



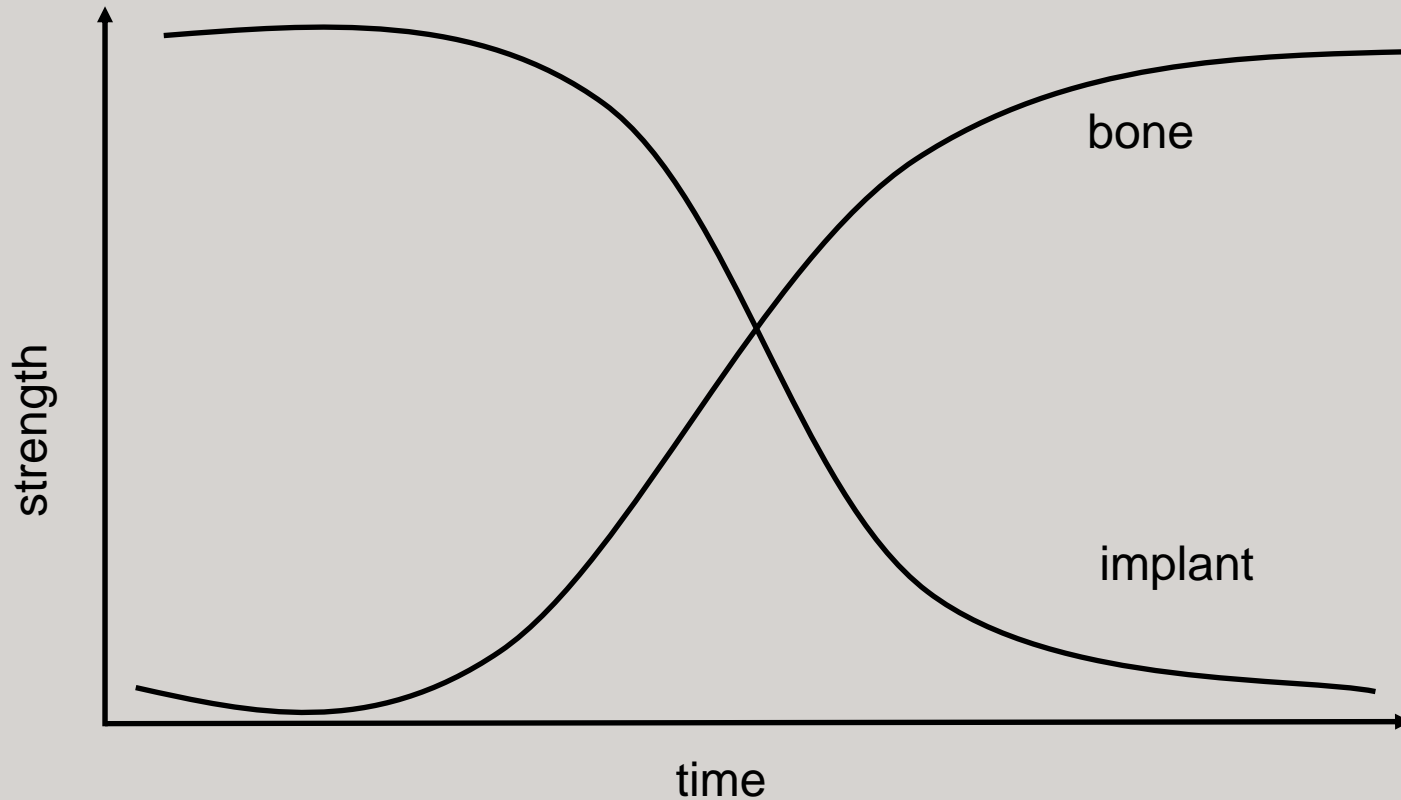
**An Overview of Resorbable
Polymers for Medical Implants**
用于医疗植入的可吸收聚合物

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Benefits of Biodegradable Medical Devices 生物可降解医疗器械的优势



Implant removal is not required 无需将植入物取出

Data suggests transfer of mechanical load to bone improves healing (Orthopedic) 数据支持从强度支撑到骨骼生长的治疗规律（骨科）

Ideal Biodegradable Polymer理想的生物可降解聚合物

- Physical properties match application 物理性能适合应用
- No inflammatory or toxic response 无炎症或毒性反应
- Metabolized after fulfilling its purpose 当完成其使命后被代谢
- Easily processable into final product 简单工艺即可制备终产品
- Easily sterilized 容易灭菌
- Acceptable shelf life 可接受的保存期限

Applications 应用

- Sutures >90% of market 缝线 >90% 的市场
- Orthopedic devices – anchors, pins, screws 骨骼装置- 铆钉，针，螺钉
- Drug delivery matrices – implants, microspheres, in-situ gels 药物传递系统-植入剂，微球，在体凝胶
- Tissue engineering matrices (regenerative medicine) 组织工程学（再生医学）
- Combination products – stents, stent coatings, drug eluting devices 复合产品-支架，包衣支架，药物洗脱支架

Commonly Used Acronyms 常用聚合物列表



PLA	poly(lactic acid) 聚乳酸
PLLA	poly(L-lactic acid) 聚L-乳酸
PDLLA	poly(DL-lactic acid) 聚DL-乳酸
PGA	poly(glycolic acid) 聚羟基乙酸
PGLA	poly(glycolic-co-lactic acid) 羟基乙酸乳酸共聚物
PDO	poly(dioxanone) 聚对二氧环己酮
PDS	poly(dioxanone) suture 聚对二氧环己酮
PCL	poly(caprolactone) 聚己内酯
TMC	trimethylene carbonate 三亚甲基碳酸酯

Broad Product Range

•RESOMER®



- RESOMER® L Poly (L-lactide) 聚 (L-丙交酯)
- RESOMER® R Poly (DL-lactide) 聚 (DL-丙交酯)
- RESOMER® LR Poly (L-lactide-co-DL-lactide) 聚 (L-丙交酯-共-DL-乙交酯)
- RESOMER® LG Poly (L-lactide-co-glycolide) 聚 (L-丙交酯-共-乙交酯)
- RESOMER® RG Poly (DL-lactide-co-glycolide) 聚 (DL-丙交酯-共-乙交酯)
- RESOMER® LC Poly (L-lactide-co-caprolactone) 聚 (L-丙交酯-共-己内酯)
- RESOMER® X Poly (dioxanone) 聚对二氧环己酮

•Lakeshore Biomaterials™



- DLG Poly (DL-lactide-co-glycolide) 聚 (DL-丙交酯-共-乙交酯)
- DL Poly (DL-lactide) 聚 (DL-丙交酯)
- LG Poly (L-lactide-co-glycolide) 聚 (L-丙交酯-共-乙交酯)
- CL Polycaprolactone 聚己内酯
- DLCL Poly (DL-lactide-co-caprolactone) 聚 (DL-丙交酯-共-己内酯)
- LCL Poly (L-lactide-co-caprolactone) 聚 (L-丙交酯-共-己内酯)
- G Poly (glycolide) 聚 (乙交酯)
- L Poly (lactide) 聚 (丙交酯)
- PEG -PLG PEG-Copolymers PEG-共聚物

