

**Supporting Information:**

**Benchmarking Density Functional**

**Approximations for Excited-State Properties of**

**Fluorescent Dyes**

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# S1 Examined structures

## S1.1 Difluoroboranes

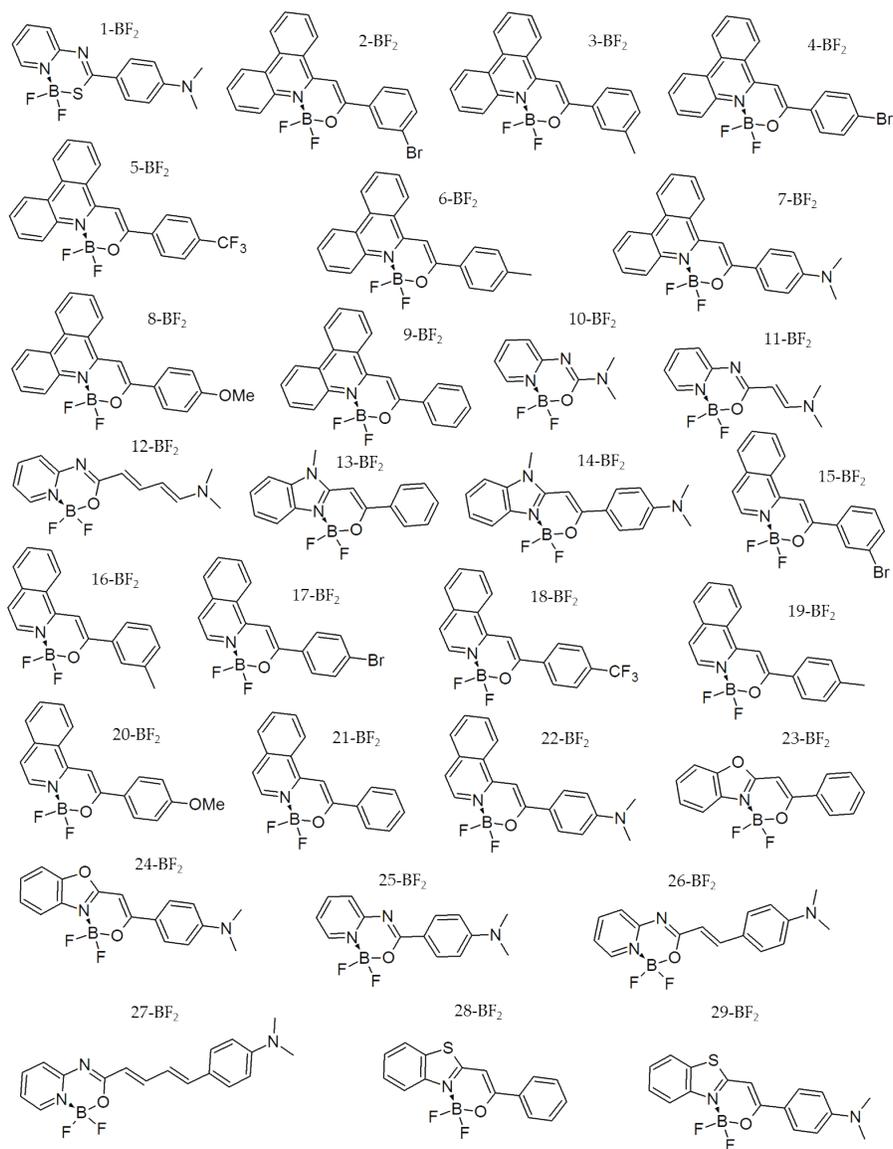


Figure S1: Difluoroborane structures (BF<sub>2</sub>) studied herein.

## S1.2 HPIP derivatives

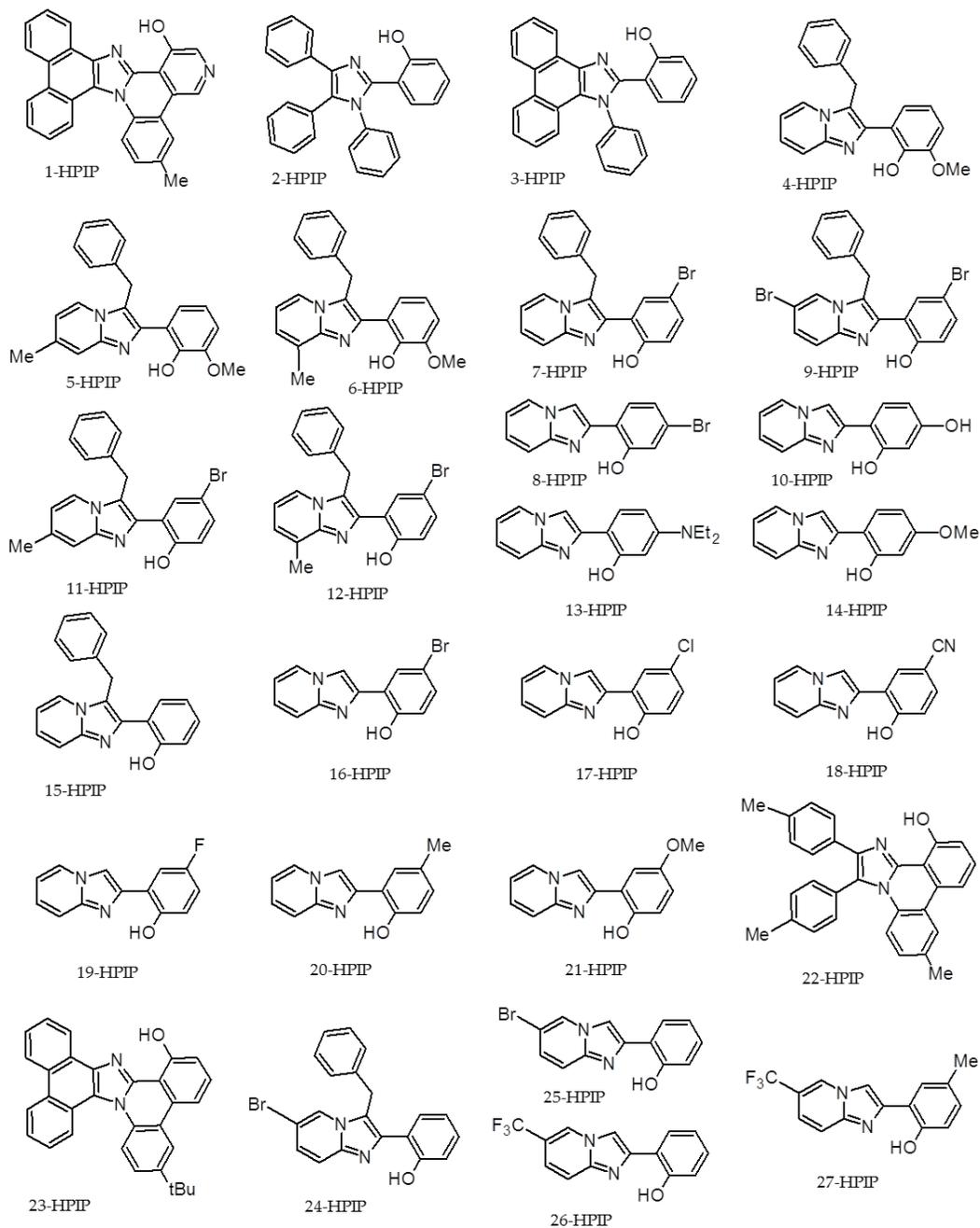


Figure S2: HPIP structures studied herein.

