

Supporting Information

for

Molecular Symmetry Effect on Morphology and Self-aggregation of Semiconducting Polymers

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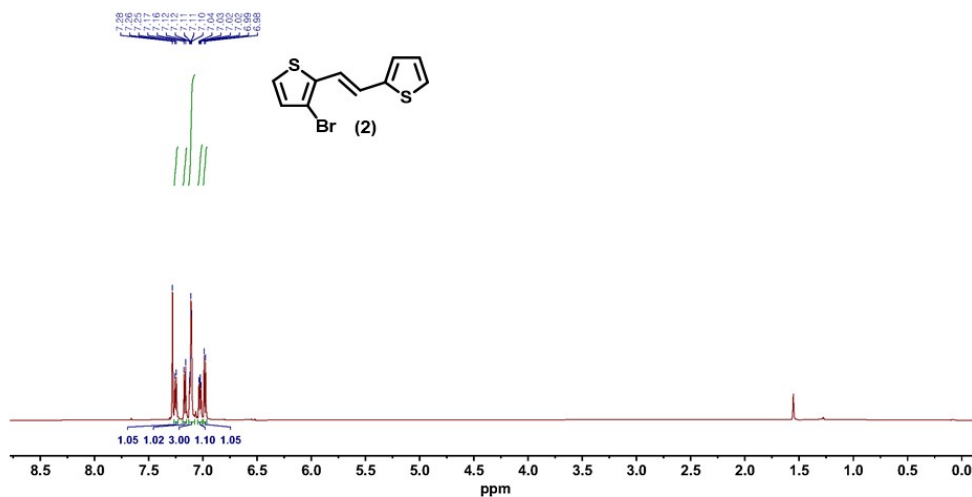
1. Experimental section

Materials

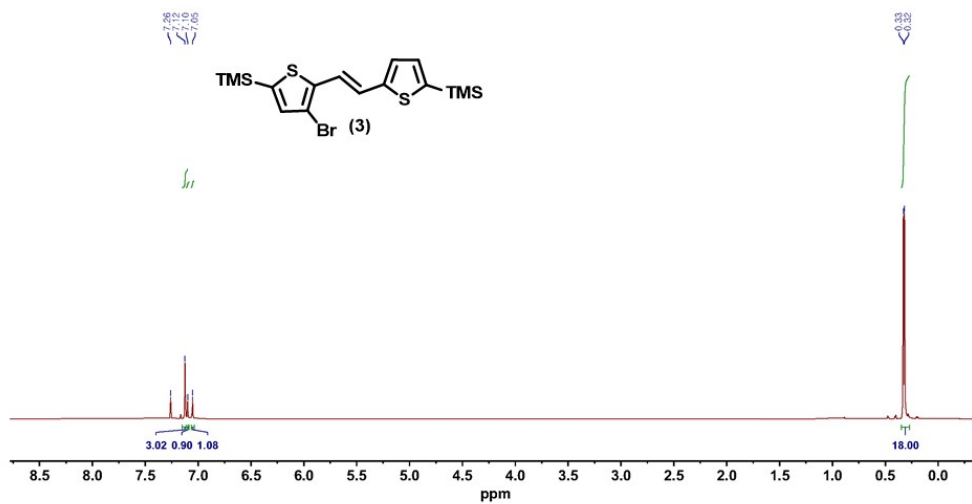
All reagents and chemicals were purchased from commercial sources Sigma-Aldrich and Suna Tech Inc. unless specified. (*E*)-1,2-bis(5-(trimethylstannyl)thiophen-2-yl)ethene (TVT), (*E*)-(4-fluoro-5-(2-(5-(trimethylstannyl)thiophen-2-yl)vinyl)thiophen-2-yl)trimethylstannane (asy-1FTVT), and (*E*)-1,2-bis(3-fluoro-5-(trimethylstannyl)thiophen-2-yl)ethane (2FTVT) are synthesized by following the methods and reported literatures.¹

