

## Supplementary Information

# Fluorination of the tetraphenylethene core: synthesis, aggregation-induced emission, reversible mechanofluorochromism and thermofluorochromism of fluorinated tetraphenylethene derivatives

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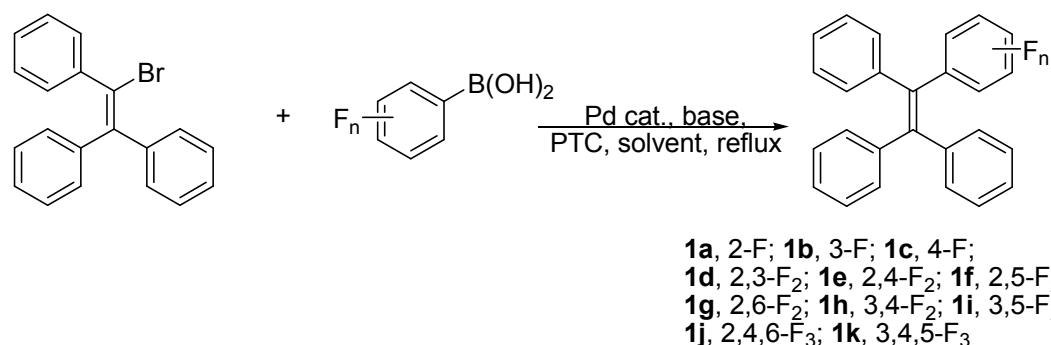
Fig. S16 – S63. NMR spectra.

### Synthetic procedures

#### General

Standard Schlenk techniques were used for the synthetic reactions under Ar. The solvents were commercially available and used without further purification. IR spectrum was recorded in the range 400-4000 cm<sup>-1</sup> on a Perkin Elmer Spectrum RX I spectrometer using KBr pellets. NMR analyses were performed on a Bruker Avance

III 400 MHz spectrometer. As internal references for  $^1\text{H}$ - and  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR spectroscopy the signals of  $\text{CDCl}_3$  were used and calculated relative to tetramethylsilane (TMS).  $\text{CF}_3\text{COOH}$  was used as the external reference for  $^{19}\text{F}$ -NMR. Melting points were measured with a SGW X-4 apparatus and are not corrected. The high resolution mass spectra were measured on a Thermo Fisher Scientific LTQ FTICR-MS instrument (DART positive ion mode) and Waters Micromass GCT Premier (EI (70eV)). UV-Vis spectrum was recorded on a TU1900 spectrometer. Emission spectra were measured on an Edinburgh FLS 920 fluorimeter, using a front-face solid sample configuration for solid samples. Absolute fluorescence quantum yields were obtained using an integrating sphere. Thermogram TGA was recorded by using a TA TGA55 thermoanalyser in temperature range from room temperature to 400 °C at a heating rate of 20 °C/min under nitrogen, whereas the thermogram DSC was performed using a TA DSC25 thermoanalyzer between room temperature to 300 °C at a heating rate of 10 °C/min and under nitrogen also.



**Synthesis of 1-(2-fluorophenyl)-1,2,2-triphenylethene (1a).** A representative procedure. Under an Ar atmosphere triphenylbromoethene (168.1 mg, 0.47 mmol), tetrabutylammonium bromide (15.8 mg, 0.049 mmol),  $\text{K}_2\text{CO}_3$  (207.8 mg, 1.503 mmol), 2-fluorophenylboronic acid (84.4 mg, 0.60 mmol) and  $\text{Pd}(\text{PPh}_3)_4$  (29.9 mg, 0.026 mmol) were added into a Schlenk flask, and a mixture of toluene/ $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (5 mL/15 mL) was then added to the flask. The mixture was heated to 120 °C (oil bath) with stirring for 24 h. After cooling to room temperature, the organic phase was separated and the water phase was extracted with  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  ( $2 \times 20$  mL). The organic phases were combined and dried over  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ . After filtration the organic phases were dried under reduced pressure, and the resulting residue was purified by preparative TLC using *n*-hexane as the eluent to give the product **1a**.

**1a:** White solid (62.4 mg, 37.6%); m.p. 187-189 °C;  $R_f$  = 0.20 (*n*-hexane);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.14 – 7.01 (m, 17H), 6.92 (td,  $J$  = 7.5, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 6.86 (t,  $J$  = 9.2 Hz, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  161.68, 159.22, 143.56 (d,  $J$  = 15.2 Hz), 142.85, 142.50, 134.66, 133.01 (d,  $J$  = 3.7 Hz), 131.64, 131.49, 131.38, 130.60 (d,  $J$  = 4.3 Hz), 128.82 (d,  $J$  = 8.1 Hz), 127.84 (d,  $J$  = 2.8 Hz), 127.69, 126.86 (d,  $J$  = 1.3 Hz), 126.66, 123.74 (d,  $J$  = 3.5 Hz), 115.74, 115.52;  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -113.24 – -113.35 (m); DART-MS  $m/z$  (%): calcd. for  $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{20}\text{F}$ , 351.1549, found 351.1540 [ $\text{M}+1$ ]<sup>+</sup> (100%).

**1b:** triphenylbromoethene (166.8 mg, 0.47 mmol), tetrabutylammonium bromide

(16.8 mg, 0.052 mmol), K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (209.7 mg, 1.52 mmol), 3-fluorophenylboronic acid (82.6 mg, 0.59 mmol) and Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub> (30.0 mg, 0.026 mmol), the reaction mixture was heated for 21 h. White solid (71.8 mg, 43.6%); m.p. 204-207 °C; R<sub>f</sub> = 0.42 (*n*-hexane); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.16 – 7.00 (m, 16H), 6.84 – 6.72 (m, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 163.77, 161.34, 146.14 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 143.42 (d, *J* = 5.1 Hz), 143.24, 142.01, 139.81 (d, *J* = 1.9 Hz), 131.36 (d, *J* = 1.3 Hz), 131.29, 129.13 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz), 127.93 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz), 127.82, 127.22 (d, *J* = 2.7 Hz), 126.89, 126.77 (d, *J* = 2.6 Hz), 118.27, 118.05, 113.61, 113.40; <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -110.88 – -110.99 (m); DART-MS *m/z* (%): calcd. for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>20</sub>F, 351.1549, found 351.1540 [M+1]<sup>+</sup> (100%).

**1c**<sup>[1,2]</sup>: triphenylbromoethene (167.3 mg, 0.47 mmol), tetrabutylammonium bromide (17.9 mg, 0.056 mmol), K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (210.1 mg, 1.52 mmol), 4-fluorophenylboronic acid (83.9 mg, 0.60 mmol) and Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub> (31.4 mg, 0.027 mmol), the reaction mixture was heated for 21 h. White solid (124.7 mg, 75.8%); R<sub>f</sub> = 0.44 (*n*-hexane); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.14 – 7.07 (m, 9H), 7.04 – 6.95 (m, 8H), 6.79 (t, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 162.76, 160.31, 143.69 (d, *J* = 3.1 Hz), 143.64, 141.34, 139.97, 139.81 (d, *J* = 3.4 Hz), 133.03 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz), 131.40, 127.87 (t, *J* = 5 Hz), 126.68 (d, *J* = 3.1 Hz), 126.63, 114.87, 114.66; <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -115.44 – -115.56 (m).

**1d**: triphenylbromoethene (179.9 mg, 0.51 mmol), tetrabutylammonium bromide (17.7 mg, 0.055 mmol), K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (207.9 mg, 1.57 mmol), 2,3-difluorophenylboronic acid (96.5 mg, 0.61 mmol) and Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub> (36.1 mg, 0.031 mmol), the reaction mixture was heated for 38 h. White solid (18.9 mg, yield 10.1%); m.p. 173-175 °C; R<sub>f</sub> = 0.51 (*n*-hexane); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.16 – 7.02 (m, 15H), 6.99 – 6.81 (m, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 152.15 (d, *J* = 15.3 Hz), 149.73 (t, *J* = 14.9 Hz), 147.30 (d, *J* = 15.8 Hz), 144.48, 143.10, 142.47, 141.93, 133.94, 133.83, 133.41 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz), 131.30, 130.50 (d, *J* = 11.3 Hz), 127.93 (d, *J* = 5.0 Hz), 127.84, 127.67 (t, *J* = 2.5 Hz), 127.11 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz), 126.89, 123.53 (dd, *J* = 7.0, 4.7 Hz), 115.94, 115.78; <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -135.07 – -135.22 (m, 1F), -135.29 – -135.46 (m, 1F); DART-MS *m/z* (%): calcd. for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>19</sub>F<sub>2</sub>, 369.1455, found 369.1446 [M+1]<sup>+</sup> (100%).

**1e**: triphenylbromoethene (176.9 mg, 0.50 mmol), tetrabutylammonium bromide (18.0 mg, 0.056 mmol), K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (206.9 mg, 1.50 mmol), 2,4-difluorophenylboronic acid (95.1 mg, 0.60 mmol) and Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub> (37.6 mg, 0.33 mmol), the reaction mixture was heated for 38 h. White solid (70 mg, 9.0%); m.p. 169-172 °C; R<sub>f</sub> = 0.44 (*n*-hexane); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.17 – 7.0 (m, 16H), 6.73 – 6.60 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 163.43 (d, *J* = 11.7 Hz), 161.64 (d, *J* = 11.9 Hz), 160.96 (d, *J* = 11.7 Hz), 159.16 (d, *J* = 11.9 Hz), 144.07, 143.33, 142.66, 142.25, 133.66 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz), 133.63, 131.31, 130.54 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz), 127.90 (d, *J* = 1.1 Hz), 127.82, 126.98, 126.80, 111.17 (d, *J* = 3.6 Hz), 110.96 (d, *J* = 3.6 Hz), 104.02 (t, *J* = 25.7 Hz); <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -105.47 (q, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1F), -108.16 (quint, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1F); DART-MS *m/z* (%): calcd. for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>18</sub>F<sub>2</sub>, 368.1377, found 368.1367[M]<sup>+</sup> (100%).

**1f**: triphenylbromoethene (176.6 mg, 0.50 mmol), tetrabutylammonium bromide (16.1

mg, 0.050 mmol),  $K_2CO_3$  (207.0 mg, 1.50 mmol), 2,5-difluorophenylboronic acid (94.7 mg, 0.60 mmol) and  $Pd(PPh_3)_4$  (37.0 mg, 0.32 mmol), the reaction mixture was heated for 38 h. White solid (36.4 mg, 19.9%); m.p. 179–181 °C;  $R_f = 0.32$  (*n*-hexane);  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  7.16 – 7.02 (m, 15H), 6.83 – 6.76 (m, 3H);  $^{13}C$  NMR (100 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  159.60, 157.58, 157.20, 155.19, 144.44, 143.05, 142.46, 141.88, 133.47, 132.94 (dd,  $J = 18.0, 8.0$  Hz), 131.29, 130.52 (d,  $J = 13.5$  Hz), 127.97, 127.87 (d,  $J = 5.6$  Hz), 127.14 (d,  $J = 11.0$  Hz), 126.91, 119.15 (d,  $J = 4.1$  Hz), 118.91 (d,  $J = 4.1$  Hz), 116.69 (d,  $J = 8.9$  Hz), 116.44 (d,  $J = 8.9$  Hz), 115.36 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz), 115.13 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz);  $^{19}F$  NMR (376 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  -115.73 – -116.00 (m, 1F), -116.08 – -116.37 (m, 1F); DART-MS  $m/z$  (%): calcd. for  $C_{26}H_{19}F_2$ , 369.1455, found 369.1447 [M+1]<sup>+</sup> (100%).

**1g:** triphenylbromoethene (177.6 mg, 0.50 mmol), tetrabutylammonium bromide (17.2 mg, 0.053 mmol),  $K_2CO_3$  (206.8 mg, 1.50 mmol), 2,6-difluorophenylboronic acid (95.9 mg, 0.61 mmol) and  $Pd(PPh_3)_4$  (34.3 mg, 0.030 mmol), the reaction mixture was heated for 38.5 h. white solid (10.2 mg, 50%); the reaction condition was modified as follows: triphenylbromoethene (179.1 mg, 0.50 mmol),  $Ag_2O$  (114.4 mg, 0.50 mmol),  $K_2CO_3$  (206.8 mg, 1.56 mmol), 2,6-difluorophenylboronic acid (106.8 mg, 0.68 mmol) and  $Pd(PPh_3)_4$  (36.0 mg, 0.031 mmol), the reaction mixture was heated for 28.5 h. yellowish solid (29.1 mg, 15.7%); m.p. 155–157 °C;  $R_f = 0.29$  (*n*-hexane);  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  7.40 – 7.30 (m, 8H), 7.21 – 7.15 (m, 4H), 7.11 – 7.05 (m, 4H), 6.98 – 6.94 (m, 2H); DART-MS  $m/z$  (%): calcd. for  $C_{26}H_{18}F_2$ , 368.1377, found 368.1367 [M]<sup>+</sup> (100%).

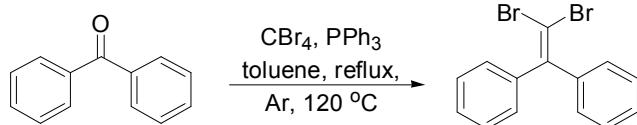
**1h:** triphenylbromoethene (180.5 mg, 0.51 mmol), tetrabutylammonium bromide (17.8 mg, 0.055 mmol),  $K_2CO_3$  (206.4 mg, 1.56 mmol), 3,4-difluorophenylboronic acid (96.1 mg, 0.61 mmol) and  $Pd(PPh_3)_4$  (38.5 mg, 0.033 mmol), the reaction mixture was heated for 24 h. White solid (153.2 mg, 81.9%); m.p. 174–175 °C;  $R_f = 0.61$  (*n*-hexane);  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  7.18 – 7.07 (m, 9H), 7.06 – 6.98 (m, 6H), 6.92 – 6.79 (m, 2H), 6.77 – 6.72 (m, 1H);  $^{13}C$  NMR (100 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  151.16 (d,  $J = 12.7$  Hz), 150.34 (d,  $J = 12.7$  Hz), 148.70 (d,  $J = 12.7$  Hz), 147.87 (d,  $J = 12.7$  Hz), 143.28 (d,  $J = 1.9$  Hz), 143.02, 142.20, 140.83 (dd,  $J = 5.7, 4.2$  Hz), 138.93, 131.32 (d,  $J = 1.5$  Hz), 131.25, 128.05 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz), 127.86, 127.60 (dd,  $J = 6.0, 3.4$  Hz), 126.98 (d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz), 126.84, 120.15 (d,  $J = 17.3$  Hz), 116.55 (d,  $J = 17.1$  Hz);  $^{19}F$  NMR (376 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  -135.21 – -135.53 (m, 1F), -136.73 – -137.02 (m, 1F); DART-MS  $m/z$  (%): calcd. for  $C_{26}H_{19}F_2$ , 369.1455, found 369.1446 [M+1]<sup>+</sup> (100%).

**1i:** triphenylbromoethene (177.9 mg, 0.50 mmol), tetrabutylammonium bromide (17.6 mg, 0.059 mmol),  $K_2CO_3$  (206.8 mg, 1.50 mmol), 3,5-difluorophenylboronic acid (94.5 mg, 0.60 mmol) and  $Pd(PPh_3)_4$  (35.6 mg, 0.31 mmol), the reaction mixture was heated for 38.5 h. White solid (136.8 mg, 74.1%); m.p. 183–185 °C;  $R_f = 0.45$  (*n*-hexane);  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  7.18 – 7.09 (m, 9H), 7.06 – 6.97 (m, 6H), 6.61 – 6.48 (m, 3H);  $^{13}C$  NMR (100 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  163.85 (d,  $J = 13.0$  Hz), 161.39 (d,  $J = 13.0$  Hz), 147.26 (t,  $J = 9.4$  Hz), 143.05, 142.91 (d,  $J = 5.1$  Hz), 142.62, 138.83 (t,  $J = 2.3$  Hz), 131.28 (d,  $J = 2.5$  Hz), 131.10, 128.09 (d,  $J = 5.3$  Hz), 127.87, 127.26, 127.01 (d,  $J = 5.8$  Hz), 114.21 (d,  $J = 11.8$  Hz), 114.21 (d,  $J = 25.2$  Hz), 102.14 (t,  $J =$

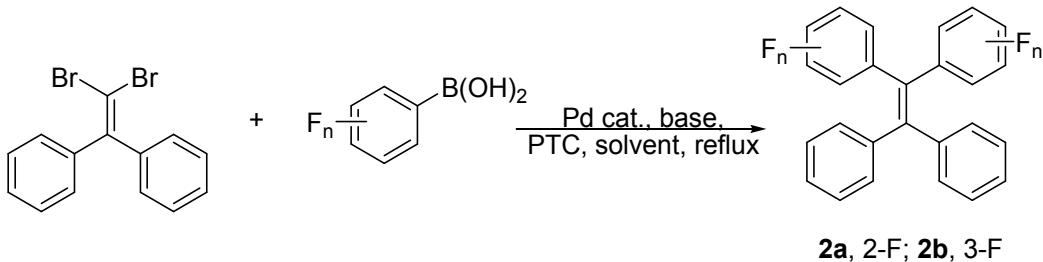
25.5 Hz);  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -107.80 – -107.93 (m, 2F); DART-MS  $m/z$  (%): calcd. for  $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{18}\text{F}_2$ , 368.1377, found 368.1370 [ $\text{M}^+$ ] (100%).

**1j:** triphenylbromoethene (179.6 mg, 0.51 mmol), tetrabutylammonium bromide (15.2 mg, 0.047 mmol),  $\text{K}_2\text{CO}_3$  (208.3 mg, 1.51 mmol), 2,4,6-trifluorophenylboronic acid (106.9 mg, 0.61 mmol) and  $\text{Pd}(\text{PPh}_3)_4$  (38.2 mg, 0.33 mmol), the reaction mixture was heated for 39 h. White solid (12 mg, 6.3%); m.p. 156-158 °C;  $R_f$  = 0.41 (*n*-hexane);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.40 – 7.29 (m, 9H), 7.20 – 7.15 (m, 3H), 7.09 – 7.05 (m, 3H), 6.98 – 6.93 (m, 2H); EI-MS  $m/z$  (%): calcd. for  $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{17}\text{F}_3$ , 386.1280, found 386.1279 [ $\text{M}^+$ ] (100%).

**1k:** triphenylbromoethene (179.0 mg, 0.50 mmol), tetrabutylammonium bromide (18.2 mg, 0.056 mmol),  $\text{K}_2\text{CO}_3$  (208.4 mg, 1.51 mmol), 3,4,5-trifluorophenylboronic acid (105.7 mg, 0.60 mmol) and  $\text{Pd}(\text{PPh}_3)_4$  (35.8 mg, 0.31 mmol), the reaction mixture was heated for 39 h. White solid (176.4 mg, 90.6%); m.p. 163-165 °C;  $R_f$  = 0.36 (*n*-hexane);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.22 – 7.07 (m, 9H), 7.06 – 6.98 (m, 6H), 6.65 (dd,  $J$  = 8.7, 6.8 Hz, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  152.04 (dd,  $J$  = 10.0, 4.1 Hz), 149.56 (dd,  $J$  = 10.0, 4.2 Hz), 143.07, 142.88 (d,  $J$  = 10.6 Hz), 142.41, 140.03 – 139.74 (m), 139.63, 138.06, 137.29 (t,  $J$  = 15.4 Hz), 131.25 (d,  $J$  = 3.6 Hz), 131.07, 128.21 (d,  $J$  = 11.0 Hz), 127.90, 127.38, 127.13 (d,  $J$  = 13.7 Hz), 115.39 (d,  $J$  = 21.1 Hz), 115.39 (d,  $J$  = 10.4 Hz);  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -132.19 (dd,  $J$  = 20.5, 8.8 Hz, 2F), -159.15 – -159.30 (m, 1F); DART-MS  $m/z$  (%): calcd. for  $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{18}\text{F}_3$ , 387.1361, found 387.1352 [ $\text{M}+1$ ] (100%).



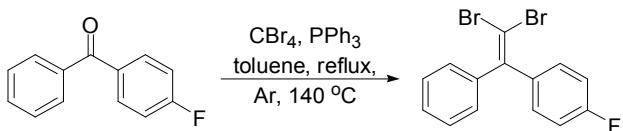
**Synthesis of 1,1-dibromo-2,2-diphenylethene<sup>[3]</sup>.** To a solution of benzophenone (1.820 g, 9.99 mmol) and  $\text{CBr}_4$  (6.660 g, 20.02 mmol) in toluene (70 mL) was added  $\text{PPh}_3$  (10.525 g, 40.13 mmol) under an Ar atmosphere. The mixture was heated at 120 °C (oil bath) for 137 h. After cooling to room temperature, the solvent was removed by rotary evaporator and the residue was extracted with *n*-hexane. The hexane phases were combined and dried to give a residue, which was separated by preparative TLC using *n*-hexane as the eluent to give the product as a yellowish solid (1.314 g, 35.8%).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.37 – 7.27 (m).



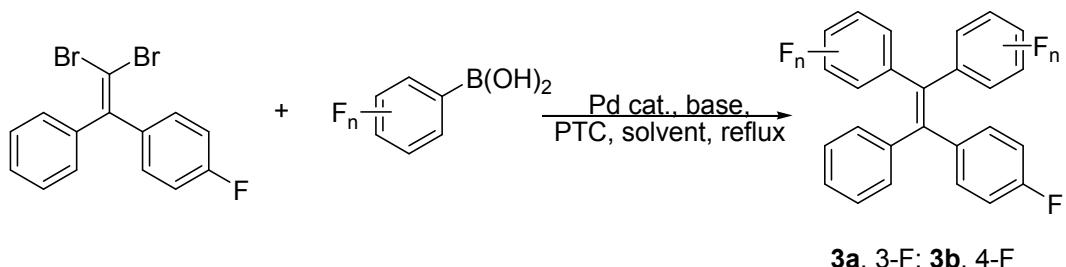
**Synthesis of 1,1-bis(2-fluorophenyl)-2,2-diphenylethene (2a). A representative procedure.** Under an Ar atmosphere 1,1-dibromo-2,2-diphenylethene (102.8 mg, 0.30 mmol), tetrabutylammonium bromide (11.6 mg, 0.036 mmol),  $\text{K}_2\text{CO}_3$  (125.3 mg 0.91

mmol), 2-fluorophenylboronic acid (139.9 mg, 0.67 mmol) and Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub> (21.9 mg, 0.019 mmol) were added into a Schlenk flask. A mixture of toluene/H<sub>2</sub>O (5 mL/15 mL) was then charged to the flask and the reaction mixture was heated at 120 °C (oil bath) for 48 h. After cooling to room temperature, the organic layer was separated and the water layer was extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (2 × 20 mL). The organic phases were combined and dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. After filtration the organic phases were dried under reduced pressure, and the resulting residue was purified by preparative TLC using *n*-hexane as the eluent to give the product **2a** as a white solid (21.8 mg, 19.4%). m.p. 166–168 °C; R<sub>f</sub> = 0.26 (*n*-hexane); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.14–7.04 (m, 14H), 6.88 (dt, *J* = 18.3, 8.0 Hz, 4H); DART-MS *m/z* (%): calcd. for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>19</sub>F<sub>2</sub>, 369.1455, found 369.1446 [M+1]<sup>+</sup> (100%).

**2b**<sup>[4]</sup>: 1,1-dibromo-2,2-diphenylethene (103.5 mg, 0.31 mmol), tetrabutylammonium bromide (14.0 mg, 0.043 mmol), K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (124.6 mg, 0.90 mmol), 3-fluorophenylboronic acid (93.3 mg, 0.67 mmol) and Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub> (21.5 mg, 0.019 mmol), the reaction mixture was heated for 24 h. White solid (63.6 mg, 56.3%); R<sub>f</sub> = 0.49 (*n*-hexane); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.16–7.00 (m, 12H), 6.84–6.78 (m, 4H), 6.72 (dt, *J* = 10.0, 2.0 Hz, 2H); <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -110.57–110.72 (m, 2F).



**Synthesis of 1,1-dibromo-2-(4-fluorophenyl)-2-phenylethene.** To a toluene solution (30 mL) of 4-fluorobenzophenone (1.0039 g, 5.01 mmol) and CBr<sub>4</sub> (3.2577 g, 9.82 mmol) was added PPh<sub>3</sub> (5.235 g, 19.96 mmol) slowly in a Schlenk flask with argon atmosphere. And the mixture was transfer to oil bath (140 °C), The reaction was refluxed for 96 h. The solvent of the mixture was removed by rotary evaporator and the residue was immersed by *n*-hexane and stirred overnight. The solution was filtrated and concentrated, then separated through silica gel using *n*-hexane as eluent to give the product as yellowish solid (976.1 mg, 54.7%); R<sub>f</sub> = 0.58 (*n*-hexane). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.40–7.27 (m, 7H), 7.05 (t, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 163.48, 161.01, 146.87, 141.24, 137.85, 137.28 (d, *J* = 3.5 Hz), 130.79 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz), 129.10, 128.83 (d, *J* = 2.6 Hz), 128.48 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz), 128.19, 126.56, 115.44 (d, *J* = 21.7 Hz), 90.71; <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -109.70–109.81 (m); DART-MS *m/z* (%): calcd. for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>10</sub>Br<sub>2</sub>F, 354.9133, found 354.9127 [M+1]<sup>+</sup> (100%).

