

Supplementary information:  
Quantitative prediction of the absorption maxima of  
azobenzene dyes from bond lengths and critical points  
in the electron density

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Table 1: Specification of compound number A1-A191. measured and predicted absorption wavelengths and their difference is also shown. See figure 2 for specification of the substituents. The column named *Set* indicates whether each molecule was included into the calibration set (c), test set (t) or detected as an outlier (o). The predicted values ( $\lambda_{max}^{pred}$ ) for the outliers are estimated using the bond length model **a**. All other  $\lambda_{max}^{pred}$  -values are for model **h** using AIM descriptors since this is the model with highest accuracy. The error for each molecule is also given ( $\Delta\lambda$ ). X1 is shorthand notation for N(CH<sub>2</sub>CH(OH)CH<sub>2</sub>(OH))C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>.

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A1											c	318	313	5
A2			N(C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>								t	415	416	-1
A3			N(CH <sub>3</sub> )C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub>								c	411	410	1
A4			N(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>								c	407	410	-3
A5			N(C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> OH) <sub>2</sub>								c	407	409	-2
A6			N(C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> OH)C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> CN								c	397	399	-2
A7			N(C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> Cl) <sub>2</sub>								c	397	394	3
A8			N(C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub> )C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> CN								c	399	399	0
A9			N(C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> CN) <sub>2</sub>								t	382	385	-3
A10			NHC <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub>								c	405	407	-2
A11			NHCH <sub>3</sub>								c	402	410	-8
A12			NHC <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> CN								c	390	387	3
A13			NH <sub>2</sub>								t	389	405	-16
A14			NHCOCH <sub>3</sub>								c	348	353	-5
A15			OCH <sub>3</sub>								c	345	347	-2
A16			OH								c	348	346	2
A17			CH <sub>3</sub>								c	333	322	11
A18			N(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>					N(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>			c	457	458	-1
A19			N(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>					NHCOCH <sub>3</sub>			c	431	431	0
A20			N(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>					OH			c	435	413	22
A21			N(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>					OCH <sub>3</sub>			c	407	412	-5
A22			N(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>					CH <sub>3</sub>			t	407	413	-6
A23			N(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>					F			t	407	414	-7
A24			N(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>					Br			t	419	425	-6
A25			N(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>					CF <sub>3</sub>			t	427	431	-4
A26			N(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>					CN			t	451	452	-1
A27			N(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>					COCH <sub>3</sub>			t	447	453	-6
A28			N(CH <sub>3</sub> )C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub>					COCH <sub>3</sub>			t	454	454	0
A29			N(C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>					COCH <sub>3</sub>			c	462	459	3
A30			N(C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>					CN			c	466	462	4

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A31			N(C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> Cl) <sub>2</sub>					CH <sub>3</sub>			c	407	398	9
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A33			N(C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> Cl) <sub>2</sub>					Br			c	405	410	-5
A34			N(C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> Cl) <sub>2</sub>					COCH <sub>3</sub>			c	435	432	3
A35			N(C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub> )C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> CN					Cl			c	409	411	-2
A36			N(C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub> )C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> CN					CF <sub>3</sub>			c	416	419	-3
A37			N(C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub> )C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> CN					CN			c	433	440	-7
A38			OH					OCH <sub>3</sub>			c	357	354	3
A39			OH					CH <sub>3</sub>			c	353	352	1
A40			OH					NHCOCH <sub>3</sub>			c	368	372	-4
A41			OH					NH <sub>2</sub>			c	385	389	-4
A42			OH					Cl			t	356	356	0
A43			OCH <sub>3</sub>					OCH <sub>3</sub>			c	354	355	-1
A44			N(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>					Cl			c	417	423	-6
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A46		CH <sub>3</sub>									t	322	327	-5
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A48			N(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>			OCH <sub>3</sub>					c	413	415	-2
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A50			N(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>			CH <sub>3</sub>					c	407	410	-3
A51			N(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>				F				t	418	418	0
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A53			N(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>				Cl				c	420	421	-1
A54			N(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>			Cl					t	424	422	2
A55			N(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>				Br				c	421	422	-1
A56			N(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>			Br					c	425	419	6
A57			N(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>				CF <sub>3</sub>				t	423	425	-2
A58			N(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>			CF <sub>3</sub>					t	429	426	3
A59			N(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>				CN				c	435	435	0
A60			N(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>			CN					t	449	451	-2
A61			N(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>				COCH <sub>3</sub>				c	420	423	-3
A62			N(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>			CF <sub>3</sub>		Cl			c	442	439	3
A63			N(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>			CF <sub>3</sub>			CF <sub>3</sub>		c	450	450	0
A64			N(CH <sub>3</sub> )C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub>				CF <sub>3</sub>				c	426	427	-1
A65			N(C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>				CN				c	446	442	4

