

# Self-Assembling Galators -- Toward New Functional Materials

Lit. Seminar #3  
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## 1. Introduction

### about gel

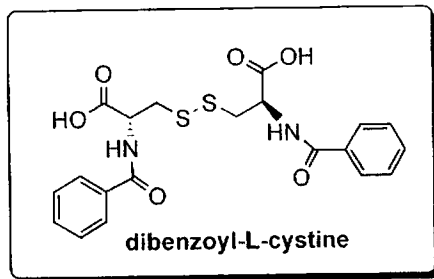
#### • definition

高分子ゲル→「あらゆる溶媒に不溶の三次元網目構造を持つ高分子およびその膨潤体」  
「有限の膨潤性を示す(形のある液体、容器が不要の液体)」  
「固体と液体の中間の物質形態」

#### • example

jerry(gelatin), collagen, albumin // polypeptide } natural product  
jam(pectin), agar(agarose) // sugar

soft contact lens → synthesized polymer



amino acid deriv.  
hydrogel

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high molecular compound

low molecular compound

today's topic

#### • gelation mechanism of natural product (high molecular compound)

structure : three-dimensional network bridged by some interactions  
(covalent bond, hydrogen bond, ionic interaction, hydrophobic effect, etc)

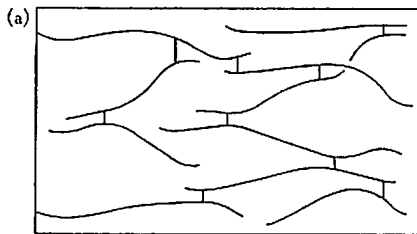


図 1 (a)線状高分子の架橋によって生ずるゲル構造,

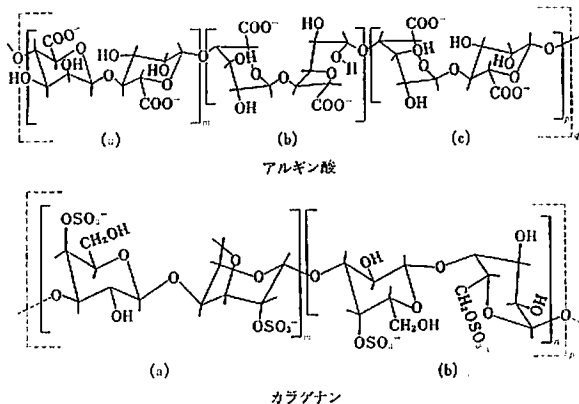


図 3 電解質多糖の構造.

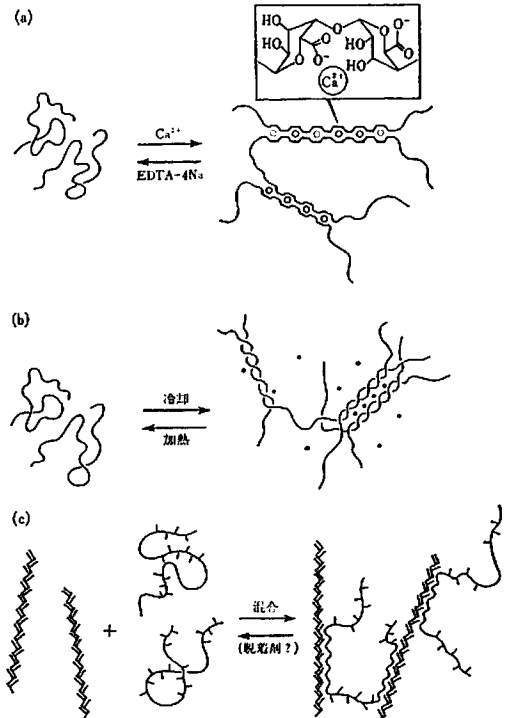
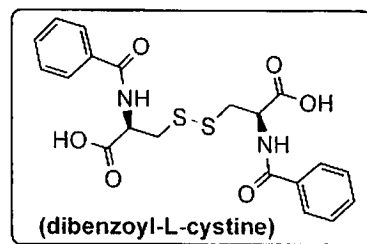
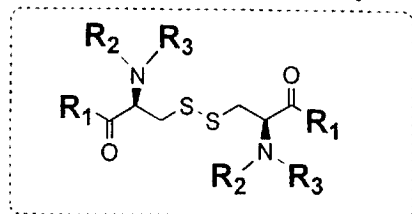


図 4 電解質多糖のゲル化機構. (a)アルギン酸ナトリウムのゾル-ゲル転移モデル(egg box junction). (b)カラゲナンのゾル-ゲル転移モデル(二重ヘリックス会合(domain)モデル). ●=K<sup>+</sup>. (c)ダンサン-ガラクトマンナン混合ゲル(架橋吸着).

