



## Supporting Information

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### **Fluorinated Boron-Dipyrromethene (BODIPY) Dyes: Bright and Versatile Probes for Surface Analysis**

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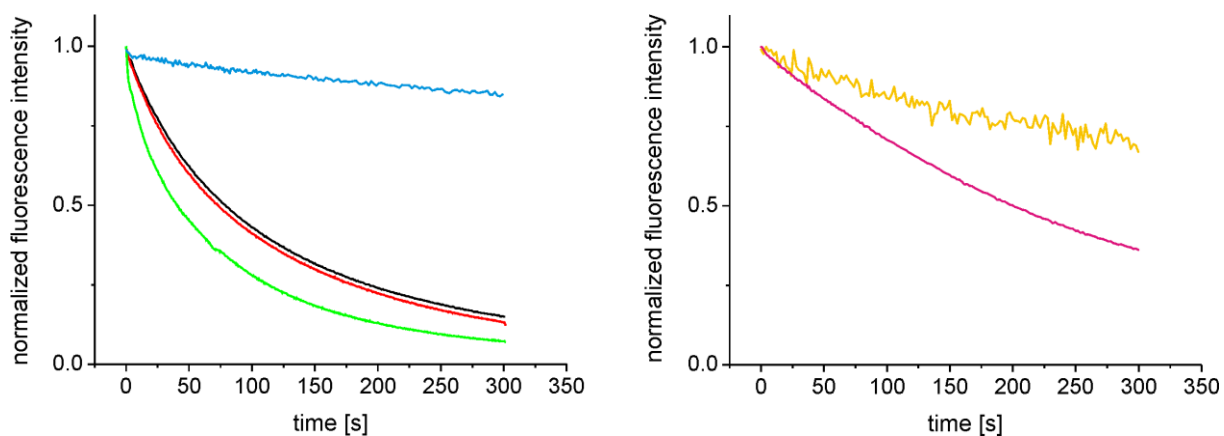
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## Photostability measurements

The photostability of dyes **2**, **4**, **5**, **7**, **8** and **10** was recorded using a ND:YVO<sub>4</sub> laser (Millennia, Spectra Physics) with a stabilized output power of 0.2 W (for **2**, **5**, **7** and **10**) as well as 3 W (for **4** and **8**; because the absorption of these dyes is considerably smaller at the irradiation wavelength, only ca.  $\sim 1/10^{\text{th}}$ , the laser power was increased, to keep the results comparable), directed onto an ultra-micro fluorescence cuvette (Hellma, 105.251-QS) containing 45  $\mu\text{L}$  of the dye in acetonitrile with the absorbance adjusted to 0,25 at 532 nm for all the dyes. The fluorescence was recorded with a fibre spectrometer (HR4000, Ocean Optics).



**Figure S1.** Decrease of fluorescence intensity of (left) **2** (black), **5** (blue), **7** (red) and **10** (green) and (right) **4** (yellow) and **8** (magenta) in acetonitrile as a function of time under cw-laser irradiation as described in the text.

**Table S1.** Bond lengths and angles of the BF<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub> tetrahedron.

Compound	B1-N1 [Å]	B1-N2 [Å]	B1-F1 [Å]	B1-F2 [Å]	N1-B1-N2 [°]	F1-B1-F2 [°]
<b>1</b>	1.556(4)	1.550(3)	1.384(2)	1.384(2)*	107.4(2)	110.5(2)*
<b>2</b>	1.556(5)	1.544(5)	1.397(4)	1.408(5)	108.1(3)	108.9(3)
<b>3</b>	1.551(4)	1.551(4)*	1.394(3)	1.394(3)*	108.0(4)*	110.2(4)*
<b>5</b>	1.568(6)	1.564(6)	1.378(5)	1.385(5)	106.1(3)	110.6(4)
	1.566(6)	1.581(6)	1.375(5)	1.386(5)	105.8(3)	111.5(3)
<b>6</b>	1.519(7)	1.579(8)	1.421(7)	1.365(7)	107.3(3)	109.8(4)
<b>7</b>	1.550(4)	1.529(4)	1.382(4)	1.388(4)	107.1(2)	110.0(2)
<b>8</b>	1.589(9)	1.564(9)	1.369(8)	1.424(8)	107.6(5)	110.6(6)

