies (to the white phosphorus allotrope) below about  $44^\circ\text{C}$  (depending on purity).

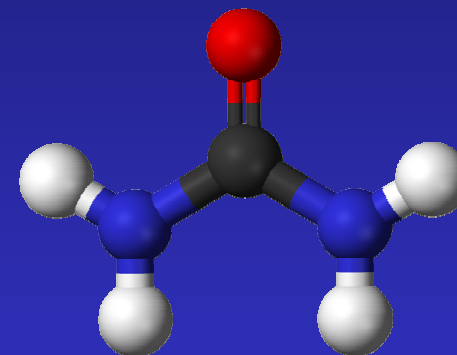
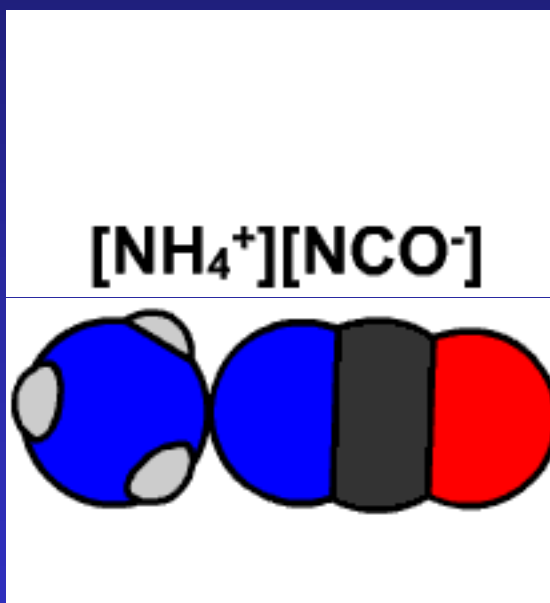
**This same essential reaction is still used today (but with mined phosphate ores, coke for carbon, and electric furnaces).**

The phosphorus Brandt's process yielded was far less than it could have been. The salt part he discarded contained most of the phosphate. He used about 5,500 litres of urine to produce just 120 grams of phosphorus. If he had ground up the entire residue he could have got 10 times or 100 times more (1 litre of adult human urine contains about 1.4 g phosphorus).

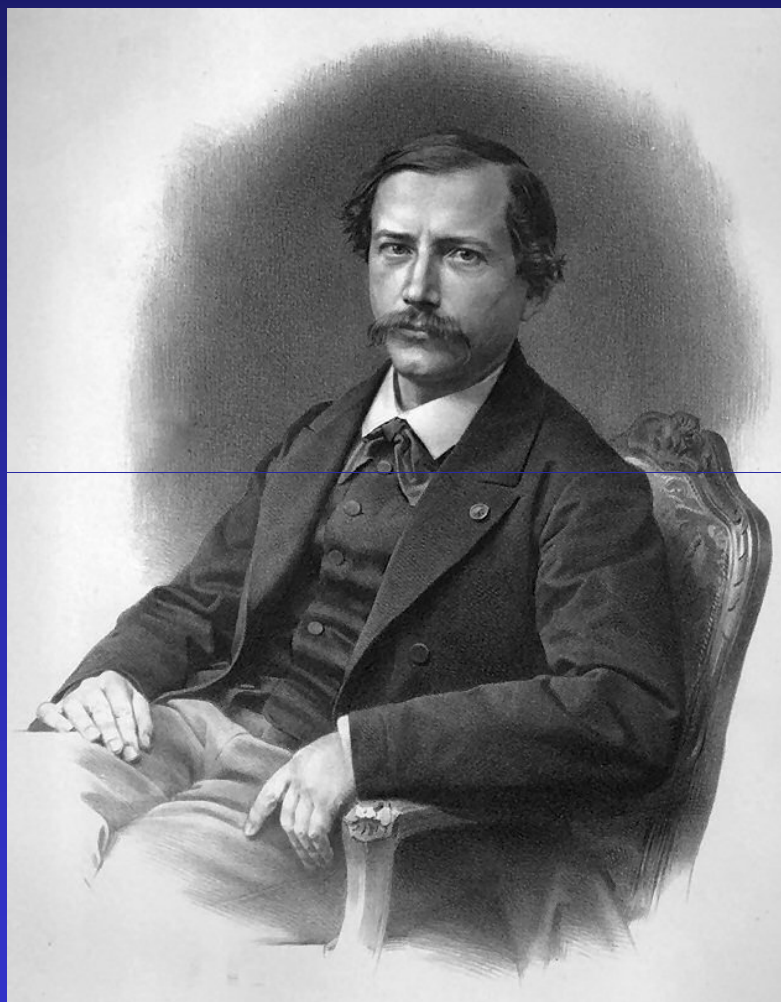
## CHEMICAL REVOLUTION : EARLY BEGINNINGS



