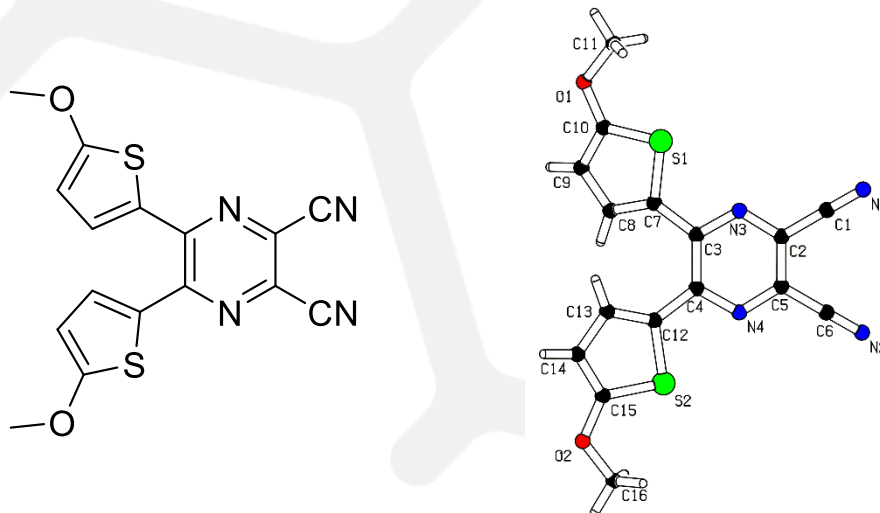


## 5,6-Bis(5-methoxythiophen-2-yl)pyrazine-2,3-dicarbonitrile (DPZ)



**Figure 1.** Chemical structure (left) and X-ray analysis (right) of DPZ catalyst.

### Structural analysis:

TLC (SiO<sub>2</sub>; CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>):  $R_f = 0.80$ ;

<sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  3.99 (s, 6H), 6.19 (d,  $J = 4$  Hz, 2H), 7.68 ppm (d,  $J = 4$  Hz, 2H);

<sup>13</sup>C-NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  60.8, 106.3, 113.7, 124.7, 126.3, 131.2, 146.7, 173.9 ppm;

IR (HATR):  $\lambda = 3071, 2227, 1467, 1403, 1380, 1211, 1067, 986, 784$  cm<sup>-1</sup>;

HR-FT-MALDI-MS (DCTB)  $m/z$ : calculated for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>10</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> ([M]<sup>+</sup>): 354.02404, found 354.02397;

Elemental analysis (%) calculated for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>10</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub> (354.41): C 54.22, H 2.84, N 15.81, S 18.10; found C 54.33, H 2.90, N 15.82, S 18.05.

### Storage:

In brown-glass vials at temperature  $\approx 5$  °C (no direct light irradiation).

## Thermal, electrochemical, optical and calculated properties:

**Table 1.** Thermal and optical properties of DPZ catalyst.

	$T_m$ [°C] <sup>a)</sup>	$T_d$ [°C] <sup>b)</sup>	$\lambda_{max}^A$ [nm/eV] <sup>c)</sup>	$\epsilon$ [mol <sup>-1</sup> dm <sup>3</sup> cm <sup>-1</sup> ] <sup>e)</sup>	$\lambda_{max}^F$ [nm/eV] <sup>c)</sup>	$\Phi^F$	Stokes shift [cm <sup>-1</sup> /eV] <sup>e)</sup>	$E_{0,0}$ [eV] <sup>d)</sup>
<b>DPZ</b>	178	256	448/2.77	19000	552/2.25	0.02	4200/0.52	2.51/2.49

<sup>a)</sup>  $T_m$  = melting point. <sup>b)</sup>  $T_d$  = thermal decomposition. <sup>c)</sup> measured in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. <sup>d)</sup> Energy of excited singlet state; calculated as mean value between absorption and emission maxima; measured in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/CH<sub>3</sub>CN.

**Table 2.** Electrochemical and DFT calculated data of DPZ catalyst.

	Electrochemical data							DFT calculated data <sup>e)</sup>			
	Ground state				Excited state			Ground state			
	$E_{1/2(ox1)}$ [V] <sup>a)</sup>	$E_{1/2(red1)}$ [V] <sup>a)</sup>	$\Delta E$ [V] <sup>b)</sup>	$E_{HOMO}$ [eV] <sup>c)</sup>	$E_{LUMO}$ [eV] <sup>c)</sup>	$E_{ox}^*$ [V] <sup>d)</sup>	$E_{red}^*$ [V] <sup>d)</sup>	$E_{HOMO}^{DFT}$ [eV]	$E_{LUMO}^{DFT}$ [eV]	$\Delta E^{DFT}$ [V]	$\lambda_{max}^{DFT}$ [nm/eV] <sup>f)</sup>
<b>DPZ</b>	1.32	-1.07	2.39	-5.75	-3.36	-1.17	1.42	-5.90	-2.96	2.94	450/2.76

