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An MS-CASPT2 Study of the Photodecomposition of 4-Methoxyphenyl Azide: Role of Internal Conversion and Intersystem Crossing

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Figure S1. State average active orbitals included in the CAS-SCF wavefunction of 4methoxyphenyl azide. In parenthesis, mean occupation numbers of the state average orbitals.



Figure S2. Active orbitals included in the CAS-SCF wavefunction of 4-methoxyphenyl nitrene. In parenthesis, mean occupation numbers of the state average orbitals.



Figure S3. Active orbitals included in the CAS-SCF wavefunction of 4,4'dimethoxyazobenzene. In parenthesis, mean occupation numbers of the state average orbitals.



Figure S4. MS-CASPT2/ANO-RCC (C_s symmetry) potential energy curves of the ground and low-lying singlet and triplet excited states of 4-methoxyphenyl azide for dissociation into 4-methoxyphenyl nitrene and N₂. Four state-average CAS-SCF wavefunction in each symmetry block. Blue solid line: singlet A'; red solid line: triplet A'; blue dotted line: singlet A"; red dotted line: triplet A". Inset: expanded view of the 2¹A"/2¹A' and 2¹A'/2³A" crossings. Final *R*(N-N₂) = 4.7 Å.



Figure S5. Active orbitals included in the CAS-SCF wavefunction of CI1. In parenthesis, mean occupation numbers of the state averaged orbitals.



Figure S6. Active orbitals included in the CAS-SCF wavefunction of CI2. In parenthesis, mean occupation numbers of the state average orbitals.



Figure S7. Active orbitals included in the CAS-SCF wavefunction of CI2. In parenthesis, mean occupation numbers of the state averaged orbitals.



Figure S8. Active orbitals included in the CAS-SCF wavefunction of CI3. In parenthesis, mean occupation numbers of the state average orbitals.



Figure S9. Active orbitals included in the CAS-SCF wavefunction of ISC1. In parenthesis, mean occupation numbers of the state average orbitals.



Figure S10. Active orbitals included in the CAS-SCF wavefunction of ISC2. In parenthesis, mean occupation numbers of the state average orbitals.



Figure S11. Active orbitals included in the CAS-SCF wavefunction of ISC3. In parenthesis, mean occupation numbers of the state average orbitals.



Figure S12. Multi-state Raman excitation profiles of (a) 4-methoxyphenyl azide; (b) triplet 4methoxyphenyl nitrene; (c) 1^{1} A" 4-methoxyphenyl nitrene; (d) 1^{1} A' 4-methoxyphenyl nitrene; (e) 4,4'-dimethoxyazobenzene.

CAS-SCF Cartesian Coordinates in Angstroms of the Critical Points on the Potential Energy Surfaces of *p*-Methoxyphenyl Azide:

| 111 (D) | Ground State Minimum, 1 ¹ A') | |
|--|--|--|
| N1 | 2.496888 0.0000000 | 0.8149510 |
| C2 | 1.199553 0.0000000 | 0.2409398 |
| C3 | 1.152921 0.000000 | -1.1568965 |
| C4 | 0.013275 0.0000000 | 0.9544298 |
| C5 | -0.059220 0.0000000 | -1.8147732 |
| C6 | -1.218257 0.0000000 | 0.2891129 |
| C7 | -1.258469 0.0000000 | -1.0944310 |
| 08 | -2.389936 0.0000000 | -1.8340958 |
| C9 | -3.630787 0.0000000 | -1.1977521 |
| H10 | 2.072194 0.0000000 | -1.7076011 |
| H11 | 0.014276 0.0000000 | 2.0272770 |
| H12 | -0.101289 0.0000000 | -2.8856678 |
| H13 | -2.115369 0.0000000 | 0.8720036 |
| H14 | -4.375124 0.0000000 | -1.9779406 |
| H15 | -3.763854 0.8841296 | -0.5839424 |
| H16 | -3.763854 -0.8841296 | -0.5839424 |
| N17 | 2.532838 0.0000000 | 2.0449088 |
| N18 | 2.658747 0.0000000 | 3.1652800 |
| | | |
| $\mathbf{M2} (\mathbf{S}_2)$ | Excited State Minimum, 2'A') | |
| N1 | 2.485976 0.000000 | 0.814358 |
| | 1 317160 0 00000 | ~ |
| C2 | 1.2277138 0.000000 | 0.244241 |
| C2 C3 | 1.21/138 0.000000 1.192731 0.000000 | 0.244241 |
| C2 C3 C4 | 1.217138 0.000000 1.192731 0.000000 0.004198 0.000000 | 0.244241 -1.180046 1.004959 |
| C2 C3 C4 C5 | 1.217138 0.00000 1.192731 0.000000 0.004198 0.000000 -0.062189 0.000000 | 0.244241 -1.180046 1.004959 -1.860509 |
| C2 C3 C4 C5 C6 | 1.217138 0.00000 1.192731 0.000000 0.004198 0.000000 -0.062189 0.000000 -1.245474 0.000000 | 0.244241 -1.180046 1.004959 -1.860509 0.321636 |
| C2 C3 C4 C5 C6 C7 | 1.217138 0.00000 1.192731 0.000000 0.004198 0.000000 -0.062189 0.000000 -1.245474 0.000000 -1.263230 0.000000 | 0.244241 -1.180046 1.004959 -1.860509 0.321636 -1.105009 |
| C2 C3 C4 C5 C6 C7 08 | 1.217138 0.00000 1.192731 0.00000 0.004198 0.000000 -0.062189 0.000000 -1.245474 0.000000 -2.394033 0.000000 | 0.244241 -1.180046 1.004959 -1.860509 0.321636 -1.105009 -1.829533 |
| C2 C3 C4 C5 C6 C7 08 C9 | 1.217138 0.00000 1.192731 0.00000 0.004198 0.000000 -0.062189 0.000000 -1.245474 0.000000 -2.394033 0.000000 -3.643499 0.000000 | 0.244241 -1.180046 1.004959 -1.860509 0.321636 -1.105009 -1.829533 -1.203817 |
| C2 C3 C4 C5 C6 C7 08 C9 H10 | 1.217138 0.00000 1.192731 0.00000 0.004198 0.000000 -0.062189 0.000000 -1.245474 0.000000 -2.394033 0.000000 -3.643499 0.000000 2.118182 0.000000 | 0.244241 -1.180046 1.004959 -1.860509 0.321636 -1.105009 -1.829533 -1.203817 -1.715010 |
| C2 C3 C4 C5 C6 C7 08 C9 H10 H11 | $\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$ | 0.244241 -1.180046 1.004959 -1.860509 0.321636 -1.105009 -1.829533 -1.203817 -1.715010 2.074550 |
| C2 C3 C4 C5 C6 C7 08 C9 H10 H11 H12 | 1.217138 0.00000 1.192731 0.00000 0.004198 0.000000 -0.062189 0.000000 -1.245474 0.000000 -2.394033 0.000000 -3.643499 0.000000 0.022567 0.000000 -0.119245 0.000000 | 0.244241 -1.180046 1.004959 -1.860509 0.321636 -1.105009 -1.829533 -1.203817 -1.715010 2.074550 -2.927883 |
| C2 C3 C4 C5 C6 C7 08 C9 H10 H11 H12 H13 | 1.217138 0.00000 1.192731 0.00000 0.004198 0.000000 -0.062189 0.000000 -1.245474 0.000000 -1.263230 0.000000 -2.394033 0.000000 2.118182 0.000000 0.022567 0.000000 -0.119245 0.000000 -2.151363 0.000000 | 0.244241 -1.180046 1.004959 -1.860509 0.321636 -1.105009 -1.829533 -1.203817 -1.715010 2.074550 -2.927883 0.886372 |
| C2 C3 C4 C5 C6 C7 08 C9 H10 H11 H12 H13 H14 | 1.217138 0.00000 1.192731 0.00000 0.004198 0.000000 -0.062189 0.000000 -1.245474 0.000000 -1.263230 0.000000 -2.394033 0.000000 -3.643499 0.000000 0.022567 0.000000 -0.119245 0.000000 -2.151363 0.000000 | 0.244241 -1.180046 1.004959 -1.860509 0.321636 -1.105009 -1.829533 -1.203817 -1.715010 2.074550 -2.927883 0.886372 -1.993531 |
| C2 C3 C4 C5 C6 C7 08 C9 H10 H11 H12 H13 H14 H15 | 1.217138 0.00000 1.192731 0.00000 0.004198 0.000000 -0.062189 0.000000 -1.245474 0.000000 -1.263230 0.000000 -2.394033 0.000000 -3.643499 0.000000 2.118182 0.000000 0.022567 0.000000 -0.119245 0.000000 -2.151363 0.000000 -3.782428 0.884491 | 0.244241 -1.180046 1.004959 -1.860509 0.321636 -1.105009 -1.829533 -1.203817 -1.715010 2.074550 -2.927883 0.886372 -1.993531 -0.593575 |
| C2 C3 C4 C5 C6 C7 08 C9 H10 H11 H12 H13 H14 H15 H16 | 1.217138 0.00000 1.192731 0.00000 0.004198 0.000000 -0.062189 0.000000 -1.245474 0.000000 -1.263230 0.000000 -2.394033 0.000000 -3.643499 0.000000 2.118182 0.000000 0.022567 0.000000 -0.119245 0.000000 -2.151363 0.000000 -3.782428 0.884491 -3.782428 -0.884491 | 0.244241 -1.180046 1.004959 -1.860509 0.321636 -1.105009 -1.829533 -1.203817 -1.715010 2.074550 -2.927883 0.886372 -1.993531 -0.593575 -0.593575 |
| C2 C3 C4 C5 C6 C7 08 C9 H10 H11 H12 H13 H14 H15 H16 N17 | 1.217138 0.00000 1.192731 0.00000 0.004198 0.000000 -0.062189 0.000000 -1.245474 0.000000 -1.263230 0.000000 -2.394033 0.000000 -3.643499 0.000000 2.118182 0.000000 0.022567 0.000000 -0.119245 0.000000 -2.151363 0.000000 -3.782428 0.884491 -3.782428 0.884491 2.534456 0.000000 | 0.244241 -1.180046 1.004959 -1.860509 0.321636 -1.105009 -1.829533 -1.203817 -1.715010 2.074550 -2.927883 0.886372 -1.993531 -0.593575 2.051281 |

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| ISC1 | (Intersystem | Crossing | $Minimum, 2^{+}A'/2^{-}A'')$ | |
| N1 | | 0.109002 | 2 0.000000 | 0.052497 |
| C2 | | 0.012060 | 0.00000 | 1.348920 |
| C3 | | 1.284522 | 0.00000 | 2.047777 |
| C4 | | -1.181582 | 0.00000 | 2.141092 |
| C.5 | | 1.327598 | 3 0.00000 | 3,405038 |
| C6 | | 1 009002 | | 2 520752 |
| | | -1.098002 | 0.000000 | 3.329733 |
| C7 | | 0.133/53 | 0.00000 | 4.1/6952 |
| 08 | | 0.313413 | 3 0.000000 | 5.507602 |
| C9 | | -0.794456 | 5 0.000000 | 6.360949 |
| H1C |) | 2.181675 | 5 0.000000 | 1.462781 |
| H11 | L | -2.135683 | 3 0.000000 | 1.665000 |
| н12 | 2 | 2,265821 | 0.00000 | 3,922913 |
| н13 | } | -2.008950 | 0.00000 | 4.091081 |
| и1 / | | 0 404222 | | 7 365501 |
| П14 111 г | <u>.</u> | -0.404222 | 0.000000 | 7.303301 |
| HIS |) | -1.403541 | -0.884/44 | 0.21/023 |
| N17 | / | -1.379205 | 0.000000 | -0.517833 |
| N18 | } | -2.389649 | 0.000000 | -1.087849 |
| | | | | |
| TECO | (Intorquetom | Crossing | Minimum $2^{1}\Delta t / 1^{3}\Delta w$ | |
| 1502 | (Incersystem | CIUSSING | MIIIIIIIIII, ZA/IA) | 0 005160 |
| NI | | -0.0468/0 | 0.000000 | -0.035160 |
| C2 | | -0.067425 | 0.000000 | 1.370368 |
| C3 | | 1.230934 | l 0.000000 | 1.981305 |
| C4 | | -1.262484 | 4 0.000000 | 2.150627 |
| C5 | | 1.327482 | 0.00000 | 3.419856 |
| C6 | | -1.161130 | 0.00000 | 3.582635 |
| C7 | | 0.143862 | 2 0.00000 | 4,195100 |
| 08 | | 0.323997 | 7 0.00000 | 5.525975 |
| CO | | 0 76604/ | | 6 300173 |
| 1110 | N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N | -0.700944 | | 1 260004 |
| HIU |) | 2.100346 | 0.00000 | 1.300804 |
| HII | <u>_</u> | -2.229192 | 0.000000 | 1.693046 |
| H12 | 2 | 2.274838 | 3 0.000000 | 3.914401 |
| H13 | 3 | -2.050271 | L 0.000000 | 4.172201 |
| H14 | <u>l</u> | -0.356085 | 5 0.000000 | 7.396097 |
| H15 | 5 | -1.379320 | -0.884620 | 6.271566 |
| H16 | 5 | -1.379320 | +0.884620 | 6.271566 |
| N17 | 7 | -1,160736 | 5 0.000000 | -0.590386 |
| N18 | } | -2.107511 | L 0.00000 | -1.156899 |
| | | | | |
| ISC3 | (Intersystem | Crossing | Minimum, $1^{1}A'/1^{3}A''$) | |
| N1 | | 0.044289 | 0.00000 | -0.004226 |
| C2 | | -0.061996 | 5 0.000000 | 1.392499 |
| C3 | | 1.193011 | 0.00000 | 2.033153 |
| C4 | | -1.201802 | 0.00000 | 2.181997 |
| C5 | | 1 281888 | | 3 409457 |
| C5 | | 1 1002/0 | | 2 500025 |
| 07 | | -1.100340 | | 4 200120 |
| 07 | | 0.12/923 | 0.00000 | 4.200130 |
| 08 | | 0.327710 | 0.000000 | 5.540643 |
| C9 | | -0.771167 | 0.000000 | 6.396531 |
| H1C |) | 2.086664 | £ 0.000000 | 1.439973 |
| H11 | L | -2.177959 | 0.00000 | 1.741203 |
| H12 | 2 | 2.239238 | 3 0.000000 | 3.891562 |
| н13 | 3 | -2.015064 | 1 0.000000 | 4.149162 |
| и1 / | - | _0 378054 | | 7 /01201 |
| п14 U1C | | 1 205010 | | 6 250020 |
| | , 1 | -1.303010 | | 0.200030 |
| N17 | | -1.55/602 | | -0.640866 |
| NIN | 5 | -1.319412 | | -1.42/699 |

