

Supporting Information

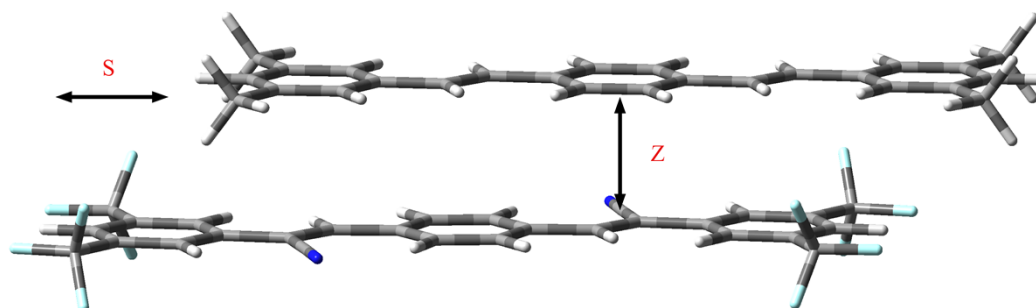
## The impact of molecular stacking interactions on the electronic structure and charge transport properties in distyrylbenzene-(DSB) based D-A complexes: a theoretical study

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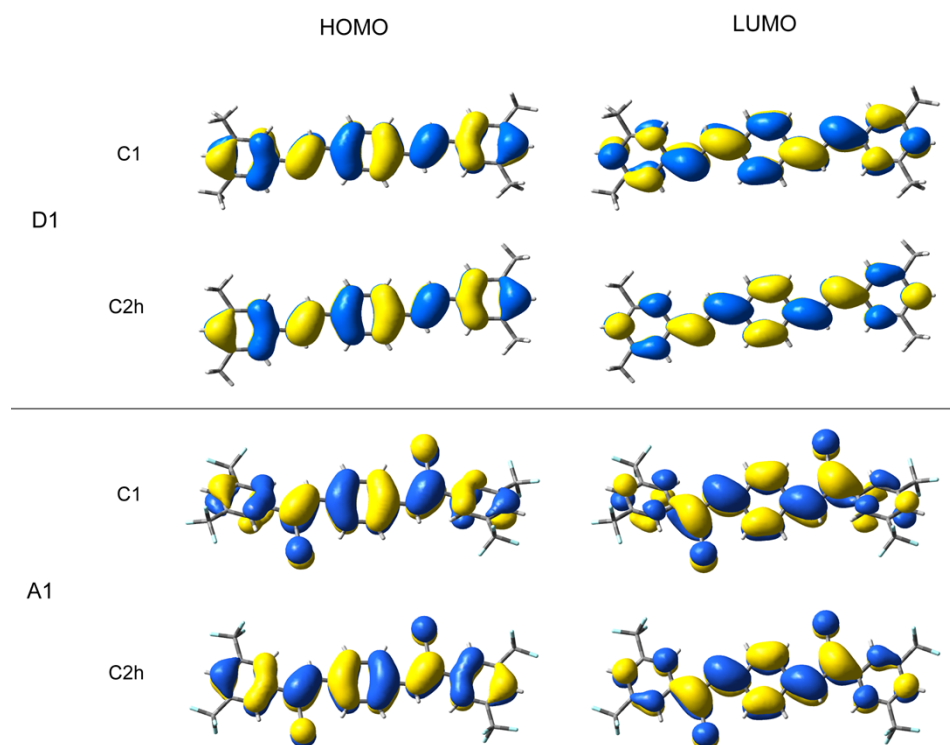
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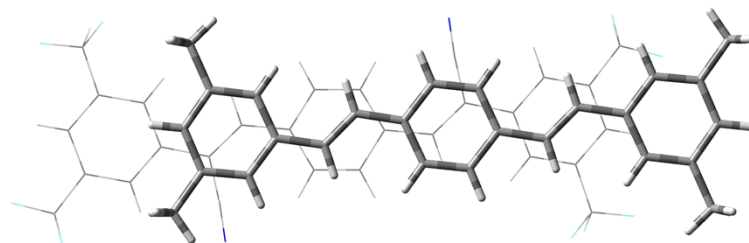
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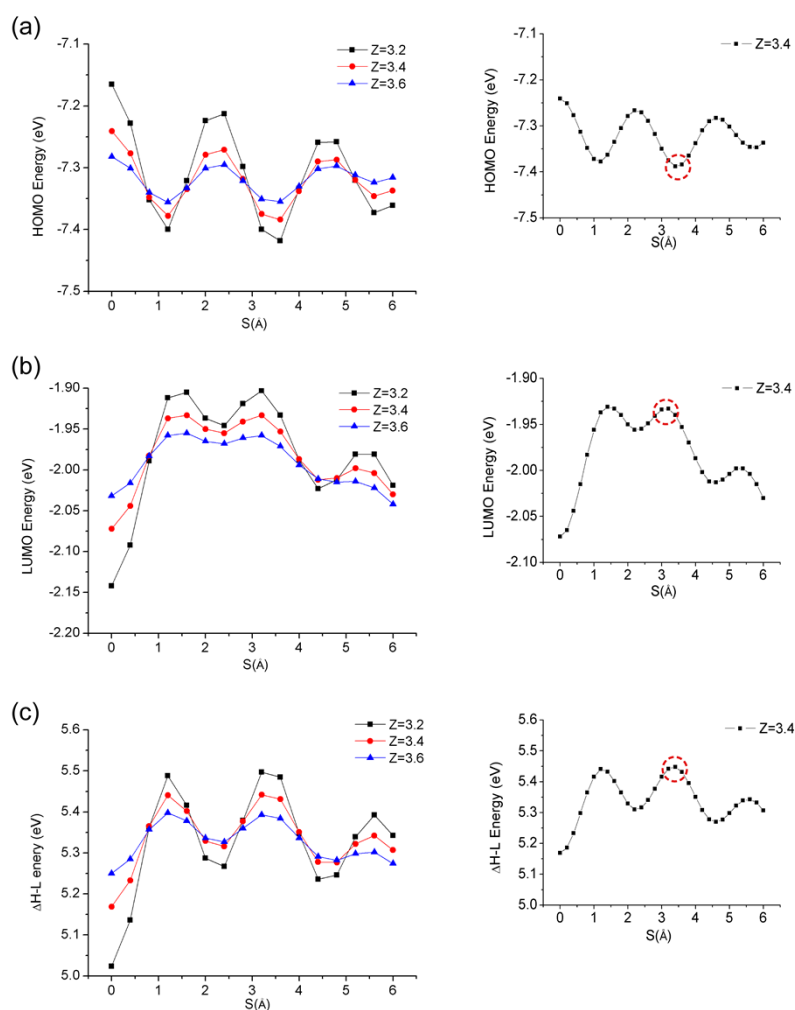
**Fig. S1** Schematic diagram of the displacement patterns in cofacial D-A pair.



