

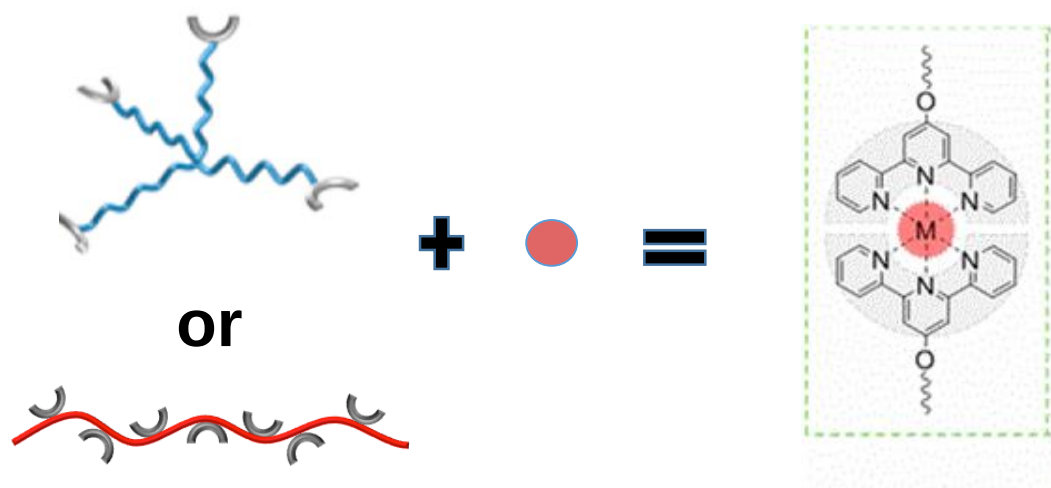
# Synthesis and dynamics of double networks based on slide-ring materials

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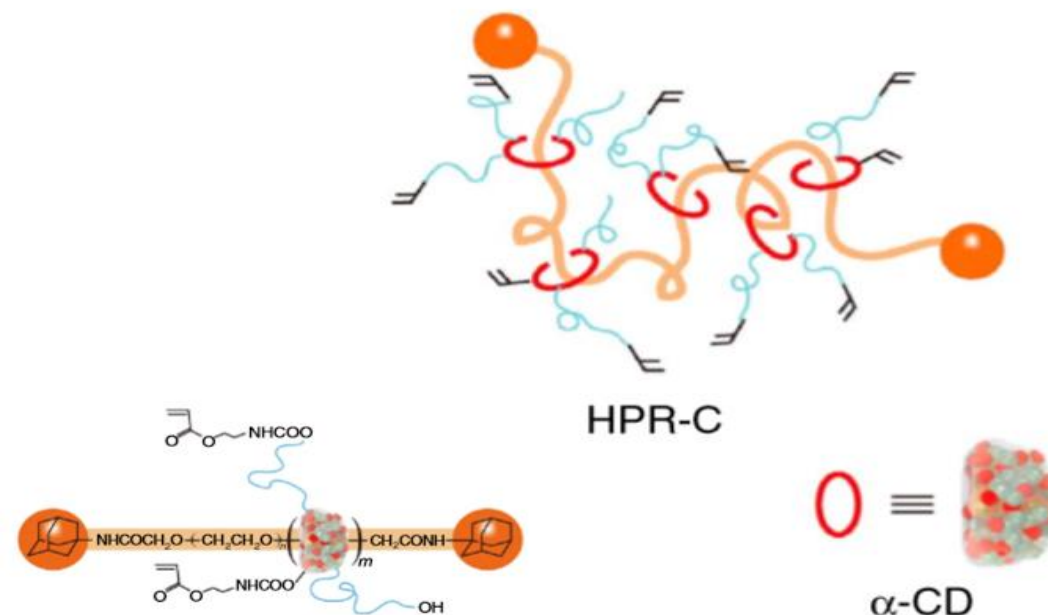
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# Synthesis of slide ring DDN

