

***Supporting Information for***

**Systemic research of Fluorescent Emulsion Systems and its  
polymerization process with fluorescent probe by AIE mechanism**

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**Table 1s The relative composition of the fluorescent acrylate emulsion**

Sample	Monomer		Water	AIE lumininogen	Emulsifyin g agent	Initiator
	Methylmeth acrylate	Ethylhexyl acrylate				
<b>AE-TPE-A</b>	40%wt	0	57.4%wt	0.1%wt	2%wt	0.5%wt
<b>AE-TPE-B</b>	40%wt	0	57.3%wt	0.2%wt	2%wt	0.5%wt
<b>AE-TPE-C</b>	40%wt	0	57.1%wt	0.4%wt	2%wt	0.5%wt
<b>AE-TPE-D</b>	40%wt	0	56.9%wt	0.6%wt	2%wt	0.5%wt
<b>AE-TPE-E</b>	40%wt	0	56.7%wt	0.8%wt	2%wt	0.5%wt
<b>AE-TPE-F</b>	40%wt	0	50.9%wt	0.6%wt	8%wt	0.5%wt
<b>AE-TPE-G</b>	40%wt	0	52.9%wt	0.6%wt	6%wt	0.5%wt
<b>AE-TPE-H</b>	40%wt	0	54.9%wt	0.6%wt	4%wt	0.5%wt
<b>AE-TPE-I</b>	40%wt	0	57.9%wt	0.6%wt	1%wt	0.5%wt
<b>AE-TPE-J</b>	20%wt	0	78.95%wt	0.3%wt	0.5%wt	0.25%wt
<b>AE-TPE-K</b>	10%wt	0	89.475%wt	0.15%wt	0.25%wt	0.125%wt
<b>AE-TPE-L</b>	5%wt	0	94.7375%wt	0.075%wt	0.125%wt	0.0625%wt
<b>AE-TPE-M</b>	22.15%wt	17.85%wt	56.9%wt	0.6%wt	2%wt	0.5%wt
<b>AE-TPE-N</b>	26.54%wt	13.46%wt	56.9%wt	0.6%wt	2%wt	0.5%wt
<b>AE-TPE-O</b>	30.36%wt	9.46%wt	56.9%wt	0.6%wt	2%wt	0.5%wt
<b>AE-TPE-P</b>	33.73%wt	6.27%wt	56.9%wt	0.6%wt	2%wt	0.5%wt
<b>AE-TPE-Q</b>	36.71%wt	3.29%wt	56.9%wt	0.6%wt	2%wt	0.5%wt

### ***Study the fluorescence behavior influenced by the content of AIE lumininogen***

To study the influence of the relative content of AIE lumininogen to the monomer on the fluorescence behavior of fluorescent acrylate emulsion, methylmethacrylate was selected to copolymerize with TPE-containing tetra-acrylate *via* emulsion polymerization at the same concentration(40%wt). With the same content of emulsifying agent(SDS, 2%wt) and initiator(KPS, 0.5%wt), the fluorescent emulsions were prepared by changing the relative content of AIE lumininogen, such as 0.1%wt, 0.2%wt, 0.4%wt, 0.6%wt, and 0.8%wt, which corresponded to AE-TPE-A, AE-TPE-B, AE-TPE-C, AE-TPE-D, and AE-TPE-E, respectively. (AE: Acrylate Emulsion)

### ***Study the fluorescence behavior influenced by the size of the emulsion particles***

To study the influence of the size of emulsion particles on the fluorescence behavior of emulsion, methylmethacrylate was selected to copolymerize with TPE-containing tetra-acrylate with the relative content of 0.6%wt *via* emulsion polymerization. The concentration of latex particles and the relative content of initiator(KPS) to the monomers were fixed to be 40%wt and 0.5%wt, respectively, while the relative concentrations of emulsifying agent(SDS) varied by 8%wt, 6%wt, 4%wt, 2%wt and 1%wt, which corresponded to AE-TPE-F(30nm), AE-TPE-G(60nm), AE-TPE-H(90nm), AE-TPE-D(120nm), and AE-TPE-I(180nm), respectively.