\* Values resulting from symmetry operations

**Table S2.** Additional selected spectroscopic data of **1–8** in various solvents at 298 K.

Dye	Solvent <sup>[a]</sup>	$\lambda_{\text{abs}}$ /nm	$\lambda_{\text{em}}$ /nm	$\Delta\tilde{\nu}_{\text{abs-em}}$ /cm <sup>-1</sup>	$\Phi_f$	$\tau_f$ /ns	$k_r^{[b]}$ /10 <sup>8</sup> s <sup>-1</sup>	$k_{nr}^{[b]}$ /10 <sup>8</sup> s <sup>-1</sup>
<b>1</b>	Bu <sub>2</sub> O	517	525	295	1.00	5.51	2.0	0.0
	Tol	521	531	361	1.00	4.98	2.3	0.0
	EtOH	515	524	334	1.00	5.88	1.7	0.0
	MeOH	514	523	335	1.00	6.12	1.7	0.0
<b>2</b>	Bu <sub>2</sub> O	543	555	398	0.94	5.58	1.5	0.1
	Tol	547	560	456	0.96	6.23	1.7	0.1
	EtOH	541	554	434	0.90	6.53	1.4	0.2
	MeOH	540	553	435	0.89	6.69	1.3	0.2
<b>4</b>	Bu <sub>2</sub> O	697	770	1360	0.17	1.04	1.6	8.0
<b>5</b>	Bu <sub>2</sub> O	521	536	537	0.16	0.98	1.9	8.6
	Tol	525	544	665	0.38	1.96	1.9	3.2
	EtOH	518	534	578	0.14	0.88	1.6	9.8
	MeOH	516	532	583	0.14	0.93	1.5	9.3
<b>6</b>	Bu <sub>2</sub> O	507	517	382	0.58	2.05	2.1	1.5
	Tol	510	521	451	0.88	3.59	2.5	0.3
	EtOH	505	516	422	0.47	2.35	2.0	2.3
	MeOH	504	514	424	0.48	2.59	1.9	2.0
<b>7</b>	Bu <sub>2</sub> O	531	543	416	0.66	4.54	1.5	0.8
	Tol	534	549	512	0.70	4.96	1.4	0.6
	EtOH	530	545	553	0.66	4.41	1.5	0.8
	MeOH	529	543	487	0.65	4.85	1.3	0.7
<b>8</b>	Bu <sub>2</sub> O	641	653	357	0.75	4.6	1.6	0.6
	Tol	647	660	350	0.75	4.42	1.7	0.6

[a] Hex = *n*-hexane, Bu<sub>2</sub>O = dibutyl ether, Et<sub>2</sub>O = diethyl ether, THF = tetrahydrofuran.

[b]  $k_r = \Phi_f \times \tau_f^{-1}$ ,  $k_{nr} = (1 - \Phi_f) \times \tau_f^{-1}$ ; measurement uncertainties:  $\pm 0.01 \times 10^8 \text{ s}^{-1}$ .

**Table S3.** Selected dihedral angles between various planes of the energy-minimized BODIPY structures of **3** and **4** as obtained by the density functional theory (DFT) method employing the hybrid functional B3LYP with a 6-31G basis set.