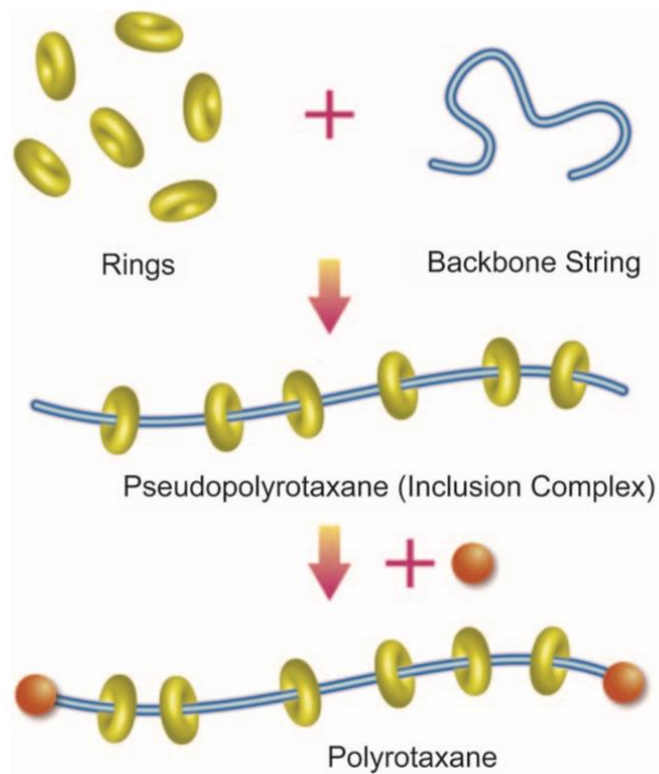


First network - Metal-terpyridine links



Second network - Slide ring crosslinks

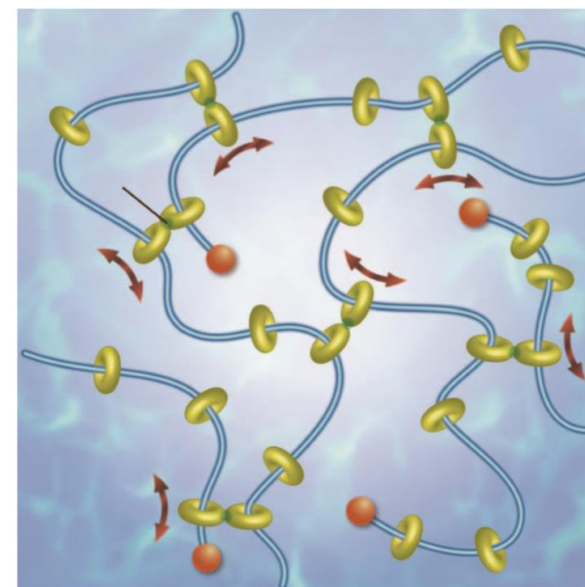
# Slide Ring Gels



Crosslinker

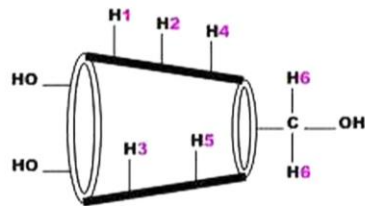
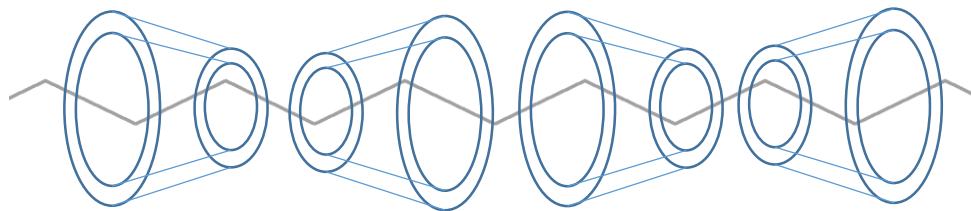
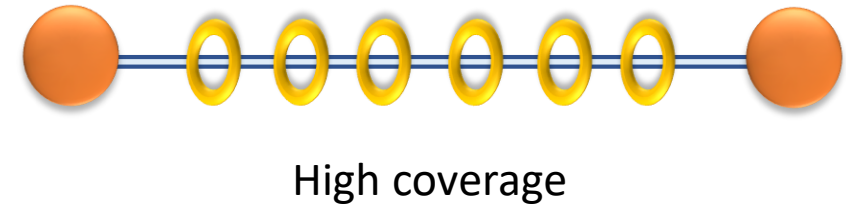


Mechanical interlocking of cyclodextrin to form movable “figure-of-eight” rings



# Coverage

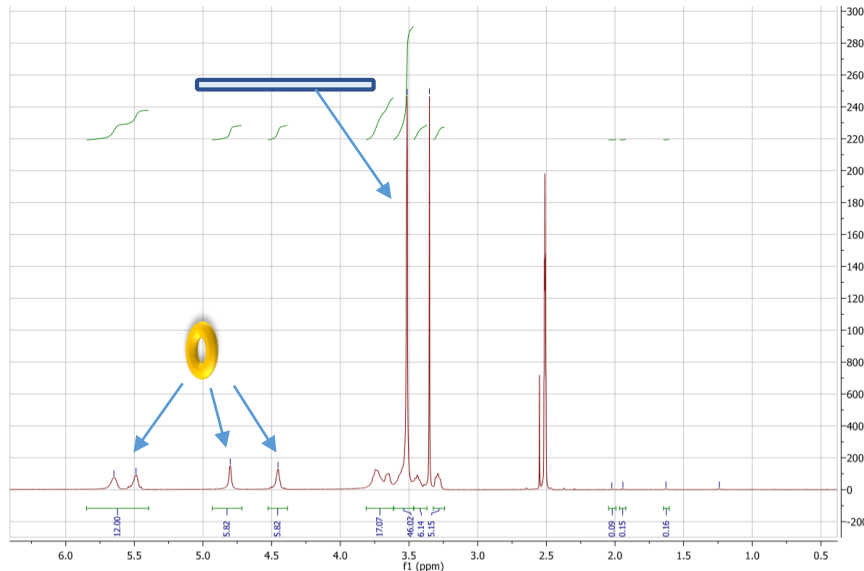
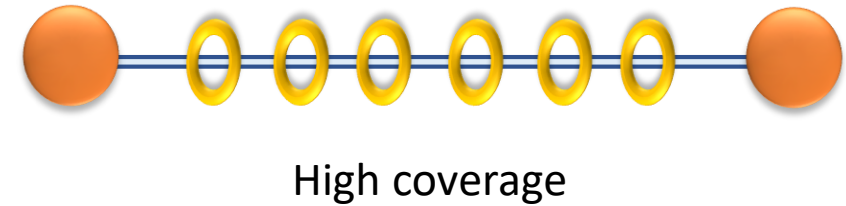
- Coverage = How densely packed the main polymer chain is



