

Supporting information

Solid-state stability of $Z' < 1$ and $Z' = 2$ polymorphs of N,N,N',N' -tetrabenzylethylenediamine: a combined experimental and theoretical study

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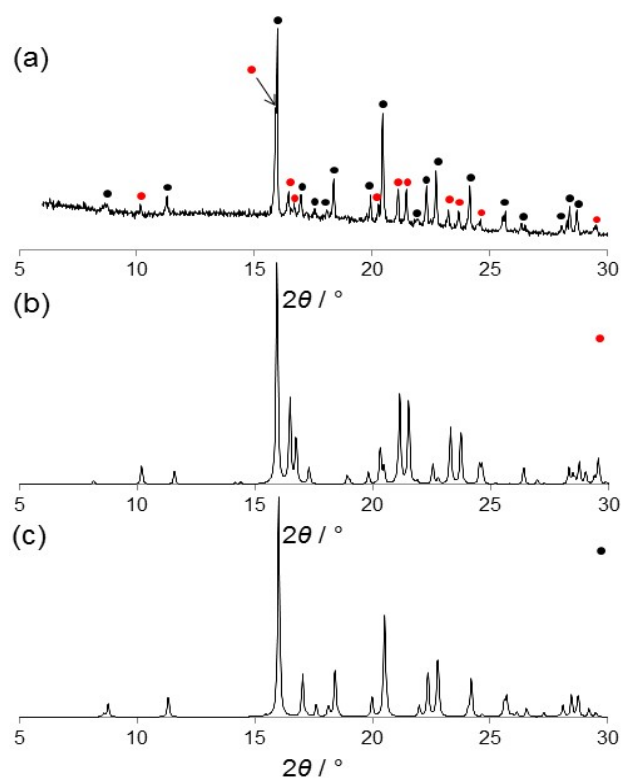


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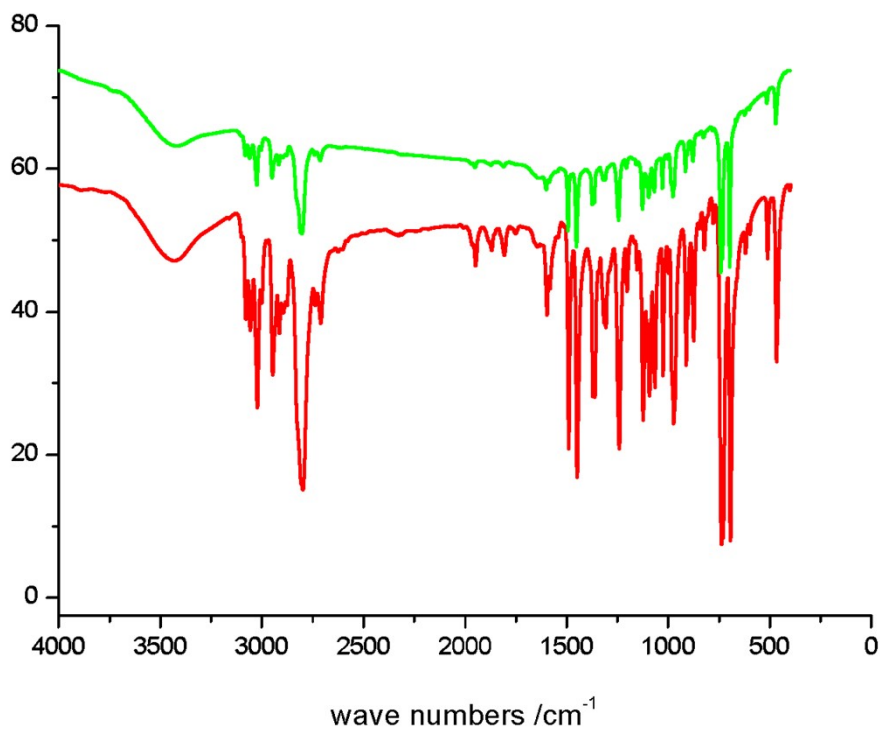


