

Supporting Information for:

**Nanosecond Photochromic Molecular Switching of a
Biphenyl-Bridged Imidazole Dimer Revealed by Wide
Range Transient Absorption Spectroscopy**

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1. UV-vis absorption spectrum

The UV-vis absorption spectrum was measured with a Shimadzu UV3150 spectrometer after Ar bubbling over ten minutes. The 1,2'-isomer of imidazole dimers have a small and broad absorption band around 400-450 nm due to the charge transfer from the 6 π -imidazole to 4 π -imidazole systems with excitation. On the other hand, because bisDMDPI-BP is the 2,2'-isomer and there is no charge transfer process, no absorption band is observed around 400 nm.

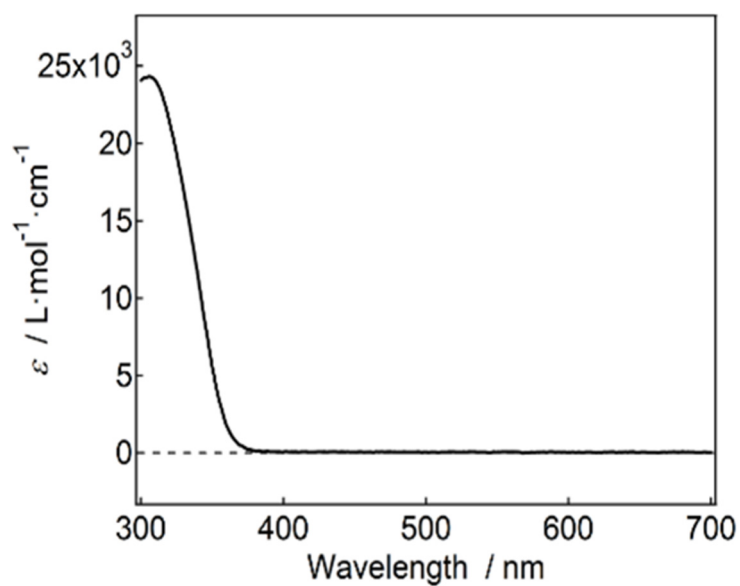


Fig. S1 UV-vis absorption spectrum of bisDMDPI-BP in benzene at room temperature.

2. Durability

The durability of bisDMDPI-BP was examined by repetitive exposures to ns laser pulses. A Continuum Minilite II Q-switched Nd:YAG laser was used for the excitation laser with the third harmonic at 355 nm (pulse duration, 5 ns; power, 8 mJ) and the durability of the sample was analyzed by HPLC system and UV-vis absorption spectrometer. HPLC was carried out on a ODS reversed phase column (Mightysil RP-18 GP, Kanto Chemical Co., Inc.). The HPLC system consists of a pump unit (PU-2080 plus, JASCO), a photodiode array (PDA) detector (MD-2018 plus, JASCO), and a control unit (LC-NetII/ADC, JASCO). UV-vis absorption spectra were measured with a Shimadzu UV3150 spectrometer. Sample solutions were bubbled with argon or oxygen prior to the laser shots.

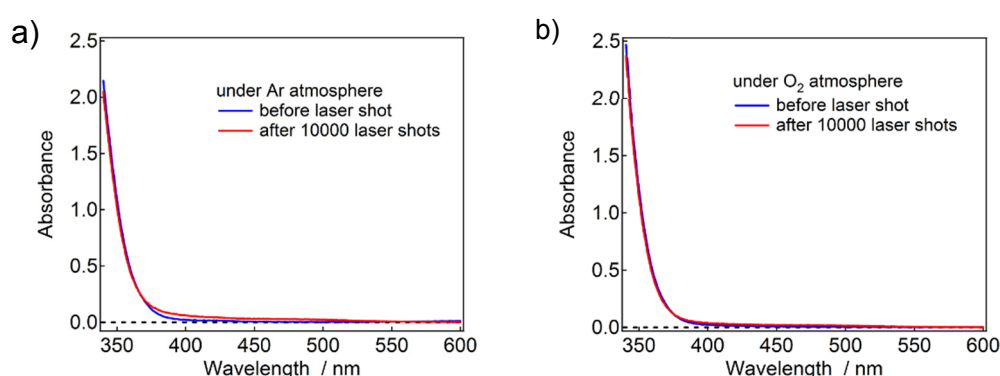


Fig. S2 UV-vis absorption spectra of bisDMDPI-BP in benzene before and after 10000 laser shots (355 nm) under a) Ar (1.9×10^{-4} M) and b) O₂ atmospheres (2.2×10^{-4} M). The blue and red lines show the spectra before and after laser irradiation, respectively.

