



Reversible photochromic polynorbornenes bearing spiropyran side groups for layer-by-layer coatings

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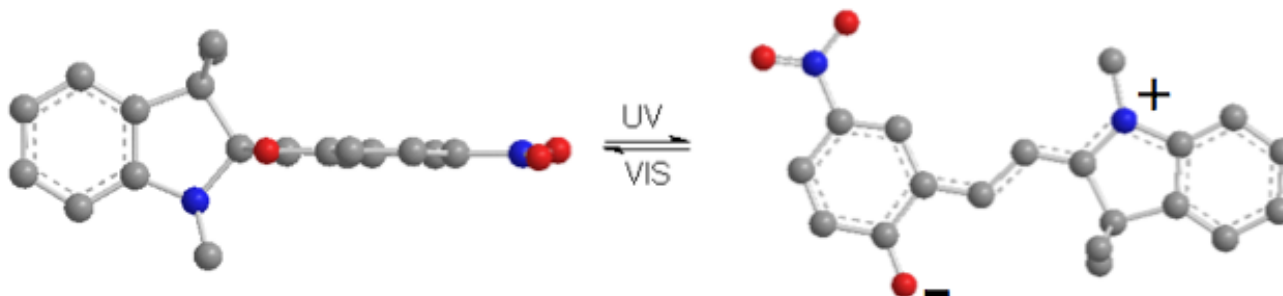
Background

Photochromic polynorbornenes bearing spiropyran side groups

- Spiropyran norbornene monomer
- Spiropyran polynorbornene
- Characterisation
- LbL assembly
- Photo-induced dissassembly
- Photo-responsive drug delivery capsules

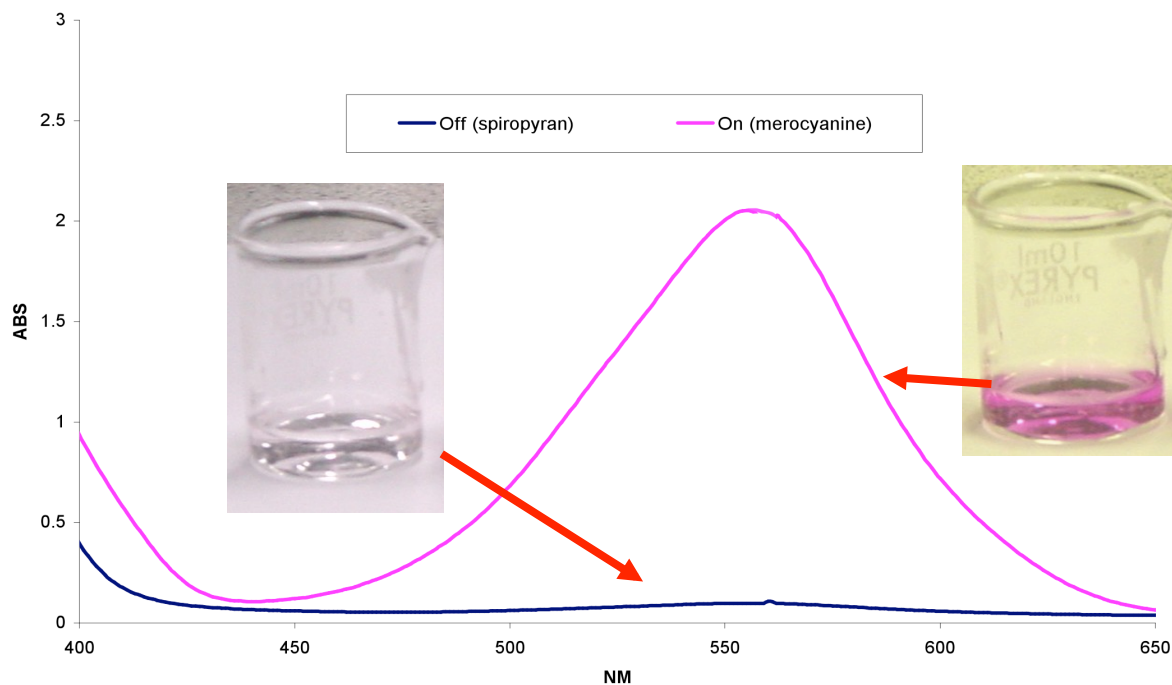
Conclusions

Spiropyrans



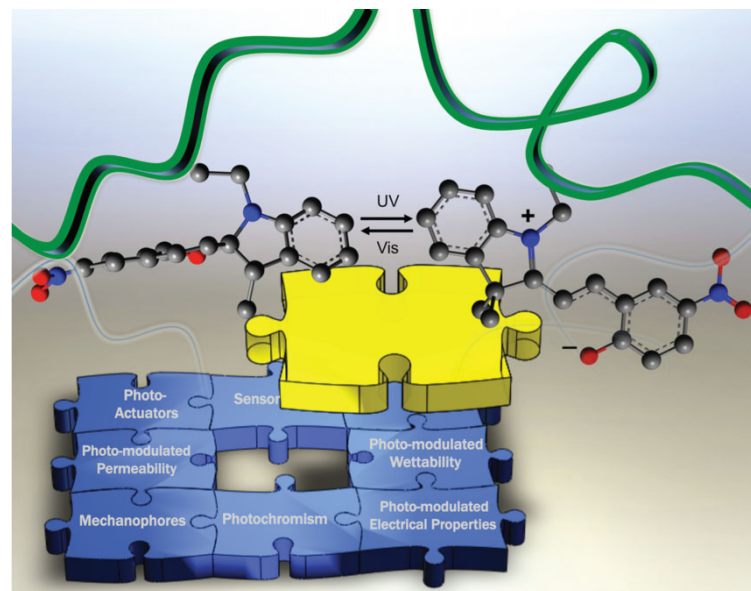
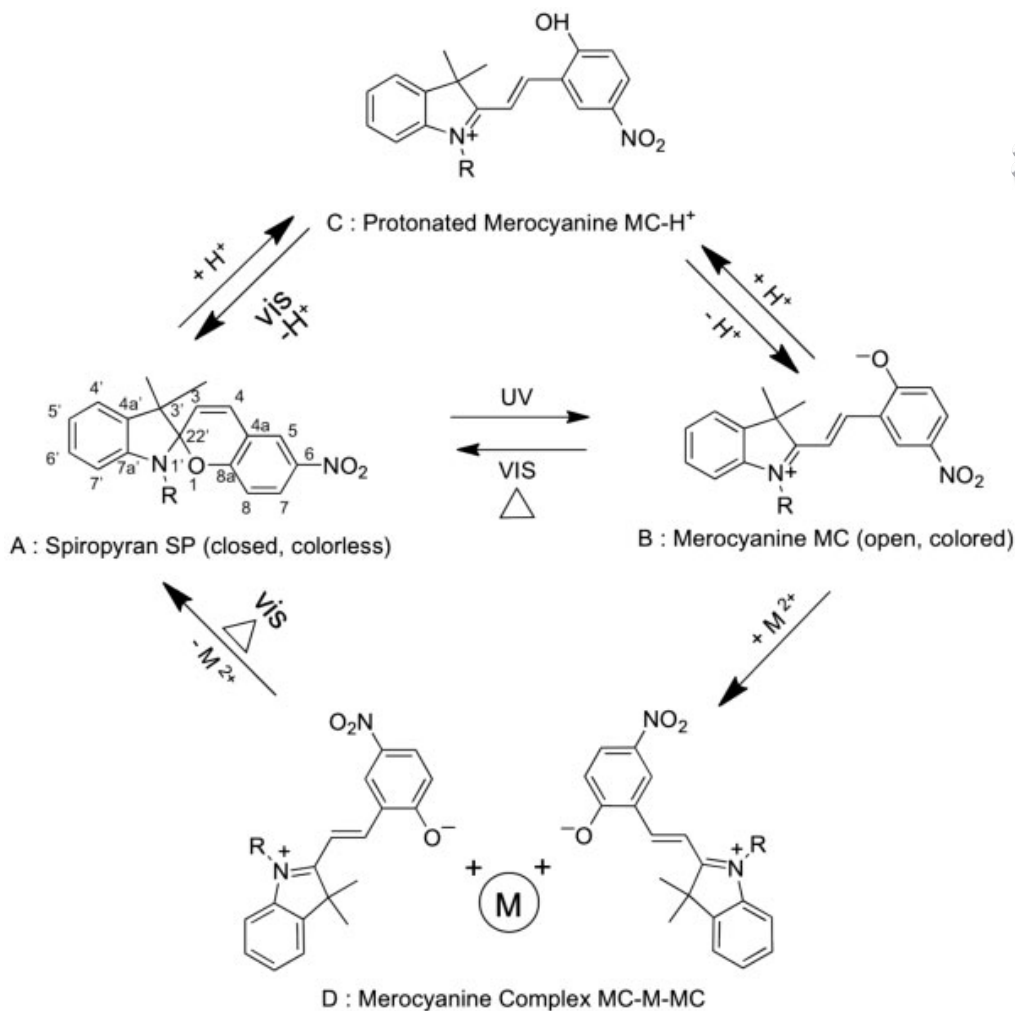
A : Spiropyran SP (closed, colorless)