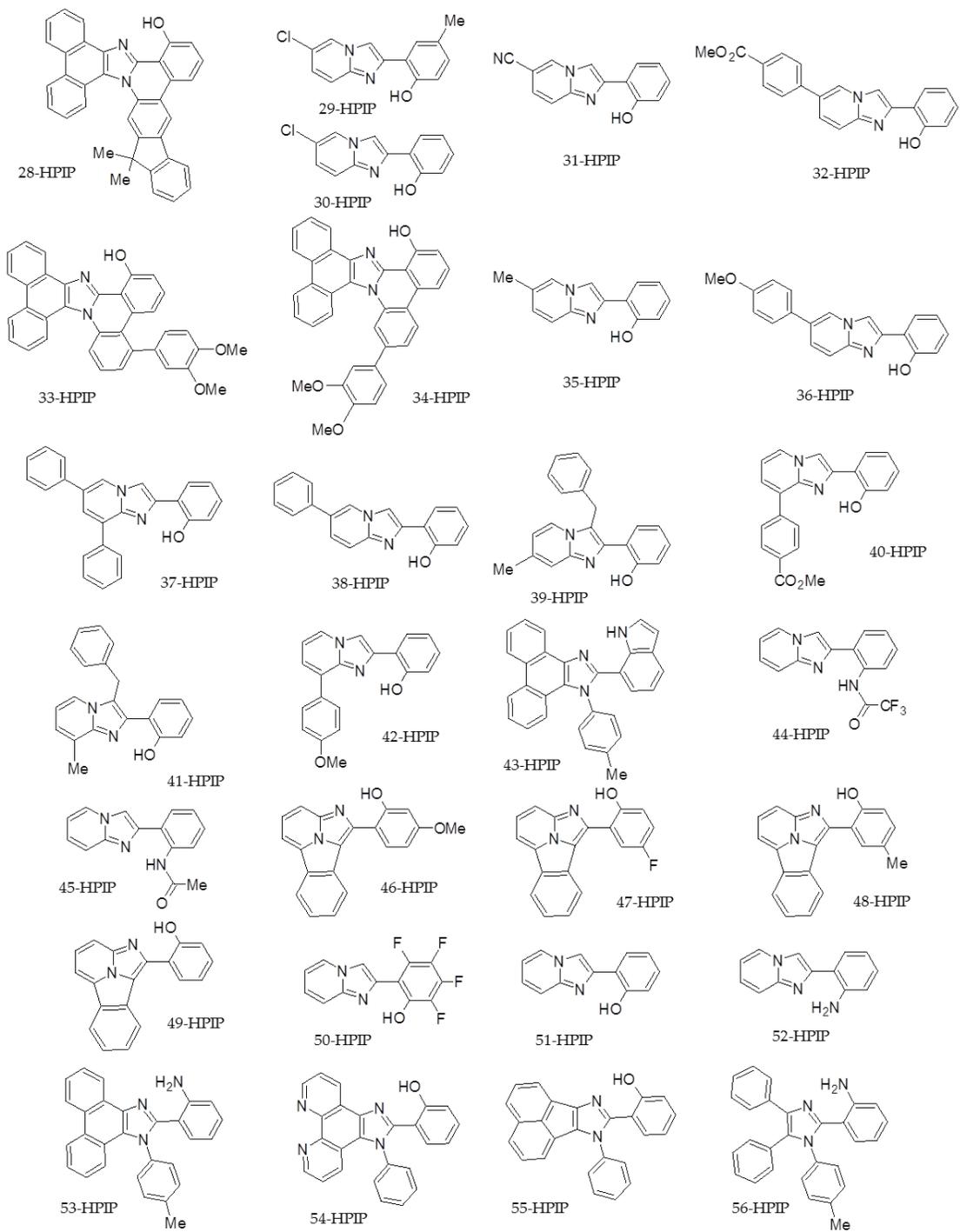


Figure S3: HPIP derivative structures studied herein

## S2 Reference data

### S2.1 Difluoroboranes

Table S1: CC2 simulations performed in the gas phase.

Struct.	Exc. energy	Dipole moments		
		$\mu_{\text{GS}}$	$\mu_{\text{ES}}$	$\mu_{\text{ES}}-\mu_{\text{GS}}$
1-BF <sub>2</sub>	3.155	6.537	16.165	9.628
2-BF <sub>2</sub>	3.216	7.525	6.021	-1.504
3-BF <sub>2</sub>	3.199	5.445	4.107	-1.337
4-BF <sub>2</sub>	3.196	6.443	4.822	-1.621
5-BF <sub>2</sub>	3.223	7.352	6.267	-1.085
6-BF <sub>2</sub>	3.188	5.823	4.656	-1.167
7-BF <sub>2</sub>	2.940	6.991	11.764	4.773
8-BF <sub>2</sub>	3.137	4.645	4.829	0.184
9-BF <sub>2</sub>	3.216	5.863	4.412	-1.451
10-BF <sub>2</sub>	4.002	4.325	5.703	1.378
11-BF <sub>2</sub>	3.631	7.277	10.383	3.106
12-BF <sub>2</sub>	3.324	8.850	15.121	6.271
13-BF <sub>2</sub>	3.761	7.445	7.469	0.024
14-BF <sub>2</sub>	3.420	8.281	11.831	3.550
15-BF <sub>2</sub>	3.320	5.487	3.787	-1.700
16-BF <sub>2</sub>	3.289	6.661	5.549	-1.112
17-BF <sub>2</sub>	3.289	6.989	5.079	-1.911
18-BF <sub>2</sub>	3.324	7.827	5.993	-1.834
19-BF <sub>2</sub>	3.271	6.347	5.503	-0.844
20-BF <sub>2</sub>	3.208	7.483	7.555	0.071
21-BF <sub>2</sub>	3.303	6.413	5.105	-1.309
22-BF <sub>2</sub>	2.999	7.151	12.113	4.962
23-BF <sub>2</sub>	3.757	4.584	4.849	0.265
24-BF <sub>2</sub>	3.367	6.417	11.748	5.331
25-BF <sub>2</sub>	3.457	5.527	14.075	8.549
26-BF <sub>2</sub>	3.204	7.371	17.489	10.118
27-BF <sub>2</sub>	3.037	8.457	21.386	12.929
28-BF <sub>2</sub>	3.523	4.547	4.466	-0.081
29-BF <sub>2</sub>	3.179	6.344	11.534	5.190

## **S2.2 HPIP derivatives**

Table S2: CC2 simulations performed in the gas phase.

Struct.	Exc. energy	Dipole moments		
		$\mu_{GS}$	$\mu_{ES}$	$\mu_{ES}-\mu_{GS}$
1-HPIP	3.632	5.696	6.515	0.819
2-HPIP	4.091	5.630	3.606	-2.024
3-HPIP	3.764	5.045	5.272	0.227
4-HPIP	3.815	4.079	5.489	1.410
5-HPIP	3.839	4.345	4.655	0.310
6-HPIP	3.897	3.683	5.118	1.434
7-HPIP	3.838	5.833	2.568	-3.265
8-HPIP	3.920	7.138	3.059	-4.079
9-HPIP	3.709	4.073	3.758	-0.315
10-HPIP	3.824	4.316	5.082	0.766
11-HPIP	3.855	6.401	2.491	-3.910
12-HPIP	3.906	5.669	2.115	-3.554
13-HPIP	3.516	3.196	12.782	9.586
14-HPIP	3.780	3.649	6.512	2.863
15-HPIP	3.846	5.252	4.454	-0.798
16-HPIP	3.897	5.864	1.560	-4.304
17-HPIP	3.898	5.826	1.484	-4.342
18-HPIP	4.002	7.780	2.528	-5.252
19-HPIP	3.878	5.569	1.594	-3.975
20-HPIP	3.845	5.120	4.820	-0.300
21-HPIP	3.708	4.193	4.545	0.351
22-HPIP	3.714	4.027	3.407	-0.620
23-HPIP	3.619	4.030	3.200	-0.830
24-HPIP	3.701	3.693	5.770	2.077
25-HPIP	3.750	3.486	5.961	2.475
26-HPIP	3.719	2.334	8.189	5.855
27-HPIP	3.785	2.260	7.028	4.768
28-HPIP	3.553	4.164	3.160	-1.004
29-HPIP	3.707	3.331	7.050	3.719
30-HPIP	3.769	3.410	5.884	2.473
31-HPIP	3.633	1.378	8.585	7.207
32-HPIP	3.703	5.117	7.536	2.419
33-HPIP	3.505	5.387	6.266	0.879
34-HPIP	3.554	4.683	3.766	-0.917
35-HPIP	3.919	5.868	3.894	-1.974
36-HPIP	3.798	7.030	4.727	-2.303
37-HPIP	3.645	5.023	6.128	1.105
38-HPIP	3.779	5.644	4.548	-1.097
39-HPIP	3.864	5.610	3.889	-1.721
40-HPIP	3.639	4.447	9.811	5.364
41-HPIP	3.931	4.915	3.990	-0.925
42-HPIP	3.798	3.442	5.810	2.368
43-HPIP	3.825	3.535	3.721	0.186
44-HPIP	4.100	7.401	6.115	-1.286
45-HPIP	4.016	5.520	5.630	0.110
46-HPIP	3.123	2.573	2.080	-0.493
47-HPIP	3.176	4.913	1.853	-3.059
48-HPIP	3.155	4.338	2.231	-2.107
49-HPIP	3.190	4.516	2.339	-2.177
50-HPIP	4.066	7.657	2.463	-5.194
51-HPIP	3.903	5.255	4.049	-1.206
52-HPIP	3.745	3.061	4.065	1.004
53-HPIP	3.763	3.178	5.638	2.460
54-HPIP	3.776	5.803	9.599	3.797
55-HPIP	2.945	5.179	7.031	1.853
56-HPIP	4.025	3.421	1.586	-1.835

