

## Supporting Information

### **A Highly Stretchable, Transparent, Notch-insensitive Self-Healing Elastomers for Coating**

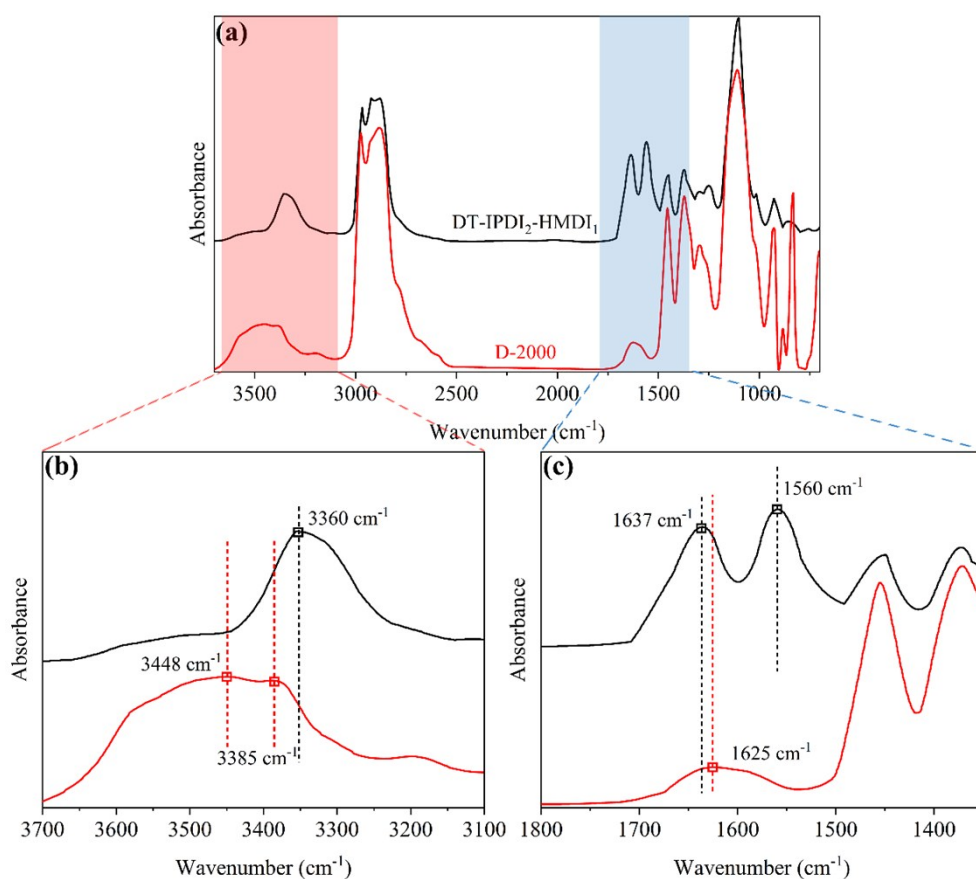
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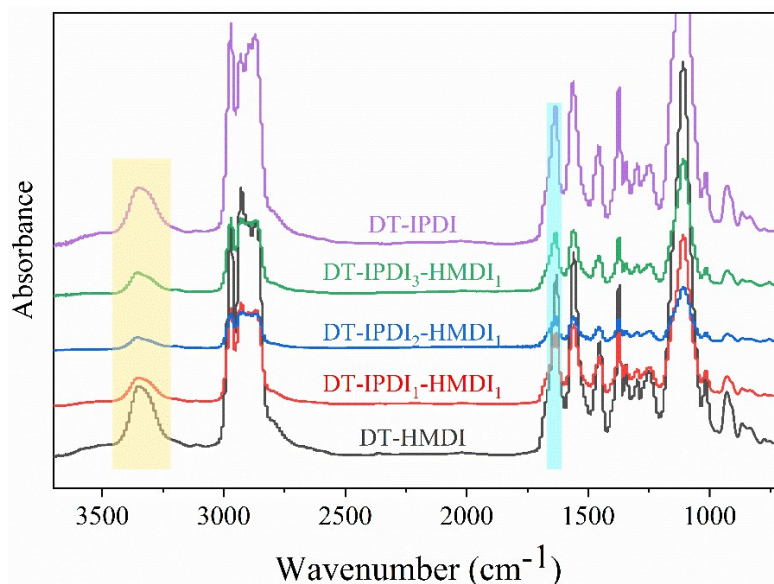
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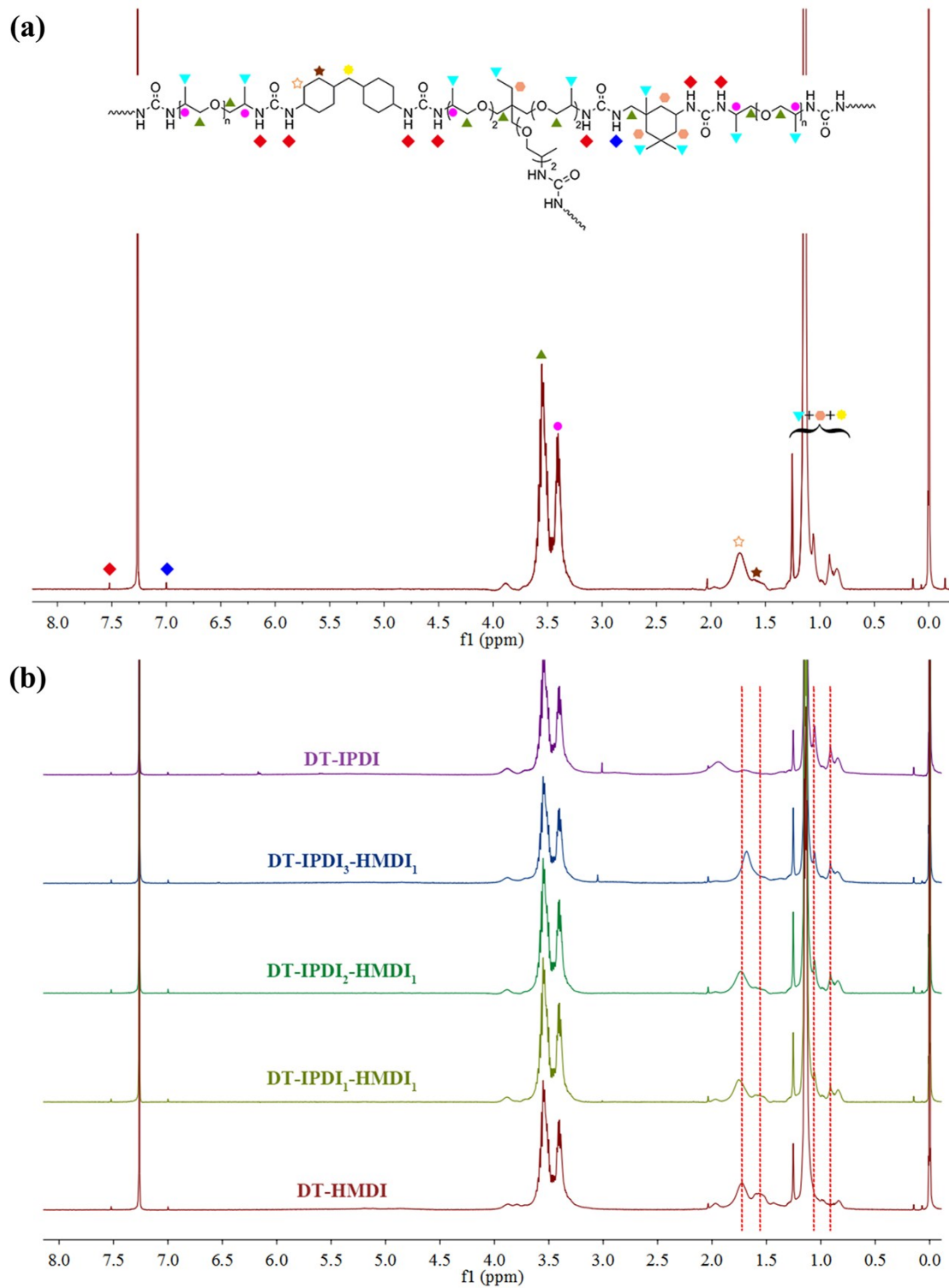
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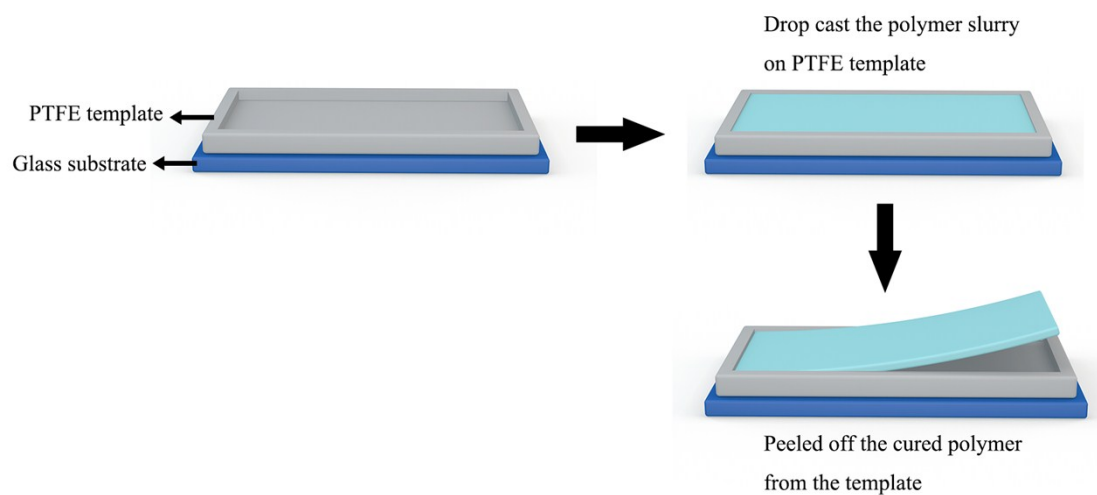
**Fig. S1** The FT-IR spectrum of polyether amine D-2000 (red) and polyurea elastomer DT-IPDI<sub>2</sub>-HMDI<sub>1</sub> (black) in the range of 600-3600  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  (a); urea group (1350-1800  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) stretching zone of DT-IPDI<sub>2</sub>-HMDI<sub>1</sub> and N-H Bending vibration (1350-1800  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) of D-2000 (b); N-H (3700-3100  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) stretching zone (c).



