

Scaffold-Induced Diketopyrrolopyrrole Molecular Stacks in a Covalent Organic Framework

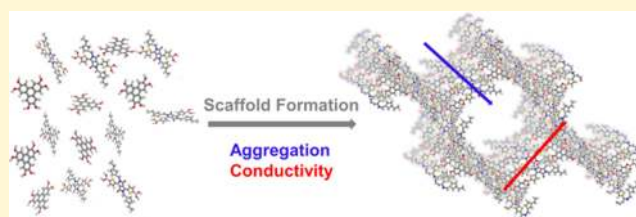
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Supporting Information

ABSTRACT: In recent years, covalent organic frameworks (COFs) have attracted considerable attention due to their crystalline and porous nature, which positions them as intriguing candidates for diverse applications such as catalysis, sensing, or optoelectronics. The incorporation of dyes or semiconducting moieties into a rigid two-dimensional COF can offer emergent features such as enhanced light harvesting or charge transport. However, this approach can be challenging when dealing with dye molecules that exhibit a large aromatic backbone, since the steric demand of solubilizing side chains also needs to be integrated into the framework. Here, we report the successful synthesis of **DPP2-HHTP-COF** consisting of diketopyrrolopyrrole (DPP) diboronic acid and hexahydroxytriphenylene (HHTP) building blocks. The well-known boronate ester coupling motif guides the formation of a planar and rigid backbone and long-range molecular DPP stacks, resulting in a highly crystalline and porous material. **DPP2-HHTP-COF** exhibits excellent optical properties including strong absorption over the visible spectral range, broad emission into the NIR and a singlet lifetime of over 5 ns attributed to the formation of molecular stacks with J-type interactions between the DPP subcomponents in the COF. Electrical conductivity measurements of crystalline **DPP2-HHTP-COF** pellets revealed conductivity values of up to 10^{-6} S cm^{-1} .



The deterministic synthesis of crystalline porous materials has attracted much interest in recent years.^{1,2} Among these, covalent organic frameworks (COFs) offer highly versatile systems due to their tunable linkage chemistry and diverse types of molecular building blocks incorporated into the backbone.^{3,4} By molecular design of the building blocks constituting the COFs, structural properties such as the pore geometry, dimensionality, and accessibility can be predicted. In addition, by implementing functional building blocks like photoactive molecules into the framework, physical properties such as broadband light absorption can be encoded, which is of particular importance for optoelectronic and photovoltaic applications.^{5–7} Another important operative design tool is the binding motif connecting the building blocks, and fully conjugated or electronically separated systems can be realized depending on the type of cross-linking. In the particular case of assembling two-dimensional (2D) COFs, defined molecular stacks and thereby the decoupling of electronic properties in different directions can be achieved.⁸ One promising synthesis strategy is to harness this type of 2D COF assemblies to construct electroactive macromolecules with overlapping π -systems featuring desired properties such as long-range order and defined host cavities.

COFs featuring electrical conductivity were recently reported,⁸ including COF–polymer hybrid systems based on

a DAAQ-TFP COF film consisting of the electroactive diaminoanthraquinone building block, followed by electropolymerization of 3,4-ethylenedioxythiophene (EDOT) within the pores. The resulting poly(3,4-ethylenedioxythiophene) (PEDOT)-infiltrated COF showed enhanced electrical conductivity.⁹ Zhang and co-workers reported the synthesis of a conducting tetrathiafulvalene imine-based COF that can act as an electron donor. Further doping with iodine improved the conductivity of the bulk material, to reach 1.8×10^{-6} S cm^{-1} after two days of doping.¹⁰

To achieve strong and broadband light absorption, porphyrins and related dyes are prominent building blocks of choice for the construction of COFs. Through the functional design of these photoactive building blocks, 2D^{11,12} as well as three-dimensional¹³ COFs could be established. For example, metalloporphyrins allow for optical band gap tuning in the corresponding COFs.^{11,13,14} Moreover, Dichtel et al.¹⁵ and Jiang et al.¹⁶ reported the synthesis of octahydroxyphthalocyanine-based COFs by reacting with boronic acid building blocks and demonstrated the generation of photocurrent.^{16–18} Another versatile family of dyes is based on the isoindigo

