

Polymer use cases

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Searching polymers on CAS STNext

Focus on polymer compositions

CAS Registry contains 2.46 mil polymer compounds identified by CAS Registry Numbers (PMS/CI)

CAplus contains 4.9 mil documents in the Macromolecular sections (MAC/CC)

WPIndex contains almost 8 mil patent records in the Derwent section A (A/DC)

IFIALL contains Uniterm and Fragment codes for records prior to 2011.

PQSciTech has 405K documents in the Engineered Materials – Polymers section of the database (/FS)

There are three static files with specialized polymer content on STNext: Apollit (436K refs, -2005), Rapra (1.5 mil refs, -2021) and WSCA (549K refs, -2020)



Searching addition polymers

Polymers obtained by opening a double bond, or ring-opening metathesis

Typical classes include polyolefins, polyacrylates, vinyl polymers, fluoropolymers, polyacetylenes, etc.

Monomer-based registration in Registry, even when the publication shows a kind of structural repeating unit

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RN 25086-67-3 REGISTRY

CN Benzene, 1,4-diethenyl-, polymer with ethenylbenzene (CA INDEX NAME)

OTHER CA INDEX NAMES:

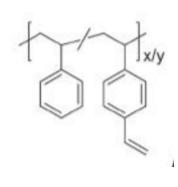
CN Benzene, ethenyl-, polymer with 1,4-diethenylbenzene (9CI); Benzene, p-divinyl-, polymer with styrene (8CI); Styrene, polymer with p-divinylbenzene (8CI)

OTHER NAMES:

CN 1,4-Divinylbenzene-styrene copolymer; 4-Divinylbenzene-styrene copolymer; p-Divinylbenzene-styrene copolymer; p-Divinylbenzene-styrene polymer; Polysorb 10b; Styrene p-divinylbenzene polymer; Styrene-1,4-divinylbenzene copolymer; Styrene-p-divinylbenzene copolymer

CI PMS, COM

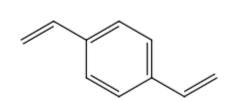
PCT Polystyrene
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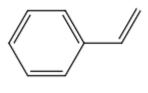


CRN **105-06-6**CMF C10 H10

CM

CM 2
CRN 100-42-5
CMF C8 H8







Conducting a search using Component RNs

Limiting to 2-3 components only having styrene functionality

=> S (105-06-6/CRN OR 1321-74-0/CRN) AND 100-42-5/CRN

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2308 105-06-6/CRN

16356 1321-74-0/CRN

135172 100-42-5/CRN

L1 7385 (105-06-6/CRN OR 1321-74-0/CRN) AND 100-42-5/CRN
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=> S L1 AND 2-3/NC

10740391 2-3/NC L2 1719 L1 AND 2-3/NC

=> S L2 AND POLYSTYRENE/PCT AND 1/PCT.CNT

241090 POLYSTYRENE/PCT
1073695 1/PCT.CNT
L3 623 L2 AND POLYSTYRENE/PCT AND 1/PCT.CNT

The component 1321-74-0 is for the incompletely defined divinylbenzene

PCT is Polymer Class Term

PCT.CNT is the Polymer Class Term count



Example of a specific polymer

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REGISTRY
RN
     1001098-35-6
ED
     Entered STN:
                   30 Jan 2008
     1-Naphthalenamine, N-[(4-ethenylphenyl)methyl]-, polymer with
CN
     1,4-diethenylbenzene and ethenylbenzene (CA INDEX NAME)
OTHER NAMES:
     p-Divinylbenzene-4-(1-naphthylaminomethyl)styrene-styrene copolymer
CN
MF
     (C19 H17 N . C10 H10 . C8 H8)x
     PMS
CI
     Polystyrene
SR
     CA
LC
     STN Files:
                  CA, CAPLUS, USPAT2, USPATFULL
                                      CM
                                           3
     CM
                                      CRN
                                            100-42-5
     CRN
           105-06-6
                                           C8 H8
                                      CMF
     CMF
          C10 H10
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Blends of polystyrene and polydivinylbenzene

Polymer blends are not covered by the copolymer

Polymer blends follow the indexing rules for a formulation

Each polymer itself will be indexed

Often, these polymer components of a blend will get the role POF (polymer in formulation)

Since the indexing is done at the document level in CAplus, it is not possible to link these two components of the polymer blend

There is a precision issue as these two polymers may be different options to be blended with another polymer



