

Reaction with Mechanical Force

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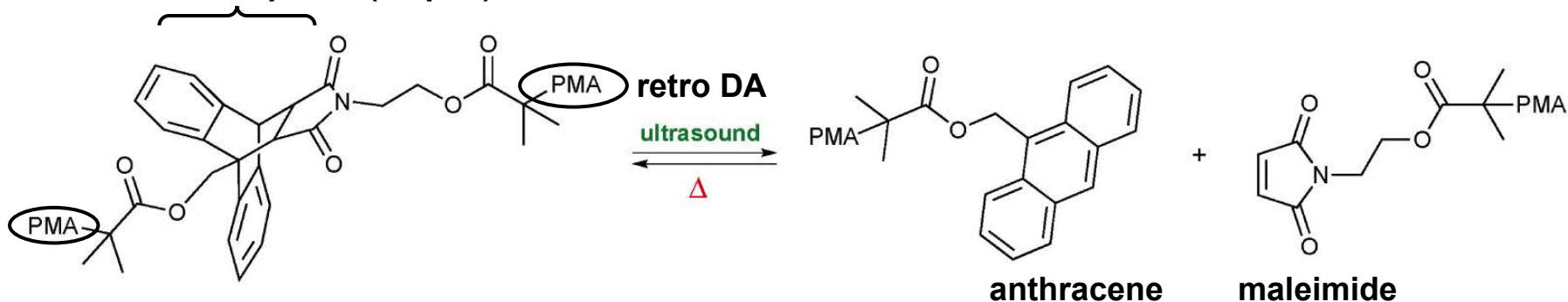
0. Introduction

what kind of mechanical force?

- compression
- cut
- extension
- ultrasound

one example (how to use ultrasound)

mechanophore (cf. p24)

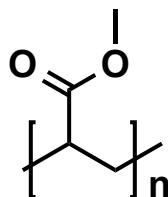


C. W. Bielawski, *et al.* *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2011**, *133*, 7180.

ultrasound induced retro DA reaction

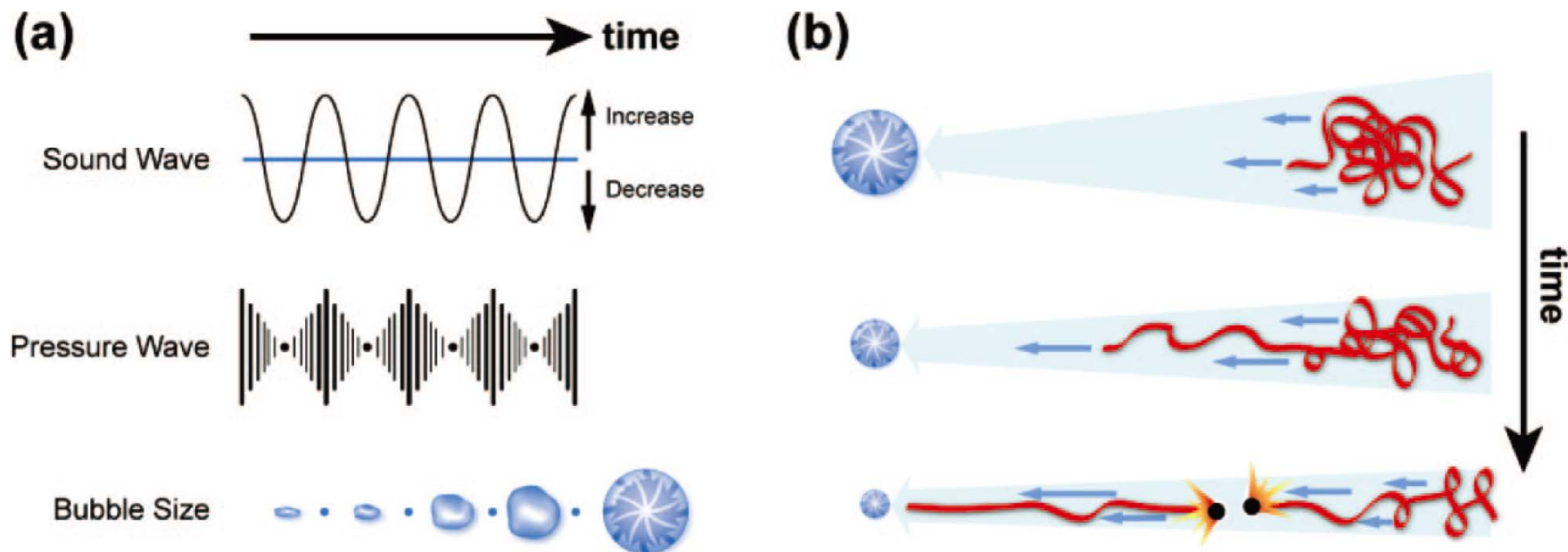
PMA backbone

ultrasound in CH₃CN, 9 °C, 3 h



PMA

ultrasound (how to generate mechanical stress)

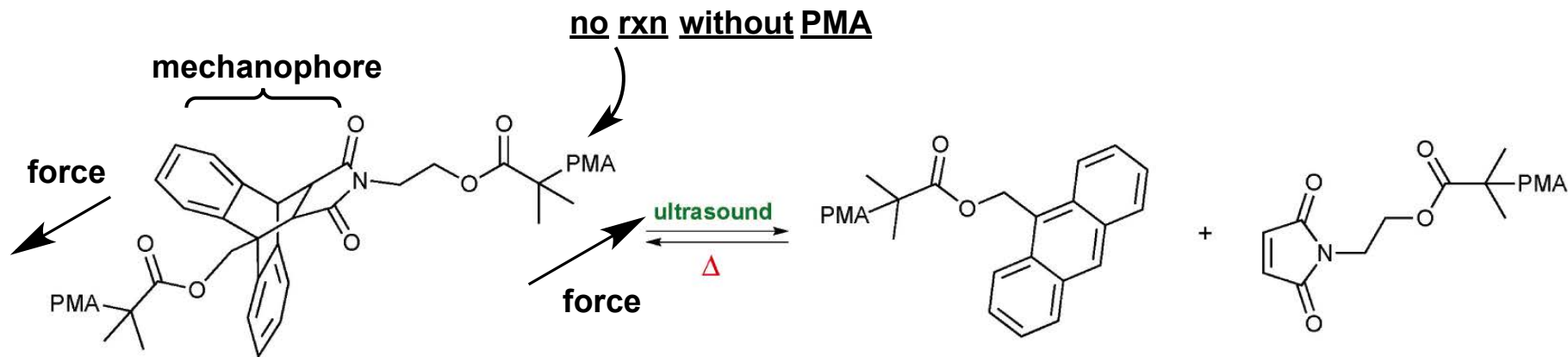


Chem. Rev. **2009**, *109*, 5755.

The mechanism of converting ultrasound waves to energy in the form of force on a polymer chain is through a process called cavitation.

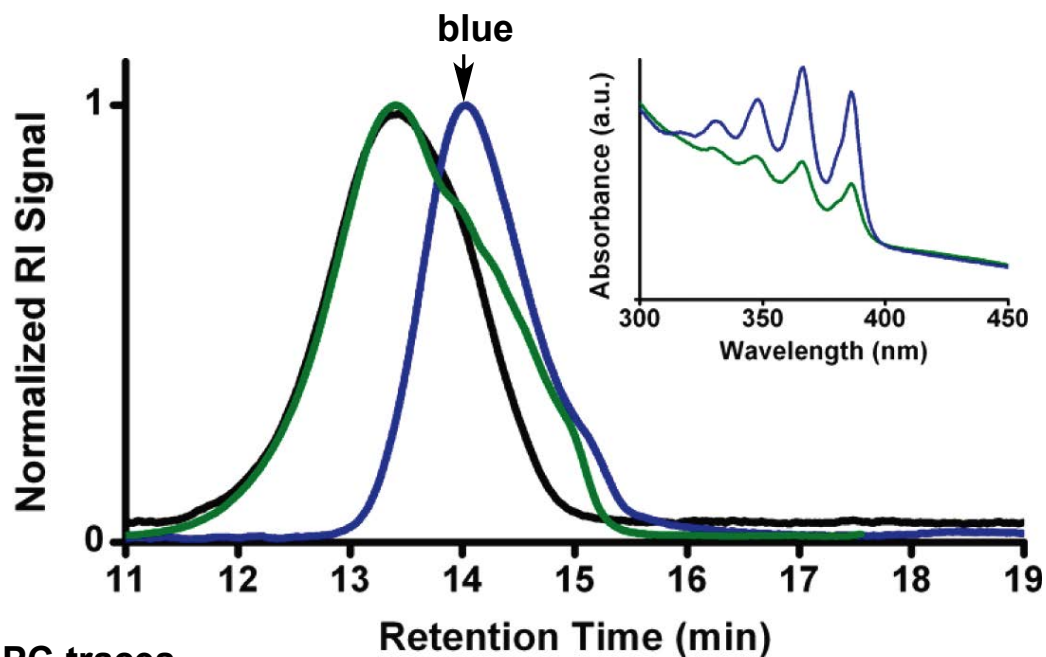
Cavitation is defined as the nucleation, growth, and collapse of bubbles in a liquid.

Polymer chains near a collapsing bubble experience solvodynamic forces as the proximal chain end is pulled toward the void creating by the imploding bubble.



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Thermally prohibited retro Diels-Alder reaction was achieved. (cf. 110 °C, 24 h)



GPC traces
 black: before sonication
 blue: after sonication
 green: after heating

(When heating (60°C, 48 h), recombination was observed.)

***Purpose of investigation
 for reaction with mechanical force**

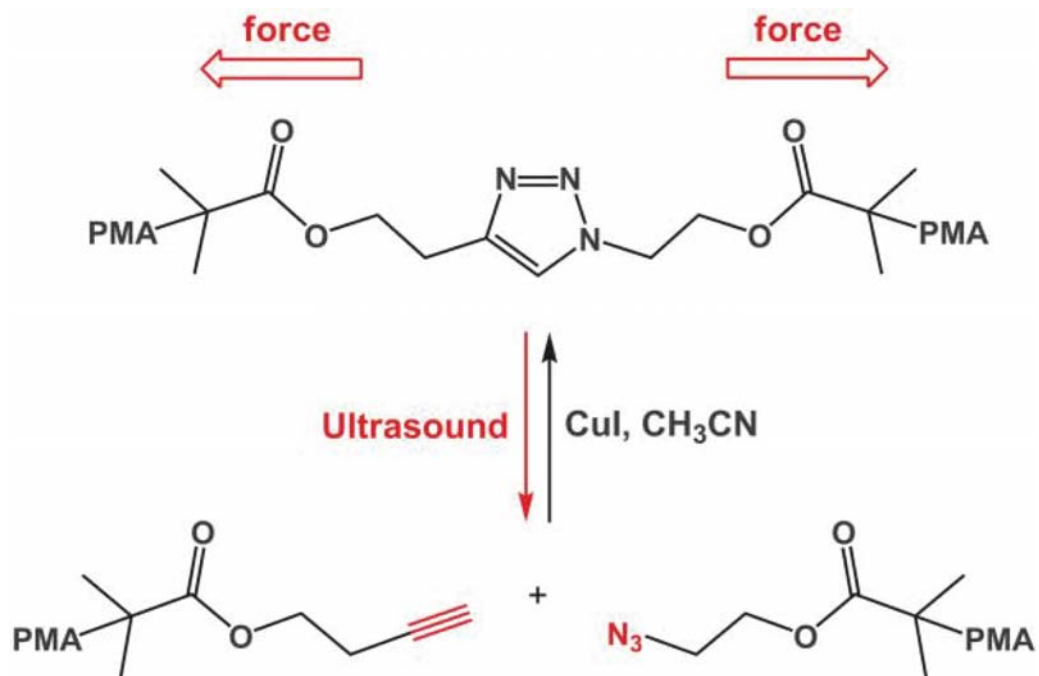
There are two reaction types.

- active use of mechanical force
- to achieve otherwise impossible reaction
- passive use of mechanical force
- for material scientific application
 (damage responsive polymer)

1. active use of mechanical force

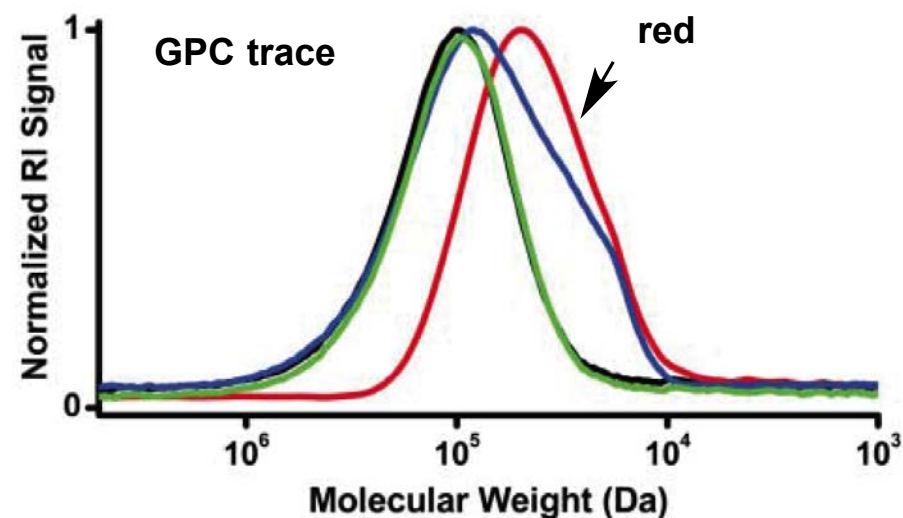
(1) triazole to azide and alkyne (unclicking)

C. W. Bielawski, *et al. Science* **2011**, 333, 1606.



Ultrasound, CH₃CN, 0 °C, 2 h, quant.

