

# MSE 160 – Polymer characterization

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Labs this week (details here: [bowmanlab.eng.uci.edu/class](http://bowmanlab.eng.uci.edu/class))

Lab Calendar

M/W Group 1 – 14 students (section 19432)  
 M/W Group 2 – 14 students (section 19433)  
 T/Th Group 1 – 7 students (half of section 19431)  
 T/Th Group 2 – 7 students (half of section 19431)

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
<b>Week 1</b> 1/6 – 1/9	No Lab	No Lab	No Lab	No Lab
		Lecture topic: How to write a lab report		No Lecture
<b>Week 2</b> 1/13 – 1/16	No Lab	No Lab	<b>QUIZ ON POLYMER LAB MANUAL</b>  Polymers - Crosslinking - DSC - Hot-stage OM	<b>QUIZ ON POLYMER LAB MANUAL</b>  Polymers - Crosslinking - DSC - Hot-stage OM
		Lecture topic: Polymer synthesis		No Lecture
<b>Week 3</b> 1/20 – 1/23	No Lab	No Lab	<b>QUIZ ON POLYMER LAB MANUAL</b>  Polymers - Crosslinking - DSC - Hot-stage OM	<b>QUIZ ON POLYMER LAB MANUAL</b>  Polymers - Crosslinking - DSC - Hot-stage OM
		Lecture topic: Polymer characterization		No Lecture
<b>Week 4</b> 1/27 – 1/30	Lab report writing workshop (optional)	Lab report writing workshop (optional)	<b>M/W Groups polymer lab reports due by 1 PM PST</b>  No Lab	<b>T/Th Groups polymer lab reports due by 1 PM PST</b>  No Lab

Tu/Th

Group 1 = last name A – L

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# Lecture outline

## Outline

- Characterization
  - Differential scanning calorimetry
  - Polarized light microscopy

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## Differential scanning calorimetry (DSC)

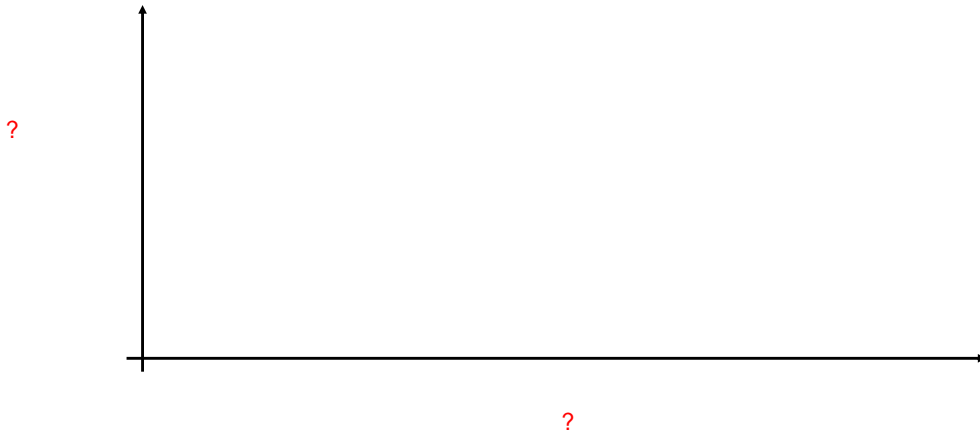
Calorimetry measures thermal properties of materials

Connects temperature and specific physical properties of substances

Only method for direct determination of enthalpy associated with a process

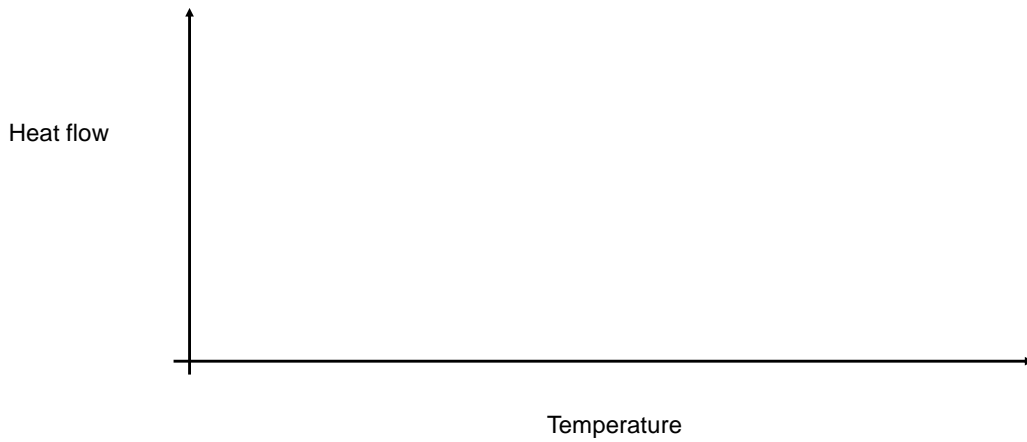
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What are the dependent and independent variables in DSC?

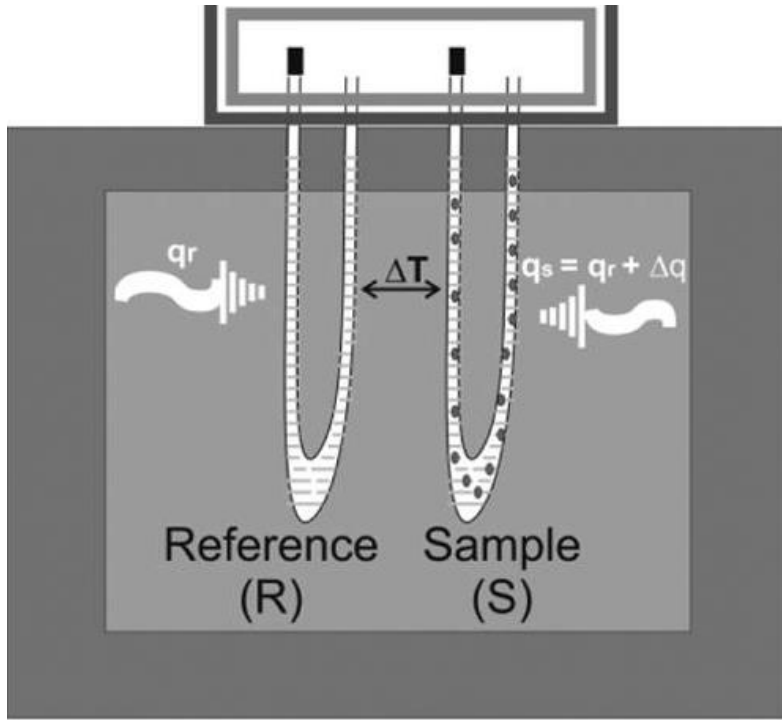


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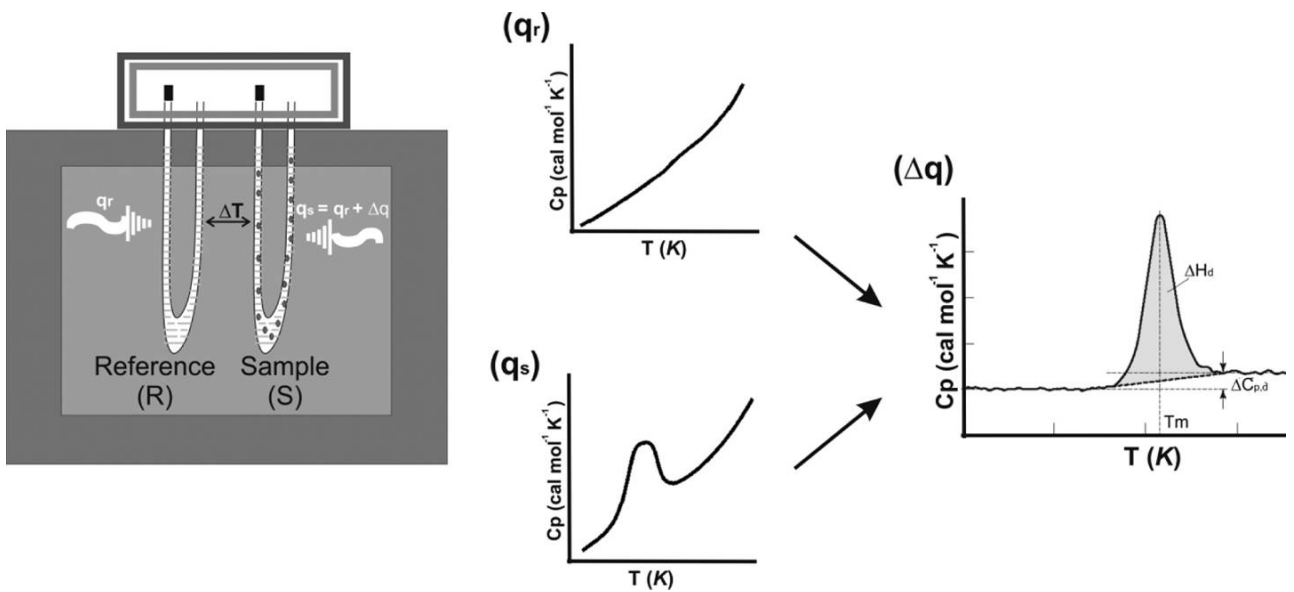
DSC measures heat flow vs. temperature



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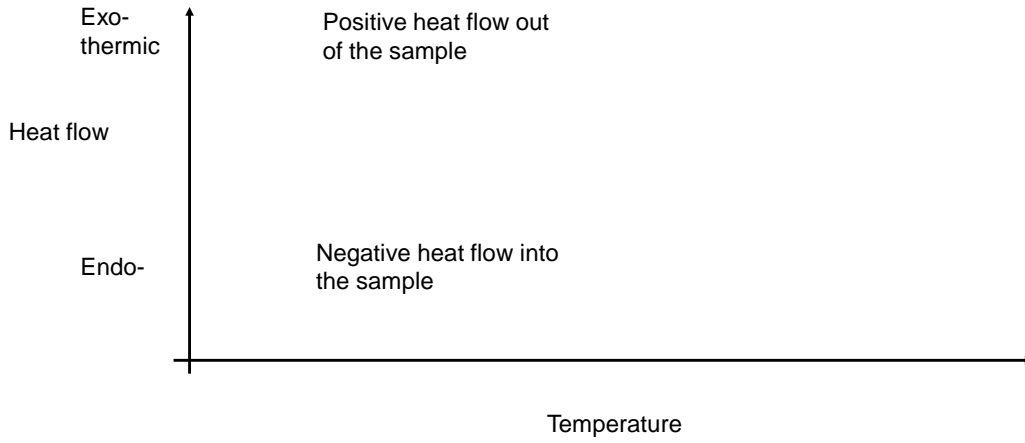


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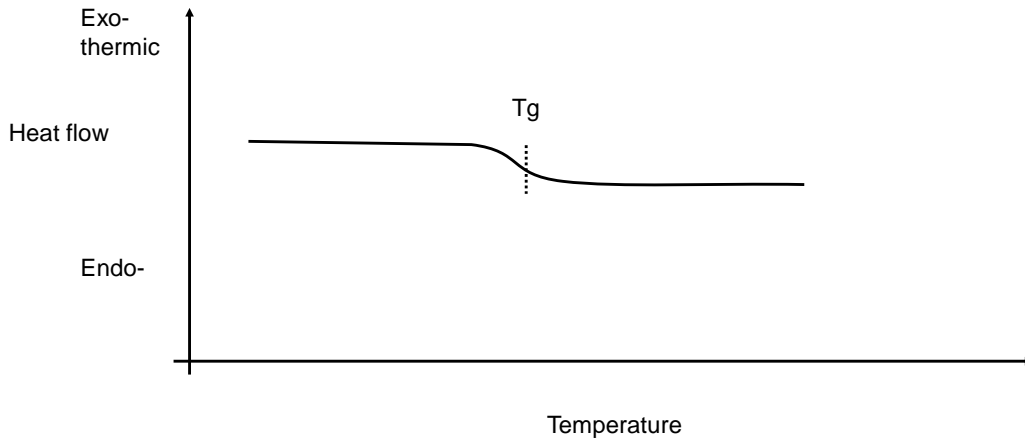
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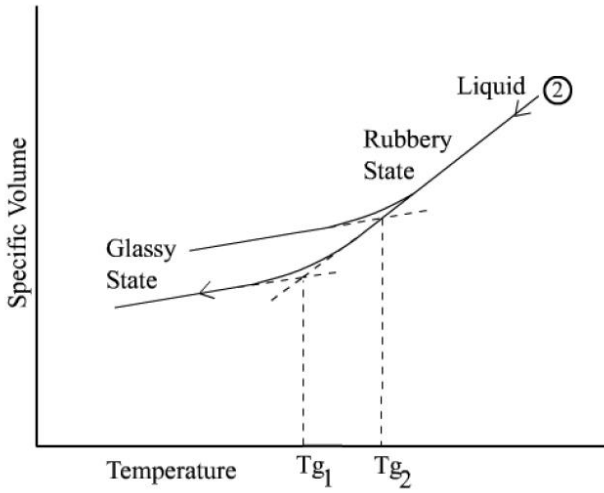
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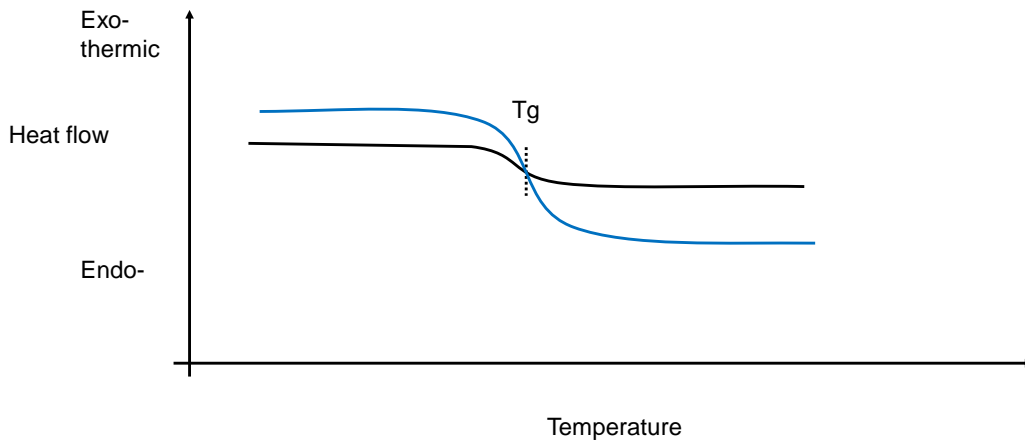
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Above  $T_g$  the amorphous phase softens, but the material is still solid



