

## **Supporting Information**

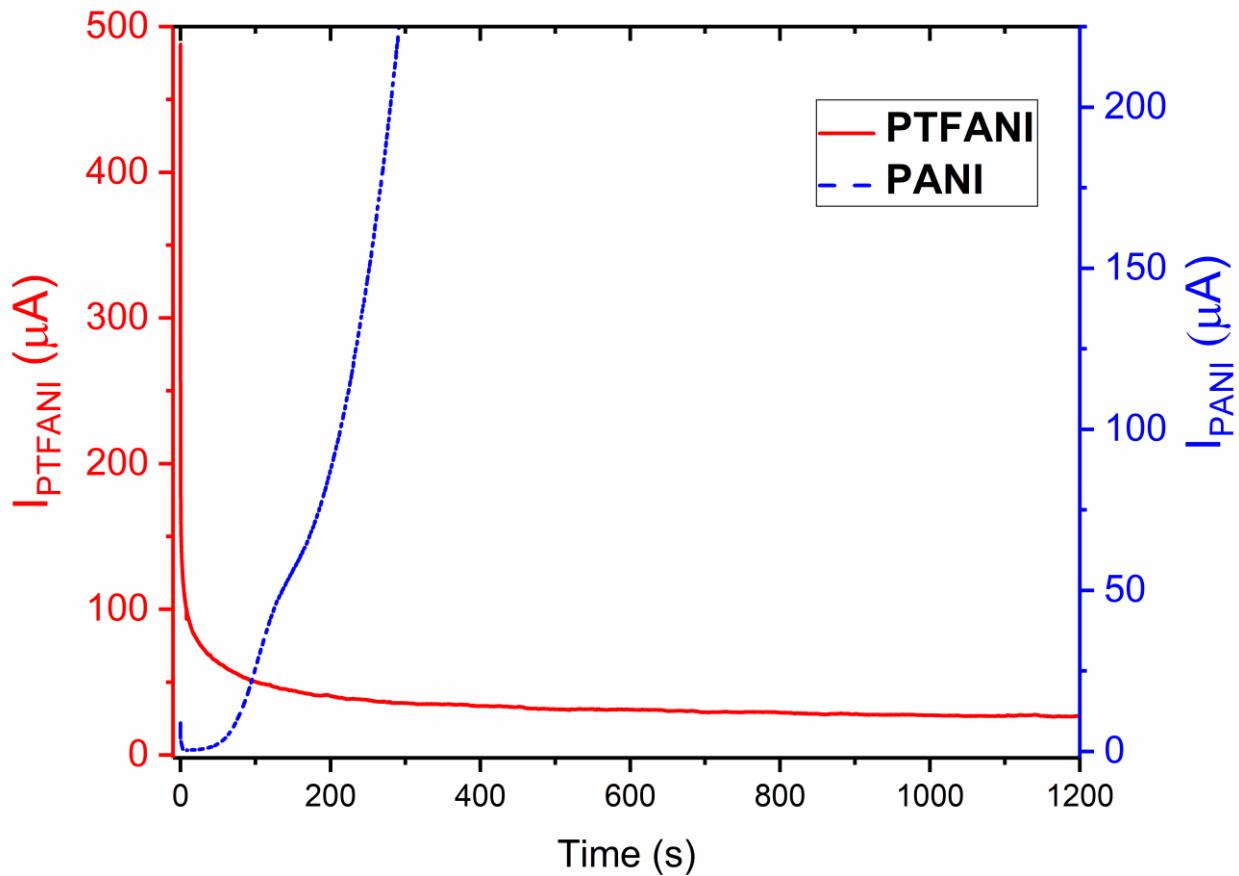
### **A comprehensive study of poly(2,3,5,6-tetrafluoroaniline): from electrosynthesis to heterojunctions and ammonia sensing**

