

Supporting Information

A Yellow-Emitting Homoleptic Iridium(III) Complex Constructed from Multifunctional Spiro Ligand for Highly Efficient Phosphorescent Organic Light Emitting Diodes

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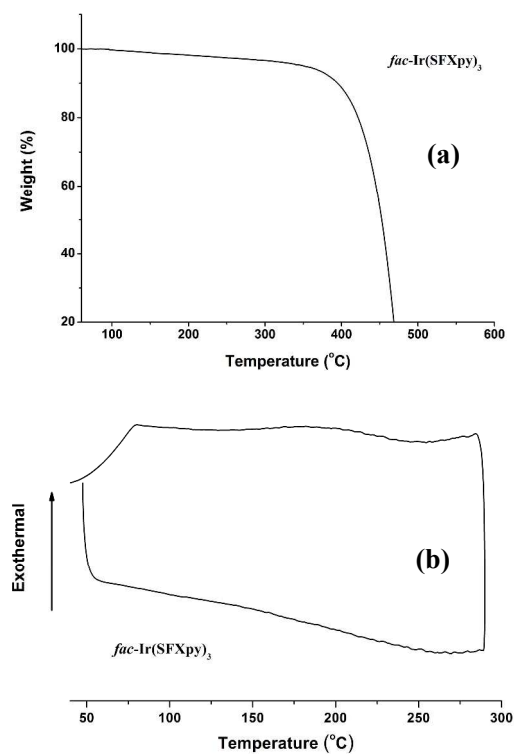


Figure S1. TGA (a) and DSC (b) curves of *fac*-Ir(SFXpy)₃.

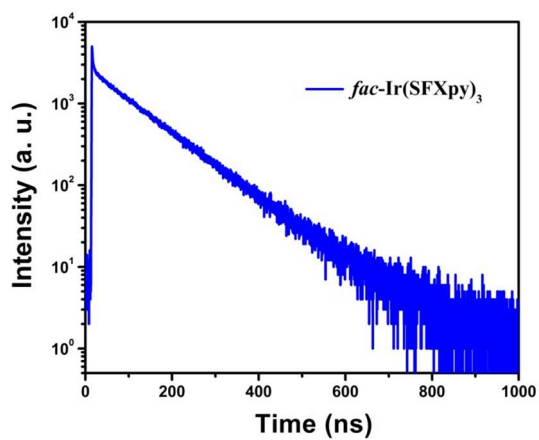


Figure S2. Transient photoluminescent decay (excited at 365 nm) curves at 298 K for *fac*-Ir(SFXpy)₃ in degassed CH₂Cl₂ solution.

