

***Electronic Supplementary Information (ESI)***

**One-pot synthesis of a mechanochromic AIE luminogen:  
implication for rewritable optical data storage**

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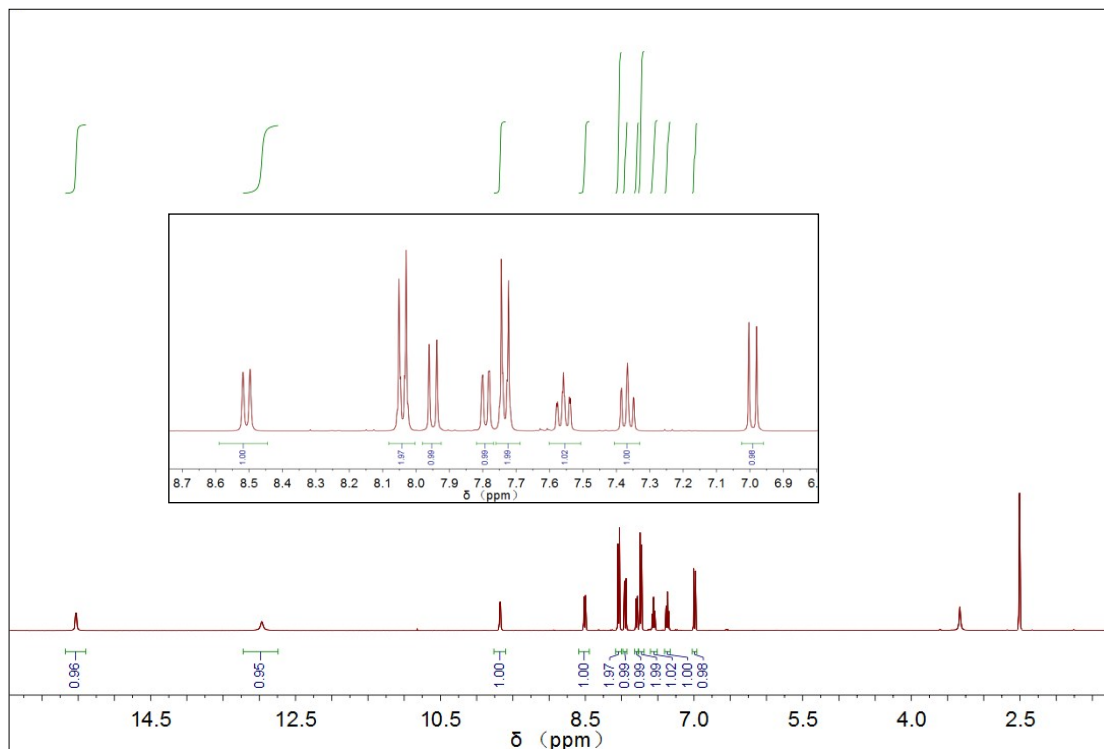


Fig. S1  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz, 298 K) spectrum of HNMA in  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ .

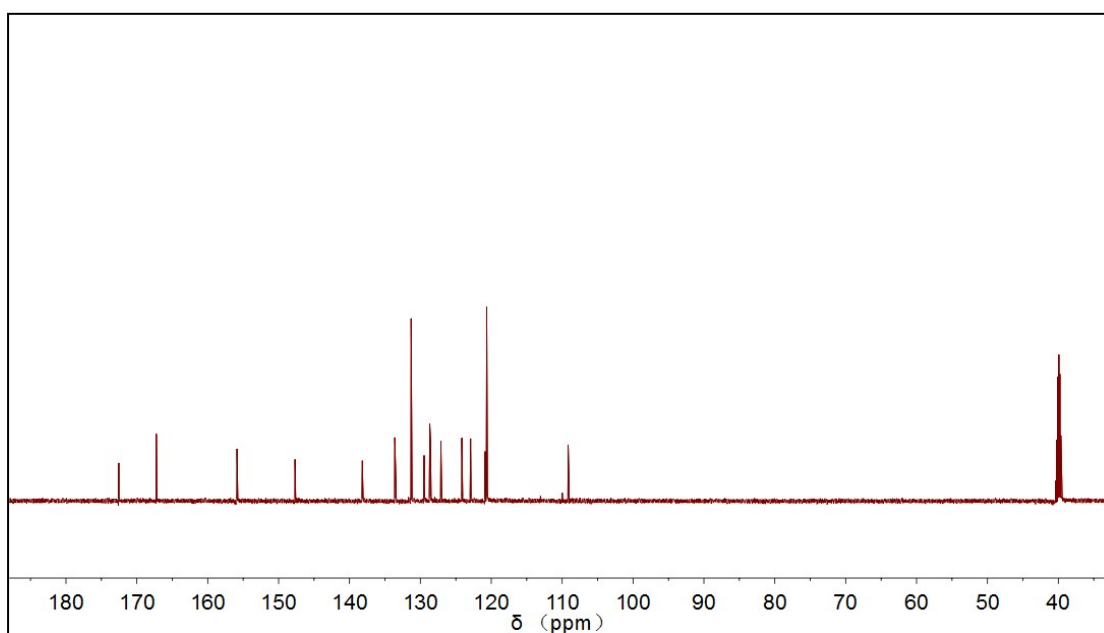


Fig. S2  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (600 MHz, 298 K) spectrum of HNMA in  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ .

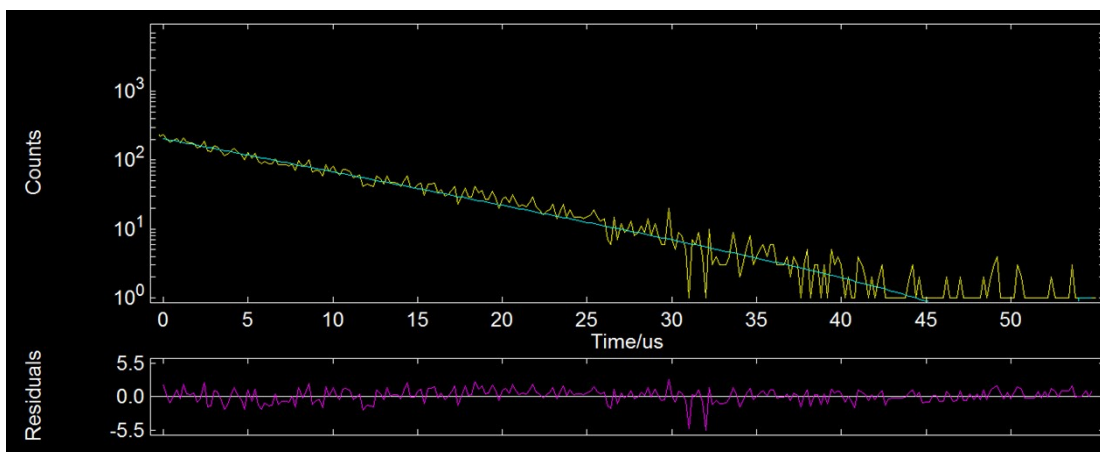


Fig. S3 Fluorescence lifetime decay profile for crystalline HNMA. Excitation wavelength: 390 nm.

