

**Probing semiconductivity
in crystals of stable semiquinone radicals: organic salts of 5,6-dichloro-2,3-
dicyanosemiquinone (DDQ) radical anion**

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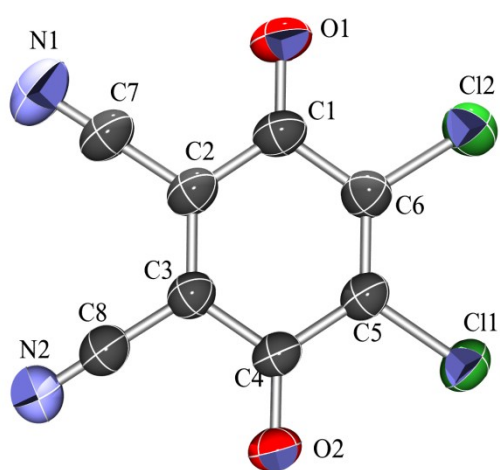
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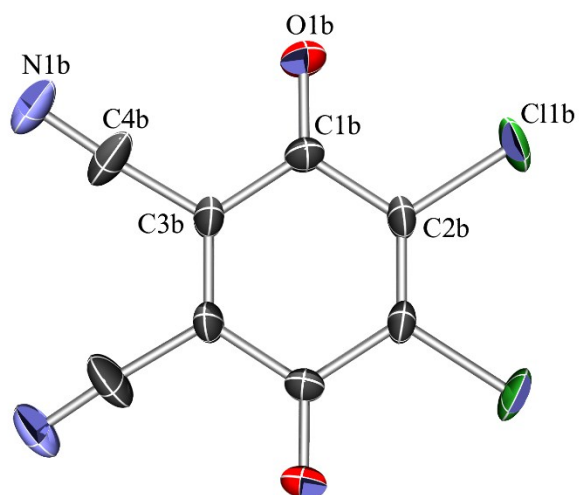
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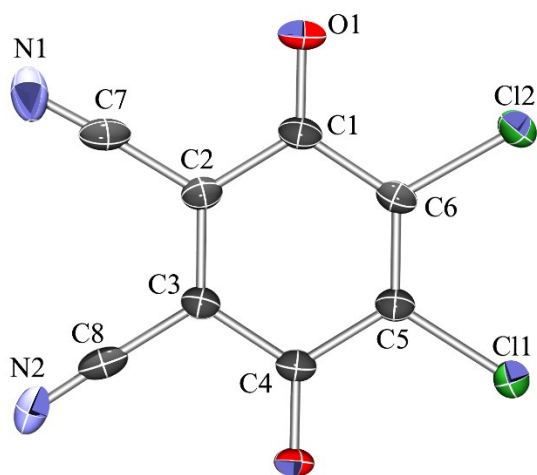
