

## Supporting information for

### Physical aging of glasses of an organic semiconductor

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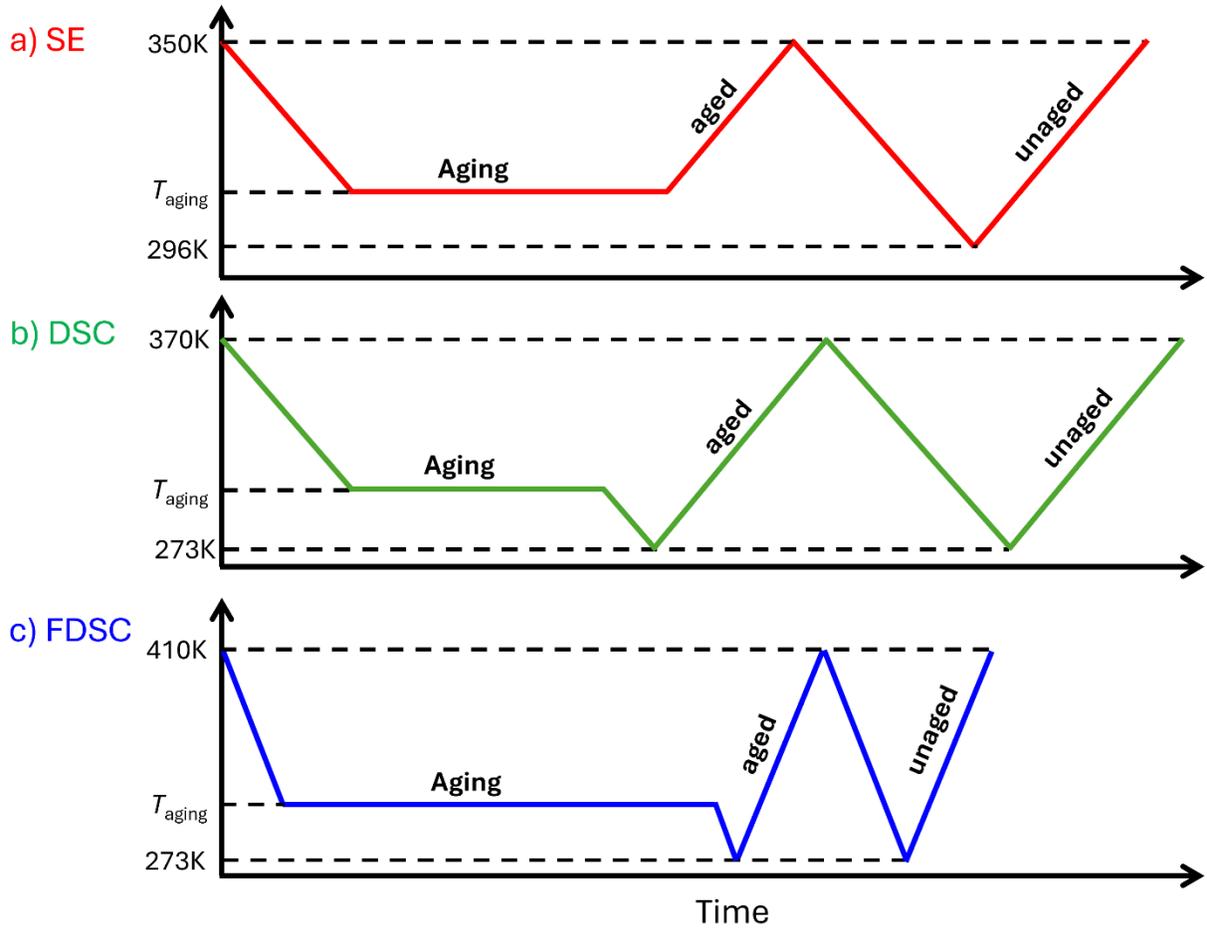
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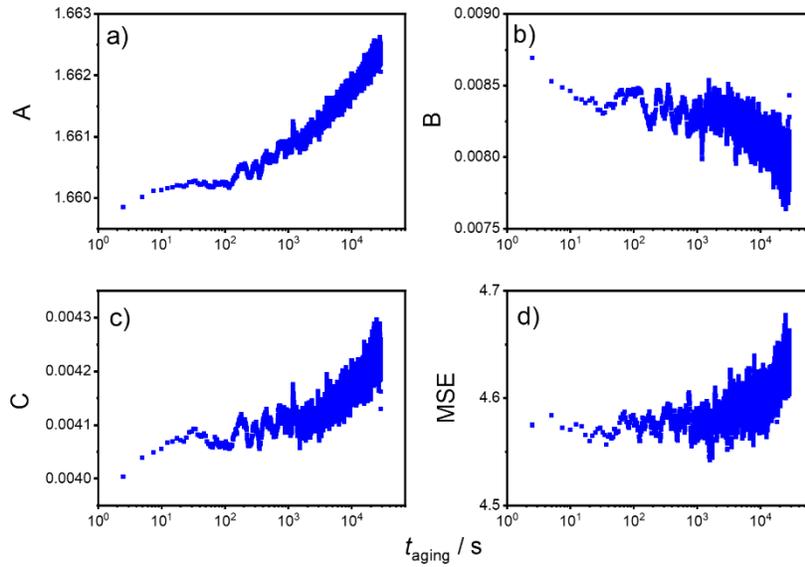
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# 1. Temperature profiles for aging experiments

