Supporting Information

Synthesis, crystal growth, structure and photophysical properties of decafluoroanthracene and its co-crystals with polycyclic arenes

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I. General experimental and computational details

Synthesis and characterization. Naphthalene, anthracene, pyrene, perylene, triphenylene, and reagents for the synthesis of decafluoroanthracene (**DFA**) were purchased from commercial suppliers and used without further purifications. When possible, compound purifications were performed on standard silica gel (0.063-0.200 mm). Silica plates precoated with fluorescent indicator were used to perform thin layer chromatography. Tetracene was purchased from Sigma Aldrich and was purified twice by gradient sublimation prior to use.

Crystal growth. All co-crystals were grown under an argon atmosphere inside a glovebox. The individual components were dissolved in a 1:1 stoichiometric ratio in dichloromethane. Cocrystals of **DFA** with naphthalene (**NDFA**), anthracene (**ADFA**), tetracene (**TetDFA**), pyrene (**PyrDFA**), perylene (**PerDFA**) and triphenylene (**TriDFA**), as well as crystals of the tetracene-**DFA** dimer (**TetDFA-Dimer**), were obtained by slow solvent evaporation into grease of saturated dichloromethane solutions. Grease was used as a 'sponge' to absorb the solvent in a closed system in order to protect the catalyst of the glovebox. In the case of orange coloured **TetDFA** co-crystals, all steps were performed in the absence of light to avoid dimerization. For the dedicated growth of the colourless **TetDFA-Dimer** single crystals, the solution was stirred at room temperature and irradiated with a 375 nm UV lamp until the yellow solution turned colourless.

NMR spectroscopy. ¹⁹F NMR spectra of compounds **1**, **2**, **3** and **4** were recorded on a Bruker Avance 400 NMR spectrometer (operating at ¹⁹F: 376.7 MHz) at 298 K. NMR spectra of **DFA** and **TetDFA-Dimer** were recorded on a Bruker Avance Neo I 600 NMR spectrometer (operating at ¹H: 600.2 MHz, ¹⁹F: 564.8 MHz, ¹³C: 150.9 MHz) and on a Bruker Avance Neo I 500 NMR spectrometer (operating at ¹H: 500.1 MHz, ¹⁹F: 470.6 MHz, ¹³C: 125.8 MHz) at 298 K. ¹H and ¹³C (Ξ (¹³C) = 25.145020 MHz) chemical shifts were calibrated against the residual solvent signal and the solvent signal, respectively (∂ (¹H): CHDCl₂ 5.32 ppm; ∂ (¹³C): CD₂Cl₂ 53.5 ppm. The ¹⁹F NMR signals were referenced against CFCl₃ with Ξ (¹⁹F) = 94.094011 MHz. Chemical shifts (∂) are reported in ppm.

High resolution mass spectroscopy. HRMS were recorded using a Thermo Scientific Exactive Plus Orbitrap MS system with either an Atmospheric Sample Analysis Probe (ASAP) or by Electrospray Ionization (ESI).

Photophysical measurements.

Excitation and emission spectra of NDFA, TriDFA, TetDFA, PyrDFA and ADFA, were recorded using an Edinburgh Instruments FLSP920 spectrometer equipped with a double monochromator for both excitation and emission, operating in right-angle geometry mode, and all spectra were fully corrected for the spectral response of the instrument. The crystals were inserted into standard quartz cuvettes (1 cm × 1 cm cross-section). Measurements on PerDFA were not feasible with this method, as it formed very thin, small crystals which had some additional perylene attached to them, which distorted the spectra. Polarisation dependent photoluminescence spectra of ADFA, TetDFA and PerDFA were conducted with a microphotoluminescence setup illuminating single co-crystals with a 405 nm circular polarised cwlaser. The emission spectra were recorded polarisation dependent with a Princeton Instruments Acton SP-2500i spectrometer with a PIXIS 100BR eXcelon CCD camera and additional polarisation filters. Luminescence lifetimes were recorded using the time-correlated singlephoton counting (TCSPC) method using the same FLSP920 spectrometer described above with a picosecond pulsed diode laser at emission maxima of 376.6 nm or 472 nm for TetDFA. The full width at half maximum (FWHM) of the laser pulses were 72.6 ps (at 376.6 nm) or 91 ps (at 472 nm), respectively, while the instrument response function (IRF) had a FWHM of ca. 1.0 ns, measured from the scatter of BaSO₄ at the excitation wavelength. Decays were recorded to at least 10000 counts in the peak channel with a record length of at least 1000 channels. The band pass of the monochromator was adjusted to give a signal count rate of <10 kHz. Iterative reconvolution of the IRF with one decay function and non-linear least-squares analysis were used to analyze the data. The quality of the fit was judged by the calculated value of the reduced χ^2 and visual inspection of the weighted residuals.

Crystal structure analysis.

Crystal structure determination at ambient and low temperature. Crystals suitable for single-crystal X-ray diffraction were selected, coated in perfluoropolyether oil, and mounted on polyimide microloops. Diffraction data were collected on a Rigaku Oxford Diffraction XtaLAB Synergy diffractometer with a semiconductor HPA-detector (HyPix-Arc-150 or HyPix-6000 (**ADFA** at 100 K)) and multi-layer mirror monochromated Cu-K_{α} radiation generated by a PhotonJet-R or a PhotonJet (**ADFA** at 100 K) source. The temperature was regulated using an Oxford Cryostream low-temperature device. Diffraction data were collected at 100 K (all compounds), 200 K (**ADFA**), and ambient temperature (**NDFA**, **ADFA**, **TetDFA**, **TetDFA-Dimer, PyrDFA**, and **TriDFA**). The images were processed and corrected for Lorentz-polarisation effects and absorption (empirical scaling) using the CrysAlis^{*Pro*} software from Rigaku Oxford Diffraction. The structures were solved using the intrinsic phasing method (SHELXT)¹ and Fourier expansion technique. All non-hydrogen atoms were refined in anisotropic approximation, with hydrogen atoms 'riding' in idealized positions, by full-matrix least squares against *F*² of all data, using SHELXL² software and the SHELXLE³ graphical user interface. The crystal structure of **NDFA** at 100 K was refined as a two-component twin with component two rotated by -179.98° around [0.96 0.00 -0.27] (reciprocal) or [1.00 0.00 -0.00] (direct) axis. The twin fraction was refined to 19%. Diamond⁴ software was used for graphical representation. Other structural information was extracted using OLEX2⁵ software. Crystal data and experimental details at 100 K and at 200 K or ambient temperature are listed in Tables S2 and S3, respectively; full structural information has been deposited with the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre. CCDC-2293625 (**DFA**), 2293636 – 2293634 (**TetDFA**), 2293638 – 2293630 (**ADFA**), 2293631 – 2293632 (**TetDFA**), and 2293638 – 2293639 (**TriDFA**).

Hirshfeld surface analysis. In order to compare and classify the types and magnitudes of the intermolecular interactions within the co-crystals, the concept of Hirshfeld surface analysis was applied.⁶⁻⁹ Hirshfeld surfaces were calculated and analysed using the CrystalExplorer¹⁰ program. The volume of the surface of the crystal's voids was obtained from the Hirshfeld analysis.¹¹ In order to quantify the nature and type of intermolecular interactions from the Hirshfeld surface analysis in a two-dimensional, graphical way, fingerprint plots and their breakdown to the individual contributions were used.¹²⁻¹⁴

Computational details. Density functional calculations using the PBE¹⁵ exchangecorrelation functional within the CASTEP code¹⁶ were used to calculate the relaxed geometry for the set of molecules. A plane wave basis set is used which requires periodic boundary conditions, therefore each molecule was placed in a large supercell to isolate it from periodic images. The resultant electrostatic potential (on a regular numerical grid) was obtained and we took a 2D slice through the plane of the molecule and plotted contours.

II. Synthesis and characterization



Tetrafluorophthalic anhydride (1): To a 100 mL round bottom flask was added tetrafluorophthalic acid (5 g, 2.1 mmol) and thionyl chloride (6.5 mL, 3.4 mmol). The reaction was refluxed overnight and then thionyl chloride was removed under vacuum leaving a brown solid which was sublimed under

vacuum to give 4.1 g of a white solid. Yield = 90 %.