### S3 XCFs accuracy - vertical energy

	SVWN	BLYP	M06-L	TPSSH	B3LYP	X3LYP	APF-D	PBE0	M06	SOGGA11-X	BMK	MN15	M06-2X	M06-HF	LC-BLYP	CAM-B3LYP	ωB97X	ωB97X-D
	X=0	X=0	X=0	X=10	X=20	X=21.8	X=23	X=25	X=27	X=40.15	X=42	X=44	X=54	X=100	X=0-100	X=19-65	X=15.77-100	X=22.2-100
1-BF <sub>2</sub>	0.728	0.691	0.458	0.302	0.139	0.101	0.063	0.019	0.005	-0.287	-0.225	-0.175	-0.300	-0.513	-0.607	-0.341	-0.534	-0.413
2-BF <sub>2</sub>	0.459	0.449	0.254	0.205	0.132	0.109	0.081	0.054	0.085	-0.144	-0.132	-0.033	-0.149	-0.327	-0.408	-0.164	-0.306	-0.192
3-BF <sub>2</sub>	0.427	0.423	0.231	0.190	0.120	0.098	0.070	0.043	0.073	-0.151	-0.138	-0.039	-0.152	-0.316	-0.405	-0.169	-0.308	-0.197
4-BF <sub>2</sub>	0.459	0.453	0.262	0.215	0.141	0.118	0.090	0.063	0.093	-0.138	-0.124	-0.027	-0.143	-0.324	-0.404	-0.159	-0.303	-0.189
5-BF <sub>2</sub>	0.457	0.456	0.269	0.224	0.148	0.125	0.098	0.071	0.102	-0.129	-0.119	-0.021	-0.141	-0.325	-0.399	-0.151	-0.295	-0.180
6-BF <sub>2</sub>	0.425	0.420	0.230	0.189	0.120	0.098	0.071	0.044	0.072	-0.151	-0.136	-0.038	-0.150	-0.314	-0.403	-0.168	-0.307	-0.197
7-BF <sub>2</sub>	0.589	0.547	0.349	0.244	0.123	0.093	0.068	0.034	0.025	-0.203	-0.171	-0.097	-0.204	-0.372	-0.490	-0.244	-0.403	-0.289
8-BF <sub>2</sub>	0.466	0.452	0.256	0.201	0.120	0.096	0.069	0.041	0.061	-0.163	-0.144	-0.048	-0.160	-0.324	-0.416	-0.180	-0.322	-0.212
9-BF <sub>2</sub>	0.420	0.419	0.229	0.189	0.120	0.098	0.071	0.044	0.073	-0.150	-0.137	-0.038	-0.150	-0.314	-0.402	-0.165	-0.304	-0.193
10-BF <sub>2</sub>	0.624	0.577	0.288	0.194	0.090	0.059	0.017	-0.019	0.003	-0.272	-0.222	-0.107	-0.234	-0.363	-0.413	-0.223	-0.341	-0.248
11-BF <sub>2</sub>	0.714	0.676	0.390	0.257	0.128	0.095	0.047	0.010	0.015	-0.249	-0.191	-0.093	-0.193	-0.266	-0.412	-0.219	-0.355	-0.262
12-BF <sub>2</sub>	0.705	0.676	0.416	0.275	0.154	0.125	0.083	0.050	0.053	-0.181	-0.122	-0.046	-0.134	-0.237	-0.374	-0.169	-0.310	-0.214
13-BF <sub>2</sub>	0.551	0.565	0.363	0.301	0.226	0.202	0.164	0.135	0.190	-0.074	-0.072	0.034	-0.086	-0.270	-0.341	-0.093	-0.245	-0.132
14-BF <sub>2</sub>	0.520	0.495	0.268	0.215	0.133	0.110	0.073	0.044	0.074	-0.176	-0.149	-0.059	-0.164	-0.328	-0.432	-0.189	-0.349	-0.237
15-BF <sub>2</sub>	0.432	0.431	0.244	0.209	0.149	0.128	0.102	0.078	0.122	-0.099	-0.092	0.008	-0.098	-0.254	-0.312	-0.105	-0.223	-0.125
16-BF <sub>2</sub>	0.423	0.421	0.230	0.197	0.138	0.118	0.091	0.066	0.107	-0.110	-0.101	-0.002	-0.105	-0.251	-0.319	-0.116	-0.233	-0.137
17-BF <sub>2</sub>	0.475	0.468	0.274	0.228	0.163	0.142	0.114	0.089	0.130	-0.094	-0.085	0.013	-0.095	-0.257	-0.316	-0.105	-0.227	-0.128
18-BF <sub>2</sub>	0.450	0.450	0.265	0.231	0.166	0.145	0.119	0.094	0.137	-0.085	-0.079	0.020	-0.089	-0.252	-0.305	-0.094	-0.214	-0.115
19-BF <sub>2</sub>	0.433	0.428	0.237	0.201	0.140	0.120	0.093	0.068	0.107	-0.110	-0.100	-0.001	-0.105	-0.252	-0.320	-0.116	-0.235	-0.139
20-BF <sub>2</sub>	0.501	0.486	0.284	0.223	0.144	0.121	0.093	0.066	0.096	-0.126	-0.110	-0.014	-0.120	-0.271	-0.343	-0.135	-0.259	-0.162
21-BF <sub>2</sub>	0.418	0.418	0.229	0.197	0.138	0.118	0.091	0.067	0.108	-0.108	-0.099	0.000	-0.103	-0.249	-0.316	-0.113	-0.229	-0.133
22-BF <sub>2</sub>	0.643	0.600	0.396	0.280	0.155	0.125	0.098	0.064	0.061	-0.170	-0.141	-0.067	-0.170	-0.331	-0.430	-0.205	-0.350	-0.246
23-BF <sub>2</sub>	0.523	0.535	0.333	0.279	0.205	0.182	0.145	0.116	0.157	-0.092	-0.079	0.029	-0.092	-0.233	-0.329	-0.100	-0.244	-0.136
24-BF <sub>2</sub>	0.490	0.461	0.235	0.183	0.099	0.074	0.041	0.010	0.019	-0.216	-0.173	-0.087	-0.191	-0.328	-0.449	-0.218	-0.375	-0.266
25-BF <sub>2</sub>	0.984	0.936	0.672	0.470	0.277	0.232	0.183	0.132	0.116	-0.212	-0.150	-0.081	-0.229	-0.463	-0.529	-0.255	-0.457	-0.330
26-BF <sub>2</sub>	0.792	0.757	0.524	0.373	0.234	0.201	0.163	0.125	0.122	-0.140	-0.092	-0.029	-0.152	-0.386	-0.455	-0.182	-0.372	-0.248
27-BF <sub>2</sub>	0.780	0.752	0.549	0.422	0.296	0.266	0.234	0.199	0.196	-0.050	-0.011	0.040	-0.082	-0.358	-0.410	-0.114	-0.313	-0.183
28-BF <sub>2</sub>	0.387	0.401	0.204	0.175	0.121	0.100	0.067	0.042	0.085	-0.138	-0.121	-0.021	-0.124	-0.226	-0.341	-0.135	-0.258	-0.162
29-BF <sub>2</sub>	0.410	0.383	0.177	0.131	0.050	0.026	-0.001	-0.030	-0.022	-0.237	-0.196	-0.117	-0.210	-0.320	-0.455	-0.241	-0.382	-0.281
MAE	0.541	0.525	0.314	0.241	0.151	0.125	0.093	0.063	0.085	-0.153	-0.128	-0.038	-0.149	-0.311	-0.398	-0.168	-0.312	-0.205

Figure S4: Errors (eV) determined for BF<sub>2</sub> dyes excitation energies, w.r.t CC2 benchmark. Calculations performed in gas phase. “X” under XCFs names denotes the fraction of Hartree-Fock exchange energy.

