

Supporting Information

Tuning the Polarity of Charge Carriers Using Electron Deficient Thiophenes

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1. General Experimental

UV-Vis spectra were recorded on a Shimadzu UV-1800 spectrophotometer with chloroform as the solvent.

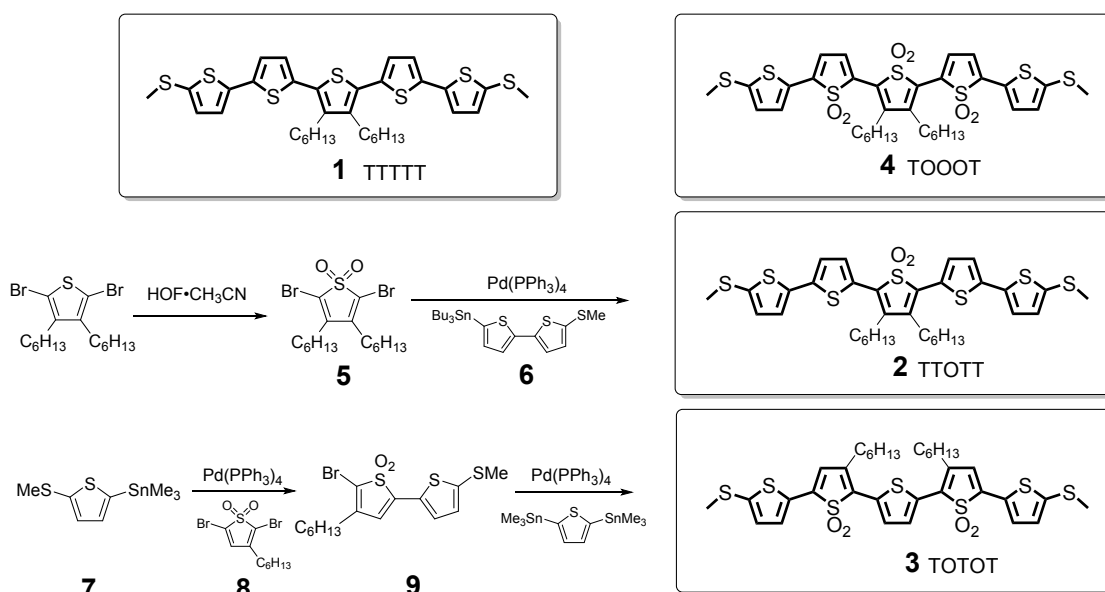
¹H-NMR and ¹³C-NMR were recorded on either a Bruker Avance III 400 (400MHz) or Avance III 500 (500MHz) spectrometer, in chloroform solution (residual solvent peak at $\delta = 7.26$ ppm) unless stated otherwise.

Mass spectra were obtained at the Columbia University mass spectrometry facility using a JEOL JMSHX110A/110A tandem mass spectrometer.

Cyclic voltammetry was performed using single cell setup with a CH Instruments Electrochemical analyser potentiostat. The set up consisted of: a) platinum working electrode, b) platinum wire counter electrode, and c) Ag/AgCl reference electrode, all purchased from BASi. All measurements were carried out in dichloromethane solution containing 0.1 M of supporting electrolyte, tetrabutylammoniumhexafluorophosphate (TBAPF₆), with ~1mg/mL of the desired compound. Oxidation and reduction potentials of the samples were referenced to the ferrocene / ferrocenium (Fc/Fc⁺) redox system to obtain the HOMO and LUMO levels (details in section 3). A scan rate of 0.2Vs⁻¹ was used throughout.

2. Synthetic Details

Oxidations using Rozen's Reagent, HOF. The general procedure for the oxidation of thiophenes by HOF has been detailed elsewhere.^{1,2} Briefly, a mixture of 20% F₂ in N₂ (commercially available) is bubbled through a mixture of acetonitrile and water (10:1 ratio, between 33-66mL) at -15°C for 2-3h. The resulting HOF solution is reacted with a saturated KI solution and the liberated iodine is titrated with 0.1M sodium thiosulfate solution. Concentrations of 0.15 to 0.40M are usually obtained.



Scheme S1. Full structures of all unsubstituted TDO-containing pentamers showing alkyl chains and synthetic routes to TTOTT and TOTOT.

Compounds **1**³, **4**⁴, **6**³ and **8**^{1,5} were synthesized as previously reported. All other unlabelled compounds were commercially available. All palladium coupling and lithiation reactions were done in oven-dried glassware using dry solvents from a solvent still.

Compound 5 (2,5-dibromo-3,4-dihexylthiophene-1,1-dioxide)

This compound has been previously prepared using mCPBA as the oxidant.⁶ Here we use Rozen's reagent. A solution of 2,5-dibromo-3,4-dihexylthiophene (138mg, 0.34mmol, 1eq) in DCM (15mL) was cooled to 0°C and a freshly prepared solution of HOF·CH₃CN (0.16M, 8.4mL, 1.35mmol, 4eq) was added dropwise. The reaction was allowed to warm to room temperature and stirred overnight, then quenched with saturated sodium bicarbonate solution. The mixture was extracted twice with DCM and the organic layer was washed with water and dried over MgSO₄. The crude product was purified by column chromatography (silica gel, 5% ethyl acetate in hexanes as eluent) to yield the product as a pale yellow oil (130mg, 87%). ¹H-NMR (300MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.39 (t, 4H), 1.62-1.24 (m, 16H), 0.91 (t, 6H).

Compound 2 (TTOTT)

Compound **5** (26mg, 0.06mmol, 1eq), compound **6** (58mg, 0.12mmol, 2eq) and Pd(PPh₃)₄ (3.3mg, 0.0029mmol, 5%eq) were added to a sealed reaction vial which was evacuated and refilled with nitrogen. Dry DMF (2ml) was added and the solution was stirred at 80°C for 12h. The solution was subsequently poured into water and extracted with ether. The organic extracts were dried with MgSO₄. The solvent was removed and the crude product purified by column chromatography (silica gel, 50% DCM in hexanes as eluent) to yield a burgundy powder (25mg, 60%). ¹H-NMR (500MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.63 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 2H), 7.18 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 2H), 7.09 (d, *J* = 3.7 Hz, 2H), 7.00 (d, *J* = 3.7 Hz, 2H), 2.68 (t, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 4H), 2.54 (s, 6H), 1.67-1.58 (m, 4H), 1.42-1.20 (m, 12H), 0.93 (t, 6H). ¹³C-NMR (500MHz, CDCl₃) δ 139.55, 138.25, 138.07, 136.96, 131.44, 130.18, 129.73, 127.55, 124.78, 124.41, 31.34, 29.63, 28.51, 27.19, 22.55, 21.86, 14.05. HRMS (ESI+) Calculated for C₃₄H₄₀O₂NaS₇: 727.0971; Observed: 727.0973.

Compound 7 (2-methylthio-5-trimethylstannylthiophene)

2-(methylthio)thiophene (8.14g, 62.5mmol, 1eq) was placed in a schlenk flask which was evacuated and refilled with nitrogen. Dry THF (30mL) was added and the solution was cooled to -78°C. n-Butyl lithium (2.5M in hexanes, 26.3mL, 65.7mmol, 1.05eq) was added dropwise and the solution was stirred for 1h at -78°C, then half an hour at 0°C. The solution was cooled again to -78°C and trimethyltin chloride (13.1g, 65.7mmol, 1.05eq) was added in one portion and the reaction was allowed to warm to room temperature overnight. 5mL of water was then added to quench the reaction and the volatile solvents were removed. The residue was dissolved in DCM, washed with water and dried over MgSO₄. The solvent was removed and the product was obtained as a dark brown oil (17.8g, 97%). The crude product was used without further purification. ¹H-NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.15 (d, *J* = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 7.05 (d, *J* = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 2.50 (s, 3H) 0.36 (s, 9H). ¹³C-NMR (500MHz, CDCl₃) δ 142.37, 141.18, 135.49, 131.37, 22.00, -8.22. HRMS (ASAP+) Calculated for C₈H₁₄S₂Sn: 293.9559; Observed: 293.9557.

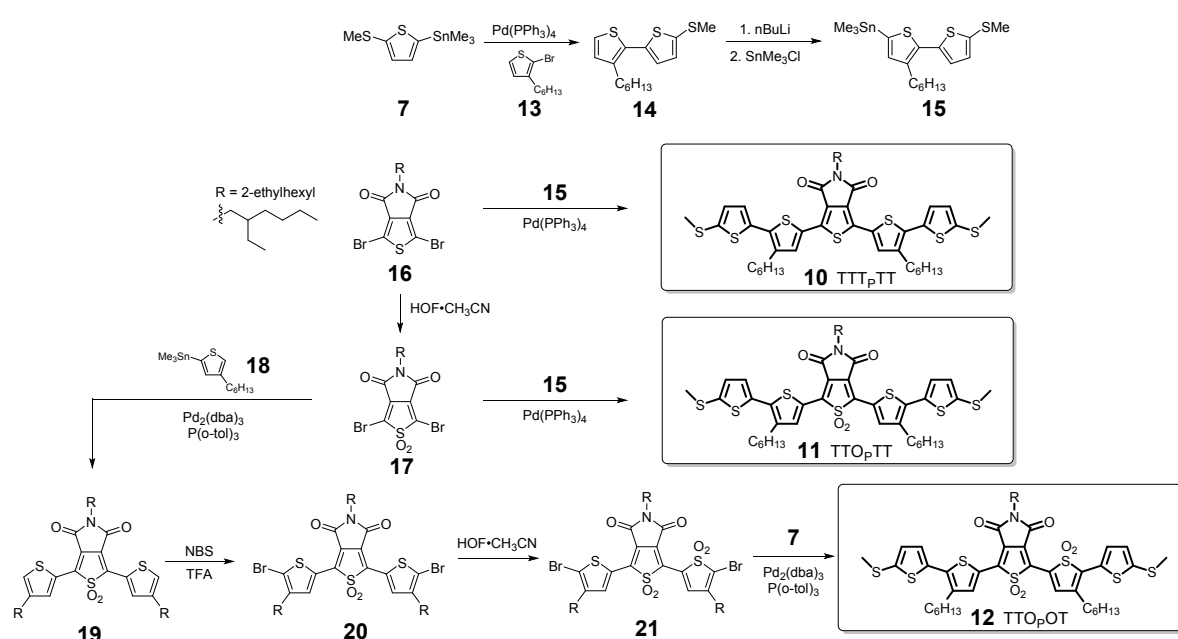
Compound 9 (5-bromo-4-hexyl-5'-(methylthio)-[2,2'-bithiophene] 1,1-dioxide)

Compound **7** (573mg, 1.95mmol, 1eq), compound **8** (700mg, 1.95mmol, 1eq) and Pd(PPh₃)₄ (113mg, 5% eq) were placed in a sealed reaction vial which was evacuated and refilled with nitrogen. Dry toluene (10mL) was added and the reaction was stirred at 95°C for 2h. The solvent was removed and the residue was dissolved in DCM, washed with water and dried over MgSO₄. After removal of solvent, the crude product was purified by column chromatography (silica gel, 50% DCM in hexanes as eluent). The product was isolated as a yellow oil (405mg, 51%). ¹H-NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.47 (d, *J* = 3.9 Hz, 1H), 6.98 (d, *J* = 3.9 Hz, 1H), 6.51 (s, 1H), 2.56 (s, 3H), 2.41(t, 2H), 1.62-1.53 (s, 2H), 1.42-1.26 (s, 6H), 0.90 (t, 3H). ¹³C-NMR (500MHz, CDCl₃) δ 143.46, 141.80, 137.20, 129.80, 129.58,

119.45, 113.31, 31.43, 30.02, 28.84, 26.42, 22.46, 20.61, 14.02. HRMS (ASAP+) Calculated for $C_{15}H_{20}O_2S_3Br$: 406.9809; Observed: 406.9815.

Compound 3 (TOTOT)

Compound **9** (179mg, 0.44mmol, 2.3eq), 2,5-bis(trimethylstannyl)thiophene (78mg, 0.19mmol, 1eq) and $Pd(PPh_3)_4$ (11mg, 5% eq) were placed in a sealed reaction vial which was evacuated and refilled with nitrogen. Dry toluene (7mL) was added and the reaction was stirred at 110°C for 24h. The solvent was removed and the residue was dissolved in DCM, washed with water and dried over $MgSO_4$. After removal of solvent, the crude product was purified by column chromatography (silica gel, 80% DCM in hexanes as eluent). The product was isolated as a dark purple solid (73mg, 52%). 1H -NMR (400MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.69 (s, 2H), 7.51 (d, $J = 3.9$ Hz, 2H), 7.01 (d, $J = 3.9$ Hz, 2H), 6.59 (s, 2H), 2.67 (t, 4H), 2.57 (s, 6H), 1.66 (m, 4H), 1.51-1.39 (m, 4H), 1.38-1.28 (m, 8H), 0.91 (t, 6H). ^{13}C -NMR (500MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 143.43, 137.05, 135.81, 130.91, 129.67, 129.14, 129.03, 128.95, 121.07, 31.57, 30.62, 29.37, 27.42, 22.55, 20.66, 14.07. HRMS (ESI+) Calculated for $C_{34}H_{41}O_4S_7$: 737.1050; Observed: 737.1028.



Scheme S2. Synthesis of pentamers bearing the thienopyrrolodione unit.

Compounds **13**⁷, **16**⁸, and **18**⁷ were synthesized as previously reported. All other unlabelled compounds were commercially available. All palladium coupling and lithiation reactions were done in oven-dried glassware using dry solvents from a solvent still.