## 2. Low Molecular Weight Gelators

Menger, F. M.; Caran, K. L. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2000**, *122*, 11679

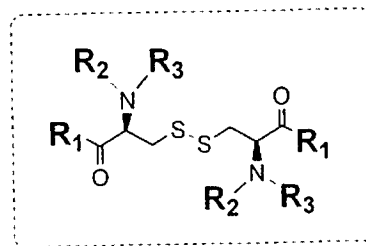
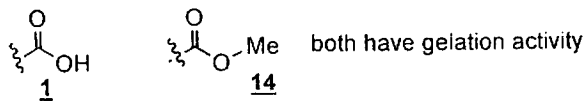
### 2.1 Amide / Urea Type Compounds



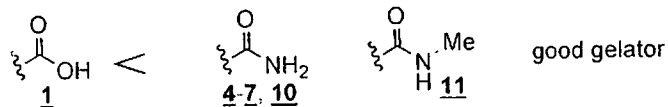
structure	entry	R <sub>3</sub> =	property	entry	R <sub>3</sub> =	property
	<u>1</u>		<b>G</b> (gel)		(dibenzoyl-L-cystine)	
	<u>2</u>		recry.			
	<u>3</u>		recry.			
	<u>4</u>		<b>G</b>	<u>8</u>		precipitate (沈殿)
	<u>5</u>		<b>G</b>	<u>9</u>		jerry
	<u>6</u>		<b>G</b>	<u>10</u>		<b>G</b>
	<u>11</u>		<b>G</b>			
	<u>12</u>		recry.			
	<u>13</u>		precipitate			
	<u>14</u>		<b>G</b>			

○ results

(a) comparing 1 with 14 carboxyl proton is not essential for gelation.

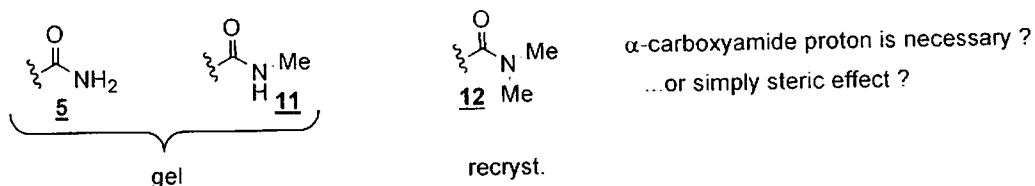


(b) gelation ability of 1 is inferior to 4-7, 10, 11.



amide carbonyl is stronger hydrogen-bonding carbonyl than carboxyl carbonyl  
 → carbonyl oxygen serves as a key hydrogen-bonding unit ?

(c) comparing 5 with 11, 12

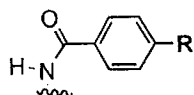


(d) 10 is the best gelator in the series.

---minimum concentration of gelator par water is need (0.25mM) // gel-forming time is short (<30s)

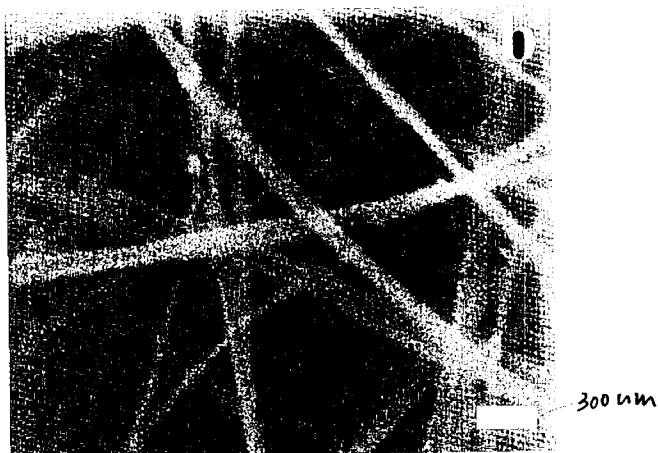
π-π stacking of the large naphthalene group stabilize the gel ?

(e) gel / crystal relationship ?

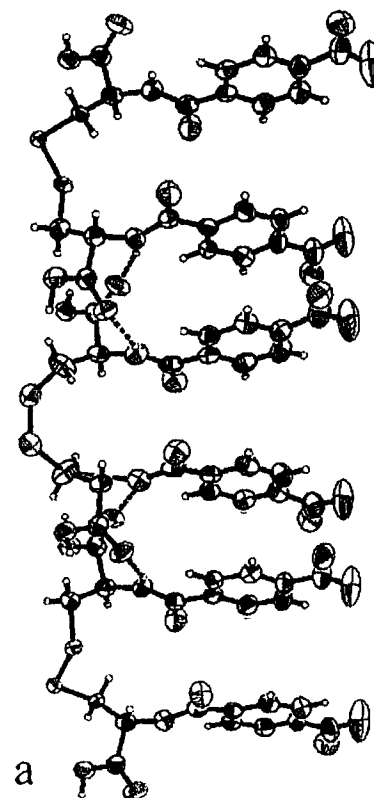


R = EWG or EDG

no relation to gelation / crystallization activity.