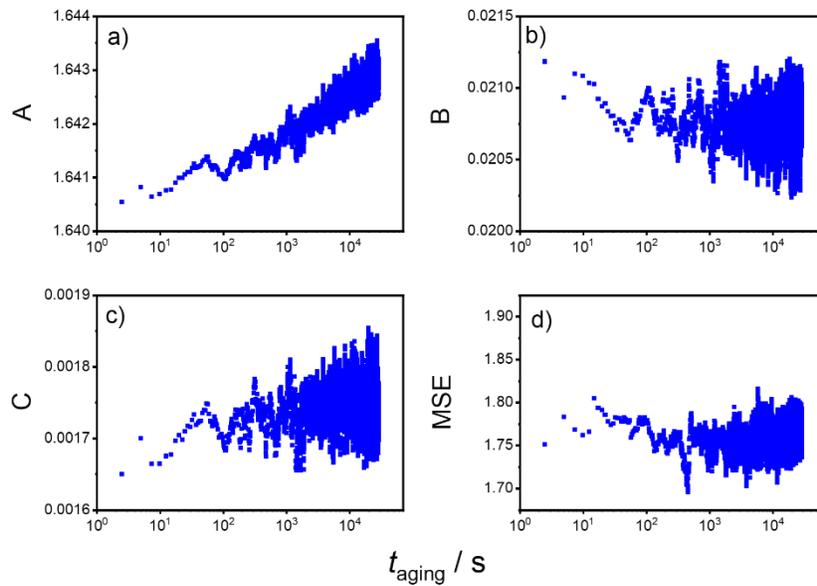


**Fig. S1:** The temperature profiles of aging experiments on liquid-cooled TPD glasses for a) SE, b) DSC, and c) FDSC measurements.

## 2. Representative fitting parameters of the isotropic Cauchy model for the liquid-cooled TPD film

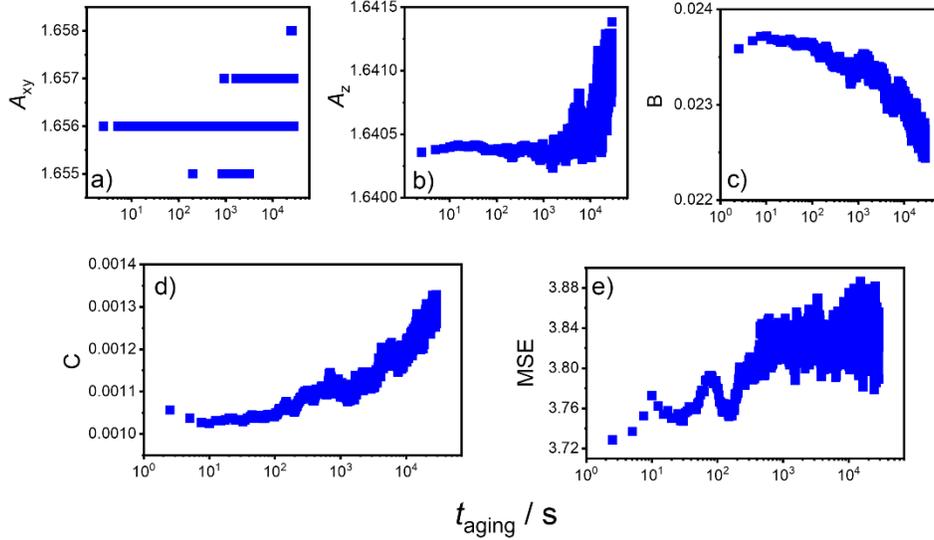


**Fig. S2:** Representative isotropic Cauchy model parameters for a 400 nm liquid-cooled TPD film as a function of aging time at  $T_{\text{aging}}=318\text{K}$ . **d)** The obtained Mean Squared Error (MSE) between the model and experimental data.

