# Synthesis of polar polynorbornenes with high dielectric relaxation strength as candidate materials for dielectric applications

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# Synthesis of 2-(1-(2-hydroxyethyl)-2,6-dimethylpyridin-4(1H)-ylidene)malononitrile

Scheme S1 Synthesis of compound 1

Compound **1** was designed and synthesized as shown in Scheme S1. Initially, 2,6-dimethyl-4*H*-pyran-4-one (20.00 g, 161.10 mmol), malononitrile (10.64 g, 161.10 mmol), and acetic anhydride (80 ml) were charged into a 200 ml round bottom flask. The system was refluxed at 130 °C for 4 hours to obtain crude of *compound* (*i*) intermediate. The intermediate was purified by washing with warm water and recrystallizing from heptane to produce a dark brown powder (yield, 87 %). Furtherly, a 200 ml round bottom flask was charged *compound* (*i*) intermediate (15.00 g, 87.11 mmol), ethanolamine (44.7 ml, 740.46 mmol) and methanol (100 ml). The reaction was then refluxed at 70 °C for 2 hours and left to stand overnight. The separated solid was collected by filtration, dried, and recrystallized in ethanol to produced compound **1** as brown flakes (yield, 60%).

 $^{1}$ H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_{6}$ ) δ 6.68 (s, 2H, Ar–H), 5.17 (t, J = 5.4 Hz, 1H, OH), 4.17 (t, J = 5.6 Hz, 2H, N–CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.70 (q, J = 5.4 Hz, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>–OH), 2.53 (s, 6H, Ar–CH<sub>3</sub>).  $^{13}$ C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO- $d_{6}$ ) δ 155.40 (C<sub>Ar</sub>=C(CN)<sub>2</sub>), 150.92 (C<sub>Ar</sub>–CH<sub>3</sub>), 119.43 (CN), 113.07 (C<sub>Ar</sub> –H), 59.76 (=C(CN)<sub>2</sub> and CH<sub>2</sub>–OH), 51.13 (N–CH<sub>2</sub>), 21.03 (Ar–CH<sub>3</sub>). MS (ESI) m/z for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>13</sub>N<sub>3</sub>NaO [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: calc. = 238.0951; found = 238.0950 Elemental analysis C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>13</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O (%): calc. C 66.96, H 6.09, N 19.52, O 7.43; found: C 66.91, H 6.01, N 19.43 O 7.31

# Synthesis of bicyclo[2.2.1]het-5-ene-2-carbonyl chloride

Scheme 2 Synthesis of compound (ii)

A 2-necked round bottom flask was charged with 5-norbornene-2-carboxylic acid (15 g, 108.56 mmol), thionyl chloride (19.37 g, 162.84 mmol), and anhydrous chloroform (10 ml). The reaction mixture was refluxed for 4 hours under argon protection. The solvent was then evaporated and the residue was distilled at 1 mbar (40 °C) to give the corresponding acyl chloride as colorless oily liquid (yield, 83%).  $^{1}$ H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  6.26 (ddd, J = 19.1, 5.7, 3.1 Hz, 1H), 6.06 (dd, J = 5.8, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 3.48 (dd, J = 7.9, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 3.45 (s, 1H), 3.01 (dt, J = 4.2, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 2.09 – 1.92 (m, 1H), 1.60 – 1.40 (m, 2H), 1.36 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H).  $^{13}$ C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  176.81, 175.04, 139.04, 138.69, 134.88, 131.61, 77.23, 56.43, 56.32, 49.22, 47.16, 46.90, 46.29, 42.89, 41.85, 31.22, 30.09.

# Structure characterization of 2-(1-(2-hydroxyethyl)-2,6-dimethylpyridin-4(1H)-ylidene)malononitrile

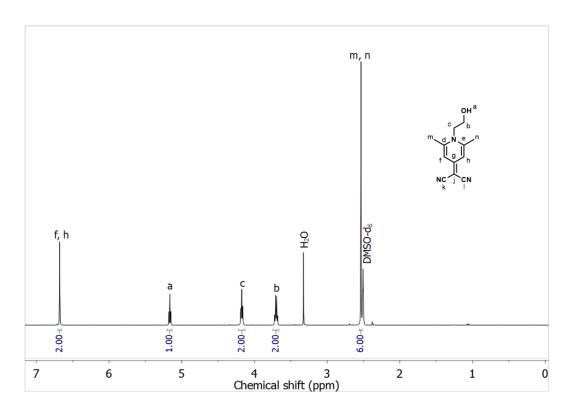
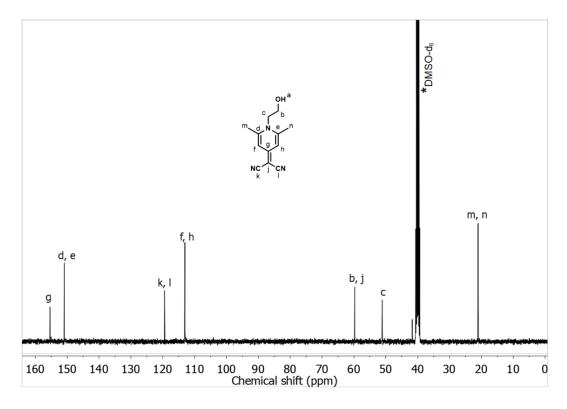
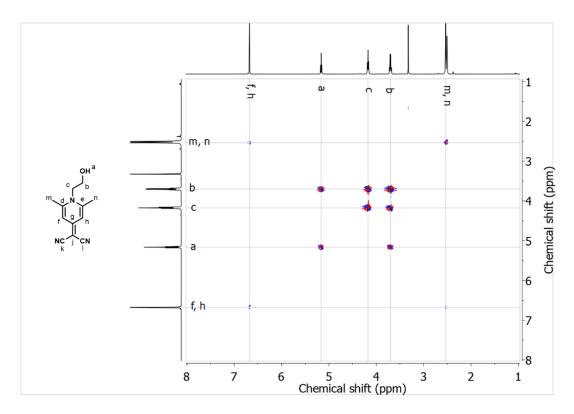


Figure S1 <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 2-(1-(2-hydroxyethyl)-2,6-dimethylpyridin-4(1H)-ylidene)malononitrile



 $\textbf{Figure S2} \ ^{13}\text{C NMR spectrum of 2-(1-(2-hydroxyethyl)-2,6-dimethylpyridin-4(1H)-ylidene)} malononitrile$ 



 $\textbf{Figure S3} \ \, \text{COSY of 2-(1-(2-hydroxyethyl)-2,6-dimethylpyridin-4(1H)-ylidene)} \\ \text{malononitrile} \\$ 

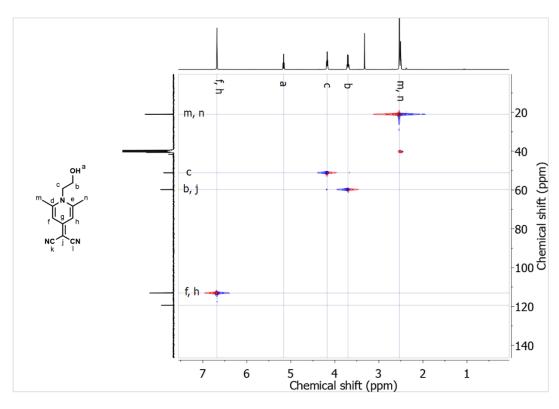


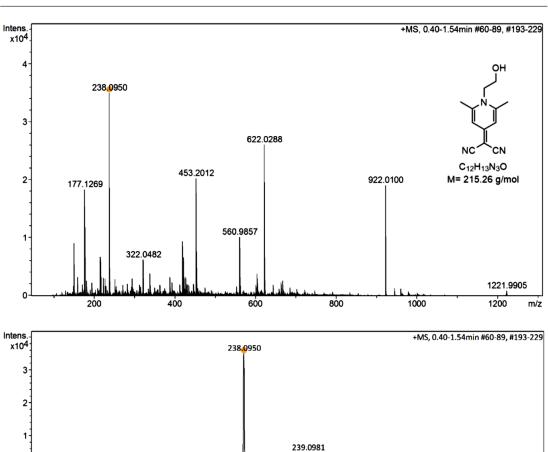
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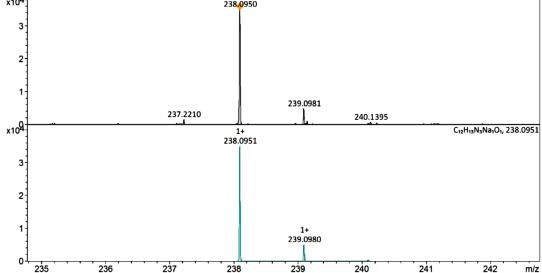
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 $\textbf{Figure S5} \ \ \textbf{Elemental analysis of 2-(1-(2-hydroxyethyl)-2,6-dimethylpyridin-4(1H)-ylidene)} malononitrile$ 

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 $\textbf{Figure S6} \ \ \text{Mass spectra of 2-(1-(2-hydroxyethyl)-2,6-dimethylpyridin-4(1H)-ylidene)} malononitrile$ 

