Origin of the Excited-State Absorption Spectrum of Polythiophene (Supporting Information)

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Computational Methods

Computational calculations were performed for a set of regioregular 3MT oligomers from the trimer up to heptamer using the Gaussian 09 and Dalton2016 packages.^{1,2} In all calculations, the hexyl side chains were replaced by methyl groups. The molecular structures of the ground-state geometries were optimized with the CAM-B3LYP exchange-correlation functional with the 6-31(d,p) basis set using the Gaussian 09 package. Ground-state geometries were optimized without imposing any symmetry constraints. All other calculations involving the excited states were based on the timedependent DFT/CAM-B3LYP method with the same basis set using both the Gaussian 09 package and Dalton2016 packages.^{1,2} The excitation energies (absorption) were obtained using the linear response approach and optimization was performed using Gaussian 09 to obtain the optically active lowest excited S₁ state geometry. Calculations were also performed using the B3LYP functional to study the effects of functional on the calculation results.

The optimized geometry of the S_1 state was used to calculate the first-order transition moments between S_1 and higher lying excited states (keyword DOUBLE RESIDUE), which are based on the quadratic response function calculations (keyword QUADRA) using the Dalton2016 package. For the first-order transition moments calculations, each component of the one-photon transition matrix element was calculated within a limited number of the excited states. The lowest 5 excited states (keyword ROOT) were taken into account for all oligomers. The input parameters used to perform the calculations using the Dalton2016 package are available below. The calculated excitation energies and transition dipoles were used to calculate the oscillator strength for the electronic transitions from the S_1 to higher lying excited states S_n where *n* ranges from 2 to 5. All calculations were conducted in vacuum to reduce computational time.

The calculations on the effect of solvent were performed using the polarized continuum model, as implemented in Gaussian 09 and Dalton2016 packages. The characteristics of the electronic transition was investigated using natural transition orbitals (NTOs).³ The electron density difference between the ground and excited state was calculated using Multiwfn, which is a program for wavefunction analysis.⁴ The electron density difference between the lowest-lying excited state, S₁, and higher lying excited state, S_n, was calculated using the cubman utilities within the Gaussian 09 package.¹ The visualization of the NTOs and electron density difference was undertaken using the Avogadro software package and GaussView, respectively.^{5,6}

Effect of Side-Chain on the ESA Band

First, we present the results of replacing the hexyl side chains of 3HT oligomers with methyl groups. According to previous studies, the alkyl side-chains have negligible influence on the electronic structure and optical properties of conjugated polymers.⁷ To demonstrate this is also valid for P3HT, calculations were performed for the 3HT and 3MT trimers, with hexyl and methyl side chains, respectively, to study the effect of side chain on the excited-state absorption band. The excited-state absorption peaks of the 3HT and 3MT trimers are presented in Figure S1, which show that there is significant overlap in the energies for the S₁ \rightarrow S₂ and S₁ \rightarrow S₃ transitions for both oligomers. Furthermore, there is also an overlap for the S₁ \rightarrow S₅ transition but the calculated band for 3HT is insufficiently intense to appear in Figure S1. In contrast, for the S₁ \rightarrow S₄ transition the energies for 3HT and 3MT differ by 0.2 eV. This discrepancy is expected to have an insignificant effect because this transition has a low oscillator strength. Overall, there is a less than 1% difference in oscillator strength and the energy of the electronic states involved in the

excited-state absorption band between using the methyl group and the hexyl side-chains. As a result of this minor difference, the hexyl side-chains of the thiophene oligomers are replaced with methyl groups in this study, which is expected to maintain the accuracy of the results.



Figure S1: Computed excited state absorption (ESA) peaks of 3-hexylthiophene (3HT) trimer compared to 3-methylthiophene (3MT) trimer using CAM-B3LYP.

Effect of Functional on the ESA Band

Next, selecting a functional that best describes the expected behaviors of a system is an important factor in formulating density functional theory calculations. The B3LYP functional has been widely used in previous DFT studies of the properties of oligothiophene derivatives.^{8,9} While no DFT studies on the excited-state absorption spectra of oligothiophenes have been reported, there is only one report that demonstrates the use of time-dependent density functional theory to calculate the excited-state absorption spectra of fluorene oligomers.¹⁰ The study conducted by Ling et al. shows that the use of CAM-B3LYP functional provides an excellent agreement with experiment.¹⁰ In addition to calculations of the excited states, the CAM-B3LYP functional has been shown to perform well for describing ground-state properties of conjugated polymer systems.¹¹

