

# Synthesis, Structure and Optoelectronic Properties of Rigid 3D Tetraindeno-Fused Spirofluorene with Thioxanthene or dioxothioxanthene Substitutes

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## General experimental methods

$^1\text{H}$  NMR and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra were recorded in  $\text{C}_2\text{D}_2\text{Cl}_4$  or  $\text{CDCl}_3$  using a Bruker DPX 400 or 500 spectrometer. High-resolution MALDI mass spectrometry measurements were performed on a Solarix ESI-/MALDI-ICR (9.4 T) system. UV-vis absorption spectra were recorded using a Shimadzu and SPECORD S600 spectrophotometer. Photoluminescence performance was investigated by a steady-state fluorescence spectrometer FLS920 at room temperature with the scanning range between 200 nm to 800 nm. CV measurements were carried out on a computer-controlled GSTAT12 in a three-electrode cell in a DCM solution of  $\text{Bu}_4\text{NPF}_6$  (0.1 M), using glassy carbon discs as the working electrode, Pt wire as the counter electrode, Ag/AgCl electrode as the reference electrode. Thermogravimetric analysis (TGA) was carried out on Shanghai Tian Mei Balance (Ltd ZRY-2P) at a heating rate of  $10\text{ }^\circ\text{C}/\text{min}$  under nitrogen flow. Density functional theory (DFT) calculations were performed using the Gaussian 09 program, with the B3LYP hybrid functional and basis set 6-31G(d) for the ground-state geometry optimization. All reagents and starting materials were obtained from commercial suppliers and used without further purification. All reported yields are isolated yields.

## Experimental Section

**Spiro-4S:** (2-Bromophenyl)(phenyl)sulfane (2.64 g, 10 mmol) was dissolved in 40 mL dry THF, which was dropwised to a flask equipped with iodine (10 mg, 0.04 mmol) and magnesium (0.29 g, 12 mmol) at the beginning to initiate the Grignard reaction at argon atmosphere. Then, the mixture was heated to  $80\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  for 5 h. Thereafter, **Spiro-4O** (1.9 g, 2 mmol) was added to the mixture all at once and refluxed 12 h. After cooling to room temperature, the reaction was quenched by 1M HCl (50 mL) and then extracted with DCM ( $3 \times 50\text{ mL}$ ). The combined organic solvent was removed by rotary evaporator to obtain tertiary alcohol intermediate

**Spiro-4OH**, which was used directly in the next step without purification. The resulting **Spiro-4OH** was dissolved in 100 mL acetic acid and refluxed overnight. Then the acetic acid was removed by distillation under reduced pressure. The residue was subjected to column chromatography to obtain desired pure compound as white solid (2.6 g, 80%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, C<sub>2</sub>D<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>4</sub>) δ 8.17 (s, 4H), 7.49 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 8H), 7.44 (s, 4H), 7.22 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 4H), 7.19 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 8H), 7.12 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 4H), 6.99 (s, 4H), 6.90 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 8H), 6.58 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 8H), 1.22 (s, 36H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, C<sub>2</sub>D<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>4</sub>): δ 155.91, 151.47, 150.17, 149.36, 141.53, 140.70, 138.68, 138.09, 131.35, 128.73, 127.25, 126.21, 126.50, 126.07, 125.85, 116.85, 116.44, 115.60, 59.85, 34.88, 31.68.

HR-MS (MALDI) *m/z* calculated for C<sub>117</sub>H<sub>89</sub>S<sub>4</sub>

[M<sup>+</sup>] 1621.5847. Found 1621.5859. Crystallographic data (CCDC deposition number): CCDC 1564493.

#### **Spiro-4SO<sub>2</sub>:**

**Spiro-4S** (1.62 g, 1.0 mmol) was dissolved in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (250 mL) and meta-chloroperbenzoic acid (1.73 g, 10 mmol) was added slowly. The mixture was stirred overnight. Then, the organic layer was washed with saturated NaHCO<sub>3</sub> solution (3×75 mL) and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by column chromatography to obtain target compound **Spiro-4SO<sub>2</sub>** with 30% yield. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.31 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 8H), 7.89 (s, 2H), 7.57 – 7.50 (m, 12H), 7.36 – 7.26 (m, 10H), 7.25 – 7.19 (m, 8H), 7.17 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 4H), 6.70 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 3.2 Hz, 8H), 1.28 (s, 36H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, C<sub>2</sub>D<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>4</sub>): δ 152.64, 152.21, 150.13, 149.70, 142.21, 141.14, 140.53, 140.24, 136.78, 133.12, 129.69, 128.49, 127.09, 125.26, 123.55, 117.78, 117.04, 116.60, 57.71, 35.02, 31.68.

HR-MS (MALDI) *m/z* calculated for C<sub>117</sub>H<sub>88</sub>O<sub>8</sub>NaS<sub>4</sub>

[M<sup>+</sup>] 1771.5260. Found 1771.5273. Crystallographic data (CCDC deposition number): CCDC 1564494.

## TGA curves

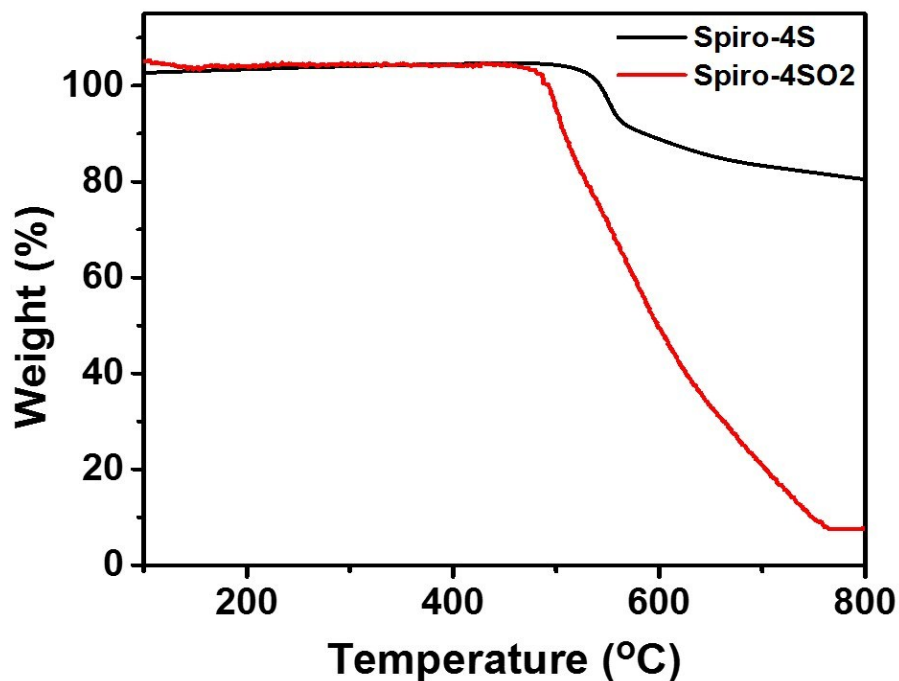


Figure S1. TGA curve for Spiro-4S and Spiro-4SO2 measured under a nitrogen atmosphere at a heating rate of 10 °C/min.