*Friedrich Wohler (1800 – 1882)*



*Annalen der Physik und Chemie, 88(2), 253-256 (1828)*



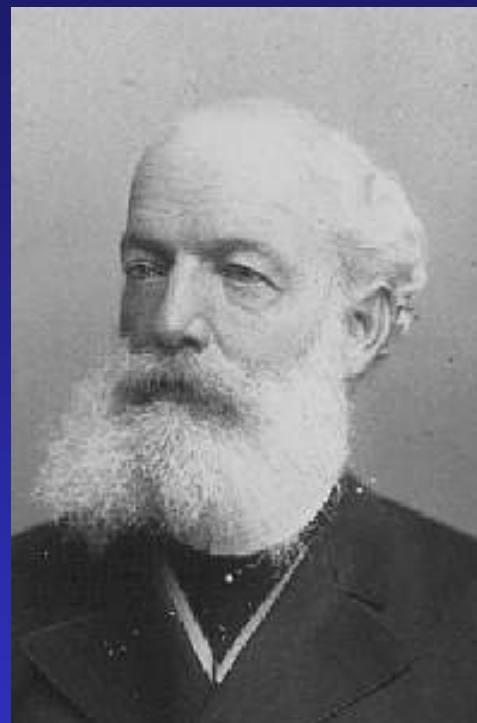
***Chemistry creates its own object. This creative power, similar to that of arts distinguishes it fundamentally from the other natural and historical sciences***

***Marcellin Berthollet, 1860  
(1827- 1907)***

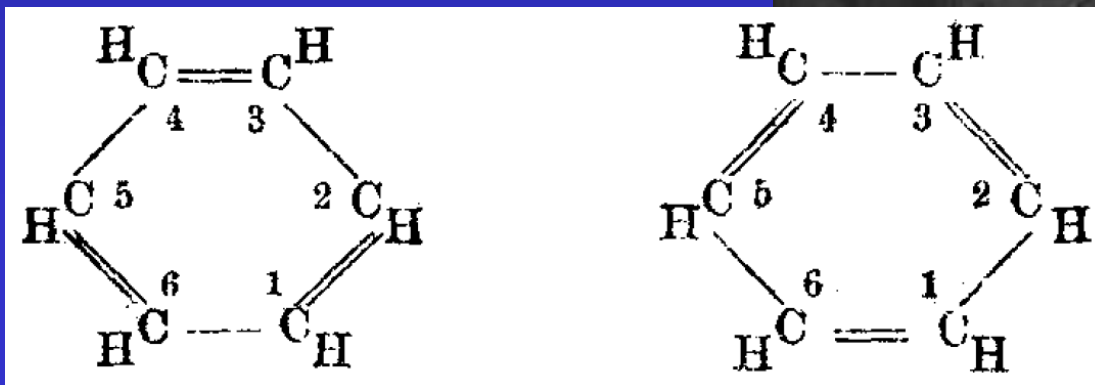
# CHEMICAL REVOLUTION : UNDERSTANDING CHEMICAL STRUCTURES

➤ The Theory of Chemical Structure (1857-58)

➤ Structure of Benzene published in *Bulletin de la Society Chimique de Paris*, 3(2), 98-110 (1865)

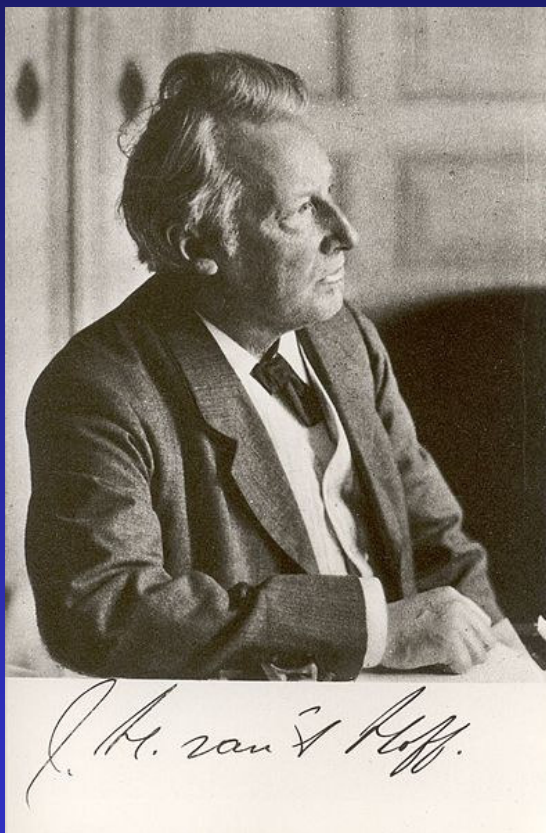


*Auguste Kekule*  
(1829 -1896)

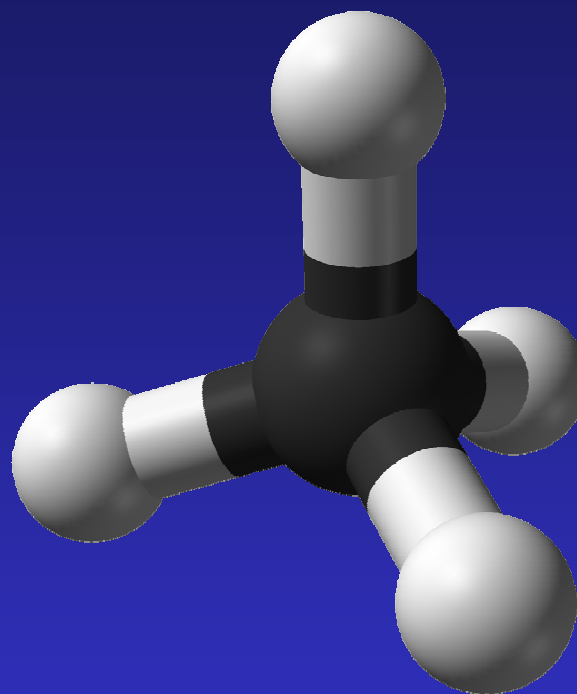




# CHEMICAL REVOLUTION : UNDERSTANDING CHEMICAL STRUCTURES



*Jacobus van't Hoff (1852-1911)*



*The Tetrahedral Nature of Carbon*

*( La Chimie dans l'espace, 1874 )*

*First Nobel Prize in 1901*



# THE DAWN OF THE CHEMICAL INDUSTRY: THE MANUFACTURE OF BAKELITE



## UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE.

LEO H. BAEKLAND, OF YONKERS, NEW YORK.

