

Supplementary Information

High-Performance Electrofluorochromic Devices Based on Aromatic Polyamides with AIE-active Tetraphenylethene and Electro-active Triphenylamine Moieties

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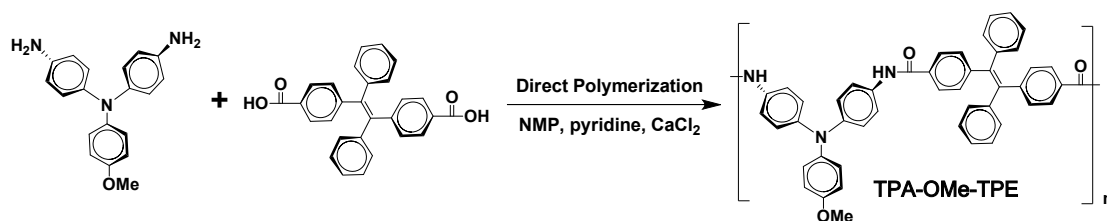
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Preparation of polyamide (TPA-OMe-TPE)

A mixture of 0.31 g (1.0 mmol) of 4,4'-diamino-4''-methoxytriphenylamine, 0.42 g (1.0 mmol) of 4,4'-(1,2-diphenylethene-1,2-diyl)dibenzoic acid, 0.13 g of calcium chloride, 1.0 mL of triphenyl phosphite (TPP), 0.3 mL of pyridine, and 1.0 mL of NMP was heated with stirring at 105 °C for 3 h. The polymer solution was then poured slowly into 300 mL of stirring methanol. The resulting stringy and fiber-like precipitates were collected by filtration, washed thoroughly with hot water and methanol successively, and dried under vacuum at 100 °C. Reprecipitation was carried out twice by pouring the DMAc solution of the polymer product into stirring methanol for further purification. The inherent viscosity, weight-average molecular weights (M_w), and polydispersity index (PDI) of the obtained polyamide **TPA-OMe-TPE** were 0.31 dL/g (measured at a concentration of 0.5 g/dL in DMAc at 30 °C), 19,000 daltons, and 1.96, respectively. The FT-IR spectrum of **TPA-OMe-TPE** (film) exhibited characteristic amide absorption bands at 3320 cm^{-1} (N-H stretching) and 1500 cm^{-1} (N-H bending), 1657 cm^{-1} (amide carbonyl), 2920 cm^{-1} (C-H stretching), and 1240 cm^{-1} (C-N stretching). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6 , δ , ppm): 10.13-10.06 (s, 2H), 7.81-7.69 (d, 4H), 7.66-7.56 (d, 4H), 7.23-7.07 (m, 10H), 7.07-6.92 (d, 4H), 6.90-6.82 (m, 8H), 3.77-3.67 (s, 3H).



Scheme S1. Synthetic scheme of polyamide **TPA-OMe-TPE**.

Table S1. Thermal Properties of TPA-OMe-TPE^a

Polymer ^a	T _g ^b (°C)	T _d at 5 % weight loss (°C) ^c		T _d at 10 % weight loss (°C) ^c		Char yield (%) ^d
		N ₂	Air	N ₂	Air	
TPA-OMe-TPE	230	455	430	505	475	67

^a The polymer film samples were heated at 250 °C for 1 h prior to all the thermal analyses.

^b Midpoint temperature of baseline shift on the second DSC heating trace (rate: 20 °C /min) of the sample after quenching from 400 °C to 50 °C (rate: 200 °C /min) under nitrogen.

^c Temperature at which 5 % and 10% weight loss occurred, respectively, recorded by TGA at a heating rate of 20 °C/min and a gas flow rate of 20 cm³/min.

^d Residual weight percentages at 800 °C under nitrogen flow.

Table S2. Inherent Viscosity and Molecular Weight of **TPA-OMe-TPE**

Polymer	η_{inh}^a (dL/g)	M_w^b	M_n^b	PDI ^c
TPA-OMe-TPE	0.31	19000	9700	1.96

^a Measured at a polymer concentration of 0.5 g/dL in DMAc at 30 °C.

