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## Abstract

Conjugated polymers (CPs) are emerging materials for many useful applications due to their readily tunable properties by variation of their chemical structure. Their optoelectronic applications, such as solar cells, LED, and sensors have gained much interest recently. In this presentation, the design principle of self-signaling and signal amplifying CP sensors for the detection of various chemicals and clinically important biomolecules, such as mercury, potassium, prostate specific antigen, nerve agents, melamine, influenza virus, and antibiotics, will be discussed.<sup>1-3</sup> Our recent development of highly emissive and metal-free purely organic phosphorescence materials will also be presented. Directed intermolecular heavy atom effects are uniquely implemented in aromatic carbonyl molecules to promote spin-orbit coupling and suppress vibrational dissipation. Color tuning by electron density modulation and a prototype PhOLED have been demonstrated.<sup>4-6</sup> Our recent effort for flexible solar cells and high performance plastic electronics by molecular design and directed self-assembly and alignment of CPs is another topic of discussion. The optical and electronic properties of CPs, such as absorption, emission, and conductivity, are highly anisotropic due to the 1-dimensional nature of the conjugated polymer backbone. These unique optoelectronic properties can be fully utilized in device applications only when the conjugated chains are aligned. We recently developed lyotropic liquid crystalline CPs and achieved nanoscopic and macroscopic arrangement and alignment and demonstrated more than 1600 times faster charge carrier mobility along the CP alignment direction than the perpendicular to the alignment direction in a thin film transistor (TFT).<sup>7</sup> If time allows, a recent development of high thermal conductivity in amorphous polymer thin film and shear-triggered lighting-up crystallization of thermally stable organic supercooled liquid will be also briefly discussed.<sup>8,9</sup>

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