

## ***Supporting Information***

### **Multiple stimuli-responsive and reversible fluorescence switches based on a diethylamino-functionalized tetraphenylethene**

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## 1. NMR and MS spectra of TPE-4N

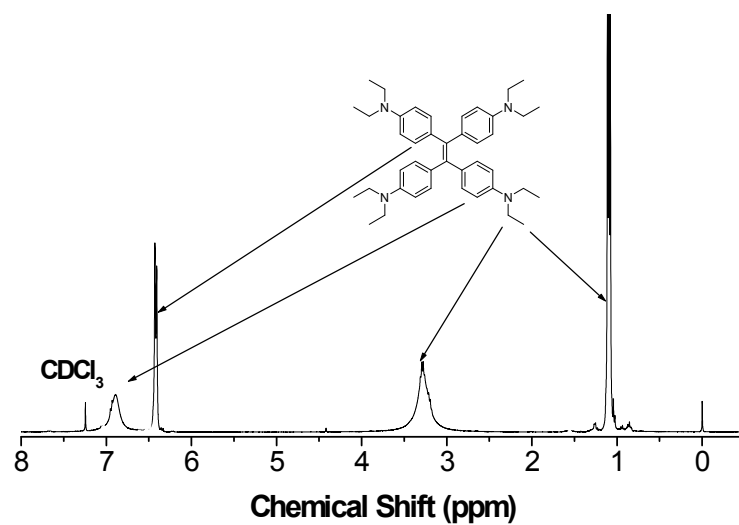


Fig. S1 The NMR spectrum of TPE-4N in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.

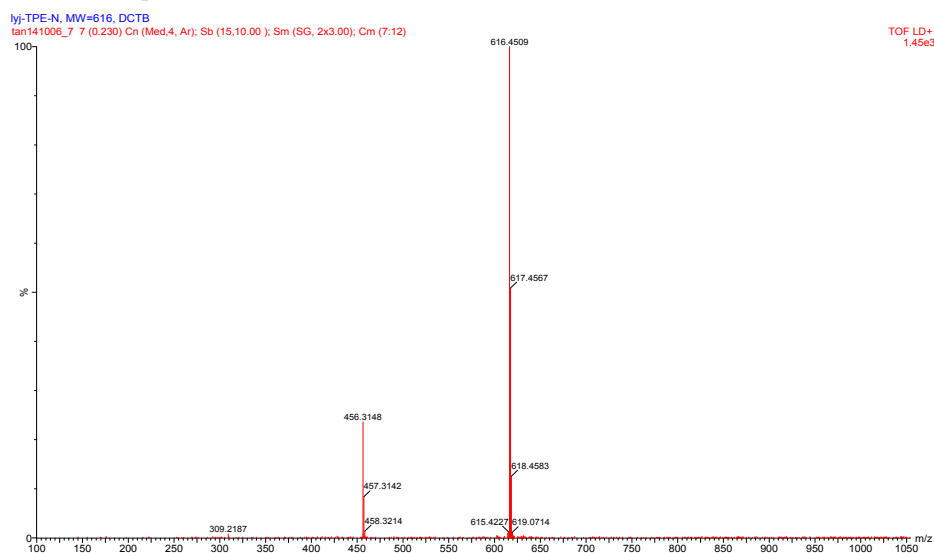


Fig. S2 The MS spectrum of TPE-4N (Mw = 616.45).

