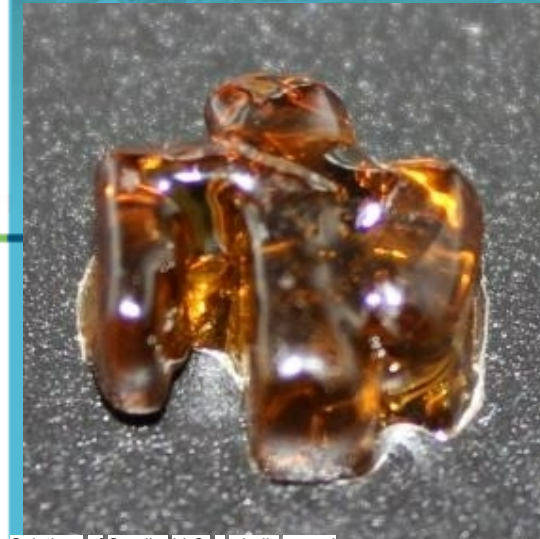
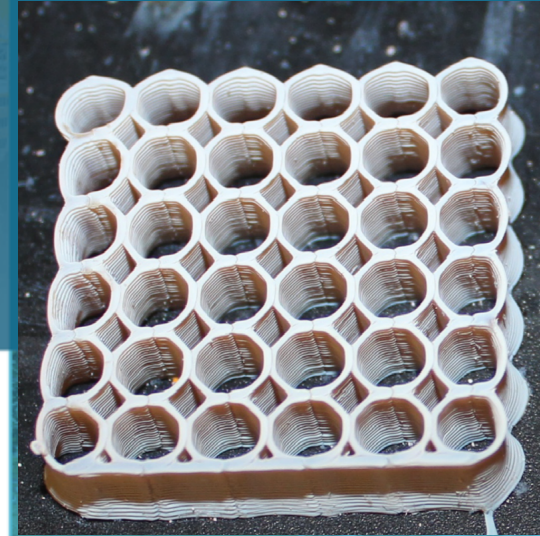




# Olefin Metathesis – Opening the Door to New Materials for Additive Manufacturing

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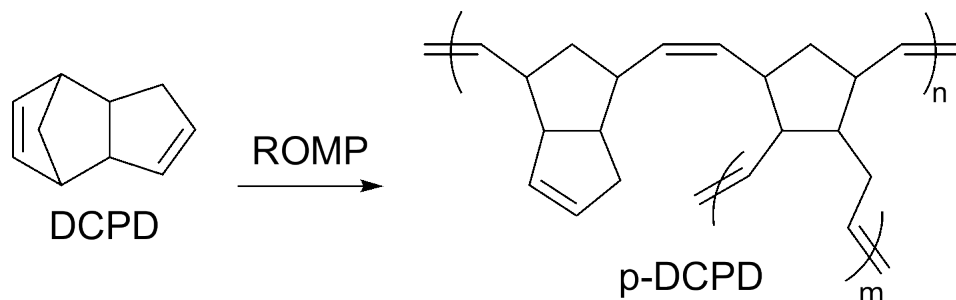
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# Photopolymerization for AM



- Thermoset materials are conventionally formed through radical or cationic photopolymerization techniques
- Need for alternate mechanisms to expand library of AM thermosets



## Ring-opening metathesis polymerization

- Tolerant to wide variety of functional groups
- Wide variety of monomers with useful mechanical, thermal, or di-electric properties
- Recent studies on depolymerizable monomers

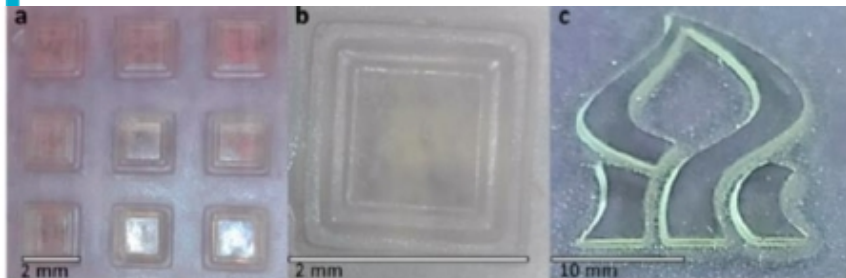
Material	$T_g$ (°C)	$T_{max}$ (°C)	Elastic modulus (GPa)	Tensile strength, yield (MPa)	Strain at yield	Impact strength (J/cm)	Dielectric constant
pDCPD*	<b>150</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>2.1</b>	54	6%	<b>0.71</b>	2.50
Epoxy encapsulant*	100	120	<b>2.2</b>	46	20%	0.31	4.05
PU foam*	120	110	0.70	44	<b>350%</b>	<b>0.67</b>	<b>1.43</b>
Acrylate resin**	ca. 75	ca. 70	<b>2.2</b>	<b>65</b>	<6%	0.25	ca. 3

\*Average values obtained from MatWeb database of material properties (<http://www.matweb.com>).

\*\*(<https://www.hubs.com/knowledge-base/sla-3d-printing-materials-compared>).



# Ring-opening Metathesis Polymerization (ROMP) and AM

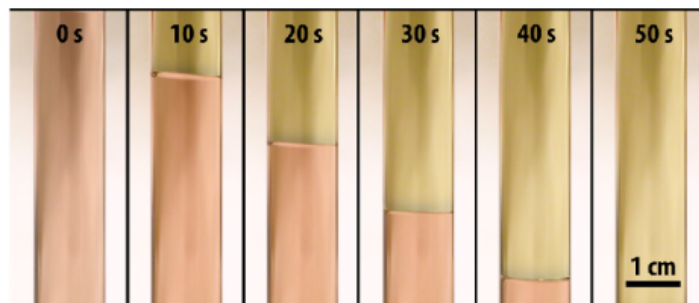


Eivgi et al. ACS Catal. 2020, 10, 2033–2038

## AM previously demonstrated using photoROMP

### Limitations:

- Sluggish polymerization rates
- Few available photo-latent catalysts
- Demonstrations limited to >5 layers

