

# The Influence of Halides in Polyoxotitanate Cages; Dipole Moment, Splitting and Expansion of d-orbitals and Electron-Electron Repulsion

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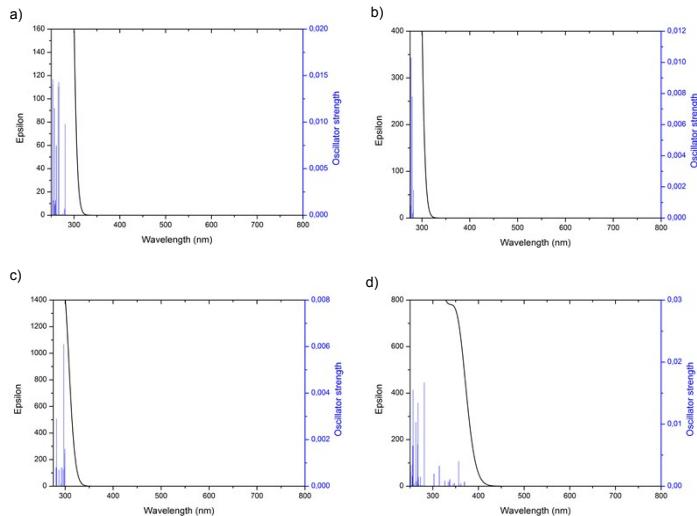
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- 1)  $[\text{Ti}_3\text{O}(\text{O}^i\text{Pr})_9\text{X}]$  ( $\text{X} = \text{F}, \text{Cl}, \text{Br}, \text{I}$ )
- 2)  $[\text{Ti}_4\text{O}(\text{OEt})_{15}\text{CoX}]$  ( $\text{X} = \text{F}, \text{Cl}, \text{Br}, \text{I}$ ) and  $[\text{Ti}_4\text{O}(\text{OEt})_{14}(\text{HOEt})]$
- 3)  $[\text{Ti}_7\text{O}_5(\text{OEt})_{19}\text{CoX}]$  ( $\text{X} = \text{F}, \text{Cl}, \text{Br}, \text{I}$ ) and  $[\text{Ti}_7\text{O}_4(\text{OEt})_{20}]$
- 4) Diffuse reflectance UV-vis spectroscopy
- 5) Single-crystal X-ray crystallography

# 1) $[\text{Ti}_3\text{O}(\text{O}^{\text{i}}\text{Pr})_9\text{X}]$



**Figure S1:** Calculated UV-Vis spectra of  $[\text{Ti}_3\text{O}(\text{O}^{\text{i}}\text{Pr})_9\text{X}]$   $\text{X} = \text{F}$  (a),  $\text{Cl}$  (b),  $\text{Br}$  (c),  $\text{I}$  (d) using TD-DFT methods (B3LYP/6-31g\*\*, 6-311g\*\* for iodine).

**Table S1:** Atomic decomposition of molecular orbitals of  $[\text{Ti}_3\text{O}(\text{O}^{\text{i}}\text{Pr})_9\text{F}]$  (B3LYP/6-31g\*\* level of theory).

Orbital	Orbital energy (eV)	Titanium	Atomic composition (%)		
			Oxygen	Fluorine	$\text{i}\text{Propyl}$
HOMO	-6.85	1	71	2	1
HOMO-1	-6.85	1	71	2	1
HOMO-2	-7.10	4	66	2	4
LUMO	-1.36	80	14	1	6
LUMO+1	-1.36	80	14	1	5
LUMO+2	-1.22	86	11	0	3
LUMO+3	-1.11	89	19	0	2

**Table S2:** Atomic decomposition of molecular orbitals of  $[\text{Ti}_3\text{O}(\text{O}^{\text{i}}\text{Pr})_9\text{Cl}]$  (B3LYP/6-31g\*\* level of theory).

Orbital	Orbital energy (eV)	Titanium	Atomic composition (%)		
			Oxygen	Chlorine	$\text{i}\text{Propyl}$
HOMO	-6.78	1	47	35	16
HOMO-1	-6.78	1	46	35	16
HOMO-2	-6.97	2	40	44	13
LUMO	-1.37	85	13	0	2
LUMO+1	-1.35	80	14	0	6
LUMO+2	-1.35	80	14	0	6
LUMO+3	-1.27	87	10	0	3

**Table S3:** Atomic decomposition of molecular orbitals of  $[\text{Ti}_3\text{O}(\text{O}^{\text{i}}\text{Pr})_9\text{Br}]$  (B3LYP/6-31g\*\* level of theory).

Orbital	Orbital energy (eV)	Titanium	Atomic composition (%)		
			Oxygen	Bromine	$\text{i}\text{Propyl}$
HOMO	-6.50	3	25	63	8
HOMO-1	-6.50	3	25	63	8
HOMO-2	-6.70	3	33	55	9
LUMO	-1.39	85	13	0	2

LUMO+1	-1.36	80	13	0	6
LUMO+2	-1.36	80	14	0	6
LUMO+3	-1.28	87	10	0	3
LUMO+4	-1.19	83	13	0	4
LUMO+5	-1.19	83	13	0	4

**Table S4:** Atomic decomposition of molecular orbitals of  $[\text{Ti}_3\text{O}(\text{O}^{\text{i}}\text{Pr})_9]\text{I}$  (B3LYP/6-31g\*\*, 6-311g\*\* for iodine level of theory).

Orbital	Orbital energy (eV)	Titanium	Atomic composition (%)		
			Oxygen	Iodine	$\text{i}\text{Pr}\text{oyl}$
HOMO	-5.69	1	5	91	3
HOMO-1	-5.69	1	5	91	3
HOMO-2	-5.97	3	16	79	3
LUMO	-1.51	85	13	0	2
LUMO+1	-1.42	81	13	0	6
LUMO+2	-1.42	81	13	0	6
LUMO+5	-1.29	83	13	0	4
LUMO+6	-1.16	83	14	0	3
LUMO+8	-0.77	78	13	3	6

**Table S5:** Main orbital contributions to transition of  $[\text{Ti}_3\text{O}(\text{O}^{\text{i}}\text{Pr})_9]\text{F}$  (with oscillator strengths  $\geq 0.001$ ). Calculated employing TD-DFT methods (B3LYP/6-31g\*\*).

Main orbital contributions	Eg (eV)	Eg (nm)	Oscillator strength
HOMO-1 → LUMO+1	4.420	280.5	0.0098
HOMO → LUMO+2			
HOMO-2 → LUMO			
HOMO → LUMO+2	4.634	266.4	0.0143
HOMO → LUMO	4.659	266.1	0.0138
HOMO → LUMO+3	4.752	260.9	0.0075
HOMO-1 → LUMO+3	4.755	260.8	0.0073

**Table S6:** Main orbital contributions to transition of  $[\text{Ti}_3\text{O}(\text{O}^{\text{i}}\text{Pr})_9]\text{Cl}$  (with oscillator strengths  $\geq 0.001$ ). Calculated employing TD-DFT methods (B3LYP/6-31g\*\*).

Main orbital contributions	Eg (eV)	Eg (nm)	Oscillator strength
HOMO-1 → LUMO+1	4.392	282.3	0.0018
HOMO → LUMO+2			
HOMO-2 → LUMO			
HOMO-1 → LUMO	4.439	279.3	0.0078
HOMO → LUMO	4.439	279.3	0.0077
HOMO → LUMO	4.476	277.0	0.0103
HOMO → LUMO+3			
HOMO-1 → LUMO	4.476	277.0	0.0103
HOMO-1 → LUMO+3			

**Table S7:** Main orbital contributions to transition of  $[\text{Ti}_3\text{O}(\text{O}^{\text{i}}\text{Pr})_9\text{Br}]$  (with oscillator strengths  $\geq 0.001$ ). Calculated employing TD-DFT methods (B3LYP/6-31g\*\*).