Device fabrication

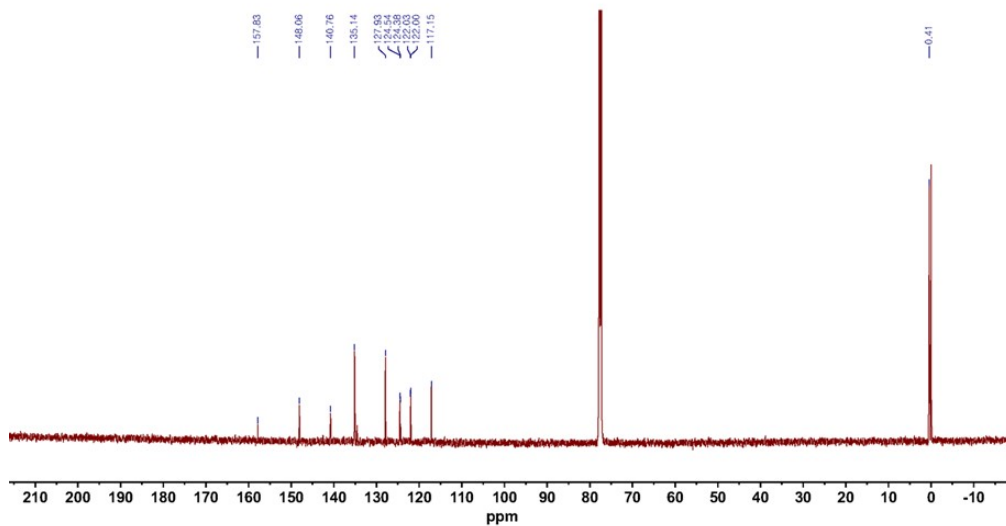
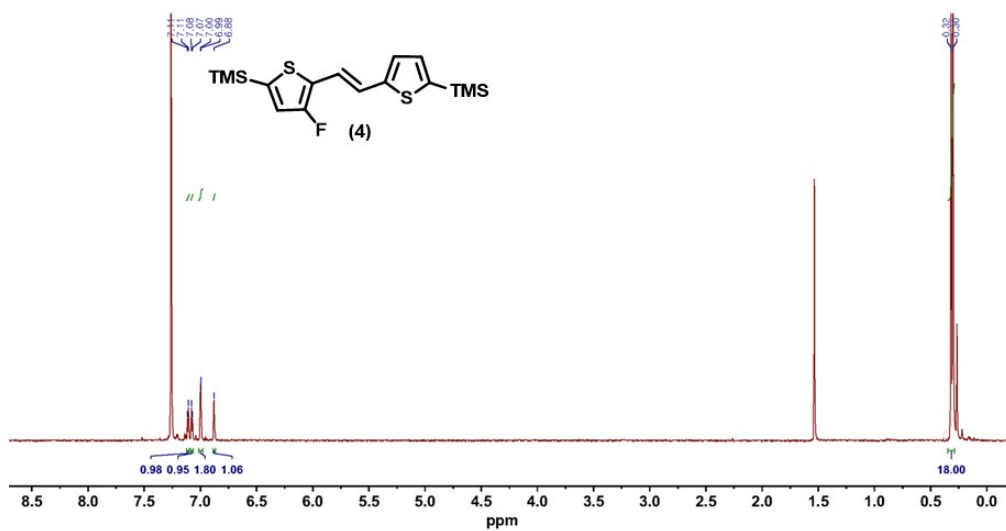
Organic solar cells were fabricated with inverted structure (ITO/ZnO/active layer/MoO₃/Ag). The ITO substrate was cleaned with ultra sonication with acetone and IPA for 10 min each and dried in a hot oven. Then, the cleaned ITO substrate was treated by UV ozone for 30 min. ZnO precursor was spin coated on ITO substrates and annealed at 200°C for 10 min. A blend of PTB7-Th:NDI-based copolymers was dissolved in CF (1:1.5 w:w) with concentration of 18 mg/ml. Then, this blend solution with 0.5% CN was spin coated on ZnO layer in N₂-filled glove box. The MoO₃ and Ag was deposited by thermal evaporation on the active layer under 2*10⁻⁶ Torr.



