

## SUPPORTING INFORMATION

### Fluorinated Diphenylpolyenes: Crystal Structures and Emission Properties

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### **Preparation of 14.**

Aldehyde **10** (1.18g, 6.0 mmol) and **12** (1.83g, 6.0 mmol) were dissolved in toluene (30 mL). The mixture was stirred under nitrogen atmosphere at 90 °C for 24 h. After cooling, water (350 mL) was added to the reaction mixture. The products were extracted with diethyl ether (80 mL x 3 times) and the extract was washed with water (300 mL), and dried over magnesium sulfate. Evaporation of the solvent under reduced pressure gave **14** as brown oil in 70-80 % yield.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  9.74 (1H, d,  $J$  7.3, CHO), 7.45 (1H, d,  $J$  16.6,  $\text{C}_6\text{F}_5\text{-CH=}$ ), 6.98 (1H, dd,  $J$  16.5 and 7.3, - $\text{CH=CHO}$ ).

**Crystal and structure refinement data.**

2. Of the 8586 reflections which were collected, 5926 were independent ( $R_{\text{int}} = 0.0394$ ). The structure was refined on  $F^2$  with 361 parameters to  $R_1 0.0663$  ( $I > 2\sigma(I)$ ),  $wR_2 0.1642$  (all data).

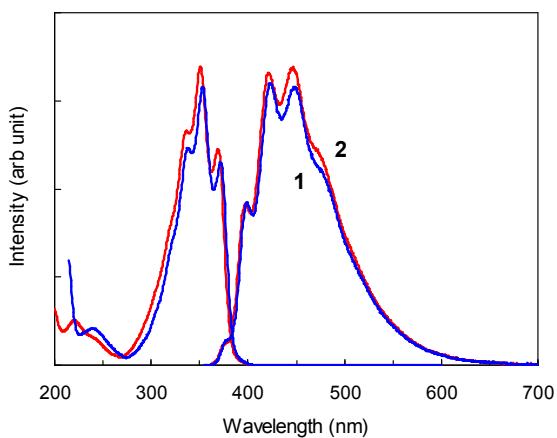
3. Of the 1904 reflections which were collected, 1453 were independent ( $R_{\text{int}} = 0.0170$ ). The structure was refined on  $F^2$  with 100 parameters to  $R_1 0.0605$  ( $I > 2\sigma(I)$ ),  $wR_2 0.1844$  (all data).

4. Of the 2197 reflections which were collected, 1540 were independent ( $R_{\text{int}} = 0.0180$ ). The structure was refined on  $F^2$  with 109 parameters to  $R_1 0.0483$  ( $I > 2\sigma(I)$ ),  $wR_2 0.1352$  (all data).

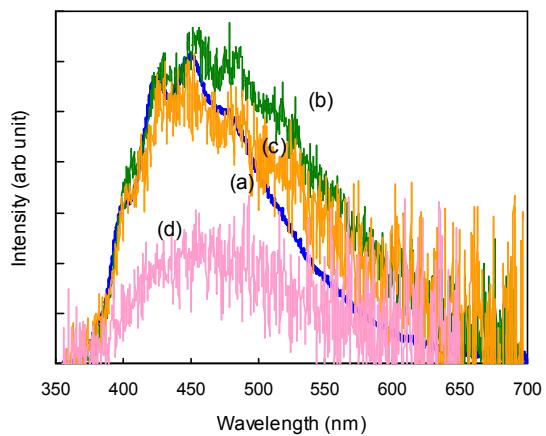
5. Of the 2370 reflections which were collected, 1656 were independent ( $R_{\text{int}} = 0.0088$ ). The structure was refined on  $F^2$  with 127 parameters to  $R_1 0.0422$  ( $I > 2\sigma(I)$ ),  $wR_2 0.1492$  (all data).

6. Of the 4271 reflections which were collected, 3046 were independent ( $R_{\text{int}} = 0.0275$ ). The structure was refined on  $F^2$  with 208 parameters to  $R_1 0.0655$  ( $I > 2\sigma(I)$ ),  $wR_2 0.1910$  (all data).

