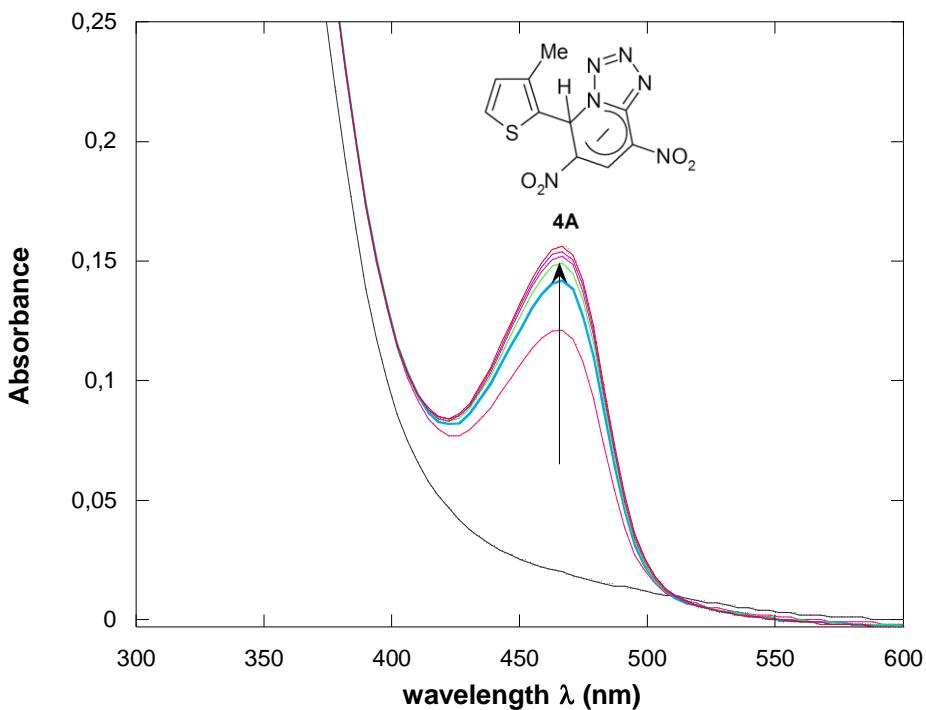
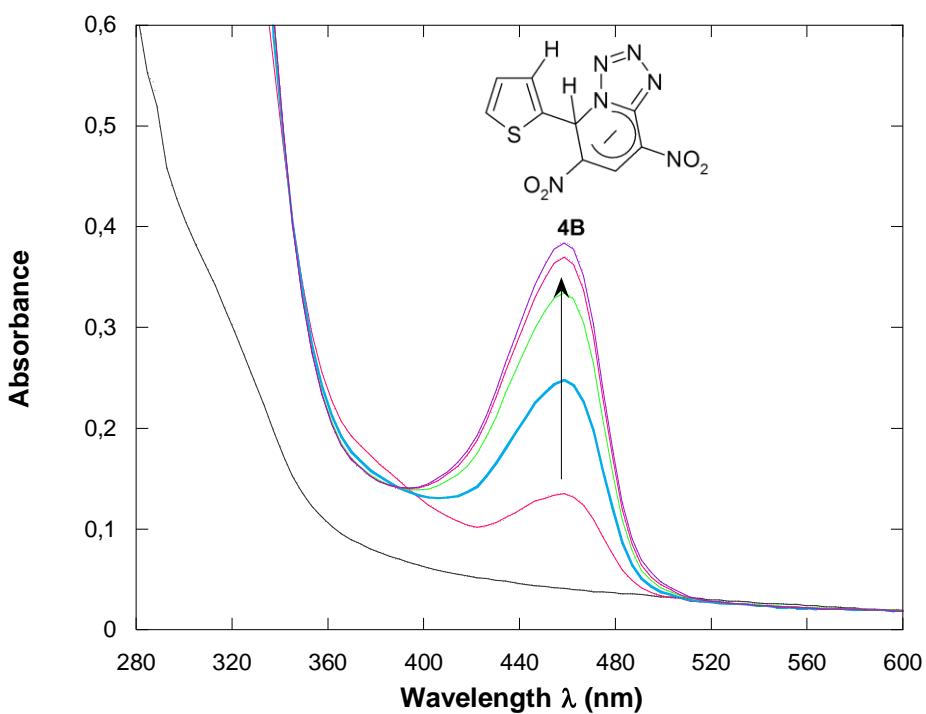


