

Supporting information for

**Ferrocene/fullerene hybrids showing large second-order nonlinear
optical activities: impact of the cage unit size**

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Table S1. Total electronic energies (a.u.) of eclipsed and staggered isomers of complexes **1-4** and their relative energies (kcal/mol) (where $\Delta E_{\text{rel}} = E(\text{staggered}) - E(\text{eclipsed})$).

| eclipsed | energy | staggered | energy | ΔE_{rel} |
|----------|----------------|-----------|----------------|-------------------------|
| 1 | -2606.64802716 | 1 | -2606.64694805 | 0.68 |
| 2 | -2835.08901522 | 2 | -2835.08784618 | 0.73 |
| 3 | -2987.75677473 | 3 | -2987.75562097 | 0.72 |
| 4 | -3368.69660652 | 4 | -3368.69555729 | 0.66 |

Table S2. The charge distributions of H, Cp, Fe, and fullerene of complexes **1-4** obtained at the ωB97XD/6-31+G*.

| Complex | Charge/a.u. | | | | |
|----------|----------------|--------|-------|-----------|----------------|
| | H ^a | Cp | Fe | fullerene | H ^b |
| 1 | 0.258 | -0.160 | 0.415 | -0.255 | 0.282 |
| 2 | 0.260 | -0.131 | 0.427 | -0.296 | 0.281 |
| 3 | 0.258 | -0.157 | 0.414 | -0.257 | 0.283 |
| 4 | 0.257 | -0.162 | 0.411 | -0.249 | 0.284 |

^a the average NBO charge of H atom of Cp. ^b the average NBO charge of H atom of fullerene.

Table S3. Tensorial components (10^{-30} esu) of the studied complexes.

| Method | Tensorial component | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
|----------------|---------------------|--------|---------|--------|----------|
| | | | | | |
| BHandHLYP | β_{xxx} | -0.000 | -0.062 | 0.000 | 4.142 |
| | β_{xxy} | 0.005 | 0.143 | -0.005 | -0.841 |
| | β_{xyy} | -0.000 | 0.410 | 0.000 | 1.376 |
| | β_{yyy} | -0.000 | -13.287 | -0.011 | -2.505 |
| | β_{xxz} | 1.359 | 2.461 | 5.582 | -77.388 |
| | β_{xyz} | -0.000 | 0.250 | 0.000 | 0.025 |
| | β_{yzz} | 1.364 | -6.630 | 5.590 | -77.388 |
| | β_{xzz} | -0.000 | -0.008 | 0.000 | 0.991 |
| | β_{yzz} | 0.004 | -0.790 | -0.001 | -0.636 |
| | β_{zsz} | 3.740 | 9.277 | 5.520 | -210.561 |
| CAM-B3LYP | β_{xxx} | -0.000 | -0.067 | -0.000 | 7.491 |
| | β_{xxy} | 0.005 | 0.299 | -0.005 | -1.530 |
| | β_{xyy} | -0.000 | 0.359 | -0.000 | 2.490 |
| | β_{yyy} | -0.000 | -11.232 | -0.010 | -4.561 |
| | β_{xxz} | 1.463 | 2.114 | 5.557 | -140.505 |
| | β_{xyz} | -0.000 | 0.023 | -0.000 | 0.007 |
| | β_{yzz} | 1.468 | -6.057 | 5.564 | -140.530 |
| | β_{xzz} | -0.000 | 0.010 | -0.000 | 4.497 |
| | β_{yzz} | 0.005 | -1.425 | 0.000 | -2.821 |
| | β_{zsz} | 2.906 | 8.389 | 4.490 | -535.752 |
| LC-BLYP | β_{xxx} | -0.000 | -0.145 | -0.000 | 1.065 |
| | β_{xxy} | 0.000 | 1.370 | -0.003 | -0.224 |
| | β_{xyy} | -0.000 | 0.214 | 0.000 | 0.356 |
| | β_{yyy} | 0.002 | -4.485 | -0.005 | -0.628 |
| | β_{xxz} | 1.422 | 1.693 | 4.848 | -20.521 |
| | β_{xyz} | 0.000 | 0.152 | 0.000 | 0.006 |
| | β_{yzz} | 1.423 | -2.964 | 4.850 | -20.572 |
| | β_{xzz} | -0.000 | 0.039 | -0.000 | 0.918 |
| | β_{yzz} | 0.003 | -2.637 | 0.000 | -0.534 |
| | β_{zsz} | 3.266 | 8.095 | 4.684 | -93.653 |
| ω B97XD | β_{xxx} | -0.000 | -0.084 | -0.000 | -1.888 |
| | β_{xxy} | 0.013 | 0.533 | -0.009 | 0.371 |
| | β_{xyy} | -0.000 | 0.312 | 0.000 | -0.645 |
| | β_{yyy} | 0.007 | -9.165 | -0.019 | 1.170 |
| | β_{xxz} | 1.520 | 2.105 | 5.367 | 34.806 |
| | β_{xyz} | 0.000 | 0.214 | 0.000 | 0.104 |
| | β_{yzz} | 1.523 | -5.177 | 6.367 | 34.883 |
| | β_{xzz} | -0.000 | 0.021 | 0.000 | 8.241 |
| | β_{yzz} | 0.000 | -2.051 | -0.013 | -4.972 |

