



# VEGETABLE-BASED BUILDING BLOCKS FOR THE SYNTHESIS OF RENEWABLE POLYURETHANES AND POLYESTERS

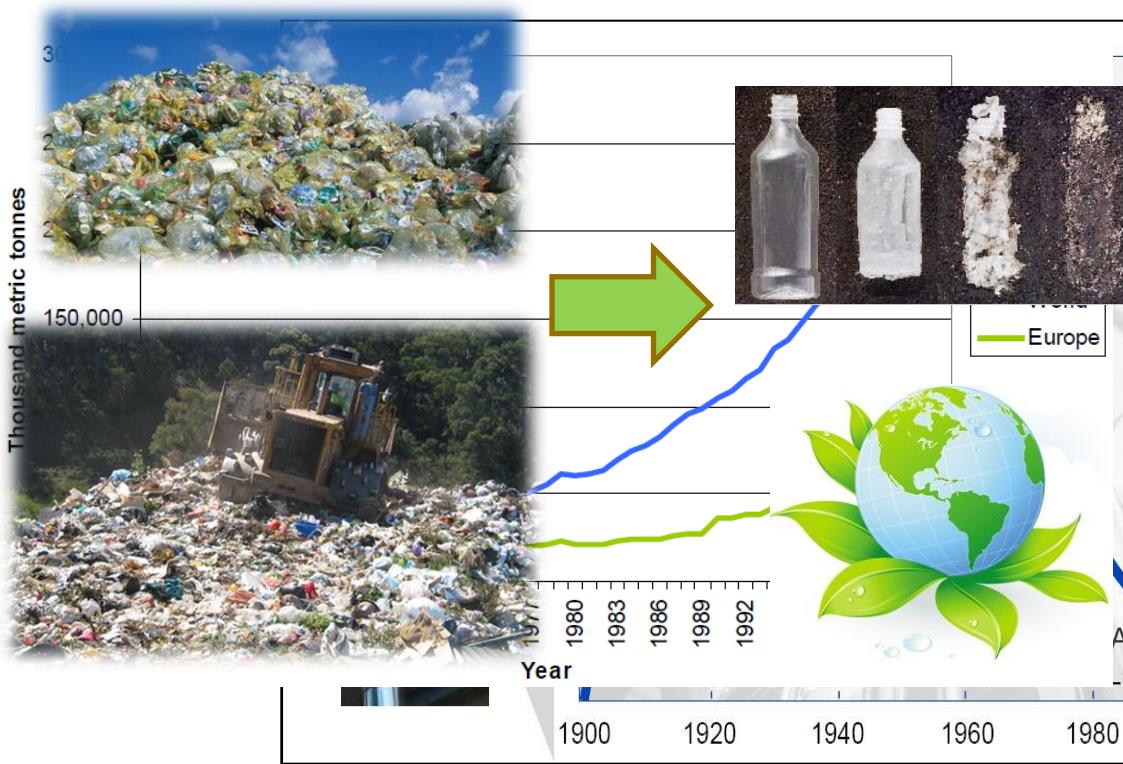
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# A greener future for polymeric materials



Source: European Bioplastics | University of Applied Sciences and Arts Hanover (Status May 2011)

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# Bio-based raw materials

## Methyl oleate

~90% in high oleic sunflower oil



## Methyl ricinoleate

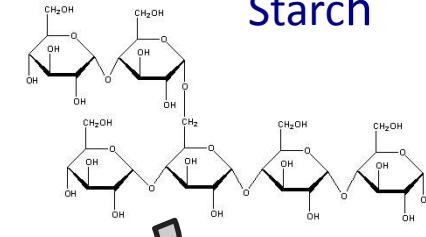
Between 85 and 95%  
in castor oil



## Bio-based raw materials

## Isosorbide

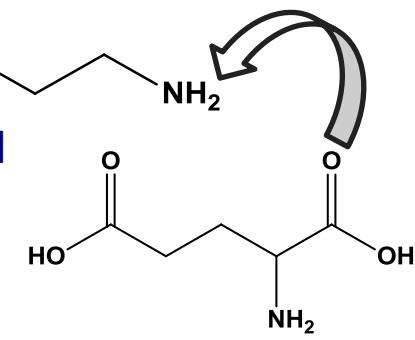
Progress in Polymer Science 2010, 35(5): 578-622.



Starch

## 1,4-Diaminobutane

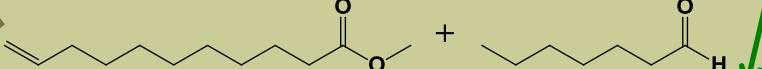
H<sub>2</sub>N—  
succinic acid



ChemSusChem 2011, 4(6): 785-791.

## Methyl 10-undecenoate

Pyrolysis of methyl ricinoleate



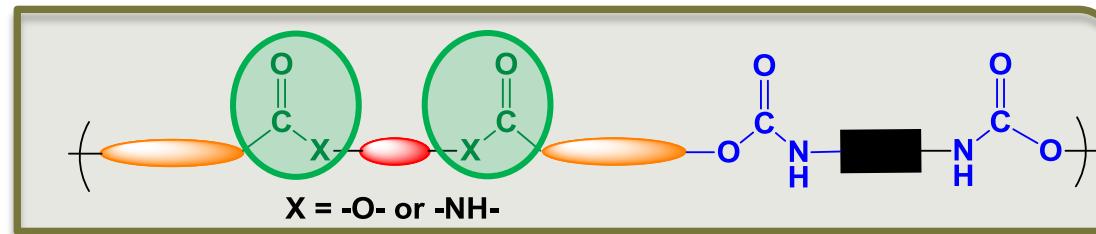
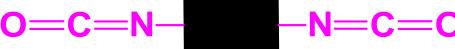
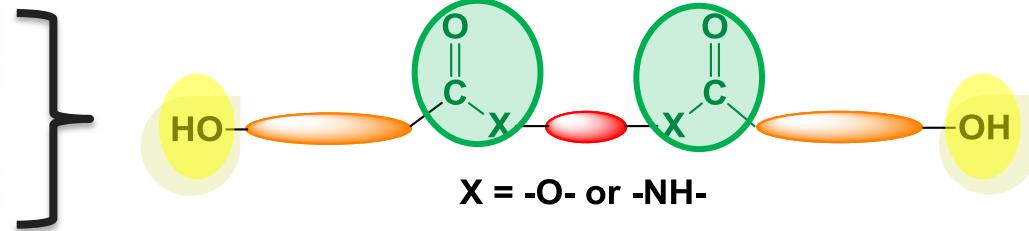
## Glycerol

Industrial & Engineering Chemistry Research  
2003, 42(13): 2913-2923.

## 1,3-Propanediol



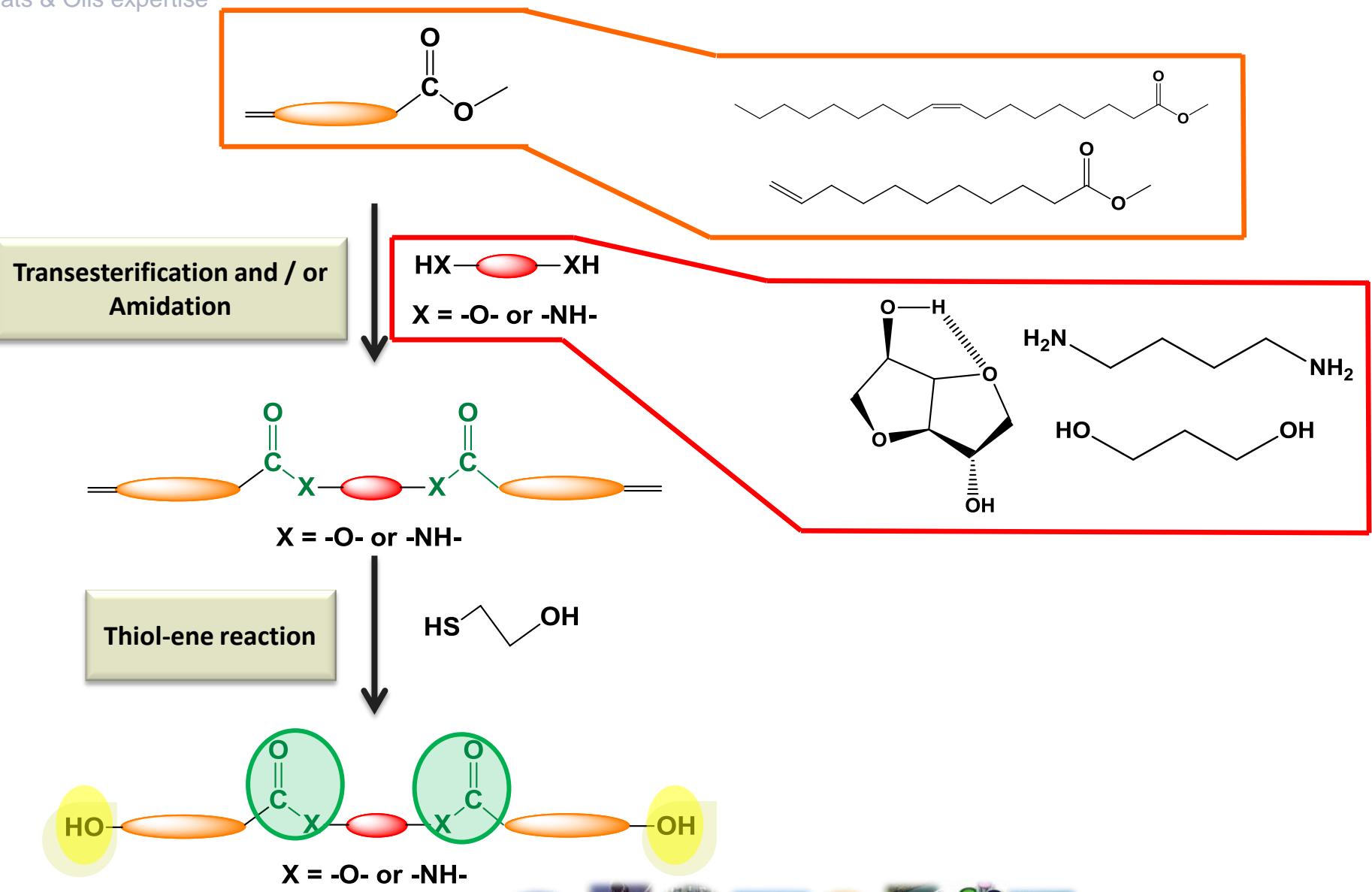
# Bifunctional building blocks for polyurethanes