## Absorption and emission spectra

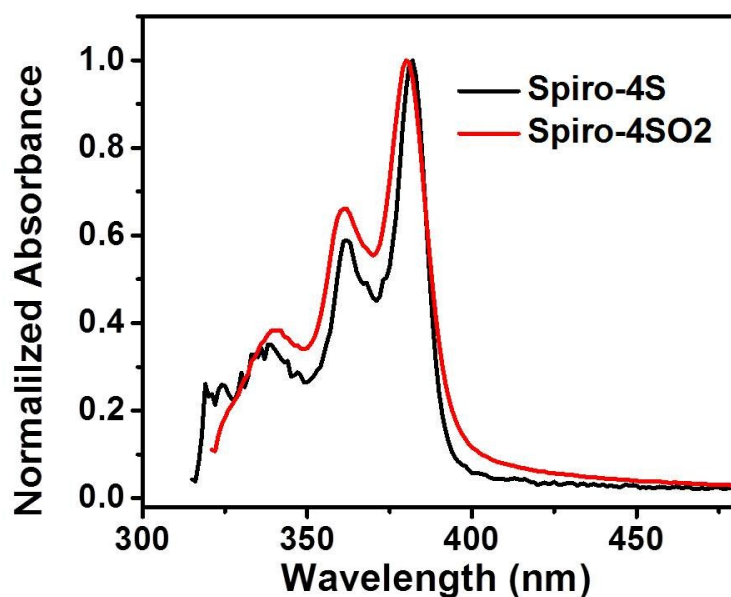
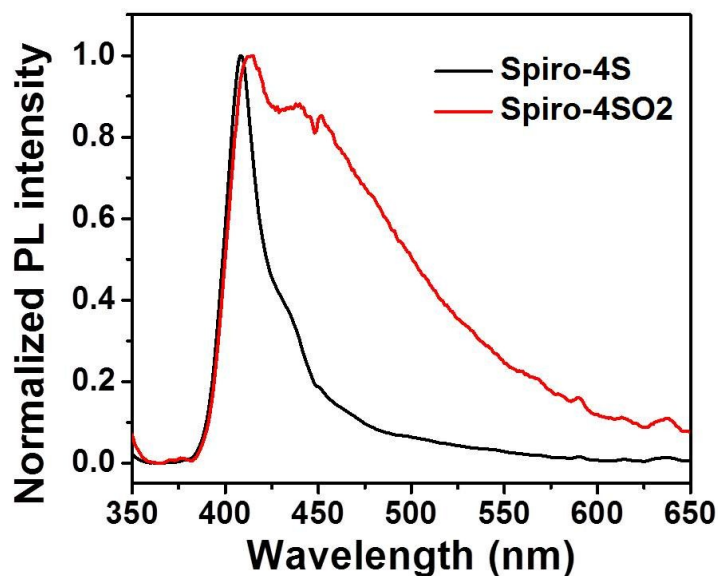


Figure S2. Absorption spectra of Spiro-4S film (black line) and Spiro-4SO2 film (red line).



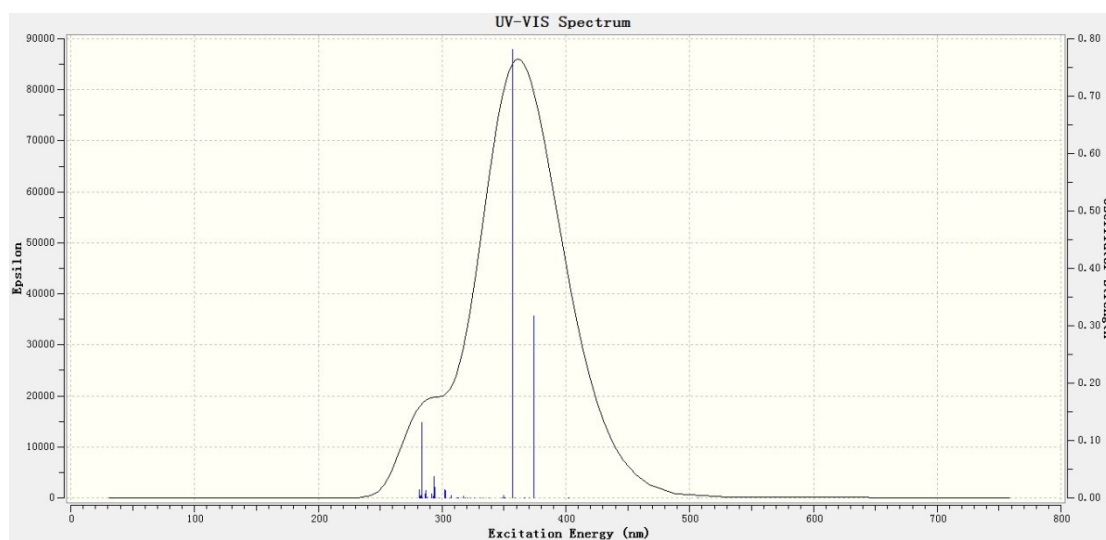
**Figure S3.** Photoluminescence spectra of **Spiro-4S** film (black line) and **Spiro-4SO2** film (red line) ( $\lambda_{\text{Exc}} = 337$  nm).