a)  $E_{1/2(ox1)}$  and  $E_{1/2(red1)}$  are half-wave potentials of the first oxidation and reduction; measured in CH<sub>3</sub>CN, all potentials are given vs. SCE. b)  $\Delta E = E_{1/2(ox1)} - E_{1/2(red1)}$ . c)  $-E_{HOMO/LUMO} = E_{1/2(ox1/red1)} + 4.429$ . d) Redox potentials of excited state in CH<sub>3</sub>CN approximated by using the energies of excited singlet state  $E_{0,0}$ ; calculated:  $E_{ox}^* = E_{ox} - E_{0,0}$  and  $E_{red}^* = E_{red} + E_{0,0}$ . e) Computed at DFT B3LYP/6-311++g(2df,p) level (scrf = solvent = CH<sub>3</sub>CN). f) Calculated at TD-SCF (nstates = 8) B3LYP/6-31++g(2df,p) level in vacuum.

**Table 3.** DFT calculated data for radical cation of DPZ catalyst.<sup>9)</sup>

Comp	$\Delta E^+$ [eV]	$E^+(\alpha HOMO)$ [eV]	$E^+(\alpha LUMO)$ [eV]	$E^+(\beta HOMO)$ [eV]	$E^+(\beta LUMO)$ [eV]
<b>DPZ</b>	5.57	-6.55	-3.61	-6.96	-5.27

**Table 4.** DFT calculated data for radical anion of DPZ catalyst.<sup>9)</sup>

Comp	$\Delta E^-$ [eV]	$E^-(\alpha HOMO)$ [eV]	$E^-(\alpha LUMO)$ [eV]	$E^-(\beta HOMO)$ [eV]	$E^-(\beta LUMO)$ [eV]
<b>DPZ</b>	-3.20	-3.47	-1.91	-5.20	-2.05

**Table 5.** DFT calculated data for dianion and dication of DPZ catalyst.<sup>9)</sup>

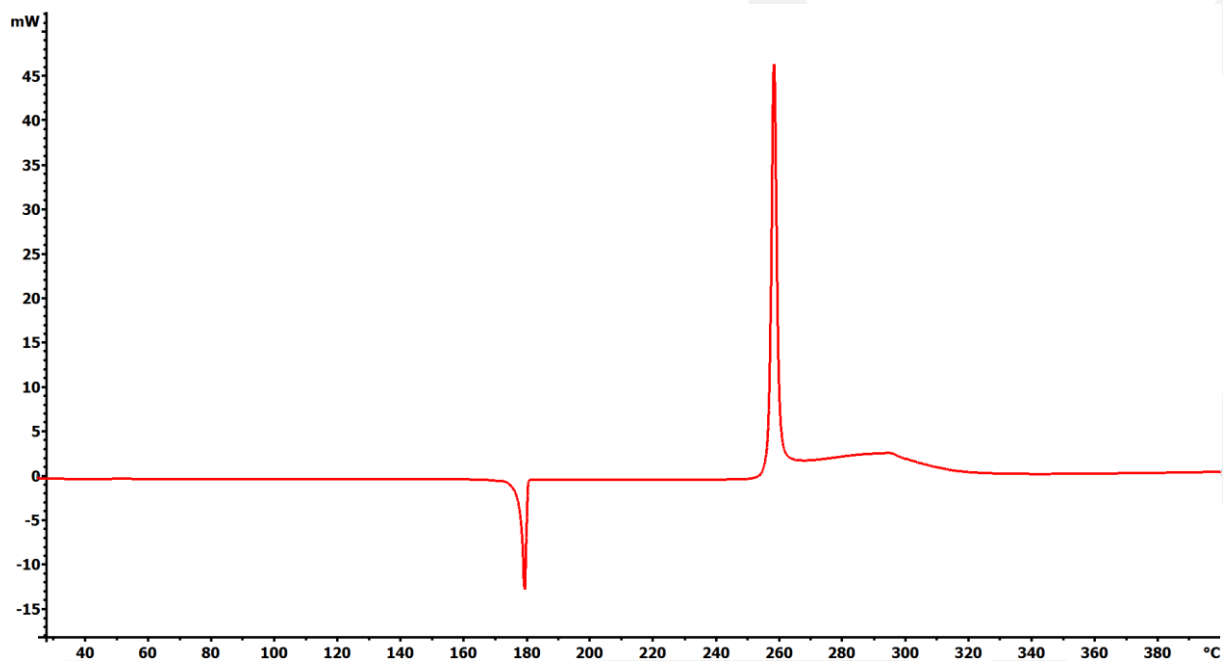
Comp	$\Delta E^{2-}$ [eV]	$E^{2-}(HOMO)$ [eV]	$E^{2-}(LUMO)$ [eV]	$\Delta E^{2+}$ [eV]	$E^{2+}(HOMO)$ [eV]	$E^{2+}(LUMO)$ [eV]
<b>DPZ</b>	-5.53	-2.61	-1.16	11.81	-7.91	-5.92