# Structure characterization of bicyco[2.2.1]hept-5-ene-2-carbonyl chloride

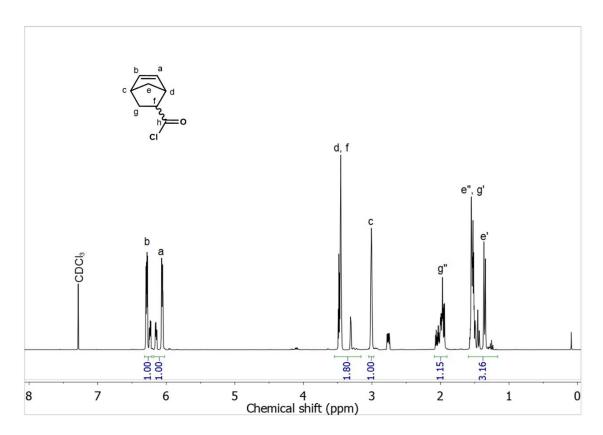


Figure S7  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of bicyclo[2.2.1]hept-5-ene-2-carbonyl chloride

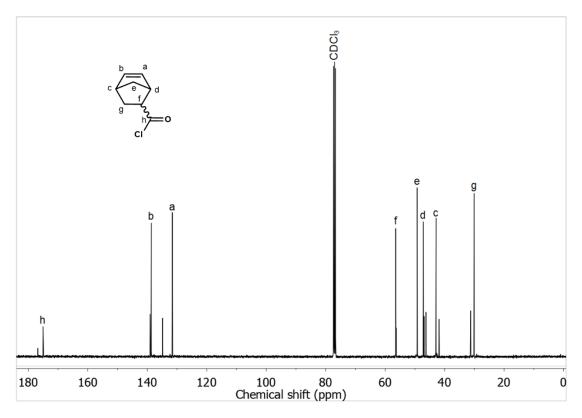


Figure S8 13C NMR spectrum of bicyclo[2.2.1]hept-5-ene-2-carbonyl chloride

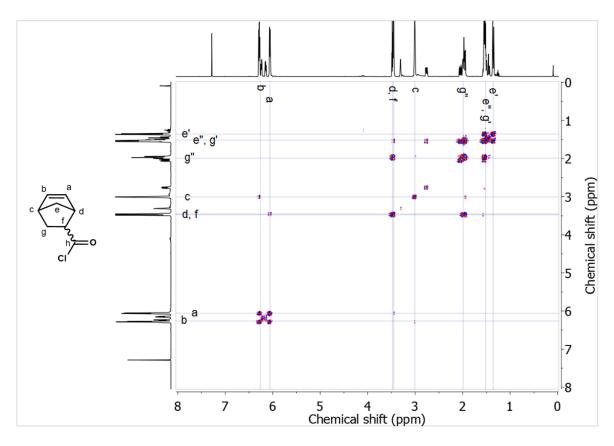


Figure S9 COSY of bicyclo[2.2.1]hept-5-ene-2-carbonyl chloride

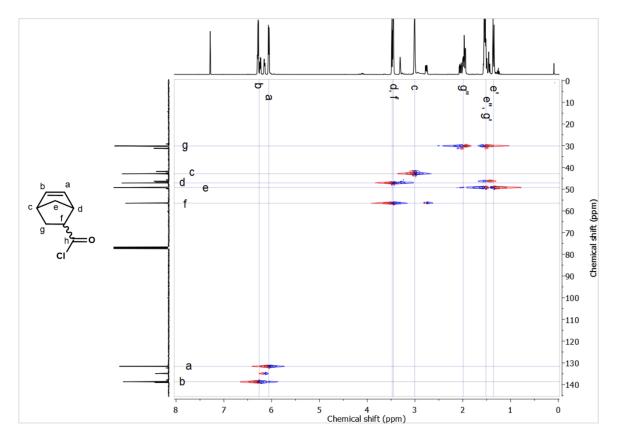


Figure \$10 HSQC of bicyclo[2.2.1]hept-5-ene-2-carbonyl chloride

# Structure characterization of monomers

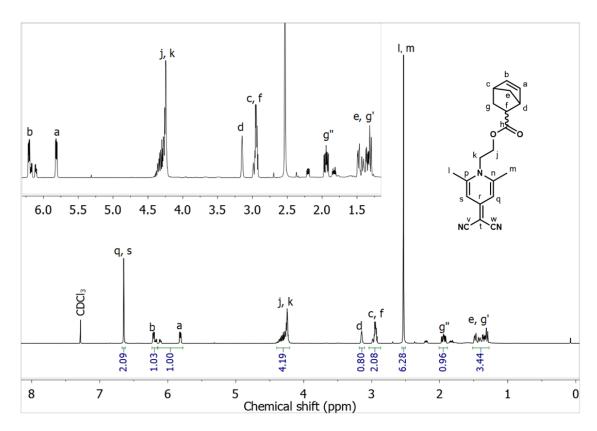


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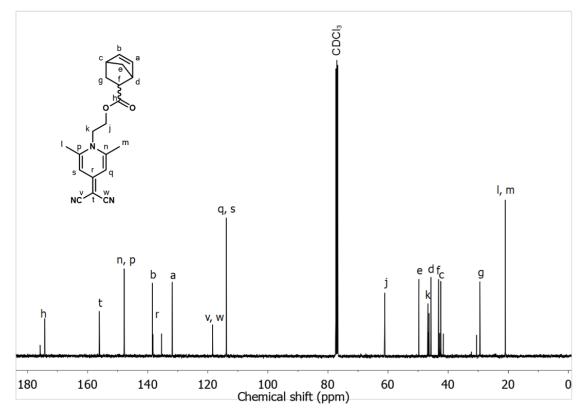


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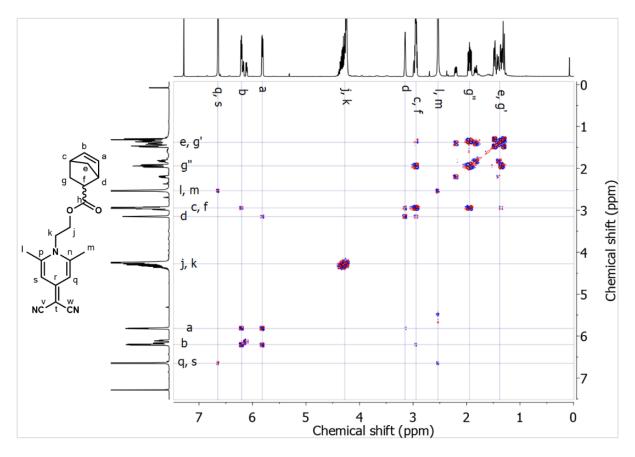


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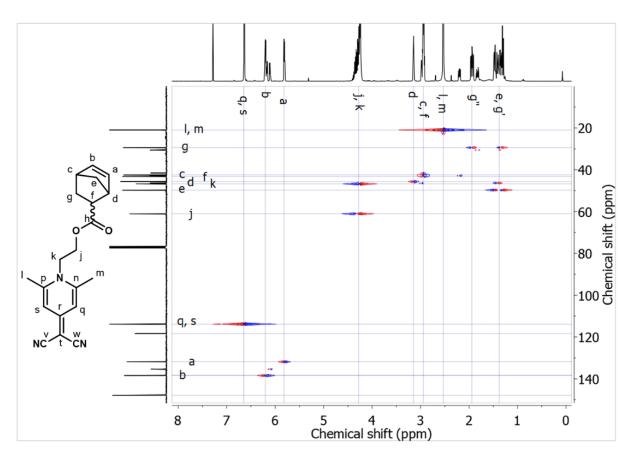


Figure \$14 HSQC of NBE-1

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Figure S15 Elemental analysis of NBE-1

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Figure S16 Mass spectra of NBE-1

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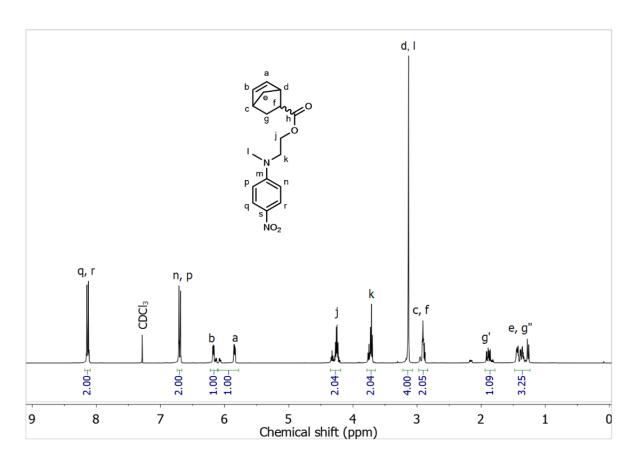