In order to study the effects of the different functionals, calculations have been performed using the B3LYP and CAM-B3LYP functionals. Figure S2 shows that the excited-state absorption peaks of the 3MT trimer and pentamer with B3LYP (blue) and CAM-B3LYP (red) functionals as a function of energy (ΔE). First, CAM-B3LYP predicts that the $S_1 \rightarrow S_3$ is the major transition, whereas the calculation results using B3LYP show that $S_1 \rightarrow S_2$ is the main transition. Second, although the energy of the $S_1 \rightarrow S_2$ transition for the 3MT trimer calculated using B3LYP is close to the experimentally measured excited-state absorption peak position, the energy of the same transition for the pentamer shows a substantial red-shift, deviating from the experimentally measured value. It is likely that the $S_1 \rightarrow S_2$ transition will undergo further red-shift in energy as the oligomer length increases. It is expected that the excited-state absorption peaks predicted using the B3LYP functional will deviate more than 65% from the experimental value at an oligomer length of 7 units, which is the expected chromophore length as shown by several studies.¹²⁻¹⁴ In contrast, the excited-state absorption $(S_1 \rightarrow S_3)$ predicted by CAM-B3LYP approaches the experimentally measured value as shown in Figure S2 and is discussed below. As a consequence, we argue that the B3LYP functional is incapable of predicting the excited-state absorption spectrum of the 3MT oligometric accurately. The results show that the use of the CAM-B3LYP functional is crucial in obtaining the excited-state absorption spectrum that agrees with experiment. CAM-B3LYP combines the hybrid functional B3LYP and a long-range correction in electronic exchange interactions.¹⁵ It is a range-separated hybrid functional with 19% Hartree-Fock exchange at short range but with 65% HF exchange at long range.¹⁵ CAM-B3LYP has been used to study the nonlinear optical properties of small molecular systems and its accuracy rivals those of much more resource-intensive methods including coupled cluster theory.¹⁶ Alternate long-range corrected functionals such as the more-recently developed ω B97X-D are likely also suitable for this application.^{17,18} While the Dalton2016 software package used to compute the excited-state absorptions does not natively implement ω B97X, we do not expect the results to differ dramatically from those produced by CAM-B3LYP.



Figure S2: Calculated excitation energy of the $S_1 \rightarrow S_n$ transitions for 3MT trimer and pentamer using B3LYP (checkered blue) and CAM-B3LYP (solid red) functionals. The vertical dashed line indicates the experimental ESA energy of P3HT.¹⁹

Molecular Structures



Figure S3: Optimized geometries of 3MT oligomers at S_0 and S_1 states from side (left) and top (right) views. Sulphur, carbon or hydrogen atoms are represented by yellow, grey or white spheres, respectively.

As the hexyl side-chains of the thiophene oligomers are replaced with methyl groups, calculations to study the effect of side-chains on the dihedral angles in the S_0 and S_1 states were performed on both the 3HT and 3MT trimers. The results show that the C-C-C-S dihedral angle of the 3HT trimer is 45.2° in the S_0 state, while the 3MT trimer dihedral is 31.6°, as shown in Figure S4. Although the dihedral angles of the two species are different in the S_0 state, the S_1 state of both species planarize to a dihedral angle of 0° (Figure S4). The difference in the dihedral angles in the S_0 state is expected to have a negligible effect on the calculated excited-state absorption bands of the thiophene oligomers. This is because the relevant excited-state absorption bands that are observed experimentally originate from the S_1 state, not the S_1^* state produced as a result of a vertical transition. As we have already noted, the rapid relaxation of S_1^* to S_1 , on the order of ~100 fs, is primarily through the planarization of the chromophore.²⁰⁻²²



Figure S4: Optimized geometries of 3HT and 3MT trimer at S_0 and S_1 states from side (left) and top (right) views. Sulphur, carbon or hydrogen atoms are represented by yellow, grey or white spheres, respectively.

Effect of Solvation on the ESA Band

In order to calculate the excited-state absorption spectrum of the thiophene oligomers, we address the effect of solvent in the calculation results. The relevant experimental measurements were conducted in organic solvents including tetrahydrofuran (THF),¹⁹ xylene,²³ chloroform and chlorobenzene.^{21,24,25} In this case, we choose THF and the 3MT trimer as a representative model system for investigations on the effect of solvent in the excited-state absorption peaks of 3MT oligomers. Figure S5 shows the predicted excited-state absorption peaks of the 3MT trimer in THF in comparison to vacuum. First, the calculated excited-state absorption peaks of the 3MT trimer in vacuum and THF both show a major component due to the $S_1 \rightarrow S_3$ transition. Second, the energy of the $S_1 \rightarrow S_3$ transition for the 3MT trimer calculated in THF and in vacuum shows an insignificant difference of 0.1 eV. Furthermore, the energy differences for the $S_1 \rightarrow S_2$ and $S_1 \rightarrow S_5$ transitions for the 3MT trimer calculated in THF and in vacuum follow a similar trend, indicating that the inclusion of THF in the calculations increases the energy for all of the peaks by at most $0.1\,\mathrm{eV}$, corresponding to change of less than 6%. These results agree with the study conducted by Denis et al., which shows that the calculated excited-state absorption energy of the fluorene pentamer in solvent and in vacuum only differ by 0.07 eV, corresponding to a change of less than 5%.²⁶ These authors concluded that the effect of solvent is minor and inclusion of solvent leads to similar results as those from calculations performed in vacuum. Furthermore, a previous study on conjugated polymers by Salzner showed that the effect of solvent appears to diminish as the system size increases.²⁷ This phenomenon suggests that the inclusion of solvent has a minor effect on the results as the oligomer length increases. As a consequence, all the calculations performed in this study were on 3MT oligomers in vacuum, which is identical to the approach taken by Ling et al. for the calculations on the excited-state absorption spectrum of fluorene oligomers.¹⁰



