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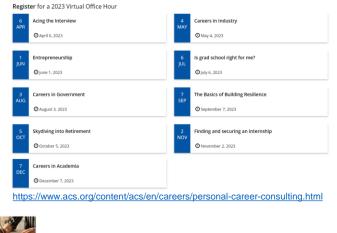
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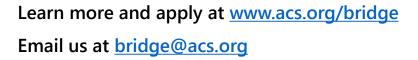


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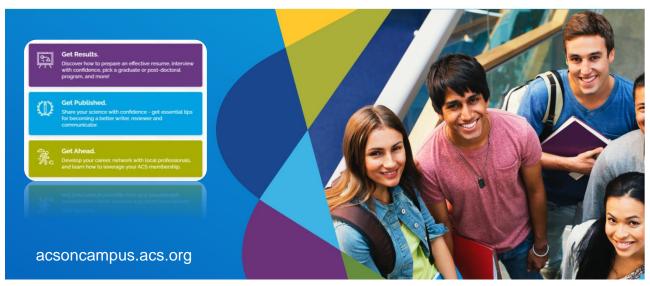
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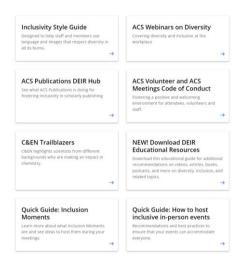


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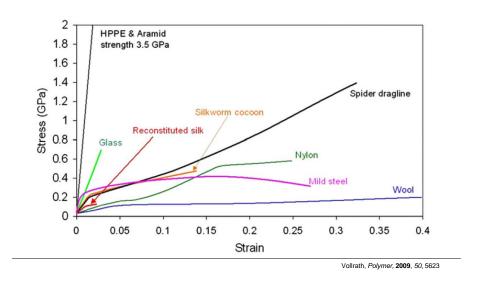
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Random PLGAs





poly(lactic-co-glycolic acid) Biodegradable – Biocompatible – FD/Approved

Ring-Opening Holly Condensation Holly Holl



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Sequence Classes



Homopolymer

Alternating

Periodic sequence

Block copolymer

Random

*Stereosequence

S-enantiomer R-enantiomer

Isotactic

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Syndiotactic

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Periodic sequence

Stereoblock

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Atactic (racemic)

Structural Sequence + Stereosequence

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Periodic sequence + syndiotactic

*For polymers whose symmetry does not allow the assignment of absolute chirality, tacticity refers to the relationship of the pseudochiral substituents on adjacent monomers

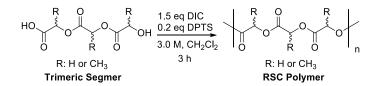
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Synthesis of Polymers: Segmer Assembly







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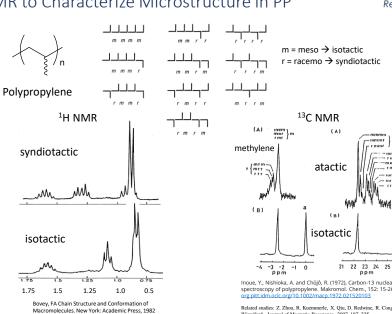
Polymers prepared

