## Lecture 30







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### **Final Exam**

- Please review your mid term exams and learn from the problems you missed.
- There will be a question copied from one of the midterms.
- There will be a homework question
- There will be an "unkown"
- There will be a "Hydrolysis question".
  - Don't skip steps...
- Please study reactions so that you can get high scores on synthesis
- Review Acid Base concepts..



#### Hogan and Banks Phillips Petroleum







Robert L. Banks

Inventors of Crystalline Polypropylene and High Density Polyethylene.

Hogan and Banks, of Phillips, were granted a patent on crystalline polypropylene on March 15, 1983—more than thirty years after their discovery. *Chemistry 328N* 



#### Crystalline PE and PP A low cost, high melting thermoplastic







# "Saving Phillps"



#### Hula Hoop

#### Over 100 million sold in 1958!!





### Karl Ziegler and Guilio Natta



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#### A Quick History

•1949 Ziegler and Gellert find 1-butene from ethylene in contact with ethyl aluminum

 $H_2C = CH_2 + AI(CH_2CH_3)_3 -$ 

•Led to studies with LiH but it was too stable

•Tried LiAlH<sub>4</sub>,,,which worked "Nicely"

•1952 Hozkamp studies ethyl aluminum and ethylene at high pressure and temperature in metal cylinders...Cr gave some polymer.....Zirconium gave a lot of polymer

•Indictment of metal led to systematic testing of elements and the "es geht in Glass" response for titanium from Martin.



### **Ziegler-Natta Polymers**

- Ziegler-Natta chain-growth polymerization does not involve radicals
  - Ziegler-Natta catalysts are heterogeneous materials composed of a MgCl<sub>2</sub> support, a group IVB transition metal halide such as TiCl<sub>4</sub>, and an alkylaluminum compound

$$\begin{array}{c} CH_2 = CH_2 \\ \hline \\ Ethylene \end{array} \xrightarrow{\begin{array}{c} \text{TiCl} 4 / Al(CH_2 CH_3)_2 Cl \\ MgCl_2 \\ Polyethylene \end{array}} \xrightarrow{\begin{array}{c} n \\ n \\ Polyethylene \end{array}}$$



# TiCl<sub>4</sub> in air shows





#### Natta's Discovery

• 1954 Guilio Natta, P. Pino, P. Corradini, and F. Danusso

• J. Am. Chem. Soc. 77, 1708 (1955) Crystallographic Data on PP

• J. Polym. Sci. 16, 143 (1955) Polymerization described in French



Ziegler and Natta awarded Nobel Prize in 1963



#### **Mechanism: Ziegler-Natta catalysis of alkene** polymerization





# Mechanism: Ziegler-Natta coordination polymerization of an alkene

**Step 1:** Activation of the zirconium catalyst



Step 2: Insertion of ethylene monomers into the zirconium-carbon bond





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a crystal of  $\alpha$ -TiCl<sub>3</sub>



While the titanium on the interior (in red) has six chlorine neighbors, the surface titanium (blue) only has five.







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....note the steric demand ...



#### Alkene Addition to the Catalyst



There occurs a "shift" as shown



#### The "shift"



Now Ti has an empty orbital again and there is an Al-C complex formed to the monomer



# Propagation

#### Another alkene is added and the process repeats



Steric demand leads to isotactic polymer



## The Kaminsky Catalysts 1980



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#### Advantages of Ziegler Natta Catalysts

**Before** :

- Polyethylene was a highly branched polymer called high pressure polyethylene (because of high pressures used in its preparation)
- These high pressures made the polymer very expensive to produce and this reduced its commercial viability.

Now:

- With Ziegler-Natta catalysts the polymer is produced at much lower pressures and it is a much less branched polymer than its predecessor.
- Polymers produced with Ziegler-Natta catalysts have higher melting points which makes them much more commercially viable than the previous high pressure polymers.



#### **Litigation**

Polypropylene: Isotactic discovered by G. Natta in 1953 (Milan) Montedison (La Montecatini Edison) Company: Montecattini, Montell Bassell (2000 – BASF/Shell) VS. Phillips Petroleum (Bartlesville OK), Harry J. Roper **Du Pont and Union Carbide** 

Litigation started 1953-ended in 1983
Phillips Petroleum "won"
collected over \$ 1B royalties in 17 years
Never made a gram of isotactic Polypropylene Chemistry 5261



# Magic Metals!

- Led to production of Cis-polybutadiene rubber
- High density polyethylene (no branches)
- Isotactic and syndiotactic polypropylene
- Multiple other commercial polymers
- Still an active field of research
- 2005 Nobel Prize for Metal catalysts



# **Olefin Metathesis**







#### Ring opening metathesis polymerization ROMP







#### Ring strain driving force







## **Olefin Metathesis Catalysts**

- Schrock and Grubbs
  - Schrock's were Air sensitive
  - Schrock molybdenum and Grubbs ruthenium based
  - Shared 2005 Nobel Prize with Chauvin







second generation Grubbs

Images from Pappenfus, T. M. Synthesis and Catalytic Activity of Ruthenium-Indenylidene Complexes for Olefin Metathesis, *J. Chem. Ed.* **2007**, 84 (12), 1998-2000.



# 2005 Nobel prize in chemistry

#### "for the development of the metathesis method in organic synthesis"









Richard Schrock Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) Cambridge, MA, USA

http://nobelprize.org/chemistry/laureates/2005/index.html



# Span of Olefin Metathesis



ring closing metathesis (RCM)



acyclic diene metathesis (ADMET)

ring opening cross metathesis (ROCM)

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C.W. Bielawski, R.H. Grubbs Prog. Polym. Sci. 32 (2007) 1.



# ADMET is step growth polymerization chemistry



#### Symmetrical Diene



Symmetrical Repeat Unit

• High strength polymers can be made by ADMET





Americans use 2,500,000 plastic bottles every hour. Most of them are thrown away.

Five 2-liter recycled PET bottles provide enough fiberfill for a ski jacket.



Every year, we make enough plastic film to shrink-wrap the state of Texas.



Recycling plastic saves twice as much energy as burning it in an incinerator.



#### What becomes of this stuff??



















Plastic Identification Code	Type of plastic polymer	Properties	Common Packaging Applications
PET	Polyethylene Terephthalate (PET, PETE)	Clarity, strength, toughness, barrier to gas and moisture.	Soft drink, water and salad dressing bottles; peanut butter and jam jars
D2 PE-HD	High Density Polyethylene (HDPE)	Stiffness, strength, toughness, resistance to moisture, permeability to gas.	Water pipes, Hula-Hoop (children's game) rings, Milk, juice and water bottles; the occasional shampoo / toiletry bottle
PVC	Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC)		
PE-LD	Low Density Polyethylene	SE REC	.g. honey, mustard; cling
PP PP	Polypropylene (PP)	barrier to moisture.	vare; yogurt containers; ble take-away containers; disposable cups and plates.
PS PS	Polystyrene (PS)	Versatility, clarity, easily formed	Egg cartons; packing peanuts; disposable cups, plates, trays and cutlery; disposable take-away containers;
<b>2</b> 07 0	Other (often <u>polycarbonate</u> or <u>ABS</u> )	Dependent on polymers or combination of polymers	Beverage bottles; baby milk bottles; electronic casing.

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