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A66			N(C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>			CN					c	462	459	3
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A73			N(C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>			CN		CN		CN	o	562	600	-38
A74			N(C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> Cl) <sub>2</sub>			OCH <sub>3</sub>					c	405	401	4
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A77			N(C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> Cl) <sub>2</sub>				Cl				c	406	404	2
A78			N(C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub> )C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> CN			Cl					c	412	410	2
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A80			N(C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub> )C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> CN			CN					c	434	439	-5
A81			N(C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub> )C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> CN			Cl				Cl	o	396	357	39
A82			OH				OCH <sub>3</sub>				c	349	351	-2
A83			OH			OCH <sub>3</sub>					c	351	358	-7
A84			OH				CH <sub>3</sub>				c	349	351	-2
A85			OH			CH <sub>3</sub>					c	350	346	4
A86			OH				Cl				t	357	353	4
A87			OH			Cl					t	360	355	5
A88			OH			Cl		Cl			c	366	363	3
A89			OH			Cl			Cl		c	370	368	2
A90			OH			Cl		Br			c	368	365	3
A91			OH			Cl			Br		c	370	373	-3
A92			OH			Cl		CN			c	378	389	-11
A93			OH			Cl			CN		c	372	377	-5
A94	CH <sub>3</sub>		OH								c	354	349	5
A95		CH <sub>3</sub>	OH								c	354	353	1
A96	OCH <sub>3</sub>		OH								c	372	370	2
A97	OH		OH								t	380	375	5
A98	OH		OH					OCH <sub>3</sub>			c	388	378	10
A99	OH		OH					CH <sub>3</sub>			c	386	378	8
A100	OH		OH					Cl			c	387	385	2

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A101	OH		OH					Br			t	390	388	2
A102	OH		OCH <sub>3</sub>								t	375	375	0
A103	OCH <sub>3</sub>		OCH <sub>3</sub>								c	362	375	-13
A104	OCH <sub>3</sub>		OCH <sub>3</sub>			OCH <sub>3</sub>		OCH <sub>3</sub>			t	381	379	2
A105		OCH <sub>3</sub>	OCH <sub>3</sub>				OCH <sub>3</sub>	OCH <sub>3</sub>			t	370	377	-7
A106	CH <sub>3</sub>		N(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>								t	409	415	-6
A107	CH <sub>3</sub>		N(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>					NH <sub>2</sub>			c	460	442	18
A108	CH <sub>3</sub>		N(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>					COCH <sub>3</sub>			t	452	460	-8
A109	CH <sub>3</sub>		N(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>				COCH <sub>3</sub>				c	424	431	-7
A110	CH <sub>3</sub>		X1								c	420	423	-3
A111	CH <sub>3</sub>		X1					COCH <sub>3</sub>			t	457	471	-14
A112	CH <sub>3</sub>		N(C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> OH) <sub>2</sub>								c	415	413	2
A113	CH <sub>3</sub>		N(C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> OH) <sub>2</sub>					OCH <sub>3</sub>			t	414	412	2
A114	CH <sub>3</sub>		N(C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> OH) <sub>2</sub>			OCH <sub>3</sub>					c	424	415	9
A115	CH <sub>3</sub>		N(C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> OH) <sub>2</sub>					CH <sub>3</sub>			c	416	414	2
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A117	CH <sub>3</sub>		N(C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> OH) <sub>2</sub>					F			c	417	417	0
A118	CH <sub>3</sub>		N(C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> OH) <sub>2</sub>					Cl			c	424	426	-2
A119	CH <sub>3</sub>		N(C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> OH) <sub>2</sub>					Br			c	425	430	-5
A120	CH <sub>3</sub>		N(C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> OH) <sub>2</sub>					CF <sub>3</sub>			t	434	436	-2
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A126	CH <sub>3</sub>		N(C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> OH)C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> CN				OCH <sub>3</sub>				c	407	406	1
A127	CH <sub>3</sub>		N(C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> OH)C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> CN			OCH <sub>3</sub>					c	409	408	1
A128	CH <sub>3</sub>		N(C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> OH)C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> CN					CH <sub>3</sub>			c	402	410	-8
A129	CH <sub>3</sub>		N(C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> OH)C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> CN				CH <sub>3</sub>				c	402	406	-4
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A131	CH <sub>3</sub>		N(C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> OH)C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> CN				F				t	415	410	5
A132	CH <sub>3</sub>		N(C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> OH)C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> CN			F					t	417	412	5
A133	CH <sub>3</sub>		N(C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> OH)C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> CN					Cl			c	413	414	-1
A134	CH <sub>3</sub>		N(C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> OH)C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> CN				Cl				t	410	414	-4
A135	CH <sub>3</sub>		N(C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> OH)C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> CN			Cl					c	412	416	-4

