

Supporting information

A healable, re-cyclable and thermochromic epoxy resin for thermal-responsive smart windows

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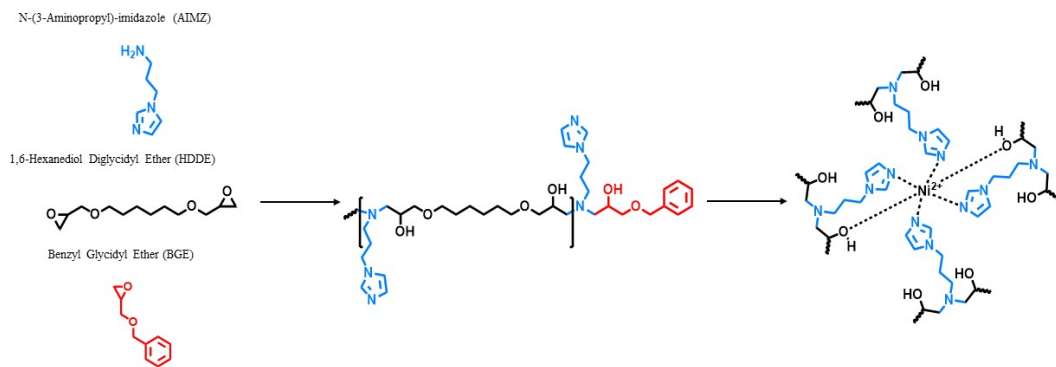


Figure S1. Scheme of synthetic route.

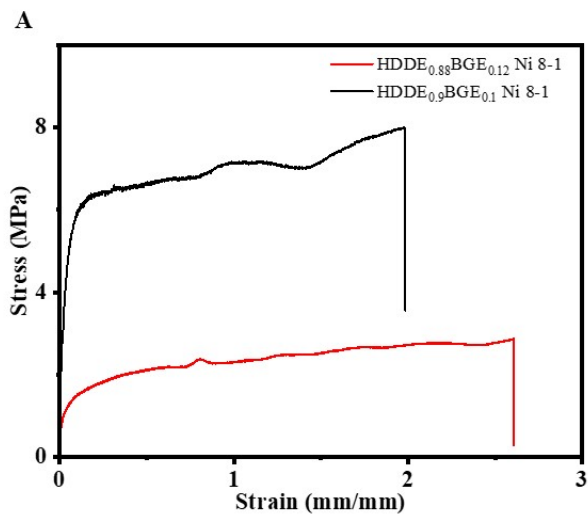


Figure S2. A. stress-strain curves of HDDE_{0.88}BGE_{0.12} Ni 8-1 and HDDE_{0.90}BGE_{0.10} Ni 8-1 at stretching speed of 10 mm/min; B. image of HDDE_{0.92}BGE_{0.08}-IMZ.

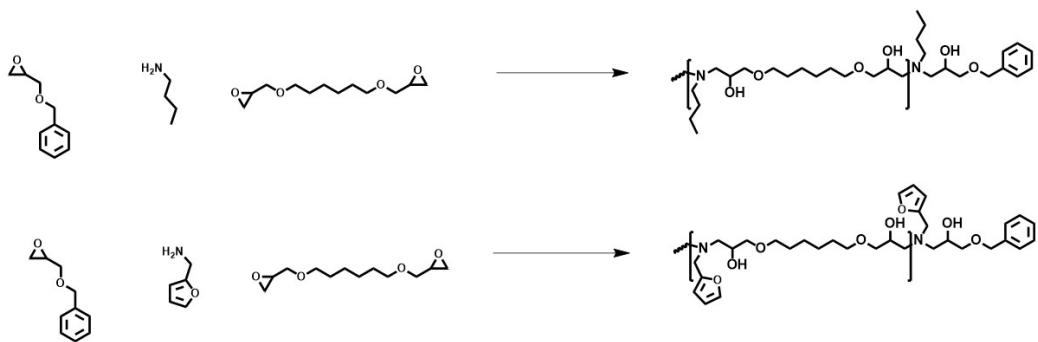


Figure S3. Synthetic route of HDDE_{0.9}BGE_{0.1}-BA (Top) and HDDE_{0.9}BGE_{0.1}-FFA (Bottom).

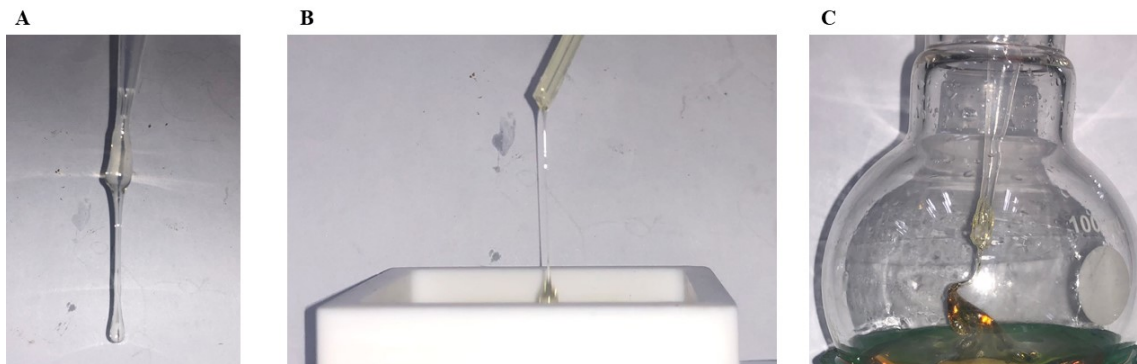


Figure S4. Images of HDDE_{0.9}BGE_{0.1}-BA (A); HDDE_{0.9}BGE_{0.1}-FFA (B); HDDE_{0.9}BGE_{0.1}-IMZ (C).