	SVWN	BLYP	M06-L	TPSSH	B3LYP	X3LYP	APF-D	PBE0	M06	SOGGA11-X	BMK	MN15	M06-2X	M06-HF	LC-BLYP	CAM-B3LYP	oB97X	oB97X-D
	X=0	X=0	X=0	X=10	X=20	X=21.8	X=23	X=25	X=27	X=40.15	X=42	X=44	X=54	X=100	X=0-100	X=19-65	X=15.77-100	X=22.2-100
1 -HPIP	0.736	0.743	0.541	0.409	0.278	0.245	0.199	0.159	0.231	-0.099	-0.132	-0.026	-0.219	-0.610	-0.519	-0.193	-0.394	-0.245
2 -HPIP	1.179	1.159	0.849	0.666	0.472	0.426	0.362	0.311	0.367	-0.024	-0.041	0.081	-0.123	-0.481	-0.408	-0.108	-0.291	-0.155
3 -HPIP	0.914	0.891	0.616	0.430	0.277	0.241	0.196	0.156	0.223	-0.090	-0.109	-0.004	-0.164	-0.502	-0.437	-0.149	-0.321	-0.189
4 -HPIP	1.279	1.248	0.992	0.715	0.456	0.398	0.340	0.277	0.324	-0.124	-0.118	-0.022	-0.210	-0.671	-0.605	-0.196	-0.431	-0.246
5 -HPIP	1.227	1.196	0.928	0.662	0.410	0.356	0.299	0.240	0.302	-0.137	-0.129	-0.026	-0.211	-0.672	-0.612	-0.200	-0.433	-0.245
6 -HPIP	1.227	1.205	0.932	0.685	0.425	0.370	0.316	0.254	0.299	-0.135	-0.131	-0.026	-0.216	-0.654	-0.596	-0.201	-0.429	-0.247
7 -HPIP	1.067	1.042	0.772	0.539	0.360	0.315	0.257	0.208	0.270	-0.122	-0.116	-0.015	-0.190	-0.612	-0.557	-0.180	-0.396	-0.225
8 -HPIP	0.966	0.967	0.694	0.519	0.371	0.331	0.273	0.227	0.293	-0.087	-0.092	0.012	-0.164	-0.576	-0.516	-0.145	-0.367	-0.196
9 -HPIP	1.082	1.050	0.786	0.548	0.351	0.304	0.246	0.193	0.250	-0.161	-0.153	-0.051	-0.235	-0.683	-0.630	-0.232	-0.459	-0.281
10 -HPIP	0.967	0.973	0.712	0.542	0.388	0.347	0.286	0.238	0.302	-0.097	-0.108	-0.006	-0.189	-0.651	-0.600	-0.180	-0.435	-0.247
11 -HPIP	1.019	0.993	0.717	0.500	0.333	0.292	0.236	0.189	0.261	-0.128	-0.121	-0.016	-0.189	-0.608	-0.555	-0.181	-0.395	-0.223
12 -HPIP	1.012	0.996	0.713	0.512	0.336	0.293	0.239	0.191	0.249	-0.132	-0.127	-0.019	-0.193	-0.583	-0.538	-0.183	-0.388	-0.225
13 -HPIP	1.061	1.054	0.797	0.609	0.421	0.375	0.311	0.257	0.286	-0.135	-0.132	-0.070	-0.246	-0.688	-0.719	-0.275	-0.567	-0.375
14 -HPIP	0.990	0.993	0.730	0.556	0.395	0.353	0.290	0.241	0.304	-0.105	-0.113	-0.016	-0.201	-0.675	-0.625	-0.194	-0.458	-0.266
15 -HPIP	0.971	0.960	0.700	0.500	0.332	0.291	0.234	0.187	0.261	-0.125	-0.125	-0.024	-0.199	-0.643	-0.583	-0.185	-0.411	-0.230
16 -HPIP	1.153	1.134	0.846	0.613	0.420	0.372	0.312	0.259	0.308	-0.092	-0.090	0.012	-0.163	-0.557	-0.502	-0.148	-0.359	-0.198
17 -HPIP	1.146	1.125	0.835	0.615	0.419	0.372	0.313	0.260	0.315	-0.089	-0.089	0.011	-0.162	-0.560	-0.494	-0.145	-0.355	-0.194
18 -HPIP	0.965	0.965	0.685	0.505	0.347	0.308	0.254	0.209	0.269	-0.092	-0.097	0.012	-0.158	-0.557	-0.494	-0.137	-0.346	-0.179
19 -HPIP	1.152	1.138	0.866	0.639	0.426	0.378	0.324	0.271	0.315	-0.087	-0.087	0.013	-0.167	-0.572	-0.483	-0.144	-0.347	-0.192
20 -HPIP	1.141	1.122	0.859	0.633	0.442	0.396	0.334	0.281	0.340	-0.079	-0.083	0.014	-0.170	-0.597	-0.525	-0.153	-0.384	-0.213
21 -HPIP	1.355	1.324	1.061	0.791	0.524	0.464	0.408	0.341	0.368	-0.110	-0.097	-0.010	-0.209	-0.622	-0.518	-0.184	-0.386	-0.238
22 -HPIP	0.824	0.817	0.592	0.425	0.268	0.229	0.176	0.130	0.182	-0.191	-0.200	-0.110	-0.297	-0.713	-0.657	-0.296	-0.515	-0.349
23 -HPIP	0.756	0.751	0.549	0.407	0.271	0.238	0.191	0.151	0.226	-0.114	-0.139	-0.033	-0.218	-0.601	-0.531	-0.207	-0.408	-0.260
24 -HPIP	0.965	0.947	0.693	0.490	0.307	0.264	0.208	0.159	0.229	-0.170	-0.168	-0.063	-0.246	-0.703	-0.649	-0.240	-0.472	-0.288
25 -HPIP	1.046	1.033	0.762	0.563	0.372	0.327	0.267	0.216	0.277	-0.133	-0.139	-0.034	-0.219	-0.670	-0.624	-0.210	-0.456	-0.269
26 -HPIP	1.097	1.078	0.801	0.600	0.407	0.362	0.300	0.247	0.304	-0.115	-0.110	-0.008	-0.197	-0.652	-0.603	-0.182	-0.434	-0.242
27 -HPIP	1.181	1.149	0.889	0.661	0.459	0.411	0.347	0.291	0.345	-0.104	-0.094	0.001	-0.198	-0.659	-0.596	-0.186	-0.442	-0.255
28 -HPIP	0.837	0.823	0.604	0.436	0.273	0.236	0.187	0.144	0.213	-0.144	-0.171	-0.066	-0.256	-0.645	-0.583	-0.249	-0.459	-0.307
29 -HPIP	1.149	1.124	0.873	0.639	0.440	0.391	0.329	0.273	0.332	-0.109	-0.107	-0.014	-0.211	-0.675	-0.606	-0.201	-0.452	-0.269
30 -HPIP	1.062	1.050	0.783	0.576	0.386	0.341	0.280	0.228	0.291	-0.121	-0.123	-0.023	-0.210	-0.663	-0.608	-0.197	-0.443	-0.257
31 -HPIP	1.127	1.105	0.836	0.634	0.434	0.387	0.329	0.274	0.317	-0.094	-0.087	-0.002	-0.194	-0.684	-0.629	-0.178	-0.444	-0.241
32 -HPIP	1.399	1.368	1.091	0.838	0.547	0.487	0.429	0.363	0.372	-0.070	-0.077	0.012	-0.199	-0.705	-0.663	-0.211	-0.487	-0.286
33 -HPIP	0.802	0.759	0.538	0.396	0.245	0.209	0.166	0.124	0.174	-0.165	-0.188	-0.089	-0.276	-0.670	-0.612	-0.271	-0.484	-0.327
34 -HPIP	0.859	0.818	0.597	0.452	0.295	0.258	0.213	0.170	0.231	-0.109	-0.141	-0.040	-0.234	-0.636	-0.550	-0.225	-0.437	-0.288
35 -HPIP	1.045	1.039	0.758	0.563	0.386	0.344	0.281	0.232	0.306	-0.099	-0.111	-0.002	-0.184	-0.618	-0.558	-0.170	-0.403	-0.224
36 -HPIP	1.014	0.995	0.727	0.538	0.360	0.319	0.262	0.214	0.280	-0.120	-0.127	-0.020	-0.207	-0.664	-0.609	-0.204	-0.449	-0.263
37 -HPIP	1.073	1.042	0.794	0.593	0.383	0.336	0.288	0.235	0.270	-0.135	-0.144	-0.045	-0.246	-0.698	-0.695	-0.261	-0.530	-0.325
38 -HPIP	1.060	1.039	0.772	0.569	0.377	0.334	0.278	0.228	0.286	-0.117	-0.124	-0.020	-0.207	-0.674	-0.623	-0.207	-0.456	-0.266
39 -HPIP	0.936	0.923	0.657	0.471	0.314	0.276	0.219	0.175	0.259	-0.131	-0.129	-0.024	-0.198	-0.647	-0.592	-0.188	-0.416	-0.230
40 -HPIP	1.318	1.287	1.035	0.812	0.550	0.494	0.443	0.379	0.384	-0.056	-0.069	0.012	-0.211	-0.682	-0.670	-0.227	-0.513	-0.305
41 -HPIP	0.938	0.935	0.663	0.492	0.323	0.283	0.229	0.183	0.251	-0.129	-0.131	-0.024	-0.201	-0.624	-0.575	-0.187	-0.409	-0.229
42 -HPIP	1.063	1.042	0.784	0.597	0.396	0.350	0.300	0.247	0.287	-0.112	-0.121	-0.022	-0.210	-0.554	-0.531	-0.206	-0.424	-0.258
43 -HPIP	1.032	1.011	0.740	0.571	0.419	0.385	0.340	0.302	0.366	0.062	0.043	0.140	-0.021	-0.356	-0.307	-0.005	-0.188	-0.050
44 -HPIP	0.876	0.878	0.605	0.457	0.329	0.295	0.245	0.205	0.274	-0.063	-0.078	0.026	-0.138	-0.300	-0.514	-0.119	-0.341	-0.154
45 -HPIP	1.032	1.013	0.731	0.547	0.372	0.332	0.280	0.234	0.282	-0.071	-0.076	0.020	-0.143	-0.535	-0.533	-0.133	-0.361	-0.173
46 -HPIP	0.558	0.543	0.339	0.242	0.141	0.114	0.082	0.052	0.097	-0.158	-0.149	-0.058	-0.168	-0.387	-0.368	-0.167	-0.289	-0.200
47 -HPIP	0.724	0.695	0.477	0.335	0.187	0.155	0.126	0.090	0.127	-0.140	-0.133	-0.042	-0.161	-0.394	-0.365	-0.152	-0.277	-0.182
48 -HPIP	0.717	0.681	0.470	0.325	0.190	0.159	0.126	0.090	0.133	-0.141	-0.132	-0.043	-0.161	-0.389	-0.364	-0.155	-0.281	-0.188
49 -HPIP	0.621	0.599	0.378	0.263	0.148	0.120	0.088	0.056	0.106	-0.149	-0.144	-0.051	-0.162	-0.374	-0.355	-0.154	-0.273	-0.182
50 -HPIP	1.153	1.131	0.846	0.599	0.393	0.350	0.301	0.252	0.304	-0.067	-0.078	0.037	-0.145	-0.571	-0.514	-0.117	-0.340	-0.157
51 -HPIP	1.054	1.048	0.770	0.573	0.395	0.352	0.291	0.242	0.306	-0.088	-0.097	0.006	-0.172	-0.602	-0.545	-0.153	-0.386	-0.206
52 -HPIP	1.144	1.125	0.846	0.658	0.462	0.415	0.356	0.303	0.336	-0.067	-0.058	0.020	-0.144	-0.525	-0.524	-0.148	-0.377	-0.203
53 -HPIP	1.008	0.962	0.672	0.470	0.284	0.246	0.199	0.158	0.216	-0.106	-0.119	-0.019	-0.175	-0.507	-0.475	-0.168	-0.349	-0.207
54 -HPIP	1.054	1.021	0.779	0.566	0.370	0.327	0.281	0.232	0.282	-0.068	-0.100	0.002	-0.185	-0.561	-0.476	-0.169	-0.356	-0.213
55 -HPIP	0.871	0.854	0.676	0.542	0.419	0.389	0.358	0.324	0.355	0.093	0.080	0.142	-0.010	-0.441	-0.407	-0.019	-0.241	-0.060
56 -HPIP	1.198	1.148	0.843	0.639	0.428	0.383	0.325	0.275	0.338	-0.057	-0.063	0.053	-0.128	-0.428	-0.426	-0.120	-0.297	-0.153
MAE	1.021	1.002	0.743	0.549	0.366	0.324	0.271	0.222	0.276	-0.104	-0.109	-0.010	-0.188	-0.589	-0.544	-0.179	-0.397	-0.230

Figure S5: Errors (eV) established for HPIP excitation energies, w.r.t CC2 benchmark. Calculations performed in gas phase. “X” under XCFs names denotes the fraction of Hartree-Fock exchange energy.