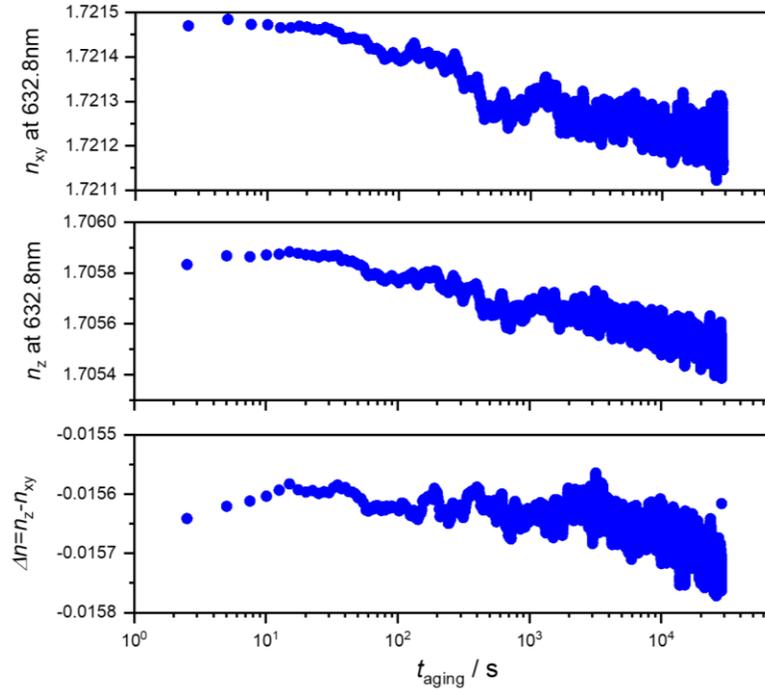


**Fig. S3:** Representative isotropic Cauchy model parameters for a 100 nm liquid-cooled TPD film as a function of aging time at  $T_{\text{aging}}=318\text{K}$ . **d)** The obtained Mean Squared Error (MSE) between the model and experimental data

### 3. Representative fitting parameters of the anisotropic Cauchy model for vapor-deposited TPD film

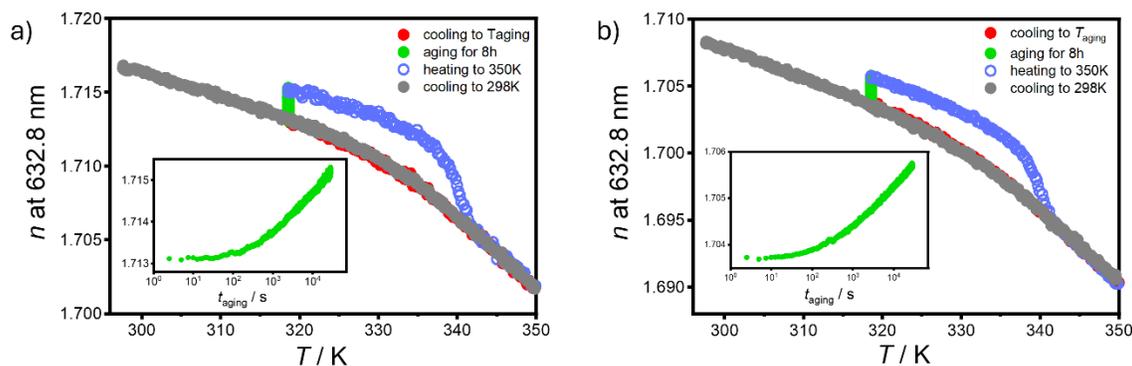


**Fig. S4:** Representative anisotropic Cauchy model parameters for a 400 nm vapor-deposited TPD film as a function of aging time at  $T_{\text{aging}}=318\text{K}$ . **d)** The obtained Mean Squared Error (MSE) between the model and experimental data.



