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## Halogen Bonding Based “Catch and Release”: Reversible Solid State Entrapment of Elemental Iodine with Mono-Alkylated DABCO Salts

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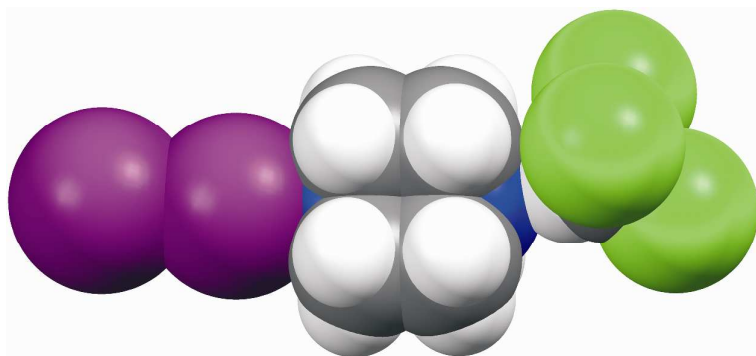
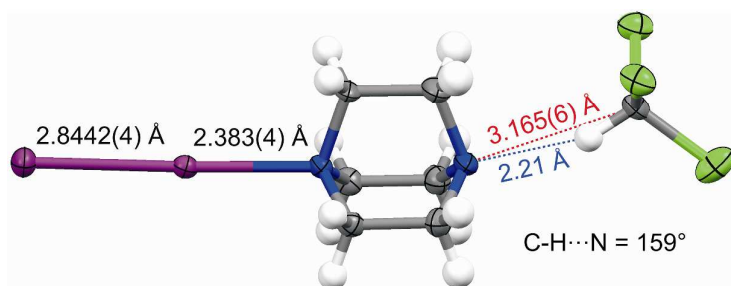
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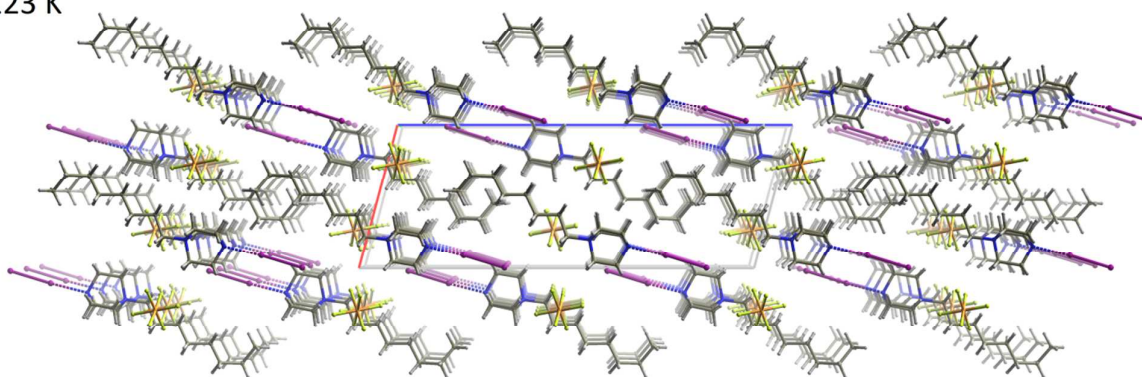
**Table S1.** Experimental (single crystal X-ray) N...I and I-I distances (Å) with standard deviations.

	Experimental	
	N...I	I-I
<b>1a</b>	2.366(3)	2.8536(4)
<b>1a</b> ·CHCl <sub>3</sub>	2.383(4)	2.8442(4)
<b>1b</b>		
N1...I1, N2...I3; I1-I2, I3-I4	2.427(12), 2.417(12)	2.837(3), 2.828(3)
N1A...I1A, N2A...I3A; I1A-I2A, I3A-I4A	2.422(10), 2.424(10)	2.827(3), 2.835(3)
N1B...I1B, N2B...I3B; I1B-I2B, I3B-I4B	2.409(10), 2.429(10)	2.827(2), 2.829(3)
[ <b>2</b> ...I <sub>2</sub> ]PF <sub>6</sub>	2.4790(78)	2.8009(10)
[ <b>3</b> ...I <sub>2</sub> ]PF <sub>6</sub>	2.5185(90)	2.7791(11)
[ <b>4</b> ...I <sub>2</sub> ]PF <sub>6</sub>	2.5321(59)	2.7682(6)
[ <b>5</b> ...I <sub>2</sub> ]PF <sub>6</sub>	2.5429(38)	2.7688(4)
[ <b>6</b> ...I <sub>2</sub> ]PF <sub>6</sub>	2.5449(50)	2.7680(6)
[ <b>7</b> ...I <sub>2</sub> ]PF <sub>6</sub>	2.5425(49)	2.7670(5)