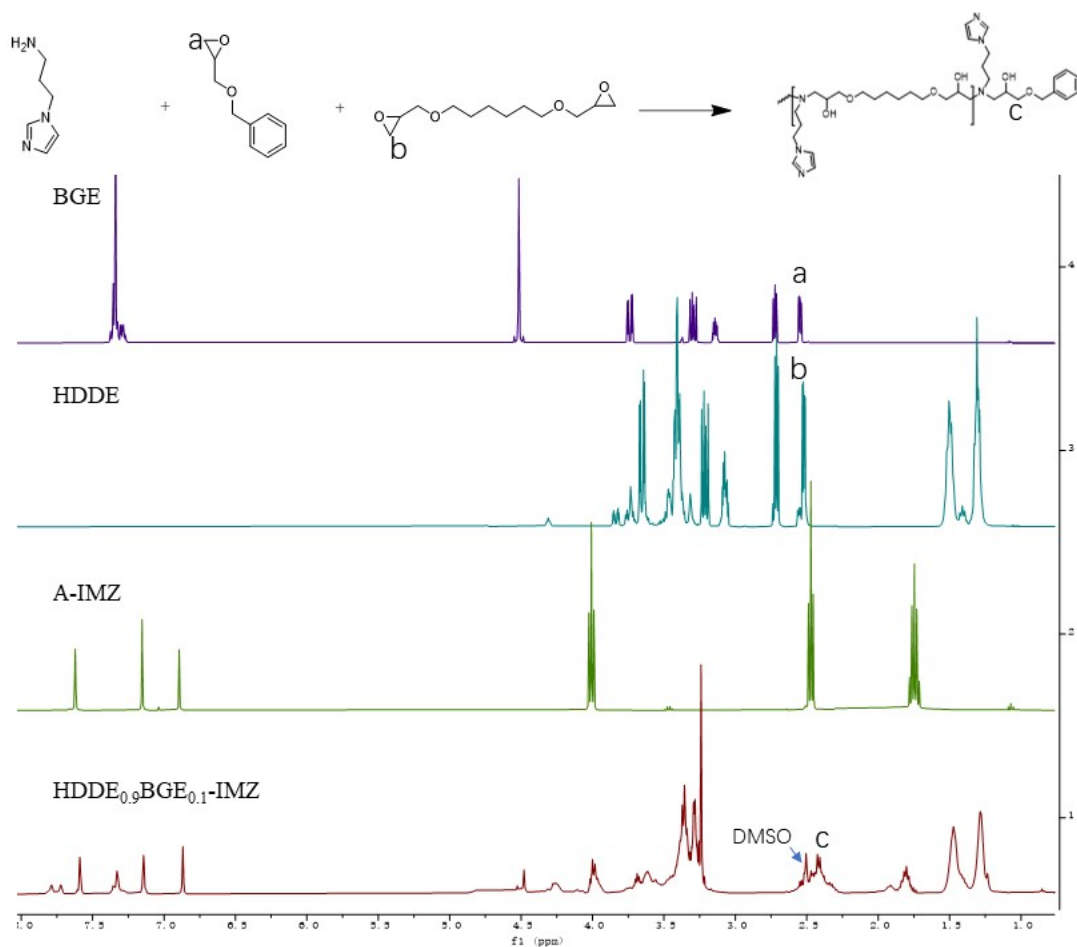


Figure S5. ¹H NMR of BGE, HDDE, AIMZ, HDDE_{0.9}BGE_{0.1}-IMZ (400MHz, DMSO), a, b, c represents the characteristic peaks of epoxy resin of BGE, HDDE, HDDE_{0.9}BGE_{0.1}-IMZ, respectively.

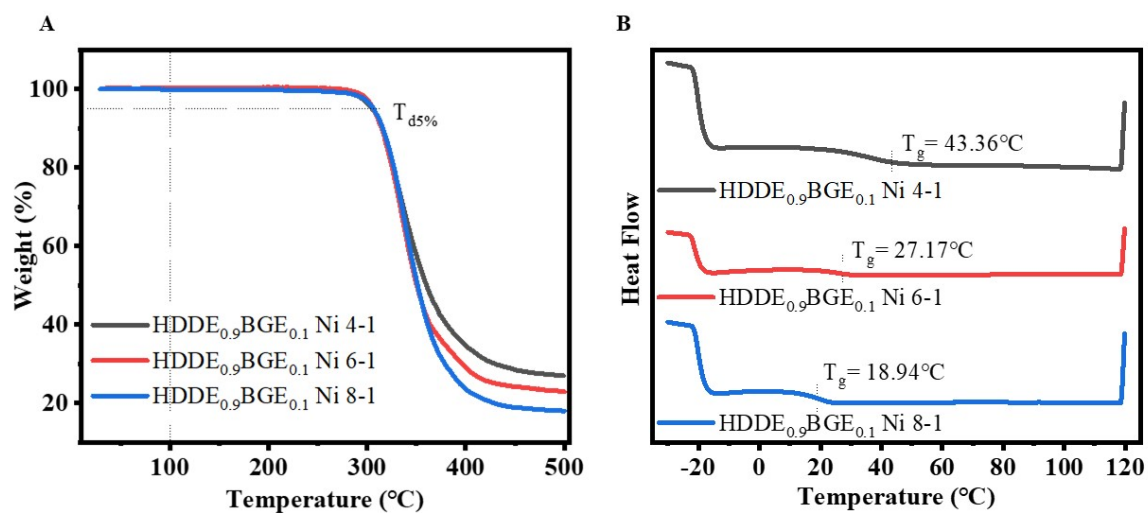


Figure S6. A. TG curves of epoxy resin with different cross-link densities; B. DSC curves of epoxy resin with different cross-link densities.

