Supporting Information for

Solution processable *meso*-triarylamine functionalized porphyrins with high mobility and ON/OFF ratio in bottom-gated OFETs

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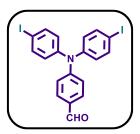
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Materials and methods

Triphenylamine, POCl₃, tetrakis(triphenylphosphine)palladium, and all the boronic acids (thiophene-3-boronic acid, benzeneboronic acid, 3-fluoroboronic acid, 4- methoxyphenylboronic acid, 3-trifluoromethylboronic acid), pyrrole, *p*-formaldehyde,indium trichloride (InCl₃),2,3-dichloro-5,6-dicyano-1,4-benzoquinone(DDQ),trifluoroacetic acid (TFA), were used as purchased from the commercial sources. N, N-Dimethylformamide (DMF) and triethylamine used were anhydrous. All the other solvents (AR grade) were used as received. ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR were recorded in Bruker 400 MHz spectrometer in CDCl₃. Chemical shifts are reported against TMS. Absorption spectra of compounds were recorded by JASCO UV-NIR spectrophotometer. Fluorescence measurements were obtained from Perkin Elmer Spectrofluorimeter LS55. Thermal studies carried out in TA thermal analyzer. Electrochemical studies were done with CH Instruments: Electrochemical workstation (CHI 6035D). High-resolution mass spectra were recorded in ThermoExactivePlus UHPLC-MS. Keithley semiconductor parameter analyzer 4200 SCS was employed to determine the organic field-effect transistor behavior (OFET) of the compounds.

Experimental procedure

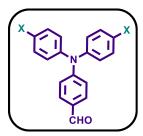
4-(Bis(4-iodophenyl)amino)benzaldehyde (2):



Compound 1: DMF (2 ml, 25.9 mmol) was transferred into 100 ml RB and maintained at 0°C. To this POCl₃ (1.9 ml, 20.4 mmol) was added dropwise for 20 min. Triphenylamine (TPA) (1 g, 4.0 mmol) was added at room temperature, during which the solution color changed to pale yellow, and stirred for 1 h. The reaction mixture was then heated to 45°C and stirred for an additional 2 h. The resultant mixture was poured into an ice bath and neutralized with sodium bicarbonate. The solution was extracted with dichloromethane and distilled water. The pale yellow solid (1 g, 92 %) was purified by column chromatography using silica gel (v/v hexane-ethyl acetate: 9/1).

Compound **2:** Under rapid stirring, compound **1** (1 g, 3.6 mmol) was dissolved in glacial acetic acid (10 ml). KI (1.2 g, 7.3 mmol) and KIO₃ (2.3 g, 10.9 mmol) were added to the reaction mixture and stirred for 6 h at 70°C. After cooling, the reaction was quenched with sodium thiosulphate solution. Solid yellow powder formed was filtered and washed with water. The pure product (1.8 g, 98 %) was purified by column chromatography using silica gel (v/v hexane-ethyl acetate = 9/1).

General procedure for Suzuki coupling reaction (3):



Compound 2 was dissolved in THF, to the solution 10 mol % of Pd(PPh₃)₄ was added at room temperature and stirred for 10 min under nitrogen atmosphere. Aqueous solution of Na₂CO₃ (2 M) was added and stirred for 20 min at room temperature. The temperature was raised to 65°C followed by addition of appropriate boronic acid and stirred for 8 h. The reaction mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate and distilled water.² The pure yellow solid was purified by column chromatography using silica gel (v/v hexane-ethyl acetate).

Di(1*H*-pyrrol-2-yl)methane (4):

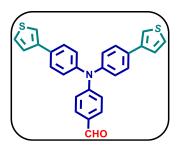


A mixture of paraformaldehyde and freshly distilled pyrrole (35 ml, 504.4 mmol) was taken into a 250 ml RB and degassed with nitrogen for 10 min at RT. The temperature was raised to 55°C for 10 min under nitrogen atmosphere and InCl₃ (0.1 g, 0.5 mmol) was added subsequently. The reaction mixture was stirred for 2 h 30 min at the same temperature and then cooled to RT followed by the addition of powdered NaOH (0.6 g, 15.2 mmol) to quench the reaction mixture and stirred for further 1 h.³ The mixture was filtered and the filtrate was concentrated in vacuum. Off white solid was purified by column chromatography using silica gel (v/v hexane-DCM = 1/1). White solid. Yield: 56%. 1 H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 7.797 (s, 2H), 6.635 (s, 2H), 6.145 (s, 2H), 6.032 (s, 2H), 3.956 (s, 2H). 13 C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ (ppm) 117.46, 108.31, 106.56, 26.35. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₉H₁₀N₂ 146.084, found 145.075.

General procedure for porphyrin 5:

A mixture of compound **3** (1 g, 1.9 mmol) and **4** (0.6 g, 3.8 mmol) was dissolved in CH_2Cl_2 (460 ml) solvent, then degassed with nitrogen at RT.Trifluoroaceticacid (53 μ l, 0.69 mmoles) dissolved in 50 ml DCM was added dropwise and stirred for 7 hr. Further DDQ (0.783 g, 3.45 mmoles) was added and stirred for additional 1hr. Finally the reaction mixture was basified with triethylamine (2 ml) and solvent removed under vacuum.⁴ Purple powder was purified by column chromatography (v/v hexane-DCM = 1/1).

4-(Bis(4-(thiophen-3-yl)phenyl)amino)benzaldehyde, 3a:



Yellow solid. Yield: 90%. 1 H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 9.820 (s, 1H), 7.690 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.560 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.427-7.320 (m, 6H), 7.208-7.176 (m, 6H), 7.064 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H). 13 C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ (ppm) 190.48, 153.20, 146.06, 145.12, 141.12, 141.47, 132.60, 131.36, 129.81, 129.75, 129.29, 127.65, 126.44, 126.35, 126.34, 126.13, 125.23, 125.14, 120.14, 119.65, 119.36.HR-MS (ESI) m/z calcd for $C_{27}H_{19}NOS_{2}[M+H]$ 437.0908, found 437.0863.

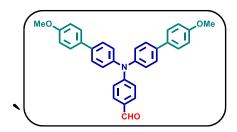
4-(Di([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)amino)benzaldehyde, 3b:

Yellow solid. Yield: 82 %. 1 H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 9.842 (s, 1H), 7.731 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.590 (dd, 8H), 7.44 (t, 4H), 7.36 (t, 2H), 7.27 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 4H), 7.148 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H). 13 C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ (ppm) 190.51, 153.12, 145.35, 140.23, 137.87, 131.39, 129.49, 128.88, 128.37, 127.35, 126.88, 126.35, 120.04.HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $C_{31}H_{23}NO$ [M+H] 426.1858, found 426.1852.

4-(Bis(4'-fluoro-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)amino)benzaldehyde 3c:

Yellow solid. Yield: 75%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 9.846 (s, 1H), 7.732 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.567-7.519 (m, 8H), 7.267 (d, J = 1.6 Hz, 2H), 7.158-7.118 (m, 6H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ (ppm) 190.48, 163.71, 161.26, 153.01, 145.34, 136.89, 136.37, 136.34, 128.24, 126.36, 120.12, 115.88, 115.66.HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $C_{33}H_{21}NOF_{6}$ [M+H] 462.166, found 462.164.

4-(Bis(4'-methoxy-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)amino)benzaldehyde 3d:

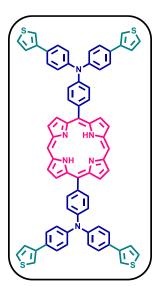


Yellow solid. Yield: 85%. 1 H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 9.829 (s, 1H), 7.715 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.534 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 8H), 7.246 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 4H), 7.120 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.986 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 4H), 3.861 (s, 6H). 13 C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ (ppm) 190.48, 159.19, 153.23, 144.73, 137.56, 132.78, 131.38, 129.22, 127.91, 127.87, 126.44, 119.63, 114.30. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcdfor $C_{33}H_{27}NO_{3}$ [M+H] 486.2069, found 486.2072.