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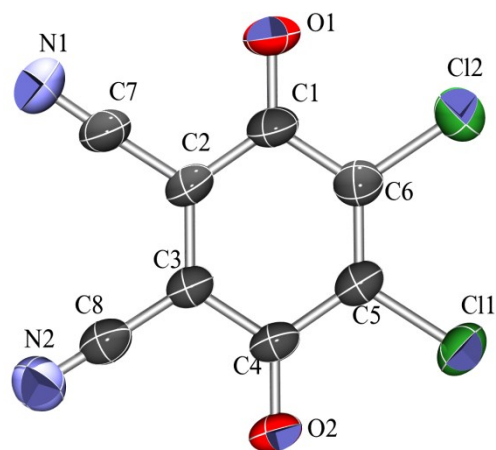
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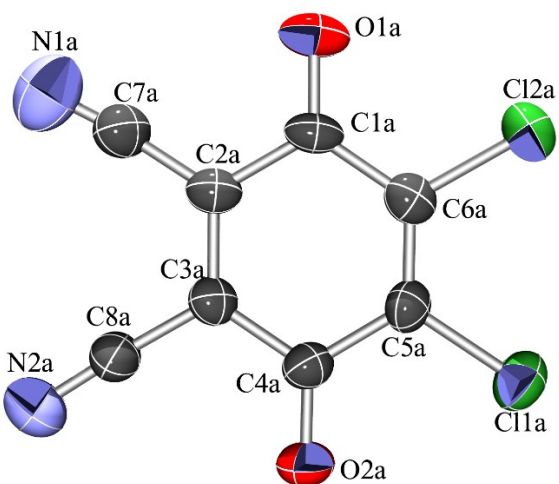
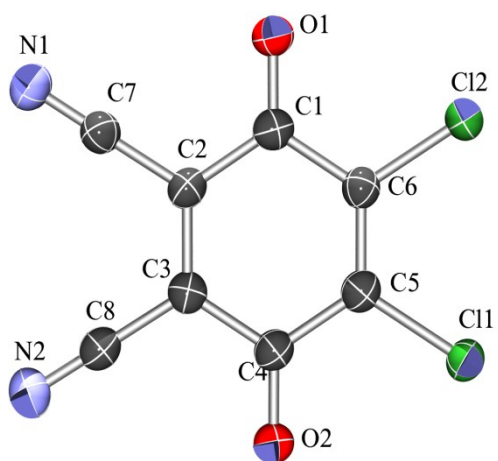
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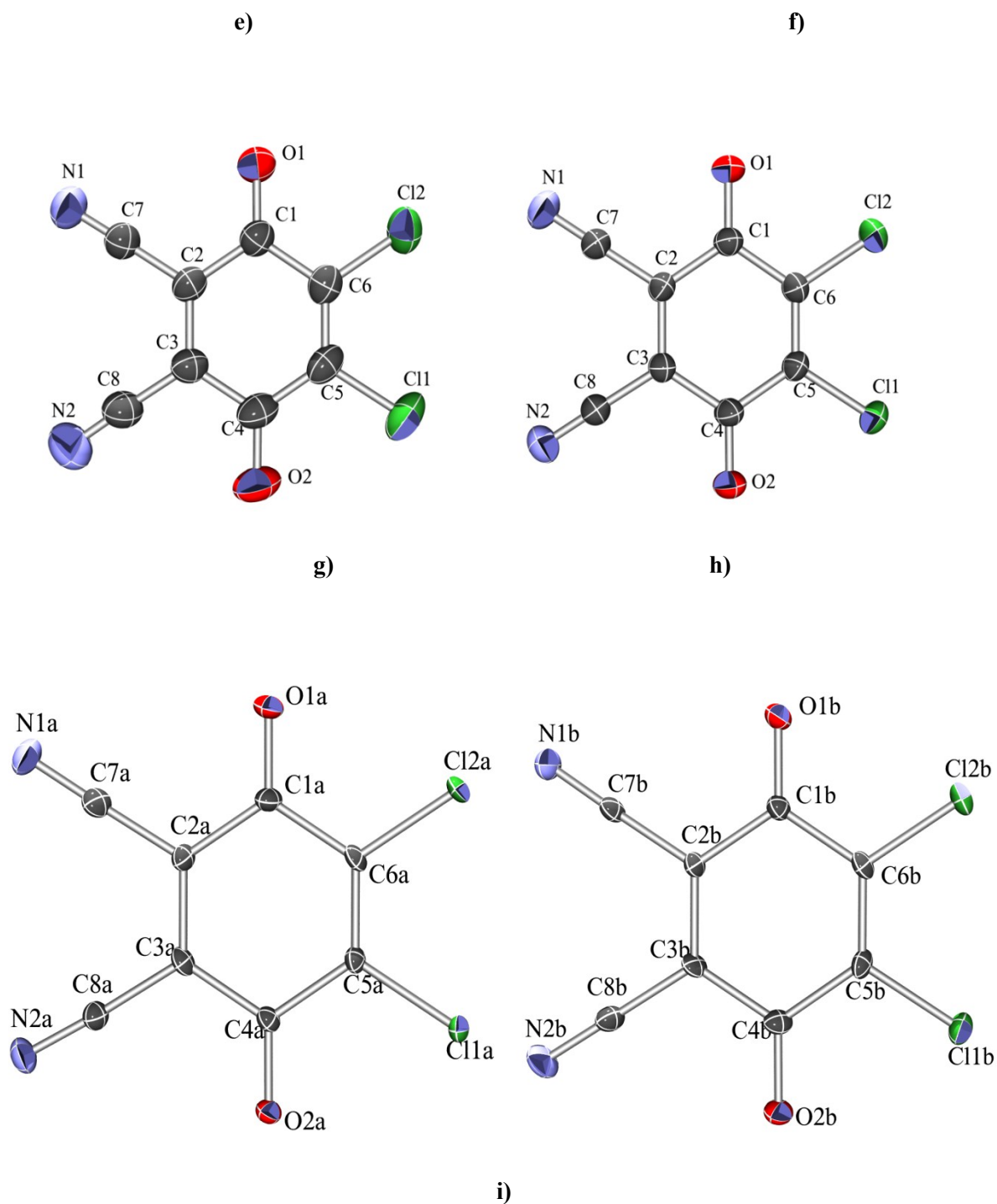
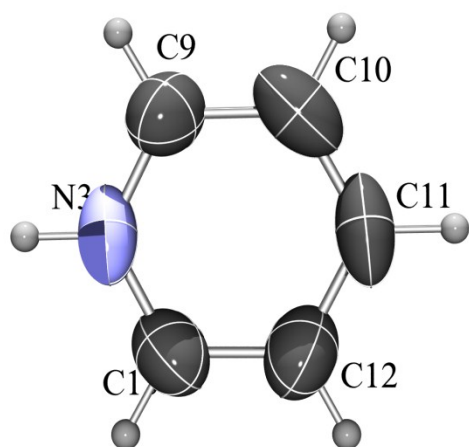
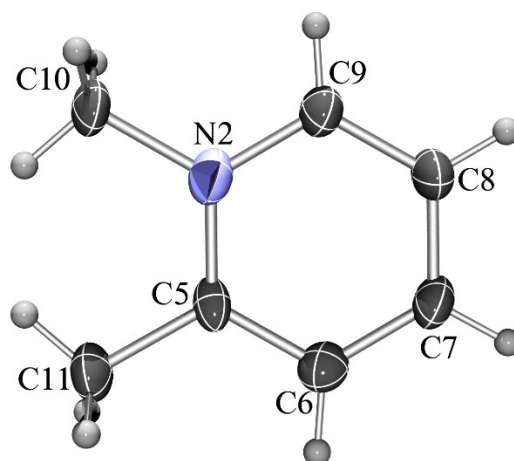


