

Supplementary Information

Facile Synthesis of Hemiacetal Ester-based Dynamic Covalent Polymer Networks Combining Fast Reprocessability and High Performance

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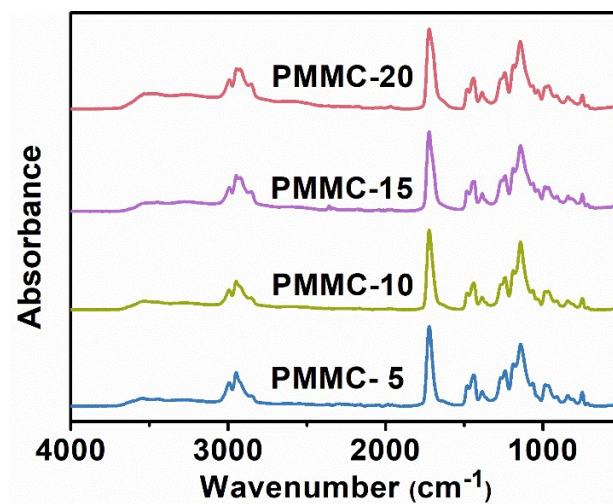


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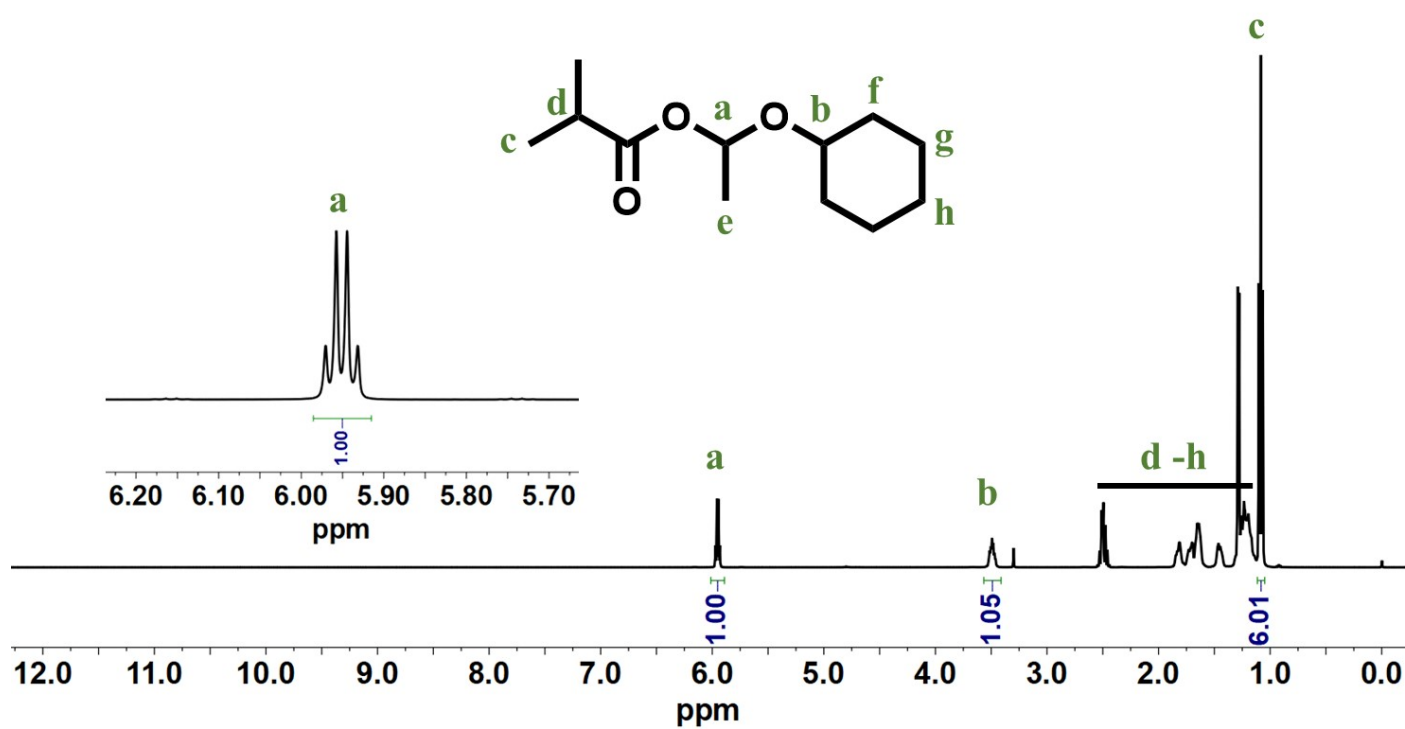


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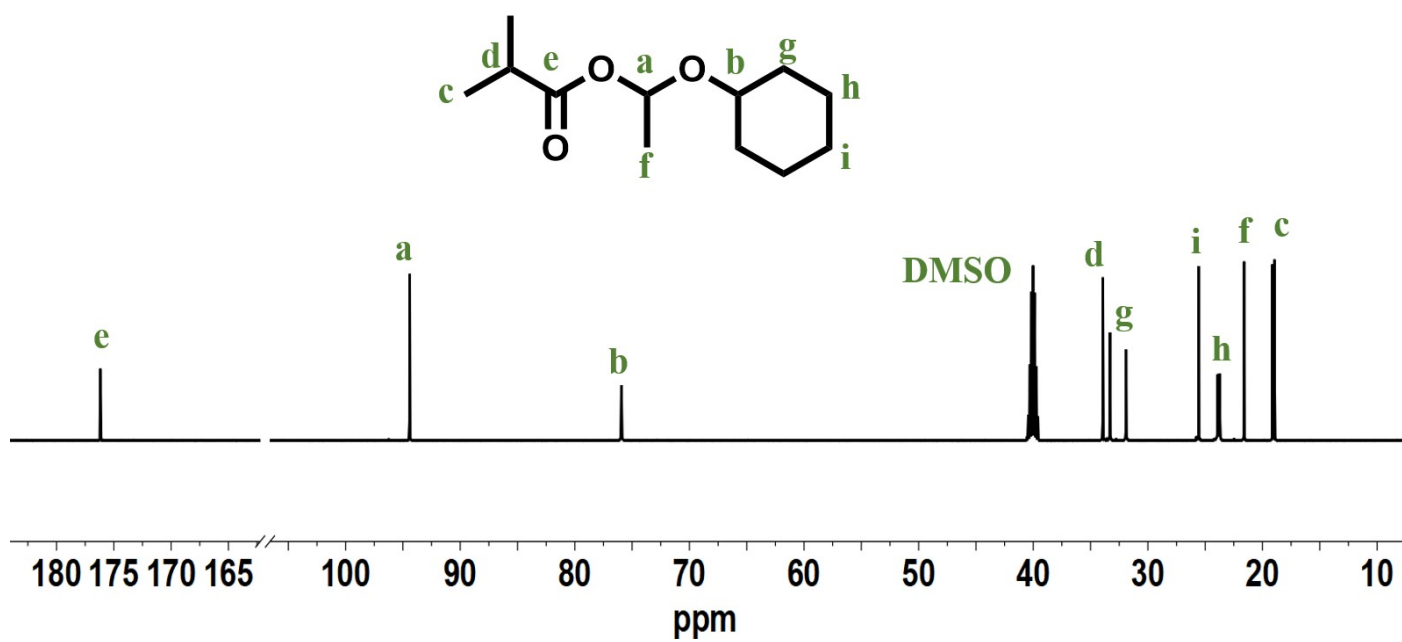


