

## Supporting Information

### Efficient Pyrene-Imidazole Derivatives for Organic Light-emitting Diodes

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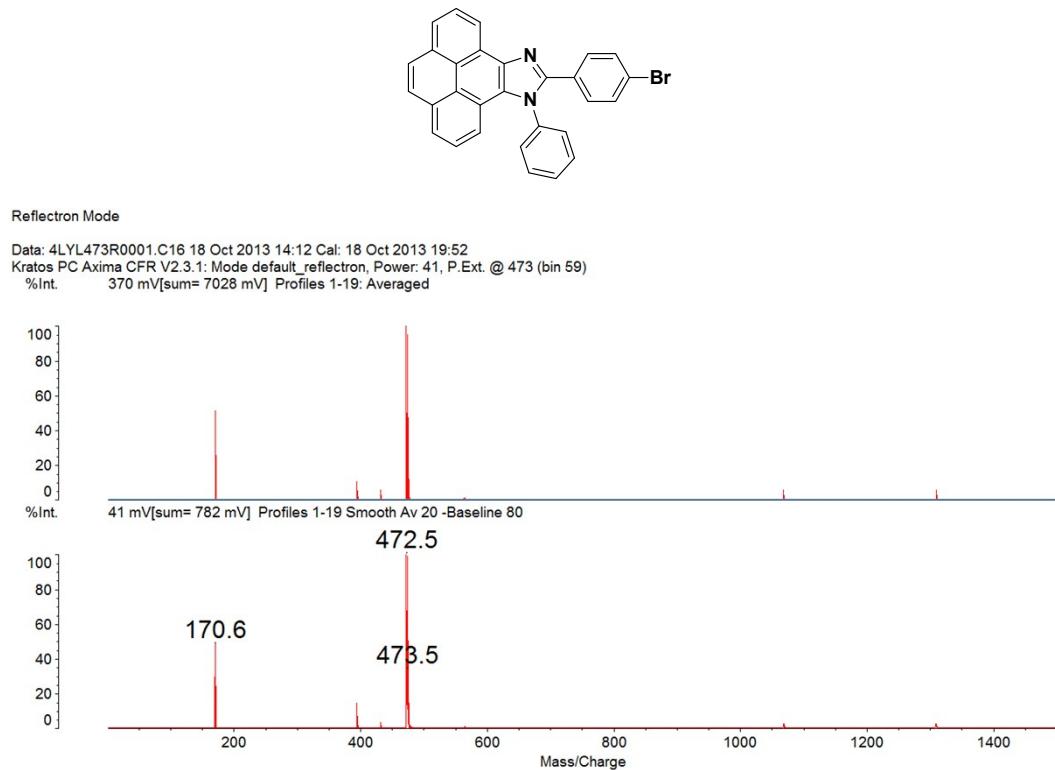
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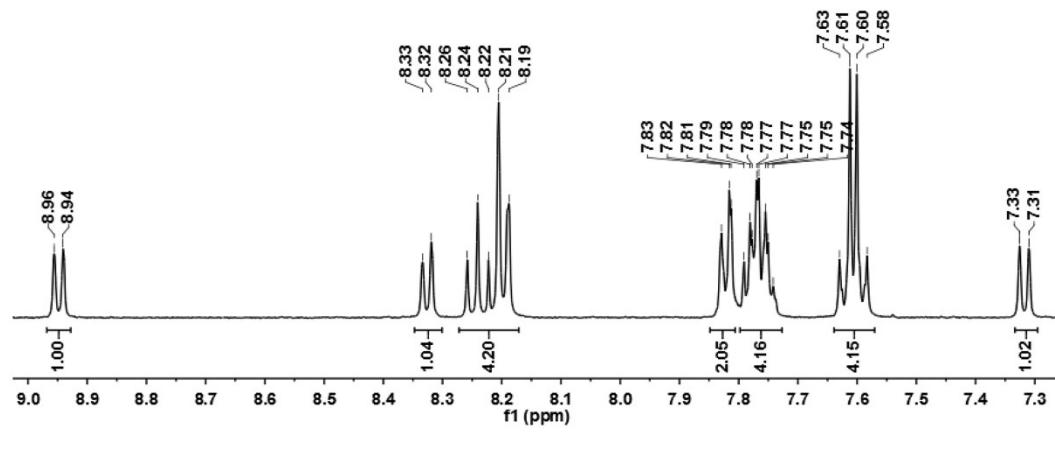
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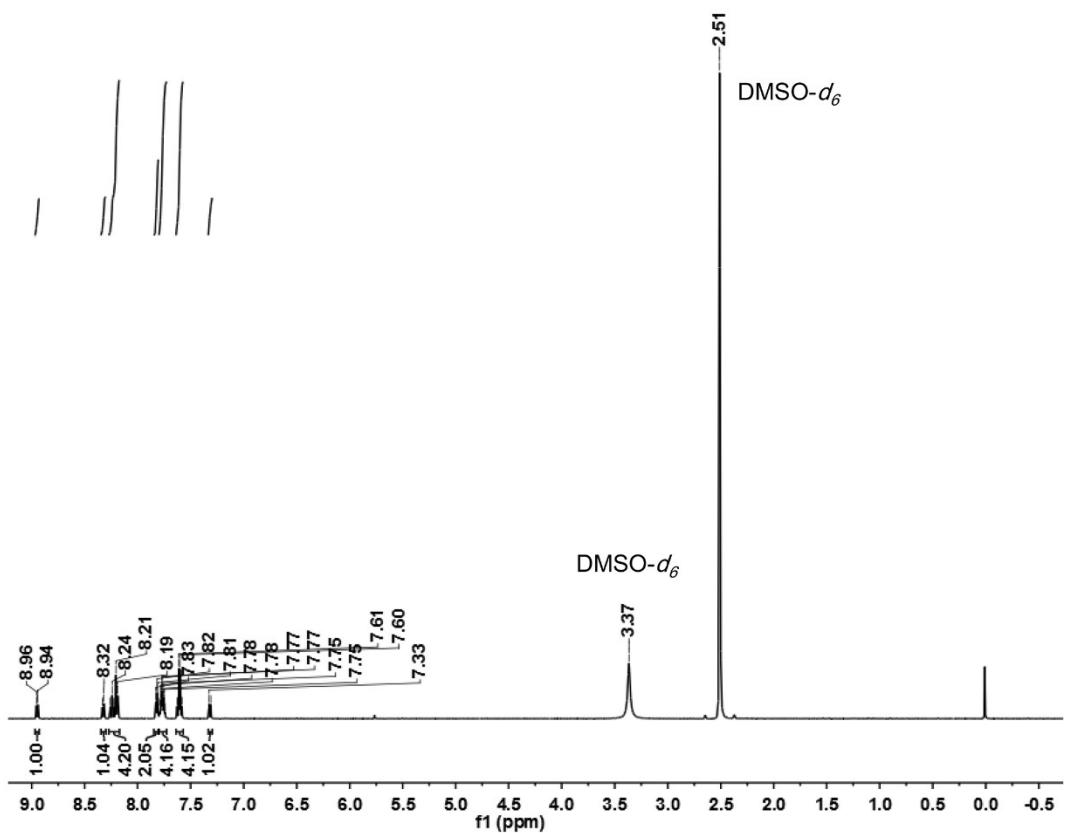
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## I. $^1\text{H}$ NMR, $^{13}\text{C}$ NMR and MS spectra of compounds.