4-(Bis(3'-(trifluoromethyl)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)amino)benzaldehyde 3e:

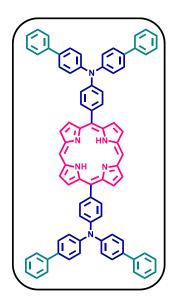
Yellow solid. Yield: 90%. 1 H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 9.870 (s, 1H), 7.837 (s, 1H), 7.781-7.747 (m, 4H), 7.623-7.551 (m, 8H), 7.294 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 4H), 7.173 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H). 13 C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ (ppm) 190.50, 152.77, 146.06, 142.02, 136.30, 135.23, 131.77, 131.45, 131.41, 131.13, 130.81, 130.25, 130.11, 130.05, 129.37, 128.52, 128.22, 127.72, 127.67, 127.61, 126.31, 125.51, 124.02, 123.98, 123.73, 123.69, 123.65, 123.61, 122.80, 120.69, 120.10.HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $C_{33}H_{21}NOF_{6}$ [M+H] 562.1606, found 562.157.

Compound 5a:



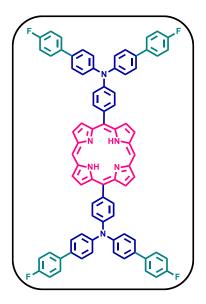
Purple powder. Yield: 22 %. 1 H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 10.321 (s, 2H), 9.428 (d, J = 4.4 Hz, 4H), 9.228 (d, J = 4.4 Hz, 4H), 8.157 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 4H), 7.668 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 4H), 7.549 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 4H), 7.471-7.413 (m, 20H), 7.202-7.154 (m, 4H). 13 C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ (ppm) 147.69, 147.39, 146.89, 145.06, 141.94, 135.90, 131.59, 131.03, 130.85, 129.61, 129.55, 127.51, 126.24, 125.08, 124.97, 124.87, 123.55, 121.84, 119.52, 118.97, 105.26.HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $C_{84}H_{52}F_{12}N_6$ [M+H]⁺ 1125.289, found 1125.287.

Compound 5b:



Purple powder. Yield: 30 %. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 10.326 (s, 2H), 9.435 (d, J = 3.6 Hz, 4H), 9.248 (d, J = 4 Hz, 4H), 8.191 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 4H), 7.689 (d, J = 4 Hz, 16H), 7.619 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 4H), 7.546 (d, J = 8 Hz, 8H), 7.492 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 8H), 7.372 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 4H), -3.003 (s, 2H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ (ppm) 147.39, 147.26, 147.00, 145.07, 140.65, 136.07, 135.96, 131.62, 131.03, 128.84, 128.18, 127.01, 126.81, 124.96, 122.16, 118.92, 105.29. (MALDI-TOF, m/z) calcd for C₈₀H₅₆N₆ [M+H]⁺ 1101.463, found 1101.621.

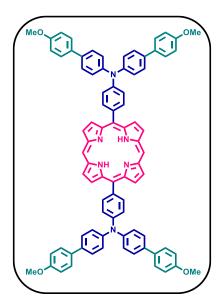
Compound 5c:



Purple powder. Yield: 22 %. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 10.336 (s, 2H), 9.443 (d, J = 3.6 Hz, 4H), 9.244 (d, J = 3.6 Hz, 4H), 8.195 (d, J = 8 Hz, 4H), 7.636 (m, J = 8.4 Hz, 20H), 7.531 (d, J = 8 Hz, 8H), 7.180 (t, J = 8.8 Hz, 8H), -3.009 (s, 2H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ (ppm) 162.45, 160.00, 146.31, 146.15, 145.87, 143.98, 135.72, 135.69, 134.93, 134.47, 134.06, 130.68, 130.01, 127.31, 127.23,

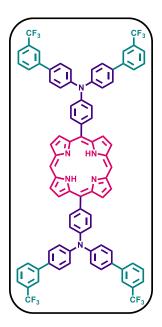
127.01, 123.97, 121.11, 117.84, 114.75, 114.54, 104.30. (MALDI-TOF, m/z) calcd for $C_{80}H_{52}F_4N_6$ [M+H]⁺ 1173.426, found 1173.554.

Compound 5d:



Purple powder. Yield: 46 %. 1 H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 10.323 (s, 2H), 9.434 (d, J = 4 Hz, 4H), 9.249 (d, J = 4 Hz, 4H), 8.176 (d, J = 8 Hz, 4H), 7.652-7.605 (m, 20H), 7.518 (d, J = 8 Hz, 8H), 7.019 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 8H), 3.878 (s, 12H), -3.000 (s, 2H). 13 C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ (ppm) 158.97, 147.45, 146.49, 145.07, 135.95, 135.79, 135.24, 133.28, 131.61, 131.06, 127.84, 127.73, 125.11, 121.84, 119.01, 114.29, 105.28, 55.39.MALDI-TOF, m/z calcd for $C_{84}H_{64}N_6O_4$ [M+H] $^+$ 1221.506, found 1221.682.

Compound 5e:



Purple powder. Yield: 18 %. 1 H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 10.351 (s, 2H), 9.457 (d, J = 4 Hz, 4H), 9.245 (d, J = 4 Hz, 4H), 8.226 (d, J = 8 Hz, 4H), 7.930 (s, 4H), 7.860 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 4H), 7.708 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 8H), 7.643-7.561 (m, 20H), -3.004 (s, 2H). 13 C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ (ppm) 147.59, 146.95, 131.72, 131.00, 130.02, 129.33, 128.35, 124.92, 123.62, 122.90, 118.75, 105.38. (MALDI-TOF, m/z) calcd for $C_{84}H_{52}F_{12}N_{6}$ [M+H] $^{+}$ 1373.413, found 1373.606.

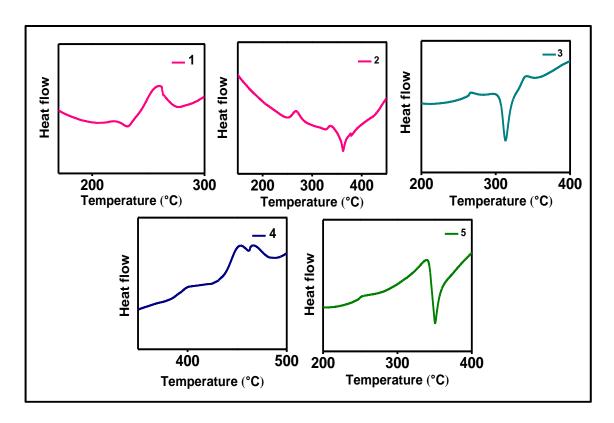


Figure S1. DSC Thermogram of compounds 5a-e.

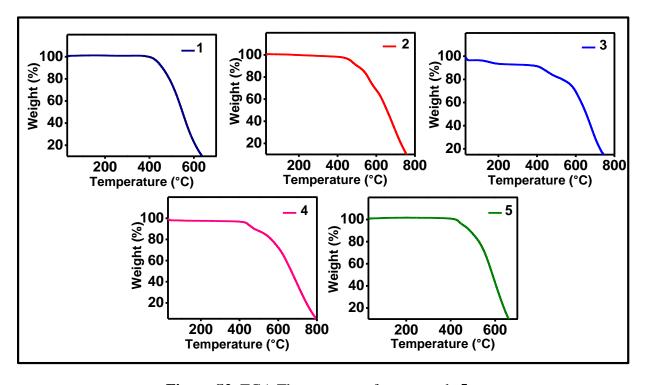


Figure S2. TGA Thermogram of compounds 5a-e.

