Supporting Information

Concept of Triphenylamine Side Chains with Four Electroactive Nitrogen Centers toward Record-High Stable Electrochromic Polyamides

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РА	$\eta_{inh}(dL/g)^a$	NMP	DMAc	o-Chlorophenol	THF
5a	0.40	+	++	+	+
5b	0.32	+	+	+	—
5c	0.45	+	+	+	

Table S1. Inherent Viscosity and Solubility^b of PAs.

^aMeasured in NMP on 0.5 g/dL at 30 °C. ^bQualitative solubility was determined using 0.01 g of polymer in 1 ml of solvent. ++ (soluble at room temperature); + (soluble on heating at 60°C); +--- (partially soluble on heating at 60°C); --- (insoluble in hot solvent).

PA	$T_g (^{\circ}C)^a$	T _d (*	$T_d (^{\circ}C)^b$		
		In Air	In N ₂	- (%)	
5a	178	425	467	59	
5b	181	421	464	63	
5c	194	421	470	65	

Table S2. Thermal Properties of PAs.

^aTemperature at which the middle of the heat capacity change occurred from the second DSC heating scan at a heating rate of 20°C/min. ^bTemperature at which 10% weight loss recorded by thermogravimetry at a heating rate of 20°C/min. ^cResidual weight% at 800°C in nitrogen.

Cycles ^a	$ riangle OD^{b}$	$\Delta T(\%)^{c}$	Q(mC/cm ²) ^d	$\eta(cm^2/C)^e$	decay(%) ^f
1	0.376	57.9	1.84	204	0.00
2500	0.370	57.4	1.82	203	0.49
5000	0.363	56.6	1.79	202	0.98
7500	0.357	56.0	1.78	199	2.45
10000	0.355	55.8	1.78	199	2.45
12500	0.339	54.3	1.74	194	4.90
15000	0.337	54.0	1.73	194	4.90
17500	0.329	53.1	1.71	192	5.88
20000	0.323	52.4	1.69	191	6.37
22500	0.321	52.2	1.69	190	6.86
24000	0.307	50.7	1.64	186	8.82

 Table S3. Optical and Electrochemical Data Collected for Coloration Efficiency.

^aTimes of cyclic scan of **5a** by applying potential step: 0.0 V \leftrightarrow 0.5 V (V vs. Ag/AgCl). ^bOptical density change at 1404 nm. ^cOptical transmittance change at 1404 nm. ^dEjected charge determined from in situ experiments. ^eColoration efficiency is derived from the equation $\eta = \Delta OD/Q$. ^fDecay of coloration efficiency after cyclic scans.

Cycles ^a	$ riangle OD^{b}$	$\triangle T(\%)^c$	Q(mC/cm ²) ^d	$\eta(cm^2/C)^e$	decay(%) ^f
1	0.331	53.4	2.97	111	0.00
2000	0.315	51.6	2.87	110	0.90
4000	0.310	51.0	2.86	108	2.70
6000	0.307	50.7	2.84	108	2.70
8000	0.300	49.9	2.80	107	3.60
10000	0.283	48.0	2.76	103	7.20
12000	0.281	47.7	2.75	102	8.11
14000	0.281	47.6	2.75	102	8.11
16000	0.278	47.3	2.74	101	9.01
18000	0.276	47.1	2.73	101	9.01
20000	0.267	46.0	2.68	100	9.91

Table S4. Optical and Electrochemical Data Collected for Coloration Efficiency.

^aTimes of cyclic scan of **5a** by applying potential step: $0.0 V \leftrightarrow 0.5 V$ (V vs. Ag/AgCl). ^bOptical density change at 440 nm. ^cOptical transmittance change at 440 nm. ^dEjected charge determined from in situ experiments. ^eColoration efficiency is derived from the equation: $\eta = \triangle OD/Q$. ^fDecay of coloration efficiency after cyclic scans.

Cycles ^a	$ riangle OD^{b}$	$ riangle T(\%)^c$	Q(mC/cm ²) ^d	$\eta(cm^2/C)^e$	decay(%) ^f
1	1.05	91.1	7.22	145	0.00
500	1.03	90.7	7.20	144	0.69
1000	1.03	90.6	7.19	143	1.38
1500	1.02	90.4	7.17	142	2.07
2000	1.02	90.3	7.16	142	2.07
2500	1.00	90.0	7.14	140	3.45
3000	0.96	89.0	7.08	136	6.21
3500	0.95	88.7	7.06	134	7.59
4000	0.93	88.1	6.91	134	7.59
4500	0.92	88.1	6.91	134	7.59
5000	0.83	85.2	6.42	129	11.03

Table S5. Optical and Electrochemical Data Collected for Coloration Efficiency.

^aTimes of cyclic scan of **5a** by applying potential step: 0.0 V \leftrightarrow 0.7 V(V vs. Ag/AgCl). ^bOptical density change at 1404 nm. ^cOptical transmittance change at 1404 nm. ^dEjected charge, determined from in situ experiments. ^eColoration efficiency is derived from the equation: $\eta = \triangle$ OD/Q. ^fDecay of coloration efficiency after cyclic scans.

Polymer	Potential ^a (V)	$\lambda_{\max}^{b}(nm)$	Absorption Range ^b (nm)
5a	0.50	1404	800-1800
P1	0.75	1062	800-1450
P2	0.40	1252	800-1700

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^aApplied potential for the first stage oxidation. ^bNIR absorption.



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Fig. S4 (a) ¹H and (b) ¹³C NMR spectra of compound 2. (d-solvent: Pyridine-d₅)



Fig. S5 ¹³C NMR spectrum of compound 4. (d-solvent: Pyridine-d₅)



Fig. S6 ESIMS spectrum of compound 1.



Fig. S7 ESIMS spectrum of compound 2.



Fig. S8 ESIMS spectrum of compound 4.



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Fig. S11 ¹H NMR spectra of PA 5c. (d-solvent: Pyridine-d₅)



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