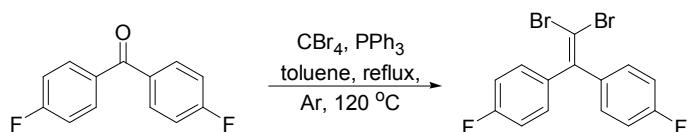


**3a, 3-F; 3b, 4-F**

**Synthesis of 1,1-bis(3-fluorophenyl)-2-(4-fluorophenyl)-2-phenylethene (3a).**

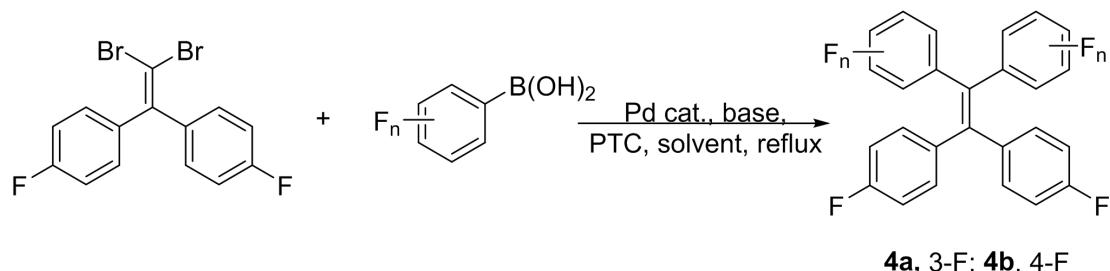
Under an Ar atmosphere 1,1-dibromo-2-(4-fluorophenyl)-2-phenylethene (217.3 mg, 0.61 mmol), tetrabutylammonium bromide (30.6 mg, 0.095 mmol), K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (250.7 mg, 1.81 mmol), 3-fluorophenylboronic acid (188.0 mg, 1.34 mmol) and Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub> (43.8 mg, 0.037 mmol) were added into a Schlenk flask. A mixture of toluene/H<sub>2</sub>O (5 mL/15 mL) was then added to the flask and the reaction mixture was heated at 120 °C (oil bath) for 25 h. The organic layer was separated and the water layer was extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (2 × 20 mL). The organic phases were combined and dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. After filtration the organic phases were dried under reduced pressure, and the resulting residue was purified by preparative TLC using *n*-hexane as the eluent to give **3a** as white solid (31.8 mg, 13.5%). m.p. 173–175 °C; R<sub>f</sub> = 0.38 (*n*-hexane); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.17 – 7.04 (m, 5H), 7.03 – 6.95 (m, 4H), 6.86 – 6.76 (m, 6H), 6.73 – 6.67 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 163.85 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz), 163.07, 161.40 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz), 160.61, 145.32 (dd, *J* = 7.5, 3.6 Hz), 142.77, 141.80, 138.96 (d, *J* = 3.4 Hz), 138.72, 132.87 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 131.16, 129.43 (dd, *J* = 15.1, 8.4 Hz), 128.09, 127.29, 127.08, 118.15 (d, *J* = 1.3 Hz), 117.94 (d, *J* = 1.4 Hz), 115.14, 114.92, 114.02 (d, *J* = 6.3 Hz), 113.81 (d, *J* = 6.3 Hz); <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -110.22 – -110.36 (m, 1F), -110.44 – -110.58 (m, 1F), -111.23 – -111.39 (m, 1F); DART-MS *m/z* (%): calcd. for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>18</sub>F<sub>3</sub>, 387.1361, found 387.1352 [M+1]<sup>+</sup> (100%) .

**3b:** 1,1-dibromo-2-(4-fluorophenyl)-2-phenylethene (228.2 mg, 0.64 mmol), tetrabutylammonium bromide (34.0 mg, 0.11 mmol), K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (254.7 mg, 1.84 mmol), 4-fluorophenylboronic acid (187.0 mg, 1.34 mmol) and Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub> (41.6 mg, 0.036 mmol), the reaction mixture was heated for 25 h. White solid (85.2 mg, 34.4%); m.p. 172–174 °C; R<sub>f</sub> = 0.57 (*n*-hexane); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.15 – 7.10 (m, 3H), 7.01 – 6.93 (m, 8H), 6.85 – 6.76 (m, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 162.85 (t, *J* = 1.8 Hz), 160.40 (t, *J* = 1.6 Hz), 143.29, 140.42, 139.45 (t, *J* = 24.5 Hz), 139.39 (t, *J* = 2.8 Hz), 139.04, 132.95 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz), 131.29, 128.06, 126.92, 114.98 (dt, *J* = 21.2, 6.2 Hz); <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -111.59 – -111.73 (m, 1F), -111.74 – -111.88 (m, 2F); DART-MS *m/z* (%): calcd. for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>18</sub>F<sub>3</sub>, 387.1361, found 387.1352 [M+1]<sup>+</sup> (100%) .



**Synthesis of 1,1-dibromo-2,2-bis(4-fluorophenyl)ethene<sup>[5]</sup>.** To a solution of bis(4-fluorophenyl)methanone (1.644 g, 7.53 mmol) and CBr<sub>4</sub> (4.951 g, 14.93 mmol)

in toluene (30 mL) was added  $\text{PPh}_3$  (7.955 g, 30.33 mmol) under an Ar atmosphere. The mixture was heated at 120 °C (oil bath) for 51 h. After cooling to room temperature, the solvent of the mixture was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was extracted with *n*-hexane. The hexane phases were dried and the resulting residue was separated by silica gel using *n*-hexane as the eluent to give product as yellowish solid (1.520 g, 54%);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.31 – 7.24 (m, 4H), 7.09 – 7.00 (m, 4H).



**4a, 3-F; 4b, 4-F**

**Synthesis of 1,1-bis(3-fluorophenyl)-2,2-bis(4-fluorophenyl)ethene (4a).** A representative procedure. Under an Ar atmosphere, 1,1-dibromo-2,2-bis(4-fluorophenyl)ethene (189.5 mg, 0.51 mmol), tetrabutylammonium bromide (19.9 mg, 0.062 mmol),  $\text{K}_2\text{CO}_3$  (208.4 mg, 1.51 mmol), 3-fluorophenylboronic acid (158.9 mg, 1.14 mmol) and  $\text{Pd}(\text{PPh}_3)_4$  (34.9 mg, 0.030 mmol) were added to the Schlenk flask, and then a mixture of toluene/ $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (5 mL/15 mL) was charged to the flask. The reaction mixture was heated at 120 °C (oil bath) for 28 h. The organic layer was separated and the water layer was extracted with  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  ( $2 \times 20$  mL). The organic phases were combined and dried over  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ . After filtration the organic phases were dried under reduced pressure and the resulting residue was purified by preparative TLC using *n*-hexane as the eluent to give **4a** as yellowish solid (80.1 mg, 39.0%). m.p. 163–165 °C;  $R_f$  = 0.35 (*n*-hexane);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.09 (q,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 6.97 (q,  $J$  = 4.5 Hz, 4H), 6.83 (t,  $J$  = 8.6 Hz, 6H), 6.78 (d,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 6.70 (d,  $J$  = 9.9 Hz, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  163.88, 163.14, 161.44, 160.68, 145.15 (d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz), 140.66, 138.96, 138.73 (d,  $J$  = 3.4 Hz), 132.85 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz), 129.56 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz), 127.02 (d,  $J$  = 2.8 Hz), 118.00 (d,  $J$  = 21.7 Hz), 115.15 (d,  $J$  = 21.4 Hz), 114.04 (d,  $J$  = 21.1 Hz);  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -110.21 (q,  $J$  = 8.2 Hz, 2F), -110.92 – -111.09 (m, 2F); DART-MS  $m/z$  (%): calcd. for  $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{17}\text{F}_4$ , 404.1183, found 404.1181 [M]<sup>+</sup>(100%).

**4b**<sup>[6]</sup>: 1,1-dibromo-2,2-bis(4-fluorophenyl)ethene (190.3 mg, 0.51 mmol), tetrabutylammonium bromide (15.1 mg, 0.047 mmol),  $\text{K}_2\text{CO}_3$  (208.6 mg, 1.51 mmol), 4-fluorophenylboronic acid (157.8 mg, 1.13 mmol) and  $\text{Pd}(\text{PPh}_3)_4$  (35.0 mg, 0.030 mmol), the reaction mixture was heated for 27.5 h. White solid (42.4 mg, 20.6%);  $R_f$  = 0.13 (*n*-hexane);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  6.98 – 6.93 (m, 8H), 6.82 (t,  $J$  = 8.7 Hz, 8H);  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -111.37 – -111.50 (m, 4F).

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**Table S1.** Crystal data and structure refinement for **1b**.

Empirical formula	C <sub>26</sub> H <sub>19</sub> F
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Temperature	298(2) K
Wavelength	0.71073 Å
Crystal system, space group	Monoclinic, P2(1)
Unit cell dimensions	a = 9.8507(6) Å alpha = 90deg. b = 9.6236(6) Å beta = 105.740(3) deg. c = 10.6312(7) Å gamma = 90 deg.
Volume	970.04(11) Å <sup>3</sup>
Z, Calculated density	2, 1.200 Mg/m <sup>3</sup>
Absorption coefficient	0.075 mm <sup>-1</sup>
F(000)	368
Crystal size	0.46 × 0.41 × 0.40 mm
Theta range for data collection	2.91 to 25.02 deg.
Limiting indices	-11 ≤ h ≤ 11, -11 ≤ k ≤ 7, -12 ≤ l ≤ 12
Reflections collected / unique	4795 / 2403 [R(int) = 0.0544]
Completeness to theta = 25.02	98.60%
Absorption correction	Semi-empirical from equivalents
Max. and min. transmission	0.9707 and 0.9664
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F <sup>2</sup>
Data / restraints / parameters	2403 / 67 / 248
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.037
Final R indices [I>2sigma(I)]	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0606, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.1646
R indices (all data)	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0904, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.1905
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.419 and -0.221 e·Å <sup>-3</sup>

**Table S2.** Crystal data and structure refinement for **1c**.

Empirical formula	C <sub>26</sub> H <sub>19</sub> F
Formula weight	350.41
Temperature	298(2) K
Wavelength	0.71073 Å
Crystal system, space group	Monoclinic, P2(1)
Unit cell dimensions	a = 9.9314(7) Å    alpha = 90 deg. b = 9.4452(6) Å    beta = 108.374(2) deg. c = 10.8609(8) Å    gamma = 90 deg.
Volume	966.86(12) Å <sup>3</sup>
Z, Calculated density	2, 1.204 Mg/m <sup>3</sup>
Absorption coefficient	0.075 mm <sup>-1</sup>
F(000)	368
Crystal size	0.43 × 0.38 × 0.37 mm
Theta range for data collection	2.43 to 25.02 deg.
Limiting indices	-11 ≤ h ≤ 11, -11 ≤ k ≤ 11, -7 ≤ l ≤ 12
Reflections collected / unique	4833 / 3352 [R(int) = 0.0239]
Completeness to theta = 25.02	99.80%
Absorption correction	Semi-empirical from equivalents
Max. and min. transmission	0.9728 and 0.9685
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F <sup>2</sup>
Data / restraints / parameters	3352 / 1 / 248
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.042
Final R indices [I>2sigma(I)]	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0551, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.1551
R indices (all data)	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0807, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.1785
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.435 and -0.210 e·Å <sup>-3</sup>

**Table S3.** Crystal data and structure refinement for **1e**.

Empirical formula	C <sub>26</sub> H <sub>18</sub> F <sub>2</sub>
Formula weight	404.38
Temperature	293(2) K
Wavelength	0.71073 Å
Crystal system, space group	Monoclinic, P2(1)
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Volume	978.33(14) Å <sup>3</sup>
Z, Calculated density	2, 1.251 Mg/m <sup>3</sup>
Absorption coefficient	0.084 mm <sup>-1</sup>
F(000)	384
Crystal size	0.47 × 0.38 × 0.36 mm
Theta range for data collection	2.42 to 25.01 deg.
Limiting indices	-11 ≤ h ≤ 11, -6 ≤ k ≤ 11, -12 ≤ l ≤ 12

Reflections collected / unique	4839 / 2903 [R(int) = 0.0921]
Completeness to theta = 25.01	99.10%
Absorption correction	Semi-empirical from equivalents
Max. and min. transmission	0.9702 and 0.9614
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F <sup>2</sup>
Data / restraints / parameters	2903 / 1 / 260
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.079
Final R indices [I>2sigma(I)]	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0808, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.2054
R indices (all data)	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.1197, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.2358
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.453 and -0.259 e·Å <sup>-3</sup>

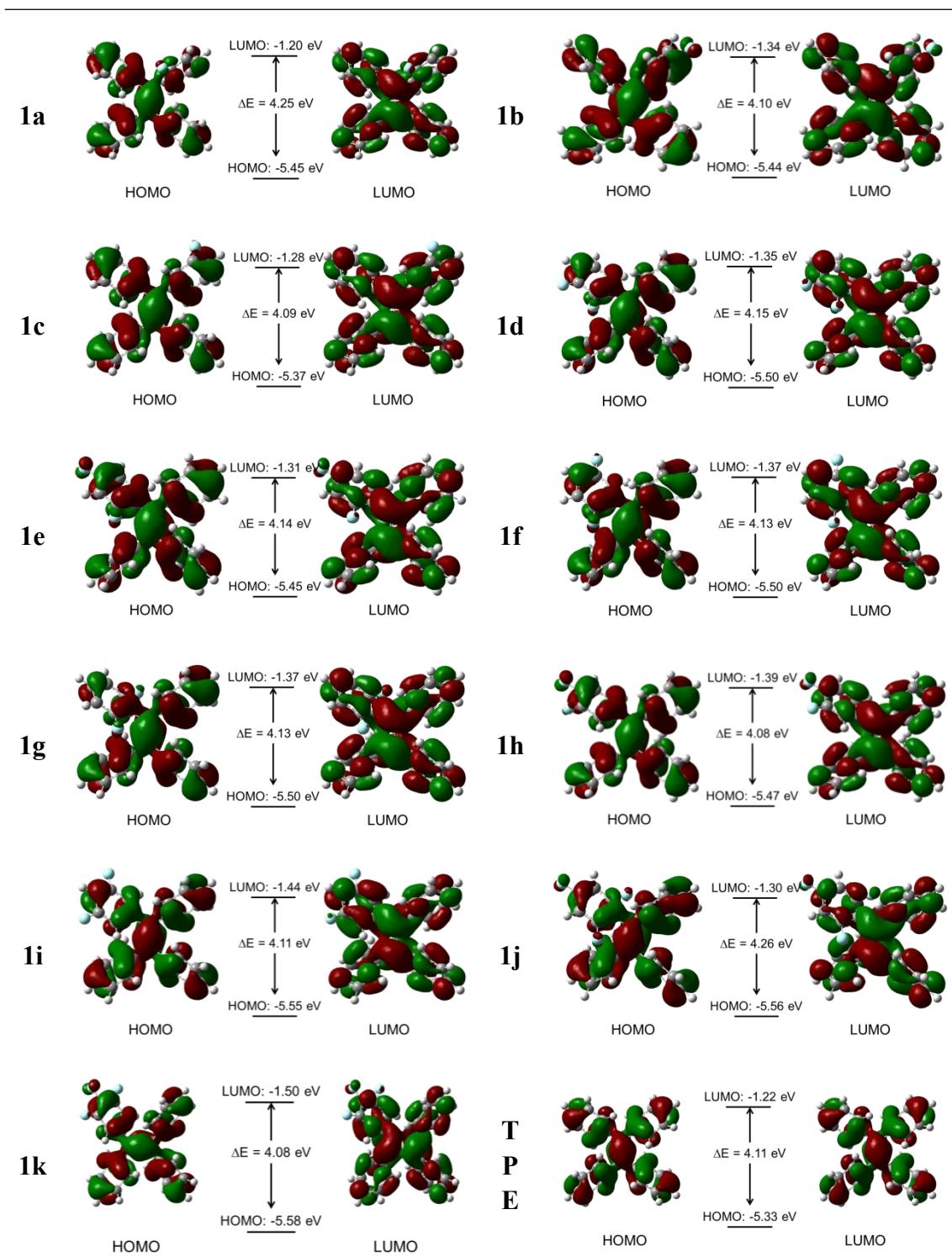
**Table S4.** Crystal data and structure refinement for **4a**.

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Crystal system, space group	Monoclinic, P2(1)
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Volume	1008.26(11) Å <sup>3</sup>
Z, Calculated density	4, 1.332 Mg/m <sup>3</sup>
Absorption coefficient	0.102 mm <sup>-1</sup>
F(000)	416
Crystal size	0.5 × 0.4 × 0.38mm
Theta range for data collection	6.4 to 52.74 deg.
Limiting indices	-12 ≤ h ≤ 12, -12 ≤ k ≤ 12, -13 ≤ l ≤ 13
Reflections collected / unique	14010 / 4116 [R(int) = 0.0653]
Completeness to theta = 26.32	99.73%
Absorption correction	Multi-scan
Max. and min. transmission	1.0000 and 0.61975
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F <sup>2</sup>
Data / restraints / parameters	4116/1/272
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.094
Final R indices [I>2sigma(I)]	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.1167, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.3023
R indices (all data)	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.1824, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.3684
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.65 and -0.37 e·Å <sup>-3</sup>

**Table S5.** Bond lengths and torsion angles for the **1b**, **1c**, **1e** and **4a**.

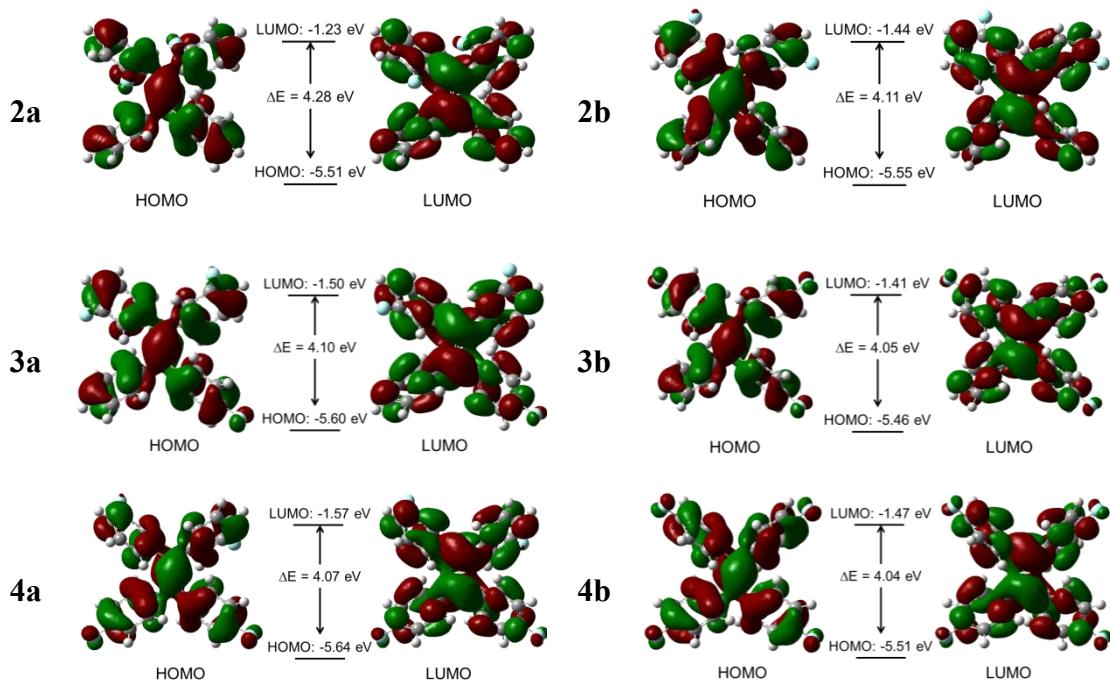
	<b>1b</b>	<b>1c</b>	<b>1e</b>	<b>4a</b>
	C1-C2: 1.337	C1-C2: 1.356	C1-C2: 1.337	C1-C2: 1.370
	C5-F1: 1.248	C9-F1: 1.328	C6-F1: 1.305	C6-F1: 1.363
	C14-F1': 1.259	C18-F1': 1.283	C4-F2: 1.332	C17-F2: 1.288
	C1-C3(F-Ar): 1.508	C1-C3(F'-Ar): 1.494	C10-F1': 1.222 C12-F2': 1.348	C23-F3: 1.307 C12-F4: 1.367
Selected bond lengths (Å)	C1-C9(Ph): 1.486 C2-C15(F'-Ar): 1.493	C1-C9(Ph): 1.488 C2-C15(F-Ar): 1.500	C1-C3(F-Ar): 1.505	C1-C3(F1-Ar): 1.493
	C2-C21(Ph): 1.494	C2-C21(Ph): 1.483	C1-C9(F'-Ar): 1.461	C1-C9(F4-Ar): 1.464
			C2-C15(Ph): 1.489	C2-C15(F2-Ar): 1.501
			C2-C21(Ph): 1.486	C2-C21(F3-Ar): 1.456
Selected torsion angles (°)	C2-C1-C3-C8 (ethene-(F-Ar)): -45.50	C2-C1-C3-C8 (ethene-(F'-Ar)): -48.69	C2-C1-C3-C8 (ethene-(F-Ar)): 52.25	C2-C1-C3-C8 (ethene-(F1-Ar)): 44.89
	C2-C1-C9-C10 (ethene-Ph): -49.08	C2-C1-C9-C10 (ethene-Ph): -46.92	C2-C1-C9-C10 (ethene-(F'-Ar)): 48.99	C2-C1-C9-C14 (ethene-(F4-Ar)): 49.25
	C1-C2-C15-C20 (ethene-(F'-Ar)): -47.88	C1-C2-C15-C20 (ethene-(F-Ar)): -56.34	C1-C2-C15-C20 (ethene-Ph): 58.08	C1-C2-C15-C16 (ethene-(F2-Ar)): 57.27
	C1-C2-C21-C26 (ethene-Ph): -54.78	C1-C2-C21-C26 (ethene-Ph): -46.13	C1-C2-C21-C26 (ethene-Ph): 47.27	C1-C2-C21-C26 (ethene-(F3-Ar)): 46.96

**Table S6.** Diagrams of the frontier MOs of **1a-1k** and parent TPE<sup>a</sup>



<sup>a</sup>Energy gaps between HOMO and LUMO were calculated at the B3LYP/6-31G (d, p) level of theory.

**Table S7.** Diagrams of the frontier MOs of **2a-4b**<sup>a</sup>



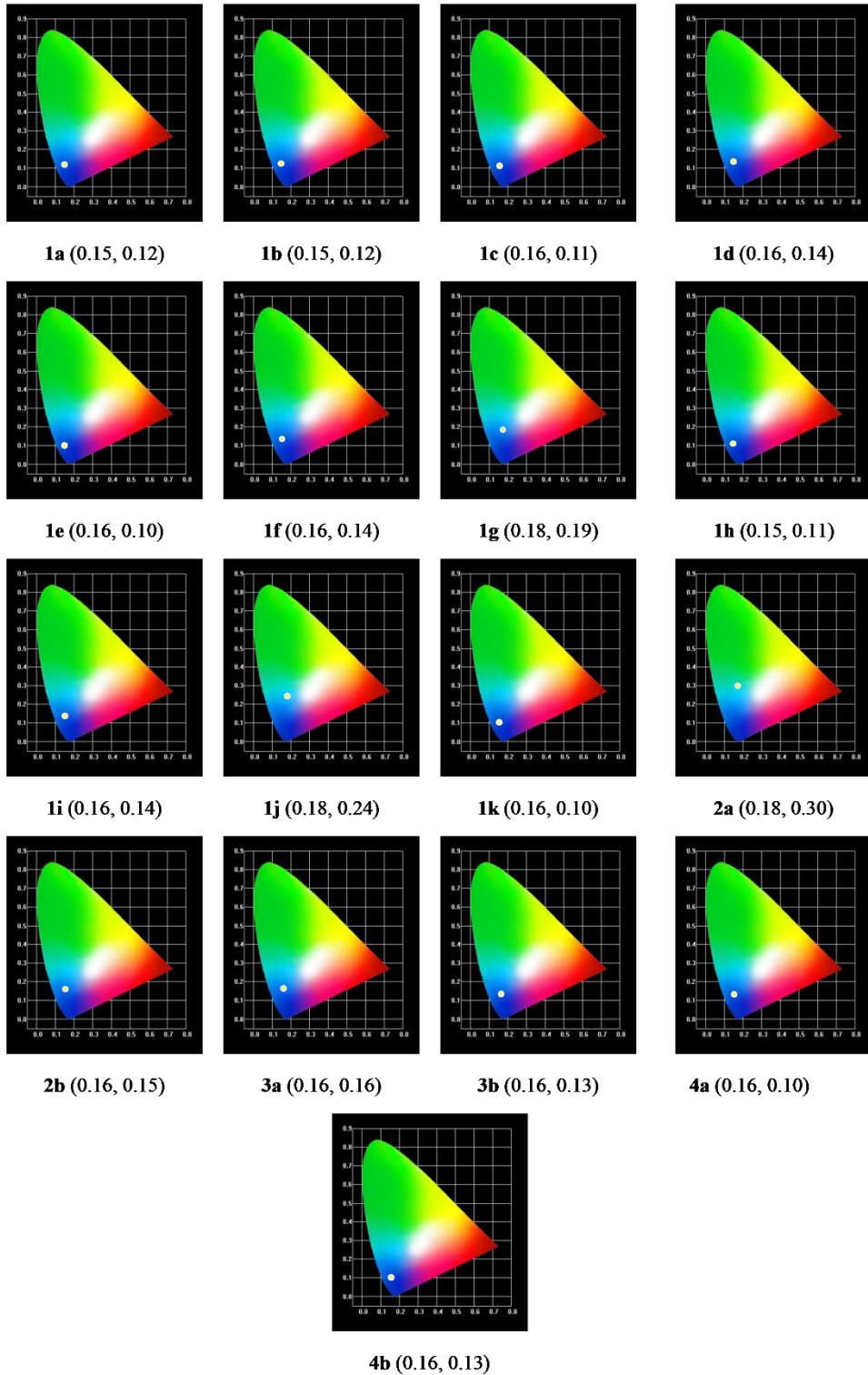
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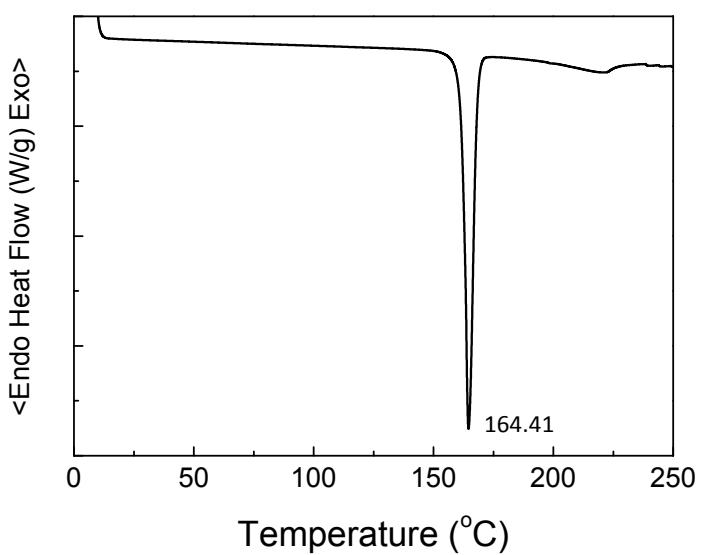
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**Table S8.** Emission lifetime data of the solid samples.