## 2. TPE packing in crystal

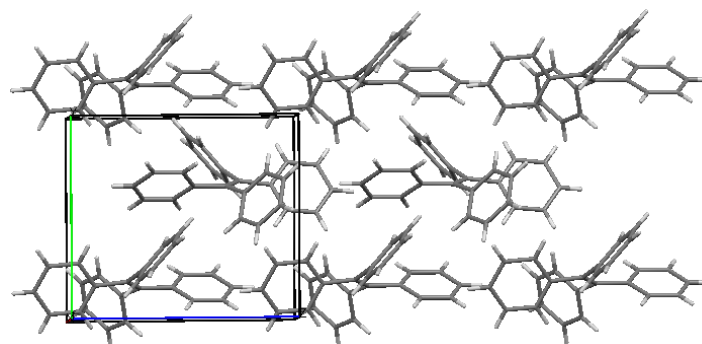
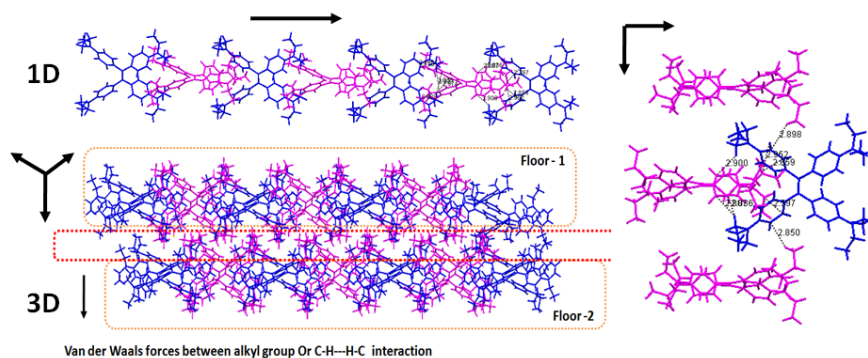


Fig S3 TPE packing in the crystalline state.

### 3. TPE-4N packing in crystal and its single data

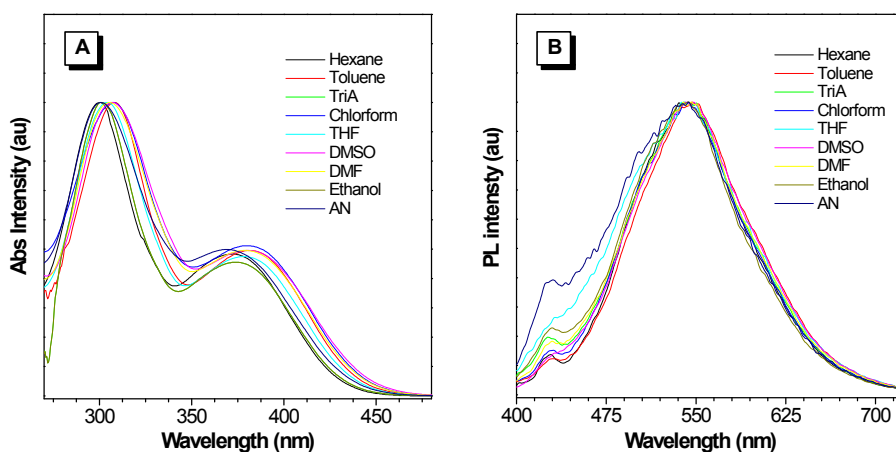
**Table S1.** Crystal data and structure refinement for TPE-4N(CCDC: 1061949) .

