

## Electronic Supplementary Information

### BODIPY–*ortho*-Carborane–Tetraphenylethylene Triad: Synthesis, Characterization, and Properties

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## General Information

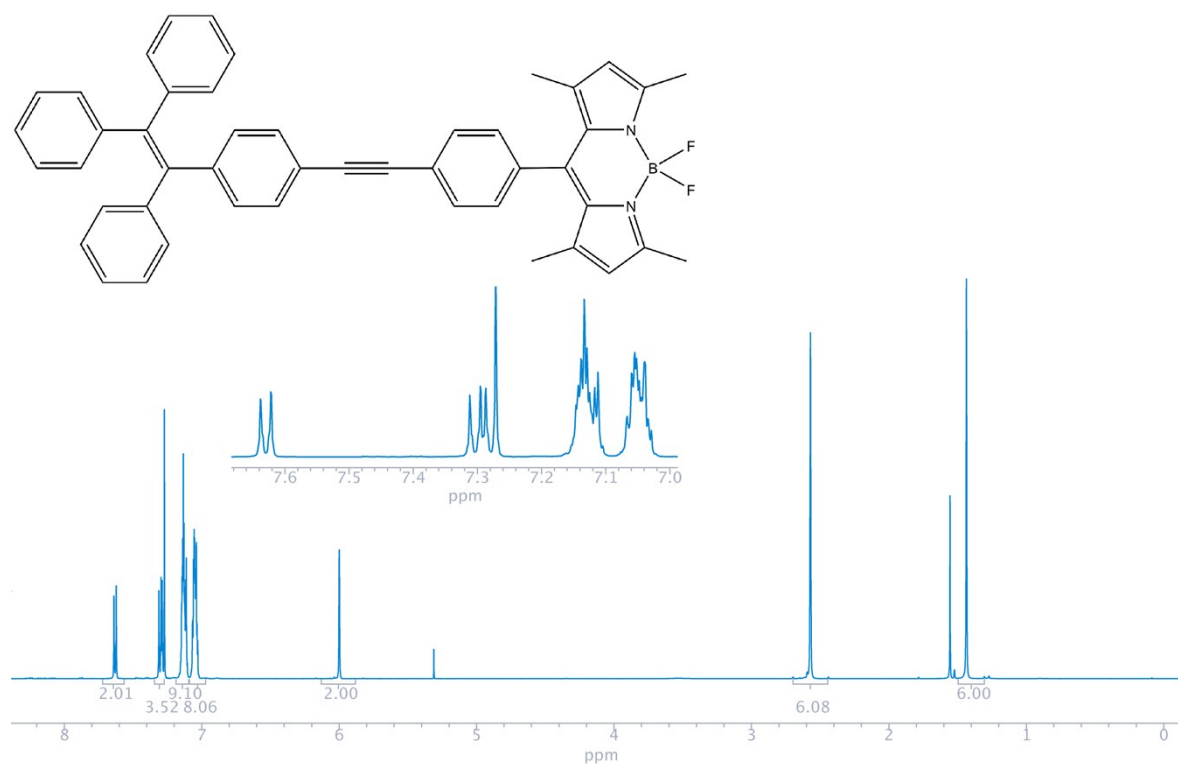
All NMR spectra were recorded on Agilent VNMRs 500 MHz at 25 °C and chemical shifts were referenced internally using the residual solvent resonances. Mass spectra were measured on a MALDI (matrix assisted laser desorption ionization) BRUKER Microflex LT using DHB (2,5-Dihydroxybenzoic acid) as the matrix. All reagents and solvents were of reagent grade quality obtained from commercial suppliers.

A Varian Cary-Eclipse Luminescence Spectrometer was used for recording spectra and making fluorescence measurements.

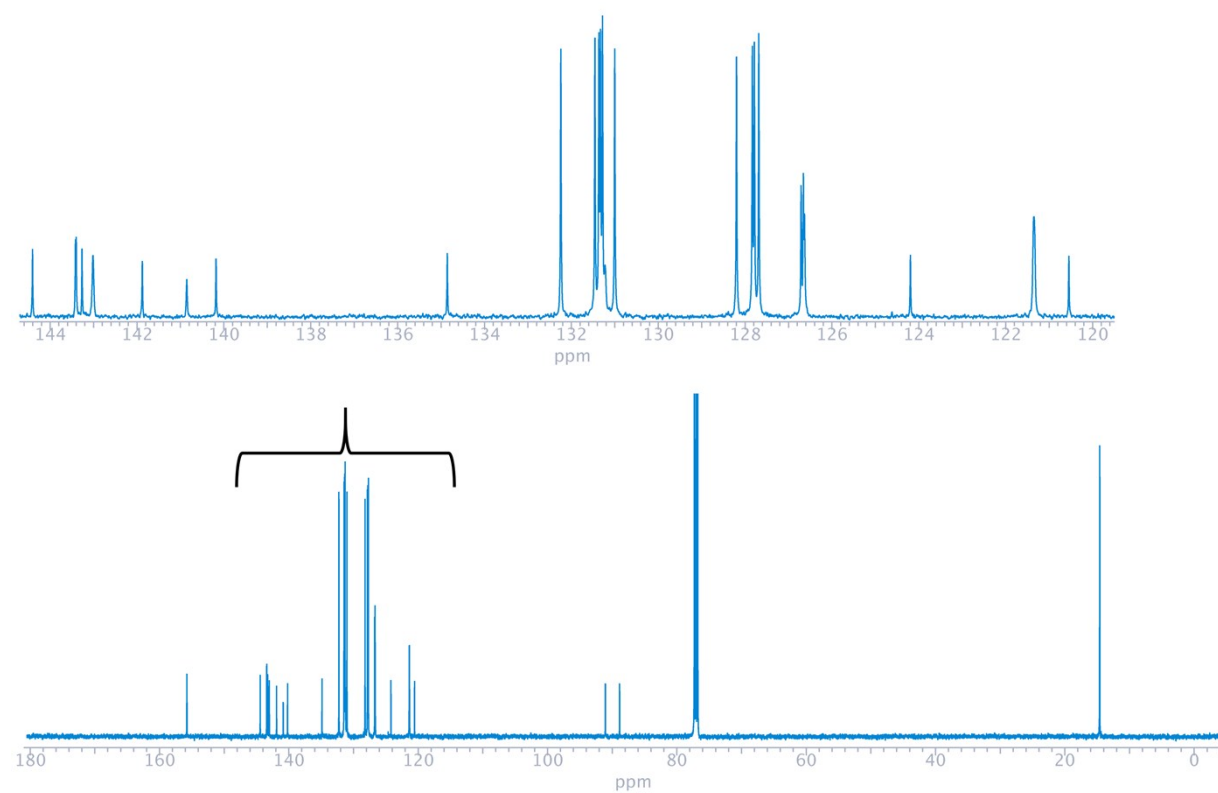
Electrochemical measurements were carried out using a Gamry 600 Potentiostat/Galvanostat. The cell comprised inlets for a glassy carbon working electrode, a platinum wire counter electrode and a saturated calomel electrode (SCE) reference electrode. Typically, a 0.1 M solution of TBAP in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> containing the sample was purged with nitrogen for 20 min, and then the voltammograms were recorded at room temperature.

Single crystals of the compounds were mounted on a MicroMount (MiTeGen). Crystallographic data of the compounds were recorded on a Bruker D8 VENTURE single crystal X-ray diffractometer equipped with PHOTON 100 CMOS detector, using graphite monochromatized MoK $\alpha$  radiation ( $\lambda=0.71073$  Å). All of the data were corrected for absorption effects using the multiscan method implemented in SADABS. The structures were solved by direct methods and refined on  $F^2$  by fullmatrix least-squares using SHELXL 2014[1]. All the hydrogen atoms were added to their geometrically ideal positions. All non-hydrogen atoms were refined with anisotropic displacement parameters. The crystal and instrumental parameters used in the unit-cell determination and data collection are summarized in **Table S1**.

