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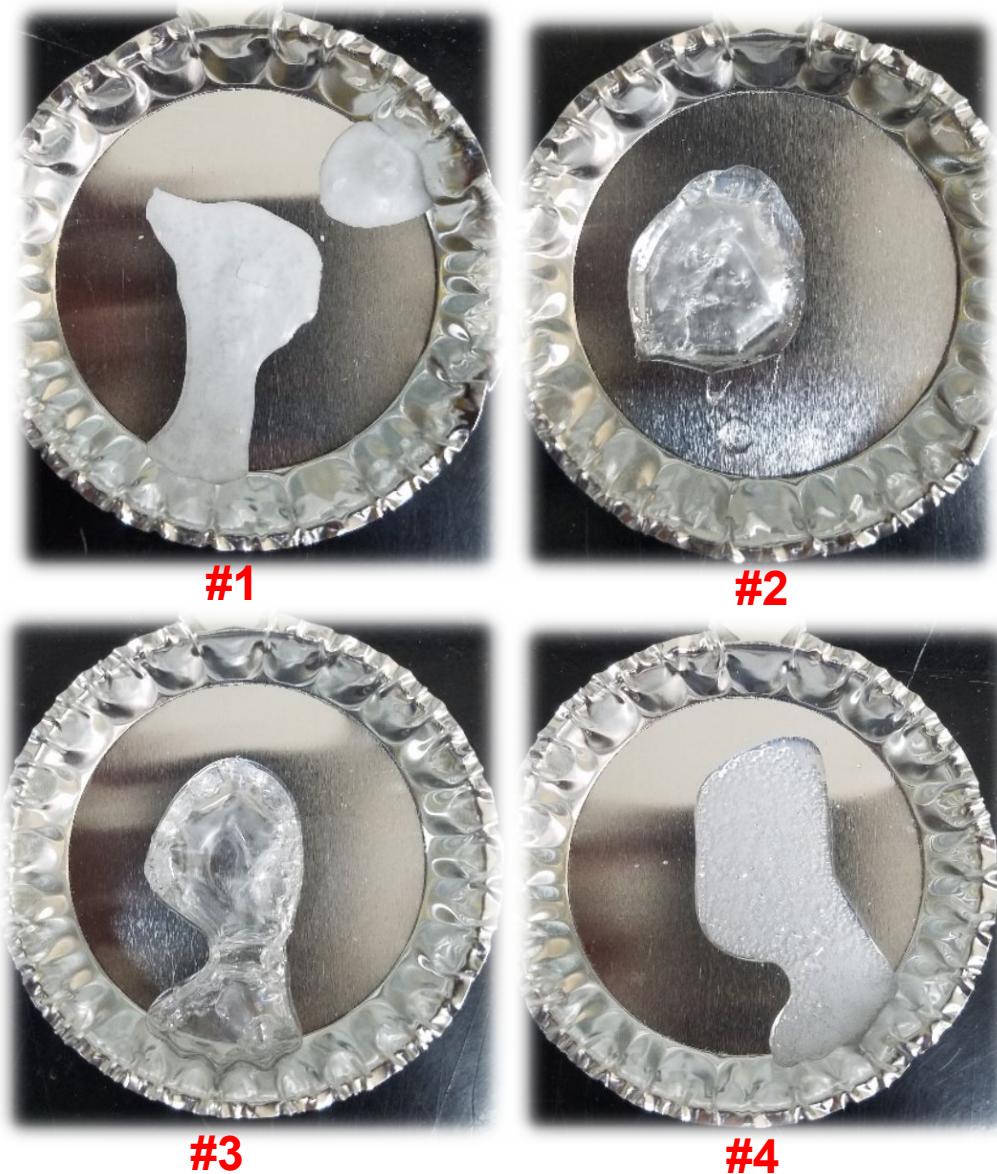
# Hydrogen Bond-Induced Crystallization in Low-Molar-Ratio Urea-Formaldehyde Resins during Synthesis

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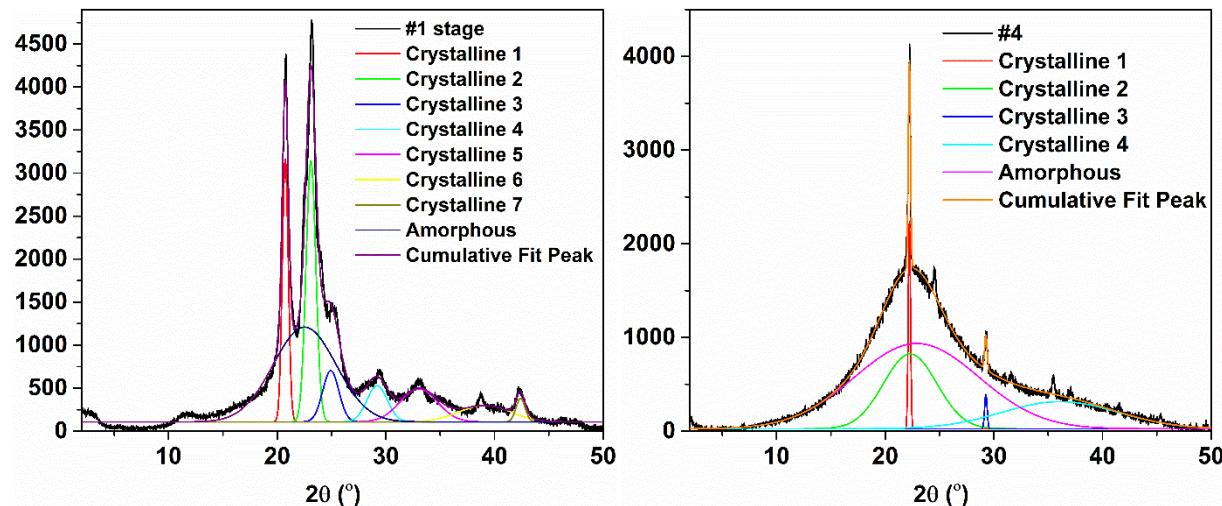


**Figure S1.** The physical appearance of oven-dried resins for different stages at 105 °C for 3 h.

The crystallinity percentage of each sample was calculated by the following equation:

$$\text{Crystallinity percentage (\%)} = 100 \times \frac{\text{Sc}}{\text{St}}.$$

where Sc represents the area of the crystalline domain, and St is the area of the total domain (crystalline + amorphous), respectively. The deconvolution of XRD patterns is shown in **Figure S2** and the raw data for the Gaussian deconvolution method are listed in **Table S1–2**.



