

*Welcome to 3.091*

**Lecture 29**

**November 20, 2009**

**Polymers: Synthesis, Properties, & Applications**



# 3.091 Test #3



“celebration part 3”

Monday, November 23, 2009

coverage:

defects

amorphous solids

kinetics

diffusion

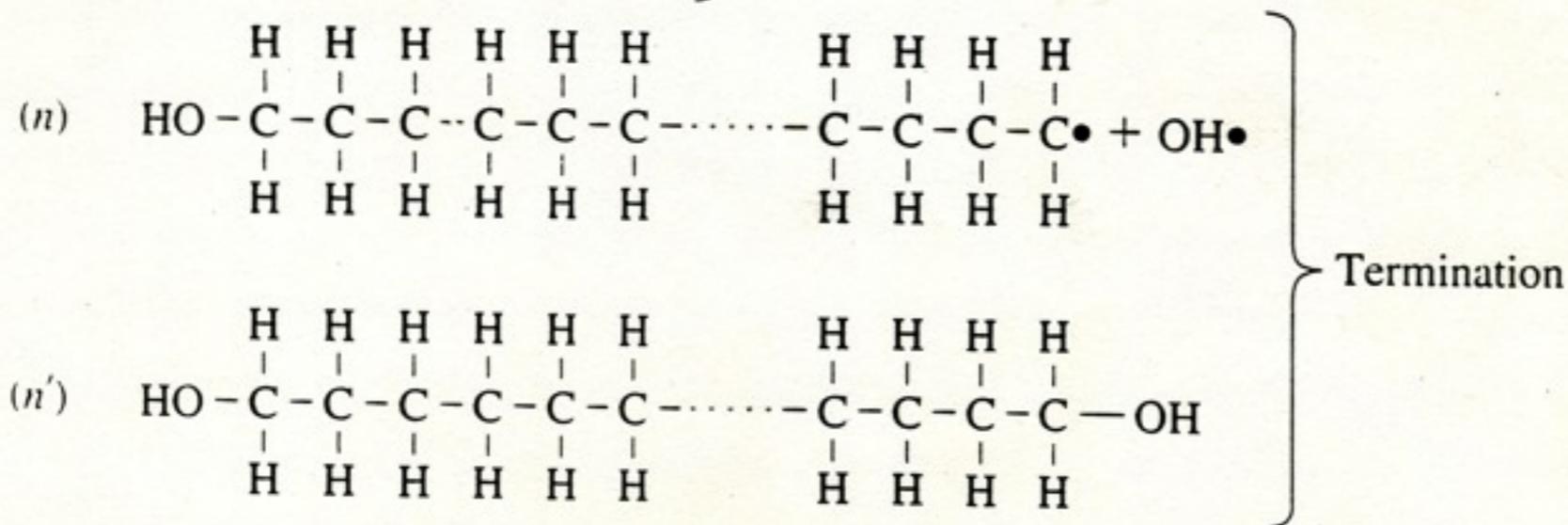
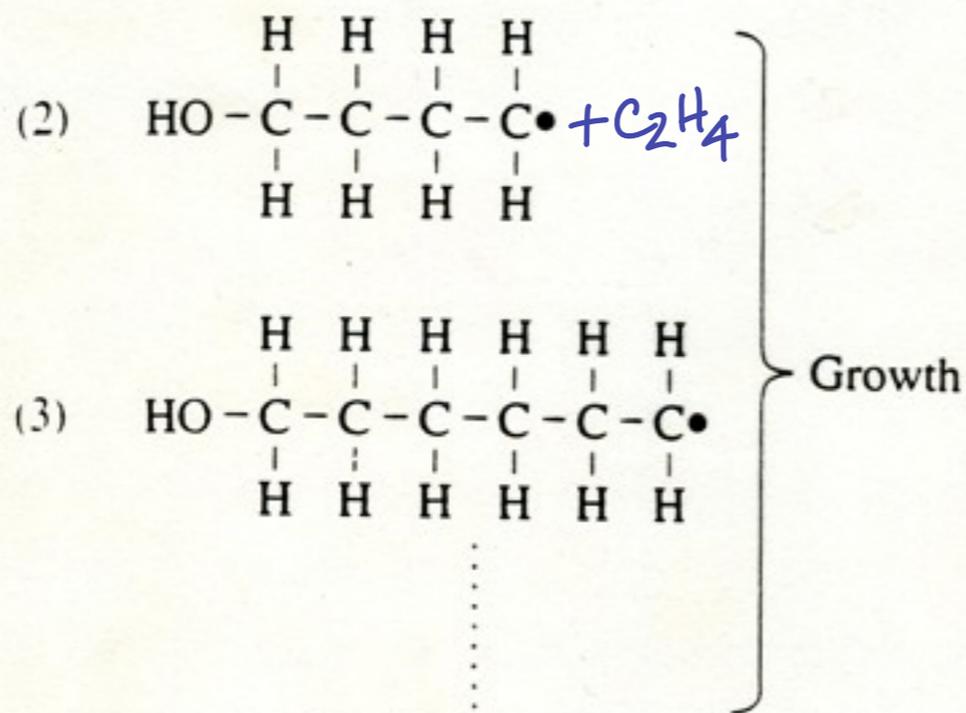
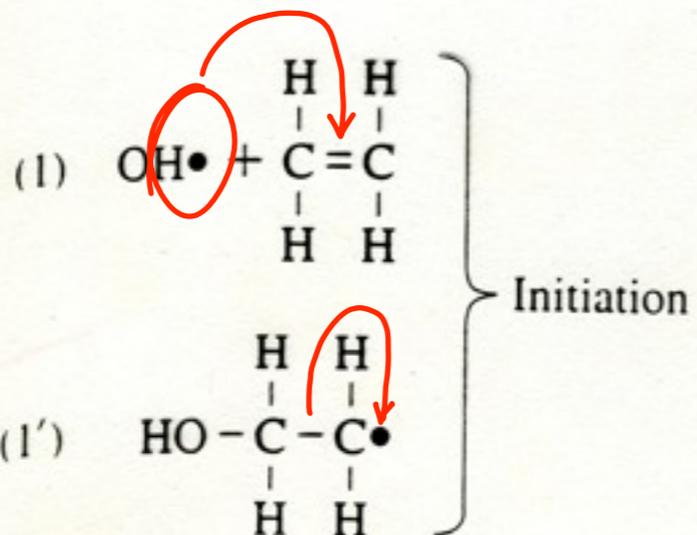
solutions