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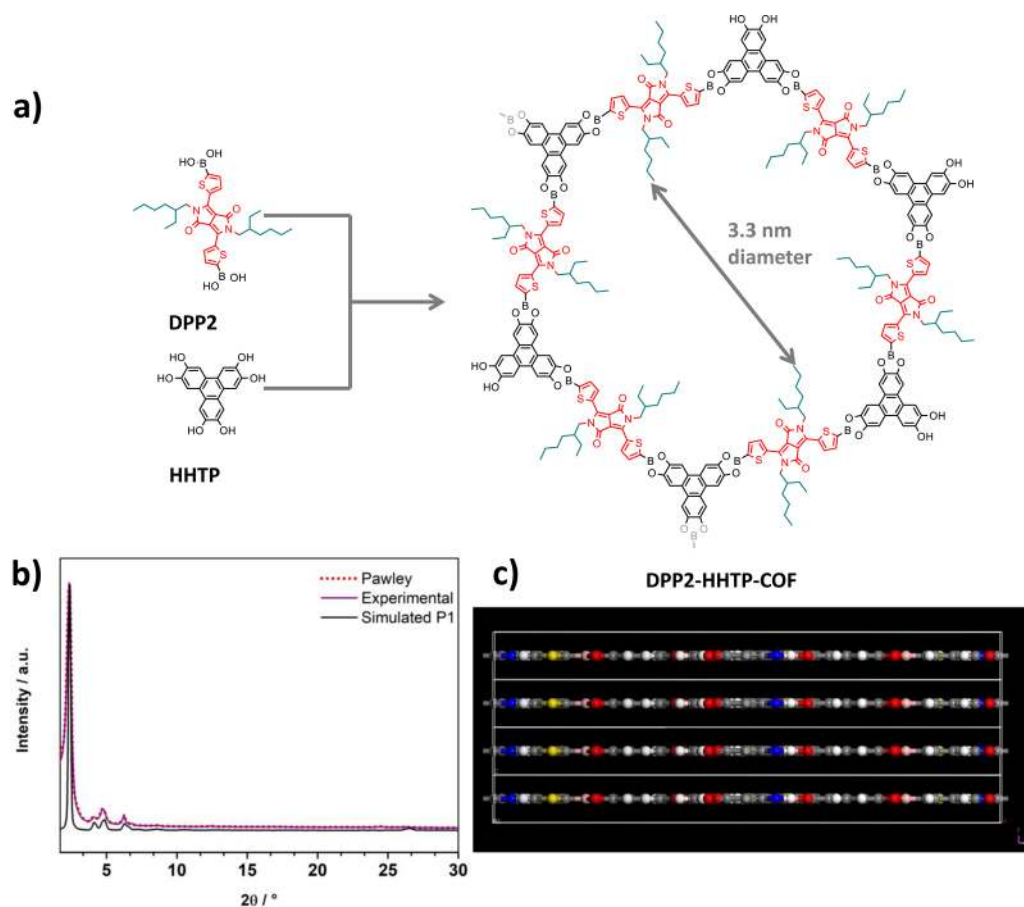


Figure 1. (a) Schematic reaction pathway for the synthesis of DPP2-HHTP-COF. (b) Experimentally obtained powder pattern of DPP2-HHTP-COF (purple) compared to the calculated diffraction pattern of the eclipsed 2D layer arrangement in the *P1* space group (black) and Pawley refinement (red). (c) Simulated stacked unit cells for a triclinic crystal system of the space group *P1* (solubilizing ethylhexyl chains are omitted for clarity) to illustrate the flat and rigid boronate ester-based backbone.

motif, which has recently been used as a new acceptor in donor–acceptor conjugated polymers. This electron-deficient dye can lead to intriguing properties such as broadband light absorption, high open circuit voltage and high mobilities and can reach relatively high power-conversion efficiencies when implemented in organic photovoltaic devices.^{19–22} The isoindigo dye has also been successfully implemented in COFs.^{19,23} Furthermore, isoindigo building blocks can be used to obtain broad optical absorption from the visible into the near-infrared region (NIR).²³

