Supplementary Information

Photo- and Thermal-processing of Azobenzene-containing Star-shaped Liquid Crystals

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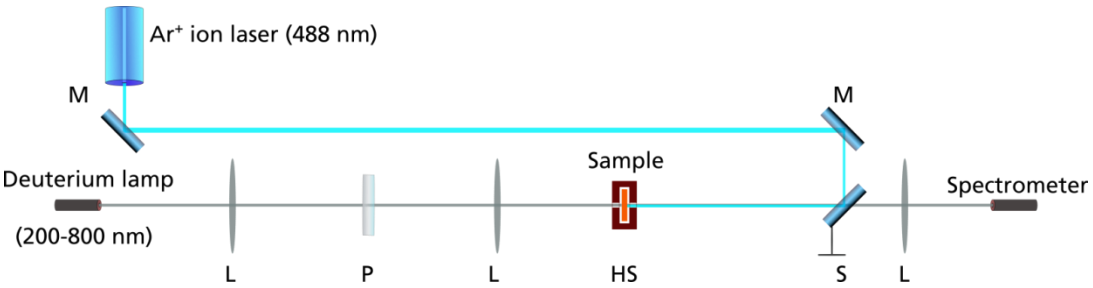

Fig. S1. Scheme of the experimental setup for photoorientation: M – mirror, S – shutter with mirror, L – lens, P – rotating polarizer stage, HS – heating stage with sample inside

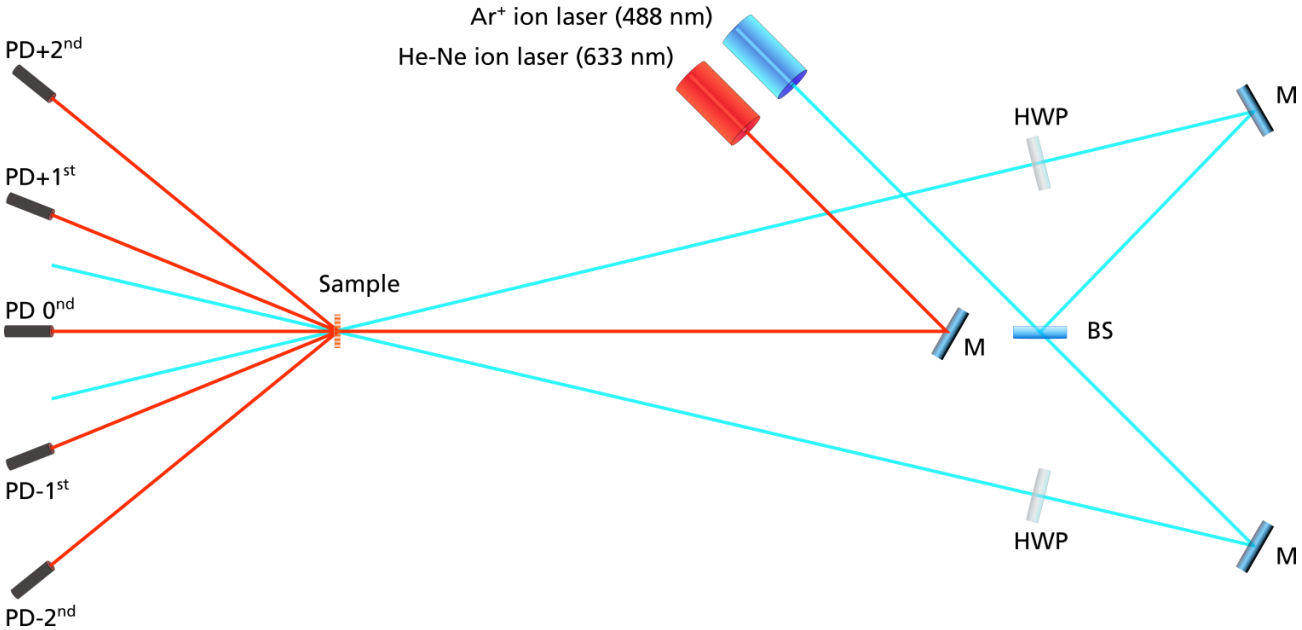

Fig. S2. Experimental setup for the holographic diffraction grating recording: M – mirror, HWP – half wave plate, BS – beam splitter, PD – photodetector