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A137	CH <sub>3</sub>		N(C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> OH)C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> CN				Br				c	417	412	5
A138	CH <sub>3</sub>		N(C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> OH)C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> CN					CF <sub>3</sub>			t	421	423	-2
A139	CH <sub>3</sub>		N(C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> OH)C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> CN				CF <sub>3</sub>				t	418	418	0
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A141	CH <sub>3</sub>		N(C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> OH)C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> CN					CN			c	437	447	-10
A142	CH <sub>3</sub>		N(C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> OH)C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> CN			CN					c	438	448	-10
A143	CH <sub>3</sub>		NHC <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> CN								c	396	391	5
A144	CH <sub>3</sub>		NHC <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> CN					NHCOCH <sub>3</sub>			c	403	415	-12
A145	CH <sub>3</sub>		NHC <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> CN					OCH <sub>3</sub>			c	395	392	3
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A151	CH <sub>3</sub>		NHC <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> CN					F			c	398	396	2
A152	CH <sub>3</sub>		NHC <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> CN				F				t	406	398	8
A153	CH <sub>3</sub>		NHC <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> CN			F					t	404	401	3
A154	CH <sub>3</sub>		NHC <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> CN					Cl			t	404	403	1
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A157	CH <sub>3</sub>		NHC <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> CN					CF <sub>3</sub>			c	411	410	1
A158	CH <sub>3</sub>		NHC <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> CN					CN			c	428	434	-6
A159	CH <sub>3</sub>		NHC <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> CN			CN					t	429	432	-3
A190	OCH <sub>3</sub>			CH <sub>3</sub>							c	360	363	-3
A191	OCH <sub>3</sub>			OCH <sub>3</sub>		OCH <sub>3</sub>				OCH <sub>3</sub>	o	411	405	6
B160											c	418	419	-1
B161								Cl			c	434	432	2
C162											t	410	408	2
C163								OCH <sub>3</sub>			c	406	413	-7
C164								CH <sub>3</sub>			t	410	412	-2
C165								Cl			c	420	421	-1
C166								Br			c	420	424	-4
C167								CF <sub>3</sub>			c	428	427	1
C168								COCH <sub>3</sub>			c	448	449	-1

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	R <sub>16</sub>	R <sub>20</sub>	R <sub>24</sub>	R <sub>21</sub>	R <sub>17</sub>	R <sub>18</sub>	R <sub>23</sub>	R <sub>25</sub>	R <sub>22</sub>	R <sub>19</sub>	Set	$\lambda_{max}^{exp}$	$\lambda_{max}^{pred}$	$\Delta\lambda$
C169						CN					t	448	449	-1
C170								CN			c	450	449	1
C171							CF <sub>3</sub>		CF <sub>3</sub>		c	450	440	10
D172											c	425	426	-1
D173								OH			c	414	439	-25
D174								OCH <sub>3</sub>			c	417	427	-10
D175								CH <sub>3</sub>			c	422	429	-7
D176								F			c	426	432	-6
D177								Cl			c	444	441	3
D178								Br			c	448	443	5
D179								CF <sub>3</sub>			c	461	450	11
D180								COCH <sub>3</sub>			c	482	471	11
D181								CN			c	487	476	11
E182											c	442	445	-3
E183								OH			c	449	450	-1
E184								OCH <sub>3</sub>			t	452	450	2
E185								CH <sub>3</sub>			c	446	447	-1
E186								F			c	450	447	3
E187								Cl			c	461	458	3
E188								Br			c	464	460	4
E189								CF <sub>3</sub>			t	471	469	2