

Supplementary Information

Boron-containing D-A-A type TADF materials with tiny singlet-triplet energy splittings and high photoluminescence quantum yields for highly efficient OLEDs with low efficiency roll-offs

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1. Supplementary figures

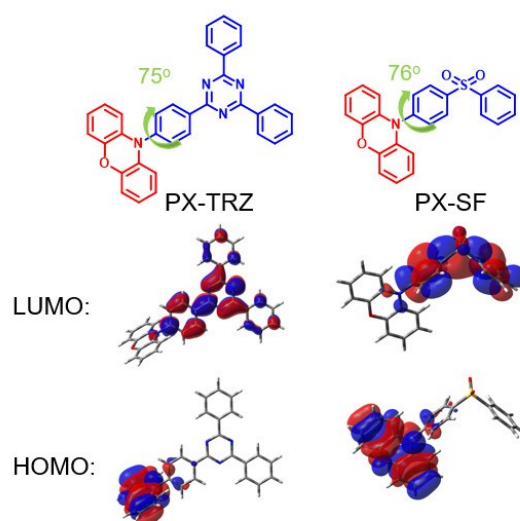


Fig. S1 Molecular structures and frontier molecular orbital distributions of the boryl-acceptor-free PX-TRZ and PX-SF calculated by DFT (B3LYP/6-31G(d,p)). The angles show the case in the optimized geometries.

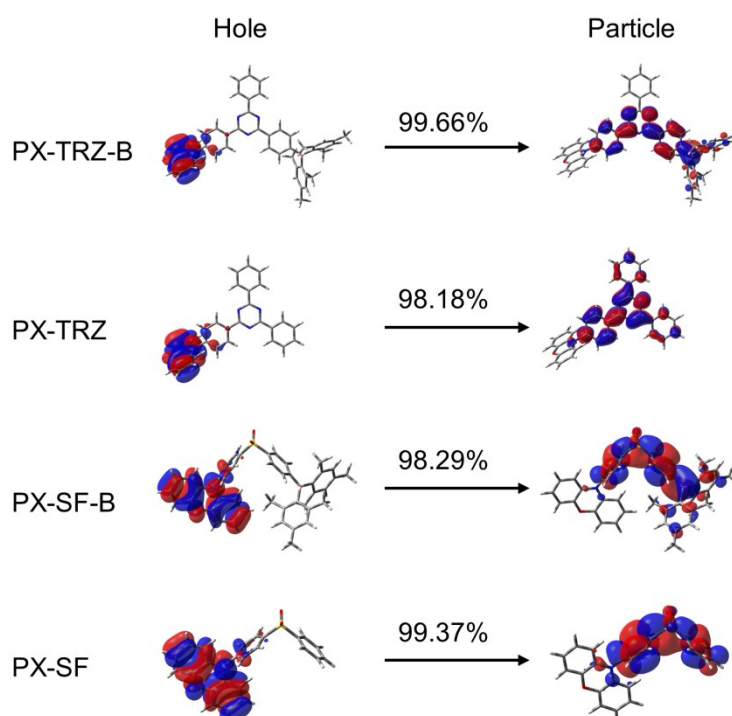


Fig. S2 Natural transition orbital analyses for the S_1 -state excitations of PX-TRZ-B, PX-TRZ, PX-SF-B and PX-SF.

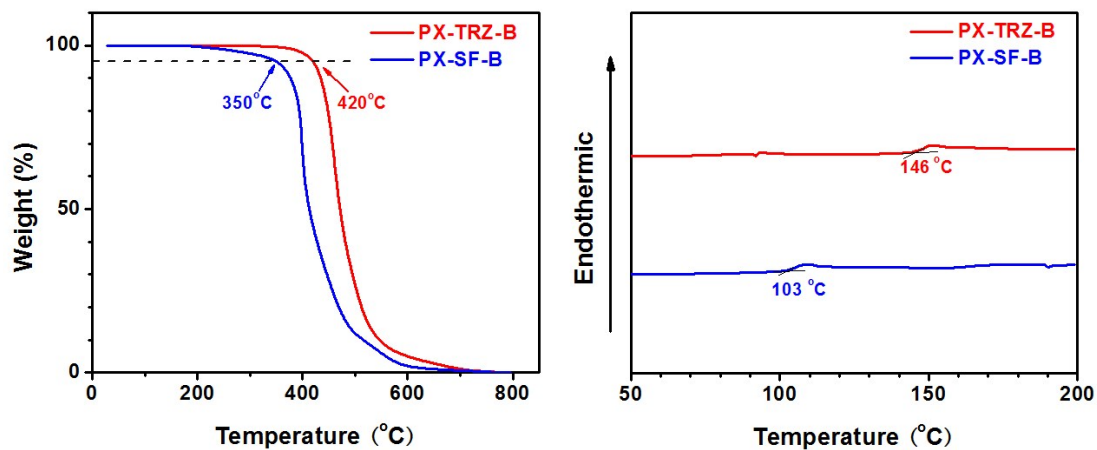


Fig. S3 TGA (left) and DSC (right) curves of PX-TRZ-B and PX-SF-B measured at a heating rate of 10 °C/min under nitrogen atmosphere.

