

## Supporting Information

# **Tetra-PEG Network Containing Ionic Liquid Synthesized via Michael Addition Reaction and Its Application to Polymer Actuator**

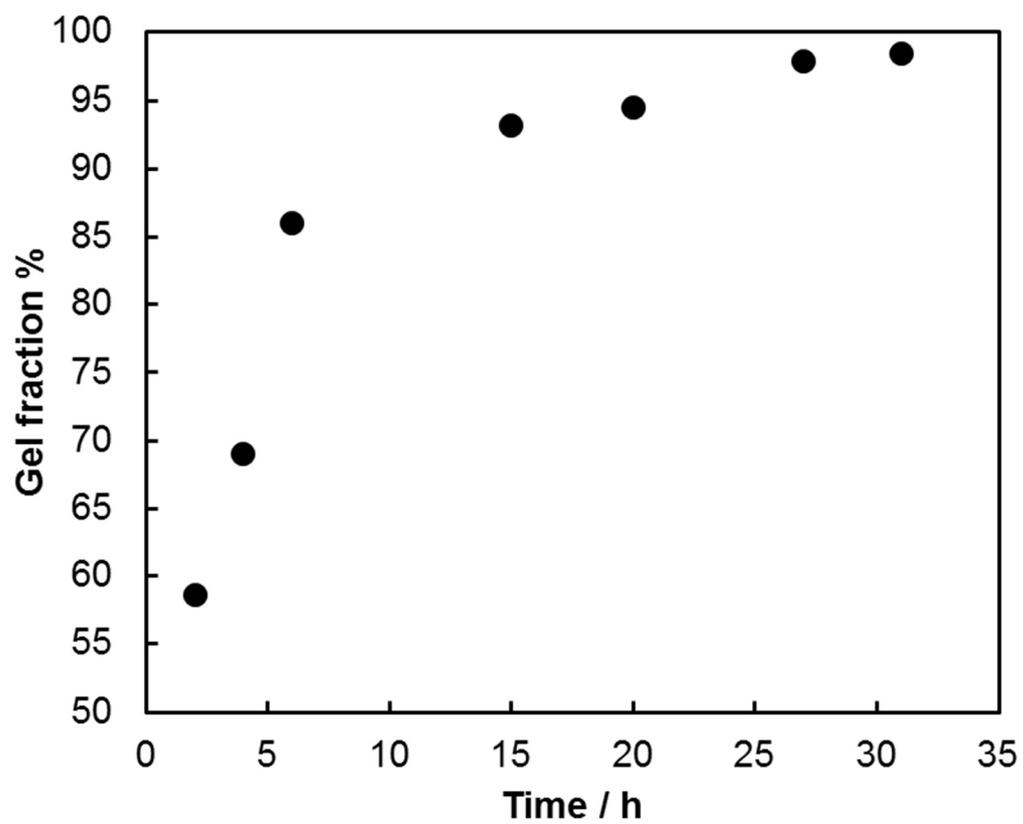
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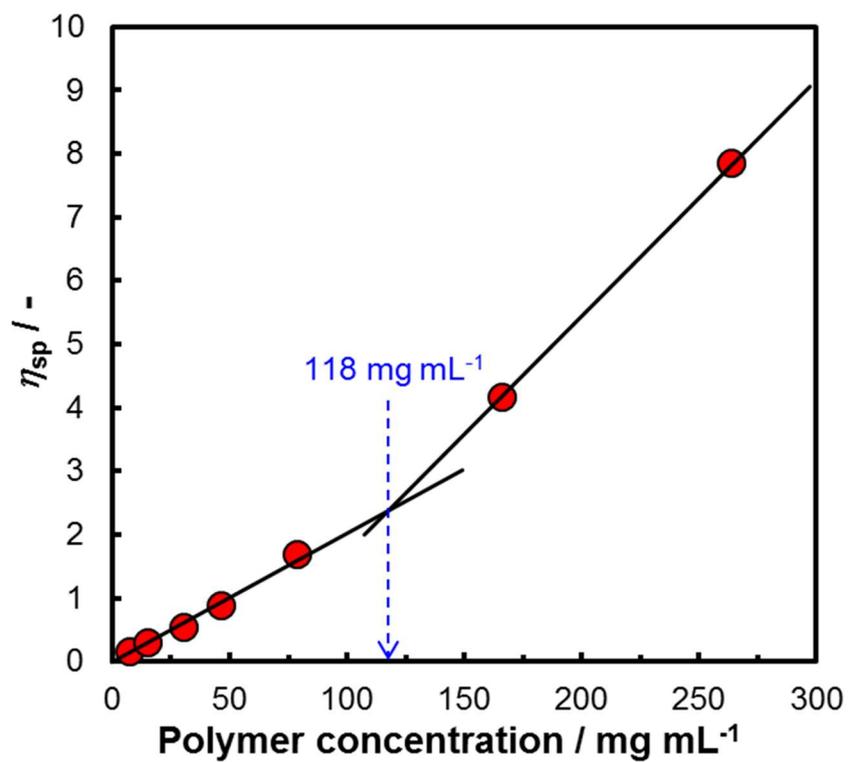