Figure S5: ESA peaks of 3MT trimer calculated in tetrahydrofuran (THF) (checkered blue) and vacuum (solid red). The vertical dashed line indicates the experimental ESA energy of P3HT.¹⁹

Oligomer Length Dependence



Figure S6: Calculated excitation energy of the $S_1 \rightarrow S_3$ transition for 3MT oligomers of length n = 3 to 7 obtained from the relaxed S_1 molecular geometry (blue data points). The solid curve shows the 1/n dependence of the excitation energy. The horizontal dashed line indicates the experimental ESA energy of P3HT.¹⁹

Electron Density Differences



Figure S7: The electron density difference of 3MT heptamer at the S_1 geometry for the (a) $S_0 \rightarrow S_1$ and (b) $S_0 \rightarrow S_3$ transition, where the violet or turquoise colours represent the increase or decrease in electron density difference, respectively. The difference between the $S_0 \rightarrow S_3$ and $S_0 \rightarrow S_1$ transitions gives the electron density difference for the $S_1 \rightarrow S_3$ transition.



Figure S8: The electron density difference of 3MT (a) trimer, (b) tetramer, (c) pentamer and (d) hexamer for the $S_1 \rightarrow S_3$ transition, where the violet or turquoise colours represent the increase or decrease in electron density difference, respectively.

Natural Transition Orbitals

The nature of the $S_1 \rightarrow S_3$ transition is explored using natural transition orbitals (NTOs) and changes in electron density. In the NTO analysis, each transition is represented using a pair of orbitals, involving a transition to an excited "electron," leaving behind the empty "hole" (unoccupied).³ In this case, the properties of the $S_1 \rightarrow S_3$ transition is inferred by examining the $S_0 \rightarrow$ S_1 and $S_0 \rightarrow S_3$ transitions. Figure S9a shows the NTOs for the $S_0 \rightarrow S_1$ transition of the 3MT heptamer with a weighting of 92%. The $S_0 \rightarrow S_1$ transition has a negligible charge transfer character, as indicated by the similar orbital distribution between the "electron" and "hole." On the other hand, the NTOs for the $S_0 \rightarrow S_3$ transition of the 3MT heptamer cannot be represented by a single particle-hole transition. Two contributions with weightings of 58% (Figure S9b) and 40%(Figure S9c) must be considered. It is evident that the $S_0 \rightarrow S_3$ transition has a charge transfer character due to two complementary transfers of charge, i.e., from one side to the central part of the heptamer (Figure S9b) and from the central part to one side of the heptamer (Figure S9c). Although these two NTO contributions of the $S_0 \rightarrow S_3$ transition partially cancel out each other, this transition still maintain a charge-transfer character. Given that the $S_0 \rightarrow S_1$ transition has no charge-transfer character while the $S_0 \rightarrow S_3$ transition has one, it follows that the $S_1 \rightarrow S_3$ transition has a charge-transfer character.



Figure S9: The electron-hole pairs of the natural transition orbital analysis for the $S_0 \rightarrow S_1$ and $S_0 \rightarrow S_3$ transitions of the heptamer at the S_1 geometry. The percentage value indicates the associated weighting of each pair of NTOs.

Dalton Parameters

Input commands used to perform the excited state absorption calculations using the Dalton2016 package.

GENERAL .RUN RESPONSE .PARALLEL .DIRECT **WAVE FUNCTION** .DFT CAMB3LYP **RESPONSE *QUADRA .PRINT LEVEL 10 .DIPLEN .DOUBLE RESIDUE .ROOTS 5 *END OF

Structure Coordinates

	3H7	$\Gamma \text{ trimer } S_0$		3HT trimer S ₁			
Atom	x	y	z	Atom	x	y	z
С	2.257404	5.887185	0.761306	С	-1.857438	6.216627	0.038660
C	1.201598	5.668843	-0.064154	C	-0.634154	5.924272	0.582214
C	0.874456	4.284737	-0.232629	C	-0.320525	4.551846	0.631265
C	1.712235	3.470947	0.491535	C	-1.361881	3.753572	0.092986
S	2.889132	4.408419	1.378593	S	-2.695594	4.793908	-0.450069
Н	2.705064	6.830123	1.041107	Н	-2.312149	7.187756	-0.095580
H	0.662088	6.464721	-0.564745	H	0.040048	6.688968	0.951679
C	1.762390	2.016546	0.606601	C	-1.502090	2.372252	-0.058690
C	2.876164	1.227369	0.683862	C	-2.621821	1.696639	-0.629766
S	0.331665	1.041007	0.764687	S	-0.295144	1.181139	0.428886
C	2.611276	-0.166213	0.845582	C	-2.533468	0.330286	-0.694400
H	3.880204	1.629540	0.607308	H	-3.486839	2.238052	-0.994764
C	1.263976	-0.427041	0.897156	C	-1.294609	-0.165538	-0.160780
C	-0.254095	3.837517	-1.121445	C	0.998354	4.060857	1.154610
Н	-0.109910	2.794948	-1.418690	Н	0.878441	3.120088	1.700943
H	-0.226445	4.430038	-2.043252	H	1.368239	4.786972	1.886758
C	3.716393	-1.187895	0.865404	C	-3.655160	-0.518721	-1.224323
H	4.439668	-0.918519	1.644519	H	-4.262820	0.098358	-1.893739
H	3.319310	-2.168101	1.137846	H	-3.265827	-1.335934	-1.839447

Table S1: Cartesian coordinates of S_0 and S_1 states of 3HT trimer.

