

Supporting Information for
Disulfide Bond Photochemistry: The Effects of Higher Excited States and Different
Molecular Geometries on Disulfide Bond Cleavage

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S1. Coordinates and absolute energies of the optimized structures.

Table S1. The MS-CASPT2(6,4)/6-31G* calculated vertical excitation energies (kcal/mol) of the singlet and triplet states at the optimized S_0 minima.

state species	S_1	S_2	S_3	T_1	T_2	T_3	T_4
DTL	93.3	128.7	184.5	76.6	116.5	141.7	199.4
DTA	103.6	126.9	198.2	85.8	112.1	143.5	204.5
DTP	110.9	122.7	205.2	92.1	106.8	143.6	206.3
DMDS	118.0	121.1	211.7	99.1	104.5	145.6	210.5

Table S2. Relative energies (kcal/mol) of the optimized structures.

species	S_0 min.	S_1 min.	T_1 min.	S_1/S_2 CI	S_1/S_0 CI	S_1/T_2 STC	T_1/S_0 STC
DTL	0.0	45.1	42.6		51.7 (53.5) ^a	52.4	51.0
DTA	0.0	52.3	45.7	60.9	60.4	59.0	57.9
DTP	0.0		51.8		53.1		
DMDS	0.0		49.0		56.7		

^arelative energy of DTL_ S_1S_0 optimized starting from DTL_ S_1 .

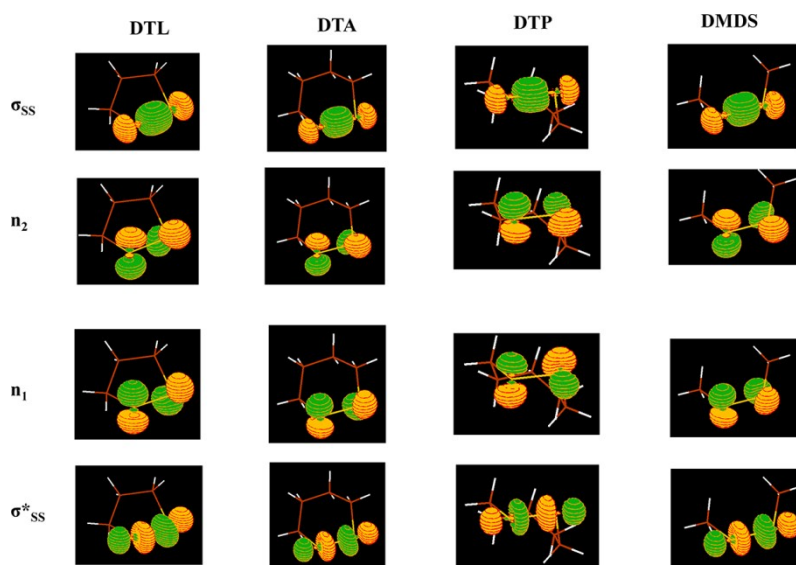


Figure S1. State-averaged CASSCF molecular orbitals in the active space CAS(6,4) of the four compounds, obtained with the 6-31G* basis set at the MS-CASPT2 optimized ground state minimum geometries.

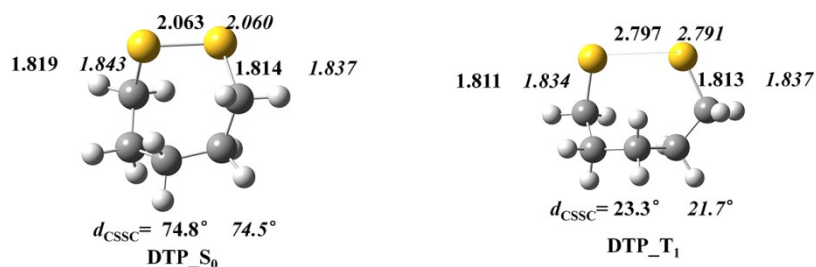


Figure S2. Optimized S_0 and T_1 structures for DTP with different basis sets: the italic

ones are from the mixed basis set 6-31G*(S)/3-21G(C, H), and others from 6-31G*.

