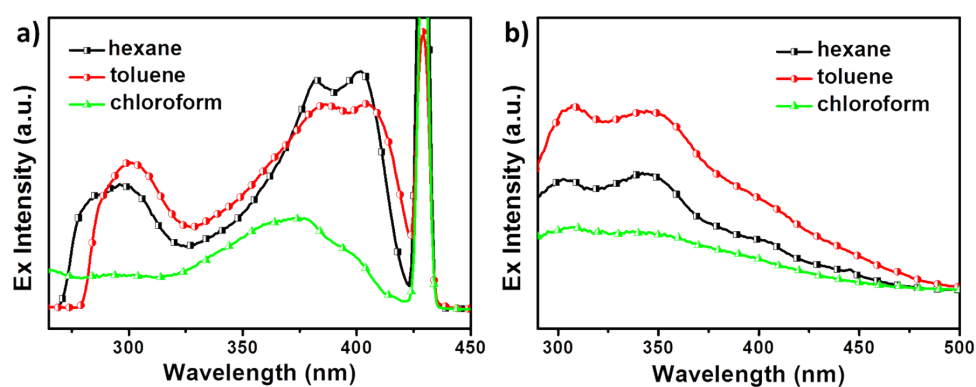


## **Supporting information**

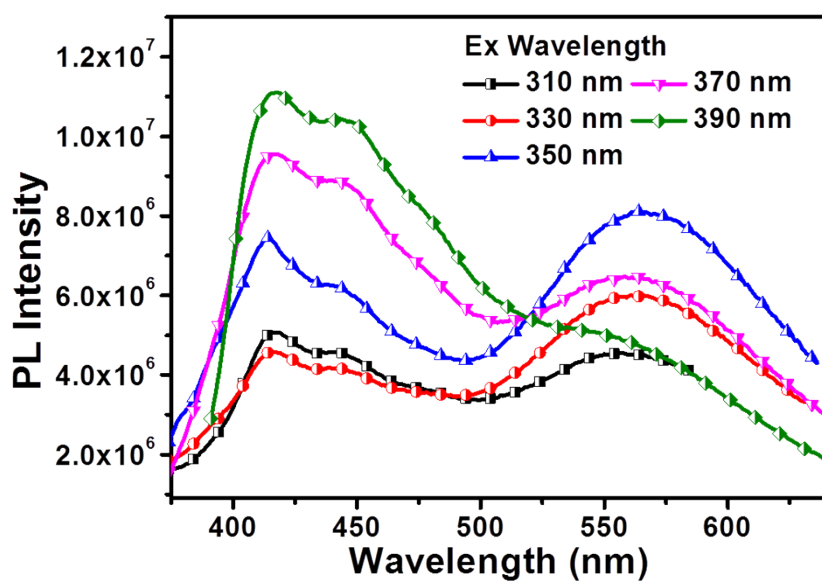
### **Donor-Acceptor Cruciform $\pi$ -System: high contrast mechanochromic property and multicolour electrochromic behavior**

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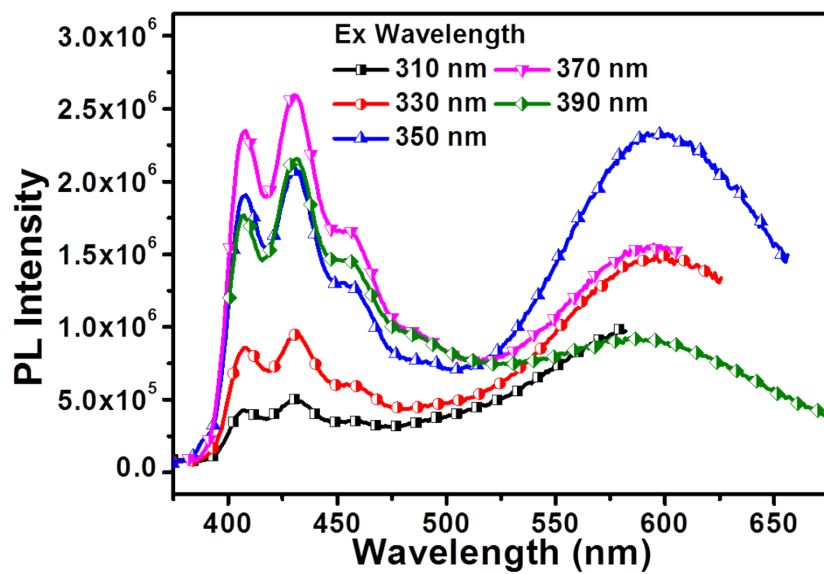
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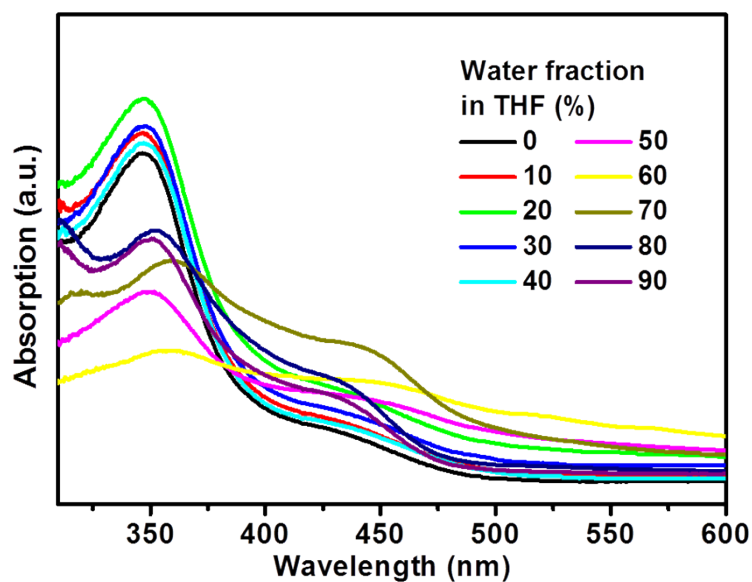
**Fig. S1** Excitation spectra of DMCS-TPA in hexane, toluene and chloroform monitored at (a) 430 nm and (b) emission maxima of CT band in different solvents respectively.



