

## Supporting Information

### **Polyurethanes prepared from isocyanate triphenylamine: Synthesis and Optical, Electrochemical, Electrochromic and Memory Properties**

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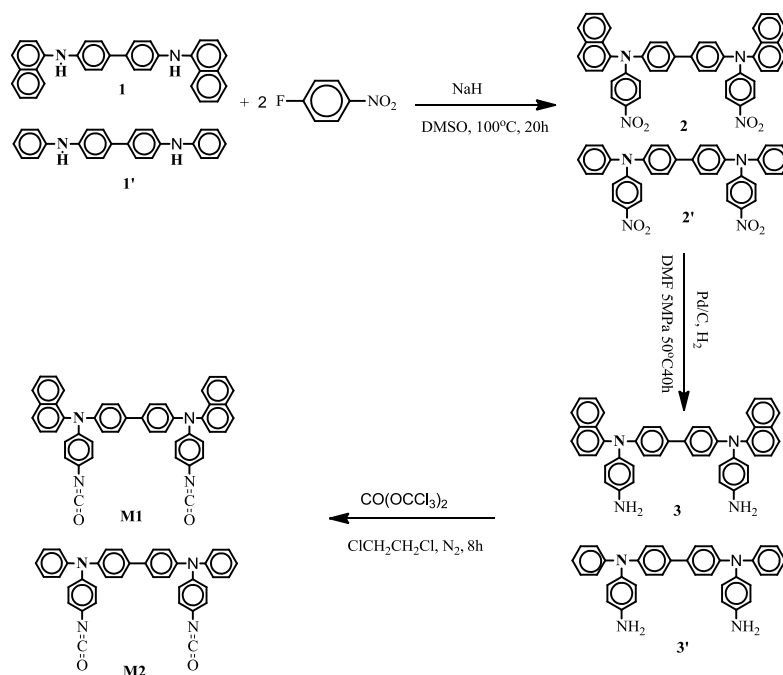
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**Scheme S1** Synthesis routes of M1 and M2.

M1: FT-IR spectrum (KBr pellet,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 2261 (N=C=O stretching).  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ , ppm): 6.84 (d, 4H, ArH ortho to N), 6.96 (d, 4H, ArH ortho to NCO), 7.12 (m, 3H, ArH of Ph), 7.24 (m, 2H, ArH ortho to N in Ph).  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  (100 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ , ppm): 120.0, 121.6, 123.2, 123.8, 125.0, 125.4, 126.2, 130.0, 139.8, 136.2, 141.4, 146.8, 148.0, 152.8 (carbon of benzene ring), 127.2 (N=C=O).

M2: FT-IR spectrum (KBr pellet,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 2268 (N=C=O stretching).  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ , ppm): 6.83 (d, 4H, ArH ortho to N), 6.97 (d, 4H, ArH ortho to NCO), 7.13 (m, 3H, ArH of Ph), 7.25 (m, 2H, ArH ortho to N in Ph).  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  (100 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ , ppm): 117.7, 120.0, 121.2, 123.1, 124.2, 129.0, 131.0, 136.0, 142.0, 143.6, 147.9 (carbon of benzene ring), 127.6 (N=C=O).

**PU (M1)-a**: FT-IR spectrum (KBr pellet,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3230 (N-H stretching), 1658 (C=O stretching), 1014 (N-CO-O stretching band), 1538 (C-N stretching and N-H bending), 1275 (C-N-H combination), 1593, 1505, 756 (aromatic ring of benzene).  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ,

ppm): 7.95 (d, NH-COO), 6.75 (m, aromatic ring of benzene N), 7.67-7.21 (m, aromatic ring of TPA). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>, ppm): 92.0 (°C), 115.9, 120.1, 123.2, 123.8, 125.0, 126.0, 127.2, 128.2, 129.0, 131.8, 135.9, 138.2, 142.2, 146.2, 147.8, 151.0, 153.0, 152.7 (carbon of benzene ring), 158.1 (C=O).

**PU (M1)-b:** FT-IR spectrum (KBr pellet, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3285 (N-H stretching), 1660 (C=O stretching), 1014 (N-CO-O stretching band), 1538 (C-N stretching and N-H bending), 1272 (C-N-H combination), 1593, 1505, 755 (aromatic ring of benzene). <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>, ppm): 7.95 (d, NH-COO), 6.64 (m, aromatic ring of benzene N), 7.61-7.22 (m, aromatic ring of TPA). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>, ppm): 31.2 (-CH<sub>3</sub>), 40.1(°C), 115.0, 120.2, 121.9, 123.6, 123.9, 126.1, 128.0, 130.1, 133.9, 141.5, 141.8, 142.2, 146.2, 147.9, 148.4, -155.8 (carbon of benzene ring), 152.1 (C=O).

**PU (M1)-c:** FT-IR spectrum (KBr pellet, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3261 (N-H stretching), 1659 (C=O stretching), 1014 (N-CO-O stretching band), 1536 (C-N stretching and N-H bending), 1262 (C-N-H combination), 1594, 1502, 775 (aromatic ring of benzene). <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>, ppm): 7.95 (d, NH-COO), 6.79 (m, aromatic ring of benzene N), 7.51-7.21 (m, aromatic ring of TPA). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>, ppm): 116.0, 120.2, 123.5, 126.1, 127.2, 128.1, 129.0, 131.9, 133.9, 156.4 (carbon of benzene ring), 147.8 (C=O)

**PU (M1)-d:** FT-IR spectrum (KBr pellet, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3247 (N-H stretching), 1658 (C=O stretching), 1014 (N-CO-O stretching band), 1542 (C-N stretching and N-H bending), 1278 (C-N-H combination), 1604, 1505, 772 (aromatic ring of benzene). <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>, ppm): 7.95 (d, NH-COO), 6.88 (m, aromatic ring of benzene N), 7.62-7.58 (m, aromatic ring of TPA). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>, ppm): 115.9, 120.0, 122.0, 123.0, 126.2, 127.2,

128.2, 129.2, 131.4, 132.5, 135.6, 141.6, 147.9 (carbon of benzene ring), 153.9 (C=O), 161.9 (°C).

**PU (M1)-e:** FT-IR spectrum (KBr pellet,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3254 (N-H stretching), 1660 (C=O stretching), 1014 (N-CO-O stretching band), 1538 (C-N stretching and N-H bending), 1270 (C-N-H combination), 1593, 1508, 747 (aromatic ring of benzene).  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$ , ppm): 7.95 (d, NH-COO), 6.87 (m, aromatic ring of benzene N), 7.43-7.26 (m, aromatic ring of TPA).  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  (100 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$ , ppm): 115.8, 120.2, 122.1, 123.6, 123.8, 126.1, 127.8, 129.0, 130.0, 133.9, 135.9, 136.2, 140.0, 143.8, 146.8, 147.8, 149.9 (carbon of benzene ring), 152.1 (C=O), 156.2 (°C).

**PU (M2)-a:** FT-IR spectrum (KBr pellet,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3253 (N-H stretching), 1660 (C=O stretching), 1015 (N-CO-O stretching band), 1538 (C-N stretching and N-H bending), 1273 (C-N-H combination), 1593, 1505, 755 (aromatic ring of benzene).  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$ , ppm): 7.95 (d, NH-COO), 6.74 (m, aromatic ring of benzene N), 7.53-7.23 (m, aromatic ring of TPA).  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  (100 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$ , ppm): 90.2 (C-O), 115.1, 120.0, 123.0, 124.0, 127.0, 128.0, 131.0, 132.0, 135.2, 144.1, 147.2, 151.2, 158.0, 162.1 (carbon of benzene ring), 169.9 (C=O).

