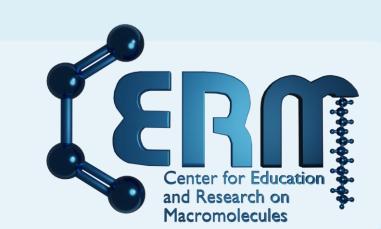


NON-ISOCYANATE POLYURETHANE HYDROGELS: INVESTIGATION OF MECHANICAL PROPERTIES



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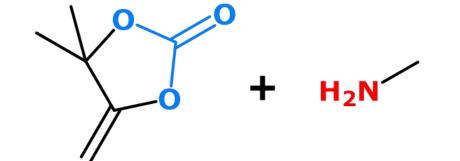


INTRODUCTION

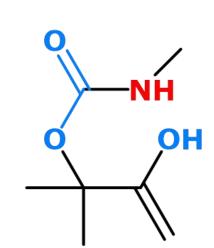
In order to address the need of a replacement for traditional polyurethane formulation, Non-Isocyanate Polyurethane (NIPU) are the subject of an increasing number of studies^{1,2}. Here, we investigated a promising strategy consisting in the reaction between commercially available polyamines and various carbon dioxide-sourced bis-cyclic carbonates (bis-CC) previously developed at the CERM³. More specifically, the aim of this work was to develop a robust formulation method adaptable to various compositions of the desired material in order to rapidly and efficiently produce a wide array of networks differentiated by their mechanical properties.

EXPERIMENTAL SECTION

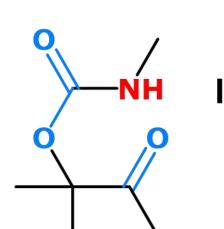
HYDROXY-OXAZOLIDONE FORMATION



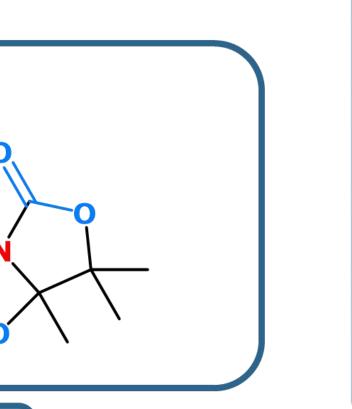
DBU 25°C ——— DMF



Tautomerization



Intramolecular Cyclization



α-ALKYLIDENE BIS-CYCLIC CARBONATES

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Linear bis-cyclic Cyclic bis-cyclic carbonate carbonate