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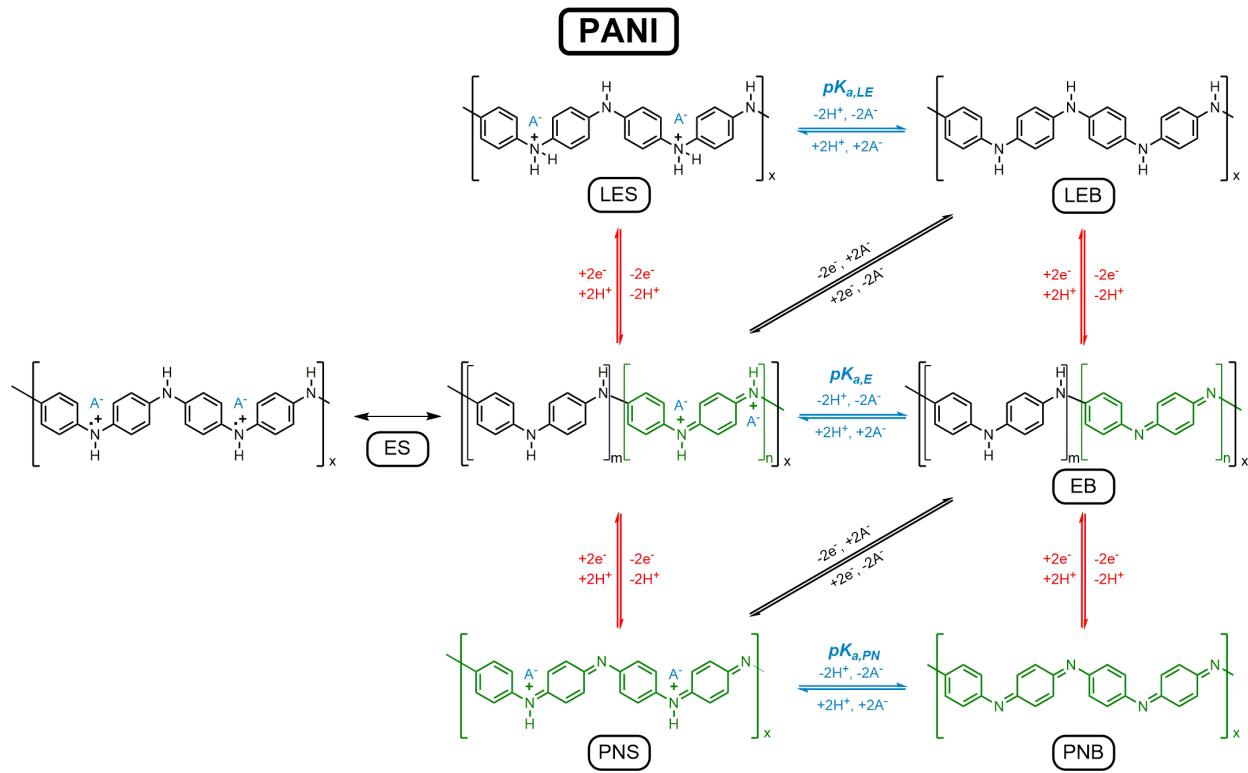
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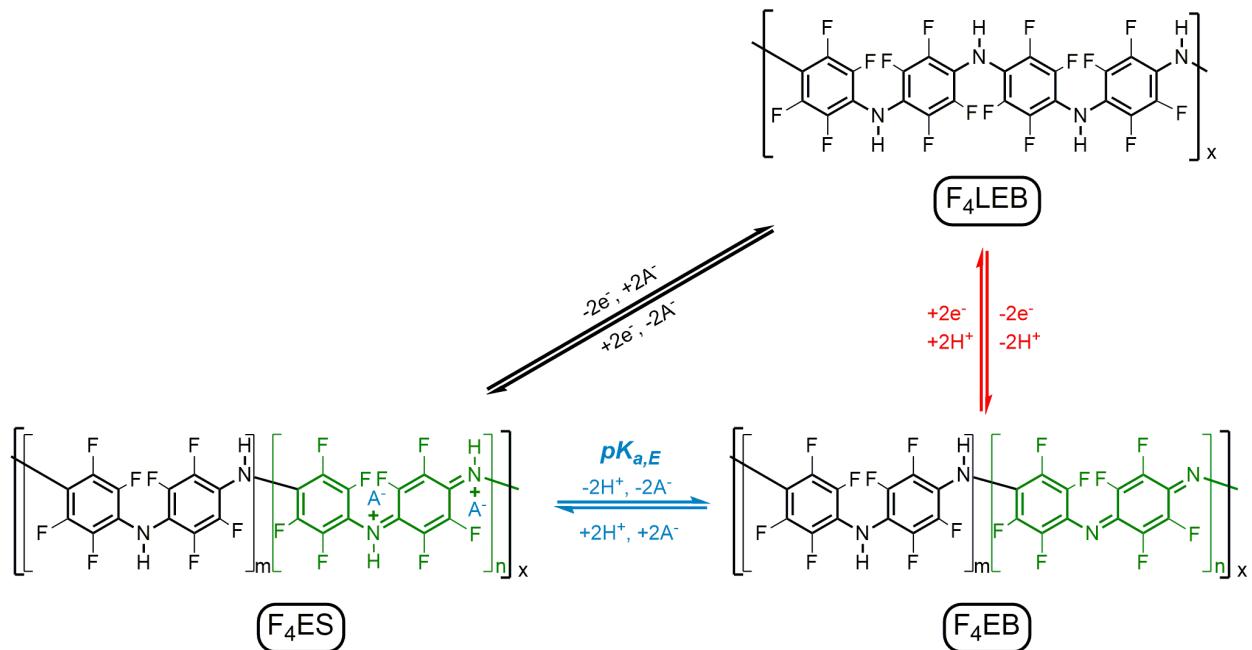