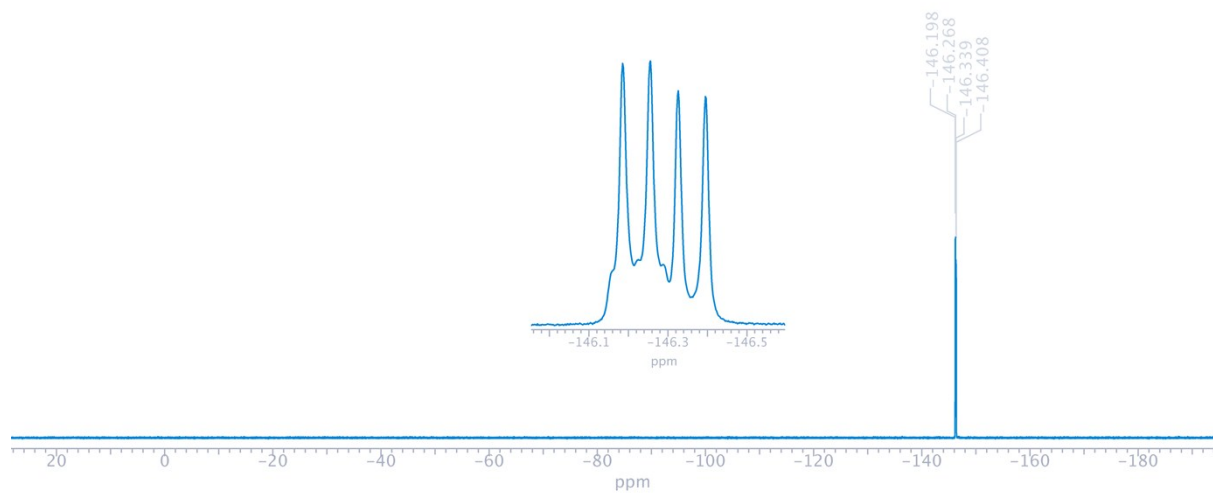
### 1D and 2D NMR spectra of 3 and 4



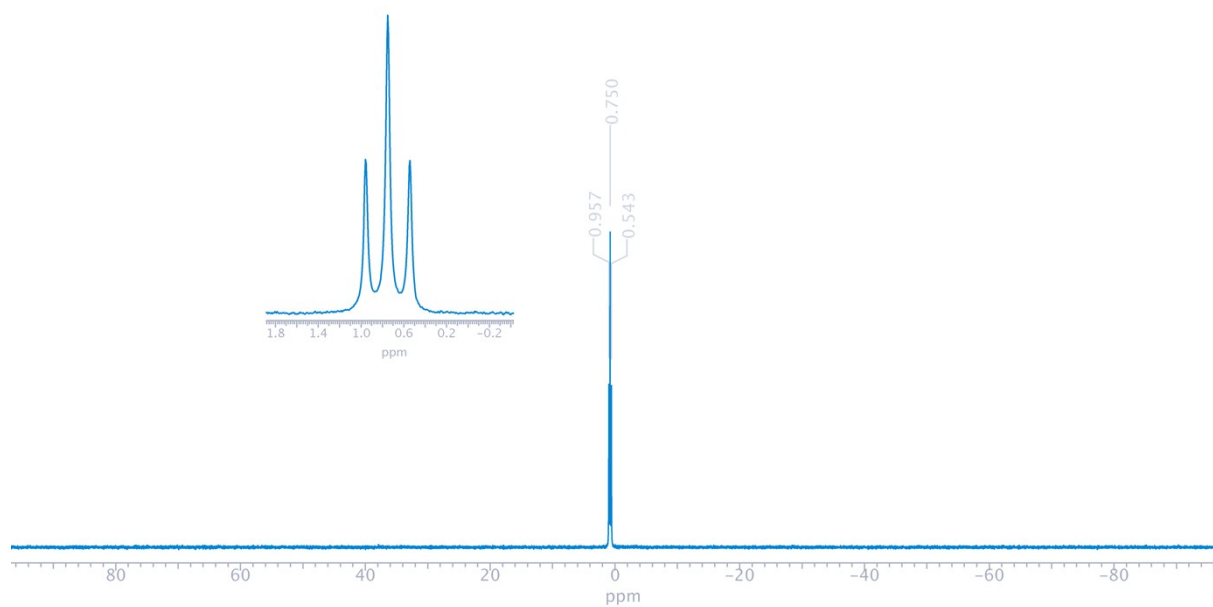
**Fig. S1**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of 3 in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .



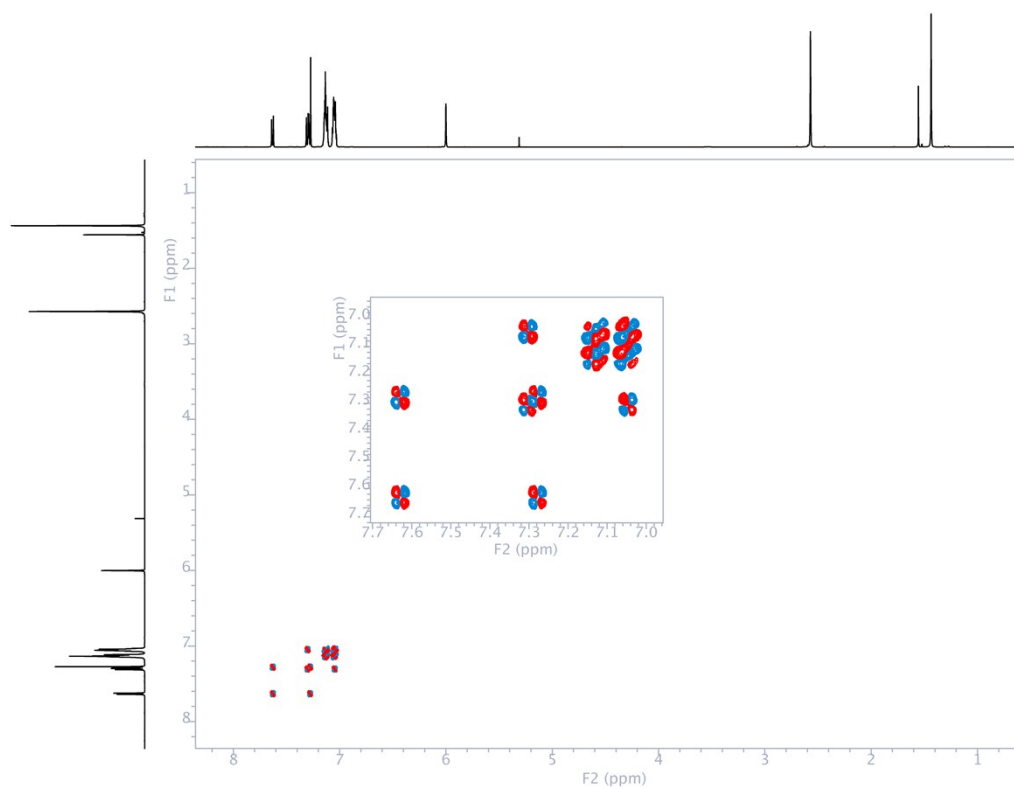
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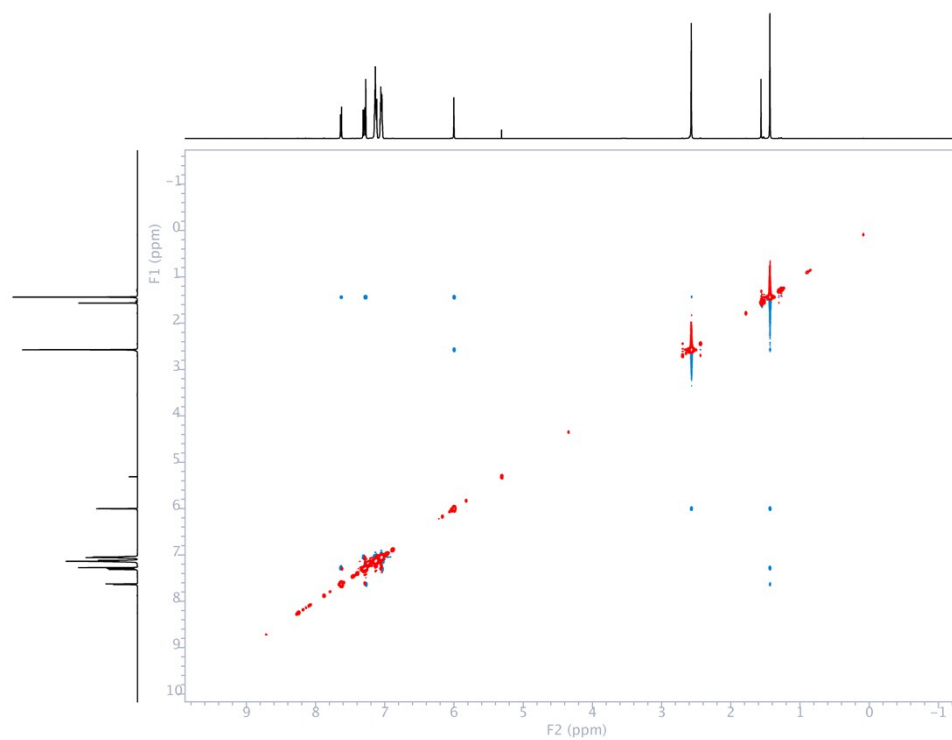
**Fig. S3**  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR spectrum of **3** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .



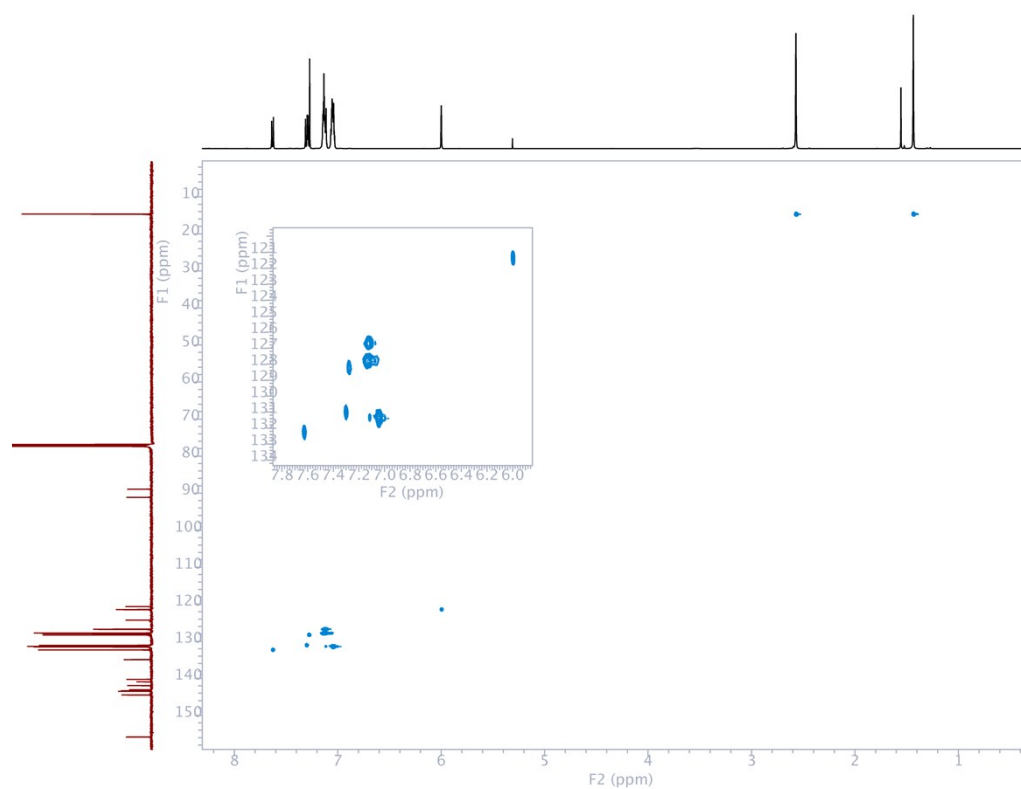
**Fig. S4**  $^{11}\text{B}$  NMR spectrum of **3** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .



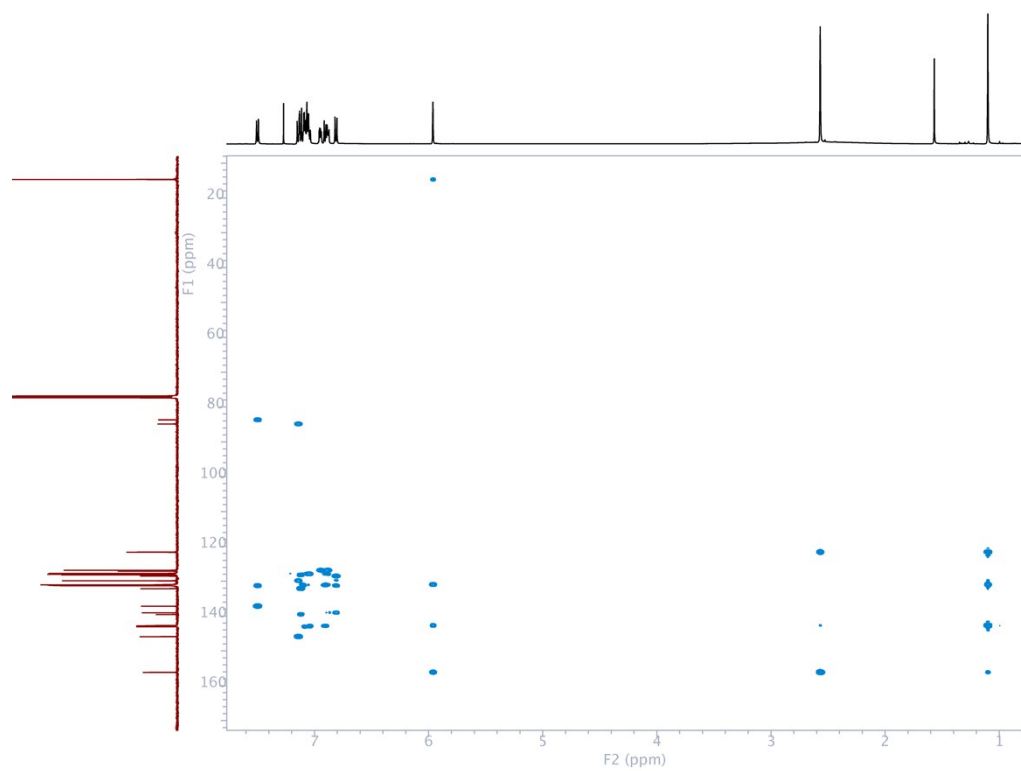
**Fig. S5** COSY NMR spectrum of **3** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  (inset shows magnified aromatic region between 7-7.7 ppm).



