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Basic photophysical analysis of a thermally activated delayed fluorescence copper(I) complex in solid state: theoretical estimations from a polarizable continuum model (PCM)-tuned range-separated density functional approach

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Table S1. Obtained vital structural parameters for Cu(pop)(pz₂Bph₂) using the different functional methods, and compared to the experimental values.

Parameters	B3LYP	CAM-B3LYP	LC- ω BPE*	LC-BLYP*	Exp. value
The gas state					
R(Cu1–P1)	2.4239	2.3727	2.3086	2.2832	2.2957(6)
R(Cu1–P2)	2.3197	2.2921	2.2557	2.2310	2.2203(6)
R(Cu1–N1)	2.0714	2.0532	2.0353	2.0029	2.0290(20)
R(Cu1–N3)	2.0719	2.0514	2.0352	2.0084	2.0197(18)
\angle P1–Cu1–P2	111.83	112.11	112.66	112.18	109.20(2)
\angle N1–Cu1–N3	94.72	95.17	95.67	97.09	96.45(8)
\angle P1–Cu1–N1	104.05	104.15	103.77	103.08	103.20(10)
\angle P1–Cu1–N3	104.23	104.01	104.74	104.65	107.07(6)
\angle P2–Cu1–N1	124.86	124.56	123.99	124.20	126.94(6)
\angle P2–Cu1–N3	114.32	114.04	113.38	113.06	112.11(6)
MAD ^a	0.0805	0.0450	0.0175	0.0151	
MAD ^b	2.21	2.09	1.89	1.64	
The solution state (CH ₂ Cl ₂)					
R(Cu1–P1)	2.4238	2.3765	2.3239	2.3524	2.2957(6)
R(Cu1–P2)	2.3267	2.2977	2.2672	2.2843	2.2203(6)
R(Cu1–N1)	2.0843	2.0628	2.0429	2.0490	2.0290(20)
R(Cu1–N3)	2.0833	2.0607	2.0429	2.0536	2.0197(18)
\angle P1–Cu1–P2	111.66	111.86	112.51	112.41	109.20(2)
\angle N1–Cu1–N3	93.66	94.37	95.35	95.64	96.45(8)
\angle P1–Cu1–N1	104.74	104.35	104.46	103.88	103.20(10)
\angle P1–Cu1–N3	104.79	104.37	104.59	104.52	107.07(6)
\angle P2–Cu1–N1	124.79	124.67	123.88	123.99	126.94(6)
\angle P2–Cu1–N3	114.42	114.06	113.38	113.63	112.11(6)
MAD ^a	0.0883	0.0577	0.0280	0.0436	
MAD ^b	2.25	2.13	2.08	1.95	
The solid state					
R(Cu1–P1)	2.4196	2.3718	2.3178	2.3343	2.2957(6)
R(Cu1–P2)	2.3245	2.2978	2.2633	2.2721	2.2203(6)
R(Cu1–N1)	2.0812	2.0619	2.0407	2.0424	2.0290(20)
R(Cu1–N3)	2.0799	2.0606	2.0396	2.0378	2.0197(18)
\angle P1–Cu1–P2	111.71	112.20	112.59	112.53	109.20(2)
\angle N1–Cu1–N3	93.92	94.40	95.67	96.16	96.45(8)
\angle P1–Cu1–N1	104.63	104.55	104.61	103.91	103.20(10)
\angle P1–Cu1–N3	104.95	104.99	105.11	104.14	107.07(6)
\angle P2–Cu1–N1	124.64	123.90	123.78	123.89	126.94(6)
\angle P2–Cu1–N3	114.27	114.08	113.46	113.50	112.11(6)
MAD ^a	0.0851	0.0568	0.0241	0.0274	
MAD ^b	2.18	2.21	2.01	1.95	

MAD^a: Mean absolute deviations of bond lengths; MAD^b: Mean absolute deviations of bond angles. The MAD

values are calculated with respect to the corresponding experimental values, $MAD = 1/n \sum_i^n |R_{\text{cal.}} - R_{\text{exp.}}|$.