С	0.535264	-1.687635	1.030348	C	-0.763517	-1.453141	-0.055841
С	-0.549077	-2.100883	0.307706	C	0.484475	-1.801204	0.499337
\mathbf{S}	0.907261	-2.851697	2.274583	S	-1.568199	-2.926007	-0.617988
\mathbf{C}	-1.084926	-3.361329	0.722779	C	0.770269	-3.177757	0.474609
Η	-0.949192	-1.526866	-0.520621	H	1.159245	-1.064507	0.919448
\mathbf{C}	-0.387325	-3.877836	1.773098	C	-0.246950	-3.906669	-0.097519
Η	-0.555002	-4.819169	2.278105	H	-0.289554	-4.978305	-0.236643
\mathbf{C}	-2.276400	-4.015548	0.079343	C	2.049588	-3.781251	0.986804
Η	-2.119569	-4.069445	-1.004877	H	2.250949	-3.398794	1.994340
Η	-2.357087	-5.048356	0.433648	H	1.926772	-4.864879	1.082512
С	-3.592896	-3.279836	0.355178	C	3.256684	-3.483625	0.089208
Η	-3.507367	-2.240539	0.014758	H	3.372708	-2.397800	-0.012912
Η	-3.757295	-3.235200	1.438616	H	3.056340	-3.867324	-0.918491
С	-4.792708	-3.938541	-0.320179	C	4.553275	-4.088129	0.620803
Η	-4.618648	-3.984261	-1.403337	H	4.743625	-3.705418	1.632172
Η	-4.873538	-4.979579	0.019330	H	4.431336	-5.174392	0.724185
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Η	-6.284237	-3.170090	1.032892	H	5.571099	-4.179274	-1.276988
\mathbf{C}	-7.311970	-3.871975	-0.725744	C	7.061072	-4.401787	0.263181
Η	-7.392010	-4.912407	-0.387104	H	6.938083	-5.487091	0.365935
Η	-7.137026	-3.917211	-1.807842	H	7.250910	-4.020363	1.274147
С	-8.623579	-3.143036	-0.450518	C	8.263286	-4.106195	-0.628287
Η	-8.582127	-2.109322	-0.808506	H	8.428489	-3.028042	-0.721692
Η	-9.466787	-3.633042	-0.945167	H	9.178984	-4.549806	-0.227683
Η	-8.838970	-3.111752	0.622360	H	8.113192	-4.505103	-1.636639
С	-1.637170	3.995552	-0.476535		2.067237	3.880223	0.063435
Η	-1.778489	5.041106	-0.176480	H	2.214019	4.837952	-0.450043
Η	-1.676658	3.405056	0.446974	H	1.699533	3.176647	-0.692156
\mathbf{C}	-2.772464	3.570828	-1.403862		3.397814	3.382602	0.621415
Η	-2.723599	4.159537	-2.329374	H	3.752122	4.079531	1.392342
Η	-2.625024	2.524009	-1.700582	H	3.240205	2.421494	1.128618
С	-4.155395	3.728355	-0.776838		4.476073	3.219187	-0.446944
Η	-4.302718	4.775309	-0.480191	H	4.634818	4.180624	-0.953072
Η	-4.203748	3.140458	0.149348	H	4.120249	2.524310	-1.219123
С	-5.293145	3.303107	-1.702236		5.807421	2.716555	0.106922
Η	-5.243731	3.890452	-2.627521	H	6.161420	3.410528	0.879354
H	-5.145253	2.257 052	-1.997977	H	5.647 997	1.755 590	0.611 594
C	-6.671131	3.464 550	-1.067823		6.879267	2.557 773	-0.967031
H	-6.857681	4.507 350	-0.791778		7.081 162	3.511 165	-1.465739
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Η	6.298850	-2.041391	0.339573	H	-6.273588	-1.376959	-1.396787
\mathbf{C}	6.320807	-2.443660	-1.777873	C	-6.607377	-2.513352	0.404520
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Η	5.606095	-2.721179	-2.563971	H	-6.016238	-3.094900	1.124309
\mathbf{C}	7.458029	-3.462308	-1.749923	C	-7.731020	-3.388214	-0.146695
Η	8.171434	-3.184548	-0.964128	H	-8.320973	-2.806474	-0.865776
Η	7.056940	-4.442486	-1.463668	H	-7.294982	-4.220092	-0.713611
\mathbf{C}	8.188042	-3.579202	-3.084402	C	-8.648731	-3.937178	0.941336
Η	8.626321	-2.620174	-3.378696	H	-9.122668	-3.125772	1.502954
Η	8.996433	-4.314062	-3.036881	Н	-9.443504	-4.559007	0.520121
Η	7.504005	-3.887345	-3.881633	H	-8.089586	-4.549742	1.655855

Table S2: Cartesian coordinates of S_0 and S_1 states of 3MT trimer.