RESOMER® & Lakeshore Biomaterials™

Monomer synthesis 单体合成

- Dimerize lactic acid, glycolic acid etc...将乳酸, 羟基乙酸进行二聚
- Oligomer, Distillation寡聚物蒸馏

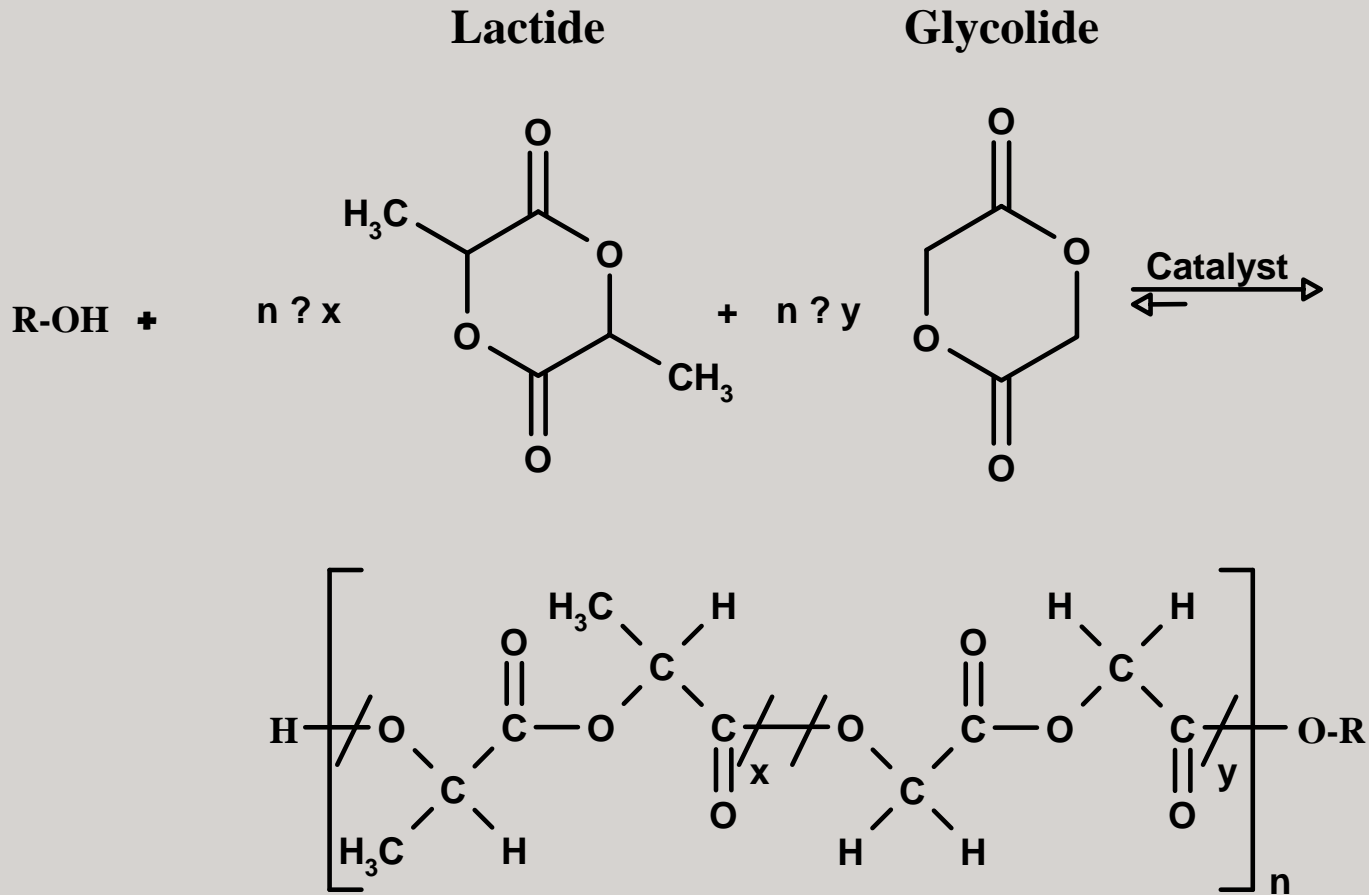
Polymerization 加聚反应

- ROP of dimers 二聚体开环聚合
- Catalyst催化
- Heat 加热
- Initiator to control MW 加入引发剂控制MW

Purification 纯化

- **Semicrystalline**半结晶: SC CO₂, solvent precipitation 溶剂沉淀
- **Amorphous**无定形: Vacuum strip, solvent precipitation真空剥离, 溶剂沉淀

Polymer Synthesis: Ring-Opening Polymerization (ROP) 聚合物合成: 开环 聚合 (ROP)



输入...Input...

- Initiator 引发剂
- Composition 组成
- Chemical Constitution 化学结构
- Heat & Reaction Time 加热&反应时间

效果...Effect...

- Mechanical Properties 机械性能
- Degradation Kinetics 降解动力学
- Monomer Sequence 单体顺序
- Molecular Weight 分子量
- Water Uptake 水分的摄取
- Morphology 形态
- Solubility 溶解性

Degradation and Resorption 降解和重吸收

Degradation 降解

...means decomposition to some other chemical structure. The term does not specify the conditions like temperature or chemical environment. 指组成成分变为其它物质结构，这一定义并不限定条件，如温度或化学环境。

The term biodegradable polymers usually applies to polymers that degrade under physiological conditions to low molecular weight substances.

