Supporting information:

## Intramolecular $\pi$ -stacked Perylene-Diimide Acceptors for Non-fullerene Organic Solar Cells

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#### **General Information.**

<sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker AV-400 MHz NMR spectrometer. Chemical shifts are reported in parts per million (ppm,  $\delta$ ). <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were referenced to tetramethylsilane (0 ppm) for CDCl<sub>3</sub>. Mass spectra were collected on a MALDI Micro MX mass spectrometer, or an API QSTAR XL System.

**Materials**. P3TEA,<sup>1</sup> 1,4,5,8-tetrabromonaphthalene (1),<sup>2</sup> PDIT,<sup>3</sup> 6,7-dibromonaphthalene-2,3-diyl bis(trifluoromethanesulfonate) (4) and 2,3,6,7-tetrabromonaphthalene (5) <sup>4</sup> was synthesized according to previous literature. Tetrahydrofuran were freshly distilled before use from sodium using benzophenone as the indicator. All other reagents and chemicals were purchased from commercial sources and used without further purification.

**Optical characterizations.** Film UV-Vis absorption spectra were acquired on a Perkin Elmer Lambda 20 UV/VIS Spectrophotometer. The films were casted from the solutions of the acceptors with a concentration of 20 mg/mL in 1,2,4-trimethylbenzene. UV-Vis absorption spectra were collected from the solution of two small molecules with the concentration of  $1.0 \times 10^{-6}$  M in chloroform and a cuvette with a stopper (Sigma Z600628) was used to avoid volatilization during the measurement.

**Electrochemical characterizations.** Cyclic voltammetry was carried out on a CHI610E electrochemical workstation with three electrodes configuration, using Ag/AgCl as the reference electrode, a Pt plate as the counter electrode, and a glassy carbon as the working electrode. 0.1 mol  $L^{-1}$  tetrabutylammonium hexafluorophosphate in anhydrous acetonitrile was used as the supporting electrolyte. The materials were drop-casted on the working electrode from a solution with a concentration of 5 mg/mL in toluene. Potentials were referenced to the ferrocenium/ferrocene couple by using ferrocene as external standards in acetonitrile solutions. The scan rate is 0.1 V s<sup>-1</sup>.

**AFM analysis.** AFM measurements were performed by using a Scanning Probe MicroscopeDimension 3100 in tapping mode. All film samples were spin-cast on ITO/ZnO substrates.

**Solar cell fabrication and testing.** Diethylzinc (15 % wt in toluene) and molybdenum trioxide ( $MoO_3$ ) were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich and used as received without further treatment. Prepatterned ITO-coated glass substrates were cleaned by sequential sonication in soap deionized water, deionized water, acetone, and isopropanol for 30 min of each step. Active layer solutions (D:A ratio 1:1.5 w/w) were prepared in 1,2,4-trimethylbenzene with 2% 1,8-octanedithiol (polymer concentration: 8.5 mg mL<sup>-1</sup>). To completely dissolve the polymer, the active layer solution should be stirred on a hotplate at 100 °C for at least 1 hour. Active layers were spin-coated onto the

glass/ITO/ZnO substrates at 100 °C in a N<sub>2</sub> glovebox at 1500-2500 rpm. The optimized active layer thickness was ~110 nm. The active layers were then treated with vacuum to remove the solvent. Subsequently, the blend films were thermally annealed at 100 °C for 5 min before being transferred to the vacuum chamber of a thermal evaporator inside the same glovebox, and a thin layer (7 nm) of MoO<sub>3</sub> was deposited as the anode interlayer, followed by the deposition of 100 nm of Al as the top electrode at a vacuum level of ~ $1.0 \times 10^{-4}$  Pa. All devices were encapsulated using epoxy and thin glass slides inside the glovebox. Device *J-V* characteristics were measured under AM 1.5G (100 mW cm<sup>-2</sup>) using a Newport solar simulator in ambient atmosphere. The light intensity was calibrated using a standard Si diode (with KG5 filter, purchased from PV Measurement) to bring spectral mismatch to unity. *J-V* characteristics were recorded using a Keithley 2400 source meter unit. Typical cells have devices area of 5.9 mm<sup>2</sup>, defined by a metal mask with an aperture aligned with the device area. EQEs were measured using an Enlitech QE-S EQE system equipped with a standard Si diode. Monochromatic light was generated from a Newport 300W lamp source.