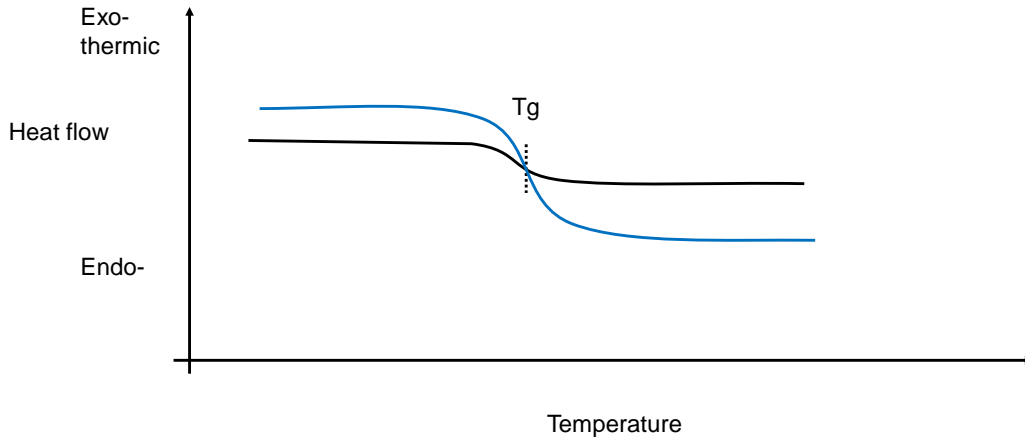
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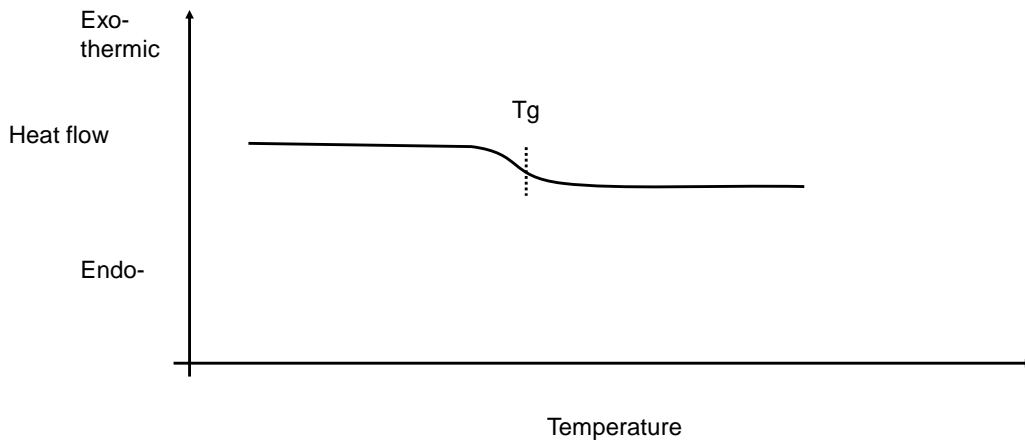
Magnitude of heat flow at  $T_g$  indicates a change in the amount of amorphous material



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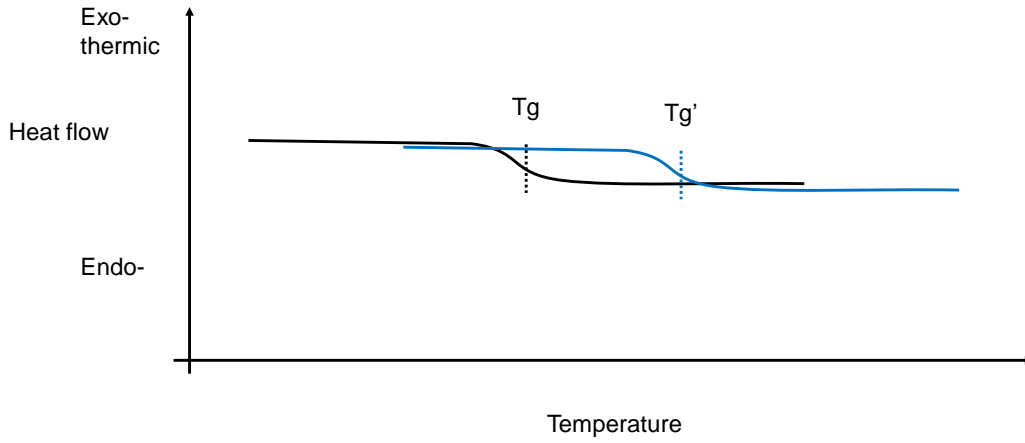
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How else can  $T_g$  change?



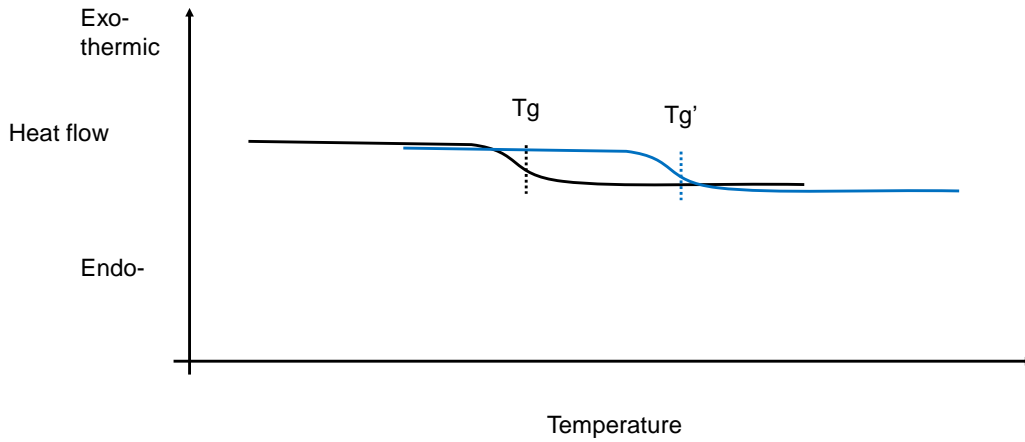
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Shift of  $T_g$  indicates a change in the mobility of molecules



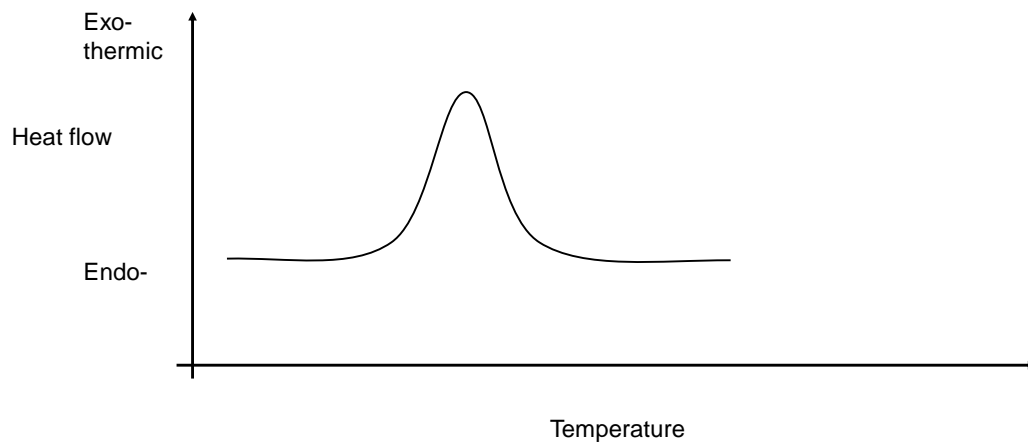
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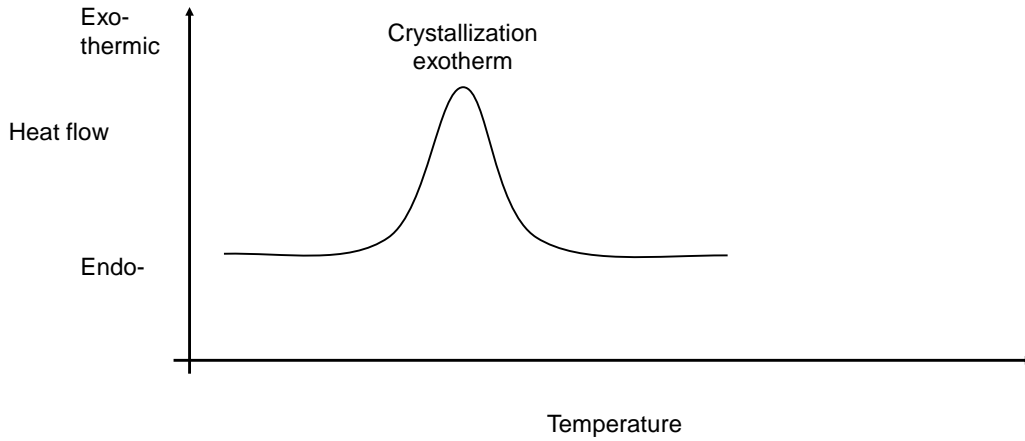
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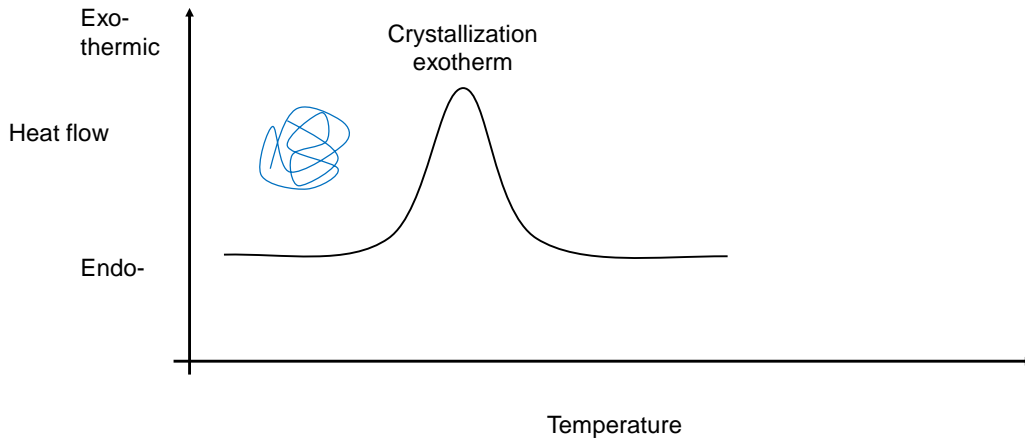
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Crystallization releases heat  
as a lower-energy, higher-order state is formed



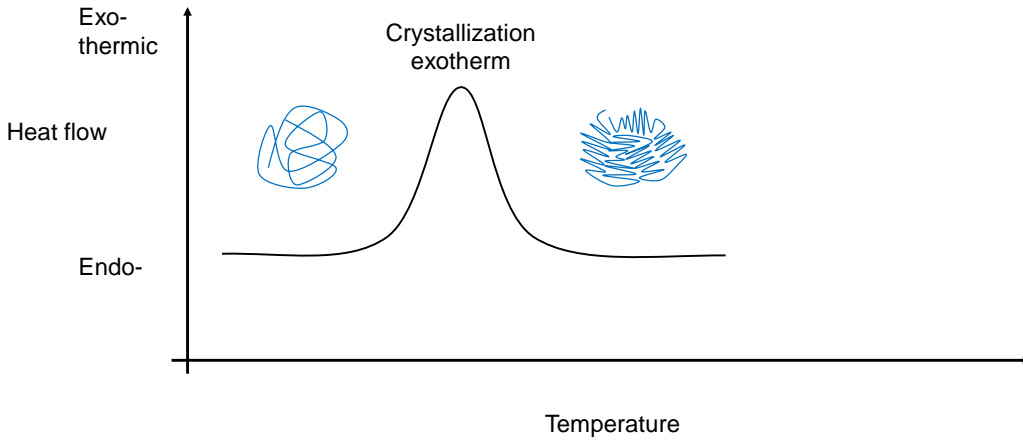
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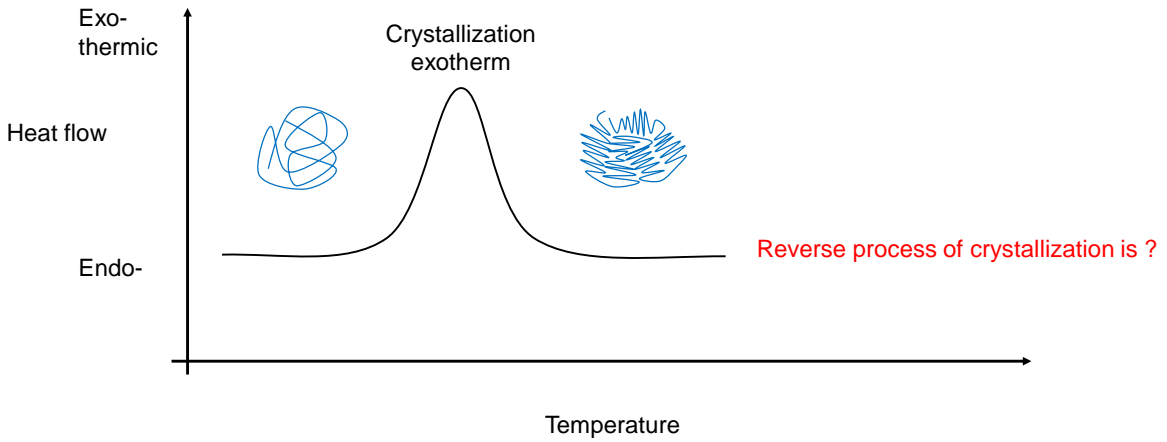