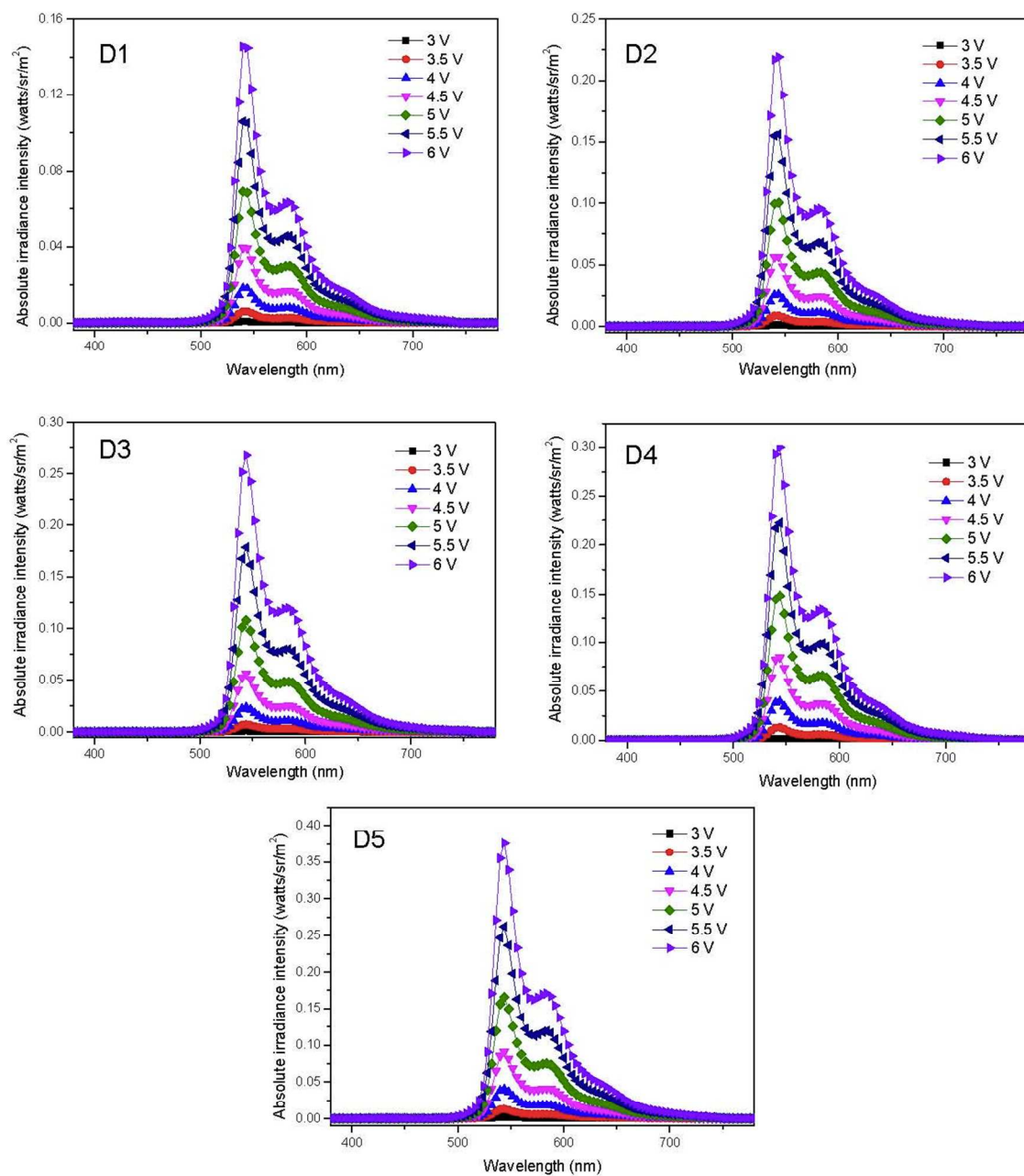


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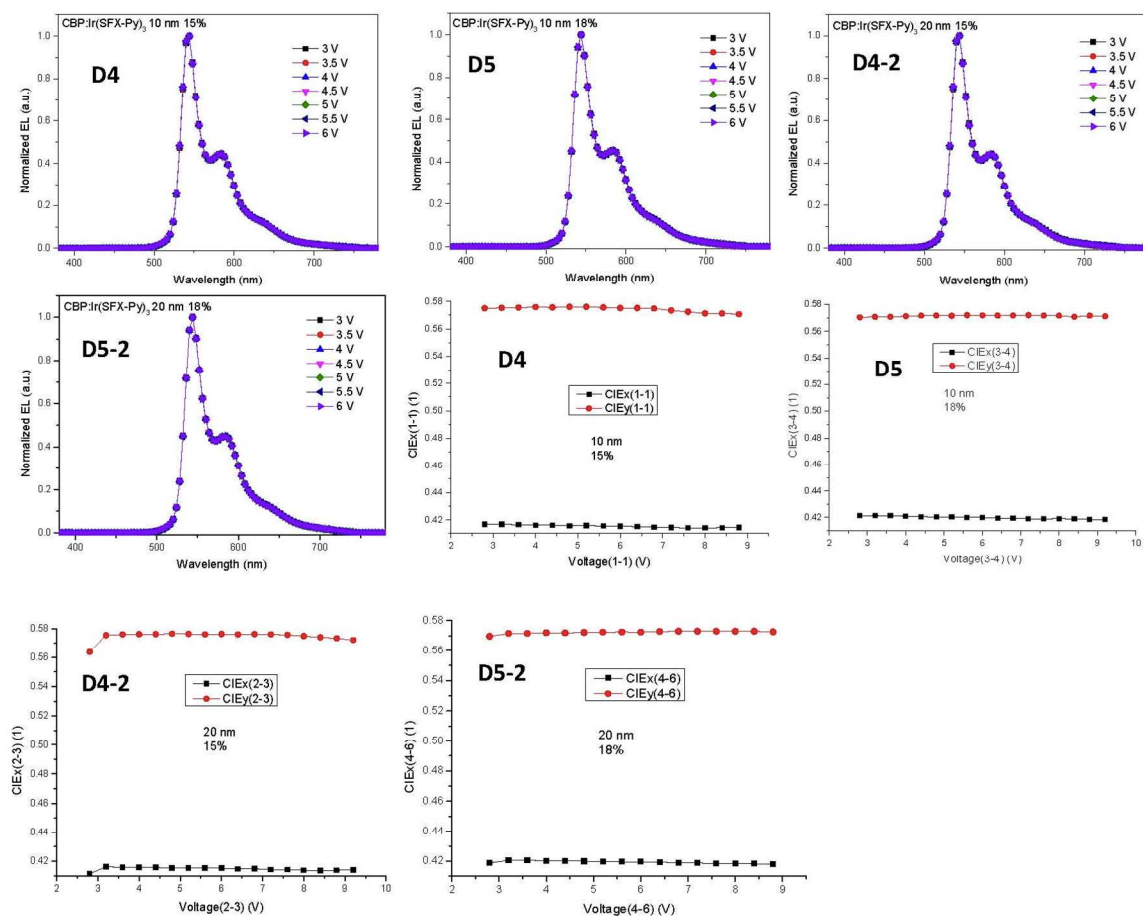


Figure S4. Normalized EL and CIE coordinates curves of devices D4, D5, D4-2, and D5-2.