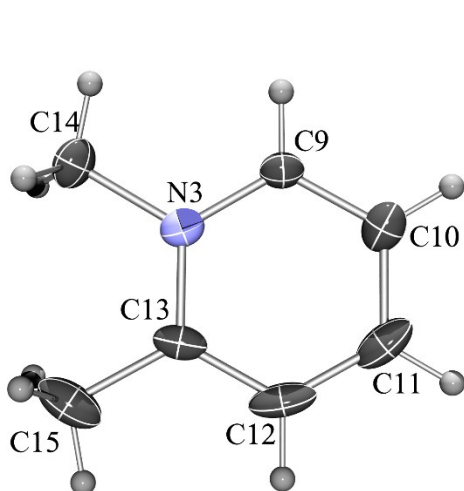
Figure S1 ORTEP-3 drawing of DDQ radical anion with atom numbering scheme in a) **1**, b) **2**-equidistant, c) **2**-dimers, d) **3**, e) **4**, f) **5**, g) **6**, h) **8** and i) two symmetry independent anions in **7**. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn for the probability of 50%; only the major component of the disorder is shown for **2**-equidistant and **5**.



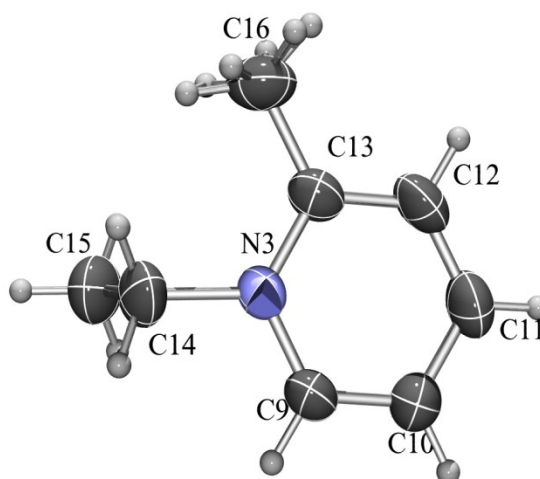
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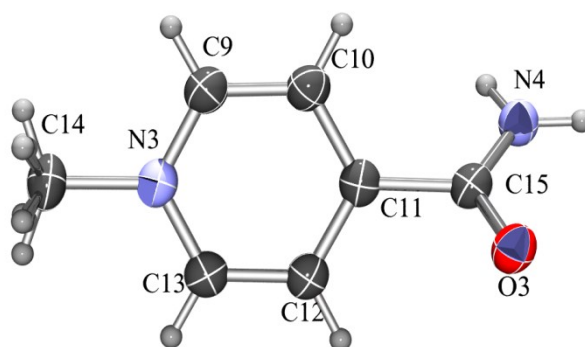
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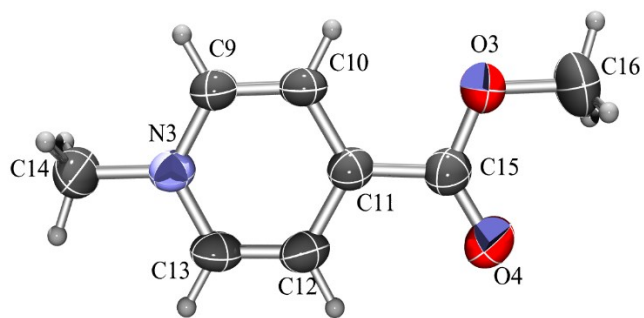
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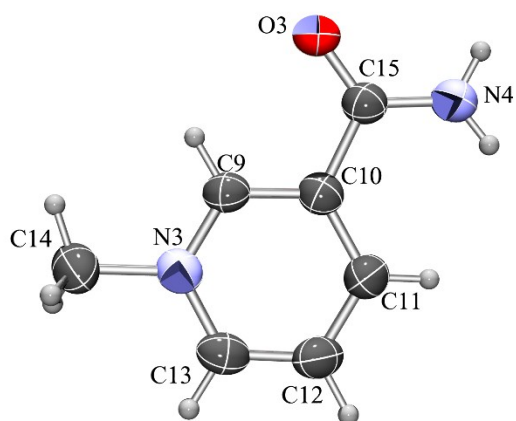
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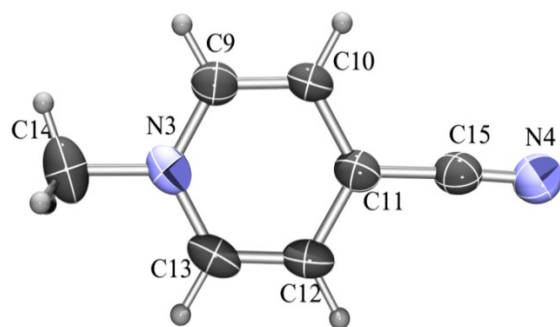
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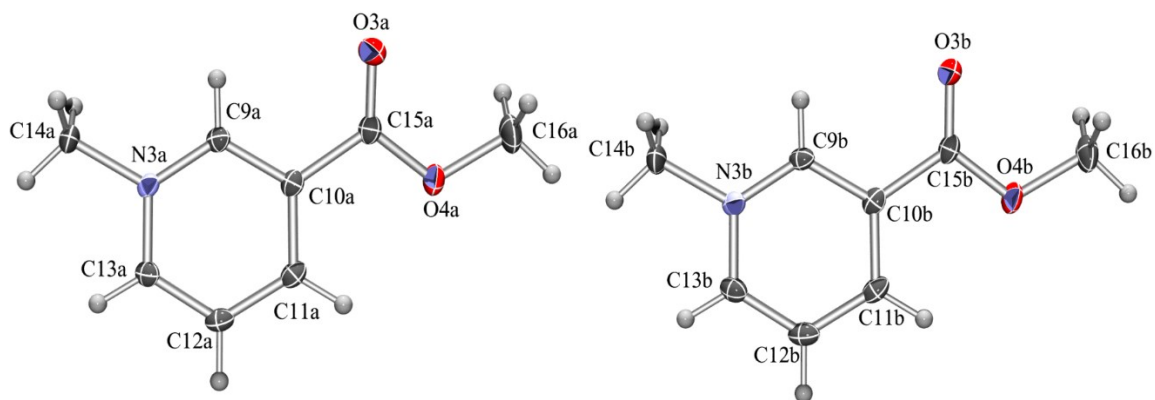
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Figure S2 ORTEP-3 drawings of cations: a) pyridinium from **1**, b) *N*-methyl-2-methylpyridinium from **2**-equidistant, c) *N*-methyl-2-methylpyridinium from **2**-dimers, d) *N*-ethyl-2-methylpyridinium from **3**, e) *N*-methyl-4-amidopyridinium from **4**, f) *N*-methyl-4-carboxymethylpyridinium from **5**, g) *N*-methyl-3-amidopyridinium from **6**, h) *N*-methyl-4-cyanopyridinium from **8**, and i) two symmetry-independent *N*-methyl-3-carboxymethylpyridinium cations from **7**. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn for the probability of 50 % and hydrogen atoms are shown as spheres of arbitrary radii.

S2 Geometry of the DDQ radical anion

Table S1 Geometric parameters of DDQ radical anions (Å, °). Compounds **2**-equidistant and **5** have been omitted due to disorder and poor data, respectively.

	1	2- dimers	3	4	6	7 A	7 B	8
C1-O1	1.238(3)	1.243(3)	1.242(2)	1.239(3)	1.245(3)	1.242(3)	1.245(3)	1.2418(15)
C4-O2	1.253(3)	1.241(3)	1.245(2)	1.248(3)	1.245(3)	1.245(3)	1.239(3)	1.2379(16)
C1-C2	1.454(4)	1.458(3)	1.444(3)	1.452(4)	1.449(3)	1.444(3)	1.453(3)	1.4522(17)
C2-C3	1.374(3)	1.388(3)	1.383(2)	1.391(3)	1.387(3)	1.390(3)	1.383(3)	1.3870(17)
C3-C4	1.439(3)	1.446(3)	1.445(2)	1.447(3)	1.452(3)	1.443(3)	1.450(3)	1.4552(17)
C4-C5	1.467(4)	1.470(3)	1.469(3)	1.462(4)	1.462(4)	1.472(3)	1.470(3)	1.4650(17)
C5-C6	1.357(3)	1.363(3)	1.361(3)	1.373(4)	1.359(3)	1.360(3)	1.362(3)	1.3548(17)
C6-C1	1.470(4)	1.461(3)	1.461(3)	1.467(3)	1.465(3)	1.469(3)	1.463(3)	1.4693(17)
C2-C7	1.432(4)	1.434(3)	1.431(3)	1.433(3)	1.433(3)	1.431(4)	1.436(4)	1.4322(17)
C3-C8	1.439(4)	1.445(3)	1.429(3)	1.440(4)	1.427(4)	1.438(3)	1.438(3)	1.4324(17)
C7-N1	1.135(5)	1.083(3)	1.128(3)	1.150(3)	1.135(3)	1.155(4)	1.154(3)	1.1407(17)
C8-N2	1.134(4)	1.062(3)	1.109(3)	1.143(4)	1.141(4)	1.149(3)	1.150(3)	1.1469(18)
C5-Cl1	1.719(2)	1.737(2)	1.723(2)	1.726(2)	1.717(2)	1.720(2)	1.722(2)	1.7145(12)
C6-Cl2	1.715(3)	1.738(2)	1.724(2)	1.711(3)	1.723(2)	1.716(2)	1.719(2)	1.7147(13)
τ	3.9	2.8	4.2	2.5	3.0	3.8	2.8	3.9