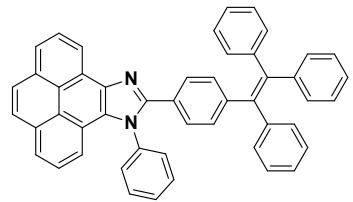
**Fig. S1** Mass spectrum of compound 1.





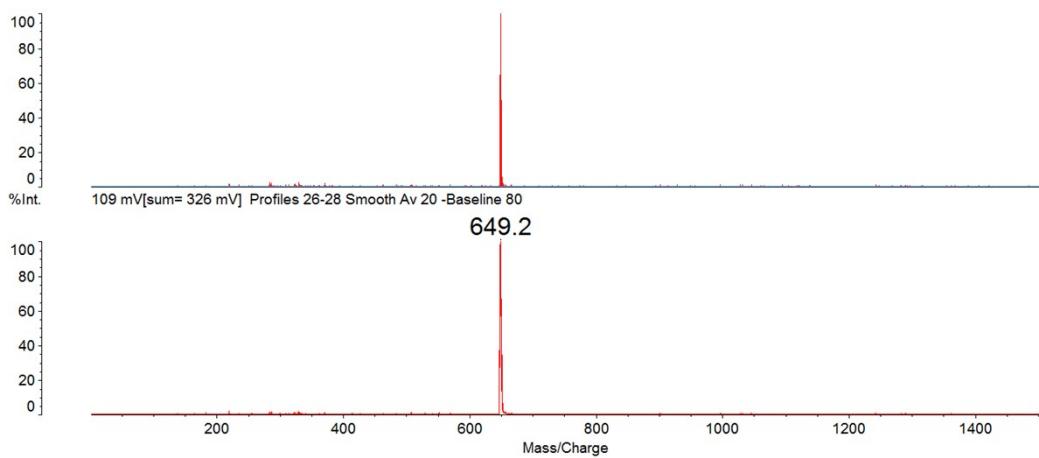
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**Fig. S2** <sup>1</sup>H NMR of compound 1 measured in DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub> with a range of -7.2 – 9.0 ppm (a) and -0.5 – 9.0 ppm (b).