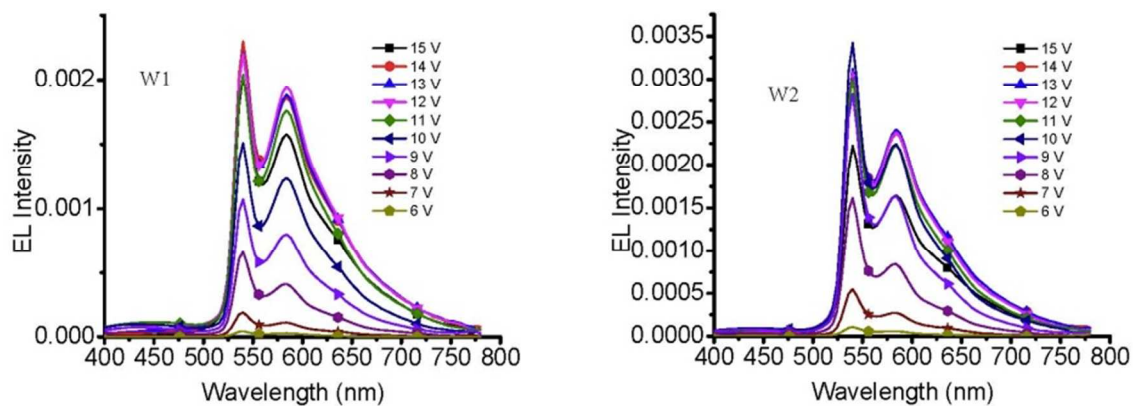


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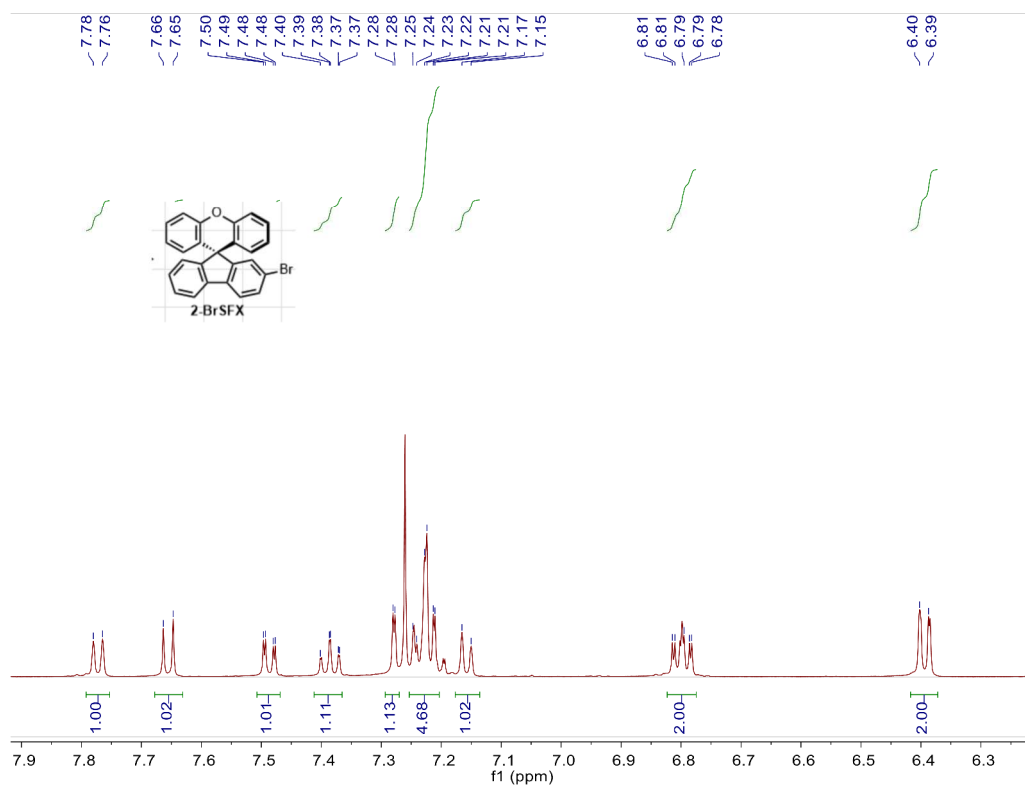