B : Merocyanine MC (open, colored)





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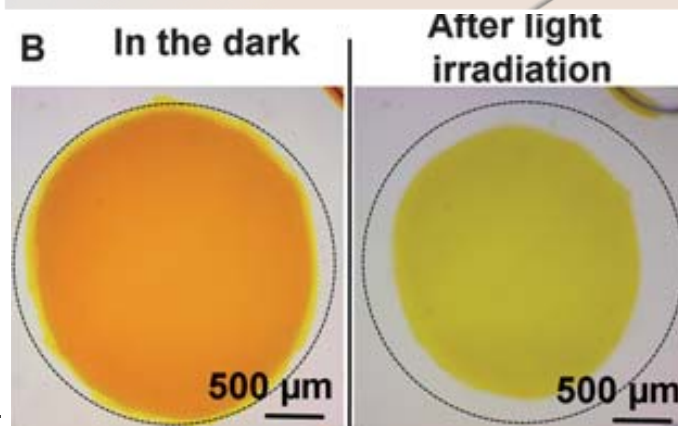
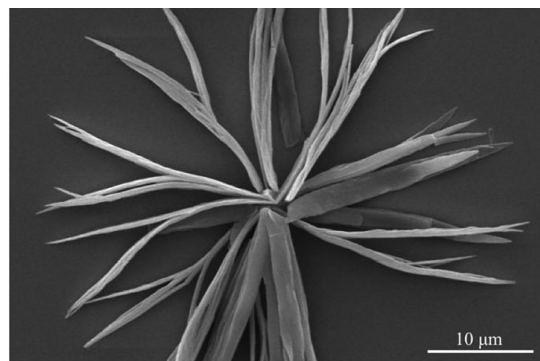
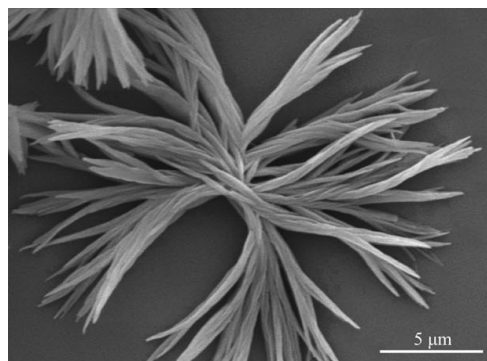
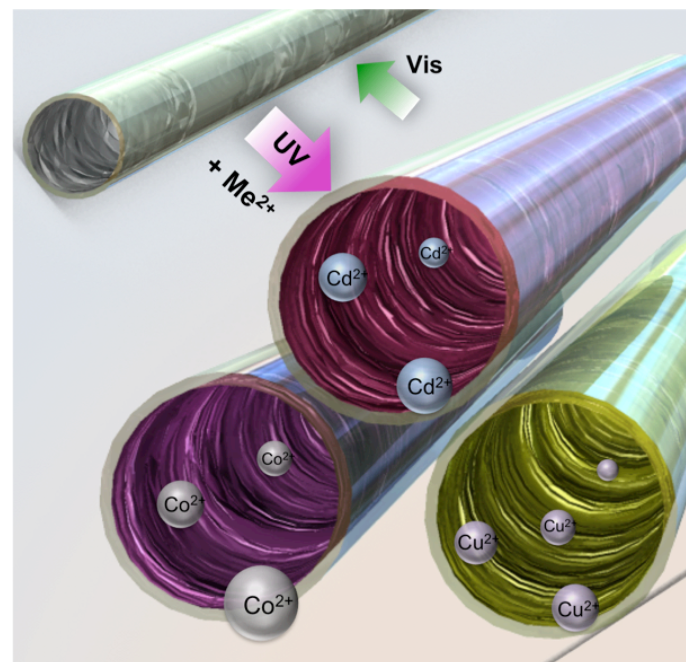
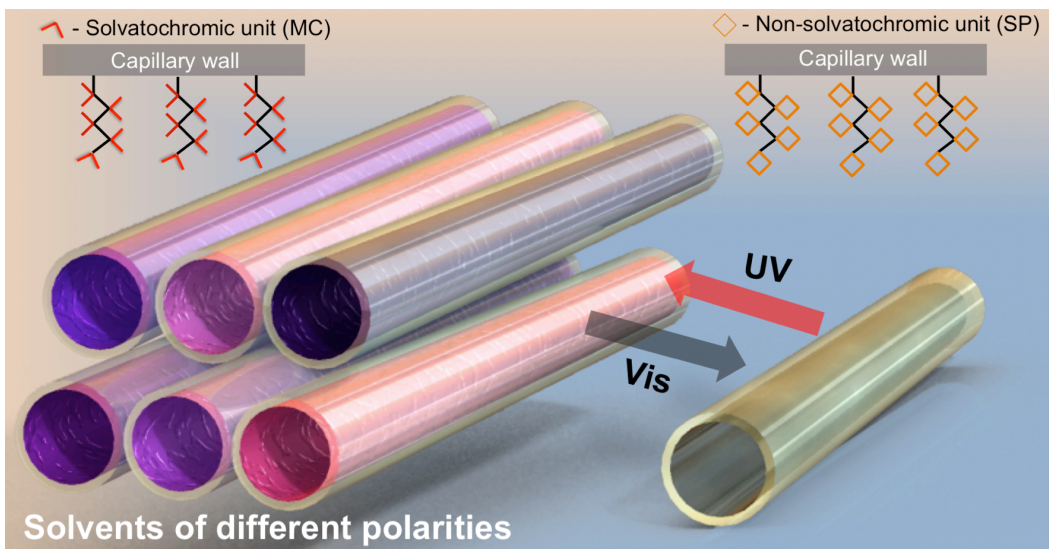
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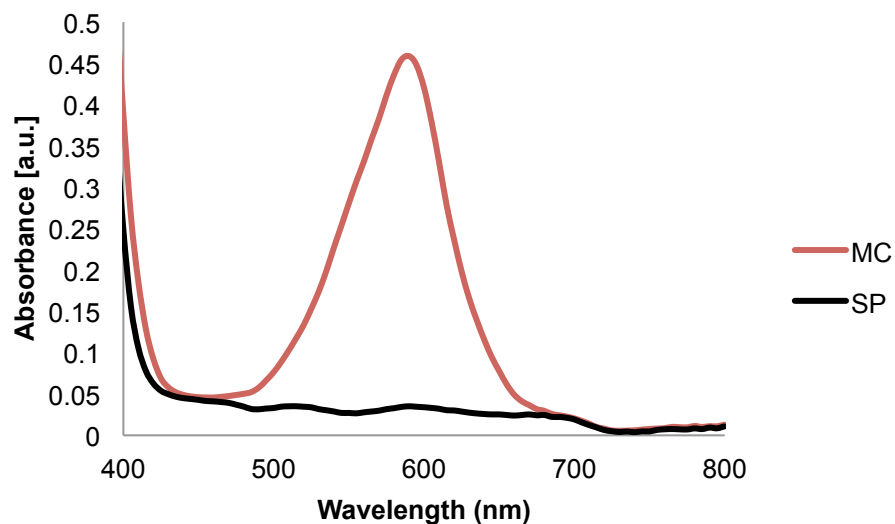
