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Highly Bent Crystals Formed by Restrained π -Stacked Columns Connected viaAlkylene Linkers with Variable Conformations

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I. Experimental details

General. ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded with a JEOL AL-400 MHz spectrometer (400 MHz for ¹H and 100 MHz for ¹³C). Chemical shifts are reported in δ ppm using CHCl₃ (7.26 ppm) for ¹H NMR, and CDCl₃ (77.16 ppm) for ¹³C NMR as an internal standard. Mass spectrometry was measured with a Bruker Daltonics MicroTOF focus using a positive-mode APCI-TOF method in a toluene solution and a Bruker Daltonics Ultraflex III TOF/TOF (MALDI-TOF-MS). Melting points (Mp.) were measured on a Yanaco MP-S3 instrument. Single crystal X-ray diffraction measurements were performed with Rigaku X-ray diffractometers. For the 1a and 1c·prism crystals, the diffractometer equipped with a molybdenum MicroMax-007 generator, VariMax-Mo optics, and Saturn70 CCD detector was used. For the 1b crystal, the diffractometer equipped with a molybdenum FR-X generator, VariMax-Mo optics, and a PILATUS 200K detector was used. For 1c·bent, the diffractometer equipped with a copper MicroMax-007 microfocus generator, VariMax-Cu optics, and a RAPID IP detector was used. Temperature varied powder X-ray diffraction patterns were measured with a Rigaku SmartLab X-ray diffractometer, equipped with AnthonPaar DCS 350 temperature controller, using Cu $K\alpha$ radiation in 2θ / θ mode at the rate of 2 ° min⁻¹. Temperature was varied at 2 °C min⁻¹, and annealed 5 min before diffraction measurements at each temperature. The pattern resolution and unit-cell refinement of powder X-ray diffraction was performed by Pawley method with Rigaku PDXL2. For scanning electron microscopy, the crystals of 1 in 1,2-dichloroethane solution were dried on a silicon-wafer, and were coated with osmium using Filgen, OPC80N osmium coater. Secondary electron images were observed using a JEOL JSM-6330F scanning electron microscope at accelerating voltage of 3 kV with 45° tilting of the sample stage. Fluorescence spectra of the crystals were measured with a Hitachi F-4500 spectrometer in spectral grade solvents. Column chromatography was performed using neutral silica gel PSQ 60B or PSQ100B (Fuji Silysia Chemical). All reactions were performed under a nitrogen atmosphere, unless stated otherwise. Commercially available solvents and reagents were used without further

purification unless otherwise mentioned. Dry ether, toluene, tetrahydrofuran (THF) and diisopropylamine were purchased from Kanto Chemical. Compounds **2a**, **2b**, and 9-bromo-10-iodoanthracene were prepared according to the literature methods.^{1,2}

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Scheme S1

A general procedure for the Sonogashira coupling/desilylation reaction (I).

To a 100 mL two-necked flask 1,6-bis(2-bromo-3-thienyl)hexane or 1,7-bis(2-bromo-3-thienyl)heptane (1.0 equiv.), trimethylsilylacetylene (2.3 equiv.), Pd(PPh₃)₄ (5.0 mol%) and CuI (5.0 mol%) in dry toluene/diisopropylamine (3:1) were added. The resulting mixture was stirred at 80 °C under a nitrogen atmosphere for 12 h. The resulting mixture was extracted with CH₂Cl₂, washed with water and dried over anhydrous MgSO₄. After the solvent was removed under reduced pressure, the reaction mixture was treated with K₂CO₃ (3.0 equiv.) in MeOH/THF and stirred at room temperature. After the reaction completed, water was added and the mixture was extracted with ether. The combined organic layer was washed with water and brine dried over anhydrous MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. Purification by flash column chromatography on silica gel afforded the corresponding terminal alkyne products.

A general procedure for the Sonogashira coupling reaction (II).

To a 100 mL two-necked flask 1,6-bis(2-ethynyl-3-thienyl)hexane or 1,7-bis(2-ethynyl-3-thienyl)heptane (1.0 equiv.), 9-bromo-10-iodoanthracene (2.0 equiv.), Pd(PPh₃)₄ (5.0 mol%) and CuI (5.0 mol%) in dry toluene/diisopropylamine were added and stirred at room temperature under a

nitrogen atmosphere for overnight. After addition of water, the reaction mixture was extracted with CHCl₃. The combined organic layer was washed with water and brine, dried over anhydrous MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure to afford the desired coupling product and was used without further purification.

A general procedure for the Sonogashira coupling reaction (III).

To a 200 mL three-necked flask the 1,6-bis(2-ethynyl-3-thienyl)hexane or 1,7-bis(2-ethynyl-3-thienyl)heptane (1.0 equiv.), Pd(PPh₃)₄ (5.0 mol%) and CuI (5.0 mol%) was placed. Aryl bromide (1.0 equiv.) in dry diisopropylamine/THF was slowly added to the reaction mixture at room temperature and then heated at 60 °C with stirring under a nitrogen atmosphere for 18 h. After removal of the solvents under reduced pressure, water was added and the mixurre was extracted with CHCl₃. The combined organic layer was water and brine, dried over anhydrous MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. Purification by flash column chromatography on silica gel afforded the desired coupling product.

1,6-Bis(2-ethynyl-3-thienyl)hexane (3a): According to the general procedure **I**: Step 1: **2a** (8.30 g, 20.3 mmol), trimethylsilylacetylene (8.5 mL, 60 mmol), Pd(PPh₃)₄ (1.15 g, 1.00 mmol) and CuI (190 mg, 1.00 mmol) in diisopropylamine (20 mL) and toluene (60 mL). Step 2: K_2CO_3 (8.28 g, 59.9 mmol) in MeOH (100 mL) and THF (20 mL). Purification by flash column chromatography (CH₂Cl₂/hexane = 1:9, R_f = 0.50) gave **3a** (4.06 g, 13.6 mmol) in 65% as a yellow liquid: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.15 (d, J= 5.2 Hz, 2H), 7.84 (d, J= 5.2 Hz, 2H), 3.42 (s, 2H), 2.70 (t, J= 7.6 Hz), 1.50-1.70 (m, 4H), 1.30-1.45 (m, 4H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 148.9, 128.0, 126.2, 117.1, 83.2, 76.8, 30.1, 29.3, 28.9; HRMS (APCI, positive) calculated for $C_{18}H_{18}S_2$ ([M]⁺): 299.0923. Found: 299.0935.