CuI, CH₃CN 80 °C, 19 h ,86%



Triazole, although remarkably inert toward chemical and thermal perturbation, undergoes cycloreversion through the application of mechanical force.

function as mechanical labile protecting group

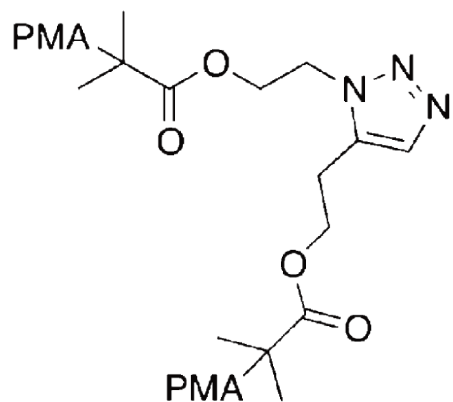
black: before sonication
 red: after sonication
 blue: after reclick
 green: only heating
 (258 °C, 19 h)

cf. 力学的エネルギーで”逆”クリック!(chem-station)

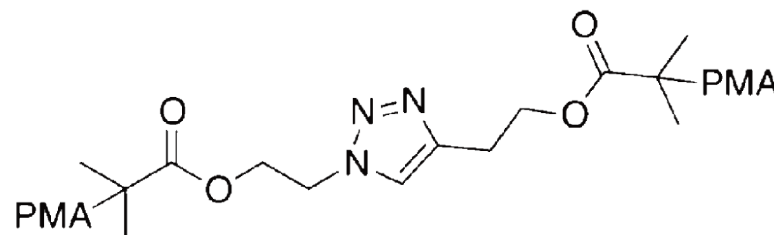
*Regiochemical Effects

C. W. Bielawski, *et al. J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2012**, *134*, 9882.

The rate of cycloreversion was found to be **20% greater** for the 1,5-disubstituted regioisomer than for its 1,4-congener.



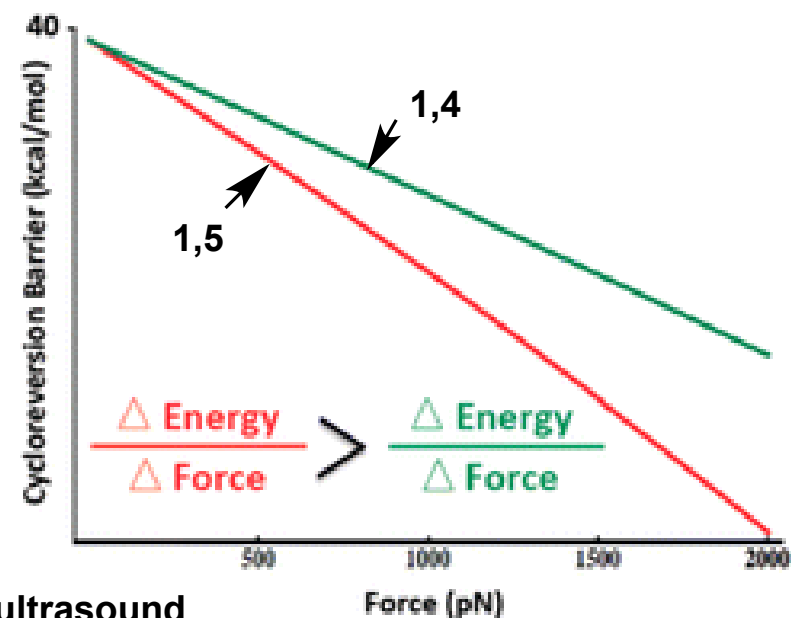
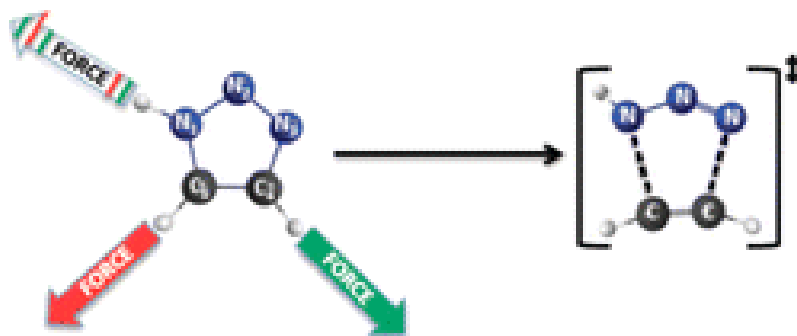
1,5-Disubstituted Triazole



1,4-Disubstituted Triazole

This is explained by increased molecular compliance (steric interaction) for TS geometry and direct bond activation.

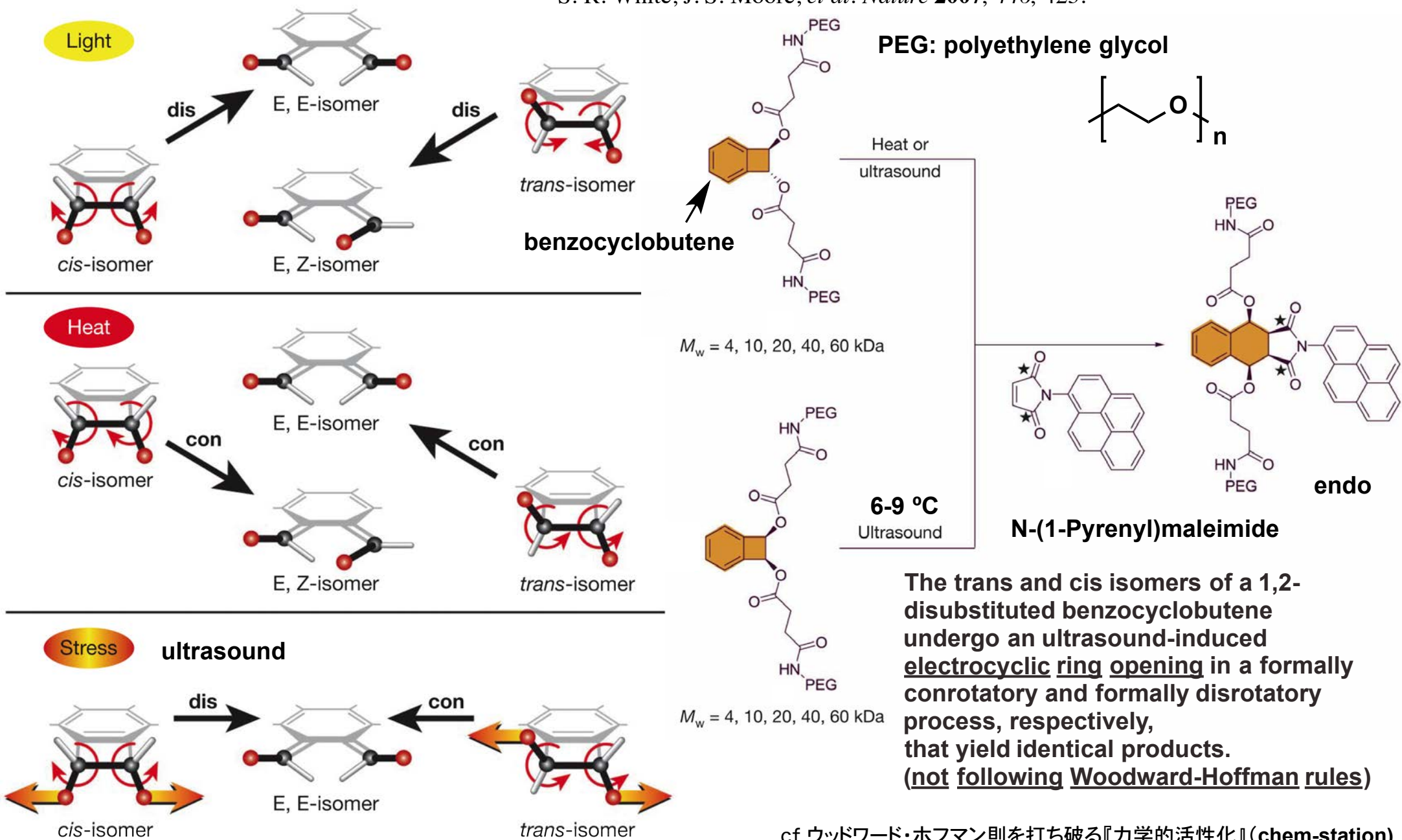
The relative regiochemistry of the polymer attachments on a mechanophore must be considered, when evaluating or designing mechanochemical systems.



method: Irradiating acetonitrile solutions of these polymers with ultrasound

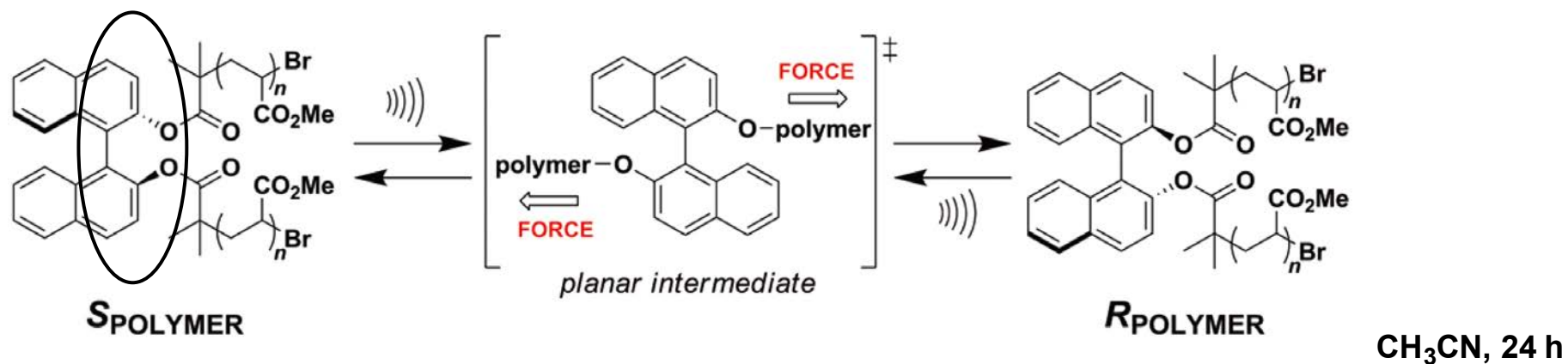
(2) violating Woodward-Hoffman rules

biasing reaction pathways with mechanical force

S. R. White, J. S. Moore, *et al. Nature* 2007, 446, 423.

(3)mechanical reconfiguration of stereoisomer (binol derivatives)

C. W. Bielawski, *et al. J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2010**, *132*, 3256.



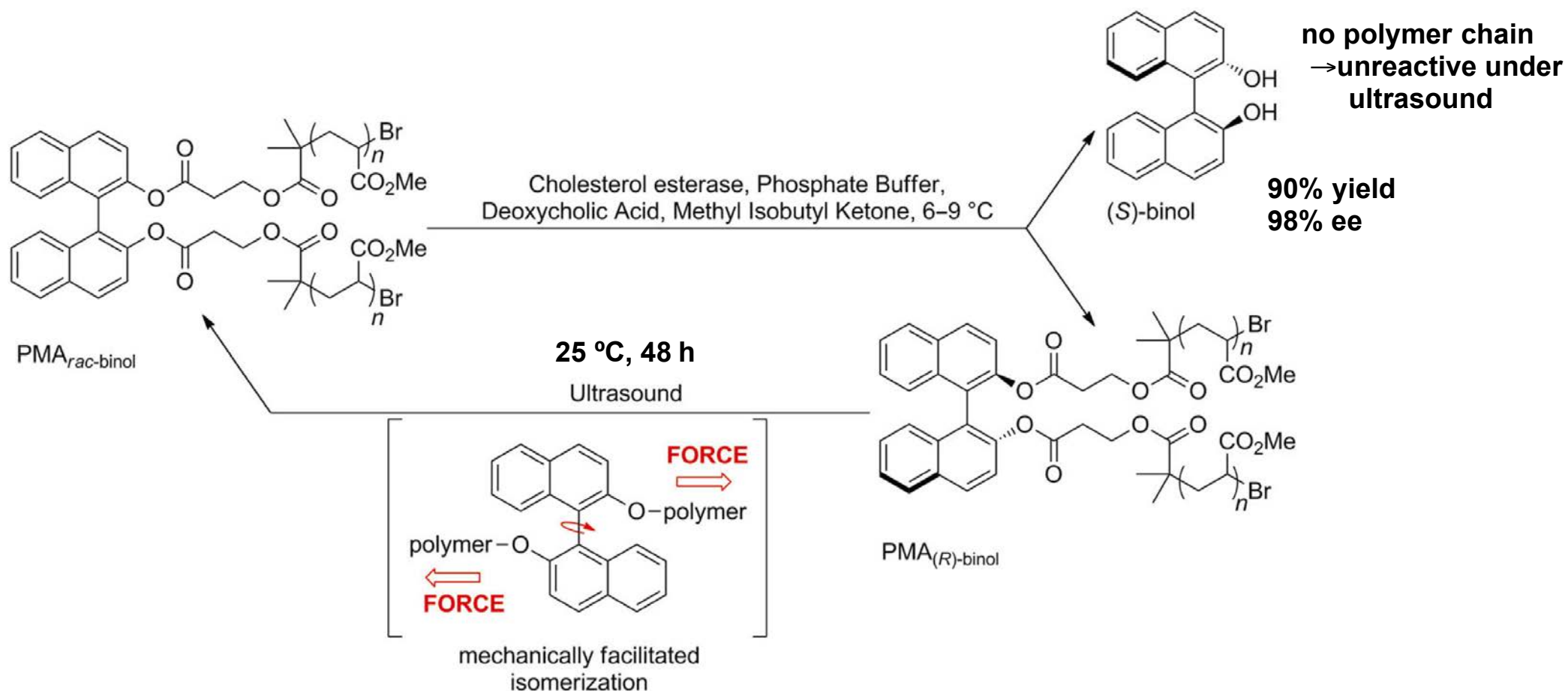
Thermally restricted isomerization barriers can be surmounted by force.

Upon heating these same materials to temperatures exceeding 250 °C for longer than 72 h no isomerization was observed.

***the combination of ultrasound-induced isomerization and enzymatic resolution**

C. W. Bielawski, *et al. Angew. Chem., Int. Ed.* **2012**, *51*, 1640.

stereoselective enzymatic hydrolysis



active use of mechanical force

developing field (few example)

need polymer

2. passive use of mechanical force

for material scientific application (damage responsive polymer)

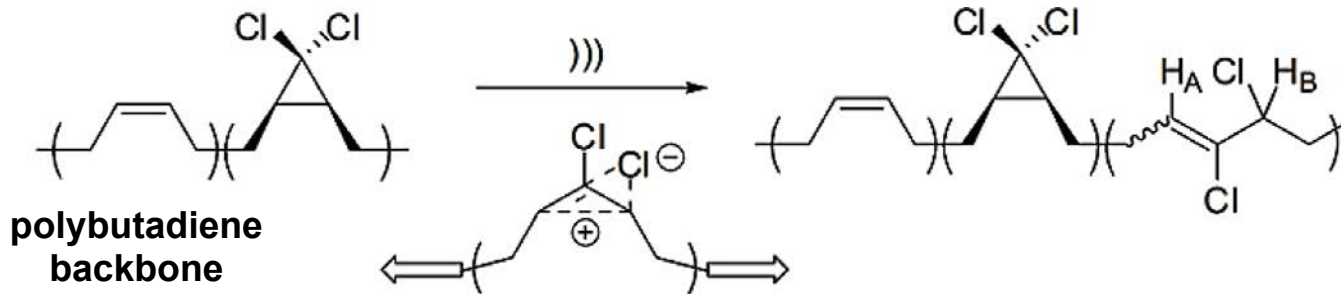
(1) Reaction with production of reactive species

(i) strengthening of a polymer

**gem*-dichlorocyclopropane

mechanically facilitated electrocyclic ring openings of *gem*-dichlorocyclopropanes

S.L. Craig, *et al. J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2009**, *131*, 10818.