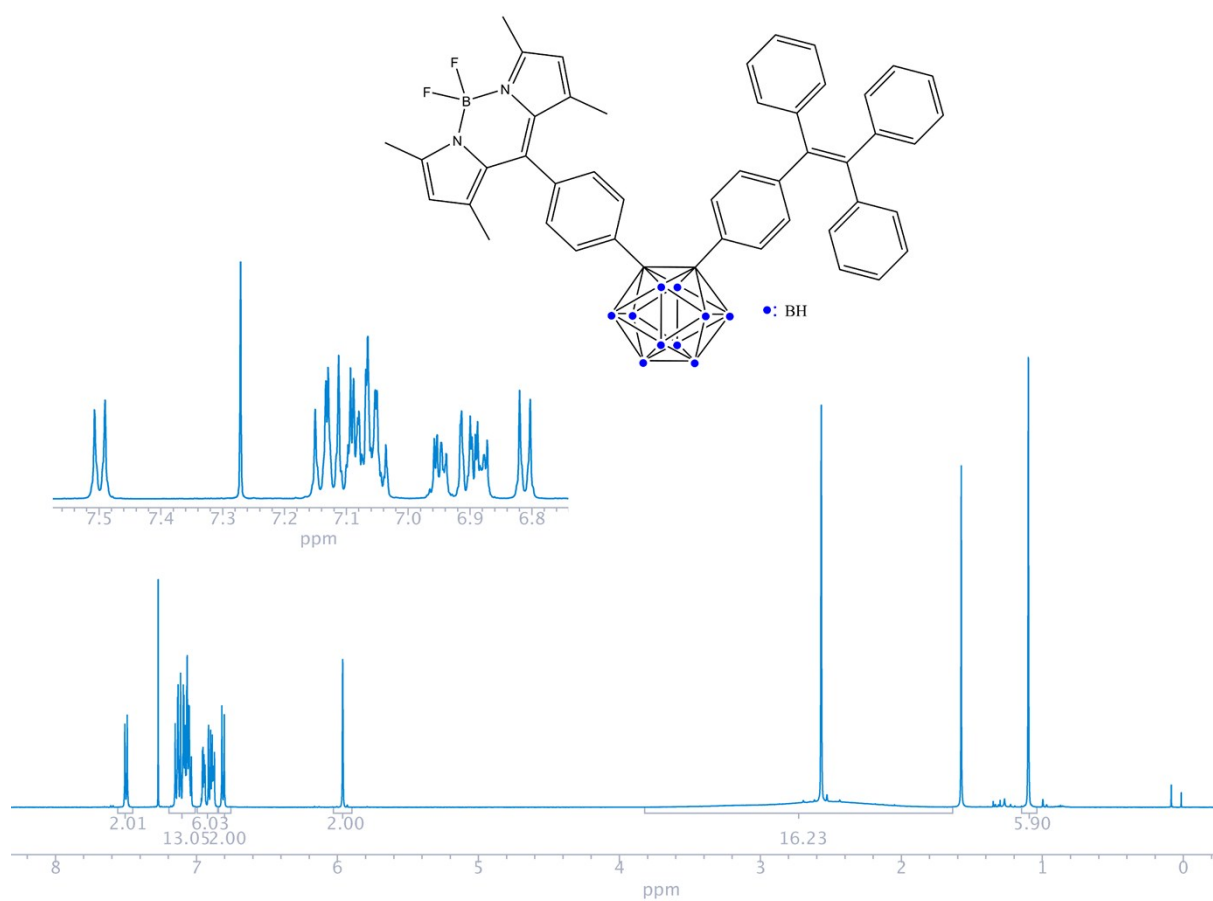
**Fig. S6** NOESY NMR spectrum of **3** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .



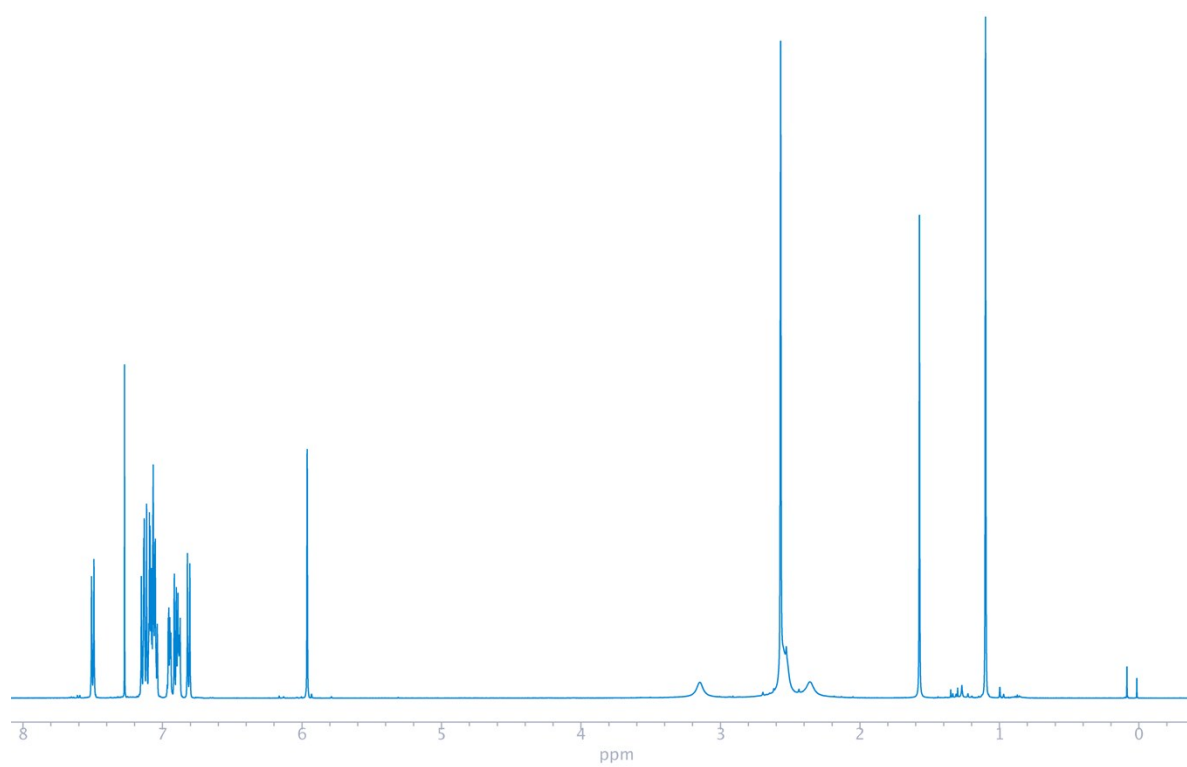
**Fig. S7**  $^{13}\text{C}$  HSQC spectrum of **3** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .



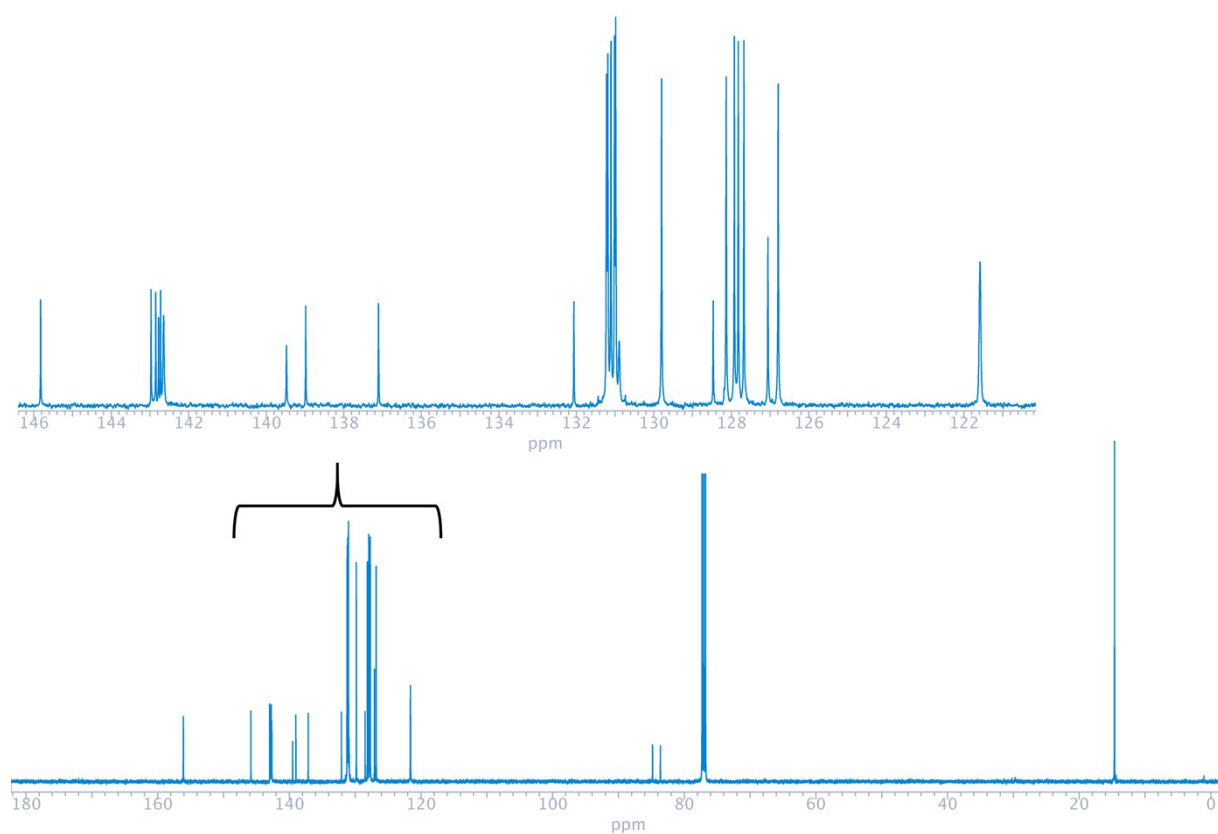
**Fig. S8** HMBC spectrum of **3** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .



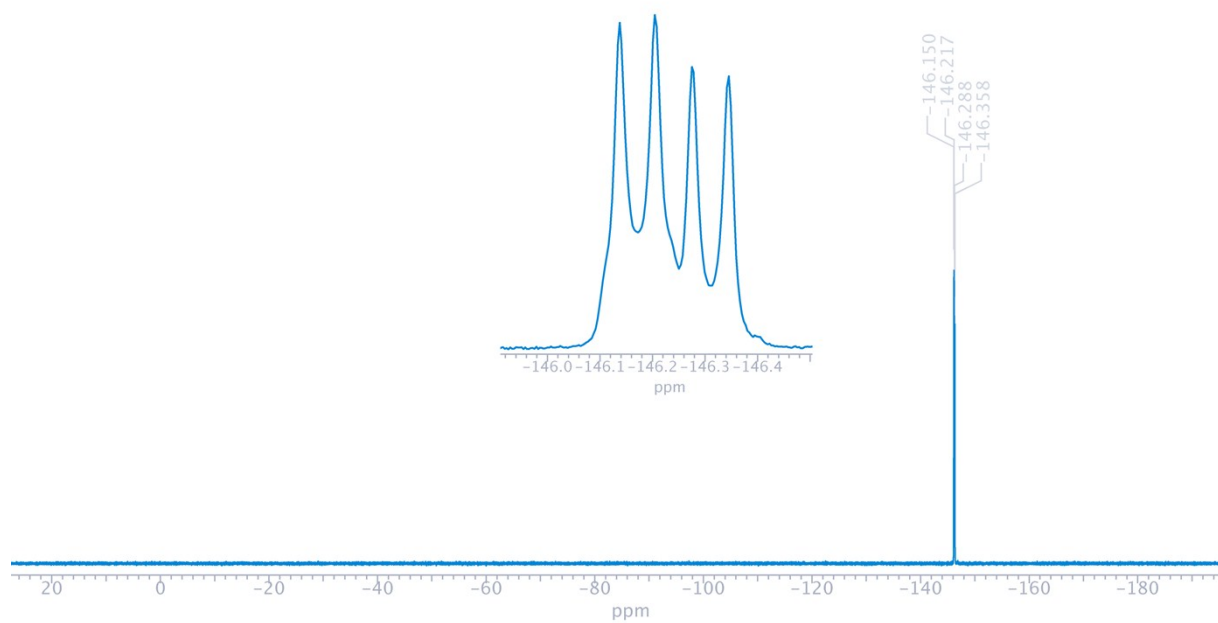
**Fig. S9**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **4** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .



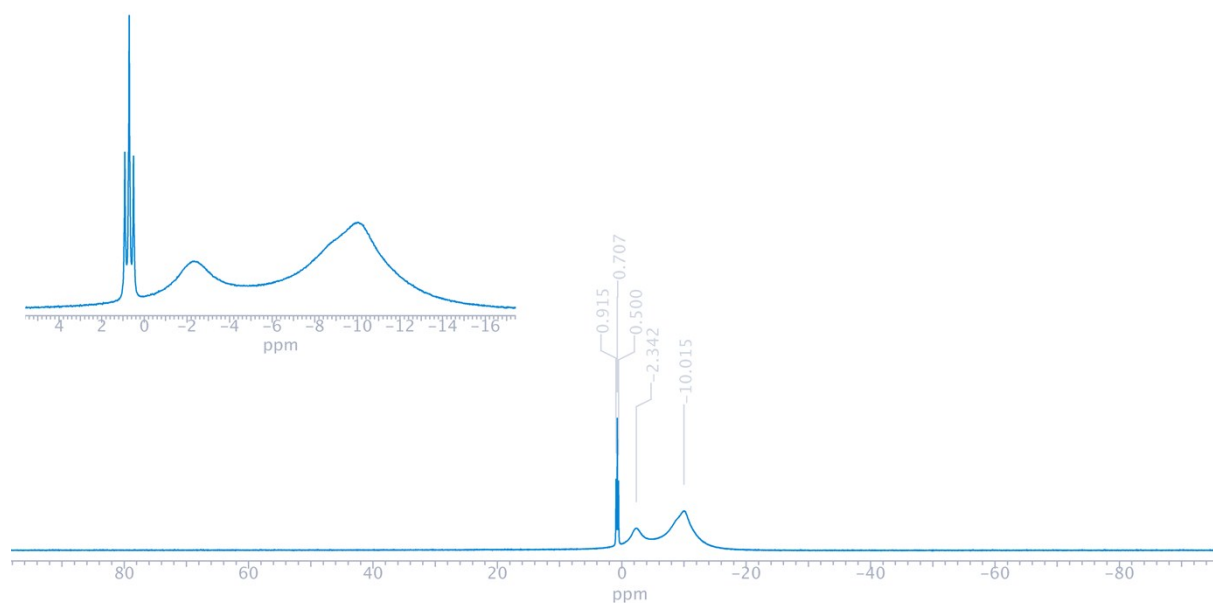
**Fig. S10**  $^1\text{H}\{^{11}\text{B}\}$  NMR spectrum of **4** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .



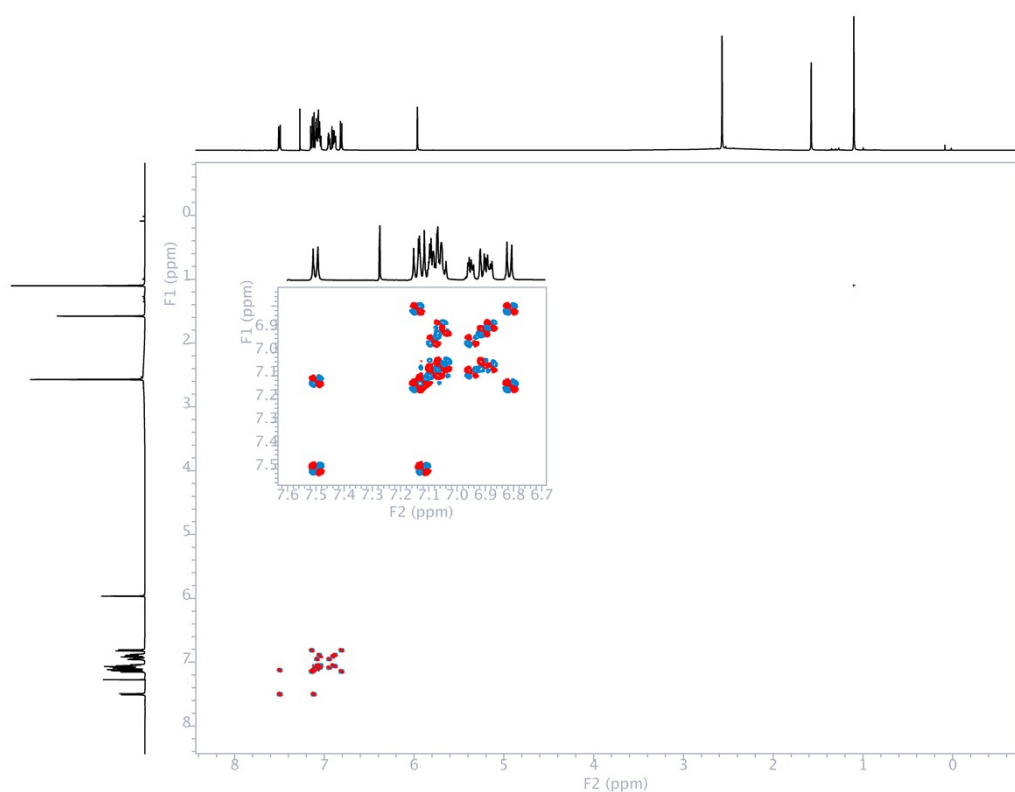
**Fig. S11**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of **4** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .



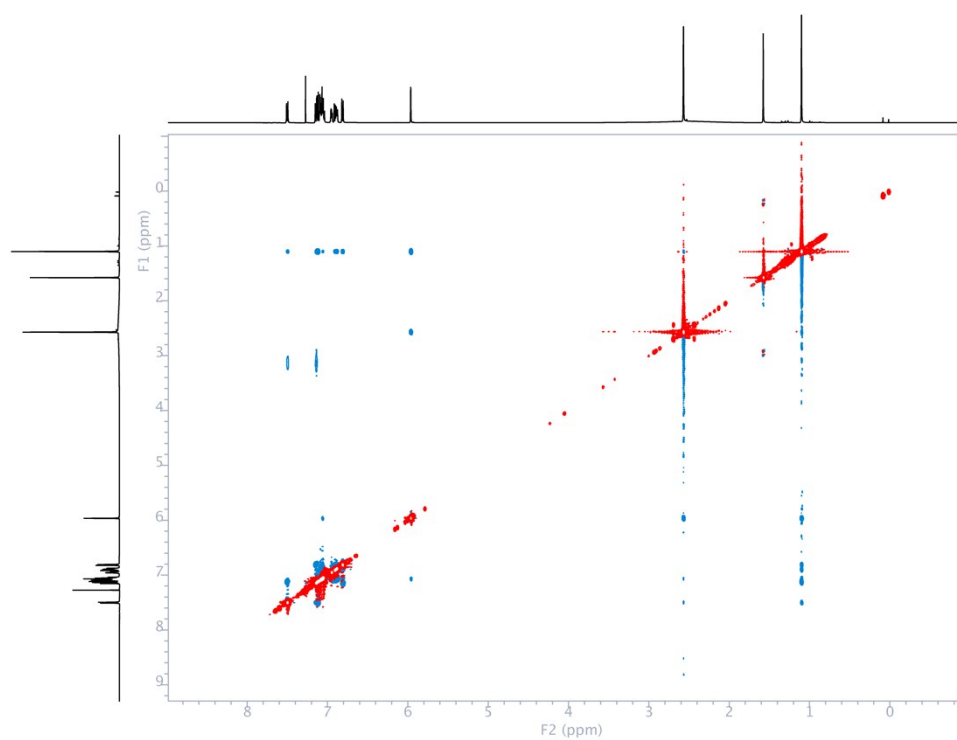
**Fig. S12**  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR spectrum of **4** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .



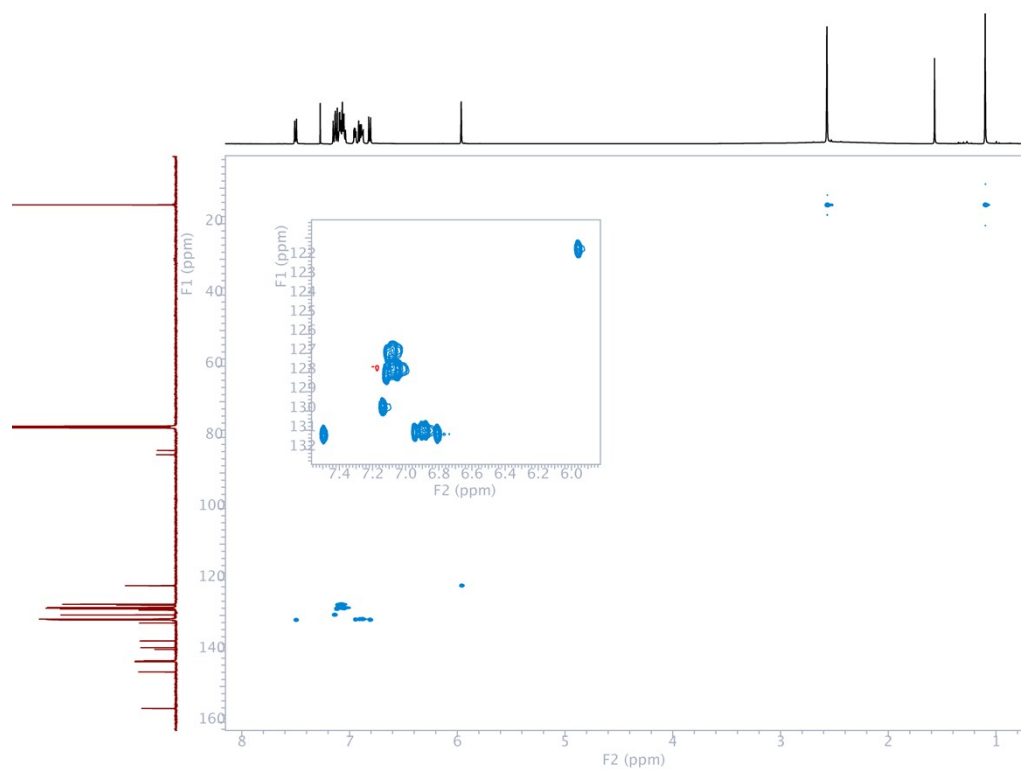
**Fig. S13**  $^{11}\text{B}$  NMR spectrum of **4** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .



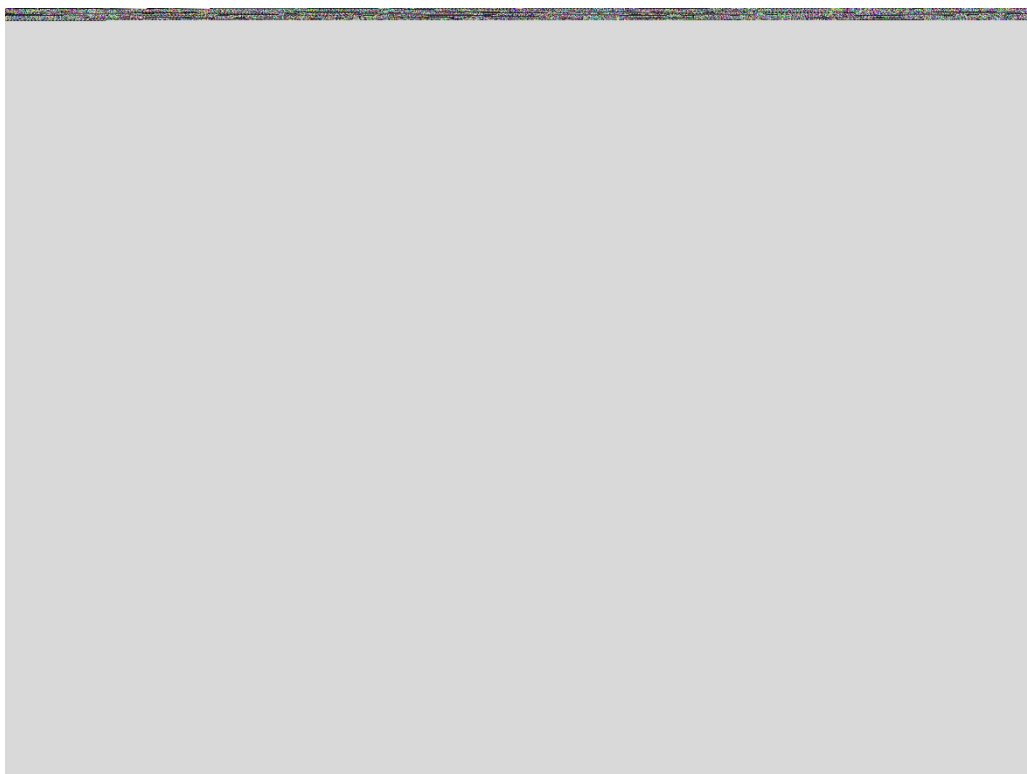
**Fig. S14** COSY spectrum of **4** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  (inset shows magnified aromatic region between 6.7-7.6 ppm).



