

Electronic Supplementary Information

Color-tunable Single Molecule White Light Emitter with High Luminescent Efficiency and Ultra-long Room Temperature Phosphorescence

Xiao Ma,* Ling Jia, Baozhu Yang, Jipeng Li, Wei Huang, Dayu Wu,* and Wai-Yeung Wong*

Materials and Methods

General Information. All of the chemicals were obtained from commercial sources and used without further purification. The UV-Vis absorption spectra were measured with a Perkin Elmer Lambda 900 Spectrometer. Powder X-ray diffraction (PXRD) measurements were performed on a Bruker D8 Avance X-ray powder diffractometer with the Cu K α (1.5418 Å) source. NMR measurements were carried out on a Bruker DMX500 spectrometer using tetramethylsilane (TMS) as an internal standard. The elemental analysis was determined using a Vario EL III CHNOS elemental analyzer. Fluorescence spectra for the solid samples were recorded at room temperature on an Edinburgh Model FS5 instrument, and emission quantum yields were recorded on the integrating sphere SC-30. The calibration of quantum yields for the powdery (crystalline) samples is conducted with a matched integrating sphere. At first, the emission of the blank integrating sphere was measured, and then the emission of the integrating sphere containing the powdery (crystalline) samples was measured. Finally, the quantum yields could be obtained according to the calibration. Luminescence lifetimes (τ)

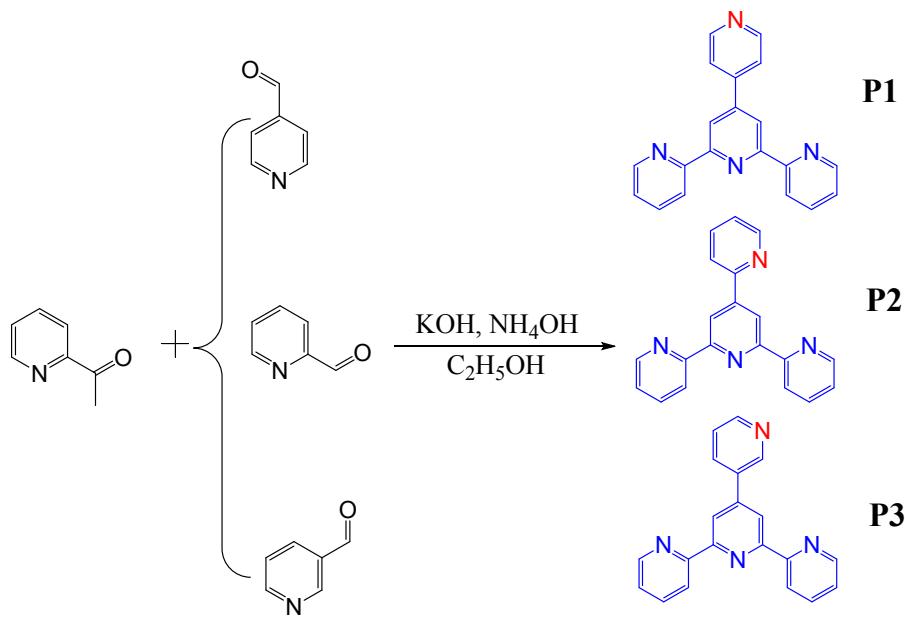
were examined using an Edinburgh Model FLS920 phosphorimeter. The power of UV lamp used for photographs is 16 W.

X-ray Crystallography. Crystallographic data were collected on a multiwire proportional diffractometer with graphite-monochromated Mo K α radiation ($\lambda = 0.71073 \text{ \AA}$) using phi and omega scans. The intensity data were integrated by using the SAINT program.^[1] An empirical absorption correction was applied using the SADABS program.^[2] The structures were solved by direct method and the non-hydrogen atoms were located from the trial structures and then refined anisotropically with SHELXTL using full-matrix least-squares procedures based on F^2 values.^[3] The positions of the non-hydrogen atoms were refined with anisotropic displacement factors.

Theoretical calculations

All calculations were performed using the Gaussian 09 series of programs.^[4] The commonly used Becke's three parameter exchange functional combined with the LYP4 correlation functional (B3LYP) was used for the calculations. The geometries of **P1**, **P2** and **P3** for calculations were taken from the X-ray diffraction data and no further geometry optimization was conducted in order to maintain the specific molecular configuration and corresponding intermolecular locations. The optimized excited-state geometries of **P1**, **P2** and **P3** were calculated by time-dependent density functional theory (TD-DFT) at the B3LYP/6-31G(d) level.

Synthesis



Scheme 1 The synthetic route of **P1**, **P2** and **P3**

4'-(Pyridin-4-yl)-2,2':6',2''-terpyridine (P1): In a 250 mL round bottom flask, 2-Acetylpyridine (2.62 g, 21.6 mmol), NH₃ (aqueous) (15 mL) and KOH (2.3 g, 41.0 mmol) were respectively added to a solution of 4-pyridinecarboxaldehyde (1.14 g, 10.6 mmol) in EtOH (100 mL). The solution was refluxed for 24 h. After cooling down to the room temperature, the solution was evaporated to dryness under reduced pressure to give the crude product. The crude product was washed by cool methanol twice and then recrystallized by ethanol. A pure white solid was obtained. ¹H NMR: (400 MHz, DCM) δ 8.80 (6 H, m), 8.70 (2 H, d), 8.07 (2 H, m), 7.96 (2 H, d) and 7.56 (2 H, d). ¹³C NMR: (400 MHz, DCM) δ: 156.4, 155.7, 150.5, 149.2, 147.4, 146.1, 137.0, 124.2, 121.8, 121.4, 118.7. Elemental Analysis: C, 77.40; H, 4.55; N, 18.05, found: C, 77.60; H, 4.75; N, 17.65 MS: m/z Calcd. for C₂₀H₁₄N₄: 310.12, found [M+Na]⁺ 333.05.

4'-(Pyridin-2-yl)-2,2':6',2''-terpyridine (P2): In a 250 mL round bottom flask, 2-acetylpyridine (2.62 g, 21.6 mmol), NH₃ (aqueous) (15 mL) and KOH (2.3g, 41.0 mmol) were respectively added to a solution of 4-pyridinecarboxaldehyde (1.14 g, 10.6 mmol) in EtOH

(100 mL). The solution was refluxed for 24 h. After cooling down to the room temperature, the solution was evaporated to dryness under reduced pressure to give the crude product. The crude product was washed by cool methanol twice and then recrystallized by ethanol. A pure white solid was obtained. ^1H NMR: (400 MHz, DCM) δ 9.15 (2 H, s), 8.85 (1 H, d), 8.78 (2 H, d), 8.71 (2 H, d), 8.13 (1 H, d), 7.91 (3 H, m) and 7.40 (3 H, m). ^{13}C NMR: (400 MHz, DCM) δ : 156.1, 155.1, 150.0, 149.2, 148.7, 136.9, 123.8, 121.3, 118.7. Elemental Analysis: C, 77.40; H, 4.55; N, 18.05, found: C, 77.55; H, 4.68; N, 17.77 MS: m/z Calcd. for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_4$: 310.12, found $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 333.05.

4'-(Pyridin-3-yl)-2,2':6',2''-terpyridine (P3): In a 250 mL round bottom flask, 2-acetylpyridine (2.62 g, 21.6 mmol), NH_3 (aqueous) (15 mL) and KOH (2.3g, 41.0 mmol) were respectively added to a solution of 4-pyridinecarboxaldehyde (1.14 g, 10.6 mmol) in EtOH (100 mL). The solution was refluxed for 24 h. After cooling down to the room temperature, the solution was evaporated to dryness under reduced pressure to give the crude product. The crude product was washed by cool methanol twice and then recrystallized by ethanol. A pure white solid was obtained. ^1H NMR: (400 MHz, DCM) δ 9.16 (1 H, s), 8.10 (7 H, m), 8.22 (1 H, d), 7.94 (2 H, m), 7.49 (1 H, m), 7.42 (2 H, m). ^{13}C NMR: (400 MHz, DCM) δ : 156.2, 155.8, 150.1, 149.2, 148.4, 147.2, 137.0, 134.7, 134.3, 124.1, 123.7, 121.4, 118.8. Elemental Analysis: C, 77.40; H, 4.55; N, 18.05, found: C, 77.45; H, 4.80; N, 17.75 MS: m/z Calcd. for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_4$: 310.12, found $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 333.05.