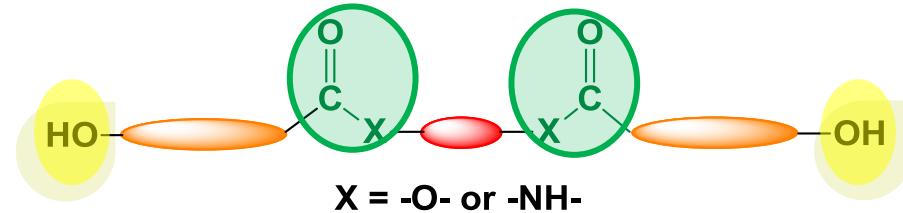
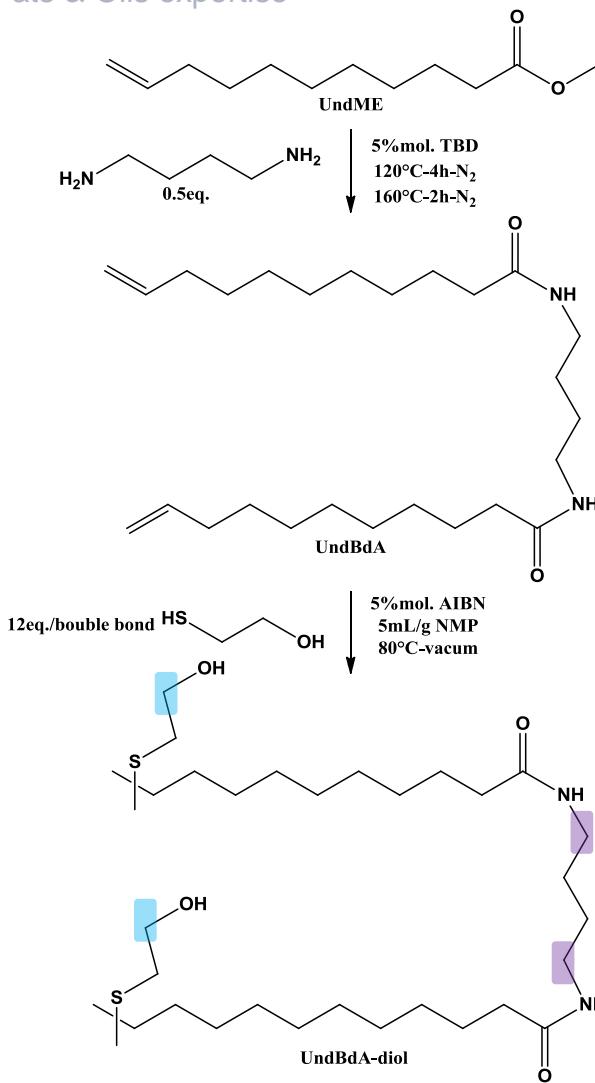
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Poly(amide urethane)s  
Poly(ester amide urethane)s



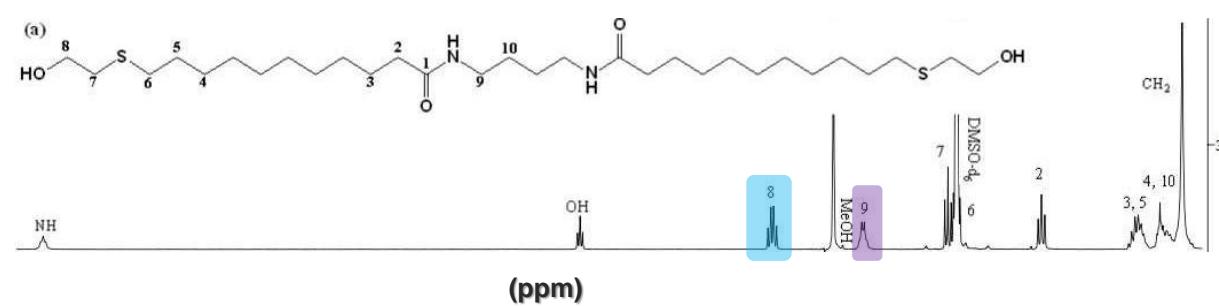
# Synthetic route to the fatty-based diols



# Particular case of diamide diol



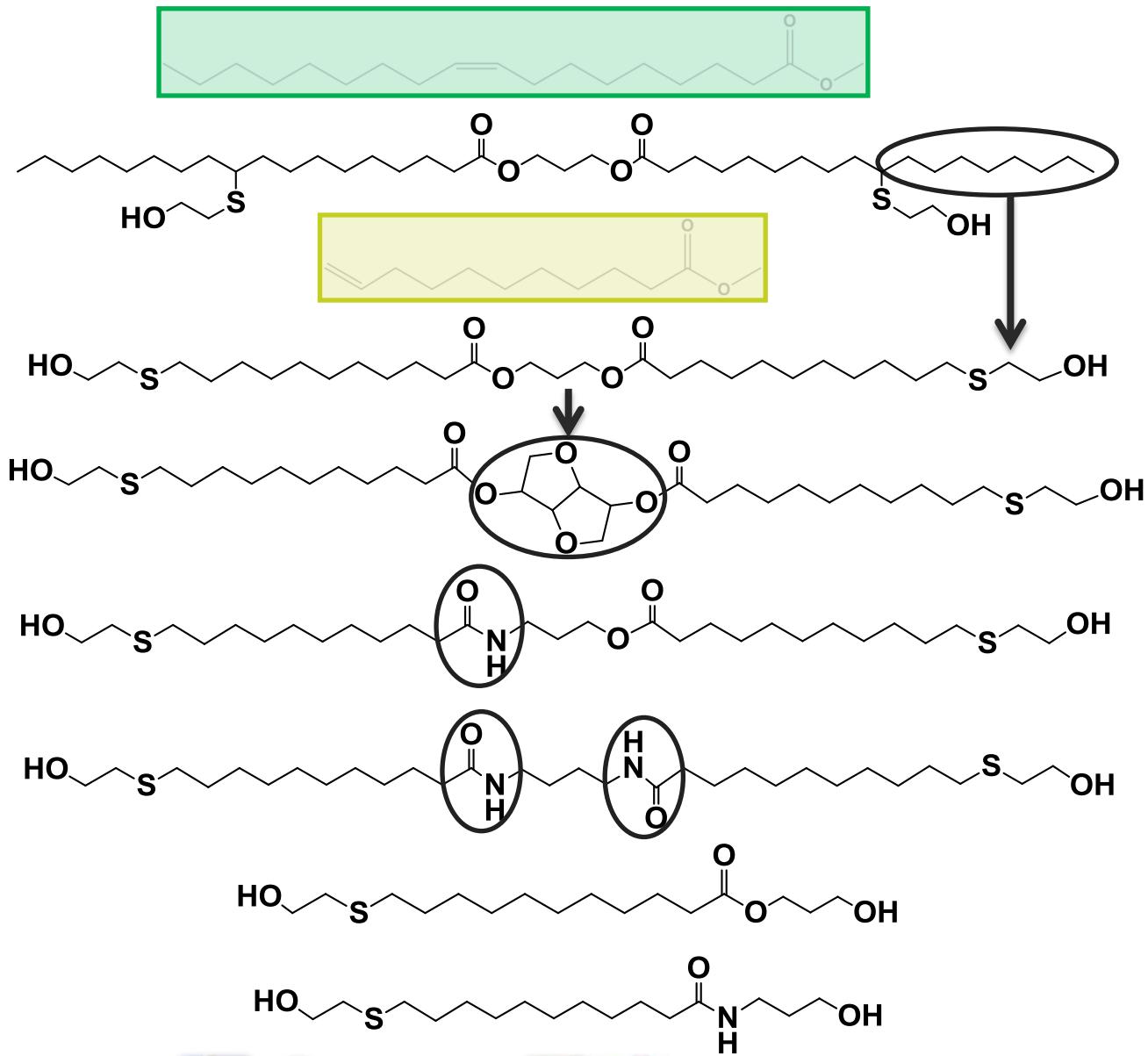
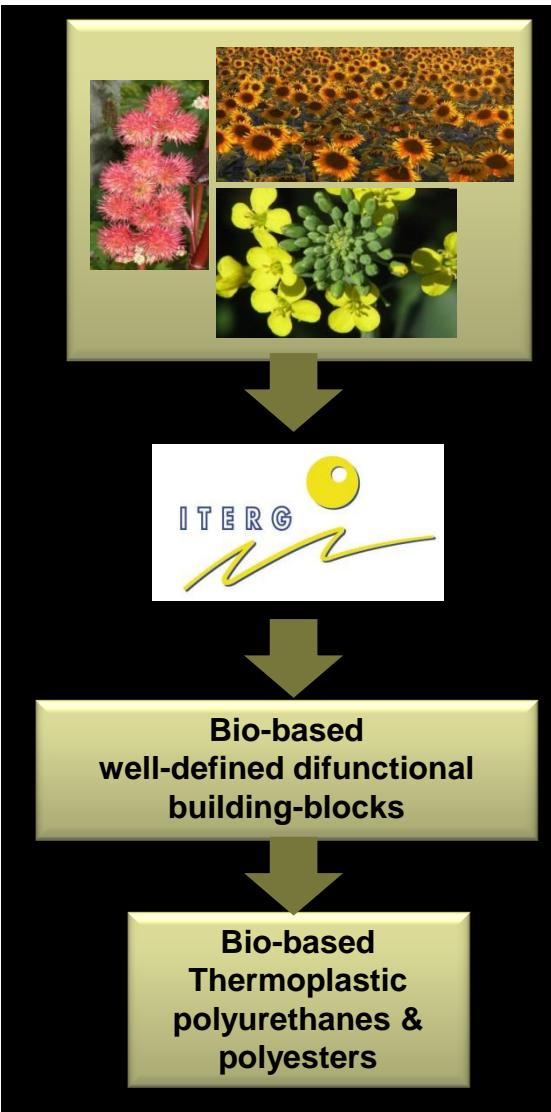
**Strategy :**  
Transesterification / Amidation  
followed by thiol-ene reaction