### ***Study the fluorescence behavior influenced by the concentration of emulsion***

To study the influence of the concentration of emulsion on the fluorescence behavior of acrylate emulsion. AE-TPE-D was selected and diluted to different concentrations, such as 20%wt, 10%wt, and 5%wt, which corresponded to AE-TPE-J, AE-TPE-K, and AE-TPE-L, respectively.

### ***Study the fluorescence behavior influenced by the glass transition temperature of the emulsion***

To study the influence of the glass transition temperature ( $T_g$ ) value on the fluorescence behavior of acrylate emulsion. The relative content of emulsifying agent(SDS)&initiator(KPS) to the monomers and the concentration of latex particles

were fixed to be 2%wt, 0.5%wt and 40%wt, respectively. In addition, the relative concentration of AIE luminogen was fixed at 0.6%wt.  $T_g$  of the prepared acrylate emulsiton varied with 0°C(AE-TPE-M), 20°C(AE-TPE-N), 40°C(AE-TPE-P), 60°C(AE-TPE-Q), and 80°C(AE-TPE-R), respectively by changing the relative content of methylmethacrylate(MMA) and ethylhexyl acrylate(2-EHA) according to Fox formula.

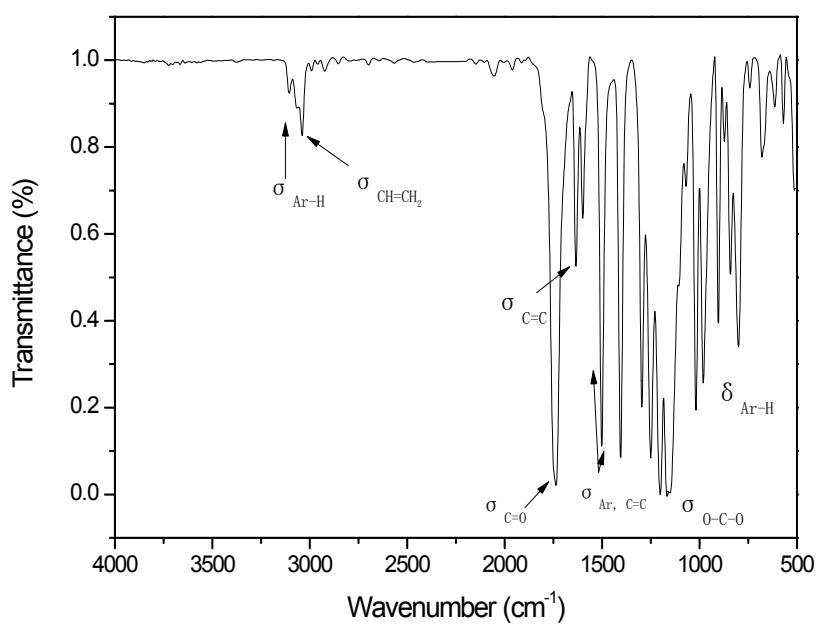
$$\frac{1}{T_g} = \frac{W_{MMA}}{T_{gMMA}} + \frac{W_{2-EHA}}{T_{g2-EHA}}$$

#### ***Chemical construction of TPE-containing tetra-acrylate***

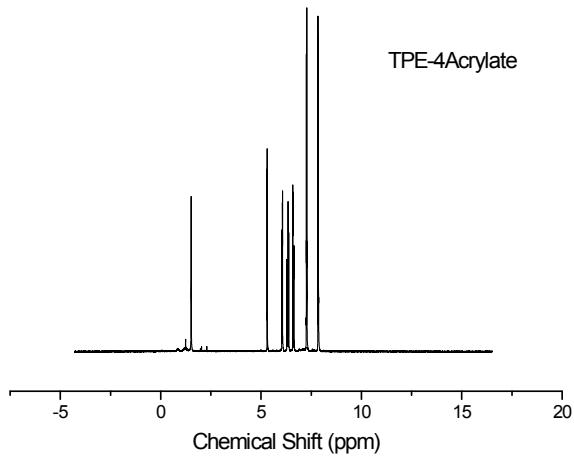
FTIR (KBr), ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3107( $\sigma_{\text{C}=\text{C}-\text{H}}$ ), 3039 ( $\sigma_{\text{Ar}-\text{H}}$ ), 1736 ( $\sigma_{\text{C}=\text{O}}$ ), 1633 ( $\sigma_{\text{C}=\text{C}}$ ), 1600,1502,1404( $\sigma_{\text{Ar}}$ ), 1160( $\sigma_{\text{O-C-O}}$ ),902,840,800,680( $\delta_{\text{Ar-H}}$ )  
 $^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ), (TMS, ppm): 7.87 (d, 8H,  $\text{Ar}\square\text{H}$ ), 7.29 (d, 8H,  $\text{Ar}\square\text{H}$ ), 6.63 (dd, 4H,  $\text{CH}_2=\text{C}\square\text{H}$ ), 6.35 (dd, 4H,  $\text{CH}=\text{CH}\square\text{H}$ ), 6.07 (dd, 4H,  $\text{CH}=\text{CH}\square\text{H}$ ).