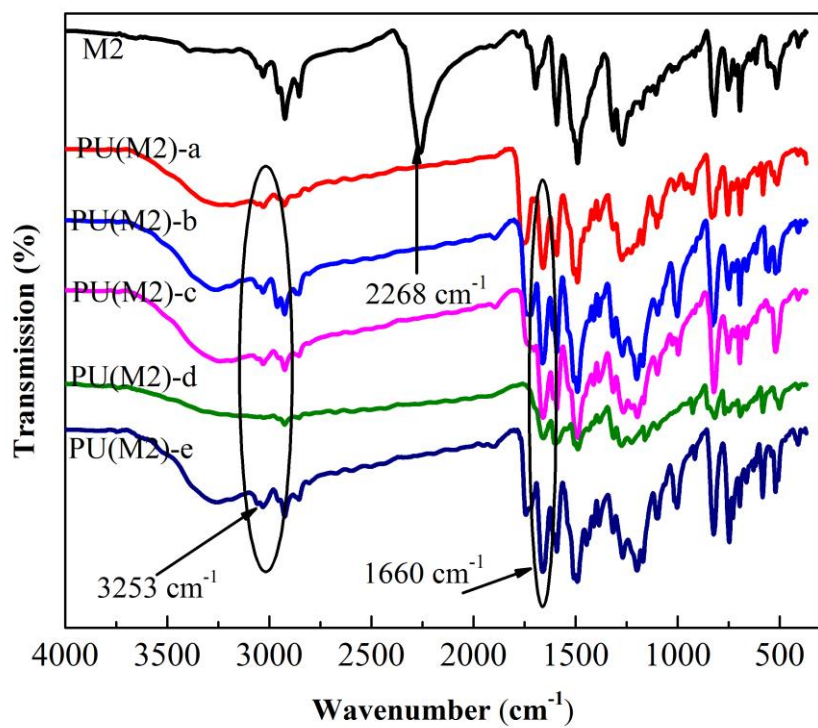
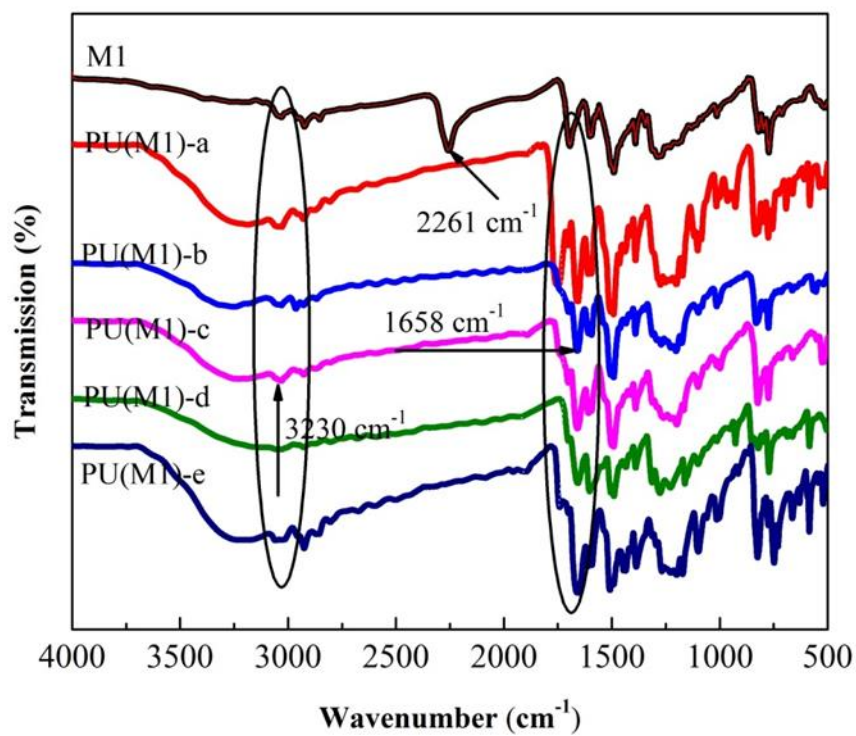
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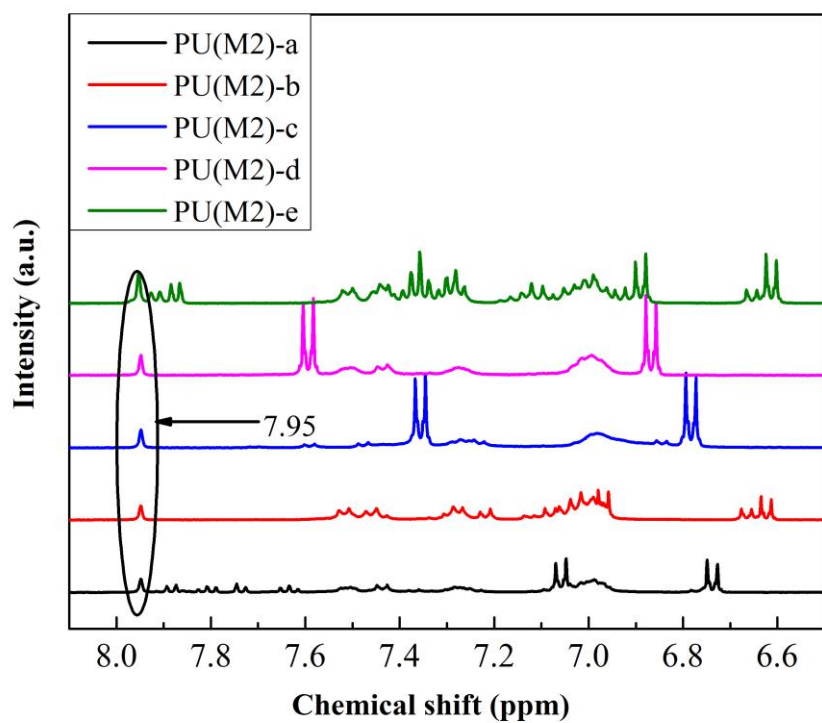
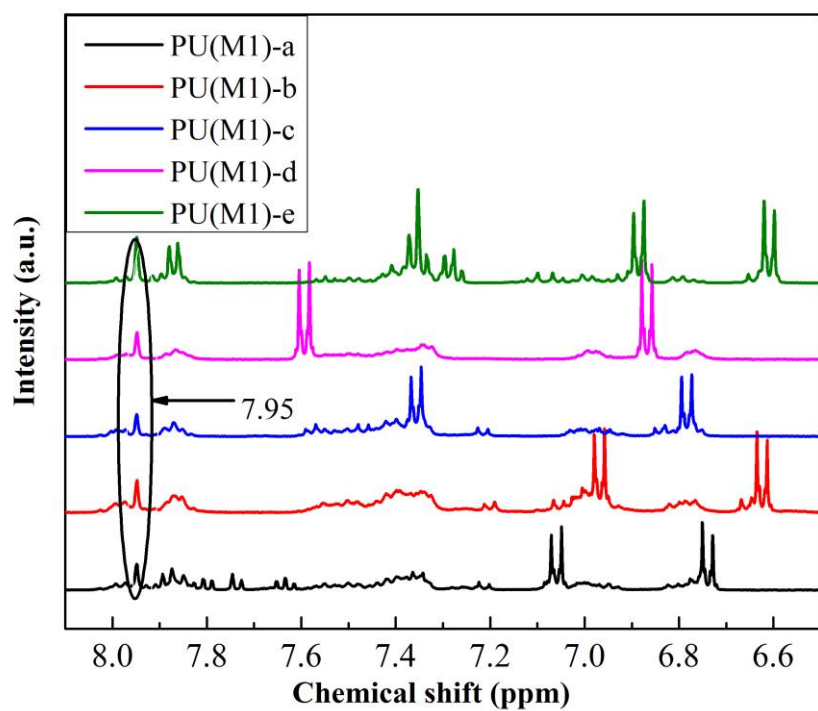
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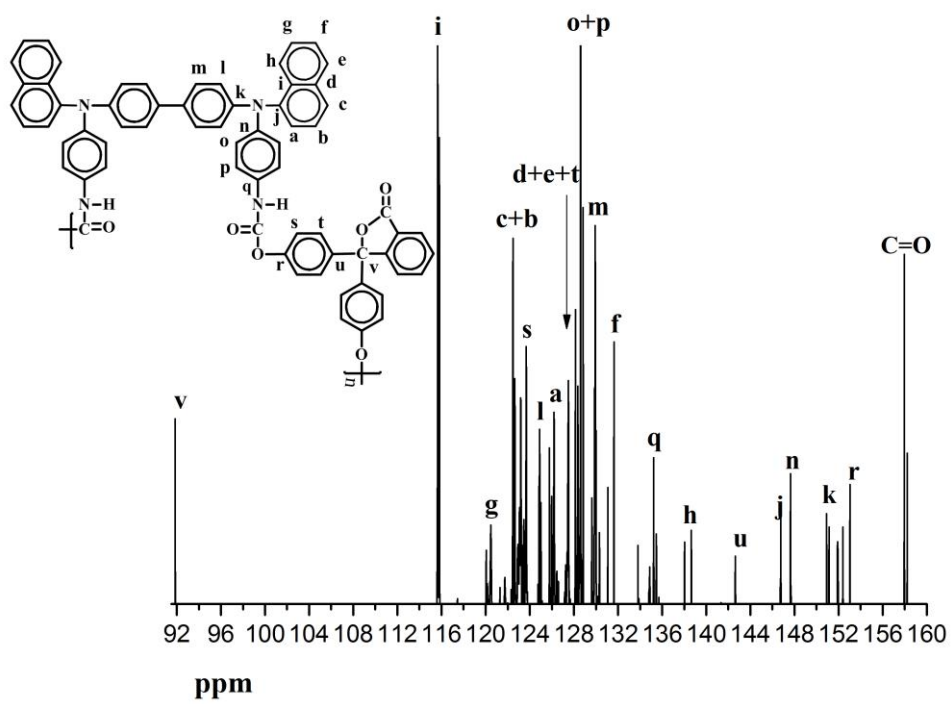
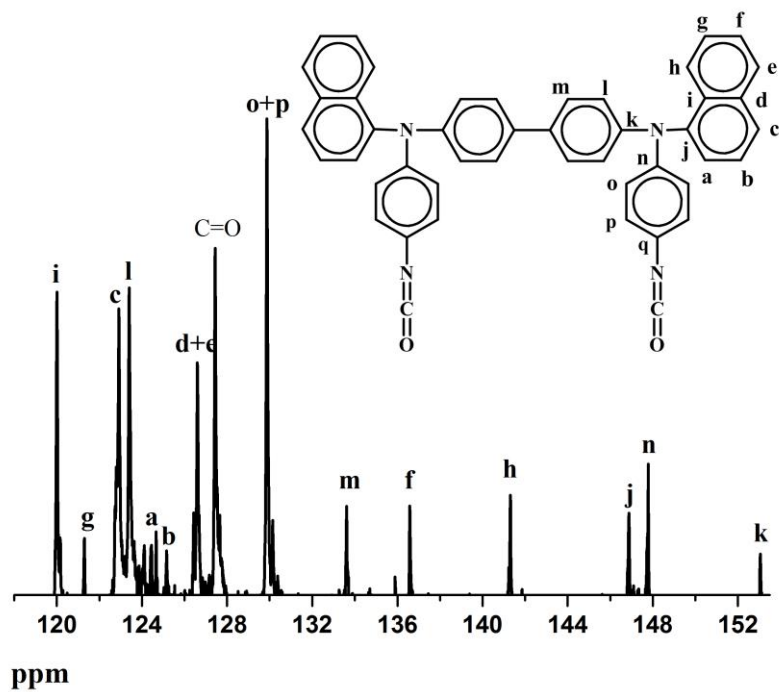
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**PU (M2)-e:** FT-IR spectrum (KBr pellet,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3259 (N-H stretching), 1660 (C=O stretching), 1005 (N-CO-O stretching band), 1543 (C-N stretching and N-H bending), 1270 (C-N-H combination), 1592, 1509, 748 (aromatic ring of benzene).  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$ , ppm): 7.95 (d, NH-COO), 6.88 (m, aromatic ring of benzene N), 7.52-7.26 (m, aromatic ring of TPA).  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  (100 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$ , ppm): 115.1, 121.0, 127.0, 128.0, 129.2, 136.8, 140.0, 152.4, -163.0 (carbon of benzene ring), 156.0 (C=O).

