

Supporting Information

Vapor Phase Solvatochromic Response of Polydiacetylene Embedded Matrix Polymers

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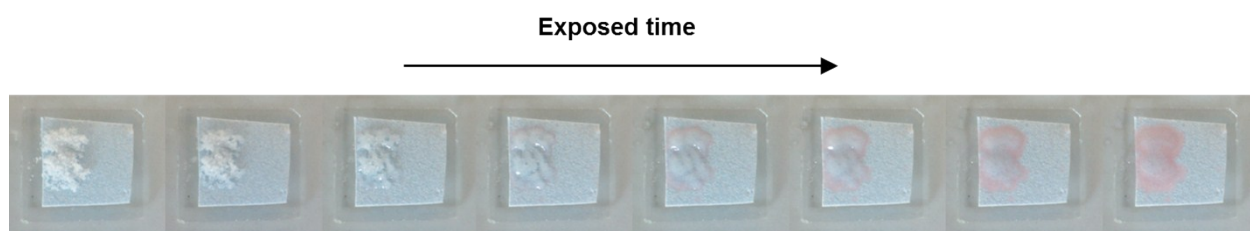


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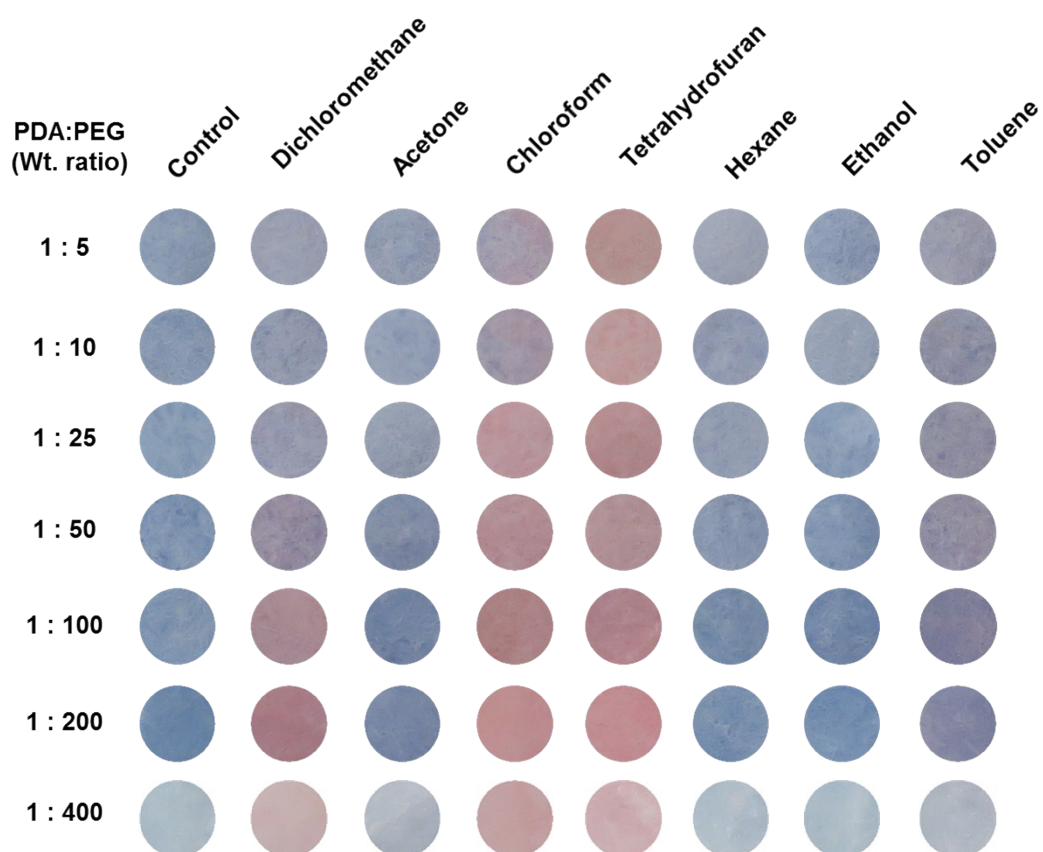


