

## Supporting Information

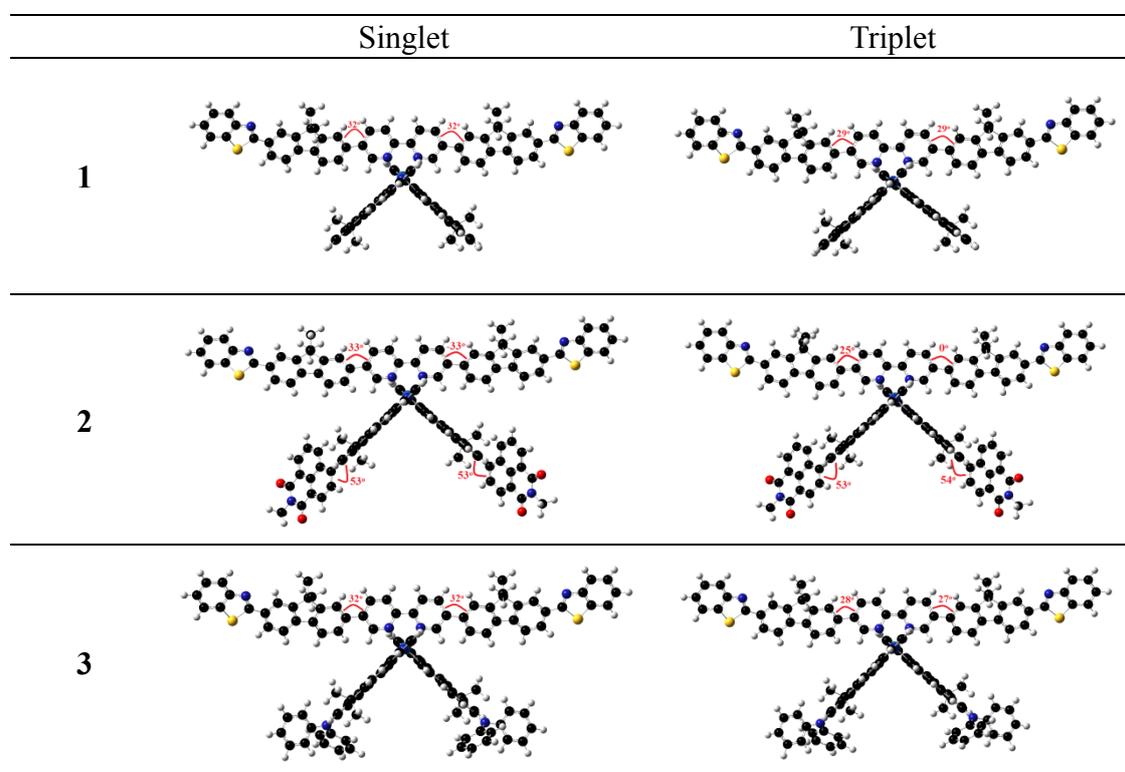
# Synthesis and Photophysics of Reverse Saturable Absorbing Heteroleptic Iridium(III) Complexes Bearing 2-(7-R-Fluoren-2'-yl)pyridine Ligands

