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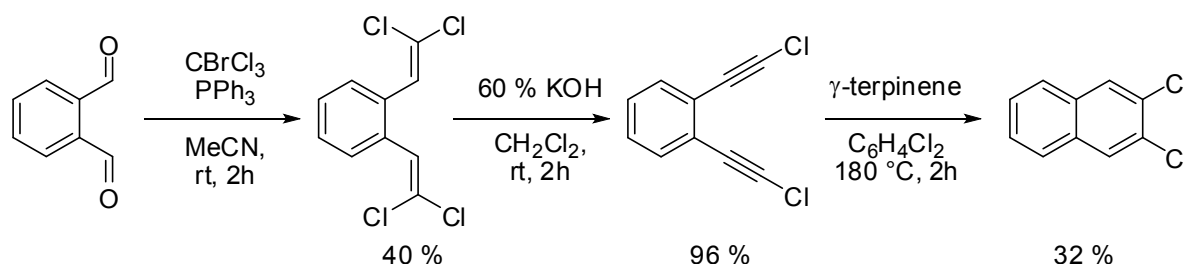
Single molecules of terrylene in di-substituted naphthalenes crystallizing in the herringbone pattern

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1. Synthesis of 2,3-dichloronaphthalene (2,3-DCN) and 2,3-dibromonaphthalene (2,3-DBN).

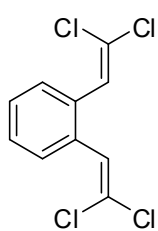
Flash chromatography was performed using Merck silica gel 60 (230-400 mesh). TLC analysis of reaction mixtures was performed on Merck silica gel 60 F254 TLC plates and visualized with UV or cerium molybdate stain (Hanessian's stain). ^1H , and $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ spectra were recorded with a Bruker AV 400 spectrometer. ^1H and ^{13}C chemical shifts are given in ppm relative to TMS. The solvent signals were used as references (CDCl_3 $\delta_{\text{H}} = 7.26$ ppm, $\delta_{\text{C}} = 77.0$ ppm) and the chemical shift converted to the TMS scale. Coupling constants (J) are reported in Hz, and the following abbreviations were used to denote multiplets: s = singlet, m = multiplet (denotes complex pattern). Electron ionization high-resolution mass spectra (EI-HR) were recorded with an Autospec Premier (Waters Inc.) mass spectrometer using the narrow-range high-voltage scan technique with low-boiling perfluorokerosene (PFK) as internal standard. Samples were introduced by using a heated direct insertion probe. Unless otherwise noted, all commercially available compounds were used as received.

Synthesis of 2,3-dichloronaphthalene was performed in three steps starting from *o*-phthalaldehyde.



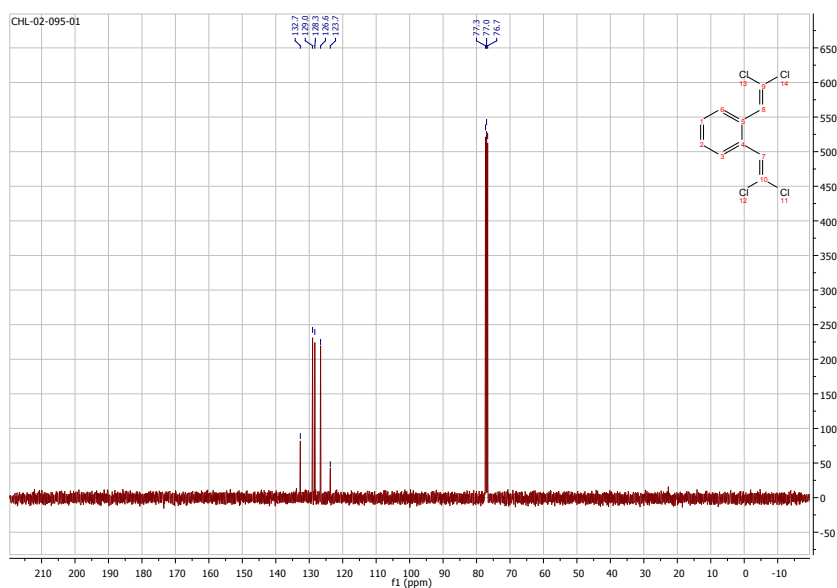
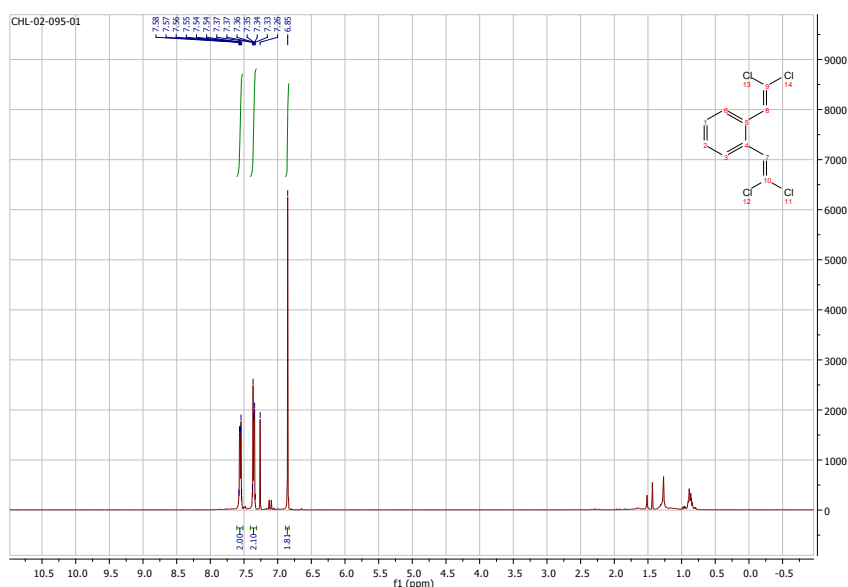
2,3-Dibromonaphthalene was obtained in analog way. 1,2-Bis(bromoethynyl)benzene was obtained from *o*-phthalaldehyde in two steps, following literature procedure.³ Bergmann cyclization leading to 2,3-DBN was carried out in similar way and with similar efficiency as for 2,3-DCN. Analytical data for 2,3-DBN were in accordance with literature.⁴

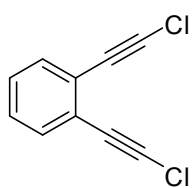
The intermediate compounds were obtained as follows:



1,2-bis(2,2-dichlorovinyl)benzene. Obtained by adaptation of the procedure developed by Lautens.¹ A solution of o-phthalaldehyde (20.1g, 150 mmol) and PPh₃ (236 g, 900 mmol) in acetonitrile (1.5 L) was placed in an ice-water bath. Then, CBrCl₃ (96.8g, 488 mmol) was added to the solution and the stirred reaction mixture was allowed to reach the room temperature. It was stirred until the aldehyde and phosphine was consumed (*ca* 2h, by TLC). The mixture was diluted with a Et₂O–hexanes mixture (3:1) until the solid Ph₃PO began to precipitate. The heterogeneous mixture was then filtered through a pad of silica gel, which was rinsed with a Et₂O–hexanes mixture (3:1). The crude product was purified by short column chromatography (100 g of silica, hexanes) yielding desired product as a colorless oil (15.9 g, 59.3 mmol, 40 %). The material was used without further purification. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.59 – 7.53 (m, 2H), 7.38 – 7.32 (m, 2H), 6.85 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 132.7, 129.0, 128.3, 126.6, 123.7.

