

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

1. Methodology

1.1 Chosen descriptors:

VolSurf⁺^a

- Size and shape descriptors: molecular volume (V), molecular surface (S), rugosity (R), molecular globularity (G), flexibility parameters (Flex, Flex_RB)
- Descriptors of hydrophilic regions: hydrophilic volumes (W1 - W8), capacity factors (CW1 - CW8)
- Descriptors of hydrophobic regions: hydrophobic volumes (D1 - D8), capacity factors (CD1 - CD8), differences of the hydrophobic volumes (DD1 - DD8)
- INTERaction enerGY (= INTEGy) moments: unbalance between the centre of mass of a molecule and the barycenter of its hydrophilic or hydrophobic regions (IW1 - IW4, ID1 - ID4)
- Descriptors of H-bond donor / acceptor regions: H-bond donor volumes (WO1 - WO6), H-bond acceptor volumes (WN1 - WN6)
- Charge State descriptors: number of charged centers (NCC), available uncharged species (AUS7.4), % unionised species (%FU4 - %FU10)
- Mixed descriptors: molecular Weight (MW), hydrophilic-lipophilic balance (HL1, HL2), amphiphilic moments (A), critical packing parameter (CP), polarizability (POL), diffusivity (DIFF), LogP octanol/water (LOGP n-Oct), LogP cyclohexane/water (LOGP c-Hex), LogD (LgD5 - LgD10), polar and hydrophobic surface areas (PSA, HSA, PSAR, PHSAR), intrinsic solubility (SOLY)

Semi-empirical calculated from the G09 package

- HOMO (USR1)
- LUMO (USR2)
- BANDGAP (USR3)

Specifically designed

- Undesirable moieties from experimental knowledge (USR6)
- Molecular electrostatic potential (USR 8) and minimum electrostatic potential center (USR7)

^a further details on ref. 26.

1.2 Modelled dyes (labelled as in ref. 33):

1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 30, 32, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82

Labels in red represent the subgroup of 54 dyes chosen to model the effect of Li⁺ ions used to build the solar device; dyes structures given below in Table 1.