^b Calibrated with polystyrene standards, using NMP as the eluent at a constant flow rate of 0.5 mL/min at 40 °C.

^c Polydispersity Index (M_w/M_n).

Table S3. Solubility Behavior of **TPA-OMe-TPE**

Polymer	Solubility in various solvent ^a						
	NMP	DMAc	DMF	THF	CHCl ₃	DMSO	<i>m</i> -cresol
TPA-OMe-TPE	++	++	+	++	++	++	+

^a Qualitative solubility was tested with 10 mg of a sample in 1 mL of solvent. ++, soluble at room temperature; +, soluble on heating; -, insoluble even on heating.

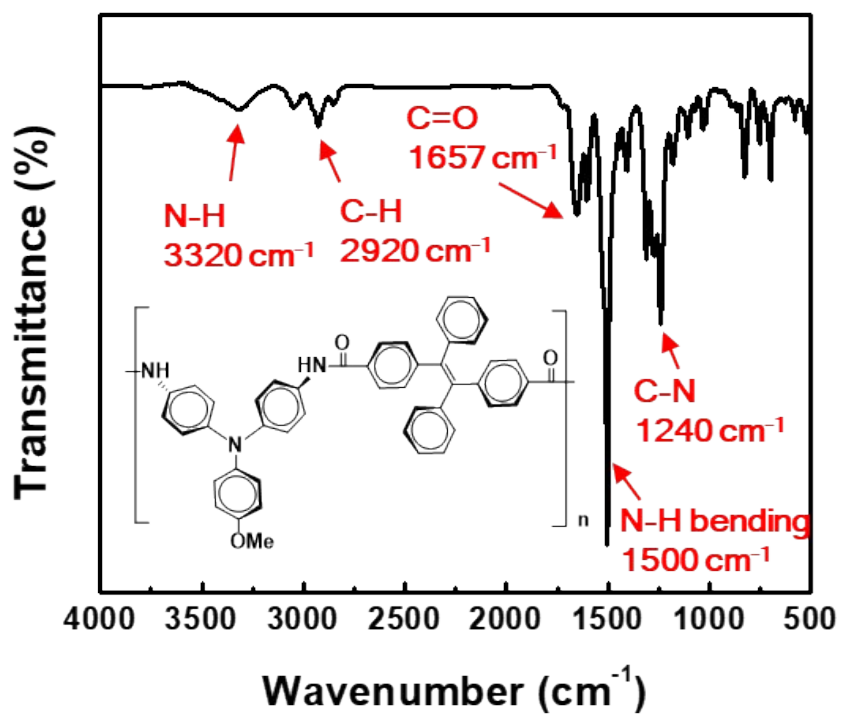


Figure S1 IR spectrum of TPA-OMe-TPE.

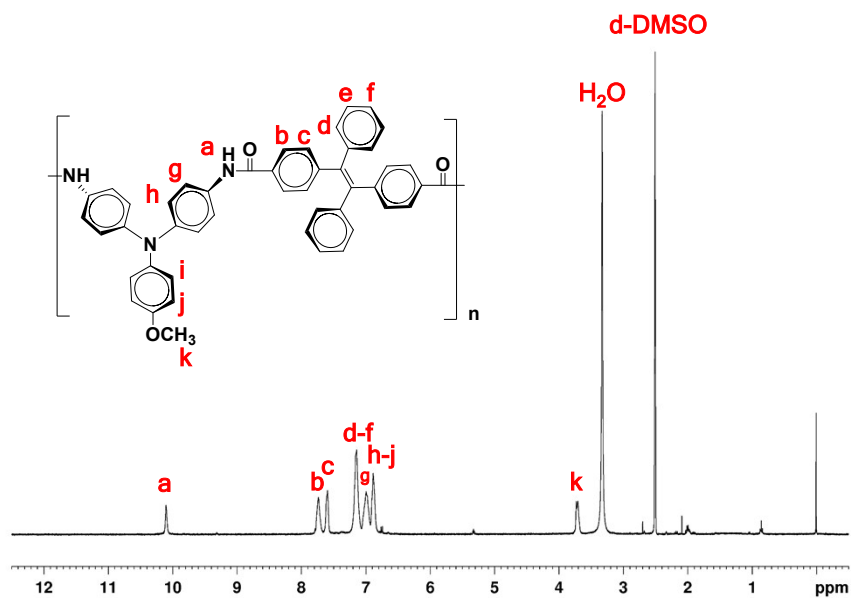


Figure S2 ¹H NMR spectrum of TPA-OMe-TPE.

