

Supporting Information:

Cyclopentene ring effects in cyanine dyes: a handle to fine-tune photophysical properties

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1 Coefficient of determination for molecules $2(n)$

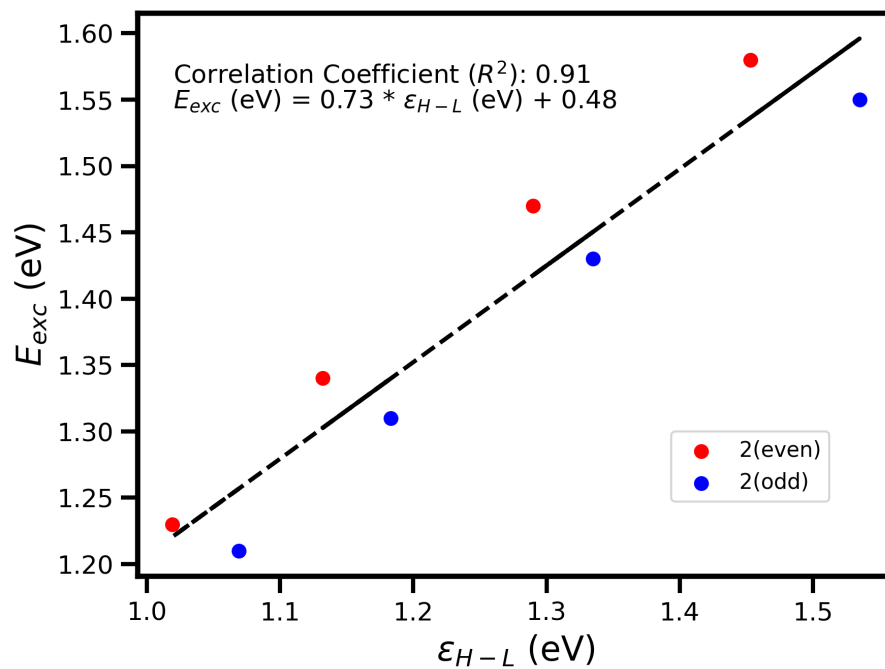


Figure S1: Linear regression and coefficient of determination for molecules $2(n)$ with $n=1$ to 8 in gas phase at TD-DFT/B3LYP/TZP

2 Coefficient of determination for molecules **6**(n) and **8**(n)

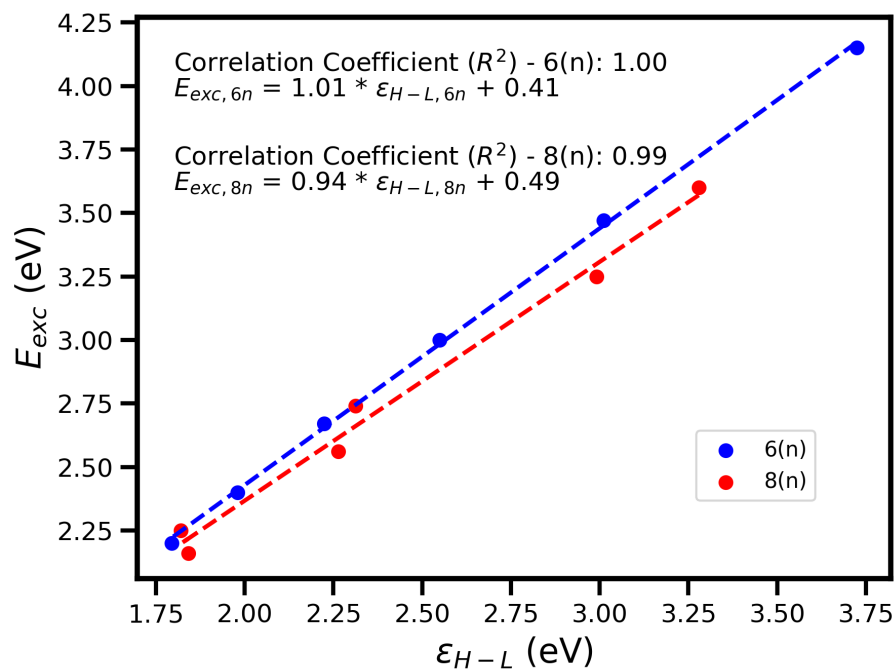


Figure S2: Linear regression and coefficient of determination for molecules **6**(n) (blue) and **8**(n) (red) with n=1 to 6 in gas phase at TD-DFT/B3LYP/TZP

3 Theoretical absorbance at CC2 and TD-DFT

Table S1: Table comparing the vertical excitation transitions S0-S1 at CC2 and TD-DFT level for molecules **6**(n) with n=1 to 4. For both calculations, the S0 were optimized using at DFT level using B3LYP/TZP. CC2 transitions were calculated with def-TZVP basis set, and TD-DFT using B3LYP/TZP.

	CC2 (eV)	f_{osc}	E_{exc} (eV)	f_{osc}
6 (1)	3.72	1.33	4.15	1.16
6 (2)	3.03	1.81	3.47	1.59
6 (3)	2.56	1.93	3.00	2.03
6 (4)	2.24	2.78	2.67	2.47

Table S2: Table comparing the vertical excitation transitions S0-S1 at CC2 and TD-DFT level for molecules **8**(n) with n=1 to 4. For both calculations, the S0 were optimized using at DFT level using B3LYP/TZP. CC2 transitions were calculated with def-TZVP basis set, and TD-DFT using B3LYP/TZP.

	CC2 (eV)	f_{osc}	E_{exc} (eV)	f_{osc}
8 (1)	3.32	0.95	3.60	0.74
8 (2)	2.91	1.46	3.25	1.11
8 (3)	2.41	1.93	2.74	1.57
8 (4)	2.20	2.45:	2.56	2.06

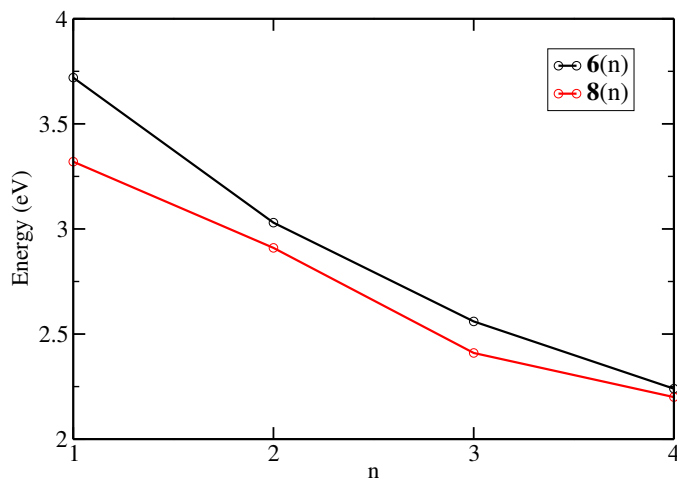


Figure S3: Vertical excitation transitions S0-S1 for molecules **6**(n) and **8**(n) with n=1 to 6. The S0 were optimized using at DFT level using B3LYP/TZP. CC2 transitions were calculated with def-TZVP basis set

4 Theoretical absorbance spectra for molecules $\mathbf{3(n)}$ and $\mathbf{4(n)}$

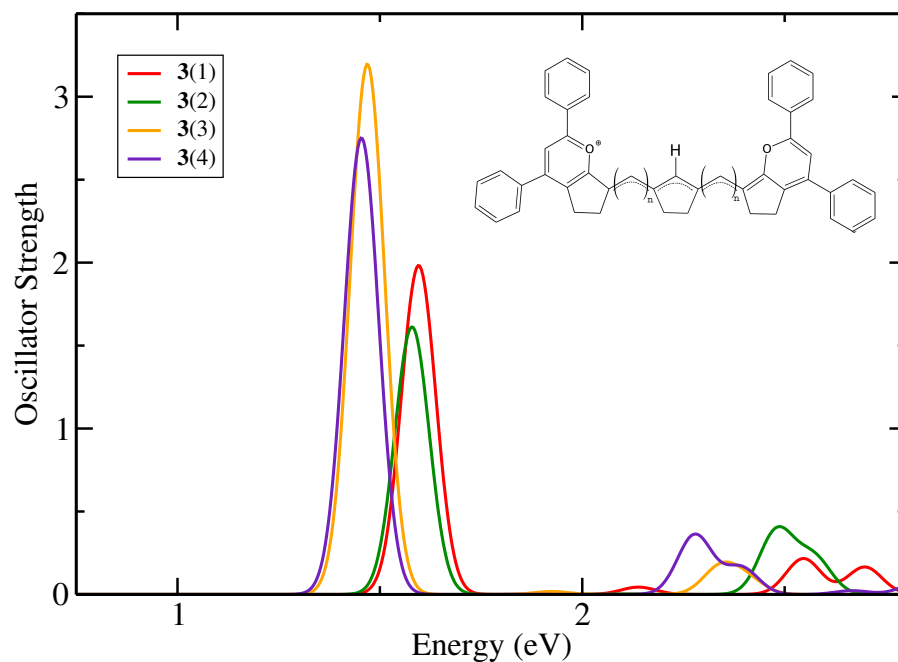


Figure S4: Theoretical absorbance spectra for molecules $\mathbf{3(n)}$ with $n=1$ to 4 in gas phase at TD-DFT/B3LYP/TZP level with 5 excited states. The inset shows the basic structure for the molecule.