Search strategy for polymer blends

Each polymer searched separately in Registry; combined in CAplus



Example of polymer blend indexing

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ANSWER 1 OF 9 CAPLUS COPYRIGHT 2024 ACS on STN
L4
     Preparation and characterization of composites using blends of
ΤI
     divinglbenzene-based hyperbranched and linear functionalized polymers
     Polymers for Advanced Technologies (2021), 32(8), 3333-3342
S0
     CODEN: PADTE5; ISSN: 1042-7147
IT
     9003-53-6 , Poly(styrene)
     RL: POF (Polymer in formulation); PRP (Properties); USES (Uses)
        (blend with hyperbranched poly(divinyl benzene); prepn. and
        characterization of composites using blends of
        diving benzene-based hyperbranched and linear functionalized polymers)
ΙT
     9003-69-4 DP, Divinyl benzene homopolymer, hydrogenated
     RL: POF (Polymer in formulation); PRP (Properties); SPN
     (Synthetic preparation); PREP (Preparation); USES (Uses)
        (blend with linear polystyrene benzene); prepn. and
        characterization of composites using blends of
        diving lbenzene-based hyperbranched and linear functionalized polymers)
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Defined copolymers only by tradenames

The ENTE field contains a description of the material

=> S STYRENE/ENTE AND (DIVINYLBENZENE OR DIVINYL(W)BENZENE)/ENTE

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5779 STYRENE/ENTE
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1197 DIVINYLBENZENE/ENTE

89 DIVINYL/ENTE

164 BENZENE/ENTE

49 DIVINYL(W)BENZENE

L4 842 STYRENE/ENTE AND (DIVINYLBENZENE OR DIVINYL(W)BENZENE)/ENTE



Impactful tradename-defined substance

```
9037-24-5
               REGISTRY
     Entered STN: 16 Nov 1984
     Amberlyst 15 (CA INDEX NAME)
OTHER NAMES:
     Amberlyst 15 DRY
    Amberlyst 15 Wet
CN
    Amberlyst 15(H)
     Amberlyst RTM 15
CN
DR
     54241-79-1 | 120528-22-5 | 550365-45-2 | 1292765-99-1
ENTE A sulfonated styrene -divinylbenzene
                                             copolymer cation exchange resin
     Unspecified
     PMS, COM, MAN
PCT
    Manual registration
LC
     STN Files: BIOSIS, CA, CAPLUS, CASFORMULTNS, CASREACT, CHEMCATS,
       CHEMLIST, IFIALL, PIRA, TOXCENTER, USPAT2, USPATFULL, USPATOLD
         *** STRUCTURE DIAGRAM IS NOT AVAILABLE ***
      4075
              REFERENCES IN FILE CAPLUS (1907 TO DATE)
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=> FILE CAPLUS

=> S L3 OR L4

22062 L3
25634 L4

L5 45905 L3 OR L4



Derwent has a record for the copolymer

DCR number found 360 patents in WPIndex (of which 130 were unique)

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AN DCR-199515 DCR

DCSE 199515-0-0-0

CN.P STYRENE-DIVINYLBENZENE-COPOLYMER

SY COPOLYMER, STYRENE-DIVINYLBENZENE-;

DIVINYLBENZENE-COPOLYMER, STYRENE-; STYRENE-DIVINYLBENZENE-COPOLYMER
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Substance image not available

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CMT Standard polymerA copolymer of Styrene with C10H10 divinyl benzene may be ortho, meta or para,.Source-based monomers shown.

MF Polymer

ED Entered STN: 9 Jun 1999

Last updated on STN: 9 Jun 1999

Update DWPI Cross Ref.: 25 Mar 2024
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Indexing within the WPIndex record

PLE codes available to special subscribers

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Solid-phase microextraction film useful in drug detection, comprises
     copper mesh surface coated with polystyrene/divinylbenzene polymer
     microspheres and polydimethylsiloxane
     (UJIN-C) UNIV JINAN GUANGDONG
PA
     CN 113842672
                       20211228 (2022042)* ZH
                       20230203 (2023016) ZH
     CN 113842672
     UPIT 20220530
TT
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     DCR-13801-USE; DCR-100569-CL DCR-100569-DET DCR-100569-USE; DCR-107032-CL
     DCR-107032-USE: DCR-61643-CL DCR-61643-DET DCR-61643-USE
              M423 M430 M782 P831 Q233 R043 M905
     M1 *02*
               DCN-RA0439-M DCN-RA0439-K
               DCR-199515-M DCR-199515-K
PI F
    UPA
           20220530
     Γ1.17
               2004 G0851-R G0840 G0817 D01 D02 D12 D10 D19 D18 D31 D51 D54 D58
               D76 D90; G0102 G0022 D01 D02 D12 D10 D19 D18 D31 D51 D53 D58 D76
               D88 DCN-R00708 DCR-368; H0022-R H0011; S9999 S1398-R; S9999
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PLE code G0840 is for diolefinic aromatic hydrocarbons

PLE code D90 indicates a carbon count of 9

PLE code K9745 would be for polymer blends

PLE code P1774 is for a styrene-divinylbenzene polymer (retrieves 15,250 documents)



S1285-R; P1741; P1774;

Searching condensation polymers

Monomer-based registration or structural repeating units

Condensation reaction splits off a small molecule (H2O, HCI, etc) to form the polymeric chain

Mainly for polyesters, polyethers, polycarbonates, polyamines, polyamides, polyimides, polyoxyalkylenes, polyurethanes, polyalkenamers, polysiloxanes, etc.

A structural repeating units (SRUs) can only be created for condensation polymers that are unambiguous (often symmetrical)

CAS Analysts intellectually link SRUs to their monomer-based registrations from a variety of starting materials

The POLYLINK command in Registry is able to retrieve these related polymer registrations



Condensation polymers

Will have a monomer-based registration