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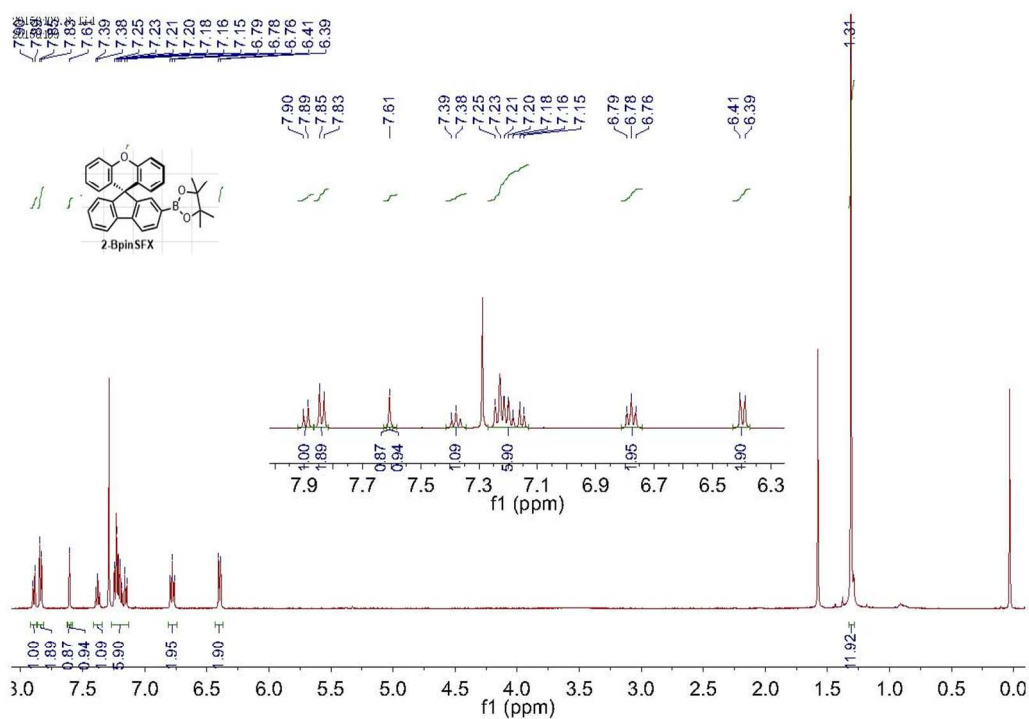


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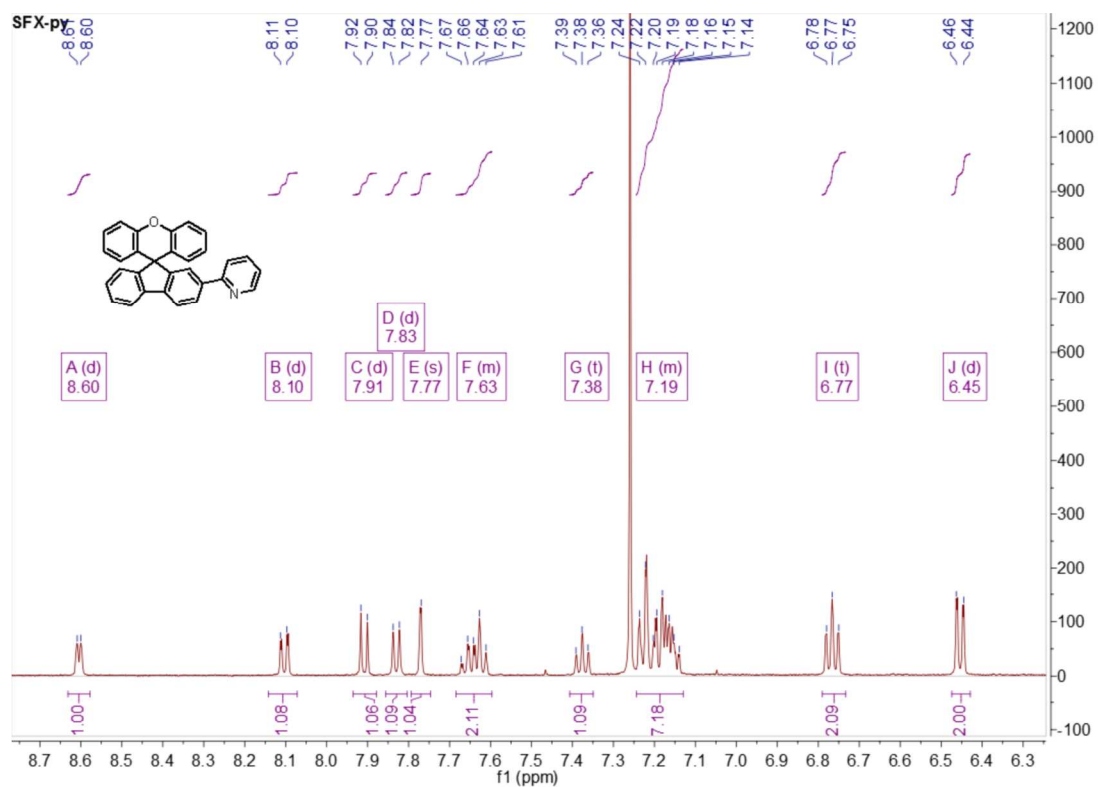


Figure S8. ^1H NMR spectrum (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz, 298 K) of SFXpy.