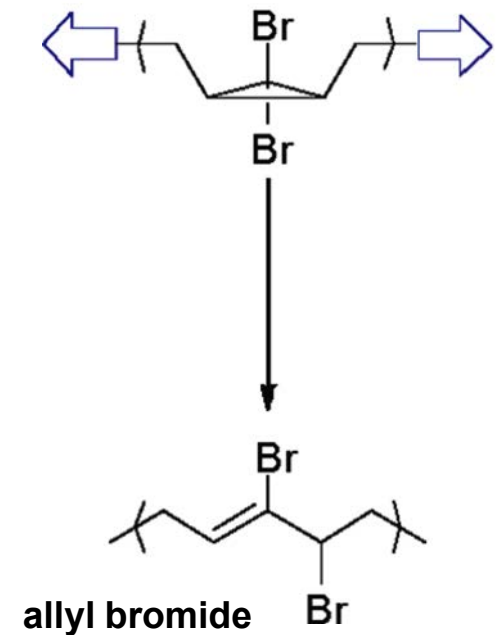
polybutadiene backbone

Products were characterized by quantitative ^1H NMR spectroscopy.

**gem*-dibromocyclopropane

S.L. Craig, *et al. J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2010**, *132*, 15936.

use Single-molecule force spectroscopy



*Mechanochemical strengthening of a synthetic polymer

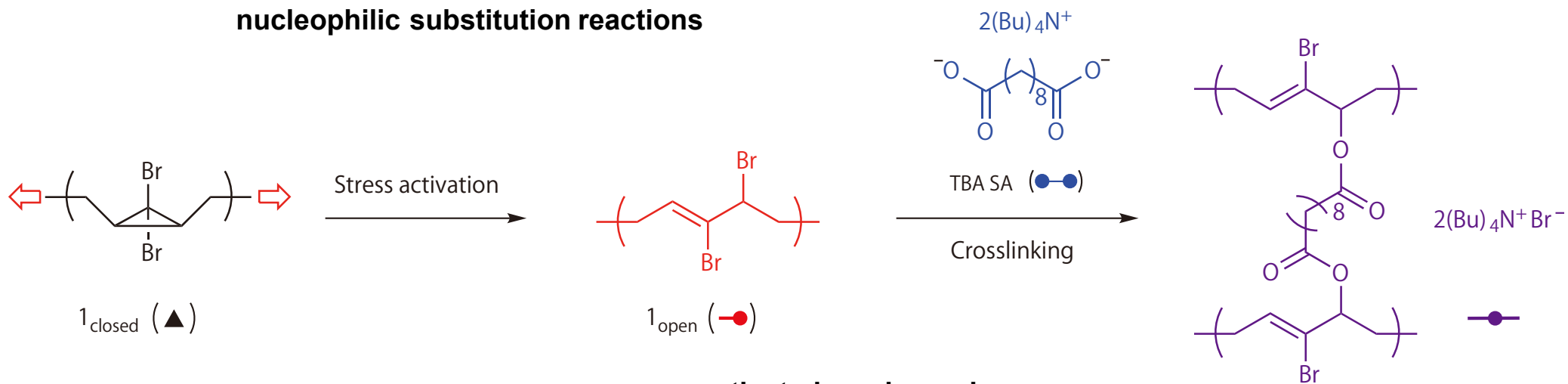
S. L. Craig, *et al. Nat. Chem.* **2013**, *5*, 757.

concept

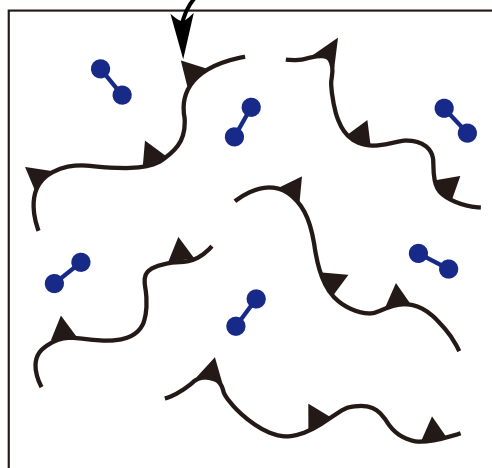
generation of allylic bromide

nucleophilic substitution reactions

TBA SA: the di-tetrabutylammonium salt of sebacic acid

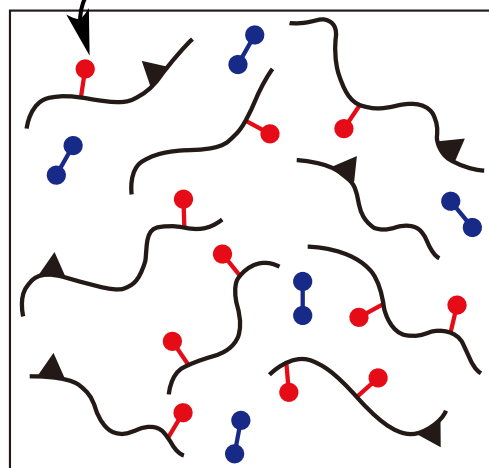


mechanophore

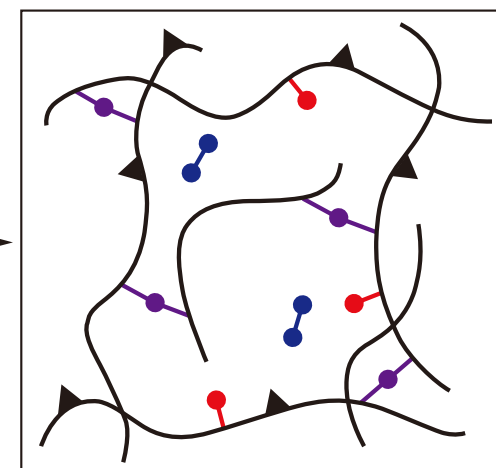


Stress activation

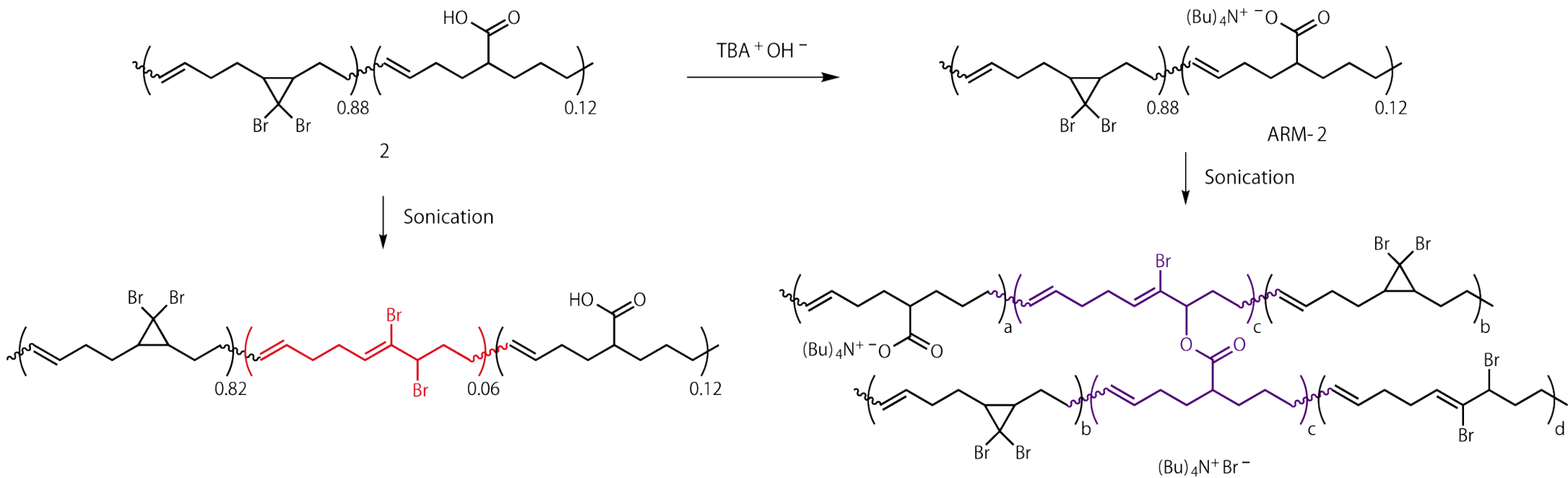
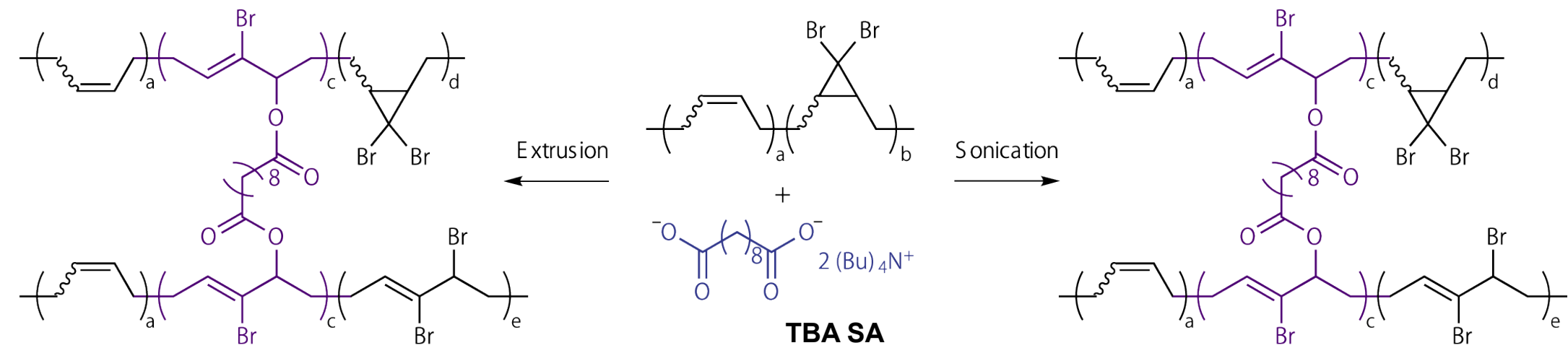
activated mechanophore



Crosslinking



black: mechanophore red: activated mechanophore blue: crosslinker
 backbone: polybutadiene



Support for this crosslinking was provided by infrared spectroscopy.

Elastic Modulus(MPa)

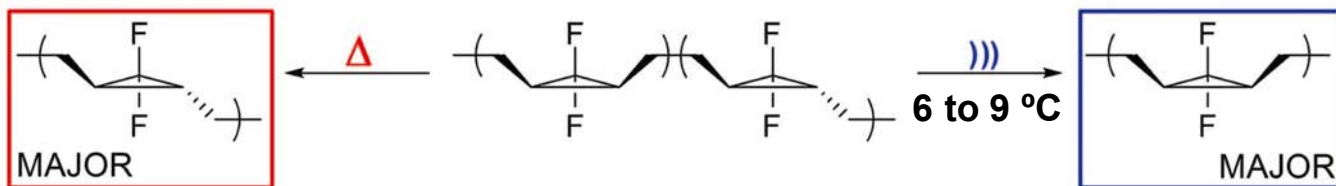
polymer 1closed	7.6 ± 4.5
polymer 1open	7.8 ± 3.3
+TBA SA	1.7 ± 0.5
+TBA SA(extruded)	150 ± 85

achieved on demand strengthening

*gem-difluorocyclopropanes (gDFCs) ~different reactivity~

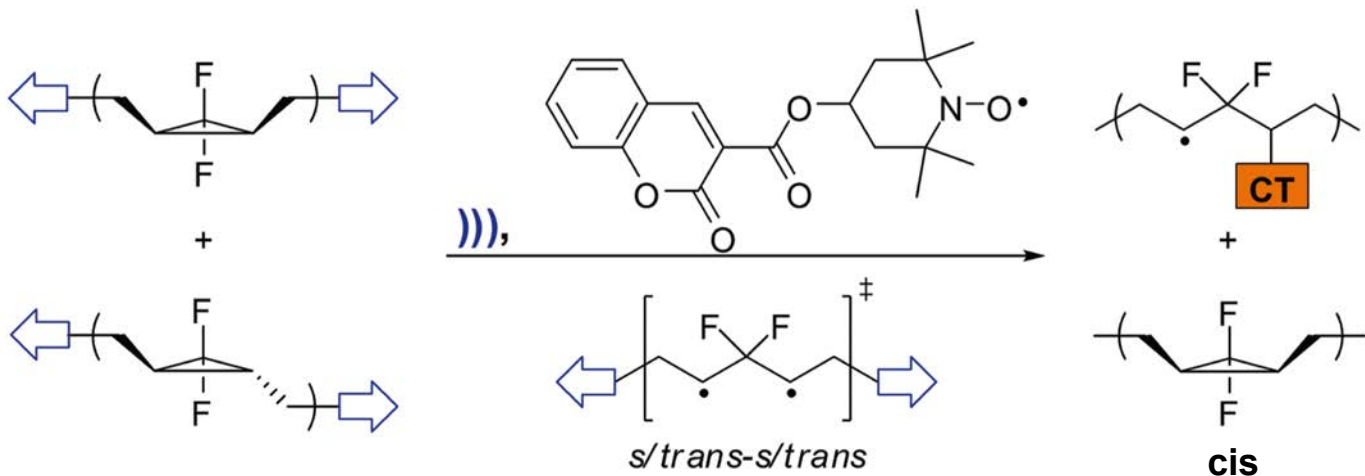
Trapping a Diradical Transition State
by Mechanochemical Polymer Extension

S. L. Craig, *et al. Science* 2010, 329, 1057.



backbone: polybutadiene

*Note that the trans isomers are more stable than the cis isomers.