1,7-Bis(2-ethynyl-3-thienyl)heptane (3b): According to the general procedure I: Step 1: 2b (1.09 g,

2.58 mmol), trimethylsilylacetylene (0.85 mL, 6.0 mmol), Pd(PPh₃)₄ (120 mg, 0.104 mmol) and CuI (19.7 mg, 0.103 mmol) in diisopropylamine (4 mL) and toluene (12 mL). Step 2: K₂CO₃ (1.09 g, 7.89 mmol) in MeOH (10 mL) and THF (2 mL). Purification by flash column chromatography (CH₂Cl₂/hexane = 1:9, R_f = 0.50) gave **3b** (475 mg, 1.52 mmol) in 58% as a yellow liquid: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.15 (d, J= 5.2 Hz, 2H), 6.84 (d, J= 5.2 Hz, 2H), 3.43 (s, 2H), 2.71 (t, J= 7.8 Hz, 4H), 1.55-1.68 (m, 4H), 1.30-1.40 (m, 6H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 149.0, 128.0, 126.2, 116.97, 83.2, 76.7, 30.1, 29.3, 29.06, 29.05; HRMS (APCI, positive) calculated for C₁₉H₂₀S₂ ([M]⁺): 312.1001. Found: 312.1006.

1,6-Bis[2-(10-bromo-9-anthryl)ethynyl)-3-thienyl]hexane (4a): According to the general procedure **II**: **3a** (624 mg, 2.09 mmol), 9-bromo-10-iodoanthracene (1.60 g, 4.18 mmol), Pd(PPh₃)₄ (116 mg, 0.100 mmol) and CuI (19 mg, 0.10 mmol) in diisopropylamine (10 mL) and toluene (10 mL) to give **4a** (1.47 g, 1.82 mmol) in 91% as a yellow solid: Mp.: 165–166 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.43–8.55 (m, 8H), 7.50–7.55 (m, 12H), 7.25 (d, J= 5.2 Hz, 2H), 6.89 (d, J= 5.2 Hz, 2H), 2.92 (t, J= 7.8 Hz, 4H), 1.78–1.85 (m, 4H), 1.53–1.60 (m, 4H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 147.9, 132.5, 130.2, 128.5, 127.3, 127.0, 126.73, 126.70, 123.98, 118.5, 118.2, 94.7, 92.1, 30.5, 30.0, 29.3; HRMS (APCI, positive) calculated for C₄₆H₃₂Br₂S₂ ([M]⁺): 806.0307. Found: 806.0312.

1,7-Bis[2-(10-bromo-9-anthryl)ethynyl)-3-thienyl]heptane (4b): According to the general procedure **II**: **3b** (1.56 g, 4.99 mmol), 9-bromo-10-iodoanthracene (3.82 g, 9.97 mmol), Pd(PPh₃)₄ (289 mg, 0.250 mmol) and CuI (47 mg, 0.25 mmol) in diisopropylamine (10 mL) and toluene (30 mL) to give **4b** (3.60 g, 4.38 mmol) in 88% as a yellow solid: Mp.: 191–192 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.40–8.60 (m, 8H), 7.49–7.62 (m, 8H), 7.27 (d, J= 5.2 Hz, 2H), 6.89 (d, J= 5.2 Hz, 2H), 2.88 (t, J= 7.6 Hz, 4H), 1.69–1.81 (m, 4H), 1.45–1.58 (m, 6H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 148.0, 132.5, 130.2, 128.5, 128.2, 127.3, 127.0, 126.72, 126.69, 123.9, 118.5, 118.2, 94.8, 92.0, 30.5, 29.9, 29.3, 29.1; HRMS (APCI, positive) calculated for C₄₇H₃₄Br₂S₂ ([M]⁺): 820.0463. Found:

820.0473.

Macrocyclic dimer 1a: According to the general procedure III: 3a (267 mg, 0.895 mmol), 4a (710 mg, 0.878 mmol), Pd(PPh₃)₄ (50.8 mg, 0.0440 mmol) and CuI (8.3 mg, 0.044 mmol,) in diisopropylamine (30 mL) and THF (100 mL). Purification by flash column chromatography (CH₂Cl₂/hexane = 1:2, R_f = 0.40) gave 1a (124 mg, 0.131 mmol) in 15% as an orange solid: Mp. > 280 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.30–8.38 (m, 8H), 7.27–7.39 (m, 12H), 6.99 (d, J= 5.2 Hz, 4H), 2.96 (t, J= 7.6 Hz, 8H), 1.80–1.92 (m, 8H), 1.59–1.68 (m, 8H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 147.7, 131.4, 128.5, 126.8, 126.7, 126.6, 118.9, 118.0, 95.1, 92.8, 30.5, 30.1, 29.2; HRMS (APCI, positive) calculated for C₆₄H₄₉S₄ ([M+H]⁺): 945.2712. Found: 945.2717.

Macrocyclic dimer 1b: According to the general procedure **III**: **3a** (152 mg, 0.509 mmol), **4b** (410 mg, 0.498 mmol), Pd(PPh₃)₄ (29.0 mg, 0.0251 mmol) and CuI (4.7 mg, 0.025 mmol) in diisopropylamine (10 mL) and THF (90 mL). Purification by flash column chromatography (CH₂Cl₂/hexane = 1:2, R_f = 0.40) gave **1b** (86 mg, 0.090 mmol) in 18% as a deep orange solid: Mp. > 280 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.30–8.39 (m, 8H), 7.34–7.42 (m, 8H), 7.28–7.34 (m, 4H), 6.97–7.01 (m, 4H), 2.90–3.01 (m, 8H), 1.78–1.93 (m, 8H), 1.62–1.68 (m, 4H), 1.52–1.62 (m, 4H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 147.8, 147.7, 131.34, 131.30, 128.54, 128.51, 126.85, 126.83, 126.71, 126.65, 126.59, 118.9, 118.0, 117.9, 95.2, 95.1, 92.9, 92.8, 30.7, 30.6, 30.1, 30.0, 29.5, 29.3, 29.1; HRMS (APCI, positive) calculated for C₆₅H₅₁S₄ ([*M*+H]⁺): 959.2868. Found: 959.2872.