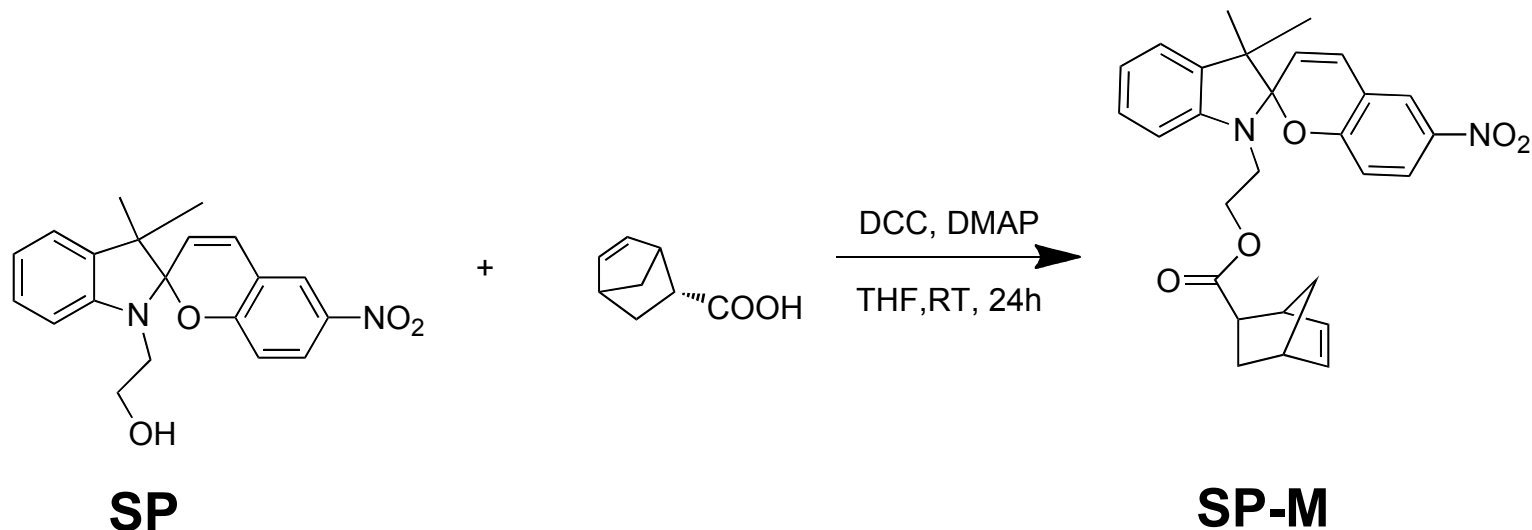
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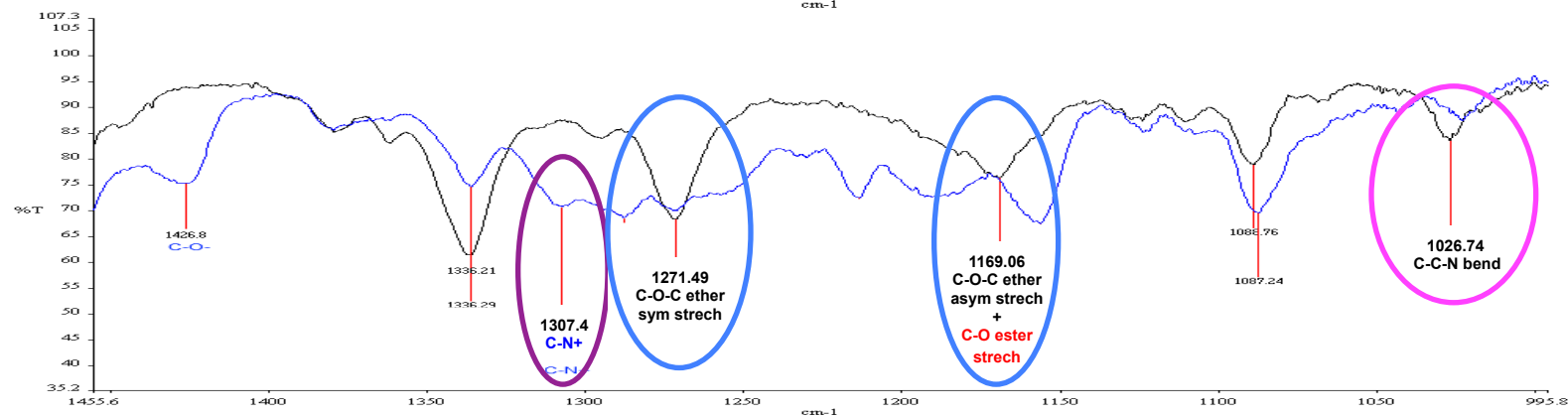
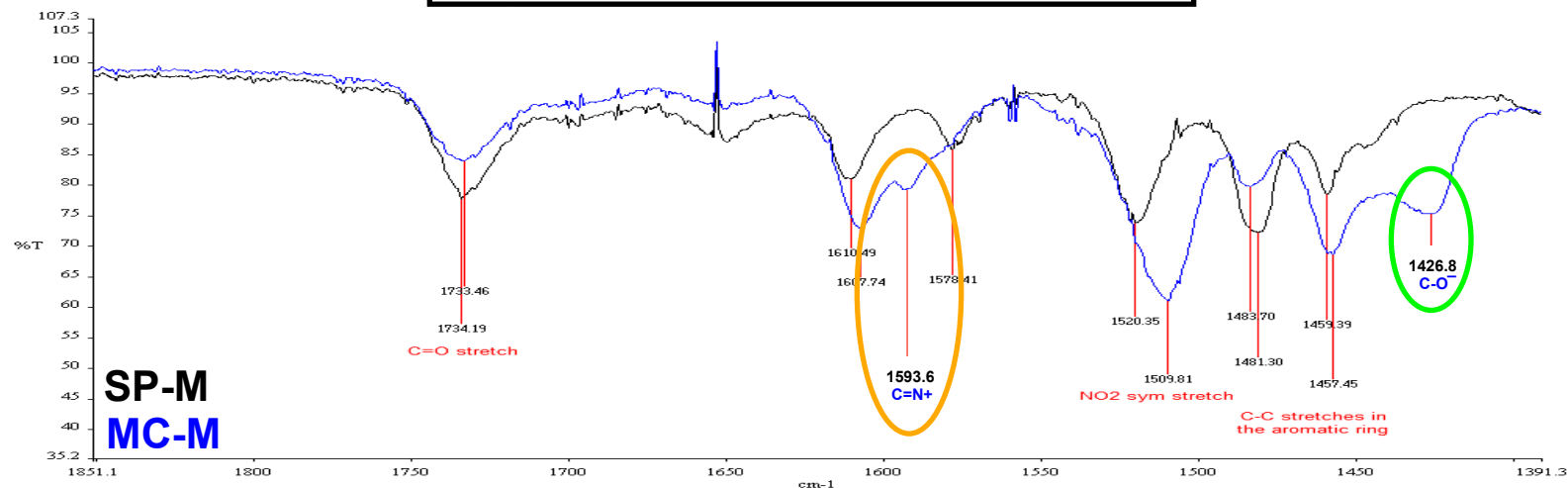
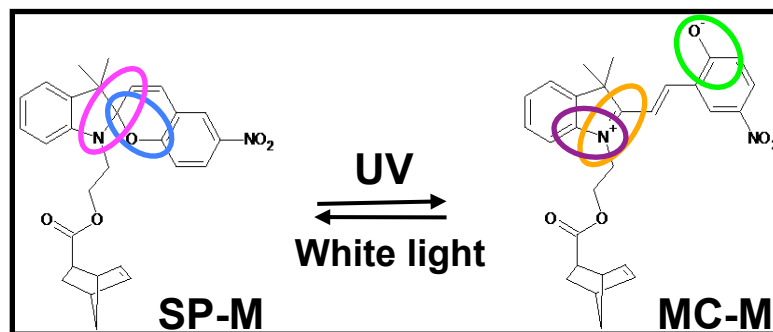
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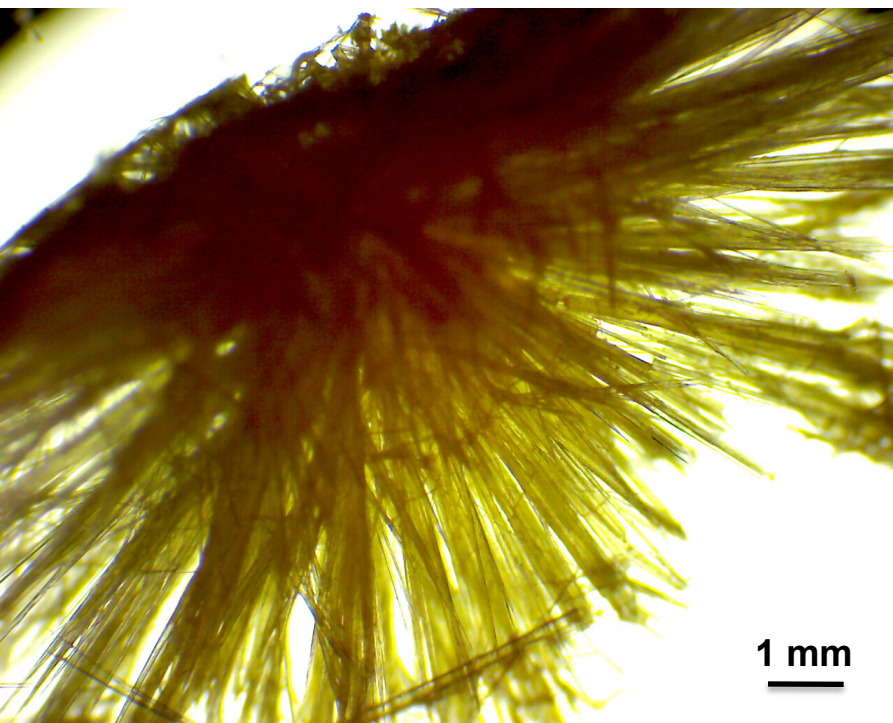
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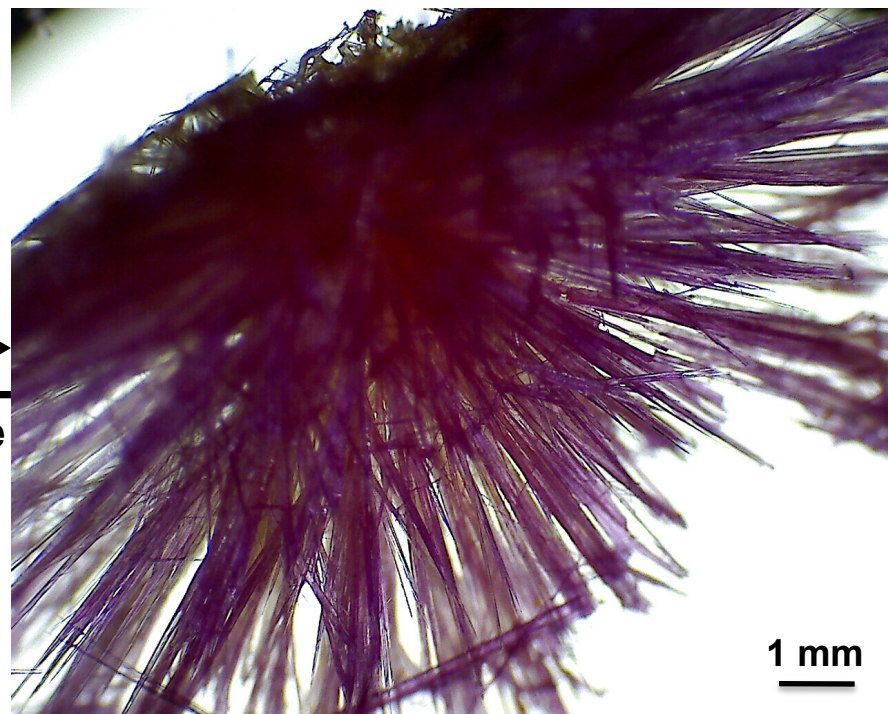