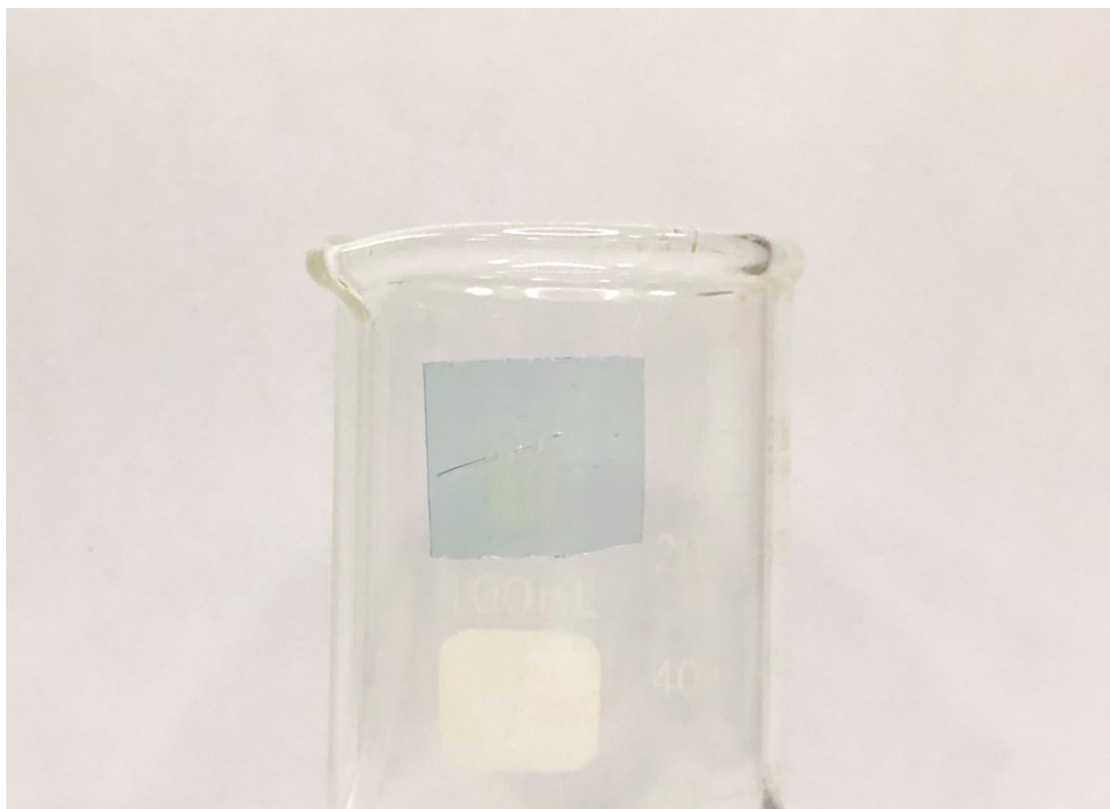


Figure S7. The sample self-adapts to the irregular surface.

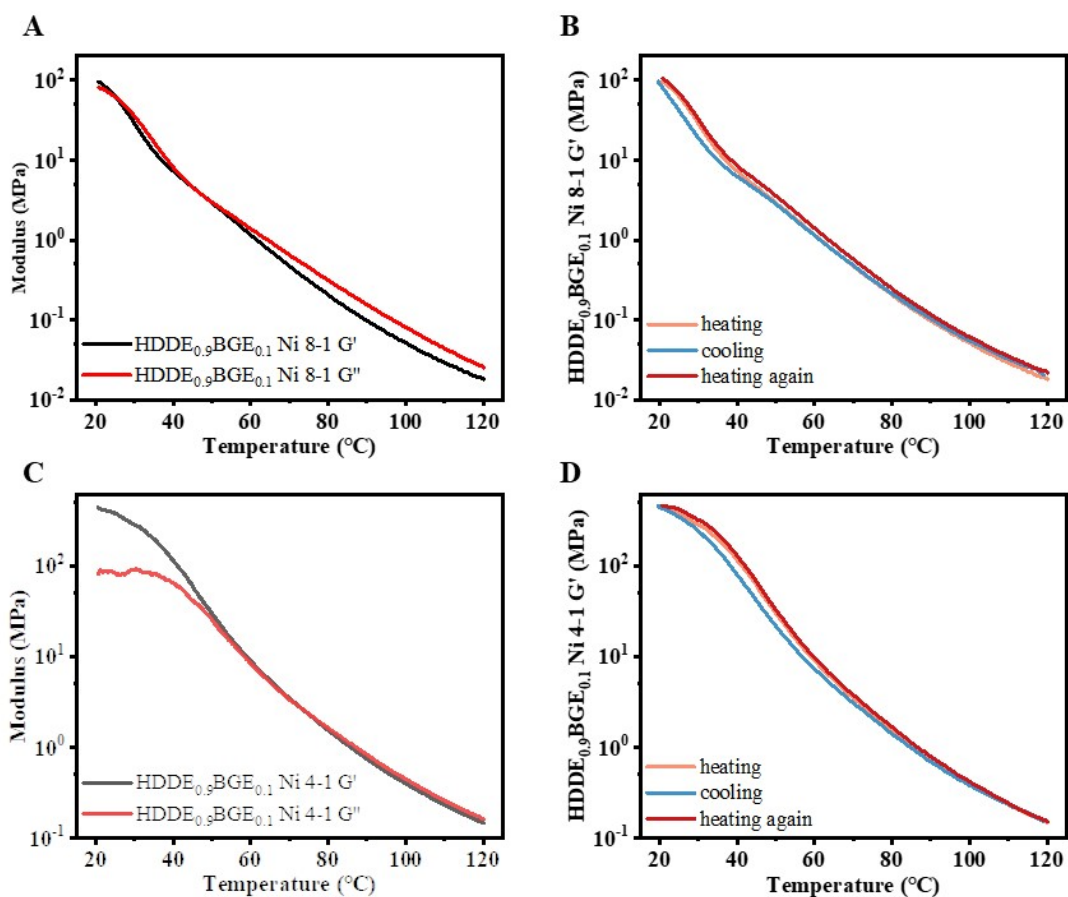


Figure S8. A, C. temperature dependent rheology measurements of HDDE_{0.9}BGE_{0.1} Ni 8-1 and 4-1; B, D. cyclic temperature-sweep rheology measurements of HDDE_{0.9}BGE_{0.1} Ni 8-1 and 4-1 (temperature changing rate 2 °C/min).

