

**Stimuli-responsive phenothiazine-based donor-acceptor isomers:  
AIE, mechanochromism and polymorphism**

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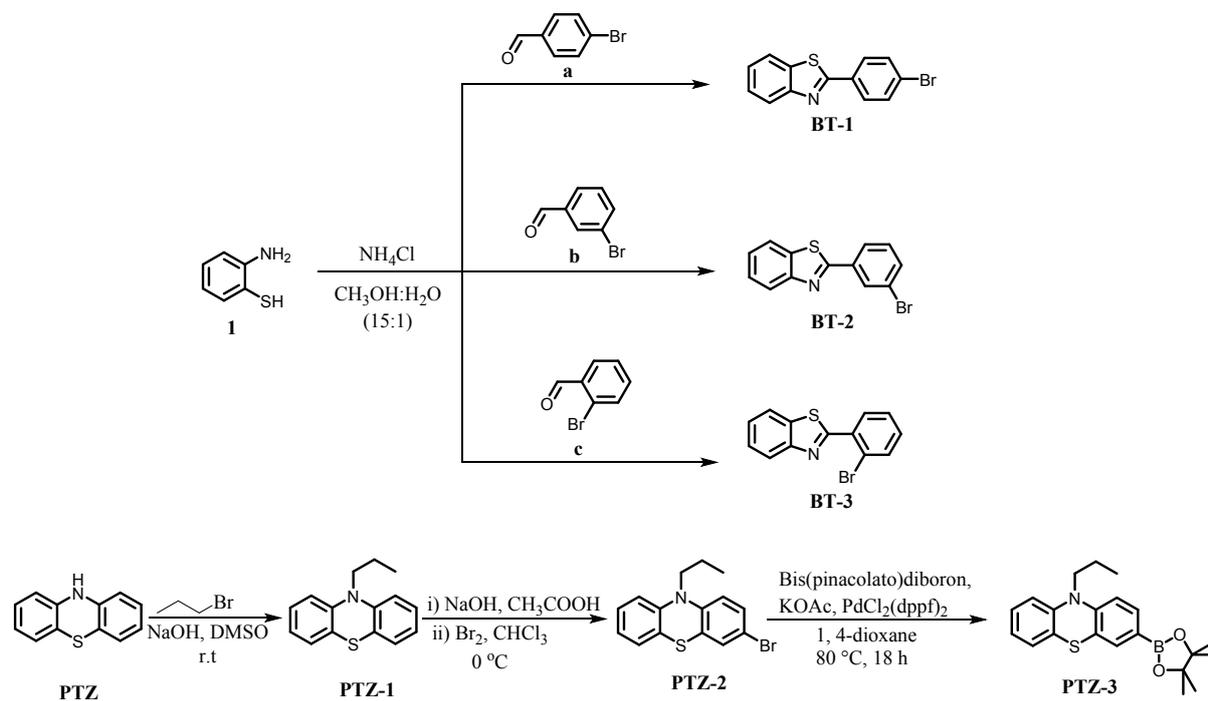
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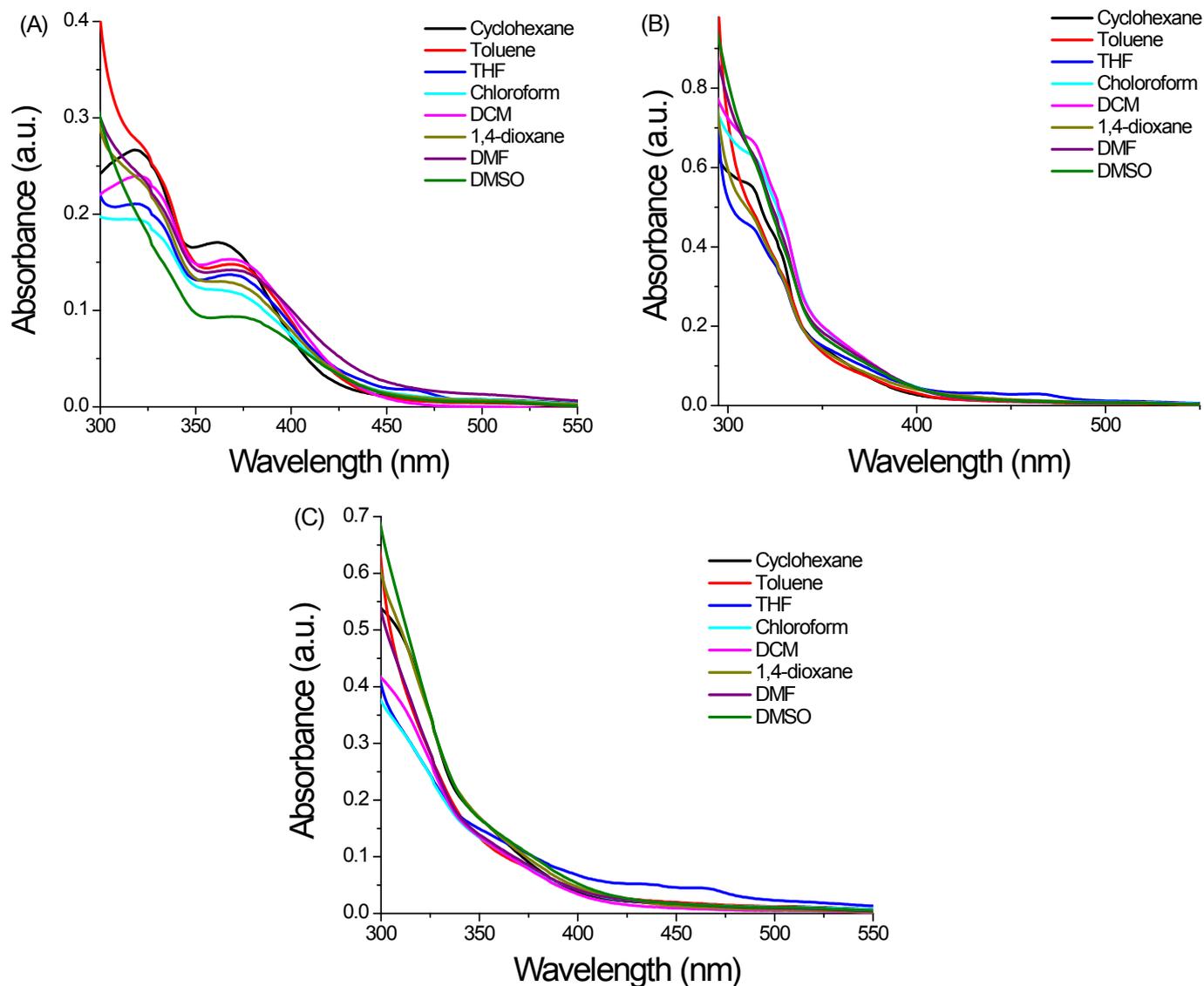
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## Experimental Section



**Scheme S1.** Synthetic routes to intermediates.

## Solvatochromism



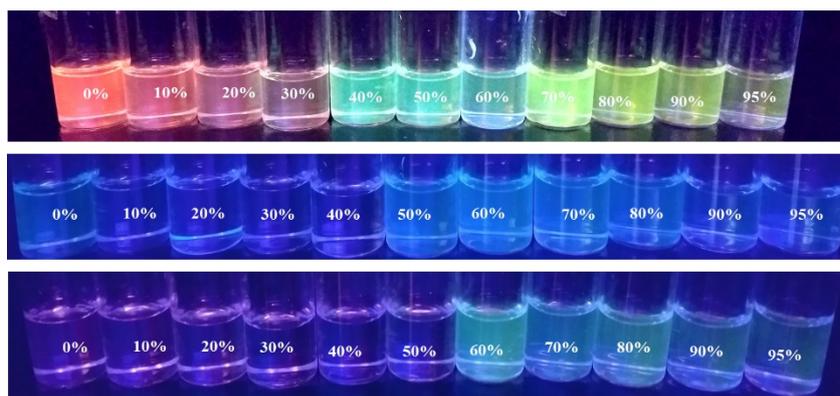
**Figure S1.** Electronic absorption spectra of (A) *p*-PTZ, (B) *m*-PTZ and (C) *o*-PTZ in solvents of various polarity.

**Table S1.** Quantum yield of *p*-PTZ, *m*-PTZ and *o*-PTZ in various solvents.

Solvents	$\phi_f^a$		
	<i>p</i> -PTZ	<i>m</i> -PTZ	<i>o</i> -PTZ
Cyclohexane	0.36	0.11	0.09
Toluene	0.50	0.13	0.12
THF	0.43	0.04	0.06
Chloroform	0.68	0.05	0.12
DCM	0.51	0.03	0.12
1,4-dioxane	0.53	0.08	0.14
DMF	0.14	0.004	0.03
DMSO	0.26	0.004	0.02

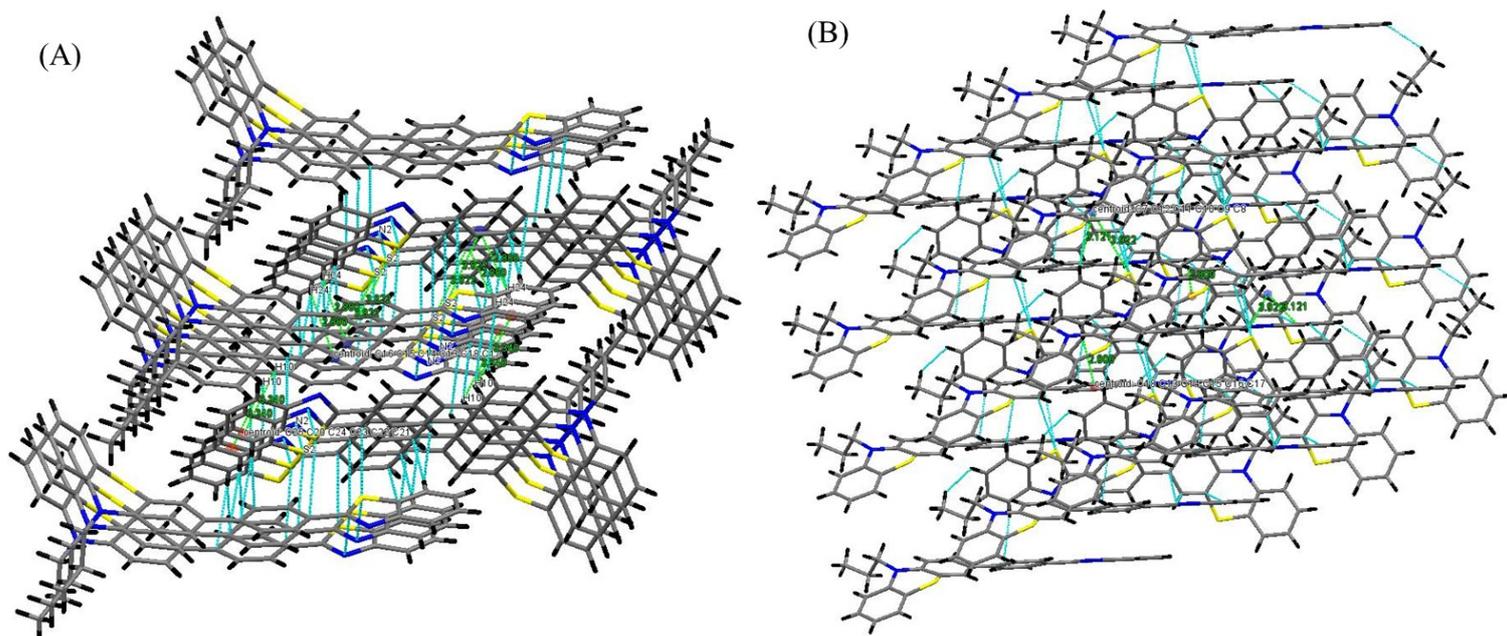
<sup>a</sup> Fluorescence quantum yields recorded using quinine sulphate as a standard in 0.5 M H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> solution.