Table S3: Vertical excitation transitions S0-S1 for molecule $\mathbf{3(n)}$ with $n=1$ to 4 at TD-DFT/B3LYP/TZP.

	E_{exc} (eV)	f_{osc}
$\mathbf{3(1)}$	1.59	1.98
$\mathbf{3(2)}$	1.58	1.61
$\mathbf{3(3)}$	1.47	3.19
$\mathbf{3(4)}$	1.45	2.75

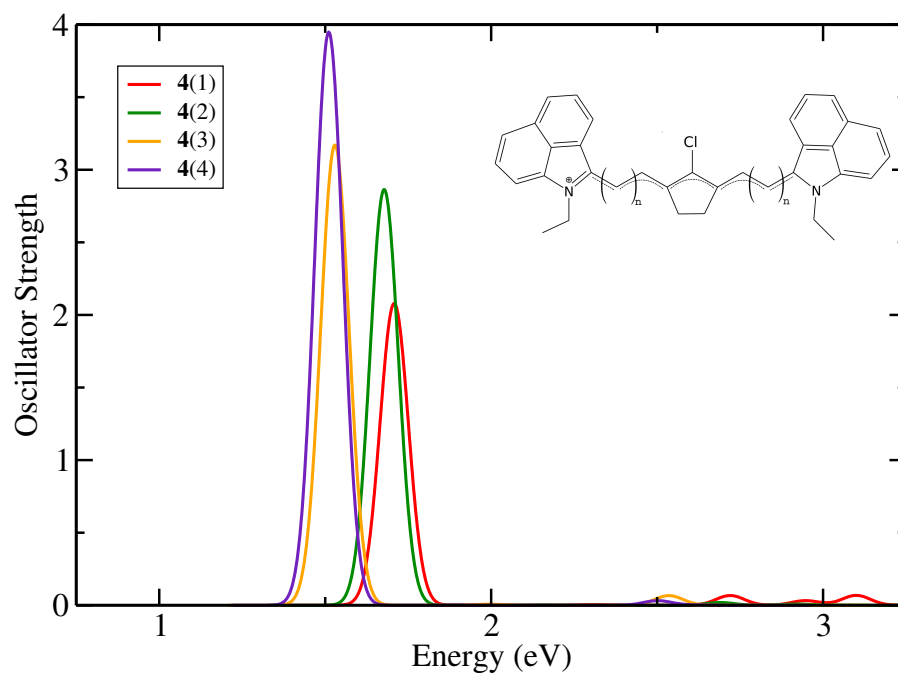


Figure S5: Theoretical absorbance spectra for molecules $4(n)$ with $n=1$ to 4 in gas phase at TD-DFT/B3LYP/TZP level with 5 excited states. The inset shows the basic structure for the molecule.

Table S4: Vertical excitation transitions S0-S1 for molecules $4(n)$ with $n=1$ to 4 in solvent ODCB at TD-DFT/B3LYP/TZP.

	E_{exc} (eV)	f_{osc}
4(1)	1.71	2.07
4(2)	1.68	2.86
4(3)	1.53	3.17
4(4)	1.51	3.94

5 Theoretical absorbance spectra for **2**(n) with implicit solvation

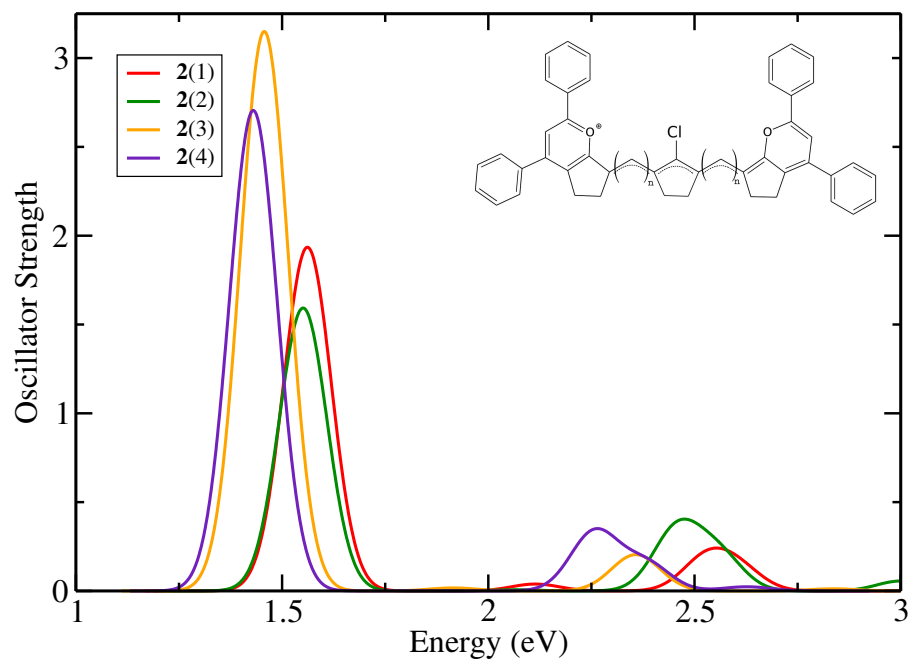


Figure S6: Theoretical absorbance spectra for molecules **2**(n) with n=1 to 4 in solvent ODCB at TD-DFT/B3LYP/TZP level with 5 excited states. The inset shows the basic structure for the molecule.

Table S5: Vertical excitation transitions S0-S1 for molecules **2**(n) with n=1 to 4 in solvent ODCB at TD-DFT/B3LYP/TZP.

	E_{exc} (eV)	f_{osc}
2 (1)	1.56	1.93
2 (2)	1.55	1.59
2 (3)	1.45	3.15
2 (4)	1.43	2.70

Table S6: Vertical excitation transitions (eV), main orbitals electronic transitions and oscillator strength (f_{osc}) for molecules **2**(n) with n=1 to 4 in solvent ODCB at TD-DFT/B3LYP/TZP level. The main orbitals involved in the first excitation of each molecule are its HOMO and LUMO.