Table S1. Melting point and decomposition temperature for 10 % weight loss of compounds

C. No.	$T_{m}(^{\circ}C)$	$T_d(^{\circ}C)$
5a	396	461
5b	363	504
5c	313	422
5d	461	479
5 e	351	489

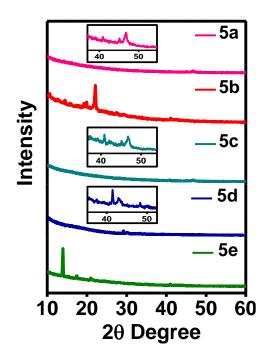


Figure S3. GIXRD of compounds 5a-e

Computational studies:

DFT and TD-DFT calculations were carried out for compounds **5a-e** to gain an insight into their electronic structures. Porphyrin molecules with different TAA were explored theoretically to observe their electronic and charge transport properties. DFT: B3LYP *ab initio* approach was employed to elucidate the structural properties of all molecules. The optimization of all compounds were done starting from MOPAC and ending with Gaussian at the DFT-B3LYP (6-31g*) level of theory for ground state

(S0). From the TD-DFT calculations, the oscillator strength value (F) obtained demonstrated all the compounds have S_0 - S_1 , S_3 - T_1 and S_3 - T_2 transitions. The reorganization energies i.e., energy relaxation during transport was obtained from the changes in bond length acquired from a few important centers. To clarify the impact of substituent on the optical properties substituted porphyrins, the electronic transitions at the optimized structures also have been calculated by time-dependent DFT (TD-DFT) calculations. The maximum absorption wavelengths, oscillator strength (f) and corresponding transition assignment are listed in **Table S2**. The geometrical parameters suggested that all compounds in which substituted TAA groups were exhibited non-planar whereas porphyrin core moiety obtained as planar. From medeA data, the carrier mobilities of all thecompounds revealed in the range of 10^{-6} m² V⁻¹s⁻¹. The values are given in the **TableS2**. Compound **5e** achieved up to the value of 8.6046×10^{-6} , the highest among the series. It might be due to the presence of electron withdrawing group.

Table S2. Electronic absorption behavior of compounds **5a-e** by TD-DFT.

C. No.	Electronic Transition	Wavelength nm	Energy eV	Oscillator strength (f)	Type of transition	Hole Transport (m²/Vs) 300K
5a	Ex3=290-295	604.16	2.052 (16550cm ⁻¹)	0.000	S_{-3} - T_2	2.8099x10 ⁻⁶
5b	Ex3=286-290	623.5	1.988 (160343cm ⁻¹)	0.000	S_{-3} - T_1	6.7825x10 ⁻⁶
5c	Ex3=302-307	603.0	2.056 (16582cm ⁻¹)	0.000	S_{-3} - T_2	5.7527x10 ⁻⁶
5d	Ex3=353-354	608.5	2.037 (16429cm ⁻¹)	0.513 (52%)	S_0 - S_1	8.6046x10 ⁻⁶
5e	Ex3=321-322	619.1	2.002 (16147cm ⁻¹)	0.581 (67%)	S_0-S_1	3.2984x10 ⁻⁶

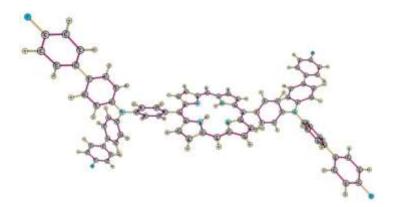
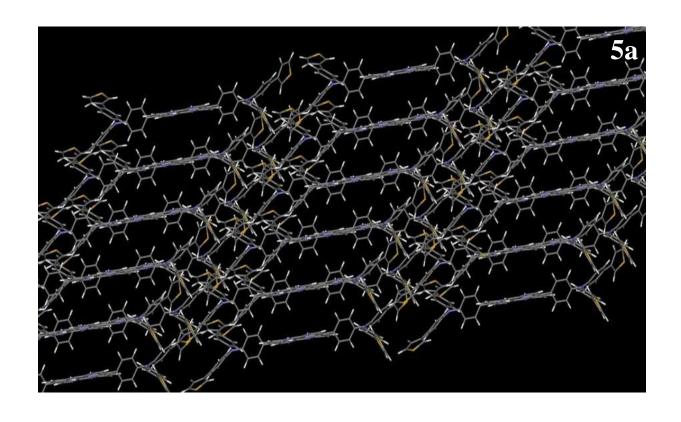
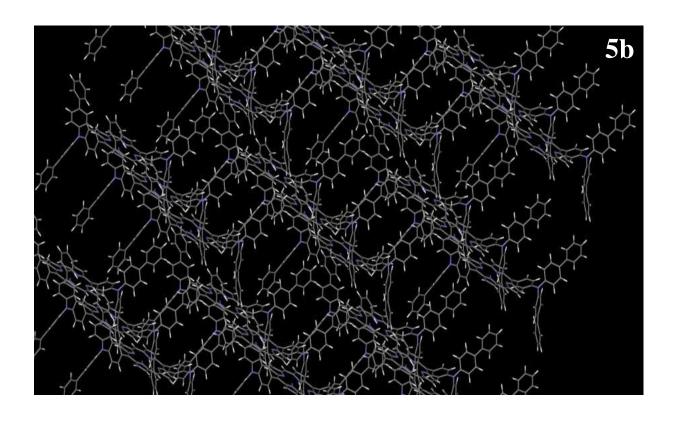
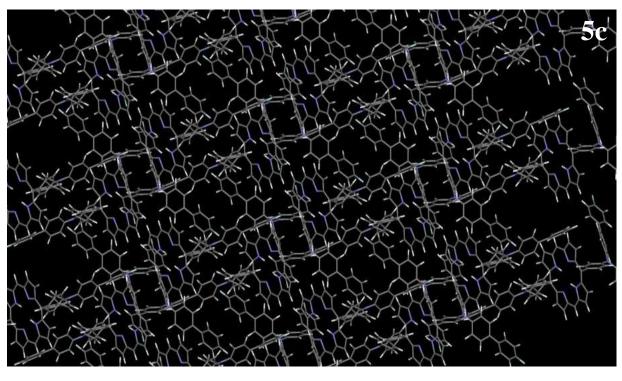
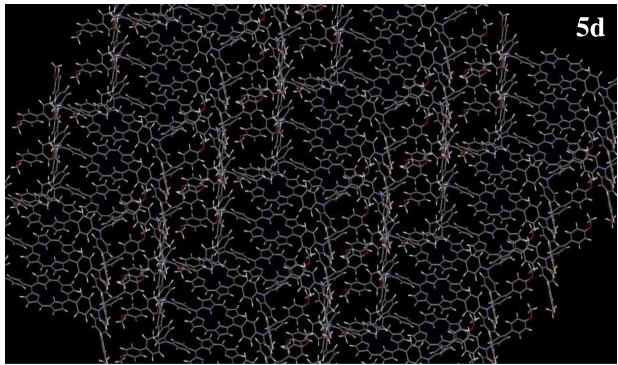


