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The Role of Linear Alkyl and Alkoxy Side Chains in the Modulation of the Structure and Electrical Properties of Bithiophene: a Theoretical Study

Alkyl and Alkoxy derivatives of Bithiophene

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Table 1S. Selected geometrical parameters of BT in *trans* conformations obtained with B3LYP, M05-2X and PBE0 methods together with 6-31+G** and 6-311G** basis set, and mPW1PW91 and MP2 methods with 6-31G*, 6-31+G*, 6-31+G** and 6-311G** basis sets.

| | B3LYP | | M05-2X | | PBE0 | | mPW1PW91 | | | MP2 | | | | |
|--|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| | 6-31+G** | 6-311G** | 6-31+G** | 6-31G* | 6-31+G* | 6-31+G* | 6-31G* | 6-31+G* | 6-31+G** | 6-311G** | 6-31G* | 6-31+G* | 6-31+G** | 6-311G** |
| BOND LENGTH / Angstroms | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| S ₁ -C ₂ | 1.755 | 1.753 | 1.734 | 1.731 | 1.737 | 1.735 | 1.739 | 1.738 | 1.738 | 1.736 | 1.733 | 1.732 | 1.732 | 1.727 |
| C ₂ -C ₃ | 1.380 | 1.375 | 1.372 | 1.368 | 1.377 | 1.372 | 1.375 | 1.376 | 1.376 | 1.372 | 1.385 | 1.388 | 1.388 | 1.389 |
| C ₃ -C ₄ | 1.425 | 1.422 | 1.425 | 1.421 | 1.420 | 1.417 | 1.419 | 1.420 | 1.420 | 1.417 | 1.415 | 1.417 | 1.416 | 1.416 |
| C ₄ -C ₅ | 1.370 | 1.365 | 1.365 | 1.361 | 1.368 | 1.363 | 1.365 | 1.367 | 1.367 | 1.363 | 1.378 | 1.382 | 1.381 | 1.382 |
| C ₅ -S ₁ | 1.735 | 1.733 | 1.722 | 1.720 | 1.720 | 1.718 | 1.721 | 1.721 | 1.721 | 1.719 | 1.718 | 1.718 | 1.717 | 1.714 |
| C ₂ -C _{2'} | 1.453 | 1.451 | 1.456 | 1.454 | 1.450 | 1.448 | 1.448 | 1.450 | 1.450 | 1.448 | 1.450 | 1.453 | 1.450 | 1.454 |
| C ₃ -H ₆ | 1.084 | 1.082 | 1.082 | 1.080 | 1.085 | 1.083 | 1.084 | 1.084 | 1.083 | 1.082 | 1.087 | 1.087 | 1.082 | 1.085 |
| C ₄ -H ₇ | 1.084 | 1.082 | 1.081 | 1.079 | 1.084 | 1.083 | 1.083 | 1.084 | 1.083 | 1.081 | 1.085 | 1.086 | 1.081 | 1.084 |
| C ₅ -H ₈ | 1.081 | 1.079 | 1.078 | 1.070 | 1.082 | 1.080 | 1.081 | 1.081 | 1.080 | 1.079 | 1.083 | 1.084 | 1.080 | 1.082 |
| BOND ANGLES / Degrees | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| S ₁ -C ₂ -C ₃ | 110.2 | 110.2 | 110.9 | 110.9 | 110.4 | 110.4 | 110.3 | 110.3 | 110.4 | 110.4 | 110.6 | 110.7 | 110.7 | 110.8 |
| C ₂ -C ₃ -C ₄ | 113.5 | 113.5 | 112.9 | 112.9 | 113.2 | 113.3 | 113.3 | 113.3 | 113.2 | 113.3 | 113.0 | 112.9 | 112.9 | 112.8 |
| C ₃ -C ₄ -C ₅ | 112.8 | 112.9 | 112.6 | 112.6 | 112.6 | 112.7 | 112.7 | 112.7 | 112.7 | 112.7 | 112.6 | 112.5 | 112.5 | 112.4 |
| C ₄ -C ₅ -S ₁ | 111.6 | 111.6 | 111.7 | 111.8 | 111.6 | 111.6 | 111.6 | 111.6 | 111.6 | 111.6 | 111.7 | 111.6 | 111.7 | 111.8 |
| C ₅ -S ₁ -C ₂ | 91.9 | 91.7 | 91.9 | 91.8 | 92.1 | 92.0 | 92.1 | 92.1 | 92.1 | 92.0 | 92.1 | 92.2 | 92.2 | 92.2 |
| C ₃ -C ₂ -C _{2'} | 129.0 | 129.1 | 128.6 | 128.6 | 128.9 | 128.9 | 129.0 | 128.9 | 128.9 | 128.9 | 128.5 | 128.4 | 128.4 | 128.2 |
| C ₂ -C ₃ -H ₆ | 122.8 | 122.7 | 122.8 | 122.7 | 122.8 | 122.6 | 122.8 | 122.8 | 122.8 | 122.7 | 122.4 | 122.4 | 122.4 | 122.3 |
| C ₃ -C ₄ -H ₇ | 123.8 | 123.8 | 124.0 | 124.0 | 124.0 | 124.0 | 123.9 | 123.9 | 124.0 | 124.0 | 124.3 | 124.4 | 124.4 | 124.5 |
| C ₄ -C ₅ -H ₈ | 128.5 | 128.7 | 128.2 | 128.3 | 128.4 | 128.6 | 128.4 | 128.3 | 128.4 | 128.6 | 128.1 | 128.1 | 128.0 | 128.2 |
| DIHEDRAL ANGLE / Degrees | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| S ₁ -C ₂ -C ₃ -C ₄ | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.6 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.4 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.4 |
| C ₂ -C ₃ -C ₄ -C ₅ | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.6 |
| C ₃ -C ₄ -C ₅ -S ₁ | -0.6 | -0.8 | -0.7 | -0.8 | -0.7 | -0.8 | -0.7 | -0.7 | -0.7 | -0.7 | -1.0 | -1.1 | -1.0 | -1.3 |
| C ₄ -C ₅ -S ₁ -C ₂ | 0.8 | 0.9 | 0.8 | 0.9 | 0.8 | 0.9 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.9 | 1.1 | 1.2 | 1.2 | 1.3 |
| C ₅ -S ₁ -C ₂ -C ₃ | -0.7 | -0.8 | -0.7 | -0.9 | -0.7 | -0.8 | -0.7 | -0.8 | -0.7 | -0.8 | -0.9 | -1.0 | -1.0 | -1.0 |
| S ₁ -C ₂ -C _{2'} -S _{1'} | 155.8 | 150.7 | 151.5 | 147.2 | 154.4 | 151.3 | 155.7 | 153.6 | 154.0 | 150.8 | 141.5 | 133.5 | 134.2 | 137.5 |
| C ₃ -C ₂ -C _{2'} -C _{3'} | 156.1 | 151.4 | 151.7 | 148.1 | 154.7 | 152.0 | 156.4 | 153.9 | 154.3 | 151.3 | 143.2 | 138.4 | 135.5 | 139.2 |
| H ₆ -C ₃ -C ₄ -C ₅ | -178.5 | -178.2 | -178.3 | 0.1 | -178.4 | -178.3 | -178.4 | -178.4 | -178.4 | -178.3 | -178.1 | -177.9 | -179.9 | -177.9 |
| H ₇ -C ₄ -C ₅ -S ₁ | 180.0 | 180.0 | 179.9 | -178.2 | 180.0 | 180.0 | 180.0 | 180.0 | 180.0 | 180.0 | -179.9 | -180.0 | -180.0 | -179.8 |
| H ₈ -C ₅ -S ₁ -C ₂ | -179.3 | -179.2 | 179.4 | 179.9 | -179.3 | -179.3 | -179.3 | -179.3 | -179.3 | -179.3 | -179.0 | -179.1 | -179.1 | -179.1 |
| Energy / Hartree | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | -1104.841 | -1104.943 | -1104.765 | -1104.872 | -1104.173 | -1104.267 | -1104.760 | -1104.770 | -1104.780 | -1104.876 | -1102.705 | -1102.730 | -1102.778 | -1102.911 |

Table 2S. Selected geometrical parameters of BT in *cis* conformations obtained with B3LYP, M05-2X and PBE0 methods together with 6-31G*, 6-31+G*, 6-31+G** and 6-311G** basis sets.

