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Facile One-Pot Synthesis of Rod-Coil Bio-Block Copolymers and Uncovering Their Role in Forming the Efficient Stretchable Touch-Responsive Light Emitting Diodes

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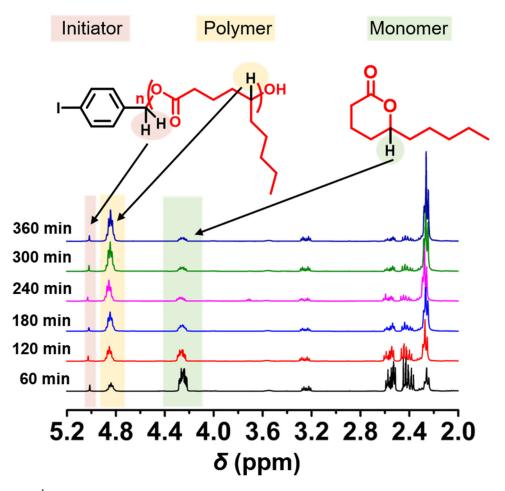


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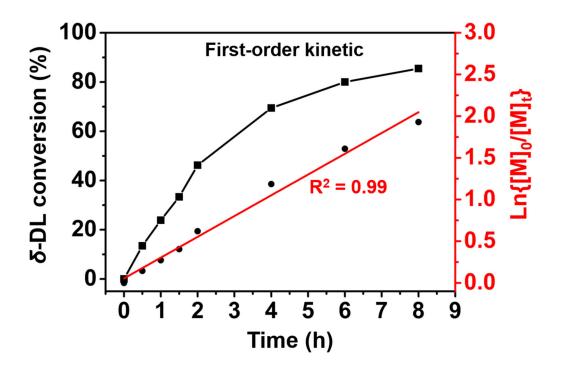


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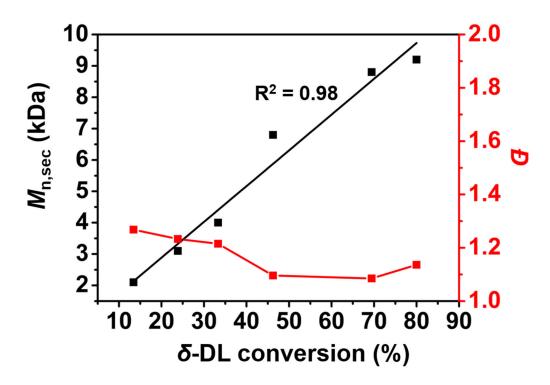


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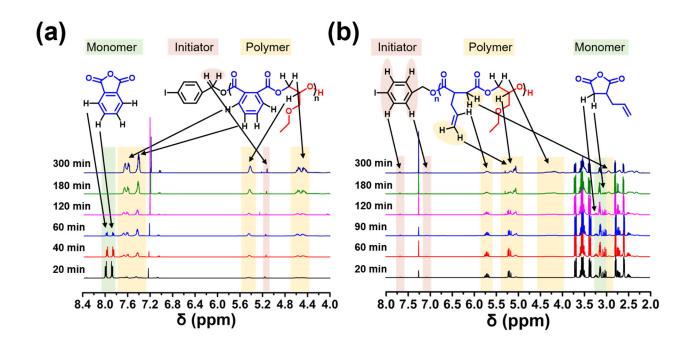


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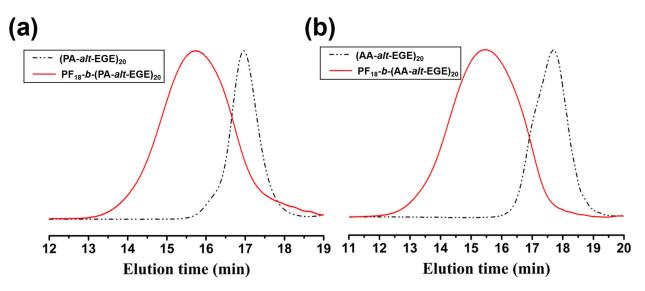