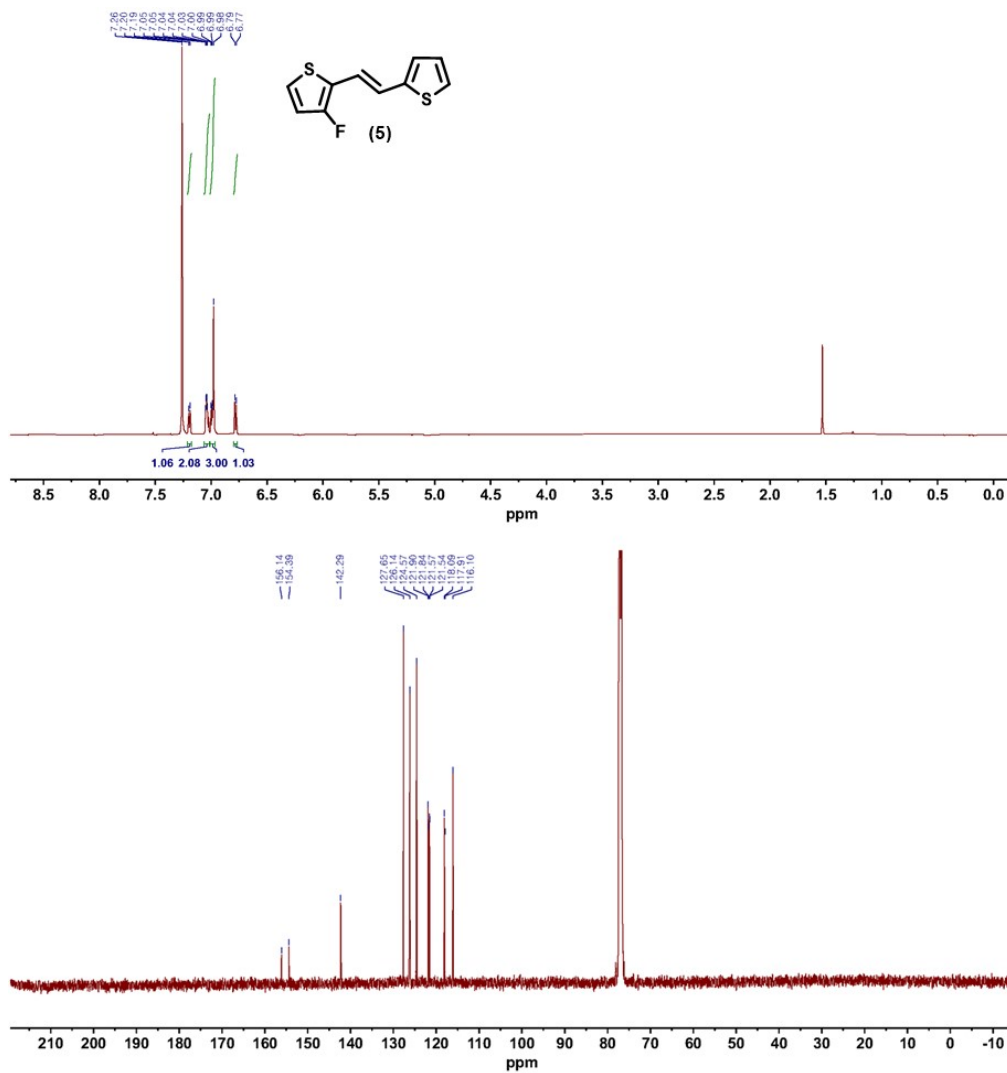
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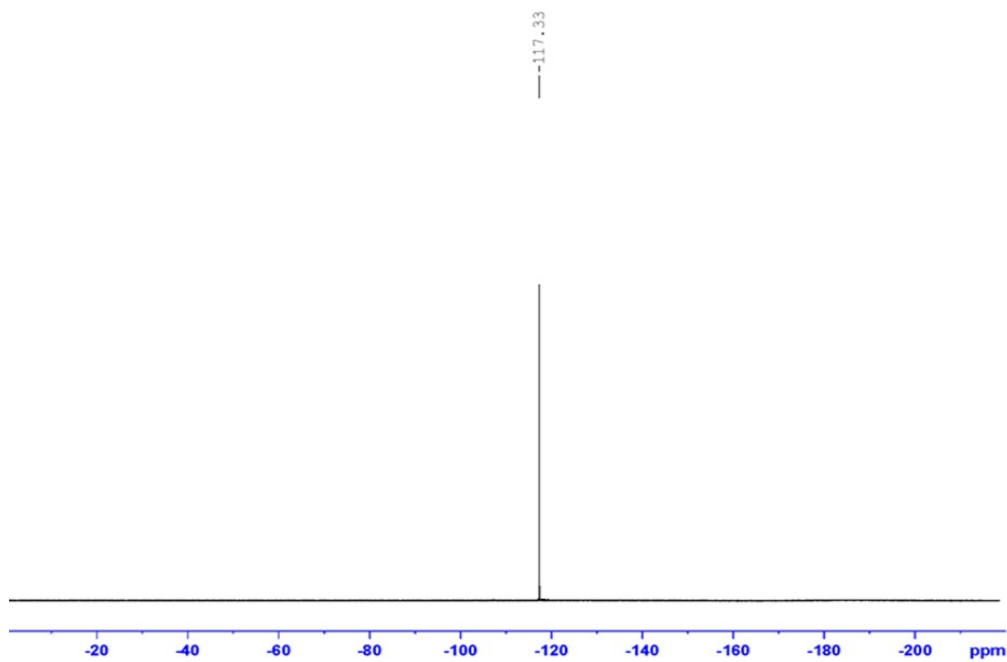
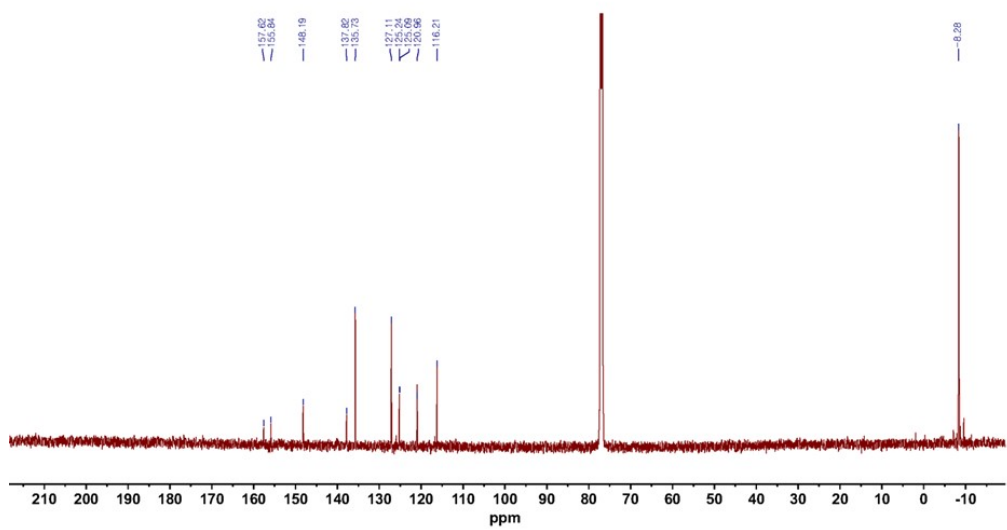
