

Synthesis of silicone elastomers containing trifluoropropyl groups and their use in dielectric elastomer transducers

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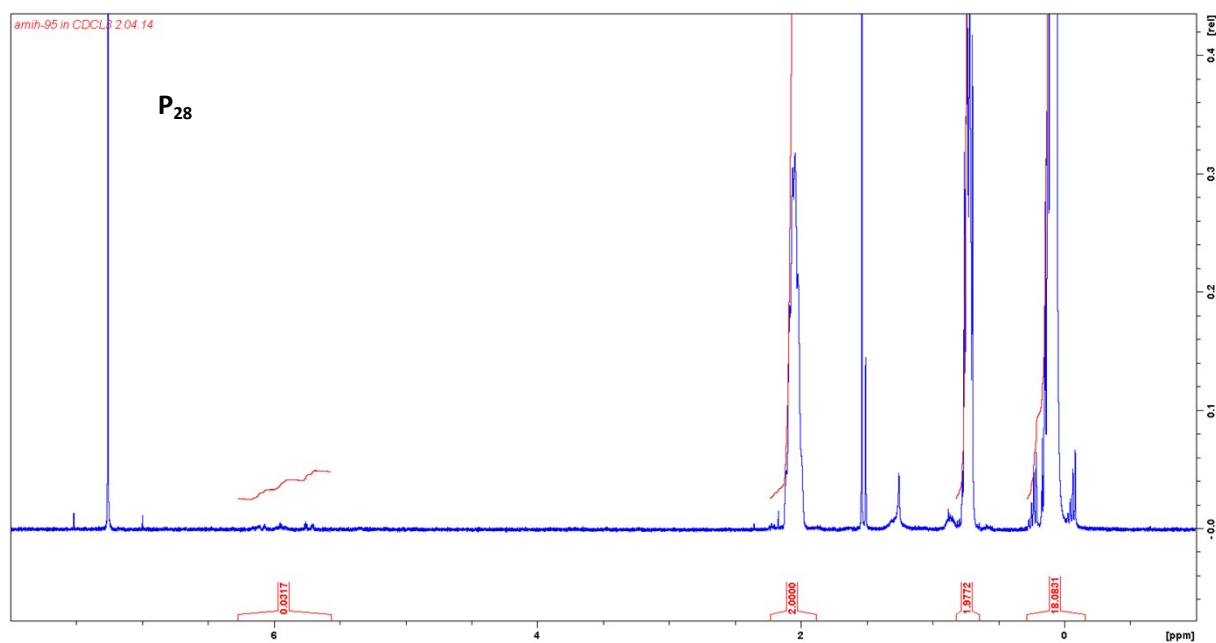


Fig. S1 ¹H NMR spectrum of P₂₈ in CDCl₃ at room temperature.

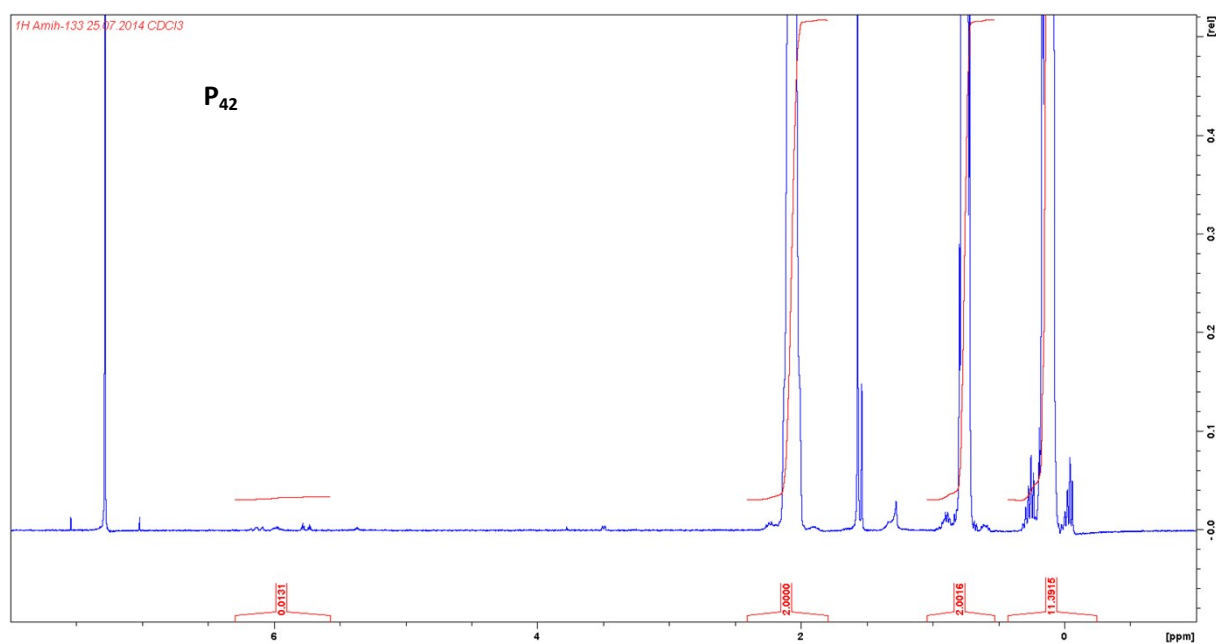


Fig. S2 ¹H NMR spectrum of P₄₂ in CDCl₃ at room temperature.

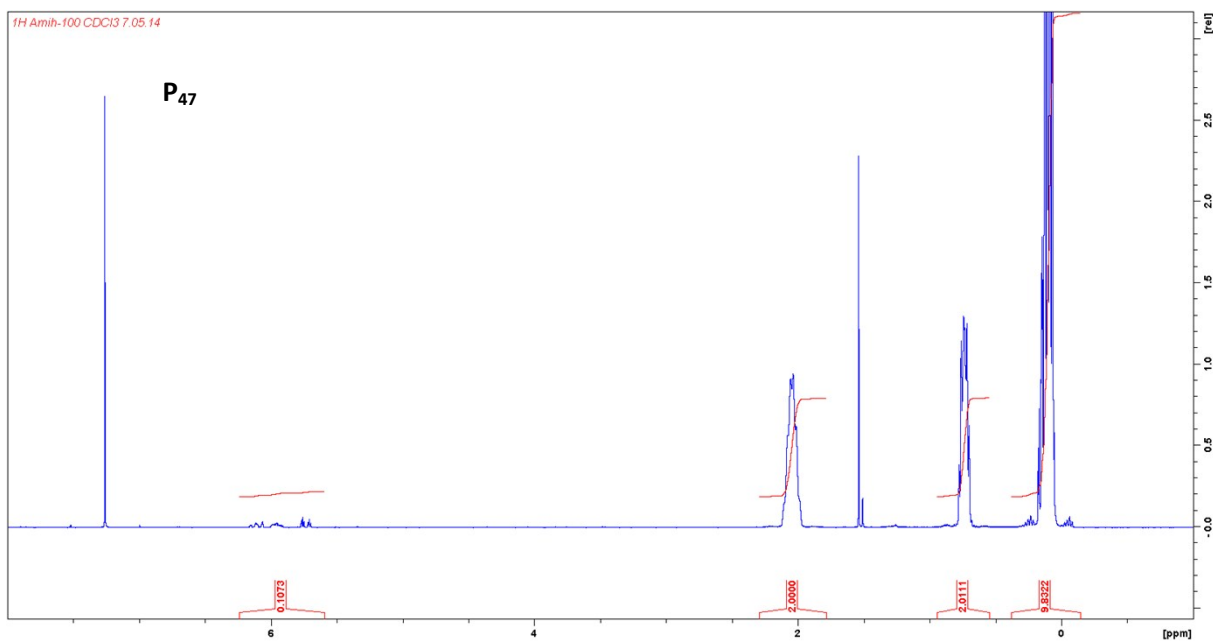


Fig. S3 ¹H NMR spectrum of **P₄₇** in CDCl₃ at room temperature.