	3M ⁻	$\Gamma \text{ trimer } S_0$		$3MT$ trimer S_1			
Atom	x	y	z	Atom	x	y	z
C	5.356120	0.021230	0.377172	C	-5.359231	-0.001803	0.000012
	4.904542	1.258798	0.046819	C	-4.871705	1.280439	0.000005
C	3.491840	1.320619	-0.171062	C	-3.468586	1.377734	-0.000002
C	2.893589	0.094585	0.003223	C	-2.850580	0.101276	-0.000001
S	4.068157	-1.119533	0.447261	S	-4.091386	-1.167719	0.000009
H	6.370601	-0.289278	0.582125	H	-6.391406	-0.321663	0.000018
H	5.551728	2.122087	-0.055111	H	-5.517247	2.151417	0.000005
C	1.499276	-0.306169	-0.128311	C	-1.508358	-0.276185	-0.000005
C	1.016282	-1.534607	-0.490343	C	-1.004458	-1.612842	-0.000006
S	0.178690	0.758864	0.255516	S	-0.154892	0.857839	-0.000006
C	-0.404102	-1.642768	-0.486911	C	0.359434	-1.737199	-0.000008
H	1.662351	-2.354734	-0.782589	H	-1.667360	-2.469997	-0.000007
C	-1.007539	-0.465198	-0.112607	C	1.028920	-0.467391	-0.000006
C	2.797855	2.595622	-0.557852	C	-2.747880	2.691326	-0.000009
H	1.983829	2.419310	-1.264015	H	-2.108836	2.812837	0.880912
H	2.371380	3.103932	0.313196	H	-2.108835	2.812828	-0.880931
H	3.505912	3.285504	-1.021770	H	-3.467300	3.512370	-0.000014
C	-1.110060	-2.908259	-0.882376	C	1.057893	-3.062978	-0.000014
H	-1.369112	-3.514529	-0.008320	H	1.694214	-3.185886	-0.881407
H	-2.035486	-2.704839	-1.424849	H	1.694216	-3.185894	0.881377
H	-0.467173	-3.516813	-1.521715	H	0.326458	-3.872698	-0.000017
C	-2.417515	-0.113205	-0.005238	C	2.384004	-0.134323	-0.000003
	-2.986449	1.115338	-0.207489	C	2.931446	1.163576	-0.000004
S	-3.630668	-1.257536	0.507363	S	3.703745	-1.314360	0.000008
	-4.394407	1.156730	0.034874	C	4.337418	1.201178	0.000003
H	-2.417088	1.976788	-0.538278	H	2.314882	2.054833	-0.000012
C	-4.870425	-0.059010	0.423883	C	4.888835	-0.058664	0.000010
C	-5.232181	2.389734	-0.135610	C	5.143520	2.467332	0.000004
H	-5.179057	2.763676	-1.162432	H	4.917172	3.075449	0.880584
H	-6.279596	2.190659	0.098185	H	6.214060	2.255449	-0.000004
H	-4.885763	3.194759	0.519349	H	4.917159	3.075458	-0.880566

	3MT	tetramer S_0			3MT	tetramer S_1	
Atom	x	y	z	Atom	x	y	z
C	-7.247213	-0.470533	-0.625704	C	-7.305297	-0.363563	-0.000014
C	-6.933807	0.840913	-0.462288		-6.918471	0.945433	-0.000008
C	-5.553322	1.073871	-0.167863		-5.515870	1.141353	-0.000001
C	-4.837468	-0.099253	-0.112914		-4.816694	-0.073436	-0.000001
S	-5.862206	-1.476027	-0.437204	S	-5.950059	-1.425563	-0.000011
H	-8.211318	-0.906923	-0.844046	H	-8.308689	-0.764466	-0.000021
H	-7.660638	1.641406	-0.535957	H	-7.623171	1.768971	-0.000009
C	-3.427770	-0.335864	0.166289		-3.430063	-0.347330	0.000004
C	-2.867526	-1.441701	0.746850	C	-2.823853	-1.620753	0.000003
S	-2.181313	0.783087	-0.301489	S	-2.186209	0.891394	0.000009
C	-1.447679	-1.409467	0.846361	C	-1.446982	-1.637200	0.000006
H	-3.459398	-2.267652	1.124647	H	-3.410803	-2.532198	0.000001
C	-0.922372	-0.248065	0.327296	C	-0.886534	-0.318276	0.000009
C	-5.006993	2.454322	0.061445	C	-4.897975	2.507654	0.000007
H	-4.234249	2.464663	0.832869	H	-4.270489	2.676095	0.881136
H	-4.565628	2.870688	-0.850039	H	-4.270483	2.676102	-0.881117
H	-5.806414	3.129910	0.372874	H	-5.677627	3.271537	0.000007
C	-0.665995	-2.525819	1.477822	C	-0.645961	-2.903228	0.000006
H	-0.220754	-3.183343	0.724155	H	-0.001646	-2.977902	-0.881369
H	0.145854	-2.150576	2.104912	H	-0.001646	-2.977903	0.881381
H	-1.319095	-3.139740	2.100981	H	-1.311370	-3.768130	0.000005
C	0.453148	0.219451	0.253177	C	0.426746	0.120102	0.000008
C	0.889129	1.516466	0.194497		0.866877	1.473625	0.000006
S	1.810033	-0.865157	0.141411	S	1.841574	-0.938582	0.000006
C	2.298046	1.667839	0.054989		2.233452	1.655194	0.000004
H	0.216108	2.364557	0.250808	H	0.169417	2.302763	0.000007
C	2.943029	0.454448	0.005883		2.950642	0.432610	0.000003
C	4.358880	0.136043	-0.124728	C	4.340813	0.167931	-0.000001
C	4.910935	-0.966271	-0.719736		4.953970	-1.082756	0.000003
S	5.612092	1.130549	0.571659	S	5.581250	1.418770	-0.000013
C	6.336267	-1.027085	-0.634832		6.368443	-1.043295	-0.000003
H	4.315658	-1.718691	-1.225078	H	4.392126	-2.009817	0.000012
C	6.842840	0.046235	0.034258	C	6.842654	0.241273	-0.000012
C	2.951634	3.017834	-0.026567		2.863666	3.016488	0.000002
H	3.298137	3.357561	0.954858	H	3.492678	3.170887	0.881411
H	3.815314	3.011049	-0.694277	H	3.492673	3.170889	-0.881410
H	2.241392	3.760502	-0.395951	H	2.092263	3.788158	0.000005
C	7.158643	-2.133914	-1.226335	C	7.238761	-2.266002	0.000000
H	8.223376	-1.973943	-1.047091	H	8.296841	-1.998388	-0.000002
H	6.884117	-3.101540	-0.795791	H	7.045156	-2.885606	0.880504
H	7.003818	-2.205909	-2.307004	H	7.045153	-2.885611	-0.880501