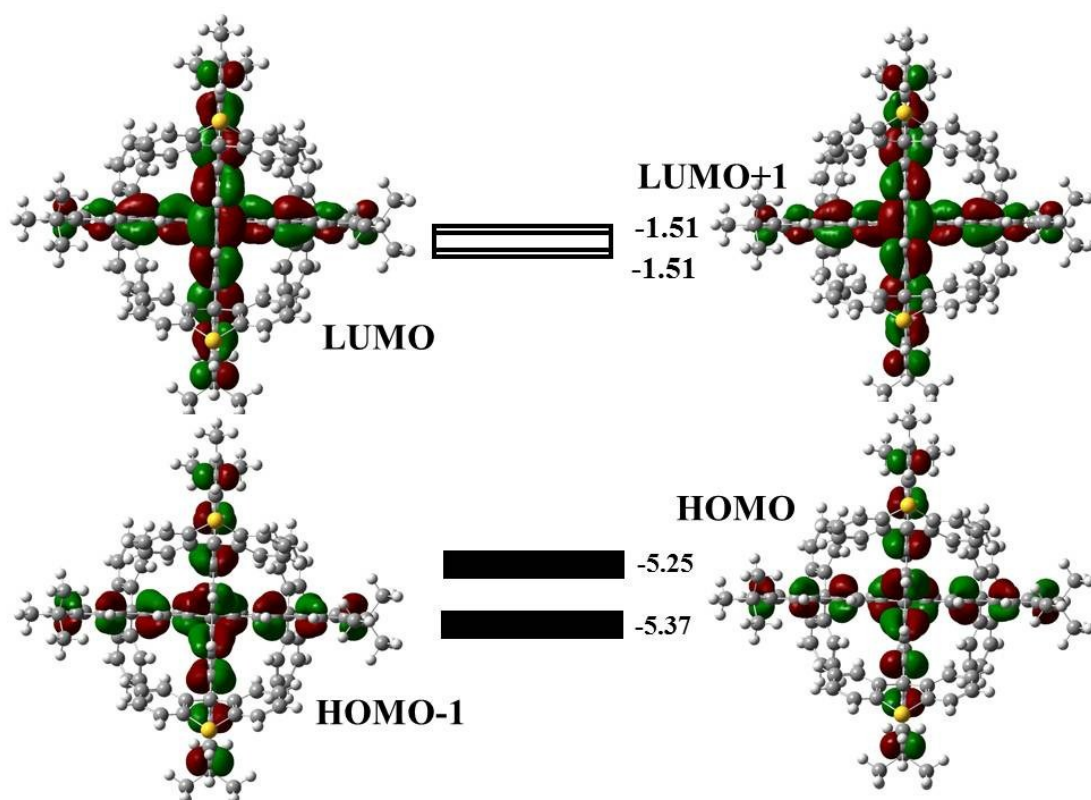
## TD-DFT calculations

**Table S1.** Calculated energy levels, oscillator strengths ( $f$ ), and orbital transition analyses of **Spiro-4S**.

	$E_g$ (eV)	$E_g$ (nm)	$f$	transition	coefficient	transition	coefficient
S <sub>1</sub>	3.3105	374.52	0.3177	HOMO-1 -> LUMO+1	-0.12349	HOMO -> LUMO	0.69126
S <sub>2</sub>	3.3119	374.36	0.3166	HOMO-1 -> LUMO	0.12800	HOMO -> LUMO+1	0.69044
S <sub>3</sub>	3.4712	357.18	0.7812	HOMO-1 -> LUMO	0.68838	HOMO -> LUMO+1	-0.11914
S <sub>4</sub>	3.4720	357.10	0.7640	HOMO-1 -> LUMO+1	0.68917	HOMO -> LUMO	-0.11456
S <sub>5</sub>	3.5449	349.76	0.0031	HOMO-5 -> LUMO	-0.10653	HOMO-5 -> LUMO+1	-0.15771
				HOMO-4 -> LUMO	0.47567	HOMO-4 -> LUMO+1	-0.38504
				HOMO-3 -> LUMO	0.20193	HOMO-3 -> LUMO+1	-0.16611
S <sub>6</sub>	3.5449	349.76	0.0041	HOMO-5 -> LUMO	0.37411	HOMO-5 -> LUMO+1	-0.15771
				HOMO-4 -> LUMO	0.47567	HOMO-4 -> LUMO+1	0.38504
				HOMO-2 -> LUMO	0.21190	HOMO-2 -> LUMO+1	0.25693
S <sub>7</sub>	3.5462	349.62	0.0007	HOMO-5 -> LUMO	-0.22454	HOMO-5 -> LUMO+1	-0.26926
				HOMO-2 -> LUMO	0.38863	HOMO-2 -> LUMO+1	0.46660
S <sub>8</sub>	3.5469	349.55	0.0014	HOMO-4 -> LUMO	-0.21301	HOMO-4 -> LUMO+1	-0.17509
				HOMO-3 -> LUMO	-0.49957	HOMO-3 -> LUMO+1	-0.40775
S <sub>9</sub>	3.7180	333.47	0.0000	HOMO-2 -> LUMO	0.54324	HOMO-2 -> LUMO+1	-0.45241
S <sub>10</sub>	3.7234	332.99	0.0000	HOMO-3 -> LUMO	0.44693	HOMO-3 -> LUMO+1	0.54505
T <sub>1</sub>	2.4435	507.41	0.0000	HOMO-1 -> LUMO	0.17199	HOMO-1 -> LUMO+1	-0.39133
				HOMO -> LUMO	0.47352	HOMO-1 -> LUMO+1	-0.10830
T <sub>2</sub>	2.4441	507.28	0.0000	HOMO-1 -> LUMO	-0.39260	HOMO-1 -> LUMO+1	-0.17229
				HOMO -> LUMO	0.10823	HOMO-1 -> LUMO+1	0.47232
T <sub>3</sub>	3.0797	402.58	0.0000	HOMO-1 -> LUMO+12	0.12500	HOMO -> LUMO+11	-0.15695
				HOMO -> LUMO+7	-0.25890	HOMO-1 -> LUMO+6	0.25358
				HOMO-5 -> LUMO+1	0.11660	HOMO+7 -> LUMO+1	-0.11030
				HOMO-9 -> LUMO+1	-0.22035	HOMO-4 -> LUMO	0.19700
				HOMO-6 -> LUMO	-0.12317	HOMO-8 -> LUMO	0.20252

T <sub>4</sub>	3.0868	401.66	0.0000	HOMO -> LUMO+12	-0.12501	HOMO -> LUMO+7	-0.13573
				HOMO-1 -> LUMO+11	0.15804	HOMO-1 -> LUMO+7	0.23518
				HOMO -> LUMO+6	-0.23913	HOMO-1 -> LUMO+6	-0.14456
				HOMO-4-> LUMO+1	0.17575	HOMO-6-> LUMO+1	-0.12211
				HOMO-8-> LUMO+1	0.19920	HOMO-5-> LUMO	0.12549
				HOMO-7-> LUMO	-0.11133	HOMO-9-> LUMO	-0.22235
T <sub>5</sub>	3.3469	370.45	0.0000	HOMO-> LUMO+1	0.48402	HOMO-1-> LUMO+1	0.12993
				HOMO-> LUMO	0.47658		
T <sub>6</sub>	3.3472	370.42	0.0000	HOMO-> LUMO+1	0.48402	HOMO-1-> LUMO+1	0.12993
				HOMO-1-> LUMO	0.47996		
T <sub>7</sub>	3.3794	366.88	0.0000	HOMO-22-> LUMO+22	-0.12611	HOMO-> LUMO+3	-0.13338
				HOMO-16-> LUMO+16	0.12541	HOMO-1-> LUMO+3	0.10925
				HOMO-2-> LUMO+3	0.10145	HOMO-4-> LUMO+3	0.18698
				HOMO-5-> LUMO+3	0.22265	HOMO-6-> LUMO+3	0.18134
				HOMO-7-> LUMO+3	0.31151	HOMO-20-> LUMO+3	0.12045
				HOMO-22-> LUMO+3	-0.15345		
T <sub>8</sub>	3.3799	366.82	0.0000	HOMO-13-> LUMO+26	0.10209	HOMO-22-> LUMO+23	-0.11022
				HOMO-23-> LUMO+23	0.14539	HOMO-17-> LUMO+17	-0.13034
				HOMO-> LUMO+2	0.11145	HOMO-1-> LUMO+2	0.13461
				HOMO-3-> LUMO+2	0.10226	HOMO-4-> LUMO+2	0.17166
				HOMO-5-> LUMO+2	-0.22416	HOMO-6-> LUMO+2	0.33338
				HOMO-7-> LUMO+2	-0.16043	HOMO-14-> LUMO+2	0.12196
T <sub>9</sub>	3.3828	366.52	0.0000	HOMO-21-> LUMO+23	0.16543	HOMO-17-> LUMO+18	0.10731
				HOMO-18-> LUMO+18	0.10271	HOMO-1-> LUMO+5	0.10279
				HOMO-4-> LUMO+5	-0.20299	HOMO-5-> LUMO+5	0.24414
				HOMO-6-> LUMO+5	0.17506	HOMO-7-> LUMO+5	-0.12076
				HOMO-8-> LUMO+5	0.24816	HOMO-9-> LUMO+5	0.16816
				HOMO-14-> LUMO+5	-0.11288	HOMO-17-> LUMO+5	-0.11834
T <sub>10</sub>	3.3842	366.36	0.0000	HOMO-20-> LUMO+23	-0.11720	HOMO-20-> LUMO+22	-0.1370
				HOMO-> LUMO+5	0.10338	HOMO-4-> LUMO+5	0.19693
				HOMO-5-> LUMO+5	0.23384	HOMO-7-> LUMO+5	-0.21037
				HOMO-8-> LUMO+5	-0.22916	HOMO-9-> LUMO+5	0.19038
				HOMO-14-> LUMO+5	0.11312	HOMO-16-> LUMO+5	0.10850