- Ratio of cyclodextrin to PEG monomer: 1:2 with 100% coverage
- Head to head arrangement stabilised by hydrogen bonds

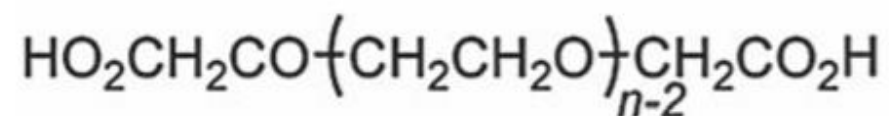
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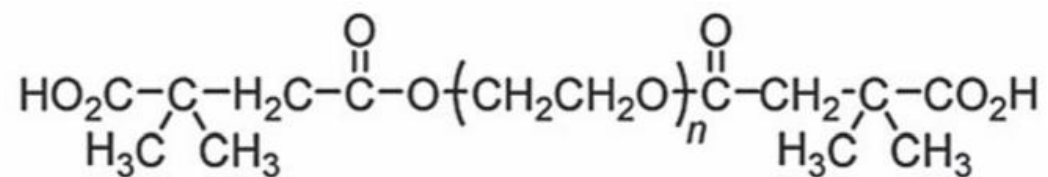


- Calculation: Compare characteristic NMR peaks of backbone to rings

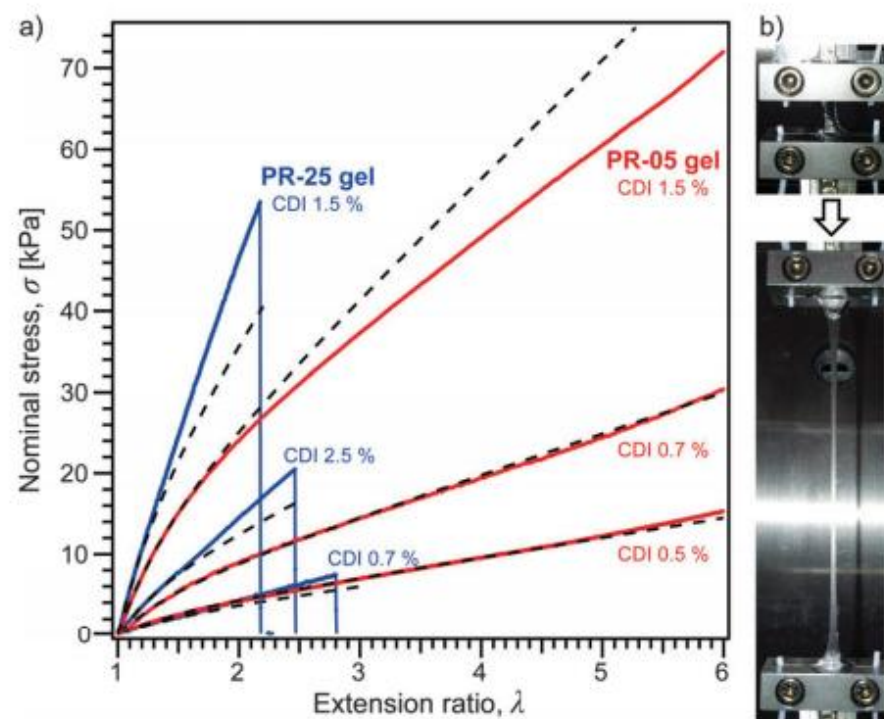
# Coverage



25% coverage