➤ Spiropyran norbornene monomer



UV
white light

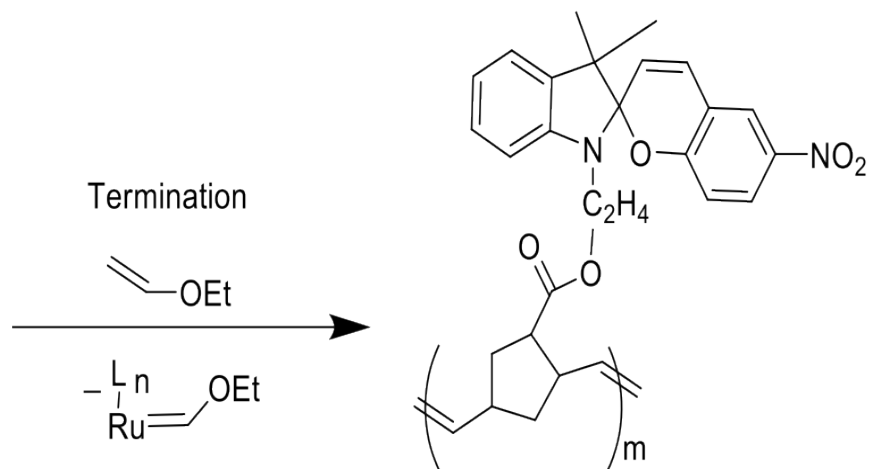
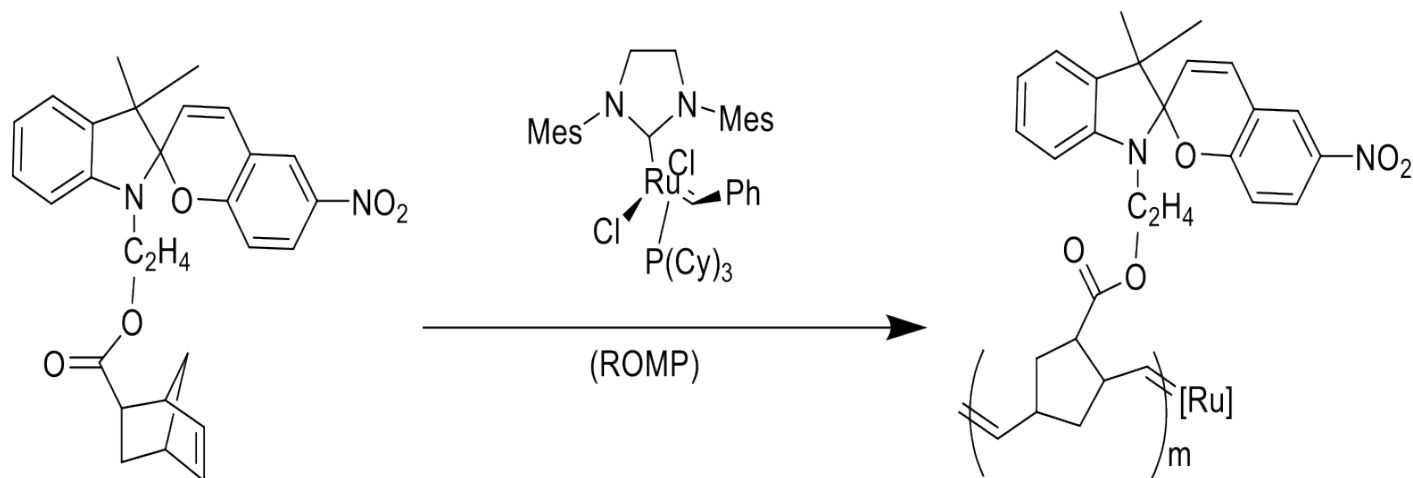