# S4 XCFs accuracy - dipole moments

	SVWN		BLYP		M06-L		TPSSH		B3LYP		X3LYP		APF-D		PBE0		M06		SOGGA11-X		BMK		MN15		M06-2X		M06-HF		LC-BLYP		CAM-B3LYP		oB97X		oB97X-D	
	X=0		X=0		X=0		X=10		X=20		X=21.8		X=23		X=25		X=27		X=40.15		X=42		X=44		X=54		X=100		X=0-100		X=19-65		X=15,7-100		X=22.2-100	
	GS	ES	GS	ES	GS	ES	GS	ES	GS	ES	GS	ES	GS	ES	GS	ES	GS	ES	GS	ES	GS	ES	GS	ES	GS	ES	GS	ES								
1 - BF <sub>2</sub>	-6.4	-12.5	-4.1	-11.5	-4.6	-11.6	-3.3	-2.4	-2.1	3.5	-2.0	4.7	-2.5	5.3	-2.4	6.5	-1.2	9.6	-2.1	16.5	-0.8	15.0	1.0	19.0	1.7	20.5	2.7	38.1	1.6	36.1	0.9	24.4	2.2	34.2	1.5	29.0
2 - BF <sub>2</sub>	1.3	25.7	2.1	23.2	2.9	9.6	-1.3	-2.8	-2.4	-7.5	-2.7	-8.6	-2.4	-8.8	-2.6	-9.6	-1.7	-12.8	-5.1	-15.9	-5.9	-15.1	-4.0	-13.1	-4.8	-13.3	-13.5	-22.7	-8.1	-20.6	-4.8	-15.5	-4.3	-15.9	-4.0	-14.8
3 - BF <sub>2</sub>	1.7	23.7	1.6	25.3	2.9	21.7	-1.0	10.8	-3.4	2.5	-3.9	0.9	-2.9	1.4	-3.2	0.0	-3.4	-2.6	-5.8	-8.8	-6.5	-10.5	-4.7	-9.0	-5.0	-11.7	-12.0	-28.7	-10.1	-26.5	-6.4	-14.2	-5.7	-17.9	-4.8	-13.3
4 - BF <sub>2</sub>	2.9	23.3	3.7	21.5	4.7	11.6	0.6	-0.7	-0.9	-6.1	-1.3	-7.5	-0.8	-7.9	-1.1	-9.0	-0.4	-14.4	-3.3	-17.3	-4.4	-15.9	-2.4	-13.8	-3.3	-13.9	-12.0	-22.4	-6.8	-23.7	-3.6	-17.9	-3.0	-18.7	-2.6	-17.6
5 - BF <sub>2</sub>	1.4	-29.9	2.9	-30.1	4.5	-34.3	1.0	-28.4	-0.8	-25.9	-1.2	-25.8	-0.2	-23.4	-0.4	-22.9	-0.8	-30.1	-1.9	-21.7	-3.7	-20.7	-1.5	-17.5	-2.2	-13.3	-10.5	-11.7	-4.9	-14.0	-2.3	-16.6	-0.6	-10.7	-0.6	-12.8
6 - BF <sub>2</sub>	-0.5	16.0	0.7	20.3	0.7	16.8	-1.6	10.2	-4.0	3.1	-4.4	1.9	-3.9	1.7	-4.2	0.6	-4.8	-0.8	-6.7	-6.8	-7.3	-9.1	-5.1	-7.0	-5.5	-10.0	-11.2	-25.1	-10.3	-23.1	-6.7	-11.3	-6.2	-15.0	-5.5	-10.7
7 - BF <sub>2</sub>	-7.5	-41.6	-4.7	-38.0	-4.9	-39.1	-4.6	-21.0	-4.9	-5.5	-5.0	-3.0	-5.2	-3.1	-5.2	-0.6	-5.0	7.6	-5.8	14.1	-6.1	10.6	-3.4	16.6	-3.5	17.1	-5.0	20.7	-5.3	25.1	-4.1	21.6	-3.0	26.9	-3.3	25.5
8 - BF <sub>2</sub>	-3.3	-53.4	-2.6	-42.6	-3.5	-36.0	-4.2	-11.2	-6.2	0.8	-6.5	2.2	-6.1	1.7	-6.4	2.8	-7.4	7.9	-8.8	6.8	-8.4	3.6	-6.8	6.0	-6.6	4.1	-10.0	-3.5	-10.4	-1.2	-7.9	6.1	-7.4	4.3	-7.0	7.5
9 - BF <sub>2</sub>	0.7	22.4	1.6	22.0	2.1	14.2	-0.6	6.6	-3.1	-1.2	-3.5	-2.5	-2.8	-2.3	-3.1	-3.4	-3.4	-7.1	-5.5	-11.4	-6.3	-12.4	-4.1	-10.3	-4.6	-12.4	-10.8	-26.7	-9.2	-25.8	-5.7	-15.3	-5.1	-18.2	-4.5	-14.5
10 - BF <sub>2</sub>	-1.0	-60.9	0.2	-53.1	0.1	-51.4	-0.8	-32.0	-2.6	-19.5	-2.9	-17.3	-2.3	-16.9	-2.4	-14.7	-3.8	-8.3	-3.9	-1.2	-4.7	-3.1	-2.7	1.8	-3.0	3.2	-6.9	7.6	-5.4	13.2	-3.6	5.7	-2.4	12.0	-2.6	7.0
11 - BF <sub>2</sub>	-4.1	-58.7	-2.2	-55.5	-2.6	-56.3	-2.5	-36.8	-2.9	-19.8	-3.0	-16.5	-3.0	-15.6	-3.1	-12.3	-3.2	-4.9	-3.8	3.3	-4.3	1.4	-1.7	5.6	-2.3	7.6	-4.2	9.4	-2.6	13.5	-2.2	10.2	-1.1	14.0	-1.7	11.9
12 - BF <sub>2</sub>	-8.8	-43.7	-6.3	-41.6	-6.6	-41.8	-6.0	-21.9	-5.6	-4.9	-5.6	-1.9	-5.8	-0.7	-5.7	1.9	-5.7	7.1	-5.6	12.9	-5.9	10.5	-3.0	13.7	-2.9	13.3	-2.4	11.8	-1.6	16.8	-3.1	16.5	-1.1	18.4	-2.6	18.2
13 - BF <sub>2</sub>	0.8	-29.3	2.1	-29.6	2.7	-33.1	1.0	-21.6	-0.3	-16.3	-0.6	-15.5	-0.3	-14.9	-0.4	-14.1	0.5	-12.6	-1.6	-10.9	-2.8	-10.0	-0.1	-6.6	-1.3	-4.7	-6.4	-3.9	-3.8	-5.2	-1.7	-5.8	-1.0	-3.2	-0.9	-4.3
14 - BF <sub>2</sub>	-4.8	-25.0	-2.8	-17.3	-3.0	-13.2	-3.0	-0.7	-3.5	7.0	-3.6	8.3	-3.7	7.5	-3.7	8.6	-3.1	15.7	-4.4	14.9	-4.8	10.1	-2.0	14.7	-2.5	13.2	-4.6	13.0	-3.8	15.5	-3.0	15.6	-1.8	17.6	-2.3	17.2
15 - BF <sub>2</sub>	4.0	8.3	5.5	9.8	6.7	-0.1	4.8	-5.4	2.0	-10.9	1.6	-12.2	2.6	-11.7	2.3	-12.6	1.7	-20.5	1.4	-19.2	-0.2	-17.5	1.7	-15.6	1.3	-13.9	-3.9	-18.4	-2.0	-24.9	0.4	-19.1	1.7	-18.8	1.8	-17.3
16 - BF <sub>2</sub>	0.7	5.4	2.5	8.6	2.5	7.3	0.9	4.7	-1.3	0.2	-1.7	-0.6	-1.2	-0.6	-1.5	-1.3	-2.4	-4.2	-3.3	-6.6	-4.3	-7.4	-2.1	-5.7	-2.5	-6.5	-8.1	-16.4	-6.1	-15.3	-3.3	-8.3	-2.5	-9.6	-2.3	-7.6
17 - BF <sub>2</sub>	4.1	4.1	5.2	8.9	6.2	10.2	2.4	2.4	0.9	-3.7	0.5	-5.1	1.0	-5.5	0.7	-6.7	1.1	-11.9	-1.1	-15.7	-2.4	-14.6	-0.6	-13.0	-1.4	-13.1	-9.7	-23.7	-4.4	-24.1	-1.5	-17.0	-0.9	-18.6	-0.7	-16.9
18 - BF <sub>2</sub>	2.7	-22.2	4.3	-21.4	5.7	-26.0	2.5	-24.5	0.6	-23.3	0.2	-23.7	1.1	-22.1	0.9	-22.1	0.4	-28.9	-0.5	-24.1	-2.4	-23.1	-0.4	-20.1	-1.0	-17.1	-8.9	-20.5	-3.5	-21.7	-1.1	-20.5	0.4	-16.9	0.4	-17.6
19 - BF <sub>2</sub>	1.2	-4.5	2.6	0.7	3.1	1.6	0.7	3.1	-1.4	0.1	-1.7	-0.5	-1.1	-0.1	-1.4	-0.5	-2.1	-2.3	-3.1	-4.2	-4.2	-5.6	-2.3	-4.1	-2.5	-4.7	-8.5	-14.4	-6.2	-12.6	-3.4	-5.9	-2.5	-6.9	-2.2	-4.9
20 - BF <sub>2</sub>	0.3	-34.9	1.9	-29.2	2.3	-24.3	0.1	-8.7	-1.7	-1.8	-2.1	-1.0	-1.5	-0.6	-1.7	0.2	-2.5	1.6	-3.4	2.5	-4.5	0.5	-2.3	2.5	-2.7	2.7	-9.0	-3.3	-6.8	-1.5	-3.7	2.5	-2.8	3.0	-2.5	4.0
21 - BF <sub>2</sub>	2.1	11.2	3.3	12.5	4.1	10.5	1.5	4.8	-0.7	-0.5	-1.1	-1.5	-0.4	-1.2	-0.6	-2.1	-1.1	-5.5	-2.3	-8.3	-3.4	-8.8	-1.5	-7.5	-1.9	-8.0	-8.2	-19.0	-5.5	-18.0	-2.7	-10.5	-1.8	-11.9	-1.5	-9.6
22 - BF <sub>2</sub>	-5.9	-39.6	-3.3	-36.9	-3.0	-10.5	-3.2	-21.6	-3.6	-7.2	-3.7	-4.8	-3.7	-4.3	-3.7	-1.7	-3.9	5.7	-3.8	13.7	-4.5	10.5	-2.1	15.7	-2.1	17.3	-4.8	22.3	-3.6	26.8	-2.6	21.4	-1.2	27.8	-1.7	25.4
23 - BF <sub>2</sub>	0.3	-50.1	0.8	-53.5	1.0	-61.4	-0.3	-38.8	-2.1	-28.0	-2.4	-26.6	-1.9	-25.4	-2.2	-24.0	-2.2	-24.2	-3.7	-17.1	-4.2	-12.8	-2.2	-9.6	-2.5	-5.7	-6.1	-1.9	-5.2	-4.6	-3.4	-7.2	-2.7	-3.1	-2.6	-5.1
24 - BF <sub>2</sub>	-10.4	-19.9	-8.1	-14.4	29.3	-11.4	-7.3	2.3	-7.0	10.8	-7.0	12.2	-7.4	11.6	-7.3	12.9	-6.5	19.7	-7.3	21.0	-6.6	15.9	-3.8	21.0	-3.6	19.1	-2.0	21.0	-2.6	24.2	-4.0	22.4	-2.1	25.7	-3.4	24.4
25 - BF <sub>2</sub>	-9.4	-46.1	-6.8	-45.5	-6.4	-47.7	-5.3	-33.4	-4.9	-19.7	-4.8	-16.9	-4.9	-15.2	-4.7	-12.1	-4.8	-6.7	-4.1	8.9	-4.2	7.1	-1.6	12.5	-1.6	16.0	-2.0	29.9	-0.7	34.2	-1.7	21.2	0.7	32.5	-0.7	26.9
26 - BF <sub>2</sub>	-14.9	-41.5	-12.0	-40.2	-11.3	-37.8	-9.6	-16.8	-8.5	-2.2	-8.4	0.3	-8.3	1.3	-8.0	3.6	-8.2	9.2	-6.8	16.9	-6.4	13.9	-3.6	17.8	-2.6	18.3	-0.2	25.4	-0.1	28.7	-3.0	22.4	0.4	28.7	-1.8	26.3
27 - BF <sub>2</sub>	-19.5	-25.5	-16.3	-24.7	-15.3	-20.7	-13.2	-5.4	-11.5	4.7	-11.2	6.4	-11.1	7.0	-10.7	8.6	-10.7	14.0	-8.7	19.1	-8.0	16.1	-5.1	19.6	-3.3	19.8	1.1	27.6	0.5	30.5	-4.0	24.1	0.4	30.4	-2.4	28.2
28 - BF <sub>2</sub>	-0.7	-38.1	-0.1	-40.6	2.8	-42.3	0.5	-26.5	-3.3	-22.1	-3.7	-21.4	-2.1	-18.9	-2.3	-18.0	-3.6	-20.4	-3.5	-13.8	-4.4	-11.9	-1.6	-8.5	-3.8	-7.7	-8.2	-8.3	-6.9	-9.4	-4.8	-9.7	-2.2	-5.1	-2.3	-6.4
29 - BF <sub>2</sub>	-11.3	-16.8	-9.0	-11.8	30.3	-11.6	-7.5	0.8	-7.8	9.8	-7.7	11.2	-7.6	10.4	-7.5	11.8	-7.1	18.8	-7.2	20.5	-6.8	16.0	-4.0	21.1	-4.2	19.5	-2.9	21.8	-4.1	25.0	-4.9	23.0	-2.2	26.9	-3.4	25.6
MIN	-19.5	-60.9	-16.3	-55.5	-15.3	-61.4	-13.2	-38.8	-11.5	-28.0	-11.2	-26.6	-11.1	-25.4	-10.7	-24.0	-10.7	-30.1	-8.8	-24.1	-8.4	-23.1	-6.8	-20.1	-6.6	-17.1	-13.5	-28.7	-10.4	-26.5	-7.9	-20.5	-7.4	-18.8	-7.0	-17.6
MAE	-2.9	-19.1	-1.3	-16.7	1.8	-17.5	-2.0	-10.9	-3.2	-6.3	-3.4	-5.7	-3.0	-5.2	-3.2	-4.5	-3.3	-3.5	-4.2	-1.1	-4.8	-2.3	-2.5	0.9	-2.8	1.2	-6.5	-0.8	-4.8	0.6	-3.4	1.5	-2.0	3.9	-2.3	3.6
MAX	4.1	25.7	5.5	25.3	30.3	21.7	4.8	10.8	2.0	10.8	1.6	12.2	2.6	11.6	2.3	12.9	1.7	19.7	1.4	21.0	-0.2	16.1	1.7	21.1	1.7	20.5	2.7	38.1	1.6	36.1	0.9	24.4	2.2	34.2	1.8	29.0