生物可降解聚合物通常指聚合物在生理条件下降解为低分子物质。

Resorption 重吸收

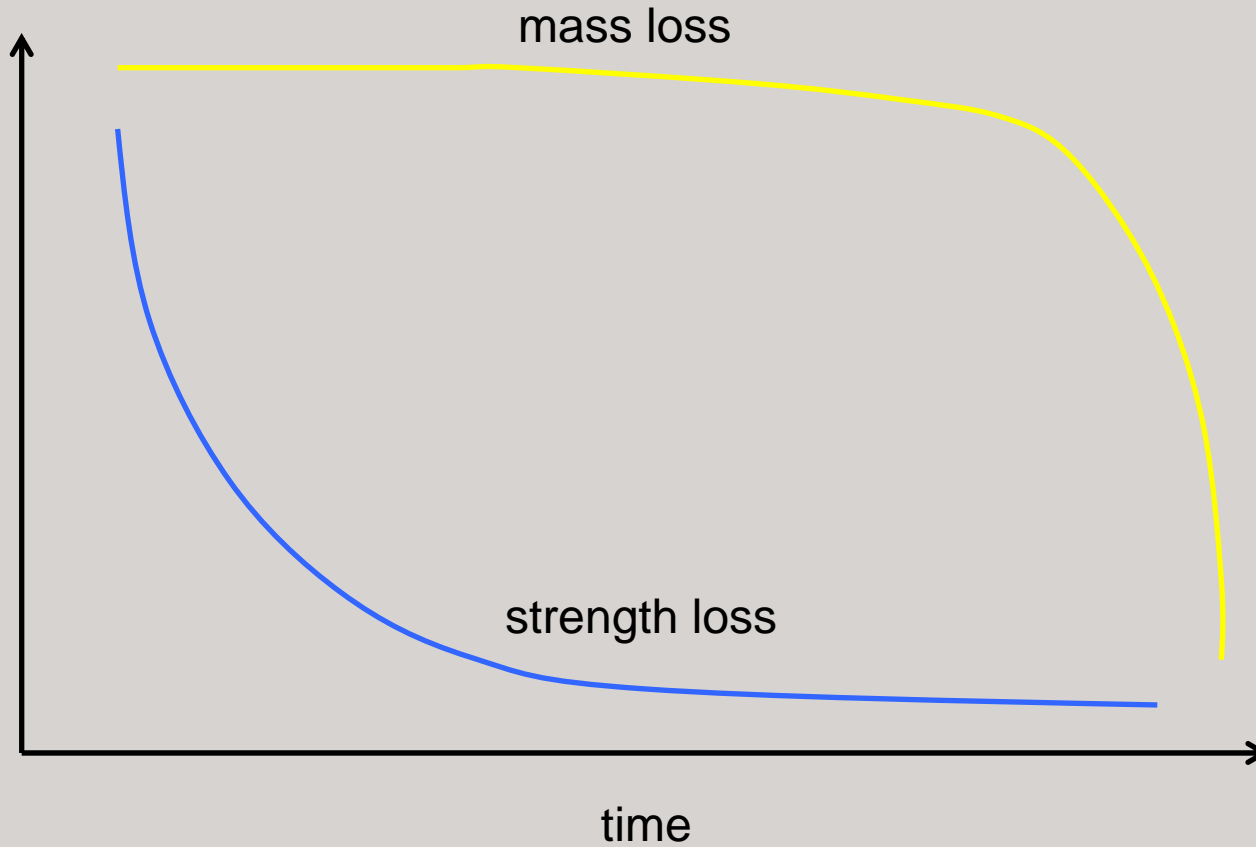
...means uptake of any substance from tissue or body compartments into the blood plasma. 指任何通过组织或身体器官吸收入血液的物质。

After implantation into the human body biodegradable or bioresorbable polymers degrade into low molecular weight substances that are then resorbed and metabolized. 生物可降解或生物可吸收聚合物被植入人体后降解成小分子物质，这些物质被吸收和代谢。