```
RN
     29435-48-1
                 REGISTRY
     Butanoic acid, 3-hydroxy-, (3R)-, homopolymer (CA INDEX NAME)
OTHER CA INDEX NAMES:
    Butanoic acid, 3-hydroxy-, (R)-, homopolymer; Butyric acid, 3-hydroxy-,
     D-(-)-, polyesters (8CI)
OTHER NAMES:
     (R)-3-Hydroxybutyric acid homopolymer; D-3-Hydroxybutyric acid
     homopolymer; Poly((R)-(-)-3-hydroxybutyrate);
     Poly(D-(3-Hydroxybutyrate)); Poly(D-\beta-hydroxybutyrate);
                                                                                  CM
     Poly(D-3-hydroxybutyric acid); Poly-3R-hydroxybutyric acid;
     Poly[(-)-3-hydroxybutyric acid]; Poly[(R)-3-hydroxybutyrate];
     Poly[D(-)-\beta-hydroxybutyric acid]; Poly[D(-)-3-hydroxybutyric acid]
PCT Polyester, Polyester formed
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694 REFERENCES IN FILE CA (1907 TO DATE)

29 REFERENCES TO NON-SPECIFIC DERIVATIVES IN FILE CA

706 REFERENCES IN FILE CAPLUS (1907 TO DATE)



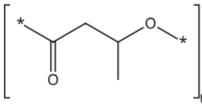
Absolute stereochemistry shown Rotation (-)