	State	Transition (>10%)	E_{exc} (eV)	Osc.Stren.
2(1)	1	175-176 (96%)	1.56	1.93
	2	175-177 (85%)	2.11	0.04
		174-176 (13%)		
	3	175-178 (94%)	2.53	0.18
	4	174-176 (80%)	2.61	0.12
175-177 (10%)				
5	175-179 (70%) 172-176 (20%)	3.14	0.40	
2(2)	1	182-183 (96%)	1.55	1.59
	2	182-184 (70%)	2.06	0.00
		181-183 (29%)		
	3	181-183 (65%)	2.46	0.35
		182-184 (24%)		
4	182-185 (92%)	2.56	0.20	
5	182-186 (79%)	3.00	0.05	
2(3)	1	189-190 (96%)	1.46	3.15
	2	189-191 (70%)	1.91	0.02
		188-190 (29%)		
	3	189-192 (91%)	2.35	0.13
	4	188-190 (61%)	2.37	0.07
189-191 (23%)				
5	187-190 (60%) 188-191 (38%)	2.84	0.01	

2(4)	1	196-197 (96%)	1.43	2.70
	2	196-198 (57%)	1.84	0.00
		195-197 (43%)		
	3	195-197 (50%)	2.26	0.33
		196-198 (36%)		
4	196-199 (89%)	2.38	0.16	
5	195-198 (66%)	2.63	0.02	
	194-197 (30%)			

6 Conformation analysis

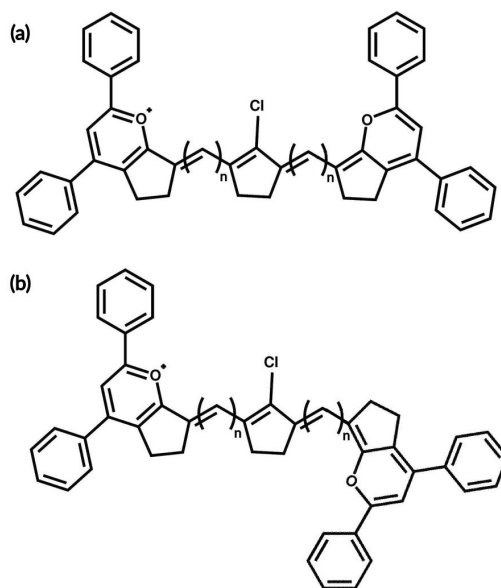


Figure S7: (a) trans-trans and (b) trans-cis structure for molecules $2(n)$.

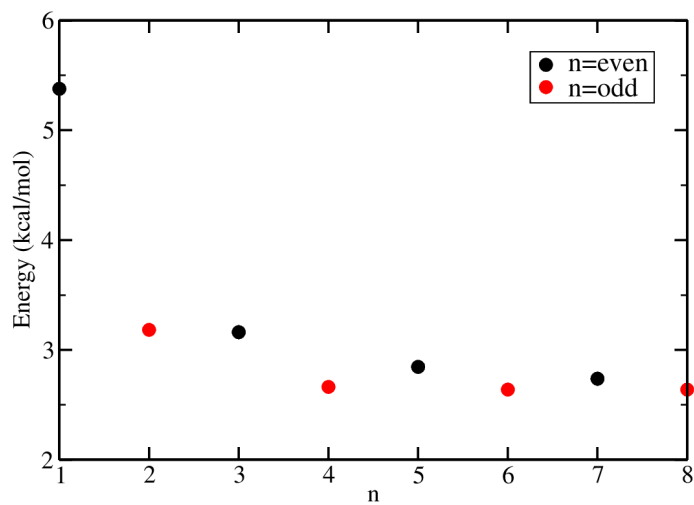


Figure S8: Energy difference between different conformers. For the first group (n =odd), trans-trans conformer is more stable. For the second group (n =even), trans-cis conformer is more stable.

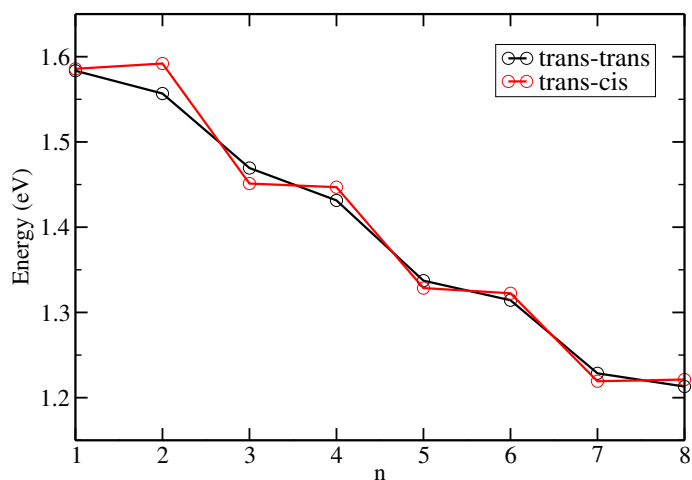


Figure S9: Main absorption peak for all trans-trans and trans-cis conformers

Table S7: Vertical excitation transitions (eV), main orbitals electronic transitions and oscillator strength (f_{osc}) for molecules **2**(n) trans-cis, with n=1 to 8 in gas phase at TD-DFT/B3LYP/TZP level. The main orbitals involved in the first excitation of each molecule are its HOMO and LUMO.

		trans-cis		
	State	Transition (>10%)	E_{exc} (eV)	f_{osc}
2(1)	1	175-176 (97%)	1.59	1.72
	2	175-177 (82%)	2.18	0.01
		174-176 (16%)		
	3	175-178 (79%)	2.56	0.09
		174-176 (11%)		
4	174-176 (66%)	2.60	0.10	
	175-178 (14%)			
	175-177 (10%)			
5	173-176 (86%)	3.10	0.16	
2(2)	1	182-183 (96%)	1.59	2.23
	2	182-184 (71%)	2.10	0.01
		181-183 (28%)		

	3	181-183 (66%) 182-184 (23%)	2.48	0.05
	4	182-185 (92%)	2.58	0.10
	5	181-184 (53%) 180-183 (44%)	3.01	0.00
2(3)	1	189-190 (96%)	1.45	2.62
	2	189-191 (69%) 188-190 (30%)	1.92	0.00
	3	189-192 (45%) 188-190 (31%) 189-191 (14%)	2.35	0.02
	4	189-192 (46%) 188-190 (30%)	2.36	0.25
	5	187-190 (62%) 188-191 (35%)	2.84	0.01
	2(4)	1	196-197 (96%)	1.45
2		196-198 (57%) 195-197 (43%)	1.85	0.00
3		195-197 (49%) 196-198 (35%) 196-200 (11%)	2.28	0.04
4		196-199 (89%)	2.37	0.16
5		195-198 (64%) 194-197 (32%)	2.65	0.02
2(5)		1	203-204 (96%)	1.33
	2	203-205 (57%) 202-204 (42%)	1.72	0.00

	3	203-206 (50%) 202-204 (20%) 203-205 (16%)	2.18	0.00
	4	203-206 (37%) 202-204 (28%) 203-205 (18%)	2.19	0.20
	5	201-204 (56%) 202-205 (41%)	2.50	0.01
2(6)	1	210-211 (96%)	1.32	4.37
	2	209-211 (51%) 210-212 (48%)	1.65	0.00
	3	210-212 (43%) 209-211 (41%) 210-214 (11%)	2.13	0.03
	4	210-213 (85%)	2.20	0.08
	5	209-212 (58%) 208-211 (39%)	2.35	0.00
2(7)	1	217-218 (96%)	1.22	4.70
	2	217-219 (50%) 216-218 (50%)	1.54	0.00
	3	217-220 (75%) 215-218 (13%)	2.03	0.00
	4	216-218 (38%) 217-219 (37%) 217-221 (13%)	2.06	0.05
	5	215-218 (52%) 216-219 (44%)	2.21	0.01

2(8)	1	224-225 (96%)	1.22	4.915.38
	2	223-225 (55%)	1.50	0.00
		224-226 (44%)		
	3	224-226 (47%)	2.01	0.02
		223-225 (36%)		
4	224-227 (77%)	2.04	0.03	
	223-226 (12%)			
5	223-226 (51%)	2.10	0.00	
	222-225 (46%)			