### Aggregation Induced Emission

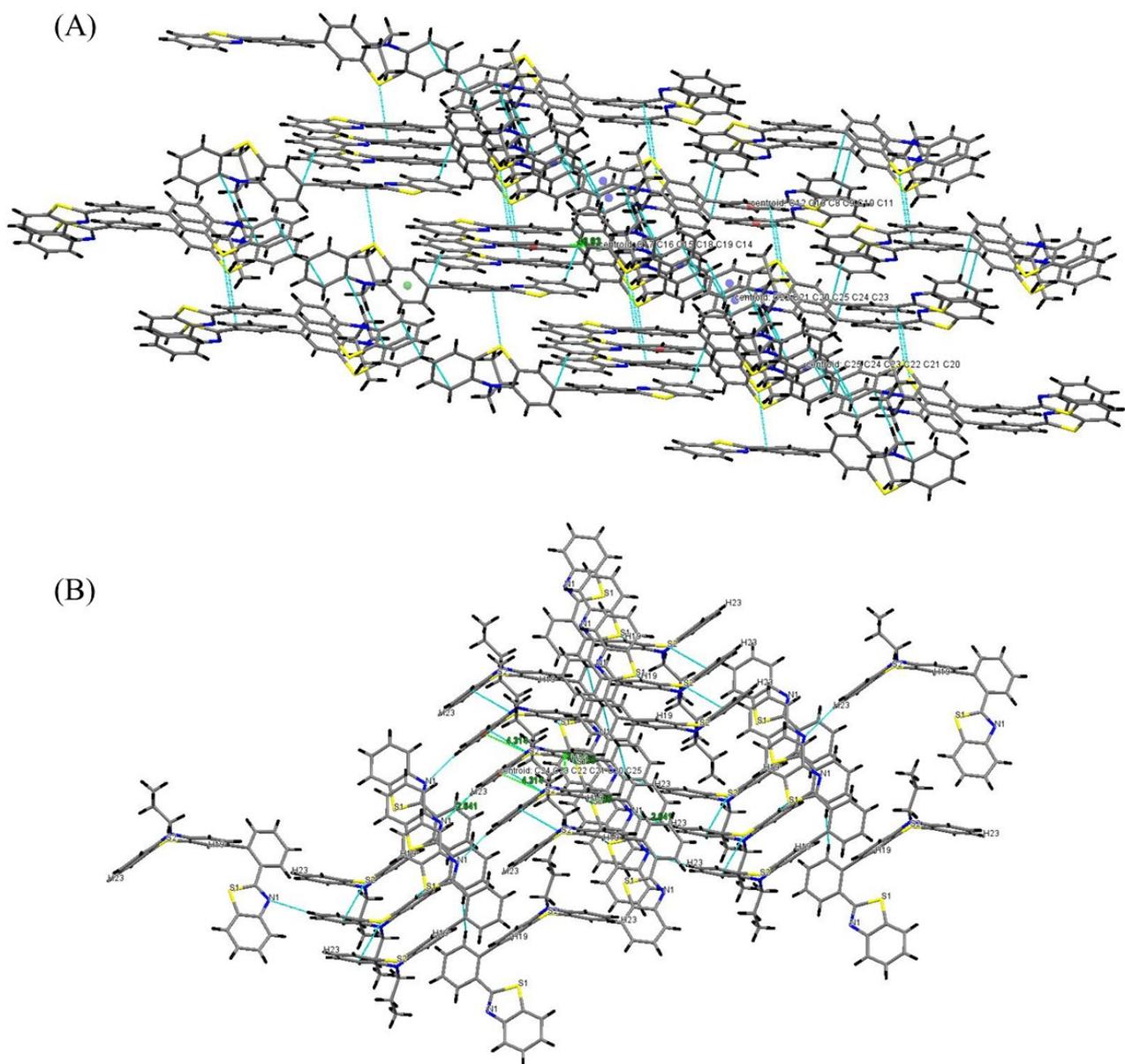


**Figure S2.** Photographs of *p*-PTZ, *m*-PTZ and *o*-PTZ in THF–water mixtures with different water fractions (10  $\mu$ M) under 365 nm UV illumination.

## Single Crystal X-ray Analysis



**Figure S3.** Crystal packing diagram of (A) *p*-PTZ GC and (B) *p*-PTZ YC.



**Figure S4.** Crystal packing diagram of (A) *m*-PTZ and (B) *o*-PTZ.

### Crystallographic data

Single crystal X-ray structures of *p*-PTZ GC and *p*-PTZ YC were performed on a CCD Agilent Technologies (Oxford Diffraction) SUPER NOVA diffractometer. The strategy for the Data collection was evaluated by using the CrysAlisPro CCD software. The data were collected by the standard  $\phi$   $\omega$  scan techniques and were scaled and reduced using CrysAlisPro RED software. Diffraction data for *m*-PTZ was collected using (BRUKER KAPPA APEX II CCD Duo) with graphite monochromatic Mo K $\alpha$  radiation (0.71073 Å), on an Xcalibur, Eos, Gemini diffractometer. Single crystal X-ray data for compound *o*-PTZ were collected on a Bruker D8 VENTURE diffractometer equipped with CMOS Photon 100 detector and MoK $\alpha$  ( $\lambda = 0.71073$  Å) radiation was used. The structures were solved by direct methods using SHELXS-97 and refined by full matrix least-squares with SHELXL-97, refining on F<sup>2</sup>. The positions of all the atoms were obtained by direct methods. All non-hydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically. The remaining hydrogen atoms were placed in geometrically constrained positions, and refined with isotropic temperature factors, generally 1.2U<sub>eq</sub> of their parent atoms. The crystal and refinement data are summarized in Table S1. The CCDC number 1948197, 1948216, 1948223 and 1948310 contains the supplementary crystallographic data for *p*-PTZ GC, *p*-PTZ YC, *m*-PTZ and *o*-PTZ. These data can be obtained free of charge via

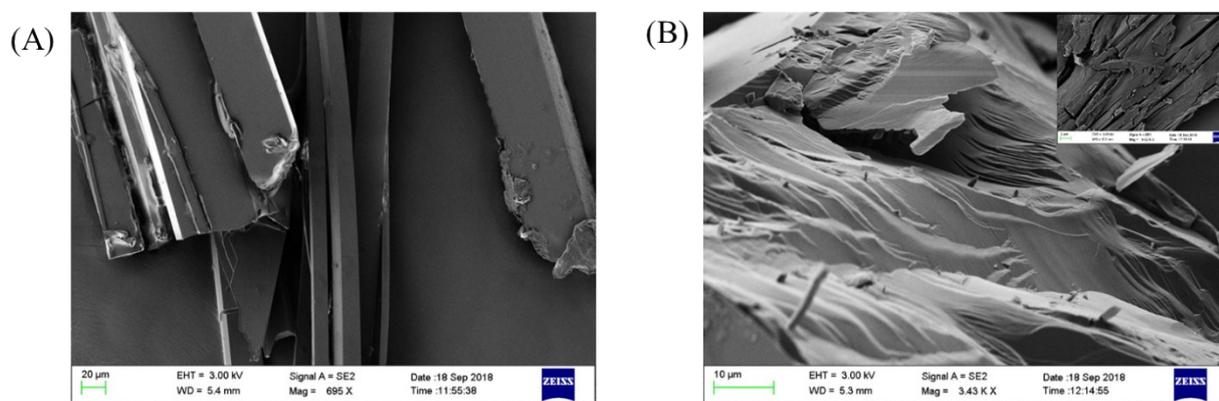
[www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk](http://www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk) (or from the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre, 12 union Road, Cambridge CB21 EZ, UK; Fax: (+44) 1223-336-033; or [deposit@ccdc.cam.ac.uk](mailto:deposit@ccdc.cam.ac.uk)).

**Table S2.** Crystal data and structure refinement for *p*-PTZ GC, *p*-PTZ YC, *m*-PTZ and *o*-PTZ.

Identification code	rm259	rm257	shelx	shelx
Empirical formula	C28 H22 N2 S2			
Formula weight	450.59	450.59	450.59	450.59
Temperature	293(2) K	293(2) K	293(2) K	296(2) K
Wavelength	0.71073 Å	0.71073 Å	0.71073 Å	0.71073 Å
Crystal system, space group	Monoclinic, P 21	Orthorhombic, P n a 21	Monoclinic P 21/c	Monoclinic, P 21/c
a/(Å)	8.5948(5)	39.769(3)	9.5843(3)	5.7861(2)
b/(Å)	5.5944(3)	7.1785(5)	8.1855(4)	23.6600(7)
c/(Å)	23.1405(11)	7.7524(8)	28.7754(13)	16.4878(5)
Alpha/(°)	90	90	90	90
Beta/(°)	95.751(5)	90	92.432(4)	92.684(2)
Gamma/(°)	90	90	90	90
Volume	1107.06(10) Å <sup>3</sup>	2213.2(3) Å <sup>3</sup>	2255.46(17) Å <sup>3</sup>	2254.69(12) Å <sup>3</sup>
Z, Calculated density	2, 1.352 mg/m <sup>-3</sup>	4, 1.352 mg/m <sup>-3</sup>	4, 1.327 mg/m <sup>-3</sup>	4, 1.327 mg/m <sup>-3</sup>

