

## Supplementary data

### Fluoro-Functionalization of Vinylene Units in a Polyarylenevinylene for Polymer Solar Cells: Impact of Fluorination on Morphological and Optical Properties and on Photovoltaic Performances.

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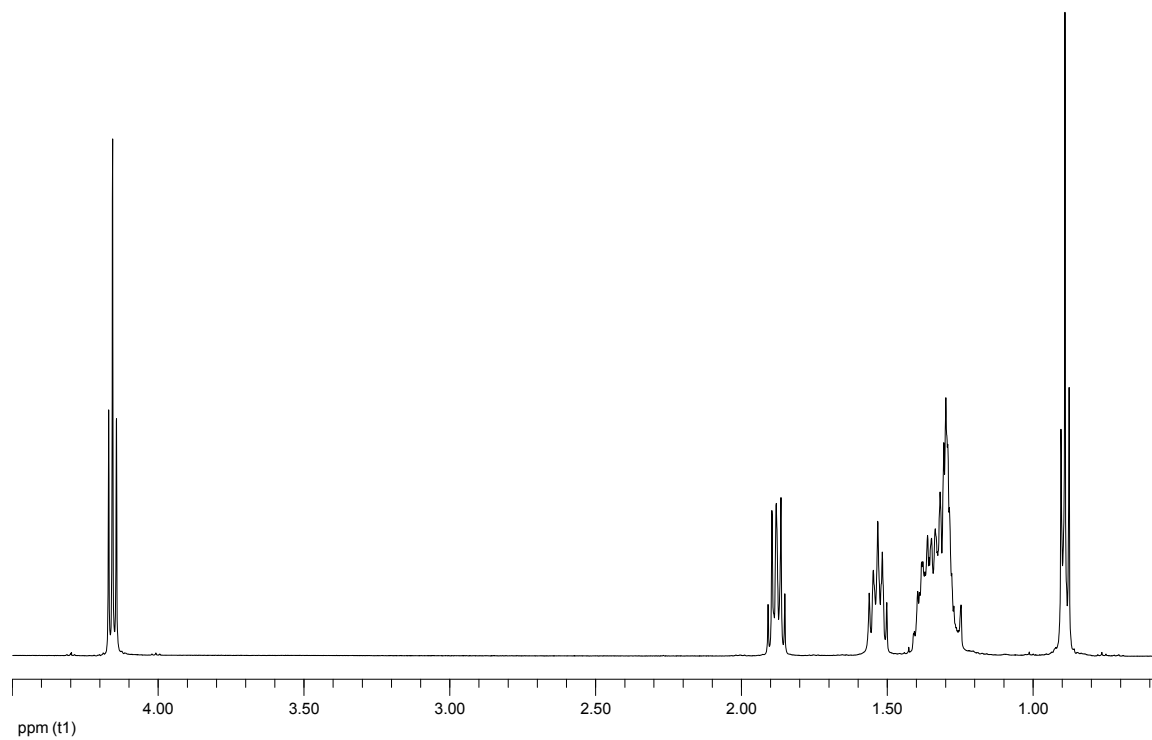
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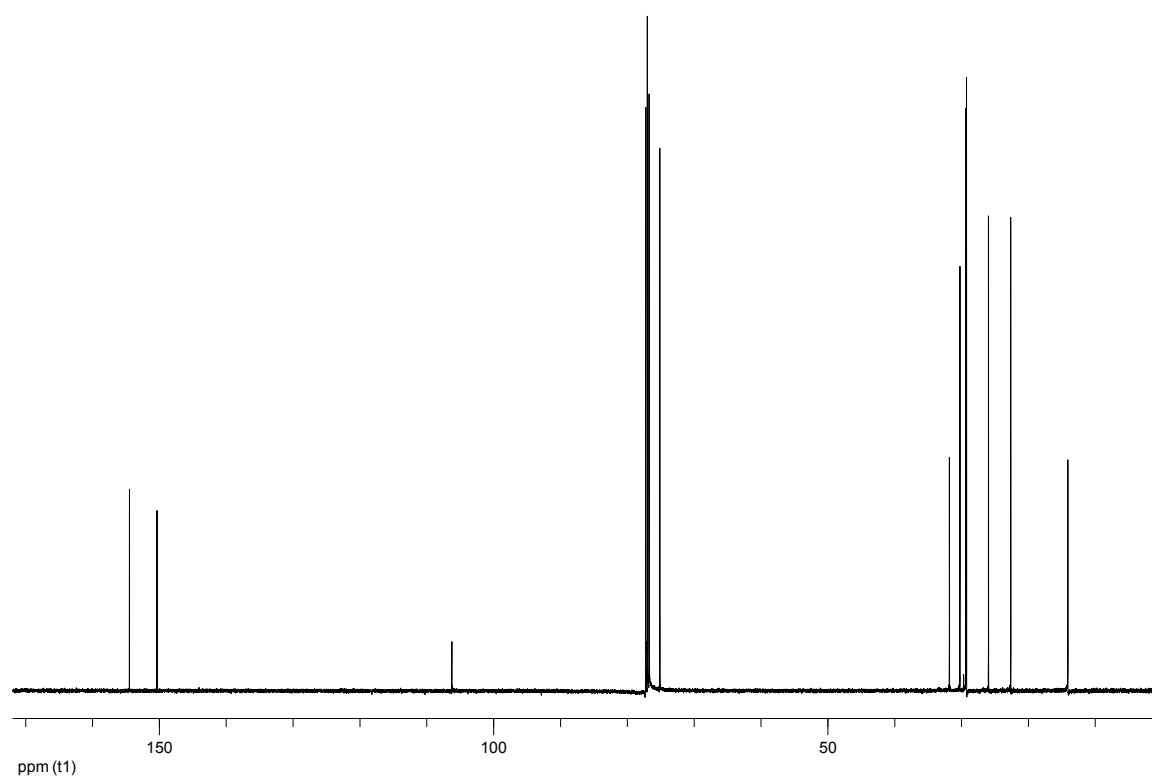
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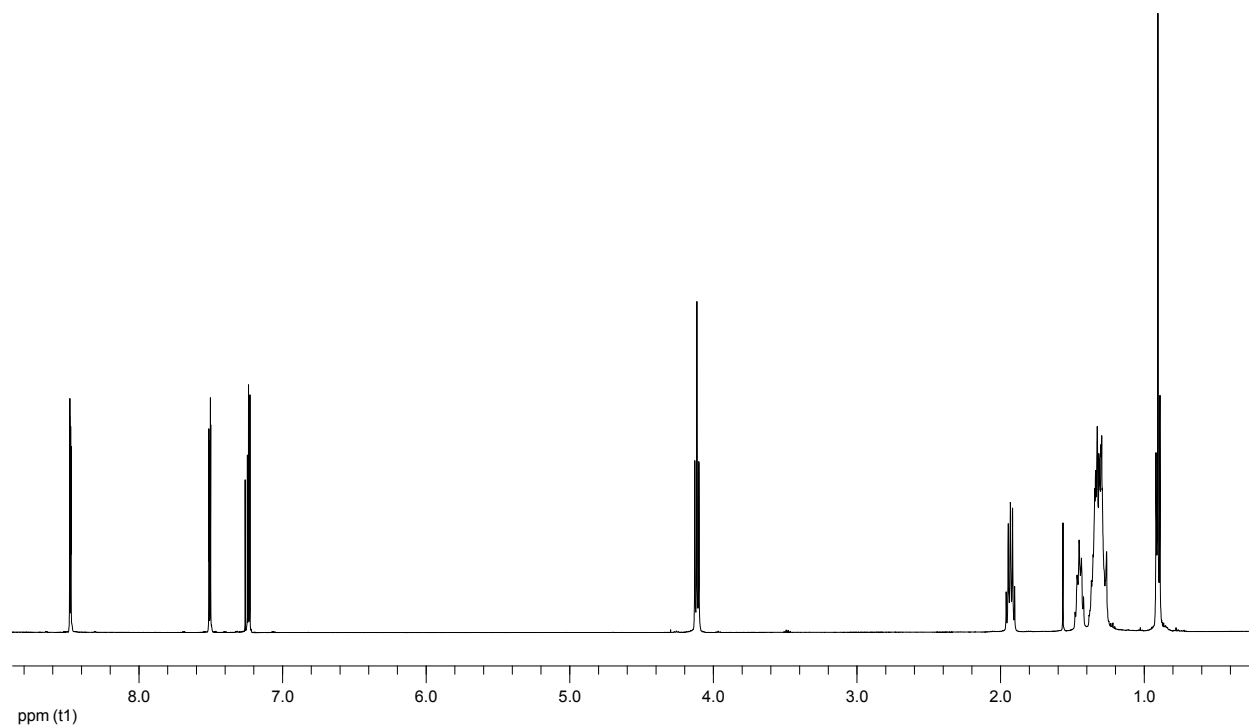
