

Supporting Information

Deep Blue Fluorophors Incorporated Sulfone-Locked Triphenylamine: the Key for Highly Efficient Fluorescence/Phosphorescence Hybrid White OLEDs with Simplified Structure

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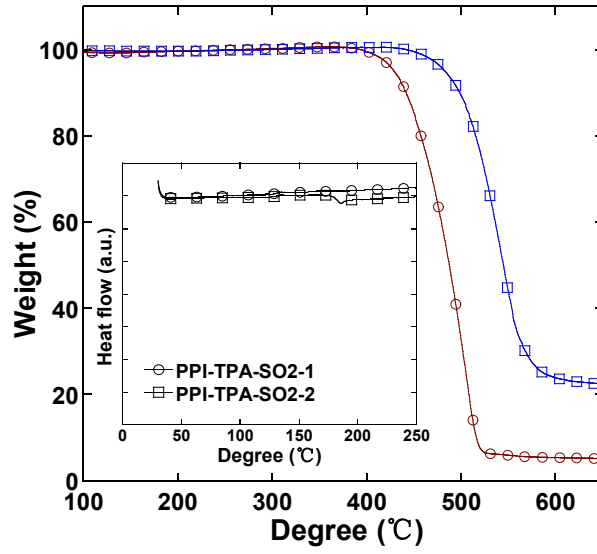


Figure S1. TGA and DSC (inset) curves of PPI-TPA-SO2-1 (○) and PPI-TPA-SO2-2 (□).

Lippert-Mataga calculation: To determine the change in dipole moment upon excitation, $\Delta\mu$, Lippert-Mataga equation, Eq. (1), is used to express the Stokes shift as a function of the solvent polarity parameter $\Delta f(\epsilon, n)$.

$$hc(\nu_a - \nu_f) = hc(\nu_a^0 - \nu_f^0) - \frac{2(\mu_e - \mu_g)^2}{a^3} f(\epsilon, n) \quad (1),$$

where f is the orientational polarizability of the solvent, $\nu_a - \nu_f$ corresponds to the Stokes shift when f is zero, μ_e is the excited state dipole moment, μ_g is the ground-state dipole moment; a is the solvent cavity (Onsager) radius, derived from the Avogadro number (N), molecular weight (M), and density ($d=1.0 \text{ g/cm}^3$); ϵ and n are the solvent dielectric and the solvent refractive index, respectively; $f(\epsilon, n)$ and a can be calculated respectively as follows:

$$f(\epsilon, n) = \frac{\epsilon - 1}{2\epsilon + 1} - \frac{n^2 - 1}{2n^2 + 1} \quad (2),$$

$$a = \left(\frac{3M}{4\pi Nd} \right)^{1/3} \quad (3).$$

Through the investigation of the fitted line in high-polarity solvents, the slope value of the fitted line was acquired.

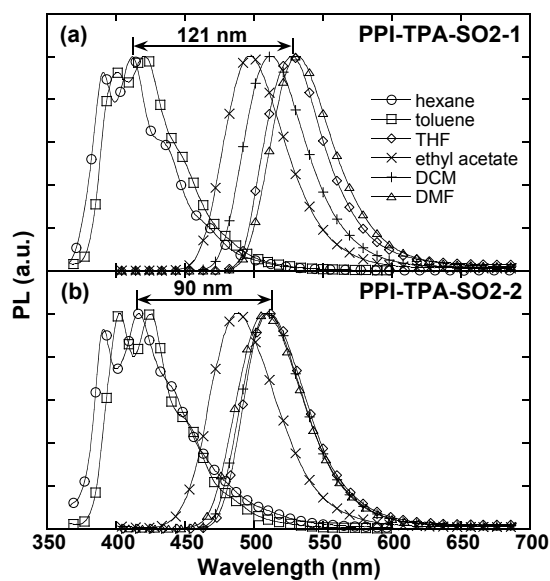


Figure S2. PL spectra of PPI-TPA-SO2-1 (a) and PPI-TPA-SO2-2 (b) in various solvents with different polarities: n-hexane (○), toluene (□), THF(◇), ethyl acetate (×), DCM (+), and DMF (Δ).