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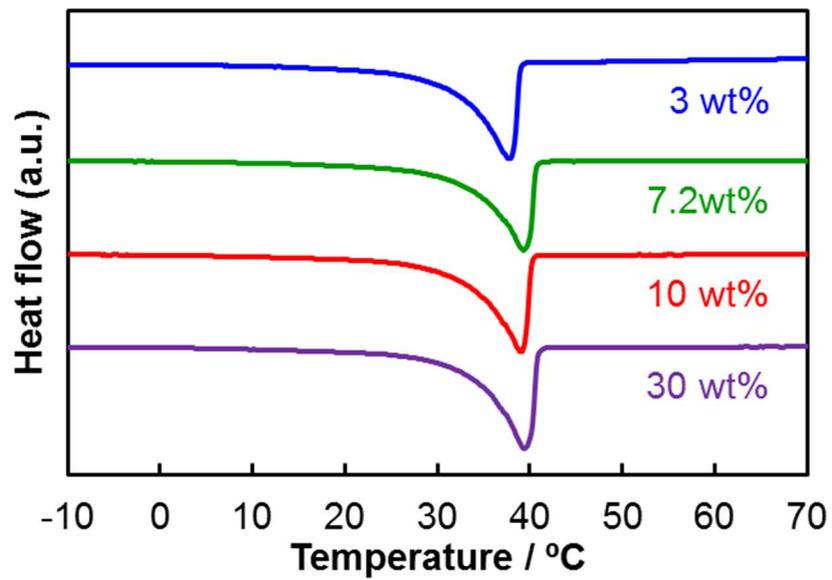
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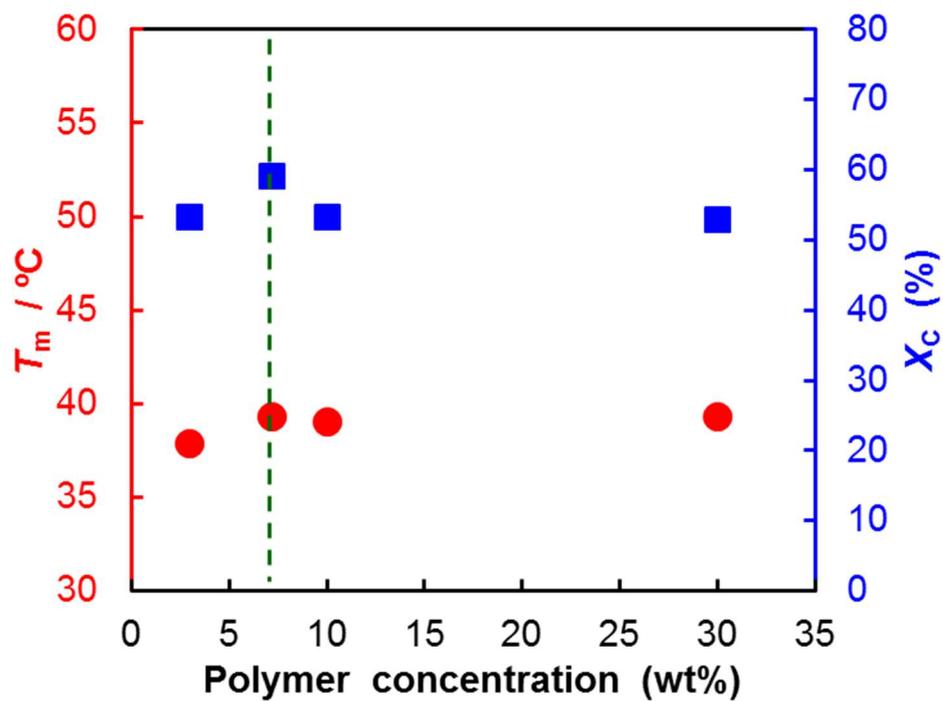
**Figure S1.** Gel fraction of a 10 wt% tetra-PEG/[C<sub>2</sub>mim][NTf<sub>2</sub>] solution as a function of reaction time.