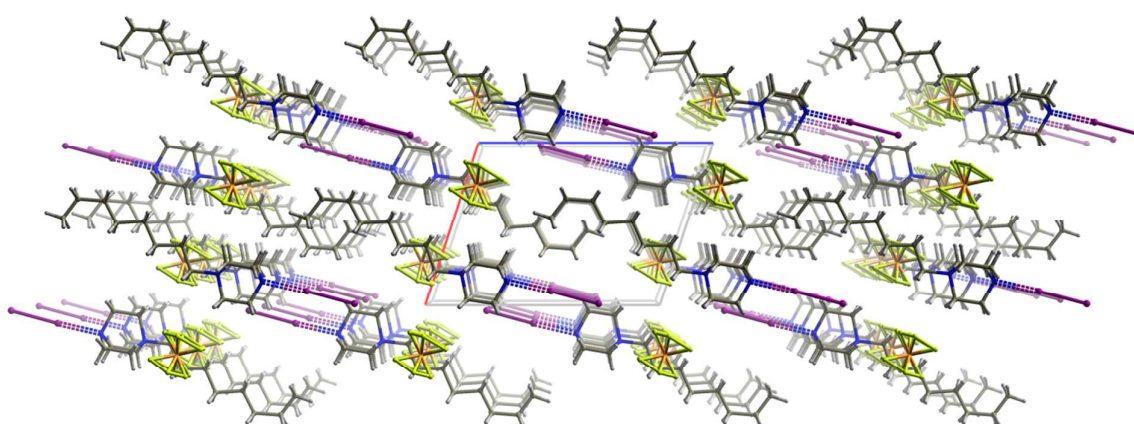


**Fig. S1.** Crystallographic diagram of **1a**·CHCl<sub>3</sub> showing the thermal ellipsoids (50 % probability) with selected geometric parameters (above) and spacefill presentation (below).