 Flexible biscyclic carbonate

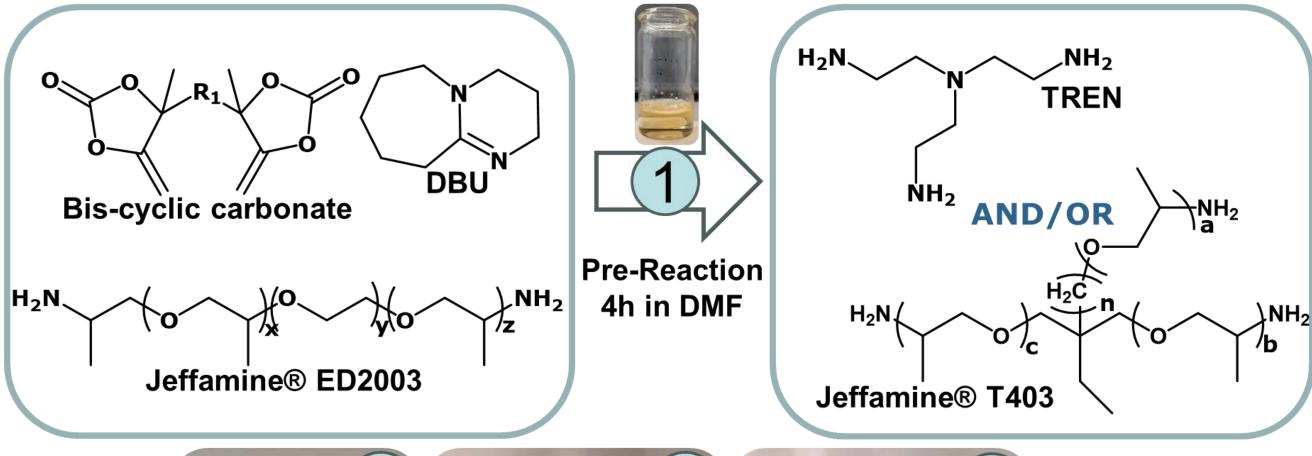
Soluble in DMF

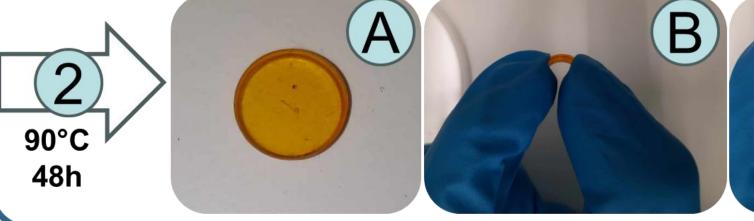
Rigid bis-cyclic carbonateLess soluble in

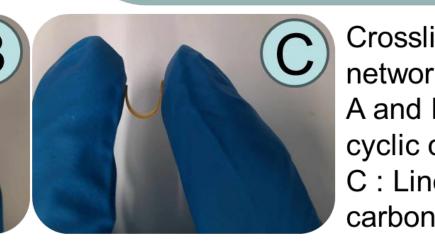
Ethoxy bis-cyclic carbonate

- Liquid at room temperature
- Compatible with solventfree formulation

HYDROGEL FORMULATION



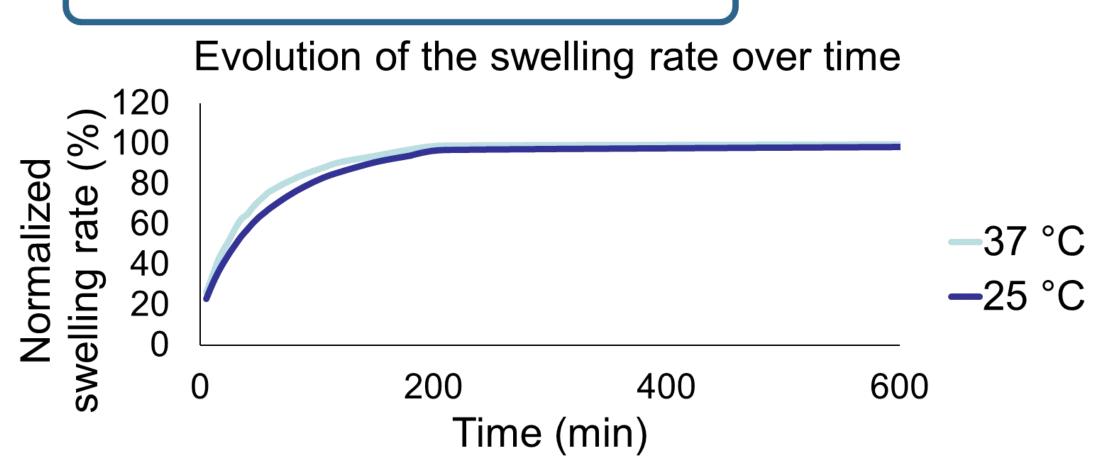




Crosslinked
networks:
A and B : Cyclic biscyclic carbonate
C : Linear bis-cyclic
carbonate