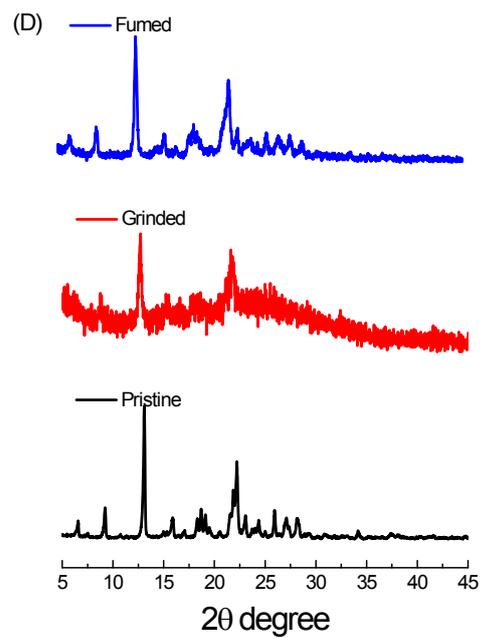
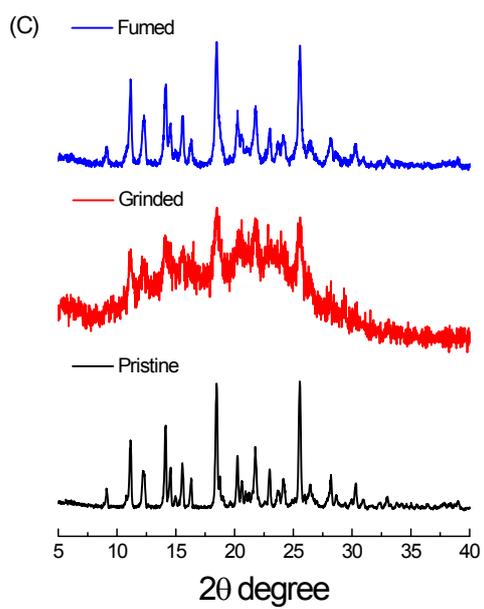
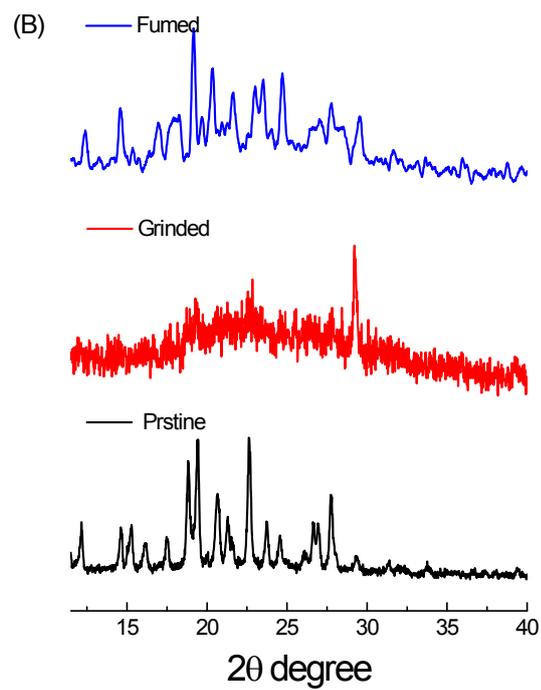
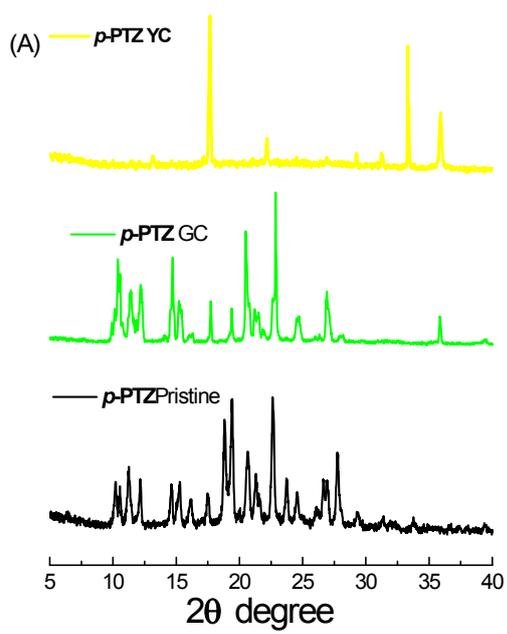
Absorption coefficient	0.260 mm <sup>-1</sup>	0.260 mm <sup>-1</sup>	0.255 mm <sup>-1</sup>	0.255 mm <sup>-1</sup>
F(000)	472	944	944	944
Crystal size	0.230 x 0.180 x 0.130 mm	0.260 x 0.230 x 0.180 mm	0.250 x 0.100 x 0.060 mm	0.300 x 0.103 x 0.030 mm
Θ range for data collection/(°)	3.384 to 29.083	2.820 to 30.551	3.273 to 29.132	1.506 to 28.433
Reflections collected / unique	9102 / 4635 [R(int) = 0.0708]	23519 / 5412 [R(int) = 0.0968]	25562 / 5521 [R(int) = 0.0674]	24538 / 5645 [R(int) = 0.0691]
Completeness to theta	Θ = 25.242 99.6 %	Θ = 25.242 99.9 %	Θ = 25.242 99.8 %	Θ = 25.242 99.7 %
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F <sup>2</sup>			
Data / restraints / parameters	4635 / 3 / 290	5412 / 1 / 289	5521 / 0 / 289	5645 / 2 / 299
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.105	1.066	1.029	0.918
Final R indices [I>2σ(I)]	R1 = 0.1287, wR2 = 0.3277	R1 = 0.0762, wR2 = 0.2056	R1 = 0.0612, wR2 = 0.1138	R1 = 0.0537, wR2 = 0.1199
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.2379, wR2 = 0.4181	R1 = 0.1058, wR2 = 0.2487	R1 = 0.1204, wR2 = 0.1353	R1 = 0.1379, wR2 = 0.1538
Extinction coefficient	0.050(18)	n/a	n/a	n/a
Largest diff. peak and hole (e.Å <sup>-3</sup> )	0.972 and -0.606	0.658 and -0.623	0.413 and -0.278	0.383 and -0.280

## SEM studies



**Figure S5.** SEM images of the polymorphs (A) *p*-PTZ GC and (B) *p*-PTZ YC.

## **PXRD studies**



**Figure S6.** PXRD patterns of (A) *p*-PTZ pristine and its polymorphs *p*-PTZ GC and *p*-PTZ YC and (B) *p*-PTZ, (C) *m*-PTZ and (D) *o*-PTZ in its pristine, grinded and fumed forms.

#### **DFT calculations**

**DFT calculation data of *p*-PTZ, *m*-PTZ and *o*-PTZ**

Calculation method: B3LYP/6-31G +(d,p) with Gaussian 09.

***p*-PTZ:**

Standard orientation:

Center Number	Atomic Number	Atomic Type	Coordinates (Angstroms)		
			X	Y	Z
1	16	0	-5.951992	-1.557822	-0.132935
2	7	0	-5.880428	1.052001	0.021709
3	6	0	-7.473224	-0.694649	-0.066458
4	6	0	-8.778051	-1.195737	-0.083327
5	1	0	-8.969946	-2.262207	-0.145443
6	6	0	-9.832012	-0.285022	-0.017621
7	1	0	-10.853952	-0.651892	-0.028903
8	6	0	-9.589798	1.099273	0.062985
9	1	0	-10.429472	1.785902	0.112784
10	6	0	-8.291444	1.597685	0.079652
11	1	0	-8.090484	2.662249	0.141199
12	6	0	-7.215715	0.697277	0.014713
13	6	0	-5.099829	0.014021	-0.049267
14	6	0	-3.634071	0.087786	-0.059915
15	6	0	-3.004148	1.341734	0.045648
16	1	0	-3.619962	2.228770	0.143961
17	6	0	-1.617976	1.440653	0.039074
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41	1	0	4.822199	2.794255	-0.060141
42	6	0	6.743886	2.272874	0.721805
43	6	0	7.108484	-2.856175	-0.673649
44	1	0	5.608347	-3.760871	0.591349
45	6	0	7.528147	-1.672489	-1.282143
46	1	0	7.142982	0.414541	-1.599126
47	1	0	7.498534	1.487093	0.616150

48	1	0	6.358097	2.198294	1.745236
49	6	0	7.391065	3.644167	0.497038
50	1	0	7.660485	-3.779194	-0.820384
51	1	0	8.411603	-1.665563	-1.913695
52	1	0	6.667492	4.457236	0.630190
53	1	0	8.208953	3.810489	1.205036
54	1	0	7.806422	3.731315	-0.514085

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Total Energy (HF) = -1986.2178289Hartree

***m*-PTZ:**

Standard orientation:

Center Number	Atomic Number	Atomic Type	Coordinates (Angstroms)		
			X	Y	Z
1	6	0	3.490159	-2.795369	0.240697
2	6	0	3.414093	-1.396203	0.148019
3	6	0	2.152313	-0.778950	0.118824
4	6	0	0.970342	-1.529176	0.187743
5	6	0	1.073163	-2.930048	0.283223
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9	1	0	4.453616	-3.295578	0.267168
10	6	0	4.619408	-0.555606	0.074434
11	16	0	6.253929	-1.281370	0.027392
12	7	0	4.600537	0.743708	0.038664
13	6	0	6.928189	0.331928	-0.041615
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19	6	0	7.503826	3.047430	-0.136207
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22	1	0	7.747666	4.104820	-0.173887
23	1	0	2.111874	0.299667	0.019525
24	6	0	-0.355187	-0.859240	0.165102
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26	6	0	-0.568406	0.363444	0.819784
27	6	0	-2.689834	-0.806609	-0.539885
28	1	0	-1.327261	-2.380188	-1.027277
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44	1	0	-6.459974	-2.863668	-0.727195
45	6	0	-7.504536	-0.254440	1.185549
46	1	0	-6.377313	1.531315	1.567360
47	1	0	-6.255355	2.703539	-0.632036
48	1	0	-4.902664	2.977701	-1.716576
49	6	0	-5.368413	4.666312	-0.433176
50	1	0	-8.400873	-2.149560	0.661807
51	1	0	-8.334704	0.065870	1.808197
52	1	0	-4.393290	5.159920	-0.522231
53	1	0	-6.046074	5.141816	-1.149142
54	1	0	-5.753645	4.871283	0.572865

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***o*-PTZ:**

Standard orientation: -----

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1	6	0	4.409365	2.342206	-0.761647
2	6	0	3.221934	1.684477	-0.394889
3	6	0	1.998779	2.402669	-0.387470
4	6	0	2.034313	3.770007	-0.710845
5	6	0	3.221895	4.416821	-1.051801
6	1	0	3.209236	5.473481	-1.302857
7	6	0	4.417071	3.696598	-1.088200
8	1	0	5.348973	4.184252	-1.357549
9	1	0	1.099431	4.322287	-0.723768
10	1	0	5.342718	1.787294	-0.753096
11	6	0	3.307555	0.269796	0.024958
12	16	0	4.287658	-0.883704	-0.934071
13	7	0	2.736833	-0.237473	1.071877
14	6	0	3.870044	-2.134019	0.217023
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21	1	0	1.905654	-1.976153	3.011775
22	1	0	4.036935	-5.327789	1.316027
23	1	0	2.560850	-4.386728	3.070692
24	6	0	0.676575	1.779771	-0.105029
25	6	0	-0.194233	2.333114	0.838442
26	6	0	0.227569	0.656508	-0.815262
27	6	0	-1.464140	1.797248	1.058058
28	1	0	0.120364	3.191888	1.423902
29	6	0	-1.022885	0.092328	-0.573374
30	1	0	0.867928	0.197509	-1.562706
31	6	0	-1.917119	0.665749	0.357105
32	1	0	-2.096136	2.275179	1.793906
33	16	0	-1.415410	-1.453830	-1.358074
34	7	0	-3.197307	0.109173	0.583731
35	6	0	-3.183980	-1.293166	-1.439471

36	6	0	-3.885806	-0.601171	-0.427475
37	6	0	-3.925582	0.490898	1.799199
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39	6	0	-5.291683	-0.669330	-0.456868
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48	1	0	-5.487185	1.746917	0.945584
49	6	0	-5.454173	2.054146	3.088167
50	1	0	-7.051696	-1.418109	-1.428522
51	1	0	-6.142092	1.238596	3.341471
52	1	0	-4.734001	2.145422	3.910018
53	1	0	-6.036588	2.980186	3.053767
54	1	0	-5.779275	-2.568196	-3.249037

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Total Energy (HF) = -1986.2062057Hartree

### TDDFT calculations of *p*-PTZ, *m*-PTZ and *o*-PTZ

#### *p*-PTZ:

Excitation energies and oscillator strengths:

Excited State 1: Singlet-A 2.9903 eV 414.62 nm f=0.3759  
<S\*\*2>=0.000  
118 ->119 0.69915

This state for optimization and/or second-order correction.