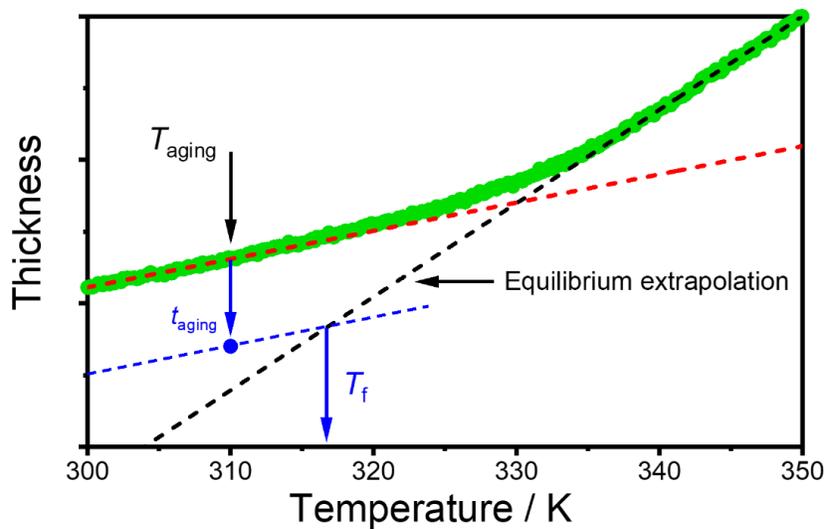
**Fig. S5:** The evolution of refractive indices **a)**  $n_{xy}$  and **b)**  $n_z$  at 632.8 nm with aging time for a 400 nm vapor-deposited TPD film at  $T_{\text{aging}}=318\text{K}$ . **c)** The determined birefringence,  $\Delta n = n_z - n_{xy}$ , at 632.8 nm as a function of aging time for vapor-deposited TPD film at  $T_{\text{aging}}=318\text{K}$ .

#### 4. Refractive index for TPD films in glassy and supercooled liquid states

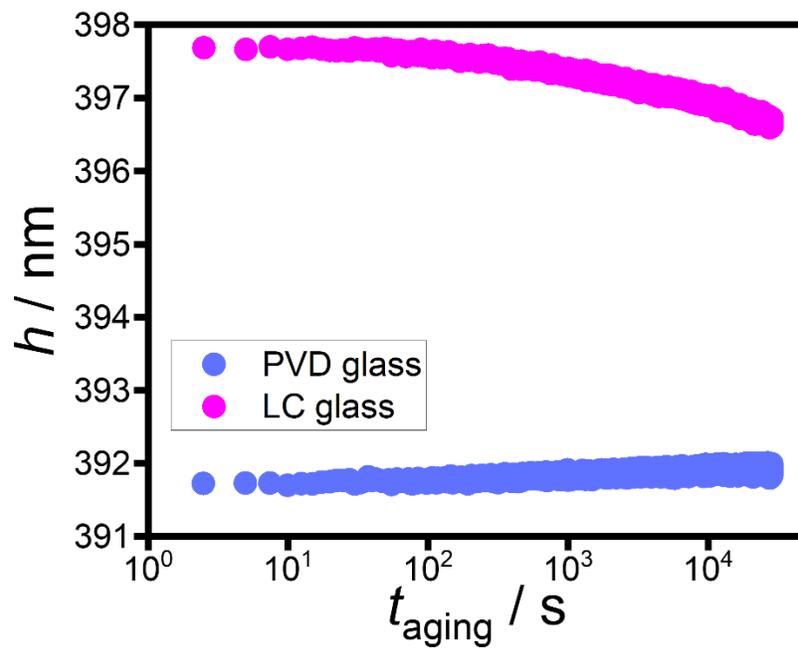


**Fig. S6:** The refractive index  $n$  at 632.8 nm as a function of temperature during an aging experiment at  $T_{\text{aging}}=318\text{K}$  for **a)** 400 nm and **b)** 100 nm TPD glasses and supercooled liquid.