| | B3LYP | | | | M05-2X | | | | PBE0 | | | |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| | 6-31G* | 6-31+G* | 6-31+G** | 6-311G** | 6-31G* | 6-31+G* | 6-31+G** | 6-311G** | 6-31G* | 6-31+G* | 6-31+G** | 6-311G** |
| BOND LENGTH / Angstroms | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| S ₁ -C ₂ | 1.755 | 1.755 | 1.754 | 1.752 | 1.735 | 1.734 | 1.734 | 1.732 | 1.734 | 1.737 | 1.737 | 1.735 |
| C ₂ -C ₃ | 1.378 | 1.380 | 1.380 | 1.375 | 1.370 | 1.372 | 1.372 | 1.368 | 1.375 | 1.377 | 1.377 | 1.372 |
| C ₃ -C ₄ | 1.424 | 1.425 | 1.425 | 1.422 | 1.424 | 1.425 | 1.425 | 1.421 | 1.419 | 1.420 | 1.420 | 1.417 |
| C ₄ -C ₅ | 1.368 | 1.371 | 1.370 | 1.365 | 1.363 | 1.366 | 1.366 | 1.361 | 1.366 | 1.368 | 1.368 | 1.364 |
| C ₅ -S ₁ | 1.735 | 1.734 | 1.734 | 1.732 | 1.722 | 1.722 | 1.722 | 1.720 | 1.720 | 1.719 | 1.719 | 1.718 |
| C ₂ -C _{2'} | 1.455 | 1.455 | 1.455 | 1.453 | 1.456 | 1.458 | 1.458 | 1.455 | 1.450 | 1.452 | 1.452 | 1.449 |
| C ₃ -H ₆ | 1.084 | 1.085 | 1.084 | 1.082 | 1.081 | 1.081 | 1.081 | 1.079 | 1.085 | 1.085 | 1.084 | 1.083 |
| C ₄ -H ₇ | 1.085 | 1.085 | 1.084 | 1.082 | 1.081 | 1.081 | 1.081 | 1.079 | 1.085 | 1.085 | 1.084 | 1.083 |
| C ₅ -H ₈ | 1.082 | 1.082 | 1.081 | 1.080 | 1.078 | 1.079 | 1.079 | 1.077 | 1.082 | 1.083 | 1.082 | 1.080 |
| BOND ANGLES / Degrees | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| S ₁ -C ₂ -C ₃ | 110.2 | 110.2 | 110.2 | 110.2 | 110.8 | 110.9 | 110.9 | 110.9 | 110.3 | 110.4 | 110.4 | 110.4 |
| C ₂ -C ₃ -C ₄ | 113.5 | 113.5 | 113.5 | 113.5 | 113.0 | 112.9 | 112.9 | 113.0 | 113.3 | 113.2 | 113.2 | 113.2 |
| C ₃ -C ₄ -C ₅ | 112.9 | 112.8 | 112.8 | 112.9 | 112.6 | 112.6 | 112.6 | 112.6 | 112.7 | 112.6 | 112.6 | 112.7 |
| C ₄ -C ₅ -S ₁ | 111.6 | 111.6 | 111.6 | 111.6 | 111.7 | 111.8 | 111.7 | 111.8 | 111.6 | 111.6 | 111.6 | 111.6 |
| C ₅ -S ₁ -C ₂ | 91.8 | 91.9 | 91.9 | 91.7 | 91.8 | 91.9 | 91.9 | 91.8 | 92.1 | 92.1 | 92.1 | 92.0 |
| C ₃ -C ₂ -C _{2'} | 127.7 | 127.6 | 127.6 | 127.7 | 127.4 | 127.3 | 127.3 | 127.3 | 127.5 | 127.5 | 127.5 | 127.6 |
| C ₂ -C ₃ -H ₆ | 122.5 | 122.6 | 122.5 | 122.5 | 122.6 | 122.6 | 122.6 | 122.4 | 122.5 | 122.6 | 122.5 | 122.5 |
| C ₃ -C ₄ -H ₇ | 123.7 | 123.8 | 123.8 | 123.8 | 124.0 | 124.0 | 124.1 | 124.1 | 123.9 | 124.0 | 124.0 | 124.0 |
| C ₄ -C ₅ -H ₈ | 128.5 | 128.4 | 128.4 | 128.7 | 128.2 | 128.2 | 128.2 | 128.3 | 128.4 | 128.3 | 128.4 | 128.6 |
| DIHEDRAL ANGLE / Degrees | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| S ₁ -C ₂ -C ₃ -C ₄ | -0.1 | -0.1 | -0.1 | -0.1 | -0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | -0.1 | -0.1 | -0.1 | -0.1 |
| C ₂ -C ₃ -C ₄ -C ₅ | -0.4 | -0.5 | -0.5 | -0.4 | -0.5 | -0.5 | -0.5 | -0.5 | -0.4 | -0.4 | -0.5 | -0.5 |
| C ₃ -C ₄ -C ₅ -S ₁ | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.7 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.8 |
| C ₄ -C ₅ -S ₁ -C ₂ | -0.8 | -0.7 | -0.7 | -0.7 | -0.7 | -0.7 | -0.7 | -0.7 | -0.7 | -0.7 | -0.7 | -0.7 |
| C ₅ -S ₁ -C ₂ -C ₃ | 0.5 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.4 |
| S ₁ -C ₂ -C _{2'} -S ₁ | 32.7 | 35.7 | 35.5 | 37.3 | 35.2 | 38.3 | 38.3 | 39.6 | 32.8 | 35.7 | 35.4 | 35.9 |
| C ₃ -C ₂ -C _{2'} -C ₃ | 29.5 | 32.7 | 32.5 | 33.8 | 32.6 | 35.6 | 35.6 | 36.7 | 30.0 | 32.9 | 32.6 | 32.9 |
| H ₆ -C ₃ -C ₄ -C ₅ | 177.9 | 177.7 | 177.7 | 177.7 | 177.8 | 177.7 | 177.7 | 177.8 | 177.8 | 177.7 | 177.7 | 177.8 |
| H ₇ -C ₄ -C ₅ -S ₁ | 179.9 | 179.8 | 179.8 | 179.8 | 179.9 | 179.9 | 179.9 | 179.9 | 179.9 | 179.8 | 179.8 | 179.8 |
| H ₈ -C ₅ -S ₁ -C ₂ | 179.1 | 179.2 | 179.2 | 179.2 | 179.3 | 179.3 | 179.3 | 179.4 | 179.2 | 179.2 | 179.2 | 179.3 |
| Energy / Hartree | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | -1104.816 | -1104.830 | -1104.840 | -1104.942 | -1104.743 | -1104.754 | -1104.764 | -1104.871 | -1104.751 | -1104.162 | -1104.172 | -1104.266 |

Table 2S (cont.). Main geometrical parameters of BT in cis conformations obtained with MPW1PW91 and MP2 methods together with 6-31G*, 6-31+G*, 6-31+G** and 6-311+G** basis set.

| | MPW1PW91 | | | | MP2 | | | |
|--|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| | 6-31G* | 6-31+G* | 6-31+G* | 6-311G** | 6-31G* | 6-31+G* | 6-31+G* | 6-311G** |
| BOND LENGTH / Angstroms | | | | | | | | |
| S ₁ -C ₂ | 1.739 | 1.738 | 1.738 | 1.736 | 1.734 | 1.733 | 1.733 | 1.727 |
| C ₂ -C ₃ | 1.375 | 1.376 | 1.376 | 1.372 | 1.385 | 1.388 | 1.388 | 1.389 |
| C ₃ -C ₄ | 1.419 | 1.420 | 1.420 | 1.417 | 1.415 | 1.417 | 1.417 | 1.416 |
| C ₄ -C ₅ | 1.365 | 1.368 | 1.368 | 1.363 | 1.378 | 1.382 | 1.381 | 1.382 |
| C ₅ -S ₁ | 1.721 | 1.720 | 1.720 | 1.719 | 1.718 | 1.718 | 1.717 | 1.714 |
| C ₂ -C _{2'} | 1.450 | 1.452 | 1.452 | 1.450 | 1.452 | 1.455 | 1.455 | 1.455 |
| C ₃ -H ₆ | 1.083 | 1.084 | 1.083 | 1.081 | 1.086 | 1.087 | 1.082 | 1.085 |
| C ₄ -H ₇ | 1.083 | 1.084 | 1.083 | 1.081 | 1.085 | 1.086 | 1.081 | 1.084 |
| C ₅ -H ₈ | 1.081 | 1.081 | 1.080 | 1.079 | 1.083 | 1.084 | 1.079 | 1.082 |
| BOND ANGLES / Degrees | | | | | | | | |
| S ₁ -C ₂ -C ₃ | 110.3 | 110.4 | 110.4 | 110.4 | 110.6 | 110.7 | 110.7 | 110.8 |
| C ₂ -C ₃ -C ₄ | 113.3 | 113.2 | 113.2 | 113.3 | 113.0 | 112.9 | 112.9 | 112.8 |
| C ₃ -C ₄ -C ₅ | 112.7 | 112.7 | 112.7 | 112.7 | 112.6 | 112.5 | 112.5 | 112.4 |
| C ₄ -C ₅ -S ₁ | 111.6 | 111.6 | 111.6 | 111.6 | 111.7 | 111.7 | 111.7 | 111.8 |
| C ₅ -S ₁ -C ₂ | 92.1 | 92.1 | 92.1 | 92.0 | 92.1 | 92.2 | 92.2 | 92.3 |
| C ₃ -C ₂ -C _{2'} | 127.6 | 127.5 | 127.5 | 127.6 | 127.2 | 127.2 | 127.2 | 126.9 |
| C ₂ -C ₃ -H ₆ | 122.5 | 122.6 | 122.5 | 122.5 | 122.2 | 122.2 | 122.2 | 122.1 |
| C ₃ -C ₄ -H ₇ | 123.9 | 124.0 | 124.0 | 124.0 | 124.3 | 124.8 | 124.4 | 124.5 |
| C ₄ -C ₅ -H ₈ | 128.4 | 128.3 | 128.4 | 128.6 | 128.2 | 128.1 | 128.1 | 128.2 |
| DIHEDRAL ANGLE / Degrees | | | | | | | | |
| S ₁ -C ₂ -C ₃ -C ₄ | -0.1 | -0.1 | -0.1 | -0.1 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.2 |
| C ₂ -C ₃ -C ₄ -C ₅ | -0.4 | -0.4 | -0.5 | -0.5 | -0.8 | -0.7 | -0.7 | -1.0 |
| C ₃ -C ₄ -C ₅ -S ₁ | 0.7 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 1.3 |
| C ₄ -C ₅ -S ₁ -C ₂ | -0.7 | -0.7 | -0.7 | -0.7 | -0.9 | -0.9 | -0.9 | -1.0 |
| C ₅ -S ₁ -C ₂ -C ₃ | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.4 |
| S ₁ -C ₂ -C _{2'} -S _{1'} | 33.6 | 36.2 | 36.0 | 36.7 | 43.9 | 54.2 | 53.7 | 47.9 |
| C ₃ -C ₂ -C _{2'} -C _{3'} | 30.9 | 33.4 | 33.2 | 33.6 | 41.3 | 50.1 | 49.5 | 45.2 |
| H ₆ -C ₃ -C ₄ -C ₅ | 177.8 | 177.7 | 177.7 | 177.8 | 177.8 | 178.0 | 178.0 | 177.8 |
| H ₇ -C ₄ -C ₅ -S ₁ | 179.9 | 179.8 | 179.8 | 179.8 | 179.8 | 179.8 | 179.8 | 179.8 |
| H ₈ -C ₅ -S ₁ -C ₂ | 179.3 | 179.2 | 179.2 | 179.3 | 179.3 | 179.2 | 179.2 | 179.5 |
| Energy / Hartree | | | | | | | | |
| | -1104.759 | -1104.769 | -1104.779 | -1104.875 | -1102.705 | -1102.730 | -1102.777 | -1102.910 |

