

Supporting information for:

**Application of an inverse-design method to optimizing  
porphyrins in dye-sensitized solar cells**

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Fig. 1 shows the 41 functional groups that were considered in the PooMa calculations. Moreover, Table 1 lists the 206 dyes that were identified in earlier, experimental studies plus the values for their five descriptors as obtained in the DFTB calculations.

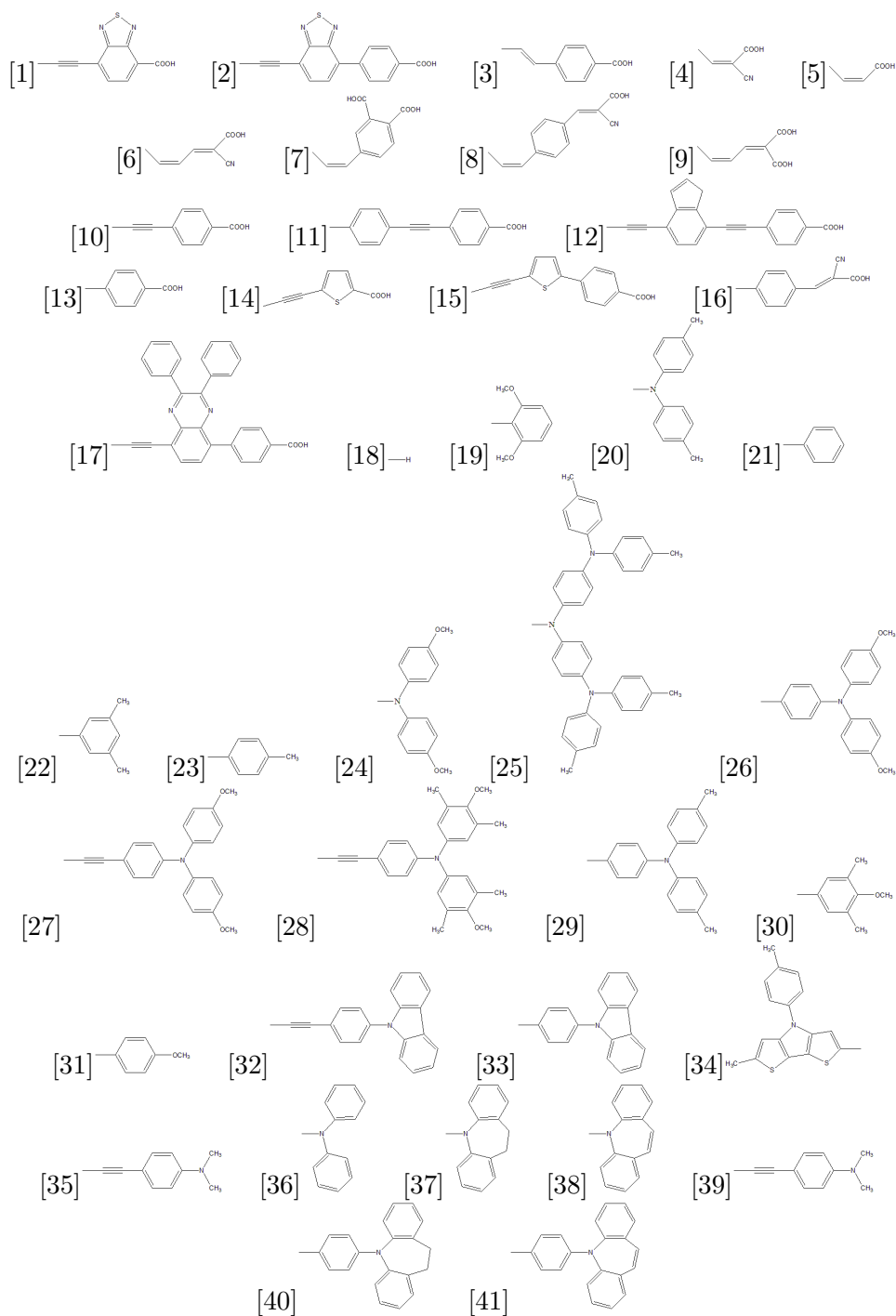


Figure 1: Forty-one substituents in the pool.

Table 1: The set of 206 dyes whose PCE was determined experimentally in other studies. Also shown are the calculated values for their electronic properties as calculated using the DFTB method.