Macrocyclic dimer 1c: According to the general procedure **III**: **3b** (95.0 mg, 0.304 mmol), **4b** (246 mg, 0.299 mmol), Pd(PPh₃)₄ (17.3 mg, 0.0150 mmol,) and CuI (2.8 mg, 0.015 mmol,) in diisopropylamine (5 mL) and THF (60 mL). Purification by flash column chromatography (CH₂Cl₂/hexane = 1:2, R_f = 0.40) gave **1c** (60 mg, 0.616 mmol) in 21% as a deep orange solid: Mp. > 280 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.26–8.32 (m, 8H), 7.36–7.43 (m, 8H), 7.33 (d, J= 5.2 Hz,

4H), 7.00 (d, J= 5.2 Hz, 4H), 2.93 (t, J= 7.6 Hz, 8H), 1.77–1.94 (m, 8H), 1.54–1.68 (m, 8H); 13 C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 147.7, 131.1, 128.5, 126.8, 126.7, 126.5, 119.0, 117.8, 95.1, 93.0, 30.8, 30.0, 29.5, 29.2; HRMS (APCI, positive) calculated for $C_{66}H_{52}S_4$ ([M] $^+$): 972.2946. Found: 972.2956.

II. Crystallographic data, mechanical bending behavior, SEM images, powder X-ray diffraction patterns, and DSC profiles

The structure was solved by direct methods (SHELXS-97 or SHELXS-2013)^{3,4} and refined by least-squares calculations on F^2 for all independent reflections (SHELXL-97 or SHELXL-2013). All non-hydrogen atoms were refined with anisotropic displacement parameters, and hydrogen atoms were placed in idealized positions and refined by applying riding models with the relative isotropic displacement parameters. Crystal morphology calculation of $\bf 1a$ and $\bf 1b$ based on their crystal structures using the Bravais-Friedel-Donnay-Harker (BFDH) method was conducted by the Morphology module in the Materials Studio 7.0 simulation package distributed by Accelrys Inc., San Diego CA (2014).

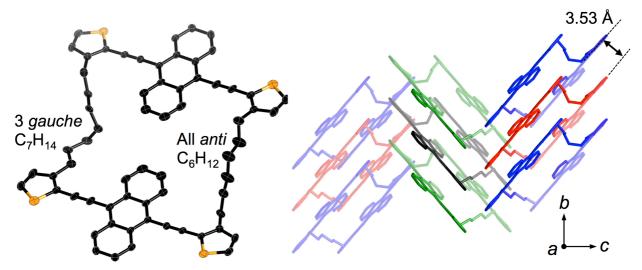


Fig. S1. X-ray crystal structure of **1b**. Molecular structure (left) and packing structure (right). Thermal ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level.

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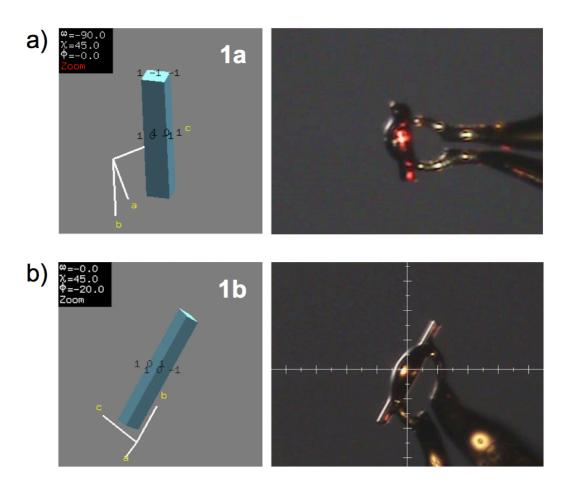


Fig. S2. Face index analysis of 1a and 1b based on the X-ray crystallography.

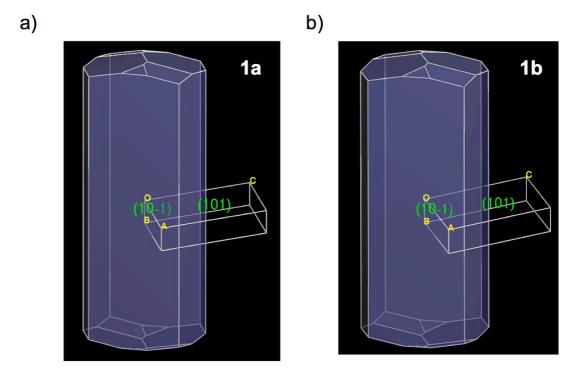


Fig. S3. Crystal morphology calculation of **1a** and **1b** using the Bravais-Friedel-Donnay-Harker (BFDH) method.

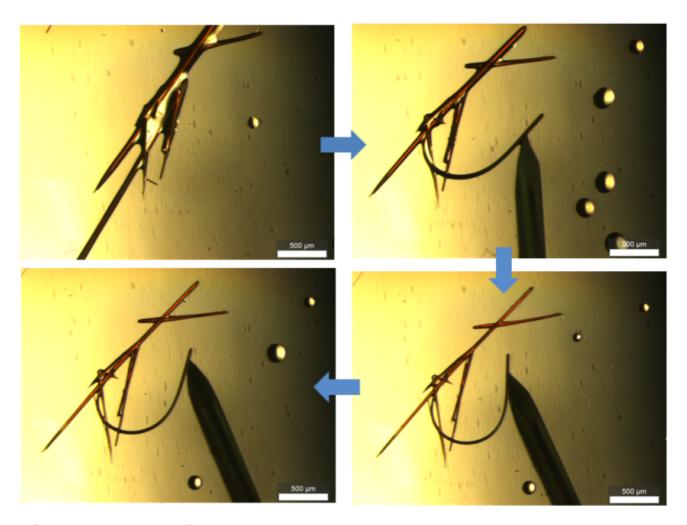


Fig. S4. Mechanical bending of macrocyclic dimer 1b by a metallic pin at ambient temperature. The scale bar represents 500 μ m.

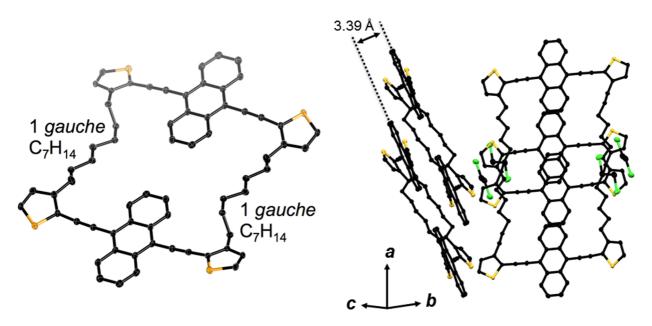


Figure S5. X-ray crystal structure of **1c·prism**. Molecular structure (left) and crystal packing (right). Thermal ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level.