SEM image of fiber obtained from gel 5



X-ray crystal structure of 3

Summary

gelation is the product of intermolecular forces  
 (hydrogen bond + hydrophobic force (π-π stacking))  
 two factors impede gelation  
 (water solubility, crystallinity)

# Hydrophobic Pockets in a Nonpolymeric Aqueous Gel: Observation of such a Gelation Process by Color Change\*\*

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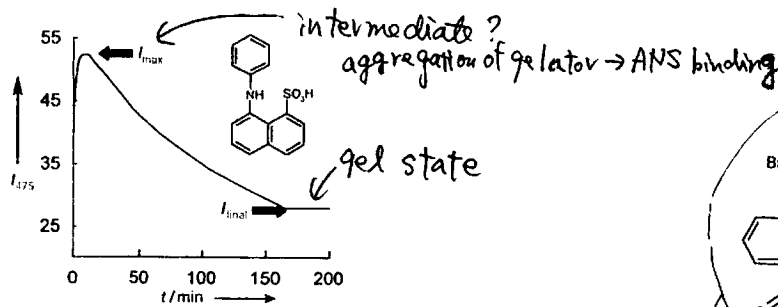


Figure 3. Time dependence of the ANS fluorescence during gelation of 1 in 20% AcOH/H<sub>2</sub>O at 26°C. The final concentrations of 1 and ANS were 5.25 mM and 10 μM, respectively. I<sub>475</sub> = emission intensity at 475 nm relative to that of 10 μM of ANS alone in 20% AcOH/H<sub>2</sub>O. The structure of ANS is shown.

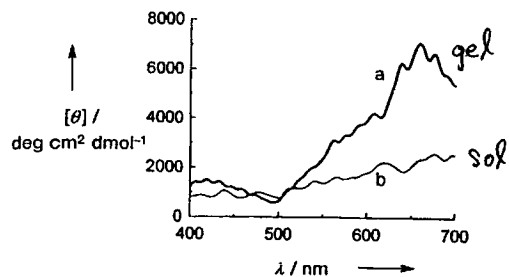
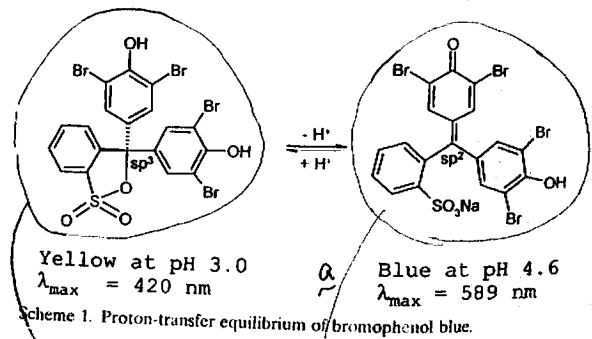
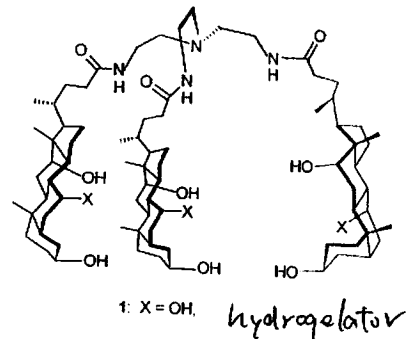


Figure 5. Induced circular dichroism of bromophenol blue in the a) gel state at 20°C and b) sol state at 70°C. Concentrations of bromophenol blue and the gelator 1 are 0.37 mM and 7.50 mM, respectively. [θ] = Molar ellipticity.

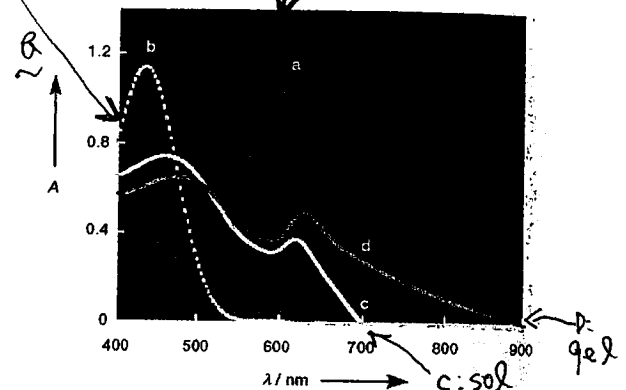
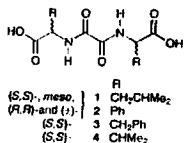


Figure 4. Absorption spectra (26°C) of the sodium salt of bromophenol blue (0.37 mM): a) in neutral water, b) in 25% AcOH/H<sub>2</sub>O, c) in the presence of 1 (5.25 mM) in 25% AcOH/H<sub>2</sub>O (before forming a gel) and d) after forming a gel. The sample colors closely resemble the colors used in the plots. A = absorbance.

@ other examples (amide-urea type)

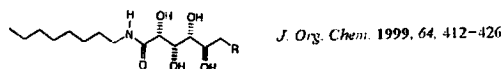
## A Novel Type of Small Organic Gelators: Bis(Amino Acid) Oxalyl Amides

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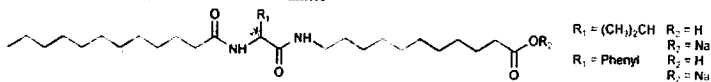
## Organogels from Carbohydrate Amphiphiles

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## 11-Aminoundecanoic acid: a versatile unit for the generation of low molecular weight gelators for water and organic solvents

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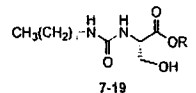
## Effects of Hydrogen Bonding and van der Waals Interactions on Organogelation Using Designed Low-Molecular-Weight Gelators and Gel Formation at Room Temperature

