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# Expanding the chemical space for push-pull chromophores by non-concerted [2+2] and [4+2] cycloadditions: access to a highly functionalised 6,6-dicyanopentafulvene with an intense, low-energy charge-transfer band

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#### **General experimental methods (ESI)**

General: Chemicals were purchased from Acros, Aldrich, Fluka, and TCI and used as received. CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> was freshly distilled from CaH<sub>2</sub> under nitrogen atmosphere. Column chromatography (CC) and plug filtrations were carried out with SiO<sub>2</sub> 60 (particle size 0.040–0.063 mm, 230–400 mesh; Aldrich). Compound 1,<sup>1</sup> was prepared according to literature procedure. Melting points (M.p.) were measured in open capillaries with a Büchi melting point B540 apparatus and are uncorrected. "Decomp" refers to decomposition. <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were measured on Bruker DRX 400 MHz, Bruker AV 400 MHz or Bruker Avance II 600 MHz instruments at 25 °C. Residual solvent signals in the <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were used as an internal reference. Chemical shifts ( $\delta$ ) are reported in ppm downfield from SiMe<sub>4</sub>, with the residual solvent signal as an internal reference. Coupling constants (J) are given in Hz. The apparent resonance multiplicity is described as s (singlet), d (doublet), dd (doublet of doublet) and m (multiplet). Infrared spectra (IR) were recorded on a Perkin-Elmer BX FT-IR spectrometer; signal designations: s (strong), m (medium) and w (weak). Selected absorption bands are reported in wavenumbers (cm<sup>-1</sup>). UV/Vis spectra were recorded on a Varian CARY-500 spectrophotometer. The spectra were measured in a quartz cuvette of 1 cm at 298 K. The absorption maxima ( $\lambda_{max}$ ) are reported in nm with the extinction coefficient ( $\varepsilon$ ) in dm<sup>3</sup> mol<sup>-1</sup> cm<sup>-1</sup> in brackets. Shoulders are indicated as sh. High-resolution (HR) ESI-TOF spectra were measured on a Bruker maXis ESI-Q-TOF spectrometer. HR FT-ICR-MALDI spectra were measured on a IonSpec Ultima Fourier transform (FT) instrument with 3-hydroxypicolinic acid (3-HPA). The most important signals are reported in m/zunits with M as the molecular ion. Liquid chromatography/mass spectrometry (LC/MS) was performed on an Ultimate 3000 series LC instrument combined with an

MSQ Plus mass spectrometer from Dionex, using a Zorbax Eclipse Plus *C18* column  $(30 \times 3 \text{ mm}; 3.5 \mu\text{m} \text{ pore size})$  from Agilent. The preparative HPLC separation was carried out using a Merck Hitachi L-7150 pump, equipped with a Merck Hitachi D-7000 interface and a Merck Hitachi L-7614 degasser. For detection, a Merck Hitachi L-7400 UV detector (254 nm) was used. The column used was Hibar, LiChrospher RP-18, 250x25mm with a flow rate of 12 mL/min.

**Electrochemistry**: The electrochemical experiments were carried out at 20 °C in  $CH_2Cl_2$  (except for **5** in  $CH_3CN$ ) containing 0.1 M *n*-Bu<sub>4</sub>NPF<sub>6</sub> in a classical threeelectrode cell by cyclic voltammetry (CV) and rotating-disk voltammetry (RDV).  $CH_2Cl_2$  was purchased in spectroscopic grade from Merck, dried over molecular sieves (4 Å), and stored under Ar prior to use. *n*-Bu<sub>4</sub>NPF<sub>6</sub> was purchased in electrochemical grade from Fluka and used as received. The working electrode was a glassy carbon disk electrode (3 mm in a diameter), the auxiliary electrode a Pt wire, and the pseudo-reference electrode a Pt wire. All potentials are referenced to the ferricinium/ferrocene (Fc<sup>+</sup>/Fc) couple, used as an internal standard, and uncorrected from ohmic drop. The cell was connected to an Autolab PGSTAT 30 potentiostat (Eco Chemie, The Netherlands) driven by a GPSE software running on a personal computer.

# Solvent screening on selectivity between [2+2] and [4+2] cycloaddition reactions (ESI)

**Table 1 (ESI)**. Solvent screening of the regioselective [2+2] and [4+2] cycloaddition reactions. The yields were determined by both LC-MS and <sup>1</sup>H NMR except for entry 3 (only LC-MS).

Entry	Conditions	Yield [%]			
Lifting		3	4	5	6
1	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> , 25 °C, 15 h	69	29	0	0
2	THF, 25 °C, 24 h	62	32	4	0
3	1,4-Dioxane, 25 °C, 24 h	78	19	2	0
4	Toluene, 100 °C, 15 h	90	10	0	0
5	CH <sub>3</sub> CN, 25 °C, 15 h	31	22	47	0
6	DMF, 25 °C, 15 h	16	25	46	0



Fig. 1 (ESI). LC-MS profile for entry 1 in Table 1 (ESI).



**Fig. 2 (ESI)**. NMe<sub>2</sub> signals in the <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (300 MHz, 298 K) in CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> for entry 1 in Table 1 (ESI).

#### Synthetic procedures and characterisation of the products (ESI)

**Cycloaddition of 2 to 1**: a) A solution of **1** (88 mg, 0.3 mmol) in toluene (25 mL) was heated under nitrogen atmosphere to 100  $^{\circ}$ C, treated with **2** (38 mg, 0.27 mmol) and stirred for 15 h. After evaporation, reverse-phase HPLC (H<sub>2</sub>O/CH<sub>3</sub>CN 1:1) gave *E*/*Z*-**3** (101 mg, 86%) and **4** (13 mg, 11%).

b) A solution of **1** (125 mg, 0.42 mmol) in  $CH_2Cl_2$  (25 mL) under nitrogen atmosphere was treated with **2** (55 mg, 0.38 mmol) and stirred at 25 °C for 15 h. After evaporation, reverse-phase HPLC (H<sub>2</sub>O/CH<sub>3</sub>CN 1:1) gave *E/Z*-**3** (100 mg, 60%) and **4** (40 mg, 24%).

c) A solution of **1** (74 mg, 0.25 mmol) in CH<sub>3</sub>CN (20 mL) under nitrogen atmosphere was treated with **2** (32 mg, 0.22 mmol), stirred at 25  $^{\circ}$ C for 15 h when

LC-MS revealed a mixture E/Z-**3**/**4**/**5** 31:22:47. After evaporation, a suspension of the residue in CHCl<sub>3</sub>/hexane 1:1 was filtered through a sintered funnel. The solid was washed with CHCl<sub>3</sub> to afford analytically pure **5** (41.5 mg, 42%).

### (E/Z)-2,4-Bis[4-(dimethylamino)phenyl]hexa-1,3,5-triene-1,1,3,6,6-

pentacarbonitrile (E/Z-3):



Deep-green solid.  $v_{max}(neat)/cm^{-1}$  2213 (w), 1602 (s), 1488 (m), 1437 (m), 1379 (m), 1344 (m), 1206 (m), 1167 (m), 943 (w), 821 (w);  $\delta_{\rm H}(400 \text{ MHz}; \text{CDCl}_3; 298 \text{ K};$ *E*/*Z* ca. 1:1) 3.04 (s, 3 H; 0.5 NMe<sub>2</sub>), 3.12 (s, 3 H; 0.5 NMe<sub>2</sub>), 3.17 (s, 6 H; NMe<sub>2</sub>), 6.60 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1 H), 6.76–6.73 (m, 3 H), 7.06 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.45 (d, J =9.1 Hz, 1 H), 7.49 (s, 0.5 H; 0.5 H–C(5)), 7.67 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 1 H), 7.82 (d, J = 9.2Hz, 1 H), 8.22 ppm (s, 0.5 H; 0.5 H–C(5));  $\delta_{C}(100 \text{ MHz}; \text{CDCl}_{3}; 298 \text{ K}; E/Z \text{ ca. 1:1})$ 39.97/40.12/40.19/40.26 (2 NMe<sub>2</sub>), 75.20/76.14 (C(1)), 93.54/95.56 (C(6)), 108.89/108.98/109.35/109.62/111.55/112.27/112.37/114.19/114.31/114.89/115.44/ 116.59 (C(3),5 C≡N), 112.00/112.02/112.10/112.35 (C(3',5',3'',5'')), 118.45/118.57/119.60/120.55 (C(1',1'')),131.15/132.28/132.70/133.18 (C(2',6',2'',6'')),152.95/153.54/154.08/154.37/154.53/155.57 (C(2,4',4'')),157.09/158.47 (C(5)), 161.39/161.57 ppm (C(4)); HR-MALDI-MS (negative mode): m/z (%): 445.1986 (13), 444.1925 (62), 443.1867 (100,  $[M]^-$ , calcd for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>21</sub>N<sub>7</sub><sup>-</sup>: 443.1858), 417.1829 (26), 416.1770 (26,  $[M - \text{HCN}]^-$ , calcd for  $C_{26}H_{20}N_6^-$ : 416.1749).

3,5-Bis[4-(dimethylamino)phenyl]cyclohexa-2,5-diene-1,1,2,4,4-

pentacarbonitrile (4):



Light brown solid. M.p. > 259 °C (decomp);  $\nu_{max}(neat)/cm^{-1}$  2917 (w), 2860 (w), 2811 (w), 2218 (w), 2158 (w), 1605 (s), 1526 (s), 1484 (w), 1444 (w), 1372 (m), 1293 (w), 1271 (w), 1218 (w), 1198 (m), 1173 (m), 1124 (w), 1064 (w), 946 (w), 817 (m), 789 (w);  $\delta_{H}(600 \text{ MHz}; \text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2; 298 \text{ K})$  3.05 (s, 6 H; NMe<sub>2</sub>), 3.11 (s, 6 H; NMe<sub>2</sub>), 6.32 (s, 1 H; H–C(5)), 6.78 (d, J = 9.1 Hz, 2 H) and 6.83 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 2 H) (H– C(2',6',2'',6'')), 7.54 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 2 H) and 7.72 ppm (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 2 H) (H– C(3',5',3'',5''));  $\delta_{C}(150 \text{ MHz}; \text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2; 298 \text{ K})$  35.93 (C(1)), 40.19 (2 NMe<sub>2</sub>), 40.32 (C(4)), 100.55 (C(2)), 110.73 (C( $C \equiv N_2$ ), 111.49 (C( $C \equiv N_2$ ), 111.91/112.07 (C(3',5',3'',5'')), 113.41 (C(6)), 114.50 (C $\equiv N$ ), 117.85/119.66 (C(1',1'')), 129.11/130.82 (C(2',6',2'',6'')), 136.31 (C(5)), 149.04 (C(3)), 152.63/153.77 ppm (C(4',4'')); HR-MALDI-MS (negative mode): m/z (%): 444.1883 (19), 443.1842 (50, [M]<sup>-</sup>, calcd for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>21</sub>N<sub>7</sub><sup>-</sup>: 443.1858), 417.1788 (33), 416.1733 (100, [M - HCN]<sup>-</sup>, calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>20</sub>N<sub>6</sub><sup>-</sup>: 416.1749).