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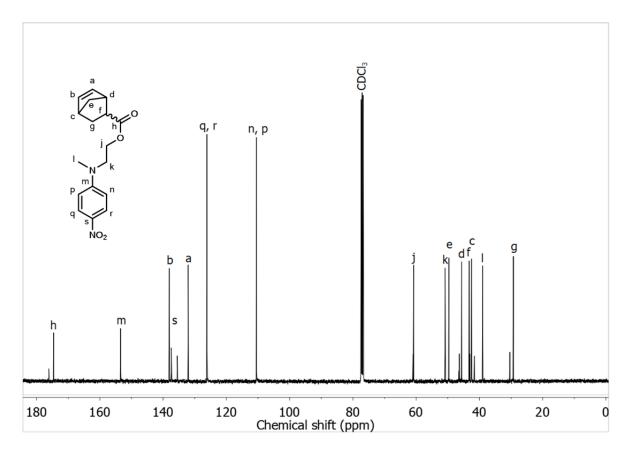


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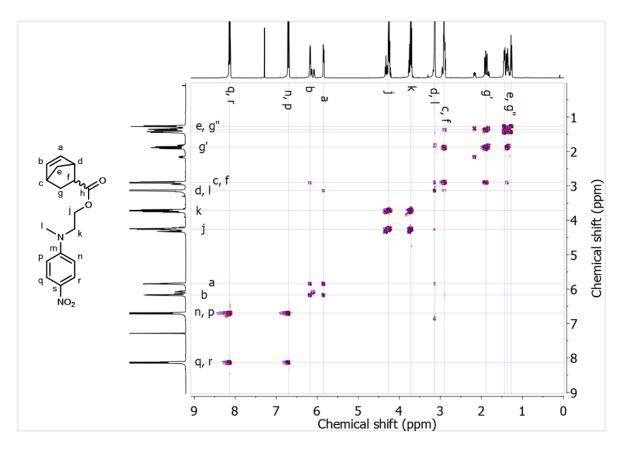


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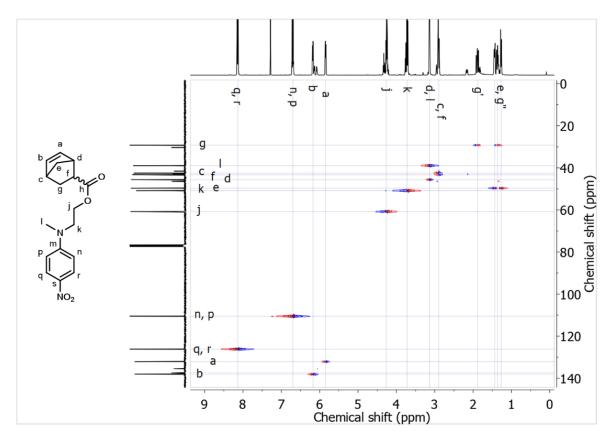
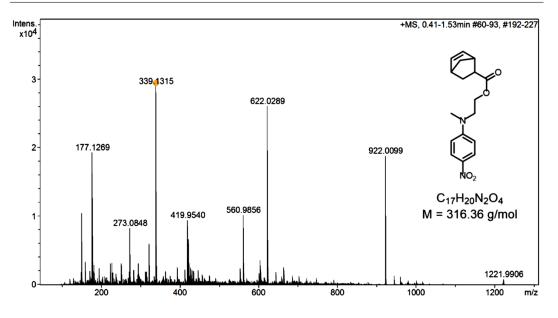


Figure S20 HSQC of NBE-2

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Figure S21 Elemental analysis of NBE-2

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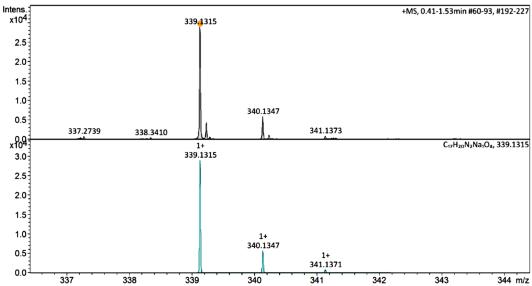


Figure S22 Mass spectra of NBE-2

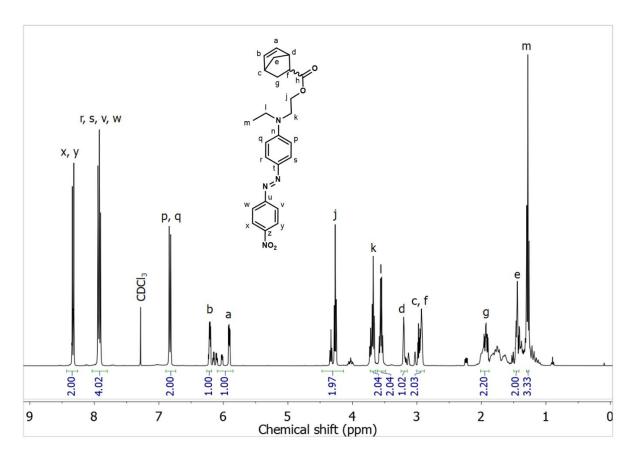


Figure S23 <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of NBE-3

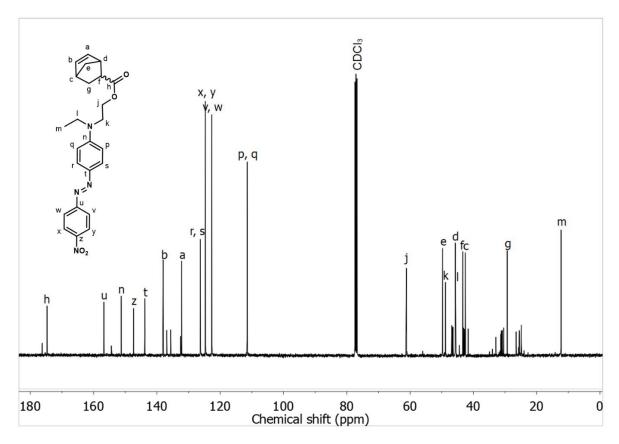


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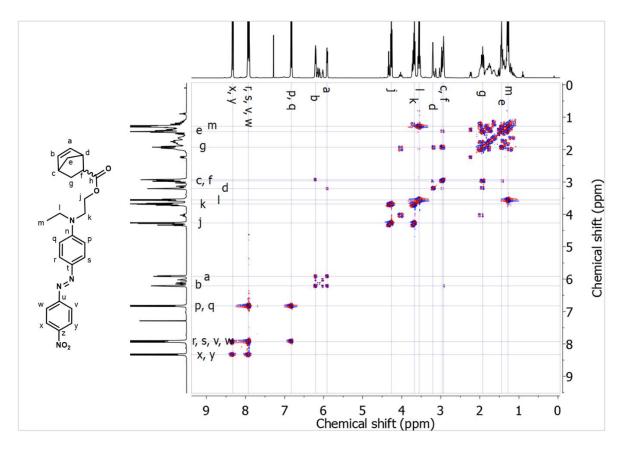


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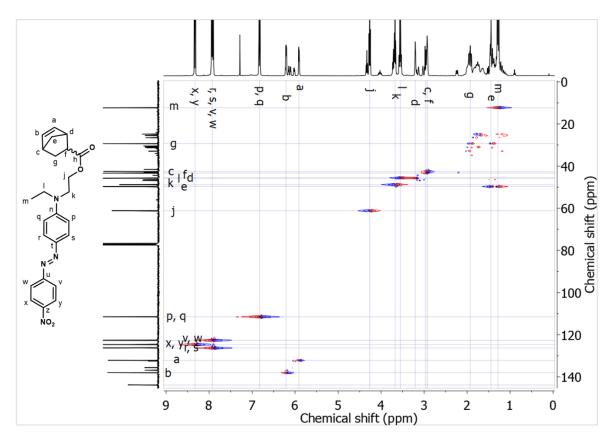


Figure S26 HSQC of NBE-3

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Figure S27 Elemental analysis of NBE-3

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Figure S28 Mass spectra of NBE-3

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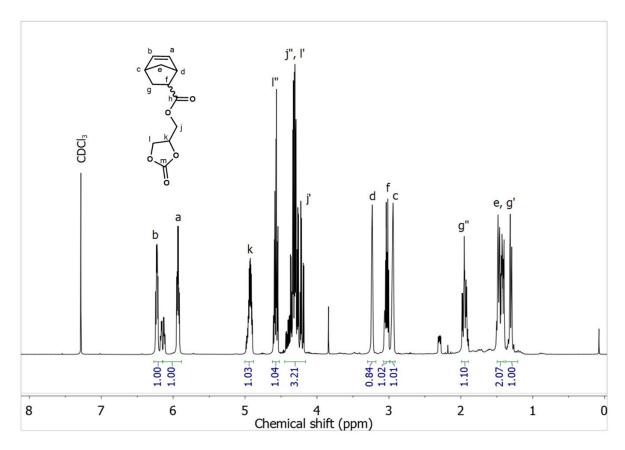