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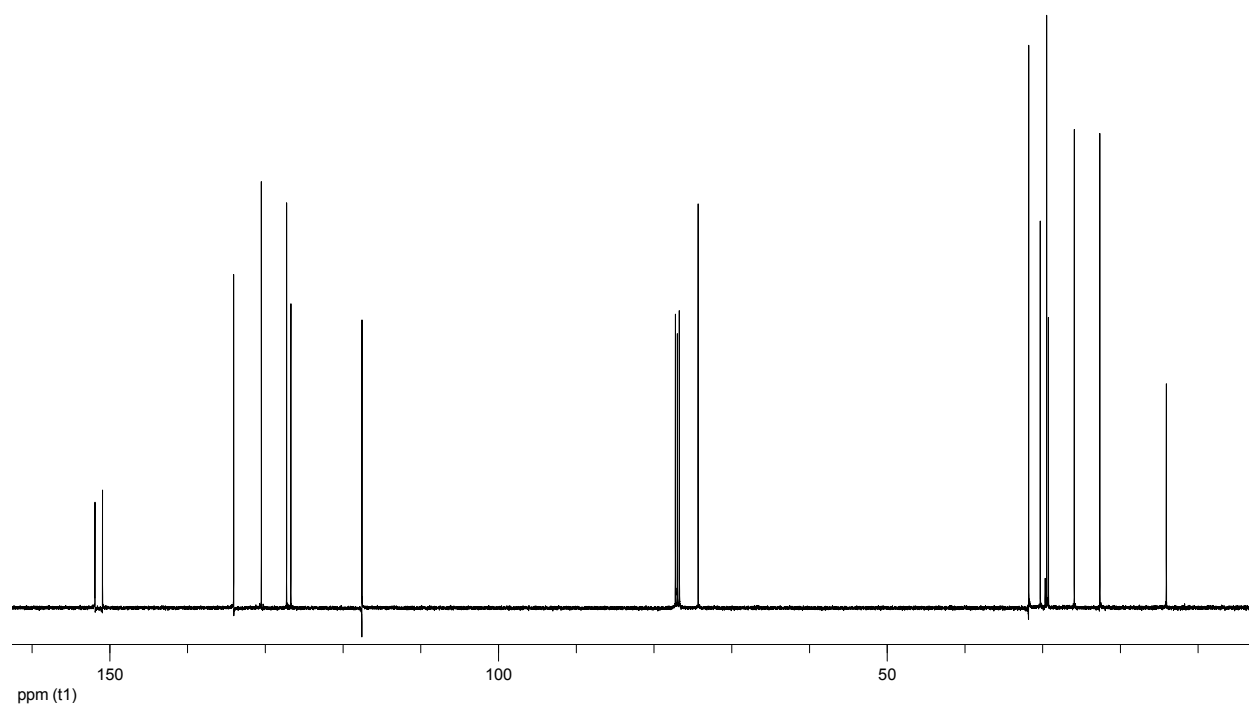
**Figure S1.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 4,7-dibromo-5,6-di-octyloxy-2,1,3-benzothiadiazole **4**.