¹⁹F NMR (acetone-d₆, 376.7 MHz) δ (ppm): -140.1 (m, 4F); -153.07 (m, 4F).



1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8-octafluoroanthracene-9,10-dione (2): To a dried 100 mL round bottom flask equipped with an addition funnel and distillation apparatus was added dry CsF (5 g, 33 mmol), *m*-xylene (50 mL) and tetrafluorophthalic anhydride (1) (5 g, 23 mmol). The

mixture was refluxed for 30 min and then dry sulfolane (30 mL) was added dropwise. The reaction was followed by monitoring the amount of gas (CO₂) evolved and was stopped when gas evolution ceased (ca. 45 min). The xylene was removed by vacuum distillation. The remaining red liquid was diluted with 50 mL of water and the orange precipitate was collected by filtration and washed with a 1:1 MeOH/water solution. The resulting yellow powder was then recrystallized from toluene to give 1.5 g of pale-yellow needles. Yield = 40 %.

¹⁹F NMR (CDCl₃, 376.7MHz) δ (ppm): -137.4 (m, 4F); -143.3 (m, 4F).

¹⁹F NMR literature values (ppm) by Tannaci *et al.* (2007) are: -137.39 (m, 4F), -143.34 (m, 4F).¹⁷



9,9,10,10-tetrachloro-1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8-octafluoro-9,10-

dihydroanthracene (3): To a 100 mL Schlenk flask was added 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8-octafluoroanthracene-9,10-dione (2) (2.8 g, 7.9 mmol), PCl₅ (5.96 g, 0.29 mmol) and diphenylphosphonic dichloride

(15.5 g, 7.9 mmol). The reaction was kept at 170 °C for 24 h, then the mixture was diluted in toluene, washed with water until the organic layer appeared clear, and washed with NaHCO₃ solution. The solvent was evaporated and the solid was washed with MeOH to give 2.5 g of a yellow powder. Yield = 70 %.

¹⁹F NMR (CDCl₃, 376.7MHz) δ (ppm): -128.61 (m, 4F), -150.11 (m, 4F).

¹⁹F NMR literature values (ppm) by Tannaci *et al.* (2007) are: -128.61 (m, 4F), -150.11 (m, 4F).¹⁷



9,10-dichloro-1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8-octafluoroanthracene (4): To a 500 mL flask was added 9,9,10,10-tetrachloro-1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8-octafluoro-9,10-dihydroanthracene (**3**) (8.5 g, 18.4 mmol), NMP (150 mL) and AcOH (50 mL). The flask was heated under argon for 24 h. The

mixture was extracted with toluene, washed with aqueous NaHCO₃ and then brine. The solvent was evaporated leaving a black oil which was treated with MeOH to precipitate a white powder. The product was diluted in chloroform and filtered onto silica gel, the cake was washed with petroleum ether, and the solvent evaporated to give 6 g of a white powder. Yield = 80 %.

¹⁹F NMR (CDCl₃, 376.7MHz) δ (ppm): -137.1 (m, 4F), -152.4 (m, 4F).

¹⁹F NMR literature values (ppm) by Tannaci *et al.* (2007) are: -137.09 (d, 4F, J = 12 Hz), -152.35 (d, 4F, J = 12 Hz).¹⁷



Decafluoroanthracene (DFA): To a 100 mL round bottom flask equipped with a distillation apparatus and addition funnel was added sulfolane (20 mL) and KF (0.5 g, 8.7 mmol). The funnel was charged with 9,10-dichloro-1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8-octafluoroanthracene (4) (0.85 g,

2.17 mmol), 18-crown-6 (115 mg, 0.43 mmol), and toluene (50 mL). The flask was heated to 200°C while the solution of **4** was added at a rate of 1 drop per second. Toluene distilled out of the flask and, at the end of the addition, the reaction was monitored by TLC. When reaction was complete, the mixture was diluted in toluene, washed with water, and filtered onto silica gel. The product was then purified by column chromatography using petroleum ether as the eluent. The solvent was removed under vacuum to give 0.6 g of a yellow powder. Yield = 80 %.

¹⁹F NMR (CDCl₃, 470.6 MHz) δ (ppm): -122.1 (m, 2F, J_{TS} = 74.2 Hz), -144.3 (m, 4F, J_{TS} = 74.2 Hz), -152.3 (m, 4F). J_{TS} represents the F,F through-space coupling constant for direct spin,spin-interactions between fluorine atoms across the space.

TetDFA-Dimer:

¹H{¹⁹F} NMR (CD₂Cl₂, 600.2 MHz) δ (ppm): 7.74 (m, 2H), 7.72 (s, 2H), 7.46 (m, 2H), 7.29 (m, 2H), 7.11 (m, 2H), 5.04 (s, 2H).

¹H NMR (CD₂Cl₂, 600.2 MHz) δ (ppm): 7.74 (m, 2H), 7.72 (s, 2H), 7.46 (m, 2H), 7.29 (m, 2H), 7.11 (m, 2H), 5.04 (d, $J_{F,H}$ = 31.8 Hz, 2H).

¹⁹F NMR (CD₂Cl₂, 564.8 MHz) δ (ppm): -143.1 (m, 4F), -152.8 (m, 2F), -154.5 (m, 4F).

¹⁹F{¹H} NMR (CD₂Cl₂, 564.8 MHz) δ (ppm): -143.1 (m, 4F), -152.8 (m, 2F), -154.5 (m, 4F).

¹³C{¹H} NMR (CD₂Cl₂, 125.8 MHz) δ (ppm): 139.6 (d, J = 3.6 Hz), 136.4 (d, J = 3.6 Hz),

132.4, 128.3, 127.7, 127.3, 126.9, 126.3, 101.8 (d, *J* = 210.5 Hz), 62.6 (d, *J* = 33.6 Hz).

¹³C{¹⁹F}: (CD₂Cl₂, 125.8 MHz) δ (ppm): 143.2, 143.2, 140.3, 140.2, 120.4, 101.8 (d, J = 7.9 Hz).

¹³C{¹H,¹⁹F}: (CD₂Cl₂, 150.9 MHz) δ (ppm): 143.2, 143.1, 140.2, 140.1, 139.6, 136.3, 132.4, 128.3, 127.7, 127.3, 126.9, 126.3, 120.4, 101.8, 62.5.

III. NMR spectra



Figure S1. ¹⁹F NMR spectrum of **1** in CDCl₃ (376.7 MHz).



Figure S2. ¹⁹F NMR spectrum of 2 in CDCl₃ (376.7 MHz).



Figure S3. 19 F NMR spectrum of **3** in CDCl₃ (376.7 MHz).



Figure S4. ¹⁹F NMR spectrum of **4** in CDCl₃ (376.7 MHz).



Figure S5. ¹⁹F NMR spectrum of **DFA** in CDCl₃ (470.6 MHz).



Figure S6. ${}^{13}C{}^{19}F{}$ NMR spectrum of **DFA** in CDCl₃ (125.8 MHz).



Figure S8. ¹H NMR spectrum of **TetDFA-Dimer** in CD₂Cl₂ (600.2 MHz).



Figure S10. $^{19}F{^1H}$ NMR spectrum of **TetDFA-Dimer** in CD₂Cl₂ (564.8 MHz).



Figure S11. ${}^{13}C{}^{1}H$ NMR spectrum of **TetDFA-Dimer** in CD₂Cl₂ (125.8 MHz).



Figure S12. ¹³C $\{^{19}F\}$ NMR spectrum of **TetDFA-Dimer** in CD₂Cl₂ (125.8 MHz).



Figure S13. ${}^{13}C{}^{1}H, {}^{19}F{}$ NMR spectrum of **TetDFA-Dimer** in CD₂Cl₂ (150.9 MHz).

IV. Photophysical properties



Figure S14. Excitation (blue and red) and emission (black) spectra of **DFA** in the solid state. The upper axis refers only to the excitation spectra, as the emission spectra were not corrected for display in the energy scale.^{18, 19}



Figure S15. Excitation (blue, red and green) and emission (black) spectra of **Naphthalene** in the solid state. The upper axis refers only to the excitation spectra, see Figure S14.



Figure S16. Excitation (blue and red) and emission (black) spectra of **Anthracene** in the solid state. The upper axis refers only to the excitation spectra, see Figure S14.