acids & bases

no orgo

no polymers

Makeup test December 2 during class

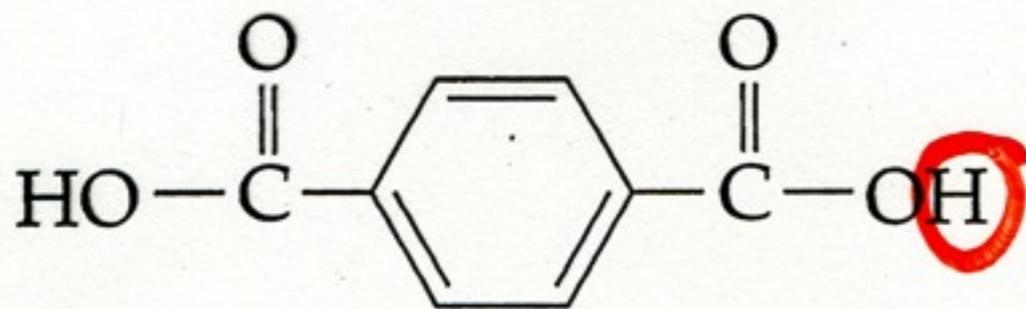


**TABLE P.1 Common Addition Polymers**

<i>Structure</i>	<i>Chemical Name</i>	<i>Trade Name or Common Name</i>
$(-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}_2-)_n$	polyethylene	
$(-\text{CF}_2-\text{CF}_2-)_n$	poly(tetrafluoroethylene)	Teflon
$(-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}-)_n$   CH <sub>3</sub>	polypropylene	Herculon
$(-\text{CH}_2-\text{C}-)_n$   CH <sub>3</sub>   CH <sub>3</sub>   CH <sub>3</sub>	polyisobutylene	butyl rubber
$(-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}-)_n$   	polystyrene	
$(-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}-)_n$   CN	polyacrylonitrile	Orlon
$(-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}-)_n$   Cl	poly(vinyl chloride)	PVC
$(-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}-)_n$   CO <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>   CH <sub>3</sub>	poly(methyl acrylate)	
$(-\text{CH}_2-\text{C}-)_n$   CO <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>   H H	poly(methyl methacrylate)	Plexiglas, Lucite
$(-\text{CH}_2-\text{C}=\text{C}-\text{CH}_2-)_n$   Cl	polybutadiene	
$(-\text{CH}_2-\text{C}=\text{CH}-\text{CH}_2-)_n$   H CH <sub>3</sub>	polychloroprene	neoprene
$(-\text{CH}_2-\text{C}=\text{C}-\text{CH}_2-)_n$   H CH <sub>3</sub>	poly( <i>cis</i> -1,4-isoprene)	natural rubber
$(-\text{CH}_2-\text{C}=\text{C}-\text{CH}_2-)_n$   H CH <sub>3</sub>	poly( <i>trans</i> -1,4-isoprene)	gutta percha

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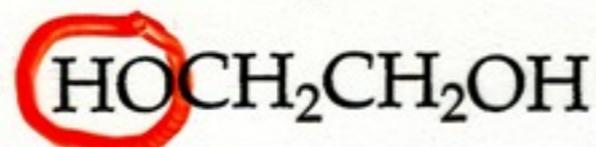
View as acid/base reaction



Terephthalic acid

1,4 benzene dicarboxylic acid

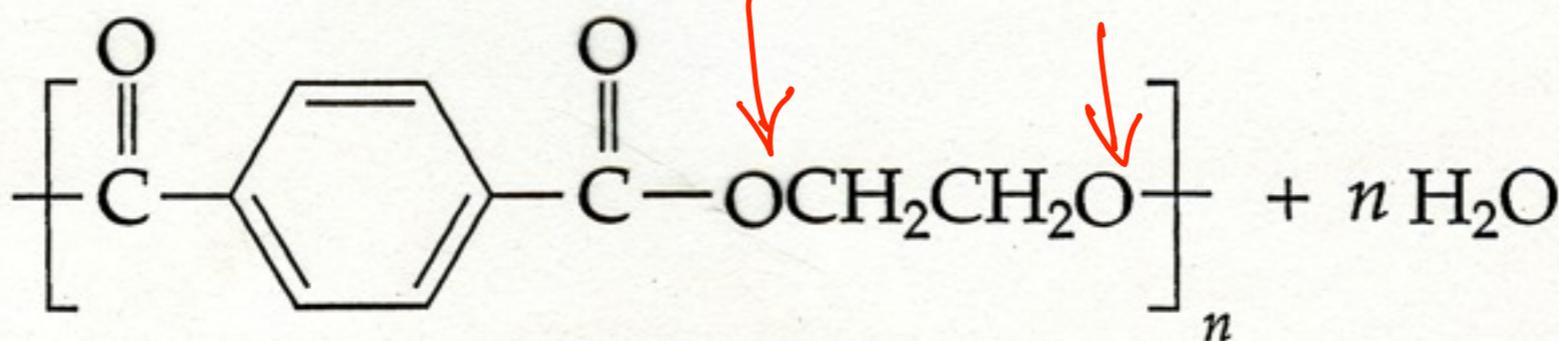
+



Ethylene glycol  
(1,2-Ethanediol)



- O - bridges



A polyester (Dacron, Mylar)