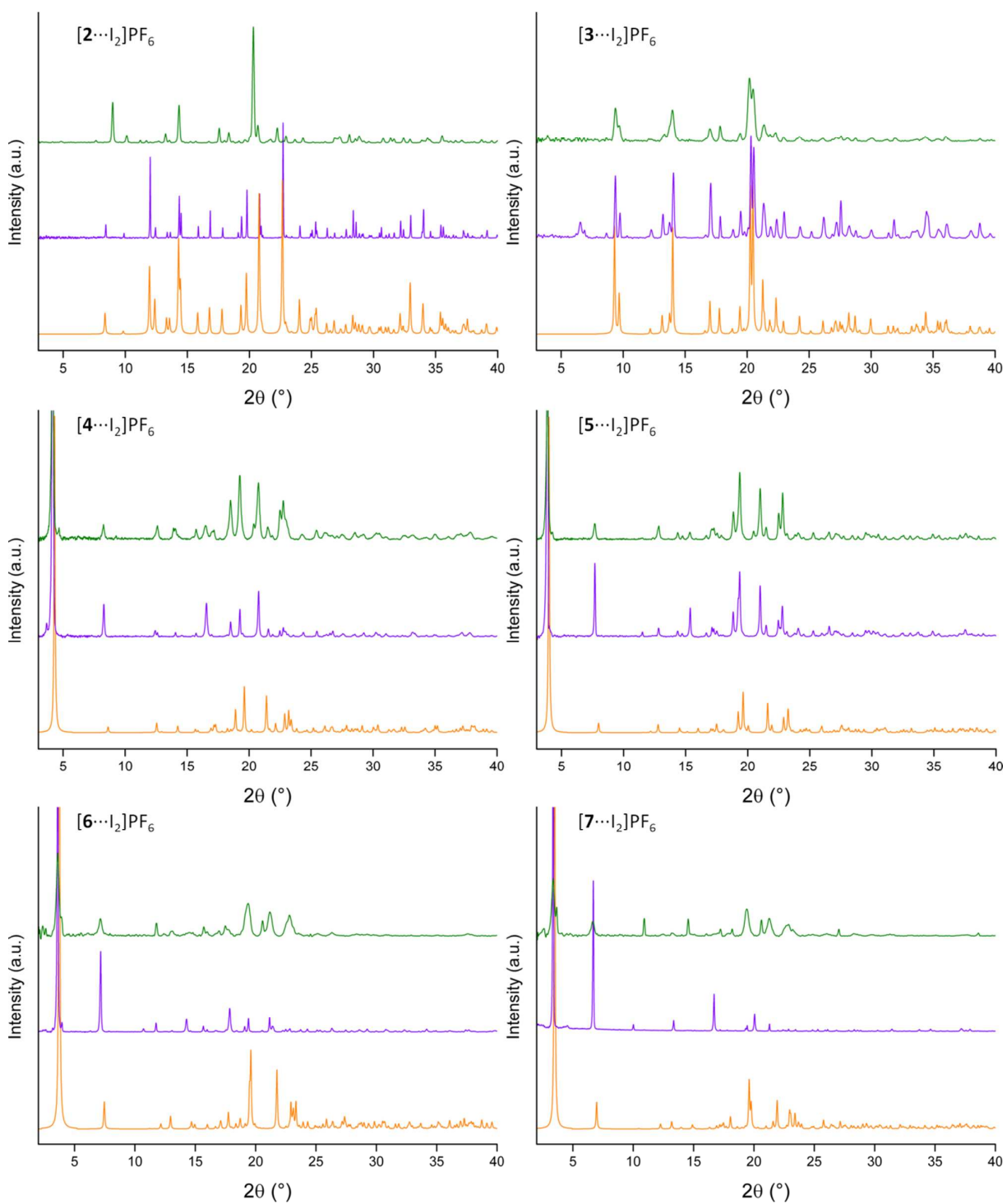
123 K



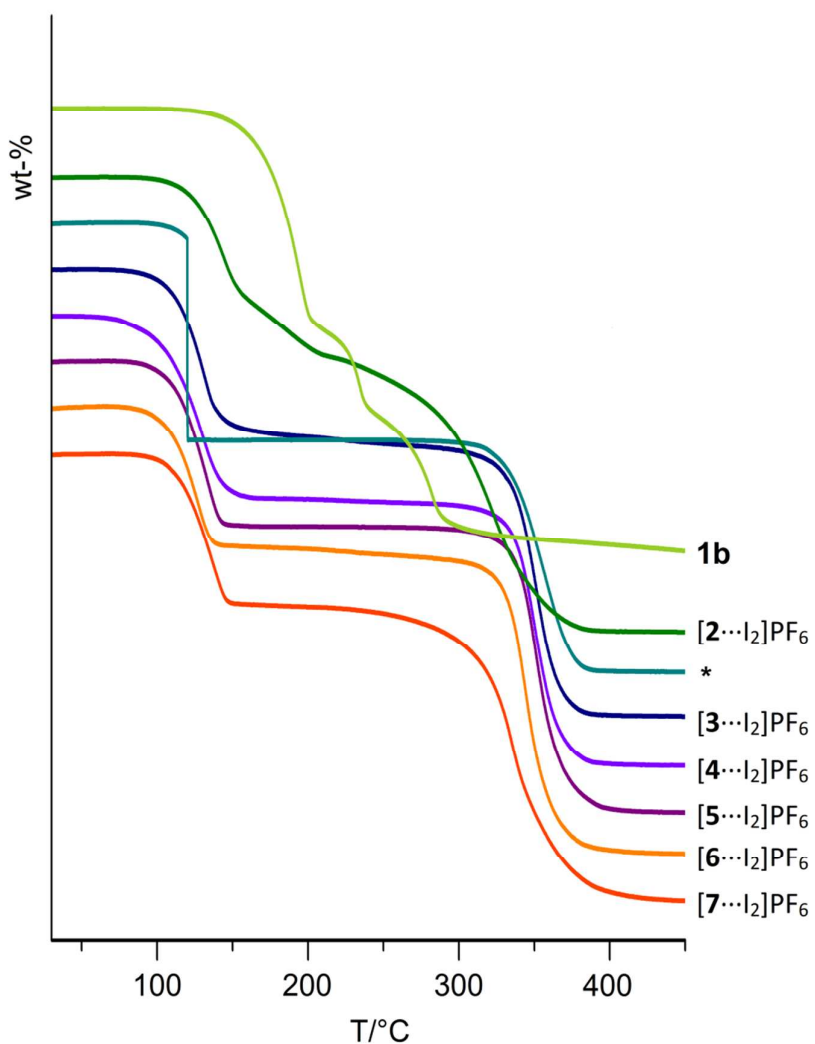
298 K



**Fig. S2.** Comparison between the single crystal structures of  $[3 \cdots I_2]PF_6$  recorded at 123 K and 298 K. The alkyl chains in 123 K data and  $PF_6^-$  anions in 298 K data are disordered. Unit cell parameters for room temperature measurement are:  $a = 9.996(5)$ ,  $b = 8.762(5)$ ,  $c = 13.644(5)$ ,  $\beta = 108.112(5)$ ,  $V = 1135.8(10)$ , monoclinic  $P2_1/m$  and for