

7.30 (4 H, phenyl group). Anal. for $C_{20}H_{27}NOSFe_2 = 441.26$; Fe, 25.48 (25.31).

Copolymerization of 4 and 5. In a typical experiment, 1 mmol of AIBN was added to a solution (25 mL) containing 0.2 mmol of the organometallic monomer and 20 mmol of styrene, methyl methacrylate (MMA), or *N*-[tris(hydroxymethyl)methyl]acrylamide (Tris-A). After the solution was heated under M_2 , with stirring, for 24 h at 65 °C, the copolymer was precipitated by addition of a nonpolar solvent to the cooled solution. Copolymers were purified by the classical dissolution-precipitation technique. Their characteristics are listed in Table I.

Copolymer 12a: 70% conversion, solvent benzene, precipitation by hexane, purification from CH_2Cl_2 - CH_3OH .

Copolymer 12b: 75% conversion; same experimental conditions as for 12a.

Copolymer 12c: 60% conversion, solvent *N*-methylpyrrolidone, precipitation by diethyl ether, purification by addition of a mixture of acetone and diethyl ether (1/1) to an aqueous solution.

Copolymer 13: 75% conversion; same experimental conditions as for 12a.

Reaction of $Fe_2(CO)_9$ with Polymers. To a solution of 1 g of copolymer 8, 9, or 10 in acetone (acetone-benzene (1/1) in the case of homopolymer 9) was added $Fe_2(CO)_9$ (50% excess based on the known composition of the polymer). The mixture was reacted, with stirring, for 24 h at room temperature in the dark and under N_2 . After filtration, the mixture was poured into methanol, and the resulting precipitate was collected and purified by the usual dissolution-precipitation technique (CH_2Cl_2 - CH_3OH) or washed by CH_2Cl_2 and acetone in the case of cross-linked polymers. The characteristics of the modified polymers are listed in Table I for the synthesis of the starting materials, see ref 12.

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Urethane-Substituted Poly(diacetylenes): Structure and Electrical Properties of Poly[4,6-decadiyne-1,10-diol bis([(n-butoxycarbonyl)methyl]urethane)]

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ABSTRACT: A study on the relation between molecular characteristics and electrical conductivity was carried out on a urethane-substituted poly(diacetylene), poly[4,6-decadiyne-1,10-diol bis([(n-butoxycarbonyl)methyl]urethane)], abbreviated as poly(3BCMU), prepared by ^{60}Co γ -ray irradiation of the powder-form monomer. Two samples were employed: one obtained at 45-Mrd dose and having a relatively low molecular weight (MW) and broad molecular weight distribution (MWD), and the other obtained at 0.09-Mrd dose and having a relatively high MW and narrow MWD. The effects of dopant iodine on the mechanical and electrical properties were examined in particular. Raman spectra indicated the presence of iodine in the form of I_3^- and I_5^- in poly(3BCMU). The doping increased the glass transition temperature T_g as much as 27 K. An X-ray diffraction study suggested that the doping mostly occurs in the amorphous regions. The direct-current conductivity σ_{dc} of undoped poly(3BCMU) was of the order of $10^{-11} \Omega^{-1} cm^{-1}$, while the doping enhanced the σ_{dc} by about 10^7 -fold. The activation energy E_a was virtually unchanged by doping but decreased abruptly at a certain temperature as T was decreased. The E_a was also different between the two samples. The σ_{dc} of doped poly(3BCMU) was found to obey Ohm's law. This and all other evidence suggested that the conduction is mainly electronic, involving such processes as the activation of charge carriers from dopant to the conjugated backbones of poly(3BCMU) and the transfer of the carrier from one chain to another.

Introduction

Although common polymeric materials are generally insulators of electricity, some conductive polymers have been attracting attention in recent years.¹ These conductive polymers have two intriguing characteristics be-

sides their rather high conductivity. One is the anisotropy of the conductivity. Therefore, these materials may be called linear-chain conductors or one-dimensional conductors.² The other is the possibility of easy processability. They may be molded into thin films that might be utilized

as solar cell materials and/or rechargeable organic batteries. Among the various synthetic polymeric conductors examined along these lines, polyacetylene (PA) is one of the simplest organic polymers having conjugated π -electron backbones. In particular, the interest in PA was stimulated by a successful demonstration of doping with halogens or AsF_5 to control the electrical properties over a wide range.^{1,3-5} However, most of these materials, including polyacetylene, can be neither dissolved nor melted. Hence, they can hardly be characterized adequately with regard to the molecular weight and its distribution without some laborious manipulation.⁶ In addition to this difficulty, neither solvent-cast films nor oriented fibrous specimens can be obtained from these polymers to test their anisotropic conductivity.