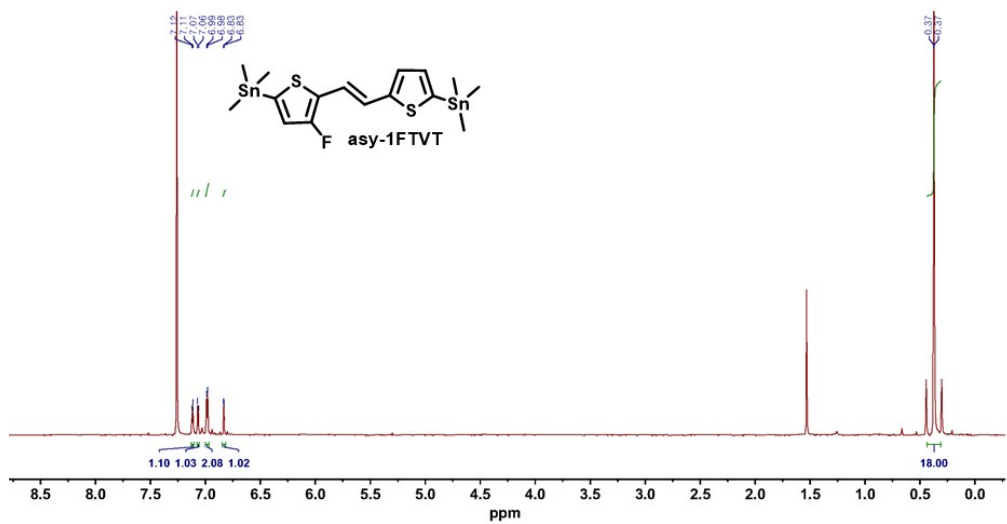
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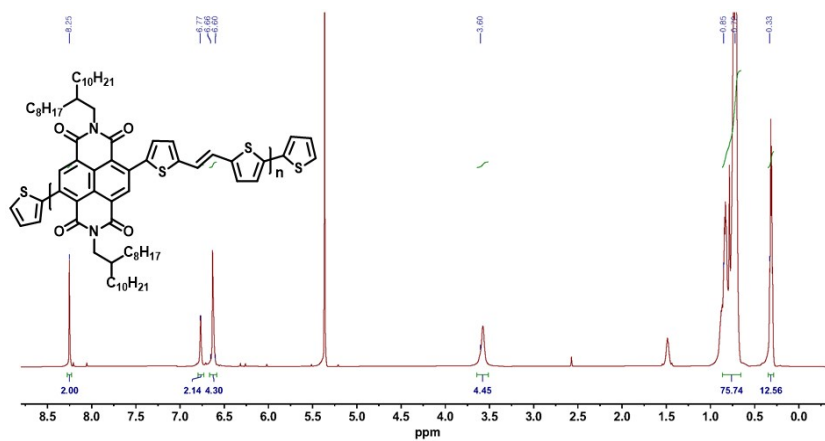
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