

## Supporting Information

### Efficient photonic materials based on Ni bis(dithiolene) fused with benzene, having gigantic second hyper polarizabilities. A computational study

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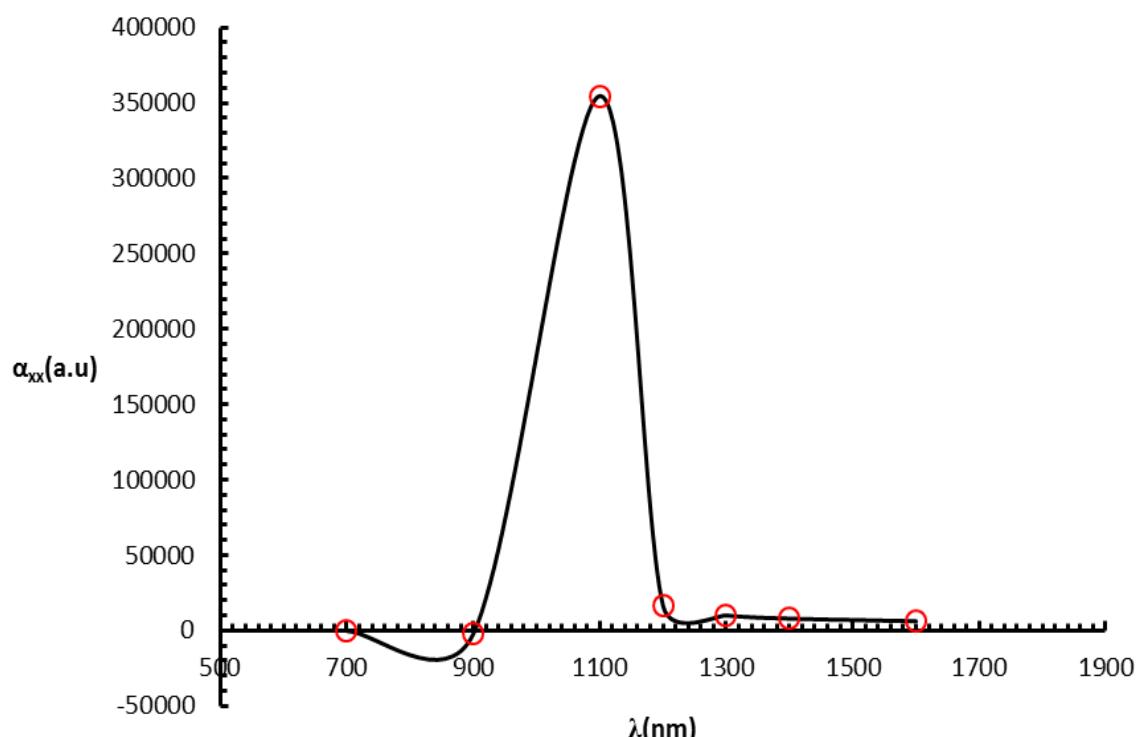
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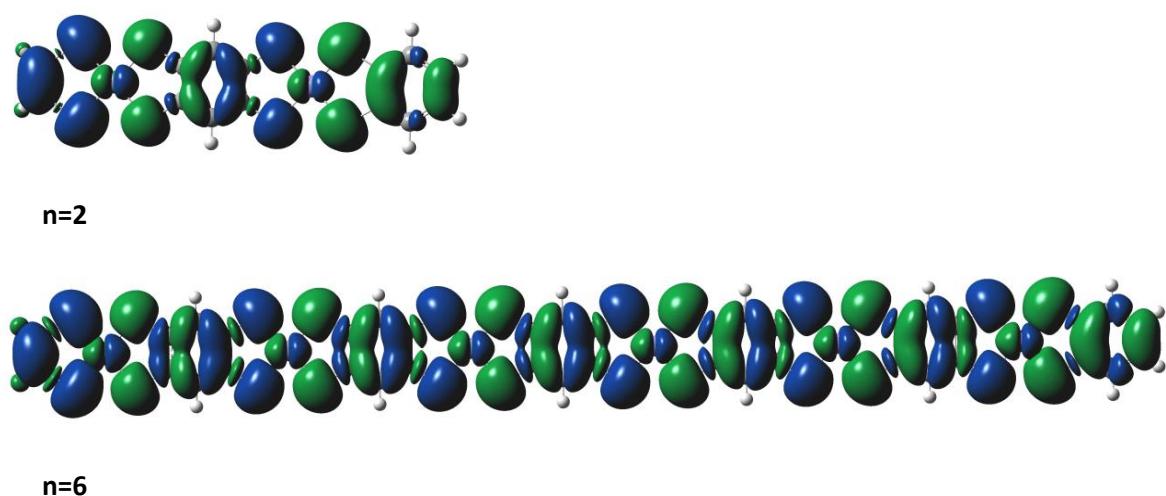
