

Supporting Information

Extended conjugated borenium dimers via late stage functionalization of air-stable borepinium ions

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Experimental

General

All reactions were carried out under nitrogen using Schlenk techniques or an inert-atmosphere glovebox. THF and ether were distilled from Na/benzophenone prior to use. Dichloromethane and fluorobenzene were distilled from CaH₂. Hexane and toluene were purified using a solvent purification system (alumina/copper) and stored over Na/K alloy. All chemicals were purchased from commercial sources and directly used. 1,2-Bis(2-bromo-3-thienyl)benzene,^{S1} 1,2-bis(2-bromo-3-thienyl)-4,5-difluorobenzene,^{S1} and 1,3-di-*tert*-butyl-4,5-dimethyl-2-(trimethylsilyl)-1*H*-imidazol-3-ium trifluoromethanesulfonate^{S2} were prepared according to literature.

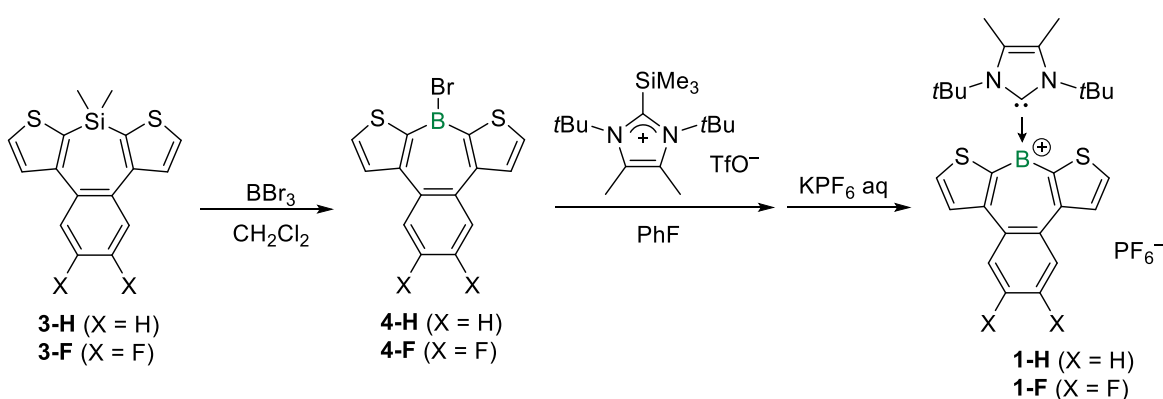
NMR data were acquired at room temperature. 160 MHz ¹¹B and 470 MHz ¹⁹F NMR data were recorded on a 500 MHz Bruker AVANCE spectrometer; 500 MHz ¹H and 126 MHz ¹³C NMR data were recorded on a 500 MHz Bruker Auto AVANCE spectrometer. ¹¹B NMR spectra were acquired with boron-free quartz NMR tubes on the 500 MHz Bruker AVANCE with a 5 mm PH SEX 500S1 ¹¹B-H/F-D probe. Abbreviations Bz and Th used for the following NMR assignments stand for fused benzene and thiophene ring, respectively.

MALDI-TOF MS measurements were performed on a Bruker Ultraflex extreme in reflectron mode with delayed extraction. Compounds were dissolved in DCM (10 mg/mL), mixed with a matrix solution of *trans*-2[3-(4-*tert*-butylphenyl)-2-methyl-2-propenylidene]malononitrile in DCM (10 mg/mL), and then spotted on the wells of a target plate. Red phosphorous was used for calibration. High-resolution ESI and APCI mass spectra were obtained on a Thermo Fisher Scientific LTQ Orbitrap XL spectrometer at N-BARD, Hiroshima University. Single crystal X-ray diffraction data was collected at 123K on a Rigaku R-AXIS RAPID diffractometer using graphite-monochromated MoK α radiation. The structure was solved by Direct Method (SIR92) and expanded using Fourier techniques. Since the solvent (dichloromethane) in the crystal of **1-F** was highly disordered, the SQUEEZE subroutine of the PLATON^{S3} software suite was used to remove the scattering contributions from the highly disordered solvent molecules. The resulting new HKL file was used to further refine the structure. Non-hydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically, whereas hydrogen atoms were refined using the riding model by the full-matrix least-squares method. Graphical crystal structures were generated using Mercury 3.10.3 (Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre). All other calculations

were performed using the Olex2 program. UV-visible absorption data were acquired on a Varian Cary 5000 UV-Vis/NIR spectrophotometer. The fluorescence data and lifetimes were measured using a Horiba Fluorolog-3 spectrofluorometer equipped with a 350 nm nanoLED and a FluoroHub R-928 detector. Absolute quantum yields (Φ) were measured on the HORIBA Fluorolog-3 using a pre-calibrated Quanta- ϕ integrating sphere. Light from the sample compartment is directed into the sphere via a fiber-optic cable and an F-3000 Fiber-Optic Adapter, and then returned to the sample compartment (and to the emission monochromator) via a second fiber-optic cable and an F-3000 Fiber-Optic Adapter. Cyclic voltammetry (CV) experiments were carried out on a BASI CV-50 W analyzer. The three-electrode system consisted of a platinum disk as working electrode, a Pt wire as secondary electrode, and an Ag wire as the pseudo-reference electrode. The voltammograms were recorded with ca. 1.0 mM solutions in acetonitrile containing $n\text{Bu}_4\text{N}[\text{PF}_6]$ (0.1 M) as the supporting electrolyte. The scans were referenced after the addition of a small amount of ferrocene as internal standard. The potentials are reported relative to the ferrocene/ferrocenium couple.

Geometry optimization and TD-DFT calculations were performed with the Gaussian09 program using the hybrid density functional B3LYP with a 6-31G(d,p) basis set. NICS calculations were carried out using the GIAO method at the B3LYP/6-31+G(d,p) level of theory.

Synthesis



Synthesis of 3-H.

To a solution of 1,2-bis(2-bromo-3-thienyl)benzene (4.30 g, 10.7 mmol) in a mixture of 8 mL of diethyl ether and 40 mL of toluene were slowly added 13.5 mL (21.6 mmol) of 1.6 mol/L $n\text{BuLi}$ in hexane at $-78\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ and

the mixture was stirred for 1 h. Dimethyldichlorosilane (1.47 g, 11.4 mmol) was slowly added at $-78\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$. The mixture was warmed to room temperature and then stirred overnight. The resulting mixture was hydrolyzed with water, and the organic layer was washed twice with water and then once with brine. After drying over anhydrous sodium sulfate, the solvent was evaporated. The crude product was purified by silica gel chromatography using hexanes as the eluent to give 2.31 g (7.73 mmol, 72% yield) of **3-H** as a white solid. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 7.62 (dd, $J = 5.8, 3.4$ Hz, 2H, Bz), 7.52 (d, $J = 4.7$ Hz, 2H, Th), 7.38–7.35 (m, 4H, Bz and Th), 0.81 (br s, 3H, SiMe_2), 0.06 (br s, 3H, SiMe_2). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 148.1, 135.1, 135.0, 131.8, 131.1, 128.9, 126.6. Two signals for Si–C were not detected, probably due to their low intensities. HRMS (APCI, positive) Calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{14}\text{S}_2\text{Si}$: M^+ : 298.03062, Found 298.03024.

Synthesis of **3-F**.

Compound **3-F** was prepared from 3.00 g (6.88 mmol) of 1,2-bis(2-bromo-3-thienyl)-4,5-difluorobenzene, 8.6 mL (13.8 mmol) of 1.6 mol/L *n*BuLi in hexane, and 1.08 g (8.37 mmol) of dimethyldichlorosilane in a mixture of 8 mL of diethyl ether and 40 mL of toluene in a manner similar to that above. The crude product was purified by silica gel chromatography using hexanes as the eluent to give 1.43 g (4.27 mmol, 62% yield) of **3-F** as a white solid. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 7.53 (d, $J = 4.7$ Hz, 2H, Th), 7.42 (t, $J = 10.0$ Hz, 2H, Bz), 7.29 (d, $J = 4.7$ Hz, 2H, Th), 0.82 (br s, 3H, SiMe_2), 0.09 (br s, 3H, SiMe_2). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 148.4 (dd, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 15, 251$ Hz), 146.1, 135.8, 132.1 (t, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 4.6$ Hz), 131.5, 129.5, 119.4 (dd, $J_{\text{C-H}} = 6, 12$ Hz). Two signals for Si–C were not detected, probably due to their low intensities. ^{19}F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : -139.9 (t, $J = 10.0$ Hz). HRMS (APCI, positive) Calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{12}\text{F}_2\text{S}_2\text{Si}$: M^+ : 334.01177, Found 334.01163.

Synthesis of **4-H**.

A solution of **3-H** (599 mg, 2.01 mmol) in 8 mL of dichloromethane was pre-cooled to $-40\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ in a freezer. The solution was taken out from the freezer and immediately 1.02 g (4.07 mmol) of boron tribromide were added over three min. The mixture was stirred overnight at room temperature. All volatiles were removed in vacuum, and the resulting solid was washed twice with hexanes. The residue was dried in vacuum to give

4-H as an air-sensitive yellowish solid in quantitative yield. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 8.19 (dd, $J = 6.1, 3.5$ Hz, 2H, Bz), 8.05 (d, $J = 5.0$ Hz, 2H, Th), 7.98 (d, $J = 5.0$ Hz, 2H, Th), 7.55 (dd, $J = 6.2, 3.4$ Hz, 1H, Bz). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 150.8, 135.9, 132.6, 131.8, 131.5, 127.9. One signal for B–C was not detected, probably due to its low intensity as a result of quadrupolar broadening. ^{11}B NMR (160 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 45.6.

Synthesis of 4-F.

A solution of **3-F** (668 mg, 2.00 mmol) in 8 mL of dichloromethane was pre-cooled to -40 °C in a freezer. The solution was taken out from the freezer and immediately 1.02 g (4.07 mmol) of boron tribromide were added over three min. The mixture was stirred overnight at room temperature. Hexanes (3 mL) were added and the solution was cooled in a freezer to -40 °C, resulting in formation of a solid. The liquid layer was carefully removed by decantation and the remaining solid was washed with cold hexanes. The solid was collected by filtration and dried in vacuum to give 686 mg (1.87 mmol, 94% yield) of **4-F** as an air-sensitive colorless solid. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.03 (d, $J = 5.0$ Hz, 2H, Th), 8.00 (t, $J = 10.4$ Hz, 2H, Bz), 7.96 (d, $J = 5.0$ Hz, 2H, Th). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 149.0 (dd, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 16$ and 253 Hz), 148.7, 136.6, 131.7, 130.0 (t, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 5$ Hz), 119.7 (dd, $J_{\text{C-F}} = 7$ and 13 Hz). One signal for B–C was not detected, probably due to its low intensity as a result of quadrupolar broadening. ^{11}B NMR (160 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 45.9. ^{19}F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : -136.6 (t, $J = 9.4$ Hz).

Synthesis of 1-H.

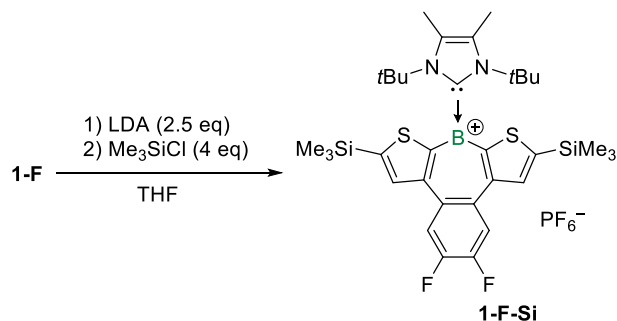
A solution of **4-H** (663 mg, 2.00 mmol) in 12 mL of fluorobenzene was pre-cooled to -40 °C in a freezer. To the solution was added a solution of 873 mg (2.03 mmol) of 1,3-di-*tert*-butyl-4,5-dimethyl-2-(trimethylsilyl)-1*H*-imidazol-3-ium trifluoromethanesulfonate in 3 mL of fluorobenzene at room temperature. The mixture was stirred for 3 hours, then all volatiles were removed in vacuum. The resulting solid was dissolved in dichloromethane and washed three times with saturated KPF_6 solution, then four times with deionized water. After drying over anhydrous sodium sulfate, the solvent was evaporated. The resulting viscous oil was reprecipitated from $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2/\text{Et}_2\text{O}$ to give 1.07 g (1.76 mmol, 88% yield) of **1-H** as light yellowish powder.

^1H NMR (500 MHz, CD_2Cl_2) δ : 8.52 (dd, $J = 6.2, 3.5$ Hz, 2H, Bz), 8.30 (d, $J = 5.2$ Hz, 2H, Th), 8.23 (d, $J = 5.1$ Hz, 2H, Th), 7.73 (dd, $J = 6.3, 3.4$ Hz, 2H, Bz), 2.64 (s, 6H, Me), 1.56 (s, 18H, *t*Bu). ^{11}B NMR (160 MHz, CD_2Cl_2) δ : 41.8. ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CD_2Cl_2) δ : 153.8 (Th), 147.1 (br, NHC), 142.3 (br, Th), 137.7 (Th), 132.9 (Bz), 132.6 (Th), 132.5 (Bz), 131.9 (NHC), 129.5 (Bz), 64.6 (C-Me₃), 31.8 (C-Me₃), 14.5 (Me). ^{19}F NMR (470 MHz, CD_2Cl_2) δ : -73.4 (d, $J = 711$ Hz). HRMS (ESI, positive) Calcd for $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{32}\text{BN}_2\text{S}_2$: M^+ : 459.20945, Found 459.20972.

Synthesis of 1-F.

Compound **1-F** was prepared from 686 mg (1.87 mmol) of **4-F** and 805 mg (1.87 mmol) of 1,3-di-*tert*-butyl-4,5-dimethyl-2-(trimethylsilyl)-1*H*-imidazol-3-ium trifluoromethanesulfonate in 15 mL of fluorobenzene in a manner similar to that above. The product was obtained as a white powder (1.10 g, 1.71 mmol, 91% yield). This powder was recrystallized from dichloromethane by vapor diffusion with hexane as the precipitant to give single crystals for XRD analysis. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CD_2Cl_2) δ : 8.30 (t, $J = 10.7$ Hz, 2H, Bz), 8.25 (d, $J = 5.1$ Hz, 2H, Th), 8.15 (d, $J = 5.2$ Hz, 2H, Th), 2.64 (s, 6H, Me), 1.56 (s, 18H, *t*Bu). ^{11}B NMR (160 MHz, CD_2Cl_2) δ : 44.0. ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CD_2Cl_2) δ 151.7 (Th), 150.0 (dd, $J = 254.4, 15.3$ Hz, Bz), 146.6 (br, NHC), 142.6 (br, Th), 138.4, (Th), 132.6 (Th), 132.1 (NHC), 130.6 (t, $J = 4.5$ Hz, Bz), 120.7 (dd, $J = 13.1, 7.1$ Hz, Bz), 64.7 (C-Me₃), 31.8 (C-Me₃), 14.5 (Me). ^{19}F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -71.5 (d, $J = 710$ Hz), -133.4 (t, $J = 11$ Hz). HRMS (ESI, positive) Calcd for $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{30}\text{BF}_2\text{N}_2\text{S}_2$: M^+ : 495.19060, Found 495.19104.

Derivatization of borepinium ions



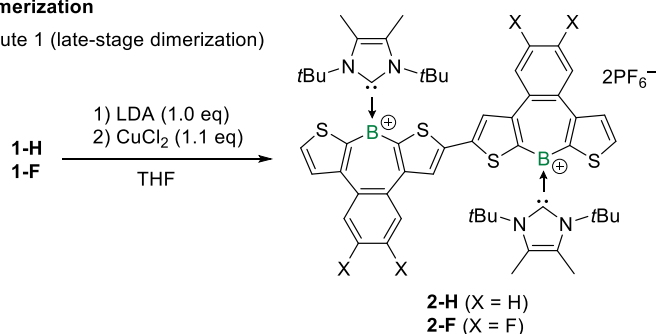
Synthesis of 1-F-Si.

To a solution of **1-F** (101 mg, 0.157 mmol) in 5 mL of THF were slowly added 0.44 mL (0.40 mmol) of 0.9

mol/L LDA in hexanes/THF at $-78\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$, and the mixture was stirred for 40 min at that temperature. Trimethylsilyl chloride (70 mg, 0.64 mmol) was added. The mixture was immediately warmed to room temperature and then stirred for 3h. All volatiles were removed in vacuum, and the residue was dissolved in dichloromethane. The solution was washed with saturated KPF_6 solution, then twice with deionized water. After drying over anhydrous sodium sulfate, the solvent was evaporated. The residue was dissolved in CH_2Cl_2 and the solution added dropwise to ether. The suspension was filtered with Celite and the filtrate was concentrated. The residue was again dissolved in CH_2Cl_2 and precipitated into hexanes. The precipitate was collected by filtration to give 83.9 mg (0.107 mmol, 68% yield) of **1-F-Si** as a light brown solid. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 8.24 (t, $J = 10.5$ Hz, 2H, Bz), 8.09 (s, 2H, Th), 2.68 (s, 6H, Me), 1.55 (s, 18H, *t*Bu), 0.45 (s, 18H, SiMe_3). ^{11}B NMR (160 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 40.9. ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 156.3 (Th), 151.6 (Th), 149.5 (dd, $J = 254.9, 15.2$ Hz, Bz), 137.9 (Th), 131.7 (NHC), 130.1 (t, $J = 4.4$ Hz, Bz), 120.2 (dd, $J = 12.9, 6.8$ Hz, Bz), 64.0 ($\underline{\text{C}}\text{-Me}_3$), 31.6 ($\text{C}\text{-}\underline{\text{Me}}_3$), 14.2 (NHC-Me), -0.29 (SiMe_3). ^{19}F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : -73.4 (d, $J = 713$ Hz), -134.8 (t, $J = 11$ Hz). Two signals for B-C were not detected, probably due to their low intensity as a result of quadrupolar broadening. HRMS (ESI, positive) Calcd for $\text{C}_{33}\text{H}_{46}\text{BF}_2\text{N}_2\text{S}_2\text{Si}_2$: M^+ : 639.26966, Found 639.27106.

Dimerization

Route 1 (late-stage dimerization)



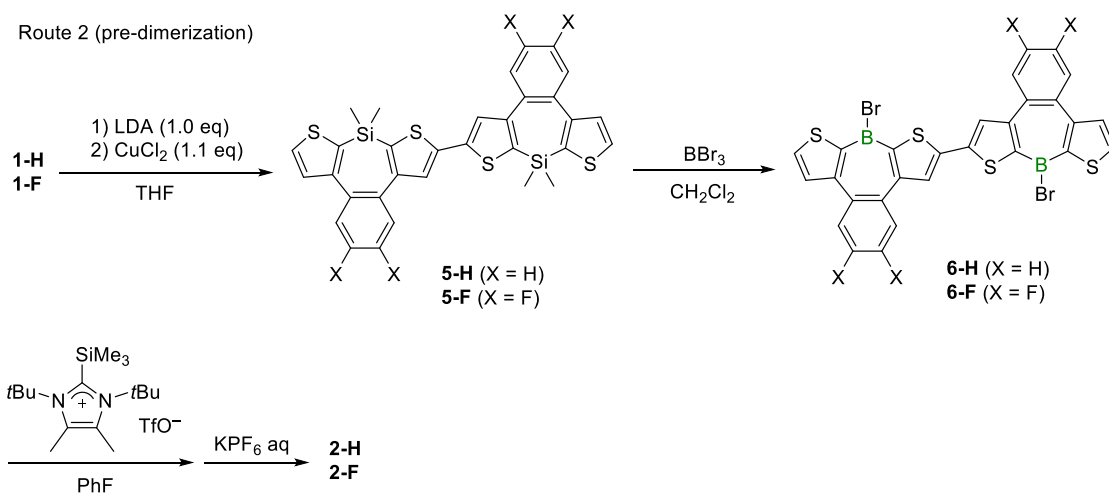
Synthesis of **2-H** via route 1.

To a solution of **1-H** (100 mg, 0.165 mmol) in 10 mL of THF were slowly added 0.17 mL (0.15 mmol) of 0.9 mol/L LDA in hexanes/THF at $-78\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ and the mixture was stirred for 40 min at that temperature. CuCl_2 (28.3 mg, 0.21 mmol) was added as a solid. The mixture was gradually warmed to room temperature over 3h, and then stirred for 3h at room temperature. All volatiles were removed in vacuum, and the residue was

dispersed in 100 mL of dichloromethane. The mixture was filtered through Celite and the filtrate was concentrated. The residue was reprecipitated from acetonitrile/saturated KPF₆ solution. The precipitate was again dissolved in dichloromethane and dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate. The residue was dispersed in 5 mL of chloroform and sonicated for 20 min. The precipitate was collected to give 46.4 mg (38.4 μmol, 47% yield) of **2-H** as a yellowish powder. NMR spectral data matched those of compound **2-H** prepared via route 2 (see below).

Synthesis of **2-F** via route 1.

Compound **2-F** was prepared from 101 mg (0.158 mmol) of **1-F**, 0.16 mL (0.144 mmol) of 0.9 mol/L LDA in hexane/THF, and 26.8 mg (0.199 mmol) of CuCl₂ in 5 mL of THF in a manner similar to that above. The product was obtained as light reddish powder (53.9 mg, 42.2 μmol, 53% yield). NMR spectral data matched those of compound **2-F** prepared via route 2 (see below).



Synthesis of **5-H**.

To a solution of **3-H** (251 mg, 0.839 mmol) in 5 mL of diethyl ether were slowly added 0.53 mL (0.848 mmol) of 1.6 mol/L *n*BuLi in hexane at 0 °C and the mixture was stirred for 1 h at the temperature. The mixture was cooled to -78 °C, then CuCl₂ (128 mg, 0.952 mmol) was added as a solid. The mixture was slowly warmed to room temperature and stirred overnight. Dichloromethane was added and the organic components were washed twice with water, then once with brine. After drying over anhydrous sodium sulfate, the solvent

was evaporated. The crude product was purified by silica gel chromatography using a 9:1 mixture of hexanes/dichloromethane to give 103 mg (0.174 mmol, 41% yield) of **5-H** as a white solid. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 7.67–7.59 (m, 4H, Bz), 7.50 (d, $J = 4.6$ Hz, 2H, Th), 7.44 (s, 2H, Th), 7.38–7.33 (m, 6H, Bz and Th), 0.82 (br s, 6H, SiMe_2), 0.08 (br s, 6H, SiMe_2). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 148.7, 148.1, 140.3, 135.1, 134.92, 134.88, 134.7, 131.9, 131.2, 131.0, 129.1, 128.9, 126.8, 126.7, –2.3 (br s), –3.7 (br s). HRMS (MALDI-TOF, positive) Calcd for $\text{C}_{32}\text{H}_{26}\text{S}_4\text{Si}_2$: M^+ : 594.0450, Found 594.0478.

Synthesis of **5-F**.

Compound **5-F** was prepared from 248.1 mg (0.742 mmol) of **3-F**, 0.47 mL (0.75 mmol) of 1.6 mol/L *n*BuLi in hexane, and 111 g (0.826 mmol) of CuCl_2 in 5 mL of diethyl ether in a manner similar to that above. The crude product was purified by silica gel chromatography using a 9:1 mixture of hexanes/dichloromethane as the eluent to give 95.3 mg (0.143 mmol, 39% yield) of **5-F** as a white solid. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 7.56 (d, $J = 4.7$ Hz, 2H, Th), 7.47–7.40 (m, 4H, Bz), 7.34 (s, 2H, Th), 7.31 (d, $J = 4.7$ Hz, 2H, Th), 0.81 (br s, 6H, SiMe_2), 0.11 (br s, 6H, SiMe_2). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 148.5 (dd, $J = 254.3, 17.1$ Hz), 148.4 (dd, $J = 245.3, 8.4$ Hz), 146.6, 146.1, 140.4, 135.6, 135.5, 132.2 (dd, $J = 5.6, 3.5$ Hz), 131.6 (dd, $J = 5.6, 3.5$ Hz), 131.5, 129.7, 128.5, 119.4 (dd, $J = 30.4, 17.3$ Hz), –2.33 (br s), –3.92 (br s). ^{19}F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : –139.2 – –139.6 (m). HRMS (MALDI-TOF, positive) Calcd for $\text{C}_{32}\text{H}_{22}\text{F}_4\text{S}_4\text{Si}_2$: M^+ : 666.0074, Found 666.0104.

Synthesis of **6-H**.

To a solution of **5-H** (109 mg, 0.183 mmol) in 3 mL of dichloromethane were slowly added 185 mg (0.738 mmol) of boron tribromide at room temperature and the mixture was stirred overnight. All volatiles were removed in vacuum, and the resulting solid was washed twice with hexanes. The residue was dried in vacuum to give 112 mg (0.169 mmol, 93% yield) of **6-H** as an air-sensitive yellowish solid. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 8.38 (s, 2H, Th), 8.34–8.29 (m, 2H, Bz), 8.27–8.23 (m, 2H, Bz), 8.10 (d, $J = 5.0$ Hz, 2H, Th), 8.04 (d, $J = 4.9$ Hz, 2H, Th), 7.66 – 7.60 (m, 4H, Bz). ^{11}B NMR (160 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 44.6. ^{13}C NMR could not be recorded due to the low solubility of the sample.

Synthesis of 6-F.

To a solution of **5-F** (50.0 mg, 75.0 μmol) in 10 mL of dichloromethane were slowly added 75.3 mg (0.301 mmol) of boron tribromide at room temperature and the mixture was stirred for 1 day. All volatiles were removed in vacuum, and the resulting solid was washed twice with hexanes. The residue was dried in vacuum to give 39.1 mg (53.4 μmol , 71% yield) of **6-F** as an air-sensitive yellowish solid. The ^1H and ^{19}F NMR spectra indicate the presence of unidentified byproducts. Further analysis and purification could not be performed due to the low solubility and air sensitivity of the sample. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 8.21 (br s, 2H), 8.08–7.94 (m, 8H). ^{11}B NMR (160 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 45.0. ^{19}F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl_3) δ – 135.6 – –136.2 (m). ^{13}C NMR could not be recorded due to the low solubility of the sample.

Synthesis of 2-H via route 2.

