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Supporting Information

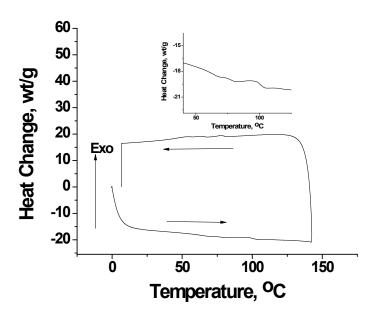


Figure S1. DSC thermogram for a fast-cooled 2 wt % **1** in mineral oil gel during 2nd heating and cooling cycle. Inset shows expanded region of 40°C- 125 °C in the heating cycle.

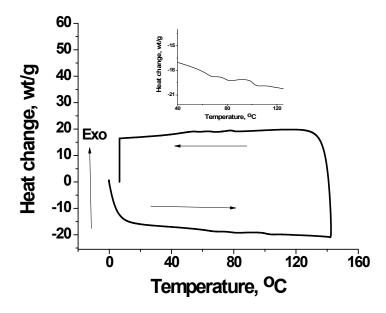


Figure S2. DSC thermogram for a fast-cooled 2 wt % **1** in mineral oil gel during 3rd heating and cooling cycle. Inset shows expanded region of 40°C- 125 °C in the heating cycle.

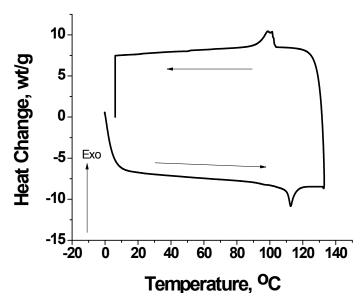


Figure S3. DSC thermogram for a fast-cooled 2 wt % **2** in mineral oil gel during 2nd heating and cooling cycle.

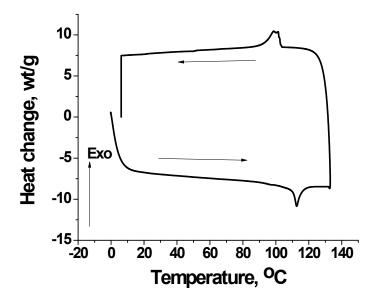


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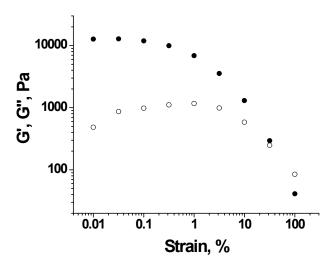


Figure S5. Log-log strain sweep (1.0 rad/sec) at 25 °C for a fast-cooled 2 wt % 1 in mineral oil gel: G', closed circles; G'', open circles.

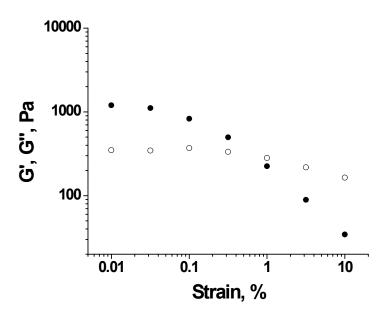


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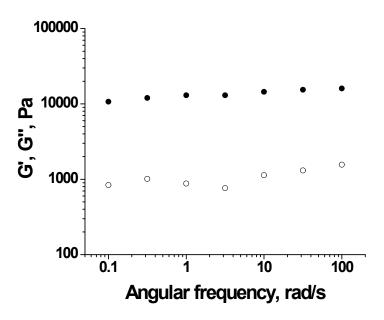


Figure S7. Log-log frequency sweep (0.01 % strain) at 25 °C for a fast-cooled 2 wt % 1 in mineral oil gel: G', closed circles; G'', open circles.

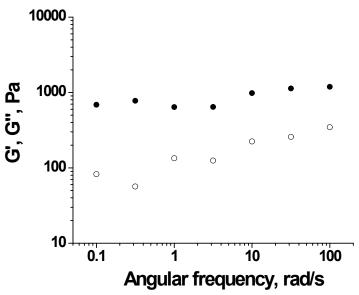


Figure S8. Log-log frequency sweep (0.01 % strain) at 25 °C for a fast-cooled 2 wt % **2** in mineral oil gel: G', closed circles; G'', open circles.

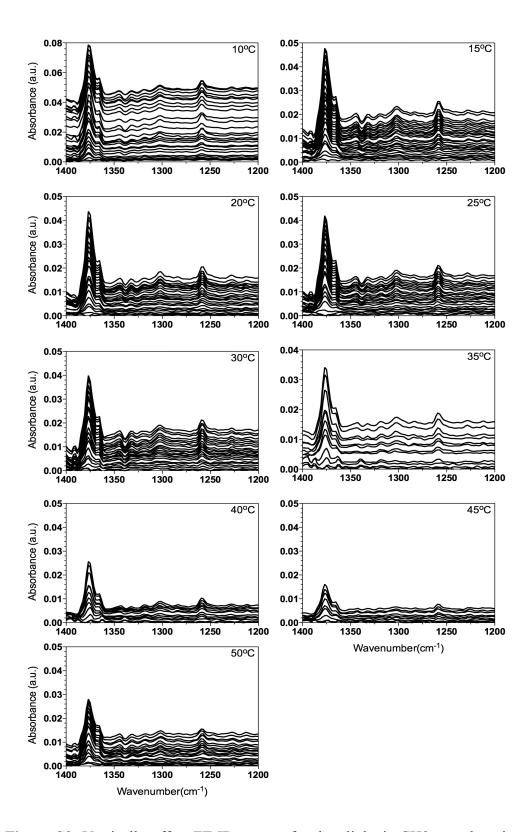


Figure S9. Vertically offset FT-IR spectra for the aliphatic CH3 stretch, using the sol spectra as the baseline, for formation of 2 wt % mineral oil gels of **2** at different temperatures.