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## Change in Optoelectronic Properties of ExBox<sup>+4</sup> on Functionalization and Guest Encapsulation

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## **Supplementary Information**

**Table S1.** The approximate diameter (R, in Å) of the ExBox<sup>+4</sup>/functionalized ExBox<sup>+4</sup> moieties (along the horizontal and vertical directions respectively) in their respective free states as well after forming host-guest complexes.

Systems	R
ExBox <sup>+4</sup>	14.86,
	9.43
NH <sub>2</sub> -ExBox <sup>+4</sup> -F	14.76,
	10.02
CN-ExBox <sup>+4</sup> -NH <sub>2</sub>	14.89,
	10.23
NO <sub>2</sub> -ExBox <sup>+4</sup> -NH <sub>2</sub>	14.52,
	9.50
Cor@ExBox <sup>+4</sup>	14.41,
	7.31
NCor@ExBox <sup>+4</sup>	14.83,
	8.12
BCor@ExBox <sup>+4</sup>	14.84,
	7.60
BiPh@ExBox <sup>+4</sup>	13.90,
	8.60
TCNE@ExBox <sup>+4</sup>	15.39,
	7.69
TCNQ@ExBox <sup>+4</sup>	15.05,
	8.50
TTF@ExBox <sup>+4</sup>	14.77,
	8.69
Cor@NH <sub>2</sub> -ExBox <sup>+4</sup> -F	14.66,
	8.02
NCor@NH <sub>2</sub> -ExBox <sup>+4</sup> -F	14.67,
	7.99
BCor@NH <sub>2</sub> -ExBox <sup>+4</sup> -F	14.71,
	8.03
BiPh@NH <sub>2</sub> -ExBox <sup>+4</sup> -F	14.57,
	9.20

TCNE@NH <sub>2</sub> -ExBox <sup>+4</sup> -F	14.97,
	10.11
TCNQ@NH <sub>2</sub> -ExBox <sup>+4</sup> -F	14.86,
	8.49
TTF@NH2-ExBox <sup>+4</sup> -F	13.87,
	9.33
Cor@CN-ExBox <sup>+4</sup> -NH <sub>2</sub>	14.33,
	7.69
NCor@CN-ExBox <sup>+4</sup> -NH <sub>2</sub>	14.47,
	7.48
BCor@CN-ExBox <sup>+4</sup> -NH <sub>2</sub>	14.63.
	8.16
BiPh@CN-ExBox <sup>+4</sup> -NH <sub>2</sub>	14.80,
	9.57
TCNE@CN-ExBox <sup>+4</sup> -NH <sub>2</sub>	15.12.
	8.94
TCNO@CN-ExBox <sup>+4</sup> -NH <sub>2</sub>	14.06.
	8.54
TTF@CN-ExBox <sup>+4</sup> -NH <sub>2</sub>	14.33,
	9.67
Cor@NO <sub>2</sub> -ExBox <sup>+4</sup> -NH <sub>2</sub>	14.89.
	8.05
NCor@NO <sub>2</sub> -ExBox <sup>+4</sup> -NH <sub>2</sub>	14.88.
	7.99
BCor@NO <sub>2</sub> -ExBox <sup>+4</sup> -NH <sub>2</sub>	14.81.
	7.48
BiPh@NO <sub>2</sub> -ExBox <sup>+4</sup> -NH <sub>2</sub>	14.70.
	8.63
TCNE@NO <sub>2</sub> -ExBox <sup>+4</sup> -NH <sub>2</sub>	15.37,
	8.18
TCNQ@NO <sub>2</sub> - ExBox <sup>+4</sup> -NH <sub>2</sub>	13.86,
	8.53
TTF@NO <sub>2</sub> -ExBox <sup>+4</sup> -NH <sub>2</sub>	14.78,
	8.77

**Table S2.** HOMO-LUMO gap (Gap) (in eV), Polarizability ( $\alpha$ ) (in a.u.<sup>3</sup>) and Static first Hyperpolarizability ( $\beta$ ) (in a.u.); dipole moment ( $\mu$ ) (in Debye) for all the studied guest/host systems in their respective free states.