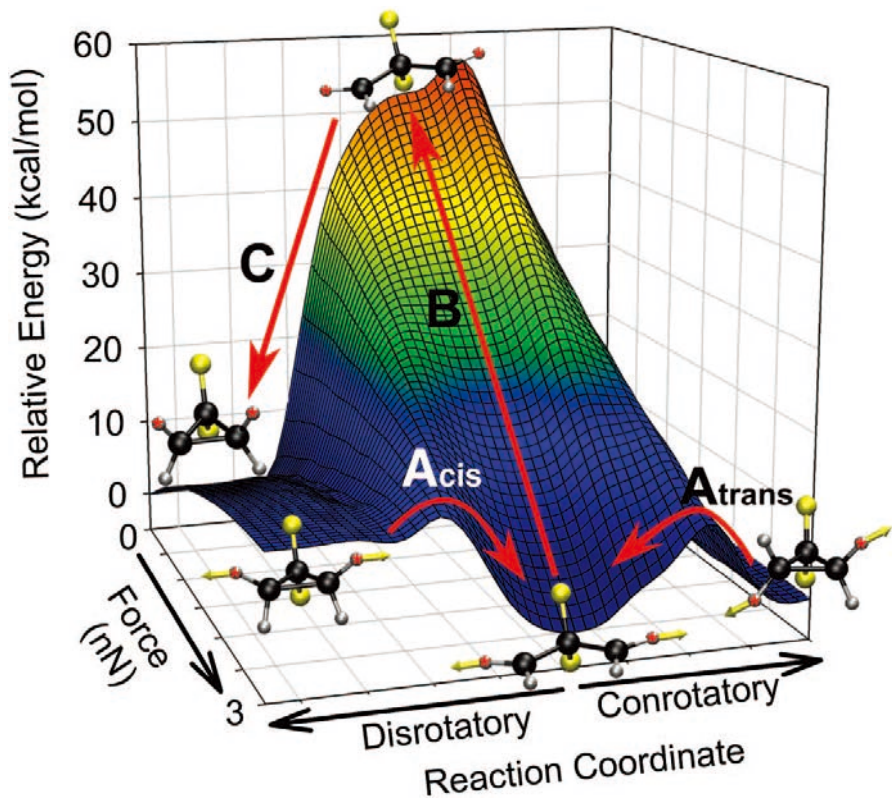


Radical trapping support
diradical formation.

The tension-induced stabilization of the 1,3-diradical in the polymer affords the opportunity to reactively probe this trapped transition state structure.

→provides a tool for the study of reactive intermediates

(another example of active use of mechanical force)



The s-trans/ s-trans diradical is formed regardless of the cis or trans arrangement.

When coupled to the applied force, the ring- opened diradical is lower in energy than the ring- closed cyclopropanes.

*epoxides

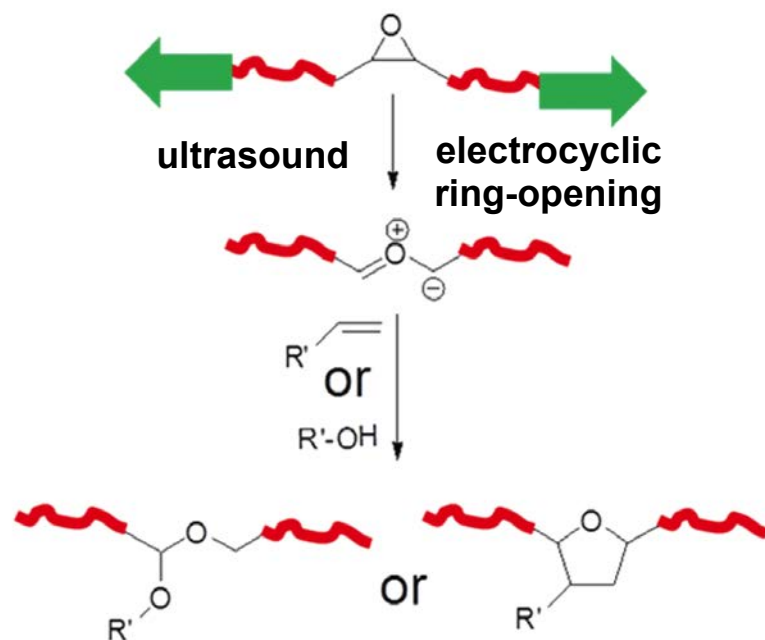
hypothesis

Epoxides also undergo mechanically triggered ring-opening to carbonyl ylides?

electrocyclic ring openings of epoxides and the influence of polymer backbone

S.L. Craig, *et al. J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2012**, *134*, 9577.

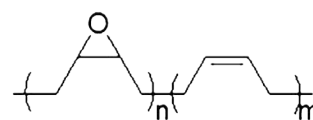
Mechanical Ylide Formation



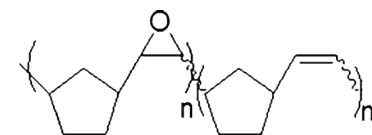
cf. regiochemical effect (p5)

When epoxidized polybutadiene was sonicated, there was no observable small molecule addition to the polymer.

In contrast, when epoxidized polynorbornene was subjected to the same conditions, addition of ylide trapping reagents was observed.



polybutadiene



polynorbornene

The cyclopentyl groups increase the efficiency of force transduction? (not steric effect)

cf. The critical force for reaction of gem-dihalocyclopropane (gDHC) (cf.p9) drops by about one-third in the polynorbornene scaffold relative to polybutadiene.

S. L. Craig, *et al. Nat. Chem.* **2013**, *5*, 110.

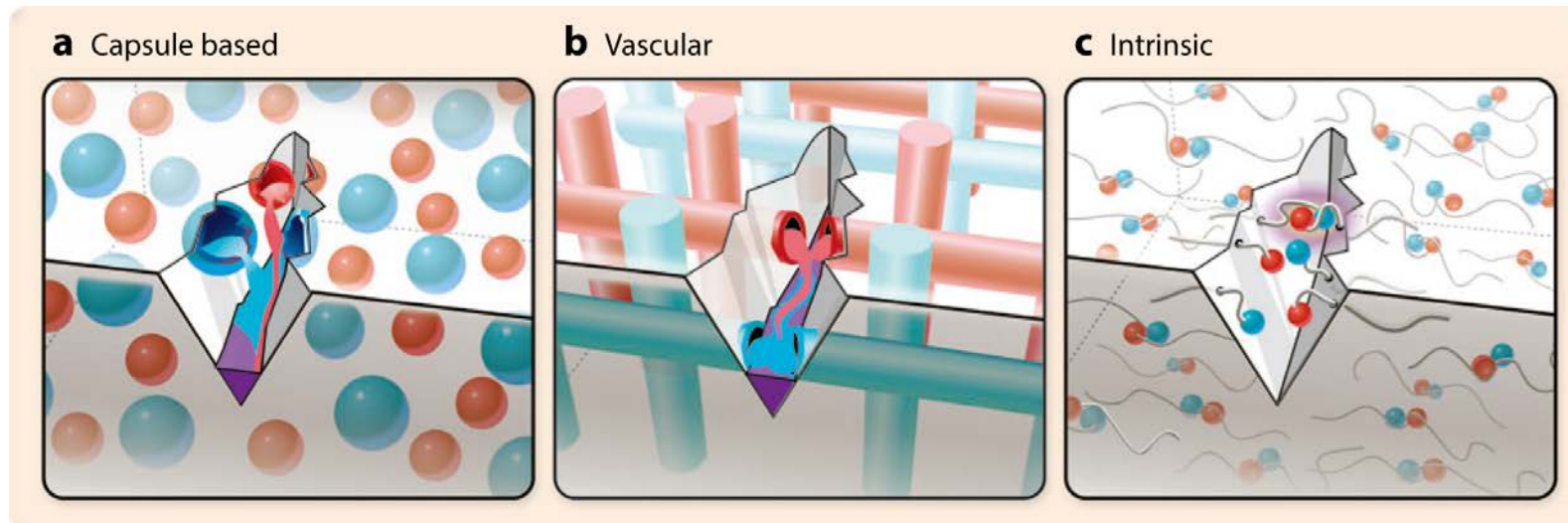
PMA is often used because it is robust.

~ self healing ~

cf. Y. Wang, *Self-healing polymers and composites* (Lit. Seminar)

repairing crack or failure

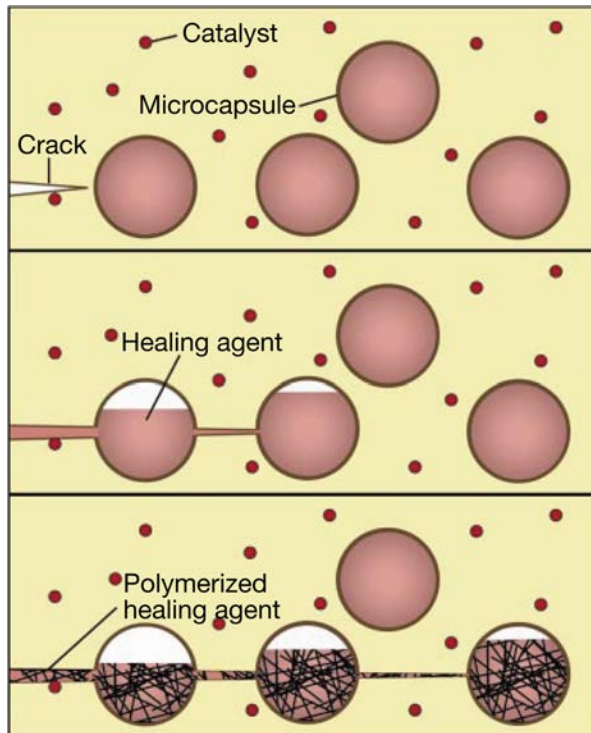
Three primary conceptual approaches to self healing



Annu. Rev. Mater. Res. **2010**, *40*, 179.

a. Capsule - Based Healing System

S. R. White, J. S. Moore, *et al. Nature* **2001**, 409, 794



75% recovery in toughness

high cost of Grubbs catalyst

use of Grubbs catalyst in an epoxy matrix

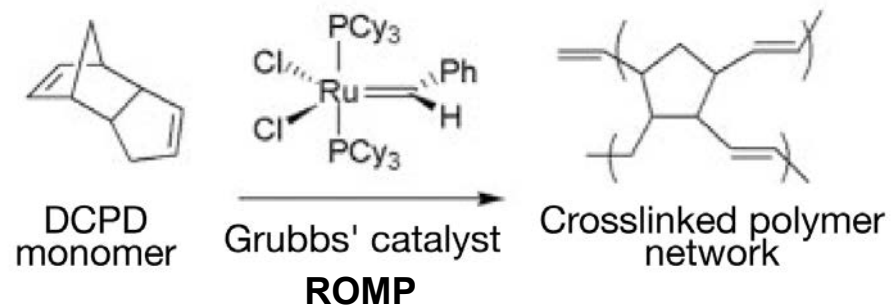
2.5% (by weight) Grubbs' catalyst and 10% (by weight) microcapsules

microcapsules consists of Urea Formaldehyde Resin

The material incorporates a microencapsulated healing agent that is released upon crack intrusion.

Polymerization of the healing agent is then triggered by contact with an embedded catalyst, bonding the crack faces.

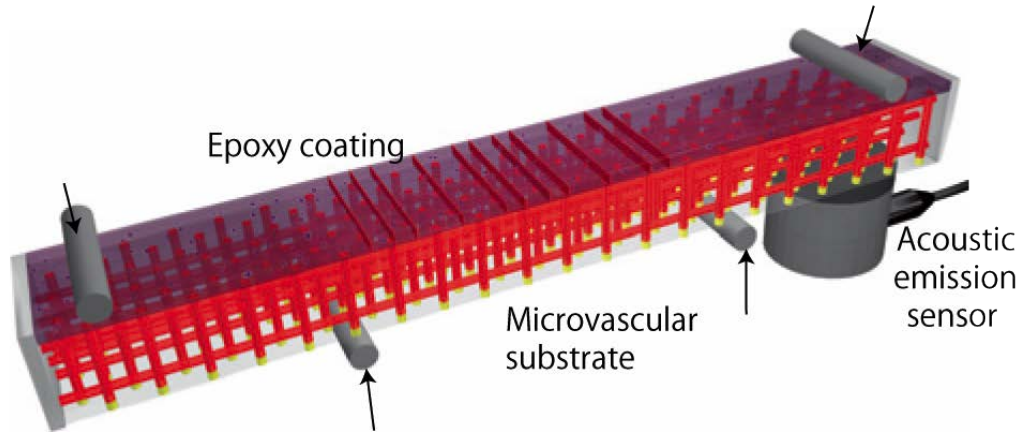
After failure, the crack allowed to heat at rt with no manual intervention (48 h).



DCPD: dicyclopentadiene

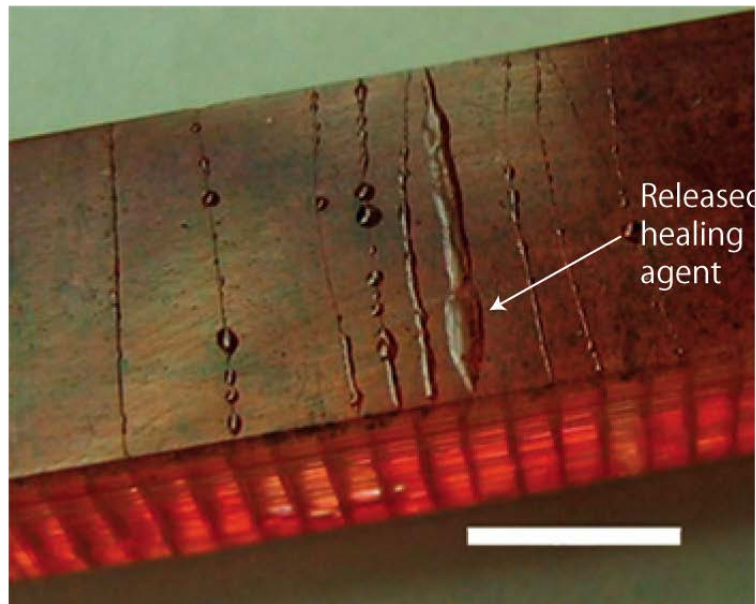
b. Vascular-Based Healing System

S.R. White, J. S. Moore, *et al. Nat. Mater.* 2007, 6, 581.