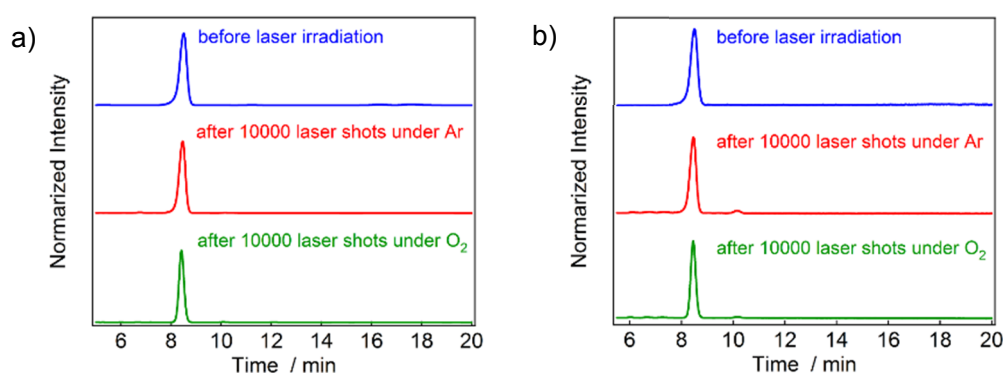


Fig. S3 HPLC chromatograms of bisDMDPI-BP before 355 nm laser shot (blue line), after 10000 laser shots in Ar (red line) and O₂ atmospheres (green line) in benzene. The HPLC analysis was performed using a reverse phase column (eluent, H₂O/acetonitrile = 1/4; flow rate, 1 mL/min; detected at a) 254 and b) 365 nm.

3. Nanosecond transient absorption spectra

Nanosecond transient absorption spectra were measured using an in-house assembled setup. The excitation wavelength of 305 nm was generated using a tunable Nd:YAG-laser system (NT342B, Ekspla) comprising a pump laser (NL300), harmonics generators (SHG, THG) and optical parametric oscillator (OPO). The pulse length is 3-5 ns. The repetition rate of the laser system was 5 Hz. The laser beam homogeneously illuminates the front of a 1 cm quartz cuvette containing the sample solution in an area 1 cm wide and 1 mm high. A high-stability short arc xenon flash lamp (FX-1160, Excelitas Technologies) with a modified PS302 controller (EG&G) running at 10 Hz was used as the probe light. The probe light was split in a signal and a reference beam with a 50/50 beam splitter. The signal beam passed through the sample cell orthogonal to the excitation beam and probed the excited volume immediately behind the front window of the cell in a $1\text{ mm} \times 1\text{ mm}$ area along the 1 cm path length of the illuminated volume. The sample and reference beams were focused onto the entrance slit of a spectrograph (SpectraPro-150, Princeton Instruments) recorded with an intensified CCD camera (PI-MAX3, Princeton Instruments) using a 2.7-10 ns gate depending on the time step of the measurements. The time delays of laser, flash lamp and camera were generated by a delay generator (Stanford Research System DG535). The whole set-up is controlled with an in-house written program (LabView) and the data were analyzed with macros implemented in Igor Pro 5.03J (WaveMetrics, Inc.).

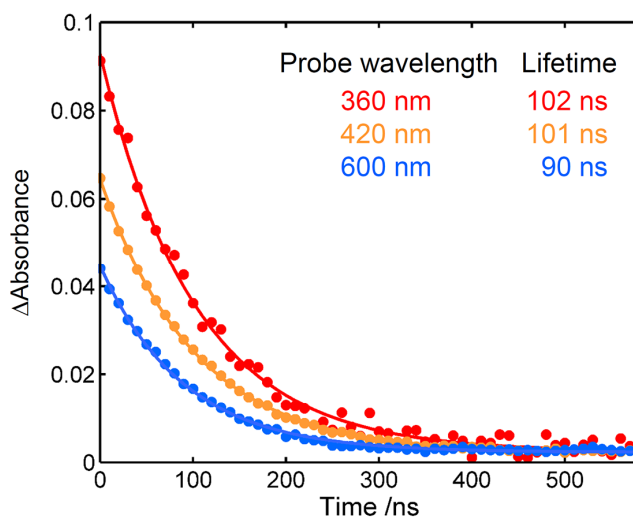


Fig. S4 Decay profiles of the colored species of bisDMDPI-BP in degassed benzene at room temperature (1.1×10^{-4} M, excitation wavelength: 305 nm, pulse duration: 5 ns, excitation intensity: 1.8 mJ). The dots and solid line are experimental data and fittings, respectively.