Excited State 1	Excited State 2	Excited State 3	Excited State 4
Energy: 3.31	Energy: 3.31	Energy: 3.47	Energy: 3.47
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Oscillator strength: 0.32	Oscillator strength: 0.32	Oscillator strength: 0.78	Oscillator strength: 0.76
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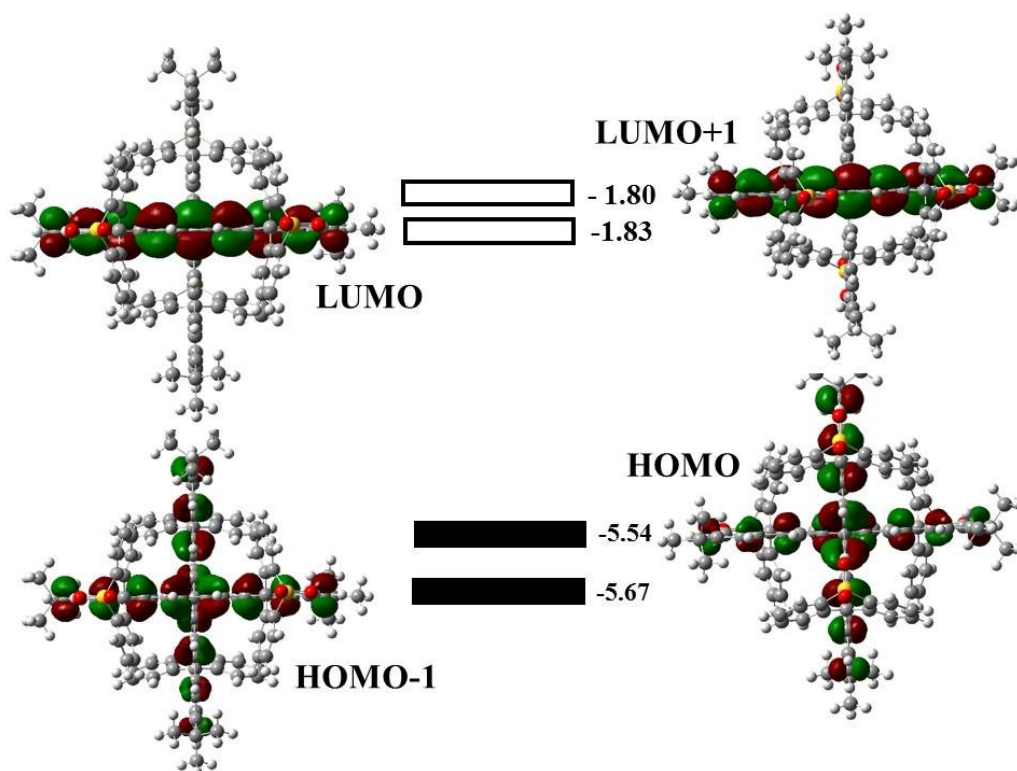
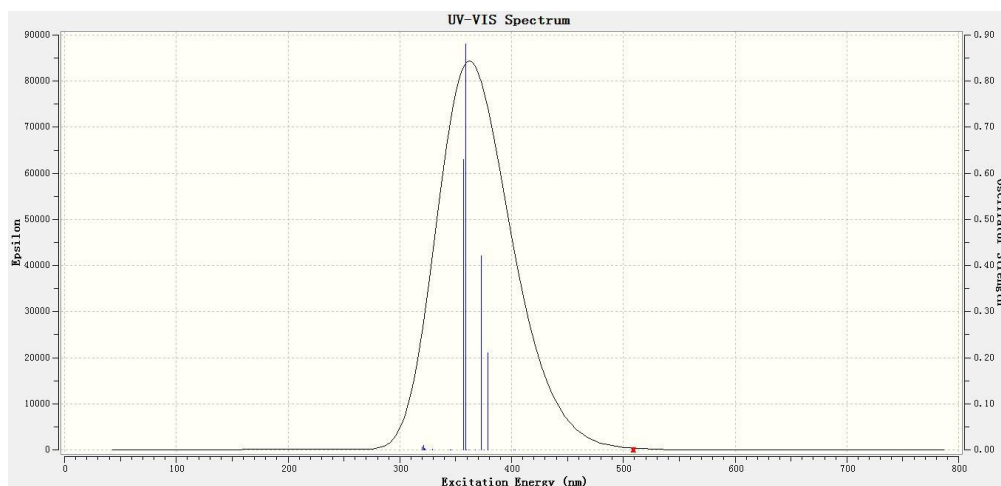
**Figure S4.** Calculated absorption spectrum of **Spiro-4S** (up); molecular orbitals and their energy levels (in eV) of **Spiro-4S**, as well as some major excitations calculated by TD-DFT at the B3LYP6-31G(d) level.

**Table S2.** Calculated energy levels, oscillator strengths ( $f$ ), and orbital transition analyses of **Spiro-SO2**.

	$E_g$ (eV)	$E_g$ (nm)	$f$	transition	coefficie nt	transition	coefficient
S <sub>1</sub>	3.2731	378.80	0.2110	HOMO-1 -> LUMO	-0.10058	HOMO -> LUMO	0.69620
S <sub>2</sub>	3.3260	372.77	0.4215	HOMO-1 -> LUMO+1	0.15199	HOMO -> LUMO+1	0.68587
S <sub>3</sub>	3.4537	358.99	0.8813	HOMO-1 -> LUMO	0.69492		
S <sub>4</sub>	3.4753	356.76	0.6292	HOMO-1 -> LUMO+1	0.68740	HOMO -> LUMO+1	-0.14767
S <sub>5</sub>	3.7653	329.28	0.0012	HOMO-1 -> LUMO+2	-0.23373	HOMO -> LUMO+2	0.65792
S <sub>6</sub>	3.8453	322.43	0.0010	HOMO-1 -> LUMO+3	0.31705	HOMO-> LUMO+6	0.28315
				HOMO -> LUMO+3	0.52692		
S <sub>7</sub>	3.8503	322.01	0.0026	HOMO-1 -> LUMO+3	-0.17119	HOMO -> LUMO+3	-0.17360
				HOMO-1 -> LUMO+4	0.28926	HOMO -> LUMO+4	0.48481
				HOMO -> LUMO+6	0.29175		

S <sub>8</sub>	3.8593	321.26	0.0098	HOMO-1 -> LUMO+3	-0.15760	HOMO-1 -> LUMO+4	-0.22194
				HOMO-1 -> LUMO+6	-0.13143	HOMO-1 -> LUMO+7	0.12850
				HOMO-> LUMO+3	-0.12863	HOMO -> LUMO+4	-0.27049
				HOMO -> LUMO+5	0.10577	HOMO -> LUMO+6	0.41713
				HOMO -> LUMO+7	0.25743		
S <sub>9</sub>	3.8729	320.13	0.0063	HOMO-7 -> LUMO	-0.10595	HOMO-1 -> LUMO+4	0.12814
				HOMO-1 -> LUMO+7	0.24276	HOMO -> LUMO+4	0.16084
				HOMO -> LUMO+5	0.21974	HOMO -> LUMO+6	-0.19395
				HOMO -> LUMO+7	0.49135		
S <sub>10</sub>	3.8741	320.04	0.0010	HOMO-1-> LUMO+5	-0.30653	HOMO-> LUMO+7	-0.18818
				HOMO-1 -> LUMO+5	0.59463		
T <sub>1</sub>	2.4341	509.37	0.0000	HOMO-1 -> LUMO+1	-0.34805	HOMO -> LUMO+1	0.54171
T <sub>2</sub>	2.4386	508.43	0.0000	HOMO-1 -> LUMO	0.49452	HOMO -> LUMO	0.41717
T <sub>3</sub>	3.0739	403.34	0.0000	HOMO-6 -> LUMO	0.18189	HOMO-3 -> LUMO+1	-0.13613
				HOMO-1 -> LUMO+9	-0.13963	HOMO-2 -> LUMO	0.37266
				HOMO-1 -> LUMO+15	0.18113	HOMO-1 -> LUMO+16	0.11506
				HOMO-1 -> LUMO+19	-0.10340	HOMO -> LUMO+9	-0.19080
				HOMO -> LUMO+15	0.14998		
T <sub>4</sub>	3.0851	401.88	0.0000	HOMO-8 -> LUMO+1	0.13579	HOMO-5 -> LUMO+1	0.16244
				HOMO-3 -> LUMO+1	0.34547	HOMO-2 -> LUMO	0.15266
				HOMO-1 -> LUMO+9	-0.15643	HOMO-1 -> LUMO+12	0.14227
				HOMO-1 -> LUMO+14	-0.10733	HOMO -> LUMO+12	-0.20387
				HOMO -> LUMO+14	0.16766	HOMO-> LUMO+19	-0.11279
T <sub>5</sub>	3.2989	375.83	0.0000	HOMO-1 -> LUMO	-0.42943	HOMO -> LUMO	0.54762
T <sub>6</sub>	3.3744	367.43	0.0000	HOMO-1 -> LUMO+1	0.56690	HOMO-> LUMO+1	0.38652
T <sub>7</sub>	3.4291	361.56	0.0000	HOMO-1 -> LUMO+5	0.11827	HOMO-1 -> LUMO+5	0.13436
				HOMO-1 -> LUMO+7	0.41830	HOMO-1 -> LUMO+7	0.45851
				HOMO-> LUMO	0.10204		
T <sub>8</sub>	3.4465	359.74	0.0000	HOMO-1 -> LUMO+6	-0.25969	HOMO-> LUMO+1	0.15028
				HOMO-1 -> LUMO+6	0.52518	HOMO -> LUMO+14	0.13957
T <sub>9</sub>	3.5862	345.73	0.0000	HOMO-19 -> LUMO+10	-0.12617	HOMO-22 -> LUMO+15	-0.10062
				HOMO-22 -> LUMO+21	0.14117	HOMO-22 -> LUMO+22	0.11423
				HOMO-18 -> LUMO+3	-0.19923	HOMO-17 -> LUMO+3	-0.23961
				HOMO-16 -> LUMO+3	-0.18421	HOMO-14 -> LUMO+9	0.13427
				HOMO-14 -> LUMO+21	0.12858	HOMO-14 -> LUMO+22	0.11135
				HOMO-4 -> LUMO+10	0.11135	HOMO-14 -> LUMO+10	0.10062
				HOMO-12 -> LUMO+10	0.12729		
T <sub>10</sub>	3.5902	345.34	0.0000	HOMO-28 -> LUMO+8	-0.15926	HOMO-23 -> LUMO+14	-0.12712
				HOMO-23 -> LUMO+20	0.16556	HOMO-20 -> LUMO+2	-0.31544
				HOMO-19 -> LUMO+6	-0.12538	HOMO-19 -> LUMO+12	0.10589
				HOMO-19 -> LUMO+20	0.18020	HOMO-18 -> LUMO+2	-0.18641
				HOMO-8 -> LUMO+8	-0.16665	HOMO-5 -> LUMO+8	0.11757
				HOMO-3 -> LUMO+8	0.12214	HOMO -> LUMO+2	-0.11399
				HOMO -> LUMO+8	-0.11749		