Main orbital contributions	Eg (eV)	Eg (nm)	Oscillator strength
HOMO $\rightarrow$ LUMO	4.141	299.4	0.0016
HOMO $\rightarrow$ LUMO+1			
HOMO-1 $\rightarrow$ LUMO	4.144	299.1	0.0014
HOMO-1 $\rightarrow$ LUMO	4.172	297.2	0.0061
HOMO-1 $\rightarrow$ LUMO	4.173	297.1	0.0058
HOMO-1 $\rightarrow$ LUMO+1	4.395	282.1	0.0029
HOMO $\rightarrow$ LUMO+5			

**Table S8:** Main orbital contributions to transition of  $[\text{Ti}_3\text{O}(\text{O}^{\text{i}}\text{Pr})_9\text{I}]$  (with oscillator strengths  $\geq 0.001$ ). Calculated employing TD-DFT methods (B3LYP/6-31g\*\*, 6-311g\*\* for iodine).

Main orbital contributions	Eg (eV)	Eg (nm)	Oscillator strength
HOMO-2 $\rightarrow$ LUMO+1	3.675	337.4	0.0011
HOMO-2 $\rightarrow$ LUMO+2			
HOMO-2 $\rightarrow$ LUMO+1	3.677	337.2	0.0011
HOMO $\rightarrow$ LUMO+5			
HOMO-2 $\rightarrow$ LUMO+6	3.945	314.3	0.0033
HOMO-2 $\rightarrow$ LUMO+8	4.410	281.2	0.0167

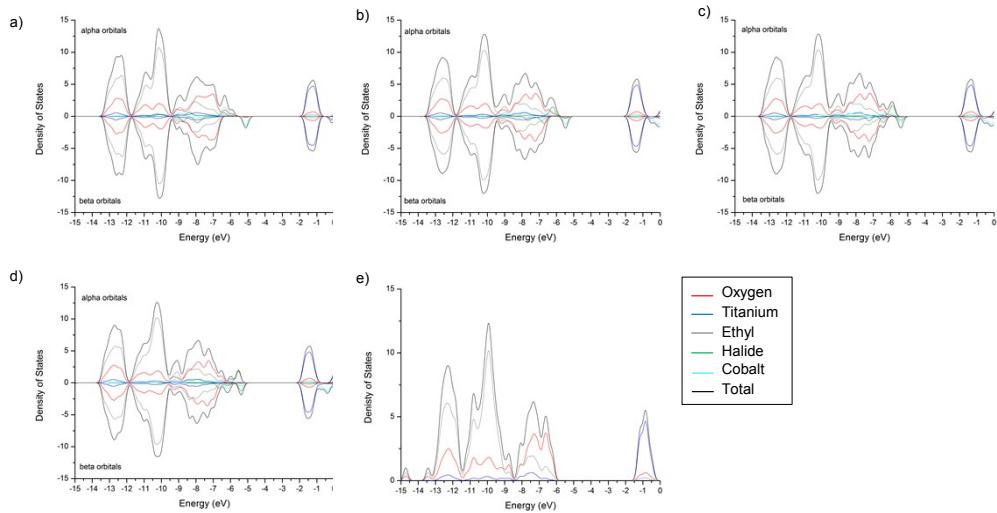
**Table S9:** Band gaps obtained DOS calculations (B3LYP/6-31g\*\*, 6-311g\*\* for iodine).

Compound	Eg (eV)
<b>1-F</b>	5.49
<b>1-Cl</b>	5.41
<b>1-Br</b>	5.11
<b>1-I</b>	4.18

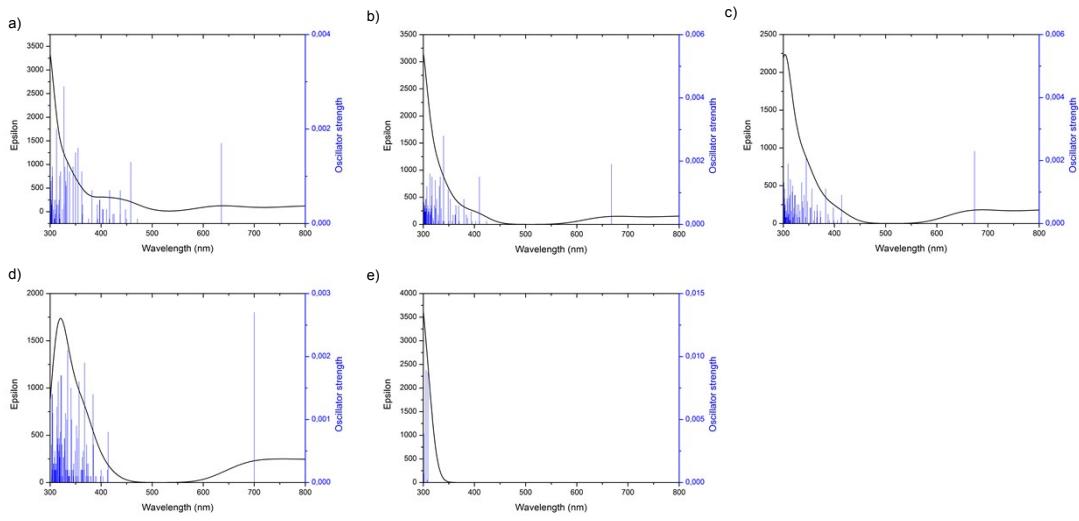
**Table S10:** Band gaps obtained from TD-DFT calculations (B3LYP/6-31g\*\*, 6-311g\*\* for iodine). First singlet excitation energy with oscillator strength  $\geq 0$ .

Compound	Main orbital contributions	Eg (eV)	Eg (nm)	Oscillator strength
<b>1-F</b>	HOMO-1 $\rightarrow$ LUMO+1 HOMO $\rightarrow$ LUMO	4.420	280.5	0.0098
<b>1-Cl</b>	HOMO-1 $\rightarrow$ LUMO+1 HOMO $\rightarrow$ LUMO+2	4.392	282.3	0.0018
<b>1-Br</b>	HOMO $\rightarrow$ LUMO HOMO $\rightarrow$ LUMO+1	4.142	299.4	0.0016
<b>1-I</b>	HOMO $\rightarrow$ LUMO	3.357	369.3	0.0007

## 2) $[\text{Ti}_4\text{O}(\text{OEt})_{15}\text{CoX}]$ ( $\text{X} = \text{F}, \text{Cl}, \text{Br}, \text{I}$ ) and $[\text{Ti}_4\text{O}(\text{OEt})_{14}(\text{HOEt})]$



**Figure S2:** Density of states diagrams of  $[\text{Ti}_4\text{O}(\text{OEt})_{15}\text{CoX}]$   $\text{X} = \text{F}$  (a),  $\text{Cl}$  (b),  $\text{Br}$  (c),  $\text{I}$  (d) and the undoped  $\text{Ti}_4$  cage. Calculated on a B3LYP/6-31g\*, 6-311g\* (for iodine) level of theory. Spin-up ( $\alpha$  orbitals) and spin-down channels ( $\beta$  orbitals) are distinguished by the positive and negative signs of DOS.



**Figure S3:** Calculated UV-Vis spectra of  $[\text{Ti}_4\text{O}(\text{OEt})_{15}\text{CoX}]$  X = F (a), Cl (b), Br (c), I (d) and the undoped  $[\text{Ti}_4\text{O}(\text{OEt})_{14}(\text{HOEt})]$  cage (e) using TD-DFT methods (B3LYP/6-31g\*, 6-311g\* for iodine).

**Table S11:** Atomic composition of molecular orbitals of  $[\text{Ti}_4\text{O}(\text{OEt})_{15}\text{CoF}]$  (B3LYP/6-31g\* level of theory).

