

## **Part I**

# **Membrane Materials and Membrane Preparation**

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## Introduction

Membrane technology is presently an established part of several industrial processes. Well known is its relevance in the food industry, in the manufacture of dairy products as well as in the automotive industry for the recovery of electro-painting baths. Membranes make possible the water supply for millions of people in the world and care for the survival of the large number of people suffering from kidney disease. The chemical industry is a growing field in the application of membranes, which, however, often requires membrane materials with exceptional stability. The first part of the book will discuss the currently available membranes for different processes, which are suitable for the chemical industry. Information on different methods of membrane preparation will be given. Different materials will be compared, taking into account physical characteristics and chemical stability.