Excited State 1	Excited State 2	Excited State 3	Excited State 4
Energy: 3.27 eV	Energy: 3.33 eV	Energy: 3.45 eV	Energy: 3.47 eV
Wavelength: 378.80 nm	Wavelength: 372.77 nm	Wavelength: 358.99 nm	Wavelength: 356.76 nm
Oscillator strength: 0.21	Oscillator strength: 0.42	Oscillator strength: 0.88	Oscillator strength: 0.63
Configurations:	Configurations:	Configurations:	Configurations:
HOMO-1→LUMO	HOMO-1→LUMO+1	HOMO-1→LUMO	HOMO-1→LUMO+1
HOMO→LUMO	HOMO→LUMO+1		HOMO→LUMO+1

**Figure S5.** Calculated absorption spectrum of **Spiro-4SO2** (up).Molecular orbitals and their energy levels (in eV) of **Spiro-4SO2**, as well as some major excitations calculated by TD-DFT at the B3LYP6-31G(d) level.

# HR-Mass spectra

## Elemental Composition Report

### Single Mass Analysis

Tolerance = 30.0 PPM / DBE: min = -1.5, max = 200.0

Isotope cluster parameters: Separation = 1.0 Abundance = 1.0%

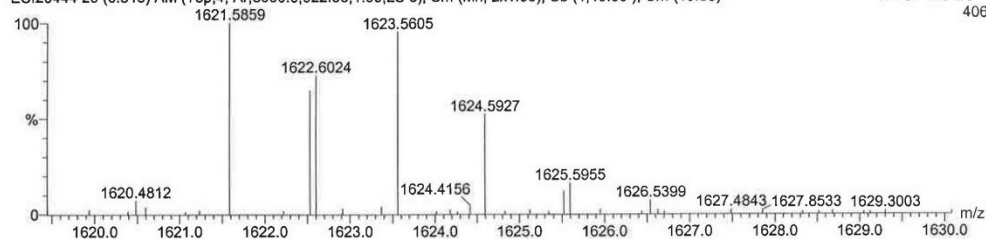
Monoisotopic Mass, Odd and Even Electron Ions

5 formula(e) evaluated with 1 results within limits (up to 50 closest results for each mass)

Xia, Spiro-S

ESI20444 20 (0.515) AM (Top,4, Ar,8000.0,922.36,1.00,LS 5); Sm (Mn, 2x1.00); Sb (1,40.00); Cm (10:38)

1: TOF MS ES+  
406



Minimum:

Maximum: 200.0 30.0 -1.5

Mass Calc. Mass mDa PPM DBE Score Formula

Mass	Calc. Mass	mDa	PPM	DBE	Score	Formula
1621.5859	1621.5847	1.2	0.7	73.5	1	C117 H89 S4

Figure S6. High-resolution MALDI mass spectrum of Spiro-4S.

## Elemental Composition Report

### Single Mass Analysis

Tolerance = 30.0 PPM / DBE: min = -1.5, max = 200.0

Isotope cluster parameters: Separation = 1.0 Abundance = 1.0%

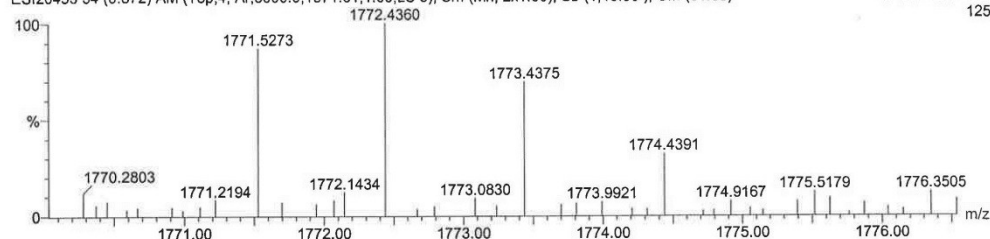
Monoisotopic Mass, Odd and Even Electron Ions

18 formula(e) evaluated with 4 results within limits (up to 50 closest results for each mass)

Xia, Spiro-SO2

ESI20453 34 (0.872) AM (Top,4, Ar,8000.0,1971.61,1.00,LS 5); Sm (Mn, 2x1.00); Sb (1,40.00); Cm (31:68)

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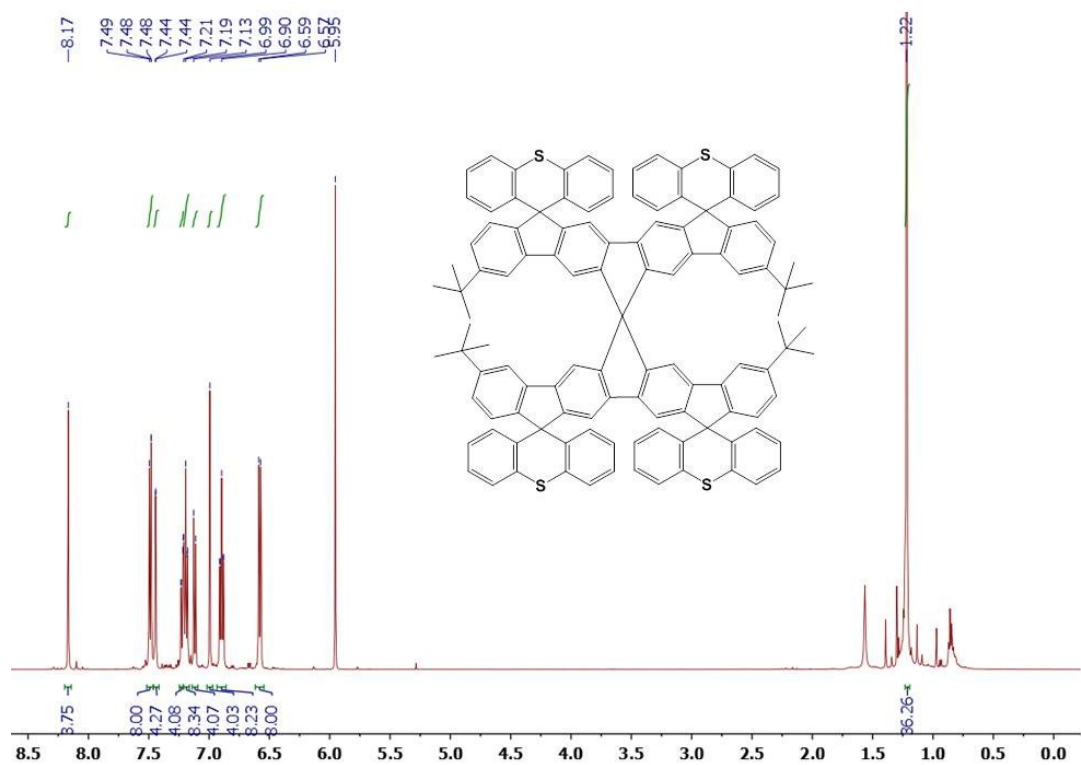
Maximum: 200.0 30.0 -1.5

