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Recyclable Mechanoluminescent Luminogen: Different Polymorphs, Different

Self-Assembly Effect of Thiophene Moiety and Recovered Molecular Packing via

**Simple Thermal-Treatment** 

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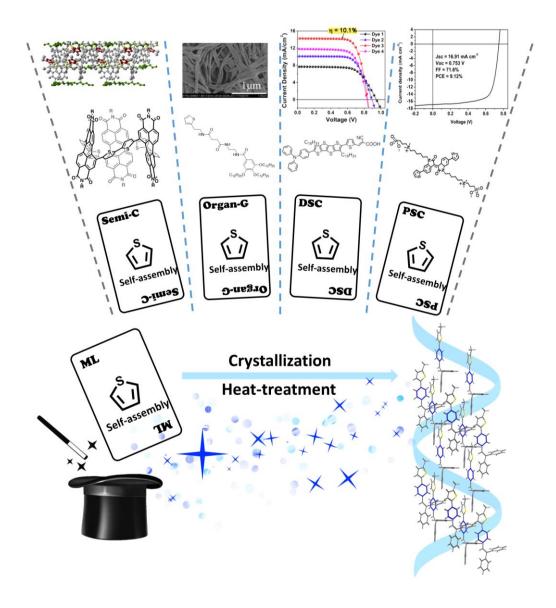
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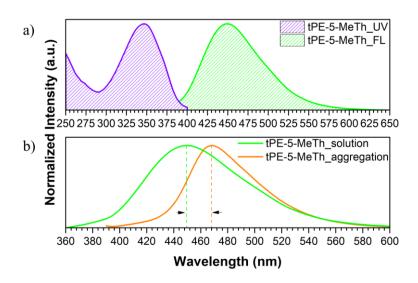
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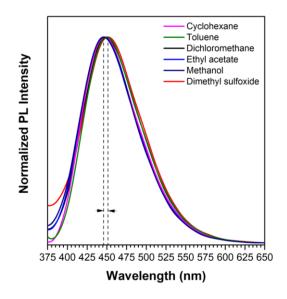
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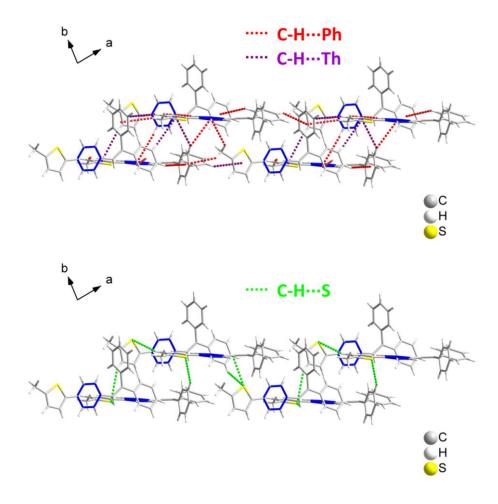
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No.	Content (mg)	solvents	polymorphs
1	50	Recrystallization in different solvents	Crystal-P2
2	20	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> /CH <sub>3</sub> OH (rt)	Crystal-P2
3	20	CHCl₃/CH₃OH (rt)	Crystal-P1/P2
4	20	acetone/CH₃OH (rt)	Crystal-P1
5	20	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> /CH <sub>3</sub> OH (30 °C)	Crystal-P1/P2
6	20	CHCl <sub>3</sub> /CH <sub>3</sub> OH (30 °C)	Crystal-P1
7	20	acetone/CH₃OH (30 °C)	Crystal-P1



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**Table S2.** Summarization of the C-H... $\pi$  interactions in Crystal-P1.