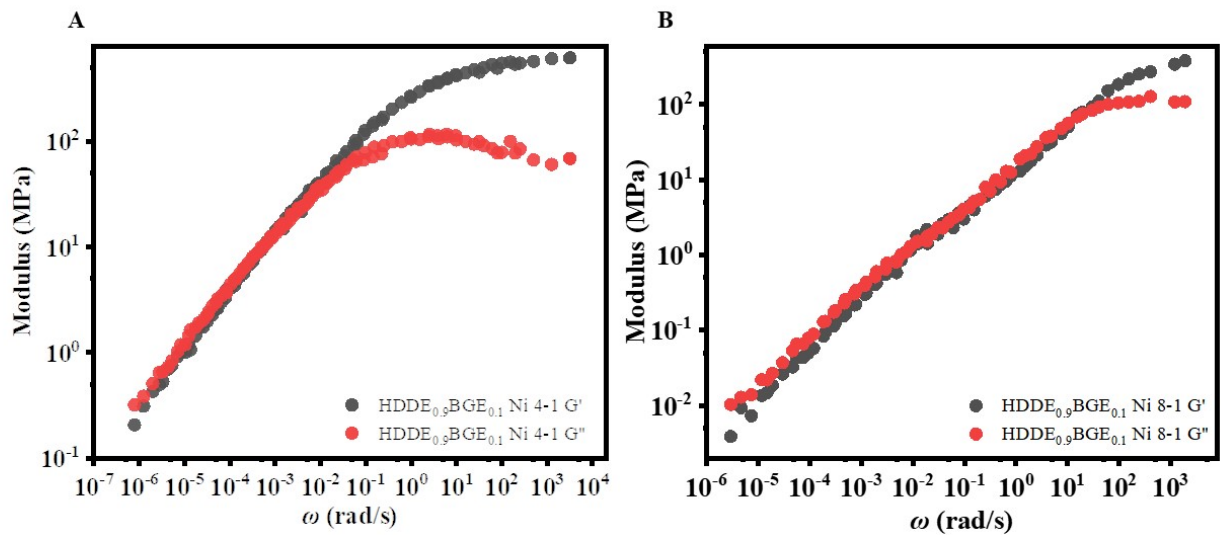


Figure S9. Master curves of HDDE_{0.9}BGE_{0.1} Ni 4-1 (A), HDDE_{0.9}BGE_{0.1} Ni 8-1 (B) at a reference temperature of 25 °C.

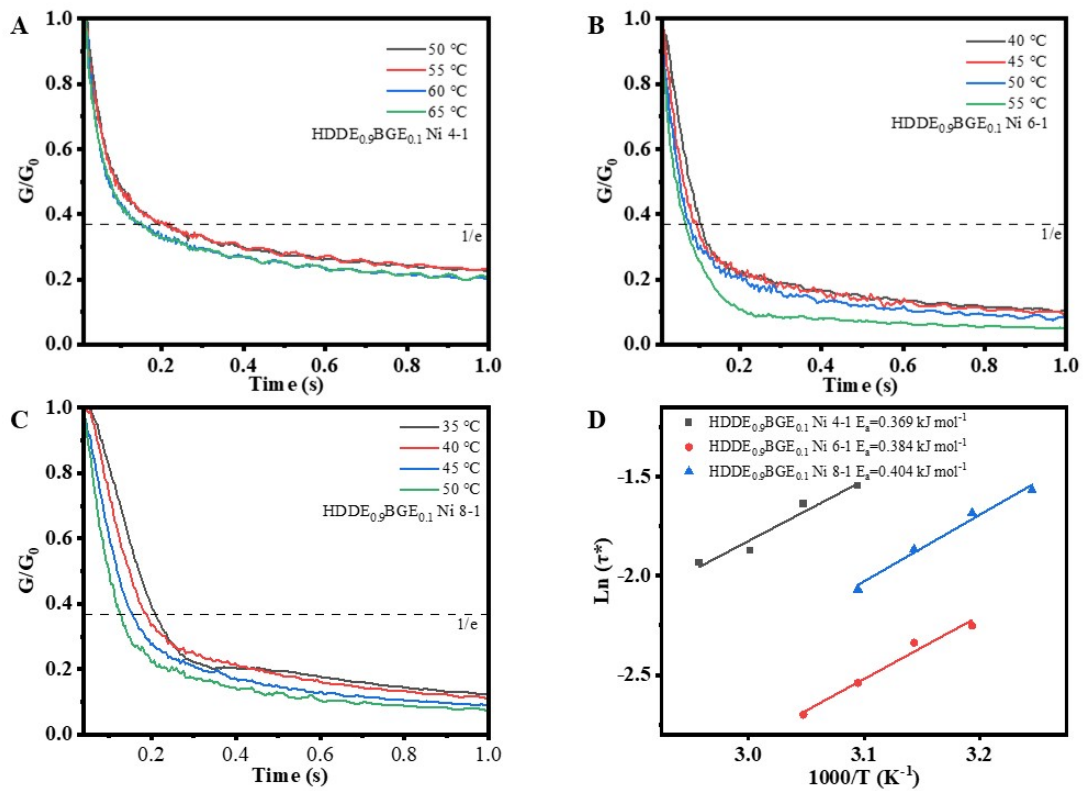


Figure S10. Stress relaxation of epoxy resin at different temperatures A. HDDE_{0.9}BGE_{0.1} Ni 4-1; B. HDDE_{0.9}BGE_{0.1} Ni 6-1; C. HDDE_{0.9}BGE_{0.1} Ni 8-1; D. arrhenius plots of the characteristic relaxation time τ^* versus $1000/T$ for epoxy resin.