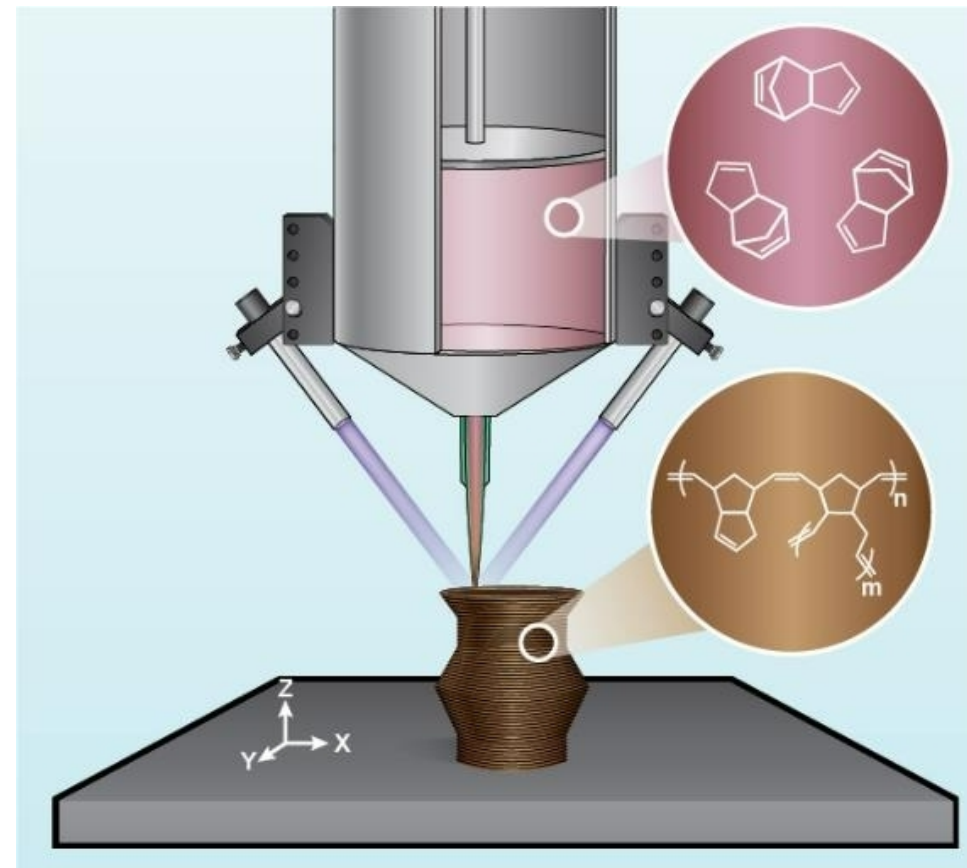


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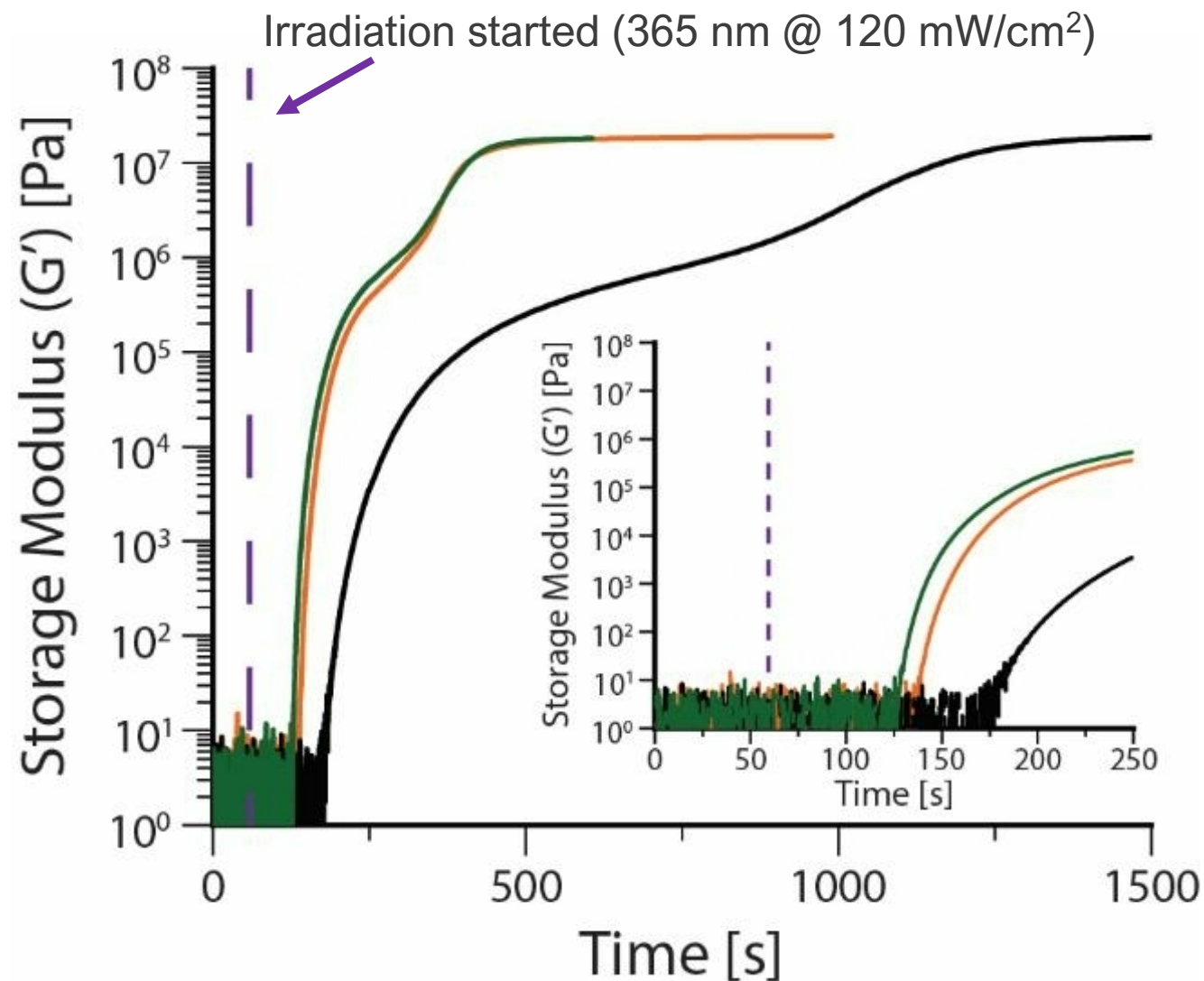
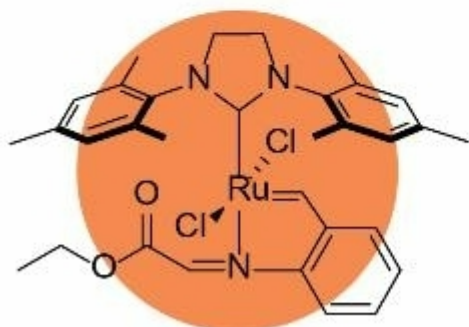
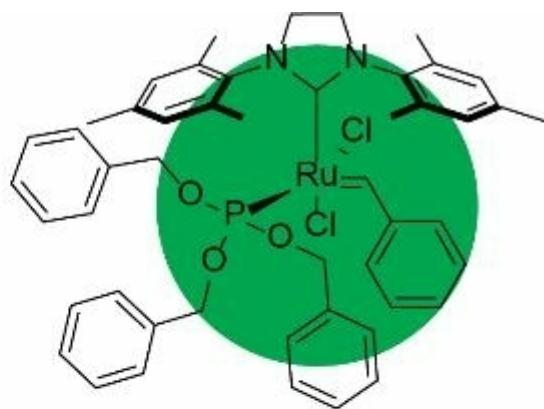
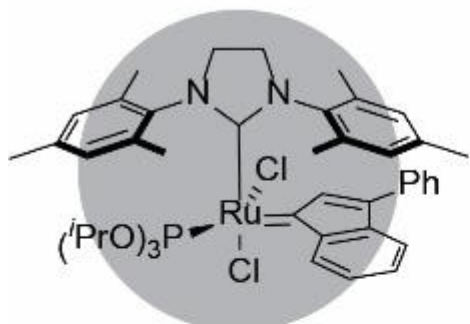
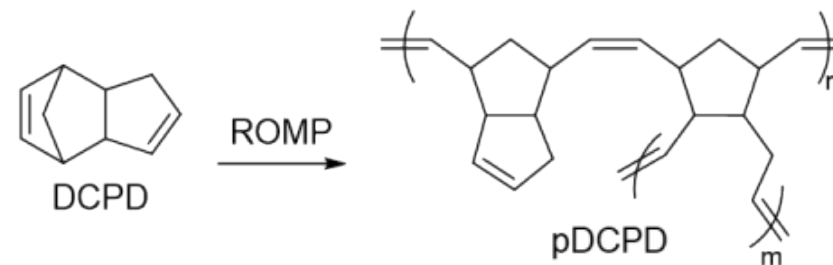
Can we optimize photochemistry to adapt photoROMP for AM printing?



Leguizamon, S. C.; Cook, A. W.; Appelhans, L. N.  
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# PhotoROMP AM

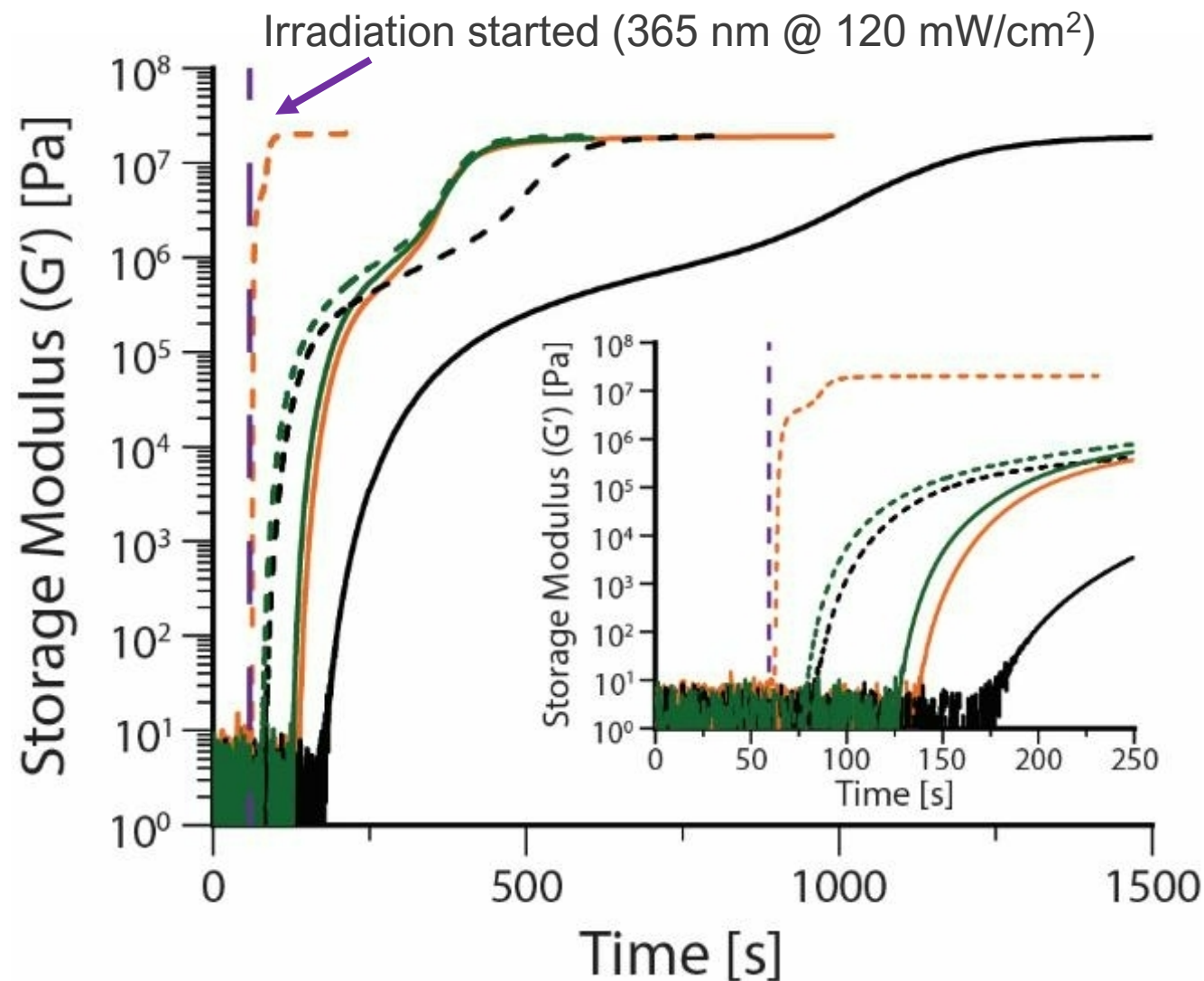
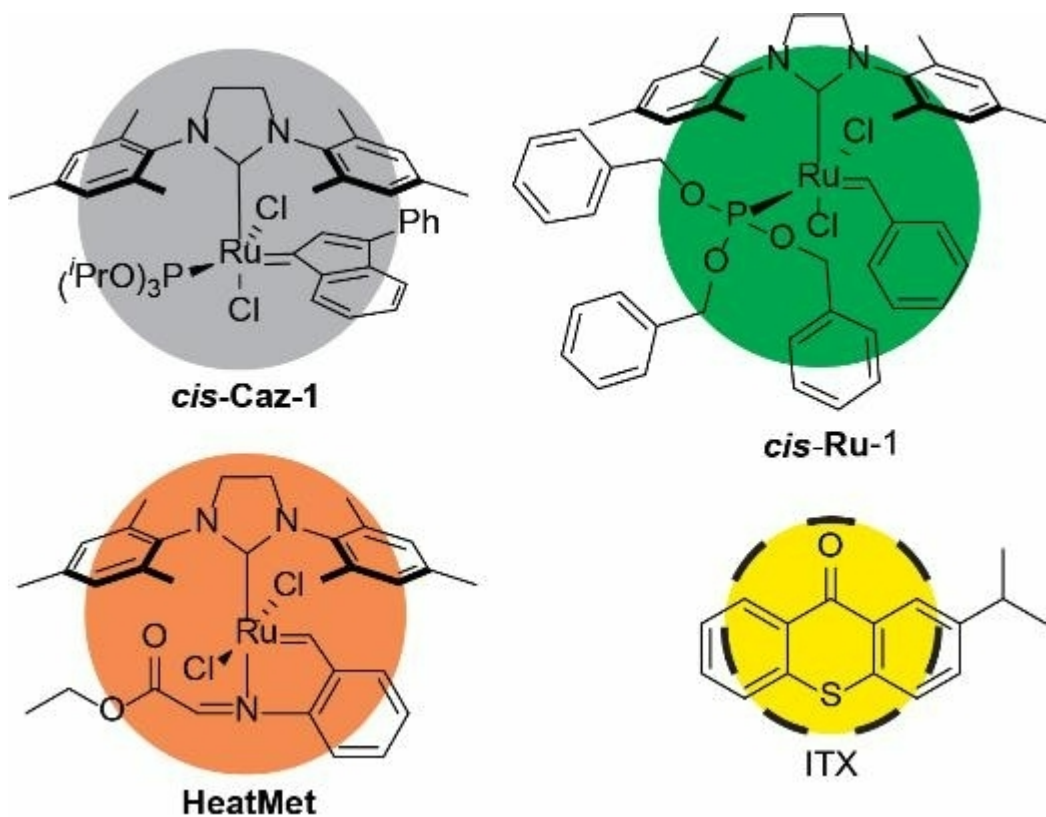
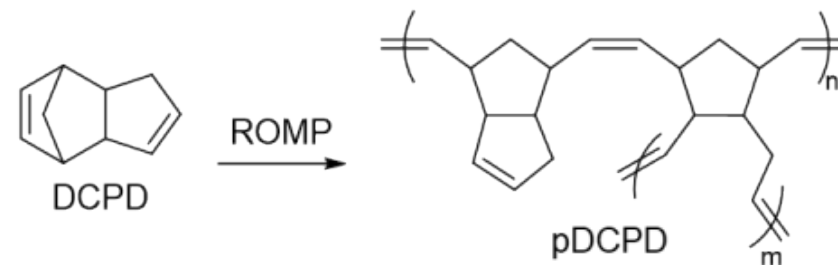
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- Potential for rapid printing rates