Systems	Gap	α	β	μ
Cor	7.34	268.20	0.05	0.00
NCor	4.47	294.52	740.23	2.02
BCor	4.47	310.99	356.77	1.53
BiPh	9.19	125.15	0.00	0.00
TCNE	8.05	80.77	0.02	0.00
TCNQ	5.90	195.38	0.08	0.00
TTF	7.52	128.91	4.95	0.51
ExBox <sup>+4</sup>	7.69	552.12	73.29	0.19
NH <sub>2</sub> -ExBox <sup>+4</sup> -F	6.50	561.32	417.32	2.35
CN-ExBox <sup>+4</sup> -	6.42	575.05	698.13	4.62
NH <sub>2</sub>				

NO <sub>2</sub> -ExBox <sup>+4</sup> -	6.47	576.79	472.07	10.83
NH <sub>2</sub>				

**Table S3.** The components of dipole moment  $(\mu_{x/y/z})$  and first hyperpolarizability ( $\beta_{x/y/z}$ ) along x, y and z directions.

Systems	$\mu_x$	$\mu_{y}$	$\mu_z$	$\beta_x$	$\beta_{y}$	$\beta_z$
ExBox <sup>+4</sup>	0.00	0.00	0.08	0.00	0.00	122.14
NH <sub>2</sub> -ExBox <sup>+4</sup> -F	-0.35	0.75	-0.42	613.71	221.32	241.12
CN-ExBox <sup>+4</sup> -NH <sub>2</sub>	-0.24	1.33	-1.22	1120.16	184.84	254.79
NO <sub>2</sub> -ExBox <sup>+4</sup> -NH <sub>2</sub>	-3.26	1.68	-2.16	755.79	68.72	207.59
Cor@ExBox <sup>+4</sup>	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.60	-1.29	0.49
NCor@ExBox <sup>+4</sup>	-0.57	0.00	0.32	8216.85	-35.73	-1494.00
BCor@ExBox <sup>+4</sup>	-0.47	0.00	-0.80	-331.70	-0.12	837.06
BiPh@ExBox <sup>+4</sup>	0.00	0.00	0.13	0.19	0.30	-46.78
TCNE@ExBox <sup>+4</sup>	-0.57	0.00	0.08	213.51	2.42	-86.54
TCNQ@ExBox <sup>+4</sup>	0.00	0.50	1.72	-5.51	-137.90	253.38
TTF@ExBox <sup>+4</sup>	0.55	0.00	1.16	-59.80	0.03	80.80
Cor@NH <sub>2</sub> - ExBox <sup>+4</sup> -F	0.77	-0.60	-2.35	-590.29	-68.18	-105.62
NCor@NH <sub>2</sub> - ExBox <sup>+4</sup> -F	1.65	-0.41	-0.87	3232.56	-8092.73	-1745.90
BCor@NH <sub>2</sub> - ExBox <sup>+4</sup> -F	-1.18	0.54	-1.67	295.08	123.52	890.58
BiPh@NH <sub>2</sub> - ExBox <sup>+4</sup> -F	0.46	0.41	0.39	-920.58	111.64	-161.07
TCNE@NH <sub>2</sub> - ExBox <sup>+4</sup> -F	-1.43	0.01	-1.62	365.94	254.96	265.97
TCNQ@NH <sub>2</sub> - ExBox <sup>+4</sup> -F	-0.84	0.21	0.66	653.95	253.64	258.96
TTF@NH <sub>2</sub> - ExBox <sup>+4</sup> -F	1.33	0.47	-0.50	-211.55	239.61	-166.83
Cor@CN- ExBox <sup>+4</sup> -NH <sub>2</sub>	-0.36	1.14	-1.90	954.45	145.59	-0.70
NCor@CN- ExBox <sup>+4</sup> -NH <sub>2</sub>	-1.17	0.97	-1.65	19476.85	22742.71	1097.20
BCor@CN- ExBox <sup>+4</sup> -NH <sub>2</sub>	-1.31	1.16	-1.15	1262.96	-87.71	861.14
BiPh@CN- ExBox <sup>+4</sup> -NH <sub>2</sub>	0.12	-0.67	-0.94	-1313.42	-58.69	159.74
TCNE@CN- ExBox <sup>+4</sup> -NH <sub>2</sub>	0.13	1.30	-1.59	823.69	177.81	293.06
TCNQ@CN- ExBox <sup>+4</sup> -NH <sub>2</sub>	1.14	3.14	0.42	-1155.08	-468.83	226.98
TTF@CN- ExBox <sup>+4</sup> -NH <sub>2</sub>	-0.20	0.51	-0.67	1047.43	-71.31	76.16