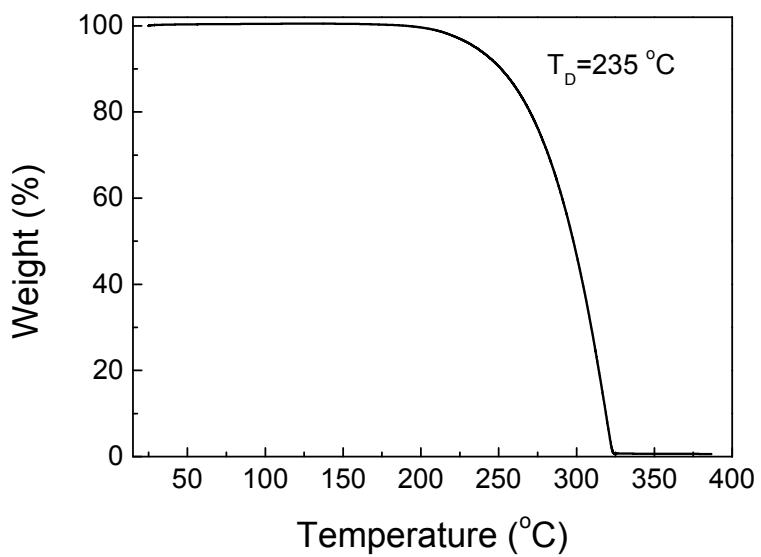
Compounds	$\tau_1$ (ns)	percent	$\tau_2$ (ns)	percent	$\tau$ (ns)
<b>1a</b>	0.8837	43.74%	1.7992	56.26%	1.40
<b>1b</b>	1.0003	67.69%	1.735	32.31%	1.24
<b>1c</b>	0.434	97.02%	1.1931	2.98%	0.46
<b>1h</b>	0.7182	42.96%	1.1844	57.04%	0.98
<b>1i</b>	0.3015	100.00%	-	-	0.30
<b>1k</b>	0.6876	21.76%	0.9071	78.24%	0.86
<b>2b</b>	0.9386	65.39%	1.8363	34.61%	1.25
<b>3a</b>	0.5117	64.62%	1.6345	35.38%	0.91
<b>3b</b>	0.5294	72.33%	1.6579	27.67%	0.84
<b>4a</b>	0.2561	84.45%	1.3417	15.55%	0.42
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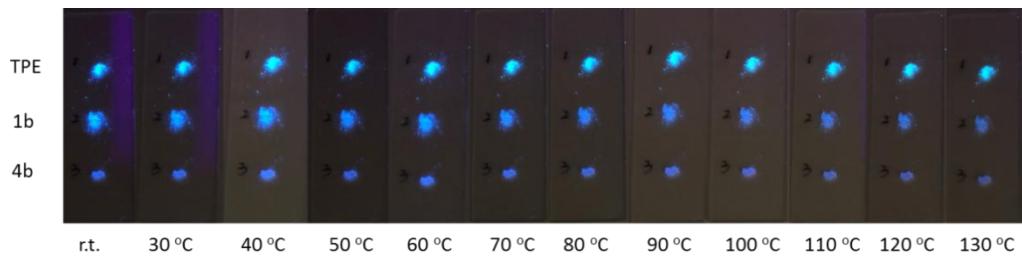
**Fig. S1.** CIE1931 diagrams and the chromaticity coordinates (shown along with the compound numbers and as yellow dots in the blue color regions as well) of the solid samples.



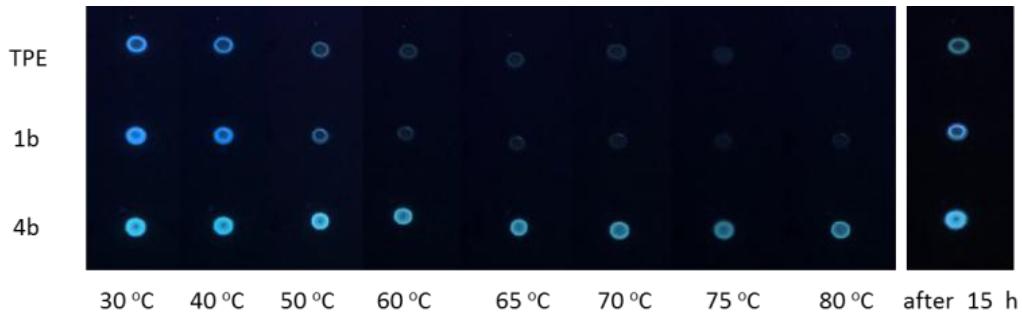
**Fig. S2.** DSC curve of **1k**.



**Fig. S3.** TGA curve of **1k**.

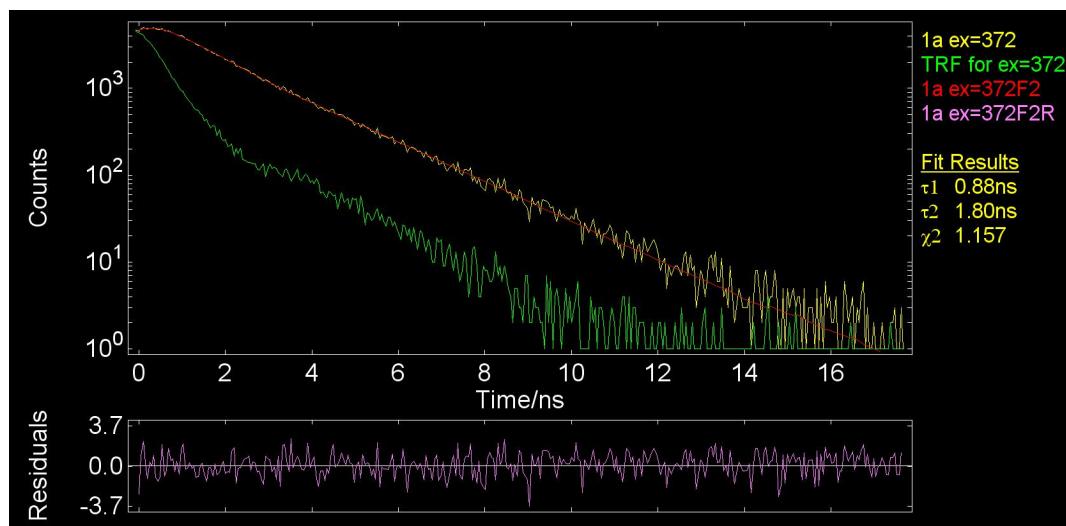


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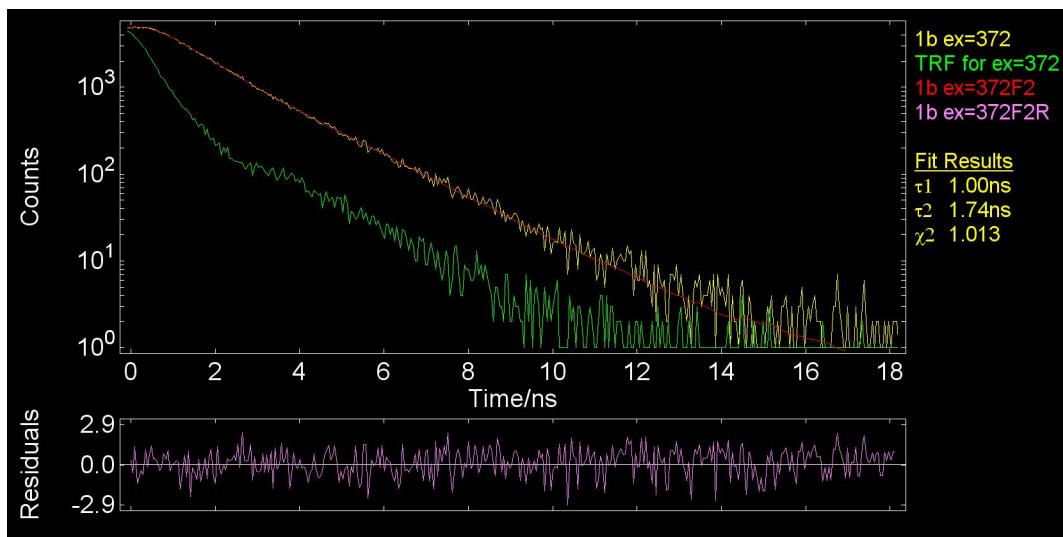


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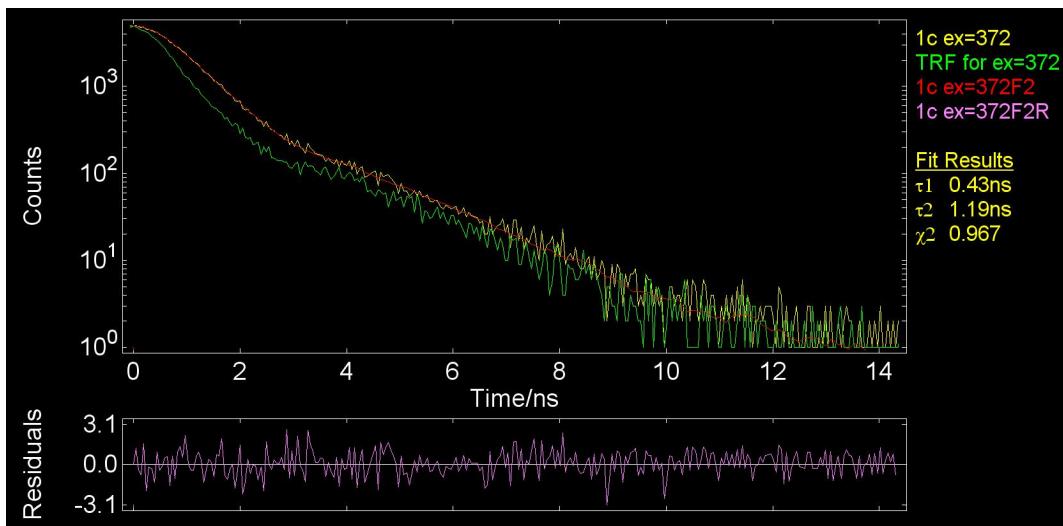
**Fig. S4.** Photographs of powders of the parent TPE, **1b**, **4b** (a) and the parent TPE, **1b**, **4b** on silica gel plates (b) being heated at different temperatures under UV light (365 nm).



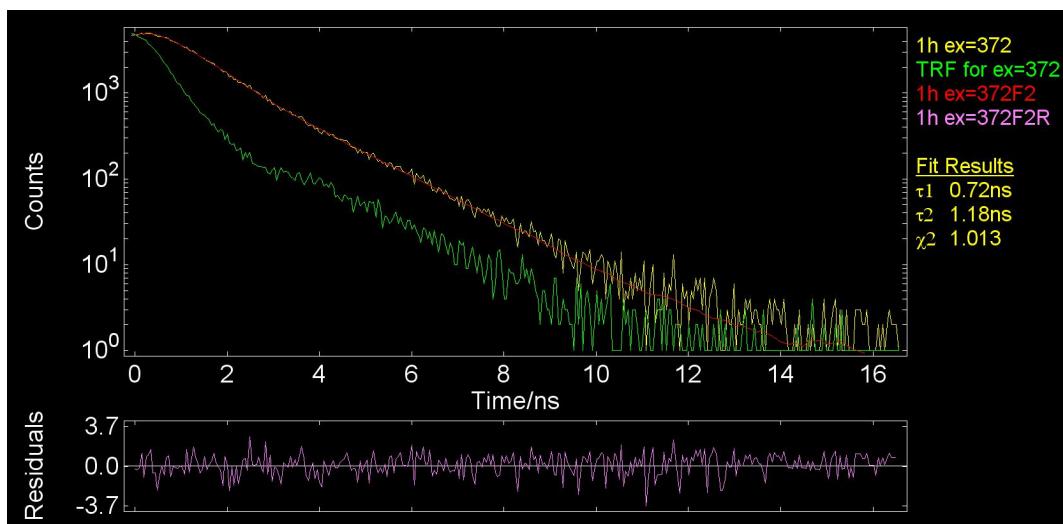
**Fig. S5.** PL decay curve of **1a** ( $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 372$  nm).



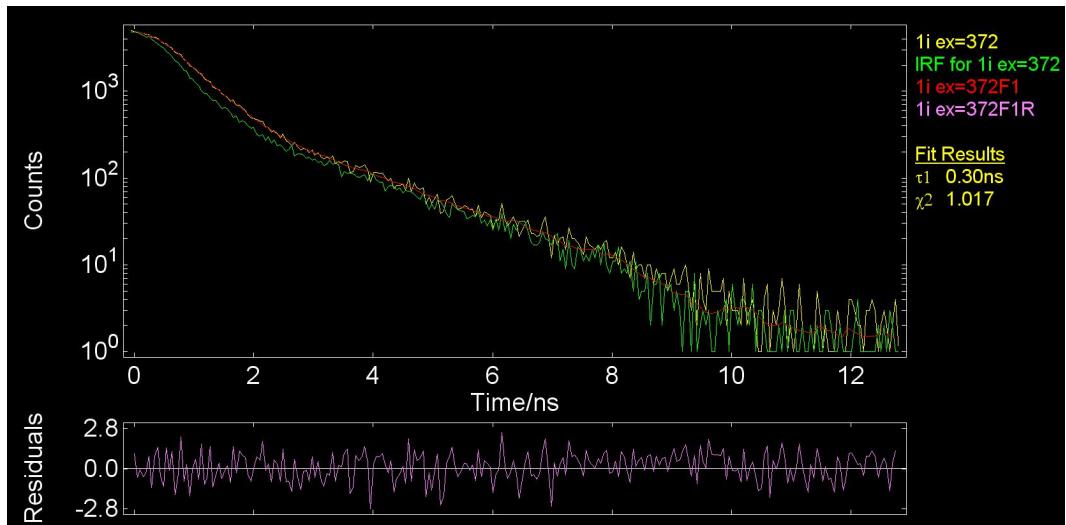
**Fig. S6.** PL decay curve of **1b** ( $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 372$  nm).



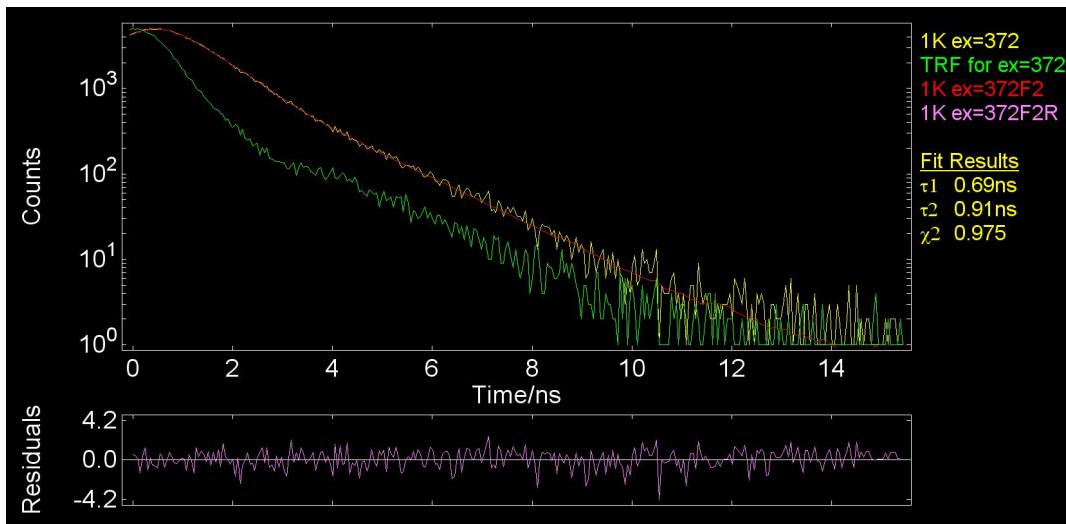
**Fig. S7.** PL decay curve of **1c** ( $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 372$  nm).



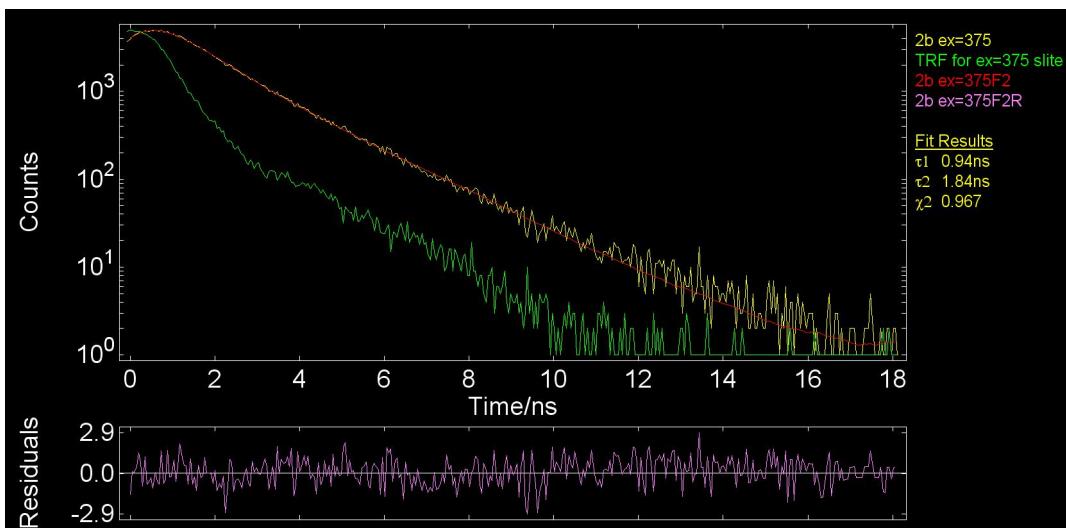
**Fig. S8.** PL decay curve of **1h** ( $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 372$  nm).



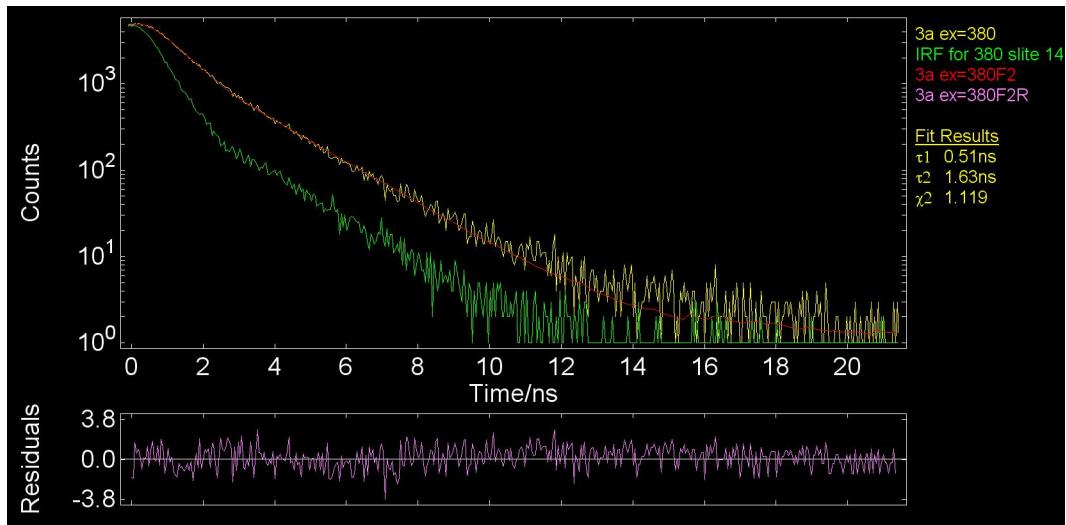
**Fig. S9.** PL decay curve of **1i** ( $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 372 \text{ nm}$ ).



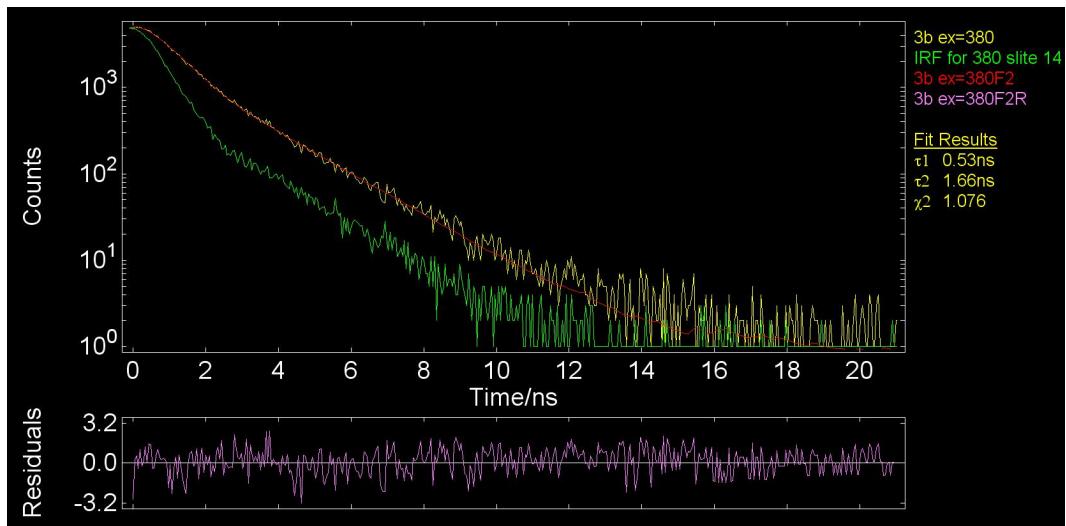
**Fig. S10.** PL decay curve of **1k** ( $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 372 \text{ nm}$ ).



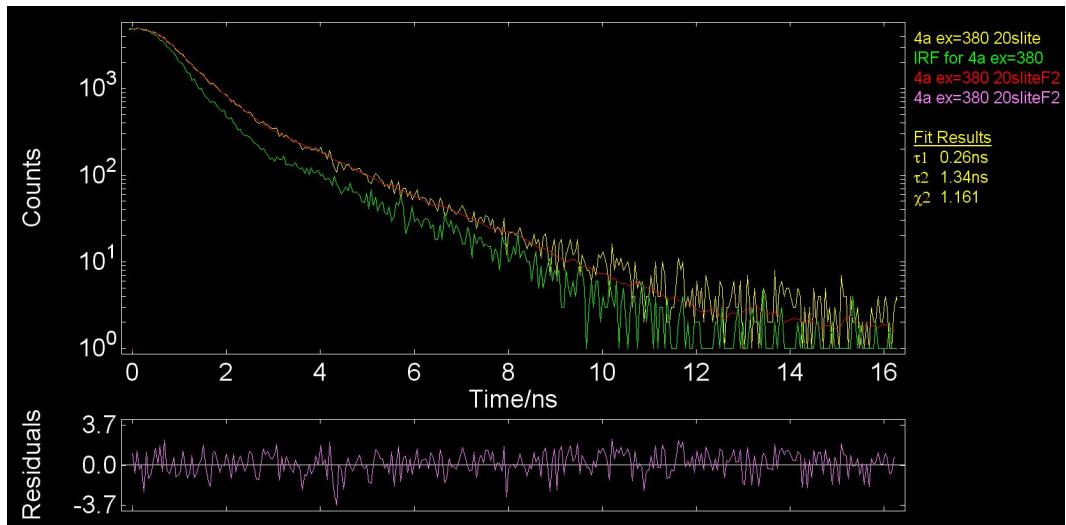
**Fig. S11.** PL decay curve of **2b** ( $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 375 \text{ nm}$ ).



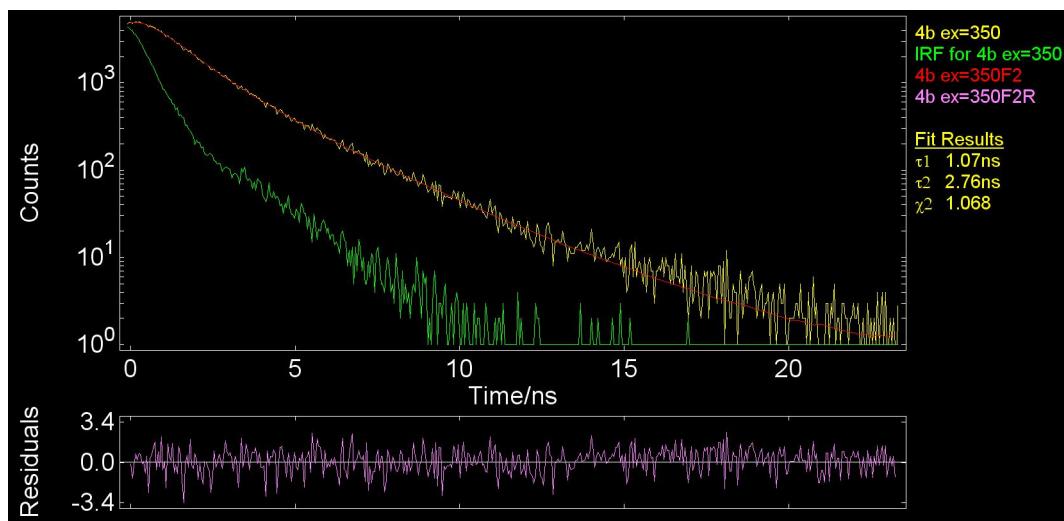
**Fig. S12.** PL decay curve of **3a** ( $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 380$  nm).