To a solution of **6-H** (112 mg, 0.169 mmol) in 4 mL of fluorobenzene was slowly added a solution of 1,3-di-*tert*-butyl-4,5-dimethyl-2-(trimethylsilyl)-1*H*-imidazol-3-ium trifluoromethanesulfonate (146 mg, 0.339 mmol) in 4 mL of fluorobenzene at room temperature. The mixture was stirred for 1 day, then all volatiles were removed in vacuum. The resulting solid was dissolved in dichloromethane and washed three times with saturated KPF_6 solution, then four times with deionized water. After drying over anhydrous sodium sulfate, the solvent was evaporated. The residue was dispersed in 5 mL of chloroform and sonicated for 20 min. The solid was collected by filtration and dried in vacuum to give 46.4 mg (38.4 μmol , 23% yield) of **2-H** as a yellowish powder. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CD_3CN) δ : 8.75 (s, 2H, Th), 8.72–8.65 (m, 2H, Bz), 8.65–8.58 (m, 2H, Bz), 8.44–8.32 (m, 4H, Th), 7.90–7.72 (m, 4H, Bz), 2.65 (s, 12H, Me), 1.59 (s, 36H, *t*Bu). ^{11}B NMR (160 MHz, CD_3CN) δ : 42.0. ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CD_3CN) δ : 154.8 (Th), 154.3 (Th), 146.5 (br, NHC), 146.2 (Th), 144.2 (br, Th), 143.4 (br, Th), 139.4 (Th), 133.7 (Bz), 133.39 (Bz), 133.35 (Th), 133.28 (Bz), 132.90 (NHC), 132.88 (Bz), 132.1 (Th), 130.6 (Bz), 130.2 (Bz), 65.1 (C-Me₃), 31.9 (C-Me₃), 14.6 (Me). ^{19}F NMR (470 MHz, CD_3CN) δ : –72.9 (d, J = 707 Hz). HRMS (ESI, positive) Calcd for $\text{C}_{54}\text{H}_{62}\text{B}_2\text{N}_4\text{S}_4$: $[\text{M}]^{2+}$: 458.20162, Found 458.20386.

Synthesis of 2-F via route 2.

Compound **2-F** was prepared from 39.1 mg (53.4 μmol) of **6-F** and 48.5 mg (0.113 mmol) of 1,3-di-*tert*-butyl-4,5-dimethyl-2-(trimethylsilyl)-1*H*-imidazol-3-ium trifluoromethanesulfonate in 2 mL of fluorobenzene in a manner similar to that above. The product was obtained as a yellowish powder (7.8 mg, 6.1 μmol , 11% yield). ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CD_3CN) δ : 8.64 (s, 2H, Th), 8.59 (dd, $J = 13.4, 8.5$ Hz, 2H, Bz), 8.50 (dd, $J = 13.4, 8.5$ Hz, 2H, Bz), 8.40 (d, $J = 5.1$ Hz, 2H, Th), 8.30 (d, $J = 5.2$ Hz, 2H, Th), 2.65 (s, 12H, Me), 1.58 (s, 36H, *t*Bu). ^{11}B NMR (160 MHz, CD_3CN) δ : 41.8. ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CD_3CN) δ : 152.7, 152.3, 150.8 (dd, $J = 251, 12.9$ Hz), 150.5 (dd, $J = 250, 13.2$ Hz), 146.4, 146.1 (br), 144.5 (br), 143.7 (br), 139.9, 133.6, 133.0, 132.4, 131.7 (dd, $J = 5.9, 3.0$ Hz), 130.7 (dd, $J = 5.9, 2.9$ Hz), 121.6 (t, $J = 18.3$ Hz), 65.1, 31.9, 14.6. ^{19}F NMR (470 MHz, CD_3CN) δ : -72.9 (d, $J = 706$ Hz), -136.3 – -137.3 (m). HRMS (ESI, positive) Calcd for $\text{C}_{54}\text{H}_{58}\text{B}_2\text{F}_4\text{N}_4\text{S}_4$: $[\text{M}]^{2+}$: 494.18278, Found 494.18405.

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Water-stability test

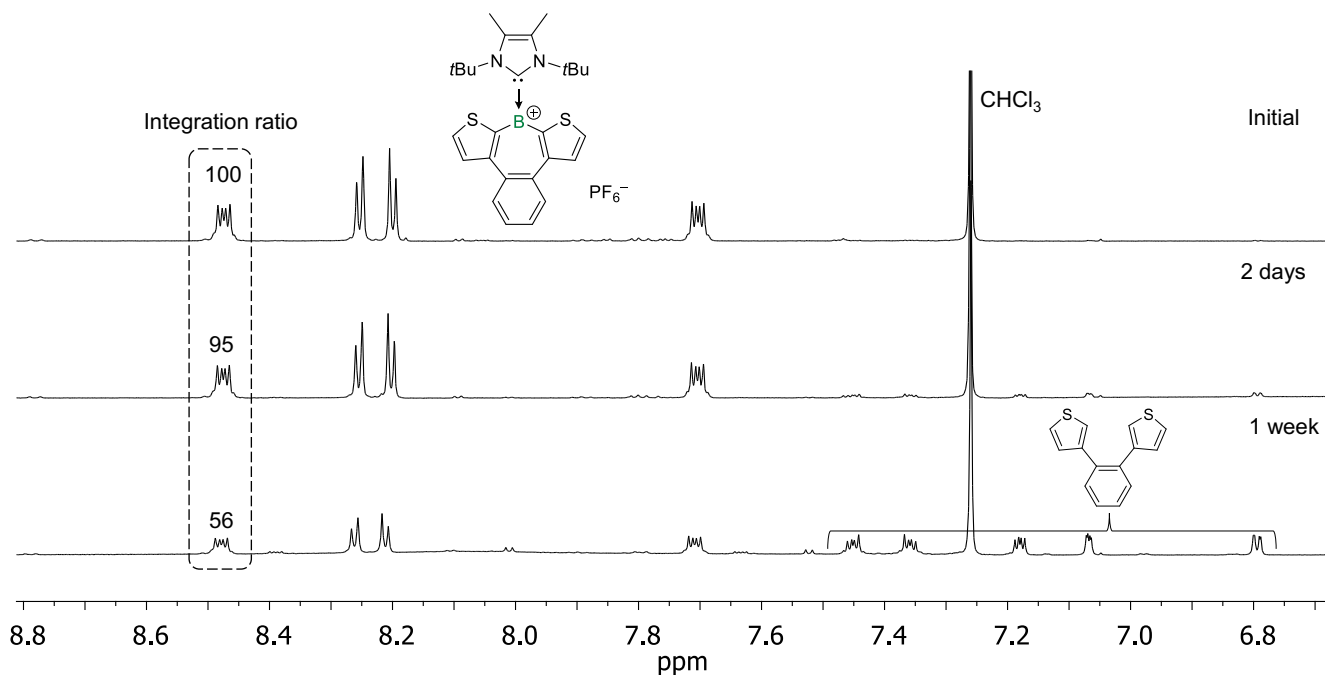


Figure S1 ^1H NMR spectral changes of **1-H**; initial, after two days, and after one week in water-saturated CDCl_3 . The integration ratio is given relative to the initial signal. The residual CHCl_3 peak was used as the integration standard.

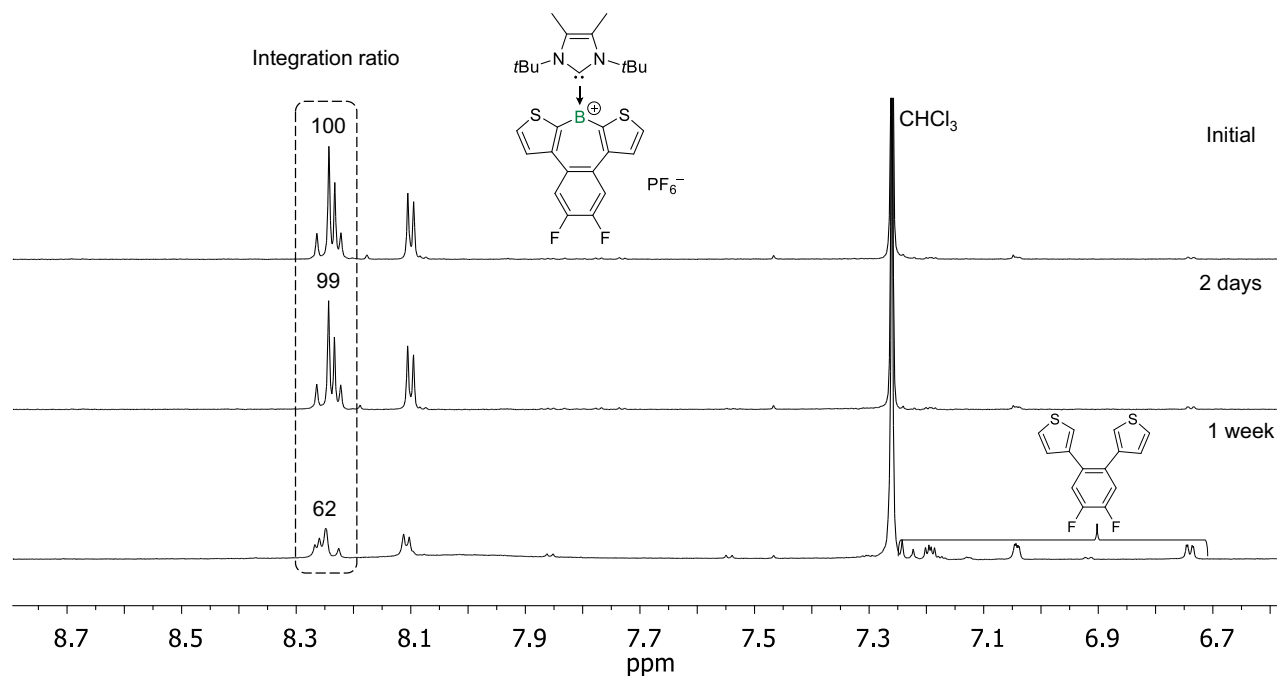


Figure S2 ^1H NMR spectral changes of **1-F**; initial, after two days, and after one week in water-saturated CDCl_3 . The integration ratio is given relative to the initial signal. The residual CHCl_3 peak was used as the integration standard.

¹H NMR spectral changes upon lithiation

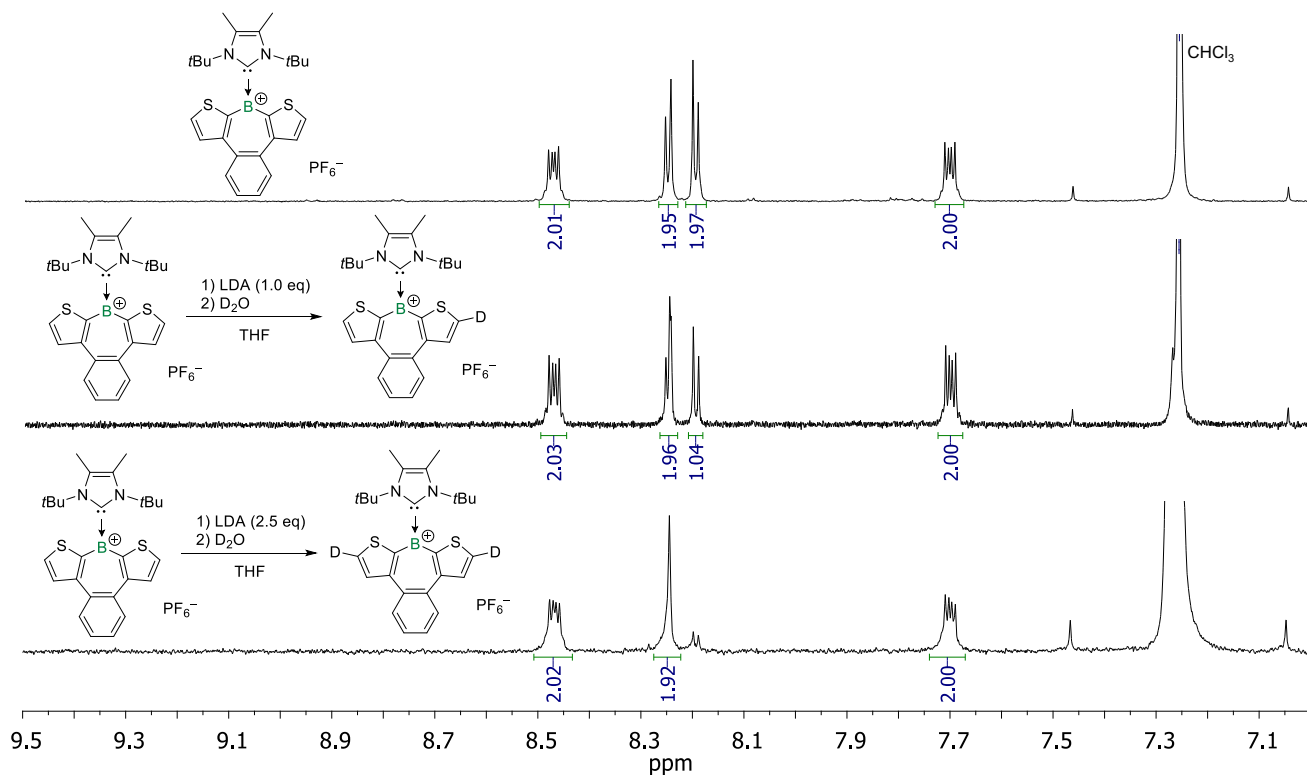


Figure S3 ¹H NMR spectral changes of **1-H** after lithiation with LDA, then quenching with D₂O.

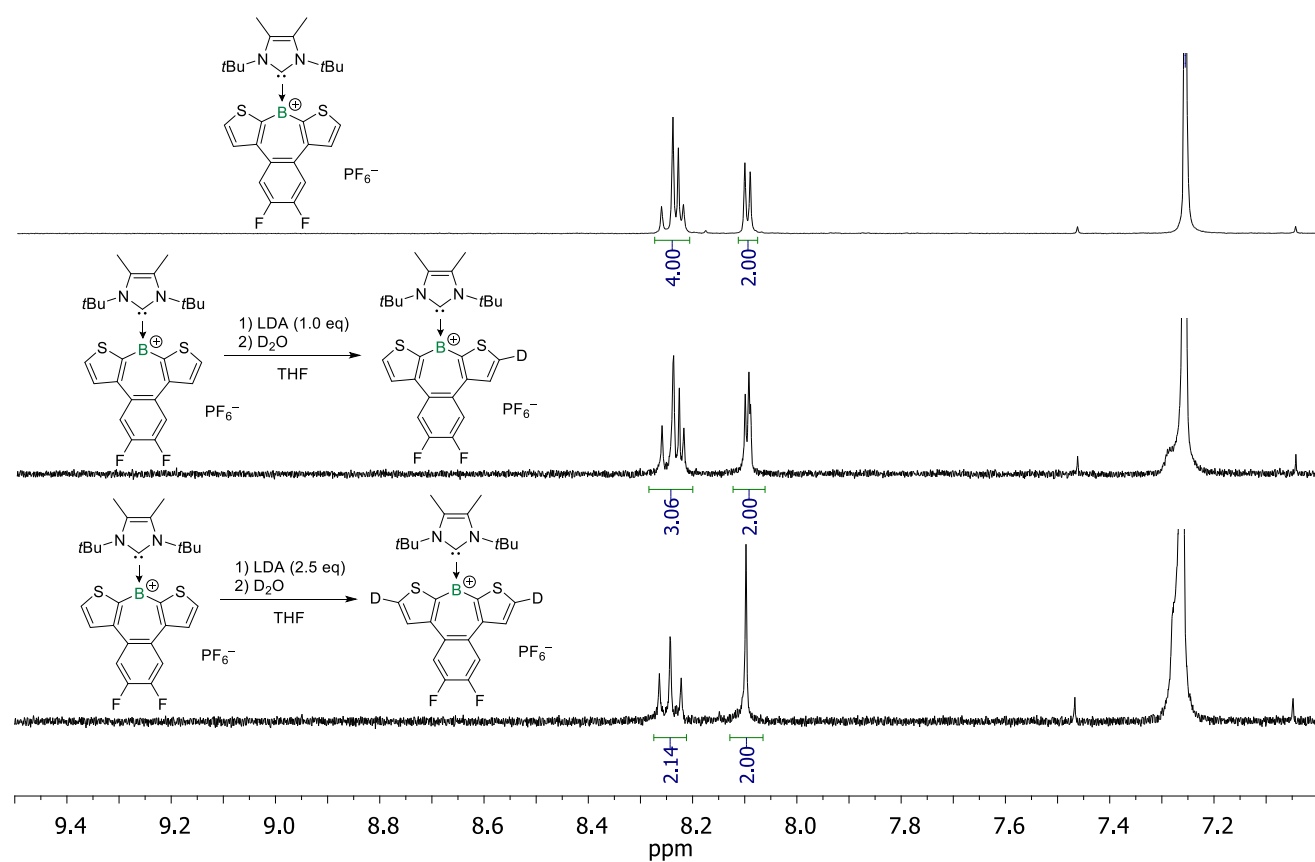


Figure S4 ¹H NMR spectral changes of **1-F** after lithiation with LDA, then quenching with D₂O.

¹H NMR spectral comparison of 2-H and 2-F

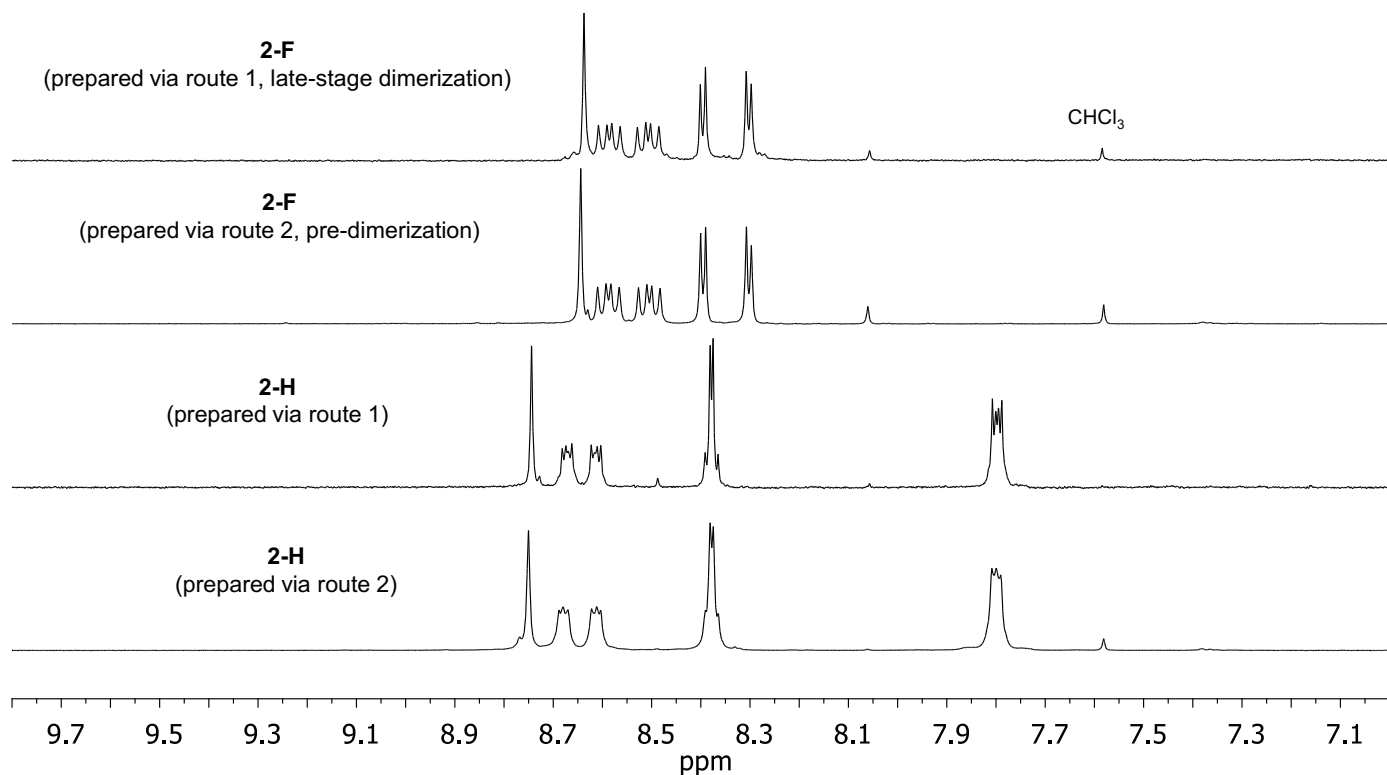


Figure S5 ¹H NMR spectra of **2-H** and **2-F** prepared by the two different routes in CD₃CN.

Crystal structures of 1-F

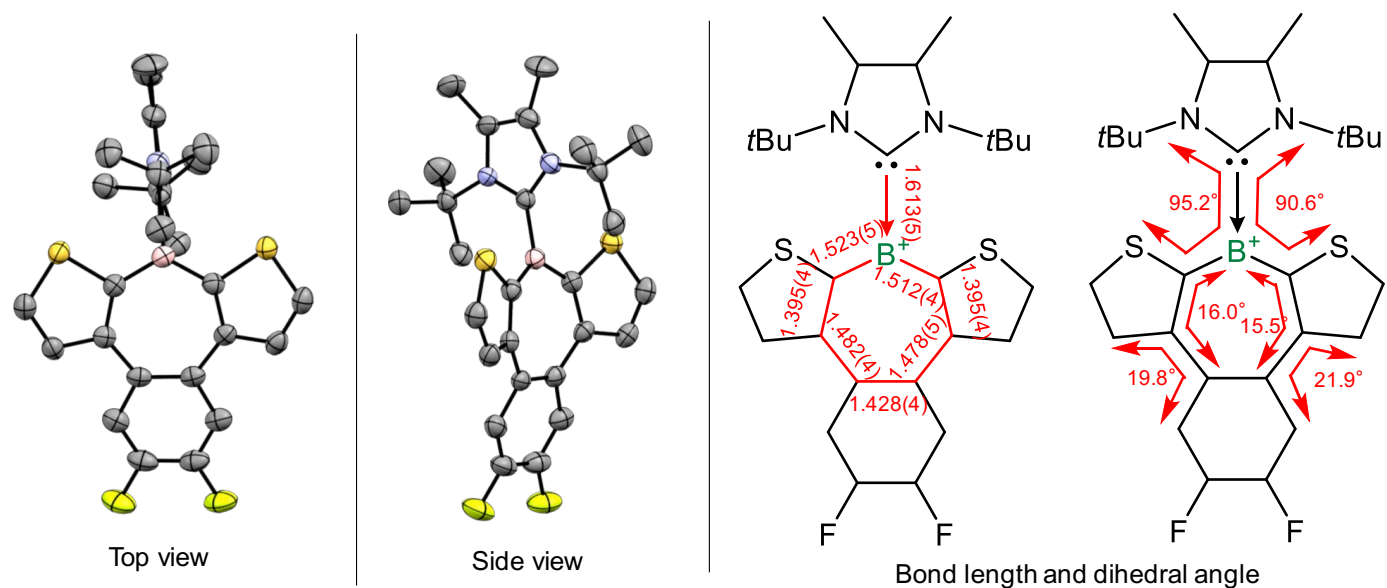


Figure S6 Crystal structure of **1-F** obtained at 123 K. Thermal ellipsoids are at the 50% probability level. Hydrogen atoms and PF₆⁻ anion are omitted for clarity.

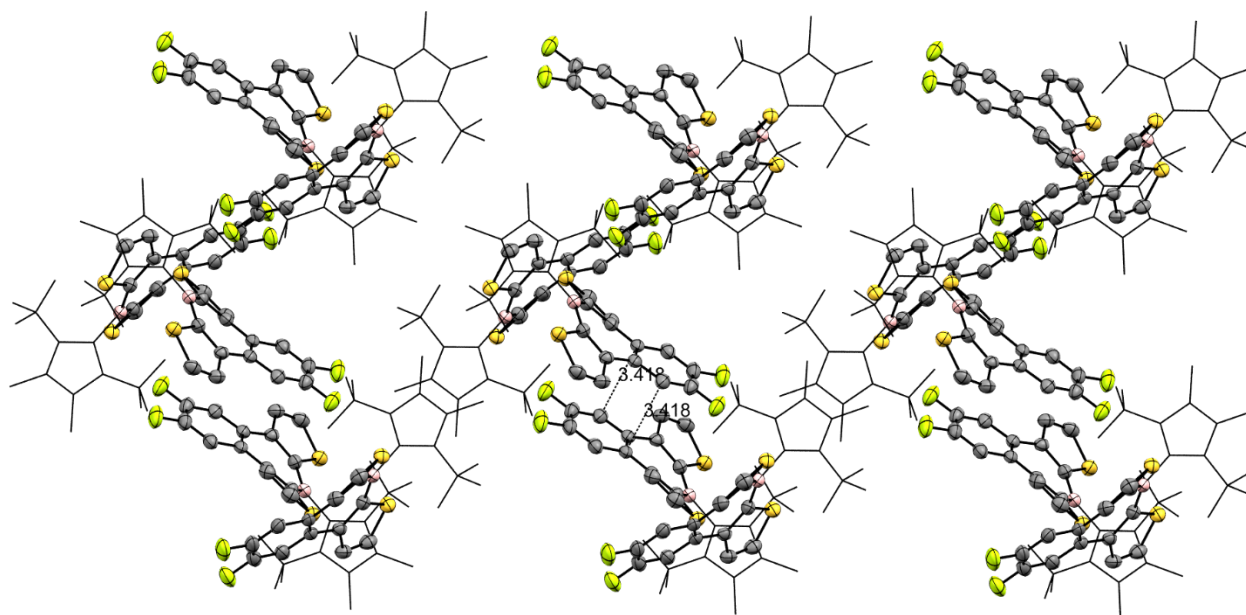


Figure S7 Crystal packing structure of **1-F** obtained at 123 K. Thermal ellipsoids are at the 50% probability level. PF_6^- and hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity. NHC ligands are shown in wireframe style.

Absorption and fluorescence data

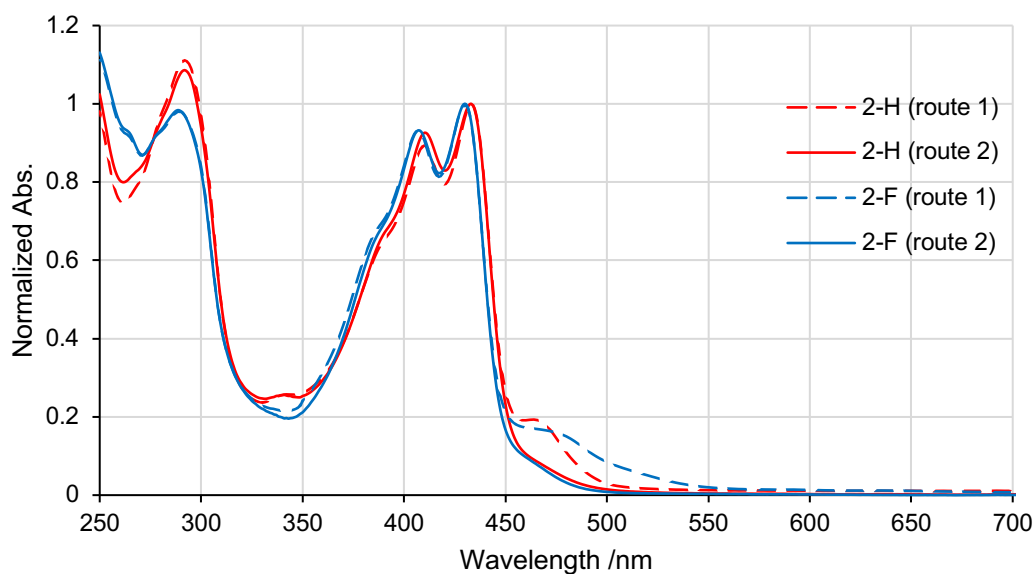


Figure S8 Absorption spectra of dimers prepared via two different synthetic routes in CH_2Cl_2 .