Mass Calc. Mass mDa PPM DBE Score Formula

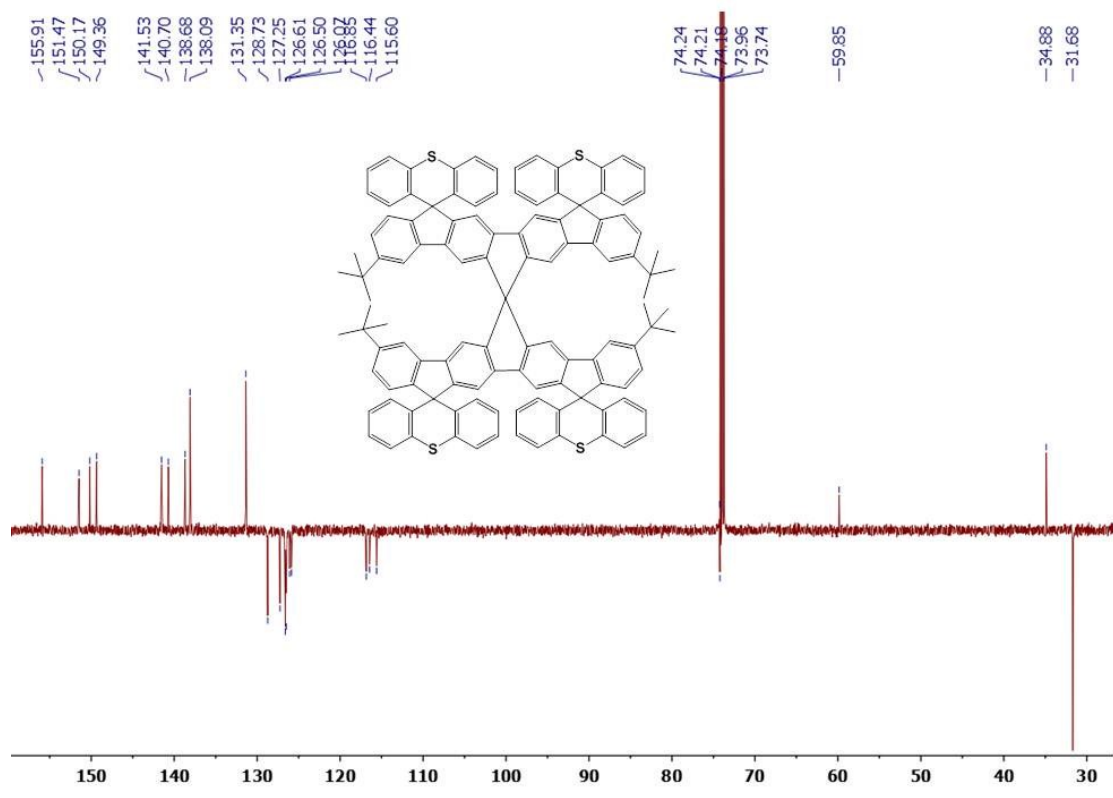
Mass	Calc. Mass	mDa	PPM	DBE	Score	Formula
1771.5273	1771.5260	1.3	0.7	73.5	3	C117 H88 O8 23Na S4
	1771.5437	-16.4	-9.3	73.5	4	C117 H88 O10 23Na S3
	1771.5082	19.1	10.8	73.5	2	C117 H88 O6 23Na S5
	1771.4905	36.8	20.8	73.5	1	C117 H88 O4 23Na S6

Figure S7. High-resolution MALDI mass spectrum of Spiro-4SO2.

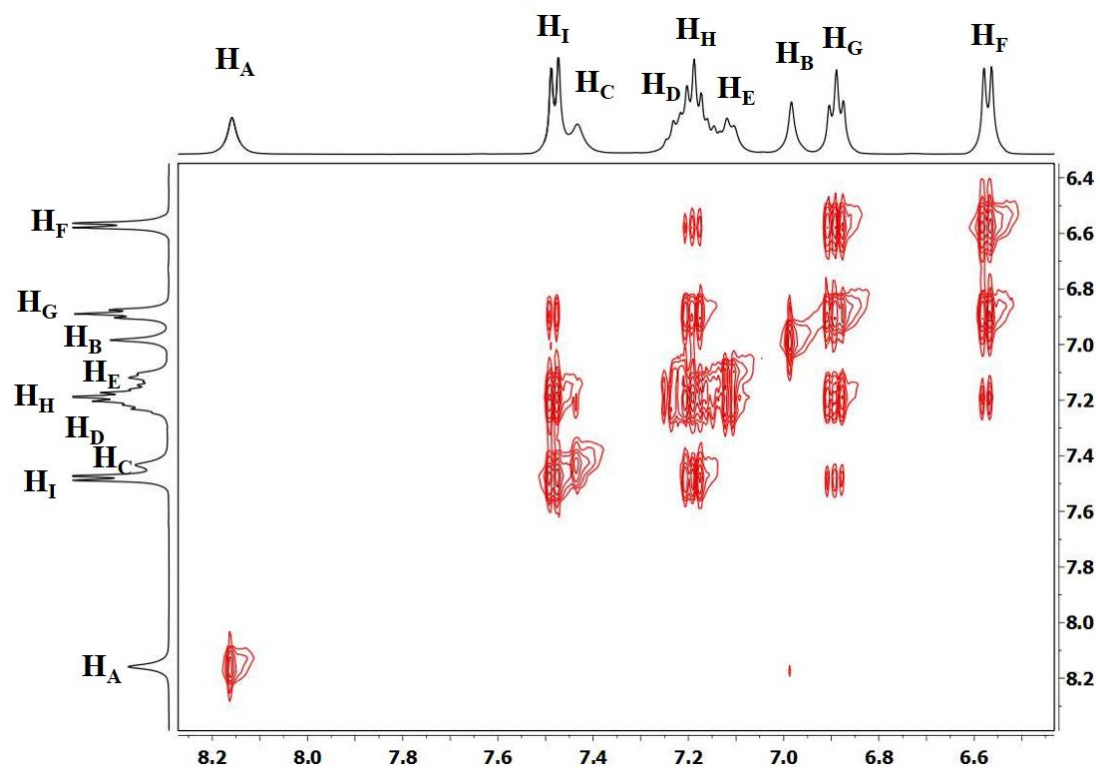
# $^1\text{H}$ -NMR and $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR Spectra



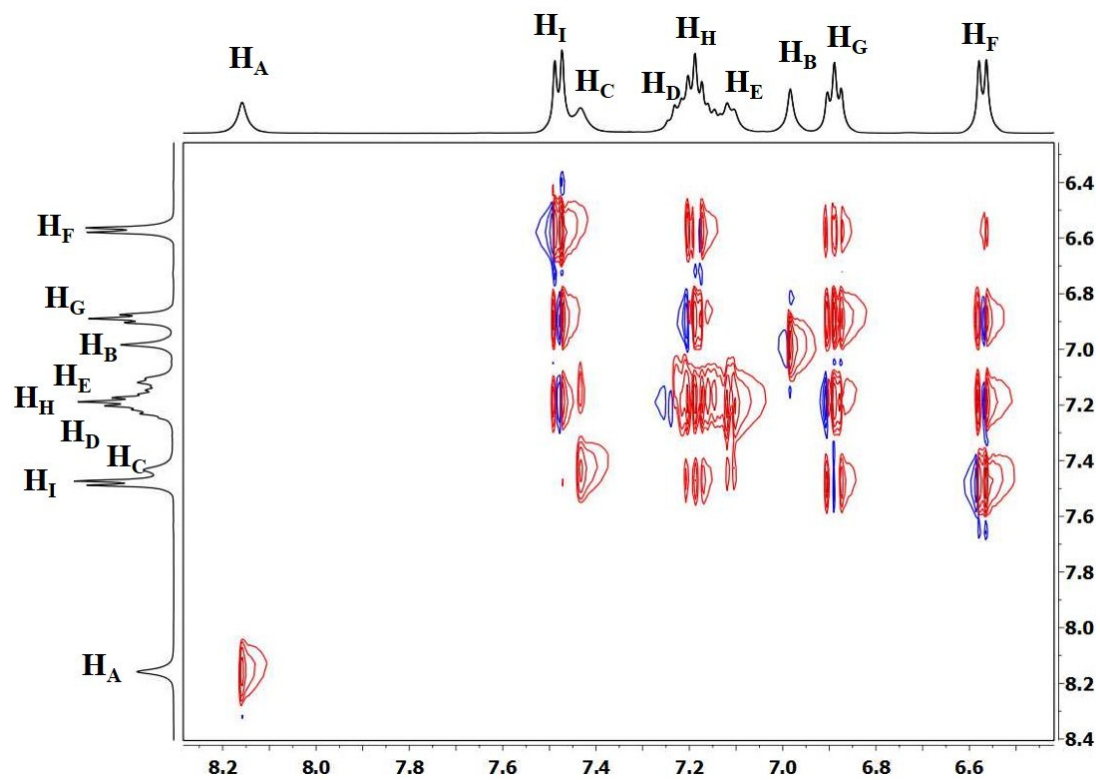
$^1\text{H}$ -NMR spectrum of Spiro-4S (298K,  $\text{C}_2\text{D}_2\text{Cl}_4$ , 500 MHz).