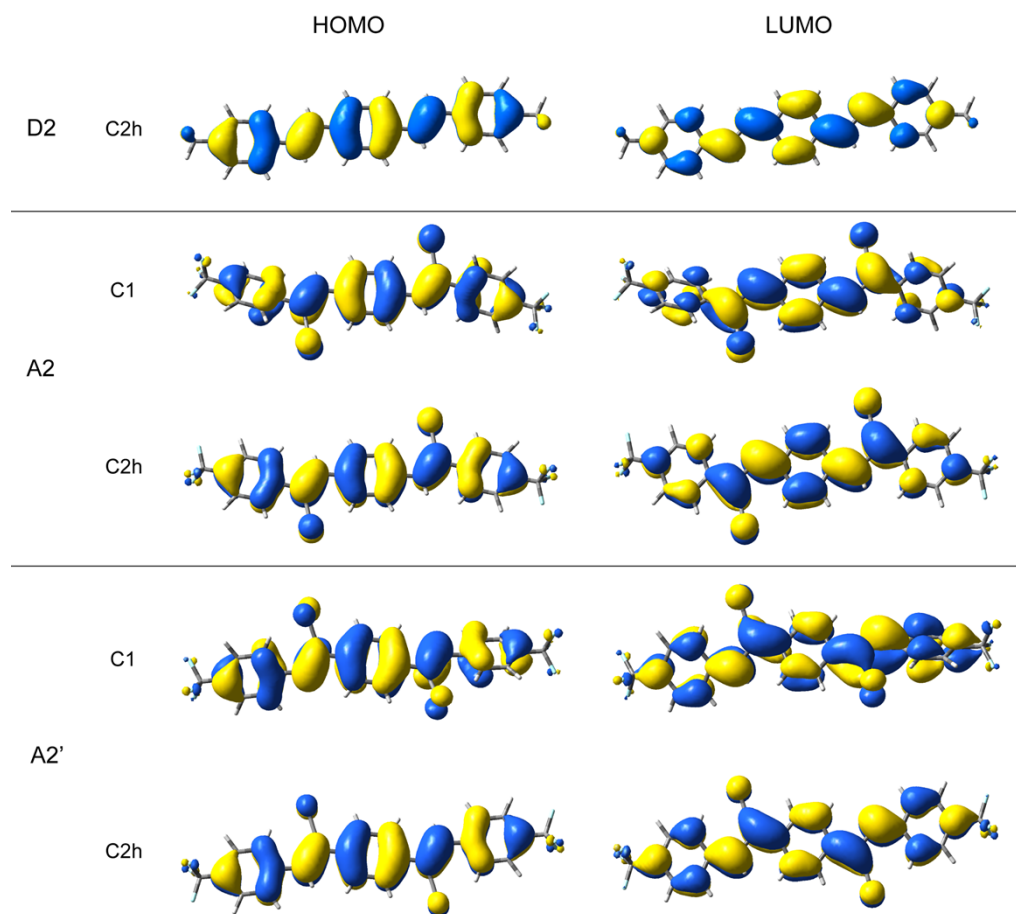
**Fig. S2** HOMOs and LUMOs of D1 and A1 with the  $C_1$  symmetrical structure (ground state) and  $C_{2h}$  symmetrical structure.