Table S1. Detailed absorption and emission peak positions in different solvents

solvent	$\Delta f(\epsilon, n)$	PPI-TPA-SO2-1			PPI-TPA-SO2-2		
		ν_a	ν_f	$\Delta\nu(\nu_a-\nu_f)$	ν_a	ν_f	$\Delta\nu(\nu_a-\nu_f)$
n-hexane	0.0012	365	412	3125.42	365	383	3416.45
toluene	0.014	365	417	3416.45	365	395	3293.08
ethyl acetate	0.20	365	499	7537.08	365	490	6989.10
THF	0.21	365	526	8385.85	365	509	7750.90
DCM	0.217	365	512	7866.01	365	512	7866.01
DMF	0.276	365	529	8493.67	365	510	7789.42

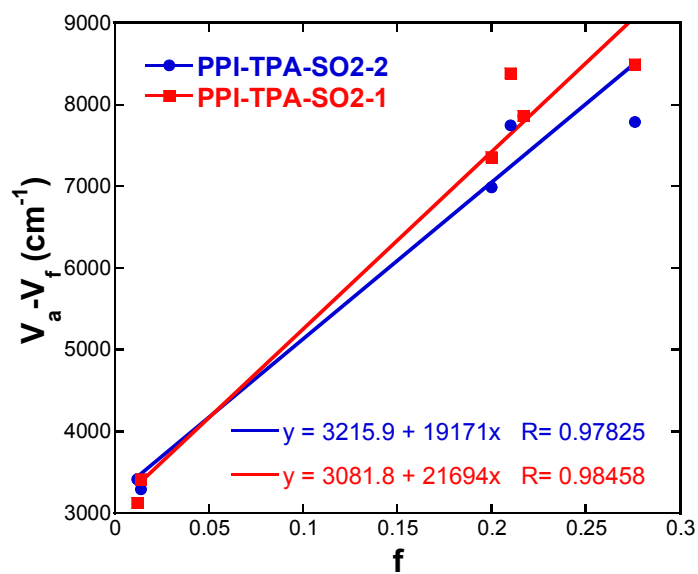


Figure S3. Linear correlation of the orientation polarization (f) of the solvent media with the Stokes shift ($\nu_a - \nu_f$) for PPI-TPA-SO2-1 and PPI-TPA-SO2-2.

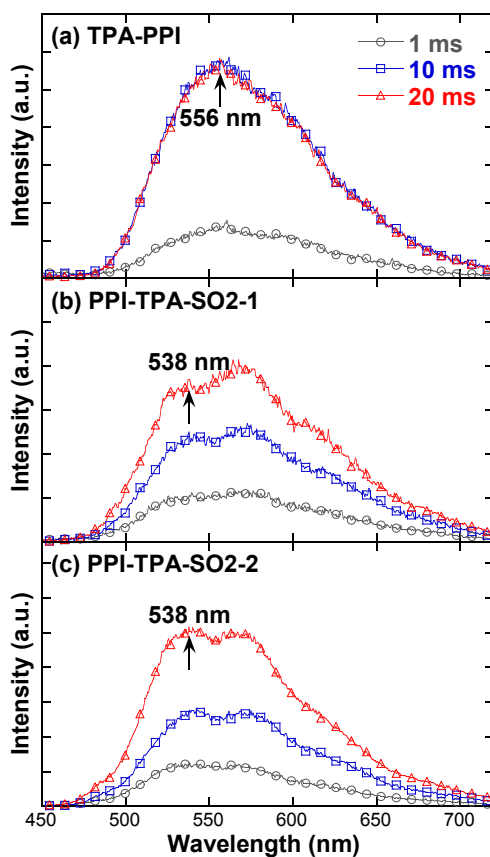


Figure S4. Phosphorescence spectra of TPA-PPI, PPI-TPA-SO2-1, and PPI-TPA-SO2-2 measured in a frozen 2-methyltetrahydrofuran matrix at 77 K at different delayed times.