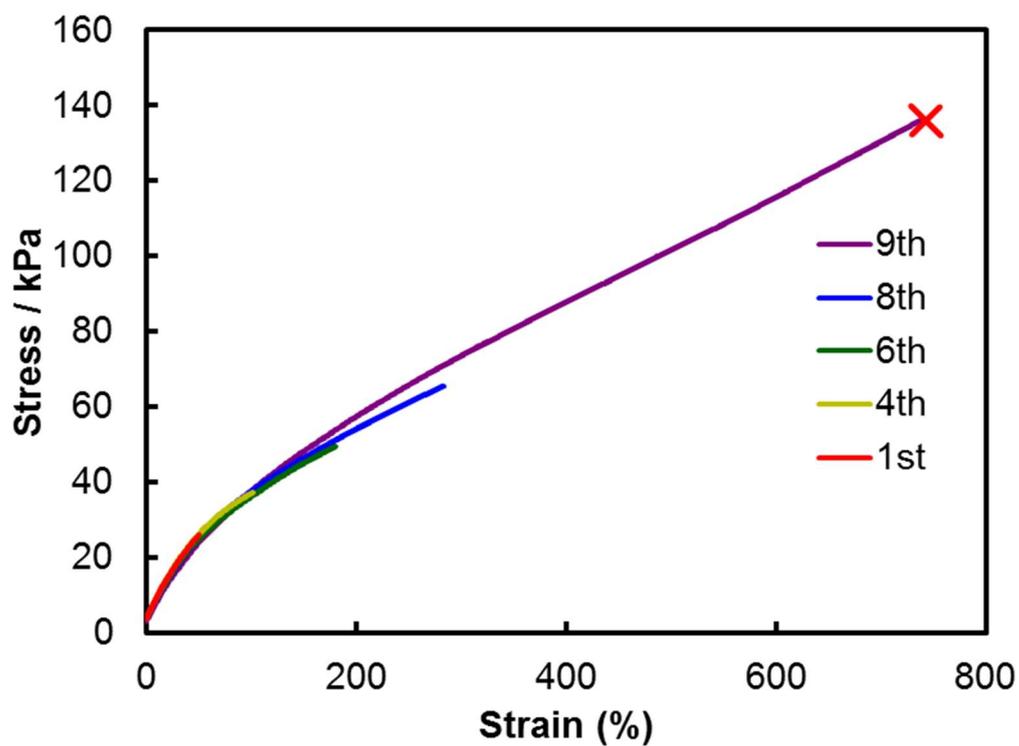
**Figure S2.** Specific viscosity ( $\eta_{sp}$ ) of solutions of tetra-PEG in  $[C_2mim][NTf_2]$  as a function of polymer concentration.



