# **Supporting Information**

# Mechanical and Thermal Stimuli-induced Release of Toluene Included in Luminescent Crystals as One-dimensional Solvent Channels

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#### **Synthesis**

The synthetic route used to prepare compound **1** is shown in Scheme S1.



Conditions: (a) 1-ethyl-3-(3-dimethylaminopropyl)carbodiimide, 4-dimethylaminopyridine,  $CH_2Cl_2$ , r.t., 5 h; (b) trimetylsilylacetylene,  $Pd(PPh_3)_4$ , CuI,  $Et_2NH$ , THF, 60 °C, 12 h; (c) tetrabutylammonium fluoride, THF, r.t., 2 h; (d) 9,10-dibromoanthracene,  $Pd(PPh_3)_4$ , CuI,  $Et_2NH$ , THF, 80 °C, 12 h.

*N*-(3-Iodophenyl)-4-hexylbenzamide (3). A mixture of 3-iodoaniline (2.90 g, 13.2 mmol), 4-hexylbenzoic acid (3.00 g, 14.5 mmol), 1-ethyl-3-(3-dimethylaminopropyl)carbodiimide (3.80 g, 19.8 mmol), and 4-dimethylaminopyridine (243 mg, 1.98 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (50 mL) was stirred for 5 h at r.t.. The reaction mixture was poured into a mixture of H<sub>2</sub>O (50 mL) and dichloromethane (100 mL). The organic layer was separated off, washed with H<sub>2</sub>O (100 mL) and saturated aq. NaCl (100 mL), and dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and filtered. The solvent was evaporated and the crude product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: hexane/ethyl acetate = 5:1 v/v) to afford compound **3** (4.52 g, 11.1 mmol, 84%) as a white solid.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 0.89$  (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 1.28–1.36 (m, 6H), 1.63 (quin, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.67 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.08 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.47 (dt, J = 8.0, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (ddd, J = 8.0, 2.0, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.75–7.78 (m, 3H), 7.42 (t, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 14.22$ , 22.70, 29.03, 31.25, 31.77, 35.97, 94.25, 119.59, 127.23, 128.91, 129.04, 130.56, 131.86, 133.46, 139.34, 147.72, 165.98. MS (MALDI-TOF): m/z: 408.16 (calcd. [M+H]<sup>+</sup> = 408.08).

*N*-(3-(Trimethylsilylethynyl)phenyl)-4-hexylbenzamide (4). A mixture of compound 3 (2.00 g, 4.91 mmol), trimetylsilylacetylene (4.81 g, 49.1 mmol), Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub> (284 mg, 0.246 mmol), CuI (46.9 mg, 0.246 mmol), and Et<sub>2</sub>NH (20 mL) in THF (10 mL) was stirred for 12 h at 60 °C. After cooling to room temperature, the reaction mixture was

poured into ethyl acetate (100 mL) and the organic layer was washed with 5% aq. HCl (100 mL), saturated aq. NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (100 mL) and saturated aq. NaCl (100 mL). The organic layer was dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and filtered, and the solvent was evaporated. The crude product was then purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: gradient from hexane/ethyl acetate = 5:1 v/v to hexane/ethyl acetate = 4:1 v/v) to afford compound **4** (1.79 g, 4.74 mmol, 97%) as a pale brown solid.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 0.25 (s, 9H), 0.89 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 1.28–1.36 (m, 6H), 1.64 (quin, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.68 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.24 (dt, *J* = 7.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.28–7.32 (m, 3H), 7.63–7.66 (m, 1H), 7.74 (br, 1H), 7.75–7.79 (m, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 0.07, 14.22, 22.72, 29.04, 31.29, 31.79, 35.99, 94.71, 104.65, 120.43, 123.49, 124.05, 127.15, 128.02, 128.98, 129.11, 132.14, 138.11, 147.68, 165.80. MS (MALDI-TOF): m/z: 378.32 (calcd. [M+H]<sup>+</sup> = 378.23).

*N*-(3-Ethynylphenyl)-4-hexylbenzamide (5). A THF solution of tetrabutylammonium fluoride (ca. 1 mol/L, 7.78 mL, 7.78 mmol) was added to a solution of compound 4 (1.47 g, 3.89 mmol) in THF (50 mL) at r.t.. After stirring the reaction mixture at r.t. for 2 h, ethyl acetate (150 mL) and brine (100 mL) were added to the reaction mixture. The organic layer was separated, washed with saturated aq. NaCl (100 mL), dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and filtered, and the solvent was evaporated. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: hexane/ethyl acetate = 4:1 v/v) to afford compound 5 (1.08 g, 3.54 mmol, 91%) as a pale brown solid.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 0.89 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 1.28–1.36 (m, 6H), 1.64 (quin, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.68 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 3.08 (s, 1H), 7.26–7.35 (m, 4H), 7.68–7.71 (m, 1H), 7.75–7.79 (m, 4H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 14.20, 22.69, 29.02, 31.24, 31.76, 35.94, 77.59, 83.30, 121.00, 122.89, 123.82, 127.23, 128.16, 128.85, 129.11, 132.02, 138.23, 147.57, 166.09. MS (MALDI-TOF): m/z: 328.24 (calcd. [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> = 328.17).