Orbital	Orbital energy (eV)	Titanium	Cobalt	Oxygen	Fluorine	Ethyl
HOMO- $\alpha$	-5.88	3	46	33	11	7
HOMO- $\alpha$ -1	-6.22	2	40	46	2	12
HOMO- $\alpha$ -4	-6.44	0	53	13	29	5
LUMO- $\alpha$	-1.59	84	0	11	0	5
LUMO- $\alpha$ +1	-1.52	85	0	12	0	3
LUMO- $\alpha$ +2	-1.48	87	0	10	0	3
LUMO- $\alpha$ +3	-1.45	85	0	11	0	4
LUMO- $\alpha$ +4	-1.34	84	0	12	0	4
HOMO- $\beta$	-5.05	1	80	9	8	2
HOMO- $\beta$ -1	-5.16	1	82	9	7	2
LUMO- $\beta$	-1.59	84	1	11	0	5
LUMO- $\beta$ +1	-1.53	84	0	12	0	4
LUMO- $\beta$ +14	0.32	69	13	10	0	8
LUMO- $\beta$ +15	0.42	32	56	6	2	4
LUMO- $\beta$ +16	0.67	56	24	10	1	9
LUMO- $\beta$ +18	0.84	43	39	11	3	5

**Table S12:** Atomic composition of molecular orbitals of  $[\text{Ti}_4\text{O}(\text{OEt})_{15}\text{CoCl}]$  (B3LYP/6-31g\* level of theory).

Orbital	Orbital energy (eV)	Atomic composition (%)				
		Titanium	Cobalt	Oxygen	Chlorine	Ethyl
HOMO- $\alpha$	-6.08	1	31	24	35	6
HOMO- $\alpha$ -1	-6.19	0	19	4	74	3
HOMO- $\alpha$ -3	-6.44	1	27	53	6	12
LUMO- $\alpha$	-1.70	85	0	10	0	5
LUMO- $\alpha$ +1	-1.59	84	0	11	0	4
LUMO- $\alpha$ +4	-1.46	84	0	12	0	4
HOMO- $\beta$	-5.42	1	69	9	19	2
HOMO- $\beta$ -1	-5.42	1	70	10	17	2
LUMO- $\beta$	-1.71	85	1	9	0	5
LUMO- $\beta$ +12	-0.48	31	62	4	2	1
LUMO- $\beta$ +13	-0.17	6	85	5	1	3
LUMO- $\beta$ +14	0.01	18	72	6	1	3
LUMO- $\beta$ +16	0.40	53	27	11	2	7

**Table S13:** Atomic composition of molecular orbitals of  $[\text{Ti}_4\text{O}(\text{OEt})_{15}\text{CoBr}]$  (B3LYP/6-31g\* level of theory).

Orbital	Orbital energy (eV)	Atomic composition (%)				
		Titanium	Cobalt	Oxygen	Bromine	Ethyl
HOMO- $\alpha$	-5.84	0	13	2	82	3
HOMO- $\alpha$ -1	-5.86	0	17	6	75	3
LUMO- $\alpha$	-1.69	85	0	10	0	5
LUMO- $\alpha$ +1	-1.59	85	0	11	0	4
LUMO- $\alpha$ +2	-1.53	86	0	11	0	3
LUMO- $\alpha$ +4	-1.46	84	0	12	0	4
HOMO- $\beta$	-5.34	0	55	7	35	2
HOMO- $\beta$ -1	-5.45	1	58	9	31	2
HOMO- $\beta$ -3	-6.48	0	32	10	53	5
LUMO- $\beta$	-1.71	84	1	10	0	5
LUMO- $\beta$ +2	-1.54	84	2	10	0	3
LUMO- $\beta$ +4	-1.50	81	3	12	0	3
LUMO- $\beta$ +6	-1.34	84	2	11	0	3
LUMO- $\beta$ +7	-1.28	83	1	12	0	4
LUMO- $\beta$ +8	-1.23	83	1	13	0	4
LUMO- $\beta$ +10	-1.10	82	0	13	0	4
LUMO- $\beta$ +12	-0.54	28	66	4	2	1
LUMO- $\beta$ +13	-0.24	6	84	6	2	3
LUMO- $\beta$ +16	0.38	57	23	11	2	7

**Table S14:** Atomic composition of molecular orbitals of  $[\text{Ti}_4\text{O}(\text{OEt})_{15}\text{CoI}]$  (B3LYP/6-31g\*, 6-311g\* (for iodine) level of theory).

Orbital	Orbital energy (eV)	Titanium	Atomic composition (%)			
			Cobalt	Oxygen	Iodine	Ethyl
HOMO- $\alpha$	-5.51	0	4	1	93	2
LUMO- $\alpha$	-1.77	85	0	10	0	5
HOMO- $\beta$	-5.32	0	26	4	68	2
HOMO- $\beta$ -1	-5.42	1	26	4	68	2
HOMO- $\beta$ -2	-6.06	0	49	17	28	6
HOMO- $\beta$ -3	-6.25	0	61	9	26	5
LUMO- $\beta$	-1.79	84	2	9	0	5
LUMO- $\beta$ +4	-1.58	81	4	12	0	4
LUMO- $\beta$ +5	-1.46	82	3	11	0	4
LUMO- $\beta$ +8	-1.32	83	0	14	0	3
LUMO- $\beta$ +13	-0.45	7	84	6	1	3
LUMO- $\beta$ +14	-0.28	10	80	6	2	2

**Table S15:** Atomic composition of molecular orbitals of  $[\text{Ti}_4\text{O}(\text{OEt})_{14}(\text{HOEt})]$  (B3LYP/6-31g\* level of theory).

Orbital	Orbital energy (eV)	Titanium	Atomic composition	
			Oxygen	Ethyl
HOMO	-6.22	2	78	20
HOMO-1	-6.23	2	77	21
LUMO	-1.23	84	12	4
LUMO+1	-1.19	84	12	5
LUMO+2	-1.10	85	12	4

**Table S16:** Main orbital contributions to transition of  $[\text{Ti}_4\text{O}(\text{OEt})_{15}\text{CoF}]$  (with oscillator strengths  $\geq 0.001$ ). Calculated employing TD-DFT methods (B3LYP/6-31g\*).

Main orbital contributions	Eg (eV)	Eg (nm)	Oscillator strength
HOMO- $\beta$ -1 $\rightarrow$ LUMO- $\beta$ +12	1.956	635.6	0.0017
HOMO- $\beta$ -1 $\rightarrow$ LUMO- $\beta$ +15			
HOMO- $\beta$ -1 $\rightarrow$ LUMO- $\beta$ +16			
HOMO- $\beta$ -1 $\rightarrow$ LUMO- $\beta$ +18			
HOMO- $\beta$ $\rightarrow$ LUMO- $\beta$	2.707	458.0	0.0013
HOMO- $\beta$ $\rightarrow$ LUMO- $\beta$ +1			
HOMO- $\alpha$ $\rightarrow$ LUMO- $\alpha$	3.496	354.7	0.0016
HOMO- $\alpha$ $\rightarrow$ LUMO- $\alpha$ +1			
HOMO- $\alpha$ $\rightarrow$ LUMO- $\alpha$ +2	3.544	349.8	0.0015
HOMO- $\alpha$ $\rightarrow$ LUMO- $\alpha$ +3			
HOMO- $\alpha$ -1 $\rightarrow$ LUMO- $\alpha$ +1	3.714	333.8	0.0013
HOMO- $\alpha$ $\rightarrow$ LUMO- $\alpha$ +2			
HOMO- $\alpha$ $\rightarrow$ LUMO- $\alpha$ +4			

**Table S17:** Main orbital contributions to transition of  $[\text{Ti}_4\text{O}(\text{OEt})_{15}\text{CoCl}]$  (with oscillator strengths  $\geq 0.001$ ). Calculated employing TD-DFT methods (B3LYP/6-31g\*).

