

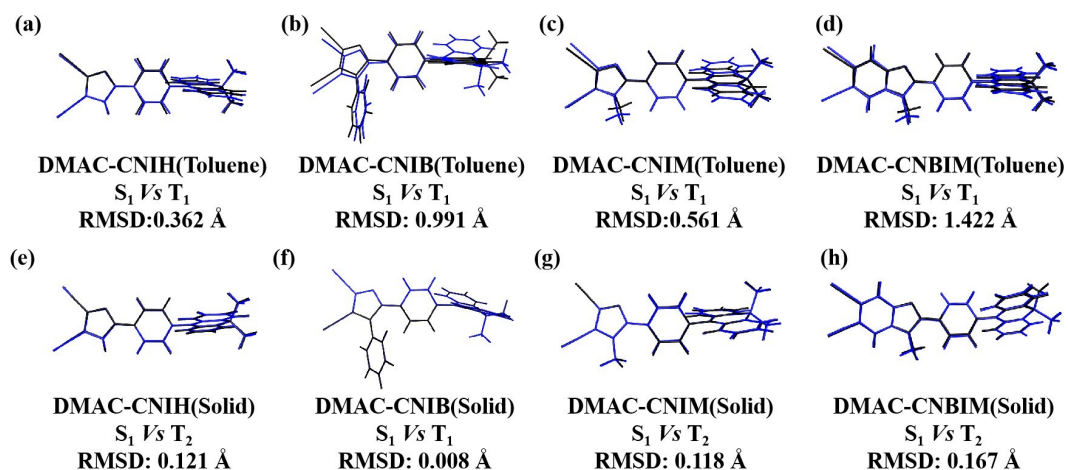
## Supporting Information

# **From aggregation-caused quenching to aggregation-induced delayed fluorescence: the impact of substituent effect**

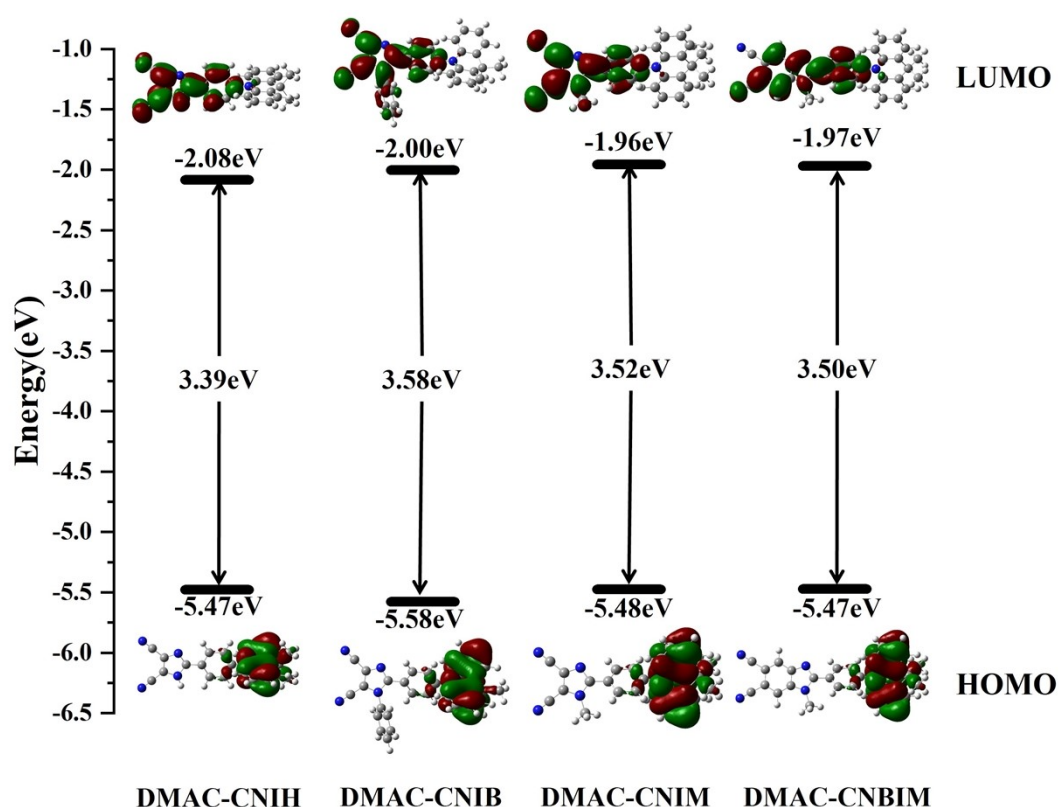
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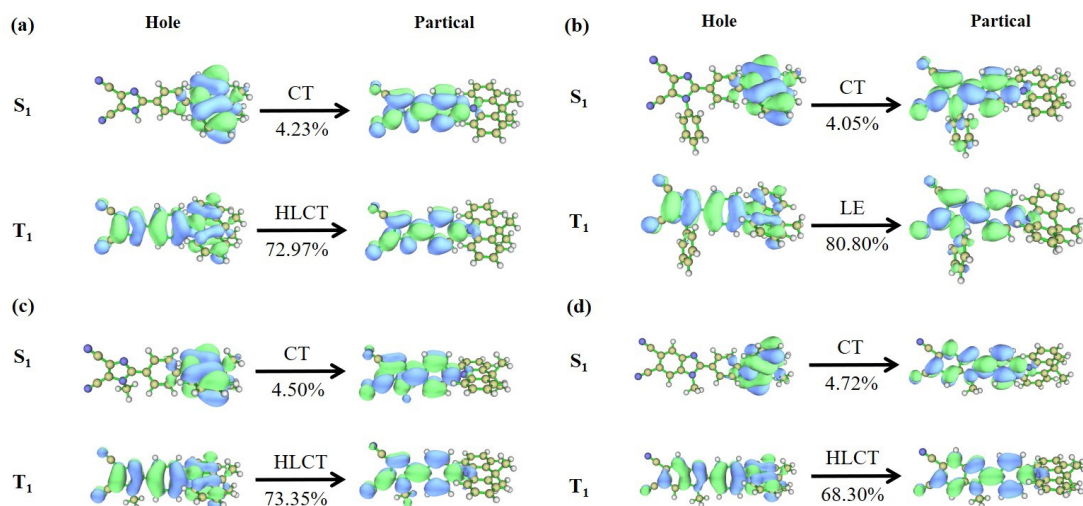
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**Figure S1** Geometrical structure comparisons and RMSD values (Å) between singlet state (black) and triplet state (blue) for DMAC-CNIH (a, e), DMAC-CNIB (b, f), DMAC-CNIM (c, g) and DMAC-CNBIM (d, h) in toluene and solid states.



**Figure S2** Distributions and energies of the frontier molecular orbitals for DMAC-CNIH, DMAC-CNIB, DMAC-CNIM and DMAC-CNBIM in toluene.



**Figure S3** The natural transition orbital (NTO) of DMAC-CNIH (a), DMAC-CNIB (b), DMAC-CNIM(c) and DMAC-CNBIM (d) in toluene (the values are the component of localized excitation in the transitions).

**Table S1** Emission wavelengths (nm) of the investigated molecules calculated by different basis sets with m06 functional in solid states.

| Basis sets   | DMAC-CNIH | DMAC-CNIB | DMAC-CNIM | DMAC-CNBIM |
|--------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| 6-31G(d)     | 531       | 577       | 461       | 506        |
| 6-31G(d, p)  | 528       | 576       | 461       | 506        |
| 6-311G(d)    | 517       | 567       | 455       | 503        |
| 6-311G(d, p) | 513       | 564       | 454       | 503        |
| Exp.         | 517       | 500       | 479       | 502        |

**Table S2** The oscillator strengths ( $f$ ), the  $K_r$  (calculated by MOMAP and Einstein equation<sup>a</sup>, s<sup>-1</sup>),  $K_{nr}$  from S<sub>1</sub> to S<sub>0</sub> states (s<sup>-1</sup>), the effective  $K_{ISC}$  and  $K_{RISC}$  between singlet and triplet states (s<sup>-1</sup>), the prompt fluorescence (PF) efficiency ( $\Phi_{PF}$ )<sup>b</sup> and the delayed fluorescence quantum efficiency ( $\Phi_{TADF}$ )<sup>b</sup> based on the calculated  $K_r$  using MOMAP and Einstein equation in toluene and solid states, respectively.