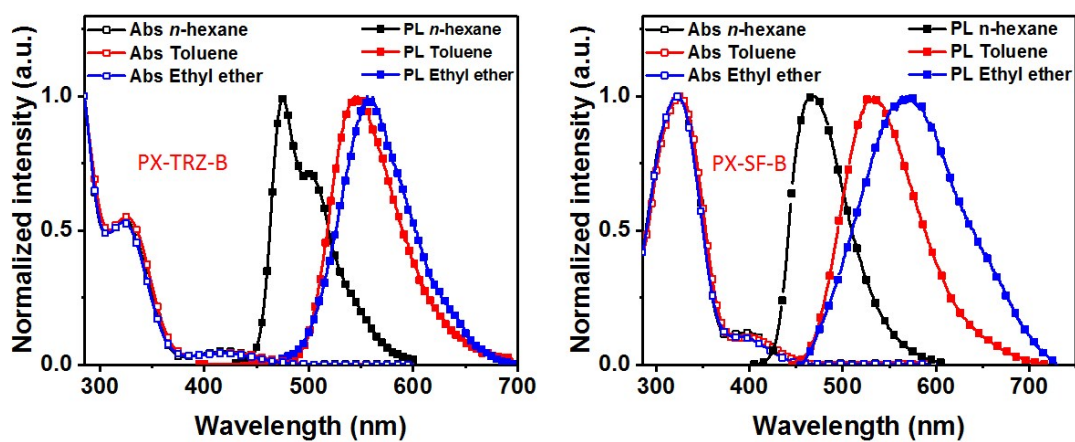


Fig. S4 Absorption and photoluminescence spectra of PX-TRZ-B (left) and PX-SF-B (right) measured at room temperature with various solvents.

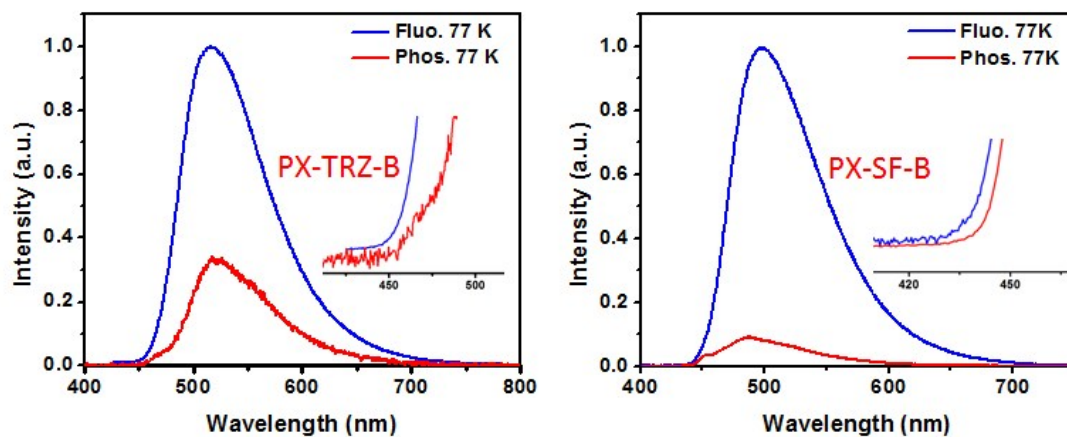


Fig. S5 Fluorescence and phosphorescence spectra of PX-TRZ-B (left) and PX-SF-B (right) measured at 77 K in toluene. Insets show the case at the onsets of the spectra.

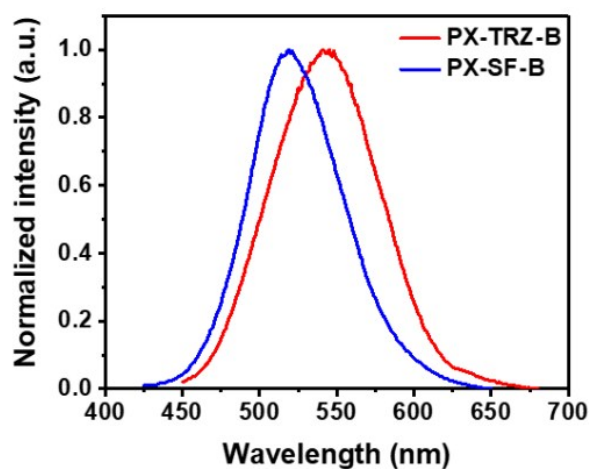


Fig. S6 Fluorescence spectra of the doped films of PX-TRZ-B and PX-SF-B in CBP host (5 wt% doping concentration).

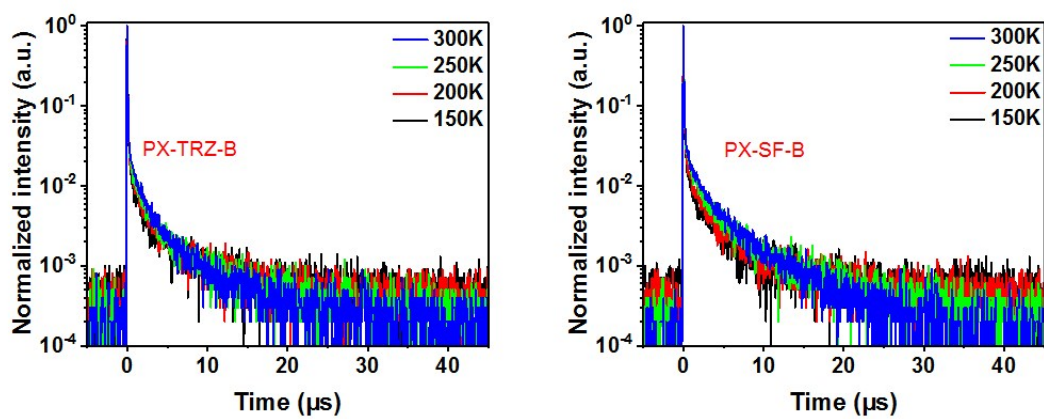


Fig. S7 Temperature-dependent transient PL decay curves of PX-TRZ-B and PX-SF-B in CBP (5 wt% doping concentration) at the temperatures ranging from 150 K to 300 K.