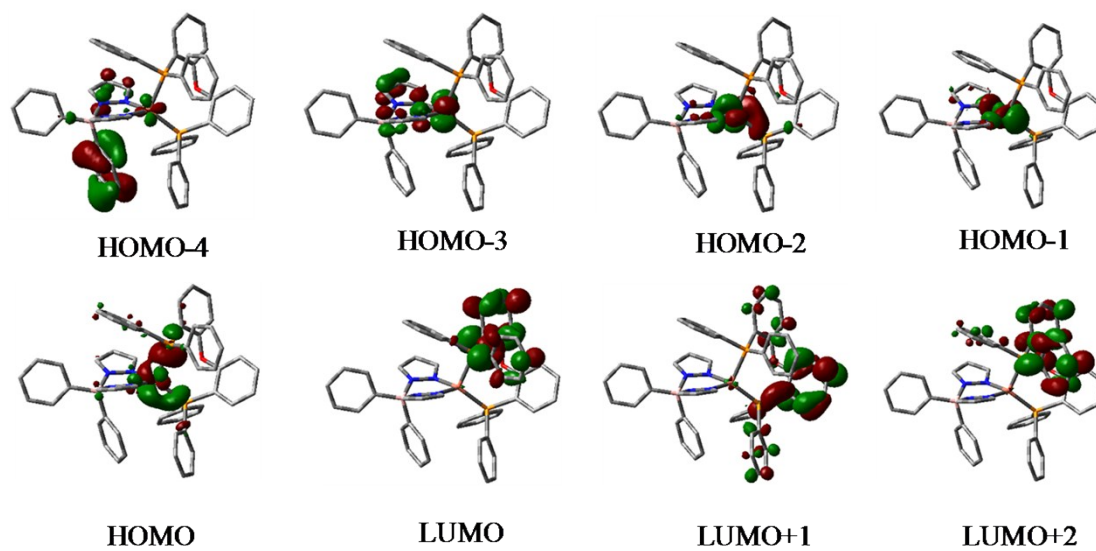


Figure S1. Active transition orbitals of the mononuclear $\text{Cu}(\text{pop})(\text{pz}_2\text{Bph}_2)$ complex in the triplet state.

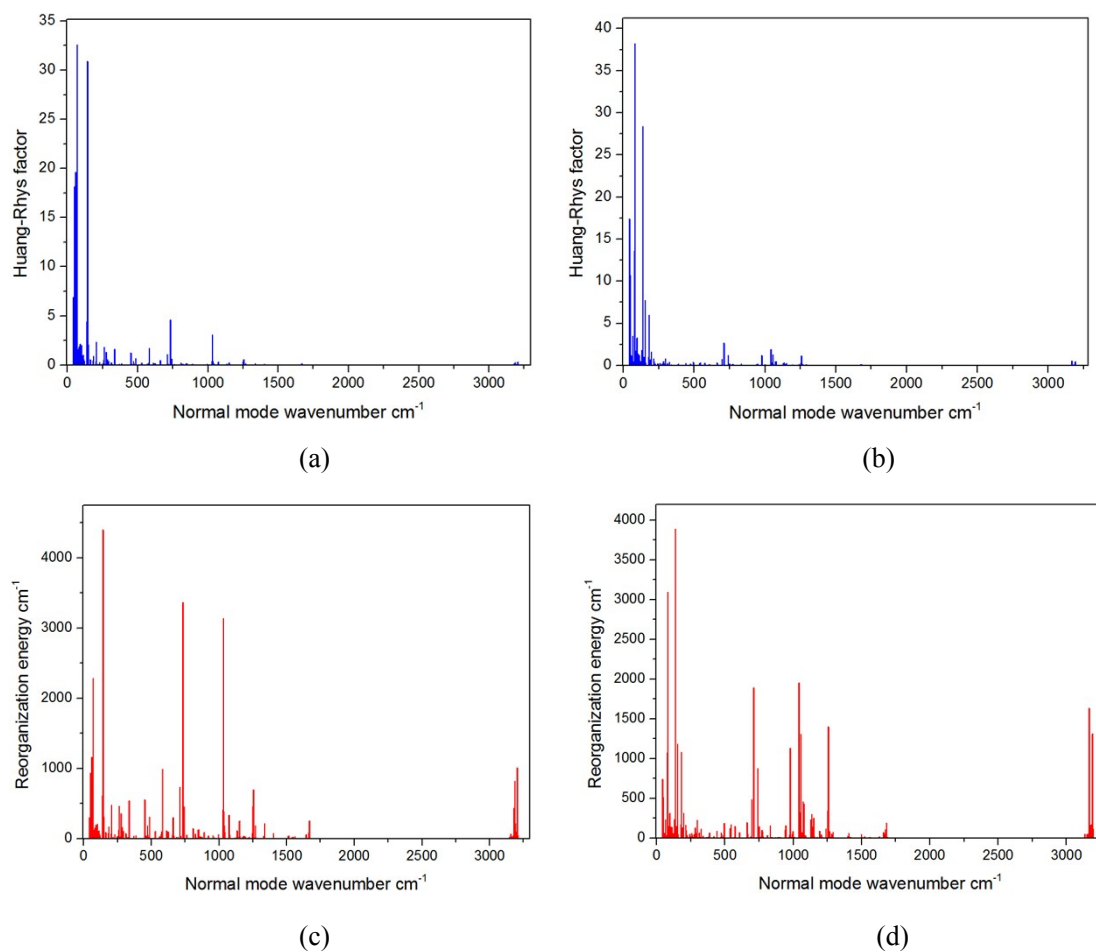


Figure S2. Calculated Huang-Rhys factors and reorganization energies versus the normal modes in term of the corresponding S_0 (a, c) and S_1 (b, d) potential surfaces at the PCM-tuned LC-BLYP* level .

