

## Supporting Information:

### **Photoinduced stepwise bending behavior of photochromic diarylethene crystals**

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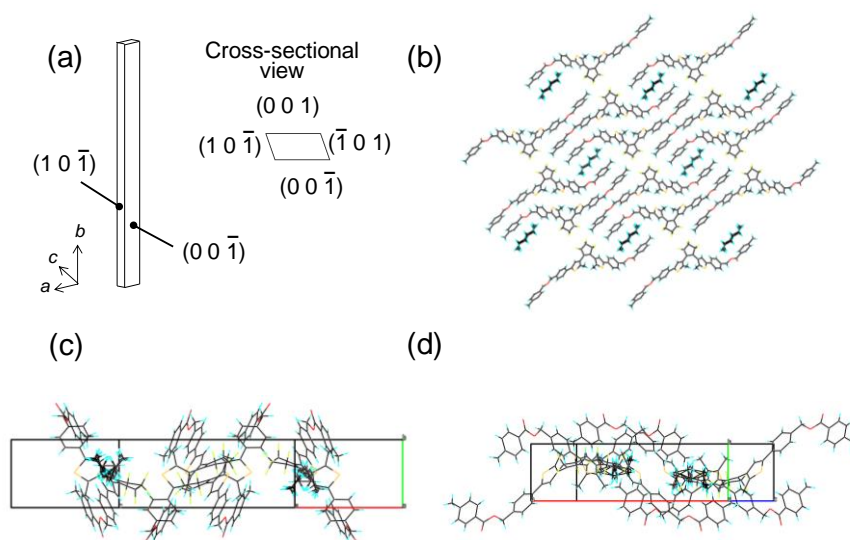
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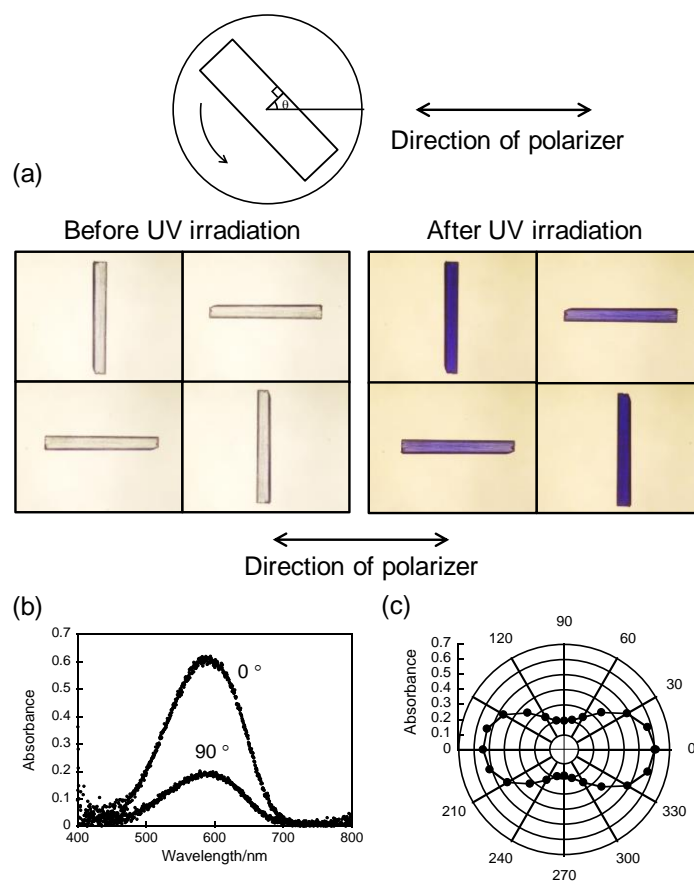
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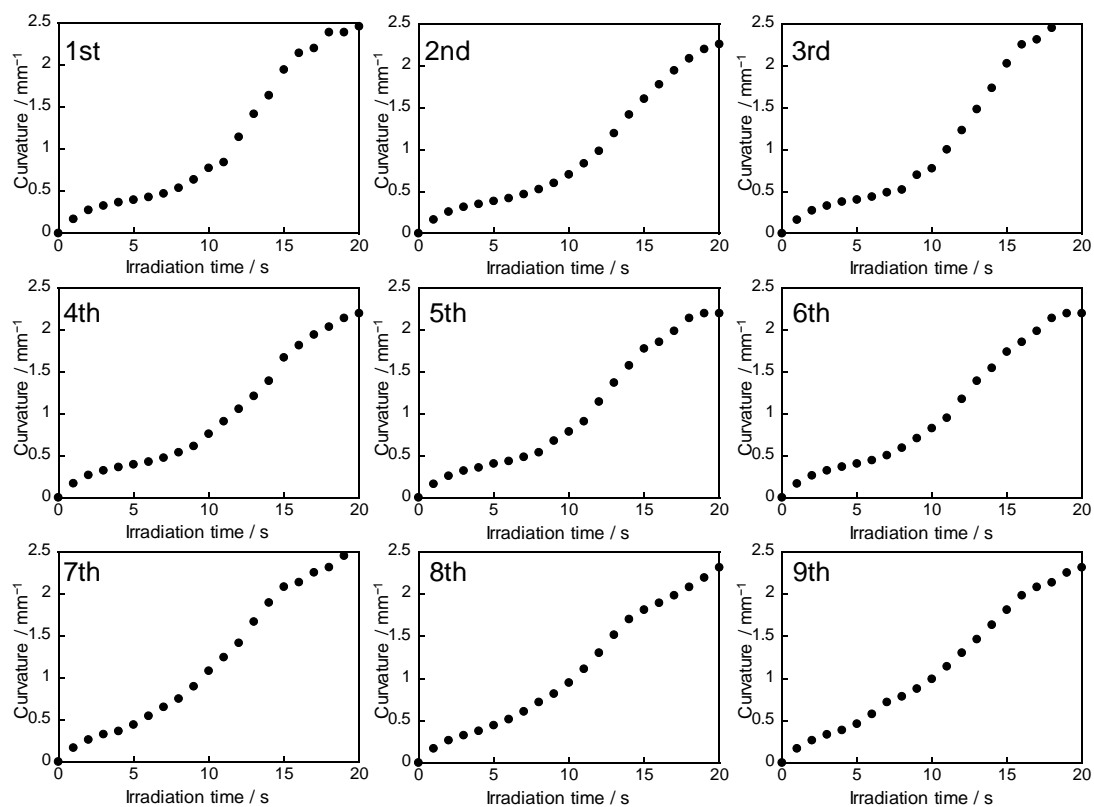
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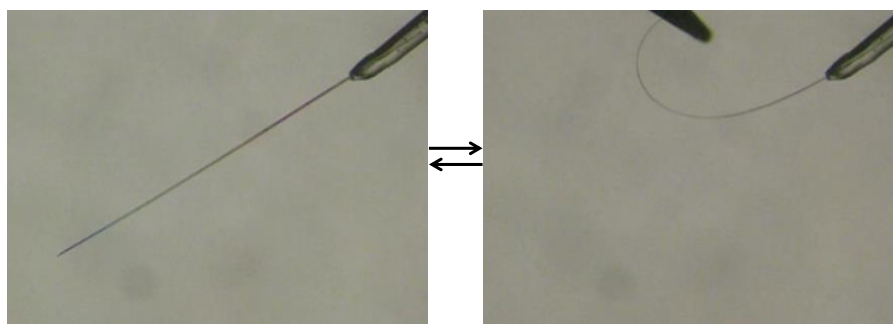