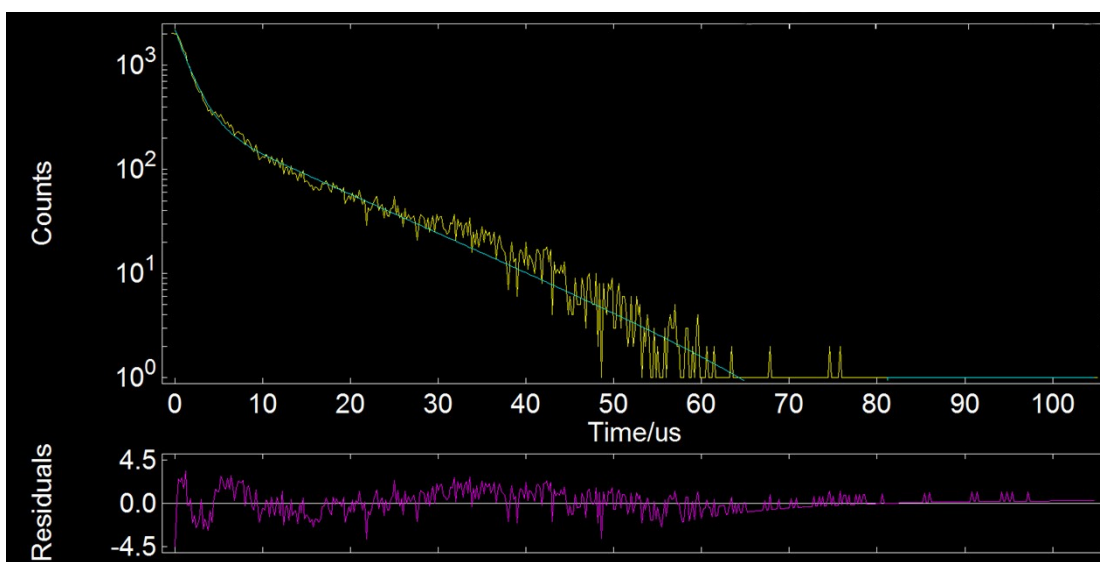


Fig. S4 Fluorescence lifetime decay profile for HNMA solution (DMSO, 10  $\mu\text{M}$ ). Excitation wavelength: 390 nm.

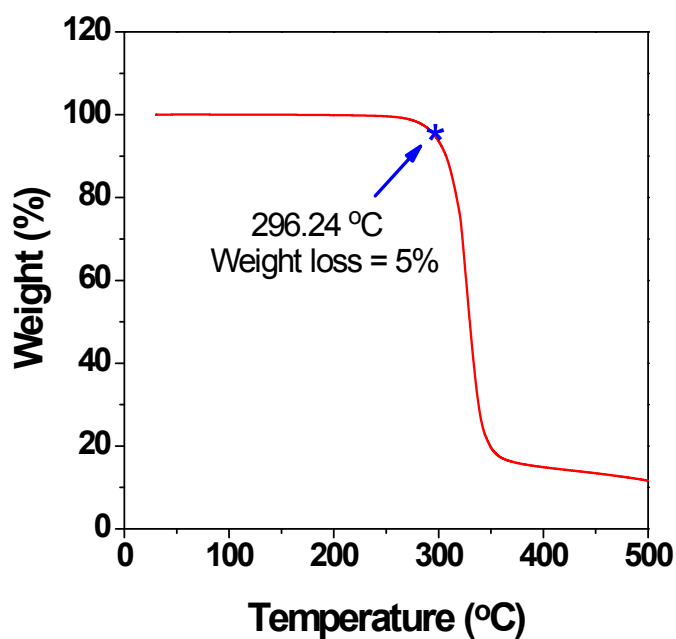


Fig. S5 TGA thermogram of HNMA recorded under nitrogen at a heating rate of 10 °C/min.