| CI1 (Conical | Intersection, $2^{1}A''$ | (/2 ¹ A') | |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------|--|-----------|
| N1 | 0 116642 | -0 000004 | 0 053027 |
| C2 | 0 015401 | | 1 352250 |
| C2 | 1 200426 | -0.000001 | 2 0/0/33 |
| CJ | 1 170690 | -0.000000 | 2.049455 |
| C4 C5 | -1.179009 | 0.000001 | 2.140323 |
| 00 | 1 100000 | 0.000001 | 3.407092 |
| C6 | -1.100892 | 0.000001 | 3.533843 |
| C7 | 0.133552 | 0.000001 | 4.1/8/55 |
| 08 | 0.316580 | 0.000002 | 5.511524 |
| C9 | -0.794522 | -0.000001 | 6.366161 |
| H10 | 2.188600 | -0.000001 | 1.461989 |
| H11 | -2.135456 | 0.000001 | 1.667525 |
| H12 | 2.270576 | 0.00003 | 3.929544 |
| H13 | -2.014355 | 0.000002 | 4.094879 |
| H14 | -0.401895 | -0.000003 | 7.372171 |
| H15 | -1.402697 | -0.887118 | 6.221067 |
| H16 | -1.402699 | 0.887116 | 6.221071 |
| N17 | -1.405592 | -0.000001 | -0.525665 |
| N18 | -2.397561 | 0.000001 | -1.134977 |
| | | | |
| CI2 (Conical | Intersection, $2^{3}A''$ | /1 ³ A") | |
| N1 | 0.089811 | -0.000000 | 0.041534 |
| C2 | 0.005621 | -0.000000 | 1.368872 |
| C3 | 1,269017 | -0.000000 | 2.047899 |
| C1 | _1 178269 | _0_00000 | 2 158088 |
| C4 C5 | 1 226606 | -0.000000 | 2.150300 |
| | 1 100020 | 0.000000 | J.41J014 |
| 07 | -1.100829 | -0.000000 | 3.542028 |
| 07 | 0.141168 | -0.000000 | 4.182612 |
| 08 | 0.31/123 | 0.000000 | 5.515214 |
| C9 | -0.795116 | 0.000000 | 6.369625 |
| H10 | 2.163659 | -0.000000 | 1.454914 |
| H11 | -2.135389 | -0.000000 | 1.678503 |
| H12 | 2.268481 | 0.000000 | 3.930343 |
| H13 | -2.011586 | -0.000000 | 4.107093 |
| H14 | -0.401842 | 0.000000 | 7.375312 |
| H15 | -1.402982 | -0.887189 | 6.225049 |
| H16 | -1.402982 | 0.887189 | 6.225049 |
| N17 | -1.328901 | 0.000000 | -0.586309 |
| N18 | -2.389034 | 0.00000 | -1.075055 |
| | | | |
| CI3 $(S_1/S_0 \text{ Cor})$ | nical Intersection | , 1 ¹ A"/1 ¹ A') | |
| N1 | 0.113242 | 0.000015 | -0.013592 |
| C2 | -0.042387 | 0.000009 | 1.399568 |
| C3 | 1.209017 | 0.00003 | 2.041134 |
| C4 | -1,182885 | 0.000010 | 2,157863 |
| C5 | 1,281966 | -0.000007 | 3,420365 |
| C6 | -1.105073 | 0.000006 | 3.567969 |
| C7 | 0 119094 | -0.000005 | 4 197188 |
| 08 | 0 310075 | 0.000005 | 5 5/370/ |
| 00 | 0.01670 | -0.000000 | 5.545704 |
| U9 U10 | -0.801670 | -0.000002 | 0.30/192 |
| | 2.113034 | | 1.40900l |
| H11 H12 | -2.154019 | 0.00001/ | 1./03528 |
| HIZ | 2.23642/ | -0.000015 | 3.912663 |
| H13 | -2.021542 | 0.000009 | 4.124500 |
| H14 | -0.419725 | -0.000001 | 7.398303 |
| H15 | -1.413290 | -0.886111 | 6.240766 |
| H16 | -1.413284 | 0.886111 | 6.240763 |
| N17 | -1.740350 | 0.00002 | -0.759781 |
| N18 | -2.598489 | -0.000040 | -1.436976 |



| Table S1. CAS-SCF internal coordinates of 4-methoxyphenyl azid | of 4-methoxyphenyl azide. ^a | l coord | internal | -SCF | CAS | able S1. |
|---|--|---------|----------|------|-----|----------|
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| Coor. | $M1^{b}$ | M2 ^b | CI1 ^c | CI2 ^c | CI3 ^c | ISC1 ^b | ISC2 ^b | ISC3 ^b |
|---------------------|----------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| R _{1,2} | 1.419 | 1.391 | 1.303 | 1.334 | 1.422 | 1.300 | 1.406 | 1.401 |
| R _{3.2} | 1.399 | 1.424 | 1.453 | 1.429 | 1.406 | 1.452 | 1.435 | 1.409 |
| R ₄ 2 | 1.384 | 1.432 | 1.435 | 1.423 | 1.370 | 1.433 | 1.427 | 1.387 |
| R5 3 | 1.379 | 1.428 | 1.358 | 1.371 | 1.381 | 1.358 | 1.442 | 1.379 |
| R64 | 1.400 | 1.424 | 1.390 | 1.387 | 1.412 | 1.391 | 1.436 | 1.402 |
| R7 5 | 1.399 | 1.419 | 1.426 | 1.412 | 1.398 | 1.422 | 1.415 | 1.399 |
| R 8 7 | 1.352 | 1.343 | 1.345 | 1.344 | 1.360 | 1.343 | 1.343 | 1.355 |
| Ros | 1.395 | 1.397 | 1.402 | 1.402 | 1.396 | 1.398 | 1.397 | 1.393 |
| R _{10.3} | 1.072 | 1.069 | 1.073 | 1.073 | 1.075 | 1.071 | 1.068 | 1.073 |
| R _{11.4} | 1.073 | 1.070 | 1.069 | 1.071 | 1.072 | 1.066 | 1.070 | 1.071 |
| R _{12.5} | 1.072 | 1.069 | 1.074 | 1.073 | 1.074 | 1.072 | 1.069 | 1.072 |
| R _{13.6} | 1.070 | 1.068 | 1.072 | 1.072 | 1.072 | 1.070 | 1.067 | 1.070 |
| $R_{14,9}$ | 1.078 | 1.078 | 1.080 | 1.080 | 1.081 | 1.078 | 1.078 | 1.079 |
| R159 | 1.085 | 1.084 | 1.085 | 1.085 | 1.087 | 1.084 | 1.083 | 1.085 |
| R _{16.0} | 1.085 | 1.084 | 1.085 | 1.085 | 1.087 | 1.084 | 1.083 | 1.085 |
| $R_{17,1}$ | 1.230 | 1.238 | 1.629 | 1.558 | 1.998 | 1.594 | 1.245 | 1.724 |
| R ₁₈ 17 | 1.127 | 1.127 | 1.164 | 1.171 | 1.093 | 1.160 | 1.103 | 1.095 |
| A321 | 115.778 | 115.178 | 114.214 | 114.638 | 110.859 | 114.500 | 114.361 | 112.692 |
| A121 | 125.108 | 123.710 | 128.064 | 127.256 | 129.904 | 127.847 | 123.979 | 129.060 |
| A532 | 120.401 | 119.451 | 120.449 | 120.693 | 120.171 | 120.594 | 119.039 | 120.738 |
| A642 | 120.596 | 119.236 | 120.357 | 120.470 | 120.461 | 120.126 | 119.092 | 120.887 |
| A754 | 60.508 | 59.156 | 59.410 | 59.593 | 60.865 | 59.622 | 59.331 | 60.717 |
| A 8 7 5 | 115.835 | 115.180 | 114.944 | 115.372 | 115.671 | 115.196 | 115.516 | 115.941 |
| A987 | 119.676 | 120.751 | 119.747 | 119.968 | 119.115 | 119.916 | 120.966 | 119.437 |
| A10 3 2 | 119.014 | 119.048 | 118.144 | 118.293 | 120.135 | 118.117 | 119.285 | 119.382 |
| A ₁₁ 4 2 | 120.971 | 121.110 | 119.773 | 119.700 | 121.309 | 119.910 | 121.529 | 120.989 |

^aIntenuclear distance in Ångstrom, valence bond and dihedral angles in degrees. ^bANO-RCC (C,N,O[4s3p2d1f]/H[3s2p1d]). ^cANO-RCC (C,N,O[3s2p1d]/H[2s1p]).

| Coor. | M1 ^b | M2 ^b | CI1 ^c | CI2 ^c | CI3 ^c | ISC1 ^b | ISC2 ^b | ISC3 ^b |
|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| A1257 | 118.742 | 119.112 | 118.118 | 118.443 | 118.972 | 118.217 | 119.210 | 118.853 |
| A13.6.7 | 121.349 | 121.227 | 120.858 | 120.930 | 121.528 | 120.640 | 121.311 | 121.312 |
| $A_{14,9,8}$ | 106.503 | 106.308 | 106.247 | 106.178 | 106.494 | 106.376 | 106.276 | 106.591 |
| A1598 | 111.558 | 111.521 | 111.264 | 111.292 | 111.529 | 111.359 | 111.572 | 111.617 |
| A16.9.8 | 111.558 | 111.521 | 111.264 | 111.292 | 111.528 | 111.359 | 111.572 | 111.617 |
| $A_{17,1,2}$ | 115.541 | 116.440 | 106.359 | 110.317 | 105.643 | 106.692 | 115.657 | 107.323 |
| A 18 17 1 | 175.262 | 174.201 | 169.255 | 179.138 | 163.649 | 171.540 | 175.600 | 155.749 |
| $D_{4,2,1,3}$ | 180.000 | 180.000 | 180.000 | -180.000 | 180.000 | 180.000 | 180.000 | 180.000 |
| $D_{5,3,2,4}$ | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 |
| $D_{6,4,2,3}$ | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 |
| D_{7542} | 180.000 | 180.000 | 180.000 | 180.000 | 180.000 | 180.000 | 180.000 | 180.000 |
| D_{8756} | 180.000 | 180.000 | 180.000 | 180.000 | 180.000 | 180.000 | 180.000 | 180.000 |
| D9876 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 |
| $D_{10,3,2,5}$ | 180.000 | 180.000 | 180.000 | -180.000 | 180.000 | 180.000 | 180.000 | 180.000 |
| D_{11426} | 180.000 | 180.000 | 180.000 | 180.000 | 180.000 | 180.000 | 180.000 | 180.000 |
| D_{12573} | 180.000 | 180.000 | 180.000 | -180.000 | 180.000 | 180.000 | 180.000 | 180.000 |
| $D_{13,6,7,4}$ | 180.000 | 180.000 | 180.000 | 180.000 | 180.000 | 180.000 | 180.000 | 180.000 |
| $D_{14,9,8,7}$ | 180.000 | 180.000 | 180.000 | 180.000 | - | 180.000 | 180.000 | 180.000 |
| D_{159814} | -118.770 | -118.660 | -118.706 | -118.661 | 100 000 | -118.766 | -118.599 | -118.795 |
| $D_{16,9,8,14}$ | 118.770 | 118.660 | 118.706 | 118.661 | 118.760 | 118.766 | 118.599 | 118.795 |
| D_{17123} | 180.000 | 180.000 | 180.000 | 180.000 | 179.999 | 180.000 | 180.000 | 180.000 |
| $D_{18,17,1,2,3}$ | 180.000 | 180.000 | 180.000 | 179.995 | - | 180.000 | 180.000 | 180.000 |

Table S1. continuation

^aIntenuclear distance in Ångstrom, valence bond and dihedral angles in degrees. ^bANO-RCC (C,N,O[4s3p2d1f]/H[3s2p1d]). ^cANO-RCC (C,N,O[3s2p1d]/H[2s1p]).