Recently, Patel et al.^{7,8} reported the synthesis of soluble poly(diacetylene) derivatives, which consist of conjugated main chains analogous to polyacetylene. One of the major differences between PA and the poly(diacetylenes) is that the former has a polyene-type backbone, while the latter has a poly(ene-yne)-type backbone with an admixture of the butatriene structure. The other difference is that the latter has two bulky substituent groups R in the monomer unit.^{9,10} One such poly(diacetylene) is poly[4,6-decadiyne-1,10-diol bis[(*n*-butoxycarbonyl)methyl]urethane)], abbreviated as poly(3BCMU), whose R has the form $-(\text{CH}_2)_3\text{OCONHCH}_2\text{COOC}_4\text{H}_9$. Because the conjugated main chain is surrounded by the bulky side groups, poly(3BCMU) is fusible and soluble in common organic solvents. Therefore, poly(3BCMU) could be a convenient model of linear-chain conductors to study the relationship between the molecular characteristics and electrical conductivity.¹¹

Poly(diacetylenes) as well as polyacetylene are insulators of electricity, unless they are doped adequately with some electron acceptors (or donors) such as halogens and arsenic pentafluoride (AsF_5). A key problem is undoubtedly the mechanism of enhancing the conductivity by doping. However, it was often pointed out that doping makes the polymer conductive but deteriorates mechanical properties. In this article we discuss these two major problems on the effects of dopant, particularly iodine, on poly(3BCMU). First, we examine the dopant effect on the glass transition temperature T_g of poly(3BCMU) by carrying out mechanical and dielectric relaxation studies on pure (or undoped) and doped specimens. Second, we describe the dependence of electrical conductivity of poly(3BCMU) on the dopant concentration and temperature. Particularly, we examine the conductivities for direct (dc) and alternating current (ac).¹² These tests were carried out on two samples reported earlier.¹¹ One of them had a relatively high number-average molecular weight and narrow molecular weight distribution and the other was contaminated heavily with low molecular weight components and thus had a very broad molecular weight distribution.

Experimental Section

Materials. The 3BCMU monomer was prepared through a four-step reaction reported previously.¹¹ The poly(3BCMU) was obtained by a solid-state polymerization exposing the powder-form monomer to ^{60}Co γ -rays. The unreacted monomer was removed by extracting with acetone, and the monomer-free powder-form poly(3BCMU) was obtained. Among several samples obtained at various doses, we employed two samples in this study: The sample codes and the characteristics are summarized in Table I. The average molecular weights were estimated on a gel permeation chromatograph (GPC, Toyo Soda Mfg. Co., Model HLC 801A) with a low-angle laser light scattering monitor (Toyo Soda Mfg. Co., Model LS-8). The carrier solvent was CHCl_3 . Narrow-distribution polystyrenes (TSK polystyrenes, Toyo Soda Mfg.

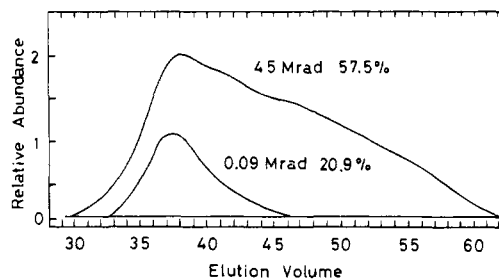


Figure 1. GPC chromatograms of poly(3BCMU) specimens used in this study. The numerical values in this figure represent both the dose level and polymer conversion.

Table I
Molecular Characteristics of Poly(3BCMU) Samples
Used in This Study

polymer	$10^{-6}M_n$	$10^{-6}M_w$	M_w/M_n
poly(3BCMU)/45 Mrd	0.080	3.2	40
poly(3BCMU)/0.09 Mrd	1.3	3.9	3.0

Co.) were used as the elution standards.¹¹ Figure 1 shows GPC chromatograms of the two samples.

Among several organic solvents tested, CHCl_3 was the best solvent,¹¹ which dissolved the polymer nearly up to 5% concentration at room temperature. Films of 0.2–0.3-mm thickness were cast from 2% (w/v) CHCl_3 solution of the purified poly(3BCMU). The solvent was allowed to evaporate slowly at room temperature over a period of 80 h. The films showed a metallic black-gold luster.

Doping with Iodine. Specimens could be easily doped with a strong electron acceptor, iodine, simply by exposing them to the vapor in a desiccator that had been evacuated in advance under a vacuum of 10^{-3} torr. The iodine-doped specimens were relatively stable even in air, where the dopant was lost very slowly. AsF_5 was very unstable and must be handled under vacuum. Therefore only iodine was used as a dopant in this study, though AsF_5 was a much more effective dopant. The dopant concentration was varied from 1 to 60 wt % by adjusting the doping time from 1 min to 30 h. The amount of iodine absorbed was determined by measuring the weight increase of the specimen. The dopant concentration Y was expressed as the number of moles of I_3^- ions per mole of the 3BCMU unit.