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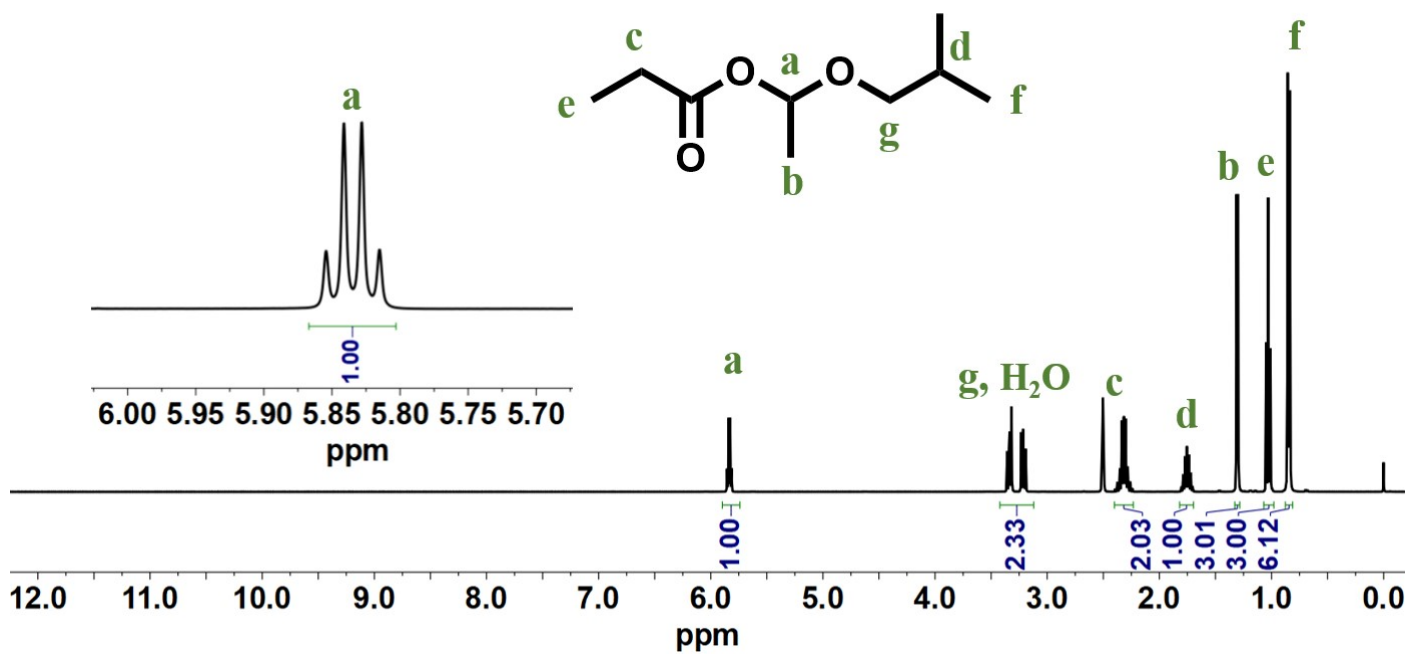


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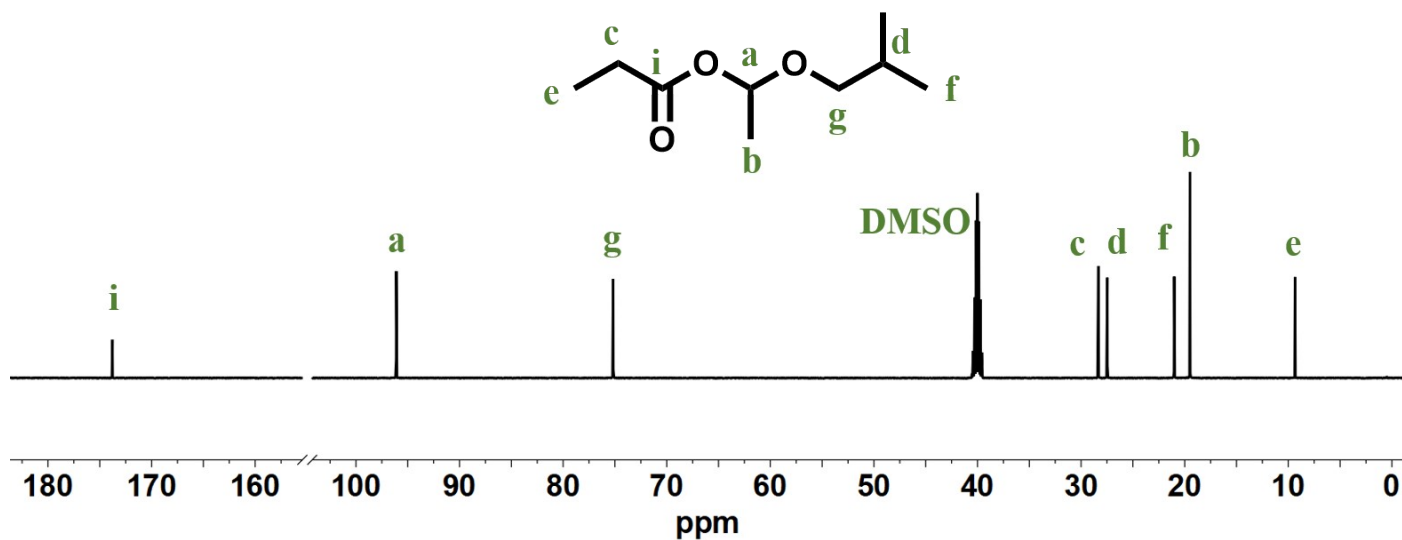