**Fig. S1.** Chronoamperometric curves registered for the electrodeposition processes of PTFANI and PANI films

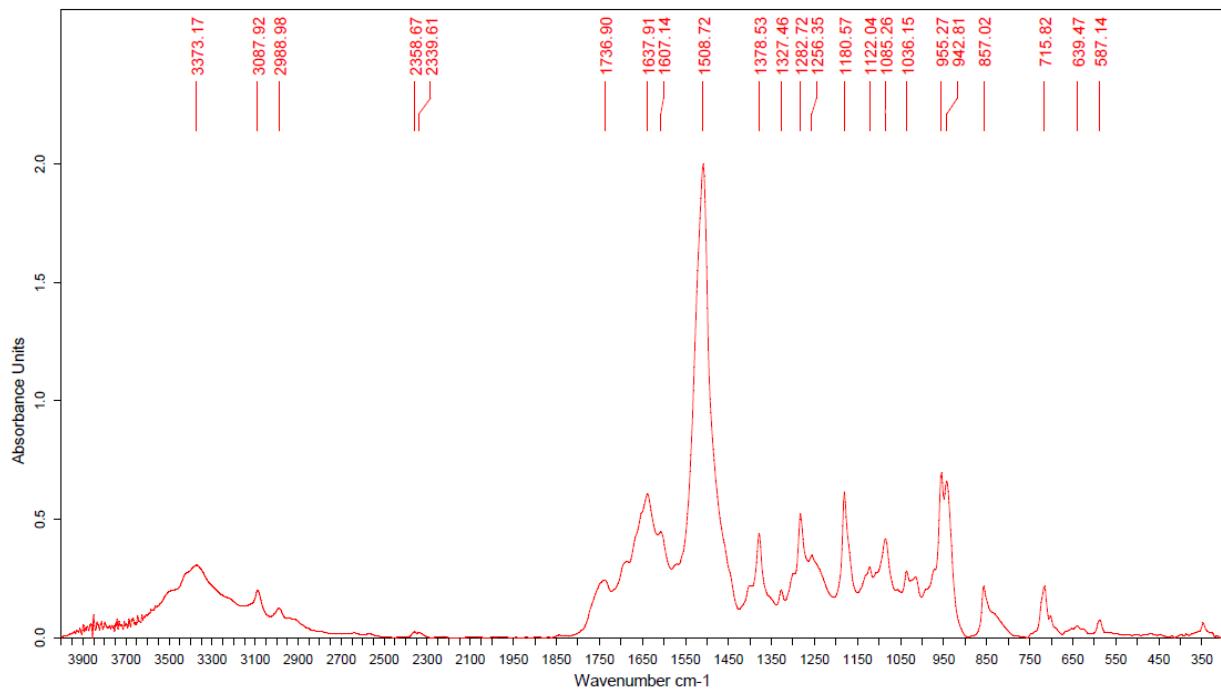


**Fig. S2.** Detailed reaction scheme of PANI. The quinoid forms are in green. The left ES structure corresponds to the bipolaron form, also called poly(semiquinone radical cation).

