Institute of Industrial Science, The University of Tokyo Development of multi-lock polymers with complete biodegradability and practical toughness



We try to realize multi-lock polymers with complete biodegradability and practical toughness by combining the following three strategy:

"Low speed degradability" for complete degradation: Developing polymers that are stable during practical use but quickly degraded after oligomerization.

"Multi-lock degradation mechanism": Introducing to polymer main chain degradable bonds that break only when receiving multistimuli for unlock at the same time.

"Toughenig" for practical use: Introducing dynamic bonds and/or controlling higher order structure to toughen polymers.

We also develop the concept of "Entropy driven multiple hydrogen bond" proposed by our group to realize good elastic properties only with physical crosslinks.