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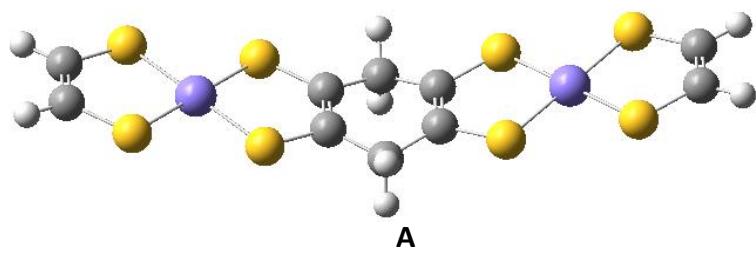
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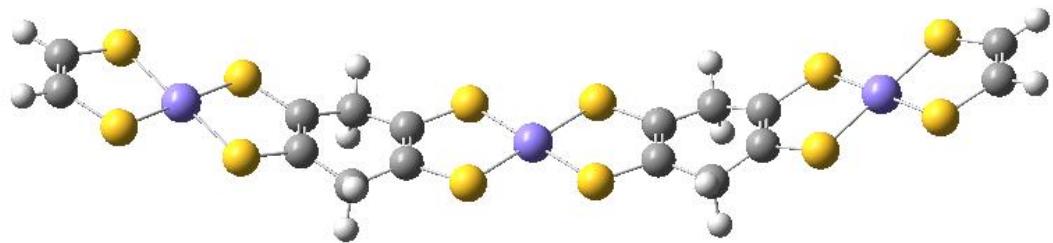
**Figure S1.** The variation of the polarizability of  $(B\text{-NiBDT})_3$  derivative with the wavelength. All the values were computed with (U)CAM-B3LYP/6-31G\* method.