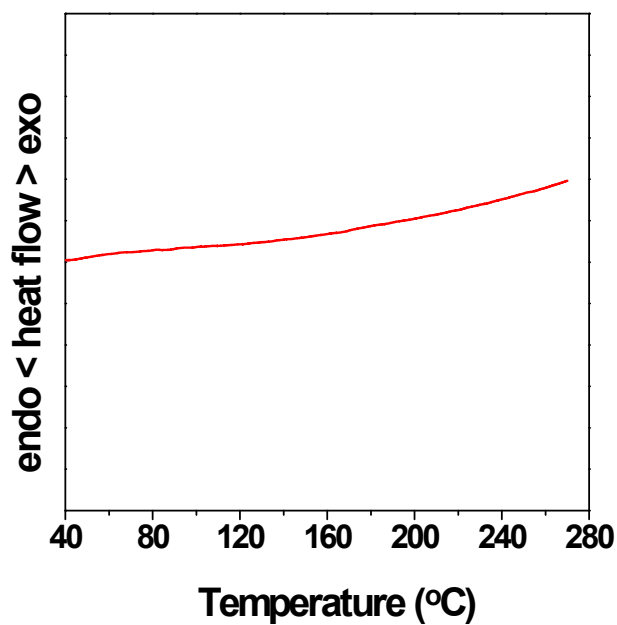


Fig. S6 DSC thermogram of crystalline HNMA recorded under nitrogen at a heating rate of 10 °C/min.

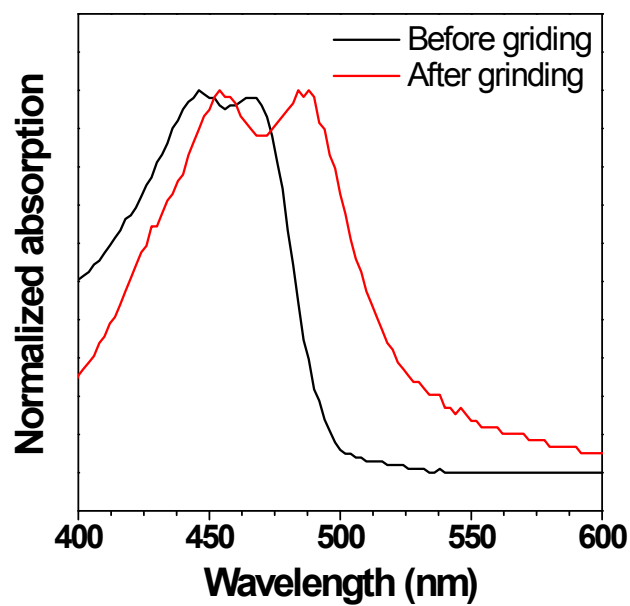


Fig. S7 Normalized absorption spectra of HNMA before (black) and after (red) grinding.

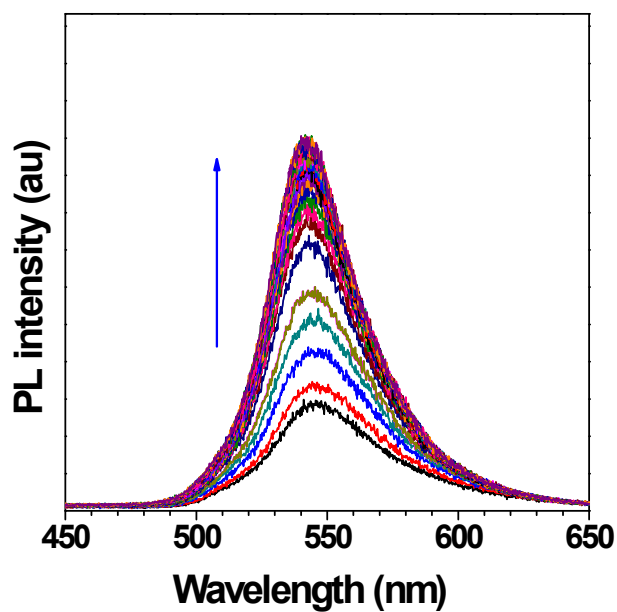


Fig. S8 Time-dependent emission spectra of the ground sample exposed to chloroform vapour. Time interval: 20 s. Excitation wavelength: 390 nm.