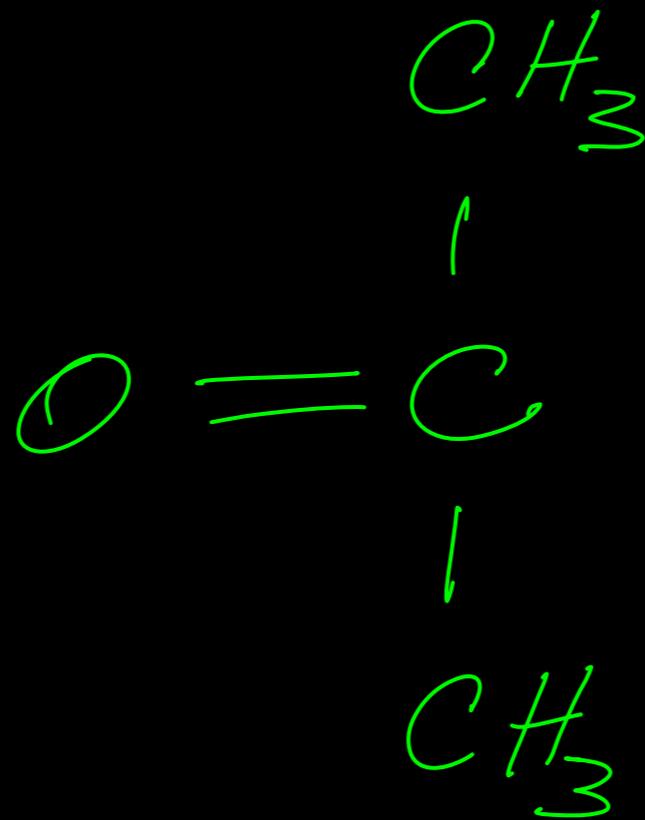
poly(ethylene terephthalate) PET

TABLE P.2 Common Condensation Polymers

Structure	Trade Name or Common Name
<b>Polyamides</b>	
$(-\text{NH}-(\text{CH}_2)_6-\text{NH}-\overset{\text{O}}{\parallel}{\text{C}}-(\text{CH}_2)_4-\overset{\text{O}}{\parallel}{\text{C}}-)_n$ <p><i>Handwritten notes: amino end (pointing to NH), amide bond (pointing to C=O), carboxylic acid end (pointing to C=O)</i></p>	Nylon 6, 6
$(-\text{NH}-(\text{CH}_2)_6-\text{NH}-\overset{\text{O}}{\parallel}{\text{C}}-(\text{CH}_2)_8-\overset{\text{O}}{\parallel}{\text{C}}-)_n$	Nylon 6, 10
$(-\text{NH}-(\text{CH}_2)_5-\overset{\text{O}}{\parallel}{\text{C}}-)_n$	Nylon 6
$(-\text{NH}-\text{C}_6\text{H}_{10}-\text{CH}_2-\text{C}_6\text{H}_{10}-\text{NH}-\overset{\text{O}}{\parallel}{\text{C}}-(\text{CH}_2)_{10}-\overset{\text{O}}{\parallel}{\text{C}}-)_n$	Qiana
<b>Polyaramides</b>	
$(-\text{NH}-\text{C}_6\text{H}_4-\overset{\text{O}}{\parallel}{\text{C}}-)_n$	Kevlar
<b>Polyesters</b>	
$(-\text{O}-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2-\text{O}-\overset{\text{O}}{\parallel}{\text{C}}-\text{C}_6\text{H}_4-\overset{\text{O}}{\parallel}{\text{C}}-)_n$	Dacron, Mylar
$(-\text{O}-\text{CH}_2-\text{C}_6\text{H}_{10}-\text{CH}_2-\text{O}-\overset{\text{O}}{\parallel}{\text{C}}-\text{C}_6\text{H}_4-\overset{\text{O}}{\parallel}{\text{C}}-)_n$	Kodel
<b>Polycarbonates</b>	
$(-\text{O}-\text{C}_6\text{H}_4-\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_2-\text{C}_6\text{H}_4-\text{O}-\overset{\text{O}}{\parallel}{\text{C}}-)_n$	Lexan
<b>Silicones Siloxanes</b>	
$(-\text{O}-\text{Si}(\text{CH}_3)_2-)_n$	silicone rubber

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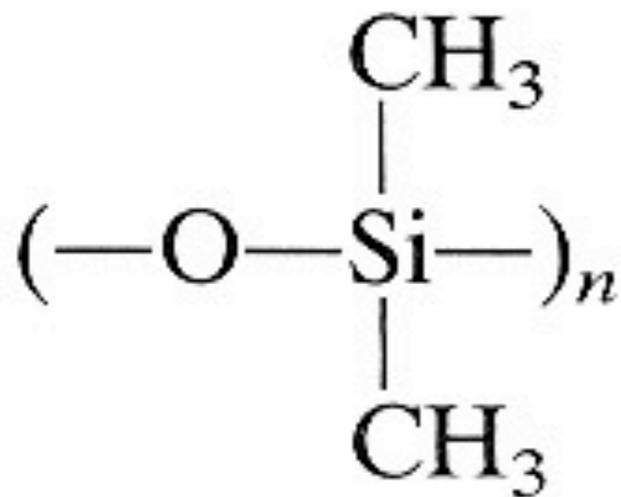
Ketone