Type of Interaction	Orient	ation of Interaction	d /Å <sup>a</sup>	Number	A /º <sup>b</sup>
Intermolecular <sup>c</sup>	1	C-HPh	3.097	1	156.536(520)
	2	C-HPh	3.107	1	156.896(520)
	3	C-HPh	3.237	1	176.953(610)
	4	C-HPh	3.248	1	176.710(610)
	5	C-HPh	3.301	1	152.205(117)
	6	C-HPh	3.312	1	127.528(101)
	7	C-HPh	3.372	1	150.251(964)
	8	C-HPh	3.385	1	149.886(964)
	9	C-HPh	3.393	1	143.806(909)
	10	C-HPh	3.398	2	147.227(741)
	11	C-HPh	3.398	1	175.070(551)
	12	C-HPh	3.422	1	174.861(551)
	13	C-HPh	3.458	2	129.698(737)
	14	C-HPh	3.460	1	131.991(720)
	15	C-HPh	3.465	1	138.330(720)
	16	C-HPh	3.524	2	135.503(688)
	1	C-HTh <sup>d</sup>	3.251	1	148.349(995)

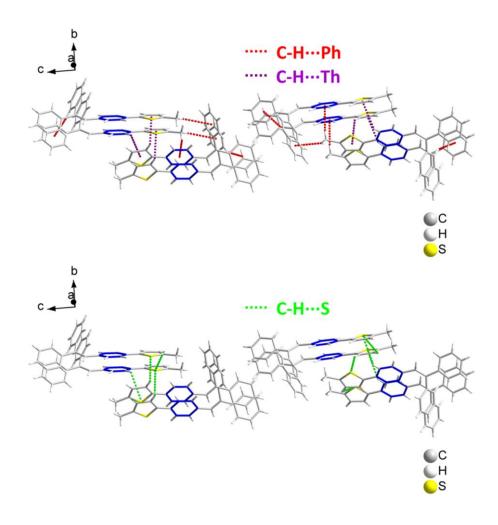
2	C-HTh	3.277	2	149.700(736)
3	C-HTh	3.355	2	139.714(800)
4	C-HTh	3.488	2	152.073(937)
5	C-HTh	3.541	2	139.232(711)

 $<sup>^</sup>a$  Distance of H...benzene ring.  $^b$  Angel of C-H...benzene/C-H...thiophene ring interaction.  $^c$  Intermolecular hydrogen bond interaction.  $^d$  C-H...thiophene ring interaction.

**Table S3.** Summarization of the C-H...S interactions in Crystal-P1.

Type of Interaction	Orientation of Interaction		d /Å <sup>a</sup>	Number	A /º <sup>b</sup>
Intermolecular <sup>c</sup>	1	C-HS	3.173	1	131.939(861)
	2	C-HS	3.413	2	147.114(737)
	3	C-HS	3.424	1	101.336(640)
	4	C-HS	3.513	2	151.860(917)
	5	C-HS	3.525	2	104.995(522)
	6	C-HS	3.590	2	153.440(705)

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**Figure S4.** The intermolecular hydrogen bonds including C-H··· $\pi$  (red/violet lines) and C-H···S (green lines) interactions in Crystal-P2 (eight molecules).

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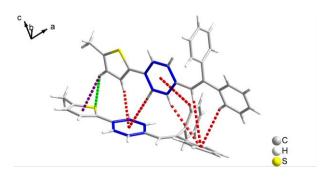
Type of Interaction	Orientation of Interaction		d /Å <sup>a</sup>	Number	A /º <sup>b</sup>
Intermolecular <sup>c</sup>	1	C-HPh	2.911	1	159.425(615)
	2	C-HPh	2.917	2	159.304(615)
	3	C-HPh	3.408	1	144.613(373)
	4	C-HPh	3.421	2	144.644(373)
	5	C-HPh	3.426	1	144.792(373)
	6	C-HPh	3.471	2	152.717(512)
	7	C-HPh	3.487	1	152.510(512)
	1	C-HTh <sup>d</sup>	2.985	3	129.726(256)
	2	C-HTh	3.122	3	137.611(305)

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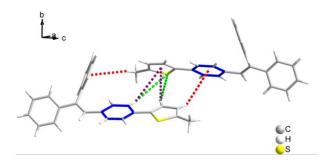
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Type of Interaction	Orientation of Interaction		d /Å <sup>a</sup>	Number	A /º <sup>b</sup>
Intermolecular <sup>c</sup>	1	C-HS	3.089	3	148.333(252)
	2	C-HS	3.521	4	110.647(604)
	3	C-HS	3.531	3	117.948(321)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> Distance of H...S. <sup>b</sup> Angel of C-H...S interaction. <sup>c</sup> Intermolecular hydrogen bond interaction.



