

NTU, A*Star create materials from squid, mussels, snails



SCIENTISTS here have created new materials from squid, mussels and sea snails that are stronger than most plastics.

The team from Nanyang Technological University (NTU) and the Agency for Science, Technology and Research (A*Star) used a new approach that lets scientists speed up the discovery and development of new and better biomaterials within months instead of years. The squid-inspired biomaterial, for instance, can be transformed into biocompatible films for food and drug packaging.

Their work was published this week in *Nature Biotechnology*, the top scientific journal in the field.