Table S1. Single crystal data and refinement results of **P1**, **P2** and **P3**

	P1	P2	P3
formula	C ₂₀ H ₁₄ N ₄	C ₂₀ H ₁₄ N ₄	C ₂₀ H ₁₄ N ₄
fw (g/mol)	310.35	310.35	310.35
color	white	light yellow	white
T (K)	100	300	100
Crystal system	orthorhombic	monoclinic	orthorhombic
Space group	<i>P bcn</i>	<i>P I 21/c1</i>	<i>P bcn</i>
<i>Z</i>	4	4	4
<i>a</i> [Å]	10.9973(5)	8.3024(6)	16.4088(8)
<i>b</i> [Å]	11.3955(5)	16.0020(10)	11.2036(5)
<i>c</i> [Å]	12.0267(5)	11.5519(8)	7.9268(4)
α [°]	90	90	90
β [°]	90	94.915(6)	90
γ [°]	90	90	90
<i>V</i> [Å ³]	1507.18(11)	1529.08(18)	1457.24(12)
Density (calcd.)[g·cm ⁻³]	1.368	1.348	1.415
μ [mm ⁻¹]	0.084	0.083	0.087
θ -range [°]	2.565 to 30.822	2.168 to 30.538	2.197 to 30.303
Index range	-15≤ <i>h</i> ≤13 -15≤ <i>k</i> ≤13 -16≤ <i>l</i> ≤11	-10≤ <i>h</i> ≤10 -19≤ <i>k</i> ≤19 -13≤ <i>l</i> ≤13	-20≤ <i>h</i> ≤20 -12≤ <i>k</i> ≤15 -10≤ <i>l</i> ≤9
Reflections collected	6735	17756	8436
Unique reflections	3659	5404	4080
Observed reflections (<i>I</i> > 2σ(<i>I</i>))	1877	2647	1815
parameters refined	111	199	217
Final <i>R</i> ₁ values (<i>I</i> > 2σ(<i>I</i>))	0.0395	0.0975	0.0371
Final <i>wR</i> (<i>F</i> ²) values (<i>I</i> > 2σ(<i>I</i>))	0.0999	0.2125	0.0948
Final <i>R</i> ₂ values (all data)	0.0472	0.1563	0.0465
Final <i>wR</i> (<i>F</i> ²) values (all data)	0.1043	0.2338	0.0993
GOOF (goodness of fit)	1.097	1.018	1.043
CCDC number	2007820	2007821	2007822

$$R_1 = \Sigma(|F_0| - |F_c|)/\Sigma|F_0|;$$

$$wR_2 = [\Sigma w(|F_0|^2 - |F_c|^2)^2 / \Sigma w|F_0|^2]^{1/2}$$

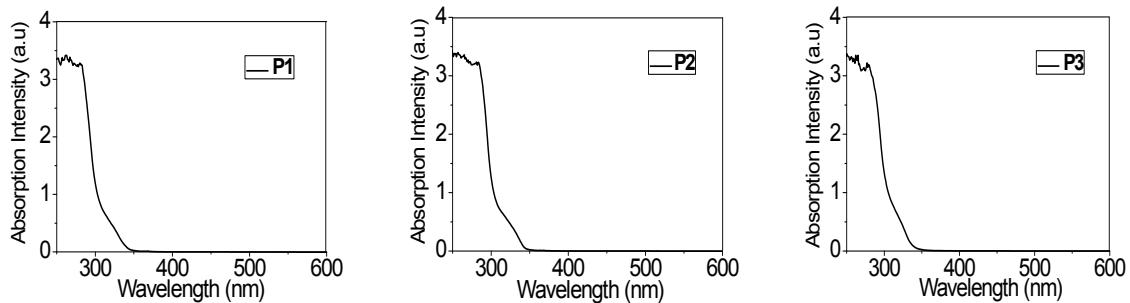


Fig. S1 UV-vis absorption spectra of **P1**, **P2** and **P3** (CH_2Cl_2 , 2×10^{-5} mol/L).

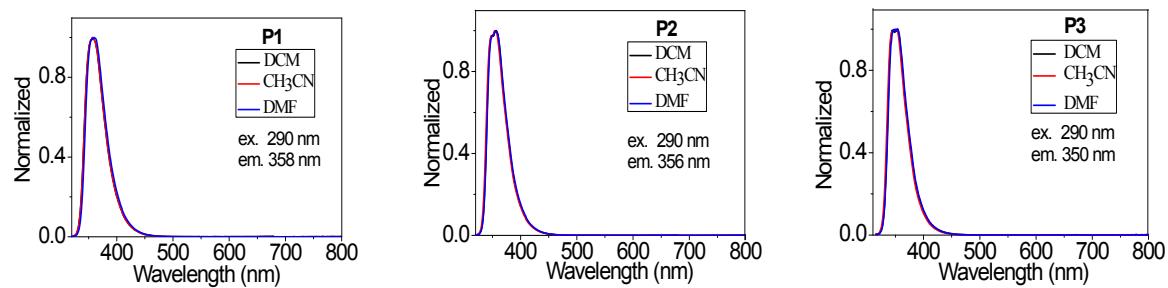


Fig. S2 Photoluminescence spectra of **P1**, **P2** and **P3** in the dilute solutions of different solvents (2×10^{-5} mol/L). (excitation wavelength = ex, emission wavelength = em).

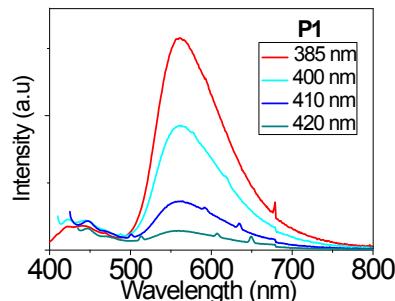


Fig. S3 The excitation wavelength-dependent photoluminescence spectra for **P1** (Excitation wavelength is ranging from 385 nm to 420 nm). When the excitation wavelength is increased to 420 nm, the emission intensity obviously decays.

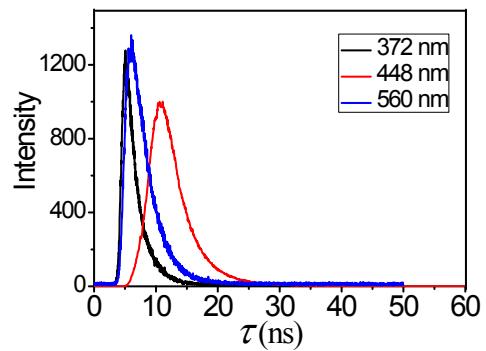


Fig. S4 The time-resolved photoluminescence decay curves of **P1** at three emission peaks 372 nm ($\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 340$ nm, 2.10 ns), 448 nm ($\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 400$ nm, 3.82 ns) and 560 nm ($\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 340$ nm, 2.77 ns).

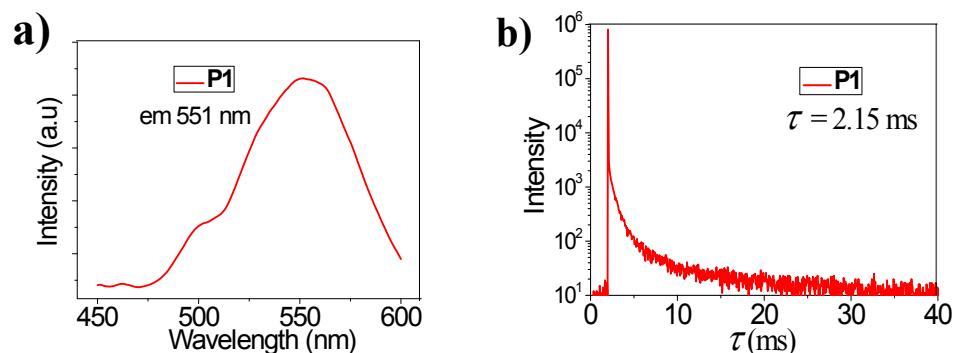


Fig. S5 a) The phosphorescence emission spectra of **P1** ($\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 358$ nm, $\lambda_{\text{em}} = 551$ nm); b) the corresponding phosphorescence decay curves of **P1**.

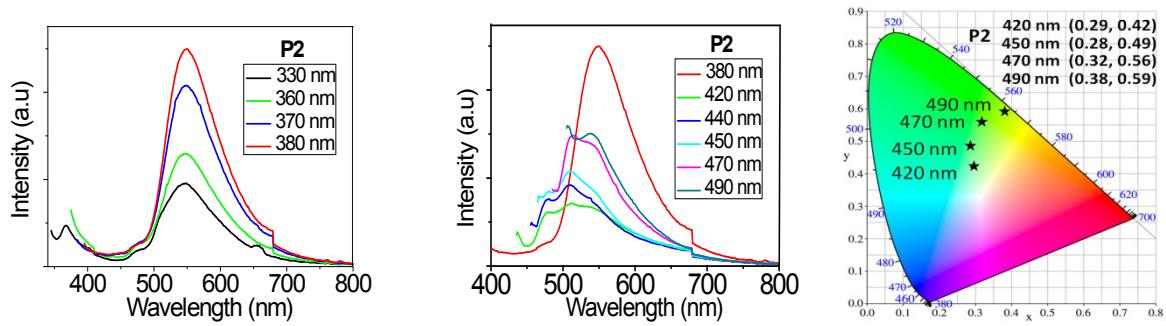


Fig. S6 The excitation wavelength-dependent photoluminescence spectra ranging from 330 nm to 490 nm for **P2** and the CIEx,y coordinates of **P2** under several different excitation wavelengths.