Dicyano{2,3,3-tricyano-5-[4-(dimethylamino)phenyl]-9 (dimethyliminio)spiro[5.5]undeca-1,4,7,10-tetraen-1-yl}methanide (5):



Maroon solid. M.p. > 213 °C (decomp);  $\lambda_{max}$ (CH<sub>3</sub>CN)/nm 362 ( $\epsilon$ /dm<sup>3</sup> mol<sup>-1</sup> cm<sup>-1</sup> 13 237), 461 (727);  $v_{max}(neat)/cm^{-1}$  3058 (w), 2923 (w), 2819 (w), 2197 (m), 2178 (s), 2161 (m), 1650 (s), 1606 (s), 1519 (s), 1445 (w), 1360 (m), 1226 (w), 1197 (m), 819 (m);  $\delta_{\rm H}$  (400 MHz; CD<sub>3</sub>CN; 298 K; assignments based on NOE experiments) 2.90 (s, 6 H; Me<sub>2</sub>N–C(4')), 3.37 (s, 6 H; Me<sub>2</sub>N<sup>+</sup>=C(9)), 6.20 (s, 1 H; irradiation at 6.85 ppm  $\rightarrow$  NOE of 8 %; H–C(4)), 6.56 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2 H; irradiation at 2.90 ppm  $\rightarrow$ NOE of 10 %; irradiation at 6.85 ppm  $\rightarrow$  NOE of 4 %; H–C(3',5')), 6.85 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2 H; irradiation at 6.56 ppm  $\rightarrow$  NOE of 5 %; irradiation at 7.14 ppm  $\rightarrow$  NOE of 2 %; H–C(2',6')), 7.01 (d, J = 10.2 Hz, 2 H; irradiation at 3.37 ppm  $\rightarrow$  NOE of 8 %; irradiation at 7.14 ppm  $\rightarrow$  NOE of 3 %; H–C(8,10)), 7.14 ppm (d, J = 10.2 Hz, 2 H; irradiation at 6.85 ppm  $\rightarrow$  NOE of 4 %; irradiation at 7.01 ppm  $\rightarrow$  NOE of 9 %; H– C(7,11));  $\delta_{\rm C}(150 \text{ MHz}; \text{CD}_3\text{CN}; 298 \text{ K}; \text{ assignments based on comparison with}$ related structures in refs.<sup>2</sup>) 36.39 ( $C^{-}(CN)_2$ ), 39.43 (NMe<sub>2</sub>), 43.47 (N<sup>+</sup>Me<sub>2</sub>), 43.88 (C(6)), 51.45 (C(3)), 70.49 (C(2)), 110.48 (C(3',5')), 113.96 (C(1)), 117.66 $(C(C=N)_2)$ , 119.58 (C=N), 121.71 (C(8,10)), 122.57 (C(1')), 130.30 (C(2',6')), 140.43 (C(4)), 148.68 (C(5)), 150.75 (C(4')), 152.24 (C(7,11)), 162.57 ppm (C(9)), signal for  $(C^{-}(C=N)_2)$  hidden by the CD<sub>3</sub>CN signal; HR-MALDI-MS (negative mode): m/z (%): 444.1888 (41), 443.1845 (100,  $[M]^-$ , calcd for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>21</sub>N<sub>7</sub><sup>-</sup>: 443.1858), 417.1804 (27), 416.1740 (57,  $[M - \text{HCN}]^-$ , calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>20</sub>N<sub>6</sub><sup>-</sup>: 416.1749).

5-(Dicyanomethylene)-2,4-bis[(4-dimethylamino)phenyl]cyclopenta-1,3-diene-

1,3-dicarbonitrile (6).



A solution of *E*/*Z*-**3** 1:1 (104 mg, 0.23 mmol) in MeCN/H<sub>2</sub>O 1:1 (20 mL) was treated with (NH<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>Ce(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>6</sub> (CAN) (64 mg, 0.12 mmol) and stirred at room temperature for 12 h when LC-MS showed complete conversion. The mixture was extracted with  $CH_2Cl_2$  (3 × 50 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over  $Na_2SO_4$  and evaporated to afford 6 (88 mg, 90%) as a maroon metallic solid. An analytical sample was obtained by recrystallisation in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/hexane. M.p. > 400  $^{\circ}$ C;  $\lambda_{max}$  (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>)/nm 782 ( $\varepsilon$ /dm<sup>3</sup> mol<sup>-1</sup> cm<sup>-1</sup> 27 522);  $v_{max}$  (neat)/cm<sup>-1</sup> 2924 (w), 2210 (w), 1596 (s), 1486 (m), 1427 (m), 1371 (s), 1356 (s), 1218 (m), 1197 (m), 1170 (m), 1091 (w), 944 (w), 823 (w);  $\delta_{\rm H}(600 \text{ MHz}; \text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2; 298 \text{ K})$ : 3.14 (s, 6 H; NMe<sub>2</sub>), 3.25 (s, 6 H; NMe<sub>2</sub>), 6.84 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2 H; H–C(3'',5'')), 6.90 (d, J = 9.4 Hz, 2 H; H– C(3',5'), 7.45 (d, J = 9.1 Hz, 2 H; H–C(2'',6'')), 8.26 ppm (d, J = 9.4 Hz, 2 H; H– C(2',6');  $\delta_{C}(150 \text{ MHz}; CD_{2}Cl_{2}; 298 \text{ K}) 40.64 \text{ (br., NMe}_{2}), 40.99 \text{ (NMe}_{2}), 80.01$  $(C(C \equiv N)_2)$ , 87.88 (C(1)), 108.48 (C(3)), 112.54 (br., C(3'',5'')), 113.32/114.05  $(C(C \equiv N)_2)$ , 113.61 (C(3',5')), 116.17  $(C \equiv N)$ , 116.72  $(C \equiv N)$ , 117.18 (br., C(1'')), 119.29 (br., C(1')), 132.97/134.18 (C(2',6',2'',6'')), 153.79 (br., C(4'')), 155.68 (C(4')), 157.48/159.13 (C(2,4)), 160.70 ppm (C(5)); HR-MALDI-MS (negative mode): m/z (%): 418.1857 (17), 417.1824 (79), 416.1754 (100,  $[M]^-$ , calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>20</sub>N<sub>6</sub><sup>-</sup>: 416.1749).

4,4"-Bis(dimethylamino)-[1,1':3',1"-terphenyl]-2',4',5'-tricarbonitrile (7).



A solution of 4 (40 mg, 0.09 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (10 mL) was treated with SiO<sub>2</sub> (3 g), stirred at room temperature for 2 h and filtered through a pad of Celite. Evaporation gave sufficiently pure 7 (34 mg, 95%) as an orange solid. M.p. 211–213 °C;  $\lambda_{max}$ (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>)/nm 384 ( $\varepsilon$ /dm<sup>3</sup> mol<sup>-1</sup> cm<sup>-1</sup> 12 041), 435 (9511, sh);  $\nu_{max}$ (neat)/cm<sup>-1</sup> 2912 (w), 2823 (w), 2222 (w), 2162 (very w), 1607 (s), 1567 (m), 1530 (m), 1515 (s), 1435 (w), 1420 (w), 1370 (s), 1344 (m), 1235 (w), 1199 (s), 1176 (m), 1156 (w), 1065 (w), 946 (w), 813 (m);  $\delta_{\rm H}(400 \text{ MHz}; \text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2; 298 \text{ K})$  3.06 (s, 6 H; NMe<sub>2</sub>), 3.07 (s, 6 H; NMe<sub>2</sub>), 6.84 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2 H; H–C(3,5)), 6.87 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2 H; H–  $C(3^{,},5^{,}))$ , 7.45 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2 H; H–C(2,6)), 7.55 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2 H; H–  $C(2^{,6'})$ , 7.79 ppm (s, 1 H; H–C(6'));  $\delta_{C}(100 \text{ MHz}; \text{CDCl}_{3}; 298 \text{ K})$  40.50 (2 NMe<sub>2</sub>), 100.57 (C(4')), 112.12/112.49 (C(3,5,3'',5'')), 113.18 (C=N), 115.60 (C=N), 115.86 (C=N), 117.26 (C(2')), 119.83 (C(5')), 121.29/122.71 (C(1,1'')), 130.67/131.05 (C(2,6,2'',6'')), 132.33 (C(6')), 151.53/152.25/152.38/152.85 ppm (C(4,1',3',4'')); HR-MALDI-MS: *m*/*z* (%): 393.1906 (20), 392.1872 (75), 391.1798  $(100, [M]^+, \text{ calcd for } C_{25}H_{21}N_5^+: 391.1797), 390.1720$  (42), 377.1639 (25,  $[M - M_{21}]^+$  $(CH_2)^+$ , calcd for  $C_{24}H_{19}N_5^+$ : 377.1640), 376.1566 (11), 374.1404 (20,  $[M - CH_4 - H]^+$ , calcd for  $C_{24}H_{16}N_5^+$ : 374.1406).