acetone

**Siloxanes**

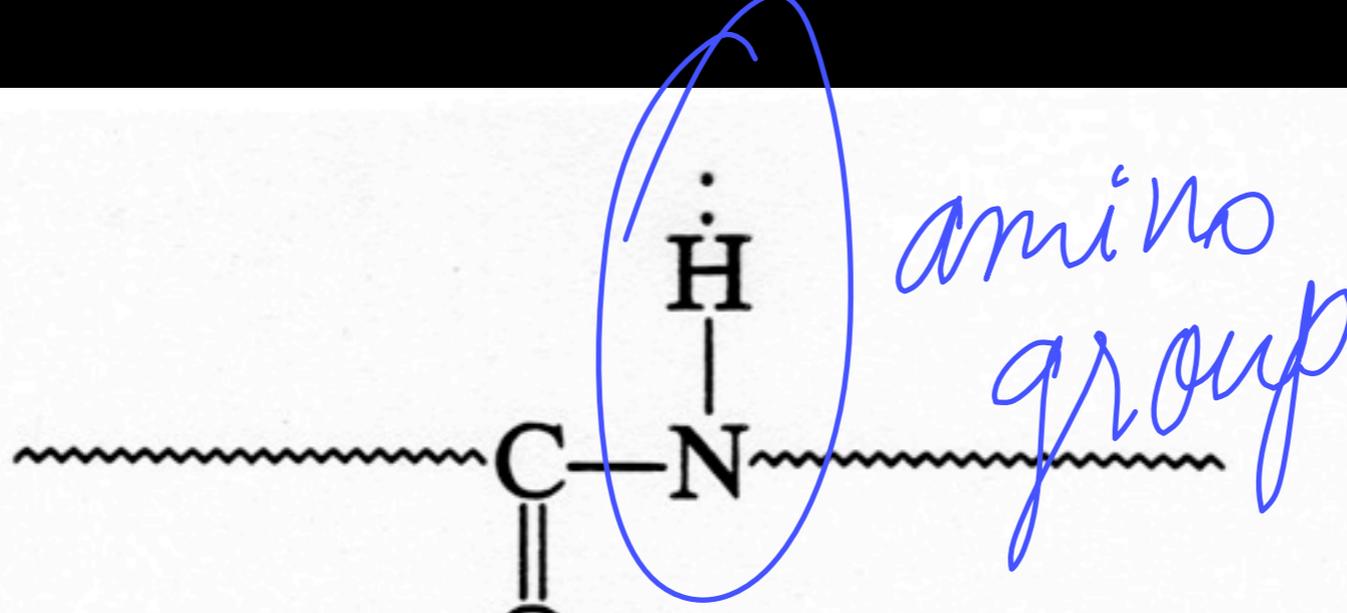
**Silicones**



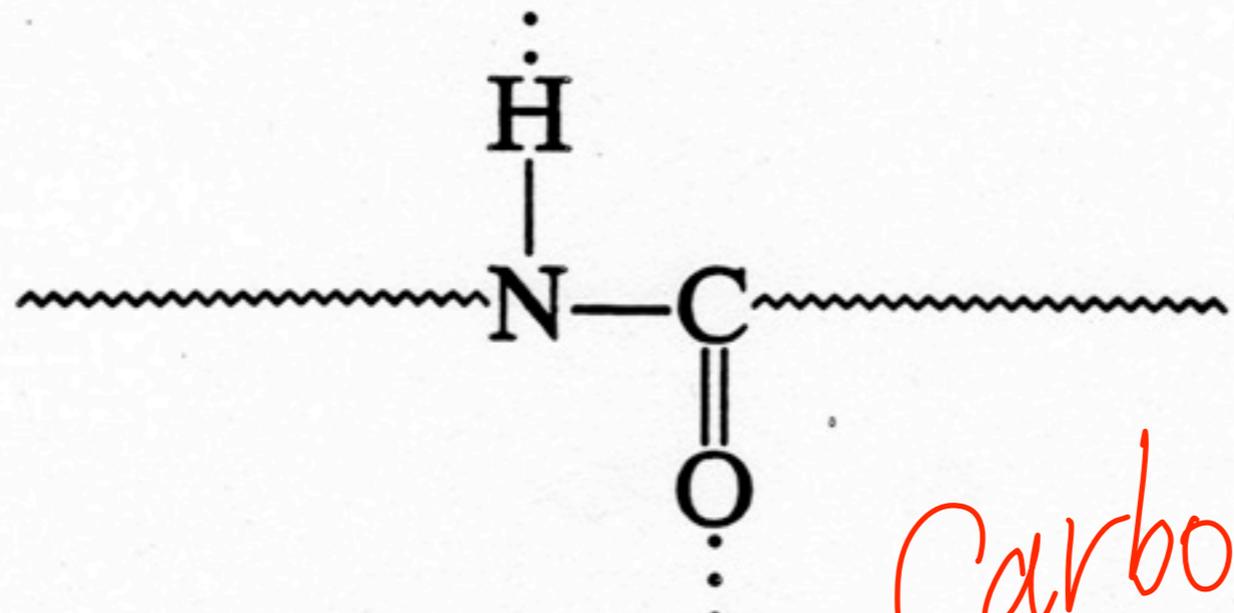
**poly(dimethylsiloxane) PDMS**

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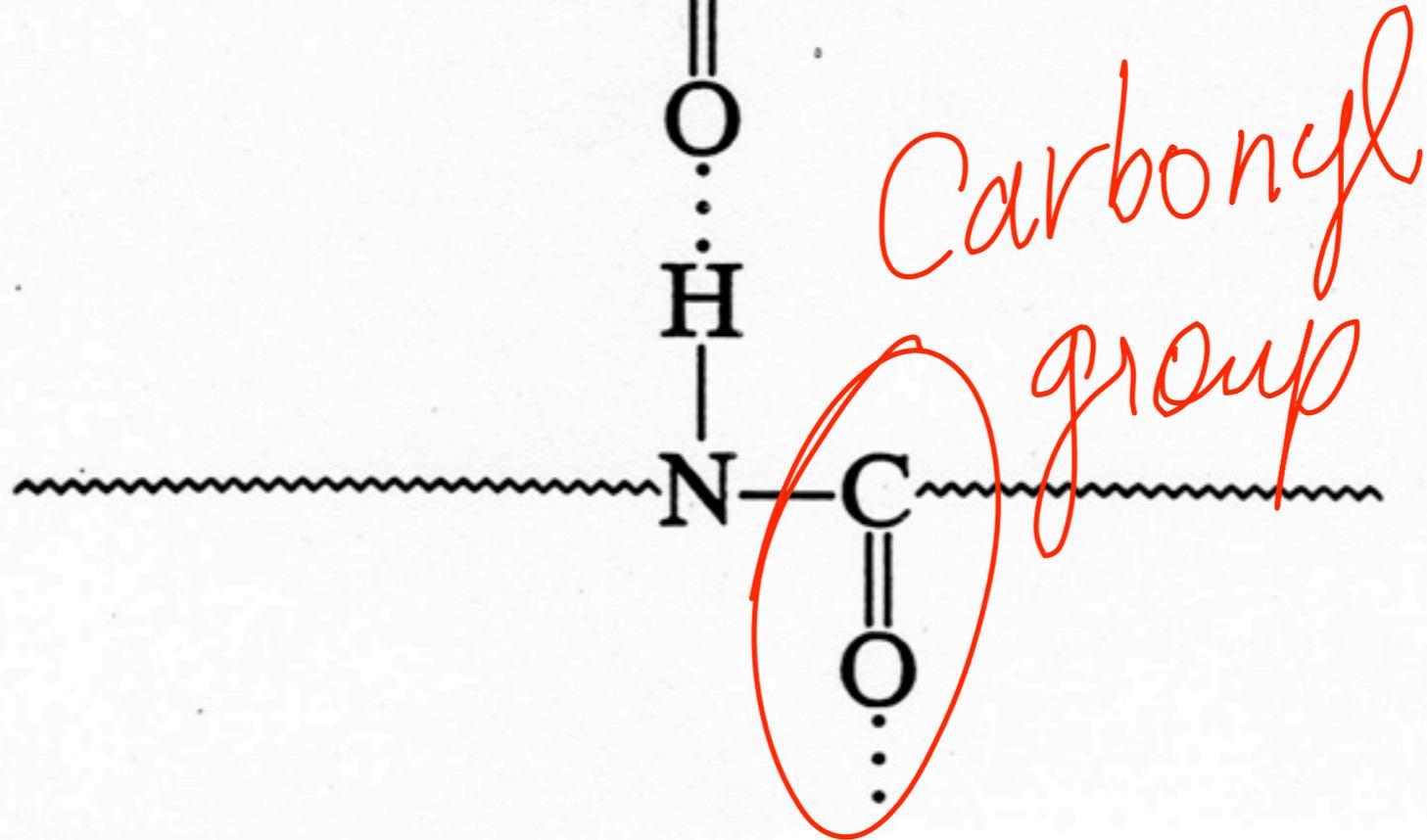
chain 1



chain 2



chain 3



“Mister Cellophane”  
from the musical *Chicago*

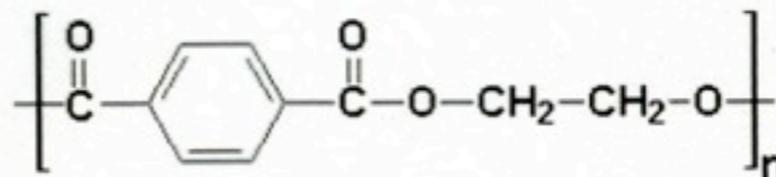
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# Polythene Pam

## (Lennon/McCartney)

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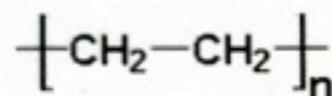
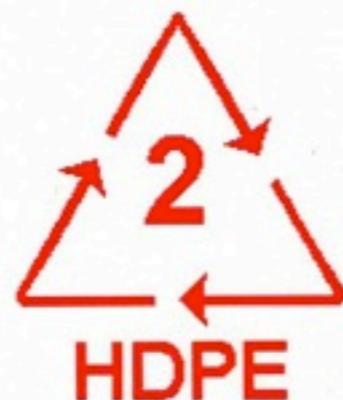
"Polythene Pam." The Beatles. *Abbey Road* (1969).



poly(ethylene terephthalate) (PET)