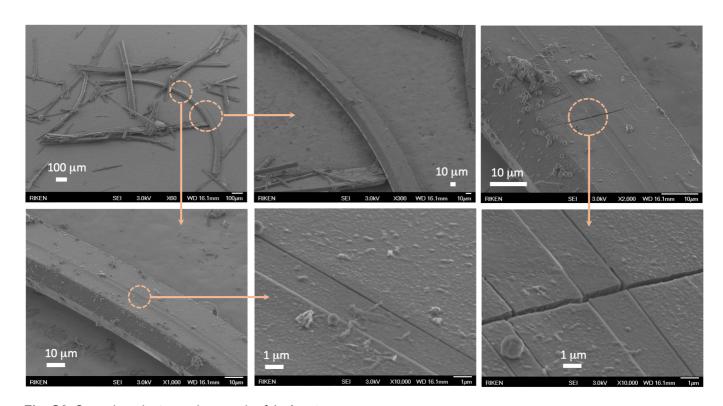


Fig. S6. Scanning electron micrograph of 1c·bent.

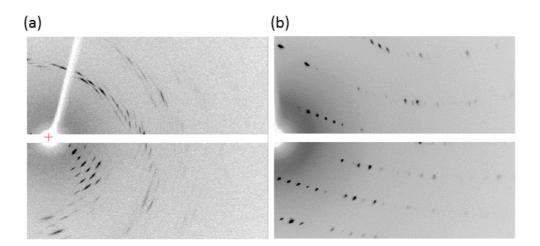


Fig. S7. Observed diffraction spots of **1c-bent** a) before and b) after the annealing process. The straight part of the crystal, which was cut into small pieces, was used for the X-ray diffraction experiment.

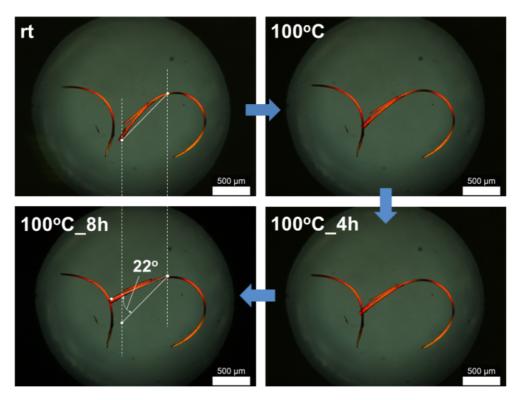


Fig. S8. Macroscopic motion during the annealing process of 1c·bent at 100 °C.

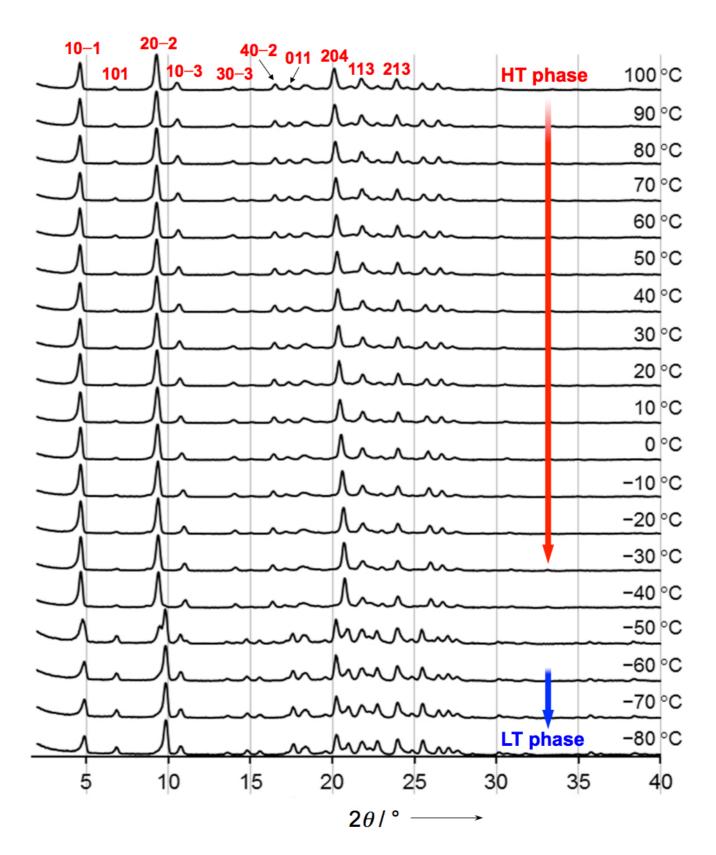


Fig. S9. Powder X-ray diffraction patterns of **1c·bent** in the first cooling process from 100 °C to -80 °C, in which Cu $K\alpha$ radiation was used.

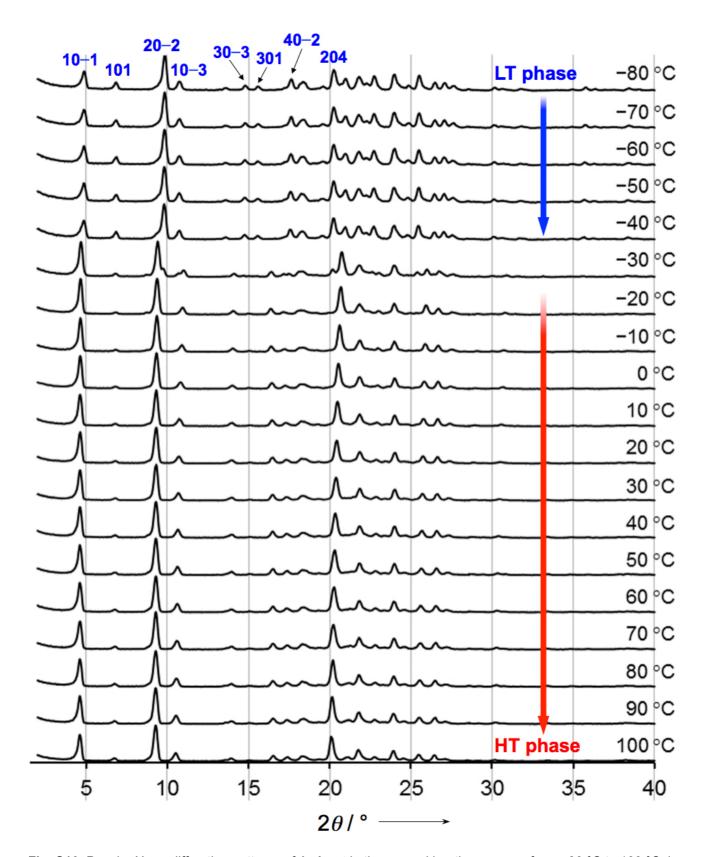


Fig. S10. Powder X-ray diffraction patterns of **1c·bent** in the second heating process from -80 °C to 100 °C, in which Cu $K\alpha$ radiation was used.