¹H and ¹³C{¹H} NMR spectra of the isolated compound.

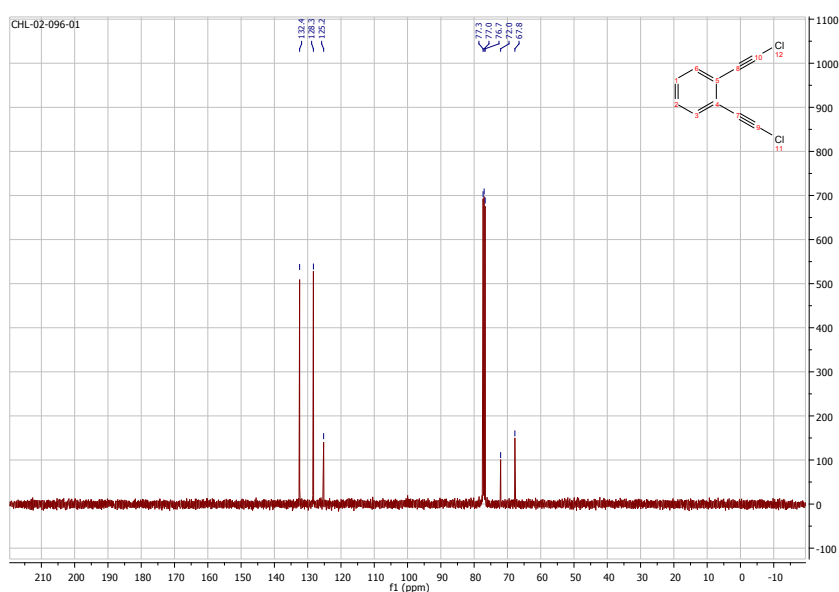
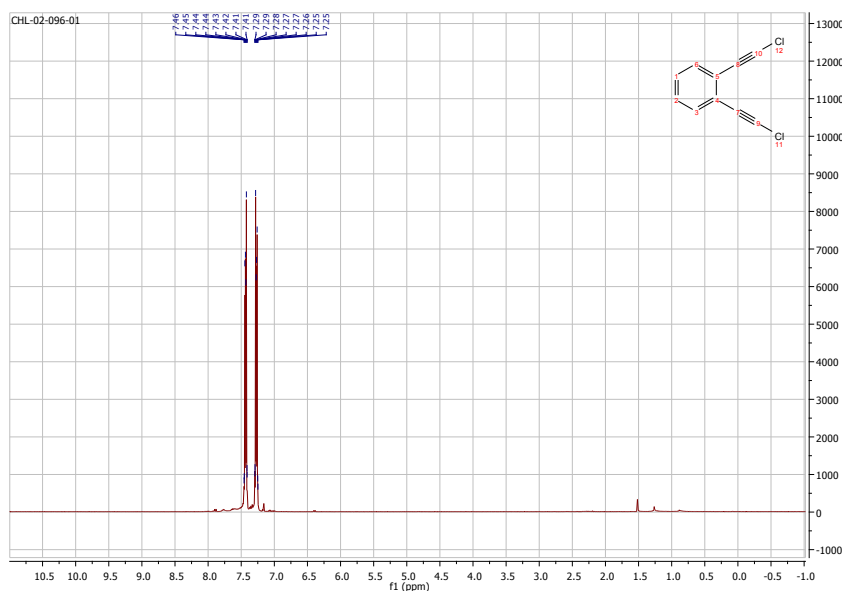


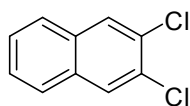


1,2-bis(chloroethynyl)benzene.

A solution of 1,2-bis(2,2-dichlorovinyl)benzene (15 g, 56.0 mmol) and tetrabutylammonium chloride (5 mol%) in CH_2Cl_2 (50 mL) was vigorously stirred with 60% aq. KOH (50 mL) for 2h. Then the phases were separated and the aq. phase was extracted with MTBE (2×50 mL). Combined organic phases were washed with saturated NH_4Cl , dried (Na_2SO_4) and concentrated. The crude product was purified by passing through a short column of silica gel (~50g of silica, hexanes) yielding the desired product as a colorless oil (10.5 g, 53.7 mmol, 96 %). The material was used without further purification. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.46 – 7.40 (m, 2H), 7.30 – 7.24 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 132.4, 128.3, 125.2, 72.0, 67.8.

^1H and $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectra of the isolated compound.

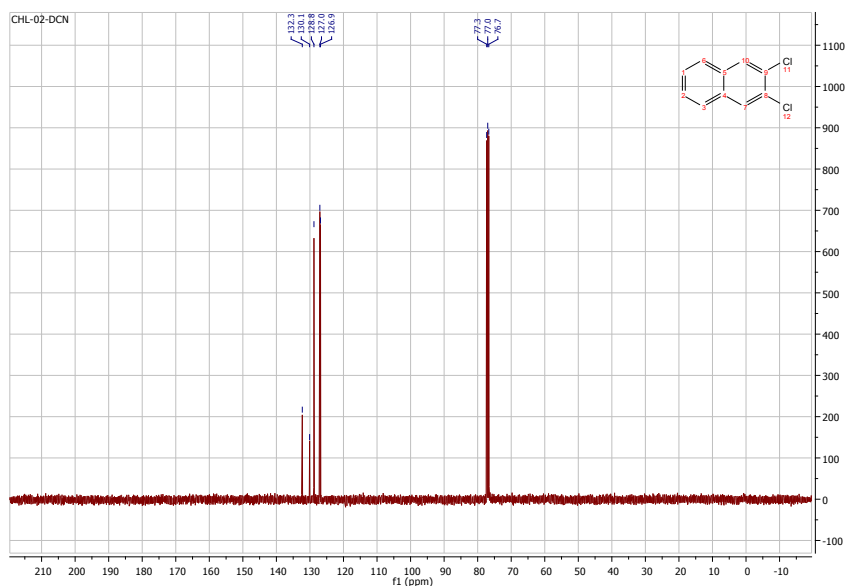
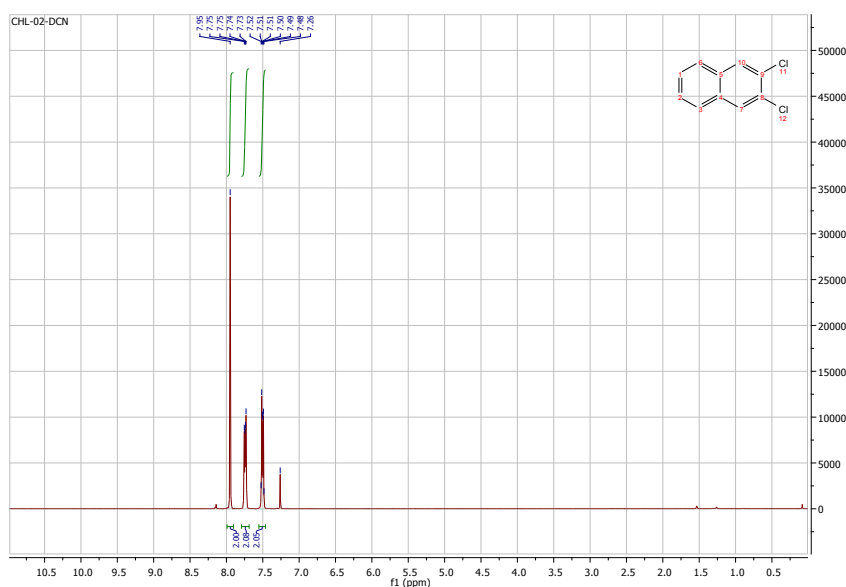




