

Carbazole-Embedded Cyclodimer adopting Helical Conformation and Metal-ion Sensing

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1. General Information

The reagents and materials for the synthesis were used as obtained from Sigma -Aldrich chemical suppliers. All solvents were purified and dried by standard methods prior to use. Thin-layer chromatography (TLC) was carried out on aluminum sheets coated with silica gel 60 F254 (Merck 5554). Silica gel column chromatography was performed on Wakogel C-230 - 400 mesh. Alumina column chromatography was performed on Active alumina (basic). Recrystallized samples of porphyrinoids were utilized for all the spectroscopic measurements. The High-resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were recorded on Q Exactive TM-Bench top-LC-HRMS mass spectrometer. ¹H NMR (500) and ¹³C NMR (125 MHz) spectra were recorded on BRUKER Avance 500 MHz spectrometer, and chemical shifts were reported as the delta scale in ppm relative to CH₂Cl₂ as an internal reference for ¹H (5.32 ppm) and for ¹³C (53.84 ppm). The optical absorption spectra were recorded on a Shimadzu (Model UV-3600) spectrophotometer. Concentrations of the solutions are *ca.* to be 1 x 10⁻⁶ M. Single crystal X-ray data were collected on a Bruker KAPPA APEXII diffractometer in omega and phi scan mode, MoK α = 0.71073 Å at liquid nitrogen temperature.

Theoretical Calculations: All calculations were carried out using the Gaussian 16 program package.^[S1] Calculations were performed by the density functional theory (DFT) method with restricted B3LYP (Becke's three-parameter hybrid exchange functional and the Lee-Yang-Parr correlation functional)^[S2] level, employing a basis sets 6-31G(d). Vertical electronic excitations were based on B3LYP-optimized geometries using the time-dependent density functional theory (TD-DFT) formalism.^[S3] The nucleus-independent chemical shift (NICS (0)) values were determined at the mean position of the core atoms of the optimized structures by the B3LYP/6-31G(d) method. Anisotropy of the current-induced density (ACID) plots were obtained by employing the continuous set of gauge transformations method to calculate the current densities, and the results were plotted by using POVRAY.

X-ray Crystal Structure Analysis: Single crystal was grown by slow vapour diffusion of methanol into a THF solution of **1**. Single crystal was mounted at 140 K on a three-circle Bruker SMART APEX CCD area detector system under a Mo-K α (λ = 0.71073 Å) graphite monochromatic X-ray beam. The structures were solved by direct methods and least-square refinement on F2 for **1** by using SHELXS-97. All non-hydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically. The hydrogen atoms were included in the structure factor calculation by using a riding model. The solvent molecule that could not be identified or modified in **1** was fixed

and eventually squeezed using PLATON. The crystallographic parameters, data collection, and structure refinement of **1** is summarized in Table S6-1.

2. Synthetic Procedures and Compound Data

Synthesis of 1,8-Di(-1*H*-pyrrole)-3,6-di-*tert*-butyl)-9*H*-carbazole **3** was accomplished by our previously reported procedure.^[S4]

Synthesis of 1: To a 250 mL two-neck round bottom flask containing compound **3** (100 mg, 0.244 mmol) and [2,2'-bithiophene]-5,5'-diylbis-(mesityl-methanol) **4** (112.8 mg, 0.244 mmol), 100 ml dry CH₂Cl₂ was added and stirred under Ar atmosphere under the dark. Trifluoroacetic acid (TFA) (8.57 μL, 0.122 mmol) was added and the mixture was allowed to stir for 1 h. To the reaction mixture, 2,3-dichloro-5,6-dicyano-*p*-benzoquinone (DDQ) (110 mg, 0.488 mmol) was added and allowed to stir for a further 10 min at room temperature. The entire reaction mixture was filtered through a pad of basic alumina and eluted with CH₂Cl₂ until the eluent was no longer dark. The resulting crude mixture was concentrated by rotary evaporator to give a purple solid. The crude solid was purified by alumina column chromatography. The purple fraction eluted with 10% CH₂Cl₂/hexane provided **1** as a purple solid in 12% (24 mg) yield. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CD₂Cl₂) δ 11.68, 9.17, 8.39, 8.37, 8.33, 7.90, 7.38, 7.28, 7.00, 6.97, 6.85, 6.82, 6.73, 6.57, 6.36, 2.37, 2.31, 2.23, 2.06, 2.00, 1.67, 1.54. HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: [M]⁺; calcd for: C₁₁₂H₁₀₇N₆S₄: 1663.7440; Found 1663.7432, error in ppm = 0.48.

Mass Spectral analysis of 1:

Mass spectrometric studies were conducted on macrocycle **1** upon the addition of Ag⁺ and Hg²⁺ ions. The solutions were prepared in methanol. In the case of mercury bound species, the ESI-MS spectrum was recorded which showed a peak corresponding to the dimetallated complex, where each Hg²⁺ ion is coordinated to one acetate group and to a carbazole nitrogen through deprotonation. ESI-MS: *m/z* = 2182.6980 ([M]⁺; calcd for C₁₁₆H₁₁₀Hg₂N₆O₄S₄ = 2182.6884). Upon addition of silver ions to macrocycle **1**, mass corresponding to the hydrogen adduct of the bis-metalated complex was observed. HR-MS (HESI): *m/z* = 1875.5399 ([M+H]⁺; calcd for C₁₁₂H₁₀₅Ag₂N₆S₄ = 1875.5385). HESI = Heated Electrospray Ionization.

3. High-Resolution APCI-TOF Mass Spectra

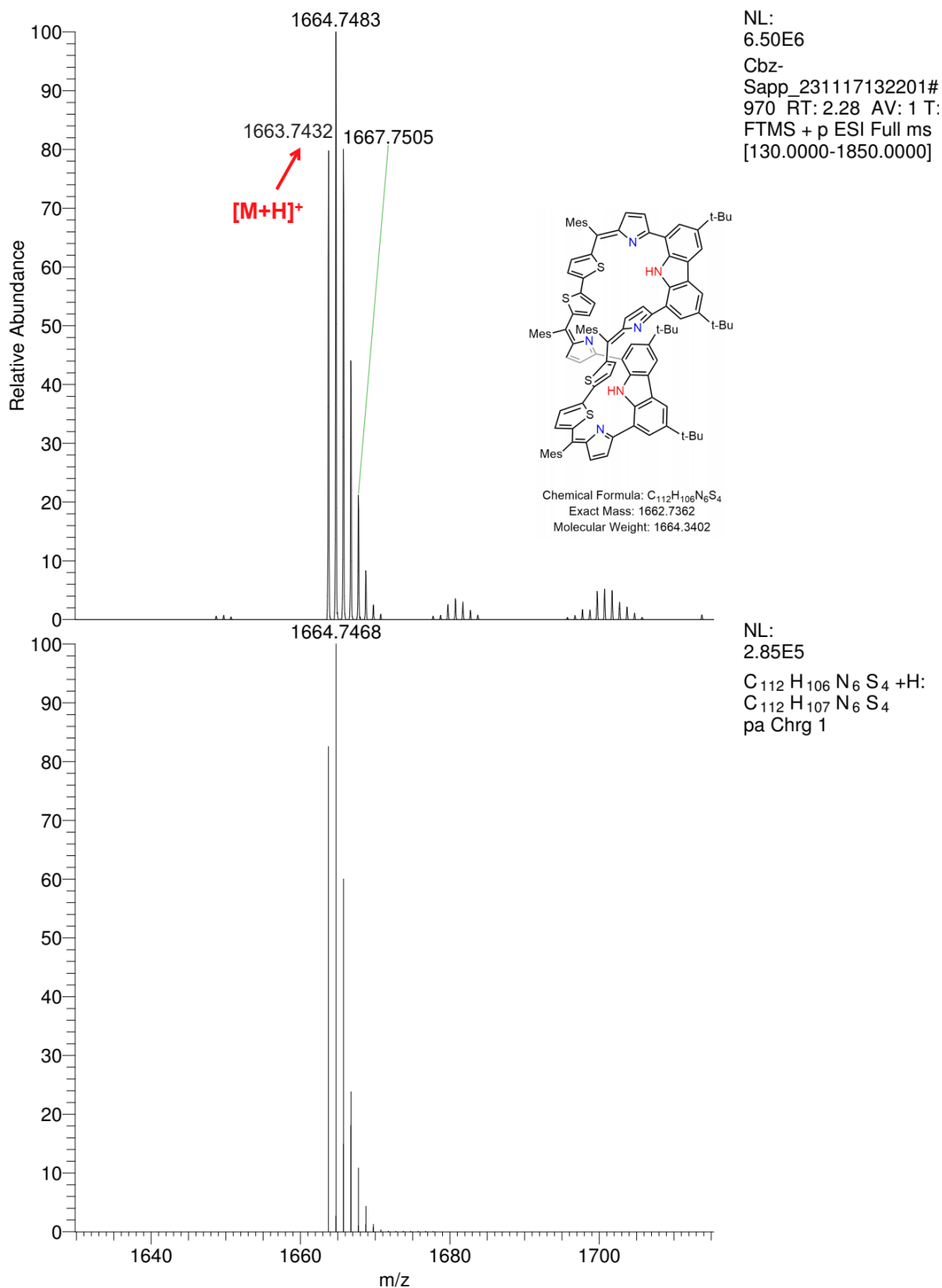


Figure S1. High-Resolution Mass Spectrum of **1** (top) and simulated spectrum (bottom)