S3 Data on crystal packings

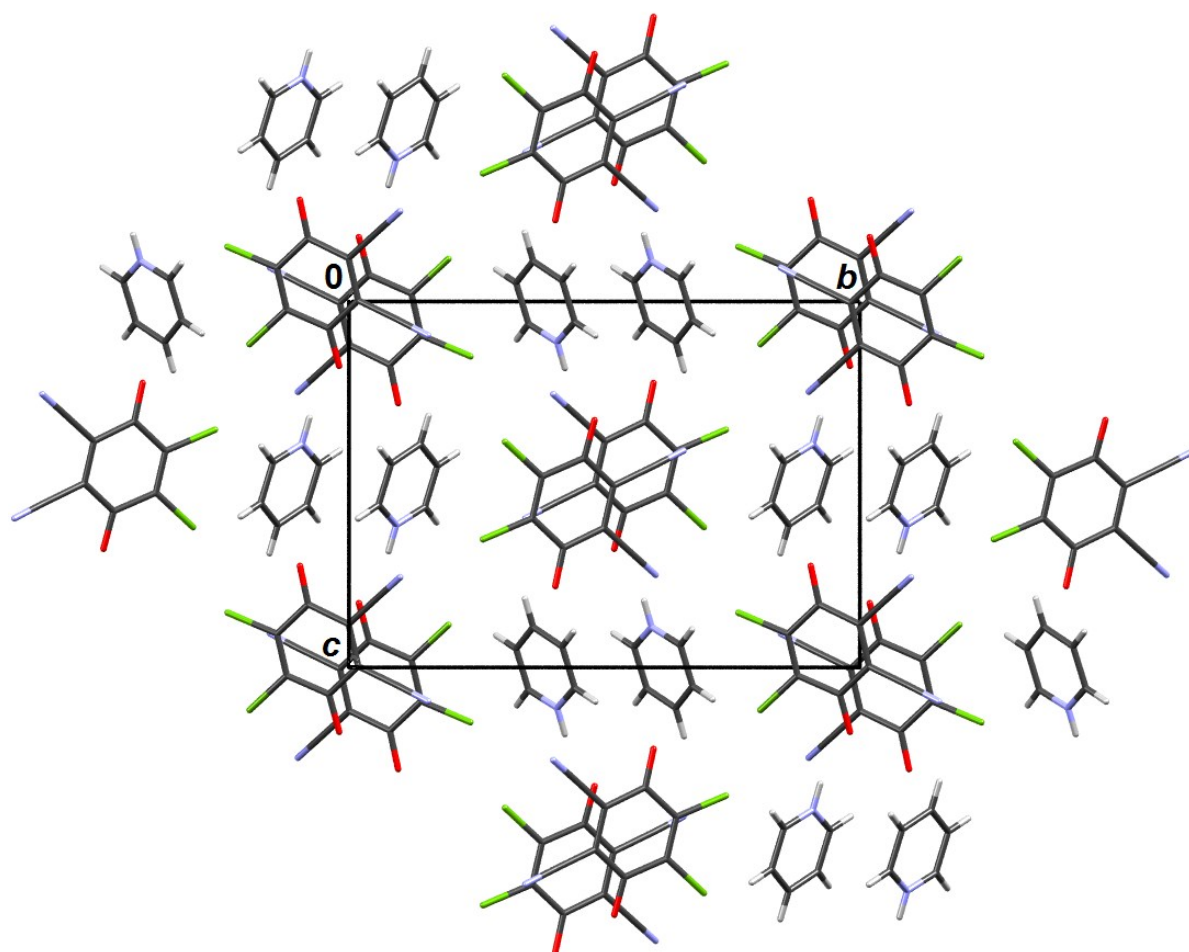


Figure S3 Crystal packing of **1** viewed in the direction $[100]$.

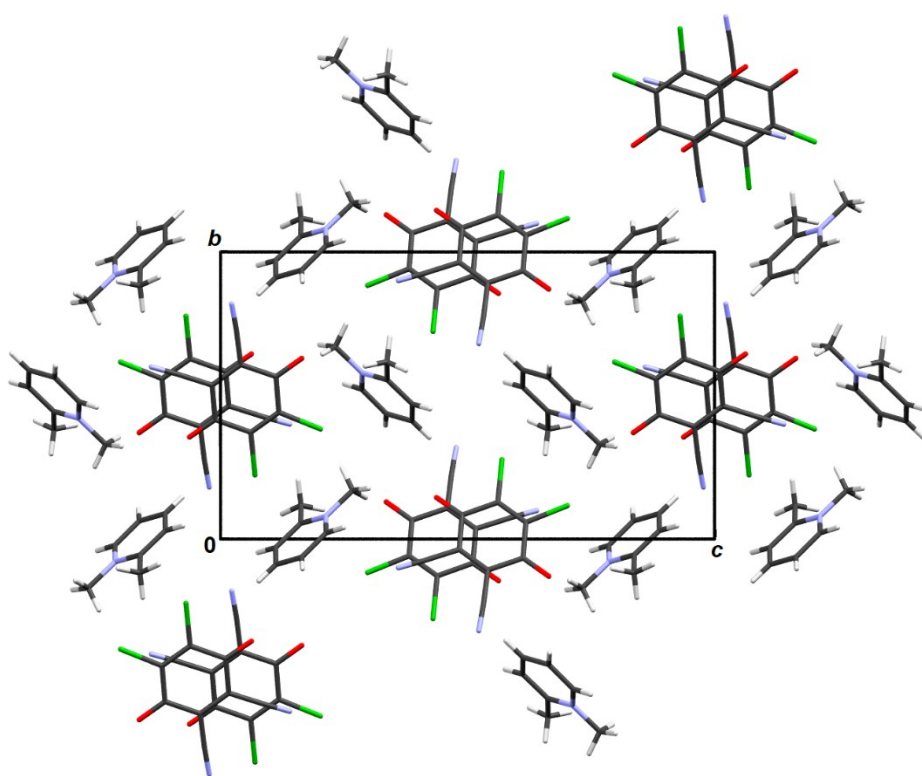


Figure S4 Crystal packing of **2-dimers** viewed in the direction [100].

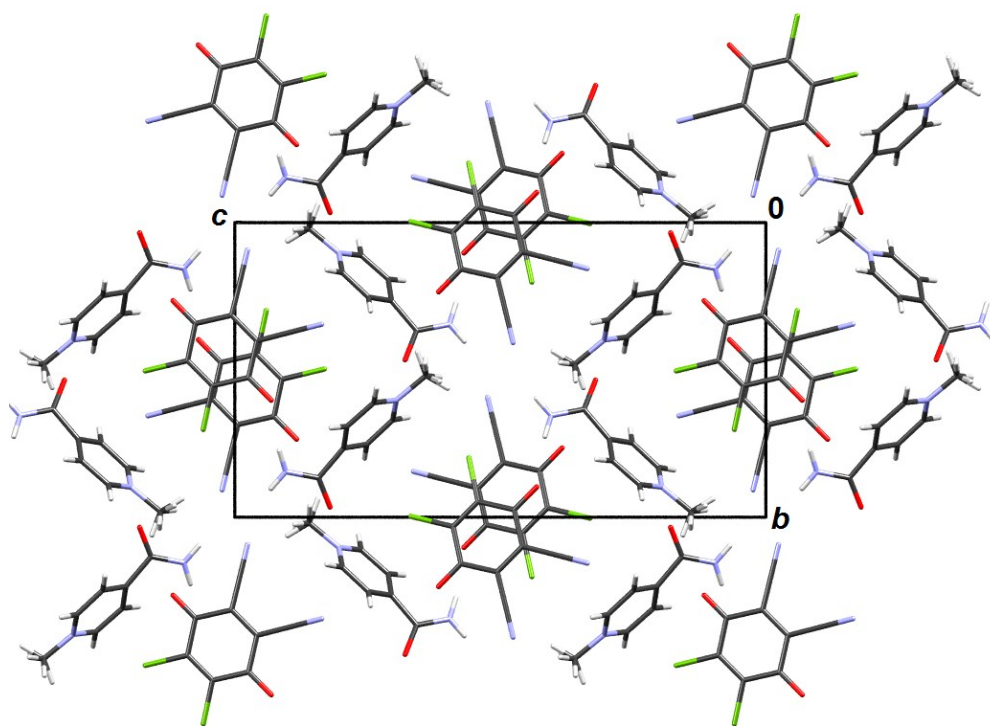


Figure S5 Crystal packing of **4** viewed in the direction [100].

