Supporting Information

The Destruction and Reorganization of Physically Cross-linked Network of Thermoplastic Polyurethane Depending on Its Glass Transition Temperature

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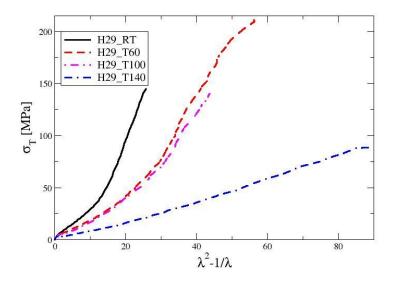


Figure S1. The stress-strain curve of TPU H29 deformed at different temperatures plotted in the form of σ_t vs. $\lambda^2 - \lambda^{-1}$.

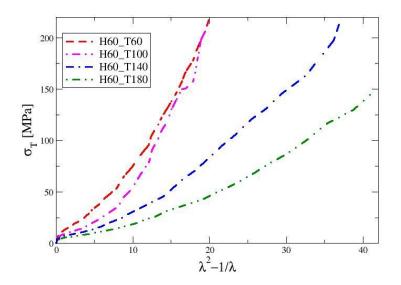


Figure S2. The stress-strain curve of TPU H60 deformed at different temperatures plotted in the form of σ_t vs. $\lambda^2 - \lambda^{-1}$.

Table S1. G_p , measured from the slope of the curve plotted in the form of σ_t vs. $\lambda^2 - \lambda^{-1}$,

is shown as a function of the HSC and deformation temperature T. $G_p = \rho RT/\langle M_c \rangle$

Gp/[MPa]	H29	H42	H60
T25	2.56	4.36	

T60	1.70	2.50	
T100	1.47	1.70	2.07
T135	0.68	1.43	1.55
T170		0.89	1.14

Table S2. Average constraint molecular weight $\langle M_c \rangle$ are shown as a function of the HSC and deformation temperature T.

$\langle M_c \rangle$ (g/mol)	H29	H42	H60
T25	1070	640	
T60	1720	1230	
T100	2120	1990	1610
T135	4830	2540	2240
T170		4340	3210

Table S3. Maximum elongation λ_{max} of TPUs with different HSCs deformed at different temperatures. The λ_{max} is the average values of five independent measurements.

	H29	H42	H60
T25	5.2	5.9	
T60	8.1	6.4	
T100	8.7	7.6	4.6
T135	8.2	7.8	6.1
T170		7.2	6.4

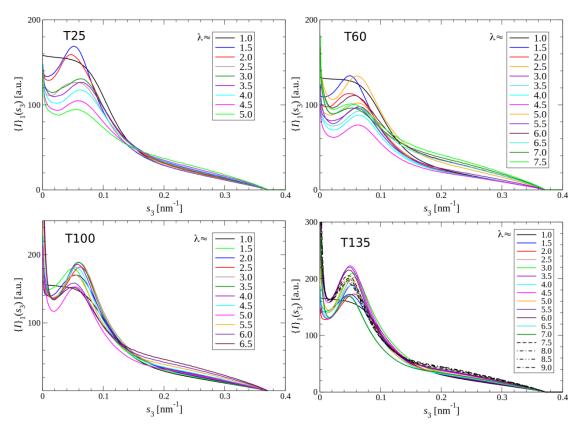


Figure S3: Vertical projection of SAXS pattern of sample H29 deformed at different temperatures varying as a function of elongation.

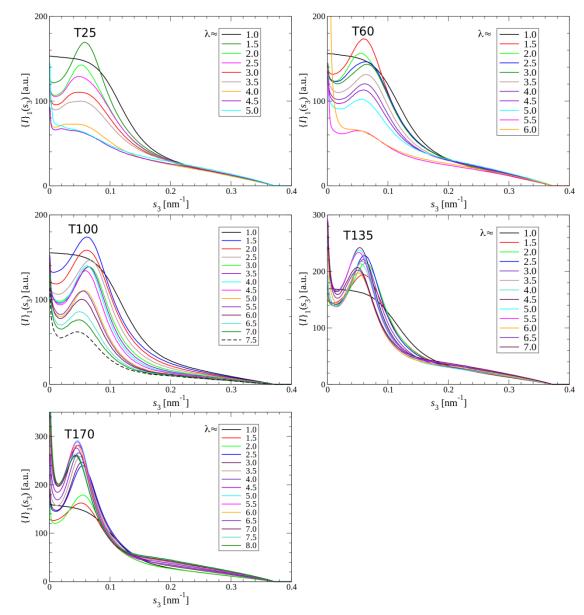


Figure S4: Vertical projection of SAXS pattern of sample H42 deformed at different temperatures varying as a function of elongation.

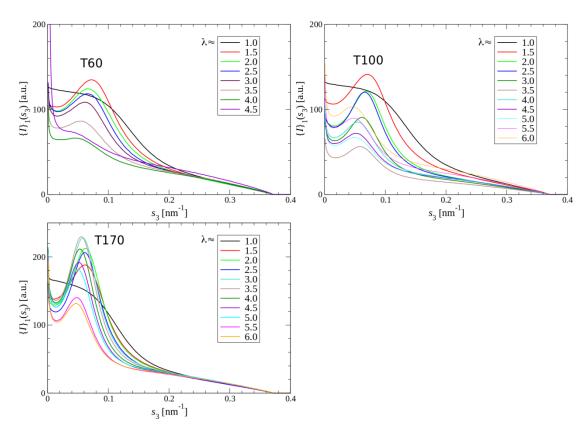


Figure S5: Vertical projection of SAXS pattern of sample H60 deformed at different temperatures varying as a function of elongation.