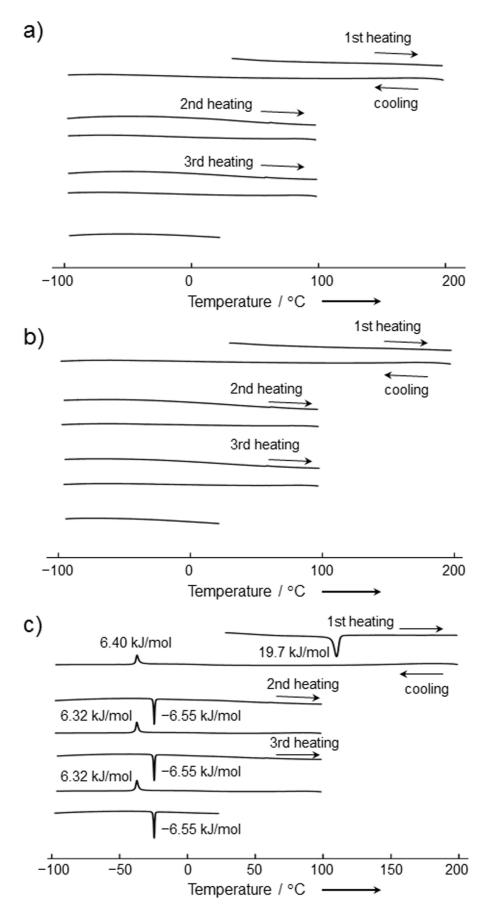


Fig. S11. DSC profiles of 1a, 1b, and 1c·bent.

Table S1. Crystallographic Data of 1c·prism and 1c·bent Before the Annealing Process

	1c·prism	1c·bent (before annealing)	
Formula	$C_{66}H_{52}S_4 \cdot C_2H_4CI_2$	C ₆₆ H ₅₂ S ₄	
<i>T</i> (°C)	−170	20	
Crystal System	monoclinic	monoclinic	
Space Group	<i>P</i> 2₁/ <i>c</i>	<i>P</i> 2₁/ <i>n</i>	
a (Å)	7.6706(11)	21.62(8)	
b (Å)	17.4871(15)	5.283(16)	
c (Å)	20.506(3)	24.82(8)	
β (°)	100.272(5)	111.57(7)	
V (ų)	2706.5(6)	2637(15)	
Z	2	2	
GOF	1.116	1.356	
R int	0.0220	0.0497	
R(F)	0.0376	0.1070	
$WR(F^2)$	0.1202	0.3841	
CCDC	1013994	-	

Table S2. Crystal Lattices Determined by X-ray Crystallographic Analysis at Various Temperatures^[a]

Temp / °C	a / Å	b / Å	c / Å	β/°	Cell volume / Å ³
20	21.52	5.25	24.81	111.8	2599
0	21.54	5.29	24.60	111.8	2598
-20	21.60	5.31	24.31	111.9	2587
-40 ^[b]	-	-	-	-	_
-60	20.21	5.27	24.70	109.1	2485
-80	20.19	5.26	24.66	109.2	2475

[a] The crystal was annealed at 100 °C for 30 min and then slowly cooled down to corresponding temperatures ($\Delta T/\Delta t = 2$ °C/min). The temperature was kept for 5 min before the measurements. [b] The lattice parameter at -40 °C was not able to be determined probably due to the serious conformational heterogeneity in the transition period.

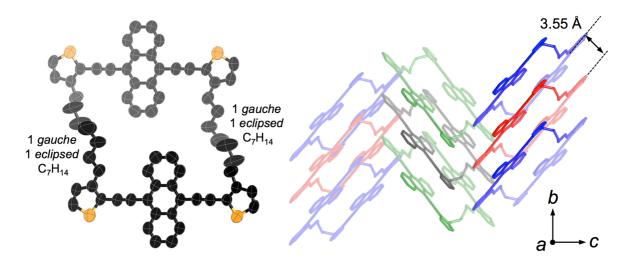


Fig. S12. X-ray crystal structure of **1c·bent** at 20 °C. Molecular structure (left) and crystal packing (right). Thermal ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level.

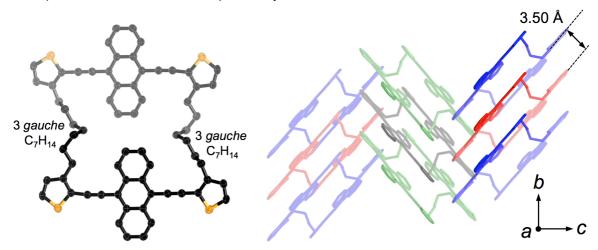


Fig. S13. X-ray crystal structure of **1c·bent** at −150 °C. Molecular structure (left) and crystal packing (right). Thermal ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level.

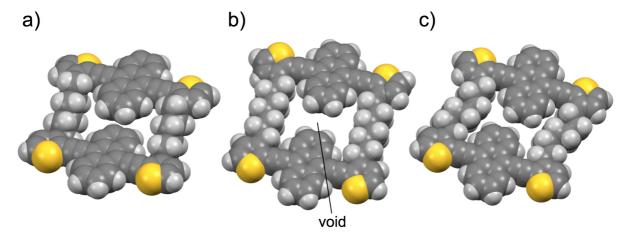


Fig. S14. Space filling representation for a) the crystal structure of **1a**, b) a modeled structure **1c** with heptylene linkers taking all-*anti* conformation, and c) the crystal structure of **1c·bent** at 20 °C.