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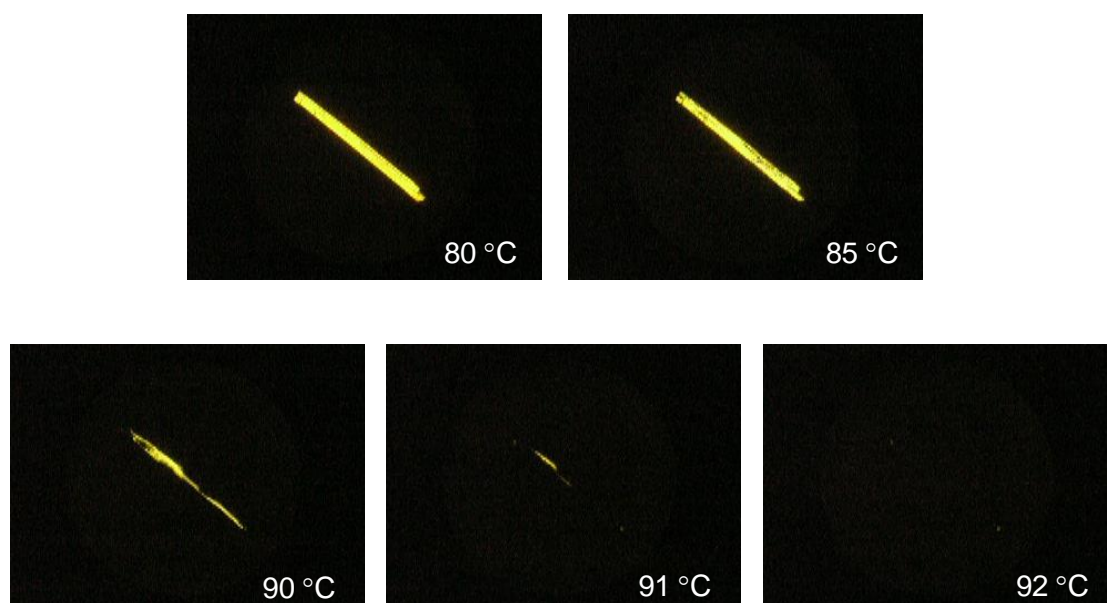
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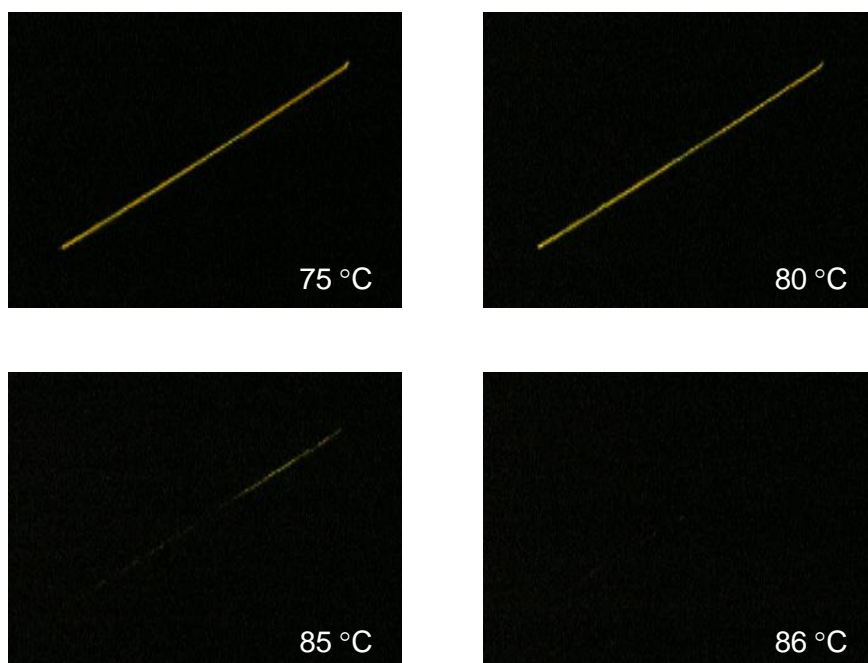
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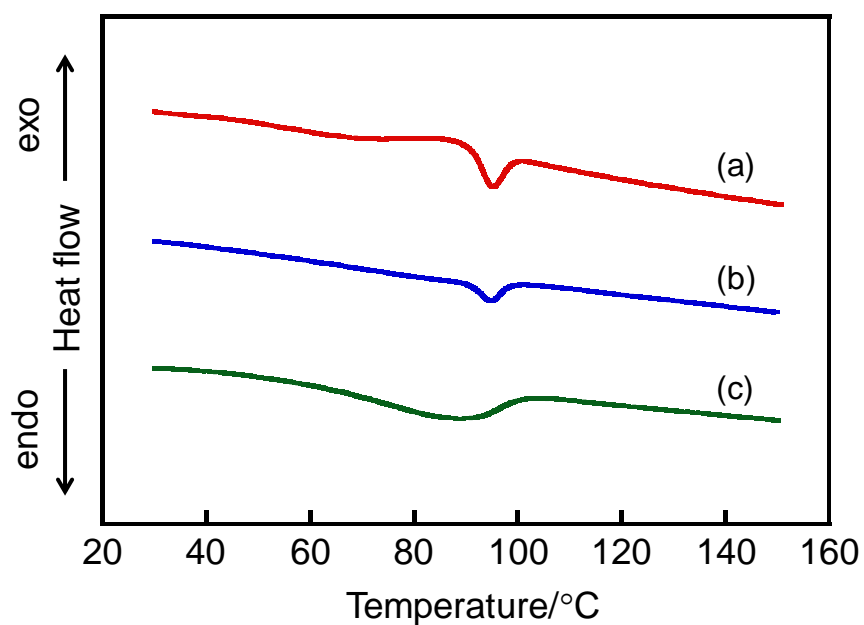
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	<b>1a</b>
Empirical formula	C <sub>45</sub> H <sub>34</sub> F <sub>6</sub> O <sub>4</sub> S <sub>2</sub> , C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>7</sub>
Formula weight	859.93
Temperature	120(2) K
Crystal system	Monoclinic
Space group	<i>P2/n</i>
Unit cell dimensions	$a = 21.493(10) \text{ \AA}$ $b = 6.174(3) \text{ \AA}$ $c = 32.059(15) \text{ \AA}$ $\beta = 98.765(6)^\circ$
Volume	4205(3) $\text{\AA}^3$
<i>Z</i>	4
Density	1.358 g/cm <sup>3</sup>
Crystal size	0.36 × 0.22 × 0.01 mm <sup>3</sup>
Goodness-of-fit on $F^2$	1.077
Final $R$ [ $I > 2\sigma(I)$ ]	$R1 = 0.0564$ , $wR2 = 0.1231$
$R$ (all data)	$R1 = 0.0806$ , $wR2 = 0.1346$

## Reference

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