Figure S4. Generalized representation of the molecule









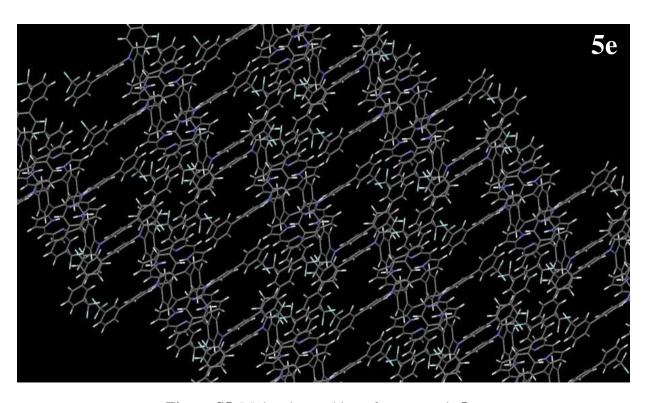
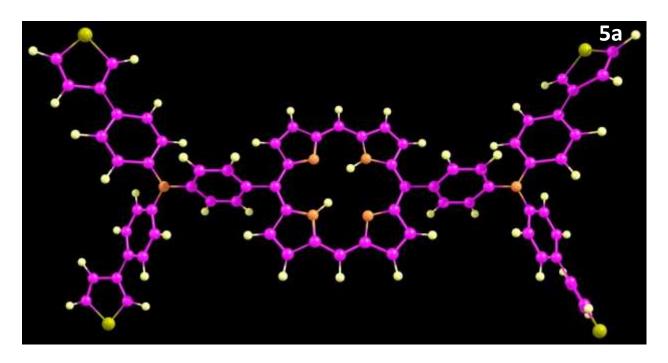
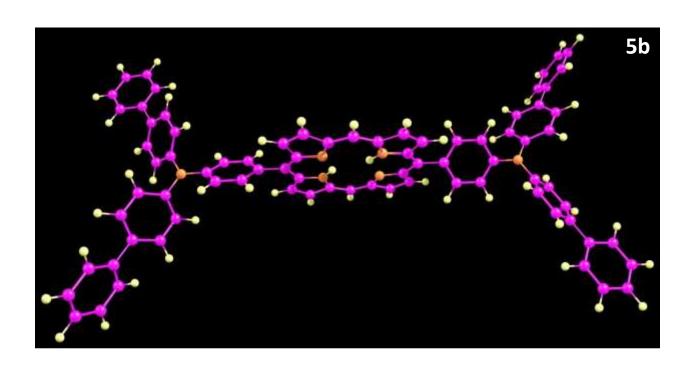
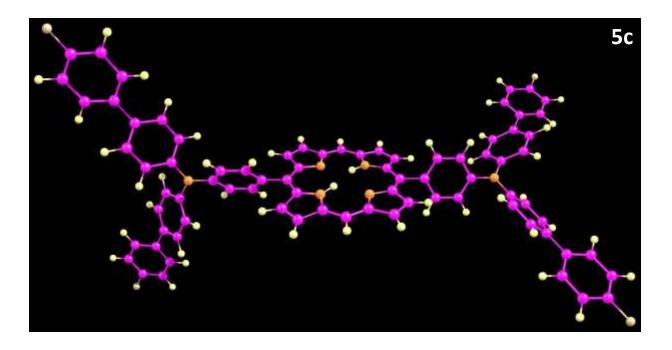
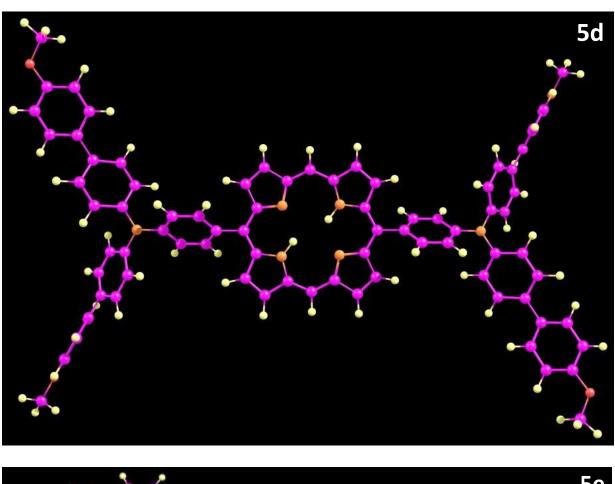


Figure S5. Molecular packing of compounds 5a-e.









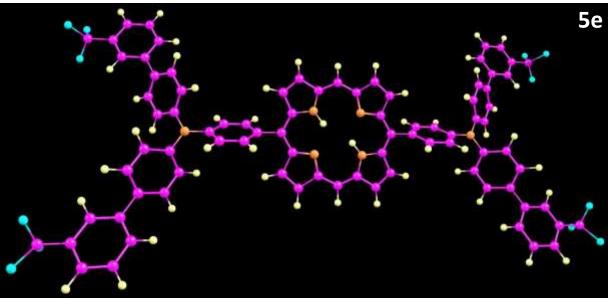


Figure S6.Optimized geometry of compounds 5a-e.

Table S3. Grain size of compounds 5a-e

C. No.	Grain size(μm)
5a	1.83
5b	0.51
5c	5.13
5d	3.02
5e	8.10

Table S4. d-spacing of compounds 5a-e

C. No.	d-spacing(nm)
5a	1.944
5b	4.041
5c	1.946
5d	2.178
5e	6.363

Device fabrication

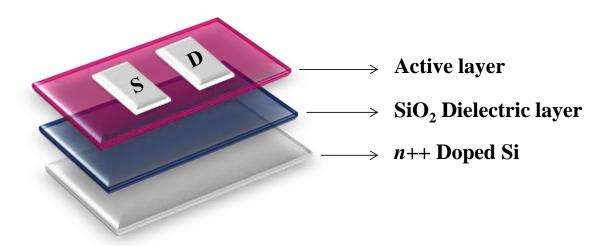


Figure S7. Schematic representation of the OFET device

Field-effect mobility of porphyrins was measured by employing bottom gate top contact architecture for device fabrication represented as in the Figure S6. The heavily doped n^{++} Si substrate treated as the gate electrode and thermally grown SiO₂ (300 nm) acts as a gate

dielectric. Active semiconducting material coated over SiO_2 by spin coating method using chloroform and annealed at 100 °C for one hour to obtain uniform film and also to remove the residual solvents. Silver electrodes were made over active layer as source and drain electrode with a channel length of $150 \mu m$ and a width of 5 mm was used and again annealed as earlier. The fabricated device showed p-type behavior for all the compounds.

Reliability factor and effective mobility calculation

The reliability factor was calculated for all the compounds which define the ratio of the maximum channel conductivity experimentally achieved in a FET at the maximum gate voltage to the maximum channel conductivity expected in a correctly functioning ideal FET. In the saturation regime, the reliability factor is calculated using the equation 1.

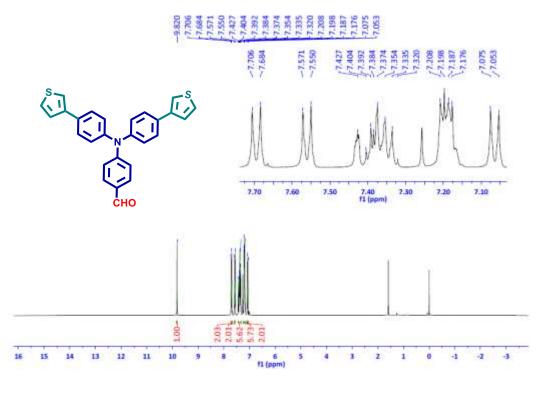
$$r_{\text{sat}} = \left(\frac{\sqrt{|I_{\text{SD}}|^{max}} - \sqrt{|I_{\text{SD}}|^{0}}}{|V_{\text{GS}}|^{max}}\right)^{2} / \left(\frac{wc_{i}}{2L}\mu_{sat}\right)_{\text{claimed}}$$

$$= \left(\frac{\sqrt{|I_{\text{SD}}|^{max}} - \sqrt{|I_{\text{SD}}|^{0}}}{|V_{\text{GS}}|^{max}}\right)^{2} / \left(\frac{\partial\sqrt{|I_{\text{SD}}|}}{|V_{\text{GS}}|}\right)^{2}_{\text{claimed}}$$
(1)

whereas, μ_{sat} is the calculated mobility, L, W and C_i are the device parameters, and $|I_{SD}|^{max}$ denotes the experimental maximum source–drain current reached at the maximum gate voltage $|V_{GS}|^{max}$ and $|I_{SD}|^0$ represents the source–drain current at $V_{GS}=0$.