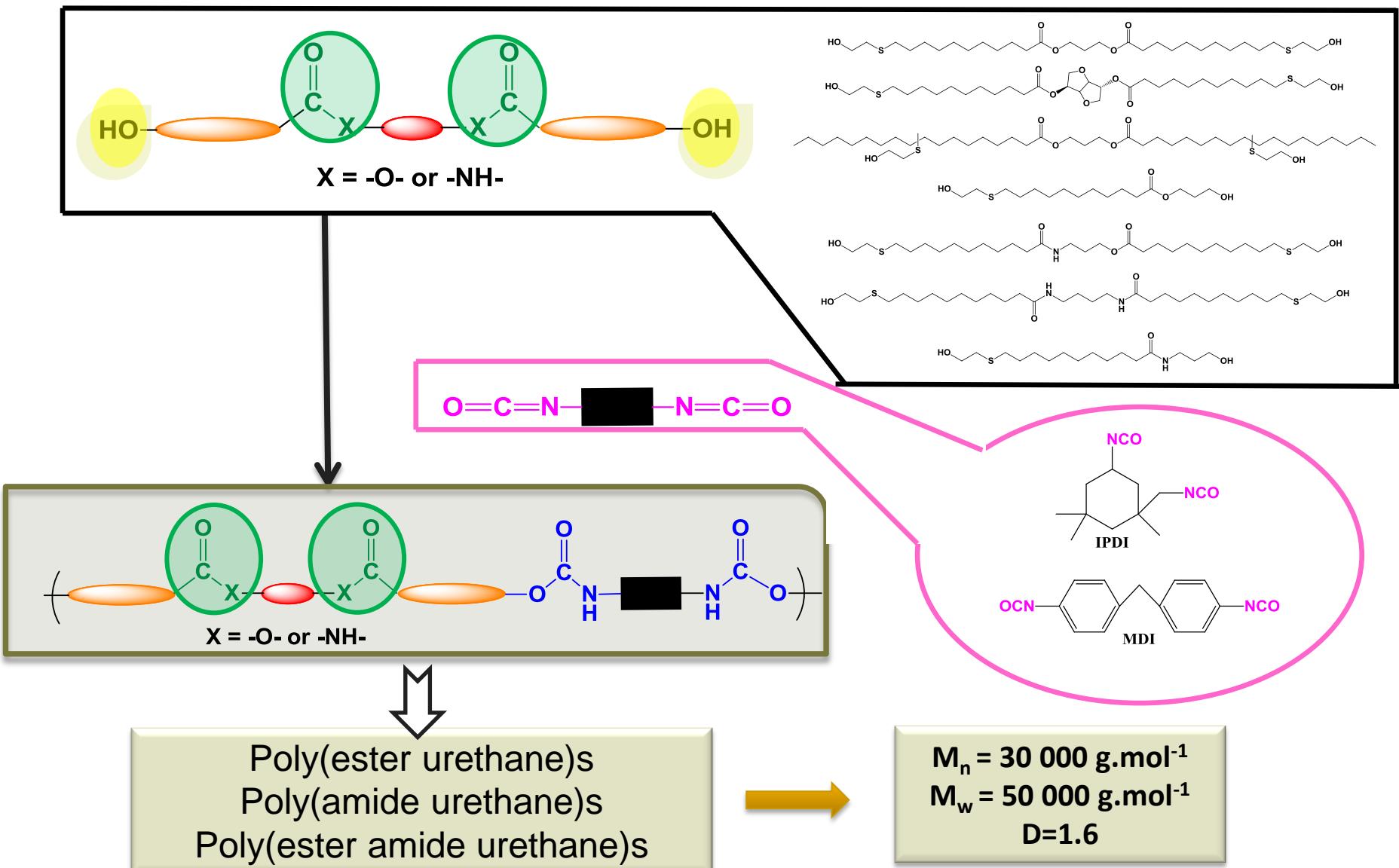
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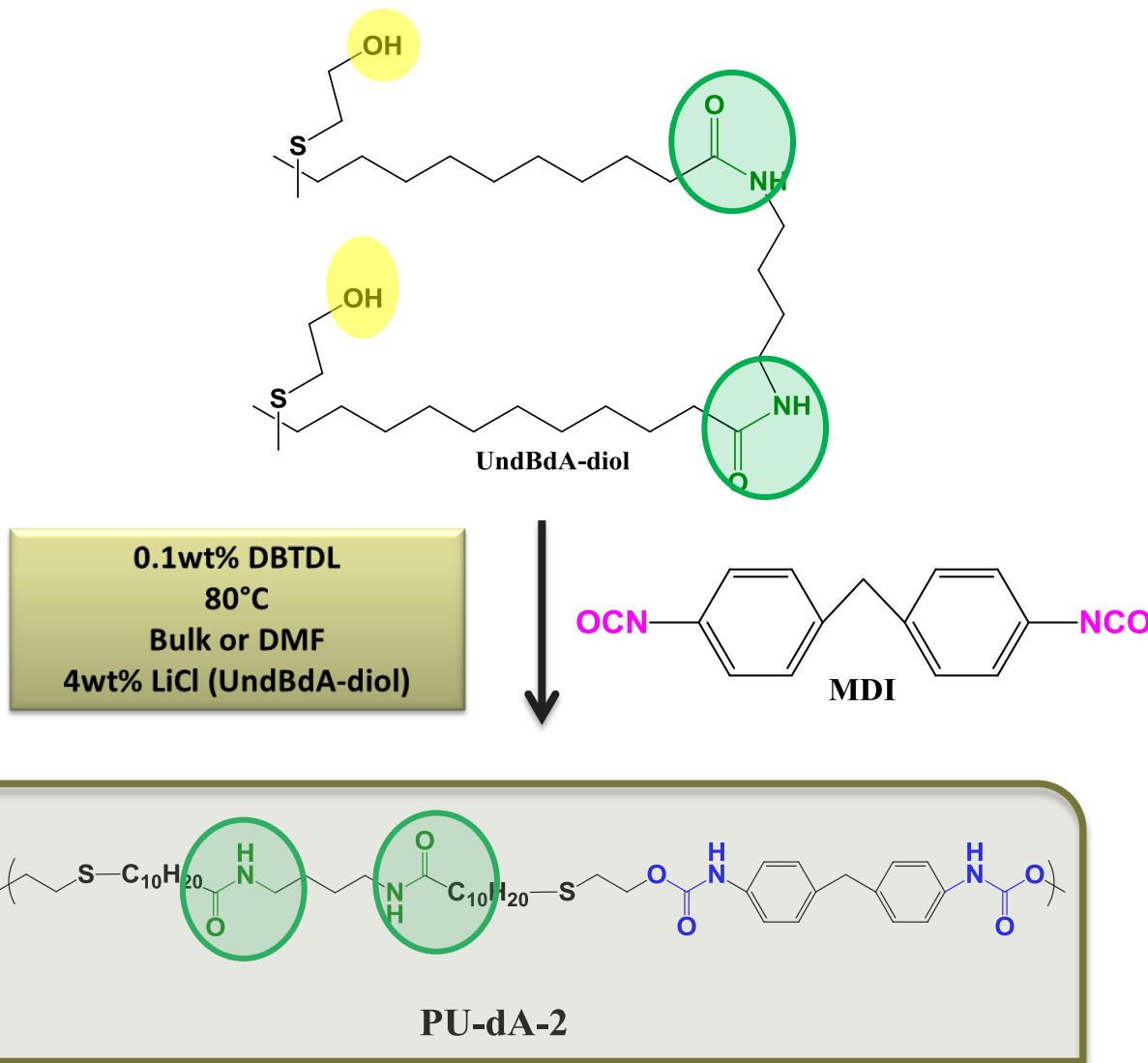
# Structure of bio-based diols



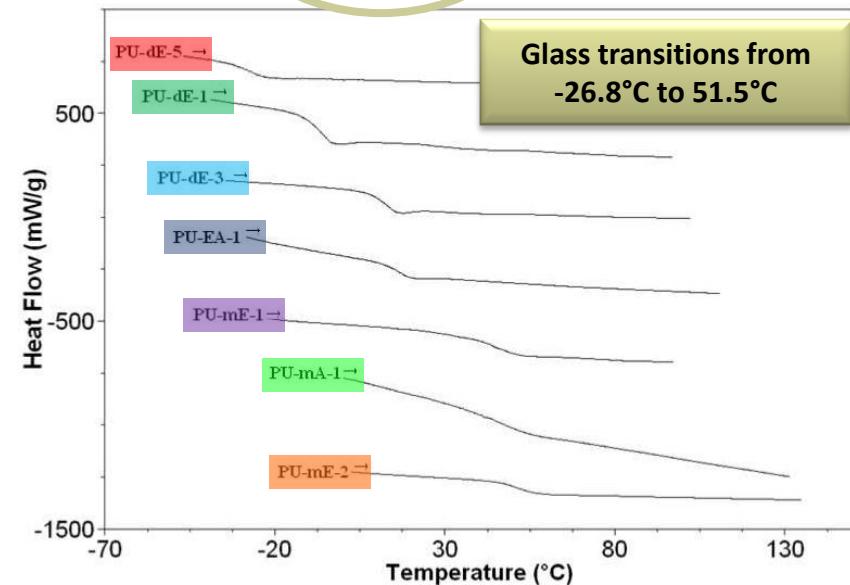
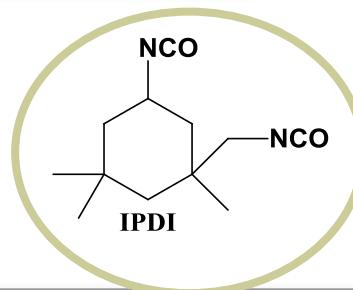
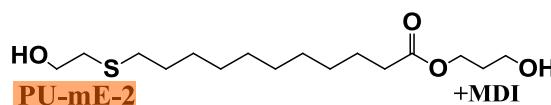
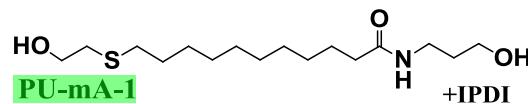
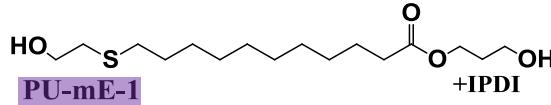
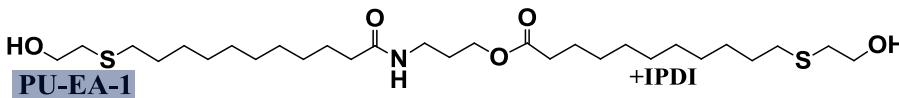
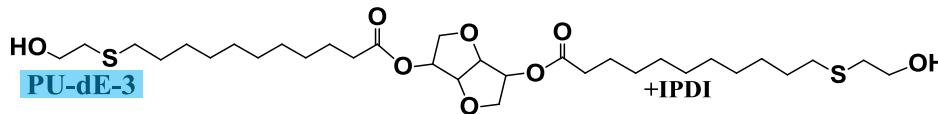
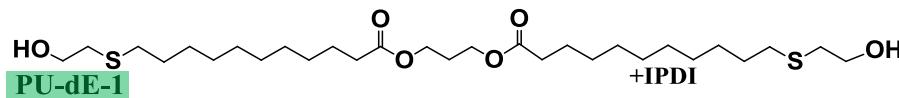
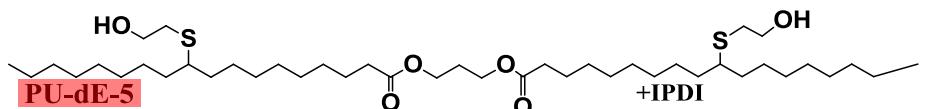
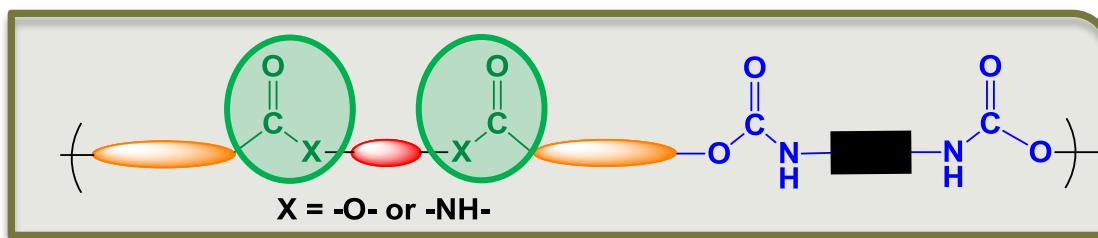
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# Synthetic route to the poly(amide urethane)