2,3-dichloronaphthalene. Obtained by modified procedure by Anthony.²

All solutions and solvents used in the reaction were deoxygenated by flushing argon for 20 minutes. A solution of 1,2-bis(chloroethynyl)benzene (10.0 g, mmol 51.3 mmol) in *o*-dichlorobenzene/ γ -terpinene (50 ml, 5:1 v/v) was added dropwise over 2h to *o*-dichlorobenzene/ γ -terpinene (300 ml, 5:1 v/v) heated to 180 °C, and the reaction mixture stirred at 180 °C for 2h. Then, solvents were distilled off under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by column chromatography (silica gel ~ 200 g, hexanes). The crude product was purified by sublimation followed by recrystallization from hexanes giving desired product as a white crystals (3.23 g, 16.4 mmol, 32 %). Finally, the material was purified by zone melting technique. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.95 (s, 2H), 7.77 – 7.71 (m, 2H), 7.53 – 7.47 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 132.28, 130.10, 128.80, 127.04, 126.86. MS (EI), *m/z* (%): 196 (100, M⁺), 161 (26), 126 (35), 98 (21), 75 (13), 63 (13); HRMS, *m/z*: calc'd for C₁₀H₆Cl₂: 195.9847. Found 195.9853.

¹H and ¹³C{¹H} NMR spectra of the isolated compound.



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2. X-ray structure analysis of 2,3-DCN and 2,3-DBN single crystals. Intermolecular interactions.

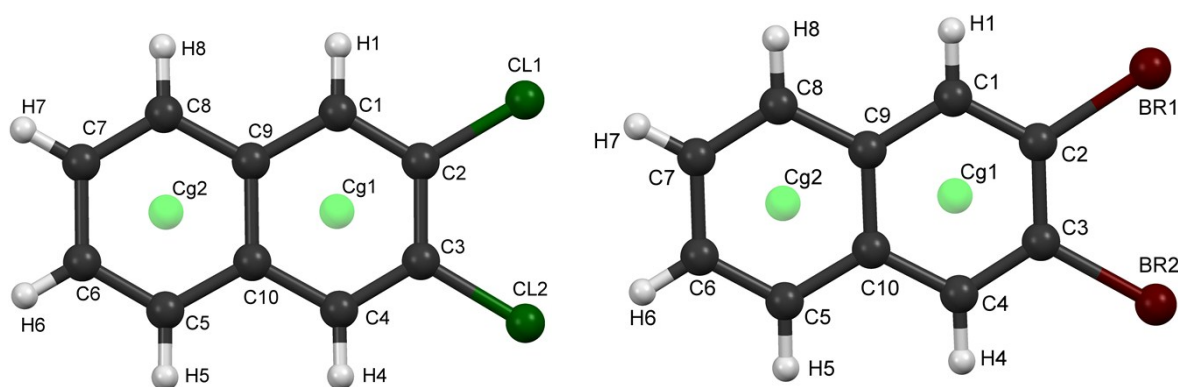


Figure S1. Molecular structure of 2,3-DCN (left) and 2,3-DBN (right) with atom numbering scheme and definition of ring centroids.

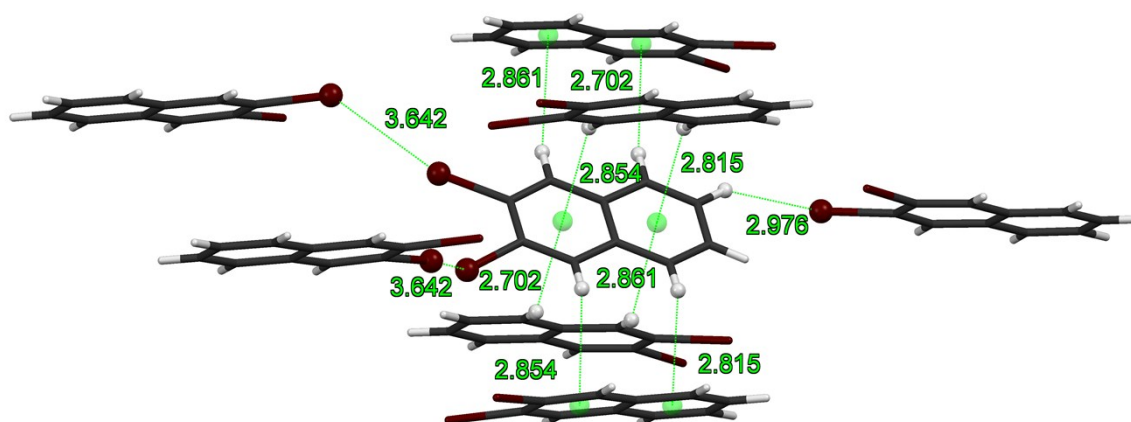


Figure S2. Intermolecular distances in the crystal structure of 2,3-DBN.

Table S1. Geometric parameters of the intermolecular interactions in 2,3-DCN and 2,3-DBN crystals.

