



Phase Behavior of Polystyrene in Dimethyl Ether, Dimethyl Ether + Carbondioxide

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Supercritical Fluid and Green Processing Lab





■ Introduction – What is the supercritical fluid?

■ Noncoxic, chemically inert, cheap, highly volatile, nonflammable

■ Liquidlike dissolving power

■ Gaslike transport property

■ Potentially recyclable fluid

■ Attractive as a solvent

■ Application

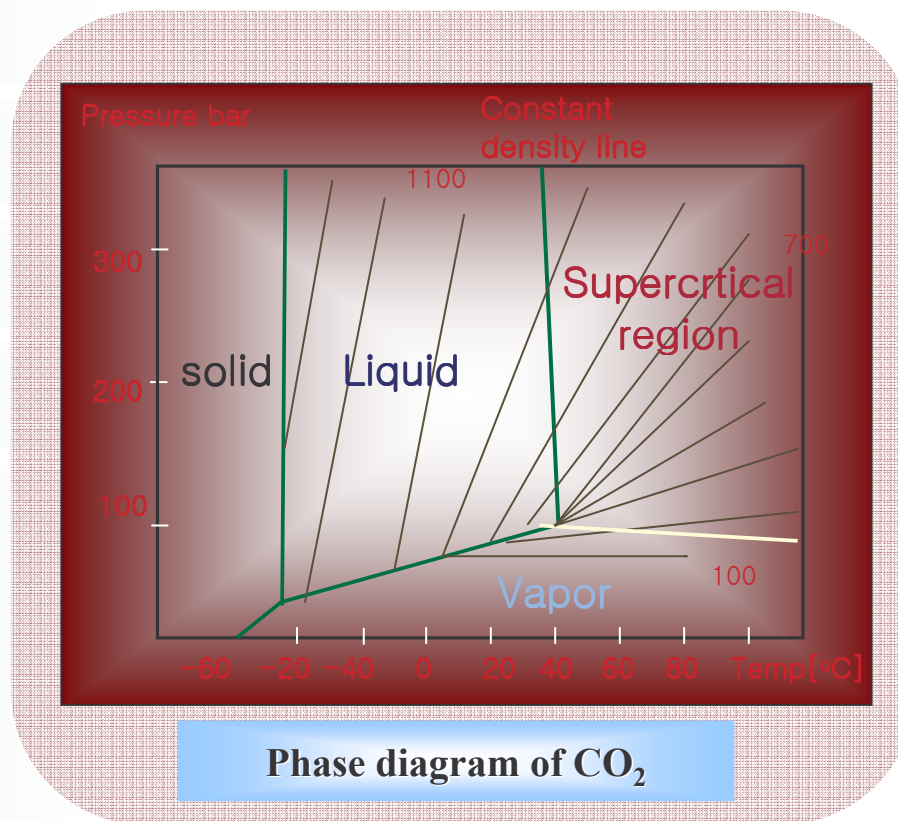
-Extraction

-Dry

-Separation

-Synthesis reaction

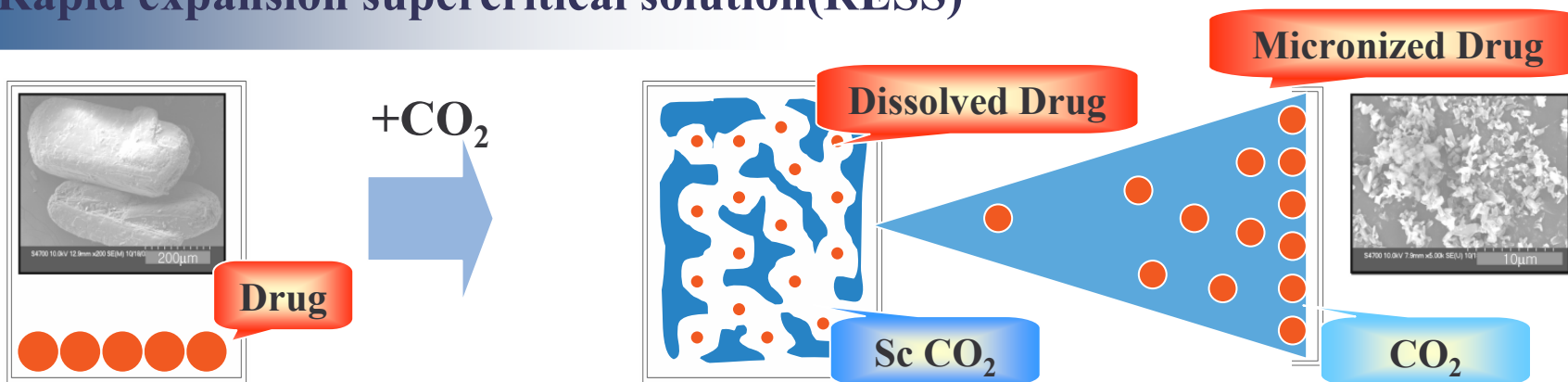
-Particle design



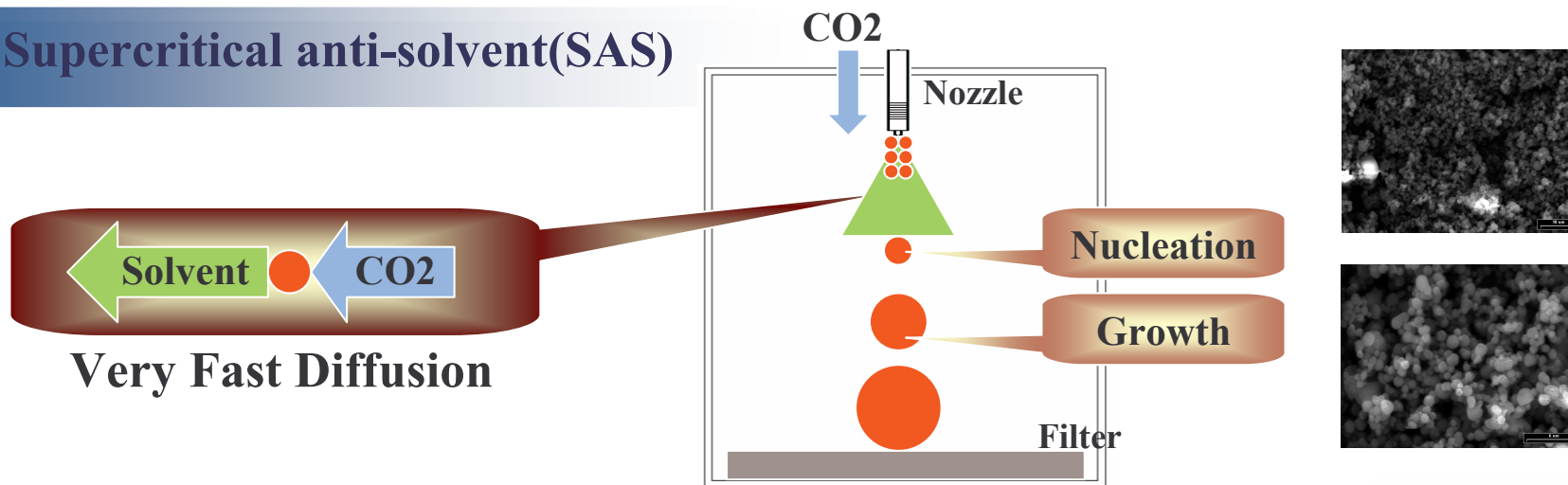


■ Design of particles using supercritical fluids