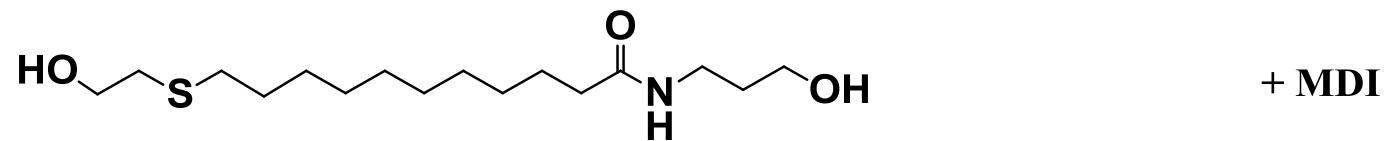
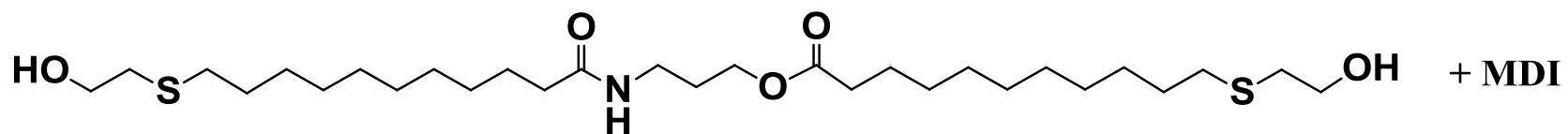
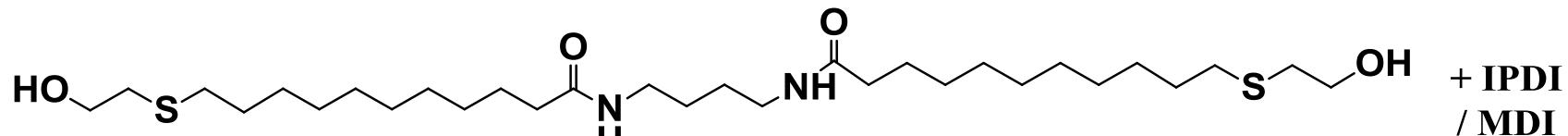
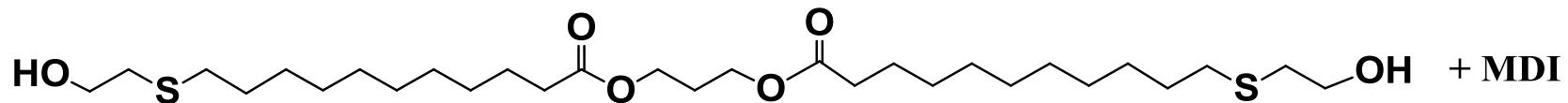
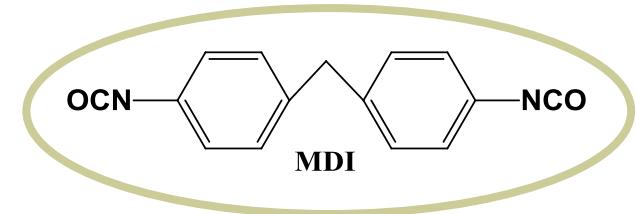
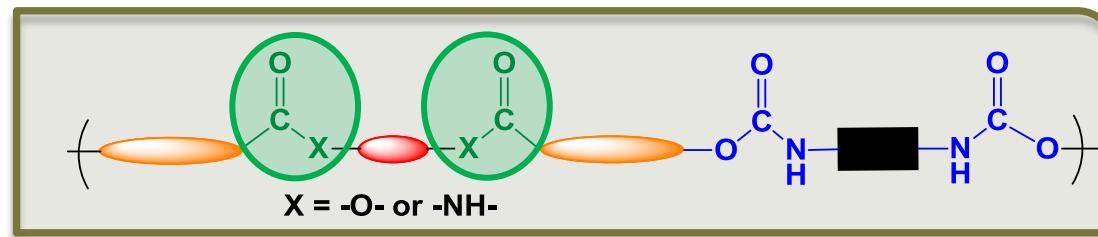
# Amorphous polyurethanes



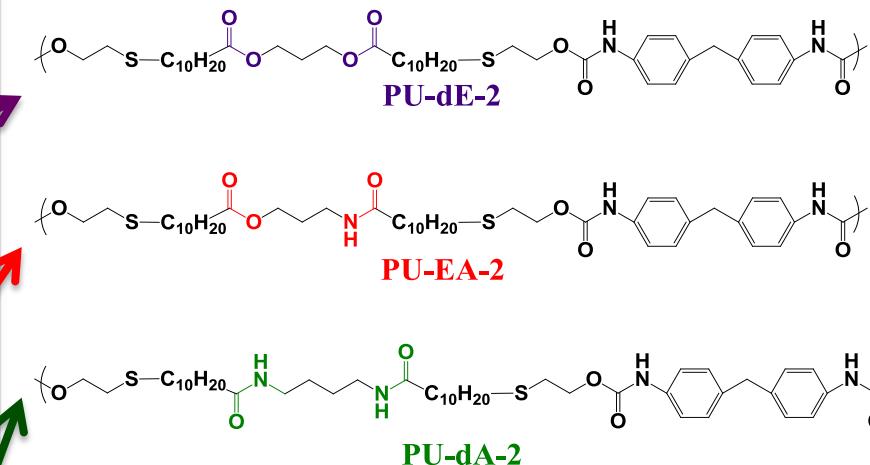
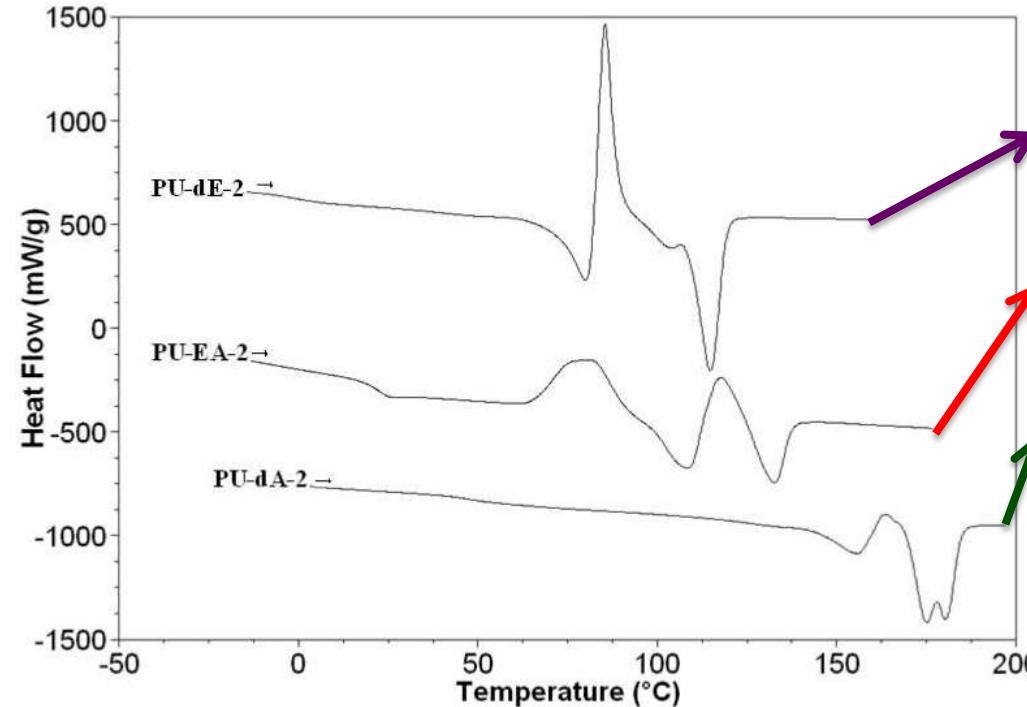
DSC thermograms – Second cycle,  $10^{\circ}\text{C}.\text{min}^{-1}$



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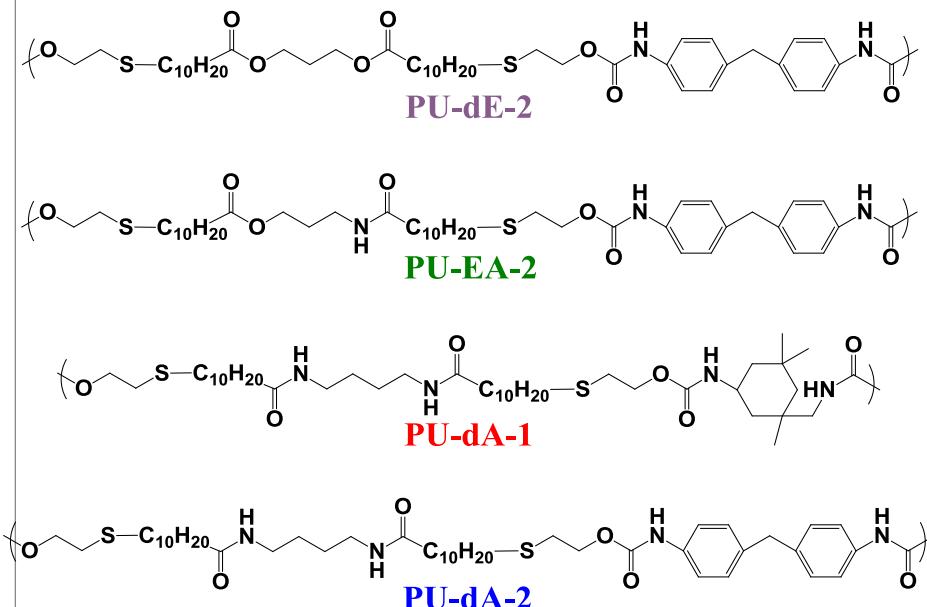
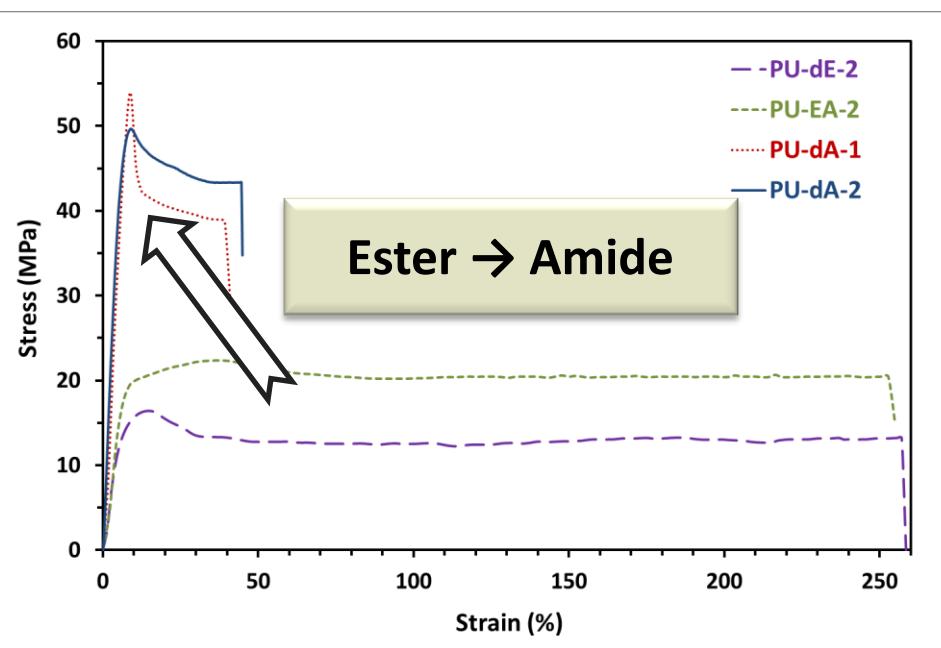
**Flexibility**  
**High hydrogen bonding**



# Polyurethanes

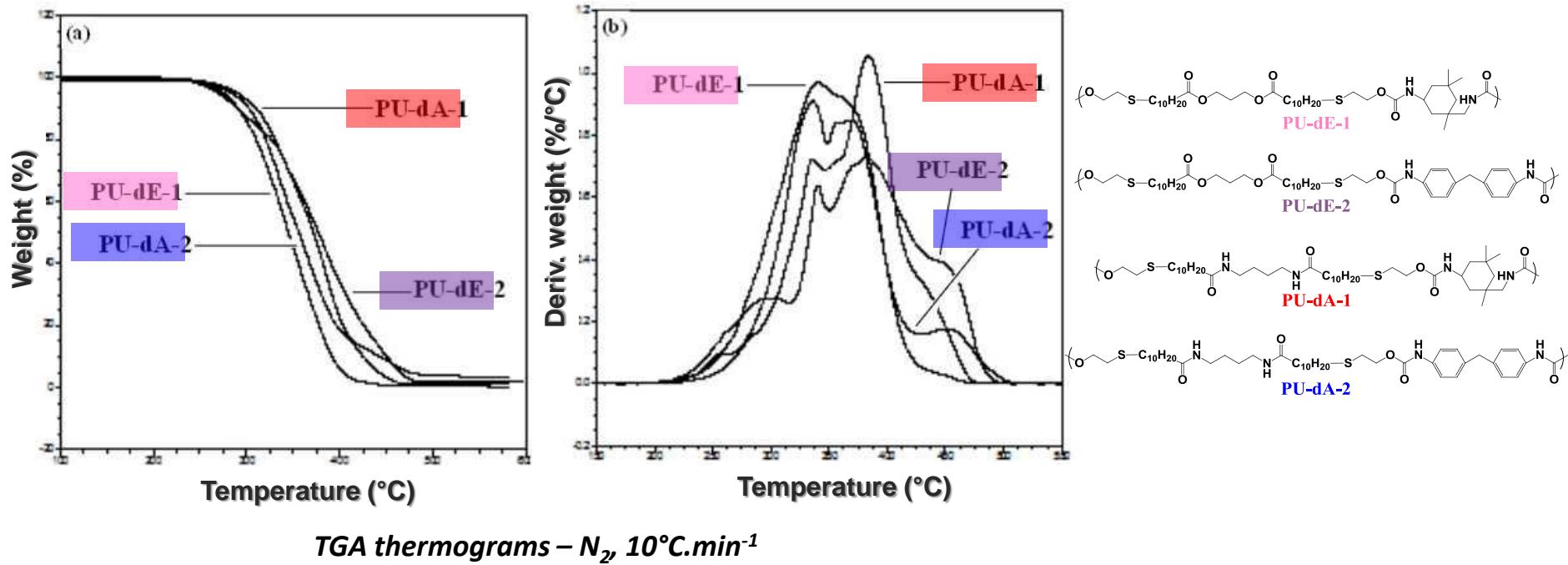
## Mechanical properties via tensile experiments