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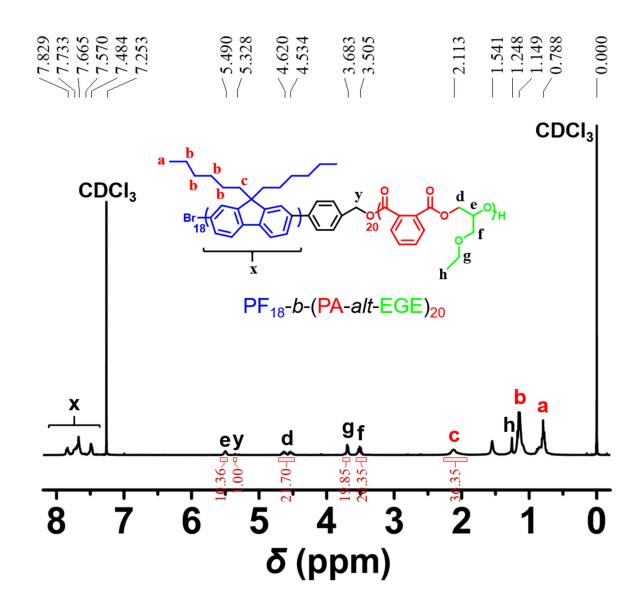


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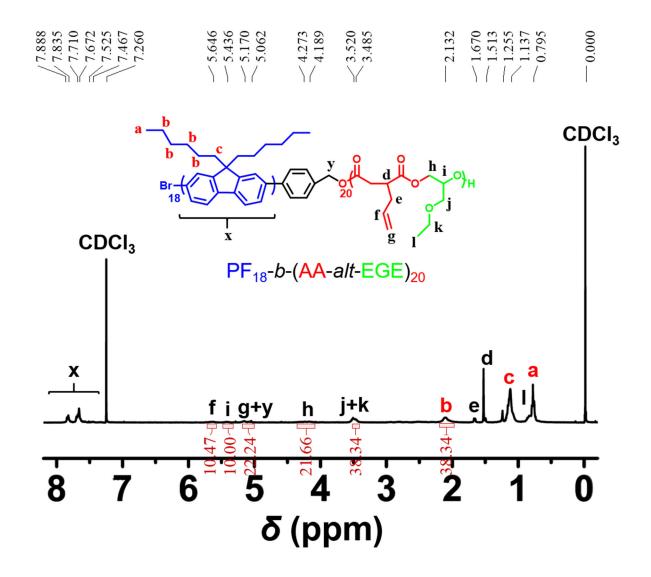


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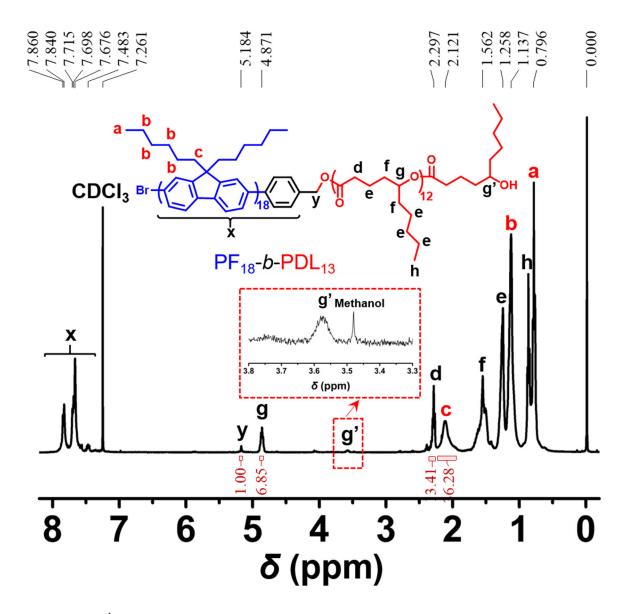