■ Rapid expansion supercritical solution (RESS)



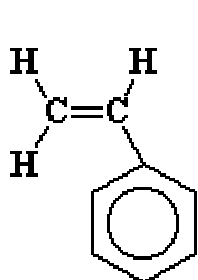
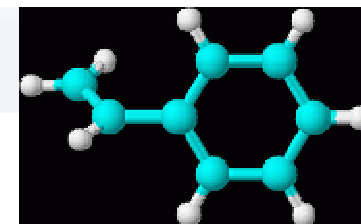
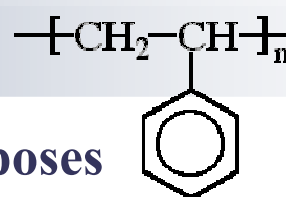
■ Supercritical anti-solvent (SAS)





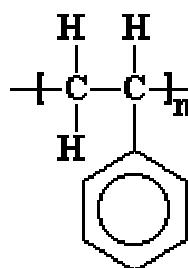
Polystyrene

Polystyrene is widely used for industrial purposes

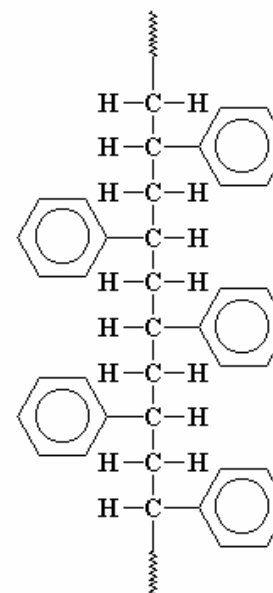


styrene

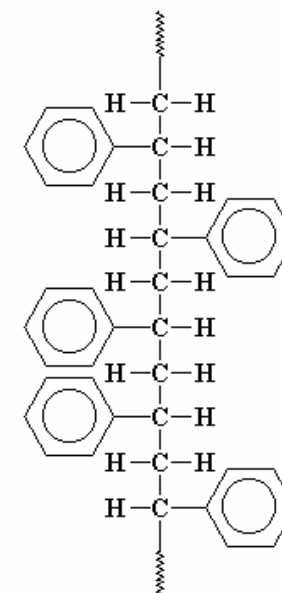
free radical vinyl polymerization



polystyrene



syndiotactic
more expensive



atactic

Polystyrene is an inexpensive and hard plastic

-Usage

thermoplastics

-Monomer

styrene

-Glass transition temperature

373.15K

-Melting temperature

543.15K(syndiotactic)

