## Polydopamine Nanoparticles Doped Liquid Crystal Elastomers for 3D Dynamic Structures

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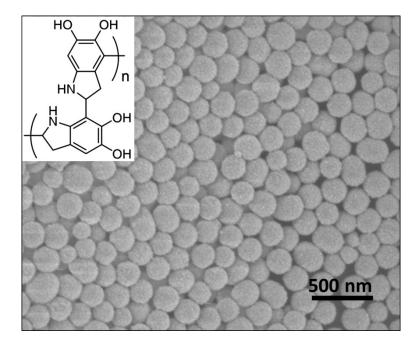


Figure S1. SEM image of PDA nanoparticles. Inset: chemical structure of PDA.

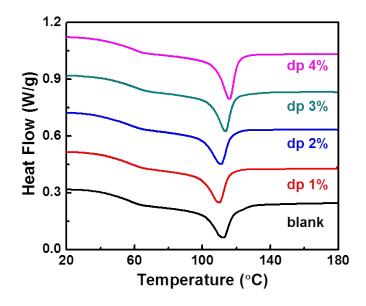


Figure S2. DSC thermograms of PDA-xLCE and blank samples.

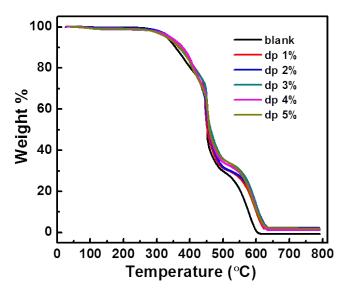


Figure S3. TGA curves of PDA-xLCEs and blank xLCE sample.

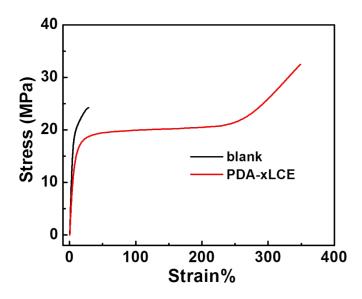
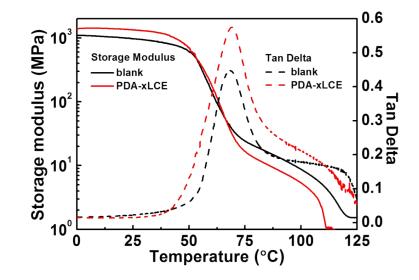
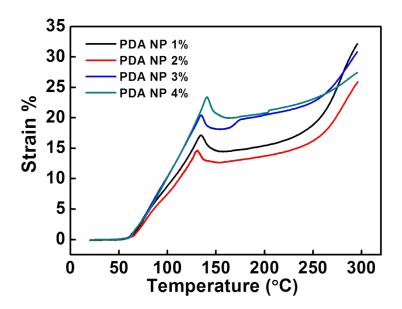


Figure S4. Stress-Strain curves of PDA-xLCE and blank samples at 30 °C.



**Figure S5.** Tensile storage modulus and  $tan\delta$  trace of blank and PDA-xLCE samples measured by DMA (heating rate 1°C/min).



**Figure S6.** Dilatometry tests of samples with different PDA NPs contents. A trend is present that as the PDA NP content increase, the Tv increases too.

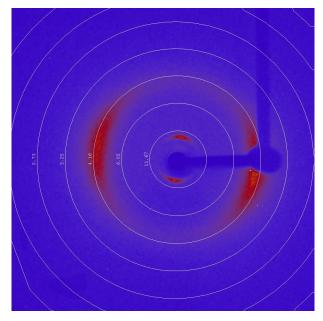
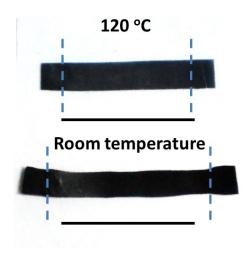
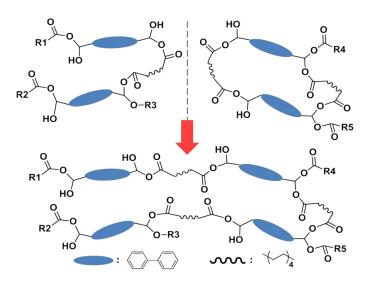


Figure \$7. 2D XRD image of the monodomain PDA-xLCE sample.



**Figure S8.** Reversible thermal actuation of a monodomain PDA-xLCE film. Scale bar: 1 cm.



**Figure S9.** Schematic illustration for the chemical mechanism of transesterification.