

Supporting Information for

# “Impact of bromination of carbazole-based D- $\pi$ -A organic dyes on their photoelectrochemical properties and visible light-driven hydrogen evolution”

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## 1. Influence of bromination on the chemical shift of -N-CH<sub>2</sub>-

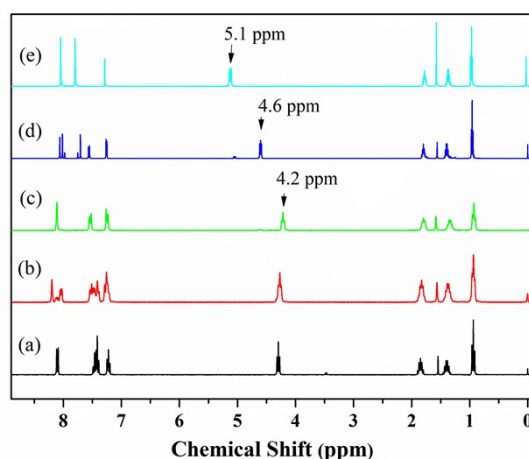


Fig.S1 <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of (a) *N*-butylcarbazole; (b) 3-Br-*N*-butylcarbazole; (c) 3,6-di-Br-*N*-butylcarbazole; (d) 1,3,6-tri-Br-*N*-butylcarbazole; (e) 1,3,6,8-tetra-Br-*N*-butylcarbazole)

## 2. <sup>1</sup>H NMR and MALDI-TOF MS spectra

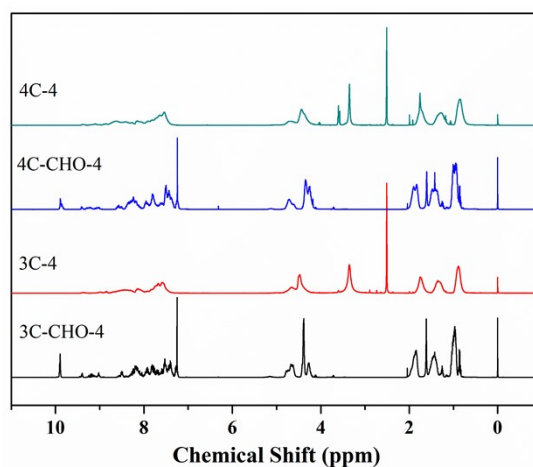


Fig.S2 <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of 3C-CHO-4, 3C-4, 4C-CHO-4 and 4C-4

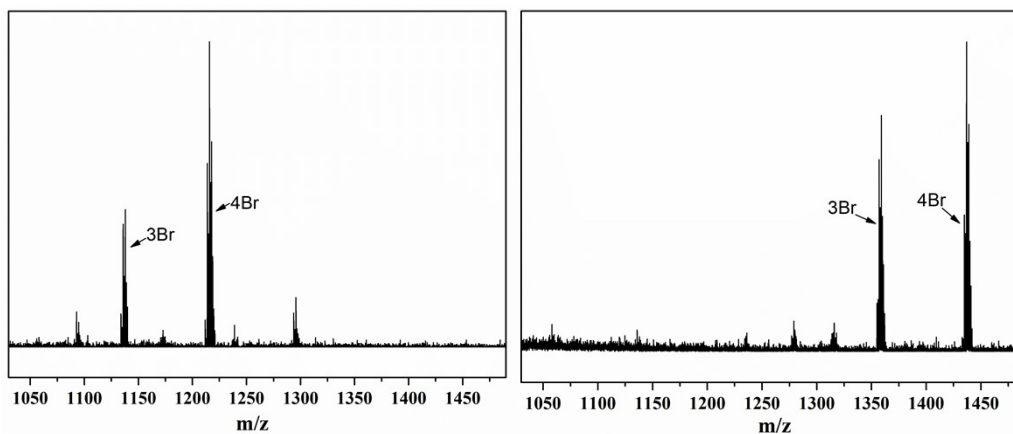


Fig.S3 MALDI-TOF MS spectra of 3C-4 (left) and 4C-4 (right)

