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Reversible photo-responsive gel-sol transitions of robust organogels based on azobenzene-containing main chain liquid crystalline polymer

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Table S1 The α , β and π^* values for different solvents

Solvent	α	π^*	β
THF	0	0.51	0.54
dioxane	0	0.55	0.37
chloroform	0.44	0.58	0
DMF	0	0.88	0.76

Table S2 Summary of the K_{tc} , t_{∞} and P of UV light irradiation

Sample	K_{tc} (s ⁻¹)	P^a (mW cm ⁻²)	t_{∞}^b (s)	Reference
β -CD-Azo-C ₈	0.077	2.6	60	[26]
A9ABT		3	540	[27]
Azopy-C ₁₀ •TFDIB		3	240	[28]
Dopant2	0.115	3.6	51	[29]
C0		3	600	[30]
C10		3	180	[30]
CLCP		20	900	[31]
PEO ₄₈ - <i>b</i> -P(AZO ₁₀ - <i>co</i> -NIPAM ₁₀)		90	60	[32]
PAA-Azo		0.45	90	[9]
AZO-mLCP	0.035	0.28	78	Our work

^a P represents the intensity of the UV light.

t_{∞} indicates the time to the photo-stationary state.

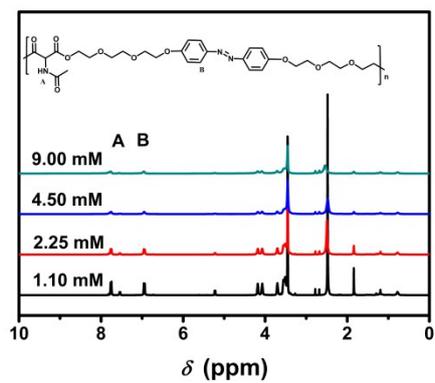


Fig. S1 ¹H NMR spectra of Azo-mLCP in *d*₈-dioxane at different concentrations.

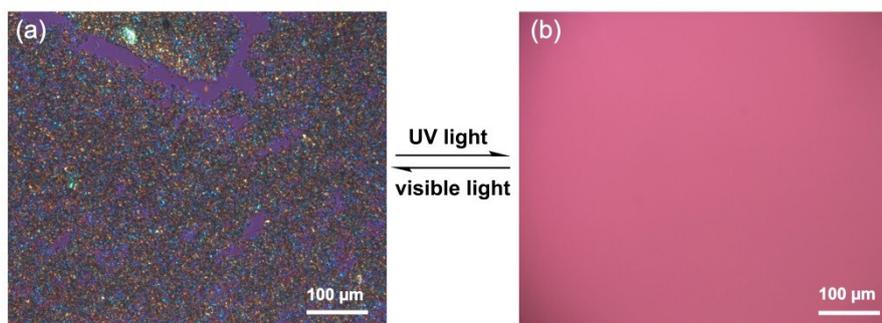


Fig. S2 POM photographs of the mixture of 8 wt% Azo-mLCP in dioxane captured at 25 °C before UV irradiation (a) and after UV irradiation (b).