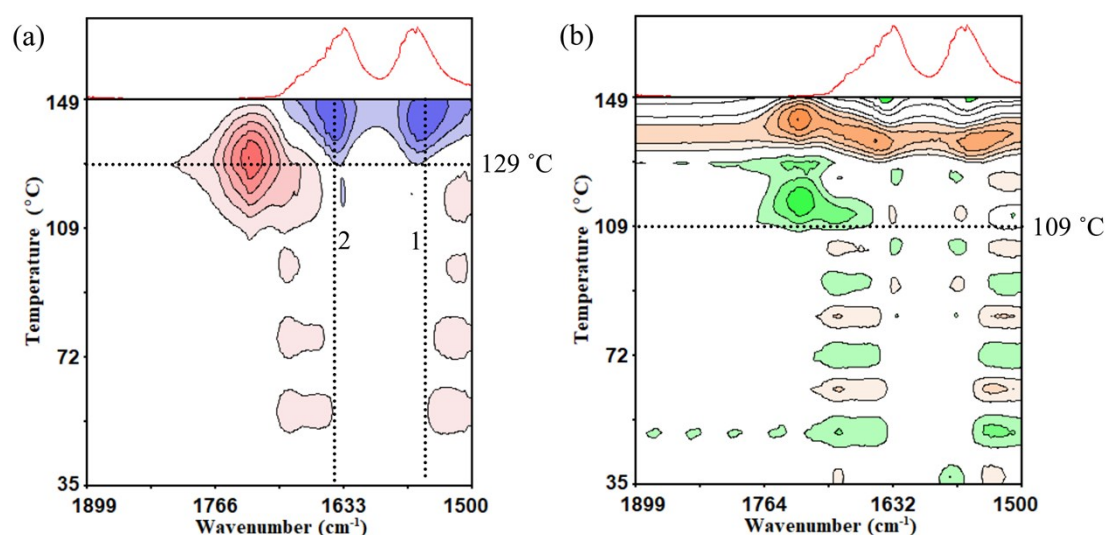
**Fig. S2** Comparative FT-IR spectra of DT-IPDI<sub>x</sub>-HMDI<sub>y</sub>. The appearance of C=O at 1640  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  (blue region) and N-H at 3360  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  (yellow region) indicate the success synthesis of DT-IPDI<sub>x</sub>-HMDI<sub>y</sub> elastomers.



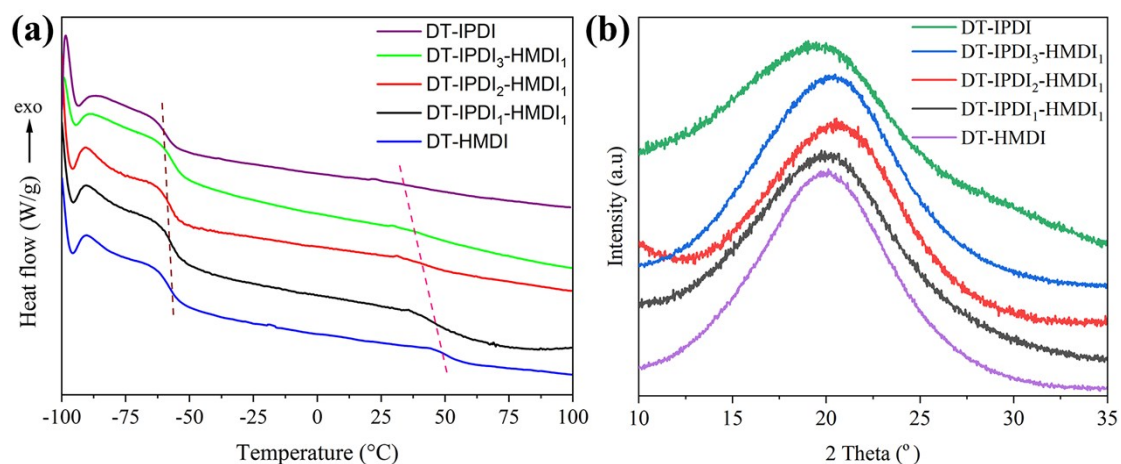
**Fig. S3** (a)  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra of the DT-IPDI<sub>2</sub>-HMDI<sub>1</sub>. (b) Comparative  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra of polyurea elastomers at different IPDI-HMDI ratios. the color of the spectral curve is consistent with the labeling color of the formula.