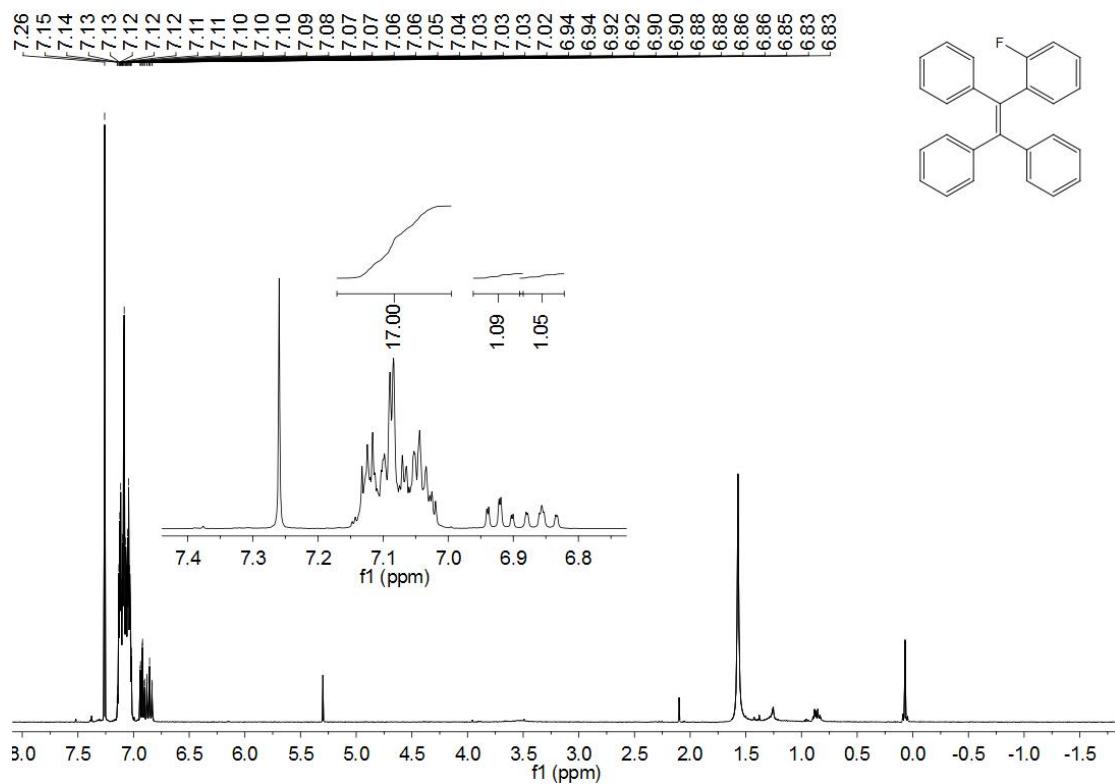
**Fig. S13.** PL decay curve of **3b** ( $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 380$  nm).



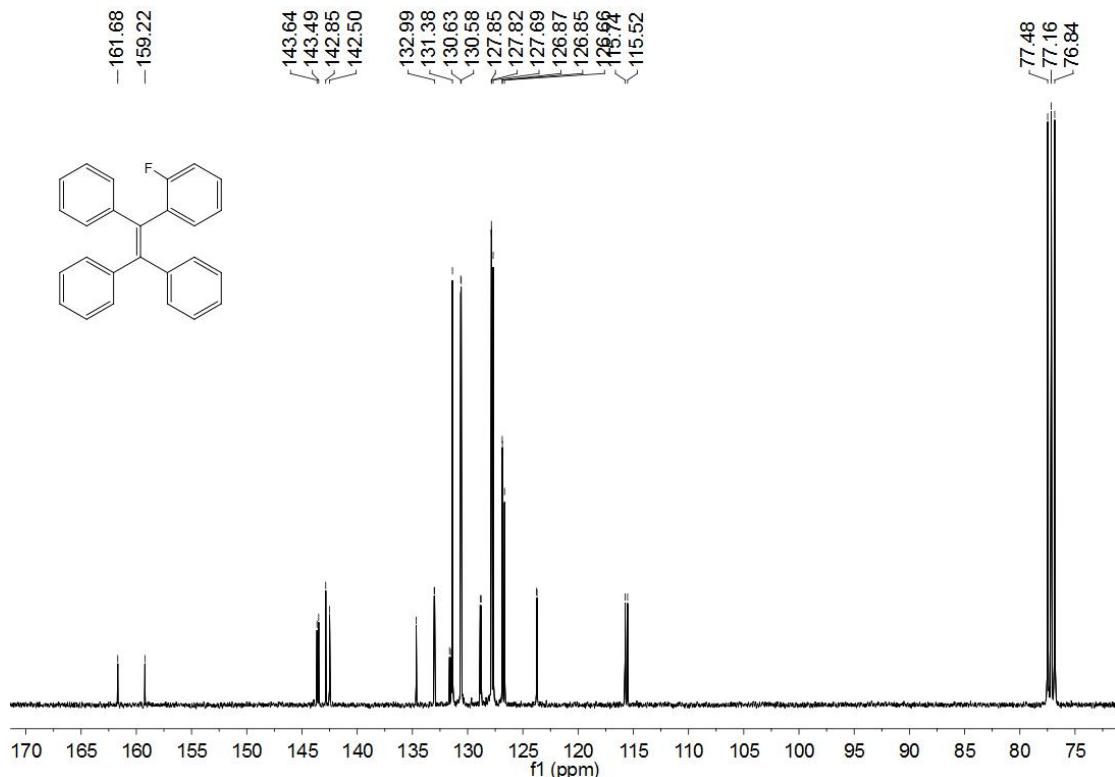
**Fig. S14.** PL decay curve of **4a** ( $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 380$  nm).



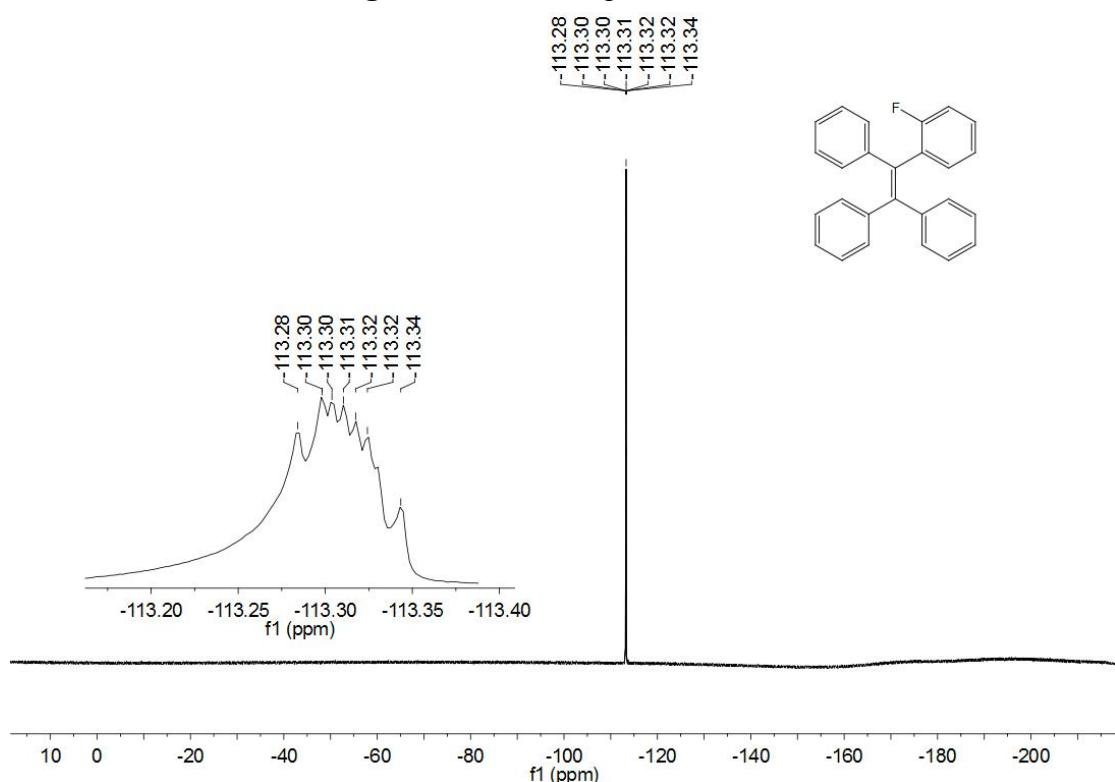
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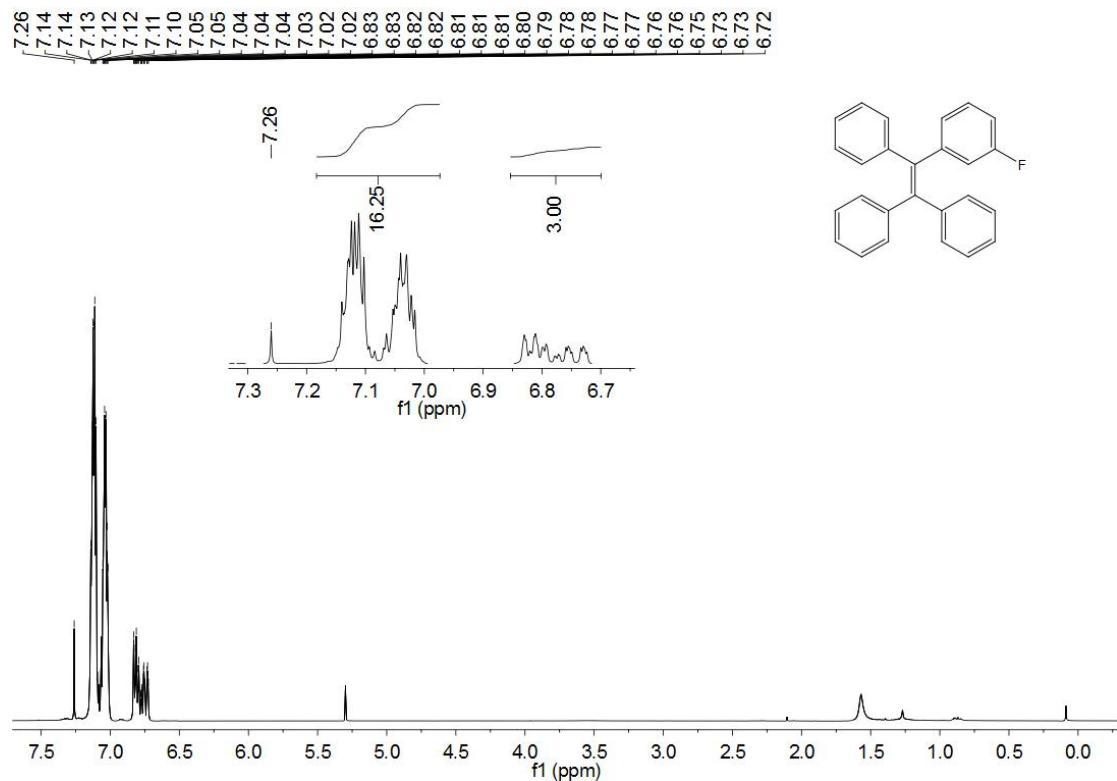
**Fig. S16.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of **1a**.



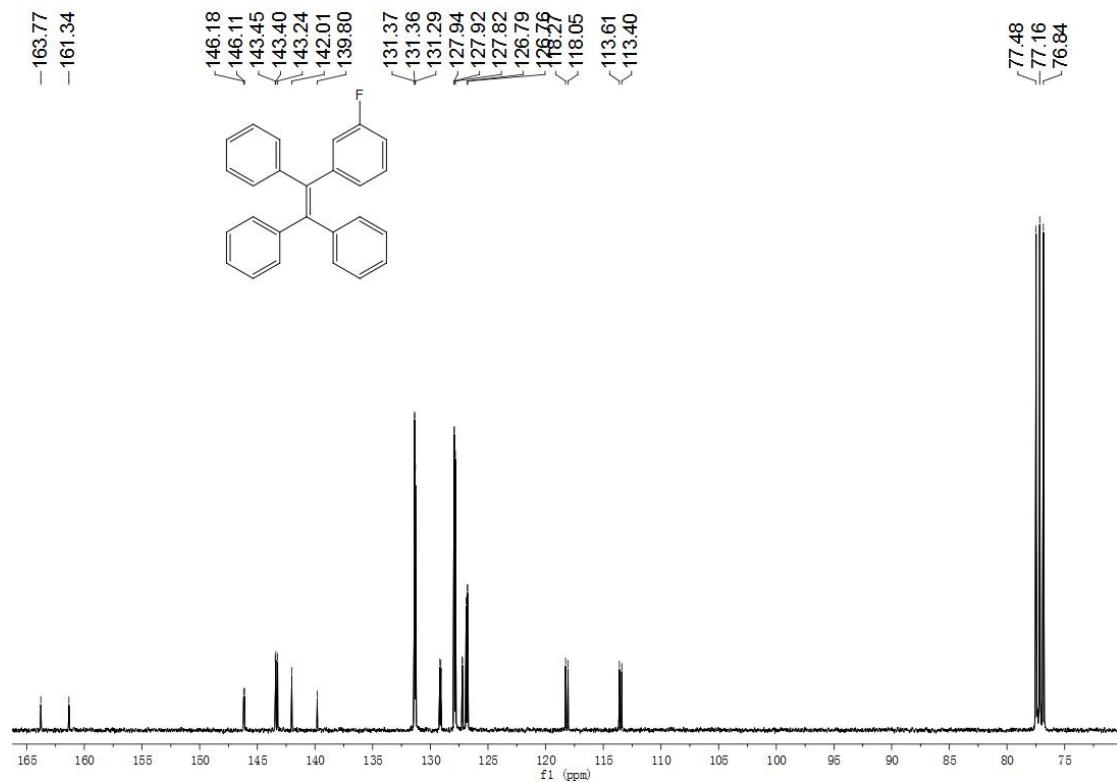
**Fig. S17.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of **1a**.



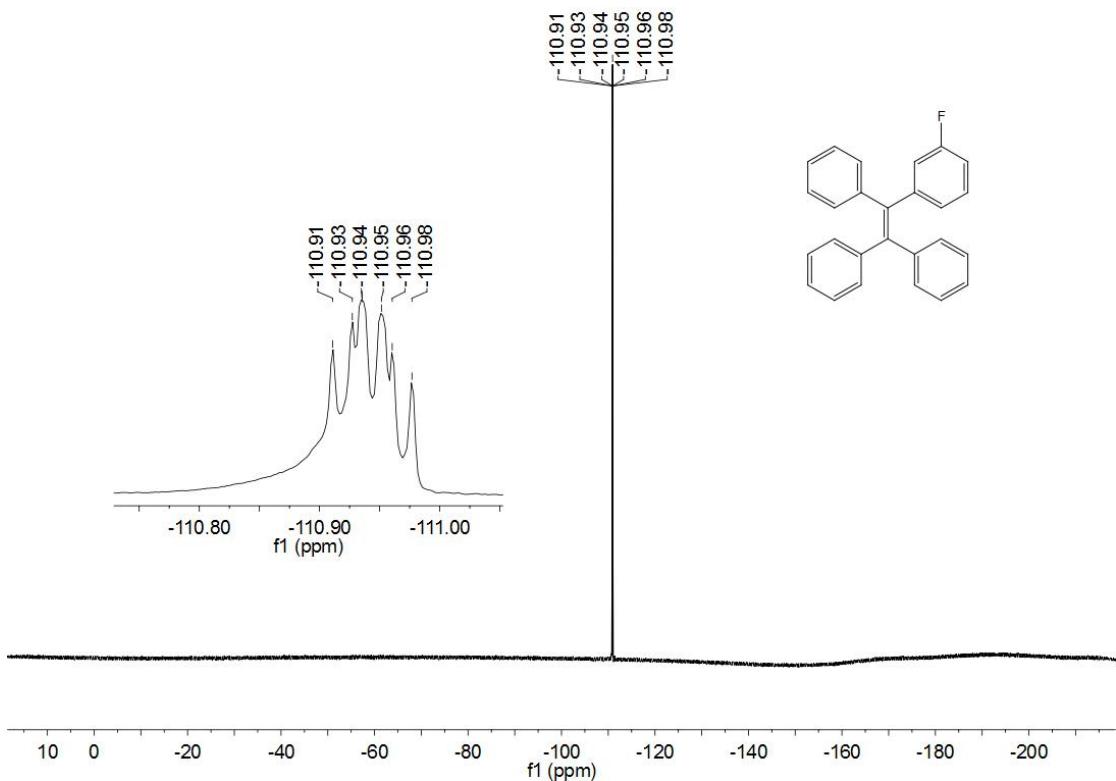
**Fig. S18.**  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR spectrum of **1a**.



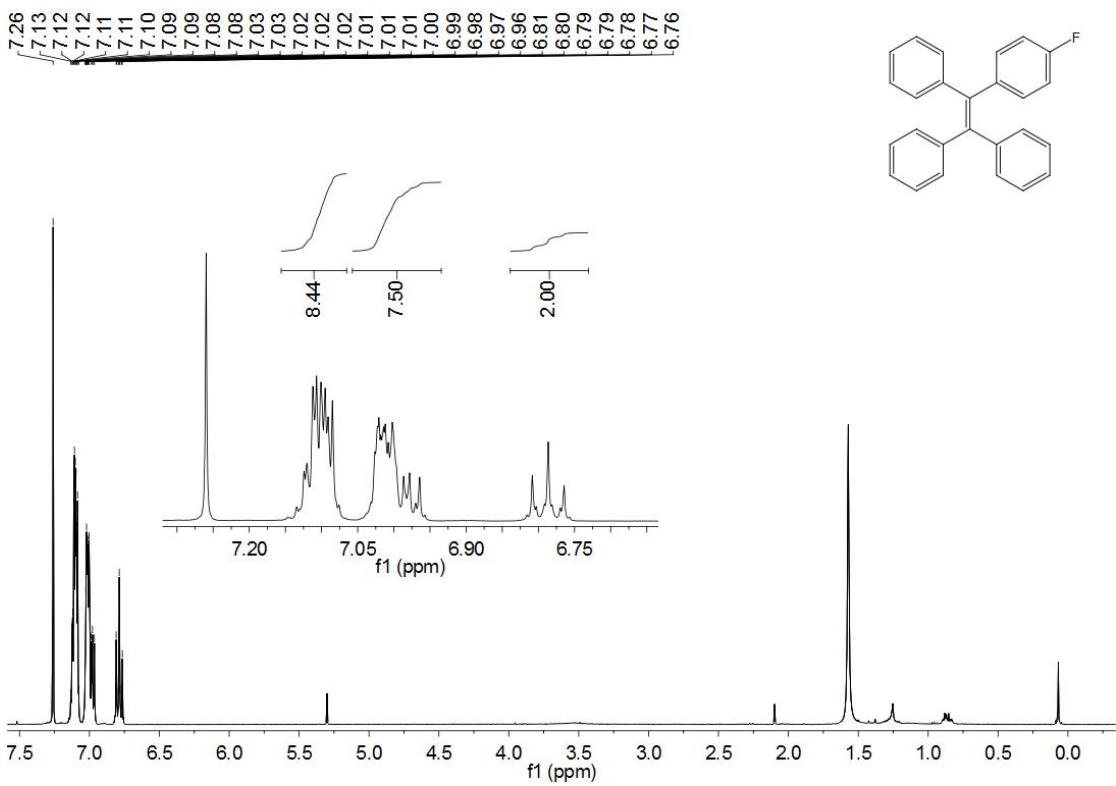
**Fig. S19.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **1b**.



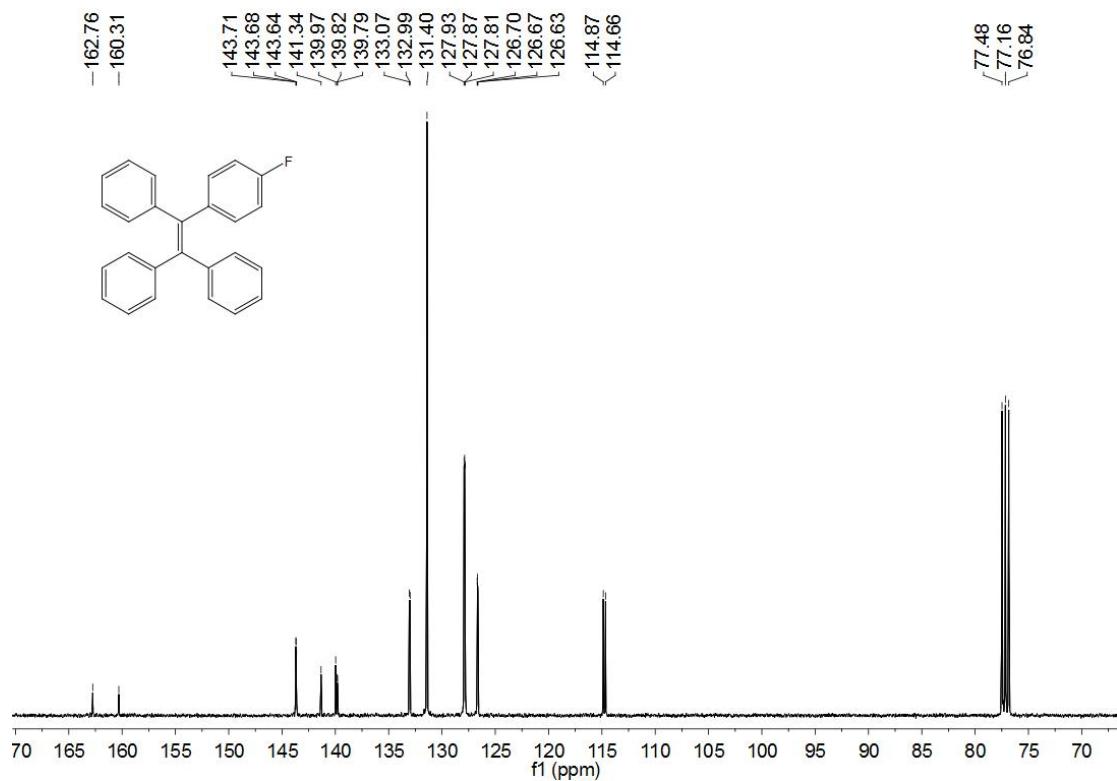
**Fig. S20.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of **1b**.



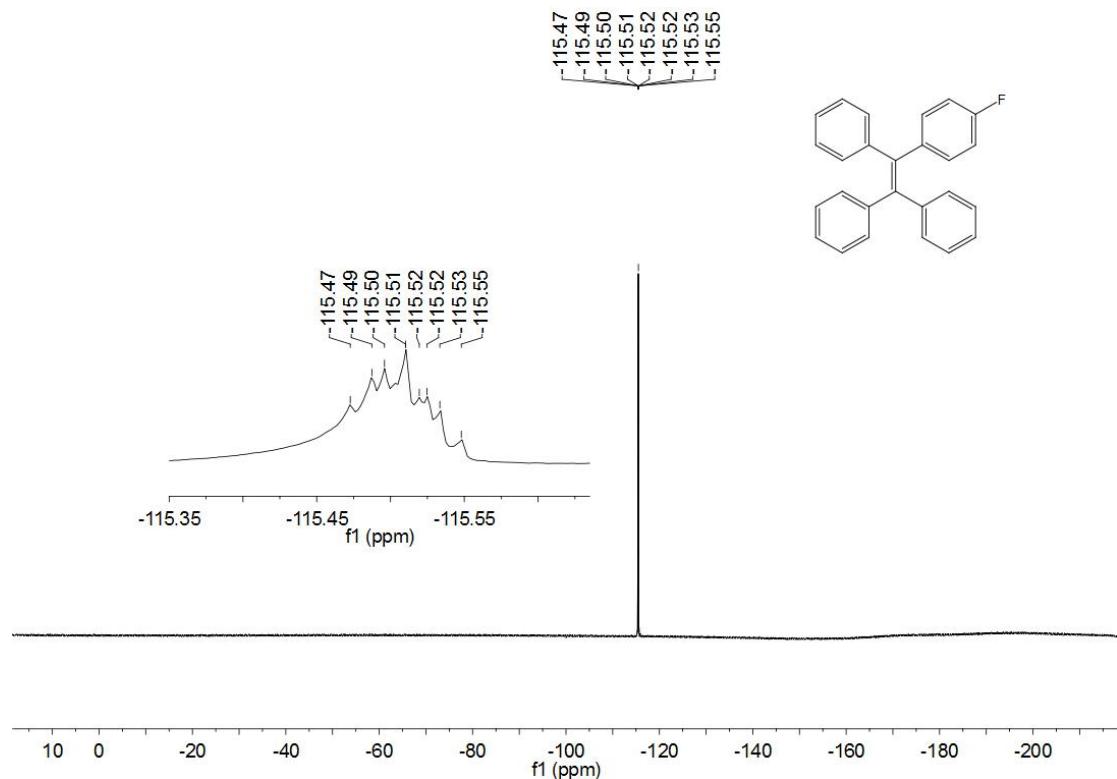
**Fig. S21.**  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR spectrum of **1b**.



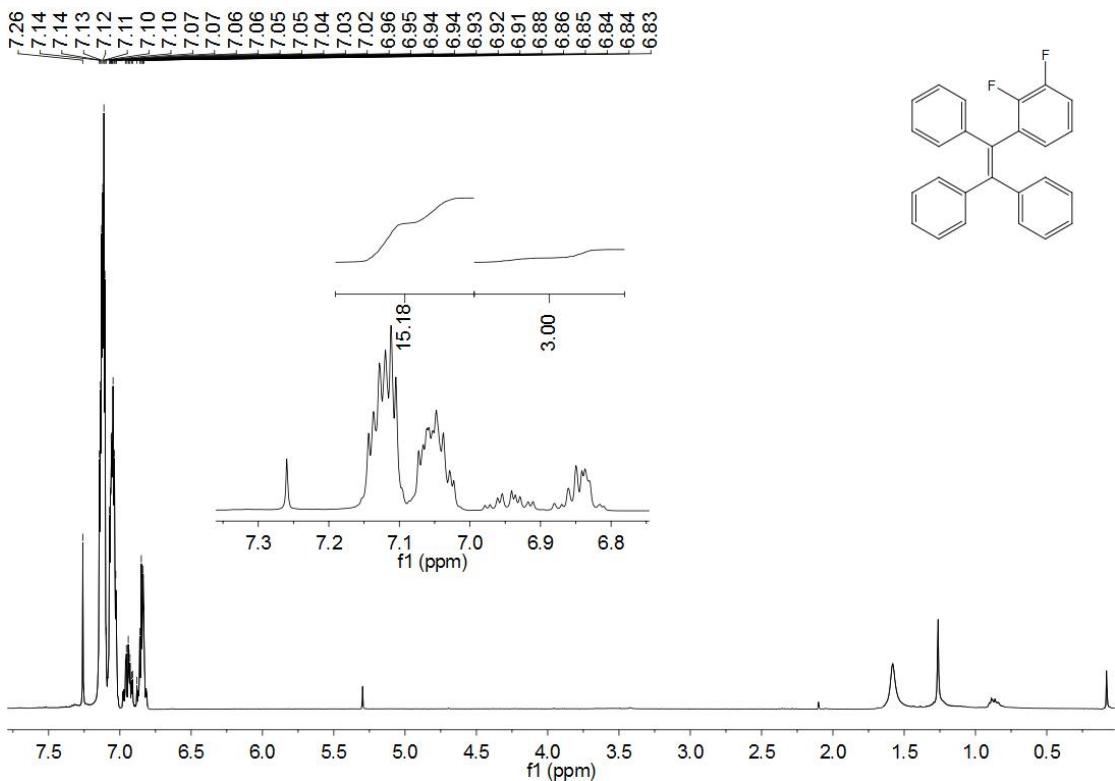
**Fig. S22.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **1c**.