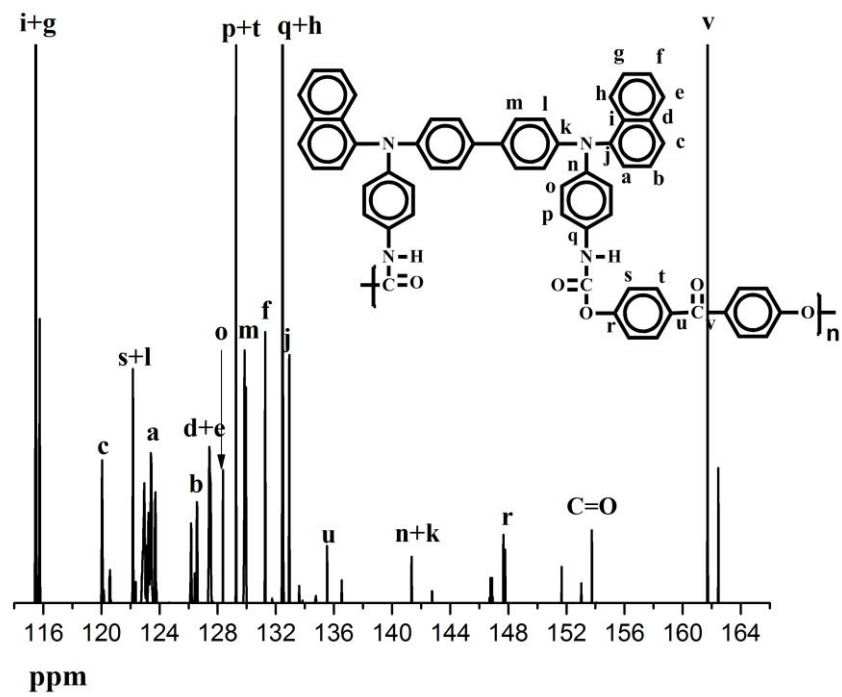
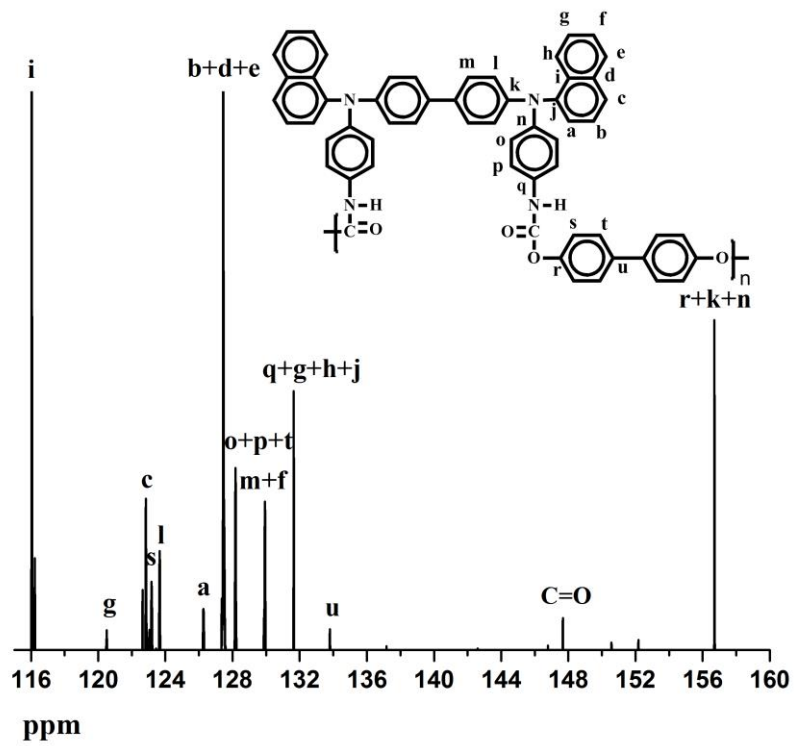


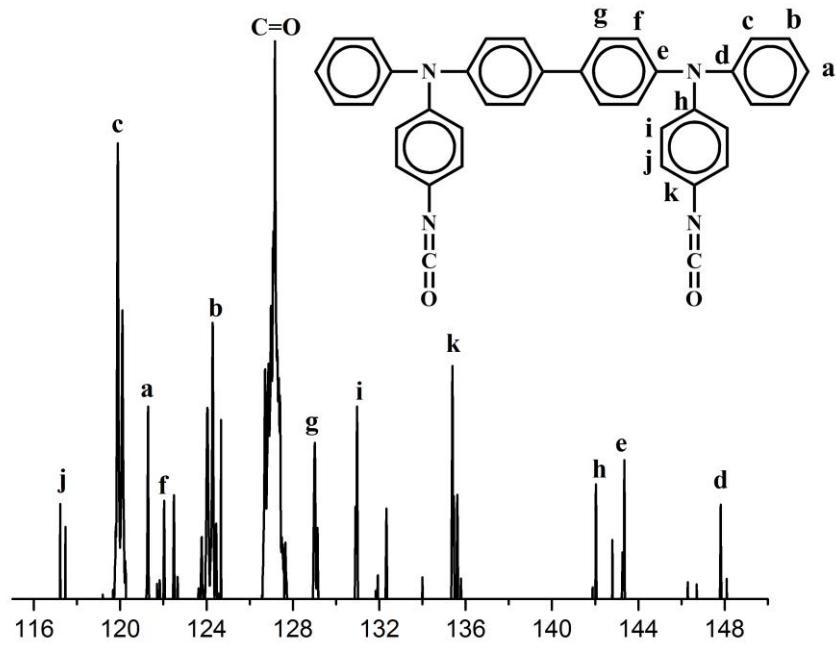
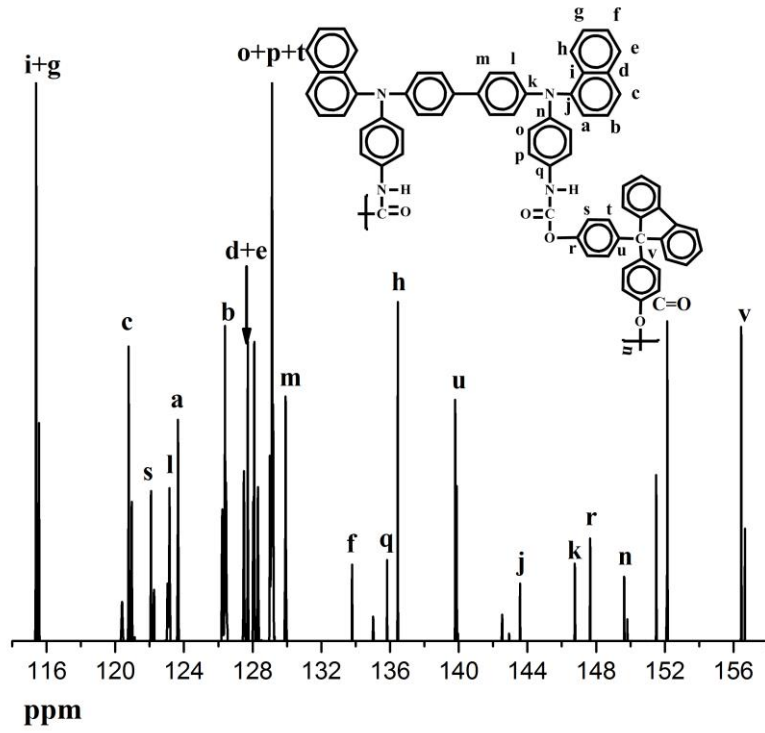
**Fig. S1** FT-IR spectra of M1, M2, PUs (M1) and PUs (M2).