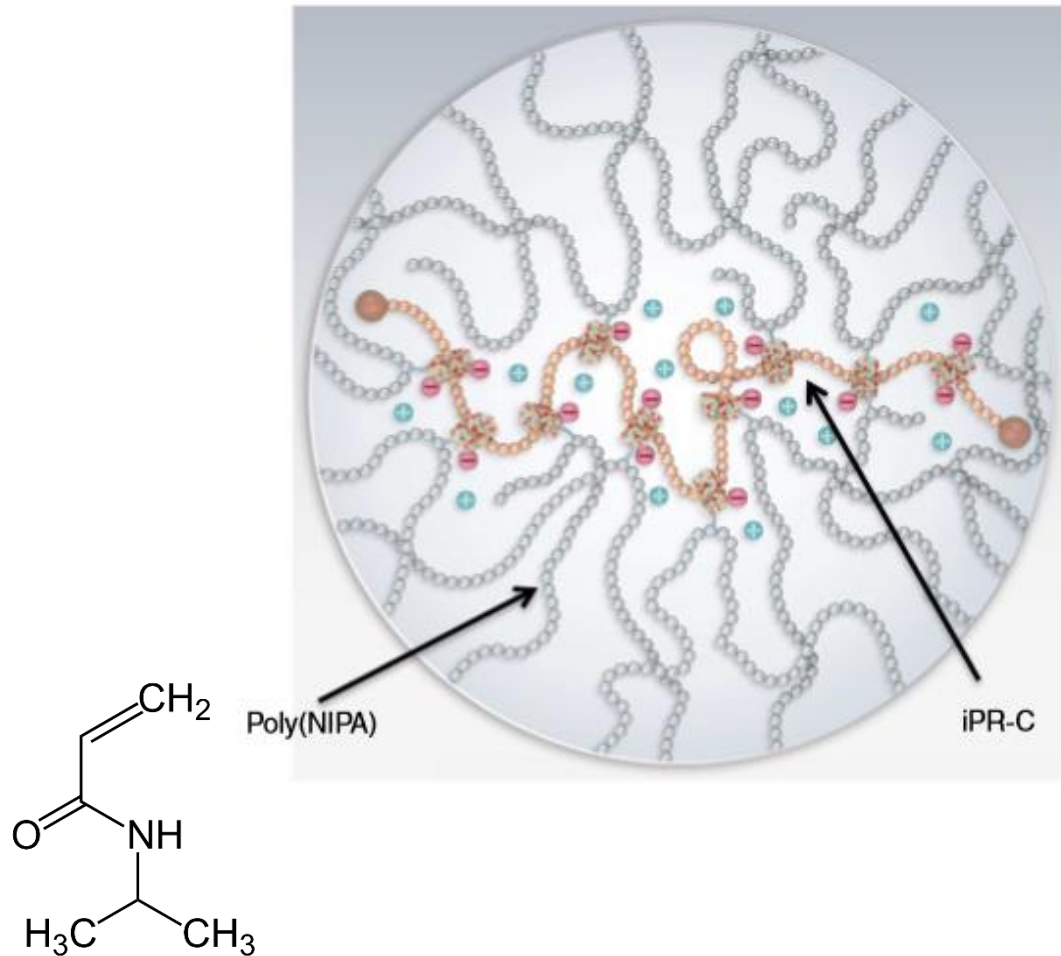
5% coverage



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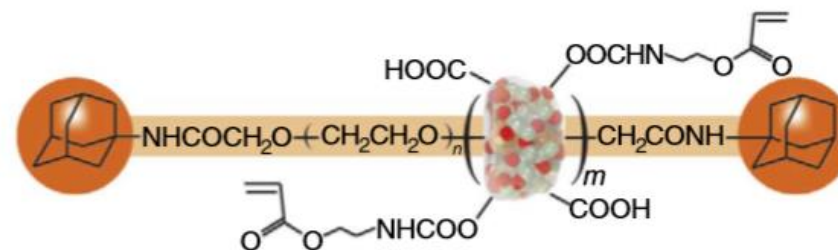
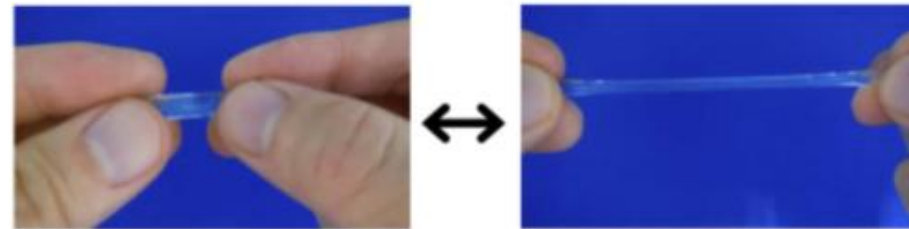
Coverage controlled by the size of the stopper

# Charge



## Ionic polyrotaxane:

- Well extended network with less aggregation
- Highly extensible



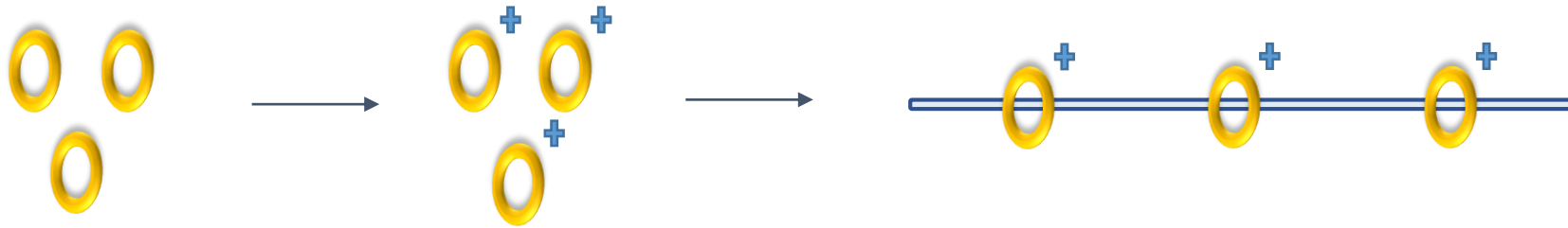
# Control of Properties

Factors:

- Size of Chain-Ends
- Charge? Positive charge desired

# Objective

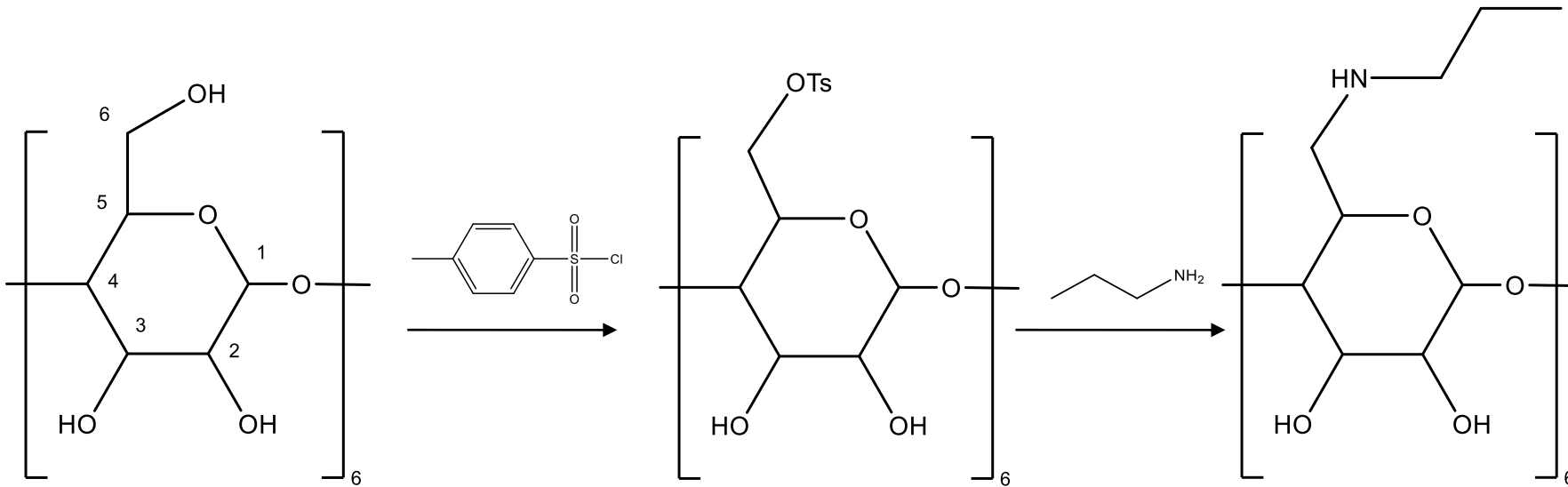
- Pre-functionalisation



- Post-functionalisation

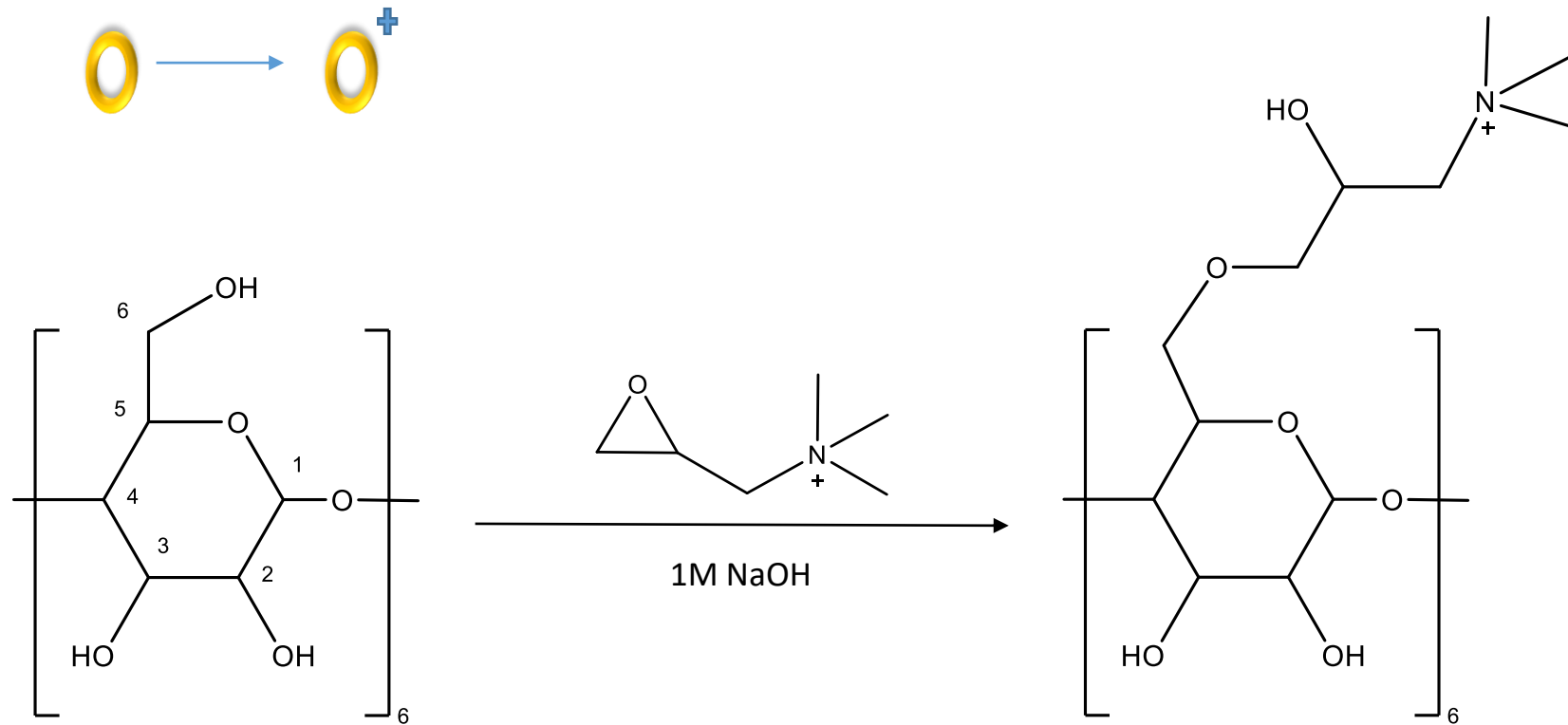


# Synthesis - Cyclodextrins



- Low yield, difficult separation
- Degree of Substitution (DS): 1 or lower

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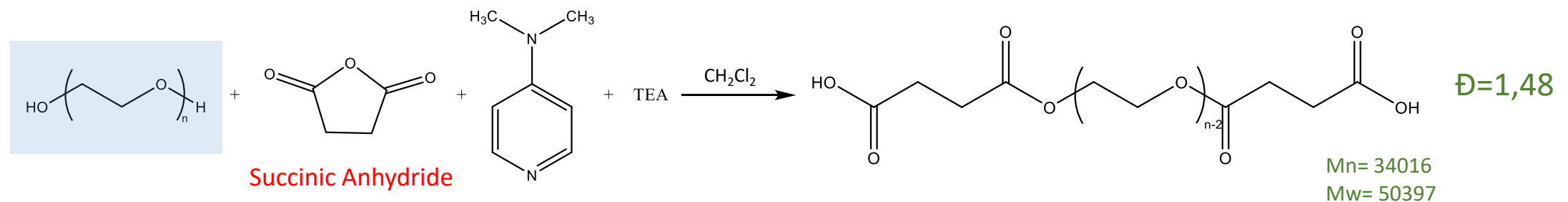