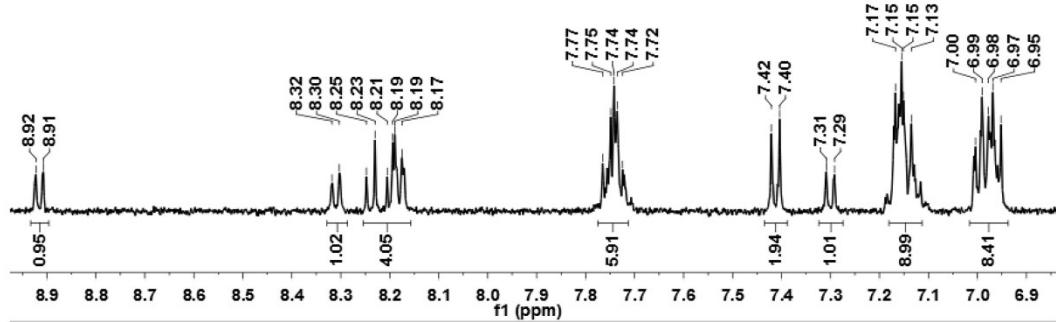


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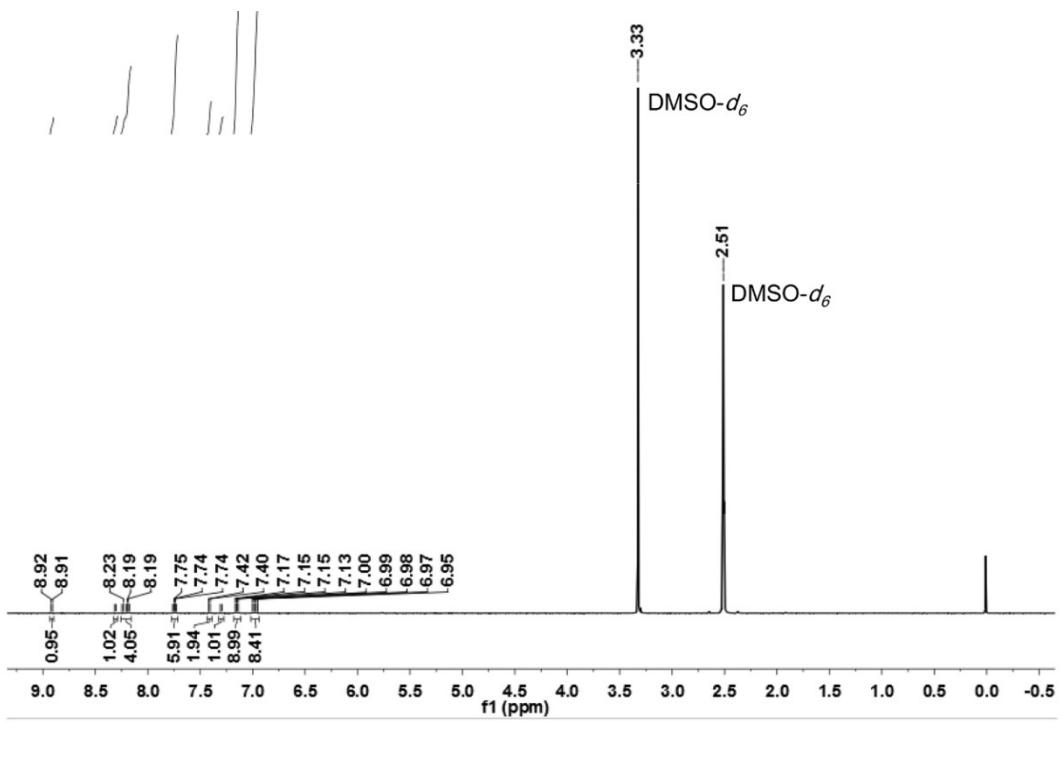
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**Fig. S3** Mass spectrum of compound PyTPEI.

