## **Electronic Supplementary Information**

## New insights into Two-Photon Absorption Properties of Functionalized Aza-BODIPY Dyes at Telecommunication Wavelengths: a Theoretical Study

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Fig. S1 The optimized ground-state geometries of all chromophores





Fig. S2 Contour surfaces of the frontier molecular orbitals relevant to the maximal one- and two-photon absorptions.

Mol.	$\lambda^{O}_{max}$	f	Transition characteristics	$\lambda^{\mathrm{T}}_{\mathrm{max}}$	$\delta_{ m max}$	Transition channel and nature	
b1	737.1	0.65	$S_0 \rightarrow S_1 (H) \rightarrow (L) 80\%$	1011.3	728.0	$S_0 \rightarrow S_1 \rightarrow S_3 (H-3) \rightarrow (L)36\% $ (H-1) $\rightarrow (L)12\%$	
	408.9	0.89	$S_0 \rightarrow S_9 (H) \rightarrow (L+1)18\%$			(H-4, H)→(L, L)12%	
			(H)→(L+3)11%	856.3	3688.5	$S_0 \rightarrow S_1 \rightarrow S_8 (H-1) \rightarrow (L)38\% $ (H-3) $\rightarrow (L)11\%$	
b2	748.1	0.66	$S_0 \rightarrow S_1 (H) \rightarrow (L) 81\%$	1006.4	1252.1	$S_0 \rightarrow S_1 \rightarrow S_3 (H-3) \rightarrow (L)32\%$ (H-1) $\rightarrow$ (L)19%	
	415.5	0.82	$S_0 \rightarrow S_{10} (H) \rightarrow (L+1)19\%$			(H-4, H)→(L, L)10%	
				867.0	3641.9	$S_0 \rightarrow S_1 \rightarrow S_8 (H-1) \rightarrow (L)35\%$ (H-5) $\rightarrow (L)15\%$	
b3	752.5	0.72	$S_0 \rightarrow S_1 (H) \rightarrow (L) 82\%$	1097.2	630.4	$S_0 \rightarrow S_1 \rightarrow S_2 (H, H) \rightarrow (L, L)46\%$	
	419.0	0.94	$S_0 \rightarrow S_6 (H-5) \rightarrow (L)24\%$	968.6	2697.1	$S_0 \rightarrow S_1 \rightarrow S_4 (H-1) \rightarrow (L)35\%$ (H-3) $\rightarrow (L)20\%$	
			(H)→(L+1)13%				
b4	761.5	0.71	$S_0 \rightarrow S_1 (H) \rightarrow (L) 82\%$	1109.0	561.5	$S_0 \rightarrow S_1 \rightarrow S_2 (H, H) \rightarrow (L, L)46\%$	
	460.8	1.03	$S_0$ → $S_4$ (H-1)→(L)38%	925.3	3720.5	$S_0 \rightarrow S_1 \rightarrow S_4 (H-1) \rightarrow (L)38\%$	
b5	613.0	0.79	$S_0 \rightarrow S_1 (H) \rightarrow (L) 80\%$	991.9	358.5	$S_0 \rightarrow S_1 \rightarrow S_2 (H, H) \rightarrow (L, L)48\%$	
	408.2	1.34	$S_0 \rightarrow S_7 (H-3) \rightarrow (L)24\%$	809.3	1808.9	$S_0 \rightarrow S_1 \rightarrow S_7 (H-3) \rightarrow (L)24\%$ (H-5) $\rightarrow (L)23\%$	
			(H-5)→(L)23%			(H-7)→(L)21%	
			(H-7)→(L)21%				