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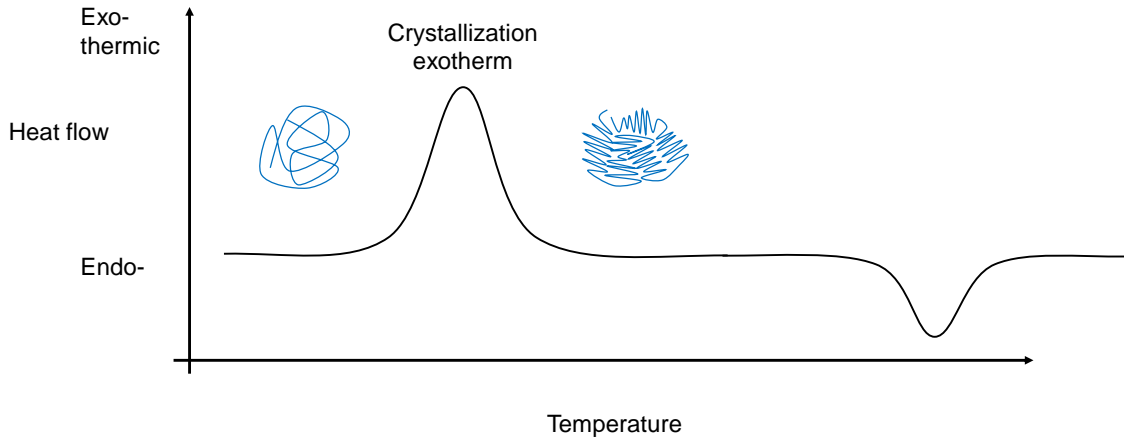
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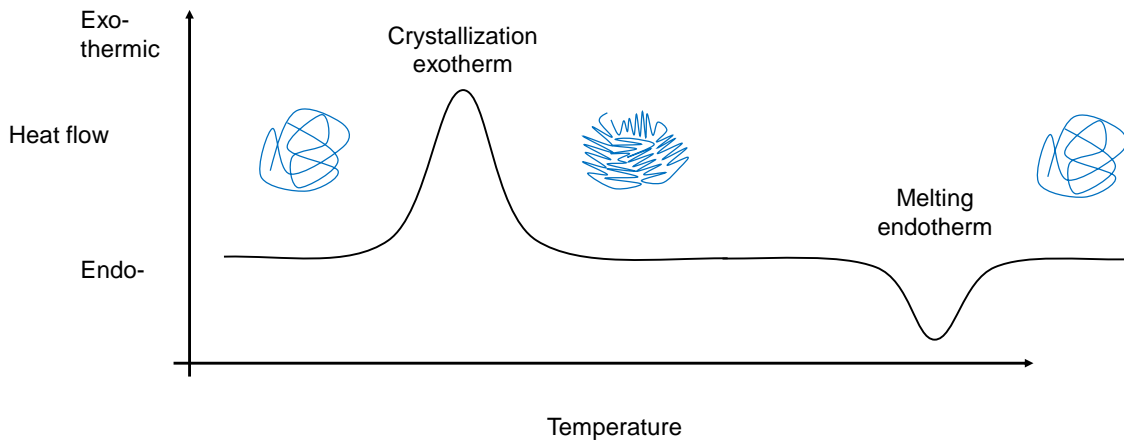
Differential scanning calorimetry (DSC)

Reverse process of crystallization is ?



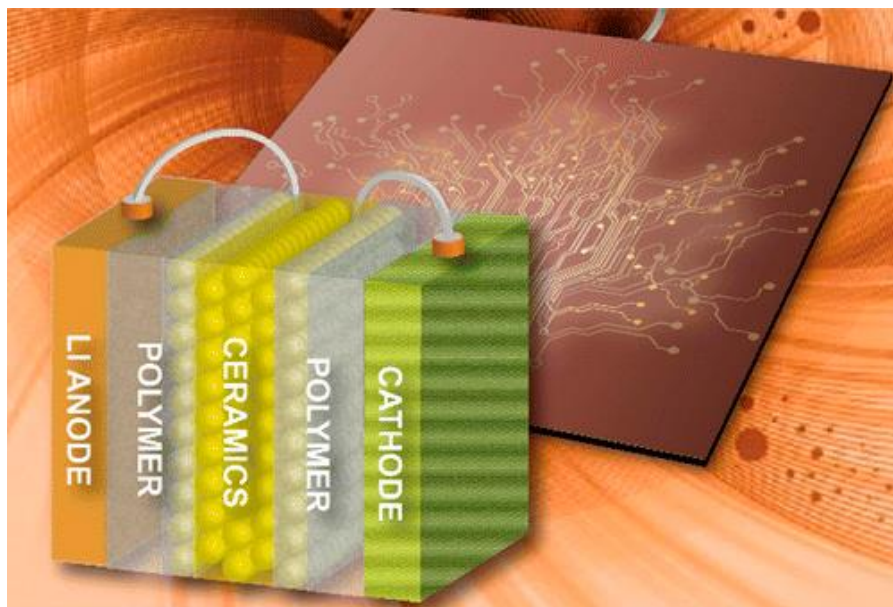
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Disordering of the molecules requires excess free energy




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DSC application in battery research



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**Plating a Dendrite-Free Lithium Anode with a Polymer/Ceramic/  
Polymer Sandwich Electrolyte**

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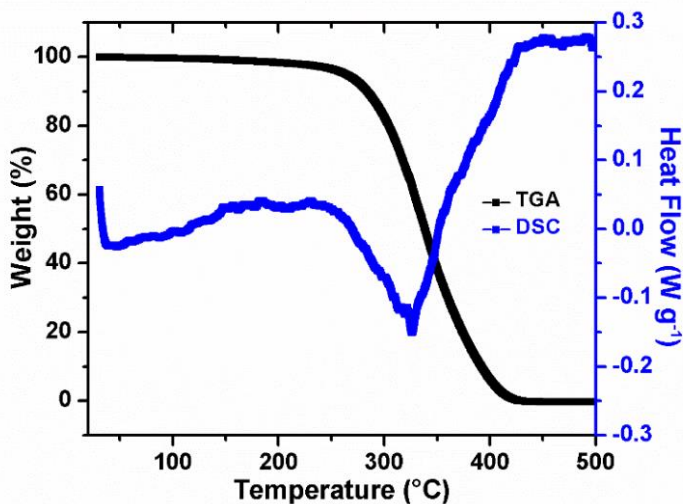
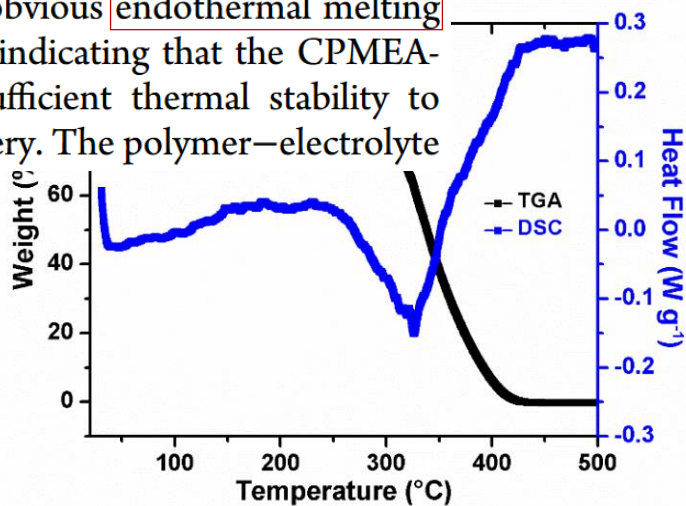


Figure S2. TGA and DSC curves of the polymer CPMEA.

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swing freely, facilitating the ionic transfer of  $\text{Li}^+$ . Thermogravimetric analysis showed that the CPMEA did not exhibit an obvious weight loss until  $270\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ , and the differential scanning calorimetry curve did not give an obvious endothermal melting process until  $270\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  (Figure S2), indicating that the CPMEA-based membranes should have sufficient thermal stability to remain solid in a lithium metal battery. The polymer–electrolyte

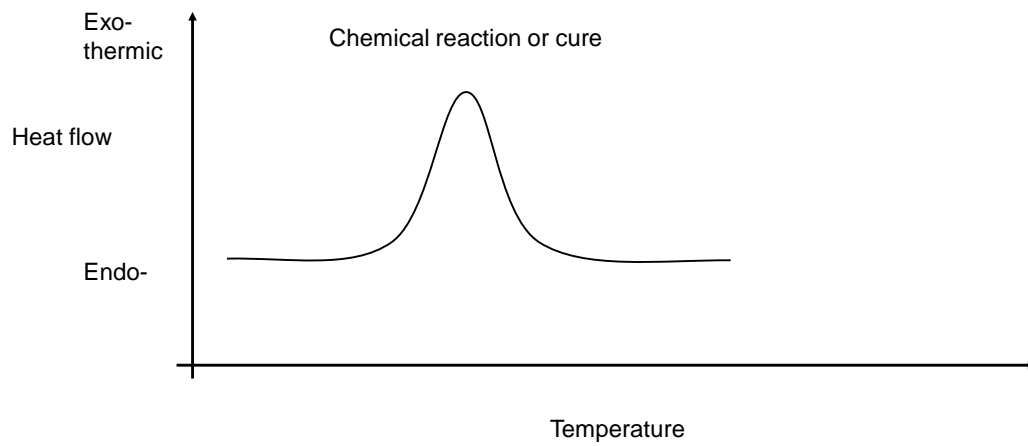


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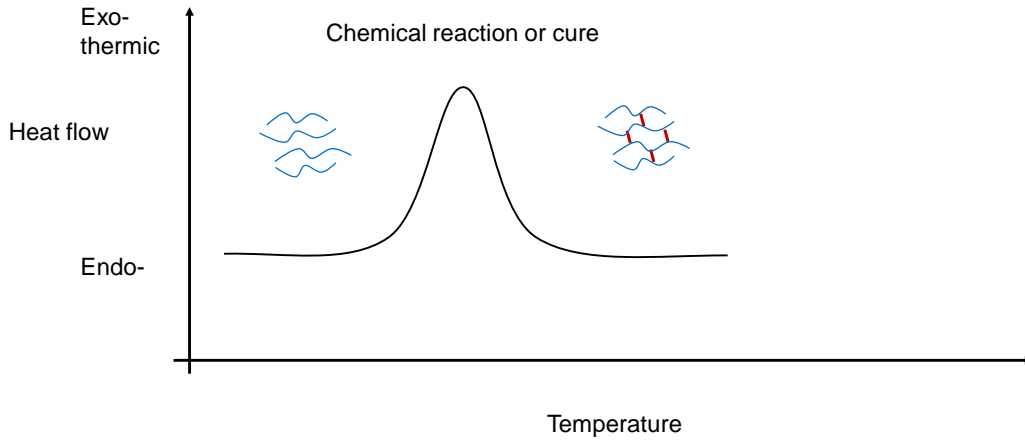
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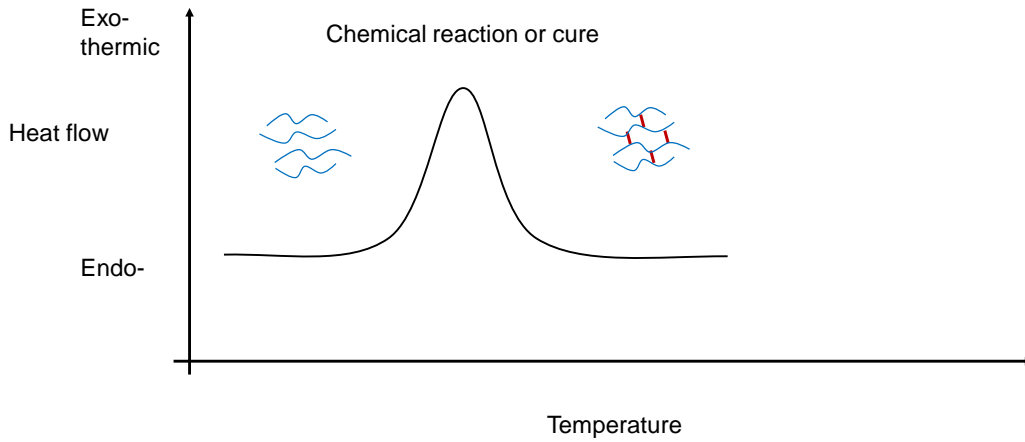
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Bond formation between molecular segments forms a tighter network



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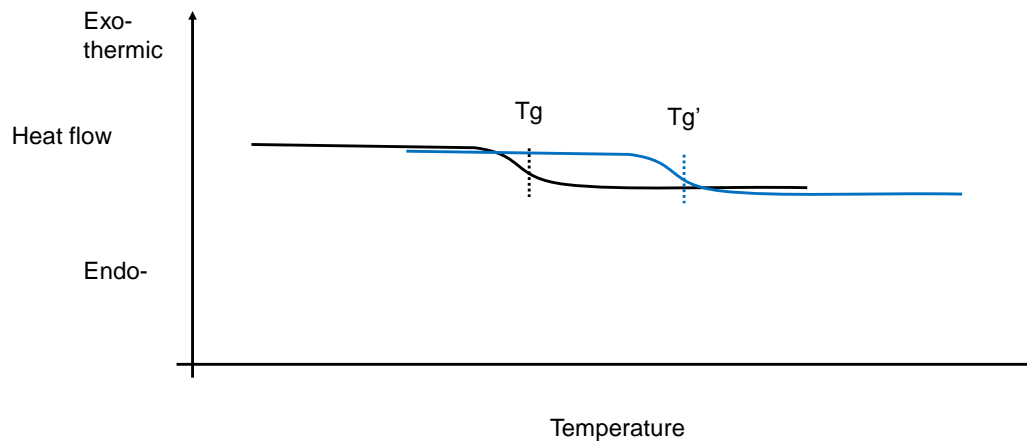
At higher temperature there is no endotherm because no melting