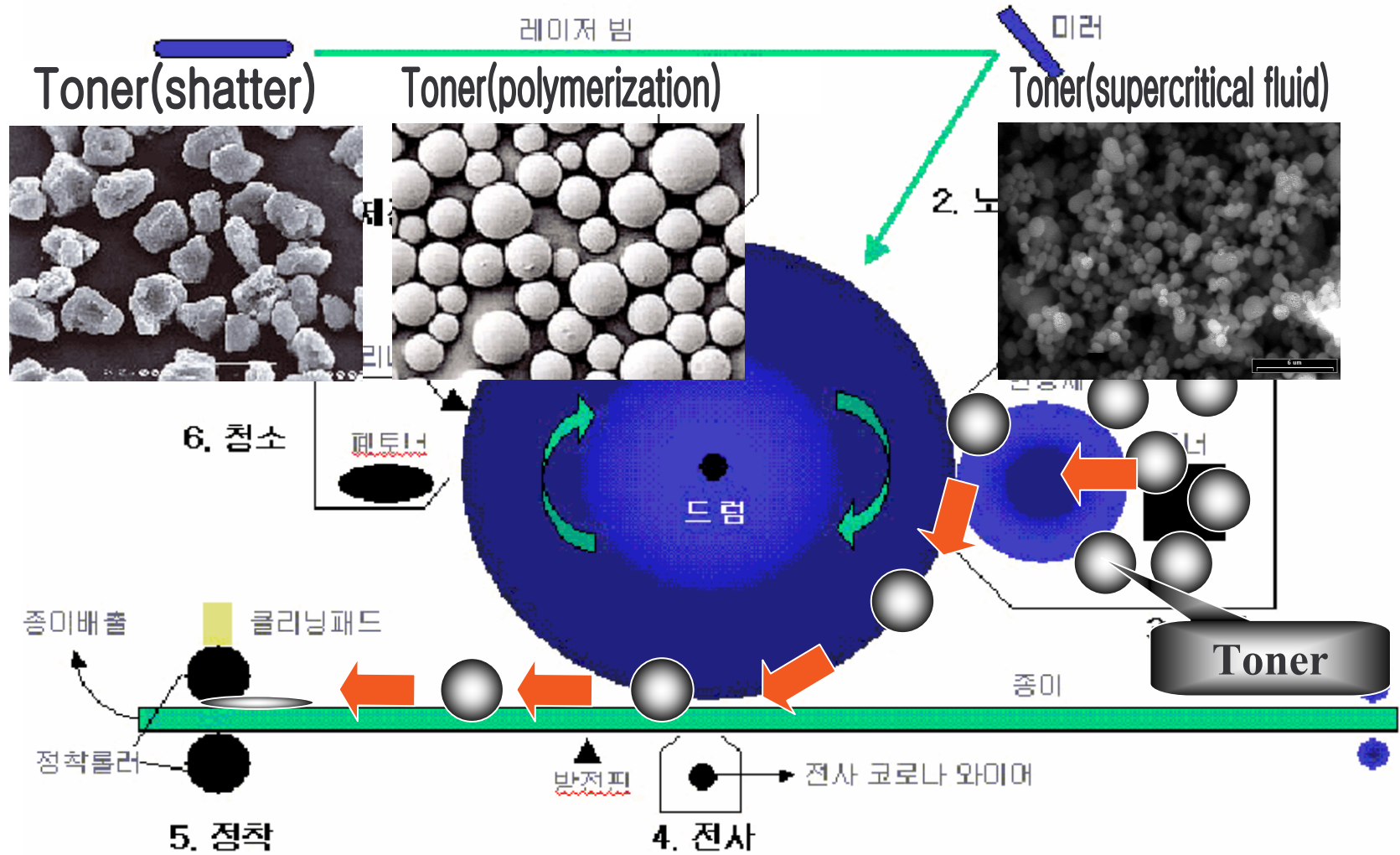
-Polymerization free radical chain polymerization(atactic)

- Ziglar-Natta Polymerization(syndiotactic)



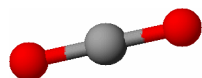


Toner



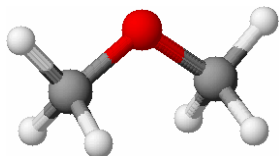


■ Dimethyl Ether(DME), HCFC-22, CO₂

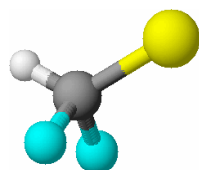


CO₂

Polar molecule



DME



HCFC-22

Nonpolar molecule

■ Dipole moments

	μ/D		μ/D
H ₂ O	1.85	DME	1.3
CH ₃ OH	1.71	HCl	1.08
C ₂ H ₅ OH	1.69	CHCl ₃	1.01
CH ₂ Cl ₂	1.57	HBr	0.80
NH ₃	1.47	HI	0.42
HCFC-22	1.4	CO ₂	0