**Table 6.** DFT calculated data for triplet state of DPZ catalyst.<sup>9)</sup>

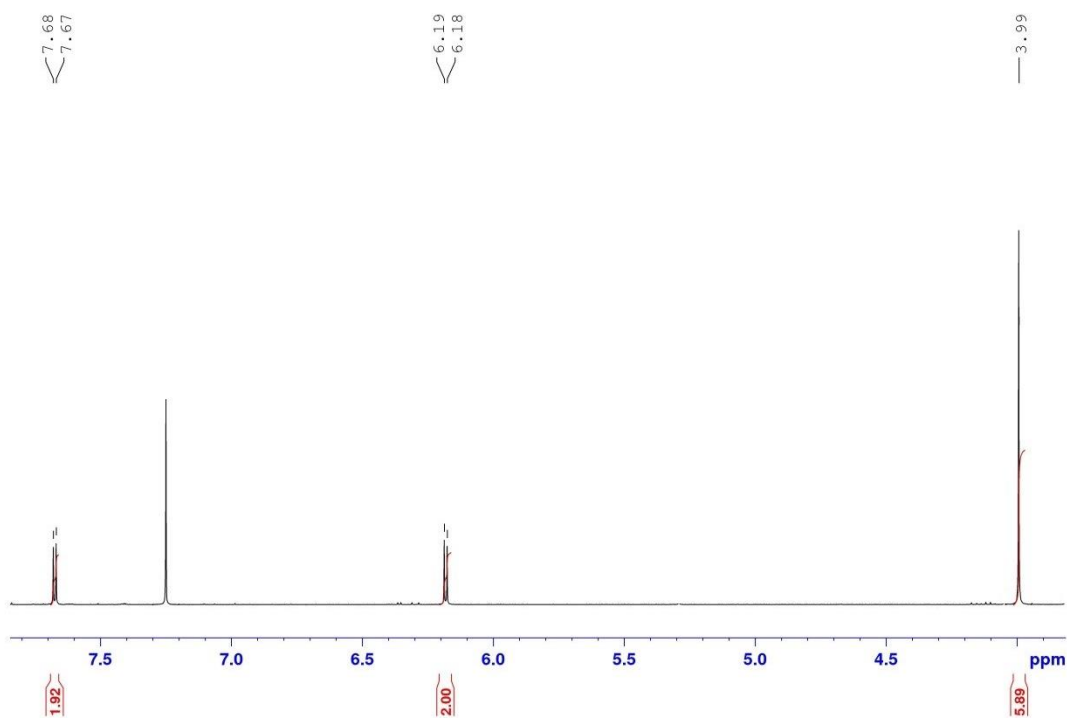
Comp	$\Delta E^T$ [eV]	$E^T(\alpha HOMO)$ [eV]	$E^T(\alpha LUMO)$ [eV]	$E^T(\beta HOMO)$ [eV]	$E^T(\beta LUMO)$ [eV]
<b>DPZ</b>	1.66	-4.22	-2.68	-6.45	-4.52

<sup>9)</sup> Calculated using the DFT B3LYP/6-311++g(3df,2p) method.