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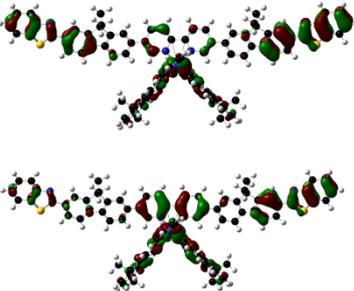
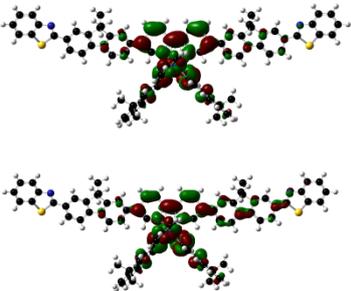
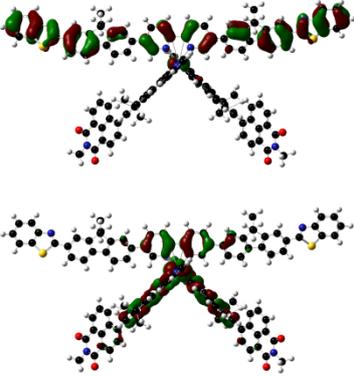
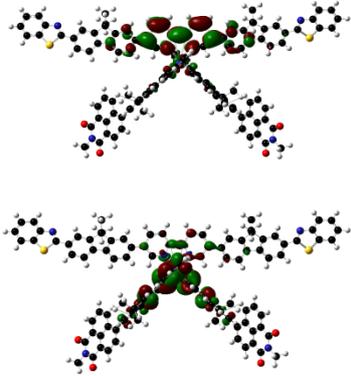
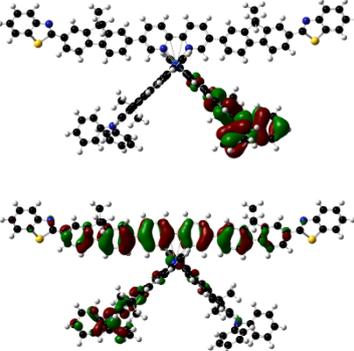
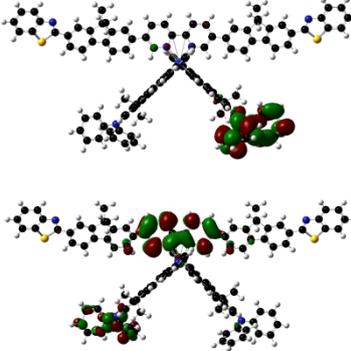
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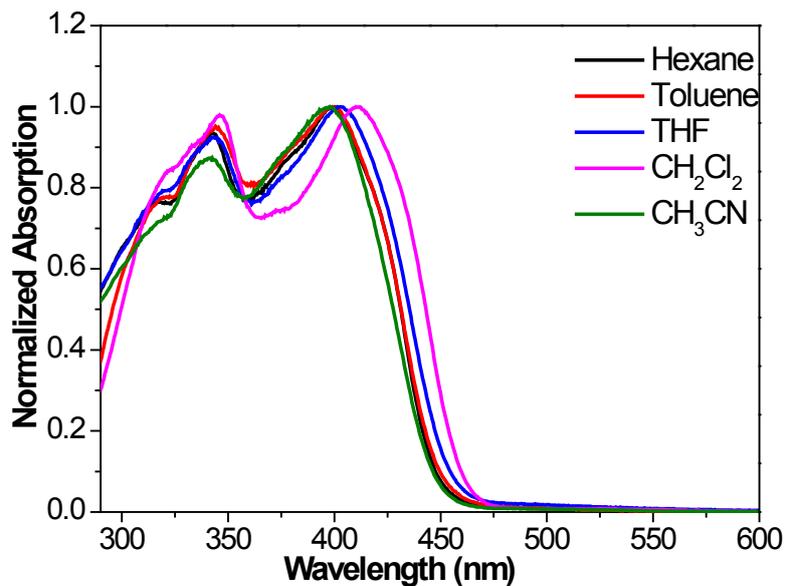
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**Table S1.** Optimized geometries of the singlet and triplet ground states of **1-3** in toluene.

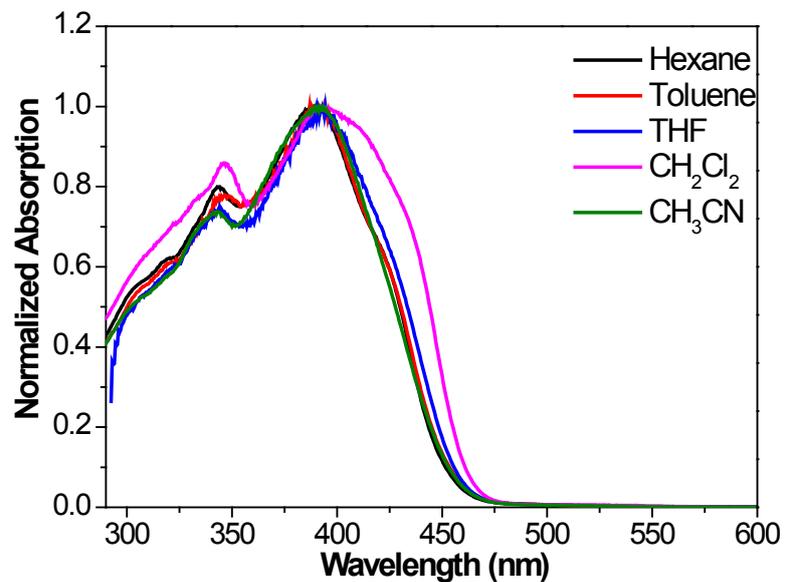


**Table S2.** Natural transition orbitals (NTOs) representing transitions contributing to the high-energy absorption bands of **1-3** in toluene.