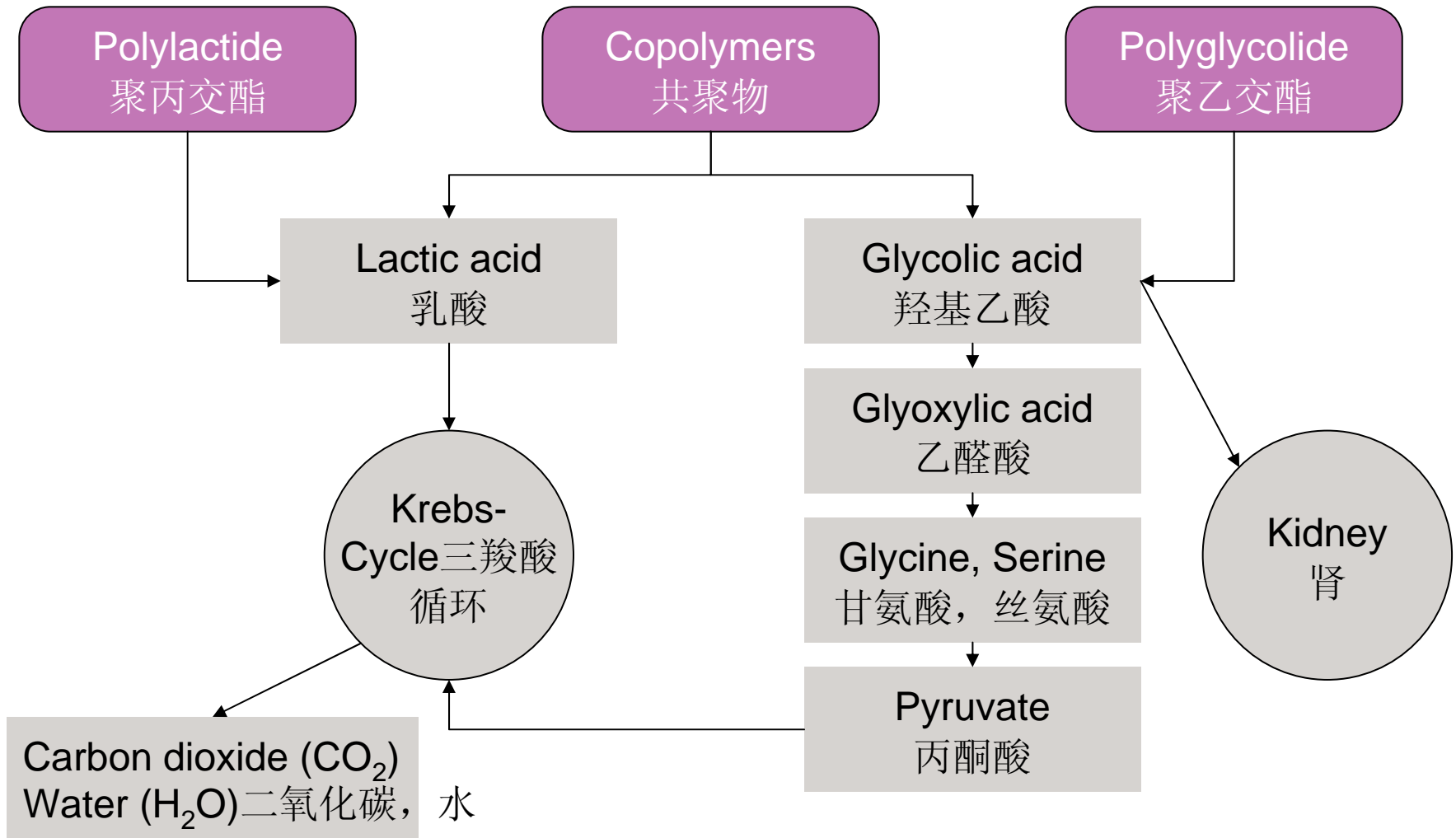
Bulk Erosion 整体侵蚀



Bulk Erosion 整体侵蚀 Mechanical Properties 机械特性

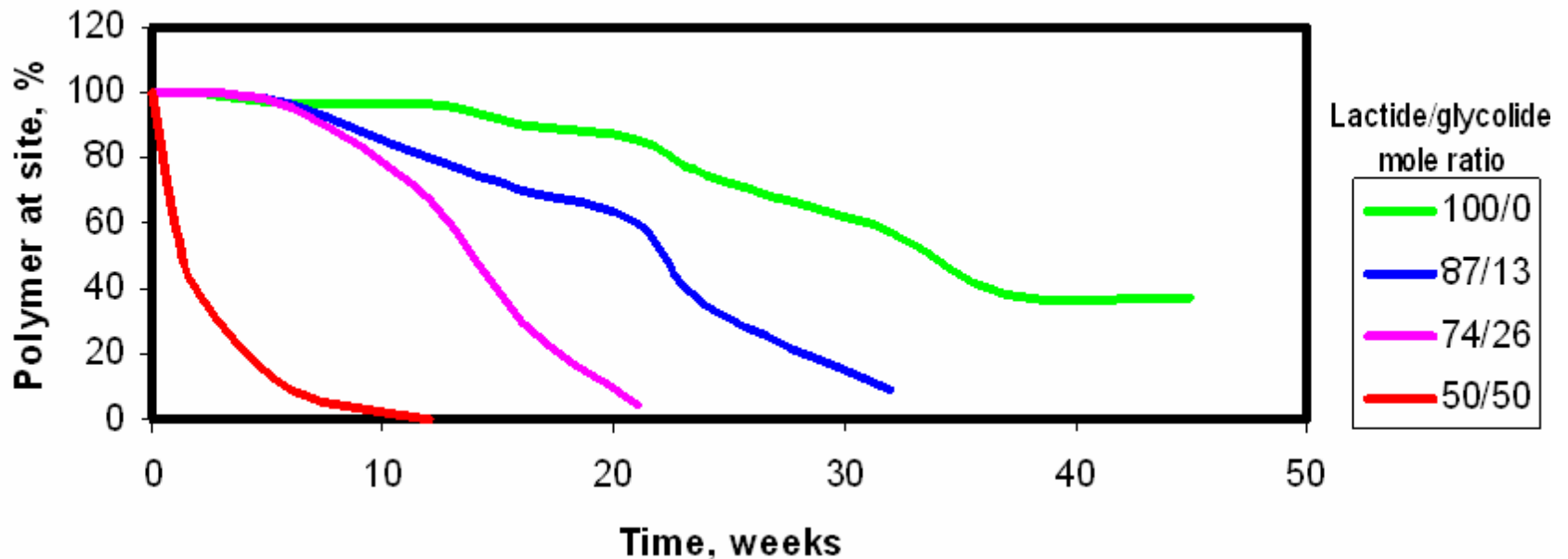


Metabolism of Polyesters 聚酯的代谢



Degradation Times 降解时间

Resorption of poly(DL-lactide-co-glycolide) microparticles in rats
(polymer inherent viscosity of ~ 0.7 dL/g) 聚(DL-丙交酯-共-乙交酯) 微粒
在大鼠中的吸收 (聚合物特性粘度~ 0.7 dL/g)



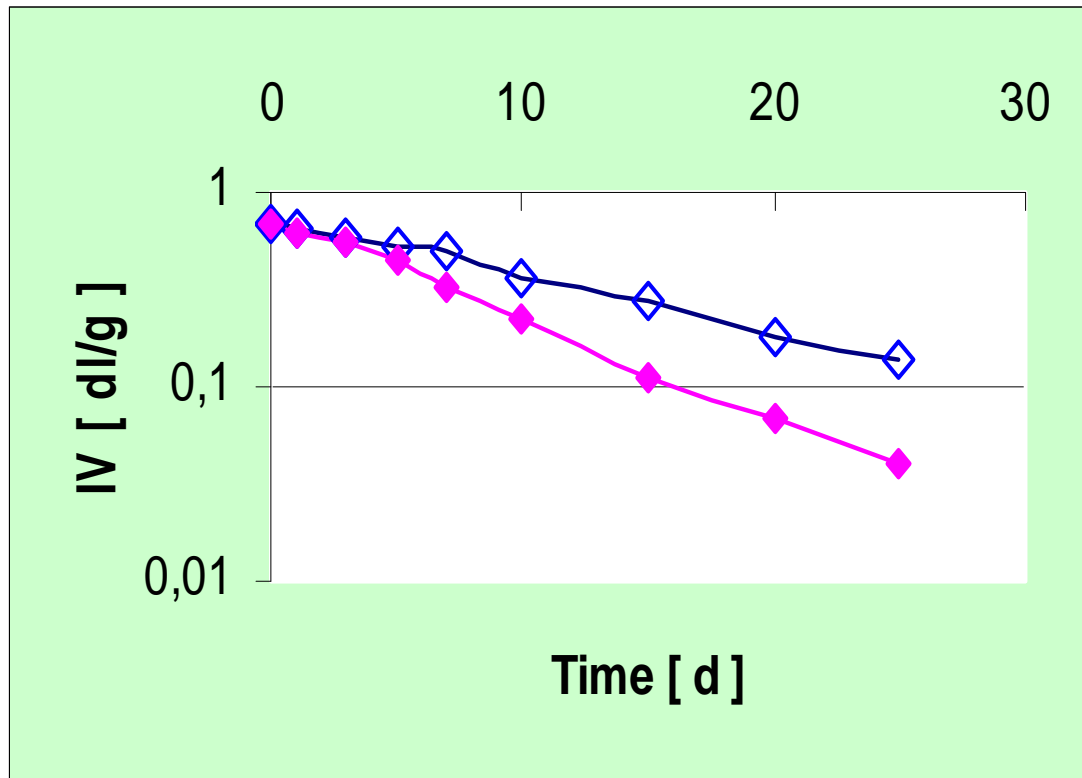
Initiator 引发剂

INITIATOR 引发剂	POLYMER END GROUPS 聚合物末端	EFFECTS 影响
Monofunctional Alcohol (R-OH) 单醇	Ester and Hydroxyl 酯和羟基	Hydrophobic 疏水
Diol (HO-R-OH) 二元醇	Hydroxyl 羟基	Hydrophilic 亲水
Hydroxy Acid or Water 羟基酸或水	Carboxylic Acid and Hydroxyl 羧酸和羟基	Increased water uptake, catalytic effect, and degradation rate 增加对水分的摄取，有催化效果，降解速度加快
Polyethylene glycol 聚乙二醇 Methyl ether Polyethylene glycol 甲基醚聚乙二醇 $HO-(CH_2-CH_2-O)-H$ $H_3CO-(CH_2-CH_2-O)-H$	Hydroxyl with PEG block in center (A-B-A) 两端羟基中间聚乙二醇 Methyl Ether and Hydroxyl (A-B) 甲基醚和羟基	Slightly to greatly hydrophilic, increased water uptake, amphiphilic 轻微至很强的亲水性，增加对水的摄取，两亲性