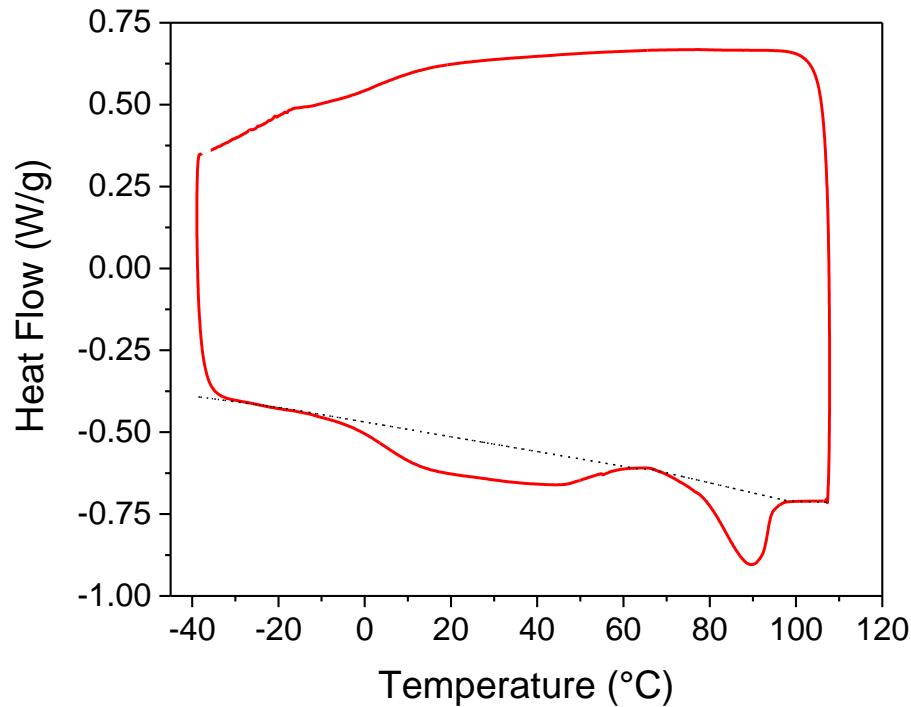
**PTFANI**



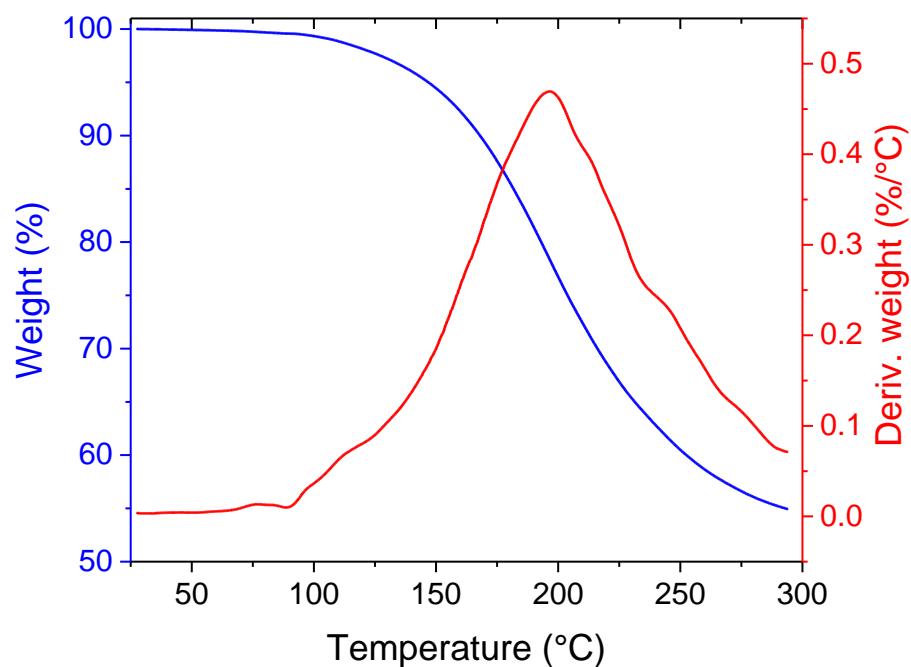
**Fig. S3.** Detailed reaction scheme of PTFANI. The quinoid forms are in green.



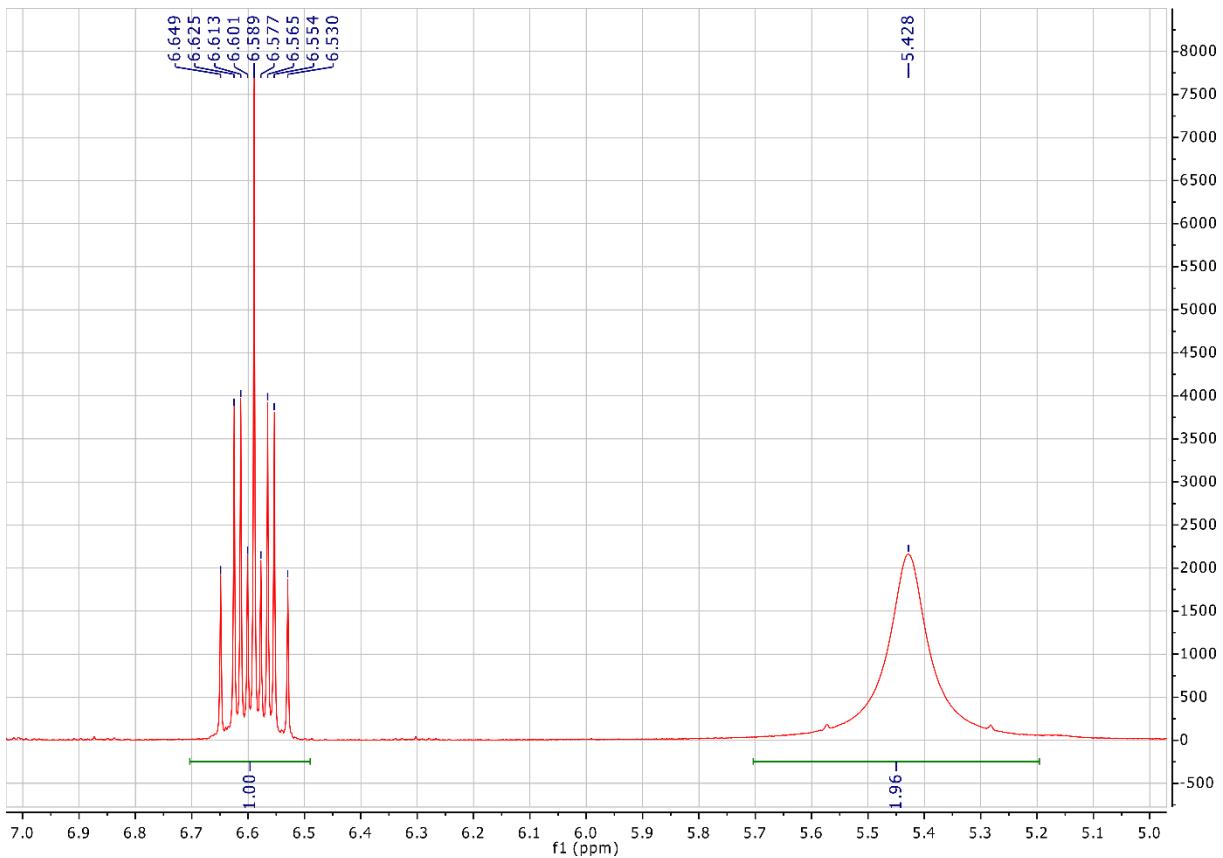
**Fig. S4.** Infrared (IR) spectra of polytetrafluoroaniline (PTFANI) powder with KBr pellet in transmission mode