**Hole-mobility measurements.** The hole-mobilities were measured using the space charge limited current (SCLC) method, employing a device architecture of ITO/ZnO/blend film/MoO<sub>3</sub>/Al. The mobilities were obtained by taking current-voltage curves and fitting the results to a space charge limited form, where the SCLC is described by:

$$J = \frac{9\varepsilon_0\varepsilon_r\mu(V_{appl} - V_{bi} - V_s)^2}{8L^3}$$

Where  $\varepsilon_0$  is the permittivity of free space,  $\varepsilon_r$  is the relative permittivity of the material (assumed to be 3),  $\mu$  is the hole mobility and *L* is the thickness of the film. From the plots of  $J^{1/2}$  vs  $V_{appl} - V_{bi} - V_s$ , hole mobilities can be deduced.

**Electron mobility measurements.** The electron mobilities were measured using the SCLC method, employing a device architecture of ITO/ZnO/blend film/Ca/Al. The mobilities were obtained by taking current-voltage curves and fitting the results to a space charge limited form, where the SCLC is described by:

$$J = \frac{9\varepsilon_0\varepsilon_r\mu(V_{appl} - V_{bi} - V_s)^2}{8L^3}$$

Where  $\varepsilon_0$  is the permittivity of free space,  $\varepsilon_r$  is the relative permittivity of the material (assumed to be 3),  $\mu$  is the hole mobility and *L* is the thickness of the film. From the plots of  $J^{1/2}$  vs  $V_{appl} - V_{bi} - V_s$ , electron mobilities can be deduced.

**GIWAXS characterization.** GIWAXS measurements were performed at beamline 7.3.3 at the Advanced Light Source.<sup>5</sup> Samples were prepared on Si substrates using identical blend solutions as those used in devices. The 10 keV X-ray beam was incident at a grazing angle of 0.11° - 0.15°,

which maximized the scattering intensity from the samples. The scattered X-rays were detected using a Dectris Pilatus 2M photon counting detector. In-plane and out-of-plane sector averages were calculated using the Nika software package.<sup>6</sup> The coherence length was calculated using the Scherrer equation:

$$L_c = \frac{2\pi K}{\Delta q}$$

**R-SoXS characterization.** R-SoXS transmission measurements were performed at beamline 11.0.1.2 at the Advanced Light Source.<sup>7</sup> Samples for R-SoXS measurement were prepared on a PSS modified Si substrate under the same conditions as those used for device fabrication, and then transferred by floating in water to a 1.5 mm × 1.5 mm, 100 nm thick Si<sub>3</sub>N<sub>4</sub> membrane supported by a 5 mm × 5 mm, 200  $\mu$ m thick Si frame (Norcada Inc.). 2D scattering patterns were collected on an in-vacuum CCD camera (Princeton Instrument PI-MTE). The sample detector distance was calibrated from diffraction peaks of a triblock copolymer poly(isoprene-b-styrene-b-2-vinyl pyridine), which has a known spacing of 391 Å. The beam size at the sample is approximately 100  $\mu$ m by 200  $\mu$ m.

**Theoretical calculations.** All calculations in our work were performed using the Quickstep module of the CP2K program package with a dual basis of Gaussian orbitals and plane waves. The molecularly optimized Gaussian basis sets of double zeta plus polarization quality (DZVP-MOLOPT)<sup>9</sup> were used. The Perdew-Burke-Ernzerhof (PBE)<sup>11</sup> exchange-correlation functional with the van der Waals correction (PBE-D3)<sup>12</sup> and Goedecker-Teter-Hutter (GTH)<sup>10</sup> pseudopotentials were employed. For plane wave grids, we used a finest grid cutoff of 600 Ry and a relative cutoff of 100 Ry. The wavelet based solver was applied to solve the Poisson's equation.<sup>13</sup> The force tolerance is 0.01 eV/Å in the molecular geometry optimization.