Whereas highly symmetric dyes as for example the porphyrins or phthalocyanines discussed above have been successfully implemented into COFs, the incorporation of dyes with sterically demanding side chains or “kinked” (less symmetric) molecules into the backbone of 2D COFs is still a major challenge. Recently, we reported the template-free microtubular self-assembly of a COF based on imine condensation between tetrakis(4-aminophenyl)porphyrin (TAPP) and a diketopyrrolopyrrole (DPP) dialdehyde derivative.²⁴ In that report, the formation of a network containing strongly absorbing dyes and sterically demanding building blocks was demonstrated. DPP-TAPP-COF features remarkable optical absorption across the whole visible spectrum. Similar to the isoindigo building block, the DPP moiety is well studied in organic semiconducting polymers and small-molecule-based solar devices, showing high ambipolar carrier mobilities of around $0.3 \text{ cm}^2 \text{ V}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$ in organic field-

effect transistors^{25–28} and high power-conversion efficiencies.²⁹ To further extend the accessible family of DPP-based COFs, we chose the alternative planar boronate ester coupling motif, allowing us to explore the photophysical properties of the DPP building block within a well-defined molecular stack in an ordered porous structure.

Accordingly, here we report the synthesis of a novel COF based on DPP building blocks.^{30,31} The framework synthesis is based on the formation of boronate ester groups via co-condensation reaction of the new precursor ((2,5-bis(2-ethylhexyl)-3,6-dioxo-2,3,5,6-tetrahydropyrrolo[3,4-*c*]pyrrole-1,4-diyl)bis(thiophene-5,2-diyl)diboronic acid (DPP2) and commercially available hexahydroxytriphenylene (HHTP) (see Figure 1a). The DPP2-HHTP-COF exhibits open pores with a high surface area, high crystallinity, and promising optical properties through framework-induced stacking.

The DPP2 linker was obtained in a 3-step synthesis described in the Supporting Information, whereas the HHTP counterpart is commercially available and was used without further purification. Subsequently, the synthesis conditions for DPP2-HHTP-COF were screened with regard to solvents, solvent ratio, concentration, and reagent ratio (for more details, see the Supporting Information). All COF syntheses were carried out under solvothermal conditions in a 10 mL Schott Duran glass vial covered with a Teflon cap. In an optimized procedure, the organic precursors were dissolved in a solvent mixture of mesitylene and dioxane (1:1) and heated

up to 100 °C for 24 h. A high concentration of the reagents turned out to be crucial for the formation of a highly ordered crystalline framework. After work-up, including washing the crude product with dry acetone, DPP2-HHTP-COF was obtained as a dark-purple powder.

The powder X-ray diffraction (PXRD) pattern of DPP2-HHTP-COF is shown in Figure 1b. The XRD pattern indicates the formation of a highly crystalline framework with Bragg reflections centered at low 2θ values of 2.33, 4.13, 4.76, and 6.23°. These reflections are attributed to the 100, 110, 200, and 310 planes, respectively. Based on the symmetry of the applied building blocks including the sterically demanding alkyl groups pointing into the pores, the expected nearly hexagonal pore system with an eclipsed AA-stacked layer model with planar boronate ester-based backbone (Figure 1c) was simulated in the *P1* and *P6/mcc* space groups using the Materials Studio software. The simulated diffraction pattern in the *P1* space group provides a better description of our DPP2-HHTP-COF (see Figure 1b and the Supporting Information). The final unit cell parameters in *P1* were obtained by performing Pawley refinement and correspond to $a = 43.82$ Å, $b = 44.57$ Å, $c = 3.48$ Å, $\alpha = 89.79^\circ$, $\beta = 89.53^\circ$, and $\gamma = 122.76^\circ$ ($R_{wp} = 3.36\%$ and $R_p = 2.52\%$).

To assess the porosity of DPP2-HHTP-COF, nitrogen sorption measurements were carried out (Figure 2). Prior to the sorption experiments, the COF powder was degassed by keeping it at 150 °C in high vacuum overnight. The DPP2-HHTP-COF features a type VI isotherm, typical for a well-defined mesoporous framework structure, with a steep nitrogen

uptake at about $p/p_0 = 0.25$, indicating mesopore filling. The Brunauer–Emmett–Teller (BET) surface area was calculated to be just above 1000 m² g⁻¹ (adsorption branch in the range of $p/p_0 = 0.07$ –0.21). Calculation of the COF pore size distribution reveals a maximum at 3.3 nm, which is in good agreement with the expected open pore system of the framework.

Thermogravimetric analysis (TGA) revealed a framework thermal stability under dynamic conditions of up to 350 °C. At higher temperatures, this is followed by a weight loss of around 20%, which can most likely be attributed to the loss of the solubilizing alkyl side chains, and final framework decomposition at 450 °C (see the Supporting Information).