### 3.Theoretical calculation

#### 3.1 Dihedral angles

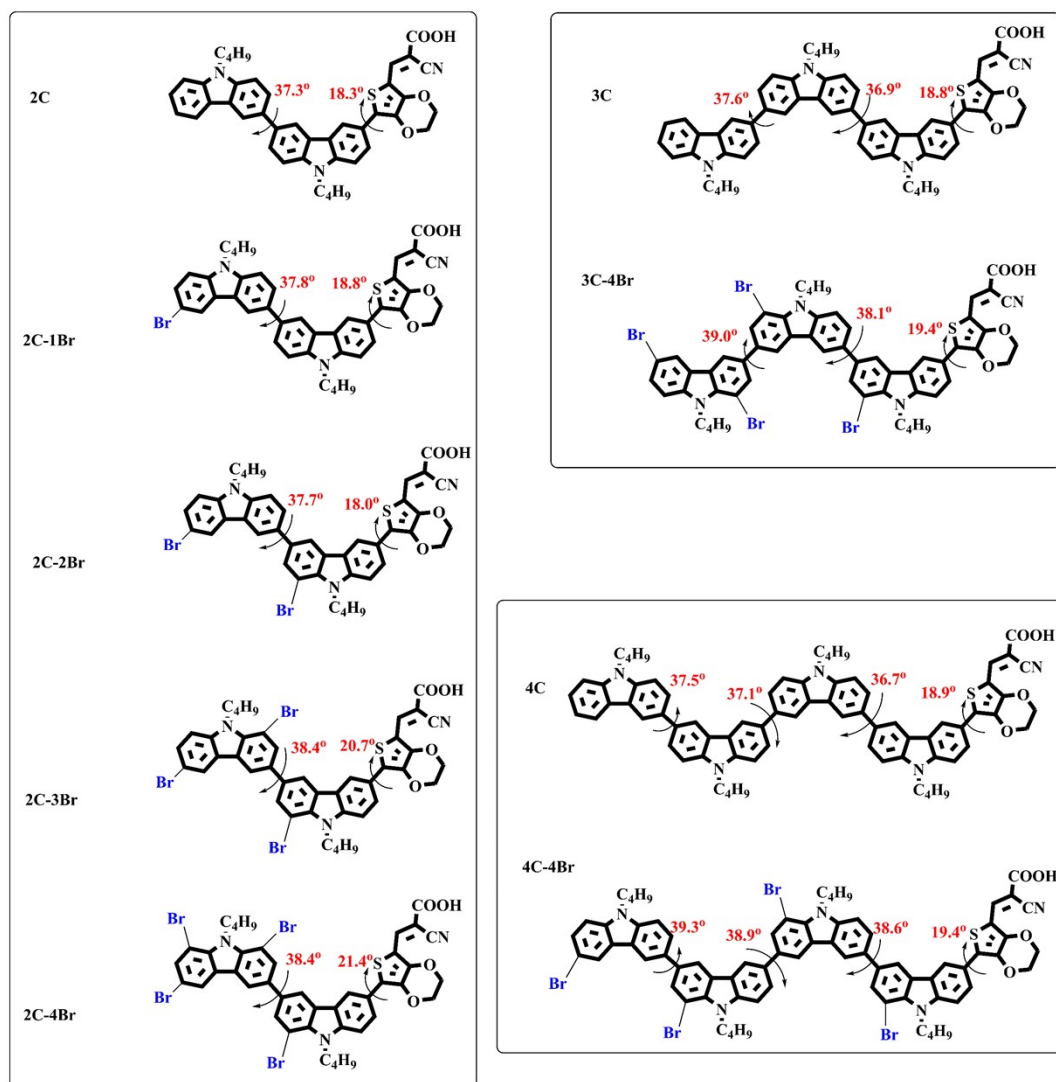


Fig.S4 Dihedral angles between heteroaromatic cycles in brominated dyes

### 3.2 HOMO and LUMO levels

Table S1 Calculated HOMO and LUMO levels of dyes

Dye	HOMO (eV)	LUMO (eV)	$E_{0-0}$ (eV)
2C	-2.42	-5.00	2.58
2C-1Br	-2.46	-5.12	2.67
2C-2Br	-2.53	-5.23	2.70
2C-3Br	-2.54	-5.34	2.80
2C-4Br	-2.57	-5.42	2.85
3C	-2.41	-4.82	2.41
3C-4Br	-2.53	-5.18	2.64
4C	-2.41	-4.74	2.32
4C-4Br	-2.53	-5.03	2.50