Methods. Differential scanning calorimetry was carried out on a DSC apparatus (Rigaku Denki Co., Model 8055) with a heating rate of 10 K min^{-1} . X-ray diffraction patterns were obtained by a cylindrical camera of 3.5-cm radius. The radiation used was Ni-filtered $\text{Cu K}\alpha$. Raman spectra were obtained with a triple-monochromator Raman spectrometer (Japan Spectroscopic Co., Model R750). Dynamic mechanical measurements were made on a Rheovibron DDV-II (Toyo-Baldwin Co.) at 110 Hz. Both complex dielectric permittivity ϵ^* and alternating-current (ac) conductivity σ_{ac} were measured with a transformer bridge (General Radio Model 1615A) in the range 0.1–100 kHz. The direct-current (dc) conductivity σ_{dc} (or simply σ) was determined by a four-terminal method. A certain voltage was applied to the two outer contacts, and then the electric current of the circuit and the potential difference between the two inner contacts were measured, respectively, with a Keithley 640C electrometer as an ammeter and with a Keithley 610 electrometer as a potentiometer.

Results

Differential Scanning Calorimetry (DSC) and X-ray Diffraction. DSC measurements were carried out for a poly(3BCMU)/45 Mrd powder specimen and two cast-films of poly(3BCMU)/45 Mrd and poly(3BCMU)/0.09 Mrd. For the powder specimen, two endotherms were observed at about 450 and 420 K. However, the thermograms of the cast films showed one endotherm at 450 K, which has the tailing on the low-temperature side. A similar result was also reported by Patel et al.¹³ On the

Table II
Enthalpies of Fusion^a and *d* Spacings^b for the Various Poly(3BCMU) Specimens

	poly(3BCMU)/45 Mrd			poly(3BCMU)/0.09 Mrd undoped film
	powder	undoped film	doped film	
enthalpy of fusion/J g ⁻¹	28.5 (450 K) 8.8 (420 K)	5.4 (450 K)		11.5 (450 K)
<i>d</i> spacings/nm	1.33 (s)	1.40 (s)		
	0.90 (vw)			
	0.53 (w)	0.45 (w)	0.45 (w)	
	0.43 (s)	0.42 (s)	0.42 (s)	
	0.38 (w)			
	0.34 (vw)			
	0.22 (vw)	0.23 (vw)	0.23 (vw)	
	0.20 (vw)	0.20 (vw)		

^a The temperatures in the parentheses correspond to the melting peaks, from which the enthalpies of fusion were estimated. ^b In the parentheses, each intensity of the X-ray diffractions is indicated by three symbols: s = strong, w = weak, and vw = very weak.

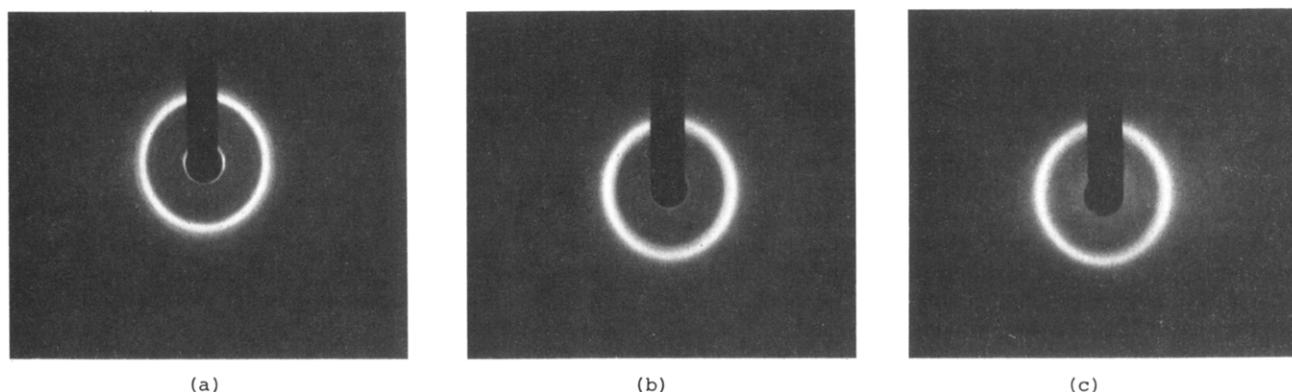


Figure 2. Debye-Scherrer photographs for (a) the poly(3BCMU) powder specimen, (b) the undoped poly(3BCMU)/45 Mrd film, and (c) the doped poly[3BCMU(I₃)_{0.42}]/45 Mrd film.

basis of their finding that the poly(3BCMU) film was totally amorphous in their X-ray diffraction study, they concluded the following: (i) The endotherm at 420 K is due to the destruction of intermolecular order (intermolecular melting), and the endotherm at 450 K is due to destruction of the intramolecular hydrogen bonds between the C=O and N-H functionalities of the adjacent side groups (intramolecular melting). (ii) The endotherm at 420 K corresponds to a change in the crystallinity of the sample. We estimated values of the enthalpy of fusion from the areas of the melting peaks at 420 and 450 K. The results are summarized in Table II. Unfortunately, since the enthalpy of fusion for the perfectly crystalline specimen is not known, the degree of crystallinity for these specimens could not be quantitatively determined. We can safely say that the powder specimen has the highest degree of crystallinity and that of the poly(3BCMU)/45 Mrd film is the lowest among the three specimens.

