

## Supporting information

### Liquid crystalline and charge transport properties of double-decker cerium phthalocyanine complexes

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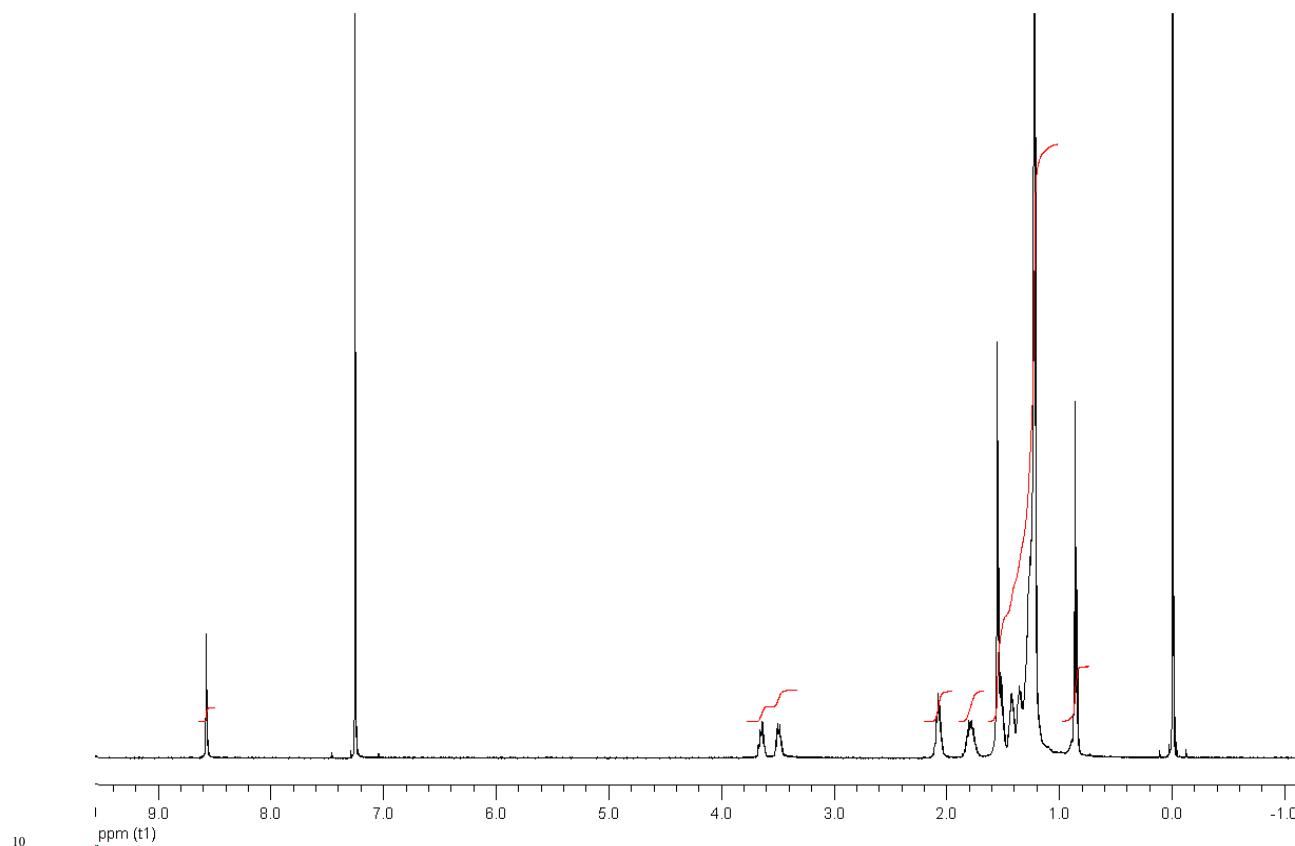


Fig. S1: <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of **3f** in CDCl<sub>3</sub> at 500 MHz.

Table S1. Elemental analyses data for all homologues.