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Curing shifts  $T_g$  to higher values  
by lowering molecular mobility

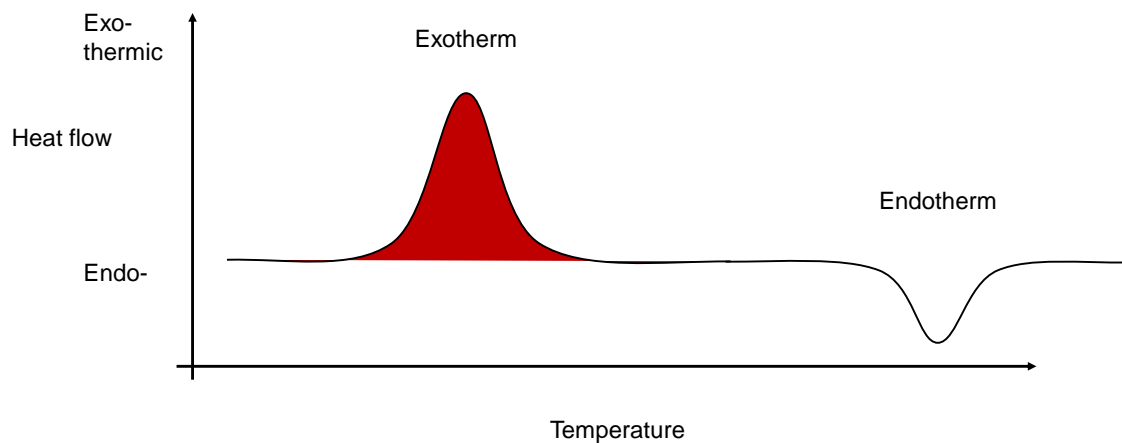


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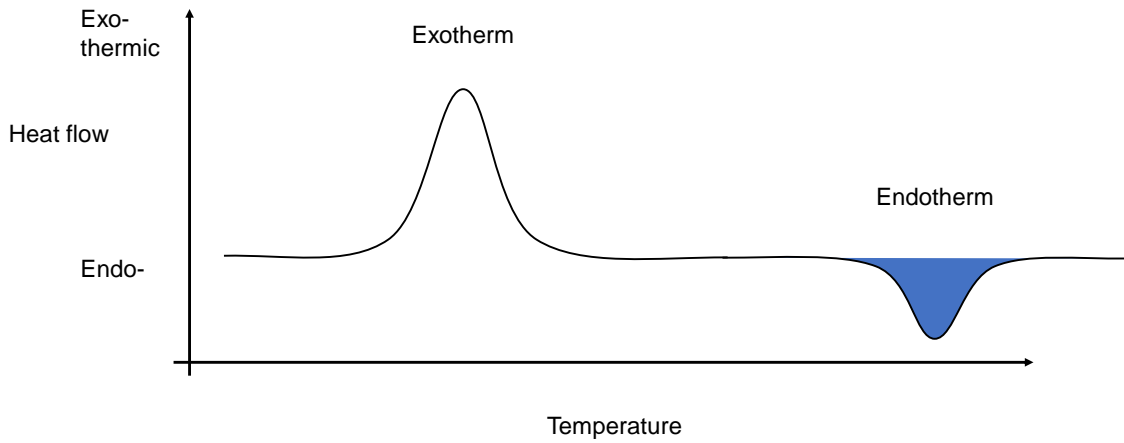


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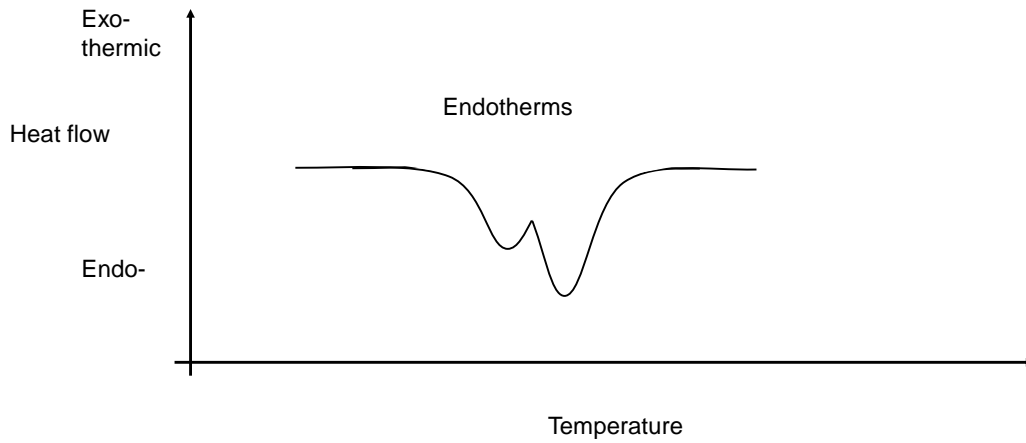


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Semi-crystalline polymers can have multiple DSC signals

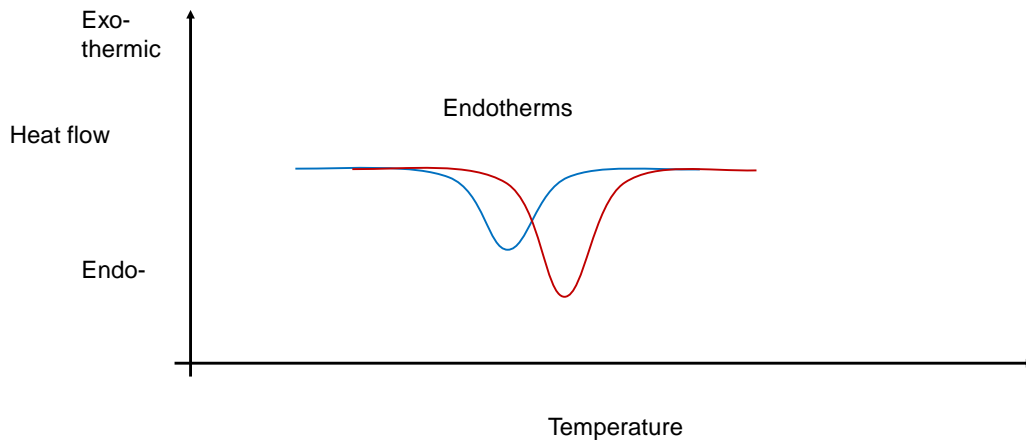
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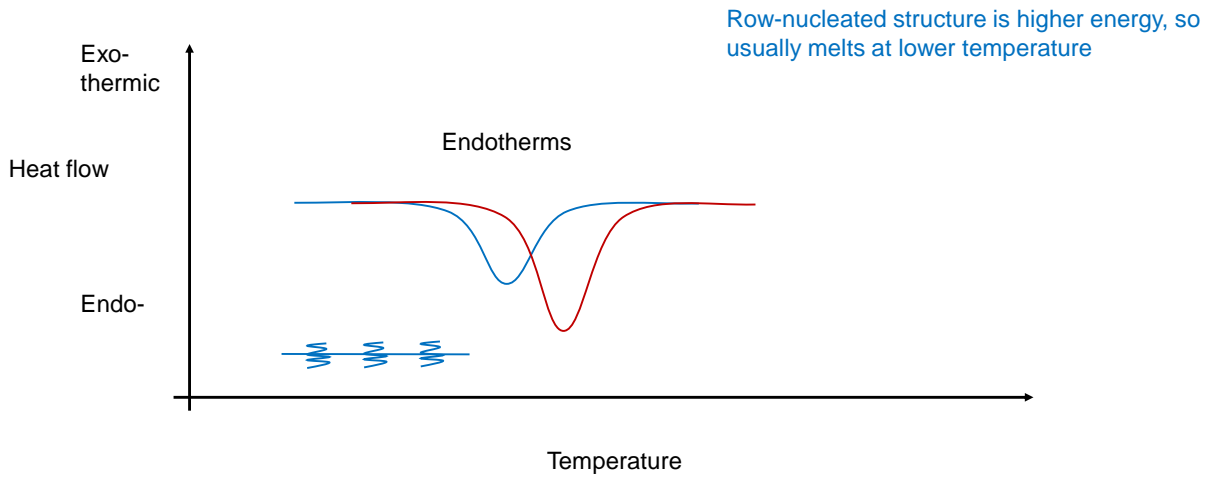


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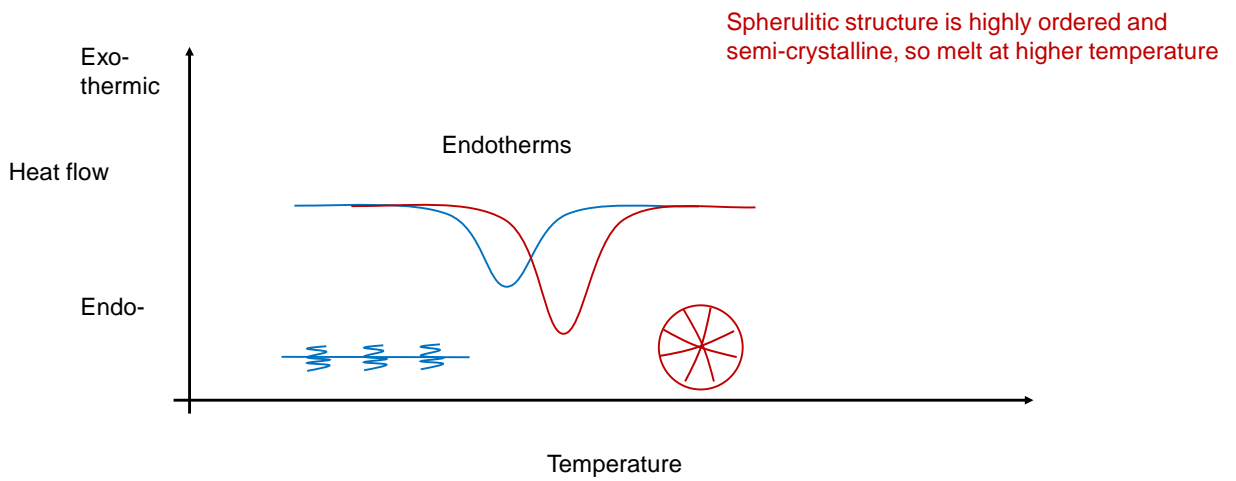
Two different crystal morphologies yield two melting endotherms



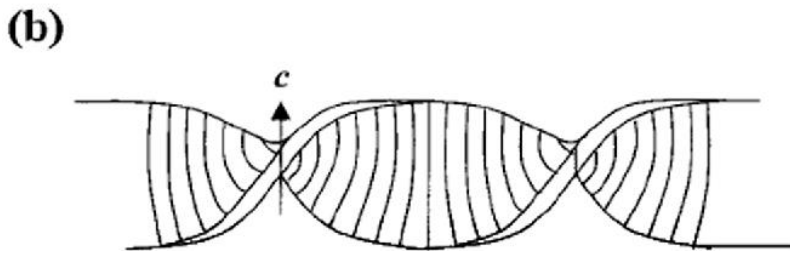
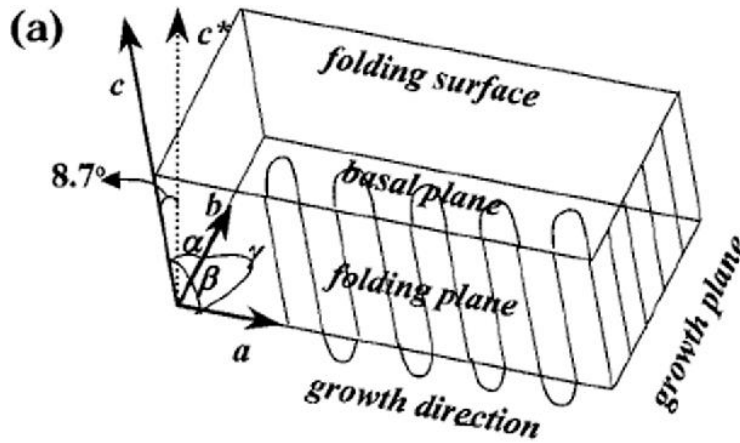
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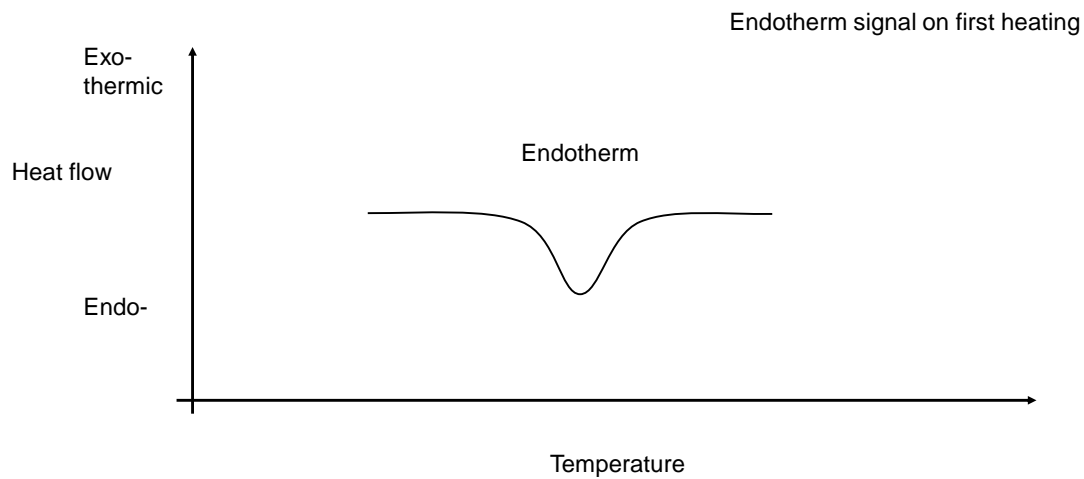