Molecule	G	O	D	A	LHE	PCE (exp.)	Molecule name in Ref.	Ref.
1	0.0667663	0.1098637	5.7343099	3.4535395	0.1145571	3.65	Dye-1	1
2	0.0663543	0.1096820	6.0609838	3.4544885	0.1138443	2.92	Dye-2	1
3	0.0664988	0.1103366	4.8131561	3.4586567	0.1141258	1.85	Dye-3	1
4	0.0667569	0.1106514	4.6365321	3.4549942	0.1144396	3.60	Dye-4	1
5	0.0585169	0.1340320	10.2152042	4.0362108	0.1120592	3.12	Ia	2
6	0.0581445	0.1203809	9.4677291	3.7705729	0.1056630	2.12	Ib	2
7	0.0582487	0.1049978	8.3026409	3.2347226	0.0894526	1.56	Ic	2
8	0.0585103	0.0972312	7.3989790	3.0272590	0.0844352	1.01	Id	2
9	0.0651194	0.1489580	5.0898235	3.8586935	0.1140304	3.55	IIa	2
10	0.0646801	0.1383724	4.5471286	3.6183750	0.1074025	4.18	IIb	2
11	0.0649658	0.1212406	4.3987205	3.1155014	0.0917486	4.79	IIc	2
12	0.0646400	0.1126151	3.8027126	2.9405910	0.0863881	5.08	IId	2
13	0.0522444	0.0926442	25.2075402	3.9906128	0.1171719	4.05	4a	3
14	0.0538638	0.1097202	20.7111210	3.8794755	0.1079478	5.26	4b	3
15	0.0451378	0.1281958	16.3328951	4.1582659	0.1109642	2.62	4c	3
16	0.0609398	0.1451275	6.5802371	4.5240353	0.1094510	5.05	LP-1	4
17	0.0610683	0.1323146	6.6710082	4.0286502	0.0959868	6.04	LP-2	4
18	0.0609842	0.1204137	5.9517260	3.6794902	0.0880607	5.35	LP-3	4
19	0.0616440	0.1304654	5.6258422	3.9561696	0.1209219	4.02	LP-4	5
20	0.0577100	0.0921068	19.6625025	3.6961125	0.1280541	4.47	LP-5	5

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21	0.0421651	0.1225426	20.2310204	4.2740513	0.1346527	6.14	LP-6	5
22	0.0431682	0.0832682	31.9452022	3.6657477	0.1031059	6.46	LP-11	6
23	0.0300687	0.1006932	37.1778862	4.0805418	0.1069056	7.37	LP-12	6
24	0.0651594	0.0924354	2.5485089	2.6158141	0.0594725	3.94	N-1	7
25	0.0636379	0.0849677	0.9614710	2.4923765	0.0635152	2.93	N-2	7
26	0.0614332	0.0902923	3.9628319	2.7286297	0.0559813	4.16	N-3	7
27	0.0623167	0.1319958	16.7910857	4.4047664	0.0927662	1.69	cz-4	8
28	0.0624102	0.1261617	15.8280472	4.1983894	0.0886179	2.13	cz-6	8
29	0.0623065	0.1152013	14.7572428	3.8539791	0.0813854	1.30	cz-10	8
30	0.0657199	0.1581280	4.5349031	4.5953904	0.1068553	3.01	ZnP	9
31	0.0652765	0.1240605	9.0586813	3.7328133	0.1144729	3.47	CZ-ZnP	9
32	0.0540346	0.1245887	8.9207224	3.6745778	0.1086988	3.62	IDB-ZnP	9
33	0.0542926	0.1312902	4.9425365	3.6583189	0.1141326	2.55	ISB-ZnP	9
34	0.0641569	0.1674612	4.4436781	4.5929910	0.1072287	0.95	4a	10
35	0.0643061	0.1241872	3.5871889	3.3790816	0.0777495	1.23	4b	10
36	0.0613149	0.1523029	4.0288707	4.2330484	0.1136030	0.55	5a	10
37	0.0614268	0.1202159	2.5602694	3.2368591	0.0848363	0.90	5b	10
38	0.0305762	0.0850418	7.1037800	2.1842021	0.0630336	4.84	GY21	11
39	0.0381284	0.0913519	5.7311743	2.1392080	0.0654496	8.90	GY50	11
40	0.0698013	0.1340860	12.2788772	3.9427723	0.1108234	4.11	Zn-1	12
41	0.0694326	0.1195924	11.2653050	3.4081137	0.0944323	4.80	Zn-2	12
42	0.0714856	0.1359144	5.2975855	3.6566619	0.1040171	0.89	Zn-4	12
43	0.0681198	0.1270787	9.9687732	3.8465629	0.1137559	5.20	Zn-3	13

