# One step further in the characterization of synthetic polymers by ion mobility mass spectrometry: Evaluating the contribution of end-groups 

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## Supplementary Information

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\text { PEO }-\mathrm{M}_{\mathrm{n}}=750 \mathrm{~g} \cdot \mathrm{~mol}^{-1}
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Figure SI1. MALDI mass spectra recorded for functionalized and non-functionalized PEO with $\mathrm{M}_{\mathrm{n}}=$ $750 \mathrm{~g} \mathrm{~mol}^{-1}$. Functionalization was attested by apparition of additional signals with adequate mass differences compared to the $\alpha$-methyl, $\omega$-hydroxy polymer.


Figure SI2. MALDI mass spectra recorded for functionalized and non-functionalized PEO with $\mathrm{Mn}_{\mathrm{n}}=$ $1150 \mathrm{~g} \mathrm{~mol}^{-1}$. Functionalization was attested by apparition of additional signals with adequate mass differences compared to the $\alpha$-methyl, $\omega$-hydroxy polymer.

## PLA - $\mathrm{M}_{\mathrm{n}}=\mathbf{2 0 0 0}$ g. $\mathrm{mol}^{-1}$



Figure SI3. MALDI mass spectra recorded for functionalized and non-functionalized PLA with $\mathrm{Mn}_{\mathrm{n}}=$ $2000 \mathrm{~g} \mathrm{~mol}^{-1}$. Functionalization was attested by apparition of additional signals with adequate mass differences compared to the $\alpha$-methyl, $\omega$-hydroxy polymer.

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\text { PLA }-\mathrm{M}_{\mathrm{n}}=4000 \mathrm{~g} \cdot \mathrm{~mol}^{-1}
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Figure SI4. MALDI mass spectra recorded for functionalized and non-functionalized PLA with $\mathrm{Mn}_{\mathrm{n}}=$ $4000 \mathrm{~g} \mathrm{~mol}^{-1}$. Functionalization was attested by apparition of additional signals with adequate mass differences compared to the $\alpha$-methyl, $\omega$-hydroxy polymer.


Figure SI5. Evolution of the collision cross section as a function of the number of atoms for singly and doubly charged globular ions for pristine and functionalized PEO and PLA with aliphatic end groups. Fittings were performed using the equation $C C S=A^{\prime}$ nAtoms $s^{\frac{2}{3}}$; the equations and regression coefficients of each fit are shown.


Figure SI6. Evolution of the collision cross section as a function of the number of atoms for singly and doubly charged globular ions for functionalized PEO and PLA with aromatic end groups. Fittings were performed using the equation $C C S=A^{\prime}$ nAtoms $s^{\frac{2}{3}}$; the equations and regression coefficients of each fit are shown.