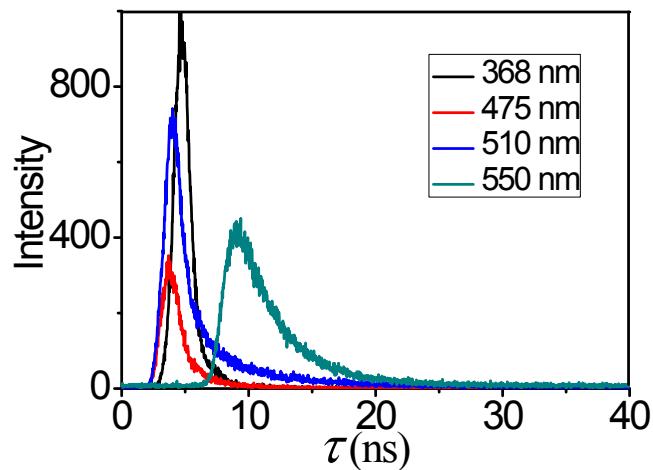


Fig. S7 The time-resolved photoluminescence decay curves of **P2** at four emission peaks 368 nm ($\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 340$ nm, 0.84 ns), 475 nm ($\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 450$ nm, 1.30 ns) 510 nm ($\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 450$ nm, 3.44 ns), and 550 nm ($\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 380$ nm, 3.41 ns).

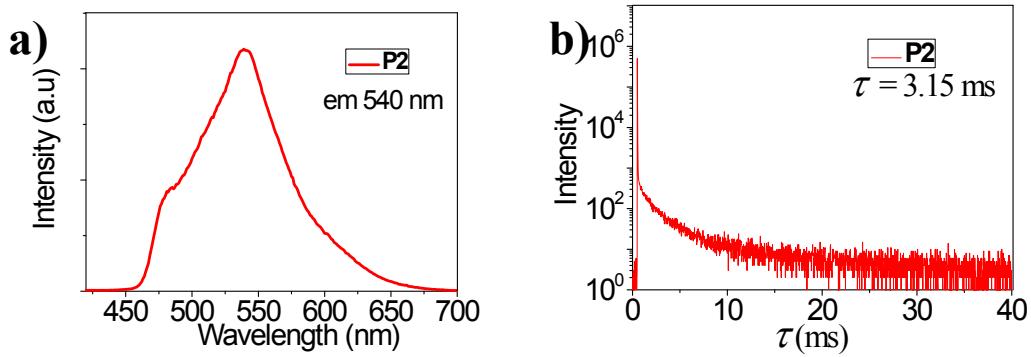


Fig. S8 a) The phosphorescence emission spectra of **P2** ($\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 380 \text{ nm}$, $\lambda_{\text{em}} = 540 \text{ nm}$); b) the corresponding phosphorescence decay curves of **P2**.

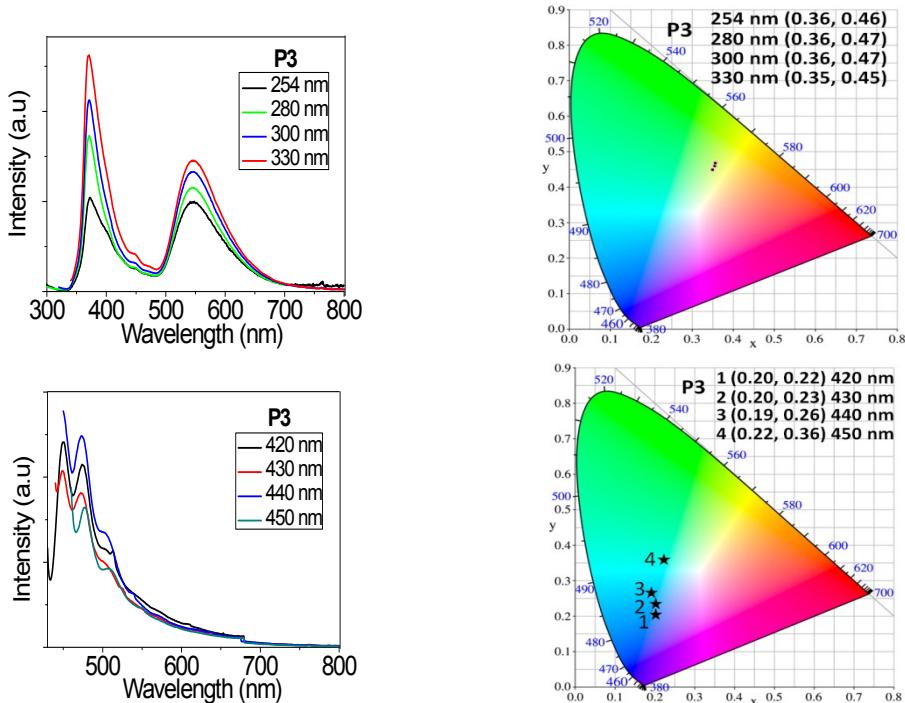


Fig. S9 The excitation wavelength-dependent photoluminescence spectra and the corresponding CIEx,y coordinates of **P3**.

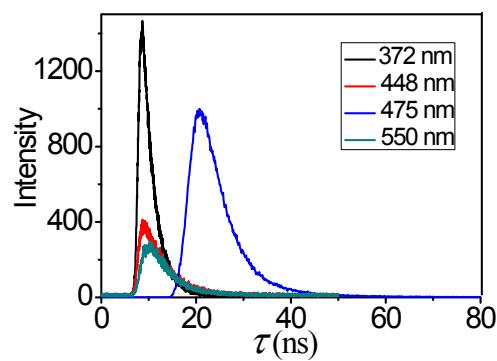


Fig. S10 The transient photoluminescence decay curves of the emission peaks 372 nm ($\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 340$ nm, 2.48 ns), 448 nm ($\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 380$ nm, 4.7 ns), 475 nm ($\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 380$ nm, 5.6 ns), and 550 nm ($\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 380$ nm, 4.5 ns) for **P3**.

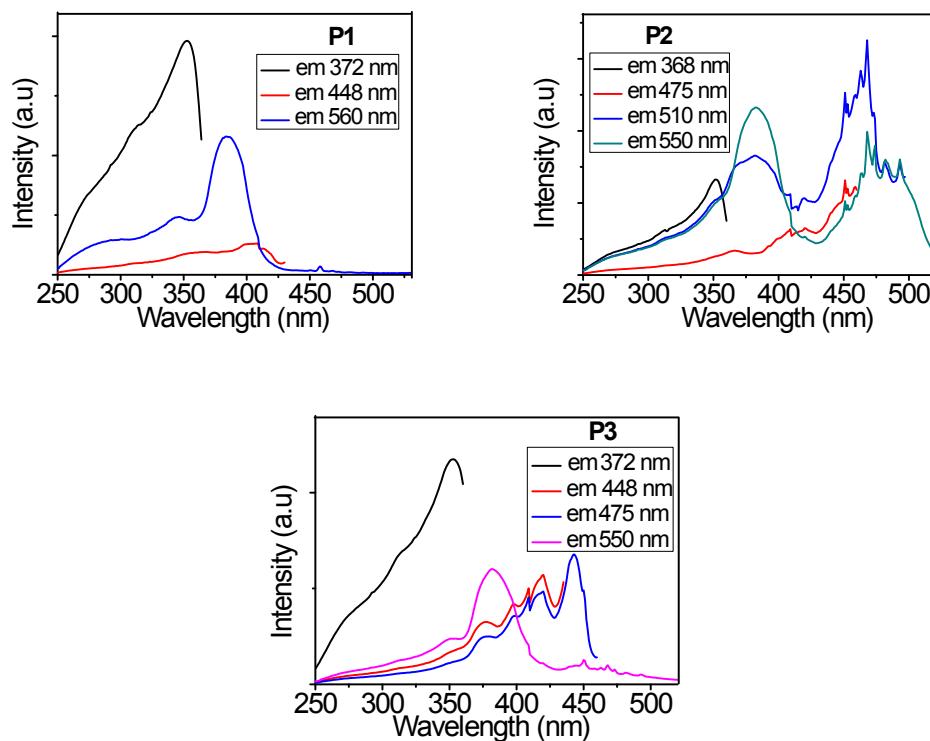


Fig. S11 the corresponding excitation spectra of the different emission peaks of compounds **P1**, **P2** and **P3**