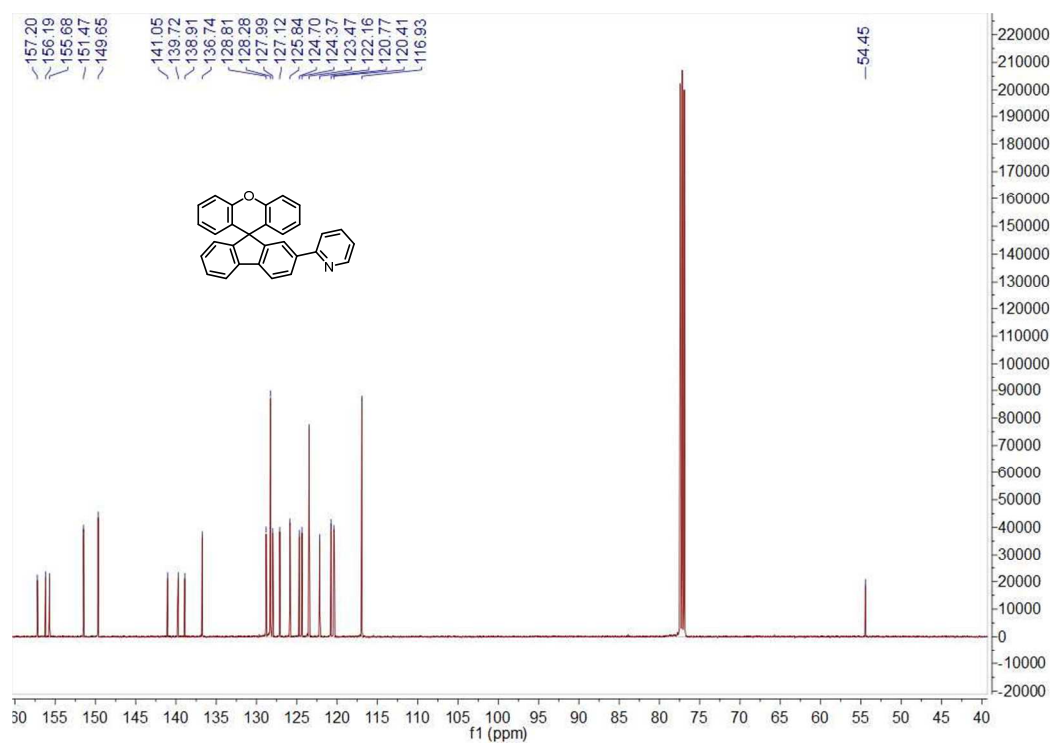


Figure S9. ^{13}C NMR spectrum (CDCl_3 , 125 MHz, 298 K) of SFXpy.