4. Femtosecond transient absorption spectra^{S1}

Fig. S5 shows a time evolution of the transient absorption spectrum. Color represents Δ Absorbance. As was seen in the Fig. 3a in the main text, the initial transient absorption spectra at 0.3-1.0 ps are obviously broadened. Two possibilities are conceivable for the broadening: transient absorption from the precursor states of the colored species and/or the vibrational cooling from hot states.

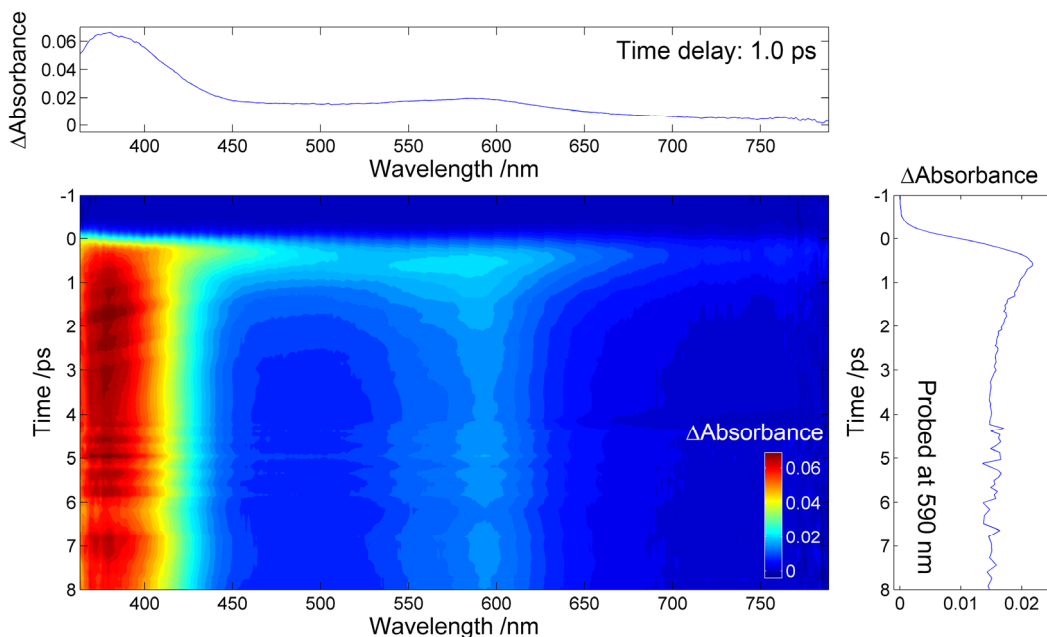


Fig. S5 Time-evolution of the chirp corrected transient absorption spectrum of bisDMPI-BP from 0 to 8 ps in benzene at room temperature (5.5×10^{-4} M, excitation wavelength: 305 nm, pulse duration: 200 fs and laser intensity: 1.8 μ J).

As is described in the main text, the formation process of the colored species after the photoexcitation can be expected as follows: 1) the vibrational relaxation from the Franck-Condon state to the S_1 state, 2) the transition from the S_1 state to the hot state of the colored species, and 3) the vibrational cooling to the ground state of the colored species. In addition to the process 3), the higher excited states of the colored species may also contribute to the generation process of the radicals. All processes are completed within a ps. The time-resolved spectra were analyzed using the TIMP package with the graphical interface program Glotaran, version 1.0.1 (<http://glotaran.org>).^{S2} The instrument response function (IRF) was set to 200 fs. We apply the global analyses to reveal the multi-wavelength kinetics of the transient absorption spectra at the ultrafast time scale. We propose two and three-state sequential models and found out that the three-state sequential model satisfactory explained the kinetics of bisDMPI-BP as shown follows:

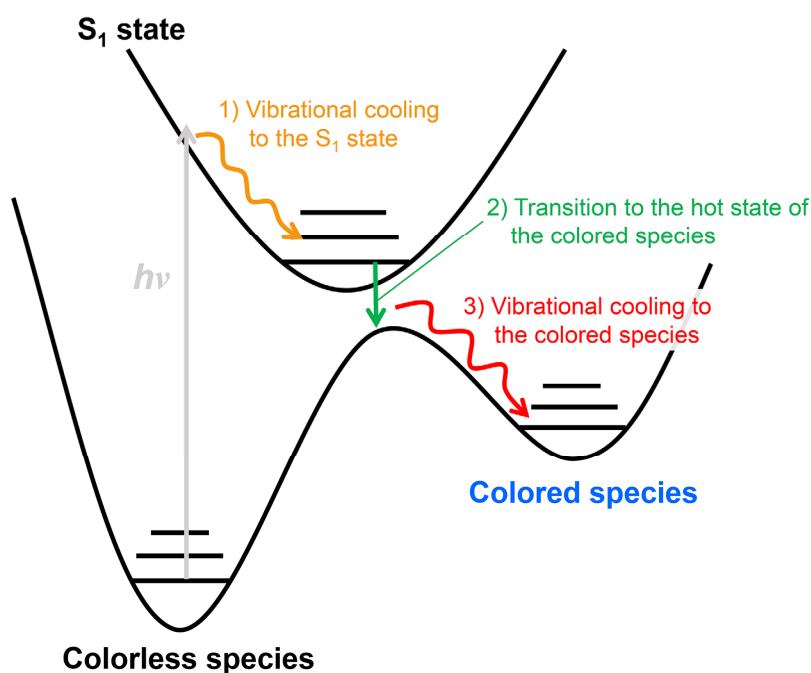
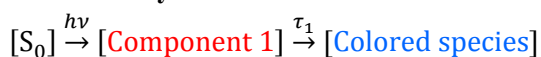


Fig. S6 Plausible energy relaxation pathway of photochromic reaction of the HABI derivatives reported previously.^{S2,S3}

a) Two-state sequential model analysis



Firstly, the kinetics were fitted with the two-state sequential model with convolution by the IRF. Figs. S7a and b show evolution associated spectra (EAS) and decays of two components. The component 1 has a broad absorption band and it is quickly converted to the colored species. It is assigned to the transient absorption from the precursor state of the colored species, which is most probably the transient absorption from S_1 state and/or the vibrationally hot state of the colored species. The higher excited states of the colored species may also contribute to the component 1. Another component (denoted as blue) is assigned to the colored species of bisDMDPI-BP because of the strong similarity of the spectral shape to that observed in the ns experiments. The time constants of the decay of the component 1 (τ_1) and the colored species are estimated to be 760 fs and >50 ps, respectively. Fitted spectra at different delay times and fitted decays probed at different wavelengths are shown in Fig. S8. The gray dots and red solid lines indicate the raw data and fitted spectra, respectively. While the simulated transient absorption spectra obtained from the global analyses qualitatively fit with the data (except the spectrum at 0.3 ps), the simulated transient absorption dynamics obviously cannot reproduce the experimental data at 540, 580, and 590 nm (indicated as black arrows). These results suggest that another rise component is necessary to explain the kinetics of bisDMDPI-BP.

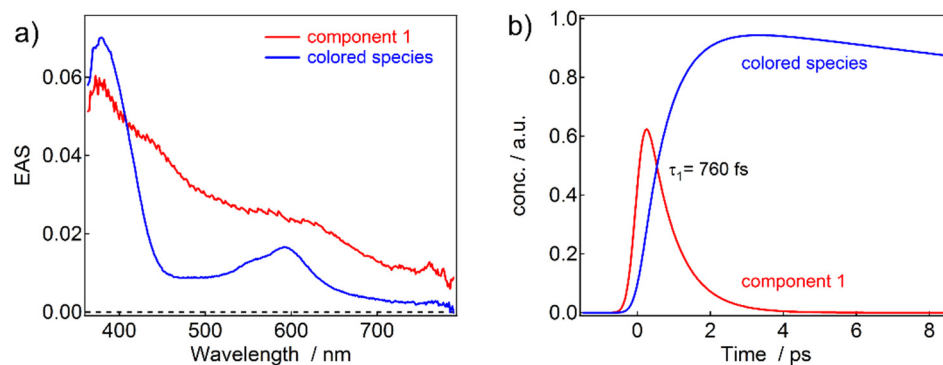


Fig. S7 (a) Evolution associated spectra (EAS) and time profiles of the concentration changes of two components obtained from the global analysis of the two-state sequential model.