Invented by J.R. Whinfield and J.T. Dickson, 1940.

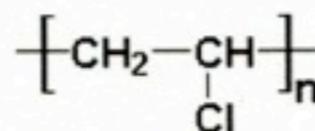
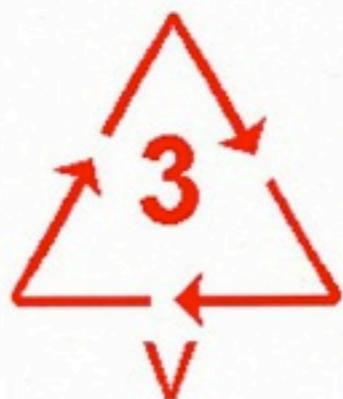
Uses: clothing, plastic films, plastic bottles



high-density polyethylene (HDPE)

Invented by Robert L. Banks and J. Paul Hogan, 1951.

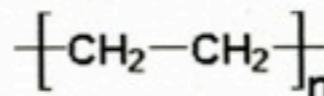
Uses: plastics of all kinds, high-strength fibers



poly(vinyl chloride)

Invented by Waldo Semon, 1926.

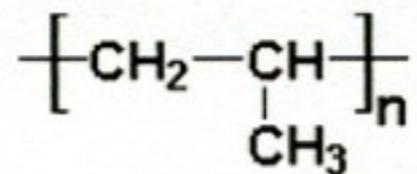
Uses: water pipes, LP records, vinyl car tops



low-density polyethylene (LDPE)

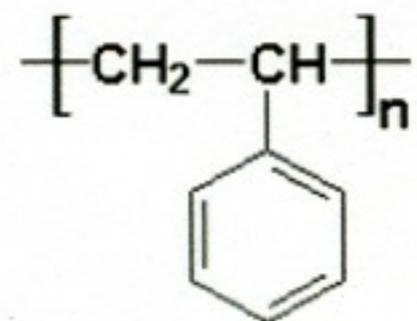
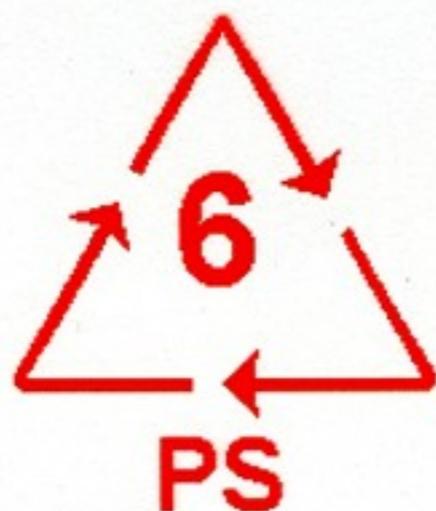
Invented by Eric Fawcett and Reginald Gibson, 1935.