Segmer	Building Blocks	Segmer	Building Blocks	Segmer	Building Blocks	
GLG	G + LG	LLLG	LLL + G	LLGG	LL + GG	
$\mathbf{GL}_{rac}\mathbf{G}$	$G + L_{rac}G$	$\mathbf{LLL}_{rac}\mathbf{G}$	$LL + L_{rac}G$	GGLLLG	GG + LLLG	
LLG	L + LG	$LL_{rac}LG$	$LL_{rac}L+G \\$	LLLLG	L + LLLG	
LL_RG	$LL_R + G$	$L_{rac}LLG$	$L_{rac}L + LG$	$\mathbf{L}_{R}\mathbf{L}_{R}\mathbf{G}$	$L_R + L_RG$	
$\mathrm{LL}_{rac}\mathrm{G}$	$L + L_{rac}G$	$L_{rac}L_{rac}LG$	$L_{rac}L_{rac}L + G$	$\mathbf{L}_{R}\mathbf{L}_{R}\mathbf{G}$	$L_R L_R + L_R L_R G$	
$\mathbf{L}_{rac}\mathbf{LG}$	$L_{rac} + LG$	GLLG	G + LLG	$L_R L_R GLLG$	$L_R L_R G + LLG$	
$\mathbf{L}_{rac}\mathbf{L}_{\mathrm{rac}}\mathbf{G}$	$\mathbf{L}_{rac} + \mathbf{L}_{rac}\mathbf{G}$	$\mathrm{GL}_R\mathrm{LG}$	$GL_R + LG$	$L_R L_R L_R GLLLG$	$L_R L_R L_R G + LLLG$	
LLL	L + LL	$GLL_{rac}G$	$\mathbf{G} + \mathbf{L} \mathbf{L}_{rac} \mathbf{G}$			
$\mathrm{LL}_{rac}\mathrm{L}$	$L + L_{rac}L$	$LLGLL_RG$	$LLG + LL_RG$	L = D-Lactic acid (S stereochemistry) L _P = L-Lactic acid (R stereochemistry)		
$\mathbf{L}_{rac}\mathbf{L}_{rac}\mathbf{L}$	$L_{rac} + L_{rac}L$	LL_RGLLG	$LL_RG + LLG$	G = Glycolic acid		
GLGL_R	$GL + GL_R$	LLLGGG	LL + LGGG	$\mathbf{M_n} = 10-30 \text{ kDa}$		

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Using NMR to Characterize Microstructure in PP



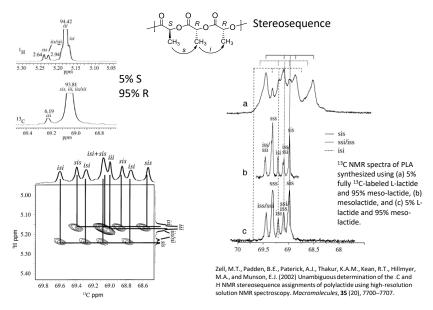


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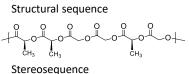
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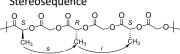


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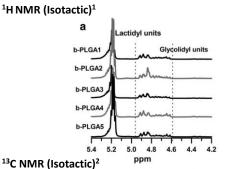
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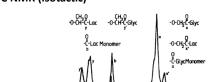






Assigning structures past the dyad level is challenging even when stereosequence is not a variable



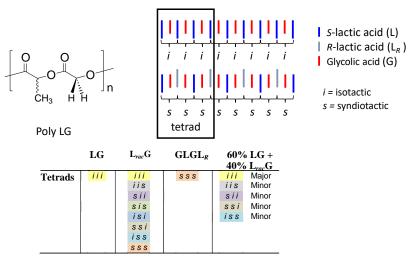


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Poly LG: Sequenced Copolymer





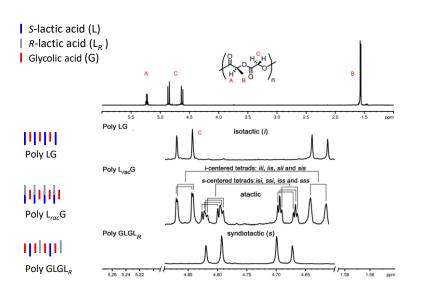
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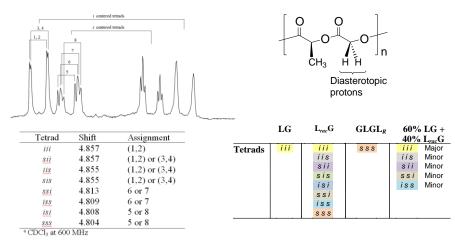
¹H NMR Spectra of Poly LGs