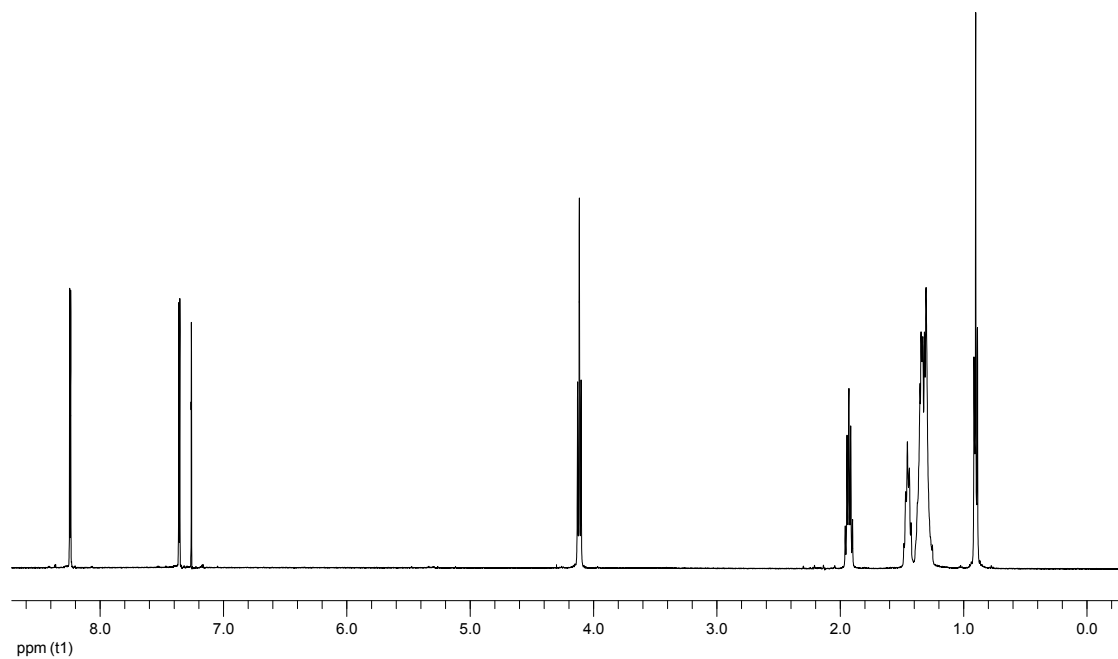
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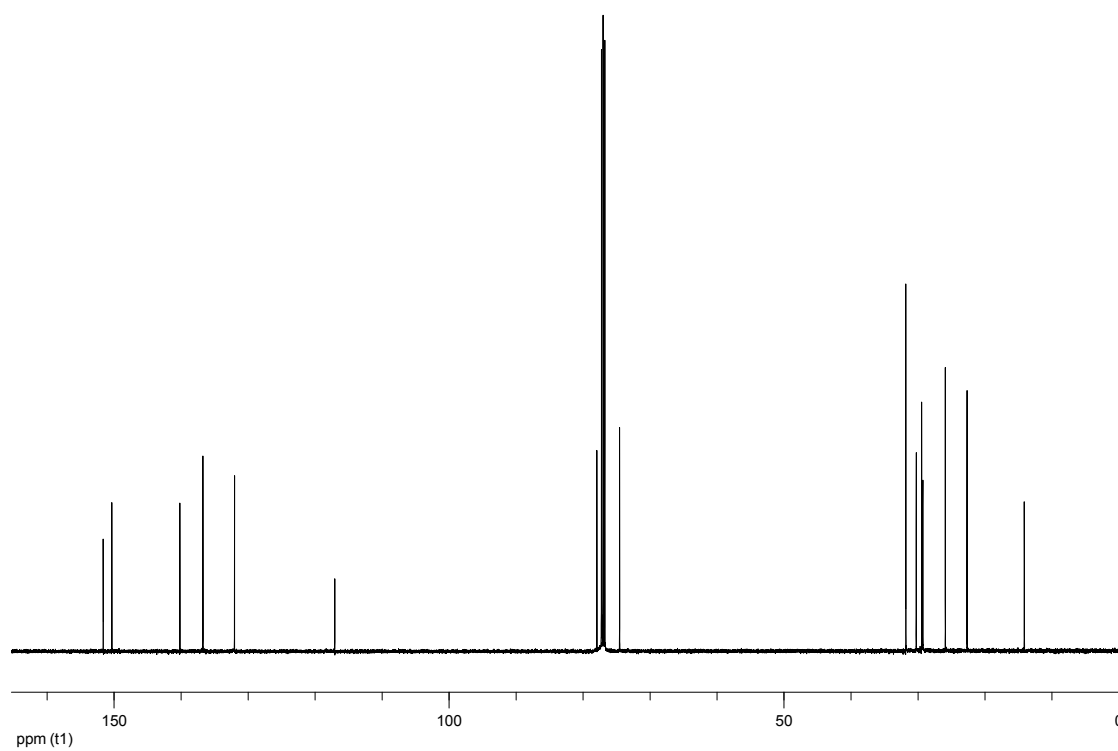
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