

## Biocompatible Tough and Flexible Polymeric Materials

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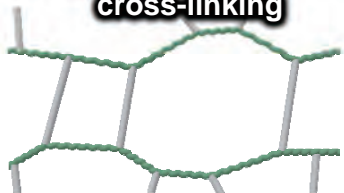
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### Project Outline

**Conventional polymers:** Cross-linked by covalent bonds.

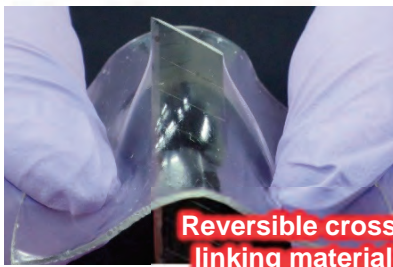
**Our work:** We prepared polymeric materials cross-linked by non-covalent bonds, which can make conventional polymers tough and flexible.

**Polymer with covalent cross-linking**



Cross-linking points are fixed.

**(1) Tough & Flexible**



**Reversible cross-linking material**

Stub-resistant test

**Reversible cross-linking material**



Cross-linking can associate and dissociate easily.

**Movable cross-linking material**



Cross-linking can slide to dissipate external stress.

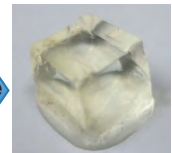
**Reversible cross-linking material**



press (2 tw)



release



**Polymer with covalent cross-linking**



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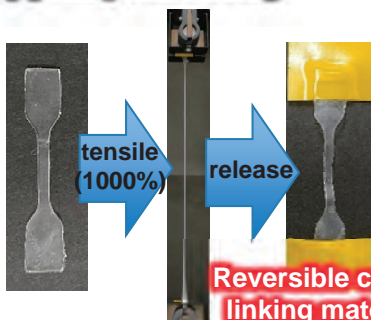


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The reversible cross-linking material is unbreakable against pressing.

**(2) Shape Recovery**



tensile (1000%)

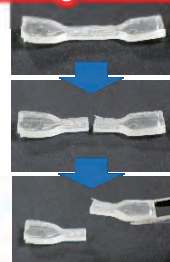
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**Reversible cross-linking material**

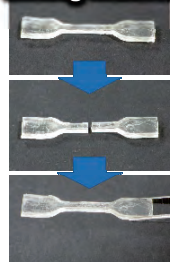
The material recovered its shape through 1000% extending.

**(3) Self-Healing**

**Reversible cross-linking material**

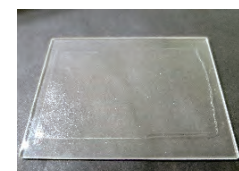
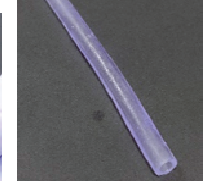
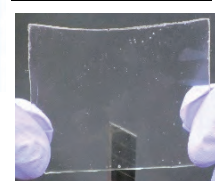


**Covalent cross-linking material**



The reversible cross-linking can readhere via the interaction.

**Trial Products**



**Targets:** Medical devices required toughness / long life.

**Vascular disease:** Stent coating material for vascular surgery, catheter, tubes, balloons, intravascular embolic materials.

**Trauma:** Hemostatic sheet, surgical tape.

**Pressure ulcer:** Bedding contact surface material.

**Arthropathy:** Artificial cartilage.

**Tubular organ disease:** Scaffolding material during surgery.

**Diaphragmatic hernia / abdominal wall rupture:** patch closure material.

**Patents**

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| 1. JP 5951758              | 8. Application 2018-036986  |
| 2. JP 5951758              | 9. Application 2017-039908  |
| 3. JP 6257633              | 10. Application 2017-095058 |
| 4. JP 6300926              | 11. Application 2017-152059 |
| 5. JP 6529052              | 12. Application 2019-188135 |
| 6. JP 6636610              |                             |
| 7. Application 2016-148725 |                             |