Steady state and time-resolved photoluminescence measurements. Photoluminescence (PL) spectra were measured using an Ocean Optics spectrometer, and all samples were spin coated on glass/ITO substrates. The samples were excited with femtosecond laser pulses with a repetition rate of 76 MHz from a Ti:Sapphire oscillator (Coherent Mira 900) at a wavelength of 450 nm. The laser power was adjusted with a neutral density filter and the laser spot size was about 3 mm. The fluorescence spectra were detected with a fiber Ocean Optics spectrometer (USB2000+) and the time-resolved spectra were captured using a Hamamatsu streak camera. The lifetime of PL was fitted using the following equation:  $(t) = I_0 e^{-t/\tau} + b$ , for which  $\tau$  is PL lifetime and b is the background intensity due to the instrument noise.

**DSC measurement.** DSC measurements were performed on a DSC Q1000 V9.7 Build 291 differential scanning calorimeter and standard aluminum sample pans, with a heating rate of 10 °C min<sup>-1</sup> from room temperature to 350 °C under nitrogen (two heating/cooling cycles). The mass of

samples for measurement is  $\sim 2$  mg.

### Thermal properties.



**Figure S1.** Thermogravimetric curves of a-FTTN-PDI4 and b-FTTN-PDI4. The thermal decomposition temperature are ~375 °C (5% weight loss).



Figure S2. DSC curves of (a) a-FTTN-PDI4 and (b) b-FTTN-PDI4 under  $N_2$  atmosphere with a heating rate of 10 °C/min.



Theoretical calculations.

Figure S3. Frontier molecular orbitals of (a) a-FTTN-PDI4 and (b) b-FTTN-PDI4. Optimized geometries obtained from different initial molecular geometries for (c) a-FTTN-PDI4 and (d) b-

#### FTTN-PDI4.



Optical and electrochemical properties.

**Figure S4**. Concentration-variant absorption spectra of the diluted chloroform solution of (a) a-FTTN-PDI4 and (b) b-FTTN-PDI4 with a concentration of 10<sup>-4</sup> and 10<sup>-7</sup> M, respectively.



**Figure S5**. (a) UV-Vis absorption spectra and (b) time-related photoluminescence spectra of the pristine films of a-FTTN-PDI4 and b-FTTN-PDI4.



### Stability Test.



**Figure S7**. The plot of PCE versus annealing time of the P3TEA:a-FTTN-PDI4 and P3TEA:b-FTTN-PDI4 active layers.



### PL experiment.

Figure S8. (a) Photoluminescence spectra of the pristine films of a-FTTN-PDI4 and b-FTTN-PDI4.

(b) Photoluminescence quenching experiment of the P3TEA: a-FTTN-PDI4 and P3TEA:b-FTTN-PDI4 blend films relative to the pristine P3TEA film.

	Additive <sup>a</sup>	Thermal	V <sub>OC</sub>	$J_{ m SC}$	FF	РСЕ
		annealing <sup>b</sup>	[V]	[mA cm <sup>-2</sup> ]	[%]	[%]
	N	Ν	1.12±0.01	9.8±0.2	52±1	5.7±0.3
P3TEA:	Ν	Y	1.14±0.01	10.3±0.2	55±1	6.5±0.2
a-FTTB-PDI4	Y	Ν	1.15±0.01	10.5±0.2	53±2	6.4±0.1
	Y	Y	1.15±0.01	12.0±0.2	61±1	8.4±0.2
	N	Ν	1.13±0.01	8.2±0.2	48±1	4.4±0.2
P3TEA:	Ν	Y	1.14±0.01	10.2±0.2	52±1	6.0±0.2
b-FTTB-PDI4	Y	Ν	1.13±0.01	11.0±0.2	52±1	6.5±0.2
	Y	Y	1.15±0.01	11.5±0.3	55±1	7.2±0.2

 Table S1. Device parameters of P3TEA:a-FTTN-PDI4 and P3TEA:b-FTTN-PDI4 under different processing conditions.

<sup>a</sup> 2% ODT.

<sup>b</sup> Thermal annealing at 100°C for 5 mins.