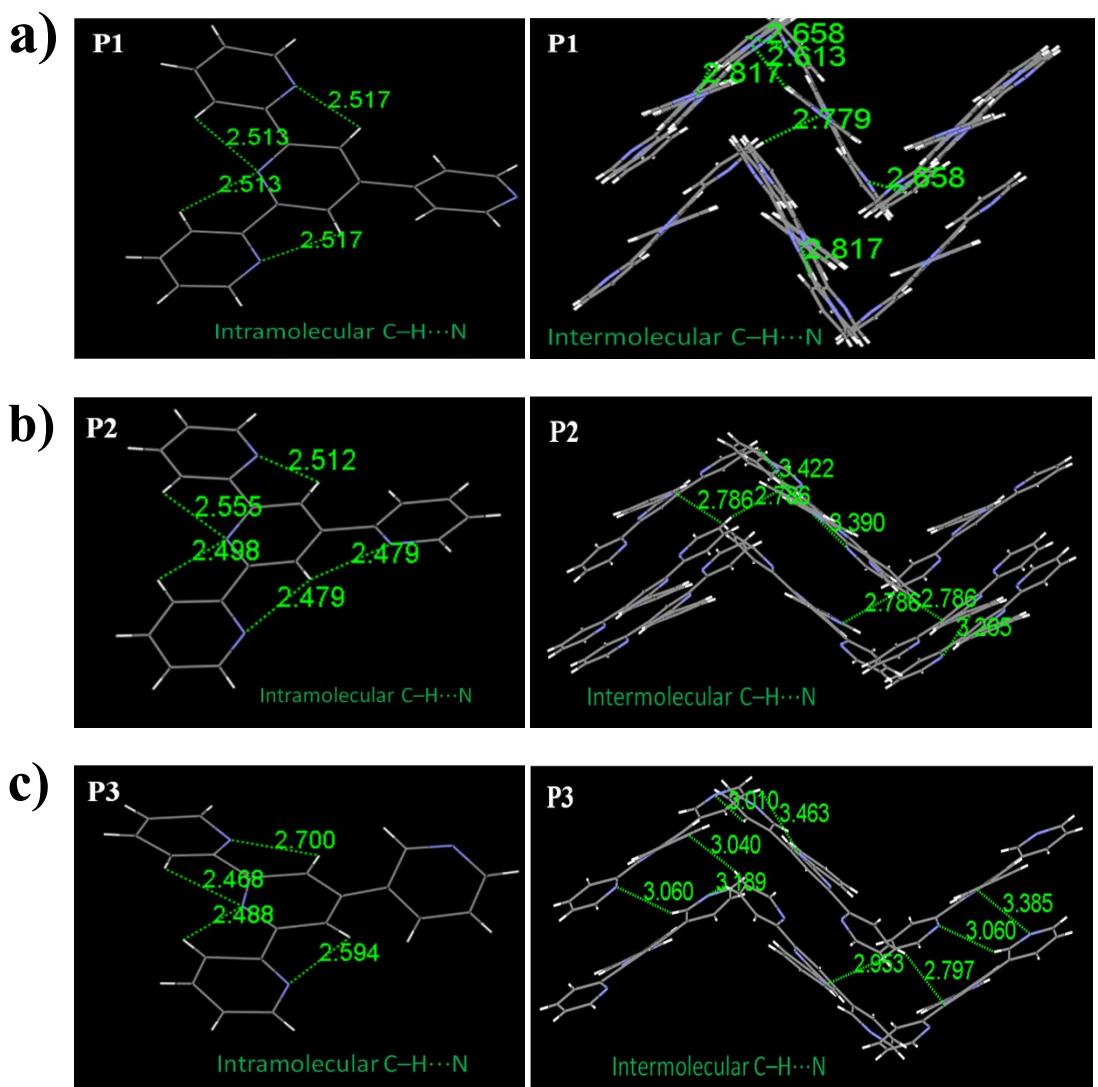


Fig. S12 Numerous intramolecular C–H···N interactions and intermolecular C–H···N interactions in (a) **P1**, (b) **P2**, (c) **P3** crystals.

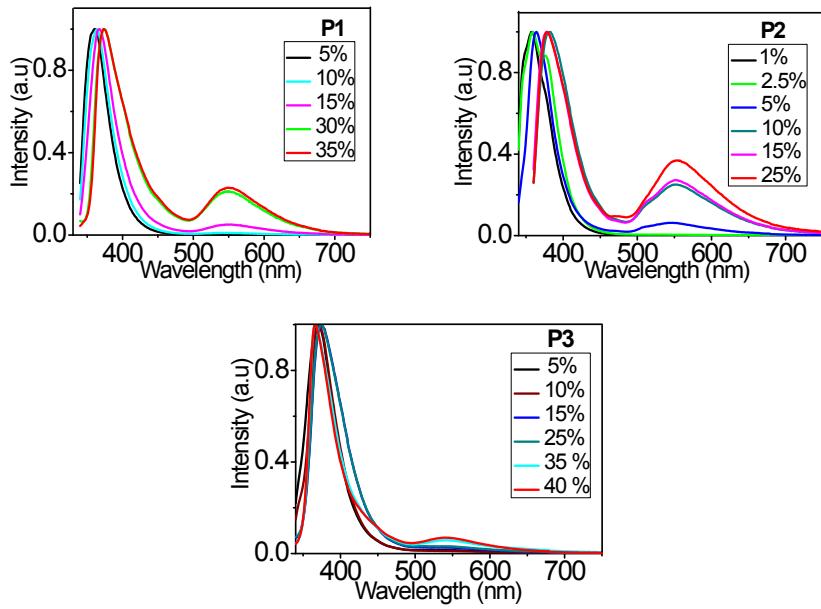


Fig. S13 Emission spectra of **P1**, **P2** and **P3** with increasing concentrations in PMMA films upon excitation at 330 nm.

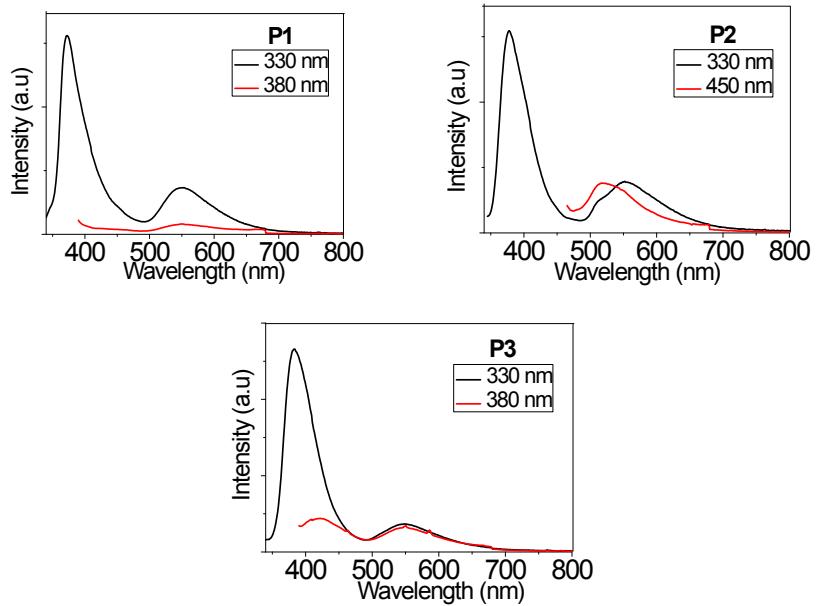


Fig. S14 Excitation wavelength-dependent emissions of doped films of **P1** (35%wt), **P2** (25%wt) and **P3** (40%wt).

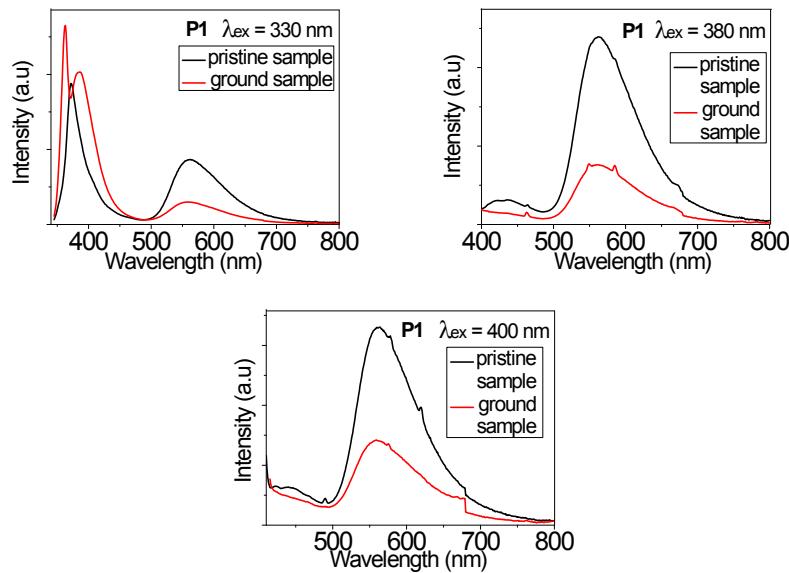


Fig. S15 Emission spectra of both the pristine samples and the ground samples for **P1** under different excitation wavelengths.