Cor@NO <sub>2</sub> - ExBox <sup>+4</sup> -NH <sub>2</sub>	-2.48	1.52	-3.30	821.82	84.26	-154.03
NCor@NO <sub>2</sub> - ExBox <sup>+4</sup> -NH <sub>2</sub>	-3.49	-0.75	1.92	-2435.63	-19185.35	2200.60
BCor@NO <sub>2</sub> - ExBox <sup>+4</sup> -NH <sub>2</sub>	-1.99	1.45	-2.82	846.12	455.10	-1214.00
BiPh@NO <sub>2</sub> - ExBox <sup>+4</sup> -NH <sub>2</sub>	-2.60	1.66	-2.32	758.69	158.55	112.66
TCNE@NO <sub>2</sub> - ExBox <sup>+4</sup> -NH <sub>2</sub>	-1.56	0.56	-1.99	708.58	39.38	223.12
TCNQ@NO <sub>2</sub> - ExBox <sup>+4</sup> -NH <sub>2</sub>	2.90	0.94	0.65	-942.70	299.40	-237.77
TTF@NO <sub>2</sub> - ExBox <sup>+4</sup> -NH <sub>2</sub>	-2.09	1.35	-0.89	733.19	212.88	176.94

**Table S4.** TDDFT results computed at the wb97xd/6-311+G(d,p) level for  $ExBox^{+4}/functionalized ExBox^{+4}$  and guest@ $ExBox^{+4}/functionalized ExBox^{+4}$  moieties where the various important excited states, oscillator strengths (*f*) associated with that particular electronic transition, vertical excitation energy associated (in eV) with that particular electronic transition, the percentage contribution of the dominant electronic transitions have been presented.

Systems	Excited State	f	Vertical	Dominant
	Number		excitation	Transition
			energy	
ExBox <sup>+4</sup>	1) 5	0.1535	4.99	HOMO-3 -> LUMO (35.47%) HOMO -> LUMO+2 (34.32%)
	2) 16	0.0891	5.33	HOMO-8 -> LUMO (14.14%) HOMO-3 -> LUMO+1 (13.94%)
Cor@ExBox <sup>+4</sup>	1) 16	0.7883	4.66	HOMO-1 -> LUMO+4 (32.55%) HOMO -> LUMO+5 (29.99%)
NCor@ExBox <sup>+4</sup>	1) 19	0.0463	3.69	HOMO-1 -> LUMO+4

				(44.90%)
				HOMO-1 ->
				LUMO+3
				(15.39%)
BCor@ExBox <sup>+4</sup>	1) 11	0.0499	3.50	HOMO ->
	,			LUMO+5
				(77.30%)
BiPh@ExBox <sup>+4</sup>	1) 13	0.4048	5.01	HOMO ->
				LUMO+8
				(39.26%)
				HOMO ->
				LUMO+4
				(9.48%)
TCNE@ExBox <sup>+4</sup>	1) 11	1.1646	4.60	HOMO-12 ->
				LUMO
				(36.19%)
				HOMO-4 ->
				LUMO+1
				10.22%)
TCNQ@ExBox <sup>+4</sup>	1) 12	2.1618	4.40	HOMO-5 ->
				LUMO+2
				(22.05%)
				HOMO-6 ->
				LUMO+1
				(19.86%)
TTF@ExBox <sup>+4</sup>	1) 12	0.2482	4.27	HOMO ->
				LUMO+6
				(58.82%)
				HOMO ->
				LUMO+12
				(7.83%)
	2) 17	0.1912	4.42	HOMO ->
				LUMO+11
				(19.73%)
				HOMO-4 ->
				LUMO+1
				(16.56%)
				HOMO-8 ->
	1) 0	0.0(0)	4.00	(15.45%)
NH <sub>2</sub> -ExBox <sup>+4</sup> -F	1)8	0.0696	4.96	HOMO-2 ->   LUMO(22, 470)
				$\left  \begin{array}{c} \text{LUMU} \left( \frac{32.4}{\%} \right) \right $
				$\left  \begin{array}{c} \text{HUMU-2 ->} \\ \text{LUMO+1} \end{array} \right $
				$\begin{array}{c} \text{LUMU+I} \\ (10.569/) \end{array}$
				(10.30%)
	2) 9	0.0799	5.04	
		0.0777	J.UT	LUMO+2