2. Supplementary tables

Table S1. Contributions of molecular fragments to HOMO and LUMO.^a

	PX-TRZ-B		PX-TRZ		PX-SF-B		PX-SF	
	HOMO	LUMO	HOMO	LUMO	HOMO	LUMO	HOMO	LUMO
phenoxazine	94.0%	0.6%	93.97%	5.82%	93.9%	1.2%	94.1%	5.4%
Triphenyltriazine	5.8%	73.3%	3.81%	96.06%	5.7%	53.9%	5.7%	94.2%
/sulfonyldibenzene								
boron	--	11.8%			--	19.2%		
mesityl	--	11.3%			--	19.4%		

^aContributions over 0.5% are shown, and contributions from the hydrogen atoms are not included.

Table S2. TD-DFT calculation results and the HOMO-LUMO overlap integrals for PX-TRZ-B, PX-TRZ, PX-SF-B and PX-SF.

	PX-TRZ-B	PX-TRZ	PX-SF-B	PX-SF
E_{S1} / eV^a	2.040	2.155	2.263	2.578
E_{T1} / eV^a	2.010	2.099	2.244	2.522
$\Delta E_{ST} / \text{eV}^b$	0.030	0.056	0.019	0.056
$f_{S1 \leftarrow S0}^c$	0.024	0.046	0.010	0.024
$C_{S1 \leftarrow S0}^d$	HOMO→LUMO (98.29%)	HOMO→LUMO (98.18%)	HOMO→LUMO (99.66%)	HOMO→LUMO (99.37%)
$O_{\text{HOMO-LUMO}}^e$	0.085	0.182	0.098	0.195

^aSinglet (E_{S1}) and triplet (E_{T1}) energy levels. ^bEnergy splitting between S_1 and T_1 states. ^cOscillator strength for $S1 \leftarrow S0$ transition.

^dOrbital contributions for $S1 \leftarrow S0$ transition (contributions over 5% are given). ^eOverlap integral of HOMO and LUMO.

Table S3. Rate constants of PX-TRZ-B and PX-SF-B determined by the photoluminescence quantum yields and lifetimes of the doped films of these compounds.

Compounds	Φ_{PF}^a (%)	Φ_{DF}^b (%)	$k_{\text{P(total)}}^c$ (10^6 s^{-1})	$k_{\text{P(r)}}^d$ (10^6 s^{-1})	k_{IC}^e (10^6 s^{-1})	$k_{\text{D(r)}}^f$ (10^6 s^{-1})	k_{ISC}^g (10^6 s^{-1})	k_{RISC}^h (10^6 s^{-1})
PX-TRZ-B	18.0	47.0	21.9	3.95	2.13	0.16	15.9	0.57
PX-SF-B	23.0	61.0	18.3	4.21	0.80	0.16	13.3	0.58

^aPrompt fluorescence component of Φ_{PL} . ^bDelayed fluorescence component of Φ_{PL} . ^cTotal decay rate constant of the prompt component. ^dRadiative decay rate constant of the prompt component. ^eInternal conversion rate constant of the prompt component.

^fRadiative decay rate constant of the delayed component. ^gRate constant for intersystem crossing. ^hRate constant for reverse intersystem crossing.

The rate constants were determined by using the following formula:¹

$$k_{\text{P(r)}} = \Phi_{\text{PF}} / \tau_{\text{PF}}$$

$$k_{\text{D(r)}} = \Phi_{\text{DF}} / \tau_{\text{DF}}$$

$$k_{\text{P(total)}} = k_{\text{P(r)}} + k_{\text{IC}} + k_{\text{ISC}} = k_{\text{P(r)}} / \Phi_{\text{PF}}$$

$$k_{\text{ISC}} = \Phi_{\text{DF}} k_{\text{P(total)}} / \Phi_{\text{PL}}$$

$$k_{\text{RISC}} = k_{\text{D(r)}} k_{\text{P(total)}} \Phi_{\text{DF}} / (k_{\text{ISC}} \Phi_{\text{PF}})$$