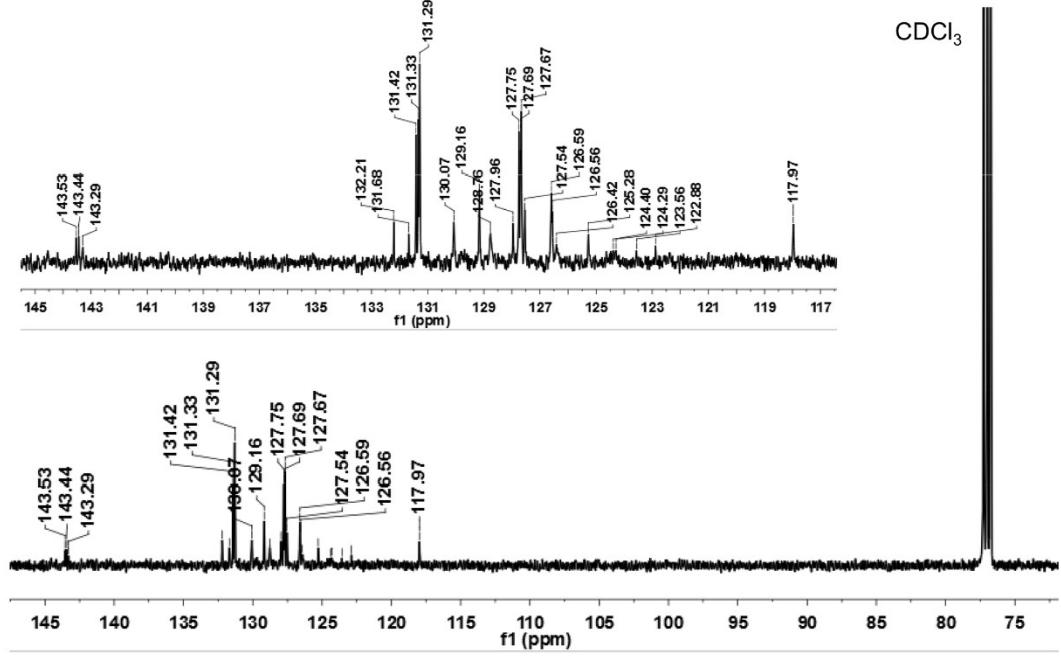


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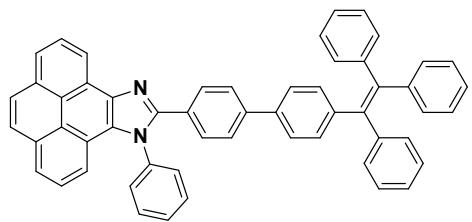


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**Fig. S4** <sup>1</sup>H NMR of compound PyTPEI measured in DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub> with a range of -6.9 – 9.0 ppm (a) and -0.5 – 9.0 ppm (b).