| Table 52. CAS-SCF Internal coordinates of 4-methoxybreny |
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| Coor. | 1 ³ A" ^b | 1 ¹ A" ^b | $1^{1}A'^{b}$ | $2^{1}A'$ | $2^{1}A'/2^{3}A''$ | $4^{1}A/3^{1}A$ |
|---------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------|-----------|--------------------|-----------------|
| R _{1.2} | 1.345 | 1.290 | 1.346 | 1.388 | 1.337 | 1.330 |
| R _{3.2} | 1.428 | 1.469 | 1.426 | 1.406 | 1.421 | 1.433 |
| R_{42} | 1.419 | 1.468 | 1.417 | 1.393 | 1.436 | 1.437 |
| R _{5 3} | 1.371 | 1.354 | 1.370 | 1.382 | 1.410 | 1.419 |
| R _{6.4} | 1.386 | 1.368 | 1.381 | 1.396 | 1.410 | 1.417 |
| R _{7 5} | 1.409 | 1.430 | 1.407 | 1.396 | 1.400 | 1.393 |
| R _{8 7} | 1.347 | 1.344 | 1.330 | 1.355 | 1.353 | 1.354 |
| R9.8 | 1.397 | 1.398 | 1.403 | 1.394 | 1.394 | 1.394 |
| R _{10.3} | 1.072 | 1.071 | 1.072 | 1.072 | 1.070 | 1.070 |
| R _{11.4} | 1.072 | 1.071 | 1.072 | 1.072 | 1.070 | 1.070 |
| R _{12.5} | 1.072 | 1.072 | 1.072 | 1.072 | 1.071 | 1.071 |
| R _{13.6} | 1.070 | 1.070 | 1.069 | 1.070 | 1.070 | 1.069 |
| R _{14,9} | 1.078 | 1.078 | 1.077 | 1.078 | 1.078 | 1.078 |
| R_{159} | 1.084 | 1.084 | 1.083 | 1.085 | 1.085 | 1.085 |
| R _{16.9} | 1.084 | 1.084 | 1.083 | 1.085 | 1.085 | 1.085 |
| A3 2 1 | 120.818 | 121.399 | 121.708 | 119.600 | 120.796 | 121.044 |
| A4 2 1 | 120.835 | 121.483 | 120.930 | 120.788 | 120.806 | 120.869 |
| A532 | 120.207 | 120.221 | 121.242 | 119.581 | 119.876 | 119.811 |
| A642 | 120.709 | 120.726 | 121.898 | 120.002 | 120.082 | 120.201 |
| A754 | 59.627 | 58.789 | 59.141 | 60.672 | 60.131 | 60.250 |
| A875 | 115.431 | 115.096 | 115.226 | 115.898 | 115.533 | 115.733 |
| A9 8 7 | 120.016 | 120.125 | 120.943 | 119.562 | 119.747 | 119.862 |
| A10.3.2 | 119.023 | 118.271 | 117.599 | 120.287 | 119.773 | 119.736 |
| A11 4 2 | 119.023 | 118.217 | 117.398 | 120.358 | 119.646 | 119.603 |
| A12 5 7 | 118.274 | 117.671 | 118.199 | 118.789 | 118.876 | 118.947 |
| A13.6.7 | 120.925 | 120.436 | 120.905 | 121.251 | 121.165 | 121.174 |
| A _{14,9,8} | 106.394 | 106.390 | 106.069 | 106.543 | 106.486 | 106.466 |
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|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| Coor. | 1 ³ A" ^b | 1 ¹ A" ^b | 1 ¹ A' ^b | 2 ¹ A' | $2^{1}A'/2^{3}A''$ | $4^{1}A/3^{1}A$ |
| A_{1598} | 111.496 | 111.449 | 111.229 | 111.607 | 111.590 | 111.627 |
| A16.9.8 | 111.496 | 111.449 | 111.229 | 111.607 | 111.590 | 111.627 |
| $D_{4,2,1,3}$ | 180.000 | 180.000 | 180.000 | 180.000 | 180.000 | 180.000 |
| $D_{5,2,2,4}$ | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 |
| $D_{6,4,2,2}$ | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 |
| $D_{7,5,4,2,3}$ | 180.000 | 180.000 | 180.000 | 180.000 | 180.000 | 180.000 |
| Do 7.5.6 | 180.000 | 180.000 | 180.000 | 180.000 | 180.000 | 180.000 |
| $D_{0,7,5,0}$ | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 180.000 |
| $D_{10,2,2,5}$ | 180.000 | 180.000 | 180.000 | 180.000 | 180.000 | 0.000 |
| $D_{10,3,2,3}$ | 180.000 | 180.000 | 180.000 | 180.000 | 180.000 | 180.000 |
| $D_{11,4,2,0}$ | 180.000 | 180.000 | 180.000 | 180.000 | 180.000 | 180.000 |
| $D_{12,5,7,5}$ | 180.000 | 180.000 | 180.000 | 180.000 | 180.000 | 180.000 |
| $D_{13,6,7,4}$ $D_{14,9,8,7}$ | 180.000 | 180.000 | 180.000 | 180.000 | 180.000 | 180.000 |
| $D_{15,0,0,14}$ | -118.721 | -118.727 | -118.683 | -118.769 | -118.741 | -118.707 |
| $D_{16,9,8,14}$ | 118.721 | 118.727 | 118.683 | 118.769 | 118.741 | 118.707 |
| - 10,2,0,14 | | | | | | |

Table S2. Continuation

^aIntenuclear distance in Ångstrom, valence bond and dihedral angles in degrees. ^bANO-RCC (C,N,O[4s3p2d1f]/H[3s2p1d]).



| Table | S3. | Definition | of redundant | internal | coordinates | of 4.4 | 4'-dimethoxy | vazobenzene |
|-------|-----|------------|--------------|----------|-------------|--------|--------------|-------------|
| | | | | | | ~ ~ | | , |

| N^{o} | Coor. | Connectivity | type |
|---------|----------------|-------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1 | r_1 | 9-14 | ν (C-H) _{methyl} |
| 2 | r_2 | 9-15 | ν (C-H) _{methyl} |
| 3 | r3 | 9-16 | v(C-H) methyl |
| 4 | r _A | 3-10 | $v(C-H)_{ring}$ |
| 5 | r ₅ | 4-11 | ν (C-H), ing |
| 6 | r y | 5-12 | v(C-H) |
| 7 | r ₀ | 6-13 | v(C-H) |
| 8 | r / | 7-8 | $v(C-\Omega)$ |
| 9 | 18 | 8-9 | v(C-O) |
| 10 | <i>r</i> 9 | 2-1 | $v(0-CH_3)$ |
| 11 | r_{10} | 1-17 | $V(N-C_{ring})$ V(N-N) |
| 12 | r_{12} | 17-18 | v(N-N) |
| 13 | R_1 | 2-3 | v(C-C) |
| 14 | R_2 | 3-5 | v(C-C) |
| 15 | R_3 | 5-7 | v(C-C) |
| 16 | R_4 | 7-6 | v(C-C) |
| 17 | R_5 | 4-2 | v(C-C) |
| 18 | R_6 | 6-4 | v(C-C) |
| 19 | β_1 | [10-3-2]-[10-3-5] | $\delta(C-H)_{ring}$ |
| 20 | β_2 | [12-5-7]-[12-5-3] | $\delta(C-H)_{ring}$ |
| 21 | β_3 | [13-6-7]-[13-6-4] | $\delta(\text{C-H})_{\text{ring}}$ |
| 22 | β_4 | [11-4-2]-[11-4-6] | δ(C-H) _{ring} |
| 23 | β ₅ | [8-7-5]-[8-7-6] | δ(O-C-C) |
| 24 | β_6 | [1-2-3]-[1-2-4] | δ(N-C-C) |

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|----------|------------------|--------------------|------------------------------------|
| 25 | β ₇ | 9-8-7 | δ(C-O-C) |
| 26 | β_8 | 2-1-17 | δ(C-N-N) |
| 27 | β9 | 1-17-18 | δ(N-N-N) |
| 28 | α_1 | 15-9-16 | $\delta(\text{H-C-H})_{methyl}$ |
| 29 | α_2 | 14-9-16 | δ (H-C-H) _{methyl} |
| 30 | α_3 | 14-9-15 | δ (H-C-H) _{methyl} |
| 31 | α'_1 | 14-9-8 | δ (O-C-H) _{methyl} |
| 32 22 | α'_2 | 15-9-8 | δ (O-C-H) _{methyl} |
| 24 | α'3 | 5.7.6 | $\delta(O-C-H)_{methyl}$ |
| 34 | α_4 | 5-7-0 | $\delta(C-C-C)_{ring}$ |
| 35 | α_5 | 7-6-4 | $\delta(C-C-C)_{ring}$ |
| 36 | α_6 | 6-4-2 | $\delta(C-C-C)_{ring}$ |
| 37 | α_7 | 4-2-3 | $\delta(C-C-C)_{ring}$ |
| 38 | α_8 | 2-3-5 | δ (C-C-C) _{ring} |
| 39 | α9 | 3-5-7 | δ (C-C-C) _{ring} |
| 40 | γ_1 | 13-6-7-4 | γ(C-H) |
| 41 | γ_2 | 11-4-6-2 | γ(C-H) |
| 42 | γ_3 | 10-3-2-5 | γ(C-H) |
| 43 | γ_4 | 12-5-3-7 | γ(C-H) |
| 44 | γ_5 | 1-2-4-3 | γ(C-N) |
| 45 | γ ₆ | 8-7-5-6 | γ(O-C) |
| 46 | Γ_l | (5,8)-7-6-(4-13) | Γ(CC) |
| 47 | Γ_2 | (7,13)-6-4-(11-2) | Γ(CC) |
| 48 | Γ_3 | (6,11)-4-2-(3-1) | Γ(CC) |
| 49 | Γ_4 | (4,1)-2-3-(5-10) | Γ(CC) |
| 50 | Γ_{5} | (2,10)-3-5-(7-12) | Γ(CC) |
| 51 | Γ ₆ | (3,12)-5-7-(6-8) | Γ(CC) |
| 52 | Γ_7 | (5,6)-7-8-(9) | Γ(ΟC) |
| 53 | Γ_{8} | (14,15,16)-9-8-(7) | Γ(CO) |
| 54 | Γa | (3,4)-1-2-(17) | F(CN) |
| 55 | Γ_{10} | (2)-1-17-(18) | $\Gamma(NN)$ |
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Table S3. Continuation

| Coordinate | type | Definition | Wilson |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------|--|--------|
| q_1q_3 | ν (C-H) _{methyl} | r_1r_3 | |
| q_4q_7 | ν (C-H) _{ring} | <i>r</i> 4 <i>r</i> ₇ | |
| q_8 | v(C-O) | <i>r</i> ₈ | |
| q_9 | ν(O-CH ₃) | <i>P</i> 9 | |
| q_{10} | ν (N-C _{ring}) | r_{10} | |
| q_{11} | ν(N-N) | r_{11} | |
| q_{12} | ν(N-N) | <i>r</i> ₁₂ | |
| q_{13} | v(C-C) | $6^{-1/2}(R_1 + R_2 + R_3 + R_4 + R_5 + R_6)$ | 1 |
| q_{14} | v(C-C) | $12^{-1/2}(-R_1+2R_2-R_3-R_4+2R_5-R_6)$ | 8a |
| q_{15} | v(C-C) | $2^{-1}(-R_1+R_3-R_4+R_6)$ | 8b |
| q_{16} | v(C-C) | $6^{-1/2}(R_1-R_2+R_3-R_4+R_5-R_6)$ | 14 |
| q_{17} | v(C-C) | $2^{-1}(R_1-R_3-R_4+R_6)$ | 19a |
| q_{18} | v(C-C) | $2^{-1/2}(R_2-R_6)$ | 19b |
| q_{19} | $\delta(C-H)_{ring}$ | $2^{-1}(\beta_1+\beta_2+\beta_3+\beta_4)$ | 9a |
| q_{20} | $\delta(C-H)_{ring}$ | $2^{-1}(\beta_1+\beta_2-\beta_3-\beta_4)$ | 15 |
| q_{21} | $\delta(C-H)_{ring}$ | $2^{-1}(\beta_1-\beta_2+\beta_3-\beta_4)$ | 3 |
| q_{22} | $\delta(C-H)_{ring}$ | $2^{-1}(\beta_1-\beta_2-\beta_3+\beta_4)$ | 18a |
| q_{23} | δ(O-C-C) | β_5 | |
| q_{24} | δ(N-C-C) | β_6 | |
| q_{25} | δ(C-O-C) | β_7 | |
| q_{26} | δ(C-N-N) | β_8 | |
| q_{27} | δ(N-N-N) | β9 | |
| q_{28} | $\delta(C-H)_{methyl}$ | $6^{-1/2}(\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + \alpha_3 + \alpha'_1 - \alpha'_2 - \alpha'_3)$ | |
| q_{29} | $\delta(C-H)_{methyl}$ | $6^{-1/2}(2\alpha_1 - \alpha_2 - \alpha_3)$ | |
| q_{30} | $\delta(C-H)_{methyl}$ | $2^{-1/2}(\alpha_2 - \alpha_3)$ | |
| q_{31} | $\delta(C-H)_{methyl}$ | $6^{-1/2}(2\alpha'_{1}-\alpha'_{2}-\alpha'_{3})$ | |
| q_{32} | $\delta(C-H)_{methyl}$ | $2^{-1/2}(\alpha'_2 - \alpha'_3)$ | |
| <i>q</i> ₃₃ | δ(C-C-C) | $6^{-1/2}(\alpha_4 - \alpha_5 + \alpha_6 - \alpha_7 + \alpha_8 - \alpha_9)$ | 12 |
| q_{34} | δ(C-C-C) | $12^{-1/2}(2\alpha_4-\alpha_5-\alpha_6+2\alpha_7-\alpha_8-\alpha_9)$ | 6a |
| q_{35} | δ(C-C-C) | $2^{-1}(\alpha_5 - \alpha_6 + \alpha_8 - \alpha_9)$ | 6b |
| <i>q</i> ₃₆₃₉ | γ(С-Н) | $\gamma_1 \dots \gamma_4$ | |
| q_{40} | γ(C-N) | γ_5 | |
| q_{41} | γ(O-C) | γ6 | |
| q_{42} | Γ(CC) | $6^{-1/2}(\Gamma_1 - \Gamma_2 + \Gamma_3 - \Gamma_4 + \Gamma_5 - \Gamma_6)$ | |
| <i>q</i> ₄₃ | Г(СС) | $2^{-1}(\Gamma_l+\Gamma_3+\Gamma_4+\Gamma_6)$ | |

Table S3b. Non-redundant internal coordinates of 4-methoxyphenyl nitrene.

| Table Sob. | Continuation | | |
|-------------|--------------|---|--|
| q_{44} | Γ(CC) | $12^{-1/2}(-\Gamma_1+2\Gamma_2-\Gamma_3-\Gamma_4+2\Gamma_5-\Gamma_6)$ | |
| q_{45} | Γ(ΟC) | Γ_7 | |
| q_{46} | Γ(CO) | Γ_8 | |
| $q_{ m 47}$ | $\Gamma(CN)$ | Γ_{9} | |
| q_{48} | $\Gamma(NN)$ | Γ_{10} | |