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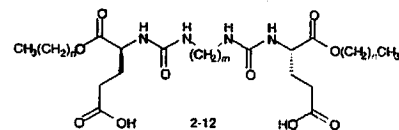
## Low molecular weight organogelators for water

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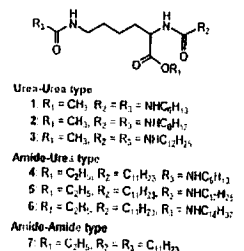


## Effective Gelation of Water Using a Series of Bis-urea Dicarboxylic Acids\*\*

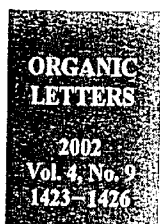
Lara A. Estroff and Andrew D. Hamilton\*



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## 2.2 Sugar-Containing Compounds



### Molecular Design of "Super" Hydrogelators: Understanding the Gelation Process of Azobenzene-Based Sugar Derivatives in Water

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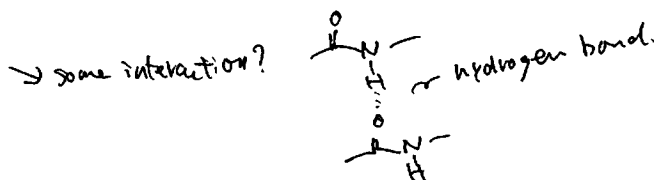
Table 2. Gelation Capability and Sol-Gel Phase Transition Temperatures for **1** (3 wt %) in DMSO/H<sub>2</sub>O Mixtures (G, Transparent Gel; S, Solution after Cooling)

DMSO:H <sub>2</sub> O	<b>1</b>	T <sub>gel</sub> (°C)
0:100	G	184
20:80	G	167
40:60	G	153
50:50	G	115
60:40	G	73
80:20	S	
100:0	S	

- gel is destabilized by DMSO
- aromatic  $\pi$ - $\pi$  stacking of azobenzene moiety  $\rightarrow$  driving force for gelation?

- intergelator hydrogen bond?
- ATR-IR spectra of sol-gel phase (amide  $\nu_{C=O}$ )

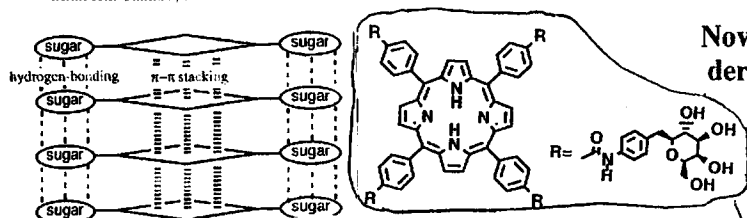
DMSO: H <sub>2</sub> O	$\nu_{C=O}$
(sol) 100 : 0	1662 cm <sup>-1</sup>
80 : 20	1647
60 : 40	1638
(gel) 0 : 100	1641



other examples containing sugar.

### Rational Design of a Sugar-Appended Porphyrin Gelator That Is Forced To Assemble into a One-Dimensional Aggregate

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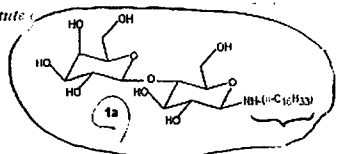


### Pronounced Hydrogel Formation by the Self-Assembled Aggregates of *N*-Alkyl Disaccharide Amphiphiles

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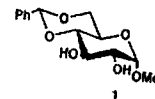


### An Attempt to Predict the Gelation Ability of Hydrogen-bond-based Gelators Utilizing a Glycoside Library

Roman Luboradzki,<sup>a,1</sup> Oliver Gronwald,<sup>b</sup> Masato Ikeda,<sup>a</sup> Seiji Shinkai<sup>a,\*</sup> and David N. Reinhoudt<sup>c</sup>

Tetrahedron 56 (2000) 9595-9599

soln. in water



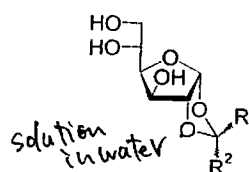
### Novel class of saccharide-based organogelators: glucofuranose derivatives as one of the smallest and highly efficient gelators

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- 1: R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>2</sup> = CH<sub>3</sub>
- 2: R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>2</sup> = CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>
- 3: R<sup>1</sup> = CH<sub>3</sub>, R<sup>2</sup> = CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>
- 4: R<sup>1</sup> = CH<sub>3</sub>, R<sup>2</sup> = (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>
- 5: R<sup>1</sup> = CH<sub>3</sub>, R<sup>2</sup> = (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>
- 6: R<sup>1</sup> = CH<sub>3</sub>, R<sup>2</sup> = (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>

hydrogelator: hydrophobic effect seems to be important

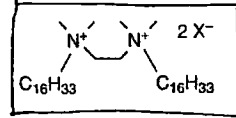
2-3 other gelators.