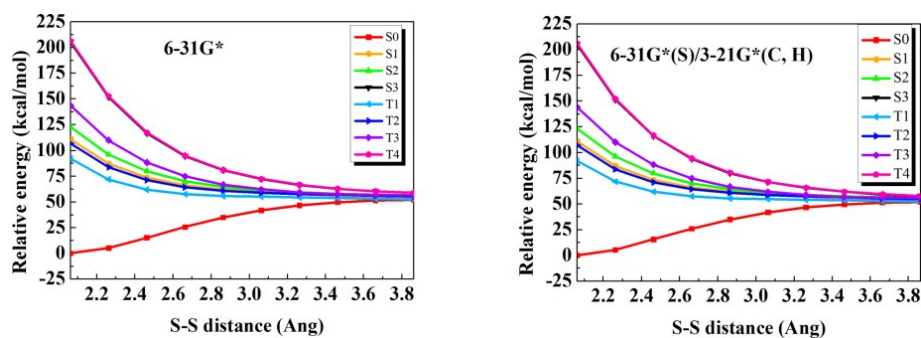


Figure S3. The MS-CASPT2(6,4) potential energy curves of DTP along the S-S distance for the mixed basis set 6-31G*(S)/3-21G(C, H) against 6-31G*.

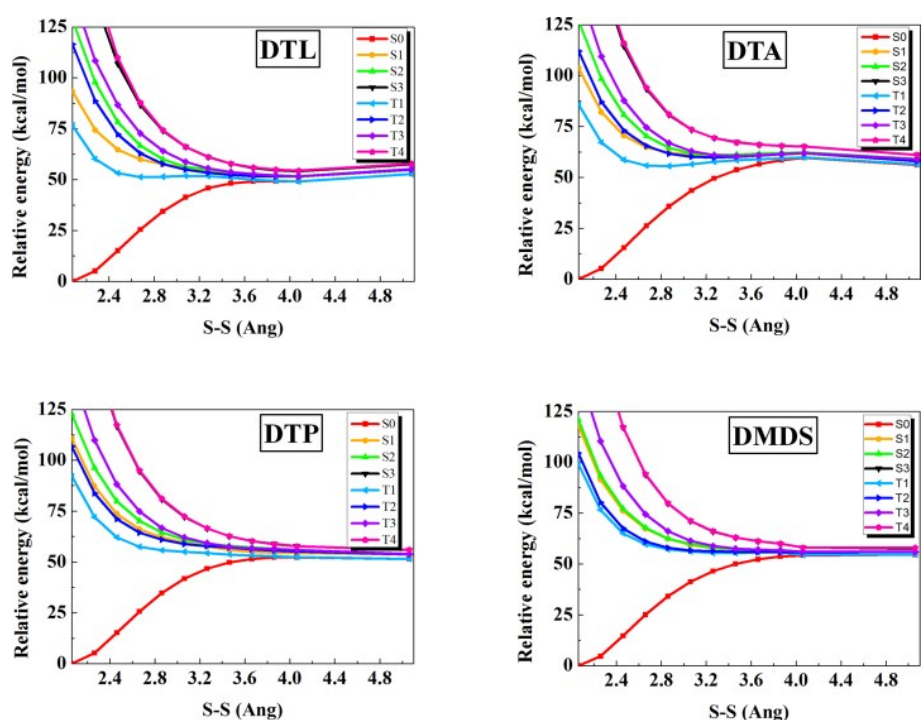


Figure S4. The potential energy curves with respect to the S-S distance reaction coordinate for all compounds.