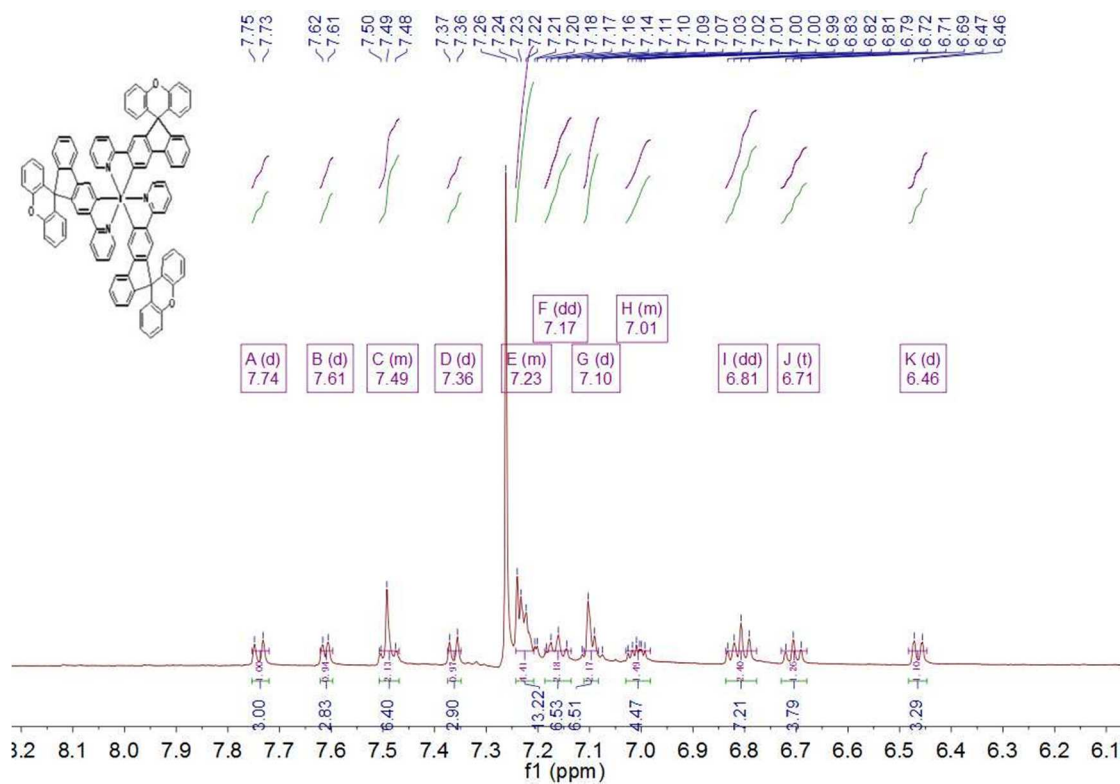


Figure S10. ¹H NMR spectrum (CDCl₃, 500 MHz, 298 K) of *fac*-Ir(SFXpy)₃.

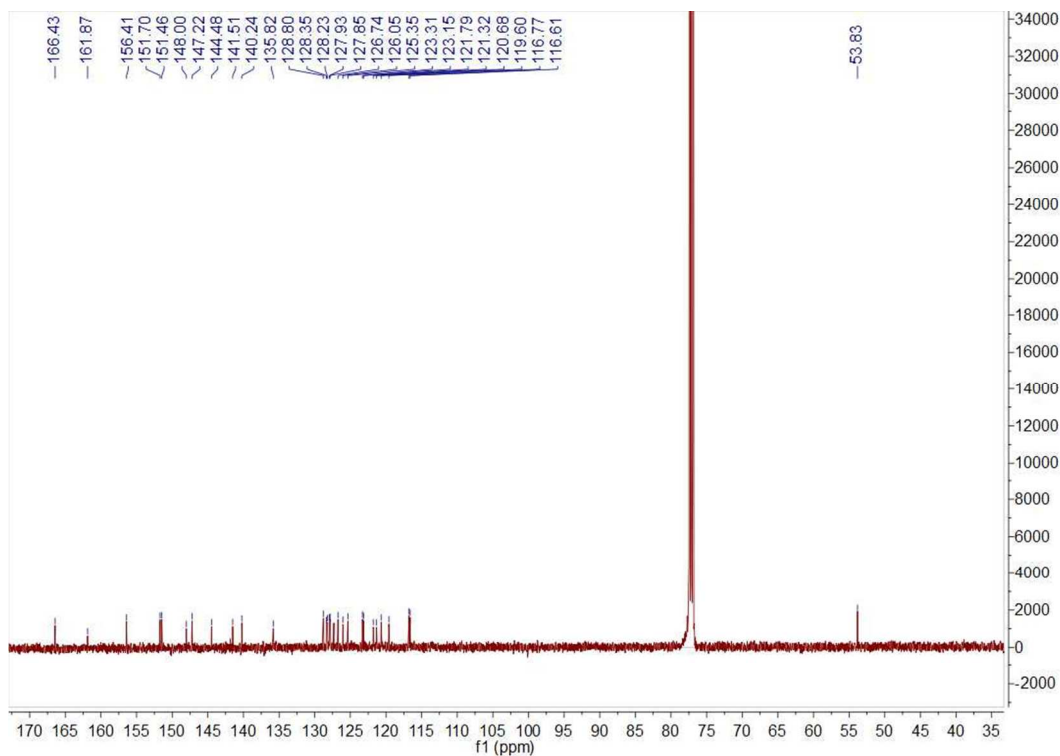


Figure S11. ¹³C NMR spectrum (CDCl₃, 125 MHz, 298 K) of *fac*-Ir(SFXpy)₃.