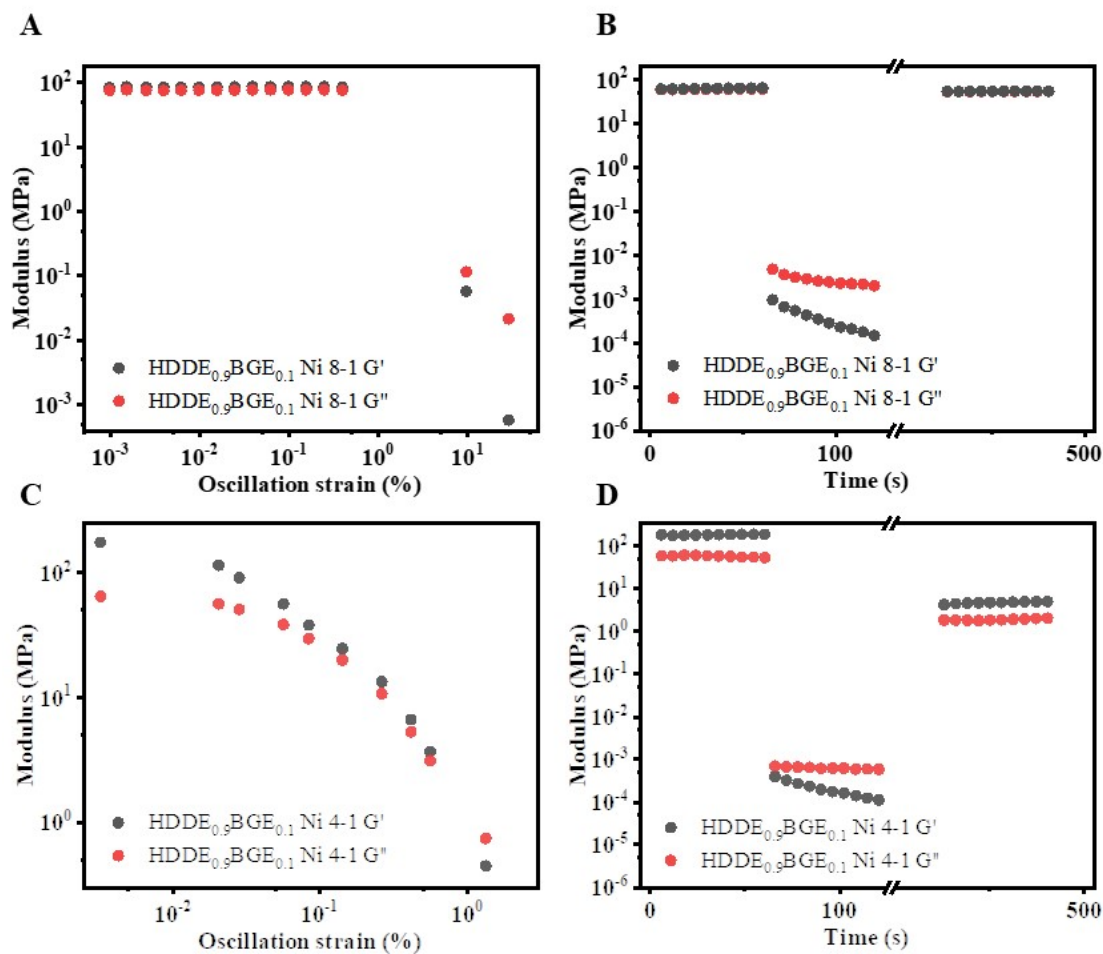


Figure S11. A. storage modulus (G') and loss modulus (G'') versus oscillation of HDDE_{0.9}BGE_{0.1} Ni 8-1; B. continuous amplitude sweep experiment of HDDE_{0.9}BGE_{0.1} Ni 8-1, small amplitude scans (0.01 %), and large amplitude scans (10 %); C storage modulus (G') and loss modulus (G'') versus oscillation of HDDE_{0.9}BGE_{0.1} Ni 4-1; D. continuous amplitude sweep experiment of HDDE_{0.9}BGE_{0.1} Ni 4-1, small amplitude scans (0.001 %), and large amplitude scans (1 %).