**Figure S2.** Spin densities for  $(NiBDT\text{-}B)_n$ ,  $n=2,6$  derivatives, computed with (U)B3LYP/6-31G\*. Blue and green lobes depict positive and negative regions, respectively.

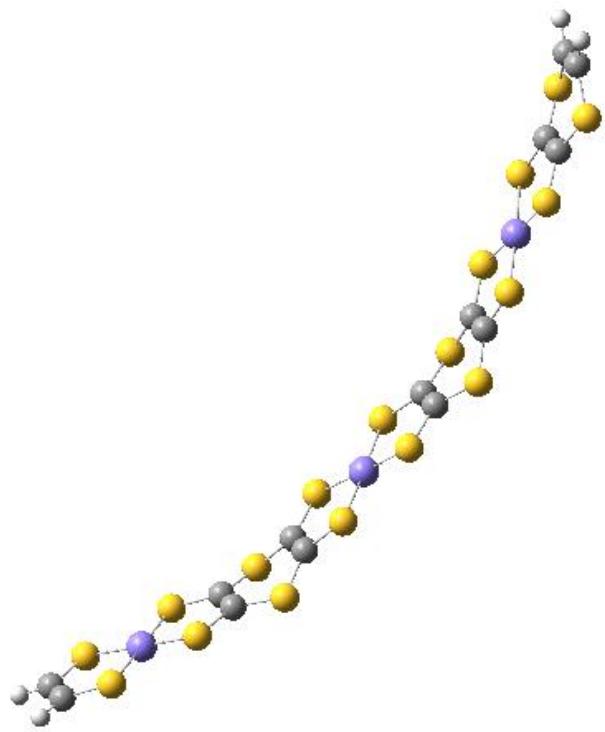


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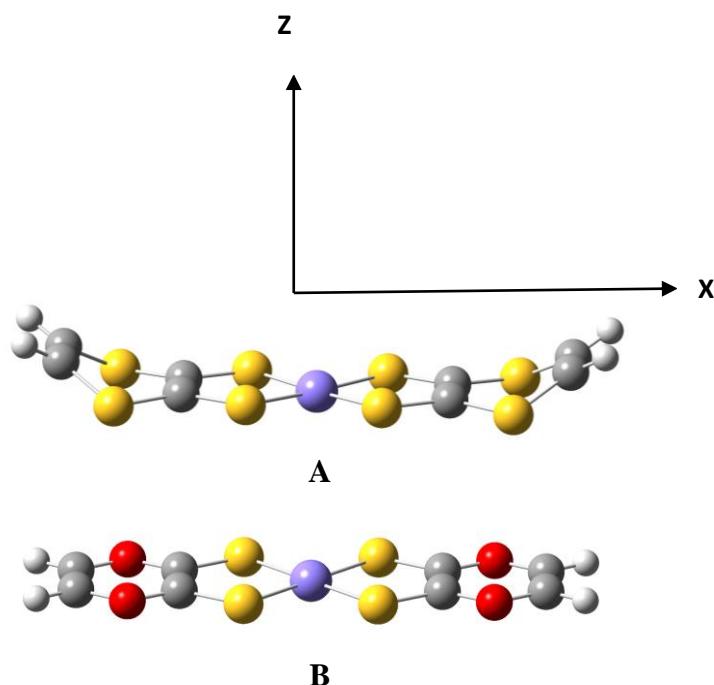


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**Figure S3** Structures of NiBDT-C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-NiBDT (A) and (NiBDT)<sub>3</sub>-(C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub> (B), optimized with B3LYP/6-31G\* method in the gas phase. Grey, yellow, and white atoms depict carbon, sulfur, and hydrogen, respectively.



**Figure S4.** The structure of  $C_{14}H_4Ni_3S_{12}S_6$  (II; Figure 3), optimized with B3LYP/6-31G\* method in the gas phase. Grey, yellow, and white atoms depict carbon, sulfur, and hydrogen, respectively.



**Figure S5.** Structures of  $C_8S_4NiS_4H_4$  (A) and  $C_8O_4NiS_4H_4$  (B), optimized with B3LYP/6-31G\* method in the gas phase. Grey, yellow, red and white atoms depict carbon, sulfur, oxygen and hydrogen, respectively.

**Table S1.** Basis set study of the second hyper polarizability of (B-NiBDT)<sub>2</sub>. All the values were computed at the B3LYP/6-31G\* geometry.

Method/Basis	$\gamma_{xxxx} \times 10^{-5}$ /a.u.
(U)CAMB3LYP/SDD(Ni)/6-31G*	570
(U)CAMB3LYP/6-311G(2d) <sup>a</sup>	634
(U)CAMB3LYP/6-311+G* <sup>a</sup>	496
(U)CAMB3LYP/6-311G* <sup>a</sup>	698
(U) $\omega$ B97X/SDD(Ni)/6-31G*	899
(U) $\omega$ B97X/6-311G* <sup>a</sup>	1053
(U)BHandHLYP/SDD(Ni)/6-31G*	327
(U)BHandHLYP/6-311G* <sup>a</sup>	338

<sup>a</sup> All electron basis set.