**1/5.** Of the 3801 reflections which were collected, 2964 were independent ( $R_{\text{int}} = 0.0158$ ). The structure was refined on  $F^2$  with 208 parameters to  $R_1 0.0489$  ( $I > 2\sigma(I)$ ),  $wR_2 0.1622$  (all data).



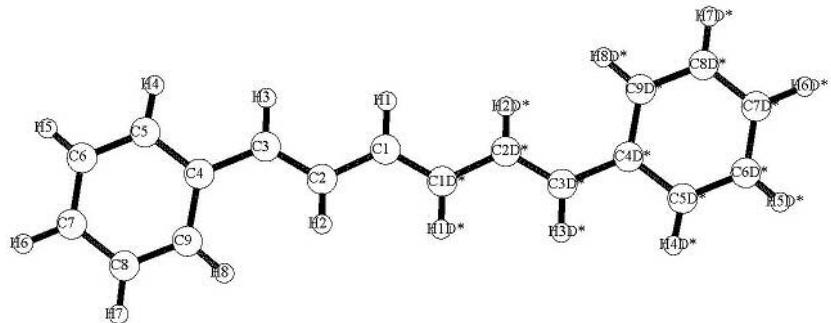
**Figure S1.** Absorption and fluorescence spectra of **1** and **2** in methylcyclohexane.



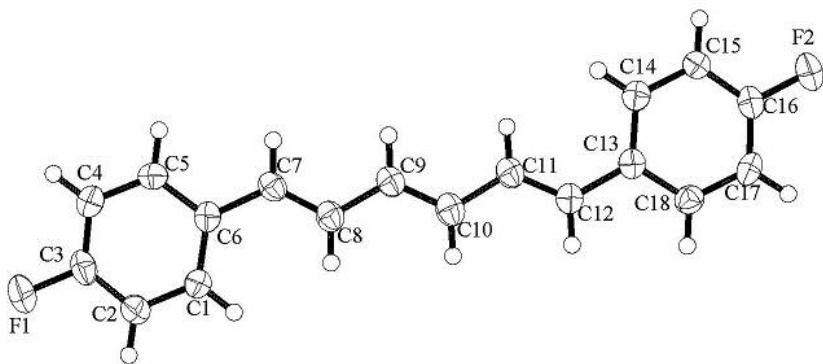
**Figure S2.** Fluorescence spectra of **6** in (a) methylcyclohexane ( $\phi_f = 0.059$ ), (b) toluene ( $\phi_f = 0.014$ ), (c) dichloromethane ( $\phi_f = 0.006$ ), and (d) acetonitrile ( $\phi_f = 0.003$ ). Excitation wavelength: 350 nm.

**Figure S3.** ORTEP representations for the molecular structures of (a) **1** (b) **2**, (c) **3**, (d) **4**, (e) **5**, (f) **6**, and (g) **1/5**.

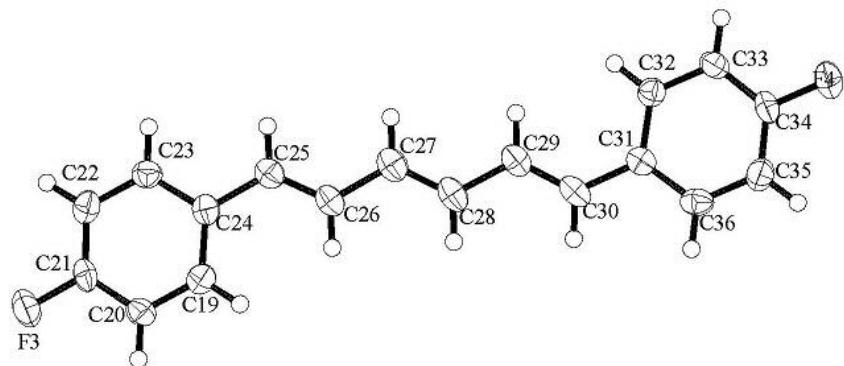
(a)



(b) molecule 1)



