

Supporting Information for: “Charge Separation and Charge Transfer in the Low Lying Excited States of Pentacene”

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1 Density Functionals

RSH functionals used in this work follow the general form given in Eq. (9). Specific formulas are provided here, for definiteness:

$$E_{xc}^{\text{RSH-}\omega\text{PBE}} = E_{x,\text{LR}}^{\text{HF}} + E_{x,\text{SR}}^{\text{PBE}} + E_c^{\text{PBE}} \quad (\text{S1})$$

$$E_{xc}^{\text{sRSH-}\omega\text{PBE}} = \epsilon^{-1} E_{x,\text{LR}}^{\text{HF}} + \epsilon^{-1} E_{x,\text{SR}}^{\omega\text{PBE}} + (1 - \epsilon^{-1}) E_x^{\text{PBE}} + E_c^{\text{PBE}} \quad (\text{S2})$$

$$E_{xc}^{\text{RSH-}\mu\text{BLYP}} = E_{x,\text{LR}}^{\text{HF}} + E_{x,\text{SR}}^{\mu\text{B88}} + E_c^{\text{LYP}} \quad (\text{S3})$$

$$E_{xc}^{\text{sRSH-}\mu\text{BLYP}} = \epsilon^{-1} E_{x,\text{LR}}^{\text{HF}} + \epsilon^{-1} E_{x,\text{SR}}^{\mu\text{B88}} + (1 - \epsilon^{-1}) E_x^{\text{B88}} + E_c^{\text{LYP}} \quad (\text{S4})$$

$$E_{xc}^{\text{RSH-}\omega\text{PBEh}} = \alpha E_{x,\text{SR}}^{\text{HF}} + E_{x,\text{LR}}^{\text{HF}} + (1 - \alpha) E_{x,\text{SR}}^{\omega\text{PBE}} + E_c^{\text{PBE}} \quad (\text{S5})$$

$$E_{xc}^{\text{sRSH-}\omega\text{PBEh}} = \alpha E_{x,\text{SR}}^{\text{HF}} + \epsilon^{-1} E_{x,\text{LR}}^{\text{HF}} + (\epsilon^{-1} - \alpha) E_{x,\text{SR}}^{\omega\text{PBE}} + (1 - \epsilon^{-1}) E_x^{\text{PBE}} + E_c^{\text{PBE}} \quad (\text{S6})$$

By way of notation, $E_{x,\text{SR}}^{\text{PBE}}$ is called ωPBE , which is the short-range GGA exchange functional developed in Ref. 1 based on the original PBE functional. Similarly, $E_{x,\text{SR}}^{\mu\text{B88}}$ is called μBLYP as developed in Ref. 2. (The μB88 versus ωPBE nomenclature was introduced in Ref. 3.) In the present work, we use 20% short-range Hartree-Fock exchange ($\alpha = 0.2$) for the functionals in Eqs. (S5) and (S6), in combination with ωPBE exchange, as in the LRC- ωPBEh functional developed in Ref. 1. The “h” in ωPBEh indicates that the functional is a hybrid even at short range. The quantity ϵ that appears in the sRSH functionals is the dielectric constant, used to ensure that the asymptotic form of the electron-hole interaction is $\sim (\epsilon r)^{-1}$, and for pentacene we use $\epsilon = 3.6$.

For comparison to previous literature, Table S1 provides optimally-tuned range-separation parameters obtained for pentacene monomer using a variety of functionals and basis sets. However, the calculations reported here use the cluster-tuned values of ω that are provided in Table II.

2 TDDFT Results

The following additional TDDFT results are provided.

- Table S2: Excitation energies and dipole moments for the dimer and the two tetramers, computed using the OT-RSH- μBLYP and OT-sRSH- μBLYP functionals. These are analogous to the OT-(s)RSH- ωPBE results
- Table S3: Excited-state dipole moments for the low-lying states of pentacene hexamer. These data are analogous to those presented for the dimer in Table III and for the tetramer in Tables IV and V.

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- Figure S1: Electron–hole correlation plots (matrices Ω) computed for pentacene dimer with various functionals.
- Figure S2: Electron–hole correlation plots (matrices Ω) computed for the compact pentacene tetramer, with various functionals. These plots complement the ones provided in Fig. 6, providing results for some additional functionals.
- Figure S3: Electron–hole correlation plots (matrices Ω) computed for the compact pentacene tetramer, with various functionals. These plots complement the ones provided in Fig. 7, providing results for some additional functionals.