## Supporting Information



**Figure S.1.** UV-visible spectrum of thiophene **1a** and the progressive evolution of the formation of product **4A** in acetonitrile at 20 °C with  $[1\mathbf{a}] = 1 \text{ mol L}^{-1}$  and  $[2\mathbf{a}] = 5.10^{-5} \text{ mol L}^{-1}$



**Figure S.2.** UV-visible spectrum of thiophene **1b** and the progressive evolution of the formation of product **4B** in acetonitrile at 20 °C with  $[1\mathbf{b}] = 1 \text{ mol L}^{-1}$  and  $[2\mathbf{a}] = 5.10^{-5} \text{ mol L}^{-1}$

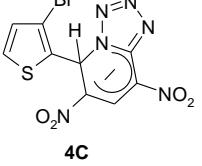
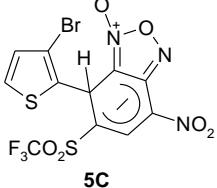
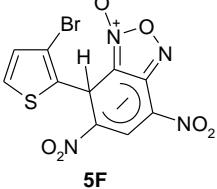
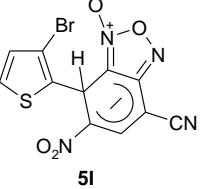
**Table S.1**-Influence of thiophene concentration **1a** on the pseudo-first order rate constants for formation of adducts **4A**, **5A**, **5D** and **5G** in acetonitrile and at 20 ° C.

| $\sigma$ -adduct | [1a] (mol L <sup>-1</sup> ) | k <sub>obsd</sub> ( s <sup>-1</sup> ) |
|------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------|
|                  | 1                           | 4.14 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>               |
|                  | 5 x 10 <sup>-1</sup>        | 2.05 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>               |
|                  | 4 x 10 <sup>-1</sup>        | 1.66 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>               |
|                  | 1 x 10 <sup>-1</sup>        | 5.26 x 10 <sup>-4</sup>               |
|                  | 1                           | 2.71 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>               |
|                  | 8 x 10 <sup>-1</sup>        | 2.08 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>               |
|                  | 6 x 10 <sup>-1</sup>        | 1.68 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>               |
|                  | 4 x 10 <sup>-1</sup>        | 1.12 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>               |
|                  | 1                           | 1.24 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>               |
|                  | 6 x 10 <sup>-1</sup>        | 8.01 x 10 <sup>-4</sup>               |
|                  | 4 x 10 <sup>-1</sup>        | 5.08 x 10 <sup>-4</sup>               |
|                  | 2 x 10 <sup>-1</sup>        | 2.81 x 10 <sup>-5</sup>               |
|                  | 1                           | 3.50 x 10 <sup>-5</sup>               |
|                  | 8 x 10 <sup>-1</sup>        | 2.79 x 10 <sup>-5</sup>               |
|                  | 6 x 10 <sup>-1</sup>        | 1.89 x 10 <sup>-5</sup>               |
|                  | 4 x 10 <sup>-1</sup>        | 1.07 x 10 <sup>-5</sup>               |

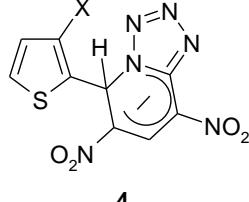
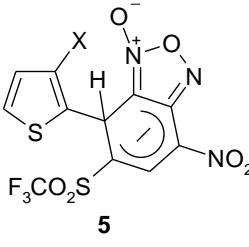
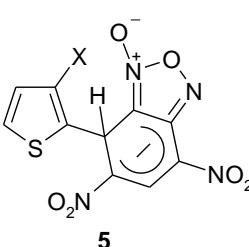
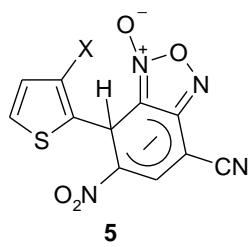
**Table S.2**-Influence of thiophene concentration **1b** on the pseudo-first order rate constants for formation of adducts **4B**, **5B**, **5E** and **5H** in acetonitrile and at 20 ° C.