#### 5. Determination of $T_f$ of TPD films from SE measurements

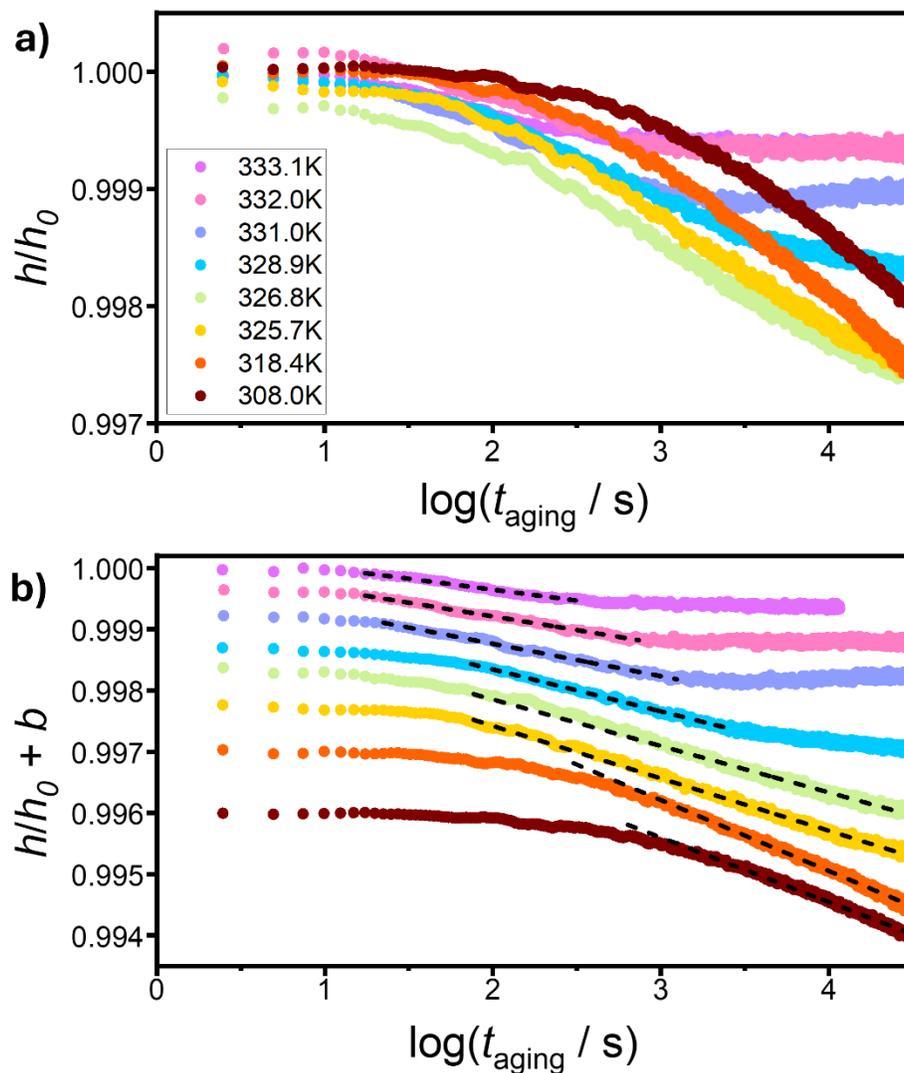


**Fig. S7:** Illustration of the method used to calculate  $T_f$  of aged TPD glasses at a given aging temperature  $T_{\text{aging}}$ . The blue dot represents the glass film thickness at  $T_{\text{aging}}$  after aging for  $t_{\text{aging}}$ . The dashed blue line indicates the predicted evolution of the film thickness with temperature of the aged glass, characterized by the expansion coefficient  $G$  determined from Eq. 1. The function of this blue line can be described as  $h-h_{\text{aging}}=G\times(T-T_{\text{aging}})$ , where  $h_{\text{aging}}$  is the glass film thickness after aging for  $t_{\text{aging}}$  at  $T_{\text{aging}}$ . The black line represents the extrapolated thickness of the supercooled liquid with expansion coefficient  $M$  determined from Eq. 1. According to the definition of  $T_f$ , its value corresponds to the intersection of the blue and black lines. Therefore,  $h_{\text{aging}}$  as a function of  $t_{\text{aging}}$  at a specific  $T_{\text{aging}}$  determined from SE measurements is converted into  $T_f$  as a function of  $t_{\text{aging}}$ .



