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Unusual Electronic Structure of Ambipolar Dicyanovinyl- Substituted Diketopyrrolopyrrole Derivatives

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General Information.

Materials and instruments

All the chemicals were purchased from commercial suppliers and used without further purification. Compounds DPPT and *N,N*-alkylated DPPT were obtained as previously described.¹

Toluene was freshly distilled over sodium/benzophenone under nitrogen before use. ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded on BrukerAvance 300 and AMX 500 MHz spectrometers. Chemical shifts are reported in ppm and referenced to the residual non-deuterated solvent frequencies (CDCl₃: δ 7.26 ppm for ¹H, δ 77.0 ppm for ¹³C, C₂D₂Cl₄: δ 5.90 ppm for ¹H, δ 73.8 ppm for ¹³C). UV–vis absorption spectra of the polymers in HPLC dichloromethane solutions at 20 °C were recorded on a Varian Cary 50 UV–vis spectrophotometer. Mass spectra were recorded on a MAT95 XP (FAB) or Bruker Reflex 2 (MALDI-TOF). Cyclic voltammograms were recorded in an inert atmosphere in electrochemical workstation at a scan rate of 100 mV·s⁻¹ at 20 °C using tetrabutylammoniumhexafluoro phosphate (TBAHFP, 0.1 mol L⁻¹) as supporting electrolyte in dichloromethane. Polymer-precoated platinum electrodes, platinum–wire electrodes, and Ag/Ag⁺ electrodes were used as the working electrode, an auxiliary

electrode, and the reference electrode, respectively. Potentials were recorded versus Fc/Fc^+ .

UV-Vis absorption spectra of **DPP-4T-2DCV** and **2DPP-6T-2DCV** dichloromethane solutions were recorded on an Agilent 8453 instrument equipped with a diode array detection system. Emission and excitation spectra were measured using a spectrofluorometer from Edinburgh Analytical Instrument (FLS920P) equipped with a pulsed xenon flash-lamp, Xe900, of 400 mW. The transient absorption spectra were measured with an spectrometer from Luzchem (FLP-111) which includes a ceramic xenon light source of 300 W, 125 mm monochromator and Tektronix digitizer TDS-3000 series with 300 MHz bandwidth. A Nd:YAGLotis TII LS-2132 UTF laser working at 355 nm was employed for excitation.

FT-Raman spectra with 1064 nm excitation were recorded using a FT Raman accessory kit (FRA/106-S) of a Bruker Equinox 55 FT-IR interferometer and a continuous-wave Nd:YAG laser. A germanium detector operating at liquid-nitrogen temperature was used and the Raman scattering radiation was collected in a back-scattering configuration with a 4 cm^{-1} spectral resolution. An average of 1000 scans was used in the reported spectra.

DFT calculations were performed using the B3LYP functionalⁱⁱ and 6-31G** basis setⁱⁱⁱ as implemented in Gaussian 09.^{iv} Optimal geometries were determined on isolated entities. From the resulting ground-state optimized structures, relevant molecular parameters such as bond lengths and angles, molecular orbital energies and topologies, and atomic charge distributions were estimated. Radical cations, radical anions and dications were also calculated for the two semiconductors. Radical cations and anions were treated as open-shell systems and computed using spin-unrestricted UB3LYP wavefunctions. For all the molecules, the maximum value obtained for the

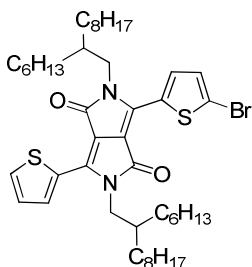
spin contamination $\langle S^2 \rangle$ was ~ 0.75 - 0.77 , close to the 0.75 theoretically expected for a doublet, showing that spin contamination is almost absent. From the optimized radical cation, radical anion and dianion structures, atomic charge distributions were estimated.

OFET Fabrication and Characterization. Heavily doped Silicon substrates with a 300 nm thick thermally grown SiO_2 layer were coated with an octadecyltrichlorosilane (OTS) monolayer. Around 80 nm thick films of **1** and **2** were spin-cast on the treated substrates from 10 mg/mL semiconductor solutions in chloroform. Thin film AFM images were recorded in the tapping mode on a Veeco ICON PT system. The crystallinity and long range packing order of the **DPP-4T-2DCV** and **2DPP-6T-2DCV** thin films were studied by out of plane diffraction of grazing incidence X-ray (GI-XRD) in a Rigaku ATX-G diffractometer with monochromated $\text{CuK}\alpha$ radiation.

Top Au contacts (30 nm) were then deposited by thermal evaporation through a shadow mask to complete bottom-gate, top contact OFET devices. The resulting devices had channel lengths and widths of 50 and $1000\text{ }\mu\text{m}$, respectively. Devices were tested in the dark and under vacuum using an Agilent B1500 semiconductor parameter analyzer. Hole and electron mobilities were extracted from saturated regimes from at least three separate devices from each substrate.

Synthesis of compounds:

DPP-2T-Br



To a solution of **DPP-2T** (500 mg, 0.67 mmol) in 36 mL of chloroform was very slowly added NBS (119 mg, 0.67 mmol) at 0°C. Then, the mixture was allowed to reach room temperature and stirred overnight in the dark. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the crude reaction was chromatographed on silica gel (hexanes:diethyl ether 9.5:0.5) to yield 287 mg (56%) of **DPP-2T-Br** as a red-pink solid, together with dibromoderivative **DPP-2T-2Br** 103 mg (17%) and starting material.

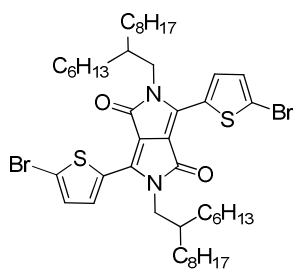
^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm) = 8.88 (m, 1H), 7.63 (dd, $J = 5$ Hz, $J = 1.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.26 (m, 2H), 7.21 (d, $J = 4.2$ Hz, 1H), 4.01 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 2H), 3.93 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 2H), 1.89 (bs, 2H), 1.33-1.11 (m, 96H), 0.92-0.82 (m, 24H).

^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm) = 161.8, 161.6, 141.0, 139.1, 135.6, 135.2, 131.5, 131.4, 130.9, 129.9, 128.6, 108.3, 107.9, 46.4, 37.9, 32.0, 31.9, 31.3, 29.8, 29.6, 29.4, 26.3, 22.8, 14.3, 14.2.

FTIR (CH_2Cl_2) ν (cm^{-1}) = 2925, 2854, 1666, 1560, 1457, 1400, 1102.

MS MALDI (m/z): calc. 826.414; found (M^+) 826.169.

DPP-2T-2Br



To a solution of **DPP-2T** (136 mg, 0.18 mmol) in 10 mL of chloroform was added NBS (67 mg, 0.38 mmol). Then the mixture was stirred 48 h in the dark. The solution was washed with water and extracted with dichloromethane. The organic phase was dried over MgSO_4 , filtered and the solvent was removed under pressure. The crude is purified on column chromatography (hexane:diethylether 9:1) to obtain 100 mg (61%) of a pink solid.

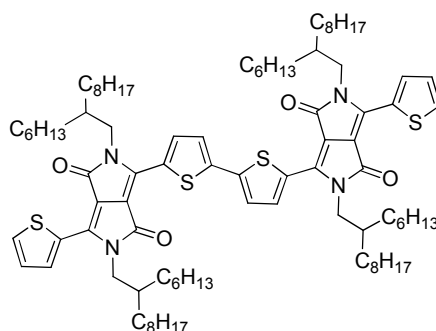
^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm) = 8.62 (d, J = 4.2 Hz, 2H), 7.21 (d, J = 4.2 Hz, 2H), 3.92 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 4H), 1.87 (bs, 2H), 1.30 -1.16 (m, 96H), 0.90-0.82 (m, 24H).

^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm) = 161.5, 139.5, 135.5, 131.6, 131.3, 119.1, 108.1, 46.5, 37.9, 32.0, 31.9, 31.3, 30.1, 29.8, 29.6, 29.4, 26.3, 22.8, 14.3.

FTIR (CH_2Cl_2) ν (cm^{-1}) = 3086, 2925, 2854, 1658, 1554, 1407, 1356.

MS MALDI (m/z): calc. 904.325; found (M^+) 904.353

2DPP-4T



A mixture of **DPP-2T-Br** (180 mg, 0.22 mmol), bis-tributyltin (183 mg, 0.31 mmol) and catalytic amount of $\text{Pd}(\text{PPh}_3)_4$ (10%) in 25 mL of degassed anhydrous toluene was refluxed under stirring for 24 h under argon. Then, the mixture was cooled to room temperature, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the crude reaction was chromatographed on silica gel to yield 105 mg (64 %) of a dark blue solid.

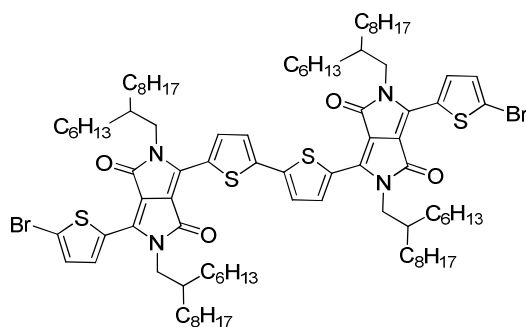
^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm) = 8.92 (m, 4H), 7.63 (dd, $J = 5$ Hz, $J = 1.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.41 (d, $J = 4.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.28 (t, $J = 4.1$ Hz, 2H), 4.04 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 8H), 1.93 (m, 4H), 1.35-1.22 (m, 96H), 0.89-0.82 (m, 24H).

^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm) = 161.6, 140.8, 140.6, 139.1, 136.5, 135.5, 130.7, 129.8, 129.7, 128.5, 126.0, 125.3, 108.9, 108.2, 46.3, 38.0, 37.7, 31.8, 31.7, 31.2, 31.1, 30.0, 29.7, 29.5, 29.3, 26.2, 26.1, 22.6, 14.1.

FTIR (CH_2Cl_2) ν (cm^{-1}) = 2924, 2854, 1712, 1668, 1556, 1461.

MS FAB (m/z) = calc. 1495.0; found ($\text{M}+\text{H}^+$) 1496.2.

2DPP-4T-2Br



To a solution of **2DPP-4T** (134 mg, 0.089 mmol) in 20 mL of chloroform was very slowly added NBS (35 mg, 0.19 mmol) at -15°C . Then, the mixture was let to reach room temperature and stirred overnight in the dark. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the crude reaction was chromatographed on silica gel to yield 81 mg (55 %) of a dark blue solid.

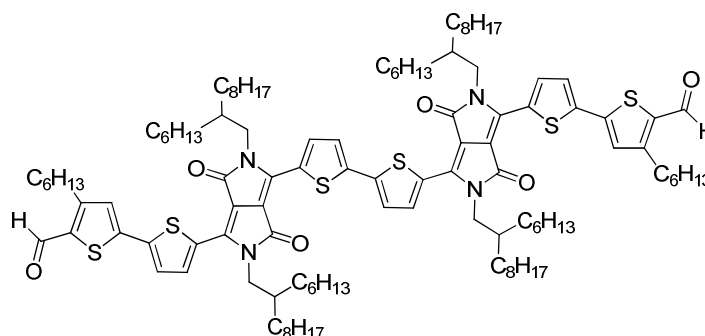
^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm) = 8.87 (d, J = 4.2 Hz, 2H), 8.61 (d, J = 4.2 Hz, 2H), 7.37 (d, J = 4.2 Hz, 2H), 7.18 (d, J = 4.2 Hz, 2H), 4.01 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 4H), 3.94 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 4H), 1.90 (bs, 4H), 1.43-1.11 (m, 96H), 0.88-0.81 (m, 24H).

^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm) = 161.3, 161.2, 141.1, 139.4, 139.0, 136.6, 135.3, 131.3, 131.2, 129.7, 126.0, 119.0, 108.6, 108.2, 46.3, 37.9, 37.7, 31.9, 31.8, 31.2, 31.1, 30.0, 29.7, 29.6, 29.5, 29.3, 26.2, 26.1, 22.7, 22.6, 14.1.

FTIR (CH_2Cl_2) ν (cm^{-1}) = 2920, 2852, 1722, 1668, 1554, 1460, 1375.

MS FAB (m/z) = calc. 1650.8; found (M^+ 1650.9).

2DPP-6T-2CHO



A solution of **2DPP-4T-2Br** (67 mg, 0.04 mmol), (5-(1,3-Dioxolan-2-yl)-4-hexylthiophen-2-yl)tributylstannane (86 mg, 0.16 mmol) and $\text{Pd}(\text{PPh}_3)_4$ (10 %) was refluxed under argon atmosphere for 48 h. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the crude purified on flash column chromatography (hexanes/DCM mixtures) obtaining a dark green solid. Then, the product was dissolved on 10 mL of diethyl ether, 10 mL of HCl (30 % aqueous solution) were added and the mixture was stirred 2 h at room temperature. Afterwards, the mixture was washed with NaHCO_3 , water, and the organic layer was dried over MgSO_4 . The desiccant was filtered off and the solvent eliminated. A dark green solid was obtained 48 mg (62 %).

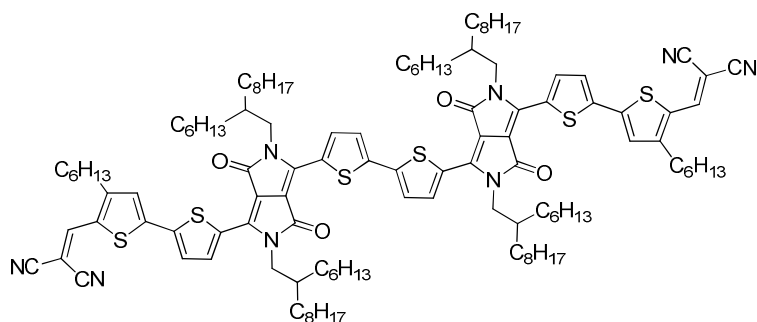
^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm) = 10.00, (s, 2H), 8.91 (bs, 2H), 8.81 (bs, 2H), 7.37 (bs, 4H), 7.15 (s, 2H), 4.03 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 8H), 2.94 (t, $J = 7.7$, 4H), 1.91 (bs, 4H), 1.73-1.21 (m, H), 0.91-0.82 (m, 30H).

^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm) = 181.4, 161.4, 161.3, 153.7, 144.1, 141.3, 140.9, 139.4, 139.0, 137.2, 137.2, 136.9, 136.3, 130.4, 129.7, 127.6, 126.7, 126.1, 109.2, 109.0, 46.4, 37.9, 31.9, 31.8, 31.4, 31.3, 30.1, 29.7, 29.6, 29.5, 29.3, 29.0, 28.6, 26.4, 26.3, 26.2, 22.7, 22.6, 22.5, 14.1, 14.0.

FTIR (CH_2Cl_2) ν (cm^{-1}) = 2924, 2854, 1738, 1660, 1549, 1438, 1380, 1219

MALDI-HRMS (m/z): cal. 1883.1445; found ($\text{M}+\text{H}^+$) 1884.1486.

2DPP-6T-2DCV



A solution of **2DPP-6T-2CHO** (38 mg, 0.02 mmol), malononitrile (5.3 mg, 0.08 mmol) and β -alanine (5.4 mg, 0.06 mmol) in a mixture of dichloroethane (8 mL) and ethanol (3 mL) was stirred under reflux for 48 h. After the removal of the solvent under reduced pressure the crude product was filtered and washed with water and hot methanol obtaining 28 mg (70 %) of a dark green solid.

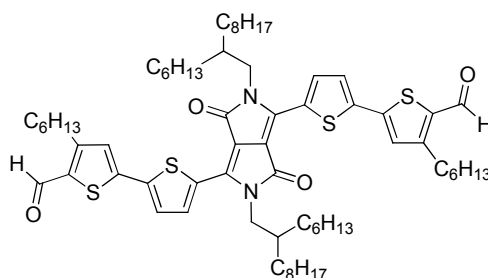
^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm) = 8.93 (d, J = 4.0 Hz, 2H), 8.78 (d, J = 4.3 Hz, 2H), 7.82 (s, 2H), 7.37 (d, J = 4.2 Hz, 2H), 7.34 (d, J = 4.3 Hz 2H), 7.21 (s, 2H), 4.02 (bs, 8H), 2.77 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 4H), 1.90 (bs, 4H), 1.67 (bs, 4H), 1.4-1.1 (m, 112H), 0.96-0.76 (m, 30H).