METHOD OF MAKING INSOLUBLE PRODUCTS OF PHENOL AND FORMALDEHYDE.

942,699.

Specification of Letters Patent. Patented Dec. 7, 1909.

No Drawing.

Application filed July 13, 1907. Serial No. 333,634.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LEO H. BAEKLAND, a citizen of the United States, residing at Sing Rock, Harmony Park, Yonkers, in the county of Westchester and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Methods of Making Insoluble Condensation Products of Phenols and Formaldehyde, of which the following is a specification.

In my prior application Ser. No. 358,156, filed February 18, 1907, I have described and claimed a method of indurating fibrous or cellular materials which consists in impregnating or mixing them with a phenolic body and formaldehyde, and causing the same to react within the body of the material to yield an insoluble indurating condensed product, the reaction being accelerated if desired by the use of heat or condensing agents. In the course of this reaction considerable quantities of water are produced, and a drying operation is resorted to to expedite it.

The present invention relates to the production of hard, insoluble and infusible condensation products of phenols and formaldehyde.

In practicing the invention I react upon a phenolic body with formaldehyde to obtain a reaction product which is capable of transformation by heat into an insoluble and infusible body, and then convert this reaction product, either alone or compounded with a suitable filling material, into such insoluble and infusible body by the combined action of heat and pressure. Preferably the water produced during the reaction or added with the reacting bodies is separated before hardening the reaction product. By proceeding in this manner a more complete control of the reaction is secured and other important advantages are attained as hereinafter set forth.

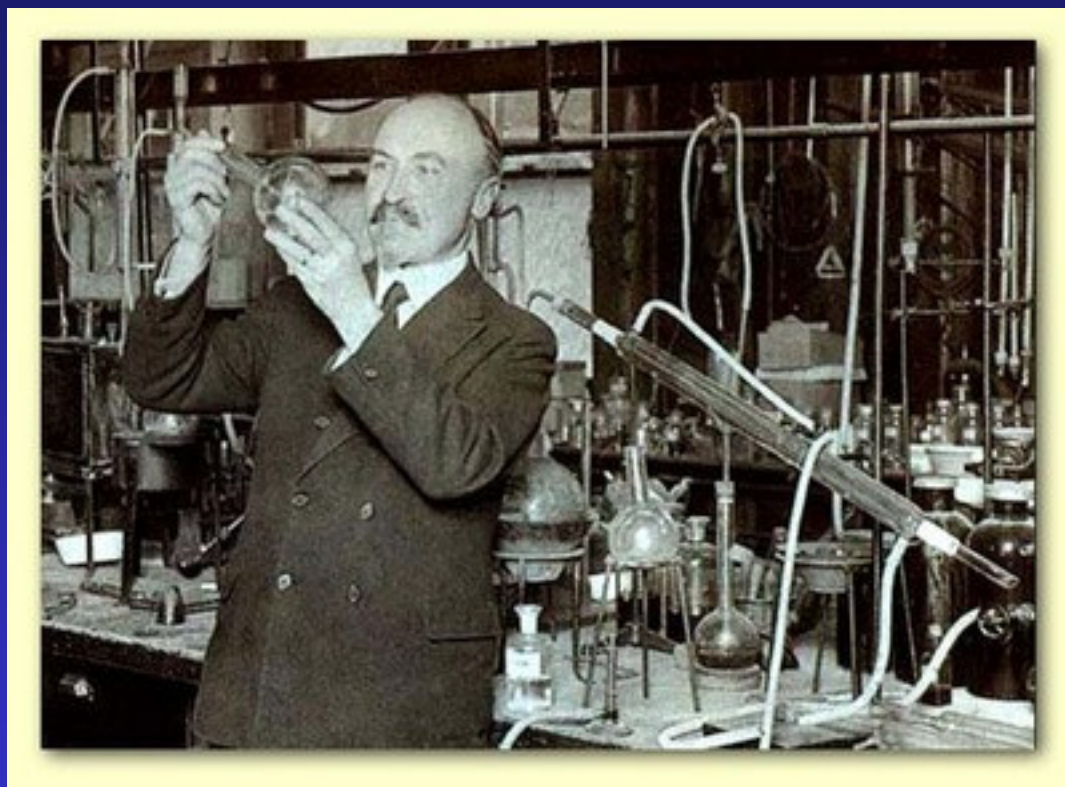
If a mixture of phenol or its homologues and formaldehyde or its polymers be heated, alone or in presence of catalytic or condensing agents, the formaldehyde being present in about the molecular proportion required for the reaction or in excess thereof, that is to say, approximately equal volumes of commercial phenol or creylic acid and commercial formaldehyde, these bodies react upon each other and yield a product consisting of two liquids which will sep-