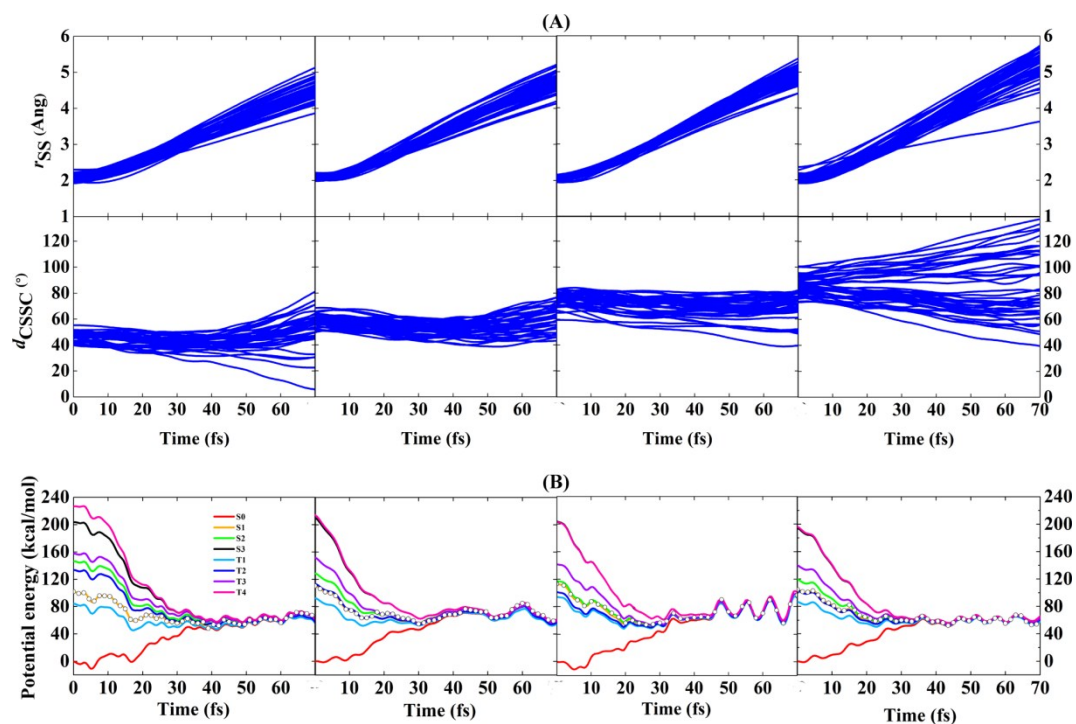


Figure S5. Time evolution of (A) the S–S distance (r_{SS}) and the CSSC dihedral angle (d_{CSSC}), and (B) potential energies of illustrative trajectories. All trajectories were started in the S_1 state, and the states are indicated in color while the populated state is indicated in while cyclic. The energies are plotted relative to the first geometry of the trajectory.

