

Supporting information

Itaconic acid-based hyperbranched polymer toughened epoxy resins with rapid stress relaxation, superb solvent resistance and closed-loop recyclability

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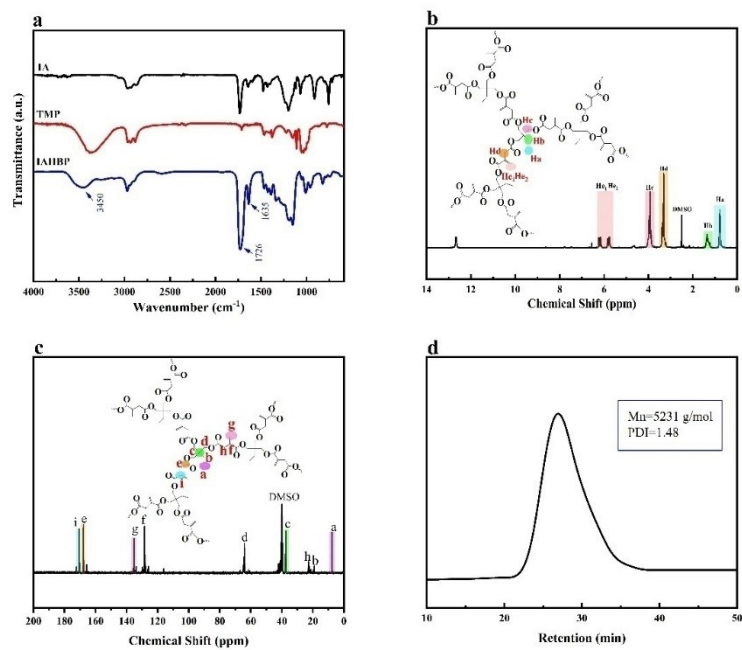


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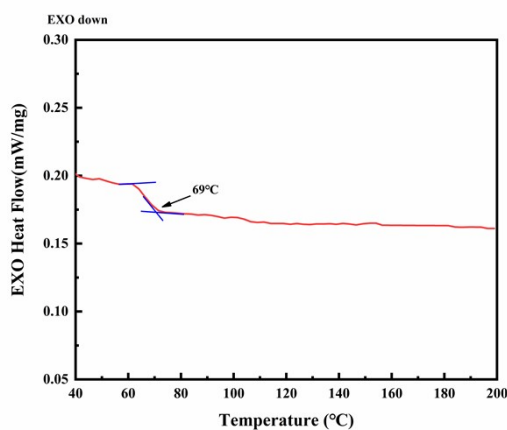


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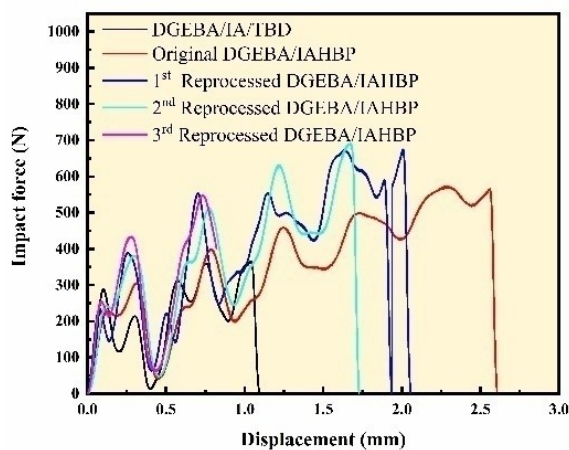


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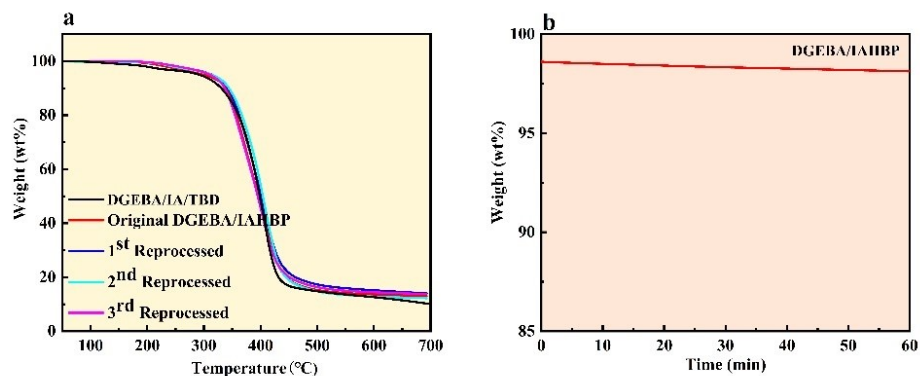