Molecule	Molecular formula	Molecular weight (g.mol <sup>-1</sup> )	Elemental analysis; Found % (calculated %)		
			C	H	N
<b>(1a)</b> [(C <sub>8</sub> H <sub>17</sub> ) <sub>8</sub> Pc] <sub>2</sub> Ce	C <sub>192</sub> H <sub>288</sub> CeN <sub>16</sub> S <sub>16</sub>	3473.69	66.28 (66.39)	8.24 (8.36)	6.21 (6.45)
<b>(1b)</b> [(C <sub>10</sub> H <sub>21</sub> ) <sub>8</sub> Pc] <sub>2</sub> Ce	C <sub>224</sub> H <sub>352</sub> CeN <sub>16</sub> S <sub>16</sub>	3922.55	68.72 (68.59)	9.05 (9.05)	5.67 (5.71)
<b>(1c)</b> [(C <sub>12</sub> H <sub>25</sub> ) <sub>8</sub> Pc] <sub>2</sub> Ce	C <sub>256</sub> H <sub>416</sub> CeN <sub>16</sub> S <sub>16</sub>	4371.42	70.19 (70.34)	9.60 (9.59)	5.10 (5.13)
<b>(1d)</b> [(C <sub>14</sub> H <sub>29</sub> ) <sub>8</sub> Pc] <sub>2</sub> Ce	C <sub>288</sub> H <sub>480</sub> CeN <sub>16</sub> S <sub>16</sub>	4820.29	71.48 (71.76)	9.98 (10.04)	4.64 (4.65)
<b>(1e)</b> [(C <sub>16</sub> H <sub>33</sub> ) <sub>8</sub> Pc] <sub>2</sub> Ce	C <sub>320</sub> H <sub>544</sub> CeN <sub>16</sub> S <sub>16</sub>	5269.15	72.64 (72.94)	10.44 (10.41)	4.17 (4.25)
<b>(1f)</b> [(C <sub>18</sub> H <sub>37</sub> ) <sub>8</sub> Pc] <sub>2</sub> Ce	C <sub>352</sub> H <sub>608</sub> CeN <sub>16</sub> S <sub>16</sub>	5718.02	73.64 (73.94)	10.59 (10.72)	3.62 (3.92)

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**Table S2.** XRD data of cerium phthalocyanine compounds **3a-3f**.