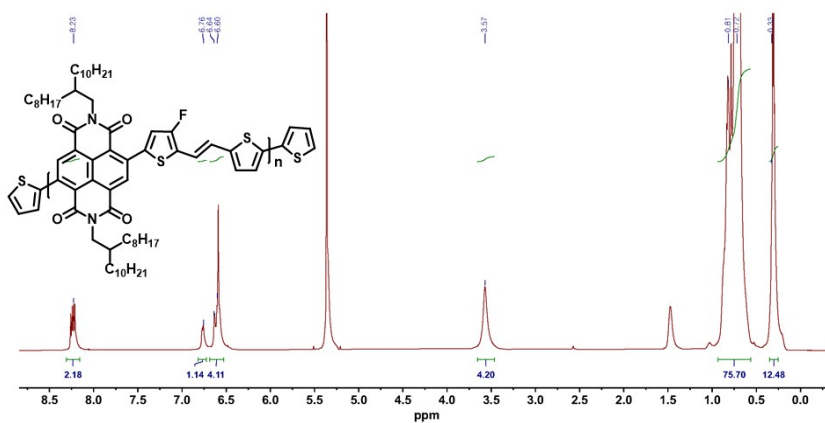
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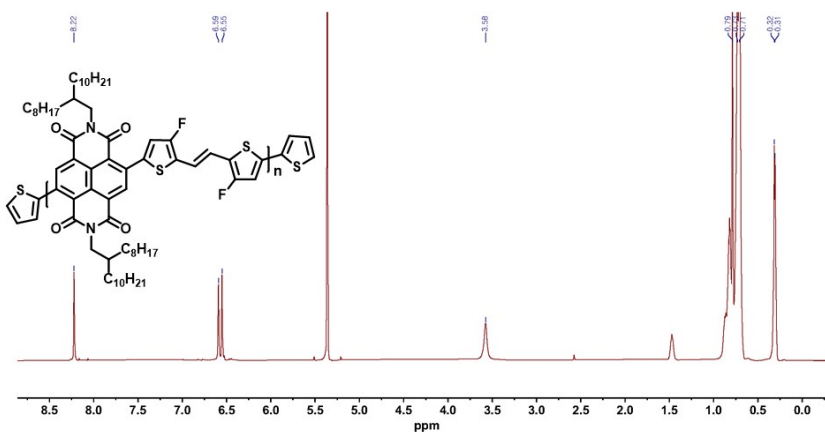
^1H , ^{13}C , and ^{19}F -NMR spectra of **asy-1FTVT**