3. NMR spectra

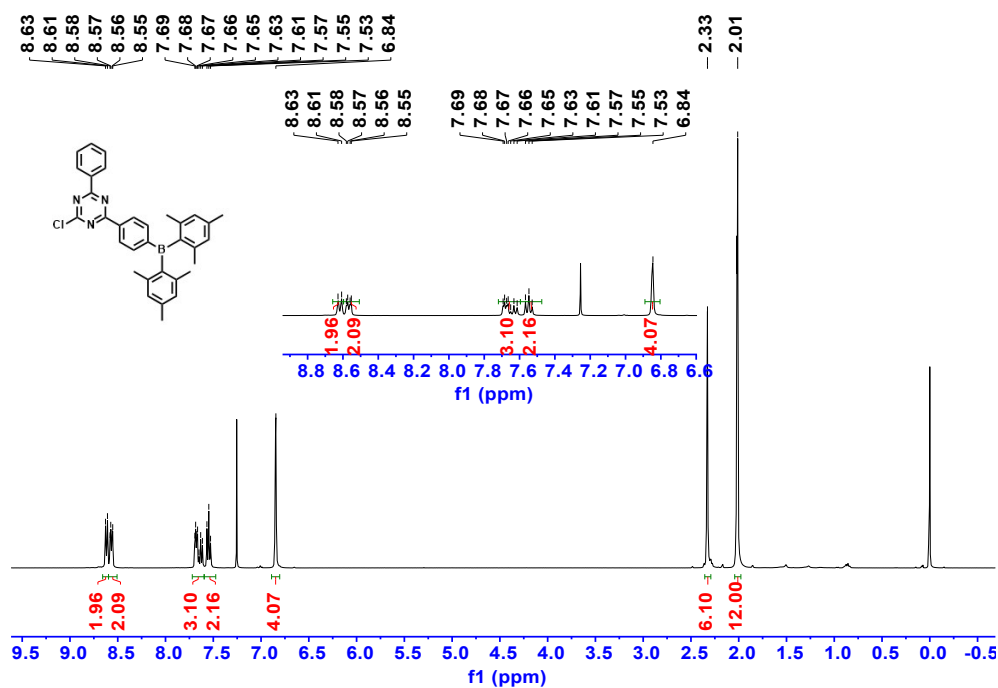


Fig. S8 ¹H NMR spectrum of 2-chloro-4-(4-(dimesitylboraneryl)phenyl)-6-phenyl-1,3,5-triazine in CDCl₃ (400 MHz).

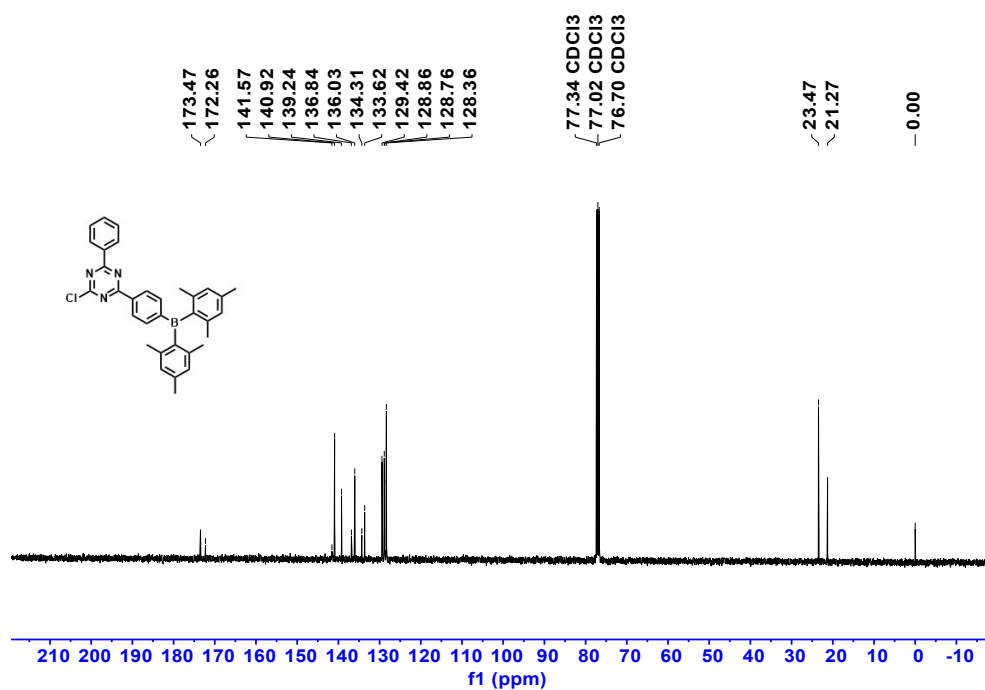


Fig. S9 ¹³C{¹H} NMR spectrum of 2-chloro-4-(4-(dimesitylboraneryl)phenyl)-6-phenyl-1,3,5-triazine in CDCl₃ (100 MHz).