arate or stratify on standing. The lighter or supernatant liquid is an aqueous solution, which contains the water resulting from the reaction or added with the reagents, whereas the heavier liquid is oily or viscous in character and contains the first products of chemical condensation or dehydration. The liquids are readily separated, and the aqueous solution may be rejected or the water may be eliminated by evaporation. The oily liquid obtained as above described is found to be soluble in or miscible with alcohol, acetone, phenol and similar solvents or mixtures of the same. This oily liquid may be further submitted to heat on a water- or steam-bath so as to thicken it slightly and to drive off any water which might still be mixed with it. If the reaction be permitted to proceed further the condensation product may acquire a more viscous character, becoming gelatinous, or semi-plastic in consistency. This modification of the product is insoluble or incompletely soluble in alcohol but soluble or partially soluble in acetone or in a mixture of acetone and alcohol. The condensation product having either the oily or semi-plastic character may be subjected to further treatment as hereinafter described. By heating the said condensation product it is found to be transformed into a hard body, unaffected by moisture, insoluble in alcohol and acetone, infusible, and resistant to acids, alkalies and almost all ordinary reagents. This product is found to be suitable for many purposes, and may be employed either alone or in admixture with other solids, semi-liquids or liquid materials, as for instance asbestos fiber, wood fiber, other fibrous or cellular materials, rubber, casein, lamp black, mica, mineral powders as zinc oxide, barium sulfate, etc., pigments, dyes, nitrocellulose, abrasive materials, lime, sulfate of calcium, graphite, cement, powdered horn or bone, pumice stone, talcum, starch, colophonium, resins or gums, slate dust, etc., in accordance with the particular uses for which it is intended, and in much the same manner as india rubber is compounded with the above-named and other materials to yield various valuable products. In compounding the condensation or dehydration product in this manner the desired materials are mixed with the same before submitting it to the final hardening operation below described.

- Baekland set out to discover a substitute for Shellac, then wholly supplied by India to the world
- In the process he made the first man made material, heralding the age of plastics, a discovery considered as revolutionary
- Heat resistant and insulating
- Baekland named his new material Novolak
- He founded a company called Bakelite Corporation in 1910 to manufacture the product

US Patent 942, 699, December 7, 1909

# THE DAWN OF THE CHEMICAL INDUSTRY: THE MANUFACTURE OF BAKELITE



*Leo Baekland (1863-1944)*

*When asked why he chose to work in the field of synthetic resins, he replied "to make money"*



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# SYNTHETIC POLYMERS

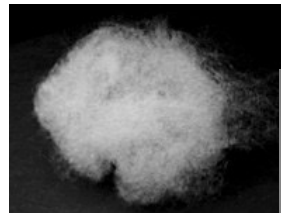
- Plastics
  - Water bottles
  - Packaging materials
  - Tote bag / luggage