#### X-ray data for compounds 1, 4, 5, 6 and 7 (ESI)

Crystals of compounds 5, 6 and 7 were measured on a Bruker Nonius Kappa-CCD diffractometer with Mo- $K_{\alpha}$  radiation ( $\lambda = 0.71073$  Å), compounds 1 and 4 on a Bruker Kappa Apex II Duo equipped with a Cu microfocus tube ( $\lambda = 1.54178$  Å) at 100 K. The structures were solved by direct methods with SHELXS-97<sup>[3]</sup> and refined by full-matrix least-squares analysis (SHELXL-97),<sup>[4]</sup> using an isotropic extinction correction. All non-hydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically; hydrogen atoms were refined isotropically for compounds 1 and 5. Hydrogen positions for compounds 4, 6 and 7 are based on stereochemical considerations and included in the final structure factor calculation. CCDC 802217 (1), CCDC 801746 (4), CCDC 801743 (5), CCDC 801744 (6) and CCDC 801745 (7) contain the supplementary crystallographic data (excluding structure factors) for this paper. These data can be obtained free of charge from The Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre, 12 Union Road, Cambridge CB2 1EZ. UK (fax: +44(1223)-336-033;e-mail: deposit@ccdc.cam.ac.uk), or via www.ccdc.cam.ac. uk/data request/cif

**X-ray crystal structure of 1**: Crystal data for  $C_{17}H_{10}N_6$ ,  $M_r = 298.3$ , tetragonal space group  $P4_3$ ,  $D_{calcd} = 1.310 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$ , Z = 4, a = 11.5737 (3) Å, b = 11.5737 (3) Å, c = 11.5001(5) Å, V = 1540.43 (10) Å<sup>3</sup>;  $\mu = 0.084 \text{ mm}^{-1}$ . A dark green crystal (cubic dimensions ca.  $0.15 \times 0.16 \times 0.16$  mm) was obtained from  $CH_2Cl_2$ /hexane solution at 25 °C. Numbers of measured and unique reflections were 10808 and 8470, respectively ( $R_{int} = 0.0153$ ). The tricyanovinyl moiety is disordered and refined over two positions. Final R(F) = 0.057, wR(F2) = 0.153 for 828 parameters and 8470 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$  and  $1.76 < \theta < 26.46^\circ$  (corresponding R values based on all 8470 reflections are 0.056 and 0.154, respectively).

**X-ray crystal structure of 4**: Crystal data for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>21</sub>N<sub>7</sub>,  $M_r = 443.514$ , monoclinic space group  $P2_1/c$ ,  $D_{calcd} = 1.337$  Mg m<sup>-3</sup>, Z = 4, a = 23.1039(7) Å, b = 6.0941(2) Å, c = 15.7821(5) Å,  $\beta = 92.218(2)^\circ$ , V = 2204.0(1) Å<sup>3</sup>;  $\mu = 0.663$  mm<sup>-1</sup>. A brownish red crystal (linear dimensions ca.  $0.12 \times 0.04 \times 0.01$  mm) was obtained from CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/hexane solution at 25 °C. Numbers of measured and unique reflections were 8349 and 2263, respectively ( $R_{int} = 0.036$ ). Final R(F) = 0.034, wR(F2) = 0.106for 391 parameters and 1873 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$  and  $1.91 < \theta < 50.31^\circ$ (corresponding R values based on all 2263 reflections are 0.096 and 0.101, respectively).

**X-ray crystal structure of 5**: Crystal data for  $C_{27}H_{21}N_7$ ,  $M_r = 443.514$ , orthorhombic space group *P*bca,  $D_{calcd} = 1.336$  Mg m<sup>-3</sup>, Z = 8, a = 11.2924(4) Å, b = 15.4265(7) Å, c = 25.3239(11) Å, V = 4411.5(3) Å<sup>3</sup>;  $\mu = 0.084$  mm<sup>-1</sup>. A brownish red crystal (linear dimensions ca.  $0.33 \times 0.18 \times 0.03$  mm) was obtained from CH<sub>3</sub>CN/THF solution at 25 °C. Numbers of measured and unique reflections were 7442 and 3818, respectively ( $R_{int} = 0.093$ ). Final R(F) = 0.069, wR(F2) = 0.177 for 391 parameters and 3026 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$  and 2.75  $< \theta < 24.71^{\circ}$  (corresponding R values based on all 3818 reflections are 0.092 and 0.188, respectively).

**X-ray crystal structure of 6. 0.5 CHCl**<sub>3</sub>: Crystal data for 2 ( $C_{26}H_{20}N_6$ )·CHCl<sub>3</sub>,  $M_r = 868.312$ , Triclinic, space group  $P\overline{1}$ ,  $D_{calcd} = 1.201$  g cm<sup>-3</sup>, Z = 1, a = 9.1282(3)Å, b = 11.1896(3) Å, c = 12.4251(4) Å,  $\alpha = 102.417(1)^\circ$ ,  $\beta = 90.498(1)^\circ$ ,  $\gamma = 103.968$ (1)°, V = 1200.32(6) Å<sup>3</sup>;  $\mu = 0.242$  mm<sup>-1</sup>. A metallic maroon crystal (linear dimensions ca.  $0.27 \times 0.24 \times 0.21$  mm) was obtained from CHCl<sub>3</sub>/hexane solution at 25 °C. Numbers of measured and unique reflections were 9624 and 5472, respectively ( $R_{int} = 0.045$ ). Structure contains one disordered CHCl<sub>3</sub> molecule close to an inversion centre in the unit cell. Final R(F) = 0.071, wR(F2) = 0.221 for 328 parameters and 4453 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$  and  $2.91 < \theta < 27.48^{\circ}$  (corresponding R values based on all 5472 reflections are 0.087 and 0.232, respectively).

**X-ray crystal structure of 7. 0.25**  $C_2H_4Cl_2$ : Crystal data for 2 ( $C_{25}H_{21}N_5$ )·0.5  $C_2H_4Cl_2$ ,  $M_r = 832.436$ , Triclinic, space group  $P\overline{1}$ ,  $D_{calcd} = 1.292$  Mg m<sup>-3</sup>, Z = 2, a = 9.8044(6) Å, b = 12.8651(10) Å, c = 18.011(2) Å,  $\alpha = 93.245(5)^\circ$ ,  $\beta = 91.748(5)^\circ$ ,  $\gamma = 109.113(3)^\circ$ , V = 2140.3(3) Å<sup>3</sup>;  $\mu = 0.139$  mm<sup>-1</sup>. A dark red crystal (linear dimensions ca. 0.24 × 0.075 × 0.009 mm) was obtained from CH<sub>2</sub>ClCH<sub>2</sub>Cl/THF solution at 25 °C. Numbers of measured and unique reflections were 11481 and 7214, respectively ( $R_{int} = 0.037$ ). Final R(F) = 0.074, wR(F2) = 0.21 for 570 parameters and 5920 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$  and 2.75 <  $\theta$  < 24.71° (corresponding R values based on all 7214 reflections are 0.092 and 0.220, respectively).



**Fig. 3 (ESI).** ORTEP plot of **1**, arbitrary numbering, H-atoms are omitted for enhanced clarity. Atomic displacement parameters are drawn at 50% probability level. Selected bond lengths (Å), and torsional angle [°]: C1–C2: 1.416(3), C2–C3: 1.359(3), C3–C4: 1.421(3), C4–C5: 1.425(3), C5–C6: 1.355(4), C6–C1: 1.417(3), C1–C9: 1.424(3), C10–C9–C13–C15: 107.8(4), C2–C1–C9–C10: –9.3(5).



**Fig. 4 (ESI).** a) ORTEP plot of **4**, arbitrary numbering, H-atoms are omitted for clarity. Atomic displacement parameters are drawn at 50% probability level. Selected bond lengths (Å), angles (°), and torsional angles (°): C3–C13: 1.487(3), C13–C18: 1.395(3), C18–C17: 1.378(3), C17–C16: 1.407(3), C16–C15: 1.407(3), C15–C14: 1.375(3), C14–C13: 1.383(3), C5–C26: 1.482(3), C26–C27: 1.390(3), C27–C28: 1.380(3), C28–C29: 1.403(3), C29–C30: 1.398(3), C30–C31: 1.377(3), C31–C26: 1.401(3), C3–C2–C1: 124.98(19), C3–C4–C5: 115.19(18), C2–C1–C6: 112.56(18), C2–C3–C13–C18 ( $\theta_1$ ): –74.87(18), C6–C5–C26–C31( $\theta_{II}$ ): –32.45(18). b) Arrangement of neighbouring molecules in the crystal packing of **4** (distances given in Å).



**Fig 5 (ESI).** a) ORTEP plot of **5**, arbitrary numbering, H-atoms are omitted for clarity. Atomic displacement parameters are drawn at 50% probability level. Selected bond lengths (Å), angles (°), and torsional angles (°): C1–C2: 1.570(4), C2–C3: 1.313(4), C3–C4: 1.519(4), C4–C5: 1.532(4), C5–C6: 1.368(4), C6–C1: 1.536(4), C2–C15: 1.491(4), C15–C16: 1.388(4), C16–C17: 1.392(5), C17–C18: 1.404(5), C18–C19: 1.403(5), C19–C20: 1.382(4), C20–C15: 1.399(4), C3–C4–C5: 113.2(2), C5–C6–C1: 120.8(3), C6–C1–C2: 112.4(2), C11–C1–C7: 110.6(2), C10–C9–C8: 117.1(3), C11–C1–C2: 107.1(2), C30–C6–C1–C11: –46.4(3), C3–

C2–C15–C16 ( $\theta$ ): –98.3(4). b) Arrangement of neighbouring molecules in the crystal packing of 5. The crystal packing of 5 show that adjacent molecules of each of these species interact *via* various orthogonal dipolar interactions, such as CN···CN, CN···N<sup>+</sup> and  $\pi$ ··· $\pi$  interactions (distances given in A). The electron-rich DMA ring and the electron-deficient cyclohexa-2,5-diene-1-dimethylimminium ring are aligned in a parallel-displaced  $\pi$  - $\pi$  stacking mode with short intramolecular C<sup>··</sup>C contacts of 3.12 (C<sub>11</sub><sup>··</sup>C<sub>20</sub>) and 3.21 Å (C<sub>8</sub><sup>··</sup>C<sub>16</sub>). The cyclohexadiene ring adopts a flat boat conformation, and the *C*=N<sup>+</sup> moiety deviates 16<sup>o</sup> out of the plane to point towards the DMA ring and most probably engage in stabilising cation- $\pi$  interactions.





**Fig. 6 (ESI).** a) ORTEP plot of **6**, arbitrary numbering, H-atoms are omitted for clarity. Atomic displacement parameters are drawn at 50% probability level. Selected bond lengths (Å), angles (°), and torsional angles (°): C1–C6: 1.378(6), C6–C8: 1.435(6), C6–C7: 1.435(6), C1–C5: 1.434(5), C5–C4: 1.408(6), C4–C24: 1.423(6), C24–C25: 1.431(5), C25–C26: 1.362(6), C26–C27: 1.424(6), C27–C28: 1.436(6), C28–C29: 1.365(6), C29–C24: 1.425(6), C27–N30: 1.339(5), C2–C11: 1.463(6), C11–C12: 1.405(6), C12–C13: 1.378(6), C13–C14: 1.418(6), C14–C15: 1.409(6), C15–C16: 1.376(6), C16–C11: 1.398(6), C8–C6–C7: 112.9(4), C2–C1–C5: 106.6(4), C5–C4–C3: 105.3(3), C3–C4–C24–C29 ( $\theta_1$ ): –13.6(4), C3–C2–C11–C12 ( $\theta_{II}$ ): 59.3(5). b) Arrangement of neighbouring molecules in the crystal packing of **6** show that adjacent molecules interact *via* week CN···HC<sub>arom</sub> interactions.