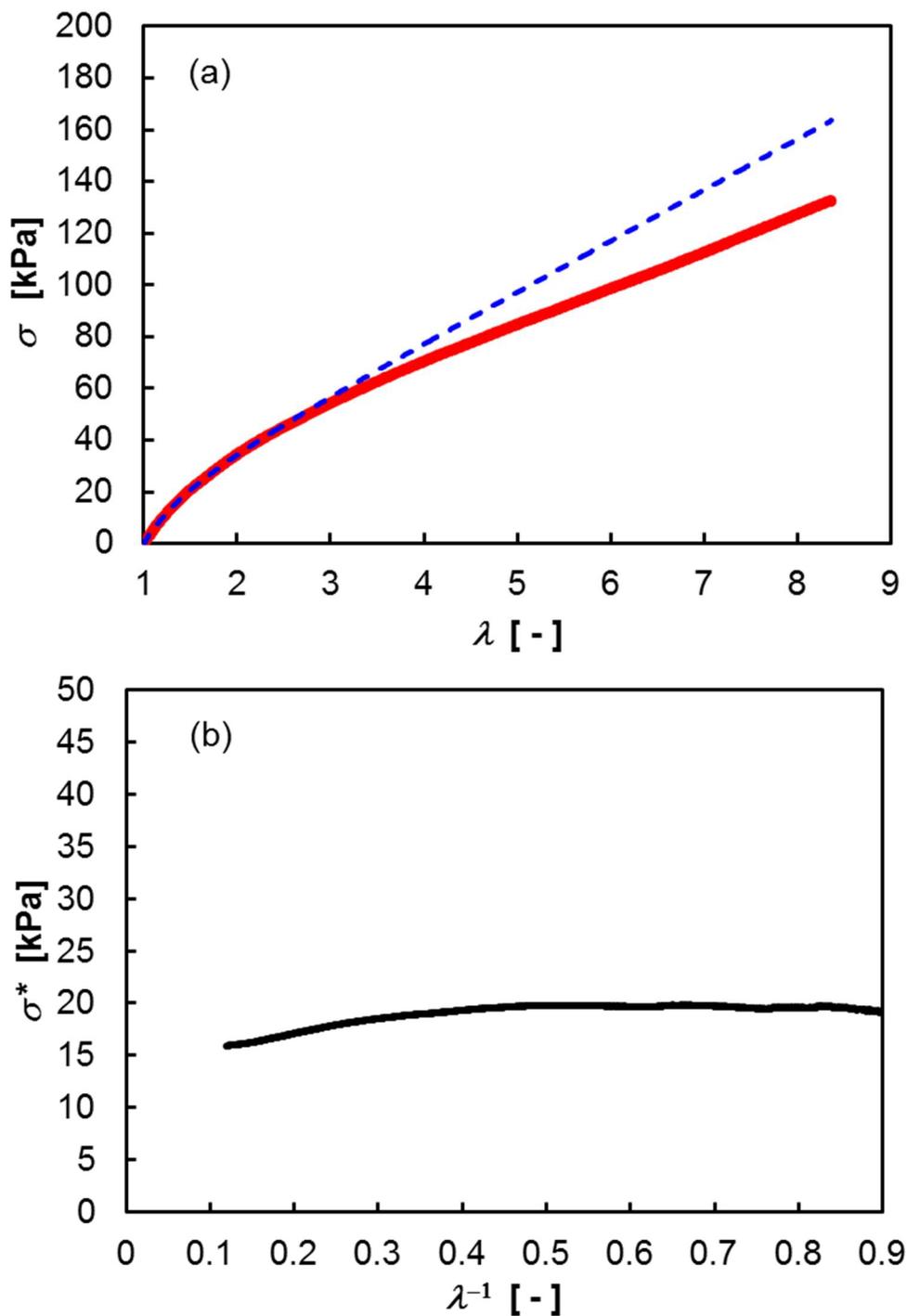
**Figure S3.** DSC thermograms of the dried tetra-PEG ion gels prepared from each macromonomer concentrations.



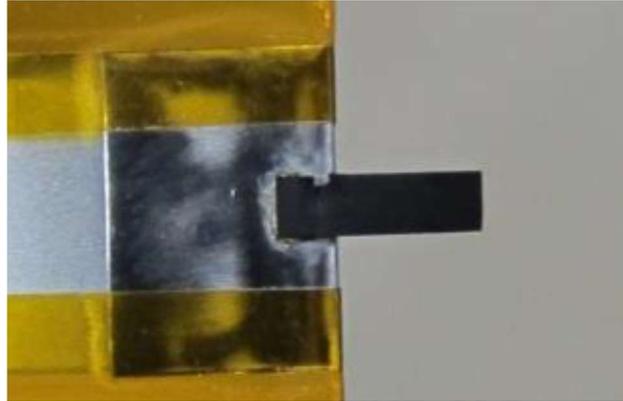
**Figure S4.** Polymer concentration dependence of the melting temperature ( $T_m$ ) (red, left axis) and degree of crystallinity ( $X_c$ ) (blue, right axis) of the dried tetra-PEG gels.



**Figure S5.** Stress-strain curves of repetitive tensile tests for a 10 wt% tetra-PEG/[C<sub>2</sub>mim][NTf<sub>2</sub>] ion gel. The applied strain was changed during cycling: 1st to 3rd cycle: = 50%, 4th = 100%, 5th = 150%, 6th = 180%, 7th = 270%, 8th = 280%, and 9th = 735% (fractured). The curves for 2nd, 3rd, 5th, and 7th cycles are not shown.



**Figure S6.** (a) Stress-elongation curve of the 10 wt% tetra-PEG/[C<sub>2</sub>mim][NTf<sub>2</sub>] ion gel (solid red line) based on the result of stress-strain curve for **Figure 7**. The dashed blue line is the fitting result of equation (6) using  $G$  value of 19.6 kPa. (b) Mooney – Rivlin plot of the 10 wt% tetra-PEG ion gel.



**Figure S7.** Photograph of PMMA actuator after 1000 cycles. Damage could be observed at the clamped point of the actuator.