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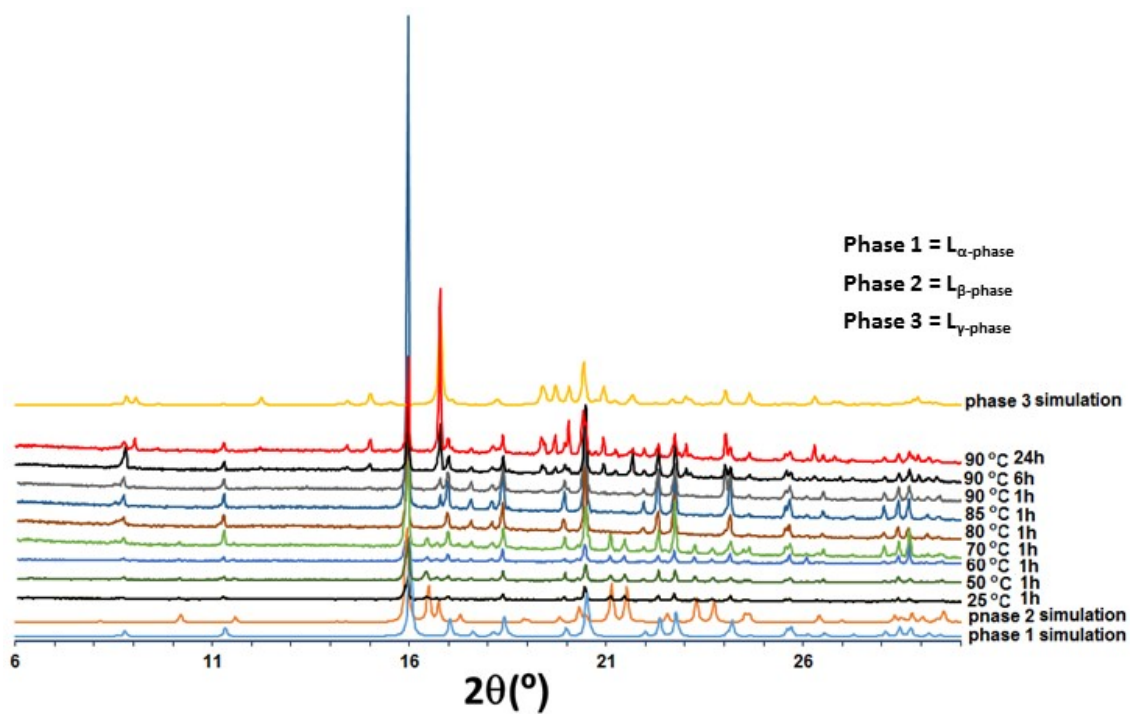