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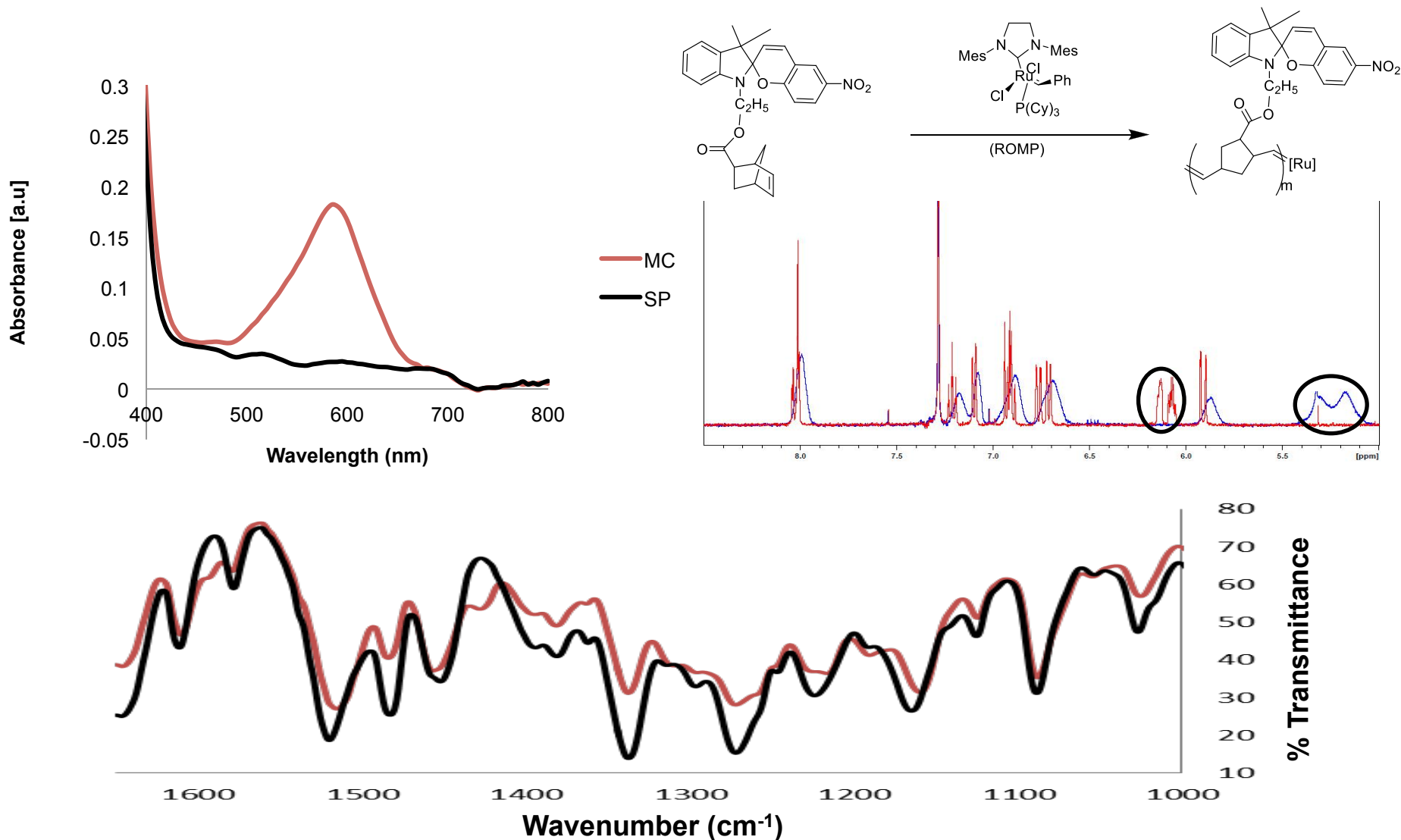


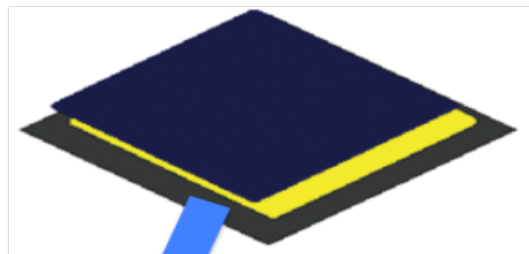
Polymerisation of Spiropyran Monomer

➤ Ring-opening metathesis polymerisation

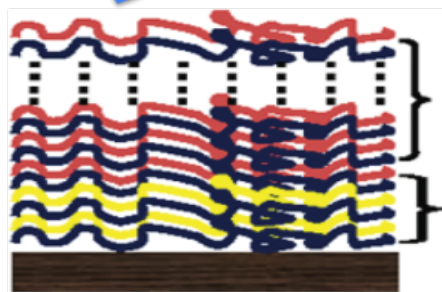
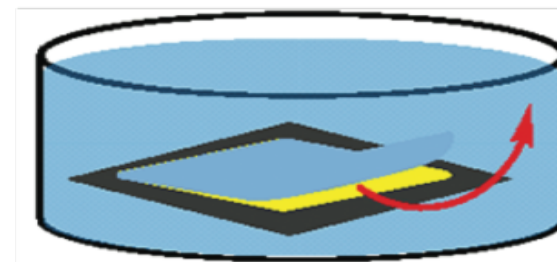


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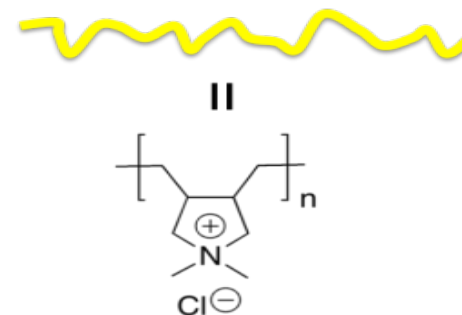
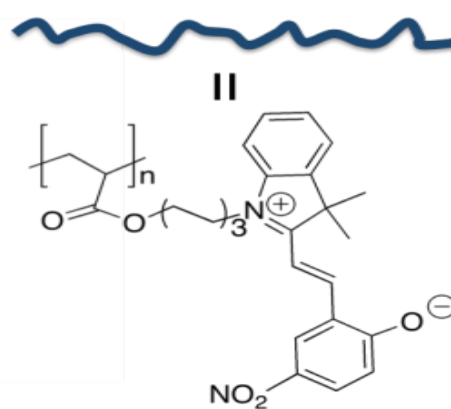


White light
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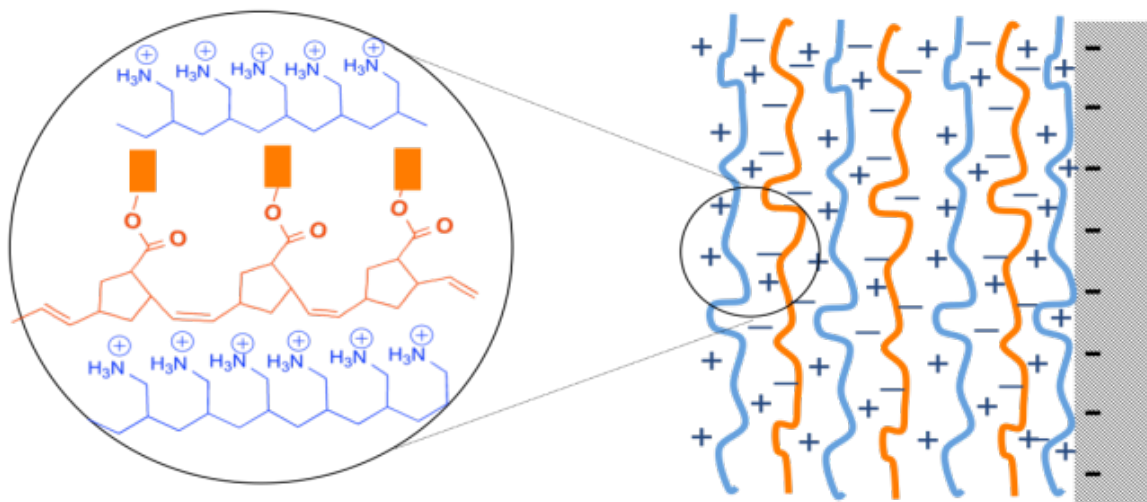
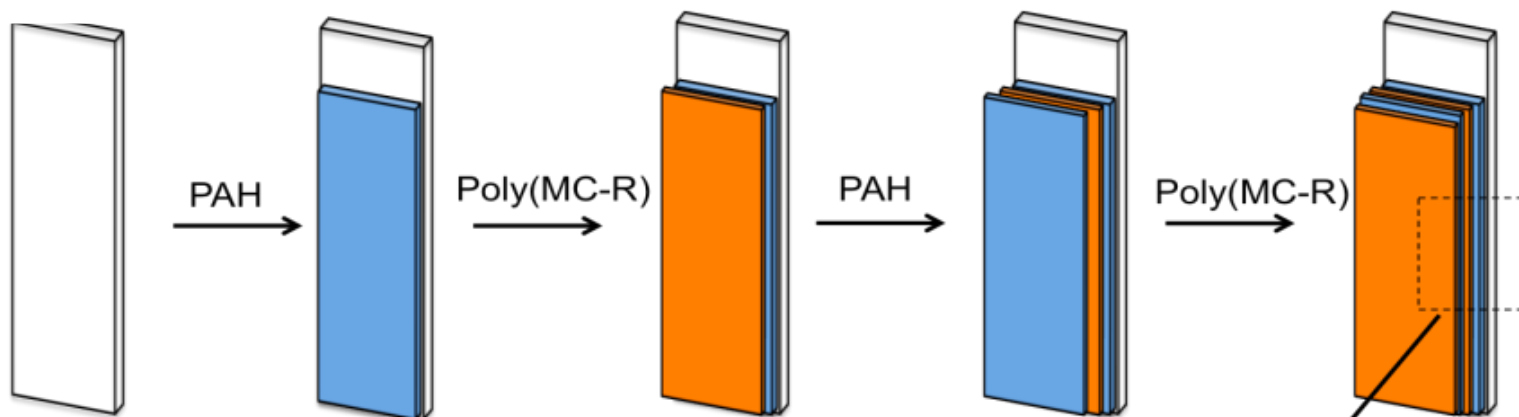