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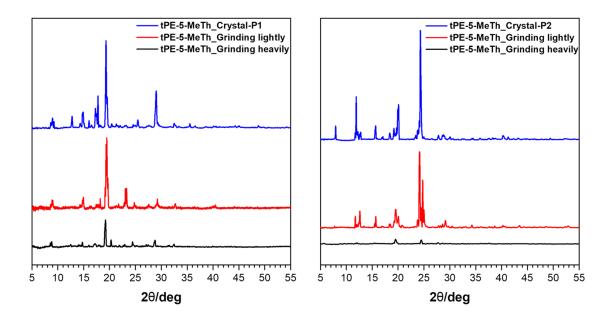
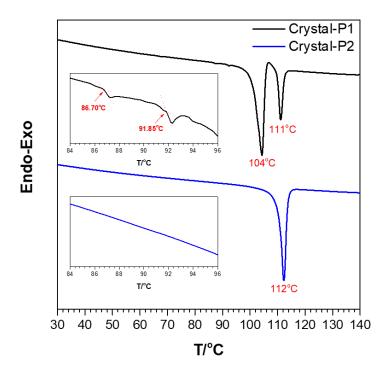


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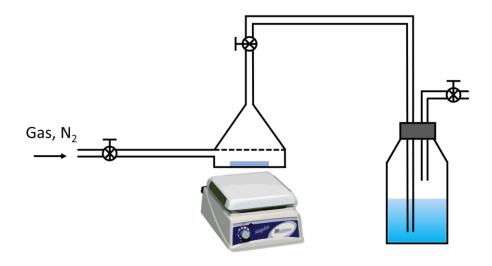


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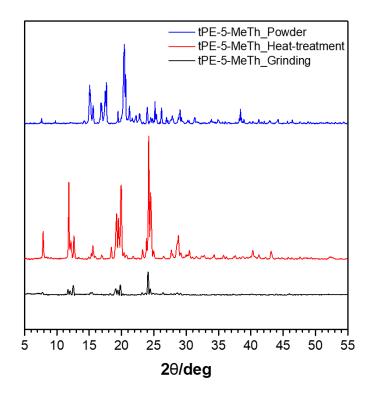
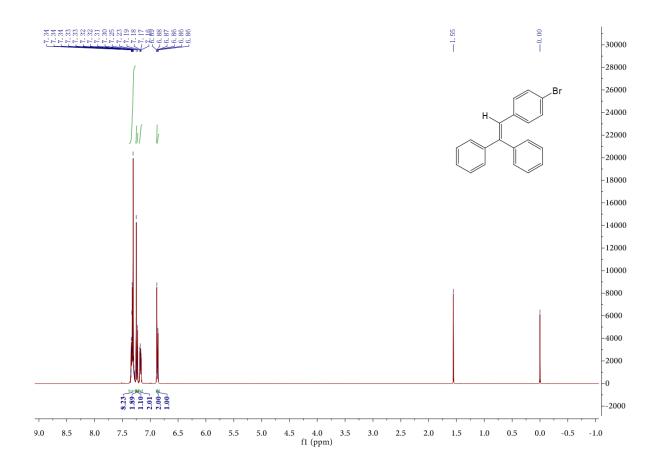