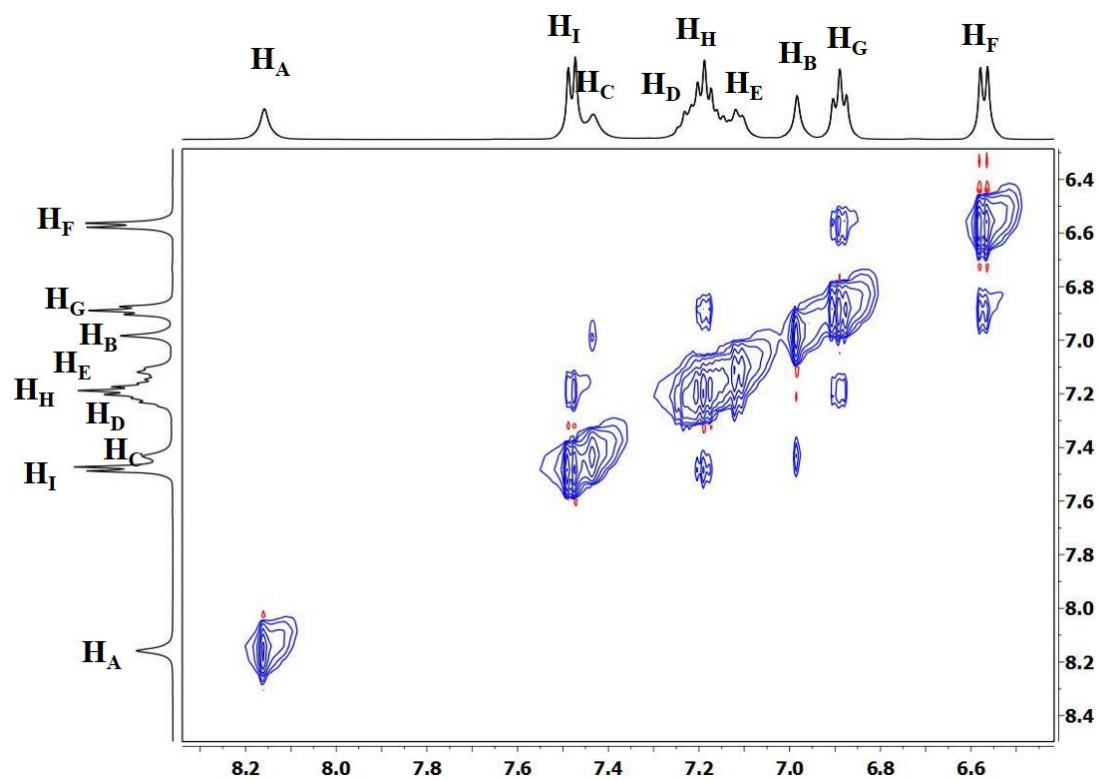
$^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR spectrum of Spiro-4S (298K,  $\text{C}_2\text{D}_2\text{Cl}_4$ , 126 MHz).



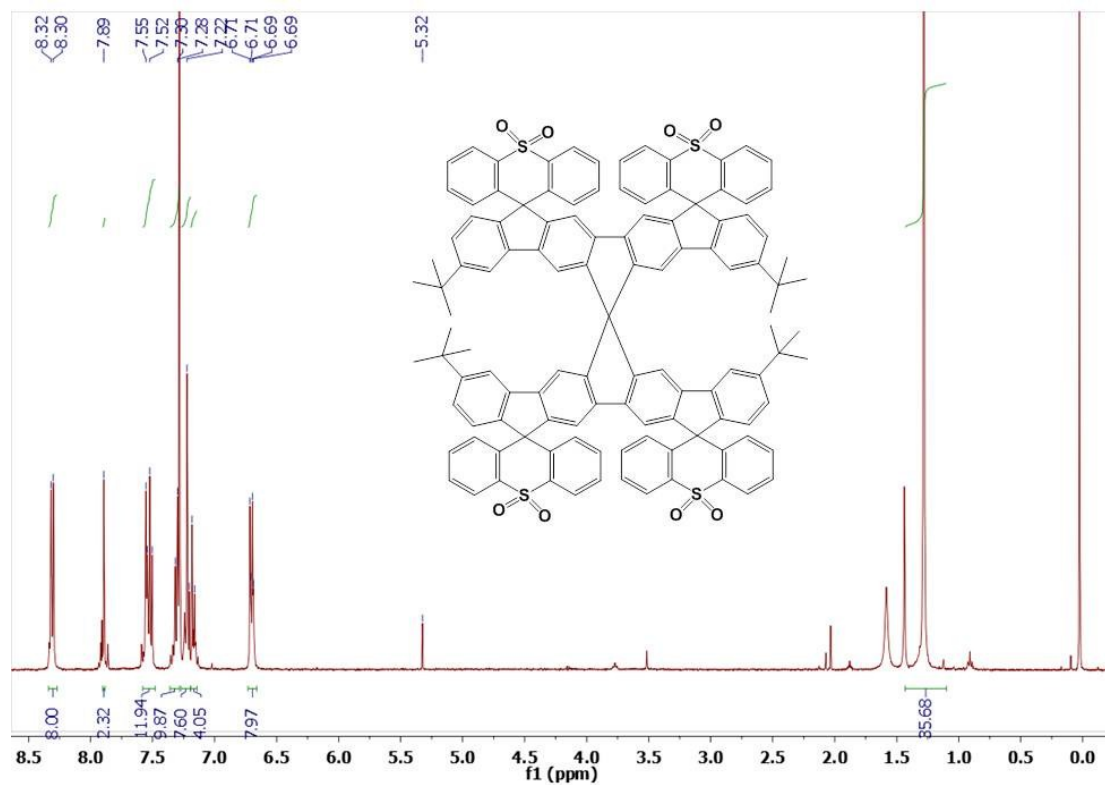
Aromatic region of H-H COSY spectrum of **Spiro-4S** (298K, C<sub>2</sub>D<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>4</sub>, 500 MHz).