b6	709.1	0.66	$S_0 \rightarrow S_1 (H) \rightarrow (L) 88\%$	1103.1	540.7	$S_0 \rightarrow S_1 \rightarrow S_2 (H, H) \rightarrow (L, L)49\%$ (H) $\rightarrow (L+5)12\%$	
	423.7	1.21	$S_0 \rightarrow S_9 (H-1) \rightarrow (L) 12\%$	996.7	607.1	$S_0 \rightarrow S_1 \rightarrow S_6 (H-3) \rightarrow (L)45\%$ (H-1) $\rightarrow$ (L)16%	
			(H-2)→(L+1)12%			(H-4, H)→(L, L)11%	
			(H-1)→(L+2)12%	856.3	2564.2	$S_0 \rightarrow S_1 \rightarrow S_8 (H-1,H) \rightarrow (L,L+3)11\%$	
b7	802.4	0.85	$S_0 \rightarrow S_1 (H) \rightarrow (L)79\%$	1026.4	5312.3	$S_0 \rightarrow S_1 \rightarrow S_4 (H-1) \rightarrow (L)26\%$ (H, H) $\rightarrow (L, L)19\%$	
	472.3	0.80	$S_0 \rightarrow S_5 (H) \rightarrow (L+1)16\%$				
			(H-3)→(L)14%				
b8	799.9	0.85	$S_0 \rightarrow S_1 (H) \rightarrow (L) 81\%$	1026.4	5200.3	$S_0 \rightarrow S_1 \rightarrow S_4 (H-1) \rightarrow (L)27\%$ (H, H) $\rightarrow (L, L)18\%$	
	469.6	0.86	$S_0 \rightarrow S_5 (H) \rightarrow (L+1)16\%$				
			(H-3)→(L)12%				
b9	691.1	0.56	$S_0 \rightarrow S_1 (H) \rightarrow (L)79\%$	977.8	539.1	$S_0 \rightarrow S_1 \rightarrow S_3 (H-3) \rightarrow (L)32\%$ (H-4, H) $\rightarrow (L, L)12\%$	
	404.1	0.57	$S_0 \rightarrow S_{10} (H) \rightarrow (L+1)13\%$	863.4	1307.3	$S_0 \rightarrow S_1 \rightarrow S_7 (H-1) \rightarrow (L)44\% $ (H-5) $\rightarrow (L)13\%$	
			(H-1)→(L+2)14%				
b10	812.0	0.78	$S_0 \rightarrow S_1 (H) \rightarrow (L)79\%$	1080.0	1582.7	$S_0 \rightarrow S_1 \rightarrow S_4$ (H, H) $\rightarrow$ (L, L)27%	
	470.5	0.60	$S_0 \rightarrow S_5 (H-1) \rightarrow (L)55\%$	942.1	3602.8	$S_0 \rightarrow S_1 \rightarrow S_5 (H-1) \rightarrow (L)55\%$	
<b>b11</b>	878.4	0.87	$S_0 \rightarrow S_1 (H) \rightarrow (L)84\%$	1115.0	4637.8	$S_0 \rightarrow S_1 \rightarrow S_4 (H-3) \rightarrow (L)31\%$ $(H-1) \rightarrow (L)14\%$	
	559.5	0.69	$S_0 \rightarrow S_4 (H-3) \rightarrow (L)31\%$	973.2	7235.3	$S_0 \rightarrow S_1 \rightarrow S_7 (H) \rightarrow (L+1)22\%$ (H, H) $\rightarrow (L, L)18\%$	
L13	041.4	0.91	$(H-1) \rightarrow (L) 14\%$	1200.0	2000	$\mathbf{S} \rightarrow \mathbf{S} \rightarrow \mathbf{S} \rightarrow \mathbf{I} = 1 + 2 \rightarrow \mathbf{I} \rightarrow 1 = 1 + 2 \rightarrow 1 = 1 + $	
012	941.4	1.29	$S_0 \rightarrow S_1 (H) \rightarrow (L)/9\%$	1280.8	2099	$S_0 \rightarrow S_1 \rightarrow S_4 (\Pi - 5) \rightarrow (L)10\%$ ( $\Pi, \Pi$ ) $\rightarrow (L, L)20\%$	