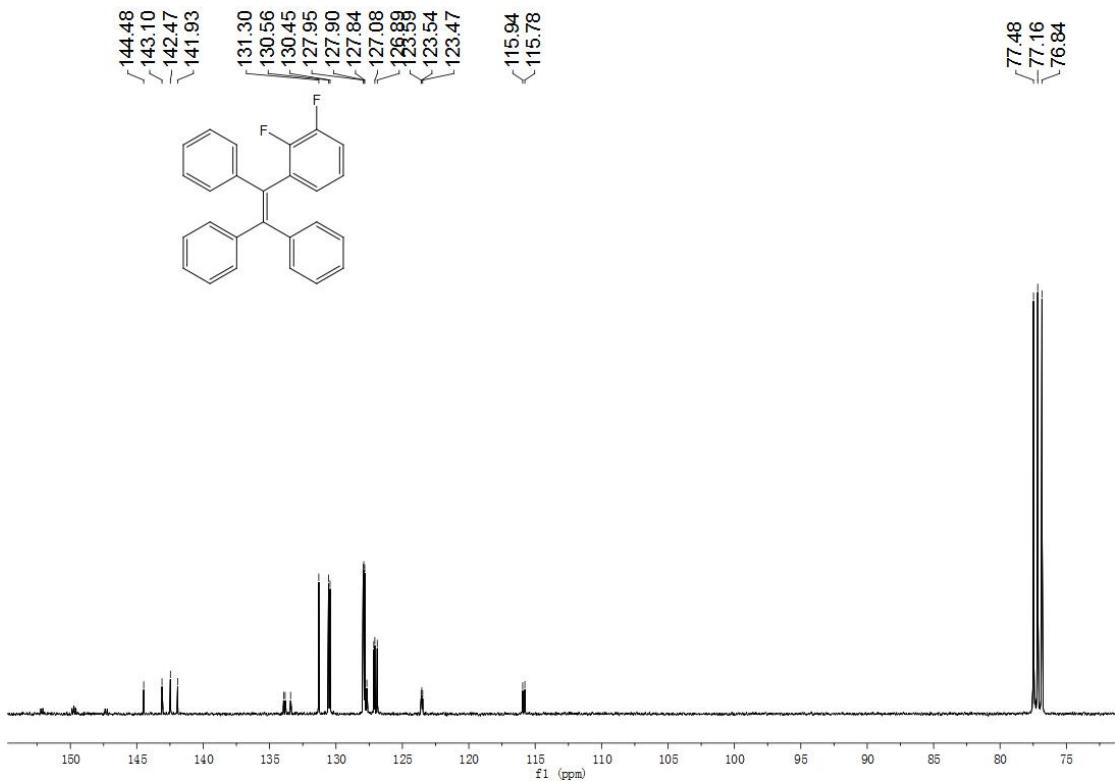
**Fig. S23.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of **1c**.



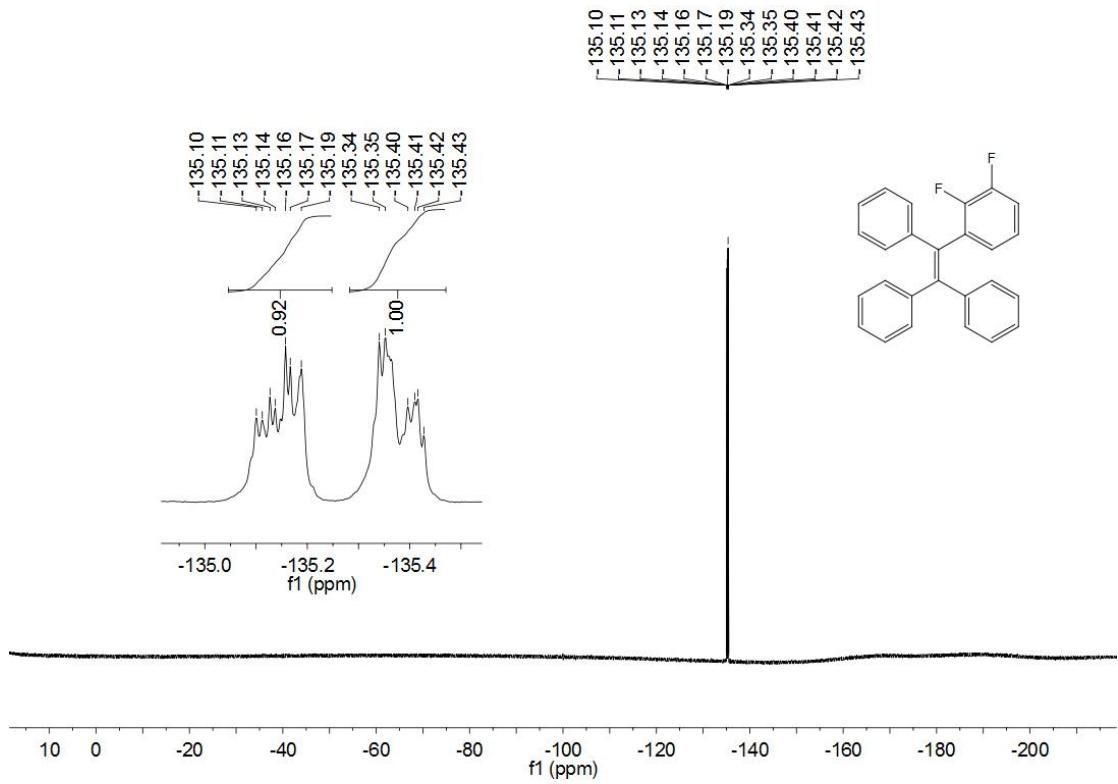
**Fig. S24.**  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR spectrum of **1c**.

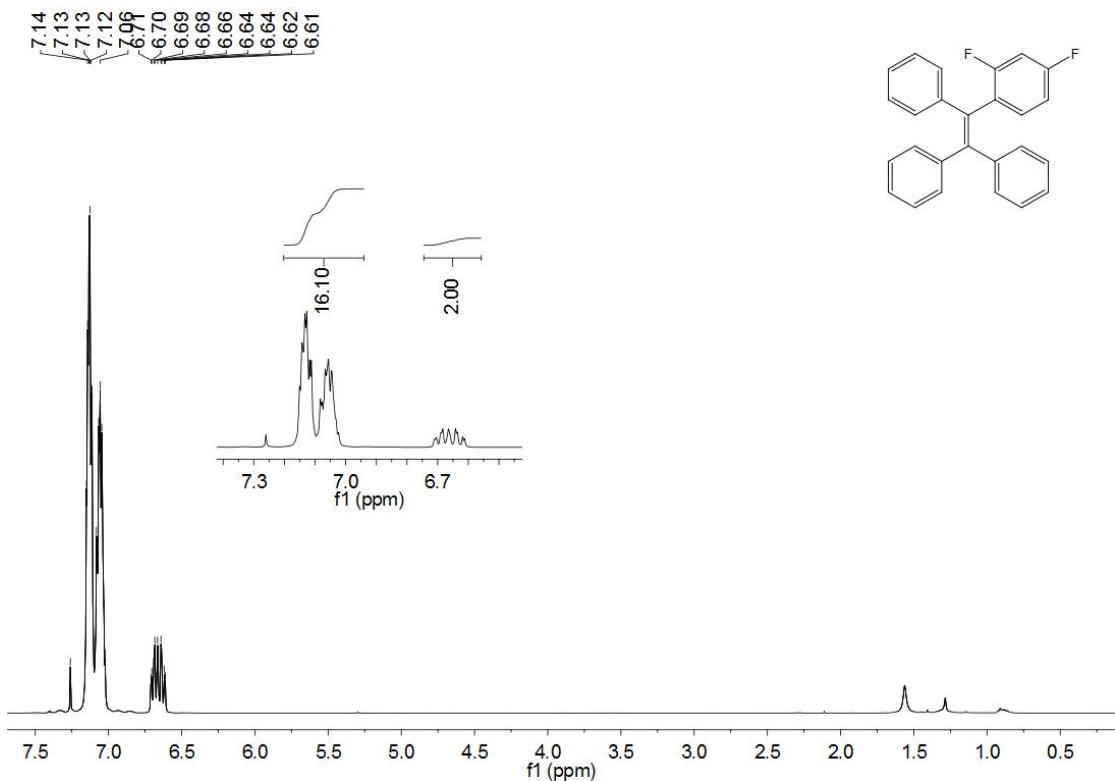


**Fig. S25.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **1d**.

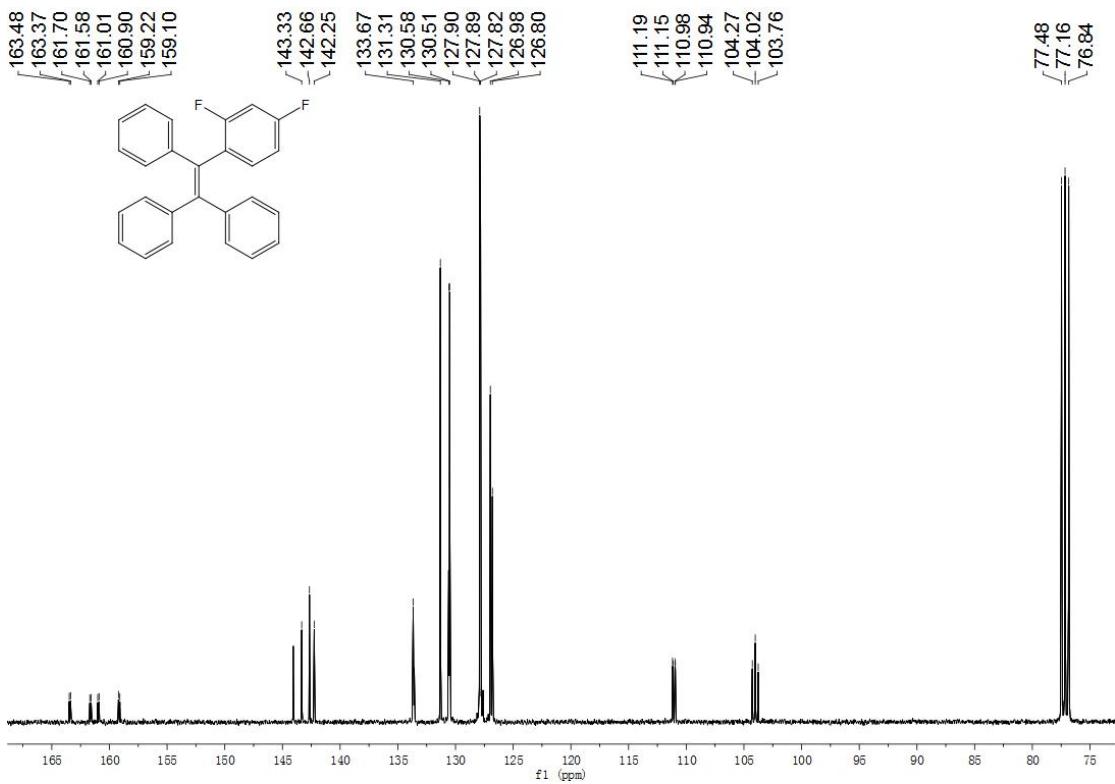


**Fig. S26.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of **1d**.

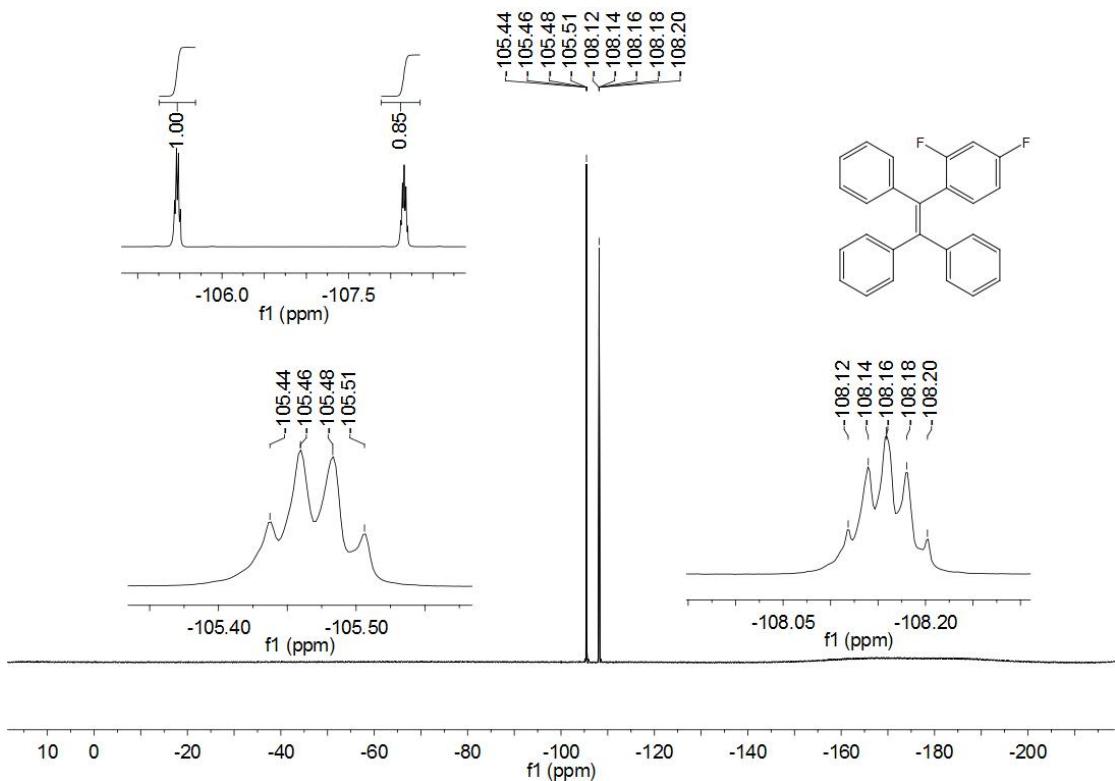




**Fig. S28.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **1e**.

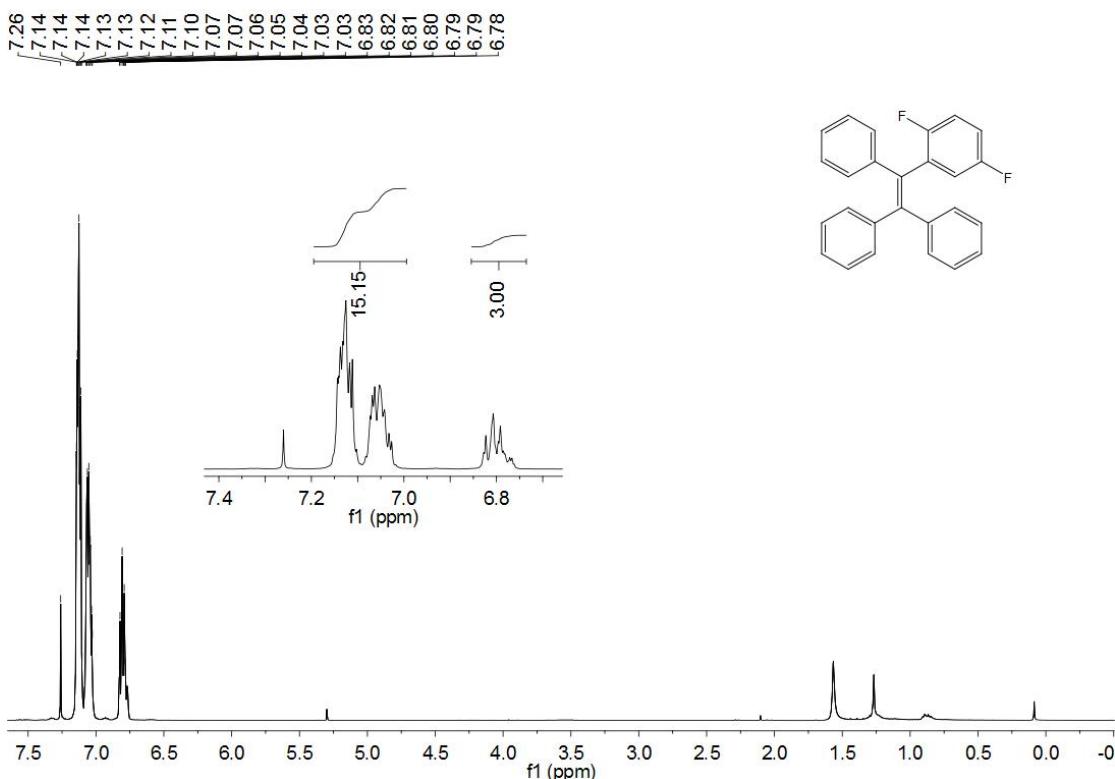


**Fig. S29.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of **1e**.

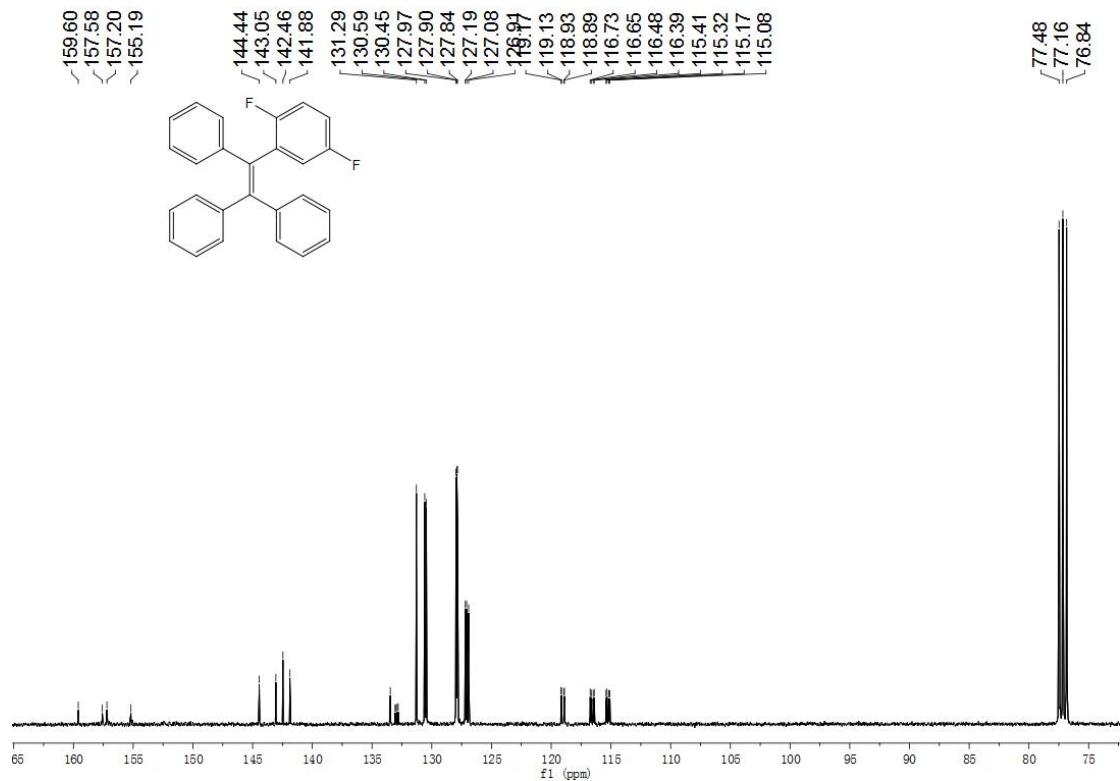


**Fig. S30.**  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR spectrum of **1e**.

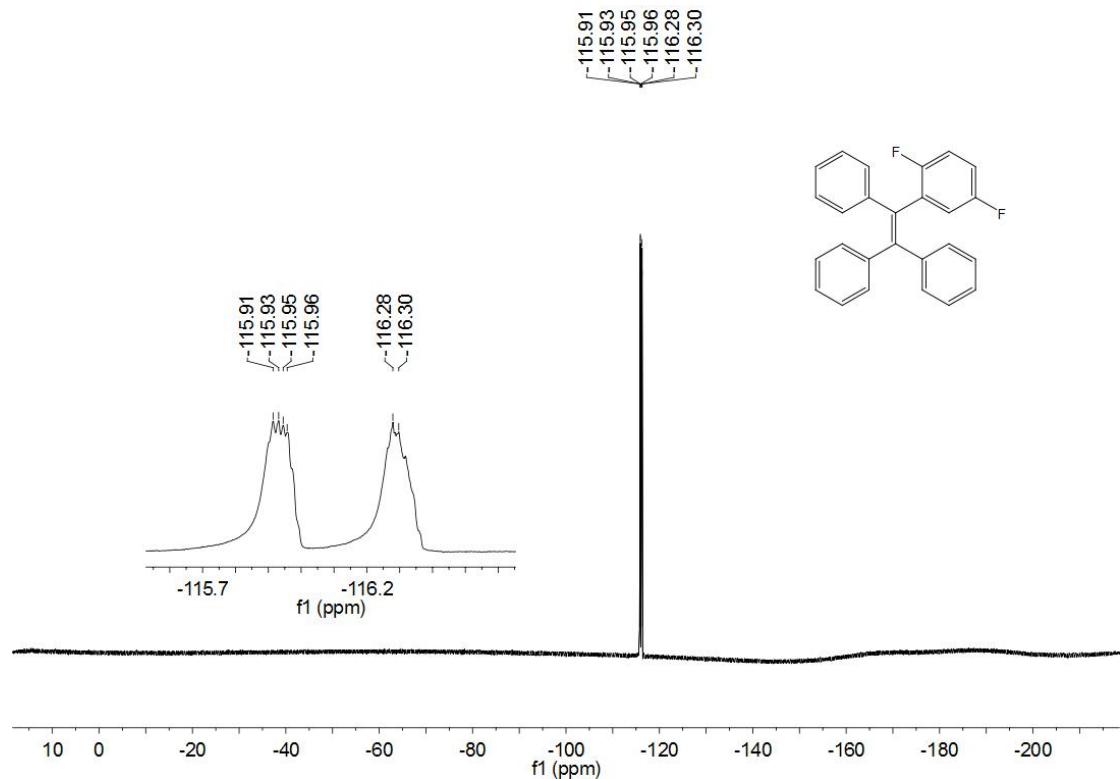
**1f.** 1-(2,5-difluorophenyl)-1,2,2-triphenylethene



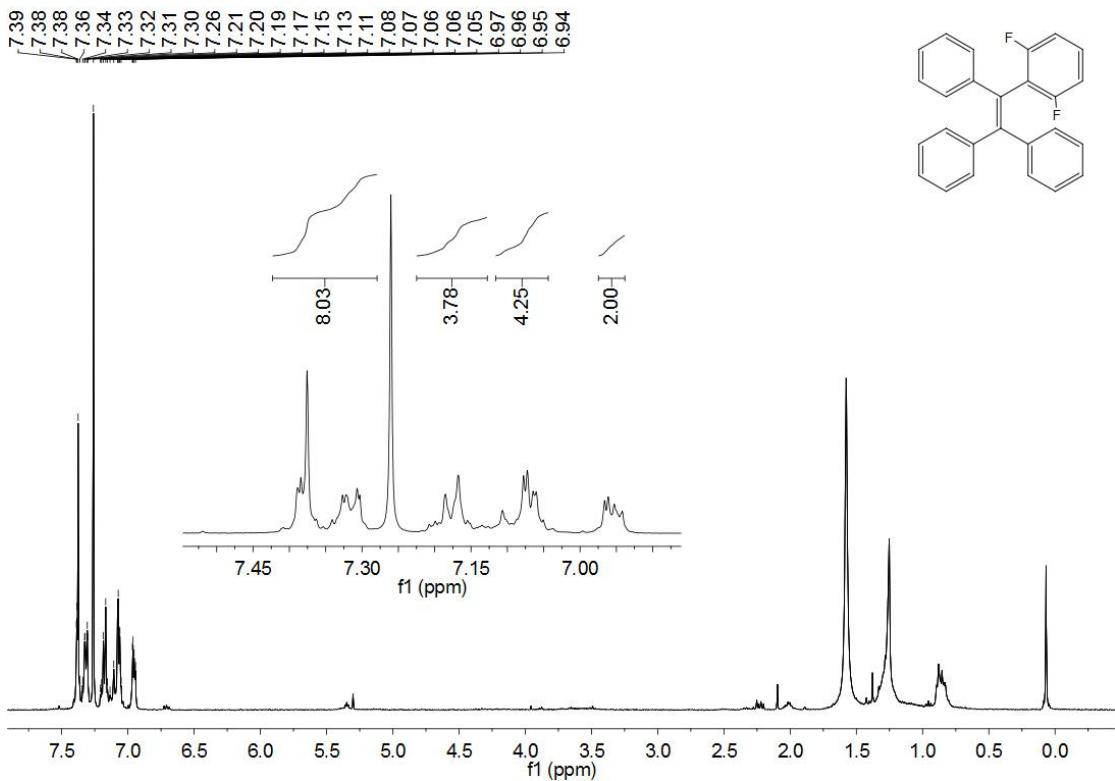
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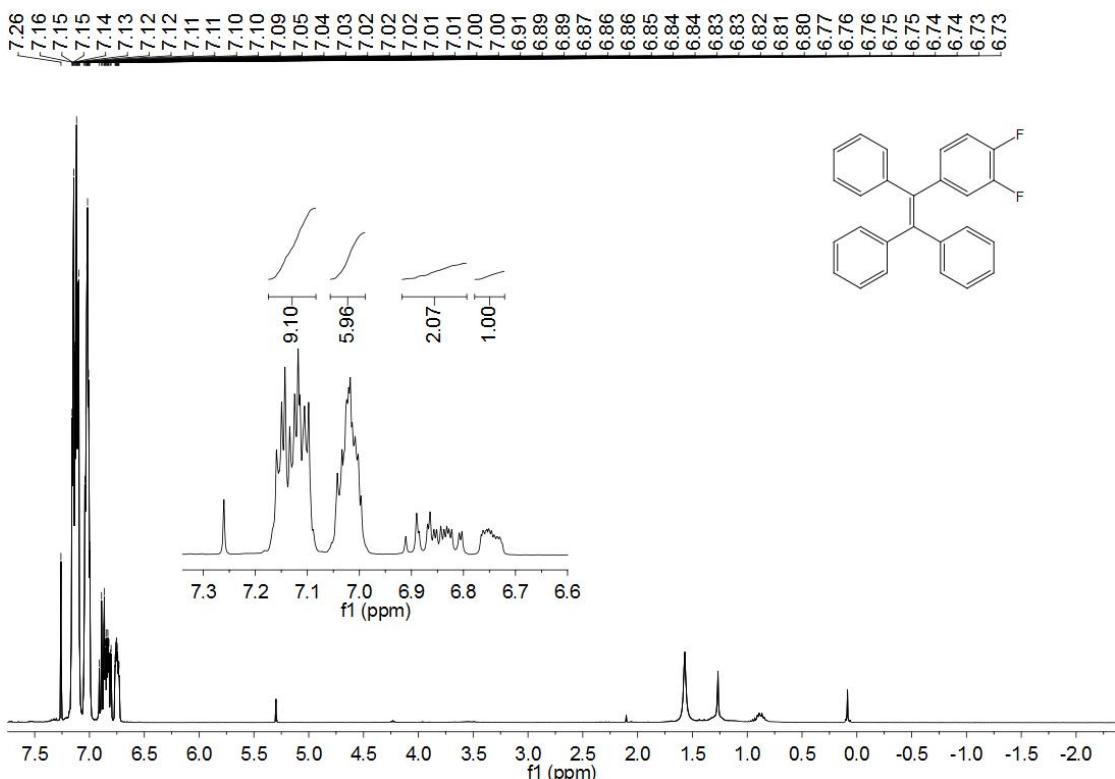
**Fig. S32.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of **1f**.