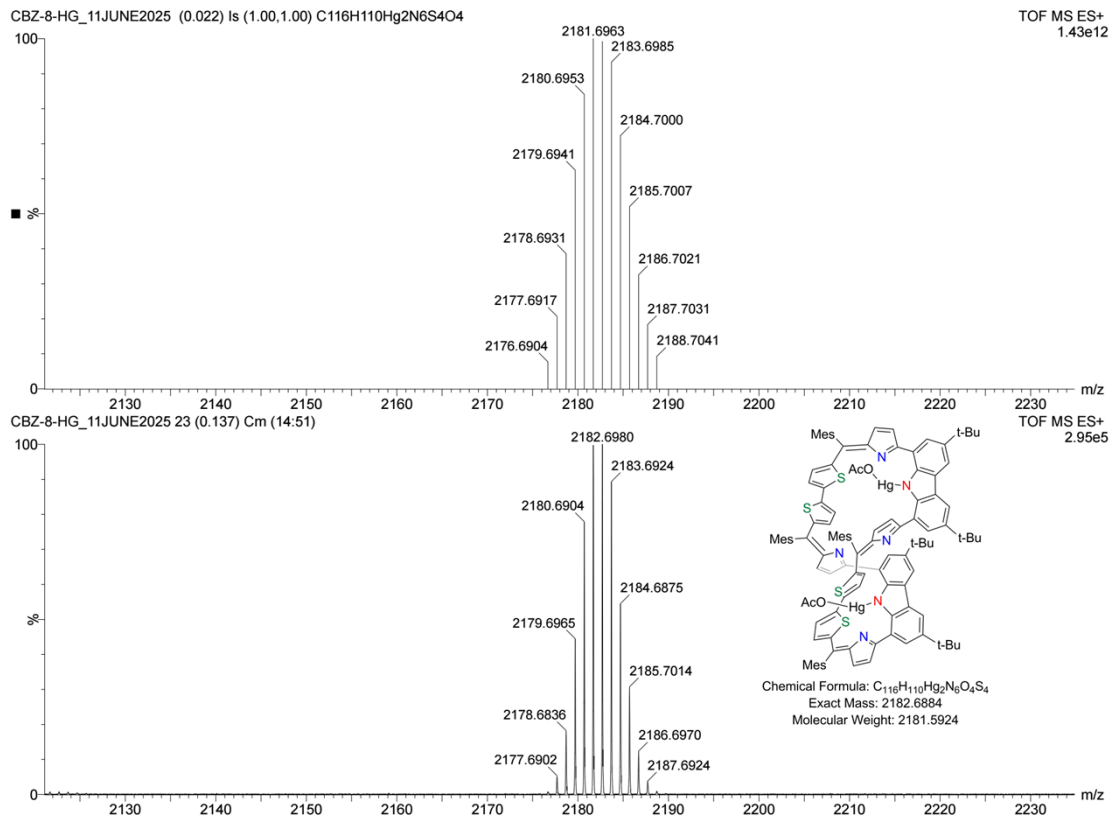


Figure S2. HR-MS (HESI) spectrum of **1-Ag**. (HESI = Heated Electrospray Ionization).

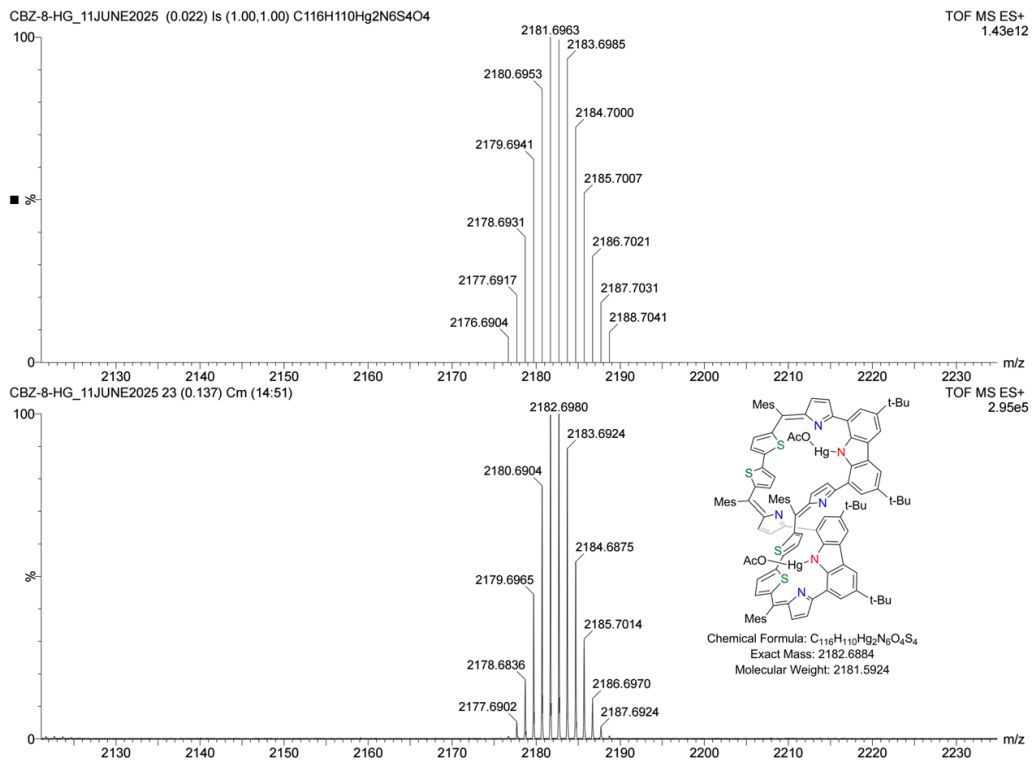
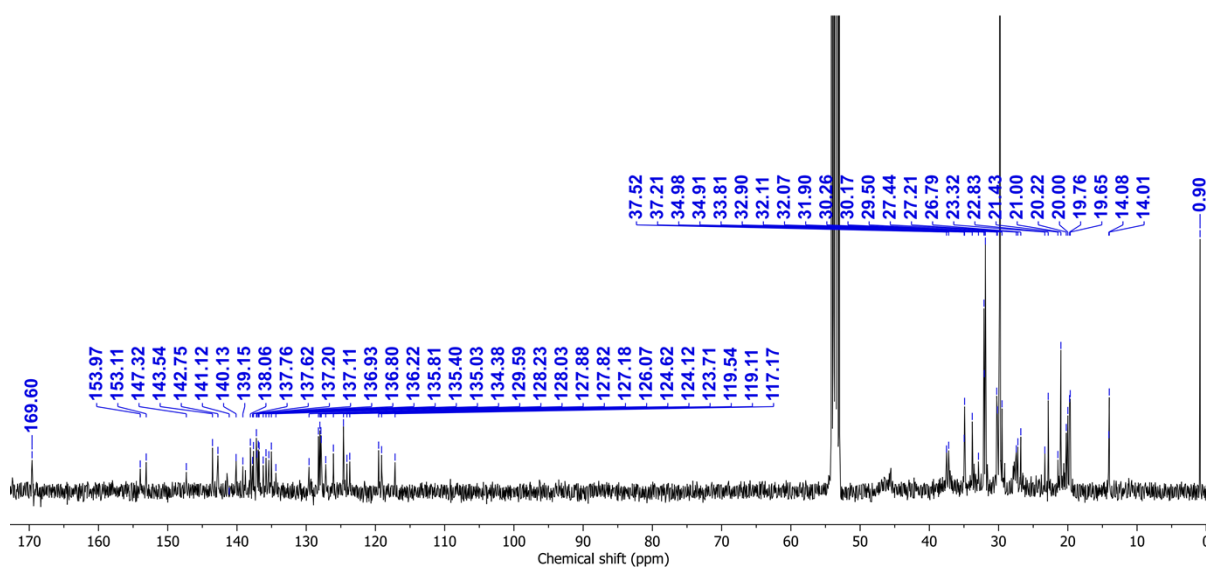
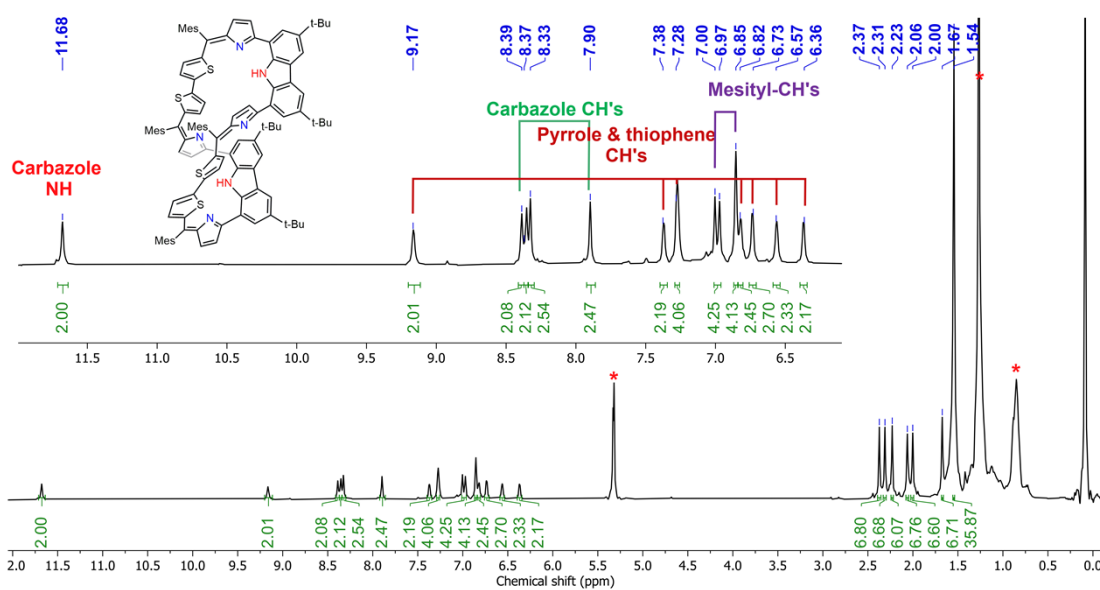


Figure S3. ESI-Mass spectrum of **1-Hg**.

4. NMR Spectra



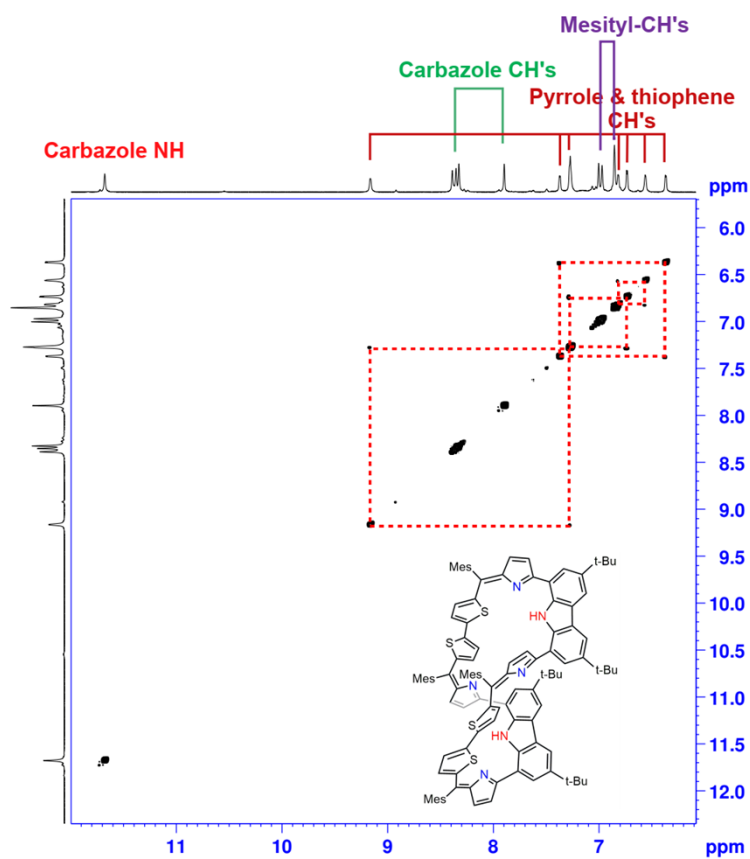


Figure S6. ^1H - ^1H COSY spectrum of **1** recorded at 500 MHz in CD_2Cl_2 at 298 K.