Table 3S. Stable conformers, relative energy and *cis-trans* torsional barrier height of BT calculated at mPW1PW91 M05-2X, PBE0 and MP2 with 6-31G*.

| | | <i>Cis</i> | <i>Trans</i> | ΔE_{cis} | ΔE_{trans} |
|----------|--|------------|--------------|------------------|--------------------|
| mPW1PW91 | C ₃ -C ₂ -C _{2'} -C _{3'} /Degree | 29.5 | 158.1 | 2.016 | 2.699 |
| | Relative Energy /kcal mol ⁻¹ | -0.418 | -1.101 | | |
| M05-2X | C ₃ -C ₂ -C _{2'} -C _{3'} /Degree | 30.9 | 156.4 | 1.898 | 2.562 |
| | Relative Energy /kcal mol ⁻¹ | -0.481 | -1.145 | | |
| PBE0 | C ₃ -C ₂ -C _{2'} -C _{3'} /Degree | 32.6 | 154.2 | 1.910 | 2.524 |
| | Relative Energy /kcal mol ⁻¹ | -0.615 | -1.229 | | |
| MP2 | C ₃ -C ₂ -C _{2'} -C _{3'} /Degree | 30 | 157.0 | 1.988 | 2.661 |
| | Relative Energy /kcal mol ⁻¹ | -0.451 | -1.124 | | |

Table 4S. Full set of geometrical parameters of 3,4'ABT and 3,4'OABT obtained with B3LYP/6-31G*.

| n | 3,4'ABT | | | | | 3,4'OABT | | | | | | |
|---|---------|--------|--------|--------|--------|----------|-------|--------|-------|--------|--------|--------|
| | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| BOND LENGTH / Angstroms | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| S ₁ -C ₂ | 1.758 | 1.758 | 1.758 | 1.758 | 1.758 | 1.758 | 1.756 | 1.756 | 1.756 | 1.756 | 1.756 | 1.756 |
| C ₂ -C ₃ | 1.377 | 1.377 | 1.377 | 1.377 | 1.377 | 1.377 | 1.382 | 1.382 | 1.382 | 1.382 | 1.382 | 1.382 |
| C ₃ -C ₄ | 1.429 | 1.431 | 1.431 | 1.431 | 1.431 | 1.431 | 1.426 | 1.427 | 1.427 | 1.427 | 1.427 | 1.427 |
| C ₄ -C ₅ | 1.370 | 1.370 | 1.371 | 1.371 | 1.371 | 1.371 | 1.373 | 1.373 | 1.373 | 1.373 | 1.373 | 1.373 |
| C ₅ -S ₁ | 1.734 | 1.734 | 1.734 | 1.734 | 1.734 | 1.734 | 1.732 | 1.732 | 1.733 | 1.733 | 1.733 | 1.733 |
| C ₂ -C _{2'} | 1.455 | 1.458 | 1.458 | 1.458 | 1.458 | 1.458 | 1.445 | 1.446 | 1.446 | 1.446 | 1.446 | 1.446 |
| S ₁ '-C _{2'} | 1.760 | 1.760 | 1.760 | 1.760 | 1.760 | 1.760 | 1.756 | 1.757 | 1.757 | 1.757 | 1.757 | 1.757 |
| C ₂ '-C _{3'} | 1.384 | 1.384 | 1.384 | 1.384 | 1.384 | 1.384 | 1.386 | 1.387 | 1.387 | 1.387 | 1.387 | 1.387 |
| C ₃ '-C _{4'} | 1.431 | 1.433 | 1.433 | 1.433 | 1.433 | 1.433 | 1.430 | 1.430 | 1.430 | 1.430 | 1.430 | 1.430 |
| C ₄ '-C _{5'} | 1.365 | 1.365 | 1.365 | 1.365 | 1.365 | 1.365 | 1.366 | 1.366 | 1.366 | 1.366 | 1.366 | 1.366 |
| C ₅ '-S ₁ ' | 1.731 | 1.731 | 1.731 | 1.731 | 1.731 | 1.731 | 1.732 | 1.731 | 1.731 | 1.731 | 1.731 | 1.731 |
| C ₃ -X ₆ * | 1.507 | 1.511 | 1.510 | 1.510 | 1.510 | 1.510 | 1.361 | 1.361 | 1.361 | 1.361 | 1.361 | 1.361 |
| C ₄ -H ₇ | 1.086 | 1.086 | 1.086 | 1.086 | 1.086 | 1.086 | 1.082 | 1.083 | 1.083 | 1.083 | 1.083 | 1.083 |
| C ₅ -H ₈ | 1.082 | 1.082 | 1.082 | 1.082 | 1.082 | 1.082 | 1.081 | 1.081 | 1.081 | 1.081 | 1.081 | 1.081 |
| C ₃ -H ₆ | 1.086 | 1.086 | 1.086 | 1.086 | 1.086 | 1.086 | 1.083 | 1.083 | 1.083 | 1.083 | 1.083 | 1.083 |
| C ₄ -X ₇ * | 1.506 | 1.510 | 1.509 | 1.509 | 1.509 | 1.509 | 1.365 | 1.365 | 1.365 | 1.365 | 1.365 | 1.365 |
| C ₅ -H ₈ | 1.082 | 1.082 | 1.083 | 1.083 | 1.083 | 1.083 | 1.080 | 1.080 | 1.080 | 1.080 | 1.080 | 1.080 |
| BOND ANGLES / Degrees | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| S ₁ -C ₂ -C ₃ | 109.7 | 109.7 | 109.7 | 109.7 | 109.7 | 109.7 | 110.3 | 110.3 | 110.3 | 110.3 | 110.3 | 110.3 |
| C ₂ -C ₃ -C ₄ | 114.6 | 114.6 | 114.6 | 114.6 | 114.6 | 114.6 | 113.3 | 113.3 | 113.3 | 113.3 | 113.3 | 113.3 |
| C ₃ -C ₄ -C ₅ | 111.6 | 111.5 | 111.5 | 111.5 | 111.5 | 111.5 | 112.9 | 112.8 | 112.8 | 112.8 | 112.8 | 112.8 |
| C ₄ -C ₅ -S ₁ | 112.5 | 112.5 | 112.5 | 112.5 | 112.5 | 112.5 | 111.6 | 111.7 | 111.7 | 111.7 | 111.7 | 111.7 |
| C ₅ -S ₁ -C ₂ | 91.7 | 91.7 | 91.7 | 91.7 | 91.7 | 91.7 | 91.9 | 91.9 | 91.9 | 91.9 | 91.9 | 91.9 |
| S ₁ '-C ₂ '-C ₃ ' | 110.8 | 110.9 | 110.9 | 110.9 | 110.9 | 110.9 | 109.5 | 109.5 | 109.5 | 109.5 | 109.5 | 109.5 |
| C ₂ '-C ₃ '-C ₄ ' | 112.0 | 111.9 | 111.9 | 111.9 | 111.9 | 111.9 | 114.1 | 113.9 | 113.9 | 113.9 | 113.9 | 113.9 |
| C ₃ '-C ₄ '-C ₅ ' | 114.0 | 114.1 | 114.1 | 114.1 | 114.1 | 114.1 | 112.3 | 112.3 | 112.4 | 112.4 | 112.4 | 112.4 |
| C ₄ '-C ₅ '-S ₁ ' | 111.3 | 111.4 | 111.4 | 111.4 | 111.4 | 111.4 | 112.1 | 112.1 | 112.1 | 112.1 | 112.1 | 112.1 |
| C ₅ '-S ₁ '-C ₂ ' | 91.8 | 91.8 | 91.8 | 91.8 | 91.8 | 91.8 | 92.2 | 92.1 | 92.1 | 92.1 | 92.1 | 92.1 |
| C ₃ -C ₂ -C _{2'} | 127.7 | 127.7 | 127.7 | 127.7 | 127.7 | 127.7 | 127.4 | 127.4 | 127.4 | 127.4 | 127.4 | 127.4 |
| C ₂ -C ₂ '-C ₃ ' | 130.9 | 131.2 | 131.2 | 131.2 | 131.2 | 131.2 | 129.3 | 129.3 | 129.4 | 129.4 | 129.4 | 129.4 |
| C ₂ -C ₃ -X ₆ | 125.7 | 126.1 | 126.1 | 126.1 | 126.1 | 126.1 | 119.6 | 119.7 | 119.7 | 119.7 | 119.7 | 119.7 |
| C ₃ -C ₄ -H ₇ | 122.7 | 122.7 | 122.7 | 122.7 | 122.7 | 122.7 | 124.3 | 124.3 | 124.3 | 124.3 | 124.3 | 124.3 |
| C ₄ -C ₅ -H ₈ | 128.3 | 128.3 | 128.3 | 128.3 | 128.3 | 128.3 | 127.9 | 127.9 | 127.9 | 127.9 | 127.9 | 127.9 |
| C ₂ '-C ₃ '-H ₆ | 122.3 | 122.1 | 122.1 | 122.1 | 122.1 | 122.1 | 122.7 | 122.7 | 122.7 | 122.7 | 122.7 | 122.7 |
| C ₃ '-C ₄ '-X ₇ | 123.8 | 124.0 | 124.0 | 124.0 | 124.0 | 124.0 | 126.5 | 126.5 | 126.5 | 126.5 | 126.5 | 126.5 |
| C ₄ '-C ₅ '-H ₈ | 127.7 | 127.7 | 127.7 | 127.7 | 127.7 | 127.7 | 127.2 | 127.2 | 127.2 | 127.2 | 127.2 | 127.2 |
| DIHEDRAL ANGLE / Degrees | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| S ₁ -C ₂ -C ₃ -C ₄ | 0.4 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| C ₂ -C ₃ -C ₄ -C ₅ | 0.0 | -0.1 | -0.1 | -0.1 | -0.1 | -0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| C ₃ -C ₄ -C ₅ -S ₁ | -0.4 | -0.5 | -0.5 | -0.5 | -0.5 | -0.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| C ₄ -C ₅ -S ₁ -C ₂ | 0.5 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| C ₅ -S ₁ -C ₂ -C ₃ | -0.5 | -0.8 | -0.8 | -0.8 | -0.8 | -0.8 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| S ₁ '-C ₂ '-C ₂ '-S ₁ ' | 145.4 | 137.8 | 137.7 | 138.1 | 137.6 | 138.4 | 180.0 | 180.0 | 179.9 | -179.8 | -179.1 | -179.6 |
| C ₃ '-C ₂ '-C ₂ '-C ₃ ' | 148.5 | 141.0 | 140.9 | 141.3 | 140.7 | 141.5 | 180.0 | 180.0 | 179.9 | 179.8 | 179.9 | 179.6 |
| S ₁ '-C ₂ '-C ₃ '-C ₄ ' | 0.7 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| C ₂ '-C ₃ '-C ₄ '-C ₅ ' | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| C ₃ '-C ₄ '-C ₅ '-S ₁ ' | -0.6 | -0.6 | -0.6 | -0.6 | -0.6 | -0.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| C ₄ '-C ₅ '-S ₁ '-C ₂ ' | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| C ₅ '-S ₁ '-C ₂ '-C ₃ ' | -0.8 | -0.7 | -0.7 | -0.7 | -0.7 | -0.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| X ₆ -C ₃ -C ₄ -C ₅ | -179.8 | -179.6 | -179.6 | -179.6 | -179.6 | -179.6 | 180.0 | 180.0 | 180.0 | 180.0 | 180.0 | 180.0 |
| H ₇ -C ₄ -C ₅ -S ₁ | -179.1 | -179.0 | -179.1 | -179.1 | -179.1 | -179.1 | 180.0 | 180.0 | 180.0 | 180.0 | 180.0 | 180.0 |
| H ₈ -C ₅ -S ₁ -C ₂ | 120.2 | 109.2 | 107.6 | 108.1 | 107.5 | 108.4 | 180.0 | -179.4 | 179.9 | -179.7 | 180.0 | -179.7 |
| H ₆ -C ₃ -C ₄ -C ₅ | 86.8 | 103.1 | 102.5 | 102.5 | 102.7 | 102.3 | 180.0 | 179.9 | 180.0 | 179.8 | 180.0 | 179.7 |
| X ₇ -C ₄ -C ₅ -S ₁ | -178.9 | -179.2 | -179.2 | -179.2 | -179.2 | -179.2 | 180.0 | 180.0 | 180.0 | 180.0 | 180.0 | 180.0 |
| H ₈ '-C ₅ '-S ₁ '-C ₂ ' | -179.7 | -178.9 | -178.9 | -178.9 | -178.9 | -178.9 | 180.0 | 180.0 | 180.0 | 180.0 | 180.0 | 180.0 |
| C-X ₆ -C ₃ -C ₂ | -178.5 | -178.6 | -178.7 | -178.7 | -178.7 | -178.7 | 180.0 | 180.0 | 180.0 | 180.0 | 180.0 | 180.0 |
| C-X ₇ -C ₄ -C ₅ | -179.2 | -178.8 | -178.8 | -178.8 | -178.8 | -178.8 | 180.0 | 180.0 | 180.0 | 180.0 | 180.0 | 180.0 |