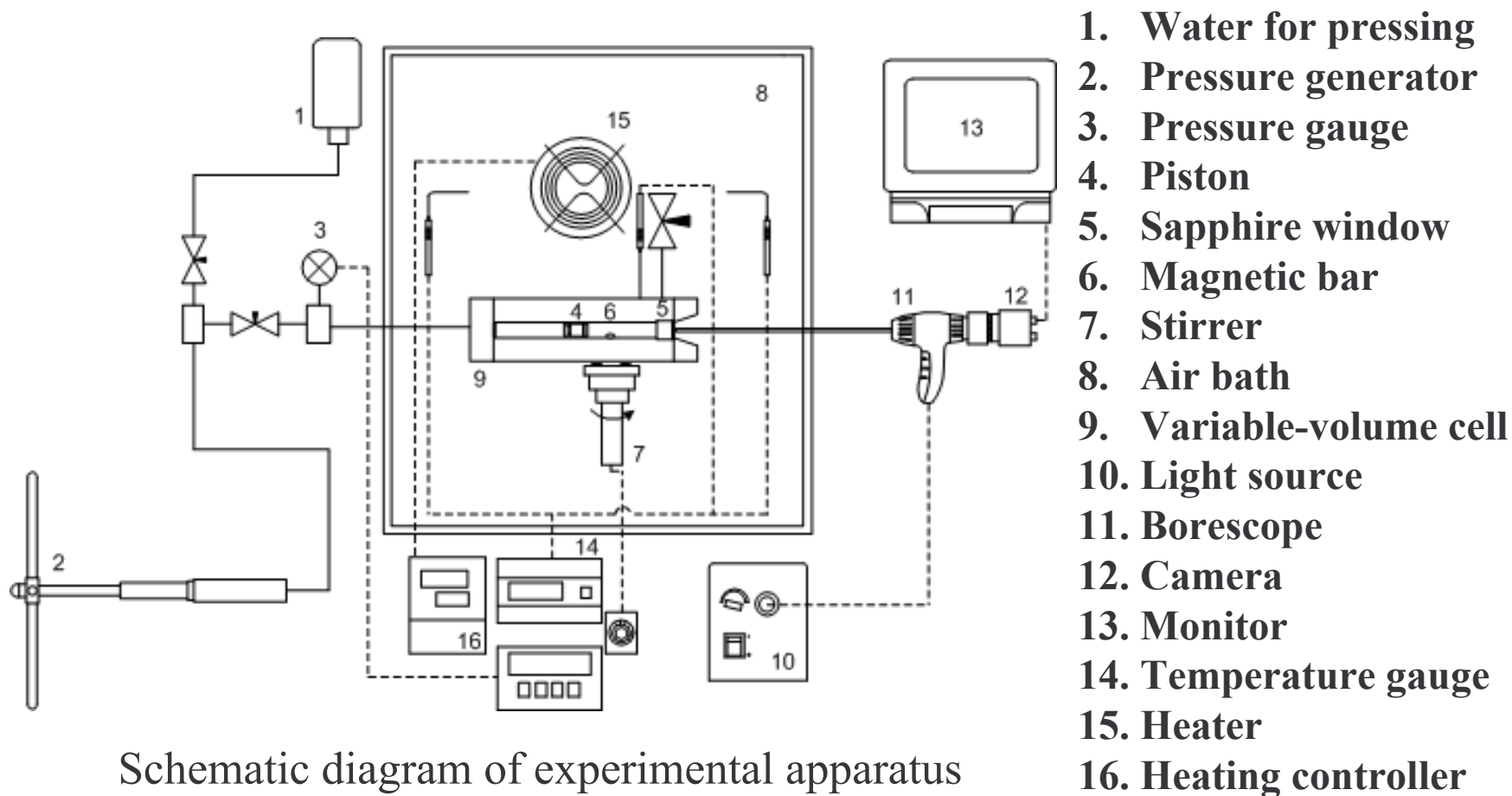
■ Physical properties of solvents

Solvent	Chemical formula	M.W.	T _c /K	P _c /MPa
Dimethylether (DME)	CH ₃ OCH ₃	46.06	400.00	5.24
Chlorodifluoromethane (HCFC-22)	CHClF ₂	84.46	369.30	4.97
Carbon dioxide	CO ₂	44.01	304.18	7.38