Figure S17. Excitation (blue and red) and emission (black) spectra of **Triphenylene** in the solid state. The upper axis refers only to the excitation spectra, see Figure S14.



Figure S18. Excitation (red) and emission (black) spectra of **Pyrene** in the solid state. The upper axis refers only to the excitation spectrum, see Figure S14.



Figure S19. Excitation (blue and red) and emission (black) spectra of **Tetracene** in the solid state. The upper axis refers only to the excitation spectra, see Figure S14.



Figure S20. Excitation (blue and red) and emission (black) spectra of **NDFA** in the solid state. The upper axis refers only to the excitation spectra, see Figure S14.



Figure S21. Excitation (red) and emission (black) spectra of **ADFA** in the solid state. The upper axis refers only to the excitation spectrum, see Figure S14.



Figure S22. Excitation (blue and red) and emission (black) spectra of **TetDFA** in the solid state. The upper axis refers only to the excitation spectra, see Figure S14.



Figure S23. Excitation (blue and red) and emission (black) spectra of **PyrDFA** in the solid state. The upper axis refers only to the excitation spectra, see Figure S14.



Figure S24. Excitation (blue and red) and emission (black) spectra of **TriDFA** in the solid state. The upper axis refers only to the excitation spectra, see Figure S14.



Figure S25. Excitation and emission spectra of NDFA and its components Naphtalene and DFA in the solid state. The upper axis refers only to the excitation spectra, see Figure S14.



Figure S26. Excitation and emission spectra of ADFA and its components Anthracene and DFA in the solid state. The upper axis refers only to the excitation spectra, see Figure S14.



Figure S27. Excitation and emission spectra of **TetDFA** and its components **Tetracene** and **DFA** in the solid state. The upper axis refers only to the excitation spectra, see Figure S14.



Figure S28. Excitation and emission spectra of **PyrDFA** and its components **Pyrene** and **DFA** in the solid state. The upper axis refers only to the excitation spectra, see Figure S14.



Figure S29. Emission spectra of **PerDFA** and its components **Perylene** and **DFA** and excitation spectra of **DFA** in the solid state. The upper axis refers only to the excitation spectra, see Figure S14.



Figure S30. Excitation and emission spectra of **TriDFA** and its components **Triphenylene** and **DFA** in the solid state. The upper axis refers only to the excitation spectra, see Figure S14.



Figure S31. Emission spectra of the polarisation directions of highest and lowest intensity of **TetDFA** (top), **PerDFA** (center), and **ADFA** (bottom) in the solid state.

V. Single-crystal X-ray diffraction

Table S1. Single-crystal X-ray diffraction data and structure refinements of DFA, NDFA,

| | DFA (<i>B</i> -phase) ^a | NDFA | ADFA ^a | TetDFA |
|---|--|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| CCDC | 2293625 | 2293626 | 2293628 | 2293631 |
| Empirical | $C_{14}F_{10}$ | $C_{14}F_{10} \cdot C_{10}H_8$ | $C_{14}F_{10} \cdot C_{14}H_{10}$ | $C_{14}F_{10} \cdot C_{18}H_{12}$ |
| formula | | | | |
| $M/ \operatorname{g·mol}^{-1}$ | 358.14 | 486.30 | 536.36 | 586.42 |
| T/\tilde{K} | 100(2) | 100(2) | 100(2) | 100(2) |
| Radiation, $\lambda / \text{\AA}$ | Cu <i>K</i> _a , 1.54184 | Cu <i>K</i> _α , 1.54184 | CuK _α , 1.54184 | CuK _α , 1.54184 |
| Crystal size/mm ³ | 0.05×0.19×0.27 | 0.02×0.27×0.34 | 0.02×0.05×0.30 | 0.02×0.05×0.12 |
| Crystal colour, | colourless plate | colourless plate | colourless needle | orange plate |
| habit | 1 | 1 | | |
| Crystal system | monoclinic | monoclinic | triclinic | triclinic |
| Space group | $P2_{1}/c$ | $P2_1/n$ | P1 | P1 |
| a / A | 21.8459(5) | 7.4096(2) | 7.0884(3) | 6.9115(2) |
| b / A | 4.54869(9) | 6.5845(2) | 7.3423(2) | 7.1394(3) |
| <i>c</i> / A | 11.3393(2) | 18.7792(6) | 10.3604(3) | 12.1965(5) |
| α / \circ | 90 | 90 | 85.427(3) | 80.570(3) |
| β / \circ | 103.937(2) | 96.356(3) | 74.157(3) | 73.691(3) |
| γ/0 | 90 | 90 | 78.753(3) | 84.021(3) |
| Volume / A ³ | 1093.61(4) | 910.57(5) | 508.56(3) | 568.73(4) |
| Z | 4 | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| $\rho_{\rm calc} / {\rm g} \cdot {\rm cm}^{-3}$ | 2.175 | 1.774 | 1.751 | 1.712 |
| μ / mm^{-1} | 2.282 | 1.569 | 1.475 | 1.383 |
| F(000) | 696 | 484 | 268 | 294 |
| heta range / ° | 4.170-74.451 | 6.215-74.945 | 4.438-74.487 | 3.814-74.390 |
| Reflections | 11895 | 12566 | 10583 | 11621 |
| collected | | | | |
| Unique | 2209 | 2878 | 2073 | 2295 |
| reflections | | | | |
| Parameters | 218 | 155 | 172 | 190 |
| GooF on F^2 | 1.074 | 1.125 | 1.071 | 1.062 |
| $R_1 [I \ge 2\sigma(I)]$ | 0.0410 | 0.0538 | 0.0344 | 0.0385 |
| wR_2 [all data] | 0.1215 | 0.1749 | 0.1055 | 0.1100 |
| Max. / min. | 0.27/-0.22 | 0.29/-0.36 | 0.265 / -0.250 | 0.20/-0.29 |
| residual electron density/ e·Å ⁻³ | | | | |

ADFA, TetDFA, TetDFA-Dimer, PyrDFA, PerDFA, and TriDFA at 100 K.

^a The crystal structures of the β -polymorph of DFA at 173 K (CCDC 2089979) and of ADFA at 184 K (CCDC 1581425) were reported earlier by Bischof et al. (2021).²⁰

| | TetDFA-Dimer | PyrDFA | PerDFA | TriDFA |
|---|----------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| CCDC | 2293633 | 2293635 | 2293637 | 2293638 |
| Empirical | $C_{32}H_{12}F_{10}$ | $C_{14}F_{10}\cdot C_{16}H_{10}$ | $C_{14}F_{10} \cdot C_{20}H_{12}$ | $C_{14}F_{10} \cdot C_{18}H_{12}$ |
| formula | | | | |
| $M/ \operatorname{g·mol}^{-1}$ | 586.42 | 560.38 | 610.44 | 586.42 |
| T / K | 100(2) | 100(2) | 100(2) | 100(2) |
| Radiation, λ / Å | CuK _α , 1.54184 | Cu-K _a 1.54184 | CuK _α , 1.54184 | Cu-K _α , 1.54184 |
| Crystal size/mm ³ | 0.05×0.13×0.39 | 0.05×0.15×0.19 | 0.02×0.08×0.51 | $0.06 \times 0.07 \times 0.40$ |
| Crystal colour, | colourless plate | colourless plate | yellow plate | colourless needle |
| habit | - | - | | |
| Crystal system | triclinic | monoclinic | triclinic | Monoclinic |
| Space group | $P\overline{1}$ | $P2_{1}/c$ | $P\overline{1}$ | $P2_{1}/n$ |
| a / Å | 9.9708(3) | 7.1553(2) | 6.9692(5) | 6.71719(9) |
| <i>b</i> / Å | 10.0237(4) | 8.5840(2) | 8.9198(6) | 37.6558(5) |
| <i>c</i> / Å | 12.7358(5) | 17.2031(4) | 10.9187(8) | 9.27231(15) |
| α / ° | 70.185(4) | 90 | 66.146(7) | 90 |
| β / ° | 77.145(3) | 91.246(2) | 87.489(6) | 101.9071(15) |
| γ/° | 85.923(3) | 90 | 71.797(6) | 90 |
| Volume / Å ³ | 1167.48(8) | 1056.38(5) | 587.03(8) | 2294.88(6) |
| Ζ | 2 | 2 | 1 | 4 |
| $ ho_{ m calc}$ / g·cm ⁻³ | 1.668 | 1.762 | 1.727 | 1.697 |
| μ / mm^{-1} | 1.347 | 1.455 | 1.370 | 1.371 |
| F(000) | 588 | 560 | 306 | 1176 |
| heta range / ° | 3.774-74.319 | 5.143-74.467 | 4.448-73.702 | 2.347-74.493 |
| Reflections | 23759 | 11099 | 11572 | 24608 |
| collected | | | | |
| Unique | 4668 | 2140 | 2334 | 4698 |
| reflections | | | | |
| Parameters | 380 | 181 | 199 | 380 |
| GooF on F^2 | 1.058 | 1.059 | 1.008 | 1.052 |
| $R_1 [I \ge 2\sigma(I)]$ | 0.0326 | 0.0398 | 0.0693 | 0.0339 |
| wR_2 [all data] | 0.0913 | 0.1155 | 0.2085 | 0.1002 |
| Max. / min. | 0.27/-0.21 | 0.241 / -0.263 | 0.59 / -0.43 | 0.26 / -0.21 |
| residual electron density/ e·Å ⁻³ | | | | |

Table S1. continued.