Sample
Layers

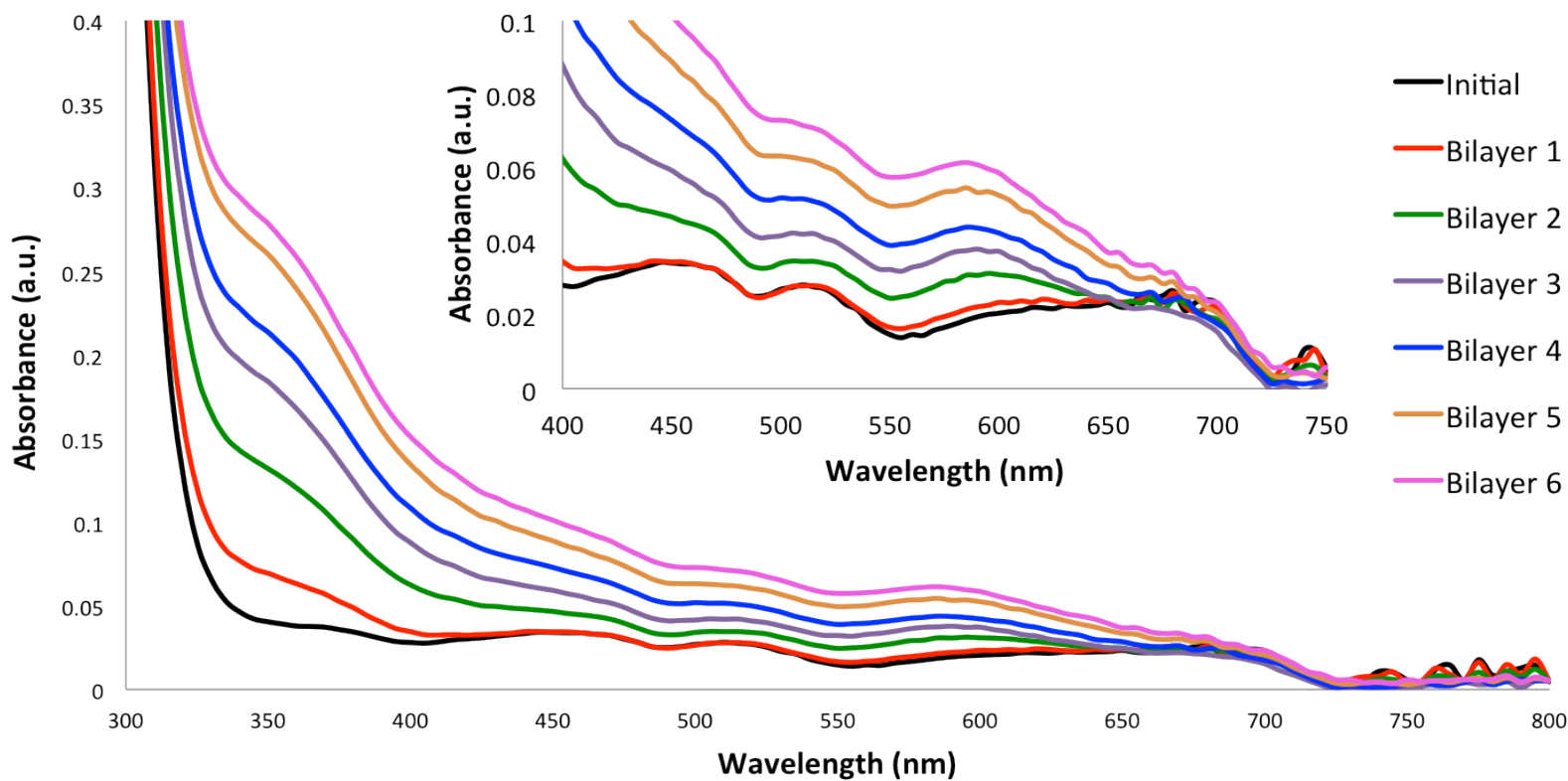
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Layers

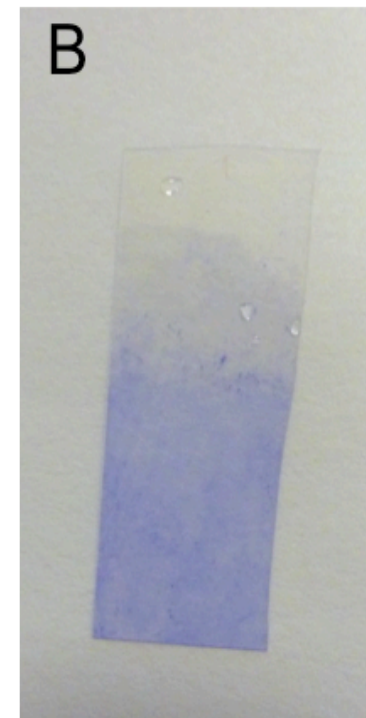
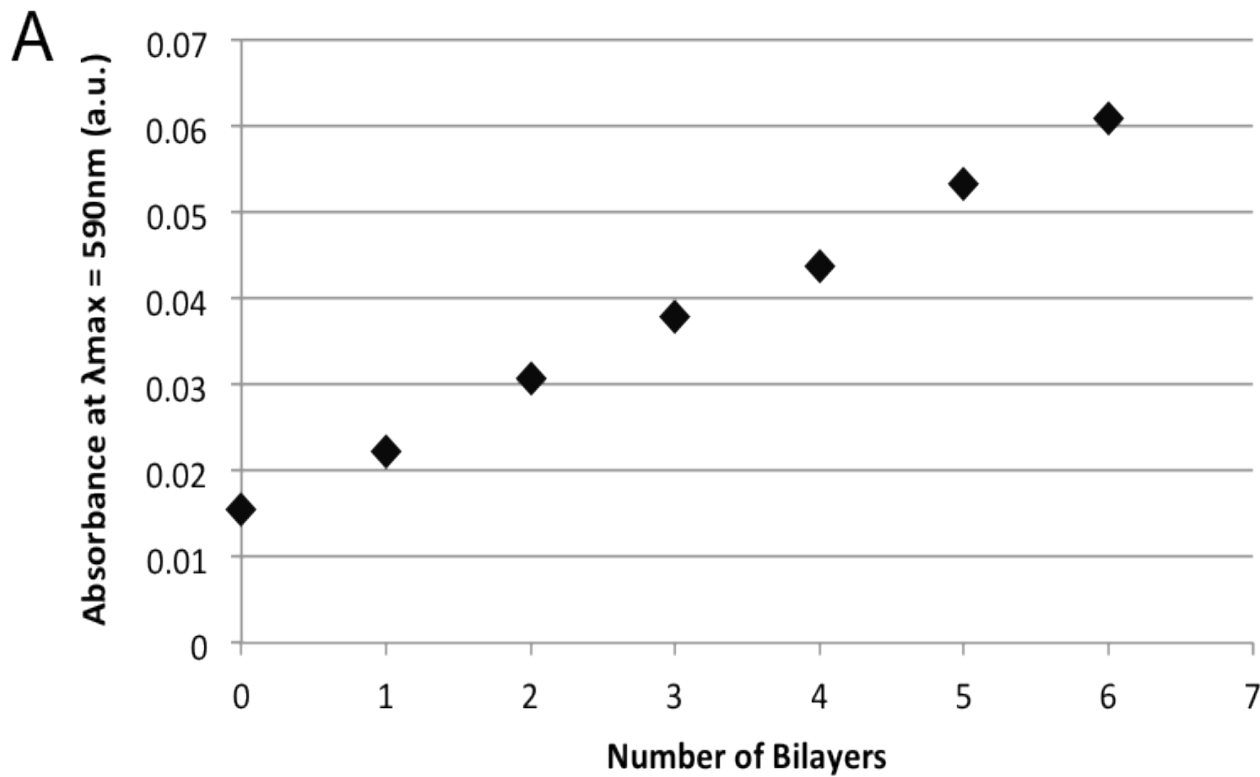