¹H-NMR spectra of PNDITVT



¹H-NMR spectra of asy-PNDI1FTVT



¹H-NMR spectra of PNDI2FTVT

Figure S1. ¹H, ¹³C, and ¹⁹F nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) spectroscopy of all the compounds.

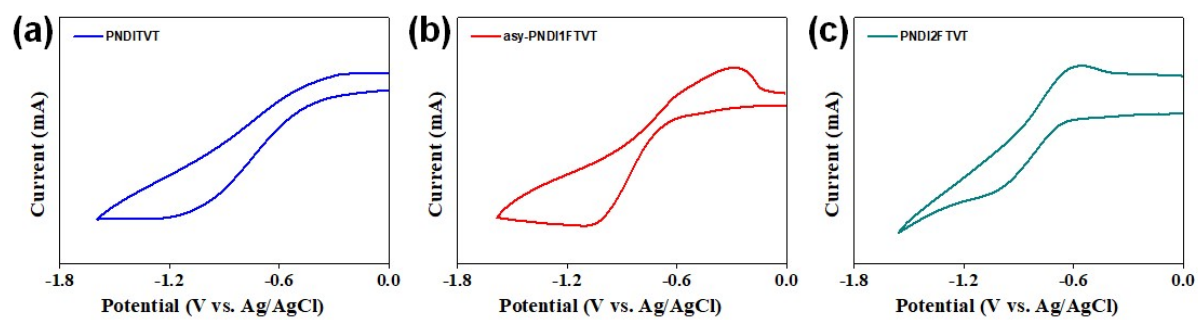


Figure S2. Cyclic voltammograms (CV) of the second reduction cycles of (a) **PND1TVT**, (b) **asy-PND11FTVT**, and (c) **PND12FTVT**.