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44	0.0701037	0.1369030	8.4470794	3.9188586	0.1102227	4.00	Zn-5	13
45	0.0606876	0.1390918	17.4673304	4.2028109	0.1092884	4.00	Zn-8	13
46	0.0699891	0.1261839	12.3239482	3.7383974	0.1082790	2.40	Zn-11	13
47	0.0647567	0.1188279	23.4547244	4.1144920	0.1151459	3.70	Zn-13	13
48	0.0574624	0.1354942	16.3196090	4.0872576	0.1061092	5.10	GD-1	14
49	0.0576122	0.1242851	15.3547937	3.8095844	0.0999381	7.10	GD-2	14
50	0.0578275	0.1148293	14.2016937	3.5310991	0.0931519	5.80	GD-3	14
51	0.0579618	0.1003757	12.4794999	3.0905908	0.0813659	6.40	GD-4	14
52	0.0580412	0.0798598	10.0239670	2.4717253	0.0653706	5.30	GD-5	14
53	0.0574176	0.1220547	14.2477433	3.5191403	0.0919278	6.10	GD-6	14
54	0.0633787	0.0996594	11.8911212	2.9677537	0.0637155	2.08	1b-d-Zn	15
55	0.0583384	0.0724674	16.5569083	3.2440629	0.0688259	2.37	2b-bd-Zn	15
56	0.0518869	0.0723033	17.3013189	3.0943628	0.0677597	3.03	2b-bdta-Zn	15
57	0.0711670	0.1112677	2.3188779	2.5824263	0.0704301	4.34	YD-0	16
58	0.0571101	0.1044525	3.6465939	2.5374905	0.0726405	6.15	YD-1	16
59	0.0707163	0.1077785	2.4395716	2.5352951	0.0589497	6.56	YD-2	16
60	0.0477547	0.1072710	4.8059315	2.6988464	0.0774612	5.34	YD-3	16
61	0.0529775	0.0992576	3.3021361	2.3825721	0.0687246	5.65	YD-4	16
62	0.0395915	0.0795812	4.2701956	2.1760608	0.0820473	2.10	YD-5	16
63	0.0458267	0.1040151	5.9300487	2.6847999	0.0822526	5.13	YD-6	16
64	0.0434028	0.0969086	14.8000218	2.9669484	0.0867171	4.38	YD-7	16
65	0.0513111	0.0706299	14.4246611	2.4099288	0.0734713	4.27	YD-8	16
66	0.0711670	0.1112677	2.3188779	2.5824263	0.0704301	5.00	YD0	17

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69	0.0439099	0.0694964	15.4810452	2.6246536	0.0880480	4.20	YD15	17
70	0.0519541	0.0689608	8.8103707	2.2925680	0.0848171	5.50	YD16	17
71	0.0561651	0.0926398	3.2137225	2.1946879	0.0616570	7.00	YD17	17
72	0.0317356	0.0430464	28.3898544	2.2488689	0.1006172	6.69	XY1	18
73	0.0307369	0.0464320	27.0144801	2.3217648	0.0995922	6.89	XY2	18
74	0.0246106	0.0435574	30.4748570	2.2702888	0.0990199	5.50	XY3	18
75	0.0597190	0.0587322	22.1780946	2.3657366	0.0860160	3.64	CCT1A	19
76	0.0533135	0.0637261	27.7841165	2.6894384	0.0914474	4.80	CCT2A	19
77	0.0489295	0.0682620	35.6102724	2.9571414	0.0925016	5.25	CCT3A	19
78	0.0555831	0.0730346	4.2128616	1.9403036	0.0561517	7.60	YD-2-OC8	20
79	0.0555831	0.0730346	4.2128616	1.9403036	0.0561517	9.40	YD-2-OC8	20
80	0.0741501	0.1123608	1.0770695	2.3705037	0.0688793	4.01	1PEP	21
81	0.0740513	0.1280516	3.6765154	2.6671958	0.0797870	2.55	2PEP	21
82	0.0740785	0.1327977	10.0882432	2.9577075	0.0915939	0.58	3PEP	21
83	0.0612046	0.0808118	17.5427761	2.7310944	0.0796227	2.22	Q1	22
84	0.0643443	0.0793069	13.3271717	2.5787145	0.0770773	5.51	Q2	22
85	0.0651000	0.0628752	8.7421524	1.8751841	0.0563655	7.13	XW1	22
86	0.0633436	0.0679377	9.2710832	1.9548001	0.0590251	6.84	XW2	22
87	0.0601367	0.0710189	6.1817574	1.8861611	0.0571289	7.32	XW3	22
88	0.0615689	0.0691939	3.7172860	1.7146918	0.0516344	7.94	XW4	22
89	0.0552887	0.0758360	32.3656110	2.8962656	0.11117750	9.10	TA-ST-CA	23