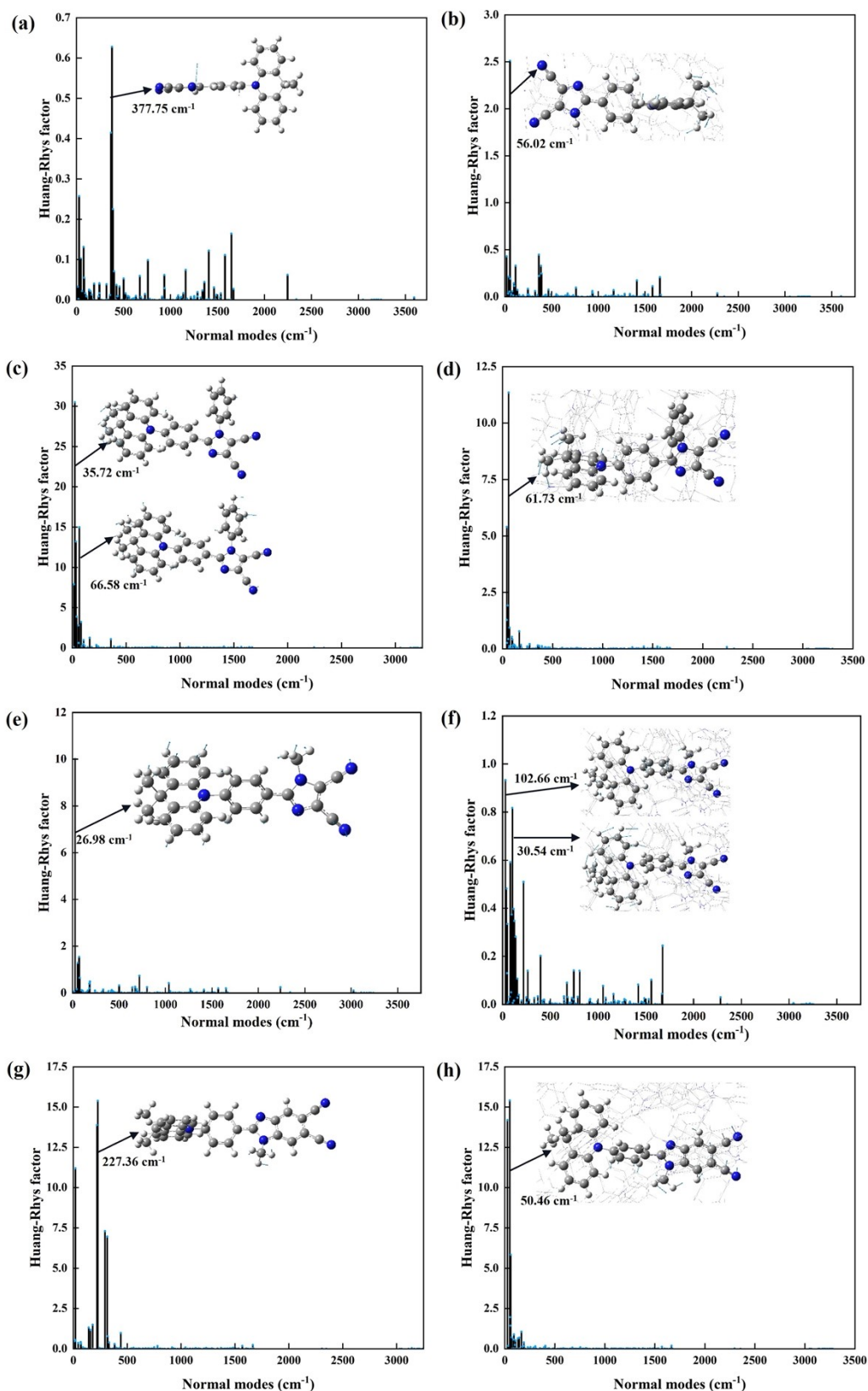
|                                            | DMAC-CNIH              |                       | DMAC-CNIB              |                       | DMAC-CNIM              |                       | DMAC-CNBIM             |                       |
|--------------------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
|                                            | toluene                | crystal               | toluene                | crystal               | toluene                | crystal               | toluene                | crystal               |
| $f$                                        | 0.0089                 | 0.0026                | 0.0105                 | 0.0001                | 0.0088                 | 0.0020                | 0.0127                 | 0.0008                |
| $K_r$ (MOMAP)                              | $6.69 \times 10^3$     | $7.40 \times 10^5$    | $9.21 \times 10^3$     | $2.81 \times 10^4$    | $2.22 \times 10^4$     | $5.82 \times 10^5$    | $2.38 \times 10^4$     | $3.79 \times 10^5$    |
| $K_r$ (Einstein)                           | $2.47 \times 10^6$     | $7.68 \times 10^5$    | $3.00 \times 10^6$     | $2.55 \times 10^4$    | $2.64 \times 10^6$     | $7.70 \times 10^5$    | $3.60 \times 10^6$     | $2.53 \times 10^5$    |
| $K_{nr}$ (S <sub>1</sub> →S <sub>0</sub> ) | $1.01 \times 10^{10}$  | $6.34 \times 10^9$    | $1.50 \times 10^{10}$  | $1.13 \times 10^6$    | $1.52 \times 10^{10}$  | $8.83 \times 10^5$    | $1.47 \times 10^{10}$  | $4.74 \times 10^8$    |