three-dimensional microvascular network

***There is no mechanophore applied in two strategies to date.**

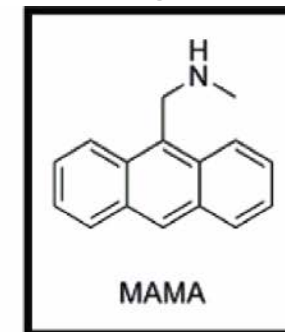
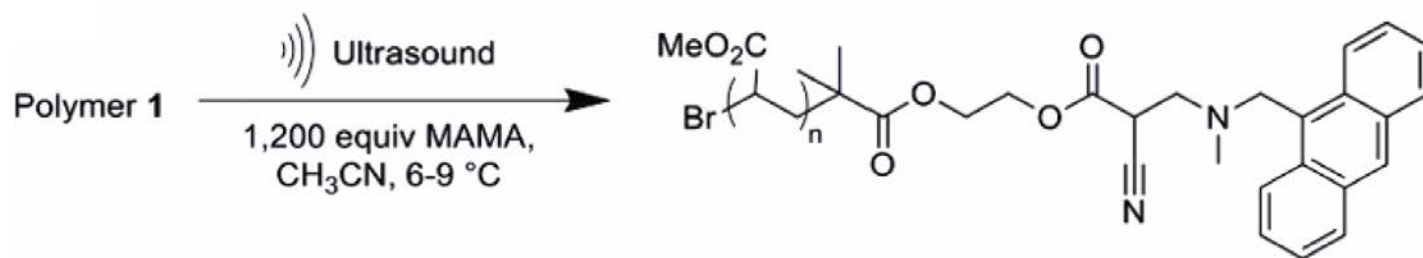
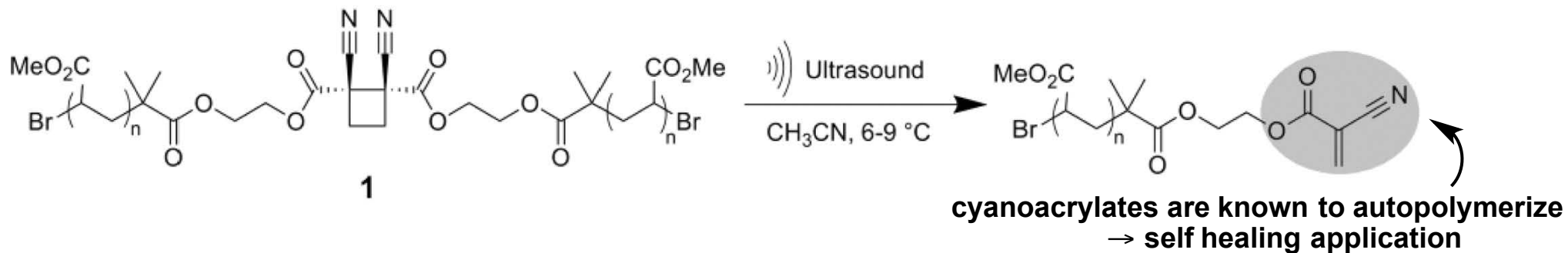


c. Intrinsic Healing Systems

cf. Y. Wang, *Self-healing polymers and composites* (Lit. Seminar)

(ii) dicyano-substituted cyclobutane (self healing approach)

Masked Cyanoacrylates Unveiled by Mechanical Force

J. S. Moore, *et al. J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2010**, *132*, 4558.

trapping experiments

(2) Reaction with Activation of Catalytic Species

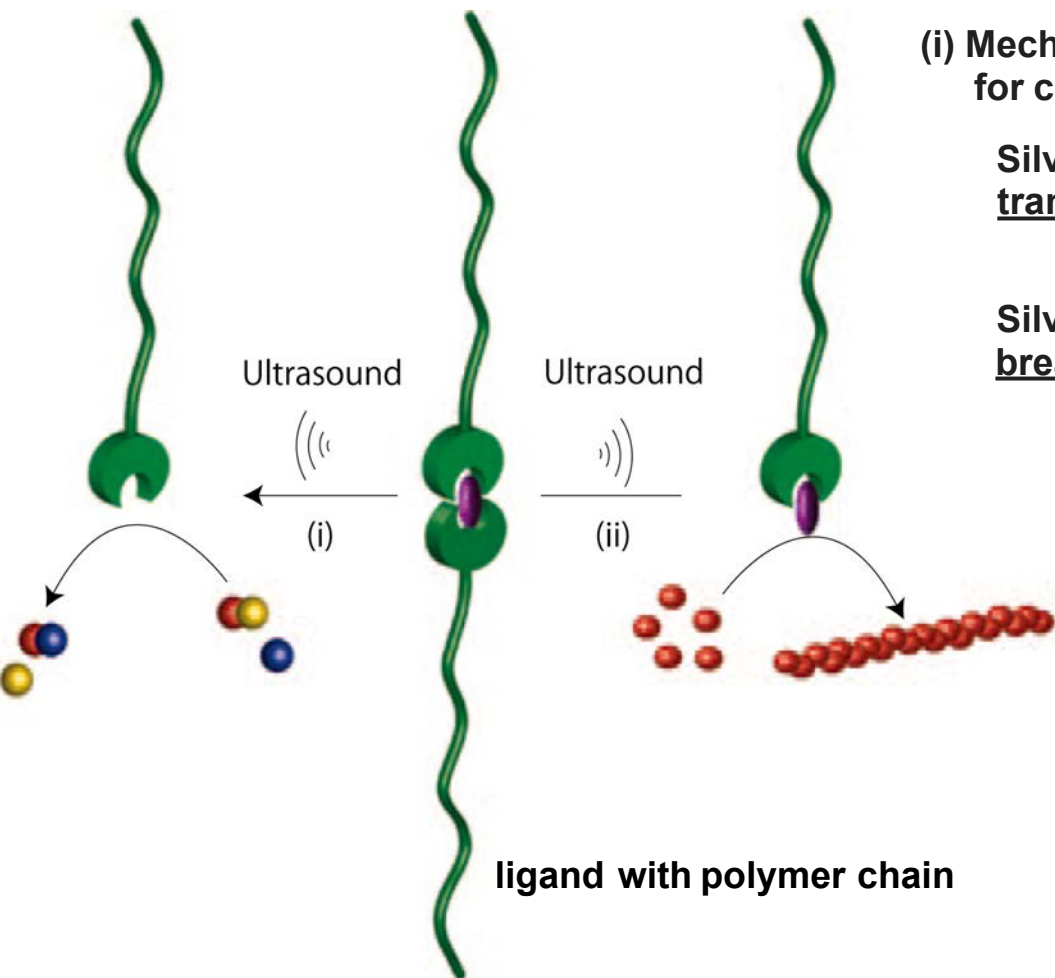
mechanocatalyst

(a) NHC and Grubbs catalyst

Activating catalysts with mechanical force

R. P. Sijbesma, *et al. Nat. Chem.* **2009**, *1*, 133.

Strategy



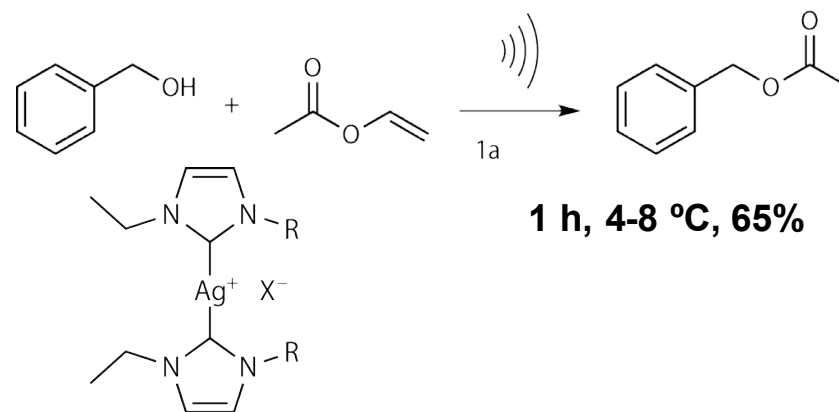
(i) Mechanochemical activation of silver–NHC complexes for catalysis of transesterification (proof of concept)

Silver(I) complexes of NHCs have been used as transesterification catalysts that can be activated thermally.

R. M. Waymouth, J. L. Hedrick, *et al. J. Org. Chem.* **2005**, *70*, 2391.

Silver(I) complexes with polymer-functionalized NHC ligands break when exposed to ultrasound.

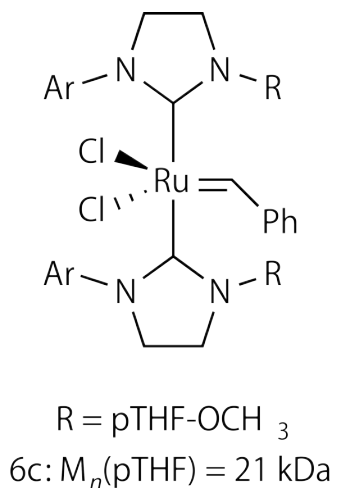
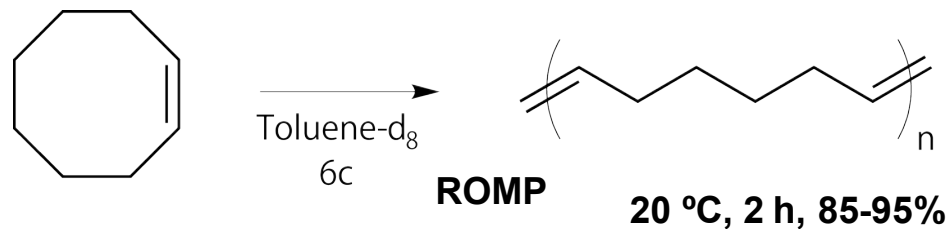
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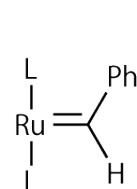
X = PF₆; R = pTHF-OCH₃

1a: M_n(pTHF) = 5 kDa

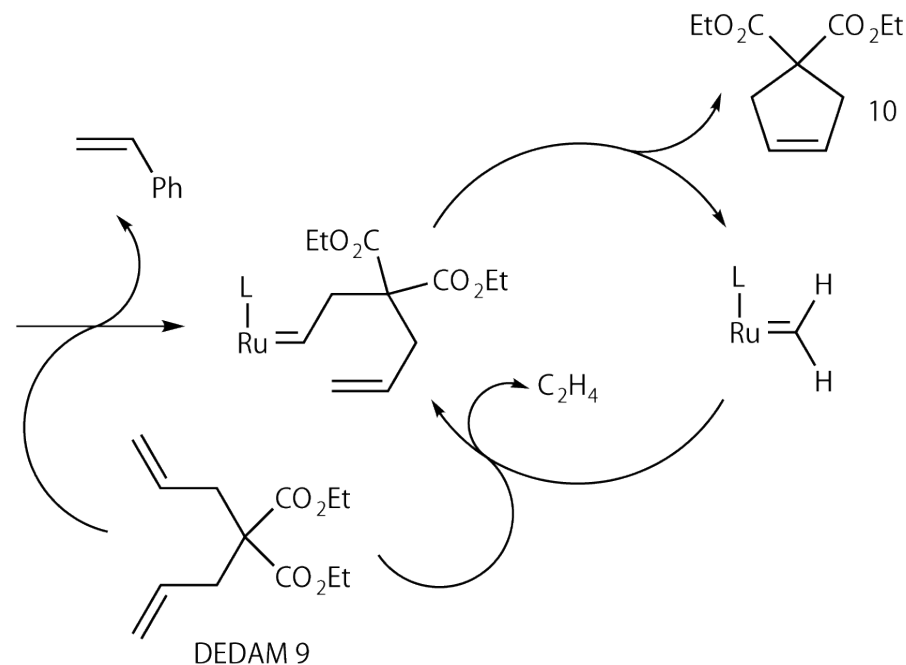
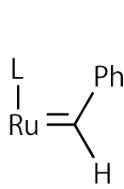
(ii) Mechanochemical activation of a catalytic ring-opening metathesis polymerization (ROMP)



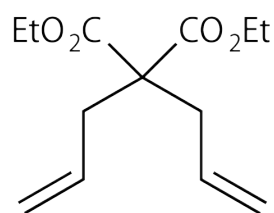
'Latent'



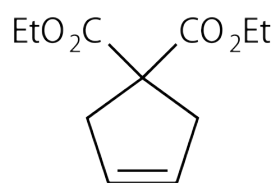
'Active'



(Cl ligands have been omitted for clarity.)



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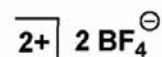
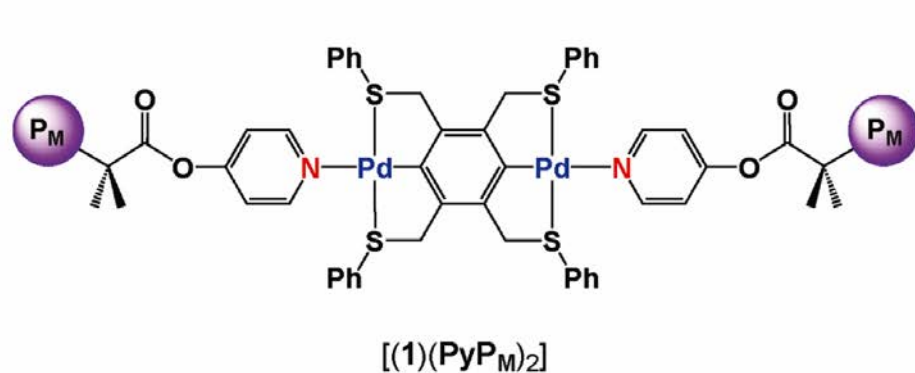
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***for self healing application
(cf. strategy a (p16) without capsule)**

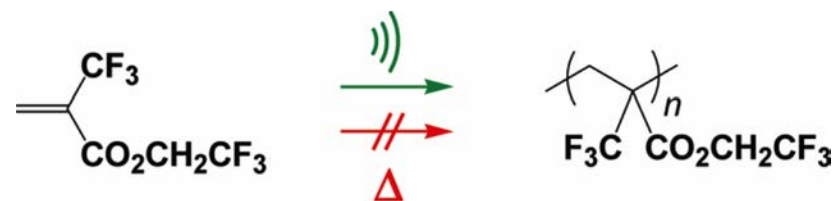
(b) Mechanical Activation of Catalysts for Anionic Polymerization Reactions

C. W. Bielawski, *et al. J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2010**, *132*, 16631.

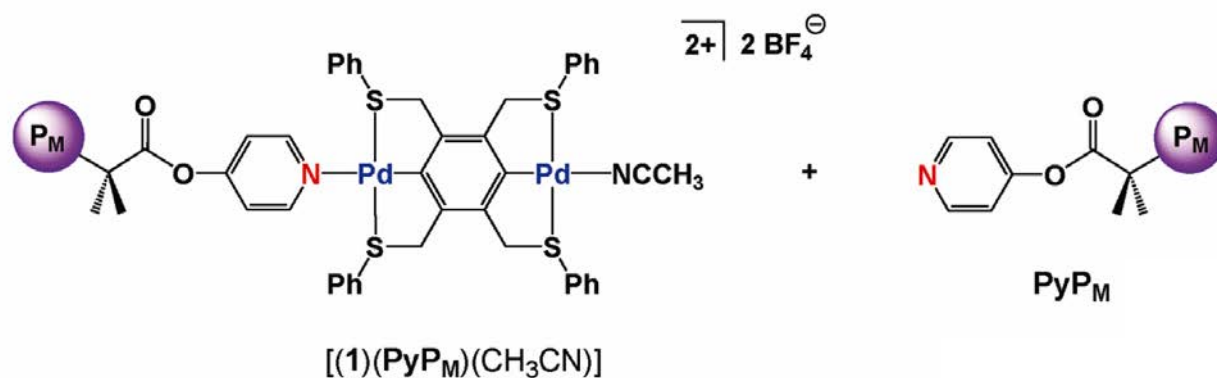
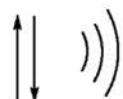
type(i) (p23)