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91	0.0488015	0.0745953	28.6722651	3.0716907	0.0952905	7.05	OMeDP1P	24
92	0.0503438	0.0542790	20.7832498	2.2597189	0.0717968	7.64	OHexDP1P	24
93	0.0481101	0.0767060	31.6898283	3.3072438	0.1135833	5.22	M-TP	24
94	0.0520232	0.0448104	12.8216249	1.4405117	0.0593717	4.60	PFT1	25
95	0.0527270	0.0580806	16.1220258	1.8478817	0.0745614	5.81	PFT2	25
96	0.0498505	0.0463602	18.2618960	1.7550009	0.0653839	6.10	PFT4	25
97	0.0490678	0.0578566	25.0361823	2.2980821	0.0810550	6.19	PFT5	25
98	0.0500541	0.0575150	23.8612992	2.2342677	0.0812448	5.76	PFT6	25
99	0.0549575	0.0884838	34.8488172	3.4904077	0.1125149	3.50	DP1	26
100	0.0461346	0.0996140	24.9309775	4.0957710	0.1132304	4.70	DP2	26
101	0.0493274	0.0817432	37.2108174	3.5345121	0.1058133	1.50	DP3	26
102	0.0407387	0.0892162	27.3739533	3.8124314	0.1063739	2.20	DP4	26
103	0.0841135	0.2057307	7.1010683	2.7208610	0.0664321	1.32	PR1	27
104	0.0517700	0.1100617	28.0466053	3.7487154	0.1069148	2.01	PR2	27
105	0.0552221	0.0880710	37.5865174	3.2462465	0.1093803	4.51	1a	28
106	0.0515456	0.0737763	38.6887253	3.1875722	0.1159729	4.30	2a	28
107	0.0448888	0.0806014	43.4726481	3.4968618	0.1139284	1.87	3a	28
108	0.0617975	0.0825254	32.6481218	3.0964956	0.1122582	3.40	4a	28
109	0.0508722	0.0699902	37.6127881	3.1095210	0.1164795	4.81	5a	28
110	0.0563576	0.0601751	26.4729997	2.2710818	0.0797090	4.01	1b	28
111	0.0520953	0.0519731	27.7355773	2.2763563	0.0844611	4.53	2b	28
112	0.0453090	0.0571239	30.8566665	2.5021194	0.0831224	3.60	3b	28



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114	0.0519093	0.0478448	25.8112761	2.1736651	0.0837734	4.89	5b	28
115	0.0345478	0.1158408	22.4026301	3.6692020	0.1043632	0.95	4a	29
116	0.0313985	0.0958721	24.1906637	3.2062762	0.1334664	4.51	4b	29
117	0.0500921	0.0891723	37.2959570	3.6383843	0.1148349	3.68	3a	30
118	0.0439812	0.0787065	37.1605931	3.4551607	0.1125992	0.35	3b	30
119	0.0553125	0.0651710	8.2952616	2.0958641	0.0608170	7.95	JY47	31
120	0.0360465	0.0753090	11.4781473	2.3113859	0.0710253	8.44	JY48	31
121	0.0361144	0.0742704	12.0550747	2.3025053	0.0739827	7.84	JY49	31
122	0.0726905	0.1329466	2.1572703	3.2870702	0.0677228	1.87	PD1	32
123	0.0542564	0.0879329	9.4990120	3.2851808	0.1168215	2.74	PD2	32
124	0.0411915	0.0919867	23.8557771	3.0991290	0.0867796	1.61	CVHTP	33
125	0.0618008	0.0858590	22.5883618	2.9804705	0.0835124	1.12	CVHTC	33
126	0.0413066	0.0959144	28.5044492	3.4460743	0.0980040	3.20	CVTC-H-CVTP	33
127	0.0394775	0.0372875	12.1225083	1.3838718	0.0763475	6.20	C1	34
128	0.0456119	0.0312782	11.7898422	1.3341227	0.0758650	4.74	C2	34
129	0.0344904	0.0305524	13.4128932	1.3582548	0.0765701	1.42	C3	34
130	0.0291520	0.0716024	10.9348966	1.6340496	0.0940685	6.14	ND	35
131	0.0460617	0.0628970	20.4731641	2.6530180	0.0837996	7.42	SC1	36
132	0.0455990	0.0645827	19.3184989	2.7756639	0.0840953	6.45	SC2	36
133	0.0456559	0.0517875	16.1174775	2.2321817	0.0688872	6.53	SC3	36
134	0.0541271	0.0490485	31.4490748	2.5346917	0.0930642	6.90	M81	37
135	0.0534775	0.0699740	38.1812534	3.1046537	0.0996195	6.15	M82	37

