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Molecular and electronic structure of cyclo[10]thiophene in various oxidation states: Polaron pair vs bipolaron

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Supporting Information

I. Materials and methods

Solvents and reagents were purified prior to use and dried by usual methods. In spectroscopic application dry solvents were degassed by freeze-pump-thaw-cycles and stored under argon before sample preparation. Quinquethiophene L5T, decithiophene L10T, cyclo[10]thiophene and thianthrenium hexachloroantimonate (ThiSbCl_6) were prepared according standard literature procedures.^[S1-3] UV-vis spectra were recorded on a Perkin Elmer Lambda 19 spectrometer; electrochemical analysis were performed on a Metrohm AutoLab PGSTAT30 potentiostat; EPR spectra in the X-band were recorded with a Bruker System EMX connected with an ER 4131 VT variable temperature accessory.

II. Sample preparation for absorption and ESR measurements under controlled oxidation.

Stock solutions of the respective oligothiophene in 1,1,2,2-tetrachloroethane (TCE) and of thianthrenium hexachloroantimonate in nitromethane were prepared. Defined amounts of the sample solutions were mixed with the corresponding equivalents of the concentrated stock solution of the oxidant prior to dilution with TCE in a volumetric flask. The final sample concentration lies in the range of 9×10^{-6} and 1.7×10^{-5} Mol/L for absorption measurement and around 5×10^{-5} Mol/L for ESR.

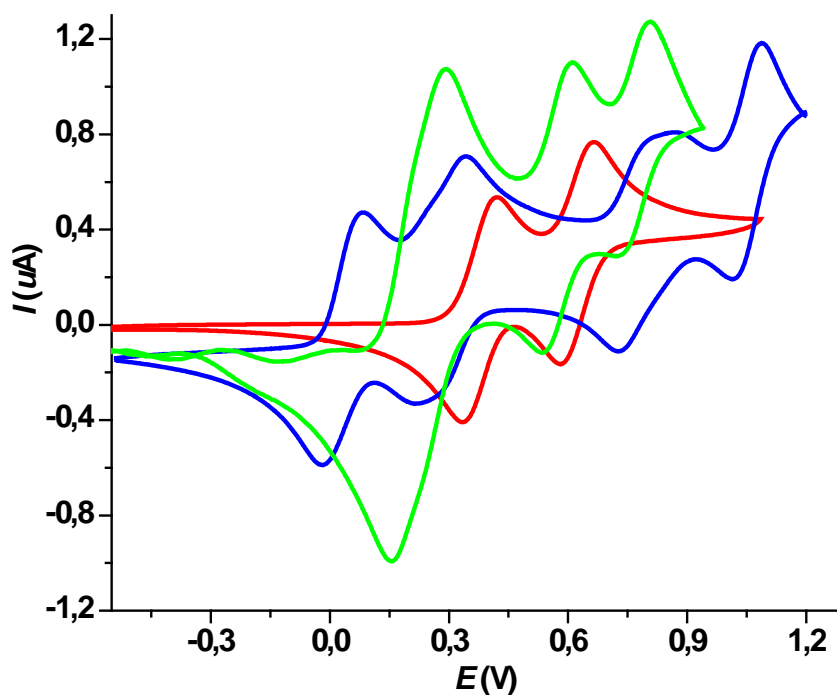


Figure S-1. Cyclic voltammogram of linear quinquethiophene (red), linear decithiophene (green) and cyclo[10]thiophene (blue). The sample concentration is normalized to 7.8×10^{-4} M in 1,1,2,2-TCE/0.1 M TBAPF₆, 295 K, $\nu = 20$ mVs⁻¹; potentials vs ferrocene/ferrocenium (Fc/Fc⁺) (TCE: 1,1,2,2-tetrachloroethane, TBAPF₆: tetrabutylammonium hexafluorophosphate).