- Rubbers ( elastomers)
  - Tyres
  - Latex Gloves
  - Chewing gum

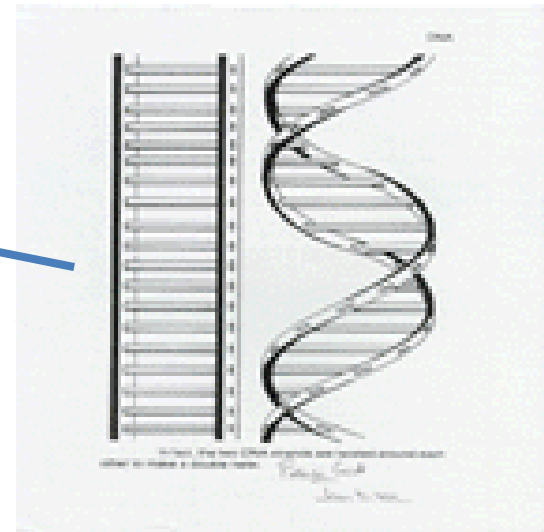


- Fibres
  - Fillings in Pillows
  - Apparels
  - Stockings





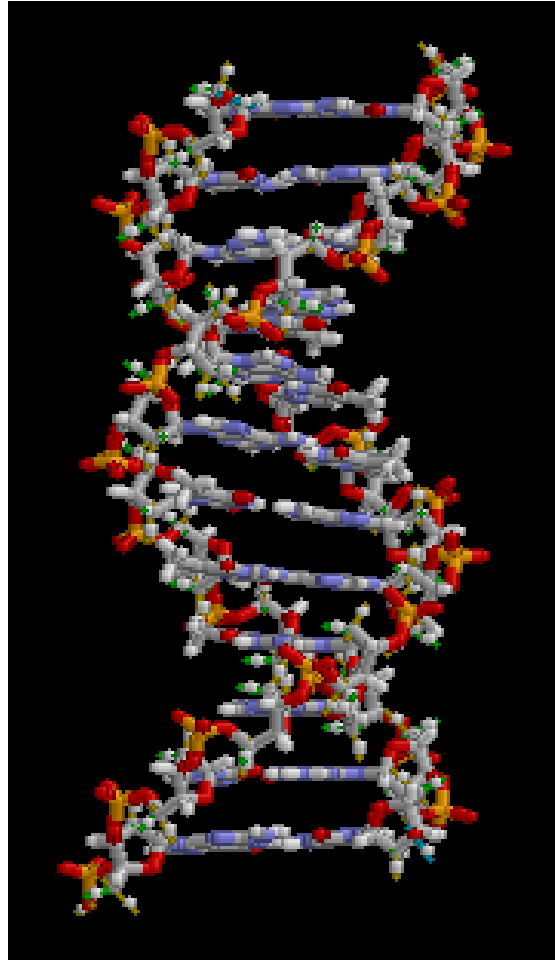
# Natural Polymers



- Collagen
- Gelatin
- Keratin
- Silk
- Wool
- Cellulose
- Natural Rubber
- DNA



# ***THE MOLECULE OF LIFE : DNA***





# Length + Flexibility Make it Happen...

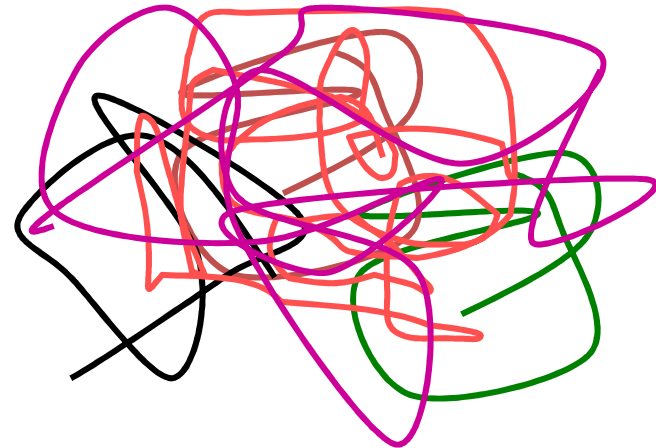
Short Molecules



- Can separate easily
- Too short to entangle
- Behave independently

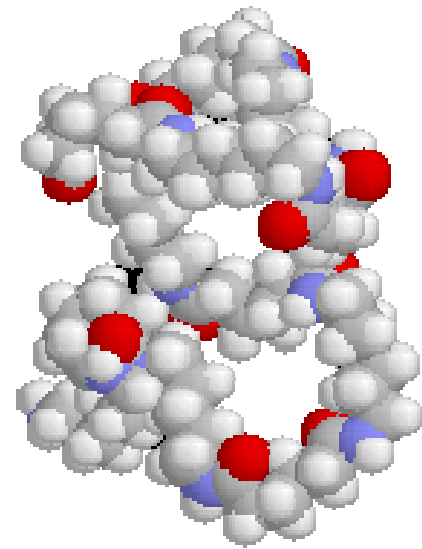
**Bowl of Rice**

Long Molecules

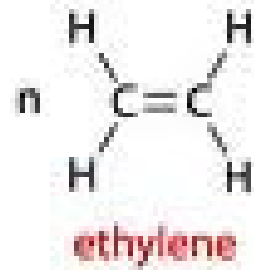
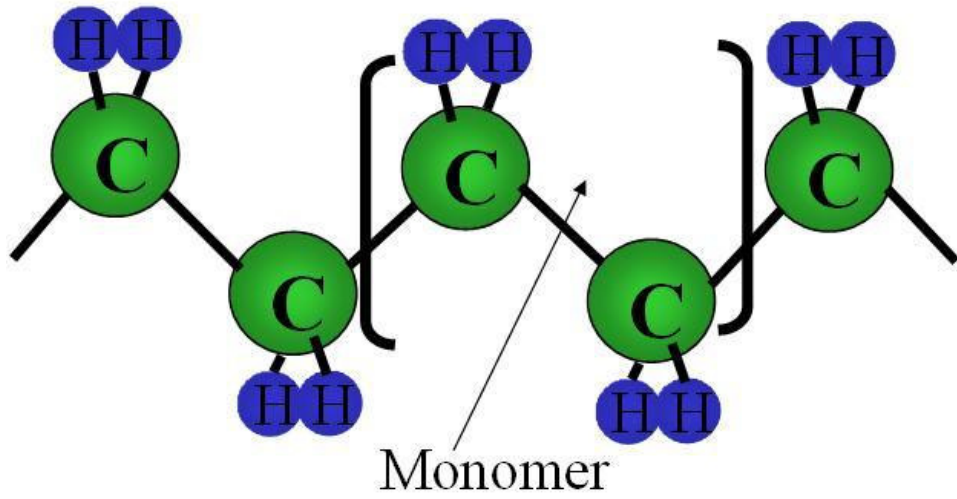


- Completely entangled
- Molecules do not easily move independently

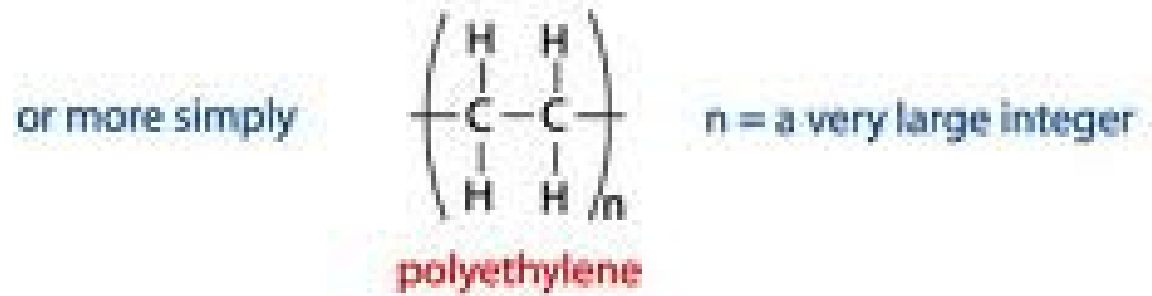
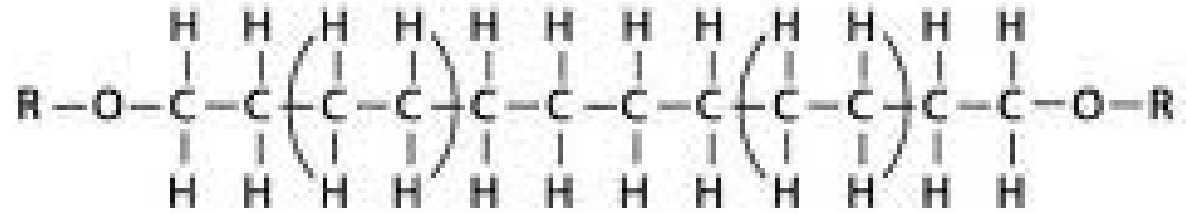
**Bowl of Spaghetti**