Main orbital contributions	Eg (eV)	Eg (nm)	Oscillator strength
HOMO- $\beta$ -1 $\rightarrow$ LUMO- $\beta$ +12	1.442	859.7	0.0013
HOMO- $\beta$ $\rightarrow$ LUMO- $\beta$ +13			
HOMO- $\beta$ -1 $\rightarrow$ LUMO- $\beta$ +14	1.857	667.8	0.0019
HOMO- $\beta$ -1 $\rightarrow$ LUMO- $\beta$ +16			
HOMO- $\alpha$ $\rightarrow$ LUMO- $\alpha$ +1	3.652	339.5	0.0028
HOMO- $\alpha$ -3 $\rightarrow$ LUMO- $\alpha$ +1	3.834	323.3	0.0014
HOMO- $\alpha$ -3 $\rightarrow$ LUMO- $\alpha$ +4			
HOMO- $\alpha$ -1 $\rightarrow$ LUMO- $\alpha$			

**Table S18:** Main orbital contributions to transition of  $[\text{Ti}_4\text{O}(\text{OEt})_{15}\text{CoBr}]$  (with oscillator strengths  $\geq 0.001$ ). Calculated employing TD-DFT methods (B3LYP/6-31g\*).

Main orbital contributions	Eg (eV)	Eg (nm)	Oscillator strength
HOMO- $\beta$ -3 $\rightarrow$ LUMO- $\beta$ +13	1.427	868.91	0.0017
HOMO- $\beta$ -1 $\rightarrow$ LUMO- $\beta$ +12			
HOMO- $\beta$ $\rightarrow$ LUMO- $\beta$ +13			
HOMO- $\beta$ -1 $\rightarrow$ LUMO- $\beta$ +14	1.525	673.8	0.0023
HOMO- $\beta$ -1 $\rightarrow$ LUMO- $\beta$ +16			
HOMO- $\beta$ $\rightarrow$ LUMO- $\beta$ +2	3.239	382.8	0.0011
HOMO- $\beta$ $\rightarrow$ LUMO- $\beta$ +4			
HOMO- $\beta$ -1 $\rightarrow$ LUMO- $\beta$ +6	3.482	356.1	0.0011
HOMO- $\beta$ -1 $\rightarrow$ LUMO- $\beta$ +7			
HOMO- $\beta$ -1 $\rightarrow$ LUMO- $\beta$ +8			
HOMO- $\beta$ -1 $\rightarrow$ LUMO- $\beta$ +10			
HOMO- $\alpha$ -1 $\rightarrow$ LUMO- $\alpha$ +1	3.597	344.7	0.0021
HOMO- $\alpha$ -1 $\rightarrow$ LUMO- $\alpha$ +2	3.691	335.9	0.0013
HOMO- $\alpha$ $\rightarrow$ LUMO- $\alpha$ +1			

**Table S19:** Main orbital contributions to transition of  $[\text{Ti}_4\text{O}(\text{OEt})_{15}\text{CoI}]$  (with oscillator strengths  $\geq 0.001$ ). Calculated employing TD-DFT methods (B3LYP/6-31g\*).

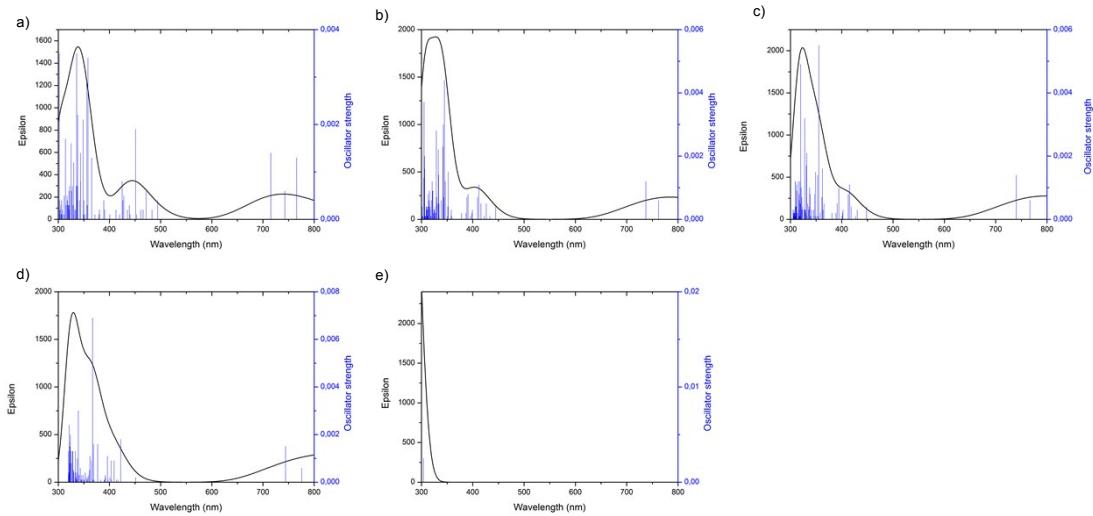
Main orbital contributions	Eg (eV)	Eg (nm)	Oscillator strength
HOMO- $\beta$ -3 $\rightarrow$ LUMO- $\beta$ +13	1.433	865.4	0.0021
HOMO- $\beta$ $\rightarrow$ LUMO- $\beta$ +13			
HOMO- $\beta$ -2 $\rightarrow$ LUMO- $\beta$ +14	1.771	700.0	0.0027
HOMO- $\beta$ -1 $\rightarrow$ LUMO- $\beta$ +14			
HOMO- $\alpha$ $\rightarrow$ LUMO- $\alpha$	3.227	384.2	0.0014
HOMO- $\beta$ $\rightarrow$ LUMO- $\beta$ +4			
HOMO- $\beta$ -1 $\rightarrow$ LUMO- $\beta$ +5	3.374	367.4	0.0019
HOMO- $\beta$ -1 $\rightarrow$ LUMO- $\beta$ +8	3.475	356.8	0.0016

**Table S20:** Main orbital contributions to transition of  $[\text{Ti}_4\text{O}(\text{OEt})_{14}(\text{HOEt})]$  (with oscillator strengths  $\geq 0.001$ ). Calculated employing TD-DFT methods (B3LYP/6-31g\*).

Main orbital contributions	Eg (eV)	Eg (nm)	Oscillator strength
HOMO-1 $\rightarrow$ LUMO	4.013	308.9	0.0087
HOMO-1 $\rightarrow$ LUMO+1			
HOMO-1 $\rightarrow$ LUMO+1	4.060	305.4	0.0089
HOMO $\rightarrow$ LUMO	4.105	302.0	0.0039
HOMO-1 $\rightarrow$ LUMO+2	4.155	298.4	0.0059



### 3) $[\text{Ti}_7\text{O}_5(\text{OEt})_{19}\text{CoX}]$ ( $\text{X} = \text{F}, \text{Cl}, \text{Br}, \text{I}$ ) and $[\text{Ti}_7\text{O}_4(\text{OEt})_{20}]$



**Figure S4:** Calculated UV-Vis spectra of  $[\text{Ti}_7\text{O}_5(\text{OEt})_{19}\text{CoX}]$   $\text{X} = \text{F}$  (a), Cl (b), Br (c), I (d) and  $[\text{Ti}_7\text{O}_4(\text{OEt})_{20}]$  (e) using TD-DFT methods (B3LYP/6-31g\*, 6-311g\* for iodine).

**Table S21:** Atomic composition of molecular orbitals of  $[\text{Ti}_7\text{O}_5(\text{OEt})_{19}\text{CoF}]$  (B3LYP/6-31g\* level of theory).