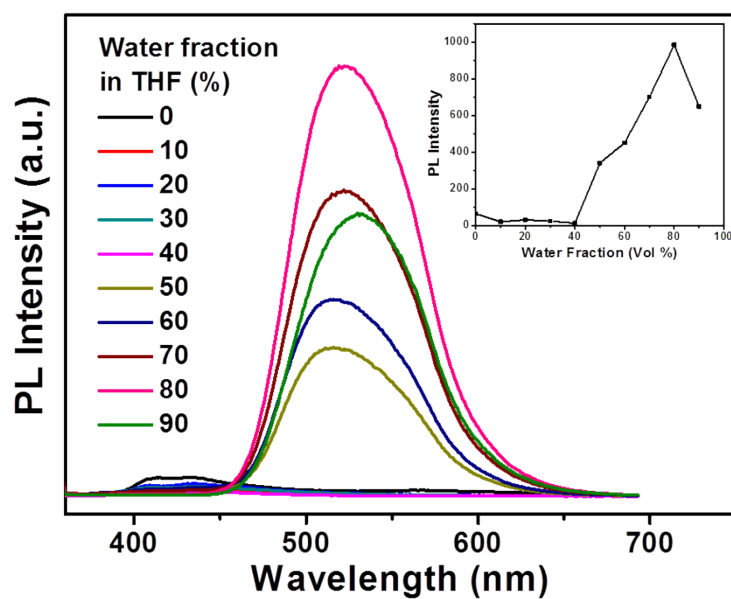
**Fig. S2** Dependence of emission spectra as function of excitation wavelength for DMCS-TPA in toluene solution.



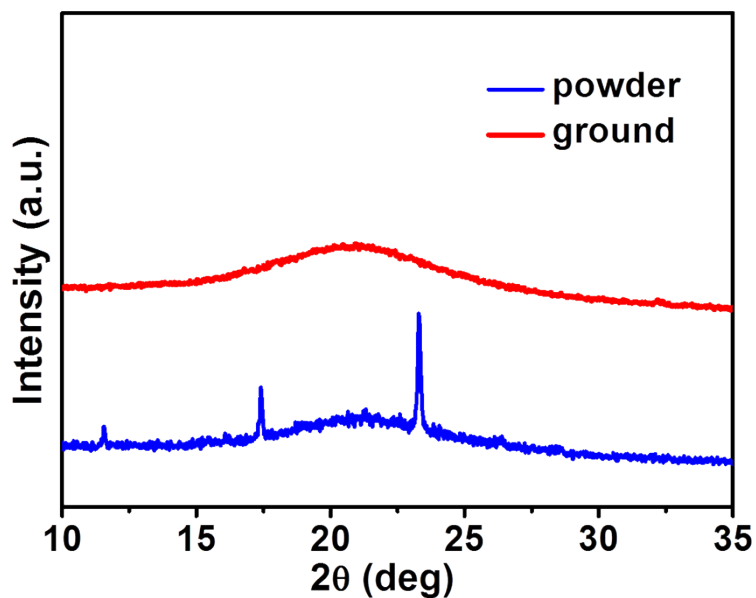
**Fig. S3** Dependence of emission spectra as function of excitation wavelength for DMCS-TPA in chloroform solution.



**Fig. S4** Absorption spectra of DMCS-TPA (10  $\mu$ M) in THF-water mixtures with different volume fractions of water.



**Fig. S5** Photoluminescence (PL) spectra of DMCS-TPA (10  $\mu$ M) in THF-water mixtures with different volume fractions of water. Inset shows a plot of relative PL intensity against water content.