^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm) = 161.4, 161.2, 157.1, 147.2, 145.6, 141.6, 139.8, 139.5, 138.3, 137.3, 136.2, 131.7, 130.0, 129.8, 127.8, 127.0, 126.2, 114.7, 113.6, 109.8, 109.0, 108.6, 75.3, 46.4, 38.0, 37.9, 31.9, 31.8, 31.5, 31.4, 31.3, 30.0, 29.7, 29.6, 29.4, 29.2, 26.4, 26.3, 26.2, 22.7, 22.6, 22.5, 14.1, 14.0.

FTIR (CH_2Cl_2) ν (cm^{-1}) = 2923, 2853, 2221, 1668, 1545, 1487.

MALDI-HRMS (m/z): cal. 1979.1669; found (M^+) 1979.1758.

DPP-4T-2CHO



A toluene (30 mL) solution of 100 mg (0.11 mmol) **DPP-2T-2Br**, 184 mg (0.35 mmol) of (5-(1,3-Dioxolan-2-yl)-4-hexylthiophen-2-yl)tributylstannane and 6.3 mg ($5.5 \cdot 10^{-3}$ mmol) of $\text{Pd}(\text{PPh}_3)_4$ was stirred at 120°C under argon atmosphere overnight. The solvent is removed under reduced pressure and the crude is purified on column chromatography (Hexane/Diethyl Ether 8:2). After the removal de solvent the product were dissolved on dichloromethane and stirred 20 min with 2 mL of HCl cc. The solution was washed with water and extracted with dichloromethane. The organic phase was dried over MgSO_4 , filtered and finally removed solvent by rotary evaporation. We obtained 60 mg (48 %) of a deep blue solid.

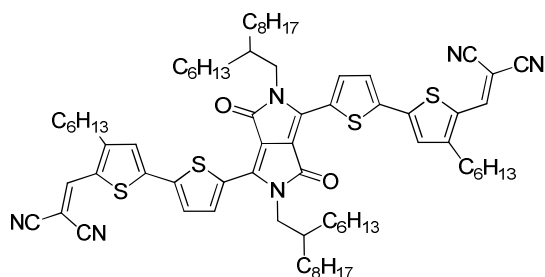
^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm) = 10.02 (s, 2H), 8.86 (d, $J = 4.3$ Hz, 2H), 7.45 (d, $J = 4.3$ Hz 2H), 7.19 (s, 2H), 4.03 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz 4H), 2.95 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 4H), 1.92 (bs, 2H), 1.71 (m, 4H), 1.45-1.15 (m, 60H), 0.95-0.80 (m, 18H).

^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm) = 181.6, 161.5, 153.8, 144.1, 141.2, 139.5, 137.3, 136.5, 130.3, 127.8, 126.9, 109.2, 46.4, 38.0, 32.0, 31.9, 31.6, 29.8, 29.4, 29.1, 22.8, 22.7, 22.6, 14.2.

FTIR (CH_2Cl_2) ν (cm^{-1}) = 2955, 2923, 2852, 1734, 1669, 1652, 1551, 1435, 1407.

MALDI HRMS (m/z): cal. 1136.6566; found ($\text{M}+\text{H}^+$) 1137.6675.

DPP-4T-2DCV



A solution of the **DPP-4T-2CHO** (50 mg, 0.044 mmol), malononitrile (8.7 mg, 0.13 mmol) and β -alanine (5.8 mg, 0.066 mmol) in a mixture of dichloroethane (15 mL) and ethanol (6 mL) was stirred under reflux for 2 days. After the removal of the solvent under reduced pressure the crude product was filtered and washed with water and hot methanol obtaining 37 mg (68%) of a deep green solid.

^1H NMR (500 MHz, CD_2Cl_4) δ (ppm) = 8.82 (d, J = 4.3 Hz, 2H), 7.86 (s, 2H), 7.54 (d, J = 4.3 Hz, 2H), 7.26 (s, 2H), 4.03 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 4H), 2.76 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 4H), 1.90 (bs, 2H), 1.64 (m, 4H), 1.45-1.15 (m, 60H), 0.95-0.80 (m, 18H).

^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CD_2Cl_4) δ (ppm) = 161.2, 157.3, 147.4, 145.4, 139.8, 139.2, 136.3, 131.3, 129.9, 127.9, 127.2, 120.2, 114.9, 113.6, 109.7, 75.0, 46.2, 37.8, 31.8, 31.7, 31.4, 31.2, 29.4, 29.2, 29.0, 22.6, 22.6, 22.5, 14.1, 14.1, 14.0.

FTIR (CH_2Cl_2) ν (cm^{-1}) = 2926, 2855, 2222, 1670, 1549, 1487.

MALDI-HRMS (m/z): cal. 1232.6791; found ($\text{M}+\text{H}^+$) 1233.6810.

UV and Cyclic Voltammetric Data

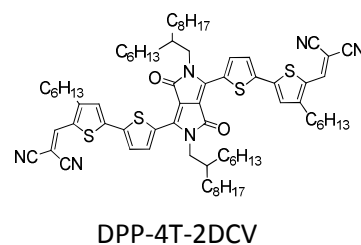
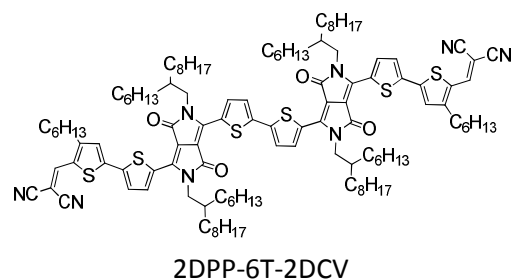
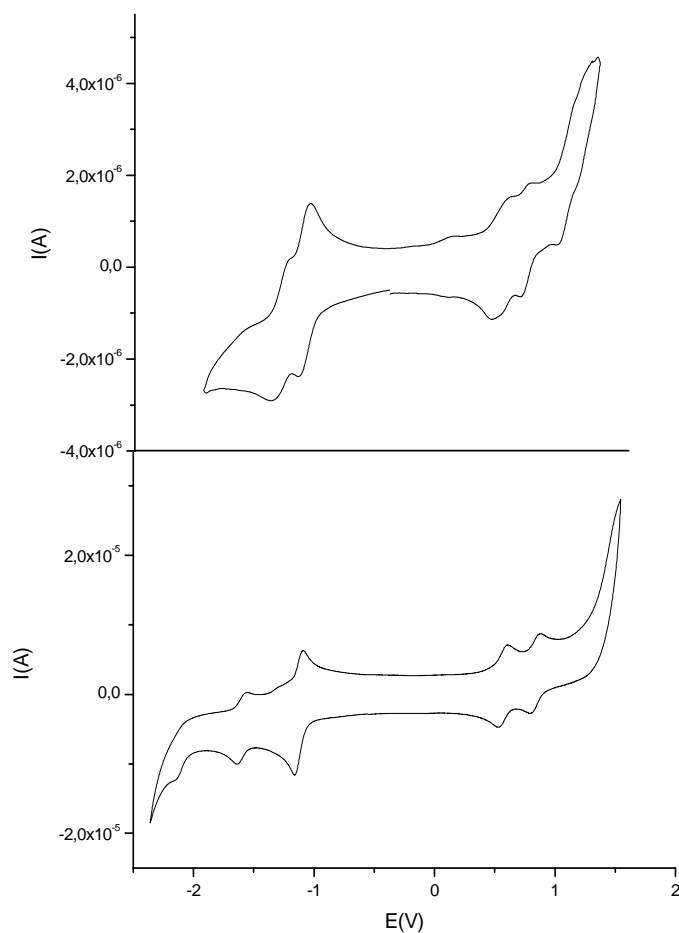
Table S1. UV/Vis absorption onsets (λ_{ons}), maxima (λ_{max}), optical band gap ($E_{\text{GAP}}^{\text{OPT}}$), reduction (E_{red}) and oxidation (E_{ox}) potentials, E_{HOMO} and E_{LUMO} .* Electrochemical band gaps ($E_{\text{GAP}}^{\text{ELEC}}$) measured in CH_2Cl_2 solution (potentials are relative to ferrocene).

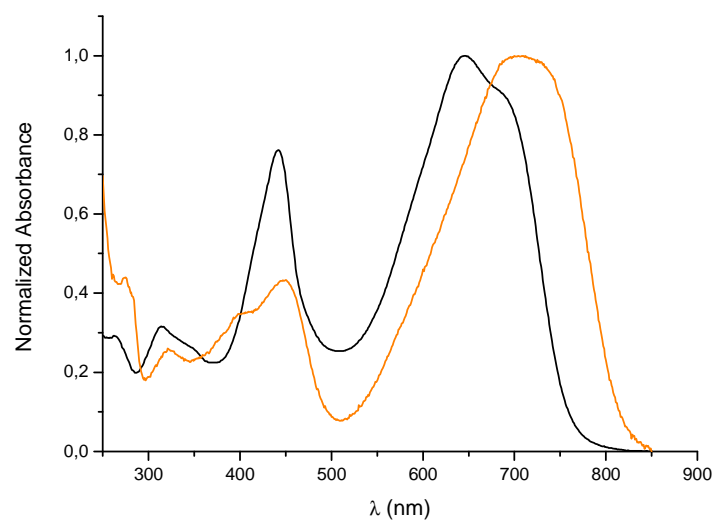
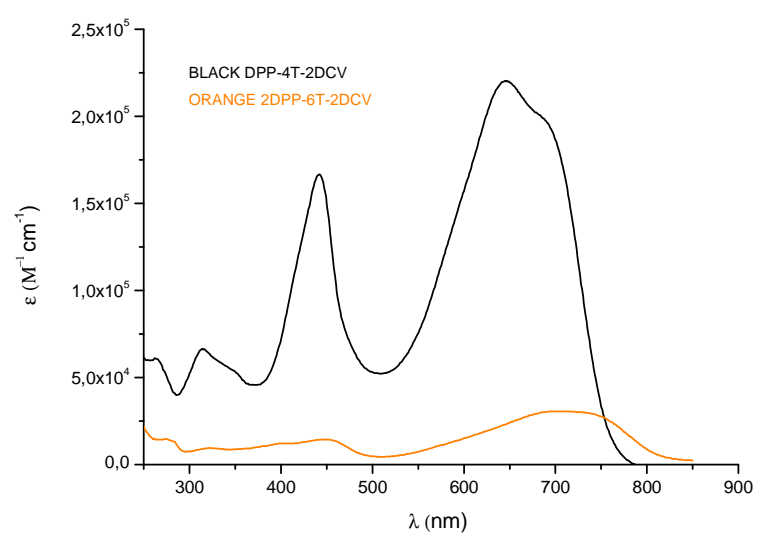
* Values calculated according to the following equations:

$$E_{\text{GAP}}^{\text{OPT}} = \frac{E}{\lambda_{\text{ons}}} = \frac{h \cdot c \cdot Q}{\lambda_{\text{ons}}} \quad h = 6.626 \cdot 10^{-34} \text{ J} \cdot \text{s}^{-1} \quad c = 2.998 \cdot 10^8 \text{ m} \cdot \text{s}^{-1} \quad Q = -1.6 \cdot 10^{-19} \text{ eV}$$

$$E_{\text{LUMO}}: -(E_{\text{red}} + 4.80) \text{ (eV)} \quad E_{\text{HOMO}}: -(E_{\text{ox}} + 4.80) \text{ (eV)} \quad E_{\text{GAP}}^{\text{ELEC}} = E_{\text{LUMO}} - E_{\text{HOMO}}$$

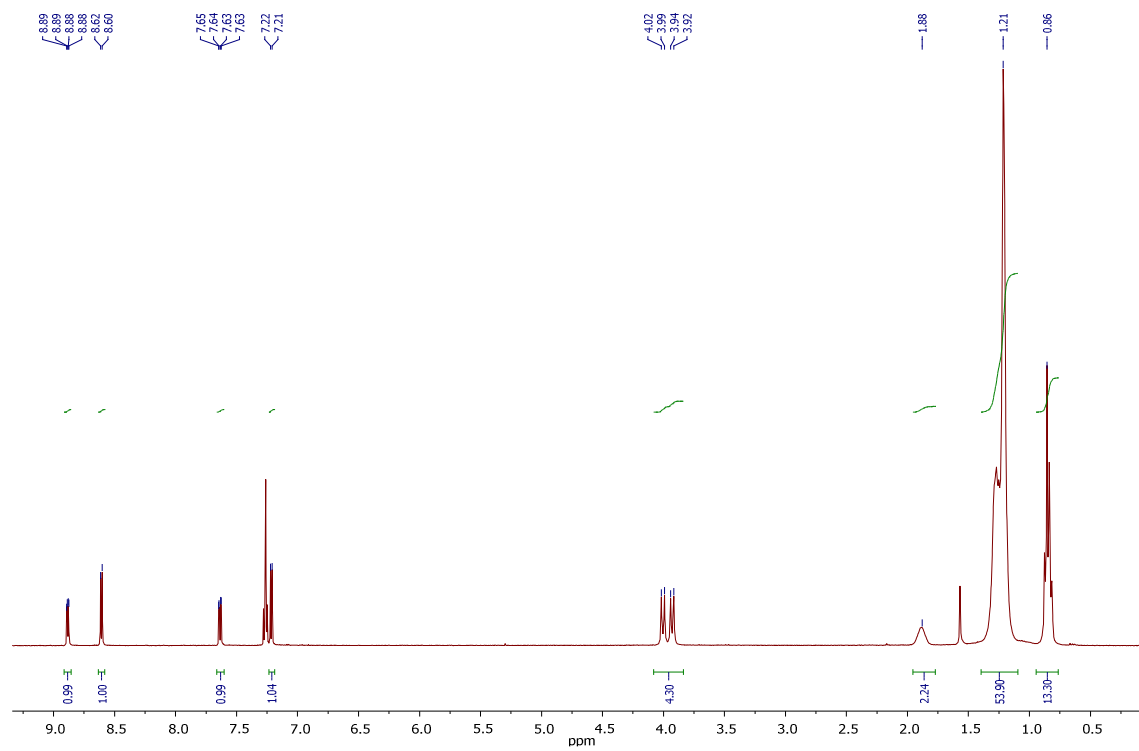
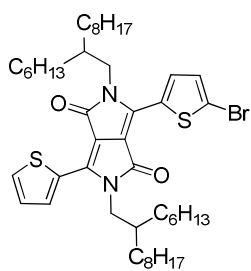
	λ_{ons} nm	λ_{max} nm	$E_{\text{GAP}}^{\text{OPT}}$ eV	$E_{\text{red(I)}}$ V	$E_{\text{red(II)}}$ V	$E_{\text{ox(I)}}$ V	$E_{\text{ox(II)}}$ V	E_{HOMO} V	E_{LUMO} V	$E_{\text{GAP}}^{\text{ELEC}}$ eV
DPP-4T-2DCV	771	645	1.60	-1.12	-1.60	0.57	0.84	-5.45	-3.68	1.69
2DPP-6T-2DCV	867	705	1.43	-1.12	-1.32	0.47	0.66	-5.27	-3.68	1.59