				(24.93%)
				HOMO-4 ->
				LUMO
				(24.25%)
NCor@NH2-	1) 5	0.0360	1.85	HOMO ->
ExBox <sup>+4</sup> -F	1)0	0.0200	1.00	LUMO+3
ENDON I				(32.47%)
				$HOMO \rightarrow$
				LUMO+10
				(18.41%)
BCor@NHa-	1) 2	0.0115	1 30	$HOMO_{-1} >$
ExBox <sup>+4</sup> -F	1)2	0.0115	1.57	
LADOA -I				(0757%)
				(97.3770)
	2) 12	0.0514	3 50	
	2) 12	0.0314	5.50	LUMO+5
				(77.269/)
				(77.2070)
	3) 14	0.0308	3.61	
	5) 14	0.0308	5.01	LOMO+3
				(43.0870)
				HOMO-15 ->
		0.006	<b>5</b> .04	(28.99%)
B1Ph@NH <sub>2</sub> -	1) 16	0.2065	5.04	HOMO-1 ->
ExBox <sup>+4</sup> -F				LUMO+8
				(29.78%)
				HOMO-5 ->
				LUMO+1
				(22.19%)
TCNQ@NH <sub>2</sub> -	1) 14	2.1478	4.40	HOMO-4 ->
ExBox <sup>+4</sup> -F				LUMO+2
				(24.18%)
				HOMO-5 ->
				LUMO+1
				(35.48%)
TTF@NH <sub>2</sub> -	1) 18	0.2109	4.52	HOMO ->
ExBox <sup>+4</sup> -F				LUMO+7
				(49.92%)
				HOMO ->
				LUMO+13
				(14.35%)
CN-ExBox <sup>+4</sup> -	1) 4	1.9080	4.32	HOMO-1 ->
NH <sub>2</sub>				LUMO+1
_				(48.37%)
				HOMO-3 ->
				LUMO
				(25.92%)
Cor@CN-	1) 19	0.6082	4.63	HOMO-1 ->
ExBox <sup>+4</sup> -NH <sub>2</sub>	,			LUMO+4

				(25.77%)
				HOMO ->
				LUMO+6
				(23.31%)
NCor@CN-	1) 5	0.0288	1.71	HOMO ->
ExBox <sup>+4</sup> -NH <sub>2</sub>	,			LUMO+2
_				(73.90%)
				Ì, Î
	2) 19	0.0547	3.62	HOMO-1 ->
	,			LUMO+3
				(48.86%)
				HOMO-1 ->
				LUMO+4
				(19.91%)
BCor@CN-	1) 13	0.0485	3.48	HOMO-4 ->
ExBox <sup>+4</sup> -NH <sub>2</sub>				LUMO
				(48.26%)
				HOMO-2 ->
				LUMO
				(13.07%)
	2) 14	0.0436	3.51	
				HOMO ->
				LUMO+5
				(47.52%)
				HOMO ->
				LUMO+4
				(15.38%)
BiPh@CN-	1) 4	0.7245	4.22	HOMO-3 ->
ExBox <sup>+4</sup> -NH <sub>2</sub>				LUMO
				(54.98%)
				HOMO-1 ->
				LUMO
				(11.46%)
	2)7	0.2446	4.42	
				HOMO-4 ->
				LUMO+1
				(32.20%)
				HOMO-7 ->
				LUMO+1
				(18.68%)
TCNE@CN-	1)11	1.2801	4.36	HOMO-3 ->
ExBox <sup>+4</sup> -NH <sub>2</sub>				LUMO+1
				(54.13%)
				HOMO-2 ->
				LUMO+2
				(13.33%)
	0.12	0.1005	1.50	
	2) 13	0.1995	4.56	HOMO-13 ->
				(22.04%)