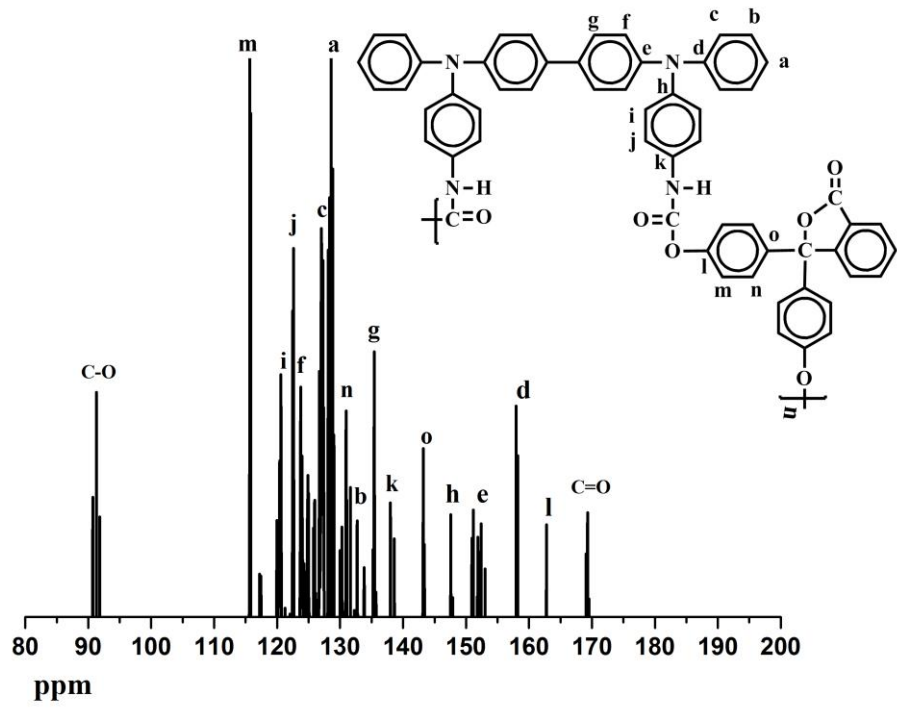




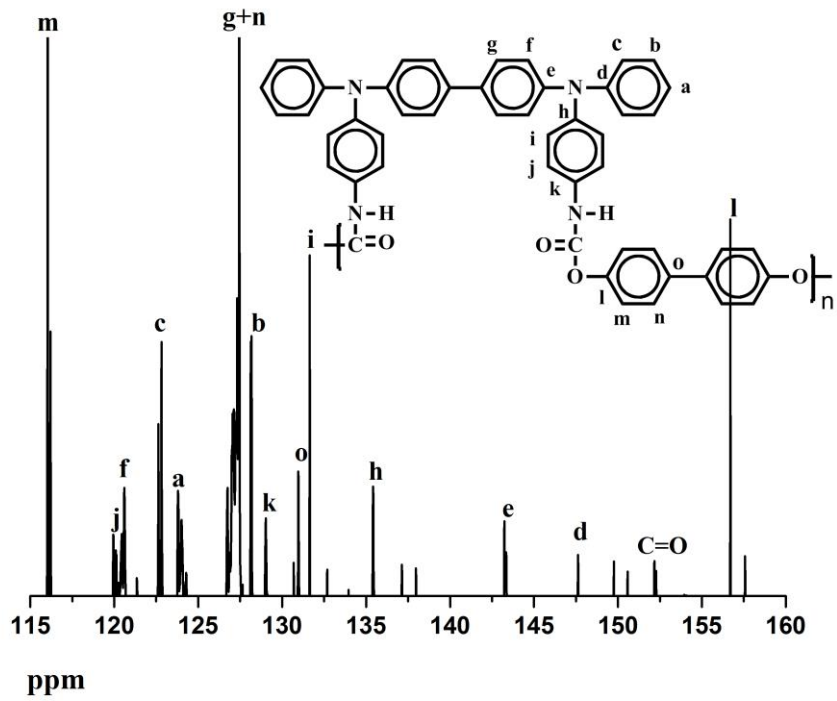


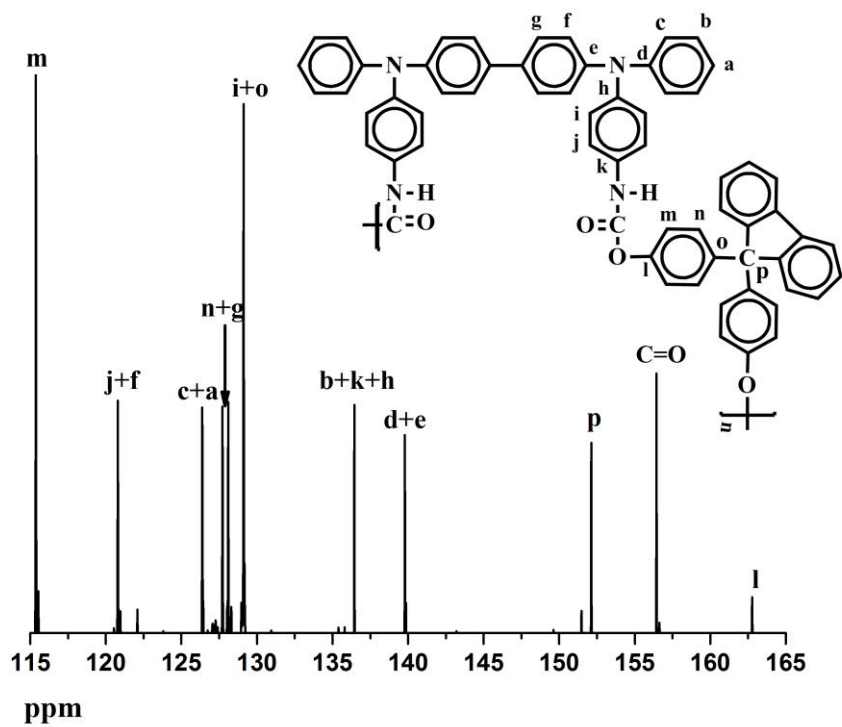
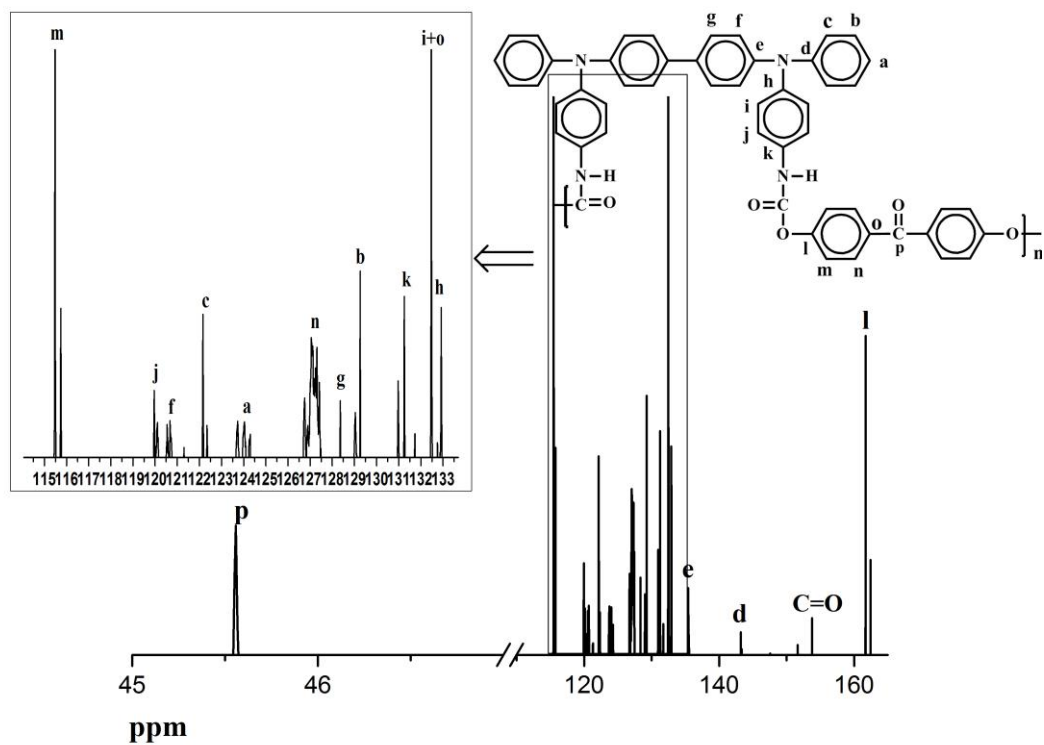




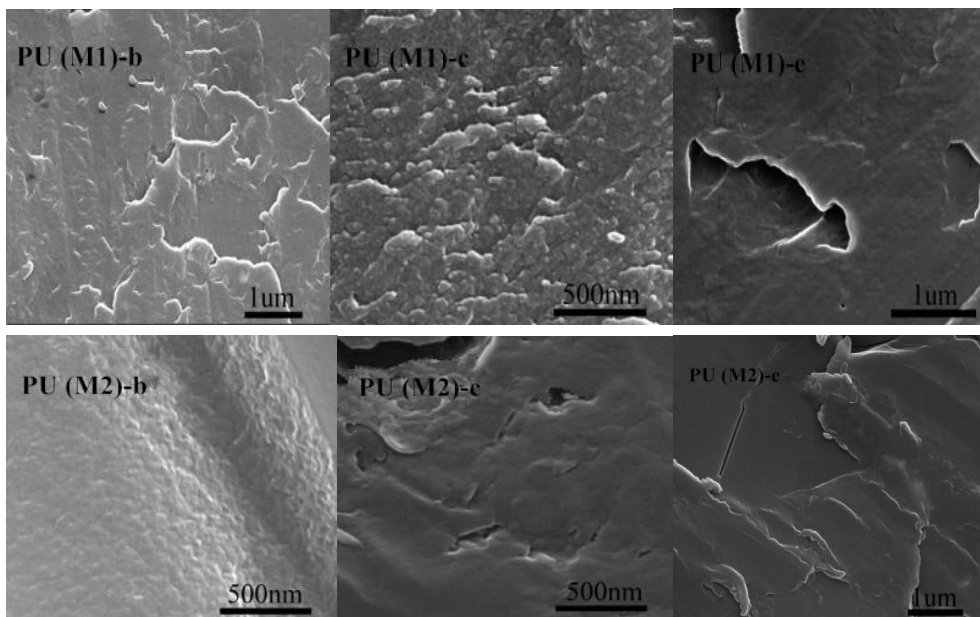


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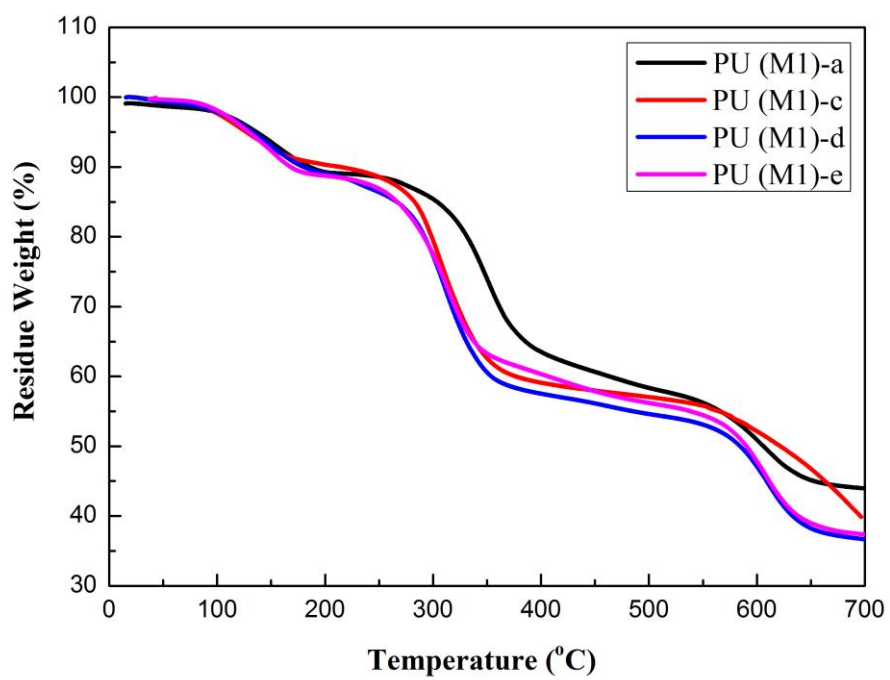


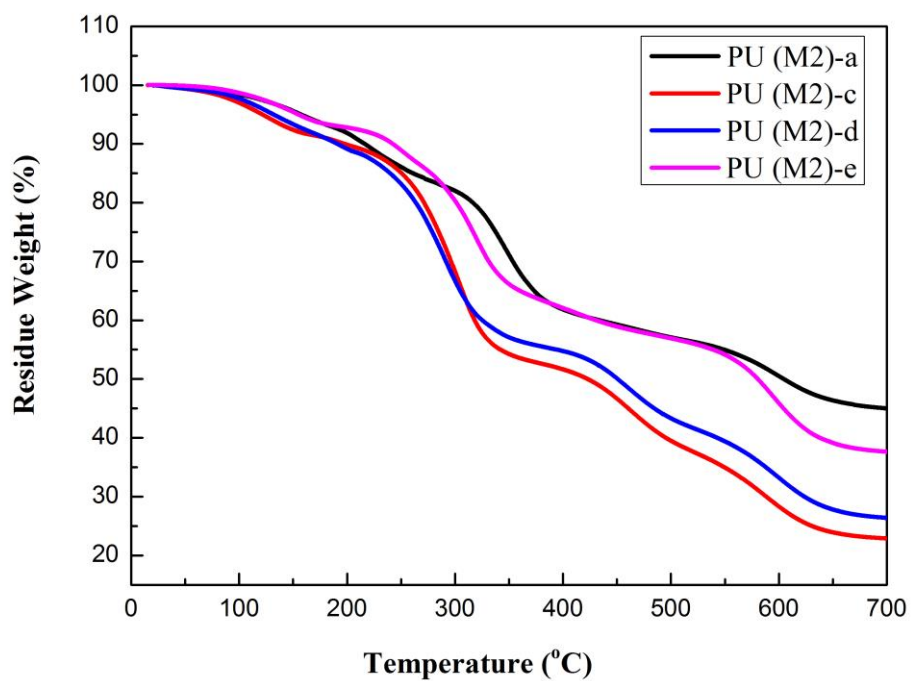


**Fig. S2** <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectras of PUs (M1) and PUs (M2) in DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>.

