

Supporting Information

CH/ π -Interaction-Driven Self-Assembly of Tetraphenylethylene Derivatives into the Face to Face Arrangement

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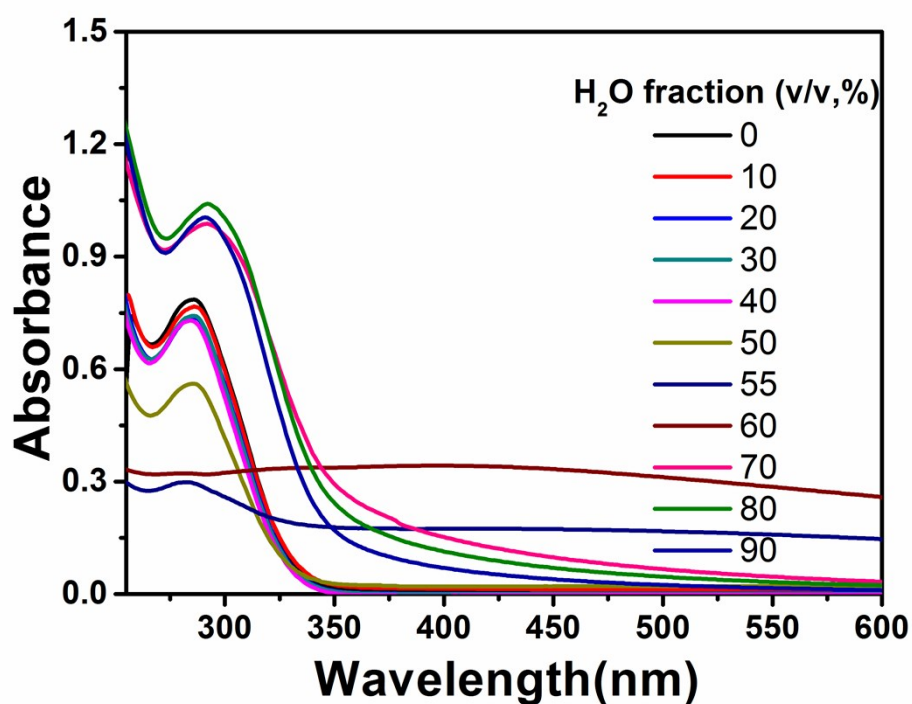


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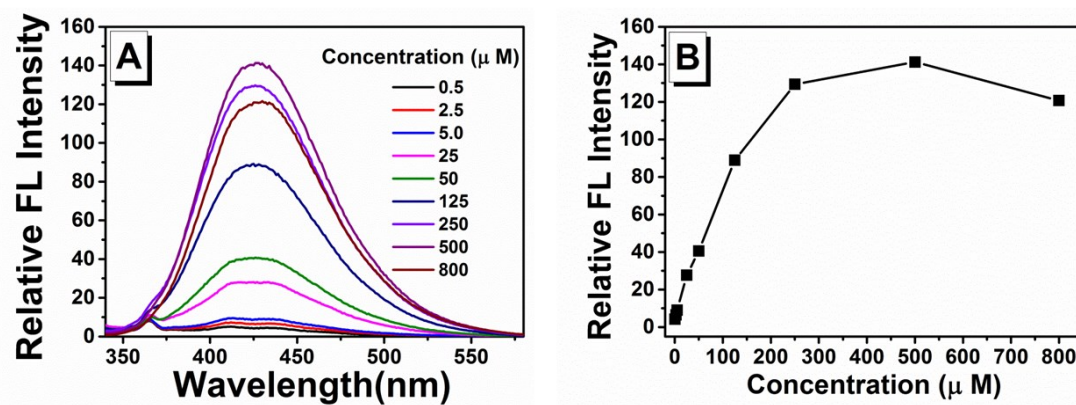