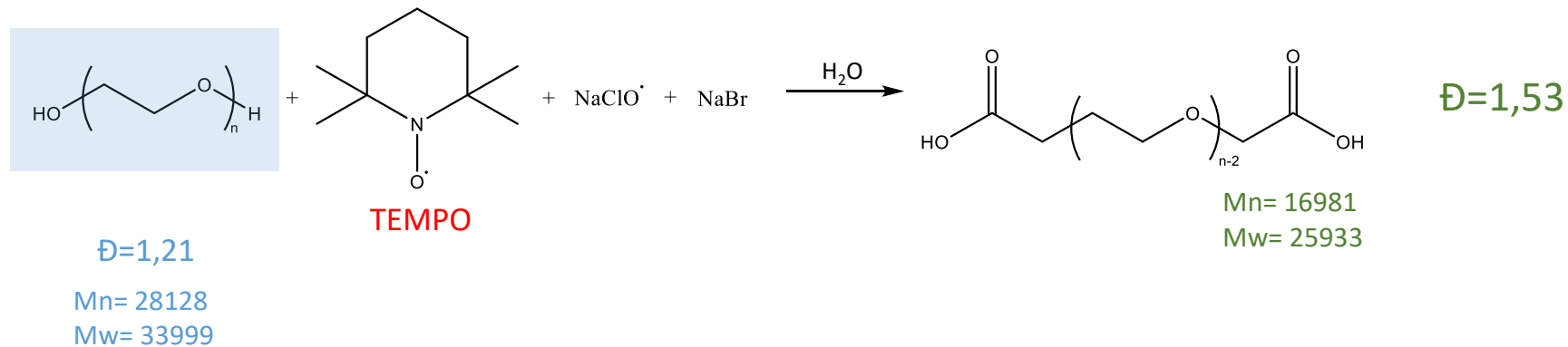
- Less steps
- DS: 1, can be increased

# Synthesis - Polyrotaxanes

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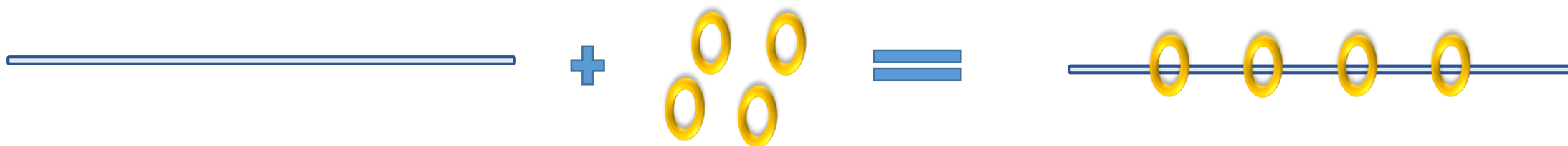
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PEG-OH (35000) + Oxidising agent = PEG-COOH

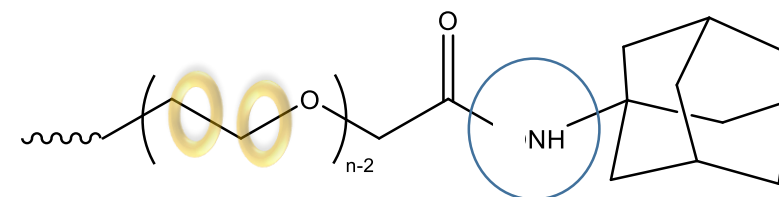
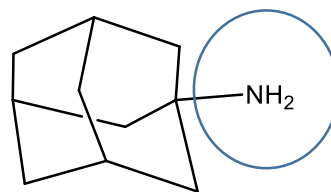
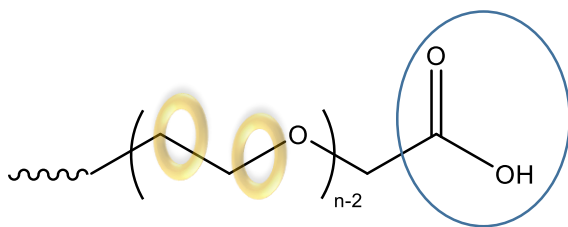