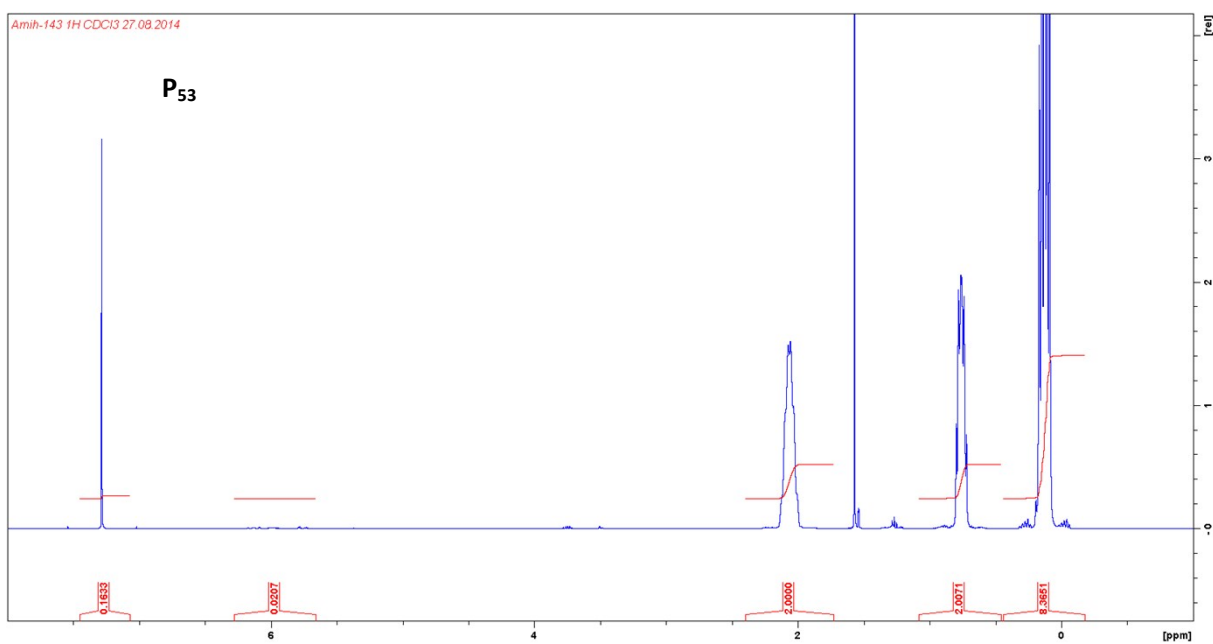


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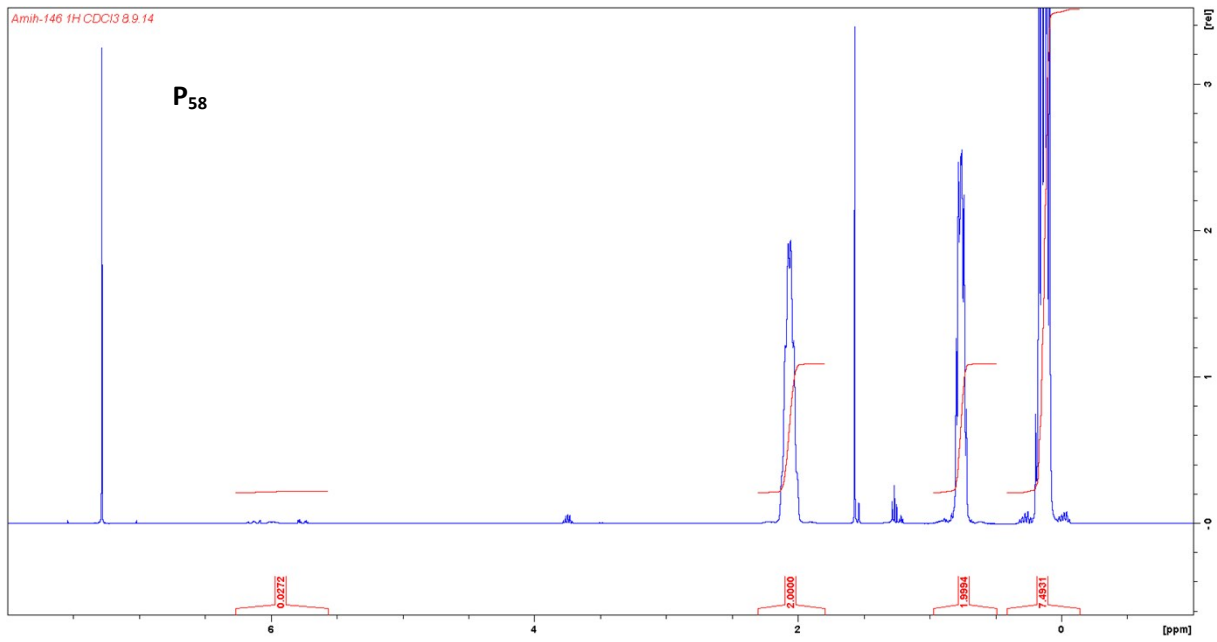
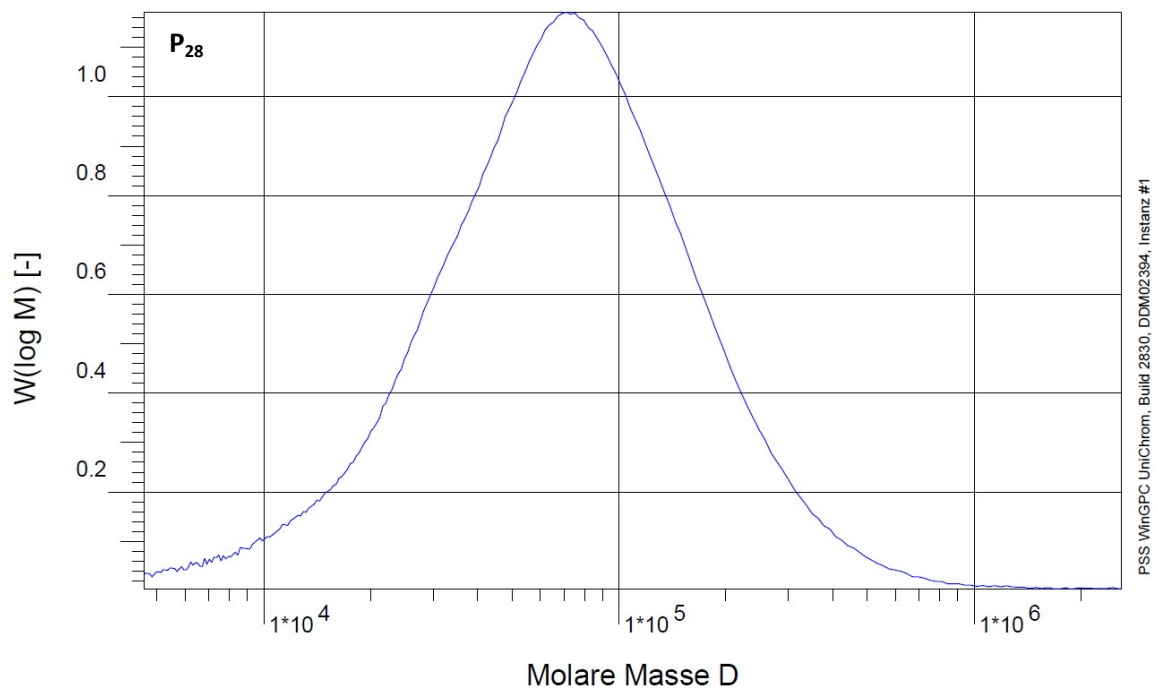
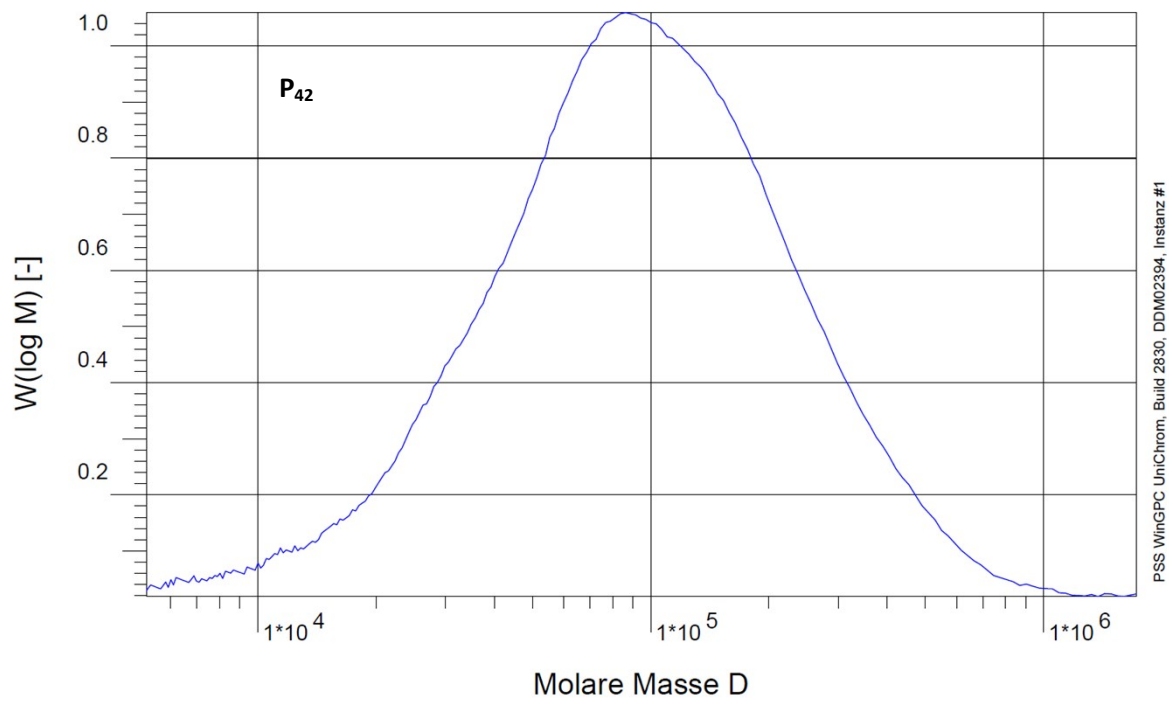


Fig. S5 ^1H NMR spectrum of P_{58} in CDCl_3 at room temperature.



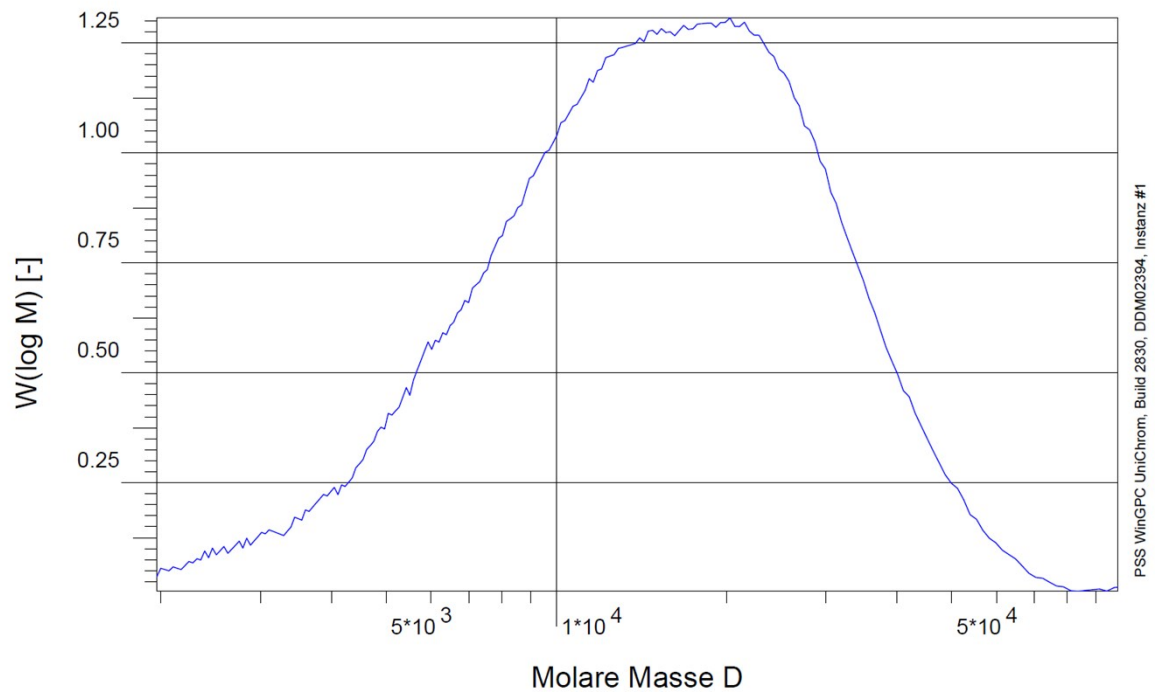
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Fig. S6 GPC of P_{28} in THF.