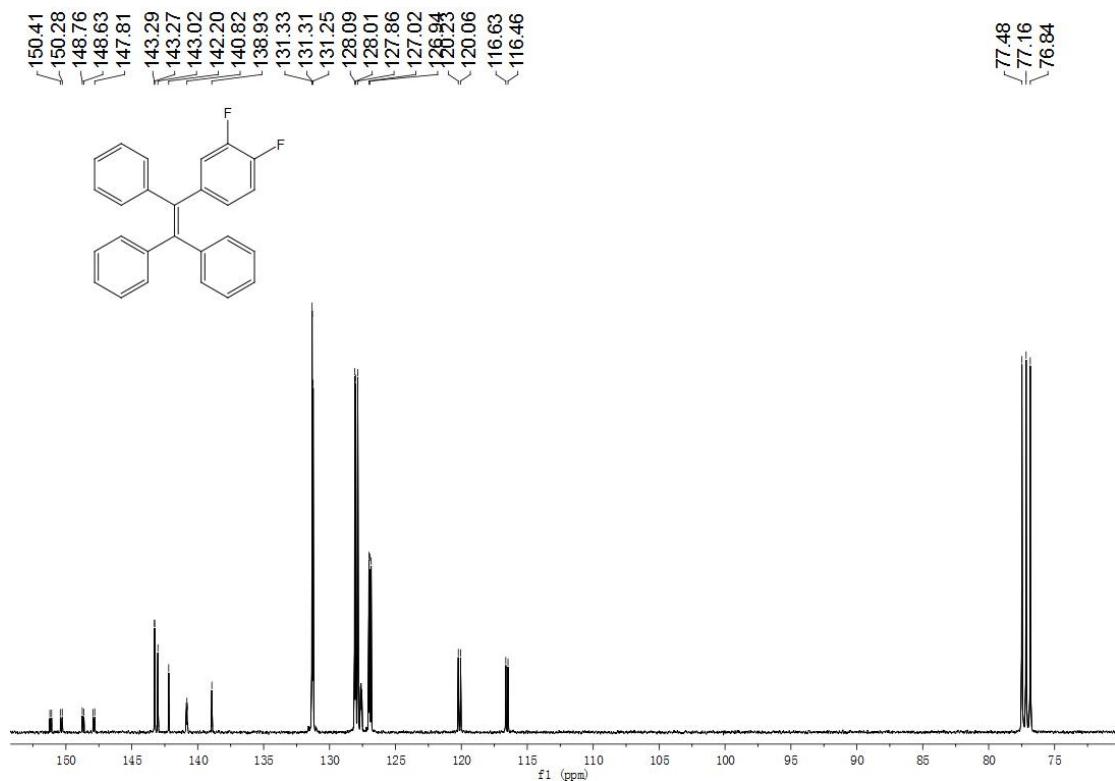
**Fig. S33.**  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR spectrum of **1f**.



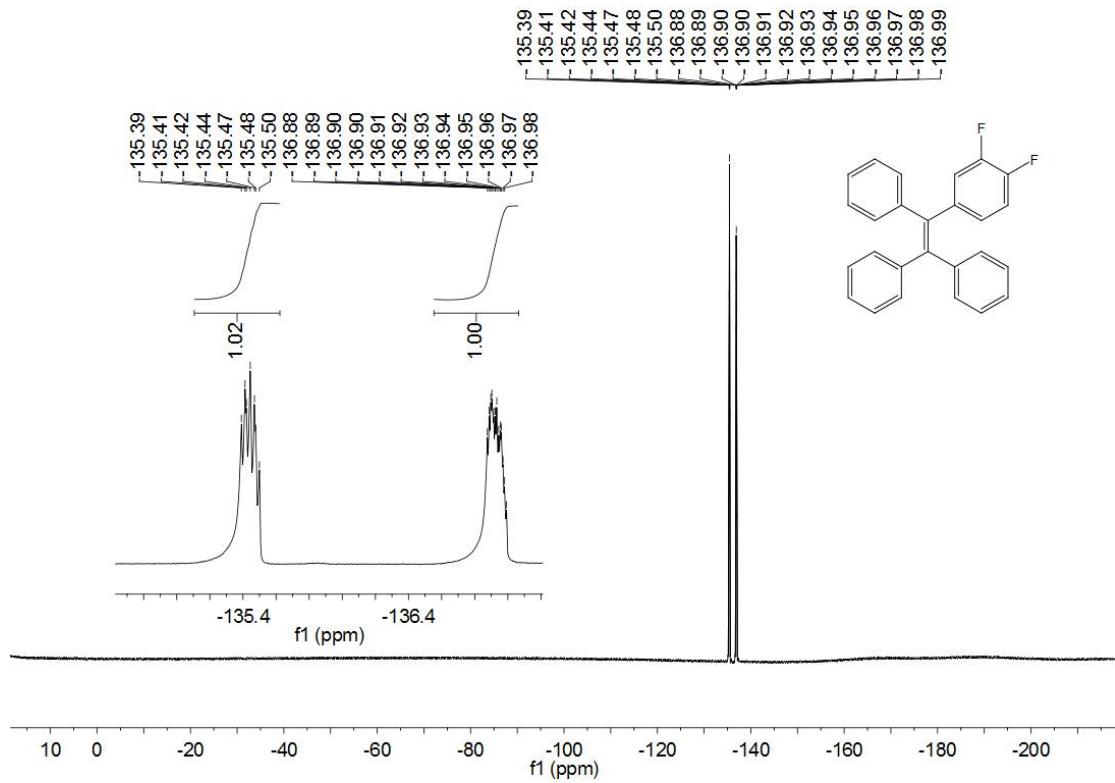
**Fig. S34.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of **1g**.



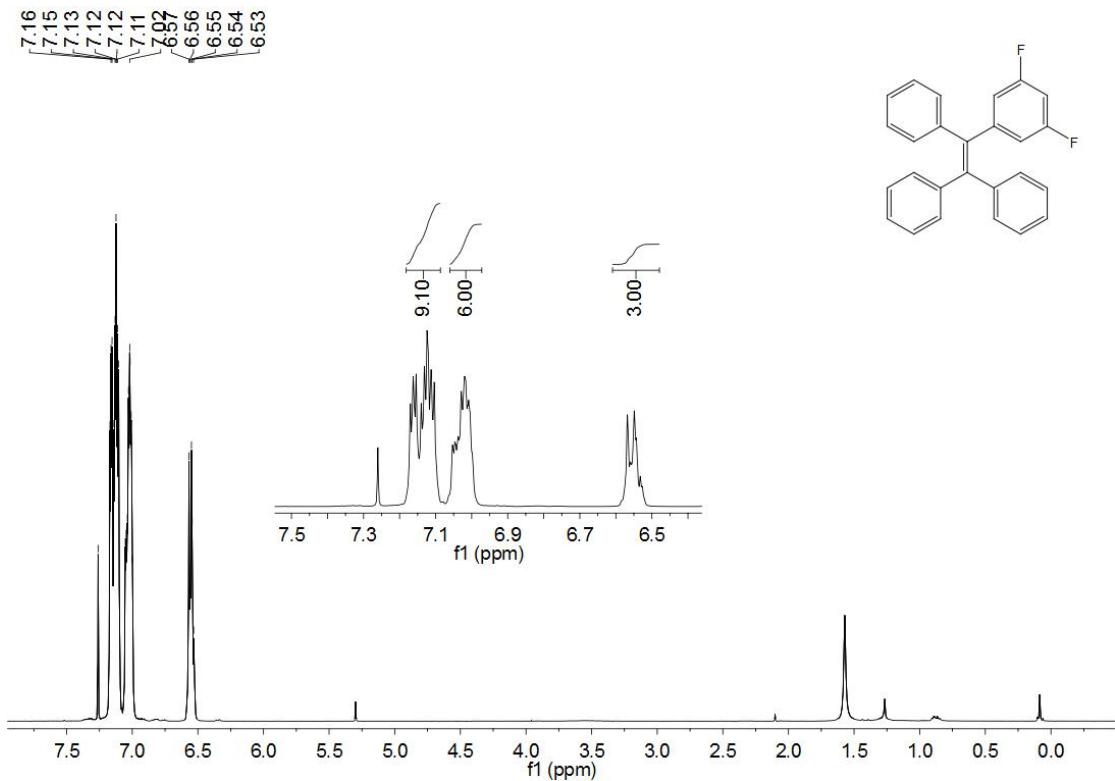
**Fig. S35.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of **1h**.



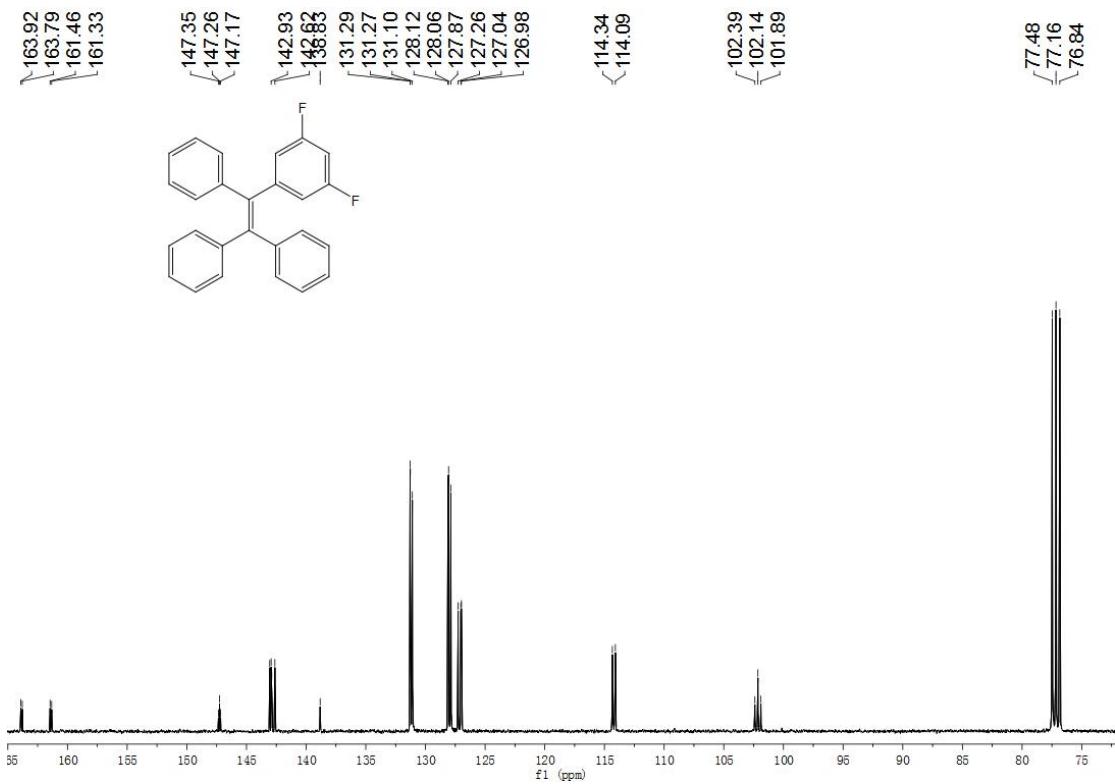
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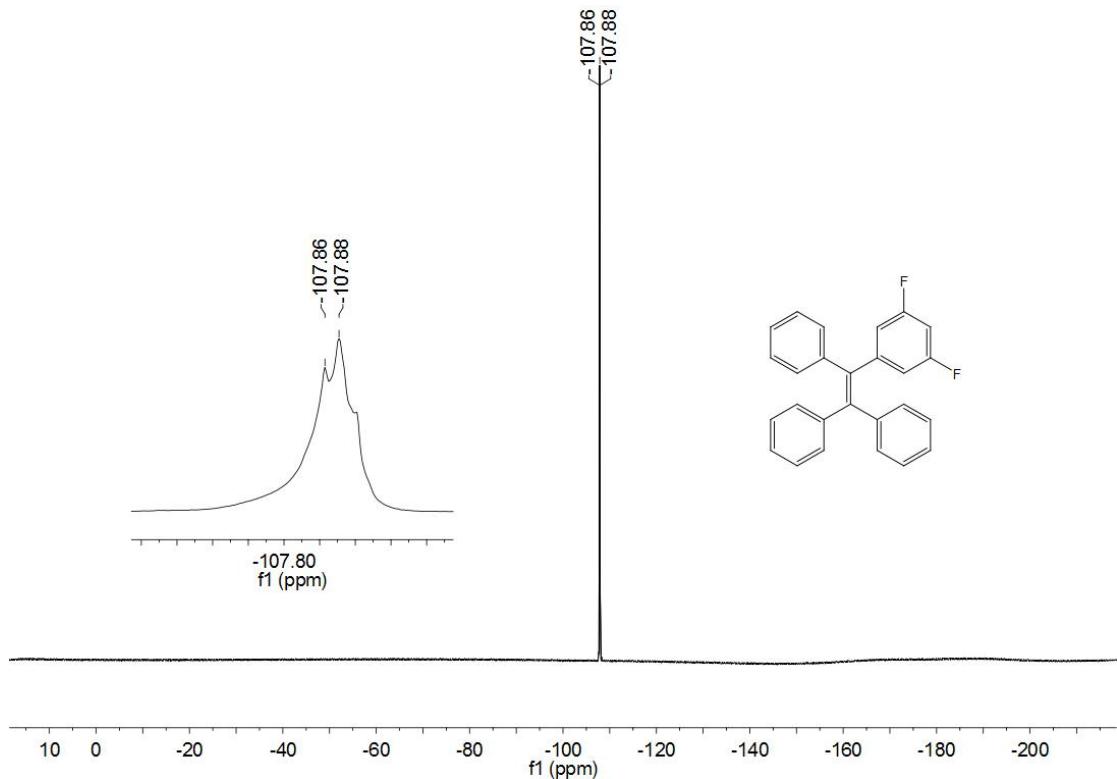


**Fig. S37.**  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR spectrum of **1h**.

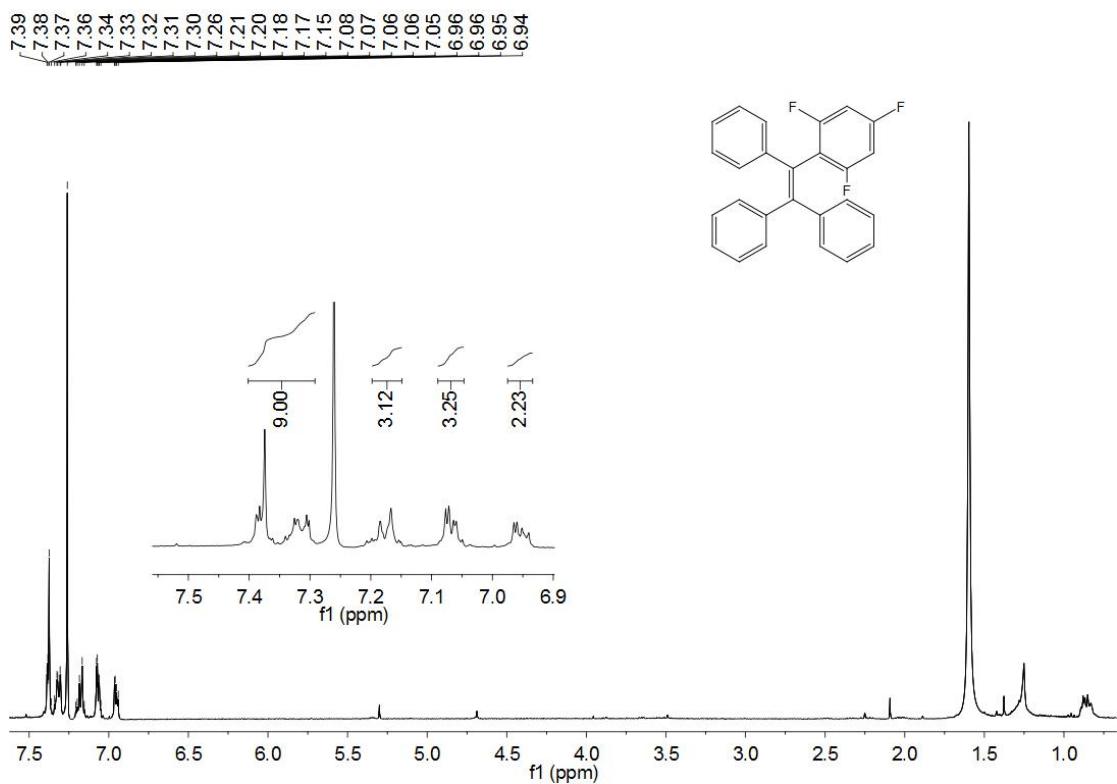


**Fig. S38.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **1i**.

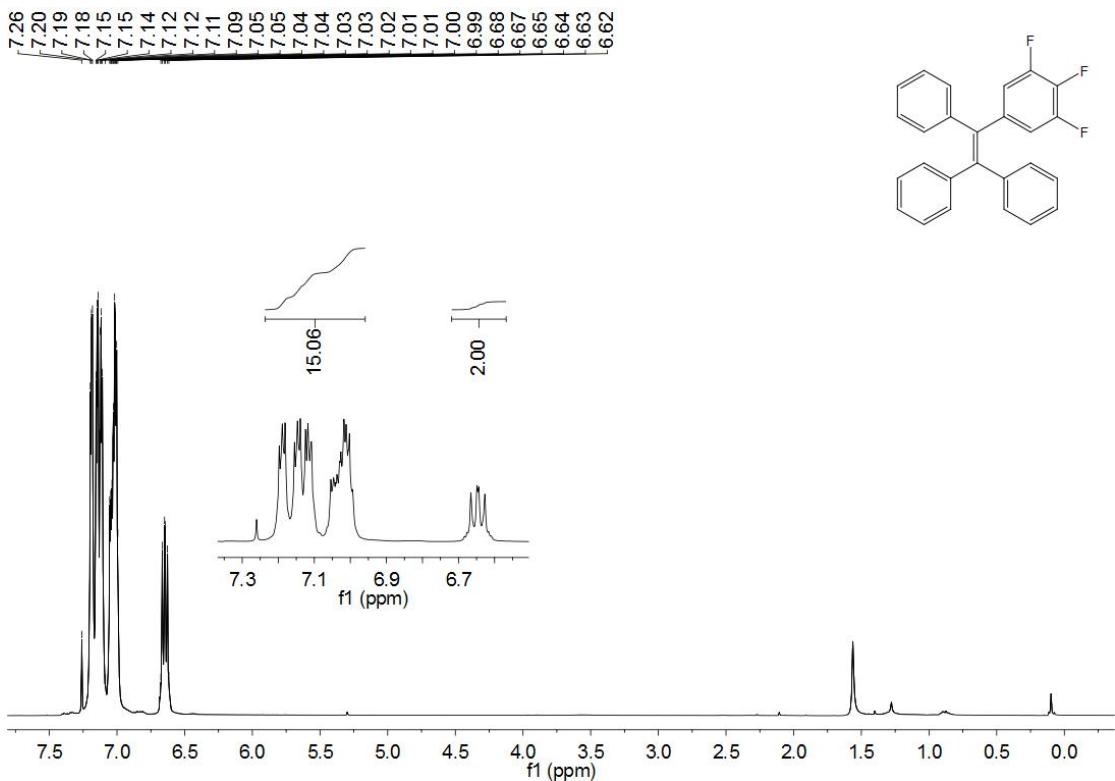




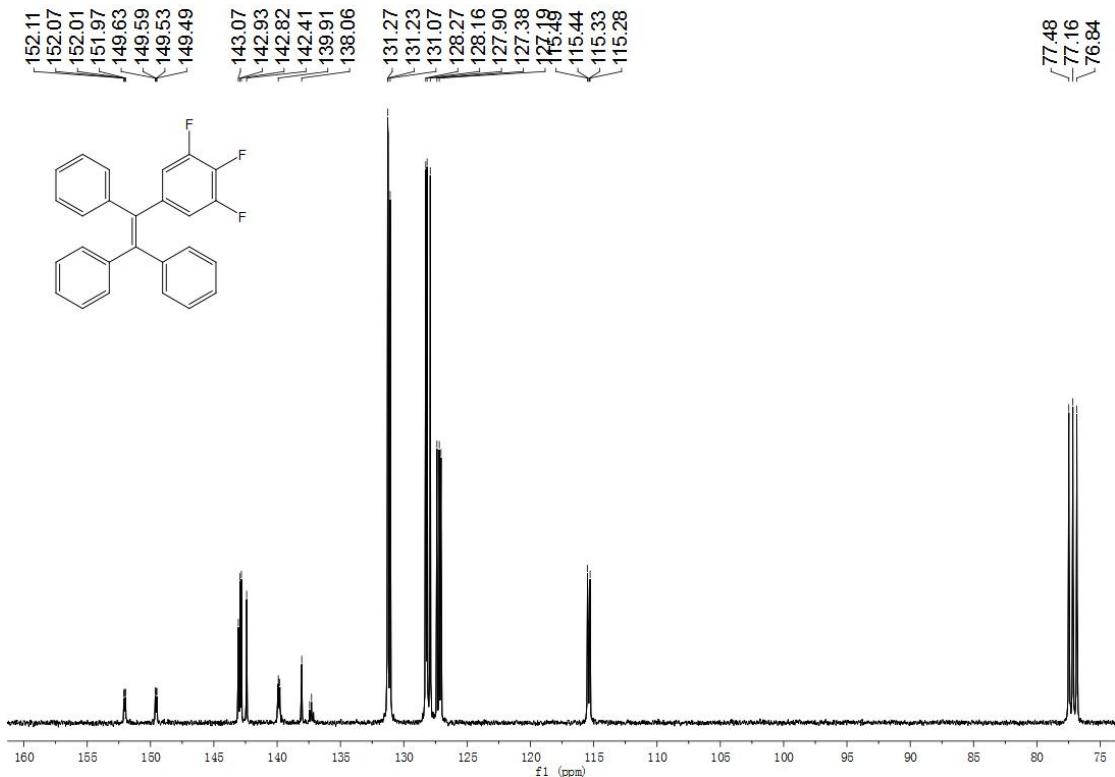
**Fig. S40.**  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR spectrum of **1i**.



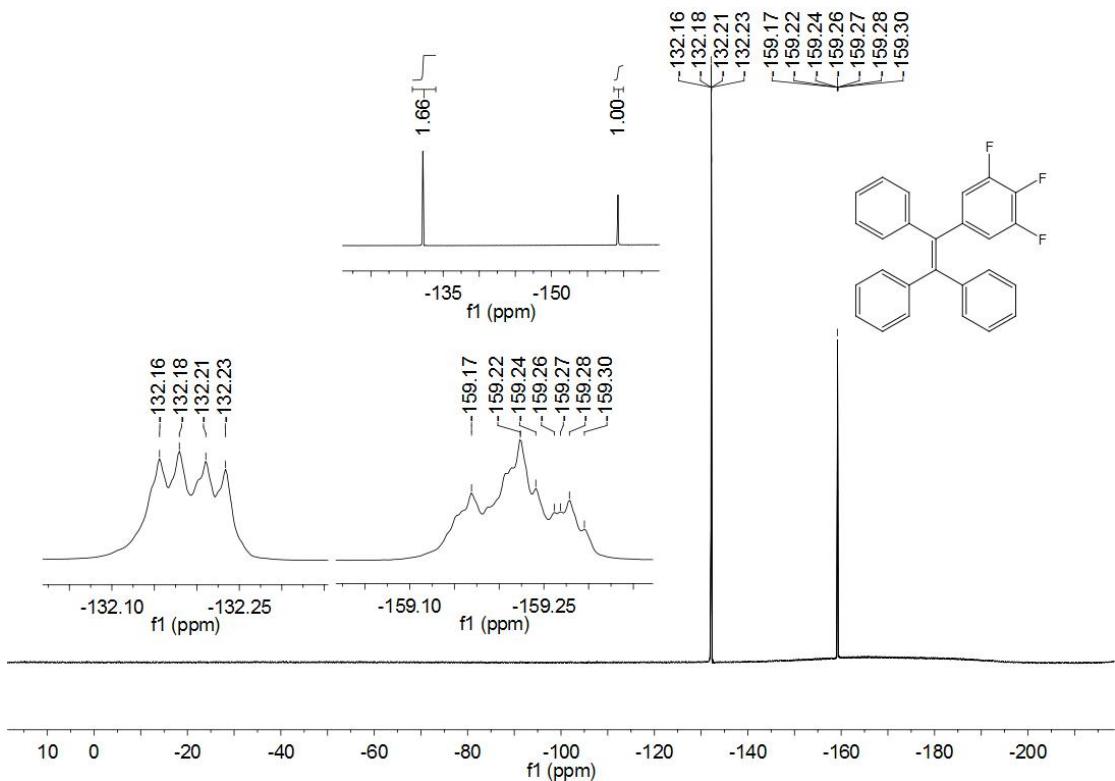
**Fig. S41.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **1j**.