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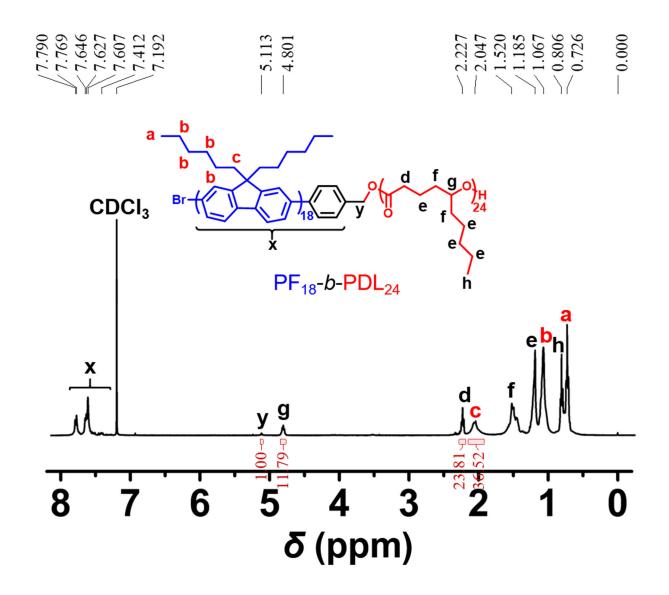


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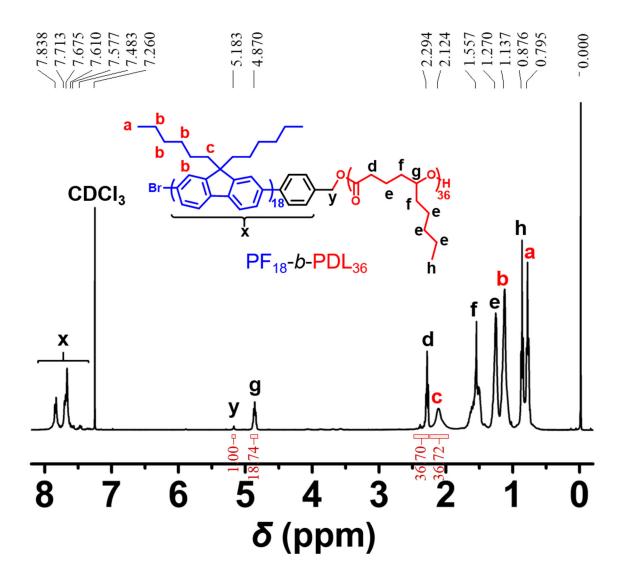


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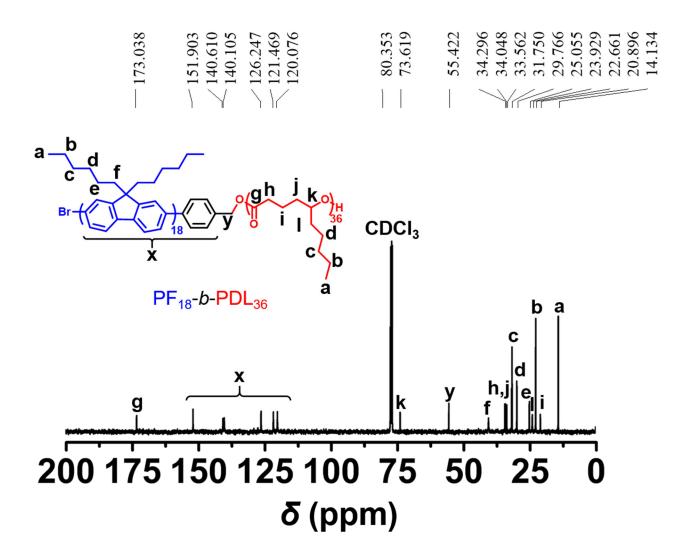


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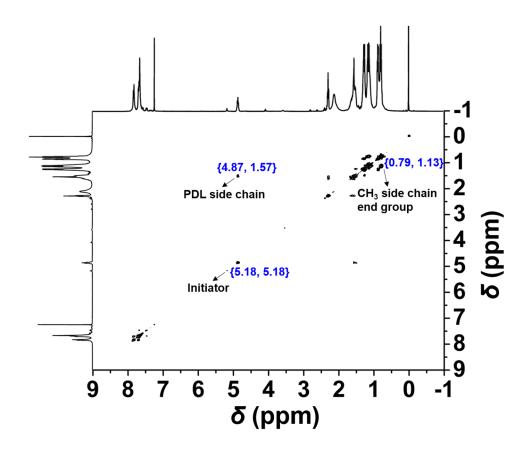