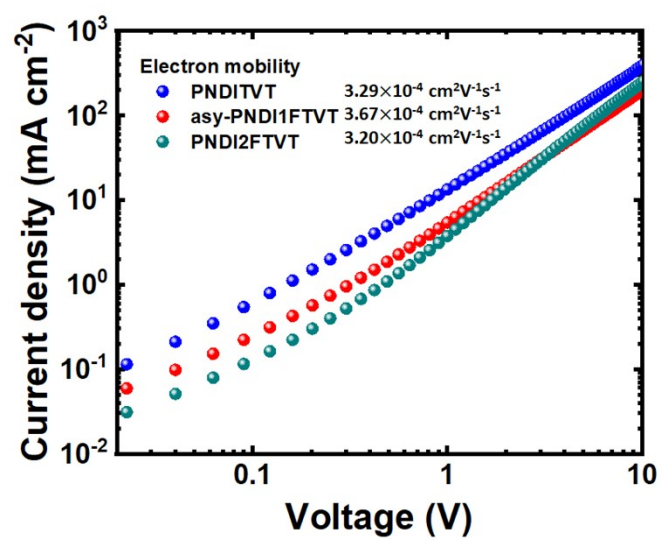


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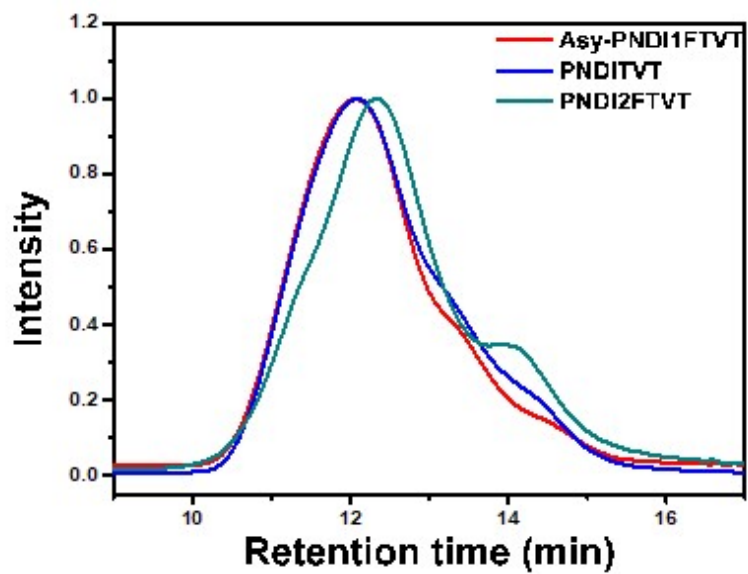


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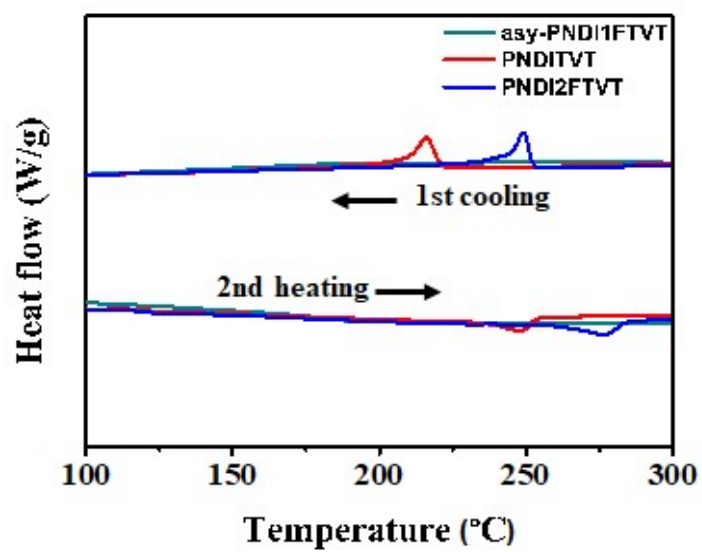