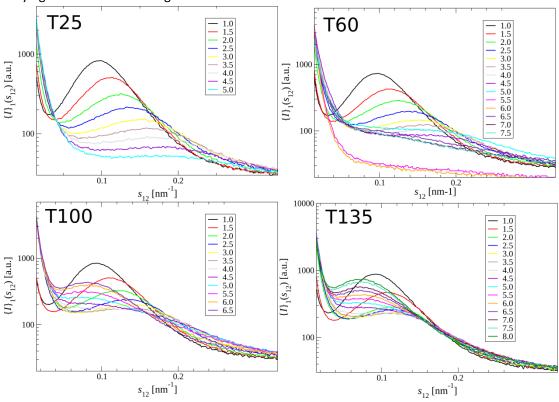


Figure S6: Horizontal projection of SAXS pattern of H29 deformed at different temperatures varying as a function of elongation.

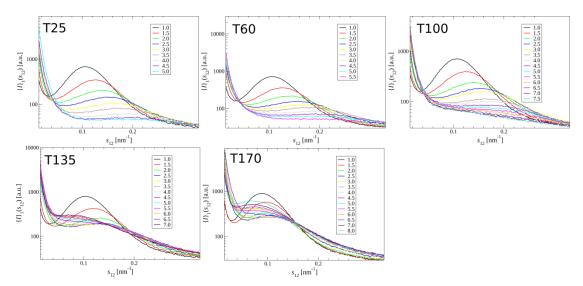


Figure S7: Horizontal projection of SAXS pattern of H42 deformed at different temperatures varying as a function of elongation.

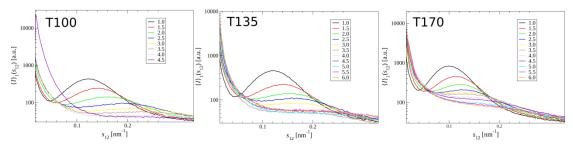


Figure S8: Horizontal projection of SAXS pattern of H60 deformed at different temperatures varying as a function of elongation.

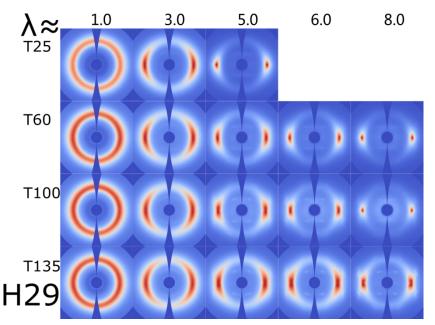


Figure S9: Selected WAXS patterns of H29 deformed at different temperatures. All WAXS patterns are projected onto the identical pseudo-color scale. The straining direction is vertical.

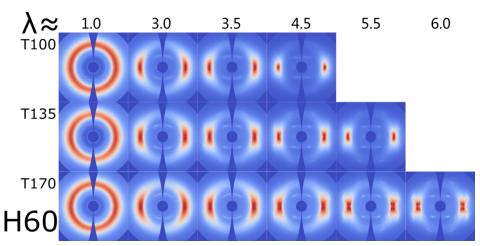


Figure S10: Selected WAXS patterns of H60 deformed at different temperatures. All WAXS patterns are projected onto the identical pseudo-color scale. The straining direction is vertical.

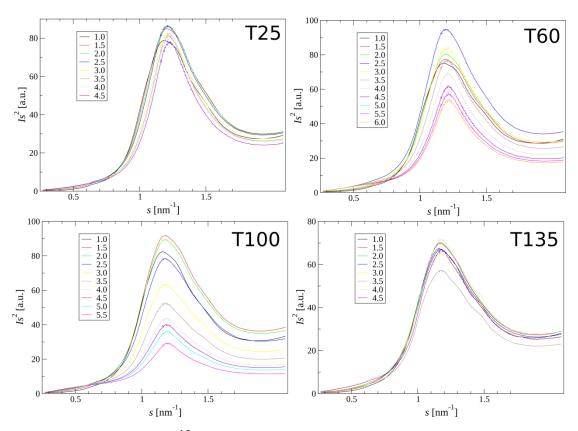


Figure S11: Spherical average 1,2 of WAXS pattern of H29 deformed at different temperatures as a function of elongation.

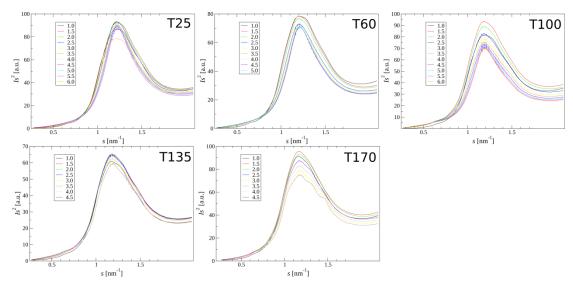


Figure S12: Spherical average of WAXS pattern of H42 deformed at different temperatures as a function of elongation.

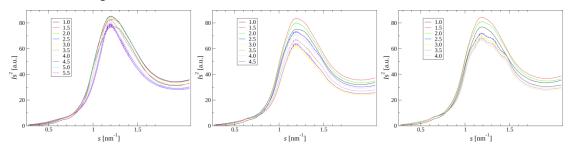


Figure S13: Spherical average of WAXS pattern of H60 deformed at different temperatures as a function of elongation.

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