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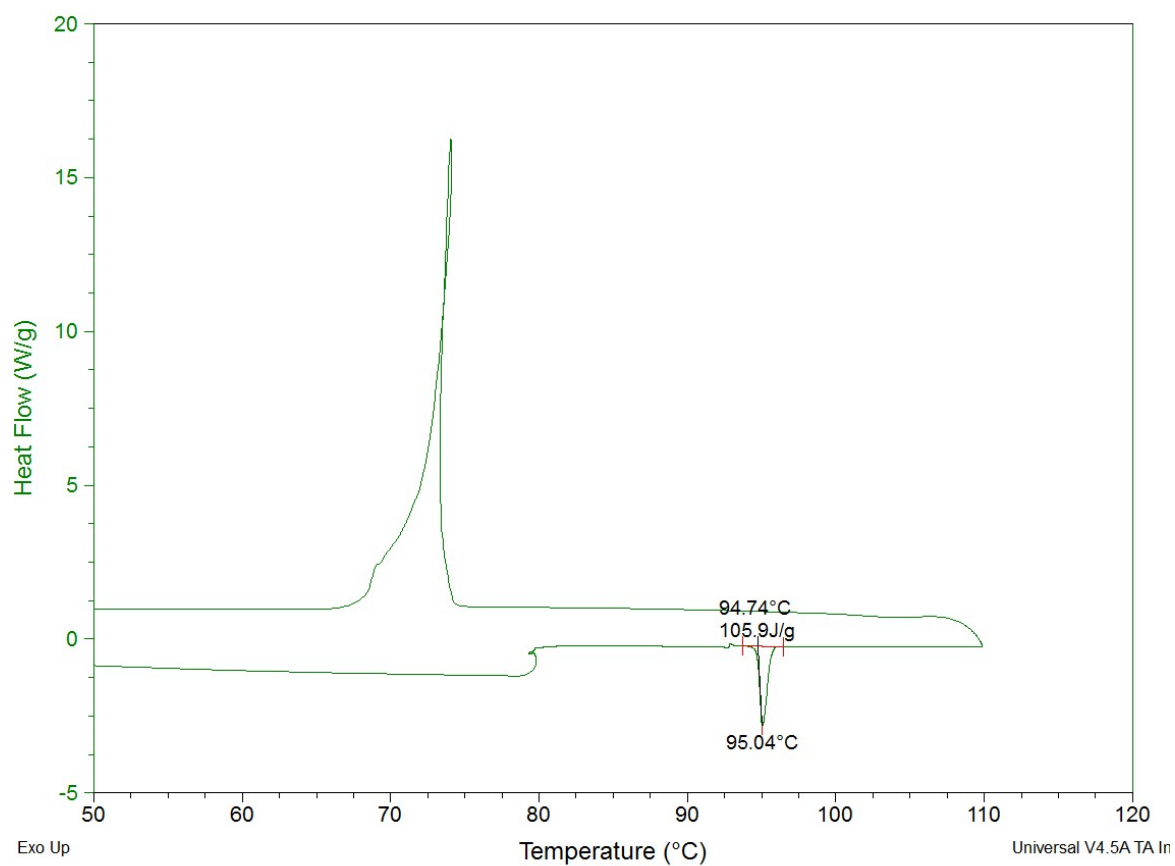


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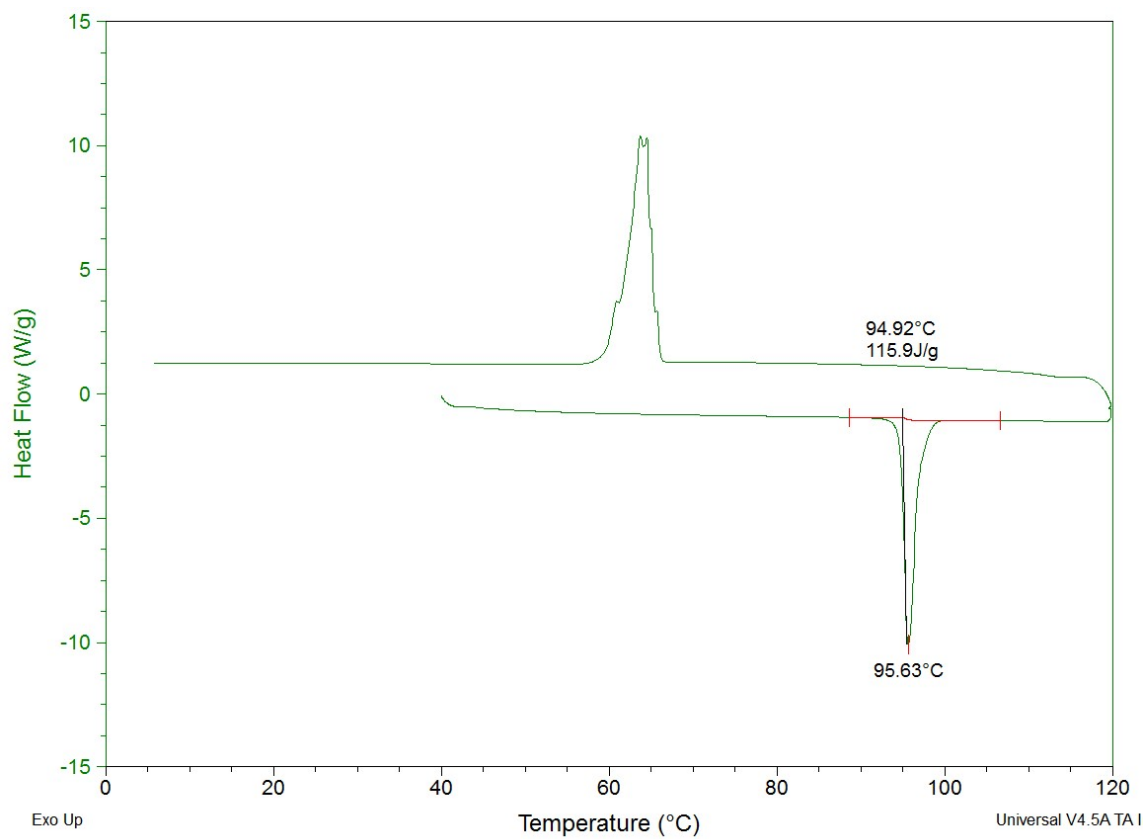