**Fig. S6** XRD profiles of DMCS-TPA before and after grinding.

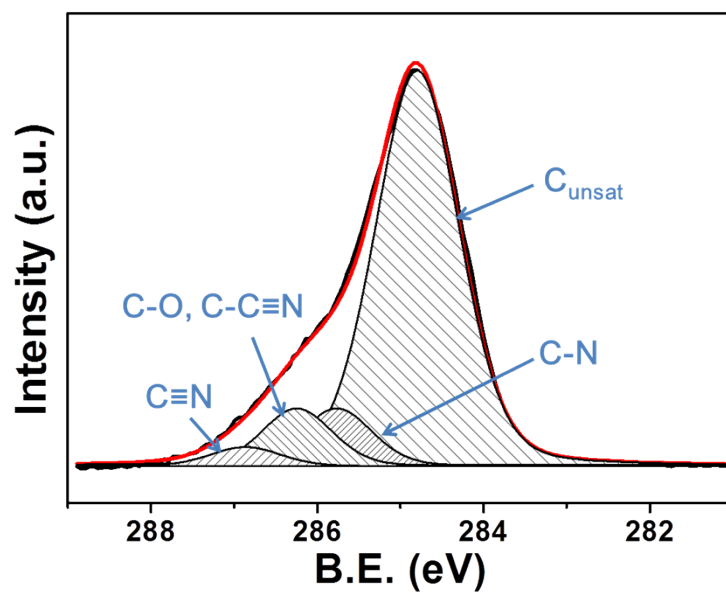


Fig. S7 XPS spectra of the C (1s) of DMCS-TPA powder before grinding.

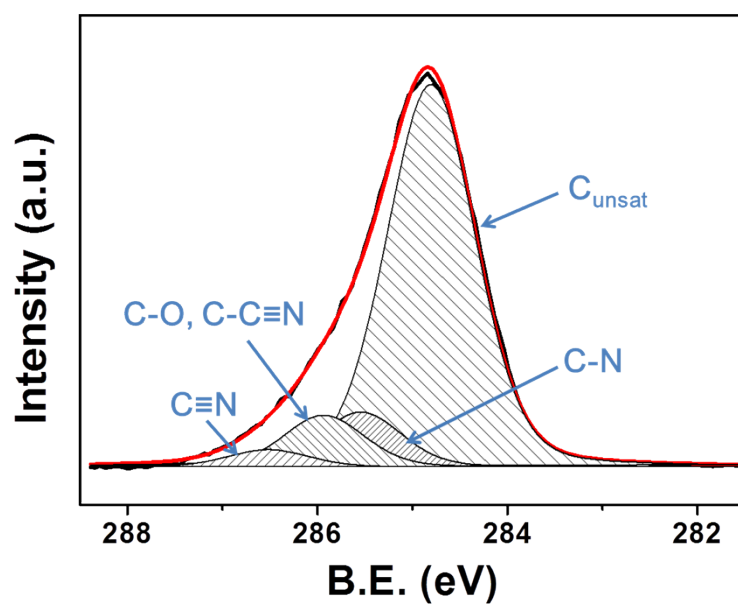
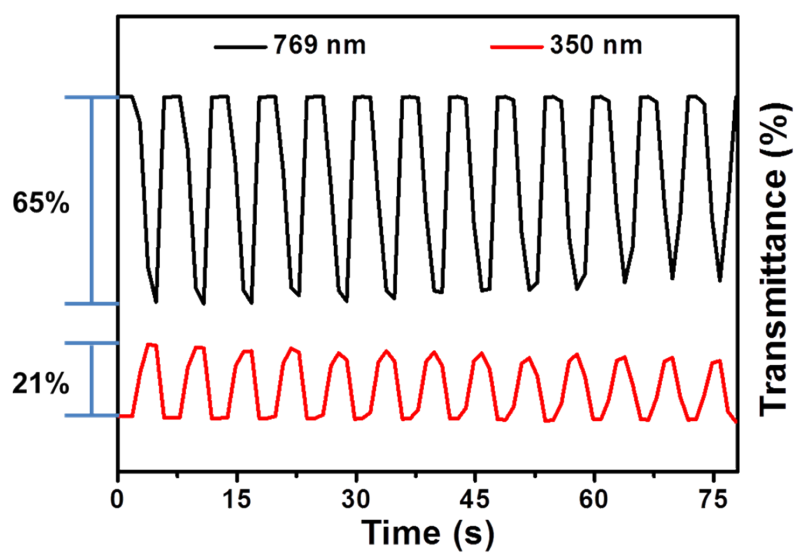


Fig. S8 XPS spectra of the C (1s) of DMCS-TPA after grinding.

**Table 1** Binding energies and percent composition for the deconvoluted XPS peaks of DMCS-TPA before and after grinding

species	powder		ground		
	BE (eV)	% area	BE (eV)	% area	% area ideal
C <sub>unsat</sub>	284.80	77.72	284.80	77.28	77.42
C-N	285.77	9.55	285.54	10.07	9.68
C-O, C-C≡N	286.25	9.55	285.93	9.49	9.68
C≡N	286.86	3.19	286.52	3.17	3.23



**Fig. S9** Optical contrasts of P(DMCS-TPA) film monitored at 350 and 769 nm in ACN solution containing 0.1 M TBAP between 0 and 1.45 V with a residence time of 3 s.