### POLYURETHANES: THE VERSATILE NEW AGE MATERIALS GOING STRONG AT SEVENTY

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#### Das Di-Isocyanat-Polyadditionsverfahren (Polyurethane)

Zusammentossende Beschreibung eines neuen Aufbauprinzips für hachmarekulare Verbindungen (1927-2945) Vos Proj. Dr. OTTO BAYER, Farbintabriken Bayer, Leverkusen/Attein

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Herstellung hochmolekularer Verbindungen

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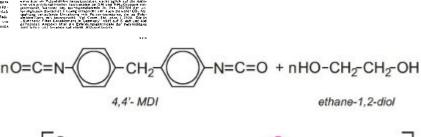
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Polyurethanes are a unique class of addition polymers, which can behave as a thermoplastic, thermoset or an elastomer



1902-1982



German Patent 728.981 (1937) to I.G. Farben

#### PU TOUCH POINTS: TOUCHING OUR LIFE EVERYDAY

Hot and cold insulation



Refrigerators and freezers



Furniture and Mattresses



Shoe soles



**Automotive** 

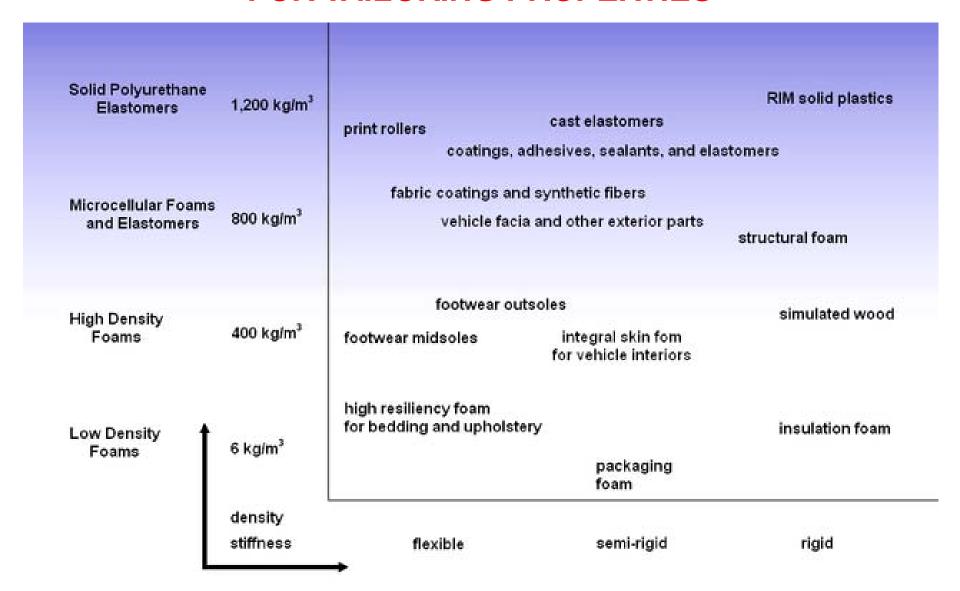




## **POLYURETHANE: TIMELINES IN HISTORY**

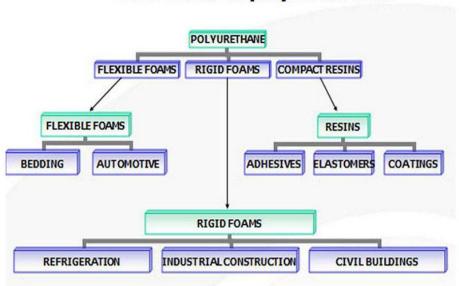
YEAR	EVENT
1937	Discovery of polyurethanes at IG Farben
1940	Rigid foams used first in aircrafts
1948	Use of PU foams in insulation
1953	PU shoe soles and foam cushions
1958	Spandex/ Lycra elastomeric fibers
1960	Sandwich building panels
1969	Automobile bumpers
1985	Energy absorbing foams
1993	Medical catheters
1995	Bicycle tyres
2001	Automotive tyres
2004	Artificial heart with PU Ventricles
2008	100% high speed swim suits
2011	PU manufacturing using polycarbonate diols