By using the calculated reliability factor and claim mobility the effective mobility is measured from equation 2.

$$\mu_{\text{eff}} = r \times \mu_{\text{claimed}}$$
 (2)



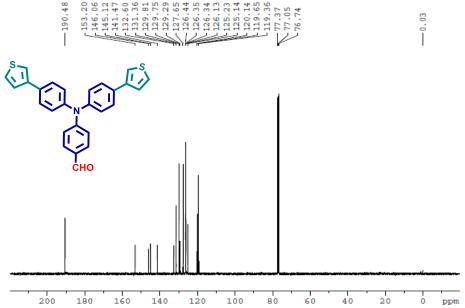


Figure S8.¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra of compound 3a.

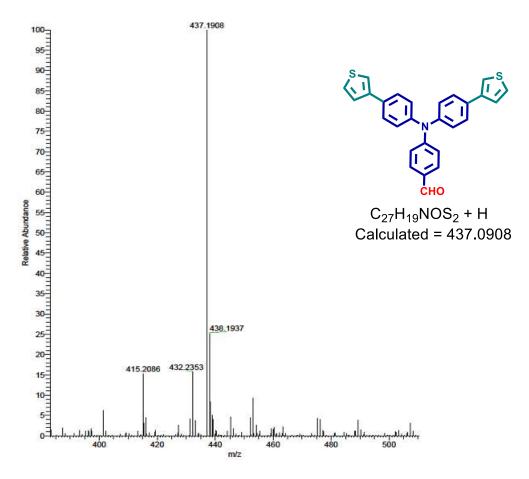


Figure S9. HR-Mass spectrum of 3a.

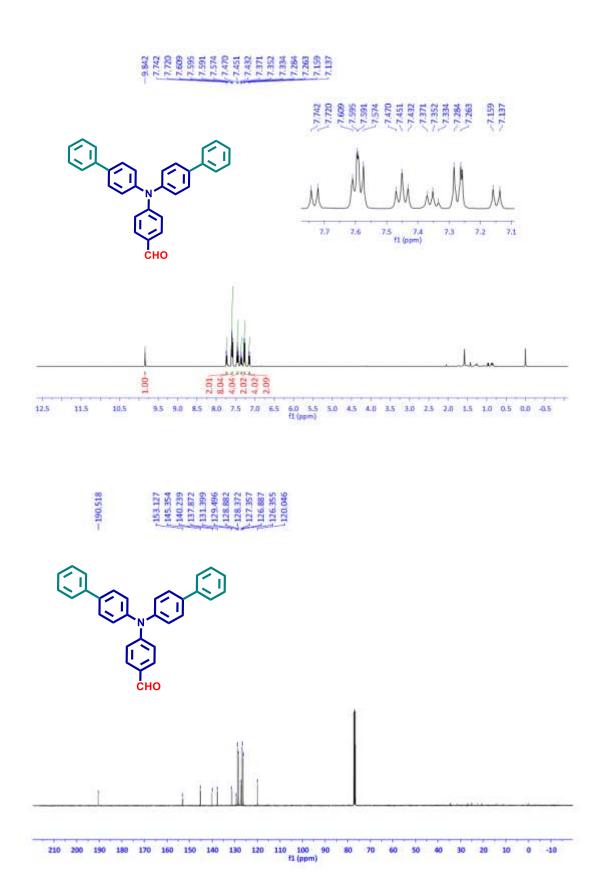


Figure S10. $^{1}\mbox{H}$ NMR and $^{13}\mbox{C}$ NMR spectra of 3b.

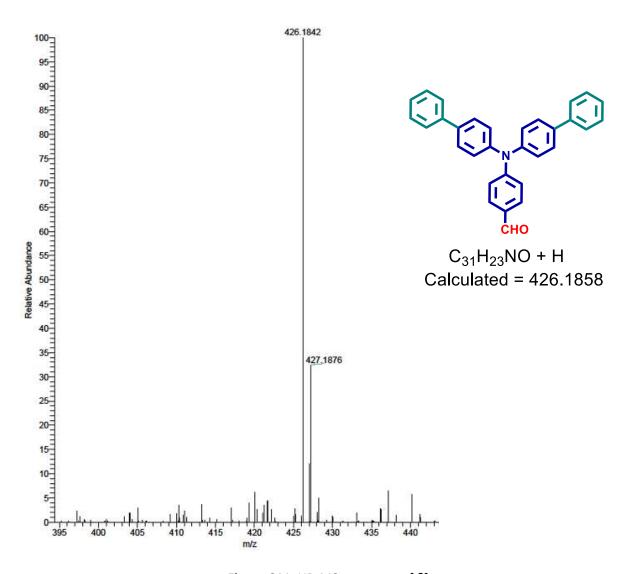


Figure \$11. HR-MS spectrum of 3b.

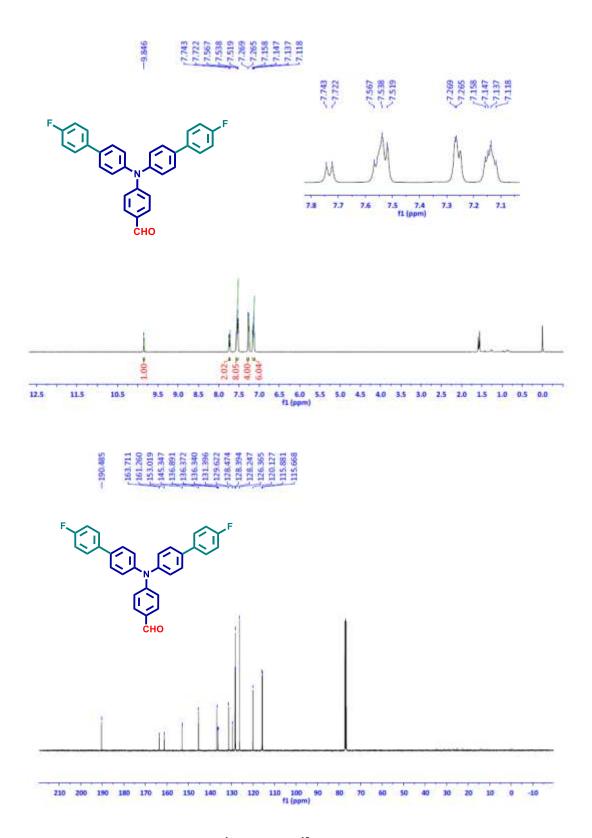


Figure S12.¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra of 3c.