low temperature measurement:  $a = 9.9339(6)$ ,  $b = 8.5824(6)$ ,  $c = 26.3690(15)$ ,  $\beta = 104.980(4)$ ,  $V = 2171.7(2)$ , monoclinic  $P2_1/c$ .



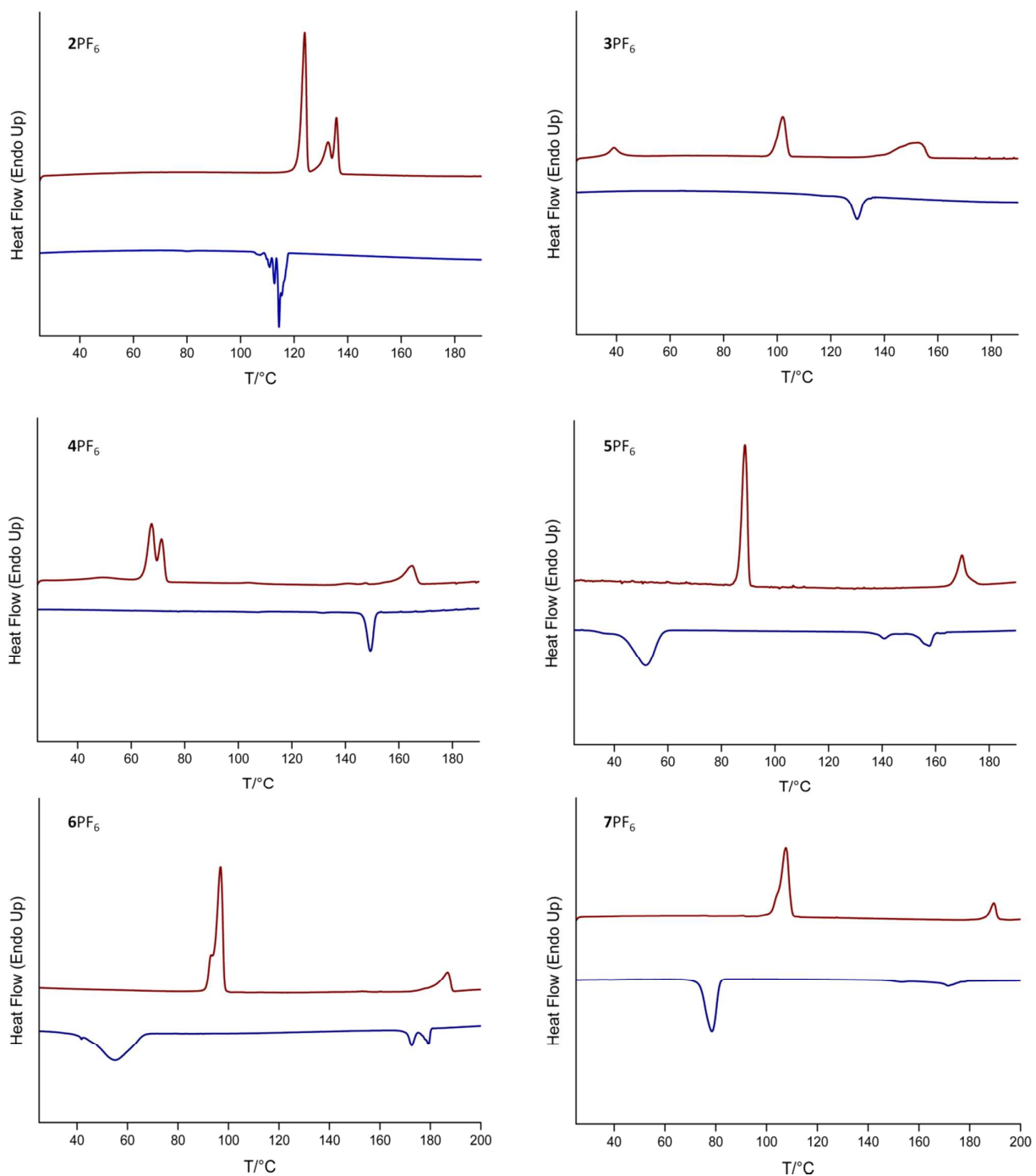
**Fig. S3.** PXRD measurements of bulk powders  $[2 \cdots I_2]PF_6 - [7 \cdots I_2]PF_6$  obtained via solid state (upper graph, green) and solution (middle graph, violet) reactions compared to calculated patterns generated from corresponding single crystal data (lower graph, orange).