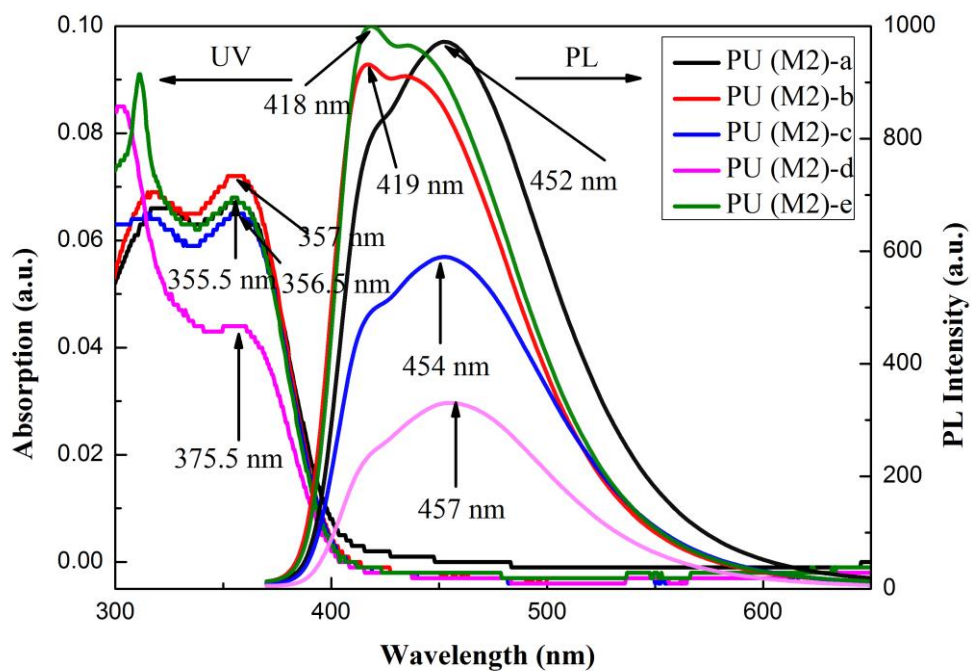


**Fig. S3** SEM images of other PUs (M1) and PUs (M2).





**Fig. S4** TGA traces of the PUs (M1) and PUs (M2).

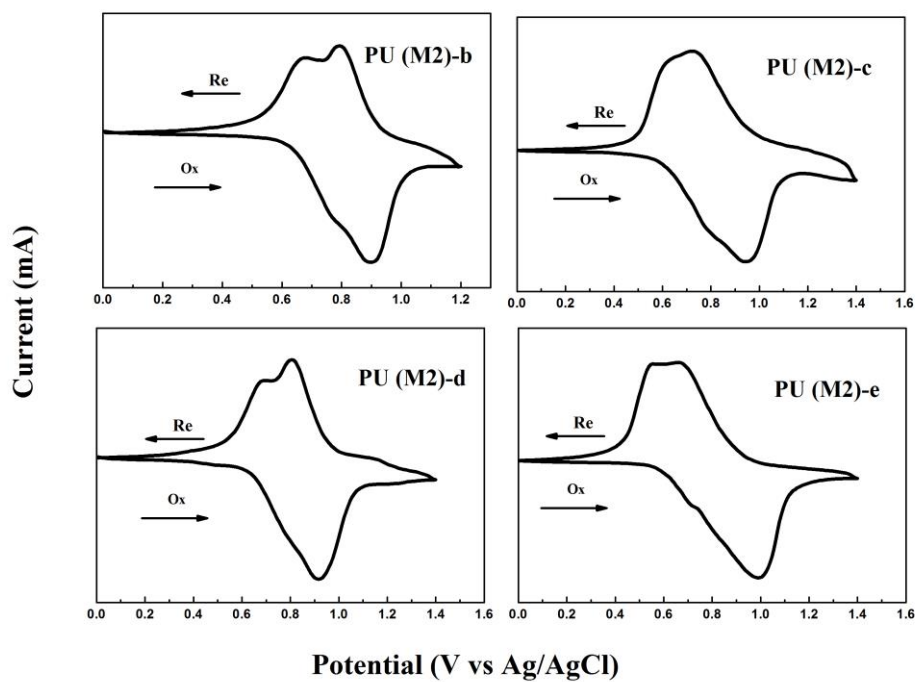
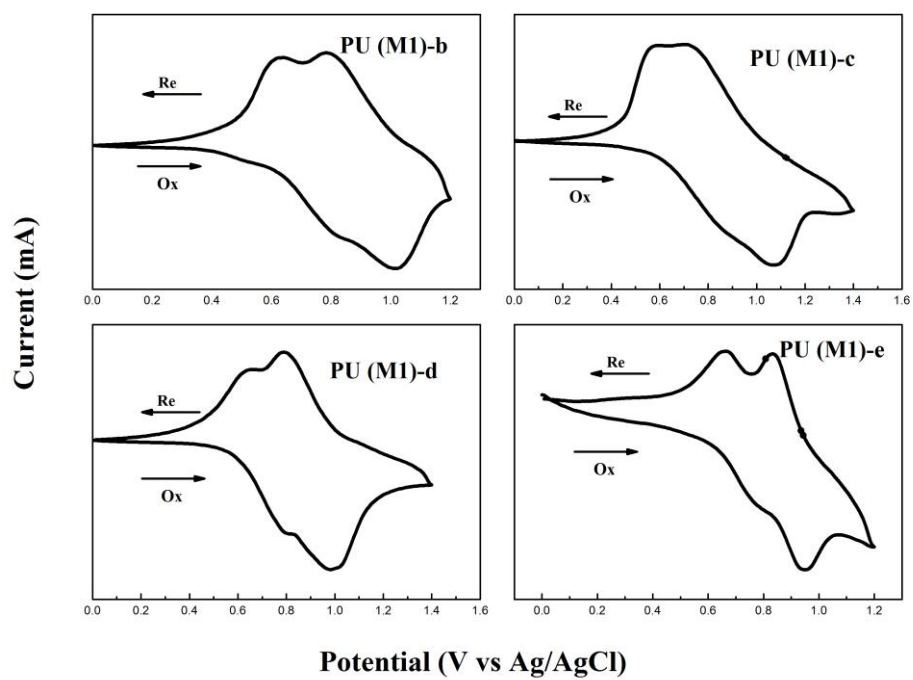


**Fig. S5** UV-vis absorption and PL spectra of PUs (M2) with a concentration of DMSO (conc.:  $10^{-8}$

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**Table S1** Molecular weights of the PUs.

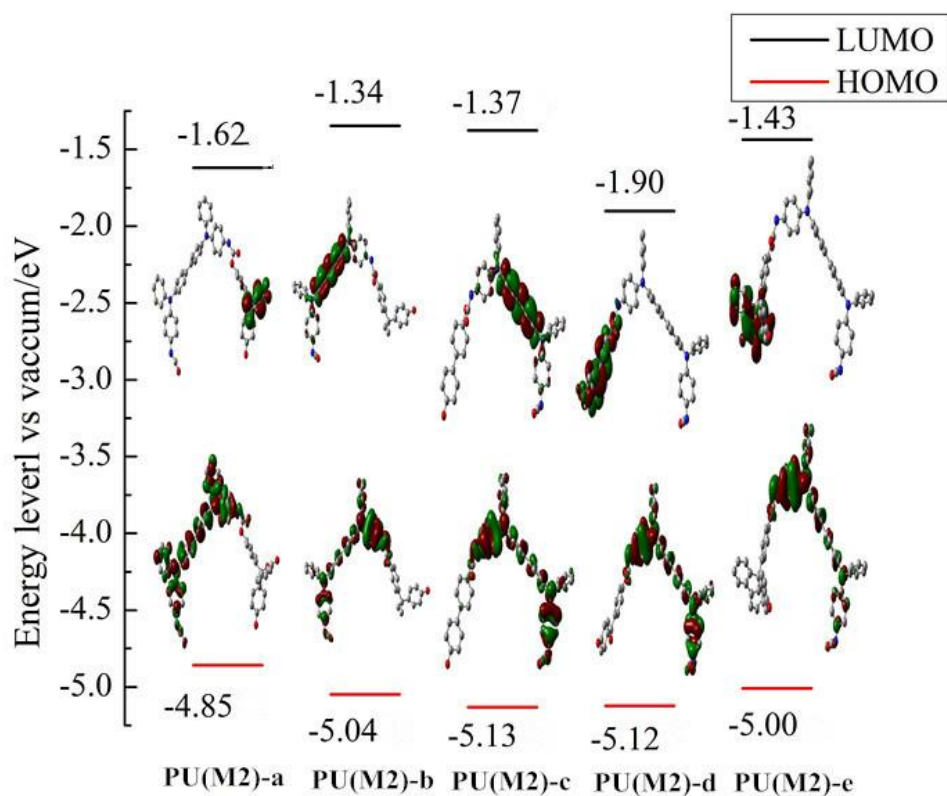
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PU(M1)-a	10400	15500	21400	1.49	10
PU(M1)-b	11900	13200	14800	1.11	13
PU(M1)-c	12500	13600	14900	1.09	14
PU(M1)-d	11700	13100	15000	1.12	13
PU(M1)-e	11400	12100	13000	1.06	11
PU(M2)-a	13100	15200	18700	1.16	14
PU(M2)-b	10600	13200	16600	1.27	13
PU(M2)-c	10900	17100	26400	1.57	14
PU(M2)-d	10400	11000	12200	1.09	13
PU(M2)-e	10200	10400	10500	1.04	11



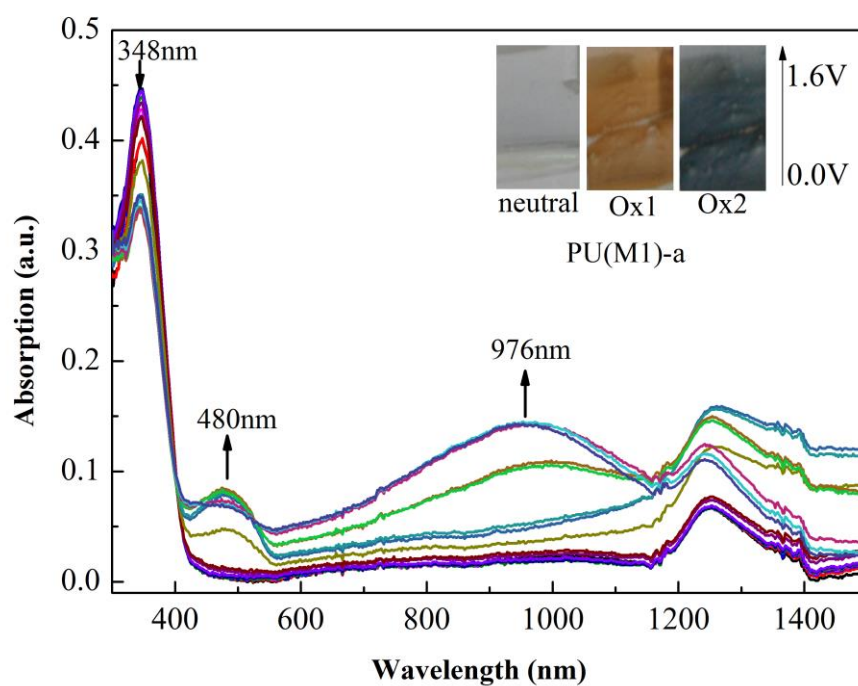
**Fig. S6** CVs for PUs (M1) and PUs (M2) in 0.1 M LiClO<sub>4</sub>/CH<sub>3</sub>CN at the scanning rate of 50