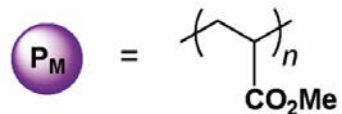
Pyridine-Catalyzed Anionic Polymerization



$[(1)(\text{PyP}_{66})_2]$ 0.025mol%
 CH_3CN , 4°C , 22 h, 42%



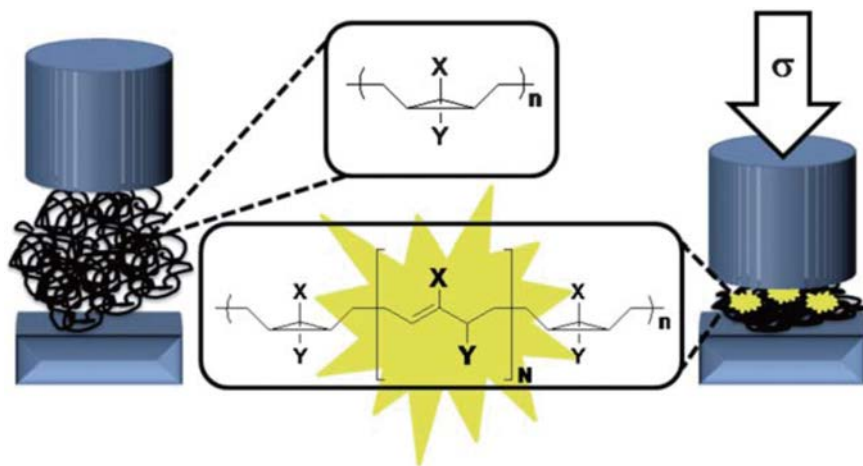
P_M : PMA (MkDa)



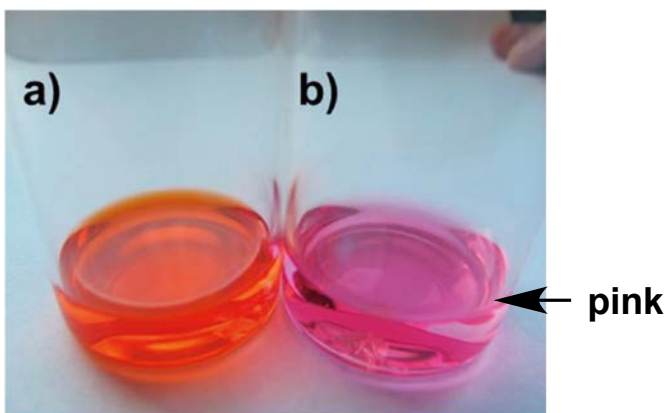
(c) mechanophore with acid-releasing capability

S. R. White, J. S. Moore, *et al.* *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2012**, *134*, 12446.

Previous Results



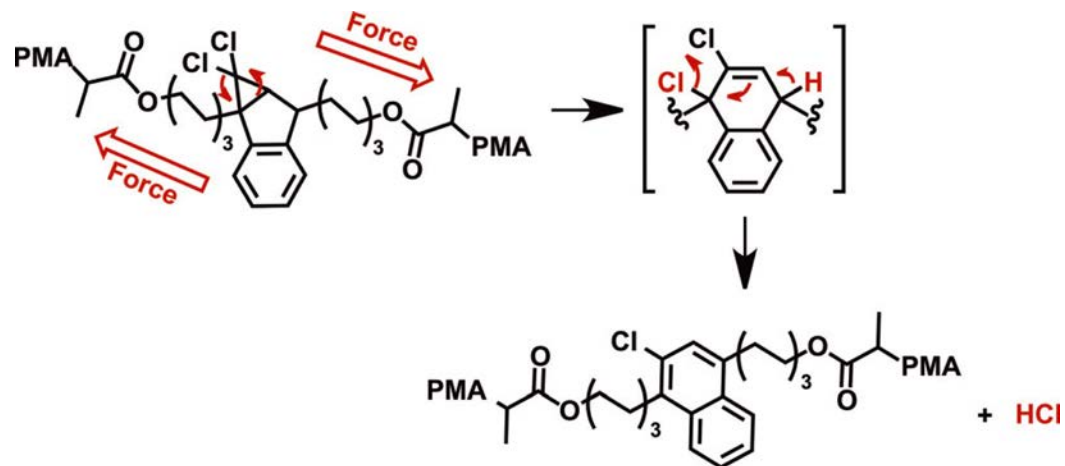
J. S. Moore, S. L. Craig *et al.* *J. Mater. Chem.* **2011**, *21*, 8454.



Methyl red in acetonitrile added to compressed polymers containing (a) unbound and (b) covalently bound

The color becomes pink when acid is present.

This time results



(cited by *Angew. Chem., Int. Ed.* **2013**, *52*, 3806.)

cf. p9

Aromatization provides the driving force to elimination.

compress at 88-352 MPa using KBr pellet press
(high pressures are required)

monotonic rise in activation against applied pressure

exposing a piece of insoluble compressed polymer to a pH indicator solution

(3) rearrangement

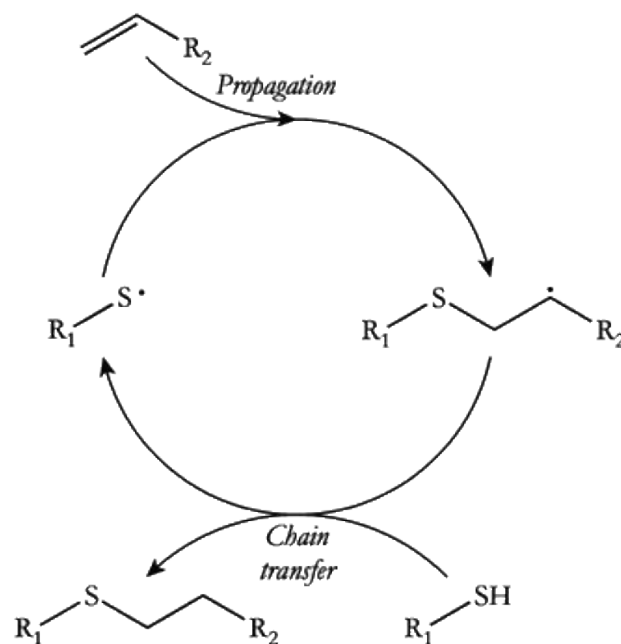
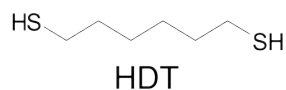
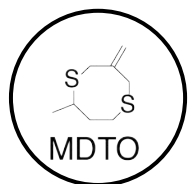
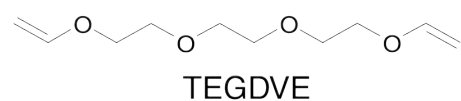
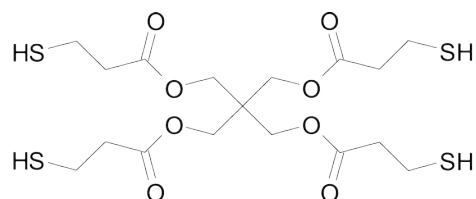
*stress relaxation

expanding the concept of mechanophore

(i) allyl sulfide groups in Cross-Linked Polymers

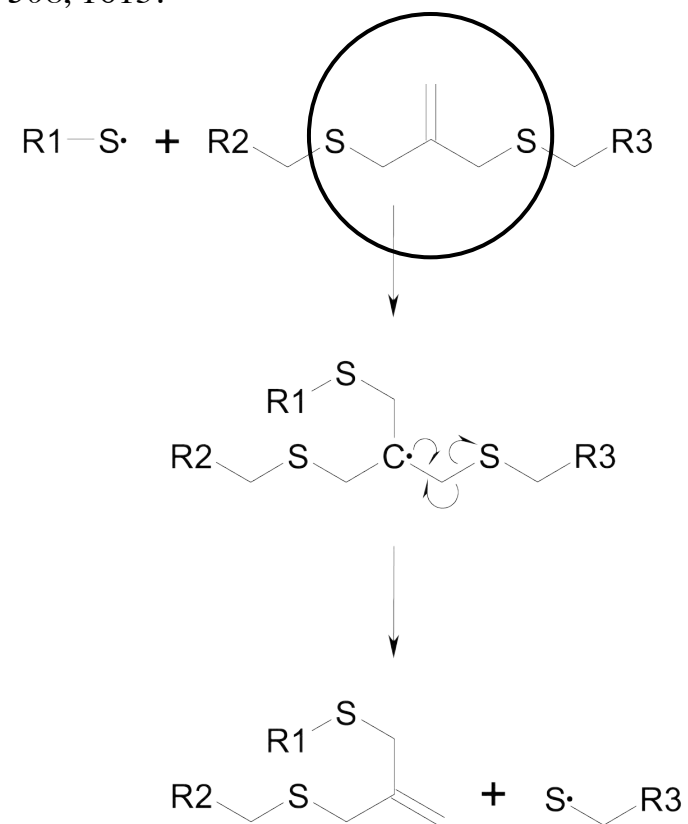
C. N. Bowman, *et al.* *Science* **2005**, 308, 1615.

use light to produce radicals



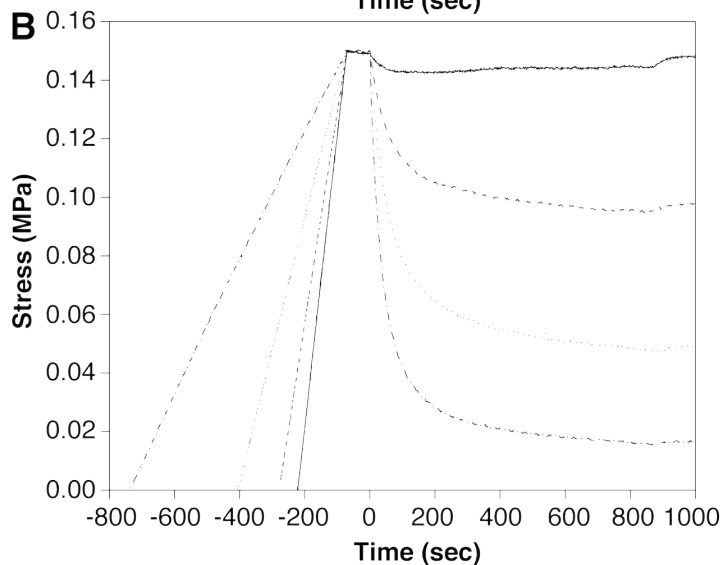
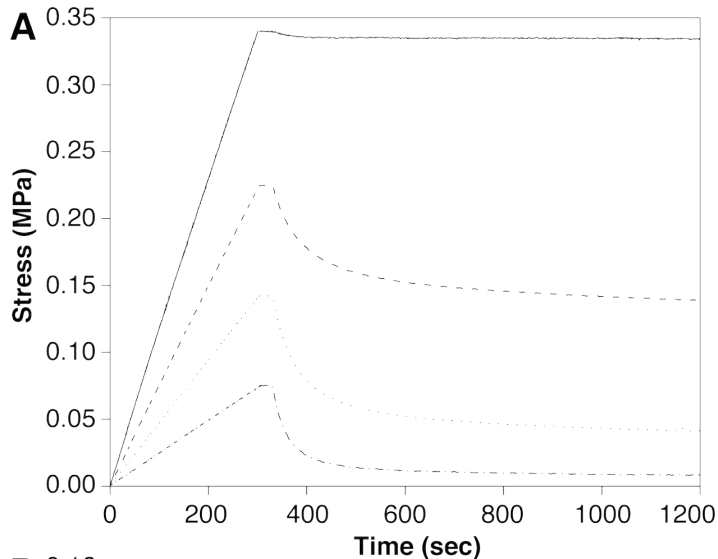
**thiol-ene polymerization
(radical mechanism)**

mechanophore



Reaction mechanism for chain transfer within the polymer backbone.

Monomers used to produce the networks.



Stress versus time for four MDTO concentrations (solid line, 0 wt %; dashed line, 25 wt %; dotted line, 50 wt %; dashed-dotted line, 75 wt %). (A) Constant strain (irradiation started at $t = 0$ 330 s). (B) Constant initial stress (offset to align the start of irradiation at 0 0, irradiation stopped at 900 s). The specimens were irradiated at 320 to 500 nm, 20 mW cm².