Samples	Young's modulus (MPa)	Ultimate strength (MPa)	Maximum strain (%)
PU-dE-2	287 ± 35	17.4 ± 2.4	266 ± 24
PU-EA-2	314 ± 33	23.2 ± 1.4	269 ± 26
PU-dA-1	770 ± 68	58.1 ± 3	41 ± 2
PU-dA-2	775 ± 51	48.3 ± 3	44 ± 13



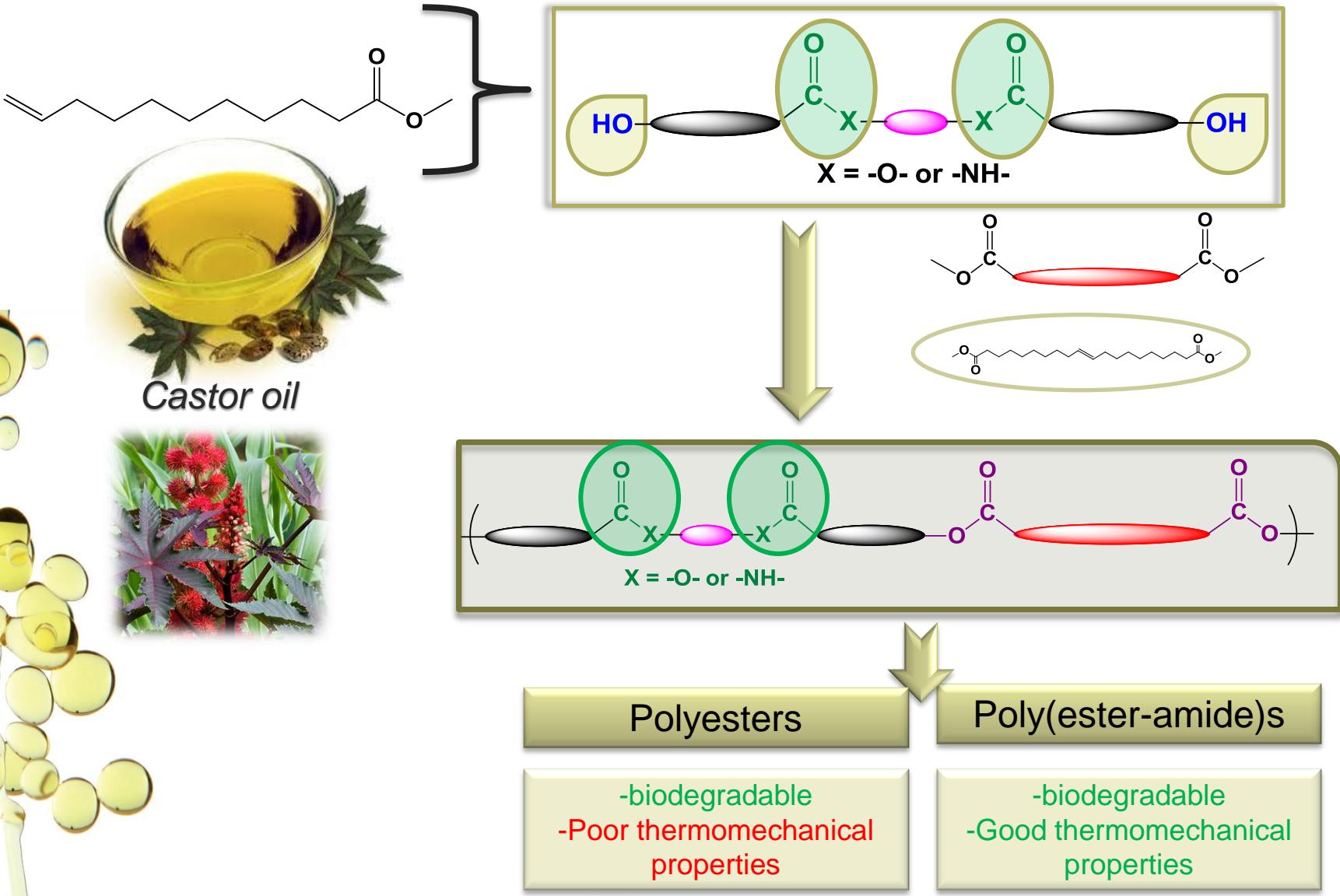
*Tensile experiments : Tensile stress versus strain curves*

## 2. Poly (ester/amide urethane)s Thermal stability



- Typical multiple step degradations behavior
- Urethane functions, thiocarbon chains, ester and amide linkages
- Mostly  $T_{5\%} > 280^\circ\text{C}$

# Polyesters : Our strategy to more robust fatty-acid based materials



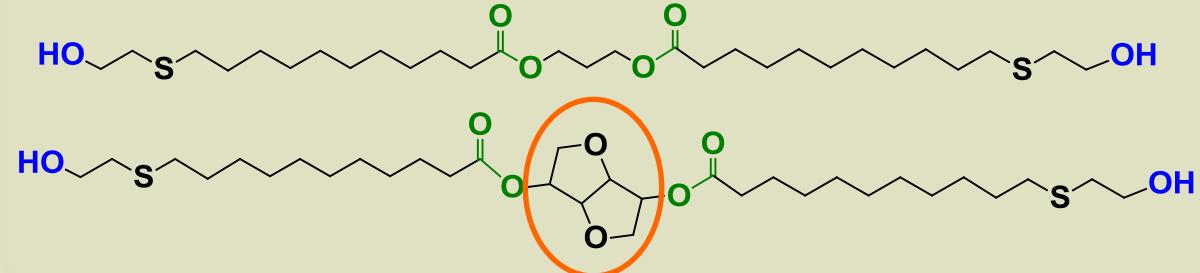
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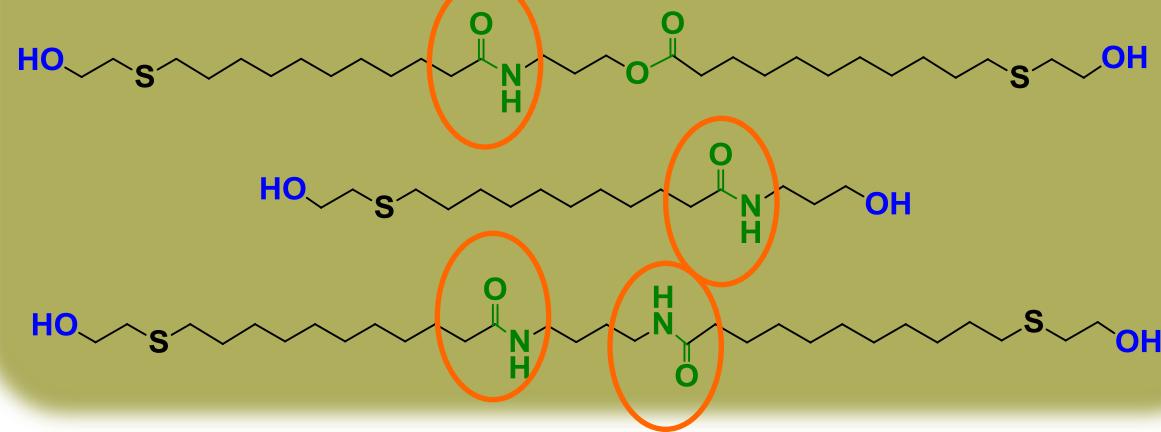
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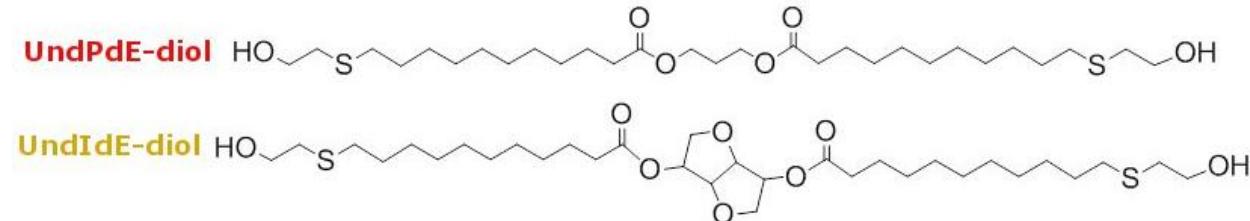
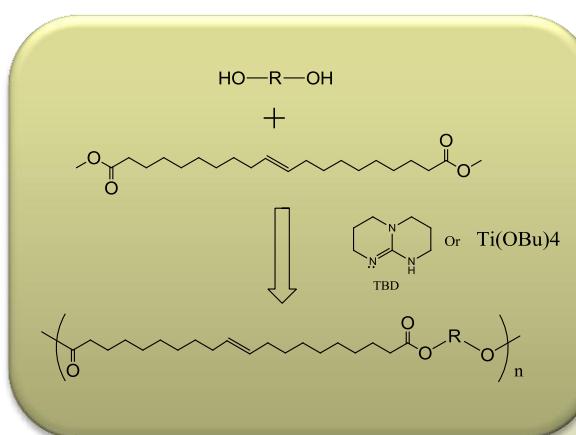
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## Poly(ester-amide)s



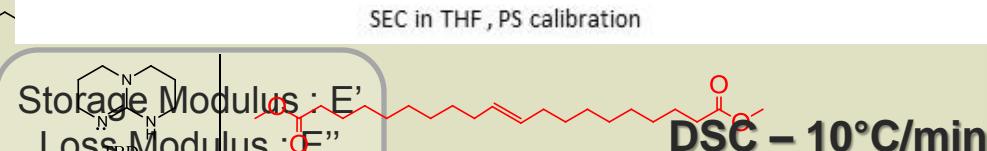
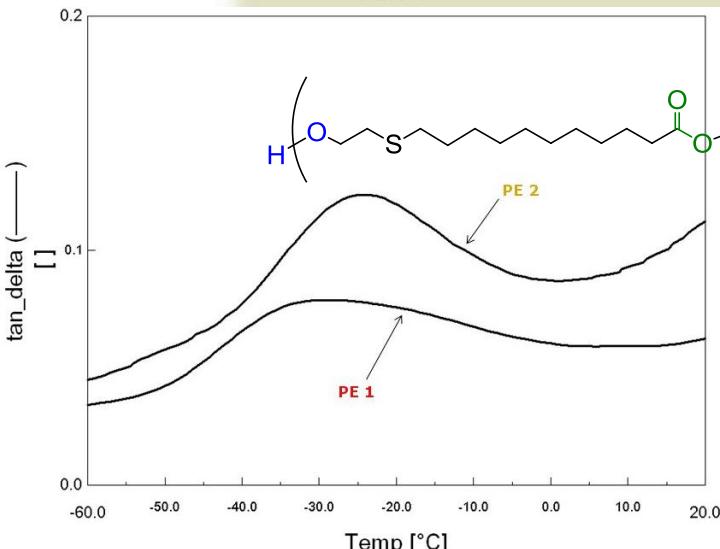
# Polyesters using diol precursors