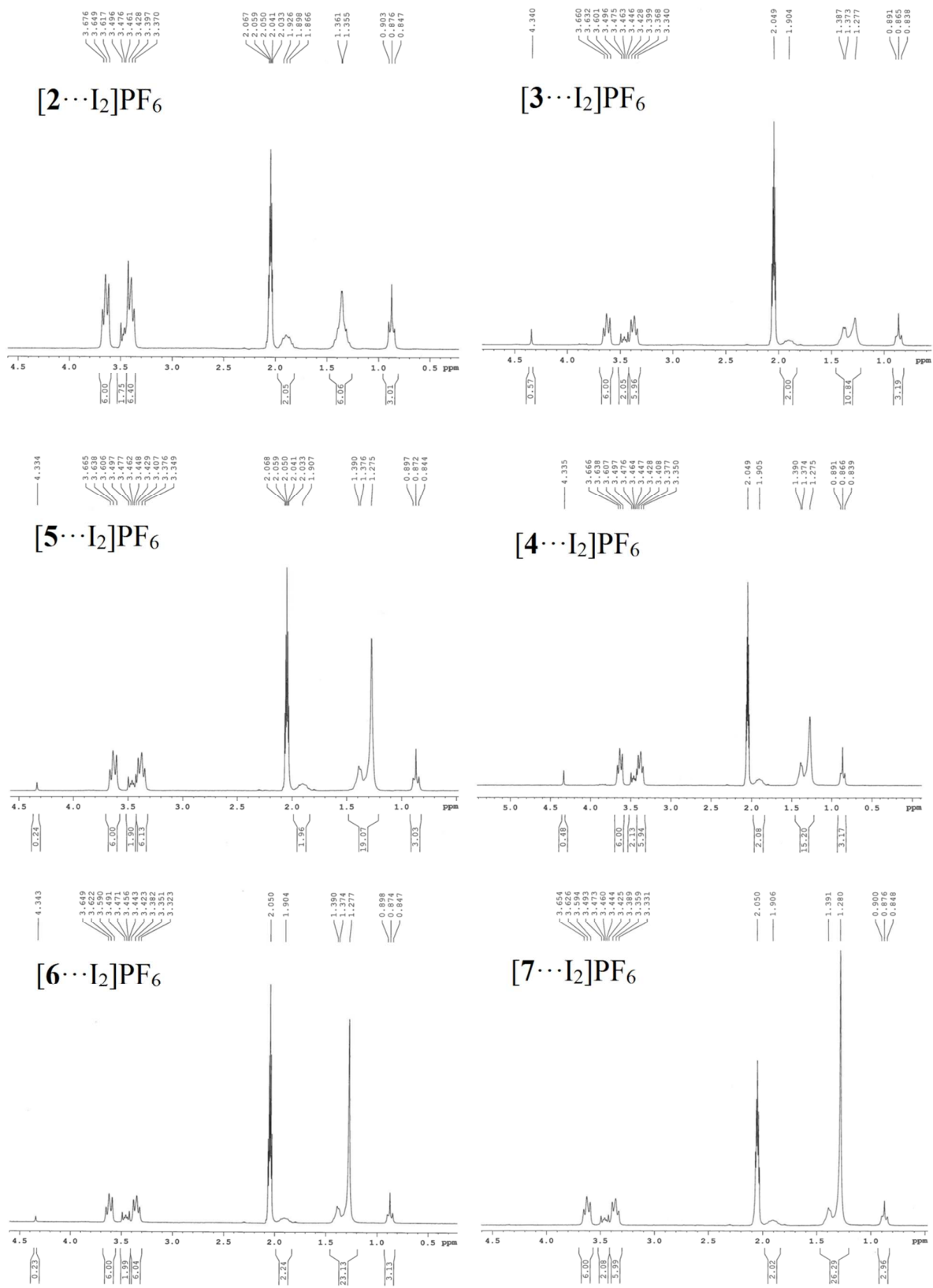
**Fig. S4.** TG measurements of synthesized I<sub>2</sub>-complexes. (\*) measurement of [2...I<sub>2</sub>]PF<sub>6</sub> including a 60 min isothermal step at 110 °C.