Effect of Initiator on Degradation Kinetics 引发剂对降解动力学的影响

IN VITRO Degradation of RESOMER RG 505 vs. RG 505 H at 37 ° C, pH 7.4

体外降解 RESOMER RG 505 vs. RG 505 H at 37 ° C, pH 7.4



Ester End Group

酯基末端

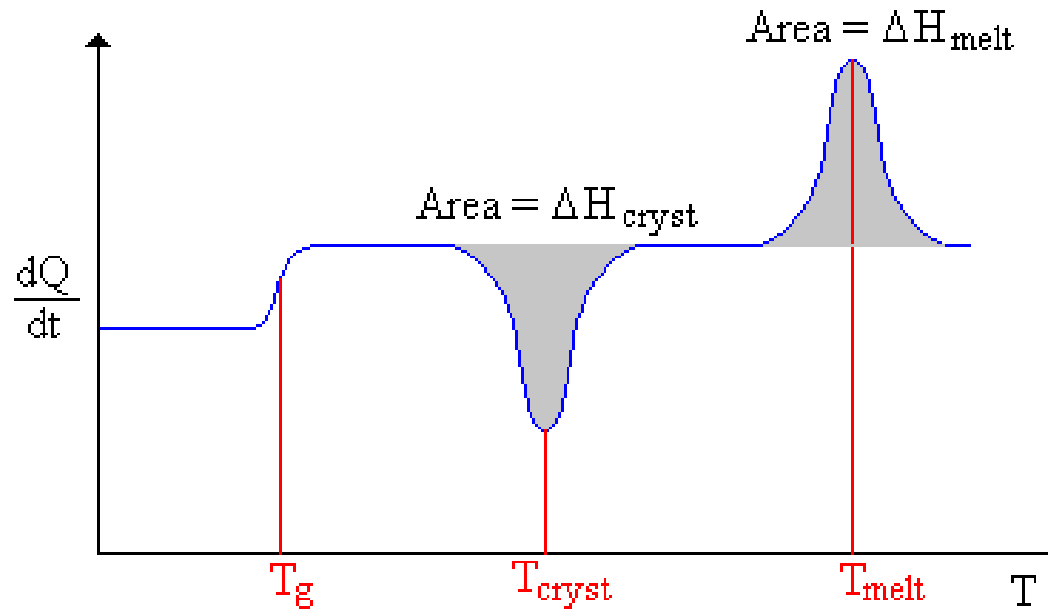
RG 505: $\tau_{1/2} = 10.6$ d

Acid End Group

羧酸末端

RG 505 H: $\tau_{1/2} = 5.8$ d

Thermal Transitions 热转变



In the solid state, **semicrystalline** polymers possess two phases 固体状态，半结晶聚合物有两种形态

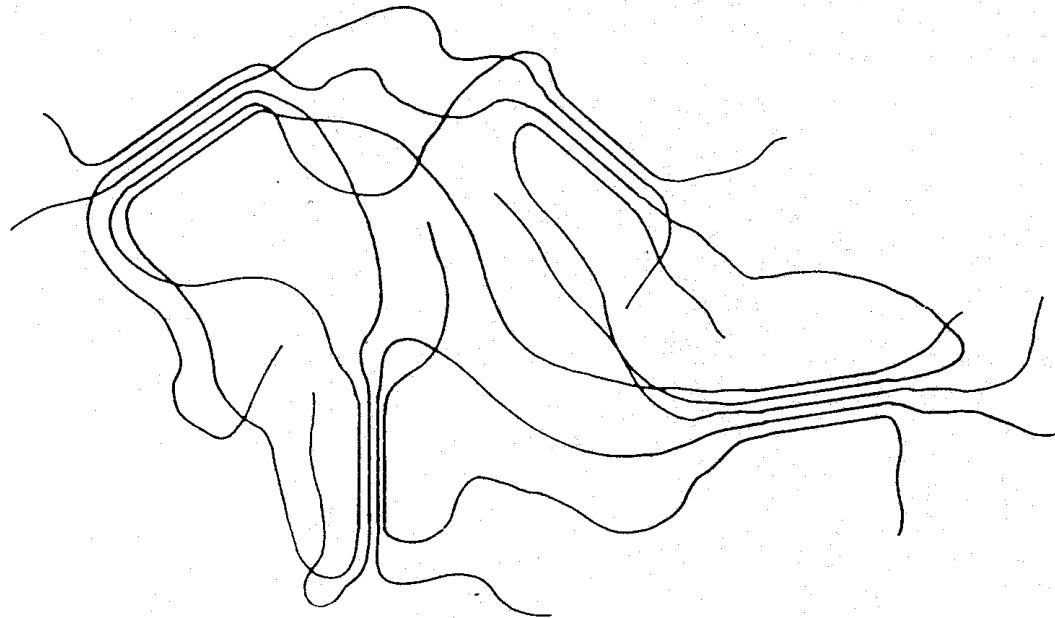
➤ Crystalline 结晶

➤ Amorphous 无定形

Subsequently, semicrystalline polymers have two different transition points at different temperatures: glass transition (T_g) and melting point (T_m). 因此，半结晶聚合物在两种不同温度下有相变点：玻璃态转变温度 (T_g) 和熔点 (T_m)

e. g. poly(L-lactide) 如聚 (L-丙交酯) : $T_g = \sim 60^\circ \text{C}$

$T_m = 185^\circ \text{C}$



Amorphous and crystalline phases in semicrystalline polymers (schematic)

半结晶聚合物中的无定形和结晶区域(示意图)

Tg and Tm

Polymer	Tg	Tm
RESOMER L 206 S	60 - 65 °C	180 - 185 °C
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RESOMER L 209 S	60 - 65 °C	180 - 185 °C
RESOMER L 210	60 - 65 °C	180 - 185 °C
RESOMER L 210 S	60 - 65 °C	180 - 185 °C
RESOMER LR 704 S	56 - 62 °C	amorphous
RESOMER LR 706 S	56 - 62 °C	amorphous
RESOMER LR 708	56 - 62 °C	amorphous
RESOMER LC 703 S	32 - 42 °C	amorphous
RESOMER LG 824 S	54 - 60 °C	amorphous
RESOMER LG 857 S	57 - 63 °C	amorphous
RESOMER RG 509 S	46 - 52 °C	amorphous

Tg and Tm

Polymer	Tg	Tm
RESOMER RG 502 / H	42 - 46 °C	amorphous
RESOMER RG 503 / H	44 - 48 °C	amorphous
RESOMER RG 504 / H	46 - 50 °C	amorphous
RESOMER R 202 S	38 - 42 °C	amorphous
RESOMER R 202 H	46 - 50 °C	amorphous
RESOMER R 203 S	46 - 50 °C	amorphous
RESOMER R 203 H	48 - 52 °C	amorphous
RESOMER RG 752 S	44 - 50 °C	amorphous
RESOMER RG 753 S	44 - 50 °C	amorphous
RESOMER RG 755 S	48 - 54 °C	amorphous
RESOMER RG 756 S	49 - 55 °C	amorphous