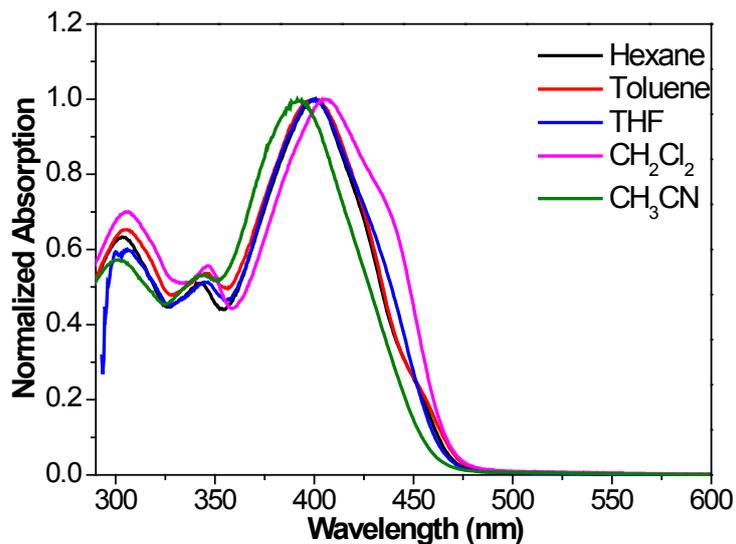
Excited state and properties	Holes	Electrons
<b>1</b> 28 <sup>th</sup> excited state 264 nm $f=0.30$		
<b>2</b> 33 <sup>rd</sup> excited state 265 nm $f=0.37$		
<b>3</b> 30 <sup>th</sup> excited state 273 nm $f=0.35$		



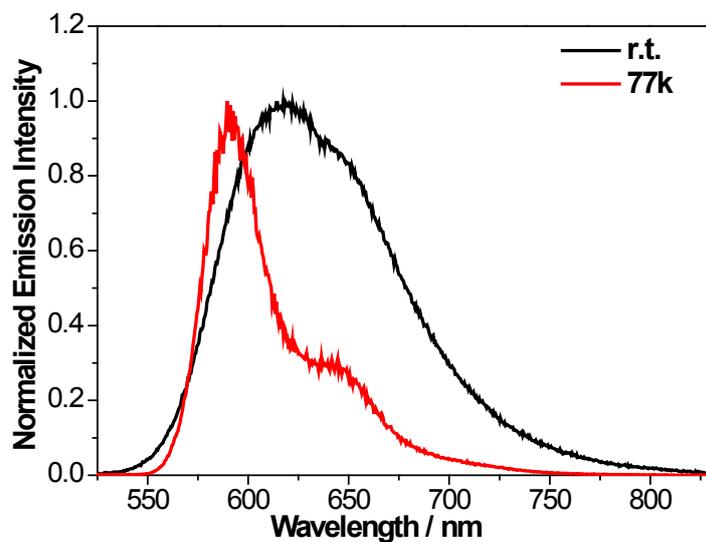
**Figure S1.** Normalized UV-vis absorption spectra of **1** in different solvents.



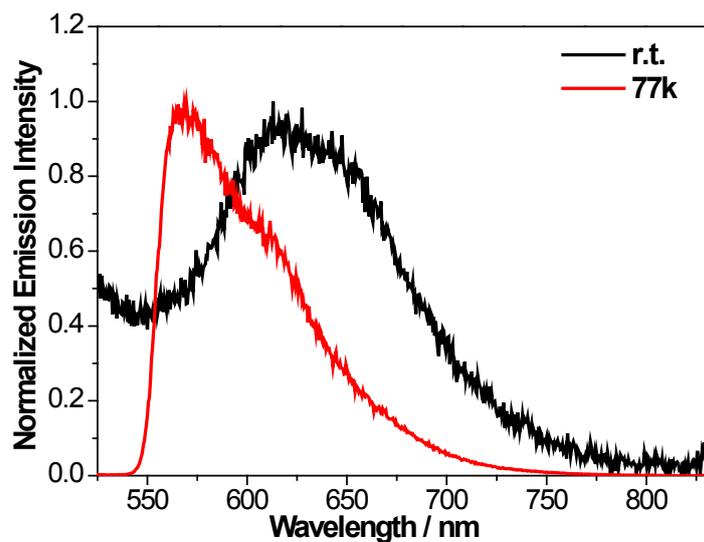
**Figure S2.** Normalized UV-vis absorption spectra of **2** in different solvents.