				HOMO-5 ->
				LUMO
				(20.70%)
TCNQ@CN-	1) 14	2.2069	4.38	HOMO-5 ->
ExBox <sup>+4</sup> -NH <sub>2</sub>	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,			LUMO+1
_				(40.14%)
				HOMO-4 ->
				LUMO+2
				(30.42%)
NO <sub>2</sub> -ExBox <sup>+4</sup> -	1) 5	1.8641	4.32	HOMO-1 ->
NH <sub>2</sub>	,			LUMO+1
_				(51.97%)
				HOMO-3 ->
				LUMO
				(17.18%)
				· · · ·
	2) 10	0.1593	5.02	HOMO-2 ->
	,			LUMO+2
				(35.60%)
				HOMO-3 ->
				LUMO
				(12.47%)
Cor@NO2-	1) 18	0.4063	4.58	HOMO-1 ->
ExBox <sup>+4</sup> -NH <sub>2</sub>	, -			LUMO+6
				(40.95%)
				HOMO ->
				LUMO+5
				(35.25%)
				· · · ·
	2) 19	0.8516	4.61	HOMO-1 ->
	,			LUMO+5
				(27.46%)
				HOMO ->
				LUMO+6
				(26.46%)
NCor@NO <sub>2</sub> -	1) 5	0.0476	1.84	HOMO ->
ExBox <sup>+4</sup> -NH <sub>2</sub>	,			LUMO+12
				(35.18%)
				HOMO ->
				LUMO+4
				(23.46%)
	2) 7	0.0421	2.07	HOMO ->
				LUMO+4
				(44.69%)
				HOMO ->
				LUMO+12
				(24.75%)
BCor@NO <sub>2</sub> -	1) 14	0.0292	3.50	HOMO-2 ->
ExBox <sup>+4</sup> -NH <sub>2</sub>				LUMO

				(30.48%) HOMO-16 -> LUMO (29.35%)
	2) 16	0.0414	3.54	HOMO-16 -> LUMO (38.65%) HOMO-6 -> LUMO (16.13%)
BiPh@NO <sub>2</sub> - ExBox <sup>+4</sup> -NH <sub>2</sub>	1) 8	0.4975	4.41	HOMO-2 -> LUMO+1 (47.89%) HOMO-1 -> LUMO+1 (23.97%)
TCNQ@NO <sub>2</sub> - ExBox <sup>+4</sup> -NH <sub>2</sub>	1) 15	2.1820	4.41	HOMO-3 -> LUMO+2 (40.25%) HOMO-4 -> LUMO+1 (27.05%)
TTF@NO <sub>2</sub> - ExBox <sup>+4</sup> -NH <sub>2</sub>	1) 14	0.1729	4.27	HOMO -> LUMO+8 (22.85%) HOMO -> LUMO+14 (19.05%)

Figures



**Figure S1.** The TDOS plots of NH<sub>2</sub>-ExBox<sup>+4</sup>-F, Cor@NH<sub>2</sub>-ExBox<sup>+4</sup>-F, NCor@NH<sub>2</sub>-ExBox<sup>+4</sup>-F, BCor@NH<sub>2</sub>-ExBox<sup>+4</sup>-F respectively (in clockwise direction). Here frag1 denotes guest moieties whereas frag2 denotes the host. The vertical line designates the  $E_F$  whereas the vertical bars represent occupied and virtual orbitals.