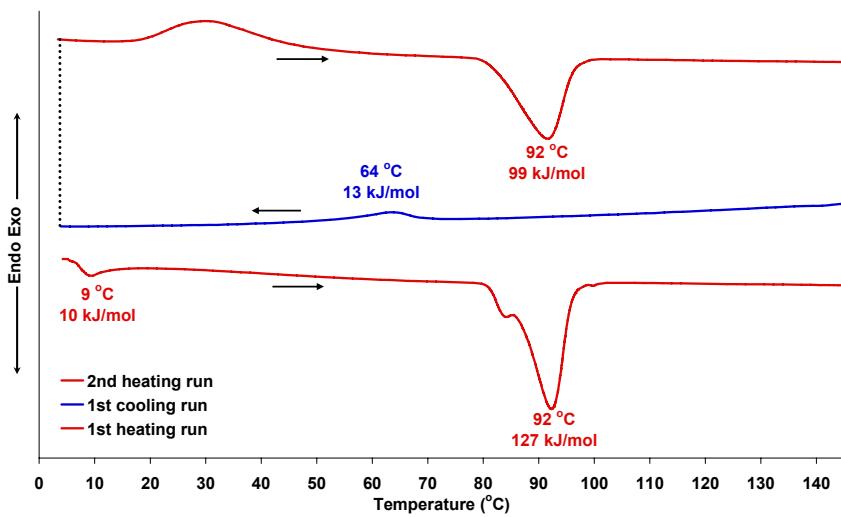
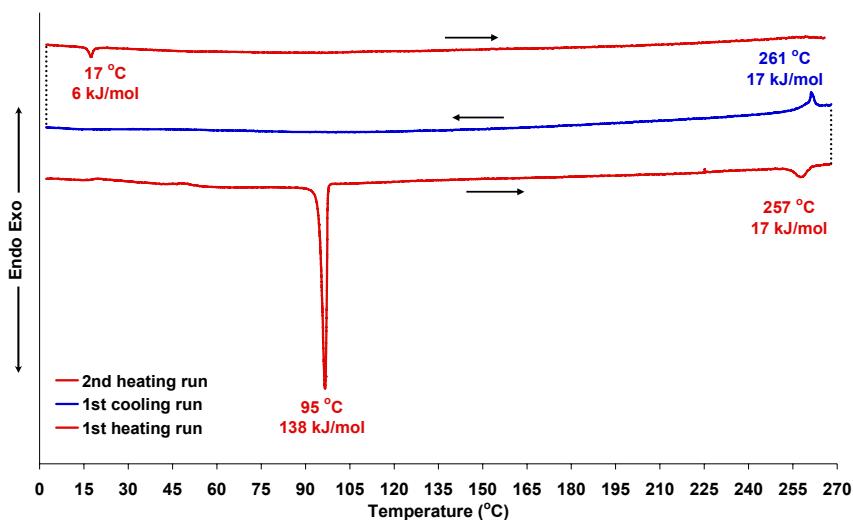
Compound	Temperatures/ °C	Lattice constant/Å	Spacing /Å		Miller indices ( <i>h,k,l</i> )
			Observed	Calculated for Hex	
<b>[(C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>17</sub>S)<sub>8</sub>Pc]<sub>2</sub>Ce (3a)</b>	100	<i>a</i> = 29.6	25.7	25.7	(100)
			14.4	14.8	(110)
			12.4	12.8	(200)
			9.3	9.7	(210)
			8.2	8.8	(300)
			6.8	7.1	(310)
			6.1	6.4	(400)
			4.2		Halo of molten alkylthio chains
<b>[(C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>21</sub>S)<sub>8</sub>Pc]<sub>2</sub>Ce (3b)</b>	120	<i>a</i> = 31.7	27.4	27.4	(100)
			15.4	15.8	(110)
			13.3	13.7	(200)
			10.0	10.4	(210)
			8.8	9.1	(300)
			7.3	7.6	(310)
			6.5	6.9	(400)
			4.3		Halo of molten alkylthio chains
<b>[(C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>25</sub>S)<sub>8</sub>Pc]<sub>2</sub>Ce (3c)</b>	23	<i>a</i> = 33.5 <i>h</i> = 7.0 <i>c</i> = 3.3	29.0	29.0	(100)
			16.4	16.8	(110)
			14.1	14.5	(200)
			10.6	11.0	(210)
			9.3	9.7	(300)
			8.0	8.1	(310)
			7.7	7.3	(400)
			7.0		<i>h</i>
			4.3		Halo of molten alkylthio chains
			3.3		<i>c</i>
<b>[(C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>29</sub>S)<sub>8</sub>Pc]<sub>2</sub>Ce (3d)</b>	160	<i>a</i> = 31.5	27.2	27.2	(100)
			15.7	15.7	(110)
			13.5	13.6	(200)
			10.3	10.3	(210)
			4.6		Halo of molten alkylthio chains
<b>[(C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>29</sub>S)<sub>8</sub>Pc]<sub>2</sub>Ce (3d)</b>	80	<i>a</i> = 35.0	31.2	30.3	(100)
			17.3	17.5	(110)
			15.2	15.2	(200)
			11.9	11.5	(210)
			10.0	10.1	(300)
			8.4	8.4	(310)
			7.5	7.6	(400)
			6.0	6.1	(500)
			4.7		Halo of molten alkylthio chains
<b>[(C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>29</sub>S)<sub>8</sub>Pc]<sub>2</sub>Ce (3d)</b>	23	<i>a</i> = 36.3 <i>c</i> = 3.3	32.1	31.4	(100)
			18.4	18.1	(110)
			15.7	15.7	(200)
			11.8	11.9	(210)
			10.5	10.5	(300)
			8.7	8.7	(310)
			7.9	7.9	(400)
			6.8	6.9	(410)
			6.3	6.3	(500)
			4.4		Halo of molten alkylthio chains
			4.3		Halo of molten alkylthio chains
			3.3		<i>c</i>