**Fig. S5.** DSC thermogram of PTFANI powder at  $20^{\circ}\text{C} \cdot \text{min}^{-1}$

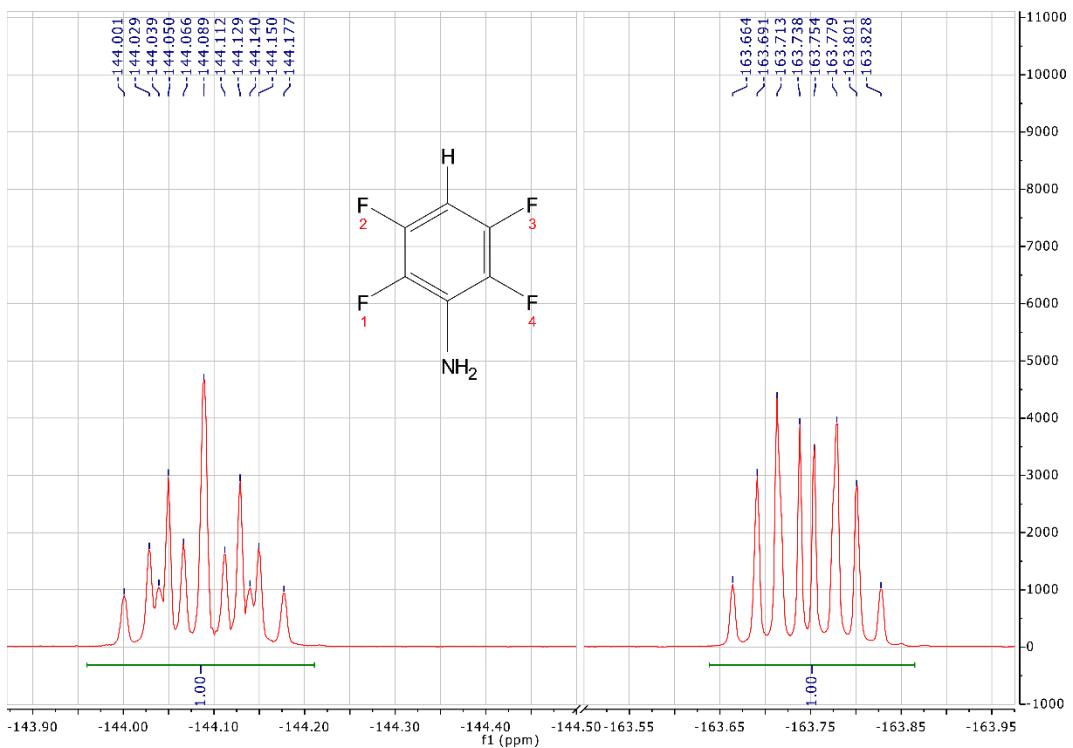


**Fig. S6.** TGA of PTFANI powder at a heating rate of  $10^{\circ}\text{C} \cdot \text{min}^{-1}$



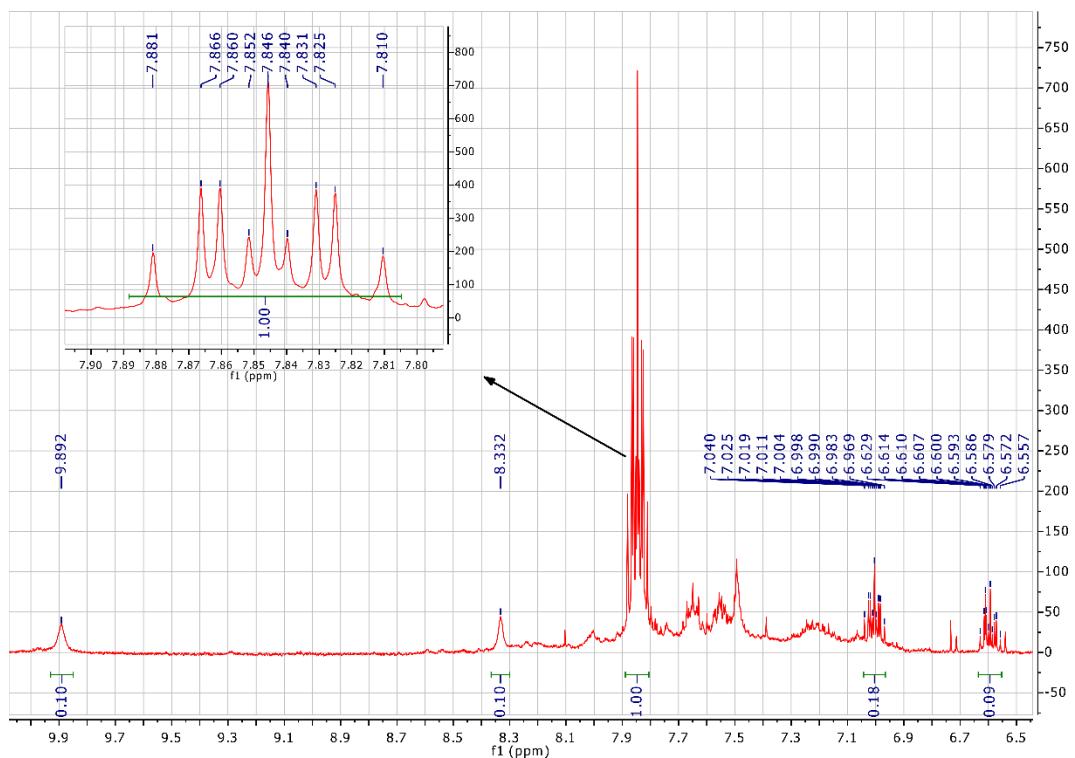
**Fig. S7.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of TFANI in deuterated acetone

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  (ppm) 5.43 (2 H, broad s, NH<sub>2</sub>), 6.59 (1 H, tt,  $J_{\text{H}-\text{F}2,\text{F}3} = 10.7$  Hz,  $J_{\text{H}-\text{F}1,\text{F}4} = 7.2$  Hz, H<sub>Ar</sub>).