Condensation polymers

31759-58-7 REGISTRY

May also have a structural repeating unit

```
Poly[oxy[(1R)-1-methyl-3-oxo-1,3-propanediyl]] (CA INDEX NAME)
OTHER CA INDEX NAMES:
     Poly(oxycarbonylpropylene), D- (8CI); Poly[oxy(1-methyl-3-oxo-1,3-propanediyl)], (R)-
OTHER NAMES:
    (R)-\alpha-hydro-\omega-hydroxypoly[oxy(1-methyl-3-oxo-1,3-propanediyl)]; (R)-3-Hydroxybutanoic acid
     homopolymer, SRU; (R)-3-hydroxybutyrate homopolymer, SRU; (R)-3-Hydroxybutyric acid homopolymer, SRU;
     (R)-3-Hydroxybutyric acid isotactic homopolymer, SRU; (R)-3-Hydroxybutyric acid, homopolymer isotactic, SRU;
    Biocycle B 100; Biomer 16F; Biomer B 300; Biomer M 0997; Biomer P 209E; Biomer P 226; Biomer P 300; Biomer
    PHB P 226: Biomer T 22: Biopol 30: Biopol GO 8: BU 396311: BX-GV 9: D-(-)-Poly(oxycarbonylpropylene): Enmat
    Y 3000; ENMAT-Y 3000P; Isotactic (R)-3-hydroxybutanoic acid homopolymer, SRU; Isotactic (R)-3-hydroxybutyrate
    homopolymer, sru; Isotactic (R)-3-hydroxybutyric acid homopolymer, sru; Isotactic \beta-hydroxybutyric acid
    homopolymer, sru; L 88; Microbial poly(3-hydroxybutyrate), sru; Microbial poly(hydroxybutyrate), sru; Mirel M
    2100; P 226; PHB; PHB-L 88; Poly((R)-(-)-3-hydroxybutyrate); Poly(D-\beta-hydroxybutyrate), sru;
     Poly(D-3-hydroxybutyric acid), sru; Poly-(R)-\beta-hydroxybutyrate, isotactic, SRU; Poly[(-)-3-hydroxybutyric
     acid] SRU; Poly[(R)-\beta-butyrolactone], SRU; Poly[(R)-3-hydroxybutyrate]; Poly[(R)-3-hydroxybutyrate], Poly[(R)-3-hydroxybutyrate]
     Poly[(R)-3-hydroxybutyric acid]; Poly[D(-)-3-hydroxybutyric acid], SRU; Sconacell B; T 19
PCT Polyester
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RELATED POLYMERS AVAILABLE WITH POLYLINK

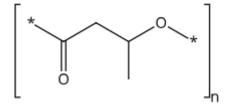
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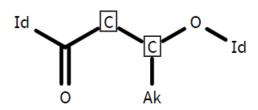
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How to search SRUs by structure

Using the ID dummy node for the repeating nodes





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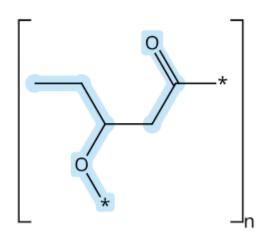
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SEARCH TIME: 00.00.07

L2 55 SEA CSS FUL L1



55 ANSWERS



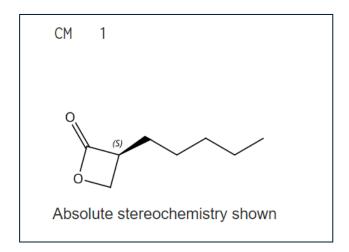
Polylink – moving between Monomer and SRU

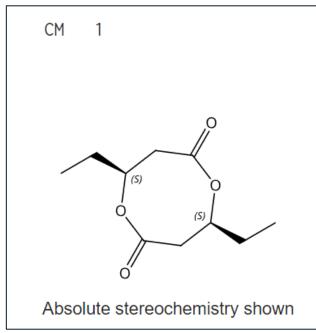
Intellectually link monomer and SRU registrations together

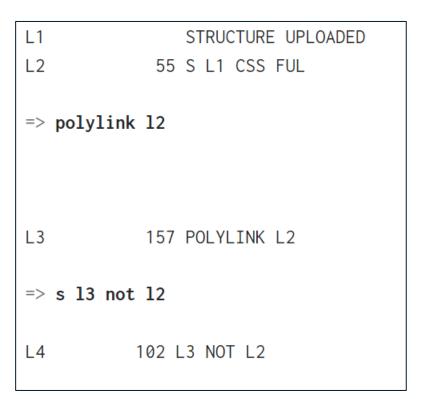
Includes your original answer set

Added monomer-based registrations

Shows diversity in polymer building blocks









When the final polymer is not well-defined

Claim text often use "comprising" indicating additional components

WO 2012/149407 PCT/US2012/035576

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CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

- A method for producing an aqueous polyhydroxyalkanoate (PHA) emulsion from a biobased, biodegradable PHA polymer, copolymer or blends thereof, comprising the steps of:
 - melting the PHA polymer, copolymer or blends thereof;
- The method of Claim 1, wherein the aqueous PHA emulsion comprises a 3hydroxybutyrate polymer, copolymer or blends thereof.



How is this document indexed

It is not the homopolymer, but only the monomer is defined

Based on this claim, indexing is done as a non-specific derivative of the monomer:

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IT 625-72-9 D, (R)-3-Hydroxybutyric acid, polymers

28728-97-4, Poly(4-hydroxybutyrate), sru 31759-58-7, Microbial poly(3-hydroxybutyrate), sru 114959-05-6, Poly(4-hydroxybutyrate)

141455-97-2, Microbial poly(3-hydroxybutyrate)

RL: PEP (Physical, engineering or chemical process); POF (Polymer in formulation); PROC (Process); USES (Uses)

(microbial, blend; process for polyhydroxyalkanoate latex prodn. by melt emulsification)
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Subsequent examples did provide specific polymers which were indexed as final polymers



Summary

Comprehensive polymer searching requires significant expertise

Monomer-based registrations for most of the polymers

Structural repeating units for unambiguous condensation polymers

Tradename-based product definitions

Watch out for incompletely defined monomers

Broad patent claims using 'comprising' terminology

Polymer blends and post-treated polymers require special approach

For full FTO consider outsourcing to specialists, like at CAS IP Services

Derwent files provide additional results

Derwent polymer coding available to special subscribers



Between problems and progress are connections that matter



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