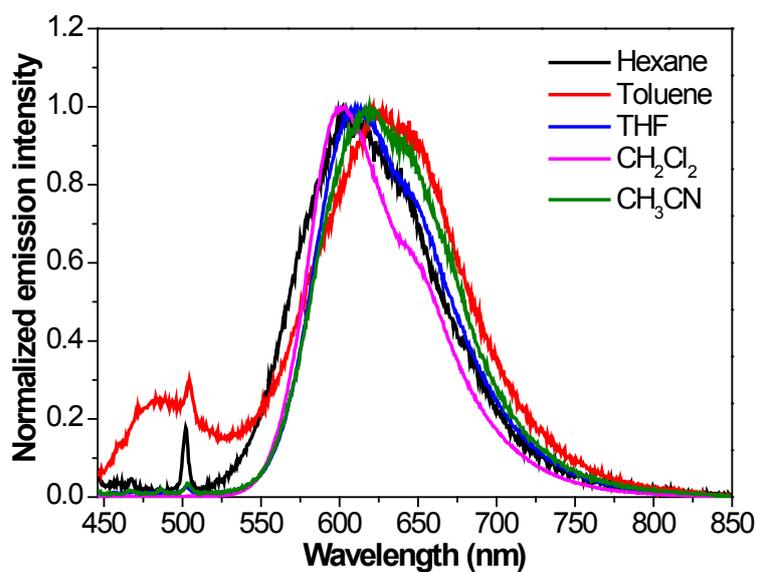
**Figure S3.** Normalized UV-vis absorption spectra of **3** in different solvents.



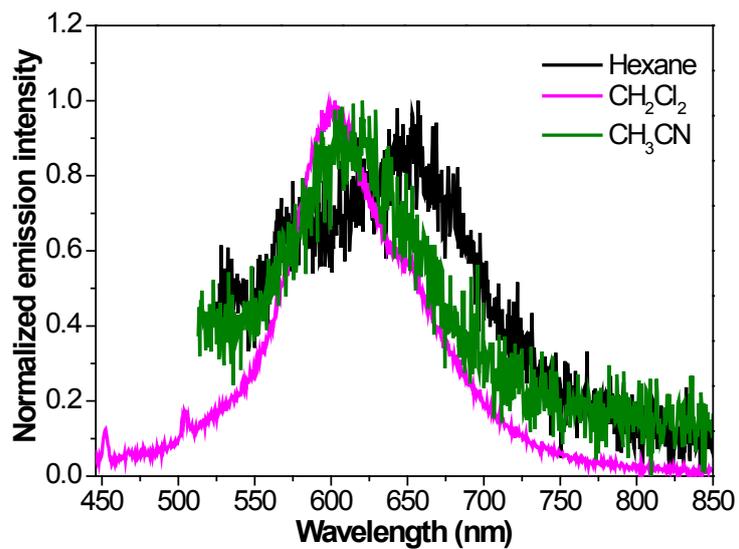
**Figure S4.** Normalized emission spectra of complex **2** ( $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 420 \text{ nm}$ ) at r.t. and 77 K in BuCN.



