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## Supplementary data

## Multifunctional polyurethanes synthesized from different triarylamine units for electrochromic, photogenerated,

## resistance memory, sensor devices

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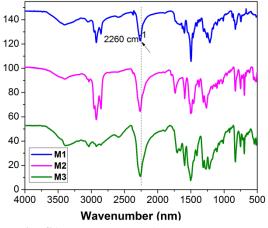
Materials and Measurements.

N,N'-diphenyl-1,4-phenylenediamine, N,N'-di-2-naphthyl-1,4-phenylenediamine, aniline, bis(tricholoromethyl) carbonate, 4,4'-diphenylmethane diisocyanate (4,4'-MDI), dibutyltindilaurate (DBTDL), 4-fluoronitrobenzene, diamidhydrate (N<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub> H<sub>2</sub>O), polyethylene glycol (PEG-2000), sodium hydride (NaH, Acros), calcium hydride (CaH), Palladium on matrix carbon powder (10wt.% loading), tetrabutylammonium perchlorate (TBAP) were used directly without any pretreatment (Aladdin). Nitrobenzene (NB), 4-nitrotoluene (NT), 2,4-dinitrotoluene (DNT), 4-nitrophenol (NP), 2,4-dinitrophenol (DNP) were purchased from Sigma Aldrich, 2,4,6-trinitrotoluene (TNT) and 2,4,6-Trinitrophenol (TNP) were obtained from Ultra Scientific. And all the solvents used in this report were purified by vacuum distillation (-0.1 MPa) after dried over CaH for a night.

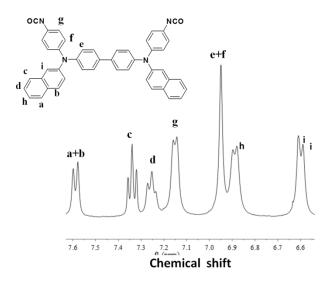
Nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) spectra were recorded on a Bruker spectrometer with Bruker AC-400 MHz in deuterate DMSO. The The molecular weight information on PUs were determined on Gel permeation chromatography (GPC) unit equipped with double refractive index detector with DMF mixed with LiCl as an eluent at a flow rate of 1.0 mL/min. Thermogravimetric analysis (TGA) was conducted on a PerkinElmer TGA in the temperature range of 0–800  $^{\circ}$ C under nitrogen atmosphere with a heating rate of 10 K min<sup>-1</sup>. The theoretical study was performed on the 6-31G basis set in Gaussian09 using the density functional theory (DFT), as approximated by the B3LYP.

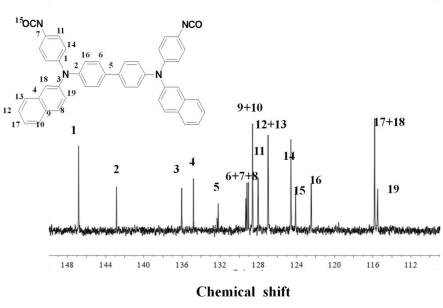
Cyclic voltammograms of the PUs were conducted on CH Instruments 660A Electrochemical Workstation (Shanghai, China) with 0.1 mol/L electrolyte (the mixture of TBAP and dry acetonitrile) at a scan rate of 50 mV s<sup>-1</sup>. The conventional three-electrode cell was using an Ag/AgCl electrode worked as the reference electrode, a platinum (Pt) wire electrode worked as the counter electrode, and PUs/ Indium tin oxide (ITO) worked as the working electrode, respectively. UV–vis spectra were collected using UV-3600 spectrophotometer (Shimadzu). Photoluminescence (PL) spectra were performed by a

Jasco FP-6200 spectrometer. The I-V characterization curves were performed by a Keithley 4200-SCS semiconductor analyzer. The mechanical properties of these polymers were examined with Instron 3367 universal testing machine at room temperature.