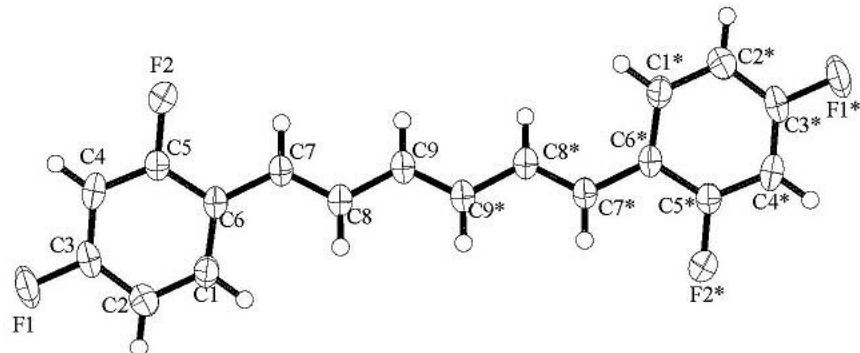
molecule 2)



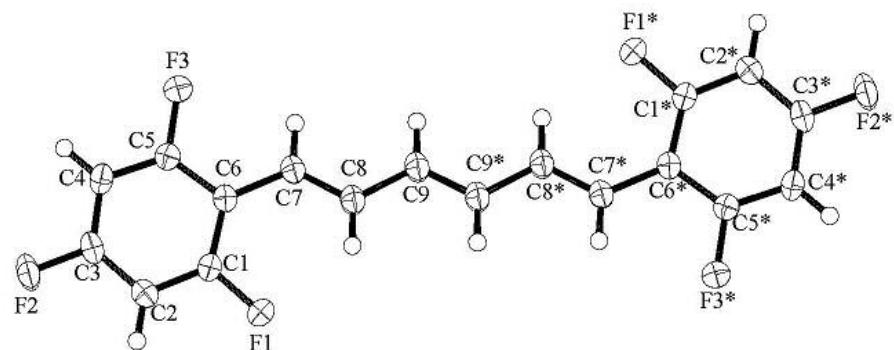
1) and 2): two crystallographically independent molecules

**Figure S3.** (continued)

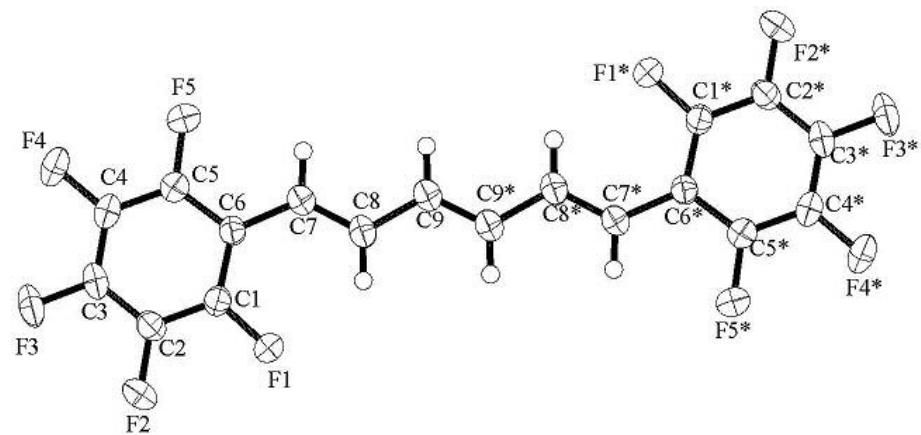
(c)



(d)

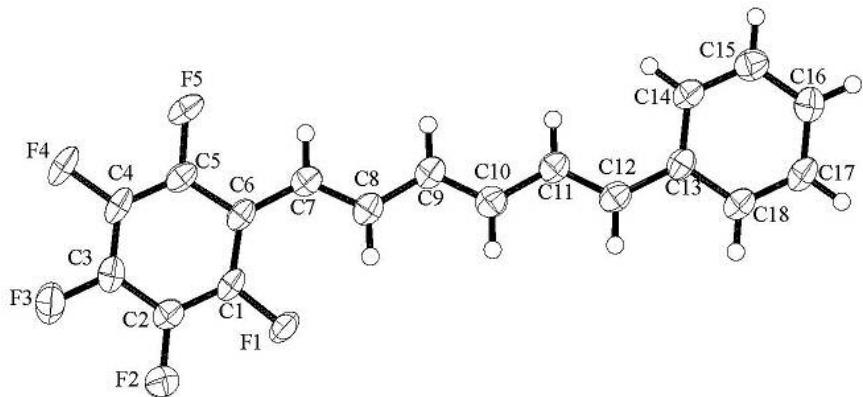


(e)

