

DEVELOPMENT OF RECYCLABLE POLYCARBONATE COATINGS USING CO₂-SOURCED MONOMERS IN SOLVENT-FREE CONDITIONS

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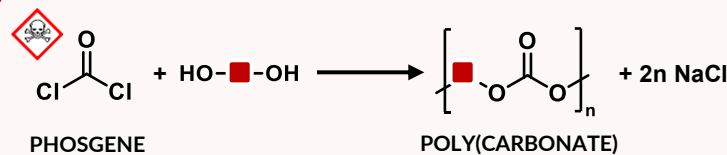
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INTRODUCTION

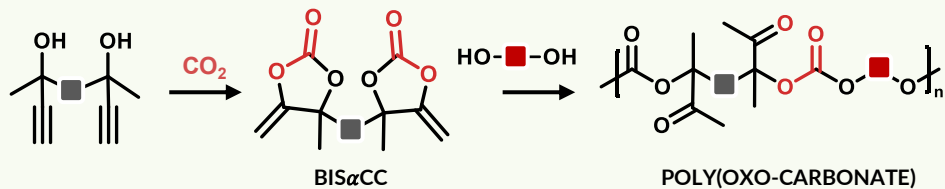
Polycarbonates (PCs) are thermoplastics used in rigid applications (construction, electronics, automotive). Conventional synthesis relies on **toxic reagents** (phosgene), **high temperatures**, and **chlorinated solvents**.

CONVENTIONAL ROUTE TOWARDS POLY(CARBONATE)S

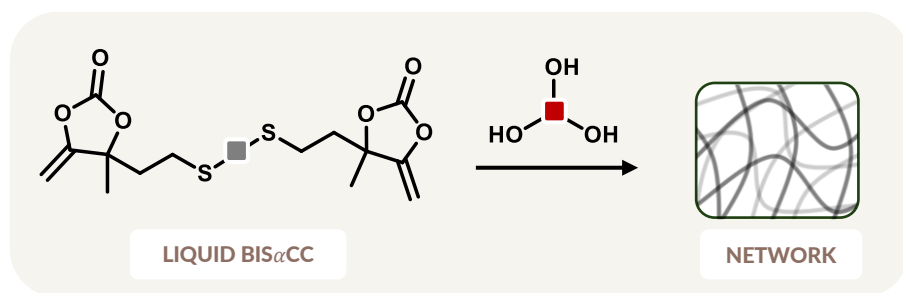


New polycarbonates have been obtained by greener and safer **step-growth** polymerization of CO₂-sourced **activated cyclic carbonates (BisαCC)** in mild conditions.