Nearly Tetrad Level Resolution



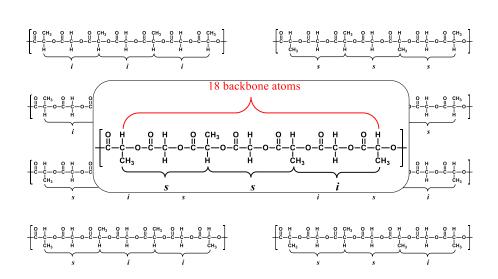


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Tetrad level resolution = 8 combinations





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Poly LLG Stereoisomers



L_S**L**_S**G** 2x Stereopure S-lactic acid + G

L_RL_RG 2x Stereopure R-lactic acid + G

L_SL_RG Stereopure S-lactic acid + R-lactic acid + G

L_R**L**_S**G** Stereopure R-lactic acid + S-lactic acid + G

L_{rac}L_sG rac-lactic acid + stereopure R-lactic acid + G

 $L_SL_{rac}G$ Stereopure R-lactic acid + rac-lactic acid + G

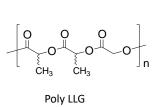
 $\mathbf{L}_{rac}\mathbf{L}_{rac}\mathbf{G}$ 2x rac-lactic acid + G

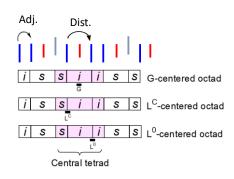
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Tacticity in Poly LLG







S-lactic acid (L)

R-lactic acid (L_R)

Glycolic acid (G)

i = isotactic

s = syndiotactic

- LC Lactic unit on C-side of Glycolic unit
- Lactic unit on O-side of Glycolic unit
- Adj. Adjacent relationship
- Dist. Distant relationship
- Center of the polyad

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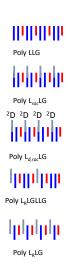
Possible Tacticity in Poly LLGs

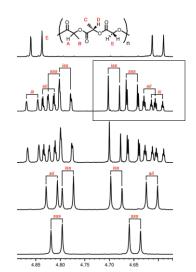
	Poly	Poly	Poly	Poly	Poly	Poly
	LLG	L_RLG (LL_RG)	L _R LGLLG	$L_{rac}LG$	LLGLL _R G	$LL_{rac}G$
Tetrads	iii	SSS	sii iss	iii sii	iis ssi	iii iis
			188	iss	881	ssi
				sss		SSS
Hexads	i i i i i	SSSSS	s is s i	i iii i i iii s	s iis s	i iii i s iii i
			8 188 1	s sii i	18811	iiiss
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¹H NMR for a Selection of LLG Polymers

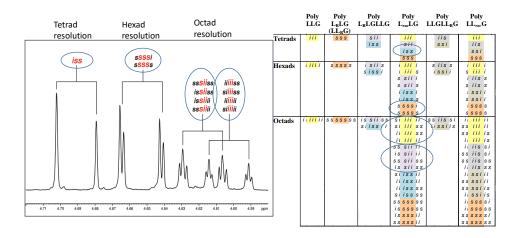






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Resolution Depends on Sequence

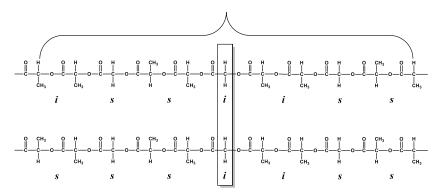


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Octad Level Resolution in Poly LLG



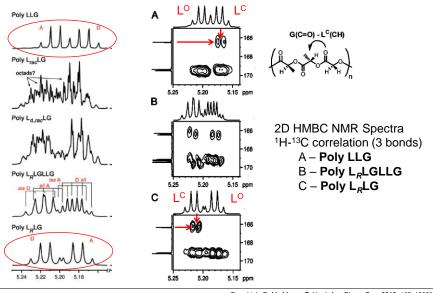
30 backbone atoms



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Assigning L units in Poly $L_{\chi}LGs$