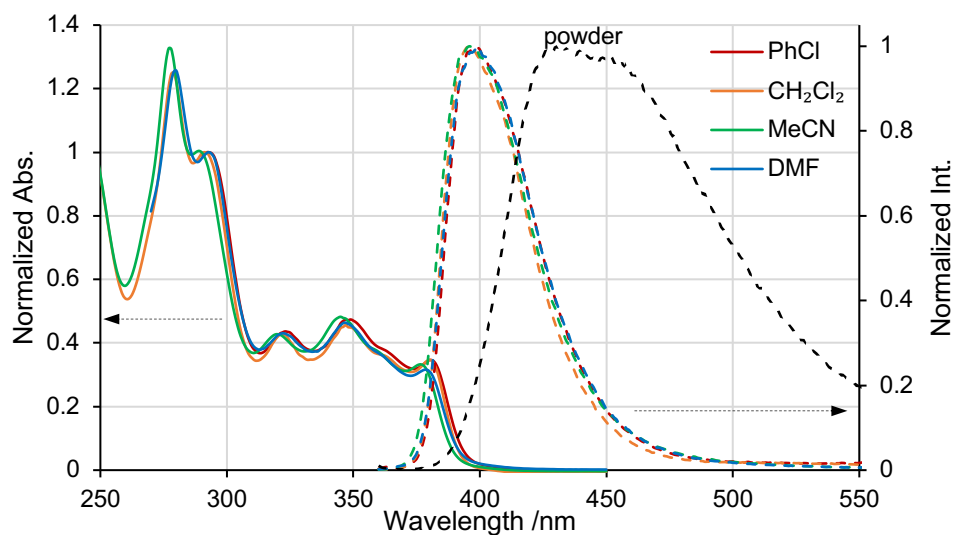


Figure S9 Absorption (solid lines) and fluorescence spectra (dashed lines) of **1-H** in various solvents.

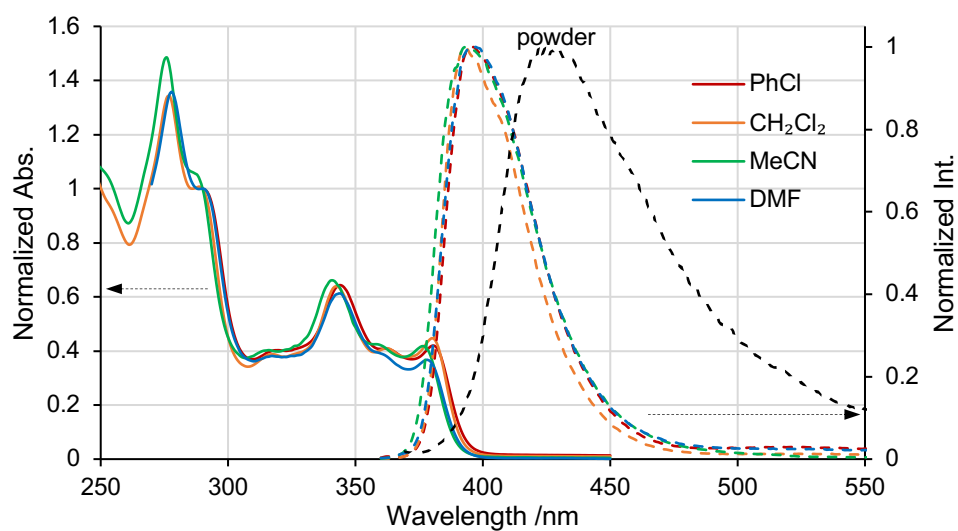


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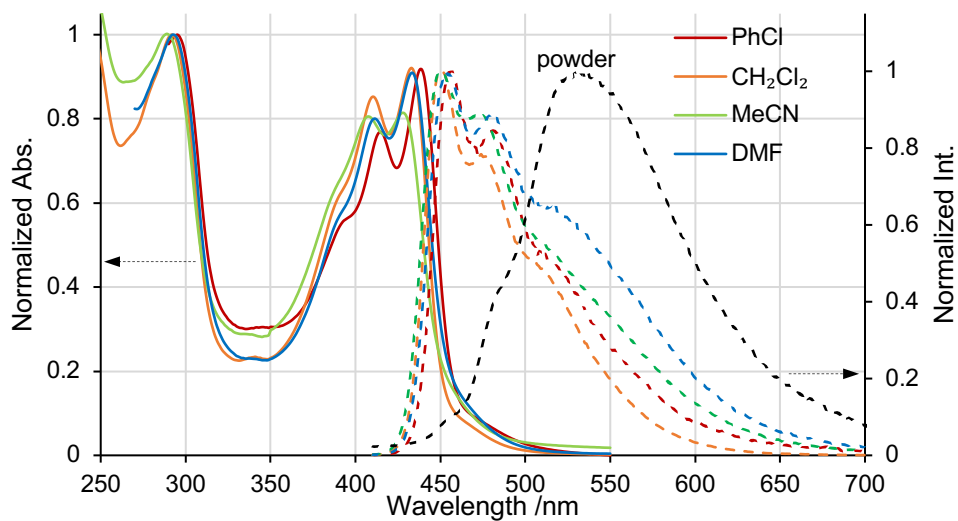


Figure S11 Absorption (solid lines) and fluorescence spectra (dashed lines) of **2-H** in various solvents.

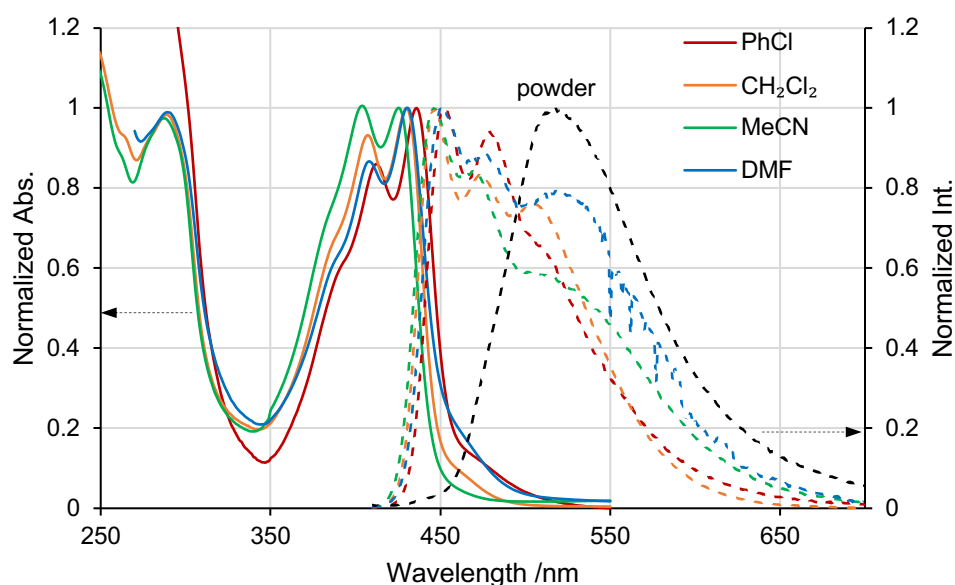


Figure S12 Absorption (solid lines) and fluorescence spectra (dashed lines) of **2-F** in various solvents.

Table S1 Optical data of borepinium ions in various solvents.

	Solvent	$\lambda_{\text{Abs}}^{\text{max}}$	$\lambda_{\text{Abs}}^{\text{onset}}$	$\lambda_{\text{Em}}^{\text{max}}$	Φ /%	τ (ampl.)/ns
1-H	PhCl	323, 347, 380	394	398	1.8	0.40 (1.0)
	DCM	279, 322, 347, 380	393	397	1.4	0.41 (1.0)
	ACN	277, 320, 345, 377	390	396	1.6	0.40 (1.0)
	DMF	280, 322, 347, 379	394	399	1.5	0.44 (1.0)
	Powder	-	-	430	0.5	0.33 (0.90), 3.72 (0.10)
1-F	PhCl	344, 381	394	396	1.7	0.37 (1.0)
	DCM	276, 341, 376	392	393	1.9	0.37 (1.0)
	ACN	277, 342, 380	390	393	1.2	0.37 (1.0)
	DMF	278, 344, 378	392	397	1.4	0.29 (0.90), 1.66 (0.10)
	Powder	-	-	425	0.4	0.36 (0.91), 4.02 (0.09)
2-H	PhCl	295, 415, 438	461	457	7.1	0.22 (1.0)
	DCM	292, 410, 433	454	451	5.7	0.21 (1.0)
	ACN	290, 408, 428	455	450	5.0	0.21 (1.0)
	DMF	293, 411, 433	457	453	3.6	0.23 (1.0)
	Powder	-	-	482	2.8	0.51 (0.73), 3.08 (0.19), 18.09 (0.08)
2-F	PhCl	412, 436	458	452	8.8	0.22 (1.0)
	DCM	289, 407, 430	450	447	7.3	0.21 (1.0)
	ACN	288, 404, 425	447	446	5.5	0.22 (1.0)
	DMF	289, 408, 430	450	450	9.6	0.25 (1.0)
	Powder	-	-	466	6.2	0.49 (0.53), 2.59 (0.35), 16.14 (0.12)

Table S2 Summary of electrochemical data of borepinium ions.

	$E_{1/2}^{\text{red1 } a} / \text{V}(\text{Fc}^{0/+})$	$E_{1/2}^{\text{red2 } a} / \text{V}(\text{Fc}^{0/+})$	LUMO ^b /eV	$E_g^{\text{opt } c} / \text{eV}$	HOMO ^d /eV	$E_g^{\text{calc } e} / \text{eV}$
1-H	-1.86	-	-2.94	3.18	-6.12	3.90
1-F	-1.79	-	-3.01	3.18	-6.19	3.80
2-H	-1.39	-1.76	-3.41	2.73	-6.14	3.20
2-F	-1.36	-1.59	-3.44	2.77	-6.21	3.25

^a $E_{\text{red}} = 0.5 (E_{\text{pc}} + E_{\text{pa}})$; ^b Determined as $-(4.8 - E_{\text{red}}^1)$; ^c Obtained from the absorption onset in acetonitrile; ^d Determined as $\text{LUMO} - E_g^{\text{opt}}$; ^e Estimated from DFT calculations (B3LYP/6-31g(d,p)) for compounds without PF_6^- .

DFT results

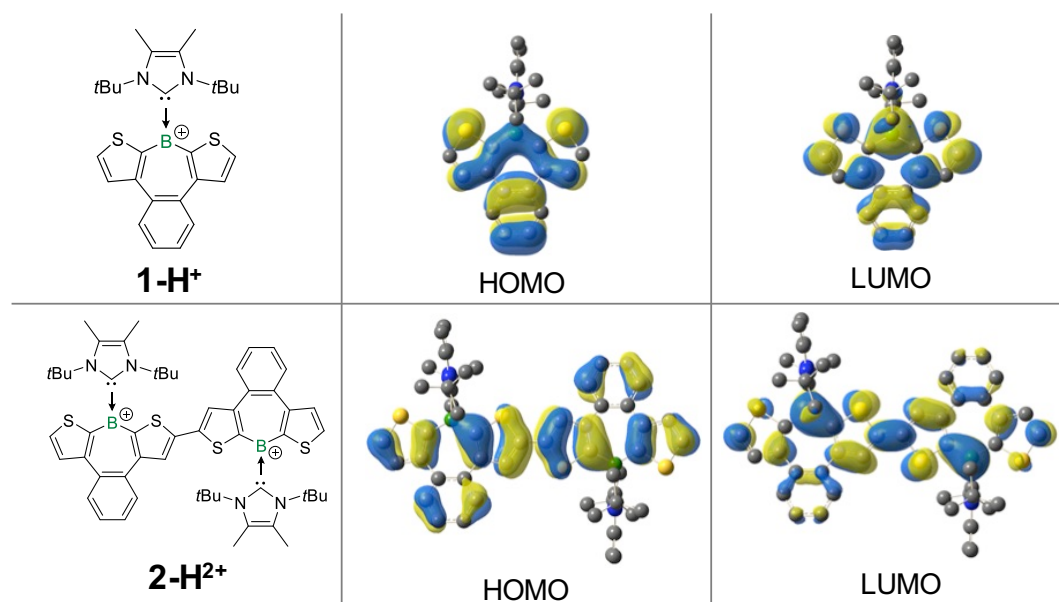
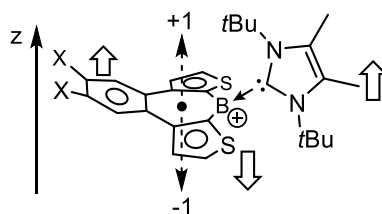


Figure S13 HOMO/LUMO frontier orbitals of **1-H⁺** and **2-H²⁺** from DFT calculations at the B3LYP/6-31G(d,p) level of theory.

Table S3 Calculated NICS values of borepinium cations.

	NICS(0)	NICS(+1)	NICS(-1)
B	0.97	-1.69	-2.72
1-H⁺	0.65	-2.10	-2.57
1-F⁺	0.20	-2.45	-2.92



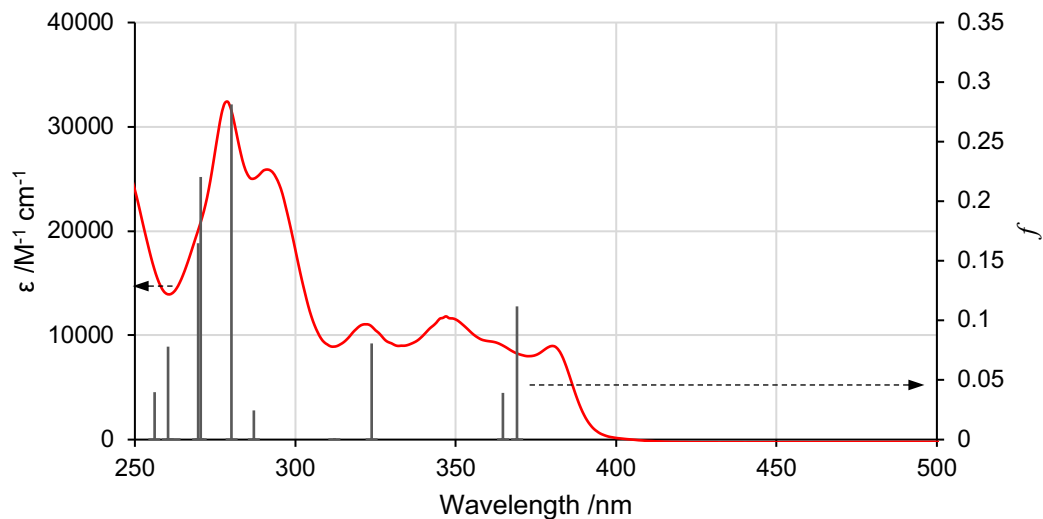


Figure S14 Experimental absorption spectrum of **1-H** in CH_2Cl_2 and TD-DFT results of **1-H**⁺ at B3LYP/6-31G(d,p) level.

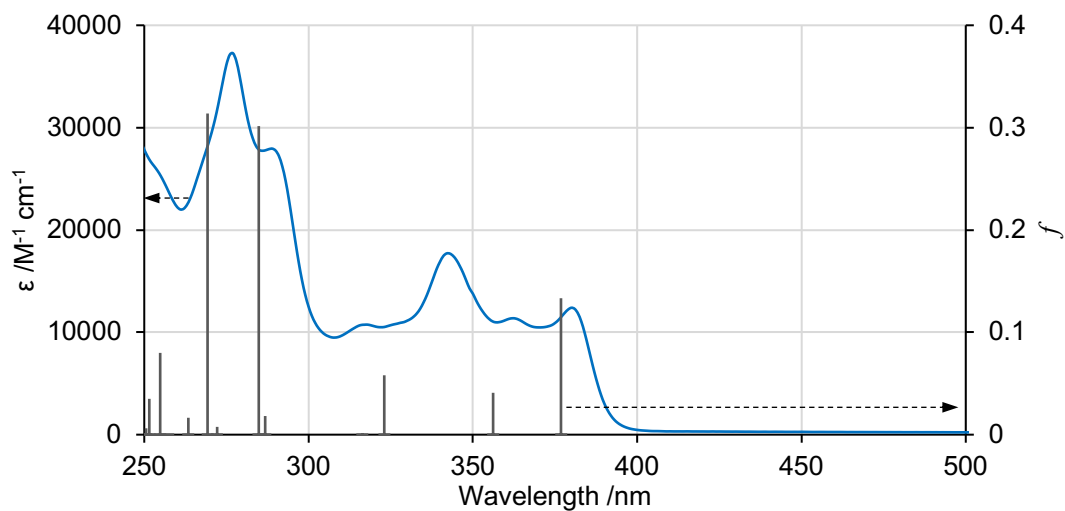


Figure S15 Experimental absorption spectrum of **1-F** in CH_2Cl_2 and TD-DFT results of **1-H**⁺ at B3LYP/6-31G(d,p) level.

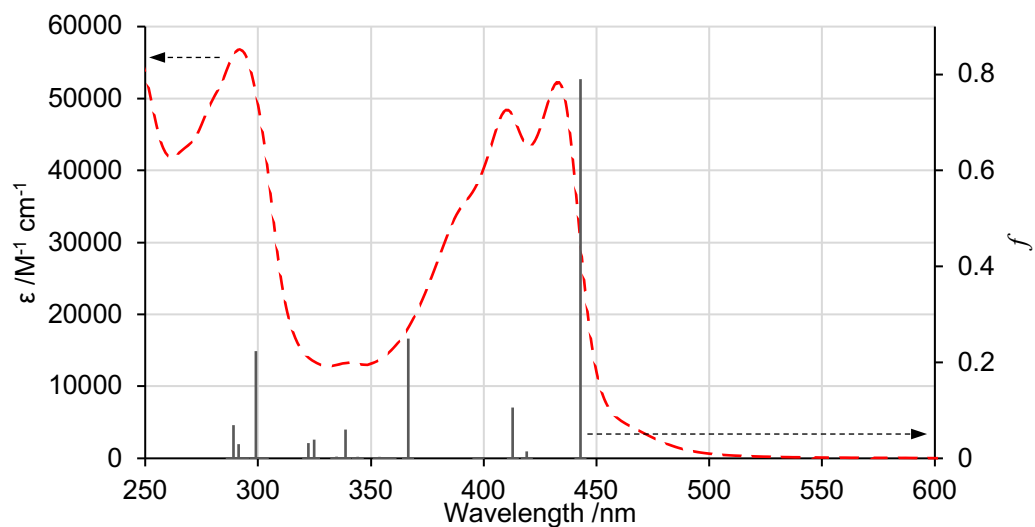


Figure S16 Experimental absorption spectrum of **2-H** in CH_2Cl_2 and TD-DFT results of **2-H**²⁺ at B3LYP/6-31G(d,p) level.

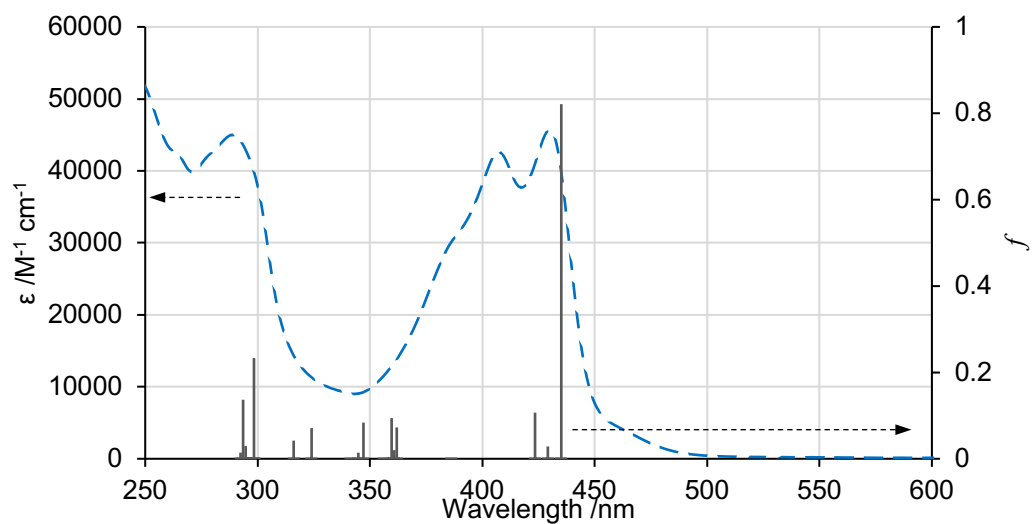


Figure S17 Experimental absorption spectrum of **2-F** in CH_2Cl_2 and TD-DFT results of **2-F**²⁺ at B3LYP/6-31G(d,p) level.

NMR and MS spectra

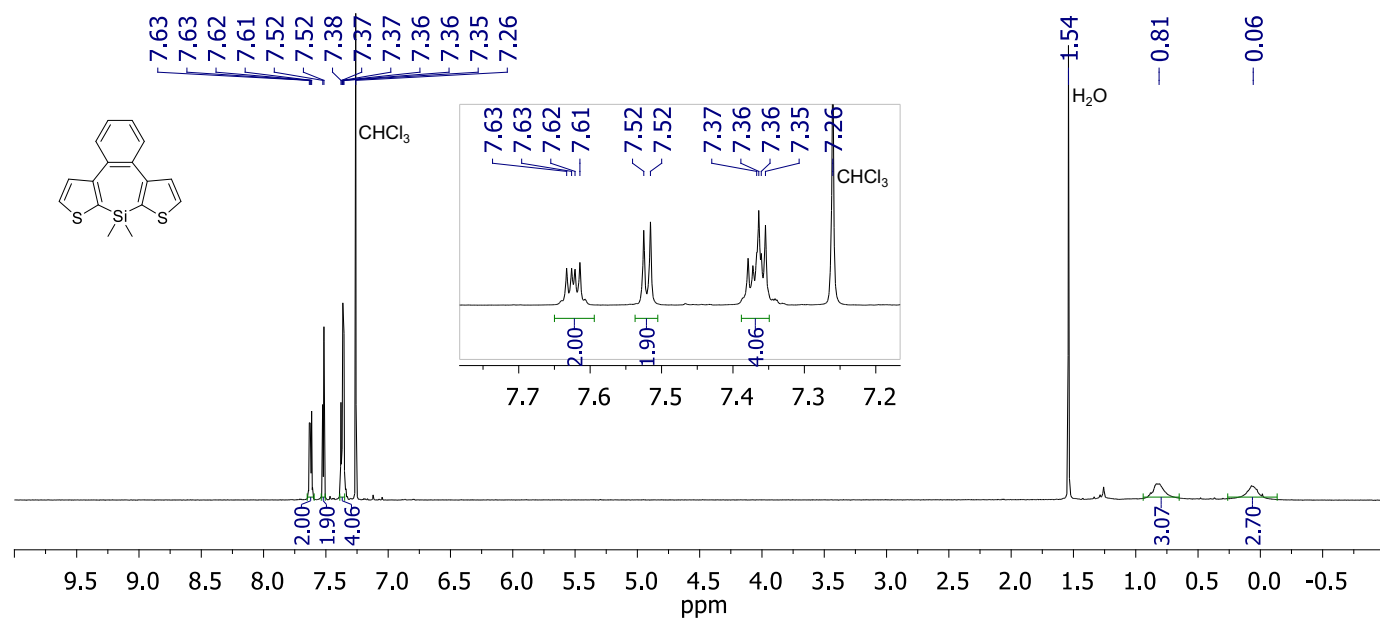


Fig. S18 ¹H NMR spectrum of **3-H** in CDCl₃ at room temperature.

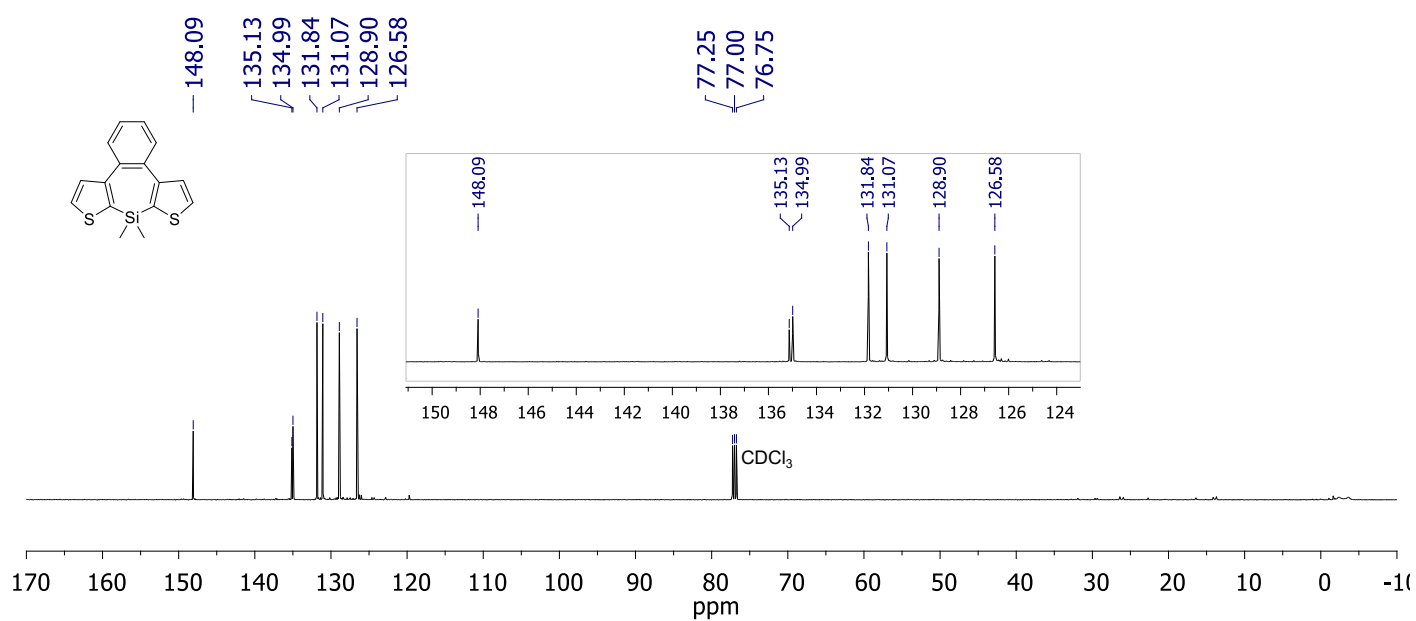


Fig. S19 ¹³C NMR spectrum of **3-H** in CDCl₃ at room temperature.