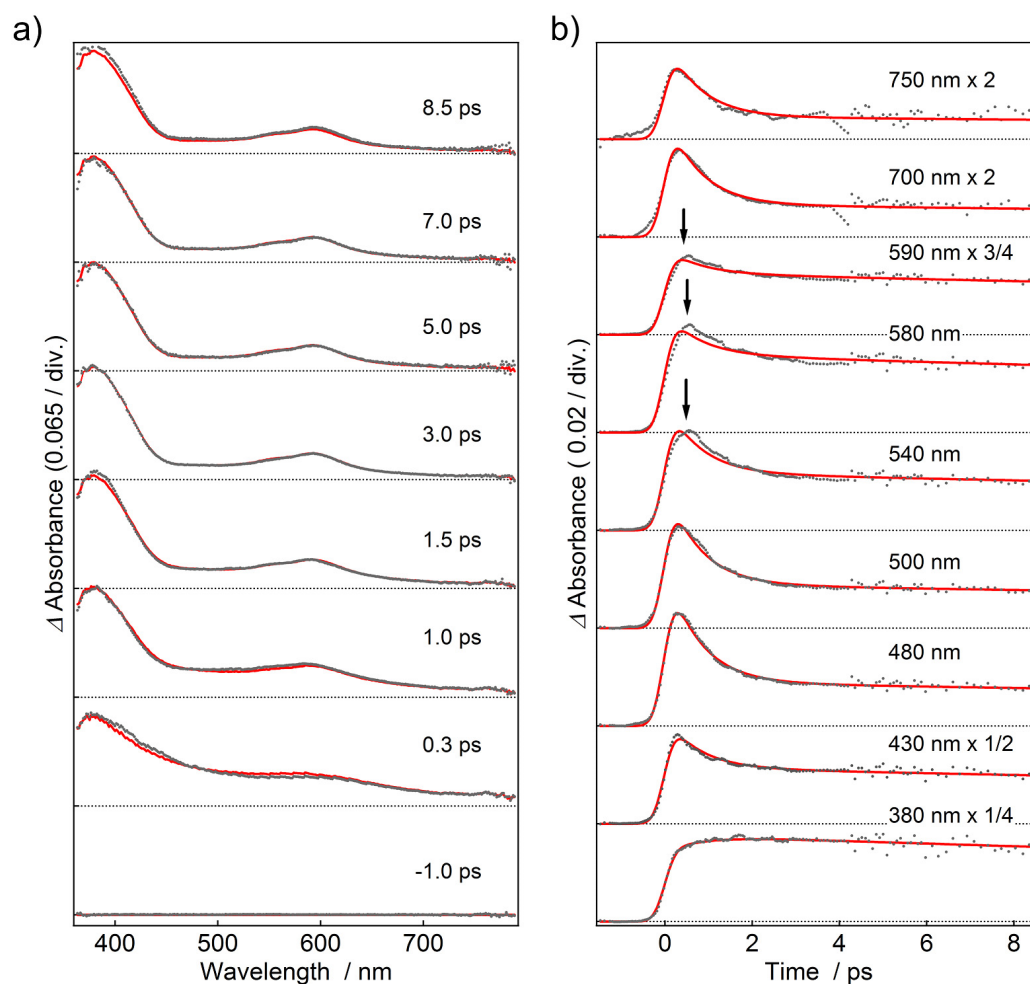
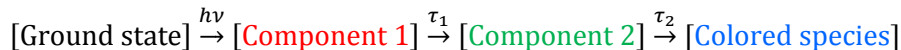


Fig. S8 (left) Transient absorption spectra and (right) dynamics of bisDMDPI-BP. The red curves represent the simulated spectra and decays obtained by global analysis with the two-state sequential model.

b) Three-state sequential model analysis



The two-state sequential model assumes that the precursor of the colored species is described as a single component. However, the two-state sequential model does not reproduce the experimental data well. Next, we assume that the precursor state can be split into two states and we fit the kinetics with the three-state sequential model convoluted by the IRF. Figs. S9a and b show EAS and time profiles of each component. Component 1 has a broad absorption band and it is quickly converted to component 2. The spectrum of component 2 has sharp and broad peaks at ~390 and 550 nm and component 2 decays within 2 ps. By following to the relaxation energy diagram shown in Fig. S6, we assigned component 1 to the transient absorption from the S_1 state. Since the spectrum of component 2 is similar to that of the colored species and the spectrum is somewhat shifted and more broadened, component 2 can be assigned to the hot state of the colored species. The component which generates with decreasing the component 2 is assigned to the colored species of bisDMDPI-BP because of the similarity of the spectral shape. The time constants of the decay of the components 1, 2 (τ_1 and τ_2), and colored species are estimated to be 420 fs, 420 fs and >50 ps, respectively. Fitted transient absorption spectra at different delay times and fitted transient absorption dynamics probed at different wavelengths are shown in Fig. S10. The striking difference from the two-state sequential model is that the addition of component 2 satisfactorily reproduces the rise around 520-600 nm.