Parts a and b of Figure 2 show the Debye-Scherrer photographs of the powder specimen and the undoped poly(3BCMU)/45 Mrd film, respectively. Both photographs are characteristic of unoriented crystalline polymers. For the powder specimen, eight diffraction rings could be detected, while only five diffraction rings could be detected for the film specimen. The photograph of the latter suggests that the film specimen has a very low degree of crystallinity. This result is consistent with the DSC result. An X-ray photograph of the doped poly[3BCMU-(I₃)_{0.42}]/45 Mrd film is shown in Figure 2c. Only three diffraction rings were detected for the doped film due to the pronounced background scattering. The *d* spacings calculated from the X-ray diffraction patterns are also listed in Table II. The difference in the *d* spacings between the powder and film specimens suggests that their crystal

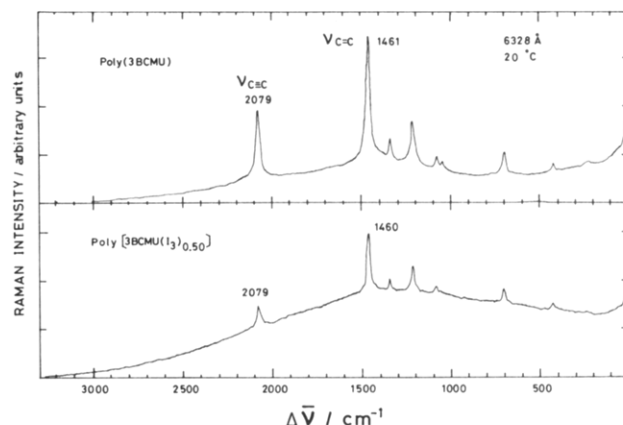


Figure 3. Raman spectra of poly(3BCMU) (upper curve) and poly[3BCMU(I₃)_{0.50}] (lower curve).

forms may be different. On the other hand, all the *d* spacings in the doped film were found to be the same values as those in the undoped film, and the difference in relative intensities of the corresponding diffraction between the undoped and doped film was not observed. These results imply that the doping does not affect the crystal form. Thus, we may conclude that the doping took place mostly in the amorphous regions.

Raman Scattering. We obtained spectra at room temperature and at liquid nitrogen temperature for pure and doped poly(3BCMU)/0.09 Mrd films. The 514.5-nm line from an Ar⁺ laser was used as the excitation source. As shown in Figure 3, the Raman spectrum of the pure (undoped) specimen at room temperature has two very strong bands due to a resonance Raman effect.¹⁴ On the basis of results reported on poly(diacetylene) deriva-

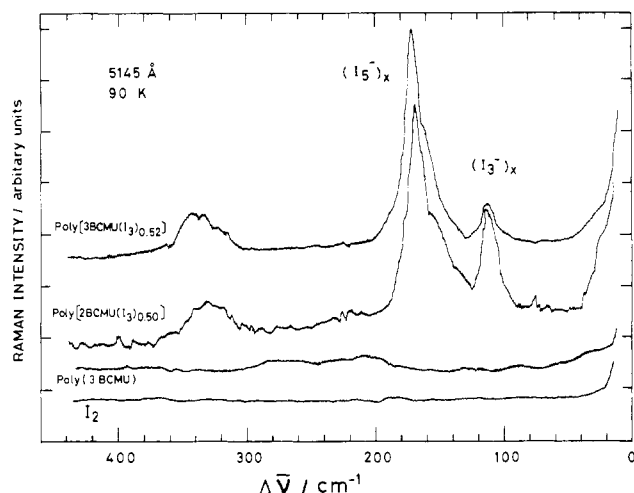


Figure 4. Low-frequency region of Raman spectra at 90 K of iodine in pure and doped specimens. Iodine-doped poly[3,5-decadiyne-1,8-diol bis([(n-butoxycarbonyl)methyl]urethane)], abbreviated as poly(2BCMU),^{7,8} also shows the same additional bands in the Raman spectra.

tives,^{15,16} one absorption at 2079 cm^{-1} may be assigned to the $\text{C}\equiv\text{C}$ vibration and the other at 1461 cm^{-1} to the $\text{C}=\text{C}$ vibration.

The doped specimen also exhibited the same two bands as those of the pure specimen. However, the doped specimen exhibited rather high background intensity. This increment may be regarded either as the fluorescent background¹⁴ due to some impurities or as that due to charge-transfer complex¹⁷ between conjugated main chains and dopant ions.

Figure 4 shows Raman spectra in the range of small wavenumber obtained at liquid nitrogen temperature. The doped specimen ($Y = 0.52$) shows additional bands in the range of wavenumber below 400 cm^{-1} . Comparing these results with those reported for iodine-doped polyacetylene,¹⁸ we concluded that one absorption at 105 cm^{-1} was due to the I_3^- vibration and the other at 160 cm^{-1} to the I_5^- vibration. Moreover, we could observe their overtones, whose intensities were less than that of the original absorptions. The results clearly indicate the existence of I_3^- and I_5^- ions.

Dynamic Mechanical and Dielectric Properties.