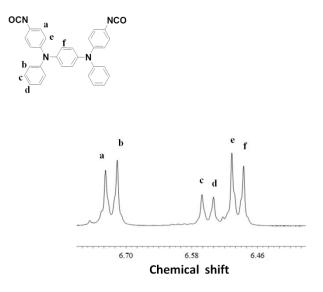


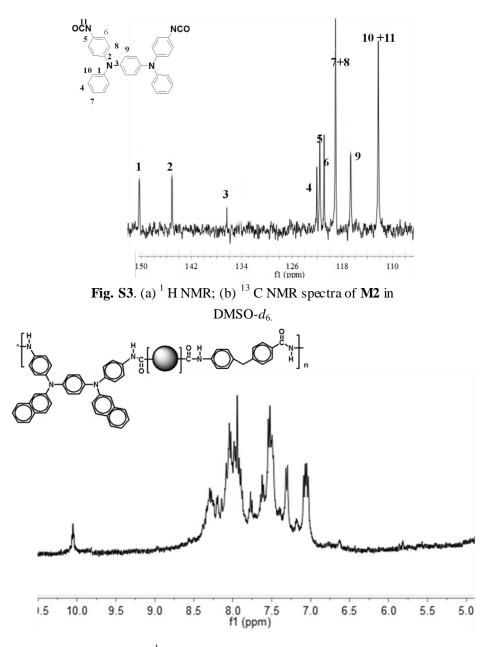




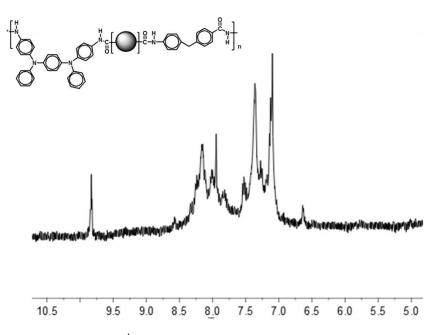


**Fig. S2**. (a) <sup>1</sup> H NMR; (b) <sup>13</sup> C NMR spectra of **M1** in DMSO- $d_{6}$ .

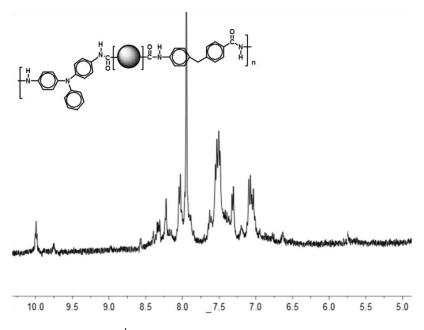


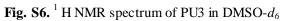


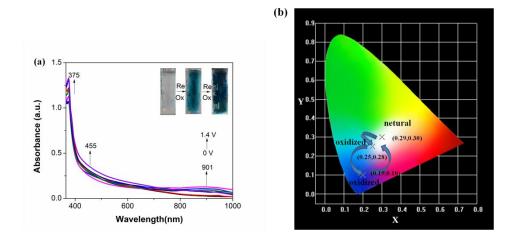
**Fig. S4.** <sup>1</sup> H NMR spectrum of PU1 in DMSO- $d_6$ 



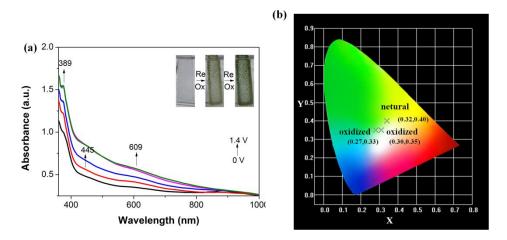
**Fig. S5.** <sup>1</sup> H NMR spectrum of PU2 in DMSO- $d_6$ 



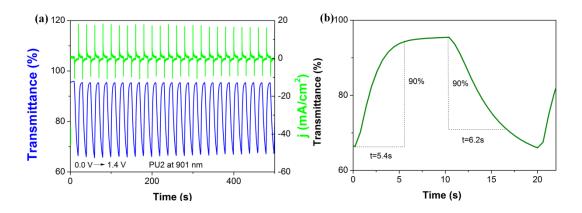




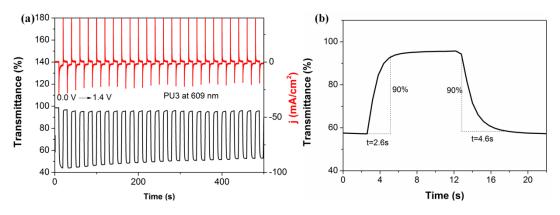
**Fig. S7**. Absorption spectra of the PU2 (a) at different applied potentials (0.0-1.4 V) and the color coordinates (b) of it. The insets of (a) showing the color changes.