Table S3b. Continuation



| Table 34. Definition of regundant internal coordinates of 4-incluoxyditenvi intern | 4. Definition of redundant internal coordinates of 4 | -methoxyphenvl nitren |
|---|---|-----------------------|
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| N^{o} | Coor. | Connectivity | type |
|---------|----------------|-------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 | r_1 | 9-14 | v(C-H) _{methyl} |
| 2 | r_2 | 9-15 | $v(C-H)_{methvl}$ |
| 3 | r3 | 9-16 | v(C-H) methyl |
| 4 | r | 3-10 | v(C-H)ring |
| 5 | r 4 r- | 4-11 | v(C-H) |
| 6 | 15 | 5-12 | V(C-H) |
| 7 | 76 | 6-13 | $V(C-II)_{ring}$ |
| 8 | r_7 | 7-8 | V(C-H) _{ring} |
| 0 | r_8 | 2 O | v(C-O) |
| 9 | r 9 | 8-9 | $\nu(O-CH_3)$ |
| 10 | r_{10} | 2-1 | $v(N-C_{ring})$ |
| 11 | \mathbf{R}_1 | 2-3 | v(C-C) |
| 12 | R_2 | 3-5 | v(C-C) |
| 13 | R ₃ | 5-7 | v(C-C) |
| 14 | R_4 | 7-6 | v(C-C) |
| 15 | R_5 | 4-2 | v(C-C) |
| 16 | R_6 | 6-4 | v(C-C) |
| 17 | β_1 | [10-3-2]-[10-3-5] | $\delta(C-H)_{ring}$ |
| 18 | β_2 | [12-5-7]-[12-5-3] | $\delta(C-H)_{ring}$ |
| 19 | β_3 | [13-6-7]-[13-6-4] | $\delta(C-H)_{ring}$ |
| 20 | β_4 | [11-4-2]-[11-4-6] | $\delta(C-H)_{ring}$ |
| 21 | β_5 | [8-7-5]-[8-7-6] | δ(O-C-C) |
| 22 | β_6 | [1-2-3]-[1-2-4] | δ(N-C-C) |
| 23 | β_7 | [9-8-7] | δ(C-O-C) |

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|--------|--------------|--------------------|--|
| 24 | α_1 | [15-9-16] | δ (H-C-H) _{methyl} |
| 25 | α_2 | [14-9-16] | δ(H-C-H) _{methyl} |
| 26 | α_3 | [14-9-15] | $\delta(\text{H-C-H})_{methyl}$ |
| 27 | α'_1 | [14-9-8] | δ (O-C-H) _{methyl} |
| 28 | α'_2 | [15-9-8] | δ (O-C-H) _{methyl} |
| 29 | α'_3 | [16-9-8] | $\delta(\text{O-C-H})_{\text{methyl}}$ |
| 30 | α_4 | [5-7-6] | δ (C-C-C) _{ring} |
| 31 | α_5 | [7-6-4] | δ (C-C-C) _{ring} |
| 32 | α_6 | [6-4-2] | δ (C-C-C) _{ring} |
| 33 | α_7 | [4-2-3] | δ (C-C-C) _{ring} |
| 34 | α_8 | [2-3-5] | δ (C-C-C) _{ring} |
| 35 | α9 | [3-5-7] | δ (C-C-C) _{ring} |
| 36 | γ_1 | {13-6-7-4} | ү(С-Н) |
| 37 | γ_2 | {11-4-6-2} | γ(C-H) |
| 38 | γ_3 | {10-3-2-5} | γ(C-H) |
| 39 | γ_4 | {12-5-3-7} | γ(C-H) |
| 40 | γ_5 | {1-2-4-3} | γ(C-N) |
| 41 | γ_6 | {8-7-5-6} | γ(O-C) |
| 42 | Γ_{l} | (5,8)-7-6-(4-13) | Γ(CC) |
| 43 | Γ_2 | (7,13)-6-4-(11-2) | Г(СС) |
| 44 | Γ_3 | (6,11)-4-2-(3-1) | Γ(CC) |
| 45 | Γ_4 | (4,1)-2-3-(5-10) | Γ(CC) |
| 46 | Γ_5 | (2,10)-3-5-(7-12) | Γ(CC) |
| 47 | Γ_6 | (3,12)-5-7-(6-8) | Γ(CC) |
| 48 | Γ_7 | (5,6)-7-8-(9) | $\Gamma(C-OCH_3)$ |
| 49 | Γ_8 | (14,15,16)-9-8-(7) | $\Gamma(\text{O-CH}_3)$ |

Table S4. Continuation

| Coordinate | Туре | Definition | Wilson |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------|--|--------|
| q_1q_3 | ν (C-H) _{methyl} | r_1r_3 | |
| q_4q_7 | ν (C-H) _{ring} | <i>r</i> 4 <i>r</i> 7 | |
| q_8 | v(C-O) | <i>r</i> ₈ | |
| q_9 | v(O-CH ₃) | <i>r</i> 9 | |
| q_{10} | ν (N-C _{ring}) | r_{10} | |
| q_{11} | v(C-C) | $6^{-1/2}(R_1 + R_2 + R_3 + R_4 + R_5 + R_6)$ | 1 |
| q_{12} | v(C-C) | $12^{-1/2}(-R_1+2R_2-R_3-R_4+2R_5-R_6)$ | 8a |
| q_{13} | v(C-C) | $2^{-1}(-R_1+R_3-R_4+R_6)$ | 8b |
| q_{14} | v(C-C) | $6^{-1/2}(R_1-R_2+R_3-R_4+R_5-R_6)$ | 14 |
| q_{15} | v(C-C) | $2^{-1}(R_1-R_3-R_4+R_6)$ | 19a |
| q_{16} | v(C-C) | $2^{-1/2}(R_2-R_5)$ | 19b |
| q_{17} | $\delta(C-H)_{ring}$ | $2^{-1}(\beta_1+\beta_2+\beta_3+\beta_4)$ | 9a |
| q_{18} | $\delta(\text{C-H})_{ring}$ | $2^{-1}(\beta_1+\beta_2-\beta_3-\beta_4)$ | 15 |
| q_{19} | $\delta(C-H)_{ring}$ | $2^{-1}(\beta_1-\beta_2+\beta_3-\beta_4)$ | 3 |
| q_{20} | $\delta(C-H)_{ring}$ | $2^{-1}(\beta_1-\beta_2-\beta_3+\beta_4)$ | 18a |
| q_{21} | δ(O-C-C) | β_5 | |
| q_{22} | δ(N-C-C) | β_6 | |
| q_{23} | δ(C-O-C) | β_7 | |
| q_{24} | $\delta(C-H)_{methyl}$ | $6^{-1/2}(\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + \alpha_3 + \alpha'_1 - \alpha'_2 - \alpha'_3)$ | |
| q_{25} | $\delta(C-H)_{methyl}$ | $6^{-1/2}(2\alpha_1-\alpha_2-\alpha_3)$ | |
| q_{26} | $\delta(C-H)_{methyl}$ | $2^{-1/2}(\alpha_2 - \alpha_3)$ | |
| q_{27} | $\delta(C-H)_{methyl}$ | $6^{-1/2}(2\alpha'_{1}-\alpha'_{2}-\alpha'_{3})$ | |
| q_{28} | $\delta(C-H)_{methyl}$ | $2^{-1/2}(\alpha'_2-\alpha'_3)$ | |
| q_{29} | δ(C-C-C) | $6^{-1/2}(\alpha_4-\alpha_5+\alpha_6-\alpha_7+\alpha_8-\alpha_9)$ | 12 |
| q_{30} | δ(C-C-C) | $12^{-1/2}(2\alpha_4-\alpha_5-\alpha_6+2\alpha_7-\alpha_8-\alpha_9)$ | 6a |
| q_{31} | δ(C-C-C) | $2^{-1}(\alpha_5-\alpha_6+\alpha_8-\alpha_9)$ | 6b |
| <i>q</i> ₃₂₃₅ | γ(C-H) | $\gamma_1 \ldots \gamma_4$ | |
| q ₃₆ | γ(C-N) | γ ₅ | |
| q_{37} | γ(O-C) | γ_6 | |
| <i>q</i> ₃₈ | Γ(CC) | $6^{-1/2}(\Gamma_1 - \Gamma_2 + \Gamma_3 - \Gamma_4 + \Gamma_5 - \Gamma_6)$ | |
| <i>q</i> ₃₉ | Γ(CC) | $2^{-1}(\Gamma_1+\Gamma_3+\Gamma_4+\Gamma_6)$ | |
| q_{40} | Γ(CC) | $12^{-1/2}(-\Gamma_1+2\Gamma_2-\Gamma_3-\Gamma_4+2\Gamma_5-\Gamma_6)$ | |
| q_{41} | Г(СО) | Γ_7 | |
| q ₄₂ | Γ(OCH ₃) | Γ_8 | |

 Table S4b. Non redundant internal coordinates of 4-methoxyphenyl nitrene.



| N^{o} | Coor. | Connectivity | type |
|---------|-----------------------|--------------|-------------------------------|
| 1 | r_1 | 15-27 | ν (C-H) _{methyl} |
| 2 | r_2 | 16 -28 | ν (C-H) _{methyl} |
| 3 | <i>r</i> ₃ | 15-29 | ν (C-H) _{methyl} |
| 4 | ľ4 | 16-30 | ν (C-H) _{ring} |
| 5 | r_5 | 15-32 | ν (C-H) _{ring} |
| 6 | r_6 | 16-31 | ν (C-H) _{ring} |
| 7 | r_7 | 5-19 | ν (C-H) _{ring} |
| 8 | r_8 | 6-20 | v(C-H) _{ring} |
| 9 | <i>r</i> 9 | 7-21 | v(C-H) _{ring} |
| 10 | r_{10} | 8-22 | ν (C-H) _{ring} |
| 11 | r_{11} | 9-23 | v(C-H) _{ring} |
| 12 | r_{12} | 10-24 | ν (C-H) _{ring} |
| 13 | r_{13} | 11-25 | ν (C-H) _{ring} |
| 14 | r_{14} | 12-26 | ν (C-H) _{ring} |
| 15 | r_{15} | 13-17 | v(C-O) |
| 16 | r_{16} | 14-18 | v(C-O) |
| 17 | r_{17} | 15-17 | ν(O-CH ₃) |
| 18 | r_{18} | 16-18 | ν(O-CH ₃) |
| 19 | r_{19} | 1-2 | v(N-N) |
| 20 | r_{20} | 1-3 | $v(N-C_{ring})$ |
| 21 | r_{21} | 2-4 | $v(N-C_{ring})$ |
| 22 | R_1 | 3-5 | v(C-C) |
| 23 | R_2 | 5-9 | v(C-C) |
| 24 | R_3 | 9-13 | v(C-C) |
| 25 | R_4 | 13-11 | v(C-C) |
| 26 | R_5 | 11-7 | v(C-C) |
| 27 | R ₆ | 7-3 | ν(C-C) |

Table S5. Continuation

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|-------|---------------------|-----------------------|--|
| 28 | R_7 | 4-6 | v(C-C) |
| 29 | R_8 | 6-10 | v(C-C) |
| 30 | R9 | 10-14 | v(C-C) |
| 31 | R ₁₀ | 14-12 | v(C-C) |
| 32 | R ₁₁ | 12-8 | v(C-C) |
| 33 | R ₁₂ | 8-4 | v(C-C) |
| 34 | β_1 | [19-5-3]-[19-5-9] | $\delta(C-H)_{ring}$ |
| 35 | β_2 | [23-9-13]-[23-9-5] | $\delta(C-H)_{ring}$ |
| 36 | β_3 | [25-11-13]-[25-11-7] | $\delta(C-H)_{ring}$ |
| 37 | β_4 | [21-7-3]-[21-7-11] | $\delta(C-H)_{ring}$ |
| 38 | β_5 | [20-6-4]-[20-6-10] | $\delta(C-H)_{ring}$ |
| 39 | β_6 | [24-10-14]-[24-10-6] | $\delta(C-H)_{ring}$ |
| 40 | β_7 | [26-12-14]-[26-12-8] | $\delta(C-H)_{ring}$ |
| 41 | β_8 | [22-8-4]-[22-8-12] | $\delta(C-H)_{ring}$ |
| 42 | β9 | [17-13-9]-[17-13-11] | δ(O-C-C) |
| 43 | β_{10} | [18-14-10]-[18-14-12] | δ(O-C-C) |
| 44 | β_{11} | [1-3-5]-[1-3-7] | δ(N-C-C) |
| 45 | β_{12} | [2-4-6]-[2-4-8] | δ(N-C-C) |
| 46 | β_{13} | [3-1-2] | δ(N-N-C) |
| 47 | β_{14} | [1-2-4] | δ(N-N-C) |
| 48 | β_{15} | [15-17-13] | δ(C-O-C) |
| 49 | β_{16} | [16-18-14] | δ(C-O-C) |
| 50 | α_1 | [27-15-29] | δ (H-C-H) _{methyl} |
| 51 | α_2 | [29-15-32] | δ (H-C-H) _{methyl} |
| 52 | α_3 | [32-15-27] | δ (H-C-H) _{methyl} |
| 53 | α'_1 | [27-15-17] | δ (O-C-H) _{methyl} |
| 54 | α'_2 | [29-15-17] | δ (O-C-H) _{methyl} |
| 55 | α'_3 | [32-15-17] | δ (O-C-H) _{methyl} |
| 56 | α_4 | [28-16-30] | δ (H-C-H) _{methyl} |
| 57 | α_5 | [30-16-31] | $\delta(\text{H-C-H})_{\text{methyl}}$ |

