

Supporting Information for:

Perylene Diimide Triple Helix Formation in the Solid-state

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Experimental Methods

^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra were recorded using Bruker spectrometers. MALDI-TOF M/S spectra were recorded with a Bruker Ultraflex III mass spectrometer using trans-2-[3-(4-tert-butylphenyl)-2-methyl-2-propenylidene]-malononitrile (DCTB) as the matrix. Elemental analysis was performed using an automated CE-440 Elemental Analyser.

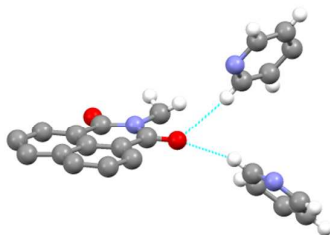


Figure S1. C-H...O hydrogen-bonding interactions adopted between C-H groups *ortho* to the pyridyl nitrogens and a carbonyl group of an adjacent PDI.

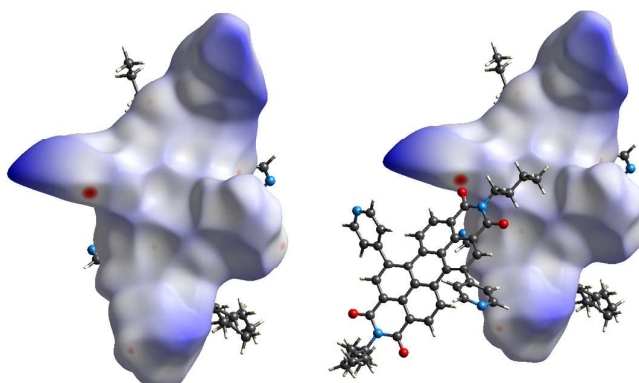


Figure S2. Views of the Hirshfeld surface calculated for **1** illustrating the intermolecular C-H...O interaction between one of the C-H *ortho* to the pyridyl nitrogen and carbonyl group on an adjacent PDI.

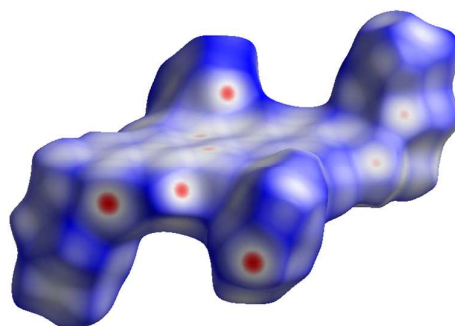


Figure S3. View of the Hirshfeld surface calculated for **2** indicating the intermolecular interactions that facilitate arrangement of the molecules into extended stacks.

Additional Experimental Description

Single Crystal X-ray Diffraction. Diffraction data for **1** were collected at Diamond Light Source, Beamline I19, on a CrystalLogic Kappa 4-circle diffractometer equipped with a Rigaku Saturn 724+ CCD detector using synchrotron radiation with a wavelength of 0.6889 Å.^{S1} The raw data were reduced and corrected for Lorentz and polarisation effects using CrystalClear^{S2} and corrected for the effects of adsorption using Scale implemented in CrystalClear. Diffraction data for **2** were collected on a Bruker P4 diffractometer equipped with a Bruker-Nonius FR591 rotating anode source, Mo K α radiation (λ = 0.71073 Å). Both structures were solved by direct methods (SHELXS) and refined by full-matrix least-squares (SHELXL).^{S3} Regions of diffuse solvent in the solvated structures were treated with the PLATON SQUEEZE routine.^{S4}

For **1** disorder was observed in the pendant *n*-butyl group of molecule A. The terminal CH₃ of one of the pendant *n*-butyl group of molecule A is disordered over two positions. The occupancies of the two components were refined competitively, converging to a ratio of 0.54:0.46. The terminal CH₂CH₂CH₃ of one of the pendant *n*-butyl group of molecule B is disordered over two positions. The occupancies of the two components were refined competitively, converging to a ratio of 0.68:0.32. Enhanced rigid bond and similarity restraints were applied to the displacement parameters of these atoms. Chemically-equivalent bond lengths in the four *n*-butyl groups were restrained to be approximately equal.