Table S2. Single-crystal X-ray diffraction data and structure refinements of NDFA, ADFA, TetDFA, TetDFA-Dimer, PyrDFA, and TriDFA at ambient temperature, and of ADFA at 200 K.

| | NDFA | ADFA | ADFA | TetDFA |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| CCDC | 2293627 | 2293630 | 2293629 | 2293632 |
| Empirical | $C_{14}F_{10} \cdot C_{10}H_8$ | $C_{14}F_{10}\cdot C_{14}H_{10}$ | $C_{14}F_{10}\cdot C_{14}H_{10}$ | $C_{14}F_{10}\cdot C_{18}H_{12}$ |
| formula | | | | |
| $M/ \operatorname{g·mol}^{-1}$ | 486.30 | 536.36 | 536.36 | 586.42 |
| T / K | 299(2) | 299(2) | 200(2) | 298(2) |
| Radiation, λ / Å | Cu <i>K</i> _α , 1.54184 | CuK _α , 1.54184 | CuK _α , 1.54184 | CuK _α , 1.54184 |
| Crystal size/mm ³ | 0.12×0.17×0.33 | 0.05×0.22×0.32 | 0.05×0.07×0.36 | 0.02×0.06×0.14 |
| Crystal colour, | colourless plate | colourless plate | colourless needle | orange plate |
| habit | _ | _ | | |
| Crystal system | monoclinic | triclinic | triclinic | triclinic |
| Space group | $P2_{1}/n$ | $P\overline{1}$ | $P\overline{1}$ | $P\overline{1}$ |
| <i>a</i> / Å | 7.5869(2) | 7.2524(3) | 7.14326(18) | 7.0122(4) |
| <i>b</i> / Å | 6.63558(18) | 7.4269(4) | 7.39508(19) | 7.2711(4) |
| <i>c</i> / Å | 19.0089(6) | 10.5461(6) | 10.4097(3) | 12.2638(6) |
| α / ° | 90 | 83.280(4) | 84.893(2) | 79.844(4) |
| eta / ° | 97.108(3) | 73.176(5) | 73.918(2) | 73.405(4) |
| γ/° | 90 | 77.567(4) | 78.314(2) | 82.693(4) |
| Volume / Å ³ | 949.62(5) | 530.07(5) | 517.10(3) | 587.89(5) |
| Ζ | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| $ ho_{\rm calc}$ / g·cm ⁻³ | 1.701 | 1.680 | 1.722 | 1.656 |
| μ / mm ⁻¹ | 1.504 | 1.416 | 1.451 | 1.338 |
| F(000) | 484 | 268 | 268 | 294 |
| heta range / ° | 4.689-74.460 | 4.387-74.058 | 4.423-74.408 | 3.802-74.270 |
| Reflections | 10241 | 10772 | 6934 | 11965 |
| collected | | | | |
| Unique | 1936 | 2123 | 2078 | 2345 |
| reflections | | | | |
| Parameters | 154 | 172 | 173 | 190 |
| GooF on F^2 | 1.056 | 1.098 | 1.089 | 1.037 |
| $R_1 [I \ge 2\sigma(I)]$ | 0.0410 | 0.0692 | 0.0309 | 0.0382 |
| wR ₂ [all data] | 0.1122 | 0.2569 | 0.1035 | 0.1189 |
| Max. / min. | 0.13/-0.19 | 0.36 / -0.14 | 0.21 / -0.16 | 0.14/-0.19 |
| residual electron | | | | |
| density/ e·Å ⁻³ | | | | |

| | TetDFA-Dimer | PyrDFA | TriDFA | |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|
| CCDC | 2293634 | 2293636 | 2293639 | |
| Empirical | $C_{32}H_{12}F_{10}$ | $C_{14}F_{10}\cdot C_{16}H_{10}$ | $C_{14}F_{10}\cdot C_{18}H_{12}$ | |
| formula | | | | |
| $M/ \operatorname{g·mol}^{-1}$ | 586.42 | 560.38 | 586.42 | |
| T / K | 298(2) | 300(2) | 300(2) | |
| Radiation, λ / Å | CuK _α , 1.54184 | Cu-K _α , 1.54184 | Cu-K _α , 1.54184 | |
| Crystal size/mm ³ | 0.12×0.14×0.29 | 0.16×0.29×0.57 | 0.09×0.17×0.21 | |
| Crystal colour, | colourless block | colourless plate | colourless block | |
| habit | | | | |
| Crystal system | triclinic | monoclinic | monoclinic | |
| Space group | $P\overline{1}$ | $P2_{1}/c$ | $P2_{1}/n$ | |
| <i>a</i> / Å | 10.0716(3) | 7.35337(14) | 6.85393(13) | |
| <i>b</i> / Å | 10.1045(2) | 8.5989(2) | 37.9170(8) | |
| <i>c</i> / Å | 12.8392(4) | 17.4368(4) | 9.3367(2) | |
| α / ° | 70.147(2) | 90 | 90 | |
| eta / ° | 76.929(3) | 91.9800(19) | 102.002(2) | |
| γ/° | 85.958(2) | 90 | 90 | |
| Volume / Å ³ | 1197.10(6) | 1101.89(4) | 2373.37(9) | |
| Ζ | 2 | 2 | 4 | |
| $ ho_{ m calc}$ / g·cm ⁻³ | 1.627 | 1.689 | 1.641 | |
| μ / mm^{-1} | 1.314 | 1.395 | 1.325 | |
| F(000) | 588 | 560 | 1176 | |
| heta range / ° | 3.748-74.407 | 5.076-74.503 | 2.330-74.480 | |
| Reflections | 24611 | 11875 | 25928 | |
| collected | | | | |
| Unique | 4784 | 2232 | 4834 | |
| reflections | | | | |
| Parameters | 380 | 182 | 380 | |
| GooF on F^2 | 1.068 | 1.086 | 1.033 | |
| $R_1 [I \ge 2\sigma(I)]$ | 0.0333 | 0.0515 | 0.0397 | |
| wR_2 [all data] | 0.0981 | 0.1613 | 0.1204 | |
| Max. / min. | 0.18/-0.16 | 0.48 / -0.15 | 0.20 / -0.14 | |
| residual electron | | | | |
| density/ e·Å ⁻³ | | | | |

Table S2. continued.



Figure S32. The solid-state molecular structure of decafluoroanthracene, **DFA**, determined by single-crystal X-ray diffraction at 100 K. All ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level, and H atoms are omitted for clarity. There are two symmetry-independent molecules in the unit cell, both having inversion symmetry.



Figure S33. Crystal structure of the β -polymorph of decafluoroanthracene, β -DFA, showing the packing of the molecules at 100 K.



Figure S34. A slice of the crystal structure of the β -polymorph of decafluoroanthracene, β -DFA projected along the *a* axis showing the packing of the molecules in this sheet at 100 K.



Figure S35. The solid-state molecular structure of 1:1 naphthalene:decafluoroanthracene, **NDFA**, determined by single-crystal X-ray diffraction at 100 K. All ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level. Both molecules have inversion symmetry.