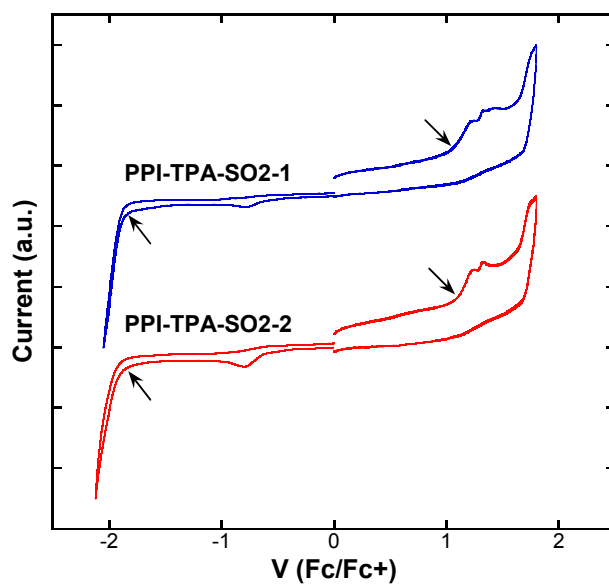


Figure S5. Cyclic voltammograms of PPI-TPA-SO2-1 and PPI-TPA-SO2-2 in CH₃CN/DCM (volume ratio: 1/4).

Figure S6. Calculated singlet and triplet excited energies of PPI-TPA-SO2-1 and PPI-TPA-SO2-2.