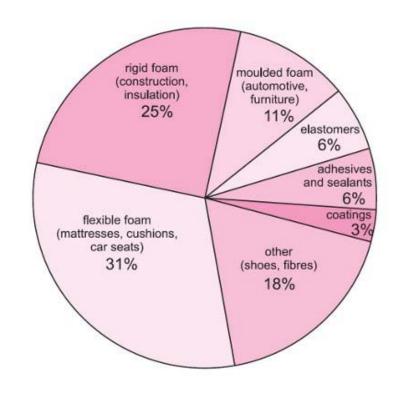
## PU : VERSATILE MATERIALS WITH WIDE OPTIONS FOR TAILORING PROPERTIES



#### PU: APPLICATION SEGMENTS

#### The world of polyurethanes





**Global Capacity: 17 million tpa** 

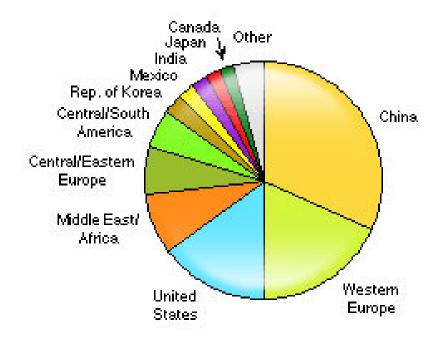
Value: US \$ 55 million India: 0.68 million tpa

PU consumption is directly related to the disposable income of the consuming population; Increasing standards of living will push the demand for PU based products in India

#### **PU FOAM**

- Largest amongst the category of cellular polymers
- Flexible (cushioning)and rigid (insulation)
- Excellent mechanical properties, elasticity, aging and chemical resistance
- Transportation of finished foam not economical; so manufacturing close to demand
- Growth driver: Regulation and energy efficiency

#### World Consumption of Polyurethane Foam-2012



### SUSTAINABILITY ISSUES

- Polyols from renewable non food resources
- Blowing agents for rigid foams with low global warming potentials
- Non bromine containing flame retardants
- Carbon dioxide as a feedstock for polyols
- PU without use of isocyanates ( Non Isocyanate Polyurethanes, NIPU)
- Filled foams and composites
   (crystalline nano-cellulose, micronized starch, wood powder)

#### CARBON DIOXIDE AS FEEDSTOCK FOR POLYOLS

- Polycarbonate diols and polyethercarbonates have emerged as important polyols for PU
- Major producers: Covestro, Perstrop (Oxymer, polycarbonate diols based on 1,6hexanediol), 100% polycarbonate diols based on propylene oxide (Novomer)
- Di-functional and tri-functional diols can be used in all applications of PU where currently polyether polyols are used
- 100% ether free polycarbonate diols with narrow polydispersity result in a 50 % increase in tensile strength, high energy absorbing property and slow recovery viscoelastic foams
- Depending on the amount of carbon dioxide incorporated, use of polycarbonate diols contribute to improvement in sustainability metrics



NOVOMER poly(propylenecarbonate) polyol in flexible foams

## PU WITHOUT ISOCYANATES (NIPU)

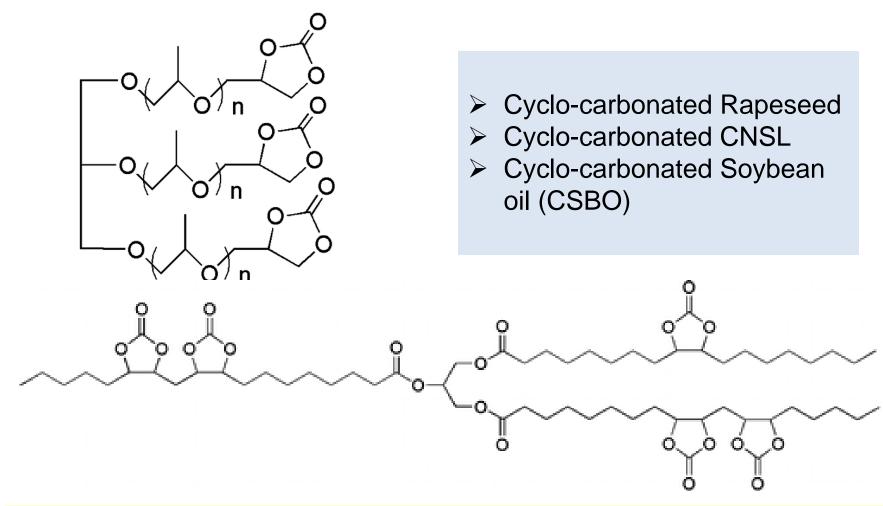
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## Fundamental shift: From polyols to polyamines

- ➤ Enhanced chemical resistance
- ➤ Lower permeability
- ➤ Improved water absorption
- ➤ Improved thermal stability
- ➤ Lower moisture sensitivity
- >Weakness : Poor elasticity

Applications : Adhesives, Sealants, Coatings, Foams (Eurotech Ltd, USA)