Fig. 7 (ESI). a) ORTEP plot of 7, arbitrary numbering, H-atoms are omitted for clarity. Atomic displacement parameters are drawn at 50% probability level. Selected bond lengths (Å), angles (°), and torsional angles (°): C1–C13: 1.481(4), C13–C14: 1.402(4), C14–C15: 1.379(4), C15–C16: 1.415(4), C16–C17: 1.414(4), C17–C18: 1.382(4), C18–C13: 1.398(4), C16–N21: 1.371(4), C5–C22: 1.472(4), C22–C23: 1.402(4), C23–C24: 1.377(4), C24–C25: 1.404(4), C25–C26: 1.412(4), C26–C27: 1.387(4), C27–C22: 1.387(4), C7–N10: 1.155(4), C8–N11: 1.149(4), C2–C1–C6: 117.3(2), C4–C5–C6: 116.6(2), C3–C4–C5: 121.7(3), C2–C1–C13–C18 ( $\theta_1$ ): 46.4(4), C6–C5–C22–C27 ( $\theta_{II}$ ): –33.6(4). b) Arrangement of neighbouring molecules in the crystal packing of 7 show that adjacent molecules interact *via* week CN…HC<sub>arom</sub> interactions.

#### Quinoid character of compounds 1, 4, 5, 6 and 7 (ESI)

1:  $\delta r = 0.063$  Å,  $\theta = -9.3^{\circ}$ . 4:  $\delta r_{\rm I} = 0.022$  Å,  $\theta = -74.9^{\circ}$ ;  $\delta r_{\rm II} = 0.02$  Å,  $\theta = -32.5^{\circ}$ . 5:  $\delta r = 0.012$  Å,  $\theta = -98.3^{\circ}$ . 6:  $\delta r_{\rm I} = 0.065$  Å,  $\theta = -13.6^{\circ}$ ;  $\delta r_{\rm II} = 0.031$  Å,  $\theta = 59.3^{\circ}$ . 7:  $\delta r_{\rm I} = 0.027$  Å,  $\theta = 46.4^{\circ}$ ;  $\delta r_{\rm II} = 0.019$  Å,  $\theta = -33.6^{\circ}$ .

#### UV/Vis spectroscopic data (ESI)



**Fig. 8 (ESI).** UV/Vis absorption spectra of **5** in CH<sub>3</sub>CN at 298 K recorded a) neat, b) after acidification with trifluoroacetic acid (TFA) and c) after neutralisation with Et<sub>3</sub>N. Four equivalents of TFA in CH<sub>3</sub>CN were required due to the low acidity of TFA in this solvent ( $pK_a = 12.7$ ).<sup>5</sup> The protonation occurring at the DMA group was evidenced by strong downfield shifts for the NMe<sub>2</sub> and the H–C(3',5') signals. The NMR pattern of **5** was completely restored upon addition of Et<sub>3</sub>N evidencing a reversible protonation.



**Fig. 9 (ESI).** UV/Vis absorption spectra of **6** in  $CH_2Cl_2$  at 298 K recorded a) neat, b) after acidification with TFA and c) after neutralisation with  $Et_3N$ .



Fig. 10 (ESI). UV/Vis absorption spectra of 6 in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> at 298 K recorded a) neat,b) after basification with Et<sub>3</sub>N and c) after neutralisation with TFA.



Fig. 11 (ESI). UV/Vis absorption spectra of 7 in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> at 298 K recorded a) neat,b) after acidification with TFA and c) after neutralisation with Et<sub>3</sub>N.

#### **Electrochemistry (ESI)**

**Table 2 (ESI).** Electrochemical data of chromophores **5**, **6** and **7** observed by cyclic voltammetry (CV) (scan rate  $v = 0.1 \text{ V s}^{-1}$ ) and rotating disk voltammetry (RDV) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (in the presence of 0.1 M *n*Bu<sub>4</sub>NPF<sub>6</sub>). All potentials are given *vs*. ferricinium/ferrocene (Fc<sup>+</sup>/Fc) couple used as internal standard.

	Cyclic Voltammetry			Rotating-Disk Volta	ammetry
	$E^{\circ}$	$\Delta E_{ m p}$	$E_{p}$	$E_{1/2}$	Slope
	$[V]^a$	$[mV]^b$	$\mathbf{V}^{c}$	$[V]^d$	$[mV]^e$
5			+0.81	+0.78 (1e <sup>-</sup> )	60
	+0.53	70		+0.53 (1e <sup>-</sup> )	60
	-1.21	60		-1.23 (1e <sup>-</sup> )	60
<b>5</b> <sup>f</sup>			+0.78	+0.79 (1e <sup>-</sup> )	75
	+0.53	70		+0.54 (1e <sup>-</sup> )	60
	-1.22	70		-1.23 (1e <sup>-</sup> )	60

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6			+0.90	g	
	+0.67	60		+0.67 (1e <sup>-</sup> )	60
	-0.45	60		-0.47 (1e <sup>-</sup> )	60
			-0.96	-0.97 (1e <sup>-</sup> )	80
7				g	
			+0.67	$\pm 0.67 (1e^{-})$	
				0.07 (10)	
	-1.71	75		-1.72 (1e <sup>-</sup> )	60
	-1.71	75	-2.43	$-1.72 (1e^{-1})$ $-2.50 (1e^{-1})$	60 40

<sup>*a*</sup>  $E^{o} = (E_{pc} + E_{pa})/2$ , where  $E_{pc}$  and  $E_{pa}$  correspond to the cathodic and anodic peak potentials, respectively. <sup>*b*</sup>  $\Delta E_{p} = E_{pa} - E_{pc}$ . <sup>*c*</sup>  $E_{p}$  = Irreversible peak potential. <sup>*d*</sup>  $E_{1/2}$  = Half-wave potential. <sup>*e*</sup> Slope = Slope of the linearised plot of *E* versus log [*I*/(*I*<sub>lim</sub> - *I*)], where *I*<sub>lim</sub> is the limiting current and *I* the current. <sup>*f*</sup> in CH<sub>3</sub>CN. <sup>*g*</sup> Poorly resolved second oxidation due to strong electrode inhibition.





Fig. 14 (ESI). Cyclic voltammetry of 5 (top), 6 (middle) and 7 (bottom) in the presence of ferrocene (for 6 and 7) in  $CH_2Cl_2$  and in the presence of 0.1 M  $nBu_4NPF_6$  and at a scan rate of 0.1 V/s.

#### Discussion of the electrochemical data for chromophores 5 and 7

Similar cyclic voltammograms were observed for zwitterion **5** in both CH<sub>3</sub>CN and CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, with only one reversible one-electron (1e<sup>-</sup>) reduction and two 1e<sup>-</sup> oxidations. The first oxidation at +0.53 V is reversible whereas the second oxidation ( $E_p = +0.78$  V) is irreversible at any scan rate. It is noteworthy that the optical band gap (1.71 eV) from the end absorption at ca. 725 nm and the electrochemical gap (1.74 eV) are well correlated. Tricyanobenzene 7 shows a single reversible  $1e^-$  reduction at -1.71 V as well as an irreversible reduction close to the electrolyte discharge at  $E_p = -2.43$  V and a first unresolved irreversible oxidation at 0.67 V. However, RDV shows two wellresolved  $1e^-$  reductions and one oxidation as well as an unresolved second oxidation peak due to strong electrode inhibition.

#### Summary table of the optical and electrochemical data (ESI)

**Table 3 (ESI).** Optical and electrochemical (CV) data of **5** in  $CH_3CN$  and of **6** and **7** in  $CH_2Cl_2$  at 298 K.

	$\lambda_{\max}$ , nm	$\lambda_{ m end}$	$\Delta(E_{\rm ox,1}-E_{\rm red,1})$	$E^{o}$	$EA^{c}$
	$(\log \varepsilon]$	$[nm (eV)]^a$	[V]	$[V]^b$	[eV]
5	461 (2.69),	725 (1 71)	1 74	+0.78, <sup>d</sup> $+0.53$ ,	3 58
3	365 (4.1)	723 (1.71)	1./4	-1.22	5.50
6	792 (1 1)	1100 (1 12)	1 1 2	+0.90, <sup>d</sup> +0.67,	1 25
0	782 (4.4)	1100 (1.13)	1.12	$-0.45, -0.96^d$	4.55
_	435 (3.98),	500 (0.00)	2 20	<sup>e</sup> , +0.67, <sup>d</sup>	2 00
7	386 (4.1)	520 (2.38)	2.38	-1.71, -2.43	3.09

<sup>*a*</sup>Optical gap;  ${}^{b}E^{o} = (E_{pc} + E_{pa})/2$ ;  ${}^{c}EA = E_{red}$  (V vs Fc<sup>+</sup>/Fc) + 4.8 eV;  ${}^{6}$  dIrreversible peak potential;  ${}^{e}$ Due to electrode inhibition, the second oxidation could not be determined.

#### **Theoretical calculations for 5 (ESI)**

Calculations were performed using the Gaussian 09 program package.<sup>7</sup> Molecular properties in the electronic ground state were computed at the B3LYP/6-31G\* level of theory. TD calculations for **5** were performed at the CAM-B3LYP/6-31G\* level of theory.



**Fig. 15 (ESI).** Optimised structure of **5**, calculated at the B3LYP/6-31G\*(d) level of theory.





**Fig. 16 (ESI).** Selected molecular orbital plots of **5**, calculated at the B3LYP/6-31G\* level.

 Table 4 (ESI).
 Selected data of vertical electronic transitions of 5, calculated at the

 CAM-B3LYP/6-31G\* level.<sup>[a][b][c]</sup>

State	$\lambda$ [nm] (eV)	f	Composition of band and CI coefficiencies
1	881 (1.41)	0.0094	H→L, 0.70
2	439 (2.82)	0.0043	$H$ −1 $\rightarrow$ L, 0.70
3	358 (3.46)	0.0823	$H\rightarrow L+1, 0.69$
4	320 (3.87)	0.0727	H–3→L, 0.14; H→L+2, 0.53; H→L+3, 0.16;
			H→L+4, 0.16
5	308 (4.03)	0.0540	H–8→L, 0.11; H–3→L, –0.16; H–2→L, 0.53;
			H→L+2, 0.34

[a] Calculations were carried out for the lowest 20 excited states, and only energies above 300 nm are shown. [b] f = oscillator strength; CI = configuration interaction; H = HOMO; L = LUMO. [c] Based on the calculated oscillation strengths (f), we assign state 3 (358 nm, 3.46 eV) to be associated with the absorption experimentally observed at 461 nm (2.69 eV). A shift of 0.77 eV is large, but not uncommon for TD-

DFT calculations, especially when charge-transfer states are involved, and when calculations were performed in the gas-phase and compared to experimental values measured in polar solvents.