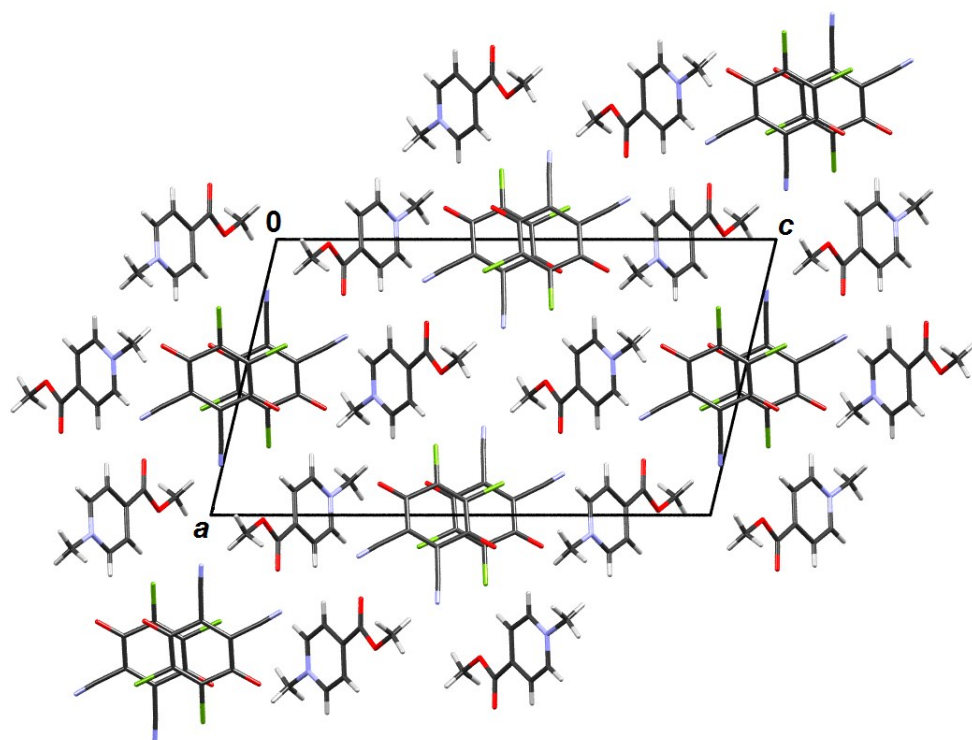


Figure S6 Crystal packing of **5** viewed in the direction $[010]$.

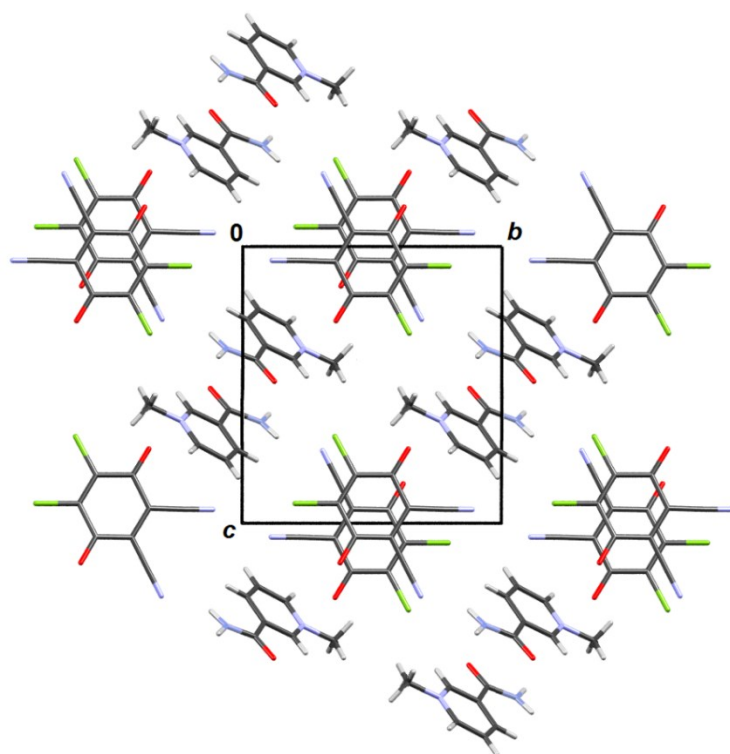


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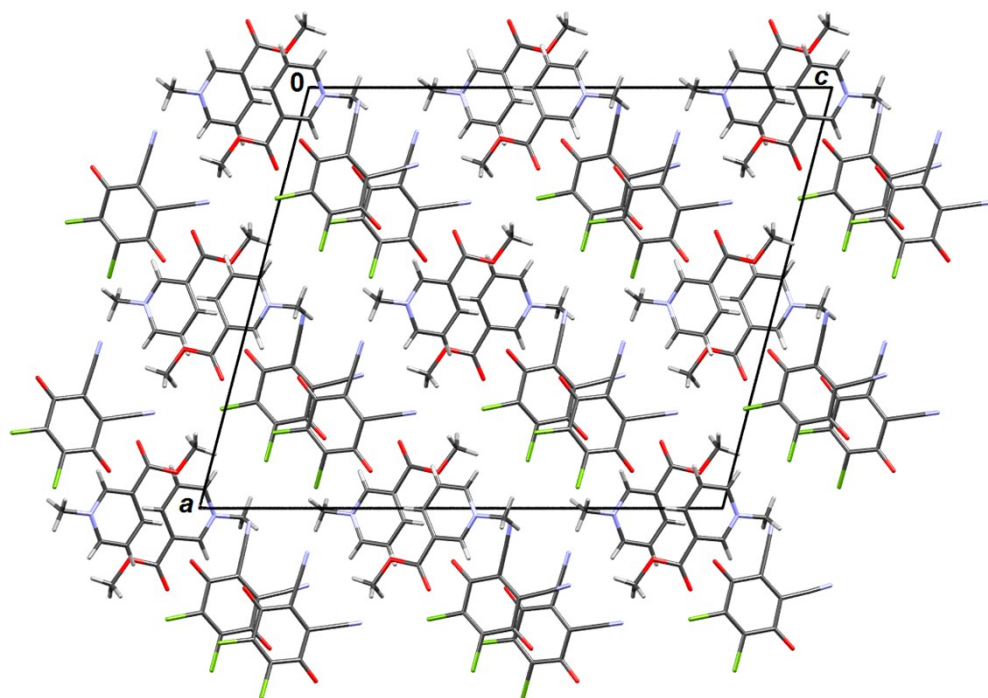


Figure S8 Crystal packing of **7** viewed in the direction $[010]$.