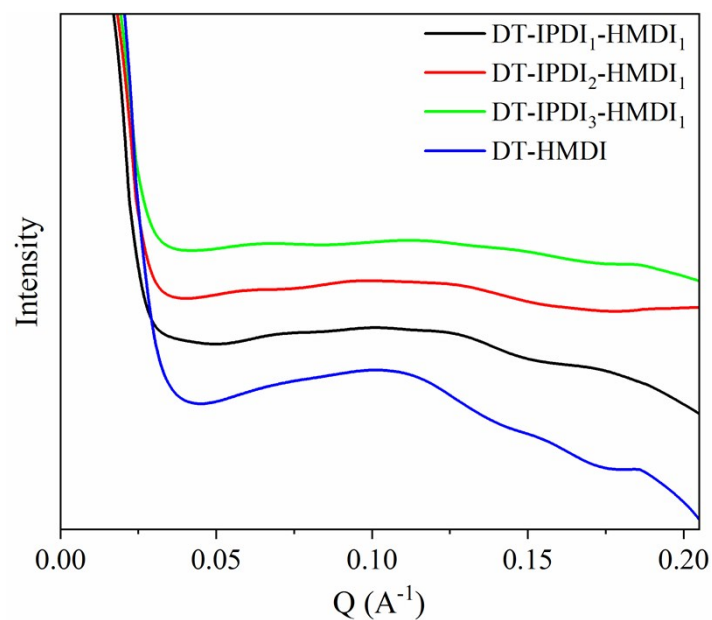
**Fig. S4** Flow chart for the preparation of sample films used for testing.



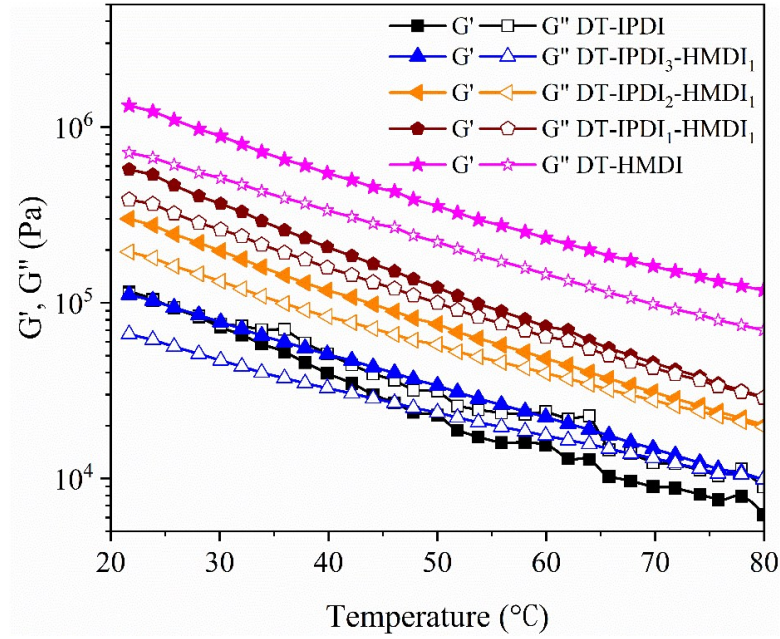
**Fig. S5** (a) PCMW2D synchronous and (b) asynchronous FTIR spectra of DT-IPDI<sub>2</sub>-HMDI<sub>1</sub> elastomer upon heating. The pink (orange) areas represent positive correlation intensity, while blue (green) areas represent negative correlation intensity.