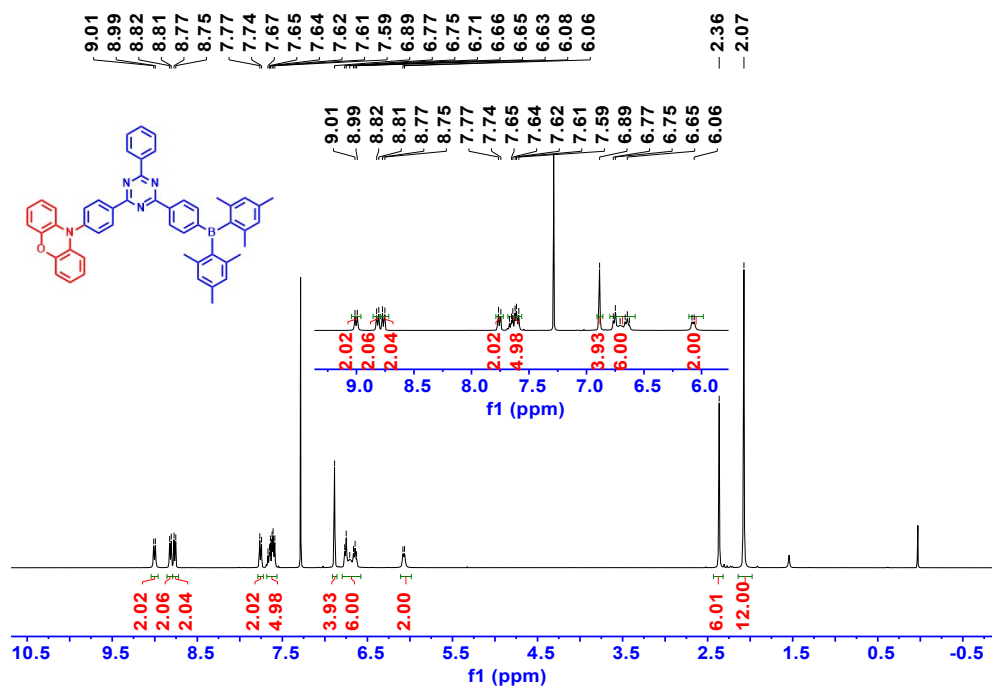


Fig. S10 ¹H NMR spectrum of PX-TRZ-B in CDCl₃ (400 MHz).

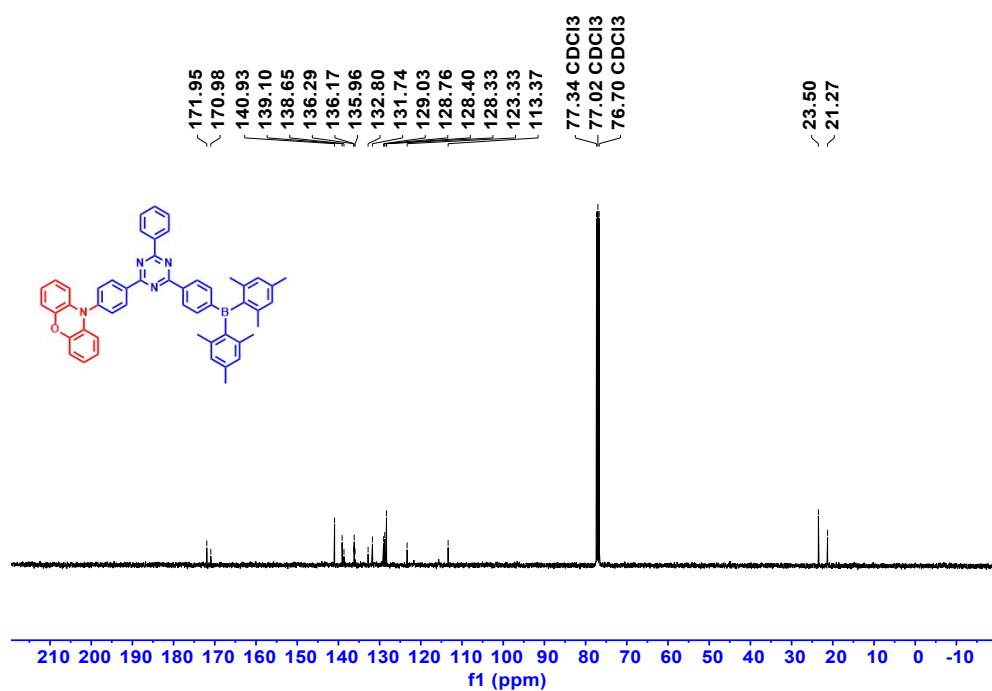


Fig. S11 ¹³C{¹H} NMR spectrum of PX-TRZ-B in CDCl₃ (100 MHz).