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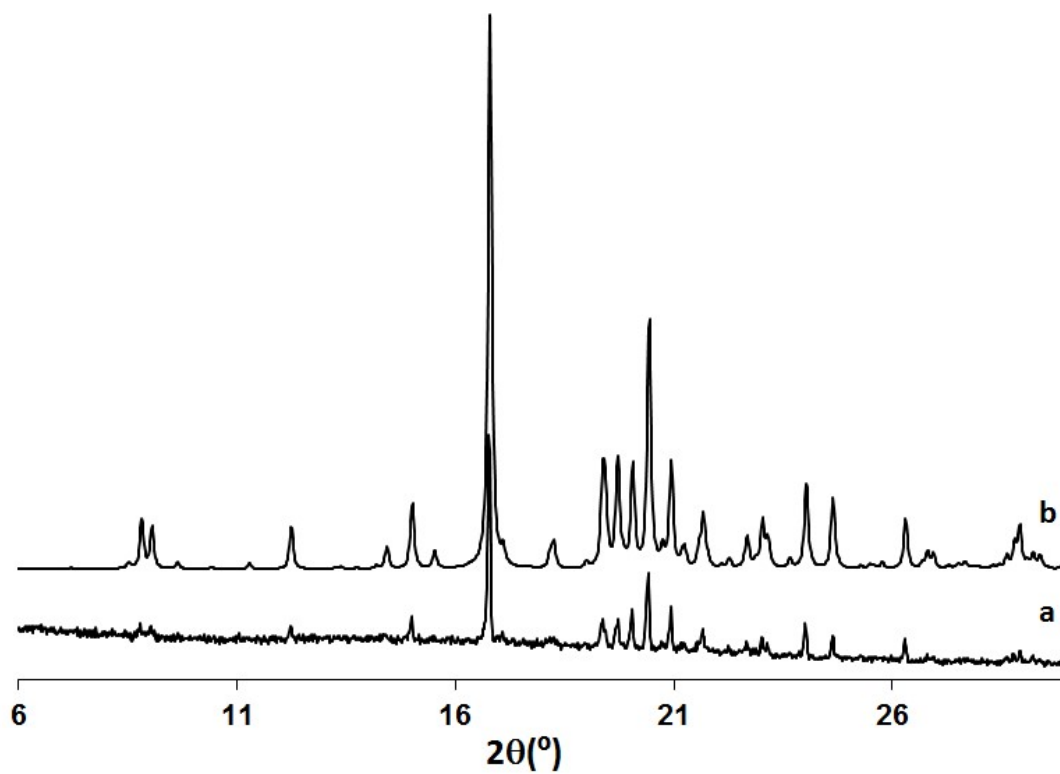