One solvent position with the structure could be identified as a mixture of one molecule of CHCl₃ and half a molecule of *n*-hexane (the solvents used for crystallisation). The

occupancies of these two molecules were refined competitively, then fixed to a ratio of 0.7:0.3, respectively. The *n*-hexane molecule, which is on a centre of symmetry, was refined with isotropic displacement parameters. No other solvent molecules could be sensibly refined, so the structure was treated with PLATON SQUEEZE^{S4}. Examination of the results from PLATON SQUEEZE, and the shape of the voids present after this procedure, revealed two types of void, both of which are continuous in the *c*-direction. The narrower voids had an electron density count of 28 electrons, and were assigned as a half an *n*-hexane molecule (half an *n*-hexane per void, 3 per cell). The larger voids, with an electron count of 138 electrons, have broad nodes part way along the channel, were assigned as containing CHCl₃ molecules (2 per void, 6 per cell). These solvent molecules were included in the formula and calculation of derived parameters.

Powder X-ray Diffraction.

Powder X-ray diffraction (PXRD) data were collected over the 2 θ range 4-50° on a Philips X'pert diffractometer using Cu-K α radiation (λ = 1.5418 Å) at 40 kV and 40mA. Patterns were calculated for the single crystal structures of **1** and **2** using Mercury.^{S5}

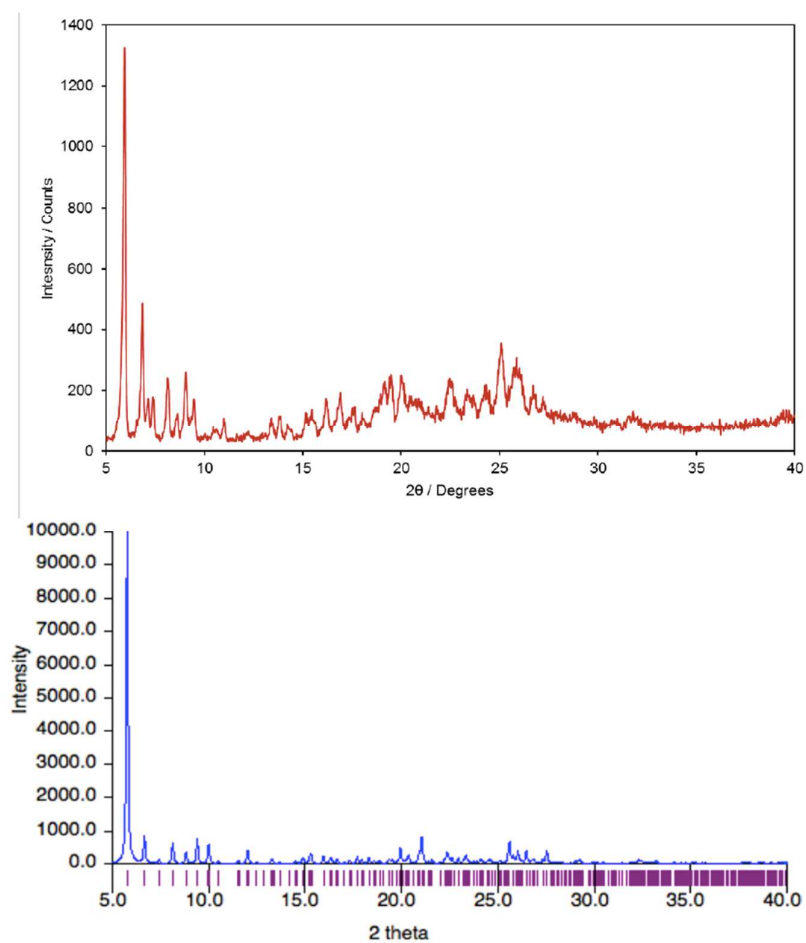


Fig. S4. PXRD patterns for **1**. Experimental above and calculated below.