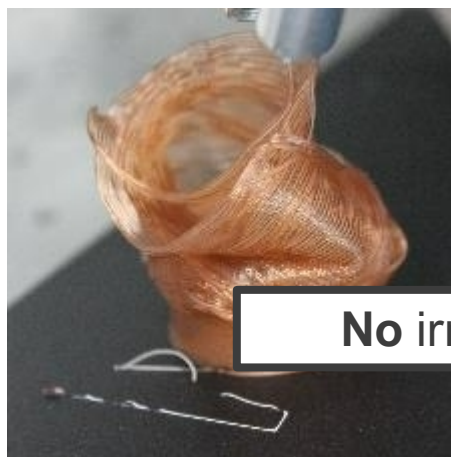
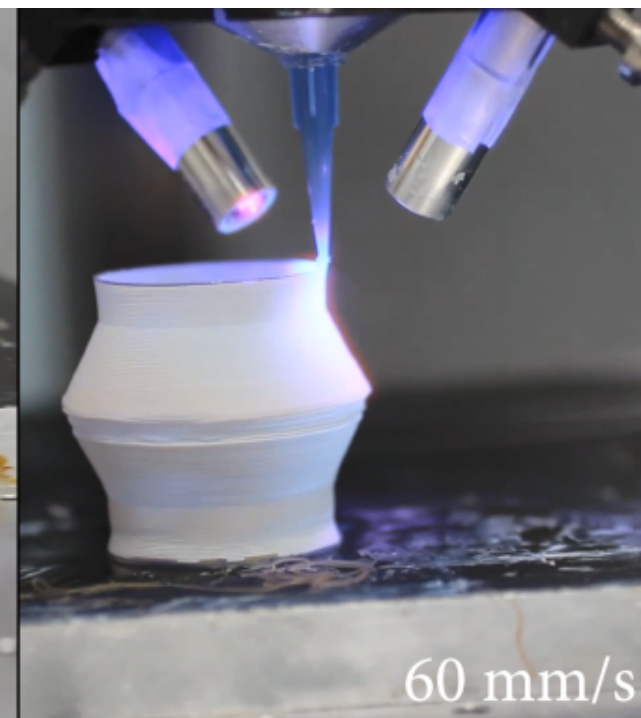
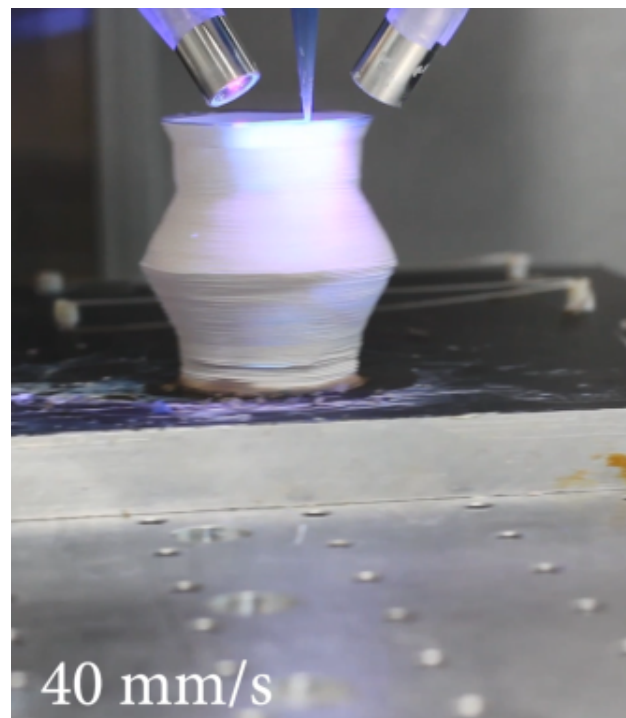
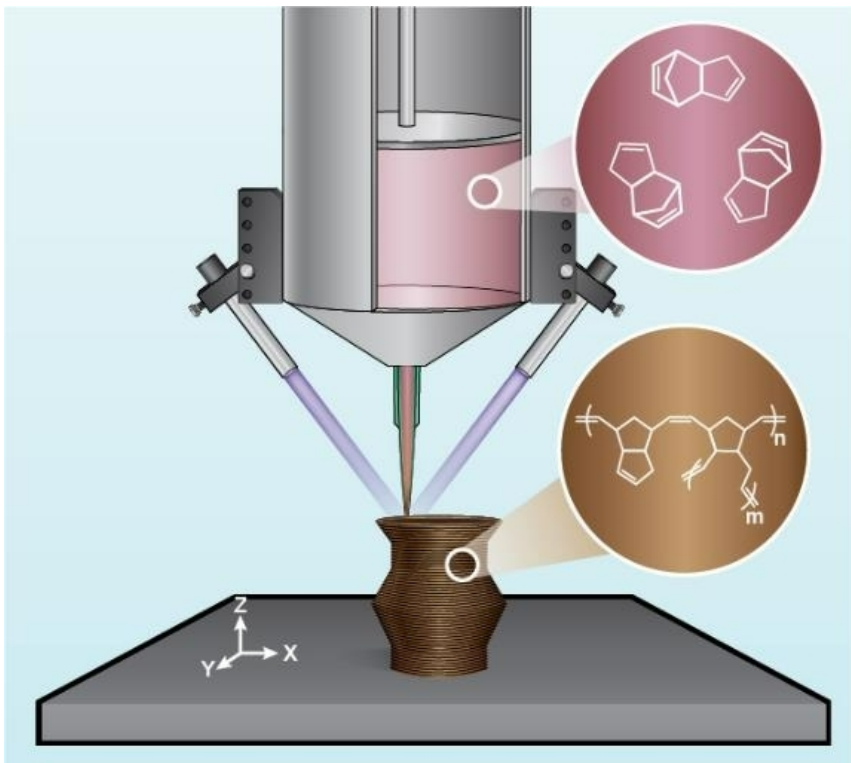


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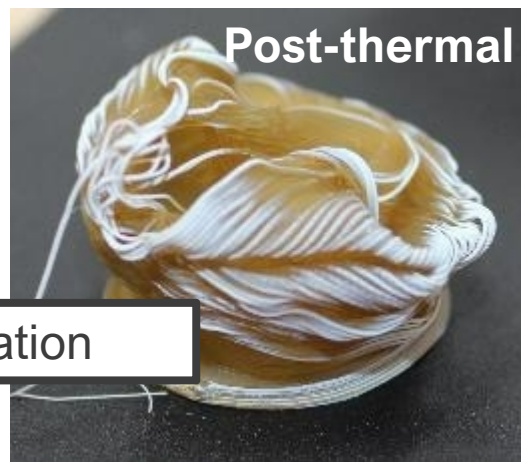
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# DIW AM of ROMP-based Resin



