



#### Molecular Design for Plastic Electronics



Liquid Crystalline CPs Field Effect Transistor Thermoelectric Polymers

Nat. Mater. 2013 Chemical Sci. 2015 Adv. Mater. 2016 Macromolecules 2019



#### **Organic Light Emitters**



#### **Optical Chemical & Biosensors**

Circulating Tumor Cell Detection Platelet Activation Monitoring miRNA Detection

Chemical Sci 2016 Adv. Mater. 2016



#### **Designer Functional Organic and Polymer**

Heat Management in Polymers Biomimetic Adhesives and Surface Functionalization

> Molecular complex

Molecular

dispersion

0.0 0.2

0.4

c 2.5

k (Wm<sup>-1</sup>K<sup>-1</sup>)

2.0

Nature Materials 2015 ACS Central Sci. 2015 Science Advances 2017

• HCI

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# **Application of Polydiacetylene Sensors**



#### **Developed Sensors**

- Nerve Agents
- Antibiotics
- Melamine
- Proteins
- Hg2+
- Influenza Virus
- Prostate Specific Antigen
- K+
- DNA
- Immunofluorescence labeling



# Disrupting pi-conjugation of PDA triggers optical signals





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Fluorometric & Colorimetric Dual Signal



## **Self-signaling and Signal-amplifying Optical Sensors**



# **Novel Emissive Materials by Design**





Nature Chemistry 2011, 3, 205. J. of Am. Chem. Soc. 2013, 135, 6325. Angew. Chem. Inter. Ed. 2014, 53, 11177. Chem. Mater. 2014, 26, 6644. Nature Communications 2015, 6, 8947. Angew. Chem. Inter. Ed. 2017, 56, 16207.

## Lyotropic Liquid Crystalline CP Design for Directed Conjugated Polymer Alignment



- 1. Concentration-induced Chain Planarization
- 2. Non-interdigitating Large Side Chain
- 3. Out-of-plane Tetrahedral Carbon Linker



Bong-Gi Kim, Eun Jeong Jeong, Jong Won Chung, Sungbaek Seo, Bonwon Koo, Jinsang Kim *Nature Materials* 2013, 12, 659.



## **High Thermal Conductivity in Amorphous Polymers**

### **Polymer Blend System**



Gun-Ho Kim<sup>+</sup>, Dongwook Lee<sup>+</sup>, Apoorv Shanker<sup>+</sup> *et al Nature Materials* **2015**, *14*, 295.

#### **Polyelectrolyte System**





Extended or swollen polyelectrolyte chains High κ



Apoorv Shanker<sup>+</sup>, Chen Li<sup>+</sup> *et al* **Science Advances 2017,** 3, 1700342.

# **1. Through Interpolymer Bonding**



Gun-Ho Kim<sup>+</sup>, Dongwook Lee<sup>+</sup>, Apoorv Shanker<sup>+</sup>, Lei Shao, Min Sang Kwon, David Gidley, Jinsang Kim<sup>\*</sup> and Kevin Pipe<sup>\*</sup> "High thermal conductivity in amorphous polymer blends by engineered interchain interactions" *Nature Materials* 2015, *14*, 295.

## 2. Electrostatically Induced Random Chain Extension



Apporv Shanker<sup>+</sup>, Chen Li<sup>+</sup>, Gun-Ho Kim, David Gidley, Kevin Pipe<sup>\*</sup>, Jinsang Kim<sup>\*</sup> "Electrostatically induced random chain extension for high thermal conductivity in amorphous polymers" *Science Advances 2017*, *3*, 1700342.