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|---------------|-------|-------|-------|----------|
| β_{zzz} | 3.488 | 9.280 | 4.884 | -392.357 |
|---------------|-------|-------|-------|----------|

Table S4. The transition energies, oscillator strengths, differences of dipole moment between the ground and crucial excited state, and $\Delta\mu_{\text{ge}}f_{\text{os}} / \Delta E_{\text{ge}}^3$ values of complexes **1-4** calculated at the TD- ω B97XD/6-31+G* (SDD basis set for Fe ion) level.

| complex | f_{os} | ΔE | $\Delta\mu_{\text{ge}}$ | ΔE_{ge}^3 | $\Delta\mu_{\text{ge}}f_{\text{os}} / \Delta E_{\text{ge}}^3$ |
|----------|-----------------|------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|---|
| 1 | 0.0270 | 3.30 | 2.32 | 35.94 | 0.0017 |
| 2 | 0.0431 | 2.30 | 2.73 | 12.17 | 0.0097 |
| 3 | 0.0587 | 2.37 | 8.18 | 13.31 | 0.0361 |
| 4 | 0.0269 | 1.29 | 5.81 | 2.15 | 0.0728 |

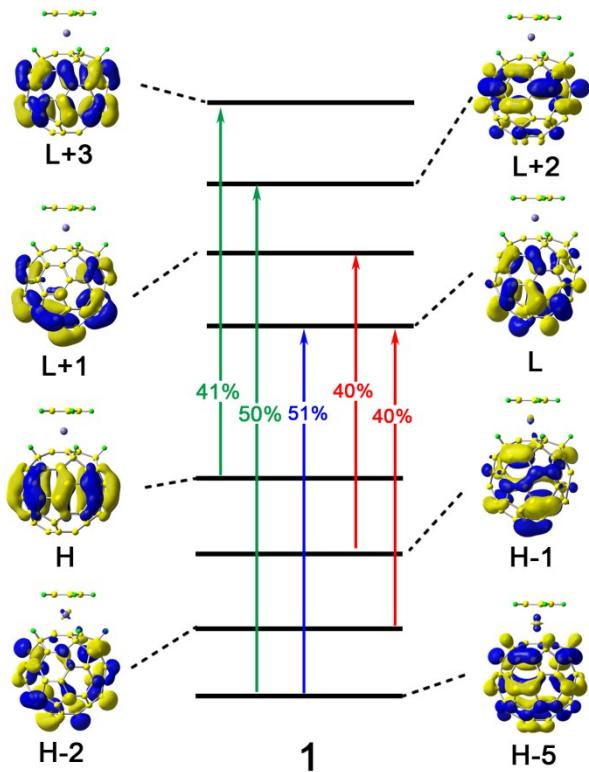


Figure S1. The molecular orbitals involved in the relatively intense electronic transitions in the absorption spectrum of complex **1**