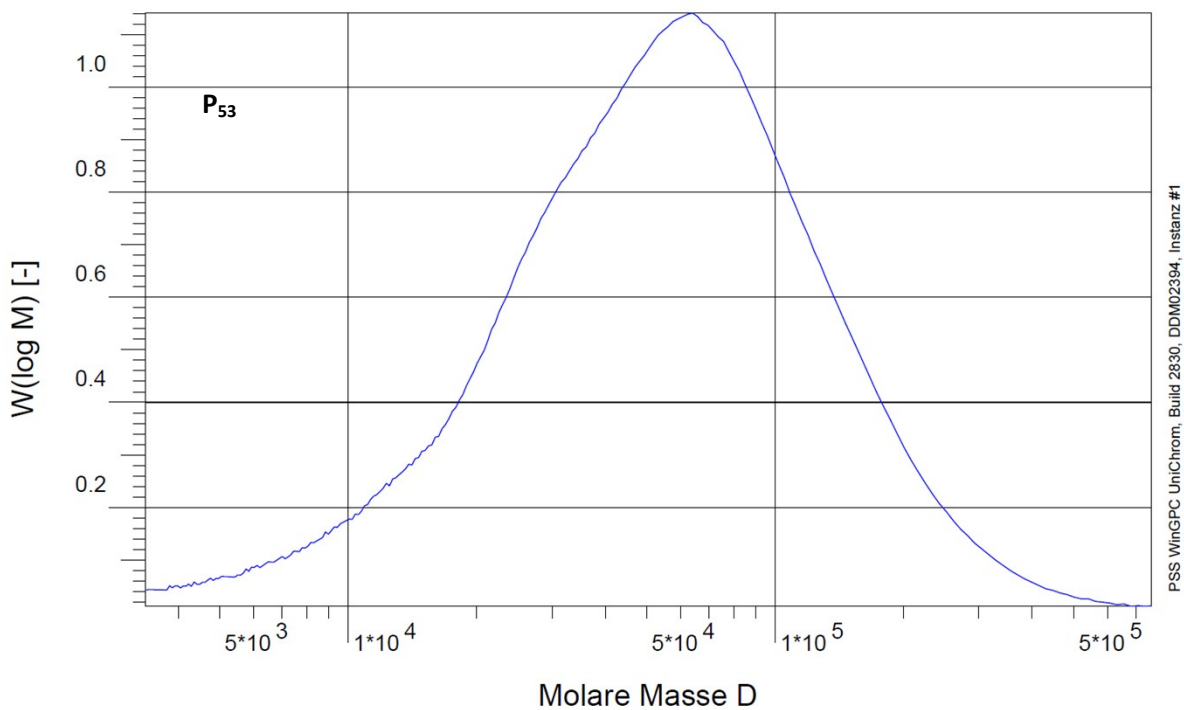
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Fig. S7 GPC of **P₄₂** in THF.



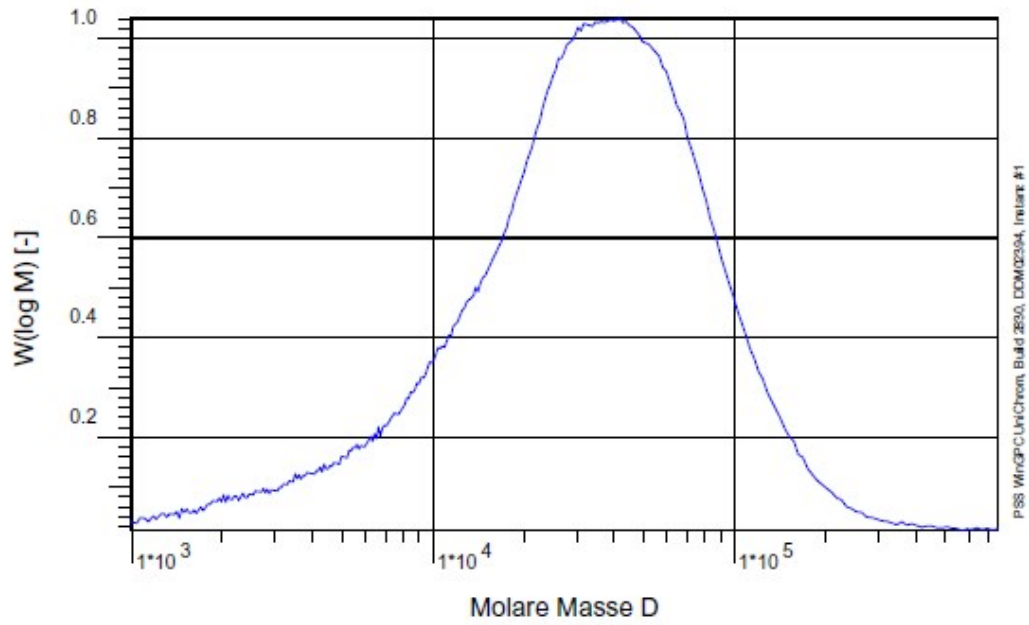
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Fig. S9 GPC of **P₅₃** in THF.



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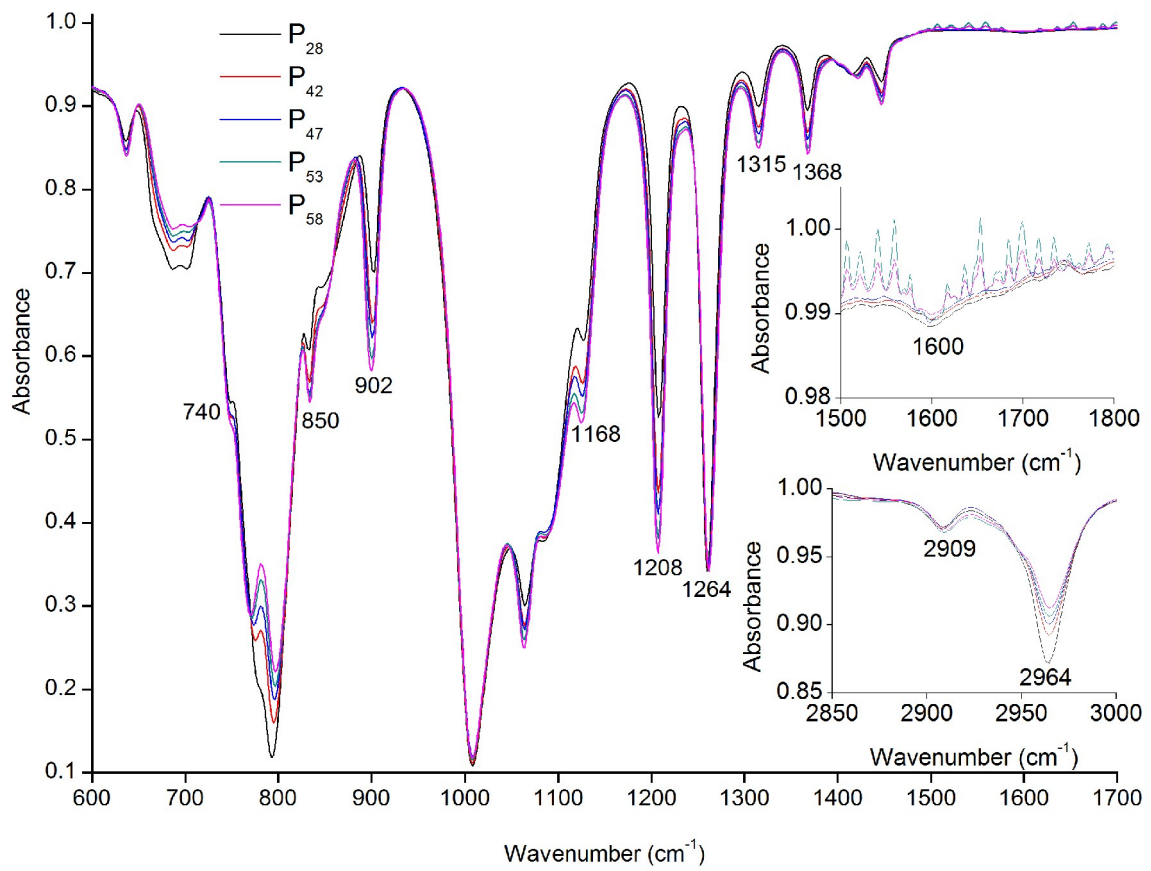
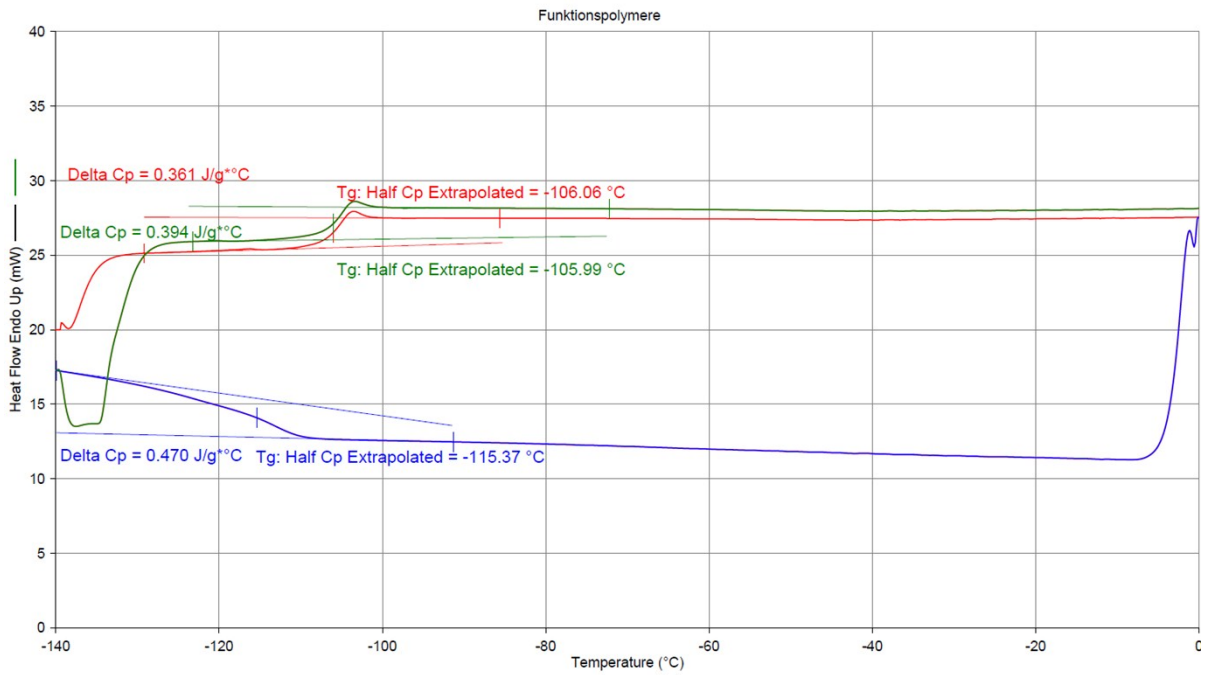