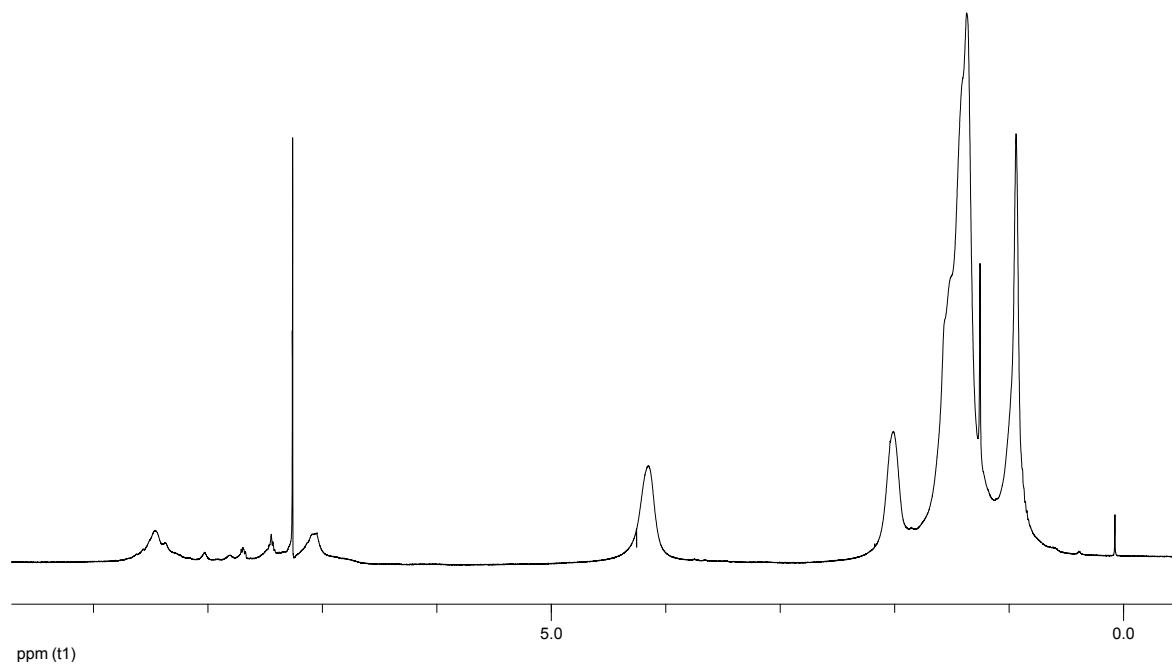
**Figure S4.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of 5,6-di-octyloxy-4,7-di-2'-thienyl-2,1,3-benzothiadiazole **5**.