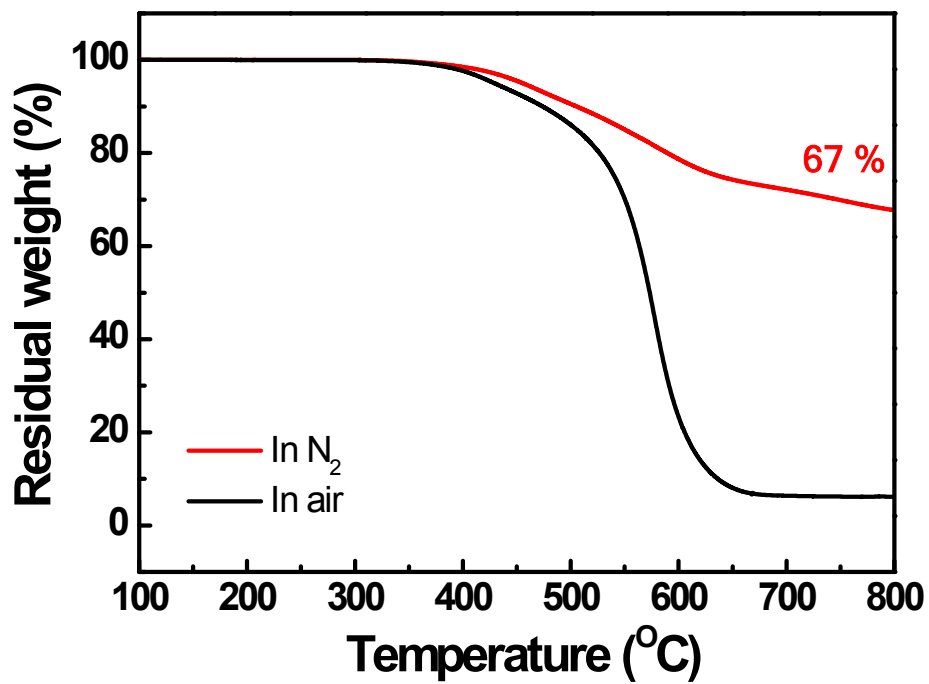


Figure S3 TGA traces of TPA-OMe-TPE in N₂ and in air.

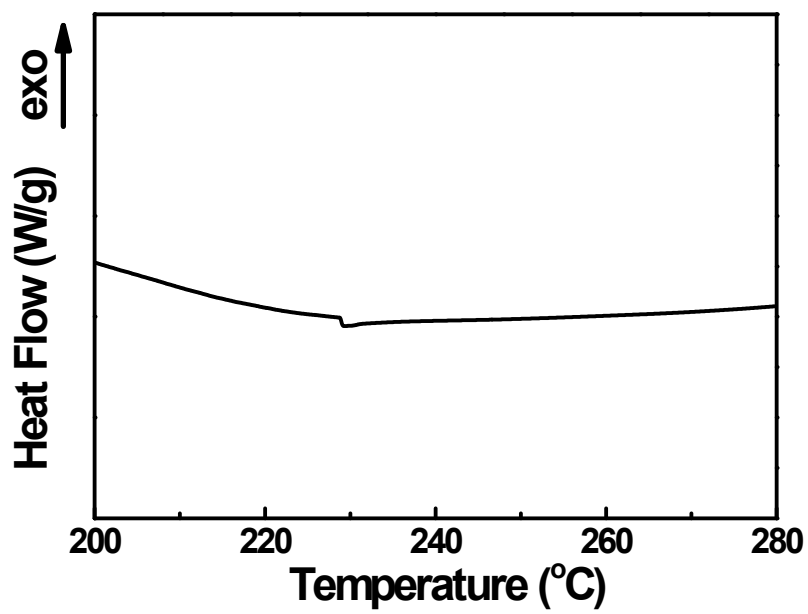


Figure S4 DSC trace of TPA-OMe-TPE.