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137	0.0500849	0.0529846	16.4925284	1.9671548	0.0680051	7.59	M84	37
138	0.0582135	0.0878282	14.5325216	2.8137256	0.0696394	5.99	M85	37
139	0.0841303	0.1048041	8.8130411	1.8789629	0.0704406	0.72	DEA-Q	38
140	0.0506190	0.0810102	19.6715293	2.4798638	0.0966150	0.75	CBZ-Q	38
141	0.0427224	0.0587965	19.0172584	2.1543939	0.0815758	3.07	BPA-Q	38
142	0.0604350	0.0693764	19.8577933	2.8935371	0.1174360	5.65	FWD1	39
143	0.0580204	0.0904394	25.7566080	3.8867700	0.1120075	6.04	FWD2	39
144	0.0603457	0.0841191	24.1186544	3.0040282	0.1209318	5.19	FWD3	39
145	0.0447695	0.0547394	14.2904317	1.9386081	0.0923815	5.64	ZHG5	40
146	0.0451923	0.0616264	15.9976067	2.0818389	0.0926777	5.32	ZHG6	40
147	0.0458692	0.0373386	23.6356043	1.8225969	0.0889805	2.74	ZHG7	40
148	0.0494562	0.0880206	13.2479744	2.3711061	0.0752384	7.55	TBCPCA-1	41
149	0.0492978	0.0832383	12.9728251	2.2690494	0.0724452	7.97	TBCPCA-2	41
150	0.0485320	0.0512228	14.9746384	2.0241526	0.0883079	7.11	TBTCPCA-1	41
151	0.0483990	0.0496290	14.8755703	1.9700435	0.0861409	6.17	TBTCPCA-2	41
152	0.0492426	0.0283154	12.9889047	2.1688351	0.0802441	1.40	FBA1	42
153	0.0602150	0.0240906	13.0003237	1.6102805	0.0687187	2.10	FBA2	42
154	0.0600001	0.0184357	9.9806662	1.2505838	0.0533310	2.50	FBA3	42
155	0.0644035	0.0660986	26.6569484	2.6446677	0.0830919	5.20	CD-1	43
156	0.0663843	0.0592458	24.1027450	2.3756802	0.0912346	4.10	CD-2	43
157	0.0687606	0.0537808	22.3137242	2.2149987	0.0990528	3.50	CD-3	43
158	0.0156502	0.0539460	18.7662736	1.9177332	0.0854602	3.37	SC32	44