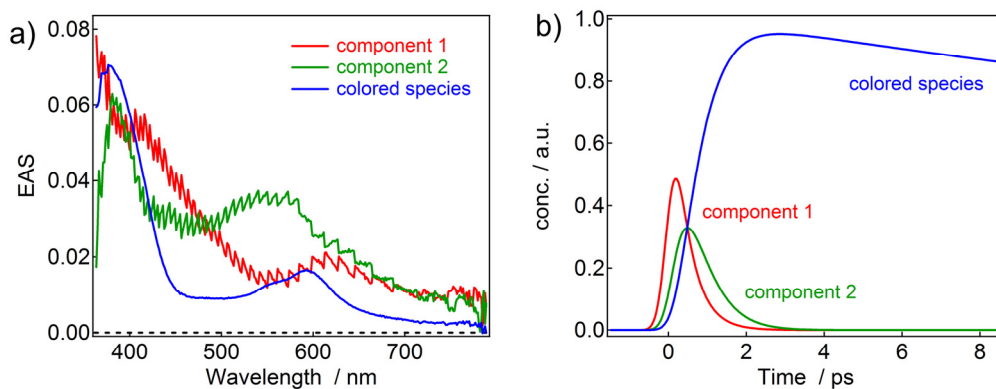


Fig. S9 (a) Evolution Associated Spectra and time profiles of the concentration changes of three components obtained from the global analysis of the three-state sequential model. The τ_1 , τ_2 , and colored species are 420 fs, 420 fs and >50 ps, respectively.

