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Biomimetic Strain-Stiffening in Fully Synthetic Dynamic-Covalent Hydrogel Network

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I. Supplemental Data:

Fig. S1: Structure of 4aPEG-PyPBA.

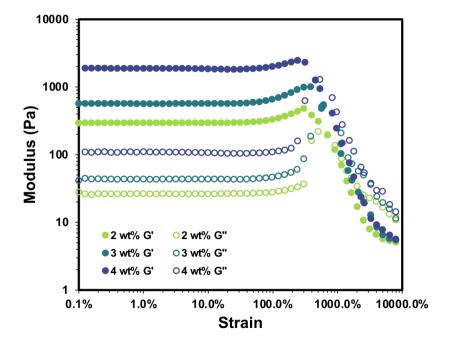
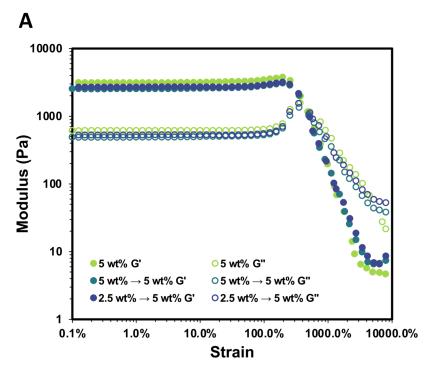


Fig. S2: Strain sweeps of 2-4 wt% 4aPEG-PyPBA/4aPEG-Diol hydrogels at 25°C, prepared at pH 7.



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	Critical Stress (Pa)	Stiffening Index
5 wt%	1055.9	0.17
5 wt% → 5 wt%	1009.0	0.18
2.5 wt% → 5 wt%	1048.6	0.18

Fig. S3: Strain-stiffening behavior of 4aPEG-FPBA/4aPEG-Diol gels upon drying and rehydration. (A) Strain sweeps of a freshly prepared 5 wt% gel, a "5 wt% \rightarrow 5 wt%" gel prepared at 5 wt% with 150 mM pH 6.5 buffer, lyophilized, and rehydrated to 5 wt% with DI water, and a "2.5 wt% \rightarrow 5 wt%" gel prepared at 2.5 wt% with 75 mM pH 6.5 buffer, lyophilized, and rehydrated to 5 wt% with DI water. (B) Critical stress and stiffening index of these three gels.

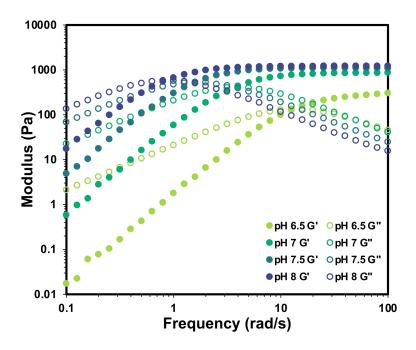


Fig. S4: Frequency sweeps of 2.5 wt% 4aPEG-FPBA/4aPEG-Diol hydrogels at 25°C, prepared at pH 6.5, 7, 7.5, and 8.

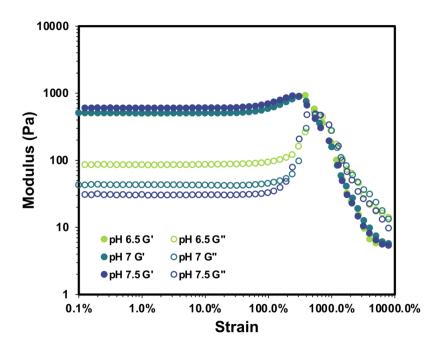


Fig. S5: Strain sweeps of 3 wt% 4aPEG-PyPBA/4aPEG-Diol hydrogels at 25°C, prepared at pH 6.5, 7, and 7.5.

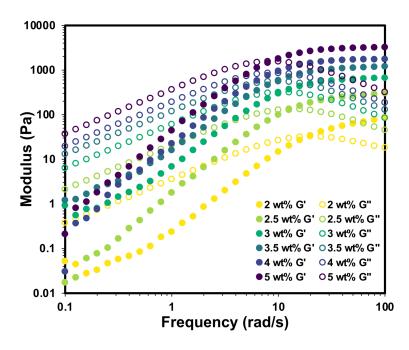


Fig. S6: Frequency sweeps of 2-5 wt% 4aPEG-FPBA/4aPEG-Diol hydrogels at 25°C, prepared at pH 6.5.

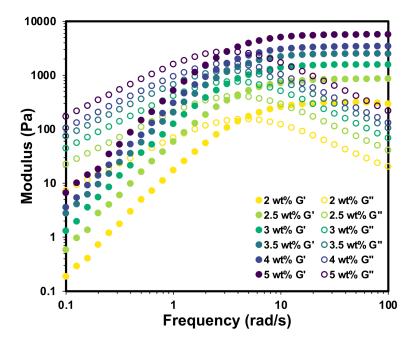


Fig. S7: Frequency sweeps of 2-5 wt% 4aPEG-FPBA/4aPEG-Diol hydrogels at 25°C, prepared at pH 7.

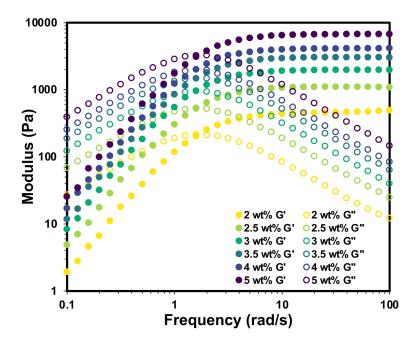


Fig. S8: Frequency sweeps of 2-5 wt% 4aPEG-FPBA/4aPEG-Diol hydrogels at 25°C, prepared at pH 7.5.

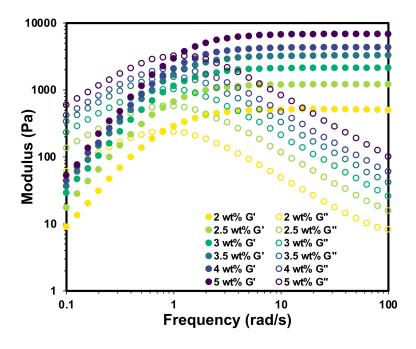


Fig. S9: Frequency sweeps of 2-5 wt% 4aPEG-FPBA/4aPEG-Diol hydrogels at 25°C, prepared at pH 8.

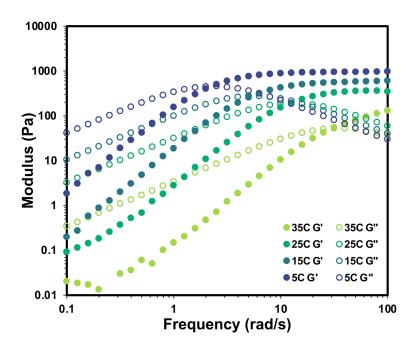


Fig. S10: Frequency sweeps of 2.5 wt% 4aPEG-FPBA/4aPEG-Diol hydrogels at 5°C, 15°C, 25°C, and 35°C, prepared at pH 6.5.