Scanning electron microscopy (SEM) revealed that DPP2-HHTP-COF predominantly adopts an intergrown needle-like morphology, as shown in Figure 3a. In addition, a transmission electron microscopy (TEM) image of the framework illustrates crystalline COF domains that are highly intergrown and assemble in larger agglomerates (see Figure 3b).

In contrast to the recently reported imine-based DPP-TAPP-COF, which exhibits a relatively flexible backbone where the imine bonds can rotate out-of-plane to accommodate the sterically demanding side chains,²⁴ our simulations for the PXRD data of DPP2-HHTP-COF suggest that the boronate ester linkages in DPP2-HHTP-COF enforce the formation of a planar backbone (see Figure 1c). This framework layout should be beneficial for promoting stacking interactions between the DPP molecules in the COF, thus leading to the enhanced crystallinity observed in the case of DPP2-HHTP-COF. Based on molecular interactions, it is likely that the planar layers are stacked in a slightly slipped fashion, accounting for the sterically demanding side chains.³² Whereas Dichtel et al. implemented a thienoisindigo derivative to form a kinked imine-based COF,¹⁹ here we report the successful formation of a boronate-based crystalline framework with even larger, sterically demanding ethylhexyl groups, harnessing the favorable stacking of the DPP cores to form a well-defined kinked COF structure.

The optical characterization of bulk powder samples of DPP2-HHTP-COF is summarized in Figure 4. As mentioned above, this COF features a dark-purple color with a broad optical absorption ranging from the UV up to almost 700 nm (Figure 4a), as determined by diffuse reflectance measurements. The photoluminescence (PL) exhibits two distinct emission peaks, at around 620 and 680 nm, and covers a broad spectral range from the visible to the near-infrared (Figure 4a). A time-correlated single-photon-counting (TCSPC) measurement of the peak emission at 620 nm is shown in Figure 4b, and the longest lifetime is fitted with around 5.6 ns.³³ We note, however, that the overall contribution of this decay component is small (3%) and the faster decay channels of 0.19 ns (61%) and 0.62 ns (36%) are predominant. The origin of the decay pathways cannot be determined through the TCSPC measurement and will not be further elucidated in this study. The decay at 680 nm shows very similar timescales, and a homogeneous decay across the whole spectrum can be observed in the time-resolved emission spectra (TRES) scan (see the Supporting Information, Figure S11). The UV–vis studies of a DPP2 film (see the Supporting Information, Section S8.1) reveal a red-shifted absorption as compared to monomers in solution. We attribute this red shift to the formation of well-defined stacks with J-type interaction along the COF molecular column.^{34–36} This is further supported by

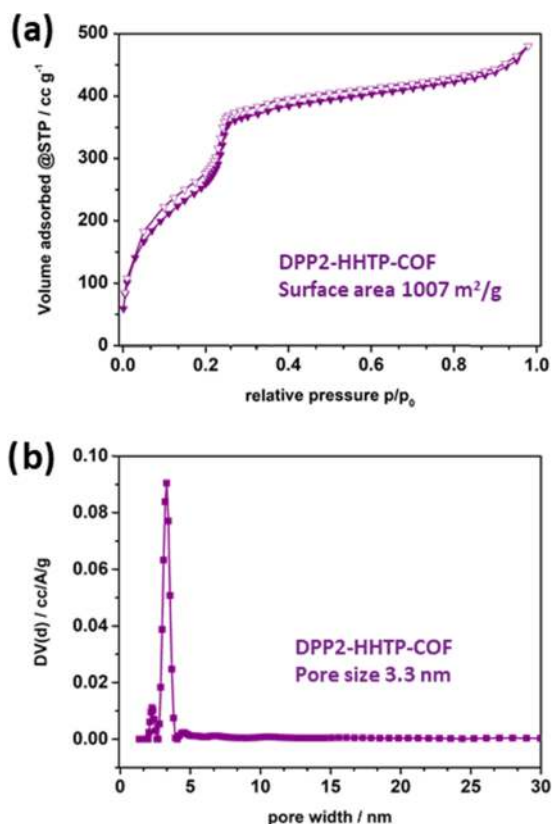


Figure 2. (a) Sorption isotherm (full symbol: adsorption; empty symbol: desorption) of DPP2-HHTP-COF with calculated BET surface area and (b) pore size distribution of DPP2-HHTP-COF with a calculated pore size of 3.3 nm.

