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## Supplementary Materials

### Absorption and Isomerization of Azobenzene guest molecules in Polymeric Nanoporous Crystalline Phases

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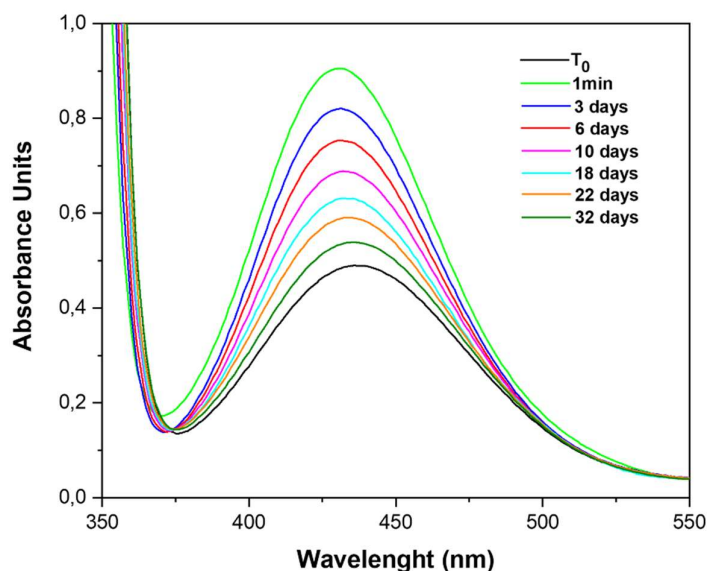
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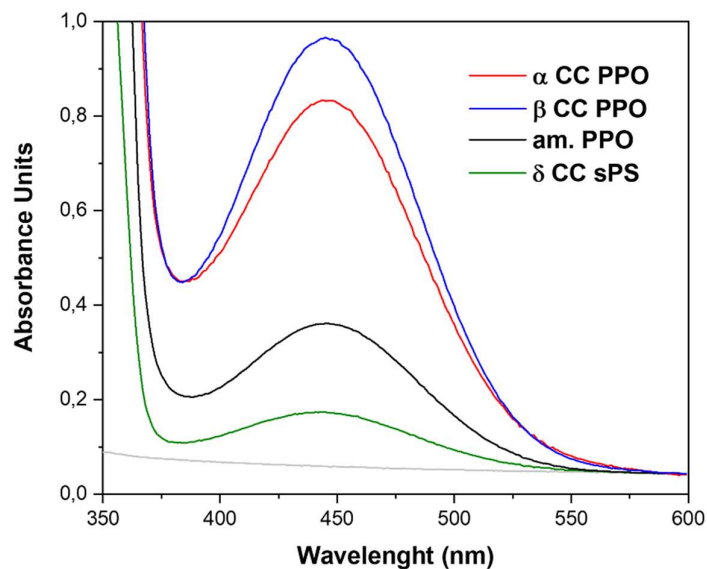
UV-vis spectra of 0.2 wt% azobenzene/methanol solution before (black line) and after photoisomerization (green line) and as collected at different times during spontaneous cis-trans isomerization (colored curves) are reported in Figure S1. Half-time of cis-trans azobenzene isomerization in 0.2 wt% azobenzene/methanol was ~240 h (10 days).



**Figure S1.** UV-Visible spectra in the range 350-550 nm of 0.2 wt% azobenzene/methanol solution before (black line), after photoisomerization (green line) and as collected at different times during spontaneous cis-trans isomerization (colored curves).

UV-Visible spectra of 50  $\mu\text{m}$  thick films:  $\alpha$  CC PPO (red line),  $\beta$  CC PPO (blue line), amorphous PPO (black line) and  $\delta$  CC s-PS (green line) after immersion for 30 minutes in 2 wt% azobenzene/methanol solution are reported in Figure S2.

The content of azobenzene, evaluated by thermogravimetric measurements (TGA), was 7,3 wt%, 9 wt% and 2,8 wt% for  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$  CC and amorphous PPO films, respectively and 1 wt% for  $\delta$  CC s-PS films.



**Figure S2.** UV-Visible spectra in the range 350-600 nm of  $\alpha$  CC PPO (red line),  $\beta$  CC PPO (blue line), amorphous PPO (black line) and  $\delta$  CC s-PS (green line) films after immersion for 30 minutes in 2 wt% azobenzene/methanol solution. PPO film spectra (gray line) is also reported for comparison.