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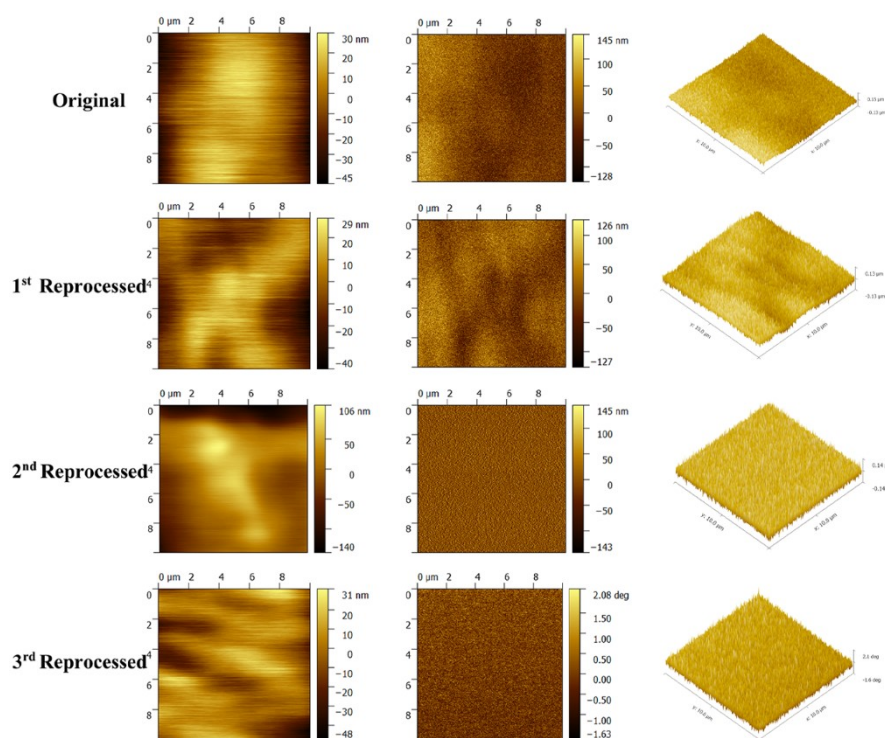


Figure S5. AFM images including height image, phase image and three-dimensional image of phase of DGEBA/IAHBP before and after reprocessed.

Table S1. The formations of different epoxy vitrimers.

Samples	DGEBA(g)	IAHBP(g)	IA(g)	TBD(g)
DGEBA/IAHBP	7.24	9.77	0.00	0.00
DGEBA/IA	10.01	0.00	3.32	0.00
DGEBA/IA/TBD	10.01	0.00	3.32	0.13

Table S2. Detailed results for DSC curves of DGEBA/ IAHBP, DGEBA/IA and DGEBA/IA/TBD mixtures.

Samples	T _i (°C)	T _p (°C)	ΔH(J/g)
DGEBA/IA/TBD	121.8	175.5	189.3
DGEBA/IA	133.0	181.1	145.9
DGEBA/IAHBP	110.1	154.8	187.3

Table S3. The mechanical properties of DGEBA/IA/TBD and DGEBA/IAHBP.

Samples	DGEBA/IA/TBD	DGEBA/IAHBP			
		Original	1 st Reprocessed	2 nd Reprocessed	3 rd Reprocessed
Tensile strength, MPa	60.8 ± 2.1	91.0±3.2	83.2±2.5	81.9±1.1	82.6±1.1
Impact strength, KJ/m ²	8.7±1.2	18.4±0.2	17.9±1.6	17.4±0.4	17.5±0.1
Flexural strength, MPa	85.9±1.1	121.8±3.8	116.2±1.9	115.5±0.1	114.4±0.2
Flexural modulus, GPa	2.6±0.2	3.7±0.1	3.5±0.2	3.3±0.2	3.1±0.2

Table S4. DMA data of original and reprocessed DGEBA/IAHBP.

Samples	T _g , °C	E _c , MPa	E _d , MPa	ρ, ×10 ⁻³ (mol/cm ³)
R0	67	2839.45	17.30	1.77
R1	68	2749.28	17.56	1.80
R2	66	2575.32	18.13	1.85
R3	66	2524.63	17.97	1.82

Table S5. Values of shape memory properties of the original and reprocessed of DGEBA/IAHBP.

Samples	R _f , %									
	C1	C2	C3	C4	C5	C6	C7	C8	C9	C10
Original sample	98.1	97.9	97.7	97.6	97.3	96.9	96.5	96.1	95.8	95.1
1 st Reprocessed	94.2	93.9	94.0	94.2	94.6	94.1	94.0	93.8	94.2	94.6
2 nd Reprocessed	93.4	93.2	93.5	93.1	93.1	93.5	93.7	93.8	93.1	93.4
3 rd Reprocessed	92.5	92.3	92.4	92.6	92.7	92.4	92.0	92.6	92.1	92.3

Samples	R _r , %									
	C1	C2	C3	C4	C5	C6	C7	C8	C9	C10
Original sample	97.0	96.8	97.3	97.2	96.7	95.9	97.1	96.3	96.4	97.1
1 st Reprocessed	97.3	96.8	98.3	97.5	97.3	98.0	96.7	97.4	98.2	97.7
2 nd Reprocessed	97.2	97.9	97.3	97.5	97.9	97.3	96.6	97.7	96.2	96.3
3 rd Reprocessed	97.8	97.4	98.2	97.9	97.4	98.3	97.5	97.8	96.2	97.3

Table S6. The gel contents and swelling ratios of epoxy vitrimers.

Samples	Gel contents, %	Swelling ratios					
		THF		DMSO		TCB	
		RT	40°C	RT	140°C	RT	140°C
DGEBA/IA/TBD	96.3	13.9	21.2	18.8	31.3	10.5	21.3
DGEBA/IAHBP	99.9	10.1	18.1	16.4	28.8	6.7	15.4

Table S7. Mechanical properties and DMA data of original and chemically recycled DGEBA/IAHBP.

Samples	Tensile strength (MPa)	Toughness (MJ/m ³)	T _g (°C)	E _c (MPa)	ρ (×10 ⁻³ mol/cm ³)
Original DGEBA/IAHBP	91.0±3.2	2.5±2.1	67	2839.45	1.77
Chemically recycled DGEBA/IAHBP	81.8±1.5	2.6±1.9	65	2446.80	1.62