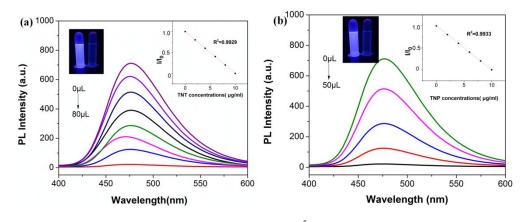
**Fig. S8**. Absorption spectra of the PU3 (a) at different applied potentials (0.0-1.4 V) and the color coordinates (b) of it. The insets of (a) showing the color changes.



**Fig. S9.** (a) Optical switching the transmittance and current between 0.0 and 1.4 V of the PU2 with a cycle time of 10 s. (b) Optical switch time (monitored at 901 nm).



**Fig. S10.** (a) Optical switching the transmittance and current between 0.0 and 1.4 V of the PU3with a cycle time of 10 s. (b) Optical switch time (monitored at 609 nm).



**Fig. S11.** Changes in fluorescence spectra of PU2  $(1 \times 10^{-5} \text{ M})$  upon addition of different concentration

of (a) TNT (0 uL to 80 uL) and (c) TNP (0 uL to 50 uL) in NMP.

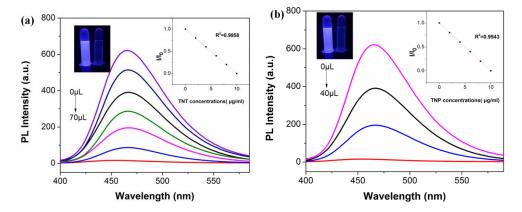


Fig. S12. Changes in fluorescence spectra of PU1  $(1 \times 10^{-5} \text{ M})$  upon addition of different concentration of (a) TNT (0 uL to 70 uL) and (c) TNP (0 uL to 40 uL) in NMP.

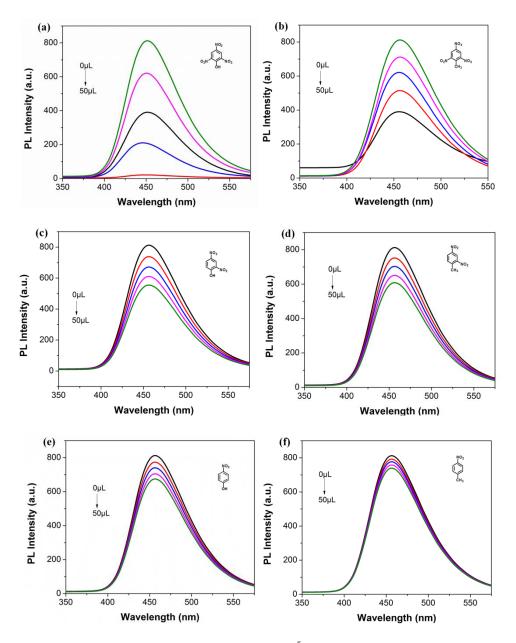


Fig. S13. Changes in fluorescence spectra of PU3  $(1 \times 10^{-5} \text{ M})$  upon addition of different concentration (0 uL to 50 uL) of (a) TNP, (b) TNT, (c) DNP, (d) DNT, (e) NP and (f) NT in NMP.

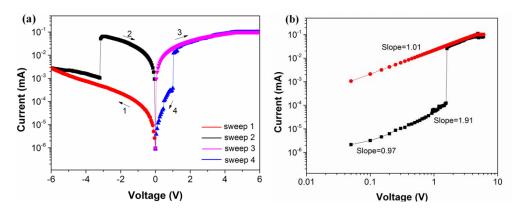


Fig. S14. (a) I-V curve and (b) Linear fitting and corresponding slopes of the memory device based on PU2.