* X is a O atom for 3,4'OABT; C atom for 3,4'ABT

Table 5S. Full set of geometrical parameters of 3,4'ABT and 3,4'OABT obtained with B3LYP/6-31+G*

| n | 3,4'ABT | | | | | 3,4'OABT | | | | | | |
|---|---------|--------|--------|--------|--------|----------|-------|-------|--------|-------|--------|-------|
| | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| BOND LENGTH / Angstroms | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| S ₁ -C ₂ | 1.757 | 1.756 | 1.756 | 1.756 | 1.756 | 1.756 | 1.754 | 1.754 | 1.754 | 1.754 | 1.754 | 1.754 |
| C ₂ -C ₃ | 1.379 | 1.378 | 1.378 | 1.378 | 1.378 | 1.378 | 1.385 | 1.385 | 1.385 | 1.385 | 1.385 | 1.385 |
| C ₃ -C ₄ | 1.431 | 1.432 | 1.432 | 1.432 | 1.432 | 1.432 | 1.427 | 1.427 | 1.427 | 1.427 | 1.427 | 1.427 |
| C ₄ -C ₅ | 1.372 | 1.373 | 1.373 | 1.373 | 1.373 | 1.373 | 1.374 | 1.374 | 1.374 | 1.374 | 1.374 | 1.374 |
| C ₅ -S ₁ | 1.735 | 1.735 | 1.735 | 1.735 | 1.735 | 1.735 | 1.732 | 1.732 | 1.732 | 1.732 | 1.732 | 1.732 |
| C ₂ -C _{2'} | 1.458 | 1.460 | 1.460 | 1.460 | 1.460 | 1.460 | 1.447 | 1.447 | 1.447 | 1.447 | 1.447 | 1.447 |
| S ₁ '-C _{2'} | 1.758 | 1.759 | 1.759 | 1.759 | 1.759 | 1.759 | 1.756 | 1.756 | 1.756 | 1.756 | 1.756 | 1.756 |
| C ₂ '-C _{3'} | 1.386 | 1.385 | 1.385 | 1.385 | 1.385 | 1.385 | 1.388 | 1.388 | 1.388 | 1.388 | 1.388 | 1.388 |
| C ₃ '-C _{4'} | 1.432 | 1.434 | 1.434 | 1.434 | 1.434 | 1.434 | 1.430 | 1.430 | 1.430 | 1.430 | 1.430 | 1.430 |
| C ₄ '-C _{5'} | 1.368 | 1.368 | 1.368 | 1.368 | 1.368 | 1.368 | 1.369 | 1.369 | 1.369 | 1.369 | 1.369 | 1.369 |
| C ₅ '-S _{1'} | 1.730 | 1.731 | 1.730 | 1.730 | 1.730 | 1.730 | 1.731 | 1.731 | 1.731 | 1.731 | 1.731 | 1.731 |
| C ₃ -X ₆ * | 1.508 | 1.511 | 1.510 | 1.510 | 1.510 | 1.510 | 1.362 | 1.362 | 1.362 | 1.362 | 1.362 | 1.362 |
| C ₄ -H ₇ | 1.086 | 1.086 | 1.086 | 1.086 | 1.086 | 1.086 | 1.083 | 1.083 | 1.083 | 1.083 | 1.083 | 1.083 |
| C ₅ -H ₈ | 1.082 | 1.082 | 1.082 | 1.082 | 1.082 | 1.082 | 1.082 | 1.082 | 1.082 | 1.082 | 1.082 | 1.082 |
| C ₃ -H ₆ | 1.086 | 1.086 | 1.086 | 1.086 | 1.086 | 1.086 | 1.083 | 1.083 | 1.083 | 1.083 | 1.083 | 1.083 |
| C ₄ -X ₇ * | 1.506 | 1.510 | 1.510 | 1.510 | 1.510 | 1.510 | 1.366 | 1.366 | 1.366 | 1.366 | 1.366 | 1.366 |
| C ₅ -H ₈ | 1.083 | 1.083 | 1.083 | 1.083 | 1.083 | 1.083 | 1.081 | 1.081 | 1.081 | 1.081 | 1.081 | 1.081 |
| BOND ANGLES / Degrees | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| S ₁ -C ₂ -C ₃ | 109.8 | 109.8 | 109.8 | 109.8 | 109.8 | 109.8 | 110.3 | 110.3 | 110.3 | 110.3 | 110.3 | 110.3 |
| C ₂ -C ₃ -C ₄ | 114.5 | 114.5 | 114.5 | 114.5 | 114.5 | 114.5 | 113.1 | 113.1 | 113.1 | 113.1 | 113.1 | 113.1 |
| C ₃ -C ₄ -C ₅ | 111.5 | 111.4 | 111.4 | 111.4 | 111.4 | 111.4 | 113.0 | 113.0 | 113.0 | 113.0 | 113.0 | 113.0 |
| C ₄ -C ₅ -S ₁ | 112.5 | 112.5 | 112.5 | 112.5 | 112.5 | 112.5 | 111.6 | 111.6 | 111.6 | 111.6 | 111.6 | 111.6 |
| C ₅ -S ₁ -C ₂ | 91.7 | 91.7 | 91.7 | 91.7 | 91.7 | 91.7 | 92.0 | 92.0 | 92.0 | 92.0 | 92.0 | 92.0 |
| S ₁ '-C ₂ '-C ₃ ' | 110.9 | 111.0 | 111.0 | 111.0 | 111.0 | 111.0 | 109.5 | 109.5 | 109.5 | 109.5 | 109.5 | 109.5 |
| C ₂ '-C ₃ '-C ₄ ' | 111.9 | 111.9 | 111.9 | 111.9 | 111.9 | 111.9 | 114.0 | 114.0 | 114.0 | 114.0 | 114.0 | 114.0 |
| C ₃ '-C ₄ '-C ₅ ' | 113.9 | 114.0 | 114.0 | 114.0 | 114.0 | 114.0 | 112.2 | 112.2 | 112.2 | 112.2 | 112.2 | 112.2 |
| C ₄ '-C ₅ '-S ₁ ' | 111.4 | 111.4 | 111.4 | 111.4 | 111.4 | 111.4 | 112.1 | 112.1 | 112.1 | 112.1 | 112.1 | 112.1 |
| C ₅ '-S ₁ '-C ₂ ' | 91.8 | 91.8 | 91.8 | 91.8 | 91.8 | 91.8 | 92.2 | 92.2 | 92.2 | 92.2 | 92.2 | 92.2 |
| C ₃ -C ₂ -C _{2'} | 127.8 | 127.8 | 127.8 | 127.8 | 127.8 | 127.8 | 127.2 | 127.2 | 127.2 | 127.2 | 127.2 | 127.2 |
| C ₂ -C ₂ '-C ₃ ' | 130.6 | 130.8 | 130.8 | 130.8 | 130.8 | 130.8 | 129.3 | 129.3 | 129.3 | 129.3 | 129.3 | 129.3 |
| C ₂ -C ₃ -X ₆ | 125.7 | 126.0 | 126.0 | 126.0 | 126.0 | 126.0 | 119.6 | 119.6 | 119.6 | 119.6 | 119.6 | 119.6 |
| C ₃ -C ₄ -H ₇ | 122.8 | 122.9 | 122.9 | 122.9 | 122.9 | 122.9 | 124.5 | 124.5 | 124.5 | 124.5 | 124.5 | 124.5 |
| C ₄ -C ₅ -H ₈ | 128.3 | 128.2 | 128.2 | 128.2 | 128.2 | 128.2 | 127.9 | 127.9 | 127.9 | 127.9 | 127.9 | 127.9 |
| C ₂ '-C ₃ '-H ₆ | 122.3 | 122.1 | 122.1 | 122.1 | 122.1 | 122.1 | 122.7 | 122.7 | 122.7 | 122.7 | 122.7 | 122.7 |
| C ₃ '-C ₄ '-X ₇ | 123.8 | 124.0 | 124.0 | 124.0 | 124.0 | 124.0 | 126.4 | 126.4 | 126.4 | 126.4 | 126.4 | 126.4 |
| C ₄ '-C ₅ '-H ₈ | 127.7 | 127.6 | 127.6 | 127.6 | 127.6 | 127.6 | 127.3 | 127.3 | 127.3 | 127.3 | 127.3 | 127.3 |
| DIHEDRAL ANGLE / Degrees | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| S ₁ -C ₂ -C ₃ -C ₄ | 0.6 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| C ₂ -C ₃ -C ₄ -C ₅ | -0.1 | -0.2 | -0.2 | -0.2 | -0.2 | -0.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| C ₃ -C ₄ -C ₅ -S ₁ | -0.4 | -0.5 | -0.5 | -0.5 | -0.5 | -0.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| C ₄ -C ₅ -S ₁ -C ₂ | 0.7 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| C ₅ -S ₁ -C ₂ -C ₃ | -0.7 | -0.9 | -0.9 | -0.9 | -0.9 | -0.9 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| S ₁ '-C ₂ '-C ₂ '-S ₁ ' | 140.5 | 132.7 | 132.8 | 132.8 | 132.8 | 132.7 | 179.9 | 179.9 | -179.8 | 180.0 | -179.9 | 179.7 |
| C ₃ '-C ₂ '-C ₂ '-C ₃ ' | 143.3 | 135.5 | 135.5 | 135.6 | 135.6 | 135.5 | 179.9 | 179.9 | -179.8 | 180.0 | -179.9 | 179.7 |
| S ₁ '-C ₂ '-C ₃ '-C ₄ ' | 0.5 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| C ₂ '-C ₃ '-C ₄ '-C ₅ ' | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| C ₃ '-C ₄ '-C ₅ '-S ₁ ' | -0.6 | -0.6 | -0.7 | -0.7 | -0.7 | -0.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| C ₄ '-C ₅ '-S ₁ '-C ₂ ' | 0.8 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| C ₅ '-S ₁ '-C ₂ '-C ₃ ' | -0.8 | -0.6 | -0.7 | -0.7 | -0.7 | -0.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| X ₆ -C ₃ -C ₄ -C ₅ | -179.8 | -179.5 | -179.5 | -179.5 | -179.5 | -179.5 | 180.0 | 180.0 | 180.0 | 180.0 | 180.0 | 180.0 |
| H ₇ -C ₄ -C ₅ -S ₁ | -179.1 | -179.0 | -179.0 | -179.0 | -179.0 | -179.0 | 180.0 | 180.0 | 180.0 | 180.0 | 180.0 | 180.0 |
| H ₈ -C ₅ -S ₁ -C ₂ | 120.2 | 109.2 | 107.8 | 107.7 | 107.5 | 107.4 | 180.0 | 179.9 | -179.9 | 180.0 | 180.0 | 180.0 |
| H ₆ -C ₃ -C ₄ -C ₅ | 87.9 | 104.5 | 103.7 | 103.8 | 103.8 | 103.8 | 180.0 | 180.0 | 179.8 | 180.0 | -179.9 | 180.0 |
| X ₇ -C ₄ -C ₅ -S ₁ | -178.2 | -179.3 | -179.3 | -179.3 | -179.3 | -179.3 | 180.0 | 180.0 | 180.0 | 180.0 | 180.0 | 180.0 |
| H ₈ '-C ₅ '-S ₁ '-C ₂ ' | -179.7 | -179.1 | -179.0 | -179.0 | -179.0 | -179.0 | 180.0 | 180.0 | 180.0 | 180.0 | 180.0 | 180.0 |
| C-X ₆ -C ₃ -C ₂ | -178.6 | -178.8 | -178.9 | -178.9 | -178.9 | -178.9 | 180.0 | 180.0 | 180.0 | 180.0 | 180.0 | 180.0 |
| C-X ₇ -C ₄ -C ₅ | -179.0 | -178.5 | -179.6 | -179.6 | -179.6 | -179.6 | 180.0 | 180.0 | 180.0 | 180.0 | 180.0 | 180.0 |

* X is a O atom for 3,4'OABT; C atom for 3,4'ABT

Table 6S. Calculated optical bandgap energies (eV) for BT, 3,4'ABT and 3,4'OABT at TD-B3LYP/6-31G* level.

| n | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
|----------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| BT | | | 4.12 | | | |
| 3,4'ABT | 4.17 | 4.25 | 4.24 | 4.24 | 4.24 | 4.24 |
| 3,4'OABT | 3.68 | 3.67 | 3.67 | 3.67 | 3.67 | 3.67 |

Table 7S. Calculated optical bandgap energies (eV) of BT TD-PBE0 and TD-M05-2X in combination with 6-31G* and 6-31+G* basis sets

| TD-PBE0 | | TD-M05-2X/6-31G* | |
|---------|---------|------------------|---------|
| 6-31G* | 6-31+G* | 6-31G* | 6-31+G* |
| 4.26 | 4.14 | 4.59 | 4.47 |

Table 8S. Optimized structural parameters of BT⁺ and their differences respect to the neutral state at B3LYP/6-31+G* level.