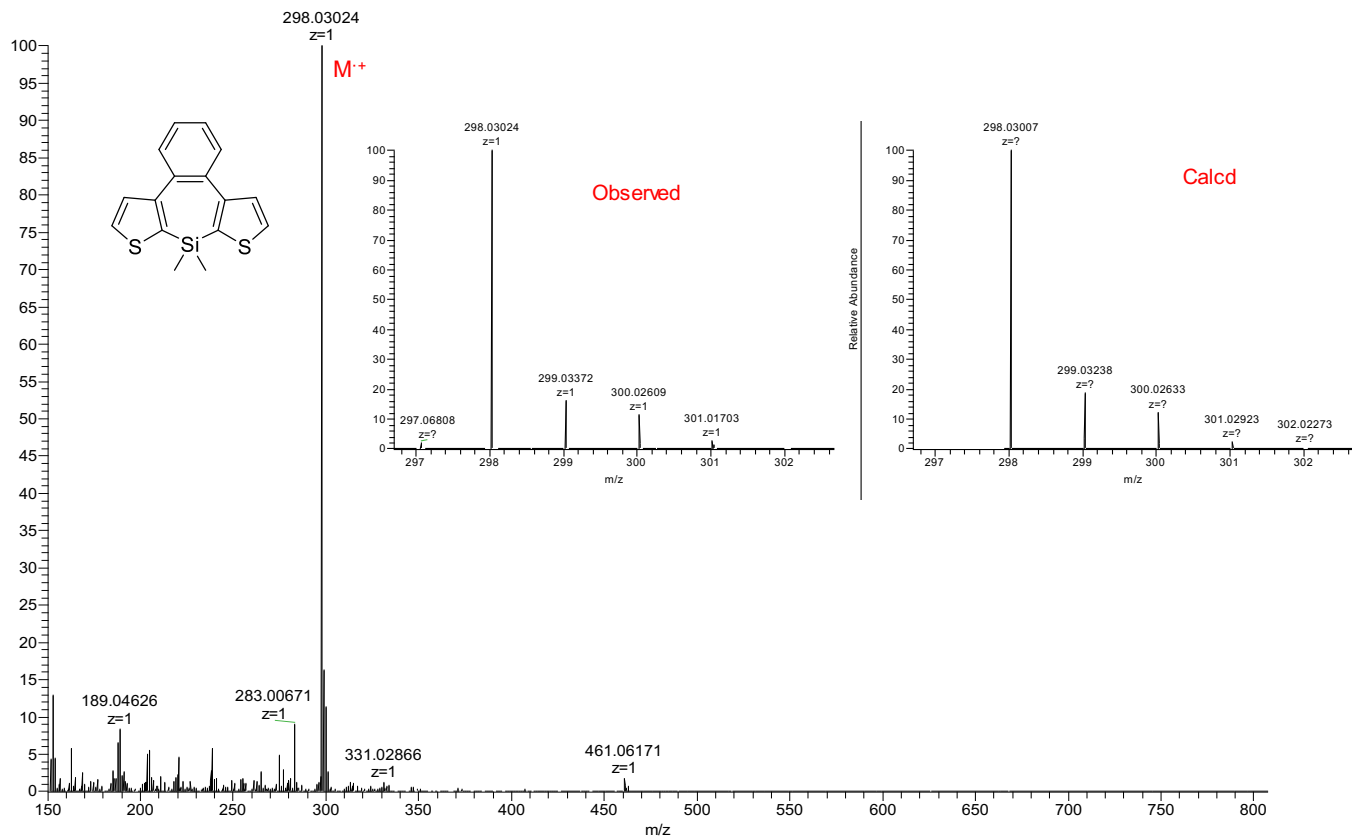


Fig. S20 APCI mass spectrum of **3-H** (positive mode).

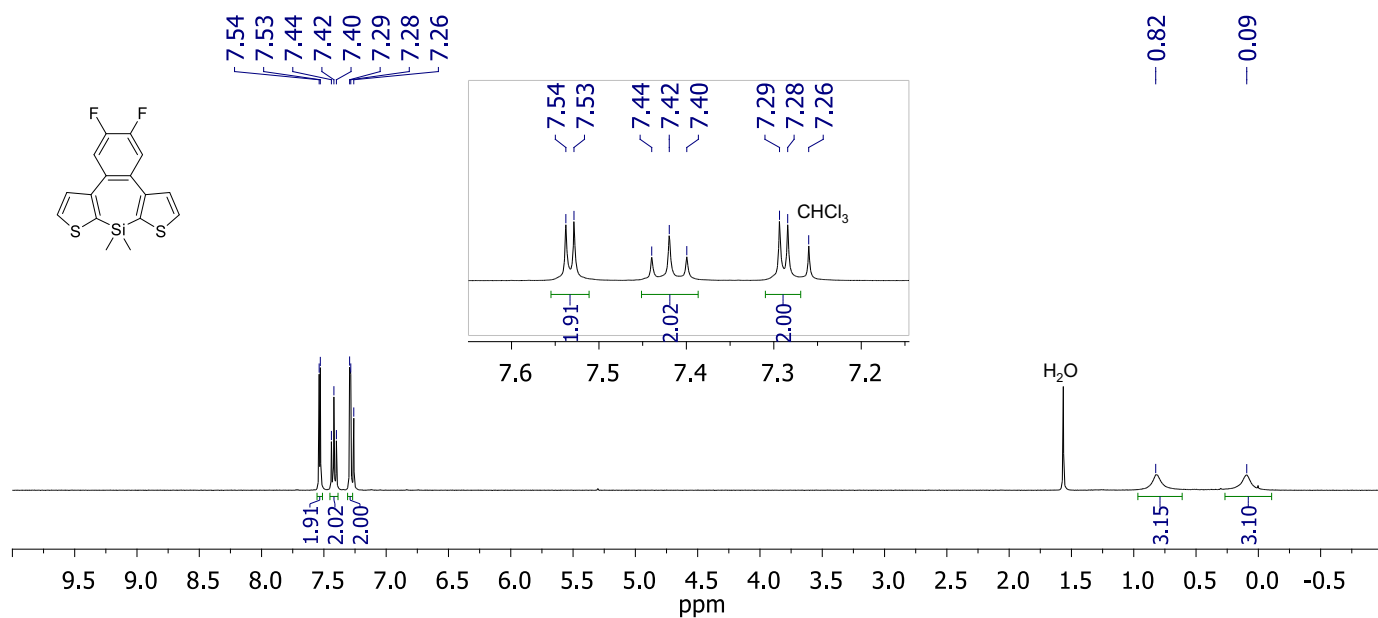


Fig. S21 ^1H NMR spectrum of **3-F** in CDCl_3 at room temperature.

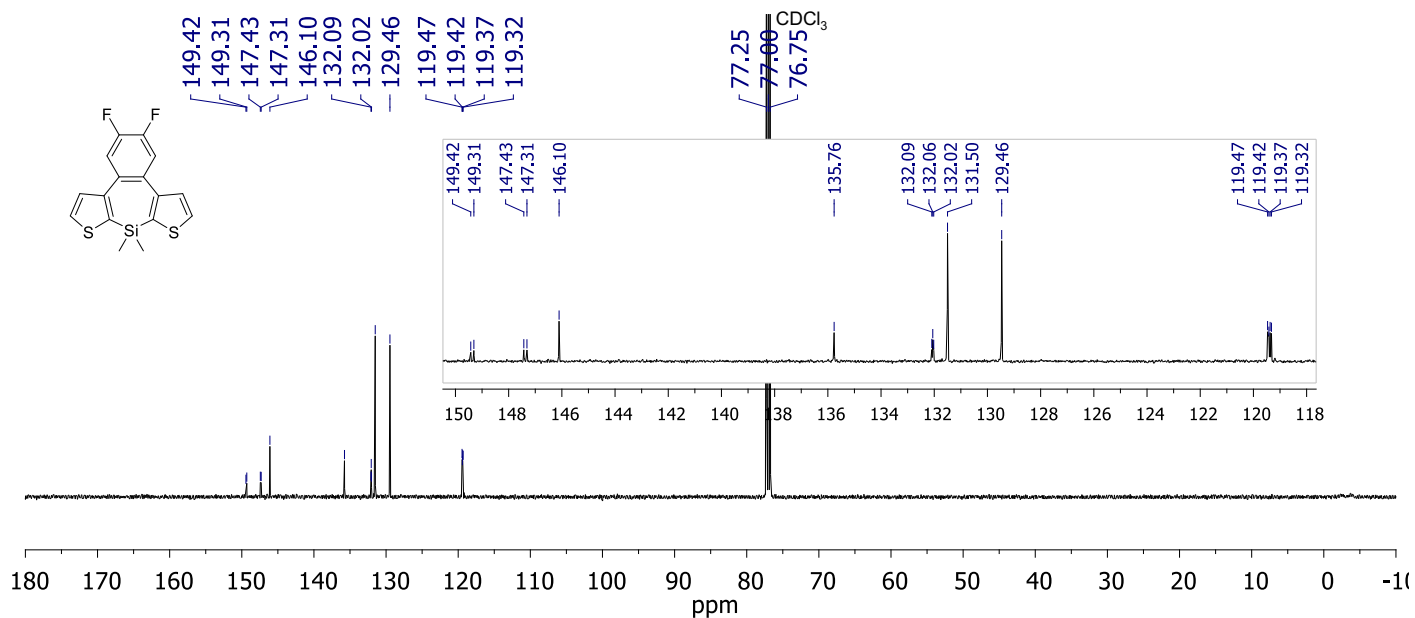


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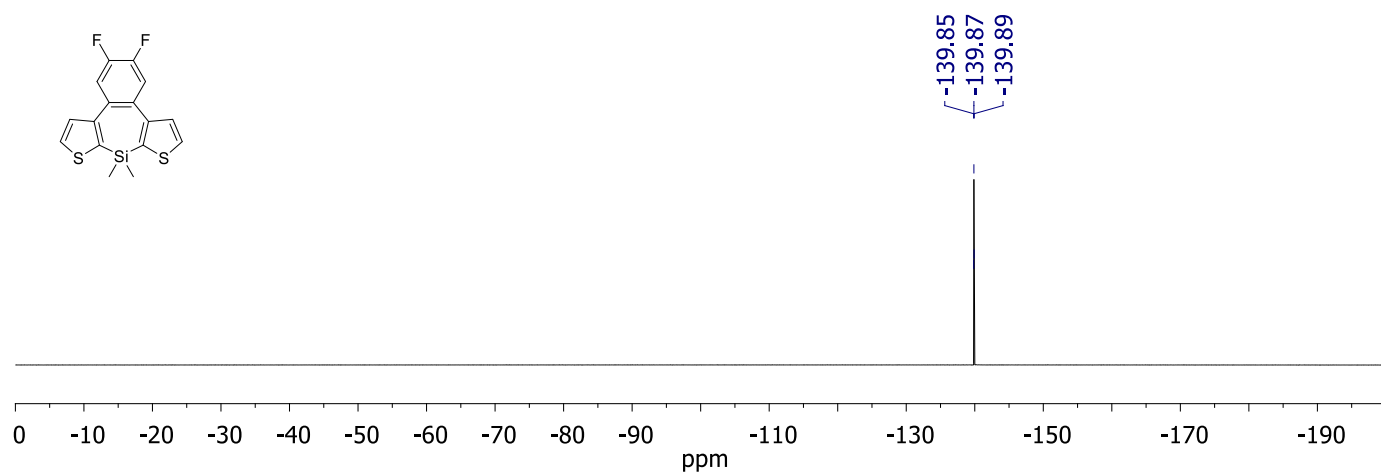


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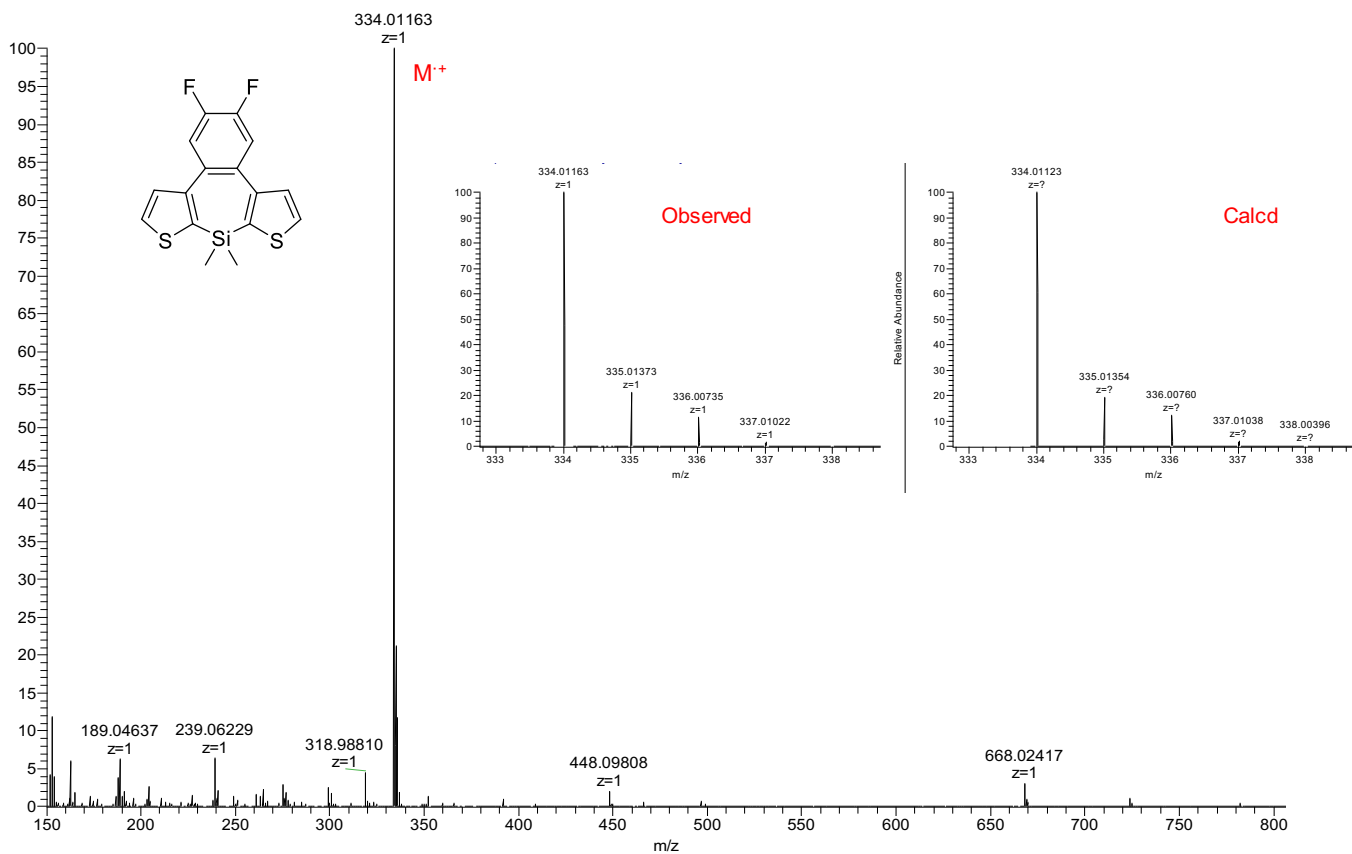


Fig. S24 APCI mass spectrum of **3-H** (positive mode).

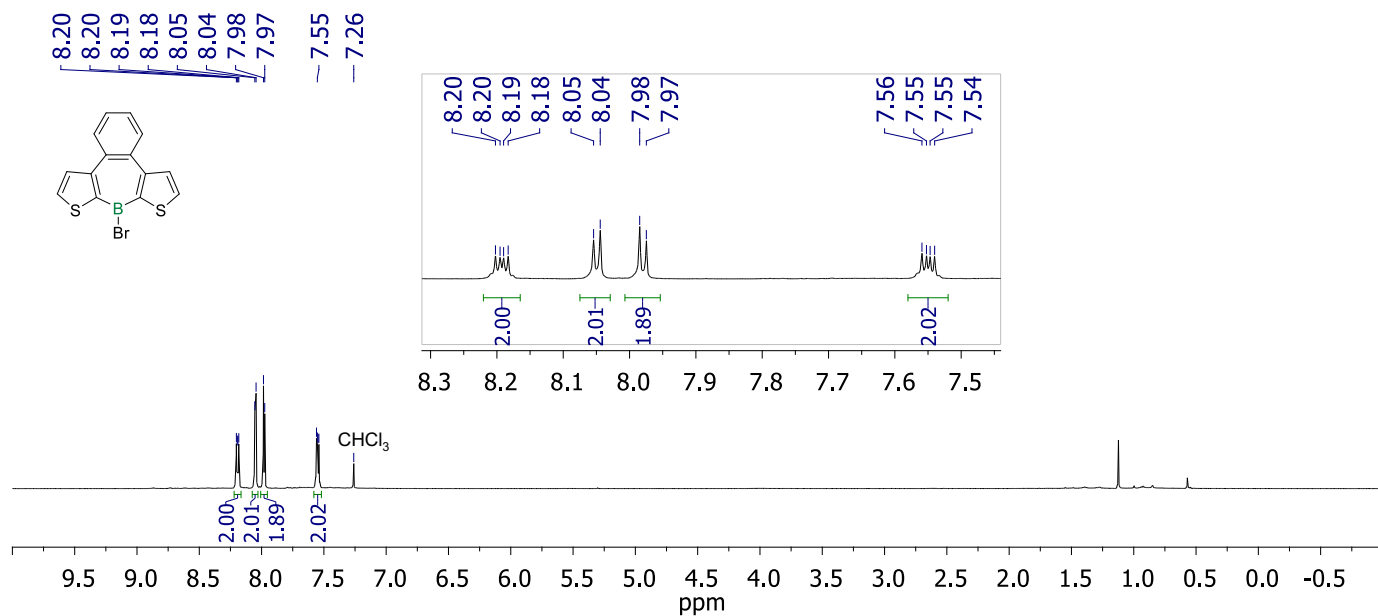


Fig. S25 ^1H NMR spectrum of **4-H** in CDCl_3 at room temperature.

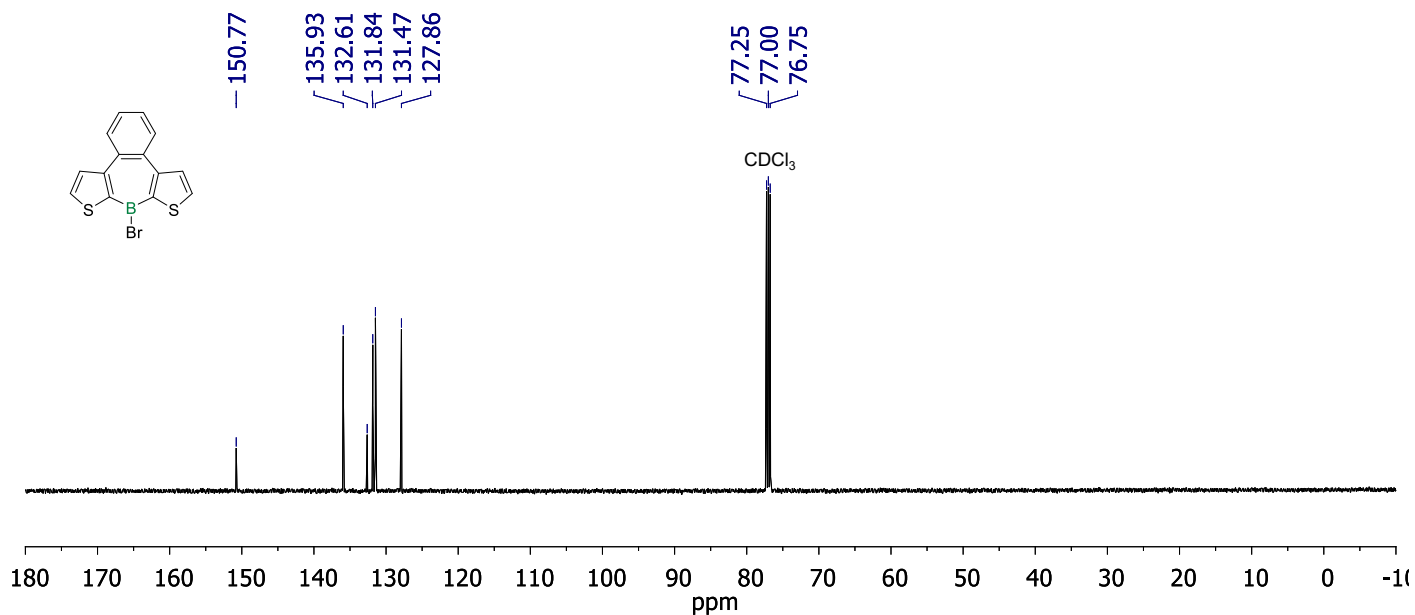


Fig. S26 ^{13}C NMR spectrum of **4-H** in CDCl_3 at room temperature.

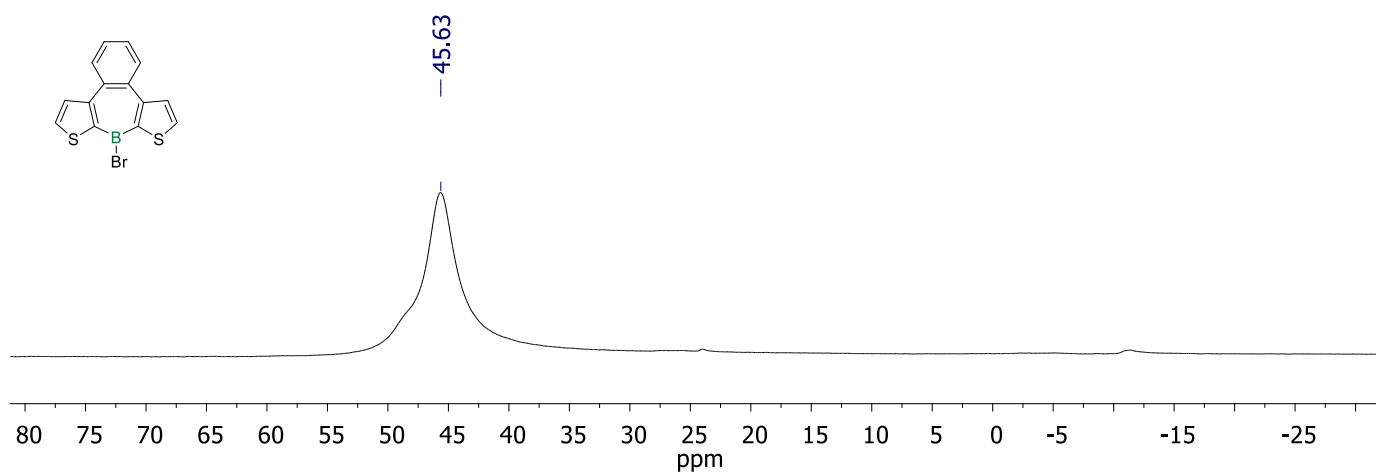


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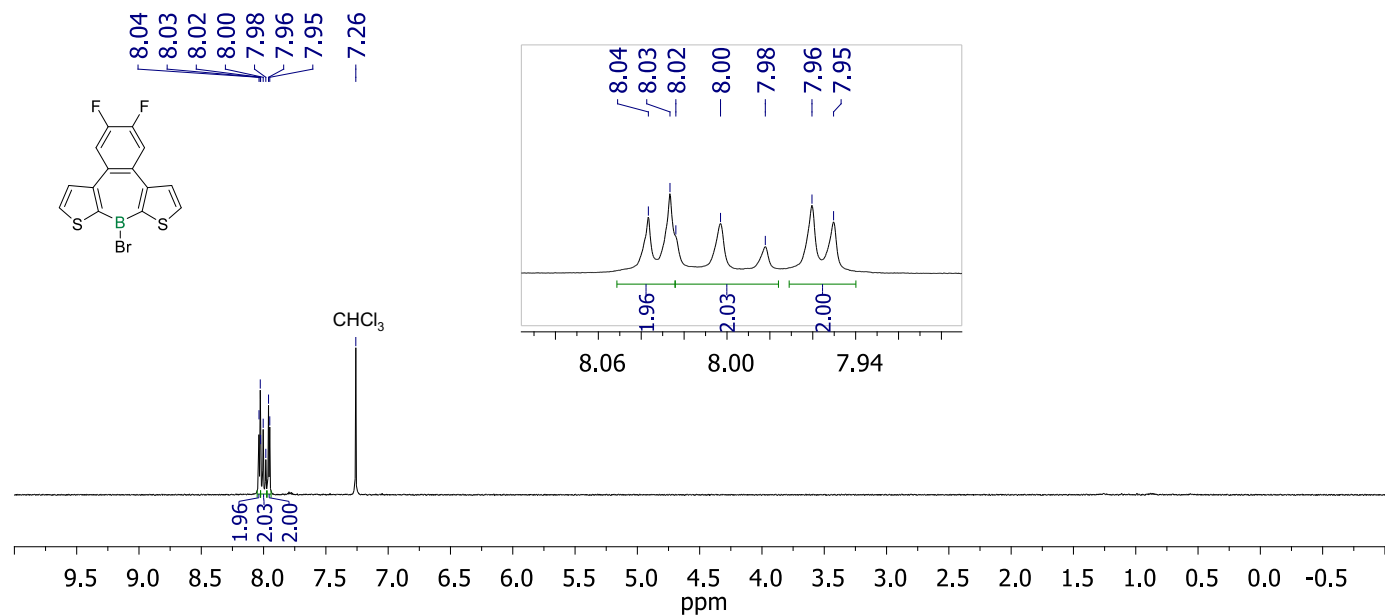


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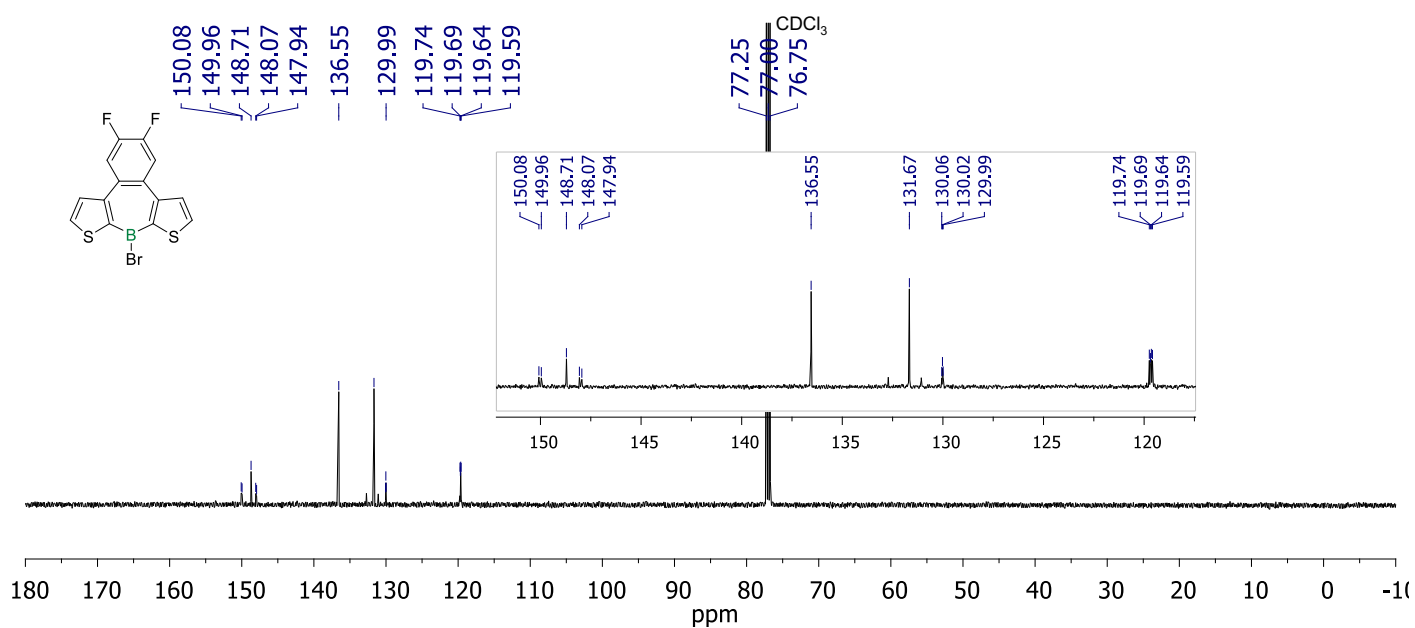