7 Benchmark

7.1 ω B97X/TZP

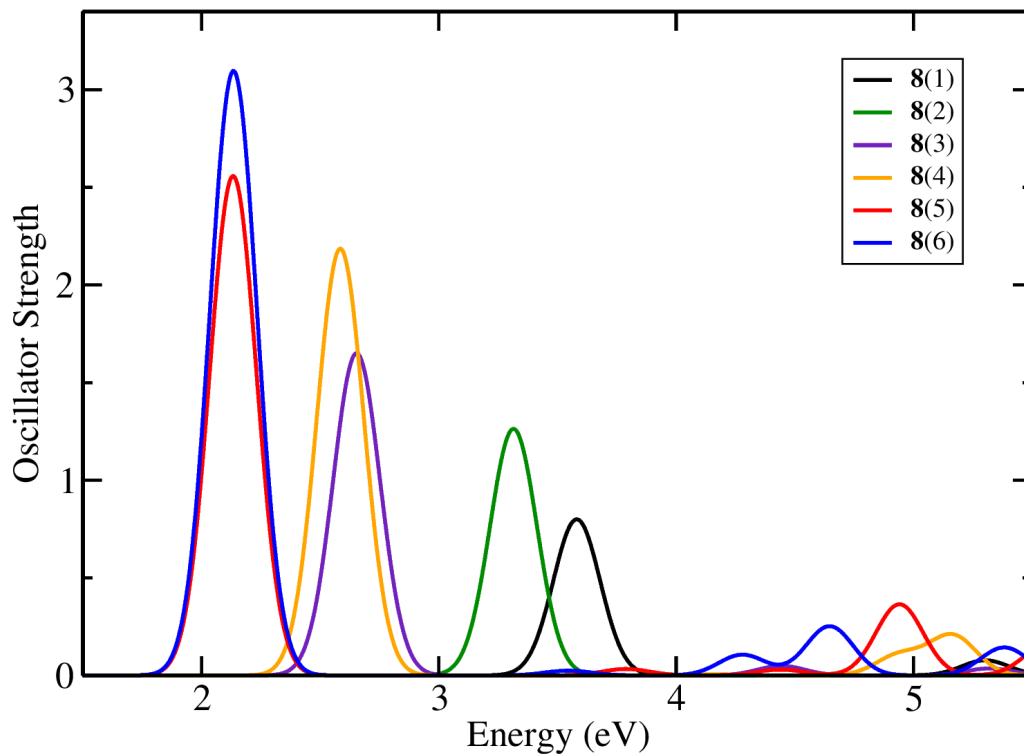


Figure S10: Theoretical absorbance spectra for molecules **8**(n) with n=1 to 6 in gas-phase at TD-DFT/ ω 97BX/TZP level with 5 excited states.

Table S8: Vertical excitation transitions (eV), main orbitals electronic transitions and oscillator strength (f_{osc}) for molecules **8**(n) with n=1 to 6 in gas phase at TD-DFT/ ω 97BX/TZP level. The main orbitals involved in the first excitation of each molecule are its HOMO and LUMO.

	State	Transition (>10%)	E_{exc} (eV)	f_{osc}
8(1)	1	41-42 (97%)	3.58	0.80
	2	40-42 (95%)	5.30	0.08
	3	39-42 (97%)	5.73	0.00
	4	41-43 (52%) 41-46 (27%) 41-48 (11%)	6.55	0.00

	5	41-44 (87%)	6.72	0.01
8(2)	1	48-49 (96%)	3.31	1.26
	2	47-49 (85%)	5.16	0.00
	3	46-49 (94%)	5.79	0.16
	4	45-49 (93%)	5.93	0.00
	5	48-50 (76%)	5.97	0.12
8(3)	1	55-56 (96%)	2.65	1.65
	2	54-56 (90%)	4.44	0.05
	3	55-57 (93%)	5.32	0.04
	4	51-56 (94%)	5.44	0.00
	5	53-56 (78%)	5.87	0.33
8(4)	1	62-63 (93%)	2.58	2.19
	2	61-63 (84%)	4.17	0.00
	3	62-64 (85%)	4.94	0.10
	4	60-63 (88%)	5.17	0.20
	5	62-68 (41%) 61-64 (38%)	6.17	0.14
8(5)	1	69-70 (93%)	2.13	2.56
	2	68-70 (88%)	3.79	0.03
	3	69-71 (89%)	4.44	0.03
	4	67-70 (80%)	4.94	0.36
	5	69-72 (72%) 68-71 (11%)	5.56	0.15
8(6)	1	76-77 (90%)	2.13	3.09
	2	75-77 (81%) 76-78 (11%)	3.54	0.02

	3	76-78 (81%) 75-77 (10%)	4.28	0.11
	4	74-77 (78%) 75-78 (11%)	4.65	0.25
	5	75-78 (40%) 76-79 (37%)	5.38	0.14

7.2 CAM-B3LYP/TZP

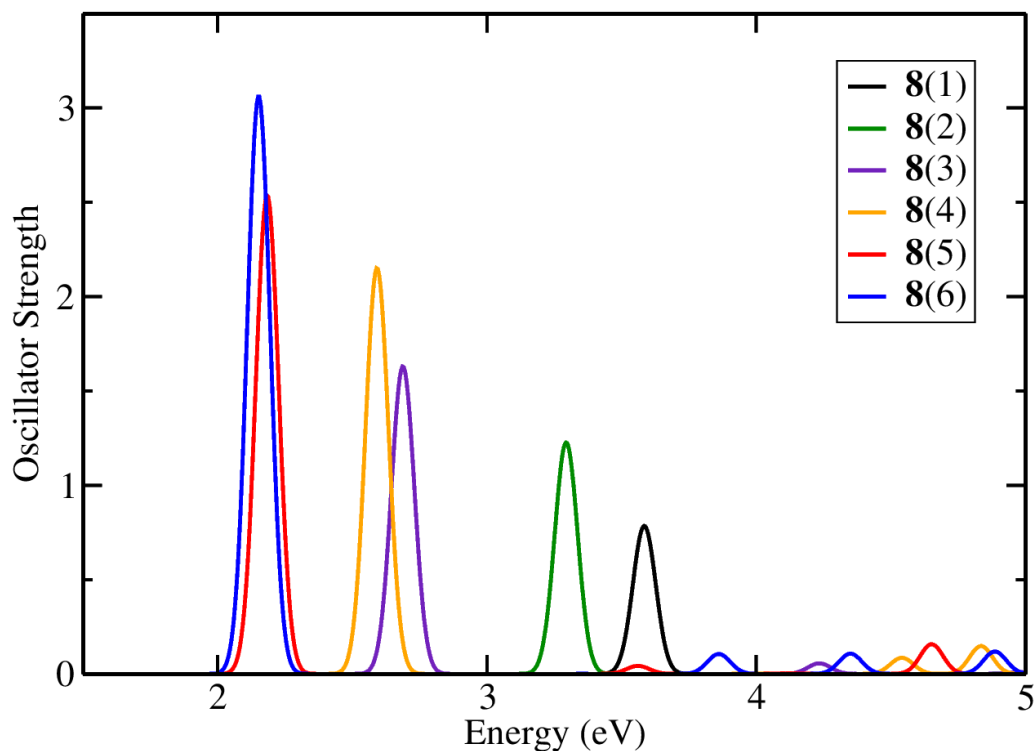


Figure S11: Theoretical absorbance spectra for molecules **8**(n) with n=1 to 6 in gas-phase at TD-DFT/CAM-B3LYP/TZP

Table S9: Vertical excitation transitions (eV), main orbitals electronic transitions and oscillator strength (f_{osc}) for molecules **8**(n) with n=1 to 6 in gas phase at TD-DFT/CAM-B3LYP/TZP level. The main orbitals involved in the first excitation of each molecule are its HOMO and LUMO.

	State	Transition (>10%)	E_{exc} (eV)	f_{osc}
8 (1)	1	41-42 (97%)	3.58	0.78
	2	40-42 (97%)	5.09	0.08
	3	39-42 (98%)	5.50	0.00
	4	41-43 (90%)	5.97	0.00
	5	41-44 (93%)	6.04	0.01
8 (2)	1	48-49 (97%)	3.30	1.23
	2	47-49 (93%)	4.99	0.00
	3	46-49 (98%)	5.43	0.16

	4	45-49 (97%)	5.53	0.00
	5	48-50 (98%)	5.56	0.09
8(3)	1	55-56 (97%)	2.69	1.63
	2	54-56 (95%)	4.23	0.06
	3	55-57 (95%)	4.97	0.01
	4	55-58 (65%)	5.52	0.00
	5	55-59 (75%)	6.58	0.00
8(4)	1	62-63 (96%)	2.59	2.15
	2	61-63 (96%)	3.98	0.00
	3	62-64 (97%)	4.59	0.09
	4	60-63 (95%)	4.83	0.15
	5	62-65 (69%) 62-67 (15%)	5.52	0.00
8(5)	1	69-70 (96%)	2.18	2.54
	2	68-70 (92%)	3.56	0.04
	3	69-71 (93%)	4.12	0.00
	4	67-70 (95%)	4.65	0.16
	5	69-70 (93%)	5.18	0.28
8(6)	1	76-77 (94%)	2.15	3.06
	2	75-77 (95%)	3.35	0.00
	3	76-78 (96%)	3.86	0.10
	4	74-77 (94%)	4.35	0.11
	5	75-78 (89%)	4.89	0.12