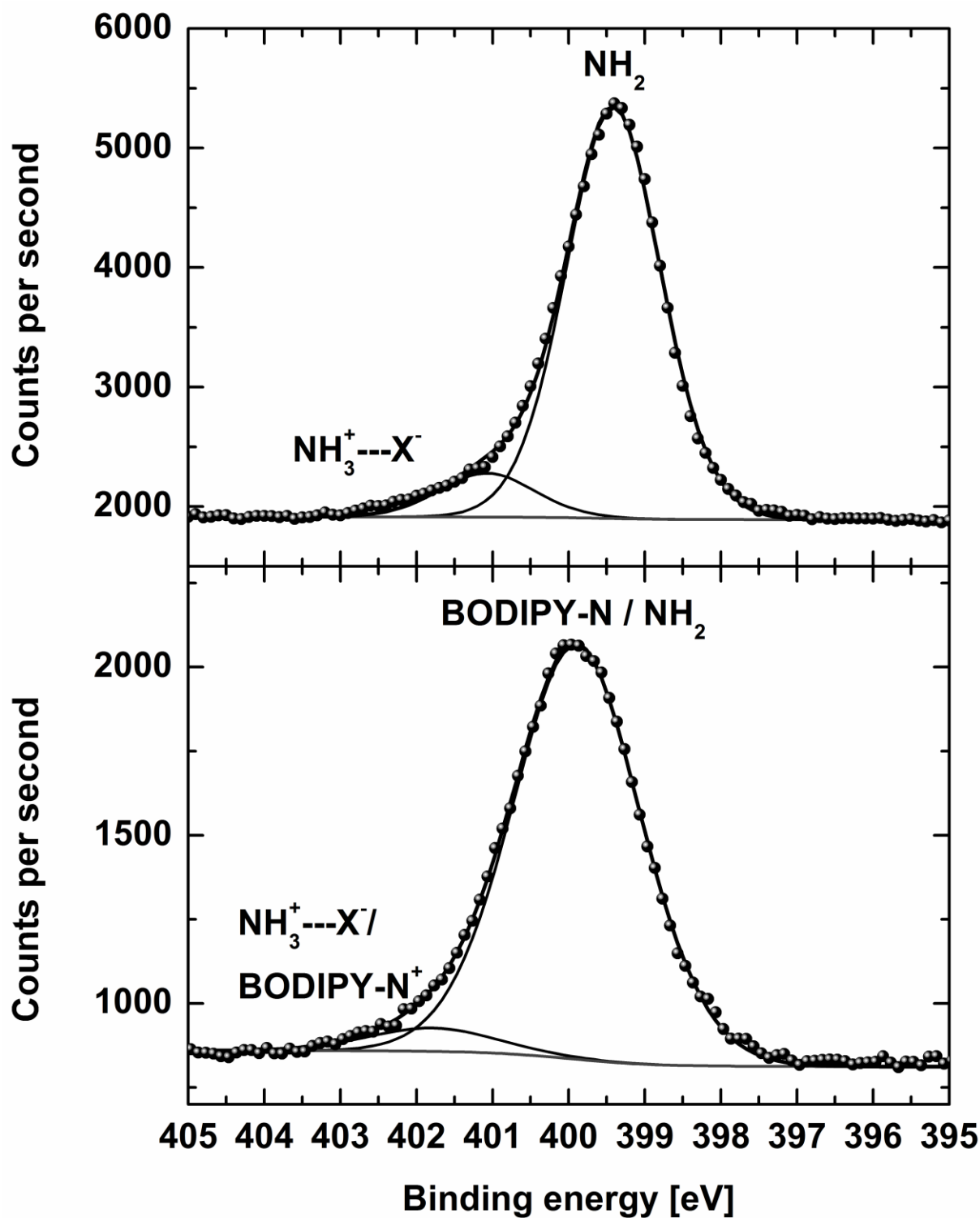
Compound	$\Theta_{\text{py-py}'}^{[a]}$ /Angle [°]	$\Theta_{\text{dp-meso}}^{[b]}$ /Angle [°]	$\Theta_{\text{sty-sty}'}^{[c]}$ /Angle [°]	$\Theta_{\text{dp-sty}}^{[d]}$ /Angle [°]
<b>3</b>	2.8	77.3	20.2	23.7
				23.7
<b>4</b>	2.0	76.9	33.0	48.8
				34.8

[a] py, py' = planes defined by pyrrole rings of BODIPY core (C1–C4,N1 and C5–C9,N2), dp = plane defined by atoms C1–C9,N1,N2,B1 for dp and C10–C15 for *meso*-group, sty, sty' = planes defined by atoms of the aromatic parts of the styryl extensions.

