

**Electronic Supplementary Information (ESI)**

**Sudden polarization and zwitterions formation  
as a pseudo Jahn-Teller effect:  
A new insight in photochemistry of alkenes**

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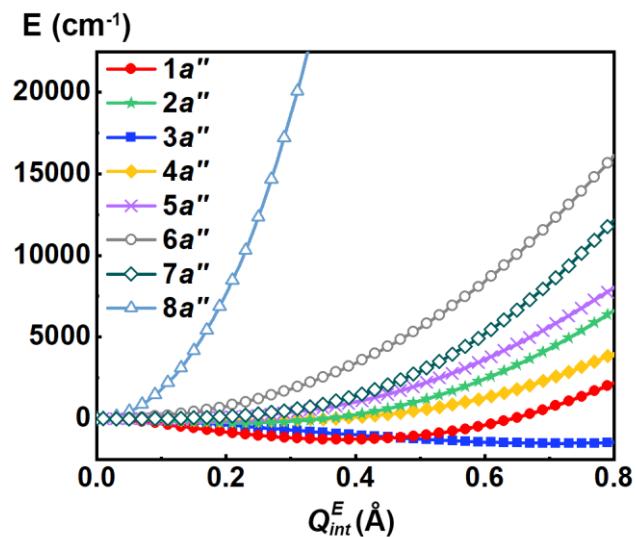


Figure S1. (Color online). Calculated potential energy profiles of the excited state  $S_1$  ( $^1A''$ ) of butadiene along all its  $a''$  polar modes; only four of them contribute to lowering the energy by distortion.

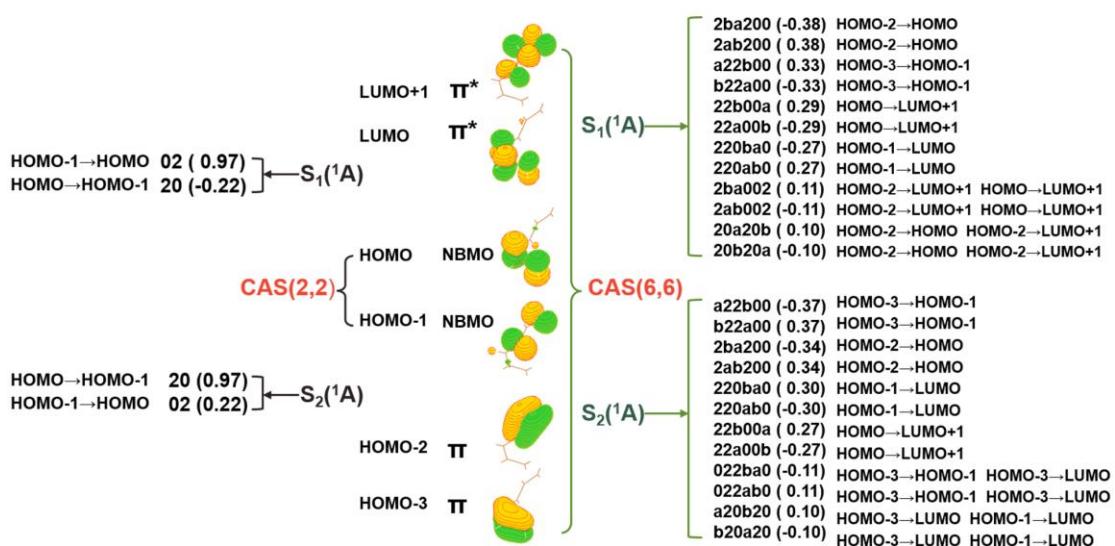


Figure S2. Electronic configuration and corresponding orbital excitations for the S<sub>1</sub>(<sup>1</sup>A) and S<sub>2</sub>(<sup>2</sup>A) states of perpendicular *s-cis,s-trans*-diallyl, calculated with CAS(2,2) (left) and CAS(6,6) (right) methods. The coefficient for each configuration is given in the parentheses. Related molecular orbitals are depicted in the middle of the figure.