| | B3LYP/6-31+G* | | M05-2X/6-31+G* | | PBE0/6-31+G* | |
|---|---------------|-------------|----------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|
| | Value | Difference* | Value | Difference* | Value | Difference* |
| BOND LENGTH / Angstroms | | | | | | |
| S ₁ -C ₂ | 1.770 | 0.015 | 1.749 | 0.015 | 1.751 | 0.014 |
| C ₂ -C ₃ | 1.417 | 0.037 | 1.415 | 0.043 | 1.414 | 0.037 |
| C ₃ -C ₄ | 1.392 | -0.033 | 1.387 | -0.038 | 1.388 | -0.032 |
| C ₄ -C ₅ | 1.397 | 0.027 | 1.394 | 0.029 | 1.394 | 0.026 |
| C ₅ -S ₁ | 1.715 | -0.020 | 1.702 | -0.020 | 1.702 | -0.018 |
| C ₂ -C _{2'} | 1.408 | -0.045 | 1.402 | -0.054 | 1.404 | -0.046 |
| C ₃ -H ₆ | 1.085 | 0.000 | 1.082 | 0.000 | 1.085 | 0.000 |
| C ₄ -H ₇ | 1.084 | -0.001 | 1.080 | -0.001 | 1.084 | -0.001 |
| C ₅ -H ₈ | 1.084 | 0.002 | 1.080 | 0.001 | 1.085 | 0.002 |
| BOND ANGLES / Degrees | | | | | | |
| S ₁ -C ₂ -C ₃ | 110.2 | 0.0 | 110.6 | -0.3 | 110.4 | 0.0 |
| C ₂ -C ₃ -C ₄ | 113.2 | -0.3 | 112.8 | -0.1 | 113.0 | -0.2 |
| C ₃ -C ₄ -C ₅ | 112.4 | -0.4 | 112.1 | -0.5 | 112.2 | -0.4 |
| C ₄ -C ₅ -S ₁ | 113.3 | 1.7 | 113.5 | 1.8 | 113.3 | 1.7 |
| C ₅ -S ₁ -C ₂ | 90.9 | -1.0 | 91.0 | -0.9 | 91.1 | -1.0 |
| C ₃ -C ₂ -C _{2'} | 128.1 | -0.9 | 127.6 | -0.9 | 127.9 | -1.0 |
| C ₂ -C ₃ -H ₆ | 122.9 | 0.1 | 123.0 | 0.1 | 123.0 | 0.2 |
| C ₃ -C ₄ -H ₇ | 124.6 | 0.8 | 124.8 | 0.8 | 124.8 | 2.0 |
| C ₄ -C ₅ -H ₈ | 127.0 | -1.4 | 126.8 | -1.4 | 127.0 | 3.0 |
| DIHEDRAL ANGLE / Degrees | | | | | | |
| S ₁ -C ₂ -C ₃ -C ₄ | 0.0 | -0.5 | 0.0 | -0.5 | 0.0 | -0.5 |
| C ₂ -C ₃ -C ₄ -C ₅ | 0.0 | -0.1 | 0.0 | -0.1 | 0.0 | -0.1 |
| C ₃ -C ₄ -C ₅ -S ₁ | 0.0 | 0.6 | 0.0 | 0.7 | 0.0 | 0.7 |
| C ₄ -C ₅ -S ₁ -C ₂ | 0.0 | -0.8 | 0.0 | -0.8 | 0.0 | -0.8 |
| C ₅ -S ₁ -C ₂ -C ₃ | 0.0 | 0.7 | 0.0 | 0.7 | 0.0 | 0.7 |
| S ₁ -C ₂ -C _{2'} -S ₁ | 180.0 | 24.5 | 180.0 | 28.7 | 180.0 | 25.8 |
| C ₃ -C ₂ -C _{2'} -C ₃ | 180.0 | 24.2 | 180.0 | 28.5 | 180.0 | 25.6 |
| H ₆ -C ₃ -C ₄ -C ₅ | 180.0 | -0.6 | 180.0 | -0.7 | 180.0 | -0.6 |
| H ₇ -C ₄ -C ₅ -S ₁ | 180.0 | 0.0 | 180.0 | 0.1 | 180.0 | 0.0 |
| H ₈ -C ₅ -S ₁ -C ₂ | 180.0 | -0.7 | 180.0 | -0.6 | 180.0 | -0.7 |

* Difference = X_{Polaronic} - X_{Neutral}

Table 9S. Main geometrical parameters of 3,4'ABT⁺ obtained with B3LYP/6-31+G

| n | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
|---|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| | Value | | | | | | Difference* | | | | | |
| BOND LENGTH / Angstroms | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| S ₁ -C ₂ | 1.771 | 1.771 | 1.771 | 1.771 | 1.771 | 1.771 | 0.014 | 0.015 | 0.015 | 0.015 | 0.015 | 0.015 |
| C ₂ -C ₃ | 1.417 | 1.418 | 1.418 | 1.418 | 1.418 | 1.418 | 0.038 | 0.040 | 0.040 | 0.040 | 0.040 | 0.040 |
| C ₃ -C ₄ | 1.398 | 1.396 | 1.397 | 1.397 | 1.397 | 1.397 | -0.033 | -0.036 | -0.035 | -0.035 | -0.035 | -0.035 |
| C ₄ -C ₅ | 1.402 | 1.404 | 1.404 | 1.404 | 1.404 | 1.404 | 0.030 | 0.031 | 0.031 | 0.031 | 0.031 | 0.031 |
| C ₅ -S ₁ | 1.716 | 1.714 | 1.715 | 1.715 | 1.715 | 1.715 | -0.019 | -0.021 | -0.020 | -0.020 | -0.020 | -0.020 |
| C ₂ -C _{2'} | 1.409 | 1.411 | 1.411 | 1.411 | 1.411 | 1.411 | -0.049 | -0.049 | -0.049 | -0.049 | -0.049 | -0.049 |
| S ₁ '-C _{2'} | 1.775 | 1.777 | 1.777 | 1.777 | 1.777 | 1.777 | 0.017 | 0.018 | 0.018 | 0.018 | 0.018 | 0.018 |
| C ₂ '-C _{3'} | 1.432 | 1.432 | 1.432 | 1.432 | 1.432 | 1.432 | 0.046 | 0.047 | 0.047 | 0.047 | 0.047 | 0.047 |
| C ₃ '-C _{4'} | 1.403 | 1.405 | 1.406 | 1.406 | 1.406 | 1.406 | -0.029 | -0.029 | -0.028 | -0.028 | -0.028 | -0.028 |
| C ₄ '-C _{5'} | 1.388 | 1.386 | 1.385 | 1.385 | 1.385 | 1.385 | 0.020 | 0.018 | 0.017 | 0.017 | 0.017 | 0.017 |
| C ₅ '-S ₁ ' | 1.712 | 1.712 | 1.713 | 1.713 | 1.713 | 1.713 | -0.018 | -0.019 | -0.017 | -0.017 | -0.017 | -0.017 |
| C ₃ -X ₆ * | 1.500 | 1.506 | 1.503 | 1.503 | 1.503 | 1.503 | -0.008 | -0.005 | -0.007 | -0.007 | -0.007 | -0.007 |
| C ₄ -H ₇ | 1.084 | 1.084 | 1.085 | 1.085 | 1.085 | 1.085 | -0.002 | -0.002 | -0.001 | -0.001 | -0.001 | -0.001 |
| C ₅ -H ₈ | 1.084 | 1.084 | 1.084 | 1.084 | 1.084 | 1.084 | 0.002 | 0.002 | 0.002 | 0.002 | 0.002 | 0.002 |
| C ₃ -H ₆ | 1.085 | 1.085 | 1.085 | 1.085 | 1.085 | 1.085 | -0.001 | -0.001 | -0.001 | -0.001 | -0.001 | -0.001 |
| C ₄ -X ₇ * | 1.503 | 1.507 | 1.505 | 1.505 | 1.505 | 1.505 | -0.003 | -0.003 | -0.005 | -0.005 | -0.005 | -0.005 |
| C ₅ -H ₈ | 1.085 | 1.085 | 1.085 | 1.085 | 1.085 | 1.085 | 0.002 | 0.002 | 0.002 | 0.002 | 0.002 | 0.002 |
| BOND ANGLES / Degrees | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| S ₁ -C ₂ -C ₃ | 109.6 | 109.4 | 109.4 | 109.4 | 109.4 | 109.4 | 0.2 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.4 |