Atomic Type	Coordinates [Å]			
• •	Х	у	Z	
Ν	-0.043064	4.274476	0.472748	
Ν	5.880931	-0.717681	-0.449952	
Ν	-2.19531	-4.940205	-0.593579	
Ν	-2.254415	-2.814255	3.227213	
Ν	-5.16263	-2.172362	-0.042591	
Ν	-4.756592	0.089067	-2.740845	
Ν	-2.769951	3.257411	-0.539622	
С	-0.712335	0.107391	0.092683	
С	0.205711	-1.13173	0.243347	
С	-0.304591	-2.340569	0.495034	
С	-1.789053	-2.630019	0.625688	
С	-2.663231	-1.517406	0.037113	
С	-2.179219	-0.26861	-0.282741	
С	-0.760374	0.839302	1.407593	
С	-0.47424	2.148427	1.545977	
С	-0.103647	2.950335	0.389547	
С	0.167741	2.269961	-0.856474	
С	-0.150813	0.967511	-1.006333	
С	-0.479154	4.985272	1.686059	
С	0.085825	5.090612	-0.747113	
С	1.674485	-0.975658	0.064848	
С	2.443284	-0.032507	0.766816	
С	3.82049	0.050832	0.612095	
С	4.513353	-0.808669	-0.274978	
С	3.739791	-1.761479	-0.979042	
С	2.364084	-1.835126	-0.807798	
С	6.574174	-1.724496	-1.238802	
С	-2.051795	-3.925878	-0.049507	
С	-2.077751	-2.773046	2.080318	
С	-4.042913	-1.847346	-0.05332	
С	-2.959024	0.721543	-0.990075	
С	-3.969189	0.348852	-1.918823	
С	-2.858593	2.10648	-0.748604	
Н	0.35309	-3.19023	0.64646	
Н	-1.092333	0.259936	2.265164	
Н	-0.59637	2.618626	2.51242	

Table 5 (ESI). Cartesian coordinates from the optimised structure of 5.

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Н	0.538336	2.828092	-1.705169
Н	-0.009933	0.481928	-1.966501
Н	0.011654	4.581023	2.572604
Н	-1.566647	4.90698	1.787736
Н	-0.199238	6.03387	1.594756
Н	1.005663	4.846917	-1.283256
Н	0.124161	6.141012	-0.463067
Н	-0.787719	4.914764	-1.383688
Н	1.965161	0.632232	1.479316
Н	4.36274	0.780905	1.200989
Н	4.211644	-2.45005	-1.669183
Н	1.804133	-2.572103	-1.377131
Н	6.208734	-1.73853	-2.273006
Н	6.460767	-2.737016	-0.822899
Н	7.638272	-1.484782	-1.267989
С	6.660218	0.167064	0.399999
Н	6.326547	1.207315	0.299028
Н	6.602229	-0.108367	1.464417
Н	7.706935	0.126074	0.094345

<sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of the products (ESI)



Fig. 17 (ESI). 400 MHz <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of **3** recorded at 298 K in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



Fig. 18 (ESI). 100 MHz <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of 3 recorded at 298 K in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



Fig. 19 (ESI). 600 MHz <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 4 recorded at 298 K in CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>.



Fig. 20 (ESI). 150 MHz  $^{13}$ C NMR spectrum of 4 recorded at 298 K in CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>.



Fig. 21 (ESI). 400 MHz <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 5 recorded at 298 K in CD<sub>3</sub>CN.





Fig. 23 (ESI). 400 MHz  $^{1}$ H NMR spectrum of 6 recorded at 298 K in CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>.



**Fig. 24 (ESI).** 100 MHz  $^{13}$ C NMR spectrum of **6** recorded at 298 K in CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>.



Fig 25 (ESI). 400 MHz <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 7 recorded at 298 K in CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>.



Fig. 26 (ESI). 100 MHz <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of 7 recorded at 298 K in CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>.

# Acid-base titration of 5 followed by <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectroscopy (ESI)



**Fig. 27 (ESI)**. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of **5** in CD<sub>3</sub>CN at 298 K recorded (a) neat, (b) after acidification with TFA and (c) after neutralisation with  $Et_3N$ .

#### Thermal gravimetric analysis (ESI)

Compound	M.p. [°C] <sup>[a]</sup>	$T_{\rm d} \left[ {}^{\rm o} {\rm C} \right]^{\left[ {}^{\rm b} \right]}$	$T_{95\%} [^{\circ}C]^{[c]}$
5	> 213 (decomp)	530	230
6	> 400	495	201
7	211–213	360	200

Table 6 (ESI). Thermal gravimetric analysis of chromophores 5 to 7.

<sup>[a]</sup> Temperature at which melting or appearance change occurred (as observed by naked eye on a Büchi B-540 melting point apparatus). <sup>[b]</sup> Decomposition temperature determined by derivative thermogravimetry. <sup>[c]</sup> Temperature at which 5% weight loss occurred upon heating.

#### Computational details for mechanistic studies (ESI)

All calculations were performed with the Gaussian09 suite of programs.<sup>7</sup> Geometry optimisations in the gas-phase were performed at B3LYP/6-31G(d).<sup>8</sup> Optimisations in solvent were done with: CPCM (toluene or MeCN), B3LYP/6-31G(d). Frequency calculations were performed on all gas-phase and solution-phase optimised geometries to verify the nature of all the stationary points as either minima or transition states.

#### Summary

Path leading to 3 (pathway a,  $\Delta G^{\ddagger}$  are with respect to the preceding intermediate

	gas-phase	toluene	MeCN
$\Delta G^{\ddagger}$ (in kJ/mol)	59.4	44.4	49.0

E-Z isomerisation

	gas-phase	toluene	MeCN
$\Delta G$ (in kJ/mol)	-10.9	-7.1	-2.5
$\Delta G^{\ddagger}$ (in kJ/mol)	33.9	46.9	69.0

Path leading to 4 ( $[4+2]$ cycloaddition after $E/Z$ isomerisation)					
	gas-phase	toluene	MeCN		
$\Delta G^{\ddagger}$ (in kJ/mol)	16.7	31.8	20.5		

Path leading to 5 ([4+2] cycloaddition from <i>E</i> , pathway c)				
	gas-phase	toluene	MeCN	
$\Delta G^{\neq}$ (in kJ/mol)	84.1	64.4	49.4	

# <u>Toluene</u>



**Fig. 28 (ESI)**. Reaction energy profile for the pathways leading to **3**, **4**, **5** in toluene (Energies in kJ/mol).




**Fig. 29 (ESI)**. Reaction energy profile for the pathways leading to **3**, **4**, **5** in MeCN (Energies in kJ/mol).

# XYZ coordinates and energies (ESI)

Initial bimolecular reaction of 1 and 2 to form the zwitterionic intermediate, optimised in gas-phase [at B3LYP/6-31G(d)] or solvent [at CPCM B3LYP/6-31G(d)]

#### 1 optimised in gas-phase

С	-2.175800	-1.461517	0.632068
С	-1.972658	-0.538533	-0.353487
С	-1.551601	-1.334484	1.916465
С	-3.022481	-2.603053	0.448501
Ν	-3.694781	-3.542302	0.317222
Ν	-1.060409	-1.259440	2.967445
С	-1.063600	0.647690	-0.169512
С	-1.696526	1.871215	-0.055710
С	-1.017780	3.128064	-0.007611
Ν	-0.501552	4.171239	0.024279
С	-3.124193	1.952977	0.006168
Ν	-4.285428	2.018495	0.064260
С	0.363017	0.385247	-0.143902

С	0.888009	-0.780738	-0.754179	
С	1.294210	1.251232	0.479801	
С	2.239800	-1.053908	-0.772373	
Η	0.221936	-1.478171	-1.252845	
С	2.646172	0.980988	0.483368	
Н	0.950545	2.135258	1.001581	
С	3.171285	-0.177551	-0.152375	
Н	2.580699	-1.952350	-1.271087	
Н	3.305922	1.668087	0.997910	
Ν	4.511755	-0.441508	-0.158151	
С	5.020295	-1.651494	-0.793454	
Η	4.784684	-1.673007	-1.865194	
Η	6.104601	-1.682629	-0.685214	
Η	4.605361	-2.555166	-0.328865	
С	5.445452	0.475412	0.486316	
Η	6.460925	0.101565	0.353845	
Η	5.391385	1.478134	0.044505	
Η	5.250781	0.559865	1.563286	
С	-2.604871	-0.693143	-1.625305	
Ν	-3.068046	-0.802487	-2.687425	
Zero	-point correction	on= 0.233360		
Thermal correction to Energy= 0.255745				
Thermal correction to Enthalpy= 0.256689				
Thermal correction to Gibbs Free Energy= 0.179141				
Sum of electronic and thermal Energies= -981.934344				
Sum of electronic and thermal Enthalpies= -981.933400				

Sum of electronic and thermal Free Energies= -982.010948

# 1 optimised in toluene

-2.106624	-1.533109	0.580852
-1.991666	-0.524502	-0.333334
-1.380446	-1.523164	1.816969
-2.974570	-2.654280	0.371090
-3.667858	-3.574188	0.216555
-0.817999	-1.552219	2.833669
-1.074560	0.649570	-0.133558
-1.698619	1.880415	0.008966
-1.011491	3.131638	0.036343
-0.496612	4.176376	0.045844
-3.120303	1.978615	0.122207
-4.277699	2.065401	0.222401
0.346282	0.385892	-0.121913
0.874414	-0.758749	-0.775296
1.279000	1.238312	0.523645
2.226037	-1.020176	-0.814974
0.209008	-1.443116	-1.291882
2.630820	0.977983	0.508558
0.932631	2.097610	1.083900
3.159254	-0.155975	-0.174233
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п	2.309108	-1.090423	-1.540547
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Ν	4.496110	-0.407636	-0.202000
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Η	4.763685	-1.573502	-1.955204
Η	6.095829	-1.614241	-0.788945
Η	4.607401	-2.512448	-0.450163
С	5.433086	0.496536	0.461179
Η	6.448244	0.133062	0.304864
Η	5.365145	1.510893	0.050726
Η	5.248271	0.543765	1.541352
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Ν	-3.326954	-0.607029	-2.554375
Zare	noint compation	m = 0.222272	

Zero-point correction= 0.233372 Thermal correction to Energy= 0.255723

Thermal correction to Enthalpy= 0.256667

Thermal correction to Gibbs Free Energy= 0.178981 Sum of electronic and thermal Energies= -981.946599