a) cation - anion interaction

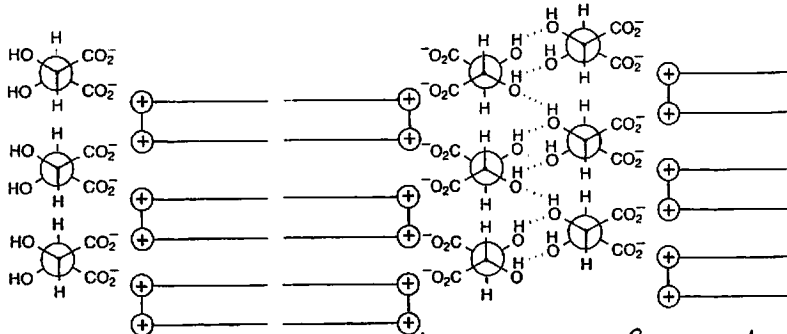
**Gemini Surfactants as New, Low Molecular Weight Gelators of Organic Solvents and Water\*\***

Reiko Oda, Ivan Huc,\* and Sauveur J. Candau

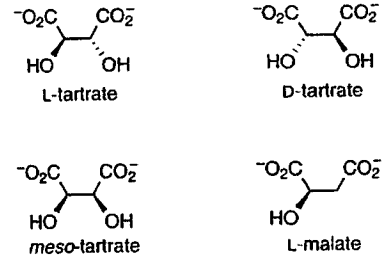
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- 1: 2X<sup>-</sup> = L-tartrate } gelator
- 2: 2X<sup>-</sup> = D-tartrate }
- 3: 2X<sup>-</sup> = meso-tartrate }
- 4: 2X<sup>-</sup> = L-malate } not gelate



proposed structure for the aggregates of 2 in solvents.



b) host-guest chemistry

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**Novel host-guest organogels as stabilized by the formation of crown-ammonium pseudo-rotaxane complexes**

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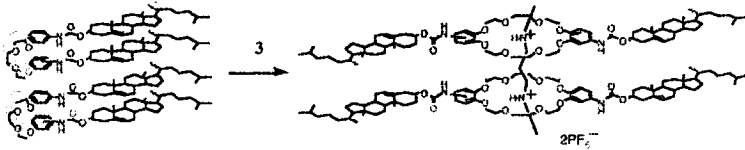
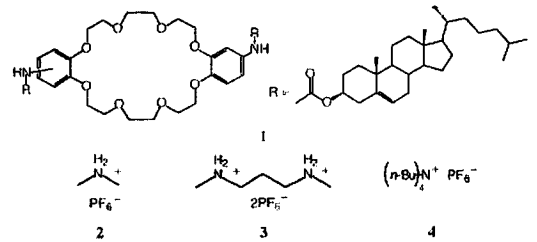


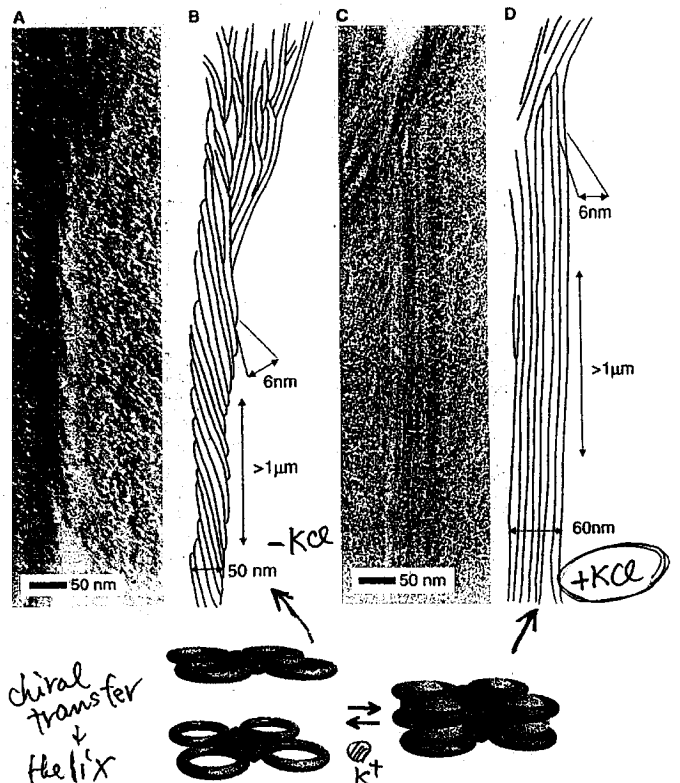
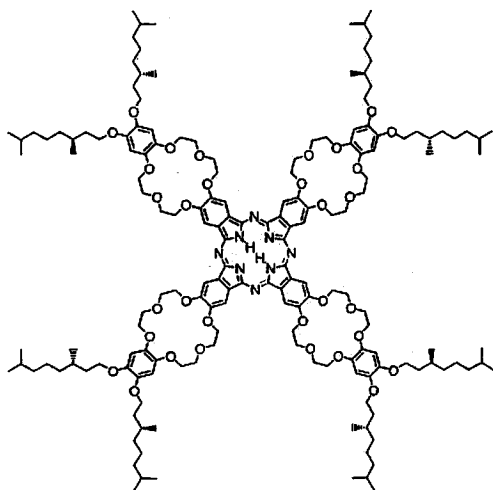
Fig. 2 Conformational change induced by complexation of 3 proposed on the basis of the spectral results.  
↳ NMR study.