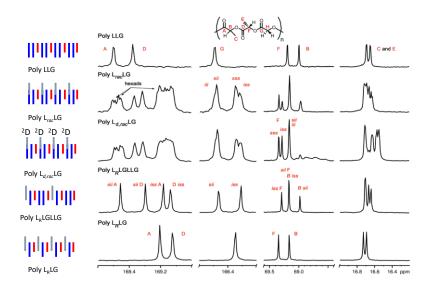


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¹³C Spectra of LLGs

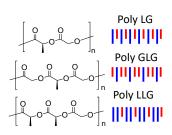




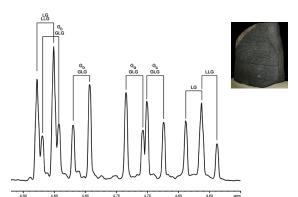
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Mixtures of Structural Sequences





- Stereochemistry controlled
- Structural sequence mixed



Glycolic methylene region of a mixed $^1{\rm H}$ NMR spectrum for mixed sample (1:1:1) of **poly LG, GLG** and **LLG** at 600 MHz in CDCl $_3$.

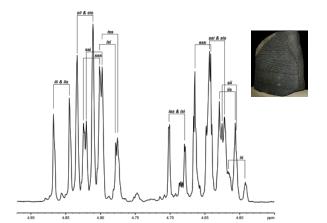
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Mixtures of Stereosequences





- Poly L_{rac} L_{rac} Atactic
- Stereochemistry mixed
- Structural sequence controlled

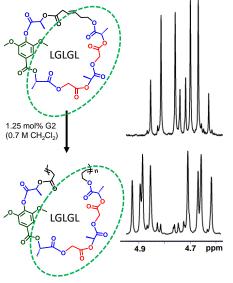


Glycolic methylene region of $\mathbf{poly} \ \mathbf{L}_{rac} \mathbf{L}_{rac} \mathbf{G}$ at 700 MHz in CDCl3.

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¹H NMR Sensitivity to Conformation



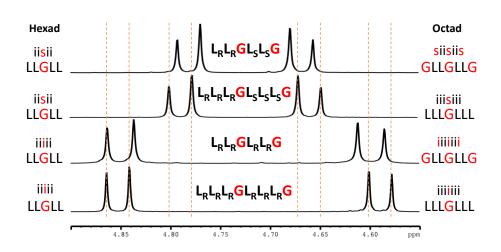


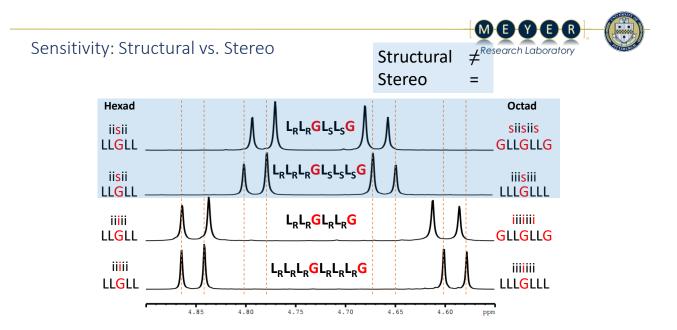
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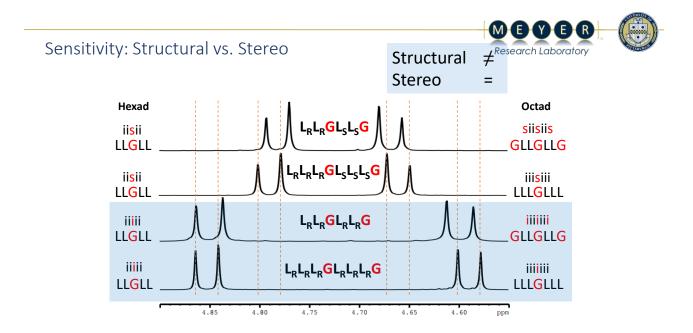
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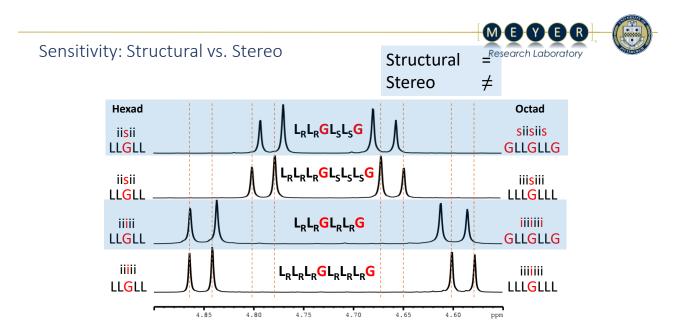
Sensitivity: Structural vs. Stereo