Orbital	Orbital energy (eV)	Titanium	Cobalt	Oxygen	Fluorine	Ethyl
HOMO- $\alpha$	-6.00	3	50	20	24	3
HOMO- $\alpha$ -1	-6.12	3	38	41	7	10
HOMO- $\alpha$ -2	-6.22	3	42	44	2	10
HOMO- $\alpha$ -4	-6.48	1	50	12	33	5
LUMO- $\alpha$	-1.72	89	0	9	0	2
LUMO- $\alpha$ +1	-1.64	87	0	10	0	3
LUMO- $\alpha$ +2	-1.61	86	0	11	0	3
HOMO- $\beta$	-5.06	1	80	10	8	2
HOMO- $\beta$ -1	-5.13	1	82	7	7	2
LUMO- $\beta$	-1.72	89	1	8	0	2
LUMO- $\beta$ +1	-1.66	87	2	9	0	2
LUMO- $\beta$ +2	-1.61	85	0	11	0	4
LUMO- $\beta$ +4	-1.51	86	0	11	0	3
LUMO- $\beta$ +14	-1.09	86	0	11	0	3
LUMO- $\beta$ +15	-1.00	82	0	14	0	4
LUMO- $\beta$ +16	-0.97	85	0	12	0	3
LUMO- $\beta$ +17	-0.92	81	0	15	0	3
LUMO- $\beta$ +18	-0.83	84	0	14	0	3
LUMO- $\beta$ +22	0.005	62	27	7	1	3
LUMO- $\beta$ +23	0.28	35	52	7	1	5
LUMO- $\beta$ +25	0.39	50	33	10	2	6
LUMO- $\beta$ +26	0.47	9	81	6	1	2

**Table S22:** Atomic composition of molecular orbitals of  $[\text{Ti}_7\text{O}_5(\text{OEt})_{19}\text{CoCl}]$  (B3LYP/6-31g\* level of theory).

Orbital	Orbital energy (eV)	Atomic composition (%)				
		Titanium	Cobalt	Oxygen	Chlorine	Ethyl
HOMO- $\alpha$	-6.13	1	29	14	52	3
HOMO- $\alpha$ -1	-6.16	0	22	7	68	3
HOMO- $\alpha$ -2	-6.17	0	22	12	62	3
HOMO- $\alpha$ -3	-6.41	3	28	46	12	11
HOMO- $\alpha$ -4	-6.44	3	30	50	5	12
LUMO- $\alpha$	-1.80	90	0	9	0	2
LUMO- $\alpha$ +1	-1.72	87	0	9	0	2
HOMO- $\beta$	-5.40	1	67	10	20	2
HOMO- $\beta$ -1	-5.48	1	71	7	19	2
LUMO- $\beta$	-1.80	89	1	8	0	2
LUMO- $\beta$ +1	-1.76	86	3	9	0	2
LUMO- $\beta$ +2	-1.70	58	0	11	0	4
LUMO- $\beta$ +8	-1.40	83	0	13	0	2
LUMO- $\beta$ +13	-1.19	85	0	13	0	2
LUMO- $\beta$ +20	-0.30	25	58	5	2	2
LUMO- $\beta$ +21	-0.20	14	76	6	1	2
LUMO- $\beta$ +23	-0.01	45	40	13	1	2
LUMO- $\beta$ +24	0.03	34	52	11	1	2

**Table S23:** Atomic composition of molecular orbitals of  $[\text{Ti}_7\text{O}_5(\text{OEt})_{19}\text{CoBr}]$  (B3LYP/6-31g\* level of theory).

Orbital	Orbital energy (eV)	Atomic composition (%)				
		Titanium	Cobalt	Oxygen	Bromine	Ethyl
HOMO- $\alpha$	-5.8	0	13	2	83	3
HOMO- $\alpha$ -1	-5.84	0	13	2	83	2
HOMO- $\alpha$ -2	-5.97	1	33	14	50	2
HOMO- $\alpha$ -4	-6.44	3	28	55	1	14
LUMO	-1.79	86	0	9	0	2
LUMO- $\alpha$ +1	-1.71	87	0	10	0	3
LUMO- $\alpha$ +2	-1.60	89	0	11	0	4
HOMO- $\beta$	-5.31	0	54	8	35	2
HOMO- $\beta$ -1	-5.41	1	57	6	34	2
LUMO- $\beta$	-1.79	89	1	8	0	2
LUMO- $\beta$ +1	-1.75	86	3	9	0	2
LUMO- $\beta$ +7	-1.44	85	1	11	0	2
LUMO- $\beta$ +13	-1.18	85	0	13	0	2
LUMO- $\beta$ +20	-0.37	28	65	4	2	1
LUMO- $\beta$ +21	-0.26	9	82	5	2	2
LUMO- $\beta$ +23	-0.06	26	63	7	2	3

**Table S24:** Atomic composition of molecular orbitals of  $[\text{Ti}_7\text{O}_5(\text{OEt})_{19}\text{CoI}]$  (B3LYP/6-31g\*, 6-311g\* (for iodine) level of theory).

Orbital	Orbital energy (eV)	Atomic composition (%)				
		Titanium	Cobalt	Oxygen	Iodine	Ethyl
HOMO- $\alpha$	-5.44	0	3	1	93	3
HOMO- $\alpha$ -1	-5.48	0	4	1	94	2
HOMO- $\alpha$ -2	-5.84	1	21	9	66	1
LUMO	-1.89	90	0	9	0	2
LUMO- $\alpha$ +1	-1.79	87	0	10	0	3
LUMO- $\alpha$ +5	-1.59	85	0	11	0	3
LUMO- $\alpha$ +6	-1.54	86	0	11	0	3
HOMO- $\beta$	-5.27	0	23	4	70	2
HOMO- $\beta$ -1	-5.36	1	22	2	73	2
HOMO- $\beta$ -2	-6.08	0	58	14	24	5
HOMO- $\beta$ -3	-6.19	0	65	9	24	3
LUMO- $\beta$	-1.89	89	1	8	0	1
LUMO- $\beta$ +1	-1.84	86	4	8	0	2
LUMO- $\beta$ +21	-0.50	5	87	5	1	2
LUMO- $\beta$ +22	-0.32	9	80	7	2	2

**Table S25:** Atomic composition of molecular orbitals of  $[\text{Ti}_7\text{O}_4(\text{OEt})_{20}]$  (B3LYP/6-31g\* level of theory).

Orbital	Orbital energy (eV)	Atomic composition		
		Titanium	Oxygen	Ethyl
HOMO	-6.54	2	76	22
LUMO	-1.44	88	10	2
LUMO+1	-1.40	89	8	3

**Table S26:** Main orbital contributions to transition of  $[\text{Ti}_7\text{O}_5(\text{OEt})_{19}\text{CoF}]$  (with oscillator strengths  $\geq 0.001$ ). Calculated employing TD-DFT methods (B3LYP/6-31g\*).

Main orbital contributions	Eg (eV)	Eg (nm)	Oscillator strength
HOMO- $\beta$ -1 $\rightarrow$ LUMO- $\beta$ +22	1.619	765.9	0.0013
HOMO- $\beta$ -1 $\rightarrow$ LUMO- $\beta$ +26			
HOMO- $\beta$ $\rightarrow$ LUMO- $\beta$ +23			
HOMO- $\beta$ $\rightarrow$ LUMO- $\beta$ +25			
HOMO- $\beta$ -1 $\rightarrow$ LUMO- $\beta$ +1	1.733	715.2	0.0014
HOMO- $\beta$ -1 $\rightarrow$ LUMO- $\beta$ +26			
HOMO- $\beta$ -1 $\rightarrow$ LUMO- $\beta$ +1	2.748	451.1	0.0019
HOMO- $\beta$ $\rightarrow$ LUMO- $\beta$ +2			
HOMO- $\beta$ $\rightarrow$ LUMO- $\beta$ +4			
HOMO- $\alpha$ $\rightarrow$ LUMO- $\alpha$	3.394	365.3	0.0013
HOMO- $\alpha$ -1 $\rightarrow$ LUMO- $\alpha$	3.462	358.1	0.0034
HOMO- $\alpha$ $\rightarrow$ LUMO- $\alpha$ +1			
HOMO- $\alpha$ -4 $\rightarrow$ LUMO- $\alpha$	3.486	355.7	0.0029
HOMO- $\alpha$ $\rightarrow$ LUMO- $\alpha$ +1			
HOMO- $\alpha$ -2 $\rightarrow$ LUMO- $\alpha$	3.557	348.6	0.0021
HOMO- $\alpha$ $\rightarrow$ LUMO- $\alpha$ +2			
HOMO- $\alpha$ -1 $\rightarrow$ LUMO- $\alpha$ +1	3.610	343.4	0.0014
HOMO- $\beta$ -1 $\rightarrow$ LUMO- $\beta$ +14			
HOMO- $\beta$ -1 $\rightarrow$ LUMO- $\beta$ +17			
HOMO- $\alpha$ -2 $\rightarrow$ LUMO- $\alpha$ +1	3.669	337.9	0.0022