7.3 B2PLYP/def2-TZVP/def2-TZVP/C

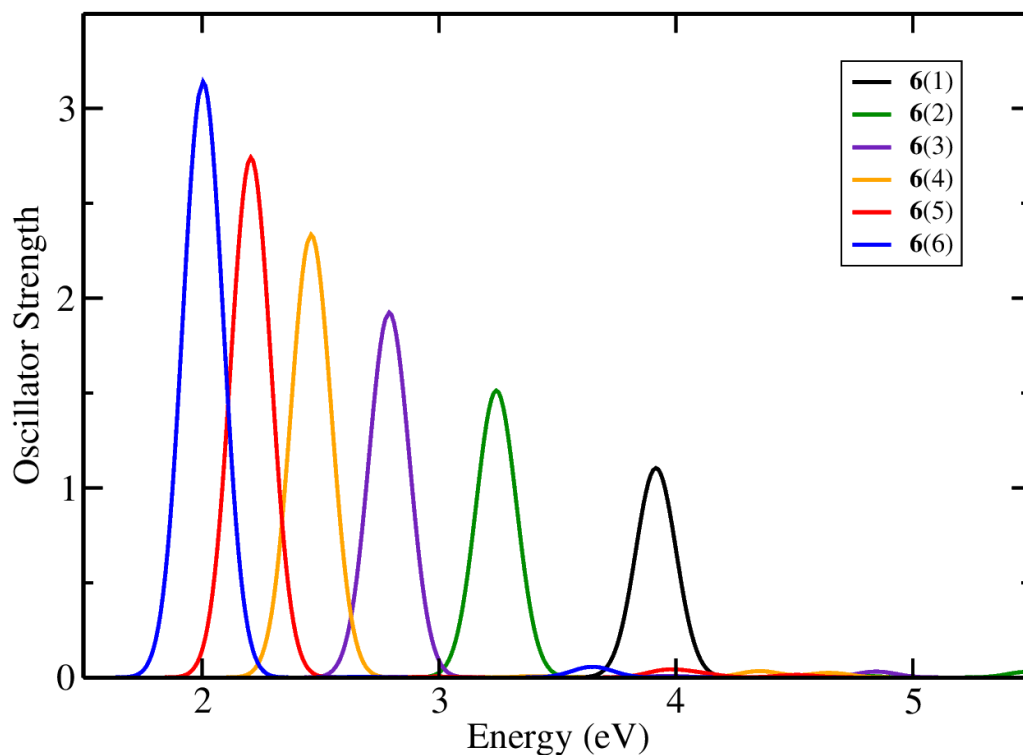


Figure S12: Theoretical absorbance spectra for molecules **6**(n) with n=1 to 6 in gas-phase at TD-DFT/B2PLYP/def2-TZVP/def2-TZVP/C

Table S10: Vertical excitation transitions (eV), main orbitals electronic transitions and oscillator strength (f_{osc}) for molecules **6**(n) with n=1 to 6 in gas phase at TD-DFT/B2PLYP/def2-TZVP/def2-TZVP/C level. The main orbitals involved in the first excitation of each molecule are its HOMO and LUMO.

	State	Transition (>10%)	E_{exc} (eV)	f_{osc}
6(1)	1	25-26 (98%)	3.92	1.10
	2	24-26 (97%)	6.04	0.01
	3	25-30 (95%)	6.62	0.00
	4	25-27 (97%)	6.24	0.03
	5	25-28 (92%)	6.64	0.00
6(2)	1	32-33 (97%)	3.24	1.51
	2	31-33 (93%)	4.76	0.01
	3	32-34 (92%)	5.48	0.03

	4	32-37 (94%)	6.25	0.00
	5	32-35 (89%)	6.23	0.00
6(3)	1	39-40 (97%)	2.79	1.92
	2	38-40 (90%)	3.97	0.01
	3	39-41 (89%)	4.85	0.03
	4	39-44 (92%)	6.02	0.00
	5	39-42 (79%)	5.97	0.00
6(4)	1	46-47 (96%)	2.46	2.33
	2	45-47 (88%)	3.41	0.00
	3	46-48 (87%)	4.35	0.03
	4	44-47 (94%)	4.65	0.02
	5	46-52 (89%)	5.86	0.00
6(5)	1	53-54 (96%)	2.21	2.74
	2	52-54 (87%)	2.99	0.00
	3	53-55 (86%)	3.96	0.04
	4	51-54 (93%)	4.10	0.02
	5	53-56 (56%) 52-55 (35%)	4.51	0.01
6(6)	1	60-61 (95%)	2.00	3.14
	2	59-61 (86%)	2.68	0.00
	3	60-62 (86%)	3.64	0.04
	4	58-61 (92%)	3.67	0.01
	5	59-62 (69%) 60-63 (22%)	4.05	0.00

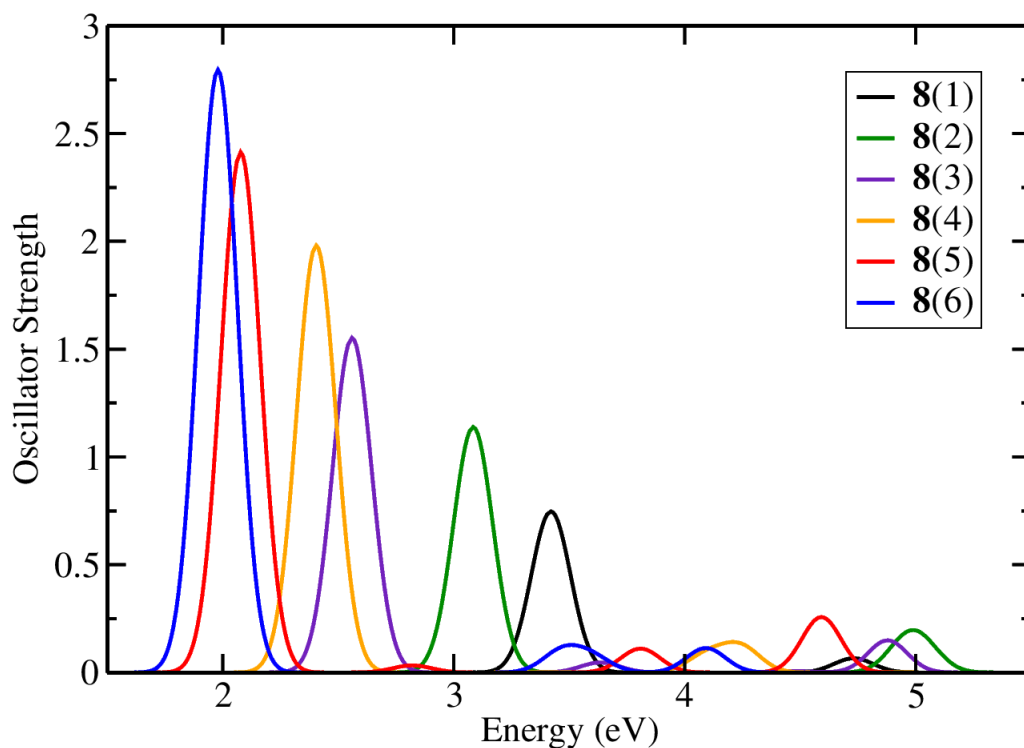


Figure S13: Theoretical absorbance spectra for molecules **8**(n) with n=1 to 6 in gas-phase at TD-DFT/B2PLYP/def2-TZVP/def2-TZVP/C

Table S11: Vertical excitation transitions (eV), main orbitals electronic transitions and oscillator strength (f_{osc}) for molecules **8**(n) with n=1 to 6 in gas phase at TD-DFT/B2PLYP/def2-TZVP/def2-TZVP/C level. The main orbitals involved in the first excitation of each molecule are its HOMO and LUMO.