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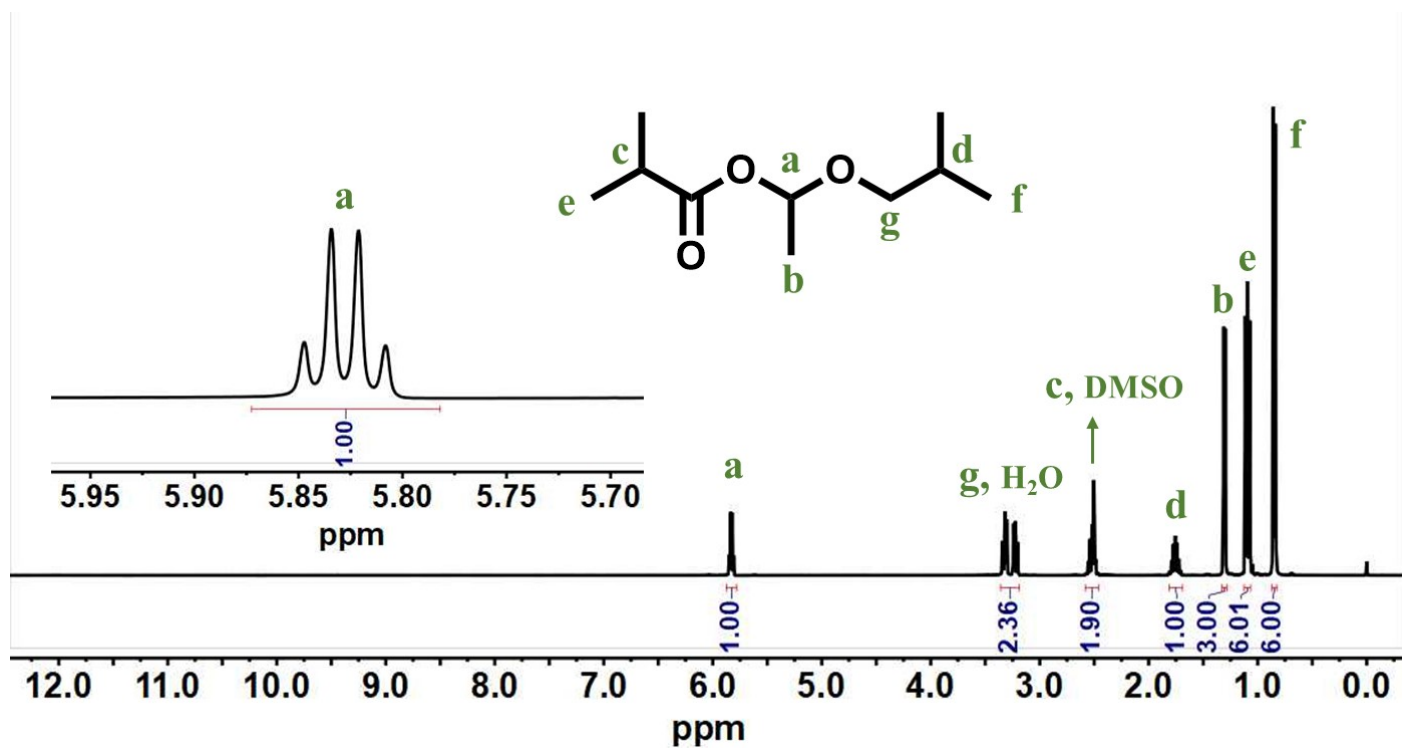


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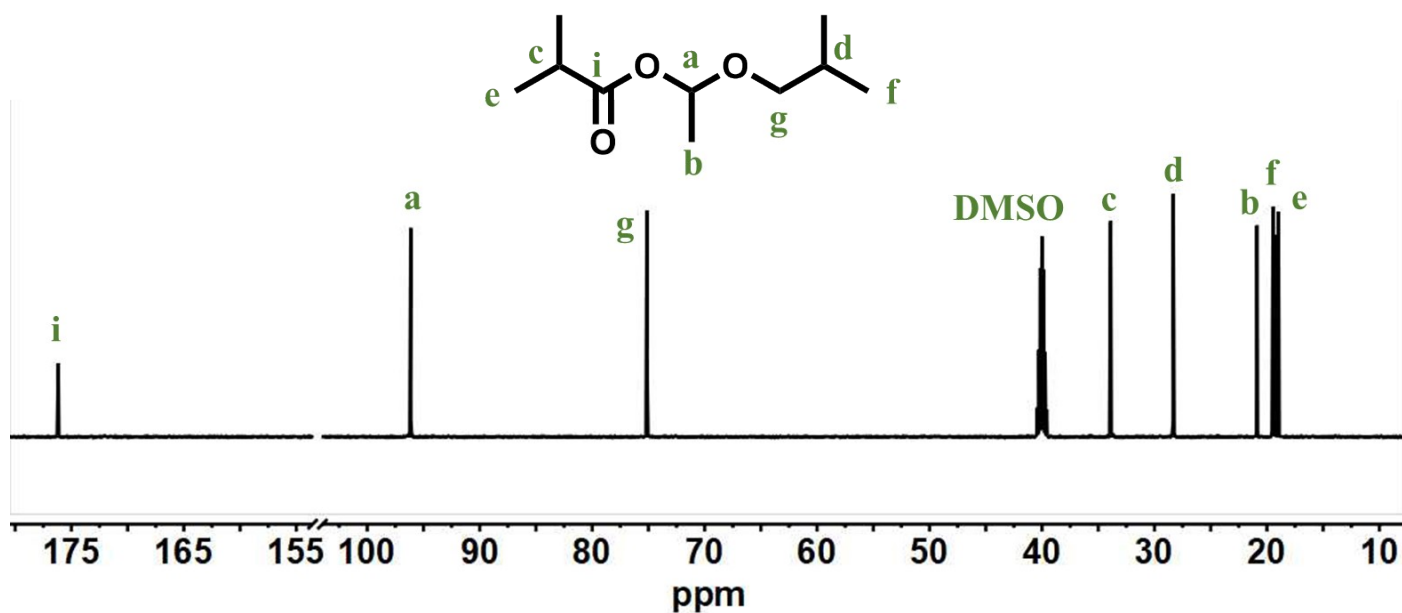


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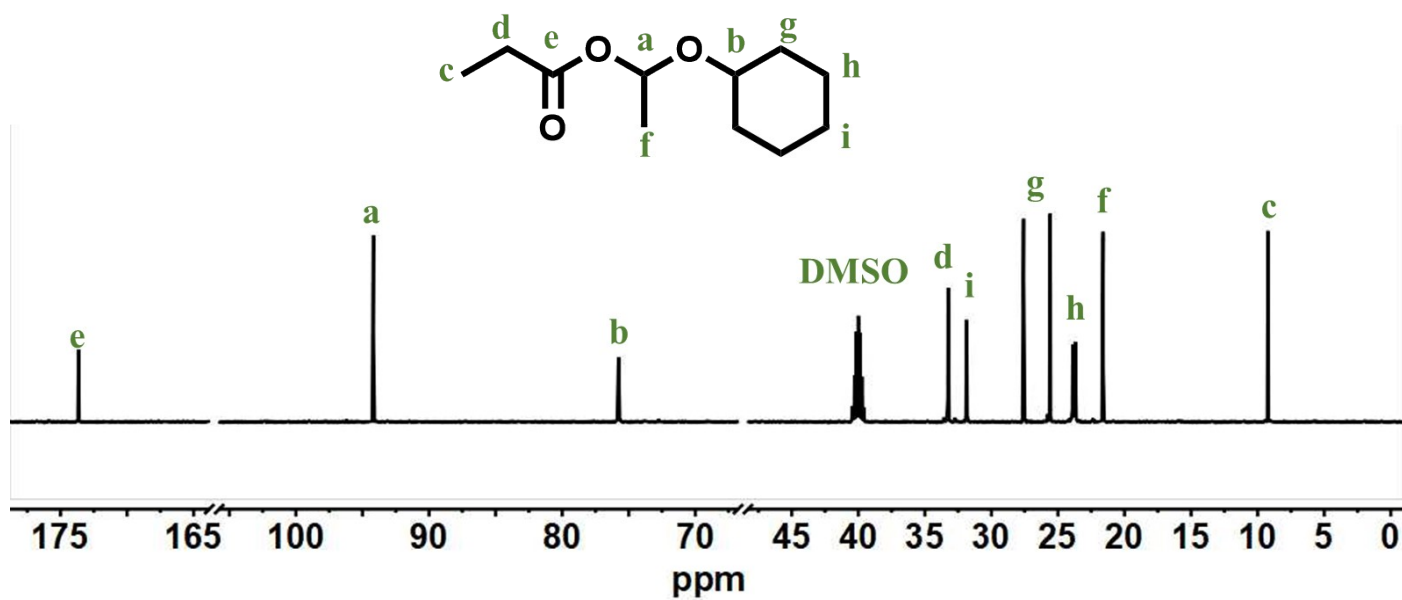