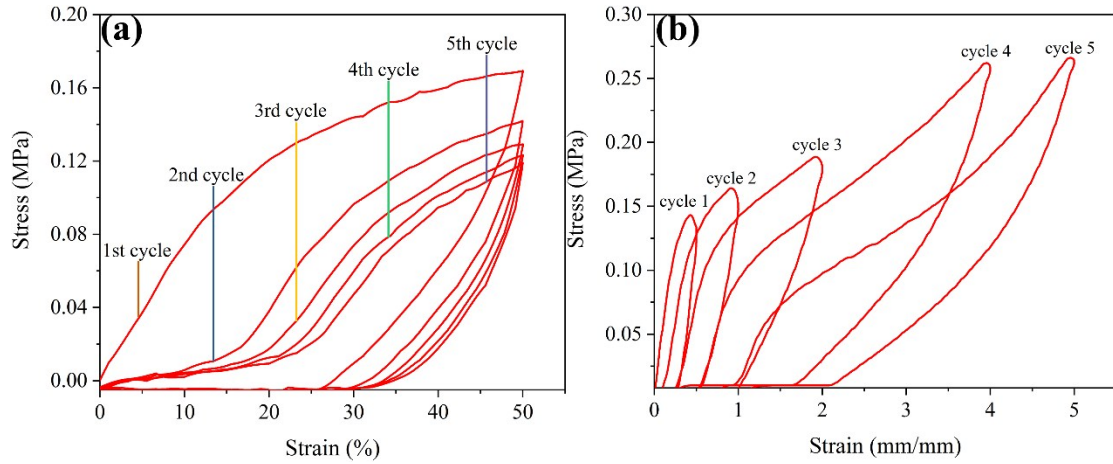
**Fig. S6** (a) DSC heating curves of DT-IPDI<sub>x</sub>-HMDI<sub>y</sub> was collected during the second heating process from  $-100$  to  $100$  °C at a fixed rate of  $10$  °C/min. (b) WAXS curves of DT-IPDI<sub>x</sub>-HMDI<sub>y</sub> samples.



**Fig. S7** SAXS profile plot for DT-IPDI<sub>x</sub>-HMDI<sub>y</sub> that supports the presence of microphase separation.

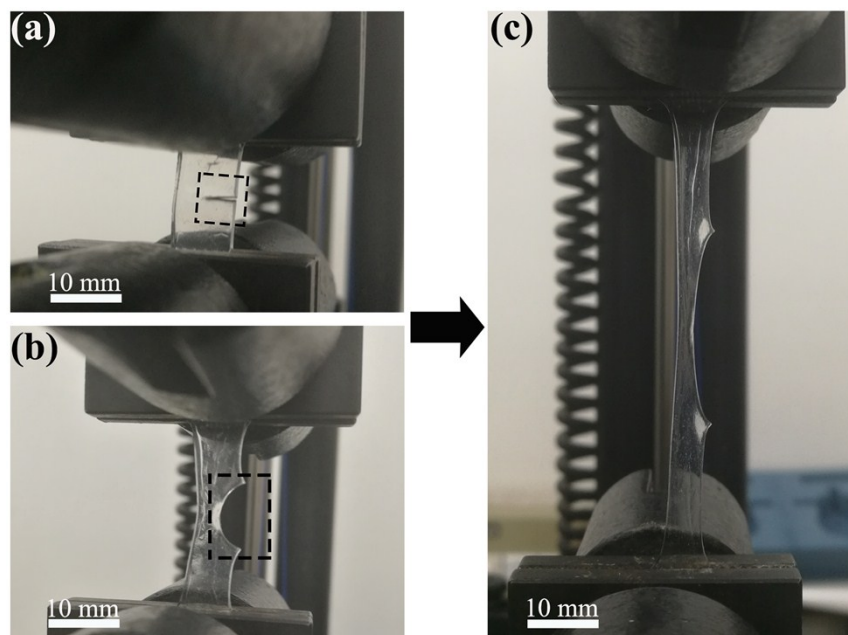


**Fig. S8** Temperature-dependent rheological curve of DT-IPDI<sub>x</sub>-HMDI<sub>y</sub> at 1Hz.



**Fig. S9** (a) Recovery and cyclic loading of the dumbbell spline DT-IPDI<sub>2</sub>-HMDI<sub>1</sub>. The samples were loaded (50% strain) and immediately released 5 times (tensile rate: 100 mm/min). (b) Cyclic tensile test of the DT-IPDI<sub>2</sub>-HMDI<sub>1</sub> at a settled stretch rate 100 mm/min, the sample was loaded to 50% strain firstly and then released to the original state (cycle 1). After that stretched to a higher strain (100%) immediately released the load which marked cycle 2. The cyclic test was repeated as the similar procedure gradually increased the strain with 200%, 400% and 500%.