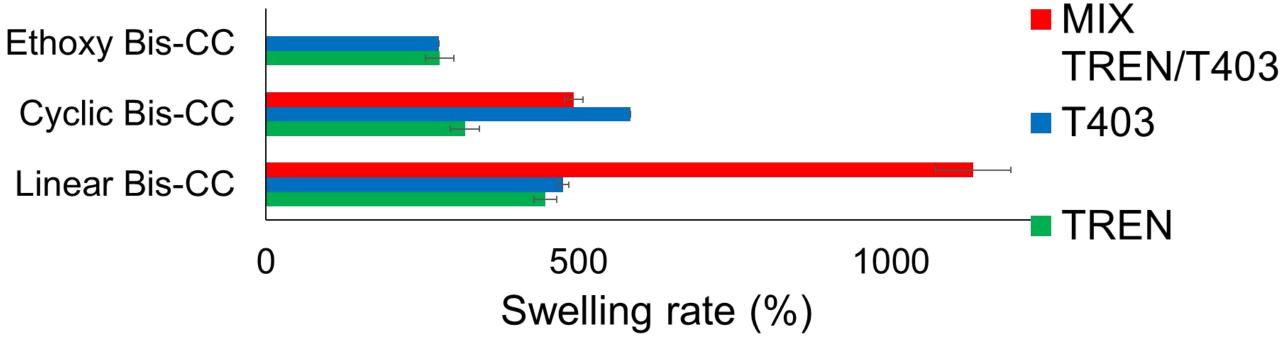
SWELLING RATE IN WATER

DMF



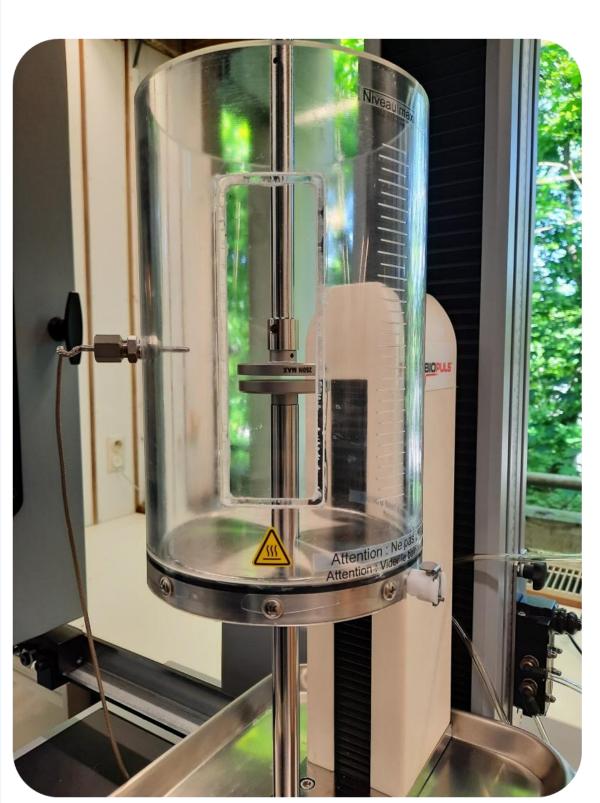
The time to reach the maximum swelling rate is independent from the composition of the networks

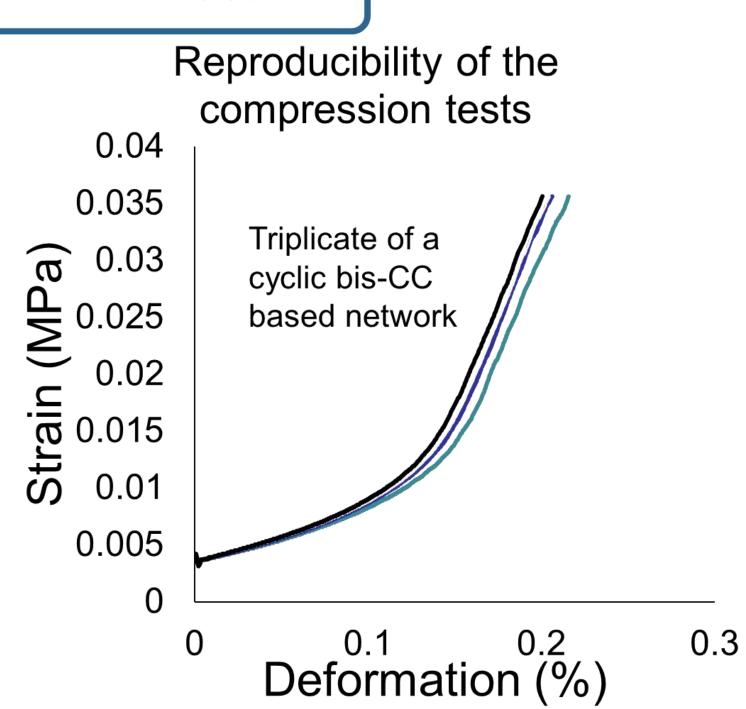
Swelling rate in Ultrapure® water as function of the network formulation