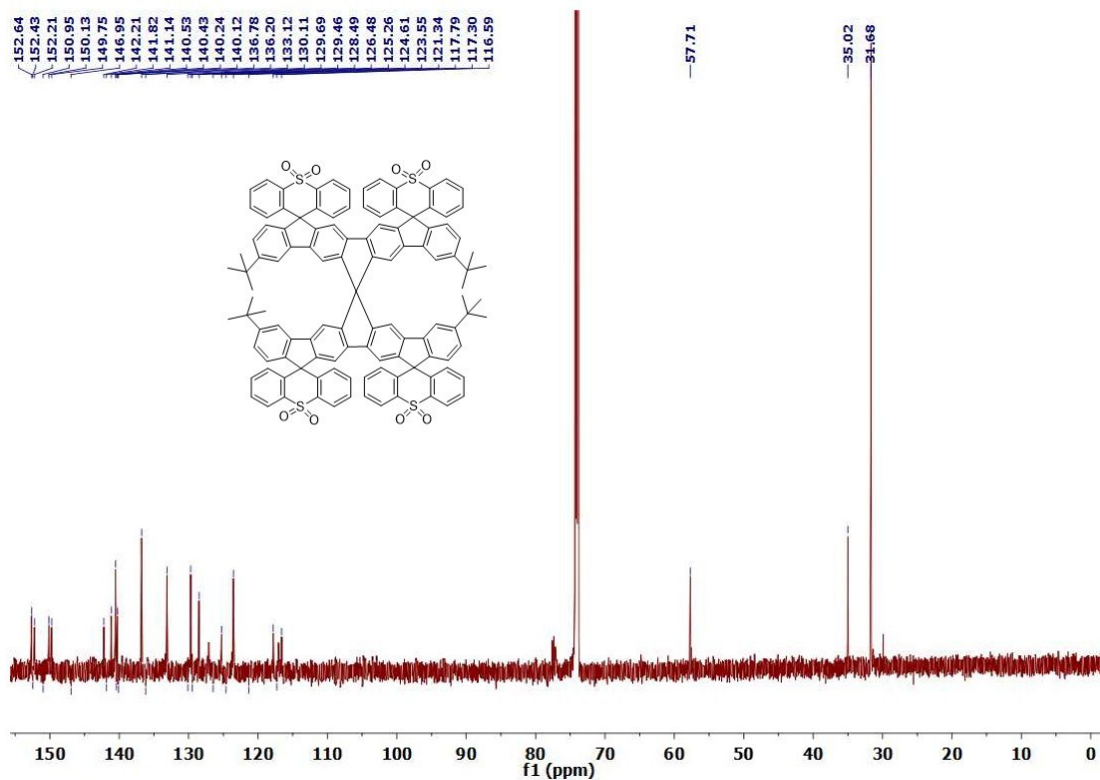
Aromatic region of H-H TOCSY spectrum of **Spiro-4S** (298K, C<sub>2</sub>D<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>4</sub>, 500 MHz).



Aromatic region of H-H NOESY spectrum of **Spiro-4S** (298K,  $C_2D_2Cl_4$ , 500 MHz).



$^1H$ -NMR spectrum of **Spiro-4SO2** (298K,  $CDCl_3$ , 400 MHz).

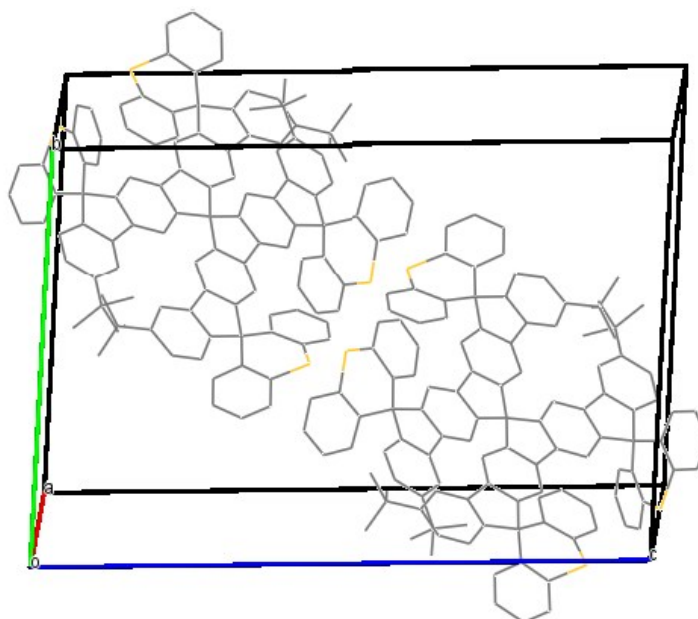


<sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectrum of Spiro-4SO<sub>2</sub> (298K, C<sub>2</sub>D<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>4</sub>, 151 MHz).

## Single crystal structure

### Crystal structure of Spiro-4S

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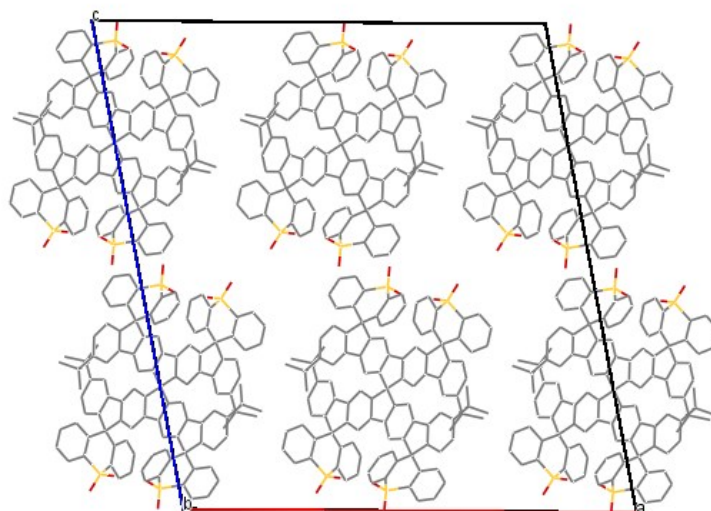
**Table S3.** Crystallographic table.

Compound	<b>Spiro-4S</b>
Molecular formula	C <sub>157</sub> H <sub>168</sub> O <sub>10</sub> S <sub>4</sub>
Formula weight	2343.14 gmol <sup>-1</sup>
Absorption coefficient	$\mu = 0.135 \text{ mm}^{-1}$
Crystal size	
Space group	P-1 (triclinic)
Lattice parameters	a = 15.9701(10) Å    alpha = 86.261(4) deg. b = 17.8188(8) Å    beta = 87.234(4) deg. c = 25.3977(11) Å    gamma = 63.893(5) deg.
Volume	6474.6(6) Å <sup>3</sup>
Z value	2
F (000)	2508.0
Calculated density	$d_{\text{xray}} = 1.202 \text{ mg/m}^3$
Temperature	173.0 K
Theta range for data collection	2.9° < $\theta$ < 25.3°
Limiting indices	-19 ≤ h ≤ 19, -21 ≤ k ≤ 21, -30 ≤ l ≤ 30
Total number of reflections	63701
Unique number of reflections	23660 (R <sub>int</sub> = 0.0571)
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F <sup>2</sup>
Final R indices [I > 2sigma(I)]	R1 = 0.1217, wR2 = 0.3276
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.1912, wR2 = 0.3935
Goodness of fit	S = 1.206
Largest diff. peak and hole	2.135 and -0.551 eÅ <sup>-3</sup>



## Crystal structure of Spiro-4SO2

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**Table S4.** Crystallographic table.

Compound	<b>Spiro-4SO2</b>
Molecular formula	$C_{133}H_{104}Cl_{32}O_8S_4$
Formula weight	3092.80 $g\ mol^{-1}$
Absorption coefficient	$\mu = 0.514\ mm^{-1}$
Space group	C 1 2/ c 1 (monoclinic)
Lattice parameters	$a = 31.7737(8)\ \text{\AA}$ $\alpha = 90\ \text{deg.}$ $b = 18.4299(6)\ \text{\AA}$ $\beta = 101.028(2)\ \text{deg.}$ $c = 34.7940(6)\ \text{\AA}$ $\gamma = 90\ \text{deg.}$
Volume	$19998.6(9)\ \text{\AA}^3$
Z value	4
F (000)	6296
Calculated density	$d_{xray} = 1.027\ mg/m^3$
Temperature	173.0 K
Theta range for data collection	$3.1^\circ < \theta < 25.0^\circ$
Limiting indices	$-37 \leq h \leq 34, -21 \leq k \leq 19, -41 \leq l \leq 41$
Total number of reflections	36447
Unique number of reflections	17507 ( $R_{int} = 0.0365$ )
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on $F^2$
Final R indices [ $I > 2\sigma(I)$ ]	$R1 = 0.1438, wR2 = 0.4203$
R indices (all data)	$R1 = 0.1836, wR2 = 0.4561$
Goodness of fit	$S = 1.612$
Largest diff. peak and hole	1.585 and $-0.874\ e\ \text{\AA}^{-3}$