Degradation Times

Approximate! 大致的降解时间



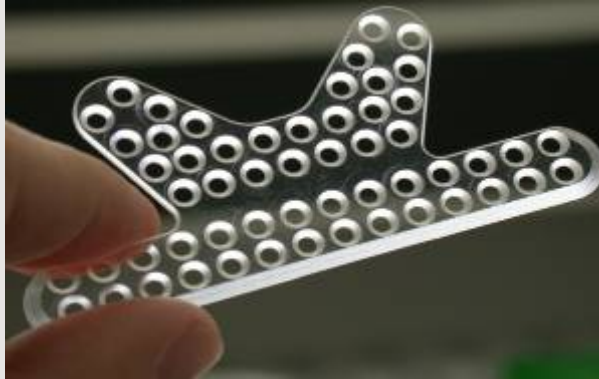
Polymer	Degradation Time
聚合物	降解时间
Poly(L-lactide) 聚 (L-丙交酯)	
Resomer [®] L	
Lakeshore Biomaterials [™] 100 L	> 3 y
Poly(L-lactide-co-DL-lactide) 聚 (L-丙交酯-共-DL丙交酯)	
Resomer [®] LR	2.5 y
Poly(DL-lactide-co-glycolide) 聚 (DL-丙交酯-共-乙交酯)	
Resomer [®] RG	
Lakeshore Biomaterials [™] DLG	3 m – 1 yr

Examples for Medical Devices 医疗器械应用实例



Manufacturer	Product Name	Material	MW kD (IV)	Sterilized	Absorption time (months)
Arthrex	Soft Tissue Fastner	PLA			
Bionx	Smart Pins	SR PGA	10	ETO	12
DePuy	Tissue Fixation Screw	PLLA	520-600	Gamma	36-60
JNJ	Orthosorb Pin	PDO		ETO	6
Arthrex	Bio-interference Screw	PLLA	(IV 3.2)	ETO	
Linvatec	BioScrew	PLLA		ETO	36-60
Smith&Nephew	Bioresorbable Interface Screw	PLA			
Bionx	Bankart Tack	SR PLLA	45-65	Gamma	36-60
Bionx	Smart Anchor	SR PDLL	35-50	Gamma	30
Innovasive Devices	BioROC EZ 2.8 mm	PLLA		ETO	No wt loss after 18 mo.
Mitek	Panalok	PLLA	100-125	ETO	24-48
Smith&Nephew	Absorbable Suture Anchor	PLLA			
Surgical Dynamics	SD Sorb Suture Anchor	82:18 PLG	100	ETO	12-15
Zimmer	Bio-Statak	PLLA	200-300	Gamma	36-60
Biomet	LactoSorb	82:18 PLG	40-100	ETO	9 - 15
Bionx	Meniscus Arrow	SR PLLA	45-65	Gamma	18-30

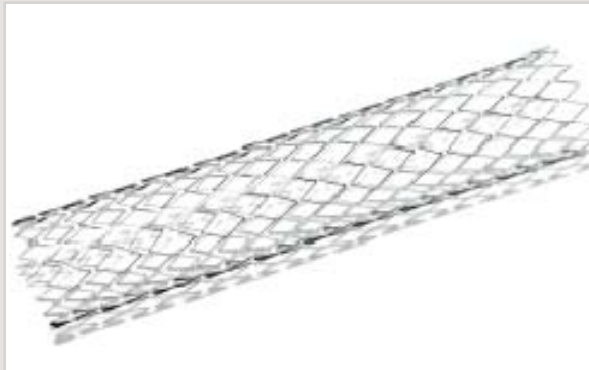
Examples Medical Devices 医疗器械应用实例



CMF plate CMF板



Staple 夹



Coronary stent 冠状支架

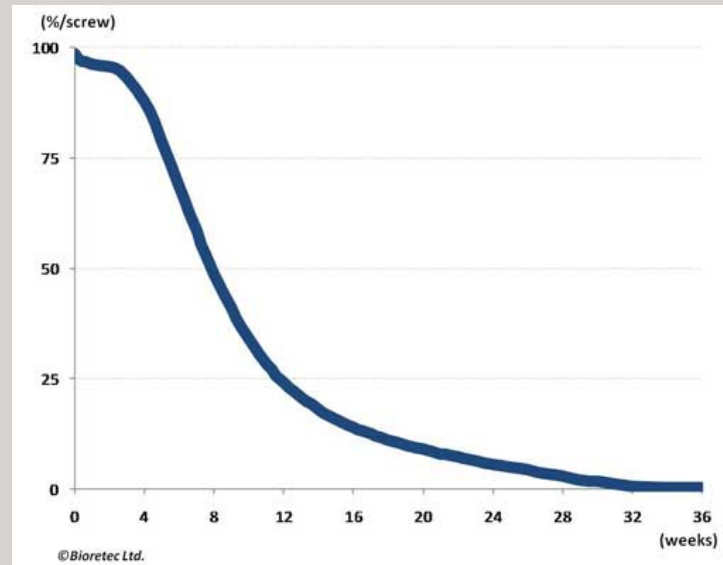


Interference screw 界面螺钉

Drug Eluting Fixation Device 载药固定器械 Bioretac



CiproScrewTM

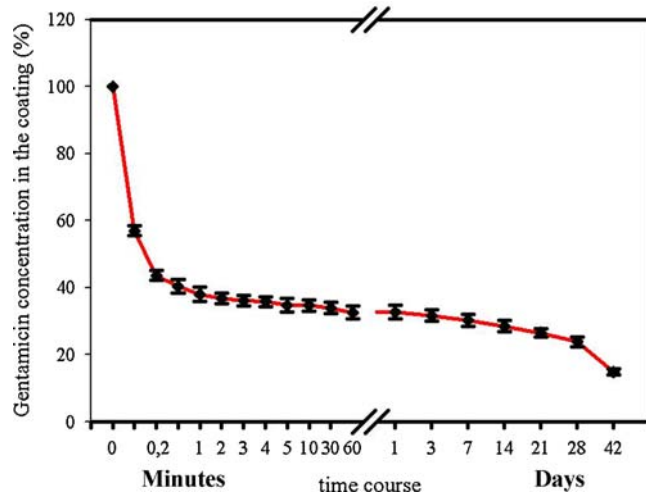


Release profile of ciprofloxacin from the *CiproScrewTM* implant in vitro.
环丙沙星从CiproScrew植入装置中体外释放曲线

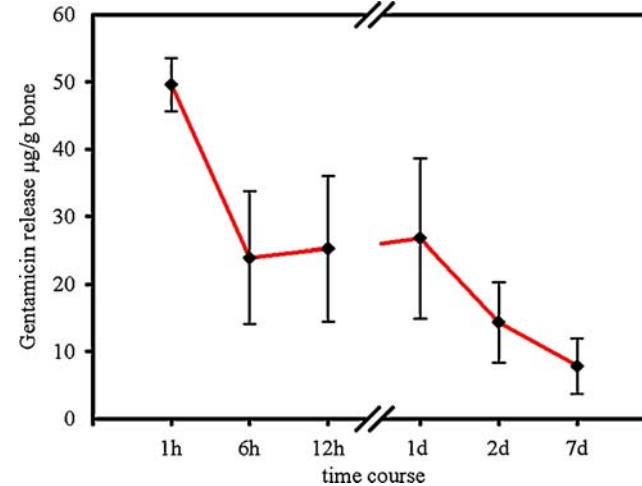
Antibacterial Coatings

Prophylaxis for Implant-Related Infections

抗生素包衣预防植入后相关反应



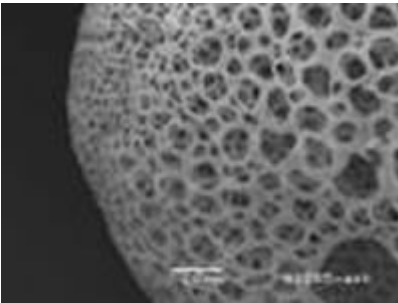
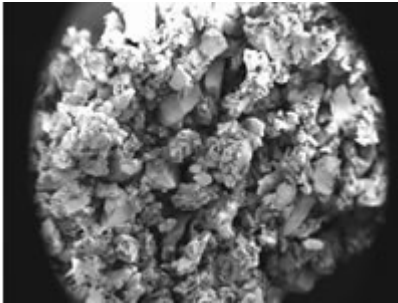
Gentamicin release in vitro over a period of 42 days.
庆大霉素体外释放超过42天