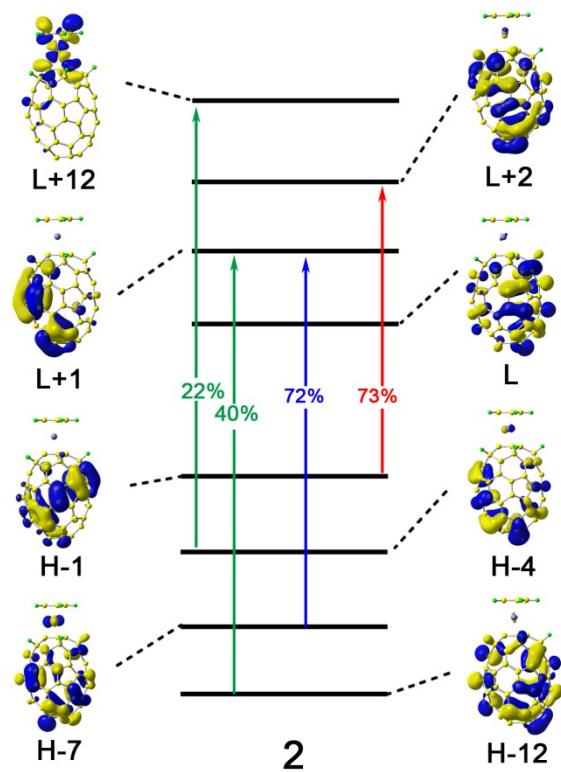


Figure S2. The molecular orbitals involved in the relatively intense electronic transitions in the absorption spectrum of complex **2**

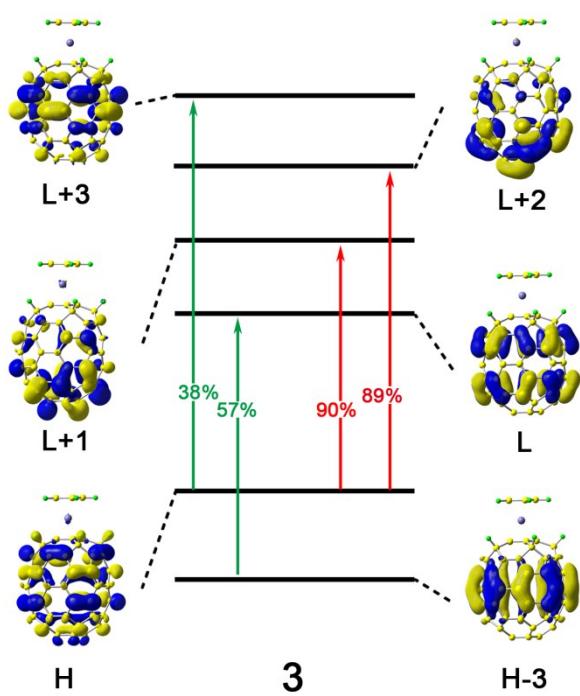


Figure S3. The molecular orbitals involved in the relatively intense electronic transitions in the absorption spectrum of complex **3**.

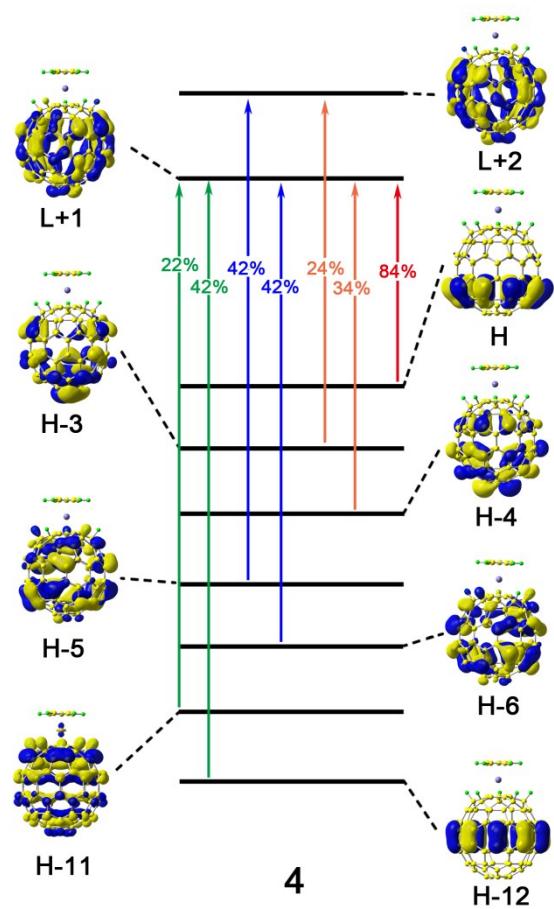


Figure S4. The molecular orbitals involved in the relatively intense electronic transitions in the absorption spectrum of complex 4.