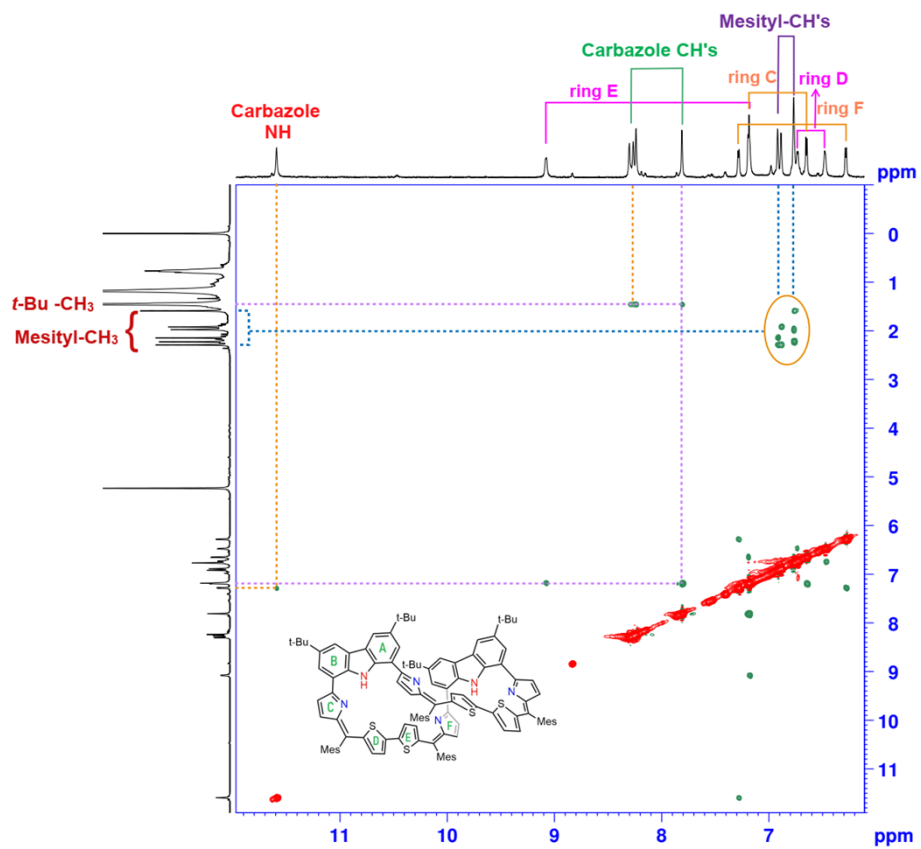


Figure S7. ^1H - ^1H ROESY spectrum of **1** recorded at 500 MHz in CD_2Cl_2 at 298 K.

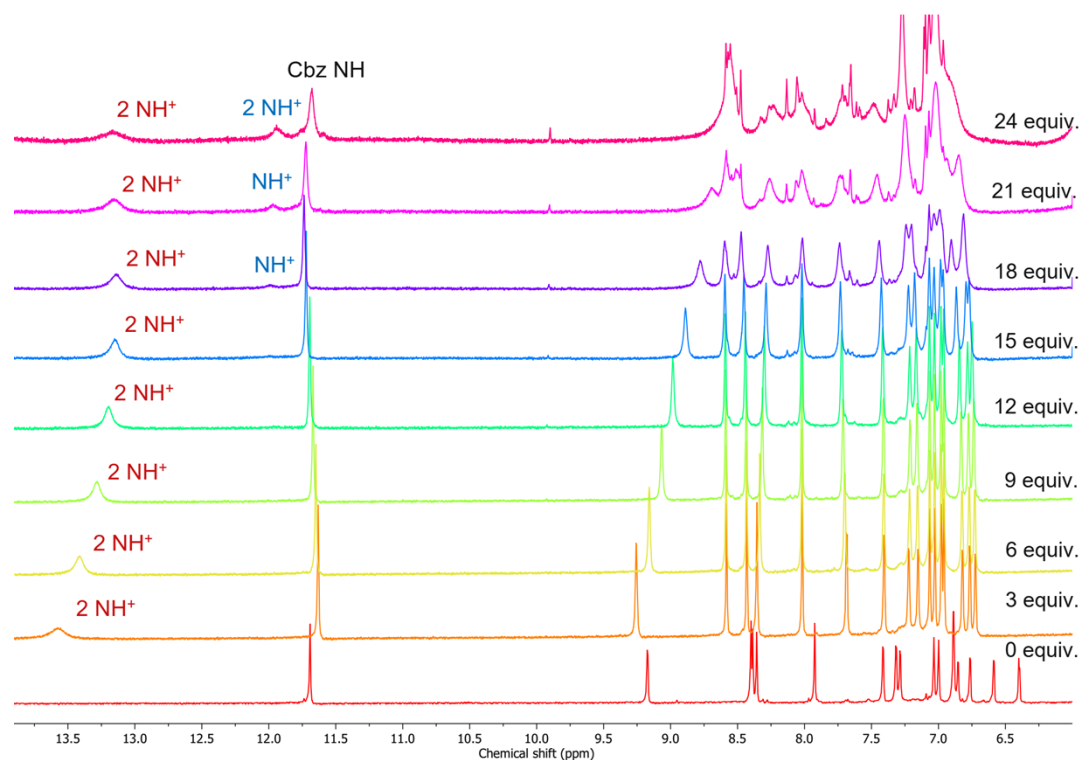


Figure S8. ¹H NMR spectra of **1** upon addition of increasing equivalence of CF₃COOH, recorded in CD₂Cl₂ at 273 K.

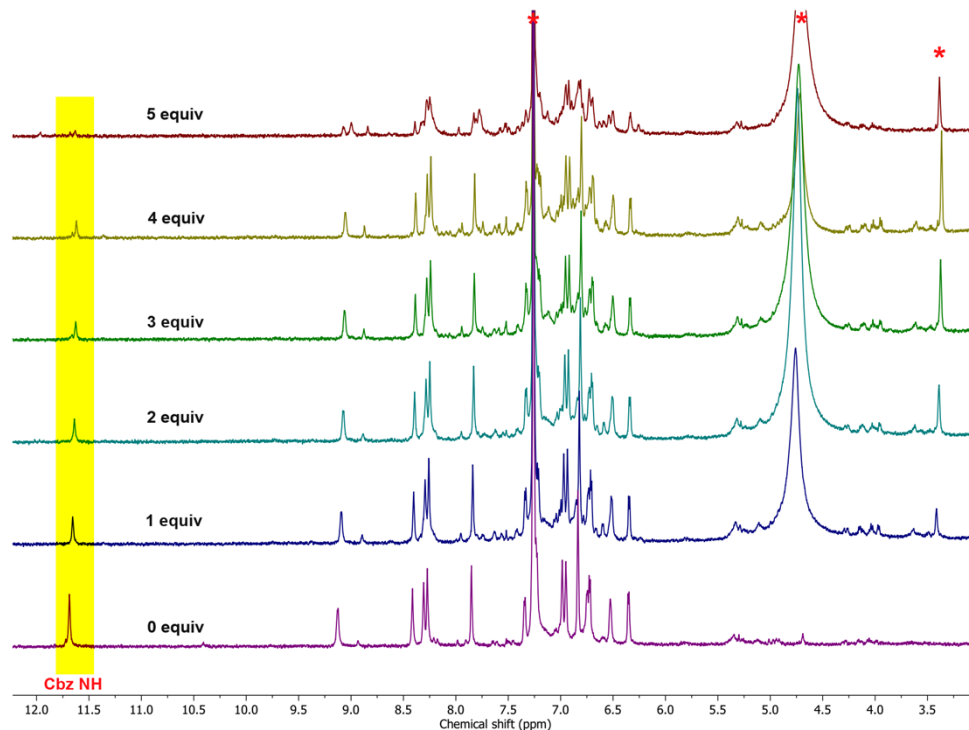


Figure S9. ¹H NMR spectra of **1** with various equivalents of Ag⁺ in CDCl₃ at 298 K. Various equivalents of Ag⁺ were introduced by dissolving metal salt in MeOD. Signals marked with (*) denote residual solvents.

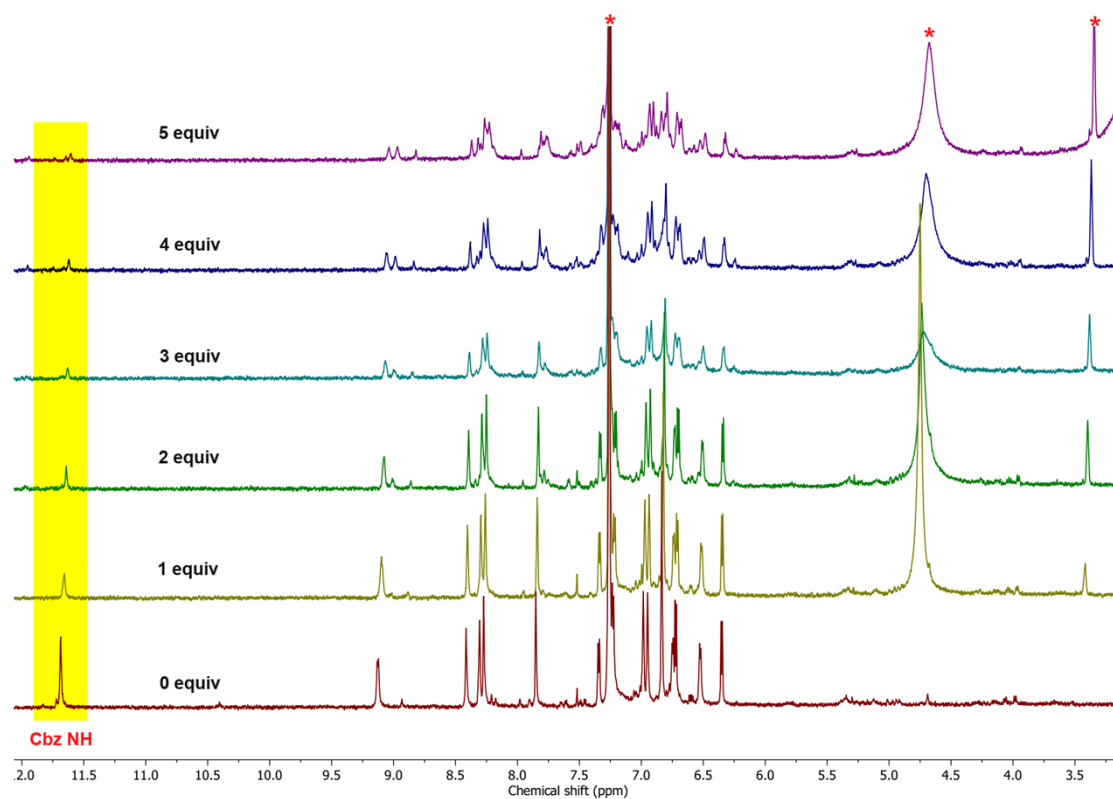


Figure S10. ^1H NMR spectra of **1** with various equivalents of Hg^{2+} in CDCl_3 at 298 K. Various equivalents of Hg^{2+} were introduced by dissolving metal salt in MeOD. Signals marked with (*) denote residual solvents.