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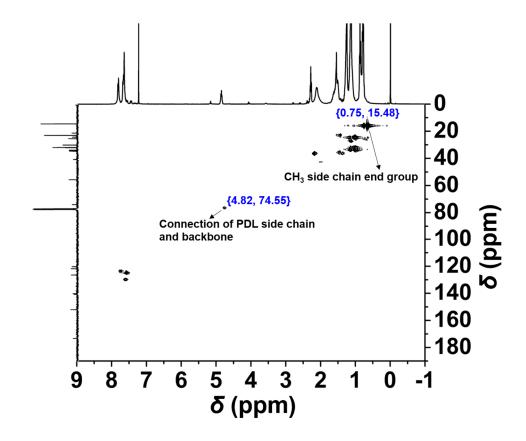


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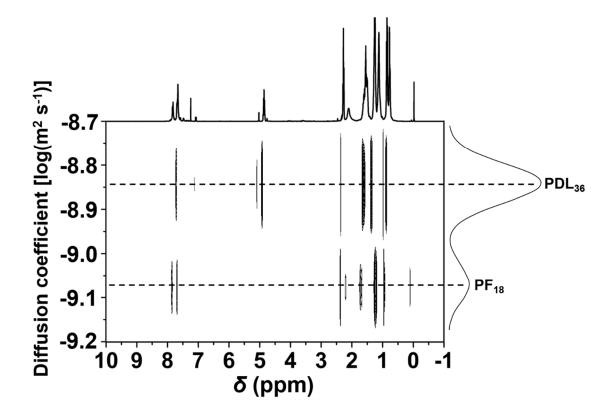


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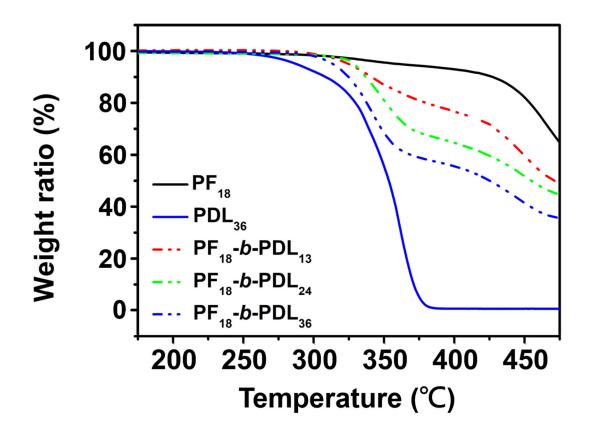


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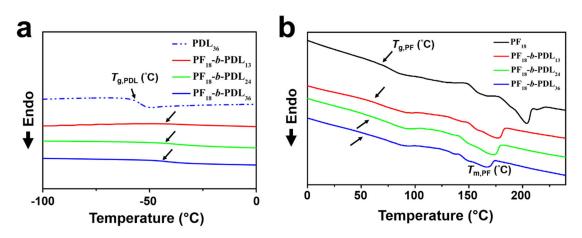


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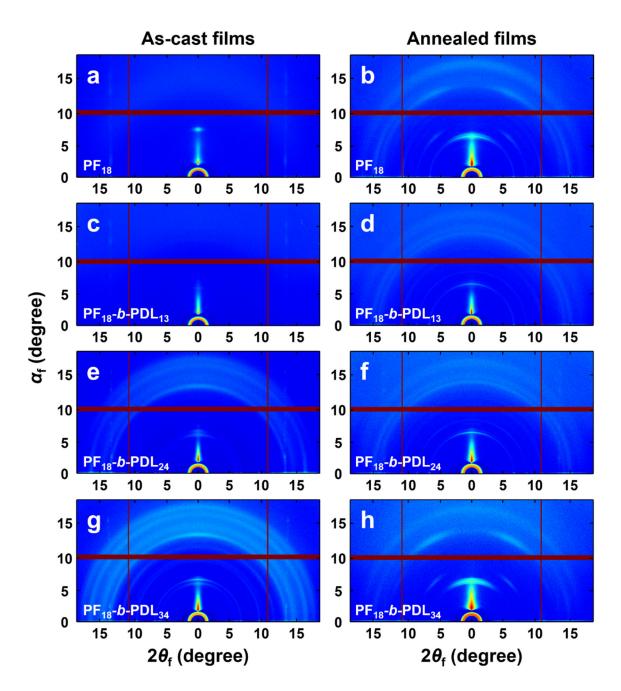