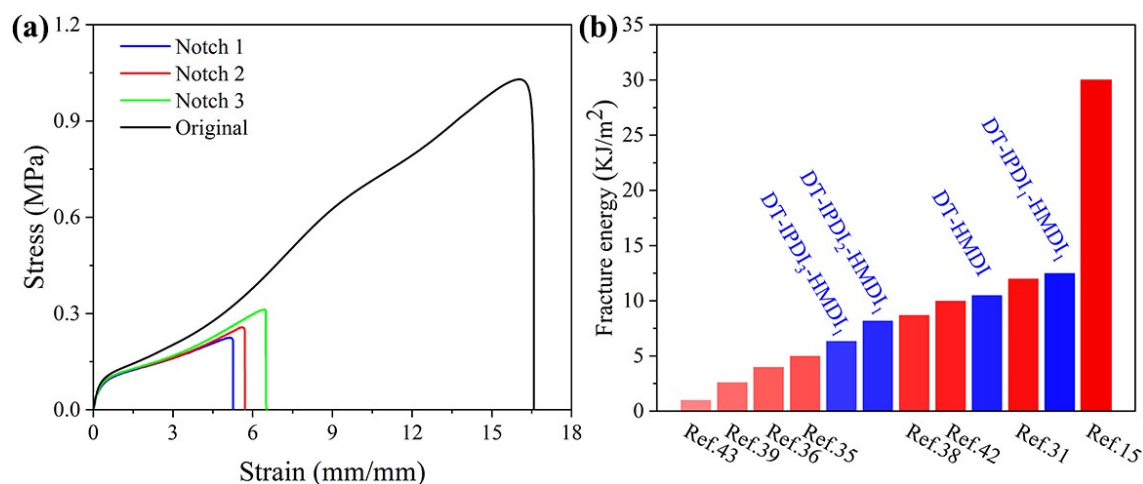
**Fig. S10** Images of tensile test of a notch-insensitive and stretchable polymer film. A notch (3.5 mm) was made in DT-IPDI<sub>2</sub>-HMDI<sub>1</sub> polymer film with 1 mm thickness, 15 mm gauge length and 7 mm width and the film were stretched at the loading rate of 100 mm/min. The notch was Passivated and remained stable (right).

### Calculation of fracture energies

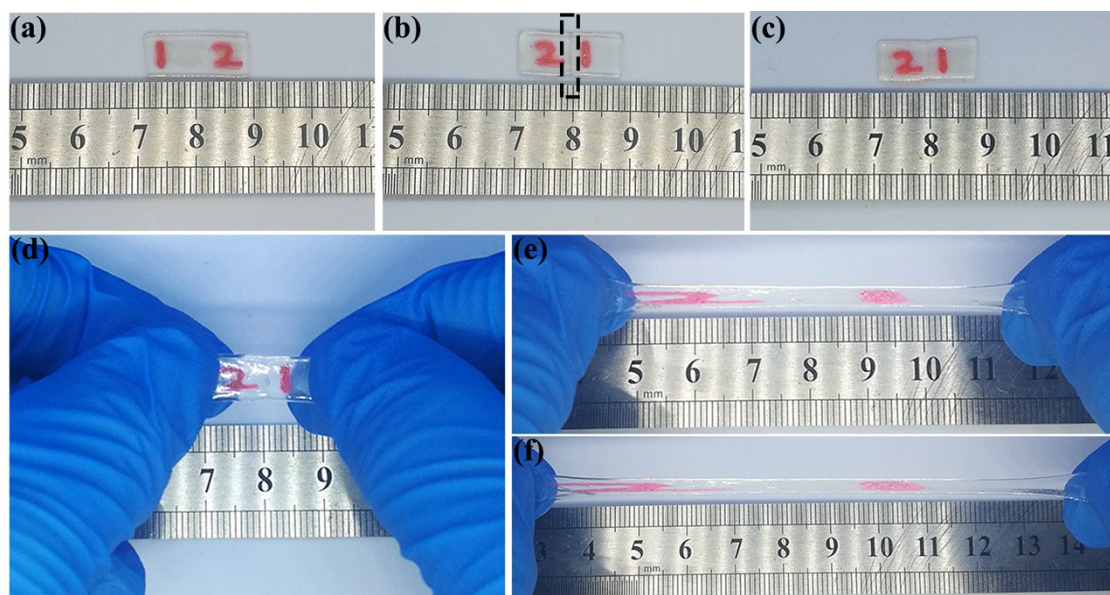
Fracture tests were conducted using the classical single-edge notch test on the Instron 5567 with a 1KN load cell. A notch of about 3.5 mm in length was made in the middle of a rectangular specimen of about 1.3 mm in thickness and about 7 mm in width. The specimen was fixed in two clamps with a pre-set distance of 15 mm. Then, the specimen was subjected to uniaxial tension with a strain rate of 100 mm/min. The fracture energy ( $G_c$ ) was calculated by a method which introduces an empirical correction factor of:

$$G_{c=} = 6Wc/\sqrt{\lambda_c} \quad (1)$$

where  $c$  is the notch length;  $W$  is the strain energy calculated by integration of the stress-strain curve of an un-notched specimen until  $\lambda_c$ ; the un-notched specimen underwent a tensioning process with the same strain rate as the notched sample.