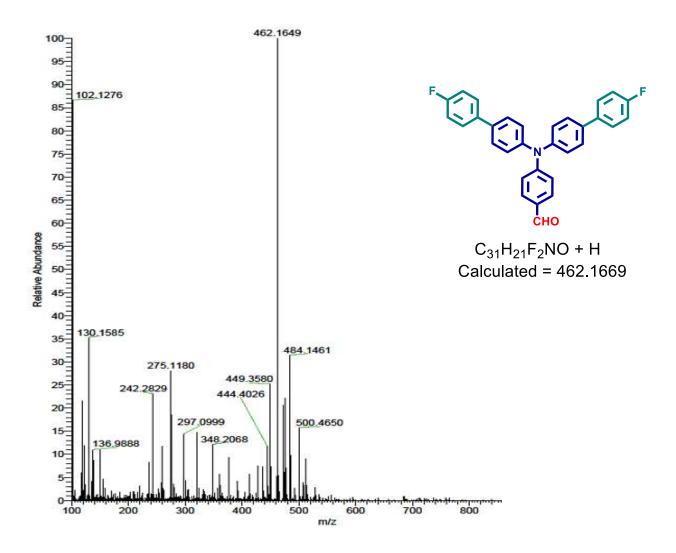
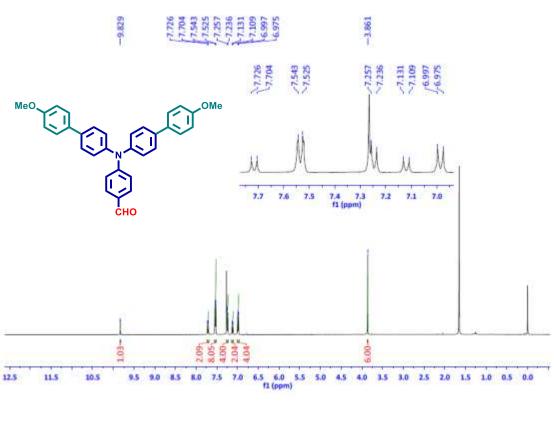


Figure S13. HR-Mass spectrum of 3c.



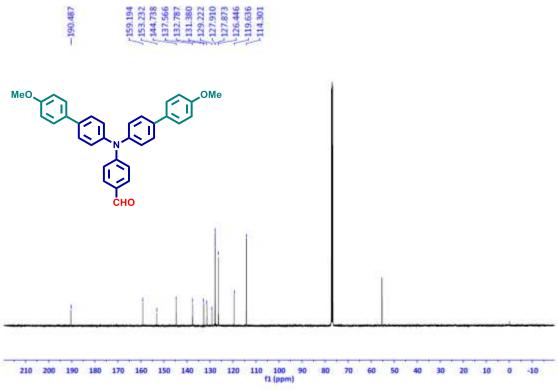


Figure S14.¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra of **3d**.

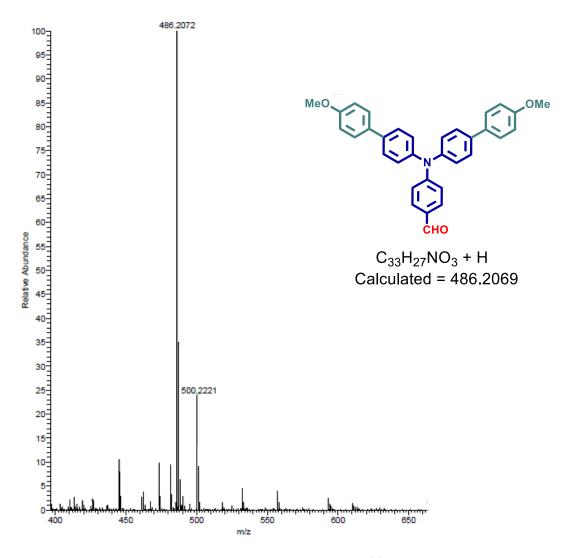
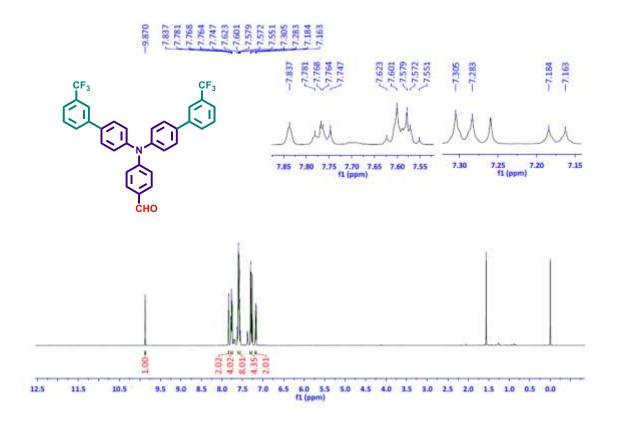


Figure S15. HR-Mass spectrum of 3d.



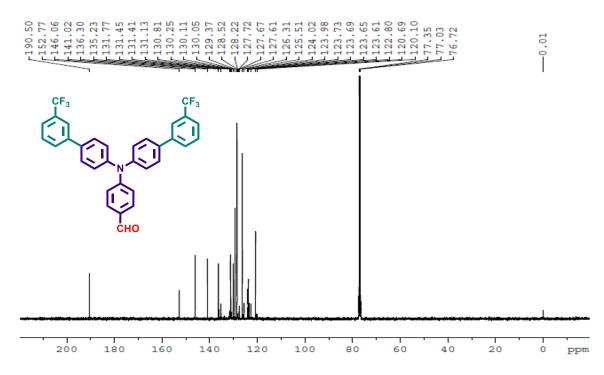


Figure \$16.1H NMR and 13C NMR spectra of 3e.

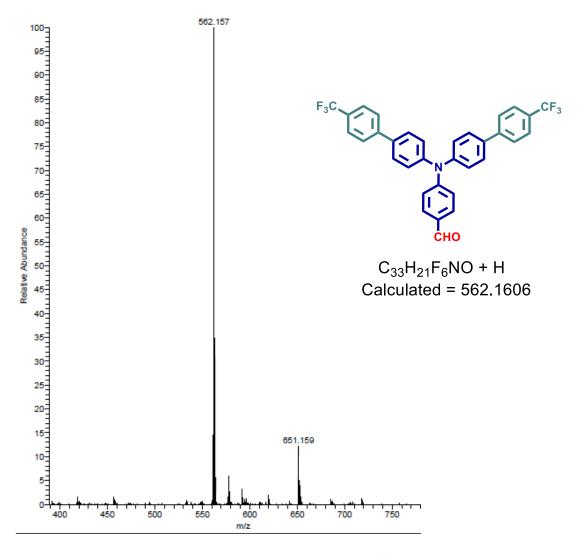
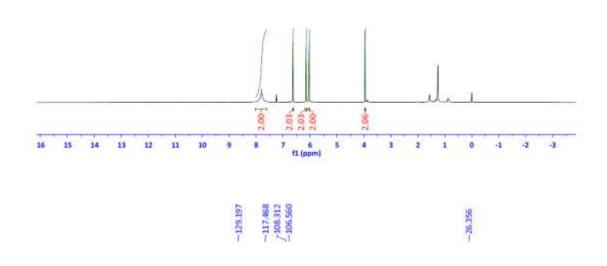


Figure \$17. HR-Mass spectrum of 3e.









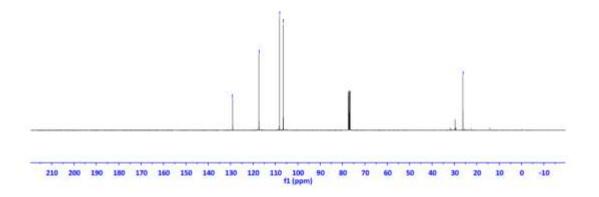


Figure S18. 1 H NMR and 13 C NMR spectra of 4.

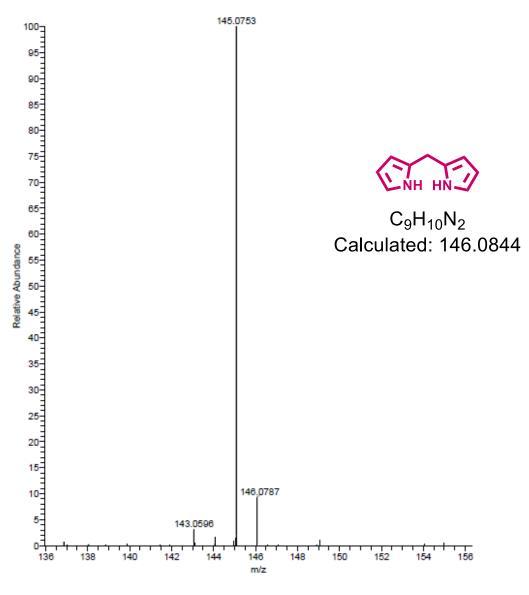


Figure S19. HR-Mass spectrum of compound 4.