(a) C–H $\cdots\pi$ interactions				
Compound	C–H $\cdots\pi$	d(H $\cdots$ Cg ^a) [Å]	<C–H $\cdots\pi$ [°]	d(C $\cdots$ Cg) [Å]
2,3-DCN	C5–H5 ⁱ $\cdots$ Cg1	2.699	134	3.429
	C4–H4 ⁱ $\cdots$ Cg2	2.800	134	3.528
	C1–H1 $\cdots$ Cg1 ⁱⁱ	2.781	134	3.513
	C8–H8 $\cdots$ Cg2 ⁱⁱ	2.751	134	3.481
	C5–H5 $\cdots$ Cg1 ⁱⁱⁱ	2.699	134	3.429
	C4–H4 $\cdots$ Cg2 ⁱⁱⁱ	2.800	134	3.528
	C1–H1 ^{iv} $\cdots$ Cg1	2.781	134	3.513
	C8–H8 ^{iv} $\cdots$ Cg2	2.751	134	3.481
2,3-DBN	C5–H5 ^v $\cdots$ Cg1	2.702	135	3.444
	C4–H4 ^v $\cdots$ Cg2	2.861	135	3.598
	C1–H1 $\cdots$ Cg1 ^{vi}	2.854	136	3.603
	C8–H8 $\cdots$ Cg2 ^{vi}	2.815	135	3.549
	C5–H5 $\cdots$ Cg1 ^{vii}	2.702	119	3.444
	C4–H4 $\cdots$ Cg2 ^{vii}	2.861	135	3.598
	C1–H1 ^{viii} $\cdots$ Cg1	2.854	136	3.603
	C8–H8 ^{viii} $\cdots$ Cg2	2.815	135	3.549
(b) C–H $\cdots$ halogen interactions				
Compound	C–H $\cdots$ Cl/Br	d(H $\cdots$ Cl/Br) [Å]	<C–H $\cdots$ Cl/Br [°]	d(C $\cdots$ Cl/Br) [Å]
2,3-DCN	C6–H6 $\cdots$ Cl2 ^{ix}	2.851	147	3.681
2,3-DBN	C6–H6 $\cdots$ Br2 ^x	2.976	150	3.830
(c) halogen $\cdots$ halogen interactions				
Compound	X $\cdots$ X	d(X $\cdots$ X)[Å]		
2,3-DCN	Cl1 $\cdots$ Cl2 ^{xi}	3.663		
	Cl2 $\cdots$ Cl1 ^{xii}	3.663		
2,3-DBN	Br1 $\cdots$ Br2 ^{xiii}	3.642		
	Br2 $\cdots$ Br1 ^{xiv}	3.642		

Symmetry codes: (i) 1-x, 0.5+y, 0.5-z; (ii) 0.5-x, 0.5+y,z; (iii) 1-x, -0.5+y, 0.5-z; (iv) 0.5-x, -0.5+y, z; (v) 1-x,-0.5+y, 0.5-z; (vi) 1.5-x,-0.5+y,z; (vii) 1-x,0.5+y, 0.5-z; (viii) 1.5-x,0.5+y,z; (ix) x, 0.5-y, -0.5+z; (x) x, 1.5-y, -0.5+z; (xi) 0.5+x, 0.5-y, 1-z; (xii) -0.5+x,0.5-y,1-z;

^aCg1 and Cg2 are centroids of the rings C1,C2,C3,C4,C10,C9 and C5,C6,C7,C8,C9,C10, respectively

3. Optical studies

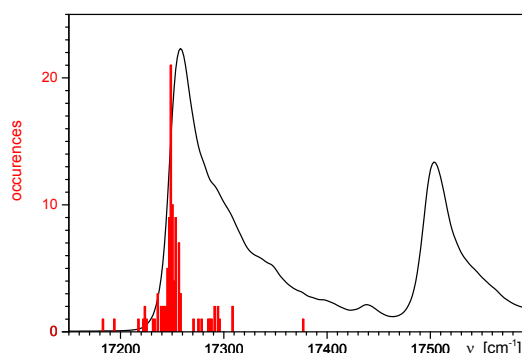


Figure S3. Fluorescence excitation spectrum of an ensemble of Tr molecules in a 2,3-DCN crystal (black line) and the distribution of the purely electronic (0, 0) lines (red).

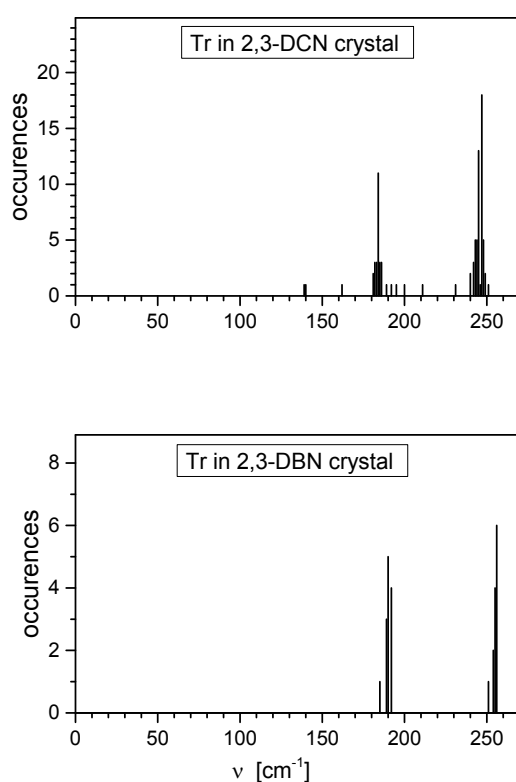


Figure S4. Distribution of the vibronic lines plotted in respect to the purely electronic (0, 0) line of single molecules of Tr in the investigated crystals.

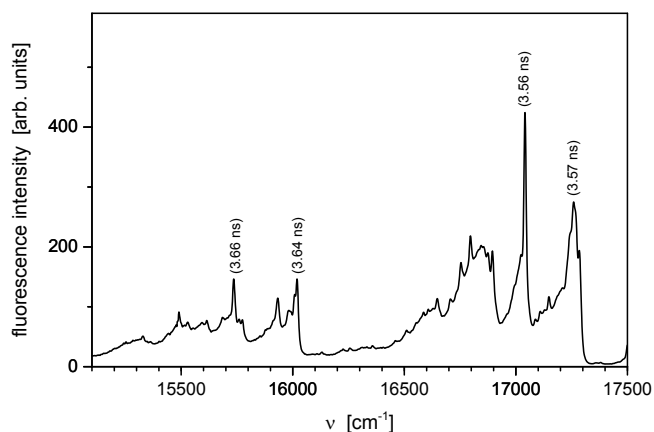


Figure S5. Fluorescence spectrum of a bulk sample of Tr in a 2,3-DBN crystal obtained with $\lambda_{\text{exc}} = 532$ nm at temperature 5 K. Fluorescence decay times measured with a pulse laser excitation ($\lambda_{\text{exc}} = 410$ nm) and the observation wavelengths set at different vibrational lines are given in the parentheses.

4. Quantum-chemistry calculations

A. Isolated Tr (D_{2h} symmetry)

Table S2. The coordinates of atoms of isolated Tr molecule optimized in the S_0 and S_1 states.