Figure 5 shows the temperature dependence of the storage Young's moduli E' , the loss moduli E'' , and $\tan \delta$ for poly(3BCMU), poly[3BCMU(I_3)_{0.09}], and poly[3BCMU-(I_3)_{0.23}]. The polymer is the 45-Mrd sample. The E' of undoped poly(3BCMU) decreases gradually with increasing temperature from 140 to 240 K and then somewhat more rapidly from 240 to 300 K. The specimen began to flow at about 420 K. This result coincides with that of differential scanning calorimetry (DSC), in which poly(3BCMU) exhibited a sharp melting point at about 450 K. The dynamic mechanical behavior of poly(3BCMU) is similar in nature to that of common semicrystalline polymers. The E'' and $\tan \delta$ curves exhibit a broad transition having a maximum temperature T_{max} at 270 K, which presumably corresponds to the glass transition temperature T_g . The temperature dependence of the complex Young's moduli were measured also on the doped specimens of poly(3BCMU)/45 Mrd. The behavior of poly[3BCMU(I_3)_{0.09}] and poly[3BCMU(I_3)_{0.23}] is similar to that of the undoped poly(3BCMU), except that the T_{max} shifted to the higher temperature side. The T_{max} increases as Y increases up to $Y = 0.09$ and reaches a constant of approximately 300 K in the range of Y from 0.09 to 0.23. In doped specimens, the I_3^- ions might coordinate to sev-

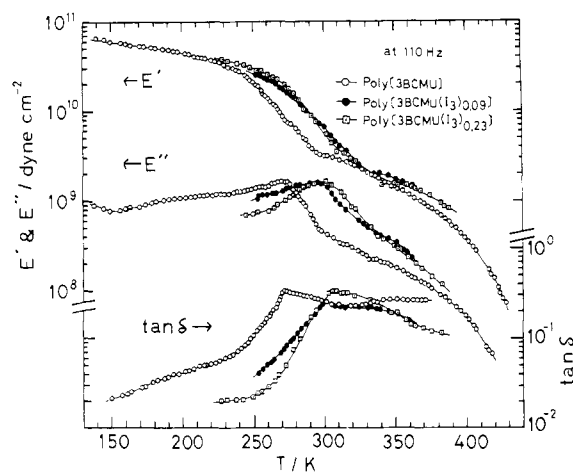


Figure 5. Temperature dependence of the storage Young's moduli E' , the loss moduli E'' , and $\tan \delta$ at 110 Hz for pure and doped poly(3BCMU) specimens.

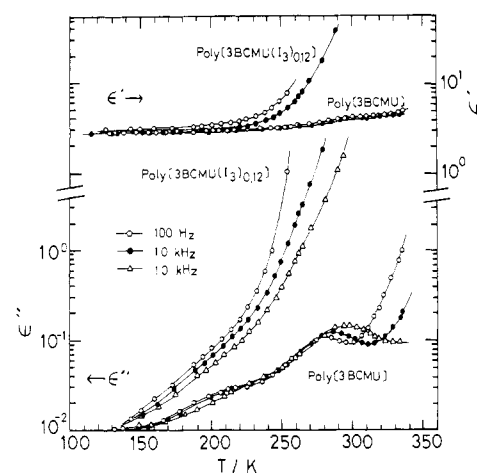


Figure 6. Temperature dependence of the dielectric permittivity ϵ' and loss ϵ'' for poly(3BCMU) and poly[3BCMU(I_3)_{0.12}].

eral conjugated main chains or polar side chains and might form ionic clusters as those usually found in ionomers.¹⁷ This strong intermolecular interaction under the presence of I_3^- might cause the T_{max} to increase with increasing dopant concentration.

Figure 6 shows the temperature dependence of the dielectric permittivity ϵ' and loss ϵ'' for undoped poly(3BCMU)/45 Mrd and doped poly[3BCMU(I_3)_{0.12}]. The loss curve of the poly(3BCMU) has a small peak at 210 K (designated as the β -peak), a peak at 280 K (the α -peak), and a steep rise in the high-temperature side. The α -peak temperature is roughly the same as the T_{max} of dynamic mechanical transition and may be attributed to the primary relaxation due to the glass transition. The β -peak temperature is also roughly the same as that of the dynamic mechanical β -relaxation. The β -relaxation may be ascribed to the motion of polar side groups.¹⁹ The frequency and temperature dependence of the α -peak follows a Williams-Landel-Ferry (WLF) law. From the slope of the plot at 1 kHz, the apparent activation energy was estimated to be 163 kJ mol^{-1} . The ϵ' and ϵ'' curves of the doped poly[3BCMU(I_3)_{0.12}] exhibit a steep rise in the high-temperature side, as the conductivity steeply increases with increasing dopant concentration. The dielectric α -relaxation peak was obscured because of this steep rise.

Direct-Current Conductivity. The electrical conductivity σ of undoped poly(3BCMU)/45 Mrd and poly(3BCMU)/0.09 Mrd films is of the order of $10^{-11} \Omega^{-1} \text{cm}^{-1}$, though they have the metallic appearance of golden color.

