



Table S1-ESI. Energy-ordered $1s^{C/N/F}$ -based linear combinations of CuTPP and CuTPP(F) in D_{4h} symmetry. The atom numbering corresponds to the one recommended by the IUPAC and adopted in Fig. 1.

CuTPP	a _{1g}	a _{2g}	b _{1g}	b _{2g}	e _g	a _{1u}	a _{2u}	b _{1u}	b _{2u}	e _u
N	3		1							2
C ¹ (C ^{Py})	4	1	2	1						3/4
C ² (C ^{Py})	10	2	3	7						10/11
C ⁵ (C ^m)	5			2						5
C ²⁵ (C ^{Ph})	6			3						6
C ²⁹ (C ^{Ph} _⊥)	8			5	2		3	2		8
C ³⁷ (C ^{Ph} _⊥)	7			4	1		2	1		7
C ⁴⁵ (C ^{Ph})	9			6						9

CuTPP(F)	a _{1g}	a _{2g}	b _{1g}	b _{2g}	e _g	a _{1u}	a _{2u}	b _{1u}	b _{2u}	e _u
F ⁴⁹ (F _⊥)	5			3	2		3	2		4
F ⁵⁷ (F _⊥)	4			2	1		2	1		3
F ⁶⁵ (F)	3			1						2
N	6		1							5
C ¹ (C ^{Py})	11	1	2	8						10/11
C ² (C ^{Py})	13	2	3	10						13/14
C ⁵ (C ^m)	12			9						12
C ²⁵ (C ^{Ph})	10			7						9
C ²⁹ (C ^{Ph} _⊥)	9			6	4		5	4		8
C ³⁷ (C ^{Ph} _⊥)	8			5	3		4	3		7
C ⁴⁵ (C ^{Ph})	7			4						6

Table S2a-ESI. Γ_{XS} representation products corresponding to electric dipole allowed transitions in D_{4h} symmetry.

$\otimes(a_{2u}+e_u)\otimes$	a_{1g}	a_{2g}	b_{1g}	b_{2g}	e_g	a_{1u}	a_{2u}	b_{1u}	b_{2u}	e_u
a_{1g}							X			X
a_{2g}							X			X
b_{1g}								X		X
b_{2g}								X		X
e_g							X	X	X	X
a_{1u}			X				X			
a_{2u}	X						X			
b_{1u}				X		X				
b_{2u}			X			X				
e_u	X	X	X	X	X					

Table S2b-ESI. Localization and symmetry of heavy atom 1s $\rightarrow \pi^*$ transitions

Transition Symmetry		
a_{2u}		e_u
$1s(a_{1g}) \rightarrow \pi_{\perp}^*(a_{2u})$		$1s(e_u) \rightarrow \text{SOMO}^a$
$1s(a_{2g}) \rightarrow \pi_{\perp}^*(a_{1u})$		
$C^{\text{Py-based}}$	$1s(b_{1g}) \rightarrow \pi_{\perp}^*(b_{2u})$	
	$1s(b_{2g}) \rightarrow \pi_{\perp}^*(b_{1u})$	
	$1s(e_u) \rightarrow \pi_{\perp}^*(e_g)$	
$C^{\text{m-based}}$	$1s(a_{1g}) \rightarrow \pi_{\perp}^*(a_{2u})$	
	$1s(b_{2g}) \rightarrow \pi_{\perp}^*(b_{1u})$	
	$1s(e_u) \rightarrow \pi_{\perp}^*(e_g)$	
$C^{\text{Ph}(\perp)}$ -based	$1s(e_g) \rightarrow \pi_{\parallel}^*(e_u)$	$1s(a_{1g}) \rightarrow \pi_{\parallel}^*(e_u)$
	$1s(e_u) \rightarrow \pi_{\parallel}^*(e_g)$	$1s(b_{2g}) \rightarrow \pi_{\parallel}^*(e_u)$
		$1s(e_g) \rightarrow \pi_{\parallel}^*(a_{1u})$
		$1s(e_g) \rightarrow \pi_{\parallel}^*(b_{2u})$
F^{\perp}		$1s(a_{2u}) \rightarrow \pi_{\parallel}^*(e_g)$
		$1s(b_{1u}) \rightarrow \pi_{\parallel}^*(e_g)$
		$1s(e_u) \rightarrow \pi_{\parallel}^*(a_{2g})$
		$1s(e_u) \rightarrow \pi_{\parallel}^*(b_{1g})$
$C^{\text{Ph}(\parallel)}$ -based	$1s(e_u) \rightarrow \pi_{\parallel}^*(e_g)$	$1s(a_{1g}) \rightarrow \pi_{\parallel}^*(e_u)$
		$1s(b_{2g}) \rightarrow \pi_{\parallel}^*(e_u)$
		$1s(e_u) \rightarrow \pi_{\parallel}^*(b_{1g})$
F^{\parallel}		$1s(e_u) \rightarrow \pi_{\parallel}^*(a_{2g})$
$N\text{-based}$	$1s(a_{1g}) \rightarrow \pi_{\perp}^*(a_{2u})$	$1s(e_u) \rightarrow \text{SOMO}^a$
	$1s(b_{1g}) \rightarrow \pi_{\perp}^*(b_{2u})$	
	$1s(e_u) \rightarrow \pi_{\perp}^*(e_g)$	

^aBoth the C-based and N-based 1s \rightarrow SOMO transitions have a 1s $\rightarrow \sigma^*$ character.