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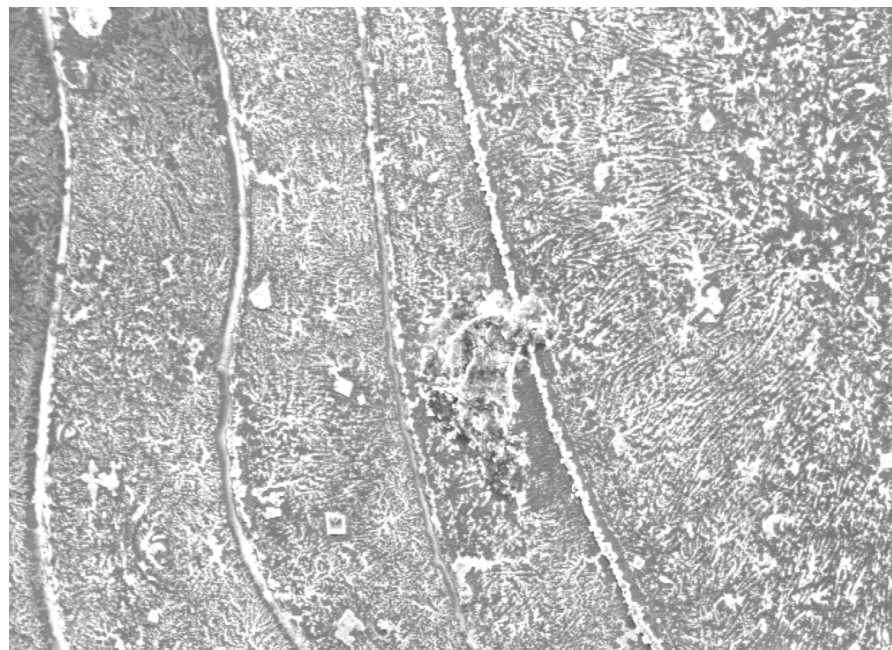


■ - MC
 ~ - PAH
 ~ - poly(MC-R)

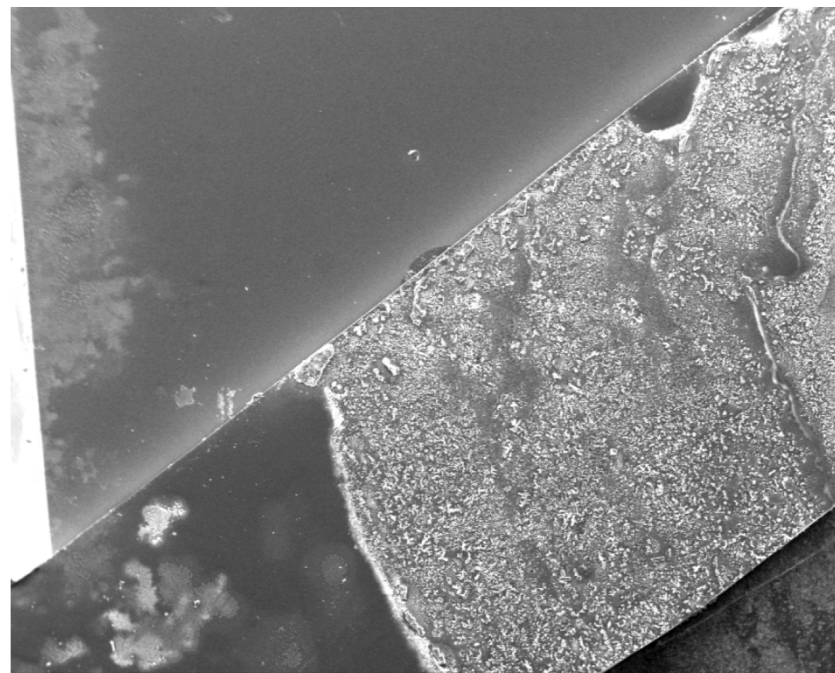




➤ SEM imaging



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WD = 10.0 mm Signal A = SE1 Time :20:15:03

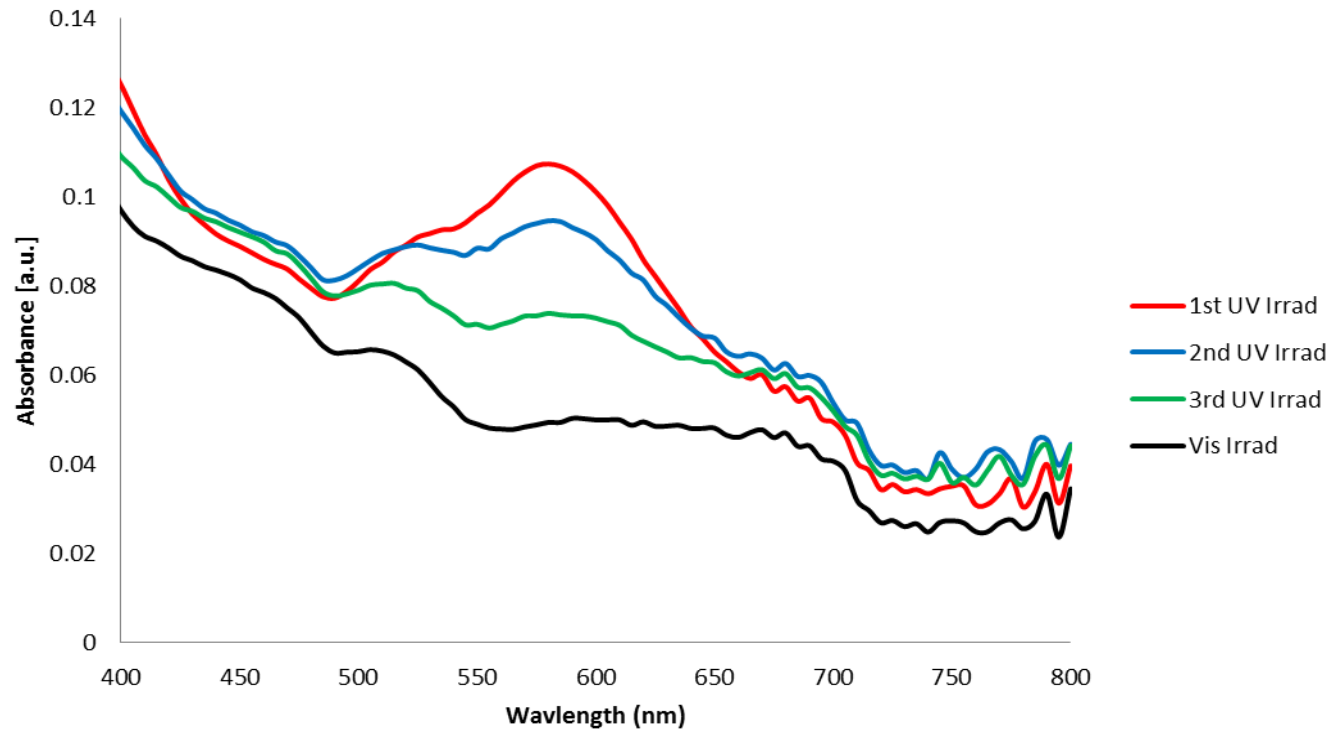


200 μm EHT = 14.82 kV Mag = 34 X Date :10 May 2013
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Photo-induced dissassembly