Sum of electronic and thermal Enthalpies – 981.945655

Sum of electronic and thermal Free Energies= -982.023341

# 1 optimised in MeCN

С	-2.035053	-1.600065	0.527856
С	-2.007731	-0.520966	-0.311299
С	-1.217214	-1.683185	1.702159
С	-2.915299	-2.709012	0.303201
Ν	-3.623395	-3.615040	0.135222
Ν	-0.593774	-1.799299	2.676098
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С	-1.704612	1.884674	0.054194
С	-1.012387	3.131271	0.039995
Ν	-0.501840	4.178583	0.011729
С	-3.116520	1.999397	0.228795
Ν	-4.267457	2.109880	0.377545
С	0.327734	0.385932	-0.108785
С	0.864786	-0.738415	-0.796953
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Ν	4.479508	-0.365553	-0.227342
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Η	4.743882	-1.469108	-2.019575
Η	6.091735	-1.527197	-0.871909

Η	4.620962	-2.459223	-0.543957
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Η	6.429347	0.163441	0.303130
Η	5.346018	1.546776	0.077063
Η	5.221681	0.541060	1.542345
С	-2.886476	-0.496189	-1.441042
Ν	-3.571916	-0.463808	-2.380147

Thermal correction to Energy= 0.255743

Thermal correction to Enthalpy= 0.256687

Thermal correction to Gibbs Free Energy= 0.180138

Sum of electronic and thermal Energies= -981.957220

Sum of electronic and thermal Enthalpies= -981.956276

Sum of electronic and thermal Free Energies= -982.032825

#### 2 optimised in gas-phase

С	-0.206088	1.209025	-0.000090
С	1.181202	1.202832	-0.000028
С	1.911496	0.000016	-0.000045
С	1.181214	-1.202815	-0.000101
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С	-0.942543	-0.000001	-0.000225
Η	-0.720555	2.162579	0.000002
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Н	-0.720532	-2.162581	-0.000205
С	3.338443	0.000014	0.000006
С	4.549656	-0.000004	0.000074
Н	5.615473	-0.000127	0.001252
Ν	-2.325167	-0.000007	-0.000432
С	-3.052488	-1.256078	0.000329
Н	-4.124228	-1.050363	0.000266
Н	-2.825082	-1.862764	-0.888121
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Н	-2.824499	1.862916	-0.888000
Η	-4.124224	1.050358	-0.000626
Zero	o-point correction	n= 0.182669	

Thermal correction to Energy= 0.192844 Thermal correction to Enthalpy= 0.193788 Thermal correction to Gibbs Free Energy= 0.147155 Sum of electronic and thermal Energies= -442.169223 Sum of electronic and thermal Enthalpies= -442.168278 Sum of electronic and thermal Free Energies= -442.214911

#### 2 optimised in toluene

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С	1.180832	1.203742	0.000003
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С	1.180832	-1.203741	-0.000085
С	-0.206334	-1.210149	-0.000187
С	-0.944552	0.000001	-0.000253
Н	-0.720428	2.163726	-0.000029
Н	1.716207	2.148819	0.000114
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Н	-0.720429	-2.163725	-0.000230
С	3.339034	0.000000	0.000107
С	4.551263	0.000000	0.000194
Н	5.617919	-0.000002	0.000244
Ν	-2.323487	0.000000	-0.000496
С	-3.052967	-1.257473	0.000379
Н	-4.123824	-1.050105	0.000142
Н	-2.824993	-1.863227	-0.887881
Н	-2.825114	-1.862060	0.889485
С	-3.052970	1.257471	0.000109
Н	-2.825482	1.862075	0.889303
Н	-2.824634	1.863210	-0.888063
Н	-4.123826	1.050101	-0.000578
Zerc	-noint correctio	n = 0.182593	

Zero-point correction= 0.182593

Thermal correction to Energy=0.192779

Thermal correction to Enthalpy= 0.193723

Thermal correction to Gibbs Free Energy= 0.147031

Sum of electronic and thermal Energies= -442.173057

Sum of electronic and thermal Enthalpies= -442.172113

Sum of electronic and thermal Free Energies= -442.218805

# 2 optimised in MeCN

С	-0.206554	1.211148	0.000051
С	1.180361	1.204519	0.000127
С	1.911890	0.000005	-0.000009
С	1.180360	-1.204513	-0.000195
С	-0.206552	-1.211143	-0.000274
С	-0.946380	0.000004	-0.000213
Н	-0.720507	2.164677	0.000239
Н	1.714430	2.150528	0.000325
Н	1.714434	-2.150519	-0.000266
Н	-0.720510	-2.164669	-0.000411
С	3.339458	0.000000	0.000072
С	4.552558	-0.000006	0.000134
Н	5.619890	-0.000007	0.000193
Ν	-2.321884	-0.000002	-0.000424
С	-3.053237	-1.258581	0.000506

Η	-4.123343	-1.049825	0.000371
Η	-2.824954	-1.863298	-0.887804
Η	-2.824926	-1.862103	0.889637
С	-3.053248	1.258572	-0.000072
Η	-2.825474	1.862242	0.889105
Η	-2.824439	1.863146	-0.888336
Η	-4.123352	1.049808	-0.000850

Thermal correction to Energy= 0.192716

Thermal correction to Enthalpy= 0.193661

Thermal correction to Gibbs Free Energy= 0.146891

Sum of electronic and thermal Energies= -442.176175

Sum of electronic and thermal Enthalpies= -442.175230

Sum of electronic and thermal Free Energies= -442.222000

### TS optimised in gas-phase

С	2.215946	-0.264437	-1.354359
С	-0.171571	-0.720214	-0.121026
С	-0.572810	0.529295	0.499719
С	0.968057	-0.225719	-1.538250
Η	0.323703	0.167335	-2.308941
С	3.523710	-0.333873	-0.930152
С	4.399100	-1.366460	-1.380900
С	4.050190	0.643985	-0.030136
С	5.706178	-1.421982	-0.966102
Η	4.015327	-2.117671	-2.063707
С	5.359117	0.593626	0.378954
Η	3.388251	1.413964	0.352851
С	6.234396	-0.440640	-0.071361
Η	6.336087	-2.224562	-1.328061
Η	5.712769	1.343813	1.074498
Ν	7.528788	-0.495485	0.344751
С	8.055872	0.513205	1.261995
Η	7.533729	0.491062	2.226425
Η	9.112443	0.314088	1.440234
Η	7.964771	1.520120	0.838742
С	8.401299	-1.585029	-0.085518
Η	8.528754	-1.588727	-1.174916
Η	9.382789	-1.456657	0.370405
Η	8.005182	-2.559967	0.223504
С	-1.149654	-1.504693	-0.871641
С	0.663027	-1.604243	0.689125
Ν	1.328721	-2.311663	1.324304
Ν	-1.827910	-2.179224	-1.530088
С	-1.790549	1.254451	0.168196
С	-1.738824	2.627601	-0.084706
С	-2.898462	3.462051	-0.097356
Ν	-3.816252	4.180625	-0.109368

С	-0.514638	3.296815	-0.391134
Ν	0.468843	3.845668	-0.692355
С	-3.064052	0.525021	0.164524
С	-3.324682	-0.460392	1.138951
С	-4.075648	0.775310	-0.783774
С	-4.522015	-1.151428	1.176301
Η	-2.574388	-0.667104	1.896699
С	-5.270313	0.079226	-0.771752
Η	-3.908008	1.507146	-1.566959
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Η	-4.673238	-1.886479	1.957160
Η	-6.000802	0.292284	-1.542321
Ν	-6.726245	-1.590955	0.239896
С	-7.732979	-1.345425	-0.781217
Η	-8.612824	-1.954653	-0.569482
Η	-8.045717	-0.293588	-0.789616
Η	-7.372017	-1.603900	-1.786973
С	-6.936877	-2.652088	1.212375
Η	-6.196534	-3.457384	1.107056
Η	-6.884461	-2.271807	2.241137
Η	-7.928764	-3.081380	1.064478
С	0.429969	1.143282	1.291773
Ν	1.278850	1.599305	1.952611
7.000	- maint annuation	-0.417659	

Thermal correction to Energy=0.451548

Thermal correction to Enthalpy= 0.452492

Thermal correction to Gibbs Free Energy= 0.347402

Sum of electronic and thermal Energies= -1424.078394

Sum of electronic and thermal Enthalpies= -1424.077450

Sum of electronic and thermal Free Energies= -1424.182540

#### TS optimised in toluene

2.253890	-0.213613	-1.348805
-0.164424	-0.609255	-0.018697
-0.607795	0.655090	0.518152
1.013202	-0.151342	-1.541217
0.336299	0.217130	-2.293874
3.561640	-0.316779	-0.933004
4.391209	-1.404197	-1.345349
4.137555	0.679064	-0.083126
5.698612	-1.492178	-0.942776
3.971020	-2.169310	-1.989953
5.445356	0.595884	0.318685
3.513186	1.496648	0.262442
6.277055	-0.492575	-0.096116
6.292673	-2.333438	-1.275315
5.839038	1.363664	0.971931
7.568353	-0.577686	0.304139
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С	8.149096	0.450060	1.170427
Η	7.629629	0.496583	2.134336
Η	9.194688	0.207810	1.355354
Η	8.102823	1.437008	0.697120
С	8.402887	-1.708302	-0.105083
Η	8.505117	-1.751079	-1.195406
Η	9.395639	-1.590716	0.326981
Η	7.984012	-2.657639	0.247470
С	-1.079225	-1.473442	-0.750815
С	0.732056	-1.396549	0.814666
Ν	1.450975	-2.025284	1.474706
Ν	-1.705870	-2.219126	-1.383884
С	-1.858361	1.305234	0.164666
С	-1.888943	2.679775	-0.100671
С	-3.097438	3.439362	-0.106849
Ν	-4.055464	4.104323	-0.106377
С	-0.715473	3.430187	-0.408606
Ν	0.221385	4.059267	-0.703048
С	-3.087969	0.509611	0.150205
С	-3.326310	-0.463664	1.144868
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С	-4.490721	-1.207727	1.172743
Η	-2.588444	-0.614635	1.927466
С	-5.247078	-0.063400	-0.828865
Η	-3.932149	1.405114	-1.629097
С	-5.491875	-1.035013	0.179587
Η	-4.628882	-1.925997	1.971317
Η	-5.965911	0.093335	-1.623415
Ν	-6.644093	-1.775347	0.191649
С	-7.648679	-1.589007	-0.847472
Η	-8.498104	-2.241116	-0.642984
Η	-8.012923	-0.554429	-0.871065
Η	-7.257086	-1.838931	-1.842808
С	-6.842744	-2.805899	1.202500
Η	-6.060418	-3.574900	1.156071
Η	-6.847737	-2.381407	2.214717
Н	-7.805257	-3.289513	1.034689
С	0.362441	1.347417	1.288896
Ν	1.177843	1.871013	1.941249
Zer	o-point correction	n = 0.417548	