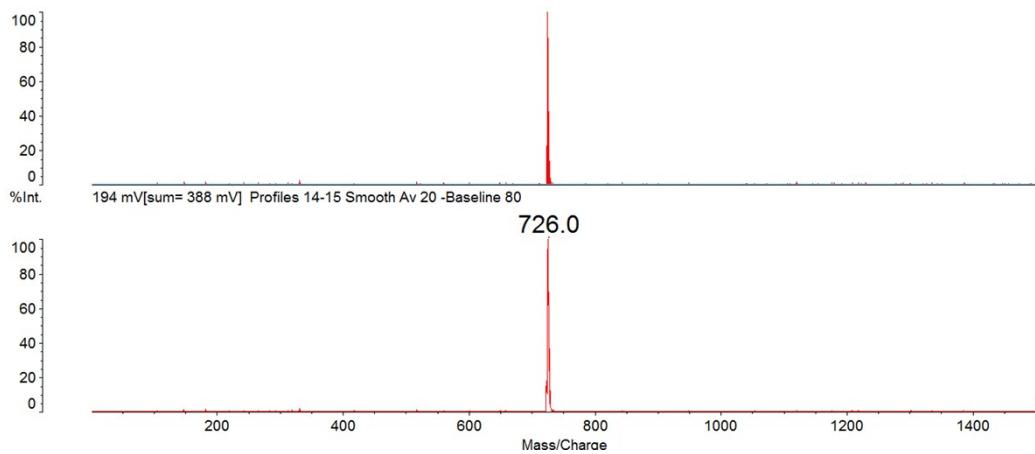


**Fig. S5** <sup>13</sup>C NMR of compound PyTPEI measured in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.

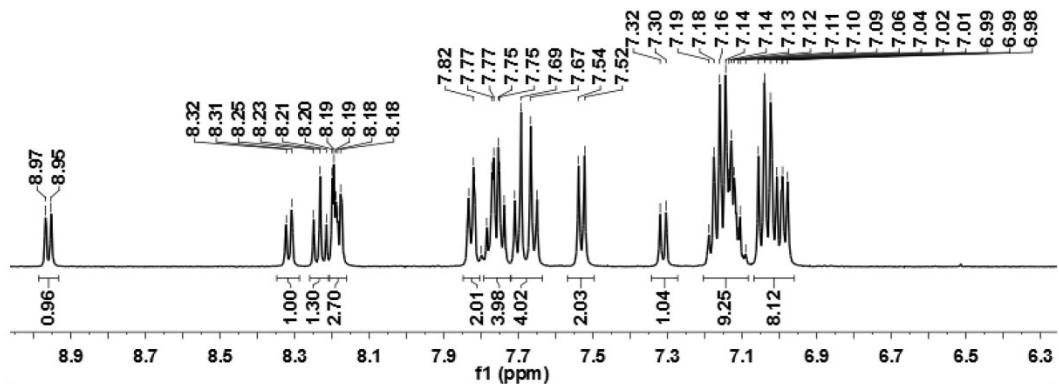


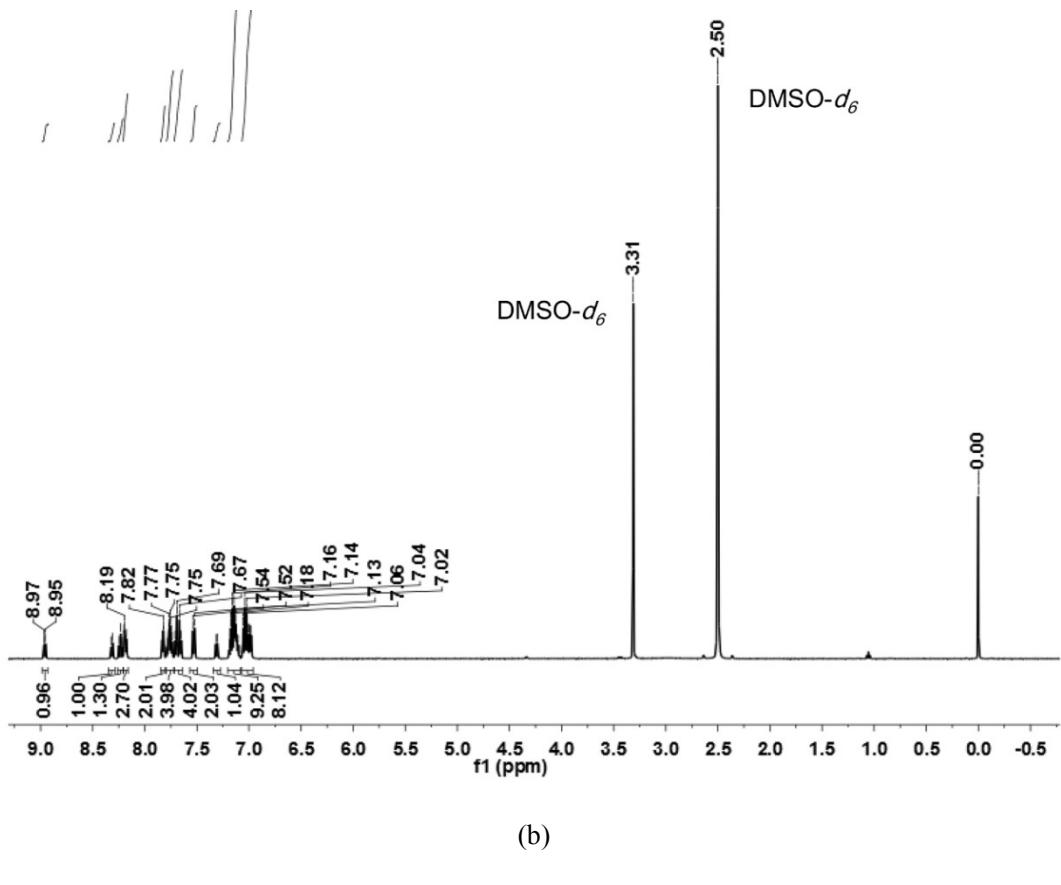
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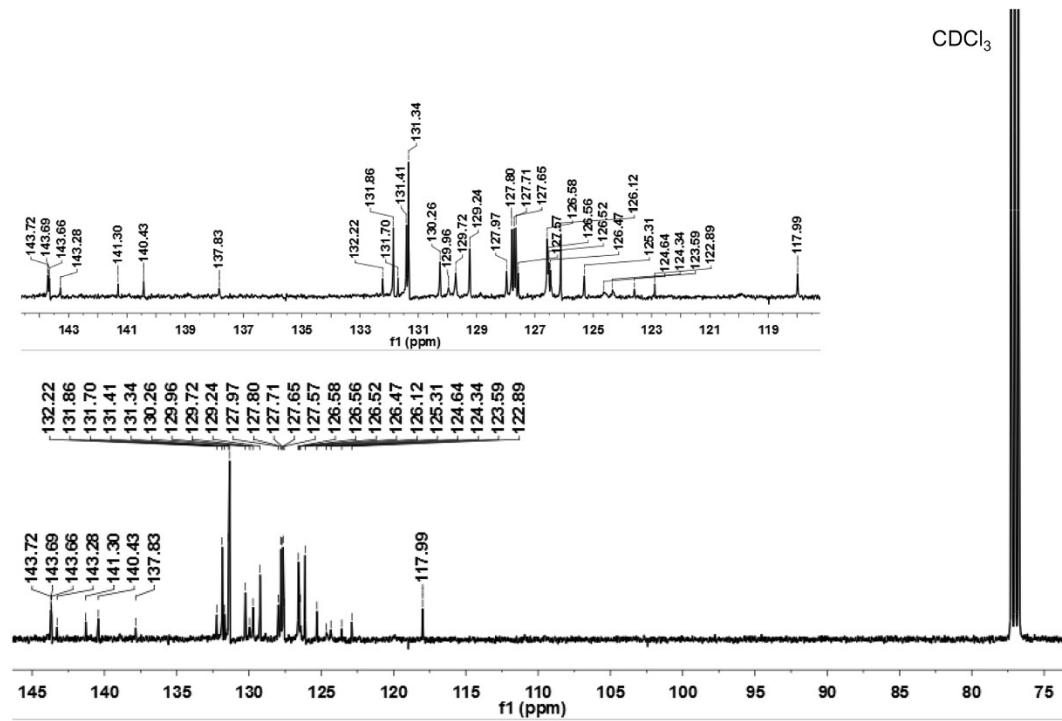


**Fig. S6** Mass spectrum of compound PyPTPEI.



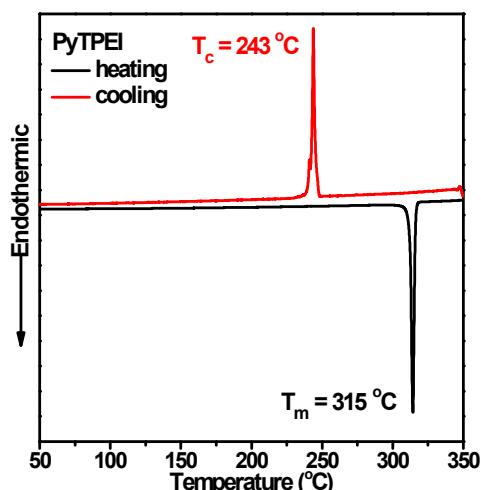


**Fig. S7**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR of compound PyPTPEI measured in  $\text{DMSO}-d_6$  with a range of -6.9 – 9.0 ppm (a) and -0.5 – 9.0 ppm (b).