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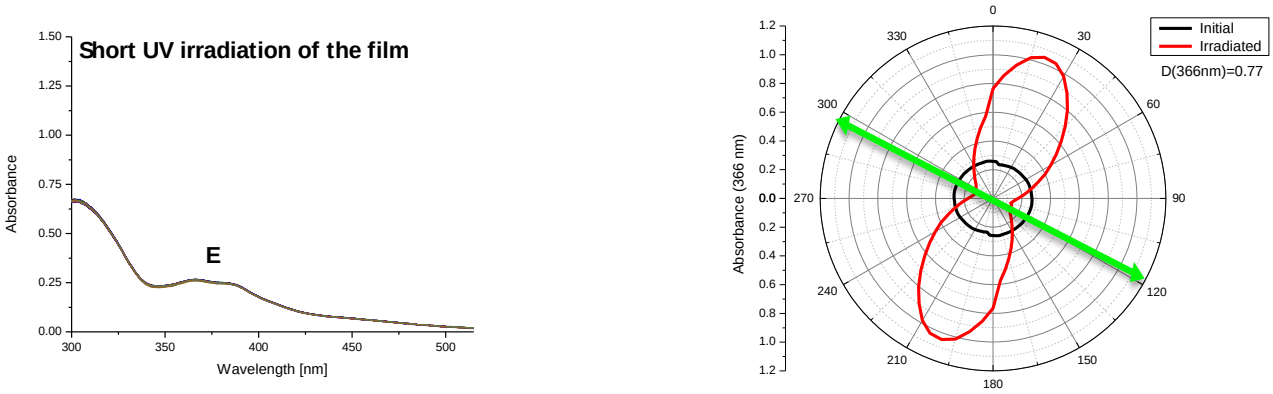

Fig. S3. Polarized UV-Vis absorption spectra of the **3** film in the initial state with short prior UV irradiation (a) and absorption polar diagram plotted for λ = 366 nm before (black solid line) and after (red solid line) irradiation with linearly polarized laser light (b)

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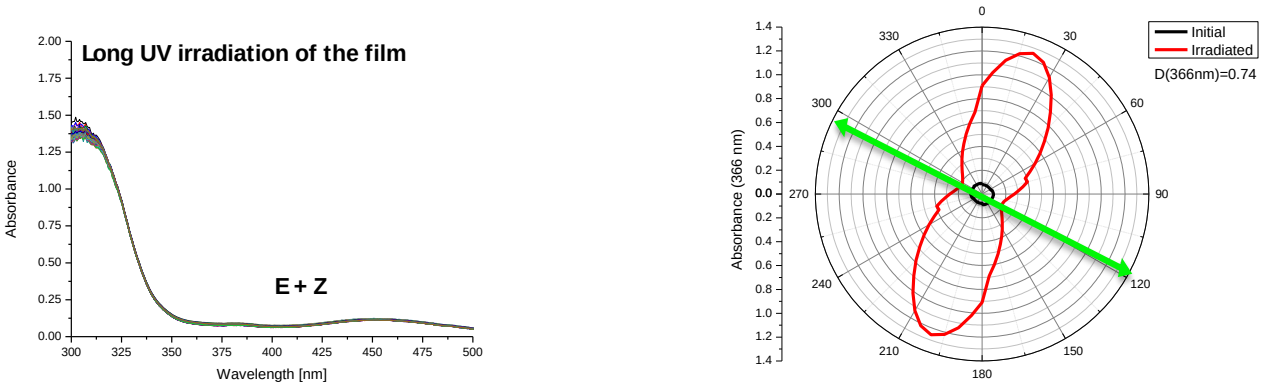

Fig. S4. Polarized UV-Vis absorption spectra of the **3** film in the initial state with long prior UV irradiation (a) and absorption polar diagram plotted for λ = 366 nm before (black solid line) and after (red solid line) irradiation with linearly polarized laser light (b)