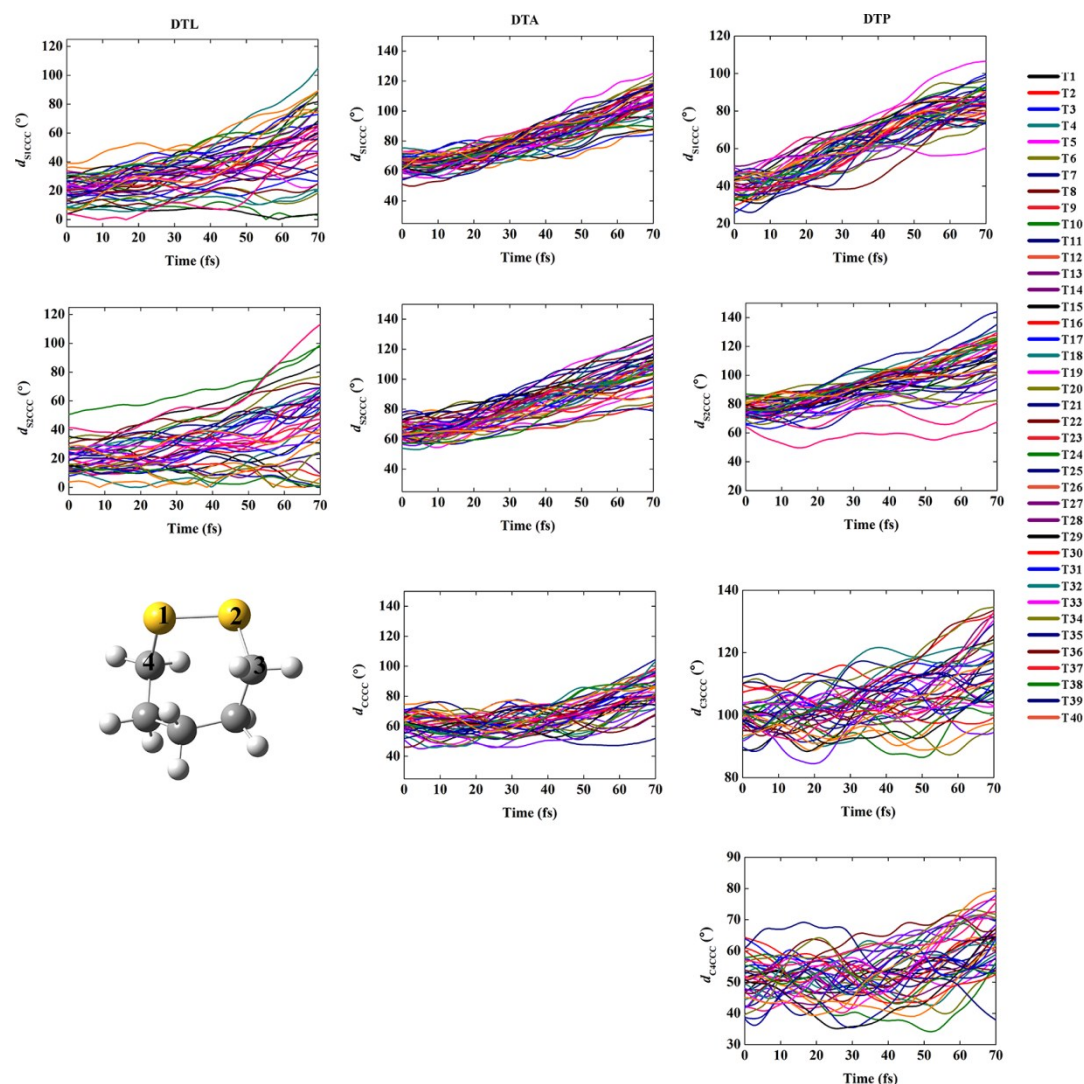


Figure S6. Time evolution of other geometrical parameters associated with the bridge linkage in the cyclic molecules. The atom numbering scheme is given in the structure of DTP, and the different colors indicate the different trajectories.

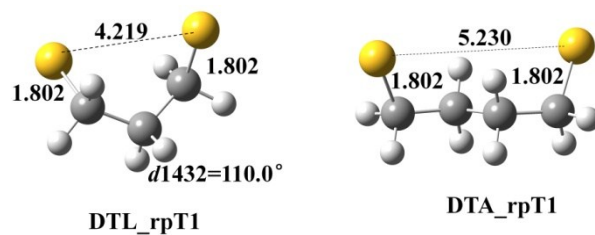


Figure S7. The optimized ring-opening T_1 minimum for DTL (DTL_rpT1) and DTA (DTA_rpT1), respectively.