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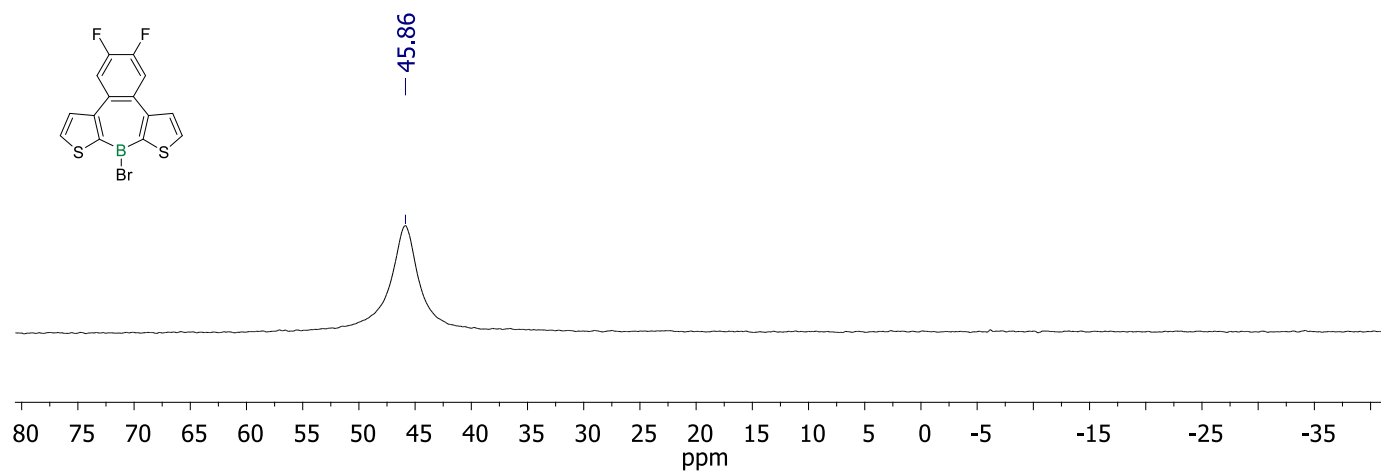


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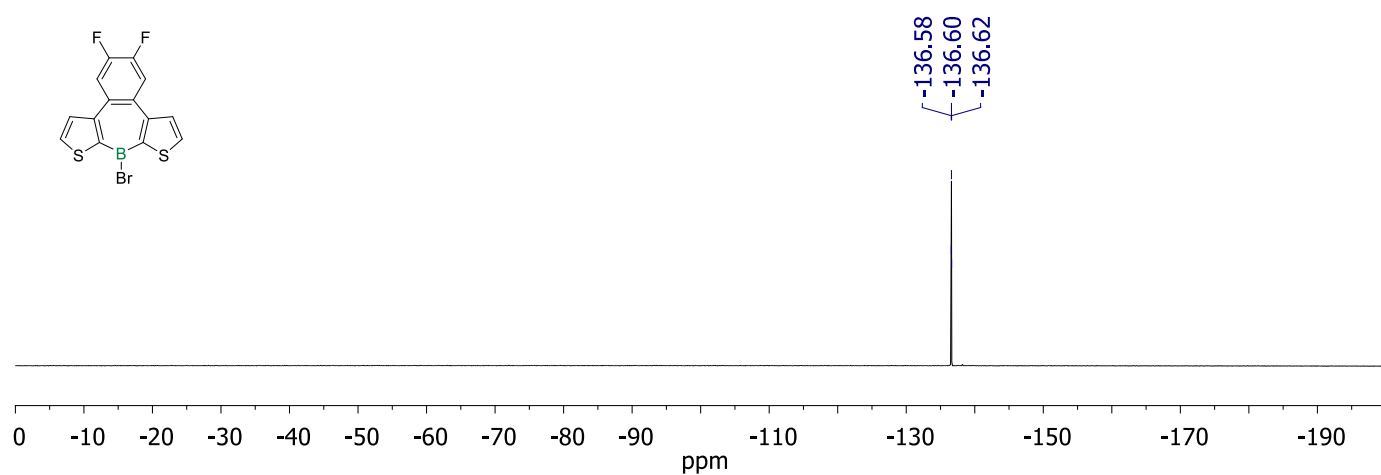


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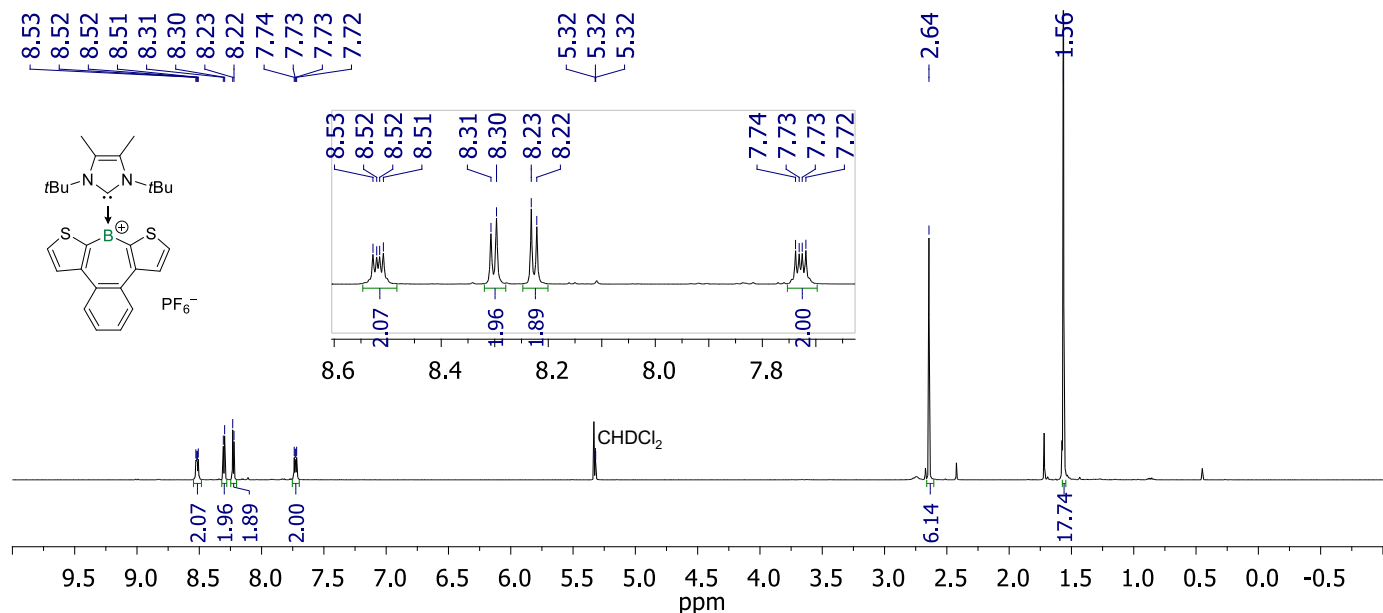


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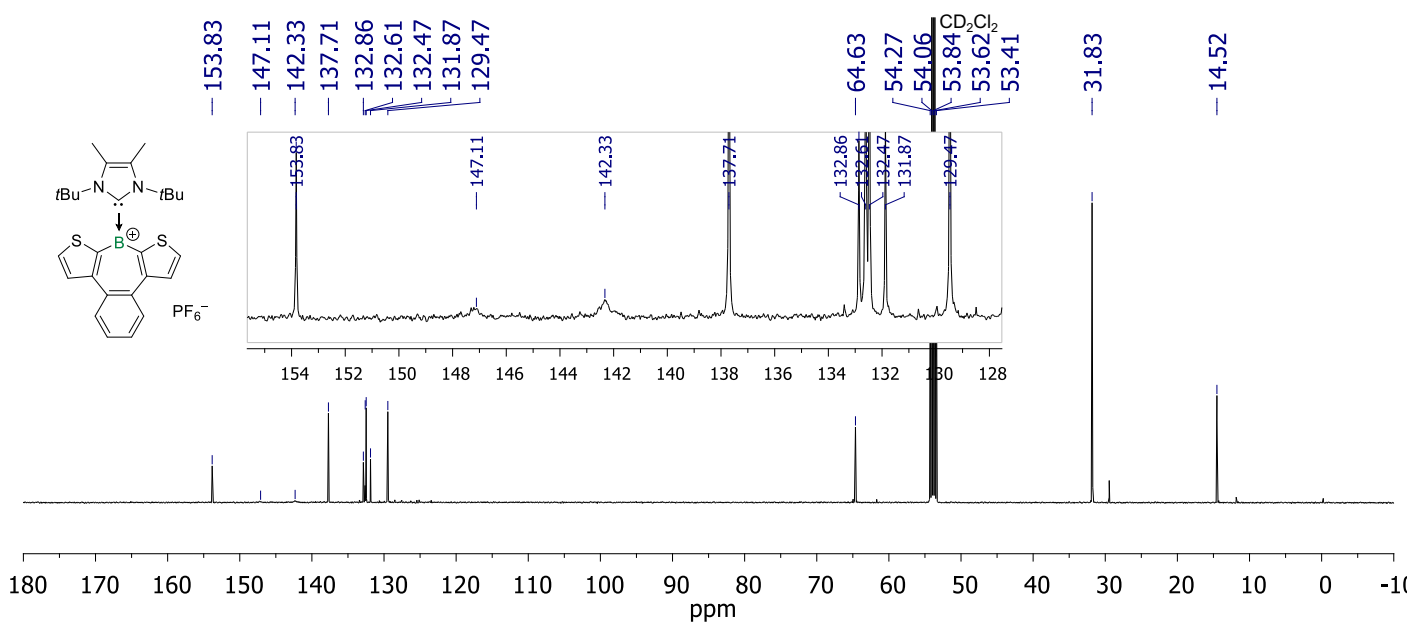


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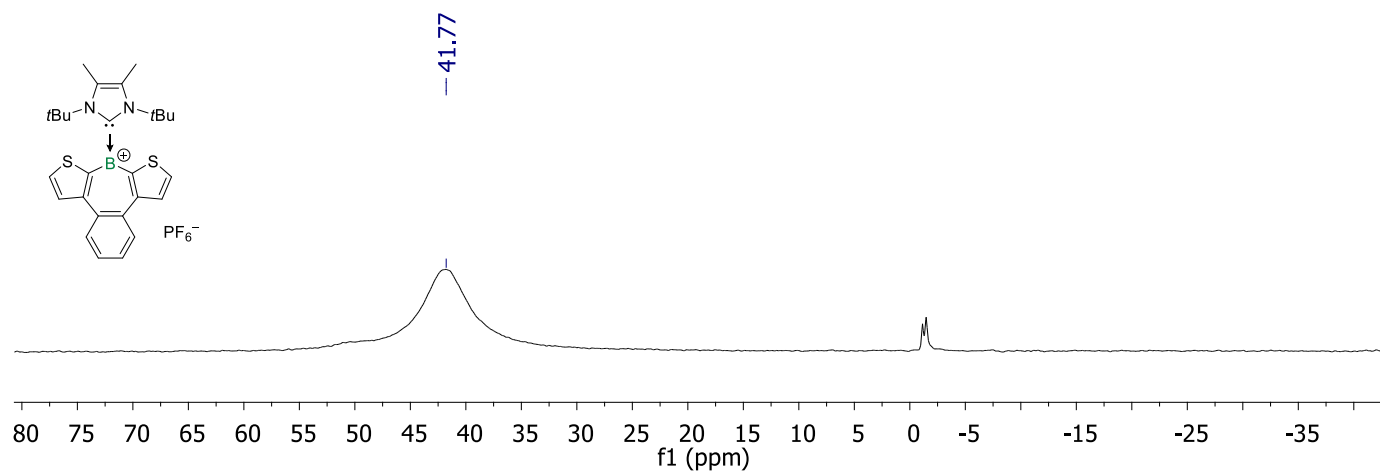


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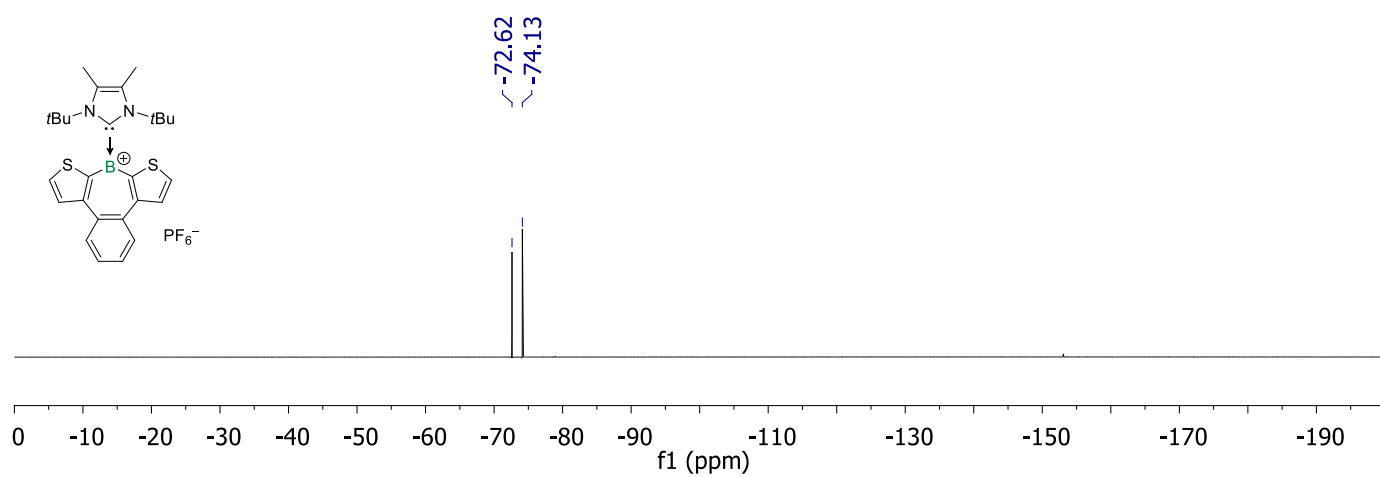


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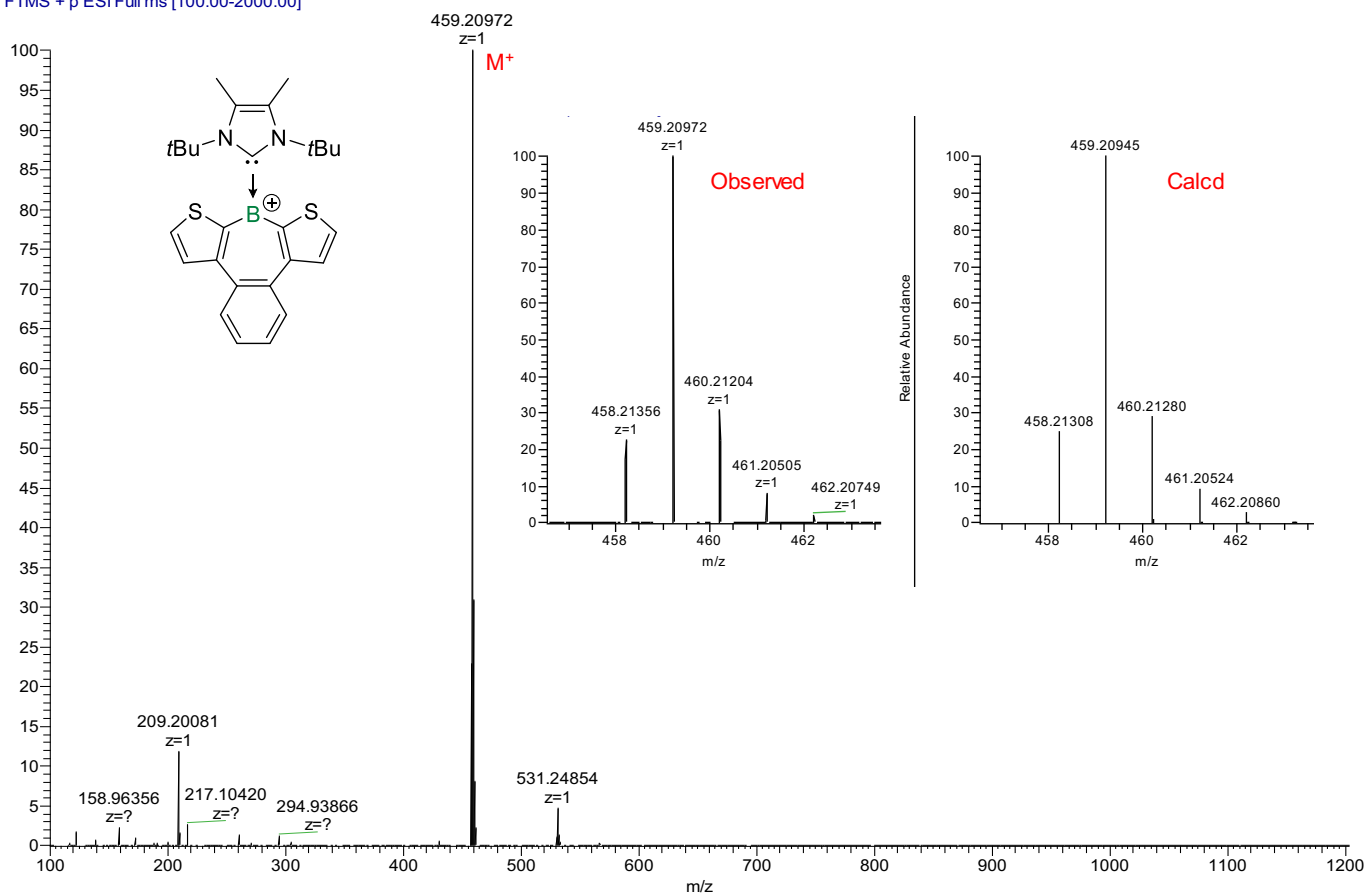


Fig. S36 ESI mass spectrum of 1-H (positive mode).

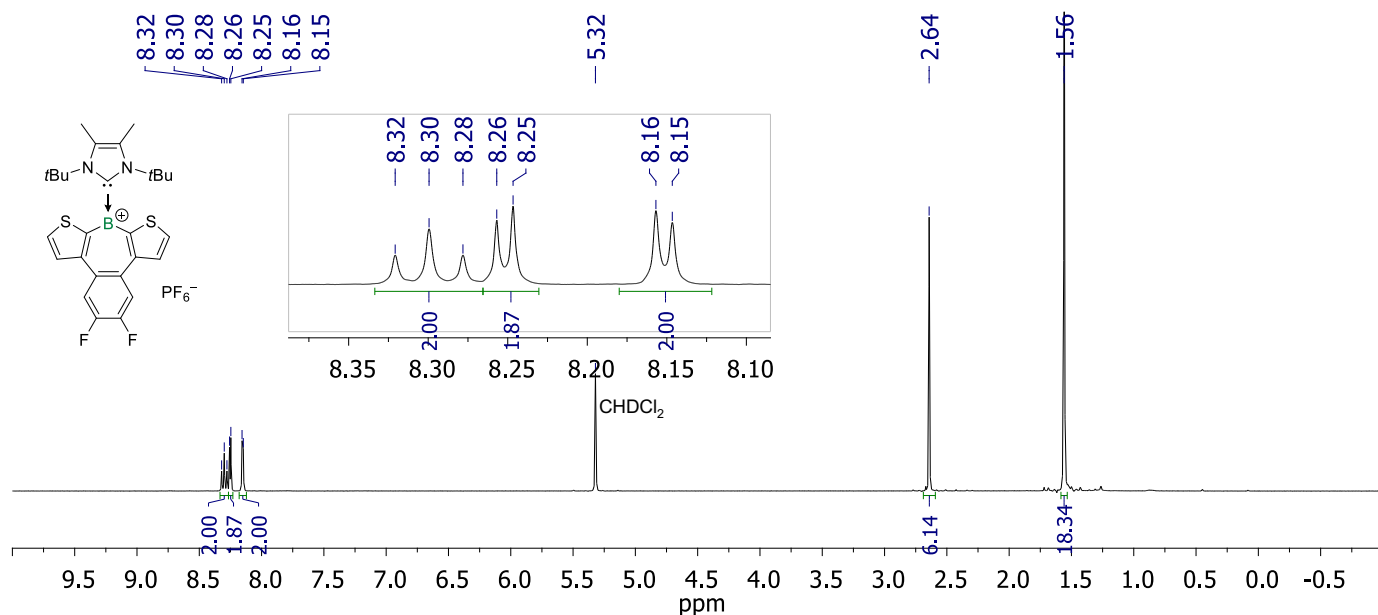


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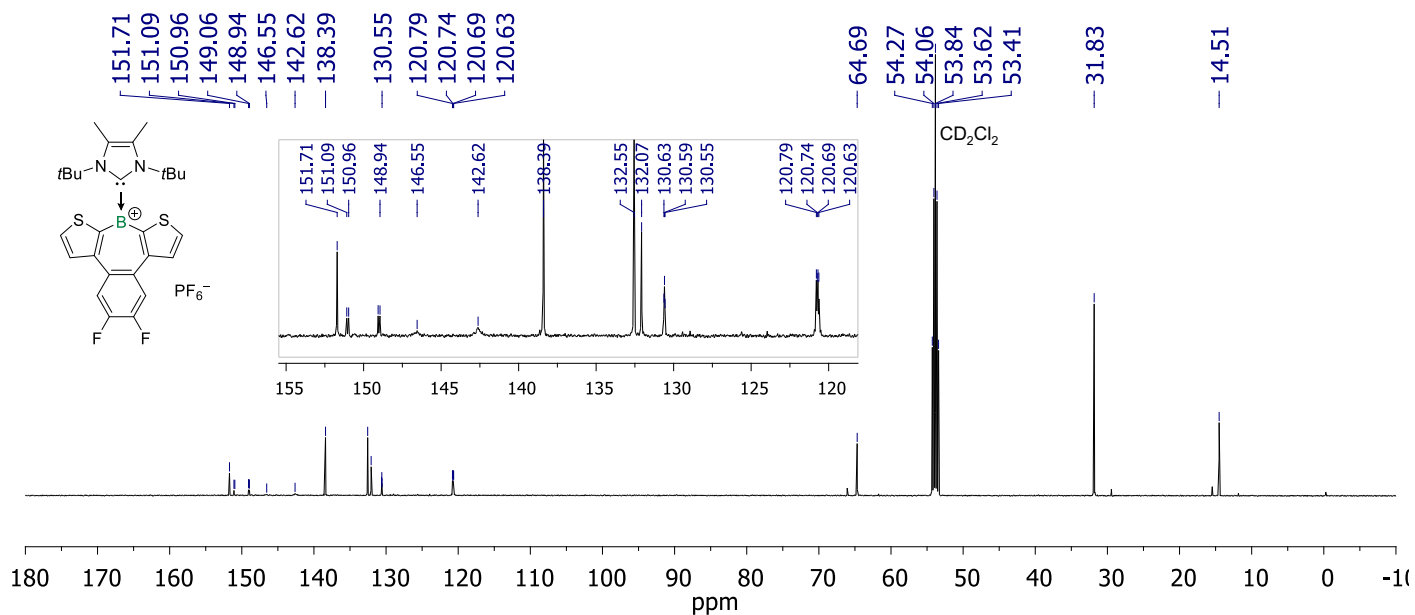


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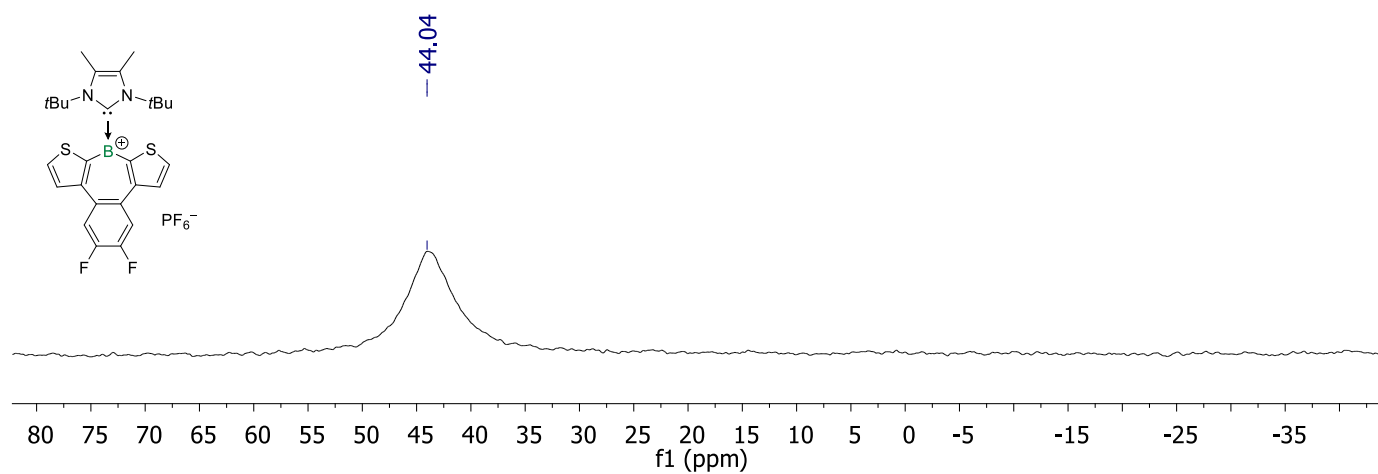


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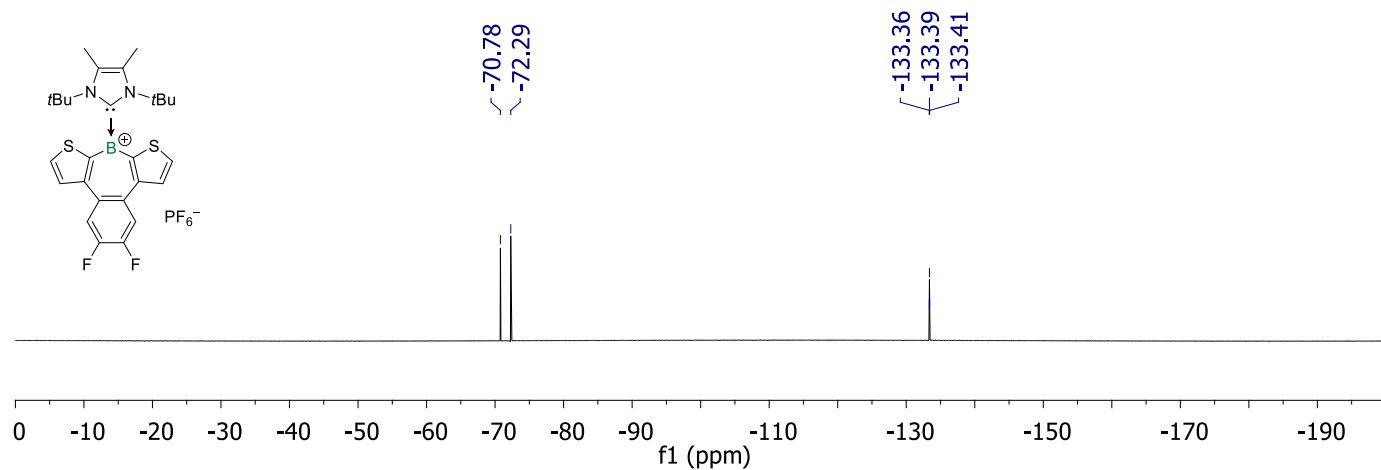


Fig. S40 ^{19}F NMR spectrum of **1-F** in CD_2Cl_2 at room temperature.