3MT pentamer S ₀				$3MT$ pentamer S_1				
Atom	x	y	z	Atom	n x	y	z	
C	9.263004	0.152276	0.310431	C	-9.266626	0.049491	-0.000012	
C	8.825717	1.046185	-0.613979	C	-8.784928	1.323146	0.000021	
C	7.409555	1.025008	-0.814632	C	-7.365889	1.409398	0.000031	
C	6.793623	0.089462	-0.016273	C	-6.767520	0.152393	0.000005	
S	7.957376	-0.745696	0.983560	S	-7.992891	-1.108459	-0.000033	
H	10.276508	-0.033745	0.635742	H	-10.296547	-0.277215	-0.000026	
H	9.485331	1.709830	-1.160705	H	-9.423624	2.198661	0.000039	
C	5.389541	-0.280173	0.096959	C	-5.391790	-0.227709	0.000004	
C	4.875855	-1.493922	0.466943		-4.881977	-1.527724	0.000001	
S	4.096945	0.855935	-0.159148	S	-4.069343	0.917393	0.000001	
C	3.455974	-1.540428	0.556318		-3.498206	-1.638176	-0.000003	
H	5.500110	-2.355669	0.674062	H	-5.527516	-2.398769	0.000003	
C	2.881115	-0.328668	0.247139	C	-2.857191	-0.370534	-0.000005	
C	1.484692	0.074905	0.206179	C	-1.508340	-0.023055	-0.000009	
C	0.982104	1.341965	0.341413		-0.975250	1.293279	-0.000015	
S	0.188463	-1.043357	-0.109893	S	-0.179144	-1.180930	-0.000005	
C	-0.429015	1.445642	0.191714		0.395182	1.387024	-0.000016	
H	1.608075	2.202280	0.549600	H	-1.615389	2.167785	-0.000019	
C	-1.009773	0.224301	-0.064684		1.034106	0.108771	-0.000010	
C	-2.401722	-0.137249	-0.280499	C	2.382131	-0.244142	-0.000006	
C	-2.882819	-1.210963	-0.981832	C	2.910579	-1.551773	0.000004	
S	-3.724099	0.750461	0.420534	S	3.717586	0.905874	-0.000011	
C	-4.301081	-1.334151	-0.987484		4.297868	-1.635691	0.000008	
H	-2.237241	-1.899688	-1.515131	H	2.276636	-2.430584	0.000008	
C	-4.906654	-0.326688	-0.273134		4.917547	-0.376020	0.000001	
C	-6.316724	-0.040170	-0.044736		6.298654	-0.009491	0.000003	
C	-6.896906	1.185412	0.144228		6.820997	1.272269	-0.000015	
S	-7.514231	-1.299524	0.110856	S	7.614753	-1.172893	0.000030	
C	-8.300930	1.135502	0.406133		8.239778	1.330796	-0.000007	
H	-6.338840	2.113102	0.083743	H	6.198451	2.159876	-0.000034	
C	-8.762666	-0.146231	0.412833		8.797377	0.083613	0.000018	
C	6.728595	1.928483	-1.802839		-6.647197	2.726354	0.000069	
H	5.910277	1.423886	-2.321052	H	-6.009209	2.845993	0.881370	
H	6.310754	2.816619	-1.317447	H	-6.009226	2.846053	-0.881236	
H	7.442567	2.274101	-2.553210	H	-7.366765	3.546976	0.000103	
	2.722243	-2.791766	0.946044	C	-2.791561	-2.959693	-0.000005	
H	1.889449	-2.582010	1.621044	H	-2.154329	-3.081864	-0.881341	
H	2.313762	-3.309721	0.072247	H	-2.154328	-3.081867	0.881329	
H	3.398804	-3.485255	1.449133	H	-3.517816	-3.774231	-0.000006	
	-1.148550	2.758981	0.308969	C C	1.119618	2.699310	-0.000024	
H	-1.945523	2.853842	-0.431736	H	1.758011	2.809735	0.881501	

Table S4: Cartesian coordinates of \mathbf{S}_0 and \mathbf{S}_1 states of 3MT pentamer.