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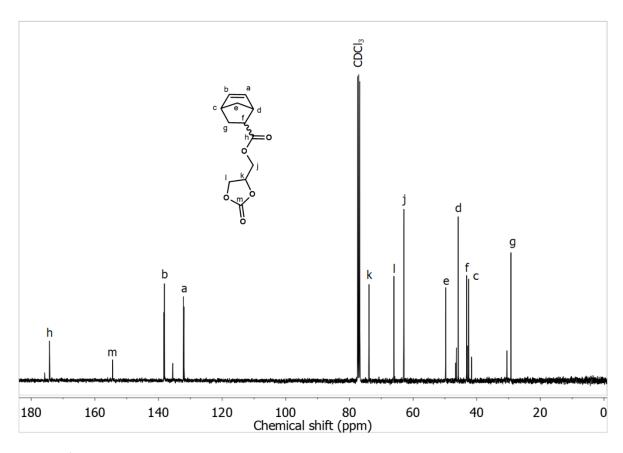


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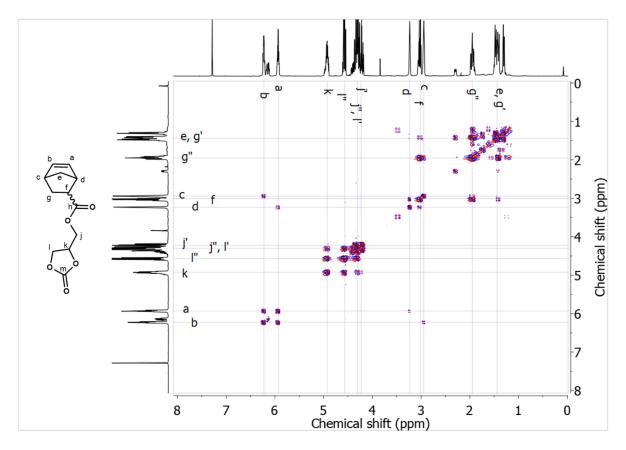


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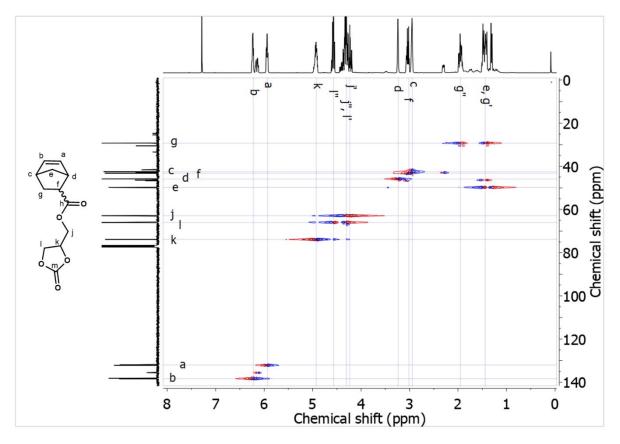


Figure S32 HSQC of NBE-4

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Substanz: NBE-4

Molekularformel: C12 H14 O5 Mr = 238.24g/mol

Siedepunkt:

gereinigt: ??????????????????? getrocknet: HV

Bestimmungen: C H N

Eingang: 19.09.19 Ausgang: 20.09.19

M-166265 Operator: PK

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[C] 60.50% [H] 5.92% [O] 33.58%  $C_{12}H_{14}O_5$  M = 238.24 g/mol

Gefundene Gewichtsanteile:

Einwaage: 0.982mg LECO TruSpec Micro

[C] 60.78% [H] 6.44% 20.09.19

Einwaage: 0.971mg LECO TruSpec Micro

[C] 60.83% [H] 6.22% 20.09.19

Von flüssigen Proben können nur CHN bestimmt werden. Probe ist nicht homoge n (Flüssig+Kristalle)

Figure S33 Elemental analysis of NBE-4

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Figure S34 Mass spectra of NBE-4

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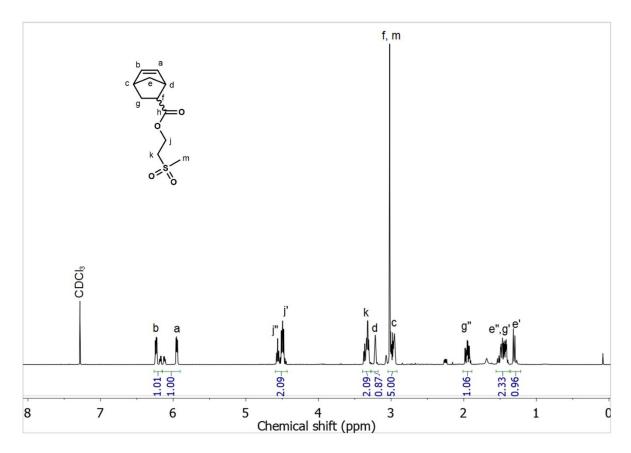


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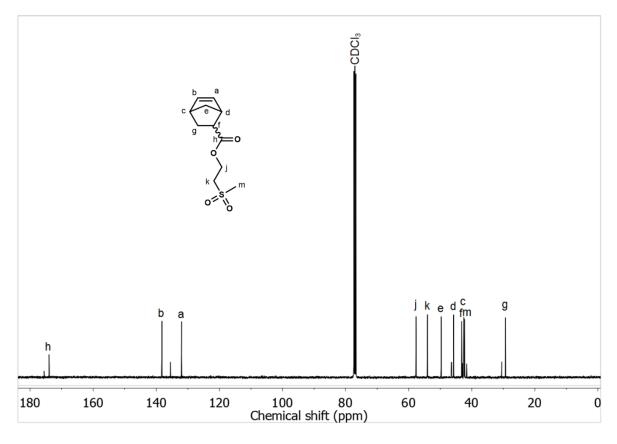


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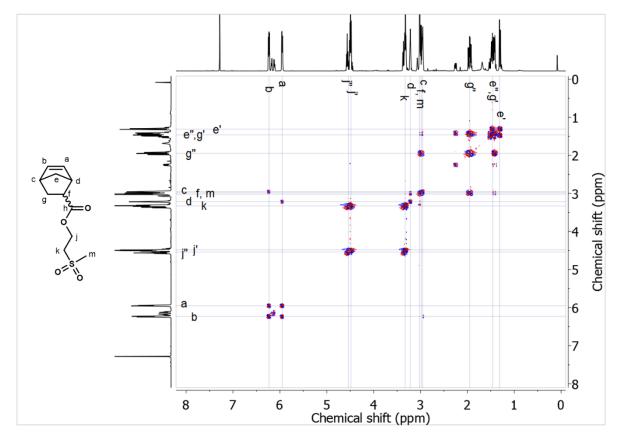


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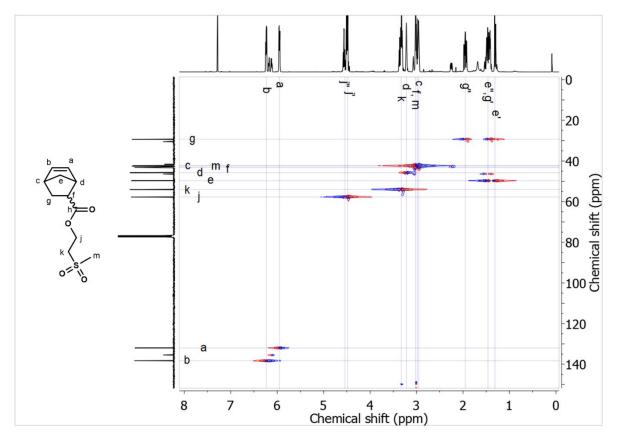


Figure S38 HQSC of NBE-5

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Figure \$39 Mass spectra of NBE-5

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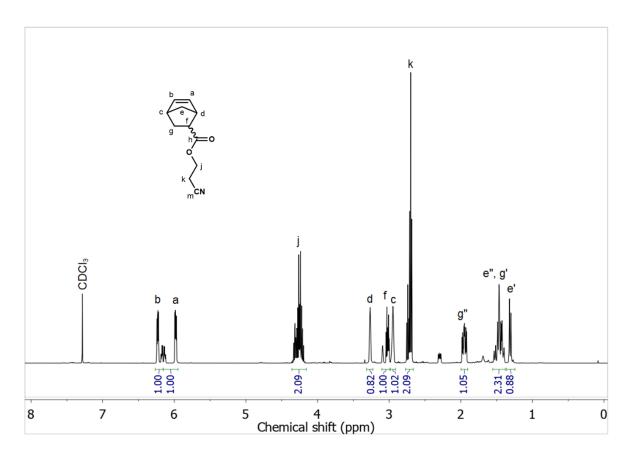