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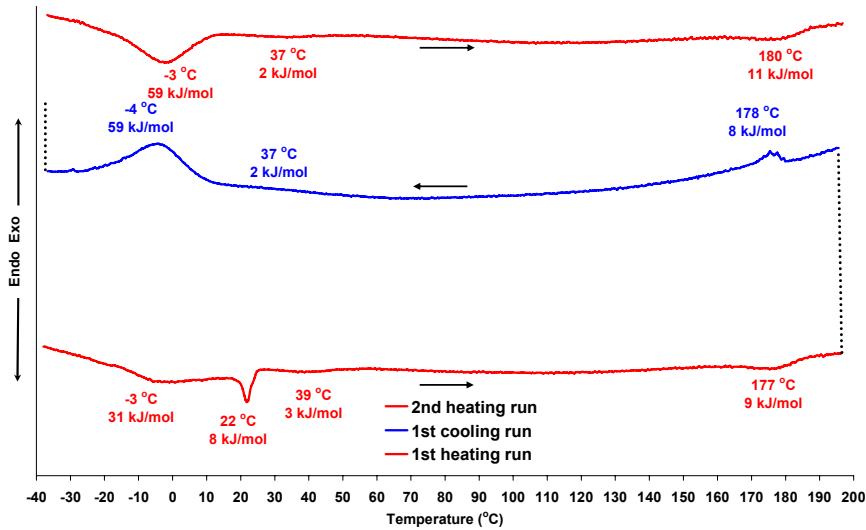
			33.4	32.4	(100)
			18.5	18.7	(110)
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			10.7	10.8	(300)
			7.9	8.1	(400)
			7.0	7.1	(410)
			4.6		Halo of molten alkylthio chains
[(C <sub>16</sub> H <sub>33</sub> S) <sub>8</sub> Pc] <sub>2</sub> Ce (3e)	23	<b>a = 38.1</b> <b>c = 3.3</b>	33.6	33.0	(100)
			19.1	19.1	(110)
			16.5	16.5	(200)
			10.9	11.0	(300)
			9.3	9.2	(310)
			8.2	8.3	(400)
			7.3	7.2	(410)
			6.8	6.6	(500)
			4.4		Halo of molten alkylthio chains
			4.1		Halo of molten alkylthio chains
			3.3		c
[(C <sub>18</sub> H <sub>37</sub> S) <sub>8</sub> Pc] <sub>2</sub> Ce (3f)	25	<b>a = 38.6</b>	33.4	33.4	(100)
			19.9	19.3	(110)
			16.4	16.7	(200)
			12.6	12.6	(210)
			11.0	11.1	(300)
			8.1	8.4	(400)
			4.6		Halo of molten alkylthio chains
			33.7	33.7	(100)
			19.9	19.5	(110)
			16.7	16.8	(200)
			12.7	12.7	(210)
			11.1	11.2	(300)
			9.2	9.3	(310)
			8.3	8.4	(400)
			7.2	7.4	(410)
			6.6	6.7	(500)
			4.2		Halo of molten alkylthio chains
			3.3		c

<sup>20</sup> h: Stacking periodicity between double-decker complexes.

C: Stacking periodicity between single-decker complexes.