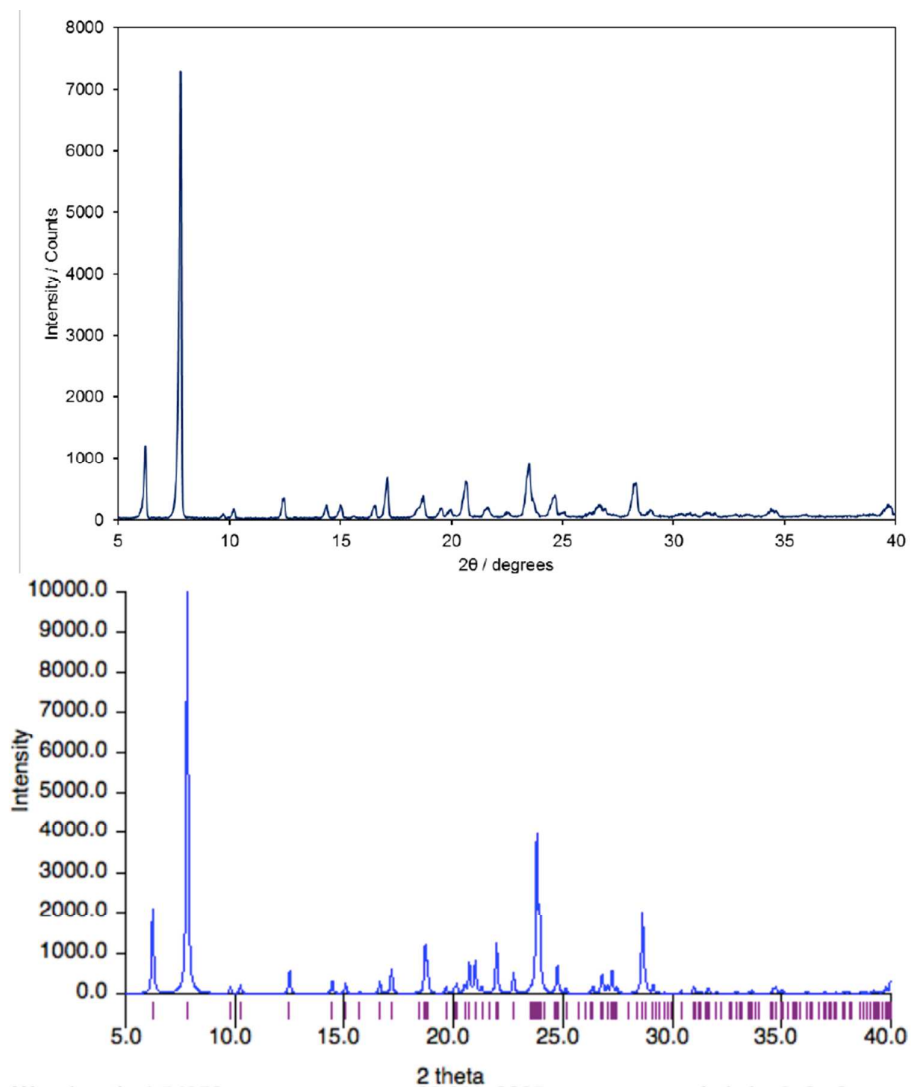


Fig. S5. PXRD patterns for **2**. Experimental above and calculated below.

UV-visible Spectra

UV-visible spectra were recorded for 10^{-5} M solutions of **1** and **2** in CH_2Cl_2 at 298 K. Thin films of each compound were studied by depositing a CH_2Cl_2 solution of the compound on the inside surface of a cuvette and evaporated under a stream of N_2 .