Total Energy, E(TD-HF/TD-KS) = -1986.10793801

Copying the excited state density for this state as the 1-particle  
RhoCI density.

Excited State 2: Singlet-A 3.7131 eV 333.91 nm f=0.9164  
<S\*\*2>=0.000  
117 ->119 0.68505

Excited State 3: Singlet-A 3.7871 eV 327.38 nm f=0.0501  
<S\*\*2>=0.000  
118 ->120 0.64512  
118 ->121 0.12625  
118 ->123 -0.15746

Excited State 4: Singlet-A 3.9301 eV 315.48 nm f=0.0546  
<S\*\*2>=0.000  
116 ->119 0.19793  
118 ->120 -0.10264  
118 ->121 0.62628  
118 ->122 -0.11499

Excited State 5: Singlet-A 4.0373 eV 307.10 nm f=0.0152  
<S\*\*2>=0.000  
115 ->119 0.54719  
116 ->119 -0.25615  
118 ->120 -0.10315  
118 ->122 -0.21531

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118 ->123      -0.15482
118 ->124      -0.10477

Excited State  6:      Singlet-A      4.0613 eV  305.28 nm  f=0.1524
<S**2>=0.000
 115 ->119      0.38066
 116 ->119      0.39216
 118 ->120      0.11986
 118 ->122      0.14050
 118 ->123      0.32602
 118 ->124      0.14833

Excited State  7:      Singlet-A      4.1694 eV  297.37 nm  f=0.0165
<S**2>=0.000
 116 ->119     -0.40685
 118 ->121      0.20540
 118 ->122      0.42384
 118 ->123      0.25275

Excited State  8:      Singlet-A      4.2519 eV  291.60 nm  f=0.0079
<S**2>=0.000
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 113 ->119      0.16799
 116 ->119     -0.22964
 118 ->122     -0.35865
 118 ->123      0.28395
 118 ->124      0.40167

Excited State  9:      Singlet-A      4.4894 eV  276.17 nm  f=0.0299
<S**2>=0.000
 114 ->119      0.23367
 118 ->123     -0.21951
 118 ->124      0.13242
 118 ->125      0.56285
 118 ->127     -0.17476

Excited State 10:      Singlet-A      4.5261 eV  273.93 nm  f=0.0054
<S**2>=0.000
 112 ->119     -0.18002
 113 ->119      0.38257
 114 ->119     -0.10256
 117 ->121     -0.12510
 117 ->122     -0.17828
 117 ->124      0.16685
 118 ->122      0.30697
 118 ->123     -0.23950
 118 ->124      0.19051
 118 ->125     -0.13464

SaveTrn:  write IOETrn=   770 NScale= 10 NData= 16 NLR=1 NState= 10
LETran=   190.

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### ***m*-PTZ**

Excitation energies and oscillator strengths:

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Excited State  1:      Singlet-A      3.0364 eV  408.33 nm  f=0.0174
<S**2>=0.000
 118 ->119      0.70333

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This state for optimization and/or second-order correction.

Total Energy, E(TD-HF/TD-KS) = -1986.10552408  
 Copying the excited state density for this state as the 1-particle  
 RhoCI density.

Excited State 2: Singlet-A 3.5666 eV 347.62 nm f=0.1550  
 <S\*\*2>=0.000  
 118 ->120 0.66221  
 118 ->122 -0.12555  
 118 ->123 -0.11533

Excited State 3: Singlet-A 3.8851 eV 319.12 nm f=0.0868  
 <S\*\*2>=0.000  
 116 ->119 0.14229  
 117 ->119 0.50296  
 118 ->121 0.39290  
 118 ->122 0.10191  
 118 ->123 0.17535

Excited State 4: Singlet-A 3.9327 eV 315.27 nm f=0.0160  
 <S\*\*2>=0.000  
 115 ->119 -0.10450  
 116 ->119 -0.12774  
 117 ->119 -0.39875  
 117 ->120 -0.10709  
 118 ->120 0.10676  
 118 ->121 0.51599

Excited State 5: Singlet-A 4.0139 eV 308.89 nm f=0.7229  
 <S\*\*2>=0.000  
 114 ->119 0.13612  
 115 ->119 -0.10125  
 116 ->119 0.58820  
 117 ->119 -0.11341  
 118 ->122 -0.15898  
 118 ->123 -0.24563

Excited State 6: Singlet-A 4.0479 eV 306.29 nm f=0.0484  
 <S\*\*2>=0.000  
 115 ->119 -0.13881  
 116 ->119 0.24945  
 117 ->119 -0.13847  
 118 ->120 0.12572  
 118 ->121 -0.18763  
 118 ->122 0.31113  
 118 ->123 0.45105  
 118 ->124 -0.11044

Excited State 7: Singlet-A 4.1435 eV 299.23 nm f=0.0967  
 <S\*\*2>=0.000  
 115 ->119 0.63155  
 116 ->119 0.12411  
 117 ->119 -0.18782

Excited State 8: Singlet-A 4.2731 eV 290.15 nm f=0.0176  
 <S\*\*2>=0.000  
 114 ->119 0.36594  
 117 ->120 0.24933  
 118 ->120 0.10608

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118 ->122      0.12401
118 ->124      0.47491

Excited State  9:      Singlet-A      4.3462 eV  285.27 nm  f=0.0341
<S**2>=0.000
  114 ->119      0.46226
  116 ->119     -0.11942
  116 ->120     -0.17562
  117 ->120      0.10474
  118 ->120     -0.10070
  118 ->122     -0.15410
  118 ->124     -0.37933

Excited State 10:      Singlet-A      4.4741 eV  277.11 nm  f=0.0078
<S**2>=0.000
  118 ->122      0.54757
  118 ->123     -0.40081
  118 ->124     -0.17136
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LETran=   190.

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**o-PTZ:**

Excitation energies and oscillator strengths:

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Excited State  1:      Singlet-A      2.8982 eV  427.80 nm  f=0.0481
<S**2>=0.000
  118 ->119      0.70204

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This state for optimization and/or second-order correction.

Total Energy, E(TD-HF/TD-KS) = -1986.09969898

Copying the excited state density for this state as the 1-particle RhoCI density.

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Excited State  2:      Singlet-A      3.4201 eV  362.52 nm  f=0.0364
<S**2>=0.000
  118 ->120      0.60406
  118 ->121     -0.32763

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Excited State  3:      Singlet-A      3.7094 eV  334.24 nm  f=0.0648
<S**2>=0.000
  118 ->120      0.32159
  118 ->121      0.57807
  118 ->124      0.14325

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Excited State  4:      Singlet-A      3.8680 eV  320.54 nm  f=0.0621
<S**2>=0.000
  118 ->122      0.66474
  118 ->124     -0.15433

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Excited State  5:      Singlet-A      3.9114 eV  316.98 nm  f=0.1159
<S**2>=0.000
  117 ->119      0.68514

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Excited State  6:      Singlet-A      4.0314 eV  307.55 nm  f=0.0385
<S**2>=0.000
  117 ->120      0.11945
  118 ->121     -0.16912
  118 ->122      0.16159
  118 ->123     -0.10117

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118 ->124      0.57660
118 ->125     -0.23040

Excited State  7:      Singlet-A      4.0956 eV  302.73 nm  f=0.0009
<S**2>=0.000
  118 ->123      0.68102
  118 ->124      0.12723

Excited State  8:      Singlet-A      4.2507 eV  291.68 nm  f=0.0230
<S**2>=0.000
  118 ->124      0.28257
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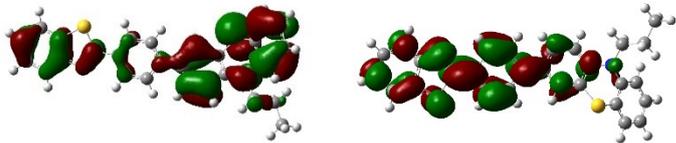
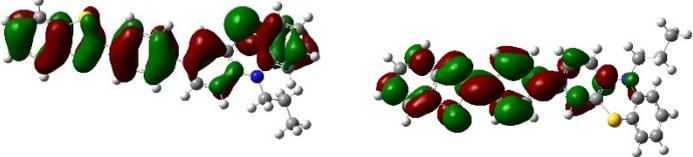
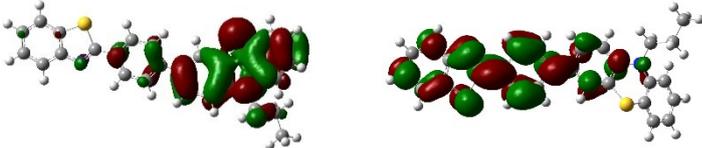
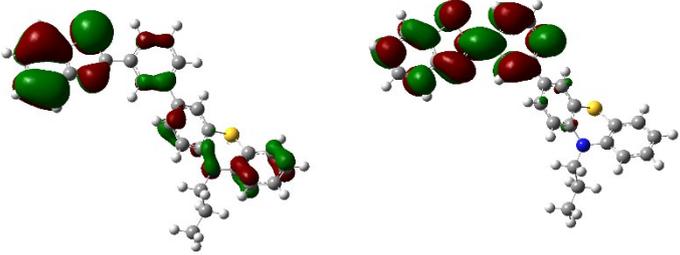
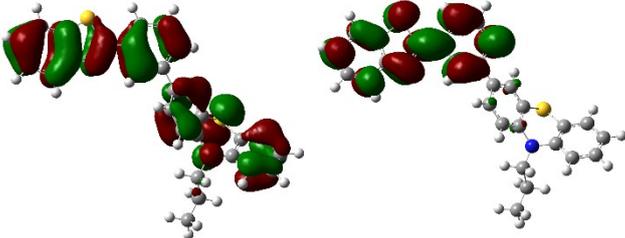
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<S**2>=0.000
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  116 ->123      0.11317