Fig. S11 FTIR spectra of P_x.

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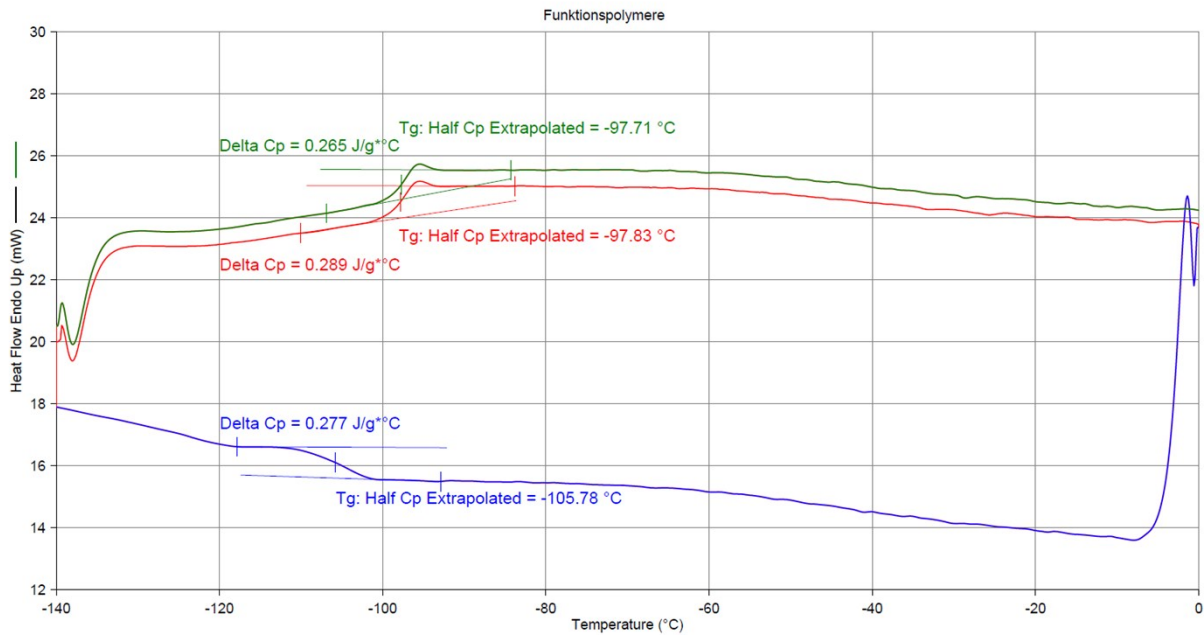
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 3) Heat from -140.00°C to 0.00°C at 20.00°C/min

Fig. S12 DSC curves of P₂₈.

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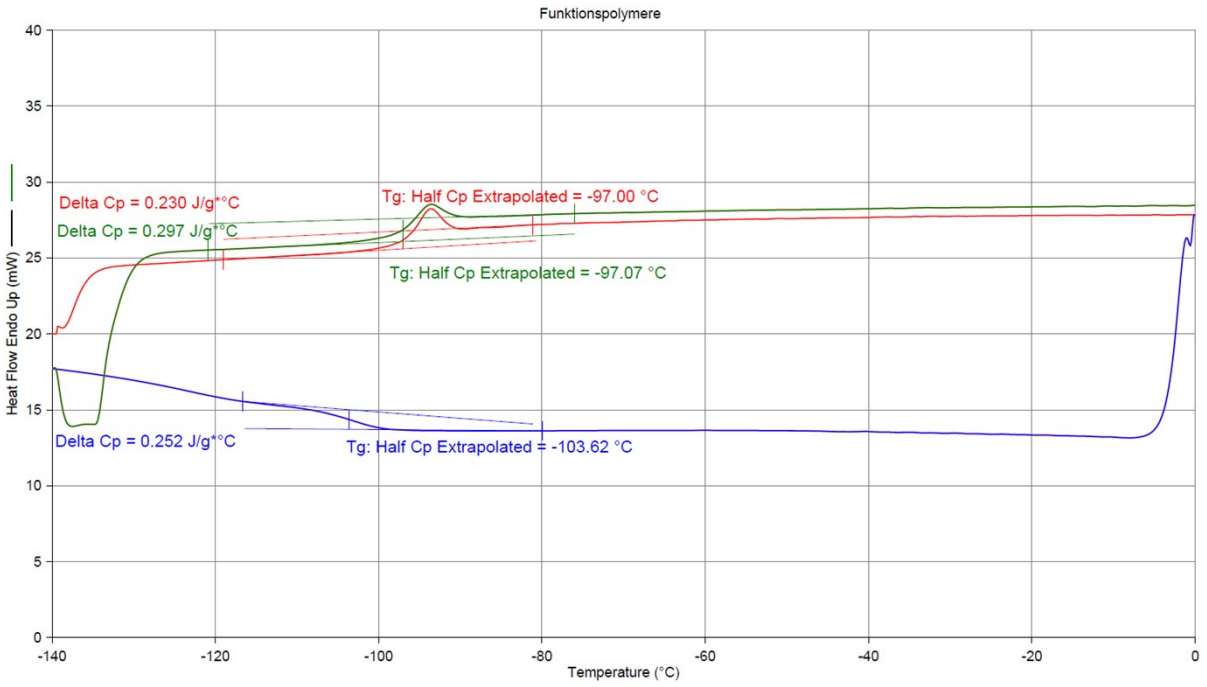


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 3) Hold for 3.0 min at -140.00°C
 4) Heat from -140.00°C to 0.00°C at 20.00°C/min

Fig. S13 DSC curves of P₄₂.

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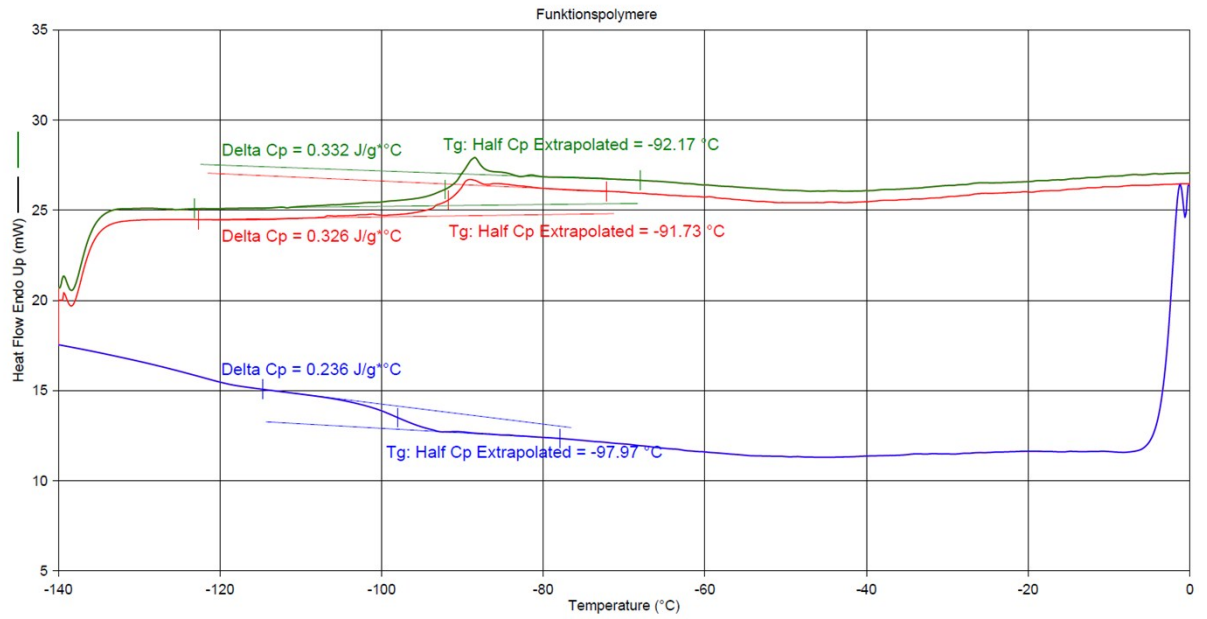
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Fig. S14 DSC curves of P₄₇.