FTIR spectrum of AE-TPE-D

FTIR (KBr), ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 2997, 2952( $\sigma_{\text{C-H}}$ ), 1730( $\sigma_{\text{C=O}}$ ), 1600,1452,1392( $\sigma_{\text{Ar}}$ ), 1280-1140( $\sigma_{\text{O-C-O}}$ ),916,842,810,750( $\delta_{\text{Ar-H}}$ )

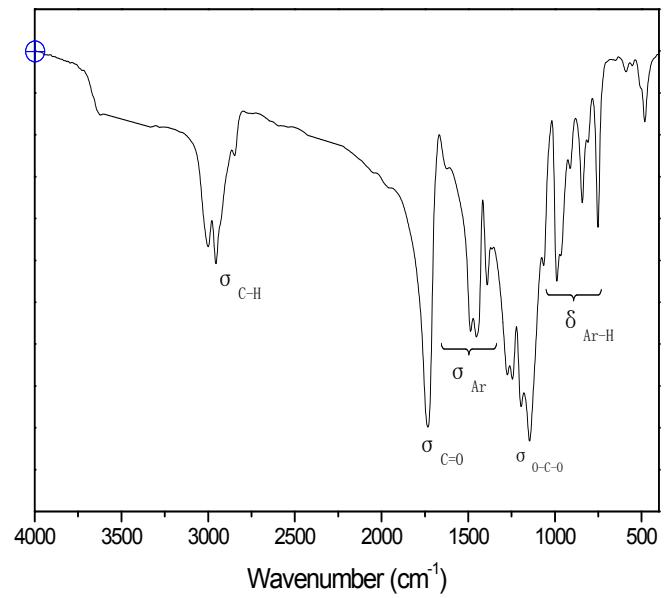


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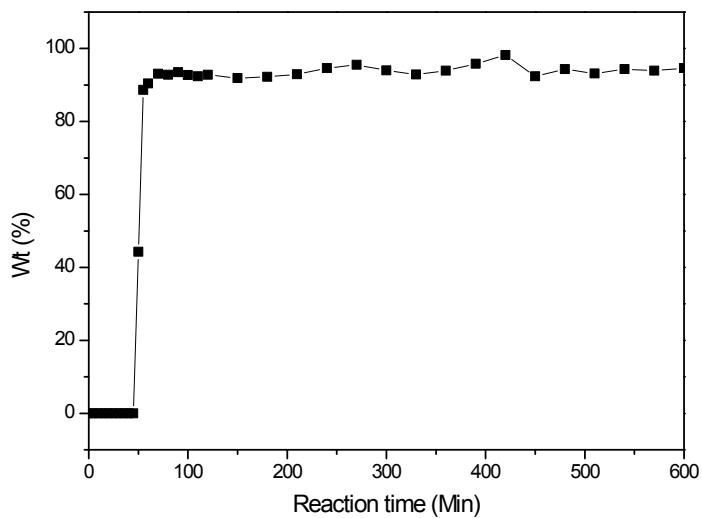