Compound 14 (*3-hexyl-5'-(methylthio)-2,2'-bithiophene*)

Compound **7** (2.53g, 8.67mmol, 1.02eq), compound **13** (2.10g, 8.50mmol, 1eq) and Pd(PPh₃)₄ (491mg, 5% eq) were placed in a sealed reaction vial which was evacuated and refilled with nitrogen. Dry toluene (30mL) was added and the reaction was stirred at 110°C for 24h. The solvent was removed and the residue was dissolved in DCM, washed with water and dried over MgSO₄. After removal of solvent, the crude product was purified by column chromatography (silica gel, hexanes as eluent). The product was isolated as a yellow oil (1.80g, 71%). ¹H-NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.16 (d, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 7.02 (d, *J* = 3.7 Hz, 1H), 6.94 (d, *J* = 3.7 Hz, 1H), 6.92 (d, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 2.73 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.52 (s, 3H), 1.62 (m, 2H), 1.40 – 1.26 (m, 6H), 0.88 (t, 3H). ¹³C-NMR (500MHz, CDCl₃) δ 139.84, 138.65, 136.81, 131.44, 130.28, 130.00, 126.05, 123.89, 31.68, 30.71, 29.22, 29.19, 22.64, 22.21, 14.13. HRMS (ASAP+) Calculated for C₁₅H₂₁S₃: 297.0805; Observed: 297.0808.

Compound 15 (*3-hexyl-5-trimethylstannyl-5'-(methylthio)-2,2'-bithiophene*)

Compound **14** (1.55g, 5.25mmol, 1eq) was placed in a schlenk flask which was evacuated and refilled with nitrogen. Dry THF (20mL) was added and the solution was cooled to -78°C. n-Butyl lithium (2.5M in hexanes, 2.20mL, 5.51mmol, 1.05eq) was added dropwise and the solution was stirred for 1h at -0°C. The solution was cooled again to -78°C and trimethyltin chloride (1.10g, 5.51mmol, 1.05eq) was added in one portion and the reaction was allowed to warm to room temperature overnight. 5mL of water was then added to quench the reaction and the volatile solvents were removed. The residue was dissolved in DCM, washed with water and dried over MgSO₄. The solvent was removed and the product was obtained as a dark brown oil (2.06g, 86%). The crude product was used for subsequent steps without further purification. ¹H-NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.02 (d, *J* = 3.7 Hz, 1H), 6.98 (s, 1H), 6.93 (d, *J* = 3.7 Hz, 1H), 2.74 (t, 2H), 2.51 (s, 3H), 1.63 (m, 2H), 1.44 – 1.25 (m, 6H), 0.89 (t, 3H), 0.37 (s, 9H). ¹³C-NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 140.96, 139.05, 138.29, 136.70, 136.46, 135.98, 131.49, 125.56, 31.66, 30.82, 29.35, 29.12, 22.62, 22.20, 14.09, -8.23. HRMS (ASAP+) Calculated for C₁₈H₂₉S₃Sn: 461.0453; Observed: 461.0448.

Compound 11 (TTT_PTT)

Compound **16** (150mg, 0.354mmol, 1eq), compound **15** (374mg, 0.815mmol, 2.3eq) and Pd(PPh₃)₄ (20.5mg, 5% eq) were placed in a sealed reaction vial which was evacuated and refilled with nitrogen. Dry toluene (2mL) was added and the reaction was stirred at 110°C for 24h. The solvent was removed and the residue was dissolved in DCM, washed with water and dried over MgSO₄. After removal of solvent, the crude product was purified by column chromatography (silica gel, 50% chloroform in hexanes as eluent). The product was isolated as a red solid (146mg, 48%). ¹H-NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.84 (s, 2H), 7.05 (d, *J* = 3.8 Hz, 2H), 7.03 (d, *J* = 3.7 Hz, 2H), 3.56 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 2.76 (t, 4H), 2.54 (s, 6H), 1.88 (m, 1H), 1.68 (m, 4H), 1.46 – 1.24 (m, 20H), 0.90 (t, 12H). ¹³C-NMR (500MHz, CDCl₃) δ 162.87, 140.95, 138.52, 137.11, 135.89, 134.13, 132.83, 131.05, 130.03, 128.35, 126.77,

42.66, 38.16, 31.63, 30.56, 30.48, 29.42, 29.24, 28.56, 23.88, 23.09, 22.64, 21.91, 14.10, 10.49.

HRMS (ASAP+) Calculated for $C_{44}H_{56}NO_2S_7$: 854.2356; Observed: 854.2352.

Compound 17 (Oxidized *1,3-dibromo-5-(2-ethylhexyl)-4H-thieno[3,4-c]pyrrole-4,6(5H)-dione*)

A solution of compound **16** (970mg, 2.29mmol, 1eq) in DCM (15mL) was cooled to 0°C and a freshly prepared solution of $HO\cdot CH_3CN$ (0.66M, 21mL, 13.8mmol, 6eq) was added dropwise. The reaction was allowed to warm to room temperature and stirred overnight, then quenched with saturated sodium bicarbonate solution. The mixture was extracted twice with DCM and the organic layer was washed with water and dried over $MgSO_4$. The crude product was purified by column chromatography (silica gel, 50% DCM in hexanes as eluent) to yield the product as a pale, off-white solid (438mg, 42%). 1H -NMR (400MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 3.61 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 1.80 (m, 1H), 1.40 – 1.20 (m, 8H), 0.92 (m, 6H). ^{13}C -NMR (500 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 159.56, 127.06, 119.86, 44.04, 38.12, 30.52, 28.41, 23.86, 22.89, 14.04, 10.27. HRMS (ASAP+) Calculated for $C_{14}H_{18}NO_4SBr_2$: 453.9303; Observed: 453.9313.

Compound 10 (TTO_pTT)

Compound **17** (75mg, 0.165mmol, 1eq), compound **15** (167mg, 0.363mmol, 2.2eq) and $Pd(PPh_3)_4$ (9.5mg, 5% eq) were placed in a sealed reaction vial which was evacuated and refilled with nitrogen. Dry toluene (7mL) was added and the reaction was stirred at 110°C for 24h. The solvent was removed and the residue was dissolved in chloroform, washed with water and dried over $MgSO_4$. After removal of solvent, the crude product was purified by column chromatography (silica gel, 30% chloroform in hexanes as eluent). The product was isolated as a dark blue solid (36mg, 25%). 1H -NMR (400MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 8.02 (s, 2H), 7.22 (d, J = 3.8 Hz, 2H), 7.04 (d, J = 3.8 Hz, 2H), 3.66 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 2.83 (m, 4H), 2.57 (s, 6H), 1.91 (m, 1H), 1.71 (m, 4H), 1.51 – 1.20 (m, 20H), 0.91 (m, 12H). ^{13}C -NMR (500MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 163.06, 141.45, 141.20, 140.96, 136.73, 136.07, 133.67, 130.50, 128.09, 125.53, 114.92, 43.57, 38.08, 31.57, 30.57, 30.20, 29.42, 29.21, 28.50, 23.91, 23.03, 22.61, 21.48, 14.07, 10.41. HRMS (ESI+) Calculated for $C_{44}H_{55}NO_4S_7$: 908.2074; Observed: 908.2094.

Compound 19

Compound **18** (299mg, 0.905mmol, 2.3eq), $Pd_2(dba)_3$ (18mg, 5% eq) and $P(o-tol)_3$ (12mg, 10% eq) were placed in a sealed reaction vial which was evacuated and refilled with nitrogen. Separately, compound **17** was dissolved in dry chlorobenzene (5mL) under nitrogen. This solution of compound **17** was transferred to the reaction vial via syringe and the reaction was stirred at 120°C for 24h. The solvent was removed and the residue was dissolved in chloroform, washed with water and dried over $MgSO_4$. After removal of solvent, the crude product was purified by column chromatography (silica gel, 30% dichloromethane in hexanes as eluent). The product was isolated as a viscous red liquid

(172mg, 69%). $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (500MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.06 (d, $J = 1.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.42 (d, $J = 1.0$ Hz, 2H), 3.66 (d, $J = 7.4$, 2H), 2.69 (t, 4H), 1.89 (m, 1H), 1.67 (m, 4H), 1.43 – 1.21 (m, 20H), 0.98 – 0.82 (m, 12H). $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ (500MHz, CDCl_3) δ 162.88, 145.70, 134.94, 134.80, 130.69, 127.52, 115.34, 43.54, 38.10, 31.59, 30.58, 30.34, 30.15, 28.91, 28.48, 23.93, 23.00, 22.58, 14.06, 10.40. HRMS (ASAP+) Calculated for $\text{C}_{34}\text{H}_{48}\text{NO}_4\text{S}_3$: 630.2745; Observed: 630.2756.

Compound 20

Compound **19** (172mg, 0.273mmol, 1eq) was dissolved in a mixture of trifluoroacetic acid (15mL) and chloroform (15mL). The solution was protected from light and N-bromosuccinimide (102mg, 0.573mmol, 2.1eq) was added portion-wise over 1h. The reaction was stirred overnight and water was subsequently added to quench it. The organic layer was extracted with chloroform, washed with water and dried over MgSO_4 . The crude product was purified by column chromatography (silica gel, 30% dichloromethane in hexanes as eluent) to yield a red viscous liquid (206mg, 96%). $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (500MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.82 (s, 2H), 3.64 (d, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 2H), 2.64 (t, 4H), 1.87 (m, 1H), 1.64 (m, 4H), 1.45 – 1.20 (m, 20H), 0.99 – 0.82 (m, 12H). $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ (500MHz, CDCl_3) δ 162.85, 144.81, 134.12, 133.45, 127.68, 122.02, 115.45, 43.64, 38.16, 31.51, 30.60, 29.49, 29.43, 28.88, 28.50, 23.93, 23.00, 22.57, 14.05, 10.38. HRMS (ASAP+) Calculated for $\text{C}_{34}\text{H}_{46}\text{NO}_4\text{S}_3\text{Br}_2$: 788.0937; Observed: 788.0936.

Compound 21

A solution of compound **20** (206mg, 0.262mmol, 1eq) in chloroform (3mL) was cooled to 0°C and a freshly prepared solution of $\text{HOF}\cdot\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$ (0.47M, 4.5mL, 2.09mmol, 8eq) was added dropwise. The reaction was allowed to warm to room temperature and stirred overnight, then quenched with saturated sodium bicarbonate solution. The mixture was extracted twice with DCM and the organic layer was washed with water and dried over MgSO_4 . The crude product was purified by column chromatography (silica gel, 60% DCM in hexanes as eluent) to yield the product as a red solid (7mg, 3%). $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (500MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.89 (s, 1H), 7.72 (s, 1H), 3.65 (d, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 2H), 2.64 (t, 2H), 2.48 (t, 2H), 1.89 (m, 1H), 1.62 (m, 4H), 1.45 – 1.15 (m, 20H), 0.98 – 0.79 (m, 12H). $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ (500MHz, CDCl_3) δ 162.39, 160.92, 145.60, 140.21, 136.03, 136.00, 135.40, 130.59, 127.59, 125.82, 125.35, 124.47, 121.28, 114.61, 44.04, 38.02, 31.48, 31.38, 30.52, 29.76, 29.71, 29.44, 29.41, 28.85, 28.39, 26.45, 23.87, 23.00, 22.55, 22.45, 14.04, 10.30. HRMS (ESI+) Calculated for $\text{C}_{34}\text{H}_{45}\text{Br}_2\text{NO}_6\text{S}_3\text{Na}$: 842.0655; Observed: 842.0601.

Compound 12 (TTO_pOT)

Compound **21** (7mg, 0.00854mmol, 1eq), compound **7** (5.7mg, 0.0196mmol, 2.3eq), $\text{Pd}_2(\text{dba})_3$ (0.39mg, 5% eq) and $\text{P}(\text{o-tol})_3$ (0.26mg, 10% eq) were placed in a sealed reaction vial which was evacuated and refilled with nitrogen. Dry chlorobenzene (3mL) was added and the reaction was stirred at 120°C for 24h. The solvent was removed and the residue was purified by preparative TLC

(silica gel, 75% DCM in hexanes) to yield the product as a dark blue solid (4mg, 51%). ^1H -NMR (500MHz, CD_2Cl_2) δ 8.08 (s, 1H), 7.96 (s, 1H), 7.72 (d, $J = 4.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.30 (d, $J = 3.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.11 (d, $J = 3.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.07 (d, $J = 3.9$ Hz, 1H), 3.64 (d, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 2H), 2.86 (t, 2H), 2.73 (t, 2H), 2.65 (s, 3H), 2.59 (s, 3H), 1.86 (m, 1H), 1.71 (m, 4H), 1.53 – 1.18 (m, 20H), 0.99 – 0.79 (m, 12H). ^{13}C -NMR (500MHz, CD_2Cl_2) δ 162.59, 161.60, 147.09, 143.50, 142.37, 142.03, 138.34, 135.57, 135.44, 134.21, 132.10, 131.58, 130.02, 128.98, 128.65, 128.44, 128.30, 126.02, 125.27, 122.91, 114.47, 43.64, 38.18, 31.54, 31.49, 30.54, 30.19, 30.06, 29.68, 29.39, 29.21, 29.13, 28.48, 27.29, 23.89, 23.00, 22.58, 22.51, 20.97, 19.95, 13.81, 10.15. HRMS (ESI+) Calculated for $\text{C}_{44}\text{H}_{55}\text{NO}_6\text{S}_7\text{Na}$: 940.1972; Observed: 940.1969.

3. Conductance Histograms

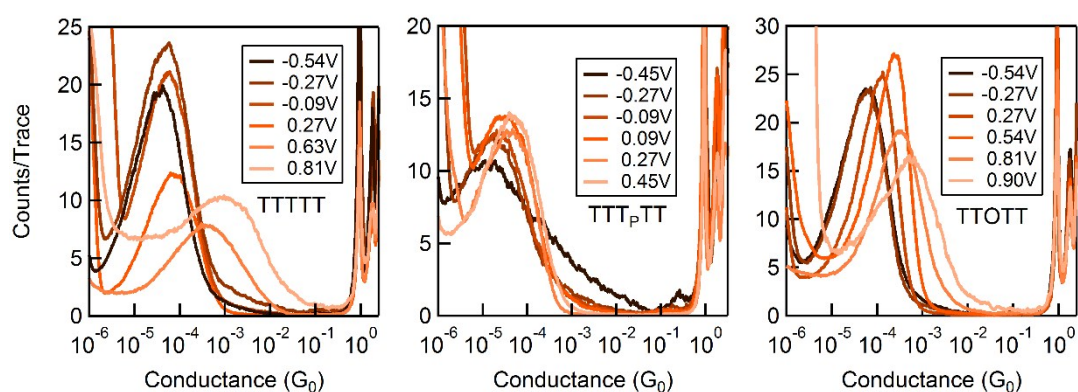


Figure S1. Selected conductance histograms for the HOMO-conducting molecules.