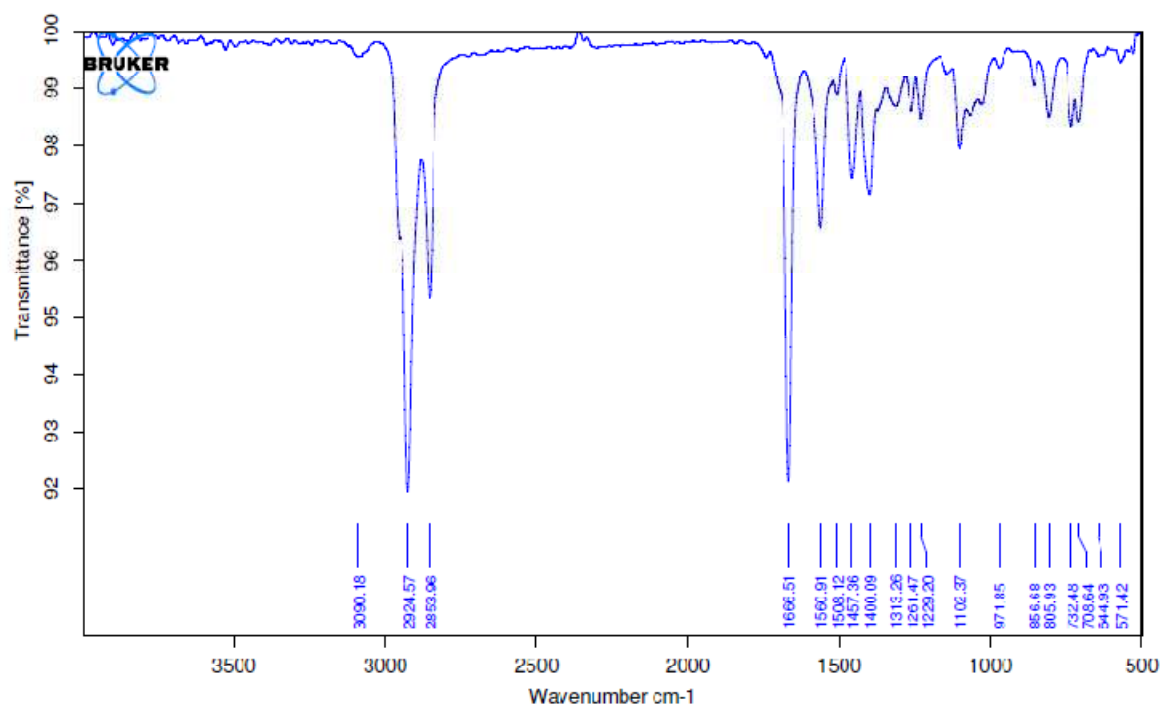
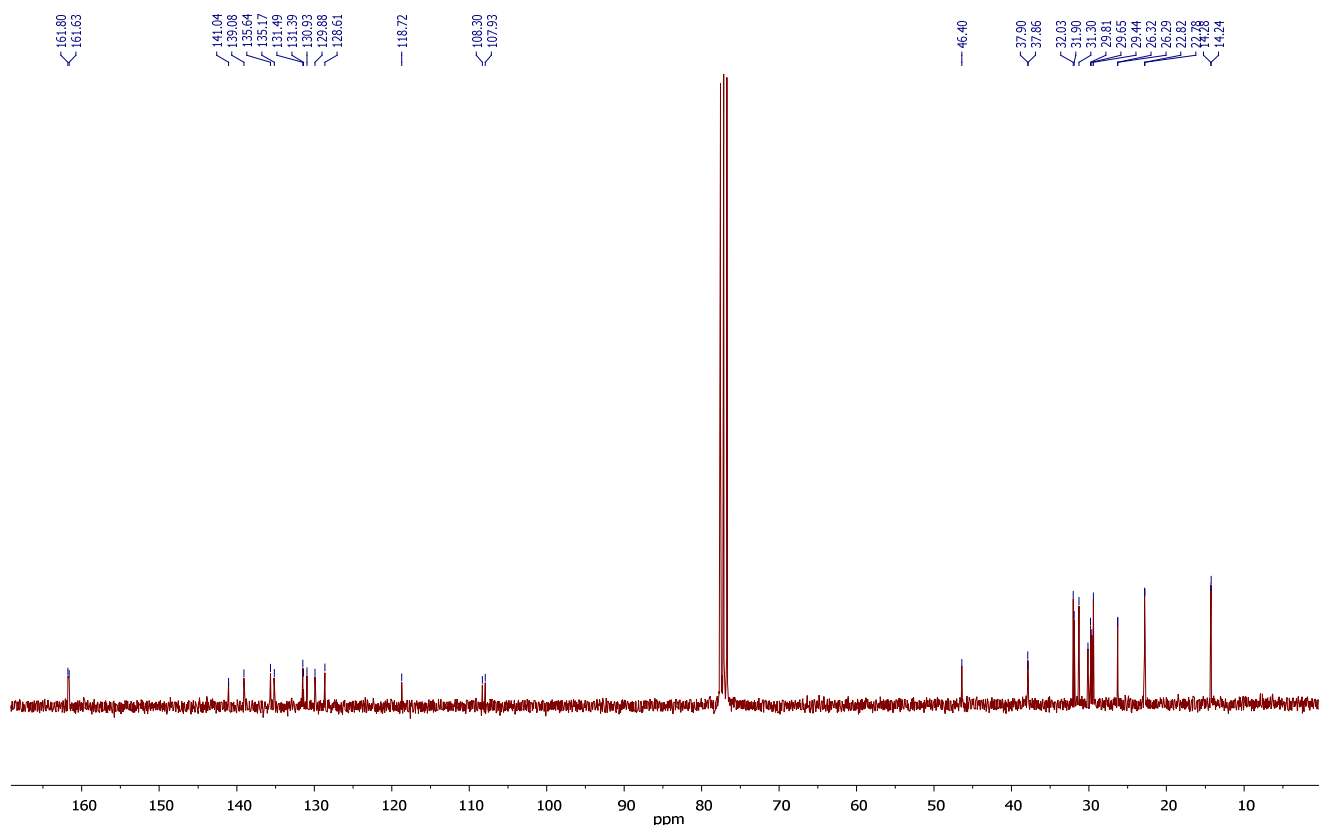




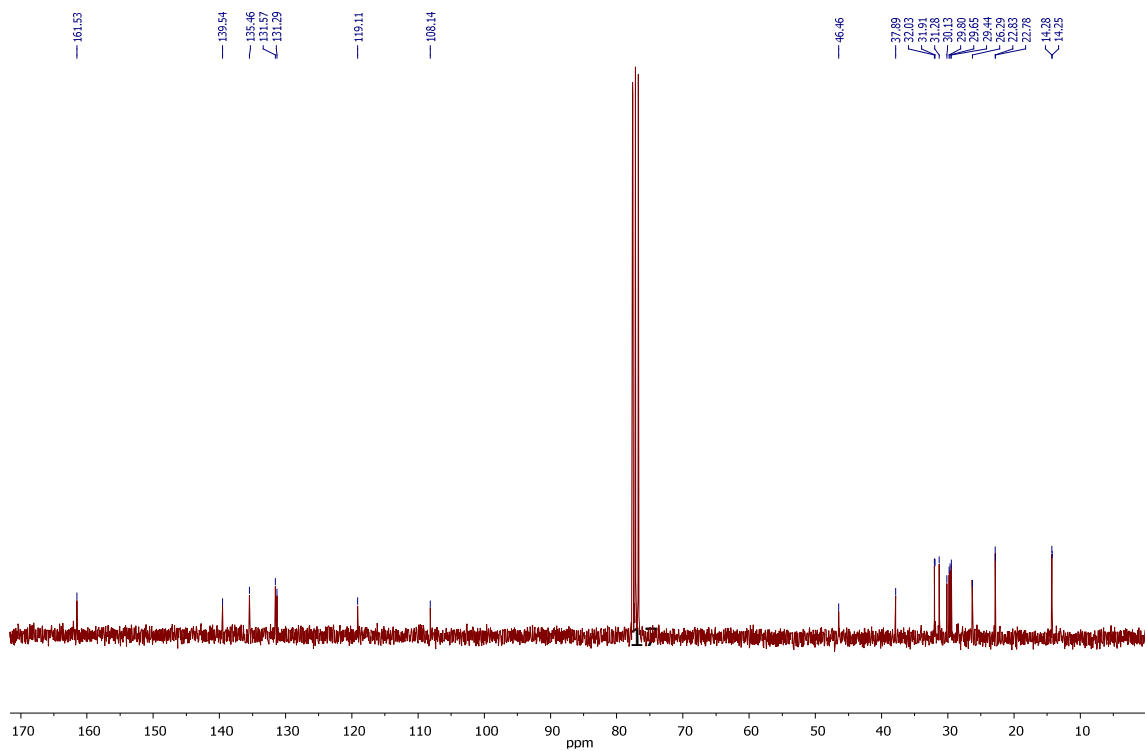
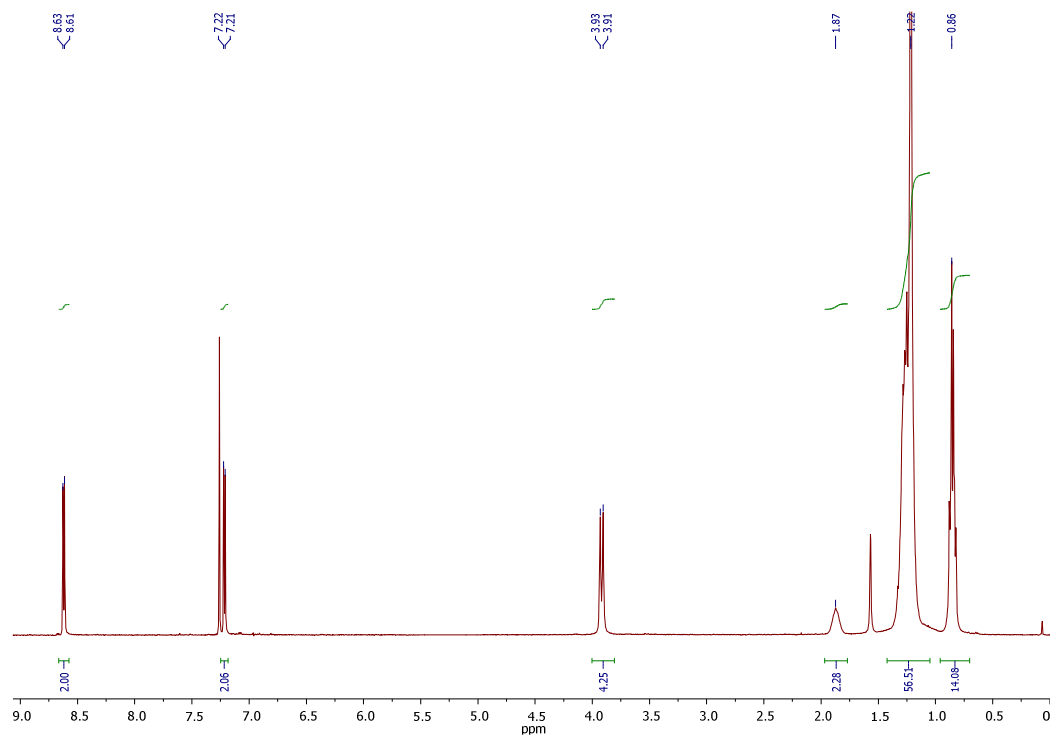
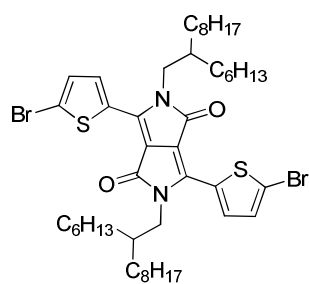
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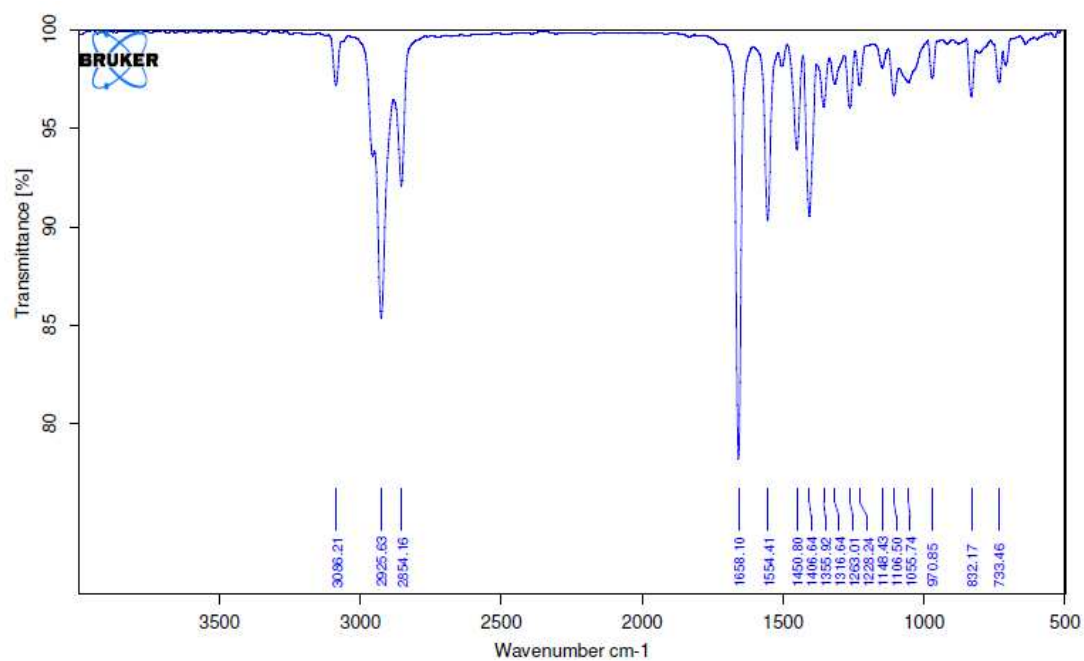
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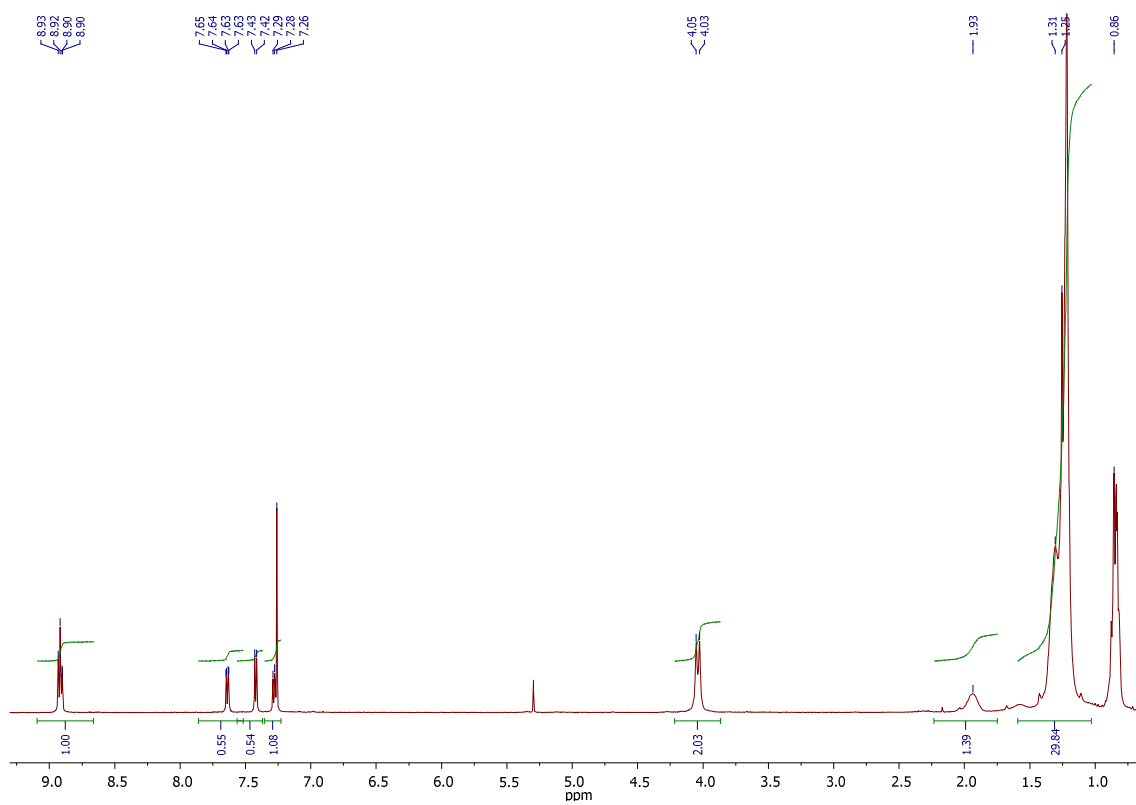
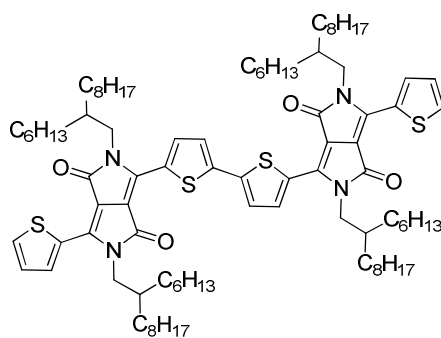