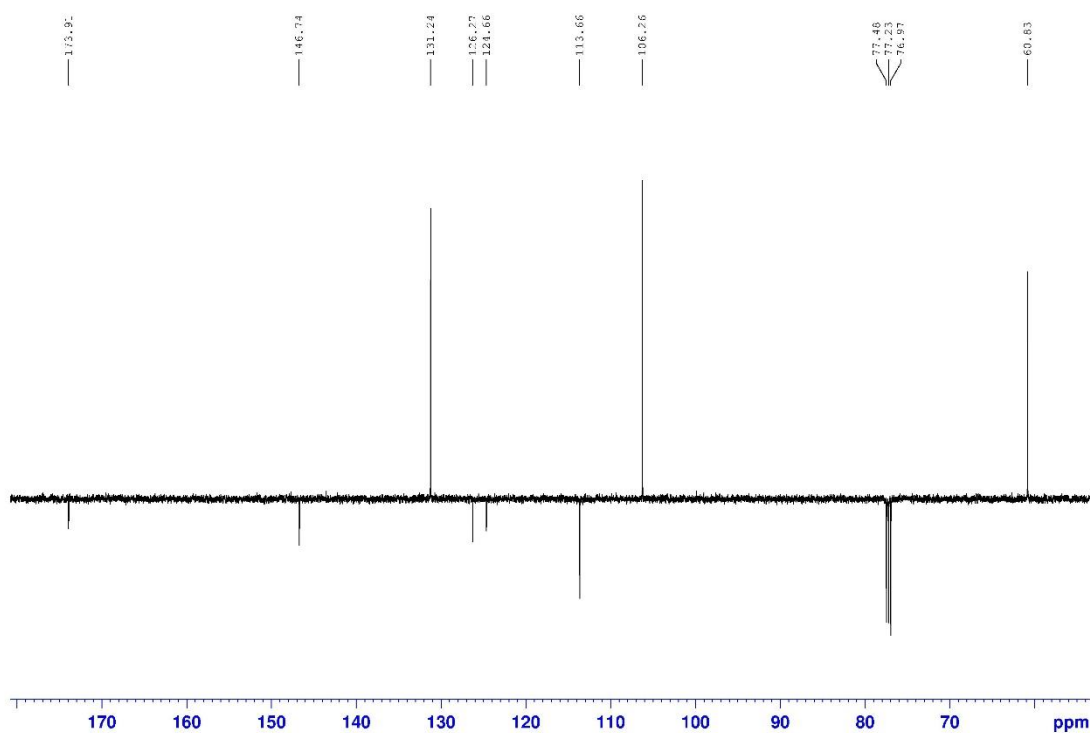
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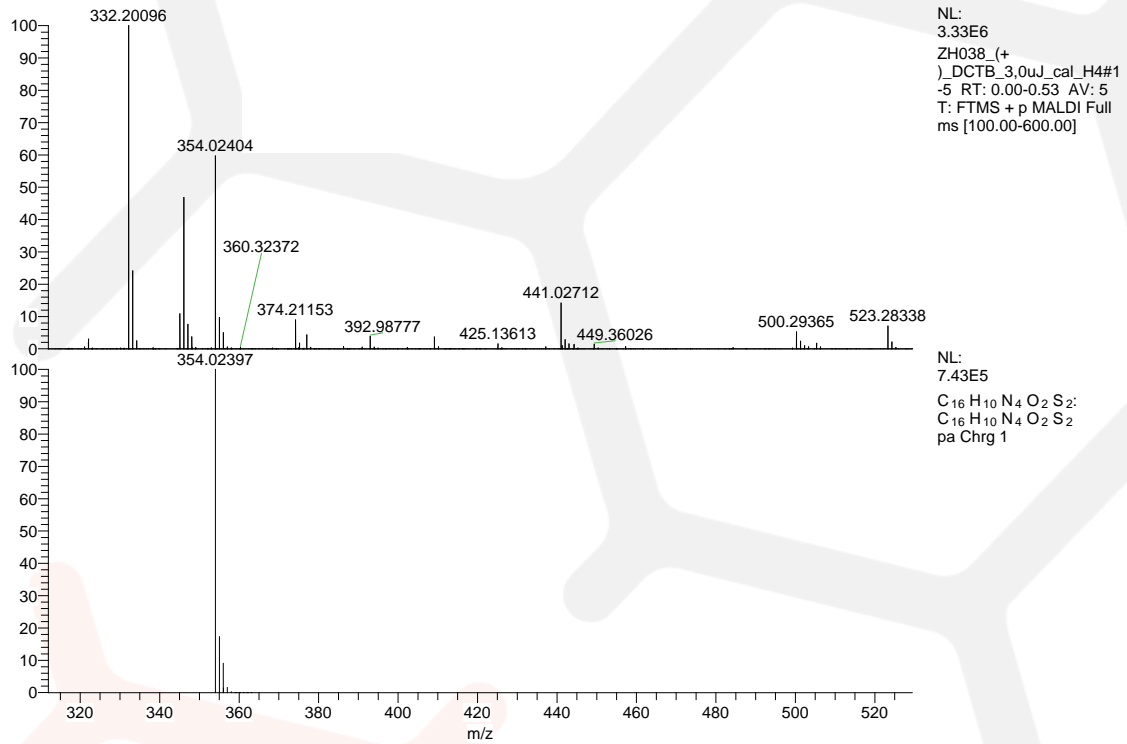
**Figure 2.** DSC thermograph of DPZ catalyst.



**Figure 3.** <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25 °C) spectra of DPZ catalyst.



**Figure 4.** <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (APT, 125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25 °C) spectra of DPZ catalyst.



**Figure 5.** Experimental (up) and simulated (down) HR-FT-MALDI-MS spectra of DPZ catalyst.