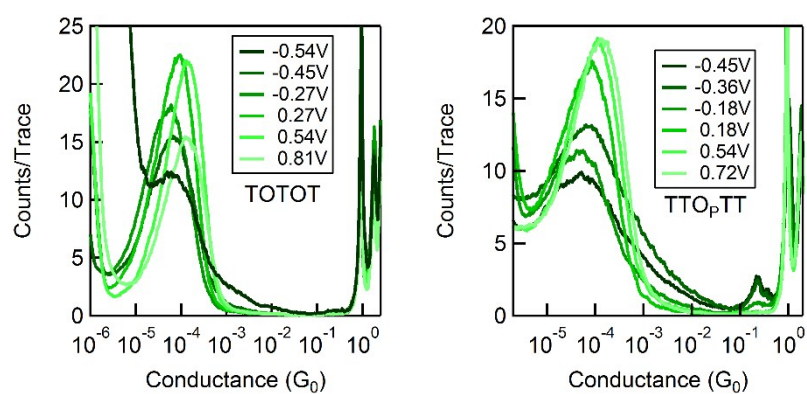


Figure S2. Selected conductance histograms for the ambipolar molecules.

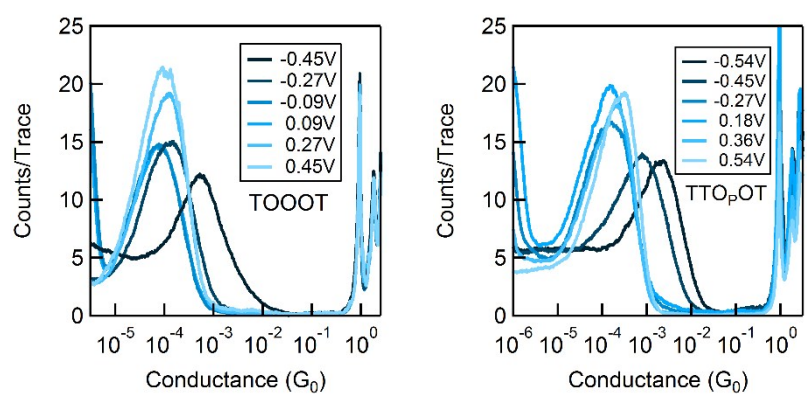


Figure S3. Selected conductance histograms for the LUMO-conducting molecules.

4. Cyclic Voltammograms

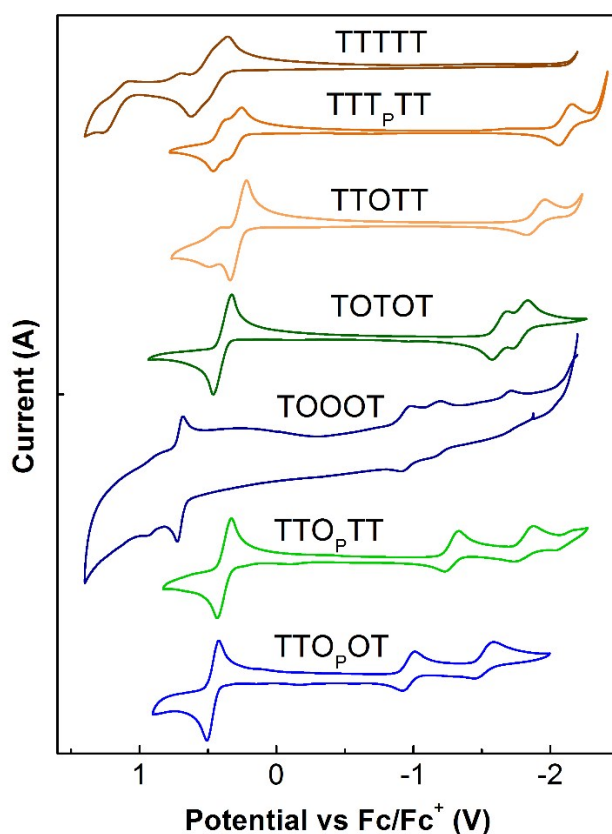


Figure S4. Cyclic voltammograms of thiophene pentamers.

Using figure S4 above, the reduction and oxidation onsets for the thiophene pentamers were obtained. These were converted to HOMO and LUMO levels by calibrating against the redox potential of ferrocene/ferrocenium (Fc/Fc^+), which is assumed to have an absolute energy level at -4.80eV relative to vacuum.⁹ The following formulae were used:

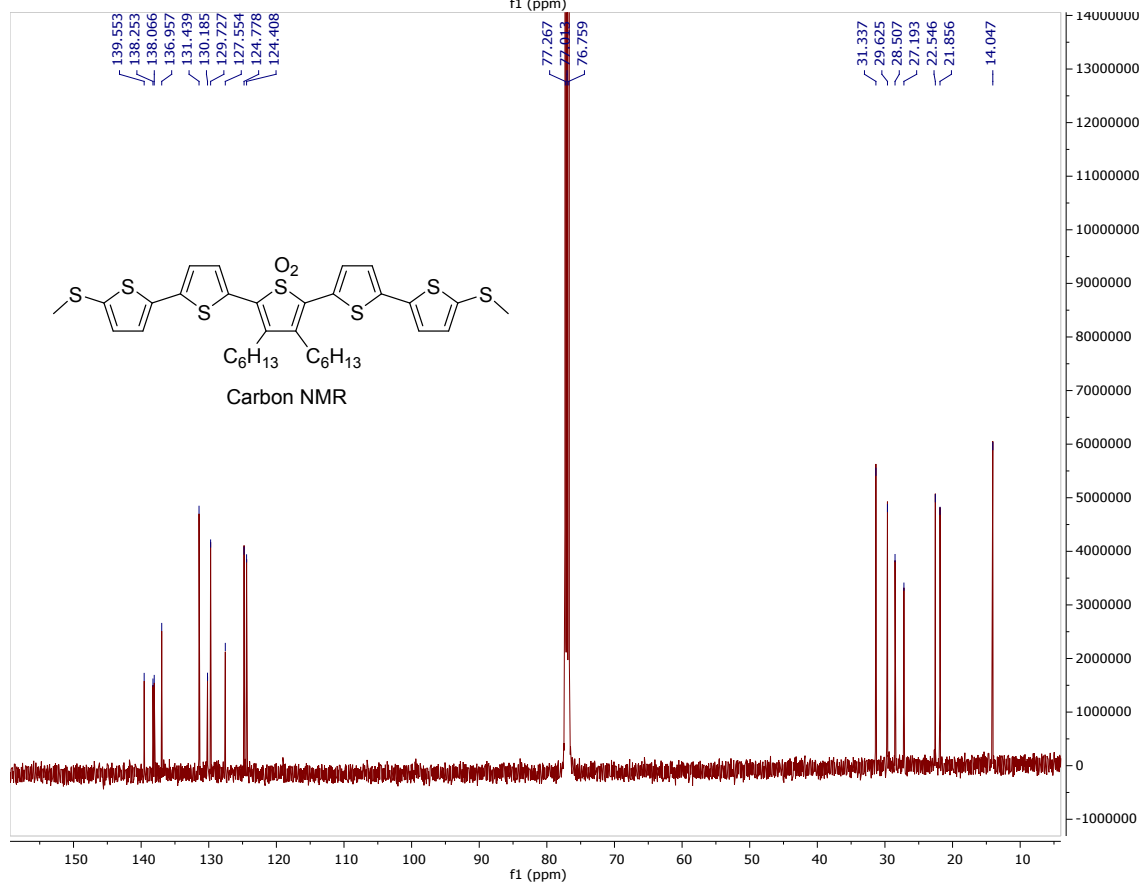
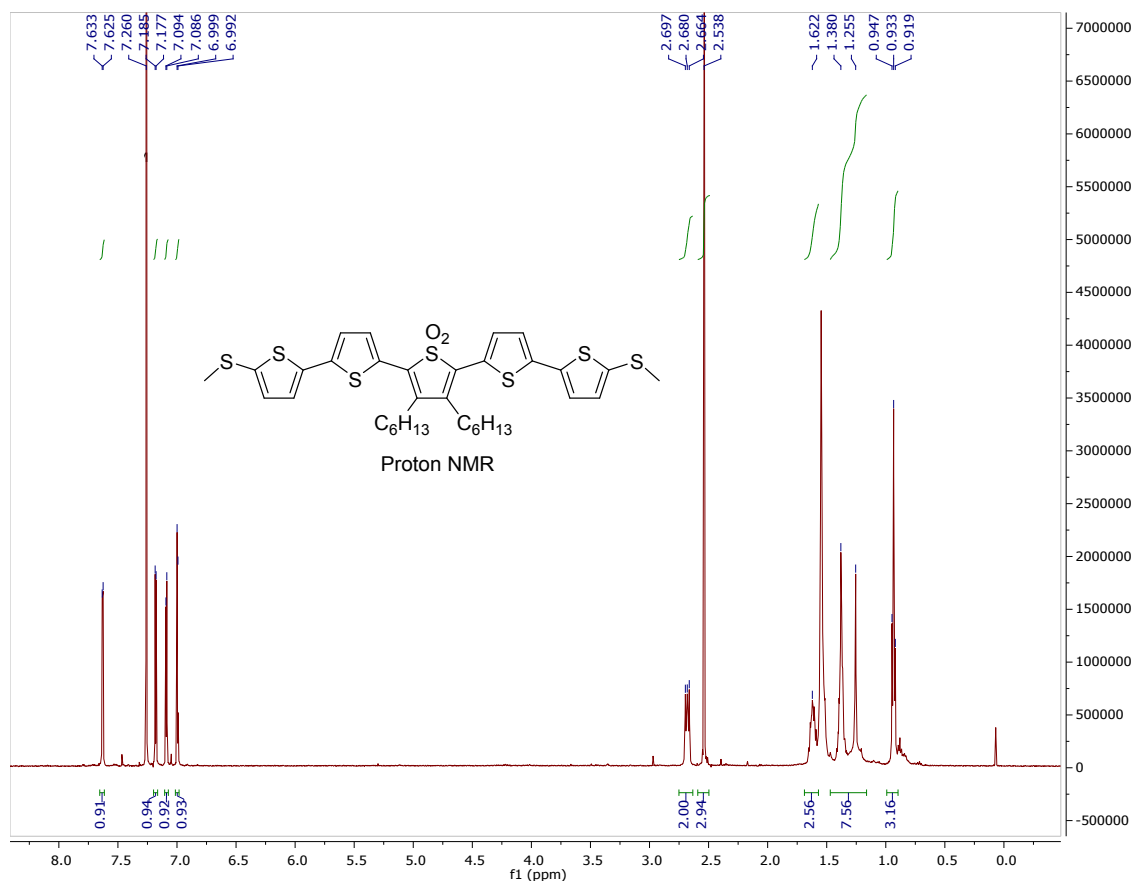
$$\text{HOMO} = -e(E_{\text{onset, Ox}} + (-E_{\text{Fc}})) \text{ (eV)} \quad \text{LUMO} = -e(E_{\text{onset, Red}} + (-E_{\text{Fc}})) \text{ (eV)}$$

