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Highlighting research results from Prof. Jinyan Wang's Lab at Dalian University of Technology, Dalian, China.

Construction of flexible and stable near-infrared absorbing polymer films containing nickel-bis(dithiolene) moieties *via* ligand-exchange post-polymerization modification

Jianhua Han, Jinyan Wang, Xigao Jian and co-workers present a ligand-exchange post-polymerization modification approach to synthesize high molecular weight polymers containing nickel-bis(dithiolene) segments up to 46%. Taking advantage of the high loading of nickel-bis(dithiolene) moieties, these polymeric materials exhibit ultra-low band gap ($E_{\rm g}$ =0.81 eV), $\lambda_{\rm max}$ of approximately 1200 nm and ε > 10⁴ mol⁻¹ L cm⁻¹, with the merits of stretchability, solution processability and the ability to form free-standing films.