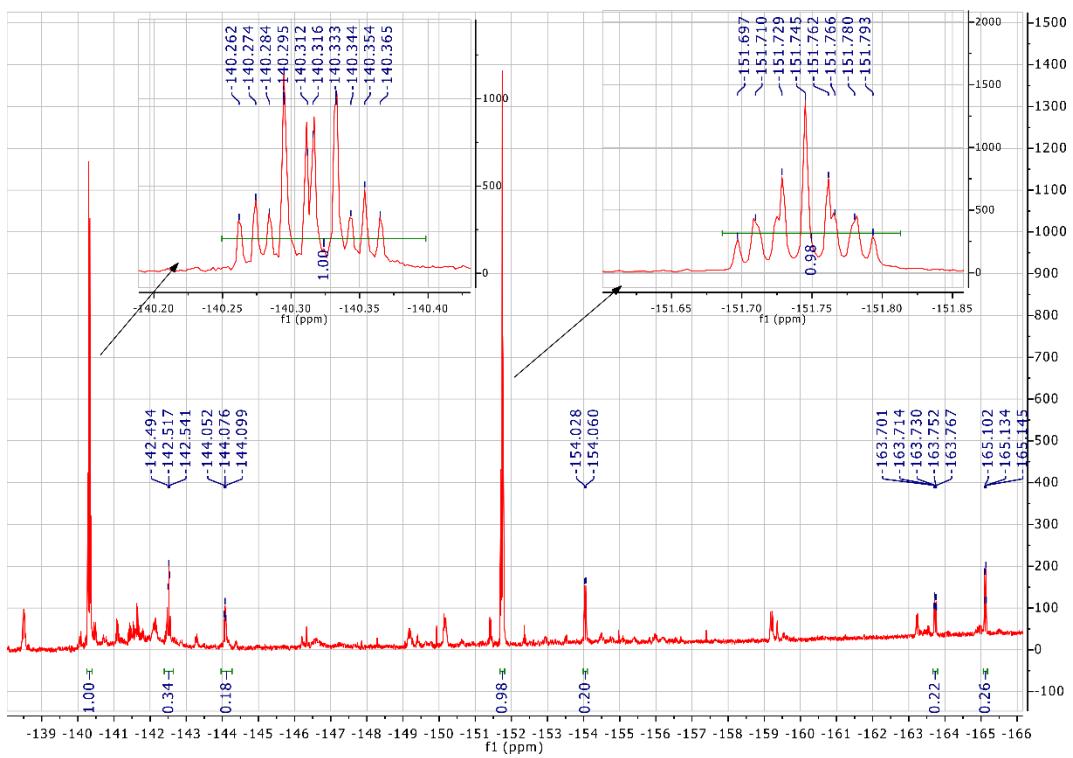


**Fig. S8.**  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR spectrum of TFANI in deuterated acetone

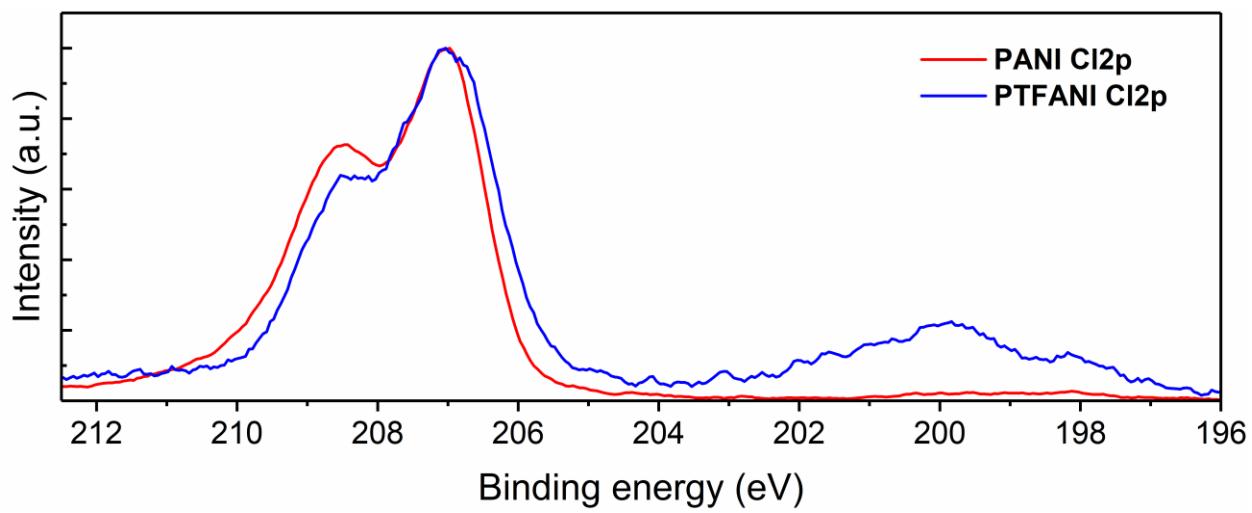
$^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (282.4 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  (ppm) -163.75 (2F, ddd,  $J_{\text{FI}-\text{F}2} = 25.1$  Hz,  $J_{\text{FI}-\text{F}3} = 15.8$  