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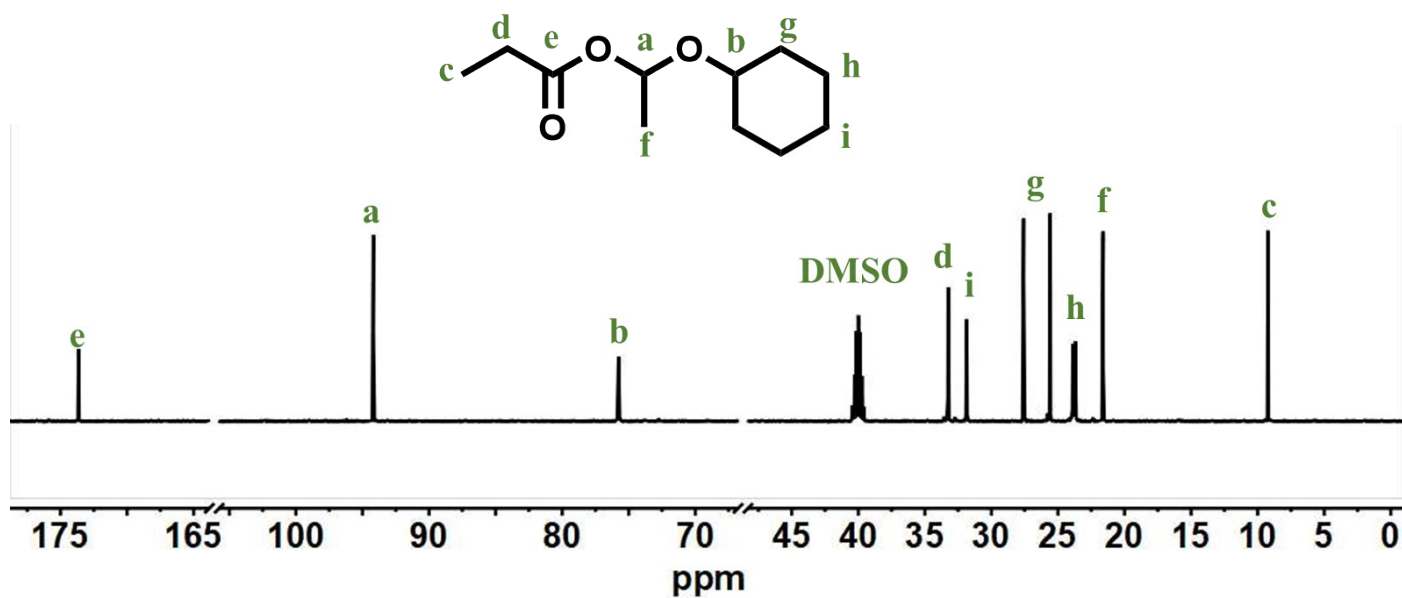


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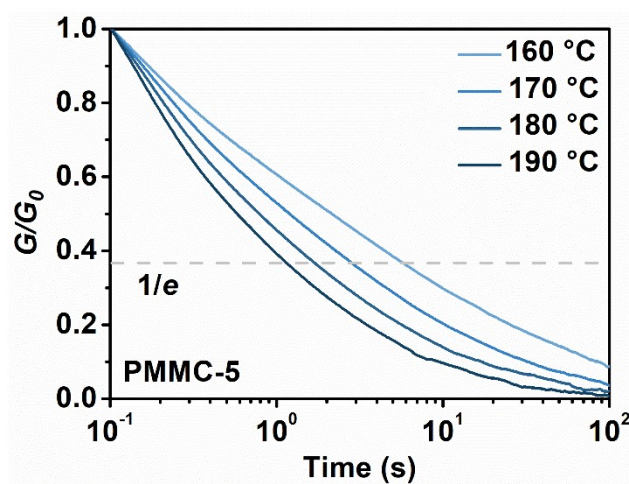


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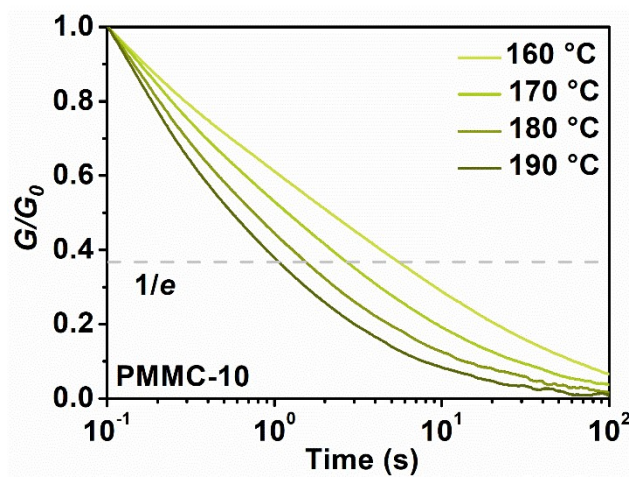


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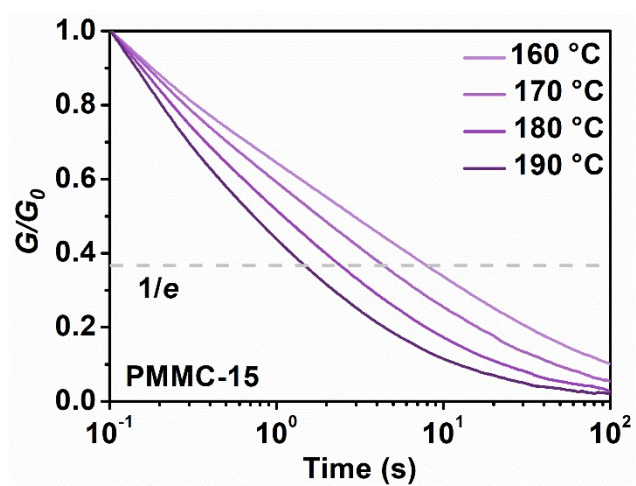