	State	Transition (>10%)	E_{exc} (eV)	f_{osc}
8(1)	1	40-41 (98%)	3.42	0.75
	2	39-41 (98%)	4.73	0.7
	3	38-41 (97%)	5.36	0.09
	4	40-42 (94%)	6.12	0.00
	5	40-43 (90%)	6.13	0.00
8(2)	1	47-48 (97%)	3.08	1.14
	2	46-48 (97%)	4.48	0.01
	3	47-49 (98%)	5.04	0.08
	4	45-48 (97%)	4.96	0.13

	5	44-48 (94%)	5.16	0.00
8(3)	1	54-55 (97%)	2.56	1.55
	2	53-55 (95%)	3.63	0.05
	3	54-56 (95%)	4.47	0.01
	4	50-55 (96%)	4.98	0.00
	5	52-55 (97%)	4.88	0.15
8(4)	1	61-62 (96%)	2.40	1.98
	2	60-62 (95%)	3.34	0.00
	3	61-63 (93%)	4.09	0.08
	4	59-62 (96%)	4.24	0.11
	5	58-62 (94%)	4.92	0.00
8(5)	1	68-69 (96%)	2.08	2.41
	2	67-69 (89%)	2.82	0.03
	3	68-70 (88%)	3.76	0.00
	4	66-69 (95%)	3.81	0.11
	5	68-71 (93%)	4.59	0.26
8(6)	1	75-76 (95%)	1.98	2.79
	2	74-76 (93%)	2.67	0.00
	3	75-77 (93%)	3.47	0.10
	4	73-76 (95%)	3.60	0.07
	5	74-77 (91%)	4.09	0.11

7.4 B3LYP/AUG/ATZP

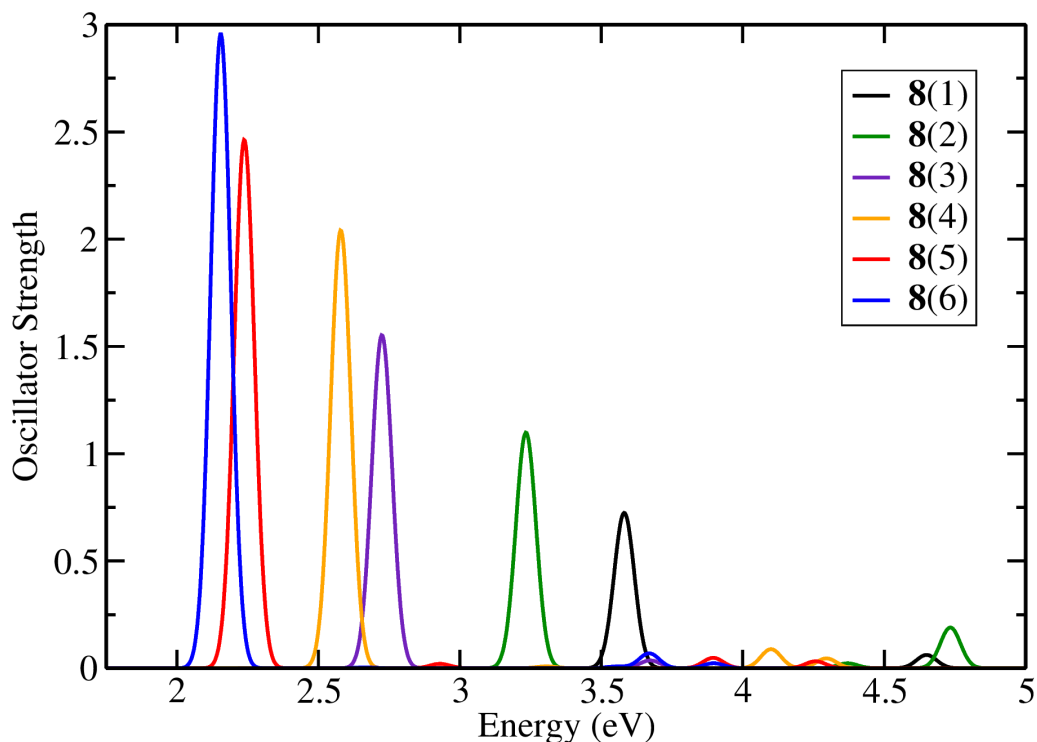


Figure S14: Theoretical absorbance spectra for molecules **8**(n) with n=1 to 6 in gas-phase at TD-DFT/B3LYP/AUG/ATZP

Table S12: Vertical excitation transitions (eV), main orbitals electronic transitions and oscillator strength (f_{osc}) for molecules **8**(n) with n=1 to 6 in gas phase at TD-DFT/B3LYP/AUG/ATZP level. The main orbitals involved in the first excitation of each molecule are its HOMO and LUMO.

	State	Transition (>10%)	E_{exc} (eV)	f_{osc}
8 (1)	1	41-42 (98%)	3.58	0.72
	2	40-42 (96%)	4.65	0.06
	3	39-42 (100%)	5.01	0.00
	4	41-42 (98%)	5.36	0.00
	5	41-44 (99%)	5.42	0.01
8 (2)	1	48-49 (98%)	3.23	1.1
	2	47-49 (78%)	4.37	0.02
		48-50 (21%)		

	3	46-49 (97%)	4.73	0.19
	4	45-49 (100%)	4.78	0.00
	5	48-50 (76%) 47-49 (19%)	5.17	0.04
8(3)	1	55-56 (99%)	2.72	1.55
	2	54-56 (81%) 55-57 (18%)	3.67	0.04
	3	55-57 (67%) 52-56 (19%) 54-56 (11%)	5.54	0.00
	4	51-56 (99%)	4.63	0.00
	5	55-58 (97%)	4.76	0.00
	8(4)	1	62-63 (99%)	2.58
2		61-63 (72%) 62-64 (28%)	3.30	0.01
3		60-63 (94%)	4.10	0.01
4		62-64 (70%)	4.29	0.05
5		59-63 (99%)	4.56	0.00
8(5)	1	69-70 (99%)	2.24	2.46
	2	68-70 (69%)	2.93	0.02
	3	67-70 (85%)	2.89	0.04
	4	69-71 (63%) 68-70 (25%)	3.90	0.00
	5	69-72 (55%) 68-71 (43%)	4.25	0.03

8(6)	1	76-77 (99%)	2.15	2.96
	2	75-77 (68%)	2.67	0.00
		76-78 (31%)		
	3	74-77 (82%)	3.55	0.01
		75-78 (15%)		
	4	76-78 (67%)	3.67	0.07
75-77 (30%)				
5	75-78 (56%)	3.90	0.02	
	76-79 (36%)			

7.5 ω B97X/AUG/ATZP

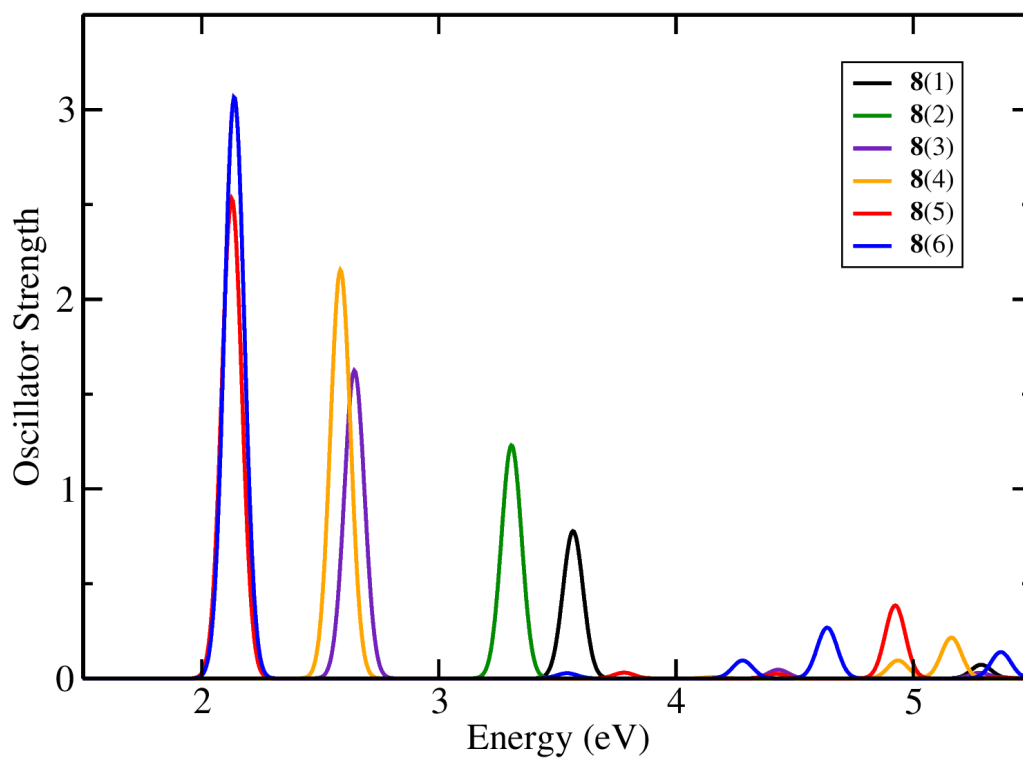


Figure S15: Theoretical absorbance spectra for molecules **8(n)** with n=1 to 6 in gas-phase at TD-DFT/ ω B97X/AUG/ATZP

Table S13: Vertical excitation transitions (eV), main orbitals electronic transitions and oscillator strength (f_{osc}) for molecules **8**(n) with n=1 to 6 in gas phase at TD-DFT/ ω B97X/AUG/ATZP level. The main orbitals involved in the first excitation of each molecule are its HOMO and LUMO.