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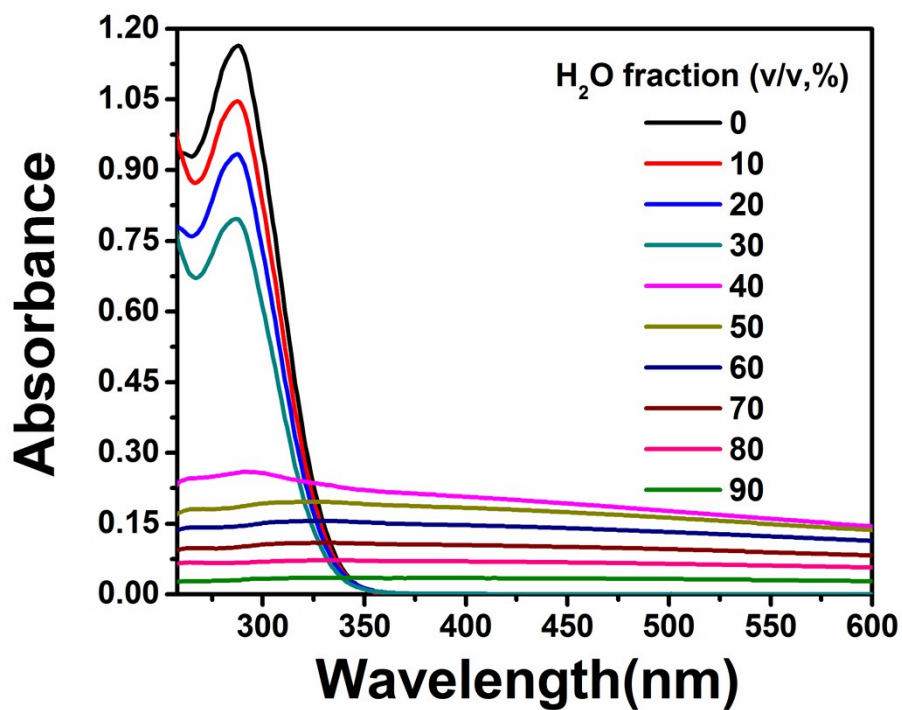
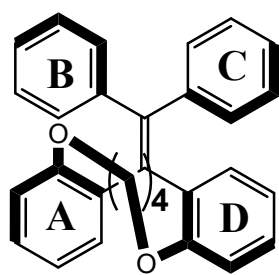
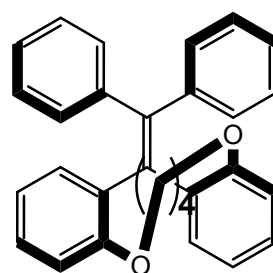


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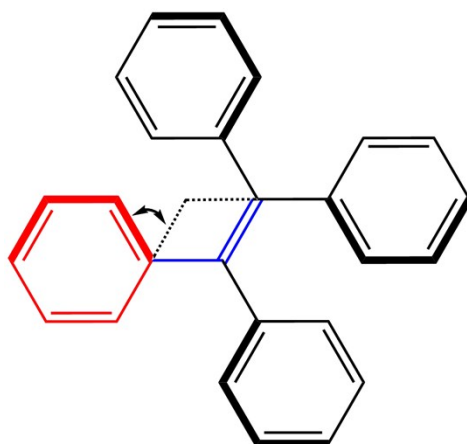


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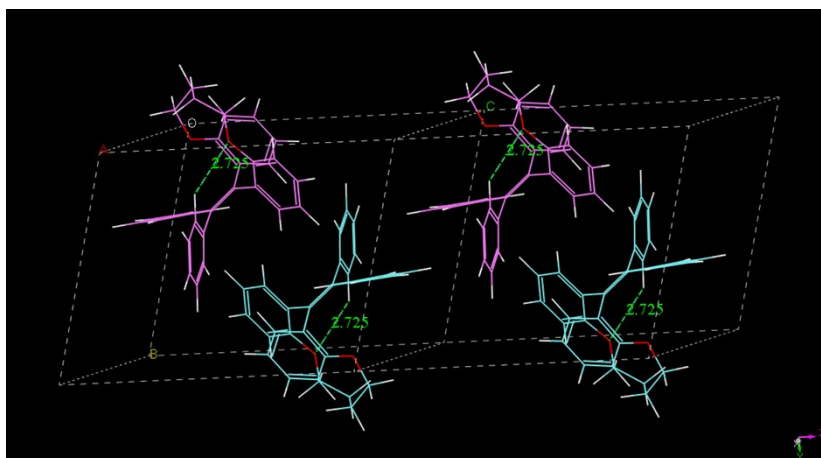