**Figure S2.** The TDOS plots of BiPh@NH<sub>2</sub>-ExBox<sup>+4</sup>-F, TTF@NH<sub>2</sub>-ExBox<sup>+4</sup>-F, TCNQ@NH<sub>2</sub>-ExBox<sup>+4</sup>-F, TCNE@NH<sub>2</sub>-ExBox<sup>+4</sup>-F respectively (in clockwise direction). Here frag1 denotes guest moieties whereas frag2 denotes the host. The vertical line designates the  $E_F$  whereas the vertical bars represent occupied and virtual orbitals.



**Figure S3.** The TDOS plots of CN-ExBox<sup>+4</sup>-NH<sub>2</sub>, Cor@CN-ExBox<sup>+4</sup>-NH<sub>2</sub>, NCor@CN-ExBox<sup>+4</sup>-NH<sub>2</sub>, BCor@CN-ExBox<sup>+4</sup>-NH<sub>2</sub> respectively (in clockwise direction). Here frag1 denotes guest moieties whereas frag2 denotes the host. The vertical line designates the  $E_F$  whereas the vertical bars represent occupied and virtual orbitals.



**Figure S4.** The TDOS plots of BiPh@CN-ExBox<sup>+4</sup>-NH<sub>2</sub>, TTF@CN-ExBox<sup>+4</sup>-NH<sub>2</sub>, TCNQ@CN-ExBox<sup>+4</sup>-NH<sub>2</sub>, TCNE@CN-ExBox<sup>+4</sup>-NH<sub>2</sub> respectively (in clockwise direction). Here frag1 denotes guest moieties whereas frag2 denotes the host. The vertical line designates the  $E_F$  whereas the vertical bars represent occupied and virtual orbitals.



**Figure S5.** The TDOS plots of NO<sub>2</sub>-ExBox<sup>+4</sup>-NH<sub>2</sub>, Cor@NO<sub>2</sub>-ExBox<sup>+4</sup>-NH<sub>2</sub>, NCor@NO<sub>2</sub>-ExBox<sup>+4</sup>-NH<sub>2</sub>, BCor@NO<sub>2</sub>-ExBox<sup>+4</sup>-NH<sub>2</sub> respectively (in clockwise direction). Here frag1 denotes guest moieties whereas frag2 denotes the host. The vertical line designates the  $E_F$  whereas the vertical bars represent occupied and virtual orbitals.



**Figure S6.** The TDOS plots of BiPh@NO<sub>2</sub>-ExBox<sup>+4</sup>-NH<sub>2</sub>, TTF@NO<sub>2</sub>-ExBox<sup>+4</sup>-NH<sub>2</sub>, TCNQ@NO<sub>2</sub>-ExBox<sup>+4</sup>-NH<sub>2</sub>, TCNE@NO<sub>2</sub>-ExBox<sup>+4</sup>-NH<sub>2</sub> respectively (in clockwise direction). Here frag1 denotes guest moieties whereas frag2 denotes the host. The vertical line designates the  $E_F$  whereas the vertical bars represent occupied and virtual orbitals.



**Figure S7.** Absorption spectra of ExBox<sup>+4</sup>, Cor@ExBox<sup>+4</sup> and BCor@ExBox<sup>+4</sup> respectively (in clockwise direction).



**Figure S8.** Absorption spectra of BiPh@ExBox<sup>+4</sup>, TCNE@ExBox<sup>+4</sup> and NCor@ExBox<sup>+4</sup> respectively (in clockwise direction).



**Figure S9.** Absorption spectra of TCNQ@ExBox<sup>+4</sup> (top) and TTF@ExBox<sup>+4</sup> respectively.



**Figure S10.** Absorption spectra of NH<sub>2</sub>-ExBox<sup>+4</sup>-F, Cor@NH<sub>2</sub>-ExBox<sup>+4</sup>-F and BCor@NH<sub>2</sub>-ExBox<sup>+4</sup>-F respectively (in clockwise direction).



**Figure S11.** Absorption spectra of BiPh@NH<sub>2</sub>-ExBox<sup>+4</sup>-F, TCNE@NH<sub>2</sub>-ExBox<sup>+4</sup>-F and NCor@NH<sub>2</sub>-ExBox<sup>+4</sup>-F respectively (in clockwise direction).