Figure S40 <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of NBE-6

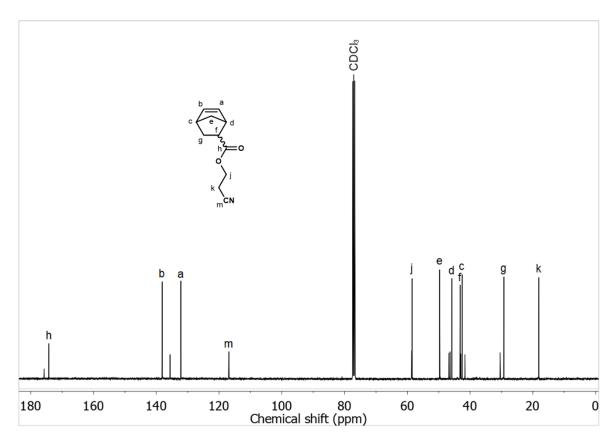


Figure S41 <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of NBE-6

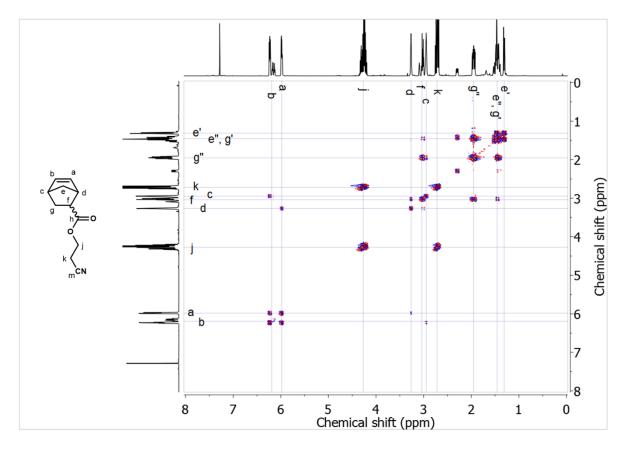


Figure \$42 COSY of NBE-6

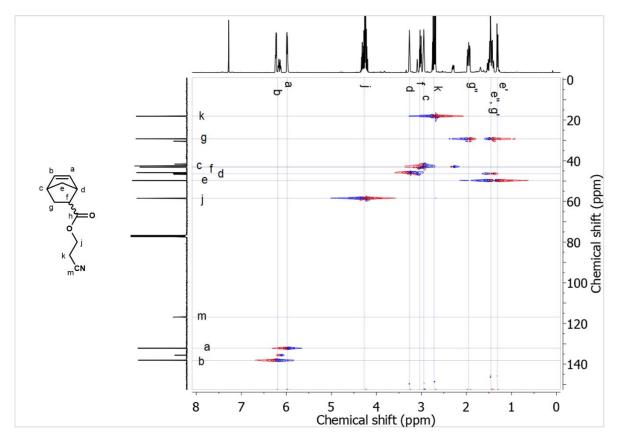


Figure S43 HSQC of NBE-6

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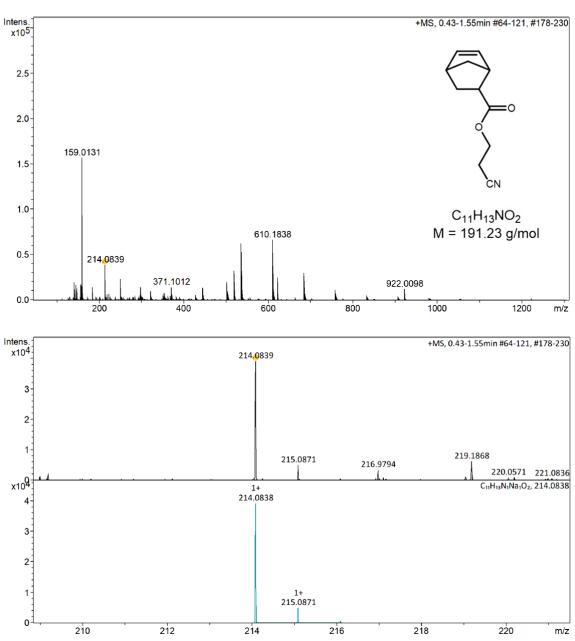


Figure S44 Mass spectra of NBE-6

# Structure characterization of polymers

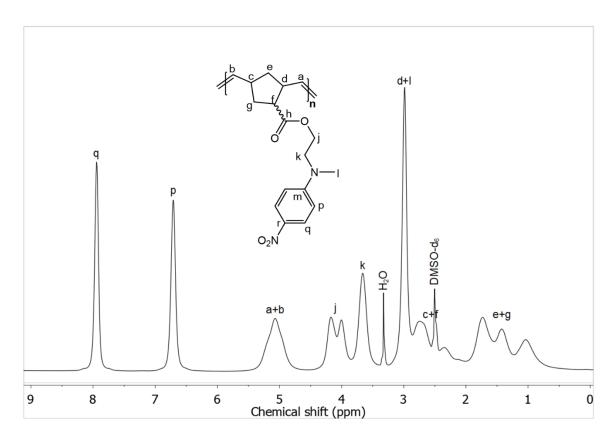


Figure S45  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of PNBE-2

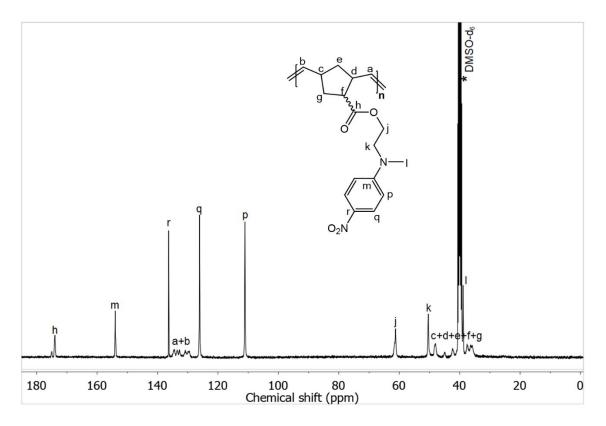
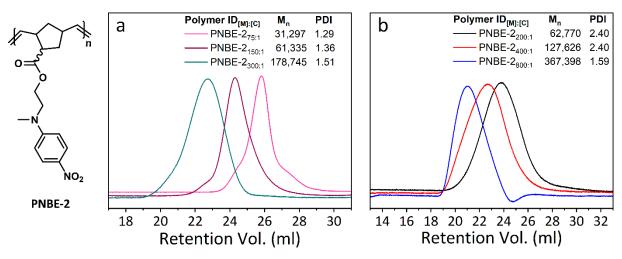


Figure S46 <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of PNBE-2



**Figure S47** GPC elugrams of **PNBE-2** synthesized by (a) Grubb's first- and (b) third generation catalyst; in HFIP + 20 mM sodium trifluoroacetate

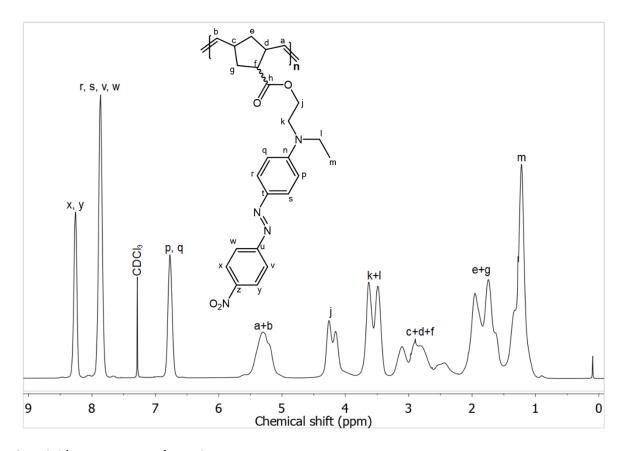


Figure S48 <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of PNBE-3

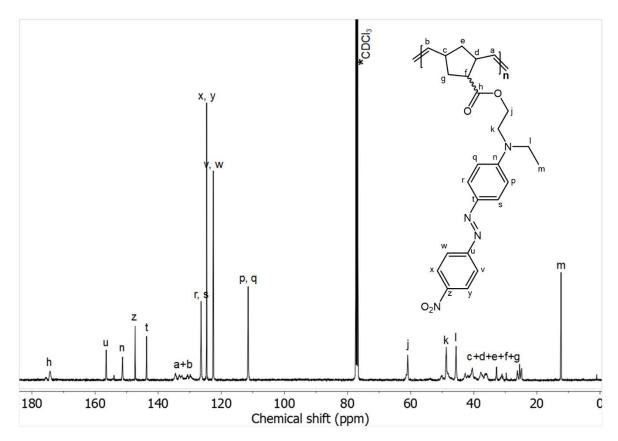


Figure S49 <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of PNBE-3

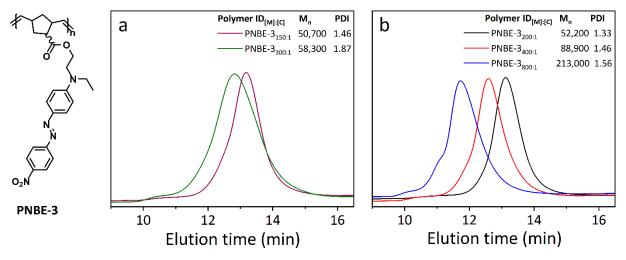


Figure S50 GPC elugrams of PNBE-3 synthesized by (a) Grubb's first- and (b) third generation catalyst; in THF