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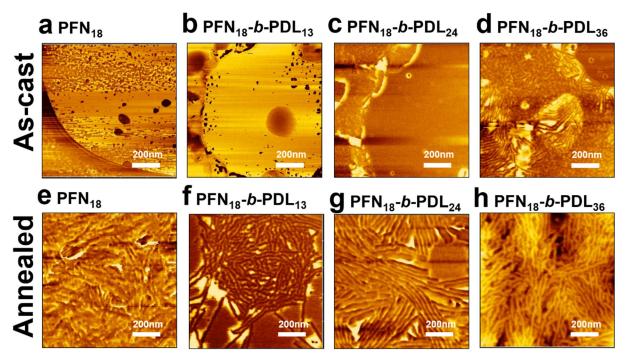


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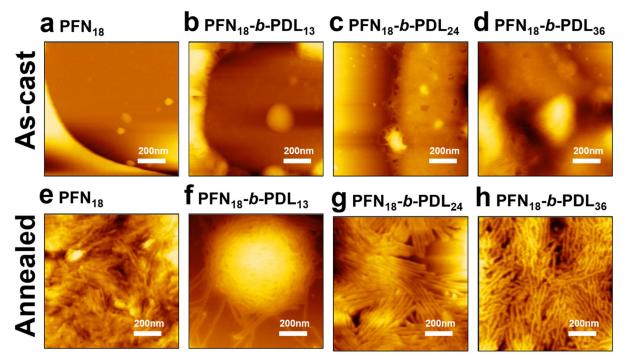


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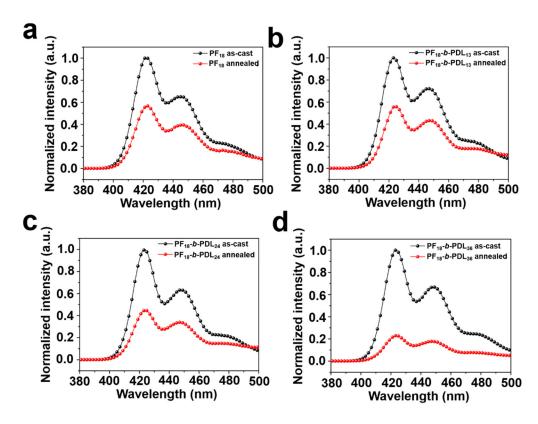


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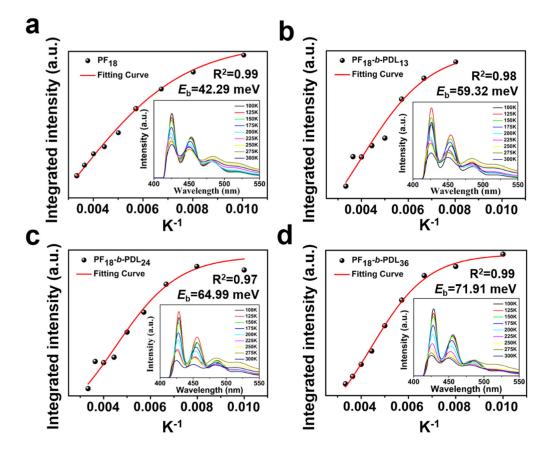


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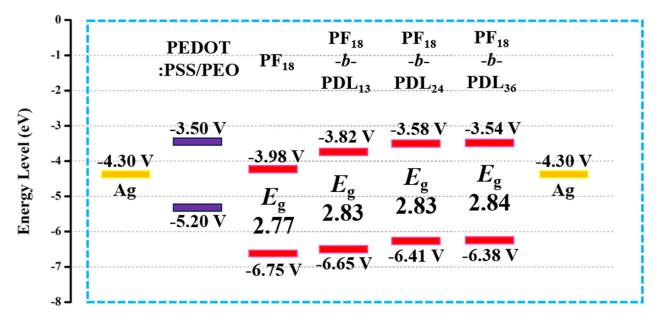