**Table S2.** Phase transition, melting and decomposition temperatures ( $T_{c-c}$ ,  $T_m$  and  $T_{dec}$  respectively) for 2PF<sub>6</sub> – 7PF<sub>6</sub> derived from DSC measurements. Enthalpies for corresponding events are in parenthesis.

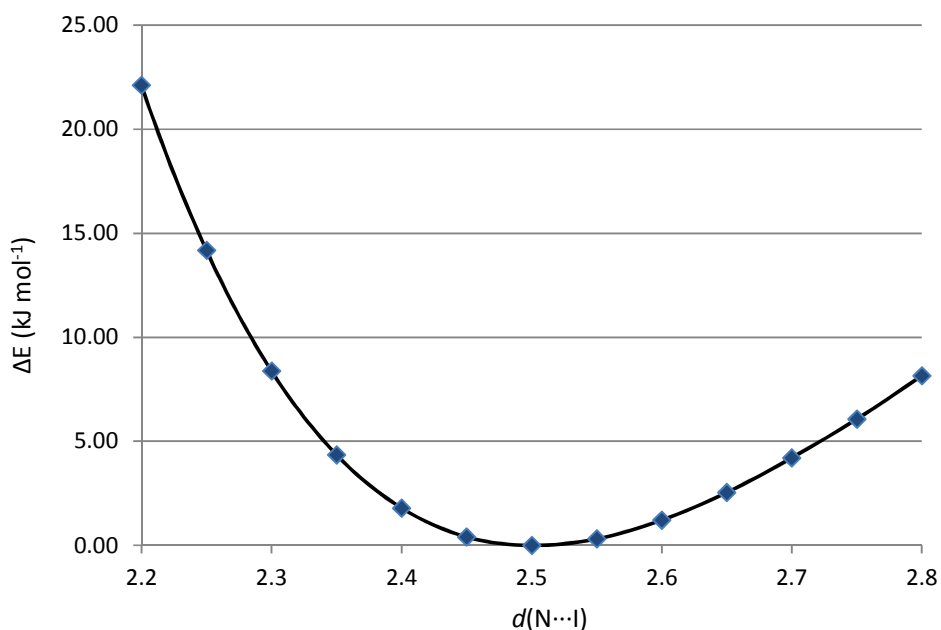
	$T_{c-c}$ (°C) and $\Delta H$ (kJ mol <sup>-1</sup> )	$T_m$ (°C) and $\Delta H$ (kJ mol <sup>-1</sup> )	$T_{dec}$ (°C)
2PF <sub>6</sub>	121.7 (11.4)		307.3
3PF <sub>6</sub>	98.4 (9.5)	139.4 (11.6)	294.8
4PF <sub>6</sub>	69.9 (17.3)	159.7 (6.4)	308.0
5PF <sub>6</sub>	86.4 (26.1)	166.9 (8.4)	295.1
6PF <sub>6</sub>	93.9 (32.8)	181.3 (8.3)	310.8
7PF <sub>6</sub>	104.1 (39.1)	186.6 (7.2)	267.5



**Fig. S5.** DSC measurements of 2PF<sub>6</sub> – 7PF<sub>6</sub> showing single heating-cooling cycle graphs (heating with red and cooling with blue line). Heating-cooling cycles were repeated for each sample producing virtually identical thermal events on both heating scans. Calculated transition temperatures and enthalpies are reported in table S2.



**Fig. S6.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR data of complexes [2...I<sub>2</sub>]PF<sub>6</sub> – [7...I<sub>2</sub>]PF<sub>6</sub>. Measurements were carried out with Bruker Avance 250 NMR spectrometer at 30°C using acetone-d<sub>6</sub> as a solvent.