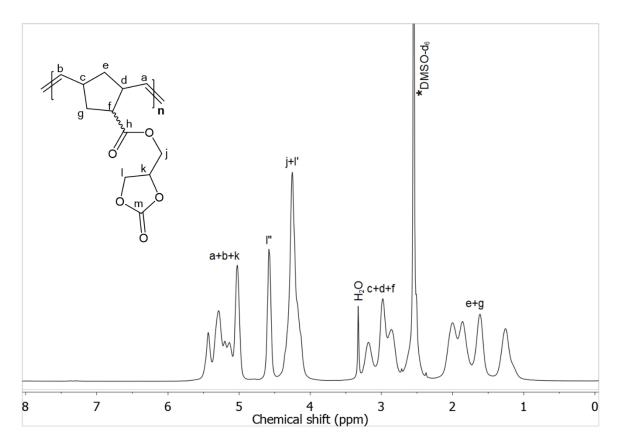


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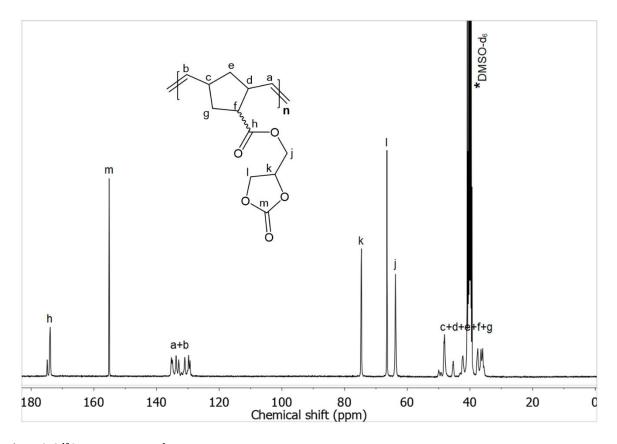


Figure S52 <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of PNBE-4

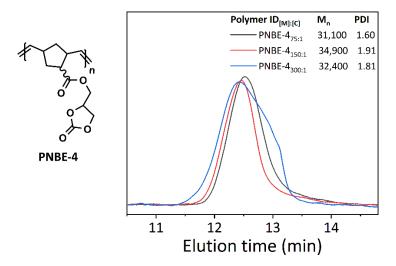


Figure S53 GPC elugrams of PNBE-4 in HFIP

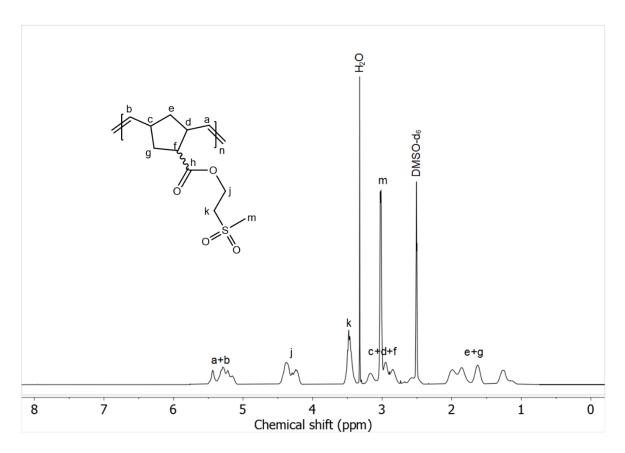


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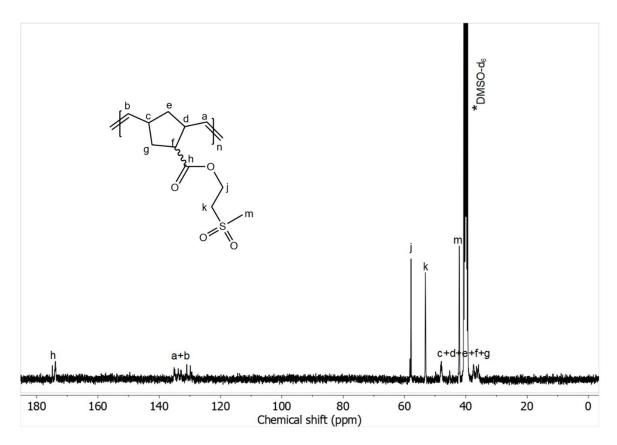


Figure S55 <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of PNBE-5

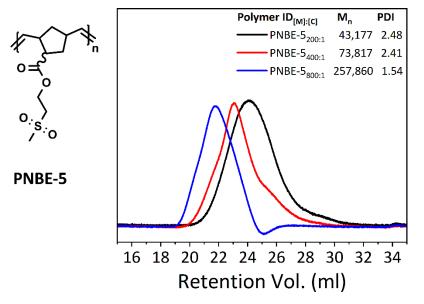


Figure S56 GPC elugrams of PNBE-5 in HFIP + 20 mM sodium trifluoroacetate

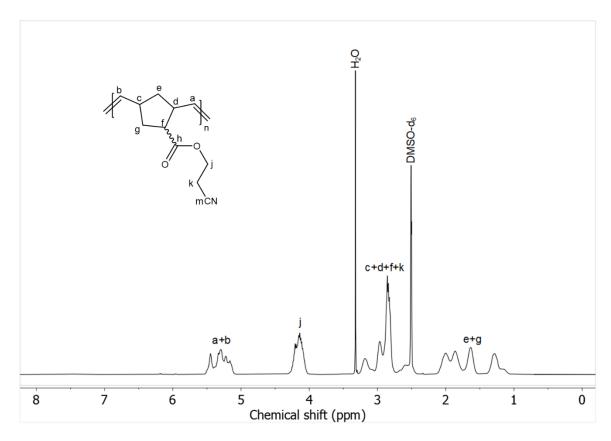


Figure S57 <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of PNBE-6

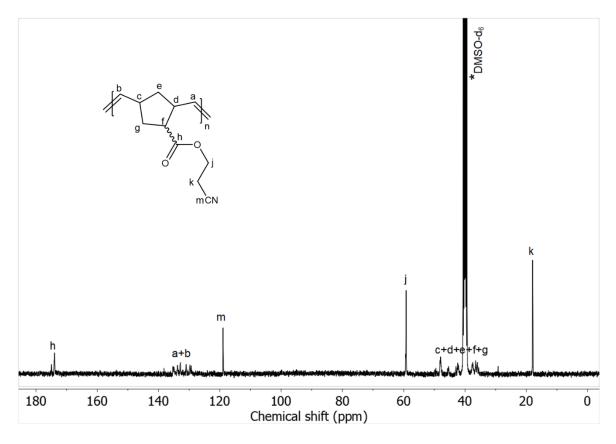


Figure \$58 <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of PNBE-6

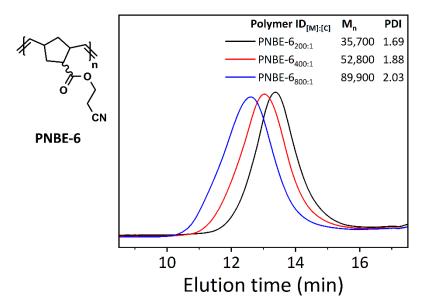


Figure \$59 GPC elugrams of PNBE-6 in THF

## Thermal behaviour of polymers

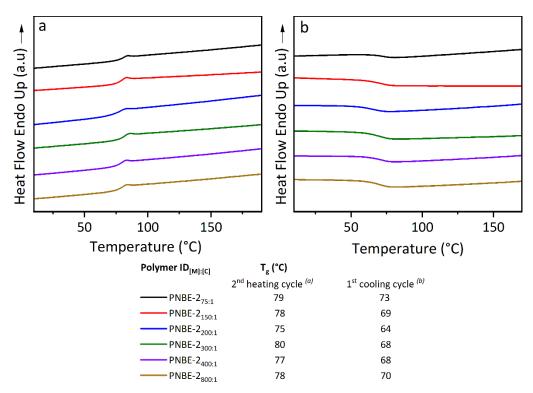


Figure S60 DSC thermograms for PNBE-2 polymer sets in (a) second heating and (b) first cooling cycle

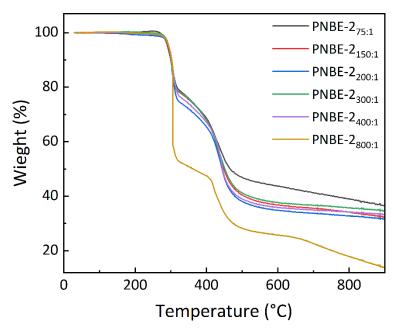


Figure S61 TGA curves for PNBE-2 polymer sets

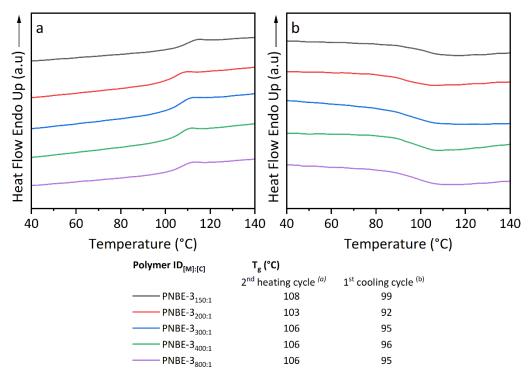


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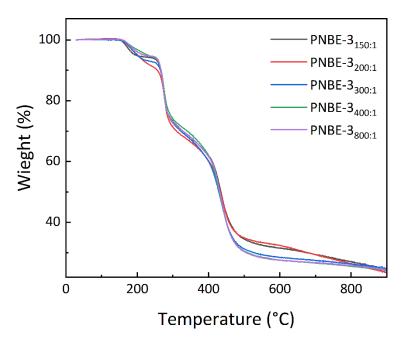