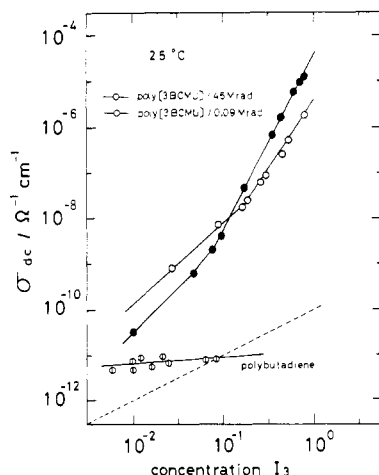


Figure 7. Dc conductivity of poly(3BCMU)/45 Mrd, poly(3BCMU)/0.09 Mrd, and polybutadiene as a function of dopant concentration Y .

After about 4 h of evacuation of the four-terminal cell at 10^{-3} torr, σ_{dc} decreased from 2.3×10^{-11} to $0.8 \times 10^{-11} \Omega^{-1} \text{cm}^{-1}$. The σ_{dc} became constant after 50 h of evacuation. Then air was introduced into the cell and the σ_{dc} increased to the initial value of $2.3 \times 10^{-11} \Omega^{-1} \text{cm}^{-1}$ after about 4 h. This increase in σ_{dc} may be a result of oxygen acting as a dopant.²⁰ However, such an increase in the σ_{dc} was usually far less than that due to iodine doping. Hence, the σ_{dc} of iodine-doped specimens was usually measured in the presence of air.

Figure 7 shows the dependence of the σ_{dc} on dopant concentration Y for poly(3BCMU)/45 Mrd, poly(3BCMU)/0.09 Mrd, and polybutadiene at 25 °C. The σ_{dc} of both poly(3BCMU)/45 Mrd and poly(3BCMU)/0.09 Mrd increase rapidly with increasing Y and finally reach about $10^{-5} \Omega^{-1} \text{cm}^{-1}$ at a Y of about 0.7. This result²¹ may be the first demonstration that the σ_{dc} of a poly(diacetylene), among a variety of other derivatives,²²⁻²⁵ reaches as high as a semiconductor level by adequate doping. For comparison, we studied polybutadiene doped with iodine as a reference. The σ_{dc} of doped polybutadiene remains almost constant in the range of Y about 10^{-2} – 10^{-1} . These results suggest that iodine is not acting as an ionic charge carrier but interacts strongly with the conjugated main chains of doped poly(3BCMU) to increase the σ_{dc} .

The behavior of the σ_{dc} increments may be represented by

$$\sigma_{dc}(Y) = AY^\alpha \quad (1)$$

where A and α are parameters independent of the dopant concentration. According to Drude, the $\sigma_{dc}(Y)$ is generally given by²⁶

$$\sigma_{dc}(Y) = qn\mu \quad (2)$$

where q , n , and μ are, respectively, the amount of charge, the number density, and the mobility of the charge carrier. If the dopant iodine is acting merely as an ionic carrier, the q and μ would be virtually constant and n would be directly proportional to the carrier concentration Y . However, the σ_{dc} for poly(3BCMU)/45 Mrd first increases in proportion to $Y^{2.0}$ and later in proportion to $Y^{3.0}$, while the σ_{dc} for poly(3BCMU)/0.09 Mrd increases in proportion to $Y^{2.0}$ in the region of low dopant concentration and in proportion to as much as $Y^{3.9}$ in the region of high dopant concentration. In any case, the values of α are larger than one. Hence the dopant iodine must be interacting with the conjugated main chains of poly(3BCMU), thereby producing active electrons and/or positive holes as the

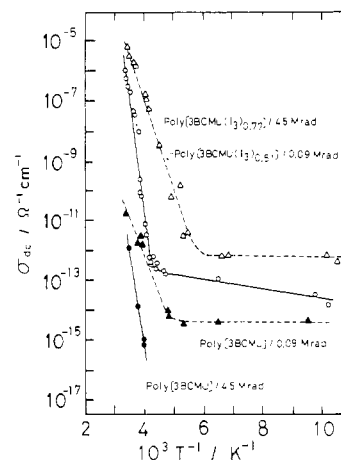


Figure 8. Temperature dependence of the dc conductivity for pure and doped poly(3BCMU)/45 Mrd and poly(3BCMU)/0.09 Mrd specimens.

charge carriers along the main chains. The dopant may also act as a bridge for the hopping of charge carriers from one chain to the other or between chain ends.

In particular, in the range of high dopant concentration the exponent α for poly(3BCMU)/0.09 Mrd was about 30% larger than that of poly(3BCMU)/45 Mrd. This result is reasonable, because poly(3BCMU)/45 Mrd is heavily contaminated with low molecular weight components and has an extremely broad molecular weight distribution. The higher molecular weight components excited with the dopant might be more effective semiconductive components, while the chain ends provide the electrical resistance either by acting as localized trap sites or by reducing the degree of crystallinity or by both reasons.