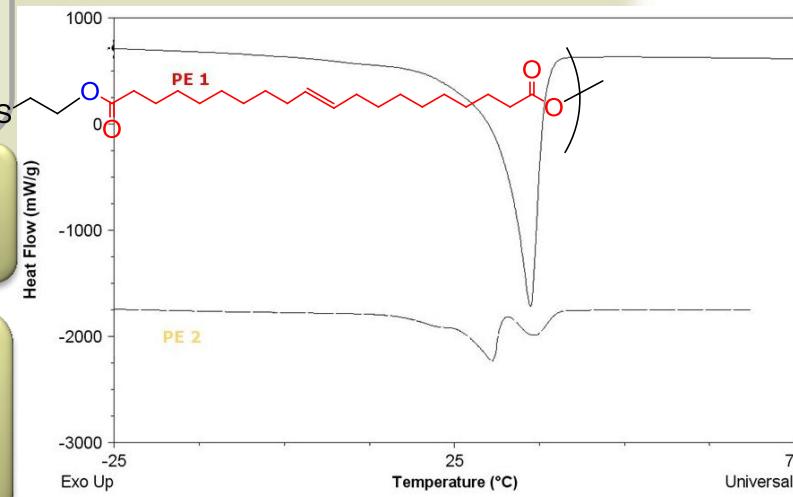
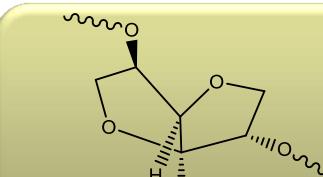
Diol	ester:amide ratio	Mn (g/mol)	Mw (g/mol)	Mw/Mn
<b>PE 1</b> UndPdE	1:0	18 400	35 000	1.9
<b>PE 2</b> UndIdE	1:0	8 900	13 300	1.5

## Dynamic mechanical analysis (compression mode)

Tan δ



Low increase of glass transition ( 10°C) with incorporation of Isosorbide



# Our strategy to more robust fatty-acid based materials

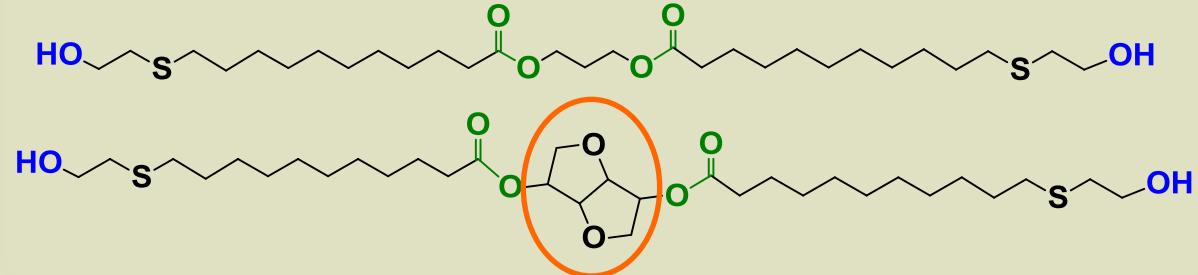


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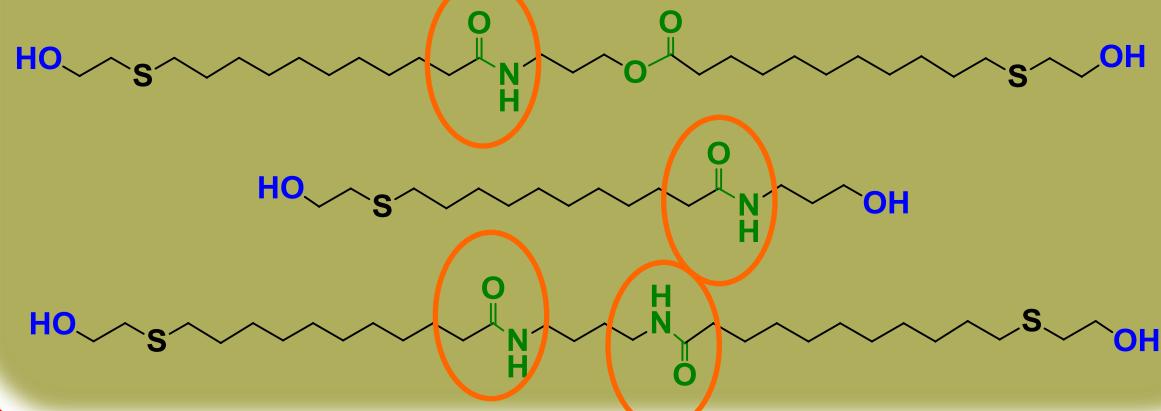
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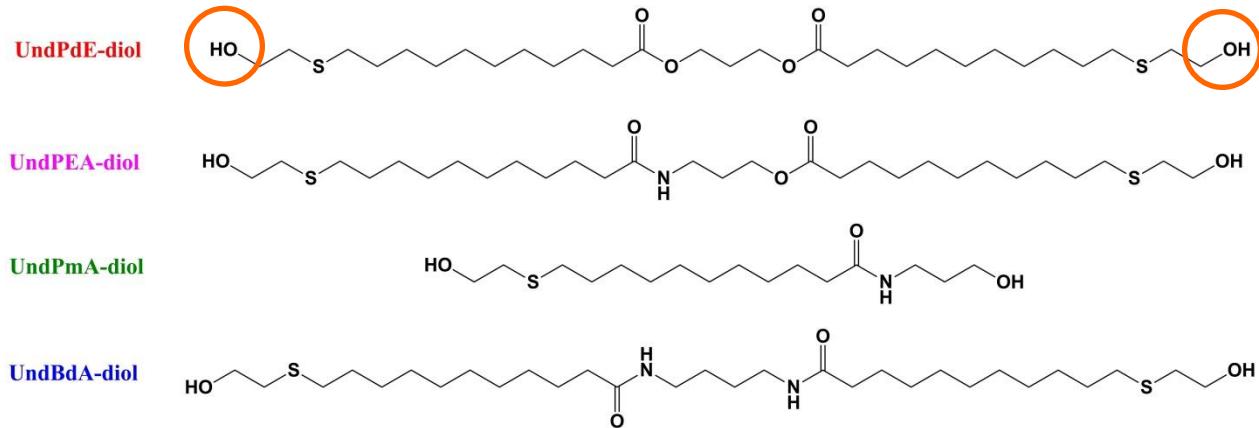
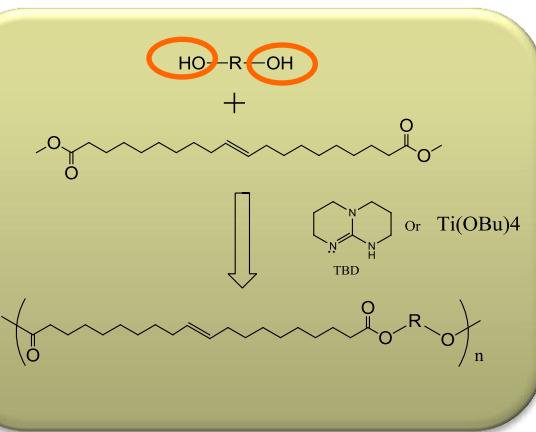
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## Poly(ester-amide)s