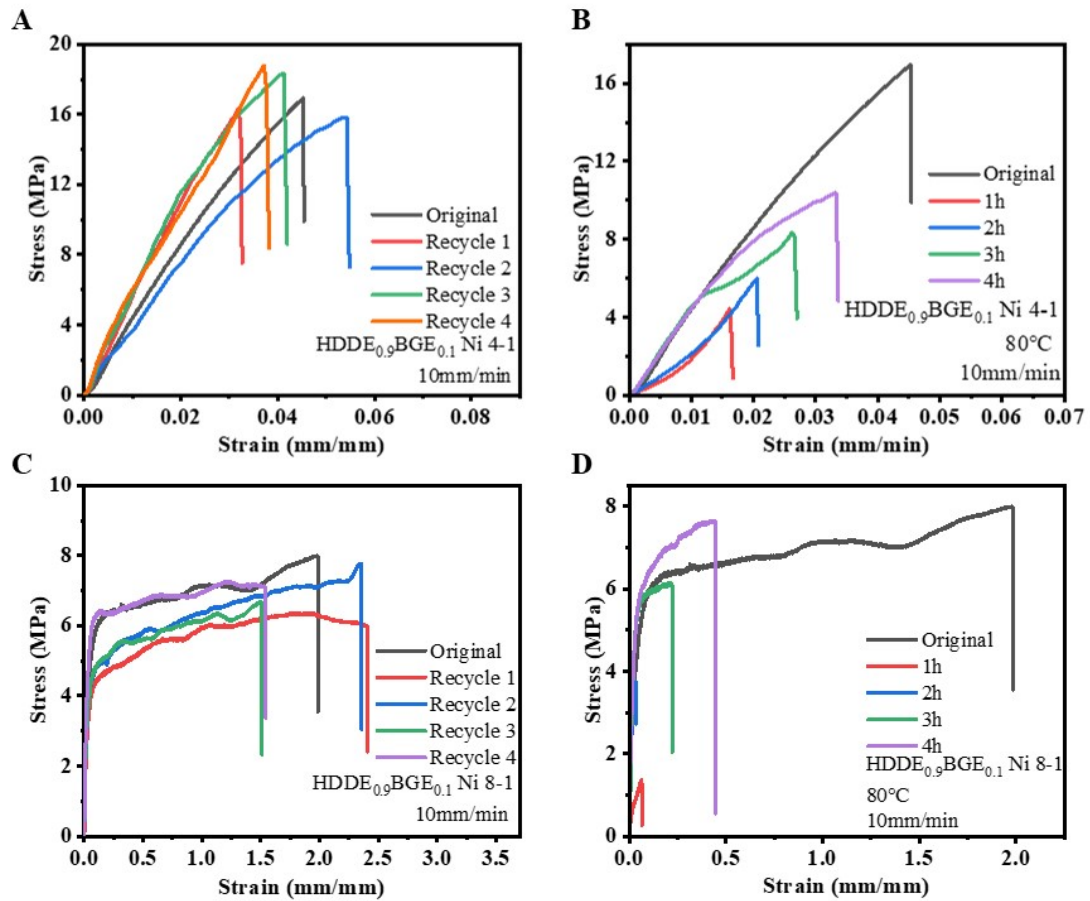


Figure S12. A. stress-strain curves of the original and recycle of HDDE_{0.9}BGGE_{0.1} Ni 4-1; B. stress-strain curves of the original and self-healing of HDDE_{0.9}BGE_{0.1} Ni 4-1; C. stress-strain curves of the original and recycle of HDDE_{0.9}BGE_{0.1} Ni 8-1; D. stress-strain curves of the original and self-healing of HDDE_{0.9}BGE_{0.1} Ni 8-1;

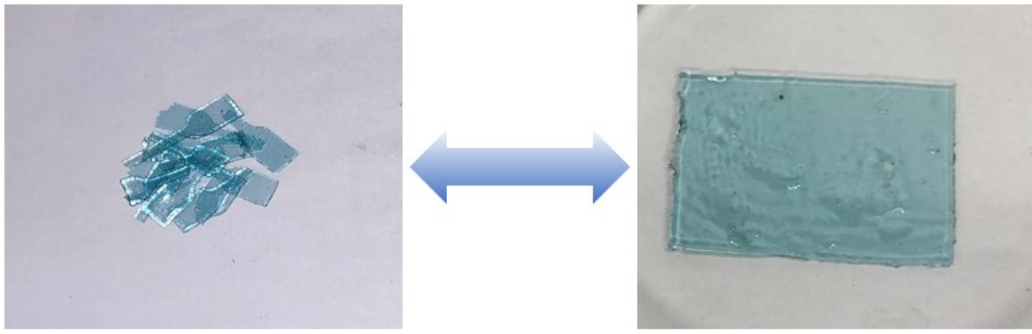


Figure S13. Recycle of coordination bonds modified epoxy resin.

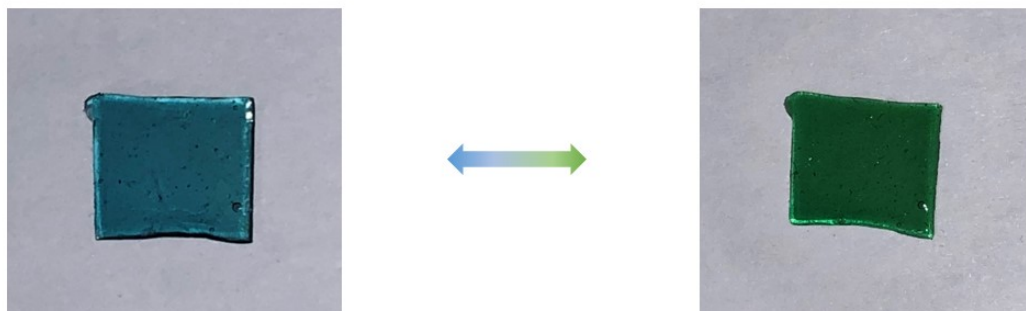


Figure S14. The color of the sample changes reversibly between room temperature (bright blue) and 100 °C (dark green).

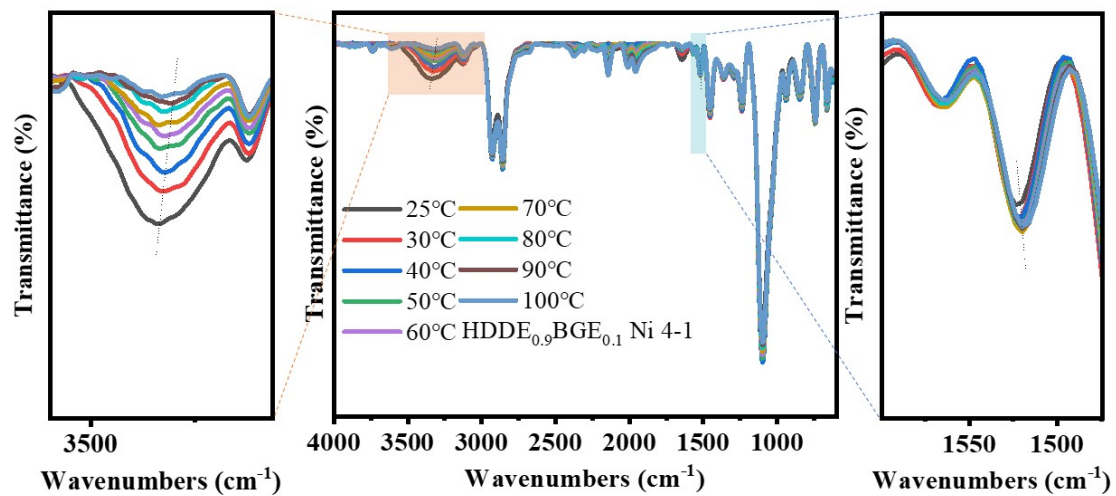


Figure S15. Variable temperature Fourier-transform infrared spectroscopy of HDDE_{0.9}BGE_{0.1} Ni 4-1.