**Table S1**. Device parameters based on PTB7-Th and PBDB-T with 2% ODT and thermal annealingat 100°C for 5 mins.

Mataviala	V <sub>OC</sub>	$J_{ m SC}$	FF	PCE
wrateriais	[V]	[mA cm <sup>-2</sup> ]	[%]	[%]
PTB7-Th:a-FTTB-PDI4	0.97±0.01	12.1±0.4	58±2	6.8±0.1
PBDB-T:a-FTTB-PDI4	1.03±0.01	9.2±0.3	55±2	5.1±0.2
PTB7-Th:b-FTTB-PDI4	0.96±0.01	13.3±0.2	47±1	6.0±0.1
PBDB-T:b-FTTB-PDI4	1.01±0.01	6.5±0.2	47±1	3.1±0.1

## Morphology.



**Figure S9**. Peak fitting of the  $\pi$ - $\pi$  stacking peak of (a) a-FTTN-PDI4 and (b) b-FTTN-PDI4 pristine films, (c) P3TEA:a-FTTN-PDI4 and (d) P3TEA:b-FTTN-PDI4 blend film.



Figure S10. Atomic force microscopy (AFM, left: height image, right: phase image) images of the

blend films of (a) P3TEA:a-TTN-PDI4 and (b) P3TEA:b-FTTN-PDI4.



Charge transport and recombination.

**Figure S11**. Light-intensity-dependent  $J_{SC}$  experiment of P3TEA:a-FTTN-PDI4 and P3TEA:b-TTN-PDI4 and P3TEA:b-FTTN-PDI4.



Figure S12.  $J^{1/2} \sim V$  characteristics of (a) electron-only devices and (b) hole-only devices of the

#### P3TEA: a-FTTN-PDI4 and P3TEA:b-FTTN-PDI4 blend films.

Synthesis.



Synthesis of 1,4,5,8-tetra(thiophen-2-yl)naphthalene (2). To a solution of 1,4,5,8-tetrabromonaphthalene (250 mg, 0.563 mmol), Pd<sub>2</sub>(dba)<sub>3</sub> (52 mg, 0.0563 mmol) and P(o-tol)<sub>3</sub> (137 mg, 0.0.451 mmol) in toluene (10 mL), 2-(tributylstannyl)thiophene (946 mg, 2.53 mmol) was added under N<sub>2</sub>. The reaction mixture was stirred for 12 h at 110 °C. Then, the reaction mixture was cooled and poured into an aqueous potassium fluoride. The mixture was extracted with chloroform. The combined organic phase was washed with water followed by brine. Then the solution was dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography (stationary phase: silica gel; eluent: n-hexane:dichloromethane = 2:1) to get the product as orange solid (185 mg, 72%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.60 (s, 4H), 7.08 (d, *J* = 4.9 Hz, 4H), 6.73 – 6.65 (m, 4H), 6.60 (d, *J* = 3.2 Hz, 4H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  144.44, 133.19, 132.60, 130.84, 128.24, 127.04, 124.55. MALDI-TOF MS: Calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>16</sub>S<sub>4</sub> (M+): 456.01.

Synthesis of 1,4,5,8-tetrakis(5-(trimethylstannyl)thiophen-2-yl)naphthalene (3). To a solution of 2 (100 mg, 0.219 mmol) in anhydrous THF (50 mL) was added n-BuLi (0.55 mL,1.09 mmol, 2 M in hexane) dropwise at -78 °C under N<sub>2</sub>. The mixture was kept at 0 °C for 1 h and then cooled to -78 °C again. Trimethyltin chloride (1.3 mL, 1.31 mmol, 1 M in hexane) was added dropwise and the mixture was allowed to react for 2 h. Then, the reaction mixture was poured into aqueous potassium fluoride and extracted with diethyl ether. The combined organic phase was washed with water followed by brine. Then the solution was dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product (light yellow solid, 218 mg, 90%) was directly used for the next step without further purification. MALDI-TOF MS: Calcd for  $C_{38}H_{48}S_4Sn_4$  (M+): 1111.87, Found: 1111.90.