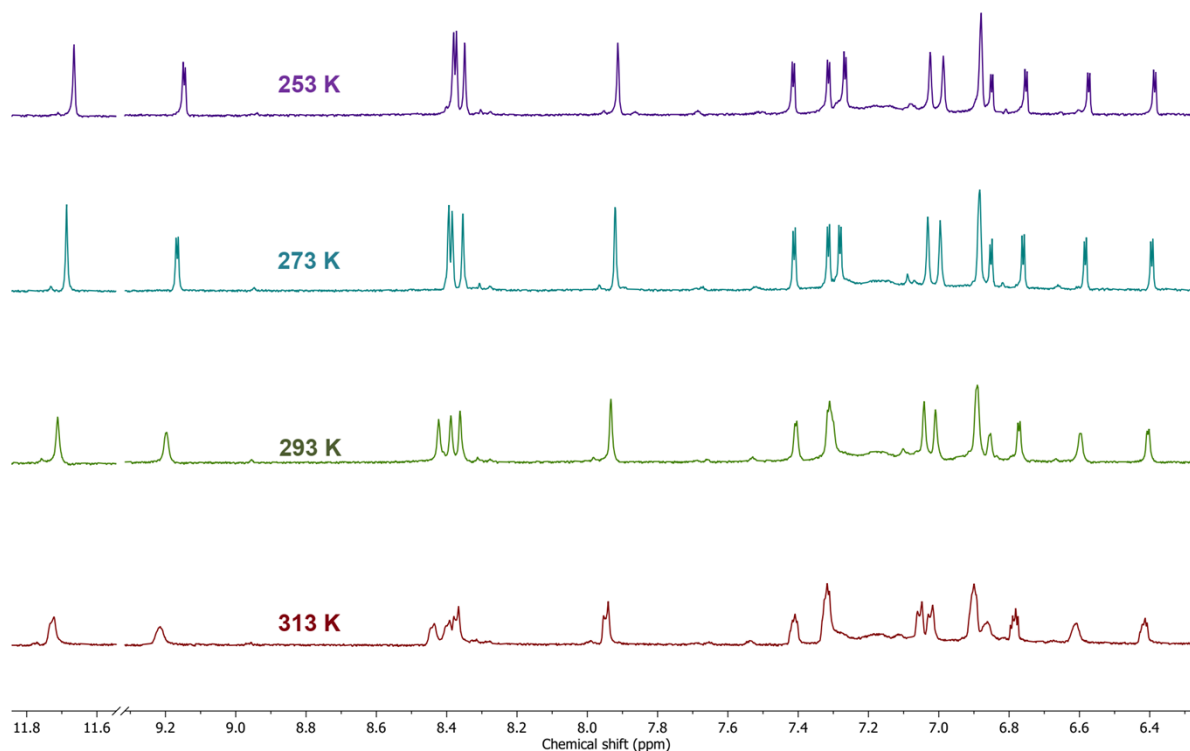


Figure S11. VT-NMR Spectra of **1** recorded at 500 MHz in CD_2Cl_2 .

5. UV/Vis Absorption Spectra

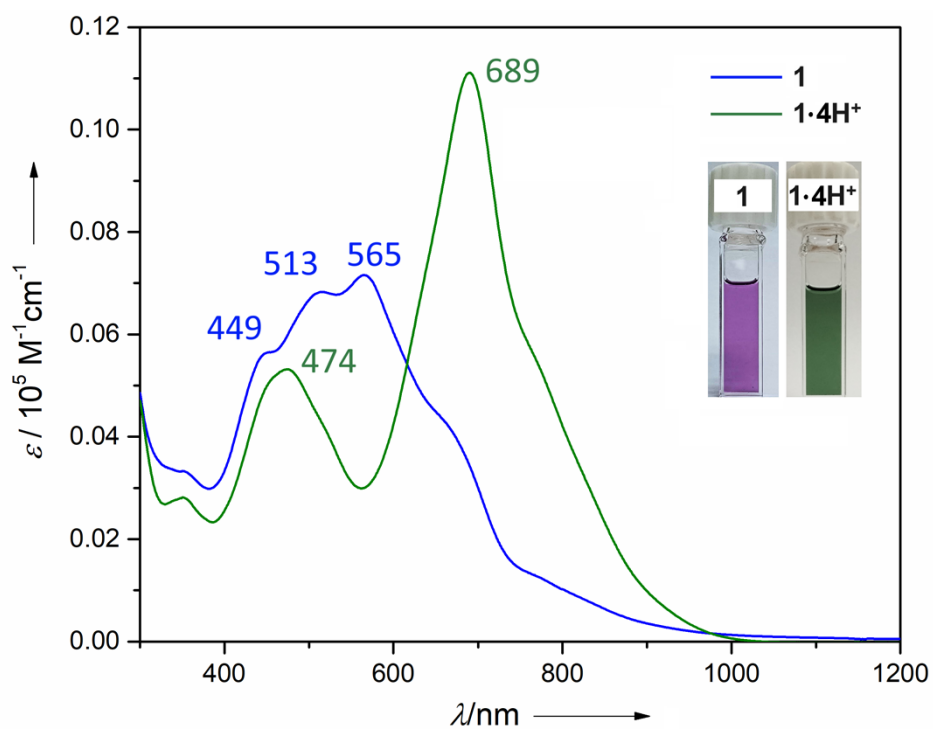


Figure S12. UV-Vis absorption spectra of **1** with its protonated form (diluted CF_3COOH used) recorded in CH_2Cl_2 at 298 K.

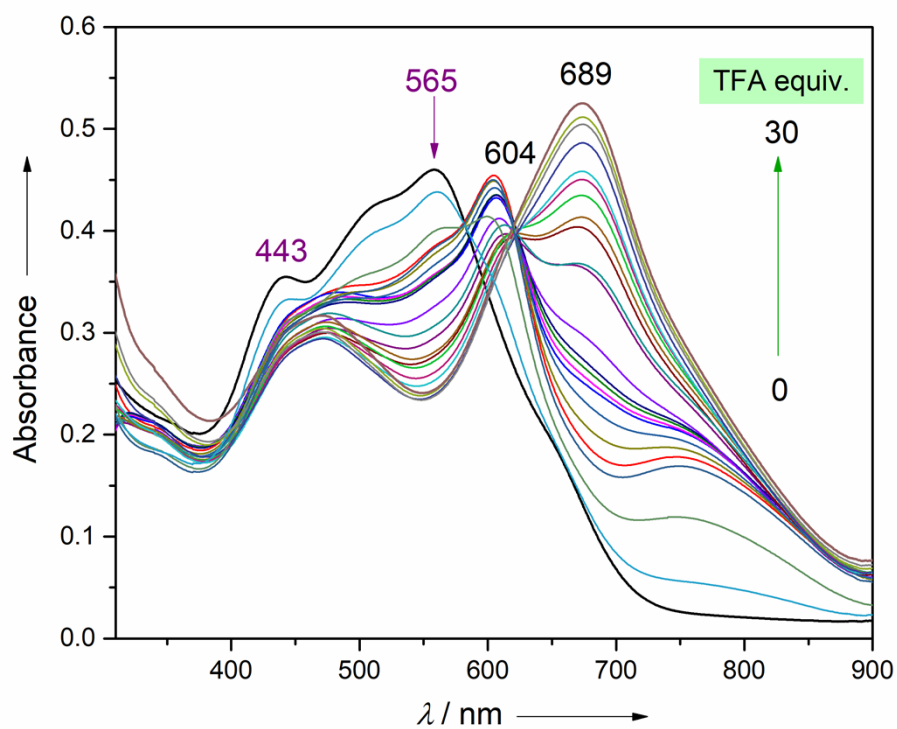


Figure S13. UV-Vis absorption spectra of **1** upon addition of increasing equivalence of CF_3COOH , recorded in CH_2Cl_2 at 298 K.

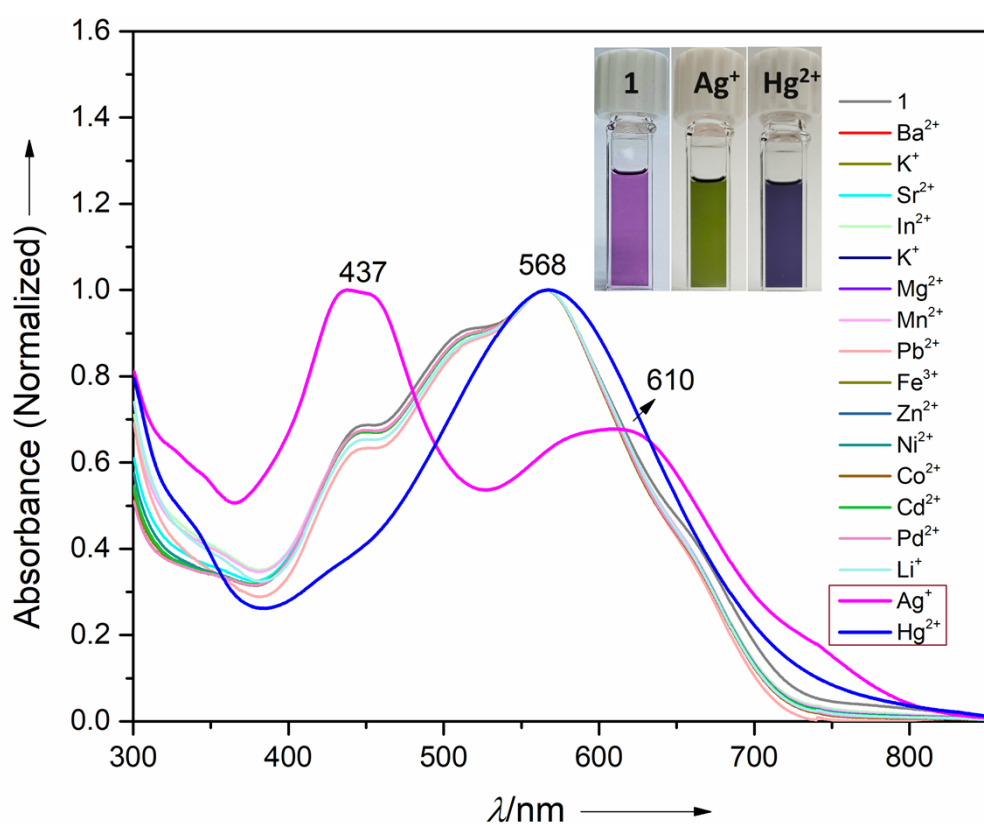


Figure S14. UV-Vis absorption changes of **1** (in CH_2Cl_2) upon addition of various metal ions (in CH_3OH).