| C ₂ -C ₃ -C ₄ | 114.7 | 114.9 | 114.9 | 114.9 | 114.9 | 114.9 | -0.9 | -0.8 | -0.9 | -0.9 | -0.9 | -0.9 |
| C ₃ -C ₄ -C ₅ | 110.6 | 110.6 | 110.5 | 110.5 | 110.5 | 110.5 | 1.8 | 1.7 | 1.7 | 1.7 | 1.7 | 1.7 |
| C ₄ -C ₅ -S ₁ | 114.3 | 114.2 | 114.2 | 114.2 | 114.2 | 114.2 | -0.9 | -0.7 | -0.7 | -0.7 | -0.7 | -0.7 |
| C ₅ -S ₁ -C ₂ | 90.8 | 91.0 | 91.0 | 91.0 | 91.0 | 91.0 | -0.3 | -0.5 | -0.4 | -0.4 | -0.4 | -0.4 |
| S ₁ '-C ₂ '-C ₃ ' | 110.6 | 110.5 | 110.6 | 110.6 | 110.6 | 110.6 | -0.5 | -0.6 | -0.6 | -0.6 | -0.6 | -0.6 |
| C ₂ '-C ₃ '-C ₄ ' | 111.4 | 111.3 | 111.3 | 111.3 | 111.3 | 111.3 | 0 | 0 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| C ₃ '-C ₄ '-C ₅ ' | 113.9 | 114.0 | 114.1 | 114.1 | 114.1 | 114.1 | 1.7 | 1.6 | 1.6 | 1.6 | 1.6 | 1.6 |
| C ₄ '-C ₅ '-S ₁ ' | 113.1 | 113.0 | 113.0 | 113.0 | 113.0 | 113.0 | -0.8 | -0.7 | -0.7 | -0.7 | -0.7 | -0.7 |
| C ₅ '-S ₁ '-C ₂ ' | 91.0 | 91.1 | 91.1 | 91.1 | 91.1 | 91.1 | -1.2 | -1.5 | -1.5 | -1.5 | -1.5 | -1.5 |
| C ₃ -C ₂ -C ₂ ' | 126.6 | 126.3 | 126.3 | 126.3 | 126.3 | 126.3 | -0.1 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 |
| C ₂ -C ₂ '-C ₃ ' | 130.5 | 131.3 | 131.3 | 131.3 | 131.3 | 131.3 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 |
| C ₂ -C ₃ -X ₆ | 125.9 | 127.1 | 127.1 | 127.1 | 127.1 | 127.1 | 0.6 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 |
| C ₃ -C ₄ -H ₇ | 123.4 | 123.3 | 123.2 | 123.2 | 123.2 | 123.2 | -1.3 | -1.1 | -1.1 | -1.1 | -1.1 | -1.1 |
| C ₄ -C ₅ -H ₈ | 127.0 | 127.1 | 127.1 | 127.1 | 127.1 | 127.1 | 0.2 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.4 |
| C ₂ '-C ₃ '-H ₆ | 122.4 | 122.4 | 122.4 | 122.4 | 122.4 | 122.4 | 1.5 | 1.6 | 1.6 | 1.6 | 1.6 | 1.6 |
| C ₃ '-C ₄ '-X ₇ | 125.3 | 125.6 | 125.6 | 125.6 | 125.6 | 125.6 | -1.3 | -1.1 | -1.1 | -1.1 | -1.1 | -1.1 |
| C ₄ '-C ₅ '-H ₈ | 126.4 | 126.5 | 126.5 | 126.5 | 126.5 | 126.5 | 0.2 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 1.1 |
| DIHEDRAL ANGLE / Degrees | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| S ₁ -C ₂ -C ₃ -C ₄ | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.1 | -178.2 | -178.2 | -0.6 | -0.6 | -0.7 | -0.7 | -179 | -179 |
| C ₂ -C ₃ -C ₄ -C ₅ | 0.0 | -0.2 | -0.1 | -0.1 | 179.7 | 179.7 | 0.1 | 0 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 179.9 | 179.9 |
| C ₃ -C ₄ -C ₅ -S ₁ | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 178.2 | 178.2 | 0.4 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 178.7 | 178.7 |
| C ₄ -C ₅ -S ₁ -C ₂ | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 179.9 | 179.9 | -0.7 | -0.8 | -0.8 | -0.8 | 179.1 | 179.1 |
| C ₅ -S ₁ -C ₂ -C ₃ | 0.0 | -0.1 | -0.1 | -0.1 | -179.9 | -179.9 | 0.7 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.8 | -179 | -179 |
| S ₁ '-C ₂ '-C ₂ '-S ₁ ' | 180.0 | 178.7 | 178.7 | 178.8 | 178.8 | 178.8 | 39.5 | 46 | 45.9 | 46 | 46 | 46.1 |
| C ₃ '-C ₂ '-C ₂ '-C ₃ ' | 180.0 | 178.4 | 178.4 | 178.5 | 178.5 | 178.5 | 36.7 | 42.9 | 42.9 | 42.9 | 42.9 | 43 |
| S ₁ '-C ₂ '-C ₃ '-C ₄ ' | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | -0.5 | -0.3 | -0.4 | -0.4 | -0.4 | -0.4 |
| C ₂ '-C ₃ '-C ₄ '-C ₅ ' | 0.0 | -0.2 | -0.1 | -0.1 | -0.1 | -0.1 | 0 | -0.3 | -0.2 | -0.2 | -0.2 | -0.2 |
| C ₃ '-C ₄ '-C ₅ '-S ₁ ' | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.6 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.8 |
| C ₄ '-C ₅ '-S ₁ '-C ₂ ' | 0.0 | -0.1 | -0.1 | -0.1 | -0.1 | -0.1 | -0.8 | -0.8 | -0.8 | -0.8 | -0.8 | -0.8 |
| C ₅ '-S ₁ '-C ₂ '-C ₃ ' | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.8 | 0.6 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0.7 |
| X ₆ -C ₃ -C ₄ -C ₅ | 180.0 | -179.6 | 179.9 | 179.9 | 179.9 | 179.9 | 359.8 | -0.1 | 359.4 | 359.4 | 359.4 | 359.4 |
| H ₇ -C ₄ -C ₅ -S ₁ | 180.0 | -179.9 | -179.9 | -179.9 | -179.9 | -179.9 | 359.1 | -0.9 | -0.9 | -0.9 | -0.9 | -0.9 |
| H ₈ -C ₅ -S ₁ -C ₂ | 0.0 | 83.6 | 84.9 | 84.6 | 84.6 | 88.1 | -120.2 | -25.6 | -22.9 | -23.1 | -22.9 | -19.3 |
| H ₆ -C ₃ -C ₄ -C ₅ | 60.0 | 87.0 | 87.0 | 87.0 | 87.0 | 87.0 | -27.9 | -17.5 | -16.7 | -16.8 | -16.8 | -16.8 |
| X ₇ -C ₄ -C ₅ -S ₁ | 180.0 | 179.7 | 179.7 | 179.7 | 179.7 | 179.7 | 358.2 | 359 | 359 | 359 | 359 | 359 |
| H ₈ '-C ₅ '-S ₁ '-C ₂ ' | 180.0 | -178.4 | -178.2 | -178.2 | -178.2 | -178.2 | 359.7 | 0.7 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.8 |
| C-X ₆ -C ₃ -C ₂ | 180.0 | 179.7 | 179.7 | 179.7 | 179.7 | 179.7 | 358.6 | 358.5 | 358.6 | 358.6 | 358.6 | 358.6 |
| C-X ₇ -C ₄ -C ₅ | 180.0 | 178.3 | 178.2 | 178.2 | 178.2 | 178.2 | 359 | 356.8 | 357.8 | 357.8 | 357.8 | 357.8 |