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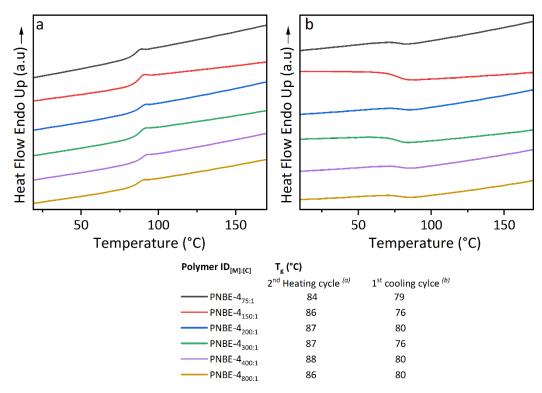


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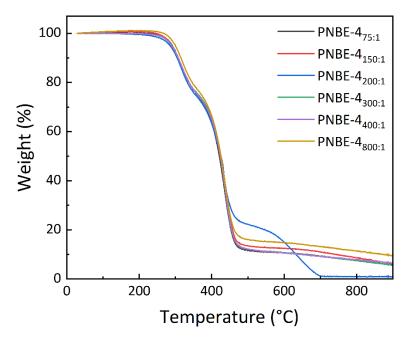


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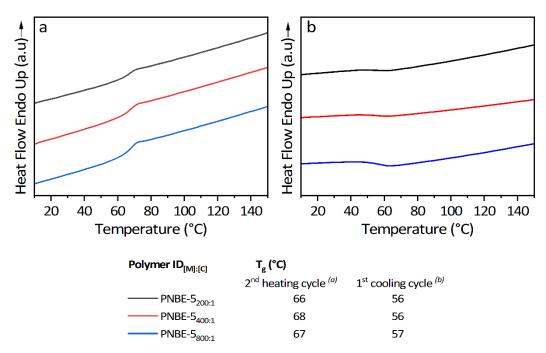


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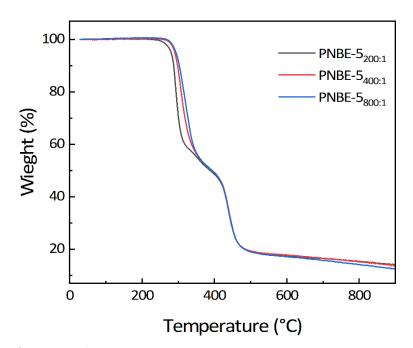


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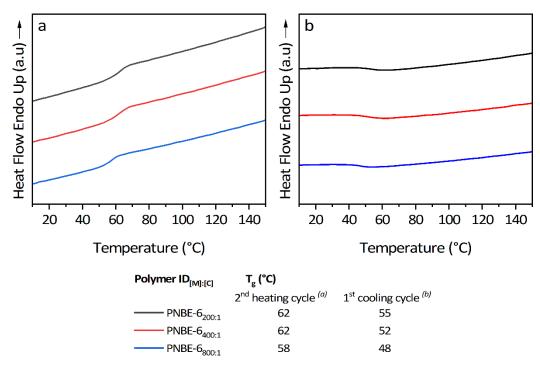


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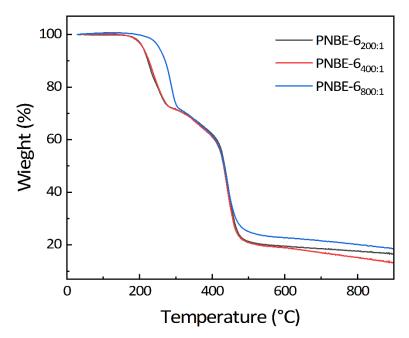


Figure S69 TGA curves for PNBE-6 polymer sets

## **Dielectric properties of polymers**

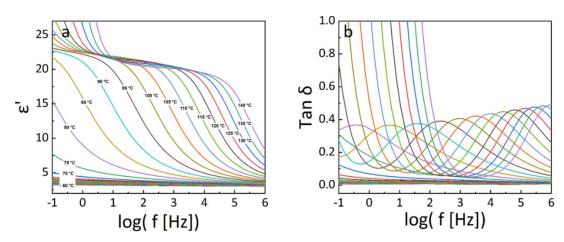
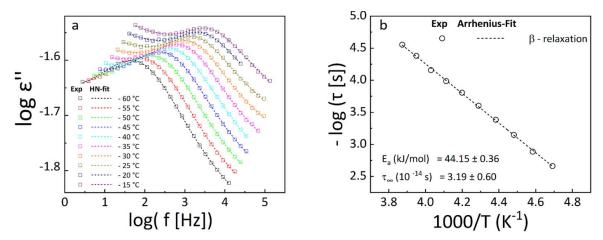


Figure S70 Isothermal dielectric response of PNBE-2; (a) real permittivity,  $\epsilon$ '; (b) tangent loss Tan  $\delta$ ; of the complex dielectric function vs frequency



**Figure S71** β-relaxation processes in **PNBE-2**: (a) isothermal plot of imaginary part  $\epsilon''$  of the complex dielectric permittivity versus frequency (b) Arrhenius plot of corresponding relaxation times obtained from Havriliak-Negami (HN)-fit versus inverse of temperature. The experimental data are represented by scattered dots and the fit functions are represented by short-dashed lines.

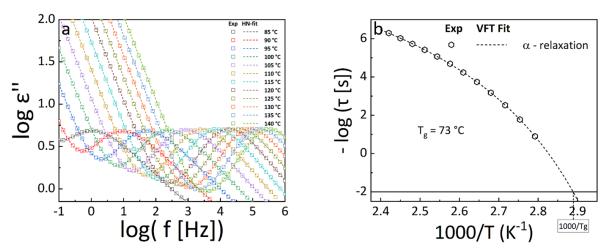
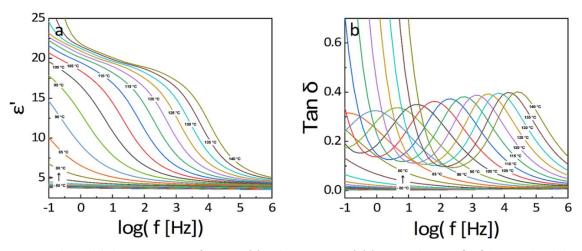


Figure S72  $\alpha$ -relaxation processes in PNBE-2: (a) isothermal plot of imaginary part  $\epsilon''$  of the complex dielectric permittivity versus frequency (b) Vogel-Fulcher-Tammann (VFT) plot of corresponding relaxation times obtained from Havriliak-Negami (HN)-fit versus inverse of temperature. The experimental data are represented by scattered dots and the fit functions are represented by short-dashed lines.



**Figure S73** Isothermal dielectric response of **PNBE-3**; (a) real permittivity,  $\epsilon'$ ; (b) tangent loss Tan  $\delta$ ; of the complex dielectric function vs frequency

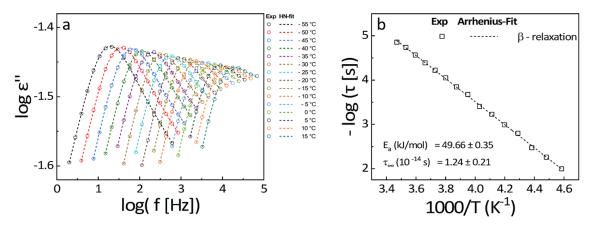


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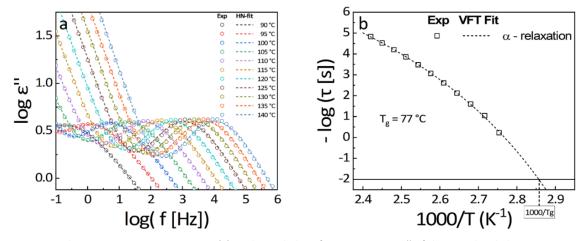
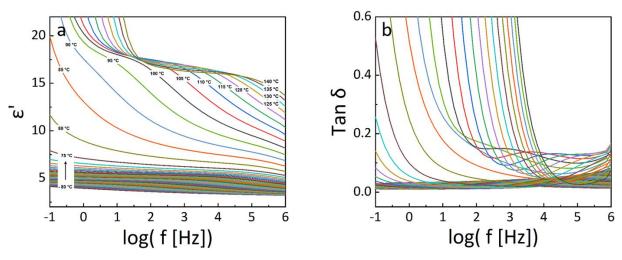


Figure S75  $\alpha$ -relaxation processes in PNBE-3: (a) isothermal plot of imaginary part  $\epsilon''$  of the complex dielectric permittivity versus frequency (b) Vogel-Fulcher-Tammann (VFT) plot of corresponding relaxation times obtained from Havriliak-Negami (HN)-fit versus inverse of temperature. The experimental data are represented by scattered dots and the fit functions are represented by short-dashed lines.