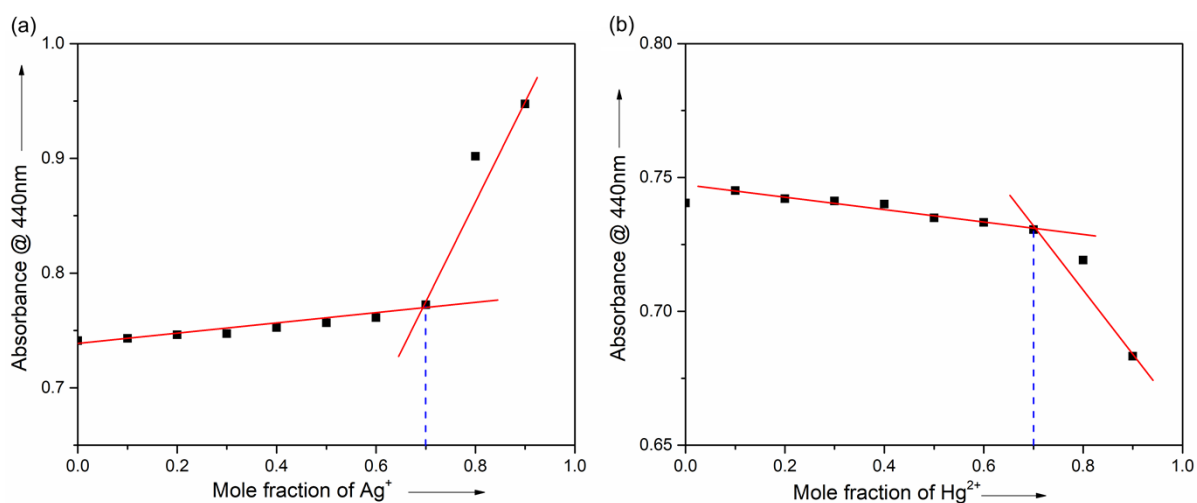


Figure S15. Job's plot for **1** (in CH_2Cl_2) with Ag^+ and Hg^{2+} ions (in CH_3OH).

6. Crystal Data

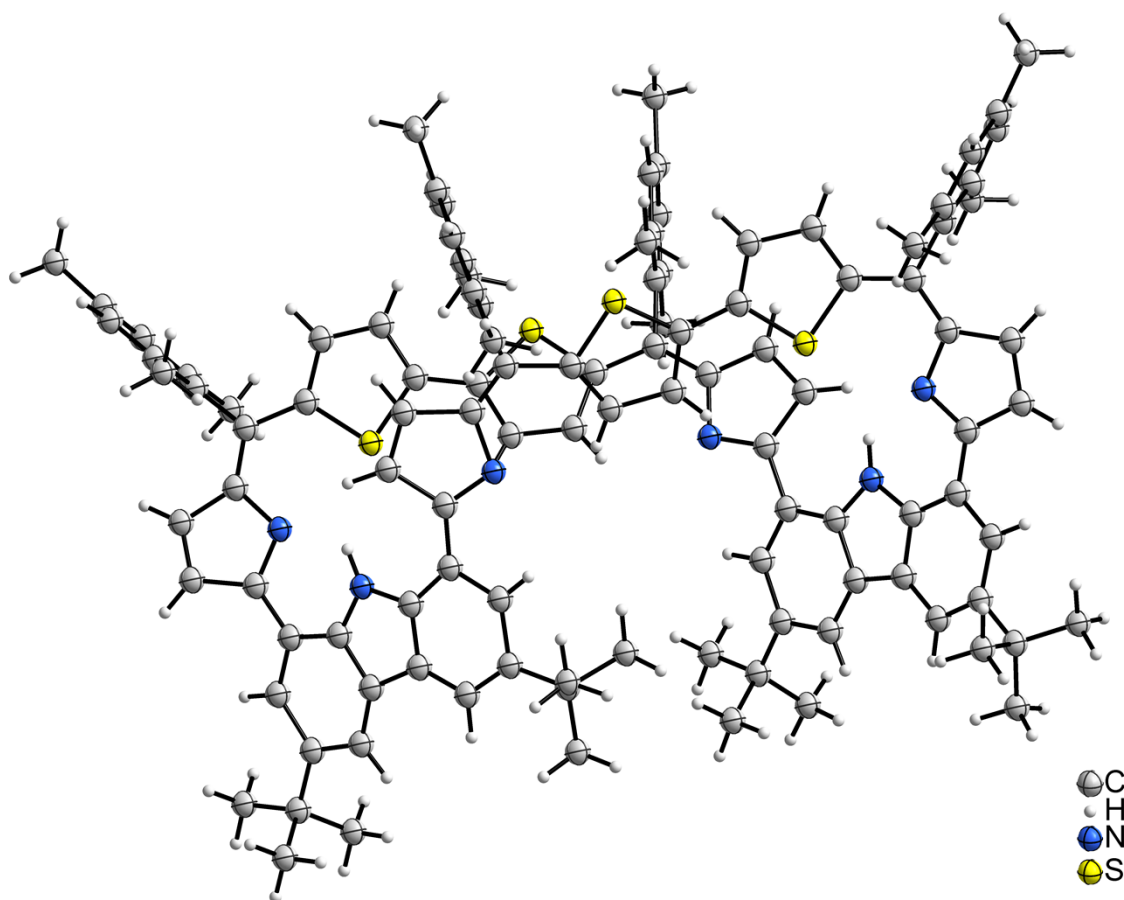


Figure S16. ORTEP drawing of **1**. The thermal ellipsoids are scaled to 50% probability level. Solvent molecules are omitted for clarity.

Method of Crystallization

Diffraction-grade crystals of **1** were grown by vapor diffusion of methanol into a THF solution of **1** at room temperature.

Table S1. Crystal data and structure refinements for **1**.

Compound	1
Empirical formula	C ₁₁₂ H ₁₀₆ N ₆ S ₄
Formula weight	1664.26
Temperature/ <i>K</i>	140(2) <i>K</i>
Crystal system	Monoclinic
Space group	P 21/n
<i>a</i> /Å	24.5514(16)
<i>b</i> /Å	15.9391(10)
<i>c</i> /Å	34.932(2)
α /°	90
β /°	101.616(2)
γ /°	90
Volume/Å ³	13389.8(15)
<i>Z</i>	4
ρ_{calc} Mg/m ³	0.826
μ /mm ⁻¹	0.108
<i>F</i> (000)	3536
Crystal size/mm ³	0.460 x 0.143 x 0.086
Radiation	MoK α (λ = 0.71073)
2 Θ range for data collection/°	2.043 to 26.373
Index ranges	-30 \leq h \leq 30, 0 \leq k \leq 19, 0 \leq l \leq 43
Reflections collected	17944
Independent reflections	7022 [R(int) = 0.1527]
Data/restraints/parameters	17944 / 110 / 1099
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.170
Final <i>R</i> indexes [<i>I</i> \geq 2 σ (<i>I</i>)]	R1 = 0.1527, wR2 = 0.3981
Final <i>R</i> indexes [all data]	R1 = 0.2676, wR2 = 0.4310
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å ⁻³	0.760 / -0.517
CCDC Number	2429004

7. DFT Calculations

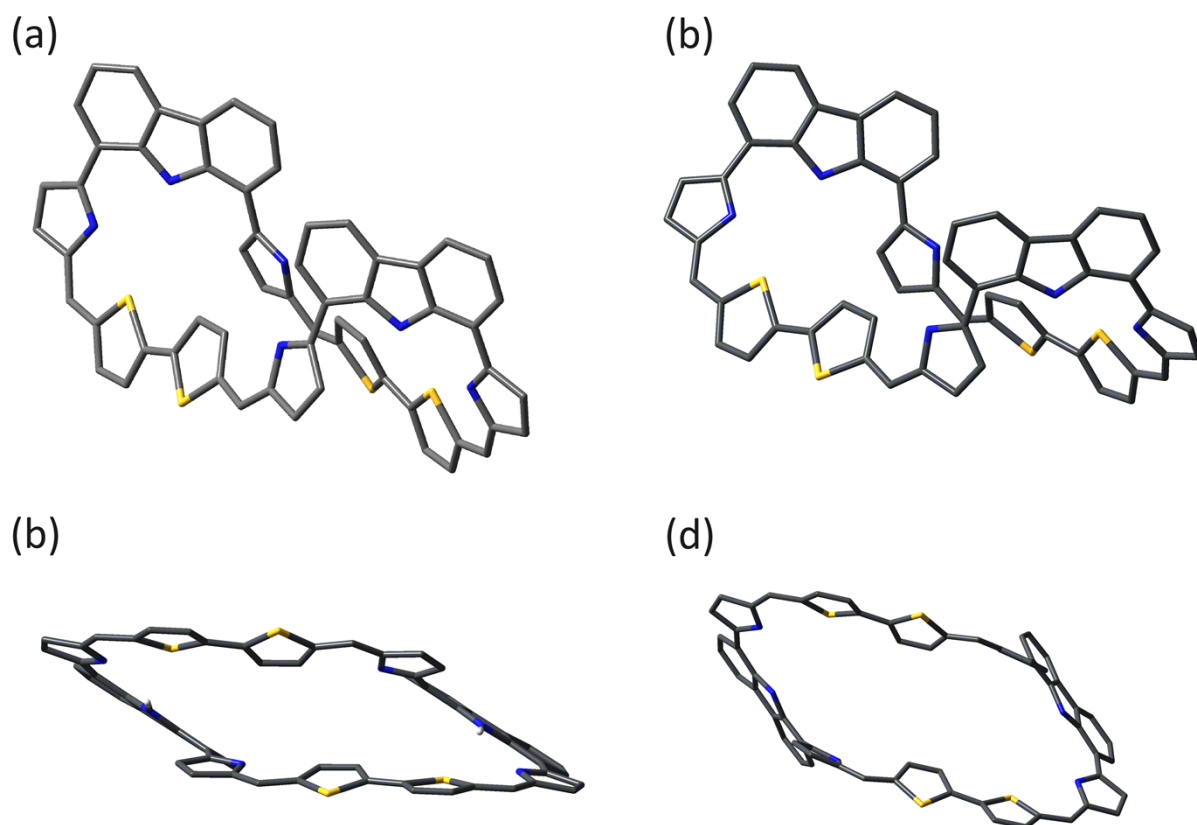


Figure S17. Optimized structures of (a) **1** and (b) **1·4H⁺** obtained by B3LYP/6-31G(d) method. Front views (top) and side views (bottom) are shown. For clarity, the *meso*-aryl groups, *tert*-butyl groups and hydrogens are omitted.