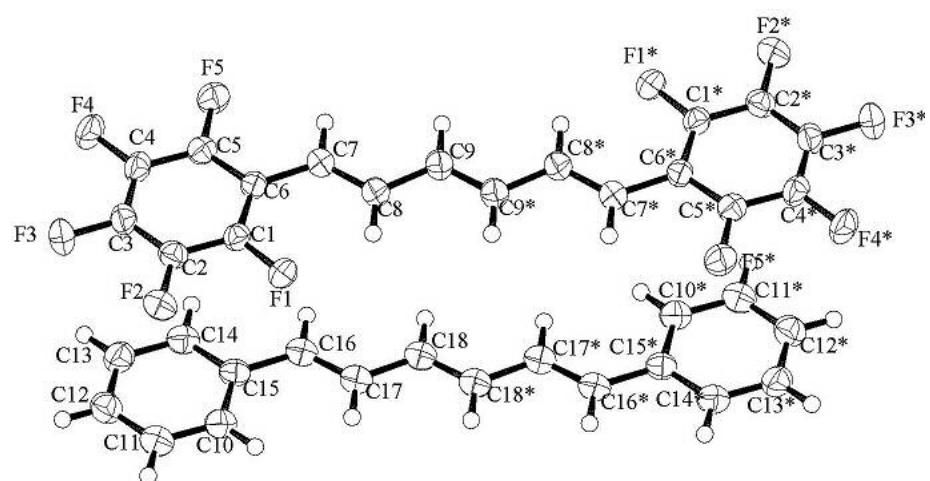


**Figure S3.** (continued)

(f)



(g)



**Table S1:** Calculated Energy Levels of HOMO-1, HOMO, LUMO and LUMO+1  
HF/6-31G\*

		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>						
HOMO-1	(AU)	-0.31152	BG	-0.31588	BG	-0.32291	BG	-0.33188	BG	-0.35258	BG	-0.33127	A"
HOMO	(AU)	-0.25708	AU	-0.26181	AU	-0.26514	AU	-0.27016	AU	-0.29099	AU	-0.27254	A"
LUMO	(AU)	0.0691	BG	0.06594	BG	0.06459	BG	0.05984	BG	0.03699	BG	0.05174	A"
LUMO+1	(AU)	0.1259	AU	0.12285	AU	0.12108	AU	0.11431	AU	0.09177	AU	0.10921	A"
HOMO-LUMO	(AU)	0.32618		0.32775		0.32973		0.33		0.32798		0.32428	
gap	(cm <sup>-1</sup> )	71588.1272		71932.702		72367.261		72426.519		71983.181		71171.126	
	(nm)	139.69		139.02		138.18		138.07		138.92		140.51	
HOMO-LUMO+1	(AU)	0.38298		0.38466		0.38622		0.38447		0.38276		0.38175	
gap	(cm <sup>-1</sup> )	84054.2674		84422.984		84765.364		84381.284		84005.983		83784.314	
	(nm)	118.97		118.45		117.97		118.51		119.04		119.35	
HOMO-1-LUMO	(AU)	0.38		0.38		0.39		0.39		0.39		0.38	
gap	(cm <sup>-1</sup> )	83536.3081		83799.677		85046.291		85972.473		85500.603		84060.852	
	(nm)	119.71		119.33		117.58		116.32		116.96		118.96	