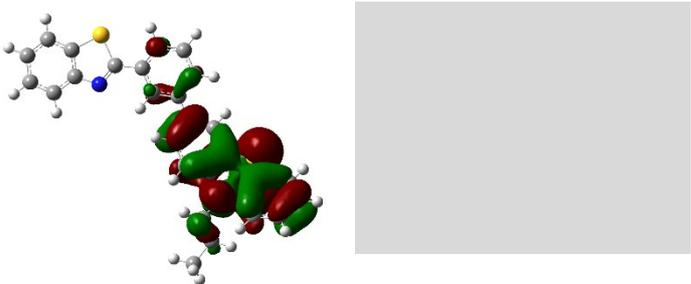
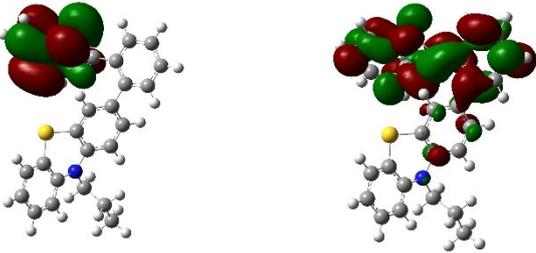
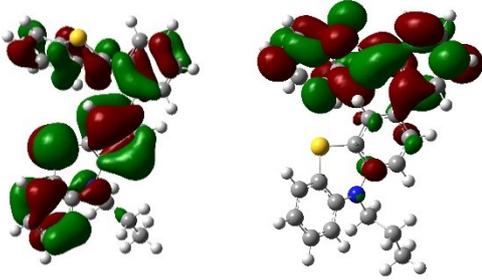
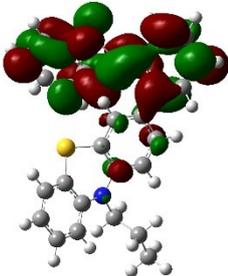
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<S**2>=0.000
  118 ->126      0.66817
  118 ->127      0.17303
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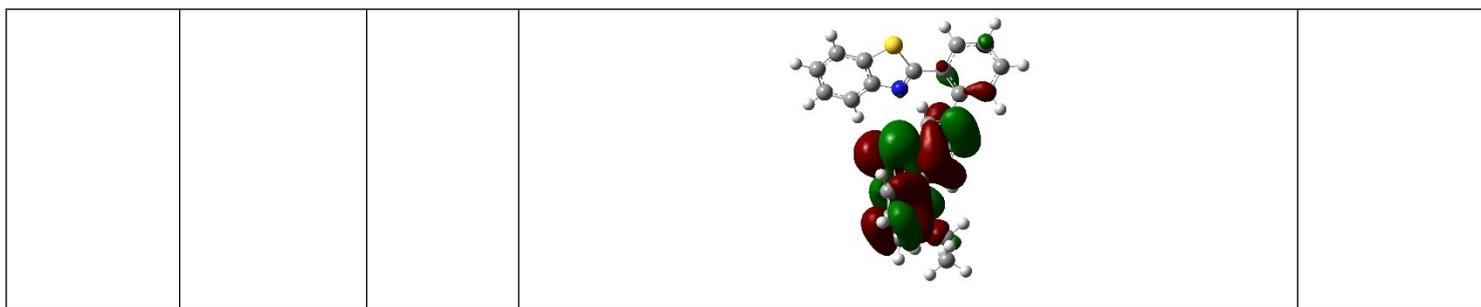
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### TDDFT data

**Table S3.** Computed vertical transitions, their oscillator strengths, configurations and corresponding calculated frontier orbitals of *p*-PTZ, *m*-PTZ and *o*-PTZ.

Compound	Wavelength (nm)	$f^a$	Configuration	Assignment
<i>p</i> -PTZ	305.28	0.1524	(HOMO-2)–LUMO (0.39216) 	$\pi$ - $\pi^*$
	333.91	0.9164	(HOMO-1)–LUMO (0.68505) 	
	414.62	0.3759	HOMO–LUMO (0.69915) 	ICT
<i>m</i> -PTZ	299.23	0.0967	(HOMO-3)–LUMO (0.63155) 	$\pi$ - $\pi^*$
	308.89	0.7229	(HOMO-2)–LUMO (0.58820) 	-

	408.33	0.0174	<p>HOMO–LUMO (0.70333)</p> 	ICT
<i>o</i> -PTZ	290.20	0.0826	<p>(HOMO-3)–LUMO (0.59224)</p> 	$\pi$ - $\pi^*$
	316.98	0.1159	<p>(HOMO-1)–LUMO (0.68514)</p> 	-
	427.80	0.0481	<p>HOMO–LUMO (0.70204)</p> <p>S22</p> 	ICT