	S_0 state			S_1 state		
	B3LYP 6-31G(d,p)			TD B3LYP 6-31G(d,p)		
	X	Y	Z	X	Y	Z
H	0.000	1.222	6.831	0.000	1.224	6.811
H	0.000	-1.222	6.831	0.000	-1.224	6.811
C	0.000	1.234	5.745	0.000	1.234	5.725
C	0.000	-1.234	5.745	0.000	-1.234	5.725
H	0.000	3.368	5.586	0.000	3.374	5.568
H	0.000	-3.368	5.586	0.000	-3.374	5.568
C	0.000	2.423	5.052	0.000	2.431	5.029

C	0.000	-2.423	5.052	0.000	-2.431	5.029
C	0.000	0.000	5.046	0.000	0.000	5.028
C	0.000	2.427	3.646	0.000	2.441	3.633
C	0.000	-2.427	3.646	0.000	-2.441	3.633
C	0.000	0.000	3.612	0.000	0.000	3.593
H	0.000	3.386	3.143	0.000	3.399	3.128
H	0.000	-3.386	3.143	0.000	-3.399	3.128
C	0.000	1.246	2.907	0.000	1.244	2.886
C	0.000	-1.246	2.907	0.000	-1.244	2.886
C	0.000	1.240	1.435	0.000	1.238	1.435
C	0.000	-1.240	1.435	0.000	-1.238	1.435
H	0.000	3.380	1.198	0.000	3.397	1.198
H	0.000	-3.380	1.198	0.000	-3.397	1.198
C	0.000	0.000	0.720	0.000	0.000	0.720
C	0.000	2.420	0.696	0.000	2.442	0.687
C	0.000	-2.420	0.696	0.000	-2.442	0.687
C	0.000	2.420	-0.696	0.000	2.442	-0.687
C	0.000	-2.420	-0.696	0.000	-2.442	-0.687
C	0.000	0.000	-0.720	0.000	0.000	-0.720
H	0.000	3.380	-1.198	0.000	3.397	-1.198
H	0.000	-3.380	-1.198	0.000	-3.397	-1.198
C	0.000	1.240	-1.435	0.000	1.238	-1.435
C	0.000	-1.240	-1.435	0.000	-1.238	-1.435
C	0.000	1.246	-2.907	0.000	1.244	-2.886
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H	0.000	3.386	-3.143	0.000	3.399	-3.128

H	0.000	-3.386	-3.143	0.000	-3.399	-3.128
C	0.000	0.000	-3.612	0.000	0.000	-3.593
C	0.000	2.427	-3.646	0.000	2.441	-3.633
C	0.000	-2.427	-3.646	0.000	-2.441	-3.633
C	0.000	0.000	-5.046	0.000	0.000	-5.028
C	0.000	2.423	-5.052	0.000	2.431	-5.029
C	0.000	-2.423	-5.052	0.000	-2.431	-5.029
H	0.000	3.368	-5.586	0.000	3.374	-5.568
H	0.000	-3.368	-5.586	0.000	-3.374	-5.568
C	0.000	1.234	-5.745	0.000	1.234	-5.725
C	0.000	-1.234	-5.745	0.000	-1.234	-5.725
H	0.000	1.222	-6.831	0.000	1.224	-6.811
H	0.000	-1.222	-6.831	0.000	-1.224	-6.811

Table S3. Vibrational frequencies (given in cm^{-1}) of isolated Tr molecule which geometry was optimized in the S_0 and S_1 states.

No	S_0 state		S_1 state		No	S_0 state		S_1 state		No	S_0 state		S_1 state	
	Sym.	h ν	Sym.	h ν	no	Sym.	h ν	Sym	h ν	no	Sym.	h ν	Sym	h ν
1	A _U	20.7	A _U	27.8	45	A _U	778.9	B _{1G}	759.4	89	B _{2U}	1334.3	A _G	1334.2
2	B _{1G}	28.4	B _{3U}	34.2	46	B _{2G}	780.1	A _U	761.7	90	B _{1U}	1341.6	B _{3G}	1344.2
3	B _{3U}	36.9	B _{1G}	38.3	47	B _{1U}	801.0	B _{3U}	786.5	91	A _G	1343.7	B _{2U}	1363.3
4	B _{2G}	111.6	B _{2G}	107.7	48	A _G	806.8	B _{1G}	787.3	92	B _{3G}	1380.5	A _G	1375.7
5	B _{3U}	112.3	B _{3U}	120.1	49	B _{1U}	814.6	B _{1U}	795.9	93	B _{2U}	1385.5	B _{3G}	1386.2
6	B _{2U}	150.3	B _{2U}	148.4	50	B _{3U}	829.6	A _G	806.0	94	A _G	1391.1	B _{1U}	1387.7
7	B _{2G}	168.3	B _{2G}	173.6	51	B _{1G}	832.4	B _{1U}	810.7	95	B _{1U}	1402.9	B _{2U}	1402.3
8	B _{3U}	181.1	B _{3U}	180.8	52	A _G	838.7	B _{3U}	814.3	96	A _G	1403.2	B _{1U}	1406.7
9	A _U	214.2	A _U	205.6	53	B _{2G}	843.8	B _{2G}	816.0	97	B _{1U}	1414.4	A _G	1409.0

10	B _{1G}	221.0	B _{1G}	214.3	54	B _{3U}	844.2	B _{2U}	828.2	98	B _{1U}	1432.5	B _{1U}	1433.7
11	A _G	246.4	A _G	247.4	55	B _{2U}	844.3	A _G	831.9	99	A _G	1454.3	B _{3G}	1439.9
12	B _{3G}	276.9	B _{3U}	273.2	56	A _U	884.4	A _U	844.0	100	A _G	1480.8	A _G	1458.3
13	B _{3U}	277.2	B _{3G}	275.6	57	B _{1G}	889.1	B _{1G}	857.8	101	B _{1U}	1491.1	B _{3G}	1478.3
14	A _U	297.9	A _U	287.2	58	B _{2G}	904.2	B _{2G}	875.6	102	B _{3G}	1494.1	B _{2U}	1481.0
15	B _{2G}	353.3	B _{2G}	337.9	59	B _{3U}	909.3	B _{3U}	887.3	103	B _{3G}	1507.6	A _G	1484.0
16	B _{2U}	391.1	B _{2U}	394.5	60	A _U	933.5	A _U	904.9	104	B _{2U}	1508.9	B _{1U}	1501.7
17	B _{3G}	396.9	B _{3G}	397.5	61	B _{2G}	941.9	B _{2G}	911.5	105	B _{2U}	1551.2	B _{2U}	1534.5
18	B _{1U}	434.6	B _{1G}	409.8	62	B _{1U}	942.4	B _{1U}	943.6	106	B _{3G}	1556.0	B _{3G}	1536.5
19	B _{1G}	435.2	B _{1U}	431.2	63	B _{3G}	965.8	B _{3G}	960.0	107	B _{2U}	1581.2	B _{1U}	1561.1
20	A _G	447.9	A _G	445.3	64	B _{1G}	970.0	B _{1G}	961.2	108	A _G	1605.2	B _{3G}	1590.5
21	B _{2G}	468.4	B _{1U}	475.9	65	A _U	971.0	A _U	962.5	109	B _{1U}	1622.1	B _{1U}	1594.1
22	B _{3U}	471.4	A _U	478.1	66	B _{3U}	979.0	B _{3U}	969.3	110	B _{1U}	1631.4	B _{2U}	1595.1
23	B _{1U}	478.7	B _{3U}	478.7	67	B _{2G}	980.0	B _{2G}	970.4	111	B _{3G}	1637.7	A _G	1603.9
24	B _{2G}	481.7	B _{2G}	482.2	68	B _{2U}	1044.5	B _{2U}	1027.3	112	A _G	1643.3	B _{1U}	1615.8
25	A _U	498.4	B _{2G}	493.3	69	A _G	1058.9	A _G	1064.1	113	B _{1U}	1643.5	A _G	1622.3
26	B _{1U}	528.0	B _{1U}	525.5	70	B _{3G}	1081.0	B _{3G}	1071.3	114	A _G	1646.5	A _G	1632.0
27	B _{2U}	538.8	B _{2U}	534.1	71	B _{2U}	1093.2	B _{2U}	1100.3	115	B _{2U}	1665.2	B _{2U}	1637.6
28	A _G	544.8	A _G	541.4	72	A _G	1125.5	B _{1U}	1126.4	116	B _{3G}	1668.4	B _{3G}	1637.9
29	B _{3G}	554.1	B _{1G}	546.0	73	B _{1U}	1126.3	A _G	1128.0	117	B _{3G}	3180.1	B _{2U}	3179.5
30	B _{3G}	570.5	B _{3G}	550.2	74	B _{3G}	1160.8	B _{3G}	1149.6	118	B _{2U}	3180.2	B _{3G}	3179.8
31	B _{1G}	571.4	B _{3G}	564.0	75	B _{2U}	1173.1	B _{2U}	1167.3	119	B _{1U}	3182.3	B _{1U}	3181.4
32	B _{3U}	579.7	B _{3U}	564.6	76	B _{1U}	1186.0	B _{3G}	1177.9	120	A _G	3182.4	A _G	3181.8
33	A _G	590.1	A _G	580.1	77	A _G	1186.0	B _{1U}	1185.0	121	B _{3G}	3196.9	B _{3G}	3196.2
34	B _{2G}	628.2	A _U	620.1	78	B _{3G}	1198.5	A _G	1186.8	122	B _{2U}	3197.4	B _{2U}	3196.4
35	B _{2U}	637.1	B _{2G}	620.8	79	B _{3G}	1218.4	B _{2U}	1208.8	123	B _{1U}	3198.4	B _{1U}	3198.0
36	A _U	637.5	B _{2U}	630.2	80	B _{2U}	1222.8	B _{3G}	1209.3	124	A _G	3199.2	A _G	3198.6