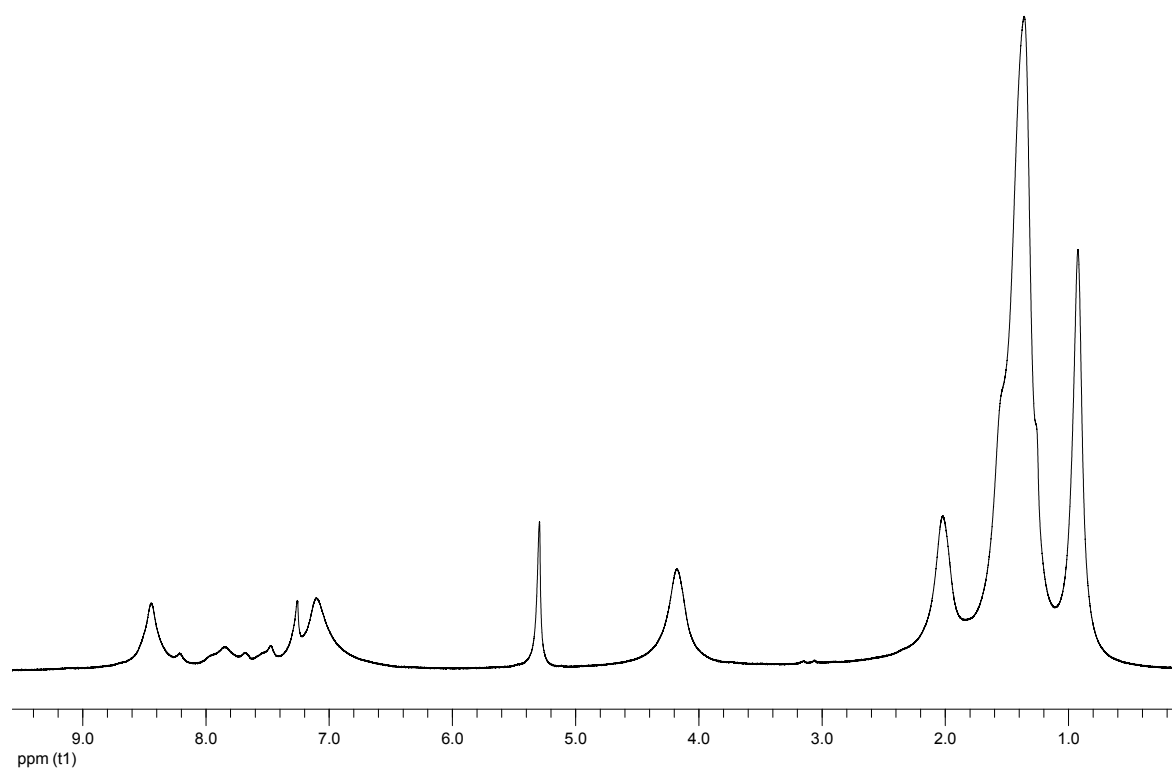
**Figure S5.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 4,7-di-(5'-iodothiophen-2'-yl)-5,6-di-octyloxy-2,1,3-benzothiadiazole **M3**.



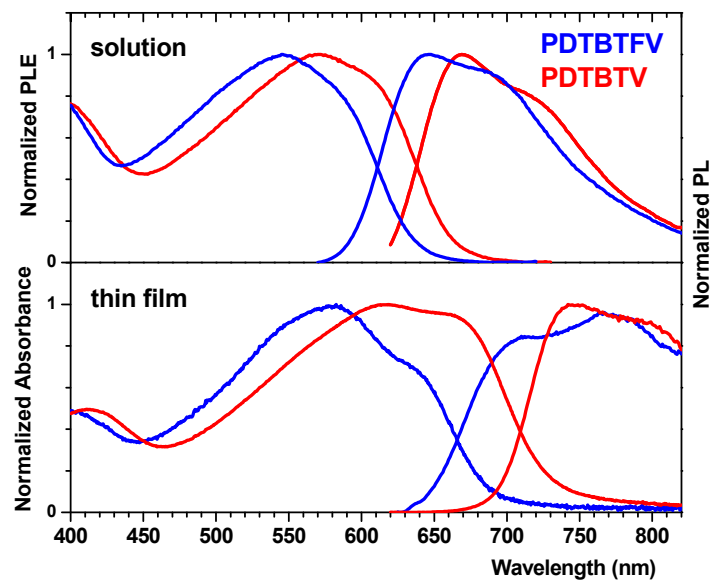
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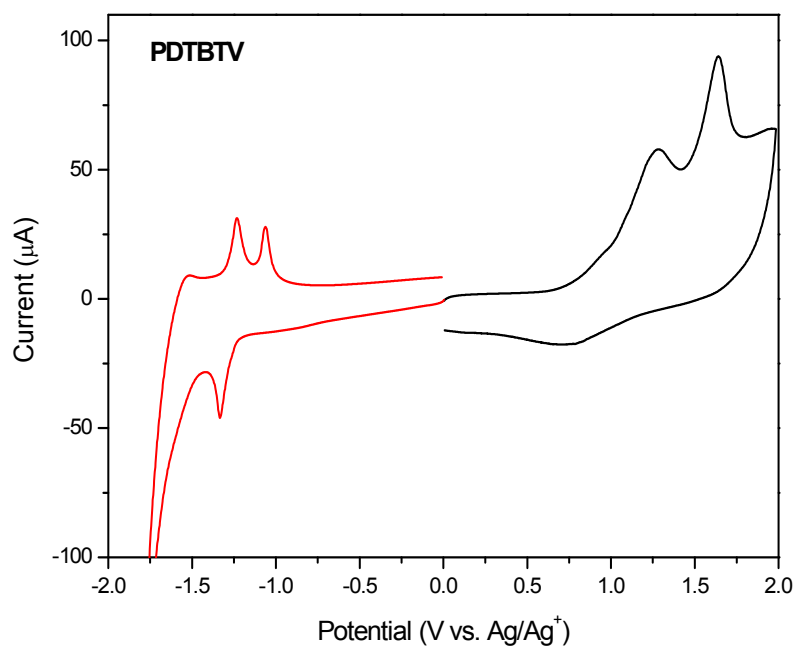
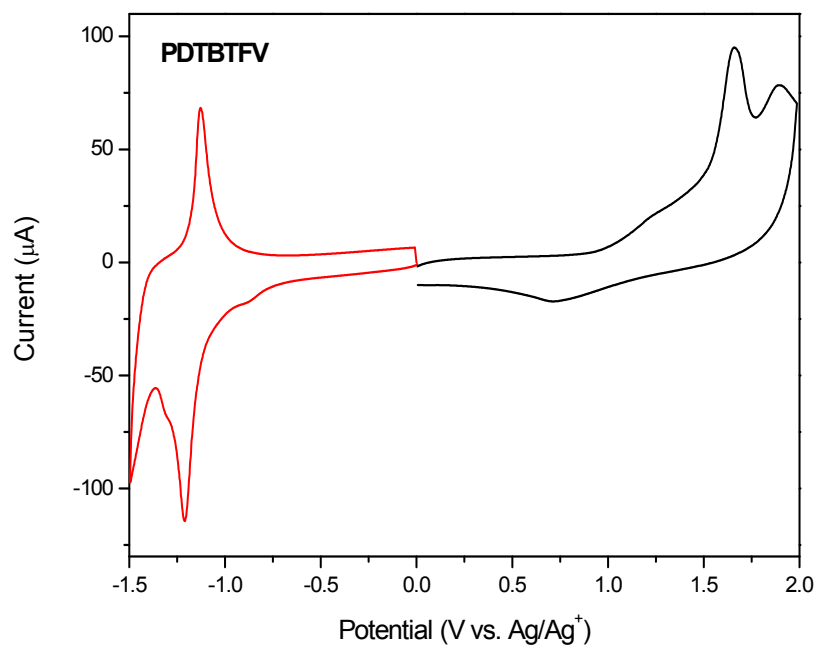
**Figure S7.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of Poly[5,5-(5',6'-di-octyloxy-4',7'-di-2-thienyl-2',1',3'-benzothiadiazole)-alt-1'',2''-difluorovinylene] **PDTBTFV**.



**Figure S8.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum Poly[5,5-(5',6'-di-octyloxy-4',7'-di-2-thienyl-2',1',3'-benzothiadiazole)-alt-1'',2''-vinylene] **PDTBTV**.



