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## Electronic Supplementary Information Computational design of donor-bridge-acceptor systems exhibiting pronounced quantum interference effects

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Figure 1: Comparison of optical excitation spectra of **PDIim** and **PMI** using TD-DFT with DZP basis set and M06-2X functional (solid) and PBE functional (dashed).

Table 1: Contribution of the HOFO of the hole donor to the initial state with the direct coupling  $V_{DB_{HOFO}}$  between donor and bridge

	$V_{DB_{HOFO}}$	HOFO contribution
<b>PDIim</b> (M06-2X)	$0.00 \ \mathrm{eV}$	$100 \ \%$
<b>PDIim</b> (PBE)	$0.00 \ \mathrm{eV}$	83~%
<b>PMI</b> (M06-2X)	-0.11  eV	94 %
<b>PMI</b> (PBE)	$0.08~{\rm eV}$	67~%

Table 2: Contribution of the HOFO of the hole acceptor to the final state with the effective electronic couplings for hole transfer  $J_{\text{eff}}$ . Note, that a coupling of 1 meV is regarded as the limit of accuracy that can be obtained with DFT.

	HOFO contribution	$J_{ m eff}$
<b>SNS</b> (M06-2X)	98 %	0.1  meV
<b>SNS</b> (PBE)	98~%	-1.6  meV
$lin_carbeth$ (M06-2X)	83~%	39  meV
lin_carbeth (PBE)	$82 \ \%$	65  meV
$cross\_carbeth$ (M06-2X)	88 %	-3.8  meV
$\mathbf{cross\_carbeth}\;(\mathrm{PBE})$	86~%	2.8  meV