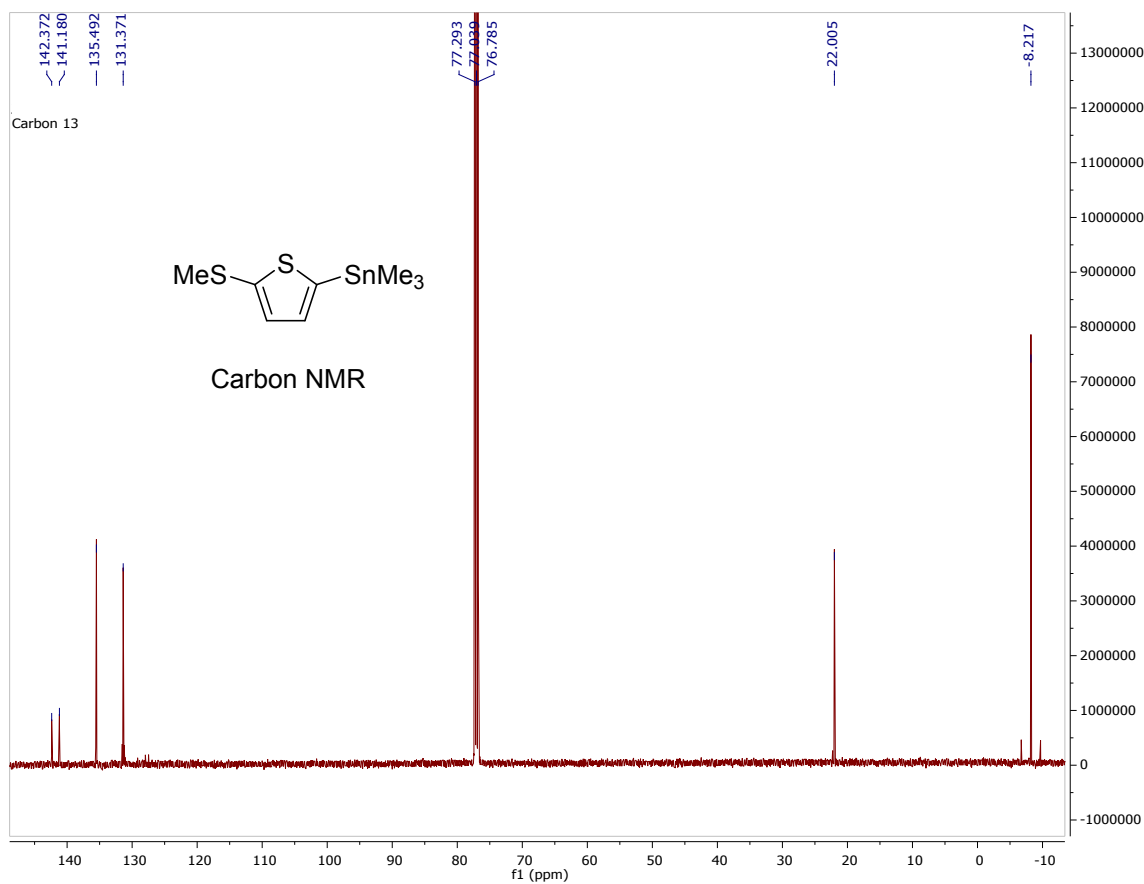
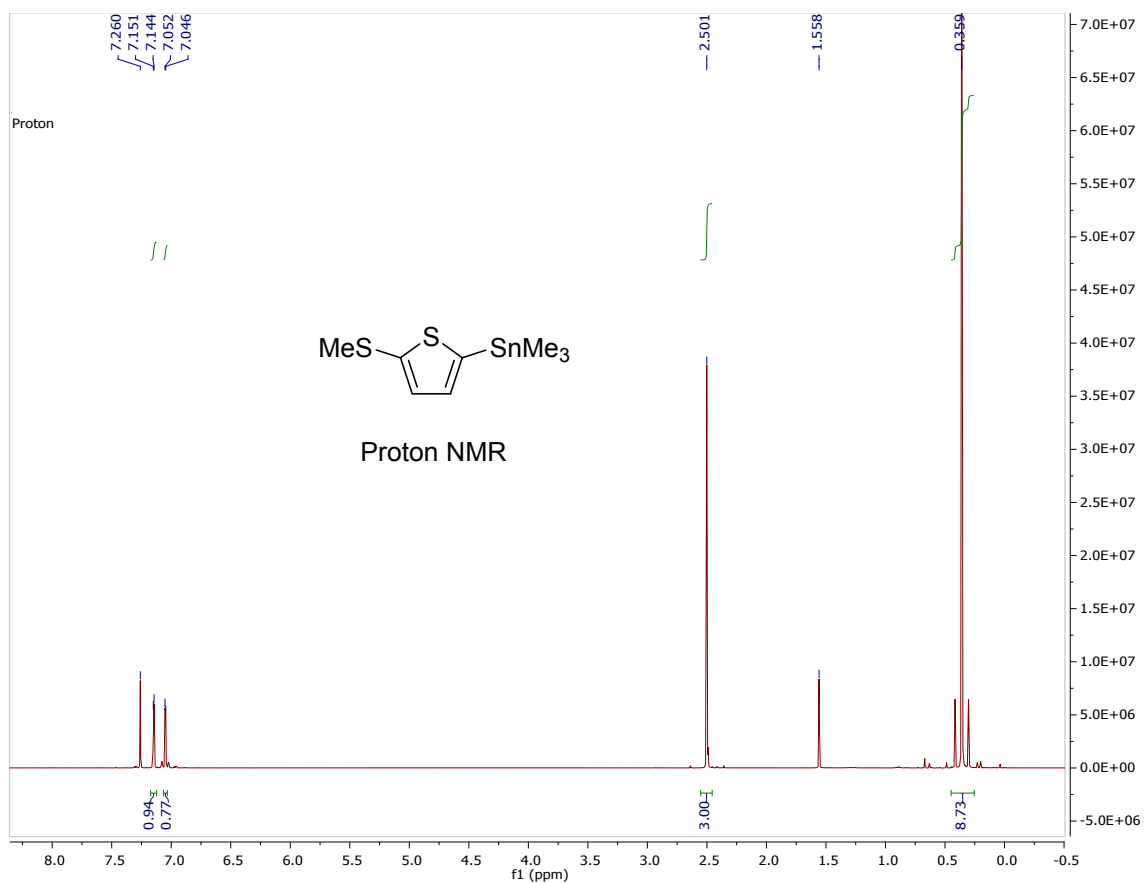
Table S1. Reduction and oxidation onsets (versus Fc/Fc^+) of the thiophene pentamers, along with the electrochemical and optical band gaps (taken from absorption onset).

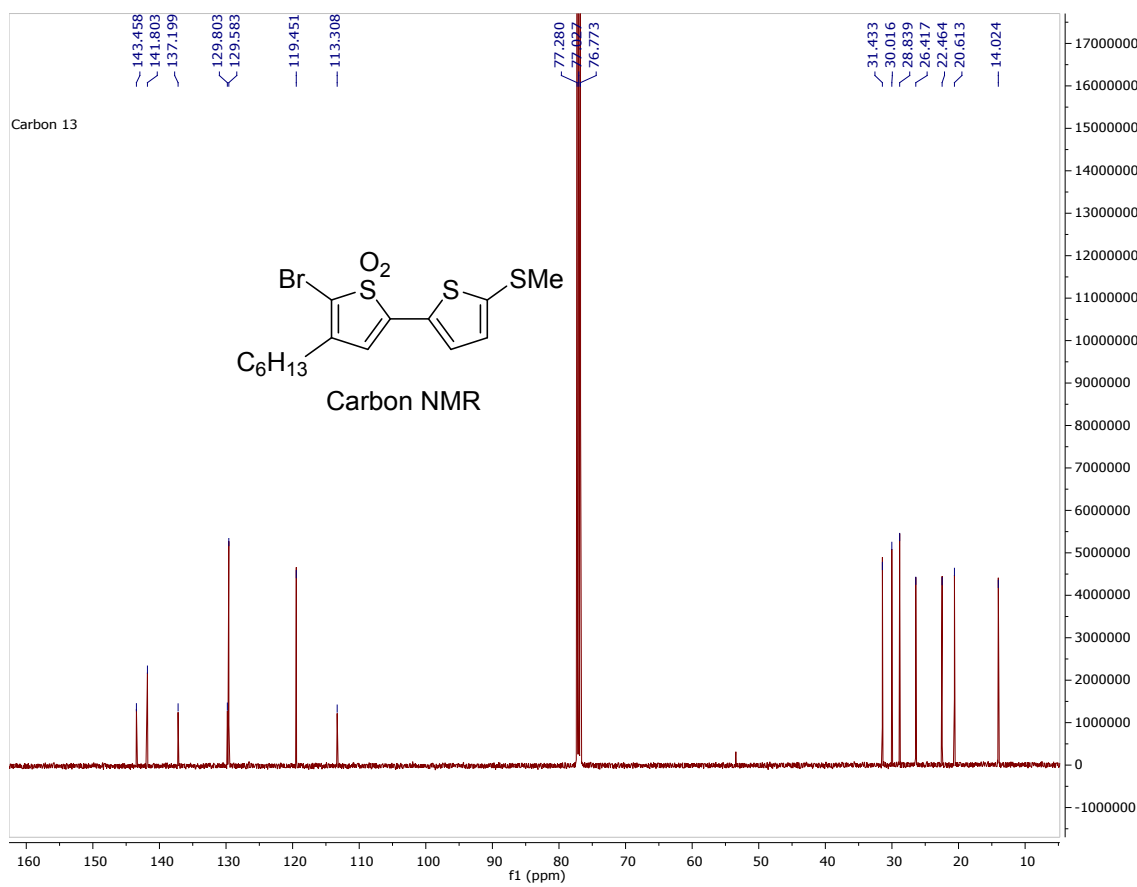
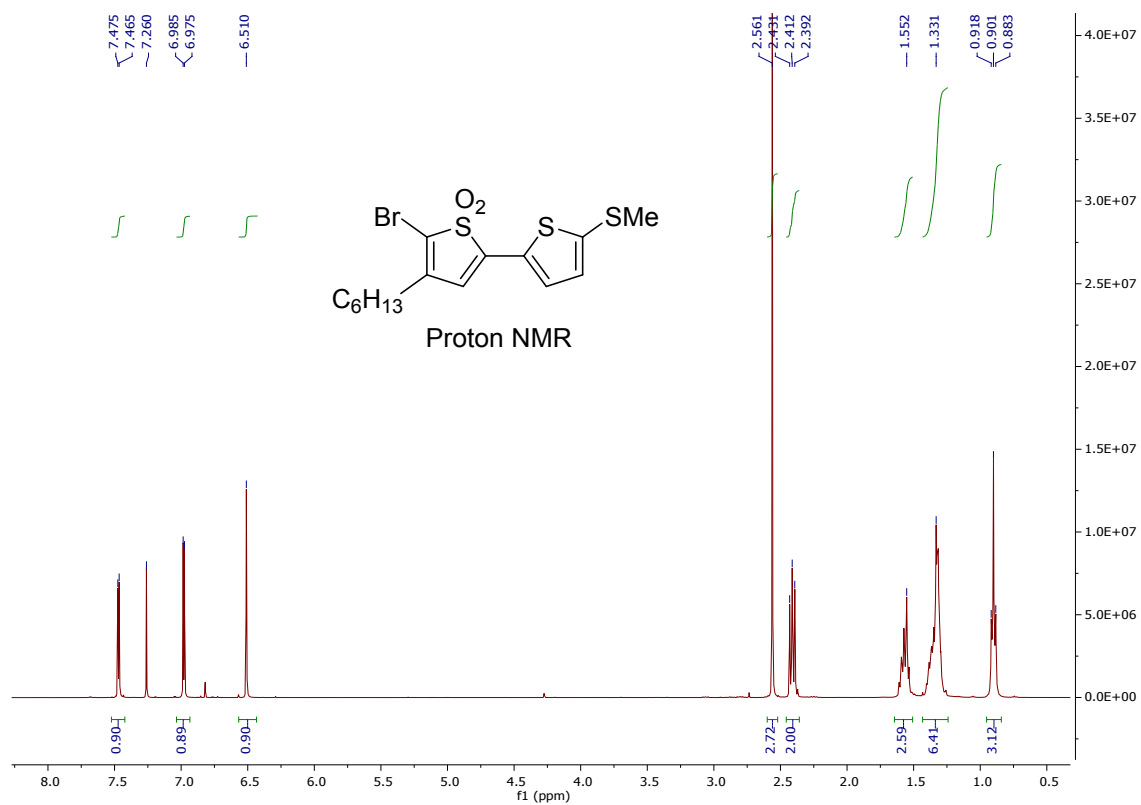
Compound	Oxidation Onset (V)	Reduction Onset (V)	HOMO (eV)	LUMO (eV)	$E_{\text{g,elec}}$ (eV)	$E_{\text{g,opt}}$ (eV)
TTTTT	0.36	-	-5.2	-2.7*	-	2.5
TTTpTT	0.24	-2.04	-5.0	-2.8	2.2	2.3
TTOTT	0.25	-1.80	-5.0	-3.0	2.0	2.1
TOTOT	0.35	-1.55	-5.2	-3.3	1.9	2.0
TOOOT	0.64	-0.87	-5.4	-3.9	1.5	1.8
TToTT	0.33	-1.21	-5.1	-3.6	1.5	1.7
TToOT	0.42	-0.90	-5.2	-3.9	1.3	1.5