***Allyl sulfide groups in the network are essential to stress/strain relaxation.**

radicals via photocleavage of residual photoinitiator in the polymer matrix

***termination reaction**

mechanophore ~definition~

bonds or chemical functionalities that are especially susceptible to undergoing a chemical change caused by mechanical stress

J. S. Moore, *et al.* (2013). *Self-healing polymers*. Wiley

functional groups that respond to mechanical perturbation in a controlled manner

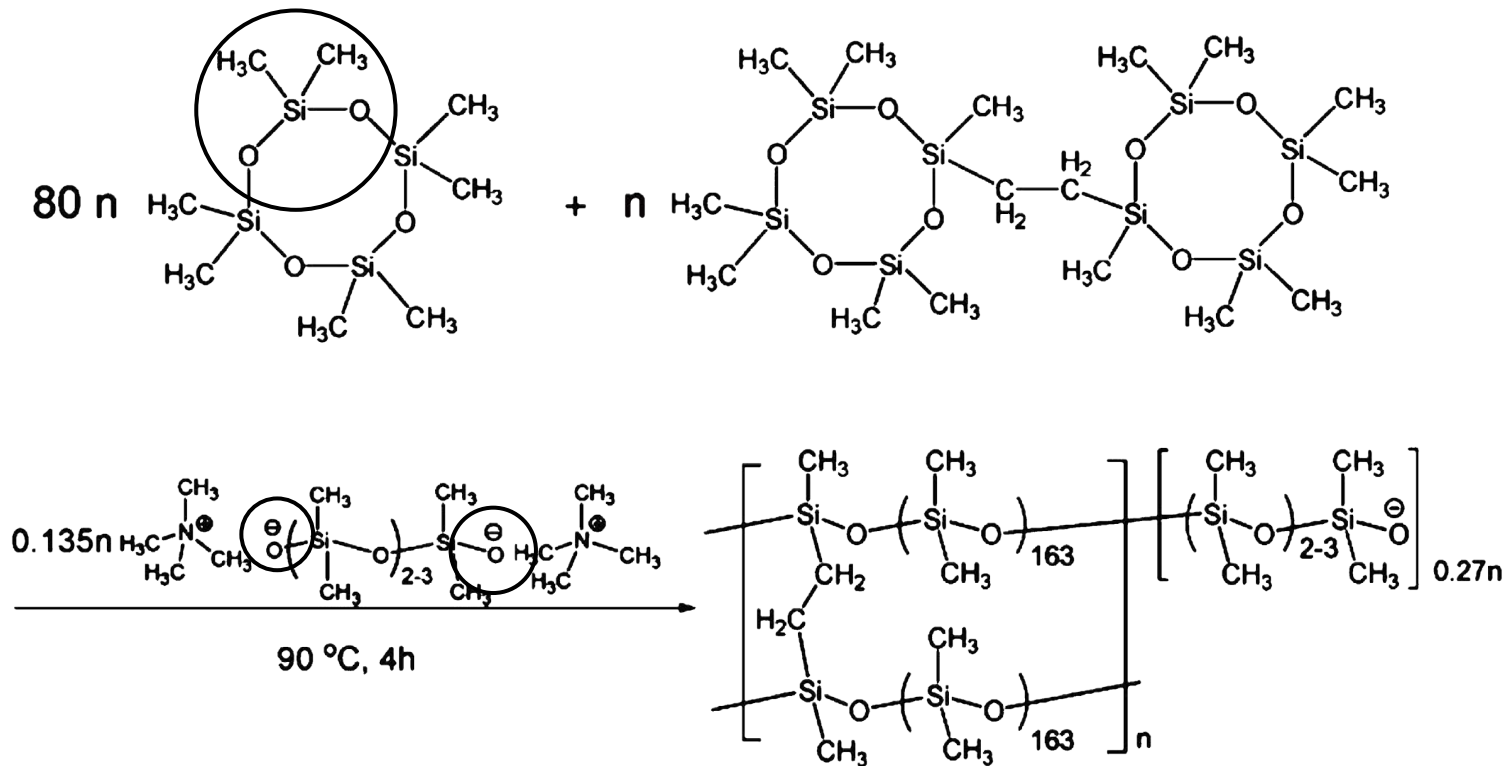
C. W. Bielawski, *et al.* *Polym. Int.* 2013, 62, 2.

Tensile moduli of specimens before and after experiments performed in A.

MDTO (wt%)	Ratio of cross-links to allyl sulfide groups	Modulus before extension and irradiation (MPa)	Modulus after extension and irradiation (MPa)
0	1: 0	11.5	11.8
25	1.17: 1	7.33	7.72
50	0.390: 1	4.58	5.17
75	0.130: 1	2.38	2.92



(ii) Siloxane ~ mechanophore or not? ~

T. J. McCarthy, *et al. J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2012**, *134*, 2024.***Use Siloxane Equilibration** **$E \doteq 0.4\text{MPa}$** **achieve self healing****introduced as mechanophore in Moore's review** J. S. Moore, *et al.* (2013). *Self-healing polymers*. Wiley

Mini Summary

~ passive use of mechanical force ~

- production of reactive species (strengthening, self healing)
- production of catalytic species (mechanocatalyst, polymerization to self healing)
- rearrangement (damage relaxation)

(4) breaking hydrogen bond (and supramolecular network) (cf. mechanocatalyst)

cf. Y. Wang, *Self-healing polymers and composites* (Lit. Seminar)

UPy motif

Titin ~ Biomimetic approach ~

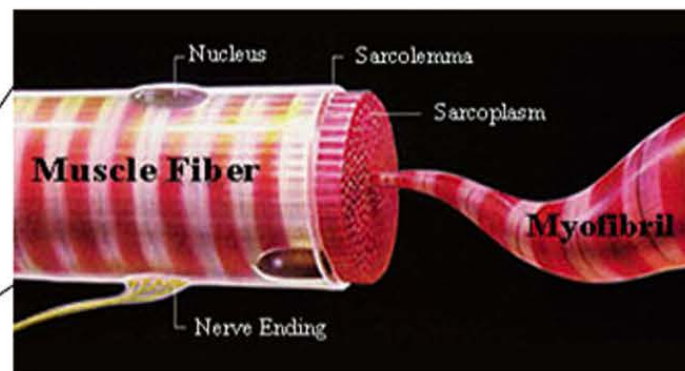
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Titin: skeletal muscle protein in Myofibril

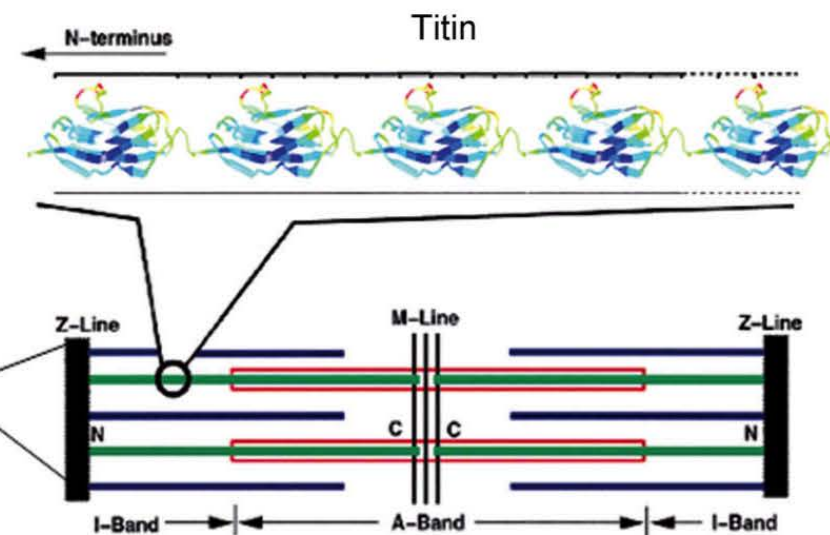
It functions as a molecular spring which is responsible for the passive elasticity of muscle.

the ability to absorb energy by the reversible rupture of intramolecular secondary interactions, followed by refolding induced recovery

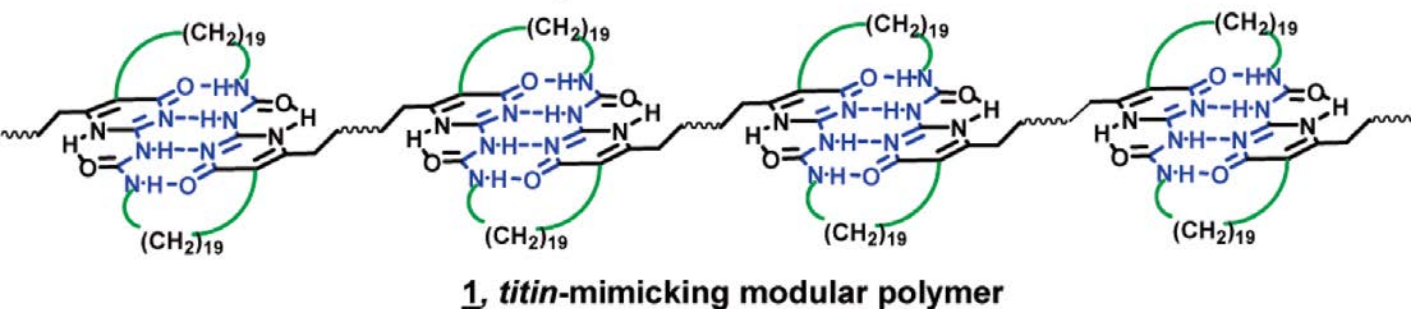
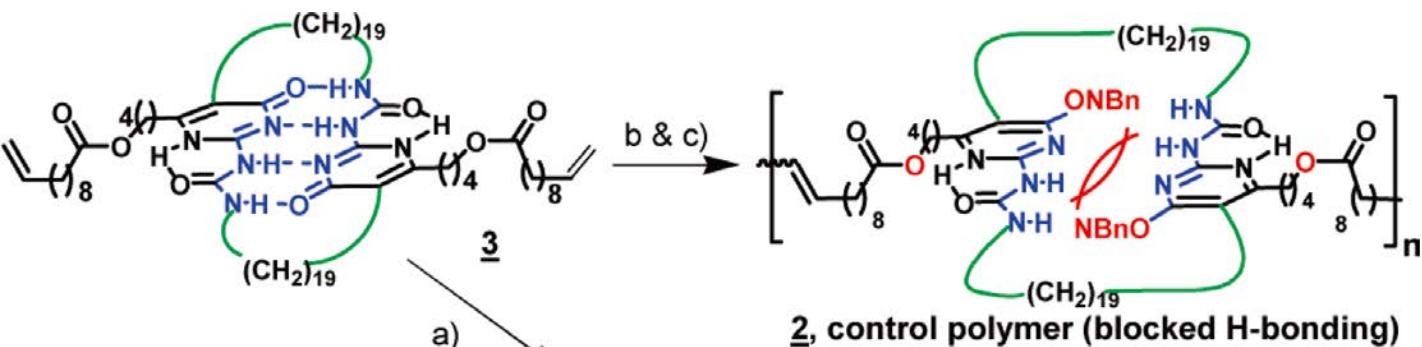
The load-bearing region has six hydrogen bonds between β strands.



Muscle

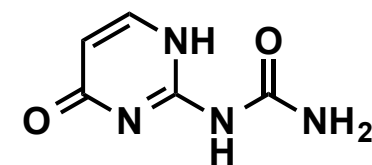


the quadruple hydrogen bonding 2-ureido-4[1H]-pyrimidone (UPy) motif as the modular domain- forming mimic

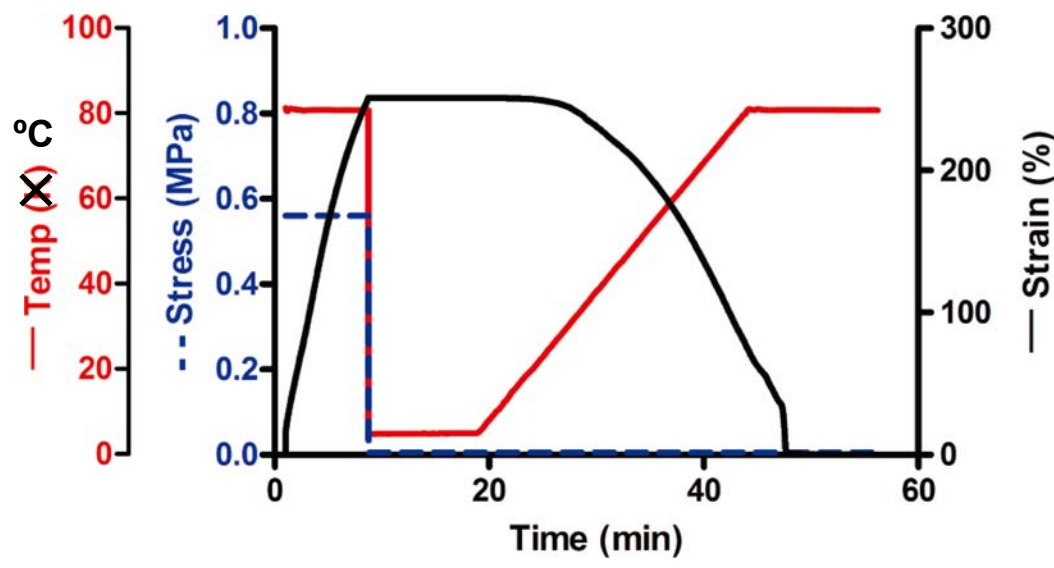
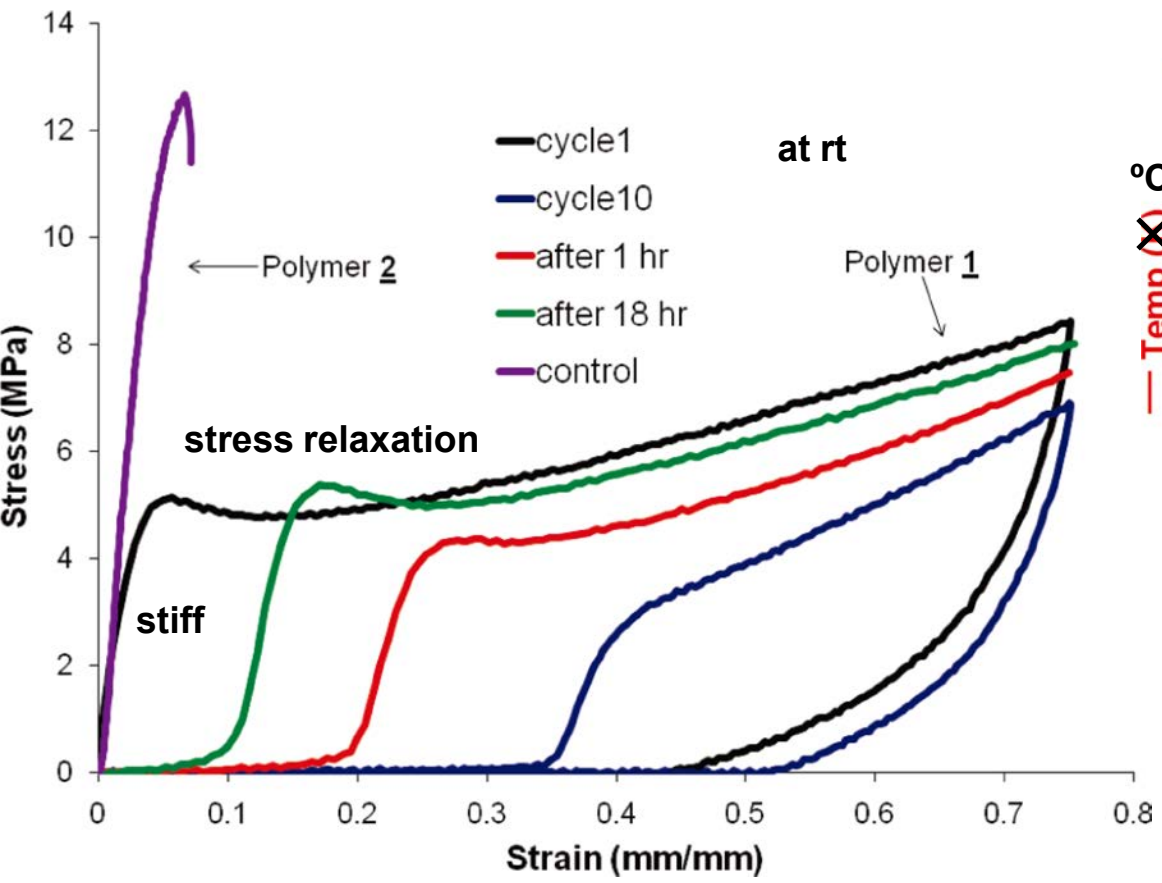


- a) Grubbs Gen-2 cat, 1,2,4-TCB, 70 °C, 84%. b) o-NBnBr, K₂CO₃, DMF, 70 °C, 52%
 c) Grubbs Gen-2 cat, CHCl₃, reflux, 75%.

the polymer combines high toughness and self-healing like properties in one material.