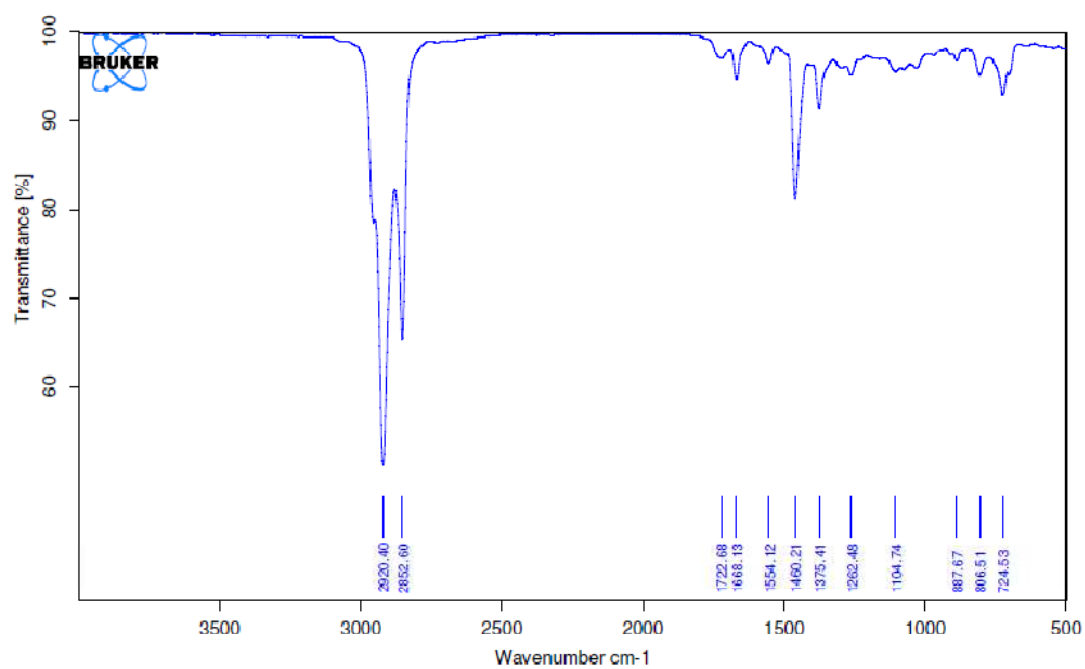
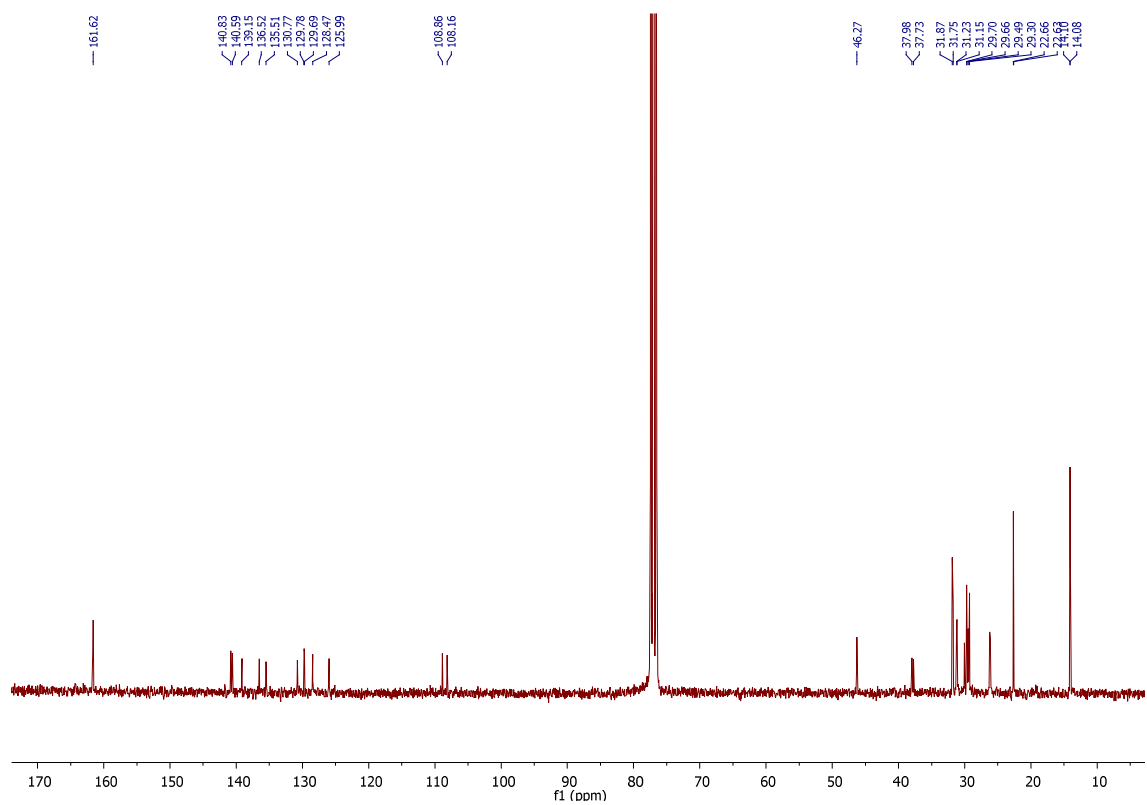
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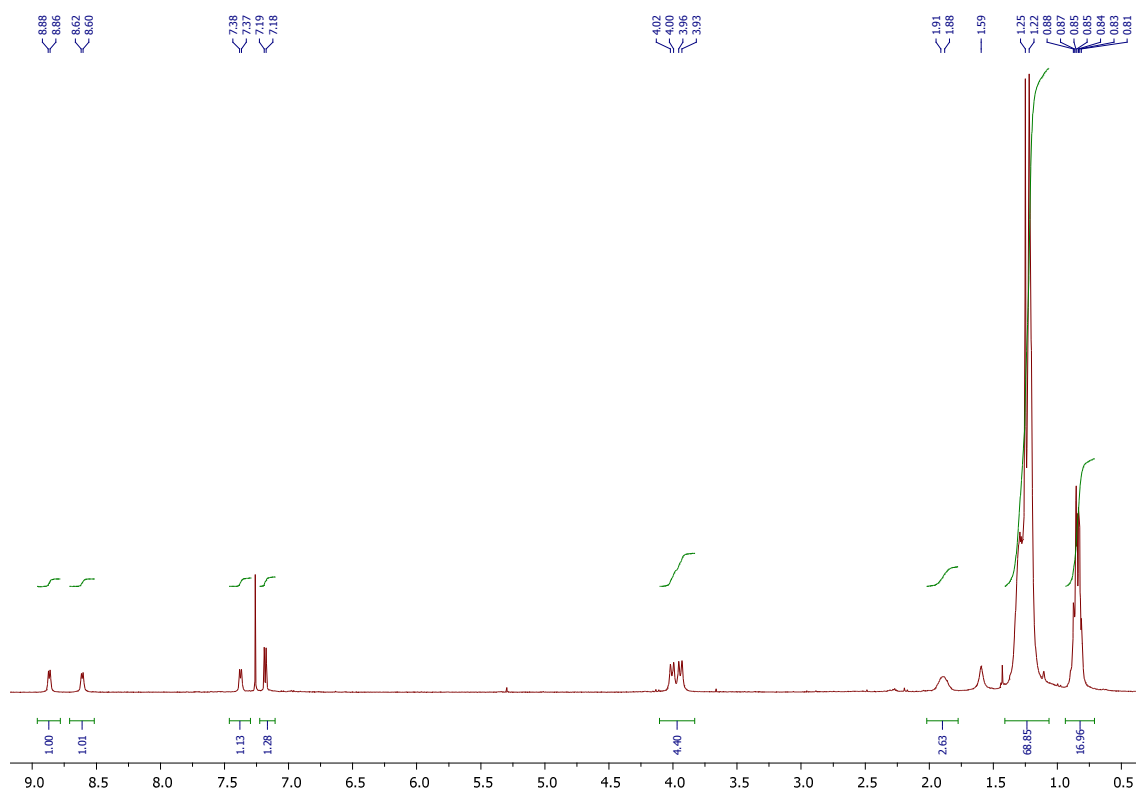
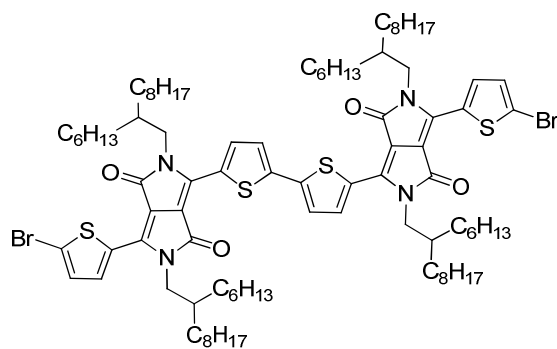


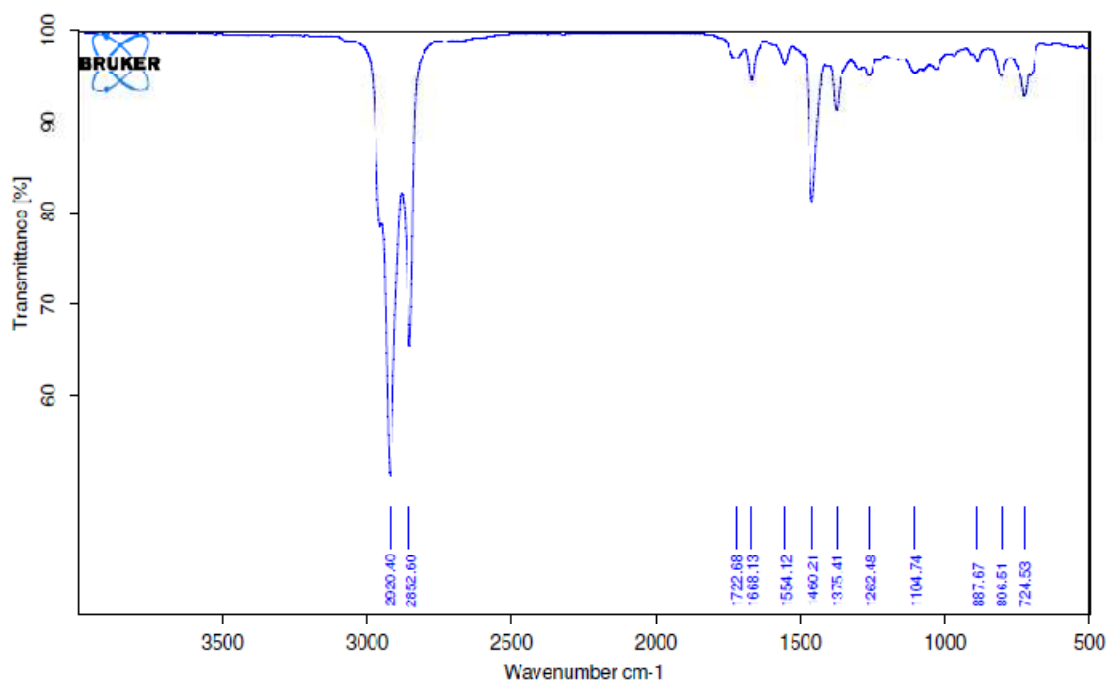
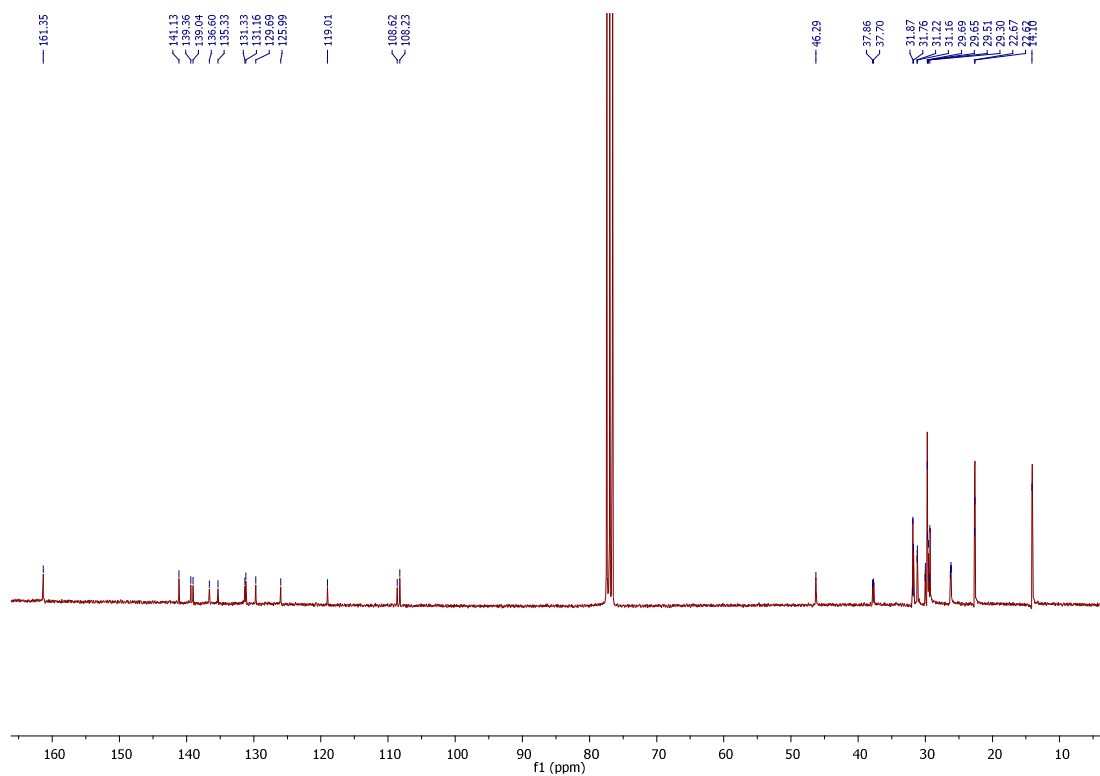
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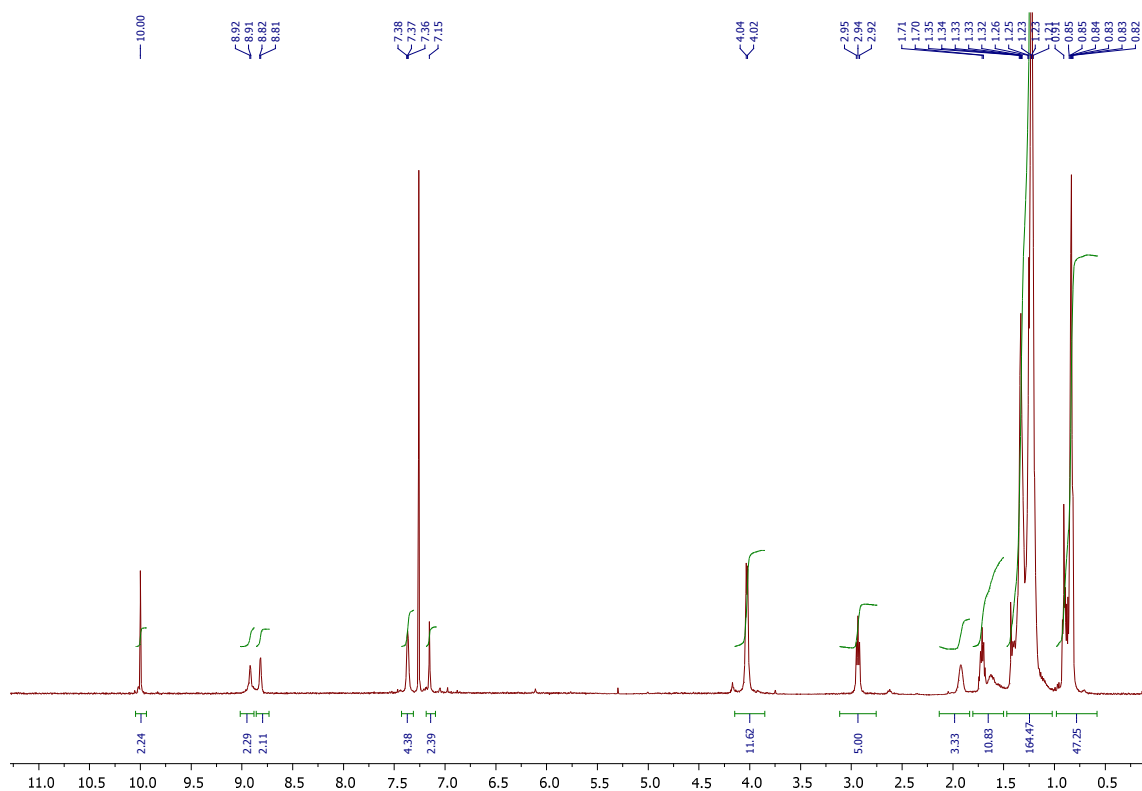
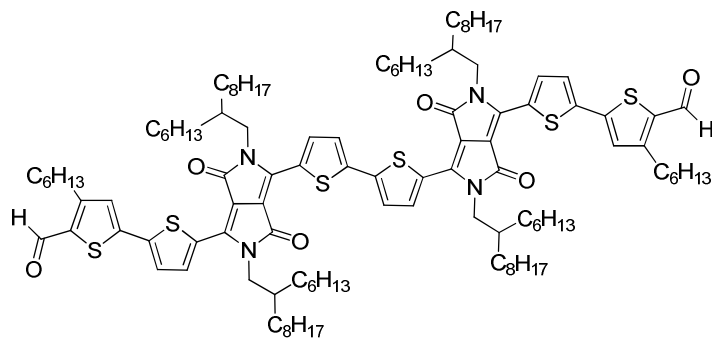