	309.5	1.28	$S_0 \rightarrow S_6 (\Pi) \rightarrow (L+1)S0\%$				
h13	026.4	0.58	$(H-1) \rightarrow (L) \ge 1\%$ S $\rightarrow$ S $(H) \rightarrow (L) = 67\%$	1610.2	127.2	$S \rightarrow S \rightarrow S (H H) \rightarrow (I L) 36\% (H) \rightarrow (I \pm 1) 25\%$	
015	920.4	0.58	$S_0 \rightarrow S_1 (\Pi) \rightarrow (L) 07\%$	1178.6	127.2	$S_0 \rightarrow S_1 \rightarrow S_2$ (II, II) $\rightarrow$ (L, L) $S_0 \rightarrow (II) \rightarrow$ (L+1) $Z_0 \rightarrow$ (L+1) Z_0 \rightarrow (L+1) $Z_0 \rightarrow$ (L+1) $Z_0 \rightarrow$ (L+1) Z_0 \rightarrow (L+1) Z_0 \rightarrow (L+1) $Z_0 \rightarrow$ (L+1) Z_0 \rightarrow (L+1) Z_0 \rightarrow (L+1) (L+1) Z_0 \rightarrow (L+1) (L+1) (L+1) = (L+1) (L+1) (L+1) = (L+1) = (L+1) (L+1) = (L+1) (L+1) = (L+1) (L+1) = (L+1) = (L+1) (L+1) = (L+1) (L+1) = (L+1) = (L+1) (L+1) = (L+1) (L+1) = (L+1) (L+1) = (L+1) = (L+1) (L+1) =	
	176.6	0.04	$(\Pi, \Pi) \rightarrow (L, L+2)10\%$ S $\rightarrow$ S $(H \ 1) \rightarrow (L)27\%$	1178.0	1627.4	$S_0 \rightarrow S_1 \rightarrow S_4$ (II) $\rightarrow$ (L+3)19% (II-1) $\rightarrow$ (L)12%	
	470.0	0.24	$(H) \rightarrow (I+1)^{26\%}$			(11, 11) /(L, LT2)11/0	
h14	948 2	0.58	$S_0 \rightarrow S_1 (H) \rightarrow (L) 68\%$	1662.0	1874	$S_0 \rightarrow S_1 \rightarrow S_2$ (H H) $\rightarrow$ (I I)40% (H) $\rightarrow$ (I ±1)23%	
517	240.2	0.50	$(H, H) \rightarrow (I, I+1) 16\%$	1206.1	1323 3	$S_0 \rightarrow S_1 \rightarrow S_2 (H, H) \rightarrow (L+3)17\% \qquad (H-1) \rightarrow (L)13\%$	
			(II, II) (L, L+1)10/0	1200.1	1.525.5	$S_0 = S_1 = S_4 (II) = (II = 3)II = /0$	

**Table S1** One- and two-photon absorption properties (ZINDO),  $\lambda^{T}_{max}/nm$ ,  $\delta_{max}/GM$ .

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	473.8	1.00	$S_0 \rightarrow S_6 (H) \rightarrow (L+1)30\%$			(H, H)→(L, L+2)13%	(H-2, H)→(L, L)12%
			(H-1)→(L)25%				
cy1	663.3	1.22	$S_0 \rightarrow S_3 (H-1) \rightarrow (L)41\%$	1031.5	740.5	$S_0 \rightarrow S_3 \rightarrow S_7 (H-3) \rightarrow (L)18\%$	(H)→(L+3)10%
			(H)→(L+1)47%	897.1	4420.3	$S_0 \rightarrow S_3 \rightarrow S_{11} (H-2) \rightarrow (L+1)30\%$	
	461.6	2.03	$S_0 \rightarrow S_{10} (H-2) \rightarrow (L)41\%$			(H-1, H)→(L, L+1)12%	
	423.4	2.29	$S_0 \rightarrow S_{13} (H) \rightarrow (L+2)30\%$				