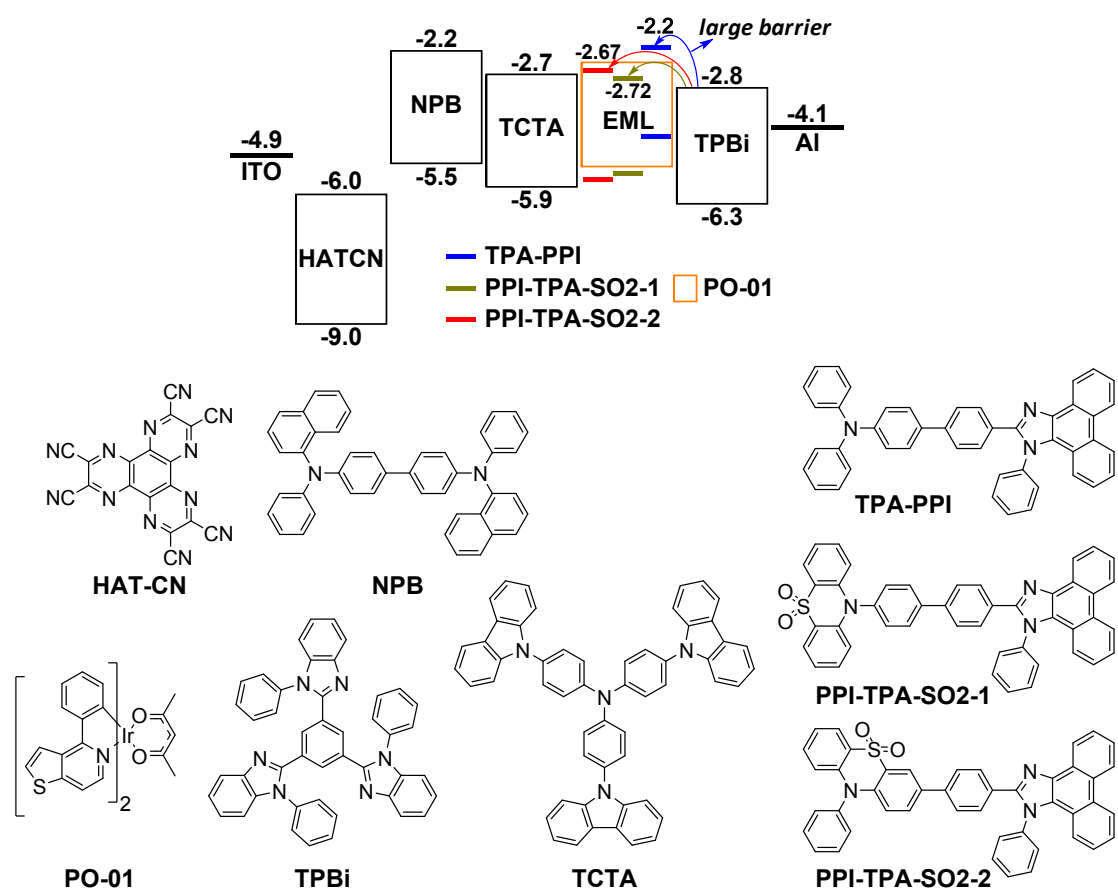


Figure S7. Energy level diagrams (eV) of the devices with TPA-PPI, PPI-TPA-SO2-1, and PPI-TPA-SO2-2 as the blue emitter as well as the host for a yellow phosphor PO-01. Also shown are the molecular structures of the materials used.

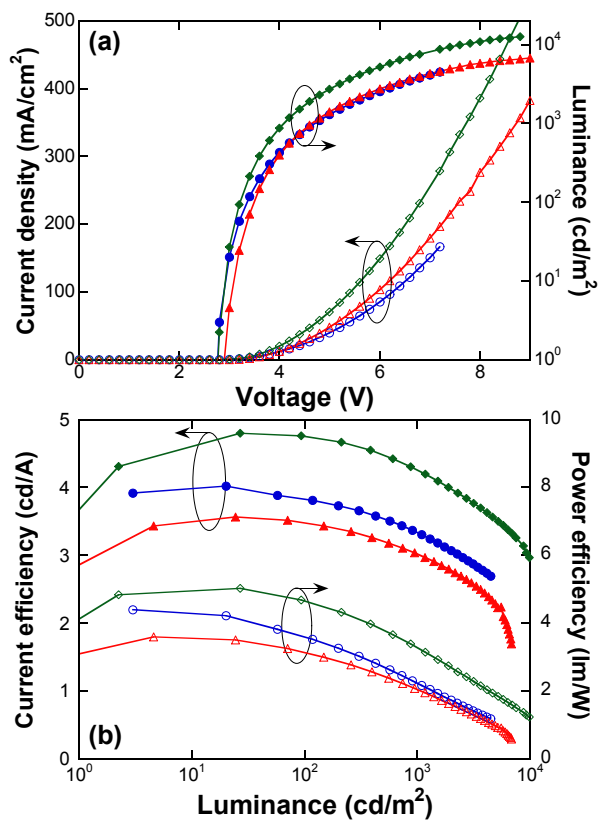


Figure S8. (a) Current density and luminance versus driving voltage (J - V - L) and (b) current and power efficiency versus luminance characteristics of the nondoped blue OLEDs based on TPA-PPI (●○), PPI-TPA-SO2-1 (▲△), and PPI-TPA-SO2-2 (◆◇) as the emitter.

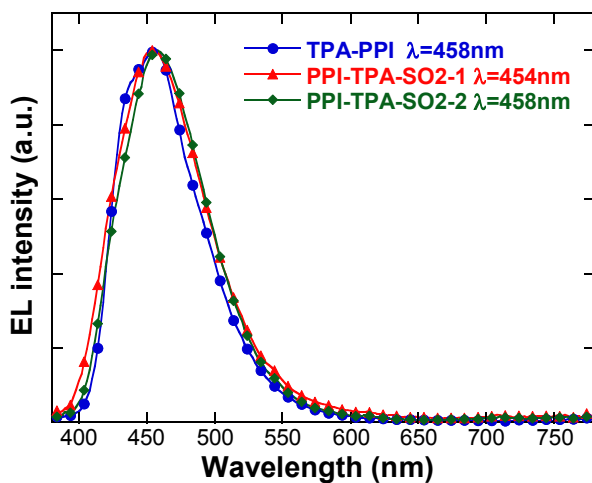


Figure S9. EL spectra of the nondoped blue OLEDs in a structure of ITO (95 nm)/ HATCN (5 nm)/ NPB (40 nm)/ TCTA (5 nm)/ EML (20 nm)/ TPBI (40 nm)/ LiF (1 nm)/ Al (>80 nm) at 10 mA cm⁻². EML: TPA-PPI (●), PPI-TPA-SO2-1 (▲), and PPI-TPA-SO2-2 (◆).