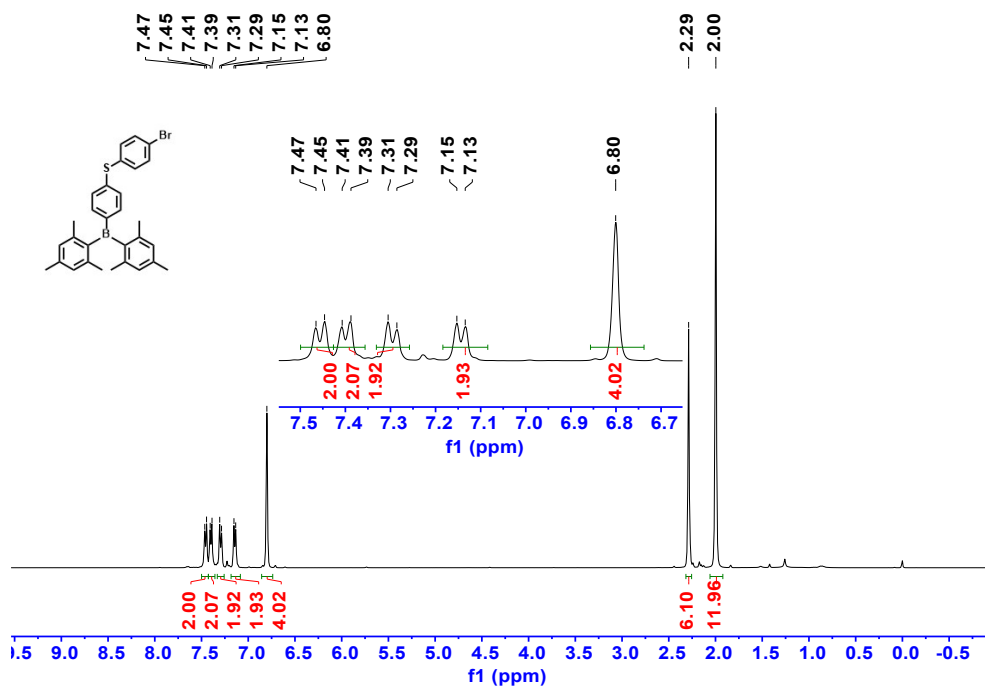


Fig. S12 ^1H NMR spectrum of (4-((4-bromophenyl)thio)phenyl)dimesitylborane in CDCl_3 (400 MHz).

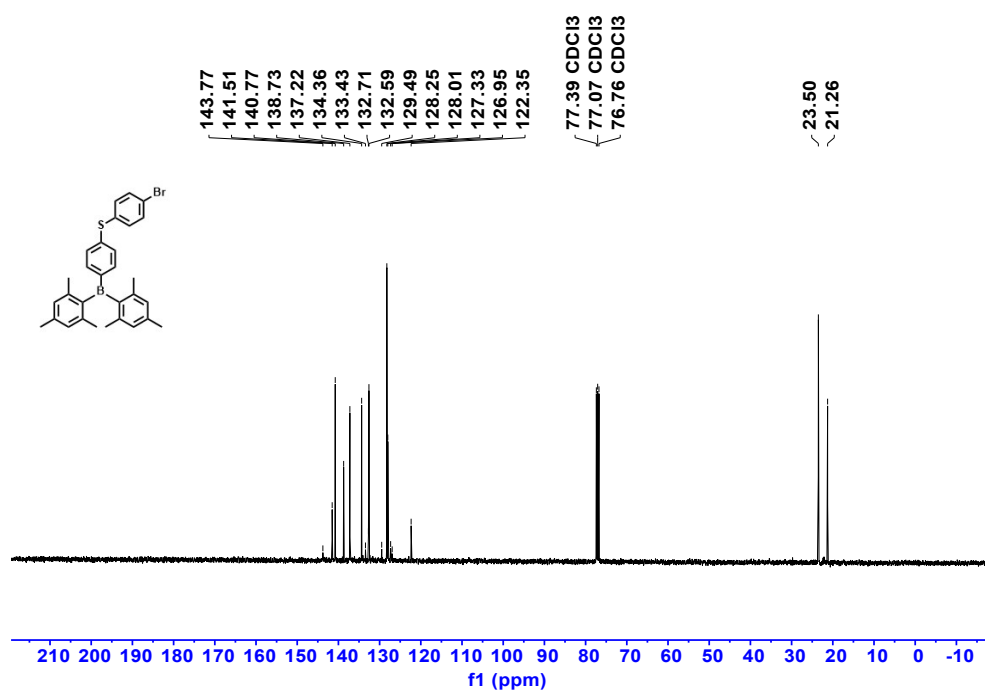


Fig. S13 $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectrum of (4-((4-bromophenyl)thio)phenyl)dimesitylborane in CDCl_3 (100 MHz).

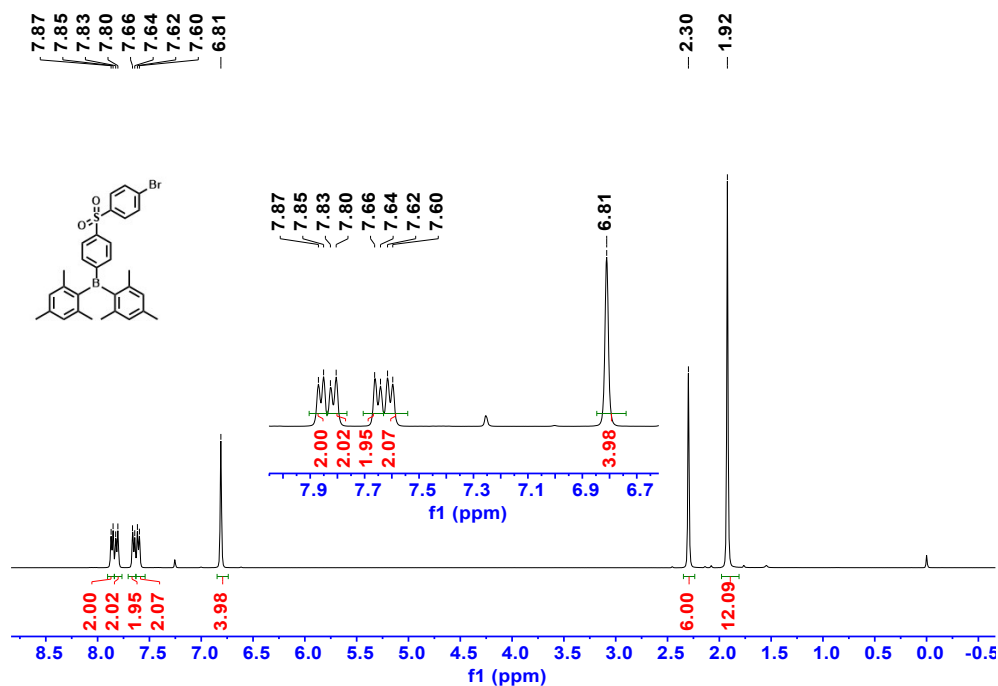


Fig. S14 ¹H NMR spectrum of (4-((4-bromophenyl)sulfonyl)phenyl)dimesitylborane in CDCl₃ (400 MHz).