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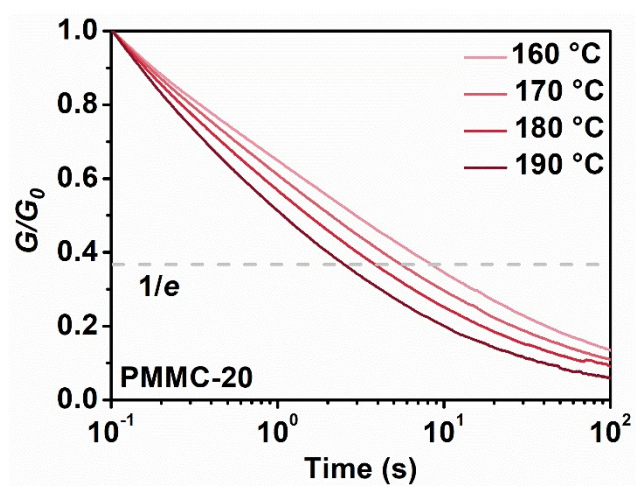


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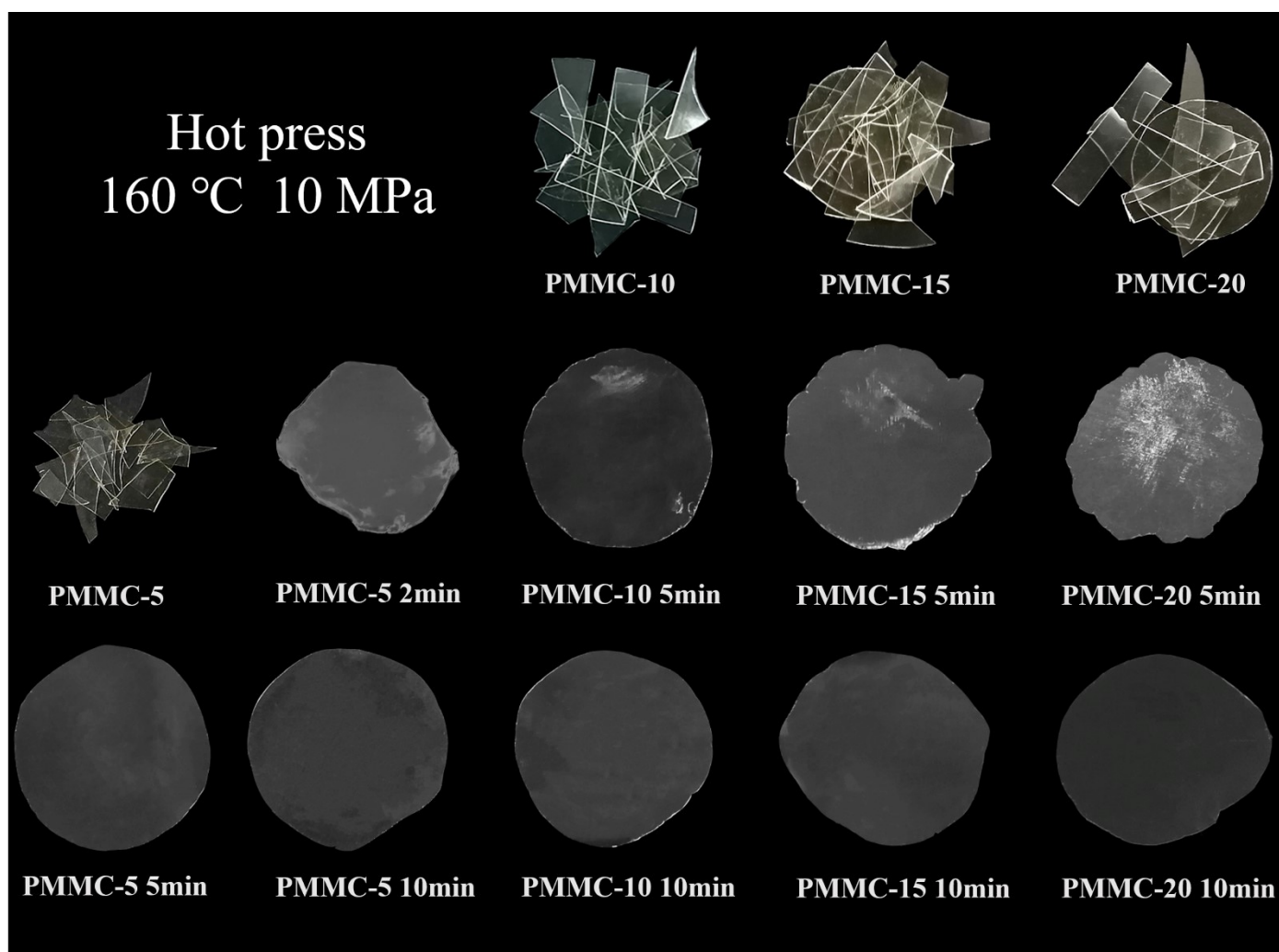


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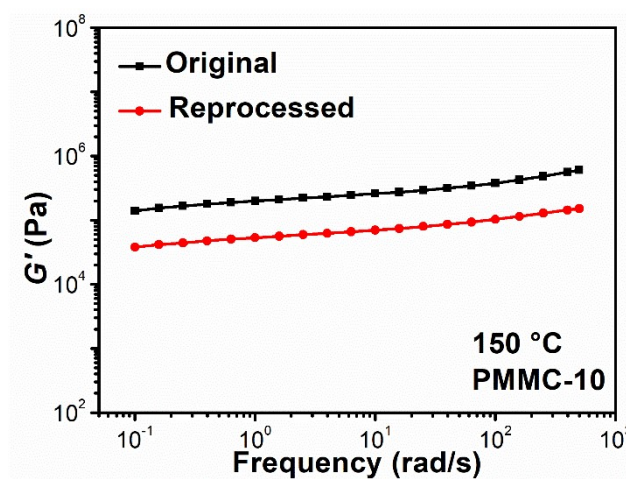


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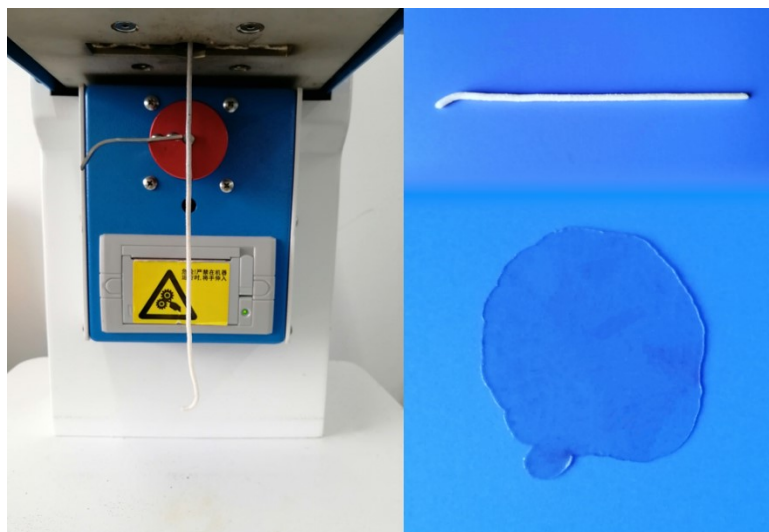


