

# Supplementary Materials: Power Conversion Efficiency of Arylamine Organic Dyes for Dye-Sensitized Solar Cells (DSSCs) Explicit to Cobalt Electrolyte: Understanding the Structural Attributes Using a Direct QSPR Approach

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Table S1. The complete list of computed descriptors for the study.

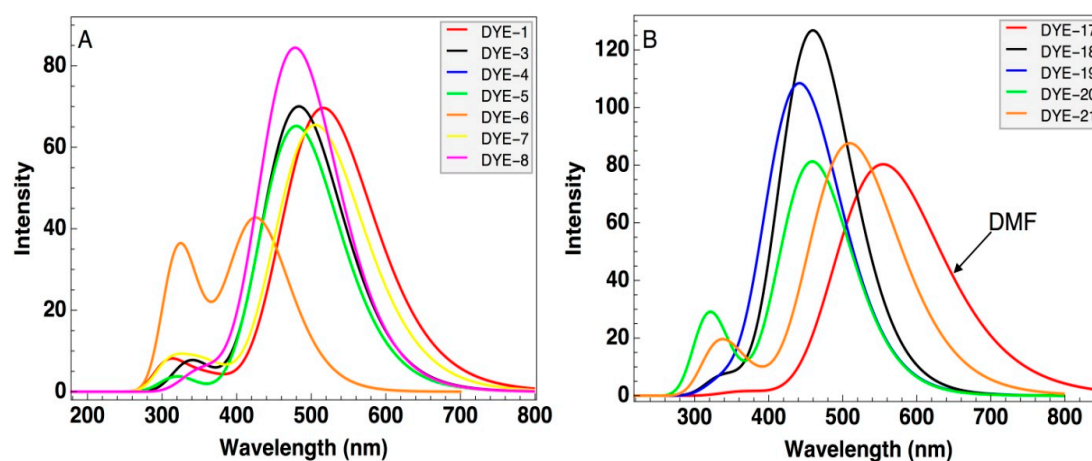
Quantum-Chemical Descriptors		
Methods/Software	Symbol	Definition
DFT B3LYP/6-31g(d,p)	SP	The number of sp hybridized carbon atoms
	SP <sup>2</sup>	The number of sp <sup>2</sup> hybridized carbon atoms
	SPA	(SP+SP <sup>2</sup> )/N <sub>A</sub>
	SP/SP <sup>2</sup>	Ratio of sp and sp <sup>2</sup> hybridized carbon atoms
	nCsp <sup>3</sup>	The number of sp <sup>3</sup> hybridized carbon atoms
	E <sub>T</sub>	Total energy
	E <sub>H</sub>	Energy of HOMO <sup>a</sup>
	E <sub>H-1</sub>	Energy of HOMO – 1 <sup>b</sup>
	E <sub>L</sub>	Energy of LUMO <sup>c</sup>
	E <sub>L+1</sub>	Energy of LUMO + 1 <sup>d</sup>
	E <sub>gHL</sub>	E <sub>HOMO</sub> – E <sub>LUMO</sub>
	BLD	Band level difference [= E <sub>L</sub> – E <sub>CB</sub> <sup>e</sup> ]
	ECP	Electronic chemical potentials [= (E <sub>H</sub> + E <sub>L</sub> )/2]
	MEN	Mullikan electro-negativity [= -(E <sub>H</sub> + E <sub>L</sub> )/2]
	AH	Absolute hardness [= -(E <sub>H</sub> – E <sub>L</sub> )/2]
	RI	Refractive index (= MEN <sup>2</sup> /2×AH)
	VB	Valence band maxima (= ECP – 0.5 × E <sub>gHL</sub> )
	CB	Conduction band minima (= ECP + 0.5 × E <sub>gHL</sub> )
	D <sub>g</sub>	Dipole moment for ground state
	N <sub>A</sub>	Total atoms
N <sub>V</sub>	Total number of valence electrons	
TD-DFT CAM-B3LYP/6-31g(d,p)	(E <sub>T</sub> ) <sub>Ex</sub>	Total energy for the excited state
	(E <sub>H</sub> ) <sub>Ex</sub>	Energy of HOMO for the first excited state
	(E <sub>H-1</sub> ) <sub>Ex</sub>	Energy of HOMO – 1 for the first excited state
	(E <sub>L</sub> ) <sub>Ex</sub>	Energy of LUMO for the first excited state
	(E <sub>L+1</sub> ) <sub>Ex</sub>	Energy of LUMO + 1 for the first excited state
	(E <sub>gHL</sub> ) <sub>Ex</sub>	(E <sub>H</sub> ) <sub>Ex</sub> – (E <sub>L</sub> ) <sub>Ex</sub> for the first excited state
	(BLD) <sub>Ex</sub>	Band level difference [= (E <sub>L</sub> ) <sub>Ex</sub> – E <sub>CB</sub> ]
	E <sub>max</sub>	Maximum absorption energy of the dye sensitizer
	D <sub>Ex</sub>	Dipole moment
	Wavelength	Excitation wavelength corresponding to E <sub>max</sub>
<i>f</i>	Oscillator strength corresponding to E <sub>max</sub>	
DRAGON Descriptors		
Constitutional indices	MW-O%	See the following link for complete description: <a href="http://www.taletе.mi.it/products/dragon_molecular_descriptor_list.pdf">http://www.taletе.mi.it/products/dragon_molecular_descriptor_list.pdf</a>
Ring descriptors	nCIC-D/Dtr12	
Functional group counts	nCp-nHAcc	
Atom-type E-state	SsCH <sub>3</sub> -NaaS	

<sup>a</sup> HOMO = highest occupied molecular orbital; <sup>b</sup> LUMO = lowest unoccupied molecular orbital; <sup>c</sup> HOMO – 1 = second highest occupied molecular orbital; <sup>d</sup> LUMO + 1 = second lowest unoccupied molecular orbital; and <sup>e</sup> E<sub>CB</sub> = conduction band minimum energy of semiconductor TiO<sub>2</sub> in vacuum [1,2].

**Table S2.** Computed  $\lambda_{\max}$  in reported experimental solvents at the TD CAM-B3LYP/6-31G (d, p) level of theory along with the experimental  $\lambda_{\max}$  of the dyes.

Dye ID	$\lambda_{\max}$ (Expt.)	$\lambda_{\max}$ (Computed)
1	517	516.10 <sup>a</sup>
3	497	483.45 <sup>a</sup>
4	504	479.95 <sup>a</sup>
5	503	479.95 <sup>a</sup>
6	429	426.11 <sup>a</sup>
7	514	505.48 <sup>a</sup>
8	511	478.49 <sup>a</sup>
17	488	554.50 <sup>b</sup>
18	520	461.00 <sup>c</sup>
19	501	465.48 <sup>c</sup>
20	498	458.89 <sup>c</sup>
21	500	509.48 <sup>c</sup>

<sup>a</sup> Acetonitrile; <sup>b</sup> Dimethylformamide; <sup>c</sup> Dichloromethane.

**Figure S1.** Simulated absorption spectra for the investigated dyes calculated at the TD CAM-B3LYP/6-31G (d, p) level of theory in reported experimental solvents: (A) Acetonitrile; (B) dichloromethane, except Dye-17 in Dimethylformamide (DMF).

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