1 + 2 or 1 + 4 → precipitation in Benzene, tol, p-xylene  
1 + 3 → gelation in Benzene, tol, p-xylene

**Self-Assembly of Disk-Shaped Molecules to Coiled-Coil Aggregates with Tunable Helicity**

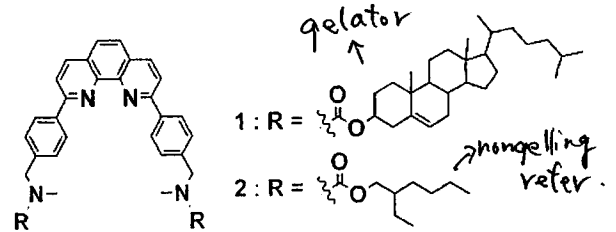
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### 3. Application

## Proton-sensitive fluorescent organogels†

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Scheme 1 Structure of cholesterol-based 1,10-phenanthroline gelator (1) and its nongelling reference compound (2): 2-carbon in the 2-ethylhexyl group is racemic.

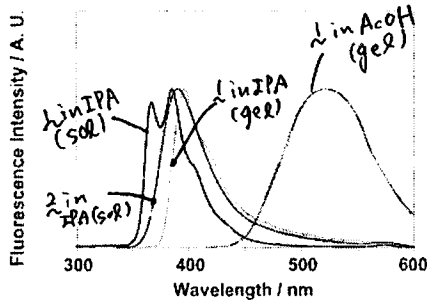
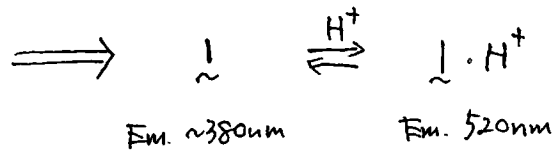


Fig. 2 Fluorescence spectra of monomeric 1 ( $1.6 \times 10^{-5} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ ) in 1-propanol (black), 1 (0.3 wt%:  $2.4 \text{ mmol dm}^{-3}$ ) in gelled 1-propanol (green), 2 ( $2.4 \text{ mmol dm}^{-3}$ ) in 1-propanol (blue) and 1 ( $8.0 \text{ mmol dm}^{-3}$ ) in gelled acetic acid (red).



gel / sol phase shows the same wavelength

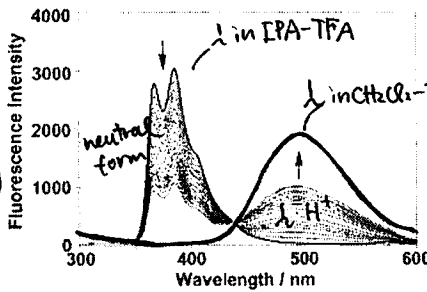
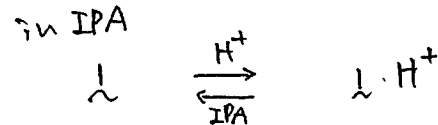
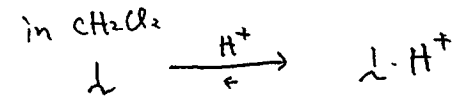


Fig. 4 Fluorescence spectral change in monomeric 1 ( $1.6 \times 10^{-5} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ ) induced by TFA addition: 1-propanol,  $25^\circ\text{C}$ . [TFA] = 0–15  $\text{mmol dm}^{-3}$  (blue to green),  $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 285 \text{ nm}$ . The red line indicates a fluorescence spectrum of 1 ( $1.6 \times 10^{-5} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ ) in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ , at  $25^\circ\text{C}$ : [TFA] = 1.3  $\text{mmol dm}^{-3}$ ,  $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 294 \text{ nm}$  (an isosbestic point in the UV/VIS absorption spectra in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ).

difference in protic/aprotic solvents



(IPA works as proton acceptor fully protonation of L is difficult.)

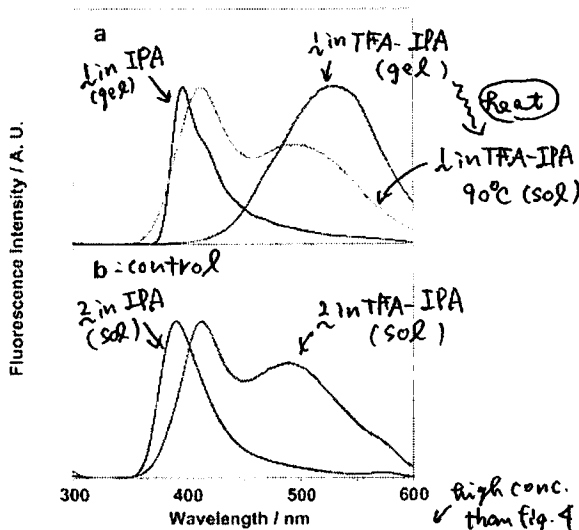


Fig. 6 Fluorescence spectra of (a) 1 (0.3 wt%:  $2.4 \text{ mmol dm}^{-3}$ ) in the gel phase at  $25^\circ\text{C}$  without TFA (blue), in the gel phase at  $25^\circ\text{C}$  with TFA (2.0 equivalents) (red) and in the sol phase at  $90^\circ\text{C}$  with TFA (2.0 equivalents) (green); (b) 2 ( $2.4 \text{ mmol dm}^{-3}$ ) in the sol phase at  $25^\circ\text{C}$  without TFA (blue) and with TFA (2.0 equivalents) (red).