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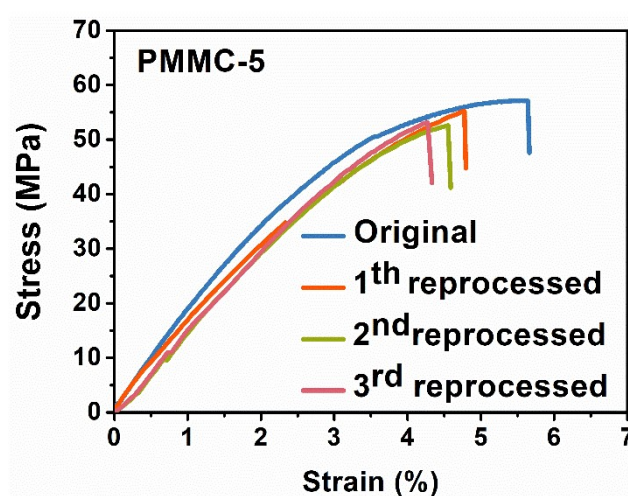


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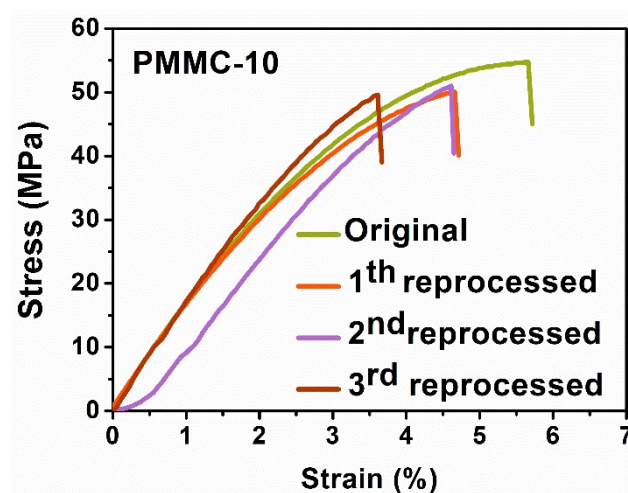


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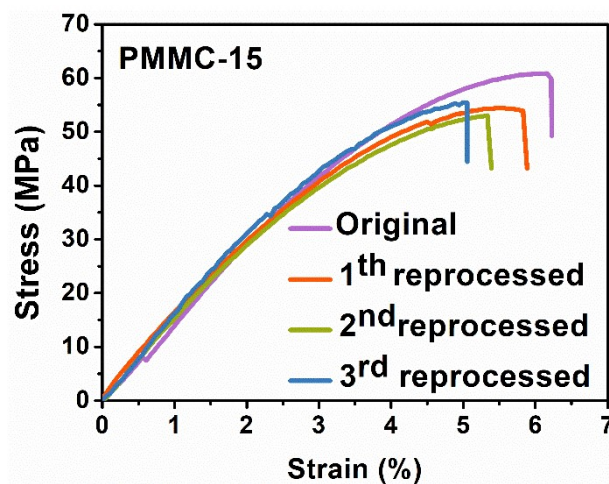


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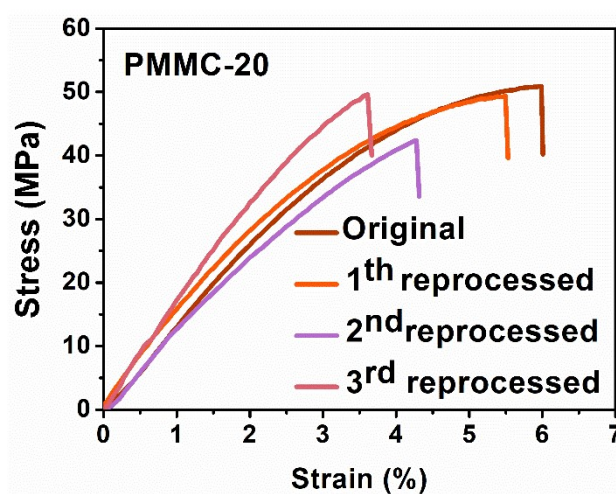


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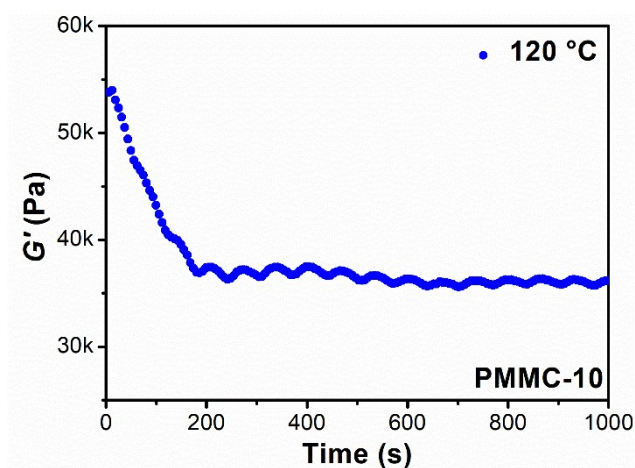


Fig. S21 Time sweep measurement at 120 °C of the PMMC-10.