No irradiation



Post-thermal



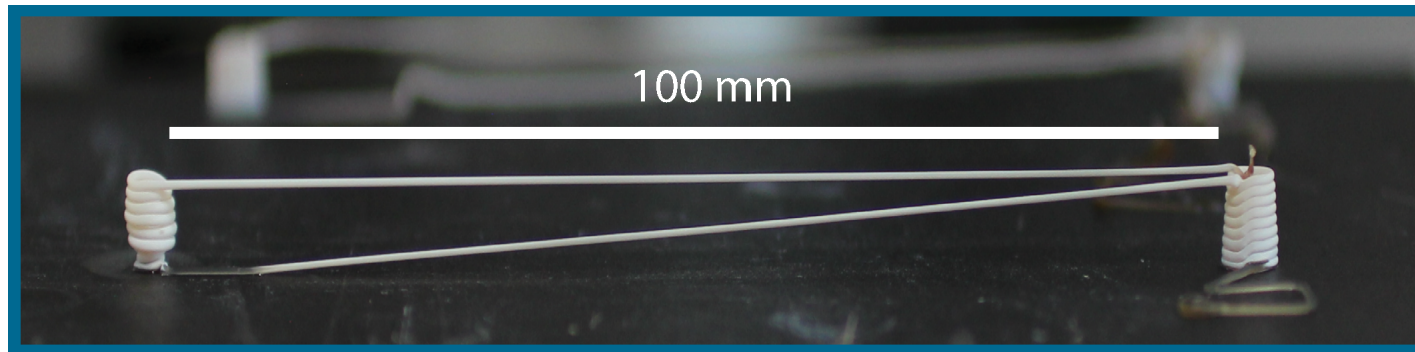
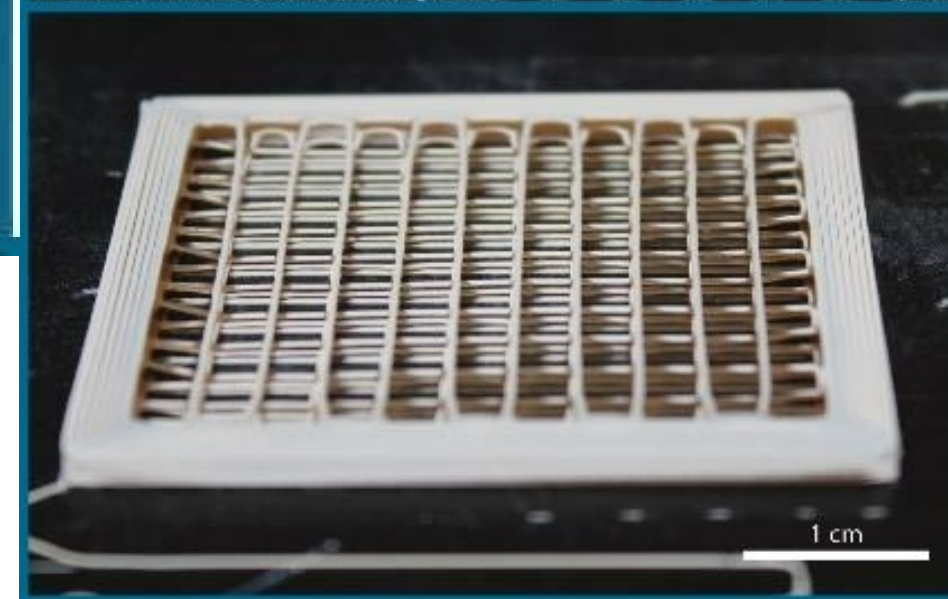
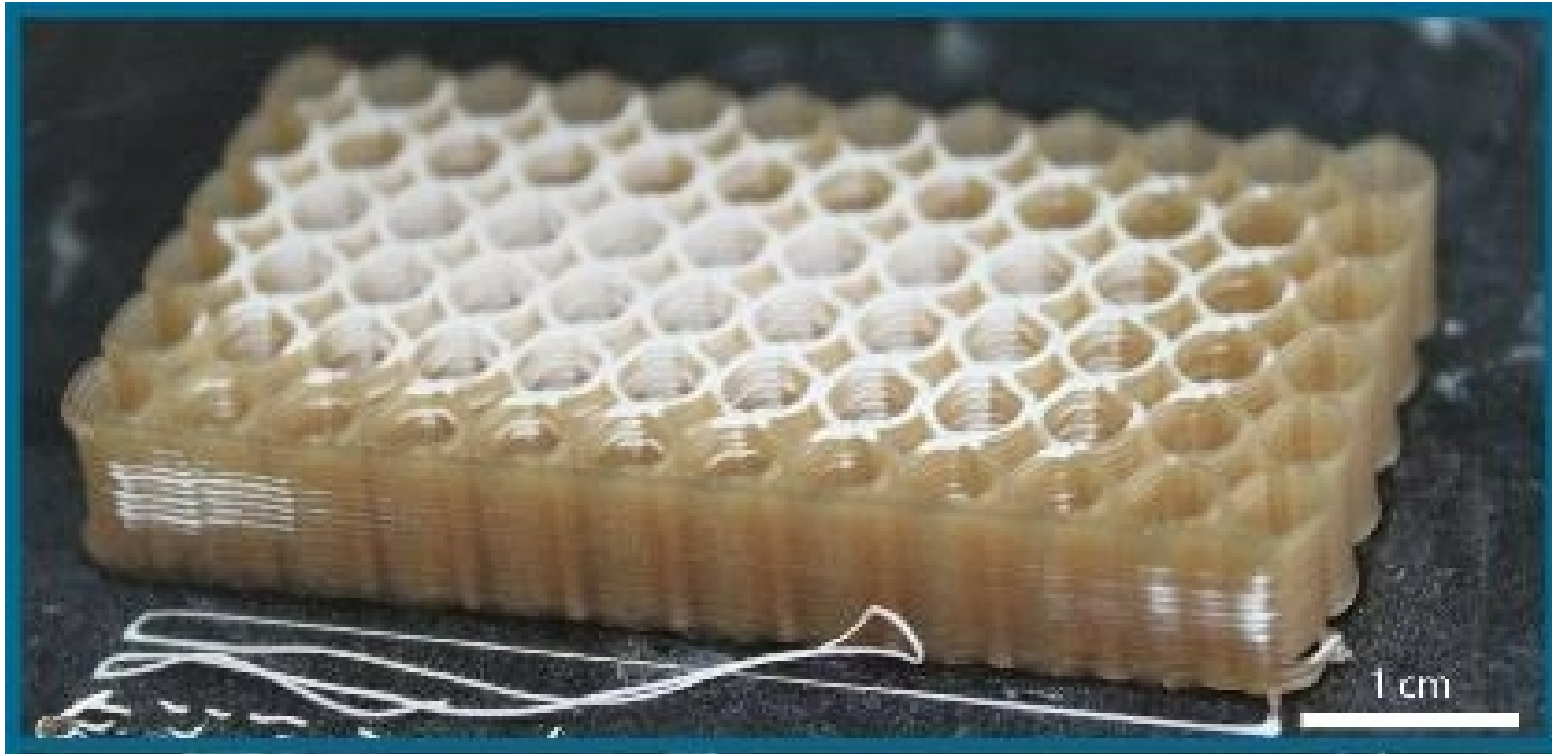
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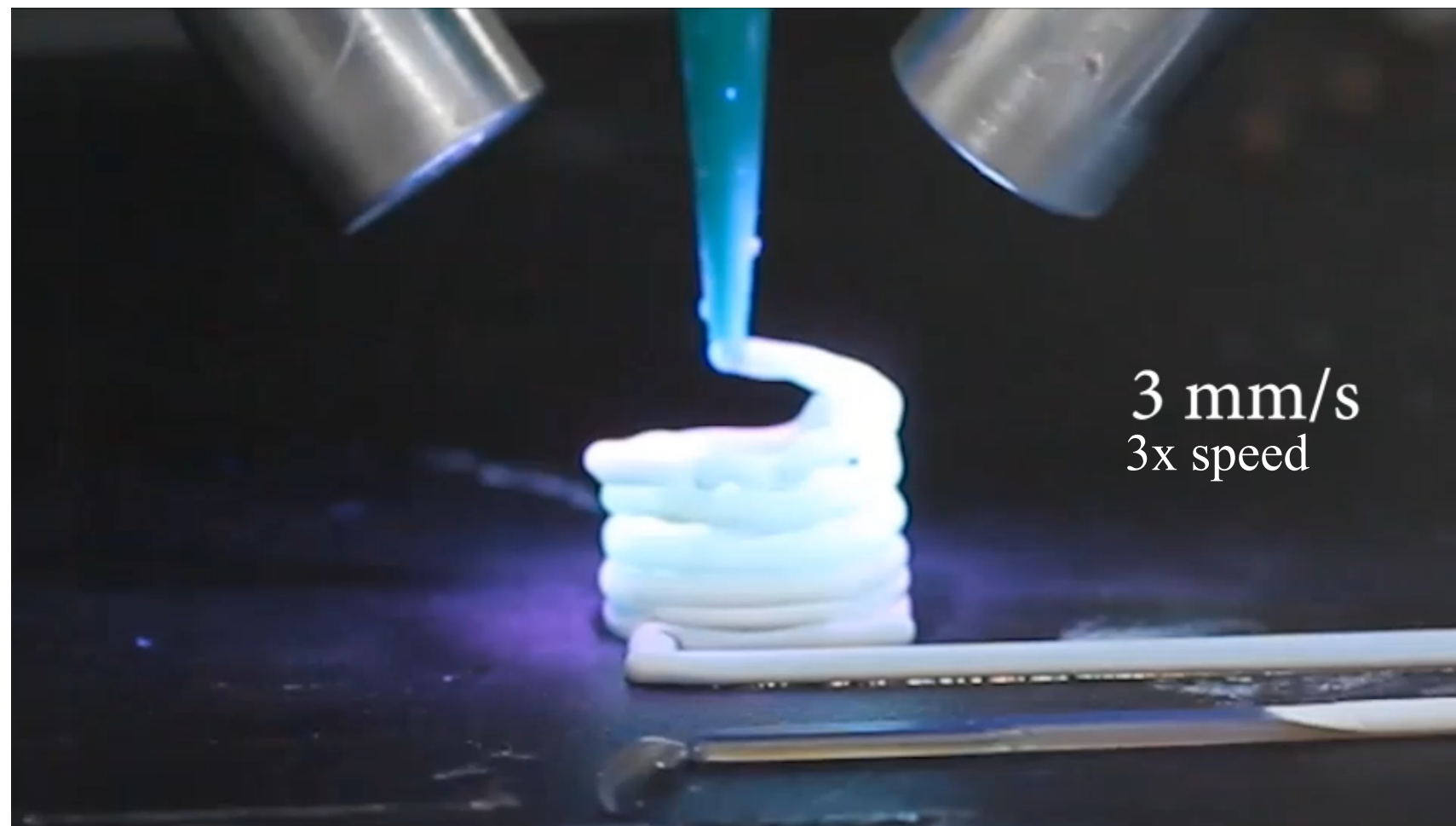
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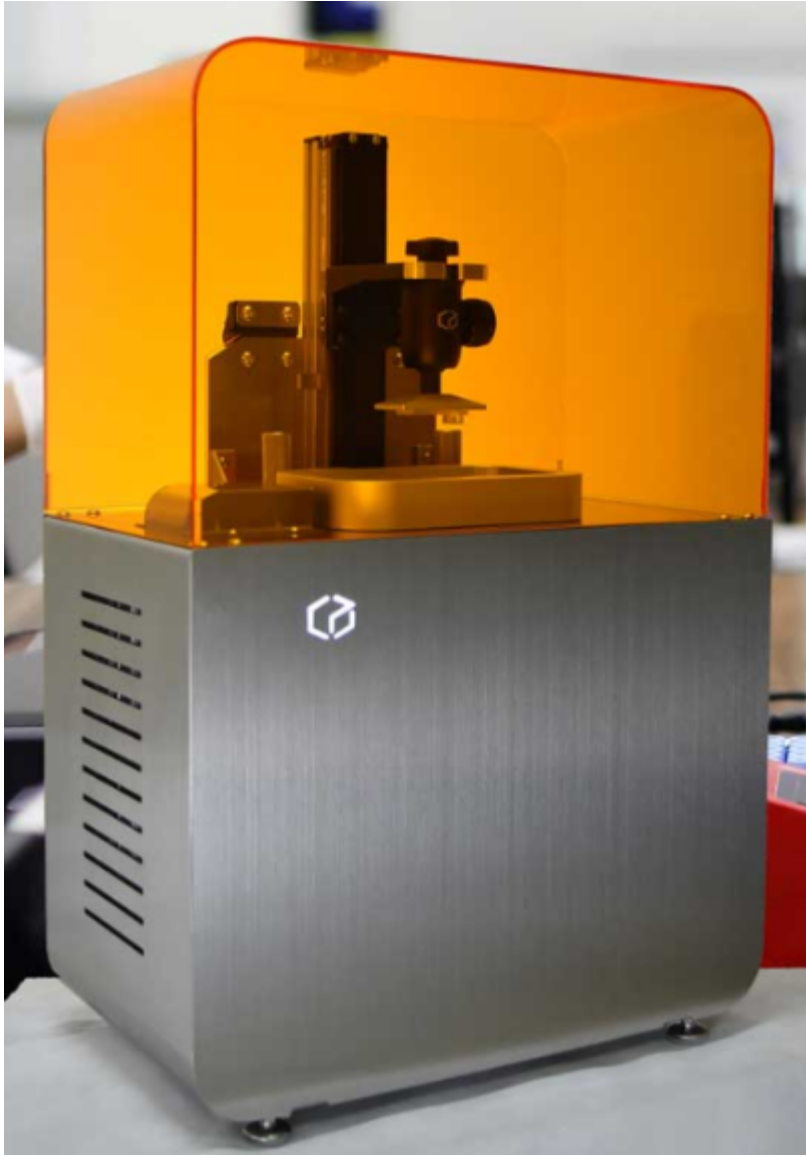
# 7 DIW AM of ROMP-based Resin