| $K_{ISC}$ (S→T)                            | $3.50 \times 10^3$     | $7.96 \times 10^7$    | $3.49 \times 10^3$     | $2.94 \times 10^7$    | $7.04 \times 10^3$     | $8.68 \times 10^8$    | $2.01 \times 10^3$     | $2.09 \times 10^7$    |
| $K_{RISC}$ (T→S)                           | $5.24 \times 10^3$     | $1.68 \times 10^3$    | $3.26 \times 10^3$     | $5.86 \times 10^6$    | $6.84 \times 10^3$     | $6.09 \times 10^8$    | $2.00 \times 10^3$     | $1.27 \times 10^6$    |
| $\Phi_{PF}$ (Einstein)                     | $2.28 \times 10^{-13}$ | $4.33 \times 10^{-7}$ | $1.43 \times 10^{-13}$ | $1.02 \times 10^{-3}$ | $6.74 \times 10^{-13}$ | $1.73 \times 10^{-3}$ | $2.22 \times 10^{-13}$ | $5.11 \times 10^{-4}$ |
| $\Phi_{TADF}$ (Einstein)                   | $8.40 \times 10^{-11}$ | $1.50 \times 10^{-6}$ | $4.66 \times 10^{-11}$ | $1.78 \times 10^{-2}$ | $8.01 \times 10^{-11}$ | $3.86 \times 10^{-1}$ | $3.36 \times 10^{-11}$ | $2.25 \times 10^{-5}$ |
| $\Phi_{PF}$ (MOMAP)                        | $6.60 \times 10^{-7}$  | $1.15 \times 10^{-4}$ | $6.15 \times 10^{-7}$  | $9.21 \times 10^{-4}$ | $1.46 \times 10^{-6}$  | $6.69 \times 10^{-4}$ | $1.62 \times 10^{-6}$  | $7.65 \times 10^{-4}$ |
| $\Phi_{TADF}$ (MOMAP)                      | $2.28 \times 10^{-13}$ | $1.45 \times 10^{-6}$ | $1.43 \times 10^{-13}$ | $2.34 \times 10^{-2}$ | $6.74 \times 10^{-13}$ | $3.97 \times 10^{-1}$ | $2.22 \times 10^{-13}$ | $3.37 \times 10^{-5}$ |