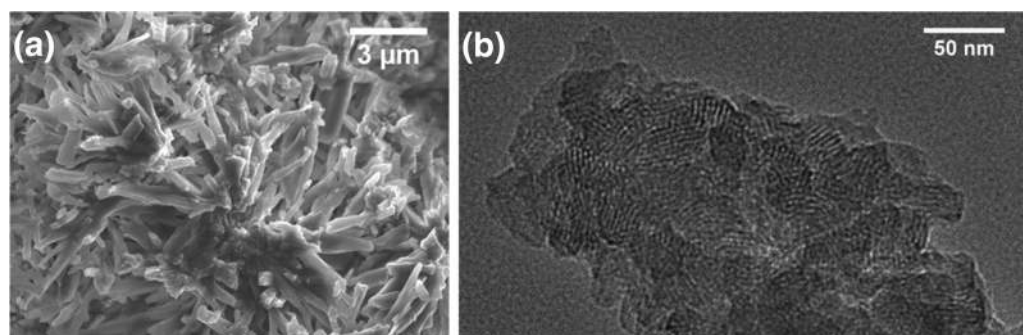


Figure 3. (a) SEM image of DPP2-HHTP-COF showing needle-like agglomerate morphology and (b) TEM image illustrating the intergrown COF crystallites exhibiting small domain sizes.

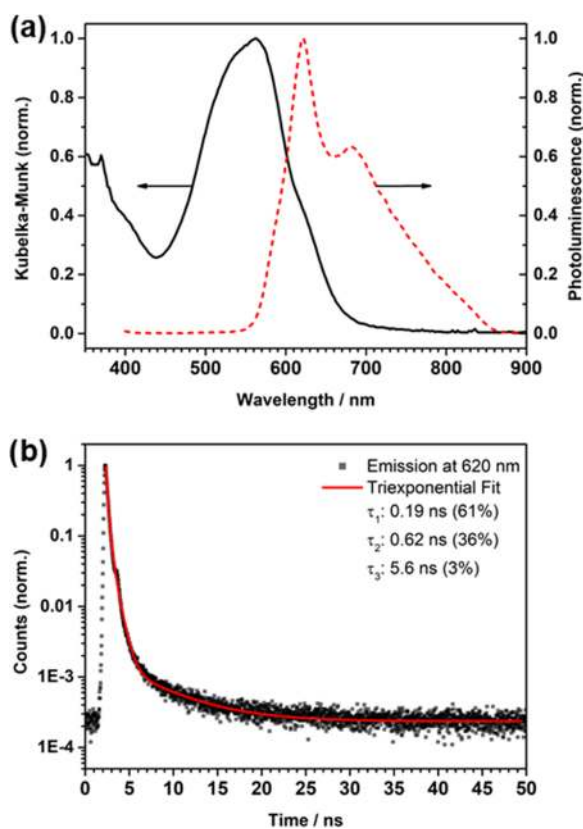


Figure 4. (a) Absorption (black, solid) and photoluminescence (red, dashed) spectra of the DPP2-HHTP-COF. Absorption was measured through diffuse reflectance measurements and converted using the Kubelka–Munk equation. (b) Time-correlated single-photon-counting (TCSPC) histogram (black squares), corresponding triexponential fit (solid line, red), and the respective fitted lifetimes. The percentages given with the different lifetimes correspond to the respective contribution to the overall decay intensity.

the observed intensity sequence of the absorption peaks, with no oscillator strength gained by the second peak, which would be characteristic for classical H-aggregates.³⁷ We note that due to the slightly slipped stacking of the DPP2-HHTP sheets, the stack is not a J-aggregate in the classical Kasha picture but rather a molecular arrangement showing a strong J-type character, which might be induced by CT interactions.³⁶ A comparison of the PL emission spectra of the crystalline and amorphous DPP2-HHTP-COF with the individual DPP2 and HHTP precursors indicates that the main emission at around 620 nm can be attributed to a DPP2 aggregate with J-type

interaction, as in the case for neat solid DPP2, whereas the broad peak up to over 850 nm seems to originate from transitions generated through the COF formation (see the Supporting Information, Section S8). Furthermore, PXRD measurements confirm the existence of a crystalline framework without the residues of the precursors, hence the precursors are not expected to contribute to the optical spectra (see the Supporting Information, Section S9). More information on the optical measurements, instrument response, fitting, and the full set of lifetimes with their respective fitting uncertainties can be found in the Supporting Information (Section S8).