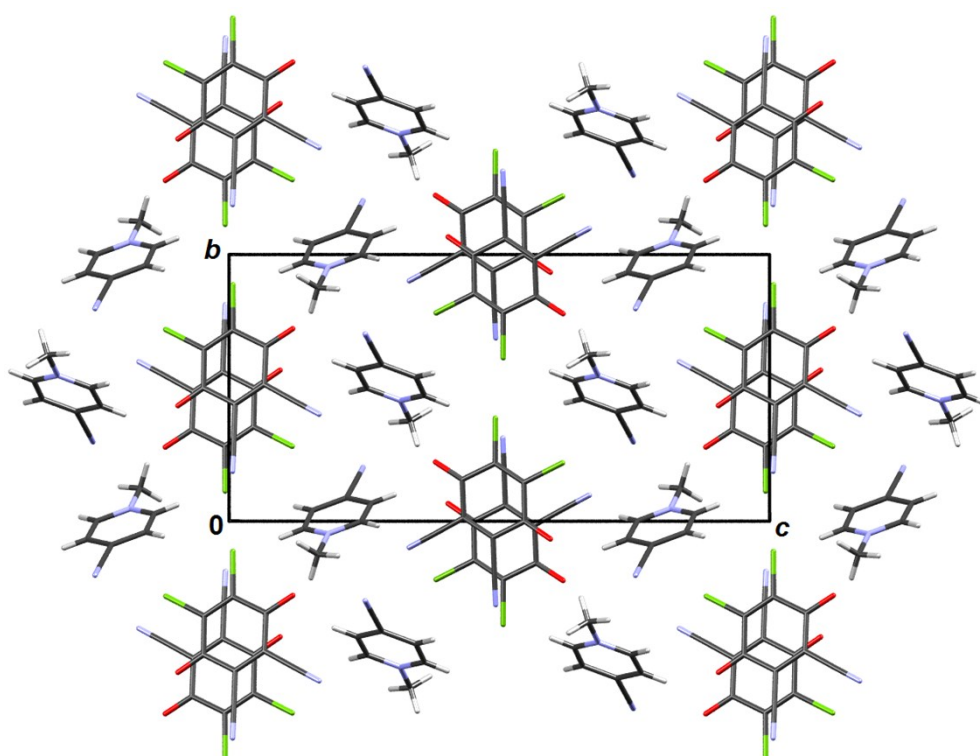


Figure S9 Crystal packing of **8** viewed in the direction $[100]$.

S4 Details on electrical measurements

Axes of all crystals were checked on a diffractometer: unit cell and orientation matrix were found, and then direction of the crystallographic axes were found using the tool for indexing faces (simply by defining faces $\{100\}$, $\{010\}$ and $\{001\}$). In all compounds the direction of stacking corresponded to the longest axis of the crystal (Figs. S10-S17). The electrical contacts were made by application of silver paste to opposite ends of rod-like crystals (Fig. S18). For electrical measurements we used the largest crystals in our samples, which were typically about 0.5 mm long and 0.1 mm thick.

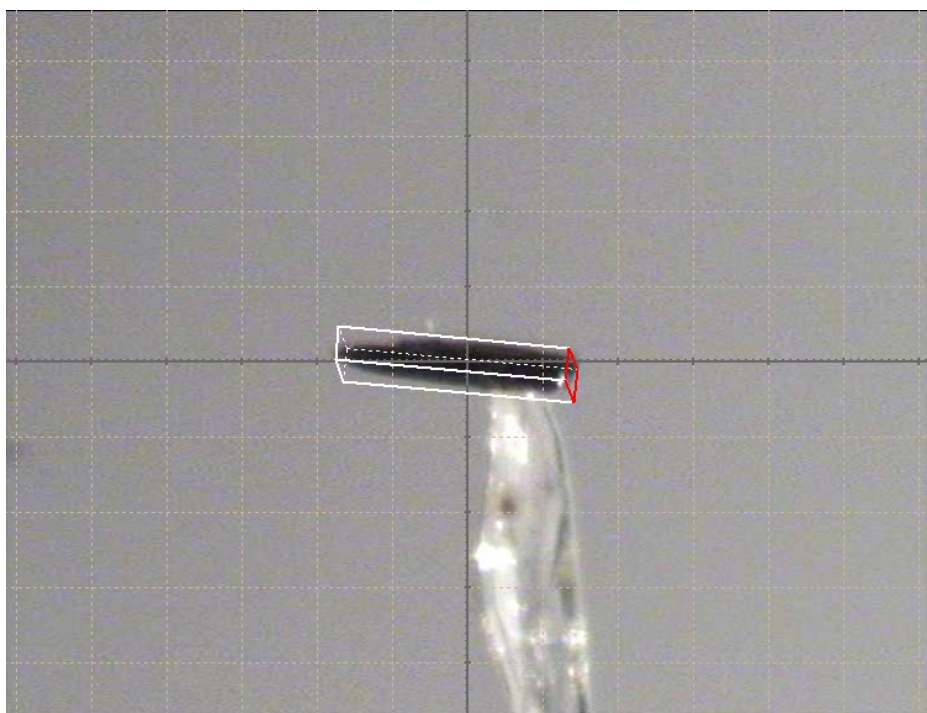


Figure S10 Crystal of 2-equidistant with crystallographic axes indicated by defining fictive faces $\{100\}$, $\{010\}$ and $\{001\}$. Direction of stacking is the longest axis, $[100]$, so the (100) face is highlighted in red.

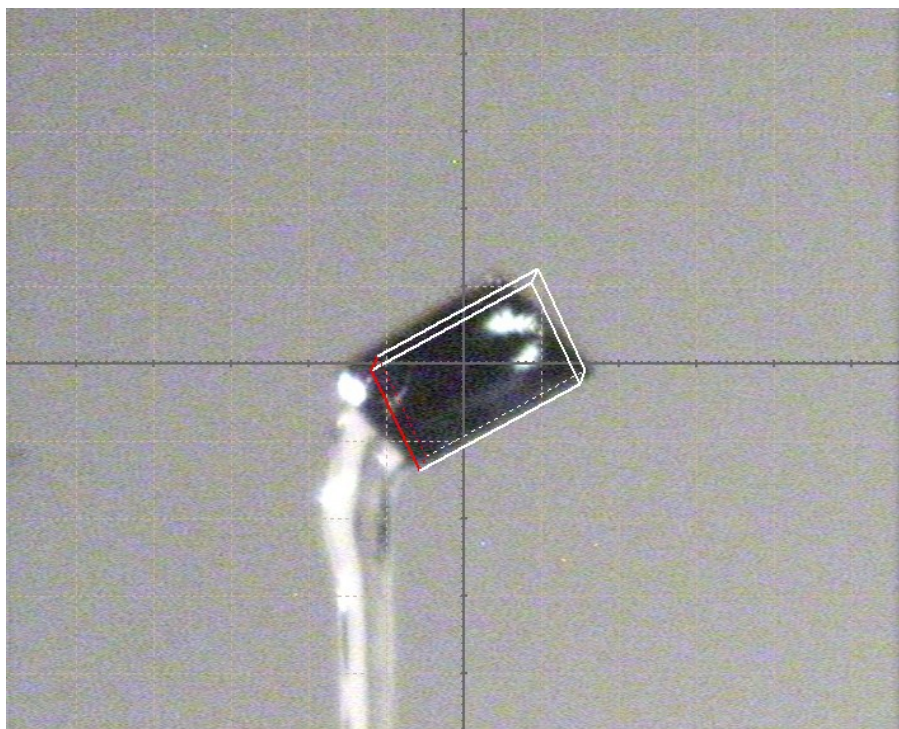


Figure S11 Crystal of **2**-dimers with crystallographic axes indicated by defining fictive faces $\{100\}$, $\{010\}$ and $\{001\}$. Direction of stacking is the longest axis, $[100]$, so the (100) face is highlighted in red.