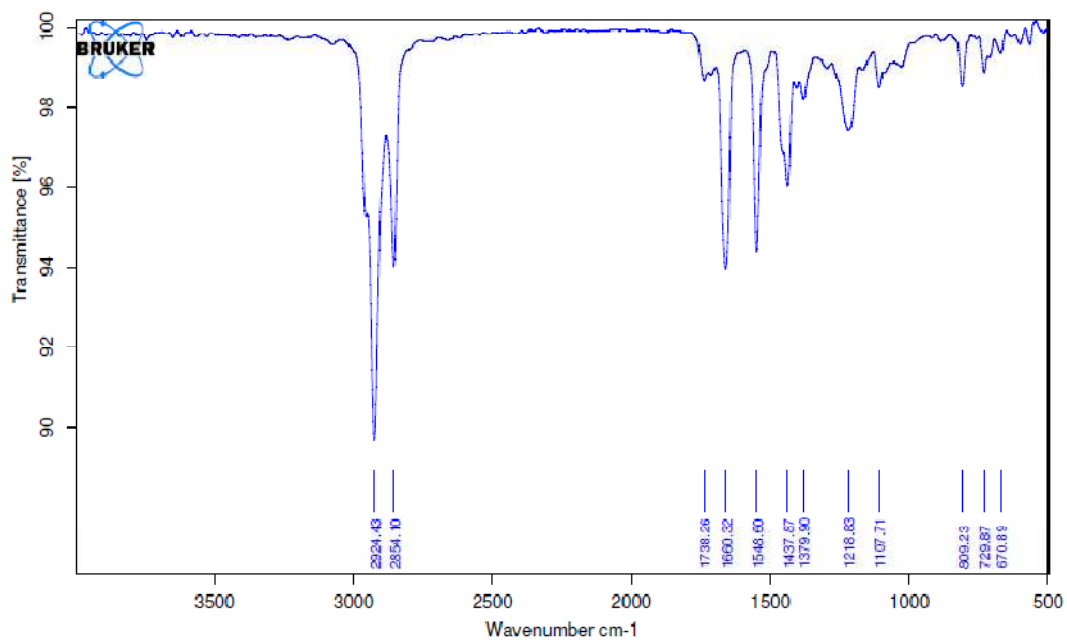
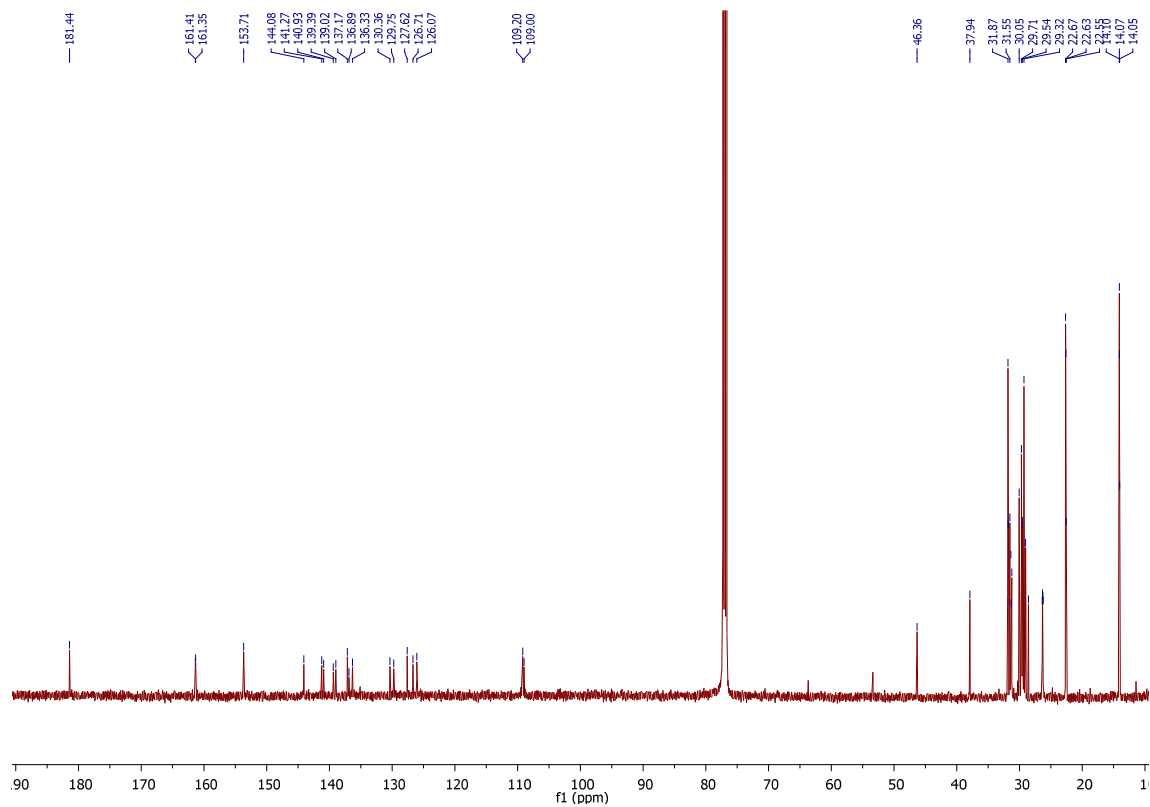
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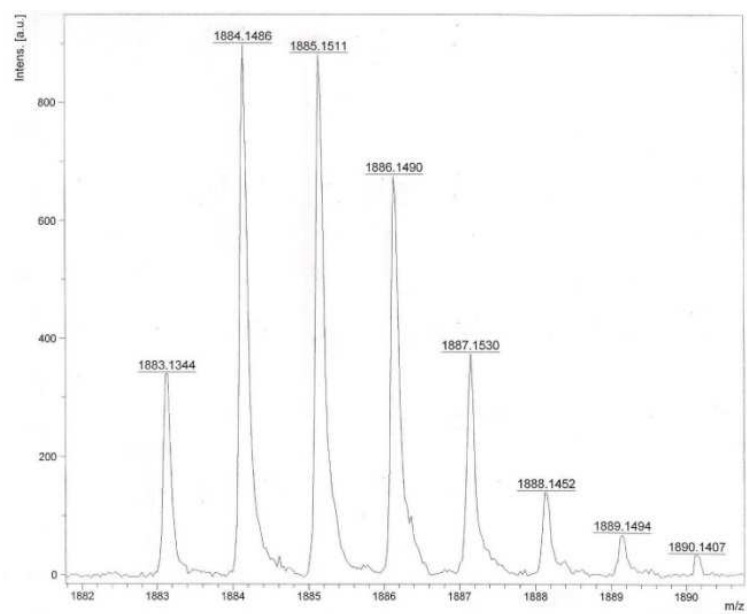




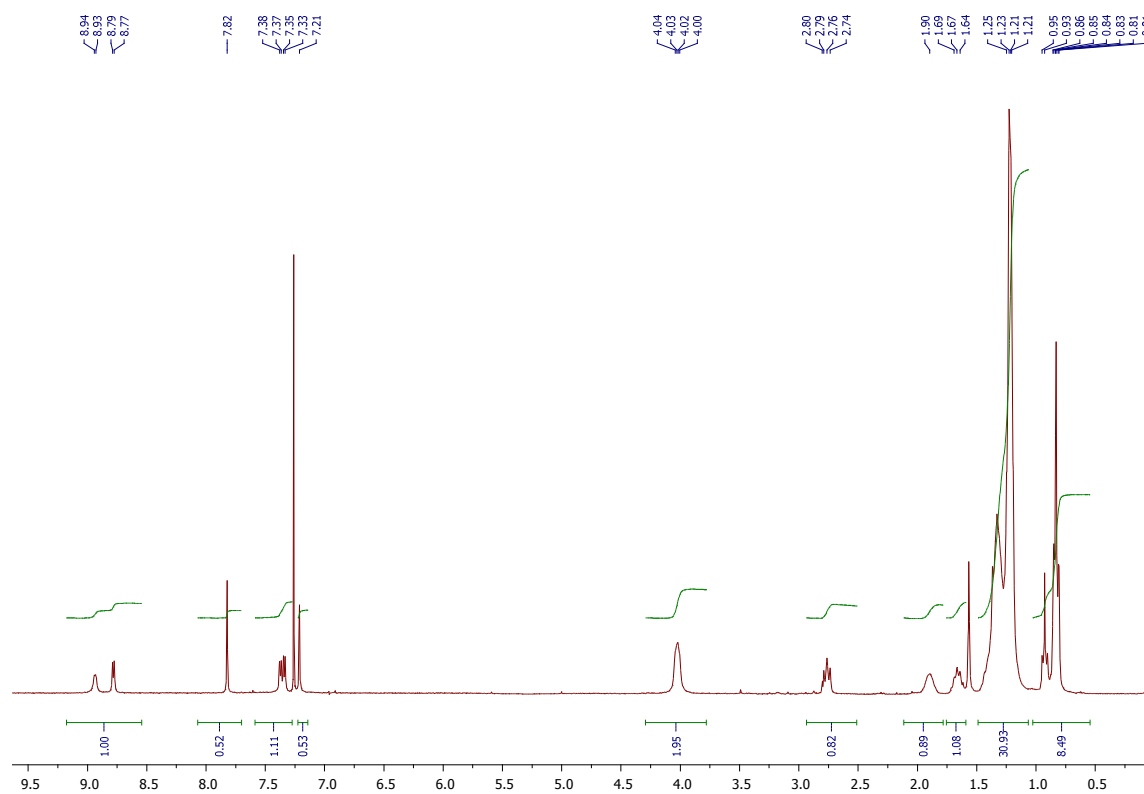
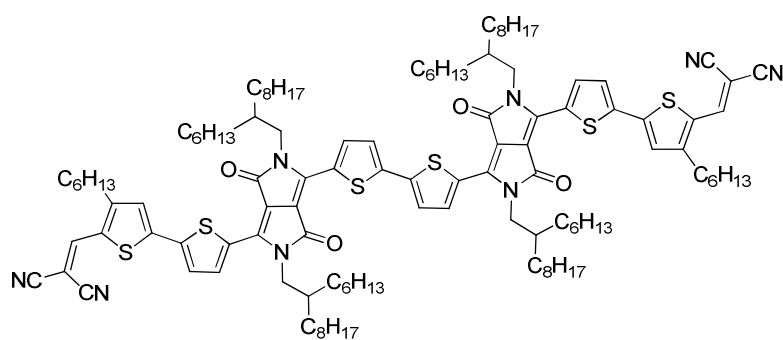
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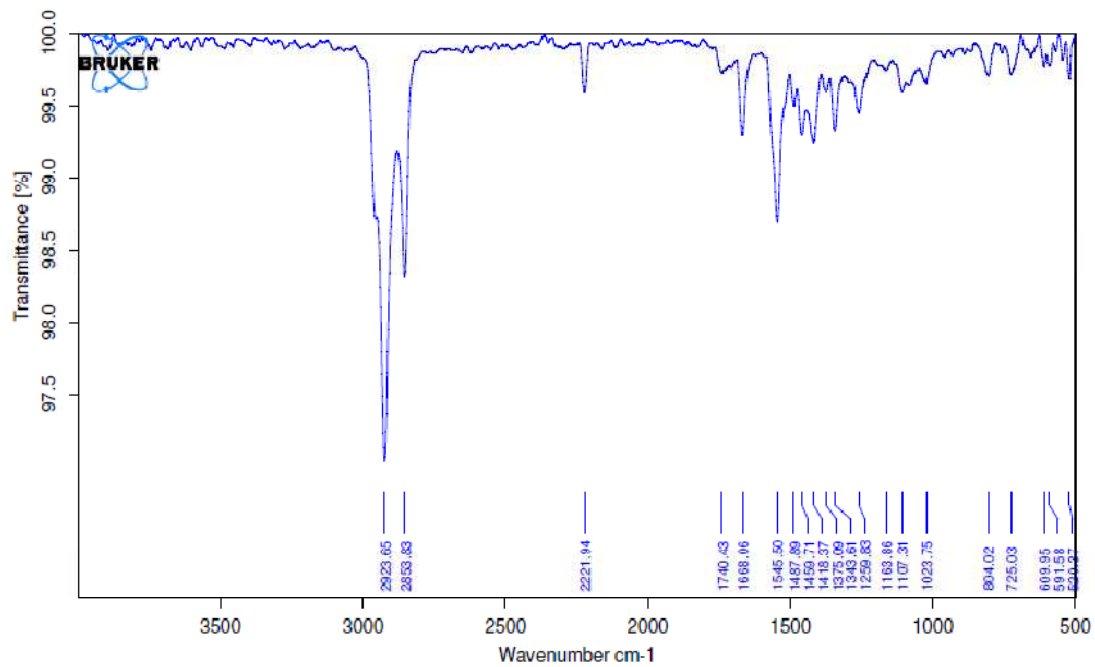
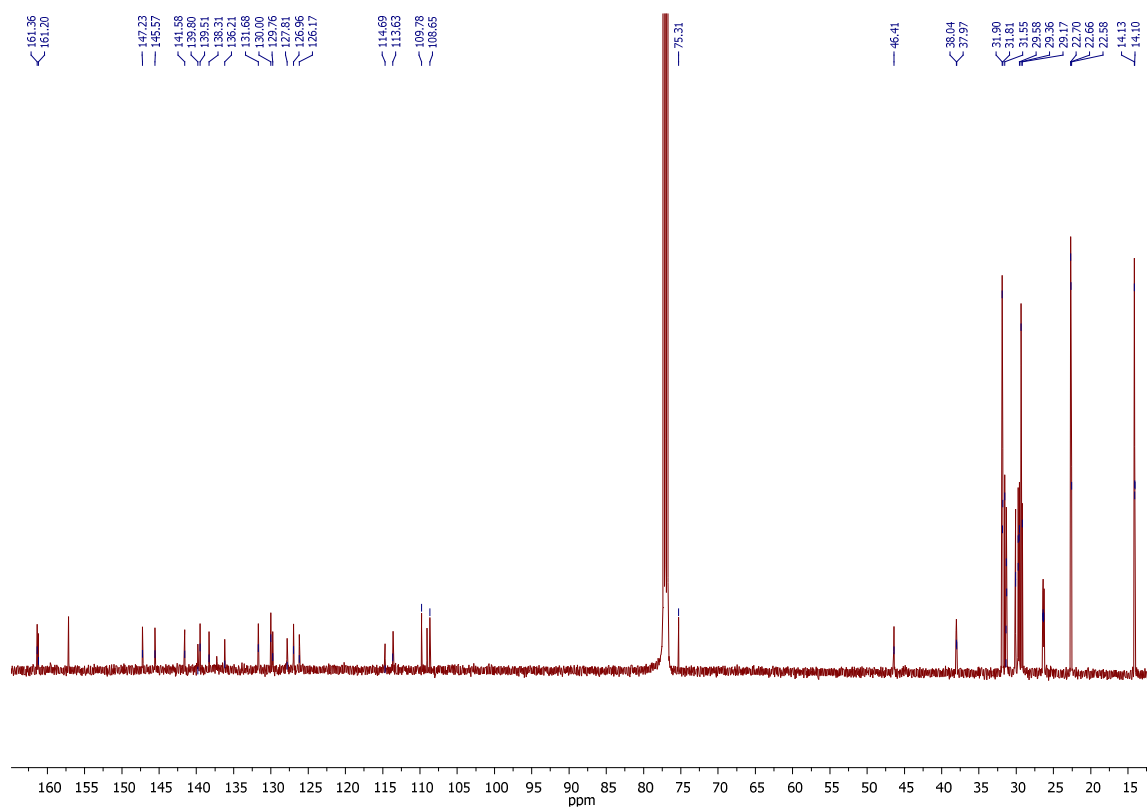