POLY(OXO-CARBONATE)S FROM ACTIVATED BIS(CYCLIC CARBONATE)S



OBJECTIVE



Solvent-free



Step-growth
no waste, O₂ tolerant

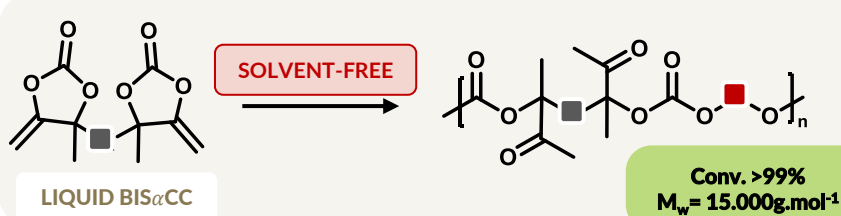


Chemically recyclable

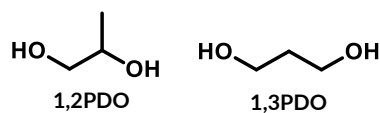


RESULTS

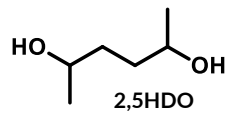
MODEL LINEAR POLYMER



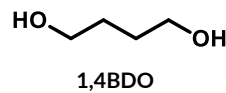
DIOL SCOPE



« short » diols → Cyclization



T < 40°C → Slow conversion



→ Best results

PARAMETERS



Catalyst



Temperature

HO--OH

Type of alcohol

BEST CONDITIONS

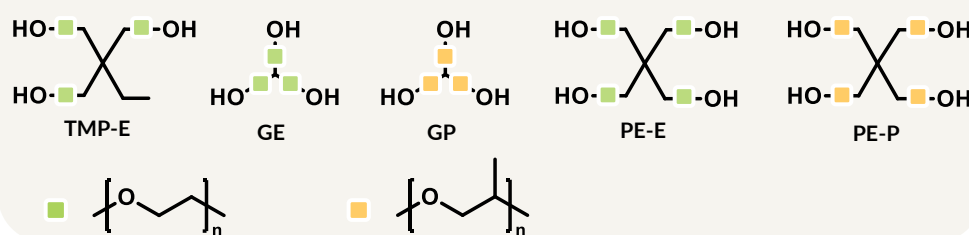
DBU 2mol%

25°C- 40°C

Primary « long » OH

NETWORKS

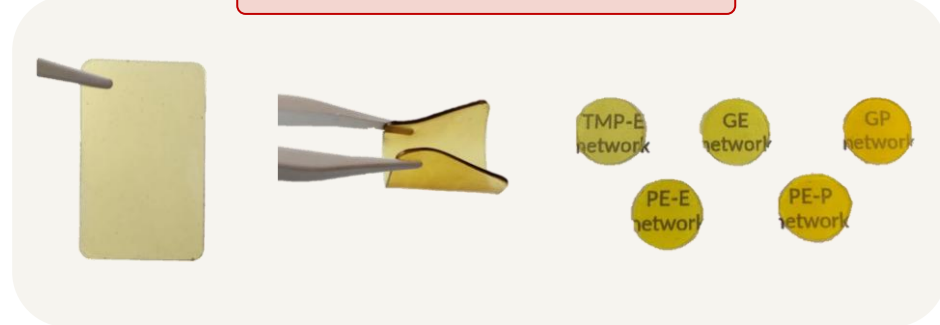
LIQUID POLYOL SCOPE



CHARACTERIZATION & MECHANICAL PROPERTIES

Sample	Gel time min	Swelling Degree %	Gel Content %	T _g °C	T _{deg5%} °C	Mechanical properties		
						E MPa	σ MPa	ε %
TMP-E network	55 min	190	96	-40	270	3.7 ± 0.3	1.1 ± 0.2	42 ± 6
GE network	25min	148	97	-38	261	3.18 ± 0.5	0.96 ± 0.1	42 ± 6
GP network	222 min	250	88	-12	256	1.8 ± 0.1	1 ± 0.1	86 ± 8
PE-E network	11 min	122	96	-29	264	5.8 ± 0.6	1.2 ± 0.2	26 ± 3
PE-P network	127 min	254	86	-15	258	1.9 ± 0.1	0.85 ± 0.1	63 ± 10

THERMOSETS WITH TUNABLE PROPERTIES



COATINGS



CHARACTERIZATION

Cross-cut adhesion test

Rub test

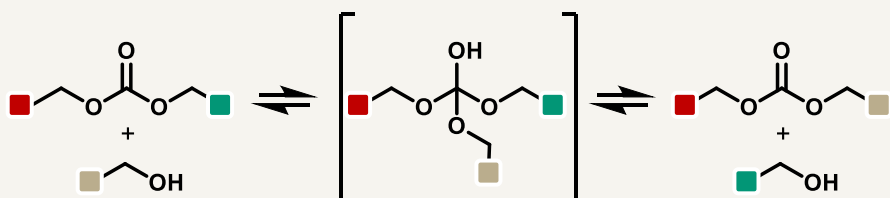
Contact angle



CONCLUSIONS AND PERSPECTIVES

OBTENTION OF CO₂-BASED SOLVENT-FREE COATINGS CURING IN MILD CONDITIONS

TRANSCARBONATATION : TOWARDS SELF-HEALING COATINGS



-OH excess



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