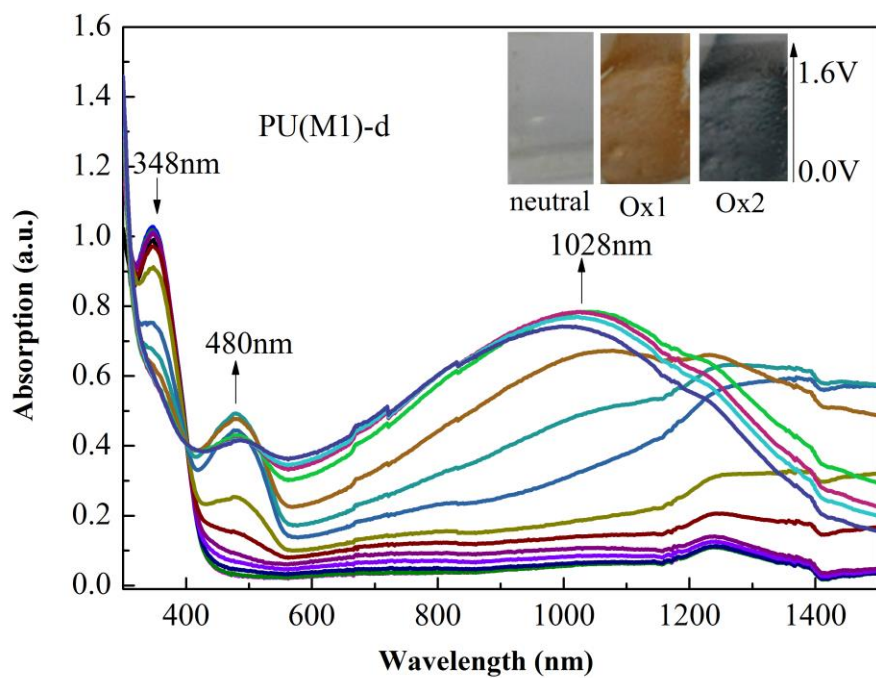
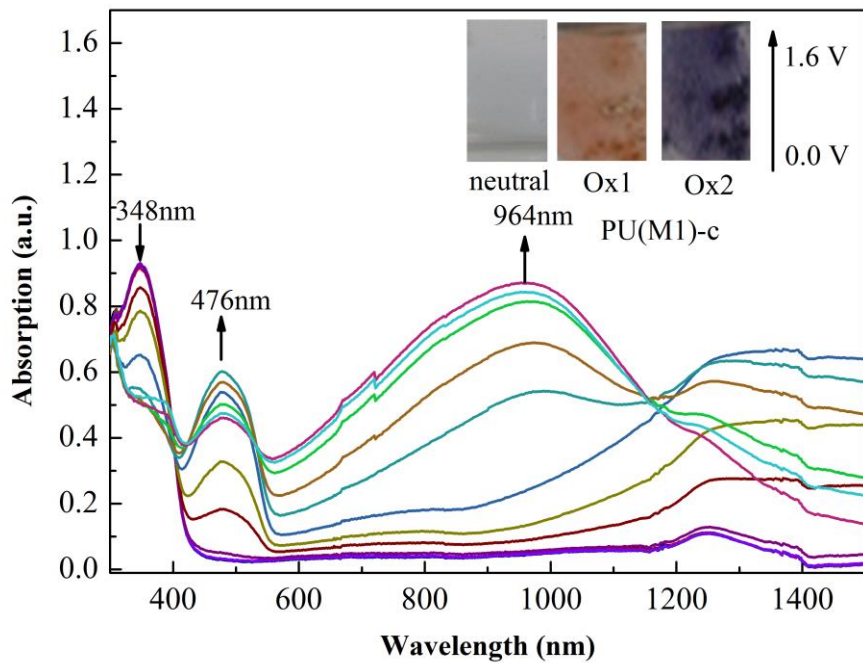
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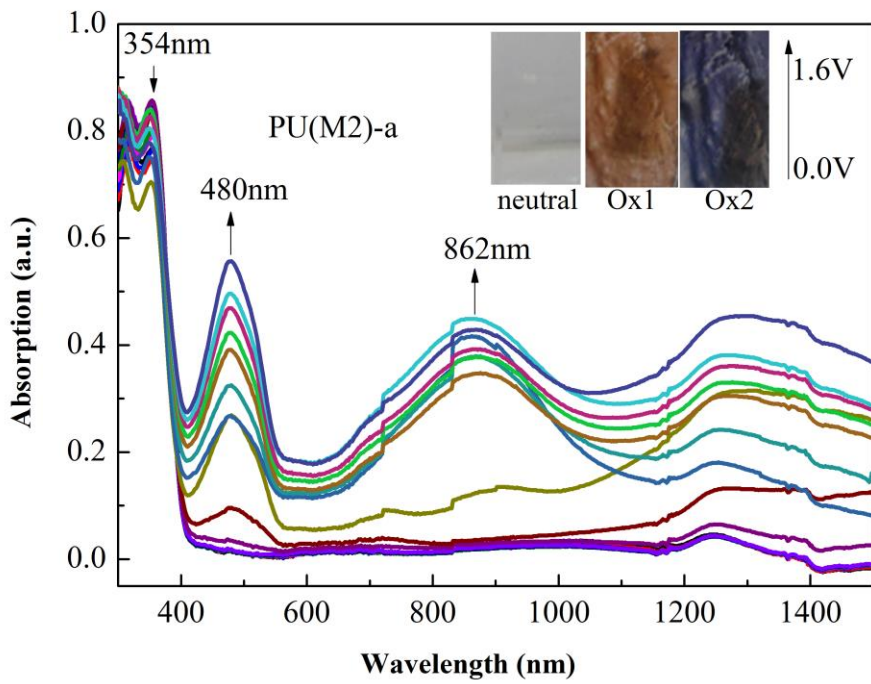
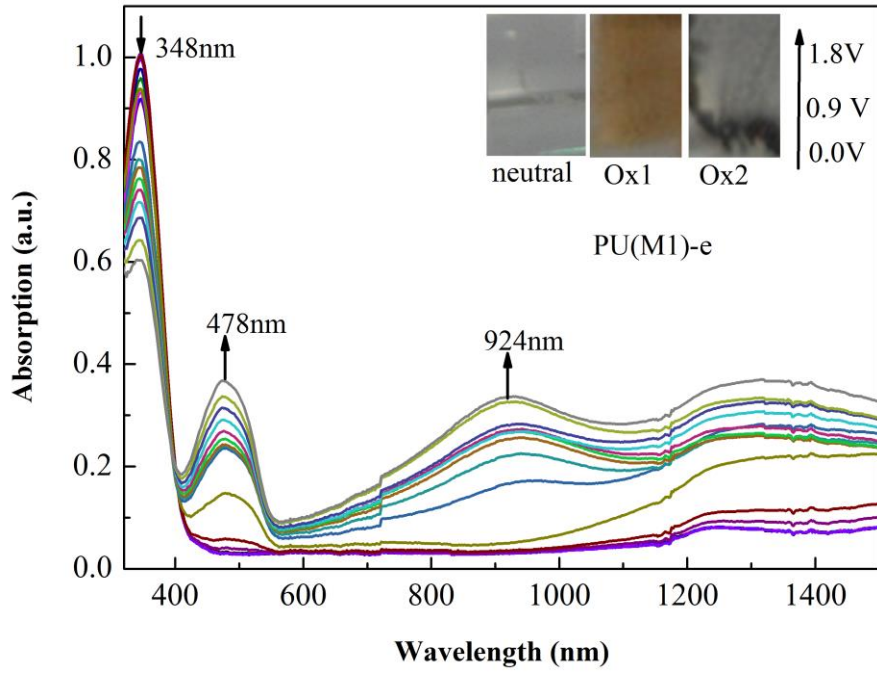


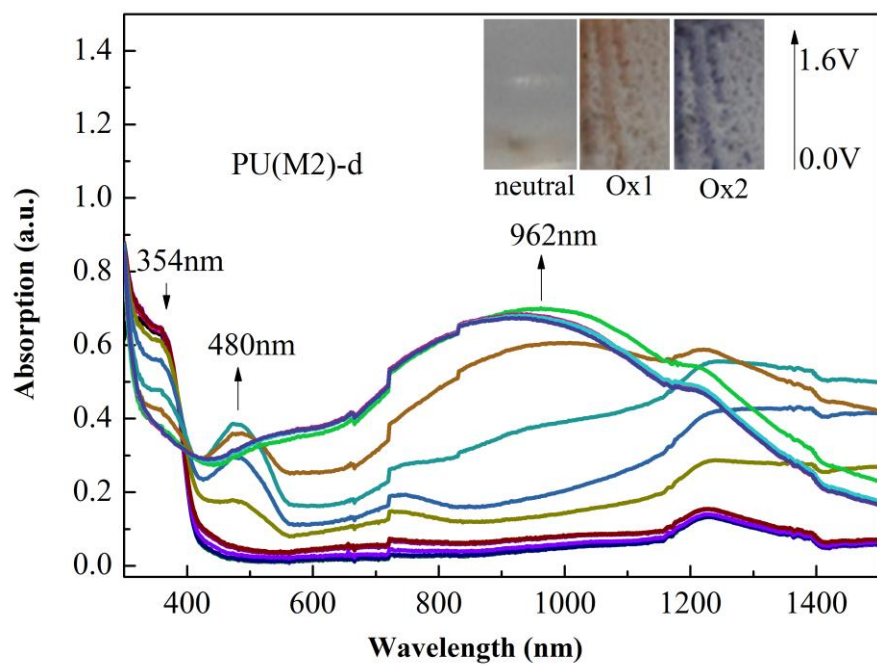
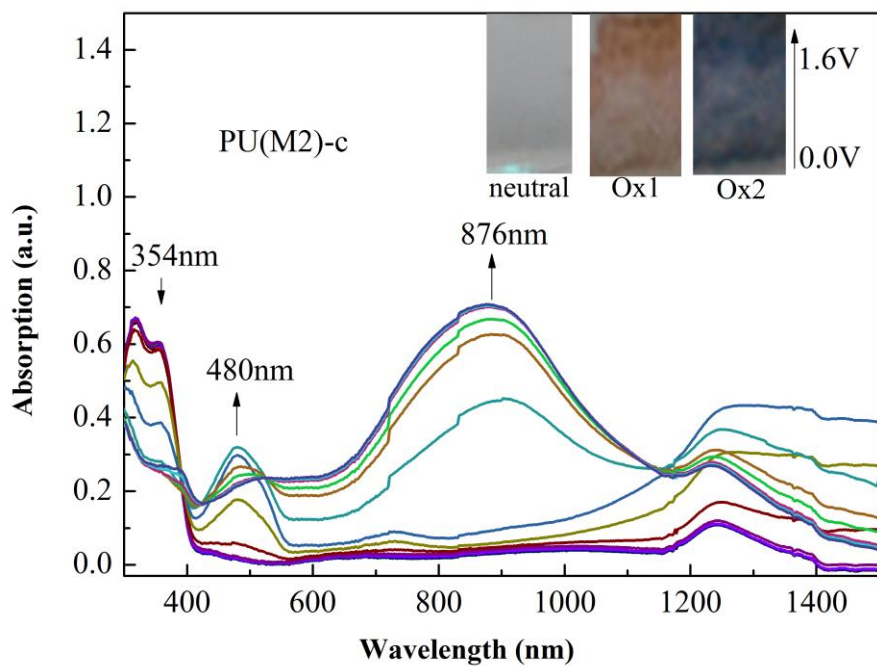