|                                   |                                                |                 |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Identification code               | TPE-4N                                         |                 |
| Empirical formula                 | C <sub>42</sub> H <sub>56</sub> N <sub>4</sub> |                 |
| Formula weight                    | 616.91                                         |                 |
| Temperature                       | 99.9(4) K                                      |                 |
| Wavelength                        | 1.5418 Å                                       |                 |
| Crystal system                    | Triclinic                                      |                 |
| Space group                       | P-1                                            |                 |
| Unit cell dimensions              | a = 10.9822(9) Å                               | α = 88.643(4)°. |
|                                   | b = 17.3332(9) Å                               | β = 86.828(5)°. |
|                                   | c = 19.1196(8) Å                               | γ = 81.890(5)°. |
| Volume                            | 3597.2(4) Å <sup>3</sup>                       |                 |
| Z                                 | 4                                              |                 |
| Density (calculated)              | 1.139 Mg/m <sup>3</sup>                        |                 |
| Absorption coefficient            | 0.501 mm <sup>-1</sup>                         |                 |
| F(000)                            | 1344                                           |                 |
| Crystal size                      | 0.20 x 0.06 x 0.02 mm <sup>3</sup>             |                 |
| Theta range for data collection   | 4.07 to 67.49°.                                |                 |
| Index ranges                      | -13 ≤ h ≤ 13, -18 ≤ k ≤ 20, -22 ≤ l ≤ 13       |                 |
| Reflections collected             | 20202                                          |                 |
| Independent reflections           | 12722 [R(int) = 0.0539]                        |                 |
| Completeness to theta = 66.50°    | 98.66 %                                        |                 |
| Absorption correction             | Semi-empirical equivalents                     | from            |
| Max. and min. transmission        | 1.00000 and 0.89396                            |                 |
| Refinement method                 | Full-matrix least-squares on F <sup>2</sup>    |                 |
| Data / restraints / parameters    | 12722 / 0 / 845                                |                 |
| Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup> | 1.002                                          |                 |
| Final R indices [I > 2σ(I)]       | R1 = 0.0475, wR2 = 0.0829                      |                 |
| R indices (all data)              | R1 = 0.0865, wR2 = 0.0936                      |                 |
| Largest diff. peak and hole       | 0.233 and -0.204 e.Å <sup>-3</sup>             |                 |



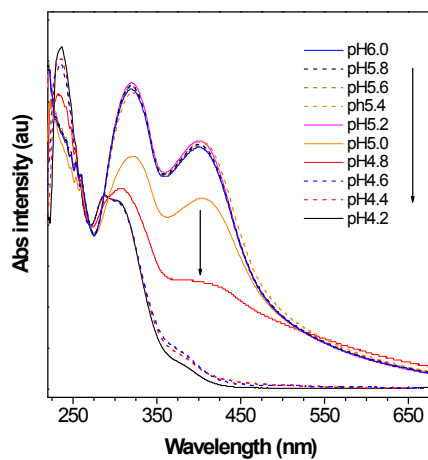
**Fig. S4** TPE-4N packing (in 1D, 2D and 3D) in the crystalline state.

#### 4. Solvatochromic absorption and fluorescence spectra



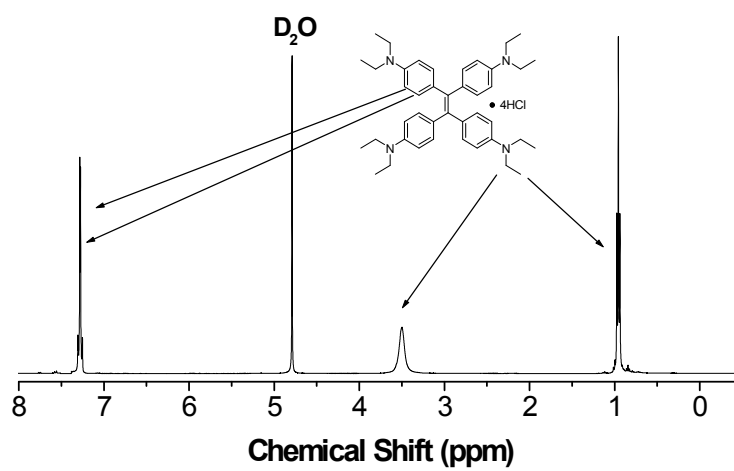
**Fig. S5** Solvatochromic absorption and fluorescence in solvents with increased solvent polarities

#### 5. Absorption spectra of TPE-4N in buffers with different pH values



**Fig. S6** The absorption spectra of TPE-4N in different buffers with pH values in the range of 4.2–6.0.

## 6. NMR spectrum of *p*-TPE-4N



**Fig. S7.** The NMR spectrum of *p*-TPE-4N in D<sub>2</sub>O.