* Difference = X_{Polaronic} - X_{Neutral}

Table 10S. Main geometrical parameters of 3,4'OABT⁺ obtained with B3LYP/6-31+G

| n | Value | | | | | | Difference* | | | | | |
|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| BOND LENGTH / Angstroms | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| S ₁ -C ₂ | 1.781 | 1.781 | 1.781 | 1.781 | 1.781 | 1.781 | 0.027 | 0.027 | 0.027 | 0.027 | 0.027 | 0.027 |
| C ₂ -C ₃ | 1.407 | 1.406 | 1.406 | 1.406 | 1.406 | 1.406 | 0.022 | 0.021 | 0.021 | 0.021 | 0.021 | 0.021 |
| C ₃ -C ₄ | 1.401 | 1.402 | 1.402 | 1.402 | 1.402 | 1.402 | -0.026 | -0.025 | -0.025 | -0.025 | -0.025 | -0.025 |
| C ₄ -C ₅ | 1.416 | 1.417 | 1.417 | 1.417 | 1.417 | 1.417 | 0.042 | 0.043 | 0.043 | 0.043 | 0.043 | 0.043 |
| C ₅ -S ₁ | 1.706 | 1.707 | 1.707 | 1.707 | 1.707 | 1.707 | -0.026 | -0.025 | -0.025 | -0.025 | -0.025 | -0.025 |
| C ₂ -C _{2'} | 1.407 | 1.407 | 1.407 | 1.407 | 1.407 | 1.407 | -0.040 | -0.040 | -0.040 | -0.040 | -0.040 | -0.040 |
| S ₁ '-C _{2'} | 1.762 | 1.763 | 1.763 | 1.763 | 1.763 | 1.763 | 0.006 | 0.007 | 0.007 | 0.007 | 0.007 | 0.007 |
| C ₂ '-C _{3'} | 1.427 | 1.428 | 1.428 | 1.428 | 1.428 | 1.428 | 0.039 | 0.040 | 0.040 | 0.040 | 0.040 | 0.040 |
| C ₃ '-C _{4'} | 1.417 | 1.418 | 1.418 | 1.418 | 1.418 | 1.418 | -0.013 | -0.012 | -0.012 | -0.012 | -0.012 | -0.012 |
| C ₄ '-C _{5'} | 1.375 | 1.374 | 1.374 | 1.374 | 1.374 | 1.374 | 0.006 | 0.005 | 0.005 | 0.005 | 0.005 | 0.005 |
| C ₅ '-S _{1'} | 1.726 | 1.726 | 1.726 | 1.726 | 1.726 | 1.726 | -0.005 | -0.005 | -0.005 | -0.005 | -0.005 | -0.005 |
| C ₃ -X ₆ * | 1.083 | 1.083 | 1.083 | 1.083 | 1.083 | 1.083 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 |
| C ₄ -H ₇ | 1.330 | 1.328 | 1.328 | 1.328 | 1.328 | 1.328 | -0.036 | -0.038 | -0.038 | -0.038 | -0.038 | -0.038 |
| C ₅ -H ₈ | 1.083 | 1.083 | 1.083 | 1.083 | 1.083 | 1.083 | 0.002 | 0.002 | 0.002 | 0.002 | 0.002 | 0.002 |
| C ₃ -H ₆ | 1.328 | 1.326 | 1.326 | 1.326 | 1.326 | 1.326 | -0.034 | -0.036 | -0.036 | -0.036 | -0.036 | -0.036 |
| C ₄ -X ₇ * | 1.082 | 1.082 | 1.082 | 1.082 | 1.082 | 1.082 | -0.001 | -0.001 | -0.001 | -0.001 | -0.001 | -0.001 |
| C ₅ -H ₈ | 1.084 | 1.084 | 1.084 | 1.084 | 1.084 | 1.084 | 0.002 | 0.002 | 0.002 | 0.002 | 0.002 | 0.002 |
| BOND ANGLES / Degrees | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| S ₁ -C ₂ -C ₃ | 110.8 | 110.8 | 110.8 | 110.8 | 110.8 | 110.8 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 |
| C ₂ -C ₃ -C ₄ | 112.8 | 112.9 | 112.9 | 112.9 | 112.9 | 112.9 | -0.3 | -0.2 | -0.2 | -0.2 | -0.2 | -0.2 |
| C ₃ -C ₄ -C ₅ | 112.5 | 112.3 | 112.3 | 112.3 | 112.3 | 112.3 | -0.5 | -0.7 | -0.7 | -0.7 | -0.7 | -0.7 |
| C ₄ -C ₅ -S ₁ | 113.1 | 113.1 | 113.1 | 113.1 | 113.1 | 113.1 | 1.5 | 1.5 | 1.5 | 1.5 | 1.5 | 1.5 |
| C ₅ -S ₁ -C ₂ | 90.9 | 90.9 | 90.9 | 90.9 | 90.9 | 90.9 | -1.1 | -1.1 | -1.1 | -1.1 | -1.1 | -1.1 |
| S ₁ '-C ₂ '-C _{3'} | 109.7 | 109.7 | 109.7 | 109.7 | 109.7 | 109.7 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| C ₂ '-C _{3'} -C _{4'} | 113.4 | 113.2 | 113.2 | 113.2 | 113.2 | 113.2 | -0.6 | -0.8 | -0.8 | -0.8 | -0.8 | -0.8 |
| C ₃ '-C _{4'} -C _{5'} | 111.7 | 111.8 | 111.8 | 111.8 | 111.8 | 111.8 | -0.5 | -0.4 | -0.4 | -0.4 | -0.4 | -0.4 |
| C ₄ '-C _{5'} -S _{1'} | 114.1 | 114.4 | 114.4 | 114.4 | 114.4 | 114.4 | 2 | 2.3 | 2.3 | 2.3 | 2.3 | 2.3 |
| C ₅ '-S _{1'} -C _{2'} | 91.2 | 91.2 | 91.2 | 91.2 | 91.2 | 91.2 | -1.0 | -1.0 | -1.0 | -1.0 | -1.0 | -1.0 |
| C ₃ -C ₂ -C _{2'} | 127.2 | 127.2 | 127.2 | 127.2 | 127.2 | 127.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| C ₂ -C ₂ '-C _{3'} | 128.4 | 128.5 | 128.5 | 128.5 | 128.5 | 128.5 | -0.9 | -0.8 | -0.8 | -0.8 | -0.8 | -0.8 |
| C ₂ -C ₃ -X ₆ | 122.8 | 122.8 | 122.8 | 122.8 | 122.8 | 122.8 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| C ₃ -C ₄ -H ₇ | 129.0 | 129.1 | 129.1 | 129.1 | 129.1 | 129.1 | 2.6 | 2.7 | 2.7 | 2.7 | 2.7 | 2.7 |
| C ₄ -C ₅ -H ₈ | 125.4 | 125.4 | 125.4 | 125.4 | 125.4 | 125.4 | -1.9 | -1.9 | -1.9 | -1.9 | -1.9 | -1.9 |
| C ₂ '-C _{3'} -H ₆ | 119.0 | 119.2 | 119.2 | 119.2 | 119.2 | 119.2 | -0.6 | -0.4 | -0.4 | -0.4 | -0.4 | -0.4 |
| C ₃ '-C _{4'} -X ₇ | 124.9 | 124.9 | 124.9 | 124.9 | 124.9 | 124.9 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.4 |
| C ₄ '-C _{5'} -H ₈ | 126.7 | 126.7 | 126.7 | 126.7 | 126.7 | 126.7 | -1.2 | -1.2 | -1.2 | -1.2 | -1.2 | -1.2 |
| DIHEDRAL ANGLE / Degrees | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| S ₁ -C ₂ -C ₃ -C ₄ | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| C ₂ -C ₃ -C ₄ -C ₅ | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| C ₃ -C ₄ -C ₅ -S ₁ | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| C ₄ -C ₅ -S ₁ -C ₂ | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| C ₅ -S ₁ -C ₂ -C ₃ | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| S ₁ '-C ₂ '-C ₂ '-S _{1'} | 180.0 | 180.0 | 180.0 | 179.9 | 179.9 | 179.9 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | -0.1 | 0.1 | 0.2 |
| C ₃ '-C ₂ '-C ₂ '-C _{3'} | 180.0 | 180.0 | 180.0 | 179.9 | 179.9 | 179.9 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | -0.1 | 0.1 | 0.2 |
| S ₁ '-C ₂ '-C _{3'} -C _{4'} | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| C ₂ '-C _{3'} -C _{4'} -C _{5'} | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| C ₃ '-C _{4'} -C _{5'} -S _{1'} | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| C ₄ '-C _{5'} -S _{1'} -C _{2'} | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| C ₅ '-S _{1'} -C _{2'} -C _{3'} | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| X ₆ -C ₃ -C ₄ -C ₅ | 180.0 | 180.0 | 180.0 | 180.0 | 180.0 | 180.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| H ₇ -C ₄ -C ₅ -S ₁ | 180.0 | 180.0 | 180.0 | 180.0 | 180.0 | 180.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| H ₈ -C ₅ -S ₁ -C ₂ | 180.0 | 180.0 | 180.0 | 179.9 | 179.9 | 179.9 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.1 | -0.1 | 0.1 | 0.2 |
| H ₆ -C ₃ -C ₄ -C ₅ | 180.0 | 180.0 | 180.0 | 180.0 | 180.0 | 180.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.2 |
| X ₇ -C ₄ -C ₅ -S ₁ | 180.0 | 180.0 | 180.0 | 180.0 | 180.0 | 180.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| H ₈ '-C ₅ '-S _{1'} -C _{2'} | 180.0 | 180.0 | 180.0 | 180.0 | 180.0 | 180.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| C-X ₆ -C ₃ -C ₂ | 180.0 | 180.0 | 180.0 | 180.0 | 180.0 | 180.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| C-X ₇ -C ₄ -C ₅ | 180.0 | 180.0 | 180.0 | 180.0 | 180.0 | 180.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |

* Difference = X_{Polaronic} - X_{Neutral}

Table 11S. Vertical (VIP) and adiabatic (AIP) ionization potential and reorganization energy for BT calculated at M05-2X/6-31+G* and PBE0/6-31+G* levels.

| | λ_1 | λ_2 | λ | AIP / eV | VIP / eV |
|--------|-------------|-------------|-----------|----------|----------|
| M05-2X | 0.2450 | 0.3195 | 0.5644 | 7.5775 | 7.8970 |
| PBE0 | 0.1931 | 0.2573 | 0.4504 | 7.3539 | 7.6112 |

Figure 1S. C₂-C₃-C₂'-C₃' Rotational barriers calculated at selected levels of theory mPW1PW91/6-31G*, M05-2X/6-31G*, PBE0/6-31G* and MP2/6-31G* levels corresponding to a rotation around C₂-C₃-C₂'-C₃'.

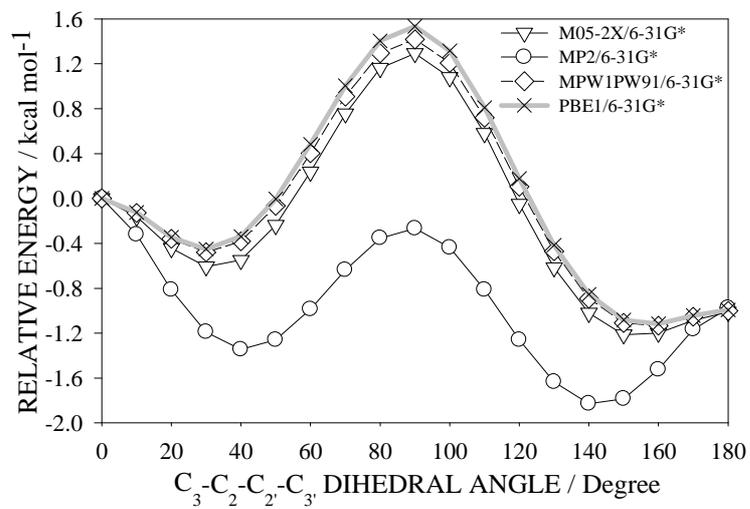
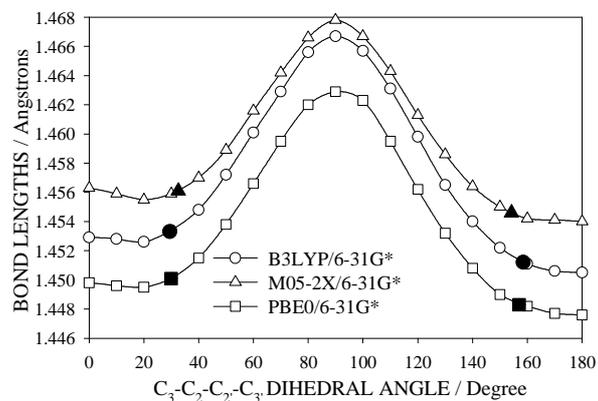
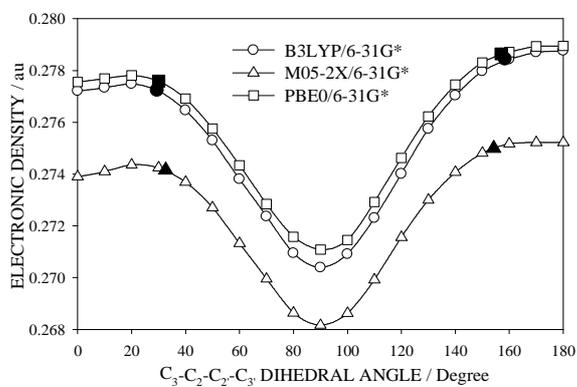


Figure 2S. Variation of (a) C_2-C_2' bond length, (b) electronic density of C_2-C_2' bond and (c) $\pi(C_2-C_3) \rightarrow \pi^*(C_2-C_3')$ charge transference as a function of the $C_3-C_2-C_2'-C_3'$ dihedral angle at PBE0/6-31G* and M05-2X/6-31G*.

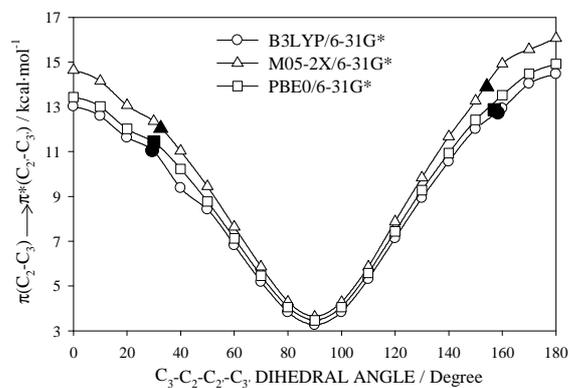
a)



b)



c)



Filled symbols represent the position of the optimized minima