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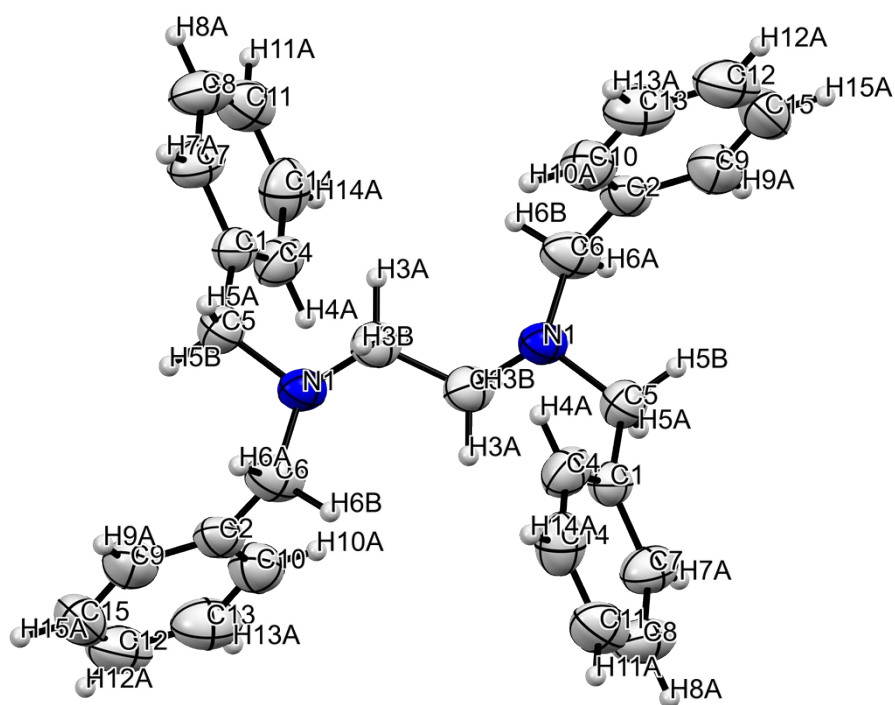


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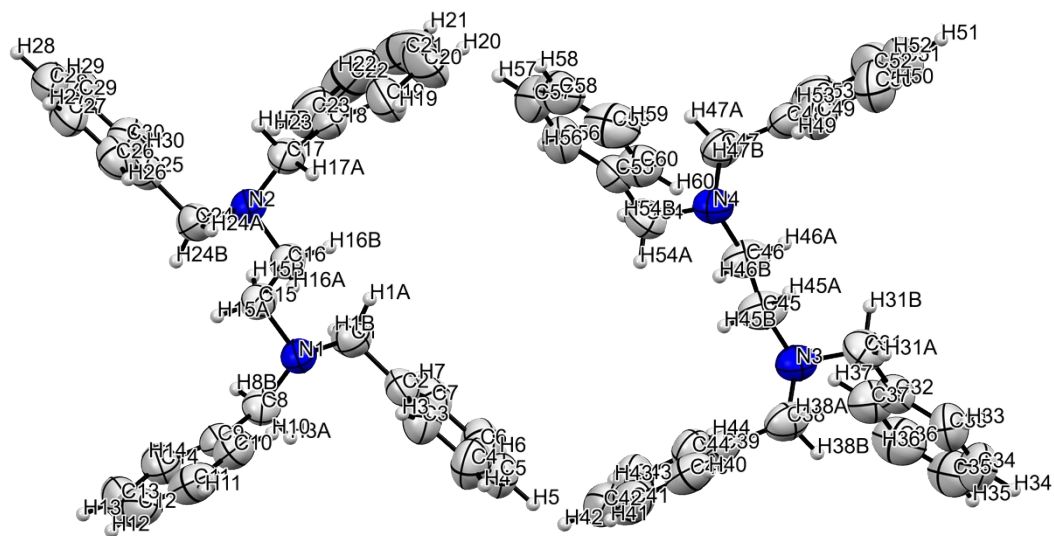