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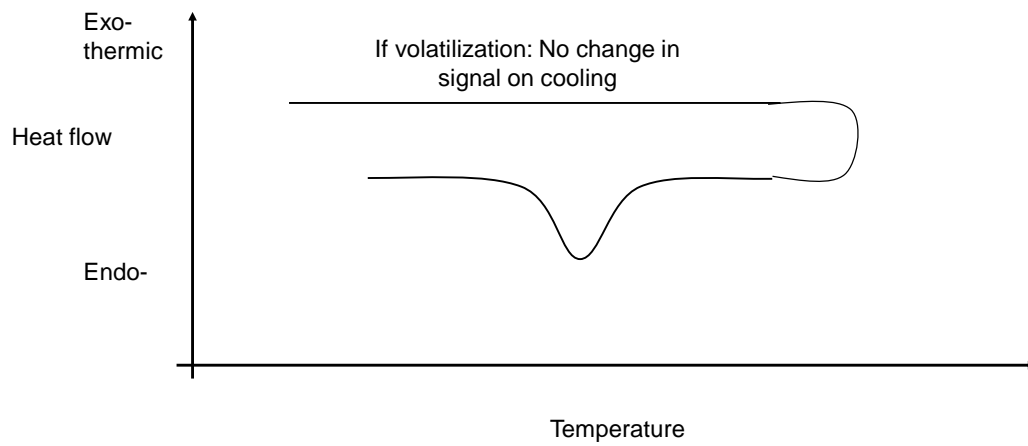
Copolymer or blend of two semi-crystalline polymers would show two DSC endotherms

Two polymers can combine into one, giving new DSC endotherm

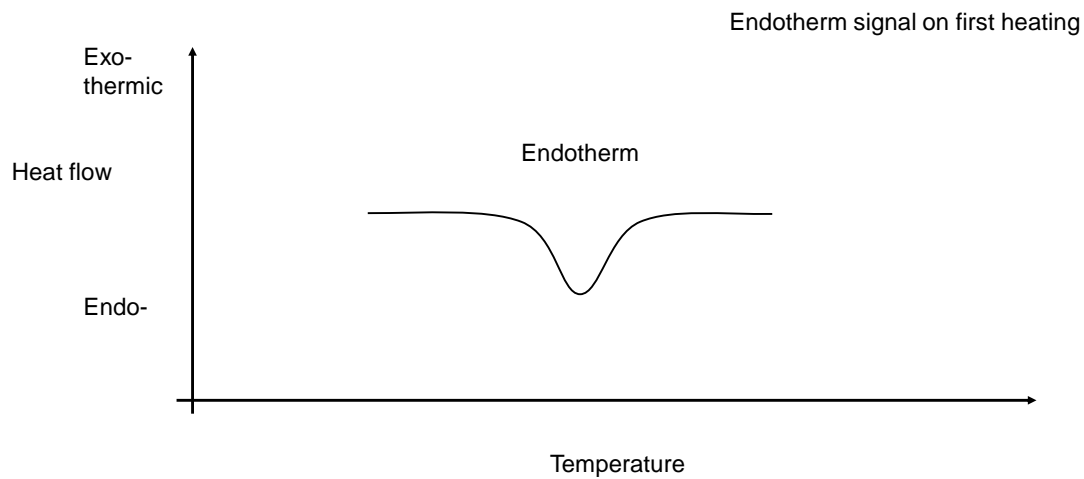
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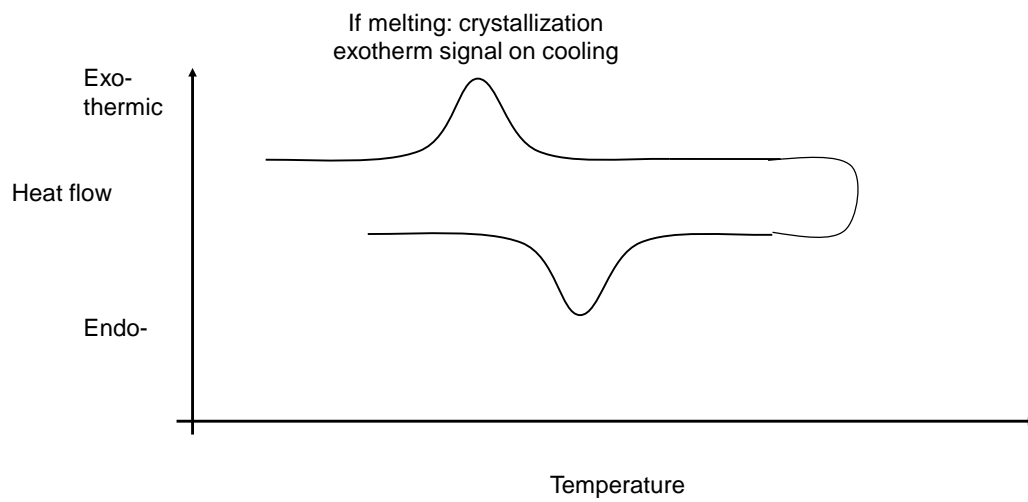
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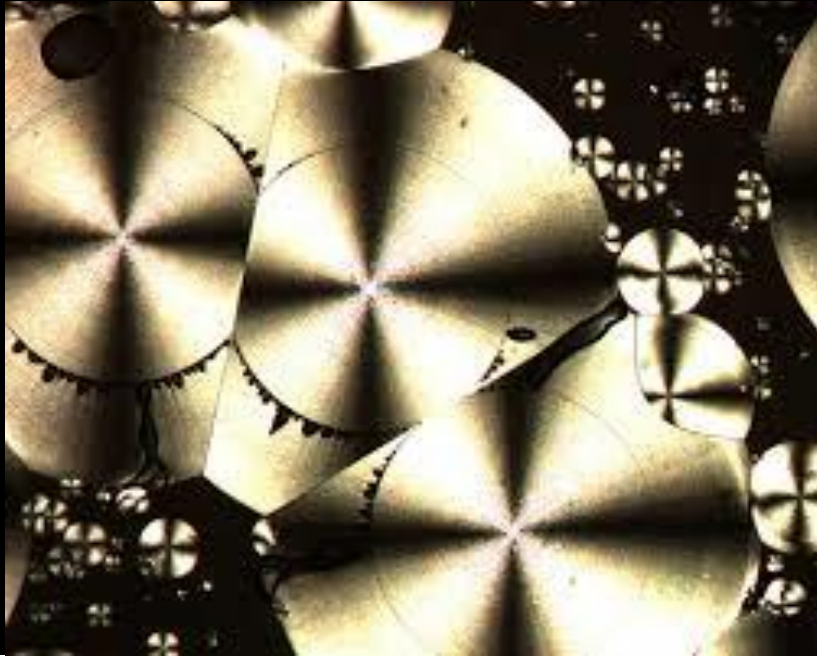
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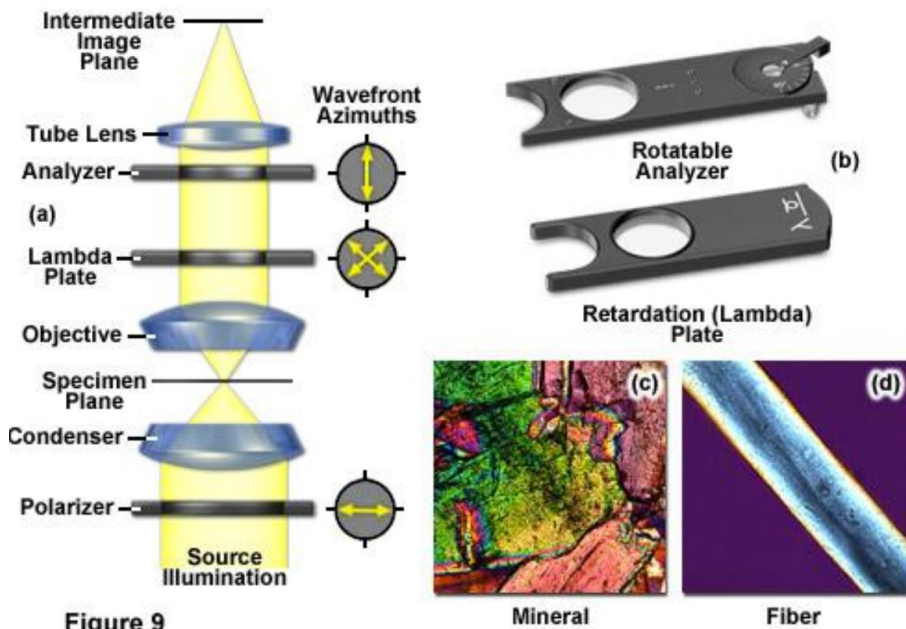
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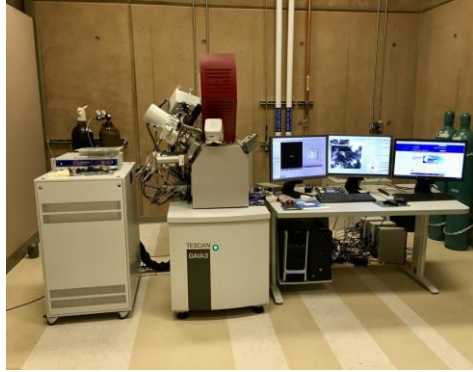
**Polarized Light Microscope Optical Pathways and Components**



**Figure 9**

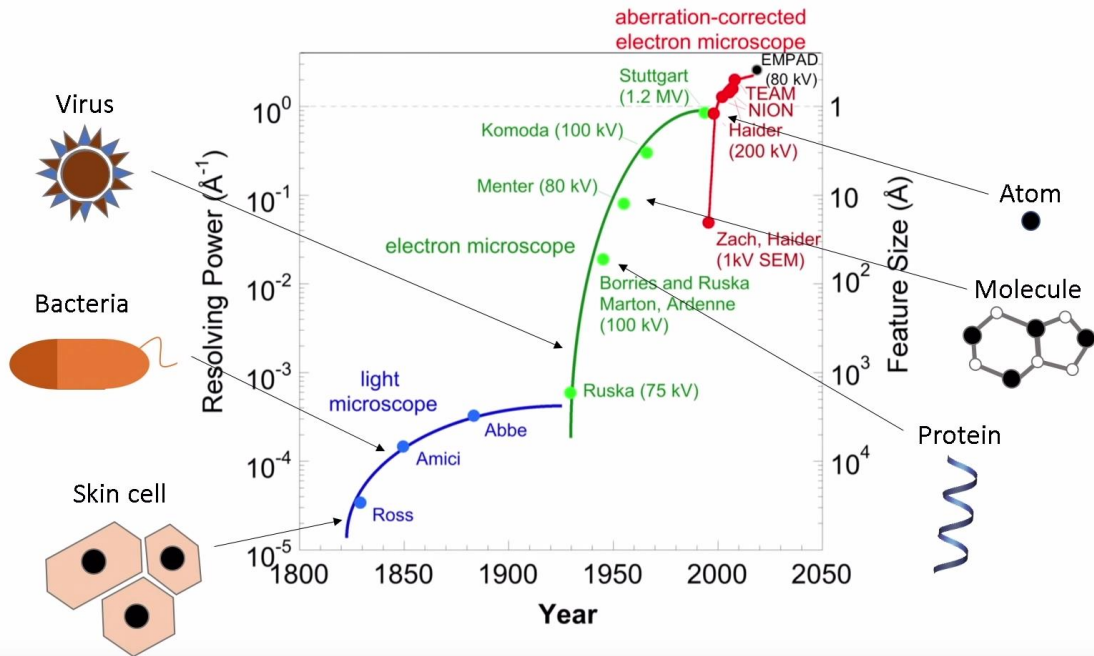
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There are many microscopes at UCI



JEOL JEM-ARM300F Grand ARM

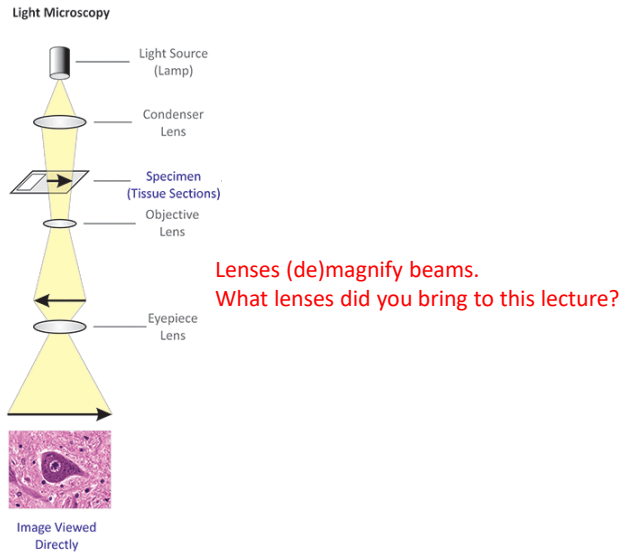
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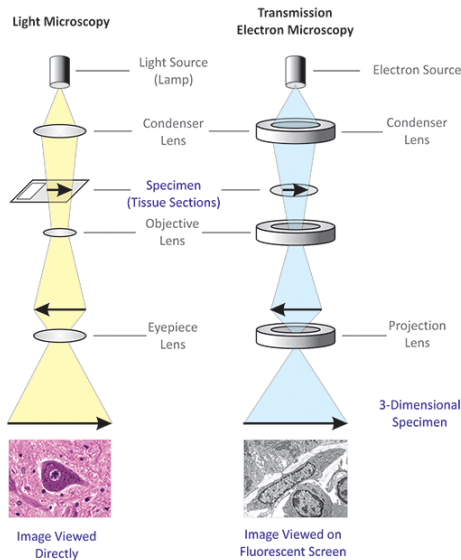
Visible light is the most common microscopy