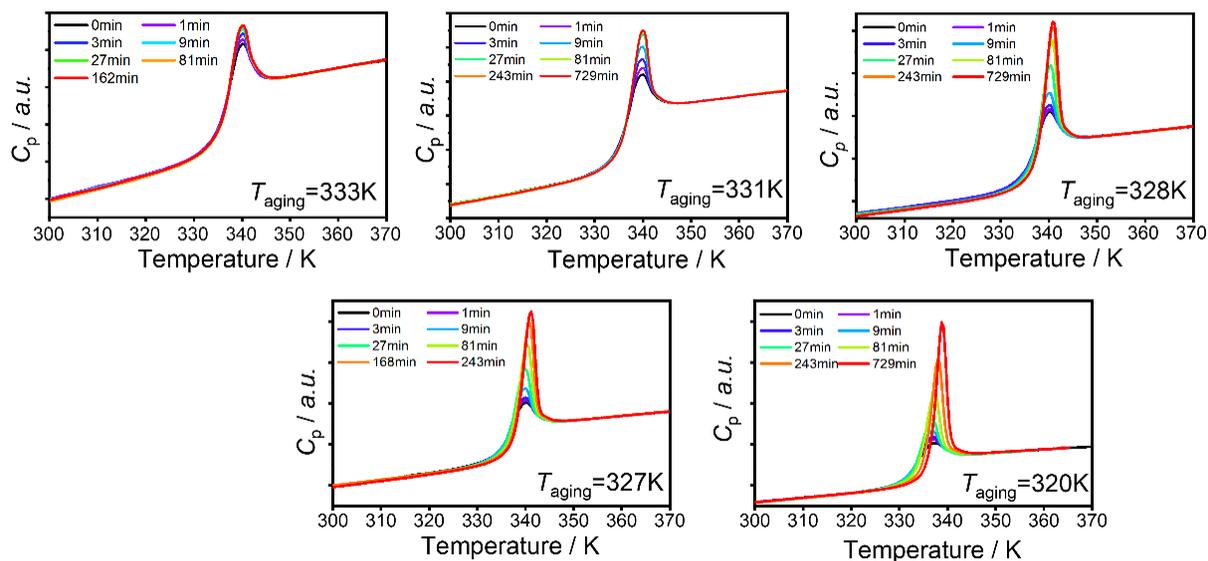
**Fig. S8:** The thickness as a function of aging time for vapor-deposited (blue) and liquid-cooled (pink) TPD thin films at  $T_{\text{aging}}=318$  K.

## 6. Physical aging rate of liquid-cooled TPD films

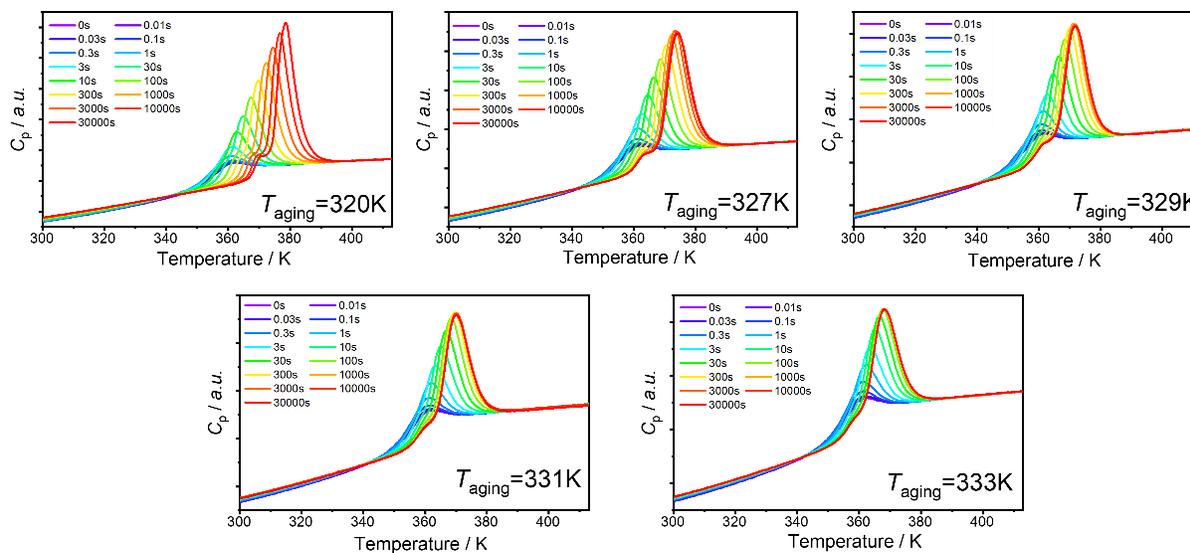


**Fig. S9:** **a)** Normalized thickness is plotted as a function of  $\log(t_{\text{aging}})$  of liquid-cooled TPD films at various aging temperatures.  $h_0$  is the film thickness at  $t_{\text{aging}}=0$  s; **b)** Illustration of the linear fits (dashed lines) to obtain physical aging rates of liquid-cooled TPD films at various aging temperatures. The Y axis is shifted by an amplitude of  $b$  for the presentation purposes.