Figure S6: Percentage signed errors established for difluoroborane dipole moments, w.r.t CC2 benchmark. Calculations performed in the gas phase. “X” under XCFs names denotes the fraction of Hartree-Fock exchange energy.

	SVWN		BLYP		M06L		TPSSH		B3LYP		X3LYP		APF-D		PBE0		M06		SOGGA11-X		BMK		MN15		M06-2X		M06-HF		LC-BLYP		CAM-B3LYP		wB97X		wB97X-D	
	X=0		X=0		X=0		X=10		X=20		X=21.8		X=23		X=25		X=27		X=40.15		X=42		X=44		X=54		X=100		X=100		X=19-65		X=15.7-100		X=22.2-100	
	GS	ES	GS	ES	GS	ES	GS	ES	GS	ES	GS	ES	GS	ES	GS	ES	GS	ES	GS	ES	GS	ES	GS	ES	GS	ES	GS	ES								
1 -HPIP	0.1	-41.6	-3.4	-50.5	6.3	-52.0	2.9	-43.6	1.5	-39.4	1.3	-38.1	1.9	-33.2	1.9	-31.4	2.6	-32.2	2.2	-22.4	-1.3	-19.1	2.3	-14.1	1.4	-3.7	-5.9	12.5	-4.0	7.6	-0.5	-4.6	0.7	4.5	0.5	10.2
2 -HPIP	1.5	-64.7	-4.7	-75.8	8.1	-53.3	2.9	-34.7	2.1	7.8	1.8	18.6	1.7	33.3	1.6	45.4	4.5	57.4	1.7	60.7	-0.6	63.9	1.8	58.8	-0.2	34.4	-9.7	-30.5	-3.3	-26.5	-0.3	10.8	0.5	-1.0	0.2	-15.9
3 -HPIP	2.0	19.0	-5.0	-51.8	8.7	17.9	2.8	3.1	1.7	0.7	1.3	0.0	1.3	-3.8	1.1	-2.6	3.9	9.0	0.8	8.8	-1.4	6.6	1.0	11.9	-1.1	7.8	-12.1	2.1	-5.5	11.6	-1.5	11.7	-0.7	12.8	-1.3	14.1
4 -HPIP	4.8	-137.6	-6.1	-138.7	8.9	-141.5	1.0	-125.9	-2.4	-95.8	-3.1	-87.2	-2.4	-82.0	-2.9	-71.7	-0.8	-57.2	-5.8	-8.8	-3.1	-6.4	4.0	-8.8	13.5	-24.1	20.8	-17.8	27.5	-9.7	16.7	-8.1	23.0	-10.4	27.3	
5 -HPIP	3.0	-471.9	-4.9	-174.5	6.2	-174.6	0.5	-151.9	-2.9	-101.2	-3.6	-88.7	-3.2	-82.0	-3.6	-67.8	-2.1	-49.5	-6.4	7.2	-9.1	5.0	-6.8	10.2	-8.8	16.8	-21.2	17.7	-17.6	26.7	-9.9	19.4	-8.6	23.7	-10.9	27.7
6 -HPIP	6.4	-153.9	-6.3	-155.0	10.3	-156.6	0.8	-136.0	-2.4	-96.7	-3.1	-87.0	-2.1	-80.9	-2.6	-69.5	0.4	-54.4	-5.3	2.3	-8.0	0.4	-6.5	6.2	-8.8	17.3	-25.2	31.0	-18.0	40.3	-9.8	21.6	-7.9	29.1	-10.4	37.1
7 -HPIP	2.0	-245.5	-3.8	-247.5	4.5	-235.9	0.6	-166.8	-0.2	-94.0	-0.4	-78.6	-0.7	-63.4	-1.0	-48.0	0.2	-32.8	-2.6	-2.7	-4.0	-3.9	-2.6	0.9	-4.0	-7.4	-11.6	-69.0	-8.6	-60.1	-4.2	-14.1	-4.1	-25.8	-5.4	-38.8
8 -HPIP	3.1	-117.2	-4.4	-122.6	5.2	-112.1	0.4	-68.9	-0.1	-37.7	-0.4	-32.0	-0.7	-22.0	-1.0	-16.6	0.6	-13.6	-3.1	-7.0	-4.3	-7.9	-3.1	-4.9	-4.5	-11.4	-13.7	-82.9	-8.9	-76.6	-4.5	-17.2	-4.6	-28.8	-5.7	-46.7
9 -HPIP	3.5	-197.5	-5.8	-199.1	6.9	-195.9	4.8	-160.9	2.0	-111.8	1.6	-100.4	1.9	-90.3	1.6	-77.2	1.6	-60.2	0.8	5.2	-1.8	3.2	0.4	9.0	-1.6	27.1	-6.2	49.0	-8.6	47.9	-3.2	34.0	-2.5	44.2	-4.6	49.8
10 -HPIP	9.1	-58.4	-9.9	-62.0	12.9	-62.9	5.0	-48.5	1.2	-32.0	0.4	-28.8	1.6	-24.4	1.1	-20.6	1.4	-17.4	-2.9	9.1	-5.9	12.8	-3.6	16.1	-6.0	25.7	-21.7	56.2	-16.5	58.5	-7.7	32.4	-6.4	45.5	-9.3	54.7
11 -HPIP	-0.3	-222.5	-2.4	-226.9	1.7	-201.8	-0.2	-118.9	-1.2	-34.6	-1.4	-21.0	-1.9	-8.5	-2.1	1.5	-1.3	7.6	-3.7	-16.6	-5.0	-15.7	-3.2	-13.3	-4.4	-29.6	-10.0	-106.6	-8.8	-103.5	-4.8	-38.9	-4.8	-54.3	-5.7	-74.2
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22 -HPIP	0.6	-30.8	-4.3	-33.8	5.5	-44.6	2.6	-33.2	1.3	-26.2	1.0	-24.6	0.6	-22.9	0.4	-20.9	2.4	-18.6	-0.1	-7.4	-2.4	-3.6	1.1	3.8	-1.1	10.0	-9.7	20.2	-5.0	27.7	-1.3	18.0	-0.7	23.8	-1.0	29.3
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26 -HPIP	6.0	-64.0	-9.1	-64.3	12.8	-66.5	6.5	-58.1	3.6	-46.1	3.2	-43.2	2.8	-38.7	2.5	-34.7	8.2	-34.1	0.2	-1.4	-1.6	-2.8	2.6	2.6	-0.6	14.4	-12.2	50.2	-11.7	56.6	-3.3	20.9	-3.4	33.4	-6.1	46.6
27 -HPIP	10.4	-73.7	-11.5	-75.2	16.4	-74.7	8.5	-62.7	5.6	-43.6	5.2	-39.7	4.8	-34.2	4.3	-29.4	12.1	-27.6	2.3	3.5	1.0	2.1	3.5	6.1	0.5	15.3	-10.7	42.5	-12.2	51.1	-2.9	21.1	-3.3	32.8	-7.0	43.0
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29 -HPIP	5.5	-73.1	-8.2	-74.0	14.0	-78.2	7.0	-67.1	3.0	-52.1	2.4	-48.5	3.3	-44.5	2.9	-39.8	4.9	-36.8	1.0	-2.5	0.8	-3.5	2.6	2.7	-2.0	16.5	-14.6	51.1	-10.4	55.9	-3.5	22.9	-1.6	35.4	-4.0	47.5
30 -HPIP	5.6	-85.3	-8.0	-87.9	14.1	-89.5	7.3	-73.5	3.2	-49.5	2.7	-44.7	3.6	-39.6	3.2	-33.9	5.4	-29.1	1.6	-3.1	1.7	2.1	2.8	6.7	-1.5	17.7	-13.1	42.6	-9.8	48.7	-3.1	23.3	-1.3	34.6	-3.7	43.3
31 -HPIP	-22.5	-71.4	19.3	-72.5	-14.8	-73.5	-16.0	-63.7	-13.7	-47.7	-13.4	-44.2	-12.1	-41.1	-11.2	-37.0	-9.1	-33.0	-10.9	-9.4	-14.0	-11.1	-3.2	-5.3	-3.3	3.2	-22.0	28.9	-5.5	30.5	-4.6	6.6	-1.7	16.0	2.0	24.1
32 -HPIP	8.5	-228.6	-11.1	-229.8	12.7	-225.3	8.6	-199.6	6.5	-145.4	6.1	-133.8	6.2	-127.9	5.9	-114.5	7.3	-84.8	4.4	-29.1	1.3	-27.7	3.4	-16.8	1.2	5.7	-8.3	41.8	-6.9	48.6	-0.2	16.8	0.0	31.6	-2.3	41.8
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34 -HPIP	-2.5	-412.4	-1.1	-279.3	3.0	-39.5	2.2	-71.2	3.2	-60.6	3.3	-57.8	2.9	-55.0	3.0	-51.8	5.0	-43.3	4.3	-29.3	2.5	-23.1	5.6	-17.6	4.4	-6.2	1.3	0.0	2.8	-8.9	3.9	-7.2	4.3	-1.0	4.6	-2.9
35 -HPIP	1.4	-121.9	-4.1	-126.5	4.5	-119.8	2.4	-92.7	0.4	-56.1	0.0	-49.5	0.0	-40.1	-0.3	-32.8	0.8	-28.9	-1.8	3.5	-3.5	4.6	-1.1	7.9	-2.8	14.0	-9.4	4.9	-8.5	-0.7	-3.9	14.8	-3.5	17.2	-4.7	14.3
36 -HPIP	0.9	-110.0	-3.2	-110.6	4.3	-100.5	2.4	-71.3	1.7	-36.0	1.6	-30.6	1.4	-24.7	1.3	-19.2	2.5	-14.2	1.0	6.4	-0.6	5.5	1.5	9.1	0.3	12.6	-4.1	5.8	-3.7	-3.3	-0.8	13.0	-0.6	14.8	-1.3	12.2