<sup>a</sup>The Einstein spontaneous emission equation used to calculate  $K_r$  is written as  $K_r = \frac{f\Delta E_{fi}^2}{1.499}$ .

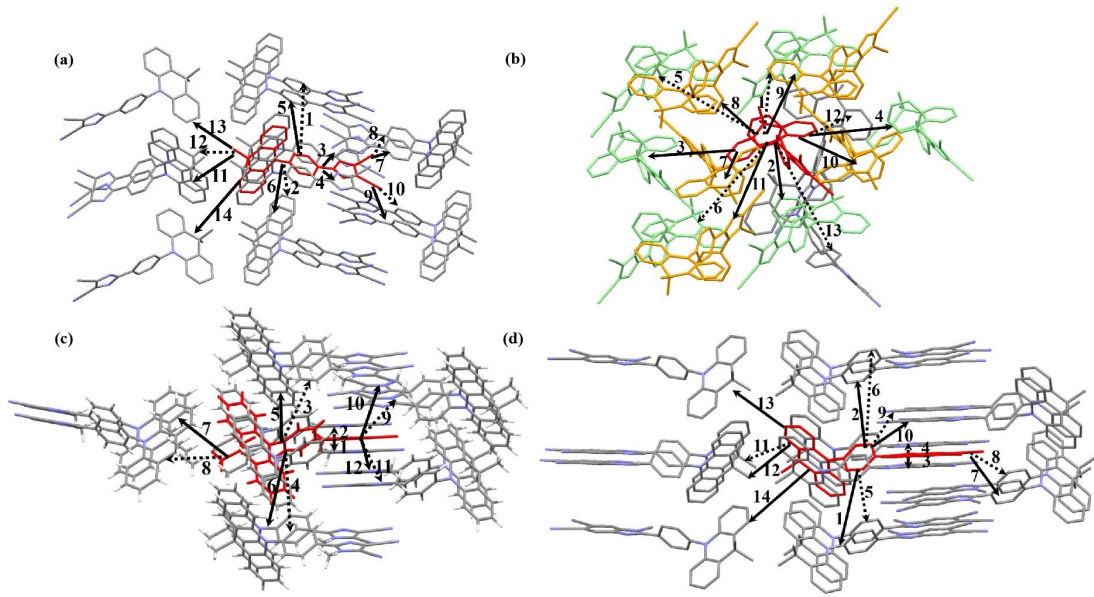
<sup>b</sup>The  $\Phi_{PF}$  and  $\Phi_{TADF}$  are calculated by the following equations:  $\Phi_{PF} = \frac{K_r}{K_r + K_{nr} + K_{ISC}}$ ;  $\Phi_{TADF} = \frac{\Phi_{ISC}\Phi_{RISC}}{1 - \Phi_{ISC}\Phi_{RISC}}\Phi_{PF}$ .

**Table S3** The calculated electronic transition dipole moments (unit: Debye) from S<sub>1</sub> to S<sub>0</sub> state for DMAC-CNIH, DMAC-CNIB, DMAC-CNIM and DMAC-CNBIM in toluene and solid states.

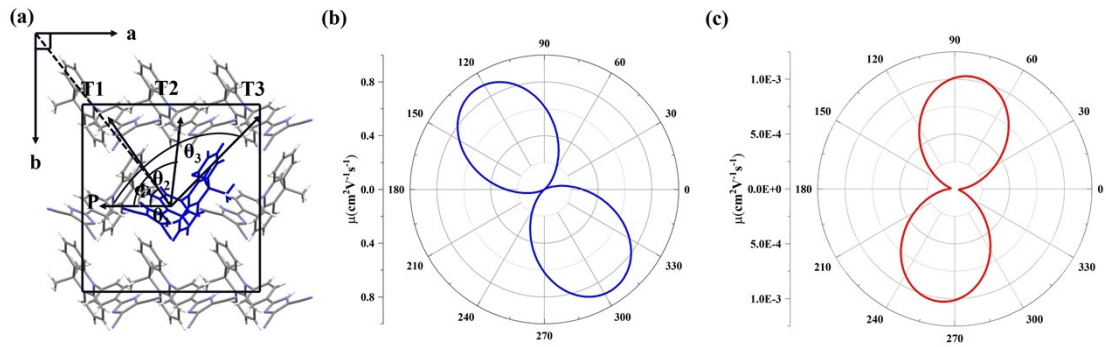
| DMAC-CNIH |        | DMAC-CNIB |        | DMAC-CNIM |        | DMAC-CNBIM |        |
|-----------|--------|-----------|--------|-----------|--------|------------|--------|
| Toluene   | Solid  | Toluene   | Solid  | Toluene   | Solid  | Toluene    | Solid  |
| 0.0508    | 0.5439 | 0.0440    | 0.1345 | 0.0719    | 0.4446 | 0.0843     | 0.2887 |