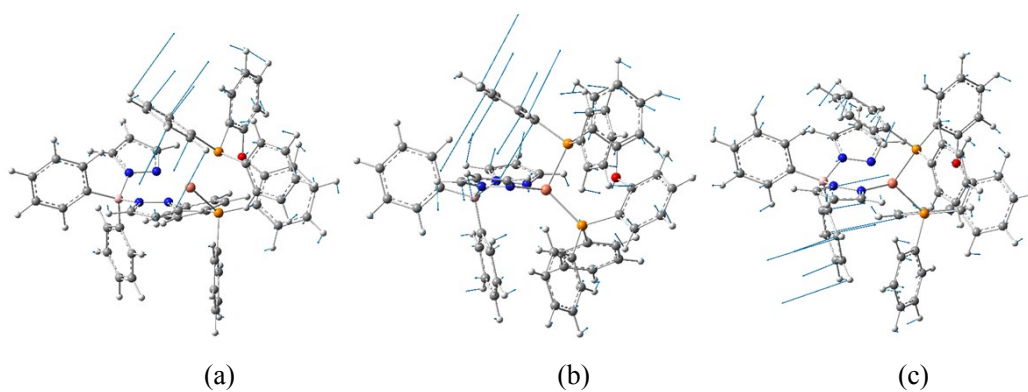


Figure S3. The displacement vectors of three important vibration modes with the largest values of Huang-Rhys factor. a for T_1 state; b and c for the S_1 state.

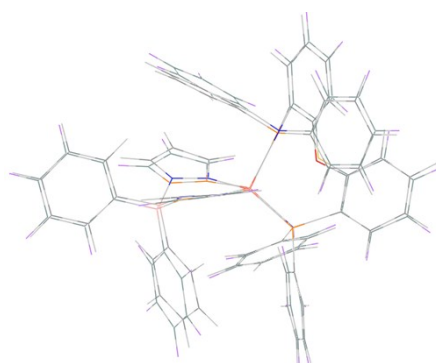


Figure S4. The geometries are intuitive pictures comparing the S_1 and T_1 geometries for the $\text{Cu}(\text{pop})(\text{pz}_2\text{Bph}_2)$ complex in the PCM-tuned LC-BLYP*/6-31+G(d) level.

Table S2. Cartesian coordinate of the PCM-tuned LC-BLYP* optimized ground state and TD-LC-BLYP* optimized excited state geometries using the 6-31+G(d) basis set for the mononuclear $\text{Cu}(\text{pop})(\text{pz}_2\text{Bph}_2)$ complex .

Cartesian coordinates for the S_0 geometry

Center Number	Atomic Number	Atomic Type	Coordinates (Angstroms)		
			X	Y	Z
1	29	0	0.052373	-0.021320	-0.162963
2	15	0	1.479251	-1.889294	-0.070783
3	15	0	1.195158	1.953799	-0.057080
4	8	0	2.697070	0.225628	1.766571
5	7	0	-1.304244	-0.483069	-1.627516
6	7	0	-2.646100	-0.687822	-1.376305
7	7	0	-1.239489	-0.310057	1.407002
8	7	0	-2.573971	-0.614512	1.232734
9	6	0	0.512819	-3.459961	-0.296907
10	6	0	-0.565089	-3.711241	0.586319
11	6	0	-1.388036	-4.833705	0.405947
12	6	0	-1.163260	-5.713021	-0.670326
13	6	0	-0.106515	-5.461985	-1.560966
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17	6	0	4.919876	-3.094189	-2.122363
18	6	0	4.914544	-2.238710	-3.240179

19	6	0	3.891103	-1.286890	-3.386120
20	6	0	2.875841	-1.192128	-2.417828
21	6	0	2.350874	-2.179181	1.553344
22	6	0	2.472356	-3.453386	2.152164
23	6	0	3.086210	-3.616051	3.405742
24	6	0	3.585798	-2.498427	4.096205
25	6	0	3.476900	-1.219740	3.524637
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27	6	0	3.579963	0.736308	0.811001
28	6	0	4.932388	0.366356	0.763004
29	6	0	5.773139	0.967685	-0.189051
30	6	0	5.263853	1.933790	-1.073363
31	6	0	3.904734	2.288983	-1.014855
32	6	0	3.034303	1.694091	-0.077543
33	6	0	0.912811	2.968061	1.473748
34	6	0	1.958156	3.528226	2.238000
35	6	0	1.670469	4.294594	3.382124
36	6	0	0.336502	4.515969	3.767934
37	6	0	-0.709660	3.959843	3.008852
38	6	0	-0.424497	3.182927	1.874145
39	6	0	0.935943	3.203708	-1.409194
40	6	0	0.390966	2.758907	-2.632723
41	6	0	0.181125	3.660179	-3.691352
42	6	0	0.501657	5.019732	-3.532361
43	6	0	1.031788	5.474826	-2.310591
44	6	0	1.247991	4.572905	-1.254982
45	6	0	-1.085832	-0.870024	-2.907039
46	6	0	-2.280525	-1.309432	-3.510173
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24	6	0	4.080122	-2.510360	3.804547
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