## S5 EDD plots and charge transfer diagnostic

Table S3: Electron density difference plots and related electron transition parameters of 13-BF<sub>2</sub> dye (See ESI Fig S1). Presented results were obtained with aug-cc-pVDZ basis set in vacuum. Red (blue) color marks electron density depletion (gain) upon photon absorption. The contour value was set to 0.002 au.

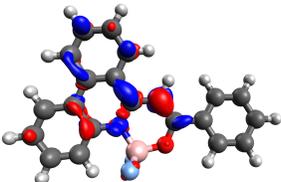
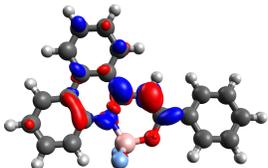
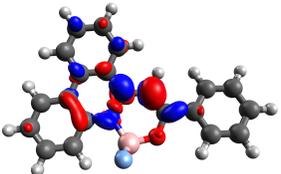
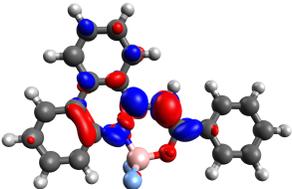
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BLYP		1.233	0.394	-2.328
PBE0		0.742	0.420	-1.480
MN15		0.588	0.437	-1.234
$\omega$ B97X-D		0.485	0.461	-1.072

Table S4: Electron density difference plots and related electron transition parameters of 27-BF<sub>2</sub> dye (See ESI **Fig S1**). Presented results were obtained with aug-cc-pVDZ basis set in vacuum. Red (blue) color marks electron density depletion (gain) upon photon absorption. The contour value was set to 0.002 au.

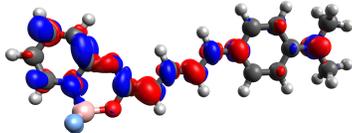
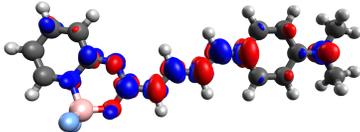
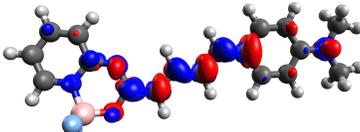
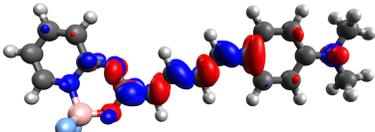
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		[Å]	[e]	[D]
BLYP		4.991	0.768	16.833
PBE0		3.982	0.587	10.175
MN15		3.508	0.552	8.306
$\omega$ B97X-D		2.970	0.531	6.456

Table S5: Electron density difference plots and related electron transition parameters of 45-HPIP dye (See ESI Fig S3). Presented results were obtained with aug-cc-pVDZ basis set in vacuum. Red (blue) color marks electron density depletion (gain) upon photon absorption. The contour value was set to 0.003 au.

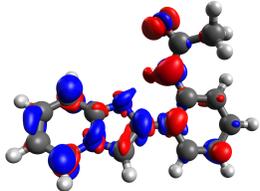
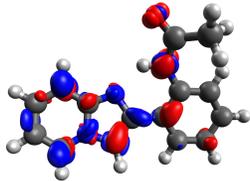
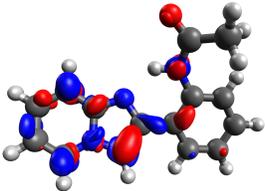
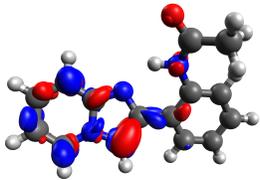
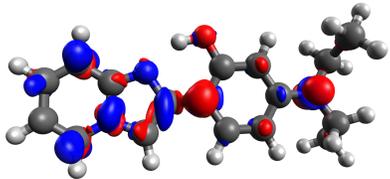
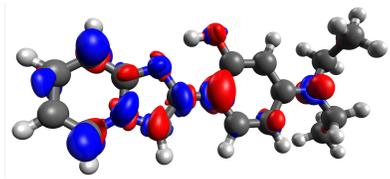
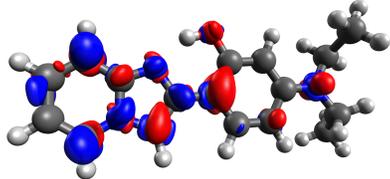
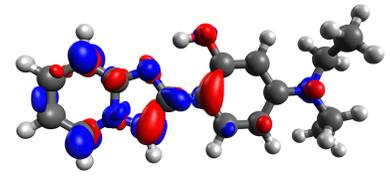
DFA	EDD plots	$d_{CT}$	$q_{CT}$	$\mu_{ES} - \mu_{GS}$
		[Å]	[e]	[D]
BLYP		3.069	0.898	5.735
PBE0		2.313	0.631	0.814
MN15		1.723	0.560	-0.268
$\omega$ B97X-D		1.416	0.550	-0.558

Table S6: Electron density difference plots and related electron transition parameters of 13-HPIP dye (See ESI Fig S2). Presented results were obtained with aug-cc-pVDZ basis set in vacuum. Red (blue) color marks electron density depletion (gain) upon photon absorption. The contour value was set to 0.003 au.