Figure S36. Molecular overlap and π -stacking of decafluoroanthracene with naphthalene viewed perpendicular to the decafluoroanthracene mean plane, at 100 K. Fluorine atoms are coloured green in decafluoroanthracene molecules.



Figure S37. Packing diagram for 1:1 naphthalene:decafluoroanthracene (NDFA), showing the π -stacking of the components along the *a* axis at 100 K. Intermolecular H…F contacts between the stacks below the sum of the van der Waals radii are shown as red dashed lines.



Figure S38. The solid-state molecular structure of 1:1 anthracene:decafluoroanthracene, **ADFA**, determined by single-crystal X-ray diffraction at 100 K. All ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level. Both molecules have inversion symmetry.



Figure S39. Molecular overlap and π -stacking of decafluoroanthracene with anthracene viewed perpendicular to the decafluoroanthracene mean plane, at 100 K. Fluorine atoms are coloured green in decafluoroanthracene molecules.



Figure S40. Packing diagram for 1:1 anthracene:decafluoroanthracene (**ADFA**), showing the π -stacking of the components along the *b* axis at 100 K. Intermolecular H…F and F…F contacts between the stacks below the sum of the van der Waals radii are shown as red dashed lines.



Figure S41. The solid-state molecular structure of 1:1 tetracene:decafluoroanthracene, **TetDFA**, determined by single-crystal X-ray diffraction at 100 K. All ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level. Both molecules have inversion symmetry.



Figure S42. Molecular overlap and π -stacking of decafluoroanthracene with tetracene viewed perpendicular to the decafluoroanthracene mean plane, at 100 K. Fluorine atoms are coloured green in decafluoroanthracene molecules.



Figure S43. Packing diagram for 1:1 tetracene:decafluoroanthracene (**TetDFA**), showing the π -stacking of the components along the *a* axis at 100 K. Intermolecular H…F contacts between the stacks below the sum of the van der Waals radii are shown as red dashed lines.



Figure S44. The solid-state molecular structure of tetracene-decafluoroanthracene dimer (**TetDFA-Dimer**) determined by single-crystal X-ray diffraction at 100 K. All ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level.



Figure S45. Packing diagram for the tetracene-decafluoroanthracene dimer (**TetDFA-Dimer**), showing the π -stacking between dimers at 100 K. The projection of one sheet is shown here.



Figure S46. Packing diagram for the tetracene-decafluoroanthracene dimer (**TetDFA-Dimer**), showing the intermolecular H···F contacts between sheets of dimers with distances below the sum of the van der Waals radii as red dashed lines (100 K).



Figure S47. The solid-state molecular structure of 1:1 pyrene:decafluoroanthracene, **PyrDFA**, determined by single-crystal X-ray diffraction at 100 K. All ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level. Both molecules have inversion symmetry.



Figure S48. Molecular overlap and π -stacking of decafluoroanthracene with pyrene viewed perpendicular to the decafluoroanthracene mean plane, at 100 K. Fluorine atoms are coloured green in decafluoroanthracene molecules.



Figure S49. Packing diagram for 1:1 pyrene:decafluoroanthracene (**PyrDFA**), showing the π -stacking of the components at 100 K. Intermolecular H…F contacts between the stacks below the sum of the van der Waals radii are shown as red dashed lines.



Figure S50. The solid-state molecular structure of 1:1 perylene:decafluoroanthracene, **PerDFA**, determined by single-crystal X-ray diffraction at 100 K. All ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level. Both molecules have inversion symmetry.



Figure S51. Molecular overlap and π -stacking of decafluoroanthracene with perylene viewed perpendicular to the decafluoroanthracene mean plane, at 100 K. Fluorine atoms are coloured green in decafluoroanthracene molecules.



Figure S52. Packing diagram for 1:1 perylene:decafluoroanthracene (**PerDFA**) projected along the *c* axis and showing the π -stacking of the components at 100 K. Intermolecular H…F contacts between the stacks with distances below the sum of the van der Waals radii are shown as red dashed lines.



Figure S53. Packing diagram for 1:1 perylene:decafluoroanthracene (**PerDFA**), showing the π -stacking of the components at 100 K. Intermolecular H…F contacts between the stacks below the sum of the van der Waals radii are shown as red dashed lines.



Figure S54. The solid-state molecular structure of 1:1 triphenylene:decafluoroanthracene, **TriDFA**, determined by single-crystal X-ray diffraction at 100 K. All ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level.



Figure S55. Molecular overlap and π -stacking of decafluoroanthracene with triphenylene viewed perpendicular to the decafluoroanthracene mean plane, at 100 K.



Figure S56. Packing diagram for 1:1 triphenylene:decafluoroanthracene, showing the π -stacking of the components at 100 K. Intermolecular H…F contacts between the stacks with distances below the sum of the van der Waals radii are shown as red dashed lines.

| | 1 | ADFA | DFA |
|---------|------------|----------|---------------------|
| | 100 K | 299 K | 100 K |
| A-R1 | | | DFA-R1 (molecule 1) |
| C1–C2 | 1.3618(17) | 1.349(4) | 1.347(3) |
| C2–C3 | 1.4242(18) | 1.416(5) | 1.419(3) |
| C3–C4 | 1.3649(17) | 1.343(4) | 1.352(3) |
| C4–C5 | 1.4299(17) | 1.422(4) | 1.420(3) |
| С5-С7 | 1.4404(17) | 1.440(4) | 1.448(3) |
| C7-C1 | 1.4324(16) | 1.418(4) | 1.430(3) |
| A-R2 | | | DFA-R2 (molecule 1) |
| C5–C6 | 1.3977(16) | 1.393(4) | 1.399(3) |
| C6–C7 | 1.4008(17) | 1.389(4) | 1.381(3) |
| DFA-R1 | | | DFA-R1 (molecule 2) |
| C8–C9 | 1.3531(18) | 1.358(4) | 1.351(3) |
| C9–C10 | 1.4120(17) | 1.409(4) | 1.421(3) |
| C10-C11 | 1.3556(17) | 1.332(4) | 1.353(3) |
| C11–C12 | 1.4234(17) | 1.417(4) | 1.422(3) |
| C12C14 | 1.4440(17) | 1.449(4) | 1.448(3) |
| C14–C8 | 1.4279(16) | 1.407(4) | 1.427(3) |
| DFA-R2 | | | DFA-R2 (molecule 2) |
| C12-C13 | 1.3958(17) | 1.389(4) | 1.392(3) |
| C13-C14 | 1.3927(18) | 1.386(4) | 1.392(3) |

Table S3. C–C bond distances (Å) of the ADFA co-crystal and pure DFA at 100 K and 299 K, respectively. The anthracene (A) and DFA molecules all have inversion symmetry.