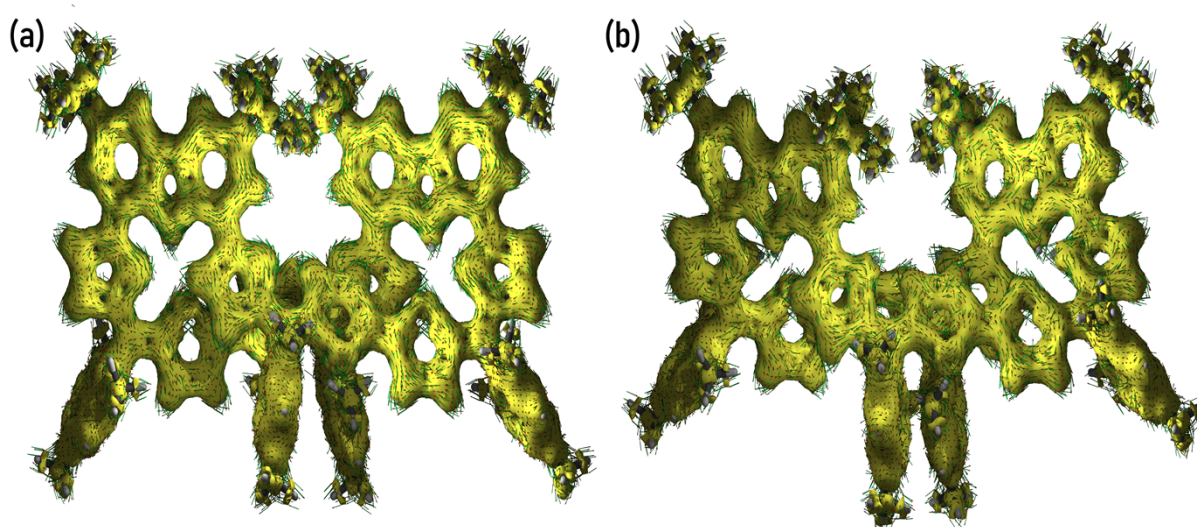


Figure S18. AICD plots of (a) **1** and (b) **1·4H⁺** at an isosurface value of 0.05 based on the optimized structures.

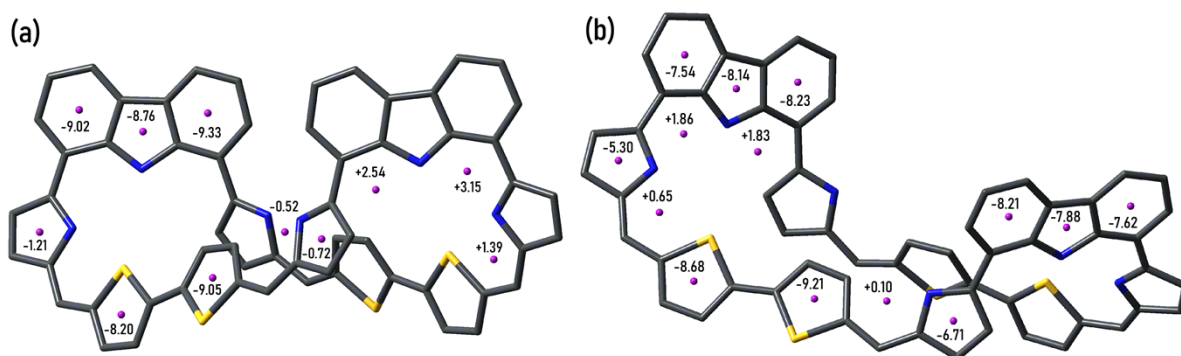


Figure S19. NICS (0) values computed at different points in the macrocycle (a) **1** (b) **1-4H⁺** based on the optimized structures at the B3LYP/6-31G(d) level. For clarity, the *meso*-aryl groups, tert-butyl groups and hydrogens are omitted, but they were all included for the calculations.

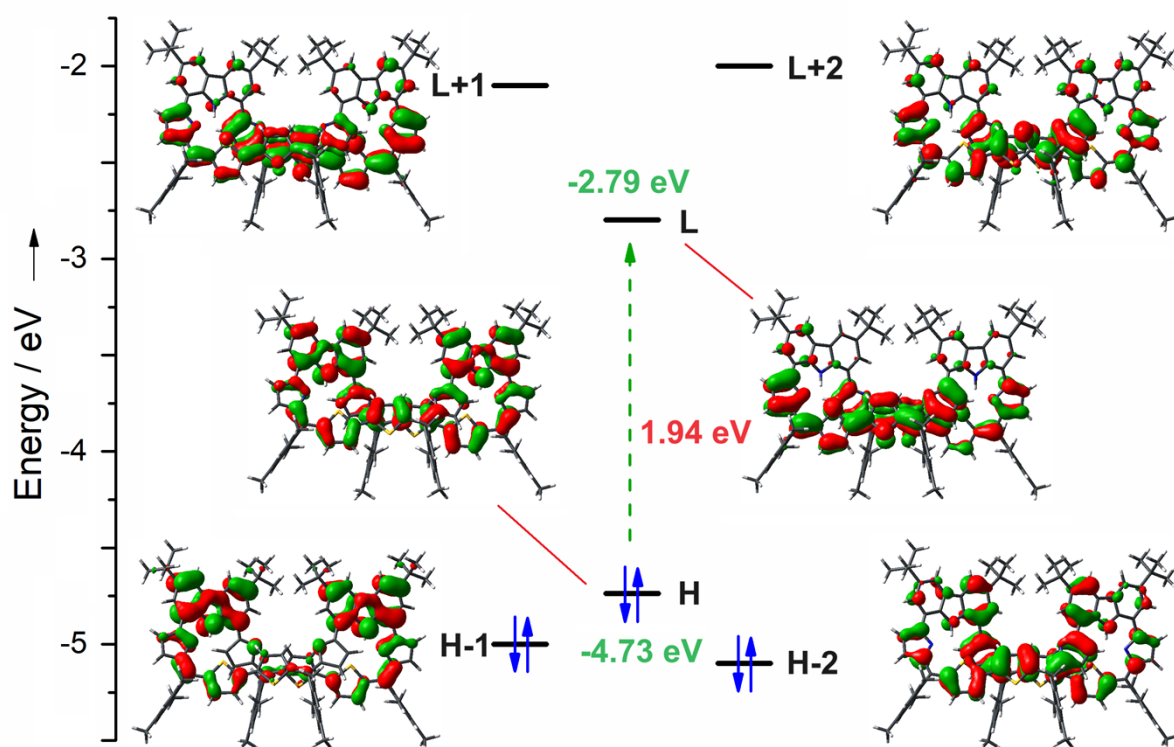


Figure S20. Energy level diagram of **1** with selected MOs.

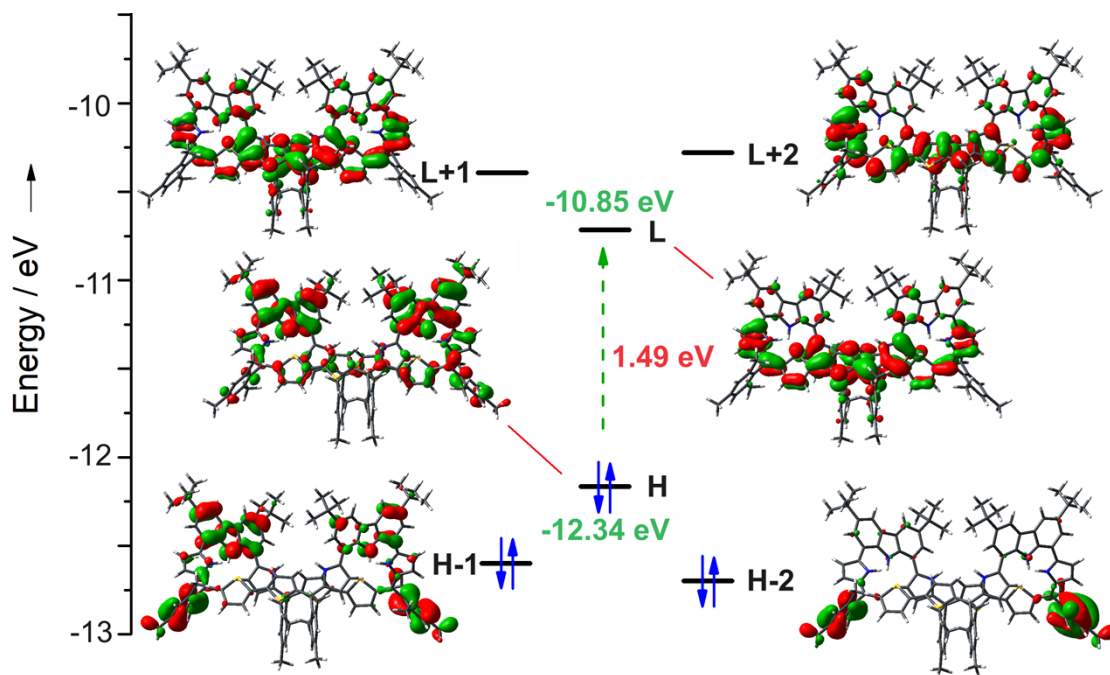


Figure S21. Energy level diagram of $1 \cdot 4H^+$ with selected MOs.