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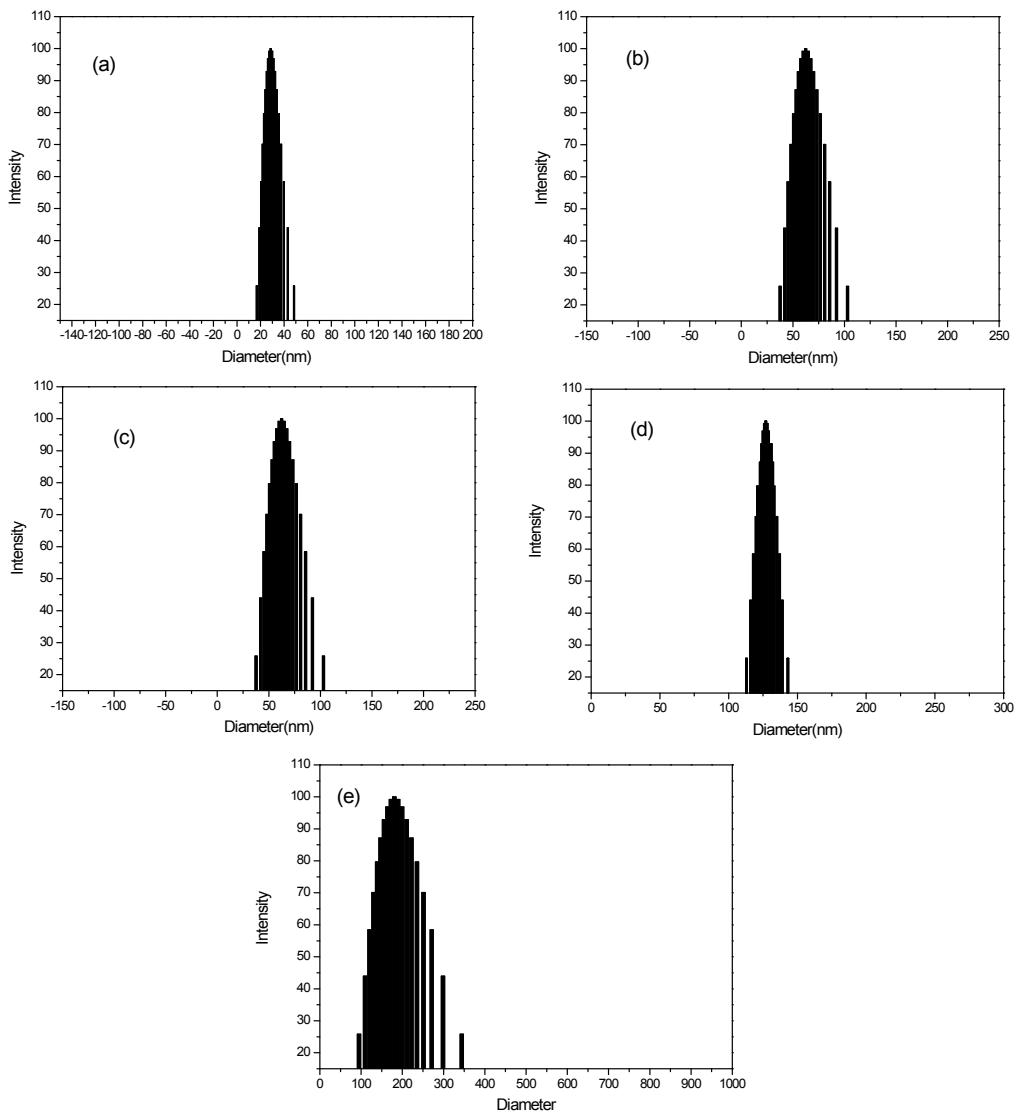
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**Table 2S. molecular weight and molecular weight distribution of AE-TPE-D**