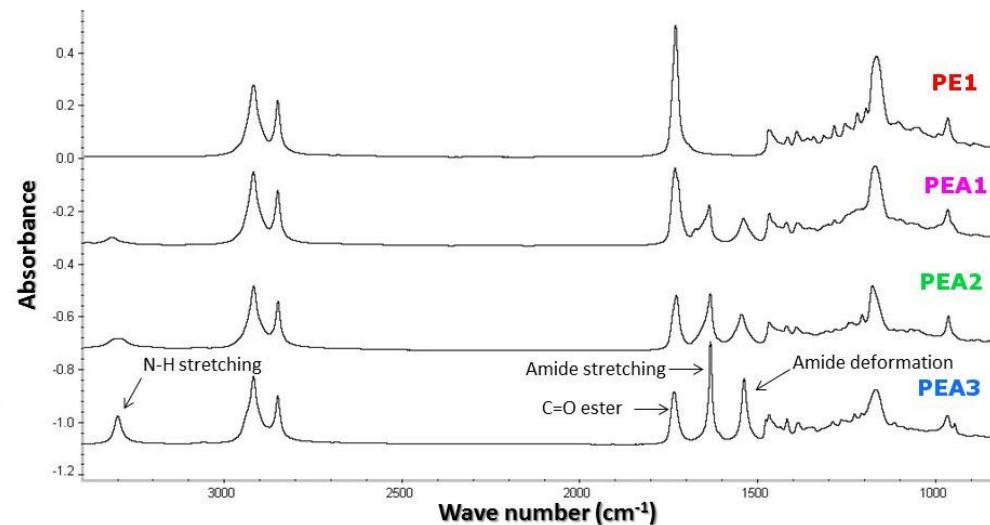


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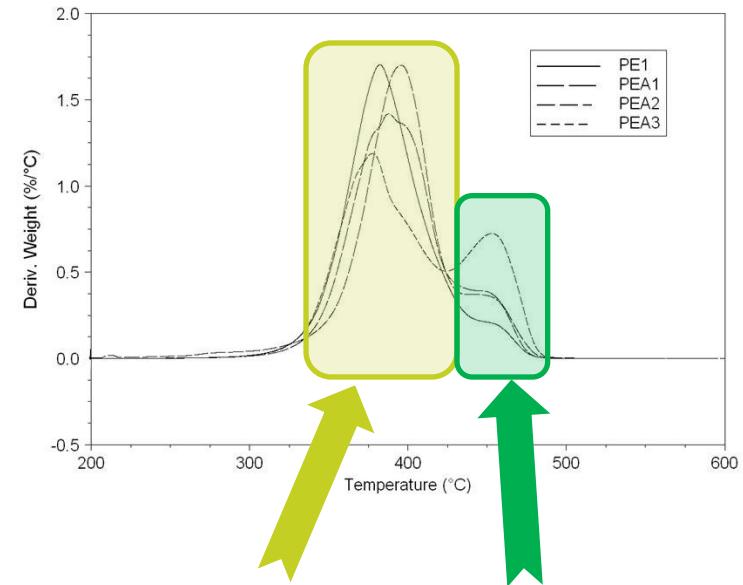
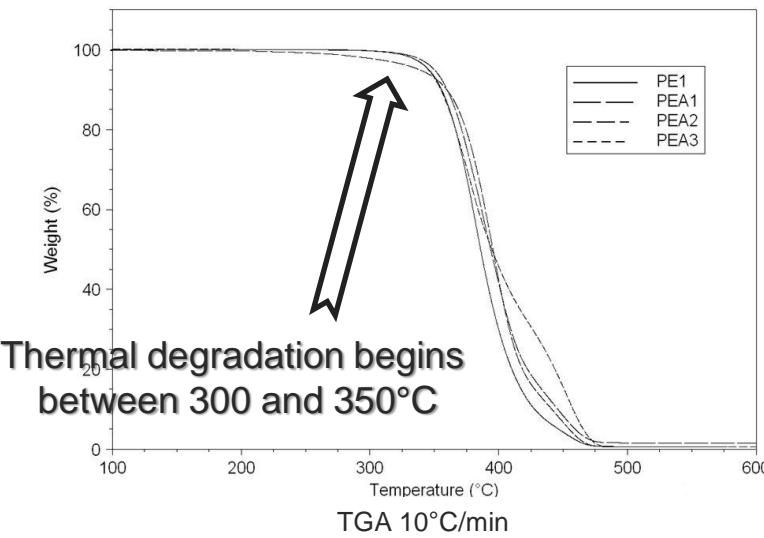
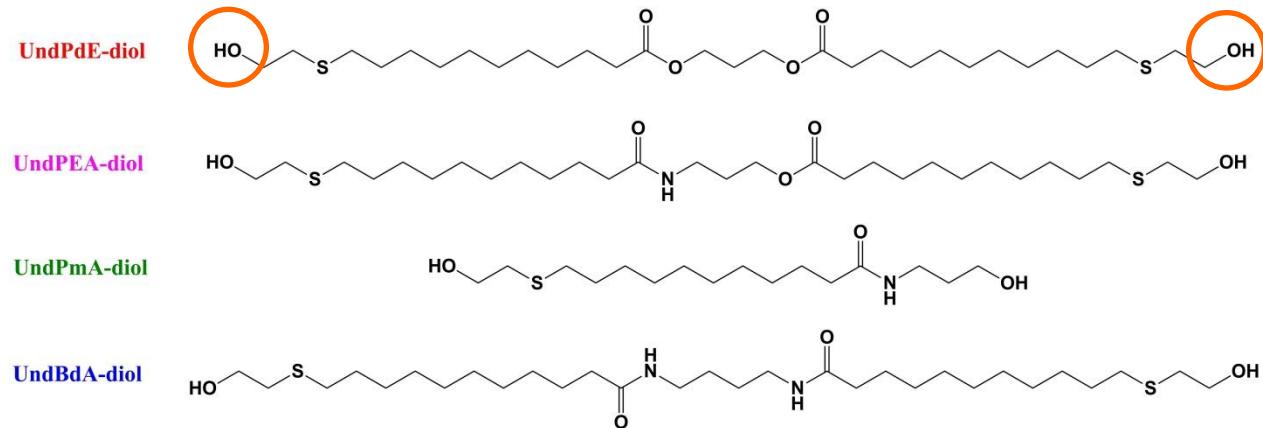
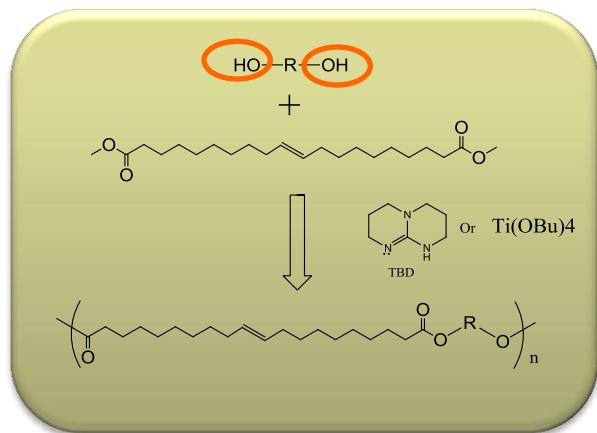


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PEA 1	UndPEA	3:1	17 500	33 100	1.9
PEA 2	UndPmA	2:1	10 902	19 500	1.8
PEA 3	UndBdA	1:1	19 300	29 000	1.5

SEC in THF, PS calibration - For PEA3, trifluoroacetic anhydride was used to dissolve the polymer using standard method



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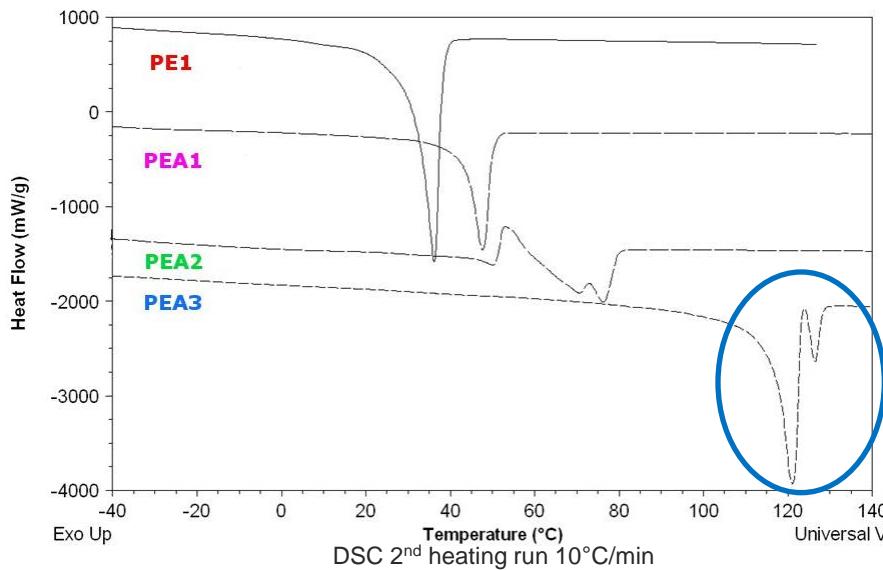
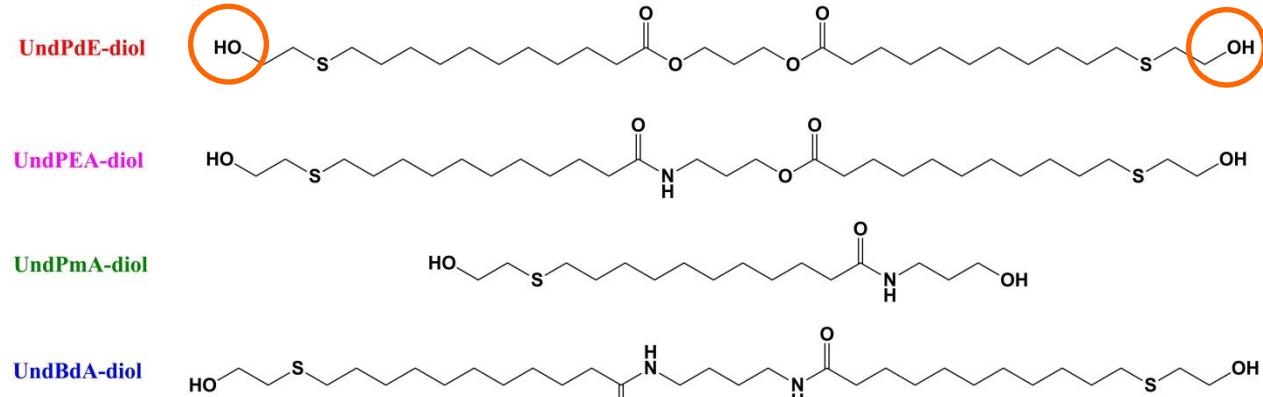
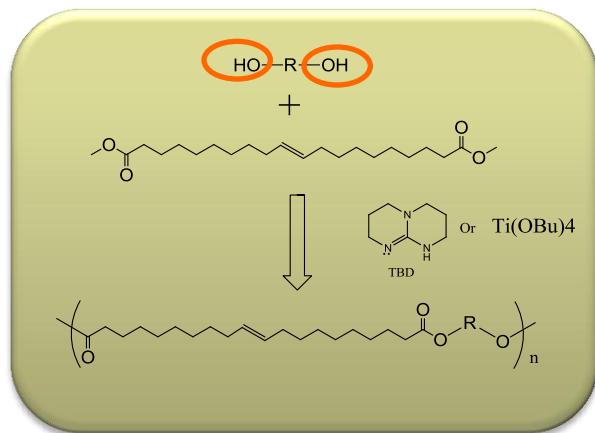


## Ester functions degradation

## Amide functions degradation



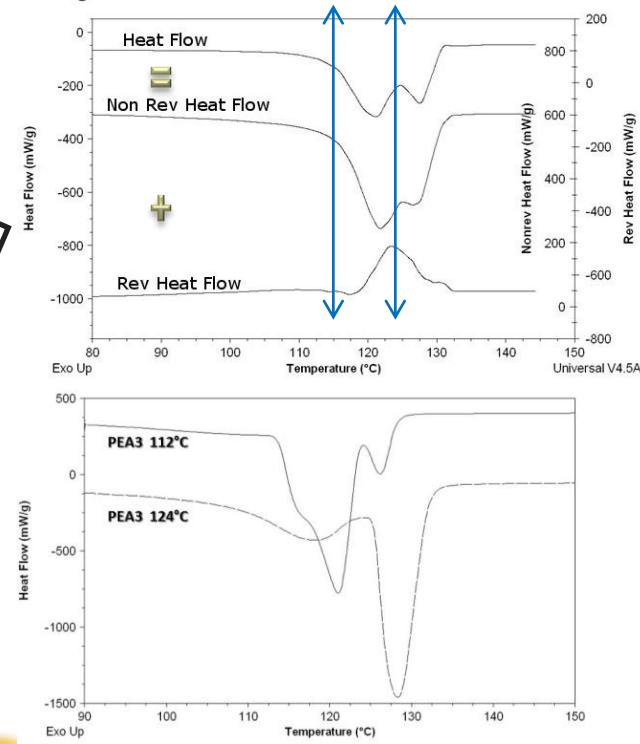
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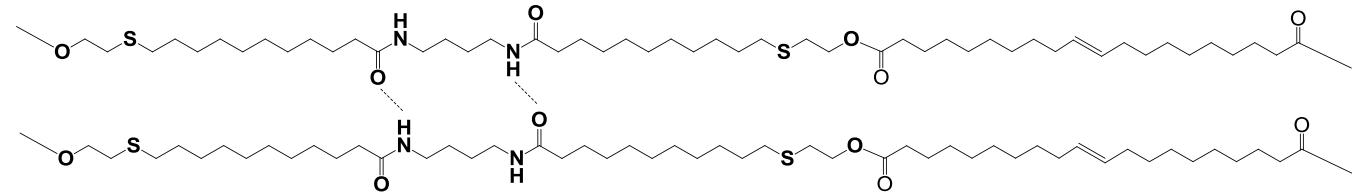
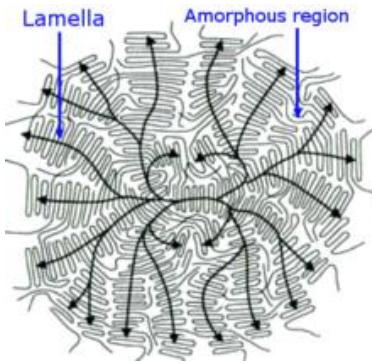
High increase of melting point with  
hydrogen bond density  
 $36^\circ\text{C} < T_m < 126^\circ\text{C}$