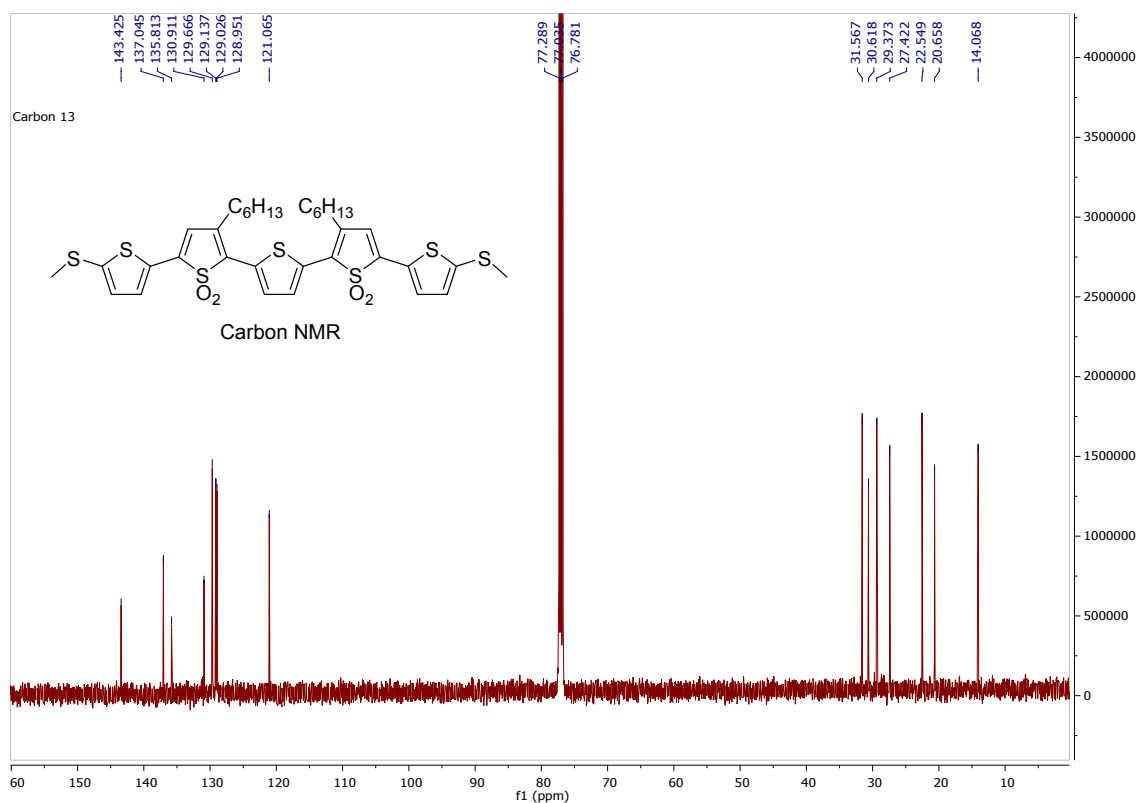
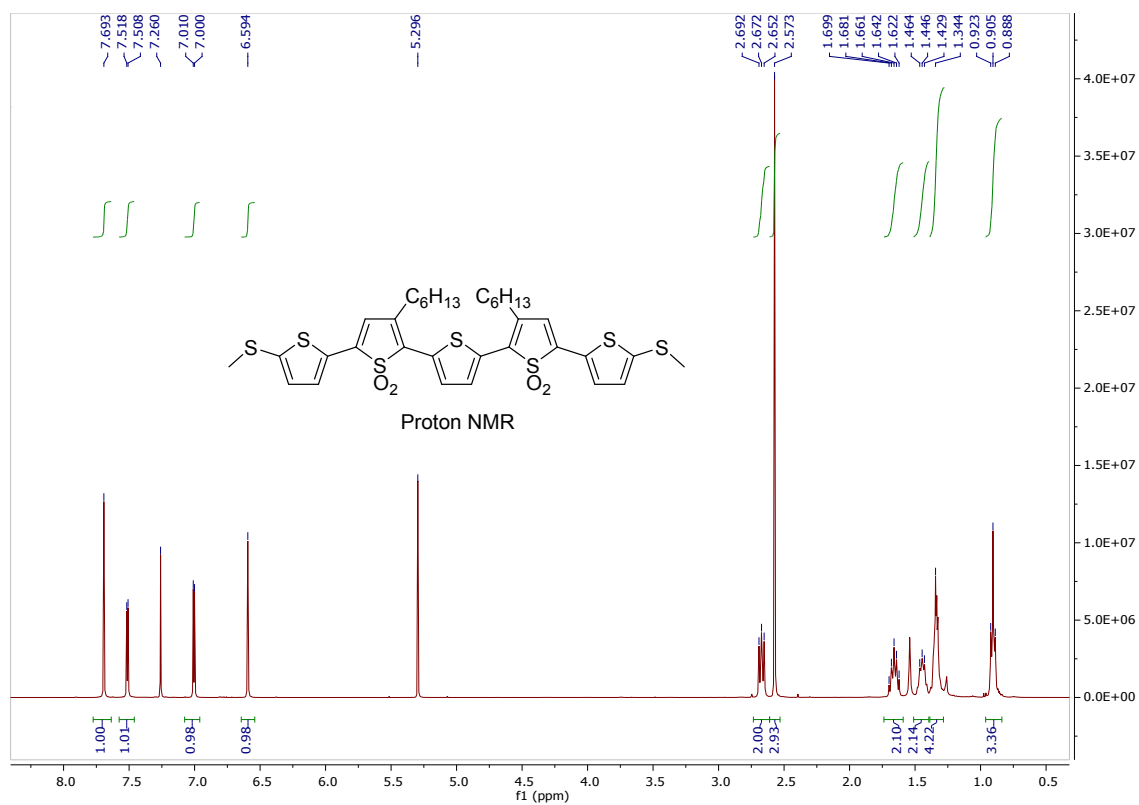
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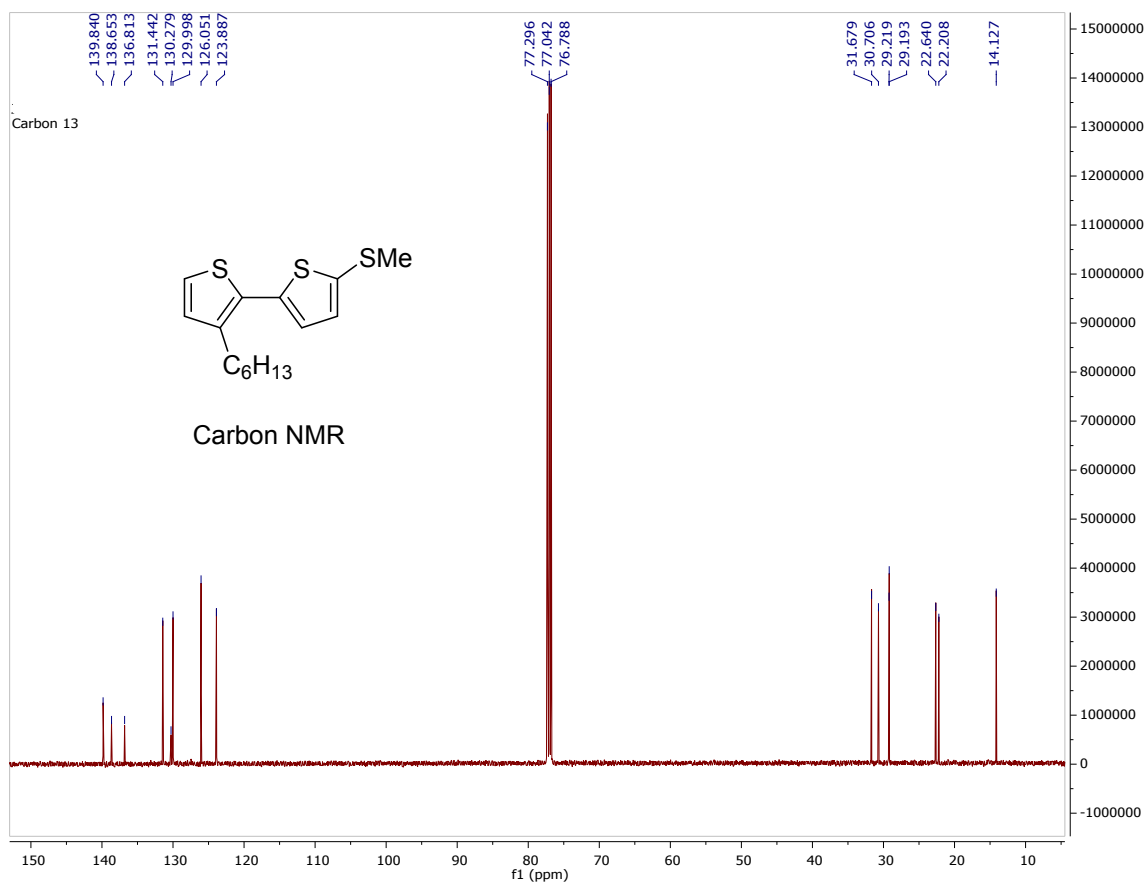
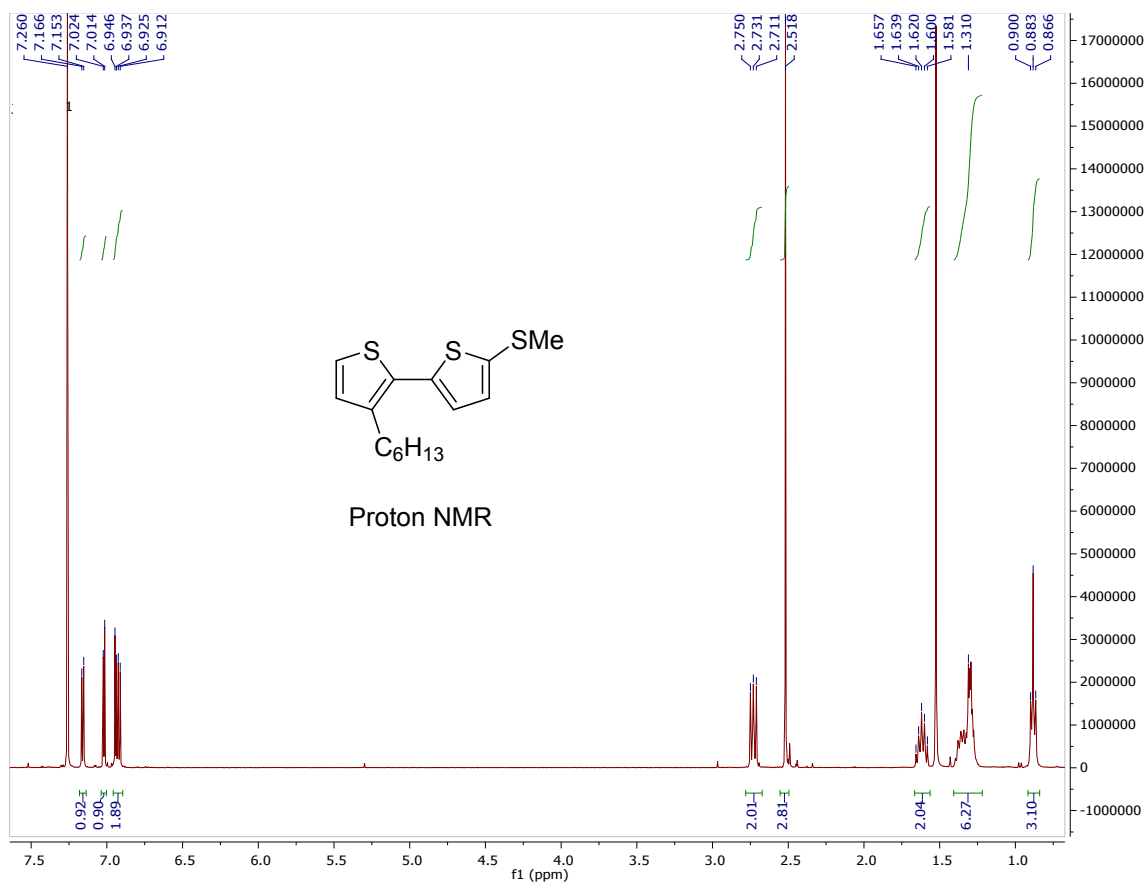
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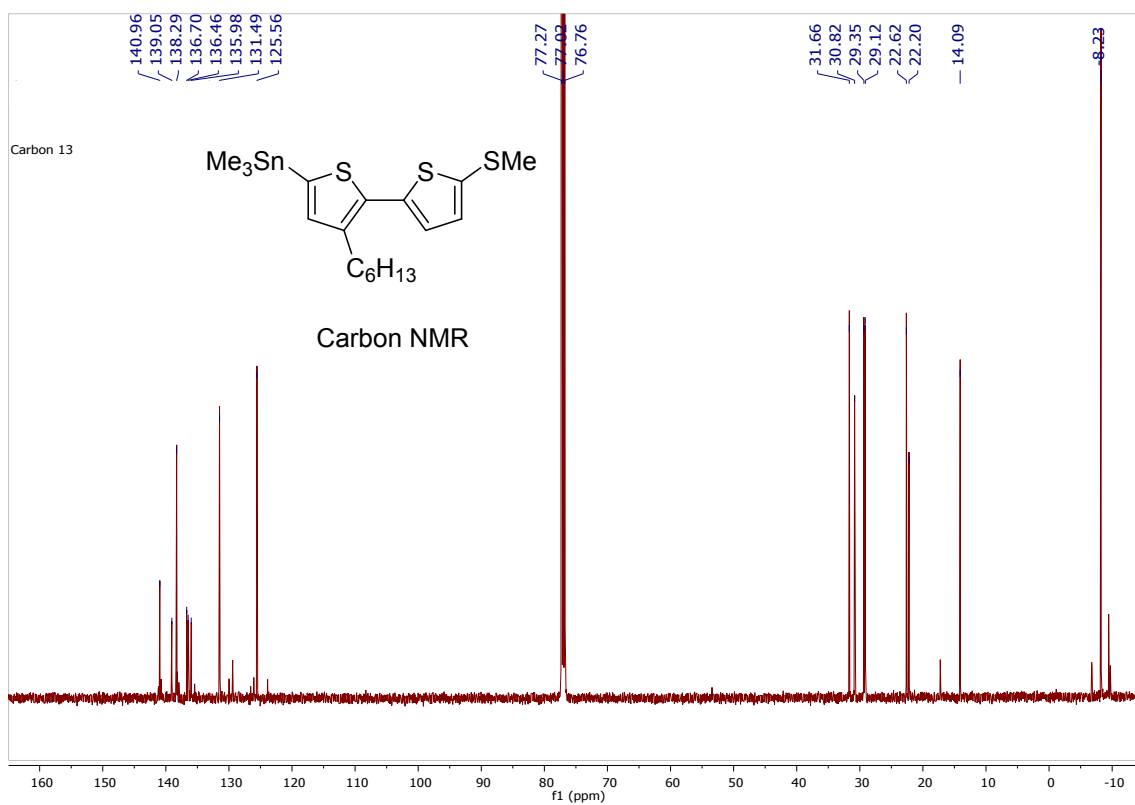
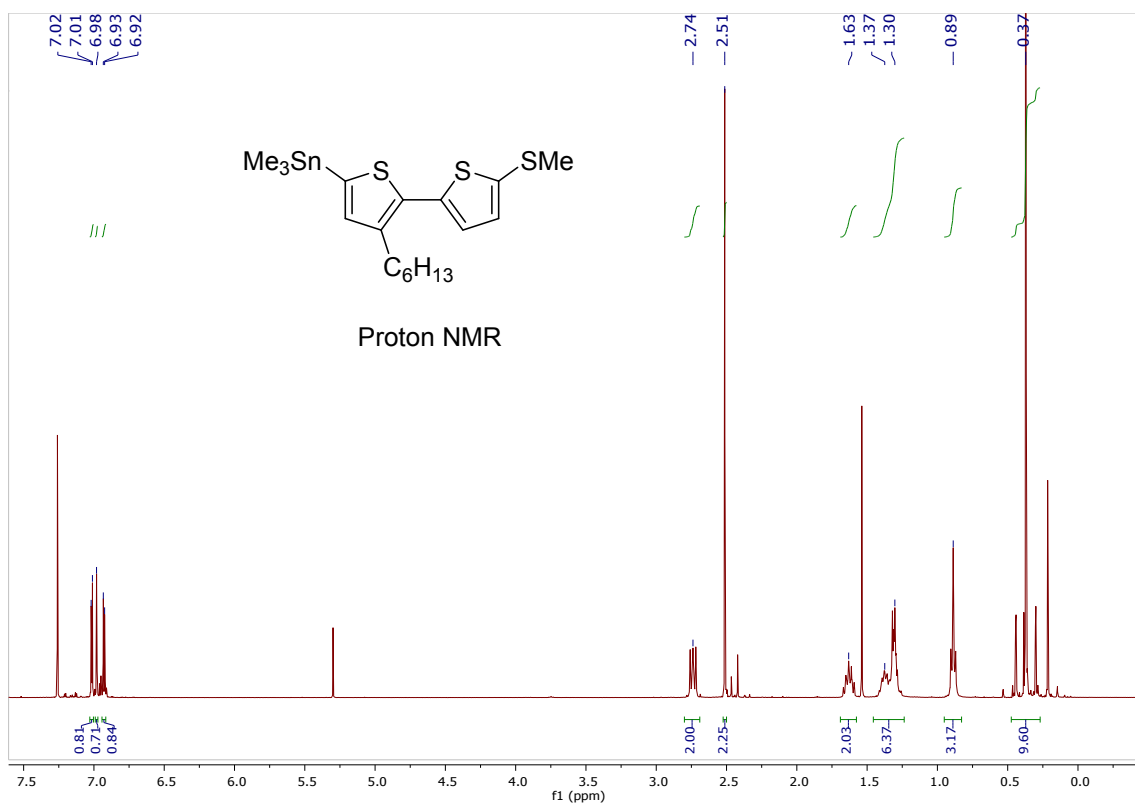