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 Sample Weight: 16.300 mg

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 Amih-143: Amih-143-1+2.DSD
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 Heat Flow Endo Up (mW) : Step: 4



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 2) Cool from 0.00°C to -140.00°C at 20.00°C/min
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Fig. S15 DSC curves of P₅₃.

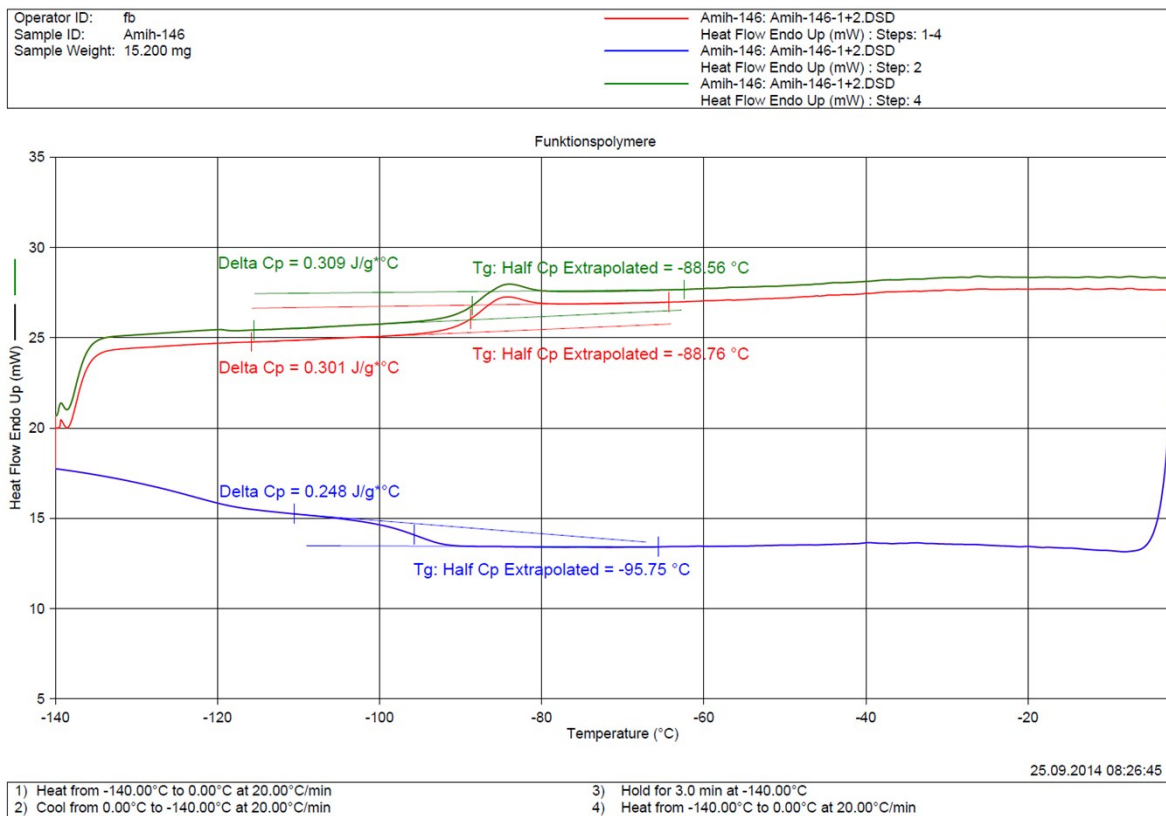


Fig. S16 DSC curves of **P₅₈**.

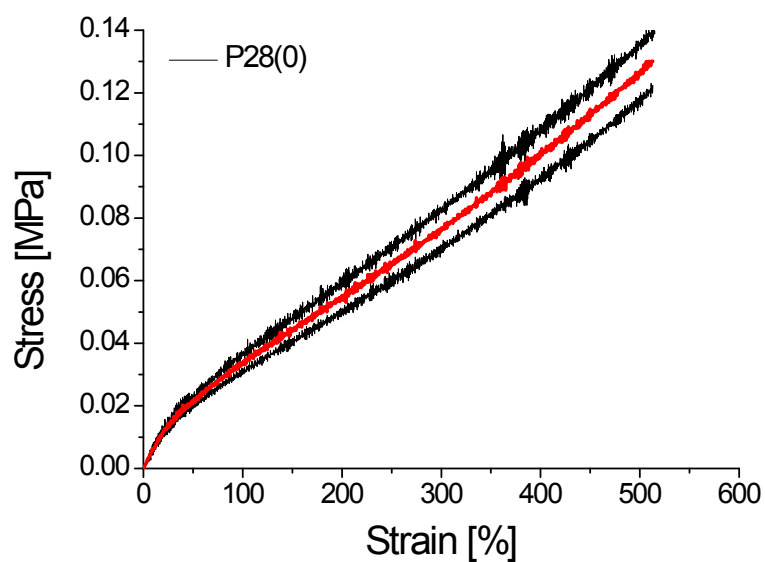


Fig. S17 Stress-strain curves of material **P₂₈₍₀₎**. The red curve represents the average.

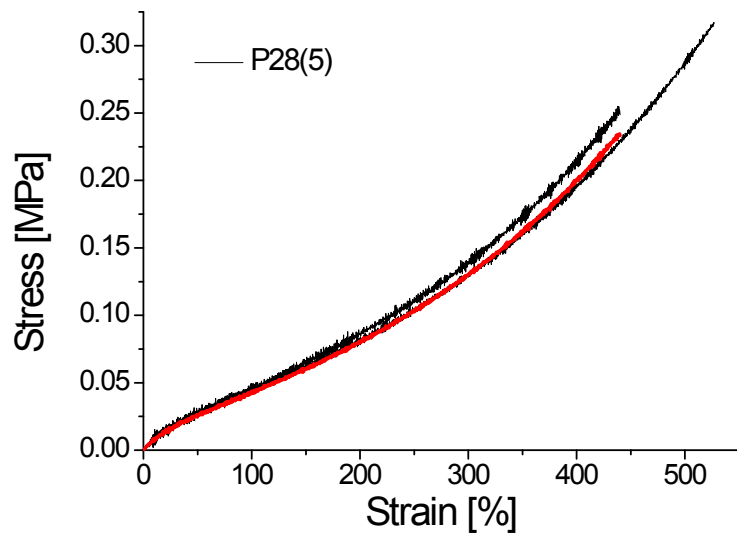


Fig. S18 Stress-strain curves of material $P_{28}(5)$. The red curve represents the average.

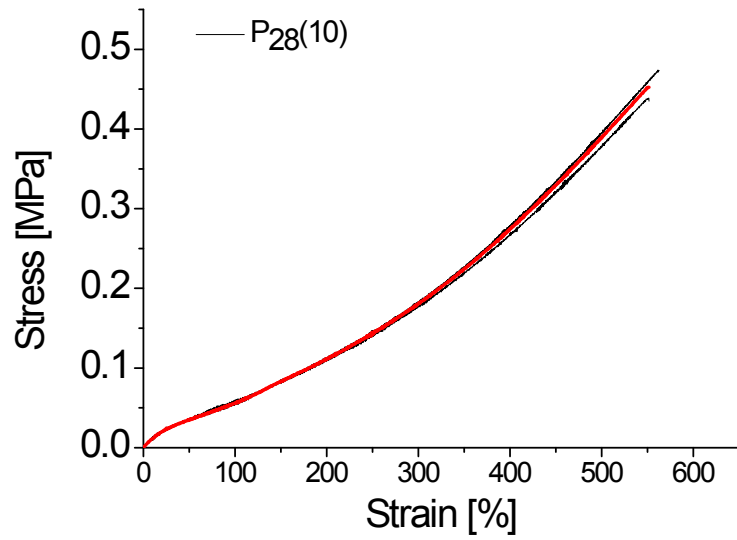


Fig. S19 Stress-strain curves of material $P_{28}(10)$. The red curve represents the average.

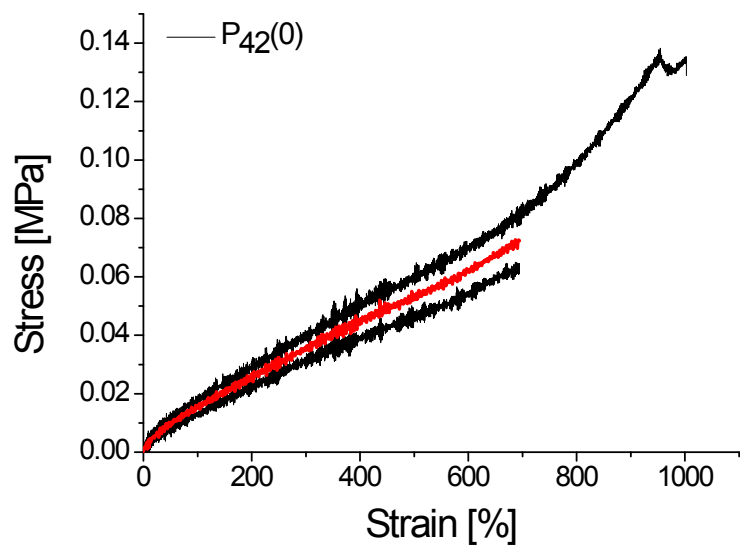


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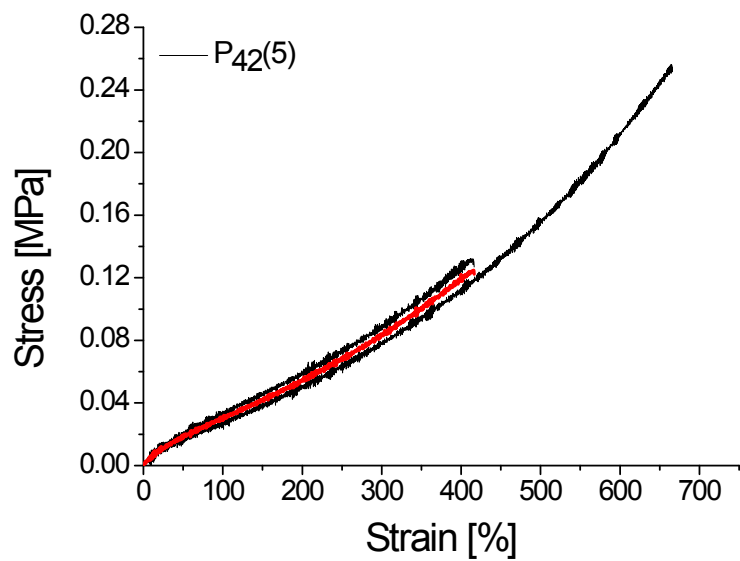


Fig. S21 Stress-strain curves of material P₄₂(5). The red curve represents the average.