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160	0.0437057	0.0534638	23.9861220	2.2521598	0.0812267	7.07	SC35	44
161	0.0430359	0.0390825	20.6383475	1.8277278	0.0692110	7.38	SC36	44
162	0.0442080	0.0424417	21.7986307	1.9608395	0.0737957	6.70	SC36N	44
163	0.0527280	0.0575476	17.7988149	3.0560310	0.0944754	7.44	D1	45
164	0.0522667	0.0940092	22.8766610	3.0570864	0.0904328	6.64	D2	45
165	0.0521401	0.0628896	31.3356719	2.8531441	0.0880253	6.72	D3	45
166	0.0527717	0.0704874	37.1575169	3.0258481	0.0983773	6.06	D4	45
167	0.0659430	0.0741071	21.0042222	2.4773849	0.0765677	7.39	QX11	46
168	0.0695141	0.0792216	15.6467279	2.3310899	0.0709776	7.64	QX12	46
169	0.0657324	0.0589542	16.9540920	1.9888067	0.0620891	6.95	QX13	46
170	0.0692903	0.0572709	13.9197013	1.8434155	0.0581264	6.52	QX14	46
171	0.0317029	0.0510672	40.7211582	2.8327700	0.0826220	1.10	DPP1	47
172	0.0322922	0.0353959	25.9853729	1.9561253	0.0669555	1.40	DPP2	47
173	0.0315614	0.0362411	30.0719430	2.0737607	0.0601351	1.80	DPP3	47
174	0.0345150	0.0332382	26.2949546	1.8979877	0.0684235	2.20	DPP4	47
175	0.0417351	0.0745864	50.8924433	3.7784633	0.1065326	0.60	PE4T	47
176	0.0468692	0.0581254	28.2242522	2.7360594	0.0668775	3.40	MK-2	47
177	0.0392516	0.0690701	15.5298974	2.4799794	0.0930063	7.19	QBT-3	48
178	0.0388931	0.0701548	13.8409102	2.4168808	0.0868444	6.78	CTY-1	48
179	0.0292251	0.0640481	17.4939690	2.5255762	0.0904998	8.27	CTY-2	48
180	0.0388931	0.0701548	13.8409102	2.4168808	0.0868444	7.60	CTY-3	48
181	0.0292251	0.0640481	17.4939690	2.5255762	0.0904998	8.10	CTY-4	48

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Molecule	G	O	D	A	LHE	PCE (exp.)	Molecule name in Ref.	Ref.
182	0.0712902	0.0833525	1.2577618	2.0866102	0.0536498	5.03	ZnP3C	49
183	0.0504375	0.0716576	26.5928157	2.8331785	0.0632194	1.65	X66	50
184	0.0508574	0.0682930	23.8054083	2.6036665	0.0662447	3.67	X67	50
185	0.0505090	0.0706008	24.3234921	2.6846997	0.0675389	3.24	X68	50
186	0.0509958	0.0609839	22.9207043	2.4686164	0.0739502	4.21	X69	50
187	0.0671807	0.0805556	1.0923534	1.8670982	0.0481617	9.01	LD14	51
188	0.0669543	0.0880626	1.2356082	1.9481770	0.0490203	9.53	LW4	51
189	0.0669449	0.0900709	2.4224591	2.0487544	0.0517304	8.16	LW5	51
190	0.0489638	0.1000547	2.5089851	2.1347794	0.0576524	9.21	LW24	51
191	0.0525938	0.1101084	17.2953206	3.1584463	0.0835753	4.39	T2-1	52
192	0.0225351	0.0843428	22.3894841	2.8046683	0.1199625	5.89	PZ-1	52
193	0.0180974	0.0672775	22.0673579	2.4616481	0.1245091	2.62	PZ-2	52
194	0.0209844	0.0739312	22.0094535	2.5514273	0.1238206	4.97	PZ-3	52
195	0.0208503	0.0634133	21.2871276	2.3910134	0.1047528	6.35	PZ-4	52
196	0.0689817	0.0648257	12.9473879	3.2856018	0.0957432	1.37	OF-Car-Car	53
197	0.0819577	0.0826697	4.6338681	2.7784854	0.0916952	2.04	OF-Py-Py	53
198	0.0705968	0.0729861	32.3979744	3.2201559	0.0995803	0.07	OF-Cat-Cat	53
199	0.0749618	0.0810413	27.3428612	2.9627925	0.0992052	1.51	OF-Py-Car	53
200	0.0753765	0.0785730	10.4911300	3.1440620	0.0995364	0.06	OF-Py-Cat	53
201	0.0632342	0.0887058	20.0629795	2.8690664	0.1030617	1.75	MH	54
202	0.0601685	0.0807677	21.7355627	3.0067993	0.1096920	0.99	MT	54
203	0.0569366	0.0858796	10.8433973	3.6573353	0.0965582	2.70	DH	54
204	0.0551298	0.0692840	11.0962548	3.6412735	0.1094707	1.42	DT	54

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Molecule	G	O	D	A	LHE	PCE (exp.)	Molecule name in Ref.	Ref.
205	0.0642779	0.0940782	18.5053841	3.0665354	0.1097282	2.31	TPAC1	54
206	0.0578251	0.0767625	11.2128556	3.6531465	0.1069505	2.73	TPAC2	54

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