

## SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIAL

### OPTOELECTRONIC PROPERTIES OF TRIPHENYLAMINE BASED DYES FOR SOLAR CELL APPLICATIONS. A DFT STUDY

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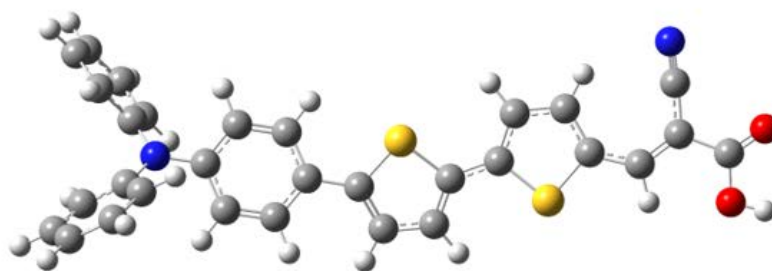
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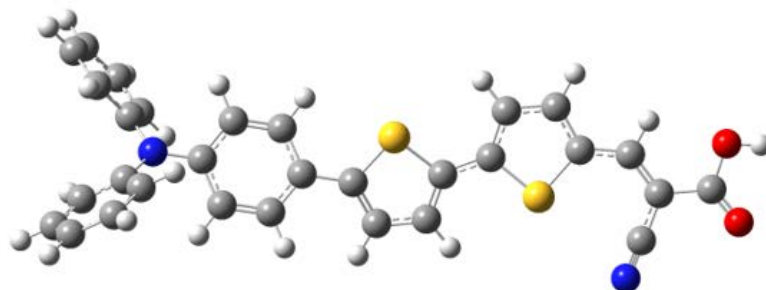
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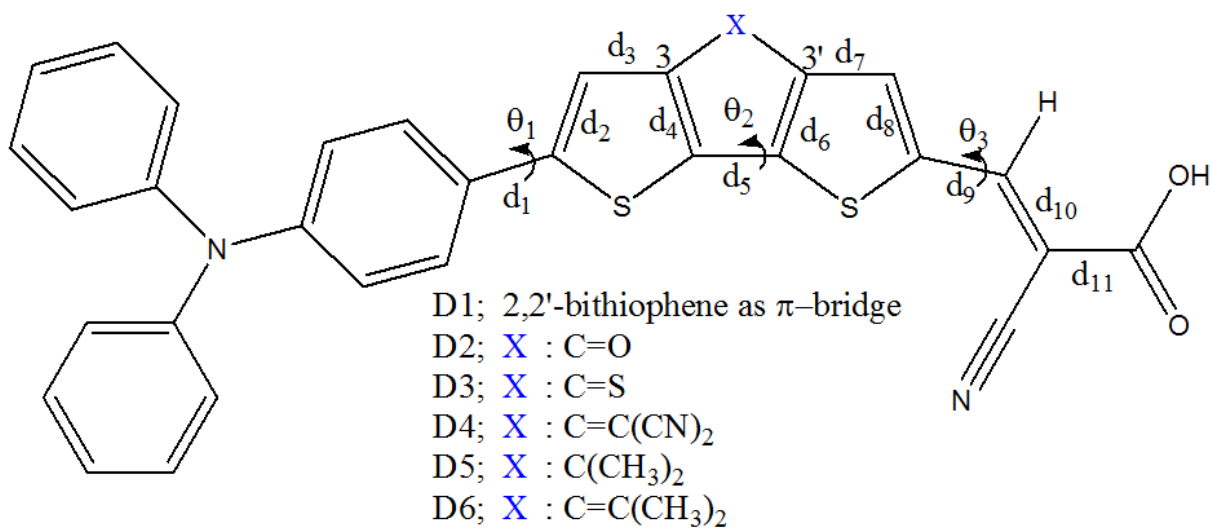
a) E-0



b) E-180



**Figure 15.** Stable conformers a) E-0 and b) E-180 of D1, where the numbers represent the dihedral angle values.



**Figure 25.** The selected bond lengths participate in intramolecular charge transfer from TPA to the terminal acceptor cyanoacrylic acid and dihedral angles between rings.