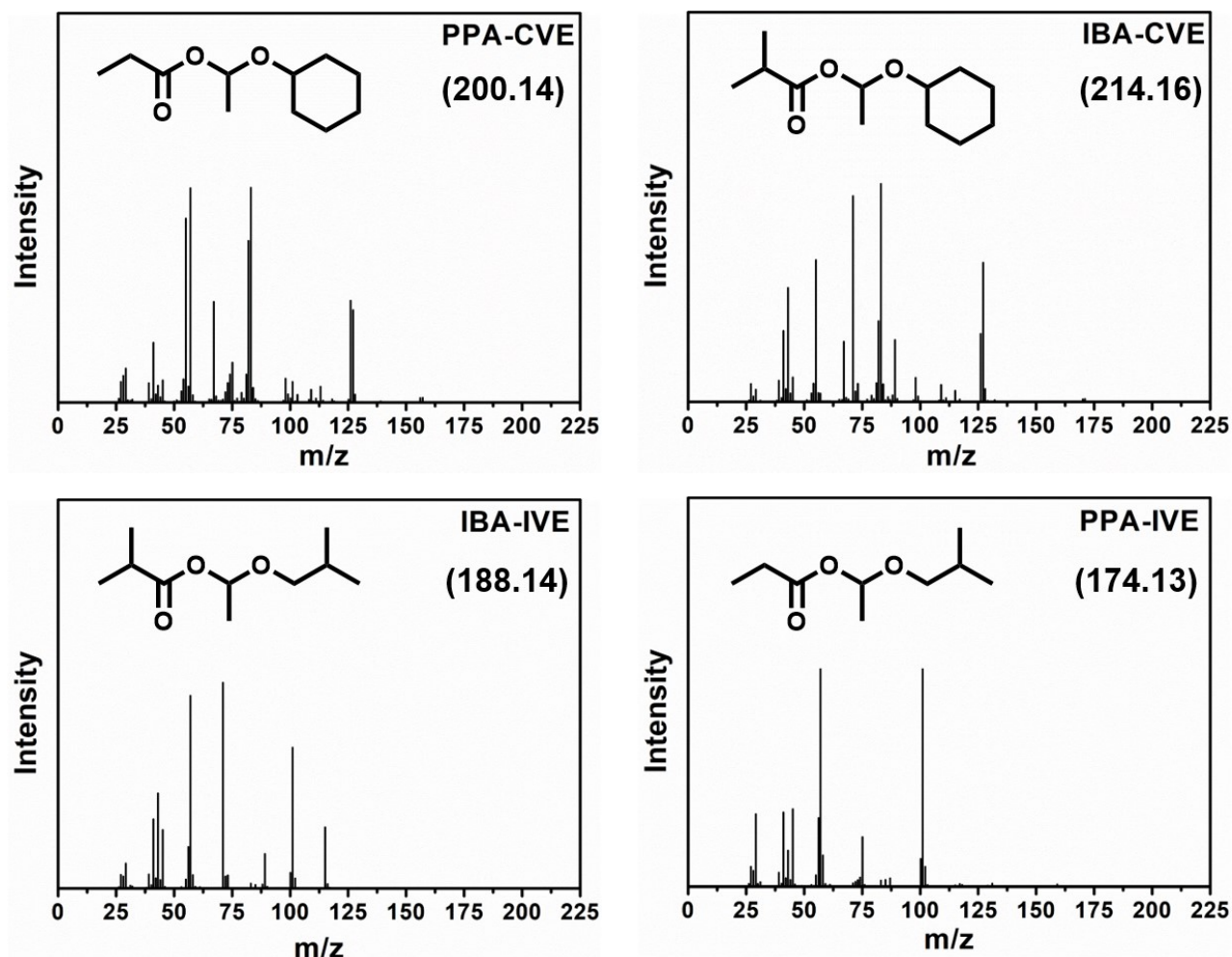


Fig. S22 Mass spectra of PPA-IVE, IBA-CVE, IBA-IVE, PPA-CVE.

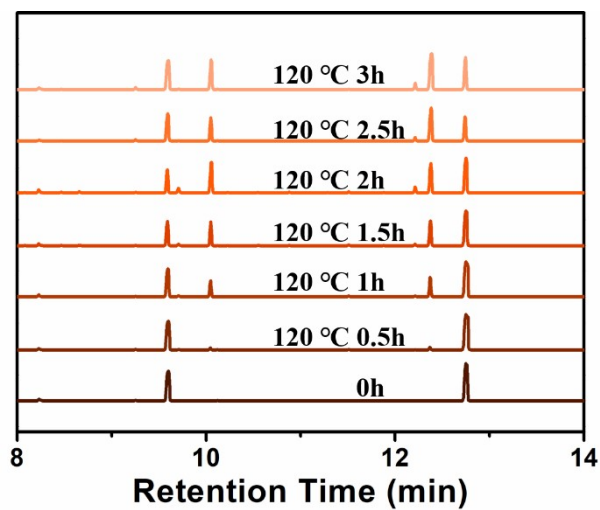


Fig. S23 Gas chromatograms of metathesis without PPA at 120 °C for different time.

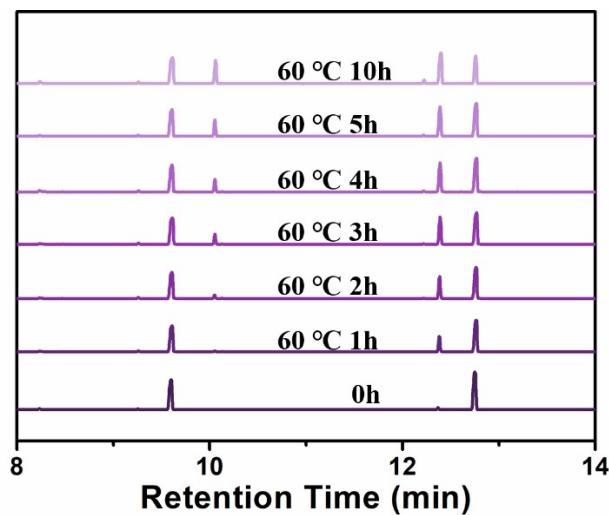


Fig. S24 Gas chromatograms of metathesis with PPA at 60 °C for different time.

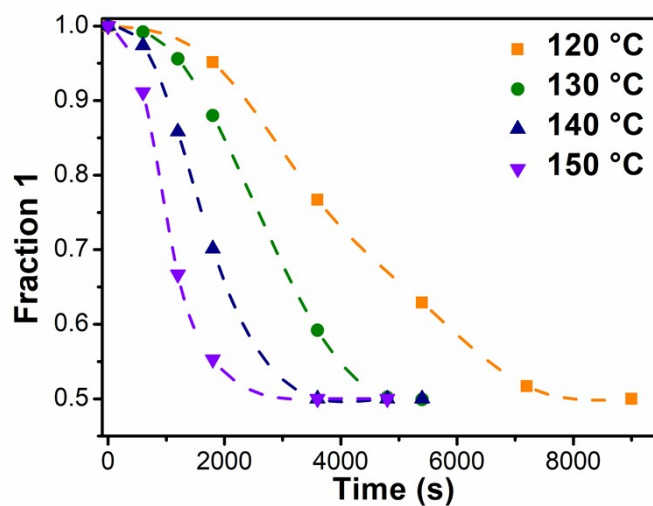


Fig. S25 Fraction of 1 as a function of time during the exchange experiment at different temperatures.

As shown in the main text, this reaction can be described in terms of second-order kinetics (eq (1)). In addition, considering a vast excess of PPA-IVE, eq (1) can be transformed into eq (2). Small molecule IBA-CVE = 1, PPA-IVE = 2.

$$\frac{d[1]}{dt} = -k[1][2] \quad (1)$$

$$= -k_{exp}[1] \quad (2)$$

k : rate constant, k_{exp} : experimental rate constant

If the initial concentration of 1 is described as $[1]_0$, eq (2) can be transformed to eq (3) ¹.

$$\ln\left(\frac{[1]}{[1]_0}\right) = -k_{exp} t \quad (3)$$

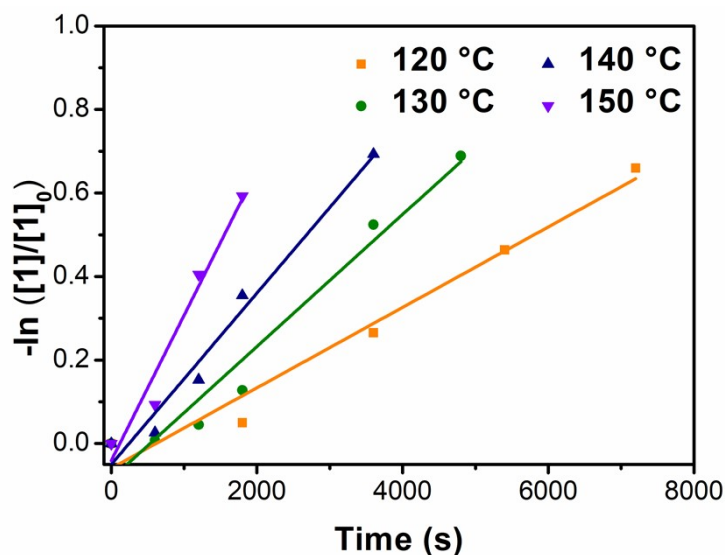


Fig. S26 Plot of $-\ln ([1] / [1]_0)$ versus t for the small molecule 1. k_{exp} at each temperature was determined by its slope value.