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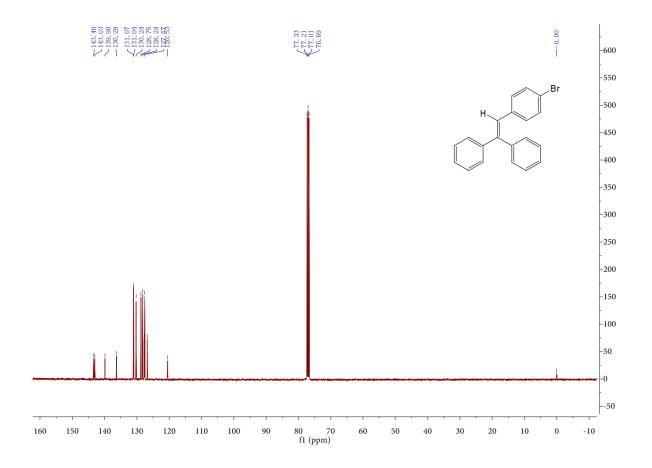
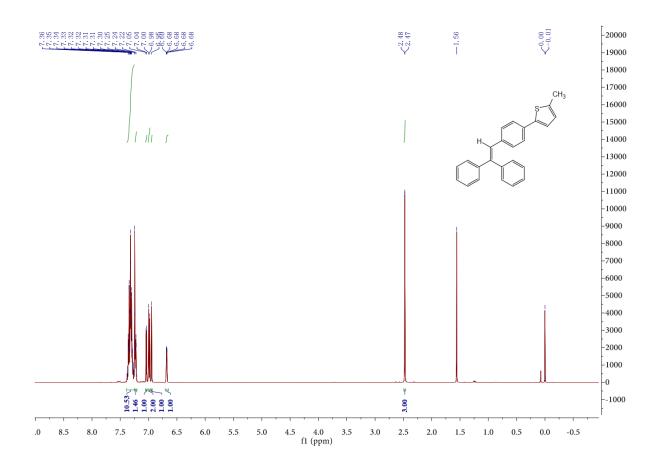
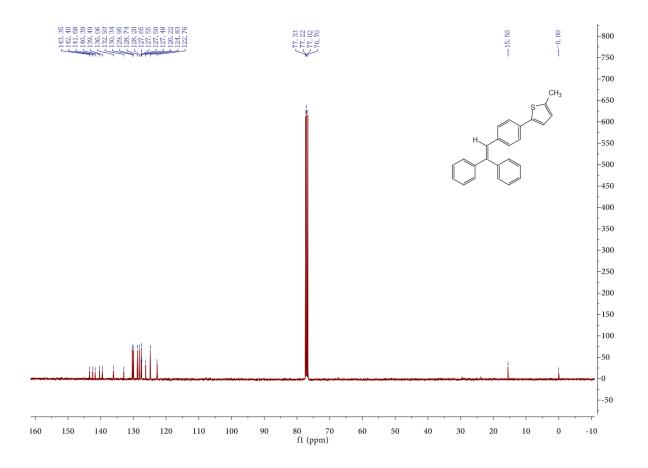


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**Table S6.** Structural data crystal of Crystal-P1 and Crystal-P2.

Name	Crystal-P1	Crystal-P2
Empirical formula	C <sub>25</sub> H <sub>20</sub> S	C <sub>25</sub> H <sub>20</sub> S
Wavelength (Å)	0.71073	0.71073
Crystal system	Triclinic	Orthorhombic
Space group	P1	P2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub>
	$\alpha = 64.477(7)$	α = 90
Unit cell Angles (°)	$\beta = 78.704(7)$	β = 90
	$\gamma = 77.452(8)$	γ = 90
	a = 8.886(4)	a = 5.988(3)
Unit cell lengths (Å)	b = 10.971(5)	b = 7.360(4)
	c = 11.261(5)	c = 45.02(2)
Unit cell volume (ų)	960.5(7)	1984.3(17)
Z	2	4
Density (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	1.219	1.180
F(000)	372	744
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