**Fig. S7.** Potential energy surface scan (M05-2X/def2-TZVPP) along the N...I<sub>2</sub> bond.

**Table S3.** Optimized geometrical parameters derived from theoretical calculations.

**1a (M05-2x/def2-TZVPP)**

I	0.000060	0.000000	0.521770
I	0.000060	0.000000	3.272398
N	0.000060	0.000000	-1.978358
N	0.000060	0.000000	-4.519661
C	0.060956	1.383018	-2.470436
H	1.005752	1.806990	-2.138531
H	-0.743146	1.944329	-2.001177
C	-1.228118	-0.638771	-2.470436
H	-2.067686	-0.032540	-2.138531
H	-1.312176	-1.615800	-2.001177
C	-0.060248	1.370588	-4.018540
H	-1.005153	1.804957	-4.337075
H	0.743054	1.944670	-4.473764
C	1.167340	-0.744247	-2.470436
H	1.062113	-1.774451	-2.138531
H	2.055501	-0.328530	-2.001177
C	-1.156751	-0.737522	-4.018540
H	-1.060472	-1.773018	-4.337075
H	-2.055571	-0.328883	-4.473764
C	1.217178	-0.633066	-4.018540



H	2.065804	-0.031938	-4.337075
H	1.312696	-1.615787	-4.473764

**1b** (M05-2x/def2-TZVPP)

C	-0.068641	1.381072	0.772443
N	0.000000	0.000000	1.262044
C	1.230364	-0.631091	0.772443
C	1.162710	-0.748449	-0.772443
N	0.000000	0.000000	-1.262044
C	0.066821	1.381161	-0.772443
C	-1.161723	-0.749981	0.772443
C	-1.229531	-0.632712	-0.772443
I	0.000000	0.000000	-3.828254
I	0.000000	0.000000	-6.555161
H	2.054004	-0.344280	-1.244646
H	1.050268	-1.781191	-1.092426
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H	-1.019794	1.798812	1.092426
I	0.000000	0.000000	3.828254
I	0.000000	0.000000	6.555161

**1a** (MP2/aug-cc-pVTZ)

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N	0.000000	0.000000	-4.505996
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C	-1.356598	0.216207	-3.996904
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**1b (MP2/aug-cc-pVTZ)**

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C	1.231850	0.639095	-0.771878
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C	-0.062453	-1.386361	-0.771878
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**[2...I<sub>2</sub>]PF<sub>6</sub>**

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C	4.428704	2.706909	6.127101
N	3.540988	1.839679	6.897534
C	2.376338	2.610942	7.332355
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[3...l<sub>2</sub>]PF<sub>6</sub>

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4-picoline...I<sub>2</sub>

C	0.001278	0.013693	0.005323
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C	2.377928	-0.011686	1.304183
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I	-2.228686	-0.002065	2.645521
I	-4.572822	-0.005324	4.021159
H	1.120627	-0.024770	3.049876
H	3.299841	-0.027331	1.864743
H	1.116832	0.019980	-1.815856
H	-0.968199	0.020306	-0.471517
H	3.567236	-0.427205	-1.825545
H	4.000293	1.064102	-0.999284
H	4.468407	-0.482356	-0.305044

1,5-Diazabicyclo[4.3.0]non-5-ene (DBN)...I<sub>2</sub>

C	-7.512691	6.108544	-0.055755
N	-6.399491	5.187171	-0.218129
C	-6.775684	3.891338	-0.173730
C	-8.272657	3.818856	-0.044460
C	-8.724497	5.239116	-0.403796
C	-5.013969	5.596533	-0.086204
C	-4.197789	4.430225	0.453361
C	-4.557564	3.155201	-0.299815
N	-5.985062	2.885481	-0.215619
H	-4.268615	3.241632	-1.349075

H	-4.029623	2.300866	0.114405
H	-3.137193	4.645963	0.357451
H	-4.421544	4.287484	1.509349
H	-4.629963	5.923081	-1.052900
H	-4.970647	6.446020	0.594146
H	-7.553380	6.476419	0.972191
H	-7.401658	6.961857	-0.720408
H	-9.617908	5.547309	0.127245
H	-8.919792	5.303247	-1.470751
H	-8.509270	3.560756	0.987114
H	-8.686375	3.044721	-0.680319
I	-6.730850	0.577609	0.022965
I	-7.522090	-2.057934	0.325262