Table S1: Range separation parameters (ω) tuned for pentacene monomer.

Functional	Basis Set	ω (bohr ⁻¹)	Reference
RSH- ω PBE	6-31+G*	0.195	this work
RSH- ω PBEh	6-31+G*	0.160	this work
RSH- μ BLYP	6-31+G*	0.200	this work
RSH- ω PBE	cc-PVTZ	0.195	4
RSH- ω PBEh	cc-PVTZ	0.157	4
RSH- ω PBEh	cc-PVTZ	0.160	5
RSH- ω PBE	6-31G**	0.20	6
RSH- μ BLYP	6-31G**	0.21	6
RSH- ω B97X	6-31G**	0.18	6
RSH- ω B97X-D	6-31G**	0.17	6
RSH- ω B97X-D	6-31G**	0.165	7
RSH- ω PBEh	6-311+G**	0.155	8

Table S2: Excitation energies and dipole moments obtained with the OT-RSH- μ BLYP and OT-sRSH- μ BLYP functionals.

State	OT-RSH- μ BLYP		OT-sRSH- μ BLYP	
	ΔE (eV)	μ (D)	ΔE (eV)	μ (D)
Dimer				
0		1.16		1.11
1	2.08	14.27	2.12	14.65
2	2.47	1.42	2.49	1.31
3	2.49	1.53	2.51	1.45
4	2.87	15.81	2.88	16.23
5	3.29	5.35	3.31	1.24
Compact Tetramer				
0		0.05		0.05
1	1.83	0.58	1.86	0.95
2	1.85	0.43	1.88	0.78
3	1.89	0.34	1.92	0.59
4	1.92	0.20	1.94	0.42
5	1.95	0.08	1.97	0.11
Linear Tetramer				
0		3.67		3.50
1	1.96	10.27	1.99	11.05
2	2.00	13.10	2.03	12.78
3	2.05	10.77	2.07	11.07
4	2.21	11.72	2.23	12.04
5	2.28	11.28	2.30	11.41

Table S3: Excitation energies (ΔE , in eV) and dipole moments (μ , in D) of pentacene hexamer.

State	ω B97X-V		CAM-B3LYP		OT-RSH- ω PBE		OT-sRSH- ω PBE	
	ΔE	μ	ΔE	μ	ΔE	μ	ΔE	μ
0		2.73		2.69		2.70		2.66
1	2.60	2.04	2.26	7.90	1.70	16.11	1.70	16.15
2	2.62	2.79	2.26	4.43	1.70	15.70	1.71	15.74
3	2.67	2.35	2.35	3.22	1.80	17.26	1.80	17.45
4	2.71	3.13	2.38	8.42	1.81	16.71	1.81	16.71
5	2.74	2.14	2.43	3.69	1.89	15.07	1.89	15.12