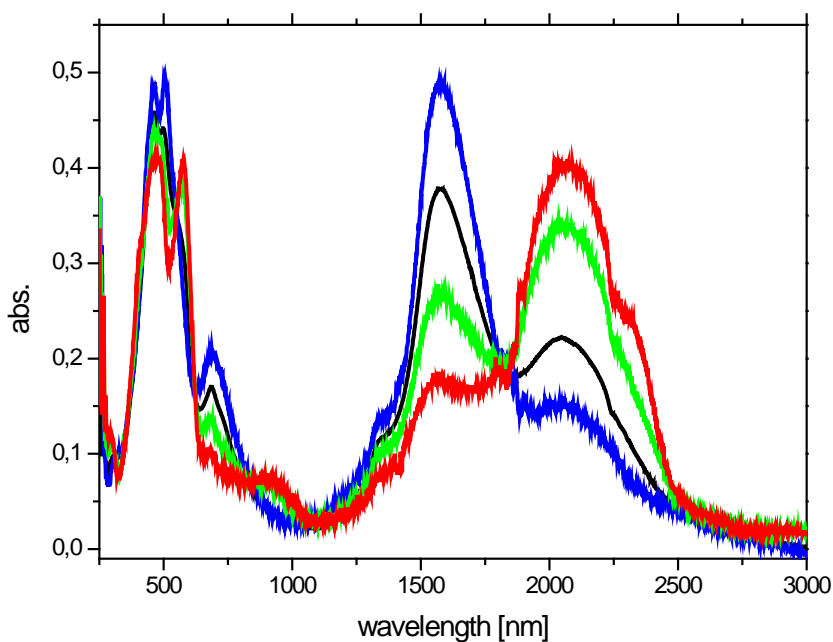
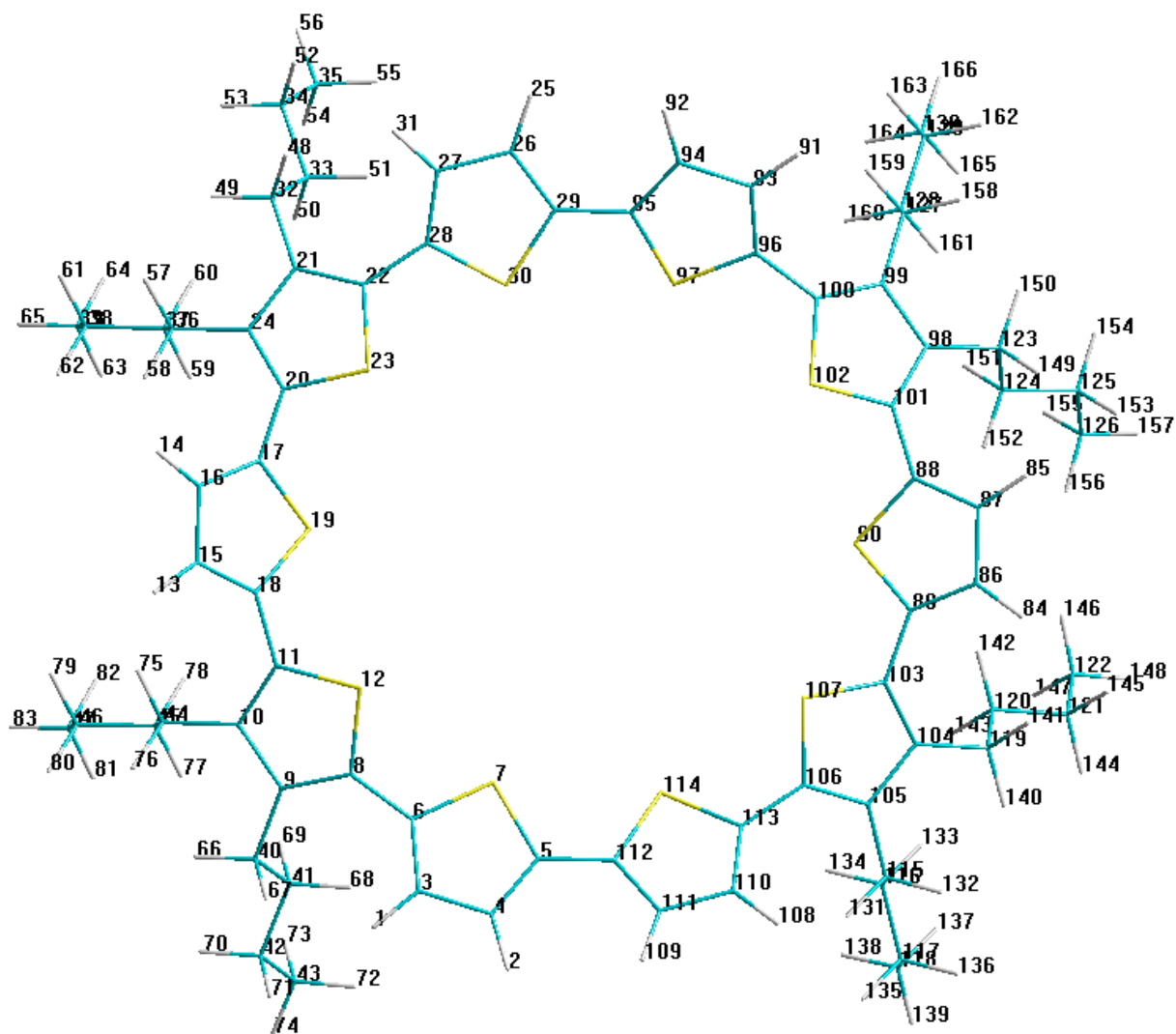


Figure S-2. Electronic absorption of C10T oxidized with 1.0 eq. of ThiSbCl₅ in 1,1,2,2-TCE at different temperatures: 0 °C (blue), room temperature (black), 40 °C (green), 60 °C (red).

III. Theoretical calculations: optimized geometry coordinates



Atom	Z	Charge	Coordinates(Angstrom)			Mass
			x	y	z	
3	6	-0.134852	56.06251	-24.13455	14.93530	12.01100
4	6	-0.137512	54.86061	-24.82156	15.28494	12.01100
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