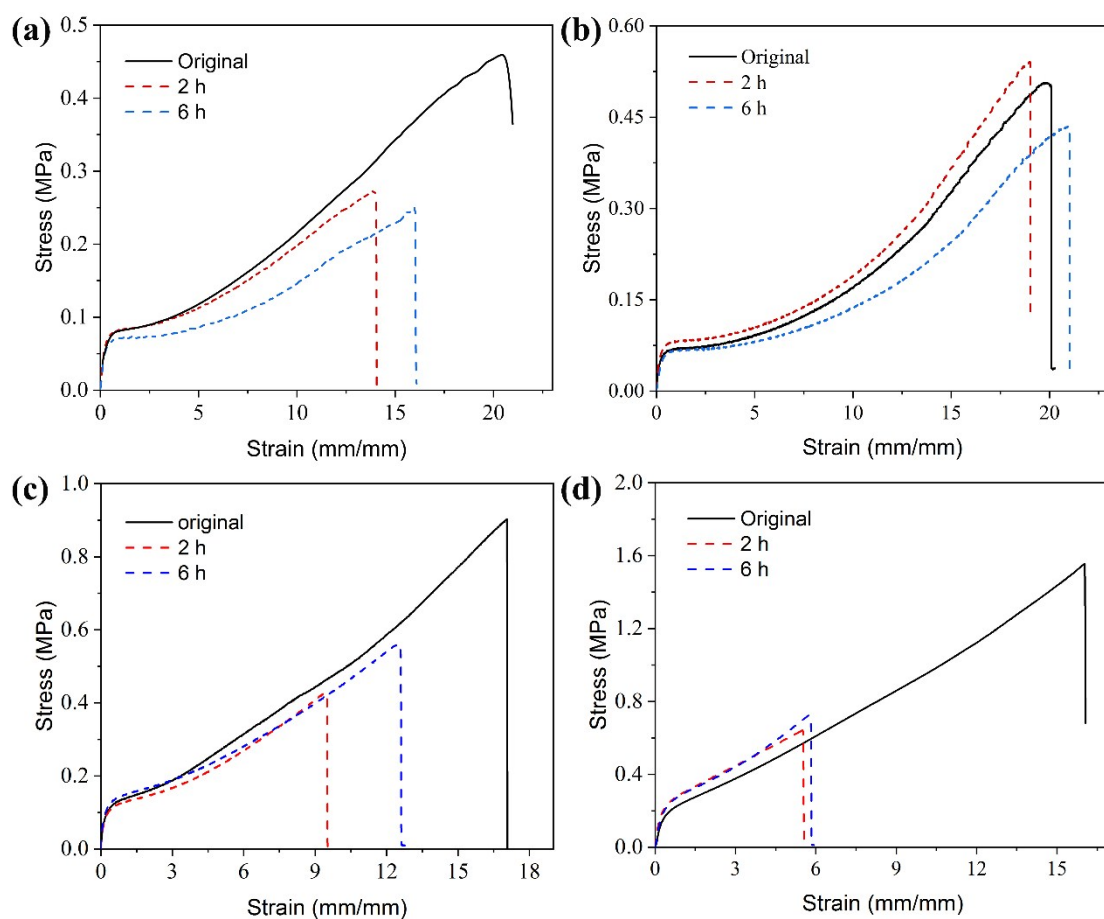


**Fig. S11** (a) Stress-extension curves of the unnotched and notched DT-IPDI<sub>2</sub>-HMDI<sub>1</sub> film. (b) Graphic comparison of fracture energies for some classical stretchable polymer elastomers and tough hydrogels.



**Fig. S12** (a) Images of entire DT-IPDI<sub>2</sub>-HMDI<sub>1</sub> sample was exposed to air for 12h. (b) the film was cut off and linked instead of cut surface. (c) the stitched together film was displaced at room temperature for 6h. d-f) a stretching demonstration was performed at room temperature for 6h after repair of a non-disconnecting surface connection





**Fig. S13** Stress-strain curves of (a) DT-IPDI<sub>3</sub>-HMDI<sub>1</sub> (b) DT-IPDI<sub>2</sub>-HMDI<sub>1</sub> (c) DT-IPDI<sub>1</sub>-HMDI<sub>1</sub> (d) DT-HMDI were repaired for 2h and 6h, respectively.