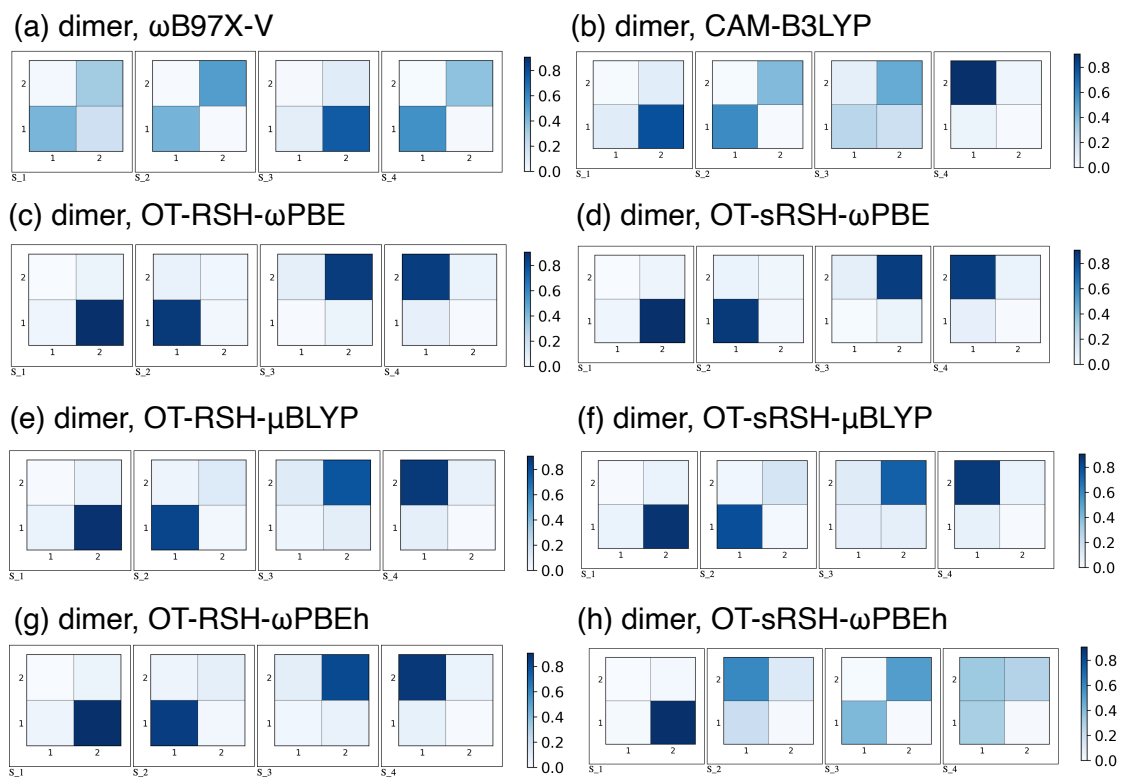


Figure S1: Electron-hole correlation plots for the first four excited states of pentacene dimer, obtained using four different functionals and presented in the form of matrices Ω , where Ω_{AB} is defined in eq. 14.

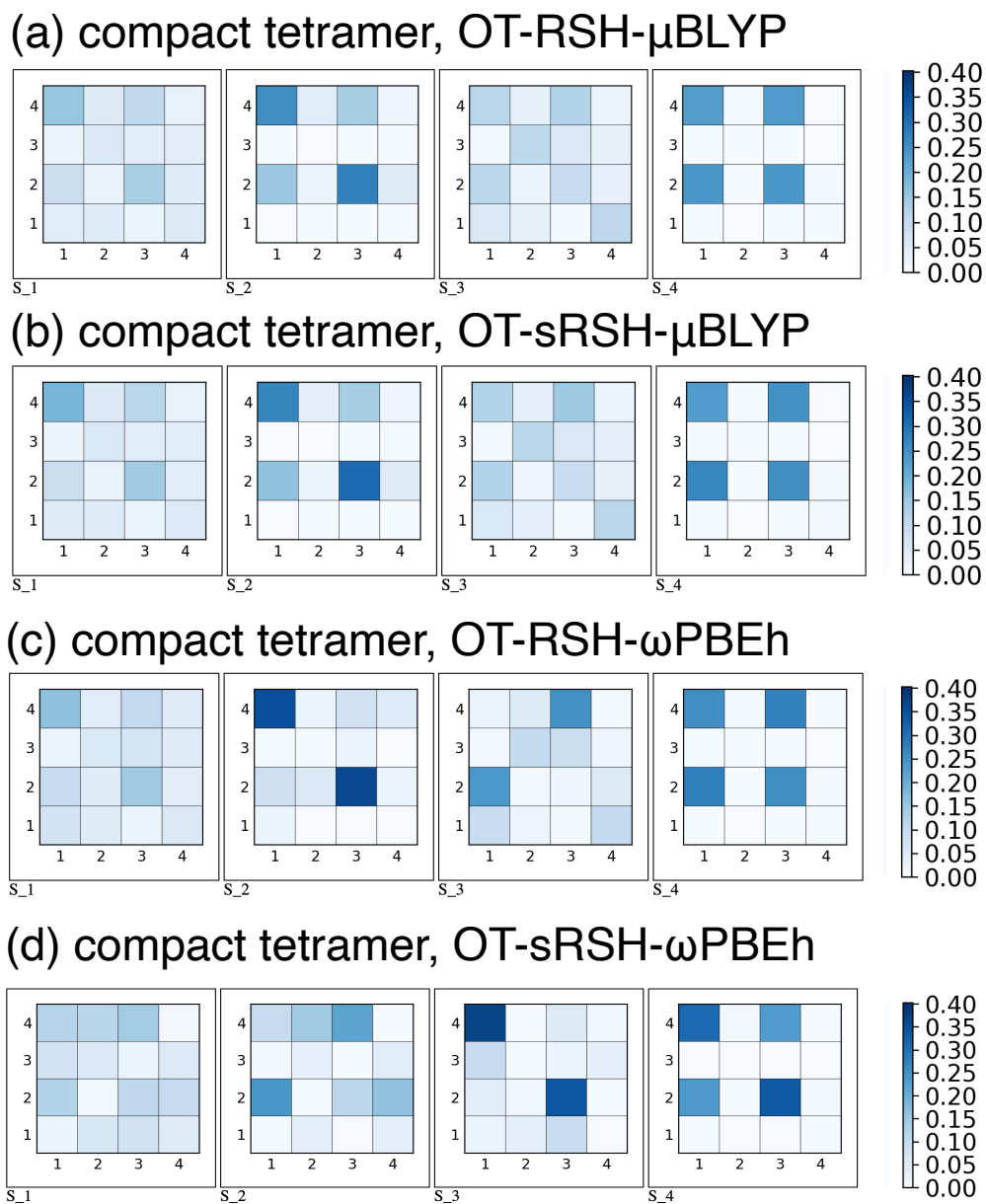
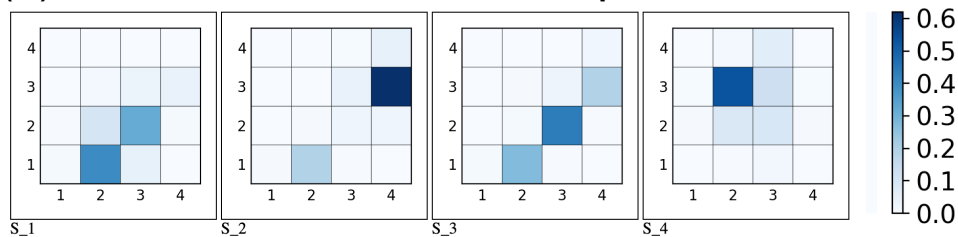
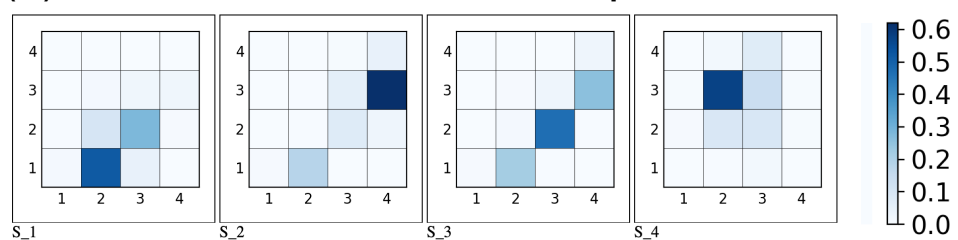