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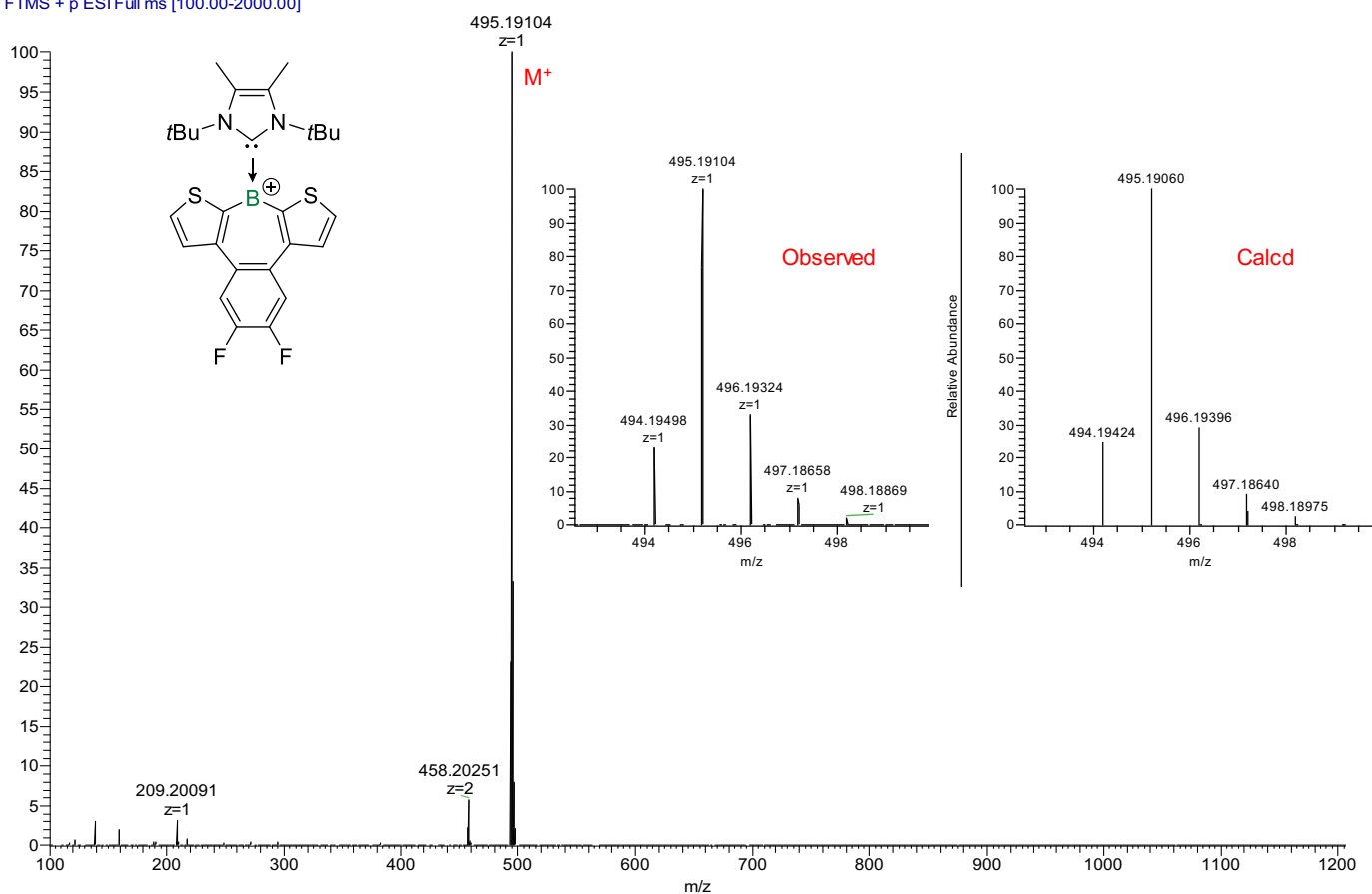


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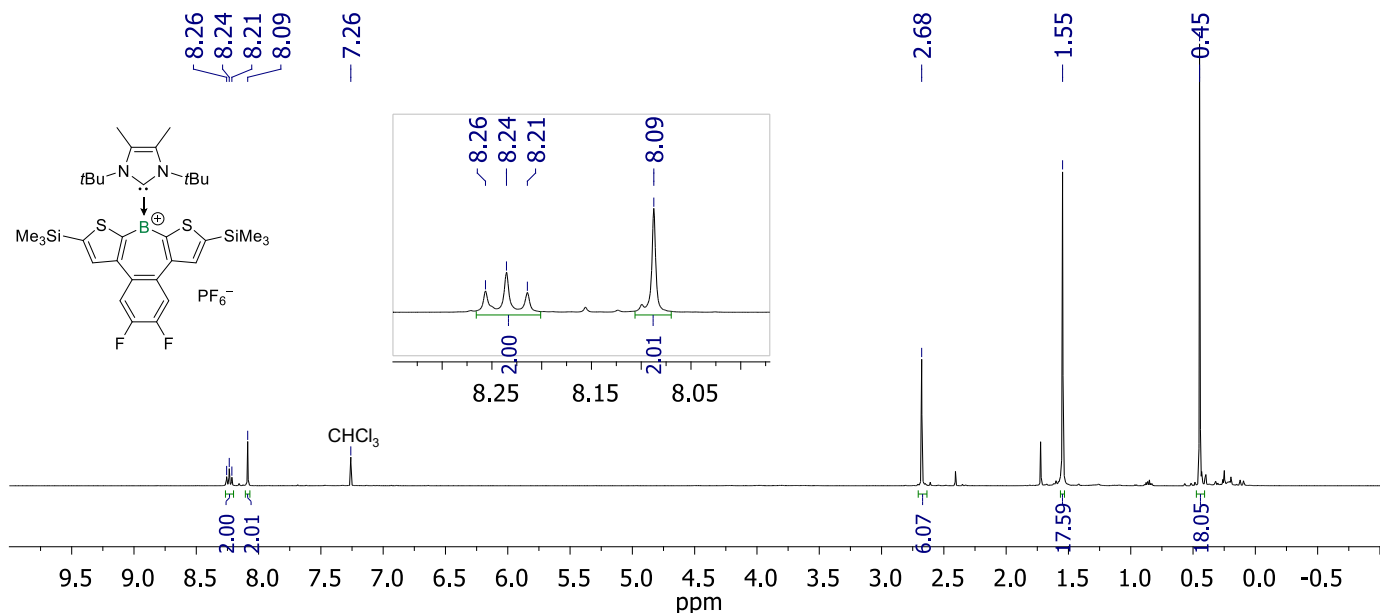


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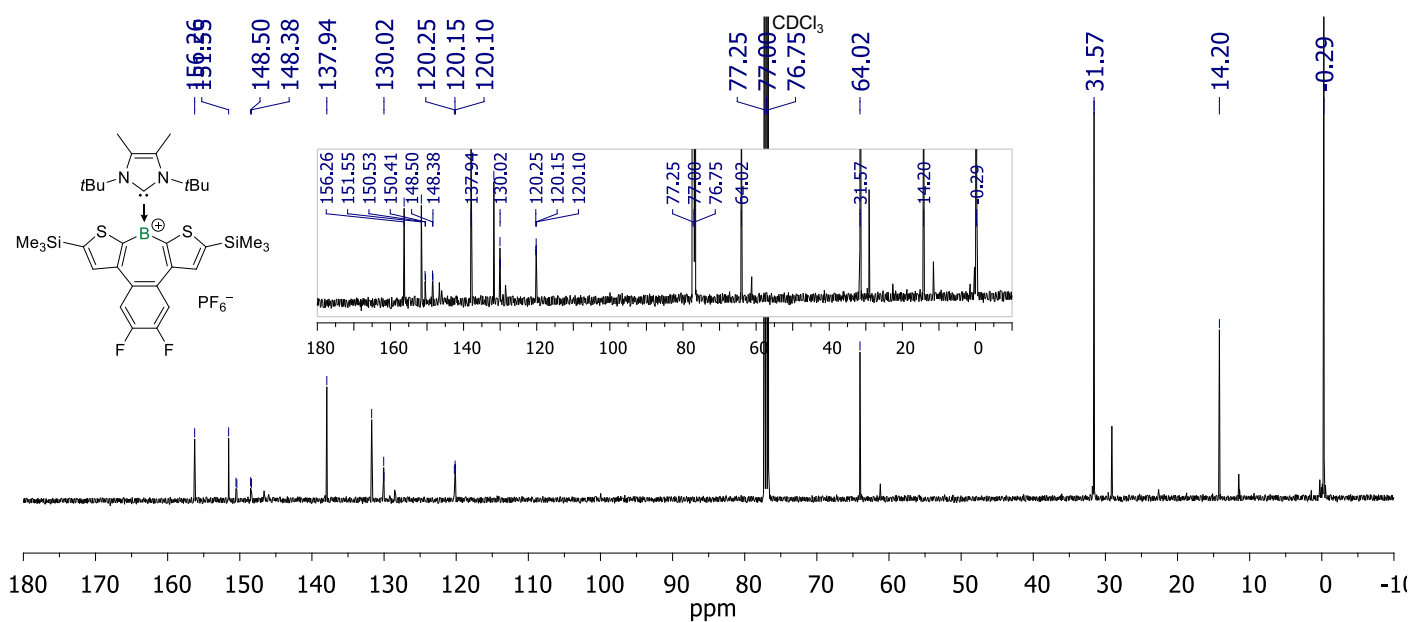


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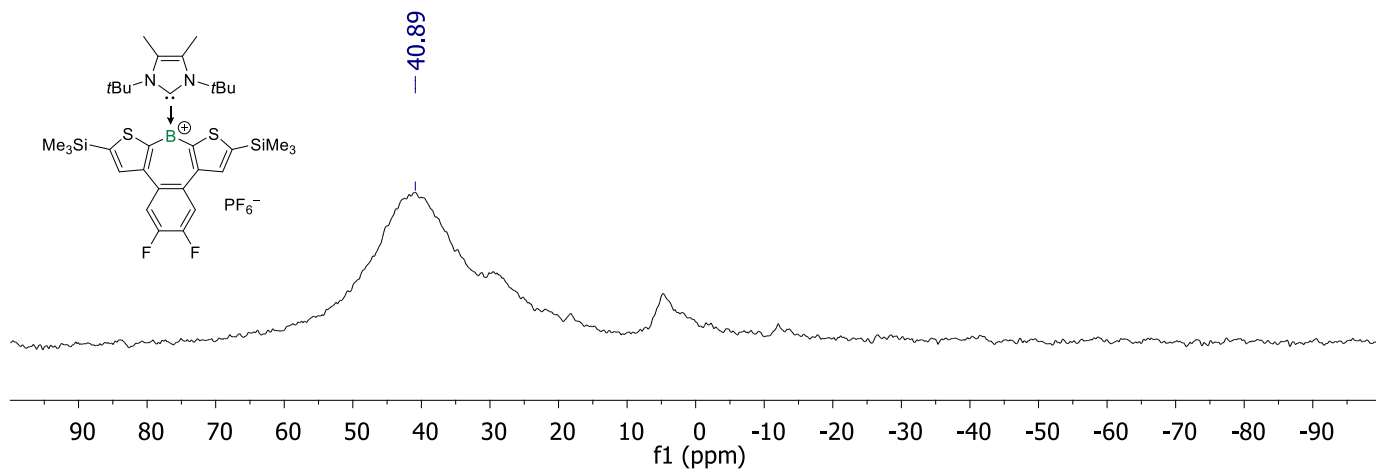


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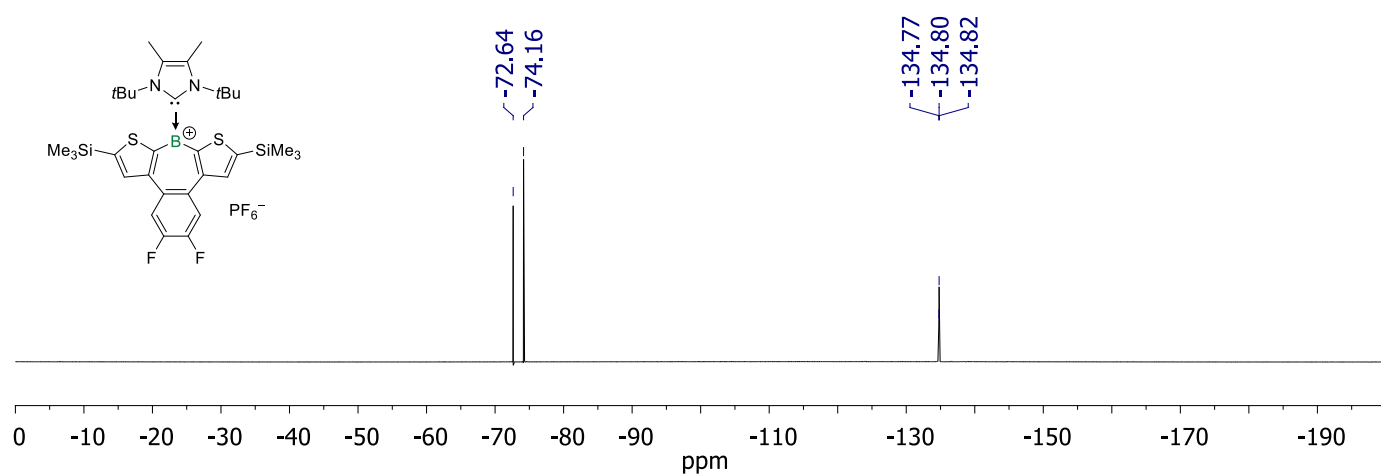


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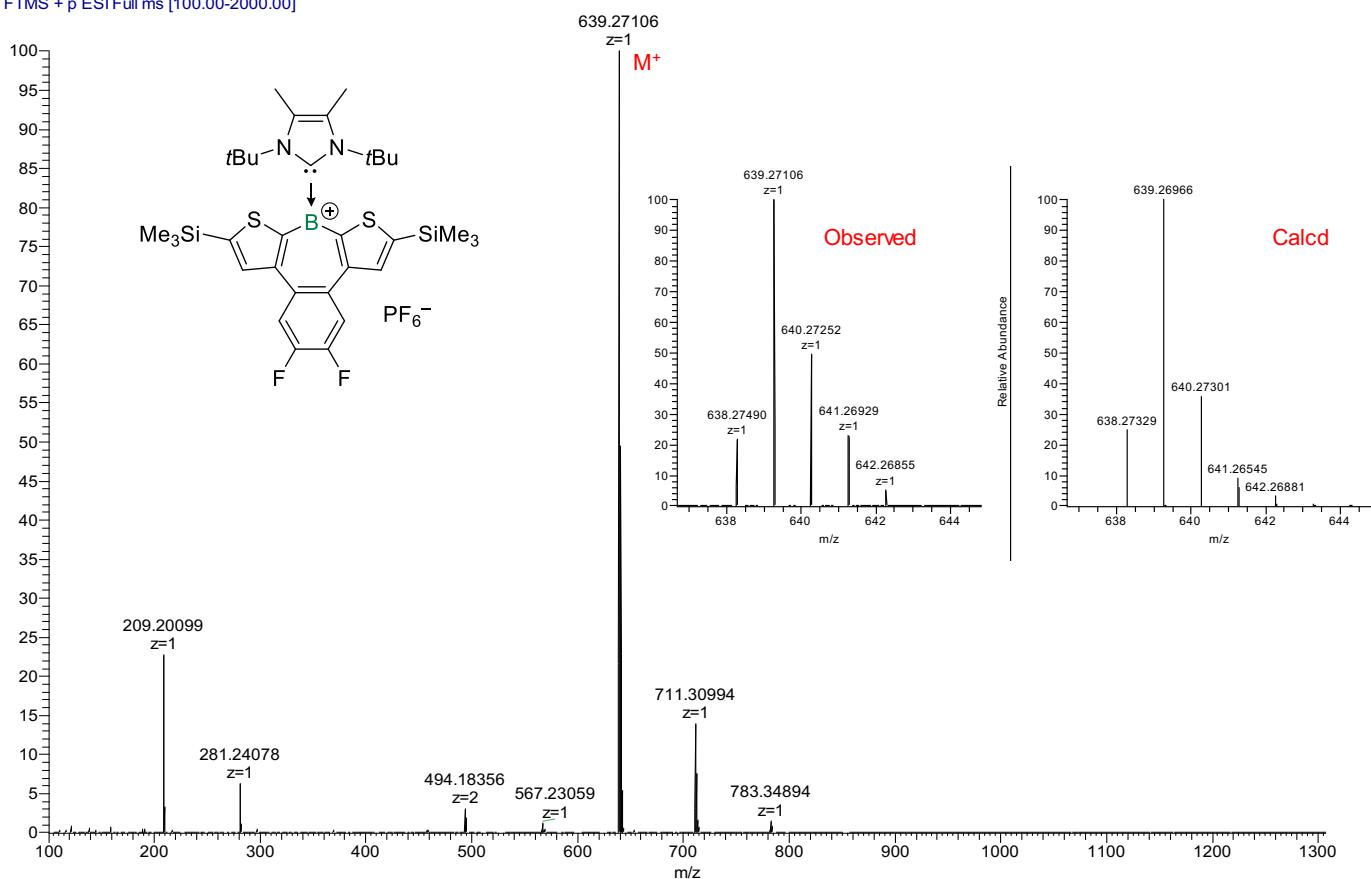


Fig. S46 MALDI-TOF mass spectrum of 1-F-Si (positive mode).

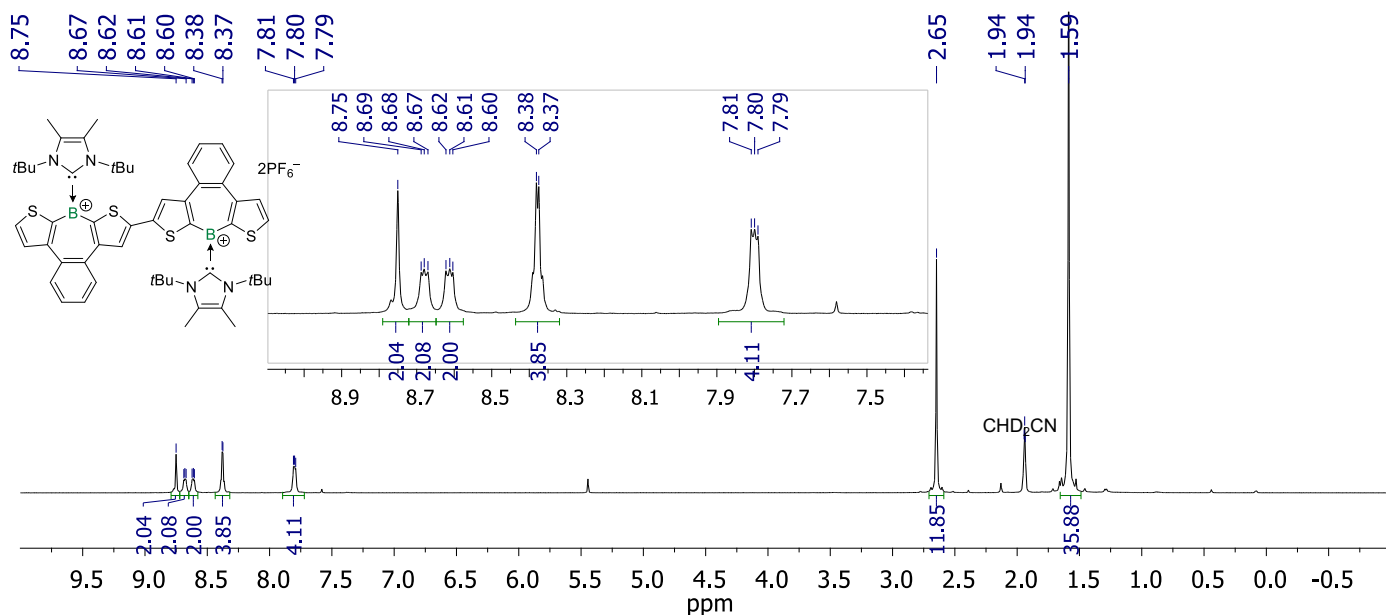


Fig. S47 ¹H NMR spectrum of 2-H in CD₃CN at room temperature.

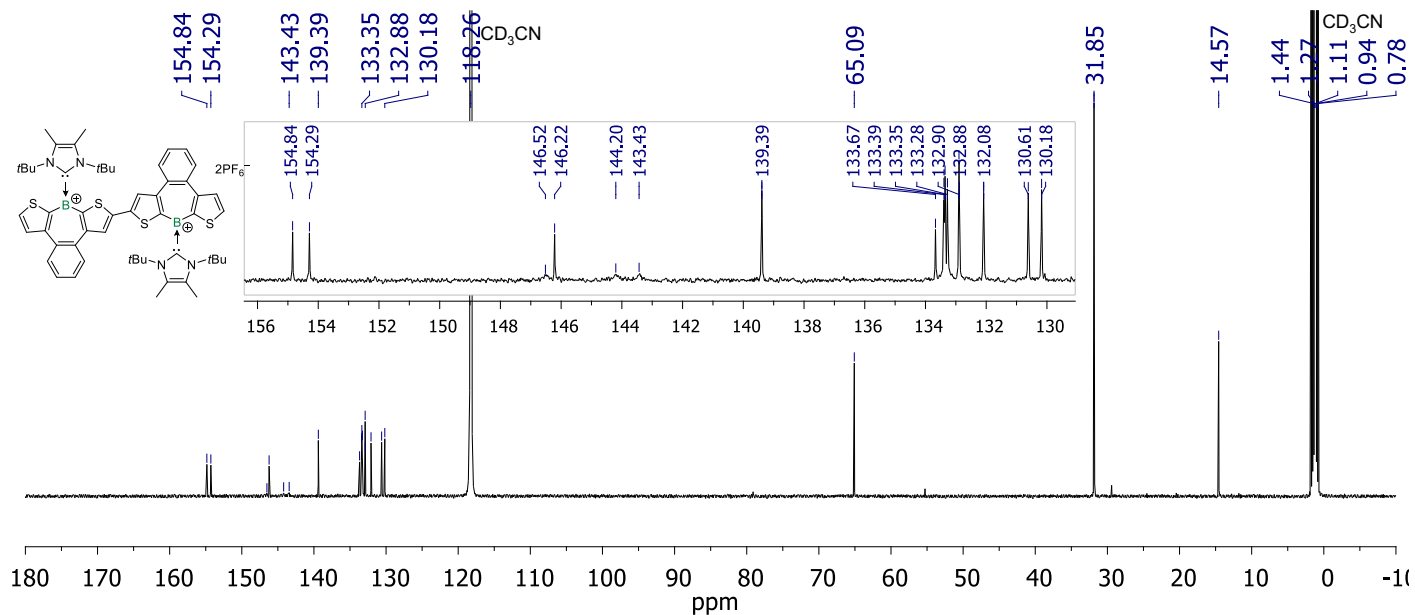


Fig. S48 ¹³C NMR spectrum of **2-H** in CD₃CN at room temperature.

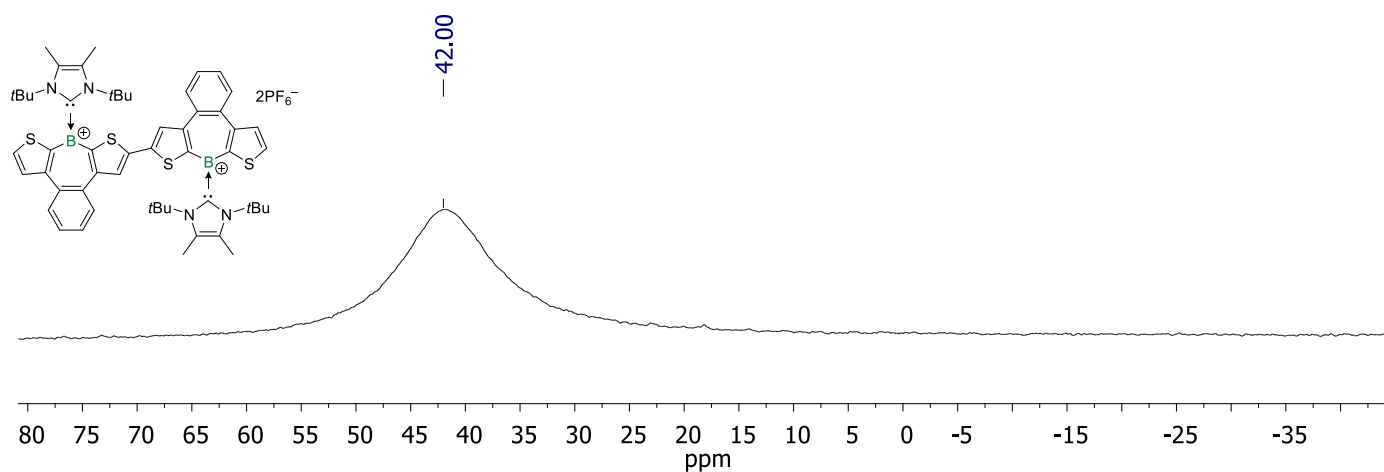


Fig. S49 ¹¹B NMR spectrum of **2-H** in CD₃CN at room temperature.