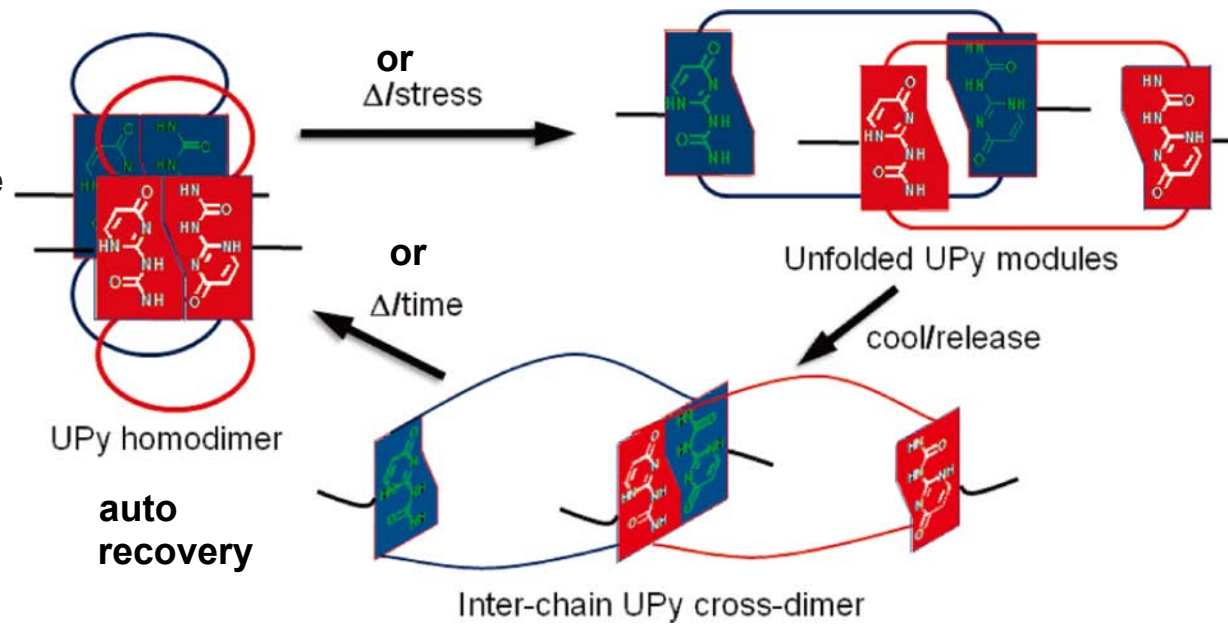
2-ureido-4[1H]-pyrimidone
UPy



Young's modulus ~200MPa

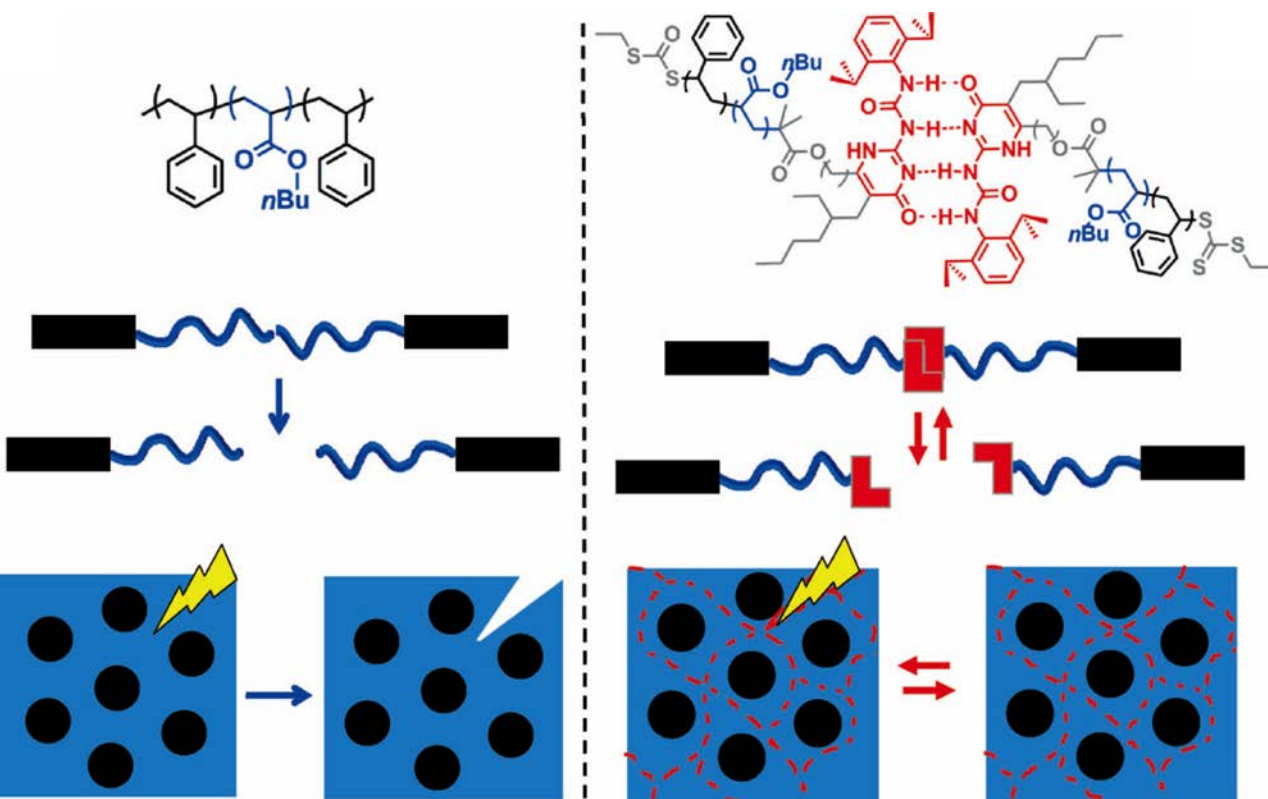
Deformation could gradually recover with time (at rt) or upon heat treatment. (80 °C, 30s)

proposed mechanism



*use UPy to develop self healing supramolecular block copolymer

Z. Guan, *et al. Angew. Chem., Int. Ed.* **2012**, *51*, 10561.

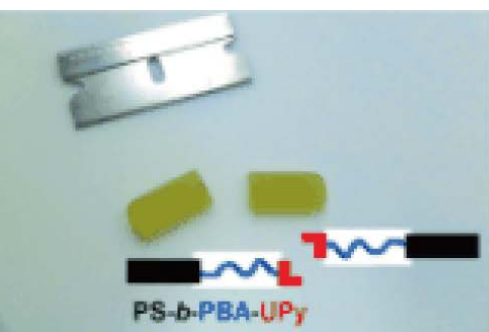


use poly(*n*-butyl acrylate) (**PBA**) as the **soft block** and polystyrene (**PS**) as the **hard block**

The supramolecular healing motifs located within the soft phase remain dynamic and reversible, providing self-healing capability.

utilizing a 2,6-diisopropyl-phenyl group to disrupt $\pi-\pi$ stacking between UPy dimers

samples show the characteristic stress-strain behavior of thermoplastic elastomers



self-heal
 \rightleftarrows
 damage



E 21.1MPa

after cutting, gently pressed together for 1min and left for 18 h at 45 °C

recovery of tensile strength (> 90 %) and strain at break (ca. 75 %)

Summary

theme: Reaction with Mechanical Force

- { active use of mechanical force
- { passive use of mechanical force

(1) active use of mechanical force

- { deprotection (unclicking) cf. retro DA
- { vias reaction pathway (violating WH rules)
- { reconfiguration of stereoisomer (atropisomer)
- { stabilize intermediate (radical trapping)

(2) passive use of mechanical force

- { production of reactive species (strengthening, self healing)
- { production of catalytic species (mechanocatalyst, polymerization to self healing)
- { rearrangement (damage relaxation)
- { breaking hydrogen bond (damage relaxation, self healing)

(other application: damage sensing)

key characters of Reaction with Mechanical Force

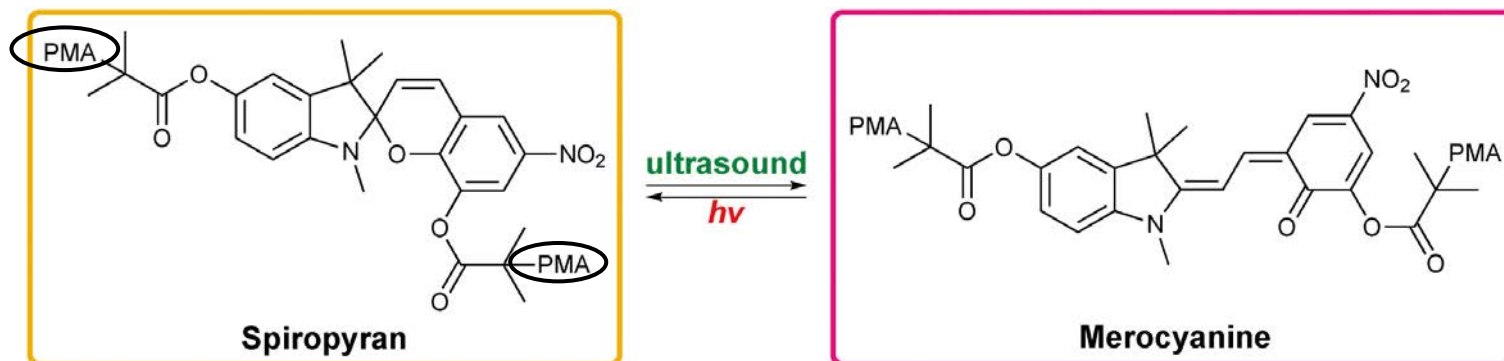
- { mechanophore
- { polymer backbone
- { regiochemical effect

Appendix: selected other reactions

*damage sensing

(i) Spiropyran

S. R. White, J. S. Moore, *et al.* *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2007**, *129*, 13808.



cited from *Chem. Soc. Rev.* **2013**, *42*, 7130.

condition: US, CH₃CN, 6-9 °C

Spiropyran mechanophore undergoes 6 π -electron electrocyclic ring opening.

The colorless polymer solution turned pink.

Exposure to ambient light for 40 min at room temperature caused the color to disappear.

Application in damage sensing

(ii)1,2-dioxetane

response to strain by emitting light

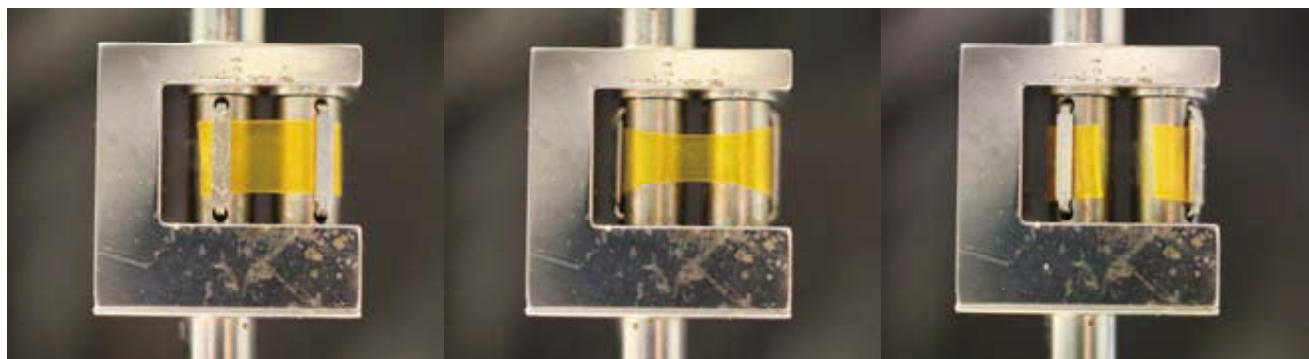
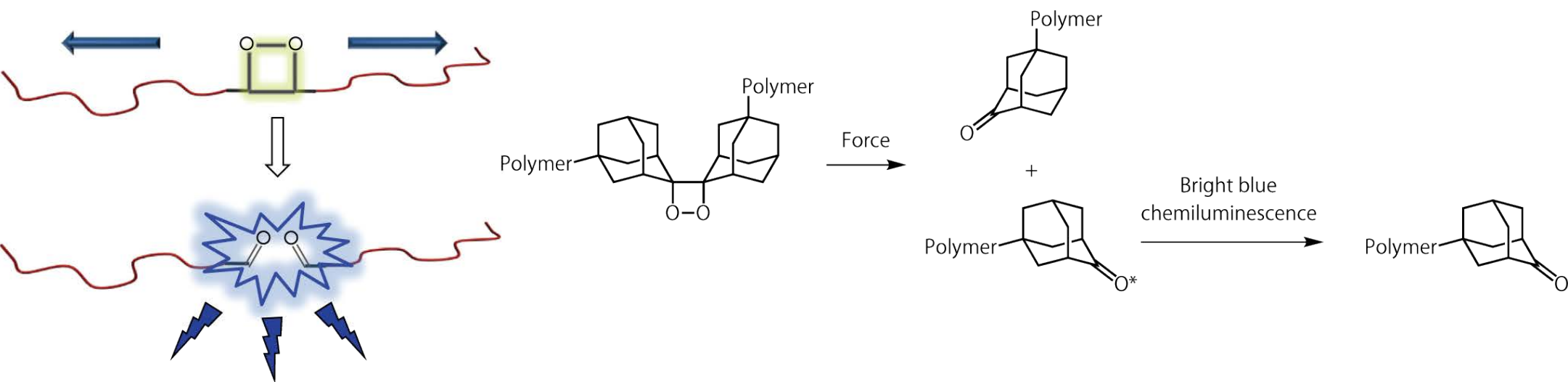
R. P. Sijbesma, *et al. Nat. Chem.* **2012**, *4*, 559.

cycloreversion process that generated electronically excited ketone intermediates

The 1,2-dioxetane unit is well known as an efficient source of electronically excited products when it is activated thermally.

Acc. Chem. Res. **1974**, *7*, 97.

On relaxation, blue light (at 420 nm) is emitted.

**Application**

crosslinking (by ketone formation)

damage sensing

use film