polymerization



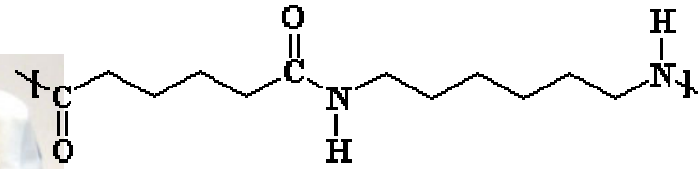
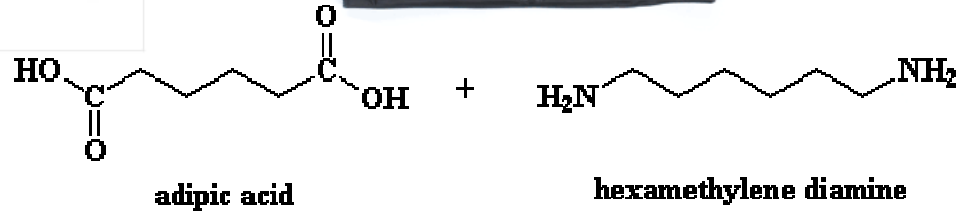


*Ox's Bone for handles  
Pig's hair for bristles*



*Polypropylene for handles  
Nylon 6,6 for bristles  
Synthetic rubber for grip*



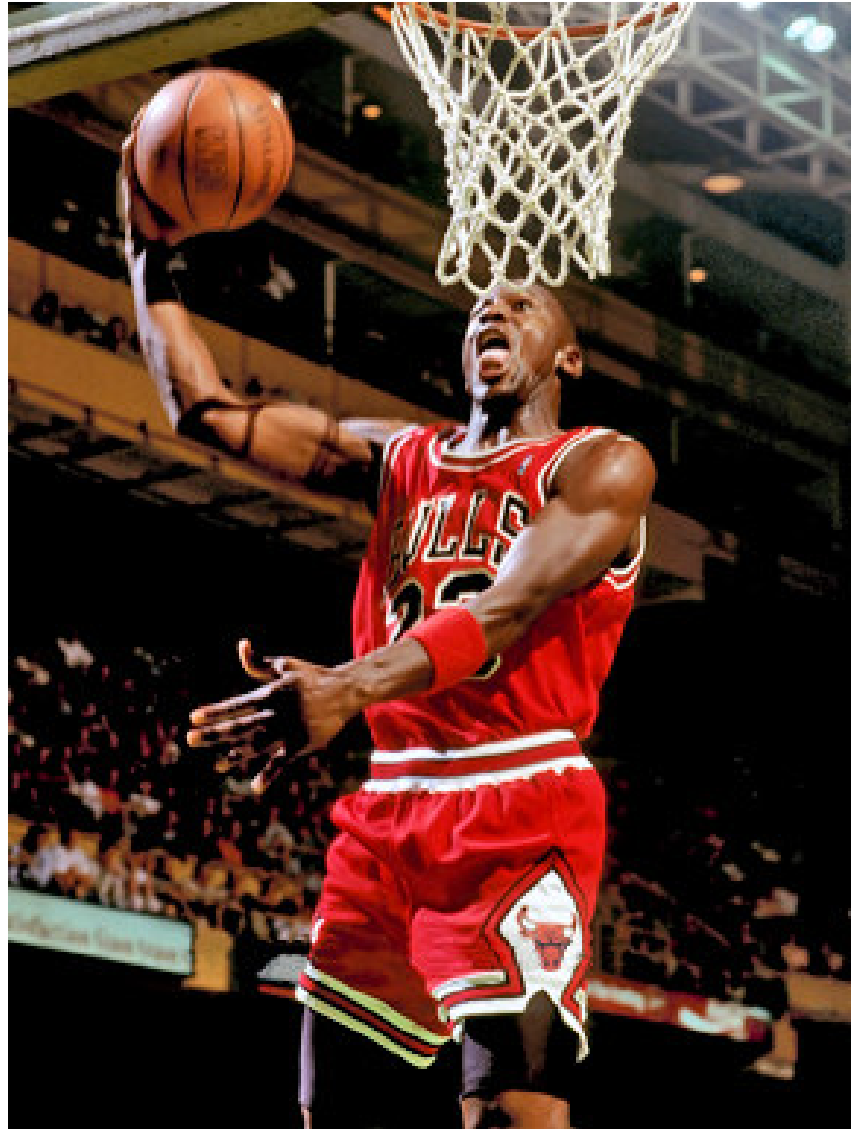


**nylon 6,6**



**NYLONS ARE FOUND IN MANY ARTICLES OF EVERY DAY USE**



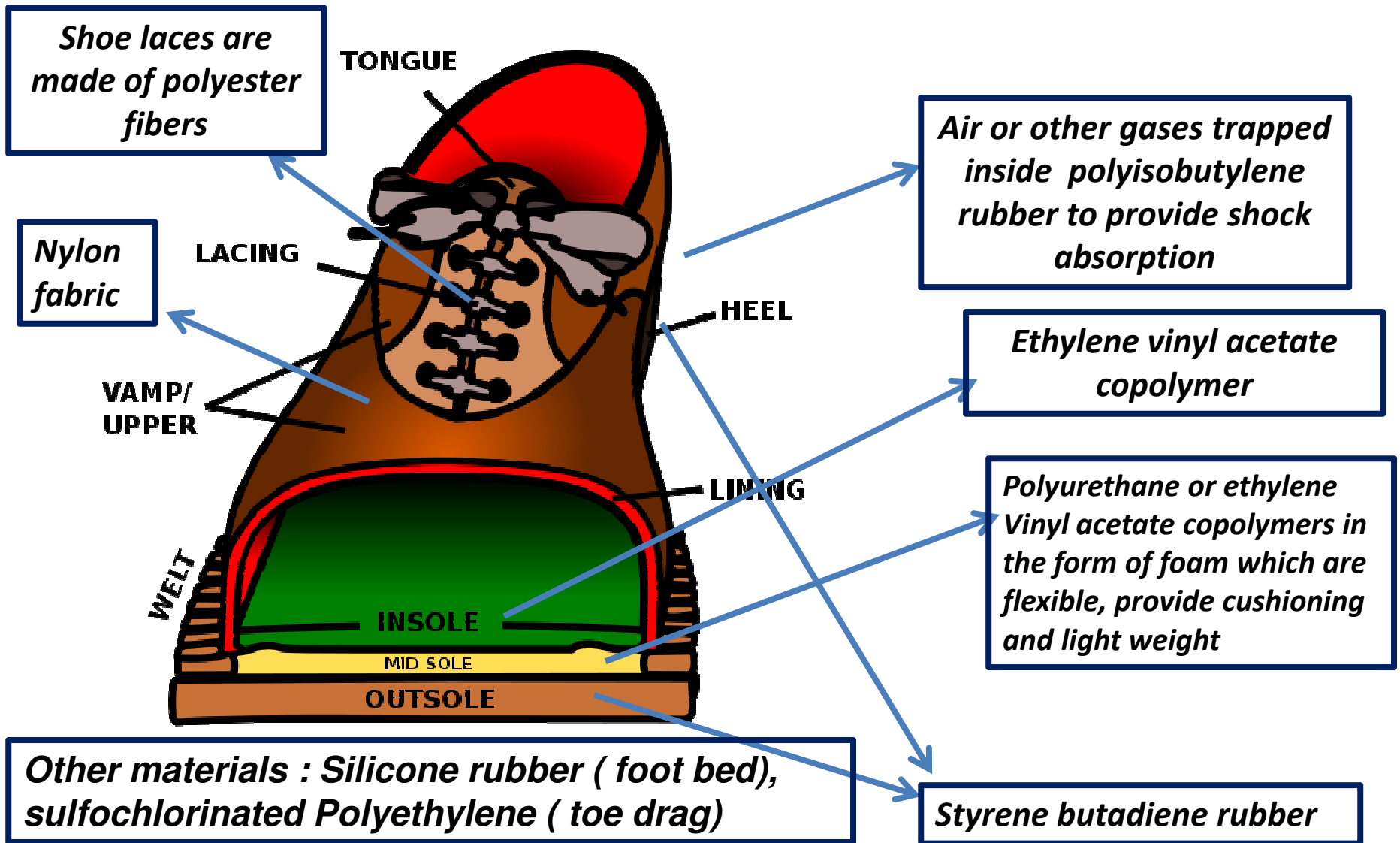




# HOW MANY MATERIALS CAN YOU FIND IN YOUR ATHLETIC SHOES ?


- *When you jump, run and play, your body weight can put 3-6 times the force on your feet. So you want your shoe to absorb the shock*
- *You want your shoe to last*
- *You want your shoes to be light on your feet*
- *You want your shoes to be flexible, assuming the contours of your feet as you walk, run, and bend*





The Periodic Table of the elements by Medvedev was a historic achievement in chemistry and enabled chemists to see the relationship between structure and properties of the basic elements.  
 Polymers also have a strong relationship between structure and properties and this 'Periodic Table of Polymers' is a first attempt to provide a simple codification of the basic polymer types and structures.  
 The diversity of polymer types makes it impossible to include all of the variations in one simple table and this table only includes the most common polymers.

# Tangram Technology Periodic Table of Thermoplastics

Increasing performance 

Commodity

Engineering

Performance

Amorphous

Increasing crystallinity

Semicrystalline

Random molecular orientation in both molten and solid phases.



**General Characteristics**  
 Soften gradually.  
 Generally transparent.  
 Lower Tensile Strength and Tensile Modulus.  
 Lower Density.  
 Low Creep Resistance.  
 High Dimensional Stability.  
 Low fatigue resistance.  
 Easy to bond using adhesives and solvents (high surface energy).

Random molecular orientation in molten phase, densely packed crystallites in solid phase.



**General Characteristics**  
 Sharp melting point.  
 Generally translucent or opaque.  
 Higher Tensile Strength and Tensile Modulus.  
 Higher Density.  
 High Creep Resistance.  
 Low Dimensional Stability.  
 High fatigue resistance.  
 Difficult to bond using adhesives and solvents (low surface energy).