| $\sigma$ -adduct | [1b] (mol L <sup>-1</sup> ) | k <sub>obsd</sub> ( s <sup>-1</sup> ) |
|------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------|
|                  | 1                           | 1.28 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>               |
|                  | 5 x 10 <sup>-1</sup>        | 6.39 x 10 <sup>-4</sup>               |
|                  | 2 x 10 <sup>-1</sup>        | 2.58 x 10 <sup>-4</sup>               |
|                  | 1 x 10 <sup>-1</sup>        | 1.29 x 10 <sup>-4</sup>               |
|                  | 5 x 10 <sup>-1</sup>        | 3.61 x 10 <sup>-4</sup>               |
|                  | 4 x 10 <sup>-1</sup>        | 2.86 x 10 <sup>-4</sup>               |
|                  | 2 x 10 <sup>-1</sup>        | 1.48 x 10 <sup>-4</sup>               |
|                  | 1 x 10 <sup>-1</sup>        | 7.36 x 10 <sup>-5</sup>               |
|                  | 1                           | 3.42 x 10 <sup>-4</sup>               |
|                  | 8 x 10 <sup>-1</sup>        | 2.69 x 10 <sup>-4</sup>               |
|                  | 5 x 10 <sup>-1</sup>        | 1.67 x 10 <sup>-4</sup>               |
|                  | 2 x 10 <sup>-1</sup>        | 7.19 x 10 <sup>-5</sup>               |
|                  | 1                           | 1.80 x 10 <sup>-5</sup>               |
|                  | 8 x 10 <sup>-1</sup>        | 1.56 x 10 <sup>-5</sup>               |
|                  | 6 x 10 <sup>-1</sup>        | 1.28 x 10 <sup>-5</sup>               |
|                  | 4 x 10 <sup>-1</sup>        | 9.92 x 10 <sup>-6</sup>               |

**Table S.3**-Influence of thiophene concentration **1c** on the pseudo-first order rate constants for formation of adducts **4C**, **5C**, **5F** and **5I** in acetonitrile and at 20 ° C.

| <b>σ-adduct</b>  | <b>[1c] (mol L<sup>-1</sup>)</b>  | <b>k<sub>obsd</sub> ( s<sup>-1</sup>)</b>  |
|--|---|--|
|   | 1<br>8 x 10 <sup>-1</sup><br>6 x 10 <sup>-1</sup><br>4 x 10 <sup>-1</sup> | 3.36 x 10 <sup>-4</sup><br>2.84 x 10 <sup>-4</sup><br>2.05 x 10 <sup>-4</sup><br>1.41 x 10 <sup>-4</sup> |
|   | 1<br>8 x 10 <sup>-1</sup><br>6 x 10 <sup>-1</sup><br>4 x 10 <sup>-1</sup> | 2.27 x 10 <sup>-4</sup><br>1.76 x 10 <sup>-4</sup><br>1.33 x 10 <sup>-4</sup><br>1.00 x 10 <sup>-4</sup> |
|   | 1<br>8 x 10 <sup>-1</sup><br>6 x 10 <sup>-1</sup><br>2 x 10 <sup>-1</sup> | 1.09 x 10 <sup>-4</sup><br>8.35 x 10 <sup>-5</sup><br>6.75 x 10 <sup>-5</sup><br>2.11 x 10 <sup>-5</sup> |
|  | 1<br>8 x 10 <sup>-1</sup><br>6 x 10 <sup>-1</sup><br>4 x 10 <sup>-1</sup> | 4.53 x 10 <sup>-6</sup><br>3.76 x 10 <sup>-6</sup><br>2.69 x 10 <sup>-6</sup><br>1.98 x 10 <sup>-6</sup> |

**Table-S.4-** Values of  $\lambda_{\max}$  and molar extinction coefficients  $\varepsilon$  for  $\sigma$ -adducts **4** and **5** in acetonitrile at 20 ° C.

| $\sigma$ -adduct  |                       | $\lambda_{\max}$ (nm) | $\varepsilon$ (mol <sup>-1</sup> L cm <sup>-1</sup> ) |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|---|
|    | <b>4A</b><br>(X = Me) | 465                   | 15400   |
|   | <b>4B</b><br>(X = H)  | 466                   | 22400   |
|   | <b>4C</b><br>(X = Br) | 467                   | 17100   |
|    | <b>5A</b><br>(X = Me) | 410                   | 67700   |
|   | <b>5B</b><br>(X = H)  | 405                   | 36300   |
|   | <b>5C</b><br>(X = Br) | 410                   | 87100   |
|  | <b>5D</b><br>(X = Me) | 487                   | 34500   |
|   | <b>5E</b><br>(X = H)  | 481                   | 57300   |
|   | <b>5F</b><br>(X = Br) | 481                   | 16400   |
|  | <b>5G</b><br>(X = Me) | 480                   | 5900  |
|   | <b>5H</b><br>(X = H)  | 477                   | 4230  |
|   | <b>5I</b><br>(X = Br) | 476                   | 5100  |