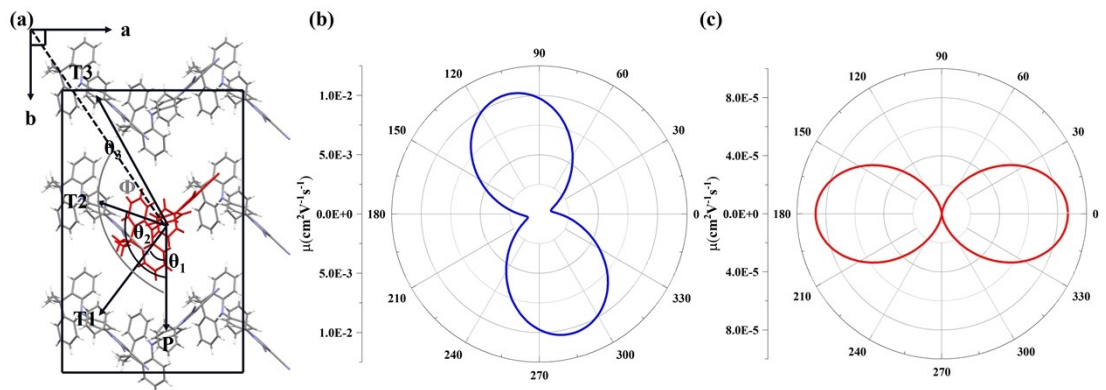
**Figure S4** Calculated HR factors versus the normal mode frequencies from  $S_1$  to  $S_0$  state in both toluene (a, c, e, g) and solid (b, d, f, h) states for DMAC-CNIH (a, b), DMAC-CNIB (c, d), DMAC-CNIM (e, f) and DMAC-CNBIM (g, h). The vibration modes contributed the most are inserted.



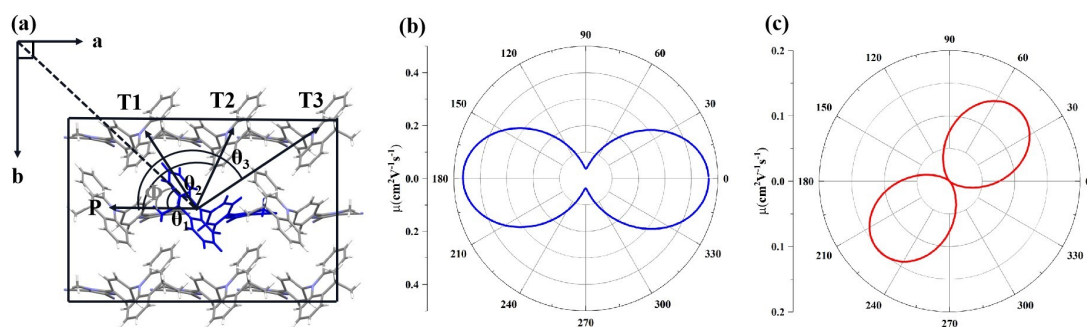
**Figure S5** Main charge hopping pathways of DMAC-CNIH (a), DMAC-CNIB (b), DMAC-CNIM (c) and DMAC-CNBIM (d).



**Figure S6** (a) Illustration of projecting angle-dependent hopping paths to a transistor channel in the  $ab$  plane and the calculated angle resolved anisotropic hole (b) and electron (c) mobilities of DMAC-CNIH.



**Figure S7** (a) Illustration of projecting angle-dependent hopping paths to a transistor channel in the  $ab$  plane and the calculated angle resolved anisotropic hole (b) and electron (c) mobilities of DMAC-CNIB.



**Figure S8** (a) Illustration of projecting angle-dependent hopping paths to a transistor channel in the  $ab$  plane and the calculated angle resolved anisotropic hole (b) and electron (c) mobilities of DMAC-CNIM.