37	B _{1G}	643.8	B _{1G}	631.6	81	B _{1U}	1232.4	B _{1U}	1229.4	125	B _{3G}	3206.6	B _{1U}	3211.3
38	A _U	680.8	B _{3U}	671.0	82	B _{2U}	1243.2	B _{2U}	1248.0	126	B _{1U}	3206.8	B _{3G}	3211.5
39	B _{1U}	684.0	A _U	672.8	83	A _G	1243.6	A _G	1248.9	127	B _{2U}	3216.3	B _{2U}	3221.1
40	B _{3U}	703.8	B _{1U}	680.1	84	B _{3G}	1250.3	B _{2U}	1249.7	128	A _G	3216.5	A _G	3221.4
41	B _{3G}	738.3	B _{2G}	732.3	85	B _{2U}	1256.9	B _{3G}	1253.0	129	B _{3G}	3225.4	B _{3G}	3230.2
42	B _{3U}	765.7	B _{3G}	733.0	86	A _G	1307.9	B _{1U}	1301.0	130	B _{1U}	3225.4	B _{1U}	3231.2
43	B _{2G}	772.2	B _{3U}	743.2	87	B _{2U}	1314.3	A _G	1315.0	131	B _{2U}	3232.1	B _{2U}	3238.3
44	B _{1G}	774.2	B _{2G}	748.1	88	B _{3G}	1330.9	B _{2U}	1319.8	132	A _G	3232.4	A _G	3239.2

Table S4. Vibronic frequencies and Franck-Condon factors (intensity) for the $S_0 \rightarrow S_1$ transition calculated for isolated Tr molecule (D_{2h} symmetry).

vibronic state	frequency [cm ⁻¹]	intensity
	0	5.69
11 ¹ >	247	1.32
20 ¹ >	445	0.05
11 ² >	494	0.15
28 ¹ >	541	0.35
33 ¹ >	580	0.17
28 ¹ ;11 ¹ >	788	0.08
33 ¹ ;11 ¹ >	827	0.04
87 ¹ >	1315	1.66
91 ¹ >	1363	0.73
94 ¹ >	1388	0.23
96 ¹ >	1407	0.13
87 ¹ ;11 ¹ >	1582	0.38
108 ¹ >	1590	1.27
91 ¹ ;11 ¹ >	1610	0.17
94 ¹ ;11 ¹ >	1635	0.05
87 ¹ ;11 ² >	1809	0.04
108 ¹ ;11 ¹ >	1837	0.29
87 ¹ ;28 ¹ >	1856	0.10
87 ¹ ;33 ¹ >	1895	0.05
91 ¹ ;28 ¹ >	1904	0.05

Table S5. Bond lengths in the S_0 and S_1 states of isolated Tr calculated with the 6-31G(d,p).

	S_0	S_1
B3LYP/6-31G(d,p)		

B. Modeling of the deformation of Tr molecule leading to C_{2h} , C_{2v} and D_2 symmetries

Table S6. Coordinates of the atoms in Tr molecule deformed from the planar D_{2h} to lower symmetries by taking deviations in the out-of-plane direction (along the X axis) proportionally to the amplitudes of $7B_{2g}$, $8B_{3u}$ and $9A_u$ vibrations. The starting point in the modeling were the results of DFT and TD DFT B3LYP calculations with 8-31G(d,p) basis obtained for Tr molecule in the D_{2h} symmetry. Coordinates Y and Z were taken the same in all considered cases. Calculated out-of-plane deviations in the excited S_1 state were very small and thus were taken as equal in all cases. All calculated frequencies of vibrations in the provided geometries were positive, the frequencies of 33 lowest energy vibrations are collected in table S7.

	X(D _{2h})	X(C _{2h})	X(C _{2v})	X(D ₂)	Y	Z
H	0.000	0.001	0.002	-0.028	1.222	6.831
H	0.000	0.001	0.002	0.028	-1.222	6.831
C	0.000	-0.002	0.004	-0.015	1.234	5.745
C	0.000	-0.002	0.004	0.015	-1.234	5.745
H	0.000	0.030	-0.024	-0.018	3.368	5.586
H	0.000	0.030	-0.024	0.018	-3.368	5.586
C	0.000	0.013	-0.011	-0.009	2.423	5.052
C	0.000	0.013	-0.011	0.009	-2.423	5.052
C	0.000	-0.012	0.011	0.000	0.000	5.046
C	0.000	0.010	-0.009	0.013	2.427	3.646
C	0.000	0.010	-0.009	-0.013	-2.427	3.646
C	0.000	-0.017	0.013	0.000	0.000	3.612
H	0.000	0.027	-0.020	0.024	3.386	3.143
H	0.000	0.027	-0.020	-0.024	-3.386	3.143
C	0.000	-0.010	0.006	0.010	1.246	2.907
C	0.000	-0.010	0.006	-0.010	-1.246	2.907
C	0.000	-0.010	0.007	0.008	1.240	1.435
C	0.000	-0.010	0.007	-0.008	-1.240	1.435
H	0.000	-0.013	-0.028	0.011	3.380	1.198
H	0.000	-0.013	-0.028	-0.011	-3.380	1.198
C	0.000	-0.005	0.017	0.000	0.000	0.720
C	0.000	-0.006	-0.011	0.006	2.420	0.696
C	0.000	-0.006	-0.011	-0.006	-2.420	0.696
C	0.000	0.006	-0.011	0.006	-2.420	-0.696
C	0.000	0.006	-0.011	-0.006	2.420	-0.696
C	0.000	0.005	0.017	0.000	0.000	-0.720