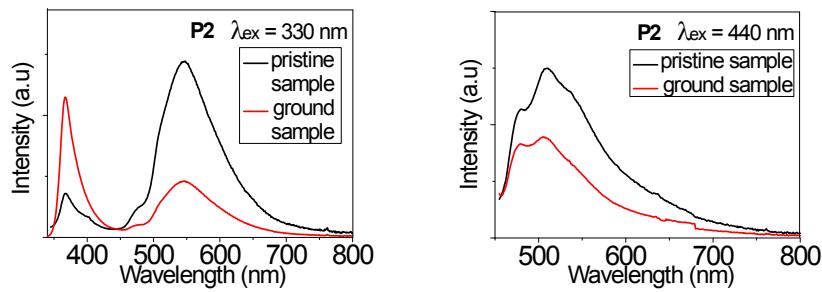


Fig. S16 Emission spectra of both the pristine samples and the ground samples for **P2** under different excitation wavelengths.

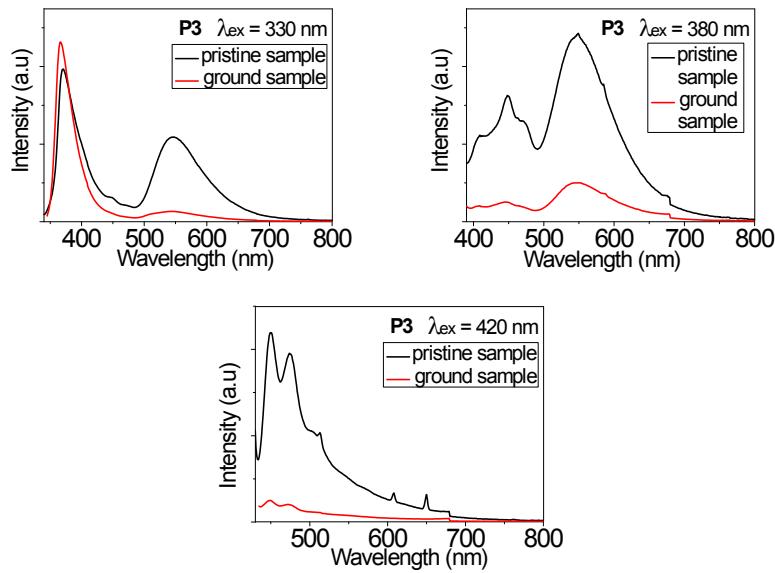


Fig. S17 Emission spectra of both the pristine samples and the ground samples for **P3** under different excitation wavelengths.

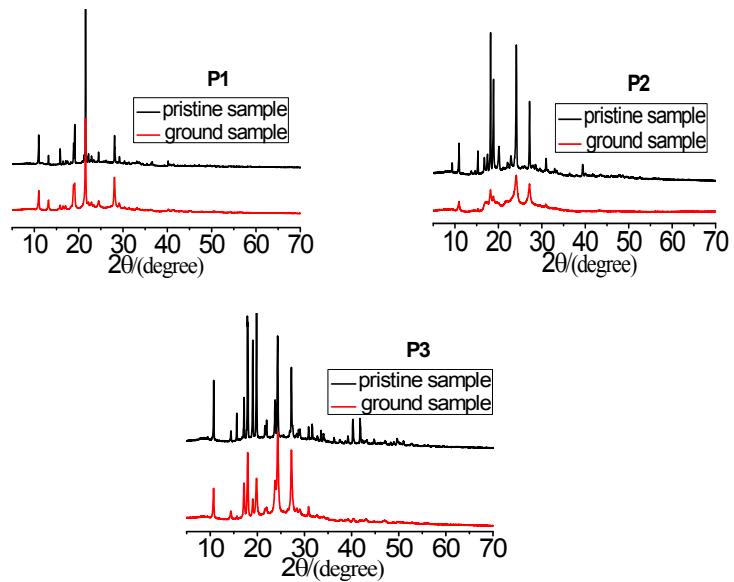


Fig. S18 X-ray powder diffractions of both the pristine samples and the ground samples for **P1**, **P2** and **P3**.

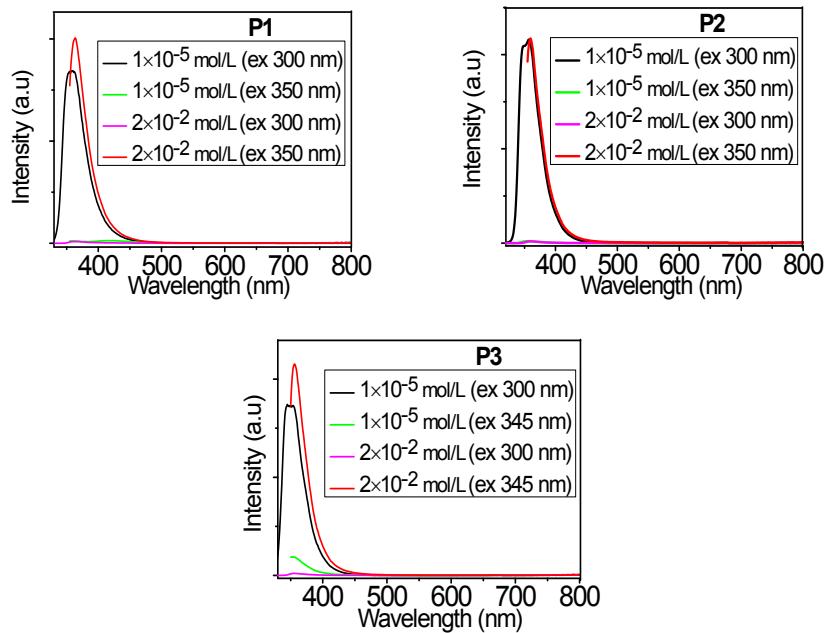


Fig. S19 Emission spectra of compounds **P1**, **P2** and **P3** irradiated by different excitation wavelengths at different concentrations in CH_2Cl_2 .

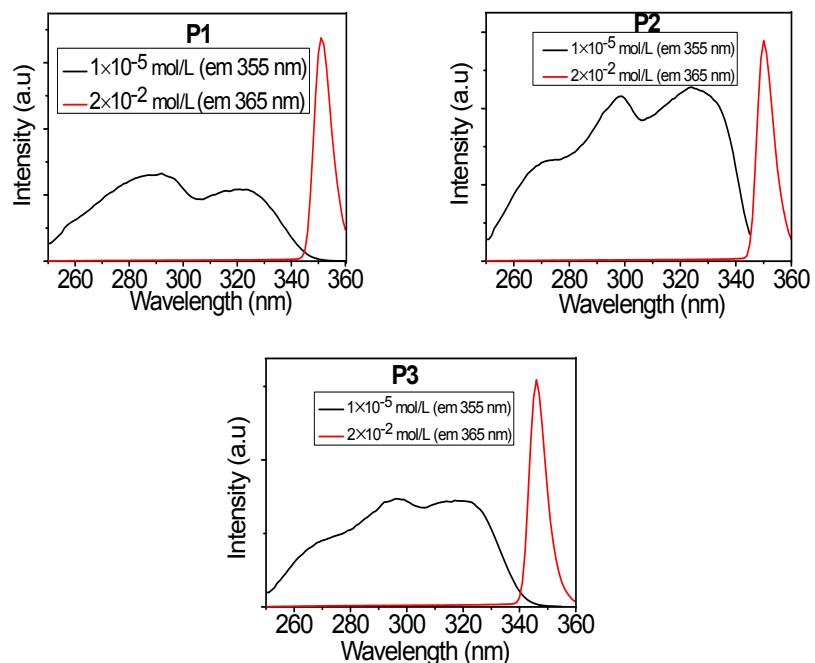


Fig. S20 Fluorescence excitation spectra of **P1**, **P2** and **P3** at different concentrations in CH_2Cl_2 .

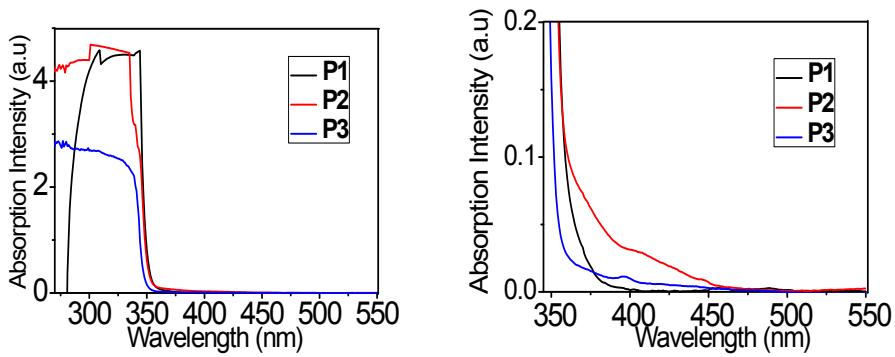


Fig. S21 The UV-Vis absorption spectra of **P1**, **P2** and **P3** at 2×10^{-2} mol/L in CH_2Cl_2 .