| | TetDFA-Dimer | | Tet | DFA | |
|-----------------|---|------------|-----------|------------|------------|
| | 100 K | 298 K | | 100 K | 298 K |
| DFA-R1 | | | DFA-R1/R3 | ; | |
| C3–C4 | 1.3835(19) | 1.380(2) | C1–C2 | 1.3544(19) | 1.347(2) |
| C4–C5 | 1.3730(19) | 1.368(2) | C2–C3 | 1.408(2) | 1.400(2) |
| C5–C6 | 1.3875(18) | 1.3811(19) | C3–C4 | 1.3523(19) | 1.347(2) |
| C6–C7 | 1.3866(18) | 1.3809(18) | C4–C5 | 1.4248(18) | 1.4245(19) |
| C7–C2 | 1.4034(17) | 1.4033(16) | C5–C7 | 1.4432(19) | 1.4375(19) |
| C2–C3 | 1.3845(17) | 1.3800(17) | C7–C1 | 1.4223(19) | 1.422(2) |
| DFA-R3 | <u></u> | | | X | |
| C9–C10 | 1.3841(18) | 1.3832(17) | | | |
| C10-C11 | 1.3852(18) | 1.3812(19) | | | |
| C11–C12 | 1.3741(19) | 1.368(2) | | | |
| C12–C13 | 1.3850(18) | 1.3801(19) | | | |
| C13–C14 | 1.3889(18) | 1.3839(18) | | | |
| C14–C9 | 1.4023(17) | 1.4005(16) | | | |
| DFA-R2 | ~ / | . , | DFA-R2 | | |
| C1–C2 | 1.5212(17) | 1.5186(17) | C5–C6 | 1.3919(19) | 1.3892(19) |
| C7–C8 | 1.5209(17) | 1.5217(16) | C6–C7 | 1.3940(19) | 1.3914(19) |
| C8–C9 | 1.5222(17) | 1.5195(17) | | | × / |
| C14–C1 | 1.5239(17) | 1.5240(16) | | | |
| Interconnecting | bonds | . , | | | |
| C1–C15 | 1.5985(17) | 1.5935(17) | | | |
| C8–C26 | 1.5966(17) | 1.5895(17) | | | |
| Tet-R2 | <u></u> | | | | |
| C15–C16 | 1.5180(17) | 1.5187(16) | | | |
| C32–C15 | 1.5113(17) | 1.5147(16) | | | |
| C25–C26 | 1.5159(17) | 1.5153(16) | | | |
| C26–C27 | 1.5216(17) | 1.5195(16) | | | |
| Tet-R1 | <u>, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , </u> | | Tet-R1/R4 | | |
| C28–C29 | 1.3929(18) | 1.3896(19) | C8–C9 | 1.3644(19) | 1.353(2) |
| C29–C30 | 1.3897(18) | 1.381(2) | C9–C10 | 1.428(2) | 1.408(3) |
| C30–C31 | 1.3916(18) | 1.3860(19) | C10-C11 | 1.355(2) | 1.353(2) |
| C31–C32 | 1.3882(17) | 1.3835(17) | C11–C12 | 1.4396(18) | 1.4338(19) |
| C32–C27 | 1.4005(17) | 1.3999(16) | C12–C16 | 1.4431(19) | 1.438(2) |
| C27–C28 | 1.3888(17) | 1.3859(17) | C16–C8 | 1.4321(18) | 1.429(2) |
| Tet-R3 | <u>, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , </u> | | Tet-R2/R3 | X / | |
| C16-C17 | 1.3673(17) | 1.3651(16) | C12–C13 | 1.3870(19) | 1.3839(19) |
| C17–C18 | 1.4234(18) | 1.4227(18) | C13–C14 | 1.4139(19) | 1.4098(18) |
| C23–C24 | 1.4230(18) | 1.4200(18) | C14–C15 | 1.4057(19) | 1.4054(19) |
| C24–C25 | 1.3687(18) | 1.3650(17) | C15-C16 | 1.3944(19) | 1.3884(19) |
| C25–C16 | 1.4258(17) | 1.4224(15) | C14–C14 | 1.443(2) | 1.438(2) |
| Tet-R4 | ~ / | . , | | | |
| C18–C19 | 1.4195(17) | 1.4166(17) | | | |
| C19–C20 | 1.3702(19) | 1.365(2) | | | |
| C20–C21 | 1.4095(19) | 1.399(2) | | | |
| C21–C22 | 1.3708(19 | 1.365(2) | | | |
| C22–C23 | 1.4200(18) | 1.4169(19) | | | |
| C23–C18 | 1.4221(18) | 1.4183(17) | | | |

Table S4. C–C bond distances (Å) of **TetDFA-Dimer** and the **TetDFA** co-crystal at 100 K and 298 K, respectively.

Table S5. Aryl…aryl (π … π) distances (Å) in crystals of NDFA, ADFA, TetDFA, TetDFA, Dimer, PyrDFA, PerDFA, and TriDFA at 100 K: centroid-centroid distance, interplanar separation, and offset shift.

| Compound | Aryl…Aryl | Centroid- centroid distance | Interplanar separation | Offset shift ^[a] |
|----------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| NDFA | Aryl(F)…Aryl(H) | 3.7048(1) | 3.4330(17) | 1.393(4) |
| | | | 3.3767(16) | 1.524(4) |
| ADFA | Aryl(F)···Aryl(H) | 3.67115(10) | 3.4495(4) | 1.2564(10) |
| | | | 3.3480(5) | 1.5062(11) |
| TetDFA | Aryl(F)···Aryl(H) | 3.45575(10) | 3.3827(3) | 0.7067(15) |
| | | | 3.3209(5) | 0.9559(17) |
| TetDFA- | Naph(H)…Naph(H) | 3.7758(10) | 3.5044(12) | 1.4056(19) |
| Dimor | $Benz(F) \cdots Benz(F)$ | 3.7644(13) | 3.5399(16) | 1.281(3) |
| Dimer | $Naph(H) \cdots Benz(F)$ | 4.2464(8) | 3.3999(11) | 2.6216(12) |
| | intra | | 4.2464(8) | 0.632(3) |
| | | | | Tilt: 46.02(4)° |
| | $Benz(H) \cdots Benz(F)$ | 3.8096(9) | 3.3889(12) | 1.740(2) |
| | intra | | 3.4663(14) | 1.581(2) |
| | | | | Tilt: 46.7(4)° |
| PyrDFA | Aryl(F)···Aryl(H) | 3.57765(10) | 3.3733(3) | 1.1917(8) |
| | | | 3.3814(3) | 1.1687(8) |
| PerDFA | $Aryl(F) \cdots Aryl(H)$ | 3.4846(3) | 3.3639(4) | 0.9090(11) |
| | | | 3.3458(4) | 0.9737(12) |
| TriDFA | $Aryl(F) \cdots Aryl(H)$ | 3.7059(4) | 3.3504(5) | 1.5838(8) |
| | | | 3.3653(5) | 1.5518(6) |
| | | 3.8475(4) | 3.3412(5) | 1.9078(6) |
| | | | 3.3583(5) | 1.8775(7) |

^[a] The offset shift, also called inter-centroid shift, is the distance within a plane of an aryl ring between the centroid of the respective aryl ring and the intersection point with the normal to the plane through the centroid of the other aryl ring.

Table S6. Intermolecular distances (Å) and molecular slip angles (°) of the 1:1 co-crystals of aryl (N = naphthalene, A = anthracene, Tet = tetracene, Pyr = pyrene, Per = perylene, Tri = triphenylene) with decafluoroanthracene, DFA, $C_{14}F_{10}$ at 100 K.

| Compou nd | Repeat centroid- | DFA interplanar | Aryl interplanar | Intercomponent centroid-centroid | Mean intercomponent | DFA slip | Aryl slip |
|--------------|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------|--------------|
| | centroid dist. | separation | separation | distance | interplanar sep. | angle | angle |
| NDFA | 7.4096(2) | 6.753(3) | 6.866(4) | 3.7048(1) | 3.4330(17) 3.3767(16) | 24.3 | 22.1 |
| ADFA | 7.3423(2) | 6.6959(10) | 6.8989(8) | 3.67115(10) | 3.4495(4) 3.3480(5) | 24.2 | 20.0 |
| TetDFA | 6.9115(2) | 6.6419(10) | 6.7654(7) | 3.45575(10) | 3.3827(3) 3.3209(5) | 16.0 | 11.8 |
| PyrDFA | 7.1553(2) | 6.7467(6) | 6.7628(6) | 3.57765(10) | 3.3733(3) 3.3814(3) | 19.4 | 19.1 |
| PerDFA | 6.9692(5) | 6.6916(8) | 6.7279(7) | 3.4846(3) | 3.3639(4) 3.3458(4) | 16.2 | 15.1 |
| TriDFA | 6.71719(9) | 6.7087(1) | 6.7065(1) | 3.7059(4) | 3.3504(5) 3.3653(5) | 2.9 | 3.2 |
| | | | | 3.8475(4) | 3.3412(5) 3.3583(5) | | |

| Compound | Contact | H…F/H | C/F···C/F |
|----------|---------------|-------|-----------|
| DFA | F3…F8 | | 2.765 |
| | F2…F7 | | 2.824 |
| | F3…F7 | | 2.919 |
| | C1…F5 | | 3.079 |
| | C13…F9 | | 3.091 |
| | C2…F4 | | 3.139 |
| | C11…F10 | | 3.145 |
| | C7…F5 | | 3.153 |
| | C6…F1 | | 3.154 |
| | C8…F9 | | 3.159 |
| | C14…F9 | | 3.163 |
| | C1···C4 | | 3.227 |
| | C6…C6 | | 3.253 |
| | C8…C11 | | 3.255 |
| | C13····C13 | | 3.263 |
| NDFA | C4–H4…F5 | 2.445 | 3.132 |
| | $H4\cdots F4$ | 2.584 | |
| | H3…F2 | 2.617 | |
| | F4…F5 | | 2.842 |
| | F3…C7 | | 3.050 |
| | C2…C6 | | 3.316 |
| ADFA | H6…F5 | 2.587 | |
| | H1···F4 | 2.591 | |
| | H4…F5 | 2.618 | |
| | H2…F3 | 2.635 | |
| | H6…F4 | 2.653 | |
| | H4…F1 | 2.654 | |
| | C8…C7 | | 3.303 |
| | C13····C5 | | 3.308 |
| | C11…C3 | | 3.385 |
| | C10····C4 | | 3.395 |
| | C10…F3 | | 3.138 |
| | F4…F5 | | 2.768 |
| | F3…F3 | | 2.771 |
| TetDFA | H15…F4 | 2.497 | |
| | H13…F5 | 2.544 | |
| | H11…F1 | 2.622 | |
| | H8…F2 | 2.638 | |
| | H11…F5 | 2.664 | |
| | F4…F5 | | 2.792 |
| | C6…C14 | | 3.269 |
| | C4…C12 | | 3.271 |
| | C1…C16 | | 3.306 |