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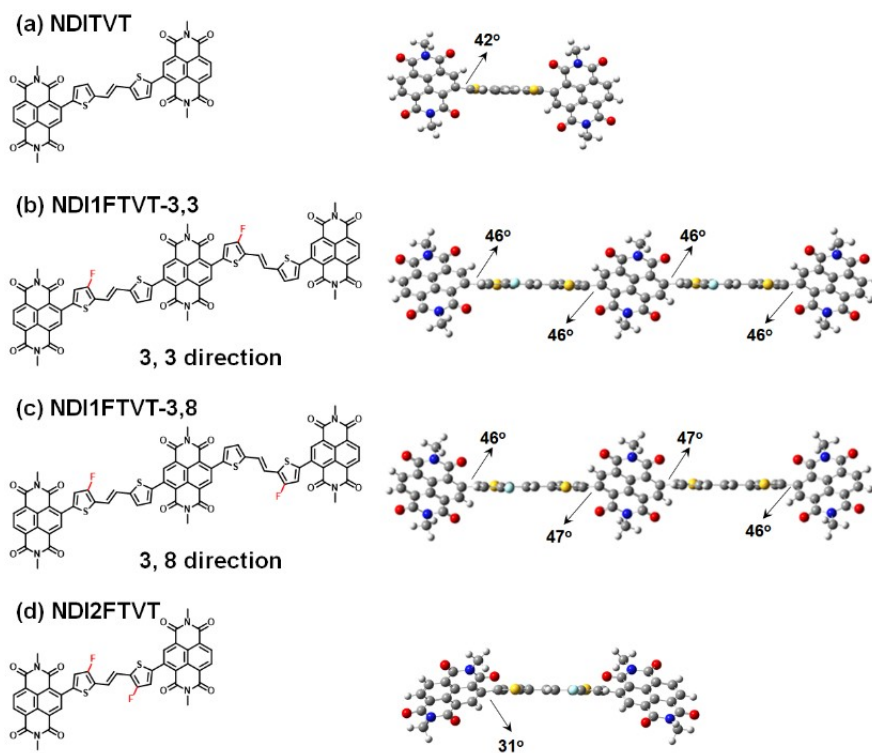


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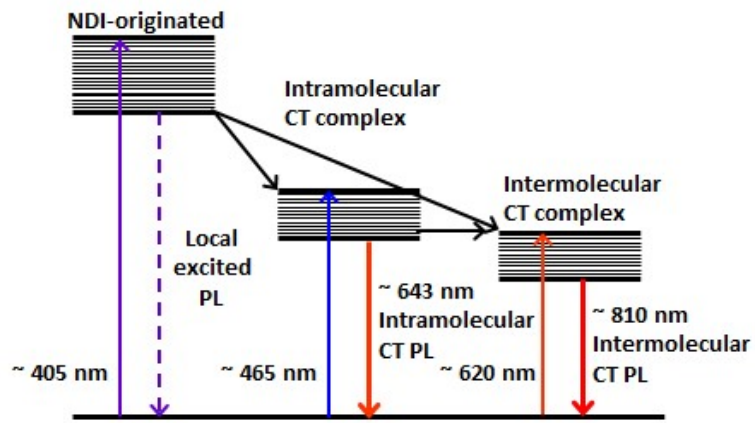


Figure S7. Jablonski diagram of asy-PNDI1FTVT.

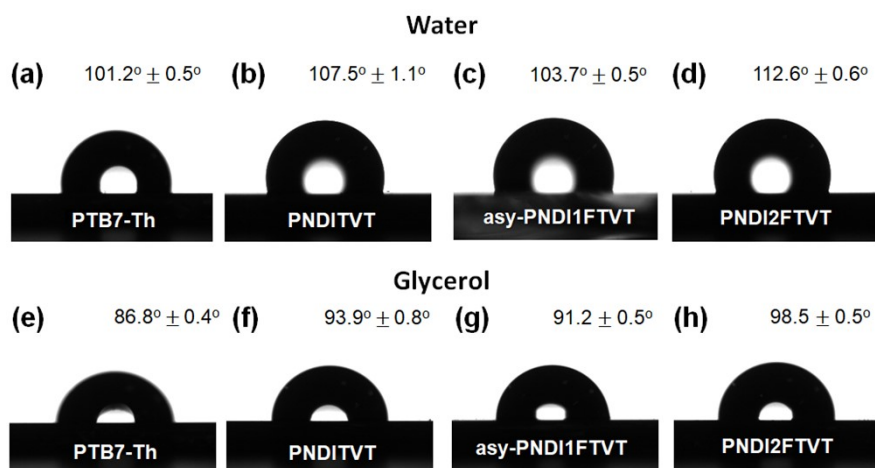


Figure S8. Contact angle measurement of PTB7-Th, PNDITVT, asy-PNDI1FTVT, and PNDI2FTVT (average value of 5 drops of each solvent).

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