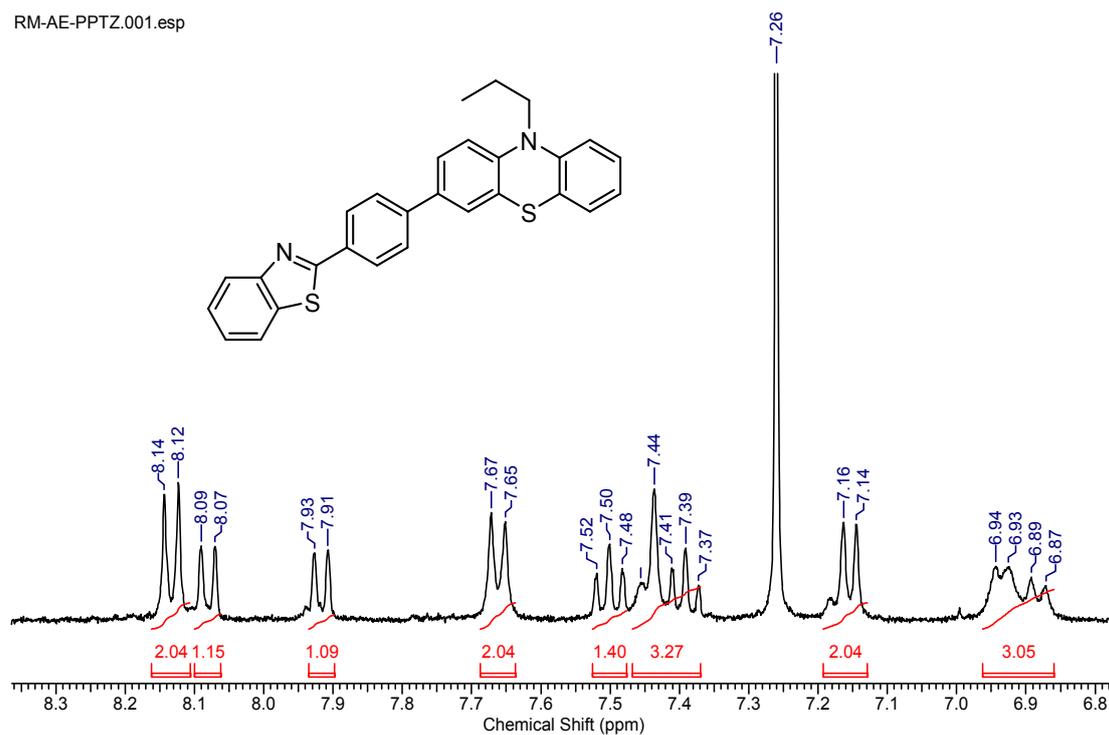


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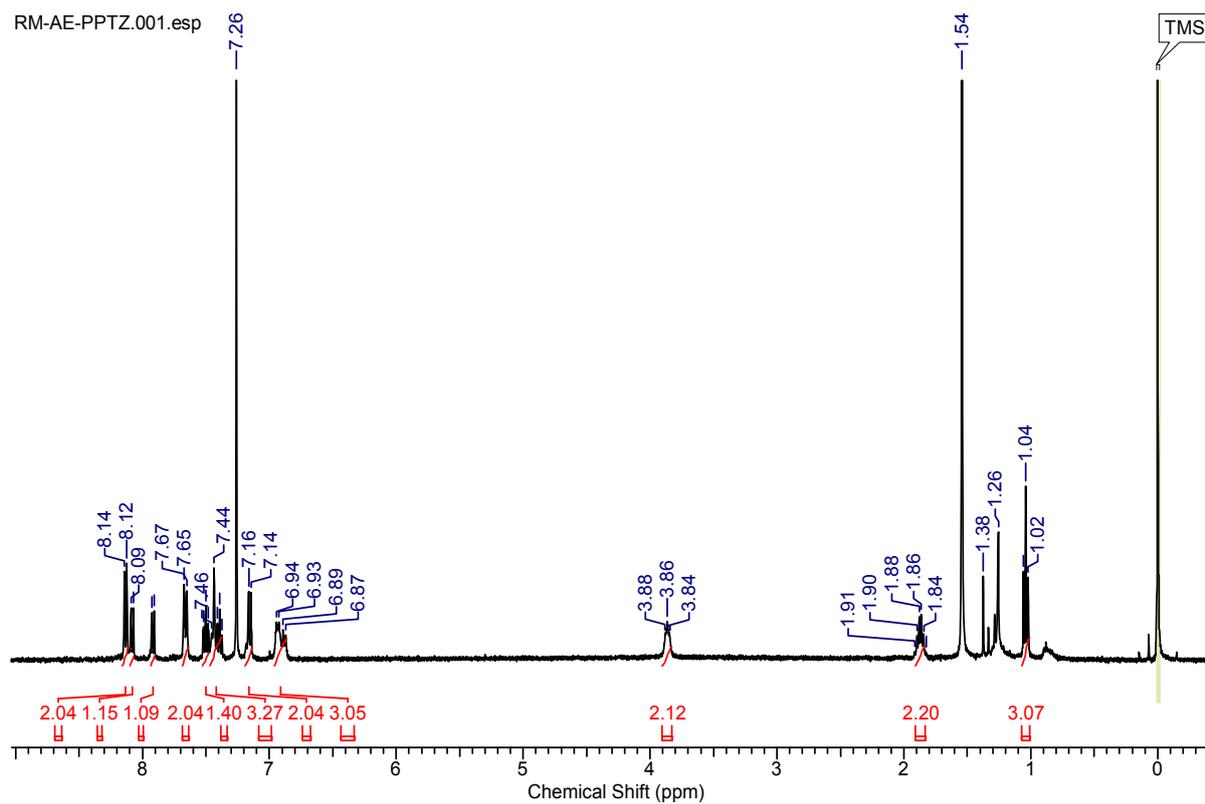
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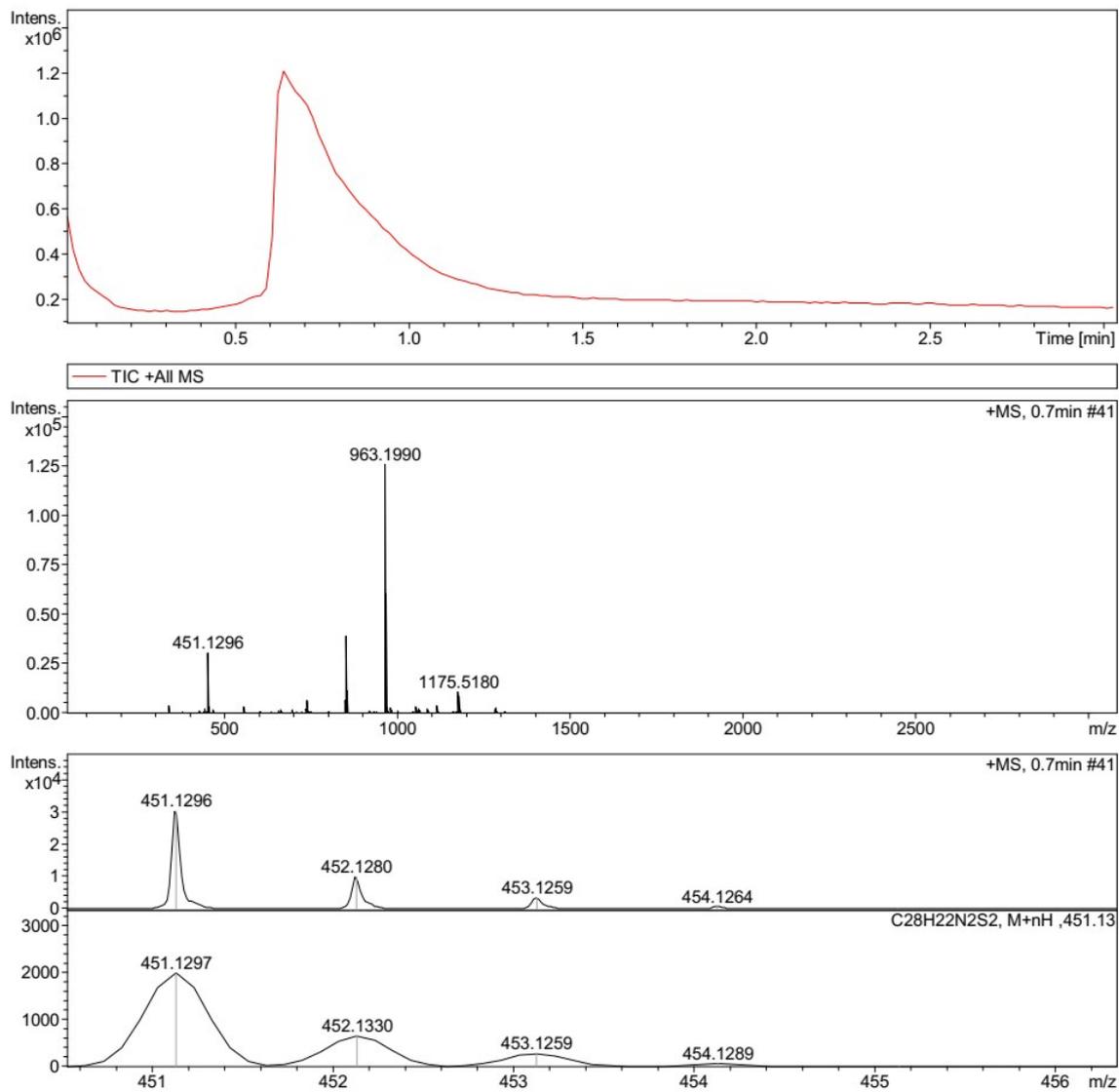
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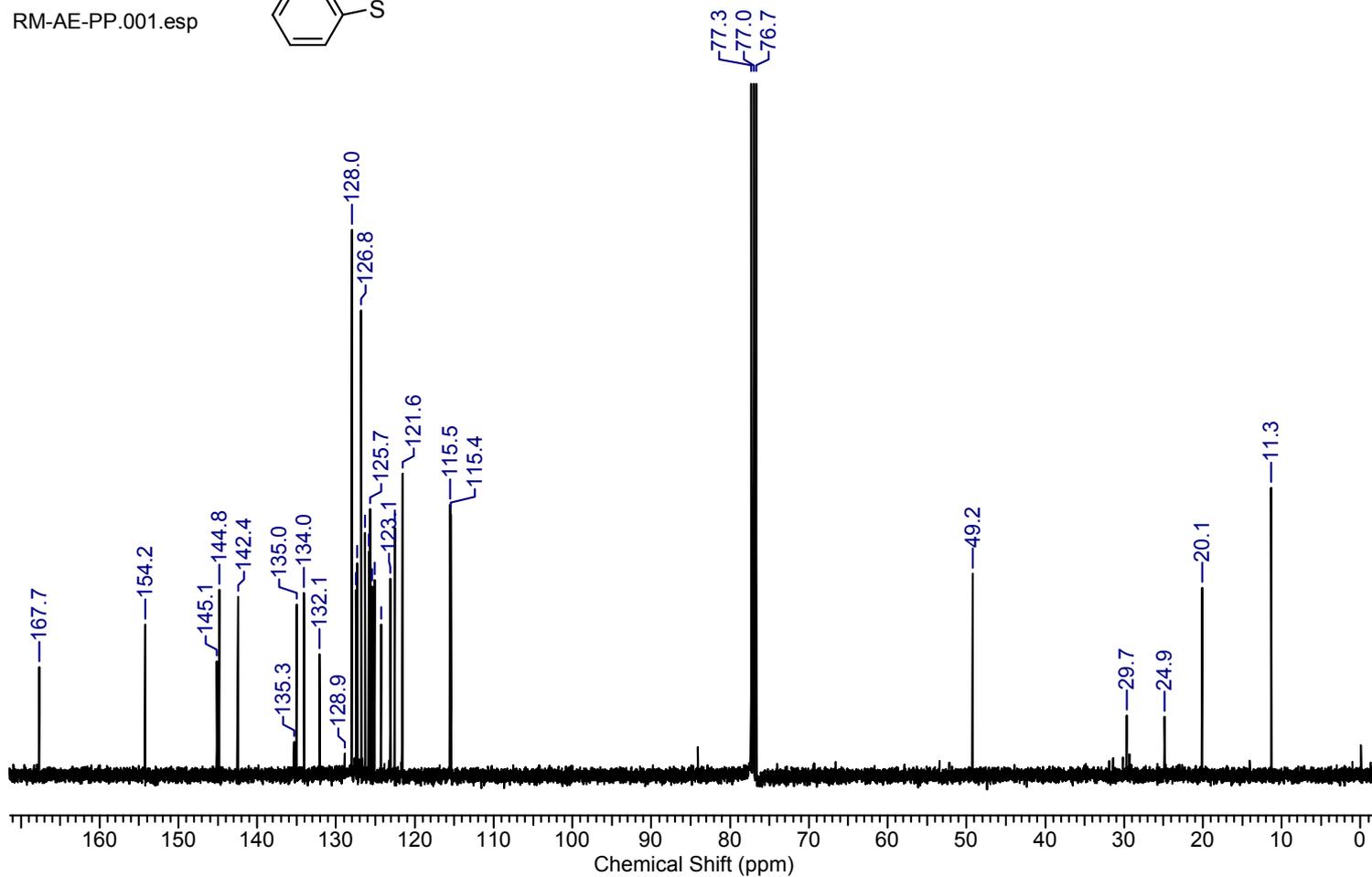
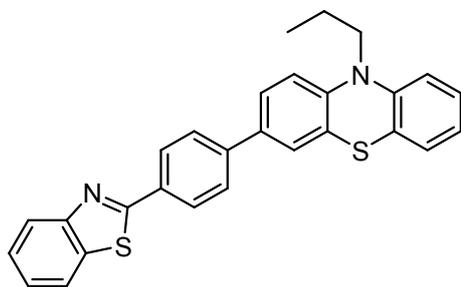


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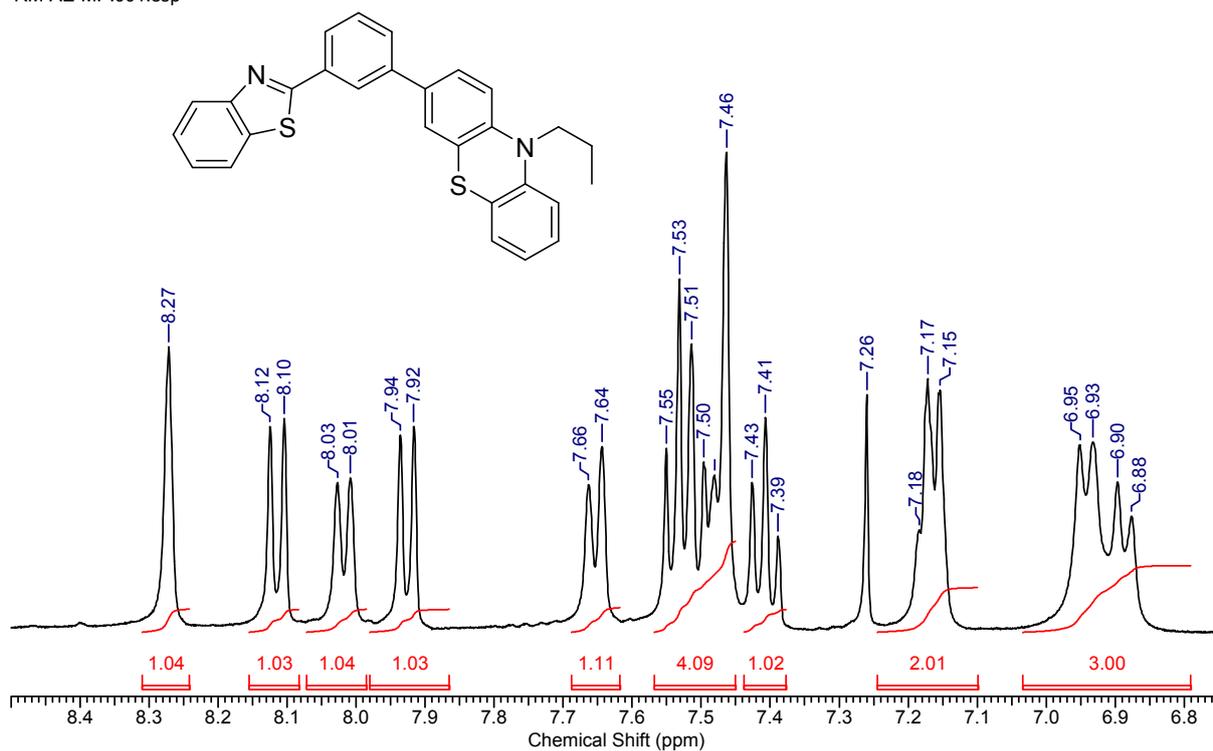
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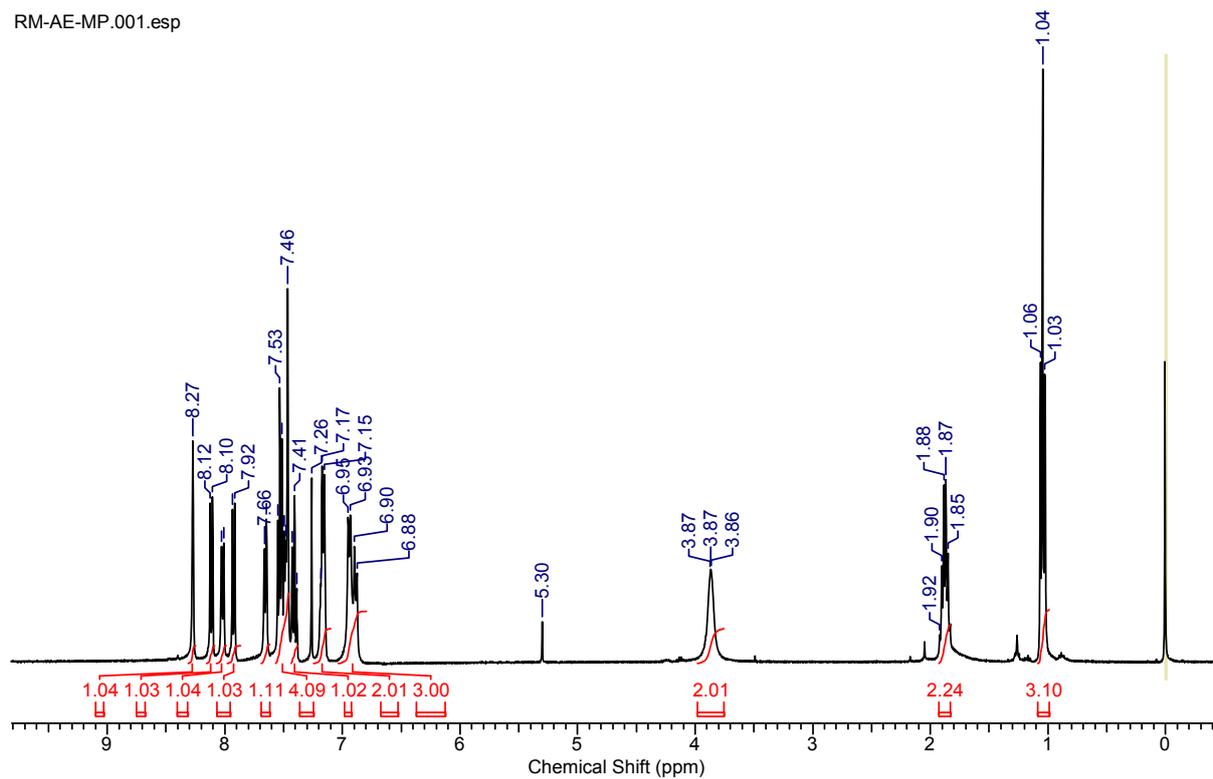