H	0.000	0.013	-0.028	-0.011	3.380	-1.198
H	0.000	0.013	-0.028	0.011	-3.380	-1.198
C	0.000	0.010	0.007	0.008	-1.240	-1.435
C	0.000	0.010	0.007	-0.008	1.240	-1.435
C	0.000	0.010	0.006	0.010	-1.246	-2.907
C	0.000	0.010	0.006	-0.010	1.246	-2.907
H	0.000	-0.027	-0.020	0.024	-3.386	-3.143
H	0.000	-0.027	-0.020	-0.024	3.386	-3.143
C	0.000	0.017	0.013	0.000	0.000	-3.612
C	0.000	-0.010	-0.009	0.013	-2.427	-3.646
C	0.000	-0.010	-0.009	-0.013	2.427	-3.646
C	0.000	0.012	0.011	0.000	0.000	-5.046
C	0.000	-0.013	-0.011	-0.009	-2.423	-5.052
C	0.000	-0.013	-0.011	0.009	2.423	-5.052
H	0.000	-0.030	-0.024	-0.018	-3.368	-5.586
H	0.000	-0.030	-0.024	0.018	3.368	-5.586
C	0.000	0.002	0.004	-0.015	-1.234	-5.745
C	0.000	0.002	0.004	0.015	1.234	-5.745
H	0.000	-0.001	0.002	-0.028	-1.222	-6.831
H	0.000	-0.001	0.002	0.028	1.222	-6.831

Table S7. Frequencies of the 33 lowest energy vibrations in Tr molecule deformed to the lower symmetries, as considered in table S6.

	D _{2h} (S ₀)		C _{2h} (S ₀) (def. 7b _{2g})		C _{2v} (S ₀) (def. 8b _{3u})		D ₂ (S ₀) (def. 9a _u)		D _{2h} (S ₁)	
no	symm freq [cm ⁻¹]		symm freq [cm ⁻¹]		symm freq [cm ⁻¹]		symm freq [cm ⁻¹]		symm freq [cm ⁻¹]	
1	A _U	20.7	A _U	21.5	A ₂	21.1	A	20.9	A _U	27.8
2	B _{1G}	28.4	B _G	29.1	B ₁	29.1	B ₁	28.5	B _{3U}	34.2
3	B _{3U}	36.9	B _U	37.0	A ₁	37.0	B ₃	37.2	B _{1G}	38.3
4	B _{2G}	111.6	A _G	111.8	B ₂	111.7	B ₂	111.9	B _{2G}	107.7
5	B _{3U}	112.3	B _U	112.8	A ₁	112.7	B ₃	112.5	B _{3U}	120.1
6	B _{2U}	150.3	A _U	150.3	B ₁	150.3	B ₂	150.3	B _{2U}	148.4
7	B _{2G}	168.3	A _G	168.7	B ₂	168.5	B ₂	168.4	B _{2G}	173.6
8	B _{3U}	181.1	B _U	181.3	A ₁	181.4	B ₃	181.1	B _{3U}	180.8
9	A _U	214.2	A _U	214.3	A ₂	214.3	A	214.4	A _U	205.6
10	B _{1G}	221.0	B _G	221.1	B ₁	221.1	B ₁	221.3	B _{1G}	214.3
11	A _G	246.4	A _G	246.3	A ₁	246.3	A	246.4	A _G	247.4
12	B _{3G}	276.9	B _G	276.9	A ₂	276.9	B ₃	275.6	B _{3U}	273.2
13	B _{3U}	277.2	B _U	277.3	A ₁	277.3	B ₃	278.5	B _{3G}	275.6
14	A _U	297.9	A _U	298.1	A ₂	298.0	A	298.0	A _U	287.2
15	B _{2G}	353.3	A _G	353.4	B ₂	353.3	B ₂	353.3	B _{2G}	337.9
16	B _{2U}	391.1	A _U	391.1	B ₁	391.1	B ₂	391.1	B _{2U}	394.5
17	B _{3G}	396.9	B _G	396.9	A ₂	396.9	B ₃	396.9	B _{3G}	397.5
18	B _{1U}	434.6	B _U	434.4	B ₂	434.5	B ₁	433.7	B _{1G}	409.8
19	B _{1G}	435.2	B _G	435.3	B ₁	435.3	B ₁	436.1	B _{1U}	431.2

20	A _G	447.9	A _G	447.8	A ₁	447.8	A	447.9	A _G	445.3
21	B _{2G}	468.4	A _G	468.6	B ₂	468.5	B ₂	468.5	B _{1U}	475.9
22	B _{3U}	471.4	B _U	471.6	A ₁	471.6	B ₃	471.6	A _U	478.1
23	B _{1U}	478.7	B _U	478.8	B ₂	478.4	B ₁	478.7	B _{3U}	478.7
24	B _{2G}	481.7	A _G	481.8	B ₂	482.2	B ₂	481.8	B _{2G}	482.2
25	A _U	498.4	A _U	498.5	A ₂	498.5	A	498.5	B _{2G}	493.3
26	B _{1U}	528.0	B _U	528.0	B ₂	528.1	B ₁	528.0	B _{1U}	525.5
27	B _{2U}	538.8	A _U	538.8	B ₁	538.8	B ₂	538.8	B _{2U}	534.1
28	A _G	544.8	A _G	544.8	A ₁	544.8	A	544.8	A _G	541.4
29	B _{3G}	554.1	B _G	554.1	A ₂	554.1	B ₃	554.1	B _{1G}	546.0
30	B _{3G}	570.5	B _G	570.5	A ₂	570.5	B ₃	570.5	B _{3G}	550.2
31	B _{1G}	571.4	B _G	571.5	B ₁	571.5	B ₁	571.4	B _{3G}	564.0
32	B _{3U}	579.7	B _U	579.7	A ₁	579.7	B ₃	579.8	B _{3U}	564.6
33	A _G	590.1	A _G	590.1	A ₁	590.1	A	590.1	A _G	580.1

Table S8. Frequencies (ν) and intensities (I) of additional lines (indicated by bold) in the fluorescence excitation spectrum of Tr molecule deformed to the lower symmetries considered in tables S5 and S7.