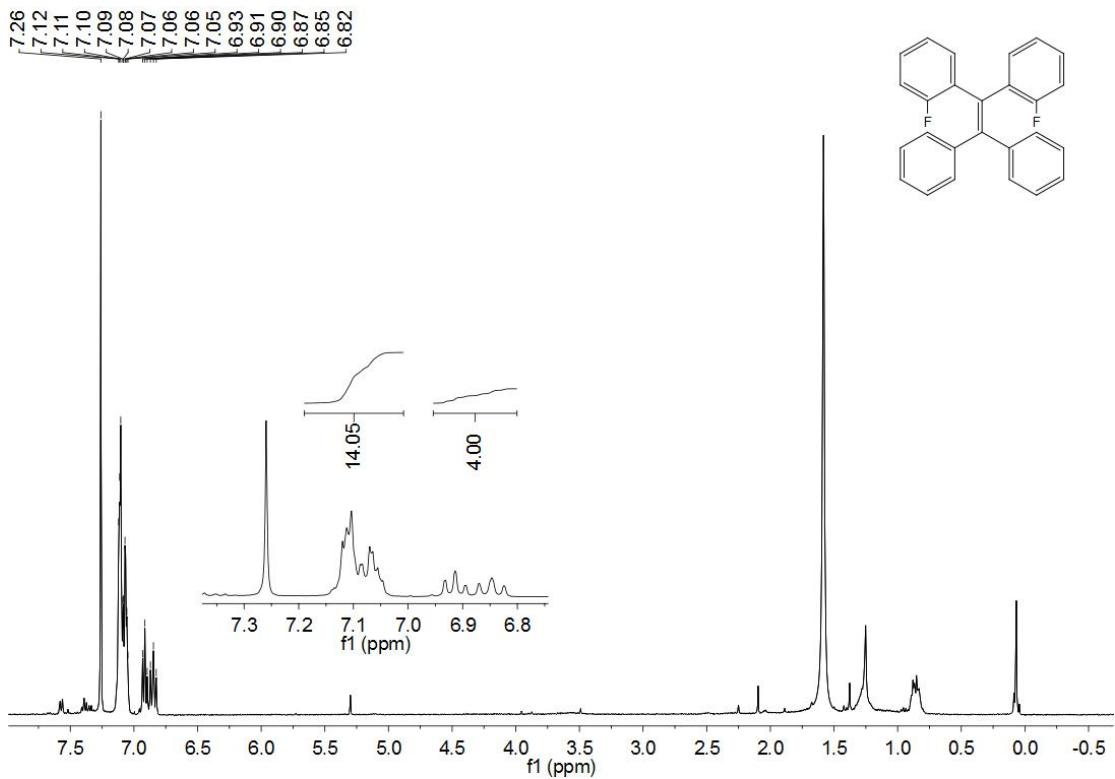
**Fig. S42.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **1k**.



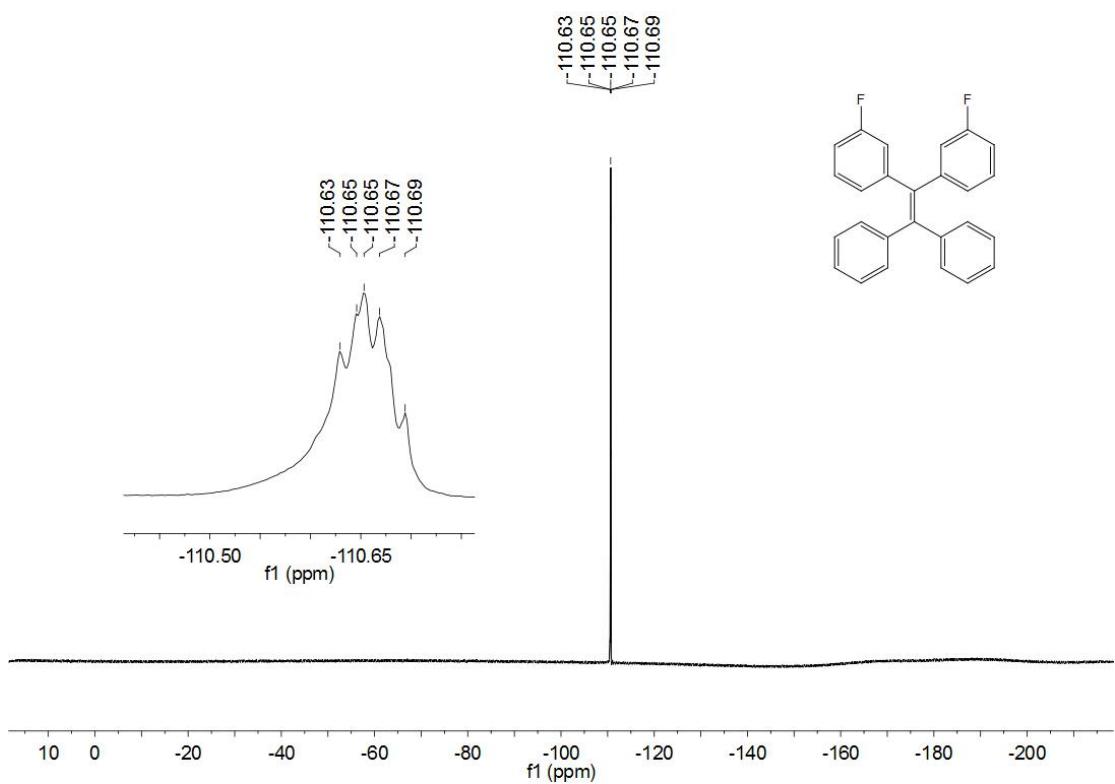
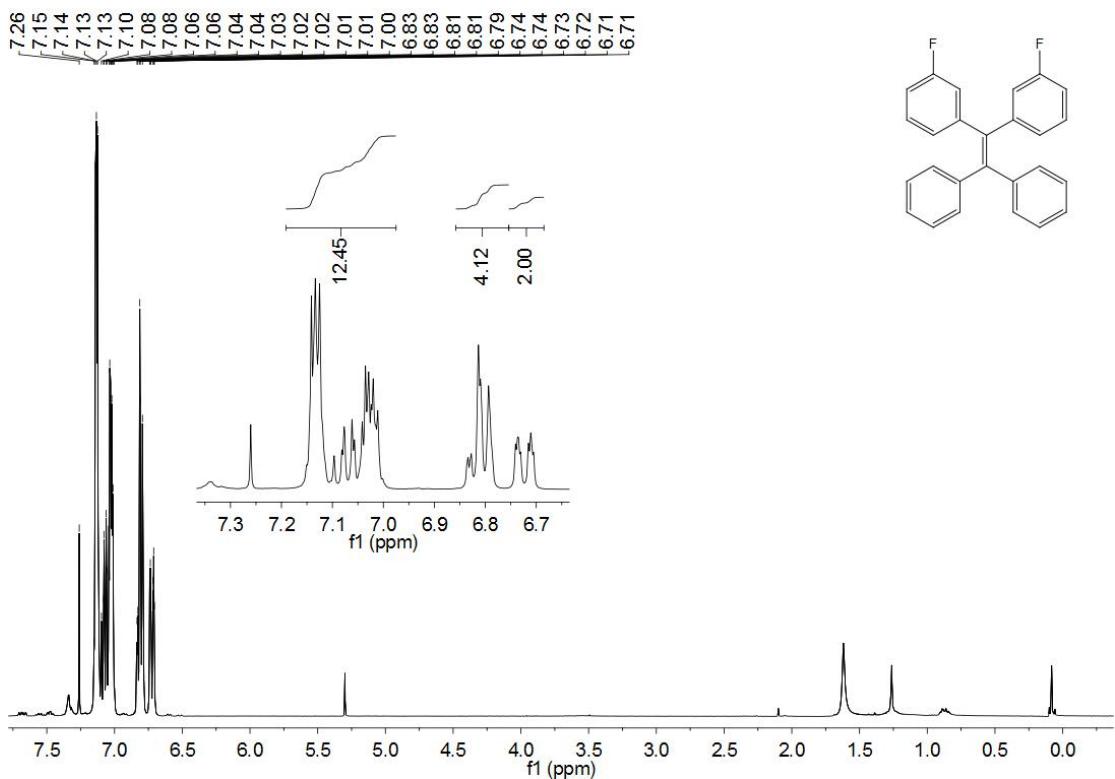
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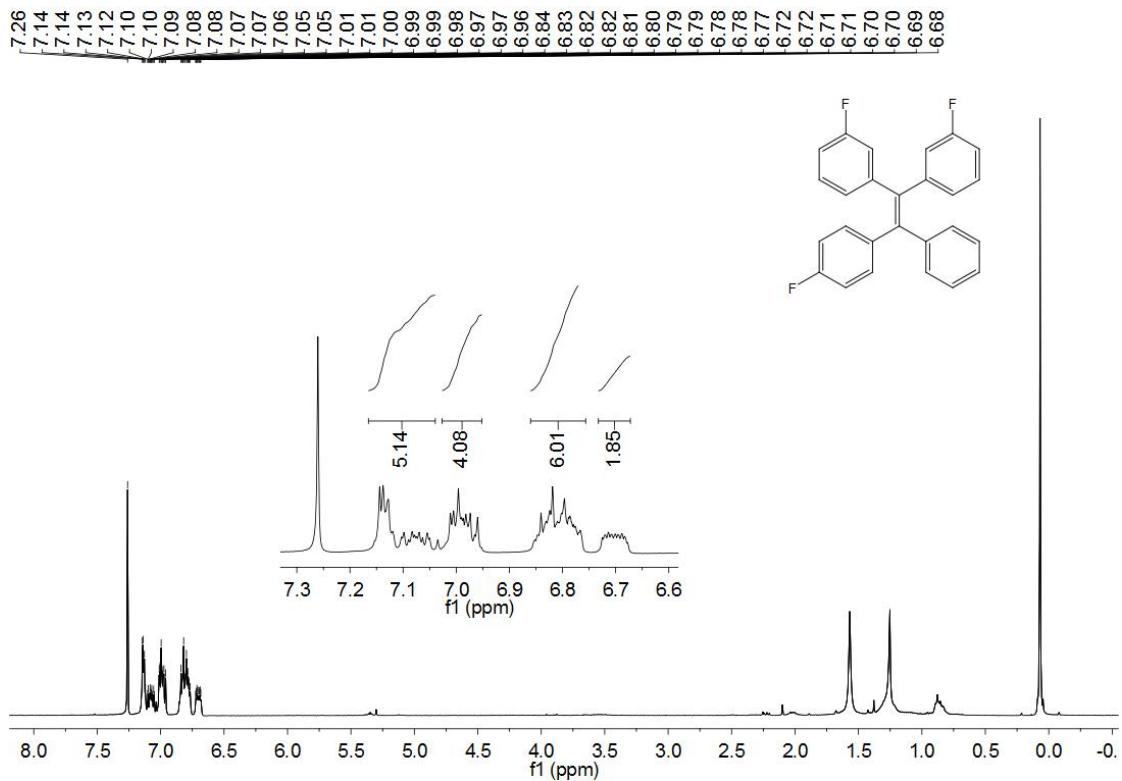


**Fig. S44.** <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectrum of **1k**.

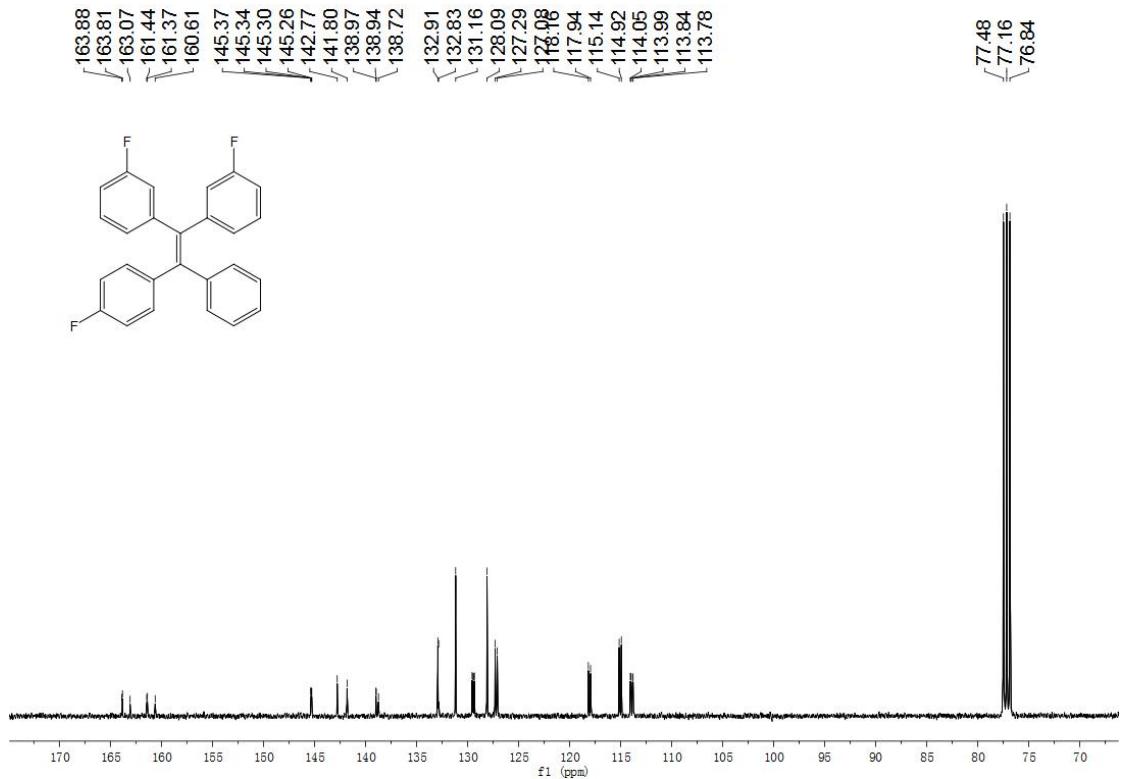


**Fig. S45.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of **2a**.

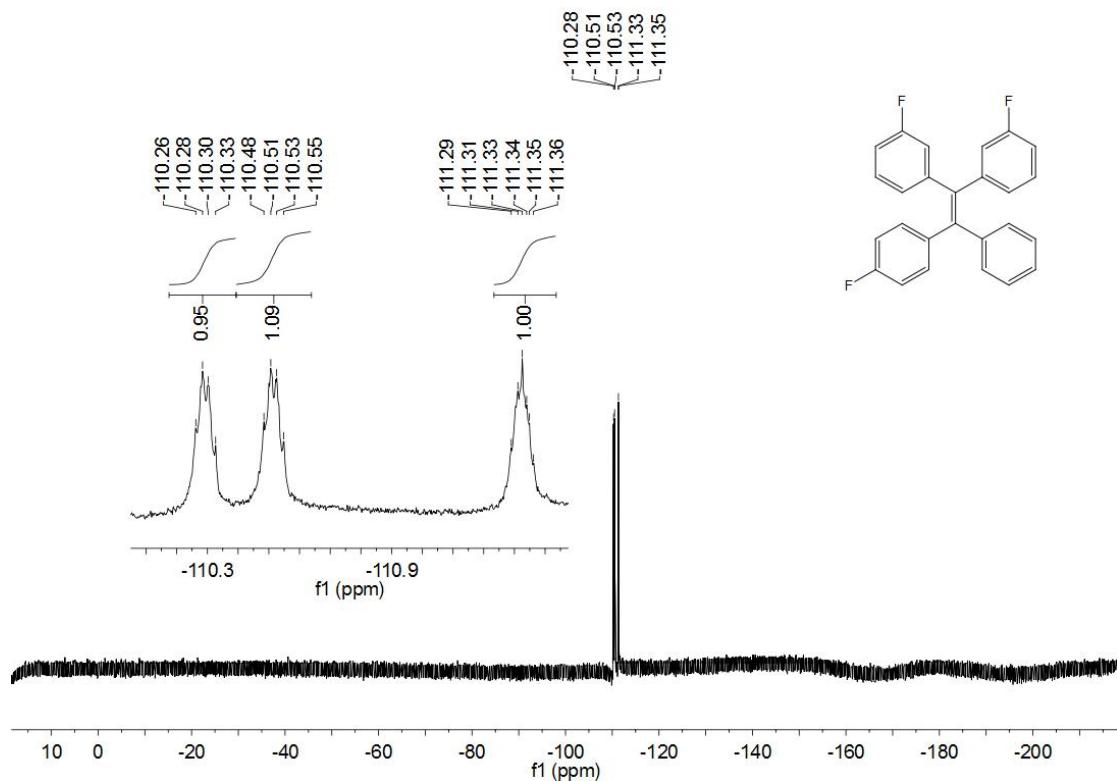




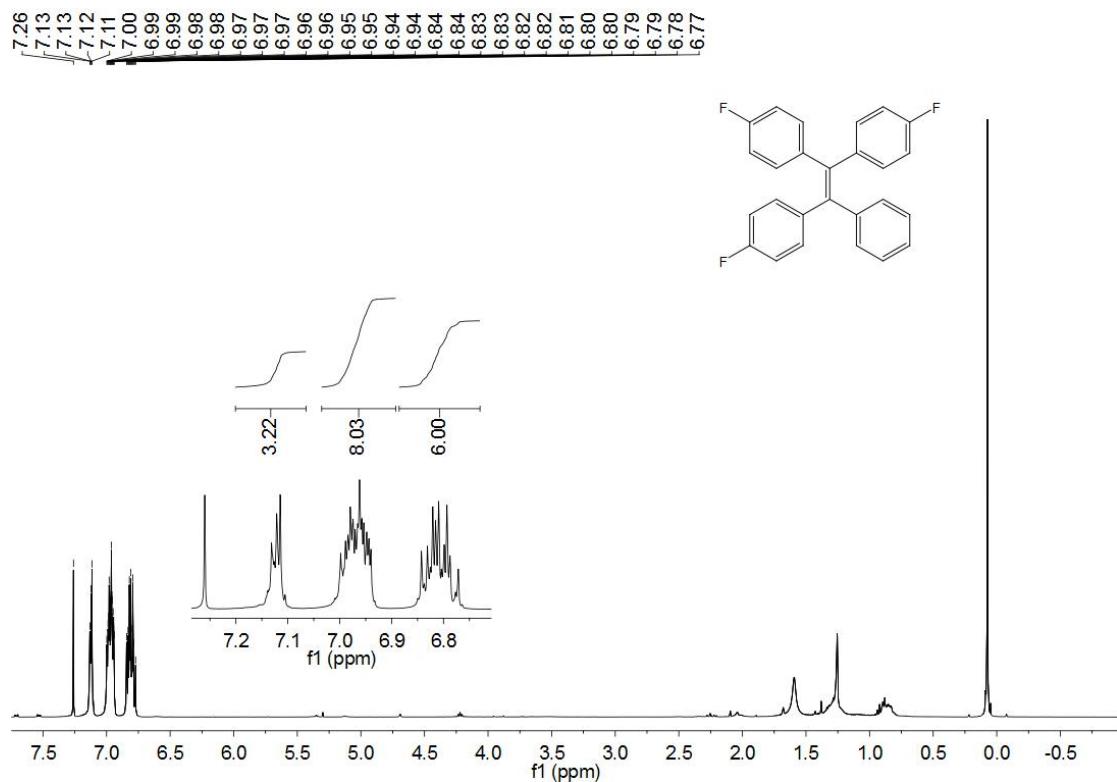
**Fig. S48.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **3a**.



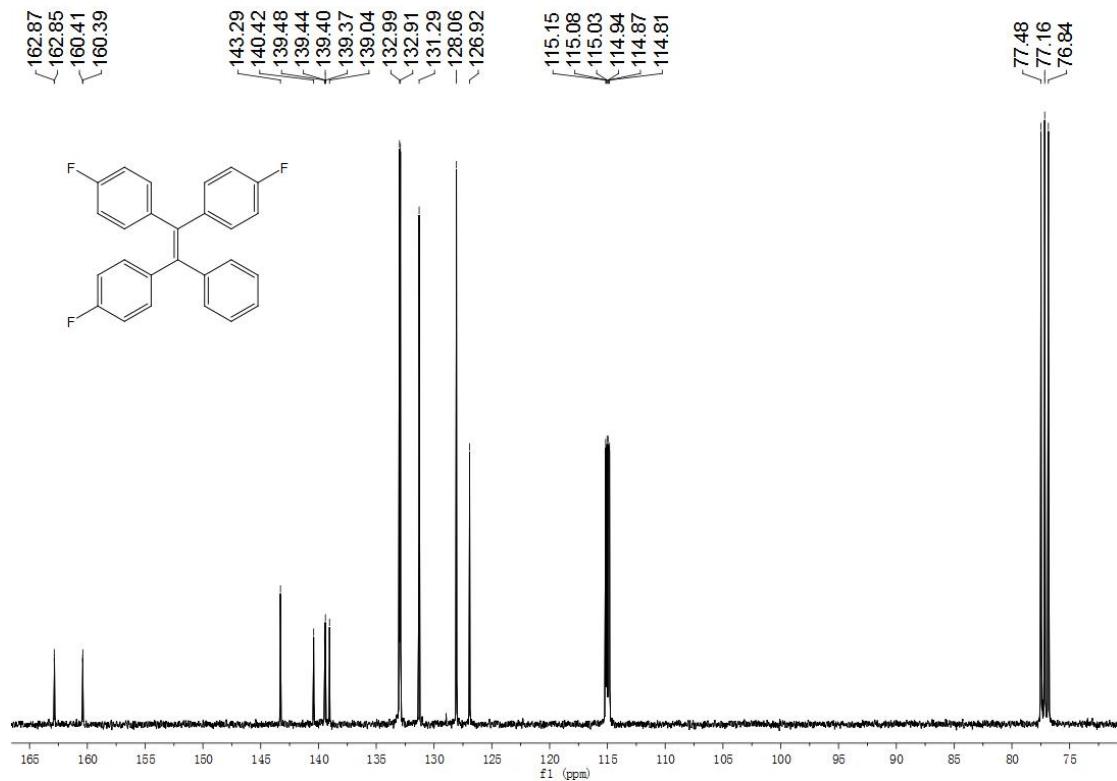
**Fig. S49.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of **3a**.



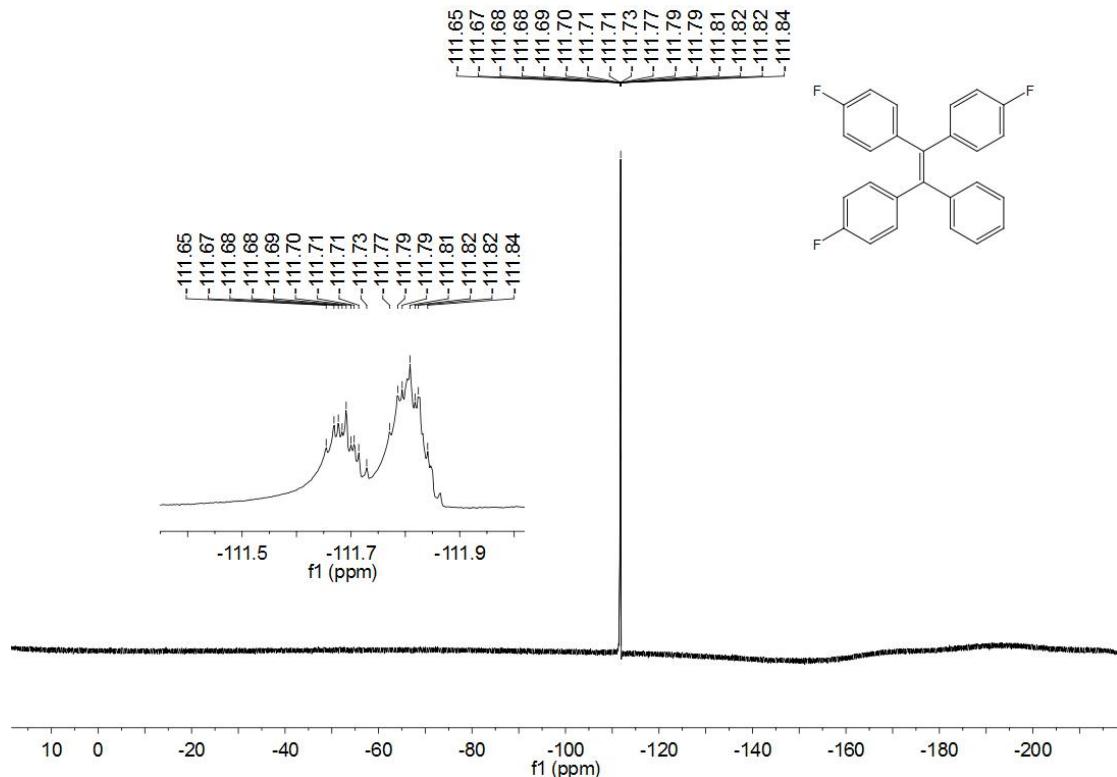
**Fig. S50.**  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR spectrum of **3a**.



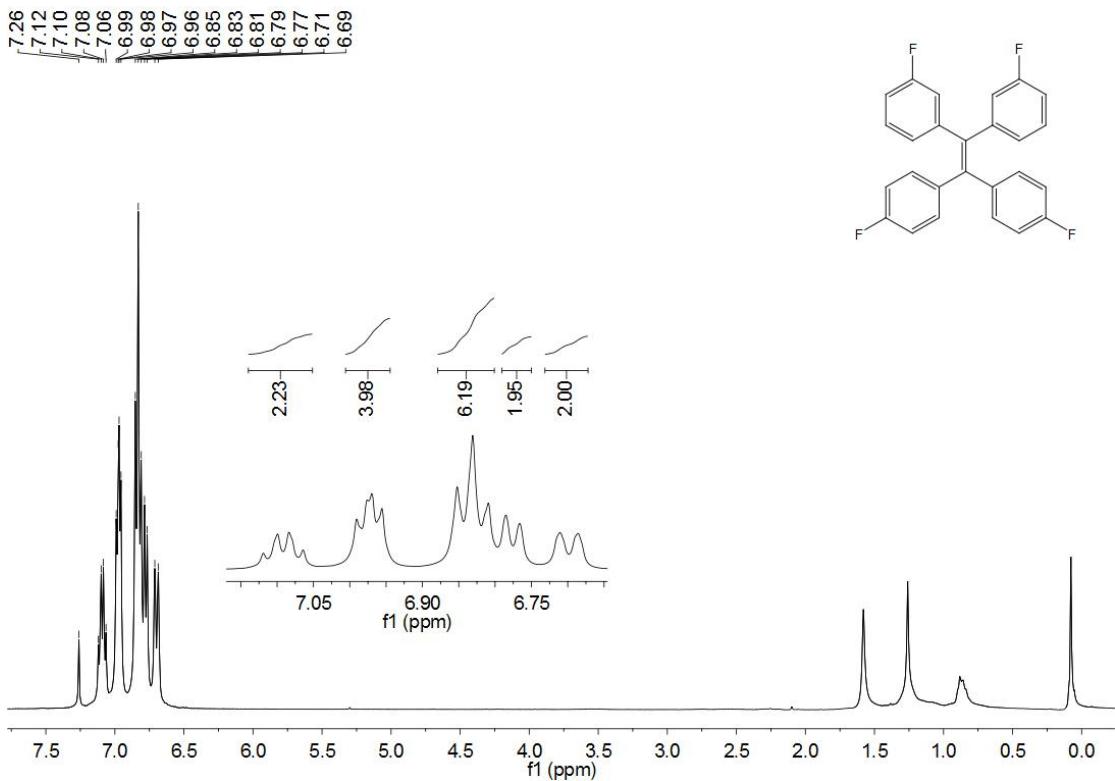
**Fig. S51.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **3b**.