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|----------|-----------------|---------------------|------------------------------------|
| 58 | α_6 | [31-16-28] | δ(H-C-H) _{methyl} |
| 59 | α'_4 | [28-16-18] | δ (O-C-H) _{methyl} |
| 60 | α'_5 | [30-16-18] | $\delta(O-C-H)_{methyl}$ |
| 61 (2 | α' ₆ | [31-16-18] | $\delta(O-C-H)_{methyl}$ |
| 62 63 | α_7 | [/-3-5] | $\delta(C-C-C)_{ring}$ |
| 64 | α _o | [5-9-13] | $\delta(C-C-C)$ |
| 65 | 0.9 0.5 | [9-13-11] | $\delta(C-C-C)_{ring}$ |
| 66 | α ₁₀ | []-13-11-7] | $\delta(C-C-C)$ -ing |
| 67 | α_{11} | [11-7-3] | $\delta(C-C-C)$ ring |
| 68 | α12 | [8-4-6] | $\delta(C-C-C)_{ring}$ |
| 69 | α12 | [4-6-10] | $\delta(C-C-C)$ ring |
| 70 | α ₁₄ | [6-10-14] | $\delta(C-C-C)_{ring}$ |
| 71 | α ₁₅ | [10-14-12] | $\delta(C-C-C)_{ring}$ |
| 72 | α_{16} | [14-12-8] | $\delta(C-C-C)_{ring}$ |
| 73 | α_{17} | [12-8-4] | $\delta(C-C-C)_{ring}$ |
| 74 | γ_1 | {19-5-4-9} | γ(С-Н) |
| 75 | γ_2 | {20-6-4-10} | γ(С-Н) |
| 76 | γ_3 | {21-7-11-3} | γ(С-Н) |
| 77 | γ_4 | {22-8-12-4} | γ(С-Н) |
| 78 | γ ₅ | {23-9-13-5} | γ(С-Н) |
| 79 | γ_6 | {24-10-14-6} | γ(С-Н) |
| 80 | γ_7 | {25-11-13-7} | γ(С-Н) |
| 81 | γ_8 | {26-12-14-8} | γ(C-H) |
| 82 | γ_9 | {1-3-7-5} | γ(C-N) |
| 83 | γ_{10} | {2-4-8-6} | γ(C-N) |
| 84 | γ_{11} | {17-13-9-11} | γ(O-C) |
| 85 | γ_{12} | {18-14-10-12} | γ(O-C) |
| 86 | Γ_l | (1,7)-3-5-(19,9) | $\Gamma(CC)$ |
| 87 | Γ_2 | (19,3)-5-9-(23,13) | Γ(CC) |
| 88 | Γ_3 | (23,5)-9-13-(17,11) | Γ(CC) |
| 89 | Γ_4 | (17,9)-13-11-(25,7) | Γ(CC) |
| 90 | Γ_5 | (25,13)-11-7-(21,3) | Γ(CC) |
| 91 | Γ_6 | (21,11)-7-3-(1,5) | Γ(CC) |

Γ(CC) 92 Γ_7 (2,8)-4-6-(20,10) 93 Γ_8 Γ(CC) (20,4)-6-10-(24,14) Γ9 Γ(CC) 94 (24,6)-10-14-(18,12) Γ_{10} Γ(CC) 95 (18,10)-14-12-(26,8) Γ_{11} Γ(CC) 96 (26,14)-12-8-(22,4) Γ(CC) 97 Γ_{12} (22,12)-8-4-(2,6) Γ_{13} Γ(NN) 99 (3)-1-2-(4) Γ_{14} Γ(CN) 100 (2)-1-3-(7,5) Γ_{15} Γ(CN) 101 (1)-2-4-(8,6) $\Gamma(C-OCH_3)$ Γ_{16} 102 (15)-17-13-(11,9) Γ_{17} $\Gamma(C-OCH_3)$ 103 (16)-18-14-(12,10) $\Gamma(O-CH_3)$ Γ_{18} (13)-17-15-(27,29,32) 104 $\Gamma(O-CH_3)$ Γ_{19} 105 (14)-18-16-(28,30,31)

Table S5. Continuation

| Coordinate | Туре | Definition | Wilson |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------|---|--------|
| $q_1 \ldots q_6$ | ν (C-H) _{methyl} | r_1r_6 | |
| $q_{7}q_{14}$ | ν (C-H) _{ring} | $r_{7}r_{14}$ | |
| q 15,16 | v(C-O) | r _{15,16} | |
| $q_{17,18}$ | $\nu(O-CH_3)$ | <i>r</i> _{17,18} | |
| q_{19} | v(N-N) | <i>r</i> ₁₉ | |
| $q_{20,21}$ | ν (N-C _{ring}) | r_{20}, r_{21} | |
| <i>q</i> _{22,23} | v(C-C) | $6^{-1/2}(R_{1,7}+R_{2,8}+R_{3,9}+R_{4,10}+R_{5,11}+R_{6,12})$ | 1 |
| <i>q</i> _{24,25} | v(C-C) | $12^{-1/2}(-R_{1,7}+2R_{2,8}-R_{3,9}-R_{4,10}+2R_{5,11}-R_{6,12})$ | 8a |
| $q_{26,27}$ | v(C-C) | $2^{-1}(-R_{1,7}+R_{3,9}-R_{4,10}+R_{6,12})$ | 8b |
| <i>q</i> _{28,29} | v(C-C) | $6^{-1/2}(R_{1,7}-R_{2,8}+R_{3,9}-R_{4,10}+R_{5,11}-R_{6,12})$ | 14 |
| q 30,31 | v(C-C) | $2^{-1}(R_{1,7}-R_{3,9}-R_{4,10}+R_{6,12})$ | 19a |
| <i>q</i> _{32,33} | v(C-C) | $2^{-1/2}(R_{2,8}-R_{5,11})$ | 19b |
| <i>q</i> _{34,35} | $\delta(C-H)_{ring}$ | $2^{-1}(\beta_{1,5}+\beta_{2,6}+\beta_{3,7}+\beta_{4,8})$ | 9a |
| <i>q</i> _{36,37} | $\delta(C-H)_{ring}$ | $2^{-1}(\beta_{1,5}+\beta_{2,6}-\beta_{3,7}-\beta_{4,8})$ | 15 |
| <i>q</i> _{38,39} | $\delta(C-H)_{ring}$ | $2^{-1}(\beta_{1,5}-\beta_{2,6}+\beta_{3,7}-\beta_{4,8})$ | 3 |
| q 40,41 | $\delta(C-H)_{ring}$ | $2^{-1}(\beta_{1,5}-\beta_{2,6}-\beta_{3,7}+\beta_{4,8})$ | 18a |
| <i>q</i> _{42,43} | δ(O-C-C) | β _{9,10} | |
| q 44,45 | δ(N-C-C) | β _{11,12} | |
| q 46,47 | δ(N-N-C) | β _{13,14} | |
| q _{48,49} | δ(C-O-C) | β _{15,16} | |
| q 50,51 | $\delta(C-H)_{methyl}$ | $6^{-1/2}(\alpha_{1,4}+\alpha_{2,5}+\alpha_{3,6}+\alpha'_{1,4}-\alpha'_{2,5}-\alpha'_{3,6})$ | |
| <i>q</i> 52,53 | $\delta(C-H)_{methyl}$ | $6^{-1/2}(2\alpha_{1,4}-\alpha_{2,5}-\alpha_{3,6})$ | |
| <i>q</i> _{54,55} | $\delta(C-H)_{methyl}$ | $2^{-1/2}(\alpha_{2,5}-\alpha_{3,6})$ | |
| <i>q</i> 56,57 | $\delta(C-H)_{methyl}$ | $6^{-1/2}(2\alpha'_{1,4}-\alpha'_{2,5}-\alpha'_{3,6})$ | |
| <i>q</i> _{58,59} | $\delta(C-H)_{methyl}$ | $2^{-1/2}(\alpha'_{2,5}-\alpha'_{3,6})$ | |
| q 60,61 | δ(C-C-C) | $6^{-1/2}(\alpha_{7,13}-\alpha_{8,14}+\alpha_{9,15}-\alpha_{10,16}+\alpha_{11,17}-\alpha_{12,18})$ | 12 |
| <i>q</i> _{62,63} | δ(C-C-C) | $12^{-1/2}(2\alpha_{7,13}-\alpha_{8,14}-\alpha_{9,15}+2\alpha_{10,16}-\alpha_{11,17}-\alpha_{12,18})$ | 6a |
| $q_{64,65}$ | δ(C-C-C) | $2^{-1}(\alpha_{8,14}-\alpha_{9,15}+\alpha_{11,17}-\alpha_{12,18})$ | 6b |
| <i>q</i> ₆₆₇₃ | γ (C-H) | $\gamma_1 \dots \gamma_8$ | |
| <i>q</i> _{74,75} | γ(C-N) | Y 9,10 | |
| q 76,77 | γ(O-C) | Y 11,12 | |
| q 78,79 | $\Gamma(CC)$ | $6^{-1/2}(\Gamma_{1,7}-\Gamma_{2,8}+\Gamma_{3,9}-\Gamma_{4,10}+\Gamma_{5,11}-\Gamma_{6,12})$ | |
| $q_{80,81}$ | Γ(CC) | $2^{-1}(\Gamma_{1,7}+\Gamma_{3,9}+\Gamma_{4,10}+\Gamma_{6,12})$ | |
| <i>q</i> _{82,83} | Γ(CC) | $12^{-1/2}(-\Gamma_{1,7}+2\Gamma_{2,8}-\Gamma_{3,9}-\Gamma_{4,10}+2\Gamma_{5,11}-\Gamma_{6,12})$ | |
| q_{84} | $\Gamma(NN)$ | Γ_{I3} | |
| <i>q</i> _{85,86} | $\Gamma(CN)$ | $\Gamma_{14,15}$ | |
| $q_{87,88}$ | $\Gamma(C\text{-}OCH_3)$ | $\Gamma_{16,17}$ | |
| $q_{89,90}$ | $\Gamma(O-CH_3)$ | Γ _{18,19} | |

 Table S5b. Non redundant internal coordinates of 4,4'-dimethoxyazobenzene.

| N^{o} | $Freq(cm^{-1})$ | PED^{c} | Assignment |
|---------|-----------------|---|-------------------------------|
| 1 | 3364 | 93 q_7 | v(C-H) _{ring} |
| 2 | 3354 | $52 q_4 + 46 q_6$ | v(C-H) _{ring} |
| 3 | 3337 | 47 q_4 + 53 q_6 | ν (C-H) _{ring} |
| 4 | 3325 | 94 q ₅ | ν (C-H) _{ring} |
| 5 | 3268 | 91 <i>q</i> ₁ | ν (C-H) _{methyl} |
| 6 | 3207 | $50 q_2 + 50 q_3$ | ν (C-H) _{methyl} |
| 7 | 3152 | $46 q_2 + 46 q_3$ | ν (C-H) _{methyl} |
| 8 | 2191 | $20 \ q_{11}$ + 79 q_{12} | v(N-N) |
| 9 | 1758 | $36 q_{14}$ +15 q_{19} +26 q_{34} +18 q_{35} | 8a |
| 10 | 1712 | $62 q_{15} + 13 q_{19}$ | 8b |
| 11 | 1657 | $35 q_{17}$ + $14 q_{18}$ + $32 q_{22}$ | 19a+18a |
| 12 | 1630 | 89 q ₂₉ | $\delta(C-H)_{methyl}$ |
| 13 | 1622 | 93 q ₃₀ | $\delta(C-H)_{methyl}$ |
| 14 | 1606 | 85 q ₂₈ | $\delta(C-H)_{methyl}$ |
| 15 | 1541 | $49 \ q_{18} + 35 \ q_{20}$ | 19b+15 |
| 16 | 1440 | $76 q_{21}$ | 3 |
| 17 | 1415 | $28 q_8 + 12 q_{10} + 10 q_{13}$ | v(C-O) |
| 18 | 1384 | $12q_8 + 26q_{10} + 22 q_{11} + 12q_{22} + 10q_{33}$ | $v(N-C_{ring})$ |
| 19 | 1316 | $52 q_{31}$ | $\delta(C-H)_{methyl}$ |
| 20 | 1282 | 95 q ₃₂ | $\delta(C-H)_{methyl}$ |
| 21 | 1277 | 21 q_{14} +55 q_{19} | 9a |
| 22 | 1247 | 53 q_{16} + 14 q_{20} | 14 |
| 23 | 1216 | 27 q_{11} + 10 q_{17} + 13 q_{33} | v(N-N) |
| 24 | 1173 | $34 \ q_{16} + 45 \ q_{18} + 10 \ q_{20}$ | 19b+15 |
| 25 | 1157 | $28 q_9 + 12 q_{13} + 26 q_{16}$ | v(O-CH ₃) |
| 26 | 1090 | $44 \ q_{17} + 20 \ q_{18} + 28 \ q_{33}$ | 12 |
| 27 | 997 | $34 q_{38} + 26 q_{39} + 26 q_{44}$ | γ(C-H) |
| 28 | 953 | $26 q_{36} + 26 q_{37} + 21 q_{42} + 12 q_{43} + 11 q_{44}$ | γ(C-H) |
| 29 | 894 | 22 q_{13} + 28 q_{34} + 18 q_{35} | 1 |
| 30 | 861 | $28 \ q_{38} + 30 \ q_{39} + 23 \ q_{43}$ | γ (C-H) |
| 31 | 832 | 41 <i>q</i> ₃₆ + 37 <i>q</i> ₃₇ | γ (C-H) |
| 32 | 828 | $20 \ q_{34} + 16 \ q_{35} + 10 \ q_{26}$ | 6a |
| 33 | 733 | $19 \ q_{40} + 23 \ q_{41} + 40 \ q_{42}$ | $\Gamma(CC)$ |
| 34 | 688 | $74 q_{35}$ | 6b |
| 35 | 674 | $12 q_{27} + 34 q_{34}$ | δ(N-N-N) |
| 36 | 575 | 96 q_{48} | $\Gamma(NN)$ |
| 37 | 545 | $23 \ q_{23} + 35 \ q_{25} + 35 \ q_{34}$ | δ(C-O-C) |
| 38 | 544 | $37 \; q_{40} + 39 \; q_{41}$ | γ(C-N) |
| 39 | 450 | $10 \ q_{27}$ +31 q_{34} +41 q_{35} | δ(N-N-N) |
| 40 | 444 | 19 q ₄₃ + 56 q ₄₄ | Γ(CC) |

 Table S6. Assignment of the CAS-SCF vibrational frequencies of 4-methoxyphenyl azide.^{a,b}

Table S6. Continuation.