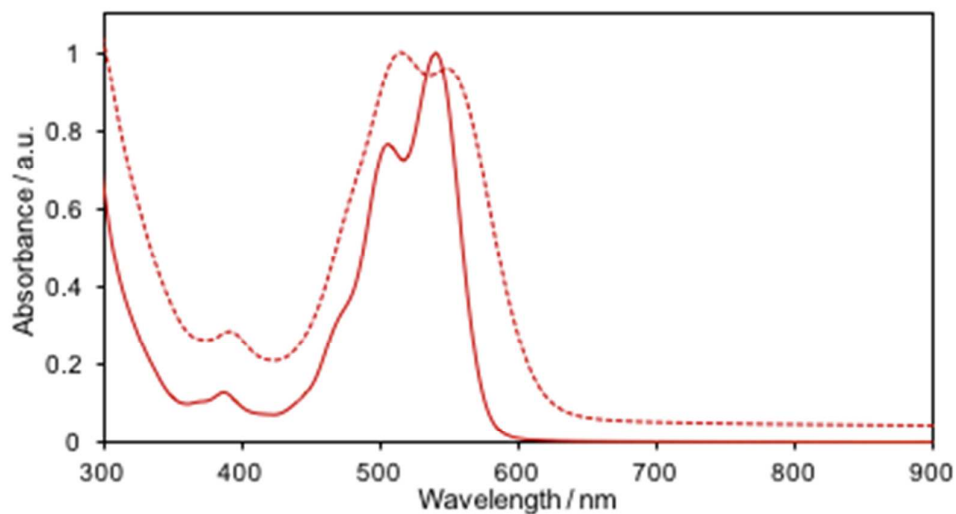


Fig. S6. UV-visible spectra for **1**. Solution spectra (CH_2Cl_2 solution) shown with continuous line; thin film, deposited from CH_2Cl_2 solution, shown with dotted line.

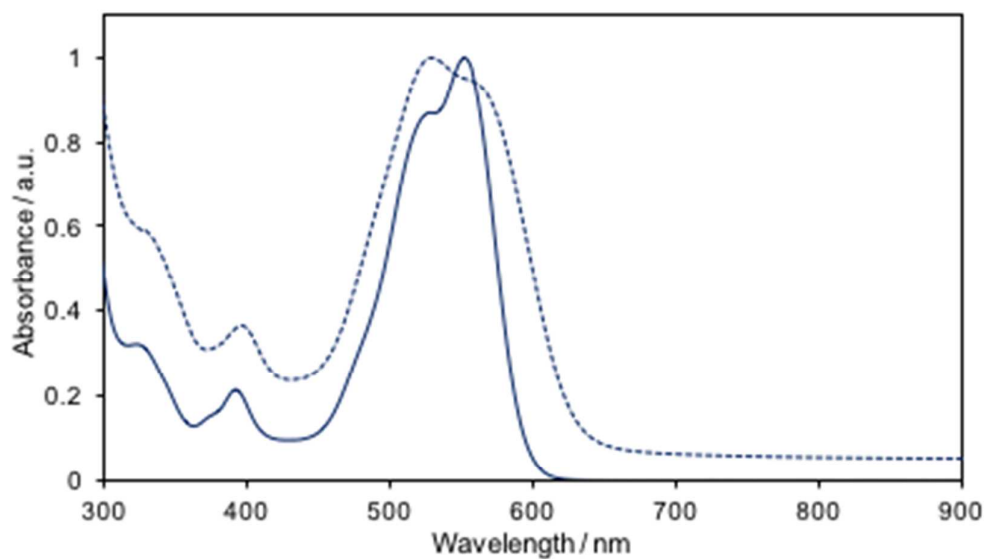


Fig. S7. UV-visible spectra for **2**. Solution spectra (CH_2Cl_2 solution) shown with continuous line; thin film, deposited from CH_2Cl_2 solution, shown with dotted line.

DFT Calculations

Density Functional Theory (DFT) calculations were performed using Gaussian 09 software with the B3LYP exchange-correlation function and a 6-311g(d,p) basis set for all atoms.^{S6-S8} Geometry optimizations on models of **1** and **2** were performed in the gas phase. The calculated geometries were recognized as local minima by frequency calculations. Single

point calculations were accomplished in the gas phase for each molecule of **1** and **2** using the coordinates determined from X-ray crystallography.

Geometry Optimization of **1**

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Single Point on Molecule B in **1**

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Geometry Optimization on **2**

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Single Point on Molecule 2

C	0.51427	5.50857	-1.17890
C	0.20177	6.46678	-0.23277
C	8.26670	0.88738	-2.52067
C	0.03548	4.23043	-1.08178
C	-0.67642	6.13808	0.80264
C	7.55386	0.99658	-1.17857
C	-0.83336	3.87579	-0.02299
C	-1.20660	4.85352	0.89146
C	-2.83682	2.46738	-0.09943
C	-1.44214	2.49614	0.03829
C	7.80118	-0.23156	-0.30587
C	-4.98740	1.35658	-0.57048
C	-7.10573	0.19978	-1.03625
C	-3.52205	1.30190	-0.33632
C	-0.71859	1.28181	0.07715
C	1.45135	2.27414	0.86820
C	2.82457	2.22350	1.07932
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