**Synthesis of** *a***-TTN-PDI4.** To a mixture of **3** (100 mg, 0.0903 mmol), C<sub>6</sub>-PDI-Br (301 mg, 0.361 mmol), Pd<sub>2</sub>(dba)<sub>3</sub> (8 mg, 0.00903 mmol) and P(*o*-tol)<sub>3</sub> (22 mg, 0.0722 mmol) in a microwave tube, toluene (5 mL) was added. The reaction was performed by using microwave reactor at 120 °C. After 2 h, the reaction was stopped and the mixture was extracted by chloroform. The combined organic phase was washed with water followed by brine. Then the solution was dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography (stationary phase: silica gel; eluent: n-hexane: dichloromethane = 2:3) to get the product as dark red solid (234 mg, 75%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, C<sub>2</sub>D<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>4</sub>, 353 K): δ 8.64-8.21 (m, 28H), 7.91 (s, 4H), 7.22 (s, 4H), 7.03 (s, 4H), 5.12-4.80 (m, 8H), 2.14-1.87 (br, 16H), 1.68-1.51 (br, 16H), 1.24-1.10 (m, 128H), 0.83-0.72 (m, 48H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 164.7, 164.5, 163.7, 163.1, 147.3, 144.4, 136.8, 136.1, 134.8, 134.5, 133.5, 133.1, 132.4, 131.7, 130.7, 130.3, 129.9, 129.3, 128.2, 127.5, 126.6, 123.9, 123.4, 123.2, 122.6, 54.7, 32.3, 31.8, 31.7, 29.2, 26.9, 22.6, 14.0, 13.9. MALDI-TOF MS: Calcd for C<sub>226</sub>H<sub>256</sub>N<sub>8</sub>O<sub>16</sub>S<sub>4</sub> (M+): 3465.83, Found: 3465.88. Elemental Analysis: C, 78.25; H, 7.44; N, 3.23; Found: C, 78.07; H, 7.29; N, 3.51.

**Synthesis of** *a***-FTTN-PDI4.** To a standard photocyclization glassware was added 100 mg of a-TTN-PDI4, 50 ml of toluene and 2 mg of  $I_2$  as catalyst. The mixture was illuminated by 500 W mercury lamp for 2 hours. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (stationary phase: silica gel; eluent: n-hexane: dichloromethane = 1:2) to afford *a*-FTTN-PDI4 as red solid (yield: 91%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz,  $C_2D_2CI_4$ , 353 K):  $\delta$  9.84 (s, 4H), 8.90 (d, 4H, J = 8.0 Hz), 8.79 (d, 4H, J = 8.0 Hz), 8.74 (d, 4H, J = 8.0 Hz), 8.64 (d, 4H, J = 8.0 Hz), 8.44 (s, 4H), 8.24 (s, 4H), 8.13 (s, 4H), 5.40 (m, 4H), 4.94 (m, 4H), 2.61-2.01 (br, 32H), 1.51-1.31 (br, 128H), 0.98-0.72 (br, 48H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCI<sub>3</sub>): 165.2, 164.8, 164.1, 163.2, 146.2, 138.7, 137.4, 132.8, 131.9, 131.5, 129.0, 128.3, 127.8, 127.2, 126.6, 125.5, 124.8, 124.4, 123.7, 123.0, 122.5, 122.1, 120.7, 120.0, 55.5, 33.4, 32.3, 32.1, 31.8, 30.0, 29.7, 29.3, 29.1, 27.5, 27.0, 22.9, 22.8, 22.6, 14.3. MALDI-TOF MS: Calcd for  $C_{226}H_{248}N_8O_{16}S_4$  (M+): 3457.77, Found:3457.84. Elemental Analysis: C, 78.44; H, 7.22; N, 3.24; Found: C, 78.09; H, 7.36; N, 3.44.



**Synthesis of 2,3,6,7-tetrakis(5-(trimethylstannyl)thiophen-2-yl)naphthalene (6).** To a solution of **5** (100 mg, 0.219 mmol) in anhydrous THF (50 mL) was added n-BuLi (0.55 mL,1.09 mmol, 2 M in hexane) dropwise at -78 °C under N<sub>2</sub>. The mixture was kept at 0 °C for 1 h and then cooled to -78 °C again. Trimethyltin chloride (1.3 mL, 1.31 mmol, 1 M in hexane) was added dropwise and the mixture was allowed to react for 2 h. Then, the reaction mixture was poured into aqueous potassium fluoride and extracted with diethyl ether. The combined organic phase was washed with water followed by brine. Then the solution was dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated under reduced

pressure. The crude product (light yellow solid, 201 mg, 83%) was directly used for the next step without further purification. MALDI-TOF MS: Calcd for  $C_{38}H_{48}S_4Sn_4$  (M+): 1111.87, Found: 1111.88.