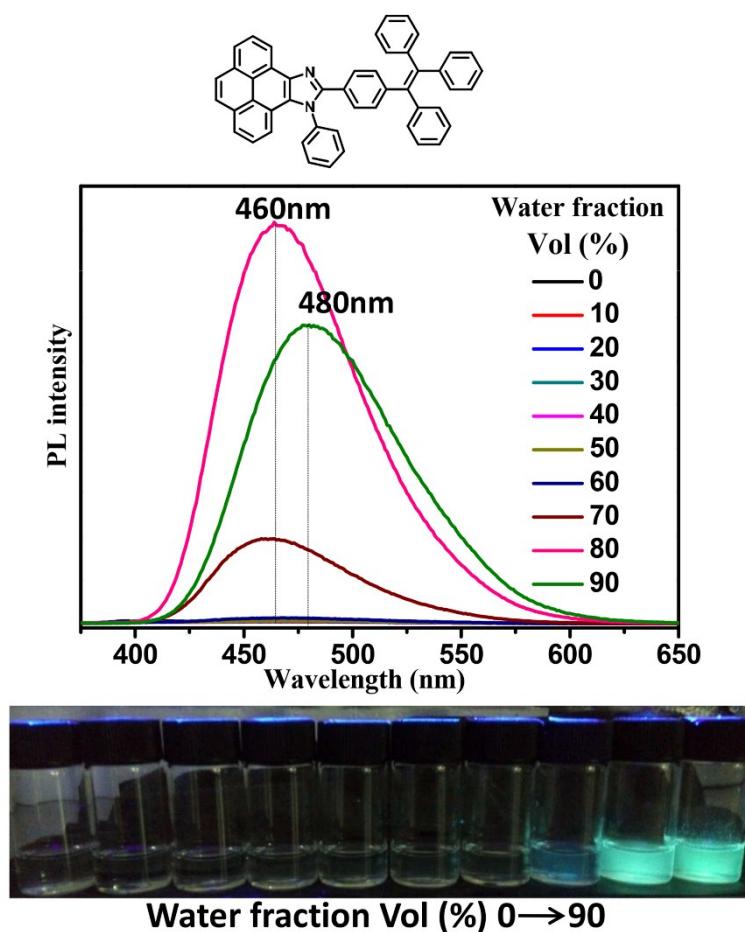
**Fig. S8**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR of compound PyPTPEI measured in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .

## II. Thermal analysis: the DSC graph of PyTPEI.

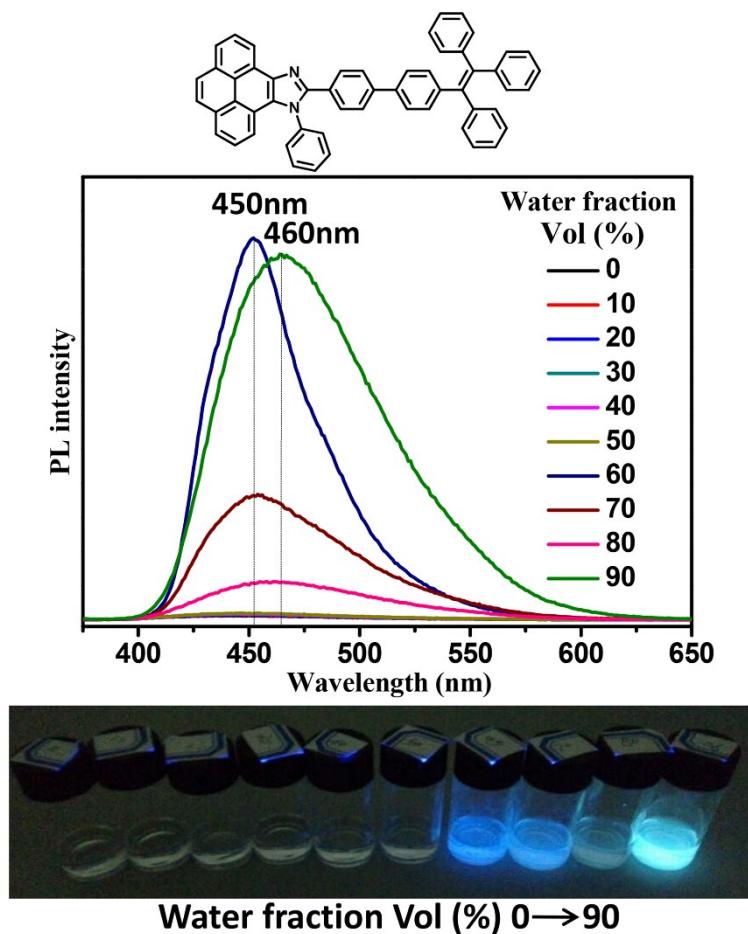


**Fig. S9** DSC thermograms of PyTPEI under nitrogen at a heating rate of  $10\text{ }^\circ\text{C min}^{-1}$ .

## III. Aggregation-induced emission properties for PyTPEI and PyPTPEI.



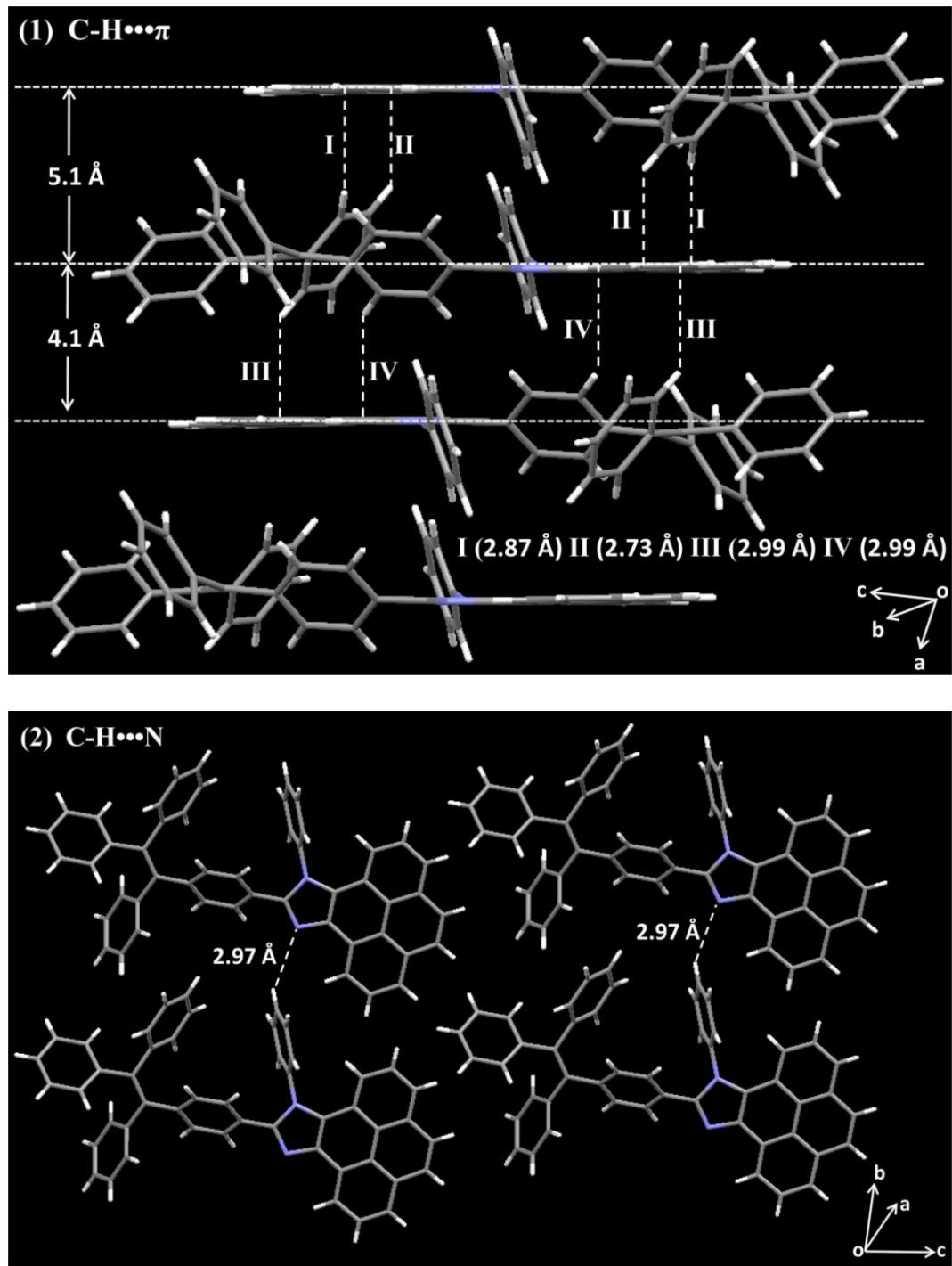
**Fig. S10** Molecular structural formula of PyTPEI and PL spectra in THF/water mixtures with different water fractions ( $f_w$ ) and photograph in THF–water mixtures with different water fractions ( $f_w$ ) under  $365\text{ nm}$  UV illumination.



**Fig. S11** Molecular structural formula of PyPTPEI and PL spectra in THF/water mixtures with different water fractions ( $f_w$ ) and photograph in THF–water mixtures with different water fractions ( $f_w$ ) under 365 nm UV illumination.

#### IV. Stacking mode, intermolecular interactions and structure refinements of crystals.

The CCDC number 1435680 contains the supplementary crystallographic data for PyTPEI.