Table S7. Intermolecular C–H…F, H…F, H…H, C…F, C…C, and F…F interaction distances (Å) in compounds **DFA**, **NDFA**, **ADFA**, **TetDFA**, **TetDFA-Dimer**, **PyrDFA**, **PerDFA**, and **TriDFA** at 100 K less than or equal to the sum of the Van der Waals radii.

| Table S7. | continued. |
|-----------|------------|
|-----------|------------|

| Compound | Contact | H···F/H | C/F···C/F |
|---------------------|------------------|---------|-----------|
| TetDFA-Dimer | H31…H31 | 2.328 | |
| | H28…F6 | 2.370 | |
| | H17…F1 | 2.493 | |
| | H15…F2 | 2.565 | |
| | H24…F7 | 2.572 | |
| | H26…F7 | 2.636 | |
| | H17…F2 | 2.642 | |
| | C12…F3 | | 2.863 |
| | C11…F3 | | 2.931 |
| | C2…F8 | | 3.109 |
| PyrDFA | H3…F4 | 2.523 | |
| | H2···F2 | 2.570 | |
| | H1…F3 | 2.648 | |
| | F1…F3 | | 2.882 |
| | F4…F4 | | 2.916 |
| | C11…F1 | | 3.150 |
| | C9…C6 | | 3.308 |
| | C14…C4 | | 3.324 |
| | C10…C7 | | 3.397 |
| PerDFA | H15…F4 | 2.537 | |
| | H14…F1 | 2.565 | |
| | H13…F5 | 2.579 | |
| | H10…F3 | 2.655 | |
| | C1…C12 | | 3.347 |
| | C4…C16 | | 3.355 |
| | C5…C8 | | 3.385 |
| | C4…C8 | | 3.387 |
| | C7…C12 | | 3.394 |
| TriDFA | H3…F5 | 2.580 | |
| | H14…F1 | 2.617 | |
| | H9…F4 | 2.618 | |
| | H3…F6 | 2.622 | |
| | H5…F3 | 2.631 | |
| | H16…F7 | 2.639 | |
| | H15…F9 | 2.646 | |
| | F7…F9 | | 2.866 |
| | F3…F3 | | 2.935 |
| | C27…F9 | | 3.137 |
| | C15…C26 | | 3.260 |
| | <u>C13···C24</u> | | 3.302 |
| | <u>C5···C20</u> | | 3.339 |
| | <u>C7···C22</u> | | 3.367 |
| | <u>C1···C32</u> | | 3.386 |
| | C17…C30 | | 3.397 |

| Compound | Contact | H···F/H | C/F····C/F |
|----------|---------|---------|------------|
| NDFA | H4…F5 | 2.534 | |
| | F4…F5 | | 2.927 |
| | F3…C7 | | 3.164 |
| | C2…C6 | | 3.381 |
| ADFA | F4…F5 | | 2.853 |
| | F3…F3 | | 2.863 |
| | C13…C5 | | 3.384 |
| | C8…C7 | | 3.390 |
| TetDFA | F4…F5 | | 2.860 |
| | C6…C14 | | 3.336 |
| | C4…C12 | | 3.338 |
| | C1…C16 | | 3.371 |
| | H15…F4 | 2.576 | |
| | H13…F5 | 2.638 | |
| PyrDFA | H3…F4 | 2.668 | |
| · | H1···F3 | 2.639 | |
| | C9…C6 | | 3.392 |
| | C14…C4 | | 3.399 |
| TriDFA | C15…C26 | | 3.320 |
| | C13…C24 | | 3.373 |

Table S8. Intermolecular $H \cdots F$, $C \cdots F$, $C \cdots C$, and $F \cdots F$ interaction distances (Å) in compounds **NDFA**, **ADFA**, **TetDFA**, **PyrDFA**, and **TriDFA** at ambient temperature less than or equal to the sum of the Van der Waals radii.



Figure S57. Percentage contributions to the Hirshfeld surface area for the various close intermolecular contacts in the individual molecules of the co-crystals NDFA, ADFA, TetDFA, PyrDFA, PerDFA, and TriDFA at 100 K.



Figure S58. Percentage contributions to the Hirshfeld surface area for the various close intermolecular contacts in the individual molecules of the co-crystals NDFA, ADFA, TetDFA, PyrDFA, PerDFA, and TriDFA at room temperature.

Table S9. Properties of the individual molecules in the co-crystals of compounds NDFA, ADFA, TetDFA, PyrDFA, and TriDFA at RT: volume within van der Waals (V_m), Hirshfeld volume (V_H), and surface volume of the crystal voids (V_v), crystal packing coefficient (c_k), and percentage of intermolecular contacts.

| | N/DFA | A/DFA | Tet/DFA | Pyr/DFA | Tri/DFA |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|--------------|-------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| $V_{ m m}$ / Å ³ | 115.7/216.7 | 157.1/216.6 | 198.5/216.7 | 172.8/216.3 | 198.3/217.1 |
| $V_{ m H}$ / Å ³ | 176.2/289.4 | 237.64/282.4 | 299.4/277.7 | 257.7/283.3 | 292.5/290.3 |
| $V_{ m V}$ / Å ³ | 118.01 (59.0) ^a | 62.1 | 69.9 | 135.2 (67.6) ^a | 306.9 (76.7) ^a |
| c_k | 0.70 | 0.71 | 0.71 | 0.71 | 0.70 |
| C…C / % | 15.6/10.6 | 20.5/18.0 | 19.6/21.0 | 22.2/19.9 | 18.1/18.1 |
| C…F / % | 7.6/13.0 | 6.6/7.5 | 9.3/10.1 | 8.1/8.6 | 9.3/10.0 |
| C…H / % | 13.7/10.8 | 6.8/7.1 | 4.2/5.0 | 4.6/5.0 | 10.8/6.5 |
| H…H / % | 11.7/ - | 17.5/ - | 23.0/ - | 25.2/ - | 20.5/ - |
| F…H / % | 51.5/39.5 | 48.6/46.2 | 43.8/49.7 | 40.0/38.5 | 41.3/46.4 |
| F…F / % | - /26.2 | - /21.3 | - /14.2 | - /28.1 | - /18.9 |

^{*a*} The value in brackets is normalized to a comparable unit-cell volume to **ADFA** and **TetDFA**, i.e., divided by two for **NDFA** and **PyrDFA**, and by four for **TriDFA**.



Figure S59. Hirshfeld surfaces of the arene and decafluoroanthracene molecules of the cocrystals at 100 K mapped with d_{norm} , d_{e} , shape index, curvature, and fragment patch.



Figure S60. Two-dimensional fingerprint plots of the arene and decafluoroanthracene molecules of the co-crystals **NDFA**, **ADFA** and **TetDFA** calculated from the Hirshfeld surfaces at 100 K. The left column shows the complete fingerprint plots, while the other plots indicate the contributions of the individual intermolecular interactions (C…C, F…H, F…C, C…H, and H…H from left to right) within the grey area of all contributions.