Table 1S: Optimized selected conjugated bond lengths (Å) and dihedral angles (°) of studied dyes, in neutral and doped (p,n) states calculated at the CPCM-B3LYP/6-311G(d,p) level of theory.

| Dyes            | d <sub>1</sub> | d <sub>2</sub> | d <sub>3</sub> | d <sub>4</sub> | d <sub>5</sub> | d <sub>6</sub> | d <sub>7</sub> | d <sub>8</sub> | d <sub>9</sub> | d <sub>10</sub> | d <sub>11</sub> | θ <sub>1</sub> | θ <sub>2</sub> | θ <sub>3</sub> |
|-----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| D1              | 1.461          | 1.379          | 1.410          | 1.380          | 1.439          | 1.389          | 1.399          | 1.390          | 1.422          | 1.368           | 1.481           | 25.7           | 169.2          | 179.4          |
| D1 <sup>+</sup> | 1.431          | 1.401          | 1.389          | 1.399          | 1.425          | 1.395          | 1.394          | 1.395          | 1.431          | 1.362           | 1.494           | 5.7            | 179.3          | 180.0          |
| D1 <sup>-</sup> | 1.444          | 1.389          | 1.398          | 1.399          | 1.410          | 1.406          | 1.381          | 1.415          | 1.392          | 1.406           | 1.450           | 4.4            | 179.7          | 180.0          |
| Δ <sup>+</sup>  | 0.030          | -0.022         | 0.021          | -0.019         | 0.014          | -0.006         | 0.005          | -0.005         | -0.009         | 0.006           | -0.013          | 20.0           | 10.1           | 0.6            |
| Δ <sup>-</sup>  | 0.017          | -0.010         | 0.012          | -0.019         | 0.029          | -0.017         | 0.018          | -0.025         | 0.030          | -0.038          | 0.031           | 21.3           | 10.5           | 0.5            |
| D2              | 1.458          | 1.385          | 1.405          | 1.386          | 1.446          | 1.395          | 1.392          | 1.398          | 1.420          | 1.368           | 1.481           | 25.0           | 0.0            | 179.9          |
| D2 <sup>+</sup> | 1.430          | 1.406          | 1.384          | 1.403          | 1.431          | 1.402          | 1.390          | 1.400          | 1.429          | 1.362           | 1.495           | 5.0            | 0.0            | 180.0          |
| D2 <sup>-</sup> | 1.449          | 1.386          | 1.399          | 1.419          | 1.402          | 1.430          | 1.374          | 1.416          | 1.392          | 1.397           | 1.456           | 9.2            | 0.0            | 179.9          |
| Δ <sup>+</sup>  | 0.028          | -0.021         | 0.021          | -0.017         | 0.015          | -0.007         | 0.002          | -0.002         | -0.009         | 0.006           | -0.014          | 20.0           | 0.0            | 0.1            |
| Δ <sup>-</sup>  | 0.009          | -0.001         | 0.006          | -0.033         | 0.044          | -0.035         | 0.018          | -0.018         | 0.028          | -0.029          | 0.025           | 15.8           | 0.0            | 0.0            |
| D3              | 1.458          | 1.383          | 1.407          | 1.392          | 1.441          | 1.402          | 1.394          | 1.396          | 1.42           | 1.368           | 1.481           | 25.1           | 0.0            | 180.0          |
| D3 <sup>+</sup> | 1.430          | 1.404          | 1.386          | 1.410          | 1.425          | 1.409          | 1.393          | 1.398          | 1.429          | 1.362           | 1.495           | 3.9            | 0.0            | 179.9          |
| D3 <sup>-</sup> | 1.456          | 1.378          | 1.411          | 1.425          | 1.398          | 1.435          | 1.383          | 1.408          | 1.398          | 1.389           | 1.461           | 17.5           | 0.0            | 179.9          |
| Δ <sup>+</sup>  | 0.028          | -0.021         | 0.021          | -0.018         | 0.016          | -0.007         | 0.001          | -0.002         | -0.009         | 0.006           | -0.014          | 21.2           | 0.0            | 0.0            |
| Δ <sup>-</sup>  | 0.002          | 0.005          | -<br>0.004     | -0.033         | 0.043          | -0.033         | 0.011          | -0.012         | 0.022          | -0.021          | 0.020           | 7.6            | 0.0            | 0.1            |
| D4              | 1.457          | 1.384          | 1.411          | 1.394          | 1.436          | 1.404          | 1.400          | 1.395          | 1.422          | 1.367           | 1.482           | 24.4           | 0.0            | 180.0          |
| D4 <sup>+</sup> | 1.432          | 1.402          | 1.392          | 1.411          | 1.423          | 1.409          | 1.398          | 1.397          | 1.430          | 1.362           | 1.495           | 4.2            | 0.0            | 180.0          |