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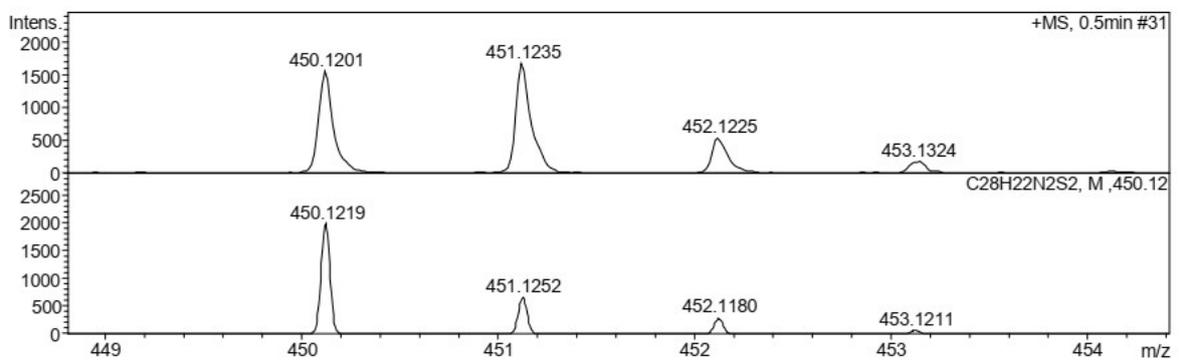
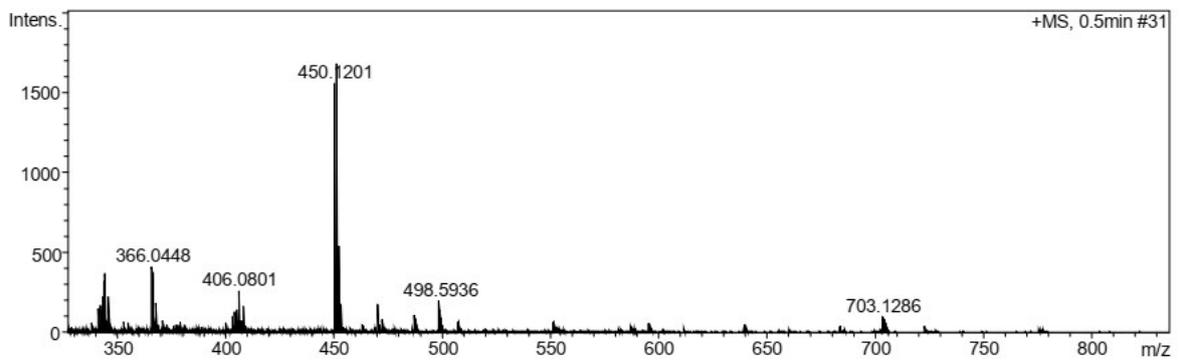
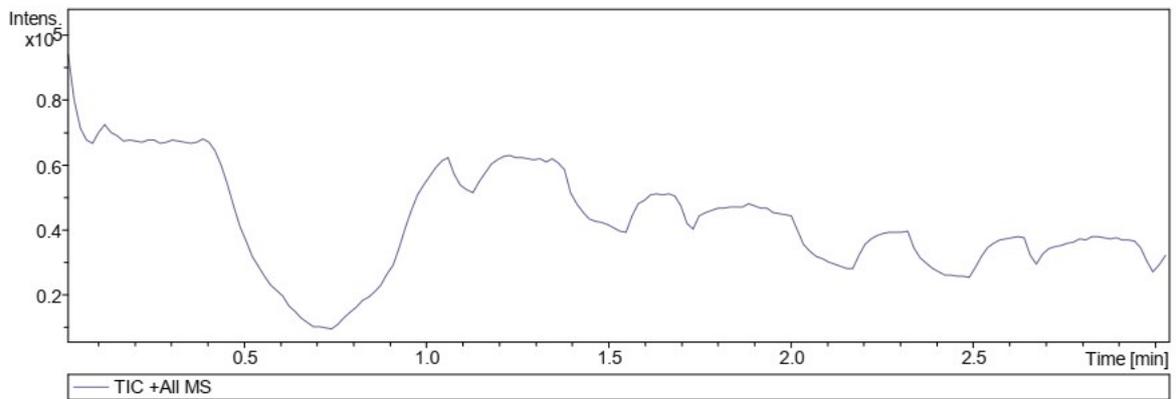
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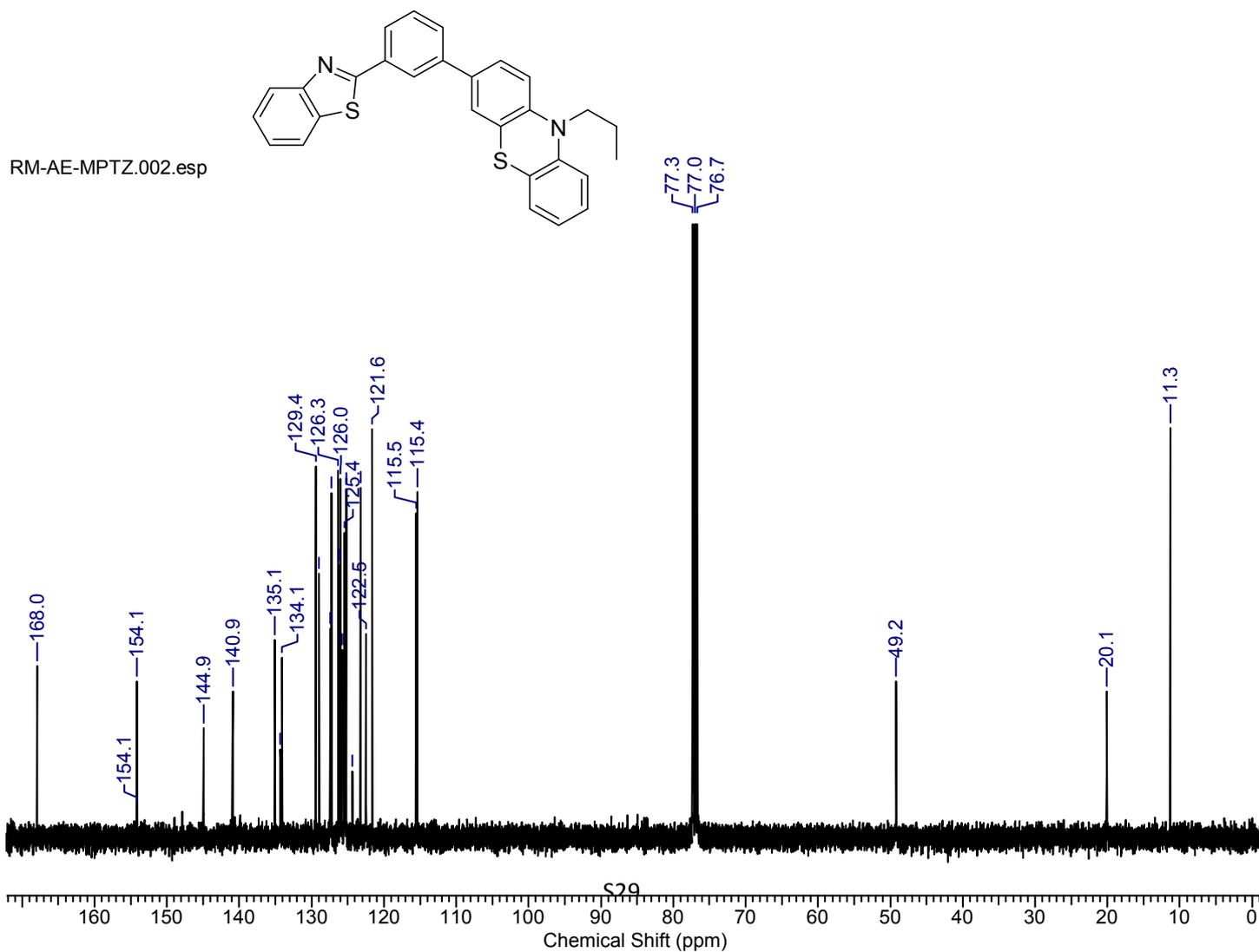
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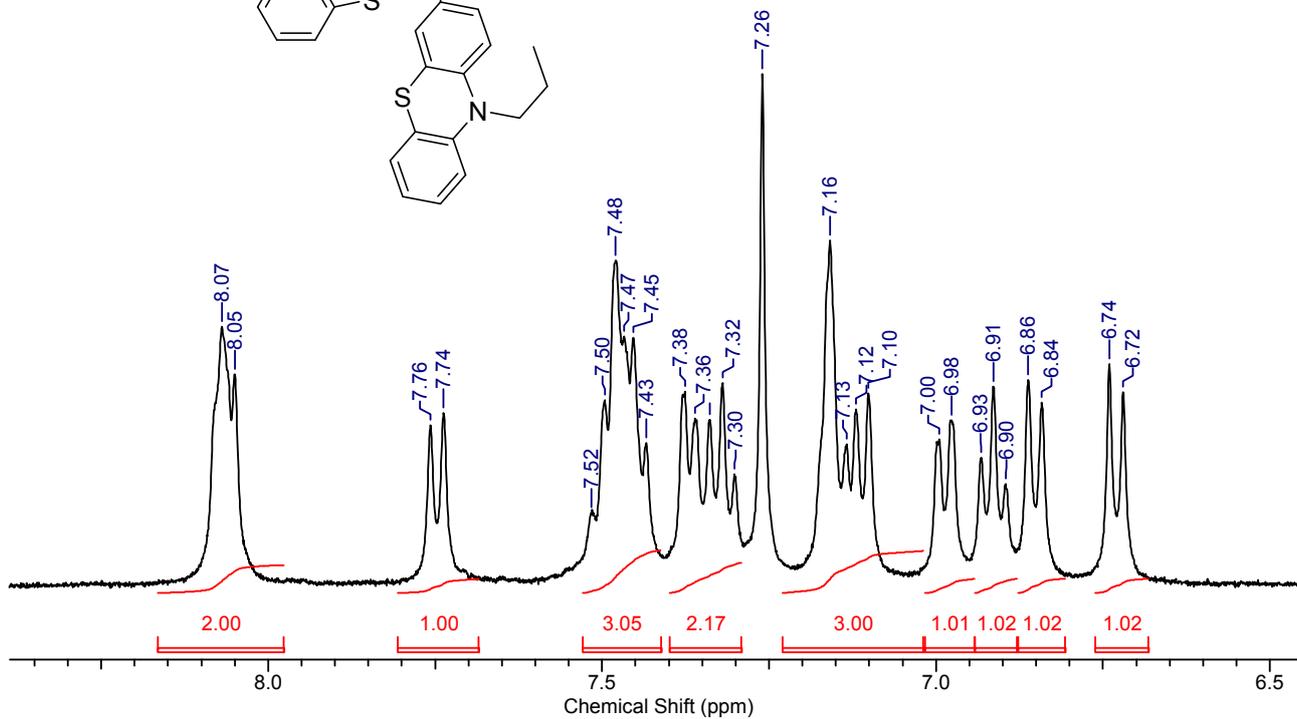
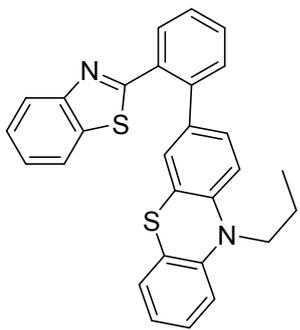
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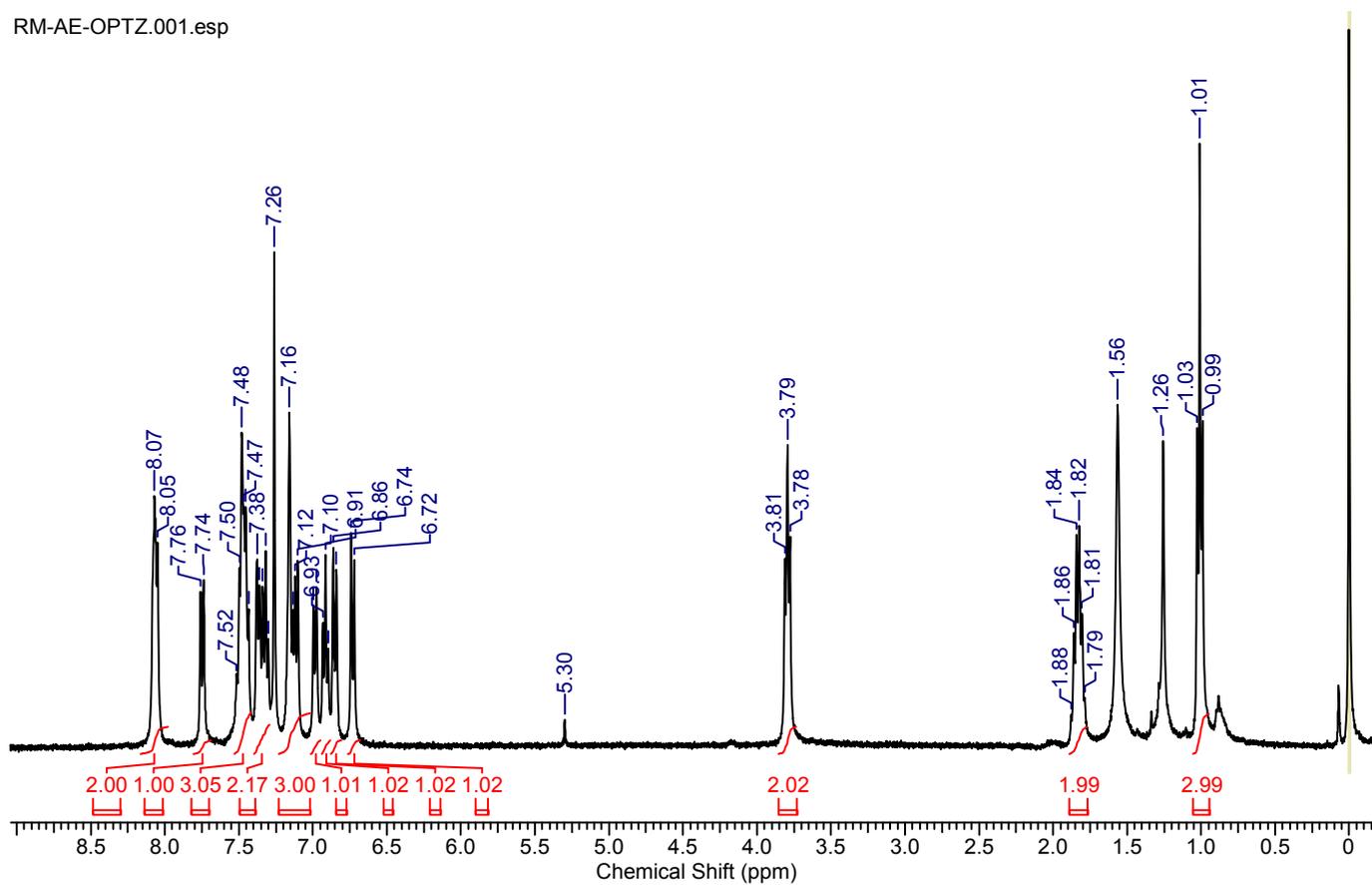