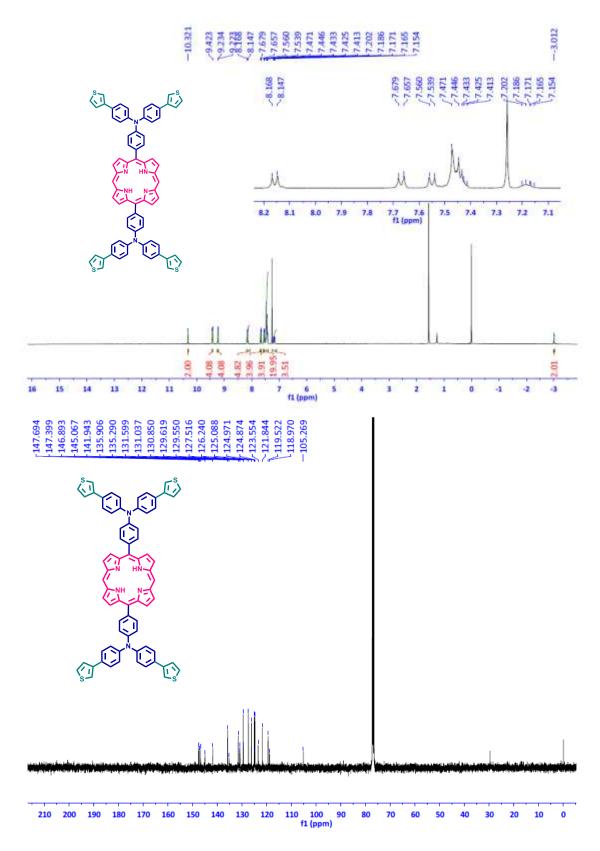


Figure S20.¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra of **5a**.

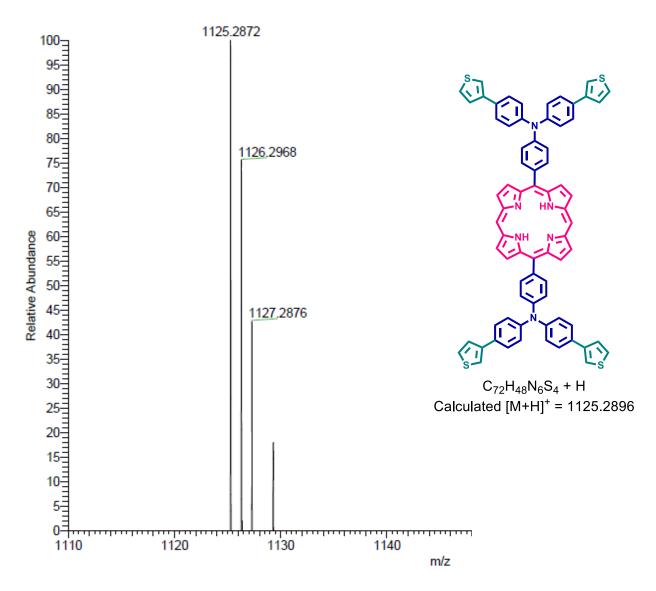


Figure S21. HR-Mass spectrum of 5a

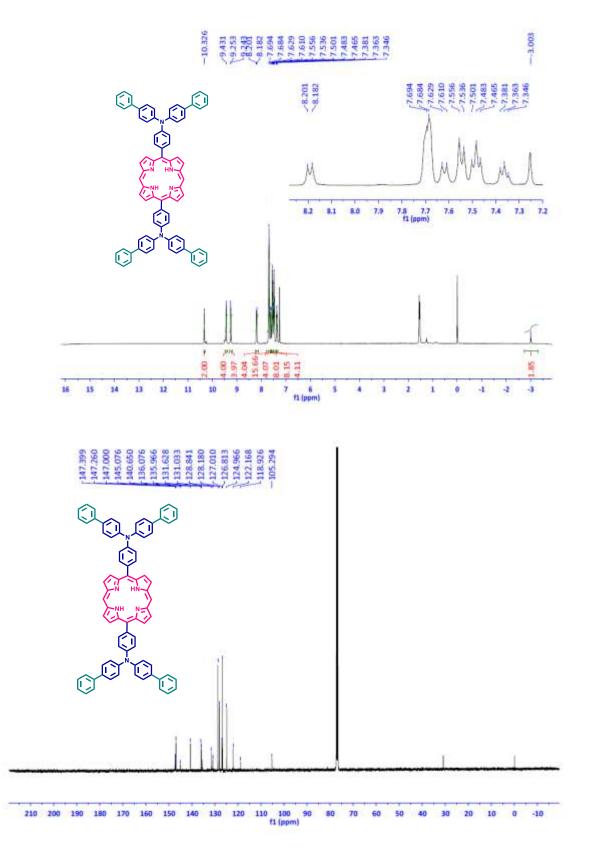


Figure S22.¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra of 5b

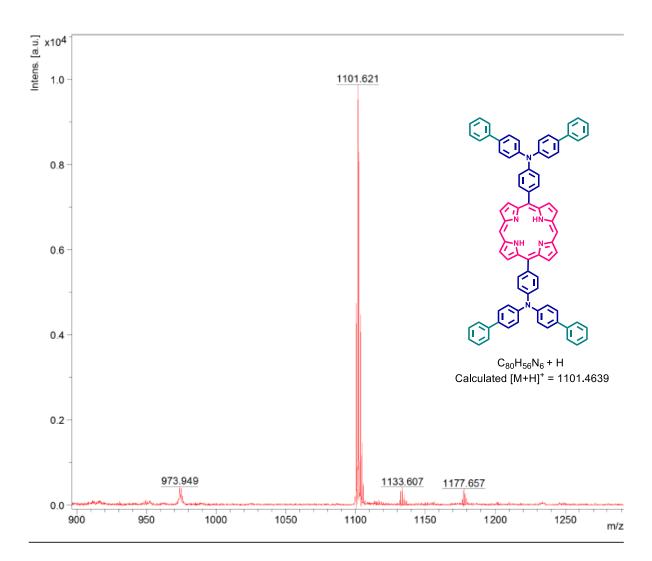


Figure S23. MALDI-TOF spectrum of **5b**.

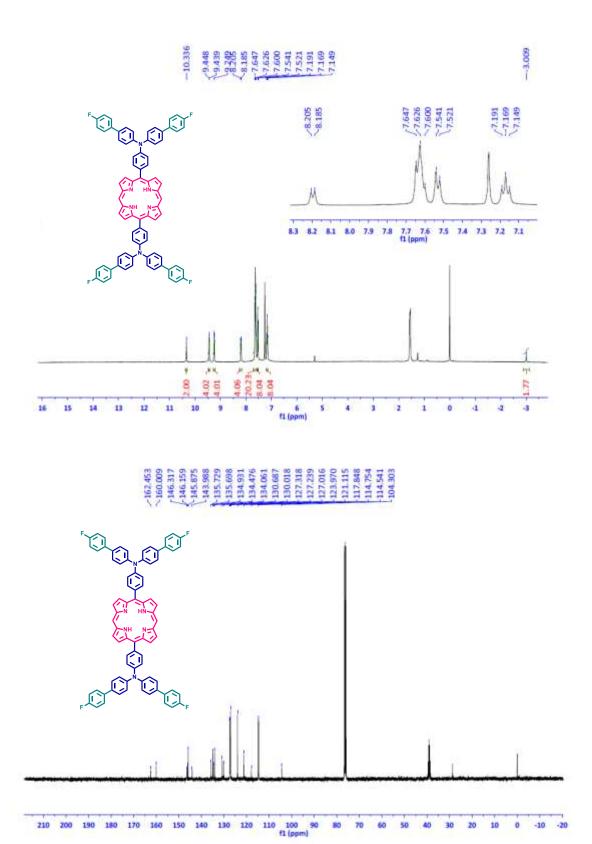


Figure S24.¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra of 5c.