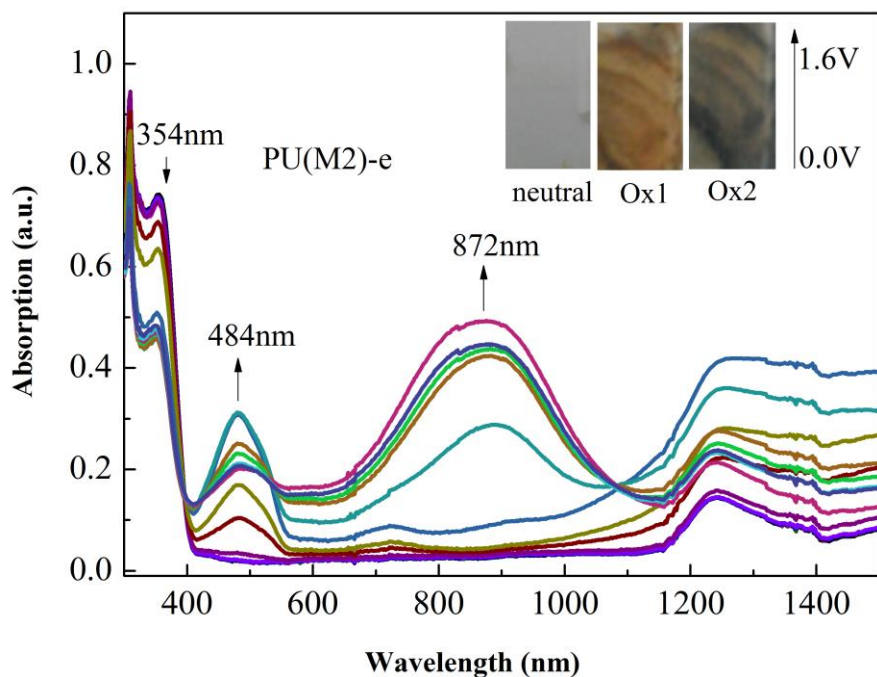
**Fig. S7** Pictorial representations of the electron density in the frontier molecular orbitals of repetition units for PUs (M2).











**Fig. S8** Electrochromic behaviors of PUs (M1) and PUs (M2) thin film in  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  with 0.1 M  $\text{LiCO}_4$  as the supporting electrolyte (insets are the pictures of oxidized PUs).

**Table S2** Optical and Electrochemical Data Collected for Coloration Efficiency Measurements of polymers.

Polymer code <sup>a</sup>	$\lambda$ (nm) <sup>b</sup>	$\delta_{\text{OD}}$ <sup>c</sup>	$Q(\text{mC}/\text{cm}^2)$ <sup>d</sup>	$\eta(\text{cm}^2/\text{C})$ <sup>e</sup>
PU(M1)-a	480	0.309	1.185	261.1
PU(M1)-b	476	0.135	1.044	129.6
PU(M1)-c	476	0.134	1.300	103.6
PU(M1)-d	480	0.175	1.053	166.5
PU(M1)-e	478	0.267	1.454	182.4
PU(M2)-a	480	0.571	3.418	167.3
PU(M2)-b	480	0.550	2.174	253.1

PU(M2)-c	480	0.372	1.579	235.8
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PU(M2)-e	484	0.429	1.445	297.4

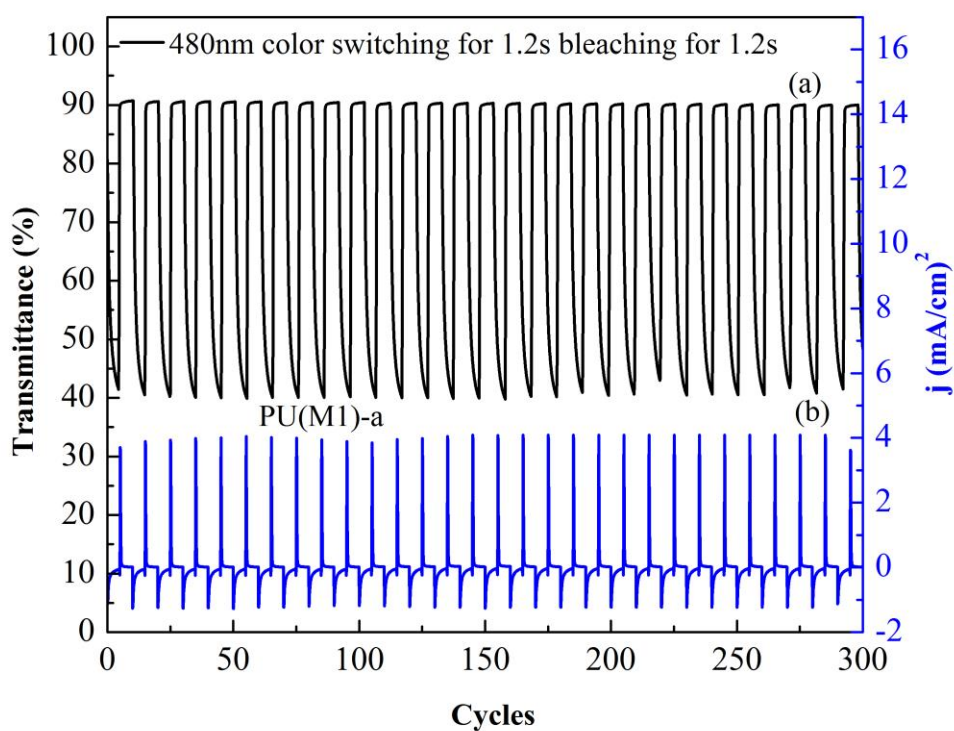
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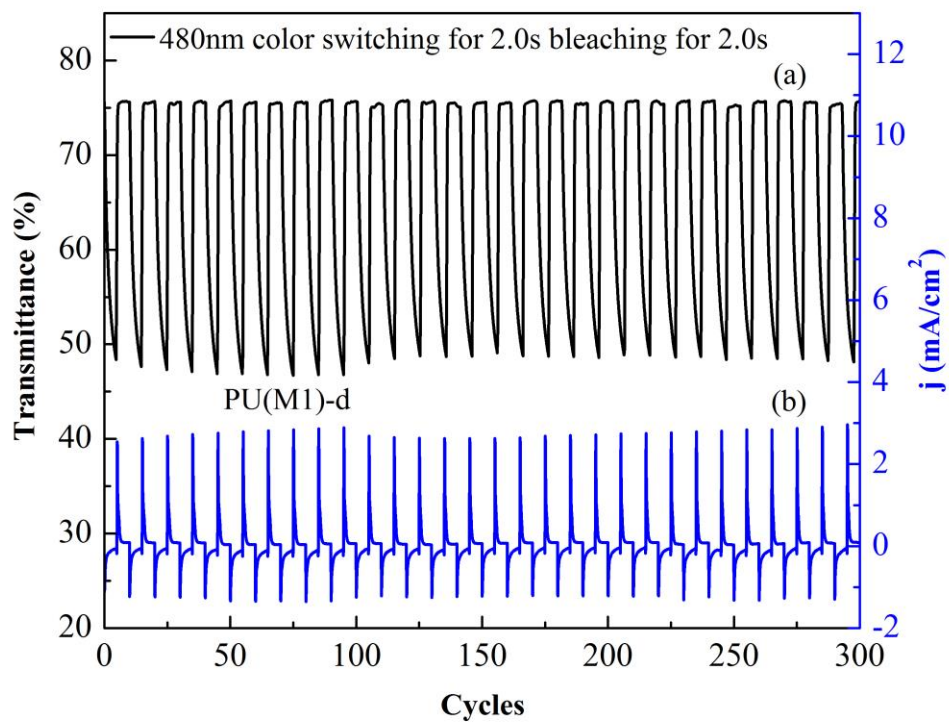
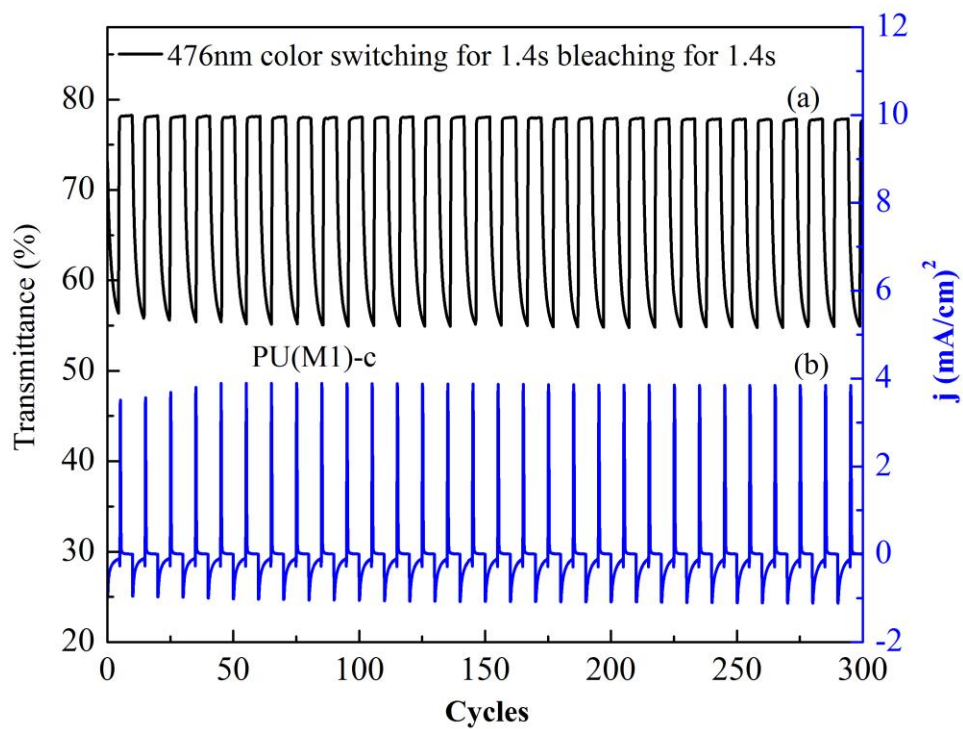
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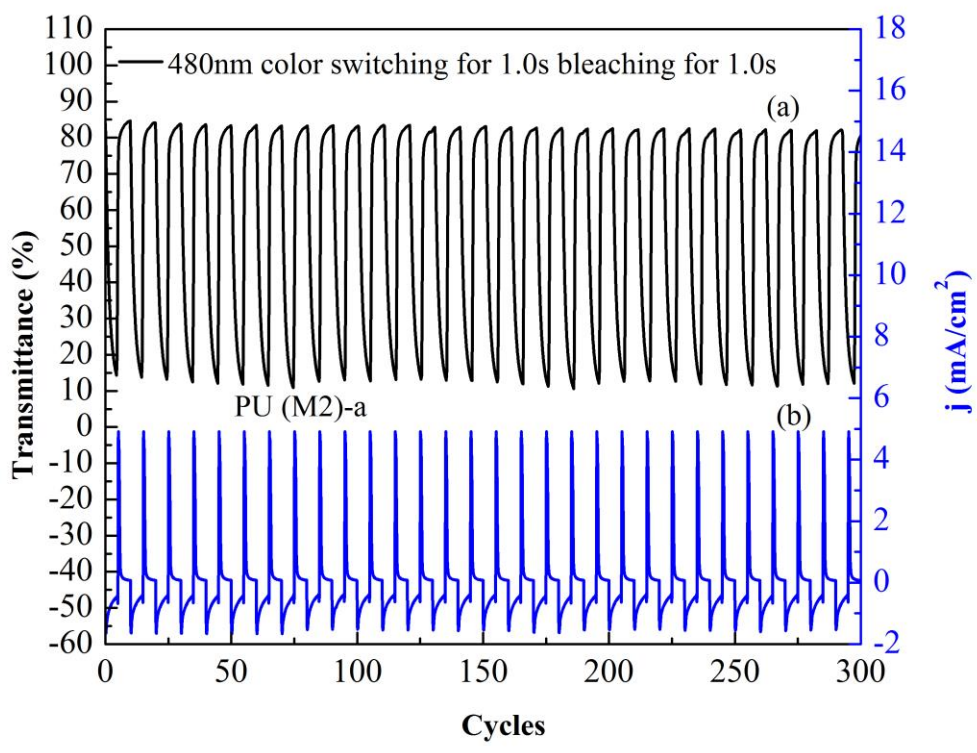
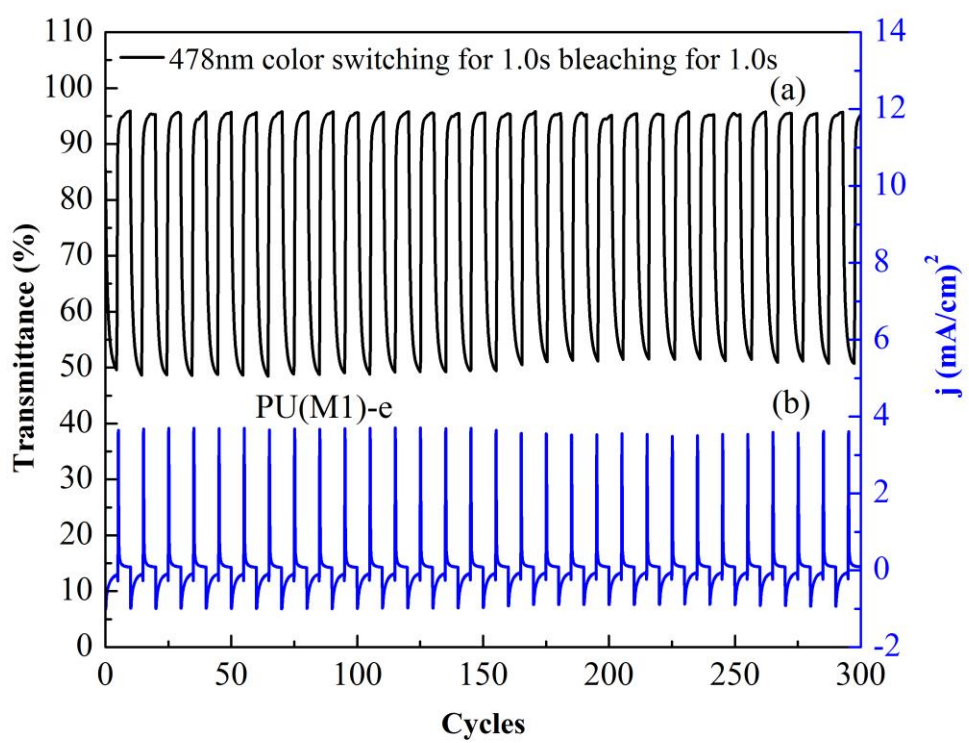
c the change of the optical density