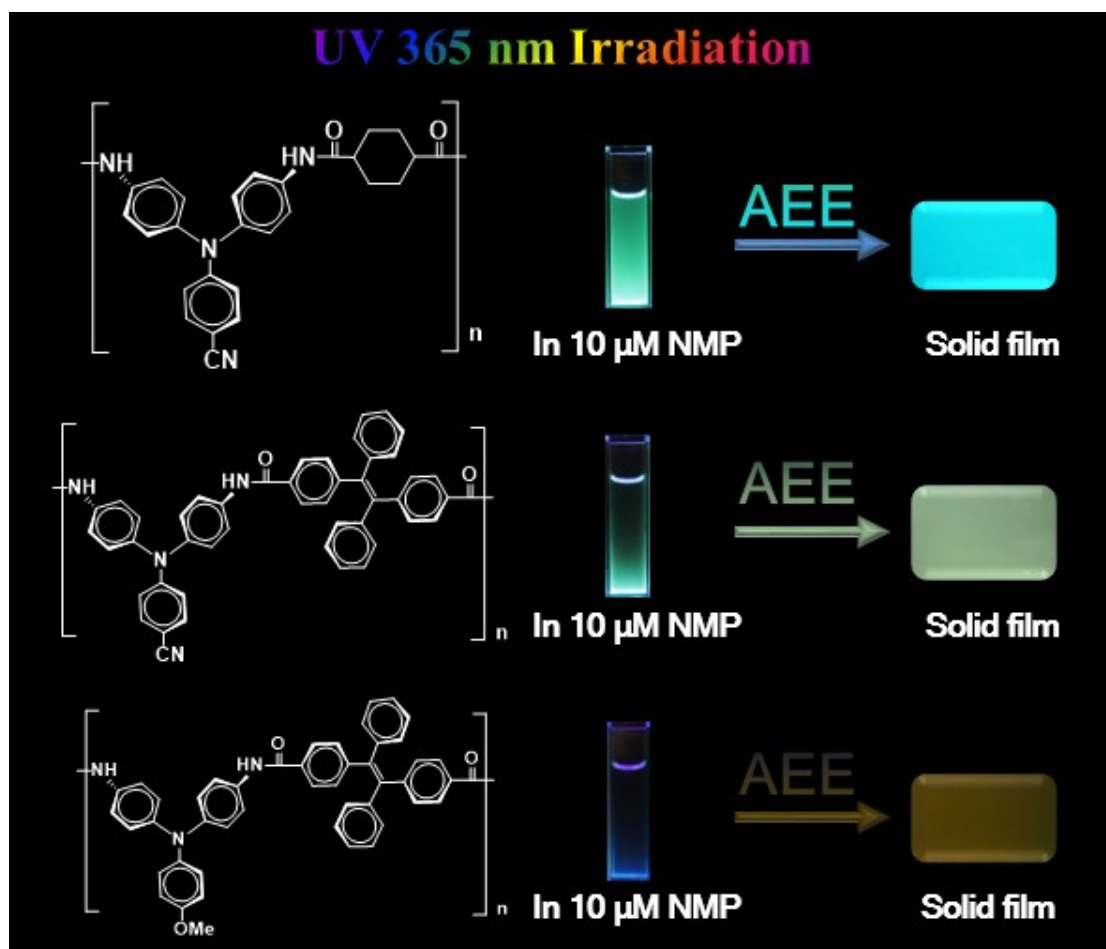


Figure S5 Photographs of the NMP solutions and solid films of the prepared polyamides taken under illumination of 365 nm UV light.