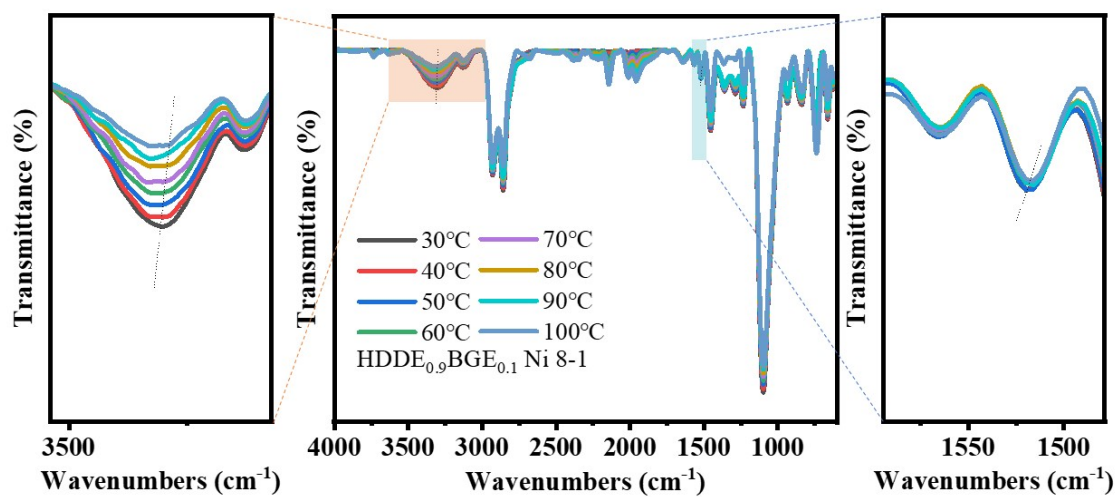


Figure S16. Variable temperature Fourier-transform infrared spectroscopy of HDDE_{0.9}BGE_{0.1} Ni 8-1.

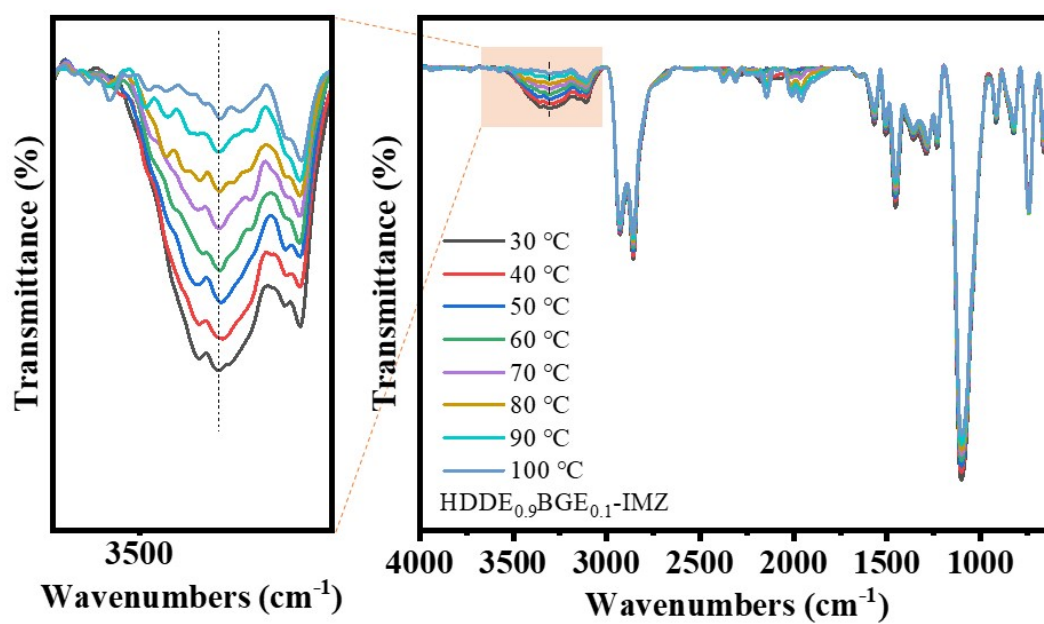


Figure S17. Variable temperature Fourier-transform infrared spectroscopy of $\text{HDDE}_{0.9}\text{BGE}_{0.1}\text{-IMZ}$.