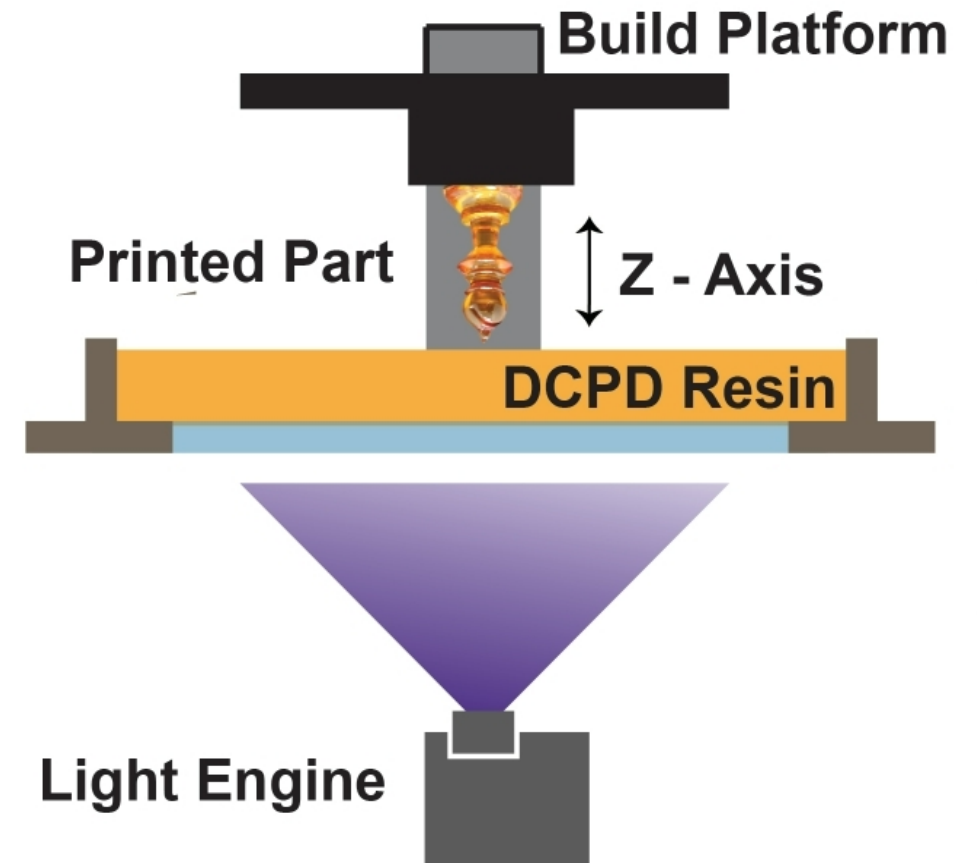




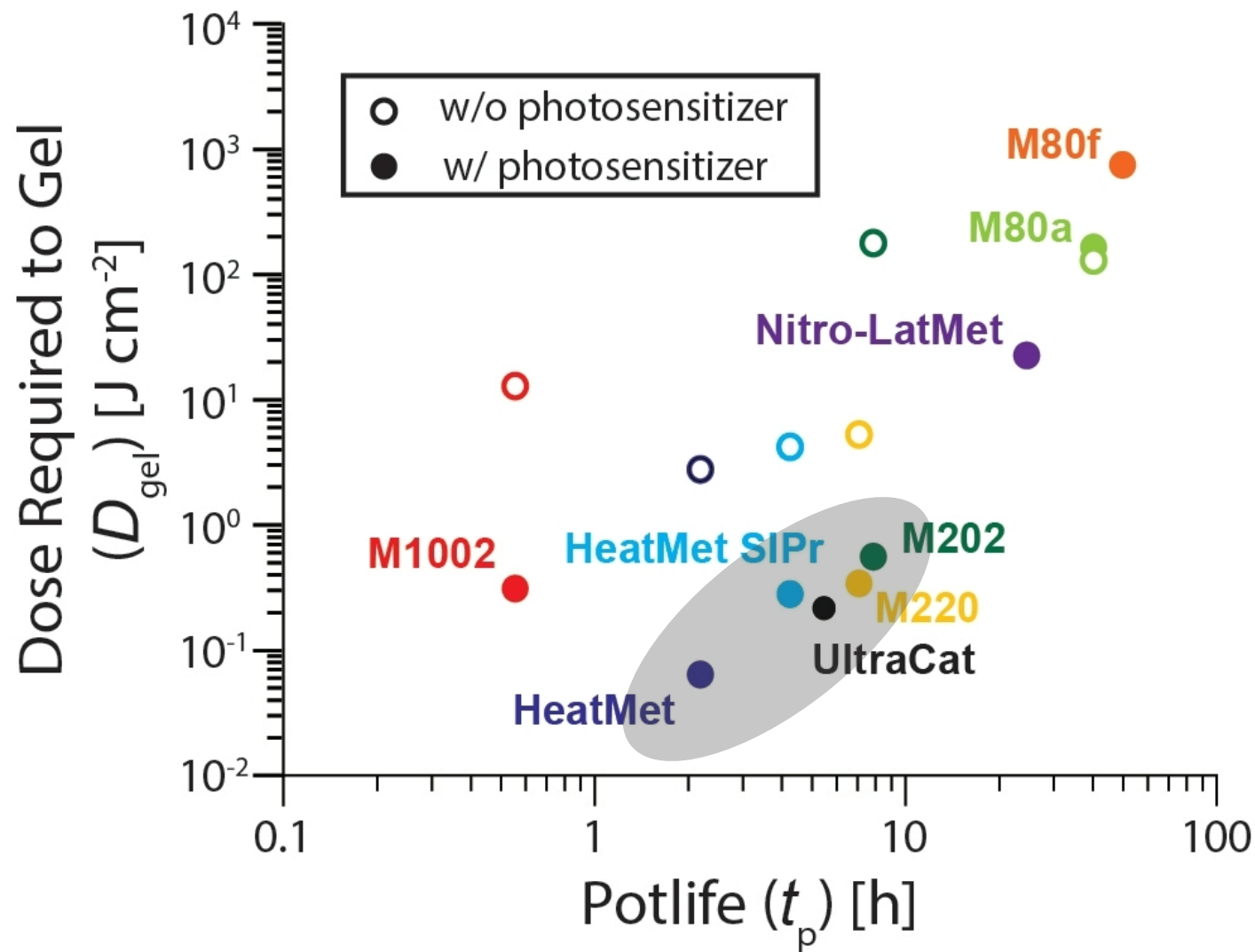
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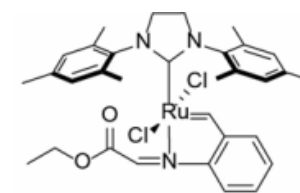
- Adapt DIW formulations for SLA printing
- SLA enables higher resolution and more complex geometries
- Use commercial SLA printer



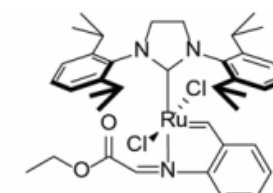
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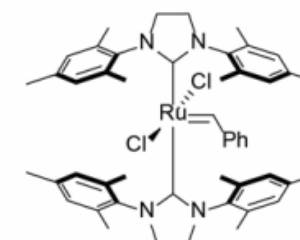
## Survey of Catalysts



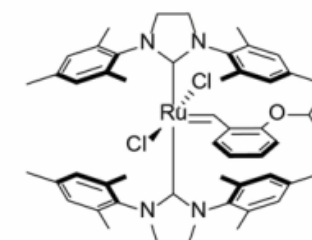
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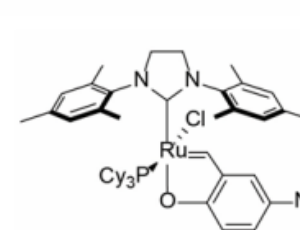
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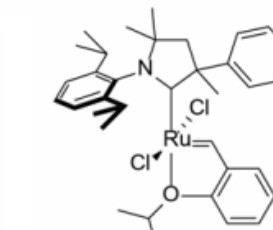
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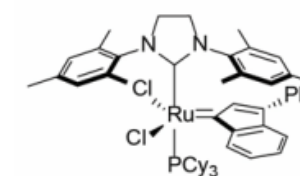
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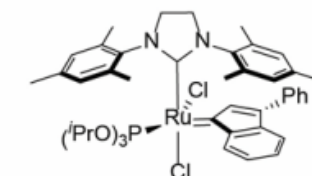
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Ru-4 (M1002)



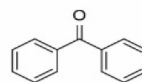
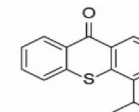
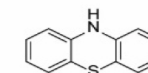
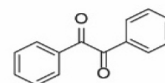
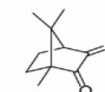
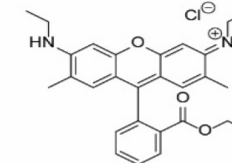
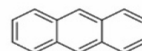
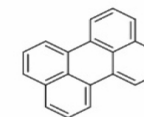
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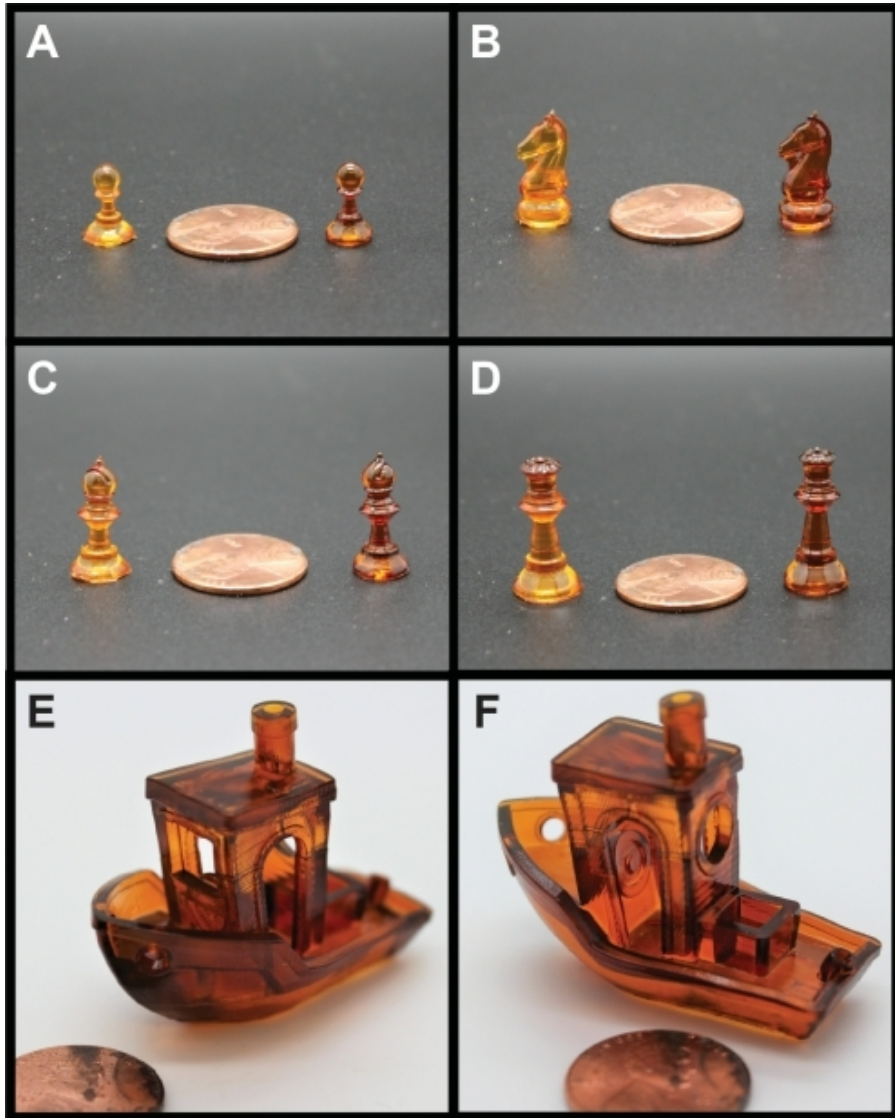
Ru-10 (M220)



## Survey of Photosensitizers

Benzophenone  
 $E_T = 285 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$ 2-Isopropylthioxanthone  
(ITX)  
 $E_T = 255 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$ Phenothiazine  
 $E_T = 253 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$ Benzil  
 $E_T = 223 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$ Camphorquinone  
(CQ)  
 $E_T = 216 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$ Rhodamine 6G  
 $E_T = 190 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$ Anthracene  
 $E_T = 177 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$ Perylene  
 $E_T = 148 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$ 

Photosensitizer	Irradiation Wavelength ( $\lambda$ ) [nm]	Extinction Coefficient ( $\epsilon$ ) [ $\text{L mol}^{-1} \text{cm}^{-1}$ ]	Norbornene Conversion at $t_{172}$ [%]	Dose Required to Gel ( $D_{\text{gel}}$ ) [ $\text{J cm}^{-2}$ ]
—	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>365 nm</li> <li>405 nm</li> <li>475 nm</li> <li>525 nm</li> </ul>	—	0.2	3.2
		—	4.0	6.2
		—	1.5	25.5
		—	3.2	—
Benzophenone	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>365 nm</li> <li>405 nm</li> </ul>	90	63.3	1.2*
		5	1.3	—
2-Isopropylthioxanthone (ITX)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>365 nm</li> <li>405 nm</li> </ul>	4300	62.9	0.2
		960	55.0	0.9
Phenothiazine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>365 nm</li> <li>405 nm</li> </ul>	400	58.5	1.0
		8	0.8	3.2
Benzil	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>365 nm</li> <li>405 nm</li> <li>475 nm</li> </ul>	65	62.7	0.1
		8	67.4	0.1
		3	15.3	1.6
Camphorquinone (CQ)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>365 nm</li> <li>475 nm</li> </ul>	3	34.1	2.9
		42	62.2	0.4
Rhodamine 6G	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>365 nm</li> <li>525 nm</li> </ul>	2374	2.8	3.8
		22900	1.2	—
Anthracene	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>365 nm</li> <li>405 nm</li> </ul>	2270	0.1	3.5
		5	0.2	8.4
Perylene	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>365 nm</li> <li>405 nm</li> </ul>	3270	0.0	6.0
		17100	0.0	8.2



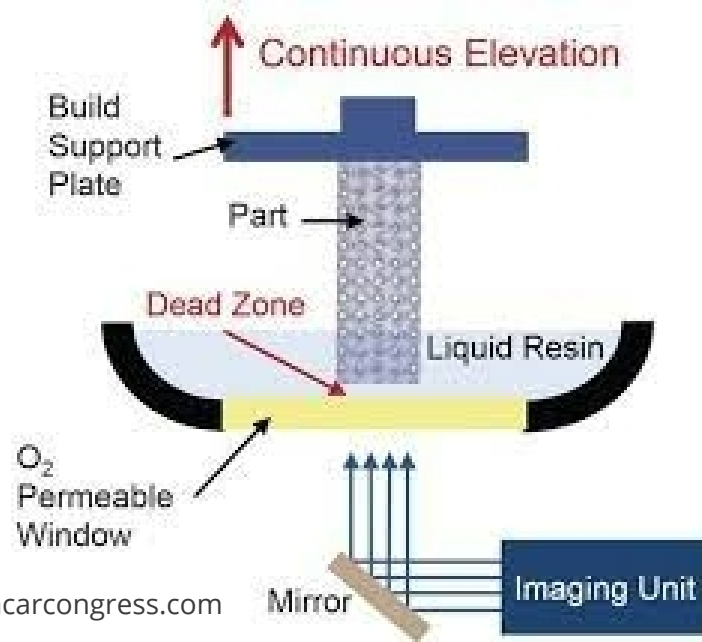
Potlife is still an issue – requiring resin replacement mid-build during large builds

