

molecules is highly hydrophilic and, hence on appreciable conc. of the micelle is filled with the solubilised monomers, initiator is found at this place.

Polymerisation, therefore, starts at the surface layer of micelle and proceeds inward. At the micelle however, we have a very favourable condition for the polymerisation to occur.

At the end of polymerisation, we have fine particles of the polymer. This milky white dispersion is often called 'latex'.

Use: The latex can either be used as such for making adhesives, water-soluble emulsion paints.

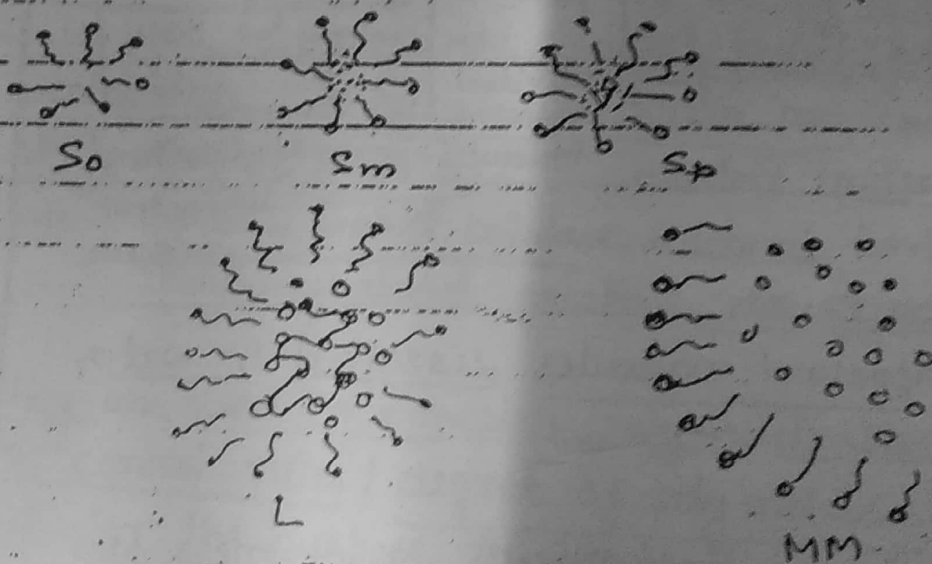


Fig: S_0 = the empty micelle

S_m = Monomers filled micelle

S_p = Micelle with growing polymer chain

MM = Monomer droplets

L = latex particle containing monomers as well as growing polymers.

(vii) Catalyst :: Used to accelerate the polymerisation.

(viii) Regulator :: It is added to have a disactive effect on the reaction and particularly tend to decrease the amount of Cross Linking or Side chain reactions.

Exa: Dodecyl mercaptane

(ix) Buffer :: The pH of the emulsion must be mentioned for proper stability. Exa: phosphate Carbonates, acetates are used for this purpose.

(x) Short stops :: A selected inhibitor known as short stop may be added in small amount into the system in order to stop the reaction.

Advantages ::

- ① Rapid polymerisation to high mol. wt
- ② The homogeneity of the polymer
- ③ Narrow distribution curve of m.wt.
- ④ Good heat control
- ⑤ Direct usable
- ⑥ Viscosity build up of the polymerisation mass is quite low.
- ⑦ A high mol. wt product is achieved by this technique.

Disadvantages ::

- ① Isolation - The polymers can be isolated from the latex by destabilizing the emulsion (using some electrolyte) by spray drying or by freezing.

- ② Leading to poor colours
- ③ Washing, drying & combing may be required

USES :-

- * This tech is extensively ^{used for} for the free radical polymerisation of vinyl monomers containing water soluble initiator.
- * The monomers like vinyl chloride, butadiene, chloroprene, vinyl acetate, acrylates and methacrylates are polymerised by this tech.

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The conc. of the surfactant at which the phenomenon of micellization occurs is called CMC (critical micelle concentration).

Surfactant types

Cationic ✓

Anionic

Nonionic ✓

Amphoteric ✓

Suspension

- ① It have monomers droplets
- ② The quantity of emulsifier added is less than CMC

Emulsion

- ① It have micelle in which the monomer is solubilised
- ② The quantity of emulsifier added is equal or more than CMC

Bulk polymerisation	Soln polymerisation
① Monomer is polymerized in its own medium only	① Monomer dissolved in a solvent
② Monomer soluble & catalyst is used	Catalyst soluble in monomer water mixture
③ Heat transfer is difficult	Heat transfer is done by solvent
④ No separation and drying of the polymer (for solid)	separation & drying (for soln) is tough process (can be used as such)
⑤ Polymer very pure	Polymer contains solvent molecule
⑥ Rate of Polymerisation (R.P) & Degree of polymerisation (D.P) is high	R.P. is depend on solvent D.P is limited
⑦ Equipments are simple	equipment complex
⑧ Conversion cost high	Conversion cost highest

Emulsion polymeri-

Monomer is in emulsified form. agitation weaker than suspension.

water soluble catalyst is used

Heat transfer is rapid and Emulsion act as a medium

Coagulation & after processing is costly.

Purity of polymer is poorest than suspension.

R.P is fastest

D.P is also very high

Rate of polymerization (R.P.)

Degree of polymerization (D.P.)

Simplest

conversion cost lowest

Suspension polymeri-

Monomer is suspended in water stabilizer very rapid agitation

Monomer soluble catalyst is used

Heat transfer is rapid and takes place to water

Separation & drying process are simple

Polymer is pure but has lower stability and clarity than in bulk method.

R.P is high.

D.P is high.

Simplest

conversion cost higher than emulsion and lower than bulk.