### 4. Transient photocurrent responses

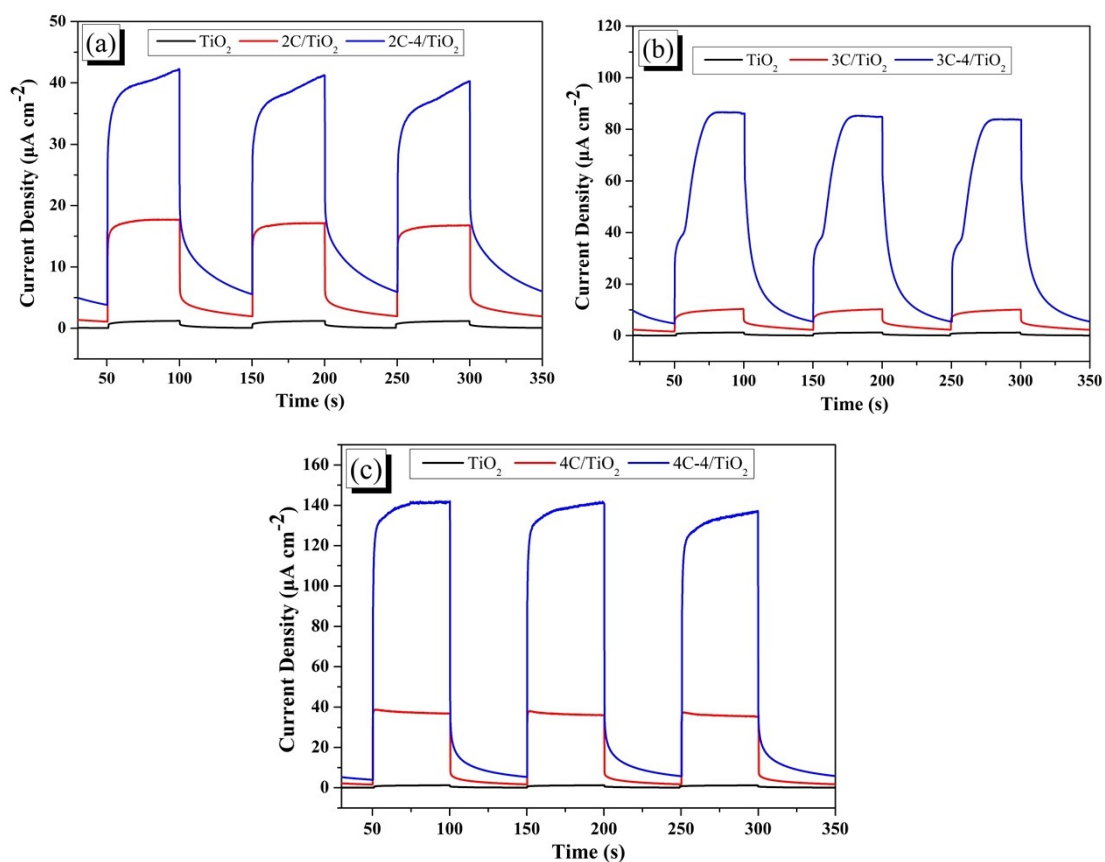


Fig.S5 Transient photocurrent densities of  $\text{TiO}_2$  and dye-sensitized  $\text{TiO}_2$  in 0.1 M  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$  TEOA solution under visible light irradiation.

## 5. Apparent quantum yields (AQY) \*

Table S2 Calculated AQY of 3C-4 under monochromatic light irradiation

Wavelength (nm)	Light intensity (mW/cm <sup>2</sup> )	Amount of H <sub>2</sub> ( $\mu$ mol)	AQY
450	37	3.96	2.58
475	82	2.55	2.67
500	59	2.62	2.70

\*AQY data were calculated according to the method from the literature (*J. Mater. Chem. C*, 2020,8, 14864-14872)