	State	Transition (>10%)	E_{exc} (eV)	f_{osc}
8(1)	1	41-42 (97%)	3.57	0.78
	2	40-42 (95%)	5.29	0.07
	3	39-42 (97%)	5.73	0.00
	4	41-43 (70%)	6.33	0.00
	5	41-44 (75%)	6.58	0.01
8(2)	1	48-49 (95%)	3.30	1.23
	2	47-49 (83%)	5.14	0.00
		48-50 (11%)		
	3	46-49 (93%)	5.80	0.16
	4	48-50 (84%)	5.93	0.11
47-49 (11%)				
5	45-49 (92%)	5.95	0.00	
8(3)	1	55-56 (95%)	2.64	1.62
	2	54-56 (90%)	4.43	0.05
	3	55-57 (92%)	5.28	0.03
	4	55-58 (61%)	5.80	0.00
		55-61 (15%)		
5	55-59 (68%)	6.06	0.00	
8(4)	1	62-63 (93%)	2.58	2.15
	2	61-63 (83%)	4.16	0.01
	3	62-64 (84%)	4.94	0.09
	4	60-63 (86%)	5.16	0.22
	5	62-65 (64%)	5.82	0.00

8(5)	1	69-70 (93%)	2.13	2.53
	2	68-70 (87%)	3.78	0.03
	3	69-71 (89%)	4.42	0.02
	4	67-70 (78%)	4.92	0.38
	5	66-70 (82%)	5.37	0.01
8(6)	1	76-77 (90%)	2.13	3.07
	2	75-77 (80%)	3.54	0.03
		76-78 (12%)		
	3	76-78 (80%)	4.28	0.09
		75-77 (11%)		
4	74-77 (76%)	4.64	0.27	
	75-78 (12%)			
5	76-82 (39%)	5.37	0.14	
	75-78 (37%)			
	74-77 (11%)			

8 Vertical TD-DFT excitation and main orbitals electronic transitions for molecules 1-8(n) in gas phase at B3LYP/TZP level

Table S14: Vertical excitation transitions (eV), main orbitals electronic transitions and oscillator strength (f_{osc}) for molecules 1-8(n) in gas phase at TD-DFT/B3LYP/TZP level. The main orbitals involved in the first excitation of each molecule are its HOMO and LUMO.

	State	Transition (>10%)	E_{exc} (eV)	f_{osc}
1(3)	1	201-202 (96%)	1.46	3.17
	2	201-203 (58%)	1.93	0.01
		200-202 (41%)		
	3	200-202 (52%)	2.33	0.02
		201-203 (35%)		
	4	201-204 (90%)	2.39	0.06
5	199-202 (67%)	2.79	0.00	
	200-203 (30%)			
2(1)	1	175-176 (96%)	1.58	1.96
	2	175-177 (85%)	2.15	0.04
		174-176 (13%)		
	3	175-178 (93%)	2.56	0.17
	4	174-176 (81%)	2.62	0.13
		175-177 (10%)		
5	173-176 (92%)	3.10	0.86	
2(2)	1	182-183 (96%)	1.55	1.61
	2	182-184 (71%)	2.08	0.00
		181-183 (29%)		

	3	181-183 (65%) 182-184 (24%)	2.47	0.34
	4	182-185 (92%)	2.56	0.19
	5	182-186 (53%) 181-184 (17%) 180-183 (14%)	3.00	0.45
2(3)	1	189-190 (96%)	1.47	3.16
	2	189-191 (70%) 188-190 (29%)	1.93	0.01
	3	189-192 (91%)	2.36	0.13
	4	188-190 (61%) 189-191 (23%)	2.38	0.07
	5	187-190 (62%) 188-191 (35%)	2.84	0.00
2(4)	1	196-197 (96%)	1.43	2.73
	2	196-198 (57%) 195-197 (43%)	1.84	0.00
	3	195-197 (50%) 196-198 (35%) 196-200 (11%)	2.26	0.32
	4	196-199 (89%)	2.37	0.16
	5	195-198 (65%) 194-197 (32%)	2.64	0.02
2(5)	1	203-204 (96%)	1.34	4.26
	2	203-205 (58%) 202-204 (42%)	1.72	0.01
	3	203-206 (88%)	2.18	0.06

	4	202-204 (48%) 203-205 (33%) 203-207 (15%)	2.20	0.06
	5	201-204 (56%) 202-205 (41%)	2.50	0.01
2(6)	1	210-211 (96%)	1.31	3.82
	2	209-211 (51%) 210-212 (48%)	1.64	0.00
	3	210-212 (43%) 209-211 (41%) 210-214 (10%)	2.11	0.28
	4	210-213 (84%)	2.20	0.07
	5	209-212 (58%) 208-211 (39%)	2.34	0.00
	2(7)	1	217-218 (96%)	1.23
2		217-219 (50%) 216-218 (49%)	1.55	0.00
3		217-220 (83%) 215-218 (12%)	2.02	0.01
4		216-218 (41%) 217-219 (40%) 217-221 (14%)	2.07	0.05
5		215-218 (52%) 216-219 (43%)	2.22	0.01
2(8)	1	224-225 (96%)	1.21	4.91
	2	223-225 (56%) 224-226 (43%)	1.48	0.00

	3	224-226 (48%) 223-225 (37%)	1.99	0.23
	4	224-227 (78%) 223-226 (12%)	2.05	0.02
	5	223-226 (52%) 222-225 (45%)	2.09	0.00
3(1)	1	167-168 (96%)	1.59	1.98
	2	167-169 (88%) 166-168 (11%)	2.14	0.04
	3	167-170 (93%)	2.55	0.21
	4	166-168 (81%)	2.70	0.16
	5	165-168 (54%) 167-171 (23%) 164-168 (15%)	3.15	0.10
3(2)	1	174-175 (96%)	1.58	1.61
	2	174-176 (64%) 173-175 (35%)	2.10	0.00
	3	173-175 (58%) 174-176 (29%) 174-178 (11%)	2.48	0.38
	4	174-177 (93%)	2.57	0.22
	5	173-176 (72%) 172-175 (18%)	3.03	0.02
3(3)	1	181-182 (96%)	1.47	3.19
	2	181-183 (74%) 180-182 (25%)	1.92	0.02
	3	181-184 (92%)	2.34	0.16

	4	180-182 (64%) 181-183 (18%) 181-185 (14%)	2.40	0.09
	5	179-182 (67%) 180-183 (31%)	2.87	0.00
3(4)	1	188-189 (96%)	1.45	2.75
	2	188-190 (52%) 187-189 (48%)	1.87	0.00
	3	187-189 (44%) 188-190 (40%) 188-192 (12%)	2.28	0.36
	4	188-191 (90%)	2.39	0.16
	5	187-190 (72%) 186-189 (24%)	2.66	0.02
	4(1)	1	135-136 (98%)	1.71
2		134-136 (58%) 135-137 (41%)	2.31	0.00
3		135-137 (51%) 134-136 (35%)	2.72	0.07
4		133-136 (78%) 131-136 (12%)	2.95	0.03
5		131-136 (66%) 135-138 (23%)	3.10	0.07
4(2)	1	142-143 (98%)	1.68	2.86
	2	141-143 (57%) 142-144 (43%)	2.17	0.00