**TABLE S2.** Description of excitations, computed with (U)CAM-B3LYP/6-31G\* method.

B -NiBDT						
n \ State	FDAET <sup>a</sup>	5	11	42	49	53
<b>1</b>	(HOMO( $\uparrow$ )-> LUMO( $\uparrow$ ) (55%)  (HOMO-6)( $\uparrow$ )-> LUMO( $\uparrow$ ) (20%)  (HOMO-5)( $\downarrow$ )-> LUMO( $\downarrow$ ) (20%)	(HOMO-1)( $\downarrow$ )-> LUMO( $\downarrow$ ) (81%)		(HOMO-15)( $\uparrow$ )-> LUMO( $\uparrow$ ) (26%)  HOMO( $\uparrow$ )-> (LUMO+4)( $\uparrow$ ) 14%  (HOMO-1) ( $\uparrow$ )-> (LUMO+3) ( $\uparrow$ ) 7%  (HOMO)( $\downarrow$ )-> (LUMO+5)( $\downarrow$ ) 15%  (HOMO)( $\downarrow$ )-> (LUMO+3)( $\downarrow$ ) 7%	(HOMO-3)( $\uparrow$ )-> (LUMO+1)( $\uparrow$ ) (40%)  (HOMO-2)( $\downarrow$ )-> (LUMO+1)( $\downarrow$ ) (47%)	(HOMO-1)( $\uparrow$ )-> (LUMO+3) (17%)  (HOMO)( $\downarrow$ )-> (LUMO+3)( $\downarrow$ ) (17%)  (HOMO)( $\downarrow$ )-> (LUMO+5)( $\downarrow$ ) (17%)  (HOMO-1)( $\downarrow$ )-> (LUMO+4)( $\downarrow$ ) 9%
<b>2</b>	(HOMO-1)( $\uparrow$ )-> LUMO( $\uparrow$ ) (69%)  (HOMO-1)( $\uparrow$ )-> (LUMO+1)( $\uparrow$ ) (11%)		(HOMO-11)( $\uparrow$ )-> (LUMO+1( $\uparrow$ ) 7%)  (HOMO-1)( $\downarrow$ )-> LUMO( $\downarrow$ ) 76%			
<b>3</b>	(HOMO-2)( $\uparrow$ )-> LUMO( $\uparrow$ ) (39%)  (HOMO-2)( $\uparrow$ )-> (LUMO+1)( $\uparrow$ ) 10%  (HOMO-2)( $\downarrow$ )-> LUMO( $\downarrow$ ) 20%					
<b>4</b>	(HOMO-3)( $\uparrow$ )-> LUMO( $\uparrow$ ) (22%)  (HOMO-3) ( $\downarrow$ )-> LUMO( $\downarrow$ ) (28%)					

<b>5</b>	HOMO-3( $\uparrow$ )-> LUMO( $\uparrow$ ) (22%) HOMO-3( $\downarrow$ )-> LUMO( $\downarrow$ ) (22%)  HOMO-5( $\uparrow$ )-> LUMO+1( $\uparrow$ ) (6%) HOMO-5( $\downarrow$ )-> LUMO+1( $\downarrow$ ) (6%)  HOMO-3( $\uparrow$ )-> LUMO+1( $\uparrow$ ) (4.5%) HOMO-3( $\downarrow$ )-> LUMO+1( $\downarrow$ ) (4.5%)				
<b>6</b>	HOMO-3( $\uparrow$ )-> LUMO( $\uparrow$ ) (17%) HOMO-3( $\downarrow$ )-> LUMO( $\downarrow$ ) (17%)  HOMO-3( $\uparrow$ )-> LUMO+1( $\uparrow$ ) (4%) HOMO-3( $\downarrow$ )-> LUMO+1( $\downarrow$ ) (4%) HOMO-6( $\uparrow$ )-> LUMO+1( $\uparrow$ ) (5%) HOMO-6( $\downarrow$ )-> LUMO+1( $\downarrow$ ) (5%)  HOMO-6( $\uparrow$ )-> LUMO+1( $\uparrow$ ) (6%) HOMO-6( $\downarrow$ )-> LUMO+1( $\downarrow$ ) (6%)				

<sup>a</sup> This state is associated with the first dipole-allowed electronic transition (FDAET).