Comparing these results with those of iodine-doped polyacetylene (PA),¹⁻⁵ we see three characteristics in their behavior: (1) An undoped and doped PA have a semiconductive σ_{dc} of $10^{-6} \Omega^{-1} \text{cm}^{-1}$ and a metallic value of $10 \Omega^{-1} \text{cm}^{-1}$, respectively, while poly(3BCMU)/0.09 Mrd and poly[3BCMU(I_3)_{0.8}/0.09 Mrd] have an insulative σ_{dc} of $10^{-12} \Omega^{-1} \text{cm}^{-1}$ and a semiconductive value of $10^{-5} \Omega^{-1} \text{cm}^{-1}$, respectively. (2) The σ_{dc} of PA is substantially saturated at a Y of about 0.1, while that of poly(3BCMU) is saturated at a Y of about 0.9. Finally, there is a similarity in their behavior that (3) the doping of both PA and poly(3BCMU) results in an increase in σ_{dc} by the same factor of about 10^7 . These characteristics may be attributed to the difference in the molecular and/or crystal structure between PA and poly(3BCMU) films. In the latter, only 10% of the total molecular volume is conjugated main chain, with the remaining 90% insulative side chains. Furthermore, the former has a particular foamlike fibrillar structure with a high degree of crystallinity,²⁷ while the latter, especially the cast-film, is a semicrystalline film with a very low degree of crystallinity.

Figure 8 shows a few examples of the temperature dependence of the σ_{dc} for undoped and doped poly(3BCMU) specimens. The σ_{dc} of poly[3BCMU(I_3)_{0.51}/0.09 Mrd and poly(3BCMU)/0.09 Mrd decrease with decreasing temperature and then become almost constant below a certain temperature. In the high-temperature region, plots of $\log \sigma_{dc}$ vs. $1/T$ give approximately straight lines, from which the approximate thermal activation energy E_a can be determined. Both undoped and doped specimens of the 0.09-Mrd sample give E_a of the same order of magnitude, 0.54 eV mol^{-1} . Unlike σ_{dc} , E_a does not depend on the dopant concentration. The undoped and doped ($Y = 0.77$) specimens of the 45-Mrd sample also give the same E_a of

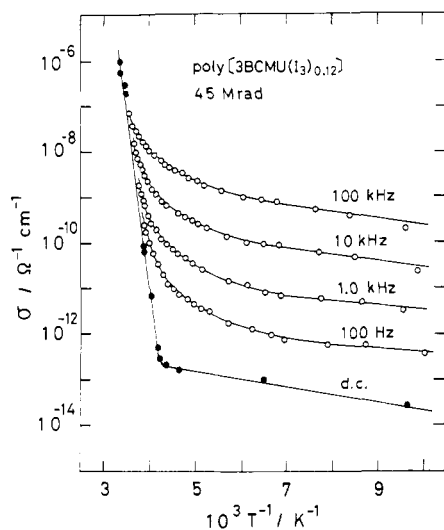


Figure 9. Temperature dependence of the ac conductivity at 0.1, 1, 10, and 100 kHz (open circles) and the dc conductivity (solid circles) for poly[3BCMU(I₃)_{0.12}].

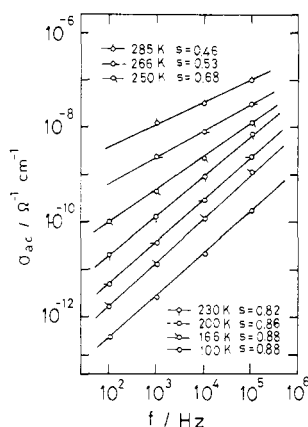


Figure 10. Frequency dependence of the ac conductivity for poly[3BCMU(I₃)_{0.12}]. The values of s indicated are the slopes of the curves at the corresponding temperature.

about 1.61 eV mol⁻¹. The value is about 3 times larger than that of poly(3BCMU)/0.09 Mrd and is much larger than that of 0.09–0.35 eV mol⁻¹ for polyacetylene.^{3–5} On the other hand, in the low-temperature region, the E_a is nearly zero for the 0.09-Mrd sample and is as small as 0.012 eV mol⁻¹ for the doped 45-Mrd sample. The σ_{dc} was too low to be measured accurately for the undoped 45-Mrd sample at the low temperature.

Alternating-Current Conductivity. Measurements of the conductivity σ_{ac} for alternating current often provide important information on the mechanism of electrical conductivity of materials. Figure 9 shows the temperature dependence of the ac conductivity σ_{ac} of poly[3BCMU-(I₃)_{0.12}]/45 Mrd. The σ_{ac} is much larger than the σ_{dc} , and the difference becomes progressively greater as temperature is lowered. A similar temperature dependence of σ_{ac} was found in some inorganic semiconductors^{26,28} such as a single-crystalline silicone.