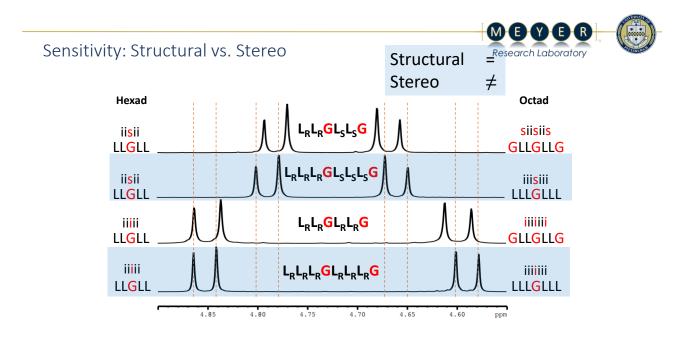






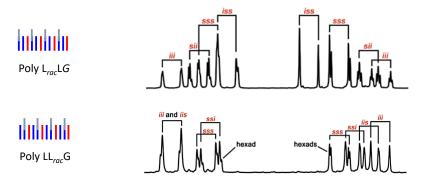






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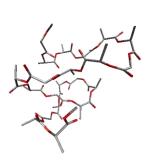


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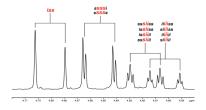
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Conclusions: Conformational Control





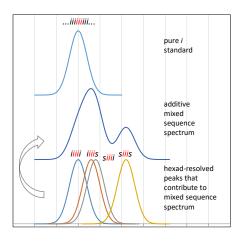
Preliminary conformation calculated for a segment of **poly LLG** using Monte Carlo methods. This confirmation represents 73% of total chains and is represented using VMD software



- Each sequence exhibits different conformational preferences in CDCl₃
- Spectra exhibit unusually good resolution for polymeric chains
- Conformation is affected more by stereosequence than structural sequence

Conclusions: Assignment Challenges





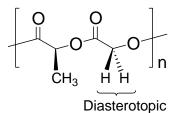
Chemical shifts assignments made from complex mixtures do not perfectly correlate with those made based on isolated sequences.

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Conclusions: Goldilocks System





protons

- Monomer backbone is short (3 atoms)
- Sufficient # of protons to encode information but not so many that information is lost due to overlap
- · Strong conformational preferences
- · Stereoactive monomers
- Diastereotopic protons whose shift responds to conformational changes



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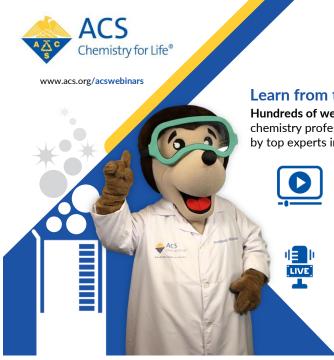
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