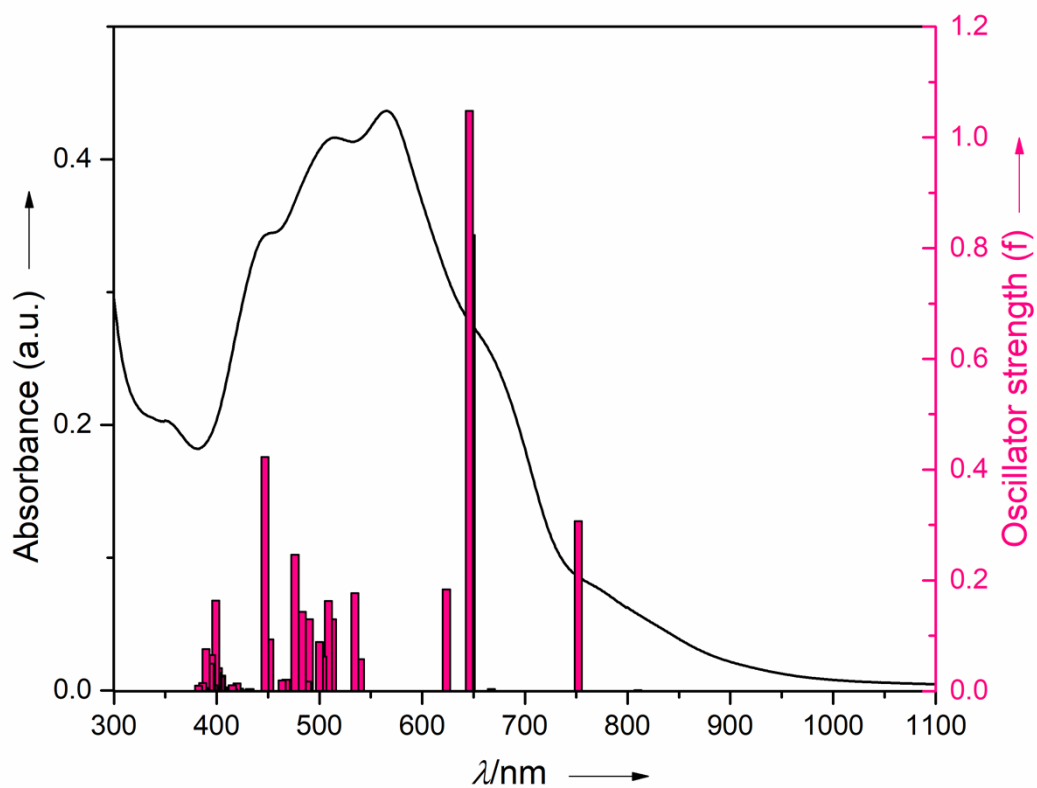


Figure S22. Calculated oscillator strength based on optimized structure (bar) and observed absorption spectra (line) of **1**.

Table S2: Selected transitions, oscillator strength, symmetry calculated for **1** from DFT analysis at B3LYP/6-31G(d) level of theory (H = HOMO, L= LUMO)

No.	Energy (cm ⁻¹)	Wavelength (nm)	Osc. Strength	Symmetry	Major contributions
1	12341.53	809.89	0.0018	Singlet-A	H→L (69.6%)
2	13300.88	751.82	0.3067	Singlet-A	H-1→L (20.9%), H→L+1 (66.3%)
3	14984.16	667.35	0.0038	Singlet-A	H-1→L+1 (69.3%)
4	15437.44	647.79	0.8238	Singlet-A	H-2→L (43.4%), H-1→L (53.3%)
5	15480.99	645.94	1.0478	Singlet-A	H-2→L (53.9%), H→L+1 (19.9%)
6	16035.90	623.59	0.1837	Singlet-A	H-2→L+1 (68.9%), H-1→L+3 (10.06%)
7	18527.36	539.74	0.0580	Singlet-A	H-4→L (10.1%), H-3→L (24.7%), H→L+2 (63.2%)
8	18709.64	534.48	0.1768	Singlet-A	H→L+3 (66.8%)
9	19502.48	512.76	0.1300	Singlet-A	H-5→L (17.03%), H-3→L (46.2%), H-3→L+1 (43.2%), H→L+3 (10.8%)
10	19658.15	508.69	0.1626	Singlet-A	H-3→L+1 (48.6%), H→L+2 (14.2%)
11	19871.88	503.23	0.0623	Singlet-A	H-4→L (65.3%),

					H-1→L+3 (17.1%)
12	20004.96	499.87	0.0888	Singlet-A	H-4→L+1 (58.8%),
13	20401.79	490.16	0.1300	Singlet-A	H-5→L (63.2%),
14	20481.64	488.25	0.0174	Singlet-A	H-5→L (11.2%), H-5→L+1 (63.8%), H-1→L+2 (13.6%)
15	20701.02	483.07	0.1430	Singlet-A	H-4→L+1 (32.5%), H-1→L+2 (56.1%)
16	21001.87	476.15	0.2467	Singlet-A	H-6→L (28.6%), H-5→L+1 (13.0%), H-1→L+3 (57.2%), H→L+2 (10.8%)
17	21389.82	467.51	0.0209	Singlet-A	H-5→L (12.9%), H-2→L+2 (67.3%)
18	21572.10	463.57	0.0196	Singlet-A	H-2→L+3 (68.2%)
19	22152.01	451.43	0.0936	Singlet-A	H-6→L+1 (64.4%)
20	22372.20	446.99	0.4230	Singlet-A	H-6→L (58.8%)
21	23126.33	432.41	0.0038	Singlet-A	H-12→L (35.3%), H-12→L+1 (15.9%), H-9→L (12.4%), H-9→L+1 (22.7%)
22	23164.24	431.70	0.0036	Singlet-A	H-12→L+1 (26.7%) H-11→L+1 (25.1%) H-9→L (45.1%) H-7→L+1(11.4%)

23	23179.56	431.42	0.0027	Singlet-A	H-12→L (10.7%) H-11→L (38.3%) H-11→L+1 (18.4%) H-9→L (14.3%) H-9→L+1 (34.5%) H-8→L (31.2%)
24	23214.24	430.77	0.0012	Singlet-A	H-11→L (29.5%) H-10→L (11.8%) H-8→L+1 (44.2%)
25	23683.66	422.24	0.0044	Singlet-A	H-10→L (53.8%)
26	23820.77	419.80	0.0137	Singlet-A	H-10→L+1 (50.0%)
27	24014.35	416.42	0.0031	Singlet-A	H-16→L (18.1%) H-16→L+1 (31.8%) H-15→L (16.0%) H-14→L (29.8%) H-13→L (24.1%) H-12→L (23.7%) H-10→L (18.3%) H-7→L (21.5%)
28	24085.32	415.19	0.0104	Singlet-A	H-16→L (45.0%) H-15→L+1 (15.2%) H-14→L+1 (23.9%) H-13→L+1 (21.2%) H-12→L+1(17.1 %) H-10→L+1 (16.5%) H-8→L+1 (10.7%)

					H-7→L+1 (20.0%)
29	24166.79	413.79	0.0006	Singlet-A	H-15→L (48.5%) H-15→L+1 (35.8%) H-15→L+2 (10.1%)
30	24204.69	413.15	0.0006	Singlet-A	H-14→L (25.1%) H-13→L+1 (41.2%)
31	24620.07	406.18	0.0073	Singlet-A	H-17→L (52.0%) H-14→L+1 (10.8%)
32	24649.91	405.68	0.0064	Singlet-A	H-19→L+1 (27.9%) H-18→L (43.3%) H-12→L (13.1%) H-11→L+1 (14.3%) H-7→L (13.3%)
33	24714.43	404.63	0.0279	Singlet-A	H-19→L (13.8%) H-18→L+1 (16.7%) H-17→L+1 (13.1%) H-16→L (19.9%) H-12→L+1 (10.8%) H-11→L (33.7%) H-11→L+1 (11.0%)
34	24758.80	403.90	0.0259	Singlet-A	H-17→L+1 (13.4%) H-16→L+1 (19.4%) H-15→L (10.7%) H-14→L (15.1%) H-13→L (10.7%)

					H-11→L+1 (32.9%) H-10→L+1 (14.3%) H-8→L+1 (17.7%) H-7→L+1 (13.2%)
35	24915.27	401.35	0.0413	Singlet-A	H-12→L (34.4%) H-11→L+1 (32.0%) H-7→L (20.2%) H-3→L+3 (14.2%)
36	24993.50	400.11	0.0337	Singlet-A	H-19→L (27.6%) H-18→L+1 (28.5%) H-17→L (11.0%) H-8→L+1 (17.1%) H-3→L+2 (35.9%)
37	25024.96	399.60	0.0335	Singlet-A	H-11→L (10.5%) H-3→L+2 (51.7%)
38	25066.09	398.95	0.1632	Singlet-A	H-17→L (21.2%) H-17→L+1 (15.4%) H-12→L+1 (31.7%) H-10→L (11.5%) H-10→L+1 (20.5%) H-7→L+1 (19.1%) H-4→L+2 (14.5%) H-3→L+2 (19.6%)
39	25171.75	397.27	0.0105	Singlet-A	H-19→L+1 (13.7%) H-18→L (19.8%)

					H-17→L+1 (45.7%) H-12→L+1 (10.7%) H-10→L (15.0%) H-3→L+3 (11.0%)
40	25308.06	395.13	0.0172	Singlet-A	H-17→L+1 (20.1%) H-16→L+1 (41.7%) H-3→L+3 (36.1%)
41	25327.42	394.83	0.0650	Singlet-A	H-15→L+1 (17.7%) H-14→L+1 (28.1%) H-13→L+2 (24.1%)
42	25417.75	393.43	0.0494	Singlet-A	H-16→L (12.5%) H-14→L (16.0%) H-13→L (11.9%) H-4→L+2 (11.1%) H-4→L+3 (15.7%) H-3→L+3 (41.4%)
43	25660.52	389.70	0.0760	Singlet-A	H-15→L+1 (11.6%) H-4→L+2 (58.9%)
44	25712.95	388.9	0.0046	Singlet-A	H-12→L (22.8%) H-12→L+1 (20.6%) H-8→L (33.4%) H-8→L+1 (28.7%)
45	25783.93	387.84	0.0006	Singlet-A	H-12→L+1 (29.8%) H-11→L+1 (17.2%) H-10→L (12.4%)

					H-9→L+1 (38.0%)
46	25878.29	386.43	0.0144	Singlet-A	H-17→L+1 16.7%) H-4→L+3 (59.3%)
47	26158.17	382.30	0.0096	Singlet-A	H-5→L+2 (64.1%) H-4→L+3 (20.5%)
48	26241.24	381.08	0.0008	Singlet-A	H-13→L (42.3%) H-13→L+1 (38.4%)
49	26310.61	380.08	0.0005	Singlet-A	H-15→L+1 (48.8%) H-14→L (19.4%)
50	26366.26	379.23	0.0015	Singlet-A	H-5→L+3 (65.7%)