- Absorbance at 590nm decreases by 60% under white light irradiation



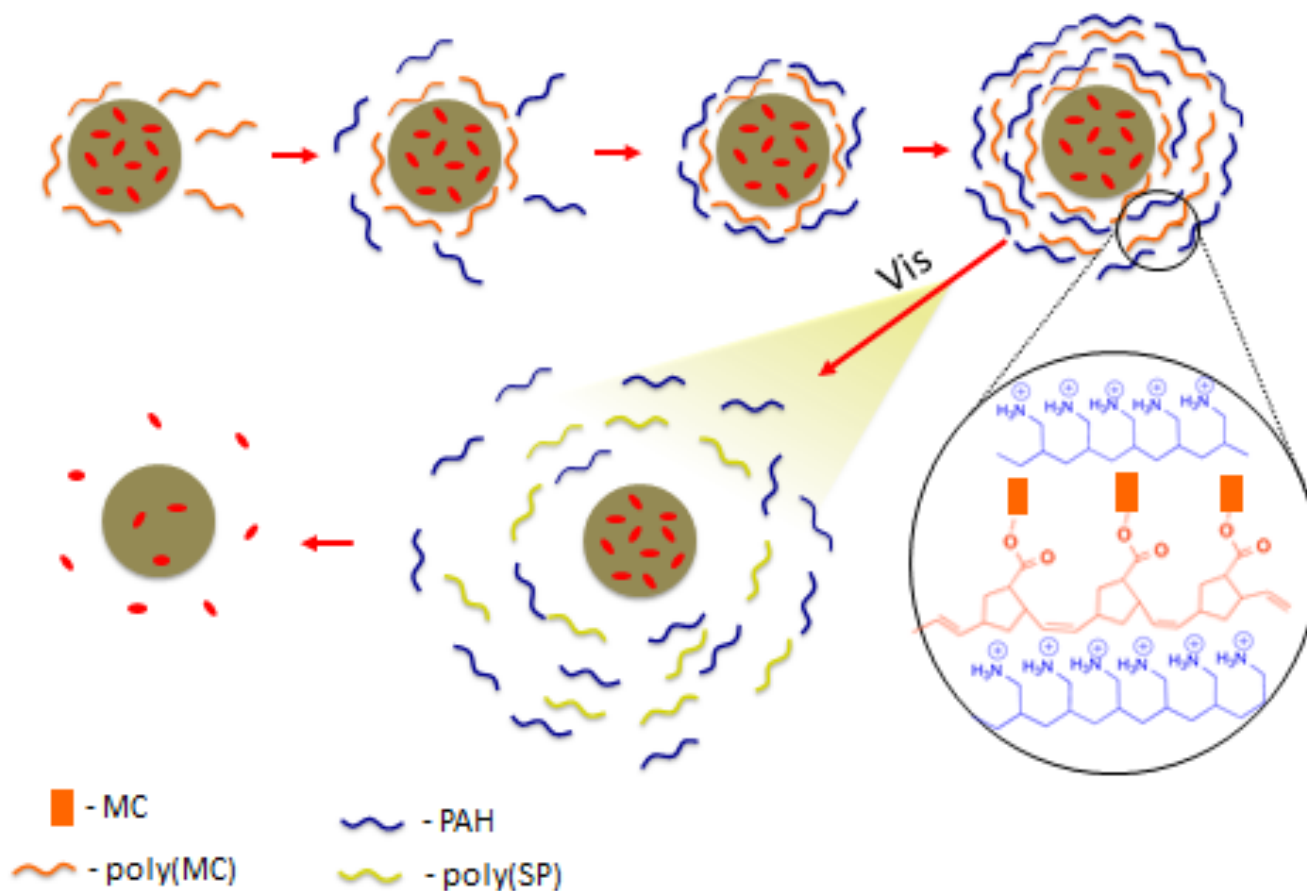


Conclusions



- **Synthesised a new polynorbornene spiropyran polymer.**
- **Characterised spiropyran monomer and polymer.**
- **Developed new layer-by-layer coatings which disassemble under white light irradiation.**

• Development of photo-responsive drug delivery capsules



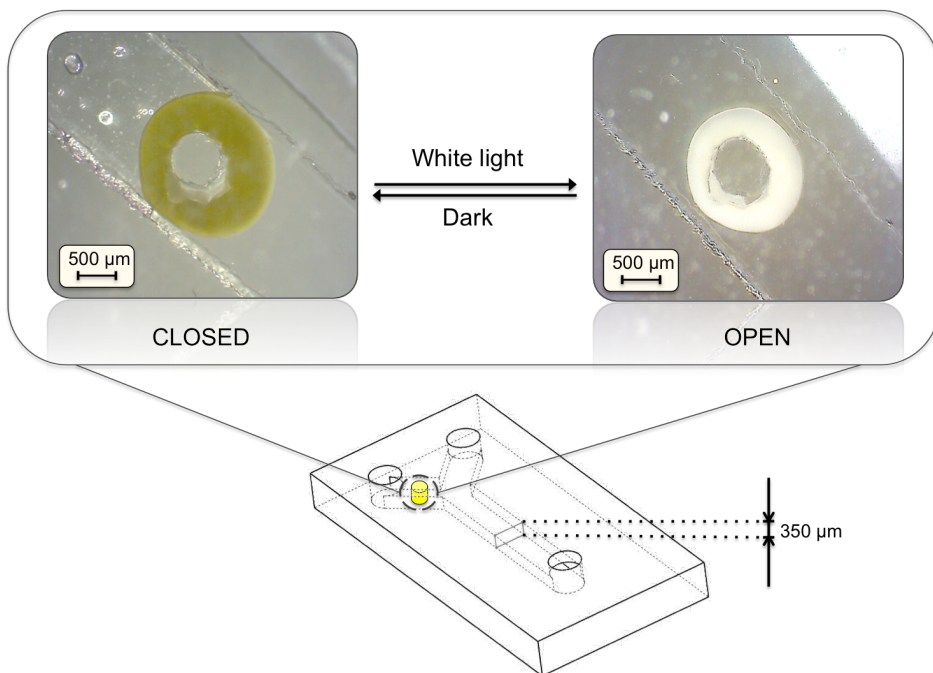


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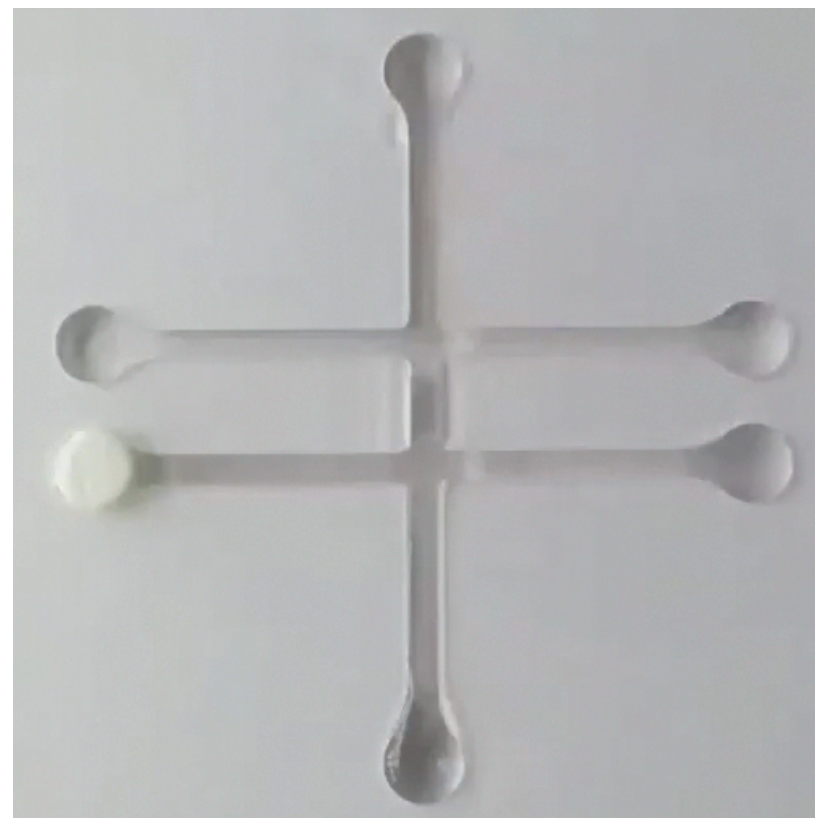
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FO-8:P09 Stimuli-controlled Movement of Droplets and Polymeric “Vehicles”

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