# Synthesis - Polyrotaxanes

1. PEG-COOH +  $\alpha$ -CD = pseudo polyrotaxane (PPR)

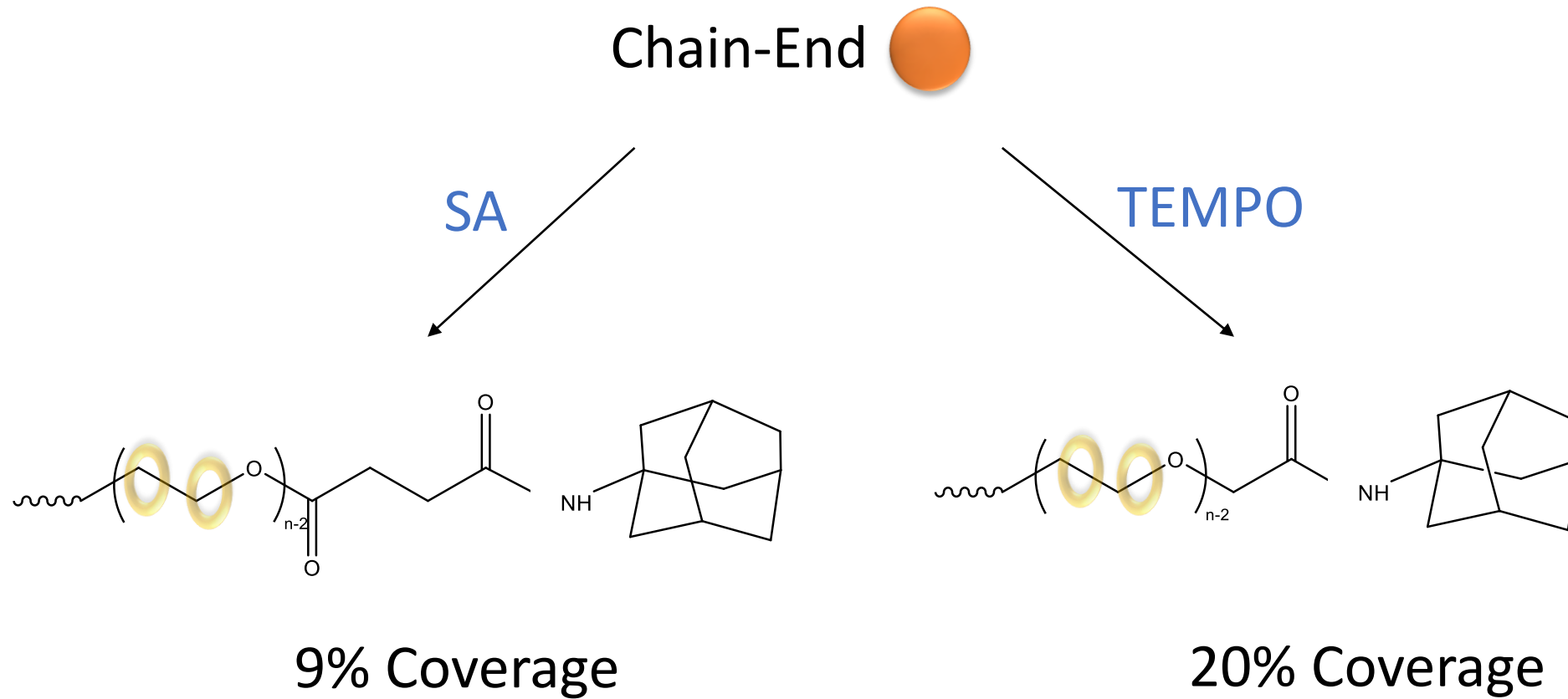


2. PPR + adamantane = polyrotaxane

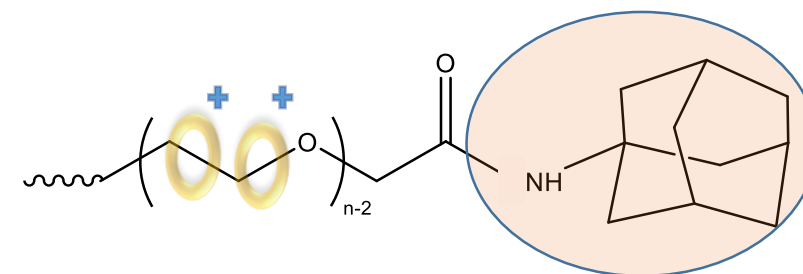
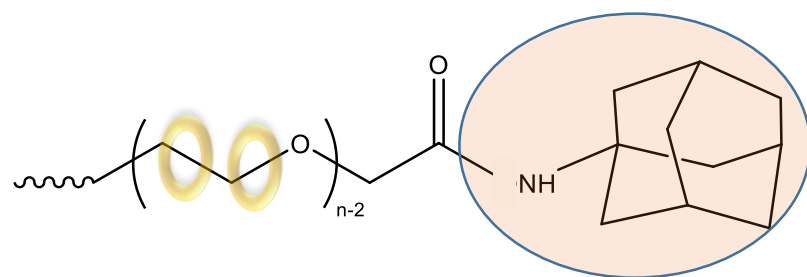
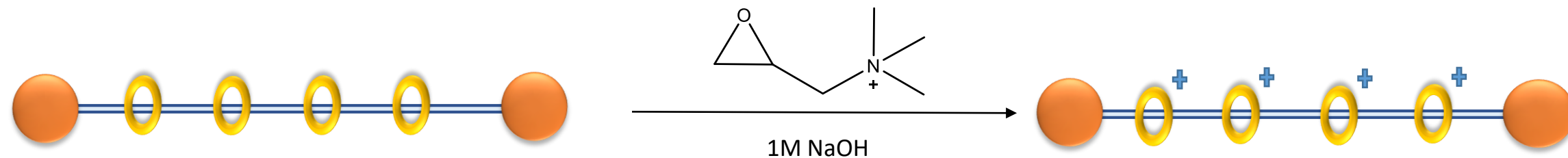