HOMO- $\alpha$ -2 → LUMO- $\alpha$ +2 HOMO- $\beta$ -1 → LUMO- $\beta$ +15			
HOMO- $\alpha$ -1 → LUMO- $\alpha$ +2 HOMO- $\beta$ → LUMO- $\beta$ +16 HOMO- $\beta$ → LUMO- $\beta$ +18	3.691	335.9	0.0035

**Table S27:** Main orbital contributions to transition of  $[\text{Ti}_7\text{O}_5(\text{OEt})_{19}\text{CoCl}]$  (with oscillator strengths  $\geq 0.001$ ). Calculated employing TD-DFT methods (B3LYP/6-31g\*).

Main orbital contributions	Eg (eV)	Eg (nm)	Oscillator strength
HOMO- $\beta$ -1 → LUMO- $\beta$ +20 HOMO- $\beta$ → LUMO- $\beta$ +21	1.504	824.5	0.0019
HOMO- $\beta$ -1 → LUMO- $\beta$ +20 HOMO- $\beta$ -1 → LUMO- $\beta$ +23 HOMO- $\beta$ -1 → LUMO- $\beta$ +24	1.682	737.3	0.0012
HOMO- $\beta$ -1 → LUMO- $\beta$ +1 HOMO- $\beta$ -1 → LUMO- $\beta$ +2	3.010	411.9	0.0011
HOMO- $\alpha$ -2 → LUMO- $\alpha$ HOMO- $\alpha$ -1 → LUMO- $\alpha$ HOMO- $\alpha$ → LUMO- $\alpha$	3.520	352.2	0.0015
HOMO- $\alpha$ -3 → LUMO- $\alpha$ HOMO- $\alpha$ -2 → LUMO- $\alpha$ HOMO- $\alpha$ → LUMO- $\alpha$	3.577	346.6	0.0012
HOMO- $\alpha$ -4 → LUMO- $\alpha$ HOMO- $\alpha$ → LUMO- $\alpha$ +1	3.596	344.8	0.0044
HOMO- $\beta$ -1 → LUMO- $\beta$ +8 HOMO- $\beta$ -1 → LUMO- $\beta$ +13	3.628	341.7	0.0023
HOMO- $\alpha$ -3 → LUMO- $\alpha$ +1 HOMO- $\alpha$ -2 → LUMO- $\alpha$ +1 HOMO- $\alpha$ -1 → LUMO- $\alpha$ +1	3.716	333.7	0.0014

**Table S28:** Main orbital contributions to transition of  $[\text{Ti}_7\text{O}_5(\text{OEt})_{19}\text{CoBr}]$  (with oscillator strengths  $\geq 0.001$ ). Calculated employing TD-DFT methods (B3LYP/6-31g\*).

Main orbital contributions	Eg (eV)	Eg (nm)	Oscillator strength
HOMO- $\beta$ → LUMO- $\beta$ +21	1.480	837.7	0.0025
HOMO- $\beta$ -1 → LUMO- $\beta$ +20 HOMO- $\beta$ -1 → LUMO- $\beta$ +23	1.675	740.1	0.0014
HOMO- $\beta$ → LUMO- $\beta$ +7	3.144	394.4	0.0010
HOMO- $\alpha$ -2 → LUMO- $\alpha$ HOMO- $\alpha$ → LUMO- $\alpha$	3.421	362.4	0.0016
HOMO- $\alpha$ -2 → LUMO- $\alpha$ +1 HOMO- $\alpha$ -2 → LUMO- $\alpha$ +2 HOMO- $\alpha$ → LUMO- $\alpha$ +1	3.49	355.5	0.0055
HOMO- $\alpha$ -2 → LUMO- $\alpha$ +1 HOMO- $\alpha$ → LUMO- $\alpha$ +1	3.513	353.9	0.0014
HOMO- $\alpha$ -1 → LUMO- $\alpha$ +1	3.554	348.8	0.0015
HOMO- $\alpha$ -4 → LUMO- $\alpha$	3.677	337.2	0.0010
HOMO- $\alpha$ -4 → LUMO- $\alpha$ HOMO- $\alpha$ → LUMO- $\alpha$ +5 HOMO- $\alpha$ → LUMO- $\alpha$ +6	3.737	331.8	0.0021

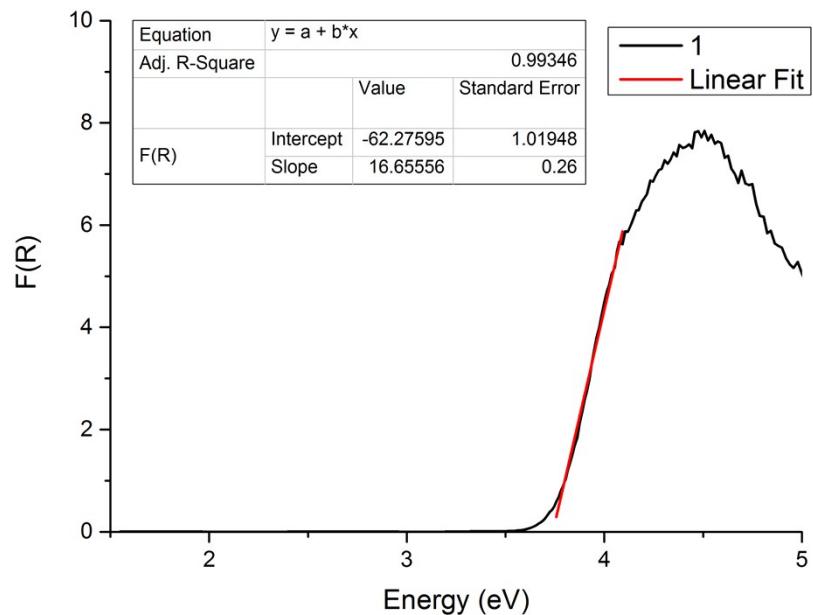
**Table S29:** Main orbital contributions to transition of  $[\text{Ti}_7\text{O}_5(\text{OEt})_{19}\text{Cl}]$  (with oscillator strengths  $\geq 0.001$ ). Calculated employing TD-DFT methods (B3LYP/6-31g\*, 6-311g\* for iodine).