Zero-point correction= 0.417548 Thermal correction to Energy= 0.451504 Thermal correction to Enthalpy= 0.452448 Thermal correction to Gibbs Free Energy= 0.347233 Sum of electronic and thermal Energies= -1424.098030 Sum of electronic and thermal Enthalpies= -1424.097086 Sum of electronic and thermal Free Energies= -1424.202301

# TS optimised in MeCN

С	2.316029	-0.043676	-1.213510
С	-0.133867	-0.331853	0.245250
С	-0.733639	0.913515	0.638287
С	1.080702	0.091631	-1.374708
Η	0.368147	0.451343	-2.096355
С	3 632934	-0 234367	-0 864423
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Č	4 357041	0 772501	-0 150157
Č	5 649344	-1 606980	-0 900363
H	3 800060	-2 203324	-1 770067
C	5 675534	0.601549	0 176380
Н	3 840881	1 682187	0 138457
C	6 376108	-0 596186	-0 187344
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C	8 382066	-1 995781	-0.290027
с ц	8.382300	-1.995761	-0.242717
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$\Gamma$	-2.072773	-0.303700	1.994373
С Ц	-3.171920	-0.309130	-0.900410
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С	-6.640567	-3.139628	1.132498	
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Н	-7.523133	-3.740594	0.915344	
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Ν	0.769704	2.434793	2.095078	
Zero	-point correction	n= 0.417650		
Thermal correction to Energy= $0.451518$				
Thermal correction to Enthalpy= $0.452462$				
Thermal correction to Gibbs Free Energy= 0.347723				
Sum of electronic and thermal Energies= -1424.115239				
Sum of electronic and thermal Enthalpies= -1424.114295				
Sum of electronic and thermal Free Energies= -1424.219035				

# <u>E/Z isomerisation</u> optimised in gas-phase [at B3LYP/6-31G(d)] or solvent [at CPCM B3LYP/6-31G(d)]

# E-isomer optimised in gas-phase

С	-2.24760500	-0.31258800	1.20125600
С	0.13283600	-0.58311000	0.30914300
С	0.55402500	0.73520500	-0.29807200
С	-0.98468700	-0.22577800	1.42958400
Н	-0.54301800	0.18910400	2.33003500
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С	-4.38892200	-1.47658400	1.21236200
С	-4.12387300	0.63906700	-0.02068100
С	-5.70036700	-1.53595200	0.83093000
Н	-3.96631200	-2.25989400	1.83317000
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Н	-3.48222000	1.43805900	-0.38028000
С	-6.27942600	-0.50293400	0.02127500
Н	-6.30305900	-2.37500500	1.15395400
Η	-5.83539400	1.36630900	-1.02106000
Ν	-7.57918600	-0.56147800	-0.35568600
С	-8.16705700	0.50370800	-1.17112100
Η	-7.69494600	0.55626600	-2.15923400
Η	-9.22887700	0.30121000	-1.30712300
Η	-8.06410500	1.47669000	-0.67914500
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С	-0.46679500	-1.50605700	-0.67772800
Ν	-0.94787800	-2.21796500	-1.45753200
Ν	1.82855200	-1.99069300	1.74722300
С	1.82631000	1.36397600	-0.10438600

С	1.92390800	2.75863100	0.04739400		
С	3.14713300	3.46857100	-0.13760100		
Ν	4.12546600	4.08649700	-0.28575000		
С	0.80994600	3.55951500	0.43446800		
Ν	-0.07991900	4.21848900	0.80224700		
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Н	2.41827400	-0.62906000	-1.83582700		
С	5.24777900	-0.04598600	0.73270700		
Η	4.01668500	1.49374100	1.54222500		
С	5.40829400	-1.06025400	-0.24508600		
Η	4.42241300	-2.00133600	-1.94195800		
Н	6.01970200	0.12963700	1.47182400		
Ν	6.54979200	-1.82975000	-0.29795200		
С	7.59201600	-1.65735000	0.70073400		
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Η	7.61361500	-3.41415800	-1.13584100		
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Zero	Zero-point correction= 0.419331				
Thermal correction to Energy= 0.453229					
Thermal correction to Enthalpy= $0.454174$					

Thermal correction to Gibbs Free Energy= 0.349556 Sum of electronic and thermal Energies= -1424.079366 Sum of electronic and thermal Enthalpies= -1424.078422 Sum of electronic and thermal Free Energies= -1424.183039

#### *E*-isomer optimised in toluene

С	-2.310800	-0.295298	1.174333
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Н	-0.735914	0.241206	2.433141
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Η	-3.937391	-2.371555	1.623504
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Η	-3.601290	1.546011	-0.230721
С	-6.311095	-0.550280	-0.046976

Н	-6.263637	-2.518723	0.919037	
Η	-5.943283	1.427134	-0.915434	
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Η	-7.926082	-2.714585	-0.605831	
С	1.125926	-1.167789	1.277818	
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Ν	-0.732788	-2.062950	-1.445216	
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Ν	4.360113	3.909416	-0.681857	
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Zer	o-point correction	n= 0.419930		
Thermal correction to Energy= $0.453727$				

Thermal correction to Enthalpy= 0.454671

Thermal correction to Gibbs Free Energy= 0.350361

Sum of electronic and thermal Energies= -1424.104921

Sum of electronic and thermal Enthalpies= -1424.103977

Sum of electronic and thermal Free Energies= -1424.208287

# E-isomer optimised in MeCN

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Č	-1 146286	0 144337	1 445444
H	-0.898807	0.631940	2 386724
C	-3 647835	-0 259547	0 732432
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C	-5 664886	-1 636197	0.686888
Н	-3 869275	-2 234020	1 647982
C	-5 632012	0 591486	-0.412976
Н	-3 794133	1 657182	-0 307907
C	-6 354699	-0.614281	-0.070906
Н	-6 184439	-2 542560	0.965773
Н	-6 116469	1 364143	-0.994232
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C	-8 343717	-2 033828	-0.161077
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Н	-9 297730	-2 010980	-0.682727
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С	5.922588	-3.596802	-1.278965
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Ν	-1.225380	2,710857	-0.904157

Thermal correction to Energy= 0.454174

Thermal correction to Enthalpy= 0.455118

Thermal correction to Gibbs Free Energy= 0.350646

Sum of electronic and thermal Energies= -1424.131756

Sum of electronic and thermal Enthalpies= -1424.130812

Sum of electronic and thermal Free Energies= -1424.235285

#### Z-isomer optimised in gas-phase

С	-2.58973300	1.39058100	-0.30409300
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С	0.70353500	0.75897800	0.19626500
С	-1.48296400	2.03662300	-0.23978200
Н	-1.15533400	2.81097100	-0.93647200
С	-3.69108700	0.59215100	-0.31143900
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С	-3.63403900	-0.73172500	-0.86755000
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Н	-4.99613000	2.02772300	0.67107200
С	-4.74056200	-1.53682500	-0.88079400
Н	-2.68072000	-1.09982900	-1.23373200
С	-5.98503200	-1.09279800	-0.32980400
Н	-6.96491300	0.59010200	0.66505000
Н	-4.65160400	-2.53605000	-1.28699700
Ν	-7.07544100	-1.89738500	-0.33101500
С	-7.01316200	-3.23496300	-0.92313400
Н	-6.30496700	-3.87661300	-0.38575400
Н	-8.00033000	-3.69289100	-0.86990600
Η	-6.71514500	-3.18554100	-1.97604700
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Η	-8.18312900	-1.21815100	1.34584900
С	0.18363800	2.90385500	1.41620500
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Ν	0.53112000	3.87933300	1.93840200
С	2.02457900	1.12489400	-0.20781600
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С	3.06718300	0.08591900	-0.13158400
С	3.11257100	-0.82014900	0.94530800
С	4.05677300	-0.04606800	-1.12450100
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Н	2.38029900	-0.73455600	1.74226500
С	5.03259000	-1.02548200	-1.05385600
Н	4.04710800	0.62032700	-1.98072900
С	5.07902200	-1.93434400	0.03290100
Н	4.08765900	-2.45222500	1.90012500
Н	5.76205700	-1.08922000	-1.85192100
Ν	6.04711900	-2.91182600	0.10810300
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Н	5.15246200	-4.36621600	1.35872800
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Ν	-0.29290800	-1.56834200	-0.31043500
Zero	-point correction=	0.419661	
Thermal correction to Energy= 0.453330			
Thermal correction to Enthalpy= 0.454274			
Thermal correction to Gibbs Free Energy= 0.351224			
Sum of electronic and thermal Energies= -1424.085113			
Sum of electronic and thermal Enthalpies= -1424.084168			
Sum of electronic and thermal Free Energies= -1424.187218			

# Z-isomer optimised in toluene

С	-2.589985	1.293550	-0.307383
С	-0.363708	1.647973	0.811791
С	0.722967	0.734739	0.235756
С	-1.476782	1.942649	-0.268478
Н	-1.172967	2.665626	-1.026138
С	-3.704420	0.533191	-0.314889
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Η	-4.981264	2.012890	0.651732
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Н	-6.984431	0.626949	0.643481
Н	-4.739343	-2.578459	-1.280628
Ν	-7.141787	-1.861555	-0.334949
С	-7.122089	-3.204072	-0.931321
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Н	-8.129473	-3.615542	-0.905188
Н	-6.794531	-3.160198	-1.974012
С	-8.392249	-1.390053	0.274759
Н	-8.783254	-0.516876	-0.257964
Н	-9.131731	-2.187036	0.222680
Η	-8.237812	-1.130241	1.326365
С	0.141381	2.931063	1.348365
С	-0.995720	0.973909	1.974623
Ν	-1.499459	0.447158	2.877014
Ν	0.467053	3.929991	1.838916
С	2.024025	1.108438	-0.189797
С	2.341552	2.398085	-0.690887
С	3.662652	2.925206	-0.679509
Ν	4.730489	3.397794	-0.673250
С	1.356610	3.206276	-1.308590
Ν	0.525562	3.822233	-1.856537
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С	4.035671	-0.063666	-1.149083
С	4.182035	-1.744336	1.064859
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Ν	6.117970	-2.857852	0.092186
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Н	6.662790	-3.192992	-1.932418
Н	7.686870	-2.022882	-1.070536
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Zero-p	oint correction=	0.420001	
Thermal correction to Energy= 0.453695			
Thermal correction to Enthalpy= $0.454639$			
Thermal correction to Gibbs Free Energy= 0.351072			
Sum of electronic and thermal Energies= -1424.108389			
Sum of electronic and thermal Enthalpies= -1424.107445			
Sum of	f electronic and	thermal Free Energ	ies= -1424.211012