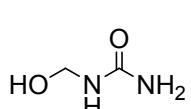
**Figure S2.** The deconvolution of XRD patterns using the Gaussian method for resins samples at different synthesis stages: (a) addition, and (d) final.

**Table S1.** Gaussian curve-fitting results for resins at the **addition stage (#1)**

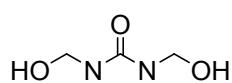
Model	Gaussian		
Equation	$y = y0 + A/(w*\sqrt(\pi/(4*\ln(2)))) * \exp(-4*\ln(2)*(x-xc)^2/w^2)$		
Reduced Chi-Sqr	8239.03202		
Adj. R-Square	0.98502		
		Value	Standard Error
Crystalline 1	y0	106.95688	3.10861
Crystalline 1	xc	20.74323	0.00239
Crystalline 1	<b>A (Area)</b>	<b>2105.50481</b>	23.4072
Crystalline 1	W (FWHM)	0.64697	0.00653
Crystalline 2	y0	106.95688	3.10861
Crystalline 2	xc	23.10244	0.00442
Crystalline 2	<b>A (Area)</b>	<b>3451.00489</b>	47.98355
Crystalline 2	W (FWHM)	1.06784	0.01113
Crystalline 3	y0	106.95688	3.10861
Crystalline 3	xc	24.92954	0.0284
Crystalline 3	<b>A (Area)</b>	<b>1112.56338</b>	103.52915
Crystalline 3	W (FWHM)	1.75748	0.10707
Crystalline 4	y0	106.95688	3.10861
Crystalline 4	xc	29.19907	0.05139
Crystalline 4	<b>A (Area)</b>	<b>991.96244</b>	89.55171
Crystalline 4	W (FWHM)	2.21823	0.14264
Crystalline 5	y0	106.95688	3.10861
Crystalline 5	xc	33.01686	0.08263
Crystalline 5	<b>A (Area)</b>	<b>1655.17189</b>	116.47046
Crystalline 5	W (FWHM)	4.0428	0.2843
Crystalline 6	y0	106.95688	3.10861
Crystalline 6	xc	39.12262	0.20577
Crystalline 6	<b>A (Area)</b>	<b>1149.74007</b>	116.39897
Crystalline 6	W (FWHM)	5.6535	0.59958
Crystalline 7	y0	106.95688	3.10861
Crystalline 7	xc	42.40184	0.03254
Crystalline 7	<b>A (Area)</b>	<b>287.08988</b>	32.45579
Crystalline 7	W (FWHM)	0.98098	0.09325
Amorphous	y0	106.95688	3.10861
Amorphous	xc	22.5238	0.06973
Amorphous	<b>A (Area)</b>	<b>7984.55961</b>	178.46777
Amorphous	W (FWHM)	6.80755	0.10946

**Table S2.** Gaussian curve-fitting results for resins at the **final stage (#4)**

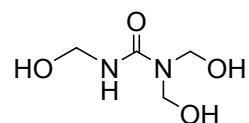
Model	Gaussian		
Equation	$y = y0 + A/(w*\sqrt{\pi/(4*\ln(2)))} * \exp(-4*\ln(2)*(x-xc)^2/w^2)$		
Reduced Chi-Sqr	1800.7665		
Adj. R-Square	0.99387		
		Value	Standard Error
Crystalline 1	y0	24.67848	2.61994
Crystalline 1	xc	22.22231	9.14E-04
<b>Crystalline 1</b>	<b>A (Area)</b>	<b>563.14734</b>	<b>4.95143</b>
Crystalline 1	W (FWHM)	0.23831	0.00224
Crystalline 2	y0	24.67848	2.61994
Crystalline 2	xc	22.29868	0.02229
<b>Crystalline 2</b>	<b>A (Area)</b>	<b>4917.00147</b>	<b>221.75515</b>
Crystalline 2	W (FWHM)	5.78688	0.09715
Crystalline 3	y0	24.67848	2.61994
Crystalline 3	xc	29.26586	0.00574
<b>Crystalline 3</b>	<b>A (Area)</b>	<b>105.18755</b>	<b>5.0518</b>
Crystalline 3	W (FWHM)	0.265	0.01391
Crystalline 4	y0	24.67848	2.61994
Crystalline 4	xc	36.10706	0.25697
<b>Crystalline 4</b>	<b>A (Area)</b>	<b>3898.15844</b>	<b>186.82948</b>
Crystalline 4	W (FWHM)	12.60141	0.35691
Amorphous	y0	24.67848	2.61994
Amorphous	xc	22.90268	0.10397
<b>Amorphous</b>	<b>A (Area)</b>	<b>13071.93134</b>	<b>235.42469</b>
Amorphous	W (FWHM)	13.48242	0.25121



Mono-(hydroxymethyl)urea



Bis(hydroxymethyl)urea



Tris(hydroxymethyl)urea

**Figure S3.** Structures of model compounds used in comparison to XRD analysis.