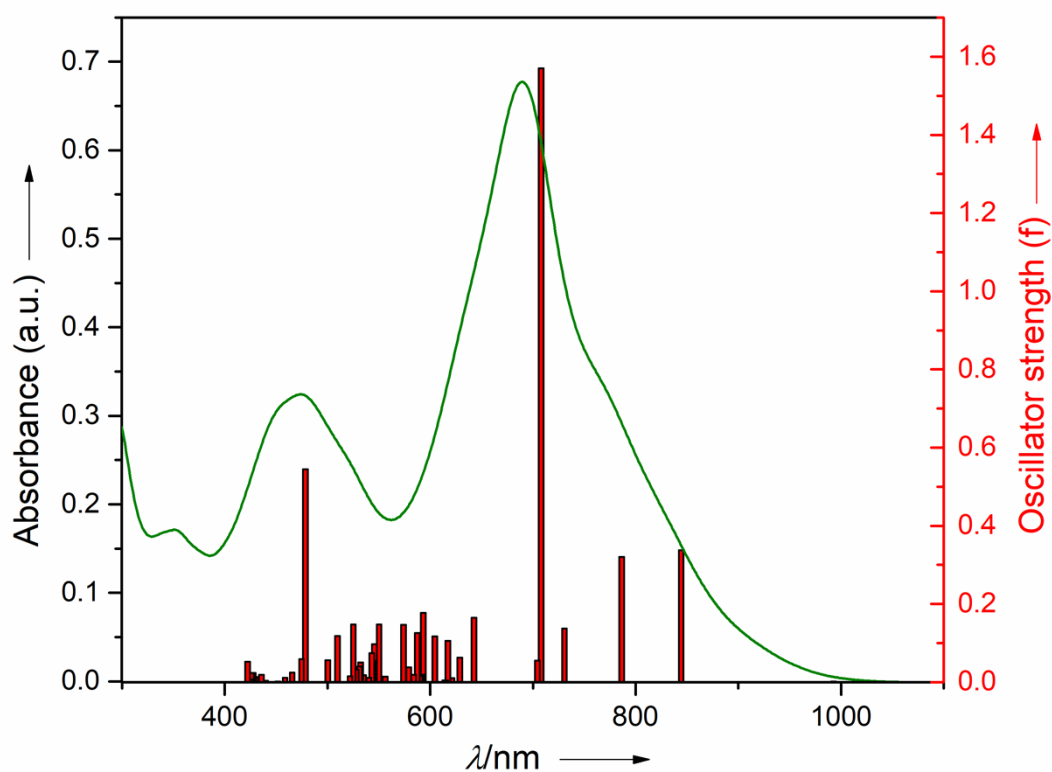


Figure S23. Calculated oscillator strength on the basis of optimized structure (bar) and observed absorption spectra (line) of 124H^+ .

Table S3: Selected transitions, oscillator strength, symmetry calculated for $1\text{E}4\text{H}^+$ from DFT analysis at B3LYP/6-31G(d) level of theory (H = HOMO, L= LUMO)

No.	Energy (cm ⁻¹)	Wavelength (nm)	Osc. Strength	Symmetry	Major contributions
1	10074.67	992.59	0.0013	Singlet-A	H→L (69.7%)
2	11844.25	844.31	0.3379	Singlet-A	H-2→L (16.5%), H→L+1 (66.6%)
3	127117.75	786.29	0.3200	Singlet-A	H-1→L (67.8%), H→L+1 (14.0%)
4	13686.42	730.66	0.1368	Singlet-A	H-3→L (10.9%), H-1→L+1 (67.4%)
5	14121.96	708.12	1.5700	Singlet-A	H-2→L (67.2%)
6	14200.19	704.23	0.0555	Singlet-A	H-2→L+1 (67.9%), H-1→L+1 (13.9%)
7	15561.66	642.61	0.1647	Singlet-A	H-5→L (11.9%), H-3→L (63.7%)
8	15900.41	628.91	0.0631	Singlet-A	H-5→L (14.7%), H-5→L+1 (15.8%), H-4→L (27.5%), H-3→L+1 (47.1%), H→L+2 (11.3%)
9	16093.98	621.35	0.0102	Singlet-A	H-5→L (43.4%),

					H-5→L+1 (12.4%), H-4→L+1 (17.5%), H→L+3 (10.3%)
10	16205.29	617.08	0.1057	Singlet-A	H-8→L (21.1%), H-7→L (18.6%), H-4→L+1 (18.3%), H-3→L+1(39.8%), H→L+2 (26.4%)
11	16261.75	614.93	0.0041	Singlet-A	H-8→L (41.2%), H-8→L+1 (28.6%)
12	16283.52	614.11	0.0048	Singlet-A	H-6→L (54.04%), H-6→L+2 (11.3%), H-6→L+3 (11.0%)
13	16538.39	604.66	0.1167	Singlet-A	H-11→L (10.7%), H-8→L (13.7%), H-5→L (16.4%), H-4→L (20.8%), H→L+2 (53.4%)

14	16852.95	593.37	0.1773	Singlet-A	H-11→L+1 (13.8%), H-9→L (12.6%), H-8→L (26.1%), H-7→L (26.2%), H-5→L (19.1%), H-4→L (34.1%), H-4→L+1 (14.0%)
15	16896.50	591.84	0.0191	Singlet-A	H-13→L (22.2%), H-13→L+1 (14.5%), H-10→L (38.6%), H-10→L+1 (10.1%), H-8→L (10.0%), H-4→L (11.2%)
16	16944.09	590.17	0.0156	Singlet-A	H-12→L+1 (14.4 %), H-11→L (38.9%), H-10→L (29.1%)
17	17024.75	587.38	0.1256	Singlet-A	H-13→L (28.9%), H-13→L+1 (15.1%), H-12→L+1 (22.5%), H-9→L (45.0%)

18	17126.37	583.89	0.0184	Singlet-A	H-12→L (12.2 %), H-8→L+1 (19.0%), H-7→L+1 (18.0%), H-5→L+1 (24.8%), H-4→L+1 (36.2%),
19	17267.52	579.11	0.0381	Singlet-A	H-13→L (25.2%), H-13→L+1 (15.5%), H-12→L (34.6%), H-11→L (19.3 %), H-9→L+1 (34.2%), H-3→L+1 (13.5%), H→L+3(13.3%)
20	17424.80	573.88	0.1465	Singlet-A	H-8→L+1 (11.9%), H-5→L+1 (16.21%), H-4→L+1 (21.2%), H-3→L (11.5%), H→L+3 (55.8%)
21	17978.09	556.24	0.0144	Singlet-A	H-12→L (18.5%), H-10→L (19.6%), H-9→L (30.7%), H-8→L+1 (17.8%), H-7→L+1 (20.7%), H-5→L (20.8%)
22	18173.28	550.26	0.1481	Singlet-A	H-8→L (21.3%) H-8→L+1 (10.3%) H-7→L (28.2%)

23	18323.30	545.76	0.0971	Singlet-A	H-13→L (17.1%) H-11→L (11.3%) H-8→L+1 (18.2%) H-7→L+1 (27.8%) H-6→L (15.5%) H-6→L+1 (22.9%) H-5→L (18.2%)
24	18365.24	544.50	0.0541	Singlet-A	H-9→L +1 (30.8%) H-7→L+1 (29.9%) H-5→L (15.9%)
25	18411.21	543.16	0.0738	Singlet-A	H-9→L+1 (35.4%) H-6→L (32.1%) H-6→L+1 (39.6%)
26	18506.39	540.35	0.0113	Singlet-A	H-9→L+1 (20.4%) H-8→L+1 (44.5%) H-7→L (19.9%)
27	18687.86	535.11	0.0175	Singlet-A	H-12→L (10.0%) H-12→L+1 (11.8%) H-11→L+1 (35.2%) H-10→L (31.3%) H-10→L+1 (18.3%) H-4→L+1 (12.0%) H-1→L+2 (35.8%)
28	18783.03	532.39	0.0508	Singlet-A	H-11→L (23.0%) H-11→L+1 (14.0%) H-10→L (13.3%)

					H-10→L+1 (44.3%) H-9→L+1 (10.2%)
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30	18945.96	527.82	0.0323	Singlet-A	H-13→L+1 (14.9%) H-12→L (26.7%) H-12→L+1 (51.8%)
31	19041.13	525.17	0.1477	Singlet-A	H-13→L+1 (58.3%)
32	19160.50	521.9	0.0146	Singlet-A	H-1→L+3 (68.2%)
33	19613.78	509.85	0.1184	Singlet-A	H-12→L+1 (10.3%) H-2→L+2 (60.5%)
34	19992.87	500.17	0.0561	Singlet-A	H-14→L+1 (15.0%) H-2→L+3 (66.3%)
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37	21475.31	465.65	0.0249	Singlet-A	H-5→L+2 (11.5%) H-3→L+2 (63.2%)
38	21798.74	458.75	0.0115	Singlet-A	H-7→L+2 (17.5%) H-5→L+3 (11.2%) H-3→L+3 (54.4%)
39	22145.56	451.55	0.0013	Singlet-A	H-8→L+3 (18.8%) H-7→L+3 (23.8%)

					H-5→L+2 (43.4%)
40	22217.34	450.10	0.0005	Singlet-A	H-8→L+2 (37.2%) H-7→L+3 (13.5%) H-5→L+3 (20.6%)
41	22230.25	449.84	0.0010	Singlet-A	H-8→L+3 (25.4%) H-7→L+2 (37.8%)
42	22258.48	449.27	0.0001	Singlet-A	H-7→L+2 (29.5%) H-6→L+2 (33.2%) H-6→L+3 (29.2%) H-5→L+3 (17.7%)
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44	22958.57	435.57	0.0193	Singlet-A	H-15→L (35.3%) H-8→L+3 (22.7%) H-7→L+3 (18.5%) H-5→L+3 (22.2%) H-4→L+3 (32.7%)
45	23248.93	430.13	0.0129	Singlet-A	H-15→L (12.7%) H-9→L+2 (47.2%) H-5→L+3 (12.6%) H-4→L+3 (20.9%)
46	23353.78	428.20	0.0115	Singlet-A	H-15→L (16.9%)

					H-11→L+2 (50.1%) H-10→L+3 (25.2%)
47	23384.43	427.63	0.0236	Singlet-A	H-11→L+2 (15.7%) H-11→L+3 (16.3%) H-10→L+2 (41.2%) H-10→L+3 (17.4%) H-9→L+2 (20.3%) H-5→L+3 (10.2%) H-4→L+3 (21.0%)
48	23486.05	425.79	0.0236	Singlet-A	H-15→L (36.8%) H-13→L+2 (43.5%) H-11→L+3 (10.2%) H-10→L+2 (13.2%)
49	23510.25	425.35	0.0069	Singlet-A	H-10→L+2 (45.4%) H-10→L+3 (25.8%) H-4→L+. (11.1%)
50	23680.43	422.29	0.0526	Singlet-A	H-16→L (66.0%) H-15→L (12.2%)

8. Cartesian coordinates of optimized geometries and minimized energies

Table S4: Cartesian coordinates of the S0 optimized geometry of the macrocycle **1** optimized at B3LYP/6-31G(d) level of theory

Sum of imaginary frequencies = 0

Total Energy (hartree) = -6253.131621 Hartrees

Optimized structure Coordinates:

Chemical
Symbol

Coordinates (Angstroms)

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Table S5: Cartesian coordinates of the S0 optimized geometry of the macrocycle **124H⁺** optimized at B3LYP/6-31G(d) level of theory

Sum of imaginary frequencies = 0

Total Energy (hartree) = -6254.452396 Hartrees

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