**Compound 1.** A mixture of compound **5** (800 mg, 2.62 mmol), 9,10-dibromoanthracene (383 mg, 1.14 mmol), Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub> (132 mg, 0.114 mmol), CuI (21.7 mg, 0.114 mmol), and Et<sub>2</sub>NH (20 mL) in THF (20 mL) was stirred for 12 h at 80 °C. After cooling to room temperature, the reaction mixture was poured into MeOH (50 mL). The solid product was filtered off and washed with MeOH (100 mL). The solid was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: dichloromethane/MeOH = 30:1 v/v) to afford compound **1** (630 mg, 0.802 mmol, 70%) as a yellow crystalline solid.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 0.90$  (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 6H), 1.29–1.37 (m, 12H), 1.65 (quin, J = 7.6 Hz, 4H), 2.69 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 4H), 7.32 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 4H), 7.46 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.56 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.62–7.66 (m, 4H), 7.73–7.76 (m, 2H), 7.84 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 4H), 7.91 (s, 2H), 8.05 (s, 2H), 8.65–8.69 (m, 4H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, THF- $d_8$ ):  $\delta = 14.24, 23.32, 29.70, 32.03, 32.48, 36.41, 86.50, 103.55, 119.10, 121.18, 123.34, 124.19, 127.18, 127.66, 127.80, 128.20, 128.93, 129.62, 132.81, 133.71, 141.01, 147.37, 165.95. MS (MALDI-TOF): m/z: 784.55 (calcd. [M]<sup>+</sup> = 784.40). Elemental analysis (%) calcd. for C<sub>56</sub>H<sub>52</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: C 85.68, H 6.68, N 3.57; found: C 85.58, H 6.65, N 3.58.$ 

Atom numbering for the crystallographically independent molecules in the crystal



Figure S1. Crystallographically independent molecular structures with atom numbering.

## Crystallographic data

|  | 1Cr•Tol                        |
|--|--------------------------------|
| <i>Temperature /</i> K                   | 173                            |
| Crystal Dimensions / mm <sup>3</sup>     | $0.50 \times 0.12 \times 0.02$ |
| Chemical formula                         | C35 H34 N O                    |
| Formula weight                           | 484.63                         |
| Crystal System                           | Triclinic                      |
| Space group (number)                     | <i>P</i> 1 (#2)                |
| <i>a</i> , Å                             | 5.2904 (2)                     |
| b, Å                                     | 15.4505 (6)                    |
| <i>c</i> , Å                             | 17.3028 (8)                    |
| $\alpha$ , deg                           | 108.591 (4)                    |
| $\beta$ , deg                            | 92.630 (3)                     |
| γ, deg                                   | 91.885 (3)                     |
| <i>V</i> , Å <sup>3</sup>                | 1337.42 (10)                   |
| Ζ  | 2                              |
| $D_{calc}, \operatorname{g-cm}^{-3}$     | 1.203                          |
| $\mu$ ,(Cu K $\alpha$ ) cm <sup>-1</sup> | 0.545                          |
| $2\theta_{\rm max}$ , deg                | 147.884                        |
| Reflections measured                     | 11022                          |
| Independent reflections                  | 4619                           |
| Reflections used                         | 4619                           |
| $R_{I}^{a}$                              | 0.0562                         |
| $R_w(F^2)^a$                             | 0.1665                         |
| GOF                                      | 1.069                          |

 Table S1.
 Crystal Data, Data Collection, and Reduction Parameter for 1Cr•Tol.

 ${}^{a}R_{1} = \Sigma ||F_{o}| - |F_{c}|| / \Sigma |F_{o}| \text{ and } R_{w} = (\Sigma \omega (|F_{o}| - |F_{c}|)^{2} / \Sigma \omega F_{o}^{2})^{1/2}.$ 

## Intermolecular interaction of compound 1 in 1Cr•Tol



Figure S2. Intermolecular interaction between the 1D columns within the van der Waals radius.

### Polarized optical microscopic images for the isotropic state



Figure S3. Polarized optical microscopic images of compound 1 at (a) 241°C and (b, c) 248 °C on heating. Scale bar: 100  $\mu$ m.

#### **DSC** measurement for 1Am



Figure S4. A heating DSC trace recorded for 1Am. Scanning rate was 10 °C min<sup>-1</sup>.

### Gradual release of toluene from 1Cr•Tol under vacuum



Figure S5. Partial 1H NMR spectra recorded for 1Cr•Tol kept in a vacuum line with a pressure of 0.008 MPa.

#### Amorphous nature of the ground 1Cr



Figure S6. PXRD pattern obtained from ground 1Cr at r.t.

### Photophysical properties of ground 1Cr



**Figure S7.** (a) A photoluminescence spectrum and (b) an emission decay profile of ground **1Cr**. The emission spectrum was recorded with excitation light of 400 nm. The emission decay profile was monitored with excitation light of 405 nm.

## NMR data