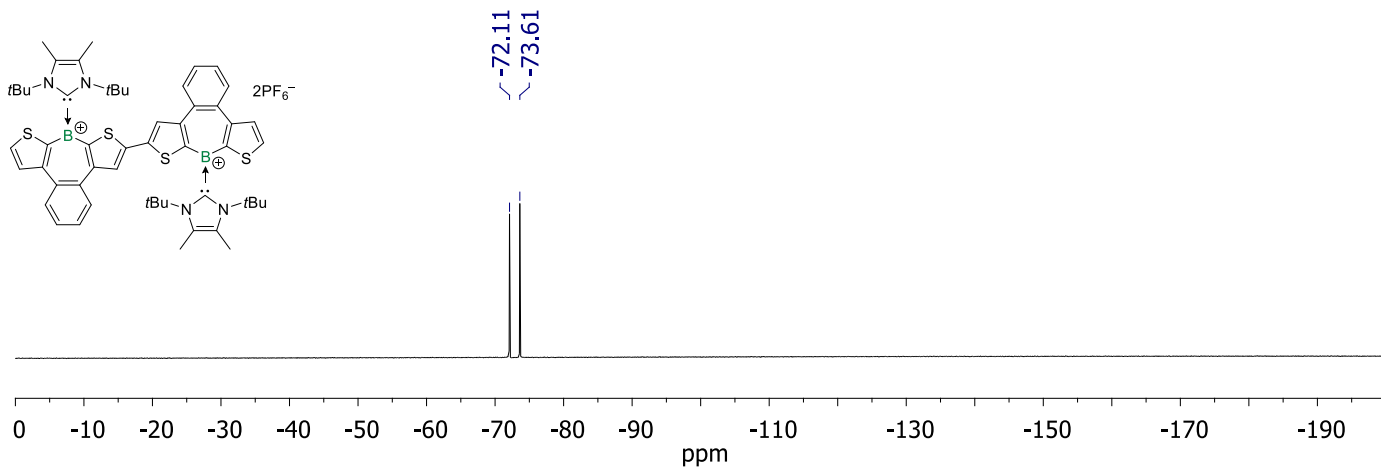


Fig. S50 ¹⁹F NMR spectrum of **2-H** in CD₃CN at room temperature.

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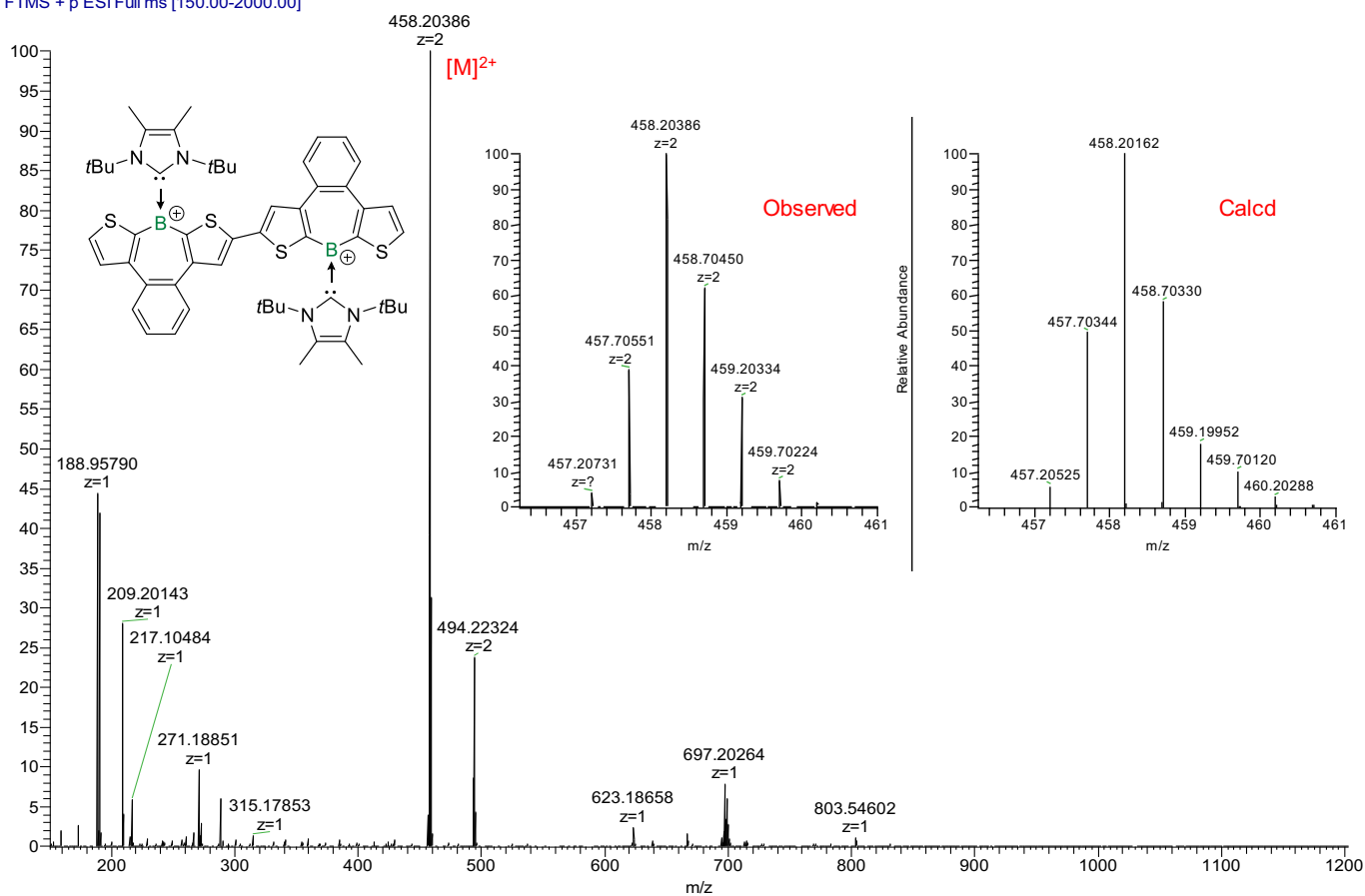


Fig. S51 ESI mass spectrum of **2-H** (positive mode).

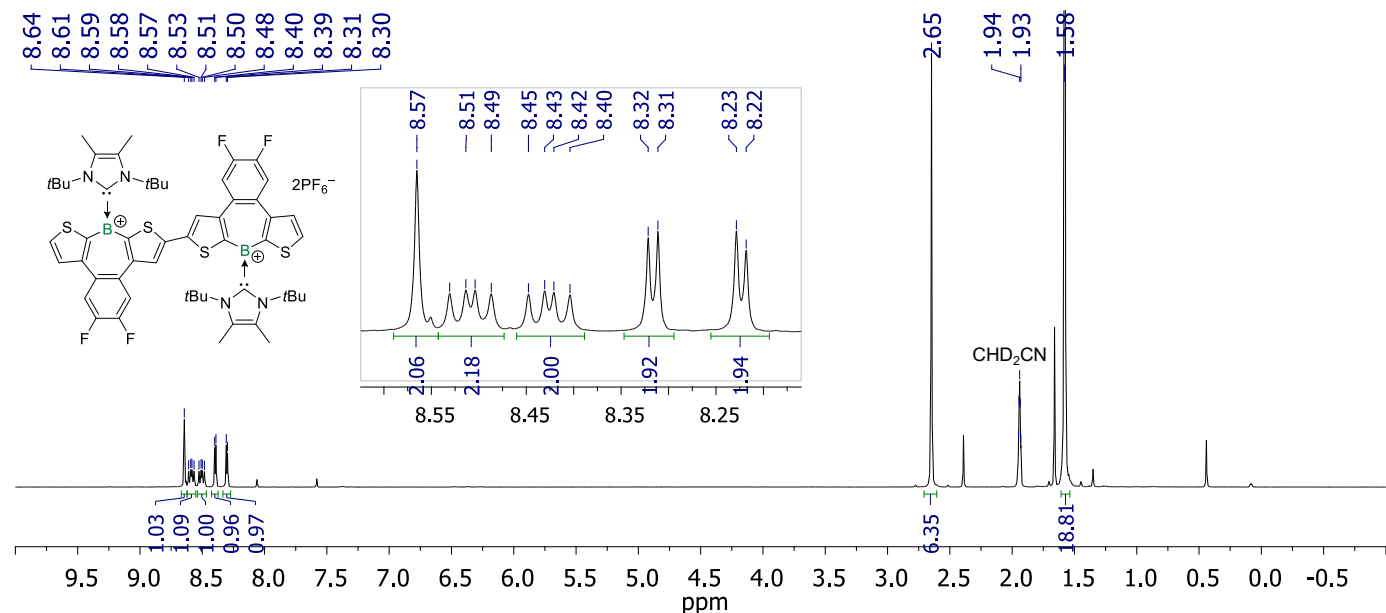


Fig. S52 ¹H NMR spectrum of **2-F** in CD₃CN at room temperature.

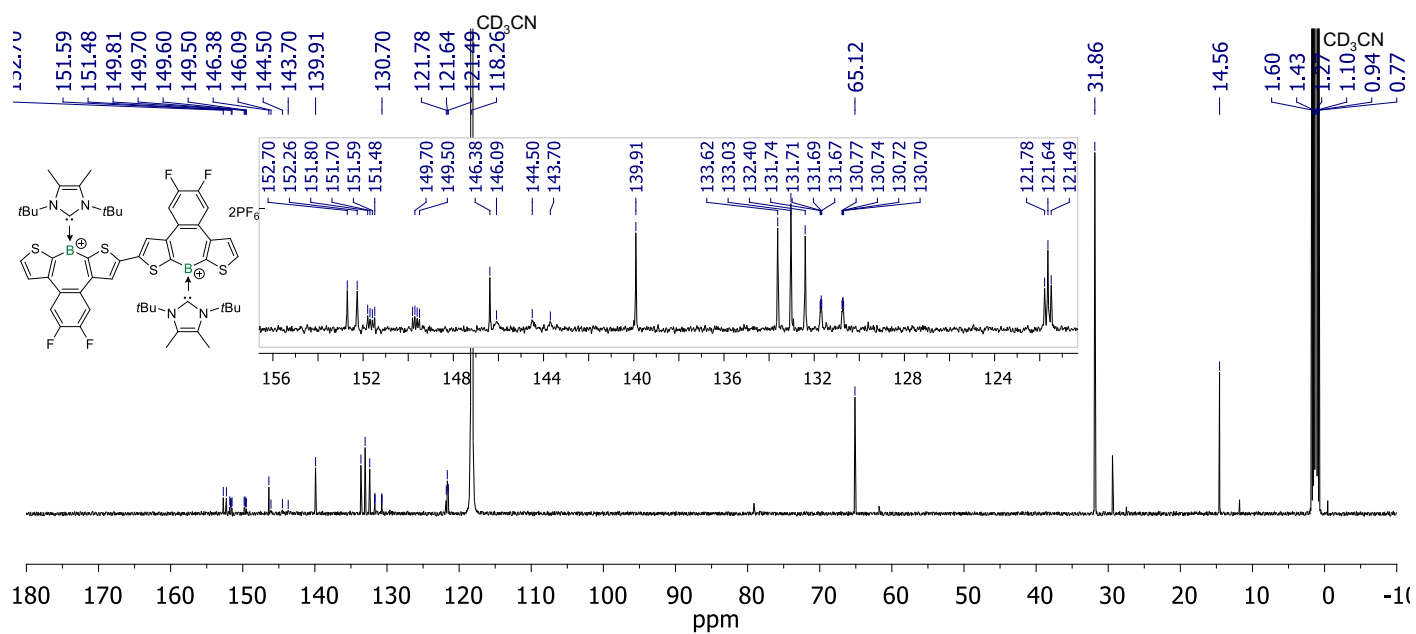


Fig. S53 ¹³C NMR spectrum of **2-F** in CD₃CN at room temperature.

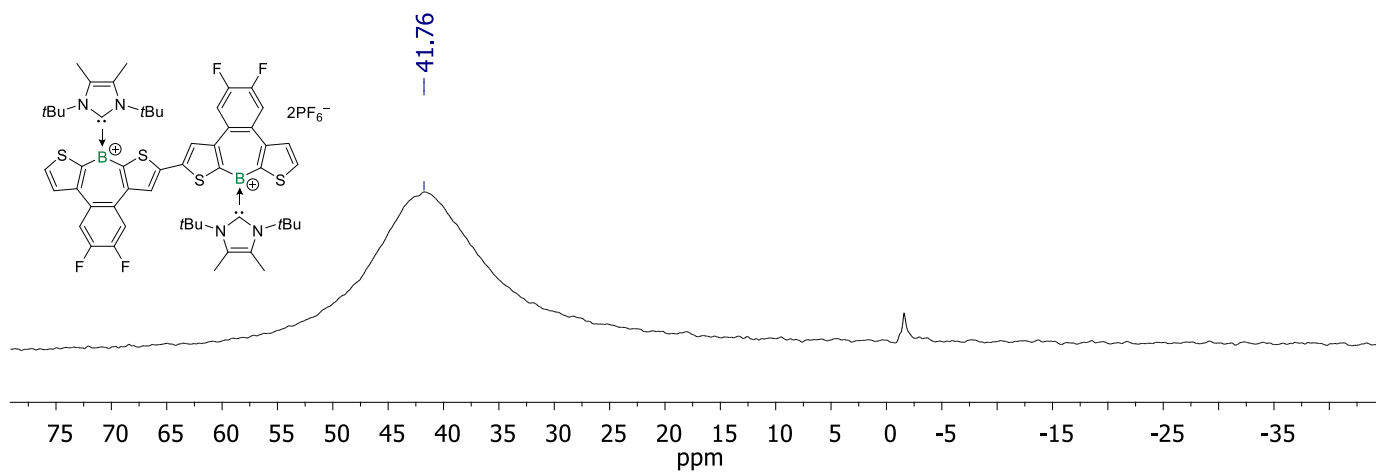


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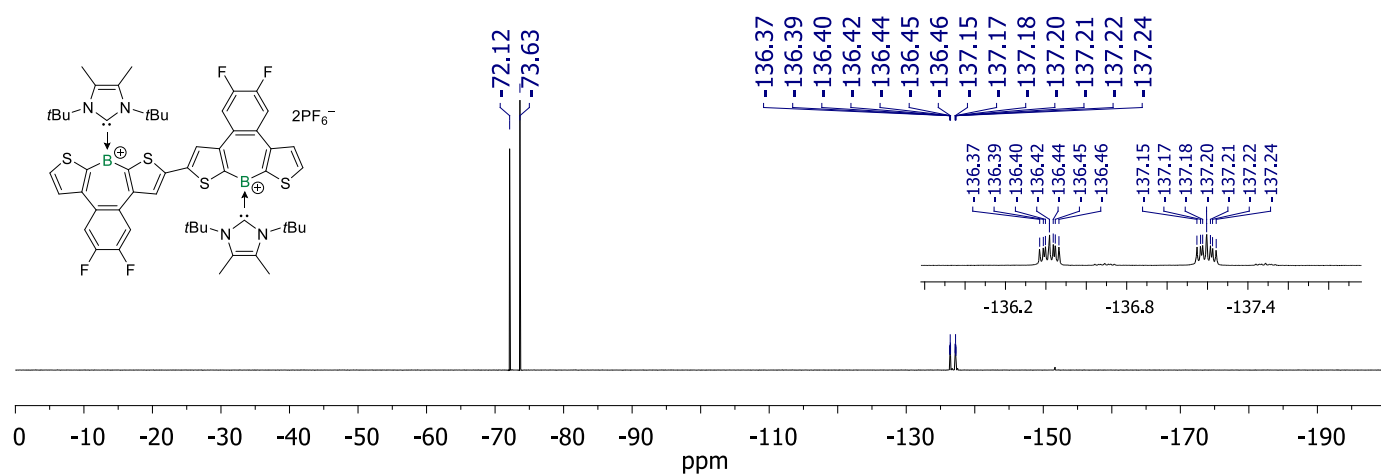


Fig. S55 ¹⁹F NMR spectrum of **2-F** in CD₃CN at room temperature.

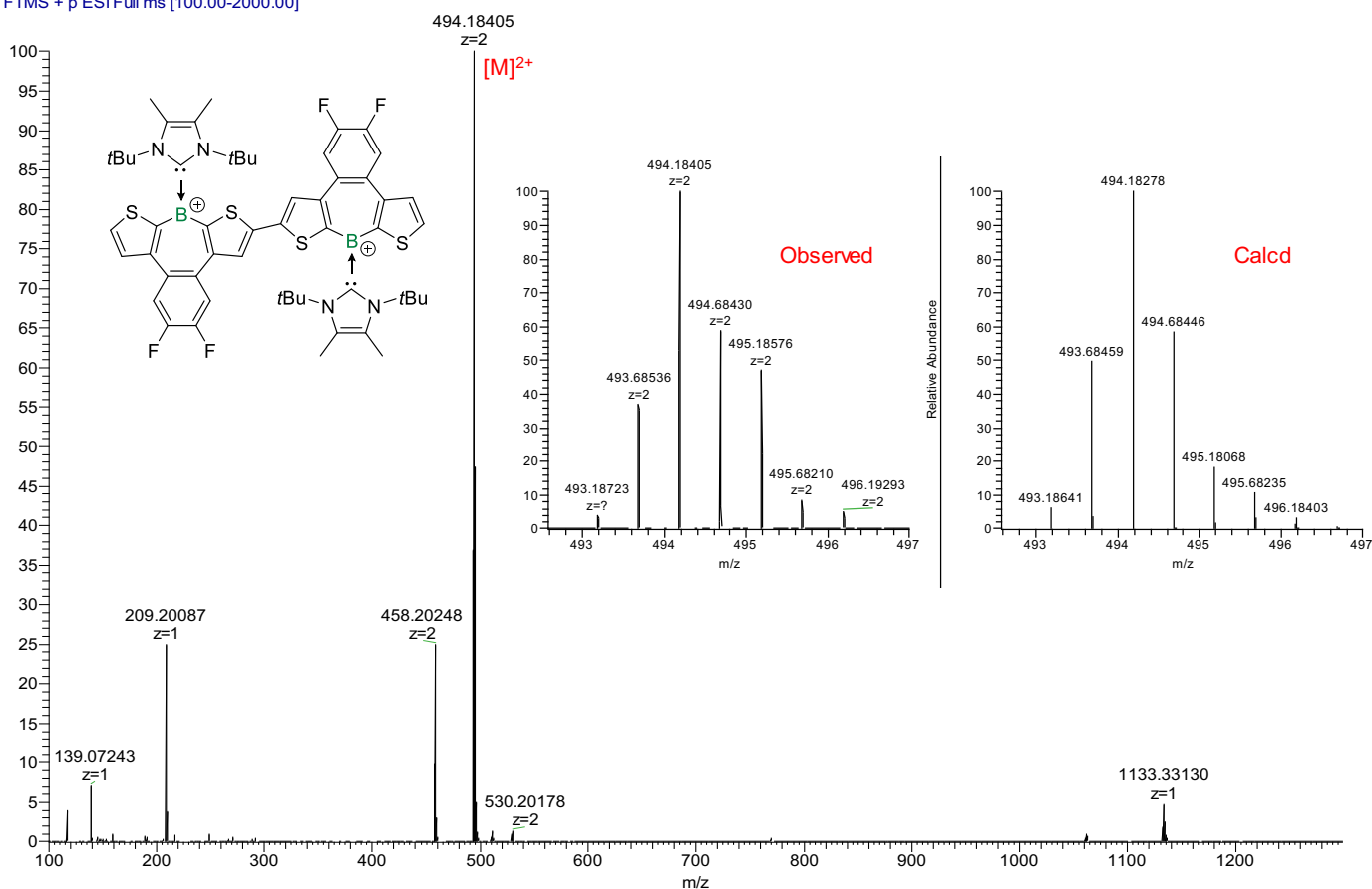


Fig. S56 ESI mass spectrum of 2-F (positive mode).

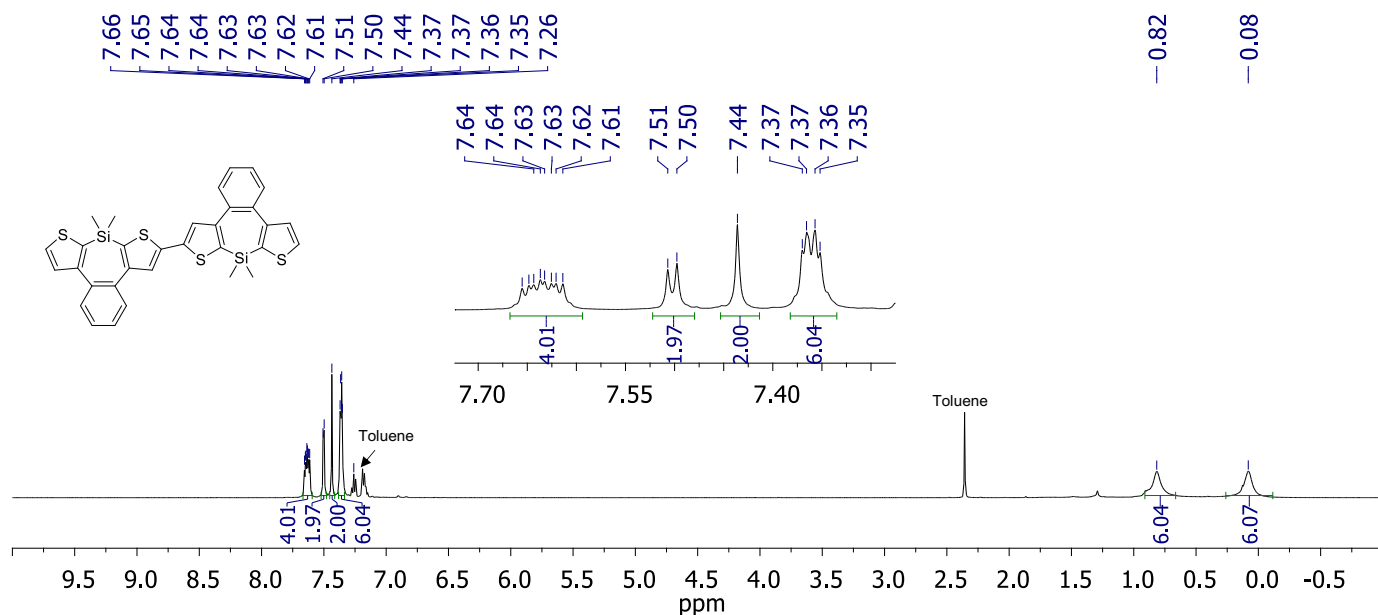


Fig. S57 ¹H NMR spectrum of 5-H in CDCl₃ at room temperature.

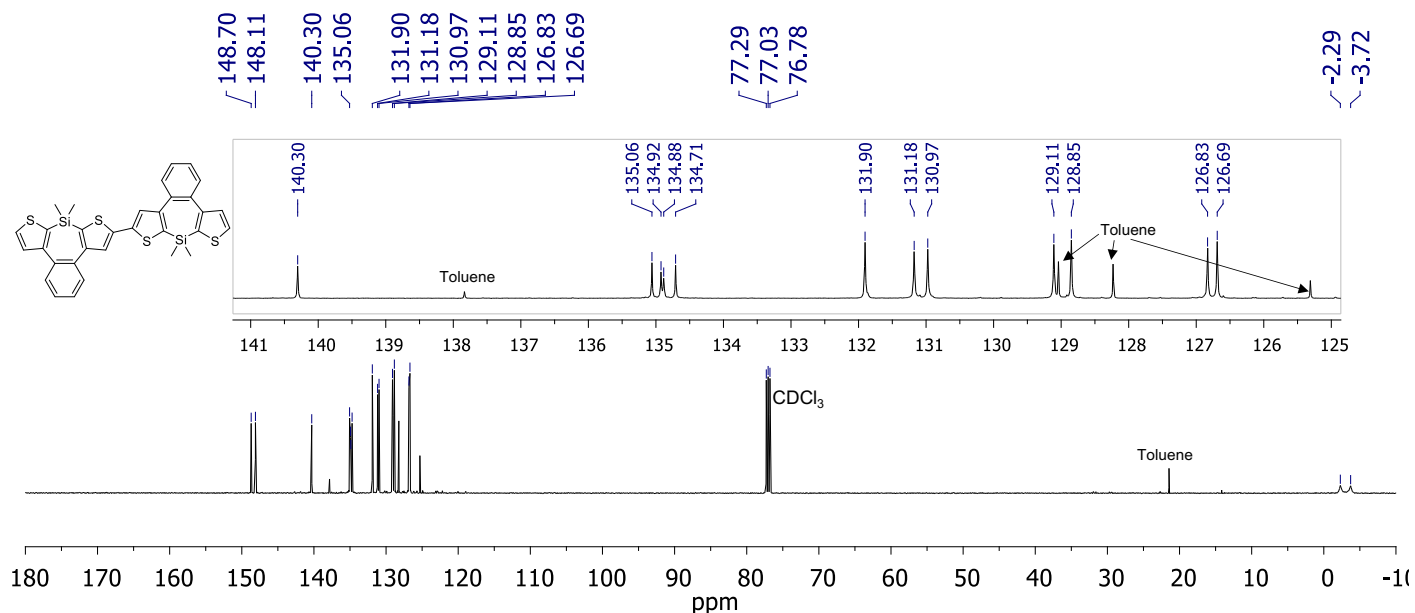


Fig. S58 ^{13}C NMR spectrum of **5-H** in CDCl_3 at room temperature.

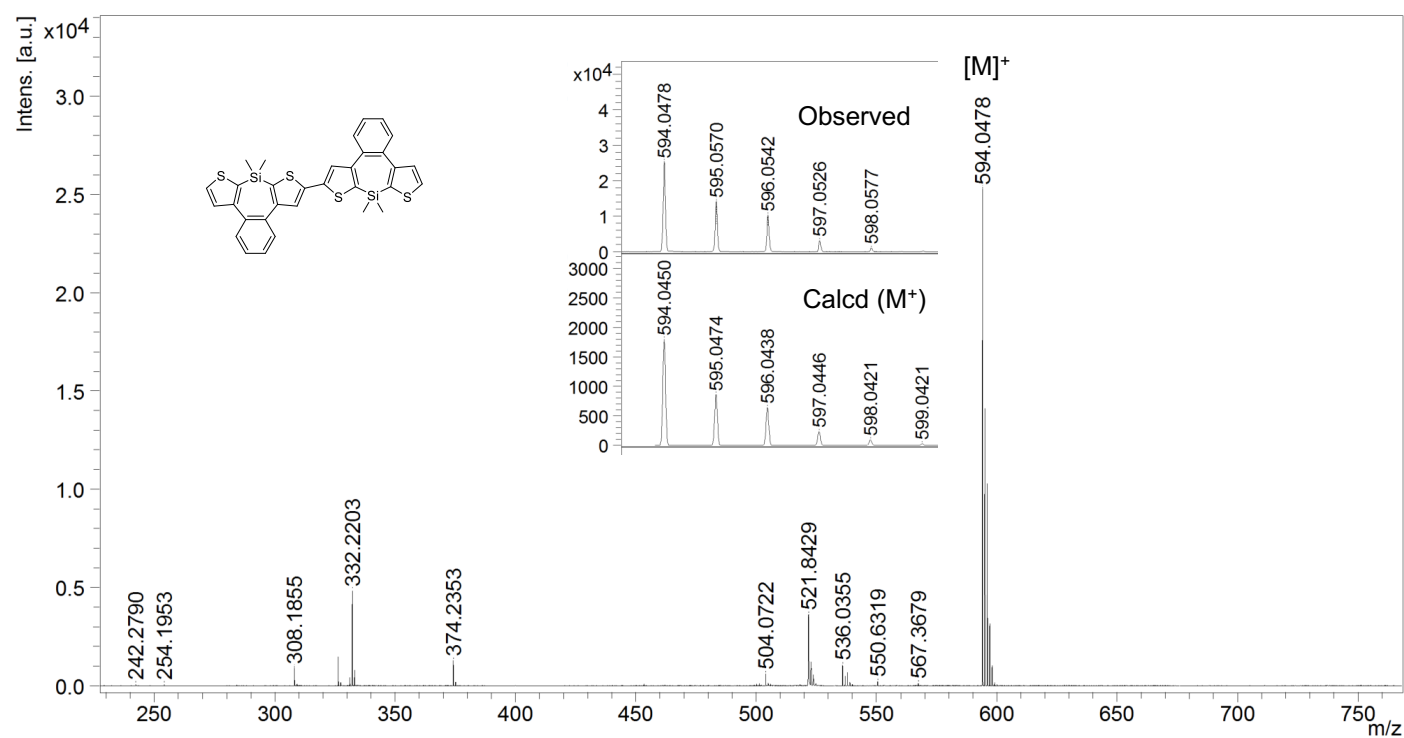


Fig. S59 MALDI-TOF mass spectrum of **5-H** (positive mode).