Figure S2: Electron-hole correlation plots for the first four excited states of the compact pentacene tetramer, obtained using four different functionals and presented in the form of matrices Ω , where Ω_{AB} is defined in eq. 14.

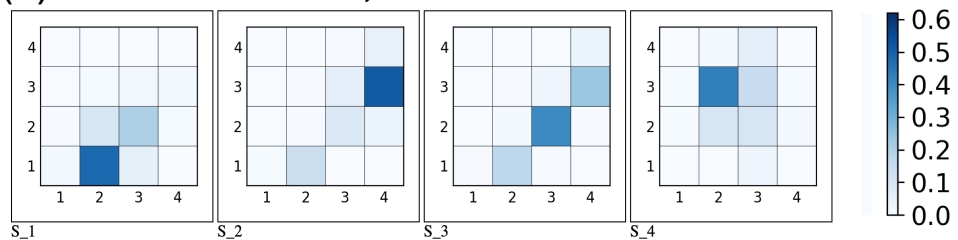
(a) linear tetramer , OT-RSH- μ BLYP



(b) linear tetramer, OT-sRSH- μ BLYP



(c) linear tetramer, OT-RSH- ω PBEh



(d) linear tetramer, OT-sRSH- ω PBEh

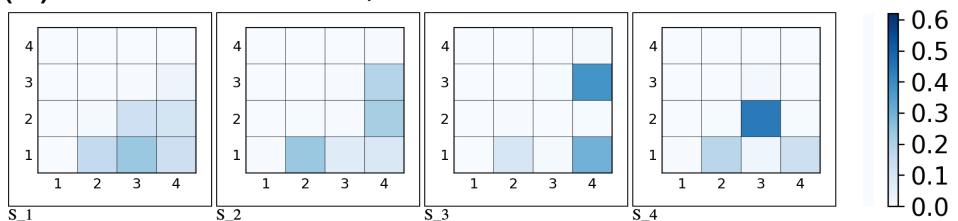


Figure S3: Electron-hole correlation plots for the first four excited states of the compact pentacene tetramer, obtained using four different functionals and presented in the form of matrices Ω , where Ω_{AB} is defined in eq. 14.

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