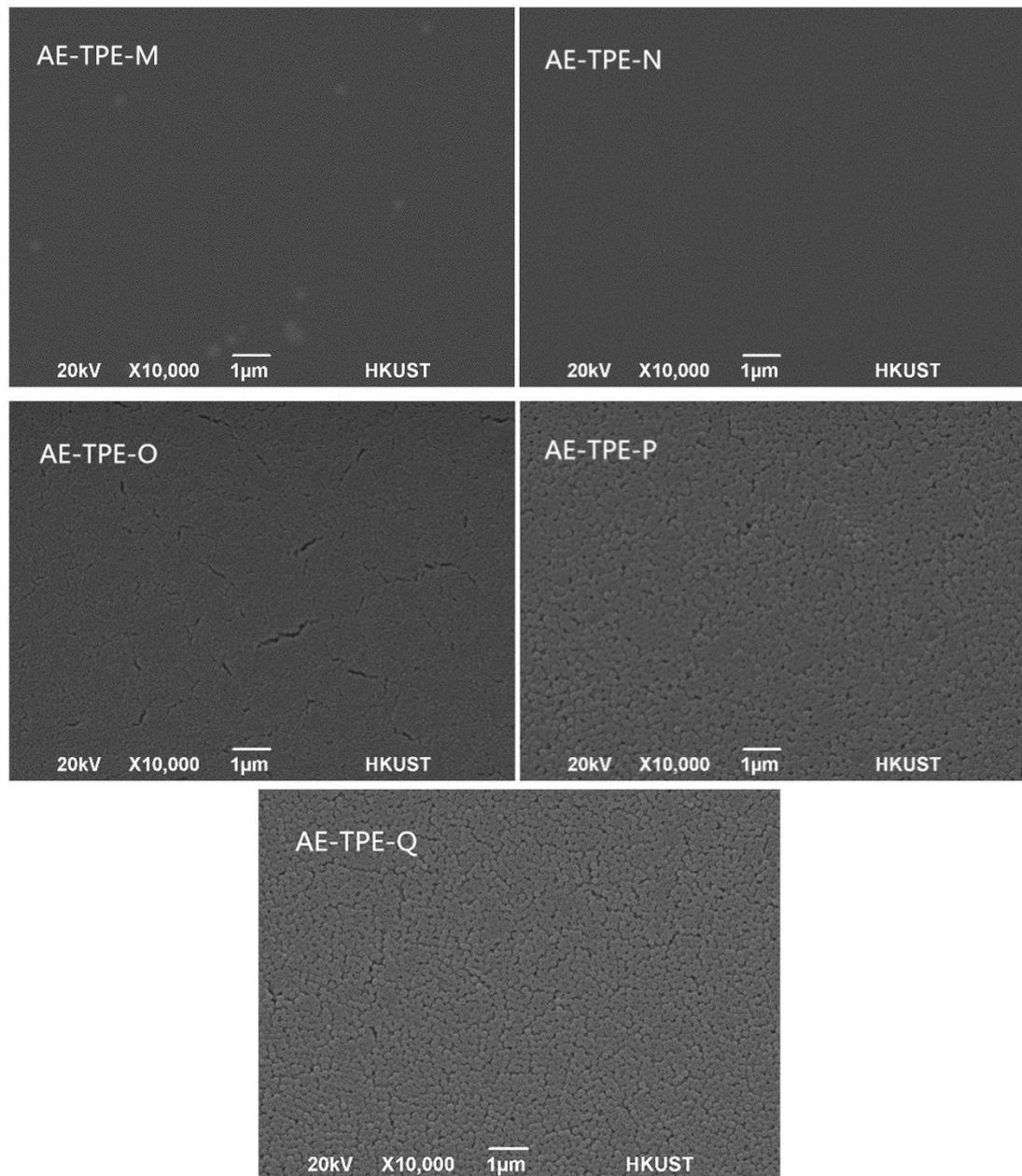
**varied with reaction time**

<b>Sample</b>	<b>M<sub>n</sub></b>	<b>M<sub>w</sub></b>	<b>MWD</b>
<b>50min</b>	377000	619600	1.643
<b>55min</b>	371900	578100	1.554
<b>60min</b>	370600	565200	1.525
<b>70min</b>	390800	591000	1.554
<b>80min</b>	394700	557100	1.411
<b>90min</b>	558800	707400	1.266
<b>100min</b>	481100	652200	1.350
<b>110min</b>	603500	800800	1.326
<b>120min</b>	519900	735200	1.414
<b>150min</b>	477200	706200	1.480
<b>180min</b>	483500	718400	1.485
<b>210min</b>	479300	714000	1.490
<b>240min</b>	521200	742000	1.242
<b>270min</b>	513400	731800	1.425
<b>300min</b>	480000	648000	1.350
<b>330min</b>	364100	570300	1.566
<b>360min</b>	361300	614700	1.330
<b>390min</b>	381700	550400	1.442
<b>420min</b>	319300	495200	1.551
<b>450min</b>	330700	588100	1.779
<b>480min</b>	297000	498800	1.679
<b>510min</b>	268600	444700	1.655
<b>540min</b>	287900	491200	1.706
<b>570min</b>	284100	445700	1.569
<b>600min</b>	268900	426000	1.584

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