The conductivity of DPP2-HHTP-COF was determined on a compressed powder pellet, using a four-point probe, also called the van der Pauw measurement technique. In these measurements, based on the Hall effect, several material parameters can be determined, ultimately yielding the electric conductivity, which is an intriguing parameter to evaluate with regards to the well-aligned photoactive dyes. The as-synthesized bulk material was finely grounded manually and pressed into a pellet with 10 mm diameter by applying different pressures. During this procedure, the fundamental characteristics of the DPP2-HHTP-COF structure (mainly crystallinity) could be preserved and structural changes could not be detected by PXRD (see the Supporting Information, Section S6). Moreover, several batches of the DPP2-HHTP-COF pressed pellets were measured to get a representative averaged electrical conductivity value. For the crystalline DPP2-HHTP-COF, we measured conductivities of up to $2.2 \times 10^{-6} \text{ S cm}^{-1}$ (for more details, see Supporting Information, Section S7). This is an order of magnitude higher than reports for other boronate ester based COFs in the literature.³⁸

To evaluate the impact of crystallinity on the electrical conductivity, van der Pauw measurements were performed and the electrical conductivity was determined for amorphous DPP2-HHTP-COF powder. For this purpose, DPP2 and HHTP were allowed to react under reaction conditions yielding an amorphous polymer by changing solvents and reaction time (see the Supporting Information, Section S4). The samples exhibited conductivities of around $2 \times 10^{-7} \text{ S cm}^{-1}$, one order of magnitude smaller than the peak value for the crystalline pellets (but showing less variation across different samples).

A comparison of the values obtained for the crystalline and amorphous pellets indicates that the conductivity of the material is limited by several parameters. Grain boundaries between different domains in the crystalline COF would be expected to represent barriers for conductivity. Hence, the bulk conductivity will depend on the orientation and number of

grain boundaries in the current path. In the van der Pauw geometry, conductivity is measured within the pellet plane. In the DPP2-HHTP-COF, charge transport most likely occurs along the molecular stacks and the largest conductivity is measured at $2.2 \times 10^{-6} \text{ S cm}^{-1}$. Here, the overall measurement strongly depends on the spontaneous organization of the single crystallites between the contacts, which leads to the significant difference in conductivity values (see the Supporting Information, Table S5). In the case of crystallites being oriented with their COF-stacking axis along the electrical conduction channel, conductivity is much higher than in the case where their stacking direction is perpendicular to the direct line between the contacts, leading to reduced transport and values of around $10^{-8} \text{ S cm}^{-1}$. In contrast, in the amorphous powder, there is no preferential direction of charge transport. Therefore, the overall measurement path across different domains in the crystalline COF can be compared to a homogeneous conduction channel in the amorphous material. This results in very similar values of around $10^{-7} \text{ S cm}^{-1}$ across different samples of the latter (see the Supporting Information, Table S6), which are generally smaller than the peak values achieved in crystalline samples. The conductivity of the neat precursor molecular building blocks (prepared as pellets and measured as described above, ca. $1 \times 10^{-8} \text{ S cm}^{-1}$) was significantly below the peak value of the condensed network of the corresponding DPP2-HHTP-COF. This finding underscores the importance of assembling the building blocks in a π -stacked framework and its orientation to achieve substantial conductivity (see the Supporting Information, Section S7).

In this study, we have demonstrated the successful implementation of DPP chromophores and HHTP into a boronate ester-linked COF exhibiting a highly porous and crystalline structure. We attribute this to the rather rigid and planar boronate ester bond, inducing favorable stacking interactions between the adjacent COF layers. Even rather short reaction times result in a highly crystalline framework with a strong absorption across the visible spectrum. The longest singlet lifetime component of 5.6 ns is attributed to the high crystallinity and efficient electronic coupling of the 2D COF layers, resulting in efficient stabilization of the excitons across the DPP stacks.

Furthermore, this is the first report on macroscopic conductivity values for boronate ester based framework powders, obtained with four-point probe Hall measurements. While maintaining the structural characteristics of the material, we were able to produce pellets of the bulk material that showed conductivities of up to $2.2 \times 10^{-6} \text{ S cm}^{-1}$, being the highest value for boronate ester-based COF bulk materials reported to date. The spectroscopic data together with the relatively high conductivity values hold promise for DPP2-HHTP-COF and related COFs concerning future applications in solar cells or as conductive layers, e.g., in transistor devices.

■ ASSOCIATED CONTENT

📄 Supporting Information

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