## 7. DSC and FDSC thermograms of bulk TPD glasses

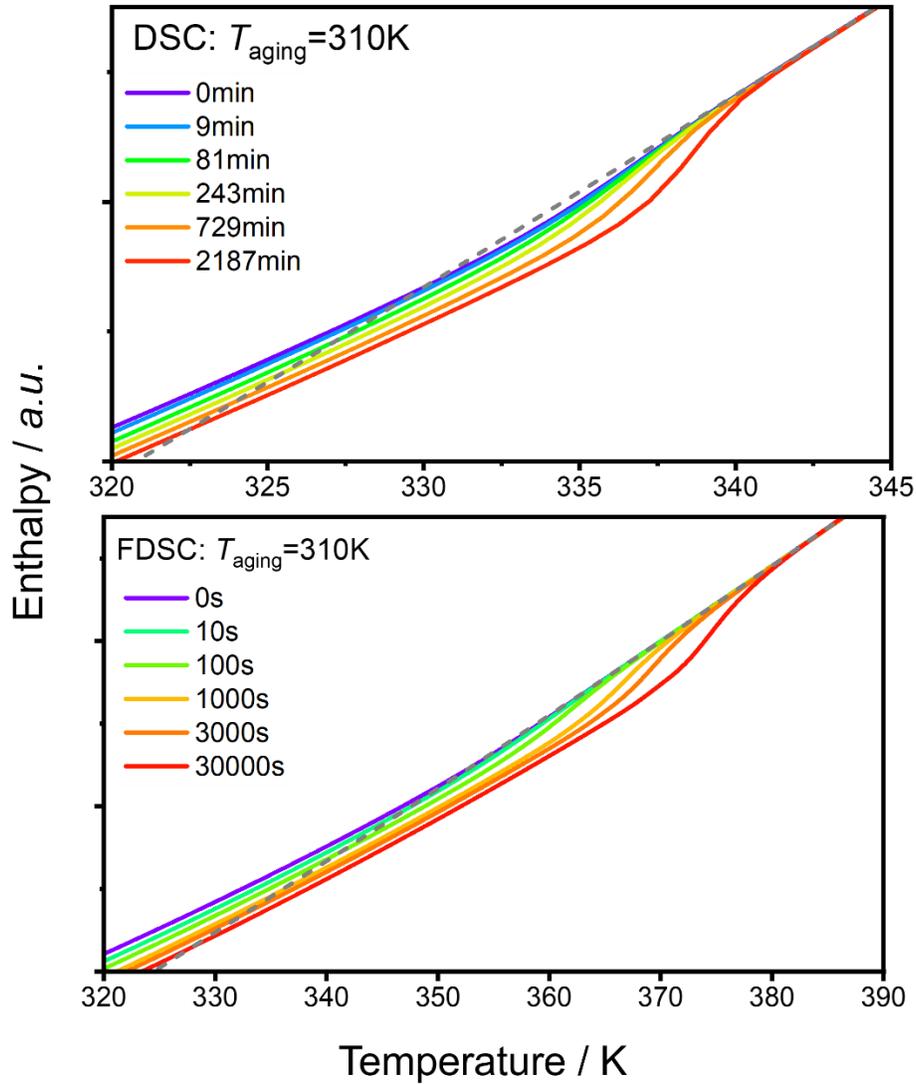


**Fig. S10:** DSC thermograms of bulk TPD glasses after aging at 333 K, 331K, 328K, 327K, and 320K, for the indicated aging times.



**Fig. S11:** FDSC thermograms of bulk TPD glasses after aging at 320 K, 327K, 329K, 331K, and 333K for the indicated aging times.

## 8. Examples for determining $T_f$ of bulk TPD glasses from DSC and FDSC measurements



**Fig. S12:** Enthalpy as a function of temperature for bulk TPD glasses aged at 310K for various aging times. The dashed lines present the extrapolated enthalpy of supercooled liquid of TPD using a second-order polynomial function:  $\Delta H=a+b\times T+c\times T^2$ . The  $T_f$  values are determined as the intersections of the dashed gray and the solid lines, which present the temperature-dependent enthalpy of the TPD glasses.