Figure S61. Two-dimensional fingerprint plots of the arene and decafluoroanthracene molecules of the co-crystals **PyrDFA**, Per**DFA** and **TriDFA** calculated from the Hirshfeld surfaces at 100 K. The left column shows the complete fingerprint plots, while the other plots indicate the contributions of the individual intermolecular interactions (C…C, F…H, F…C, C…H, and H…H from left to right) within the grey area of all contributions.

| NDFA: Nap | h | | | |
|------------|-------|------|------|------|
| Contact% | Atoms | С | Н | F |
| | С | 16.9 | 1.7 | 7.2 |
| | Н | 11.9 | 11.4 | 51.1 |
| Surface% | | 27.3 | 43.8 | 29.2 |
| Random | | | | |
| Contacts% | Atoms | С | Н | F |
| | С | 7.5 | | |
| | Н | 23.9 | 19.1 | |
| | F | 15.9 | 25.5 | 8.5 |
| Enrichment | | | | |
| Ratio | Atoms | С | Н | F |
| | С | 2.27 | | |
| | Н | 0.57 | 0.60 | |
| | F | 0.45 | 2.00 | 0.00 |
| ADFA: Anth | ı | | | |
| Contact% | Atoms | С | Н | F |
| | С | 20.8 | 0.3 | 7.3 |
| | Н | 6.4 | 18.2 | 47 |
| Surface% | | 27.8 | 45.1 | 27.2 |
| Random | | | | |
| Contacts% | Atoms | С | Η | F |
| | С | 7.7 | | |
| | Н | 25.0 | 20.3 | |
| | F | 15.1 | 24.5 | 7.4 |
| Enrichment | | | | |
| Ratio | Atoms | С | Η | F |
| | С | 2.69 | | |
| | Н | 0.27 | 0.90 | |
| | F | 0.48 | 1.92 | 0.00 |
| TetDFA: Te | t | | | |
| Contact% | Atoms | С | Η | F |
| | С | 19.9 | 0.5 | 9.9 |
| | Н | 3.8 | 23.2 | 42.7 |
| Surface% | | 27 | 46.7 | 26.3 |
| Random | | | | |
| Contacts% | Atoms | С | Η | F |
| | С | 7.3 | | |
| | Н | 25.2 | 21.8 | |
| | F | 14.2 | 24.6 | 6.9 |
| Enrichment | | | | |
| Ratio | Atoms | С | Н | F |
| | С | 2.73 | | |
| | Н | 0.17 | 1.06 | |
| | F | 0.70 | 1.74 | 0.00 |

NDFA: DFA С Η F Contact% Atoms 10.6 С 11.4 5.8 F 7.2 39.1 26 23.2 25.3 Surface% 52.1 Random F Contacts% Atoms С Η С 5.4 Η 11.7 6.4 26.3 F 24.2 27.1 Enrichment С Η F Ratio Atoms С 2.12 Н 0.90 0.00 1.49 F 0.54 1.92 **ADFA: DFA** С Н F Contact% Atoms С 18.1 7.1 2.1 F 44.7 6.9 21 26.15 25.9 47.9 Surface% Random Contacts% Atoms С Η F С 6.8 Η 13.5 6.7 24.8 22.9 F 25.0 Enrichment С Η F Ratio Atoms С 2.65 0.00 Η 0.52 F 0.36 1.80 2.09 **TetDFA: DFA** Contact% Atoms С Н F 5.2 С 21.2 0.6 F 10.1 48.6 14.3 Surface% 29.15 26.9 44.0 Random F Contacts% С Η Atoms С 8.5 Η 15.7 7.2 F 25.6 23.6 19.3 Enrichment Ratio Atoms С Η F 2.49 С Η 0.33 0.00 F 0.42 2.06 2.28

Table S10. Enrichment ratios for the pairs of chemical species of the individual arene and decafluoroanthracene molecules of compounds NDFA, ADFA and TetDFA at 100 K.

| PyrDFA: Py | r | | | |
|---------------------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| Contact% | Atoms | С | Н | F |
| | С | 23.0 | 0.7 | 7.9 |
| | Н | 3.8 | 25.6 | 39 |
| Surface% | | 29.2 | 47.4 | 23.5 |
| Random | | | | |
| Contacts% | Atoms | С | Н | F |
| | С | 8.5 | | |
| | Н | 27.7 | 22.4 | |
| | F | 13.7 | 22.2 | 5.5 |
| Enrichment | | | | |
| Ratio | Atoms | С | Н | F |
| - | С | 2.70 | | |
| | Н | 0.16 | 1.14 | |
| | F | 0.58 | 1.76 | 0.00 |
| PerDFA: Pe | r | - | | |
| Contact% | Atoms | С | Н | F |
| | С | 21.7 | 0.4 | 11.3 |
| | Н | 2 | 22.2 | 42.4 |
| Surface% | | 28.55 | 44.6 | 26.9 |
| Random | | | | |
| Contacts% | Atoms | С | Н | F |
| | С | 8.2 | | |
| | Н | 25.5 | 19.9 | |
| | F | 15.3 | 24.0 | 7.2 |
| Enrichment | | | | _ |
| Ratio | Atoms | С | Н | F |
| | С | 2.66 | | |
| | Н | 0.09 | 1.12 | |
| | F | 0.74 | 1.77 | 0.00 |
| TriDFA: Tri | i | | | 1 |
| Contact% | Atoms | С | Н | F |
| | С | 18.7 | 3.9 | 9.3 |
| - | Н | 7.5 | 19.9 | 40.9 |
| Surface% | | 29.05 | 46.1 | 25.1 |
| Random | | | | _ |
| Contacts% | Atoms | С | Н | F |
| | С | 8.4 | | |
| | Н | 26.8 | 21.2 | |
| - | F | 14.6 | 23.1 | 6.3 |
| Enrichment Ratio | Atoms | C | н | F |
| | C | 2.2.2 | | - |
| | Н | 0.43 | 0.94 | |
| | F | 0.43 | 1 77 | 0.00 |
| L | 1 * | 0.0- | 1.1.1 | 0.00 |

| PyrDFA: DFA | | | | |
|---------------------|-------|------|------|---------|
| Contact% | Atoms | С | Н | F |
| | С | 20.8 | 4.7 | 1.7 |
| | F | 7.2 | 37.7 | 28 |
| Surface% | | 27.6 | 21.2 | 51.3 |
| Random | | | | |
| Contacts% | Atoms | С | Н | F |
| | С | 7.6 | | |
| | Н | 11.7 | 4.5 | |
| D 1 1 | F | 28.3 | 21.8 | 26.3 |
| Enrichment Datio | Atoma | C | ττ | Б |
| Kallo | Atoms | 272 | п | Г |
| | | 2.73 | 0.00 | |
| | П | 0.40 | 0.00 | 1.05 |
| | | 0.51 | 1.73 | 1.95 |
| PerDFA: DFA | | | | |
| Contact% | Atoms | | Н | F 07 |
| | | 23.4 | 2.7 | 0.7 |
| <u> </u> | F | 12.2 | 48.3 | 12.6 |
| Surface% | | 31.2 | 25.5 | 43.2 |
| Kanaom Contacts% | Atoms | C | н | F |
| Contacts/0 | C | 07 | 11 | 1 |
| | Ч | 15.0 | 6.5 | |
| | F | 27.0 | 22.0 | 187 |
| Enrichment | r | 27.0 | 22.0 | 10.7 |
| Ratio | Atoms | С | Н | F |
| | С | 2.40 | | |
| | Н | 0.17 | 0.00 | |
| | F | 0.48 | 2.19 | 2.31 |
| TriDFA: DF | A | | | • |
| Contact% | Atoms | С | Н | F |
| | С | 18.8 | 6.6 | 1.4 |
| | F | 8.6 | 46.1 | 18.6 |
| Surface% | | 27.1 | 26.4 | 46.7 |
| Random | | | | |
| Contacts% | Atoms | С | Н | F |
| | С | 7.3 | | |
| | Н | 14.3 | 6.9 | |
| | F | 25.3 | 24.6 | 21.8 |
| Enrichment Ratio | Atoms | С | Н | F |
| | С | 2.56 | | |
| | Н | 0.46 | 0.00 | |
| | F | 0.40 | 1.88 | 2.14 |

Table S11. Enrichment ratios for the pairs of chemical species of the individual arene and decafluoroanthracene molecules of compounds **PyrDFA**, **PerDFA** and **TriDFA** at 100 K.

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