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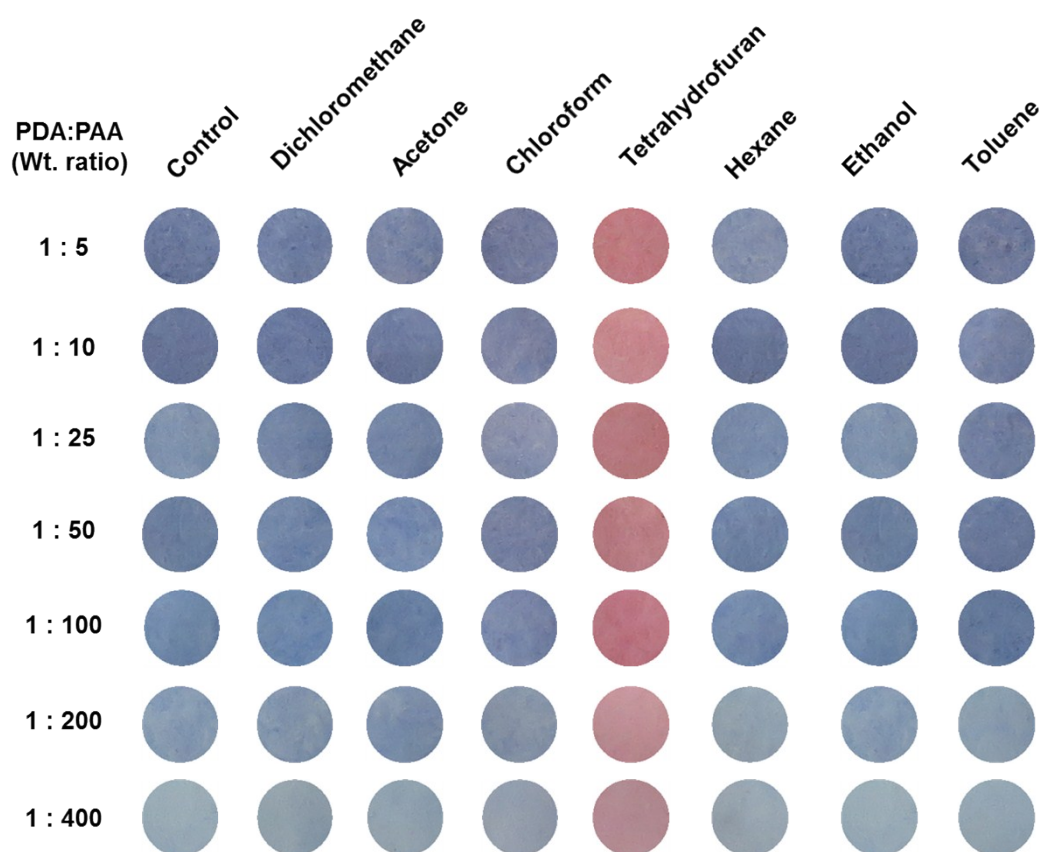


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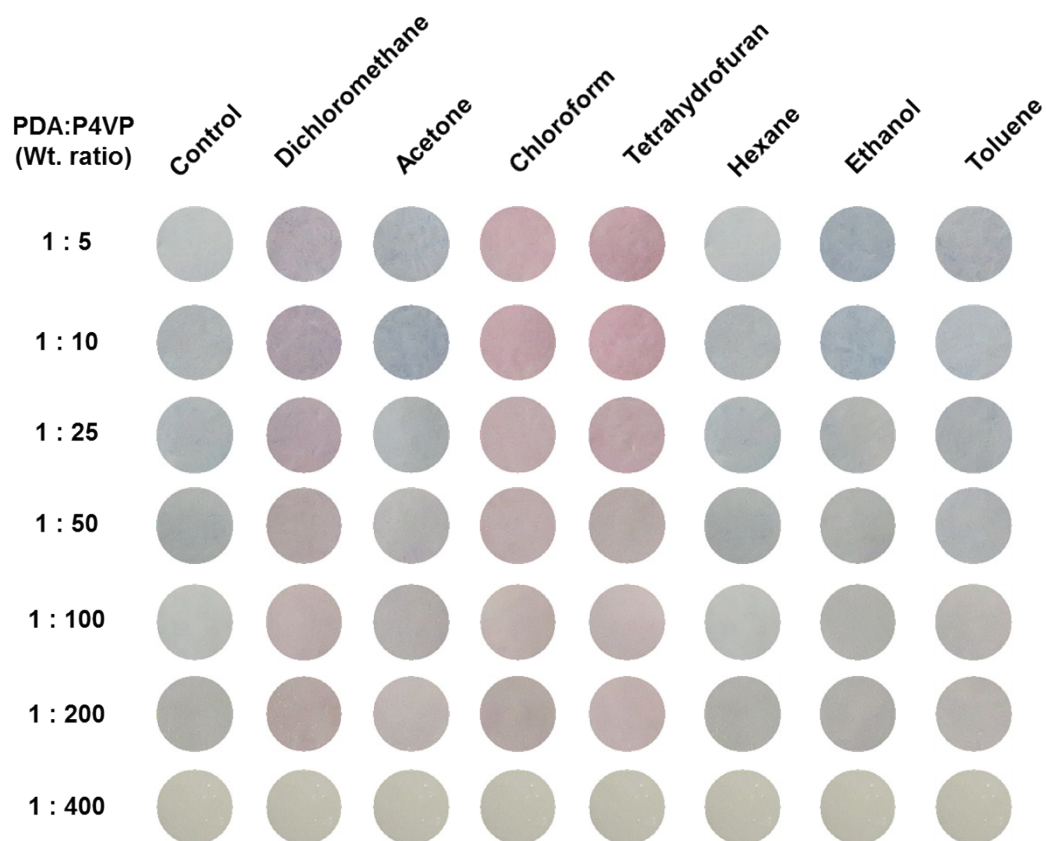