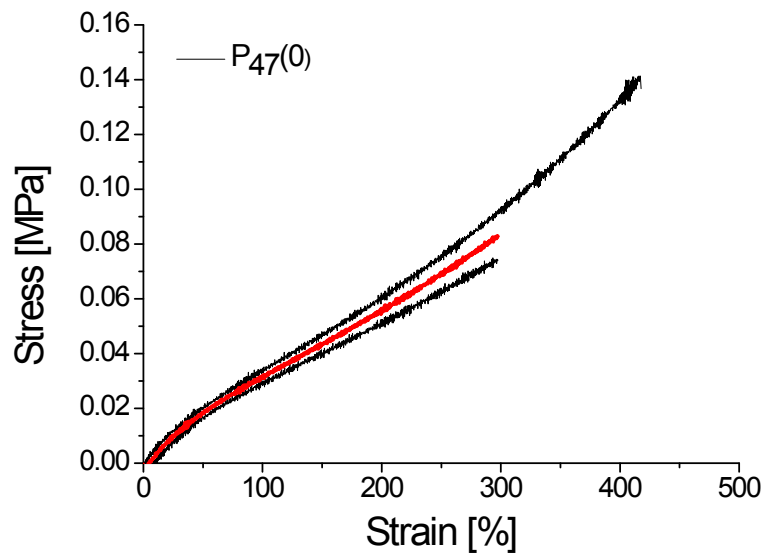


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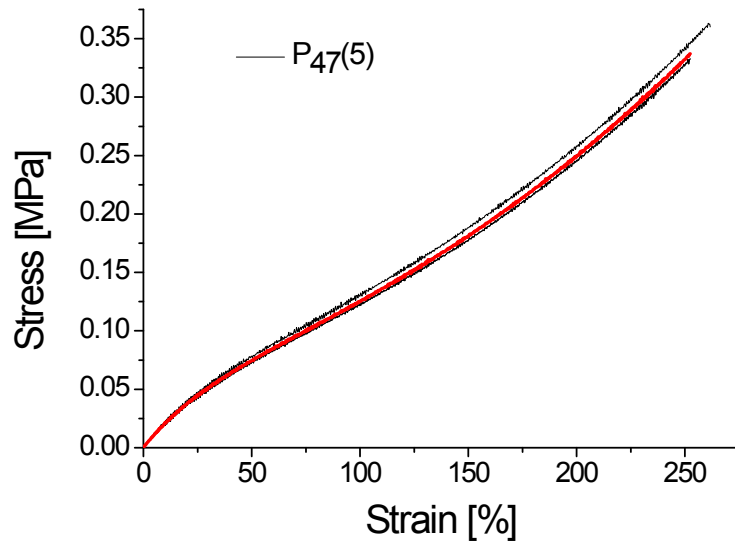


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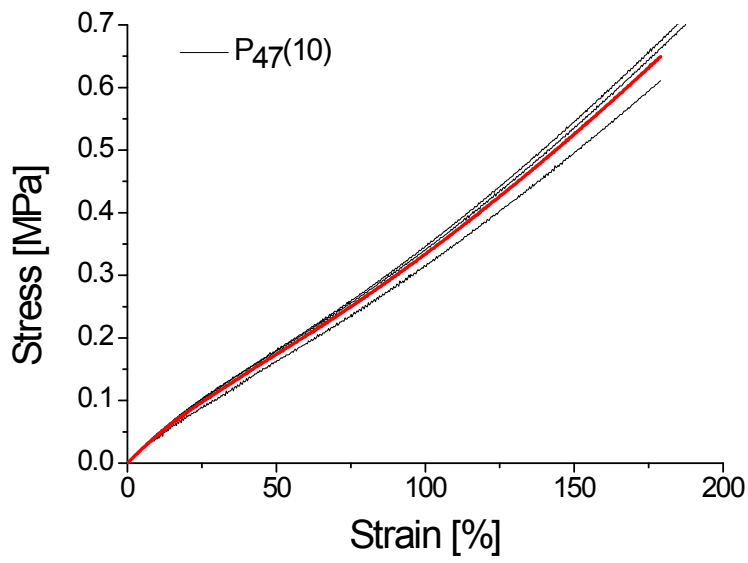


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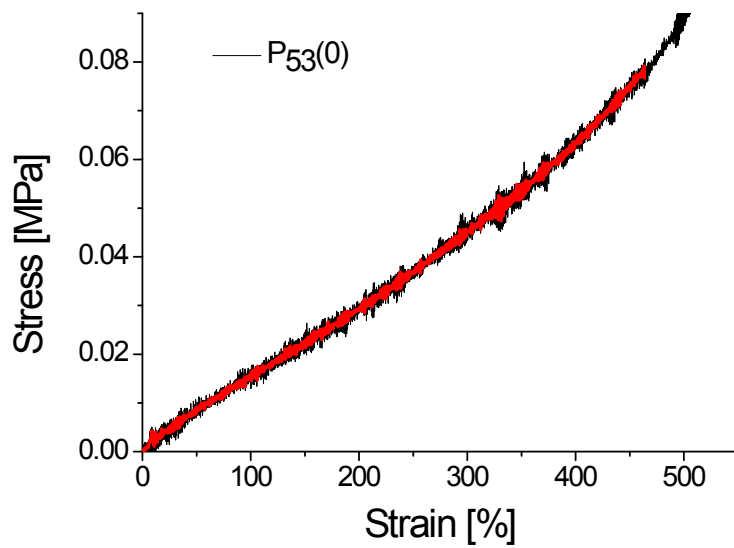


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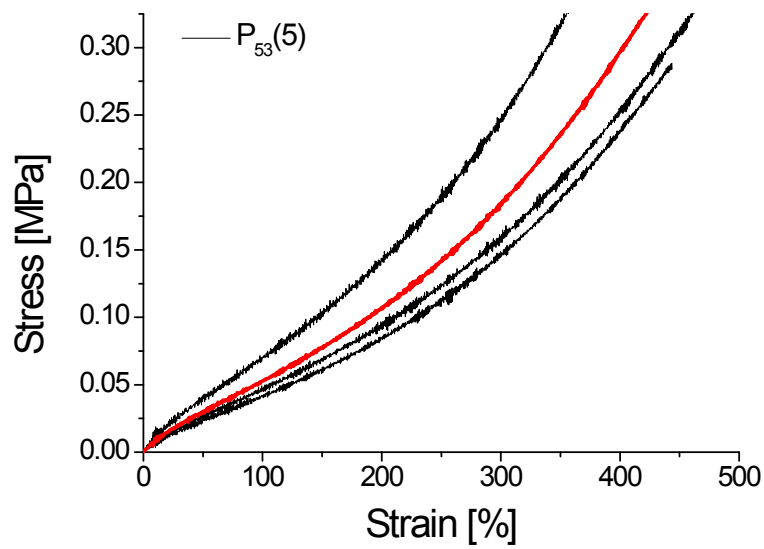


Fig. S26 Stress-strain curves of material $P_{53}(5)$. The red curve represents the average.

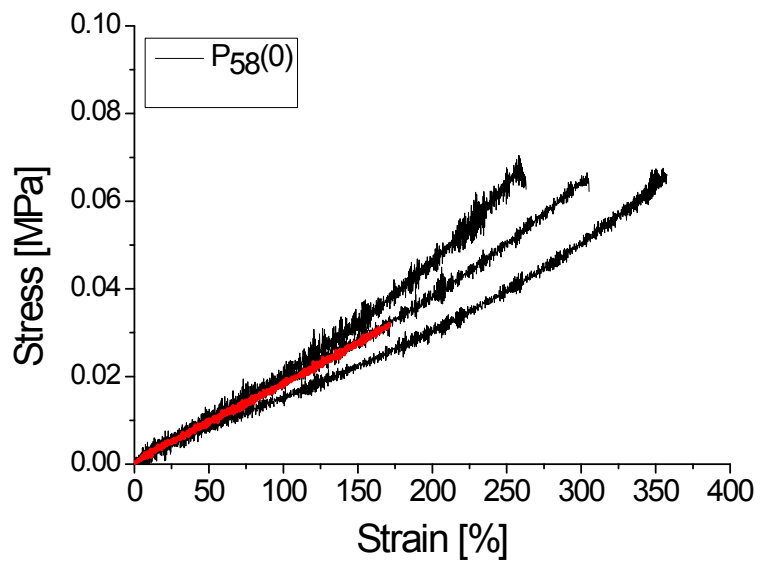


Fig. S27 Stress-strain curves of material $P_{58}(0)$. The red curve represents the average.