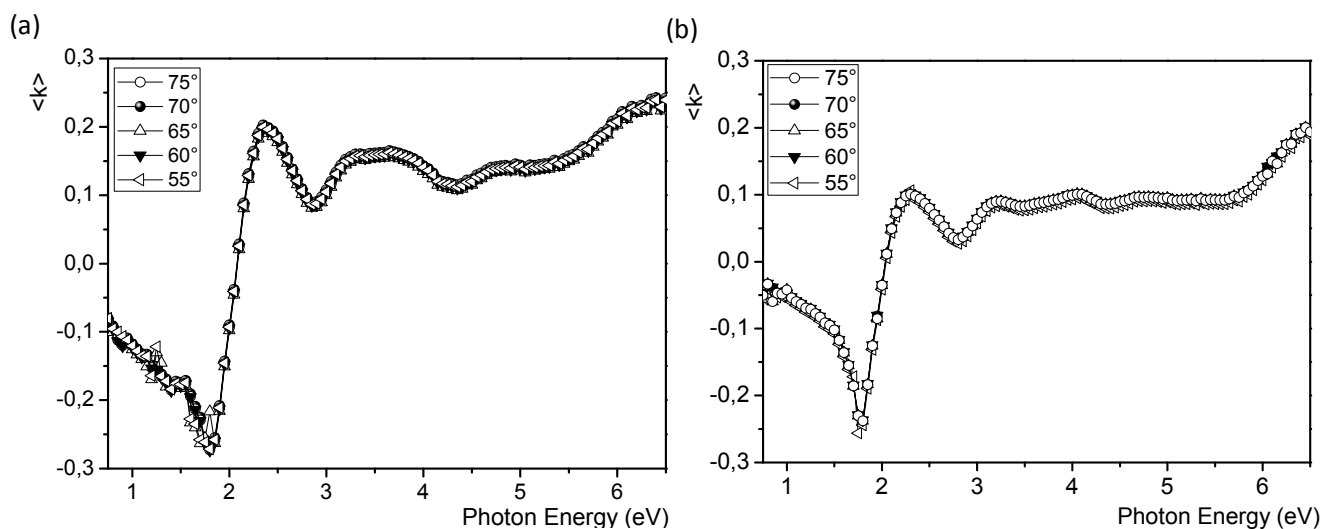
**Figure S9.** Absorbance and photoluminescence spectra of **PDTBTFV** and **PDTBTV** in solution and thin film.



**Figure S10.** Cyclic Voltammetry of thin films of **PDTBTFV** and **PDTBTV** deposited onto ITO electrode and recorded in acetonitrile solution containing 0.1 M TBAPF<sub>6</sub> at a scan rate of 100 mV/s.

**Table S1.** Fitting parameters derived from the ellipsometric analysis of spectra of both fluorinated (**PDTBTFV**) and non-fluorinated (**PDTBTV**) polymer films (the samples refer to spectra in Fig. 10).  $n_{\infty}$  is the high frequency refractive index,  $\omega_j$ ,  $\gamma_j$  and  $f_j$  are the frequency, width and amplitude of the j-th.

Polymer	$n_{\infty}$	$f_I$	$\omega_I$	$\gamma_I$	$f_{II}$	$\omega_{II}$	$\gamma_{II}$	$f_{III}$	$\omega_{III}$	$\gamma_{III}$	$f_{IV}$	$\omega_{IV}$	$\gamma_{IV}$	$f_V$	$\omega_V$	$\gamma_V$
<b>PDTBTFV</b>	1.49	0.053	2.25	0.39	0.002	3.14	0.253	0.004	3.60	0.45	0.002	4.68	0.40	0.028	6.10	1.39
	±	±	±	±	±	±	±	±	±	±	±	±	±	±	±	±
	0.01	0.013	0.01	0.01	0.002	0.02	0.061	0.002	0.08	0.09	0.001	0.05	0.12	0.005	0.01	0.12
<b>PDTBTV</b>	1.47	1.40	2.05	0.27	0.002	3.10	0.209	0.004	3.72	0.49	0.0002	4.67	0.23	0.002	6.10	0.60
	±	±	±	±	±	±	±	±	±	±	±	±	±	±	±	±
	0.03	0.059	0.02	0.01	0.002	0.04	0.008	0.001	0.20	0.06	0.0001	0.20	0.08	0.001	0.10	0.02



**Figure S11.** Experimental ellipsometric spectra, acquired at various angles of incidence in the range 55°-75°, of the pseudoextinction coefficient for (a) the fluorinated, **PDTBTFV**, and (b) non-fluorinated, **PDTBTV**, films of similar thickness of approximately 15 nm.