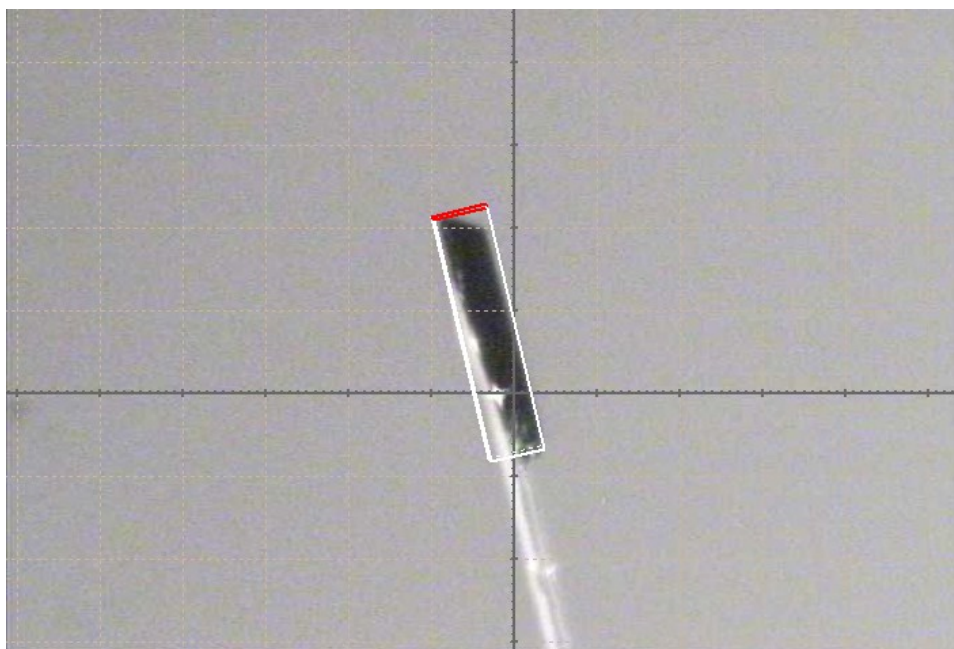


Figure S12 Crystal of **3** with crystallographic axes indicated by defining fictive faces $\{100\}$, $\{010\}$ and $\{001\}$. Direction of stacking is the longest axis, $[001]$, so the (001) face is highlighted in red.



Figure S13 Crystal of **4**. The raw data were unfortunately lost due to a malfunction of a hard drive; however it is reasonable to assume that the longest axis of the crystal corresponds to the direction $[100]$, which is the direction of stacking.

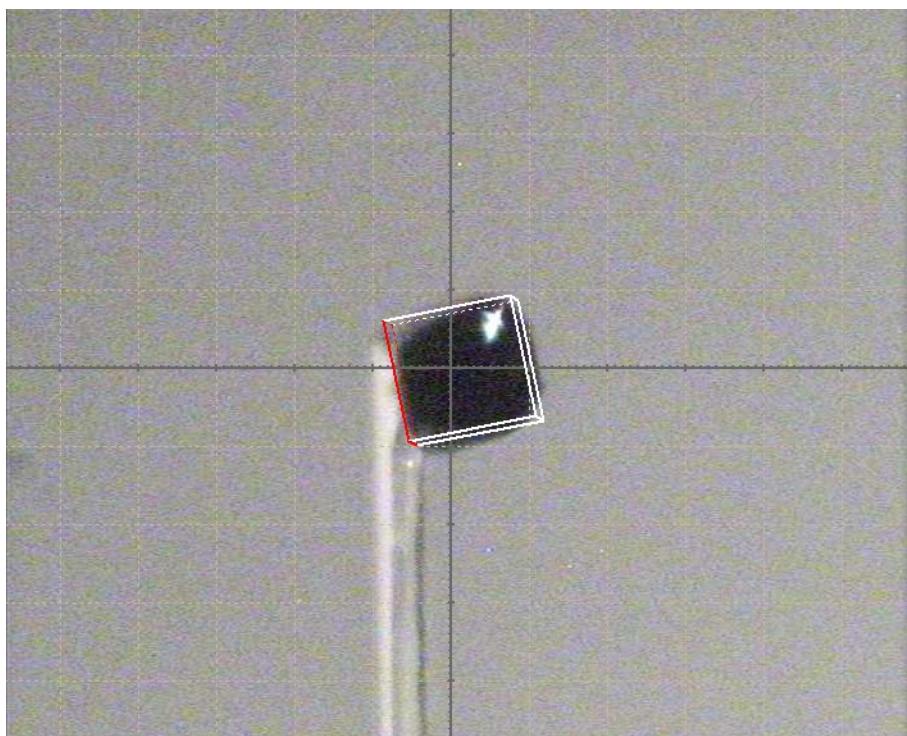


Figure S14 Crystal of **5** with crystallographic axes indicated by defining fictive faces $\{100\}$, $\{010\}$ and $\{001\}$. Direction of stacking is $[010]$, so the (010) face is highlighted in red.

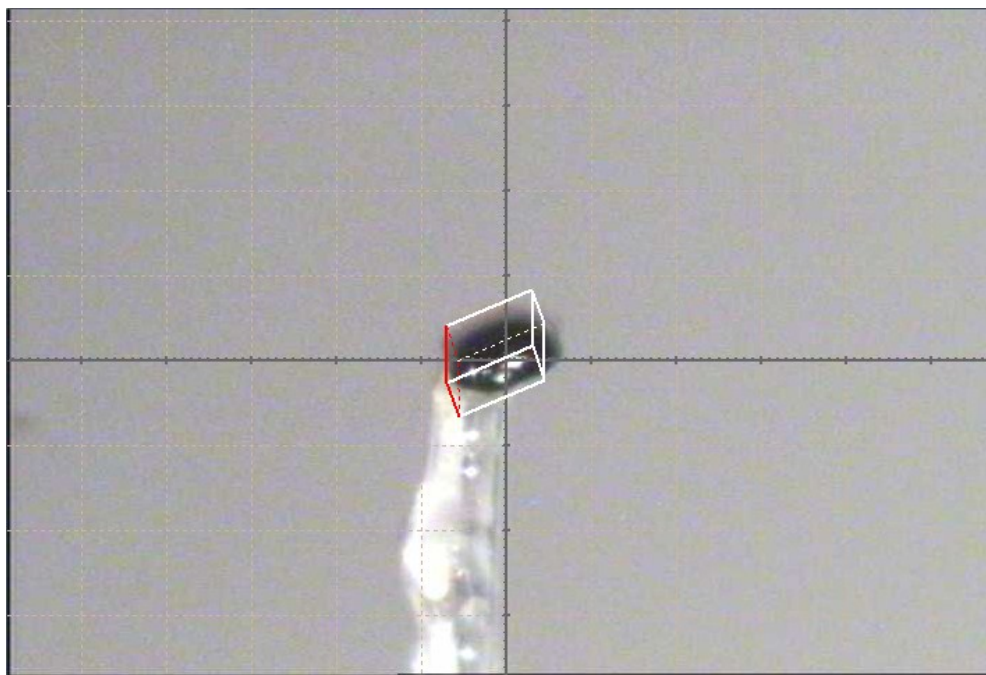


Figure S15 Crystal of **6** with crystallographic axes indicated by defining fictive faces $\{100\}$, $\{010\}$ and $\{001\}$. Direction of stacking is the longest axis, $[100]$, so the (100) face is highlighted in red.