Bone concentration of gentamicin in vivo over the observation period of 7 days.
体内在骨中检测到庆大霉素持续7天

Antibiotic-coated tibial nail marketed by **Depuy-Synthes** impedes bacteria from adhering to the implant surface and producing biofilms. The polyester coating releases high doses of antibiotics higher than in systemic application.

由**Depuy-Synthes**生产上市的抗生素包裹胫骨钉阻止了细菌在植入剂表面和产生的生物包膜处生长。采用聚酯包裹后可以释放比系统给药更高浓度的抗生素。



Injectable polymer scaffold可注射聚合物矩阵

- Space-filling material 中空材料
- Support natural bone repair processes 支持自然的骨修复过程
- Deliver patient's own bone progenitor cells 传递患者自身的成骨细胞
- Controlled release of orthobiologicals
- 骨生物物质控释
- Stem cell therapies
- 干细胞治疗

Injection Molding 注塑成型

Compression Molding 挤压成型

Melt Extrusion 热熔挤出

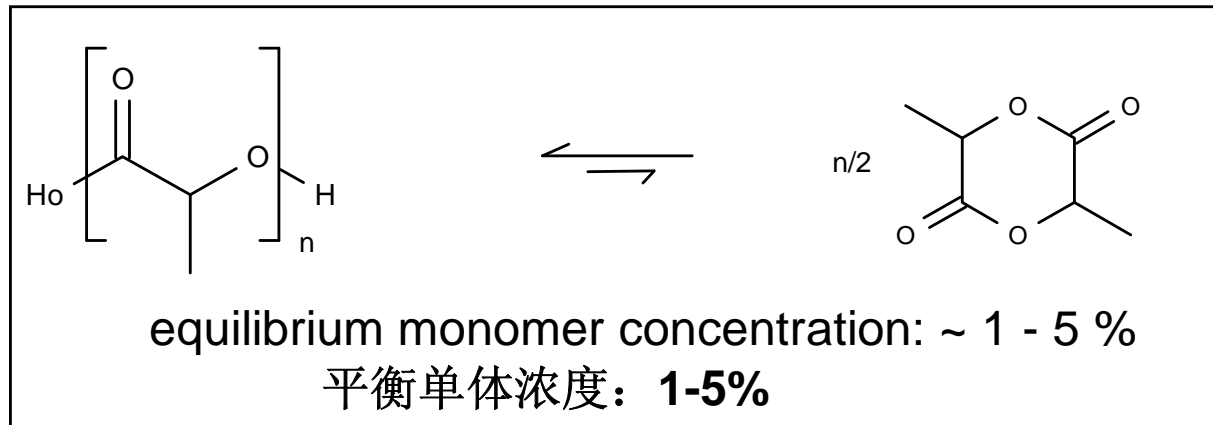
Each process transforms polymer resin in the form of pellets or granules to a finished part by applying heat and mechanical force.

每种工艺均可以通过热或机械力将聚合物由球丸状或颗粒状塑型成最终的形态

Polyesters are designed to degrade thus processing must be controlled to limit loss of molecular weight!

由于聚酯材料在设计时就是为了能够降解的，因此在工艺中必须将分子量的损耗限定在最低。

Influence of Residual Monomers 残留单体的影响



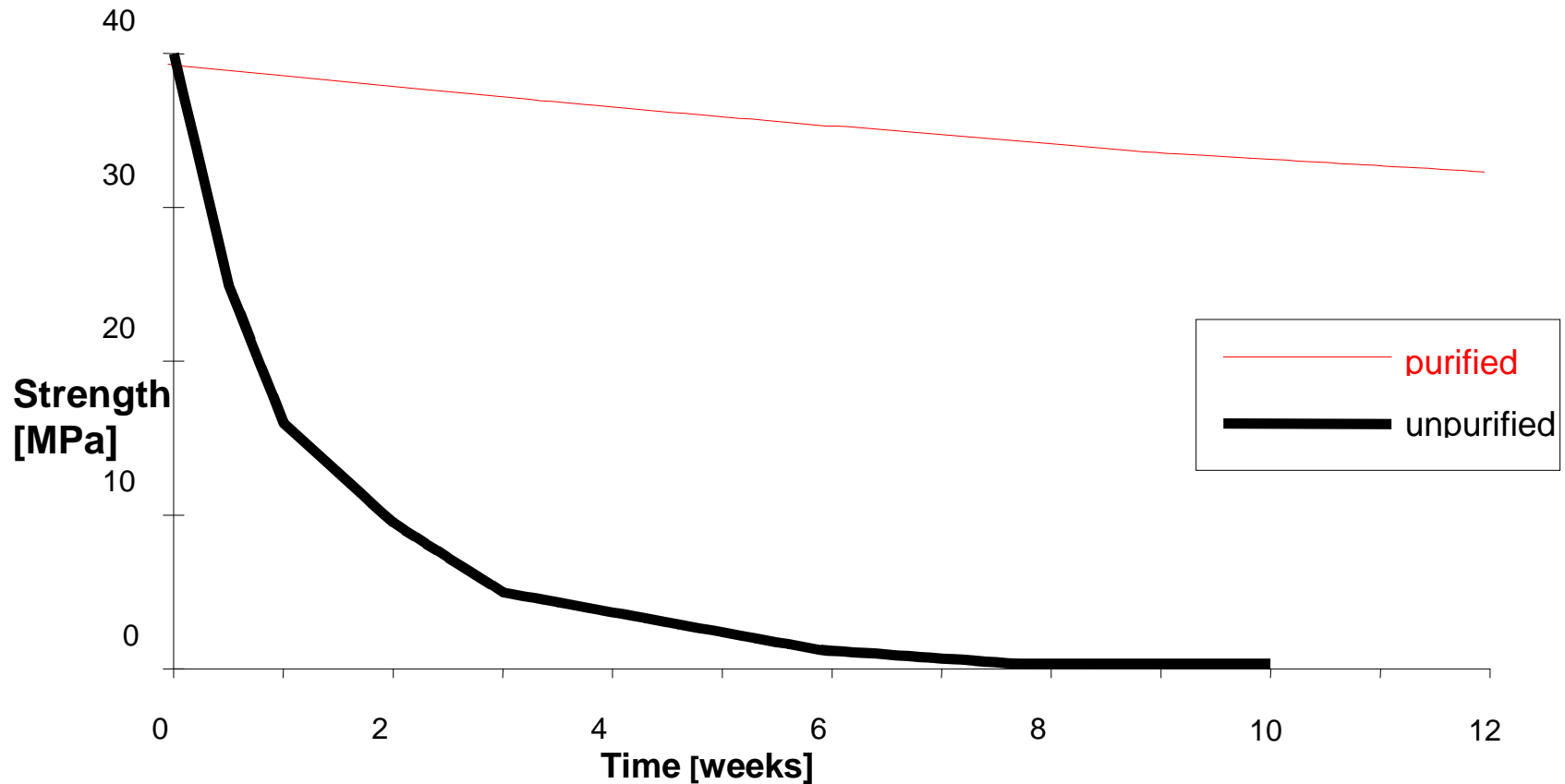
Impact of impurities can be loss of molecular weight during processing and accelerated loss of mechanical strength
杂质可能导致工艺过程中分子量的损失，以及机械强度的加速下降