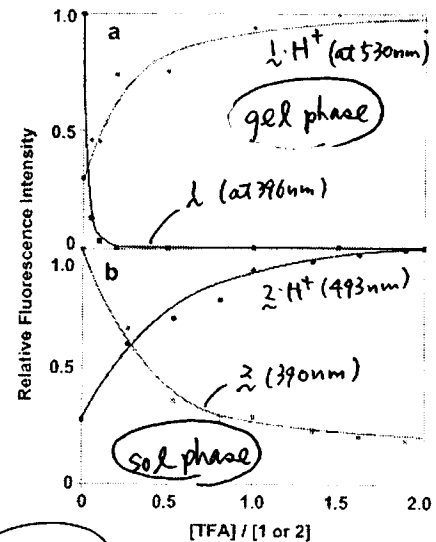
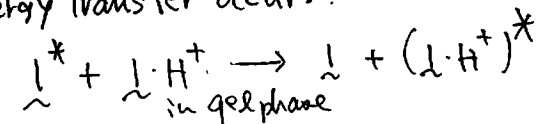


Fig. 7.

energy transfer occurs?



(due to crystal-like structure?)

Fluorescence spectra.  
proton. temp. sensitive  
(functionalized gel?)

\* Possibility of the gel as new materials.  
 "intelligent" materials.

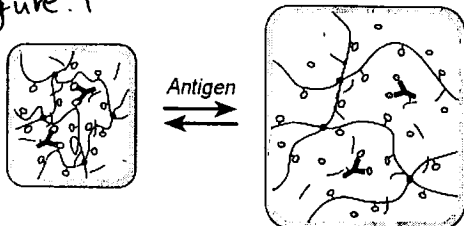
# A reversibly antigen-responsive hydrogel

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a figure 1



Y: Antibody-immobilized polymer chain  
 ○: Antigen-immobilized polymer chain  
 •: Free antigen

b

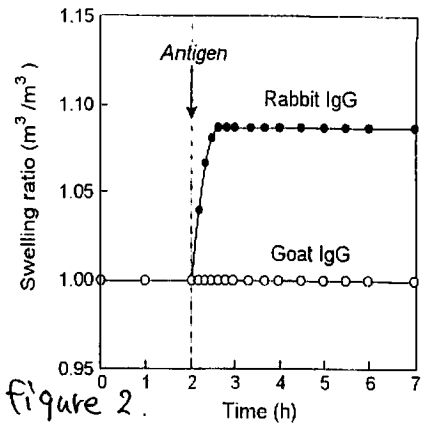
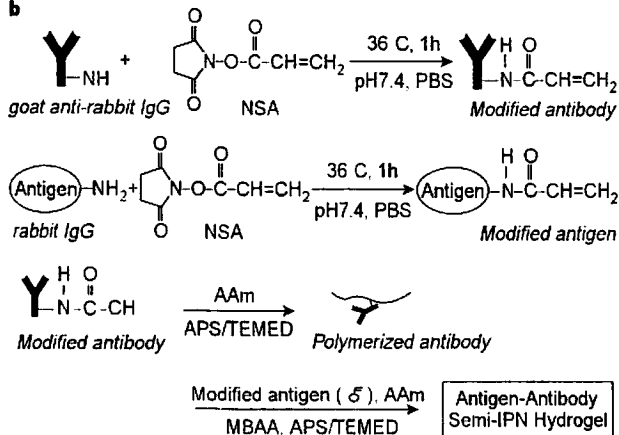


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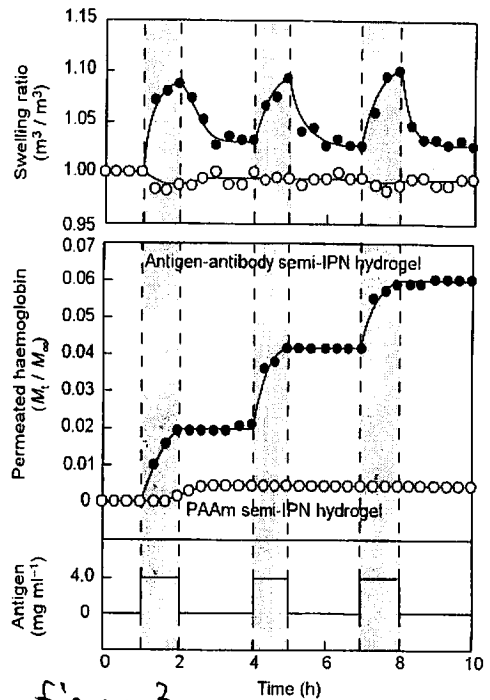


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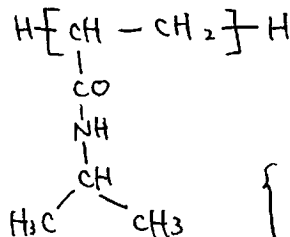
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## Thermo-responsive polymeric surfaces; control of attachment and detachment of cultured cells

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PNIPAAm: Poly (N-isopropylacrylamide)



LCST (lower critical solution temperature) : ~32°C

below 32°C: hydrophilic nature, cells are recovered from the dishes.  
 above 32°C: hydrophobic, work as "usual" cell culture

usually... cells are recovered from the cell culture by treatment with protease (e.g. trypsin)

also. LPA assay.