DFA	EDD plots	$d_{CT}$	$q_{CT}$	$\mu_{ES} - \mu_{GS}$
		[Å]	[e]	[D]
BLYP		3.901	0.811	12.183
PBE0		3.597	0.811	10.395
MN15		3.195	0.741	7.408
$\omega$ B97X-D		2.575	0.651	4.173

## **S5.1 Differences between respective EDD plots**

Table S7: Differences between respective EDD plots. The contour values were set to 0.002 au and 0.003 au for BF<sub>2</sub> and HPIP dyes respectively.

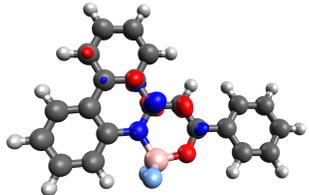
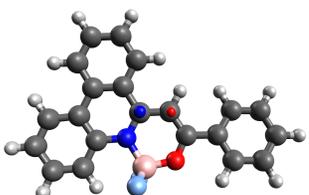
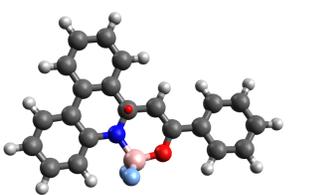
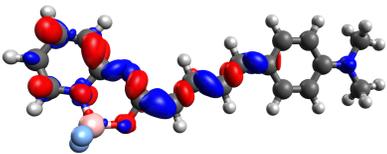
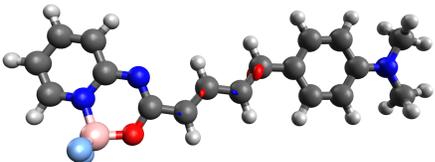
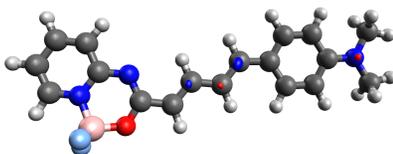
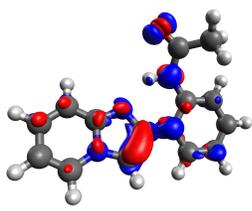
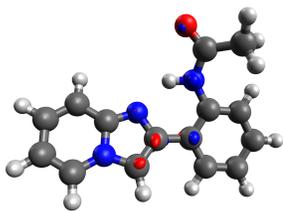
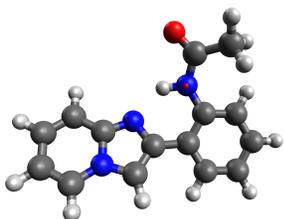
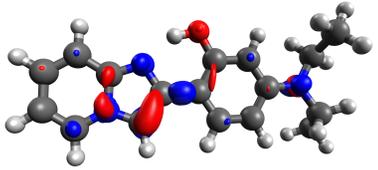
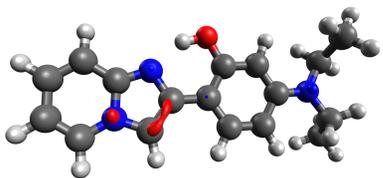
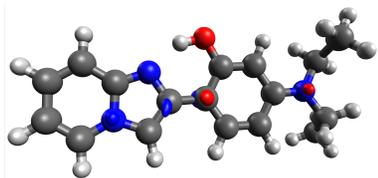
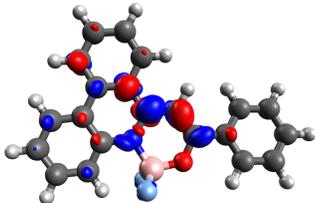
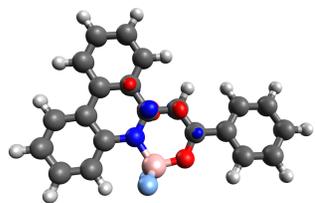
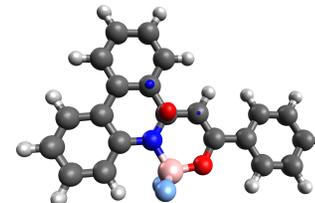
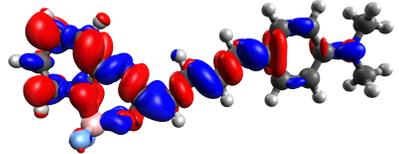
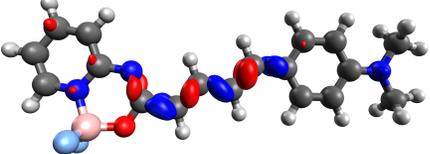
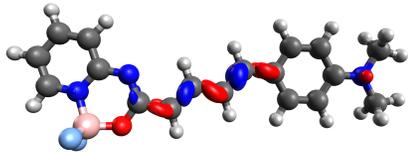
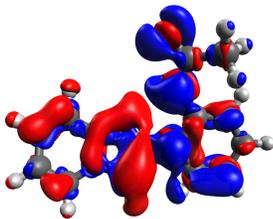
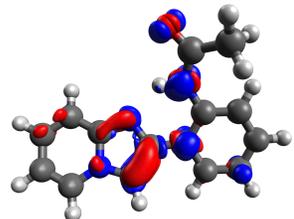
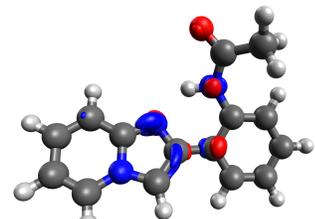
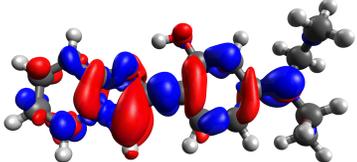
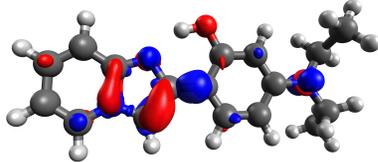
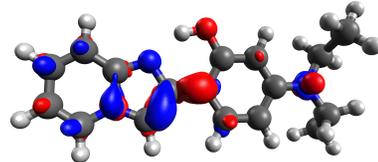
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	$\Delta\rho(\text{MN15})-\Delta\rho(\text{BLYP})$	$\Delta\rho(\text{MN15})-\Delta\rho(\text{PBE0})$	$\Delta\rho(\text{MN15})-\Delta\rho(\omega\text{B97X-D})$	
13-BF <sub>2</sub>				LC
27-BF <sub>2</sub>				CT
45-HPIP				LC
13-HPIP				CT

Table S8: Differences between respective EDD plots. Note that the contour value was lowered to 0.001 au.

Struct.	Difference EDD plots			
	$\Delta\rho(\text{MN15})-\Delta\rho(\text{BLYP})$	$\Delta\rho(\text{MN15})-\Delta\rho(\text{PBE0})$	$\Delta\rho(\text{MN15})-\Delta\rho(\omega\text{B97X-D})$	
13-BF <sub>2</sub>				ES
27-BF <sub>2</sub>				LC
45-HPIP				CT
13-HPIP				LC

## S6 $\Lambda$ diagnostic

$\Lambda$  quantity represents the degree of spatial overlap between the occupied and virtual orbitals involved in an excitation, which allows to distinguish between local, charge-transfer and Rydberg excitations. By definition,  $\Lambda$  values fall between 0 and 1 and a small value of  $\Lambda$  indicates a long-range excitation; on the other hand a large value signifies a short-range (local) excitation.

Table S9:  $\Lambda$  diagnostic results of BF<sub>2</sub> dyes set. All results were calculated at CAM-B3LYP/aug-cc-pVDZ theory level.

Structure	$\Lambda$	Structure	$\Lambda$
1-BF2	0.528	16-BF2	0.72
2-BF2	0.703	17-BF2	0.726
3-BF2	0.696	18-BF2	0.738
4-BF2	0.702	19-BF2	0.715
5-BF2	0.707	20-BF2	0.686
6-BF2	0.694	21-BF2	0.724
7-BF2	0.596	22-BF2	0.597
8-BF2	0.674	23-BF2	0.711
9-BF2	0.7	24-BF2	0.629
10-BF2	0.648	25-BF2	0.528
11-BF2	0.589	26-BF2	0.583
12-BF2	0.621	27-BF2	0.614
13-BF2	0.718	28-BF2	0.724
14-BF2	0.662	29-BF2	0.635
15-BF2	0.729		

Table S10:  $\Lambda$  diagnostic results of HPIP dyes set. All results were calculated at CAM-B3LYP/aug-cc-pVDZ theory level.

Structure	$\Lambda$	Structure	$\Lambda$
1-HPIP	0.664	29-HPIP	0.499
2-HPIP	0.598	30-HPIP	0.513
3-HPIP	0.717	31-HPIP	0.515
4-HPIP	0.487	32-HPIP	0.433
5-HPIP	0.510	33-HPIP	0.602
6-HPIP	0.501	34-HPIP	0.607
7-HPIP	0.543	35-HPIP	0.528
8-HPIP	0.564	36-HPIP	0.532
9-HPIP	0.517	37-HPIP	0.486
10-HPIP	0.522	38-HPIP	0.528
11-HPIP	0.572	39-HPIP	0.568
12-HPIP	0.564	40-HPIP	0.433
13-HPIP	0.465	41-HPIP	0.563
14-HPIP	0.512	42-HPIP	0.524
15-HPIP	0.542	43-HPIP	0.716
16-HPIP	0.537	44-HPIP	0.657
17-HPIP	0.543	45-HPIP	0.599
18-HPIP	0.590	46-HPIP	0.642
19-HPIP	0.547	47-HPIP	0.644
20-HPIP	0.523	48-HPIP	0.630
21-HPIP	0.490	49-HPIP	0.643
22-HPIP	0.541	50-HPIP	0.597
23-HPIP	0.676	51-HPIP	0.540
24-HPIP	0.518	52-HPIP	0.507
25-HPIP	0.512	53-HPIP	0.668
26-HPIP	0.518	54-HPIP	0.663
27-HPIP	0.502	55-HPIP	0.594
28-HPIP	0.689	56-HPIP	0.542