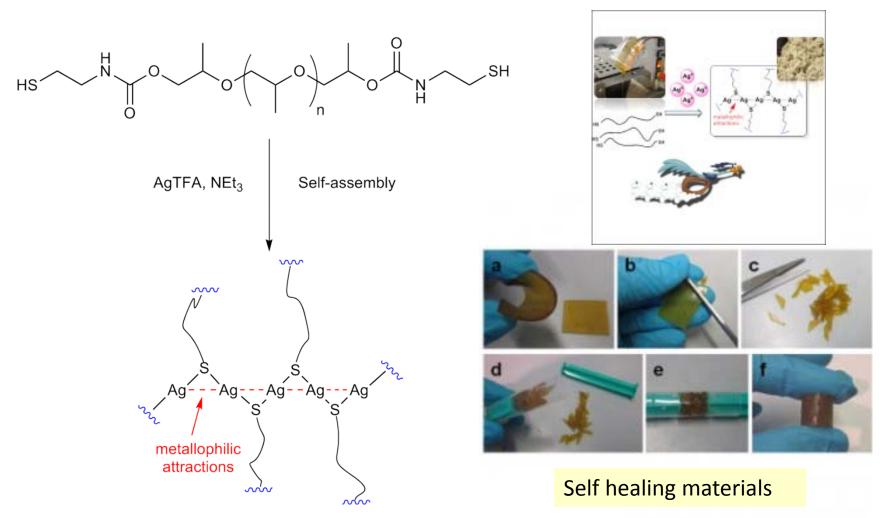
#### MULTIFUNCTIONAL CYCLIC CARBONATES FOR NIPU



NIPU prepared by reacting CSBO with 1,2-ethylenediamine, 1,4-butylenediamine, or 1,6-hexamethylenediamine has a tensile strength of 2.6 –6.9 MPa, an elongation at break of 163–232%, and a Shore A hardness of 84–93

## METALLOPHILIC CROSSLINKING TO PROVIDE FAST-CURING AND MENDABLE POLY(URETHANE-METALLOTHIOLATE) ELASTOMERS

A. Ruiz de Luzuriaga, A. Rekondo, R. Martin, G. Cabañero, H. J. Grande, I. Odriozola **First published:** 3 February 2015; **DOI:** 10.1002/pola.27534



Tensile Strength: 0.33 Mpa

# PU RECYCLING : A CHALLENGE IN THE EMERGING CIRCULAR ECONOMY

- Low density materials pose a challenge for collection and transportation
- Industry poorly organized to handle end of life issues related to used mattresses and refrigerators
- Several options, but what are the viable ones? Rebonded flexible foam, regrind, adhesive pressing, compression molding, glycolysis, pyrolysis

Need for enhanced education and advocacy
When volumes grow, end of life issues will become increasingly
important; the concept of "extended producers responsibility" is
inevitable for a large consuming nation such as India

# ISSUES TO BE ADDRESSESD BY INDUSTRY FOR BECOMING "FUTURE READY"

TODAY	IN THE FUTURE
Which customers do you serve today?	Which customers will you serve in the future?
Through what channels do you reach customers today?	Through what channels will you reach customers in the future?
Who are your competitors today?	Who will your competitors be in the future?
What is the basis for your competitive advantage today?	What will be the basis for your competitive advantage in the future?
Where do your margins come from today?	Where will your margins come from in the future?
What skills or capabilities make you unique today?	What skills or capabilities will make you unique in the future?

#### A CLUSTER APPROACH TO INNOVATION

#### **Philosophy**

- A group of companies with common objectives decide to form an Innovation Cluster with a defined and shared innovation agenda
- Small, decentralized and easily manageable
- Industry owned, resourced and managed
- Shared investment and costs
- Leverage available public funds and incentives
- Located preferably next to an academic center of excellence to take advantage of students faculty resources and equipment

#### **Focus**

- Product design and engineering
- Quality systems and processes
- Material selection and cost performance optimization
- LCA, regulatory and sustainability issues
- Precompetitive R&D
- Global information gateway

#### Resources

- Computational
- Information
- Material data bases
- Design tools

Every morning in Africa, a gazelle wakes up. It knows it must run faster than the fastest lion or it will be killed. Every morning a lion wakes up. It knows it must outrun the slowest gazelle or it will starve to death. It does not matter whether you are lion or the gazelle. When the sun comes up, you better start running.



Christopher McDougall, Born to Run: A Hidden Tribe, Super athletes, and the Greatest Race the World has Never Seen

SMALL OR BIG, WE CERTAINLY DO NOT HAVE THE LUXURY OF STANDING STILL!