Synthesis of *b*-TTN-PDI4. To a mixture of **6** (100 mg, 0.0903 mmol), C<sub>6</sub>-PDI-Br (301 mg, 0.361 mmol), Pd<sub>2</sub>(dba)<sub>3</sub> (8 mg, 0.00903 mmol) and P(*o*-tol)<sub>3</sub> (22 mg, 0.0722 mmol) in a microwave tube, toluene (5 mL) was added. The reaction was performed by using microwave reactor at 120 °C. After 2 h, the reaction was stopped and the mixture was extracted by chloroform. The combined organic phase was washed with water followed by brine. Then the solution was dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography (stationary phase: silica gel; eluent: n-hexane: dichloromethane = 2:3) to get the product as dark red solid (215 mg, 69%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, C<sub>2</sub>D<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>4</sub>, 353 K):  $\delta$  8.69-8.59 (m, 20H), 8.50-8.48 (m, 4H), 8.22-8.19 (m, 8H), 7.33 (s, 8H), 5.12-4.96 (m, 8H), 2.16-1.52 (m, 32H), 1.31-1.18 (m, 128H), 0.85-0.79 (m, 48H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  164.6, 163.6, 163.3, 145.1, 144.9, 137.1, 136.5,

135.0, 134.4, 134.3, 133.7, 133.3, 132.2, 132.1, 131.6, 130.7, 129.5, 129.4, 129.1, 129.0, 128.1,
127.5, 127.4, 123.6, 123.1, 122.8, 122.1, 54.8, 32.3, 32.2, 31.7, 31.6, 29.2, 29.1, 26.9, 26.8, 22.6,
22.5, 14.0, 13.9. MALDI-TOF MS: Calcd for C<sub>226</sub>H<sub>256</sub>N<sub>8</sub>O<sub>16</sub>S<sub>4</sub> (M+): 3465.83, Found: 3465.88.
Elemental Analysis: C, 78.25; H, 7.44; N, 3.23; Found: C, 78.37; H, 7.35; N, 3.41.

#### Synthesis of b-FTTN-PDI4.

To a standard photocyclization glassware was added 100 mg of b-TTN-PDI4, 50 ml of toluene and 2 mg of I<sub>2</sub> as catalyst. The mixture was illuminated by 500 W mercury lamp for 2 hours. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (stationary phase: silica gel; eluent: toluene) to afford b-FTTN-PDI4 as red solid (yield: 85%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, C<sub>2</sub>D<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>4</sub>, 353 K):  $\delta$  9.91 (s, 4H), 9.49 (s, 4H), 9.29 (m, 8H), 9.06 (d, 4H, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 9.01 (d, 4H, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 8.95 (s, 4H), 8.80 (s, 4H), 5.24-5.16 (m, 8H), 2.25-2.19 (br, 16H), 1.98-1.75 (m, 16H), 1.51-1.17 (m, 128H), 0.82-0.74 (m, 48H). High-quality <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum were not obtained due to the poor solubility of b-FTTN-PDI4 in CDCl<sub>3</sub>, C<sub>2</sub>D<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>4</sub> and C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>. MALDI-TOF MS: Calcd for C<sub>226</sub>H<sub>248</sub>N<sub>8</sub>O<sub>16</sub>S<sub>4</sub> (M+): 3457.77, Found:3457.84. Elemental



Figure S13. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of a-TTN-PDI4 (400 MHz, C<sub>2</sub>D<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>4</sub>, 353K).



Figure S14. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of a-TTN-PDI4 (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>).



Figure S15. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of a-FTTN-PDI4 (400 MHz, C<sub>2</sub>D<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>4</sub>, 353K).



Figure S16. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of a-FTTN-PDI4 (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>).



Figure S17. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of b-TTN-PDI4 (400 MHz, C<sub>2</sub>D<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>4</sub>, 353K).



Figure S18. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of b-TTN-PDI4 (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>).



Figure S19. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of b-FTTN-PDI4 (400 MHz, C<sub>2</sub>D<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>4</sub>, 353K).

# Cartesian coordinate of the optimized geometry of a-FTTN-PDI4

С	14.30000000	14.68900000	11.00000000
С	13.56500000	13.79600000	11.77200000
С	15.69400000	14.72700000	11.06400000
С	16.40100000	13.84500000	11.87200000
С	14.24700000	12.73600000	12.48100000
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