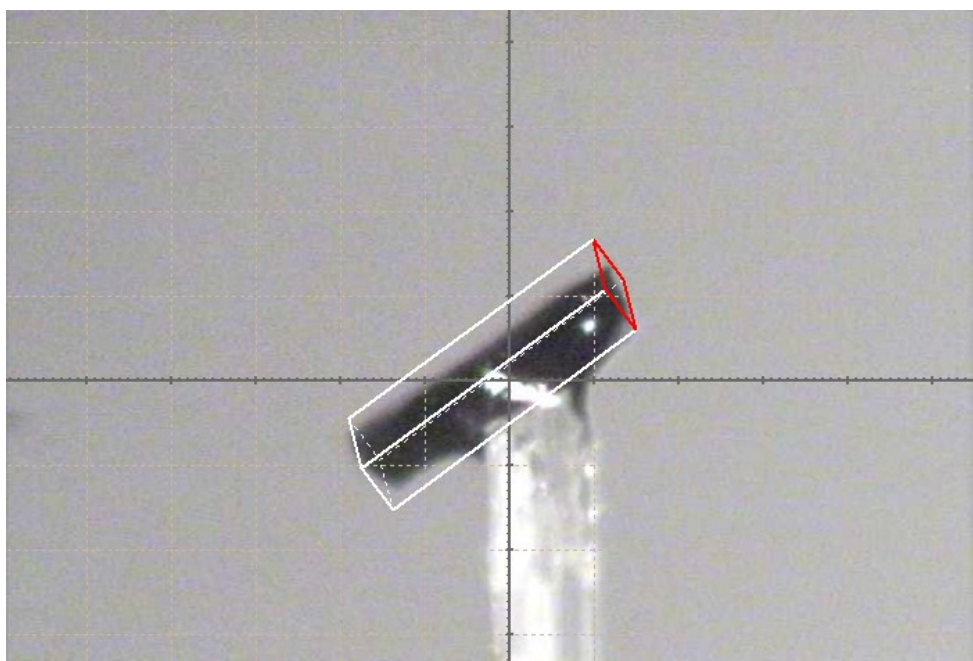


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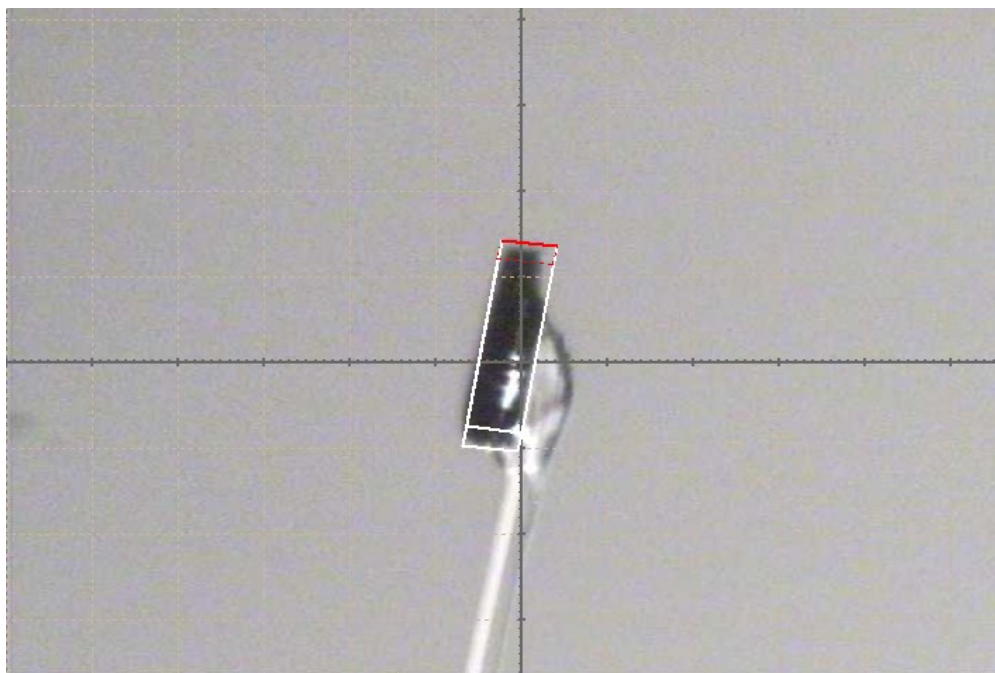


Figure S17 Crystal of **8** with crystallographic axes indicated by defining fictive faces $\{100\}$, $\{010\}$ and $\{001\}$. Direction of stacking is the longest axis, $[100]$, so the (100) face is highlighted in red.

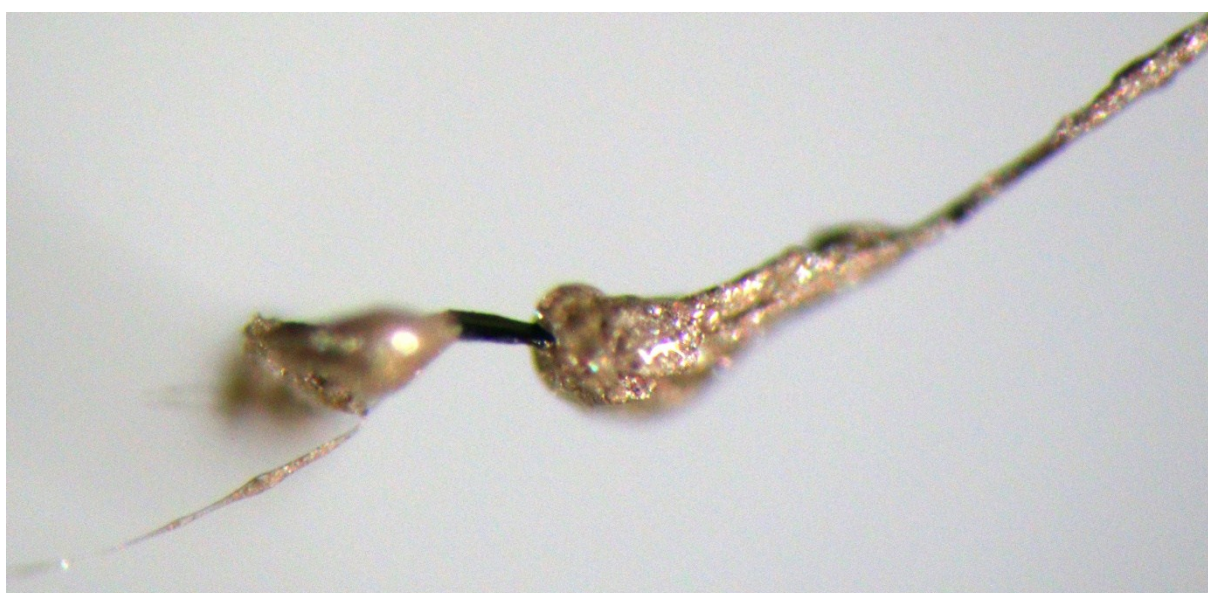


Figure S18 A photograph of a small crystal of **9** (*ca.* 0.25 mm long) with electrical contacts applied to faces $\{100\}$.

S5 Cartesian coordinates of the converged geometries and the corresponding absolute energies (in Hartrees).

Cis-(parallel)-DDQ₂²⁻ dimer at UM05-2X/6-311G(d,p), -2970.59602664 Hartrees.

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C	2.958570000000	2.488722000000	-0.086329000000

Trans-(antiparallel)-DDQ₂²⁻ dimer at UM05-2X/6-311G(d,p), -2970.60392538 Hartrees.

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