**Table S4.** Total formal XPS elemental composition of investigated slides in at-%.

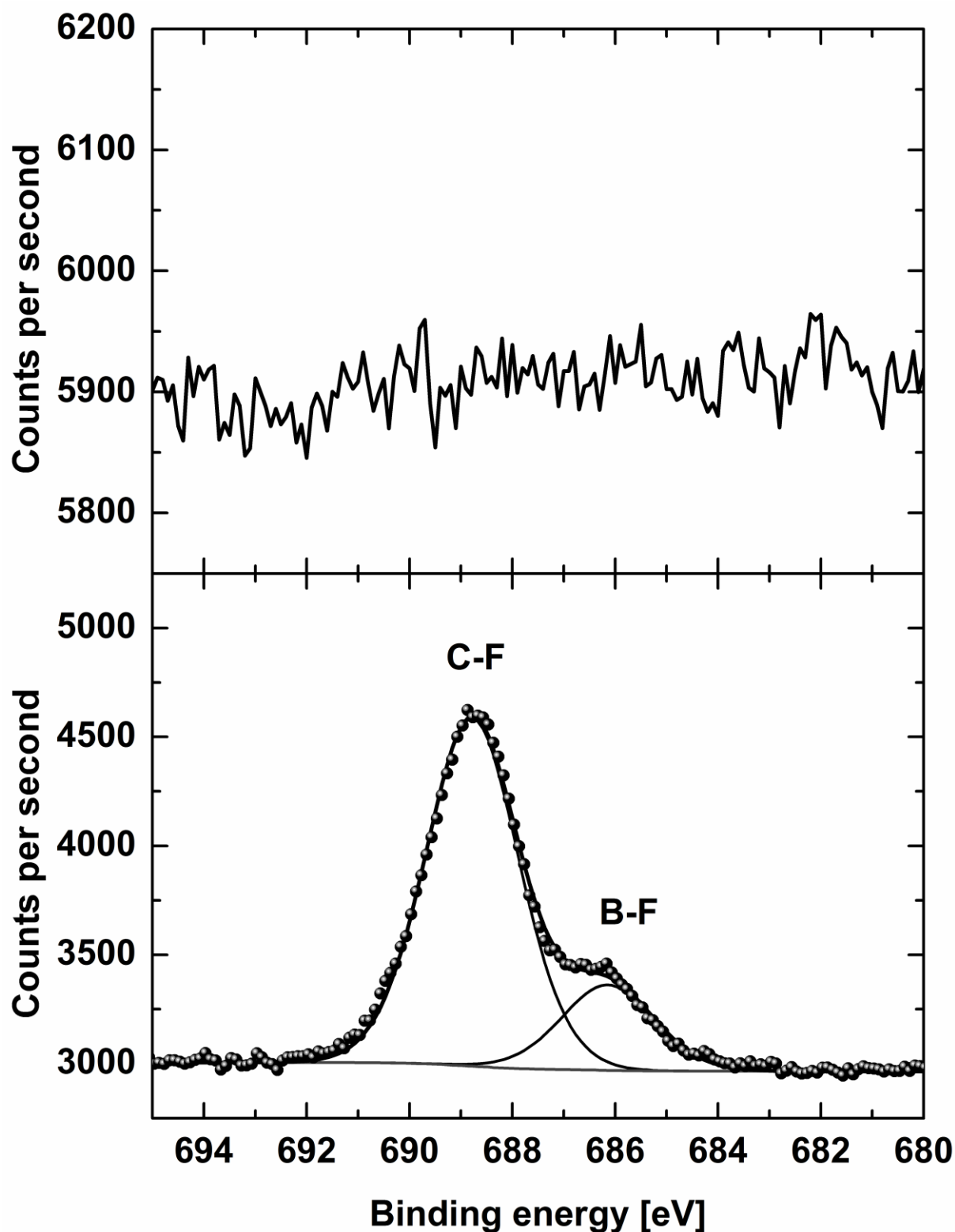
EC <sup>[a]</sup>	bare glass <sup>[b]</sup>	APTES <sup>[c]</sup>	APTES + <b>5</b> (I) <sup>[d]</sup>	APTES + <b>5</b> (II) <sup>[d]</sup>	APTES + <b>5</b> (II) <sup>[e]</sup>	<b>5</b> <sup>[f]</sup>
	A <sup>[g]</sup>	B <sup>[g]</sup>	C <sup>[g]</sup>	D <sup>0</sup> <sup>[g]</sup>	D <sup>60</sup> <sup>[g]</sup>	E <sup>[g]</sup>
C	6.3	51.0	38.6	43.2	50.6	8.9
N	0.5	7.4	6.5	7.0	8.3	1.1
O	63.5	28.2	31.6	27.7	21.1	64.3
Si	21.4	13.1	16.7	14.9	10.5	21.7
F	–	–	2.6	4.7	8.0	–
Na	4.7	0.3	1.8	1.3	1.2	1.5
Ca	1.6	–	–	–	–	0.9
Mg	1.2	–	1.4	0.8	–	0.8
Al	0.9	–	–	–	–	0.9
Zn	–	–	0.6	0.4	0.4	–