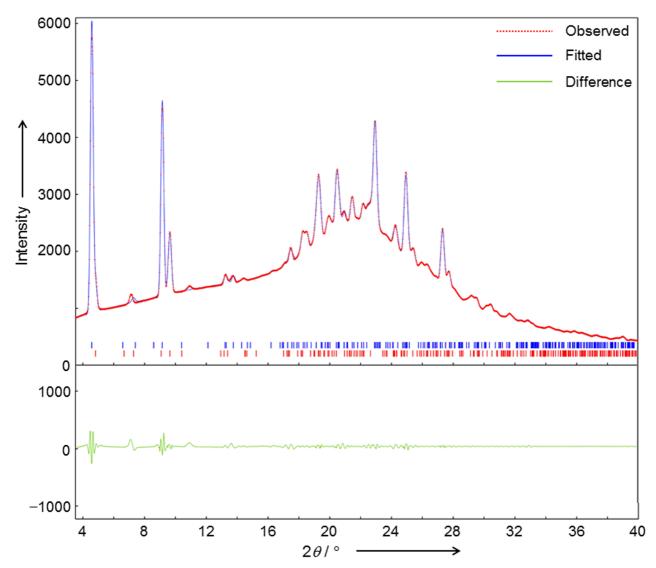


Fig. S15. Observed powder X-ray diffraction pattern (red-dotted line) of freshly prepared **1c·bent** crystal before annealing and its fitted pattern (blue line) as a mixture of the HT and LT phases (R_{wp} = 0.0142, R_p = 0.0080, R_e = 0.0235, S = 0.6027). The refined cell parameters were shown in Table S3. Green line demonstrates the difference between the observed and fitted patterns. The X-ray diffraction measurement was performed at room temperature (*ca.* 20 °C), in which Cu $K\alpha$ radiation was used.

Table S3. Refined crystal lattice parameters of freshly prepared 1c·bent crystal fitted by Pawley method.

Crystal phase	a/Å	b/Å	c/Å	βI°	V / Å ³
HT	21.821(11)	5.381(2)	25.329(13)	110.77(3)	2781(2)
LT	20.414(13)	5.303(3)	25.408(16)	108.78(3)	2604(3)

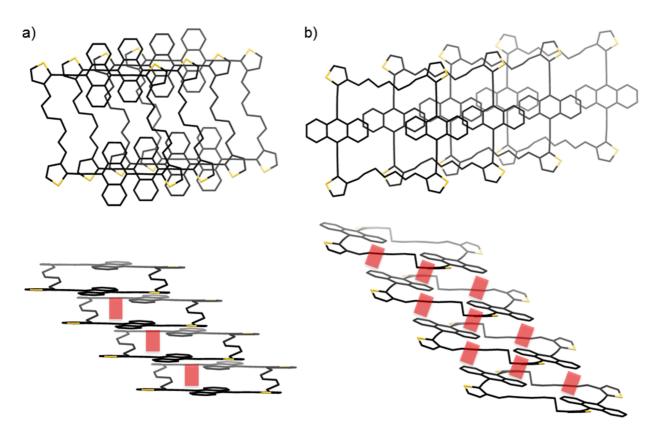


Fig. S16. Top and side views of the crystal packing structures in a) **1c·bent HT** and b) **1c·prism**. Hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity. Red squares demonstrate the interactions between the π stacking moieties.

The orientation of the π stacking moieties in $\mathbf{1c \cdot prism}$ is different from those in $\mathbf{1a}$, $\mathbf{1b}$, and $\mathbf{1c \cdot bent}$. In the crystal packing of $\mathbf{1c \cdot prism}$, the macrocycles are slipped in the lateral direction of the bis(thienylethynyl)anthracene moieties, while those are slipped in the longitudinal direction in the other crystals (Fig. S16). As a result, an anthracene moiety in $\mathbf{1c \cdot prism}$ is stacked with three adjacent anthracene moieties, though its overlap is small. The doubly layered anthracene arrays are formed, in which the dichloroethane molecules are accommodated between them. On the other hand in $\mathbf{1c \cdot bent}$ (either in HT or LT), the single π -stacked array of the bis(thienylethynyl)anthracene moieties is formed separately. Based on these structural analyses, we propose the thermodynamic formation of $\mathbf{1c \cdot prism}$ crystal in the slower recrystallization protocol compared to that for $\mathbf{1c \cdot bent}$. When the concentration of $\mathbf{1c}$ is low and thus the recrystallization process takes a long time, the packing structure of $\mathbf{1c}$ is converged to the thermodynamically more stable $\mathbf{1c \cdot prism}$ consisting of the double π -stacked arrays, while the high concentration leads to the kinetic formation of the separated but largely overlapped single π -stacked arrays.

III. Fluorescence spectra of the crystals

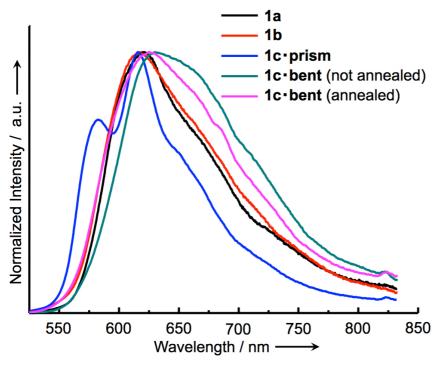


Fig. S17. Fluorescence spectra of the crystals 1a, 1b, 1c·prism, and 1c·bent.

IV. ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra

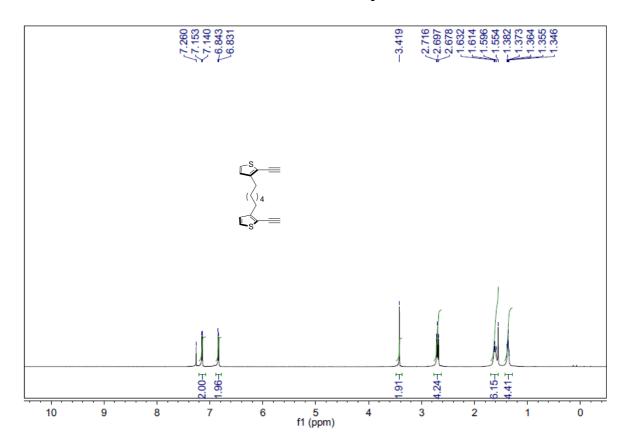


Fig. S18. ¹H NMR spectrum of 3a in CDCl₃.