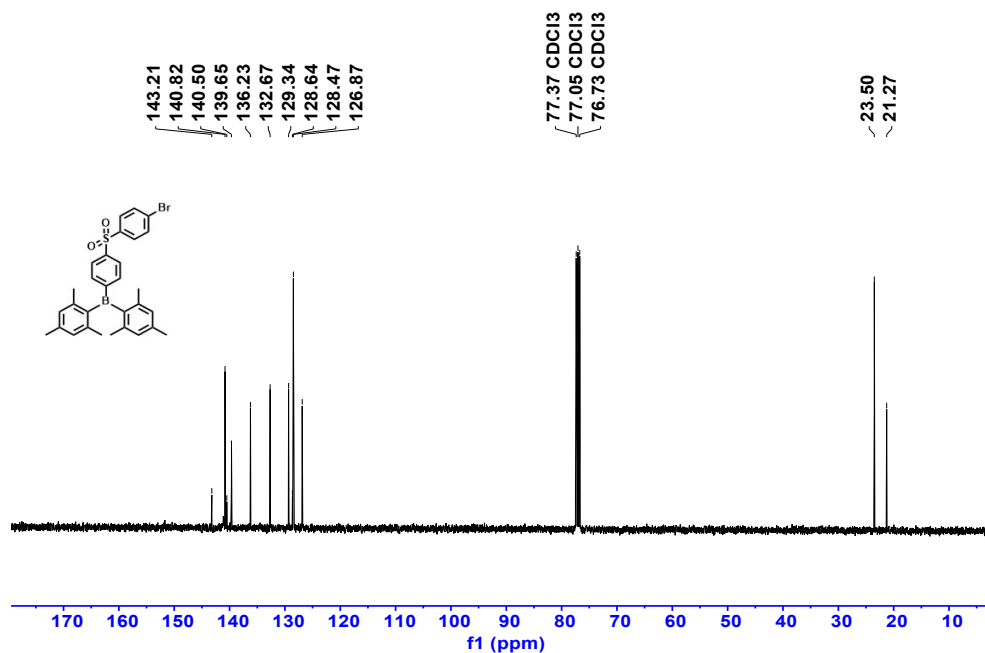


Fig. S15 ¹³C{¹H} NMR spectrum of (4-((4-bromophenyl)sulfonyl)phenyl)dimesitylborane in CDCl₃ (100 MHz).

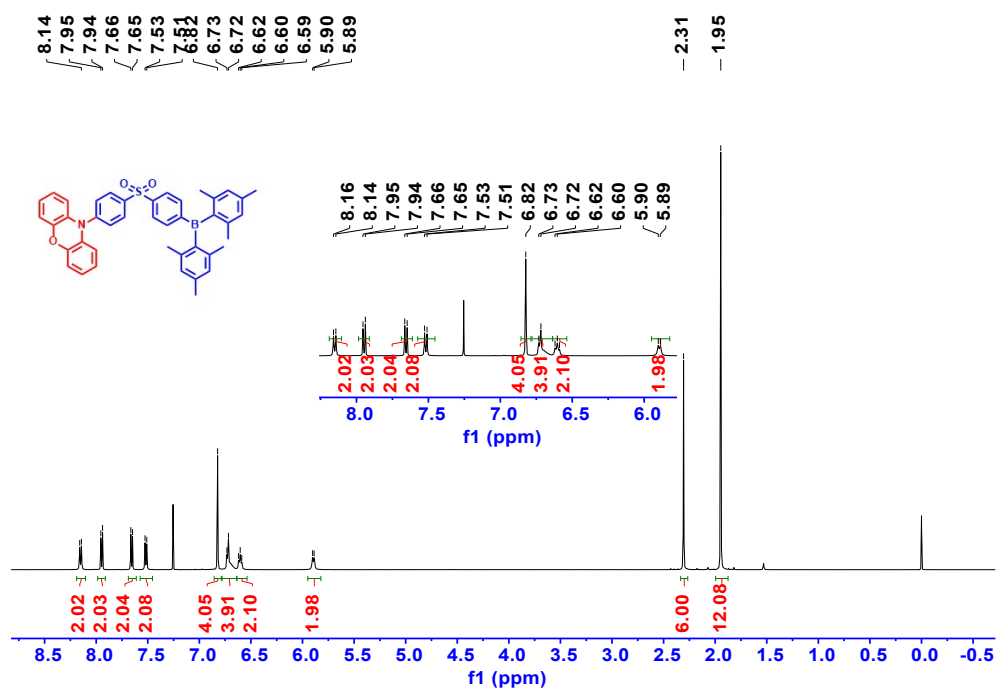


Fig. S16 ¹H NMR spectrum of PX-SF-B in CDCl₃ (400 MHz).