**Solution: Continuous SLA AM**

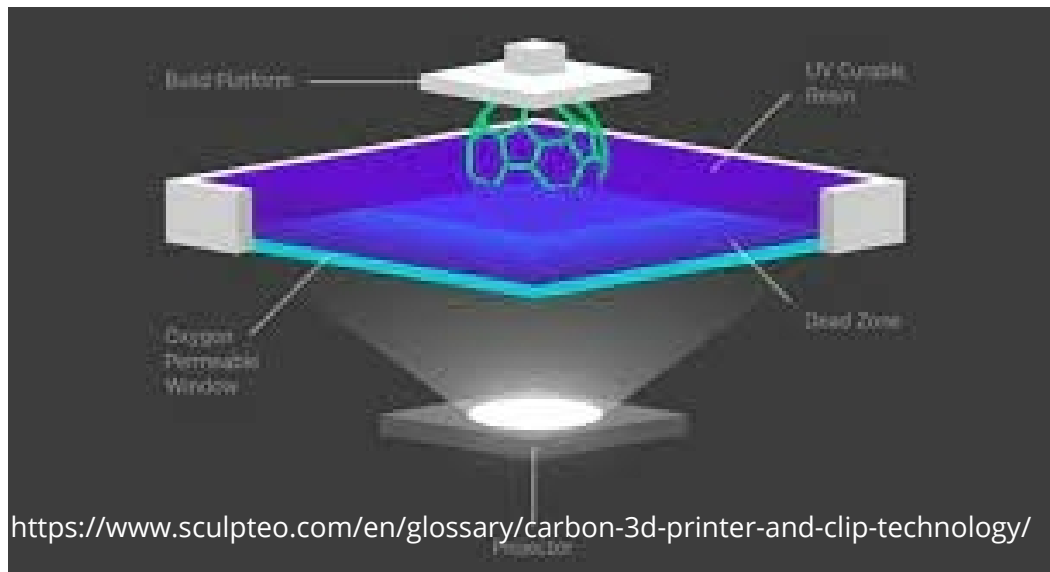
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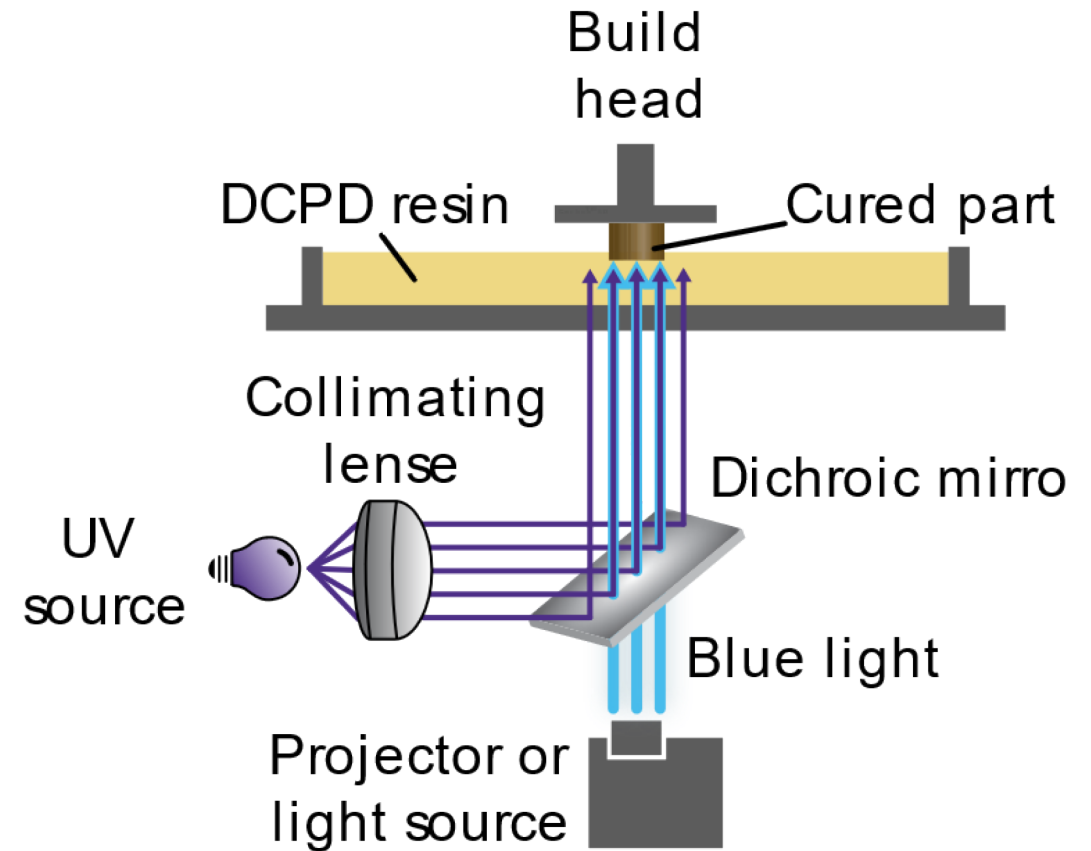


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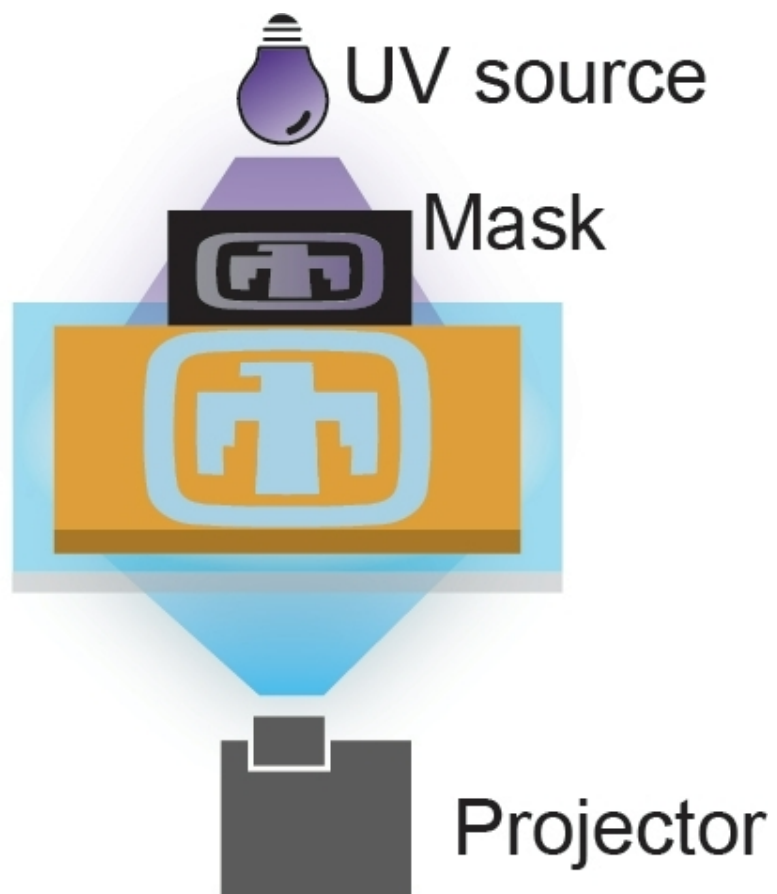
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Two wavelengths – **one initiates** and **one inhibits**

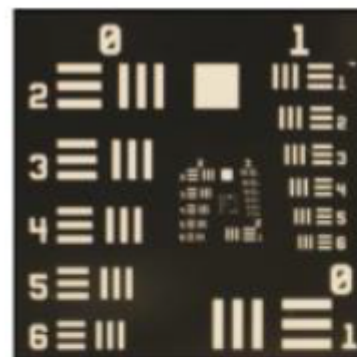


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Mask



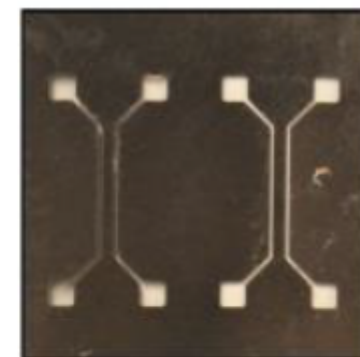
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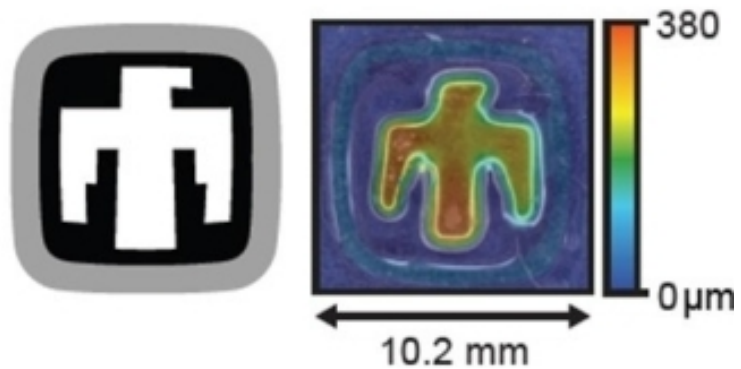
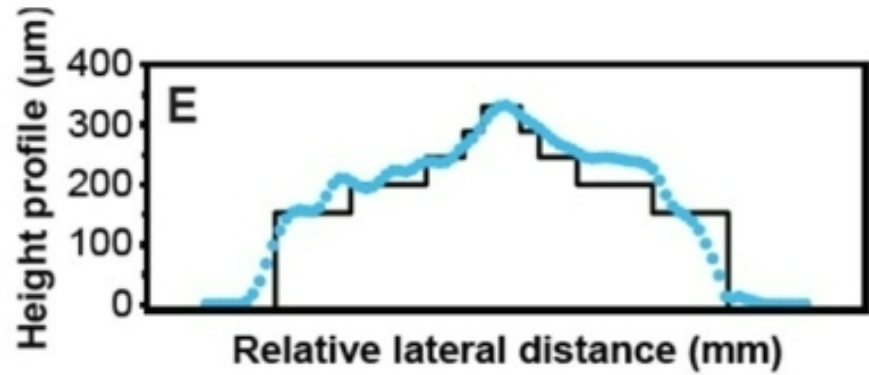
2 hr 75 °C