<b>PS-HI</b> High Impact Polystyrene	<b>PS-GP</b> General Purpose Polystyrene	<b>ABS</b> Acrylonitrile Butadiene Styrene (Copolymer)	<b>SAN</b> Styrene Acrylonitrile (Copolymer)	<b>PMMA</b> Polymethyl methacrylate (Acrylic)	<b>PPO</b> (Modified) Polyphenylene Oxide	<b>PC</b> Polycarbonate	<b>PAR</b> Polyarylate	<b>PSU</b> Polysulphone	<b>PES</b> Polyethersulphone	<b>PPSU</b> Polyethersulphone (Block copolymer)			
<b>PVC-P</b> Plasticised Polyvinylchloride	<b>SBS</b> Styrene-Butadiene-Styrene (Copolymer)	<b>SMA</b> Styrene-Maleic Anhydride (Copolymer)	<b>ASA</b> Acrylonitrile Styrene Acrylate (Copolymer)	<b>SB</b> Styrene-Butadiene (Copolymer)	<b>PET-G</b> Glycolised Polyethylene terephthalate	<b>PVC-UX</b> Crosslinked Unplasticised PVC	<b>PVC-C</b> Chlorinated PVC	<b>PEI</b> Polyetherimide	<b>PAI</b> Polyamideimide	<b>PI</b> Polyimide	<b>PBI</b> Polybenzimidazole		
<b>PVC-U</b> Unplasticised Polyvinylchloride	<b>CA</b> Cellulose Acetate	<b>CAB</b> Cellulose Acetate Butyrate	<b>CAP</b> Cellulose Acetate Propionate	<b>CP</b> Cellulose Propionate	<b>PET-G</b> Glycolised Polyethylene terephthalate	<b>PVC-UX</b> Crosslinked Unplasticised PVC	<b>PVC-C</b> Chlorinated PVC						
<b>PVC-U</b> High-Impact Unplasticised PVC								<b>PA 6/3/T</b> Amorphous polyamide	<b>PPA</b> Polyphthalamide (Amorphous)	<b>PARA</b> Polyaryl amide			
<b>PE-LD</b> Low Density Polyethylene	<b>PE-LLD</b> Linear Low Density Polyethylene	<b>PE-MD</b> Medium Density Polyethylene	<b>PMP</b> Polymethyl pentene	<b>EVA</b> Ethylene-vinyl Acetate (12% VA)	<b>PE-X</b> Crosslinked Polyethylene	<b>PB</b> Polybutene-1 (Polybutylene)	<b>PE-UHMW</b> Ultra-high Molecular Weight PE	<b>PA 11</b> Polyamide 11 (Nylon 11)	<b>PA 12</b> Polyamide 12 (Nylon 12)	<b>PPA</b> Polyphthalamide	<b>PA 46</b> Polyamide 46 (Nylon 46)	<b>PEK</b> Polyetherketone	<b>PEEK</b> Polyetherether ketone
		<b>PE-C</b> Chlorinated Polyethylene	<b>PE-VLD</b> Very Low Density Polyethylene	<b>EMA</b> Ethylene-methyl Acrylate	<b>PBT</b> Polybutylene-terephthalate	<b>PA 6</b> Polyamide 6 (Nylon 6)	<b>PA 66</b> Polyamide 66 (Nylon 66)		<b>LCP</b> Liquid Crystal Polymer (Aromatic copolyester)	<b>PFA</b> Perfluoroalkoxy	<b>ECTFE</b> Ethylene-chlorotrifluoroethylene	<b>PCTFE</b> Polychlorotrifluoroethylene	<b>PTFE</b> Polytetrafluoroethylene
	<b>PP</b> Polypropylene (Homopolymer)	<b>PP</b> Polypropylene (Copolymer)			<b>PET</b> Crystalline Polyethylene-terephthalate	<b>PA 6/10</b> Polyamide 6/10 (Nylon 6/10)	<b>PA 6/12</b> Polyamide 6/12 (Nylon 6/12)	<b>POM</b> Polyoxymethylene (Acetal Copolymer)	<b>EVOH</b> Ethylene-vinyl Alcohol	<b>PPS</b> Polyphenylene Sulphide	<b>FEP</b> Fluorinated ethylene-propylene	<b>ETFE</b> Ethylene-tetrafluoroethylene	<b>PVDF</b> Polyvinylidene-fluoride
	<b>PE-HD</b> High Density Polyethylene							<b>POM</b> Polyoxymethylene (Acetal Homopolymer)					

KEY TO MAJOR POLYMER FAMILIES:

Styrenes	Polyolefins	Vinyls	Cellulose	Polyesters	Polyamides	Acrylics	Polycarbonates	Acetals	Polysulphones	Imides	Fluoropolymers
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# Synthetic Polymers



- Poly (ethylene terephthalate) {PET}
  - Soda bottles, laundry detergent containers



- High Density Polyethylene {HDPE}
  - Milk jugs, shampoo bottles, landfill liners



- Poly (Vinyl Chloride) {PVC}
  - Shower curtains, siding, piping



- Low Density Polyethylene {LDPE}
  - Garbage bags, tape, disposable diapers



- Polypropylene {PP}
  - Chip and cookie bags, tupperware



- Polystyrene {PS}
  - Packing foam, disposable cups