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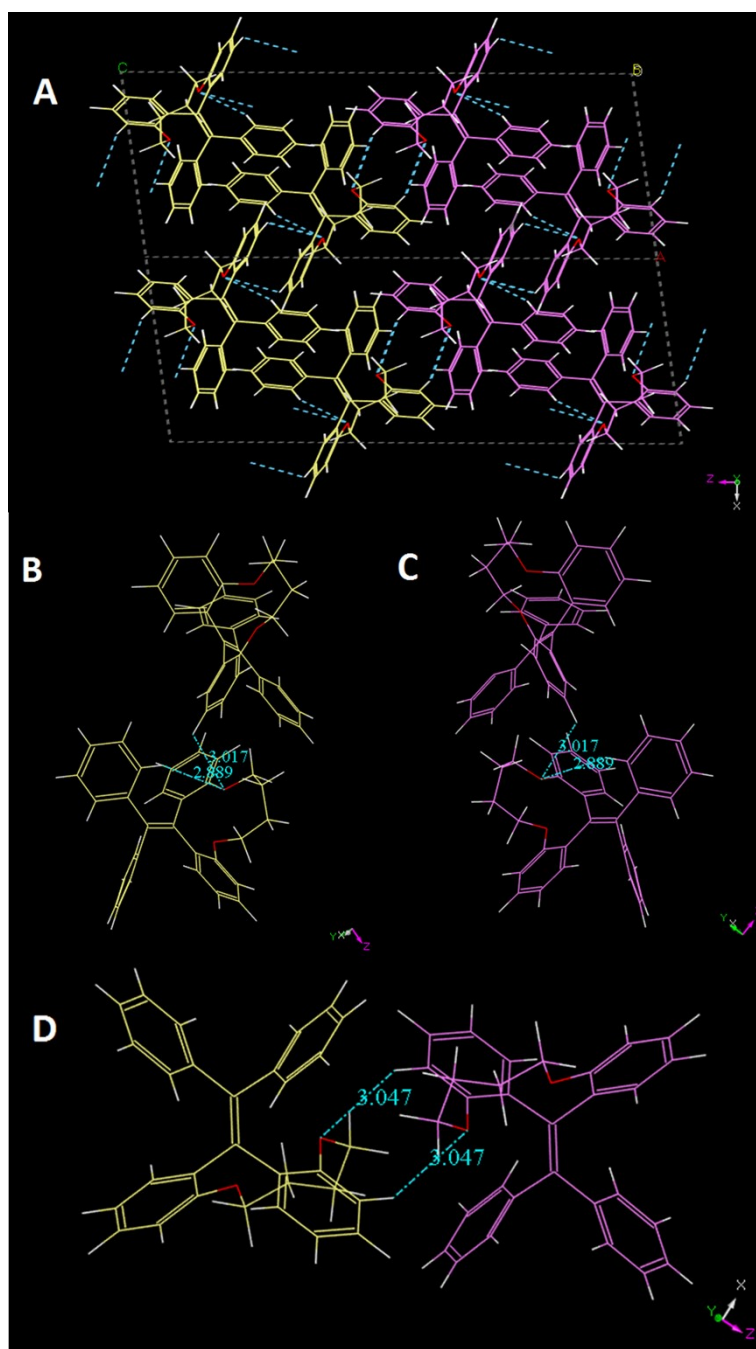


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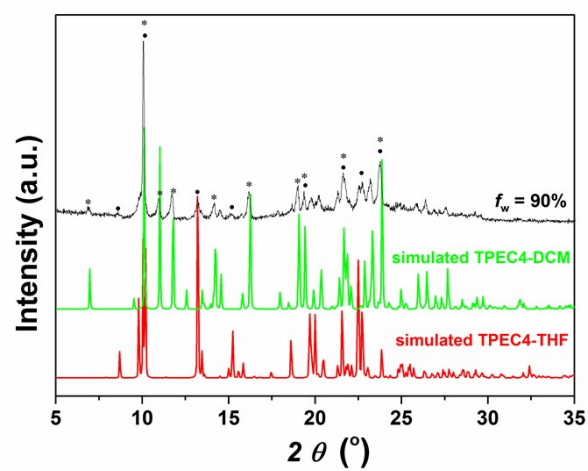


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Code	TPEC4-THF	TPEC4-DCM
Temperature(K)	293(2)	296(2)
Chemical formula	C ₃₀ H ₂₆ O ₂	C ₃₀ H ₂₆ O ₂
Crystal system	Triclinic	Monoclinic
Space group	<i>P</i> -1	<i>P</i> 2 ₁ /c
Formula weight	418.54	418.54
<i>a</i> (Å)	9.6474(7)	9.3824(12)
<i>b</i> (Å)	10.8318(6)	9.3181(12)
<i>c</i> (Å)	12.4029(9)	25.644(3)
α (°)	103.244(6)	90.00
β (°)	108.679(7)	97.845(4)
γ (°)	100.155(6)	90.00
Volume (Å ³)	1150.52(15)	2221.0(5)
<i>D</i> _c (gcm ⁻³)	1.208	1.252
<i>F</i> (000)	444	888
<i>Z</i>	2	4
μ (mm ⁻¹)	0.577	0.077
<i>R</i> ₁ [<i>I</i> > 2 σ (<i>I</i>)]	0.0482	0.0731
<i>R</i> ₁ (all data)	0.0575	0.1177
w <i>R</i> ₂ [<i>I</i> > 2 σ (<i>I</i>)]	0.1436	0.1638
w <i>R</i> ₂ (all data)	0.1559	0.1806
GOF	1.046	1.030

Table S2. The dihedral angles between the phenyl moieties and the C=C bond of **TPEC4-THF** and **TPEC4-DCM** with *P* conformation.

Compound	A	B	C	D
TPEC4-THF	68.978(72)°	38.071(106)°	52.733(79)°	62.796(101)°
TPEC4-DCM	65.745(246)°	34.278(204)°	59.172(237)°	69.776(227)°

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	DMSO (mL)	Adding H₂O(mL)	H₂O (mL)	H₂O fraction (v/v)	Concentration (μM)
1	5	0	0	0	100
2	5	0.556	0.556	10	90
3	5	0.694	1.25	20	80
4	5	0.893	2.143	30	70
5	5	1.19	3.333	40	60
6	5	1.667	5	50	50
7	5	2.5	7.5	60	40
8	5	4.167	11.667	70	30
9	5	8.333	20	80	20
10	5	25	45	90	10