Table 1. Modelled dyes smiles

1	<chem>c1(ncccc1)c1ncccc1</chem>
2	<chem>c1(nccc(c1)C)c1ncccc(c1)C</chem>
3	<chem>c1(nccc(c1)CCCCC)c1ncccc(c1)CCCCC</chem>
4	<chem>c1(nccc(c1)CCCCCCCCC)c1ncccc(c1)CCCCCCCCC</chem>
5	<chem>c1(nccc(c1)CCCCCCCCCCCCC)c1ncccc(c1)CCCCCCCCCCCCC</chem>
6	<chem>c1(nccc(c1)CCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCC)c1ncccc(c1)CCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCC</chem>
7	<chem>c1(nccc(c1)c1ccc(cc1)C)c1ncccc(c1)c1ccc(cc1)C</chem>
8	<chem>c1(nccc(c1)c1ccc(cc1)C#N)c1ncccc(c1)c1ccc(cc1)C#N</chem>
9	<chem>c1(nccc(c1)c1ccc(cc1)F)c1ncccc(c1)c1ccc(cc1)F</chem>
10	<chem>c1(nccc(c1)c1cccc(c1)c1ncccc(c1)c1cccc(c1)</chem>
11	<chem>c1(nccc(c1)c1ccc(cc1)OC)c1ncccc(c1)c1ccc(cc1)OC</chem>
12	<chem>c1(nccc(c1)c1ccc(cc1)N(C)C)c1ncccc(c1)c1ccc(cc1)N(C)C</chem>
13	<chem>c1(nccc(c1)/C=C/c1ccc(cc1)OC)c1ncccc(c1)/C=C/c1ccc(cc1)OC</chem>
14	<chem>c1(nccc(c1)/C=C/c1ccc(cc1)OCCCCC)c1ncccc(c1)/C=C/c1ccc(cc1)OCCCCC</chem>
15	<chem>c1(nccc(c1)/C=C/c1ccc(cc1)OC(C)(C)C)c1ncccc(c1)/C=C/c1ccc(cc1)OC(C)(C)C</chem>
16	<chem>c1(nccc(c1)/C=C/c1c(cc(cc1)OCC)OC)c1ncccc(c1)/C=C/c1ccc(cc1OC)OCC</chem>
19	<chem>c1(nccc(c1)C(=O)NCCCNC(=O)O[C@@H]1CC[C@]2(C)[C@@H]3[C@@H]([C@H]([C@@H]2C1)C)[C@@H]1CC[C@H]([C@]1(CC3)C)[C@@H](CCCC(C)C)C)c1ncccc(c1)C(=O)NCCCNC(=O)O[C@@H]1CC[C@]2([C@H](C1)C)[C@H]([C@H]1[C@H]2CC[C@@]2([C@H](CC[C@H]12)[C@H](C)CCCC(C)C)C)C</chem>
20	<chem>c1(nccc(c1)CCCCCCCCCCCCCO)c1ncccc(c1)CCCCCCCCCCCCCO</chem>
21	<chem>c1(nccc(c1)C(=O)NCCCCCCCC)c1ncccc(c1)C(=O)NCCCCCCCC</chem>
22	<chem>c1(nccc(c1)/C=C/c1ccc(cc1)SCCCCCC)c1ncccc(c1)/C=C/c1ccc(cc1)SCCCCCC</chem>
23	<chem>c1(nccc(c1)COCCOCCOCCOC)c1ncccc(c1)COCCOCCOCCOC</chem>
24	<chem>c1(nccc(c1)/C=C/c1ccc(cc1)OCCOCCOCCOC)c1ncccc(c1)/C=C/c1ccc(cc1)OCCOCCOCCOC</chem>
25	<chem>c1(nccc(c1)COCC(C(F)F)(F)F)c1ncccc(c1)COCC(C(F)F)(F)F</chem>
26	<chem>c1(nccc(c1)COCC(C(C(F)F)(F)F)(F)F)c1ncccc(c1)COCC(C(F)F)(C(F)F)(F)F</chem>
27	<chem>c1(nccc(c1)COCC(C(C(F)F)(F)F)(F)F)(F)F)c1ncccc(c1)COCC(C(F)F)(C(F)F)(F)F</chem>
30	<chem>c1(nccc(c1)/C=C/c1ccc(cc1)N(c1ccc(cc1)C)c1ccc(cc1)C)c1ncccc(c1)/C=C/c1ccc(cc1)N(c1ccc(cc1)C)c1ccc(cc1)C</chem>
32	<chem>c1(nccc(c1)/C=C/c1ccc(cc1)/C=C/c1ccc(cc1)N(CCCC)CCCC)c1ncccc(c1)/C=C/c1ccc(cc1)/C=C/c1ccc(cc1)N(CCCC)CCCC</chem>
34	<chem>c1(nccc(c1)/C=C/c1sc(cc1)CCCCC)c1ncccc(c1)/C=C/c1sc(cc1)CCCCC</chem>
35	<chem>c1(nccc(c1)c1sc(cc1)c1ccc(CCCCCC)s1)c1ncccc(c1)c1sc(cc1)c1sc(CCCCCC)cc1</chem>
36	<chem>c1(nccc(c1)c1sc(cc1)CCCCCCC)c1ncccc(c1)c1sc(cc1)CCCCCCC</chem>
37	<chem>c1(nccc(c1)c1sc(c2c1OCCO2)CCCCCCC)c1ncccc(c1)c1sc(c2c1OCCO2)CCCCCCC</chem>
38	<chem>c1(nccc(c1)/C=C/c1sc(c2c1OCCO2)c1ncccc(c1)/C=C/c1sc(c2c1OCCO2)</chem>
39	<chem>c1(nccc(c1)c1sc(cc1)c1ccc(SCCCCC)s1)c1ncccc(c1)c1sc(cc1)c1sc(SCCCCC)cc1</chem>
40	<chem>c1(nccc(c1)c1sc(cc1)CCCCC)c1ncccc(c1)c1sc(cc1)CCCCC</chem>
41	<chem>c1(nccc(c1)c1oc(cc1)CCCCC)c1ncccc(c1)c1oc(cc1)CCCCC</chem>
42	<chem>c1(nccc(c1)c1sc2c(c1)sc(c2)CCCCCCC)c1ncccc(c1)c1sc2c(c1)sc(c2)CCCCCCC</chem>
43	<chem>c1(nccc(c1)c1sc(c2c1OCCO2)CCCCC)c1ncccc(c1)c1sc(c2c1OCCO2)CCCCC</chem>
44	<chem>c1(nccc(c1)c1sc(c2c1OCCO2)c1sc(CCCCC)c2OCCOc12)c1ncccc(c1)c1sc(c2c1OCCO2)c1sc(c2c1OCCO2)CCCCC</chem>
45	<chem>c1(nccc(c1)c1[se]c(cc1)CCCCC)c1ncccc(c1)c1[se]c(cc1)CCCCC</chem>
46	<chem>c1(nccc(c1)c1sc(cc1)SCCCCCC)c1ncccc(c1)c1sc(cc1)SCCCCCC</chem>
47	<chem>c1(nccc(c1)c1cc(c2sccc2)c(c2cccs2)s1)c1ncccc(c1)c1sc(c(c1)c1cccs1)c1cccs1</chem>
48	<chem>c1(nccc(c1)c1oc(cc1)SC[C@H](CCCC)CC)c1ncccc(c1)c1oc(cc1)SC[C@@H](CCCC)CC</chem>
49	<chem>c1(nccc(c1)c1cc2c(C)(C)c3c2sc(CCCCC)c3)cc1)c1ncccc(c1)c1cc2c(cc1)c1c(C2(C)C)cc(s1)CCCCC</chem>
50	<chem>c1(nccc(c1)c1cc2c(c3sc(cc3C2(C)C)CCCCC)s1)c1ncccc(c1)c1sc2c(C(c3c2sc(c3)CCCCC)(C)C)c1</chem>
53	<chem>c1(nccc(c1)c1ccc(n2c3ccc(cc3c3cc(C(C)(C)C)ccc23)C(C)(C)C)s1)c1ncccc(c1)c1sc(cc1)n1c2c(c3c1ccc(c3)C(C)(C)C)cc(cc2)C(C)(C)C</chem>
54	<chem>c1(nccc(c1)c1ccc(n2c3ccc(cc3c3cc(CCCCCC)ccc23)CCCCC)s1)c1ncccc(c1)c1sc(cc1)n1c2c(c3c1ccc(c3)CCCCC)cc(cc2)CCCCC</chem>