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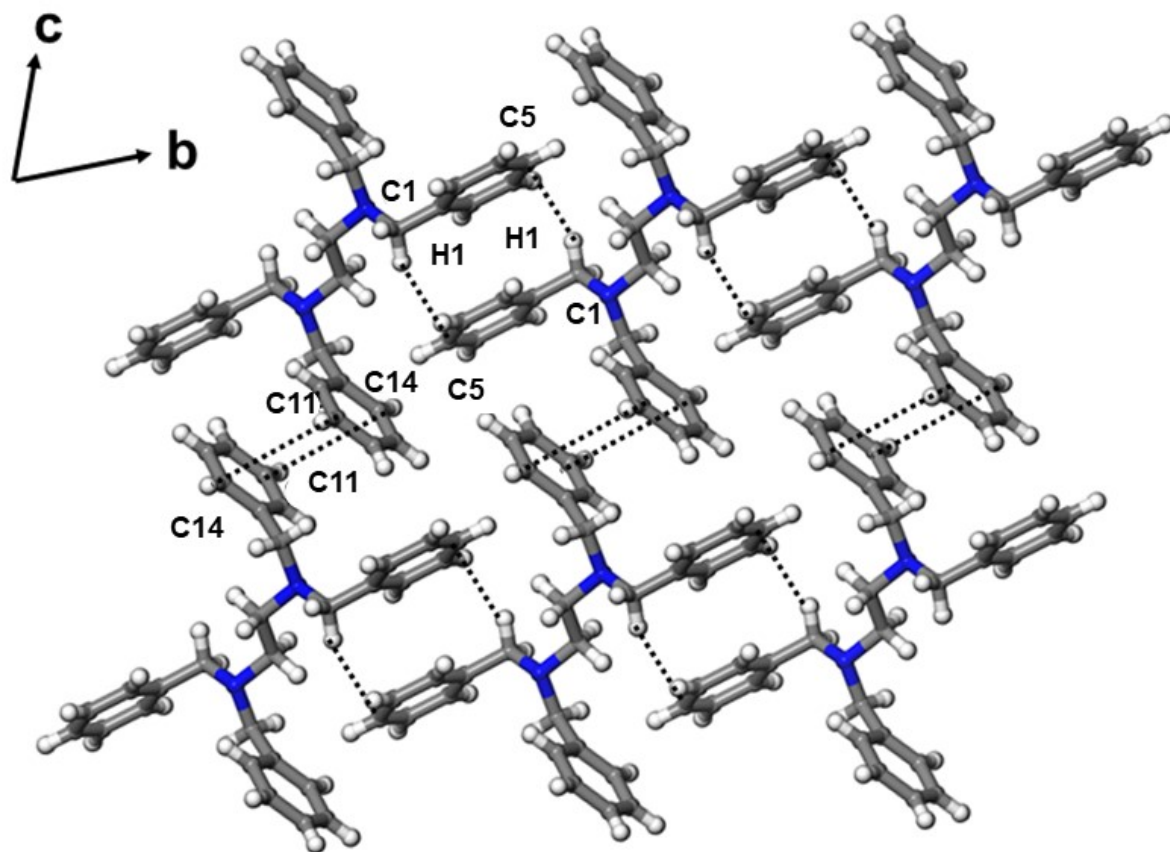


Figure S9. Electrostatic interactions in the β phase in dashed lines showed in Table S1.

Table S1. Electrostatic interactions shown in Figure S9 in the β polymorph.