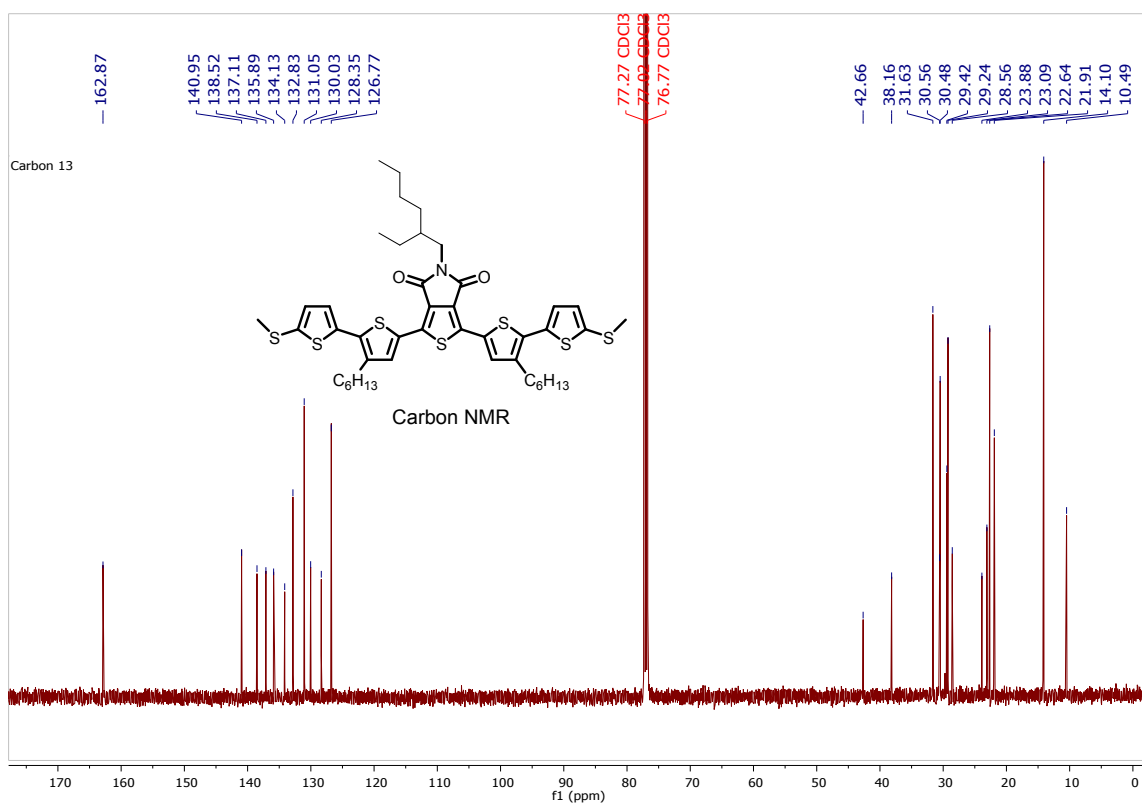
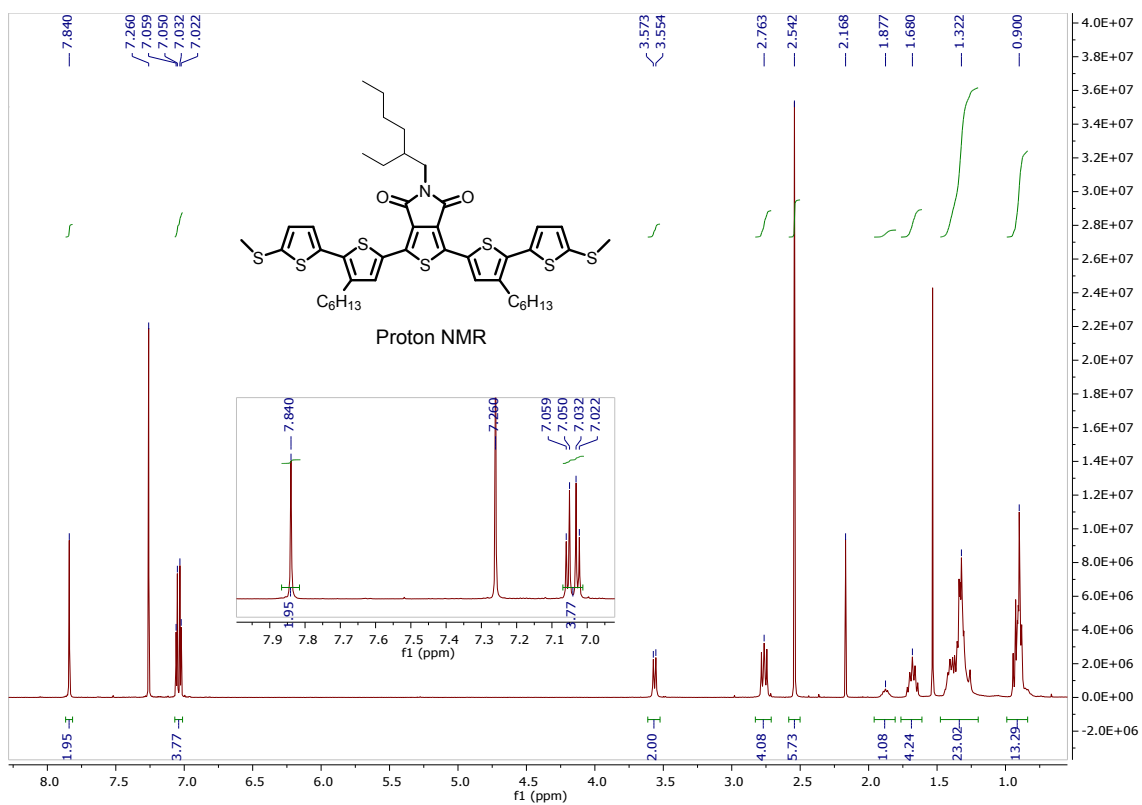


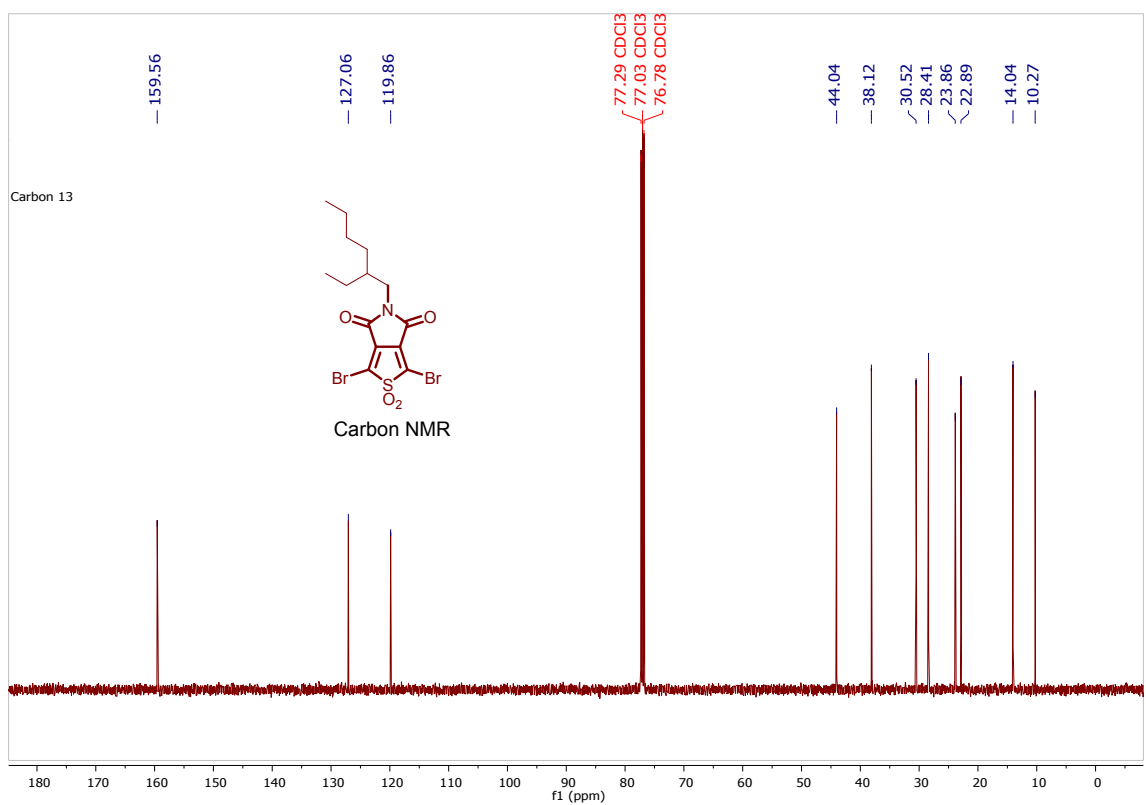
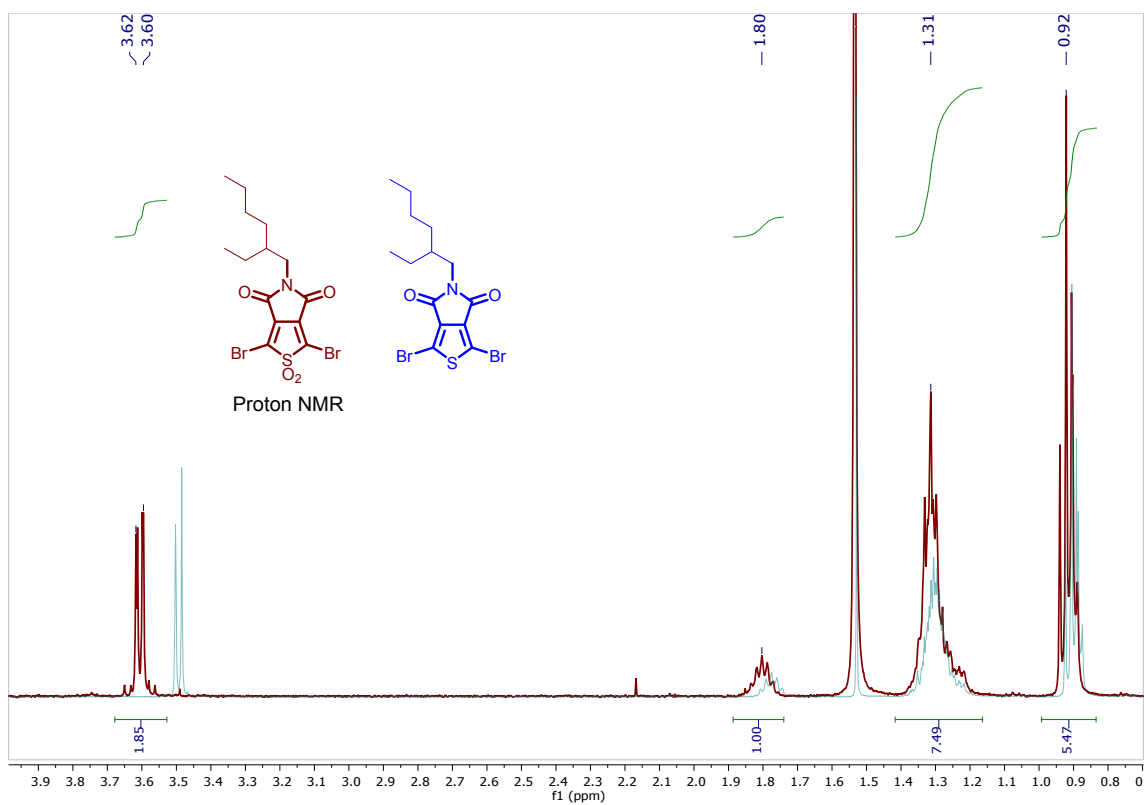