**Fig. S3** Molecular packing crystal structure of top view for D-A complexes in experiment.

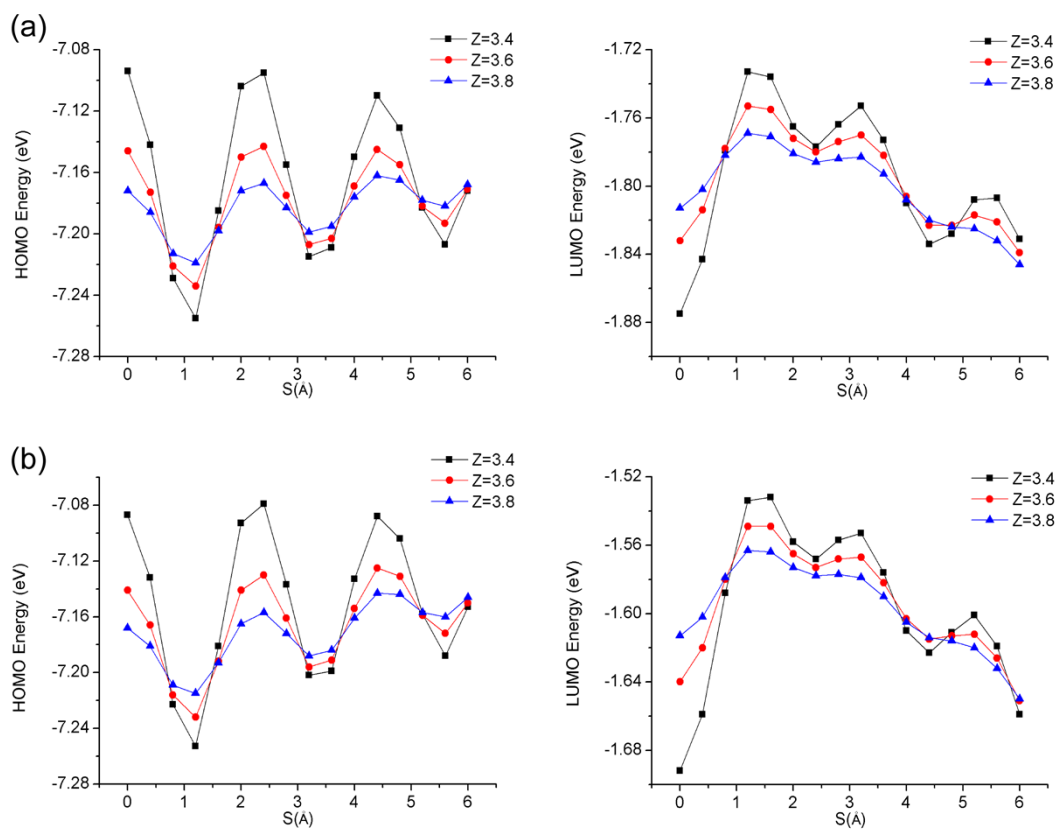


**Fig. S4** Evolution of the HOMO (a), LUMO (b) and HOMO-LUMO gap energy (c) for D1-A1 pair as a function of the horizontal displacement S for the fixed vertical separation Z of 3.2 Å, 3.4 Å and 3.6 Å.