Figure S12. Absorption spectra of TCNQ@NH<sub>2</sub>-ExBox<sup>+4</sup>-F (top) and TTF@NH<sub>2</sub>-ExBox<sup>+4</sup>-F respectively.



**Figure S13.** Absorption spectra of CN-ExBox<sup>+4</sup>-NH<sub>2</sub>, Cor@CN-ExBox<sup>+4</sup>-NH<sub>2</sub> and BCor@CN-ExBox<sup>+4</sup>-NH<sub>2</sub> respectively (in clockwise direction).



**Figure S14.** Absorption spectra of BiPh@CN-ExBox<sup>+4</sup>-NH<sub>2</sub>, TCNE@CN-ExBox<sup>+4</sup>-NH<sub>2</sub> and NCor@CN-ExBox<sup>+4</sup>-NH<sub>2</sub> respectively (in clockwise direction).



**Figure S15.** Absorption spectra of TCNQ@CN-ExBox<sup>+4</sup>-NH<sub>2</sub> (top) and TTF@CN-ExBox<sup>+4</sup>-NH<sub>2</sub> respectively (in clockwise direction).



**Figure S16.** Absorption spectra of  $NO_2$ -ExBox<sup>+4</sup>-NH<sub>2</sub>, Cor@NO<sub>2</sub>-ExBox<sup>+4</sup>-NH<sub>2</sub> and BCor@NO<sub>2</sub>-ExBox<sup>+4</sup>-NH<sub>2</sub> respectively (in clockwise direction).



**Figure S17.** Absorption spectra of BiPh@NO<sub>2</sub>-ExBox<sup>+4</sup>-NH<sub>2</sub>, TCNE@NO<sub>2</sub>-ExBox<sup>+4</sup>-NH<sub>2</sub> and NCor@NO<sub>2</sub>-ExBox<sup>+4</sup>-NH<sub>2</sub> respectively (in clockwise direction).



**Figure S18.** Absorption spectra of TCNQ@NO<sub>2</sub>-ExBox<sup>+4</sup>-NH<sub>2</sub> (top) and TTF@NO<sub>2</sub>-ExBox<sup>+4</sup>-NH<sub>2</sub> respectively.



**Figure S19:** NCI isosurface of BCor@ExBox<sup>+4</sup>, BiPh@ExBox<sup>+4</sup>, Cor@ExBox<sup>+4</sup>, TCNQ@ExBox<sup>+4</sup>, TTF@ExBox<sup>+4</sup>, NCor@ExBox<sup>+4</sup>, TCNE@ExBox<sup>+4</sup> (in clockwise direction).



**Figure S20:** NCI isosurface of BCor@NH<sub>2</sub>-ExBox<sup>+4</sup>-F, BiPh@NH<sub>2</sub>-ExBox<sup>+4</sup>-F, Cor@NH<sub>2</sub>-ExBox<sup>+4</sup>-F, TCNQ@NH<sub>2</sub>-ExBox<sup>+4</sup>-F, TTF@NH<sub>2</sub>-ExBox<sup>+4</sup>-F, NCor@NH<sub>2</sub>-ExBox<sup>+4</sup>-F, TCNE@NH<sub>2</sub>-ExBox<sup>+4</sup>-F (in clockwise direction).



**Figure S21:** NCI isosurface of BCor@NH<sub>2</sub>-ExBox<sup>+4</sup>-CN, BiPh@NH<sub>2</sub>-ExBox<sup>+4</sup>-CN, Cor@NH<sub>2</sub>-ExBox<sup>+4</sup>-CN, TCNE@NH<sub>2</sub>-ExBox<sup>+4</sup>-CN, TTF@NH<sub>2</sub>-ExBox<sup>+4</sup>-F, NCor@NH<sub>2</sub>-ExBox<sup>+4</sup>-F, TCNQ@NH<sub>2</sub>-ExBox<sup>+4</sup>-F (in clockwise direction).