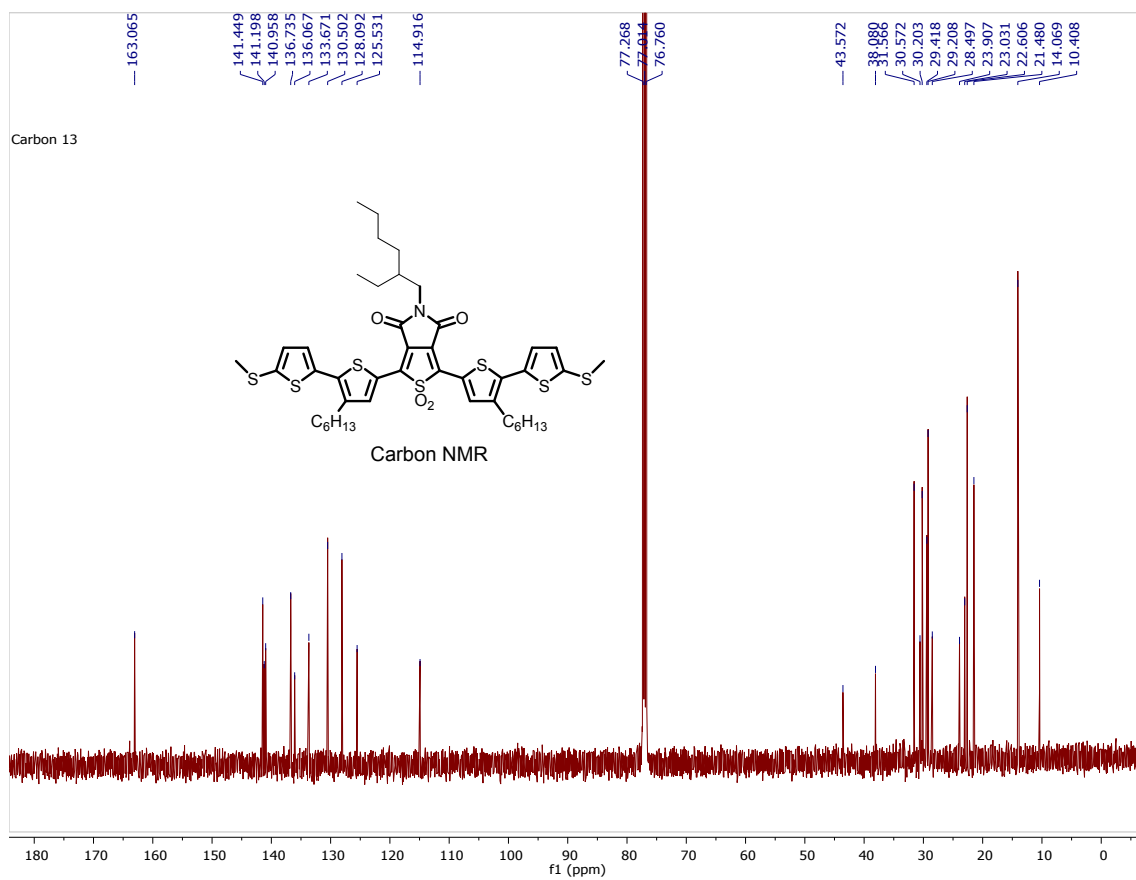
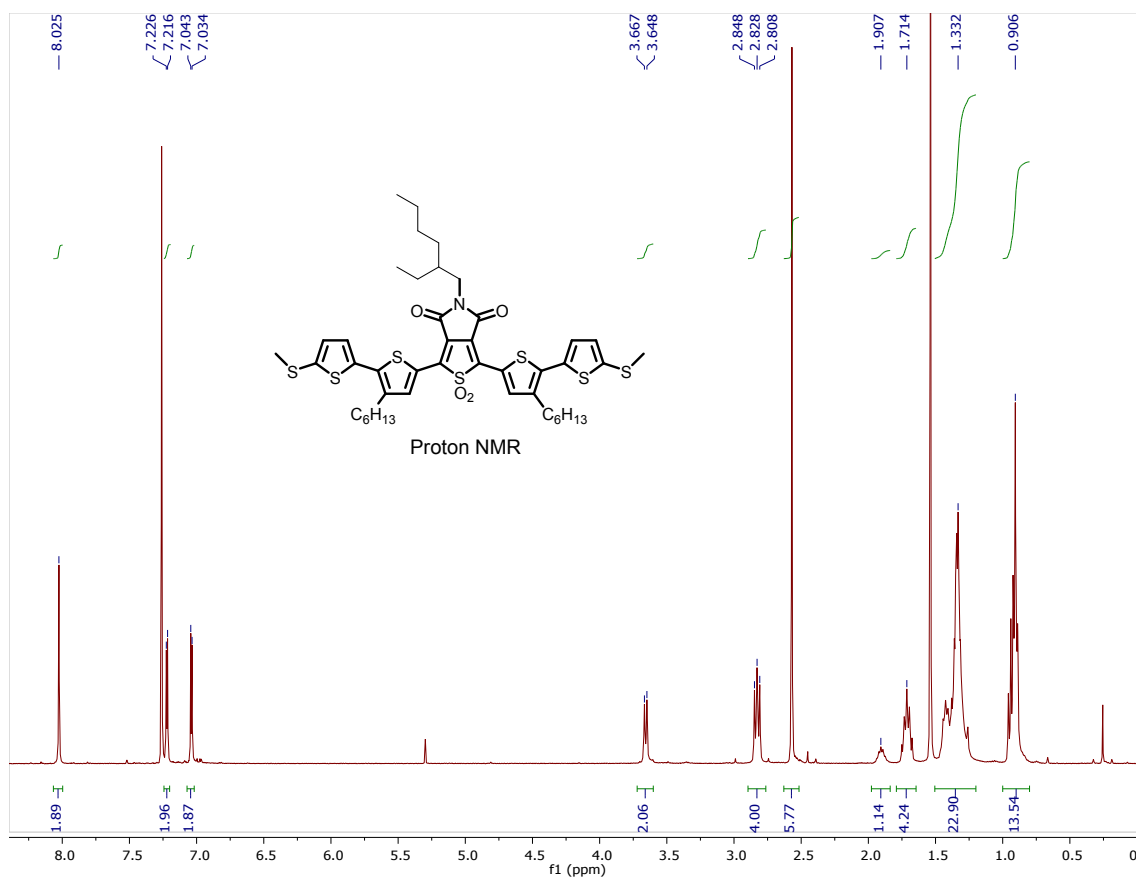


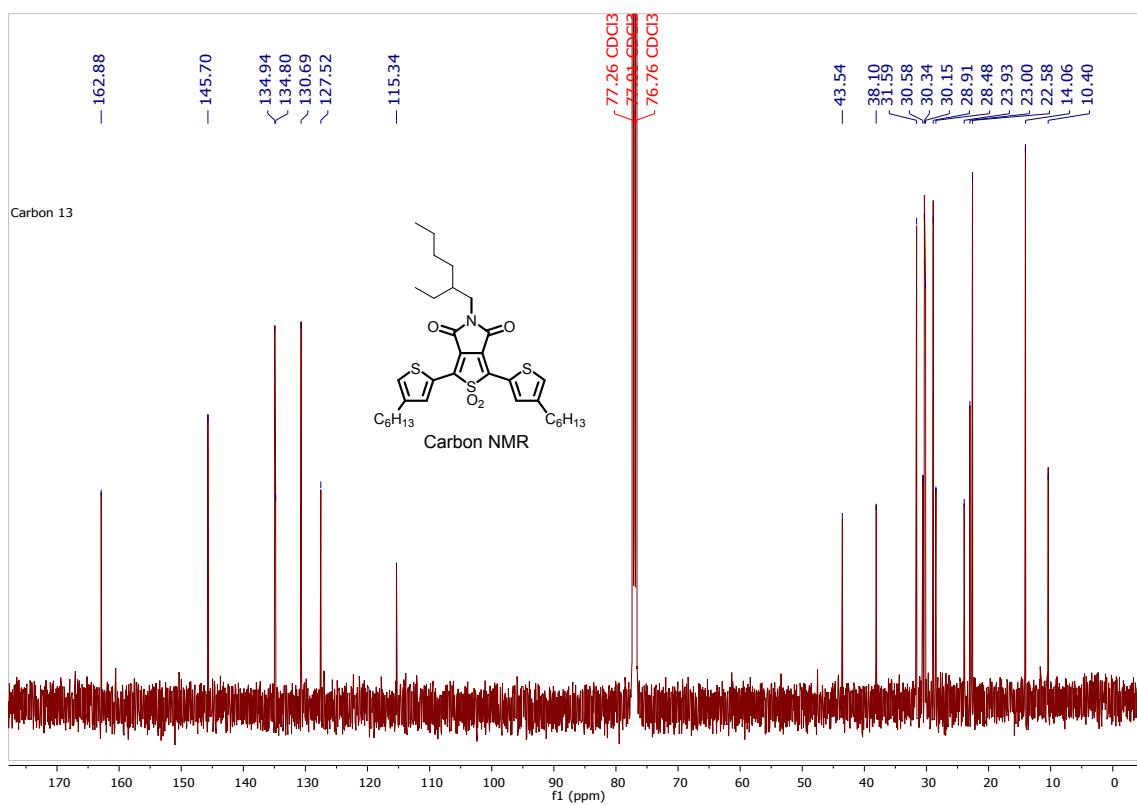
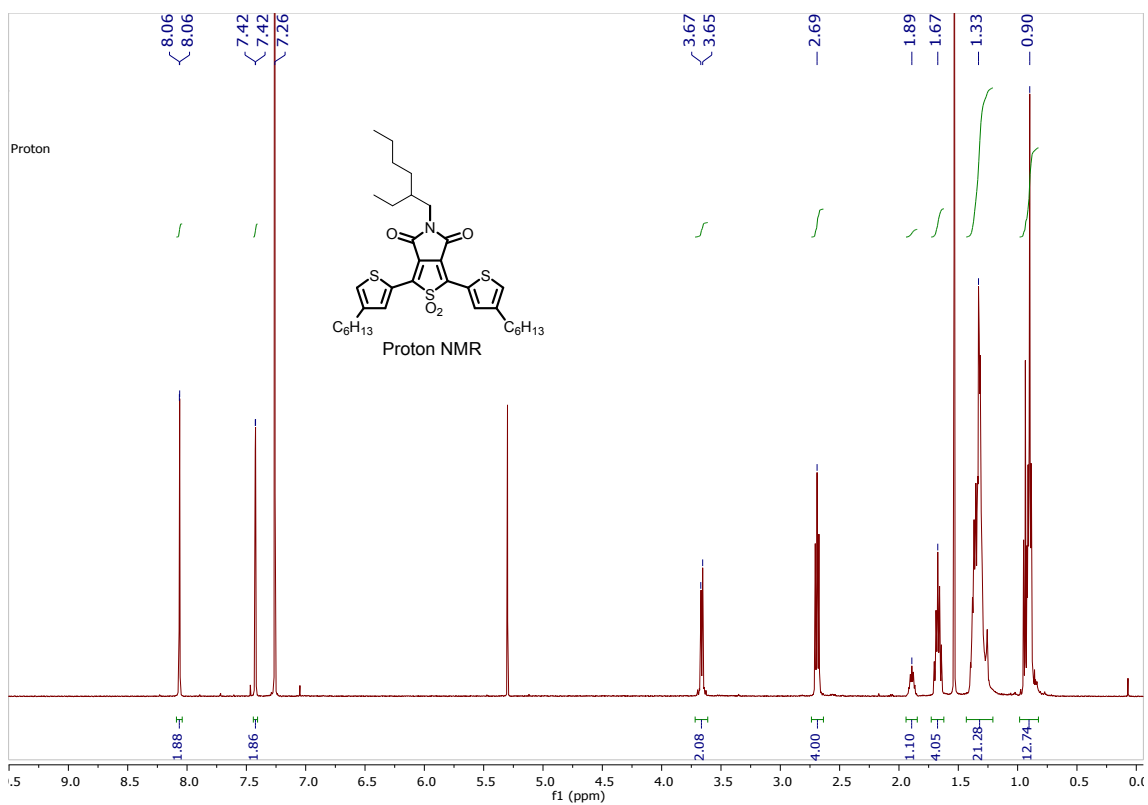


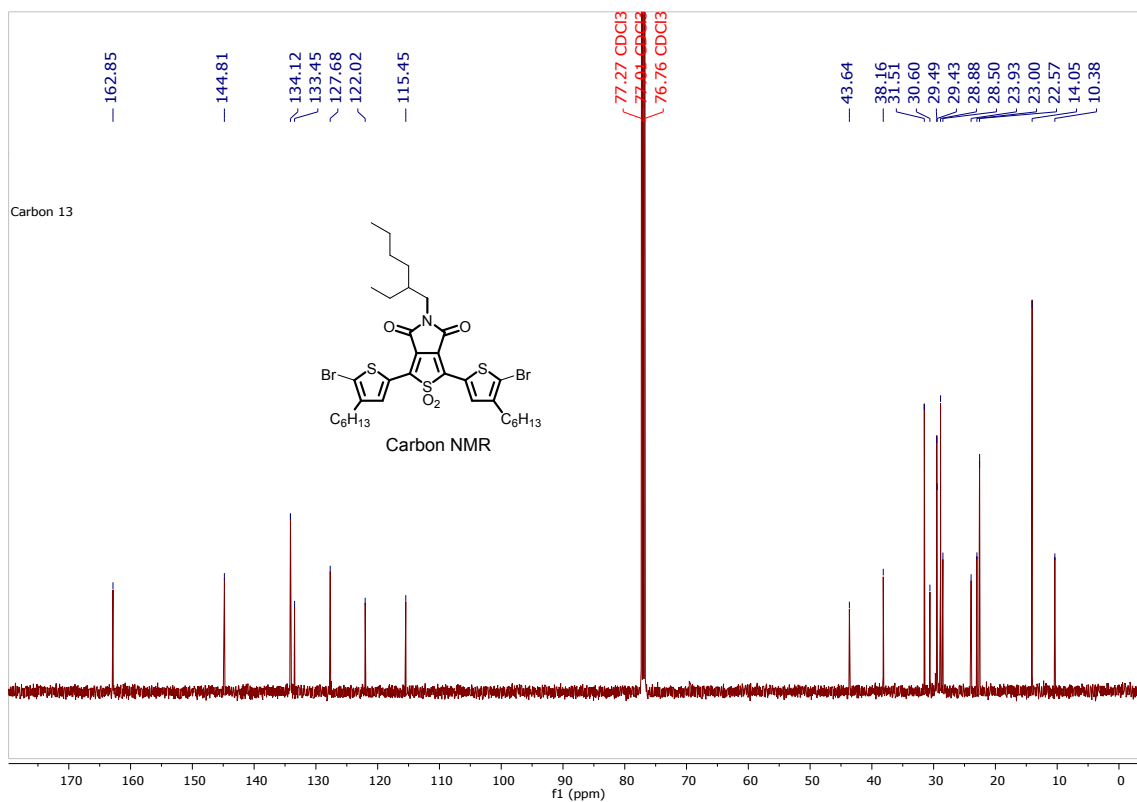
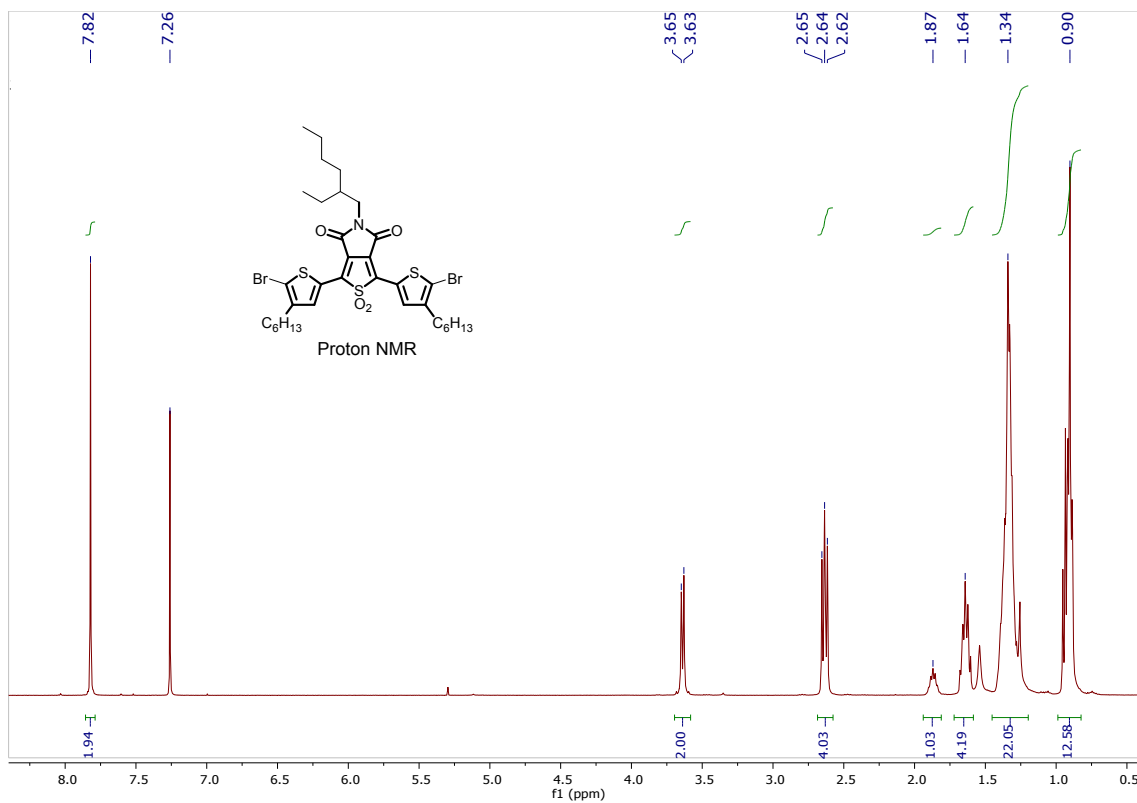