Modulated DSC  
2°C/min

30min Annealing  
10°C/min



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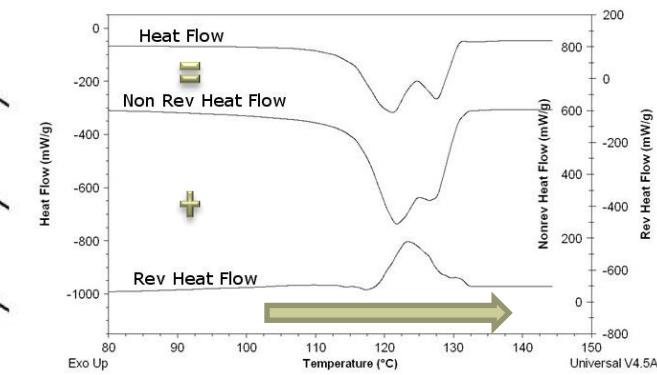
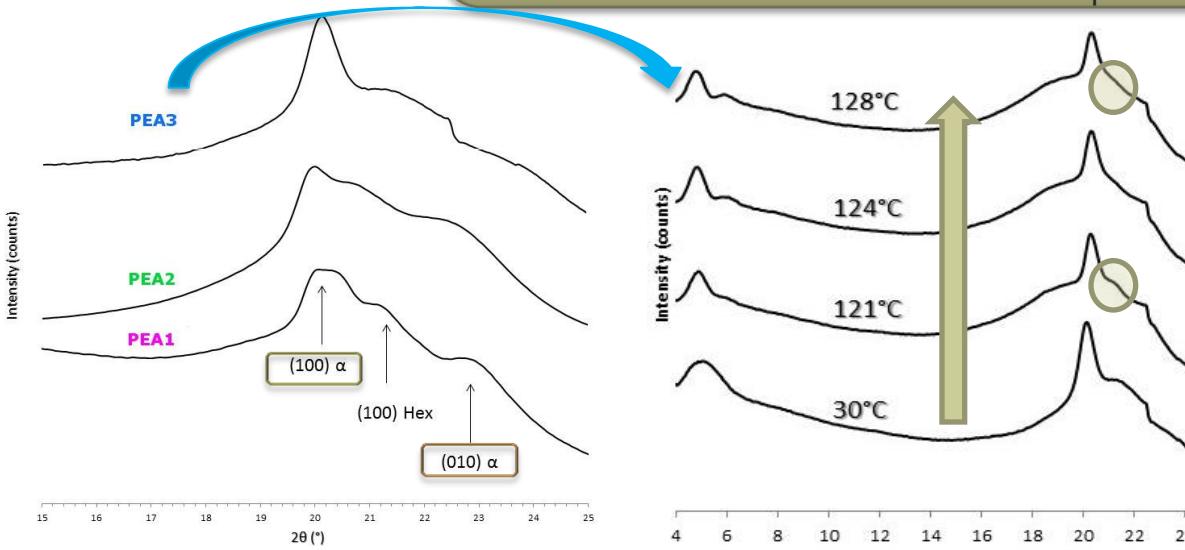


Chemical structure comparable to Nylon

**$\alpha$  form** : hydrogen bonds between antiparallel chains

**$\gamma$  form** : hydrogen bonds between parallel chains

Metastable pseudohexagonal structures which vary continuously in size, perfection, and structural parameters



Disappearance of pseudohexagonal reflection by heating

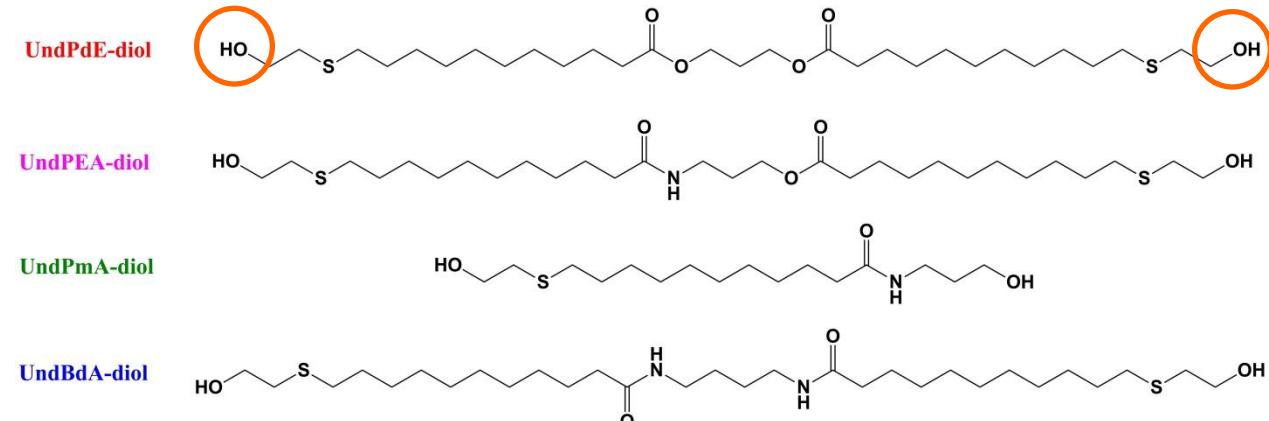
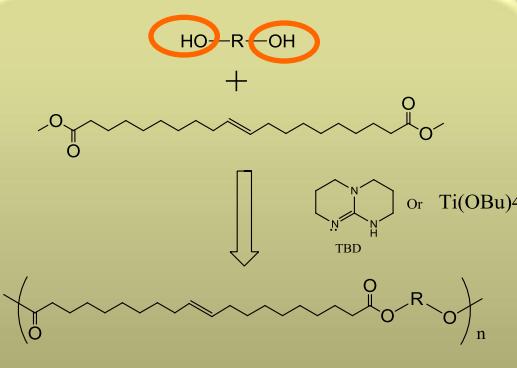
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Melting of pseudohexagonal form which crystallize in the  $\alpha$ -form

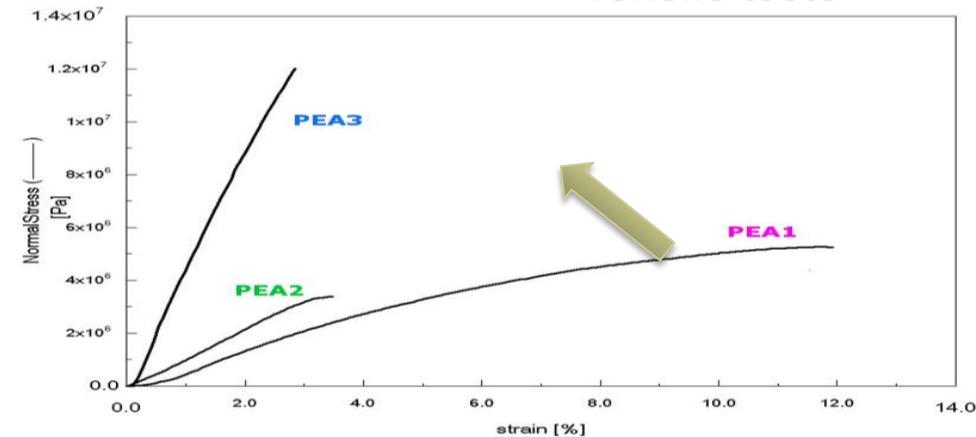
amide-amide intermolecular H-bonded chains (~4.8 Å)

van der Waals packed sheets (~3.7Å)

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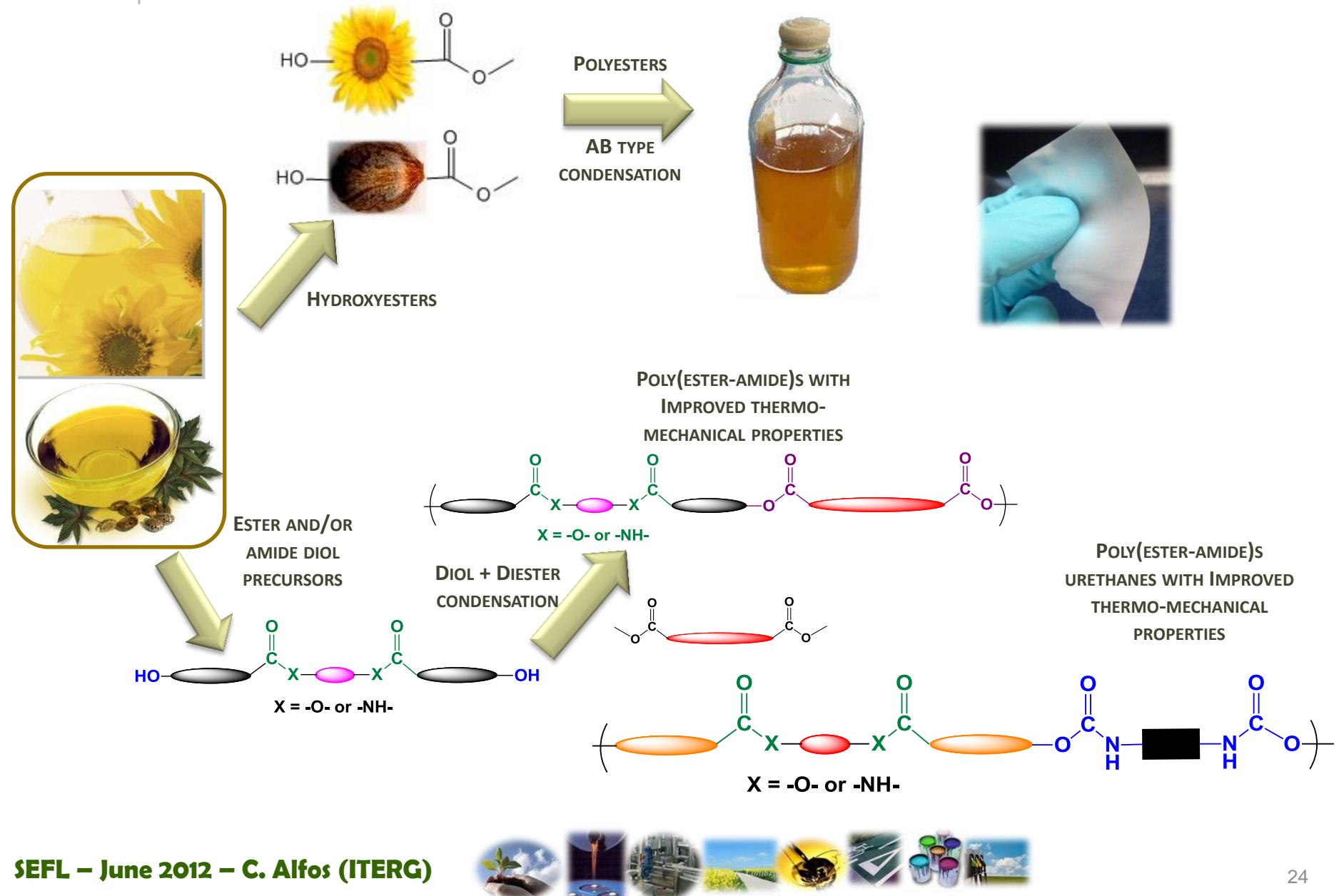
## Tensile tests



Entry	Young's Modulus (MPa)	Ultimate Strength (MPa)	Strain at break (%)
PE1	$93.0 \pm 10.4$	$2.9 \pm 0.8$	$4.1 \pm 1.3$
PEA1	$82.7 \pm 15.2$	$5.4 \pm 1.2$	$11.1 \pm 2.4$
PEA2	$131.5 \pm 17.5$	$3.5 \pm 0.3$	$3.4 \pm 0.7$
PEA3	$363.0 \pm 89.1$	$10.0 \pm 3.5$	$3.3 \pm 0.7$



# Conclusion

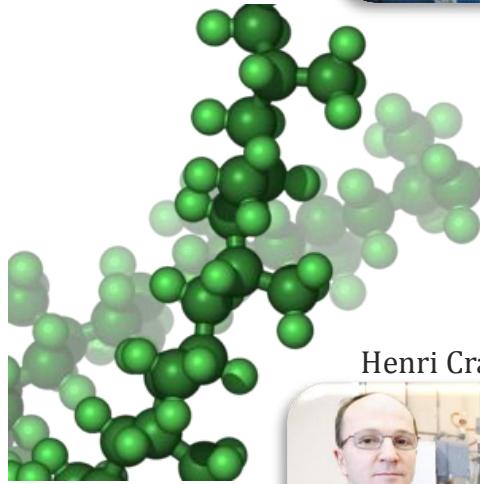


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