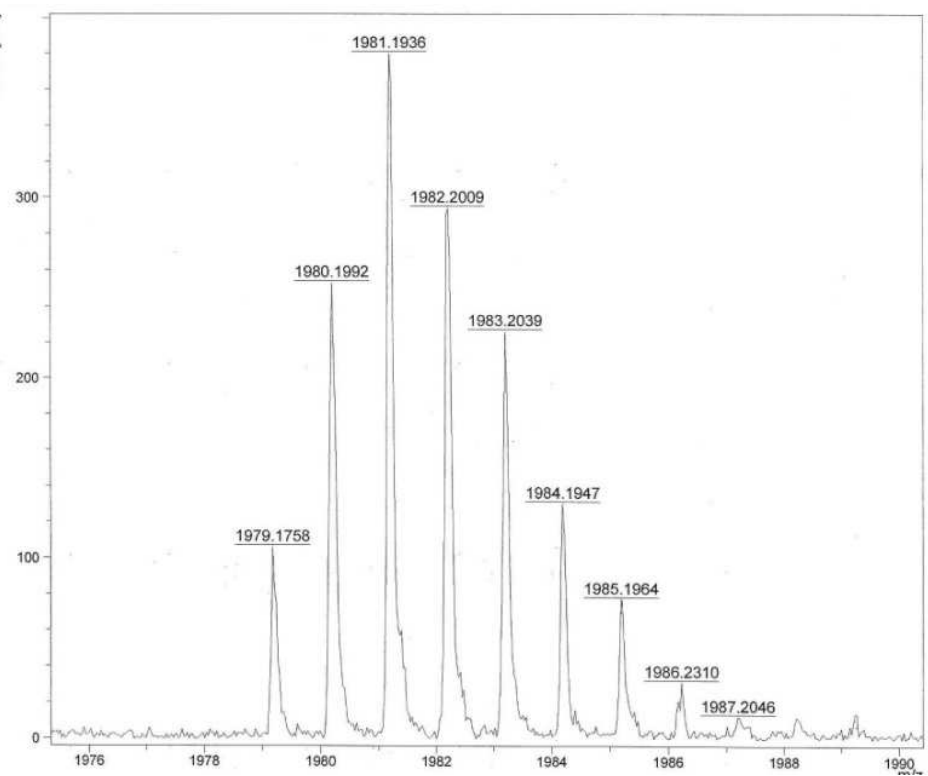




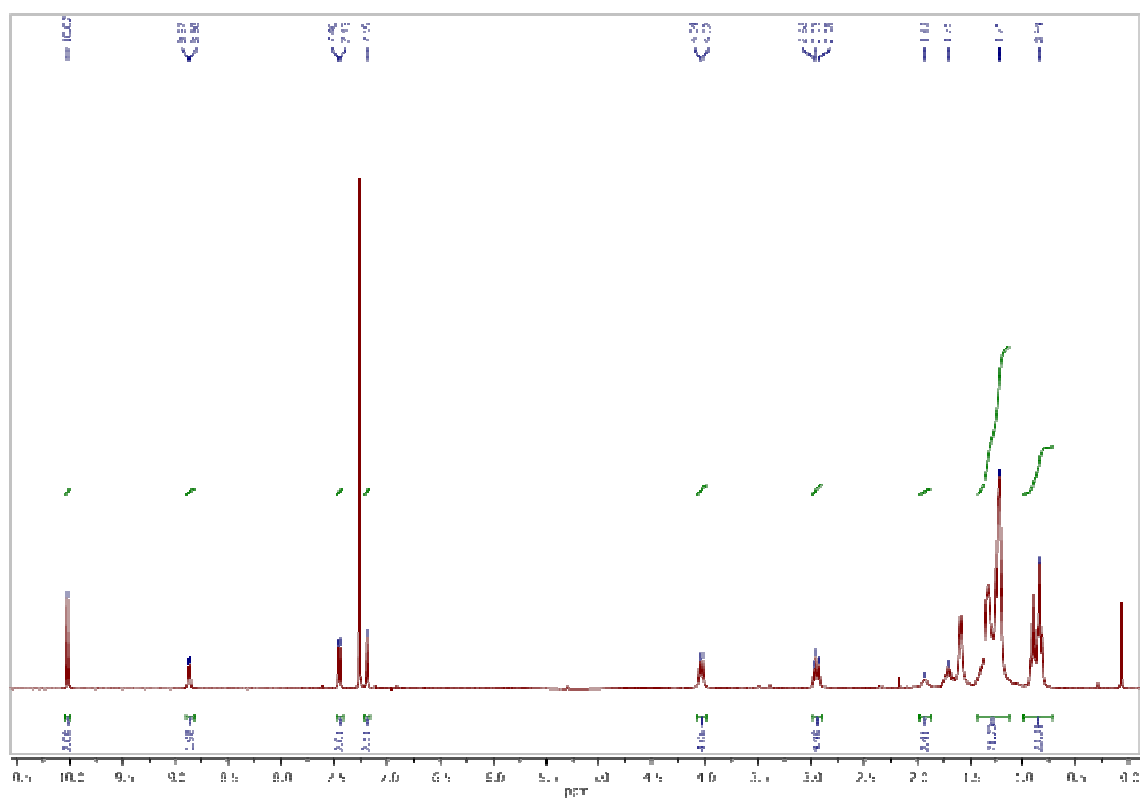
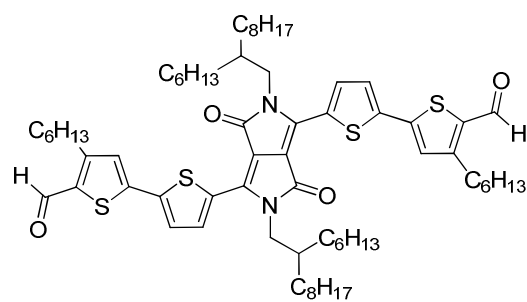
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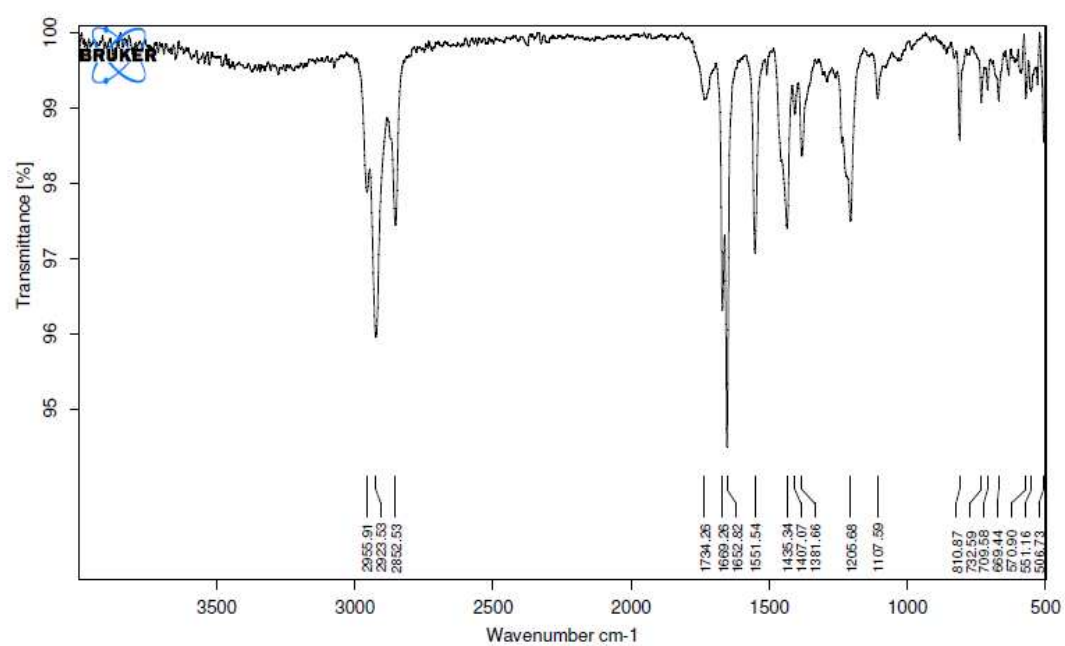
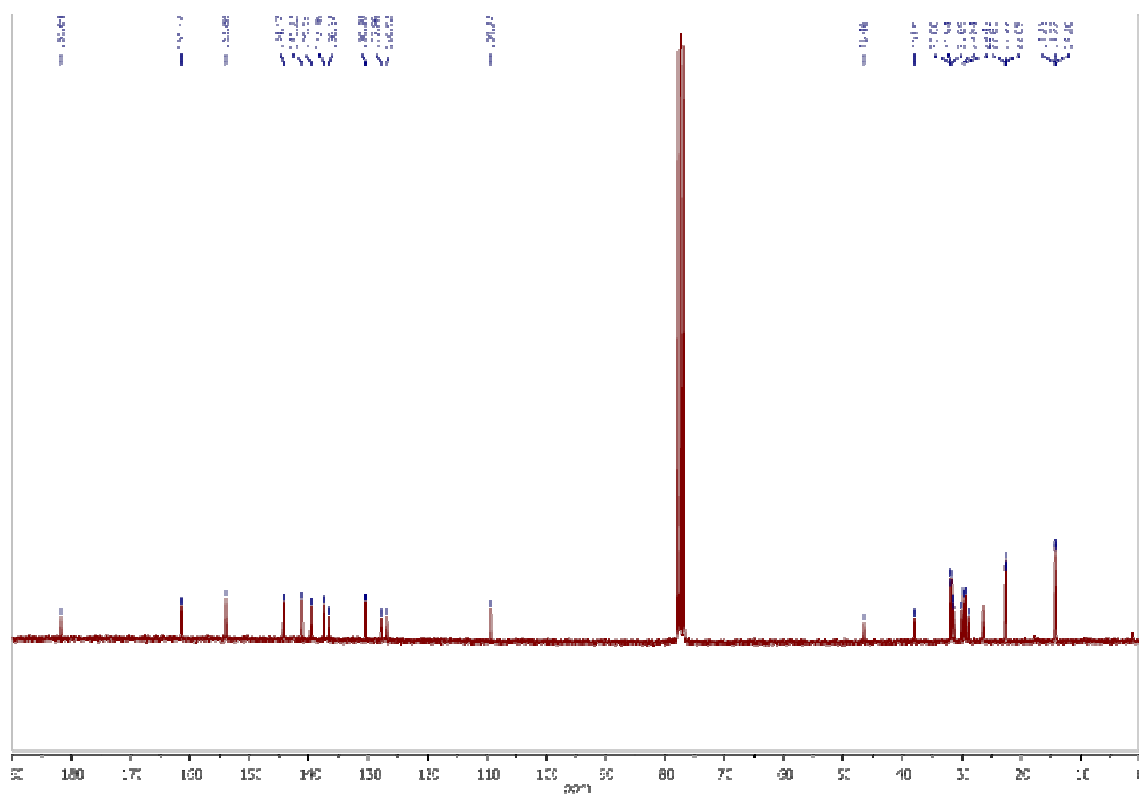