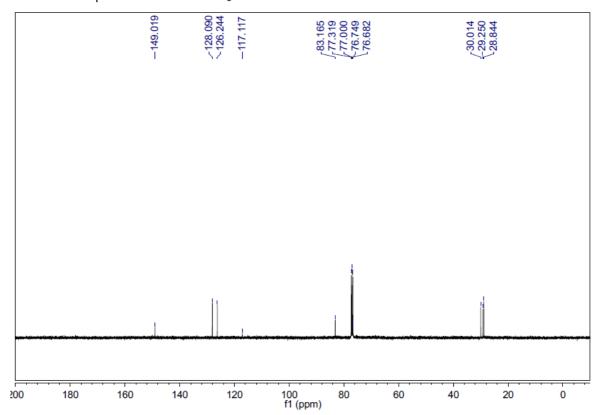


Fig. S19. ¹³C NMR spectrum of 3a in CDCI₃.

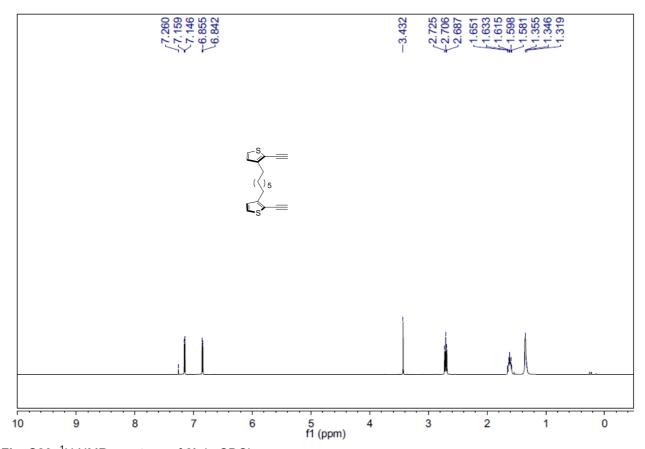


Fig. S20. ¹H NMR spectrum of **3b** in CDCl₃.

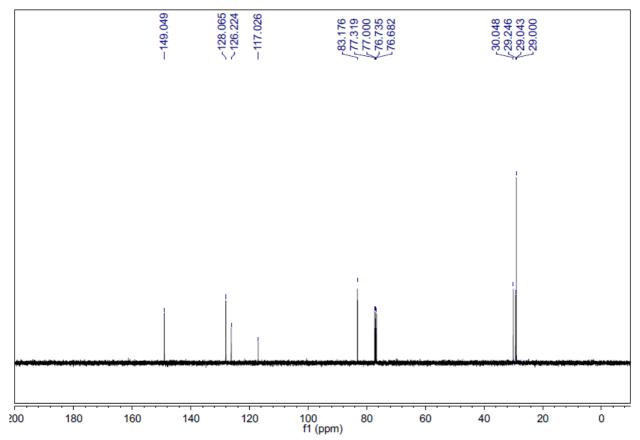


Fig. S21. ¹³C NMR spectrum of **3b** in CDCl₃.

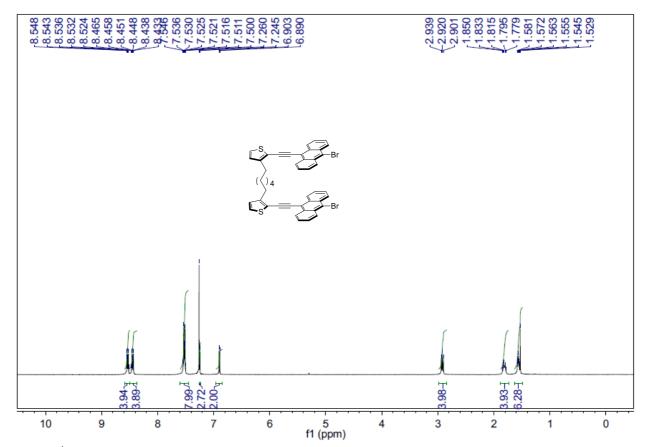


Fig. S22. ¹H NMR spectrum of 4a in CDCI₃.

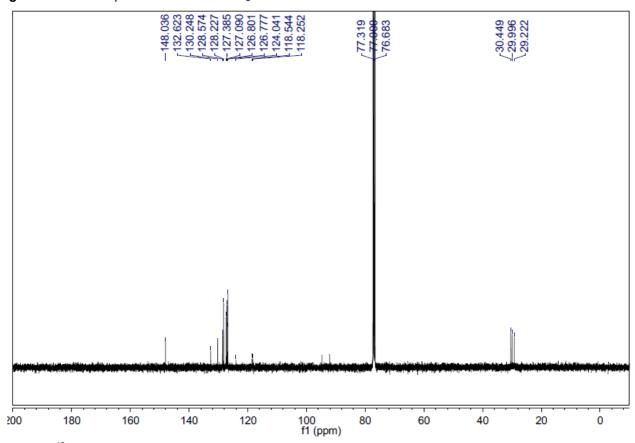


Fig. S23. ¹³C NMR spectrum of 4a in CDCI₃.

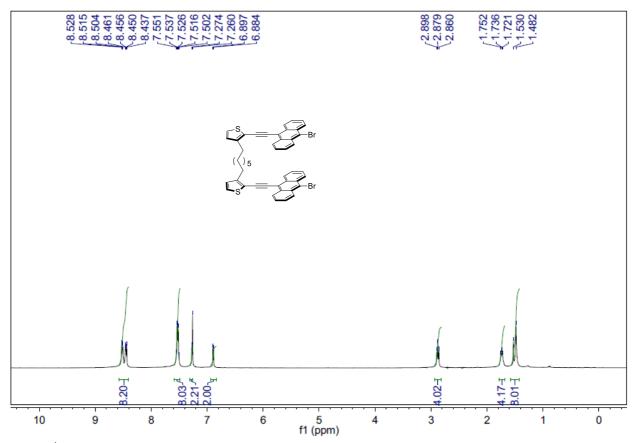


Fig. S24. ¹H NMR spectrum of 4b in CDCl₃.

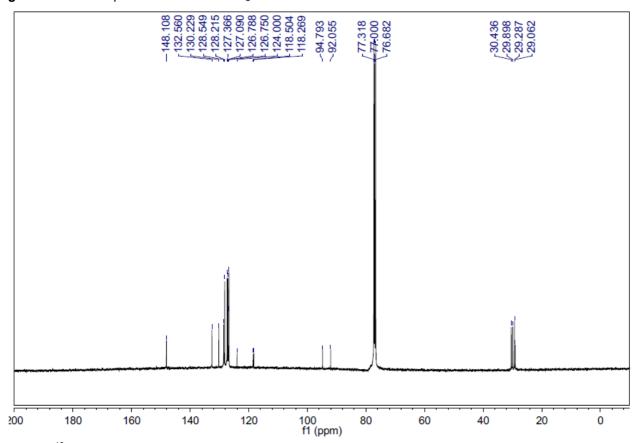


Fig. S25. ¹³C NMR spectrum of 4b in CDCl₃.