| 1 and | Table 50. Continuation. | | | | | |
|-------|-------------------------|---|---------------------|--|--|--|
| 41 | 381 | $16 \ q_{40}$ + $10 \ q_{41}$ + $29 \ q_{42}$ + $23 \ q_{43}$ | Γ(CC) | | | |
| 42 | 366 | $13 q_{24}$ + $43 q_{34}$ + $22 q_{45}$ | δ(N-C-C) | | | |
| 43 | 263 | $87 \; q_{46}$ | $\Gamma(O-CH_3)$ | | | |
| 44 | 257 | $35 q_{23}$ + $28 q_{25}$ + $12 q_{26}$ + $11 q_{27}$ | δ(O-C-C) | | | |
| 45 | 165 | 61 q ₄₃ | $\Gamma(CC)$ | | | |
| 46 | 132 | $24 \ q_{24}$ + $42 \ q_{26}$ + $20 \ q_{27}$ | δ(C-N-N) | | | |
| 47 | 67 | 65 q ₄₅ + 31 q ₄₆ | $\Gamma(OC_{ring})$ | | | |
| 48 | 53 | $80 q_{47}$ | $\Gamma(CN)$ | | | |

^aAccording with the potential energy distribution matrix (Refs. 32, 33). ^bActive space: (12e,11o); ANO-RCC[C,N,O/4s3p2d1f||H/3s2p1d]. ^cPotential energy distribution.

| N° | $Freq(cm^{-1})$ | PED ^c | Assignment |
|----|-----------------|---|-------------------------------|
| 1 | 3365 | 85 q ₇ | $\nu(C-H)_{ring}$ |
| 2 | 3353 | $45 q_4 + 53 q_6$ | ν (C-H) _{ring} |
| 3 | 3339 | 85 q ₅ | ν (C-H) _{ring} |
| 4 | 3335 | 53 q_4 + 45 q_6 | ν (C-H) _{ring} |
| 5 | 3273 | 90 <i>q</i> ₁ | ν (C-H) _{methyl} |
| 6 | 3214 | $50 q_2 + 50 q_3$ | ν (C-H) _{methyl} |
| 7 | 3156 | $46 q_2 + 46 q_3$ | ν (C-H) _{methyl} |
| 8 | 1696 | $28 q_{12}$ + 15 q_{19} + 21 q_{30} + 13 q_{31} | 8a |
| 9 | 1636 | 46 q_{13} +15 q_{17} + 12 q_{31} | 8b |
| 10 | 1630 | 86 q ₂₅ | $\delta(C-H)_{methyl}$ |
| 11 | 1623 | 93 q ₂₆ | $\delta(C-H)_{methyl}$ |
| 12 | 1611 | 72 q ₂₄ | $\delta(C-H)_{methyl}$ |
| 13 | 1590 | $16 q_{15} + 45 q_{18} + 13 q_{24}$ | 9b |
| 14 | 1516 | 41 q_{16} + 30 q_{20} | 19b |
| 15 | 1415 | 35 q ₈ | v(C-O) |
| 16 | 1393 | $18 \ q_{13} + 44 \ q_{17}$ | 9a |
| 17 | 1324 | 21 q_{10} + 14 q_{19} + 24 q_{27} | $v(N-C_{ring})$ |
| 18 | 1310 | $17 q_{10}$ + $12 q_{19}$ + $35 q_{27}$ | $\delta(C-H)_{methyl}$ |
| 19 | 1282 | 95 q ₂₈ | $\delta(C-H)_{methyl}$ |
| 20 | 1228 | 65 q ₁₄ | 14 |
| 21 | 1203 | $14 q_{10}$ + $14 q_{12}$ + $18 q_{19}$ + $14 q_{30}$ | 3 |
| 22 | 1176 | $23 \ q_{14} + 53 \ q_{16} + 20 \ q_{20}$ | 19b |
| 23 | 1151 | $38 q_9 + 13 q_{30}$ | v(O-CH ₃) |
| 24 | 1047 | 39 <i>q</i> ₁₅ + 27 <i>q</i> ₂₉ | 19a |
| 25 | 991 | 28 <i>q</i> ₃₄ + 32 <i>q</i> ₃₅ | ү(С-Н) |
| 26 | 962 | 31 <i>q</i> ₃₂ + 22 <i>q</i> ₃₃ | ү(С-Н) |
| 27 | 868 | 45 q_{11} +21 q_{30} + 15 q_{31} | 1 |
| 28 | 846 | 32 <i>q</i> ₃₄ + 18 <i>q</i> ₃₅ + 16 <i>q</i> ₃₉ | ү(С-Н) |
| 29 | 818 | 24 <i>q</i> ₃₂ + 33 <i>q</i> ₃₃ + 14 <i>q</i> ₃₄ + 15 <i>q</i> ₃₉ | ү(С-Н) |
| 30 | 778 | 21 <i>q</i> ₈ + 21 <i>q</i> ₂₉ | 12 |
| 31 | 728 | $22 q_{36} + 27 q_{37} + 29 q_{38}$ | γ(C-N) |
| 32 | 669 | $76 q_{31}$ | 6b |
| 33 | 555 | 24 <i>q</i> ₂₃ + 43 <i>q</i> ₃₀ | $6a + \delta(C-O-C)$ |
| 34 | 527 | 33 <i>q</i> ₃₆ + 43 <i>q</i> ₃₇ | γ(O-C) |
| 35 | 445 | $40 \ q_{30} + 47 \ q_{31}$ | 6b |
| 36 | 427 | $15 q_{39} + 55 q_{40}$ | Γ(CC) |
| 37 | 390 | 53 <i>q</i> ₂₂ + 14 <i>q</i> ₂₃ | δ (N-C-C) |
| 38 | 352 | $32 q_{38} + 21 q_{39}$ | Γ(CC) |
| 39 | 257 | 80 q ₄₂ | Γ(OCH ₃) |
| 40 | 246 | $44 q_{21} + 34 q_{23}$ | δ(O-C-C) |
| 41 | 151 | $60 \ q_{39} + 20 \ q_{41}$ | Γ(CC) |
| 42 | 69 | $66 q_{41} + 32 q_{42}$ | Г(СО) |

 Table S7. Assignment of the CAS-SCF vibrational frequencies of triplet 4-methoxyphenyl nitrene.^{a,b}

⁴² <u>69</u> <u>66</u> q_{41} + <u>32</u> q_{42} <u> $\Gamma(CO)$ </u> ^aAccording with the potential energy distribution matrix (Refs. 32, 33). ^bActive space: (12e,11o); ANO-RCC[C,N,O/4s3p2d1f||H/3s2p1d]. ^cPotential energy distribution.

| N° | $Freq(cm^{-1})$ | PED^{c} | Assignment |
|----|-----------------|---|----------------------------------|
| 1 | 3365 | $43 q_5 + 55 q_7$ | ν (C-H) _{ring} |
| 2 | 3358 | $72 q_4 + 26 q_7$ | ν (C-H) _{ring} |
| 3 | 3346 | $56 q_5 + 26 q_6$ | ν (C-H) _{ring} |
| 4 | 3337 | 23 q_4 + 73 q_6 | ν (C-H) _{ring} |
| 5 | 3275 | 90 q_1 | ν (C-H) _{methyl} |
| 6 | 3217 | $50 q_2 + 50 q_3$ | ν (C-H) _{methyl} |
| 7 | 3158 | $45 q_2 + 45 q_3$ | ν (C-H) _{methyl} |
| 8 | 1707 | $28 q_{12}$ + 15 q_{17} + 25 q_{30} + 17 q_{31} | 8a |
| 9 | 1650 | $32 q_{10}$ +17 q_{15} + 23 q_{20} | $v(N-C_{ring})$ |
| 10 | 1630 | 88 q ₂₅ | $\delta(C-H)_{methyl}$ |
| 11 | 1623 | 93 q ₂₆ | $\delta(C-H)_{methyl}$ |
| 12 | 1610 | $18 q_{16} + 52 q_{24}$ | $\delta(C-H)_{methyl}$ |
| 13 | 1598 | $28 q_{16} + 18 q_{24}$ | 19b |
| 14 | 1537 | 27 q_{10} + 11 q_{19} + 26 q_{20} | 18a |
| 15 | 1494 | 13 q_{16} + 12 q_{18} + 44 q_{19} | 3 |
| 16 | 1420 | $39 q_8 + 15 q_{20} + 10 q_{27}$ | v(C-O) |
| 17 | 1346 | $24 q_{13}$ + $14 q_{14}$ + $21 q_{18}$ + $24 q_{19}$ | 8b+3 |
| 18 | 1322 | $17 q_{10}$ + $12 q_{19}$ + $35 q_{27}$ | δ (C-H) _{methyl} |
| 19 | 1281 | 95 q_{28} | $\delta(C-H)_{methyl}$ |
| 20 | 1259 | $23 q_{14} + 32 q_{17}$ | 9a |
| 21 | 1217 | $45 q_{14}$ + $13 q_{16}$ + $11 q_{17}$ | 14 |
| 22 | 1175 | $23 q_{14} + 39 q_{16} + 39 q_{18}$ | 19b+15 |
| 23 | 1153 | 59 q_9 | v(O-CH ₃) |
| 24 | 1029 | $36 q_{15} + 51 q_{29}$ | 12 |
| 25 | 979 | $19 q_{34} + 47 q_{35} + 23 q_{40}$ | γ(C-H) |
| 26 | 952 | $50 q_{32}$ + 12 q_{33} + 12 q_{38} + 17 q_{40} | γ(C-H) |
| 27 | 818 | $50 q_{11} + 12 q_{15} + 14 q_{30}$ | 1 |
| 28 | 800 | $16 q_{33} + 41 q_{34} + 23 q_{36}$ | γ(C-H) |
| 29 | 768 | $18 q_8 + 20 q_{15} + 17 q_{29}$ | 19a+12 |
| 30 | 744 | $39 q_{33} + 13 q_{34} + 15 q_{35} + 15 q_{39}$ | γ(C-H) |
| 31 | 683 | $21 q_{32}$ + $12 q_{35}$ + $22 q_{36}$ + $17 q_{38}$ | γ(C-N) |
| 32 | 640 | $20 q_{13} + 68 q_{31}$ | 6b |
| 33 | 547 | $12 q_{21} + 24 q_{23} + 45 q_{30}$ | $6a + \delta(C-O-C)$ |
| 34 | 462 | $31 q_{36} + 41 q_{37} + 11 q_{30}$ | γ(O-C) |
| 35 | 442 | $39 q_{30} + 47 q_{31}$ | 6a+6b |
| 36 | 397 | $32 q_{22}$ + 11 q_{23} + 34 q_{30} + 12 q_{31} | δ(N-C-C) |
| 37 | 364 | $12 q_{32}$ + $12 q_{33}$ + $10 q_{35}$ + $45 q_{40}$ | Γ(CC) |
| 38 | 294 | $15 q_{37} + 16 q_{38} + 13 q_{39} + 43 q_{42}$ | $\Gamma(OCH_3)$ |
| 39 | 244 | $47 q_{21} + 33 q_{23}$ | δ(O-C-C) |
| 40 | 231 | $17 q_{37} + 25 q_{38} + 16 q_{39} + 29 q_{42}$ | Γ(CC) |
| 41 | 110 | $14 q_{38} + 27 q_{39} + 33 q_{41}$ | Γ(CC) |
| 42 | 62 | $61 q_{41} + 32 q_{42}$ | Γ(CO) |

Table S8. Assignment of the CAS-SCF vibrational frequencies of $1^{1}A''$ 4-methoxyphenyl nitrene.^{a,b}

⁴² 02 01 q_{41} + 32 q_{42} 1'(CO) ^aAccording with the potential energy distribution matrix (Refs. 32, 33). ^bActive space: (12e,11o); ANO-RCC[C,N,O/4s3p2d1f||H/3s2p1d]. ^cPotential energy distribution.

| N^{o} | $Freq(cm^{-1})$ | PED^{c} | Assignment |
|---------|-----------------|---|-------------------------------|
| 1 | 3372 | 24 <i>q</i> ₅ + 74 <i>q</i> ₇ | ν (C-H) _{ring} |
| 2 | 3362 | 71 q_4 + 27 q_6 | ν (C-H) _{ring} |
| 3 | 3351 | 75 q_5 + 24 q_7 | ν (C-H) _{ring} |
| 4 | 3343 | $28 q_4 + 72 q_6$ | ν (C-H) _{ring} |
| 5 | 3287 | 89 <i>q</i> ₁ | ν (C-H) _{methyl} |
| 6 | 3236 | $50 q_2 + 50 q_3$ | ν (C-H) _{methyl} |
| 7 | 3170 | $45 q_2 + 45 q_3$ | ν (C-H) _{methyl} |
| 8 | 1707 | $35 q_{12}$ + $15 q_{17}$ + $22 q_{30}$ + $15 q_{31}$ | 8a |
| 9 | 1667 | 57 q_{13} +14 q_{19} + 23 q_{20} | 8b |
| 10 | 1629 | $70 \; q_{25}$ | $\delta(C-H)_{methyl}$ |
| 11 | 1625 | 93 q ₂₆ | $\delta(C-H)_{methyl}$ |
| 12 | 1624 | $21 q_{24}$ + $18 q_{25}$ | $\delta(C-H)_{methyl}$ |
| 13 | 1602 | 25 q ₂₀ + 57 q ₂₄ | 18a |
| 14 | 1534 | 47 q_{16} + 28 q_{18} | 19b |
| 15 | 1421 | $37 q_8 + 13 q_{20}$ | v(C-O) |
| 16 | 1396 | $12 q_{13} + 58 q_{19}$ | 3 |
| 17 | 1337 | $42 q_{10}$ | $v(N-C_{ring})$ |
| 18 | 1321 | $25 q_{14} + 23 q_{27}$ | $\delta(C-H)_{methyl}$ |
| 19 | 1287 | $62 q_{14} + 19 q_{16} + 37 q_{17}$ | 14 |
| 20 | 1282 | 95 q ₂₈ | $\delta(C-H)_{methyl}$ |
| 21 | 1235 | 13 q_{10} + 15 q_{12} + 37 q_{17} | 9a |
| 22 | 1185 | 38 q ₁₆ + 47 q ₁₈ | 15 |
| 23 | 1152 | 72 q_9 | v(O-CH ₃) |
| 24 | 1078 | $41 q_{15}$ + $14 q_{20}$ + $44 q_{29}$ | 12 |
| 25 | 1042 | 49 <i>q</i> ₃₄ + 18 <i>q</i> ₃₅ + 16 <i>q</i> ₃₈ | γ(C-H) |
| 26 | 1038 | $14 q_{32} + 46 q_{33} + 22 q_{40}$ | γ (C-H) |
| 27 | 889 | 40 q_{11} +26 q_{30} + 19 q_{31} | 1 |
| 28 | 889 | $20 q_{32} + 30 q_{35} + 14 q_{37}$ | γ(C-H) |
| 29 | 846 | $45 \ q_{32} + 14 \ q_{33} + 20 \ q_{35}$ | γ(C-H) |
| 30 | 802 | $17 q_8 + 21 q_{15} + 22 q_{29} + 12 q_{30}$ | |
| 31 | 783 | $16 q_{36}$ + 37 q_{37} + 27 q_{38} | γ(O-C) |
| 32 | 674 | $15 \ q_{13} + 70 \ q_{31}$ | 6b |
| 33 | 569 | 27 q_{21} + 27 q_{36} + 48 q_{37} | γ(N-C) |
| 34 | 562 | 13 q_{21} + 26 q_{23} + 42 q_{30} | δ(C-O-C) |
| 35 | 454 | $36 q_{30} + 48 q_{31}$ | 6a |
| 36 | 427 | $15 q_{39} + 61 q_{40}$ | $\Gamma(CC)$ |
| 37 | 410 | 43 q_{22} + 28 q_{30} | δ(N-C-C) |
| 38 | 312 | $29 \ q_{38} + 30 \ q_{39} + 18 \ q_{42}$ | Γ(CC) |
| 39 | 254 | $44 \ q_{21} + 42 \ q_{23}$ | δ(O-C-C) |
| 40 | 237 | $20 \ q_{38} + 17 \ q_{39} + 49 \ q_{42}$ | $\Gamma(OCH_3)$ |
| 41 | 127 | $20 q_{36}$ + 15 q_{38} + 36 q_{41} | $\Gamma(CC)$ |
| 42 | 80 | 44 <i>q</i> ₄₁ + 18 <i>q</i> ₄₂ | Г(СО) |