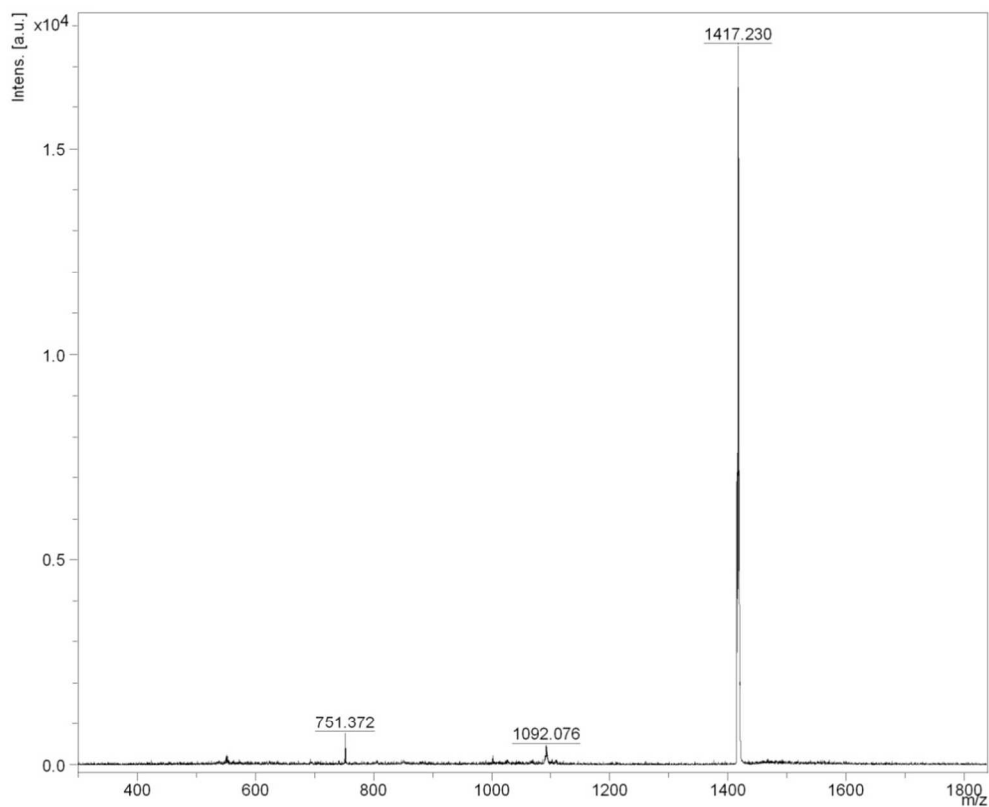


Figure S12. MALDI-TOF MS spectrum of *fac*-Ir(SFXpy)₃.

Table S1. Selected Bond Lengths for *fac*-Ir(SFXpy)₃

Atom	Atom	Length/Å
C ₇	Ir ₁	2.006(8)
C ₄₁	Ir ₁	2.018(8)
C ₇₁	Ir ₁	2.024(7)
N ₃	Ir ₁	2.120(7)
N ₂	Ir ₁	2.119(7)
N ₁	Ir ₁	2.113(7)

Table S2. Selected Bond Angles for *fac*-Ir(SFXpy)₃

Atom	Atom	Atom	Angle/°	Atom	Atom	Atom	Angle/°
C ₈	C ₇	Ir ₁	129.2(6)	C ₆₁	N ₃	Ir ₁	125.1(6)
C ₆	C ₇	Ir ₁	115.8(6)	C ₆₅	N ₃	Ir ₁	115.0(5)
C ₄₀	C ₄₁	Ir ₁	128.1(6)	C ₃₁	N ₂	Ir ₁	125.8(6)
C ₃₆	C ₄₁	Ir ₁	115.5(6)	C ₃₅	N ₂	Ir ₁	115.6(5)
C ₆₆	C ₇₁	Ir ₁	114.8(5)	C ₅	N ₁	Ir ₁	115.4(5)

C ₇₀	C ₇₁	Ir ₁	128.0(5)	C ₁	N ₁	Ir ₁	125.5(7)
C ₇₁	Ir ₁	N ₃	79.2(3)	C ₇	Ir ₁	N ₁	79.5(3)
C ₇₁	Ir ₁	N ₂	90.4(3)	C ₄₁	Ir ₁	C ₇₁	97.5(3)
C ₇₁	Ir ₁	N ₁	171.0(3)	C ₄₁	Ir ₁	N ₃	173.6(3)
C ₇	Ir ₁	C ₇₁	94.1(3)	C ₄₁	Ir ₁	N ₂	79.1(3)
C ₇	Ir ₁	C ₄₁	95.0(3)	C ₄₁	Ir ₁	N ₁	89.4(3)
C ₇	Ir ₁	N ₃	90.8(3)	N ₃	Ir ₁	N ₂	95.3(3)
C ₇	Ir ₁	N ₂	173.0(3)	N ₁	Ir ₁	N ₃	94.5(3)
N ₁	Ir ₁	N ₂	96.6(3)				

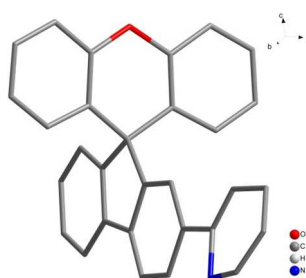


Figure S13. Stick representation of the crystal structure of SFXpy. The hydrogen atoms were omitted for clarity.