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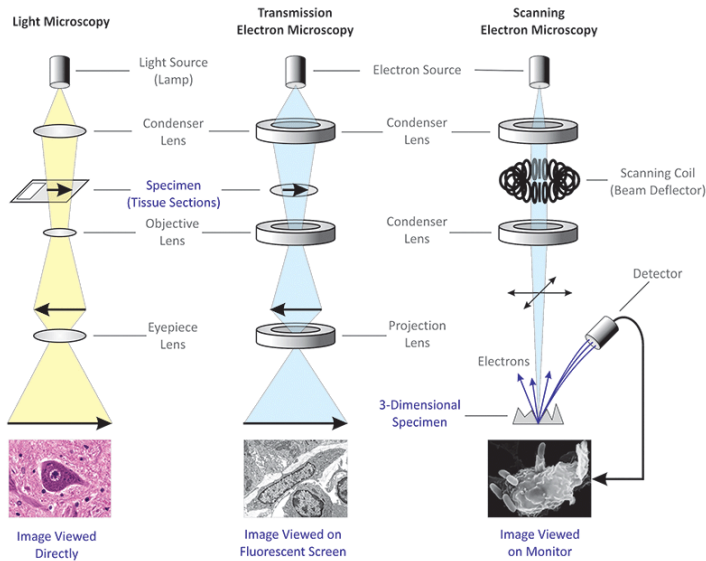
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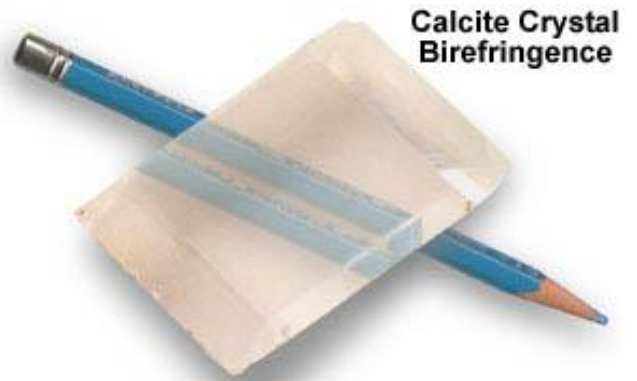
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Spherulites are birefringent, or “doubly-refracting”

Anisotropic crystals with two independent refractive indices,  $n$

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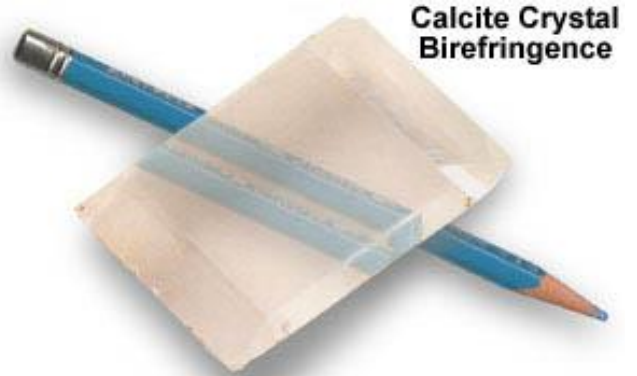
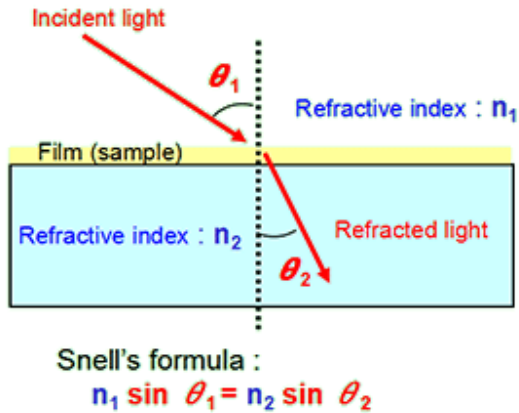


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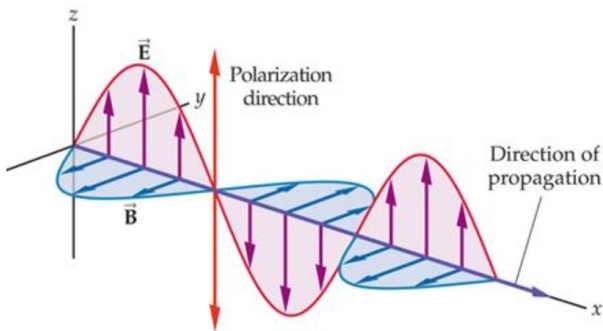
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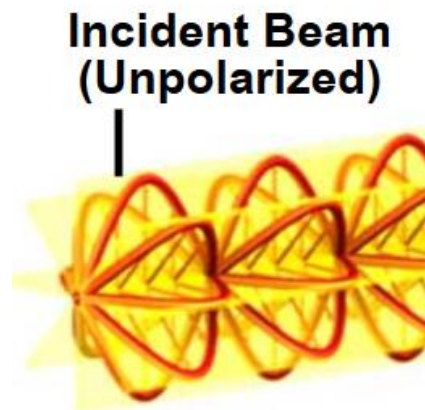


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Illumination produces light waves with electric field vectors vibrate in all planes perpendicular to the direction of propagation

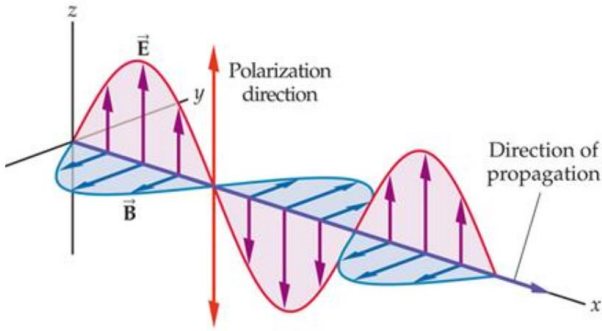


This wave **is polarized** in z -direction

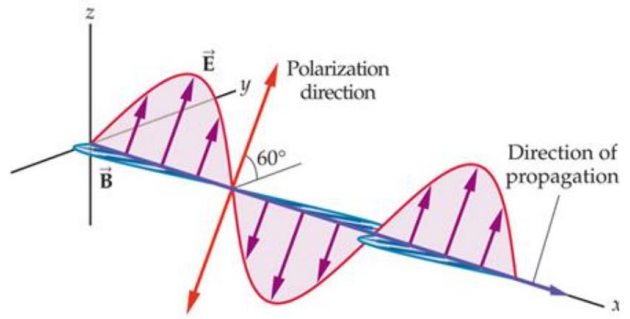


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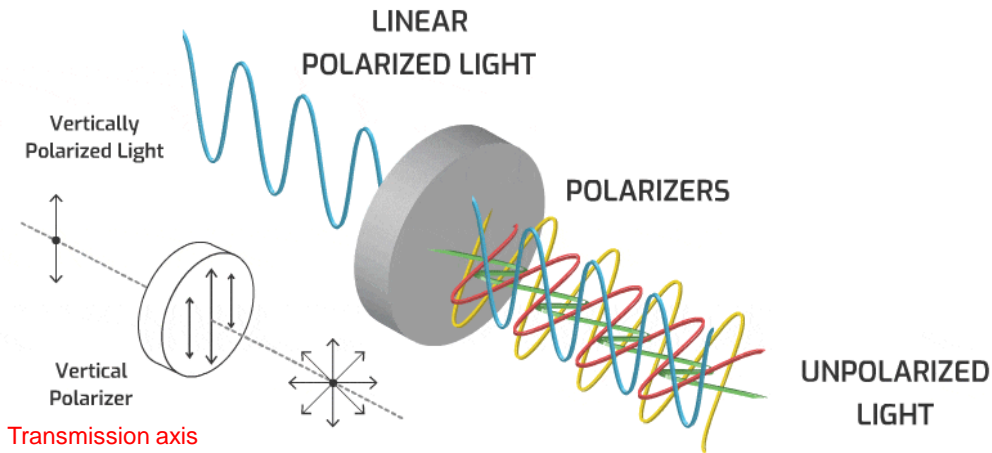


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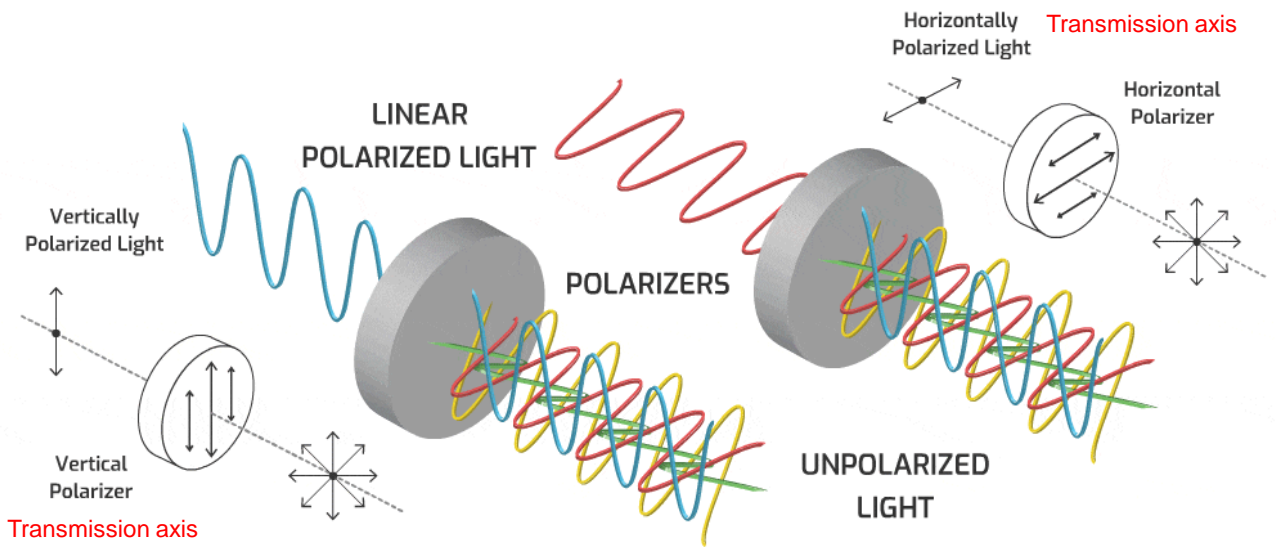


This wave **is polarized** in a direction at an angle of 60° with y-axis

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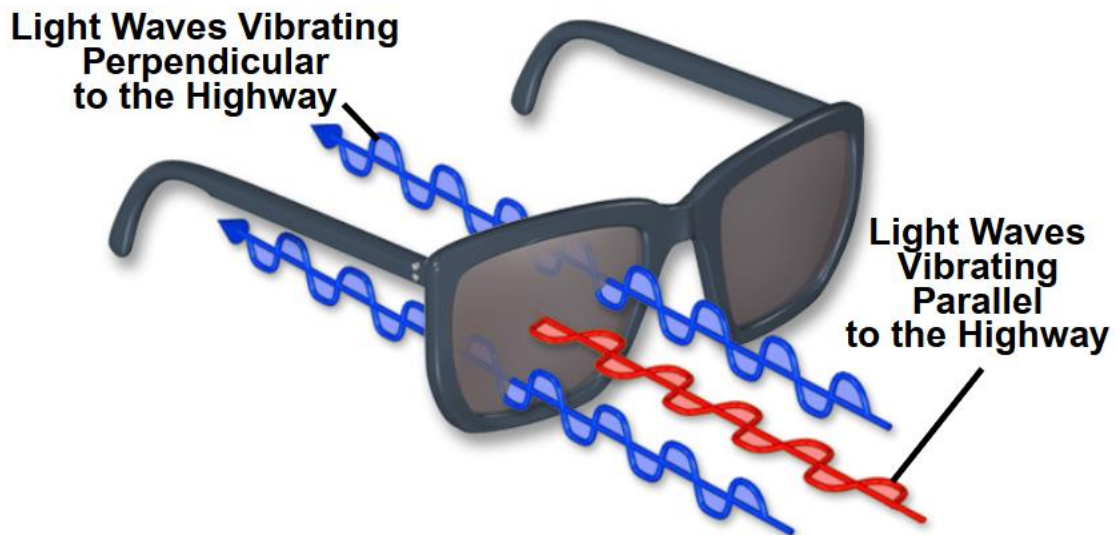


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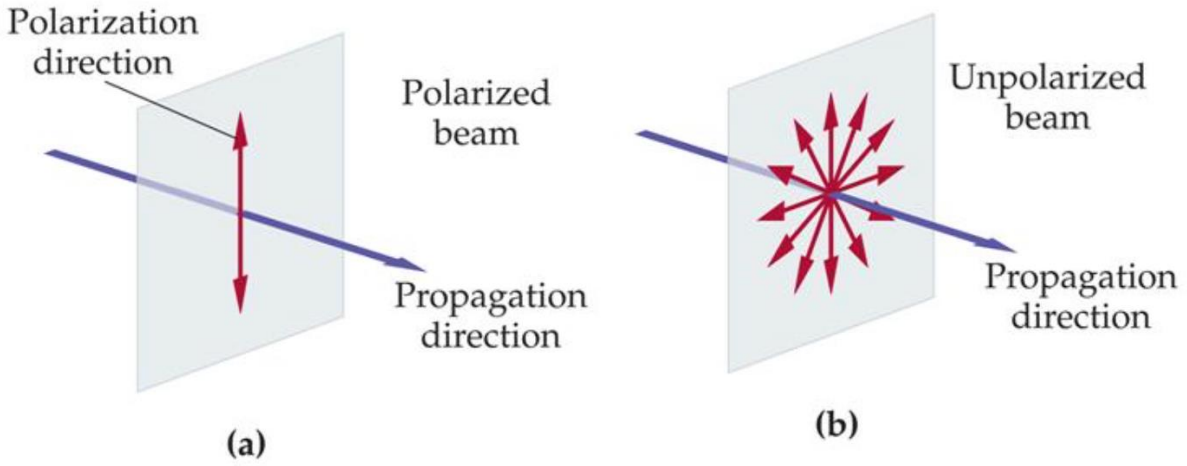