D-H \cdots A	D-H(\AA)	H \cdots A/ $\pi\cdots\pi$ (\AA)	D \cdots A(\AA)	D-H \cdots A($^\circ$)
C1-H1 \cdots C5	0.97	2.85	3.63	138
C14 \cdots C11 ($\pi\cdots\pi$)		3.57		

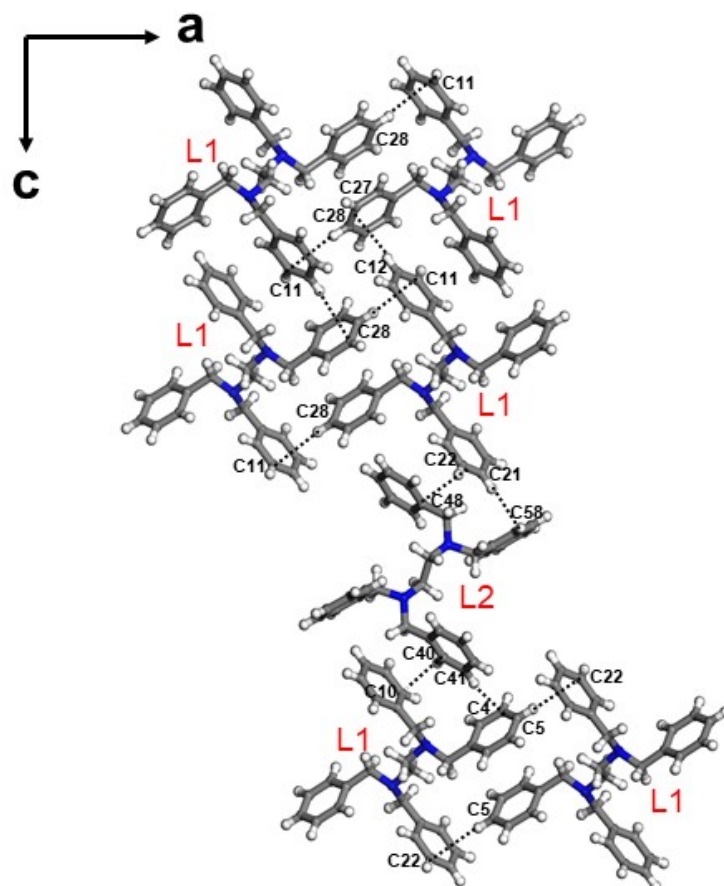


Figure S10. Electrostatic interactions in the γ phase in dashed lines showed in Table S2.

Table S2. Electrostatic interactions in the γ polymorph shown in Figure S10.

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C28-H28...C11	0.93	2.94	3.63	138
C12-H12...C27	0.93	2.98	4.08	175
C22-H22...C48	0.93	3.09	3.95	154
C21-H21...C58	0.93	2.82	3.75	176
C40-H40...C10	0.93	3.12	3.98	154
C41-H41...C4	0.93	2.98	3.87	160
C5-H5...C22	0.93	3.02	3.95	174

Density Functional Theory Calculations

Molecular modelling studies are performed in the crystalline phase, (*i.e.*, under periodical conditions). The GGA PBE functional¹ is adopted together with explicit van der Waals corrections² to improve the description of van der Waals interactions.³ A numerical double zeta numerical basis set centered on atoms (including polarisation functions on all atoms), roughly comparable with the usual 6-31G** gaussian basis, has been employed. The DMol³ package⁴ was employed for all the calculations. The geometries of the crystalline assemblies have been obtained from experimental X-ray determined structures and optimized by fixing the cells under symmetry restrain conditions.

DFT optimized coordinates in α , β and γ -phases.