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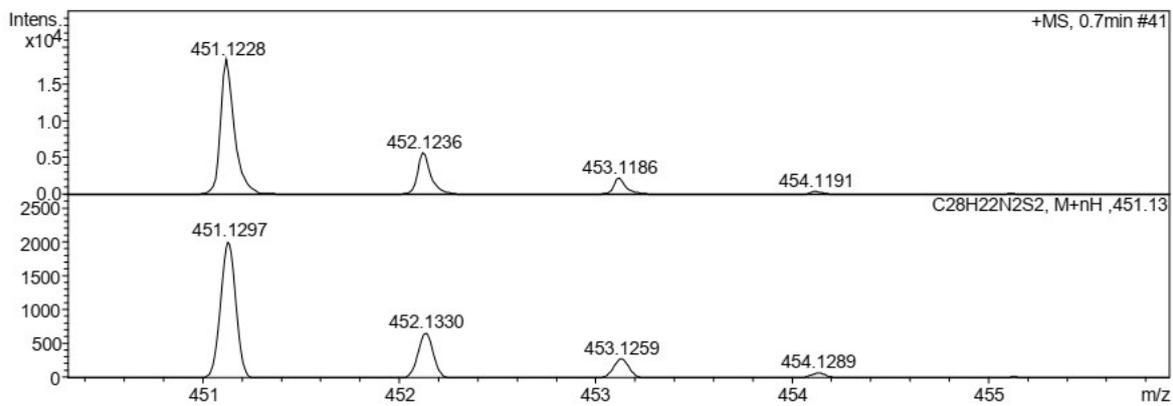
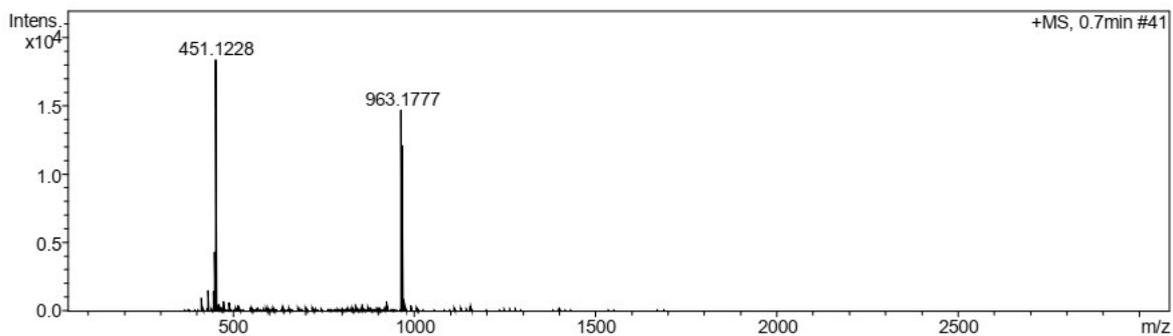
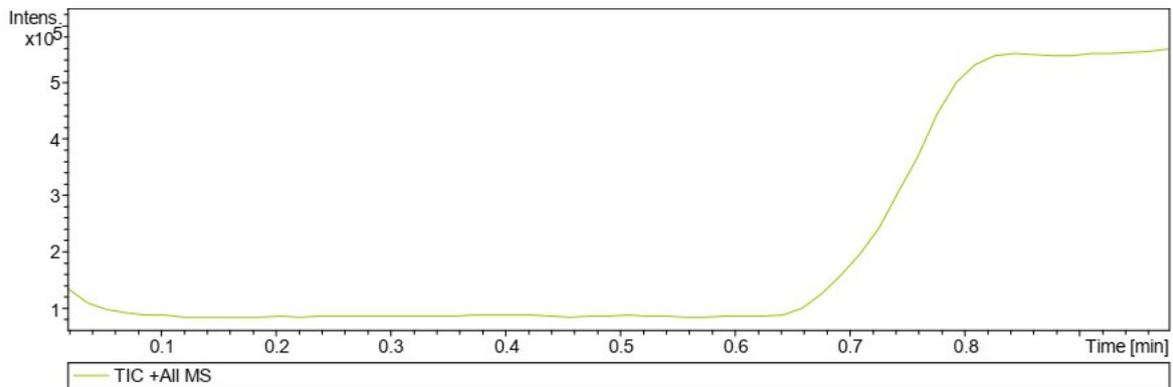
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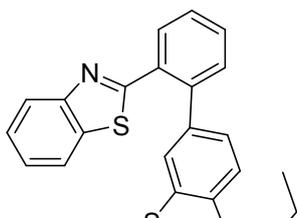


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