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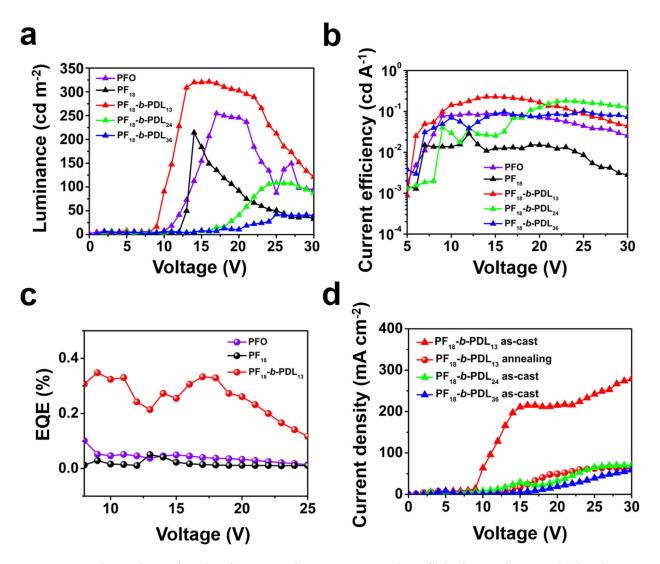


Figure S23. Voltage dependent luminance and current properties of block copolymers. (a) luminacevoltage plot characteristics of as-cast thin films of studied polymers. (b) current efficiency-voltage characteristics of as-cast thin films of studied polymers. (c) external quantum efficiency-voltage characteristics of annealed thin films of PFO, PF₁₈, and PF₁₈-*b*-PDL₁₃. (d) current density-voltage characteristics of PF₁₈-*b*-PDL_n block copolymers.

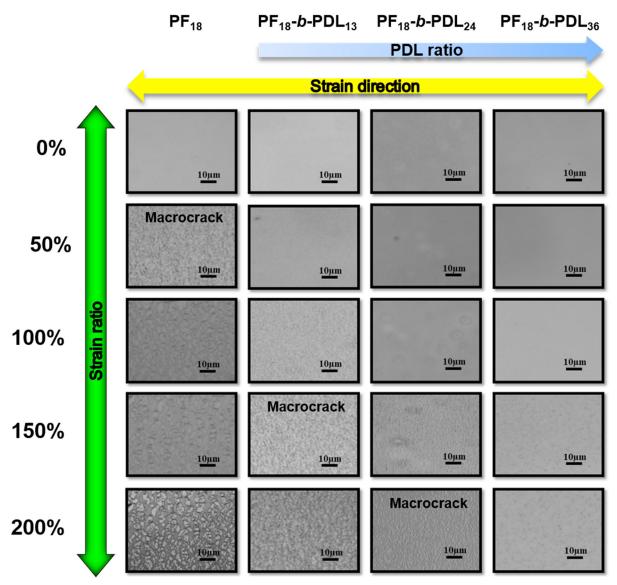


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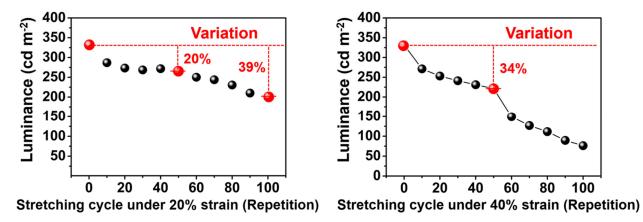


Figure S26. Luminance-stretching cycle characteristics of the touch-responsive LEDs after repetitive stretching cycles at (a) 20% and (b) 40% strain.