Table S9. Assignment of the CAS-SCF vibrational frequencies of 1¹A' 4-methoxyphenyl nitrene.^{a,b}

⁴² $\frac{80}{44} \frac{44}{q_{41}+18} \frac{\Gamma(CO)}{q_{42}}$ ^aAccording with the potential energy distribution matrix (Refs. 32, 33). ^bActive space: (12e,11o); ANO-RCC[C,N,O/4s3p2d1f]|H/3s2p1d]. ^cPotential energy distribution.

| N^{o} | $Freq(cm^{-1})$ | PED^{c} | Assignment |
|---------|-----------------|---|----------------------------------|
| 1 | 3376 | $40 q_{9} + 40 q_{10}$ | v(C-H) _{ring} |
| 2 | 3376 | $40 \ q_{9} + 40 \ q_{10}$ | ν (C-H) _{ring} |
| 3 | 3355 | $39 q_{13} + 39 q_{14}$ | ν (C-H) _{ring} |
| 4 | 3355 | $39 q_{13} + 39 q_{14}$ | ν (C-H) _{ring} |
| 5 | 3352 | $21 q_7 + 21 q_8 + 28 q_{11} + 28 q_{12}$ | ν (C-H) _{ring} |
| 6 | 3352 | 21 q_7 + 21 q_8 + 28 q_{11} + 28 q_{12} | ν (C-H) _{ring} |
| 7 | 3335 | $28 q_7 + 28 q_8 + 22 q_{11} + 22 q_{12}$ | ν (C-H) _{ring} |
| 8 | 3335 | $28 q_7 + 28 q_8 + 22 q_{11} + 22 q_{12}$ | ν (C-H) _{ring} |
| 9 | 3269 | $47 q_1 + 47 q_2$ | ν (C-H) _{methyl} |
| 10 | 3269 | $47 q_1 + 47 q_2$ | ν (C-H) _{methyl} |
| 11 | 3211 | $25 q_3 + 25 q_4 + 25 q_5 + 25 q_6$ | ν (C-H) _{methyl} |
| 12 | 3211 | $25 q_3 + 25 q_4 + 25 q_5 + 25 q_6$ | ν (C-H) _{methyl} |
| 13 | 3154 | 23 q_3 + 23 q_4 + 23 q_5 + 23 q_6 | ν (C-H) _{methyl} |
| 14 | 3154 | $23 q_3 + 23 q_4 + 23 q_5 + 23 q_6$ | ν (C-H) _{methyl} |
| 15 | 1748 | $26 \ q_{24} + 23 \ q_{25}$ | 8a |
| 16 | 1746 | $29 \ q_{24} + 29 \ q_{25}$ | 8a |
| 17 | 1720 | $28 \ q_{26} + 28 \ q_{27}$ | 8b |
| 18 | 1710 | $34 q_{26} + 34 q_{27}$ | 8b |
| 19 | 1675 | 64 q ₁₉ | v(N-N) |
| 20 | 1659 | $23 \ q_{40} + 23 \ q_{41} + 16 \ q_{30} + 16 \ q_{31}$ | 18a+19a |
| 21 | 1652 | $22 \ q_{40} + 22 \ q_{41} + 14 \ q_{30} + 14 \ q_{31}$ | 18a+19a |
| 22 | 1630 | $33 q_{34} + 33 q_{35}$ | 9a |
| 23 | 1630 | $33 q_{34} + 33 q_{35}$ | 9a |
| 24 | 1622 | $35 q_{52} + 35 q_{53}$ | $\delta(C-H)_{methyl}$ |
| 25 | 1622 | 35 <i>q</i> ₅₂ + 35 <i>q</i> ₅₃ | $\delta(C-H)_{methyl}$ |
| 26 | 1606 | $44 \ q_{50} + 44 \ q_{51}$ | $\delta(C-H)_{methyl}$ |
| 27 | 1606 | $43 \ q_{50} + 43 \ q_{51}$ | $\delta(C-H)_{methyl}$ |
| 28 | 1536 | 25 q ₃₂ + 25 q ₃₃ + 17 q ₃₆ + 17 q ₃₇ | 19b |
| 29 | 1536 | $24 q_{32}$ + $24 q_{33}$ + $16 q_{36}$ + $16 q_{37}$ | 19b+15 |
| 30 | 1436 | $38 q_{38} + 38 q_{39}$ | 3 |
| 31 | 1429 | $39 q_{38} + 39 q_{39}$ | 3 |
| 32 | 1406 | $21 q_{15} + 21 q_{16}$ | $\nu(O-C_{ring})$ |
| 33 | 1402 | $21 q_{15} + 21 q_{16}$ | $v(O-C_{ring})$ |
| 34 | 1338 | $25 q_{20} + 25 q_{21}$ | $\nu(N-C_{ring})$ |
| 35 | 1326 | $14 q_{56} + 14 q_{57}$ | δ (C-H) _{methyl} |
| 36 | 1317 | $23 q_{56} + 23 q_{57}$ | $\delta(C-H)_{methyl}$ |
| 37 | 1294 | $12 q_{56} + 12 q_{57}$ | $\delta(C-H)_{methyl}$ |
| 38 | 1282 | $48 q_{58} + 48 q_{59}$ | $\delta(C-H)_{methyl}$ |
| 39 | 1282 | $48 g_{58} + 48 g_{59}$ | $\delta(C-H)_{methyl}$ |
| 40 | 1264 | $14 q_{28} + 14 q_{29} + 18 q_{24} + 18 q_{25}$ | 9a |
| 41 | 1258 | $25 q_{34} + 25 q_{35}$ | 9a |
| 42 | 1243 | $24 q_{28} + 24 q_{29}$ | 14 |
| 43 | 1241 | $23 q_{28} + 23 q_{29}$ | 14 |
| 44 | 1173 | $16 q_{28} + 16 q_{20} + 16 q_{22} + 16 q_{22}$ | 19b |
| 45 | 1170 | $18 q_{28} + 18 q_{29} + 22 q_{32} + 22 q_{32}$ | 19b |
| 46 | 1164 | $13 q_{17} + 13 a_{18} + 18 a_{27} + 18 a_{27}$ | v(O-CH ₃) |
| 47 | 1164 | $25 a_{17} + 25 a_{19}$ | $v(O-CH_3)$ |

Table S10. Assignment of the CAS-SCF vibrational frequencies of 4,4'-dimethoxyazobenzene.^{a,b}

continue

| 1 4010 | SIC Continuation | | |
|--------|------------------|--|-------------------------------|
| 48 | 1088 | $21 \ q_{30}$ + $21 \ q_{31}$ + $22 \ q_{60}$ + $22 \ q_{61}$ | 19a+12 |
| 49 | 1088 | $21 \ q_{30}$ + $21 \ q_{31}$ + $22 \ q_{60}$ + $22 \ q_{61}$ | 19a+12 |
| 50 | 1003 | $11 q_{67}$ + 17 q_{82} + 17 q_{83} | γ(C-H) |
| 51 | 1003 | $11 q_{67}$ + 17 q_{82} + 17 q_{83} | γ (C-H) |
| 52 | 992 | 13 q_{68} + 13 q_{60} + 14 q_{78} + 14 q_{79} | γ(C-H) |
| 53 | 989 | 13 q_{68} + 13 q_{60} + 14 q_{78} + 14 q_{79} | γ(C-H) |
| 54 | 988 | $11 q_{22}$ + $11 q_{23}$ + $20 q_{46}$ + $20 q_{47}$ | δ(N-N-C) |
| 55 | 891 | $27 q_{22} + 27 q_{23}$ | 1 |
| 56 | 876 | $17 q_{70} + 15 q_{71}$ | γ (C-H) |
| 57 | 869 | $19 \ q_{70} + 17 \ q_{71}$ | γ (C-H) |
| 58 | 849 | 13 q_{22} + 13 q_{23} + 11 q_{62} + 11 q_{63} | 1 |
| 59 | 847 | $18 q_{72}$ + $16 q_{73}$ + $21 q_{80}$ + $14 q_{81}$ | γ(С-Н) |
| 60 | 846 | $18 q_{72}$ + $16 q_{73}$ + $21 q_{80}$ + $14 q_{81}$ | γ(С-Н) |
| 61 | 800 | $11 q_{15}$ + $11 q_{16}$ + $13 q_{60}$ + $13 q_{61}$ | 12 |
| 62 | 758 | $11 \ q_{76}$ + $11 \ q_{77}$ + $15 \ q_{78}$ + $15 \ q_{79}$ | γ(O-C) |
| 63 | 741 | $12 q_{76}$ + $12 q_{77}$ + $18 q_{78}$ + $18 q_{79}$ | γ(O-C) |
| 64 | 695 | 31 <i>q</i> ₆₄ + 31 <i>q</i> ₆₅ | 6b |
| 65 | 682 | $38 q_{64} + 38 q_{65}$ | 6b |
| 66 | 638 | $17 q_{62} + 17 q_{63}$ | 6a |
| 67 | 588 | $9q_{44}$ + $9q_{45}$ + 7 q_{46} + 9 q_{46} + 13 q_{64} + 13 q_{65} | $\delta(N-C-C)+\delta(N-N-C)$ |
| 68 | 585 | $16 \ q_{74}$ + $14 \ q_{75}$ + $17 \ q_{76}$ + $18 \ q_{77}$ | γ(C-N) |
| 69 | 542 | $18 \ q_{74}$ + $15 \ q_{75}$ + $18 \ q_{76}$ + $18 \ q_{77}$ | γ(C-N) |
| 70 | 531 | $12 q_{48}$ + $12 q_{49}$ + $11 q_{62}$ + $11 q_{63}$ | δ(C-O-C) |
| 71 | 522 | $15 \ q_{42} + 15 \ q_{43} + 16 \ q_{48} + 16 \ q_{49}$ | δ(C-O-C) |
| 72 | 450 | $26 \ q_{82} + 26 \ q_{83}$ | $\Gamma(CC)$ |
| 73 | 450 | $20 \ q_{80} + 14 \ q_{81} + 15 \ q_{82} + 15 \ q_{83}$ | $\Gamma(CC)$ |
| 74 | 443 | $19 \ q_{62} + 19 \ q_{63}$ | 6a |
| 75 | 443 | $12 q_{78} + 12 q_{79}$ $13 q_{78} + 11 q_{79} + 13 q$ | $\Gamma(CC)$ |
| 76 | 383 | $11 q_{80}$ | Γ(CC) |
| 77 | 325 | $19 q_{44} + 19 q_{45} + 17 q_{48} + 17 q_{49}$ | δ(N-C-C) |
| 78 | 274 | $42 q_{89} + 42 q_{90}$ | $\Gamma(O-CH_3)$ |
| 79 | 263 | $49 q_{89} + 40 q_{90}$ | $\Gamma(O-CH_3)$ |
| 80 | 263 | $20 q_{42} + 20 q_{43} + 20 q_{48} + 20 q_{49}$ | δ(O-C-C) |
| 81 | 249 | $10 q_{42} + 10 q_{43} + 13 q_{62} + 13 q_{63}$ | δ(O-C-C) |
| 82 | 204 | $11 q_{80} + 21 q_{84}$ | Γ(CC) |
| 83 | 190 | 13 q_{80} + 29 q_{85} + 12 q_{86} | $\Gamma(NN)$ |
| 84 | 161 | $16 q_{44} + 16 q_{45}$ | δ(N-C-C) |
| 85 | 88 | $24 \ q_{66}$ + $20 \ q_{85}$ + $13 \ q_{87}$ + $13 \ q_{88}$ | $\Gamma(CN)$ |
| 86 | 77 | $30 q_{87} + 30 q_{88} + 14 q_{89} + 13 q_{90}$ | $\Gamma(C-OCH_3)$ |
| 87 | 59 | $\begin{array}{c} 13 \ q_{66} + \ 21 \ q_{87} + \ 21 \ q_{88} + \ 12 \ q_{89} + \\ 12 \ q_{90} \end{array}$ | $\Gamma(C\text{-OCH}_3)$ |
| 88 | 58 | $15 \; q_{44}$ + $15 \; q_{45}$ + $28 \; q_{46}$ + $28 \; q_{47}$ | $\delta(N-N-C)+\delta(N-C-C)$ |
| 89 | 33 | $35 q_{66}$ + $14 q_{80}$ + $10 q_{84}$ | Γ(CC) |
| 90 | 20 | $50 q_{85} + 20 q_{86}$ | Γ(CN) |