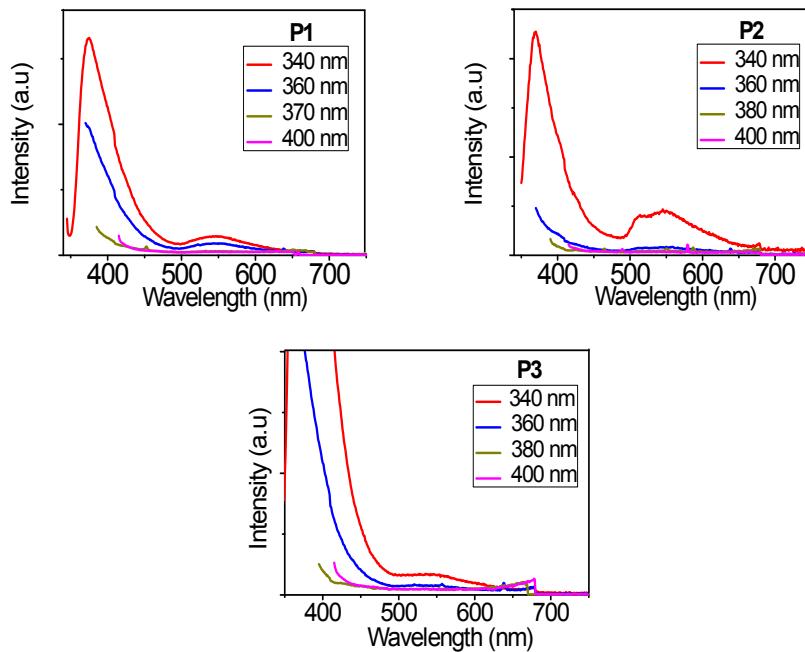


Fig. S22 Emission spectra of thin films of **P1**, **P2** and **P3** under different excitation wavelengths.

Table S2. The singlet and triplet excited state transition configurations for the dimer of **P1** from single crystal by TD-DFT calculations at the B3LYP/6-31G(d) level.

Excited state	Energy	Orbitals	Transition
T ₁	2.8007 eV	158 ->167 159 ->163 159 ->164 160 ->163 160 ->164 161 ->165 161 ->166 162 ->165 162 ->166	-0.10679 -0.17841 0.13147 0.16258 -0.18289 -0.26915 0.20587 0.2422 -0.28529
T ₂	2.8054 eV	159 ->163 159 ->164 160 ->163 160 ->164 161 ->165 161 ->166 162 ->165 162 ->166	0.15221 0.19314 0.17186 0.13698 0.21043 0.2718 0.28631 0.2356
T ₃	3.3015 eV	159 ->166 160 ->165 161 ->163 161 ->164 161 ->167 162 ->163 162 ->164 162 ->167	0.13006 0.15868 -0.10789 0.29006 0.13091 0.34707 -0.10347 -0.14311
T ₄	3.3072 eV	159 ->165 160 ->166 161 ->163 161 ->164 161 ->168 162 ->163 162 ->164 162 ->168	0.13296 0.15477 0.29958 0.10909 -0.1221 0.10629 0.32398 -0.15584
T ₅	3.4615 eV	153 ->173 155 ->174 156 ->163 157 ->163 157 ->173 158 ->163	0.12252 0.17959 -0.12701 0.19273 -0.14343 -0.10422

		158 ->164 158 ->174 159 ->164 160 ->163 160 ->167 161 ->166 162 ->165	0.25035 -0.10741 0.12624 0.14536 0.13096 -0.13497 -0.15135
T ₆	3.4664 eV	153 ->174 155 ->173 156 ->164 156 ->174 157 ->164 157 ->174 158 ->163 159 ->163 160 ->164 160 ->168 161 ->165 162 ->166	-0.13549 -0.17362 -0.13711 0.10486 0.20282 0.12338 0.23131 0.14141 0.14122 0.11633 -0.12255 -0.14911
T ₇	3.9734 eV	139 ->163 141 ->166 142 ->165 144 ->170 145 ->169 147 ->171 148 ->172 155 ->173 157 ->169 159 ->172 160 ->169 161 ->165 161 ->171 161 ->177 162 ->166 162 ->178	-0.10593 -0.16576 -0.17788 0.1167 -0.12257 0.15485 -0.11711 -0.11425 -0.1126 0.12038 0.10378 -0.11997 -0.11216 0.14785 -0.12965 -0.15095
T ₈	3.9784 eV	141 ->165 142 ->166 144 ->169 145 ->167 147 ->170 148 ->171 157 ->173 159 ->169 161 ->166 161 ->178 162 ->165 162 ->177	-0.16366 -0.1736 0.13541 -0.10077 0.14855 0.15276 -0.12153 0.1368 -0.12495 -0.14348 -0.14283 0.15678
T ₉	4.0098 eV	141 ->164 142 ->163 145 ->166 148 ->169	0.14226 0.16622 -0.10277 0.10186

		158 ->165 161 ->163 161 ->175 162 ->163 162 ->164 162 ->167 162 ->176	0.1073 0.2695 0.13799 -0.11824 0.30327 -0.10084 -0.15104
T ₁₀	4.0312 eV	141 ->163 142 ->164 144 ->170 147 ->169 161 ->164 161 ->176 162 ->163 162 ->164 162 ->175	0.14806 0.16018 0.1092 0.10636 0.25993 -0.13628 0.29933 0.11644 0.15406
S1	4.3648 eV	161 ->164 162 ->163	0.38325 0.5153
S2	4.3786 eV	161 ->163 162 ->164	0.42308 0.47366
S3	4.7308 eV	161 ->166 162 ->164 162 ->165	0.38275 -0.12126 0.50501
S4	4.7903 eV	143 ->163 143 ->164 146 ->163 146 ->164 151 ->165 151 ->166 152 ->166 153 ->163 153 ->164 154 ->163 154 ->164 154 ->167 155 ->163 156 ->163 156 ->164	-0.12497 0.10386 0.13538 -0.14075 -0.11904 0.10309 -0.11908 -0.1651 0.16885 0.27009 -0.19996 -0.13328 0.11357 -0.19128 0.17902
S5	4.7957 eV	143 ->163 143 ->164 146 ->163 146 ->164 151 ->166 152 ->165 152 ->166 153 ->163 153 ->164 154 ->163 154 ->164	-0.11372 -0.13522 -0.13434 -0.11825 -0.12164 -0.11252 -0.11238 0.18333 0.15849 0.22481 0.23815

		154 ->168 155 ->163 155 ->164 156 ->163 156 ->164	-0.13351 0.10045 0.11821 0.20288 0.16118
S6	4.8147 eV	159 ->163 161 ->165 162 ->163 162 ->166	0.10604 0.38298 0.10183 0.47316
S7	4.9111 eV	151 ->163 151 ->167 152 ->164 152 ->167 153 ->165 153 ->166 154 ->165 154 ->166 155 ->165 156 ->165 156 ->166	-0.17083 0.19425 -0.14668 -0.17619 -0.10002 0.23838 0.32924 -0.1308 0.11839 -0.1086 0.23096
S8	4.9143 eV	151 ->164 151 ->168 152 ->163 152 ->168 153 ->165 153 ->166 154 ->165 154 ->166 155 ->166 156 ->165 156 ->166 162 ->166	0.14319 -0.18293 0.16667 -0.18125 -0.22741 -0.10989 -0.13086 -0.32147 -0.1205 -0.23343 -0.10023 0.11309
S9	5.0279 eV	148 ->163 149 ->163 149 ->164 149 ->167 150 ->163 151 ->165 152 ->166 154 ->167	0.11172 -0.11146 0.24754 -0.11915 0.23018 0.20448 0.2023 0.12258
S10	5.0295 eV	148 ->164 149 ->163 150 ->163 150 ->164 150 ->168 151 ->166 152 ->165 154 ->168	-0.10371 -0.22454 -0.15869 -0.27465 -0.16194 -0.19292 -0.19902 -0.1088

Table S3. The singlet and triplet excited state transition configurations for the dimer of **P2** from single crystal by TD-DFT calculations at the B3LYP/6-31G(d) level.