**Fig. S15** NOESY spectrum of **4** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .

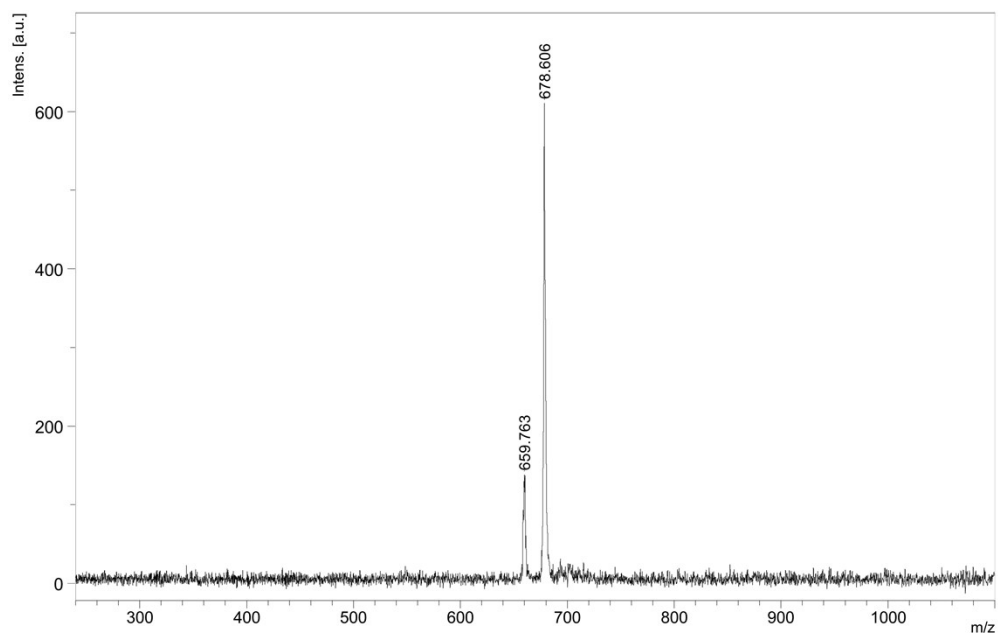


**Fig. S16** HSQC spectrum of **4** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .

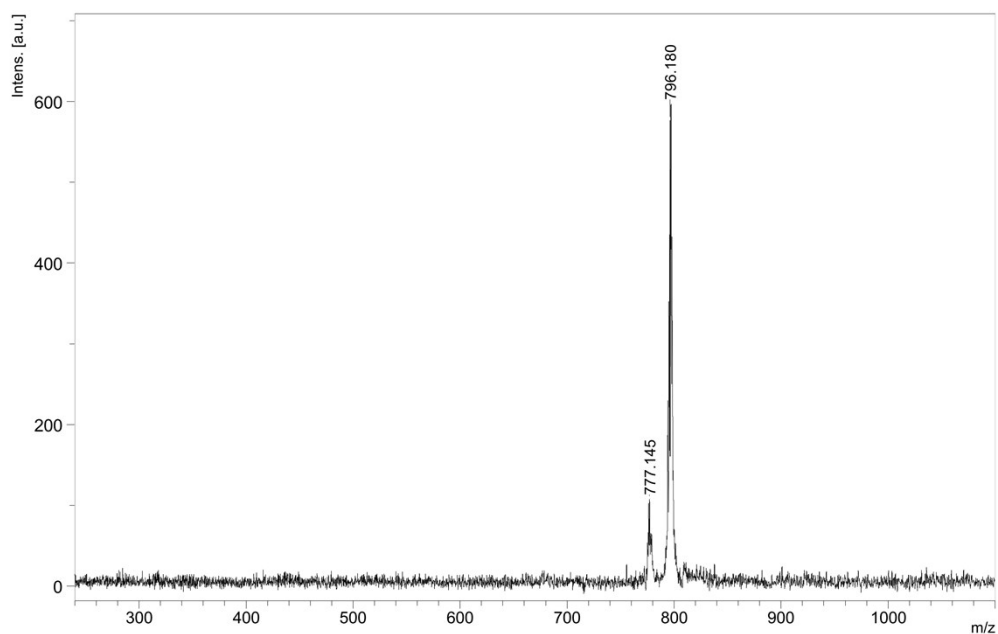


**Fig. S17** HMBC spectrum of **4** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .

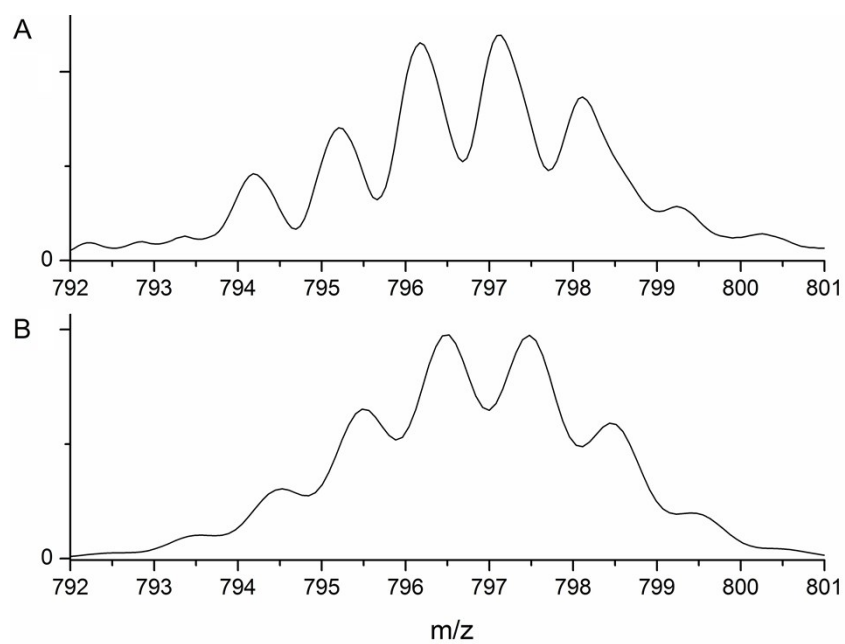
#### MALDI-TOF MS spectra of **3** and **4**