D_{2h}	C_{2h} (def. 7b _{2g})	C_{2v} (def. 8b _{3u})	D₂ (def. 9 _{au})
vibronic ν I state [cm ⁻¹]	vibronic ν I state [cm ⁻¹]	vibronic ν I state [cm ⁻¹]	vibronic ν I state [cm ⁻¹]
0 5.598	0 5.048	0 5.059	0 4.916
	 7^{^1}> 173.60.517		
		 8^{^1}> 180.80.579	
			 9^{^1}> 205.60.527
11 ^{^1} > 247.42.021	11 ^{^1} > 247.41.866	11 ^{^1} > 247.41.824	11 ^{^1} > 247.41.886
	 7^{^2}> 347.20.026	 8^{^2}> 361.60.033	 9^{^2}> 411.20.028
	 11^{^1};7^{^1}>421.00.191	 11^{^1};8^{^1}>428.20.209	
20 ^{^1} > 445.30.052	20 ^{^1} > 445.30.052	20 ^{^1} > 445.30.052	20 ^{^1} > 445.30.052
			 11^{^1};9^{^1}>453.00.202
11 ^{^2} > 494.80.365	11 ^{^2} > 494.80.345	11 ^{^2} > 494.80.329	11 ^{^2} > 494.80.362
28 ^{^1} > 541.40.373	28 ^{^1} > 541.40.314	28 ^{^1} > 541.40.317	28 ^{^1} > 541.40.319
33 ^{^1} > 580.10.208	33 ^{^1} > 580.10.191	33 ^{^1} > 580.10.178	33 ^{^1} > 580.10.179

C. Tr molecule in 2,3-DCN crystal

Table S9. Coordinates of atoms of Tr molecule embedded as dopant in the 2,3-DCN crystal optimized in the S_0 and S_1 states with the aid of ONIOM(STO-3G/UFF) method.

	S_0	STO-3G	UFF		S_1	STO-3G	UFF
H	6.907	1.228	-0.029	H	6.896	1.220	0.023
H	6.900	-1.253	-0.013	H	6.878	-1.264	0.055
C	5.809	1.244	-0.027	C	5.797	1.233	0.021
C	5.802	-1.263	-0.011	C	5.780	-1.268	0.026
H	5.654	3.398	-0.097	H	5.656	3.381	-0.095
H	5.636	-3.418	-0.021	H	5.610	-3.425	-0.107
C	5.112	2.443	-0.061	C	5.099	2.440	-0.030
C	5.100	-2.460	-0.011	C	5.071	-2.470	-0.059
C	5.099	-0.007	-0.011	C	5.085	-0.013	0.031
C	3.690	2.452	-0.030	C	3.688	2.466	-0.002
C	3.677	-2.460	0.014	C	3.661	-2.468	-0.072
C	3.653	-0.002	0.022	C	3.636	0.000	0.038
H	3.170	3.414	-0.051	H	3.176	3.435	-0.035
H	3.161	-3.425	0.021	H	3.135	-3.428	-0.138
C	2.944	1.262	0.041	C	2.924	1.265	0.059
C	2.938	-1.263	0.046	C	2.916	-1.254	0.026
C	1.448	1.267	0.089	C	1.450	1.270	0.072
C	1.444	-1.250	0.056	C	1.447	-1.236	0.079
H	1.220	3.427	0.169	H	1.218	3.399	0.146
H	1.215	-3.407	0.014	H	1.234	-3.452	-0.014
C	0.726	0.010	0.035	C	0.726	0.017	0.049
C	0.704	2.462	0.105	C	0.693	2.489	-0.008
C	0.701	-2.441	-0.001	C	0.693	-2.454	0.083
C	-0.704	-2.433	-0.081	C	-0.689	-2.463	-0.007
C	-0.704	2.467	0.014	C	-0.692	2.484	-0.107
C	-0.725	0.016	-0.045	C	-0.728	0.011	-0.040
H	-1.219	3.435	0.024	H	-1.214	3.423	-0.025
H	-1.235	-3.386	-0.129	H	-1.218	-3.443	-0.181
C	-1.444	-1.241	-0.076	C	-1.447	-1.246	-0.065
C	-1.447	1.273	-0.066	C	-1.451	1.262	-0.094
C	-2.935	-1.257	-0.025	C	-2.918	-1.260	-0.052
C	-2.944	1.267	-0.057	C	-2.923	1.260	-0.046
H	-3.148	-3.416	0.138	H	-3.148	-3.437	-0.035
H	-3.189	3.423	0.032	H	-3.158	3.426	0.044
C	-3.652	0.000	-0.040	C	-3.636	-0.002	-0.022
C	-3.670	-2.454	0.074	C	-3.668	-2.473	-0.021
C	-3.697	2.453	0.001	C	-3.682	2.465	0.025

C	-5.092	-2.460	0.063	C	-5.079	-2.468	0.012
C	-5.099	-0.013	-0.033	C	-5.086	-0.007	0.017
C	-5.119	2.433	0.027	C	-5.093	2.451	0.063
H	-5.625	-3.420	0.110	H	-5.621	-3.424	0.024
H	-5.669	3.377	0.090	H	-5.641	3.403	0.102
C	-5.798	-1.269	-0.024	C	-5.785	-1.262	0.019
C	-5.813	1.234	-0.021	C	-5.793	1.242	0.035
H	-6.895	-1.261	-0.051	H	-6.883	-1.257	0.022
H	-6.912	1.217	-0.020	H	-6.892	1.229	0.039

Table S10. Energies of the (0, 0) transition and frequencies of “a_g” and “b_{2g}” vibrations calculated for Tr guest in 2,3-DCN and 2,3-DBN host crystals with the aid of ONIOM method.

ONIOM		crystal	E(0,0) [cm ⁻¹]	“a _g ”		“b _{2g} ”	
high level (for Tr)	low level (for crystal)			hν(S ₀) [cm ⁻¹]	hν(S ₁) [cm ⁻¹]	hν(S ₀) [cm ⁻¹]	hν(S ₁) [cm ⁻¹]
B3LYP /6-31G(d,p)	-	-	17125	246	247	168	174
	UFF	2,3-DCN	17107	251		201	
		2,3-DBN	17121	248		197	
	PM3	2,3-DCN	17061				
		2,3-DBN	17372				
B3LYP /STO-3G	-	-	20880	249	250	174	179
	UFF	2,3-DCN	20871	255	256	180	177
		2,3-DBN	20881	253	253	188	175
	PM3	2,3-DCN	20857				
		2,3-DBN	20925				

Table S11. Frequencies of vibrations in the S_0 and S_1 states calculated with the ONIOM(STO-3G/UFF) method for Tr molecule embedded in 2,3-DCN crystal. The shape of vibration no. 15 indicates that it is stretching along the long axis of Tr with the symmetry " a_g ", and the vibration no. 11 is characterized by the symmetry " b_{2g} ".

	S_0	S_1
1	8.7	9.2
2	25.5	25.7
3	47.0	47.5
4	103.5	103.1
5	107.7	107.6
6	110.9	112.0
7	122.0	121.7
8	129.1	128.7
9	134.1	133.0
10	154.7	153.4
11	180.1	176.9
12	187.2	192.2
13	204.7	206.4
14	209.7	211.2
15	255.2	250.7
16	258.1	256.1
17	271.0	265.4
18	284.1	283.0
19	304.7	299.1
20	344.5	330.0
21	390.9	372.2