Figure 10 shows the frequency dependence of the σ_{ac} for poly[3BCMU(I₃)_{0.12}]/45 Mrd obtained at various temperatures. The data may be cast into the form¹²

$$\sigma_{ac}(f) = Af^s \quad (3)$$

where A and s are constants and f is the frequency. The σ_{ac} of an insulator is directly proportional to f ($s = 1$), while the σ_{ac} of a metal does not depend on f ($s = 0$). As seen in Figure 10, the value of s decreases from 0.88 to 0.46 as

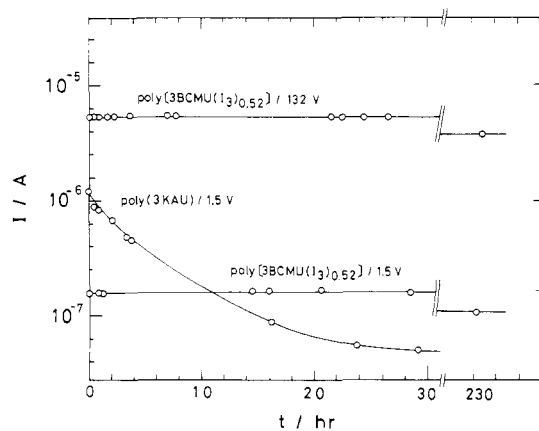


Figure 11. Electric current vs. applied time for doped poly(3BCMU) specimens under constant applied voltages. For comparison, the figure shows data for poly(3KAU), which is a KOH-hydrolyzed poly(3BCMU)/45 Mrd specimen.

the temperature is raised from 100 to 285 K.

Discussion

Phenomenologically the electric conduction of doped poly(3BCMU) might involve two mechanisms; one is an ionic conduction due to the migration of iodine ions, while the other is due to hole conduction linked to the band created by the main chain. In order to estimate the relative contribution of these two mechanisms, the electric current was measured as a function of time under constant voltage. If the ionic conduction is dominant, the current would decrease with applied time, as the ionic carriers are eventually purged from the system. It is also known that for ionic conduction, Ohm's law does not hold but the sine-hyperbolic law becomes valid.²⁶

The behavior due to ionic conduction is seen for the potassium salt of KOH-hydrolyzed poly(3BCMU), coded as poly(3KAU).³¹ For the poly(3KAU) specimen under an applied voltage of 1.5 V the current rapidly decreases, as is seen in Figure 11. The voltage vs. current relation was not ohmic for the poly(3KAU) specimen. On the other hand, for iodine-doped poly(3BCMU), as is seen in Figure 11, the current under the applied voltage of 1.5 V and that under 132 V are almost constant up to about 230 h. The slight drop of the current after a prolonged application of the voltage to the doped poly(3BCMU) may be attributed to iodine desorption during the period, as judged from the absorption and desorption feature of iodine by the poly(3BCMU)-iodine system mentioned previously. We also found that the current was proportional to the applied voltage. That is, the conduction is approximately ohmic. These results strongly suggest that the electronic conduction is the main process in the doped poly(3BCMU).

Under an applied voltage of 132 V, the constant current was about 5.0×10^{-6} A. The transported charges during 230 h, then, amount to 4.1 C. The dimension of this specimen was $3.15 \times 1.70 \times 0.13$ mm³ and the dopant concentration Y was 0.52. If we assume that the polymer density is 1 and the dopant exists only in the form of I₃⁻ ion, all the ionic charges in this specimen are as small as 4.2×10^{-2} C. The observed value is larger than that of the estimated ionic charges by a factor of 100. This observation suggests that electronic conduction may be the dominant factor in this specimen.

The mechanisms of electronic conduction in polymer semiconductors are very complex, because they are aggregates of chain molecules, partially crystalline but partially amorphous. Although the detailed nature of the interaction between dopant species and conjugated main

chains is not yet well understood,^{25,29,30} iodine ions in the form of I_3^- and/or I_5^- existing in doped poly(3BCMU) specimens of presumably amorphous regions are apparently playing a key role. Dopant iodines withdraw electrons from the conjugated main chains to become anions. Hence, extra holes can be produced in the chain. This structural model is consistent with the observation in the mechanical properties of doped poly(3BCMU) specimens, in which strong intermolecular interactions resulted in an increase in T_{max} .

The characteristic features of the conductivity of the present systems are summarized as follows: (i) the conductivity increases with increasing dopant concentration, while (ii) the activation energy of the conductivity is independent of the dopant concentration, (iii) but is dependent on the molecular weight and its distribution and/or the degree of crystallinity. The results suggest that the iodine doping affects both the carrier mobility μ and the carrier density n , whereas the molecular weight and its distribution apparently influence μ . (iv) The activation energy changes abruptly at a certain temperature from a substantially large value to nearly zero with decreasing temperature. An electronic process such as a tunneling mechanism may be playing a role in determining the conductivity at the low temperature.

Comparing these results, we may conclude that the most dominant processes in the semiconductivity of the doped poly(3BCMU) are the activation of charge carriers, i.e., free electrons and/or holes from dopant iodines to the conjugated backbones, and the transfer of the carriers from one chain to another, presumably by hopping at high temperature and by tunneling at low temperature in the crystalline (ordered) regions and/or in the amorphous regions through dopant iodine ions, although the detailed mechanism is not unknown. A more detailed analysis of the effects of molecular weight and its distribution and the degree of crystallinity on the conductivity of poly(3BCMU) is now in progress in our laboratory.

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