120 °C	$y = 0.0000962963x - 0.059$	$R^2 = 0.96$
130 °C	$y = 0.000158194x - 0.08401$	$R^2 = 0.95$
120 °C	$y = 0.000205213x - 0.05006$	$R^2 = 0.97$
120 °C	$y = 0.000348328x - 0.04085$	$R^2 = 0.95$

To calculate the activation energy for each reaction, the Arrhenius plots were made using k_{exp} .

$k = A \exp(-Ea/RT)$ (A : pre-exponential factor, Ea : activation energy, R : universal gas constant)

$R = 8.314 \text{ J K}^{-1} \text{ mol}^{-1}$ was used to calculate the activation energies from the slope values.

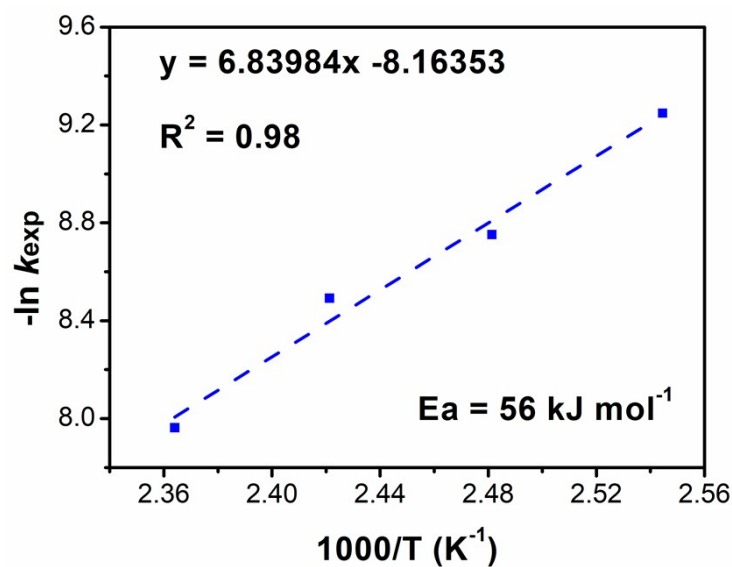


Fig. S27 Arrhenius analysis of the rate constant k_{exp} versus T for 1 and 2 exchange.

Table S1 Thermo-physical properties of different samples

Sample	T_g (°C)	v_e (mol cm ⁻³)	$T_{d5\%}$ (°C)	$T_{d30\%}$ (°C)	T_s (°C)
PMMC-5	126	154	238	379	158
PMMC-10	124	130	227	386	158
PMMC-15	117	114	217	388	157
PMMC-20	113	164	218	387	157

$$T_s = 0.49[T_{d5\%} + 0.6(T_{d30\%} - T_{d5\%})]$$

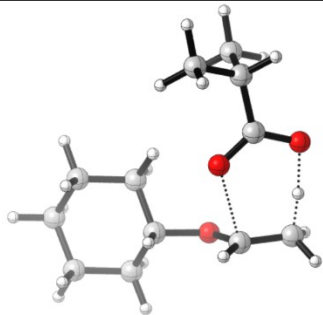
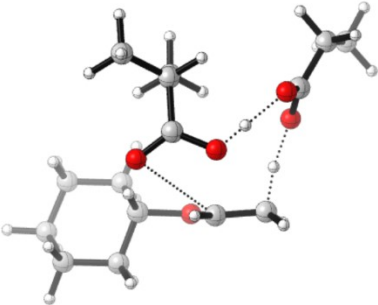
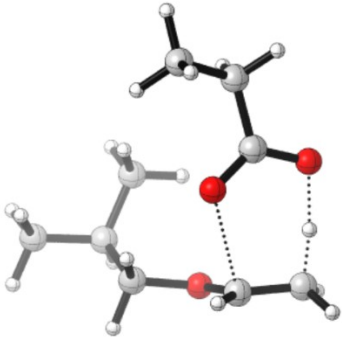
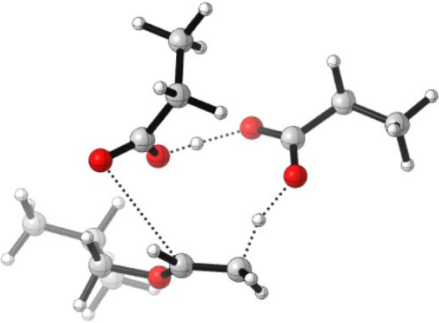
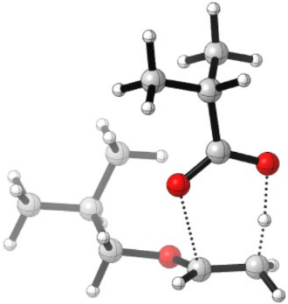
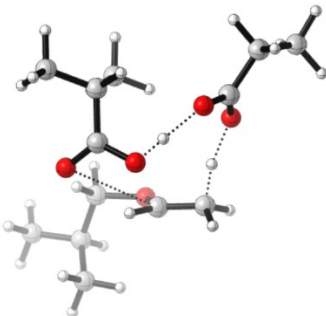
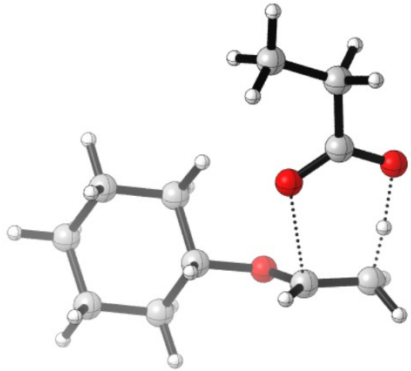
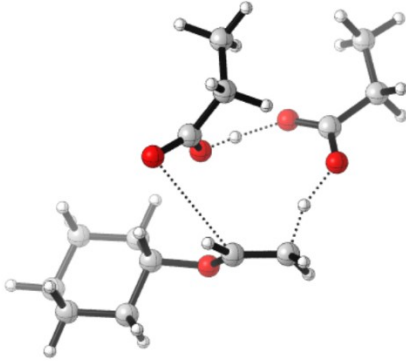
Table S2 Mechanical properties of different samples

Sample	Young's modulus (MPa)	Tensile strength (MPa)	Elongation at break (%)
PMMC-5	1967±43	57±5	5.63±0.37
PMMC-10	1906±34	54±6	5.66±0.18
PMMC-15	1864±55	53±4	5.83±0.27
PMMC-20	1773±47	52±9	5.49±0.32

Table S3 Mechanical properties of the original and reprocessed PMMC-5

Sample	Young's modulus (MPa)	Tensile strength (MPa)	Elongation at break (%)
Original	1967±43	57±5	5.43±0.32
Hot press	1827±60	55±8	4.79±0.45
Melt flow	1760±72	53±6	4.40±0.54
Extrude	1810±48	56±4	4.37±0.27

Table S4 Transition state geometry

	
TS1	TS1_HA
	
TS2	TS2_HA
	
TS3	TS3_HA
	
TS4	TS4_HA

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