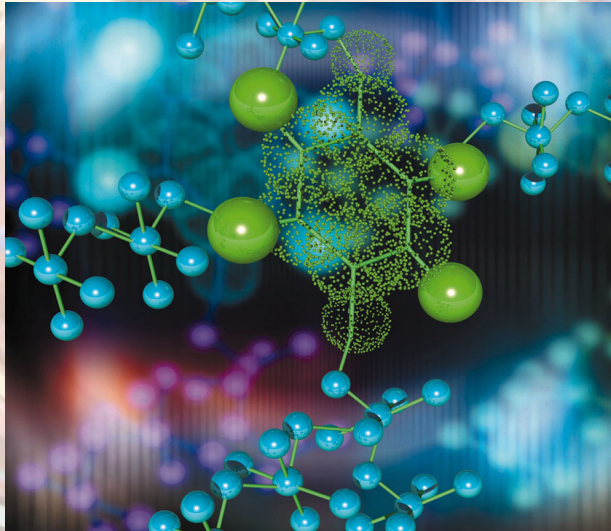


RUBBER TAKES ON NEW LIFE



FRENCH RESEARCHERS HAVE DEVELOPED NEW SELF-HEALING RUBBER.

The French research team ESPCi has developed a new kind of rubber. The still un-named material is made of vegetable oil and components of urine.

The molecules of the rubber bond together so that it can self-repair. Like billion of tiny hands re-finding their grips when parted.

Dr. Liebler, head of the team, sees the use of the rubber in for example seals or toys, but the possibilities are endless.