# Z-isomer optimised in MeCN

С	-2.628394	1.031888	-0.284579
С	-0.388661	1.433421	0.801086

С	0.787014	0.582114	0.276161
С	-1.487971	1.644596	-0.284051
Н	-1.197579	2.311199	-1.094659
С	-3.796194	0.375112	-0.288195
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# <u>Pathway leading to 3</u>, crucial points on the potential energy surface, optimised in gas-phase [at B3LYP/6-31G(d)] or solvent [at CPCM B3LYP/6-31G(d)]

#### Intermediate prior to TS (in gas-phase)

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Η	6.675637	-1.226485	-1.354831
Η	6.395249	0.516869	-1.140800
С	-0.953810	-2.731687	0.926130
Ν	-0.758966	-3.605525	1.665532

Zero-point correction= 0.421180 Thermal correction to Energy= 0.454412 Thermal correction to Enthalpy= 0.455356 Thermal correction to Gibbs Free Energy= 0.353901 Sum of electronic and thermal Energies= -1424.142284 Sum of electronic and thermal Enthalpies= -1424.141339 Sum of electronic and thermal Free Energies= -1424.242795

### Intermediate prior to TS (in MeCN)

С	-0.141403	-1.648448	-2.088158
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Ν	-1.749941	-4.762989	-1.777371
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Zero-point correction= 0.421213

Thermal correction to Energy= 0.454357
Thermal correction to Enthalpy= 0.455301
Thermal correction to Gibbs Free Energy= 0.354327
Sum of electronic and thermal Energies= -1424.156156
Sum of electronic and thermal Enthalpies= -1424.155212
Sum of electronic and thermal Free Energies= -1424.256186

# TS to 3 (in gas-phase)

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С	0.560627	-3.432413	1.957172
Ν	0.212538	-4.540495	2.049355
Ν	3.418752	-1.564099	2.584588
С	1.421672	-1.048842	-0.715082
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Ν	2.389641	-4.377228	-1.658192
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С	3.017343	0.745566	-0.008509
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Н	-0.217150	-0.417393	2.901757
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Η	-2.648910	-0.241820	2.533195

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Η	-3.973390	0.378582	-2.195004
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Η	-7.315057	1.613568	-1.818693
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Ν	-0.986353	-3.622130	-1.379136
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Thermal correction to Energy= 0.452675

Thermal correction to Enthalpy= 0.453619

Thermal correction to Gibbs Free Energy= 0.352314

Sum of electronic and thermal Energies= -1424.106855

Sum of electronic and thermal Enthalpies= -1424.105910

Sum of electronic and thermal Free Energies= -1424.207216

# TS to 3 (in toluene)

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С	2.31425900	-1.81143100	2.30689000
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Ν	3.41875200	-1.56409900	2.58458800
С	1.42167200	-1.04884200	-0.71508200
С	2.31092500	-1.79160600	-1.48391200
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Ν	2.38964100	-4.37722800	-1.65819200
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Ν	4.19388200	-0.71329000	-2.90730500
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С	0.78132800	1.39671300	-0.60343800
С	3.01734300	0.74556600	-0.00850900
С	1.10204300	2.72506200	-0.38528200
Η	-0.21922100	1.16471600	-0.94890200
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Η	4.34662900	2.29212700	0.58296500
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Η	2.17517100	6.43040500	0.31439900
Η	1.41436800	5.50844100	-0.99396700
С	4.07745100	4.77935200	0.67114300
Η	4.13734000	5.86110800	0.79701800
Η	4.36003100	4.31151300	1.62332100
Η	4.81333300	4.48223900	-0.08814200
Η	-0.21715000	-0.41739300	2.90175700
С	-2.00732400	-0.40988300	0.47528100
С	-2.43814900	-0.22761500	-0.85428900
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Zero-point correction= 0.419747

Thermal correction to Energy= 0.452690 Thermal correction to Enthalpy= 0.453634

Thermal correction to Elithapy 0.155051Thermal correction to Gibbs Free Energy= 0.352677

Sum of electronic and thermal Energies= -1424.124152

Sum of electronic and thermal Enthalpies= -1424.123208

Sum of electronic and thermal Free Energies= -1424.224166

# TS to 3 (in MeCN)

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С	2.313259	-1.847303	2.251631
С	0.604806	-3.494326	1.845741
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Ν	3.416453	-1.595952	2.527875
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С	2.422477	-3.164635	-1.436170

Ν	2.532031	-4.325668	-1.435215
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Ν	4.173494	-0.695441	-2.973508
С	1.719449	0.417261	-0.414794
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С	1.024887	2.756391	-0.269471
Η	-0.287870	1.173683	-0.754451
С	3.341798	2.158927	0.154428
Η	3.818739	0.097607	0.024055
С	2.346437	3.173979	0.061354
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Η	4.355193	2.411349	0.439200
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Η	-0.280572	-0.590381	2.967192
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С	-2.427986	-0.243016	-0.858183
С	-2.954991	-0.152643	1.493113
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Η	-1.747020	-0.455525	-1.677739
С	-4.213232	0.332964	1.202341
Η	-2.692260	-0.326498	2.532518
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Η	-4.893689	0.536324	2.019487
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Thermal correction to Energy= 0.452732 Thermal correction to Enthalpy= 0.453677 Thermal correction to Gibbs Free Energy= 0.353496 Sum of electronic and thermal Energies= -1424.140025 Sum of electronic and thermal Enthalpies= -1424.139080 Sum of electronic and thermal Free Energies= -1424.239261

# <u>Pathway leading to 4</u>, crucial points on the potential energy surface, optimised in gas-phase [at B3LYP/6-31G(d)] or solvent [at CPCM B3LYP/6-31G(d)]

# TS to 4 optimised in gas-phase

С	-0.28793800	3.19201100	-0.49965000
С	1.18132900	2.71575000	-0.59502800
С	1.72458308	1.56126339	-0.33521761
С	-0.13047808	0.78771661	1.46766161
С	-1.20456000	0.96618400	0.52338000
С	-1.37434900	2.13763200	-0.21460400
Η	1.84679900	3.48682900	-0.98812000
С	2.61751408	0.54444739	-0.32538161
С	3.44042308	0.25579739	0.82367739
С	2.79380308	-0.27462461	-1.49995361
С	4.38873208	-0.72098161	0.78170939
Η	3.31256708	0.85161139	1.72076239
С	3.73527608	-1.25815361	-1.53843661
Η	2.16743508	-0.08577361	-2.36494461
С	4.57984008	-1.52013161	-0.40129061
Η	5.00435508	-0.89143861	1.65451839
Η	3.84237608	-1.84664361	-2.43957861
С	-2.14936300	-0.15013500	0.33009700
С	-2.55028700	-0.56167600	-0.95646100
С	-2.68429500	-0.85498400	1.42704400
С	-3.43365700	-1.61110500	-1.14522700
Η	-2.13260200	-0.06595600	-1.82778100
С	-3.58341400	-1.89430500	1.25861900
Η	-2.41040600	-0.56036900	2.43590700
С	-3.99095200	-2.30731800	-0.03877400
Η	-3.68547800	-1.90246000	-2.15743200
Η	-3.97904400	-2.38671600	2.13828500
С	-0.35912900	4.33781300	0.45120400
Ν	-0.46287900	5.25323000	1.15664900
С	-0.54520200	3.76905900	-1.85074100
Ν	-0.70357000	4.21292600	-2.91038500
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Ν	-4.88113500	-3.33424100	-0.21471700
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Η	-6.07253100	-4.84569100	0.58959400		
Η	-4.57726000	-4.55834300	1.49634000		
С	-5.26750700	-3.74878000	-1.55755500		
Η	-5.71493600	-2.91903400	-2.11878800		
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Η	4.89269855	-3.82913622	-1.95812089		
С	6.30886073	-2.81225722	0.74842001		
Η	6.92034562	-1.95924877	1.05867799		
Η	5.65896017	-3.11144117	1.57571119		
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Zero-point correction= 0.419209					
Thermal correction to Energy= 0.452468					

Thermal correction to Enthalpy= 0.453412 Thermal correction to Gibbs Free Energy= 0.350190 Sum of electronic and thermal Energies= -1424.078737 Sum of electronic and thermal Enthalpies= -1424.077793 Sum of electronic and thermal Free Energies= -1424.181014

#### TS to 4 optimised in toluene

С	-0.28793800	3.19201100	-0.49965000
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С	1.73270700	1.56465100	-0.34311300
С	-0.13860200	0.78432900	1.47555700
С	-1.20456000	0.96618400	0.52338000
С	-1.37434900	2.13763200	-0.21460400
Η	1.84679900	3.48682900	-0.98812000
С	2.62563800	0.54783500	-0.33327700
С	3.44854700	0.25918500	0.81578200
С	2.80192700	-0.27123700	-1.50784900
С	4.39685600	-0.71759400	0.77381400
Η	3.32069100	0.85499900	1.71286700
С	3.74340000	-1.25476600	-1.54633200
Η	2.17555900	-0.08238600	-2.37284000
С	4.58796400	-1.51674400	-0.40918600
Η	5.01247900	-0.88805100	1.64662300
Η	3.85050000	-1.84325600	-2.44747400
С	-2.14936300	-0.15013500	0.33009700
С	-2.55028700	-0.56167600	-0.95646100
С	-2.68429500	-0.85498400	1.42704400
С	-3.43365700	-1.61110500	-1.14522700
Η	-2.13260200	-0.06595600	-1.82778100
С	-3.58341400	-1.89430500	1.25861900
Η	-2.41040600	-0.56036900	2.43590700
С	-3.99095200	-2.30731800	-0.03877400

Н	-3.68547800	-1.90246000	-2.15743200
Η	-3.97904400	-2.38671600	2.13828500
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Sum of electronic and thermal Enthalpies= -1424.123943 Sum of electronic and thermal Free Energies= -1424.224182

# <u>Pathway leading to 5</u>, crucial points on the potential energy surface, optimised in gas-phase [at B3LYP/6-31G(d)] or solvent [at CPCM B3LYP/6-31G(d)]

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## Attack at C4 in 1, optimised in gas-phase [at B3LYP/6-31G(d)]

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