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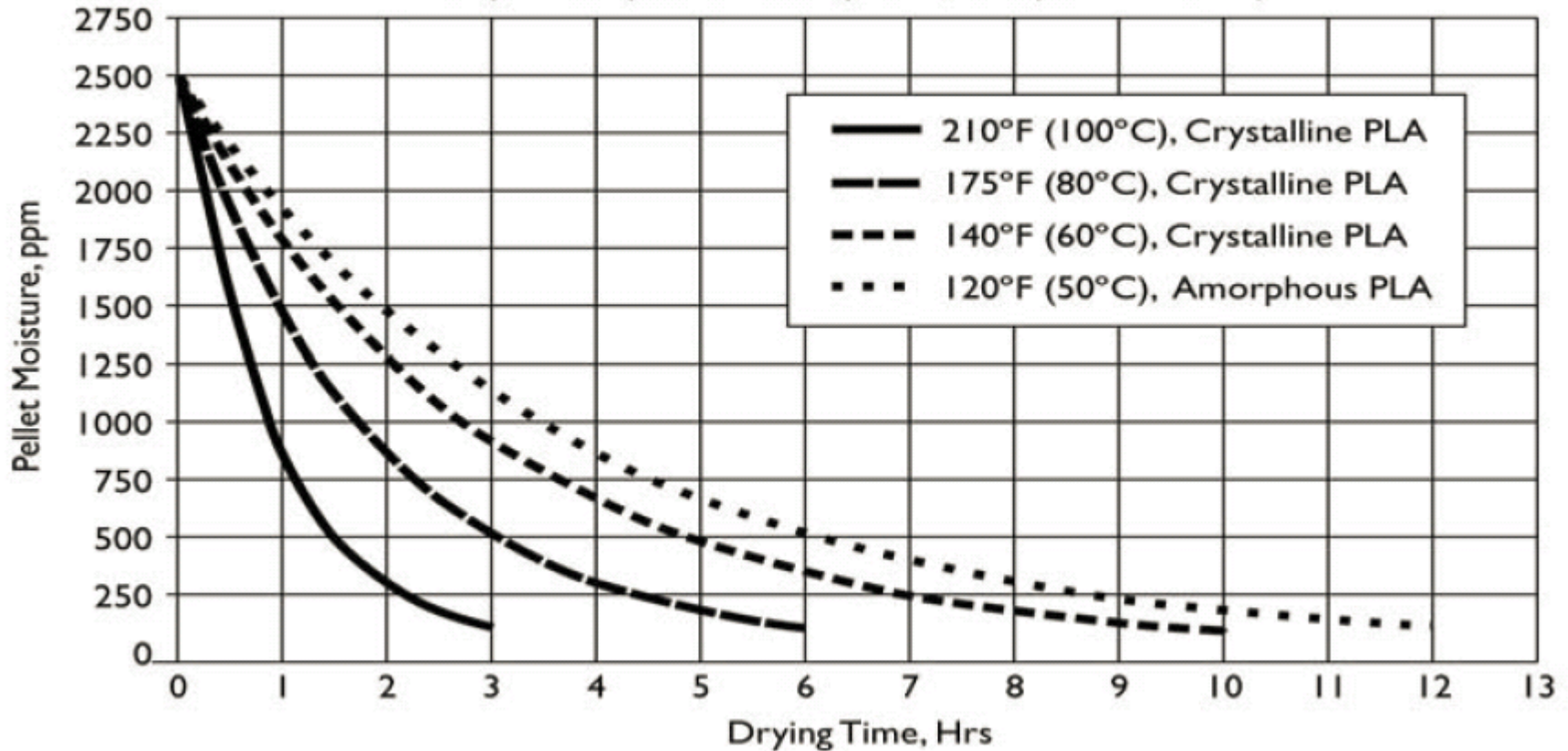


Degradation of Poly(DL-lactide)



Source: Fambri et al., 12th European Conference on Biomaterials, Porto, 1995

Drying Curve for Equilibrium Moisture Level Polylactide Pellets,
Dryer set up: 0.25 cfm/lb pellets; Dewpoint = -40°C)



γ -irradiation has the disadvantage of lowering the molecular weight of the part due to the high energy content. But it is the standard method in the medical device industry and it is cost effective.

γ -射线的缺点是分子量的降低，部分是由于其极高的能量，但是这是在医疗器械领域中标准的方法，并且经济。

E-beam is a new method and up to now not often used. It seems to be more favorable due to its lower energy. The loss of molecular weight is reported to be smaller compared to γ -irradiation.

E-beam是一种新的方法，并没有被普遍使用，这种方法由于其能量较低可能更加适用。研究表明聚合物分子量的降低要小于 γ 射线

Gas sterilization with ethylene oxide is much gentler for the part, but degassing may require two to three weeks. Ethylene oxide is very toxic and can plasticize polyesters.

环氧乙烷气体灭菌是一种温和的方式，但是需要2-3周的时间将气体抽走。环氧乙烷是一种剧毒气体，而且有塑化聚酯的作用

Effect of Sterilization on IV 灭菌效果



	Resin	Molded	Post γ -Sterilization
LR 706	3.6	3.0	1.5
LT 706	1.4	1.4	1.1
LG 857	5.9	3.0	1.5

Resorbable polyesters have a long history of use and are very well understood in terms of safety and toxicity

可吸收聚酯具有很长的应用历史，其安全性和毒性已经被充分的研究

The performance is determined by chemical composition, molecular weight, monomer sequence, and end groups.

聚合物的性能由化学组成，分子量，结构单元顺利和末端基团决定的

Well understood structure/property relationships makes this family of biomaterials useful for a variety of applications including load bearing devices, drug delivery matrices, and tissue engineering scaffolds

对结构/性能关系的充分认识使这类生物材料被应用于广泛的领域包括载药器械，药物传递矩阵，和组织工程学基质。

Drug release profiles and rate of degradation can be adjusted to fit many different applications

药物释放曲线和降解速度可调使其适用多种用途。

Thermal processing allows the production of devices as well as carriers for active ingredients

热塑工艺可用于制备器械和载药。



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