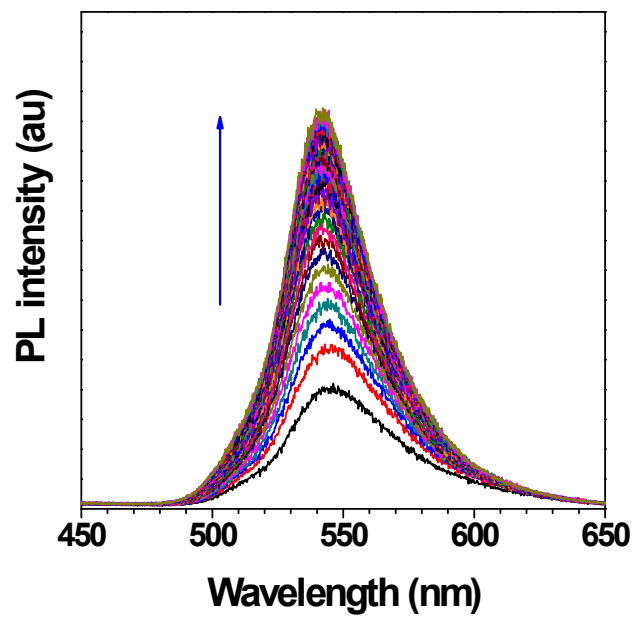


Fig. S9 Time-dependent emission spectra of the ground sample exposed to ethanol vapour. Time interval: 20 s. Excitation wavelength: 390 nm.

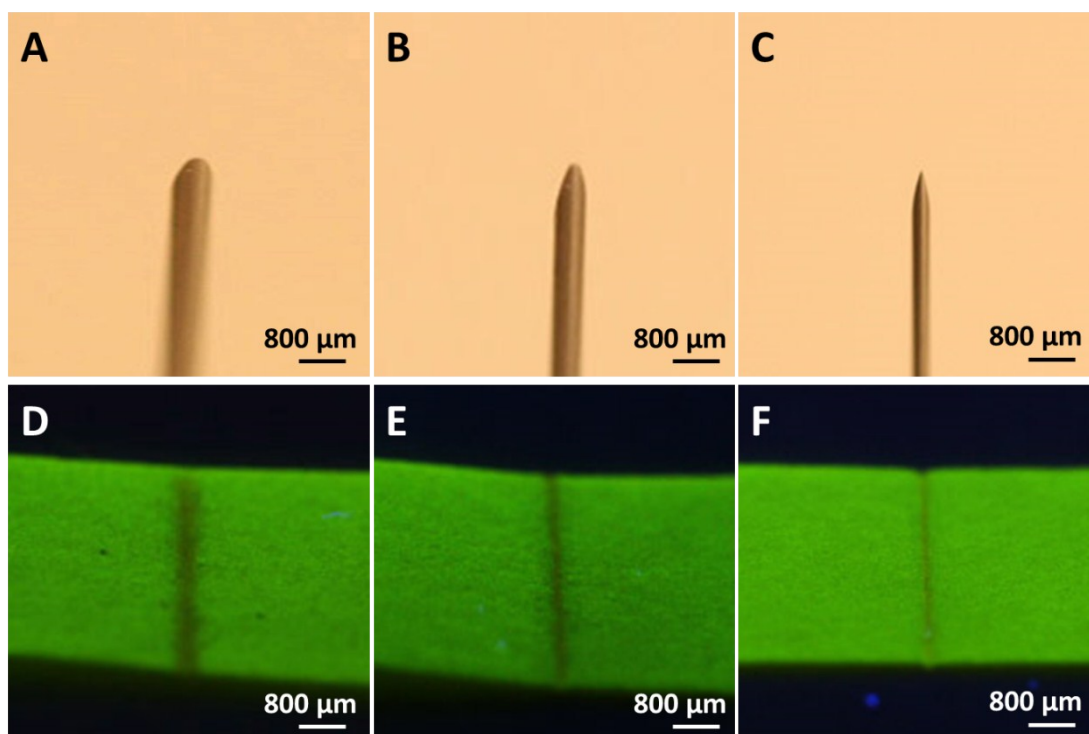


Fig. S10 Macrophotography of the pinpoints (A-C) and the corresponding force-induced data stripes (D-F). D, E and F were captured under UV irradiation in a UV lamp box.