→ for tissue engineering application

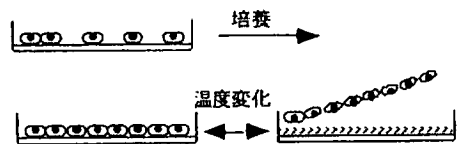


図 III-2-5 PIPAAm 固定化細胞培養皿からの細胞の回収



# \* entrapment of enzyme into hydrogel

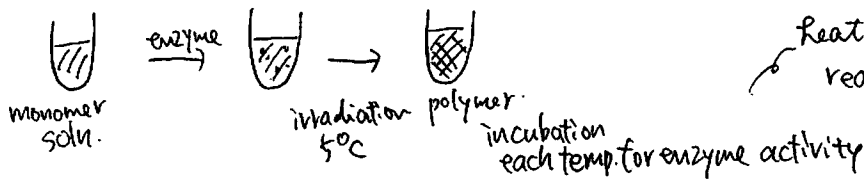
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## Effect of heat treatment on enzymes entrapped into polymer gels

enzyme: glucoamylase

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Heat treatment resulted in rearrangement of entrapped enzyme?

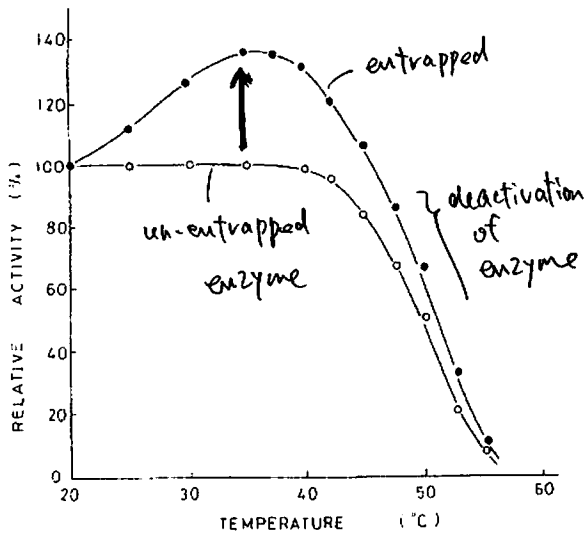


Fig. 1. Relationship between relative activity and treatment temperature of the un- and entrapped enzymes irradiated with a low energy electron beam. Irradiation temperature: 5°C. Monomer: A 14G (concentration: 40%). ○: un-entrapped enzymes; ●: entrapped enzymes.

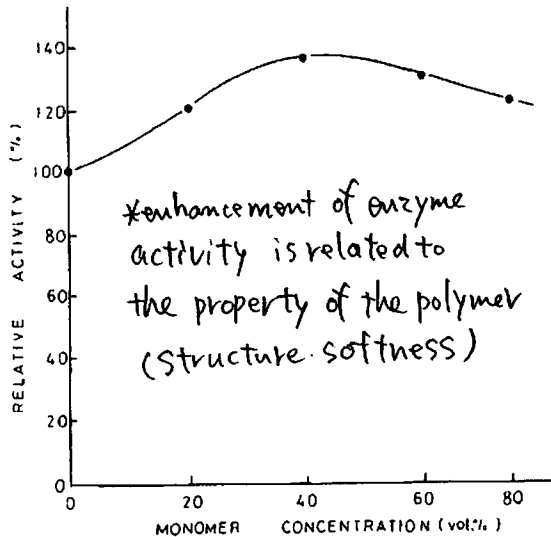


Fig. 6. Relationship between relative enzyme activity of entrapped enzymes and monomer concentration after irradiation with a low energy electron beam. Irradiation temperature: 5°C. Monomer: A 14G (concentration: 40%). Heat treatment (40°C).

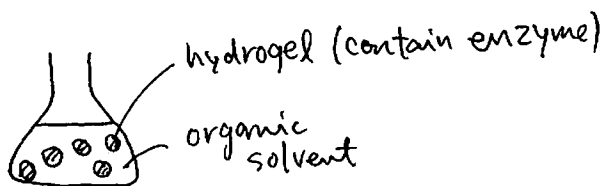
## Enzymatic catalysis in gel-stabilized two-phase systems: improvement of the solvent phase

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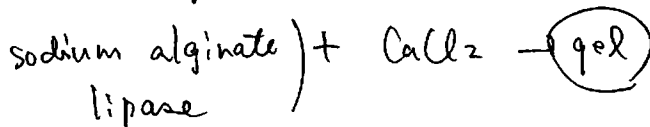
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entrapment of enzyme (lipase)



enzymes are usually not stable in organic solvent (and also two-phase system)

↓  
entrapment of enzyme into hydrogel  
• stability ↑  
• reusable (solid catalyst)