**Figure S22:** NCI isosurface of BCor@NO<sub>2</sub>-ExBox<sup>+4</sup>-NH<sub>2</sub>, BiPh@NO<sub>2</sub>-ExBox<sup>+4</sup>-NH<sub>2</sub>, Cor@NO<sub>2</sub>-ExBox<sup>+4</sup>-NH<sub>2</sub>, TCNQ@NO<sub>2</sub>-ExBox<sup>+4</sup>-NH<sub>2</sub>, TTF@NO<sub>2</sub>-ExBox<sup>+4</sup>-NH<sub>2</sub>, NCor@NO<sub>2</sub>-ExBox<sup>+4</sup>-NH<sub>2</sub>, TCNE@NO<sub>2</sub>-ExBox<sup>+4</sup>-NH<sub>2</sub> (in clockwise direction).



**Figure S23:** Scatter plot of  $sign(\lambda_2)\rho$  (function 1) versus *s* (function 2) for BCor@ExBox<sup>+4</sup>, Cor@ExBox<sup>+4</sup> and NCor@ExBox<sup>+4</sup> (in clockwise direction). All throughout the manuscript,  $sign(\lambda_2)\rho$  has been designated as function 1 whereas *s* has been designated as function 2.



**Figure S24:** Scatter plot of sign( $\lambda_2$ )  $\rho$  versus *s* for BiPh@ExBox<sup>+4</sup>, TTF@ExBox<sup>+4</sup>, TCNQ@ExBox<sup>+4</sup>, TCNE@ExBox<sup>+4</sup> (in clockwise direction).



**Figure S25:** Scatter plot of sign( $\lambda_2$ )  $\rho$  versus *s* for BCor@ NH<sub>2</sub>-ExBox<sup>+4</sup>-F, Cor@ NH<sub>2</sub>-ExBox<sup>+4</sup>-F and NCor@ NH<sub>2</sub>-ExBox<sup>+4</sup>-F (in clockwise direction).



**Figure S26:** Scatter plot of sign( $\lambda_2$ )  $\rho$  versus *s* for BiPh@NH<sub>2</sub>-ExBox<sup>+4</sup>-F, TTF@NH<sub>2</sub>-ExBox<sup>+4</sup>-F, TCNQ@NH<sub>2</sub>-ExBox<sup>+4</sup>-F, TCNE@NH<sub>2</sub>-ExBox<sup>+4</sup>-F (in clockwise direction).



**Figure S27:** Scatter plot of sign( $\lambda_2$ )  $\rho$  versus *s* for BCor@CN-ExBox<sup>+4</sup>-NH<sub>2</sub>, Cor@CN-ExBox<sup>+4</sup>-NH<sub>2</sub> and NCor@CN-ExBox<sup>+4</sup>-NH<sub>2</sub> (in clockwise direction).



**Figure S28:** Scatter plot of sign( $\lambda_2$ )  $\rho$  versus *s* for BiPh@CN-ExBox<sup>+4</sup>-NH<sub>2</sub>, TTF@CN-ExBox<sup>+4</sup>-NH<sub>2</sub>, TCNQ@CN-ExBox<sup>+4</sup>-NH<sub>2</sub>, TCNE@CN-ExBox<sup>+4</sup>-NH<sub>2</sub> (in clockwise direction).



**Figure S29:** Scatter plot of sign( $\lambda_2$ ) $\rho$  versus *s* for BCor@NO<sub>2</sub>-ExBox<sup>+4</sup>-NH<sub>2</sub>, Cor@NO<sub>2</sub>-ExBox<sup>+4</sup>-NH<sub>2</sub> and NCor@NO<sub>2</sub>-ExBox<sup>+4</sup>-NH<sub>2</sub> (in clockwise direction).



**Figure S30:** Scatter plot of sign( $\lambda_2$ )  $\rho$  versus *s* for BiPh@NO<sub>2</sub>-ExBox<sup>+4</sup>-NH<sub>2</sub>, TTF@NO<sub>2</sub>-ExBox<sup>+4</sup>-NH<sub>2</sub>, TCNQ@NO<sub>2</sub>-ExBox<sup>+4</sup>-NH<sub>2</sub>, TCNE@NO<sub>2</sub>-ExBox<sup>+4</sup>-NH<sub>2</sub> (in clockwise direction).