**Fig. S18** Maldi-TOF MS spectrum of **3**.

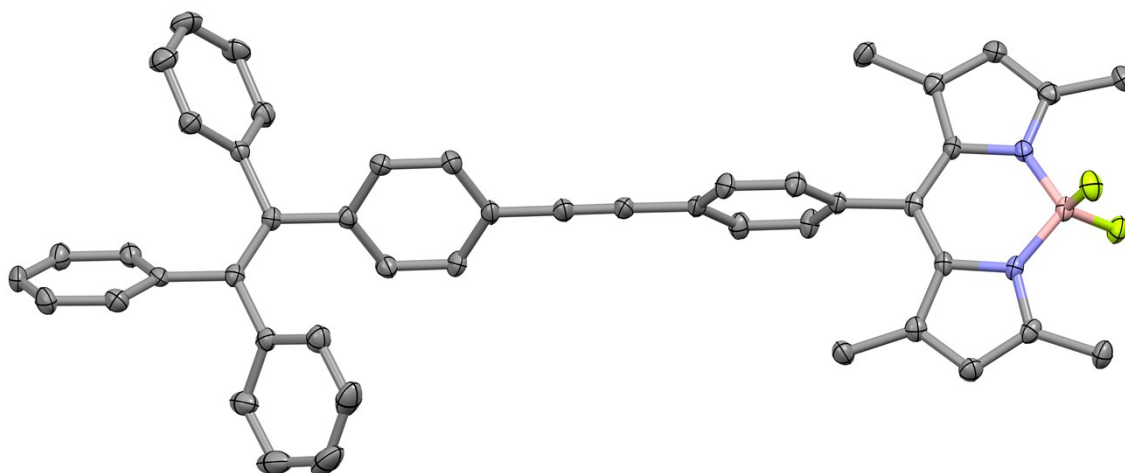


**Fig. S19** Maldi-TOF MS spectrum of **4**.

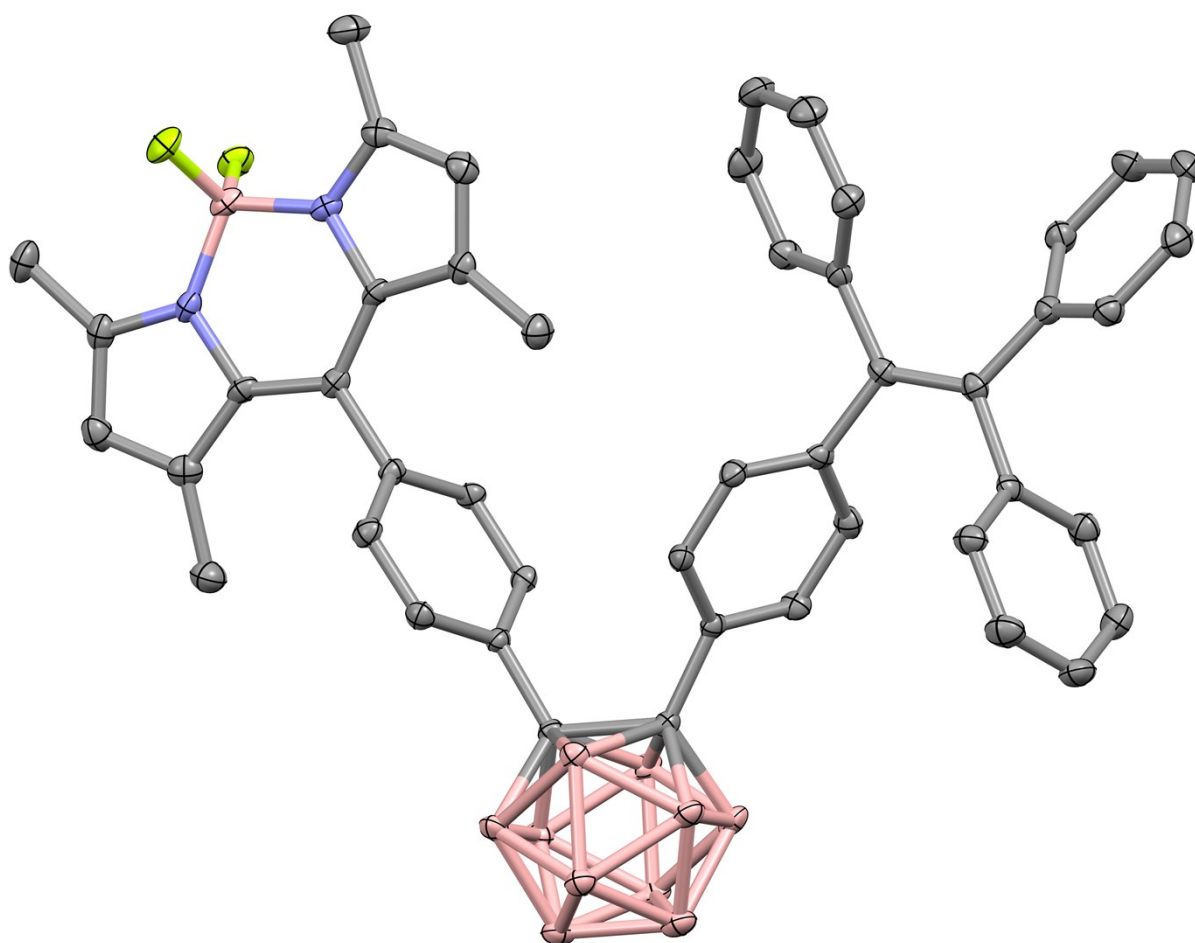


**Fig. S20** MS isotop pattern of **4** A) measured B) calculated

**X-ray structure of 3 and 4**



**Fig. S21** X-Ray structure of **3**.



**Fig. S22** X-Ray structure of **4**.

**Table S1.** Crystal data and structure refinement details for compounds **3** and **4**

|                                                          | <b>3</b>                                                       | <b>4</b>                                                                                             |
|----------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| CCDC No                                                  | 1817439                                                        | 1817440                                                                                              |
| Empirical formula                                        | C <sub>47</sub> H <sub>37</sub> BF <sub>2</sub> N <sub>2</sub> | C <sub>47</sub> H <sub>47</sub> B <sub>11</sub> F <sub>2</sub> N <sub>2</sub> , 2(CH <sub>4</sub> O) |
| Formula weight (g/mol)                                   | 678.59                                                         | 860.66                                                                                               |
| <i>T</i> (K)                                             | 100                                                            | 100                                                                                                  |
| $\lambda$ (Å)                                            | 0.71073                                                        | 0.71073                                                                                              |
| Crystal system, space group                              | Triclinic, P-1                                                 | Triclinic, P-1                                                                                       |
| <i>Unit cell dimensions: (Å, °)</i>                      |                                                                |                                                                                                      |
| <i>a</i>                                                 | 8.4917(9)                                                      | 13.4097(11)                                                                                          |
| <i>b</i>                                                 | 10.9196(11)                                                    | 13.5319(11)                                                                                          |
| <i>c</i>                                                 | 20.148(2)                                                      | 14.5334(12)                                                                                          |
| $\alpha$                                                 | 80.996(3)                                                      | 63.934(2)                                                                                            |
| $\beta$                                                  | 83.209(3)                                                      | 80.524(2)                                                                                            |
| $\gamma$                                                 | 76.283(3)                                                      | 89.720(2)                                                                                            |
| <i>V</i> (Å <sup>3</sup> )                               | 1786.2(3)                                                      | 2329.9(3)                                                                                            |
| <i>Z</i>                                                 | 2                                                              | 2                                                                                                    |
| Absorption coefficient (mm <sup>-1</sup> )               | 0.08                                                           | 0.075                                                                                                |
| <i>D</i> <sub>calc</sub> (g/cm <sup>3</sup> )            | 1.262                                                          | 1.227                                                                                                |
| <i>F</i> (000)                                           | 712                                                            | 904                                                                                                  |
| Crystal size (mm)                                        | 0.03x0.2x0.4                                                   | 0.12 x 0.13 x 0.22                                                                                   |
| $\theta$ Range for data collection (°)                   | 1.94–28.55°                                                    | 2.0–27.398                                                                                           |
| Index ranges                                             | –11 ≤ <i>h</i> ≤ 11                                            | –17 ≤ <i>h</i> ≤ 17                                                                                  |
|                                                          | –14 ≤ <i>k</i> ≤ 14                                            | –17 ≤ <i>k</i> ≤ 17                                                                                  |
|                                                          | –27 ≤ <i>l</i> ≤ 26                                            | –18 ≤ <i>l</i> ≤ 18                                                                                  |
| Reflections collected                                    | 70562                                                          | 105125                                                                                               |
| Independent reflections                                  | 9033                                                           | 10517                                                                                                |
| Max. and min. transmission                               | 0.746 and 0.726                                                | 0.746, 0.724                                                                                         |
| Final <i>R</i> indices [ <i>I</i> ≥ 2σ( <i>I</i> )]      | <i>R</i> 1 = 0.0596,                                           | <i>R</i> 1 = 0.0610,                                                                                 |
|                                                          | <i>wR</i> 2 = 0.1294                                           | <i>wR</i> 2 = 0.1195                                                                                 |
| <i>R</i> indices (all data)                              | <i>R</i> 1 = 0.0977,                                           | <i>R</i> 1 = 0.1114                                                                                  |
|                                                          | <i>wR</i> 2 = 0.1453                                           | <i>wR</i> 2 = 0.1366                                                                                 |
| Goodness-of-fit on <i>F</i> <sup>2</sup>                 | 1.034                                                          | 1.061                                                                                                |
| Largest difference in peak and hole (e Å <sup>-3</sup> ) | 0.603/–0.265                                                   | 0.282/–0.386                                                                                         |

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