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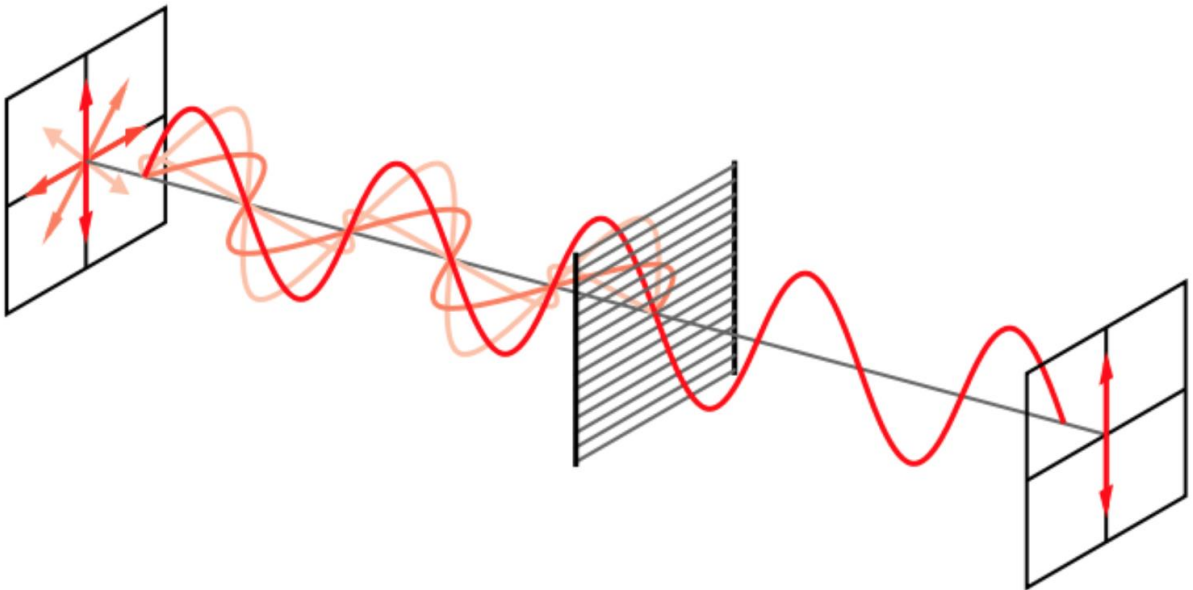
*Figure 4 - Action of Polarized Sunglasses*



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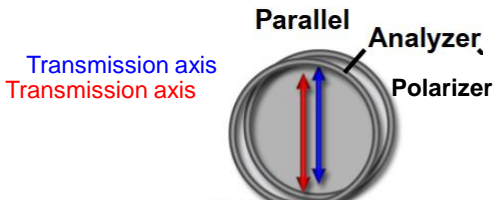
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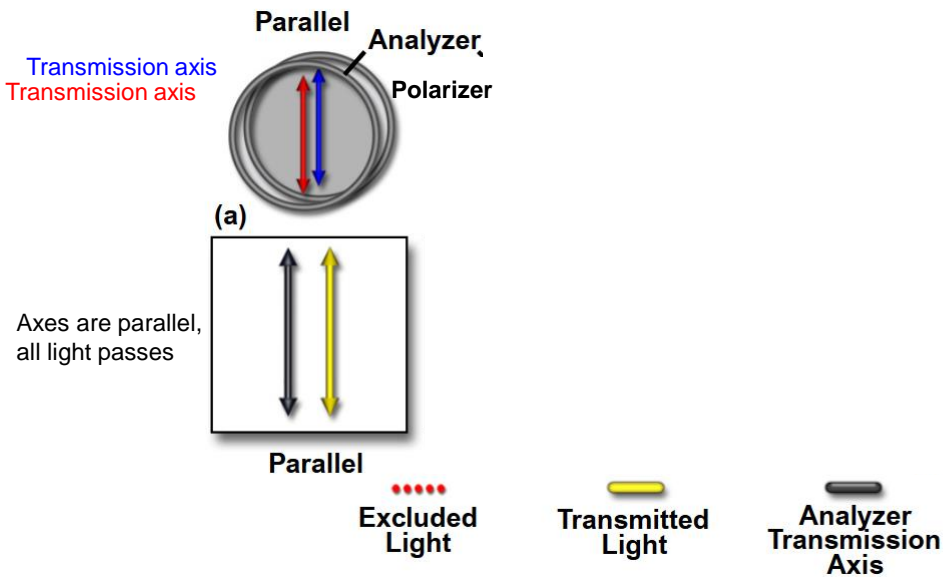


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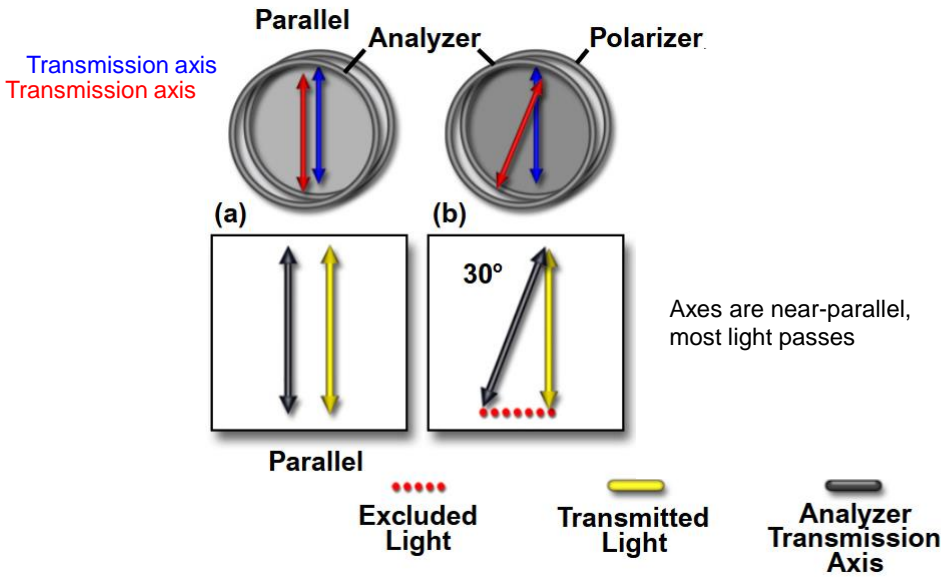
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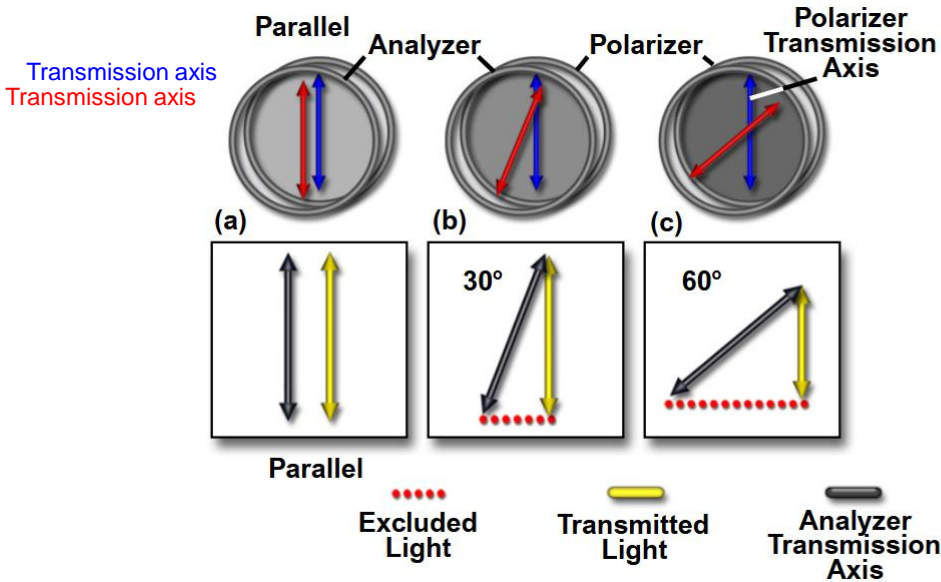
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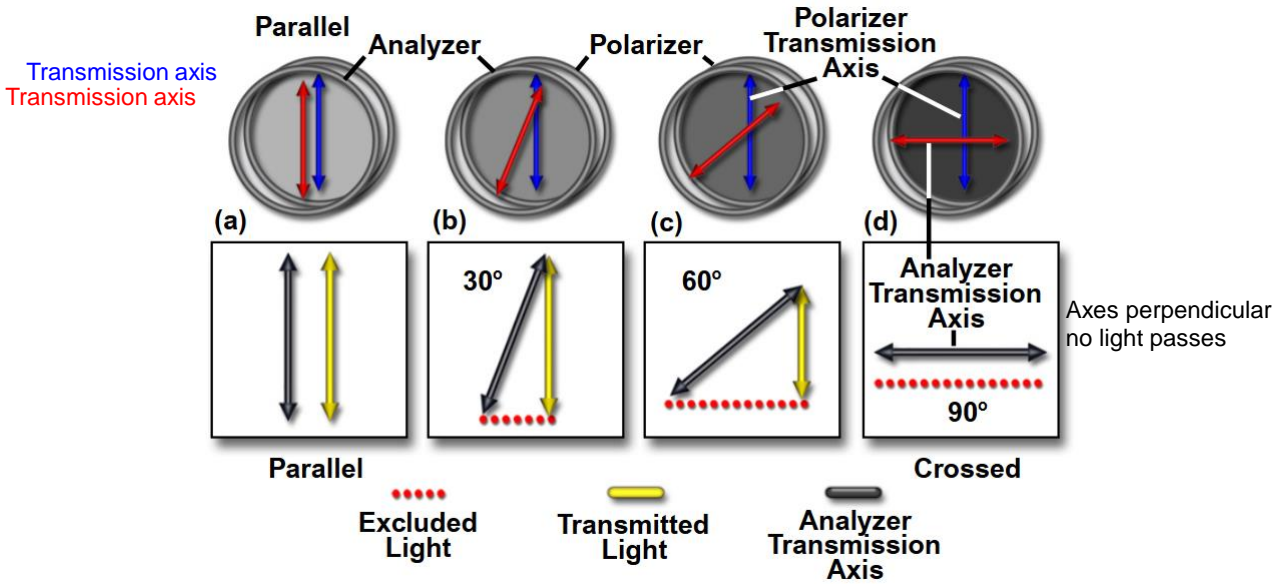
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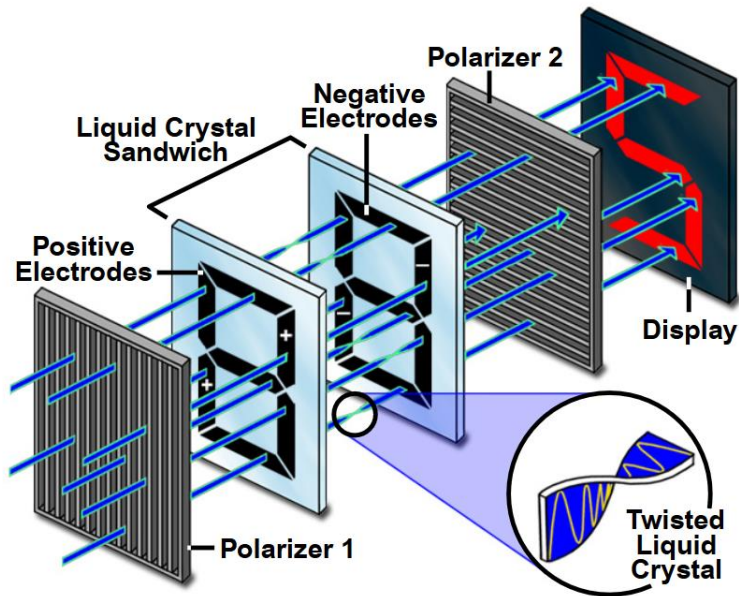
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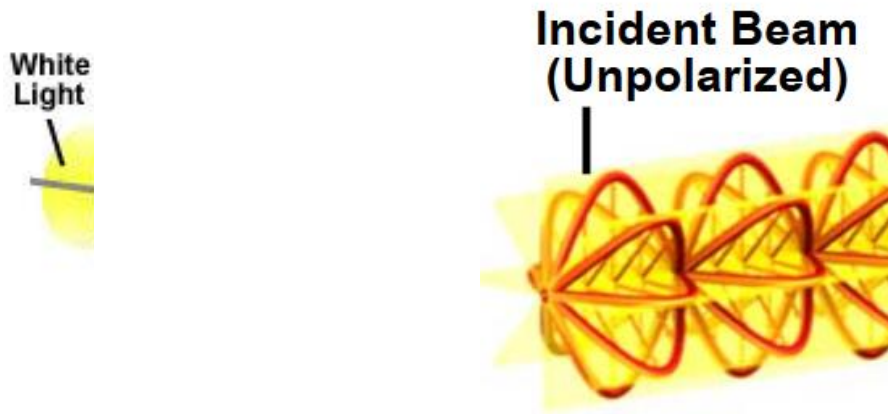
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*Seven-Segment Liquid Crystal Display (LCD)*