Η	-1.602812	2.884303	1.297137	H	1.758008	2.809726	-0.881552
Η	-0.450697	3.585896	0.163793	H	0.404582	3.523520	-0.000026
С	-5.004815	-2.436195	-1.726699	C	5.017609	-2.952733	0.000020
Η	-5.253345	-3.270913	-1.063347	H	5.655511	-3.065478	-0.881334
Η	-5.936007	-2.090893	-2.180361	H	5.655500	-3.065469	0.881382
Η	-4.365151	-2.829426	-2.519434	H	4.299651	-3.774396	0.000019
С	-9.149362	2.352577	0.629965	C	9.021503	2.611701	-0.000026
Η	-10.191851	2.080391	0.804618	H	10.095777	2.418977	0.000016
Η	-8.798589	2.923359	1.494949	H	8.785160	3.216459	-0.880501
Η	-9.113958	3.022232	-0.234513	H	8.785102	3.216520	0.880391
Η	-9.778897	-0.482172	0.565452	H	9.848143	-0.170974	0.000029

Table S5: Cartesian coordinates of S_0 and S_1 states of 3MT hexamer.

	3MT	hexamer S_0			3MT	hexamer S_1	
Atom	x	y	z	Atom	x	y	z
С	11.217629	0.132386	0.007333	C	11.220428	0.180360	-0.000129
С	10.750522	0.685485	-1.141933	C	10.780143	-1.106363	-0.000062
С	9.327999	0.621034	-1.278523	C	9.361151	-1.235008	-0.000007
C	8.738169	0.003130	-0.200571	C	8.728543	-0.001060	-0.000035
S	9.934004	-0.480649	0.977193	S	9.909934	1.296236	-0.000131
Н	12.241533	0.046798	0.341865	H	12.239129	0.540461	-0.000177
Н	11.392481	1.126841	-1.895288	H	11.444788	-1.962243	-0.000048
C	7.337690	-0.289507	0.072013	C	7.332645	0.338531	-0.000001
C	6.832663	-1.320346	0.817733	C	6.782951	1.612100	0.000028
S	6.042528	0.734497	-0.476154	S	6.053112	-0.849264	-0.000007
C	5.417138	-1.312479	0.967611	C	5.386309	1.670181	0.000047
Н	7.460195	-2.086690	1.258289	H	7.394245	2.507457	0.000039
C	4.837120	-0.245808	0.319170	C	4.800128	0.389701	0.000030
C	3.442171	0.148403	0.204884	C	3.452484	-0.009647	0.000037
C	2.950799	1.402500	-0.044832	C	2.966641	-1.333670	0.000019
S	2.129876	-0.990871	0.303520	S	2.093562	1.103755	0.000063
C	1.535402	1.477483	-0.166447	C	1.595637	-1.474956	0.000022
Н	3.587996	2.274425	-0.139643	H	3.633949	-2.187892	0.000003
C	0.939190	0.247087	-0.005212	C	0.917382	-0.219239	0.000044
C	-0.461767	-0.139432	-0.045688	C	-0.437955	0.089333	0.000047
С	-0.973346	-1.380527	-0.319226	C	-1.007923	1.387086	0.000069
S	-1.755338	0.960593	0.337786	S	-1.737601	-1.102478	0.000023
С	-2.389379	-1.478614	-0.223167	C	-2.386044	1.436549	0.000065
Н	-0.350484	-2.225068	-0.591439	H	-0.396107	2.281525	0.000085
С	-2.965035	-0.280179	0.132945	C	-2.980983	0.148671	0.000039
С	-4.359646	0.076046	0.341287	C	-4.331111	-0.245674	0.000022
C	-4.850100	1.090009	1.120500	C	-4.823447	-1.554582	-0.000002
S	-5.670758	-0.729377	-0.473004	S	-5.687968	0.871036	0.000022
C	-6.264516	1.246193	1.078443	C	-6.218112	-1.670855	-0.000021
H	-4.213162	1.725633	1.725301	H	-4.171855	-2.420547	-0.000007
C	-6.858296	0.326836	0.245772	C	-6.858601	-0.432196	-0.000013

