

*Supporting Information for*

# Spectral Interpretation of Thermally Irreversible Recovery of Poly(*N*-isopropylacrylamide-co-acrylic acid) Hydrogel

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### S1: Determination of the Sequence Order of Major Bands for 2D Analysis

As mentioned above, the sequence of major bands in hydrogel can be summarized from the multiplication of correlation intensities in 2D synchronous and asynchronous spectra according to Noda's rule.<sup>43-44</sup> When the cross-peak  $\{\Phi(v_1, v_2)\}$  (assuming  $v_1 > v_2$ ) in synchronous spectra has the same symbol to the cross-peak  $\{\Psi(v_1, v_2)\}$  in asynchronous spectra, the response at band  $v_1$  should be prior to or earlier than that at band  $v_2$  and vice versa.

	2987	2970	2943	2931	2927	2899	2883	2873	1728	1720	1713	1691	1687	1684	1653	1624	1601
<b>2987</b>	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+
<b>2970</b>		+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
<b>2943</b>			+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+
<b>2931</b>				-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>2927</b>					+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
<b>2899</b>						+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
<b>2883</b>							-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>2873</b>								-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
<b>1728</b>	<b>2927</b>	<b>2899</b>	<b>2970</b>	<b>2873</b>	<b>2987</b>	<b>2943</b>	<b>2883</b>	<b>2931</b>		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
<b>1720</b>										-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
<b>1713</b>											+	+	+	+	+	+	+
<b>1691</b>												+	+	-	+	+	+
<b>1687</b>													+	-	+	+	+
<b>1684</b>														-	+	-	-
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**Figure S1.** Operation details of the sequence order determination in PNIPAM-co-AA hydrogel based on calculated results of 2D spectra during heating.

	2989	2974	2968	2943	2939	2931	2926	2893	2885	2873	2848	1728	1714	1705	1699	1693	1687	1684	1655	1643	1639	1622	1605		
<b>2989</b>	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	+			
<b>2974</b>	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-			
<b>2968</b>	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+			
<b>2943</b>	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-			
<b>2939</b>	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-			
<b>2931</b>	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-			
<b>2926</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
<b>2893</b>	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-			
<b>2885</b>	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-			
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<b>1728</b>												-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-		
<b>1714</b>												+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		
<b>1705</b>												-	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-		
<b>1699</b>													+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		
<b>1693</b>													+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	-		
<b>1687</b>													-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
<b>1684</b>														<b>1699</b>	<b>1693</b>	<b>1714</b>	<b>1684</b>	<b>1705</b>	<b>1687</b>	<b>1728</b>	-	+	+	-	+
<b>1655</b>																			+	+	+	+	+		
<b>1643</b>																			-	-	-	-	-		
<b>1639</b>																			-	-	-	-	-		
<b>1622</b>																				-	-	-	-	-	
<b>1605</b>																				<b>1655</b>	<b>1622</b>	<b>1605</b>	<b>1639</b>	<b>1643</b>	
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**Figure S2.** Operation details of the sequence order determination in PNIPAM-co-AA hydrogel based on calculated results of 2D spectra during cooling.