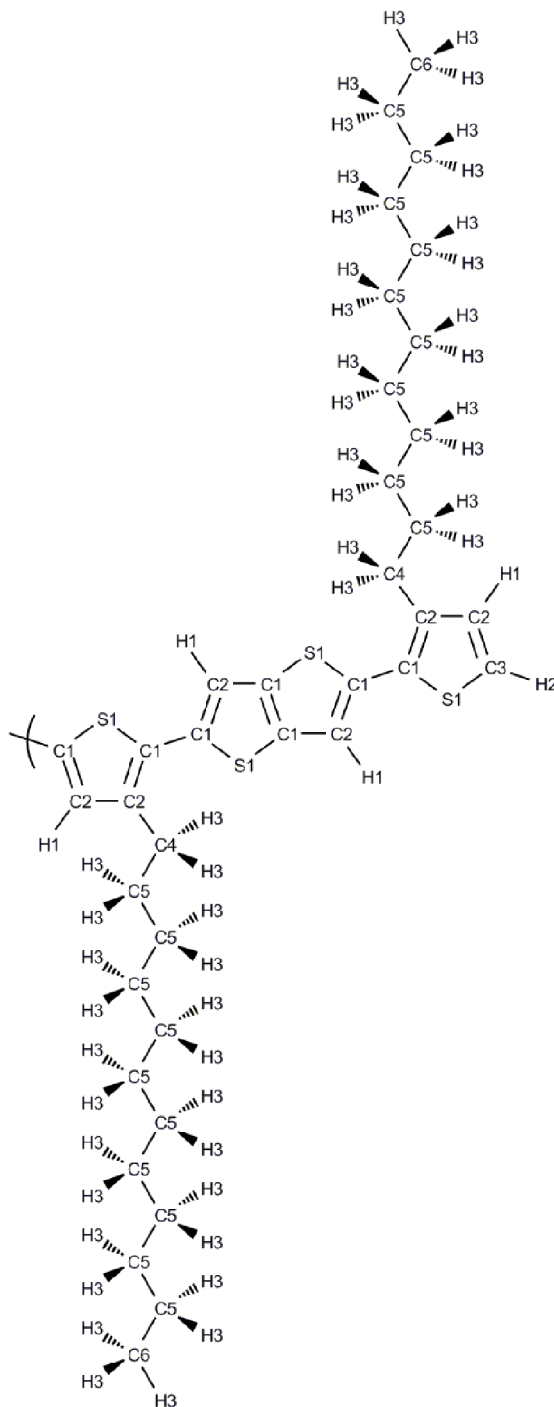


# Supplementary Information for “A comparative MD study of the local structure of polymer semiconductors P3HT and PBTTT”

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**Fig. S1** Chemical structure of the end monomer in a poly(2,5-bis(3-alkylthiophen-2-yl)thieno[3,2-b]thiophene) (PBTTT) chain. Atoms of different type on our atomistic model are labelled with different numerical suffixes.

**Table S1** Non-bonded parameters (LJ diameter  $\sigma_{ij}$ , LJ interaction strength  $\epsilon_{ij}$ , and charge  $q_i$ ) used in atomistic simulation models of PBTTT. PBTTT atom types are defined in Fig. S1.

Atom type $i$	$\sigma_{ij}/\text{\AA}$	$\epsilon_{ij}/\text{kcal mol}^{-1}$	$q_i/e$
S1 <sup>a</sup>	3.550	0.250	-0.1496
C1 <sup>a</sup>	3.550	0.070	0.0748
C2 <sup>a</sup>	3.550	0.070	-0.1817
C3 <sup>a</sup>	3.550	0.070	-0.1412
C4 <sup>b</sup>	3.500	0.066	0.0617
C5 <sup>c</sup>	3.500	0.066	-0.1200
C6 <sup>c</sup>	3.500	0.066	-0.1800
H1 <sup>a</sup>	2.420	0.030	0.1817
H2 <sup>a</sup>	2.420	0.030	0.2160
H3 <sup>c</sup>	2.500	0.030	0.0600

<sup>a</sup> Adapted from Ref. [1] (see our previous work for details [3]), with LJ parameters from OPLS-AA model [2].

<sup>b</sup> From OPLS-AA model [2], with charge adjusted for monomer neutrality.

<sup>c</sup> From OPLS-AA model [2].

**Table S2** Parameters used in harmonic bond length potential  $V_{\text{bond}}(l) = k_b(l - l_0)^2/2$  in atomistic simulation models of PBTTT. PBTTT atom types are defined in Fig. S1.

Bond type	$l_0/\text{\AA}$	$k_b/\text{kcal mol}^{-1} \text{\AA}^{-2}$
S1-C1 <sup>a</sup>	1.732	582.50
C1-C2 <sup>a</sup>	1.364	1028.54
C2-C2 <sup>a</sup>	1.428	906.20
C2-H1 <sup>a</sup>	1.080	741.26
C1-C1 <sup>a</sup>	1.430	784.58
C3-H2 <sup>a</sup>	1.080	741.26
C2-C4 <sup>b</sup>	1.510	634.00
C4/C5-C5/C6 <sup>b</sup>	1.529	536.00
C4/C5/C6-H3 <sup>b</sup>	1.090	680.00

<sup>a</sup> Adapted from Ref. [1] (see our previous work for details [3]).

<sup>b</sup> From Ref. [2].

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**Table S3** Parameters used in harmonic bond angle potential  $V_{\text{angle}}(\theta) = k_\theta(\theta - \theta_0)^2/2$  in atomistic simulation models of PBTTT. PBTTT atom types are defined in Fig. S1.

Angle type	$\theta_0/\text{deg.}$	$k_\theta/\text{kcal mol}^{-1} \text{rad}^{-2}$
C1-S1-C1 <sup>a</sup>	92.774	172.720
S1-C1-C2 <sup>a</sup>	110.292	172.720
C1-C2-C2 <sup>a</sup>	113.322	79.164
C2-C2-H1 <sup>a</sup>	123.700	70.526
C2-C1-C1 <sup>a</sup>	130.140	109.388
C2-C3-H2 <sup>a</sup>	125.100	70.526
C1-C2-H1 <sup>a</sup>	122.979	70.526
S1-C1-C1 <sup>a</sup>	119.569	83.480
S1-C3-H2 <sup>a</sup>	124.609	57.574
C2-C2-C4 <sup>b</sup>	123.700	140.000
C1-C2-C4 <sup>b</sup>	122.979	140.000
C2-C4-C5 <sup>c</sup>	114.000	126.000
C2-C4-H3 <sup>c</sup>	109.500	70.000
C4/C5-C5-C5/C6 <sup>c</sup>	112.700	116.700
C4/C5/C6-C4/C5/C6-H3 <sup>c</sup>	110.700	75.000
H3-C4/C5/C6-H3 <sup>c</sup>	107.800	66.000

<sup>a</sup> Adapted from Ref. [1] (see our previous work for details [3]).

<sup>b</sup>  $\theta_0$  adapted from Ref. [1];  $k_\theta$  from Ref. [2].

<sup>c</sup> From Ref. [2].

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