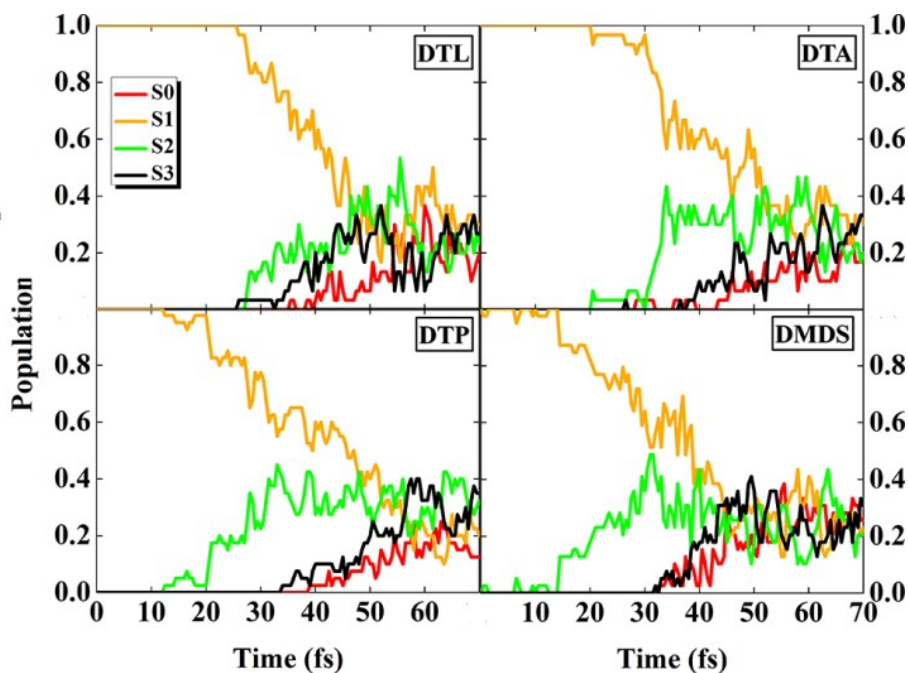


Figure S8. Populations for the singlet-only dynamics. The singlet-only dynamics considers the first four singlet states and uses the same initial conditions as the singlet-triplet dynamics.

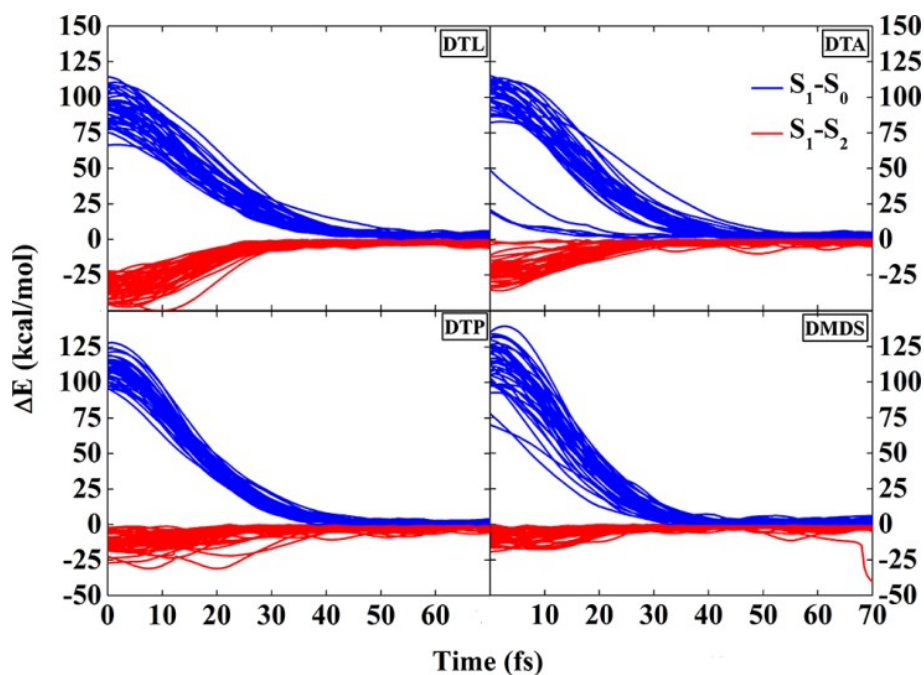


Figure S9. Time evolution of the energy gaps (ΔE) between S_1 and S_2 , and S_1 and S_0 .

S1. Coordinates and absolute energies (hartree) of the optimized structures.

DTL_ S_0 : -912.748320358012

S	-0.868423553	0.451249732	0.593557431
S	1.068710576	-0.077742181	1.129482022
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C	0.696526580	-0.114037138	-1.590275940
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DMDS_S₀: -874.75523132

S	-1.182727078	-0.249196421	1.415483272
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C	1.629554626	0.823017806	1.247063282
C	-1.471180949	-0.396814418	-0.368089361
H	-1.252847463	-1.407466618	-0.714560918
H	-2.530964134	-0.181899899	-0.531829636
H	-0.875980206	0.324095771	-0.931135409
H	2.703169787	0.645326830	1.356348702
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DMDS_T₁: -874.67707763

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C	-1.533618155	-1.016520134	-0.660527033
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H	-2.242632991	-1.702809837	-0.192918720
H	-1.959413193	-0.657866105	-1.599923483
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C	1.834488973	0.815772341	1.217219657
C	-1.770374230	-0.281952102	-0.488460984
H	-1.427639149	-1.286478053	-0.747369293
H	-2.633361750	0.015945103	-1.076908781
H	-0.908813297	0.352903476	-0.724551156
H	2.889456670	0.937468972	0.951373008
H	1.592786321	1.548979740	1.989351697
H	1.247829368	1.014799633	0.317701384