**Fig. S2:** DSC thermograms of **3a** at 1 °C/min.



**Fig. S3:** DSC thermogram of **3c** at 1 °C/min.

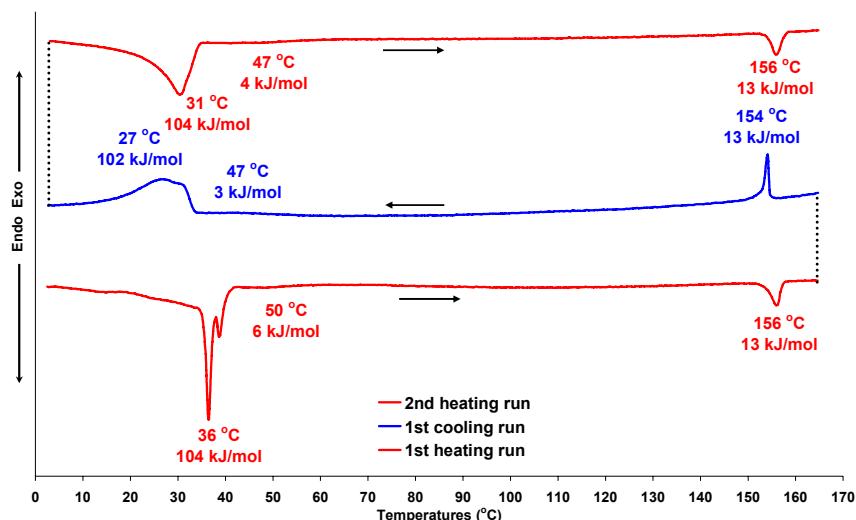


Fig. S4: DSC thermogram of **3d** at 1 °C/min.

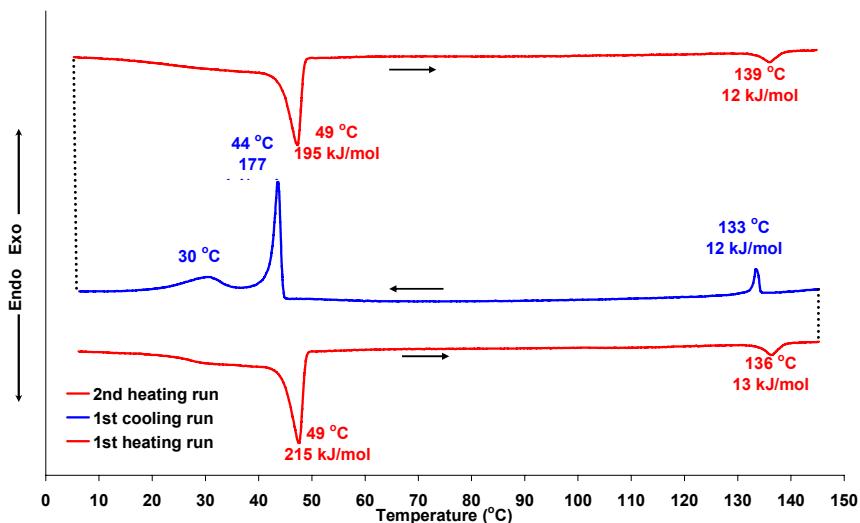
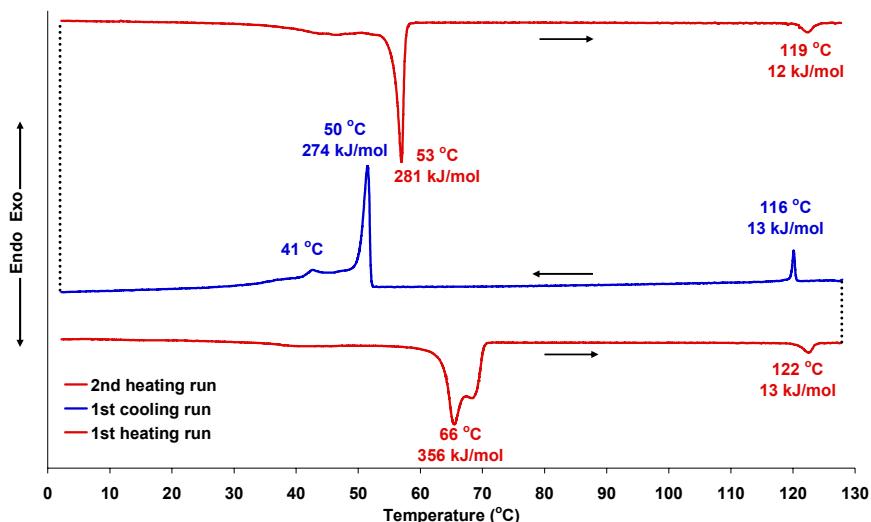


Fig. S5: DSC thermogram of **3e** at 1 °C/min.



**Fig. S6:** DSC thermogram of **3f** at 1 °C/min.