Uses: plastic films, bags



polypropylene (PP)

Invented by Robert L. Banks and J. Paul Hogan, 1951.  
Uses: fibers for rope, indoor-outdoor carpeting,  
plastics



polystyrene (PS)

Invented by Eduard Simon, 1839.  
Uses: rigid plastics of all kinds, polystyrene foams  
Hermann Staudinger 1922 (Nobel 1953)



anything else, including items made  
from more than one kind of polymer

# Wallace Carothers



- \* b. April 27, 1896, Burlington, Iowa
  - \* B.S., Tarkio College (gen. sci. & Eng.)
  - \* Ph.D., U. of Illinois
  - \* lecturer Harvard
  - \* head of fundamental research in organic chemistry at DuPont; synthesis of long-chain molecules similar to cellulose and silk
  - \* invented neoprene 1931: synthetic rubber
  - \* invented nylon 1937: synthetic fiber
  - \* m. February 1936
  - \* d. April 29, 1937, Philadelphia
- 62 technical publications      69 patents



## Wallace Carothers (1896 – 1937)

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# *nylon rope pull:*

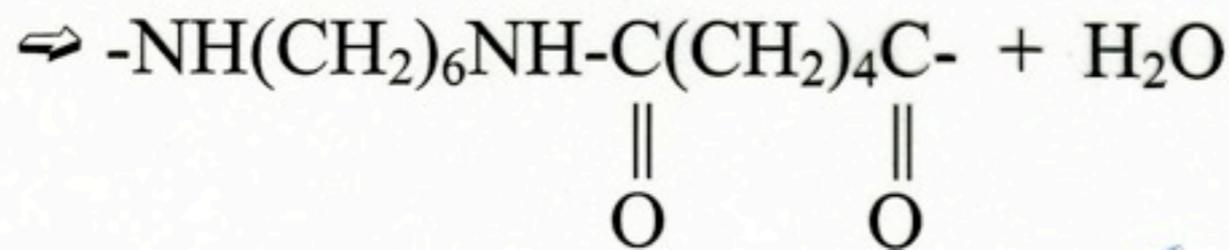
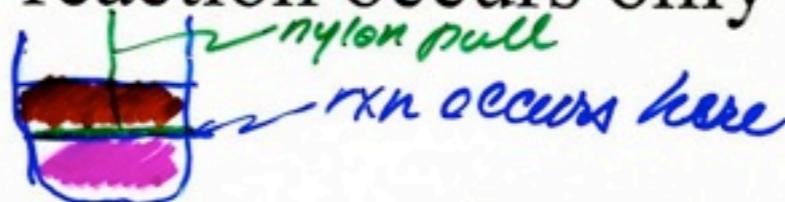
\* beaker synthesis of nylon 6,6 by condensation polymerization:

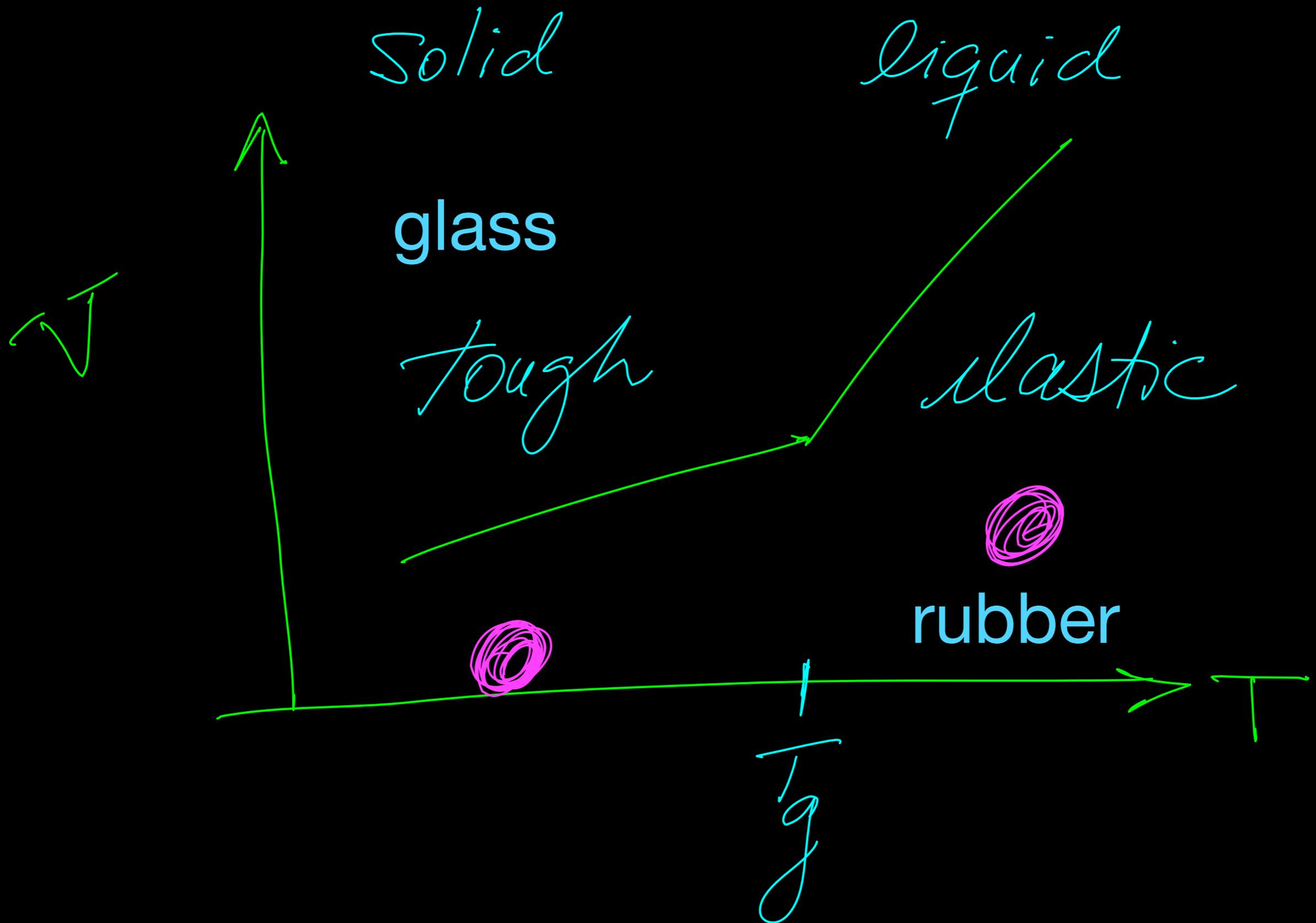
hexamethylene diamine + adipic acid

⇒ nylon 6,6 + water

\* industrially this reaction is conducted at 280°C in the absence of solvents

\* lab demo uses two immiscible solvents (water and hexane) and dissolves a reactant in each: reaction occurs only at the interface





		norbornene	isoprene
	(°C)		
b.p. H <sub>2</sub> O	100	elastic	elastic
T <sub>g</sub> norbornene	40		
room temp	21	tough	elastic
T <sub>g</sub> isoprene	-70		
b.p. N <sub>2</sub>	-196	tough	tough

# pattern of adoption

wonder  
substitution  
innovation  
concern

AT breakfast, your wife pours you a cup of coffee; the handle she takes hold of on the percolator is of made Bakelite, as well as the button under the table she presses for service, and the twin-light plug from which are carried the wires to the toaster.