Hz,  $J_{\text{FI}-\text{F}4} = 7.6$  Hz, F<sub>1</sub>, F<sub>4</sub>), -144.09 (ddt,  $J_{\text{F}2-\text{FI}} = 25.1$  Hz,  $J_{\text{F}2-\text{F}4} = 16.9$  Hz,  $J_{\text{F}2-\text{H}}$  and  $J_{\text{F}2-\text{F}3} = 7.8$  Hz, F<sub>2</sub>, F<sub>3</sub>).



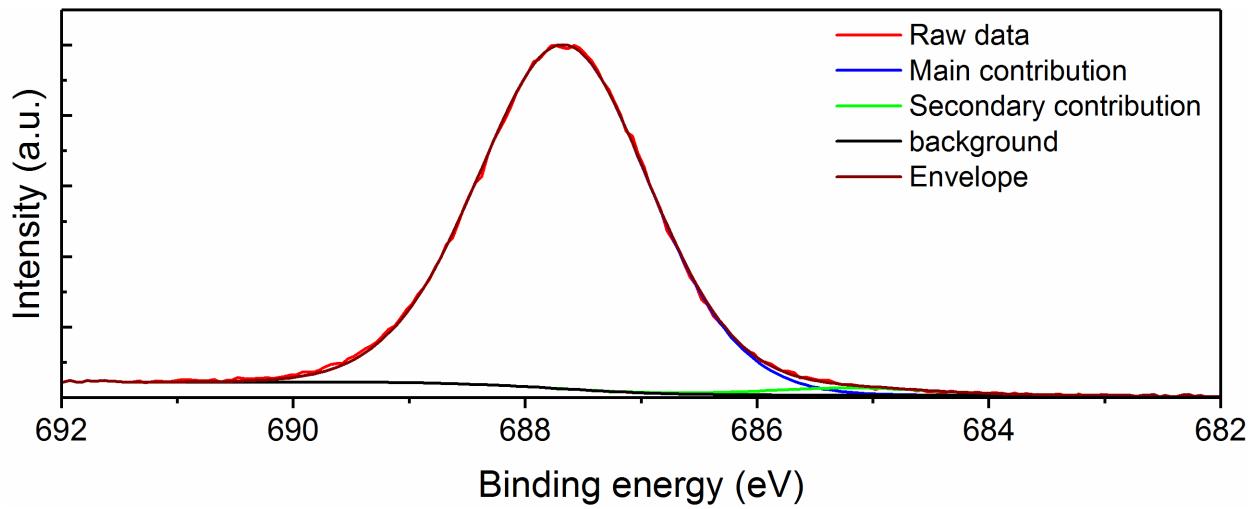
**Fig. S9.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of PTFANI in deuterated acetone