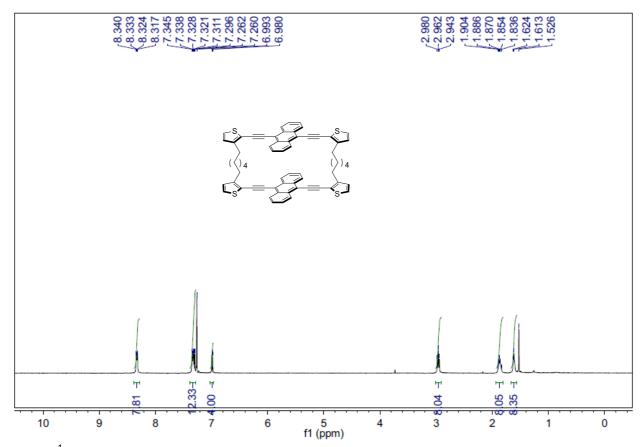


Fig. S26. ¹H NMR spectrum of 1a in CDCl₃.

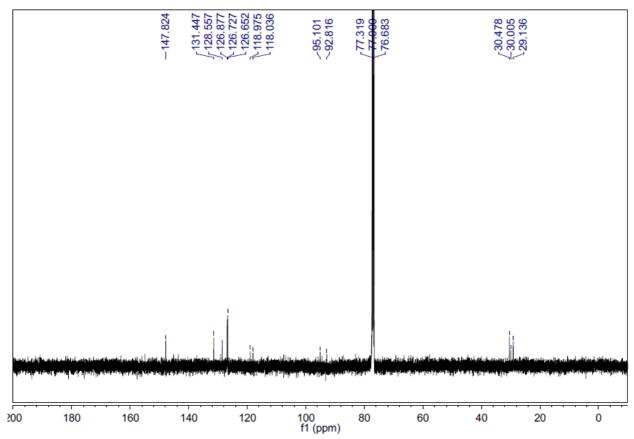


Fig. S27. ¹³C NMR spectrum of 1a in CDCl₃ (low intensity due to poor solubility).

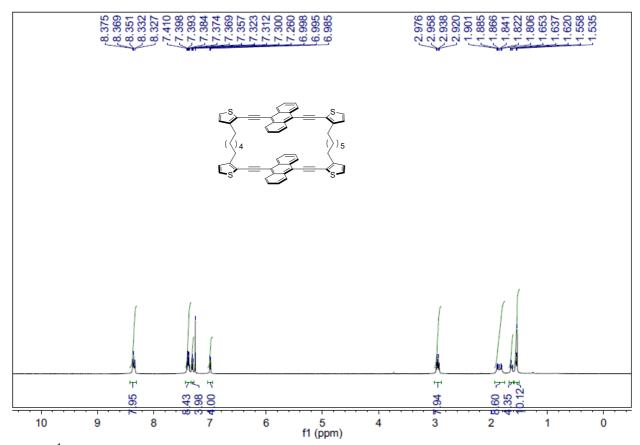


Fig. S28. ¹H NMR spectrum of 1b in CDCl₃.

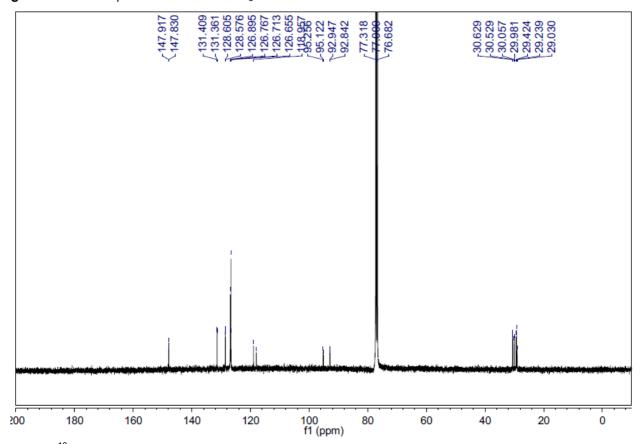


Fig. S29. ¹³C NMR spectrum of **1b** in CDCl₃.

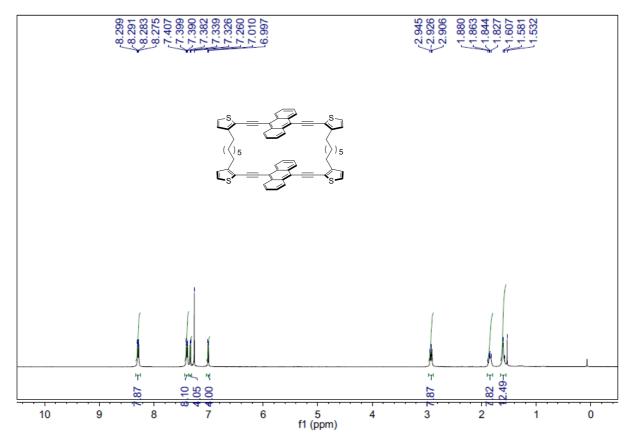


Fig. S30. ¹H NMR spectrum of 1c in CDCl₃.

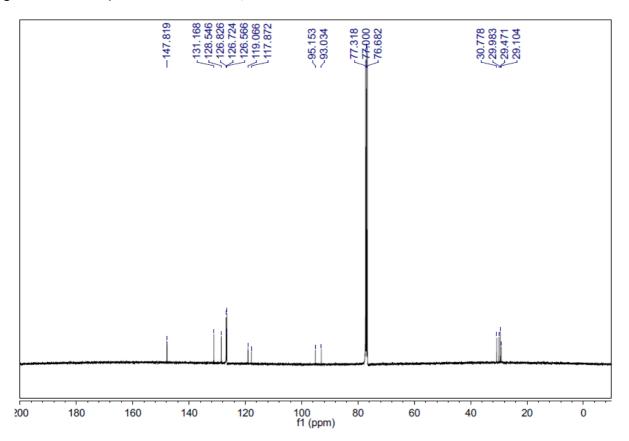


Fig. S31. 13 C NMR spectrum of 1c in CDCl₃.