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	Dichloromethane	Acetone	Chloroform	Tetrahydrofuran	Hexane	Ethanol	Toluene
PVP	19.3 %	4.7 %	52.2 %	4.2 %	4.4 %	7.4 %	4.9 %
PEG	29.2 %	2.4 %	98.7 %	3.4 %	6.8 %	0.5 %	7.0 %
PAA	3.7 %	5.2 %	0.4 %	6.2 %	2.6 %	2.3 %	3.4 %
P4VP	9.6 %	3.1 %	35.1 %	2.1%	2.5 %	2.3 %	4.4 %

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Polymer or Solvent	Hildebrand Solubility Parameter δ (Mpa^{1/2})
Polyvinylpyrrolidone (PVP)	22.3
Polyethylene glycol (PEG)	22.2
Polyacrylic acid (PAA)	25.7
Poly-4-vinylpyridine (P4VP)	--
Dichloromethane	20.1
Acetone	20.3
Chloroform	19.0
Tetrahydrofuran	18.6
Hexane	14.9
Ethanol	26.0
Toluene	18.2

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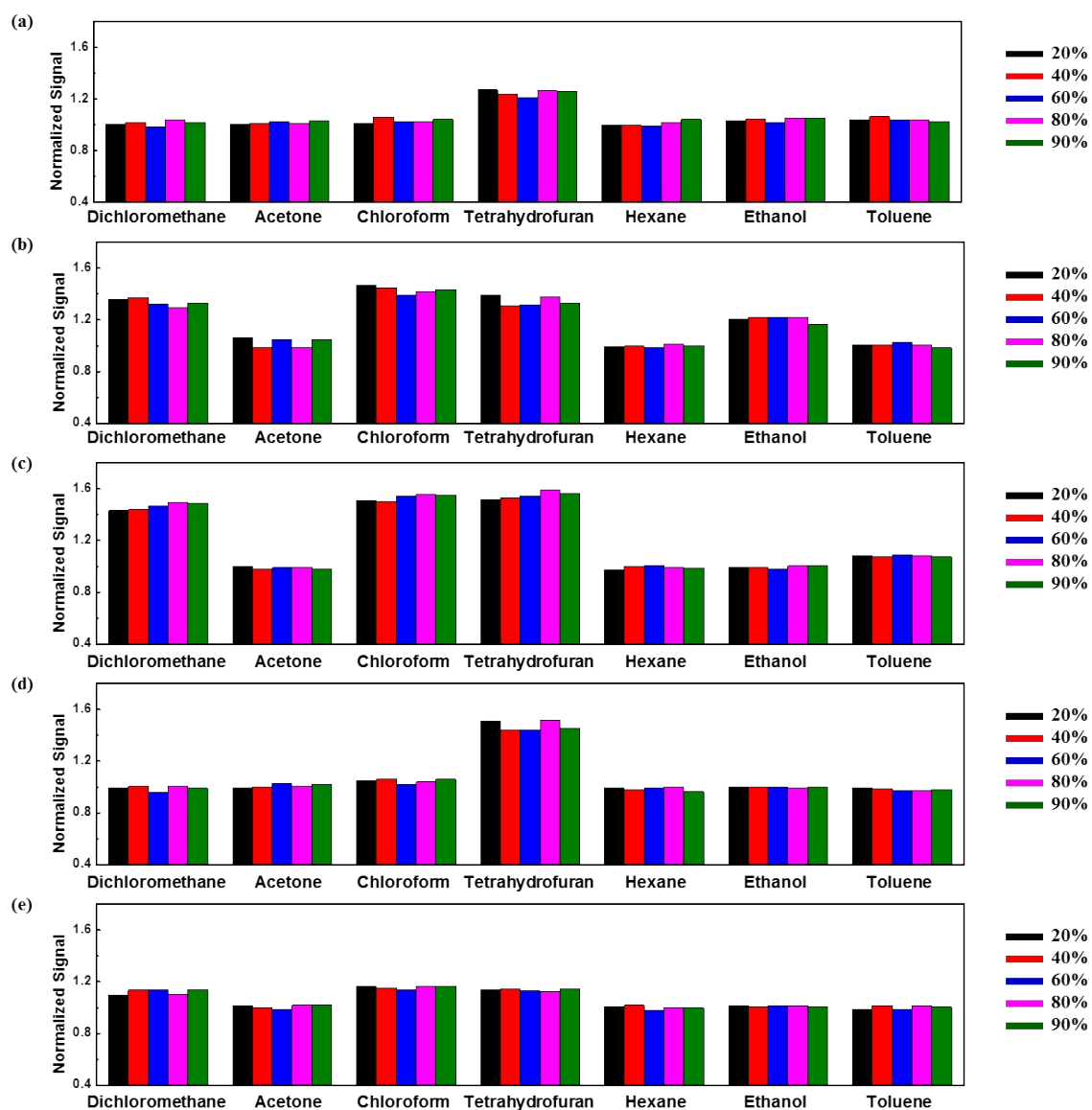


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