Apparatus – Schematic diagram





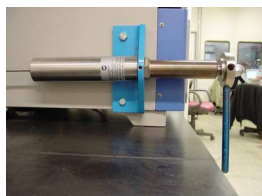
Photography



Water



Valves



Pressure generator

Air bath



Controller



Monitor

Variable volume cell



Borescope



Caramer

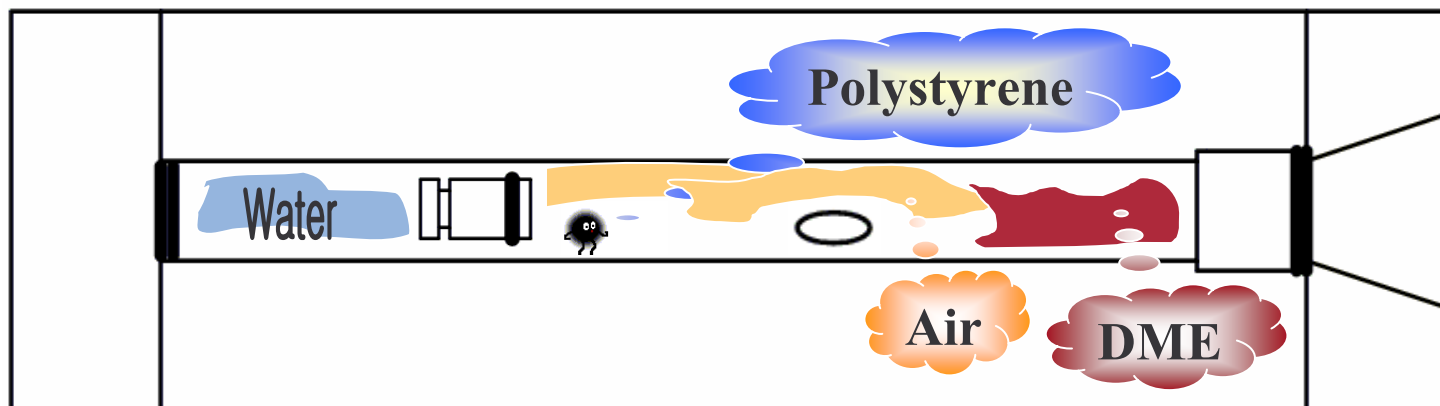


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■ Experimental Procedure

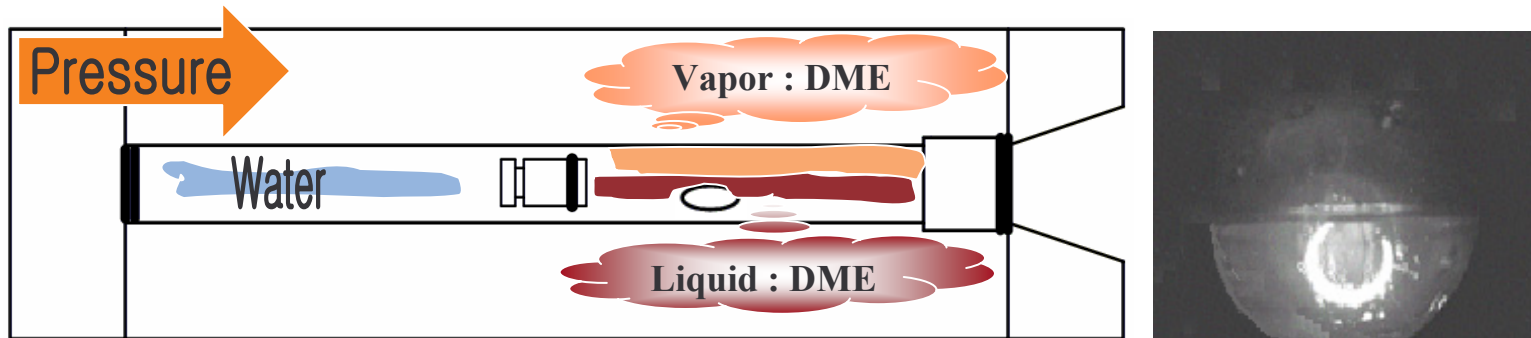


- The cell is charged with a certain amount of polystyrene
- To remove air, the cell is purged more than three times by DME
- A certain amount of DME is charged into the cell