Table S2. Summary of the device performance of the nondoped blue OLEDs in a structure of ITO (95 nm)/ HATCN (5 nm)/ NPB (40 nm)/ TCTA (5 nm)/ EML (20 nm)/ TPBI (40 nm)/ LiF (1 nm)/ Al (80 nm)

EML	V_{on}^a (V)	CE_{max} ($cd A^{-1}$)	PE_{max} ($lm W^{-1}$)	EQE_{max} (%)	at 100 $cd m^{-2}$					at 1000 $cd m^{-2}$				
					V (V)	CE ($cd A^{-1}$)	PE ($lm W^{-1}$)	CIE (x, y)	EQE (%)	V (V)	CE ($cd A^{-1}$)	PE ($lm W^{-1}$)	CIE (x, y)	EQE (%)
TPA-PPI	2.7	4.02	4.40	4.11	3.4	3.81	3.52	(0.148, 0.107)	3.89	4.7	3.33	2.25	(0.148, 0.106)	3.40
PPI-TPA-SO2-1	2.8	3.56	3.59	3.50	3.5	3.48	3.12	(0.152, 0.122)	3.42	4.6	3.00	2.05	(0.149, 0.116)	2.95
PPI-TPA-SO2-2	2.7	4.80	5.02	4.62	3.2	4.76	4.67	(0.145, 0.124)	4.58	4.1	4.25	3.21	(0.145, 0.121)	4.09

^aat the luminance of 1 $cd m^{-2}$.

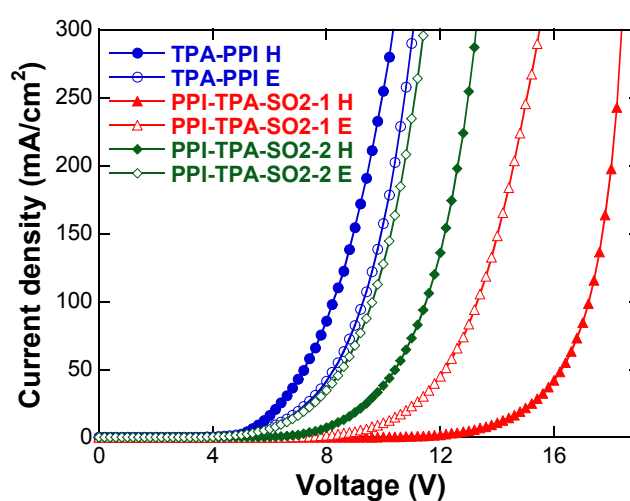


Figure S10. Current density versus driving voltage characteristics of the hole-only (solid symbol) and electron-only devices (open symbol) based on TPA-PPI (○●), PPI-TPA-SO2-1 (△▲), and PPI-TPA-SO2-2 (◇◆).