*The Material of a Thousand Uses*



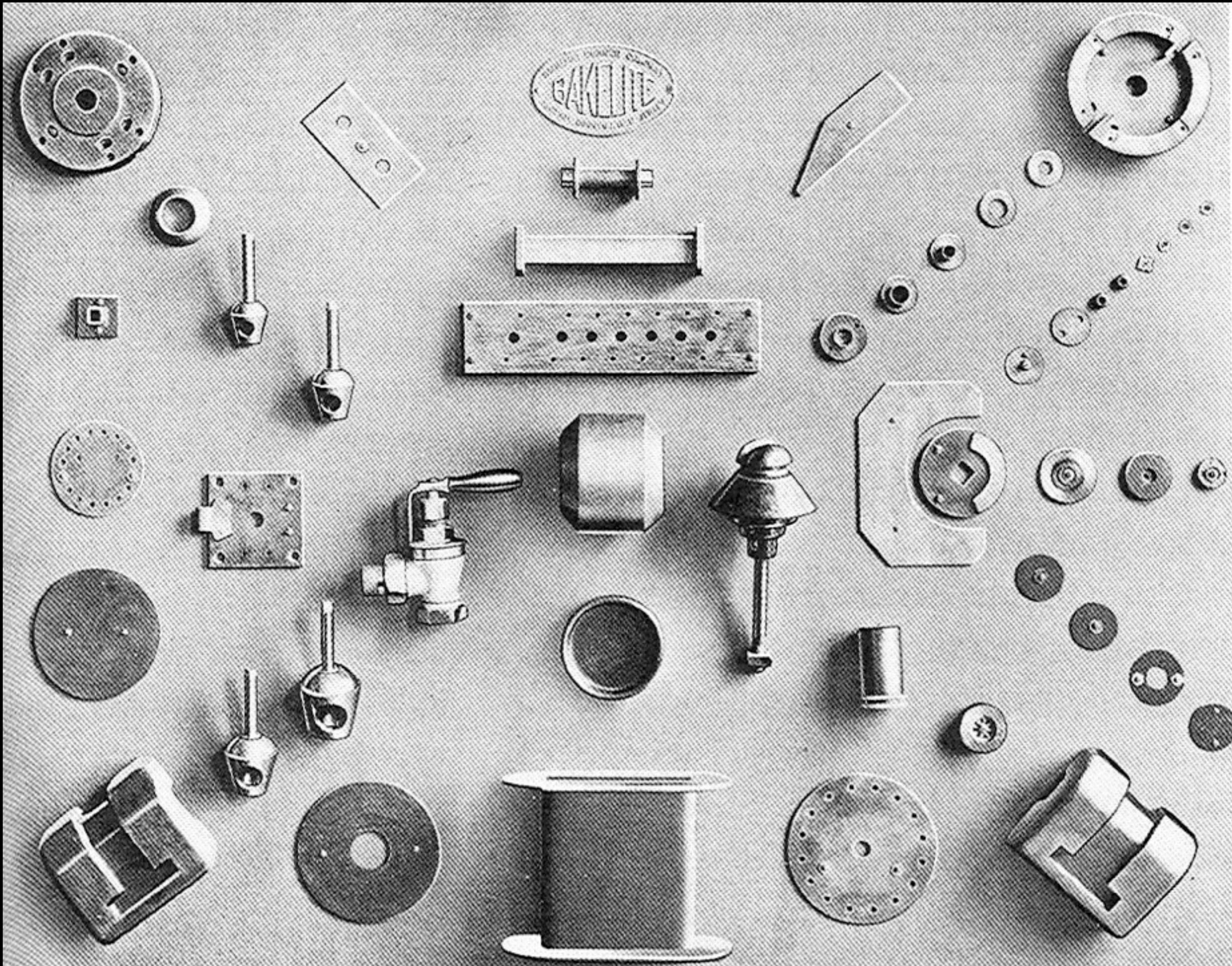
carbolic acid

+

formaldehyde



phenolic resin



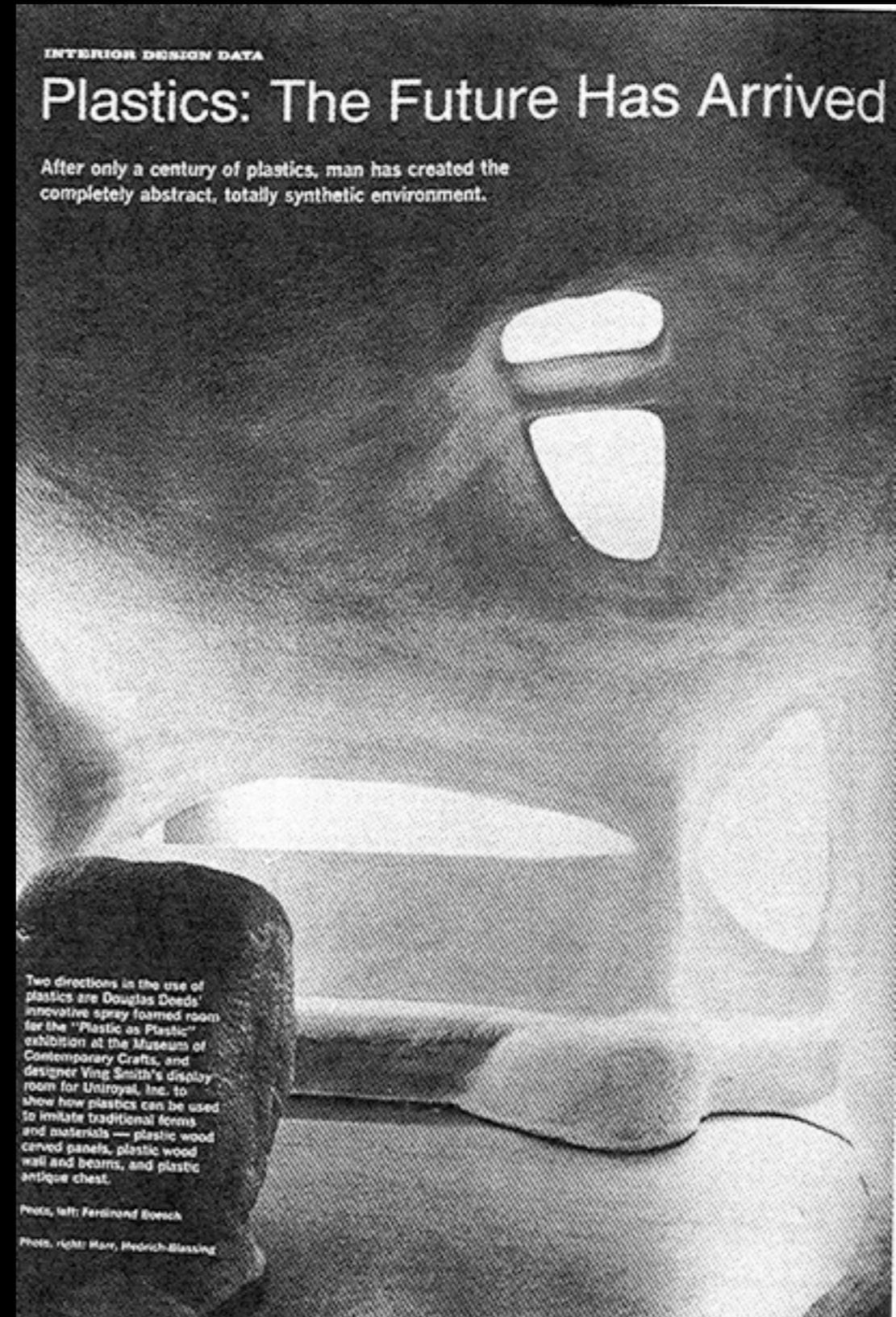
Promotional photo, 1909.





# room of sprayed polyurethane foam by Douglas Deeds for “Plastic as Plastic” exhibition at Museum of Contemporary Crafts, New York, 1968

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# plastic

- the Greek πλασσειν = to shape
  - ☞ cognates include “potter”
  - ☞ πλαστικός = can be shaped (malleable?)
- Samuel Johnson wrote:

“Benign Creator, let Thy plastick hand  
Dispose its own effect.”

**US annual prod<sup>n</sup> of polymers:**

**100 billion lb = 50 million tons**

**3 - 4 million tons recycled**

**cf. steel - US annual prod<sup>n</sup>:**

**140 million tons**

**- 80 million tons virgin metal**

**- 60 million tons recycled scrap**

**US annual prod<sup>n</sup> of polymers:**

**100 billion lb = 50 million tons**

**3 - 4 million tons recycled**

**cf. aluminum - US annual prod<sup>n</sup>:**

**4 million tons**

**1 million tons recycled**

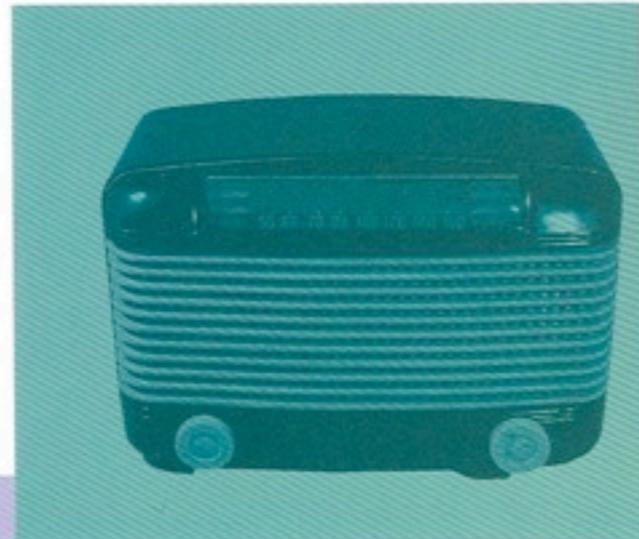
**62% return rate on UBCs (DFE)**

**a m e r i c a n**

a c u l t u r a l

**p l a s t i c**

h i s t o r y



**j e f f r e y l.**

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