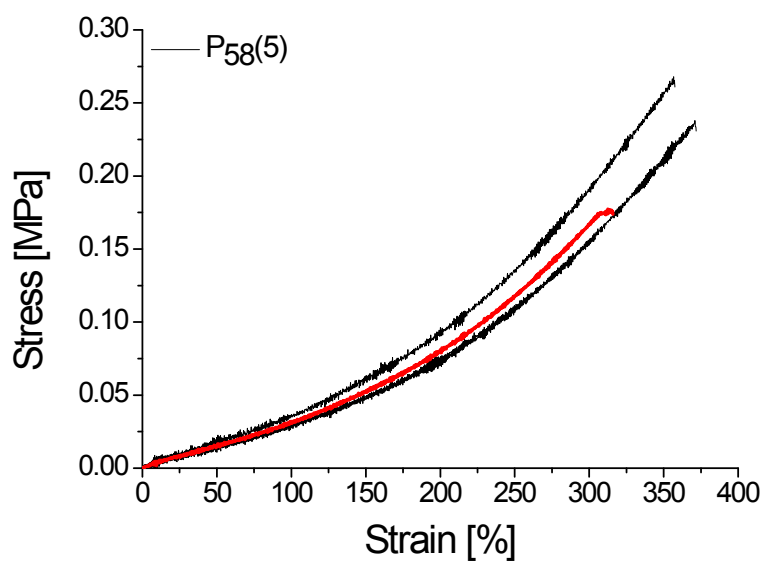


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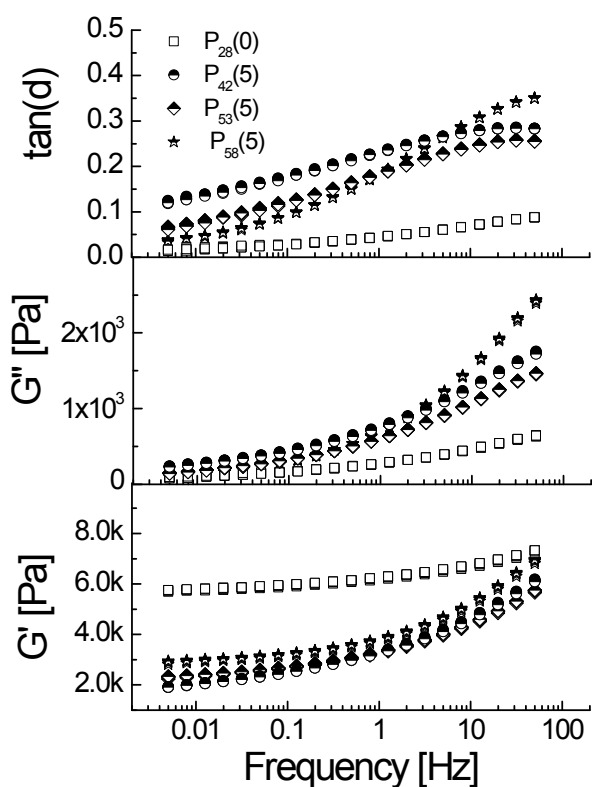


Fig. 29 Dependence of the real (G') and imaginary (G'') parts of the shear modulus and the $\tan(d)$ at room temperature for selected materials. The samples used had a thickness of $263 \mu\text{m}$ - $P_{58}(5)$, $180 \mu\text{m}$ - $P_{53}(5)$, $187 \mu\text{m}$ - $P_{42}(5)$, $P_{28}(0)$ - $250 \mu\text{m}$ and were measured one year after their synthesis.

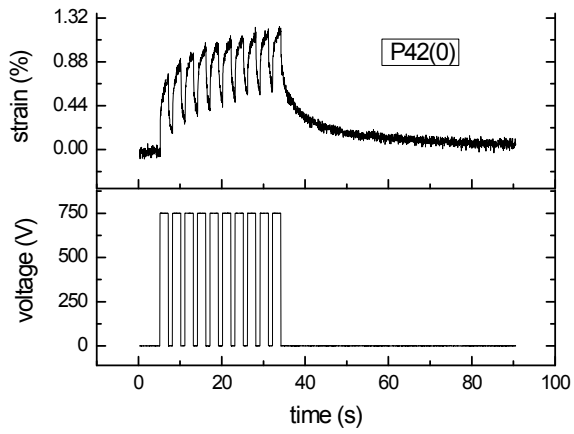


Fig. S30 Cyclic actuation tests of $P_{42}(0)$ at $4.3 \text{ V}/\mu\text{m}$ (10 cycles at 0.33 Hz).

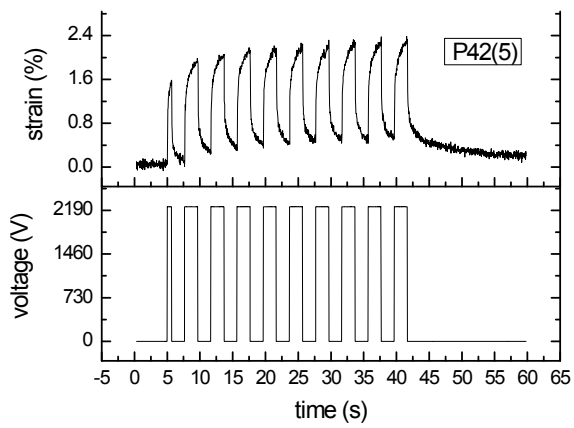


Fig. S31 Cyclic actuation strain of $P_{42}(5)$ at $7.1 \text{ V}/\mu\text{m}$ (10 cycles at 0.25 Hz).

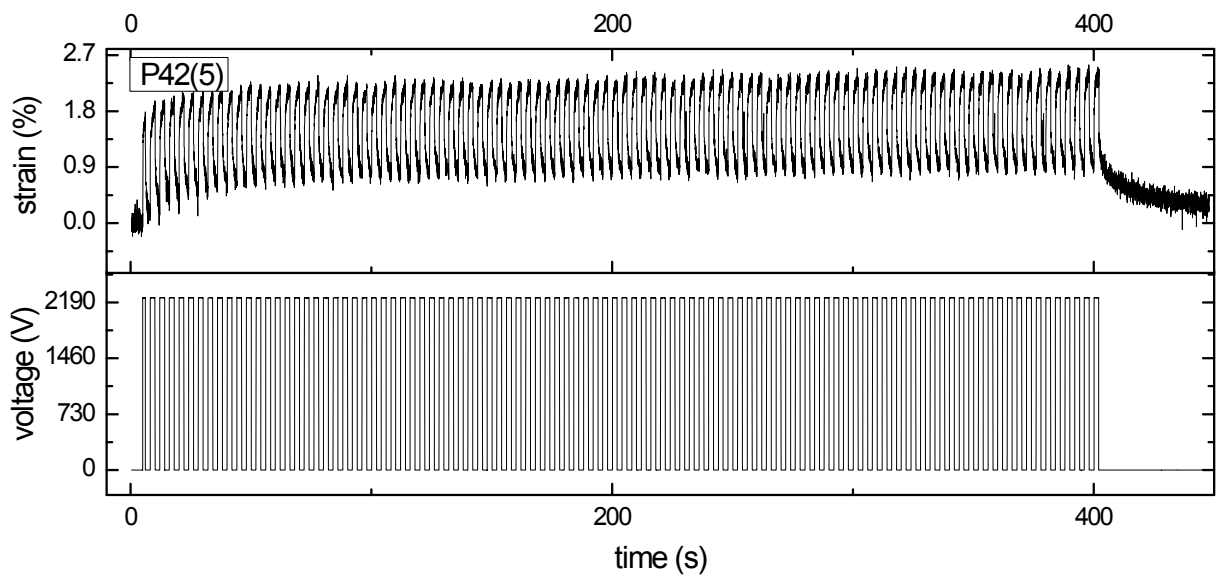


Fig. S32 Cyclic actuation strain of $P_{42}(5)$ at $7.1 \text{ V}/\mu\text{m}$ (100 cycles at 0.25 Hz).

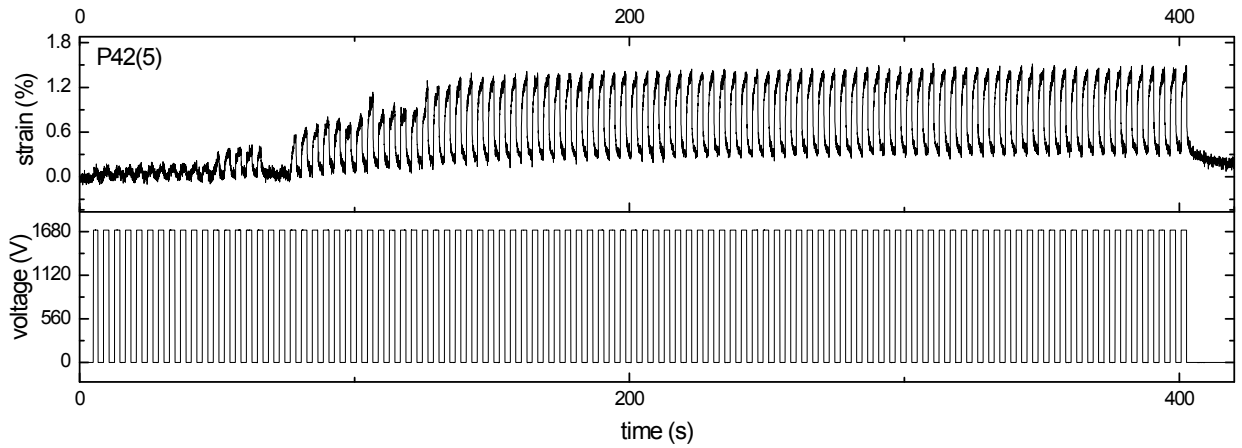


Fig. S33 An actuator constructed from $P_{42}(5)$ which suffered a shortcut and can self-repair after few cycles at $5.5 \text{ V}/\mu\text{m}$ and 0.25 Hz .