Table S5-ESI. EEs (eV) and oscillator strengths f for the $1s^N$ excitation spectrum of CuTPP from spin-unrestricted SR ZORA TD-DFT calculations. Only excitations up to EE 400 eV and contributions $> 10\%$ are reported.^{a,b}

N	sym	EE	isos	fsos	$f(\times 10^3)$	Assignment
1	e_u	394.18	$2e_u^\downarrow$	$12b_{1g}^{(100)}$	9.0	$A(^{Cu}\sigma^*)$
2	a_{2u}	395.29	$2e_u^\downarrow+2e_u^\uparrow$	$13e_g^{(72)}+13e_g^{(28)}$	17.7	$A(^{pmc}\pi_\perp^*)$
3	a_{2u}	398.18	$1b_{1g}^\downarrow+1b_{1g}^\uparrow$	$5b_{2u}^{(71)}+5b_{2u}^{(26)}$	20.2	$C(^{pmc}\pi_\perp^*)$
4	a_{2u}	398.59	$2e_u^\downarrow+2e_u^\uparrow$	$15e_g^{(71)}+15e_g^{(26)}$	21.5	$C(^{pmc}\pi_\perp^*)$

^aThe fso character is reported in parenthesis.

^bThe lowest lying transition herein reported has a $f^N < 10 \times 10^{-3}$, nevertheless it has been included because it is the only one having a $1s^N \rightarrow \sigma^*$ character.

Table S6-ESI. EEs (eV) and oscillator strengths f for the $1s^N$ excitation spectrum of CuTPP(F) from spin-unrestricted SR ZORA TD-DFT calculations. Only excitations up to EE 400 eV and contributions $> 10\%$ are reported.^{a,b}

N	sym	EE	isos	fsos	$f(\times 10^3)$	Assignment
1	e_u	394.20	$5e_u^\downarrow$	$15b_{1g}^{(100)}$	9.0	$A(^{Cu}\sigma^*)$
2	a_{2u}	395.22	$5e_u^\uparrow+5e_u^\downarrow$	$22e_g^{(73)}+22e_g^{(27)}$	16.6	$A(^{pmc}\pi_\perp^*)$
3	a_{2u}	398.19	$1b_{1g}^\downarrow+1b_{1g}^\uparrow$	$7b_{2u}^{(70)}+7b_{2u}^{(27)}$	20.1	$C(^{pmc}\pi_\perp^*)$
4	a_{2u}	398.82	$5e_u^\downarrow+5e_u^\uparrow$	$25e_g^{(73)}+25e_g^{(23)}$	16.2	$C(^{pmc}\pi_\perp^*+^{ph}\sigma^*)$

^aThe fso character is reported in parenthesis.

^bThe lowest lying transition herein reported has a $f^N < 10 \times 10^{-3}$, nevertheless it has been included because it is the only one having a $1s^N \rightarrow \sigma^*$ character.

Table S7. EEs (eV) and oscillator strengths f for the $1s^F$ excitation spectrum of CuTPP(F) from spin-unrestricted SR ZORA TD-DFT calculations. Only excitations lying at EE lower than 685 eV and contributions > 10% are reported.^a

N	sym	EE	isos	fsos	$f(\times 10^3)$	Assignment
1	e _u	681.26	$2b_{1u}^\downarrow + 3a_{2u}^\downarrow + 2b_{1u}^\uparrow + 3a_{2u}^\uparrow + 2e_g^\uparrow + 2e_g^\downarrow$	$23e_g^{(15)} + 23e_g^{(15)} + 23e_g^{(15)} + 23e_g^{(15)} + 5a_{1u}^{(11)} + 5a_{1u}^{(11)}$	13.2	$(\pi_{ }^{*-1} e_{2u})$
2	e _u	681.35	$1b_{1u}^\downarrow + 2a_{2u}^\downarrow + 1b_{1u}^\uparrow + 2a_{2u}^\uparrow + 1e_g^\uparrow + 1e_g^\downarrow$	$23e_g^{(15)} + 23e_g^{(15)} + 23e_g^{(15)} + 23e_g^{(15)} + 5a_{1u}^{(11)} + 5a_{1u}^{(11)}$	12.8	$(\pi_{ }^{*-1} e_{2u})$
3	a _{2u}	681.53	$2b_{1u}^\downarrow + 2b_{1u}^\uparrow + 2e_g^\downarrow + 2e_g^\uparrow$	$28b_{2g}^{(19)} + 28b_{2g}^{(19)} + 44e_u^{(23)} + 44e_u^{(23)}$	14.4	(σ^*)
4	a _{2u}	681.68	$1b_{1u}^\downarrow + 1b_{1u}^\uparrow + 1e_g^\downarrow + 1e_g^\uparrow$	$28b_{2g}^{(17)} + 28b_{2g}^{(17)} + 44e_u^{(24)} + 44e_u^{(24)}$	29.6	(σ^*)
5	e _u	681.81	$2e_u^\downarrow + 2e_u^\uparrow + 1b_{2g}^\downarrow + 3a_{1g}^\downarrow + 1b_{2g}^\uparrow + 3a_{1g}$	$28b_{2g}^{(16)} + 28b_{2g}^{(16)} + 44e_u^{(12)} + 44e_u^{(12)} + 44e_u^{(12)} + 44e_u^{(12)}$	12.1	(σ^*)

^aThe fso character is reported in parenthesis.