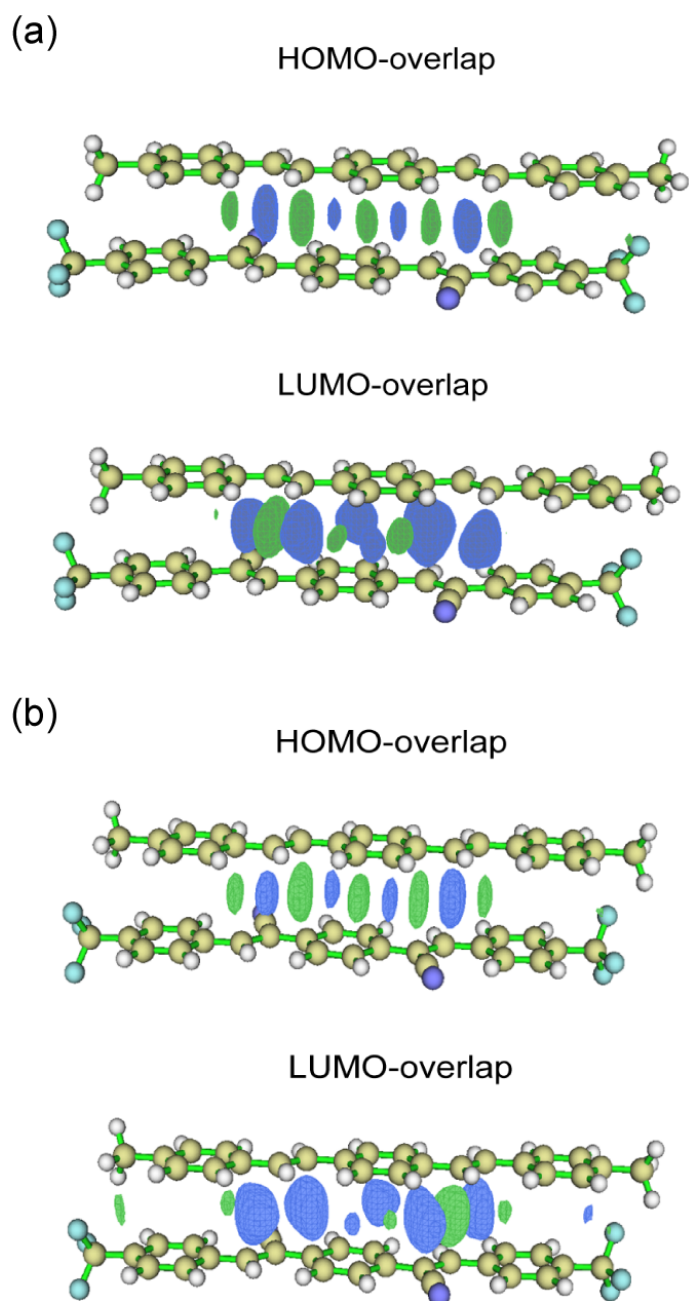


**Fig. S5** HOMOs and LUMOs of D2 and A2 with the C1 symmetrical structure (in ground state) and C2h symmetrical structure.

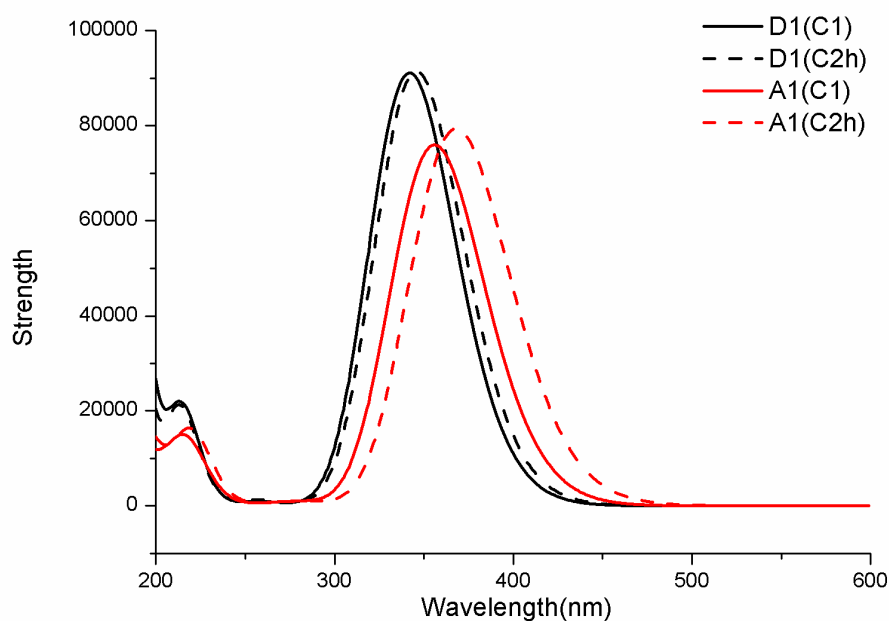




**Fig. S7** Evolution of the HOMO energies and LUMO energies for D2-A2 pair (a) and D2-A2' pair (b) as a function of the horizontal displacement  $S$  for the fixed vertical separation  $Z$  of 3.4 Å, 3.6 Å and 3.8 Å.