Main orbital contributions	Eg (eV)	Eg (nm)	Oscillator strength
HOMO- $\beta$ -3 $\rightarrow$ LUMO- $\beta+21$	1.422	871.8	0.0031
HOMO- $\beta$ -2 $\rightarrow$ LUMO- $\beta+21$			
HOMO- $\beta$ $\rightarrow$ LUMO- $\beta+21$			
HOMO- $\beta$ -3 $\rightarrow$ LUMO- $\beta+22$	1.668	743.4	0.0015
HOMO- $\beta$ -2 $\rightarrow$ LUMO- $\beta+22$			
HOMO- $\beta$ -1 $\rightarrow$ LUMO- $\beta+22$			
HOMO- $\beta$ -1 $\rightarrow$ LUMO- $\beta+1$	2.941	421.6	0.0018
HOMO- $\beta$ $\rightarrow$ LUMO- $\beta+7$	3.132	395.8	0.0011
HOMO- $\alpha$ -2 $\rightarrow$ LUMO- $\alpha$	3.274	376.8	0.0016
HOMO- $\alpha$ $\rightarrow$ LUMO- $\alpha+5$	3.363	368.6	0.0016
HOMO- $\alpha$ $\rightarrow$ LUMO- $\alpha+6$			
HOMO- $\alpha$ -2 $\rightarrow$ LUMO- $\alpha+1$	3.380	366.8	0.0069
HOMO- $\beta$ -2 $\rightarrow$ LUMO- $\beta$	3.429	361.6	0.0011

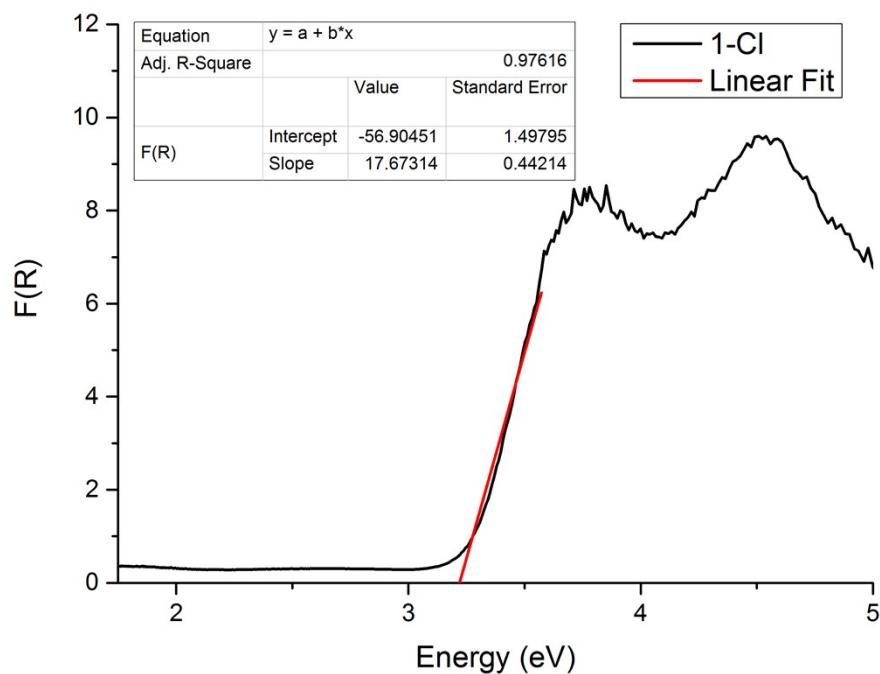
**Table S30:** Main orbital contributions to transition of  $[\text{Ti}_7\text{O}_4(\text{OEt})_{20}]$  (with oscillator strengths  $\geq 0.001$ ). Calculated employing TD-DFT methods (B3LYP/6-31g\*).

Main orbital contributions	Eg (eV)	Eg (nm)	Oscillator strength
HOMO $\rightarrow$ LUMO	4.081	303.8	0.0025
HOMO $\rightarrow$ LUMO+1			
HOMO $\rightarrow$ LUMO+1	4.174	297.1	0.0154

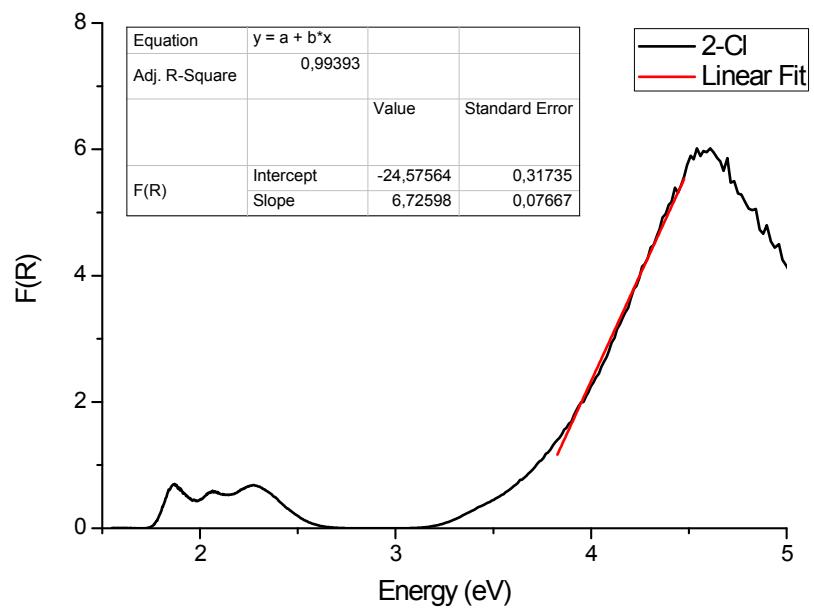
#### 4) Diffuse reflectance UV-vis spectroscopy



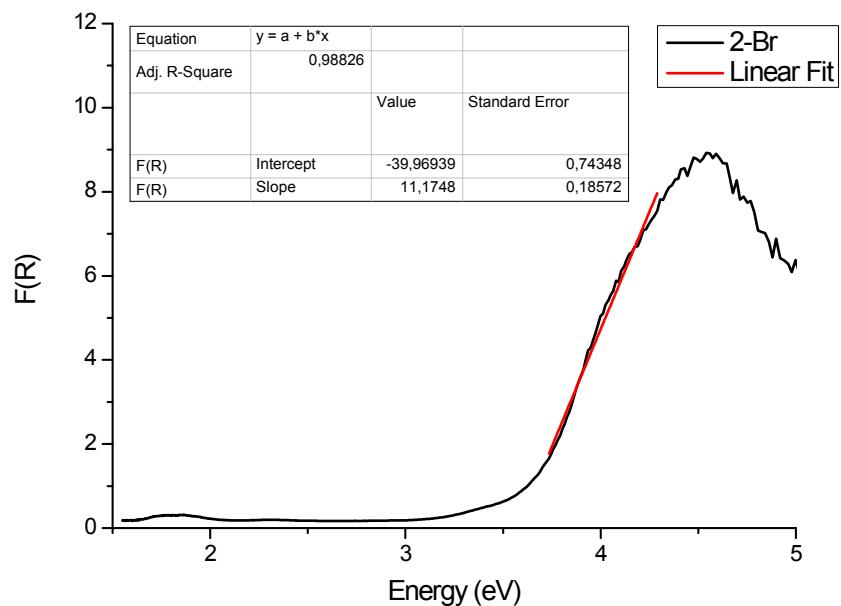
**Figure S5:** Diffuse reflectance UV-vis spectrum of  $[\text{Ti}_3\text{O}(\text{O}^i\text{Pr})_9(\text{OMe})]$  and linear fit to determine band gap.



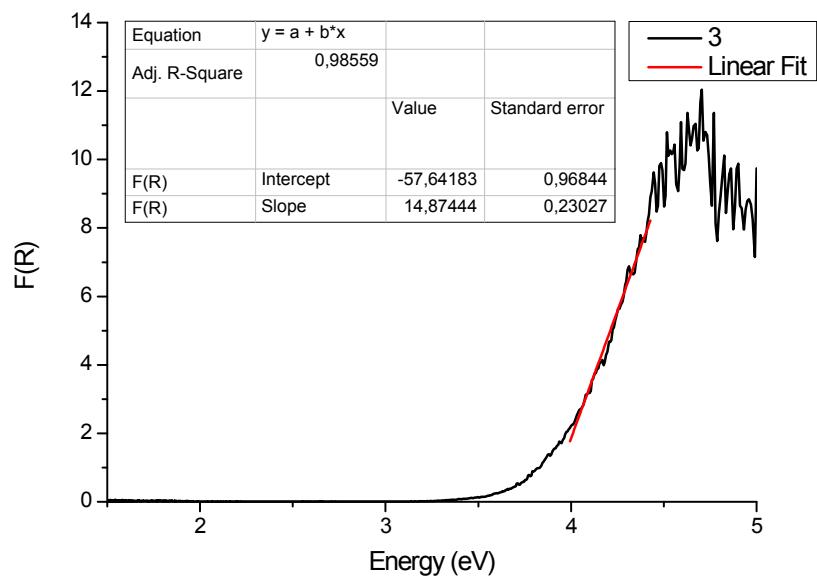
**Figure S6:** Diffuse reflectance UV-vis spectrum of  $[\text{Ti}_3\text{O}(\text{O}^i\text{Pr})_9\text{Cl}]$  and linear fit to determine band gap.