55	<chem>c1(nccc(c1)c1c2c(c(n3c4ccc(cc4c4cc(C(C)(C)C)ccc34)C(C)(C)C)s1)OCCO2)c1nccc(c1)c1sc(c2c1OCCO2)n1c2c(c3c1ccc(c3)C(C)(C)C)cc(cc2)C(C)(C)C</chem>
56	<chem>c1cnc(cc1c1sc(cc1)c1ccc(s1)n1c2c(c3c1ccc(c3)CCCCCCC)cc(cc2)CCCCCCC)c1cc(ccn1)c1ccc(s1)c1sc(n2c3ccc(cc3c3cc(ccc23)CCCCCCC)CCCCCCC)cc1</chem>
57	<chem>c12ncccc1ccc1c2nccc1</chem>
58	<chem>c12ncccc1[C@H]1[C@H](c3c2nccc3)N=c2c(=N1)cccc2</chem>
60	<chem>c12ncccc1c(cc1c2nccc1)N</chem>
61	<chem>c12ncccc1c(c(c1c2nccc1)N)N</chem>
62	<chem>c12ncccc1c(c(c1c2nccc1)N)[N+](=O)[O-]</chem>
63	<chem>c12ncccc1c(c(c1c2nccc1)[N+](=O)[O-])[N+](=O)[O-]</chem>
64	<chem>c12ncc(cc1ccc1c2ncc(c1)c1ccc(s1)CCCCCCCC)c1ccc(s1)CCCCCCCC</chem>
65	<chem>c12ncc(cc1ccc1c2ncc(c1)c1sc(c(c1)CCCCCCCC)c1scc(c1)CCCCCCCC)c1cc(c(s1)c1scc(c1)CCCCCCCC)CCCCCCCC</chem>
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67	<chem>c12ncccc1c1c(c3c2nccc3)n(c(n1)c1cccc1)CC</chem>
68	<chem>c12ncccc1c1c(c3c2nccc3)n(c(n1)c1ccc(cc1)OC)CC</chem>
69	<chem>c12ncccc1c1c(c3c2nccc3)[nH]c(n1)c1ccc(cc1)CCCCCCCC</chem>
70	<chem>c12ncccc1c1c(c3c2nccc3)[nH]c(n1)c1sc(CCCCCCCC)cc1</chem>
71	<chem>c12ncccc1c1c(c3c2nccc3)[nH]c(n1)c1sc(cc1)c1ccc(CCCCCCCC)s1</chem>
72	<chem>c12ncccc1c1c(c3c2nccc3)[nH]c(n1)c1sc(cc1)c1ccc(s1)c1ccc(s1)CCCCCCCC</chem>
73	<chem>c12ncccc1c1c(c3c2nccc3)[nH]c(n1)c1sc(c(c1)c1ccc(s1)CCCCCCCC)c1sc(cc1)CCCCCCCC</chem>
74	<chem>c12ncccc1c1c(c3c2nccc3)[nH]c(n1)c1sc(c(c1)N1c2c(Sc3c1cccc3)cccc2)CCCCCCCC</chem>
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82	<chem>c1ncc(cc1N(c1nccc(c1)c1cc2sc(CCCCCC)cc2s1)CCCCCC)c1cc2c(s1)cc(s2)CCCCCC</chem>