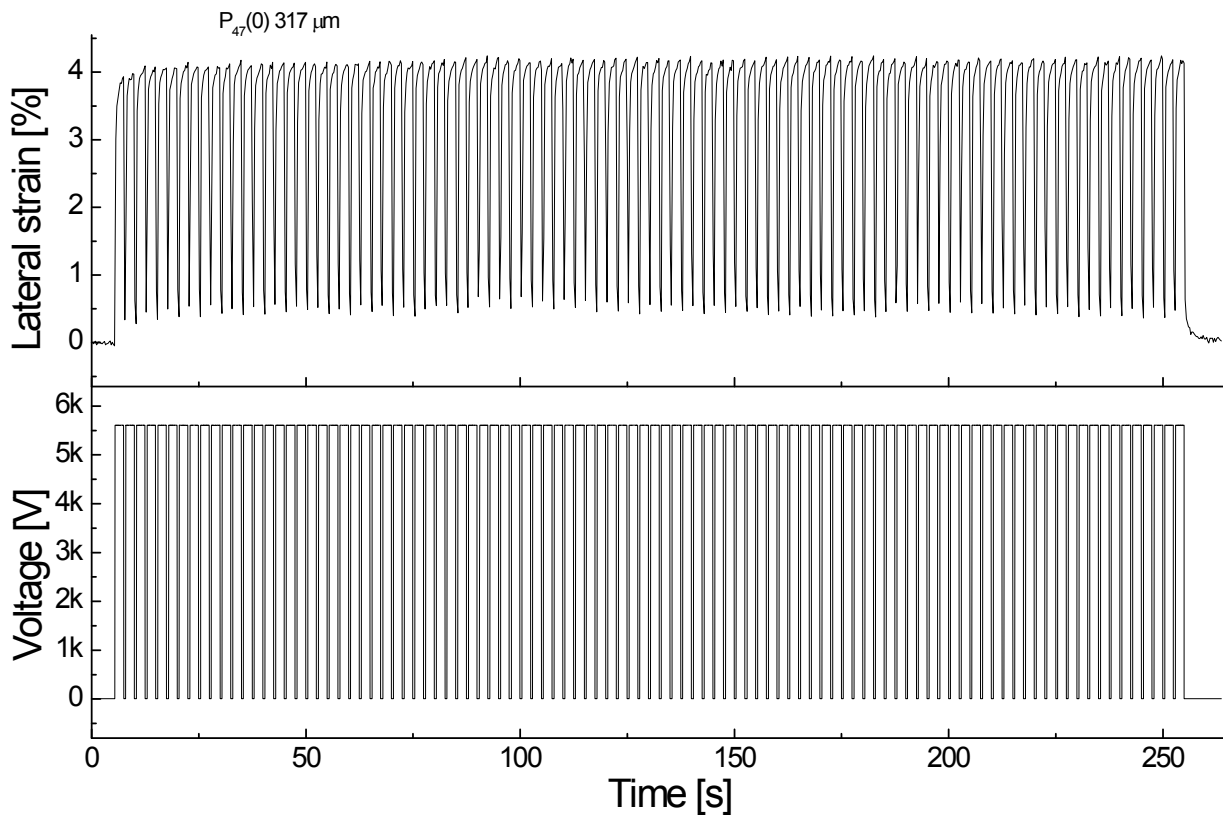


Fig. S34 Cyclic actuation strain of $P_{47}(0)$ at $17.6 \text{ V}/\mu\text{m}$ (100 cycles at 0.4 Hz).

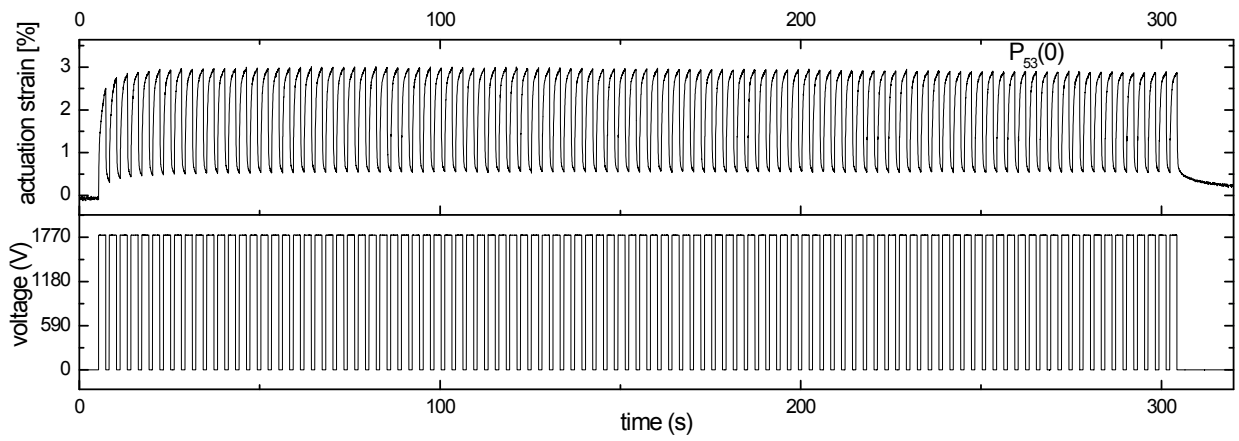


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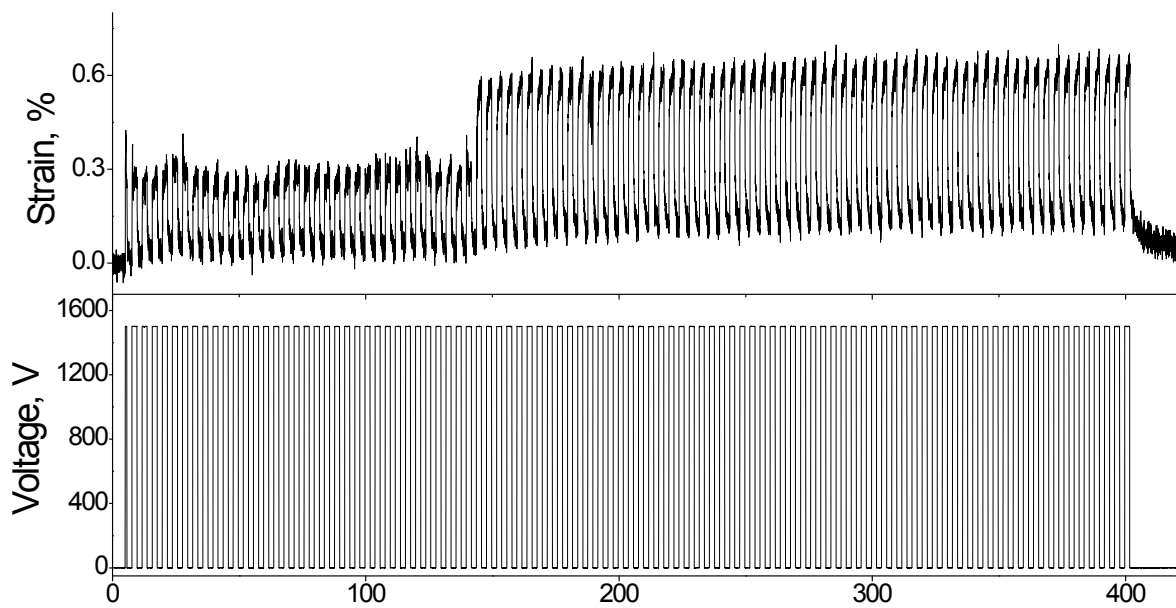


Fig. S36 Self-healing of an actuator constructed from $P_{53}(5)$ $6.7 \text{ V}/\mu\text{m}$ at 0.25 Hz.

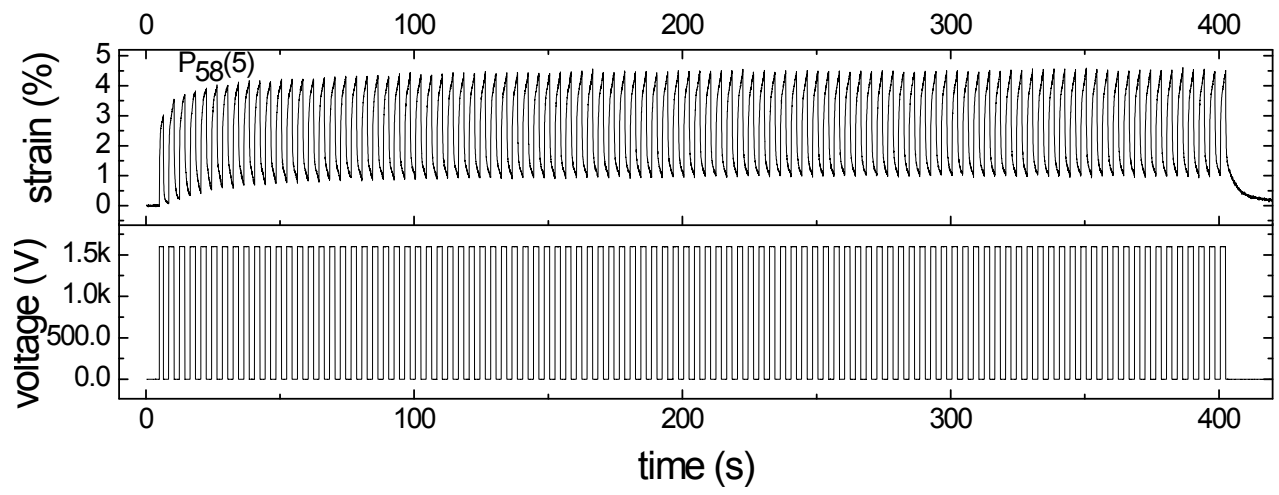


Fig. S37 Long-term stability of P₅₈(5) at 10.2 V/ μ m for 100 cycles at 0.25 Hz.