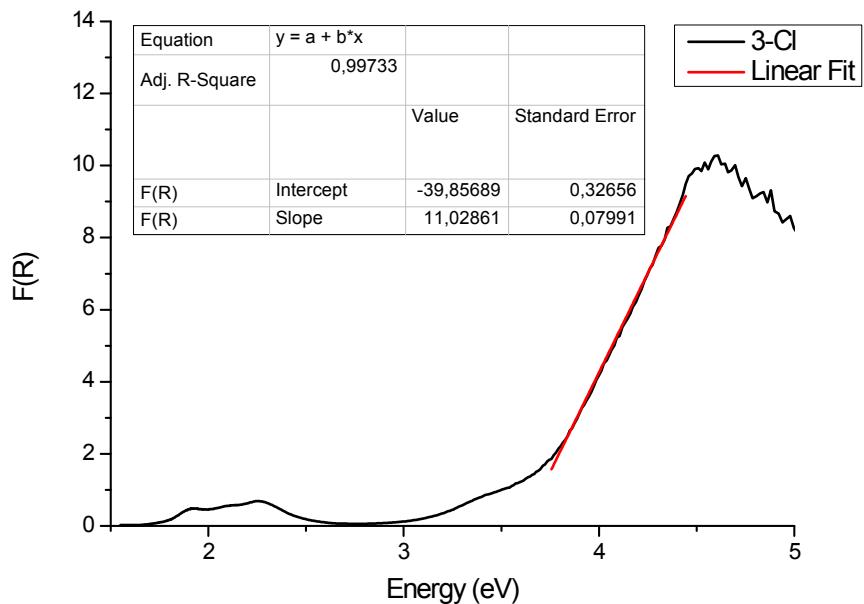
**Figure S7:** Diffuse reflectance UV-vis spectrum of  $[\text{Ti}_4\text{O}(\text{OEt})_{15}\text{CoCl}]$  and linear fit to determine band gap.



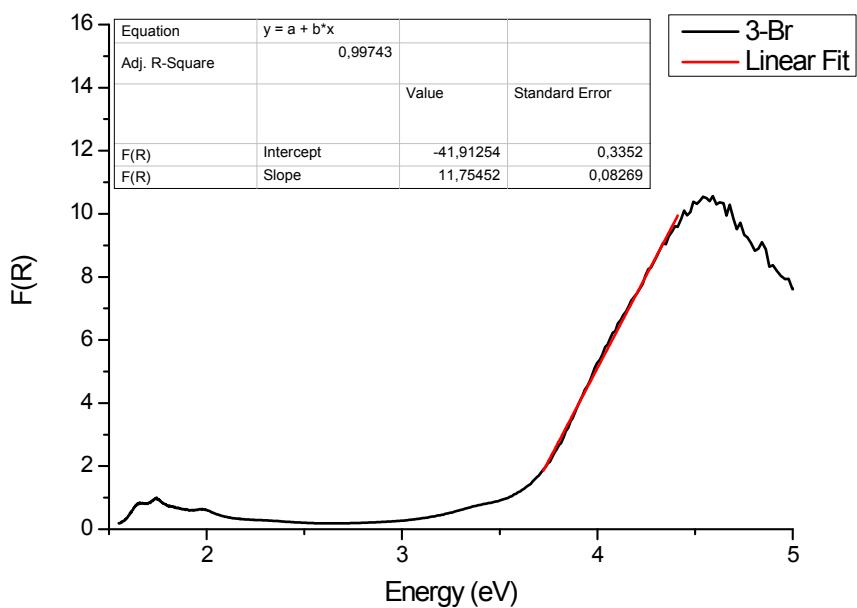
**Figure S8:** Diffuse reflectance UV-vis spectrum of  $[\text{Ti}_4\text{O}(\text{OEt})_{15}\text{CoBr}]$  and linear fit to determine band gap.



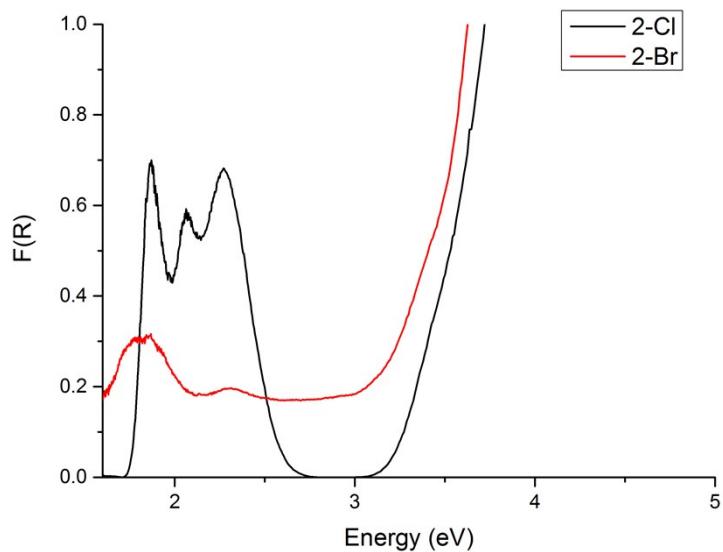
**Figure S9:** Diffuse reflectance UV-vis spectrum of  $[Ti_7O_4(OEt)_{20}]$  and linear fit to determine band gap.



**Figure S10:** Diffuse reflectance UV-vis spectrum of  $[Ti_7O_5(OEt)_{19}CoCl]$  and linear fit to determine band gap.

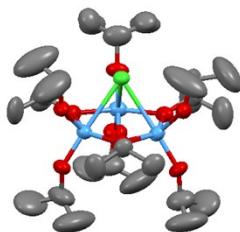


**Figure S11:** Diffuse reflectance UV-vis spectrum of  $[\text{Ti}_7\text{O}_5(\text{OEt})_{19}\text{CoBr}]$  and linear fit to determine band gap.



**Figure S12.** An expanded 500-700 nm region of diffuse reflection spectra for **2-Cl** and **2-Br** showing the absorbances for **2-Br**.

## 5) Single-crystal X-ray crystallography



**Figure S13:** Structure of **1-Cl**. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level. H omitted for clarity. Blue = Ti, green = Cl, red = O, grey = C.

**Table S31:** Crystallographic data for **1-Cl**.

Compound	<b>1-Cl</b>
Empirical formula	C <sub>27</sub> H <sub>63</sub> ClO <sub>10</sub> Ti <sub>3</sub>
Formula weight	726.92
Temperature	180(2) K
Wavelength	0.7107 Å
Crystal system	Tetragonal
Space group	P4 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub> 2
Unit cell dimensions	a = 12.54740(10) Å b = 12.54740(10) Å c = 49.8245(5) Å
	α = 90°
	β = 90°
	γ = 90°
Volume	7844.23(15) Å <sup>3</sup>
Z	8
Absorption coefficient	0.707 mm <sup>-1</sup>
Crystal size	0.370 x 0.160 x 0.150 mm <sup>3</sup>
Reflections collected	20677
Independent reflections	6324 [R <sub>(int)</sub> = 0.0554]
Goodness-of-fit on F2	1.05
Final R indices [I>2σ(I)]	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0598, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.1507
R indices (all data)	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0970, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.1671