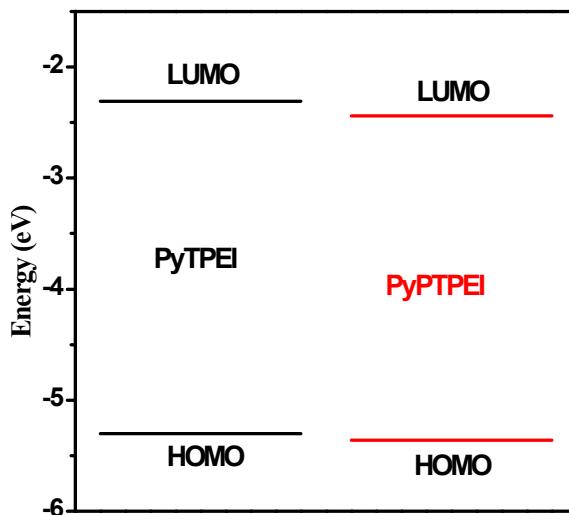


**Fig. S12** Packing form and the intermolecular interactions including (1) C-H $\cdots$  $\pi$  (I, II, III, IV) and (2) C-H $\cdots$ N (V) in PyTPEI crystal.

**Table S1.** Crystal data and structure refinement for PyTPEI.

PyTPEI	
empirical formula	C <sub>49</sub> H <sub>32</sub> N <sub>2</sub>
formula wt	648.77
T, K	293(2)
crystal system	Triclinic
space group	P -1
a, Å	9.4323(19)
b, Å	9.962(2)
c, Å	18.769(4)
α,deg	83.37(3)
β,deg	81.36(3)
γ,deg	79.00(3)
V,Å <sup>3</sup>	1404.7(6)
Z	2
density, Mg/m <sup>3</sup>	1.264
Absorption coefficient, mm <sup>-1</sup>	0.073
θ range, deg	3.15-27.48
no. of reflections collected	16799
no. of unique reflections	7711
R(int)	0.0406
Good-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.093
RI [I > 2σ(I)]	0.0599
wR2 [I > 2σ(I)]	0.1792
RI (all data)	0.1069
wR2 (all data)	0.2051

**V. Result of cyclic voltammetry measurement.**



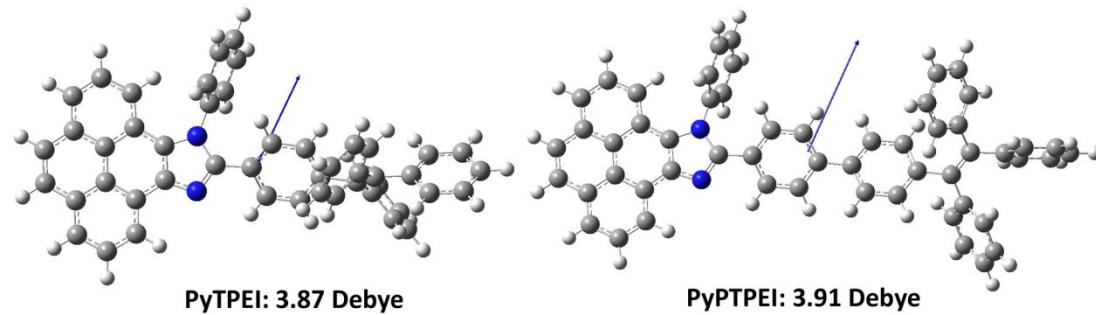
**Fig. S13** HOMO-LUMO energy gaps obtained from CV measurement.

**Table S2. Parameters of cyclic voltammograms for PyTPEI and PyPTPEI.**

	$E^{\text{ox}}_{\text{onset}}$ (V) <sup>a</sup>	$E^{\text{red}}_{\text{onset}}$ (V) <sup>a</sup>	HOMO (eV)	LUMO (eV)	$E_{\text{gap}}^{\text{b}}$ (eV) <sup>b</sup>
PyTPEI	<b>0.74</b>	-2.25	-5.30	-2.31	<b>2.99</b>
PyPTPEI	<b>0.80</b>	-2.29	-5.36	-2.44	<b>2.92</b>

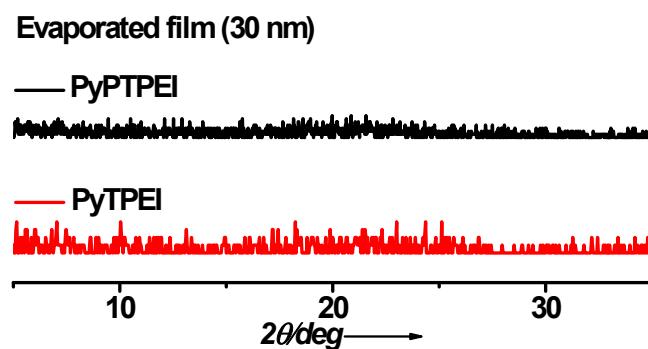
<sup>a</sup> The initial oxidation and reduction potential. <sup>b</sup> Electrochemical bandgap.

## VI. Optimization of molecular configuration and the dipole moment in ground state



**Fig. S14** Optimization of molecular configuration and the dipole moment in ground state on the basis of DFT results at the B3LYP/6-31G(d,p) level.

## VII X-ray diffraction pattern of evaporated film.



**Fig. S15** XRD patterns of the original evaporated films for PyTPEI and PyPTPEI.