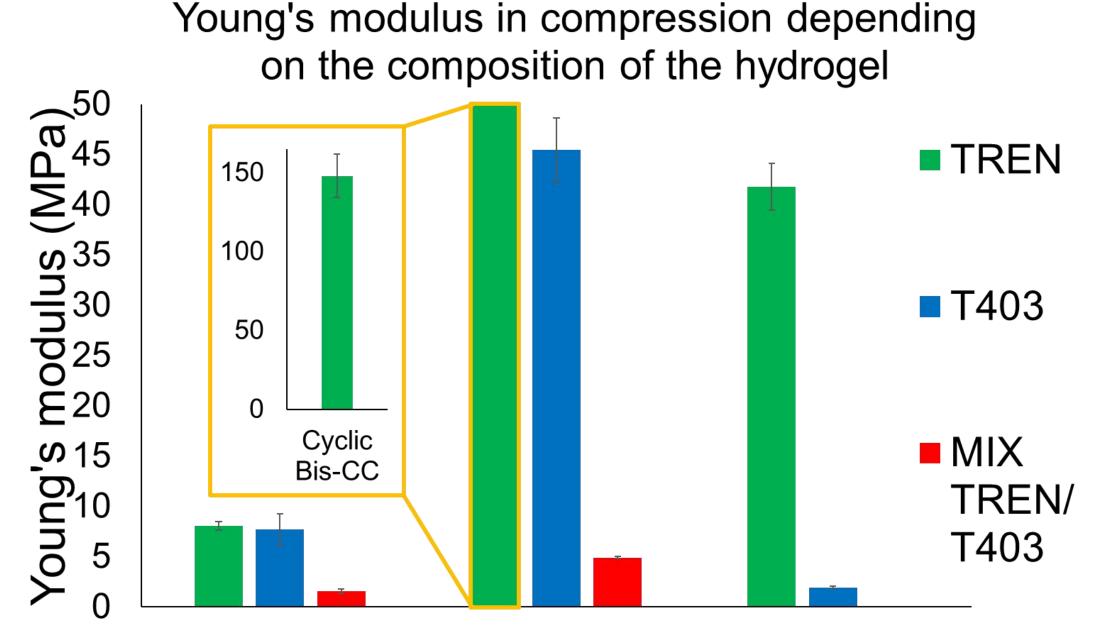
The impact of the crosslinking agent on the swelling rate highly depends on the nature of the used bis-cyclic carbonate

YOUNG'S MODULUS IN COMPRESSION





The test conditions allow for highly reproducible experiments



Linear Bis-CC Cyclic Bis-CC Ethoxy Bis-CC

The sensibility of the variation caused by the modification of the crosslinking agent is function of the nature of the used bis-CC

CONCLUSION

- ► Wide range of mechanical properties based on the composition of the network
- ► Robust and adaptable formulation process

PERSPECTIVES

- Optimization of the solvent-free formulation
- Investigation on the mix of crosslinking agents
- ► Stability tests at various pH

REFERENCES