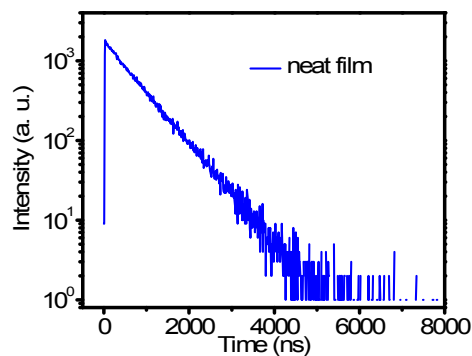


Figure S14. The phosphorescent lifetime (excited at 365 nm) curves under 298 K for the neat films of *fac*-Ir(SFXpy)₃.

Table S3. Crystal data and structure refinement of SFXpy ligand

Identification code	CCDC 1522839
Formula moiety	C ₃₀ H ₁₉ NO
Formula weight	243.22

Crystal system	orthorhombic
Space group	P _{nca} (60)
a	14.615(9)
b	16.663(10)
c	17.269(10)
a/Å	90.00
b/Å	90.00
c/Å	90.00
Volume/Å ³	4205(4)
Z	8
Crystal density	1.293
F(000)	1712
Crystal size	0.2

Table S4. The atomic coordinates of SFXpy ligand

Atom	x/a	y/b	z/c	Atom	x/a	y/b	z/c
O1	0.34747(14)	0.38808(13)	0.58862(10)	H19	0.5021	0.4083	0.5306
C1	0.35828(14)	0.35447(13)	0.83176(11)	C20	0.3956(6)	0.5897(4)	0.9265(5)
C2	0.36537(15)	0.43247(13)	0.85805(12)	H20	0.3927	0.5819	0.8732
H2	0.3671	0.475	0.8232	C21	0.1887(2)	0.40864(19)	0.59533(17)
C3	0.26626(16)	0.35431(13)	0.70725(12)	H21	0.1915	0.4286	0.5451
C4	0.35551(15)	0.29017(13)	0.88327(12)	C22	0.5924(2)	0.37698(18)	0.61200(17)
C5	0.35044(15)	0.21509(13)	0.83880(13)	H22	0.6444	0.3872	0.5825
C6	0.43651(16)	0.34650(13)	0.70034(12)	C23	0.6013(2)	0.34928(18)	0.68664(17)
C7	0.34827(15)	0.23369(14)	0.75994(13)	H23	0.659	0.3403	0.7077
C8	0.35242(15)	0.32462(13)	0.74752(12)	C24	0.3460(2)	0.07614(16)	0.8063(2)
C9	0.36989(16)	0.44686(14)	0.93798(12)	H24	0.3458	0.0226	0.8214
C10	0.37949(17)	0.52968(16)	0.96940(14)	C25	0.3434(2)	0.09470(17)	0.7285(2)
C11	0.26791(18)	0.38286(16)	0.63232(13)	H25	0.3407	0.0538	0.6919
C12	0.52394(17)	0.33507(17)	0.72983(15)	C26	0.1063(2)	0.40440(19)	0.63341(18)
H12	0.5304	0.3172	0.7805	H26	0.0532	0.4217	0.6089
C13	0.42976(18)	0.37427(15)	0.62500(14)	C27	0.1022(2)	0.3748(2)	0.70722(17)
C14	0.36606(19)	0.38195(16)	0.98841(13)	H27	0.0463	0.371	0.7326
H14	0.3685	0.3914	1.0414	C28	0.3931(3)	0.6796(2)	1.0295(3)
C15	0.35874(19)	0.30389(17)	0.96227(14)	H28	0.3964	0.7309	1.0505
H15	0.356	0.2614	0.9971	C29	0.4170(3)	0.6660(2)	0.9527(2)
C16	0.18138(18)	0.35065(18)	0.74373(15)	H29A	0.4449	0.7046	0.9218
H16	0.178	0.3313	0.7942	H29	0.4301	0.7104	0.9221
1	0.3624(4)	0.5301(3)	1.0502(3)	C30	0.3651(3)	0.6171(3)	1.0729(2)

C17	0.34877(17)	0.13513(15)	0.86236(17)	H30A	0.3451	0.6293	1.1226
H17	0.3495	0.1218	0.9147	H30	0.3557	0.6209	1.126
C18	0.34495(19)	0.17410(16)	0.70478(17)	N2	0.4229(4)	0.5897(4)	0.9183(4)
H18	0.3437	0.187	0.6524	C31	0.3533(5)	0.5568(4)	1.0375(4)
C19	0.5077(2)	0.38951(18)	0.58109(16)	H31	0.317	0.5202	1.0641