HF/6-31G\* level optimized geometry was used

**Table S1:** (continued)  
B3LYP/6-311G\*\*

		<b>1</b>		<b>2</b>		<b>3</b>		<b>4</b>		<b>5</b>		<b>6</b>
HOMO-1	(AU)	-0.24509	BG	-0.24499	BG	-0.24946	BG	-0.25585	BG	-0.2692	BG	-0.25737 A"
HOMO	(AU)	-0.19971	AU	-0.20201	AU	-0.20486	AU	-0.20918	AU	-0.22406	AU	-0.21144 A"
LUMO	(AU)	-0.07022	BG	-0.07266	BG	-0.07392	BG	-0.07884	BG	-0.09472	BG	-0.0831 A"
LUMO+1	(AU)	-0.02436	AU	-0.02822	AU	-0.02754	AU	-0.03315	AU	-0.04848	AU	-0.03618 A"
HOMO-LUMO	(AU)	0.12949		0.12935		0.13094		0.13034		0.12934		0.12834
gap	(cm <sup>-1</sup> )	28419.7271		28389.001		28737.965		28606.28		28386.806		28167.332
	(nm)	351.87		352.25		347.97		349.57		352.28		355.02
HOMO-LUMO+1	(AU)	0.17535		0.17379		0.17732		0.17603		0.17558		0.17526
gap	(cm <sup>-1</sup> )	38484.8185		38142.439		38917.183		38634.061		38535.298		38465.066
	(nm)	259.84		262.18		256.96		258.84		259.50		259.98
HOMO-1-LUMO	(AU)	0.17		0.17		0.18		0.18		0.17		0.17
gap	(cm <sup>-1</sup> )	38379.4708		37822.006		38526.519		38849.146		38293.876		38247.786
	(nm)	260.56		264.40		259.56		257.41		261.14		261.45

HF/6-31G\* level optimized geometry was used

**Table S2:** Calculated Excitation Energy to Singlet States  
CIS/6-311G\*\*

		<b>1</b>		<b>2</b>		<b>3</b>		<b>4</b>		<b>5</b>		<b>6</b>	
		(nm)	f	(nm)	f	(nm)	f	(nm)	f	(nm)	f	(nm)	f
Excited state	1	282.02	BU	2.4396	279.44	BU	2.4184	274.06	BU	2.6235	273.79	BU	2.6042
	2	220.49	AG	0	219.57	AG	0	210.25	AG	0	209.41	AG	0
	3	211.36	AG	0	212.59	BU	0.0814	209.04	BU	0.0221	204.42	BU	0.0149
<b>TD-B3LYP/6-311G**</b>													
Excited state	1	360.38	BU	1.9206	360.62	BU	1.9128	355.23	BU	2.0086	356.91	BU	1.983
	2	296.15	AG	0	298.71	AG	0	292.52	AG	0	293.35	AG	0
	3	277.82	AG	0	286.68	BU	0.0639	284.66	AG	0	279.28	AG	0

All ground-state molecular geometries were optimized at the HF/6-31G\* level, assuming planar  $C_{2h}$  symmetry for **1-5** and  $C_s$  symmetry for **6**.

f: oscillator strength

**Table S3:** Mean Deviation from the Least-Squares Plane and Ar-CH= Torsion Angle

compound	mean deviation from the least-squares plane <sup>a</sup> (Å)	Ar-CH= torsion angle (degree)
<b>1</b>	0.007 <sup>b</sup>	C2-C3-C4-C9 = -2.1 <sup>b</sup>
<b>2</b>	0.143 (molecule 1) <sup>c</sup>	C1-C6-C7-C8 = -0.1(5)
	0.111 (molecule 2) <sup>c</sup>	C11-C12-C13-C14 = 1.6(5) C19-C24-C25-C26 = 6.3(6) C29-C30-C31-C32 = -6.1(6)
<b>3</b>	0.038	C1-C6-C7-C8 = 12.1(8)
<b>4</b>	0.029	C1-C6-C7-C8 = 11.9(2)
<b>5</b>	0.008	C1-C6-C7-C8 = -2.6(3)
<b>6</b>	0.025	C1-C6-C7-C8 = -5.8(5) C11-C12-C13-C14 = 4.4(4)
<b>1/5</b>	0.015 (molecule <b>1</b> )	C10-C15-C16-C17 = 3.3(3)
	0.023 (molecule <b>5</b> )	C1-C6-C7-C8 = 9.8(3)

<sup>a</sup>Defined by the DPH moiety of each molecule, <sup>b</sup>from the reported structure (ref 52, CSD#ZZZQNK02) and <sup>c</sup>for the two crystallographically independent molecules, 1) and 2).