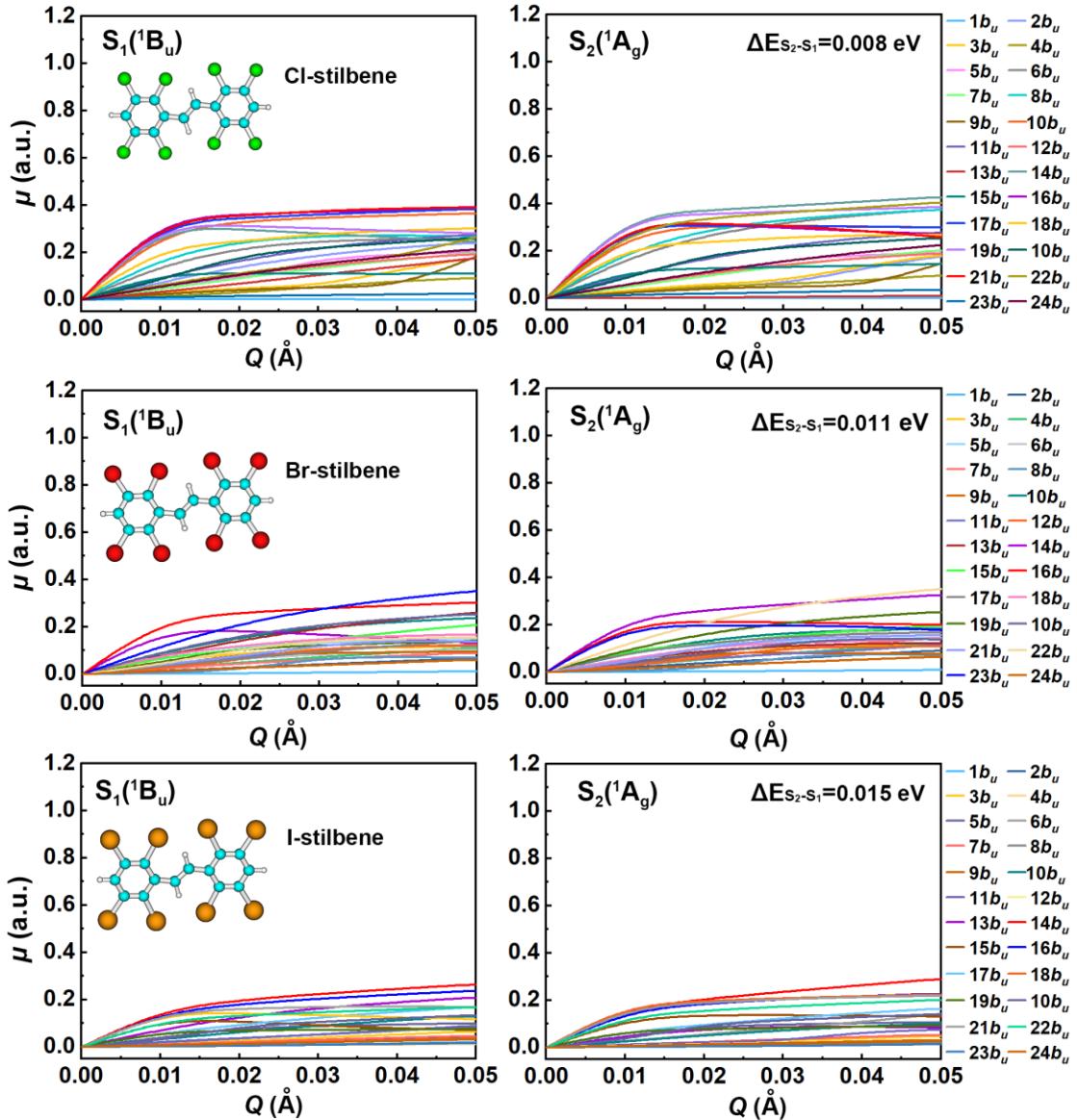


Figure S3. The dipole moment profiles of the  $S_1(^1B_u)$  and  $S_1(^2A_g)$  excited states along all the polar  $b_u$  modes for Cl/Br/I-stilbene. The values of their dipole moments are all much smaller than in F-stilbene, and decline with the increase of the shown energy gaps between the  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  states  $\Delta E_{S_2-S_1}$ .

Table S1. The main electronic configurations (with CI coefficients in parenthesis) and the orbital excitations in the excited  $S_1(^1B)$  state of perpendicular stilbene.

Active space	Electron configuration	Electron transition	Orbitals
<b>CAS(2,2)</b>	ba(-0.71)		
	ab( 0.71)		
<b>CAS(6,6)</b>	22ba00(-0.69)		LUMO+5( $\pi^*$ )
	22ab00( 0.69)		LUMO+4( $\pi^*$ )
<b>CAS(10, 10)</b>	222ba20000(-0.33)	HOMO-2→HOMO	
	222ab20000( 0.33)	HOMO-2→HOMO	LUMO+3( $\pi^*$ )
	22b22a0000( 0.32)	HOMO-3→HOMO-1	LUMO+2( $\pi^*$ )
	22a22b0000(-0.32)	HOMO-3→HOMO-1	
	22220ba000(-0.28)	HOMO-1→LUMO	LUMO+1( $\pi^*$ )
	22220ab000( 0.28)	HOMO-1→LUMO	LUMO( $\pi^*$ )
	2222a00b00(-0.28)	HOMO→LUMO+1	HOMO( $\pi^*$ )
	2222b00a00( 0.28)	HOMO→LUMO+1	HOMO-1( $\pi^*$ )
<b>CAS(14, 14)</b>	22222ba2000000(-0.31)	HOMO-2→HOMO	
	22222ab2000000( 0.31)	HOMO-2→HOMO	HOMO-2( $\pi^*$ )
	2222b22a000000( 0.31)	HOMO-3→HOMO-1	HOMO-3( $\pi^*$ )
	2222a22b000000(-0.31)	HOMO-3→HOMO-1	
	222222b00a0000( 0.26)	HOMO→LUMO+1	HOMO-4( $\pi^*$ )
	222222a00b0000(-0.26)	HOMO→LUMO+1	HOMO-5( $\pi^*$ )
	2222220ba00000(-0.26)	HOMO-1→LUMO	HOMO-6( $\pi^*$ )
	2222220ab00000( 0.26)	HOMO-1→LUMO	HOMO-7( $\pi^*$ )