С	-8.260440	0.118047	-0.091072	C	-8.255915	-0.091875	-0.000032
С	-8.769540	-0.362653	-1.267379	C	-8.804333	1.173291	-0.000082
\mathbf{S}	-9.550235	0.390173	1.052087	S	-9.540958	-1.284914	0.000018
С	-10.190836	-0.511861	-1.274169	C	-10.227082	1.200364	-0.000081
Η	-8.146224	-0.593948	-2.124005	H	-8.202637	2.075263	-0.000124
С	-10.737882	-0.136778	-0.084050	C	-10.754441	-0.057990	-0.000029
С	8.614870	1.165259	-2.483426	C	8.684260	-2.574520	0.000072
Η	7.767758	0.540038	-2.773459	H	8.050611	-2.713609	0.881469
Η	8.230759	2.174816	-2.303806	H	8.050631	-2.713724	-0.881322
Η	9.298717	1.224424	-3.332663	H	9.429171	-3.372126	0.000132
С	4.692626	-2.369372	1.751282	C	4.636157	2.968147	0.000084
Η	3.891618	-1.946346	2.361736	H	3.995348	3.069251	-0.881297
Η	4.242681	-3.121882	1.095607	H	3.995357	3.069206	0.881477
Η	5.385832	-2.888650	2.415755	H	5.334761	3.806476	0.000102
С	0.826025	2.773254	-0.438088	C	0.916993	-2.811178	0.000005
Η	0.018882	2.650980	-1.163941	H	0.282640	-2.944676	0.881459
Η	0.387000	3.192577	0.472938	H	0.282634	-2.944651	-0.881448
Η	1.526295	3.511958	-0.832549	H	1.660046	-3.610273	-0.000009
С	-3.120343	-2.763432	-0.489715	C	-3.146231	2.729403	0.000085
Η	-3.935509	-2.922214	0.219749	H	-3.787224	2.822063	-0.881479
Η	-3.552681	-2.781214	-1.495358	H	-3.787246	2.822023	0.881637
Η	-2.435933	-3.610582	-0.414053	H	-2.454109	3.572892	0.000114
С	-6.974529	2.307616	1.869359	C	-6.904044	-3.006318	-0.000049
Η	-7.836406	2.706678	1.331026	H	-7.538856	-3.136173	0.881244
Η	-7.336343	1.921498	2.827816	H	-7.538887	-3.136120	-0.881328
Η	-6.295872	3.134958	2.086924	H	-6.165514	-3.809597	-0.000086
С	-10.970121	-1.007224	-2.456781	C	-11.035953	2.464210	-0.000134
Η	-12.040040	-1.032010	-2.242218	H	-12.105839	2.248317	-0.000126
Η	-10.813923	-0.365249	-3.328828	H	-10.812898	3.074176	0.880260
Η	-10.657656	-2.016994	-2.739234	H	-10.812896	3.074104	-0.880577
Η	-11.784135	-0.125971	0.188321	H	-11.798588	-0.338297	-0.000020

Table S6: Cartesian coordinates of \mathbf{S}_0 and \mathbf{S}_1 states of 3MT heptamer.

	$3MT$ heptamer S_0				$3MT$ heptamer S_1			
Atom	x	y	z	Atom	x	y	z	
С	13.167413	0.179501	0.200316	C	13.175721	-0.066361	0.020624	
C	12.731557	0.507179	-1.043672	C	12.697023	-1.338130	0.006056	
C	11.313211	0.412157	-1.203427		11.272782	-1.421973	-0.002928	
C	10.694292	0.002684	-0.045344	C	10.681127	-0.171592	0.005291	
S	11.857978	-0.248328	1.233016	S	11.899141	1.088186	0.024522	
H	14.181925	0.162179	0.571876	Н	14.204688	0.263138	0.029392	
H	13.393607	0.803836	-1.848738	Н	13.334394	-2.214428	0.001269	
C	9.286958	-0.240144	0.239894	C	9.290500	0.212730	0.000702	
C	8.761794	-1.108734	1.158418	C	8.780439	1.496149	-0.002160	
S	8.006759	0.648027	-0.534024	S	7.979067	-0.936886	0.000924	
C	7.342669	-1.080893	1.264751	C	7.378378	1.590386	-0.004146	

Η	9.376942	-1.770089	1.757880	H	9.414366	2.375547	-0.003324
С	6.780234	-0.165397	0.404380	C	6.764990	0.333315	-0.002828
С	5.388968	0.190678	0.176984	C	5.395598	-0.033592	-0.004114
С	4.904648	1.368473	-0.327867	C	4.874905	-1.333321	-0.003750
\mathbf{S}	4.074546	-0.914083	0.462483	S	4.076385	1.118838	-0.005450
С	3.493227	1.410379	-0.500160	C	3.492264	-1.432081	-0.004359
Η	5.544239	2.208221	-0.574911	H	5.513629	-2.209210	-0.003063
С	2.892728	0.232459	-0.116066	C	2.859578	-0.161701	-0.005217
С	1.493757	-0.162322	-0.117126	C	1.509405	0.191326	-0.005642
С	0.990201	-1.436067	-0.147210	C	0.981505	1.504520	-0.006652
\mathbf{S}	0.189634	0.985073	-0.003219	S	0.177818	-0.960478	-0.004462
С	-0.427701	-1.521169	-0.074700	C	-0.392019	1.601488	-0.006361
Η	1.620298	-2.314828	-0.224422	H	1.622545	2.378421	-0.007569
С	-1.014281	-0.278459	0.013173	C	-1.031515	0.328587	-0.005033
С	-2.413443	0.104522	0.104635	C	-2.383597	-0.019270	-0.003949
С	-2.923026	1.278034	0.595011	C	-2.917393	-1.323486	-0.002430
\mathbf{S}	-3.707682	-0.898155	-0.487608	S	-3.711407	1.136932	-0.003925
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