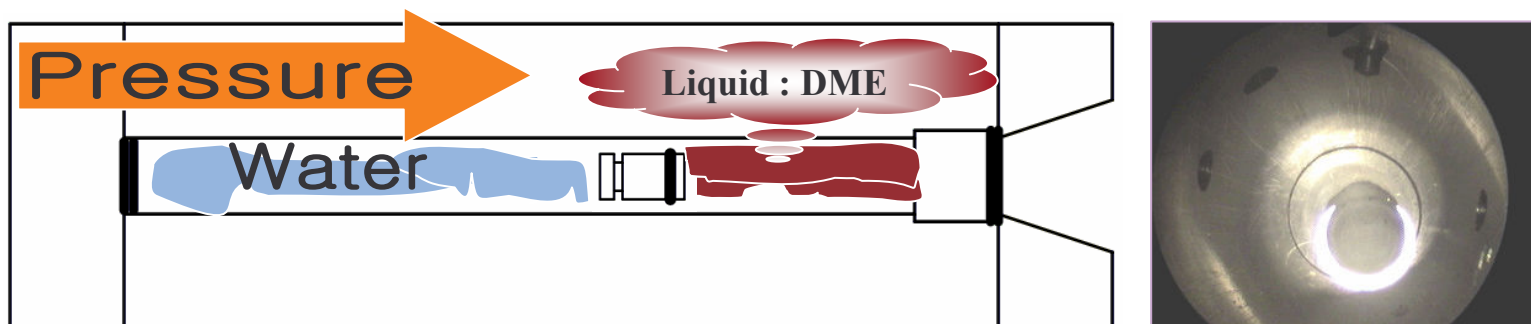




■ Pressure increase – single phase – Temperature increase



■ As the pressure increase, the DME finally becomes a single phase

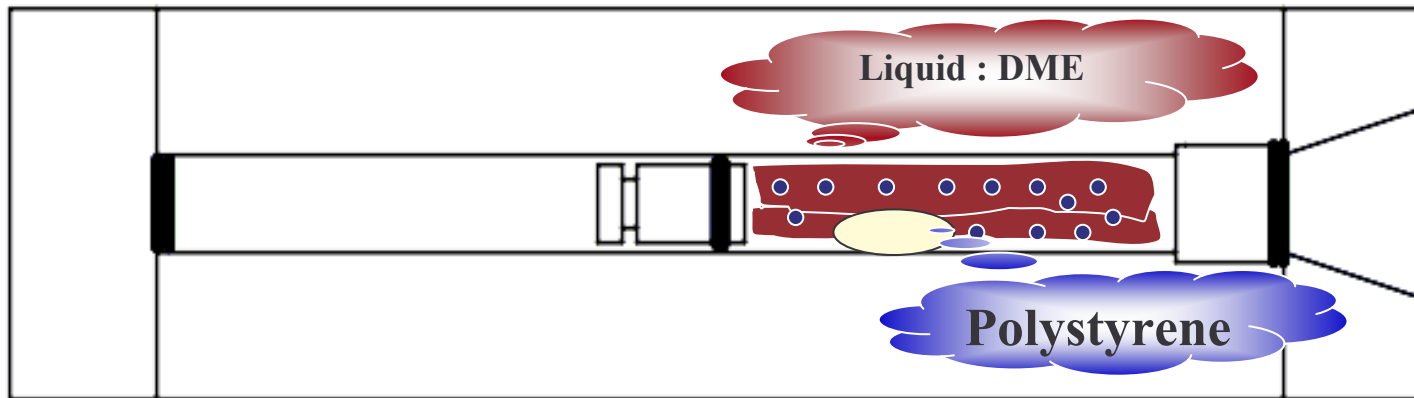


■ The temperature of the cell is increased by heater

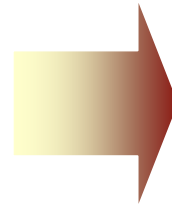
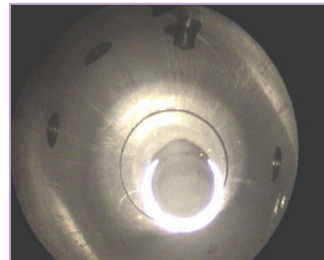




Cloud point measurement



- At each constant temperature, the cloud points were measured By adjusting pressure of the DME by using pressure generator



Cloud points

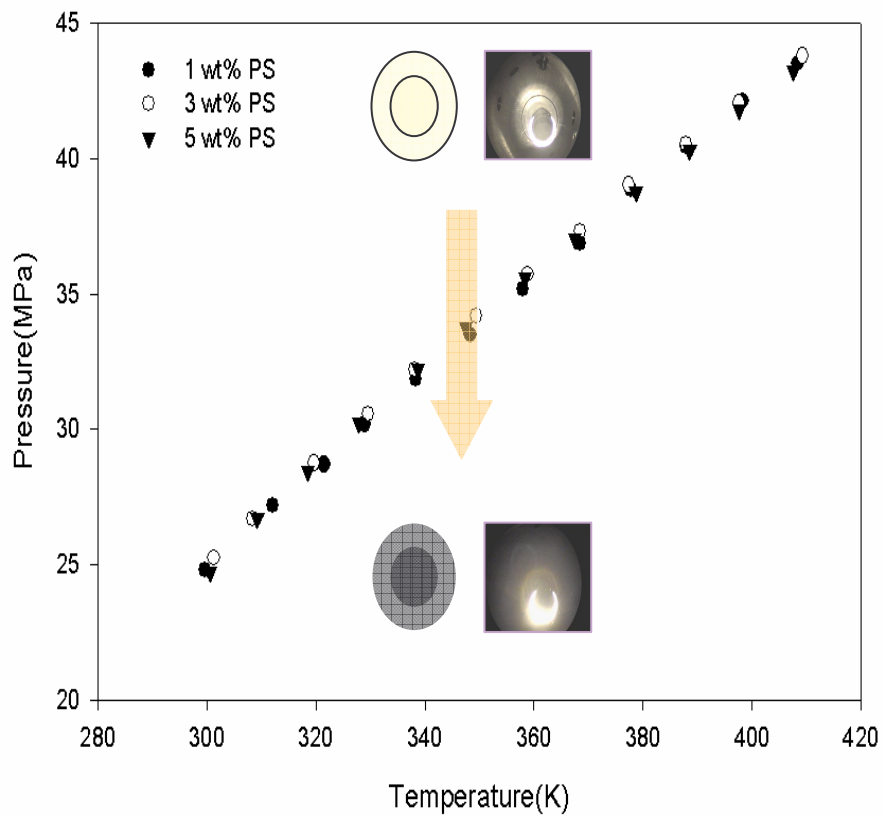
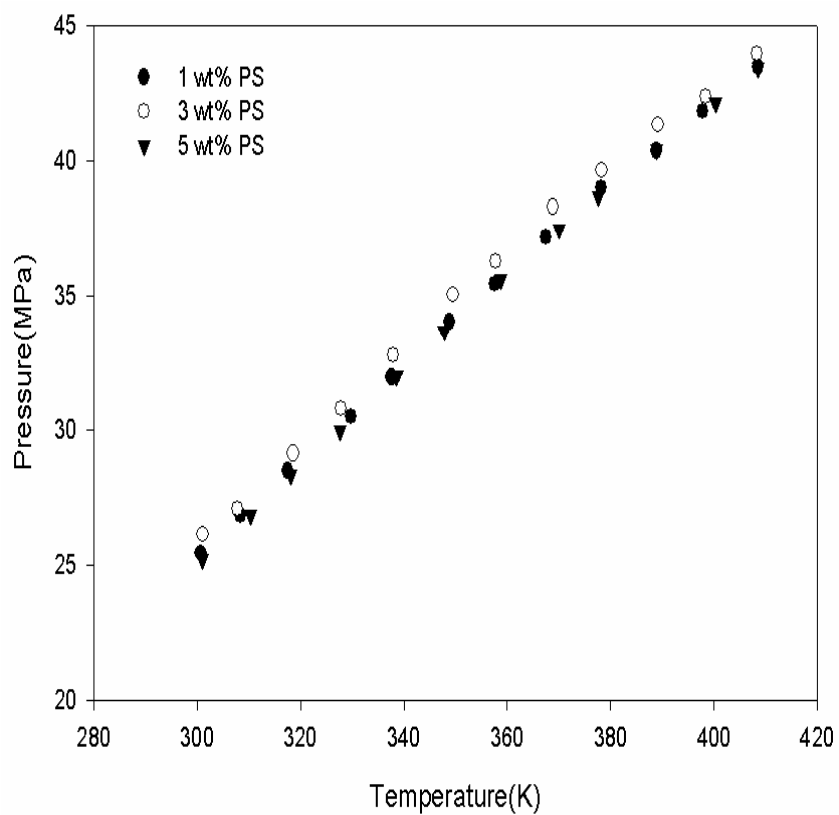