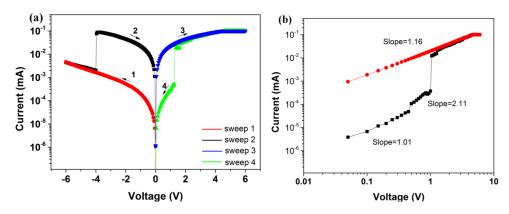


Fig. S15. (a) I-V curve and (b) Linear fitting and corresponding slopes of the memory device based on PU3.

PUs	In	solution $\lambda$ (nr	n) <sup>a</sup>	As film $\lambda$ (nm)			
	abs max	PL max	$\Phi_{\mathrm{PL}}\left(\% ight)^{\mathrm{b}}$	abs max	abs onset	PL max	
PU1	369	465	13.1	377	432	476	
PU2	378	477	20.8	375	422	481	
PU3	381	455	35.1	389	477	465	

Table S1. Optical properties of PUs.

 $^a$  PUs solutions in dilute NMP at a concentration of about  $1 \times 10^{-5}$  mol L  $^{-1};$ 

 $^{b}$  Measured by using quinine sulfate as a reference standard (  $\Phi_{PL}$  =54.6%).

Table S2. Electrochemical properties of PUs.

PUs	$\lambda^{abs}_{onset}$ a	$E_{onset}^{peak  b}$ vsAg/AgCl	$E_{\rm HOMO}^{\it electro}$ c	$E_{\it LUMO}^{\it electro\ C}$	$E_{g}^{{\it film}{\sf d}}$	$E_{\rm HOMO}^{\it quntum}$ e	$E_{\scriptstyle LUMO}^{\scriptstyle quntume}$	$E_g^{quntum{ m e}}$
PU1	432	0.29	-4.06	-1.19	2.87	-4.03	-0.92	3.11
PU2	477	0.43	-3.92	-1.32	2.60	-4.19	-1.22	2.97
PU3	422	0.35	-4.00	-0.56	3.44	-4.43	-0.79	3.64

<sup>a</sup> Onset absorption wavelength of PI films;

<sup>b</sup>  $E_{onset}^{peak}$ : onset potential from cyclic voltammetry vs Ag/AgCl in 0.1 mol/L TBAP/CH<sub>3</sub>CN.

<sup>c</sup> Based on formula (1)  $E_{HOMO} = (E_{ox/onset} vs Ag/A gCl + 4.43) eV and (2) <math>E_{LUMO} = E_{HOMO} + E_g$ .

$${}^{d}E_{g}^{Jum} = 1240/\lambda_{\text{onset.}}$$

<sup>e</sup> Quantum theoretical calculation of the PUs.

Table S3.	Electrochromic	properties	of PUs.
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PUs	$\lambda^a$		Response time <sup><math>b</math></sup>			$\mathbf{Q}_{\mathrm{d}}^{}d}$	$CE^{e}$
	(nm)	ΔT (%) —	$t_c(s)$	t <sub>b</sub> (s)	$\Delta OD^c$	$(mC cm^{-2})$	$(cm^2 C^{-1})$
PU1	804	52	2.9	1.3	0.53	2.67	198
PU2	901	23	6.2	5.4	0.19	2.26	84
PU3	609	34	4.6	2.6	0.31	2.09	148

<sup>a</sup> Wavelength of absorption maximum.

 $^{\rm b}$  Time for swiching color  $t_{\rm c}$  and beaching color  $t_{\rm b}.$ 

<sup>c</sup> Optical density (OD) =  $\log[T_{bleached}/T_{colored}]$ .

 $^{d}$  Q<sub>d</sub> is ejected charge.

 $^{e}$  Coloration efficiency (CE)  $_{\eta}\text{=}\Delta\text{OD}/\,Q_{d}.$