Excited state	Energy	Orbitals	Transition
T ₁	2.9260 eV	159 ->164 160 ->163 161 ->166 162 ->165	-0.26583 -0.28912 0.30103 0.32848
T ₂	2.9281 eV	159 ->163 160 ->164 161 ->165 162 ->166	-0.27165 -0.2802 0.33593 0.29297
T ₃	3.4014 eV	155 ->166 158 ->165 160 ->165 161 ->164 161 ->168 162 ->163 162 ->167	0.13613 0.14367 -0.12203 0.35646 0.11002 0.38349 0.11432
T ₄	3.4150 eV	155 ->165 158 ->166 160 ->166 161 ->163 161 ->167 162 ->164 162 ->168	0.16526 0.11338 -0.10706 0.37867 0.1099 0.36417 0.11488
T ₅	3.6455 eV	145 ->168 146 ->169 155 ->164 158 ->163 159 ->164 159 ->173 160 ->163 160 ->167 160 ->172 161 ->166 162 ->165	-0.13719 -0.13506 0.13441 0.18646 0.22178 -0.10722 0.18487 -0.1073 -0.14099 0.15503 0.17893
T ₆	3.6515 eV	145 ->167 145 ->169 146 ->168 155 ->163 158 ->164 159 ->163	0.10576 0.13625 0.13083 -0.13925 -0.1825 -0.21587

		159 ->164 159 ->167 159 ->172 160 ->164 160 ->173 161 ->165 162 ->166	0.11197 0.11562 0.14317 -0.19152 0.10701 -0.1764 -0.15964
T ₇	3.8573 eV	149 ->163 149 ->164 150 ->163 150 ->164 156 ->163 156 ->164 157 ->163 157 ->164	0.12059 -0.12909 0.17154 -0.17681 -0.23172 0.22472 0.29621 -0.29974
T ₈	3.8580 eV	149 ->163 149 ->164 150 ->163 150 ->164 156 ->163 156 ->164 157 ->163 157 ->164	0.15773 0.15098 -0.14825 -0.14793 0.29921 0.27997 0.24937 0.22465
T ₉	4.1021 eV	149 ->163 149 ->164 150 ->163 150 ->164 153 ->163 153 ->165 153 ->167 153 ->170 154 ->163 154 ->164 154 ->165 154 ->167 154 ->170 156 ->165 156 ->166 156 ->170 157 ->165 157 ->166	0.13108 0.10647 -0.1248 -0.10215 0.12293 0.10903 0.10979 0.10122 -0.13092 -0.10085 -0.11621 -0.11561 -0.10609 -0.19441 -0.1765 -0.11868 -0.15006 -0.13816
T ₁₀	4.1064eV	149 ->163 150 ->163 150 ->164 153 ->163 153 ->164 153 ->165 153 ->167 153 ->170 154 ->163 154 ->164	0.10111 0.14041 -0.12331 -0.11998 0.10098 0.11371 -0.11311 0.10352 -0.12235 0.10229

		154 ->165 154 ->167 154 ->170 156 ->165 156 ->166 157 ->165 157 ->166 157 ->170	0.11646 -0.11301 0.10455 -0.15566 0.13875 0.19252 -0.17198 0.11248
S1	4.4404 eV	161 ->163 162 ->164	0.47662 0.45344
S2	4.4709 eV	156 ->164 157 ->163 161 ->164 162 ->163	-0.15424 -0.16867 0.41139 0.43694
S3	4.5120 eV	149 ->164 150 ->163 154 ->165 156 ->163 157 ->164	0.16927 -0.19384 0.10852 0.41083 0.39394
S4	4.5183 eV	149 ->163 150 ->164 153 ->165 156 ->164 156 ->165 157 ->163 161 ->164 162 ->163	0.14737 -0.17281 -0.10082 0.35182 0.10632 0.38054 0.17993 0.18721
S5	4.7629 eV	149 ->163 149 ->164 150 ->163 150 ->164 153 ->163 153 ->164 153 ->167 154 ->163 154 ->164 154 ->167 156 ->165 156 ->166 157 ->165 157 ->166	-0.12024 -0.10215 0.11918 0.10148 -0.15177 -0.12746 -0.11009 0.15946 0.13343 0.11467 0.26264 0.23763 0.20713 0.18732
S6	4.7650 eV	150 ->163 150 ->164 153 ->163 153 ->164 153 ->167 154 ->163 154 ->164 154 ->167 156 ->165	0.12987 -0.11951 -0.14813 0.13532 -0.11276 -0.15049 0.13509 -0.11358 -0.2136

		156 ->166 157 ->165 157 ->166	0.18752 0.26687 -0.23722
S7	4.8980 eV	153 ->166 154 ->165 158 ->163 160 ->163 161 ->166 162 ->165	-0.138 0.13876 0.11016 -0.10568 0.3348 0.44603
S8	4.9204 eV	150 ->164 153 ->165 154 ->166 156 ->165 157 ->166 157 ->167 161 ->165 162 ->166	0.12204 -0.20504 0.20396 -0.10436 -0.1069 0.10165 0.34582 0.31133
S9	4.9679 eV	149 ->164 150 ->163 150 ->167 153 ->166 153 ->167 154 ->165 156 ->166 156 ->167 157 ->165 161 ->166 162 ->165	-0.16859 0.18795 0.12373 -0.2787 0.1127 0.28392 -0.11716 0.12717 -0.1223 -0.16166 -0.22365
S10	4.9830 eV	149 ->163 149 ->167 150 ->164 153 ->165 154 ->166 157 ->167 161 ->165 162 ->166	0.15081 0.10086 -0.15667 0.2393 -0.23495 -0.1099 0.2994 0.26647

Table S4. The singlet and triplet excited state transition configurations for the dimers of **P3** from single crystal by TD-DFT calculations at the B3LYP/6-31G(d) level.

Excited state	Energy	Orbitals	Transition
T ₁	2.2659 eV	143 ->163 159 ->168 161 ->163 161 ->164 162 ->163 162 ->164	0.10133 0.10643 0.32356 0.13169 0.49318

		162 <-163	0.1648 0.11193
T ₂	2.3839 eV	160 ->165 161 ->163 161 ->164 162 ->163 162 ->164	0.15441 -0.17857 0.41467 0.10929 -0.31898
T ₃	2.8801 eV	144 ->164 153 ->164 153 ->165 153 ->166 160 ->164 160 ->167 160 ->169 161 ->165 161 ->166 162 ->165 162 ->166	0.11154 -0.15623 -0.14932 -0.10385 -0.16458 -0.12739 -0.10374 -0.26981 -0.17238 0.26001 0.11724
T ₄	3.0358 eV	148 ->166 148 ->168 154 ->163 154 ->165 154 ->166 154 ->168 159 ->163 160 ->163 160 ->168 161 ->165 162 ->165 162 ->166	-0.10042 0.11301 -0.10253 -0.20674 0.25972 -0.15634 0.10402 -0.14611 -0.17837 -0.10765 -0.15568 0.23691
T ₅	3.0630 eV	154 ->163 154 ->166 159 ->163 159 ->166 159 ->168 160 ->163 160 ->165 160 ->166 160 ->168 161 ->168 162 ->167 162 ->168	0.1657 -0.10667 0.21603 0.12563 0.11656 -0.16771 0.15476 -0.17042 -0.10451 0.12214 -0.10621 0.25153
T ₆	3.2136 eV	153 ->164 158 ->165 159 ->164 159 ->165	0.16954 -0.15215 -0.10085 0.13285

		160 ->165 160 ->166 160 ->169 161 ->164 161 ->167 161 ->169 162 ->167 162 ->169	0.22329 0.15435 -0.11132 -0.13642 0.13092 0.18633 -0.10099 -0.14477
T ₇	3.6218 eV	143 ->163 155 ->163 157 ->163 157 ->164 157 ->166 158 ->163 159 ->163 162 ->175	-0.10642 -0.15172 0.40821 0.12802 0.11565 0.21024 -0.16025 -0.12042
T ₈	3.7130 eV	143 ->163 154 ->163 154 ->168 155 ->163 156 ->171 157 ->163 158 ->164 158 ->165 159 ->164 161 ->175 162 ->175	-0.1339 -0.13628 0.10126 0.10961 0.1314 -0.25208 -0.12938 0.16057 -0.11697 -0.1138 -0.15724
T ₉	3.7134 eV	156 ->167 156 ->169 156 ->170 156 ->171 157 ->163 158 ->163 158 ->164 158 ->165 158 ->171 159 ->164 159 ->165 159 ->171 162 ->175	0.11479 0.13454 0.12253 0.17965 0.15392 0.12224 -0.14224 0.17967 -0.11373 -0.13569 0.179 -0.1157 0.11582
T ₁₀	3.8105 eV	142 ->164 144 ->167 146 ->164 146 ->167 146 ->168 146 ->169 147 ->167 153 ->169 161 ->176	-0.14092 -0.10863 0.18261 -0.41549 -0.13602 0.20179 0.11473 0.13834 0.10943