**Figure S76** Isothermal dielectric response of **PNBE-4**; (a) real permittivity,  $\epsilon$ '; (b) tangent loss Tan  $\delta$ ; of the complex dielectric function vs frequency

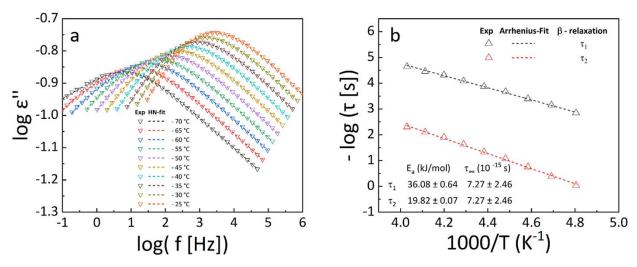
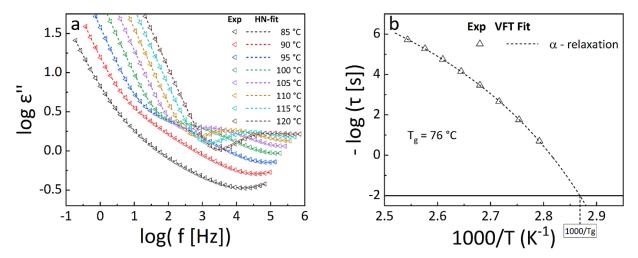
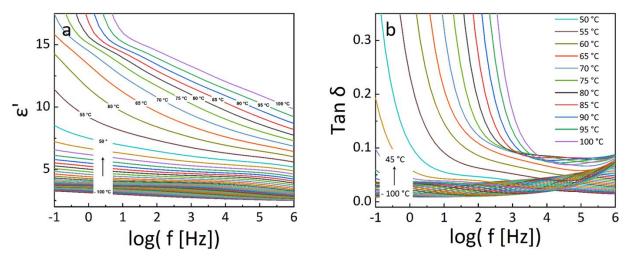


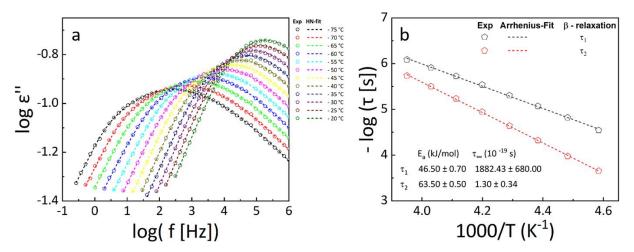
Figure S77  $\beta$ -relaxation processes in PNBE-4: (a) isothermal plot of imaginary part  $\epsilon''$  of the complex dielectric permittivity versus frequency (b) Arrhenius plots of corresponding relaxation times obtained from Havriliak-Negami (HN)-fit versus inverse of temperature. The experimental data are represented by scattered dots and the fit functions are represented by short-dashed lines.



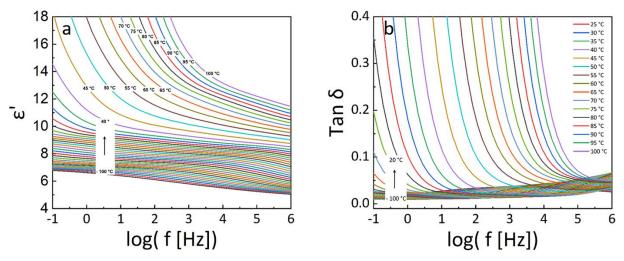
**Figure S78**  $\alpha$ -relaxation processes in **PNBE-4**: (a) isothermal plot of imaginary part  $\epsilon''$  of the complex dielectric permittivity versus frequency (b) Vogel-Fulcher-Tammann (VFT) plot of corresponding relaxation times obtained from Havriliak-Negami (HN)-fit versus the inverse of temperature. The experimental data are represented by scattered dots and the fit functions are represented by short-dashed lines.



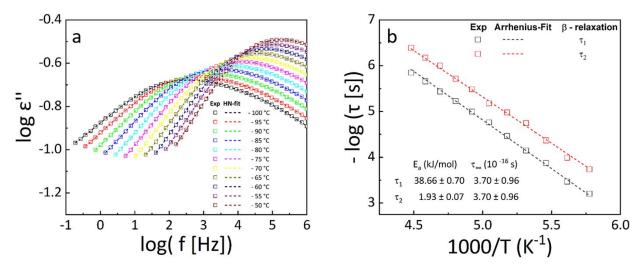
**Figure S79** Isothermal dielectric response of **PNBE-5**; (a) real permittivity,  $\epsilon$ '; (b) tangent loss Tan  $\delta$ ; of the complex dielectric function vs frequency



**Figure S80** β-relaxation processes in **PNBE-5**: (a) isothermal plot of imaginary part  $\epsilon''$  of the complex dielectric permittivity versus frequency (b) Arrhenius plots of corresponding relaxation times obtained from Havriliak-Negami (HN)-fit versus inverse of temperature. The experimental data are represented by scattered dots and the fit functions are represented by short-dashed lines.



**Figure S81** Isothermal dielectric response of **PNBE-6**; (a) real permittivity,  $\epsilon$ '; (b) tangent loss Tan  $\delta$ ; of the complex dielectric function vs frequency



**Figure S82** β-relaxation processes in **PNBE-6**: (a) isothermal plot of imaginary part  $\epsilon''$  of the complex dielectric permittivity versus frequency (b) Arrhenius plots of corresponding relaxation times obtained from Havriliak-Negami (HN)-fit versus inverse of temperature. The experimental data are represented by scattered dots and the fit functions are represented by short-dashed lines.

## **Dipole moments of monomers**

**NBE-X** solutions of different concentrations were prepared by dissolving in chloroform. Dilute solutions of **NBE-X** were used to avoid antiparallel orientation of dipoles. Dielectric measurements on the solutions were performed using a high-resolution ALPHA analyzer (Novocontrol, Montabaur, Germany) using a liquid parallel plate sample cell BDS 1308 to avoid errors related to solvent evaporation during measurement. The dielectric permittivity  $\varepsilon'$  was recorded at a frequency of  $10^5$  Hz at ambient temperature. The liquid cell BDS 1308 was calibrated using chloroform.

The dipole moments of **NBE-X** were experimentally estimated according to the Hedestrand-Guggenheim – Smith equation (Eq 1) and the modified Onsager equation according to Böttcher (Eq 2):

$$\mu_2^2 = \frac{27 \cdot M_2 \cdot k_B \cdot T}{4\pi \cdot \rho_1 \cdot (\varepsilon_1 + 2)^2 \cdot N_A} \cdot \left( \frac{\partial \varepsilon_{12}}{\partial x_2} - (n_2^2 - n_1^2) \right)$$
 (Eq 1).

$$\begin{split} \varepsilon_{12} &= 1 + \frac{4\pi}{3} \, \frac{\varepsilon_{12} (2\varepsilon_{12} + 1) (n_1^2 + 2)^2}{3 (2\varepsilon_{12} + n_1^2)^2} \frac{\mu_1^2}{k_B T} N_1 + \frac{4\pi}{3} \, \frac{\varepsilon_{12} (2\varepsilon_{12} + 1) (n_2^2 + 2)^2}{3 (2\varepsilon_{12} + n_2^2)^2} \frac{\mu_2^2}{k_B T} N_2 \\ &+ 3 \frac{N_1}{N_A} R_1 \frac{\varepsilon_{12} (n_1^2 + 2)}{2\varepsilon_{12} + n_1^2} + 3 \frac{N_2}{N_A} R_2 \frac{\varepsilon_{12} (n_2^2 + 2)}{2\varepsilon_{12} + n_2^2} \end{split} \tag{Eq 2}.$$

In the above equations,

 $\mu_1$  dipole moment of the solvent

 $\mu_2$  dipole moment of NBE-X monomer

 $M_2$  molar mass of NBE-X monomer

 $N_A$  Avogadro's constant

 $k_B$  Boltzmann's constant

T Temperature

 $\rho_1$  density of the solvent

 $\varepsilon_1$  dielectric permittivity of the solvent

 $\varepsilon_{12}$  dielectric permittivity of the solution

 $x_2$  molar fraction of NBE-X monomer

 $n_1$  refractive index of the solvent

 $n_2$  refractive index of NBE-X monomer

 $N_i$  number density of dipoles expressed as  $N_i = \frac{\rho_i}{M_i} N_A$ 

 $R_i$  molecular refraction in the limit of infinite wavelength expressed as  $R_i = \frac{M_i}{\rho_i} \frac{(n_i^2 - 1)}{(n_i^2 + 2)}$ 

## **Appendices**