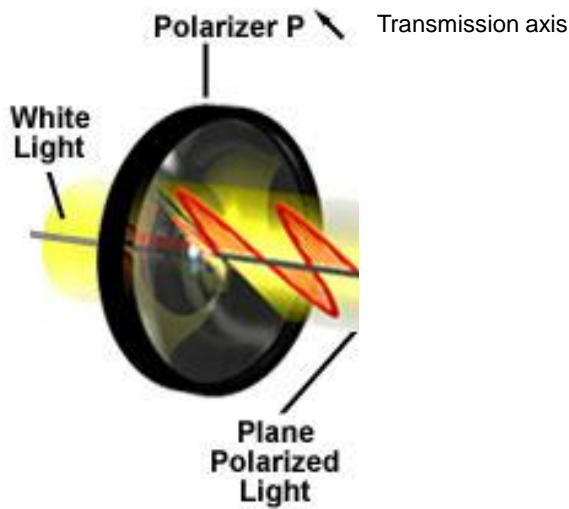
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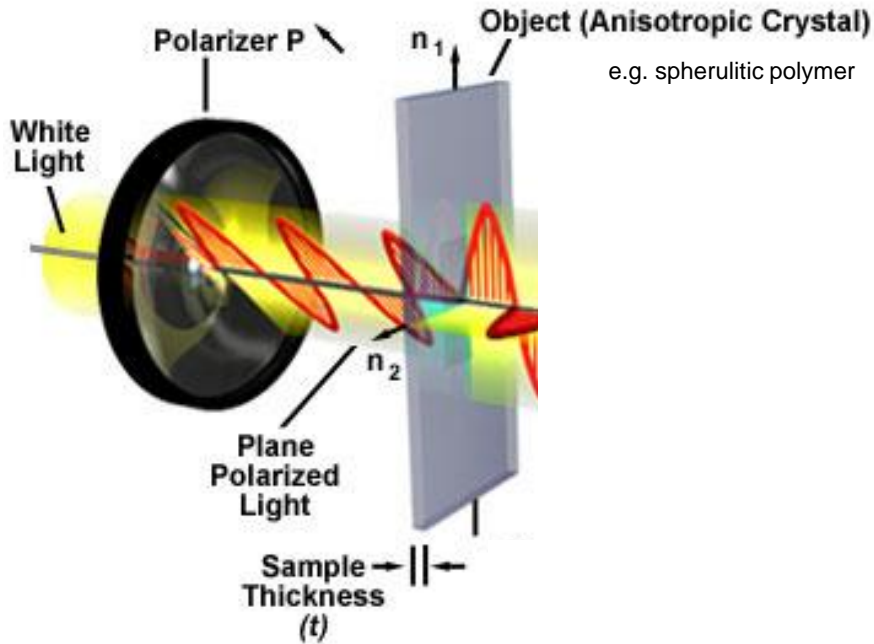
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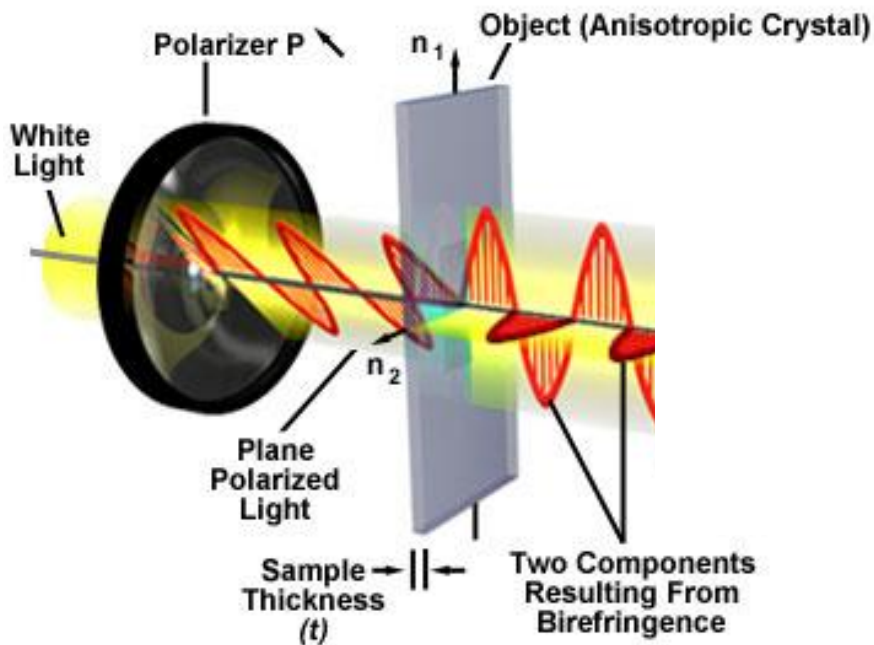
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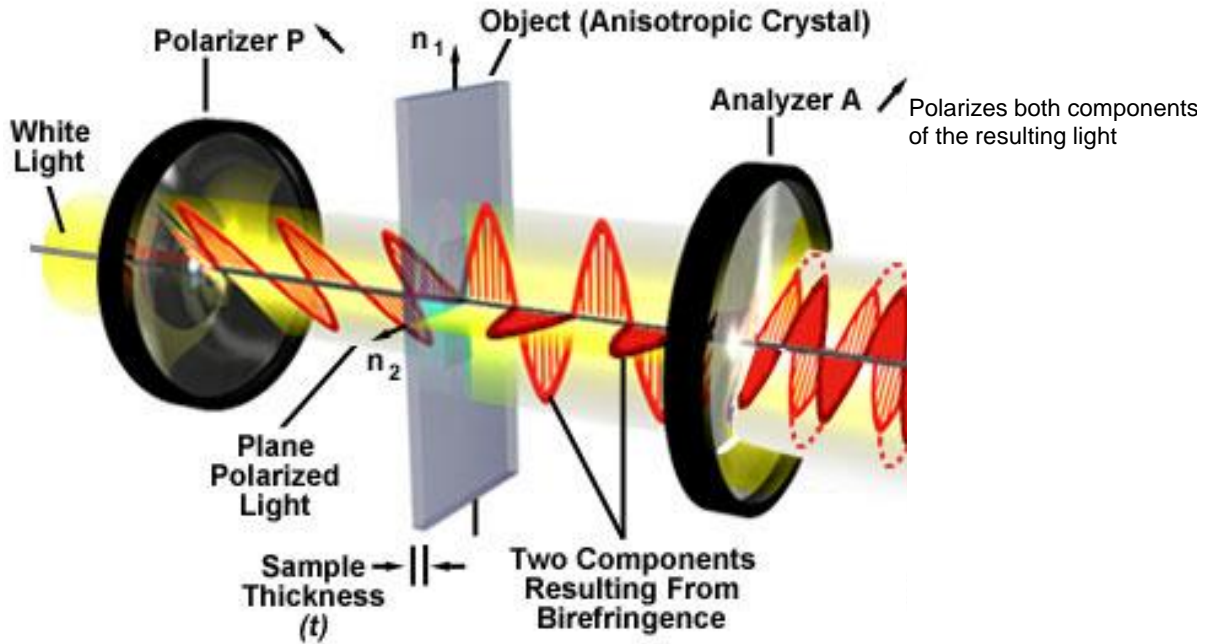
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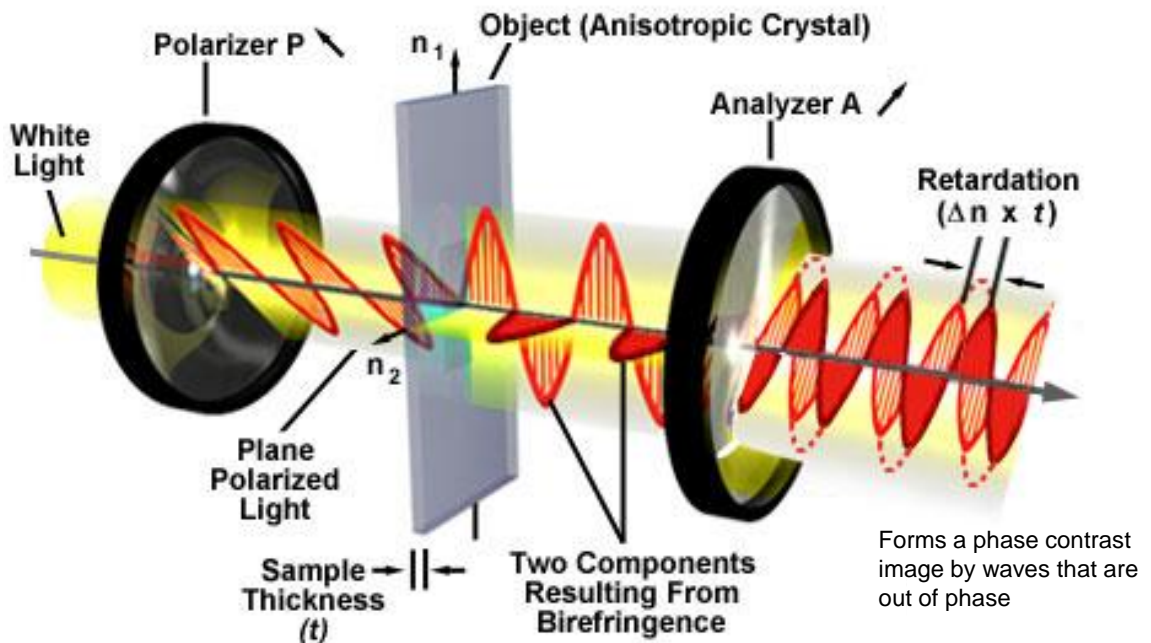
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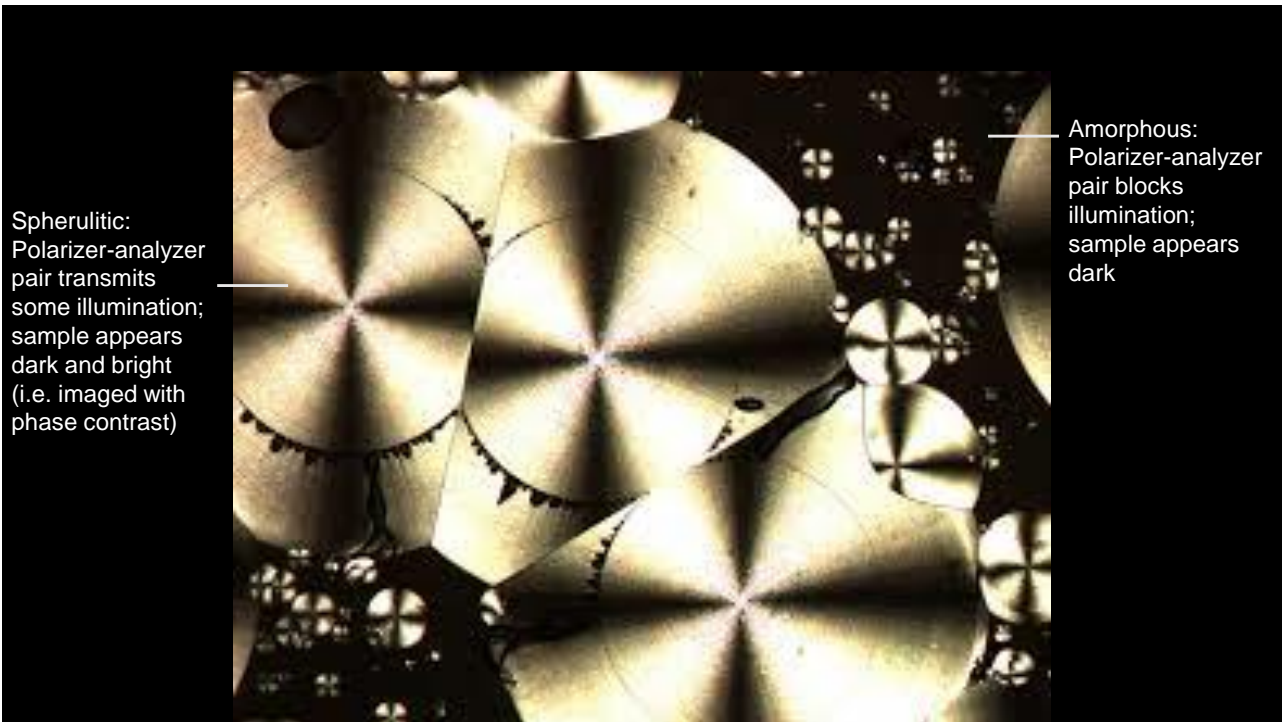


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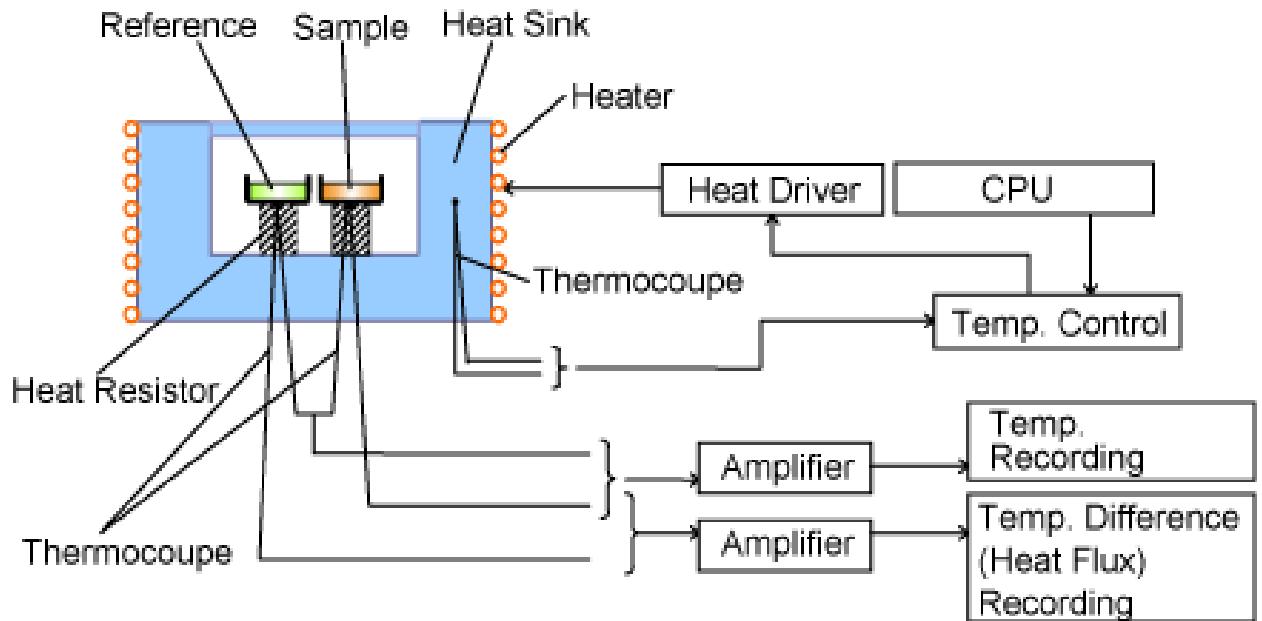
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