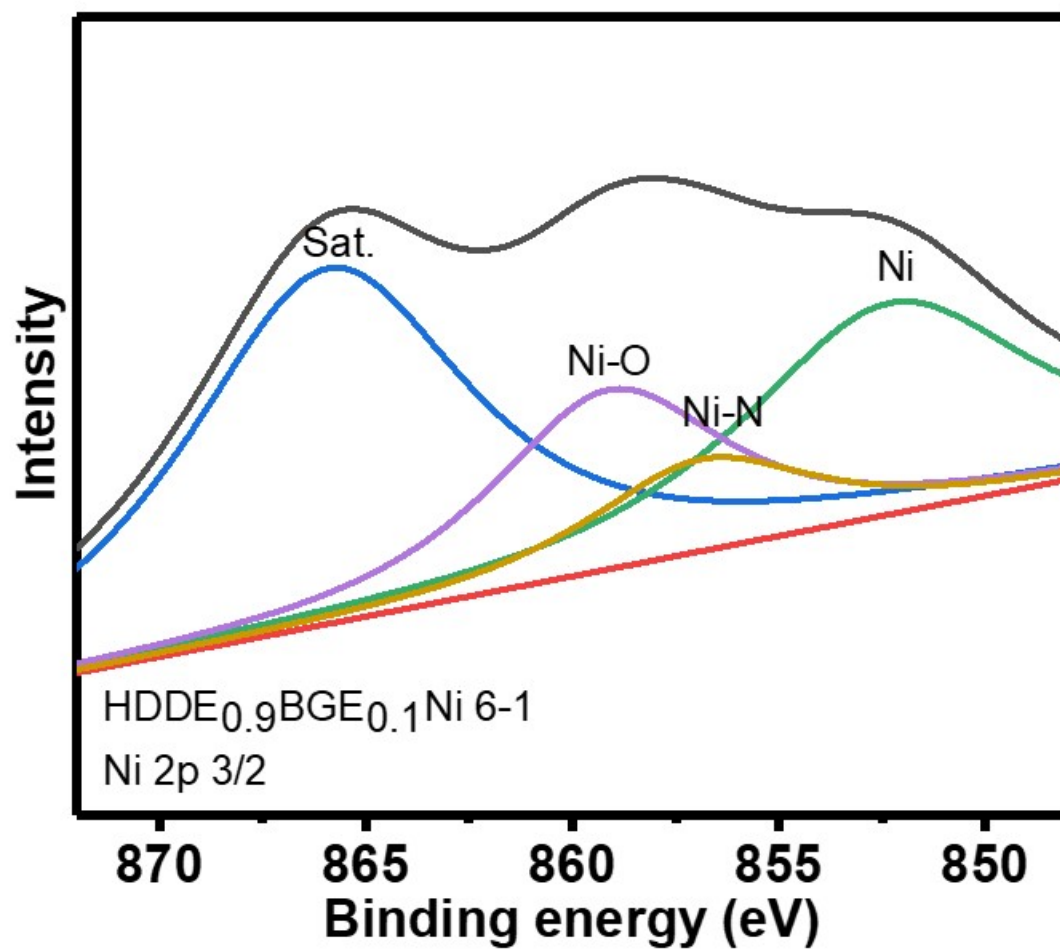


Figure S18. Ni 2p 3/2 XPS spectra of HDDE_{0.9}BGE_{0.1} Ni 6-1.

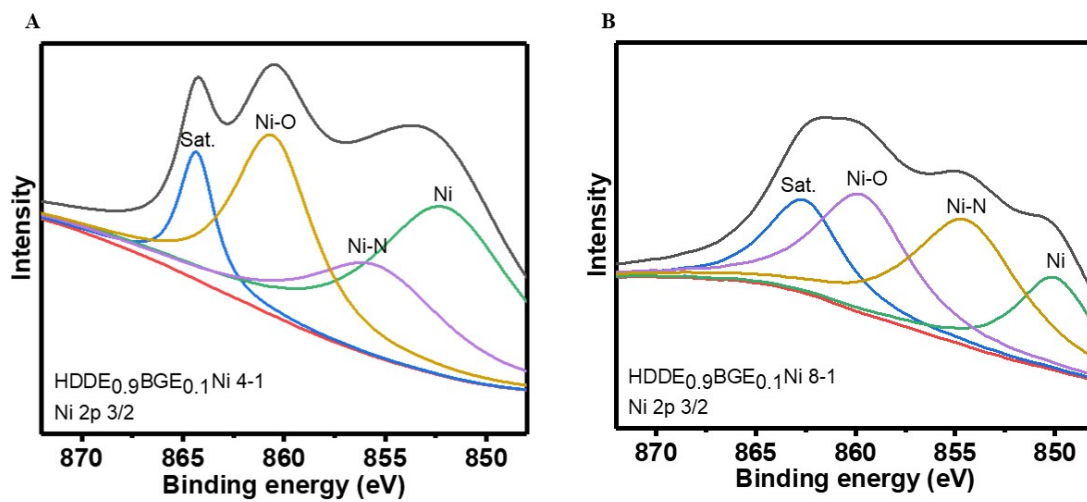


Figure S19. Ni 2p 3/2 XPS spectra of HDDE_{0.9}BGE_{0.1}Ni 4-1 (A); HDDE_{0.9}BGE_{0.1}Ni 8-1 (B).

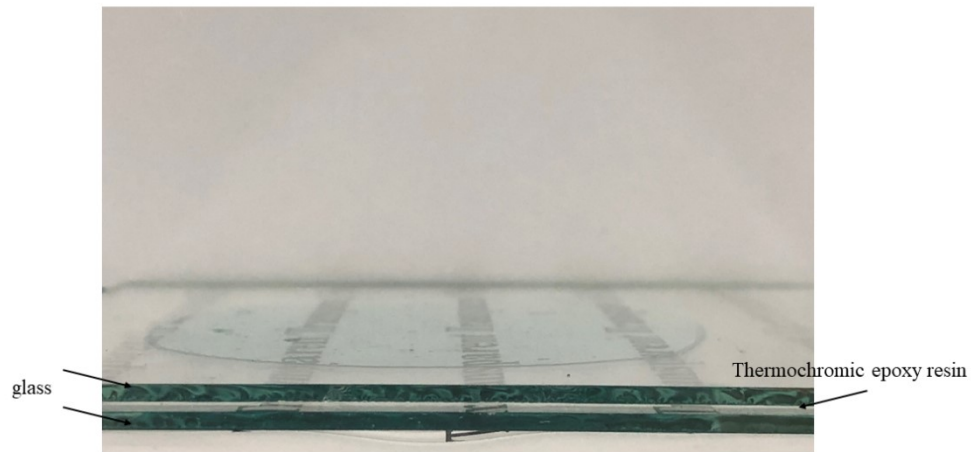


Figure S20. The scheme of a simulate smart window.

Supporting movie

Supporting movie1. The color changes from bright blue to dark green as the temperature rises from room temperature to 100 °C.

Supporting movie2. The color changes from dark green to bright blue as the temperature drops from 100 °C to room temperature.