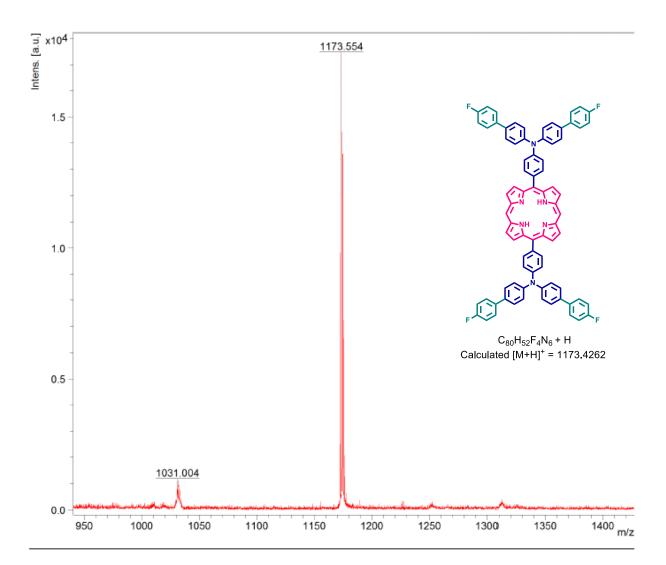


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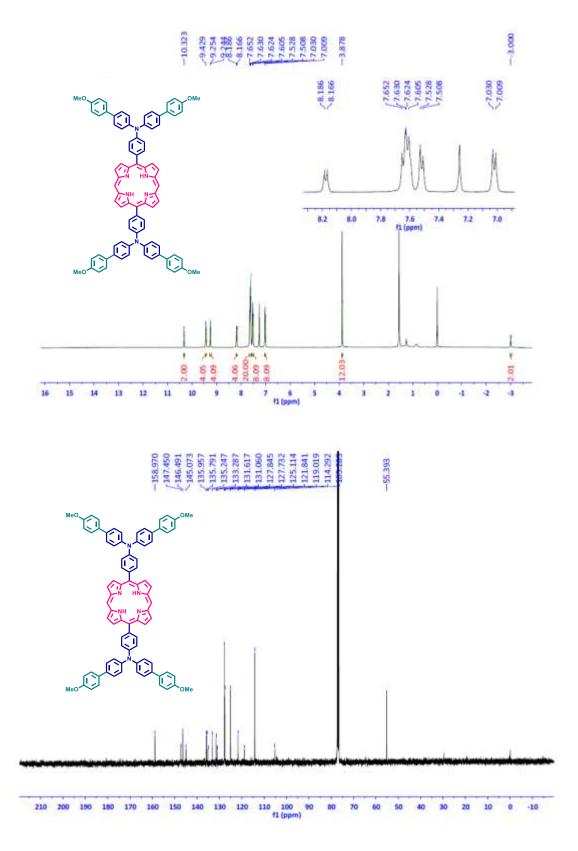


Figure S26. 1 H NMR and 13 C NMR spectra of 5d.

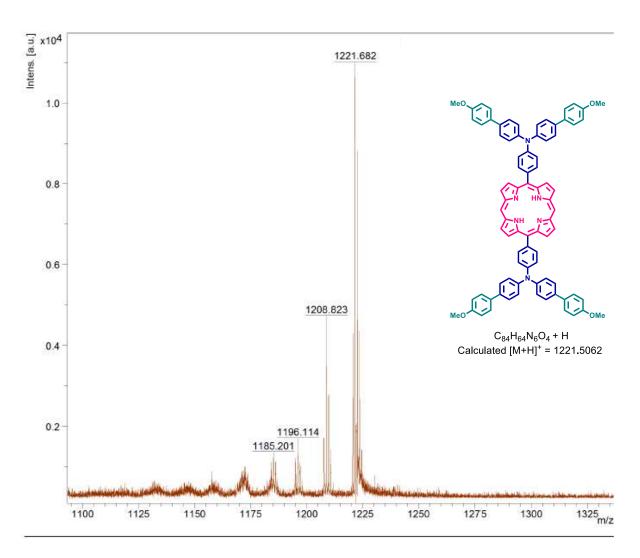


Figure S27. MALDI-TOF spectrum of **5d**.

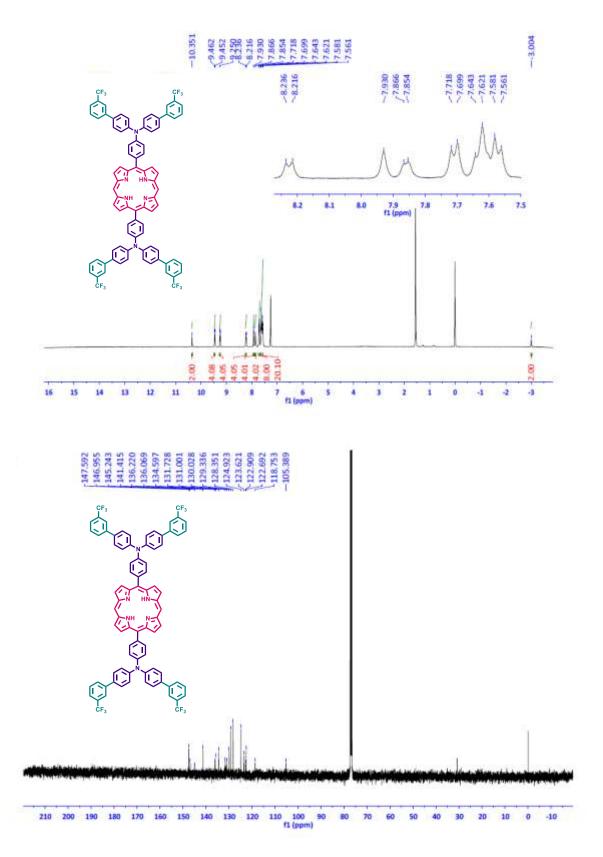


Figure S28.¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra of **5e**.

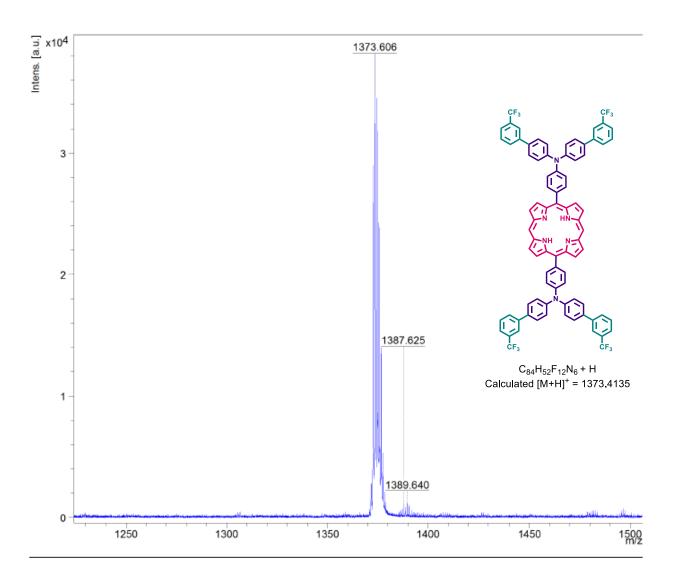


Figure S29.MALDI-TOF spectrum of **5e**.

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