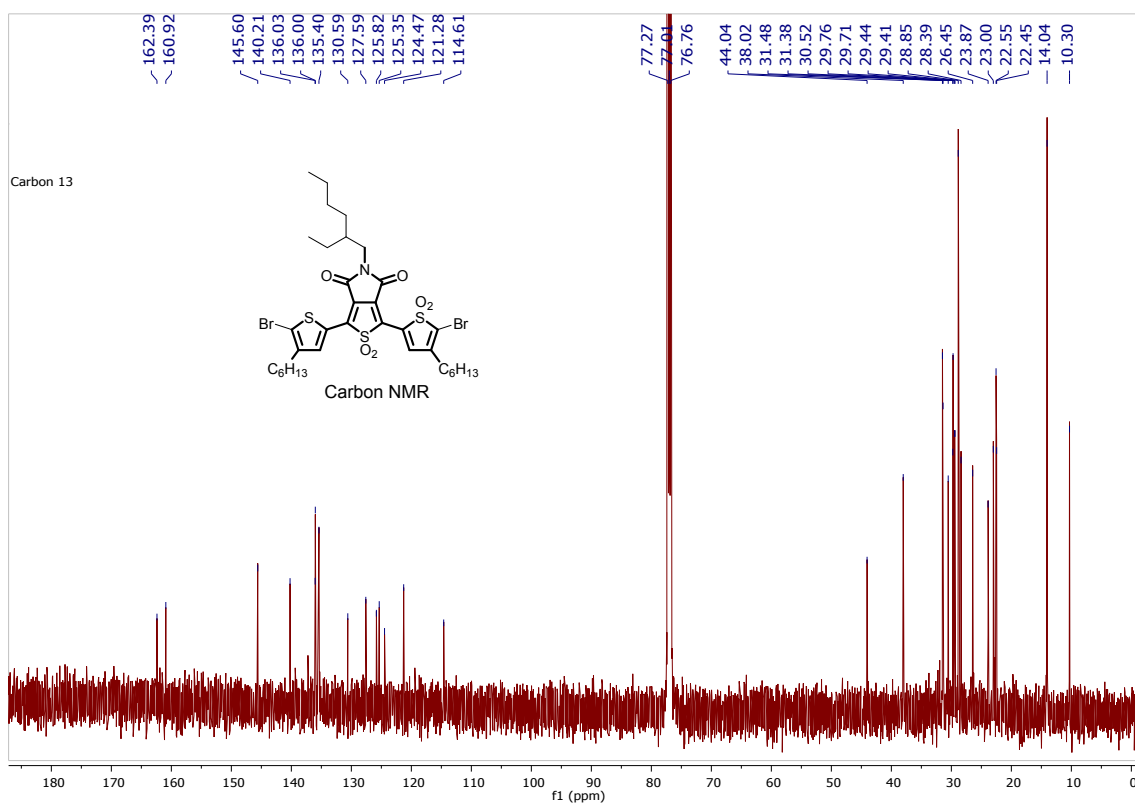
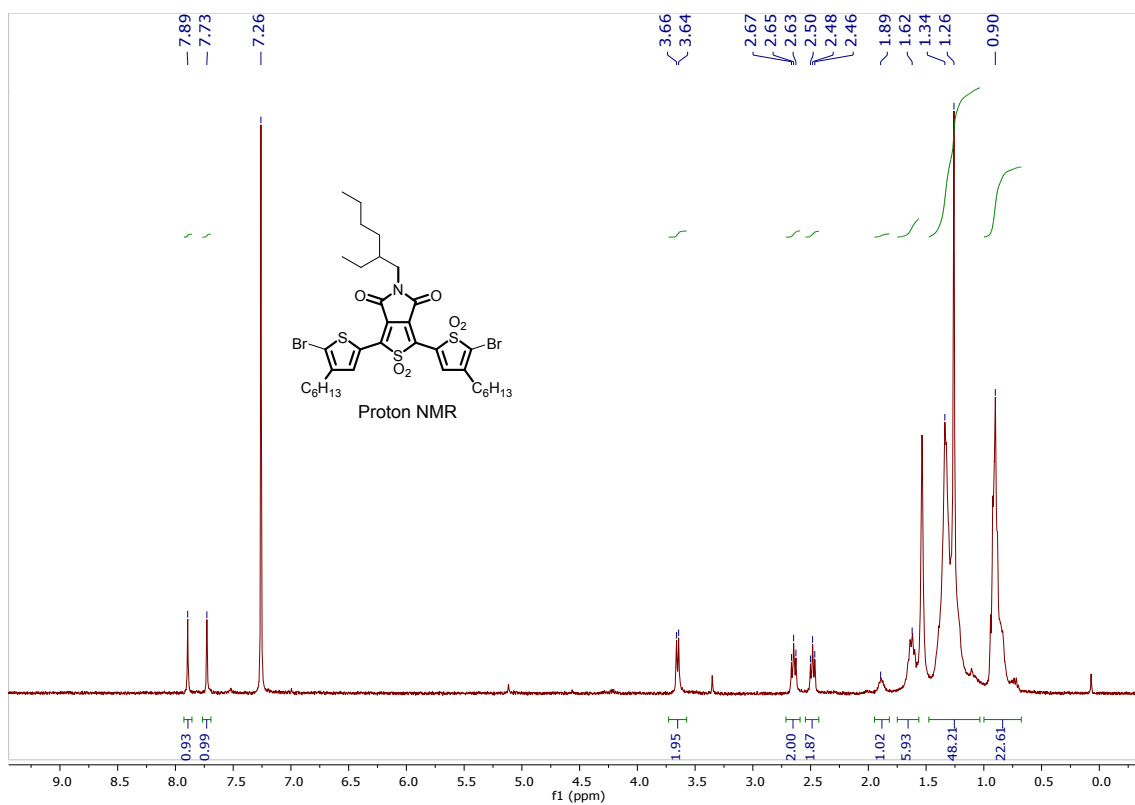


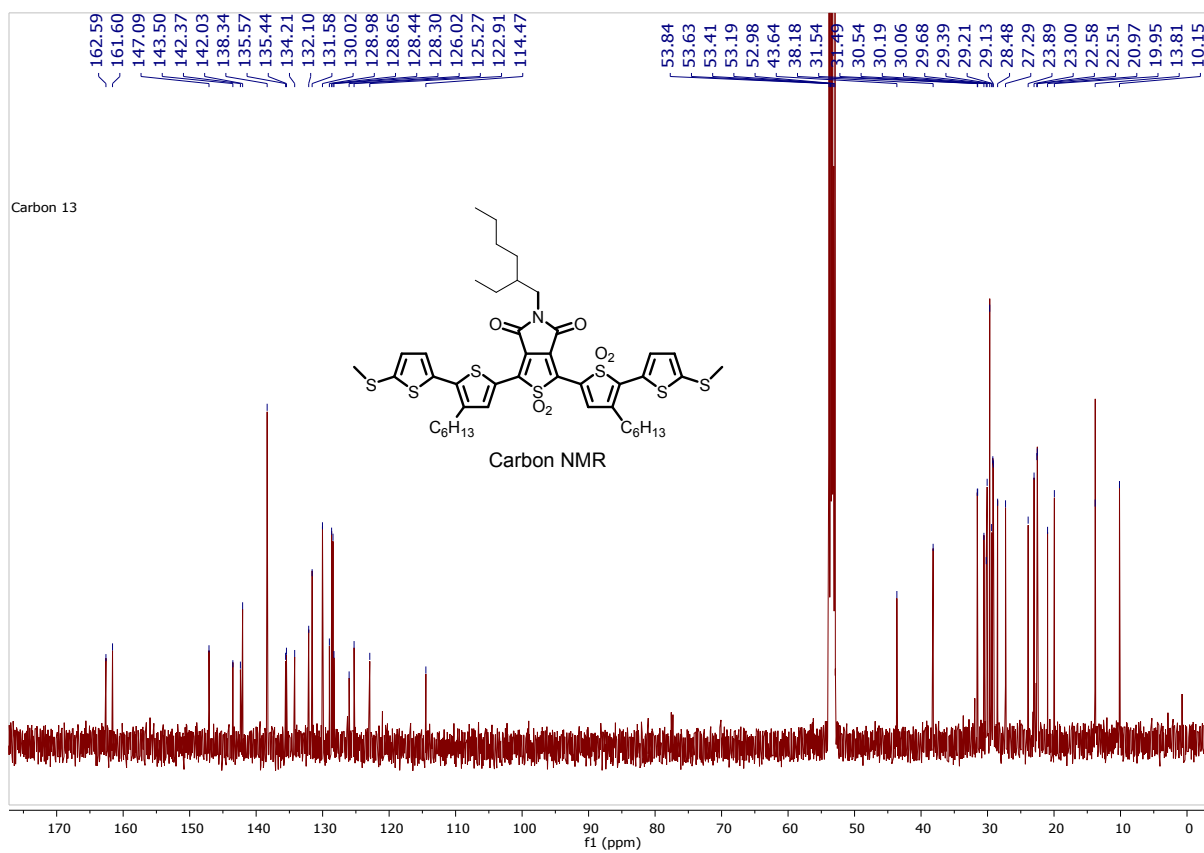
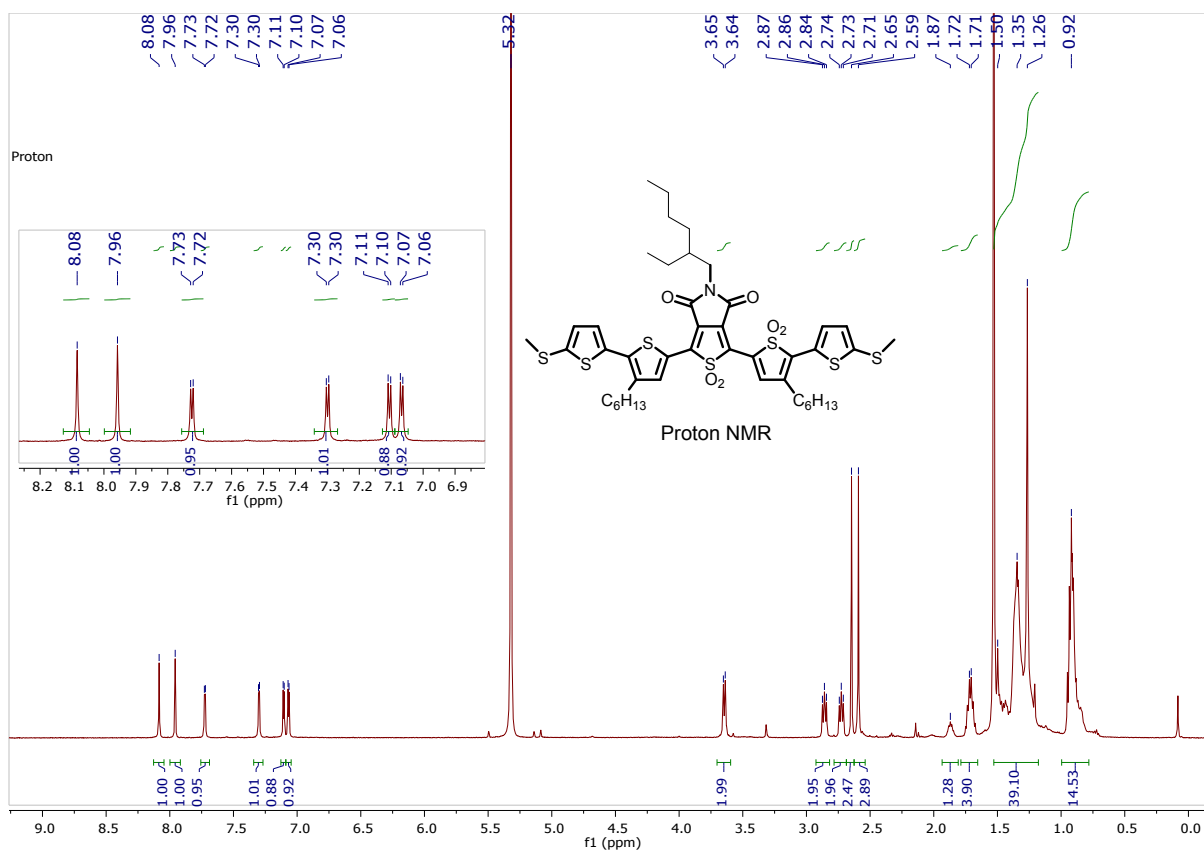












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