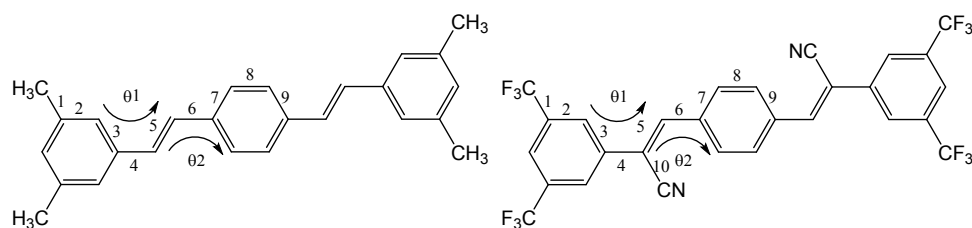


**Fig. S8** The visualization of intermolecular orbital (HOMO and LUMO) overlap between (a) D2 and A2 (b) D2 and A2' molecules. Green/Blue isosurface refers to the overlap in the way of same/opposite phase.



**Fig. S9** Computed UV-vis absorption spectra of D1 and A1 monomers with C1 and C2h geometry, respectively.

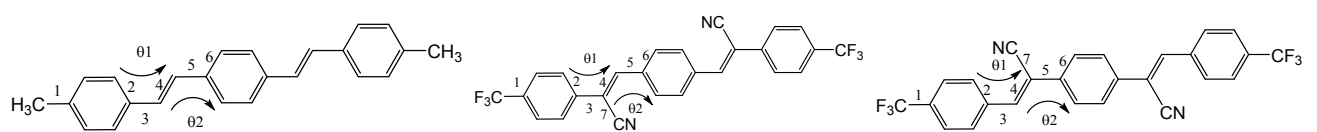
**Table S1** Bond lengths (Å), torsion angles ( $^{\circ}$ ), the highest occupied molecular orbital (HOMO) energies (eV), the lowest unoccupied molecular orbital (LUMO) energies (eV) and potential difference ( $\Delta E$ , kcal/mol) in different optimized geometry of **D1** and **A1** and the experimental values.



	D1			A1		
	C <sub>1</sub> (Ground state)	C <sub>2h</sub>	Exp	C <sub>1</sub> (Ground state)	C <sub>2h</sub>	Exp
1	1.510	1.510	1.508	1.507	1.508	1.496
2	1.389	1.391	1.387	1.393	1.389	1.379
3	1.408	1.406	1.403	1.399	1.403	1.399
4	1.464	1.464	1.461	1.488	1.489	1.473
5	1.347	1.347	1.331	1.360	1.361	1.349
6	1.461	1.461	1.461	1.456	1.456	1.448
7	1.408	1.408	1.396	1.411	1.412	1.400
8	1.385	1.384	1.381	1.383	1.382	1.371
9	1.406	1.406	1.398	1.409	1.409	1.405
10				1.429	1.430	1.444

$\theta_1$	-7.5	0.0	0.6	-31.1	0.0	1.7
$\theta_2$	-7.4	0.0	-1.3	-5.6	0.0	-4.7
HOMO	-5.303	-5.278		-6.908	-6.858	
LUMO	-1.921	-1.946		-3.621	-3.697	
$\Delta E$	0.10			84.37		

**Table S2** Bond lengths (Å), torsion angles ( $^\circ$ ), the highest occupied molecular orbital (HOMO) energies (eV), the lowest unoccupied molecular orbital (LUMO) energies (eV) and potential difference ( $\Delta E$ , kcal/mol) in different optimized geometry of D2, A2 and A2'.



	D2		A2		A2'	
	$C_{2h}$ (Ground state)		$C_1$ (Ground state)	$C_{2h}$	$C_1$ (Ground state)	$C_{2h}$
1	1.508		1.504	1.504	1.505	1.505
2	1.408		1.404	1.406	1.409	1.411
3	1.463		1.487	1.488	1.460	1.460
4	1.347		1.360	1.361	1.359	1.360
5	1.461		1.456	1.456	1.485	1.486
6	1.408		1.411	1.410	1.403	1.406
7			1.429	1.431	1.431	1.432
$\theta_1$	0.0		30.7	0.0	-8.5	0.0
$\theta_2$	0.0		6.2	0.0	-29.5	0.0
HOMO	-5.271		-6.631	-6.568	-6.629	-6.518
LUMO	-1.942		-3.390	-3.469	-3.076	-3.281
$\Delta E$			1.27		1.13	