NH<sub>3</sub>...I<sub>2</sub>

N	0.031122	-0.053905	0.022008
C	0.006285	-0.010885	1.477712
C	1.395294	-0.010885	-0.486642
C	-0.688220	-1.213802	-0.486642
H	-0.693722	-1.185167	-1.572342
H	-0.214471	-2.141799	-0.151652
H	-1.713664	-1.185167	-0.129932
H	-1.024674	0.008199	1.818825
H	0.511048	-0.885161	1.900427
H	0.505237	0.891494	1.818825
H	1.373247	0.008198	-1.572346
H	1.883217	0.891494	-0.129931
H	1.962089	-0.885161	-0.151653
I	-1.163686	2.015564	-0.822850
I	-2.457129	4.255872	-1.737452

DABCO, in C<sub>3</sub>-symmetry (minimum)

N	0.000000	0.000000	1.281084
N	0.000000	0.000000	-1.283022
C	0.879852	1.054138	0.774321
H	1.895172	0.821928	1.094580
H	0.594102	1.997313	1.238598
C	-1.352836	0.234905	0.774321
H	-1.659396	1.230303	1.094580
H	-2.026775	-0.484149	1.238598
C	0.781016	1.130220	-0.774991
H	0.286412	2.046657	-1.096128
H	1.766190	1.105930	-1.238892
C	0.472984	-1.289043	0.774321
H	-0.235775	-2.052231	1.094580
H	1.432673	-1.513164	1.238598

C -1.369307 0.111270 -0.774991  
H -1.915663 -0.775289 -1.096128  
H -1.840859 0.976601 -1.238892  
C 0.588291 -1.241489 -0.774991  
H 1.629251 -1.271369 -1.096128  
H 0.074669 -2.082531 -1.238892

DABCO, in  $D_{3h}$ -symmetry (1 imaginary frequency)

N 0.000000 0.000000 1.280786  
N 0.000000 0.000000 -1.280786  
C -1.189835 -0.686951 0.777446  
H -2.067379 -0.177973 1.174375  
H -1.187819 -1.701416 1.174375  
C 1.189835 -0.686951 0.777446  
H 1.187819 -1.701416 1.174375  
H 2.067379 -0.177973 1.174375  
C -1.189835 -0.686951 -0.777446  
H -1.187819 -1.701416 -1.174375  
H -2.067379 -0.177973 -1.174375  
C 0.000000 1.373903 0.777446  
H 0.879560 1.879389 1.174375  
H -0.879560 1.879389 1.174375  
C 1.189835 -0.686951 -0.777446  
H 2.067379 -0.177973 -1.174375  
H 1.187819 -1.701416 -1.174375  
C 0.000000 1.373903 -0.777446  
H -0.879560 1.879389 -1.174375  
H 0.879560 1.879389 -1.174375

**Table S4.** List of DFT functionals trialed for use in calculations.

	$d(N\cdots I)/\text{\AA}$	$d(I-I)/\text{\AA}$
B3LYP	2.632	2.793
B97D	2.618	2.832
BP86	2.584	2.811
BVP86	2.583	2.810
PBE0	2.555	2.753
PBE-D	2.564	2.803

All optimizations reported here resulted in  $C_{3v}$  symmetric geometries found as minima by vibrational analysis.



**Table S5.** Results from natural decomposition analysis (NEDA).

	<b>1a</b>	<b>1b</b>	<b>[2...I<sub>2</sub>]PF<sub>6</sub></b>	<b>[3...I<sub>2</sub>]PF<sub>6</sub></b>	<b>[4...I<sub>2</sub>]PF<sub>6</sub></b>
CT	-233.5	-191.9	-135.1	-134.6	-135.3
ES	-166.7	-139.9	-96.8	-96.5	-96.9
POL	-153.7	-131.8	-107.0	-106.8	-107.2
XC	-104.1	-90.5	-71.6	-71.4	-71.7
DEF(A)	196.8	164.5	120.2	119.8	120.3
DEF(B)	401.5	338.3	257.7	256.9	258.0
SE(A)	3.3	1.9	3.8	3.7	3.7
SE(B)	75.9	65.0	50.3	50.2	50.4
Electrical(ES +POL+SE)	-241.3	-204.7	-149.8	-149.4	-150.0
CORE (XC+DEF-SE)	415.1	345.4	252.2	251.4	252.6
$\Delta E_{int}$	-59.7	-51.2	-32.6	-32.6	-32.6