30 min 230 °C

# SWOMP

Single exposure designed topography

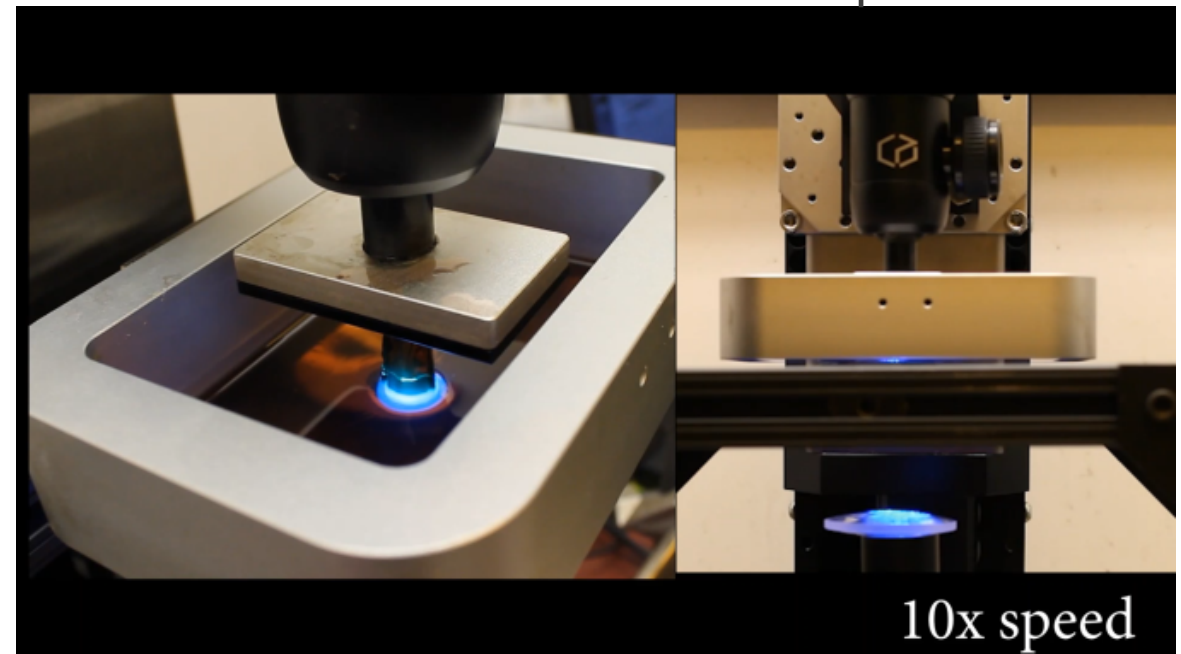


**Continuous SLA printing:** printed using a custom-built dual-wavelength printer

Thunderbird  
printed at 36  
mm/h z-speed



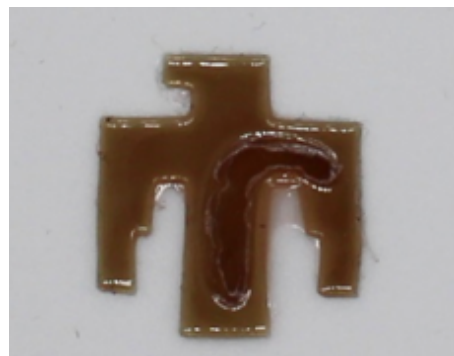
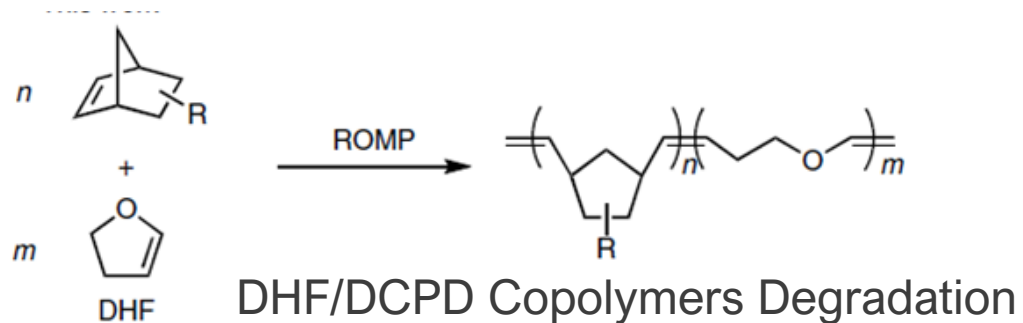
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# Depolymerizable pDCPD - Sustainability Thrust

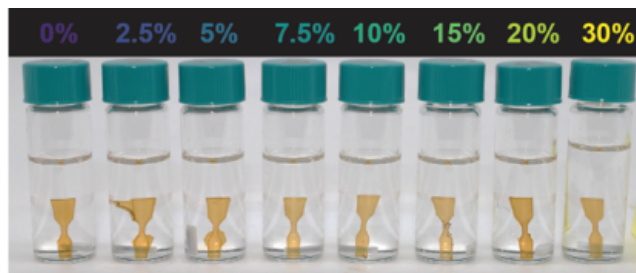


Yan Xia, et al.; Nature Chemistry (14) 53–58 (2022)



**Step 1**

Photopattern a thunderbird from DHF/DCPD (15/85 mol/mol)



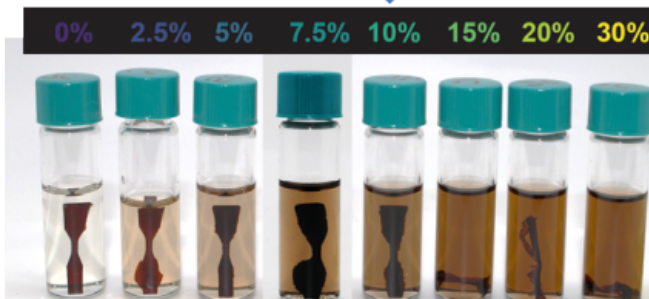
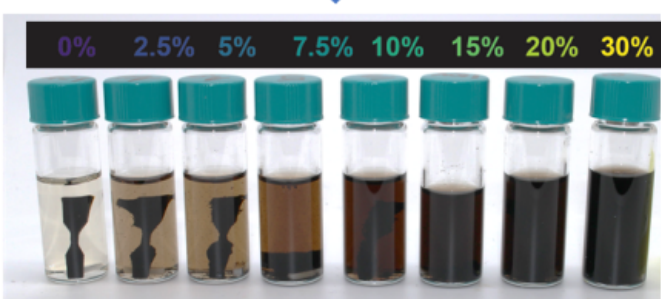
1M HCl in THF @ 50°C overnight