|                 |       |        |            |        |       |        |       |        |        |        |        |      |     |       |
|-----------------|-------|--------|------------|--------|-------|--------|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------|------|-----|-------|
| D4 <sup>-</sup> | 1.457 | 1.377  | 1.416      | 1.424  | 1.398 | 1.434  | 1.389 | 1.405  | 1.401  | 1.386  | 1.464  | 17.0 | 0.0 | 179.9 |
| $\Delta^+$      | 0.025 | -0.018 | 0.019      | -0.017 | 0.013 | -0.005 | 0.002 | -0.002 | -0.008 | 0.005  | -0.013 | 20.2 | 0.0 | 0.0   |
| $\Delta^-$      | 0.000 | 0.007  | -<br>0.005 | -0.030 | 0.038 | -0.030 | 0.011 | -0.010 | 0.021  | -0.019 | 0.018  | 7.4  | 0.0 | 0.0   |
| D5              | 1.460 | 1.385  | 1.408      | 1.386  | 1.431 | 1.396  | 1.392 | 1.401  | 1.417  | 1.371  | 1.478  | 25.9 | 0.0 | 179.9 |
| D5 <sup>+</sup> | 1.428 | 1.408  | 1.385      | 1.408  | 1.413 | 1.405  | 1.390 | 1.403  | 1.427  | 1.364  | 1.494  | 3.7  | 0.0 | 179.9 |
| D5 <sup>-</sup> | 1.439 | 1.401  | 1.391      | 1.405  | 1.406 | 1.412  | 1.377 | 1.425  | 1.389  | 1.408  | 1.448  | 4.8  | 0.0 | 179.8 |
| $\Delta^+$      | 0.032 | -0.023 | 0.023      | -0.022 | 0.018 | -0.009 | 0.002 | -0.002 | -0.010 | 0.007  | -0.016 | 22.2 | 0.0 | 0.0   |
| $\Delta^-$      | 0.021 | -0.016 | 0.017      | -0.019 | 0.025 | -0.016 | 0.015 | -0.024 | 0.028  | -0.037 | 0.030  | 21.1 | 0.0 | 0.1   |
| D6              | 1.460 | 1.382  | 1.417      | 1.397  | 1.423 | 1.407  | 1.399 | 1.399  | 1.417  | 1.371  | 1.478  | 27.3 | 0.0 | 179.9 |
| D6 <sup>+</sup> | 1.429 | 1.406  | 1.393      | 1.422  | 1.403 | 1.417  | 1.397 | 1.400  | 1.427  | 1.364  | 1.493  | 4.7  | 0.0 | 179.8 |
| D6 <sup>-</sup> | 1.442 | 1.394  | 1.401      | 1.422  | 1.395 | 1.429  | 1.382 | 1.421  | 1.390  | 1.404  | 1.451  | 8.3  | 0.0 | 179.9 |
| $\Delta^+$      | 0.031 | -0.024 | 0.024      | -0.025 | 0.020 | -0.011 | 0.002 | -0.002 | -0.011 | 0.007  | -0.016 | 22.6 | 0.0 | 0.1   |
| $\Delta^-$      | 0.018 | -0.012 | 0.015      | -0.025 | 0.028 | -0.022 | 0.017 | -0.022 | 0.027  | -0.033 | 0.027  | 19.0 | 0.0 | 0.0   |

$\Delta^+ = d - d^+$  (bond lengths)       $\theta - \theta^+$  (dihedral angles)

$\Delta^- = d - d^-$  (bond lengths)       $\theta - \theta^-$  (dihedral angles)

Table 2S: Maximum absorption wavelengths ( $\lambda_{\max}$ / nm), oscillator strengths (f) and major contributions to the absorption band, of the studied dyes obtained at the CPCM-TD-CAM-B3LYP/6-311(d,p) level of theory.

| Dyes | $\lambda_{\max}$<br>/nm | f     | Major contributions to the absorption band   |
|------|-------------------------|-------|--|
| D1   | 430.2                   | 1.569 | HOMO-1 $\rightarrow$ LUMO (32%), HOMO $\rightarrow$ LUMO (60%)                                 |
| D2   | 528.5                   | 0.578 | HOMO-1 $\rightarrow$ LUMO (35%), HOMO $\rightarrow$ LUMO (53%)                                 |
| D3   | 411.1                   | 0.525 | HOMO-1 $\rightarrow$ LUMO (34%), HOMO $\rightarrow$ LUMO (36%), HOMO $\rightarrow$ LUMO+1(10%) |
| D4   | 407.9                   | 0.340 | HOMO-1 $\rightarrow$ LUMO (40%), HOMO $\rightarrow$ LUMO (38%)                                 |
| D5   | 453.7                   | 1.662 | HOMO-1 $\rightarrow$ LUMO (24%), HOMO $\rightarrow$ LUMO (70%)                                 |
| D6   | 468.1                   | 1.407 | HOMO-1 $\rightarrow$ LUMO (24%), HOMO $\rightarrow$ LUMO (69%)                                 |