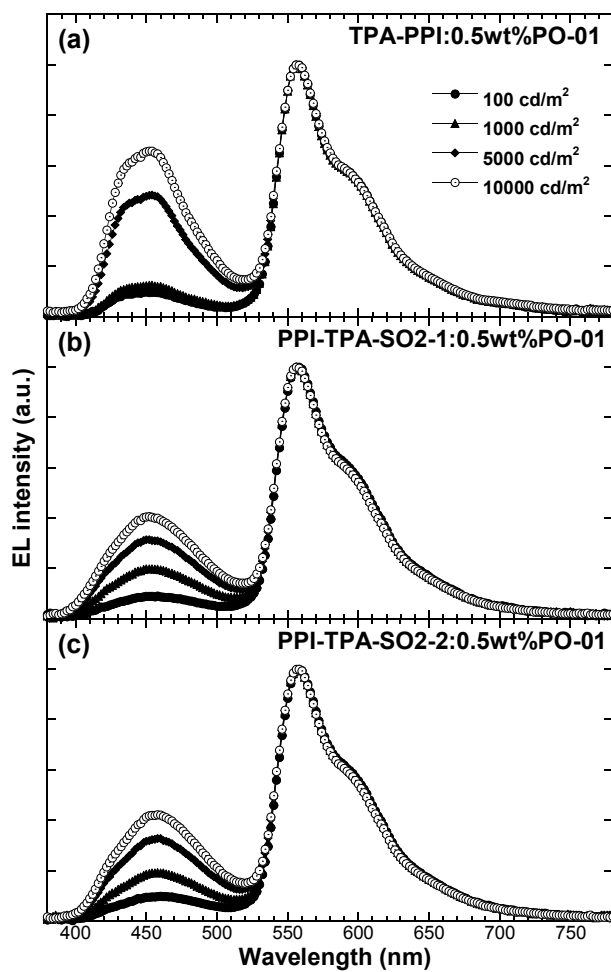


Figure S11. EL spectra of the F/P hybrid WOLEDs at different luminances with TPA-PPI, PPI-TPA-SO2-1, and PPI-TPA-SO2-2 as the blue emitter as well as the host of the phosphorescent emitter PO-01 at 0.5 wt% doping concentration.

Table S3. Summary of the performance of the F/P hybrid WOLEDs with simplified EMLs just containing the emitting component for white light emission.

Blue emitter	forward CE _{max} (cd A ⁻¹)	forward PE _{max} (lm W ⁻¹)	total ^a PE _{max} (lm W ⁻¹)	EQE _{max} (%)	Ref.
DADBT	--	--	67.2	15.6 ^b	1a
DFBC	21.5	22.5	--	--	1b
TPA-o-OXD	4.7	7.9	--	5.2	1c
CPhBzIm	15.5	12.8	--	7	1d
CzS1	--	42.1	71.6	16.4 ^b	1e
POTA	--	--	59.8	14.5 ^b	1f
DAPSF	--	--	57.3	12.8 ^b	1g
TPA-SO2	39.6	47.9	81.4	13.2	1h
PPI-TPA-SO2-1	44.2	49.5	84.2	14.4	this work
PPI-TPA-SO2-2	47.6	53.4	90.8	15.6	this work

^aTotal efficiency with 1.7 times enhancement as compared to the forward-viewing efficiency. ^bThe external quantum efficiency was calculated by dividing the original total external quantum efficiency with a factor of 1.7.

Table S4. Summary of the performance of the typical fully phosphorescent WOLEDs without using any out-coupling technology.

Host	forward PE _{max} (lm W ⁻¹)	EQE _{max} (%)	Ref.
PVK/OXD-7	20.3	19.1	2a
DCzPPy/TCTA	55	26	2b
H2	50	26	2c
o-DBFPPO	35.7	12.7	2d
PVK/OXD-7	42.1	16.4	2e
CBP	34	26.2	2f
mCP	42.5	19.3	2g
PPI-TPA-SO2-1 ^a	49.5	14.4	this work
PPI-TPA-SO2-2 ^a	53.4	15.6	this work

^aThe current F/P hybrid WOLEDs with simplified EMLs with blue fluorescent emitter instead of blue phosphorescent emitter.