Results & discussion

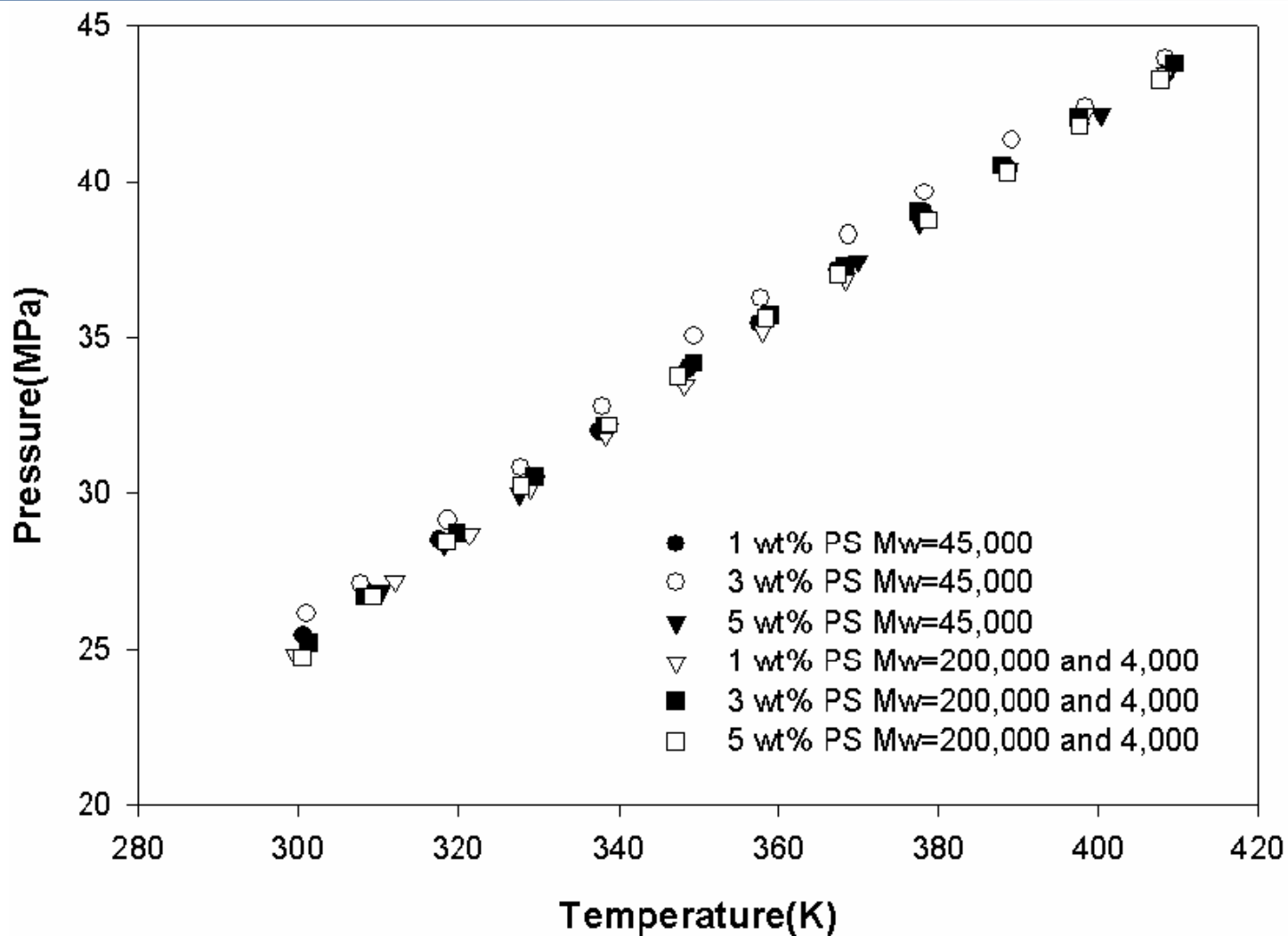
PS(M_w=45,000)+DME

PS(M_w ca.=200,000 and 4,000)+DME





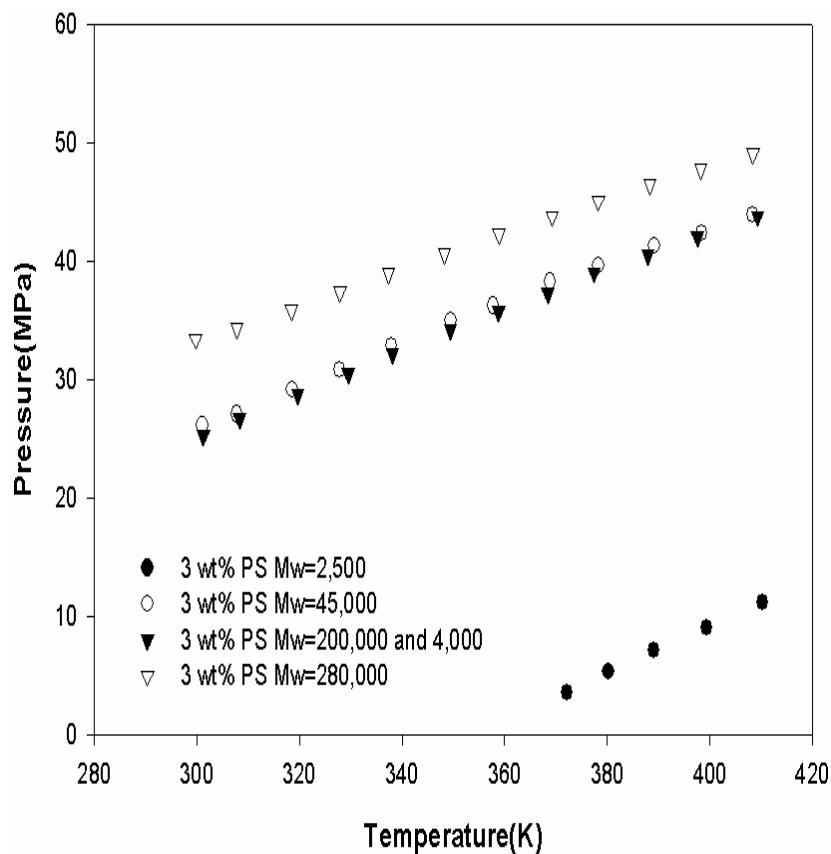
■ PS($M_w = 45,000$) + PS(M_w ca. = 200,000 and 4,000) + DME



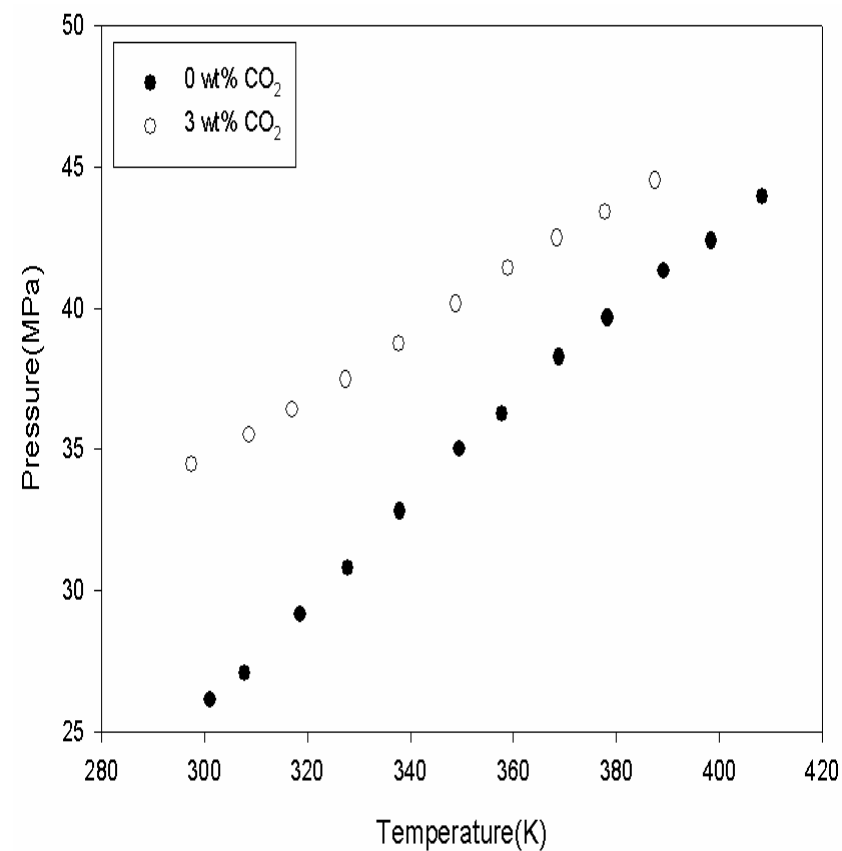


■ PS(2,500/45,000/20,000 and 4,000/280,000) + DME , PS + DME + CO₂

PS + DME



PS(Mw = 45,000) + DME + CO₂





Conclusions

- ▮ The phase behavior of PS in DME, DME+CO₂**
- ▮ Temperature range from 300 to 410K and pressure up to 150Mpa**
- ▮ LCST phase behavior was observed**
- ▮ The cloud point pressure of PS increased proportionally to the amount of CO₂ added at the same temperature**
- ▮ PS was not dissolved in DME+CO₂ (13 wt% and 18wt%) even at 410.00K and 50MPa**
- ▮ CO₂ could be used as an anti-solvent, and the cloud point of PS could be controlled by changing the concentration of CO₂**
- ▮ PS was not dissolved in HCFC-22 even at 411.13K and 150 MPa**