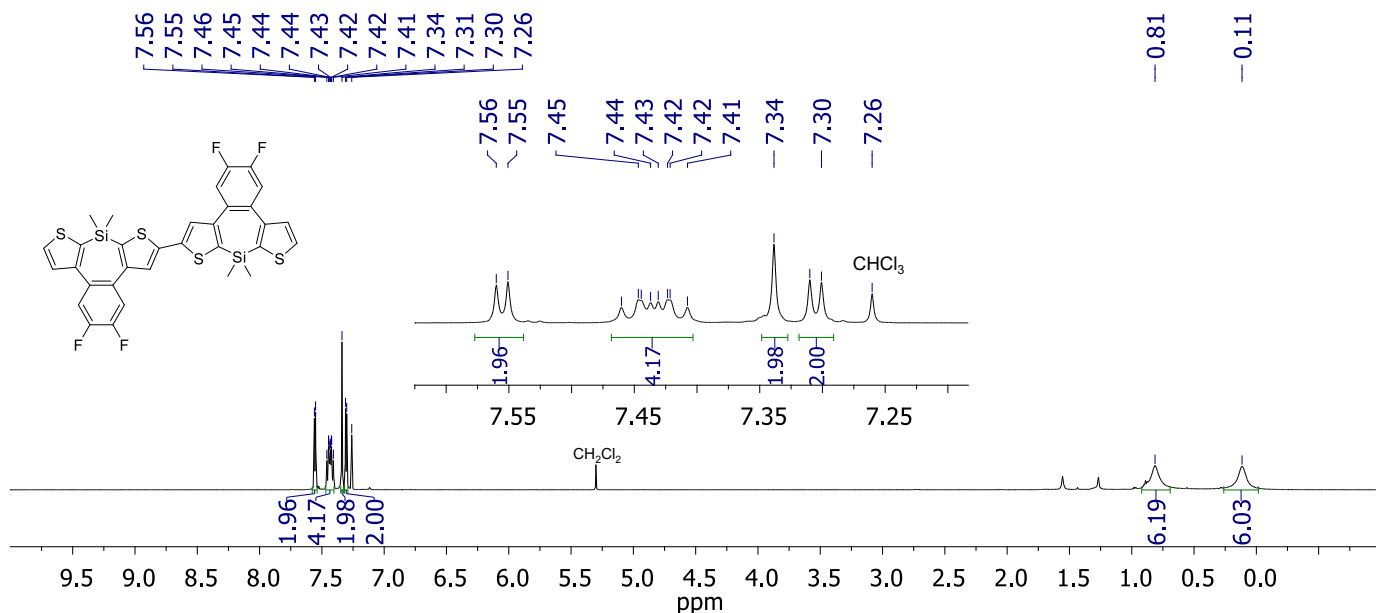


Fig. S60 ¹H NMR spectrum of **5-F** in CDCl₃ at room temperature.

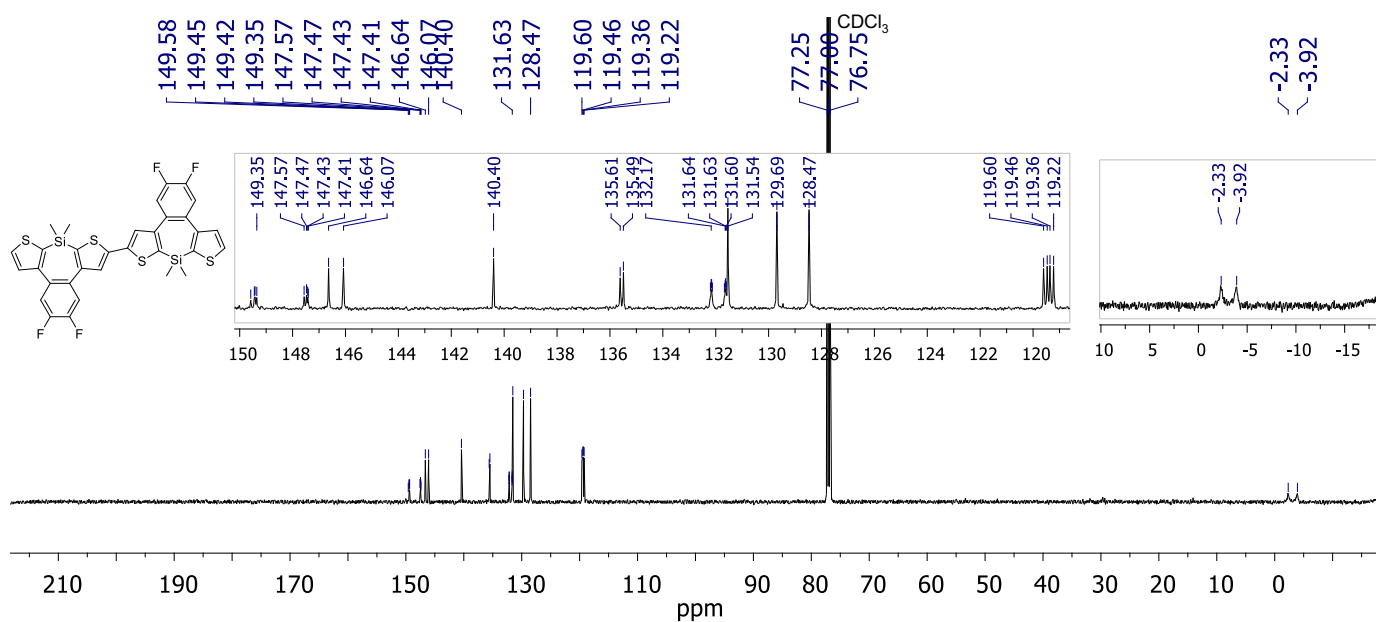


Fig. S61 ¹³C NMR spectrum of **5-F** in CDCl₃ at room temperature.

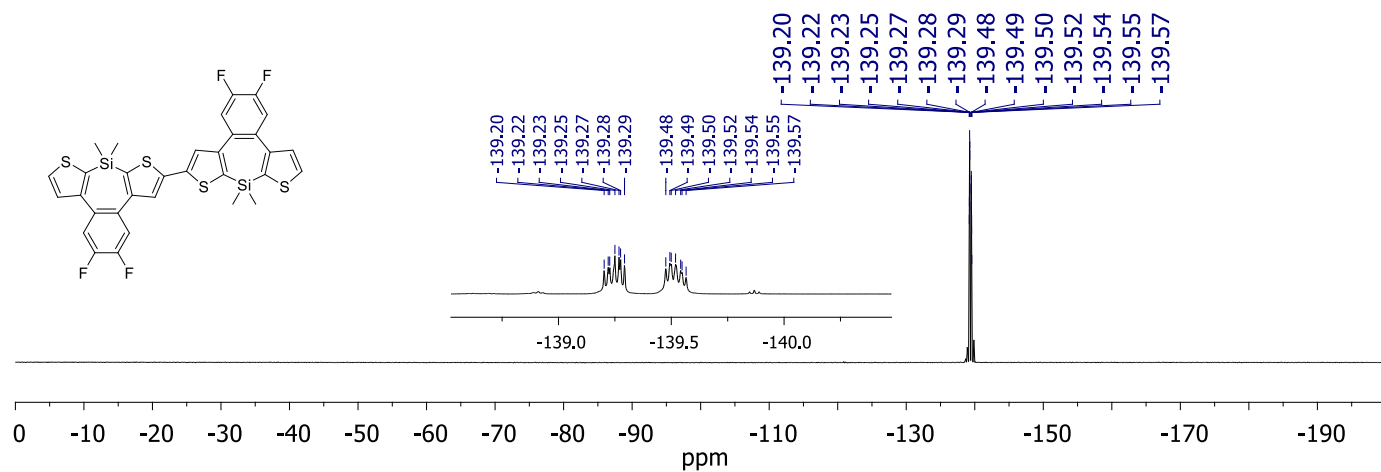


Fig. S62 ^{19}F NMR spectrum of **5-F** in CDCl_3 at room temperature.

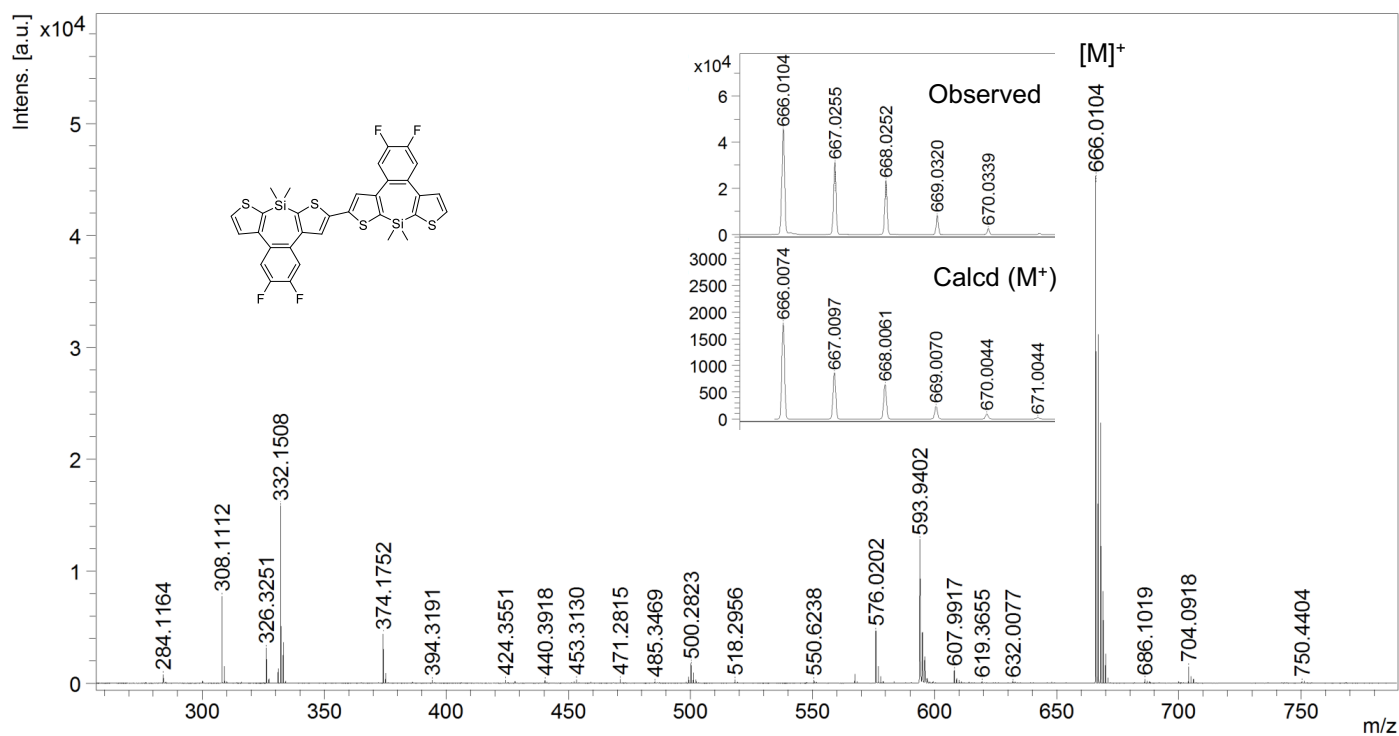


Fig. S63 MALDI-TOF mass spectrum of **5-F** (positive mode).

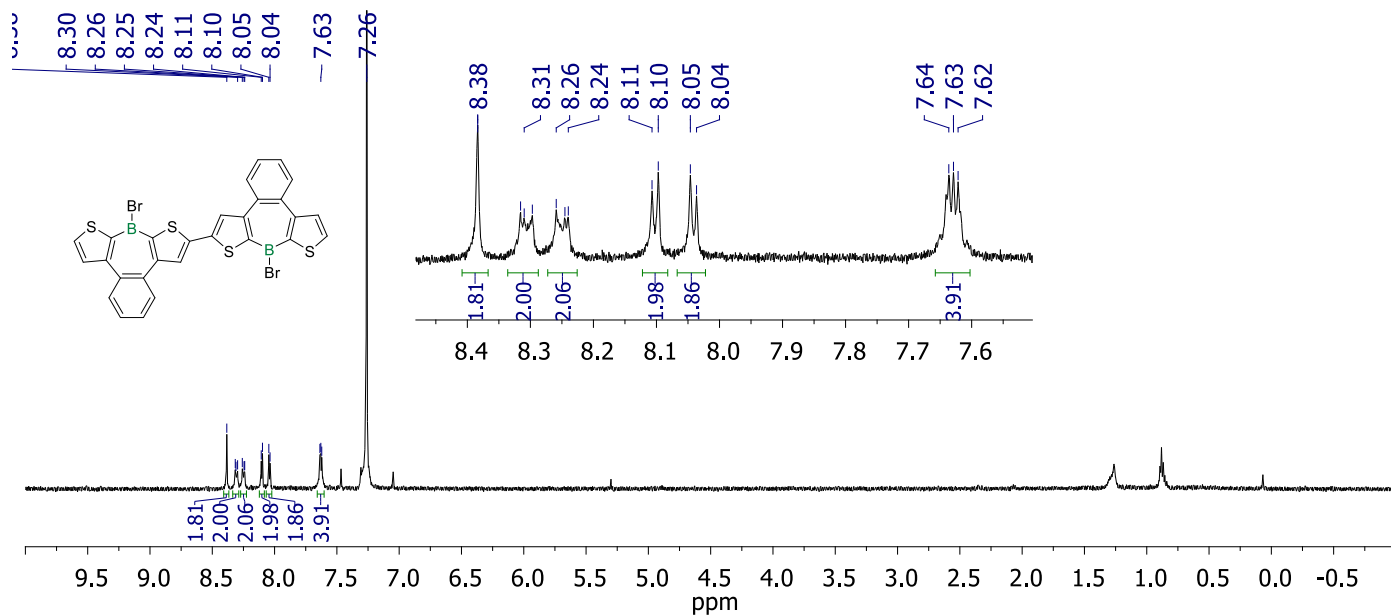


Fig. S64 ^1H NMR spectrum of **6-H** in CDCl_3 at room temperature.

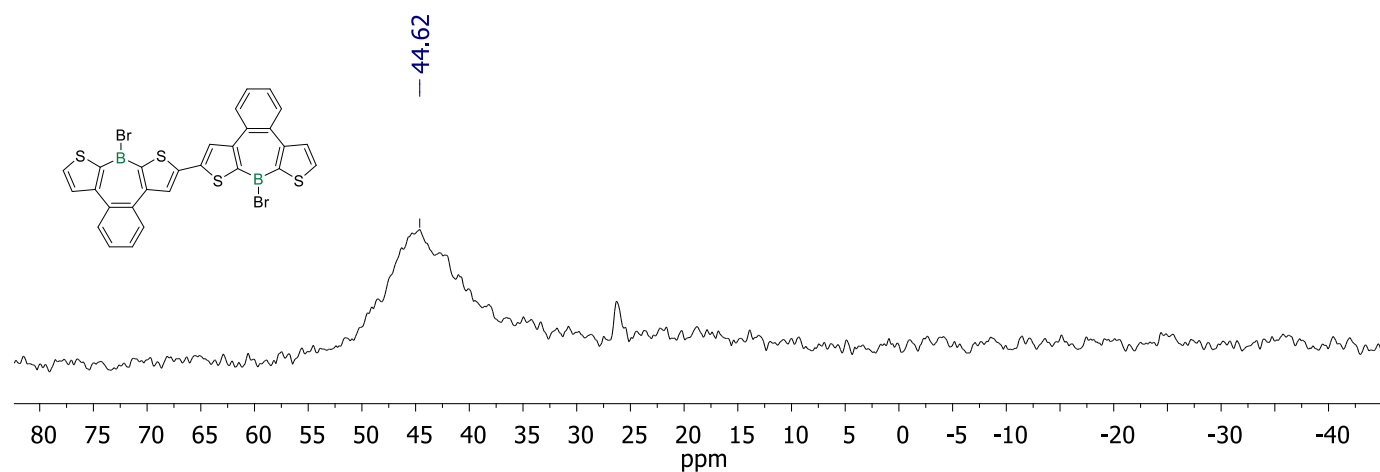


Fig. S65 ^{11}B NMR spectrum of **6-H** in CDCl_3 at room temperature.

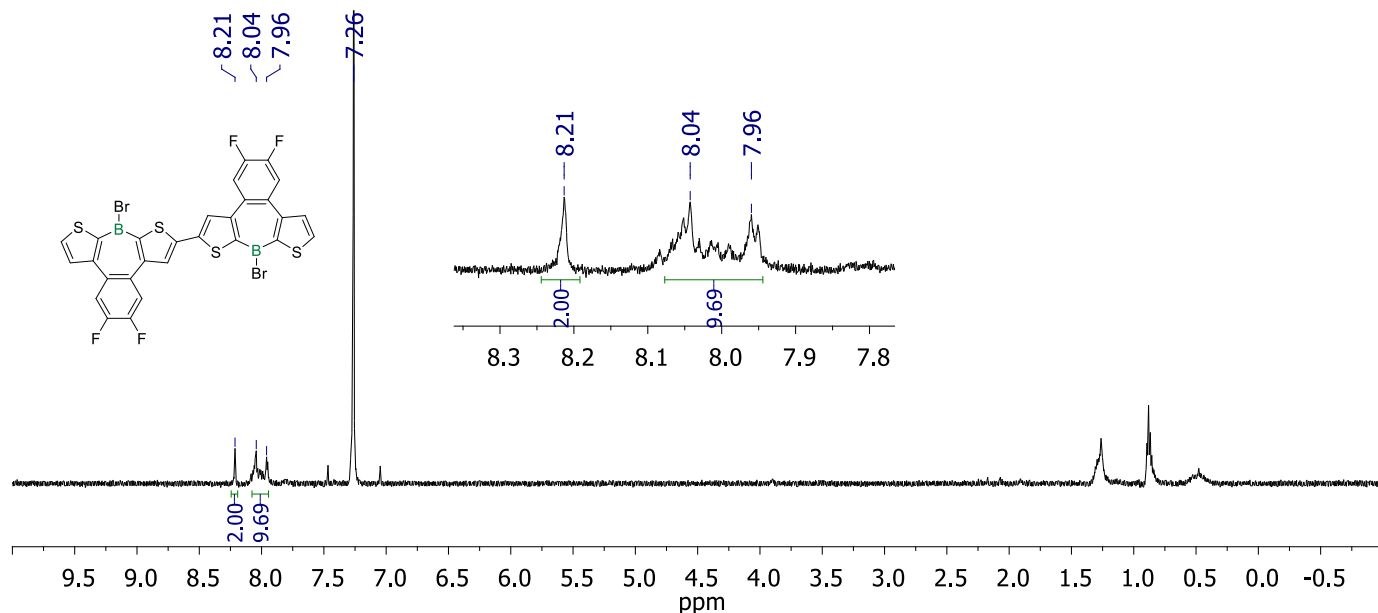


Fig. S66 ^1H NMR spectrum of a crude product of **6-F** in CDCl_3 at room temperature.

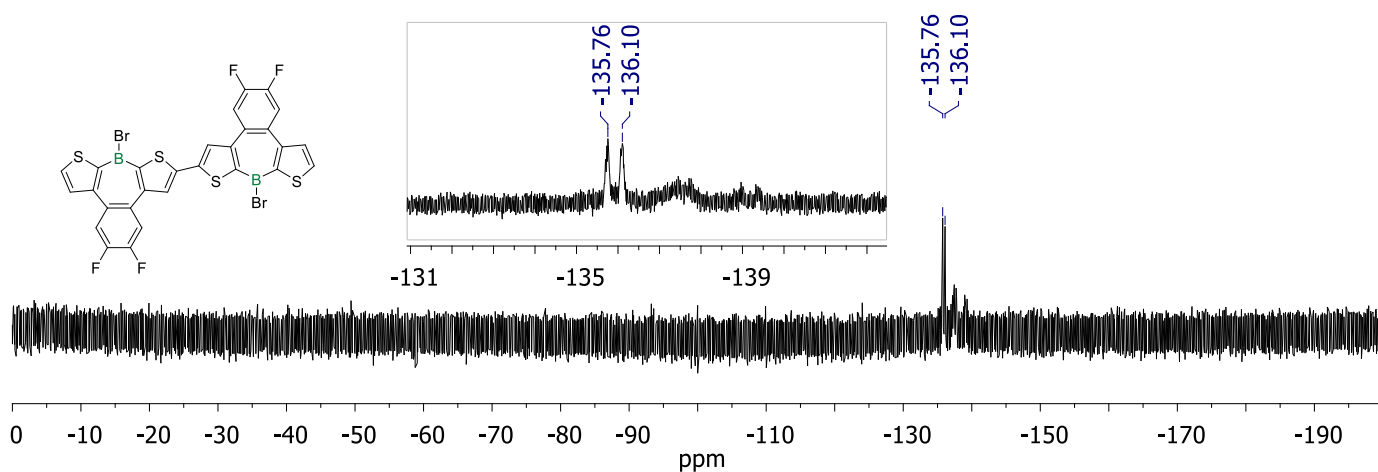


Fig. S67 ^{19}F NMR spectrum of a crude product of **6-F** in CDCl_3 at room temperature.

Cartesian Coordinates for Optimized Structures

Table S4 Coordinates for Optimized Structure of **1-H⁺** in the ground state (S_0).

Total Energy: -1978.7703 Hartree

opt b3lyp/6-31g(d,p) geom=connectivity

Center Number	Atomic Number	Atomic Type	Coordinates (Angstroms)		
			X	Y	Z

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2	6	0	5.808598	0.405648	0.716138
3	6	0	4.658206	1.166647	0.622683
4	6	0	3.431095	0.668736	0.115998
5	6	0	3.397184	-0.701366	-0.302938
6	6	0	4.592771	-1.453585	-0.178448
7	6	0	2.316051	1.633469	0.116620
8	6	0	0.941703	1.347751	0.177288
9	6	0	0.878390	-1.186413	-0.596239
10	6	0	2.239848	-1.448914	-0.828122
11	6	0	2.563418	3.050461	0.187414
12	6	0	1.440997	3.803557	0.359980
13	16	0	0.023003	2.830348	0.434514
14	16	0	-0.109212	-2.514082	-1.209220
15	6	0	1.265136	-3.335417	-1.840014
16	6	0	2.422522	-2.666998	-1.573060
17	5	0	0.184473	0.052850	-0.057928
18	6	0	-1.421888	0.012230	0.138544
19	7	0	-2.060847	-0.376382	1.282385
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Table S5 Coordinates for Optimized Structure of **1-F⁺** in the ground state (S₀).

Total Energy: -2177.2229 Hartree

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Center Number	Atomic Number	Atomic Type	Coordinates (Angstroms)		
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Table S6 Coordinates for Optimized Structure of **2-H²⁺** in the ground state (S₀).

Total Energy: -3956.3016 Hartree

opt b3lyp/6-31g(d,p) geom=connectivity

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45	1	0	-3.725875	3.190149	-3.405326
46	1	0	-4.301977	4.059697	-1.986602
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90	1	0	8.517762	3.165095	1.954244
91	6	0	6.667720	-3.801753	-2.037137
92	6	0	7.141028	-1.064711	-3.318956
93	6	0	5.541460	0.671520	-2.630654
94	6	0	4.610995	-1.475062	-3.487254
95	6	0	6.303182	-4.365573	0.950081
96	6	0	6.487694	-1.824254	3.140791
97	6	0	4.211597	-2.964020	2.767582
98	6	0	4.417225	-0.510292	2.775798
99	1	0	6.508741	-4.807352	-1.646914
100	1	0	6.159135	-3.757476	-2.998462
101	1	0	7.740878	-3.684474	-2.217126
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103	1	0	7.205779	-0.433923	-4.208557
104	1	0	7.939563	-0.758729	-2.637173
105	1	0	4.570329	0.960086	-2.227945
106	1	0	5.565859	1.024418	-3.664887
107	1	0	6.332647	1.189431	-2.087838
108	1	0	4.623759	-1.062172	-4.499621
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111	1	0	6.643492	-4.267372	1.977104
112	1	0	5.445876	-5.047410	0.945726
113	1	0	7.111050	-4.851047	0.401051
114	1	0	7.067862	-0.926076	2.917522
115	1	0	6.282287	-1.836218	4.214597
116	1	0	7.108915	-2.689892	2.916167
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118	1	0	3.316194	-2.958748	2.139270
119	1	0	3.894389	-2.817984	3.803111
120	1	0	4.288750	-0.546239	3.860697
121	1	0	4.983637	0.392241	2.557664
122	1	0	3.423554	-0.439492	2.335379
123	1	0	-3.668211	-7.103005	0.395985
124	1	0	-1.381179	-6.252355	0.978891
125	1	0	1.477005	6.255528	-1.240750
126	1	0	3.763607	7.127836	-0.686905

Table S7 Coordinates for Optimized Structure of **2-F²⁺** in the ground state (S_0).

Total Energy: -4353.2056 Hartree

opt b3lyp/6-31g(d,p) geom=connectivity

Center Number	Atomic Number	Atomic Type	Coordinates (Angstroms)		
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5	6	0	4.422957	3.416591	-0.674177
6	6	0	4.763794	4.792574	-0.662622
7	6	0	2.492723	1.711098	-0.269044
8	6	0	3.166510	0.500507	-0.040657
9	6	0	5.669137	1.158331	-0.613118
10	6	0	5.533805	2.505277	-1.000289
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13	16	0	2.009440	-0.801388	0.219080
14	16	0	7.291162	0.581961	-0.995613
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17	5	0	4.653885	0.163475	-0.080536
18	6	0	5.173964	-1.313725	0.327993
19	7	0	5.633944	-1.663337	1.567035
20	6	0	6.110167	-2.975156	1.517978
21	6	0	5.908338	-3.437088	0.246366
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23	6	0	6.749206	-3.769015	2.620804
24	6	0	6.283081	-4.816656	-0.218163
25	6	0	4.945506	-2.559650	-1.973022
26	6	0	3.762984	-3.545899	-2.049849
27	6	0	6.183530	-3.038014	-2.759731
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29	6	0	5.726244	-0.788713	2.826005
30	6	0	5.156403	-1.570769	4.028629
31	6	0	4.885836	0.489966	2.715729
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34	1	0	5.777776	5.113841	-0.854170
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38	1	0	7.355825	-4.561244	2.181414
39	1	0	7.417352	-3.177411	3.244057
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41	1	0	5.623657	-5.217673	-0.982842
42	1	0	7.305794	-4.847954	-0.608782
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