Only soluble in DMSO, 1M NaOH

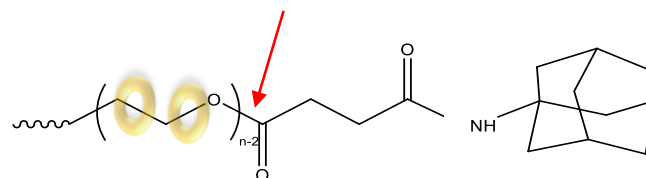
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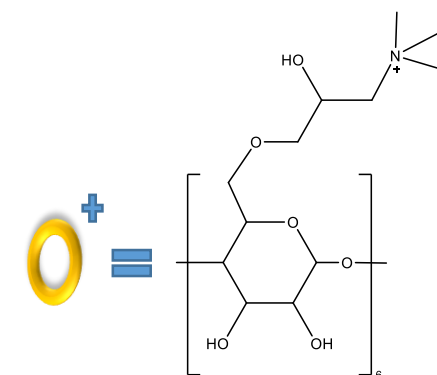


- SA
- Cleavage of ester linkage



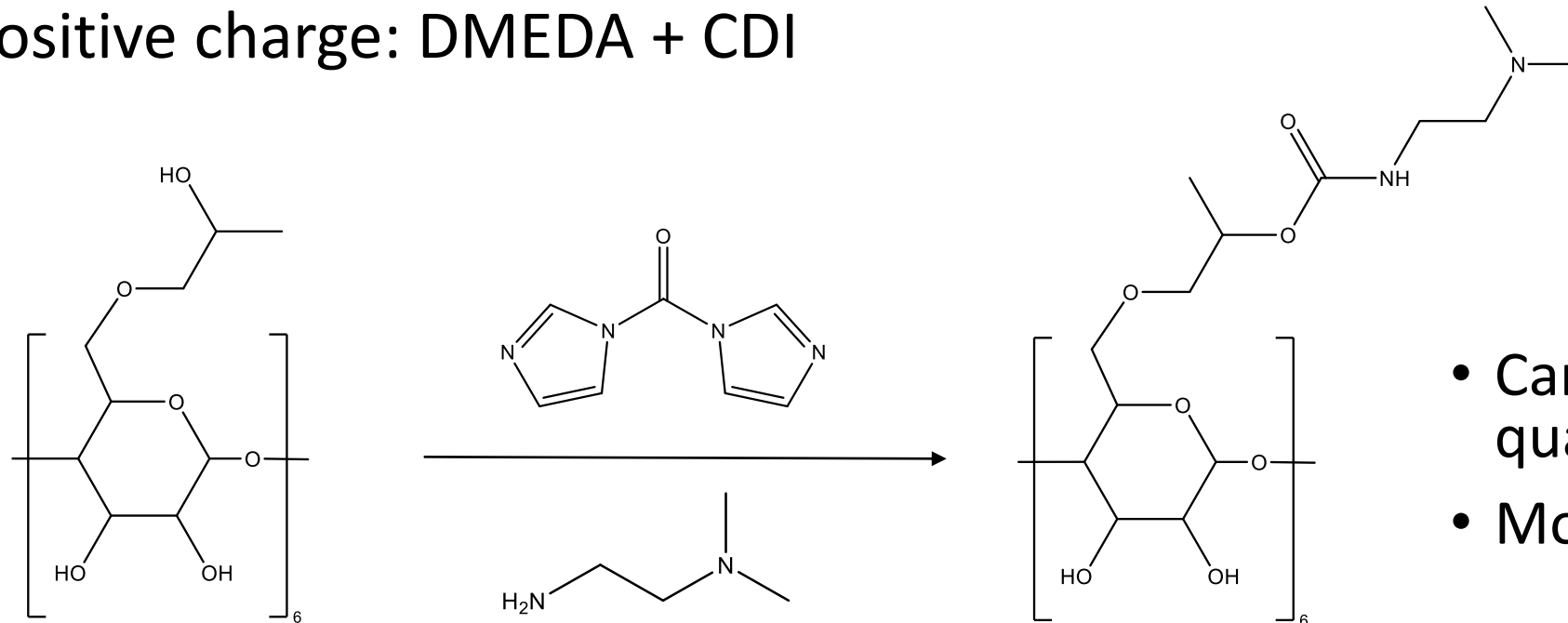
## TEMPO

- 14% coverage
- DS: 2,8
- Water soluble



# New Paths

- Neutral polyrotaxane: Hydroxypropyl  $\alpha$ -CD
- Positive charge: DMEDA + CDI



- Can be quaternised
- More soluble

# Summary

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  - Synthesis of functionalised cyclodextrin and polyrotaxane achieved via quaternary ammonium derivative
- Next Steps
  - Optimise PEG-COOH and PR synthesis
  - Synthesis of neutral PR
  - Formation of PR gels

# Thank you!

# Questions?

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