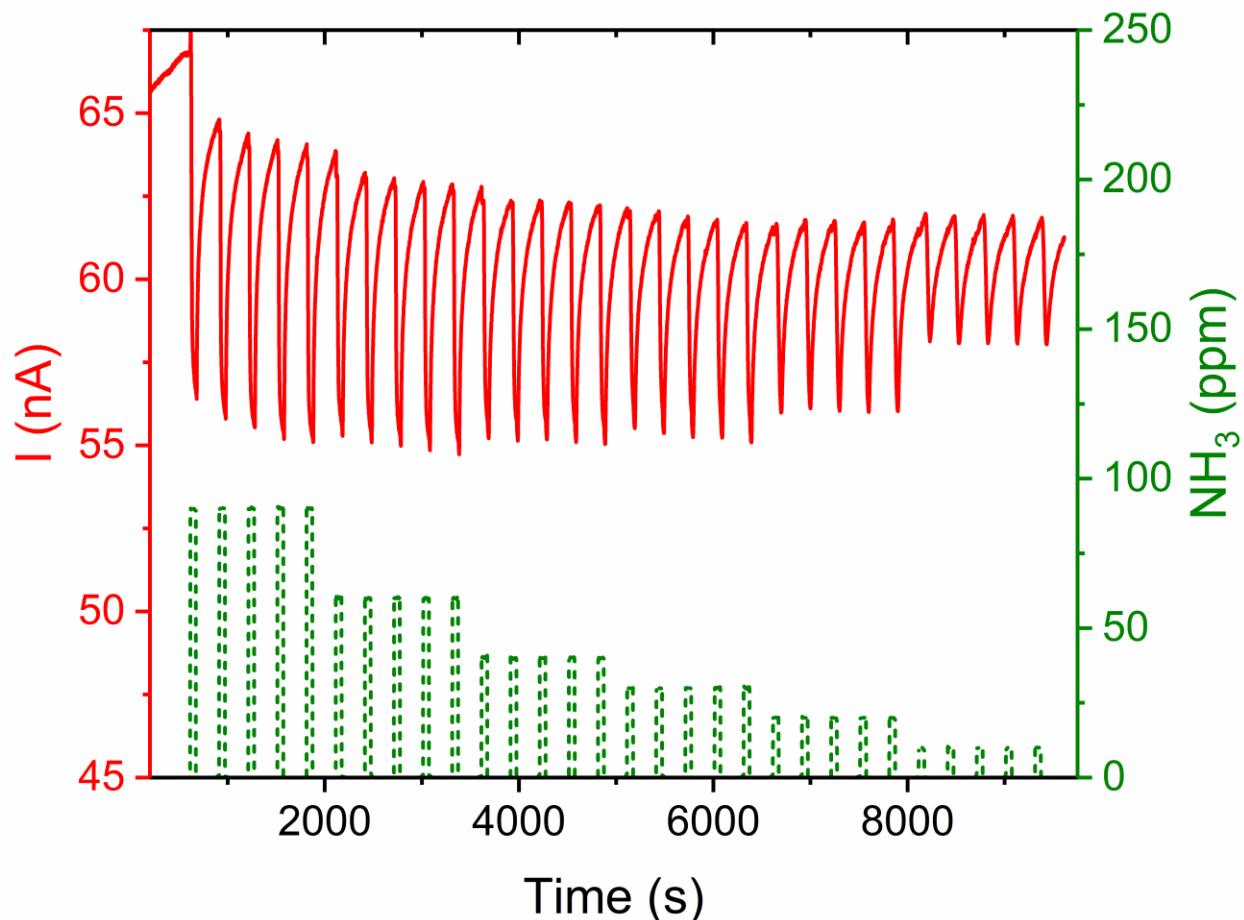
**Fig. S10.**  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR spectrum of PTFANI in deuterated acetone



**Fig. S11.** XPS high resolution spectra of PTFANI and PANI Cl(1s)



**Fig. S12.** XPS high resolution spectra of PTFANI F(1s)



**Fig. S13.** Response of a PTFANI/LuPc<sub>2</sub>/PTFANI heterojunction to NH<sub>3</sub> (90, 60, 40, 20 and 10 ppm), in air at 50 % RH, during exposure / recovery cycles (1 min / 4 min).