d the amount of injected/ejected charge per unit sample area

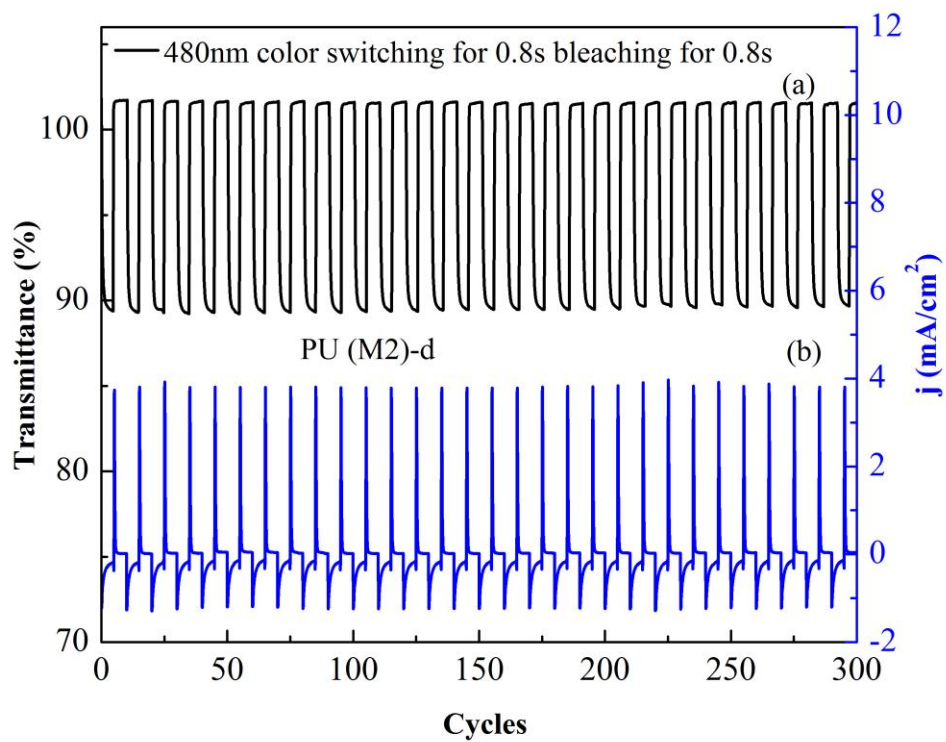
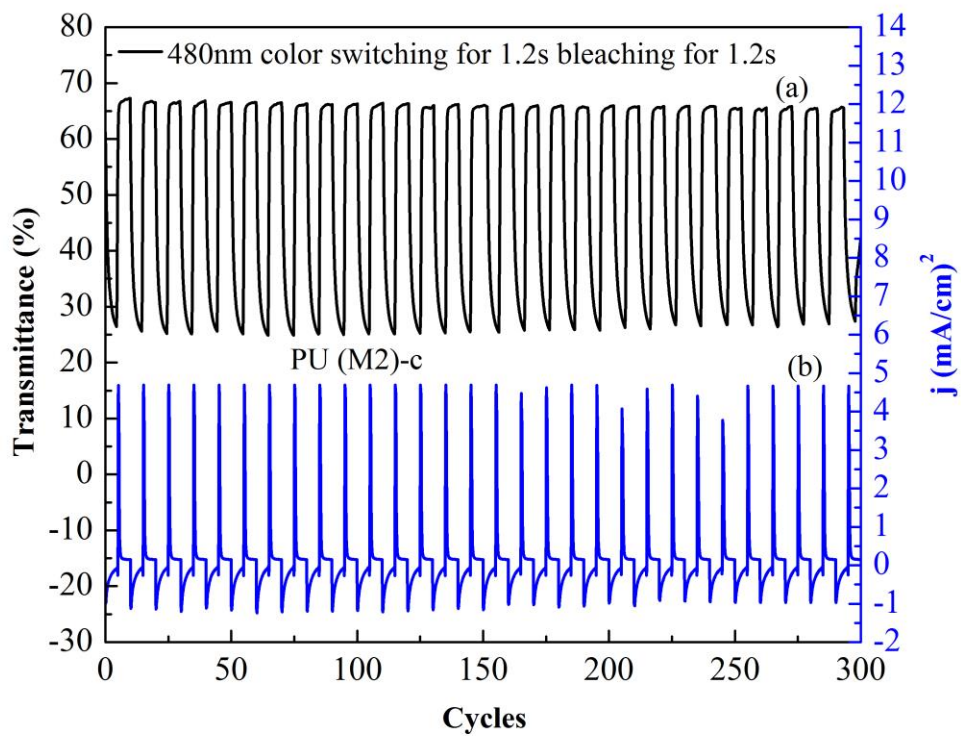
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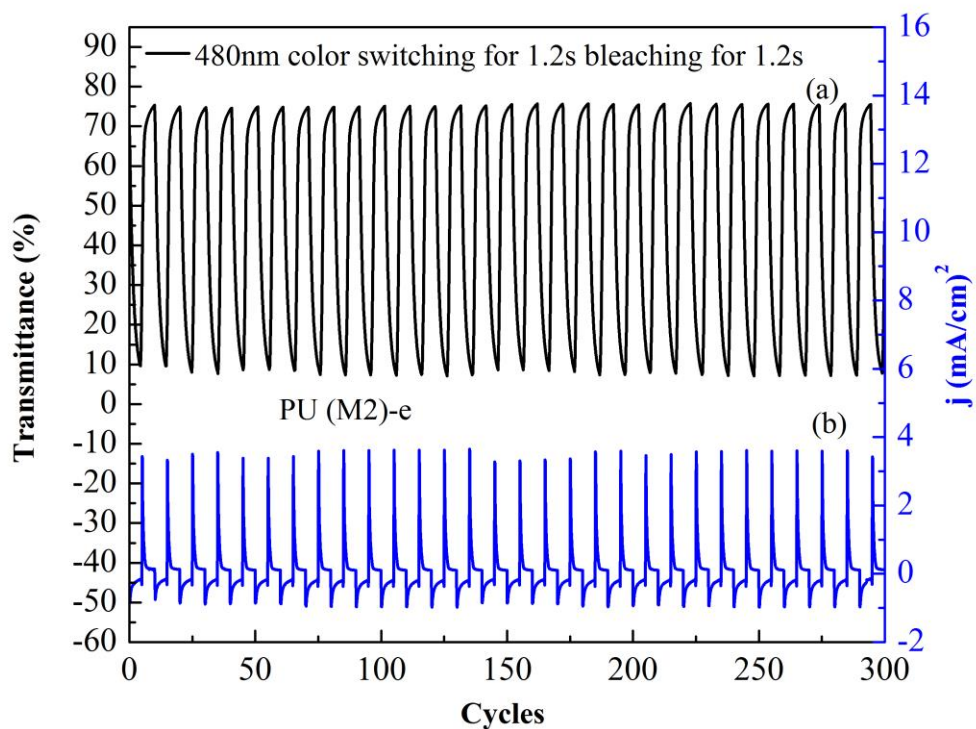












**Fig. S9** Optical switching procedures (0.1 M LiClO<sub>4</sub> as the supporting electrolyte with a cycle time of 10 s): (a) potential step transmittance of PUs (M1) and PUs (M2) by applying a potential step (0.0-0.8 V). (b) Current consumption of PUs (M1) and PUs (M2).