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ATOM	83	C41	MOL	2	32.073	5.792	-5.037	1.00	0.12	C
ATOM	84	H41	MOL	2	31.533	5.271	-5.809	1.00	0.15	H
ATOM	85	C42	MOL	2	31.652	7.059	-4.614	1.00	0.13	C
ATOM	86	H42	MOL	2	30.787	7.515	-5.067	1.00	0.15	H
ATOM	87	C43	MOL	2	32.355	7.728	-3.603	1.00	0.11	C
ATOM	88	H43	MOL	2	32.026	8.696	-3.258	1.00	0.14	H

ATOM	89	C44	MOL	2	33.491	7.142	-3.033	1.00	0.09	C
ATOM	90	H44	MOL	2	34.047	7.657	-2.266	1.00	0.11	H
ATOM	91	C45	MOL	2	34.370	4.593	-0.699	1.00	0.08	C
ATOM	92	AH45	MOL	2	34.809	3.599	-0.558	1.00	0.10	H
ATOM	93	BH45	MOL	2	33.481	4.480	-1.315	1.00	0.10	H
ATOM	94	C46	MOL	2	33.977	5.156	0.673	1.00	0.08	C
ATOM	95	AH46	MOL	2	34.868	5.278	1.286	1.00	0.10	H
ATOM	96	BH46	MOL	2	33.525	6.147	0.540	1.00	0.10	H
ATOM	97	C47	MOL	2	33.118	4.437	2.859	1.00	0.08	C
ATOM	98	AH47	MOL	2	32.258	3.939	3.308	1.00	0.09	H
ATOM	99	BH47	MOL	2	33.040	5.503	3.107	1.00	0.09	H
ATOM	100	C48	MOL	2	34.403	3.889	3.451	1.00	0.07	C
ATOM	101	C49	MOL	2	34.896	2.633	3.063	1.00	0.09	C
ATOM	102	H49	MOL	2	34.389	2.089	2.282	1.00	0.11	H
ATOM	103	C50	MOL	2	36.031	2.093	3.686	1.00	0.13	C
ATOM	104	H50	MOL	2	36.406	1.129	3.375	1.00	0.16	H
ATOM	105	C51	MOL	2	36.677	2.807	4.708	1.00	0.15	C
ATOM	106	H51	MOL	2	37.530	2.385	5.216	1.00	0.18	H
ATOM	107	C52	MOL	2	36.216	4.078	5.069	1.00	0.15	C
ATOM	108	H52	MOL	2	36.731	4.642	5.830	1.00	0.18	H
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ATOM	110	H53	MOL	2	34.729	5.598	4.715	1.00	0.13	H
ATOM	111	C54	MOL	2	31.629	4.401	0.916	1.00	0.09	C
ATOM	112	AH54	MOL	2	31.629	4.495	-0.170	1.00	0.11	H
ATOM	113	BH54	MOL	2	31.189	5.320	1.326	1.00	0.11	H
ATOM	114	C55	MOL	2	30.768	3.216	1.315	1.00	0.08	C
ATOM	115	C56	MOL	2	29.558	3.405	2.005	1.00	0.11	C
ATOM	116	H56	MOL	2	29.243	4.406	2.264	1.00	0.13	H
ATOM	117	C57	MOL	2	28.761	2.304	2.358	1.00	0.13	C
ATOM	118	H57	MOL	2	27.841	2.451	2.902	1.00	0.15	H
ATOM	119	C58	MOL	2	29.161	1.007	2.011	1.00	0.13	C
ATOM	120	H58	MOL	2	28.541	0.164	2.271	1.00	0.15	H
ATOM	121	C59	MOL	2	30.373	0.810	1.331	1.00	0.12	C
ATOM	122	H59	MOL	2	30.692	-0.190	1.079	1.00	0.14	H

ATOM	123	C60	MOL	2	31.169	1.909	0.988	1.00	0.09	C
ATOM	124	H60	MOL	2	32.102	1.761	0.470	1.00	0.11	H
ATOM	125	N1	MOL	2	25.229	9.413	-1.124	1.00	0.06	N
ATOM	126	N2	MOL	2	23.552	6.711	0.987	1.00	0.06	N
ATOM	127	N3	MOL	2	35.322	5.488	-1.418	1.00	0.07	N
ATOM	128	N4	MOL	2	33.040	4.242	1.383	1.00	0.07	N
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