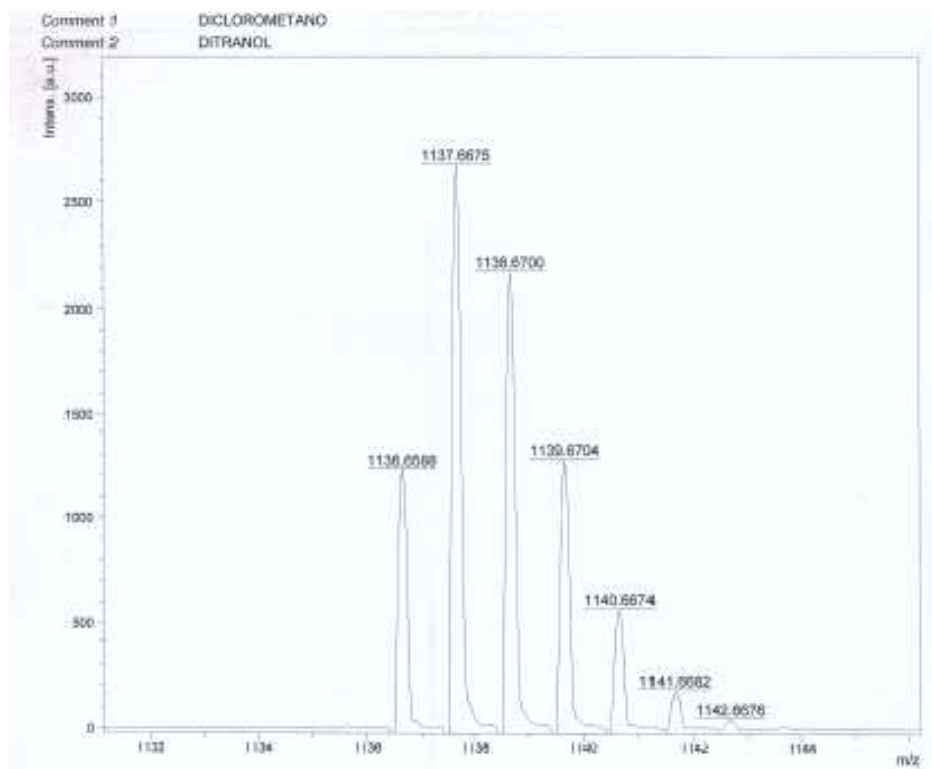




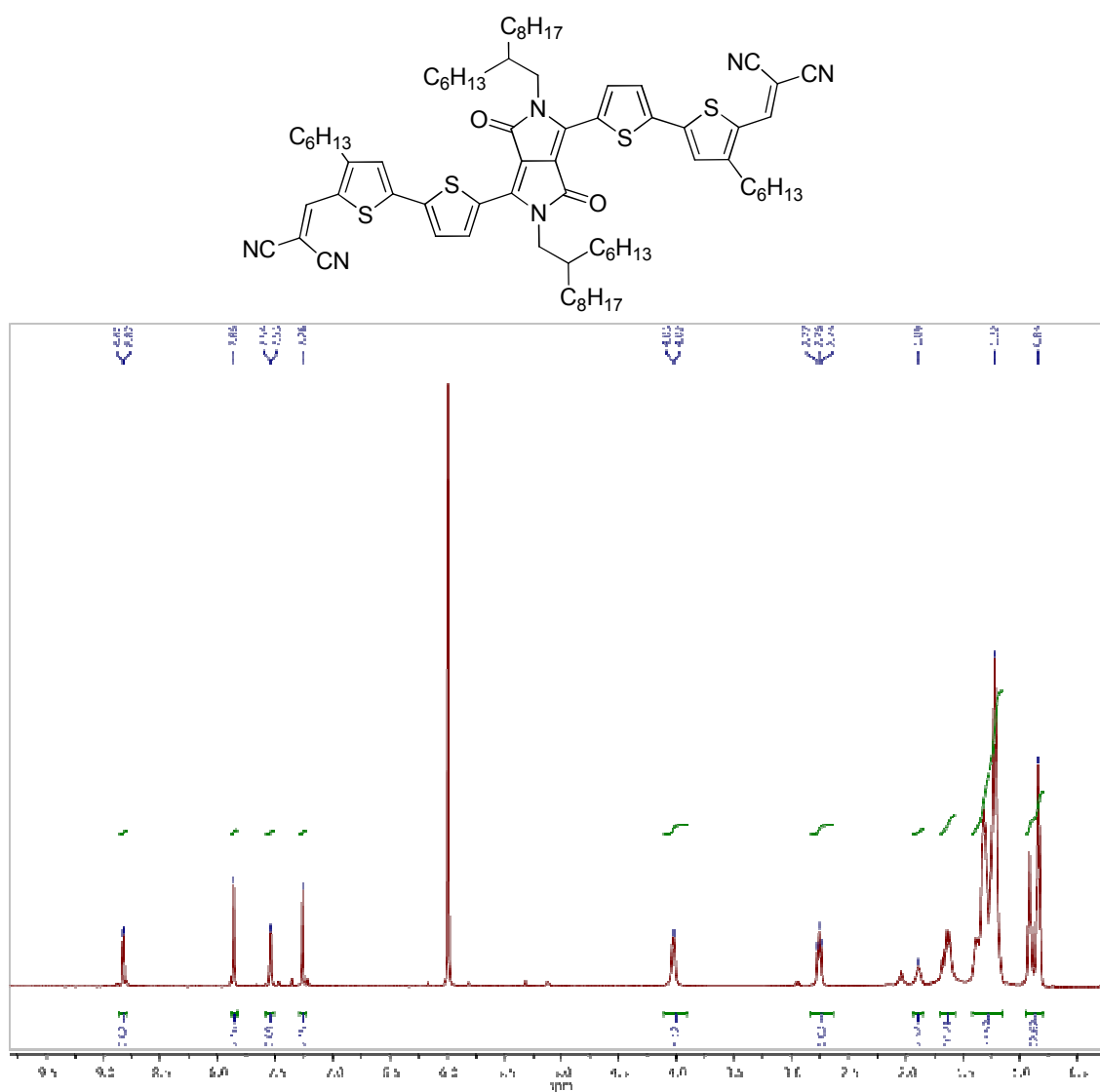
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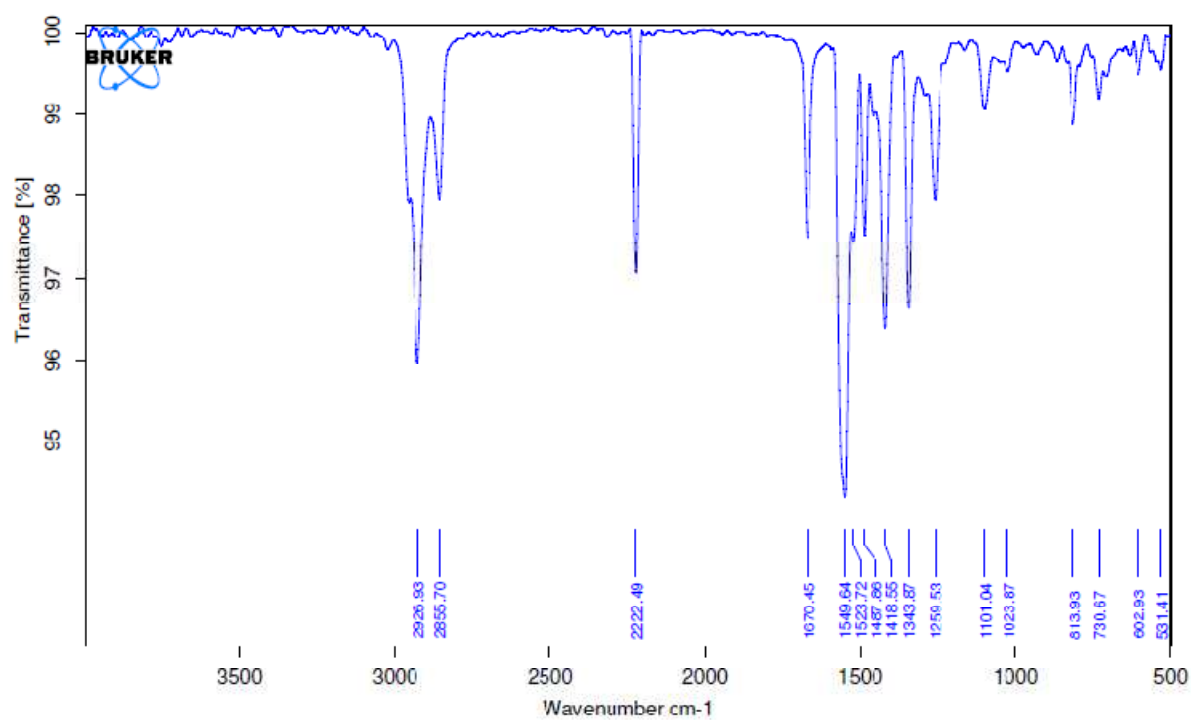
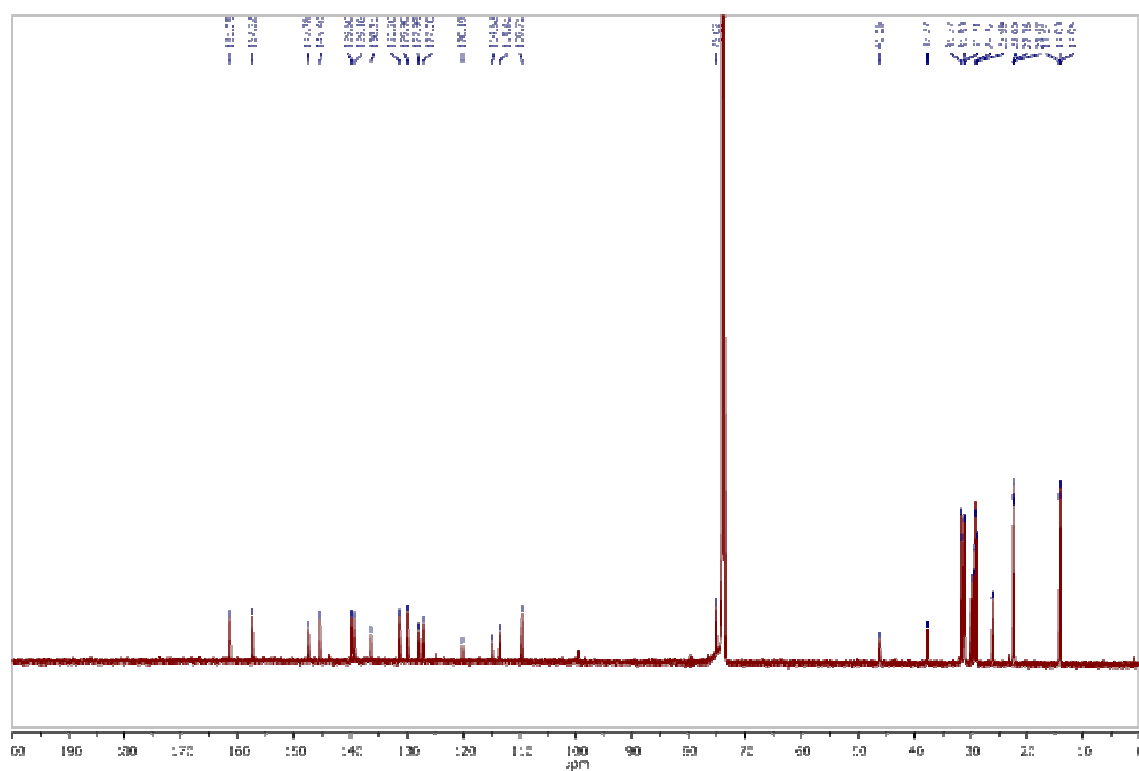


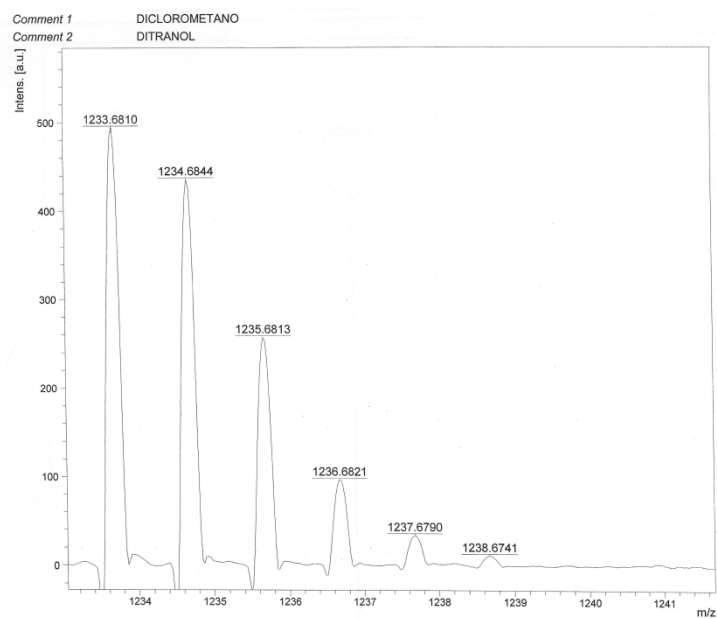




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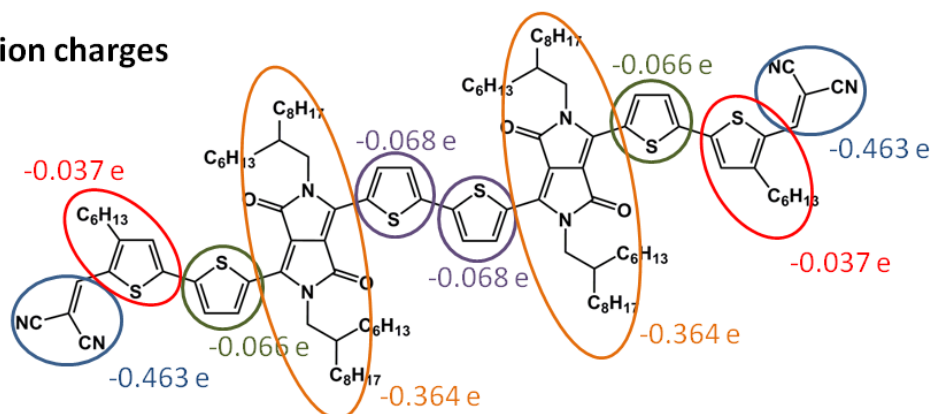




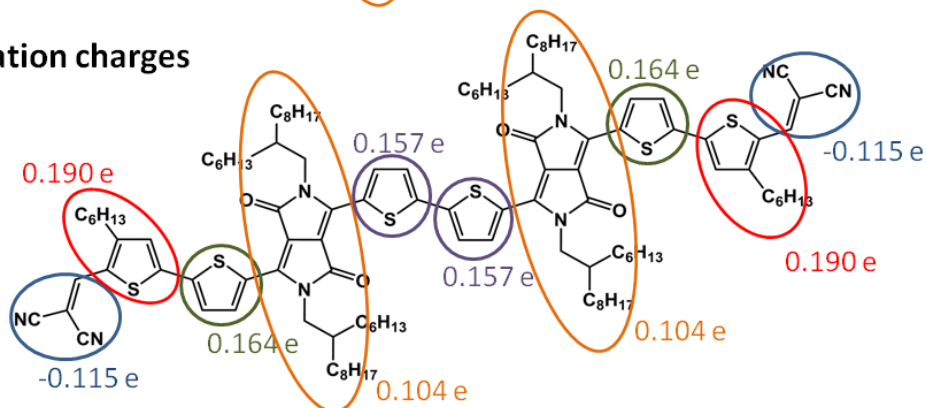


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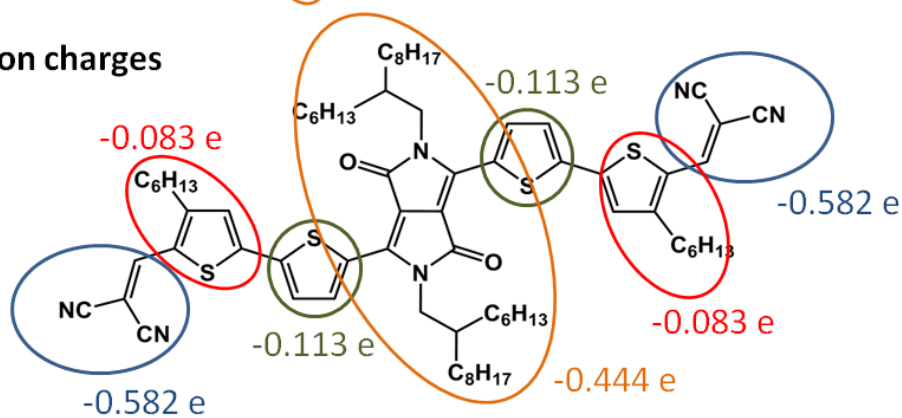
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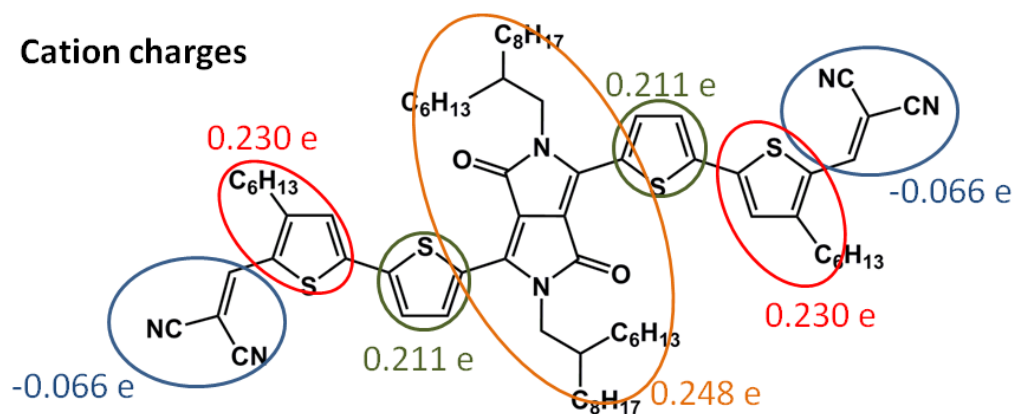
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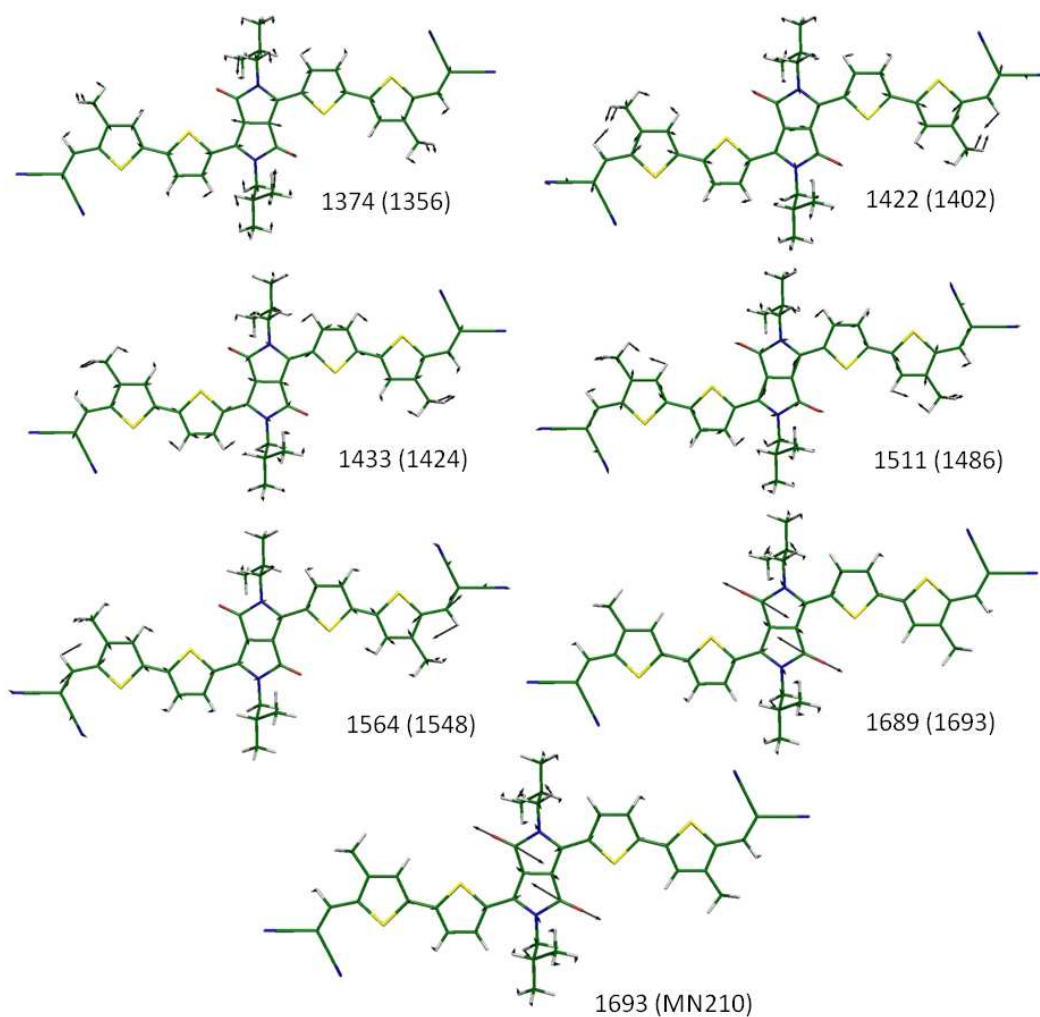
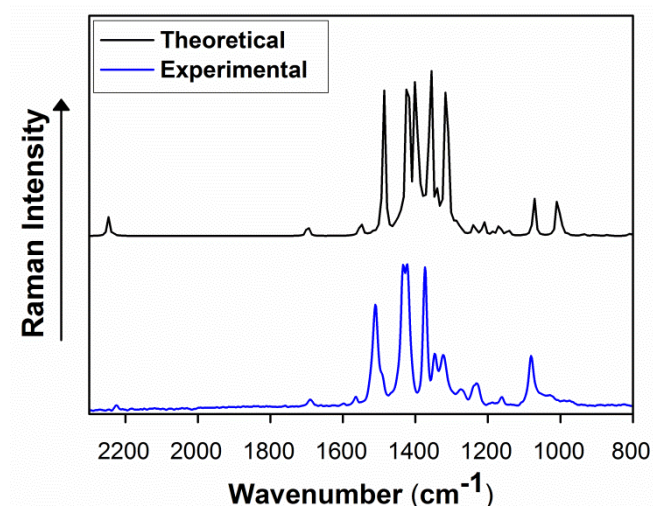
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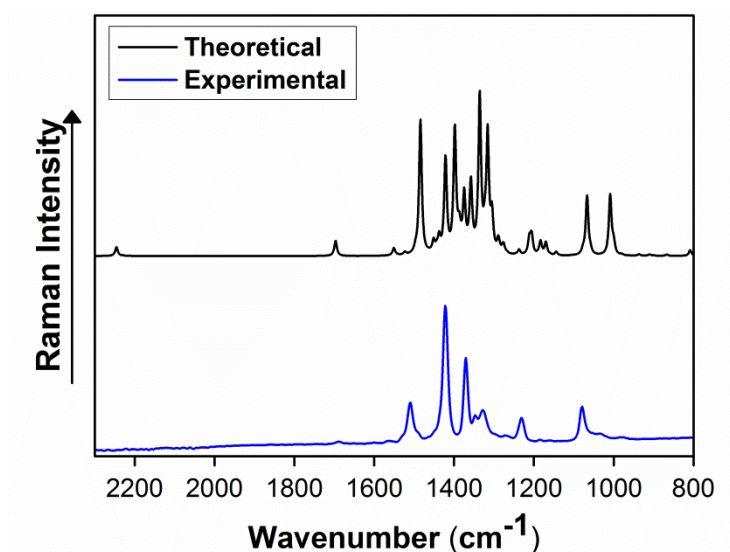
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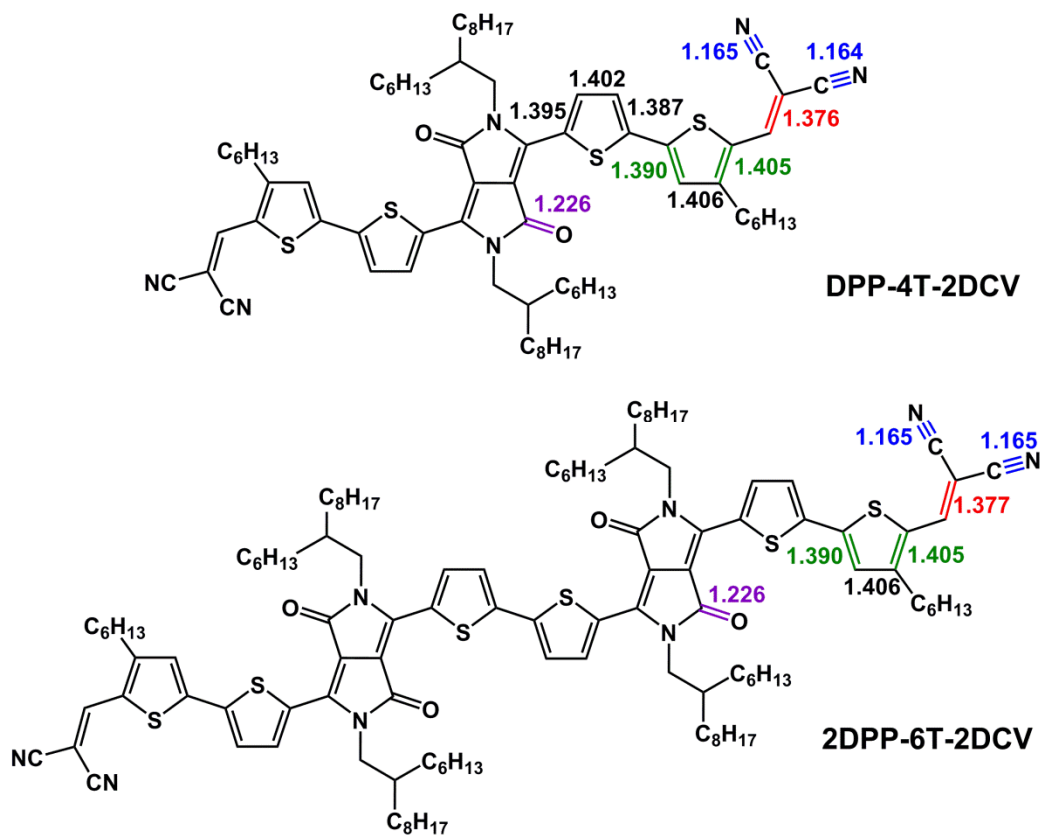
Comparison between experimental and DFT //B3LYP/6-31G Raman spectra of DPP-4T-2DCV and selected eigenvectors (the wavenumbers shown are experimental values; theoretical ones are shown between brackets).**