1M HCl in THF @ Room Temp. for 7 days



**Step 2**

Photopolymerize a film of pDCPD (no DHF) around thunderbird



**Step 3**

Etch away thunderbird in 1M HCl in THF @ 50°C for 10 minutes





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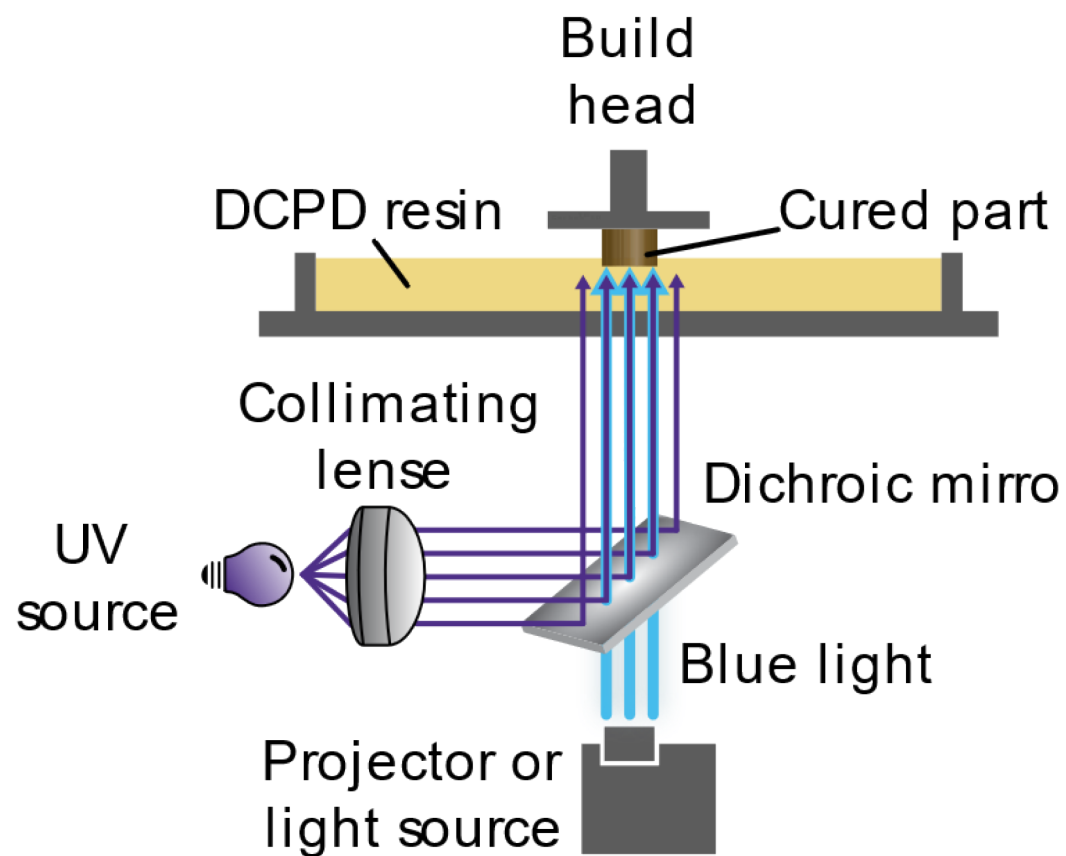
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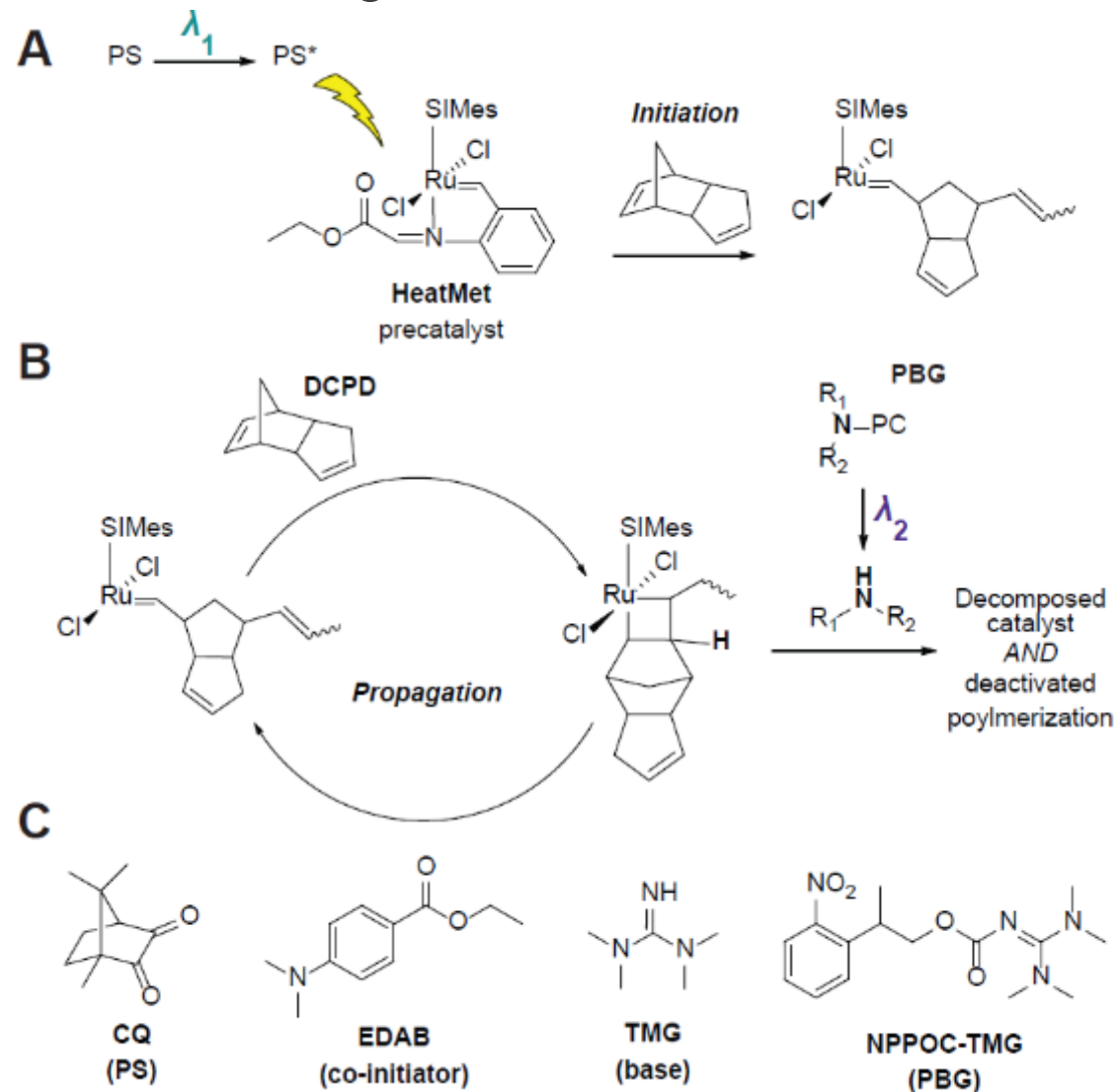
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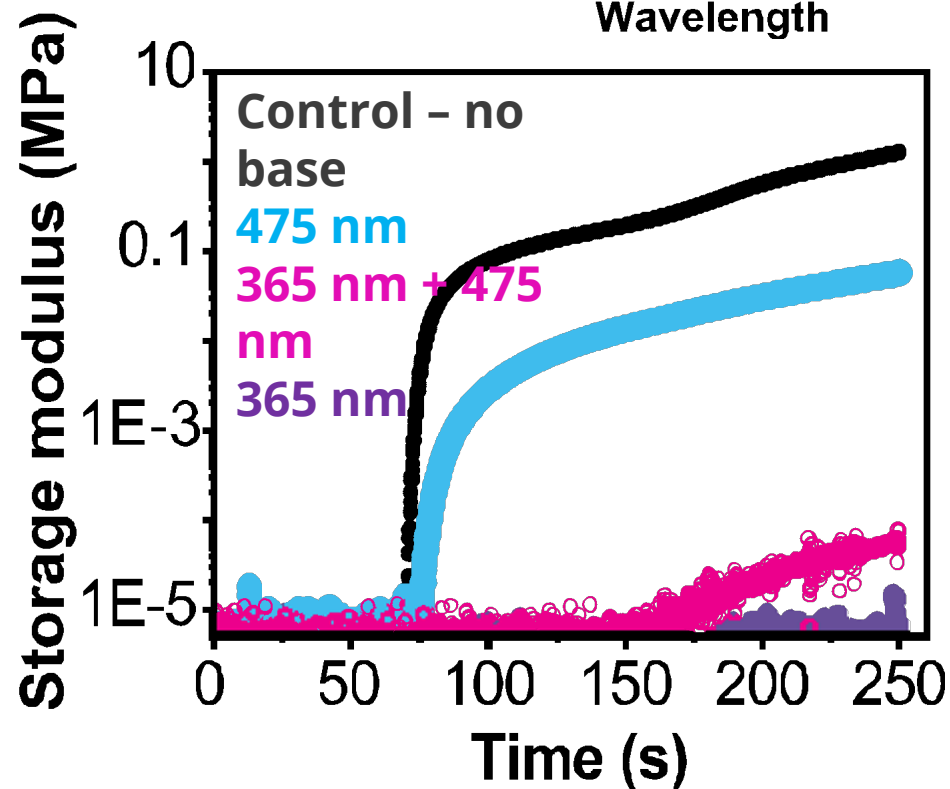
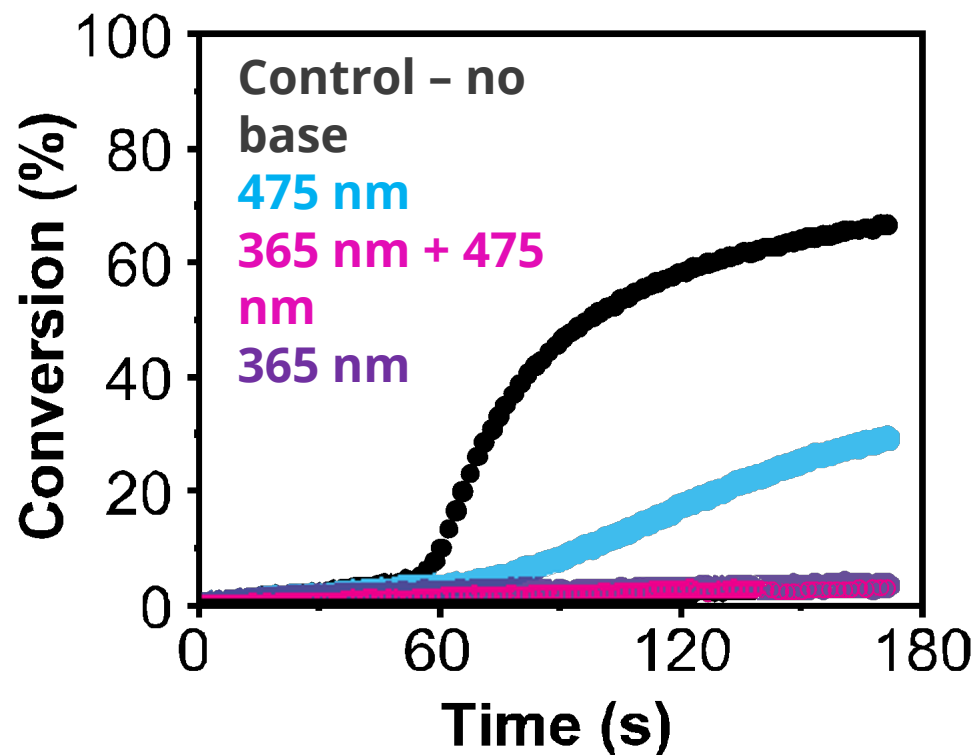
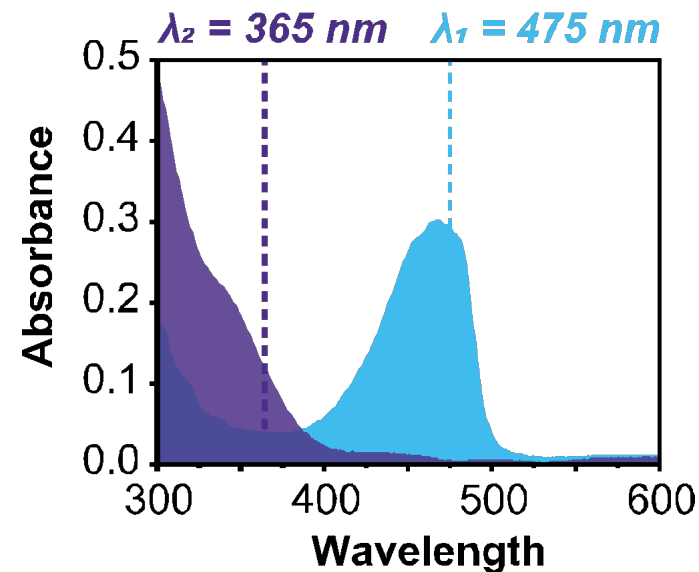
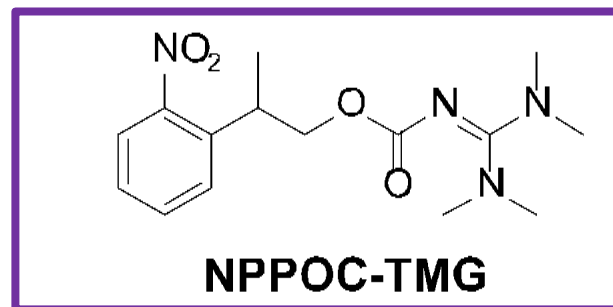
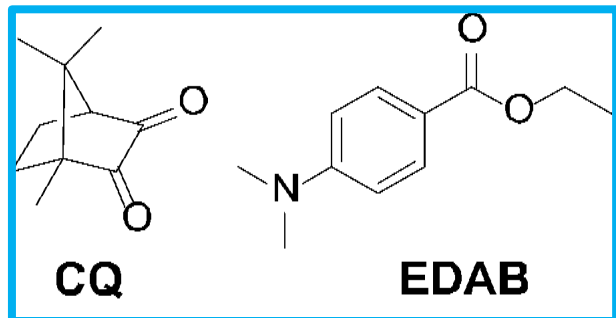


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# SWOMP





# Depolymerizable pDCPD - MSRF Sustainability Thrust



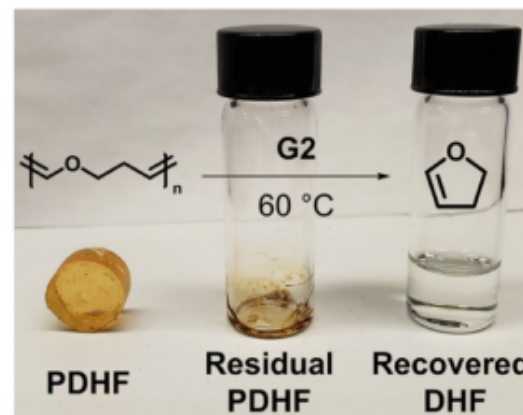
Jeremiah Johnson Group (MIT):

pDCPD additive	network	cleaved network	chemically deconstructable	crosslink density
<b>A</b> none	permanent crosslink strand		no	$c$
<b>B</b>  CyMeSi cleavable comonomers			yes	$< c$
<b>C</b>  cleavable crosslinker			no	$> c$
<b>D This work:</b>				
 NbMeSi NbEtMeSi "strand-cleaving crosslinkers"			yes	$> c$
 DCPD + NbMeSi $\xrightarrow{G2, 30 \text{ min } 120^\circ \text{C}}$ polymer				

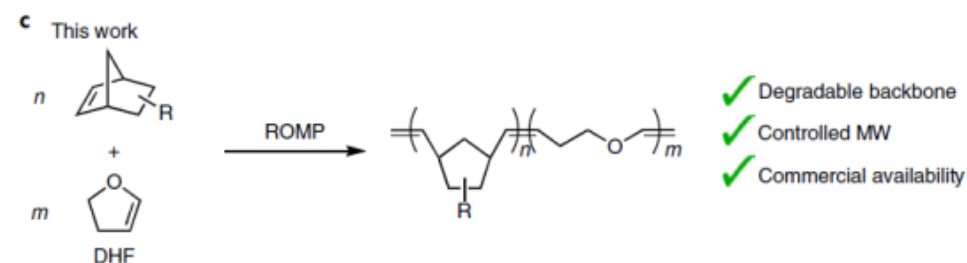
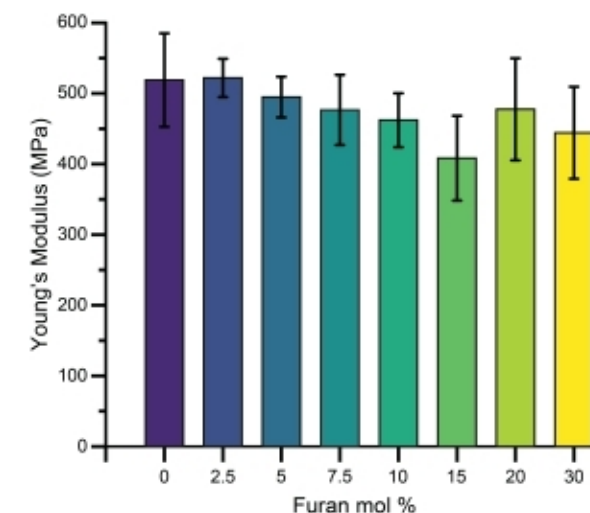
J. A. Johnson, et al.; *ACS Macro Lett.* 2021, 10, 805-810

- Requires synthesis of monomers
- Poor monomer shelf life
- Facile degradation in TBAF
- pDCPD double bonds still active for recycling/upcycling

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