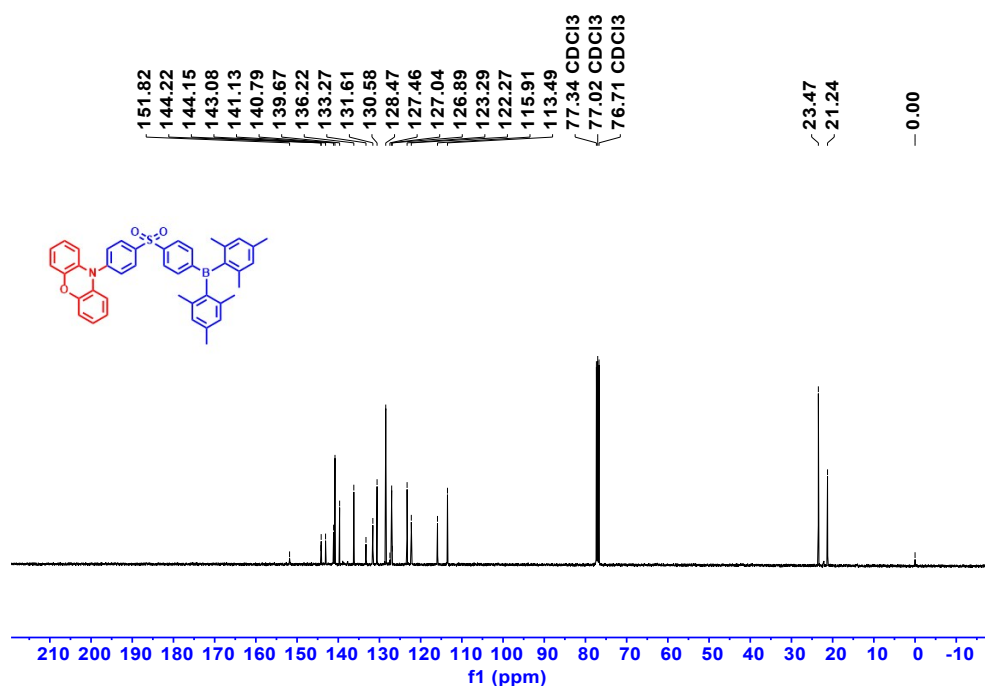


Fig. S17 ¹³C{¹H} NMR spectrum of PX-SF-B in CDCl₃ (100 MHz).

4. Cartesian coordinates of DFT-optimized geometries

PX-TRZ-B:

Element	X	Y	Z
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H	7.26521	2.03434	-1.71585
H	7.52636	-0.08076	-4.67804
H	8.25258	1.27124	-3.7918
H	8.70156	-0.39193	-3.40173
H	2.42507	-4.50662	4.76366
H	1.86111	-5.44377	3.37881
H	3.58058	-5.43703	3.80992
H	5.75757	-0.21548	2.1304
H	6.40062	-1.76362	2.6825
H	6.22793	-1.429	0.95258
H	0.11022	-2.28091	0.36748
H	0.31079	-0.65372	1.01591
H	1.10323	-1.09441	-0.48498
H	2.912	-1.97346	-1.7574
H	4.19063	-2.84037	-2.61126
H	4.12026	-2.85796	-0.84202
H	6.43681	2.7634	0.3393
H	4.74387	3.02271	-0.08941
H	5.15342	1.93102	1.22152

PX-SF:

Element	X	Y	Z
C	5.33567	1.54785	-1.6094
C	5.65912	2.39139	-0.54453
C	5.35552	2.02198	0.76759
C	4.71865	0.80865	1.02178
C	4.39488	-0.01841	-0.0533
C	4.69878	0.33181	-1.3684
S	3.55154	-1.56995	0.26314
C	1.81469	-1.11617	0.19446
C	1.17357	-0.70317	1.36211
C	-0.16738	-0.33441	1.30055
C	-0.8476	-0.37159	0.07901
C	-0.19295	-0.79411	-1.08241
C	1.14493	-1.17541	-1.02725
O	3.84691	-1.96395	1.64947
N	-2.21554	0.01779	0.01948
C	-2.56458	1.38125	0.05187
C	-3.92418	1.73742	0.00486
O	-4.92606	0.79204	-0.07822
C	-4.57053	-0.54176	-0.11628
C	-3.22843	-0.95728	-0.06535
C	-5.60136	-1.46478	-0.19879
C	-5.31837	-2.8334	-0.22615
C	-3.99606	-3.25886	-0.16423
C	-2.95702	-2.32795	-0.08112
C	-1.61267	2.40296	0.10814
C	-2.0066	3.74356	0.13639
C	-3.35505	4.08096	0.10181
C	-4.31497	3.06714	0.03265
O	3.81587	-2.46191	-0.87662
H	5.58523	1.83369	-2.62609
H	6.1561	3.33696	-0.73731
H	5.62057	2.67513	1.59269
H	4.49153	0.48915	2.03242
H	4.45662	-0.35012	-2.17545
H	1.71517	-0.70125	2.30094
H	-0.70005	-0.0184	2.19072
H	-0.74321	-0.82484	-2.01638
H	1.66716	-1.52566	-1.91005
H	-6.61884	-1.09143	-0.23718

H	-6.12932	-3.55061	-0.29117
H	-3.75746	-4.31715	-0.17643
H	-1.93012	-2.66754	-0.0254
H	-0.56044	2.14734	0.12811
H	-1.24707	4.51704	0.18237
H	-3.66792	5.11919	0.12415
H	-5.37615	3.28776	-0.00371

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