S1	3.9100 eV	155 ->163 157 ->163 157 ->164 157 ->175 158 ->163 159 ->163	-0.22189 0.52489 0.18195 0.10066 0.23776 -0.1467
S2	4.0527 eV	156 ->163 156 ->164 156 ->169 157 ->164 158 ->163 158 ->164 159 ->163 159 ->164	-0.13324 0.33878 -0.11122 -0.12432 -0.16874 0.40947 -0.10964 0.26372
S3	4.2595 eV	157 ->163 161 ->163 161 ->164 162 ->163	-0.12362 0.26575 0.18232 0.54425
S4	4.2791 eV	156 ->164 156 ->167 156 ->169 156 ->171 156 ->177 157 ->165 158 ->165 158 ->166 159 ->165 159 ->166 160 ->165	0.18715 0.11813 0.13265 0.10378 0.10528 -0.10505 0.37703 0.19583 0.28255 0.13468 0.12098
S5	4.3696 eV	161 ->163 161 ->164 161 ->165 162 ->164 162 ->165 162 ->166	0.2464 -0.36722 -0.24604 0.36952 0.14724 0.13346
S6	4.4255 eV	156 ->164 156 ->165 156 ->166 158 ->165 158 ->166 158 ->169 158 ->171 159 ->167 159 ->169 159 ->171 161 ->165 162 ->165	-0.13714 0.41382 0.20116 0.13461 0.10481 0.11999 0.11382 0.10814 0.11553 0.11242 0.14093 -0.1346
S7	4.4741 eV	155 ->163 155 ->168 157 ->165	0.14605 0.12313 -0.30989

		157 ->166 157 ->168 158 ->165 158 ->166 162 ->165	0.35784 0.14163 -0.14826 0.14774 -0.13784
S8	4.4979 eV	156 ->165 157 ->165 159 ->164 160 ->164 161 ->164 161 ->165 161 ->166 162 ->163 162 ->164 162 ->165	0.1239 -0.10174 0.12644 0.11161 0.1995 -0.3106 -0.17543 0.12875 -0.13718 0.35662
S9	4.5439 eV	157 ->163 157 ->166 159 ->163 160 ->163 160 ->164 161 ->165 162 ->163 162 ->164 162 ->165 162 ->166	-0.15642 -0.10401 -0.31711 0.3199 0.12059 -0.17924 -0.13282 -0.13609 -0.11161 0.20766
S10	4.6210 eV	155 ->163 155 ->165 155 ->166 155 ->168 155 ->171 157 ->166 157 ->168 157 ->171 159 ->163 160 ->163 161 ->165 162 ->165 162 ->166	0.25588 -0.2028 0.20581 0.20478 0.11382 -0.10647 0.1083 0.10831 -0.10958 0.14142 0.14572 0.16605 -0.16449

Table S5. The selected calculated spin orbital coupling (SOC) coefficient for the dimer of **P1** in different transition paths.

Transition	SOC (cm ⁻¹)	Transition	SOC (cm ⁻¹)
S ₀ →T ₃	28.08	S ₅ →T ₁	2.25
S ₀ →T ₅	3.33	S ₅ →T ₁₀	5.21
S ₀ →T ₇	41.13	S ₆ →T ₂	2.94

$S_1 \rightarrow T_1$	2.21	$S_6 \rightarrow T_8$	2.99
$S_1 \rightarrow T_4$	7.73	$S_6 \rightarrow T_{10}$	1.59
$S_1 \rightarrow T_9$	2.03	$S_7 \rightarrow T_5$	1.97
$S_1 \rightarrow T_{10}$	3.97	$S_7 \rightarrow T_7$	3.52
$S_2 \rightarrow T_1$	8.14	$S_8 \rightarrow T_{10}$	2.12
$S_2 \rightarrow T_4$	4.28	$S_9 \rightarrow T_1$	4.48
$S_2 \rightarrow T_9$	3.51	$S_9 \rightarrow T_9$	2.98
$S_2 \rightarrow T_{10}$	3.15	$S_9 \rightarrow T_{10}$	1.93
$S_4 \rightarrow T_2$	5.13	$S_{10} \rightarrow T_8$	4.44
$S_4 \rightarrow T_8$	3.60		

Table S6. The selected calculated spin orbital coupling (SOC) coefficient for the dimer of **P2** in different transition paths.

Transition	SOC (cm ⁻¹)	Transition	SOC (cm ⁻¹)
$S_0 \rightarrow T_4$	6.69	$S_6 \rightarrow T_2$	2.68
$S_0 \rightarrow T_5$	25.72	$S_6 \rightarrow T_3$	1.94
$S_0 \rightarrow T_6$	12.10	$S_6 \rightarrow T_8$	2.74
$S_0 \rightarrow T_7$	40.45	$S_6 \rightarrow T_9$	1.80
$S_1 \rightarrow T_1$	6.63	$S_6 \rightarrow T_{10}$	2.48
$S_1 \rightarrow T_9$	3.95	$S_7 \rightarrow T_4$	1.78
$S_1 \rightarrow T_{10}$	4.59	$S_7 \rightarrow T_7$	3.56
$S_3 \rightarrow T_1$	4.29	$S_8 \rightarrow T_4$	6.72
$S_3 \rightarrow T_3$	7.28	$S_8 \rightarrow T_5$	3.71
$S_3 \rightarrow T_{10}$	5.75	$S_8 \rightarrow T_6$	2.09
$S_4 \rightarrow T_2$	4.93	$S_8 \rightarrow T_7$	2.72
$S_4 \rightarrow T_3$	1.97	$S_9 \rightarrow T_1$	3.53
$S_4 \rightarrow T_8$	3.83	$S_9 \rightarrow T_9$	2.87
$S_5 \rightarrow T_1$	3.16	$S_9 \rightarrow T_{10}$	2.26
$S_5 \rightarrow T_3$	4.52	$S_{10} \rightarrow T_8$	1.70
$S_5 \rightarrow T_{10}$	3.88	$S_{10} \rightarrow T_{10}$	4.20

Table S7. The calculated spin orbital coupling (SOC) coefficient for the dimer of **P3** in different transition paths.

Transition	SOC (cm ⁻¹)	Transition	SOC (cm ⁻¹)
S ₀ →T ₄	4.16	S ₆ →T ₃	2.20
S ₀ →T ₅	11.55	S ₇ →T ₄	2.43
S ₀ →T ₆	20.44	S ₇ →T ₇	2.98
S ₀ →T ₇	44.21	S ₈ →T ₂	2.16
S ₁ →T ₁	5.50	S ₈ →T ₃	1.58
S ₁ →T ₈	3.67	S ₈ →T ₂	2.16
S ₃ →T ₂	5.04	S ₈ →T ₃	1.58
S ₃ →T ₉	1.81	S ₈ →T ₁₀	4.81
S ₃ →T ₁₀	4.99	S ₉ →T ₄	2.28
S ₄ →T ₃	2.74	S ₉ →T ₅	1.68
S ₄ →T ₈	1.83	S ₉ →T ₆	1.82
S ₅ →T ₁	1.77	S ₉ →T ₇	2.02
S ₅ →T ₃	5.45	S ₁₀ →T ₄	4.77
S ₅ →T ₁₀	1.63	S ₁₀ →T ₅	2.39
S ₆ →T ₂	2.37	S ₁₀ →T ₇	3.57

References

- [1] SMART & SAINT Software Reference Manuals, version 6.45; Bruker Analytical X-ray Systems, Inc.: Madison, WI, 2003.
- [2] Sheldrick, G. M. SADABS: Software for Empirical Absorption Correction, version 2.05; University of Göttingen: Göttingen, Germany, 2002.
- [3] Sheldrick, G. M. SHELXL97: Program for Crystal Structure Refinement; University of Göttingen: Göttingen, Germany, 1997.
- [4] Gaussian 09, Revision A.02, Frisch, M. J.; Trucks, G. W.; Schlegel, H. B.; Scuseria, G. E.; Robb, M. A.; Cheeseman, J. R.; Scalmani, G.; Barone, V.; Mennucci, B.; Petersson,

G. A.; Nakatsuji, H.; Caricato, M.; Li, X.; Hratchian, H. P.; Izmaylov, A. F.; Bloino, J.;
Zheng, G.; Sonnenberg, J. L.; Hada, M.; Ehara, M.; Toyota, K.; Fukuda, R.; Hasegawa,
J.; Ishida, M.; Nakajima, T.; Honda, Y.; Kitao, O.; Nakai, H.; Vreven, T.; Montgomery, J.
A., Jr.; Peralta, J. E.; Ogliaro, F.; Bearpark, M.; Heyd, J. J.; Brothers, E.; Kudin, K. N.;
Staroverov, V. N.; Kobayashi, R.; Normand, J.; Raghavachari, K.; Rendell, A.; Burant, J.
C.; Iyengar, S. S.; Tomasi, J.; Cossi, M.; Rega, N.; Millam, J. M.; Klene, M.; Knox, J.
E.; Cross, J. B.; Bakken, V.; Adamo, C.; Jaramillo, J.; Gomperts, R.; Stratmann, R. E.;
Yazyev, O.; Austin, A. J.; Cammi, R.; Pomelli, C.; Ochterski, J. W.; Martin, R. L.;
Morokuma, K.; Zakrzewski, V. G.; Voth, G. A.; Salvador, P.; Dannenberg, J. J.;
Dapprich, S.; Daniels, A. D.; Farkas, O.; Foresman, J. B.; Ortiz, J. V.; Cioslowski, J.; Fox,
D. J. Gaussian, Inc., Wallingford CT, 2009.