| Run | Sample | [M] _{ROP} : [M] _{HexFL} : [Initiator] ₀ : [TBD] _{ROP} | Time (min) | T (°C) [ROP, SCP] | Conv. (%) (ROP) | Conv. (%) (HexFL) | $M_{n,NMR}^{b}$ (g mol ⁻¹) | $M_{n,SEC}^{c}$ (g mol ⁻¹) | \boldsymbol{H}^{c} | Yield (%) |
|-----|---|--|---------------|----------------------|--------------------|----------------------|--|---|----------------------|--------------|
| 1 | PF ₁₈ | 0:18:1:0 | 10 | -10 | - | >99 | 6,300 | 11,000 | 1.327 | 82.1 |
| 2 | PDL _{13, TBD} | 60:0:1:1 | 30 | rt | 23.16 | - | 2.300 | 3,100 | 1.221 | 53.8 |
| 3 | PDL _{24, TBD} | 60:0:1:1 | 90 | rt | 39.06 | - | 3.900 | 5,000 | 1.099 | 75.2 |
| 4 | PDL _{36,TBD} | 60:0:1:1 | 120 | rt | 59.38 | - | 6,000 | 8,800 | 1.128 | 80.3 |
| 5 | PF ₁₈ - <i>b</i> -PDL _{13, TBD} ^{<i>a</i>} | 0:18:1:1 | 10 | -10 | - | >99 | 8,500 | 14,300 | 1.393 | 68.3 |
| 6 | PF ₁₈ - <i>b</i> -PDL _{24, TBD} ^{<i>a</i>} | 0:18:1:1 | 10 | -10 | - | >99 | 10,500 | 16,200 | 1.303 | 70.2 |
| 7 | PF ₁₈ - <i>b</i> -PDL _{36, TBD} ^{<i>a</i>} | 0:18:1:1 | 10 | -10 | - | >99 | 12,500 | 20,000 | 1.353 | 63.1 |
| 8 | PF ₁₈ - <i>b</i> -PDL _{13, TBD} | 60:18:1:1 | 40 | rt, -10 | 22.47 | >99 | 7,400 | 14,600 | 1.233 | 67.5 |
| 9 | PF ₁₈ - <i>b</i> -PDL _{24, TBD} | 60:18:1:1 | 100 | rt, -10 | 38.41 | >99 | 10,100 | 16,300 | 1.252 | 66.8 |
| 10 | PF ₁₈ - <i>b</i> -PDL _{36, TBD} | 60:18:1:1 | 130 | rt, -10 | 59.47 | >99 | 12,800 | 18,500 | 1.311 | 65.3 |
| 11 | PF ₅₅ - <i>b</i> -PDL _{55, TBD} | 80:55:1:1 | 210 | rt, -10 | 68.24 | >99 | 26,880 | 28,700 | 1.503 | 63.2 |
| 12 | PF18- <i>b</i> -(PA- <i>alt</i> -EGE)20, <i>t</i> -BuP1 | 20:20:18:1:0.5 | 100 | 100, -10 | >99 | >99 | 10,860 | 12,200 | 1.326 | 73.5 |
| 13 | PF18- <i>b</i> -(AA- <i>alt</i> -EGE)20, <i>t</i> -BuP1 | 20:20:18:1:0.5 | 160 | 100, -10 | >99 | >99 | 10,600 | 14,800 | 1.351 | 52.3 |

 Table S1. Smart synthesis of PF-based conjugated block copolymer under TBD using difunctional initiator.

^{*a*}The reaction conducted after purification (dialysis) of the PDL. ^{*b*}Calculated by ¹H NMR spectroscopy of the polymers in CDCl₃. ^{*c*}Determined by SEC analysis in THF calibrated with polystyrene standards. (The ROP is conducted in bulk at 25°C, [TBD]:[4-iodobenzyl alcohol]:[δ -DL] = 1 : 1 : 60(80); SCTP is conducted in THF at -10°C, [Pd₂(dba)₃]:[*t*-Bu₃P]:[4-iodobenzyl alcohol]:[HexFL] = 0.4 : 2.2 : 1 : 18.

| Run | Time (min) | Conv. ^b (%) | TOF (min ⁻¹) | $[\mathbf{M}]_0/[\mathbf{M}]_t$ | $\operatorname{Ln}\{[M]_0/[M]_t\}$ | M _{n,SEC} ^c (g mol ⁻¹) | D^{c} |
|-----|---------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|---|---------|
| 1 | 30 | 13.44 | 0.45 | 1.15 | 0.14 | 2,100 | 1.268 |
| 2 | 60 | 23.86 | 0.40 | 1.31 | 0.27 | 3,100 | 1.233 |
| 3 | 90 | 33.33 | 0.37 | 1.51 | 0.41 | 4,000 | 1.215 |
| 4 | 120 | 42.23 | 0.35 | 1.85 | 0.62 | 6,800 | 1.096 |
| 5 | 240 | 69.44 | 0.29 | 3.29 | 1.19 | 8,800 | 1.085 |
| 6 | 360 | 80.00 | 0.22 | 6.89 | 1.93 | 9,200 | 1.136 |

Table S2. The ROP of δ -DL catalyzed by TBD^{*a*}.