	3	142-144 (51%) 141-143 (37%)	2.69	0.02
	4	140-143 (81%)	2.92	0.01
	5	141-144 (62%) 142-145 (34%)	3.07	0.00
4(3)	1	149-150 (97%)	1.53	3.17
	2	148-150 (55%) 149-151 (45%)	1.99	0.00
	3	149-151 (50%) 148-150 (40%)	2.53	0.06
	4	147-150 (68%) 149-152 (31%)	2.64	0.00
	5	148-151 (41%) 149-152 (39%) 147-150 (16%)	2.82	0.00
4(4)	1	156-157 (98%)	1.51	3.95
	2	155-157 (57%) 156-158 (42%)	1.89	0.00
	3	156-158 (53%) 155-157 (38%)	2.50	0.03
	4	154-157 (73%) 155-158 (17%)	2.62	0.00
	5	156-159 (49%) 155-158 (47%)	2.67	0.00
5(1)	1	168-169 (96%)	1.67	2.08
	2	168-170 (83%) 167-169 (16%)	2.24	0.03

	3	167-169 (79%) 168-170 (13%)	2.67	0.13
	4	168-171 (92%)	2.68	0.21
	5	166-169 (91%)	3.14	0.15
5(2)	1	175-176 (96%)	1.55	1.67
	2	175-177 (78%) 174-176 (21%)	2.09	0.02
	3	174-176 (69%) 175-177 (16%) 175-179 (10%)	2.53	0.30
	4	175-178 (90%)	2.55	0.20
	5	175-179 (75%) 172-176 (10%)	2.99	0.07
	5(3)	1	182-183 (96%)	1.51
2		182-184 (66%) 181-183 (33%)	1.98	0.01
3		181-183 (58%) 182-184 (27%) 182-186 (12%)	2.40	0.07
4		182-185 (92%)	2.43	0.14
5		181-184 (50%) 180-183 (48%)	2.88	0.00
5(4)		1	189-190 (96%)	1.42
	2	189-191 (63%) 188-190 (37%)	1.85	0.00

	3	188-190 (54%) 189-191 (29%) 189-193 (13%)	2.29	0.30
	4	189-192 (89%)	2.35	0.16
	5	188-191 (54%) 187-190 (44%)	2.68	0.01
6(1)	1	26-27 (99%)	4.15	1.16
	2	25-27 (56%)	5.85	0.02
		26-28 (43%)		
	3	26-29 (96%)	5.89	0.00
	4	26-30 (99%)	5.94	0.00
5	26-31 (96%)	5.98	0.00	

6(2)	1	33-34 (99%)	3.47	1.59
	2	32-34 (63%)	4.75	0.01
		33-35 (36%)		
	3	33-36 (95%)	5.44	0.00
	4	33-37 (98%)	5.46	0.00
	5	33-38 (96%)	5.53	0.00
6(3)	1	40-41 (99%)	3.00	2.03
	2	39-41 (65%)	4.00	0.01
		40-42 (35%)		
	3	40-42 (64%)	5.10	0.01
		39-41 (34%)		
	4	40-44 (62%)	5.14	0.00
40-43 (34%)				
5	40-43 (63%)	5.15	0.00	
	40-44 (34%)			
6(4)	1	47-48 (99%)	2.67	2.47
	2	46-48 (65%)	3.47	0.00
		47-49 (35%)		
	3	47-49 (64%)	4.59	0.01
		46-48 (34%)		
	4	45-48 (80%)	4.69	0.00
46-49 (13%)				
5	47-51 (73%)	4.93	0.00	
	47-52 (23%)			
6(5)	1	54-55 (99%)	2.40	2.92
	2	53-55 (64%)	3.06	0.00
54-56 (35%)				

	3	52-55 (78%) 53-56 (17%)	4.17	0.00
	4	54-56 (63%) 53-55 (34%)	4.18	0.02
	5	54-57 (53%) 53-56 (44%)	4.42	0.00
6(6)	1	61-62 (99%)	2.20	3.35
	2	60-62 (64%) 61-62 (36%)	2.75	0.00
	3	59-62 (76%) 60-63 (19%)	3.75	0.00
	4	61-63 (63%) 60-62 (35%)	3.85	0.02
	5	61-64 (52%) 60-63 (44%)	4.00	0.00
7(1)	1	33.34 (98%)	3.71	0.83
	2	33-36 (99%)	5.41	0.00
	3	33-35 (99%)	5.42	0.00
	4	32-34 (71%) 33-37 (27%)	5.65	0.03
	5	33-38 (99%)	5.98	0.00
7(2)	1	40-41 (99%)	3.43	1.35
	2	39-41 (84%) 40-42 (15%)	4.42	0.02
	3	40-43 (97%)	5.40	0.00
	4	40-44 (97%)	5.43	0.00

	5	40-42 (80%) 39-41 (13%)	5.45	0.00
7(3)	1	47-48 (99%)	2.79	1.68
	2	46-48 (61%) 47-49 (39%)	3.92	0.02
	3	47-50 (90%)	4.90	0.00
	4	47-51 (87%)	4.90	0.00
	5	45-48 (70%) 47-52 (14%)	4.91	0.06
7(4)	1	54-55 (99%)	2.67	2.22
	2	53-55 (76%) 54-56 (23%)	3.35	0.01
	3	54-56 (74%) 53-55 (22%)	4.46	0.01
	4	52-55 (66%) 53-56 (33%)	4.65	0.00
	5	54-59 (45%) 53-56 (38%) 52-55 (15%)	4.89	0.00
7(5)	1	61-62 (99%)	2.28	2.59
	2	60-62 (61%) 61-63 (38%)	3.02	0.01
	3	59-62 (85%) 61-64 (11%)	3.93	0.04
	4	61-63 (61%) 60-62 (37%)	4.08	0.00

	5	61-64 (55%) 60-63 (41%)	4.34	0.05
7(6)	1	68-69 (99%)	2.21	3.09
	2	67-69 (72%) 68-70 (28%)	2.70	0.00
	3	66-69 (59%) 67-70 (40%)	3.75	0.02
	4	68-70 (71%) 67-69 (27%)	3.78	0.03
	5	68-71 (47%) 67-70 (32%) 66-69 (20%)	3.99	0.00
8(1)	1	41-42 (98%)	3.60	0.74
	2	40-42 (96%)	4.66	0.06
	3	39-42 (100%)	5.01	0.00
	4	41-44 (96%)	5.52	0.00
	5	41-43 (99%)	5.53	0.00
8(2)	1	48-49 (98%)	3.25	1.11
	2	47-49 (79%) 48-50 (20%)	4.38	0.02
	3	46-49 (97%)	4.72	0.19
	4	45-49 (100%)	4.75	0.00
	5	48-50 (77%) 47-49 (18%)	5.24	0.04
8(3)	1	55-56 (99%)	2.74	1.57
	2	54-56 (81%) 55-57 (18%)	3.68	0.04

	3	55-57 (65%) 52-56 (23%) 54-56 (11%)	4.58	0.00
	4	51-56 (99%)	4.63	0.00
	5	53-56 (85%) 55-60 (12%)	4.87	0.08
8(4)	1	62-53 (99%)	2.56	2.06
	2	61-63 (72%) 62-64 (28%)	3.31	0.01
	3	60-63 (94%)	4.09	0.09
	4	62-64 (70%) 61-63 (26%)	4.33	0.04
	5	59-63 (100%)	4.54	0.00
8(5)	1	69-70 (99%)	2.25	2.47
	2	68-70 (69%) 69-70 (30%)	2.94	0.02
	3	67-70 (85%)	3.89	0.04
	4	69-71 (62%) 68-70 (25%) 66-70 (11%)	3.92	0.00
	5	69-72 (53%) 68-71 (45%)	4.27	0.03
8(6)	1	76-77 (99%)	2.16	2.97
	2	75-77 (68%) 76-78 (32%)	2.67	0.00
	3	74-77 (81%) 75-78 (16%)	3.55	0.00

	4	76-78 (67%) 75-77 (30%)	3.69	0.07
	5	75-78 (56%) 76-79 (36%)	3.90	0.02