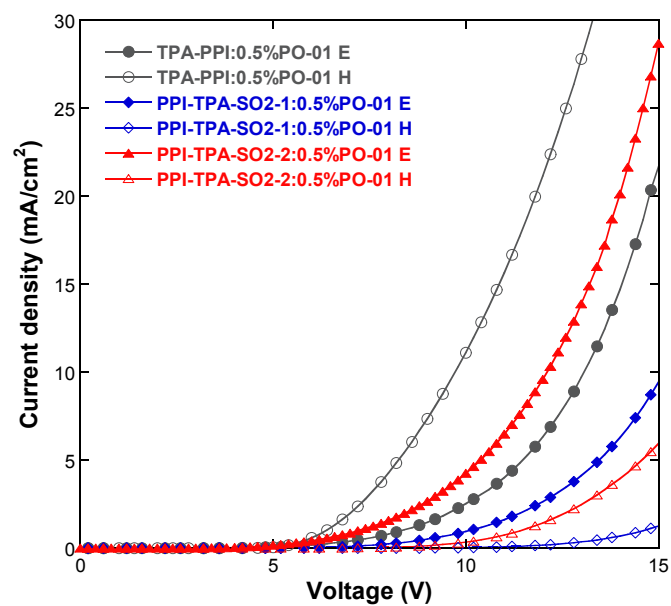
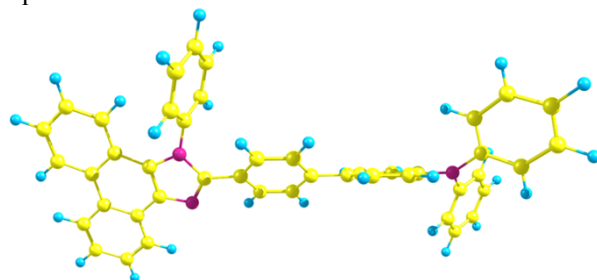


Figure S12. Current density versus driving voltage characteristics of the hole-only (*open symbol*) and electron-only devices (*solid symbol*) based on TPA-PPI (○●), PPI-TPA-SO2-1 (◇◆) and PPI-TPA-SO2-2 (△▲) doped with 0.5 wt% PO-01.

Molecular orbital quantum calculation:

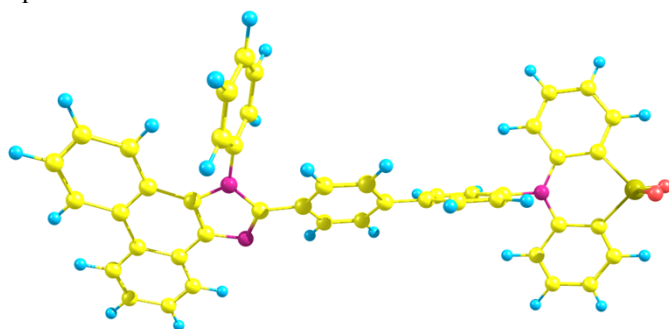
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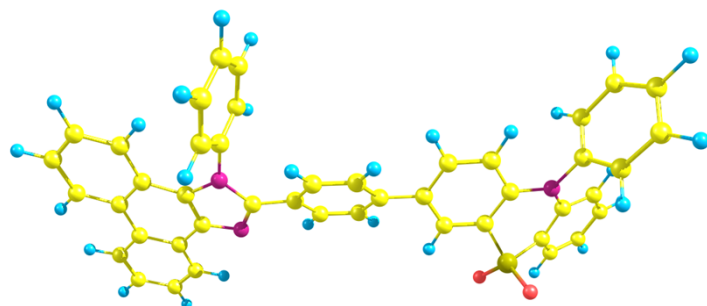
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77	7	0	-4.598328	1.583143	0.136351
78	16	0	8.964164	-0.152997	-0.708475
79	8	0	8.630202	-0.614386	-2.068480
80	8	0	10.381082	-0.058544	-0.31821148

Optimized molecular coordinates of **PPI-TPA-SO2-2**:



Center Number	Atomic Number	Atomic Type	Coordinates (Angstroms)		
			X	Y	Z
1	6	0	-7.225308	-4.593459	-0.028924
2	6	0	-6.219642	-3.645579	-0.023309
3	6	0	-6.533999	-2.272110	-0.039678
4	6	0	-7.887475	-1.834734	-0.065592
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9	6	0	-7.151282	0.588342	-0.084254
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13	6	0	-8.817831	2.364336	-0.210348
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79	8	0	4.597451	-3.636607	0.347251
80	8	0	5.629189	-2.250987	2.206965

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