^{*a*}The polymerization reactions are conducted in [TBD]:[4-Iodobenzyl alcohol]:[δ -DL] = 1 : 1 : 60 under 25°C. ^{*b*}The conversion of δ -DL is determined by ¹H NMR spectroscopy. ^{*c*} $M_{n,SEC}$ and D are determined by SEC analysis in THF calibrated with polystyrene standards.

Table S3. Thermal properties of studied polymers.

| Sample | $T_{\rm d}^{\ a}$ (°C) | T_{g}^{b} (°C) | $T_{\rm m}^{\ c}$ (°C) | $T_{\rm c}^{\ d}$ (°C) |
|--|------------------------|------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| PF ₁₈ | 341.7 | 69.1 | 203.8 | 143.9 |
| PDL ₃₆ | 270.8 | -55.2 | | |
| PF ₁₈ - <i>b</i> -PDL ₁₃ | 302.3 | 65.3, -58.7 | 176.7 | 130.4 |
| PF ₁₈ - <i>b</i> -PDL ₂₄ | 308.5 | 55.2, -57.3 | 172.9 | 122.3 |
| PF ₁₈ - <i>b</i> -PDL ₃₆ | 292.5 | 52.6, -53.9 | 166.7 | 124.5 |

^{*a*}Degradation temperature at the heating/cooling rate of 10°C min⁻¹ in thermogravimetric analysis (TGA) in a nitrogen atmosphere. ^{*b*}Midpoint temperature of glass transition at a heating rate of 10°C min⁻¹ in differential scanning calorimetry (DSC) in a nitrogen atmosphere. ^{*c*}Melting temperature. ^{*d*}Crystallization temperature at a cooling rate of 10°C min⁻¹ in differential scanning calorimetry (DSC) in a nitrogen atmosphere.

| Sample | Solution ^{<i>a</i>} | | As-ca | st film ^d | Annealed film ^f | | |
|--|------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|----------|--|
| | λ_{\max}^{abs} (nm) | λ_{\max}^{PL} (nm) | λ_{\max}^{PL} (nm) | PLQY ^e (%) | $\lambda_{\max}^{\mathrm{PL}}$ (nm) | PLQY (%) | |
| PF ₁₈ | 383 | 420, 441 | 423, 445 | 24.33 | 423, 445 | 14.43 | |
| PDL ₃₆ | | | | | | | |
| PF ₁₈ - <i>b</i> -PDL ₁₃ | 383 | 420, 442 | 423, 448 | 32.28 | 423, 446 | 28.47 | |
| PF ₁₈ - <i>b</i> -PDL ₂₄ | 383 | 420, 442 | 423, 448 | 35.16 | 423, 448 | 25.58 | |
| PF ₁₈ - <i>b</i> -PDL ₃₆ | 383 | 420, 442 | 423, 447 | 37.29 | 423, 448 | 22.00 | |

Table S4. Optical properties of studied polymers.

^{*a*}In tetrahydrofuran. ^{*b*}Absorption at the longest wavelength. ^{*c*}Emission wavelength, excited at 365 nm. ^{*d*}The as-cast films of polymers were prepared on a glass substrate by spin-coating polymer solutions in tetrahydrofuran (1 mg mL⁻¹) at 3000 rpm. ^{*e*}Absolute PL quantum yield (PLQY) was recorded at excitation wavelength of 365 nm. ^{*f*}The films were annealed at 120 °C in vacuum for 1 day.

| Sample | $\mathbf{R}^{2 a}$ | $A_1{}^b$ | $	au_1{}^c$ | $	au_{ m avg}{}^d$ |
|-----------------------|--------------------|-----------|-------------|--------------------|
| PF ₁₈ | 0.9966 | 1.0994 | 0.1171 | 0.1171 |
| PF18- <i>b</i> -PDL13 | 0.9972 | 1.0929 | 0.1372 | 0.1372 |
| PF18- b -PDL24 | 0.9971 | 1.0608 | 0.1547 | 0.1547 |
| PF18- <i>b</i> -PDL36 | 0.9965 | 1.1072 | 0.1692 | 0.1692 |

Table S5. The time-resolved PL spectra of PF₁₈-*b*-PDL_n thin films of as-cast state.

^{*a*}Regression analysis constant of the fitting by a single exponential reconvolution of Figure 2d. ^{*b*}Number of photons at t = 0. ^{*c*}Time constant. ^{*d*}An average lifetime.