**Table S1.** Summary of the GPC results of prepared elastomers.

| Sample Code                             | $M_n$ (g/mol) | $M_w$ (g/mol) | $M_w/M_n$ |
|-----------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|-----------|
| DT-IPDI                                 | 13577         | 15160         | 1.11      |
| DT-IPDI <sub>3</sub> -HMDI <sub>1</sub> | 11814         | 13585         | 1.14      |
| DT-IPDI <sub>2</sub> -HMDI <sub>1</sub> | 11784         | 13732         | 1.16      |
| DT-IPDI <sub>1</sub> -HMDI <sub>1</sub> | 11945         | 13823         | 1.15      |
| DT-HMDI                                 | 12268         | 15409         | 1.25      |

**Table S2.** The mechanical properties of the samples and the self-repair efficiency of different time were compared

| Sample                                  | Young's modulus (MPa) | Breaking strength (MPa) | Elongation at break (%) | Self-healing efficiency (%) after 2h | Self-healing efficiency (%) after 6h | notch-insensitive stretching (%) | Fracture energy (J/m <sup>2</sup> ) |
|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| DT-IPDI <sub>3</sub> -HMDI <sub>1</sub> | 0.027                 | 0.466                   | 2096.67                 | 66.82                                | 76.45                                | 803.6                            | 5974±367                            |
| DT-IPDI <sub>2</sub> -HMDI <sub>1</sub> | 0.041                 | 0.502                   | 2006.67                 | 94.78                                | 104.55                               | 769.0                            | 7460±800                            |
| DT-IPDI <sub>1</sub> -HMDI <sub>1</sub> | 0.085                 | 0.901                   | 1702.32                 | 55.80                                | 73.72                                | 576.6                            | 11050 ± 1530                        |
| DT-HMDI                                 | 0.11                  | 1.55                    | 1604.7                  | 34.39                                | 35.89                                | 293.9                            | 9980 ± 698                          |

**Table S3.** Comparison of the transmittance and the self-healing efficiency of DT-IPDI<sub>2</sub>-HMDI<sub>1</sub> and those reported in related references.

| Referen<br>ce        | Substrate                      | Mechanism                       | The way of<br>self-healing | Self-healing<br>time (h) | $\eta$<br>(%) | T<br>(%) |
|----------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|---------------|----------|
| <b>Ref.16</b>        | Polyacrylamid<br>e             | Host-guest and<br>Hydrogen bond | RT                         | 12                       | 100           | 80       |
| <b>Ref.23</b>        | PDMS                           | capsule                         | UV                         | 0.3                      | 100           | 90       |
| <b>Ref.7</b>         | PDMS                           | Hydrogen bond                   | RT                         | 1                        | 98.3          | 80       |
| <b>Ref.25</b>        | PU                             | Hydrogen bond                   | H <sub>2</sub> O           | 0.05                     | 30            | 90       |
| <b>Ref.26</b>        | PVDF                           | Ionic ligand                    | RT                         | 24                       | 100           | 92       |
| <b>Ref.30</b>        | PVA/PDMS                       | Hydrogen bond                   | RT                         | 0.25                     | 81            | 92       |
| <b>Ref.12</b>        | bPEI/PAA                       | Hydrogen bond                   | H <sub>2</sub> O           | 0.5                      | 100           | 85       |
| <b>Ref.8</b>         | PEM/CNT                        | Hydrogen bond                   | H <sub>2</sub> O           | 0.5                      | 100           | 80.7     |
| <b>Ref.24</b>        | Epoxy                          | Hydrogen bond                   | 140 °C                     | 0.05                     | 100           | 90       |
| <b>Ref.11</b>        | PMMA                           | capsule                         | RT                         | 72                       | 100           | 90       |
| <b>Ref.31</b>        | PDMS                           | Hydrogen bond                   | RT                         | 48                       | 94            | 98       |
| <b>Ref.29</b>        | PU                             | 2S                              | 70 °C                      | 24                       | 86.3          | 100      |
| <b>Ref.5</b>         | PAA/PDMAP<br>S                 | Zwitterion<br>+hydrogen bond    | RT                         | 48                       | 100           | 90       |
| <b>Ref.21</b>        | Poly- $\alpha$ -lipoic<br>acid | Hydrogen bond                   | RT                         | 14                       | 86            | 85       |
| <b>Ref.28</b>        | Ionic gel                      | Metal-ligand<br>and ionic bond  | RT                         | 1                        | 100           | 88.6     |
| <b>Ref.22</b>        | PDMS/AgNW<br>-PEDOT            | Imine bond                      | RT                         | 12                       | 86            | 73       |
| <b>This<br/>Work</b> | Polyurea                       | Hydrogen bond                   | RT                         | 6                        | 100           | 92.8     |

$\eta$ : the efficiency of self-healing (%), T: Transmittance (%), RT: room temperature