[a] EC = elemental composition and atom number ratios. [b] Piranha-cleaned slide. [c] APTES-functionalized slide. [d] Two different APTES-functionalized slides reacted with **5**. [e] Slide D observed at an electron emission angle of 60° instead of 0°; all other measurements also performed at 0°. [f] Piranha-cleaned slide (without APTES), treated with **5** and subjected to normal washing/drying procedure. [g] Slide abbreviation.

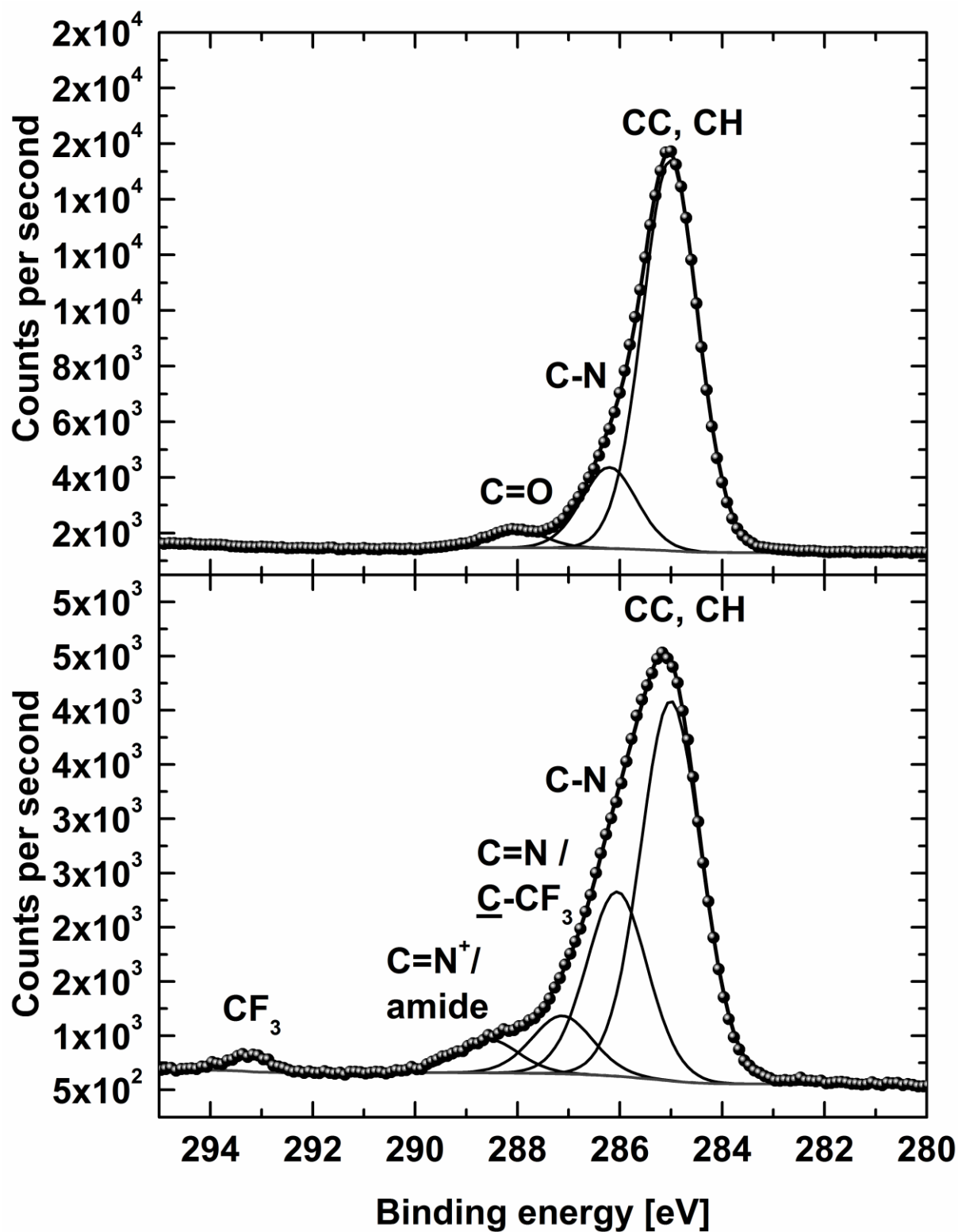


**Figure S2.** XPS high resolution N 1s spectra of the dye covered area of the slides shown in Figure 7, amino-functionalized slide prior to (slide B, top) and after reaction with **5** (slide D, bottom) as described in the main article.

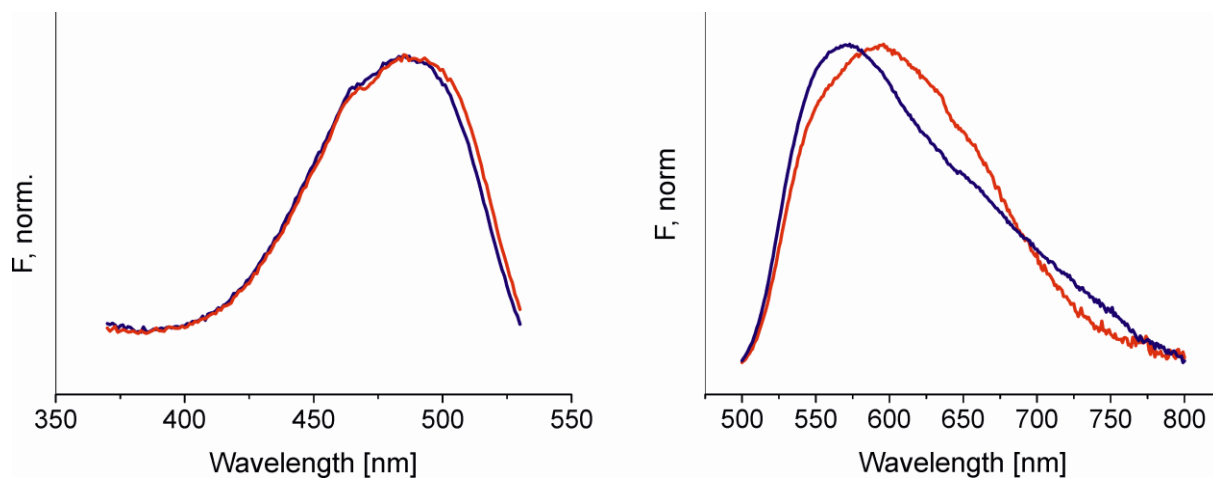




**Figure S3.** XPS high resolution F 1s spectra of the dye covered area of the slides shown in Figure 7, amino-functionalized slide prior to (slide B, top) and after reaction with **5** (slide D, bottom) as described in the main article.



**Figure S4.** XPS high resolution C 1s spectra of the dye covered area of the slides shown in Figure 7, amino-functionalized slide prior to (slide B, top) and after reaction with **5** (slide D, bottom) as described in the main article.



**Figure S5.** Fluorescence excitation (left, observed at 590 nm) and emission (right, excited at 466 nm) spectra of the two **5**-labelled slides discussed in the main text; slide C (blue) and slide D (red).