Comparison between experimental and DFT //B3LYP/6-31G Raman spectra of 2DPP-6T-2DCV**



DFT//B3LYP/6-31G bond lengths for selected bonds**



Solar Cell Fabrication and Performance

Solar Cells were fabricated on patterned ITO-coated glass (280 nm thick; resistivity $<10 \Omega/\text{sq}$; Think Film Device, Inc.). The substrates were cleaned by sonicating with hexane, soap/water, DI water, methanol, isopropanol and acetone, successively at 50°C for 30 min each. After the final sonication step, the substrates were dried with a stream of N_2 and UV/Ozone treated for 30 min. PEDOT:PSS (Clevios P VP Al 4083) was then spun-cast at 5000 rpm for 30 sec and annealed at 150°C for 15 min. The substrates were then transferred into a N_2 filled glove box for the remainder of the device fabrication procedure. Active layer solutions were prepared with total concentration of 15 mg/mL and the two constituents were combined in 1:1 ratio by weight. These solutions were spun-cast on the substrates to afford ~ 70 nm thick active layer films (Stylus DektakProfilometer, Veeco). They were then thermally annealed at various temperatures for 10 min and loaded onto the evaporation chamber. LiF(1.0 nm) and Al(100 nm) were sequentially evaporated through a shadow mask at a base pressure of $\sim 10^{-6}$ torr to obtain devices with area of 0.06 cm^2 . The substrates were encapsulated with epoxy and a glass cover slide and brought out the glove box for testing. Current versus potential (J–V) measurements were recorded with a Keithley 2400 digital source meter. Spectra-Nova Class A Solar Simulator with AM1.5G light ($100 \text{ mW}/\text{cm}^2$) from a Xe arc lamp was used as the light source and it has been calibrated with an NREL-certified Si diode equipped with a KG3 filter to bring spectral mismatch to unity. External quantum efficiency (EQE) was measured using an Oriel Model QE-PV-SI (Newport Instruments) equipped with a NIST (National Institute of Standards and Technology)-certified Si-diode and a Merlin lock-in amplifier and optical chopper. Monochromatic light was generated from a 300 W Xe arc lamp.

Device performance parameters of **DPP-4T-2CNV** and **2DPP-6T-2CNV** devices fabricated under various conditions are summarized in Table S2. Their ability to act as the acceptor of the bulk heterojunction was investigated by blending them with regioregular polymer P3HT (Rieke Metals, Inc.) in various solvents. On the other hand, their ability to act as the donor in the bulk heterojunction was investigated by blending them with PC₇₁BM (American Dye Source, Inc.). Both **DPP-4T-2CNV** and **2DPP-6T-2CNV** performed better as the acceptor of the bulk heterojunction with PCE of 0.08 and 0.09 %, respectively. However, PCE of even 0.1% could not be obtained with these materials under any conditions.

Table S2.- Device performance of **DPP-4T-2CNV** and **2DPP-6T-2CNV** as both donors and acceptors in bulk heterojunction solar cells. ^aoDCB=1,2-dichlorobenzene; ^bNo photoresponse.

Donor	Acceptor	Solvent	V _{oc} [V]	J _{sc} [mA/c m ²]	FF [%]	PCE [%]
P3HT	DPP-4T-2CNV	p-xylene	0.53	0.03	61	0.01
P3HT	DPP-4T-2CNV	oDCB ^a	0.53	0.24	59	0.08
P3HT	DPP-4T-2CNV	CHCl ₃	0.60	0.006	51	0.002
P3HT	2DPP-6T-2CNV	oDCB	0.53	0.40	41	0.09
P3HT	2DPP-6T-2CNV	CHCl ₃	0.51	0.05	39	0.01
DPP-4T-2CNV	PC ₇₁ BM	CHCl ₃	-	-	-	- ^b
2DPP-6T-2CNV	PC ₇₁ BM	CHCl ₃	0.48	0.25	34	0.04

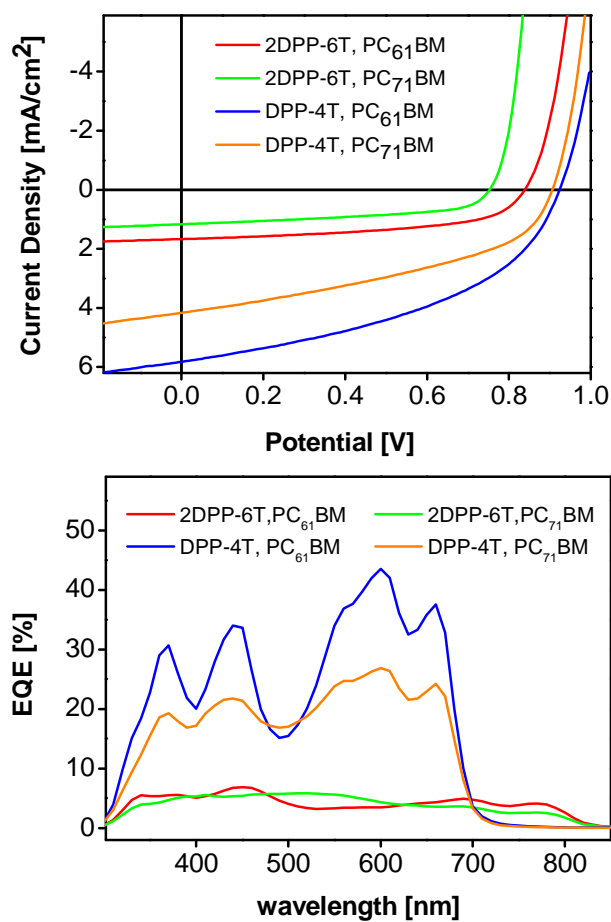
Solar Cells were also fabricated with **DPP-4T** and **2DPP-6T** as the donors in the bulk heterojunction while blended with PC₆₁BM and PC₇₁BM. Films were cast from chloroform and were annealed at various temperatures before electrode deposition. The

performance parameters are summarized in Table S3. Device performance decreases under annealing for **DPP-4T** and sees slight improvement under annealing for **2DPP-6T**. PCE of up to 2.36% was achieved for **DPP-4T** blended with PC₆₁BM while only 0.52% could be achieved for **2DPP-6T**, also blended with PC₆₁BM.

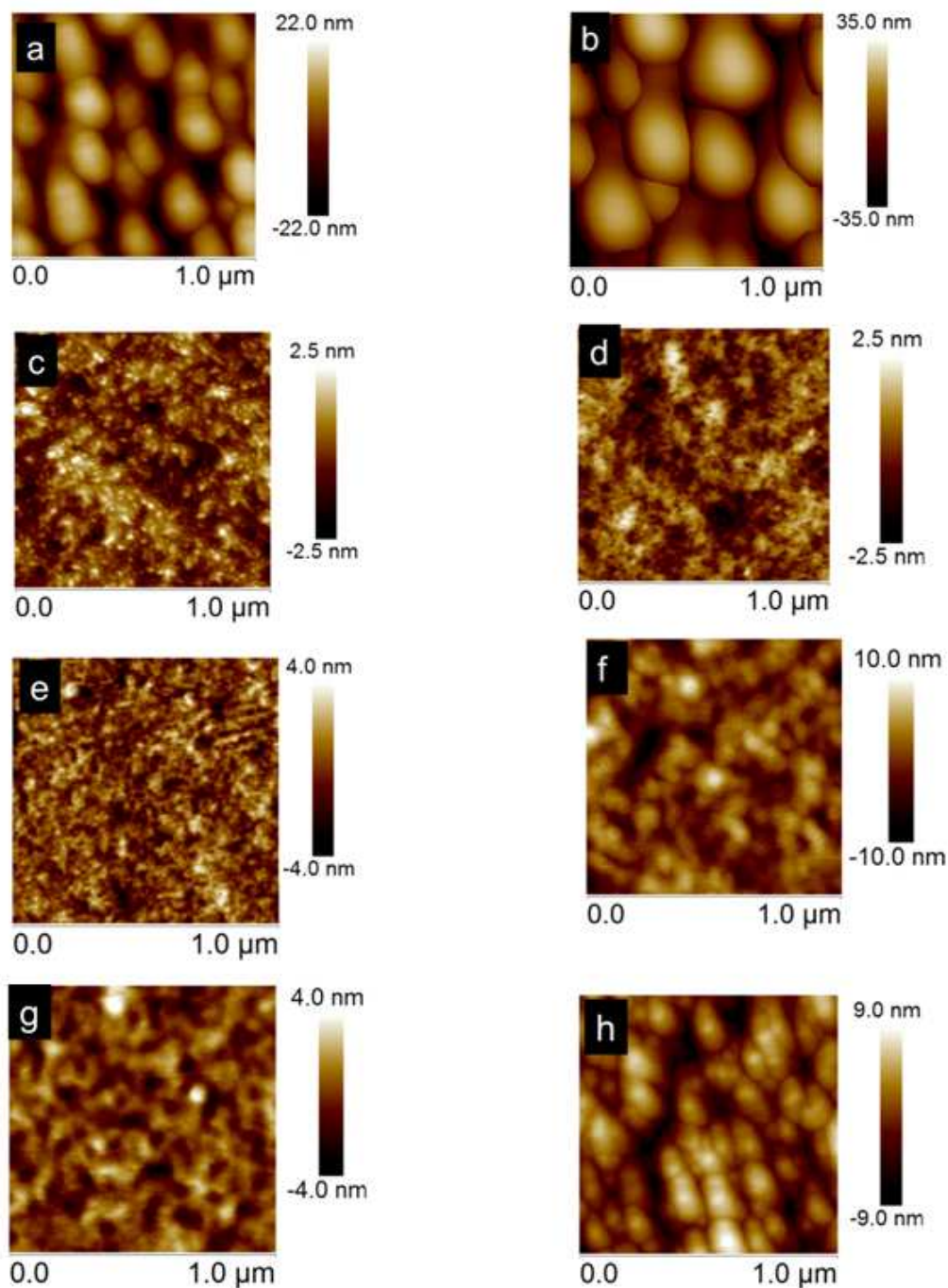
Table S3.- Device performance of **2DPP-6T** and **DPP-4T** as the donors of bulk heterojunction.

Donor	Acceptor	Anneal [°C]	V _{oc} [V]	J _{sc} [mA/cm ²]	FF [%]	PCE [%]
2DPP-6T	PC ₆₁ BM	-	0.743	1.26	55.5	0.52
2DPP-6T	PC ₆₁ BM	70	0.808	1.17	55.2	0.52
2DPP-6T	PC ₆₁ BM	135	0.853	1.13	48.5	0.47
2DPP-6T	PC ₇₁ BM	-	0.751	1.06	51.6	0.41
2DPP-6T	PC ₇₁ BM	70	0.747	1.16	51.8	0.45
2DPP-6T	PC ₇₁ BM	135	0.761	0.90	40.2	0.28
DPP-4T	PC ₆₁ BM	-	0.930	5.82	43.6	2.36
DPP-4T	PC ₆₁ BM	70	0.932	4.56	39.2	1.67
DPP-4T	PC ₇₁ BM	-	0.903	4.16	42.6	1.60
DPP-4T	PC ₇₁ BM	70	0.910	2.95	32.7	0.88

J-V and EQE curves for the blends 2DPP-6T/PC₆₁BM (Annealed 70°C); and 2DPP-6T/PC₇₁BM (Annealed 70°C); DPP-4T/PC₆₁BM (As Cast) and DPP-4T/PC₇₁BM (As Cast).



AFM images of OPV active layers cast films, with the RMS roughness given in parenthesis. a) DPP-4T-2CNV+PCB₇₁M blend(6.3 nm); b) 2DPP-6T-2CNV+PC₇₁BM blend (10 nm); c) DPP-4T-2CNV+P3HT blend (0.6 nm); d) 2DPP-6T-2CNV+P3HT blend (0.6 nm); e) DPP-4T+PCB₆₁M blend (0.8 nm); f) DPP-4T+PC₇₁BM blend (2.0 nm); g) 2DPP-6T+PC₆₁BM blend (0.8 nm); h) 2DPP-6T+PC₇₁BM blend (1.9 nm).



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