^aAccording with the potential energy distribution matrix (Refs. 32, 33). ^bActive space: (16e,15o); ANO-RCC[C,N,O/4s3p2d1f||H/3s2p1d]. ^cPotential energy distribution.

| CAS-SCF ^c | <i>I_{rel}</i> (320) | <i>I_{rel}</i> (340) | Assignment |
|----------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1707 | 100 | 80 | 8a |
| 1650 | 76 | 100 | $\nu(N-C_{ring})$ |
| 1259 | 14 | 12 | 9a |
| 1029 | 23 | 34 | 12 |
| CAS - SCF^{d} | <i>I_{rel}</i> (320) | <i>I_{rel}</i> (340) | Assignment |
| 1707 | 100 | 40 | 8a |
| 1629 | 4 | 11 | $\delta(C-H)_{methyl}$ |
| 1624 | 19 | 27 | $\delta(C-H)_{methyl}$ |
| 1602 | 4 | 22 | 18a |
| 1421 | 11 | 65 | v(C-O) |
| 1337 | 28 | 44 | $\nu(N-C_{ring})$ |
| 1235 | 23 | 11 | 9a |
| 1152 | 19 | 7 | v(O-CH ₃) |
| 889 | 27 | 100 | 1 |
| 562 | 44 | 13 | δ(C-O-C) |
| 454 | 85 | 34 | 6a |
| CAS-SCF ^e | <i>I_{rel}</i> (320) | <i>I_{rel}</i> (340) | Assignment |
| 1758 | 12 | 39 | 8a |
| 1712 | 6 | 10 | 8b |
| 1657 | 3 | 11 | 19a+18a |
| 1415 | 100 | 100 | v(C-O) |
| 1384 | 14 | 76 | $\nu(N-C_{ring})$ |
| 1277 | 15 | 18 | 9a |
| 1247 | 54 | 33 | 14 |
| 1216 | 31 | 24 | v(N-N) |
| 1173 | 49 | 31 | 19b+15 |
| 1157 | 18 | 12 | v(O-CH ₃) |
| 894 | 87 | 54 | 1 |
| 828 | 22 | 14 | 6a |

Table S11. Assignment of the calculated Resonance Raman spectrum of singlet 4methoxyphenyl nitrene and 4-methoxyohenyl azide.^{a,b}

^aAccording with the potential energy distribution matrix (Refs. 32, 33).

^bActive space: (12e,11o); ANO-RCC[C,N,O/4*s*3*p*2*d*1*f*||H/3*s*2*p*1*d*]; state average: (4 states A', 4 states A''); IPEA=0.25.

^c1¹A" 4-methoxyphenyl nitrene. ^d1¹A' 4-methoxyphenyl nitrene.

^e4-methoxyohenyl azide.

| | $\frac{2j}{VT^{h}}$ | | |
|--|---------------------|------------------------|---|
| Iransition | VE | <i>OS</i> ^e | Configuration |
| $I^{3}A" \rightarrow 2^{3}A"$ | 3.16 | 0.20-02 | 29% $n_{\sigma}(N)^1 n_{\pi}(N)^0 \pi_2^*(ring)^1$ |
| | | | $36\% n_{\sigma}(N)^1 \pi_2(ring)^1 n_{\pi}(N)^2$ |
| $l^{3}A" \rightarrow 3^{3}A"$ | 3.31 | 0.84-02 | $43\% n_{\sigma}(N)^{1} n_{\pi}(N)^{2} \pi_{3} (ring)^{1}$ |
| | | | 24% $n_{\sigma}(N)^{1} \pi_{3}(ring)^{1} n_{\pi}(N)^{0}$ |
| $l^3 A'' \rightarrow 4^3 A''$ | 4.80 | 0.61-03 | 73% $n_{\sigma}(N)^{1} \pi_{2}(ring)^{1} n_{\pi}(N)^{1} \pi_{2}^{*}(ring)^{1}$ |
| | | | |
| $l^{3}A" \rightarrow l^{3}A'$ | 4.22 | 0.11-04 | 76% $n_{\sigma}(N)^2 n_{\pi}(N)^1 \pi_3(ring)^1$ |
| | | | |
| $l^3 A'' \rightarrow 2^3 A'$ | 4.24 | 0.83-02 | $76\% n_{\sigma}(N)^{1} \sigma(CN)^{1} n_{\pi}(N)^{2}$ |
| | | | |
| $l^3 A'' \rightarrow 3^3 A'$ | 4.85 | 0.19-04 | $68\% n (N)^2 \pi_2 (ring)^1 n (N)^1$ |
| | | | $\sigma_{\alpha}(x) = \sigma_{\alpha}(x) + \sigma_{\alpha}(x)$ |
| 1 ³ A 11 A ³ A 1 | 5 88 | 0.00 | 729/ u (N) ² $=$ (ring) ¹ u (N) ⁰ $=$ *(ring) ¹ |
| $I \land \rightarrow 4 \land$ | 5.00 | 0.00 | $1270 n_{\sigma}(10) n_2 (1112) n_{\pi}(10) n_2 (1112)$ |

Table S12. Vertical transition energies in eV of triplet 4-methoxyphenyl nitrene (MS-CASPT2), C_s -symmetry.^a

^aFour state-average CAS-SCF reference wavefunction: (12e, 11o). ANO-RCC, (C,N)[4s3p2d1f]/(H)[3s2p1d].

^bVertical excitation energy in eV.

^cOscillator strength, dipole-length formula.

^dMS-CASPT2 electron configurations. Only contributions greater than 15% are included. Only orbitals with different occupation to the ground state are given.

| | $=$ $, $ \circ \circ | inneu j. | |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------|----------|--|
| Transition | VE ^b | OS^{c} | Configuration ^d |
| $l^1 A'' \rightarrow 2^1 A''$ | 2.52 | 0.93-03 | $34\% n_{\sigma}(N)^{1} n_{\pi}(N)^{0} \pi_{2}^{*}(ring)^{1}$ |
| | | | $40\% n_{\sigma}(N)^1 \pi_2(ring)^1 n_{\pi}(N)^0$ |
| $I^{1}A" \rightarrow 3^{1}A"$ | 3.04 | 0.30-02 | 44% $n_{\sigma}(N)^{1} \pi_{3}(ring)^{1} n_{\pi}(N)^{2}$ |
| | | | $32\% n_{\sigma}(N)^{1} n_{\pi}(N)^{0} \pi_{2}*(ring)^{1}$ |
| $l^1 A'' \rightarrow 4^1 A''$ | 4.67 | 0.22-02 | $25\% n_{\sigma}(N)^1 n_{\pi}(N)^2 \pi_1(ring)^1$ |
| | | | $28\% n_{\sigma}(N)^{1} n_{\pi}(N)^{1} \pi_{1}(ring)^{1} \pi_{2}*(ring)^{1}$ |
| $l^1 A'' \rightarrow l^1 A'$ | 0.47 | 0.0 | 83% $n_{\sigma}(N)^2 n_{\pi}(N)^0$ |
| | | | |
| $l^1 A'' \rightarrow 2^1 A'$ | 1.92 | 0.0 | $71\% n_{\sigma}(N)^2 n_{\pi}(N)^2$ |
| | | | |
| $l^1 A'' \rightarrow 3^1 A'$ | 4.55 | 0.51-04 | 53% $n_{\sigma}(N)^2 n_{\pi}(N)^1 \pi_2(ring)^1$ |
| | | | |
| $l^1 A'' \rightarrow 4^1 A'$ | 4.95 | 0.0 | 63% $n_{\sigma}(N)^2 \pi_3 (\text{ring})^1 n_{\pi}(N)^1$ |

Table S13. Vertical transition energies in eV of 1^{1} A" 4-methoxyphenyl nitrene (MS-CASPT2), C_{s} -symmetry.^a

^aFour state-average CAS-SCF reference wavefunction: (12e, 11o). ANO-RCC, (C,N)[4s3p2d1f]/(H)[3s2p1d].

^bVertical excitation energy in eV.

^cOscillator strength, dipole-length formula.

^dMS-CASPT2 electron configurations. Only contributions greater than 15% are included. Only orbitals with different occupation to the ground state are given.

| (MIS-CASPI | 2), C _s -sy | mmetry. | |
|------------------------------|------------------------|----------|--|
| Transition | VE^{b} | OS^{c} | <i>Configuration</i> ^d |
| $l^1 A' \rightarrow 2^1 A'$ | 1.42 | 0.16-01 | 74% $n_{\sigma}(N)^0 n_{\pi}(N)^2$ |
| $l^1 A' \rightarrow 3^1 A'$ | 3.97 | 0.26-01 | 55% $n_{\sigma}(N)^2 \pi_2(ring)^1 n_{\pi}(N)^1$ |
| $l^1 A' \rightarrow 4^1 A'$ | 4.39 | 0.3829 | 60% $n_{\sigma}(N)^2 \pi_3(\operatorname{ring})^1 n_{\pi}(N)^1$ |
| $l^1 A' \rightarrow l^1 A''$ | -0.30 | 0.0 | 84% $n_{\sigma}(N)^{1} n_{\pi}(N)^{1}$ |
| $l^1 A' \rightarrow 2^1 A''$ | 2.13 | 0.24-04 | 33% $n_{\sigma}(N)^{1} \pi_{2}^{*}(ring)^{1}$ 40% $n_{\sigma}(N)^{1} \pi_{2}(ring)^{1} n_{\sigma}(N)^{2}$ |
| $I^1 A' \rightarrow 3^1 A''$ | 2.50 | 0.00 | $46\% n_{\sigma}(N)^{1} n_{\pi}(N)^{1}$ $31\% n_{\sigma}(N)^{1} \pi_{3}^{*}(ring)^{1}$ |
| $l^1 A' \rightarrow 4^1 A''$ | 3.97 | 0.0 | $\frac{18\% n_{\sigma}(N)^2 \pi_1(\text{ring})^1 n_{\pi}(N)^2}{34\% n_{\sigma}(N)^1 \pi_1(\text{ring})^1 n_{\pi}(N)^1 \pi_2^*(\text{ring})^1}$ |

Table S14. Vertical transition energies in eV of 1^{1} A' 4-methoxyphenyl nitrene (MS-CASPT2), C_{s} -symmetry.^a

^aFour state-average CAS-SCF reference wavefunction: (12e, 11o). ANO-RCC, (C,N)[4s3p2d1f]/(H)[3s2p1d].

^bVertical excitation energy in eV.

^cOscillator strength, dipole-length formula.

^dMS-CASPT2 electron configurations. Only contributions greater than 15% are included. Only orbitals with different occupation to the ground state are given.

| Species | VE ^a | OS^{b} | Configuration ^c |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|----------|---|
| | | | |
| $1A_g \rightarrow 2A_g$ | 4.05 | 0.0000 | $24\% \pi_3(b_g)^1 \pi^*(NN)^1$ |
| | | | 22% HF |
| $1A_g \rightarrow 3A_g$ | 4.76 | 0.0000 | 25% $\pi_3(b_g)^1\pi^*(NN)^1$ |
| 1A _° →1B _° | 2.02 | 0.0000 | 75% σ(NN) ¹ π*(NN) ¹ |
| 6 6 | | | $42\% \sigma(NN)^{1}\pi_{2}^{*}(b_{g})^{1}\pi^{*}(NN)^{2}$ |
| $1A_g \rightarrow 2B_g$ | 4.22 | 0.0000 | |
| 0 0 | | | $22\% \ \sigma(NN)^1 \pi_2(b_g)^1$ |
| $1A_g \rightarrow 3B_g$ | 5.00 | 0.0000 | $17\% \sigma(NN)^{1} \pi_{3}*(b_{g})^{1}$ |
| | | | $22\% \sigma(NN)^{1}\pi_{3}(a_{u})^{1}\pi^{*}(NN)^{2}$ |
| $1A_g \rightarrow 1A_u$ | 4.10 | 0.72-03 | $23\% \sigma(NN)^{1} \pi_{2}^{*}(a_{u})^{1}$ |
| | | | $15\% \sigma(NN)^{1}\pi_{3}(a_{u})^{1}\pi^{*}(NN)^{2}$ |
| $1A_g \rightarrow 2A_u$ | 4.49 | 0.45-03 | $18\% \sigma(NN)^{1} \pi_{2}^{*} (b_{g})^{1}$ |
| | | | $25\% \sigma(NN)^1 \pi *_2(b_g)^1 \pi * (NN)^1 \pi_2(a_u)^1$ |
| $1A_g \rightarrow 3A_u$ | 5.75 | 0.0000 | 22% $\sigma(NN)^{1}\pi_{2}(b_{g})^{1}\pi^{*}(NN)^{1}\pi_{2}^{*}(a_{u})^{1}$ |
| 1∆ →1B | 2 83 | 0 4982 | $73\% \pi_2(h)^1 \pi_2(a)^1 \pi^* (NN)^2$ |
| $IA_g \rightarrow ID_u$ | 2.85 | 0.4982 | $260/\pi_{0}(0_{g})^{1}\pi^{*}(NN)^{1}$ |
| 14.00 | 4.04 | 0.16.01 | $20\% h_2(a_u) h^2(INN)$ |
| $1A_g \rightarrow 2B_u$ | 4.04 | 0.10-01 | $1 / 70 \pi_3(a_u) \pi^*_2(0_g)$ |
| | | | |

Table S15. Vertical transition energies in eV of 4,4'-dimethoxyazobenzene C_{2h} (MS-CASPT2).

 $\frac{1A_{g}\rightarrow 3B_{u}}{^{a}} 6.20 \qquad 0.21-02 \qquad 15\% \pi (NN)^{1} \pi^{*} (NN)^{1}$

^bOscillator strength.

^cMS-CASPT2 electron configurations. Only contributions greater than 15% are included. Only orbitals with different occupation to the ground state are given.