

## Supporting Information

### Quadrupolar (Donor)<sub>2</sub>Acceptor-Acid Chromophores for Dye-sensitized Solar Cells: Influence of the Core Acceptor

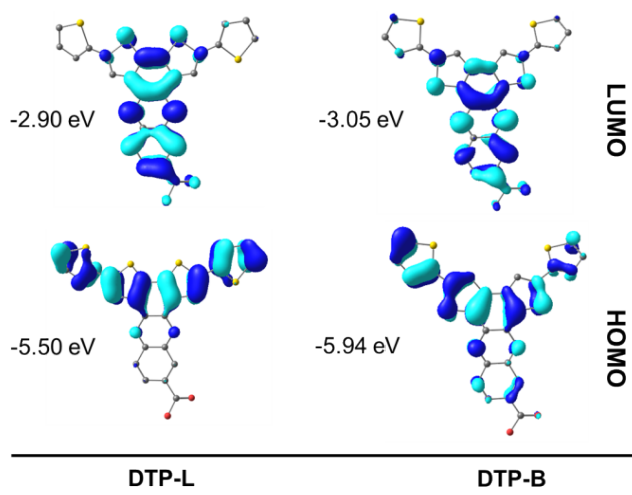
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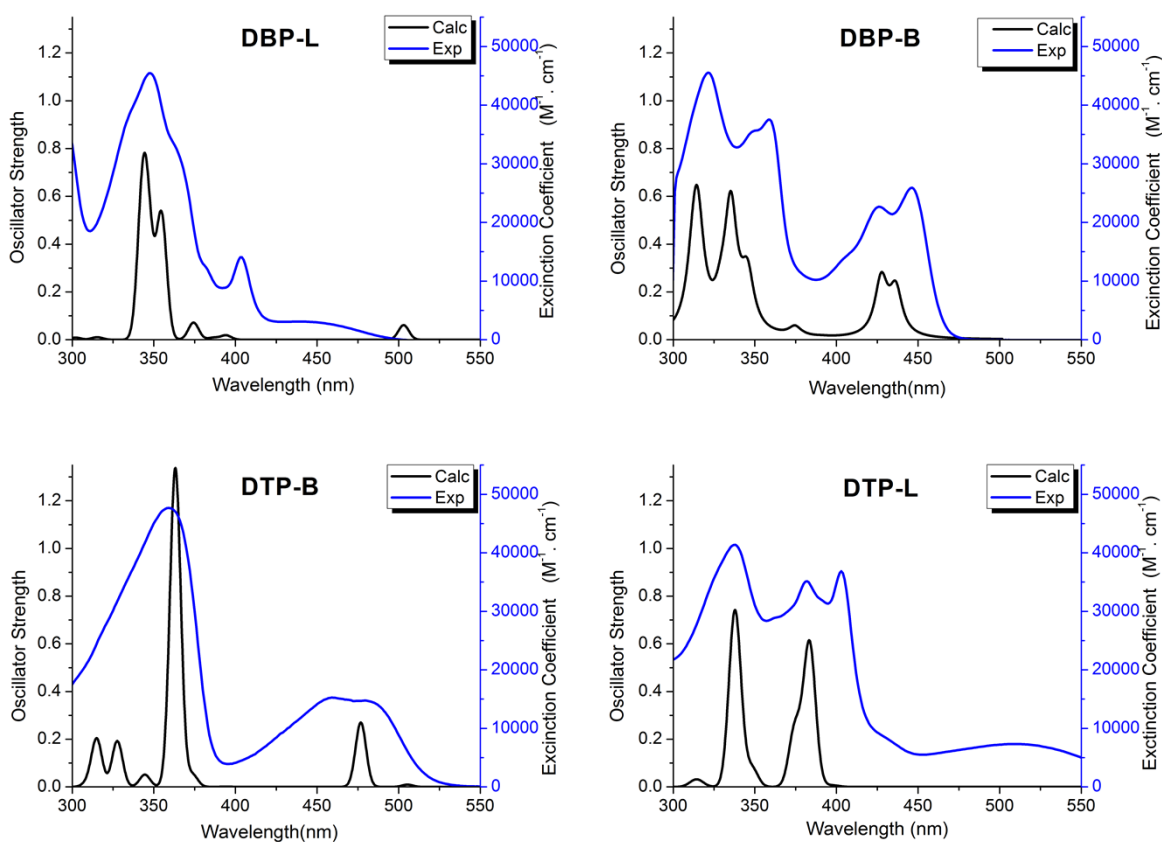
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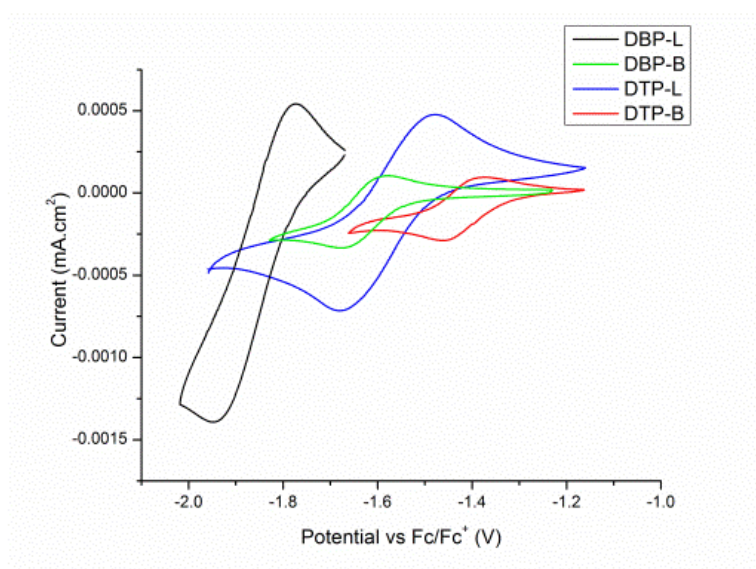
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Cpd	Empirical		B3LYP		B3PW91		B3PW91-SCRF		B3LYP-CAM	
	HOMO	LUMO	HOMO	LUMO	HOMO	LUMO	HOMO	LUMO	HOMO	LUMO
<b>DBP-L</b>	-6.22	-3.30	-5.52	-2.58	-5.55	-3.00	-5.74	-2.84	-6.75	-1.49
<b>DBP-B</b>	-6.23	-3.54	-5.76	-2.56	-5.90	-2.68	-5.98	-2.84	-7.00	-1.49
<b>DTP-L</b>	-5.63	-3.53	-5.37	-2.82	-5.50	-2.90	-5.50	-2.97	-6.56	-1.77
<b>DTP-B</b>	-6.06	-3.70	-5.62	-2.72	-5.94	-3.01			-6.86	-1.70



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Cpd	Voc(V)	Jsc(mA.cm <sup>-2</sup> )	FF	PCE
<b>DBP-L</b>	0.52 ± 0.01	2.24 ± 0.2	0.62 ± 0.02	0.73 ± 0.02
<b>DBP-B</b>	0.49 ± 0.02	2.61 ± 0.1	0.53 ± 0.03	0.66 ± 0.02
<b>DTP-L</b>	0.43 ± 0.02	2.23 ± 0.2	0.54 ± 0.04	0.53 ± 0.05
<b>DTP-B</b>	0.44 ± 0.01	2.85 ± 0.3	0.53 ± 0.07	0.66 ± 0.06
<b>N3</b>	0.69	11.4	0.42	3.29

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