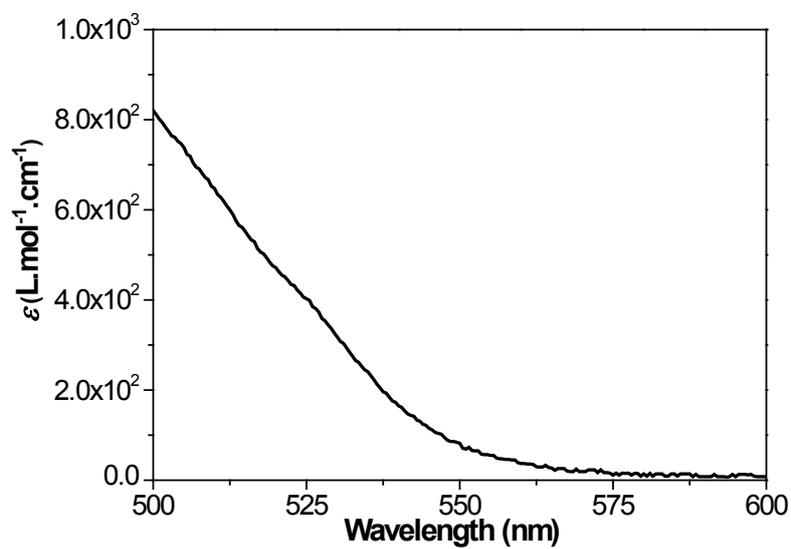
**Figure S5.** Normalized emission spectra of complex **3** ( $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 420$  nm) at r.t. and 77 K in BuCN.



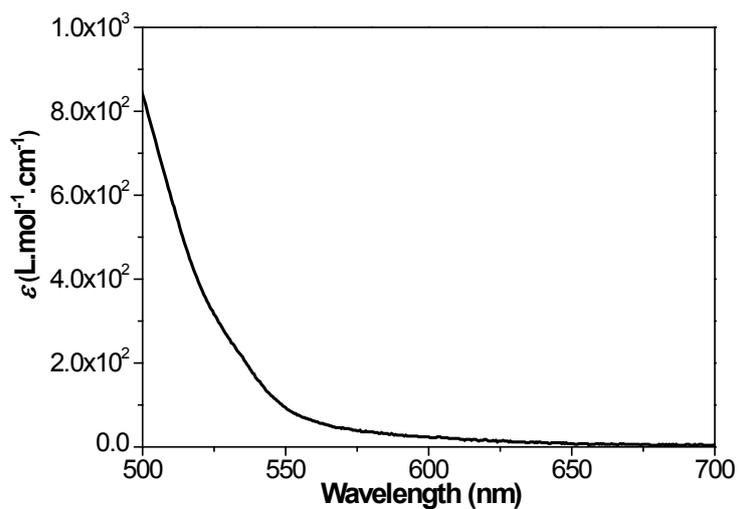
**Figure S6.** Normalized emission spectra of **2** in different solvents under an argon atmosphere ( $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 436$  nm).



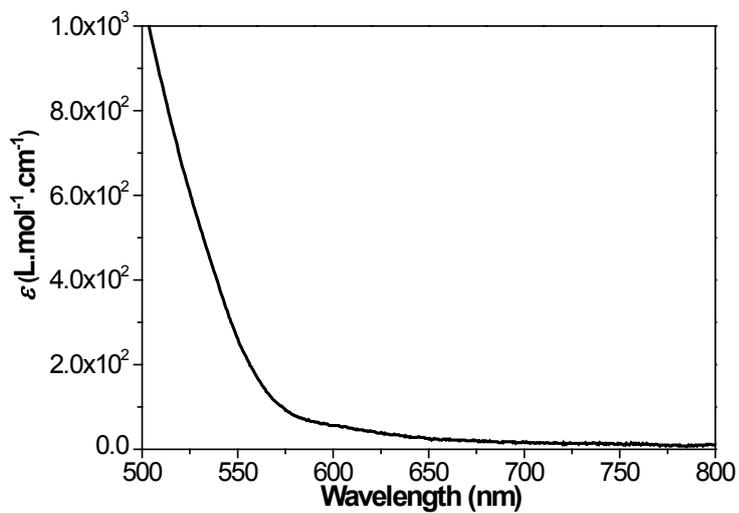
**Figure S7.** Normalized emission spectra of **3** in different solvents under an argon atmosphere ( $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 436 \text{ nm}$ ).



**Figure S8.** UV-vis absorption spectra of **1** in toluene solvent at 500-600 nm.



**Figure S9.** UV-vis absorption spectra of **2** in toluene at 500-700 nm.



**Figure S10.** UV-vis absorption spectra of **3** in toluene at 500-800 nm