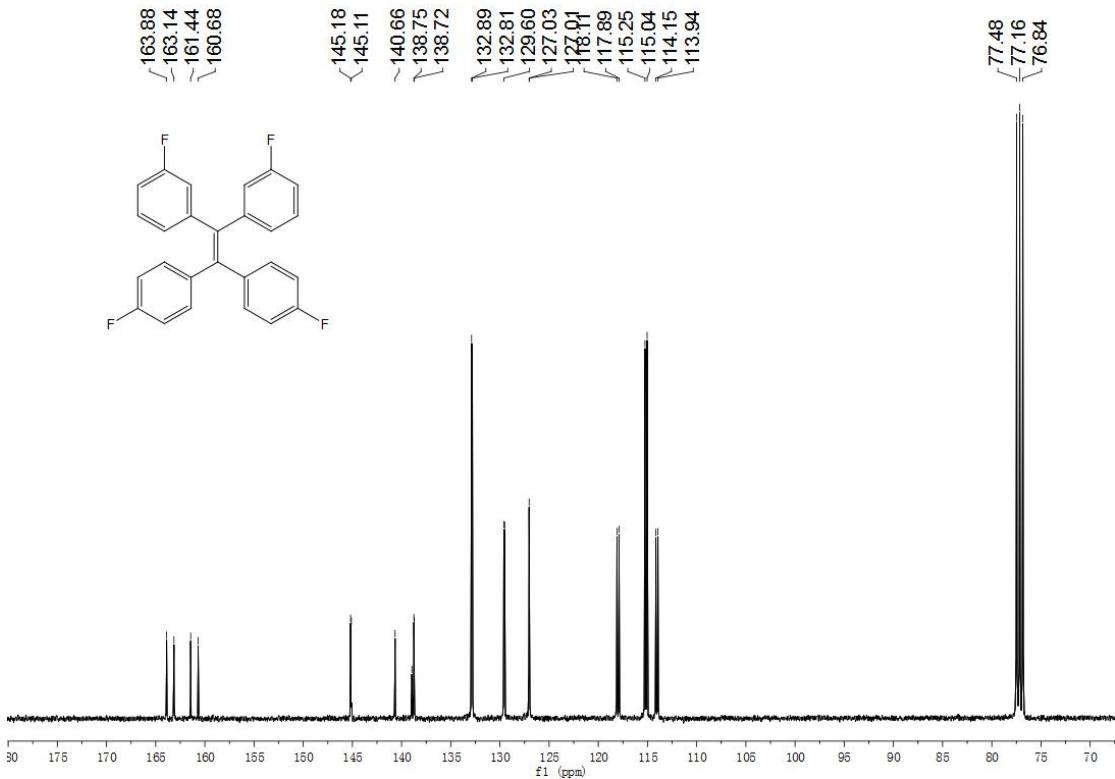
**Fig. S52.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of **3b**.



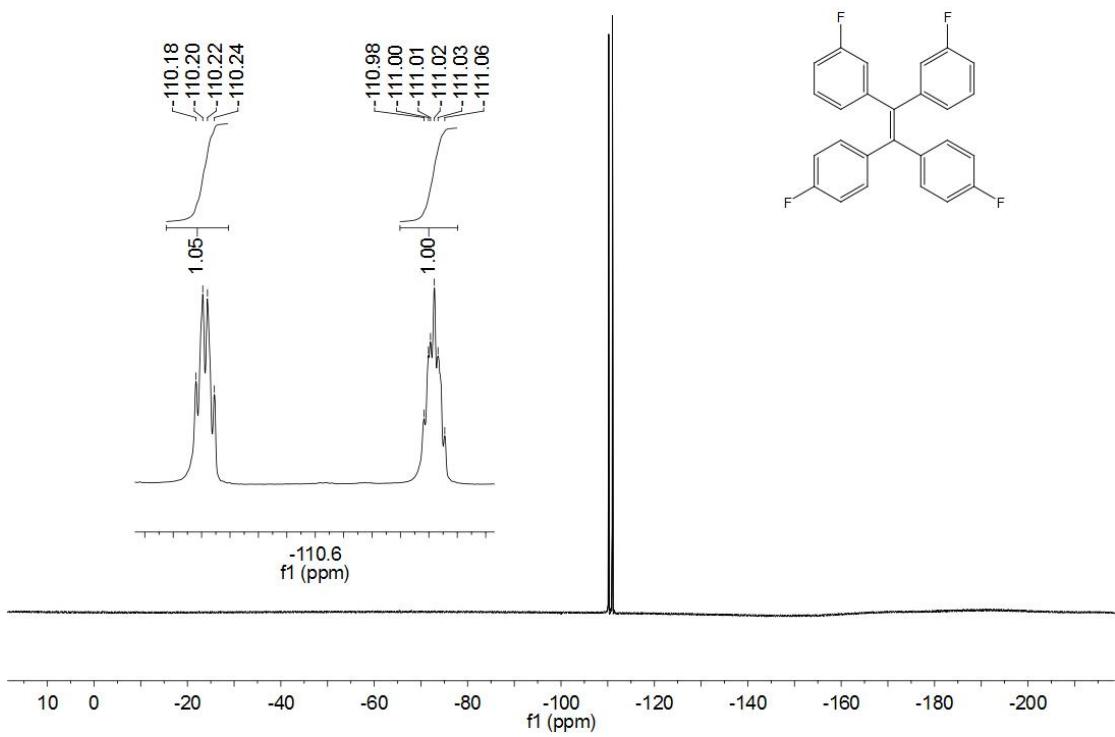
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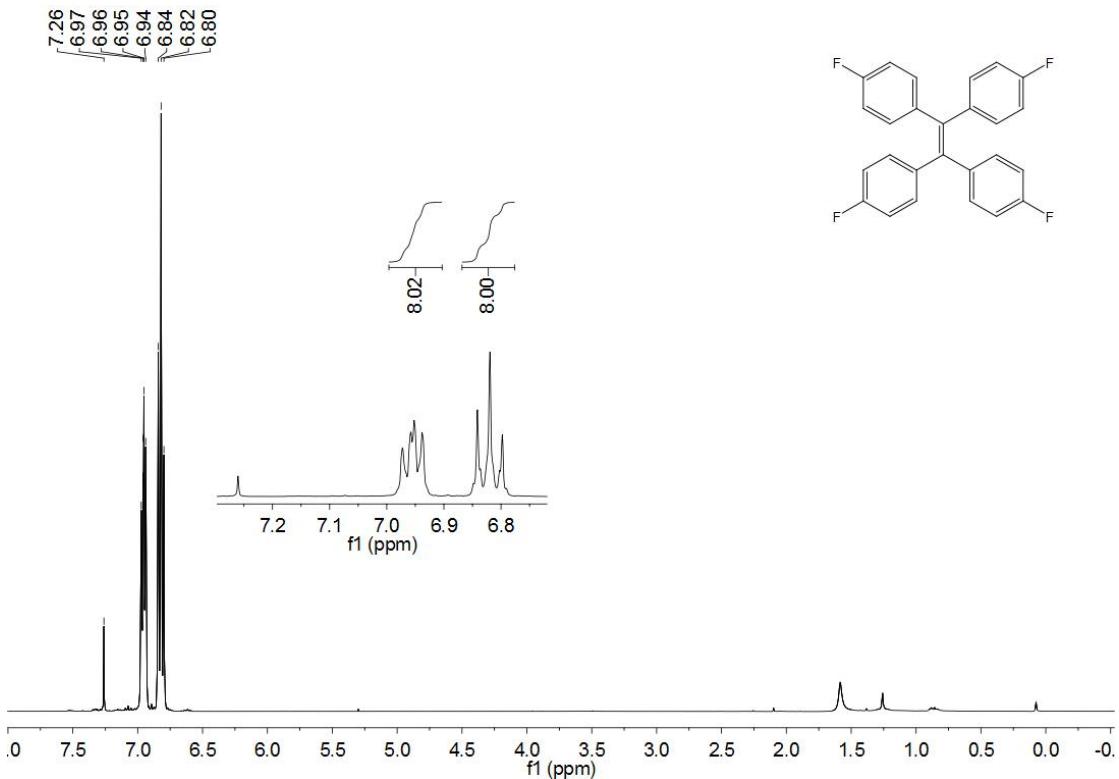
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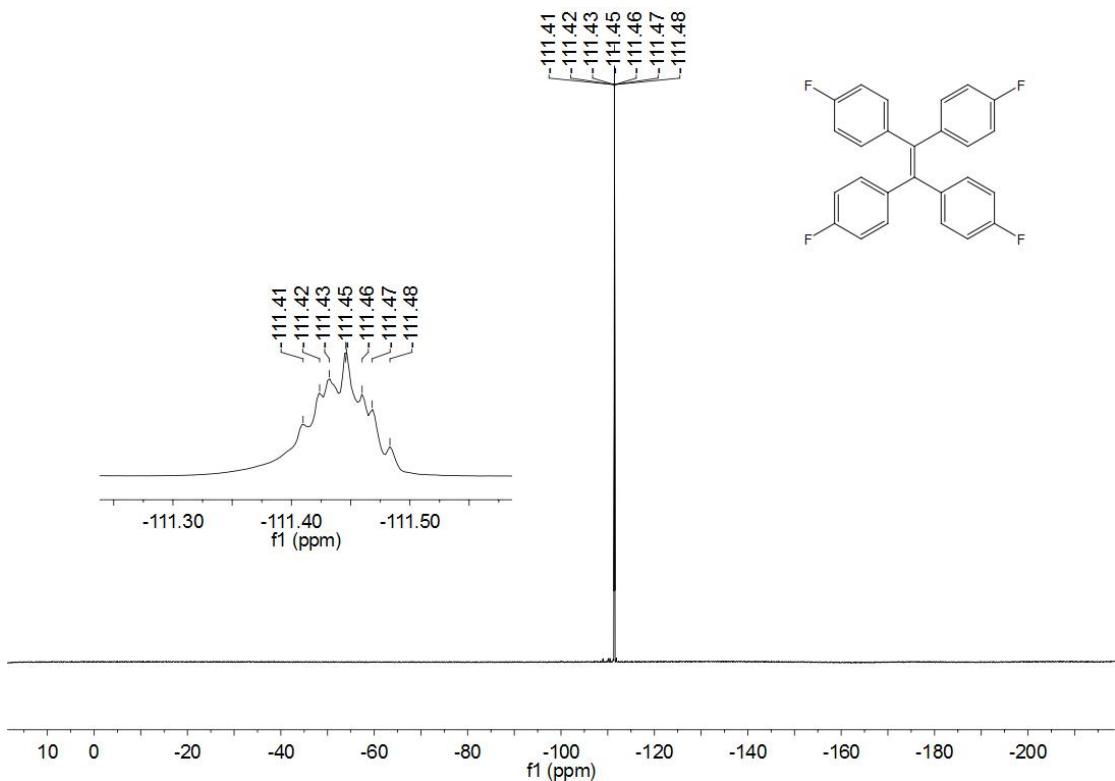
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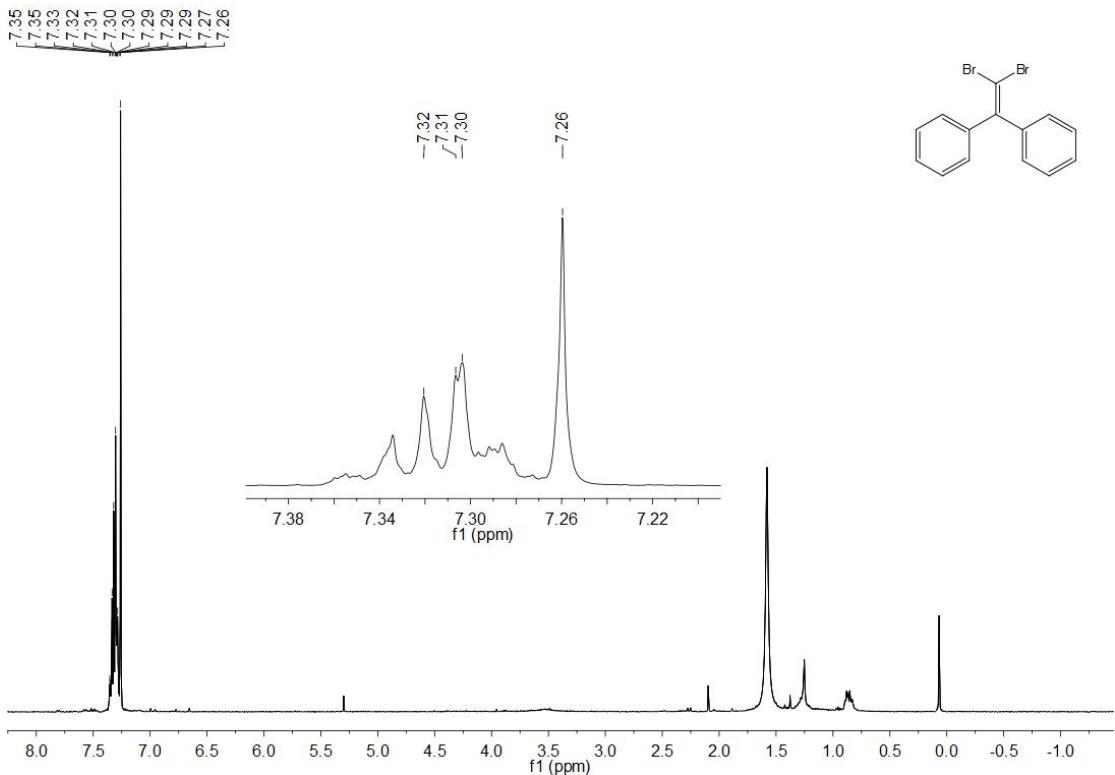
**Fig. S56.**  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR spectrum of 4a.



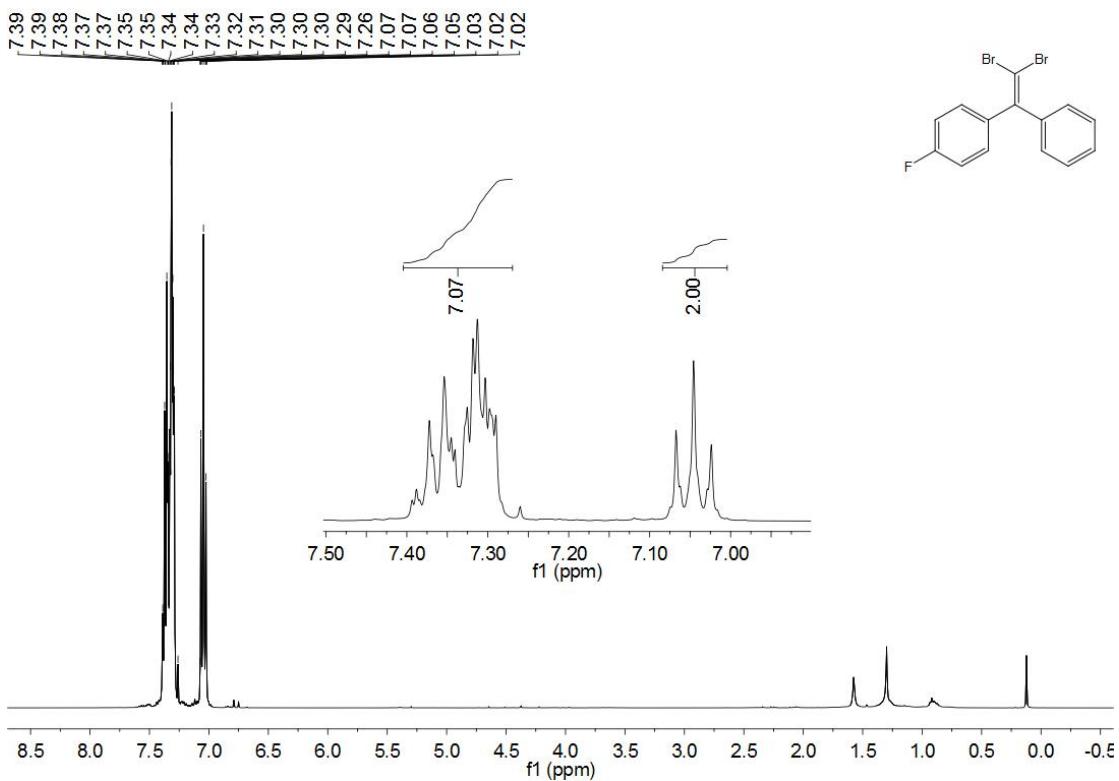
**Fig. S57.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of 4b.



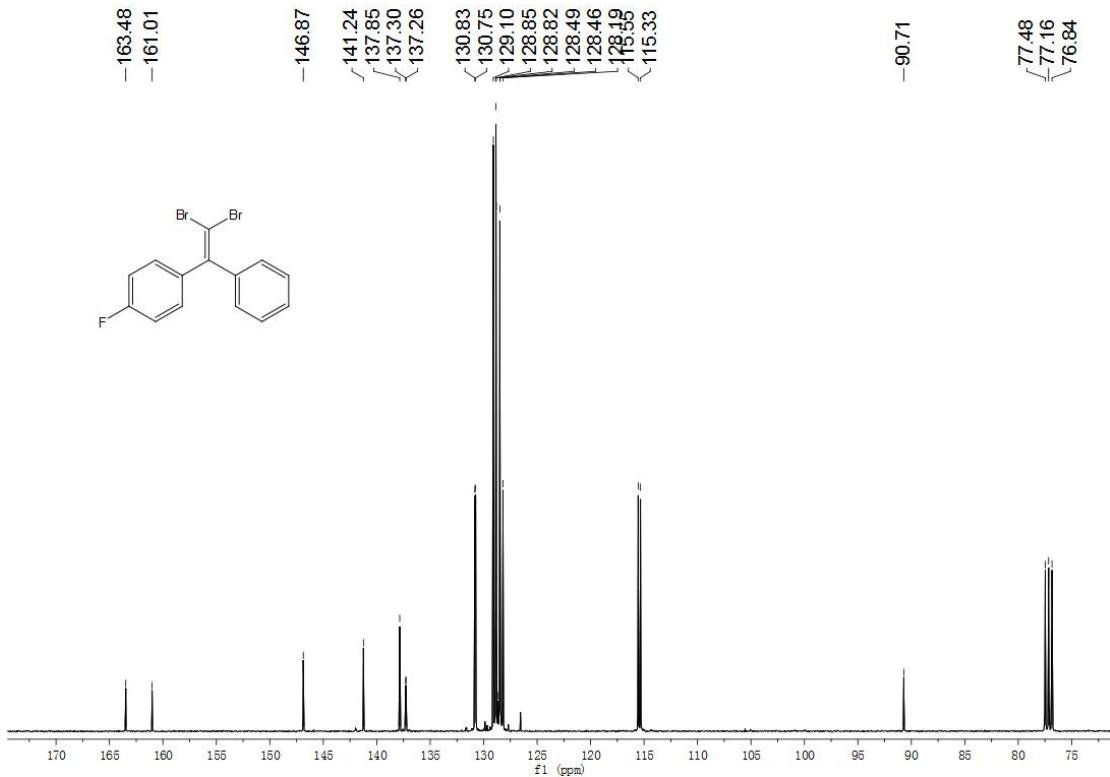
**Fig. S58.**  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR spectrum of **4b**.



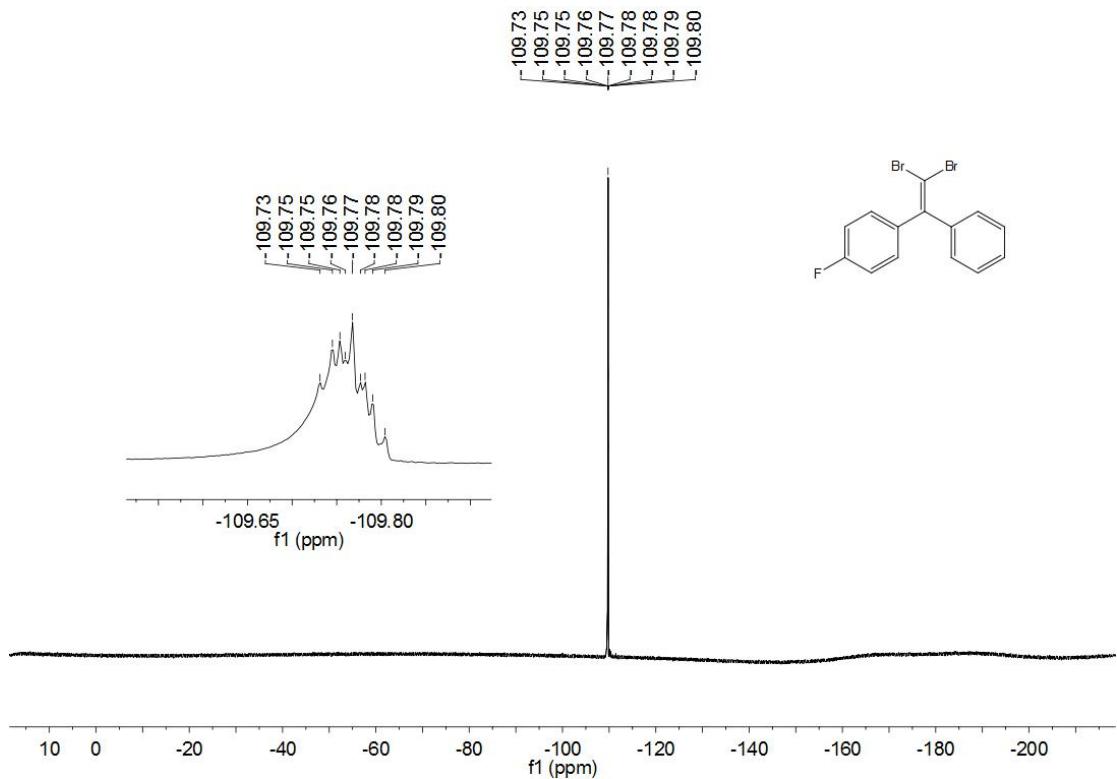
**Fig. S59.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of 1,1-dibromo-2,2-diphenylethene.



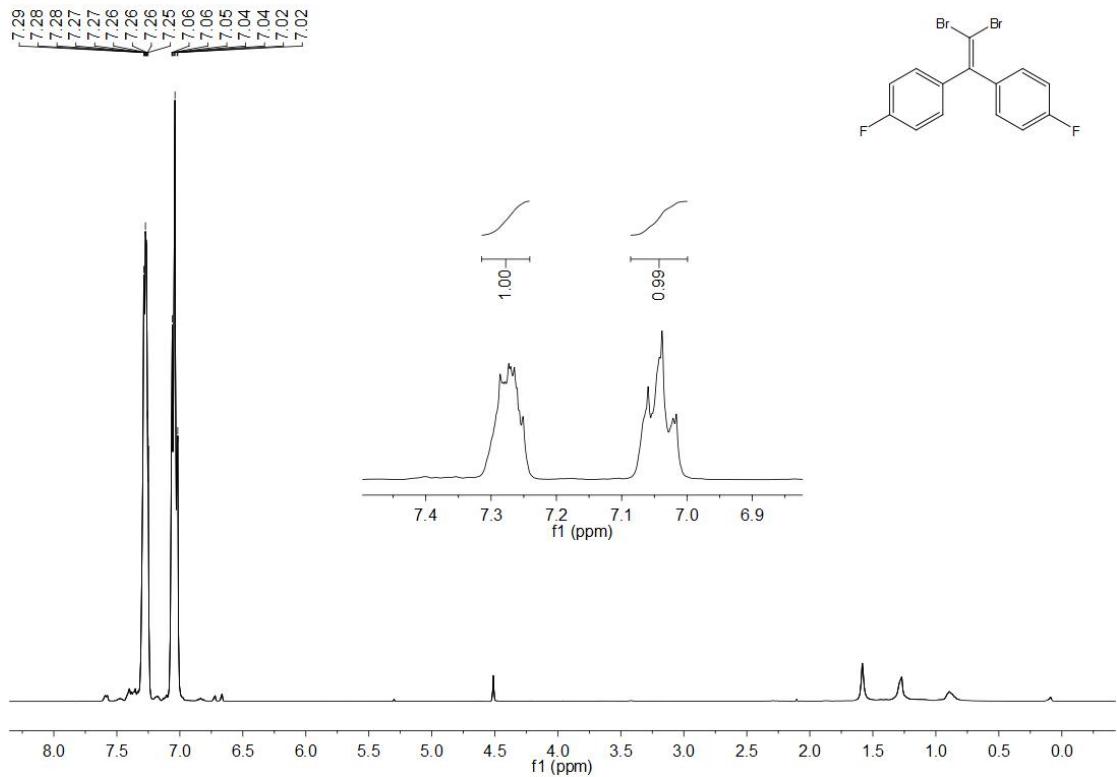
**Fig. S60.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 1,1-dibromo-2-(4-fluorophenyl)-2-phenylethene.



**Fig. S61.** <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of 1,1-dibromo-2-(4-fluorophenyl)-2-phenylethene.



**Fig. S62.**  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR spectrum of 1,1-dibromo-2-(4-fluorophenyl)-2-phenylethene.



**Fig. S63.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of 1,1-dibromo-2,2-bis(4-fluorophenyl)ethene.