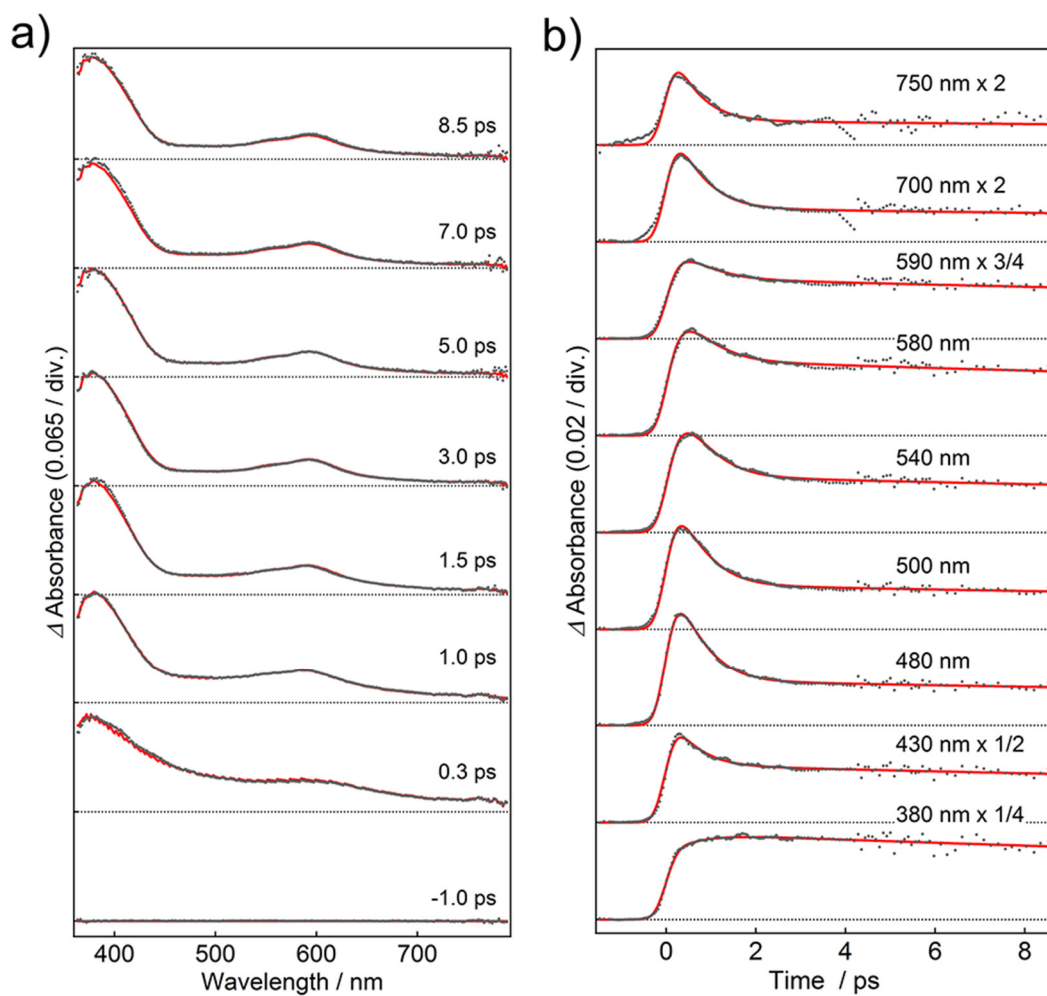


Fig. S10 (left) Transient absorption spectra and (right) dynamics of bisDMDPI-BP. The red curves represent the simulated spectra and decays obtained by global analysis with the three-state sequential model.

5. DFT calculations

All DFT calculations were carried out using the Gaussian 09 program (revision D.01; reference 25 in the main text). The molecular geometries were fully optimized at the MPW1PW91/6-31G(d) level of the theory for the 2,2'-isomer (the colorless isomer) and the UMPW1PW91/6-31G(d) level for the biradical species (the colored isomer) of bisDMDPI-BP, and analytical second derivatives were computed using the vibrational analysis to confirm each stationary point to be a minimum. Zero-point energy (ZPE) corrections were adopted to compare the relative energies for the isomers. It has been reported that the B3LYP functional gives inaccurate results in the system where the medium-range correlation energy, such as van der Waals attraction, is important.^{S3), S4)} In the DFT calculation for the biradical species of the bridged imidazole dimer systems, the van der Waals interaction between the radical units should be taken into consideration. Thus we applied the MPW1PW91 level of the theory.

Table S1. Standard orientation of the optimized geometry for the 2,2'-isomer of bisDMDPI-BP.

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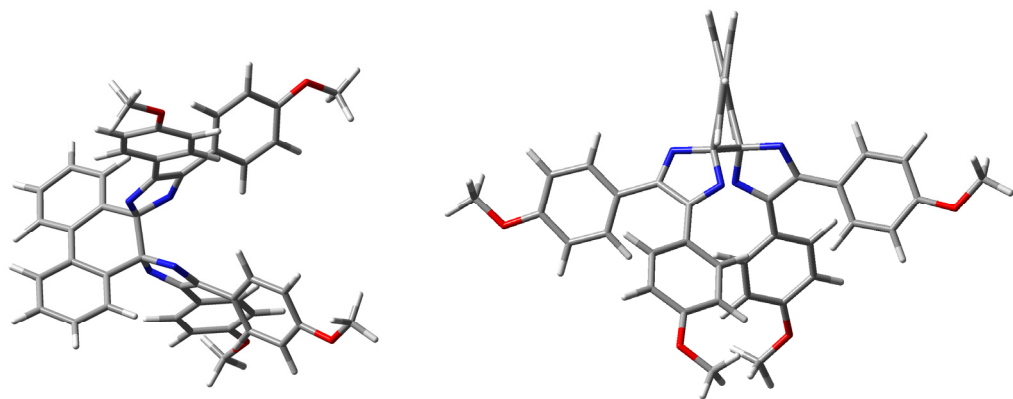


Fig. S11 Optimized structure of the 2,2'-isomer of bisDMDPI-BP.

The Result of the TDDFT calculation

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186 → 187 0.69080

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

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		182 ->187	0.50960			
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186 ->195	0.22372
186 ->196	-0.29622

Excited State 20: Singlet-A 4.8387 eV 256.23 nm f=0.0004

174 ->187	0.24378
175 ->188	0.10251
176 ->188	0.11519
177 ->187	0.39416
181 ->188	-0.36576
182 ->193	-0.13858
185 ->192	-0.16223

Excited State 21: Singlet-A 4.8451 eV 255.90 nm f=0.0068

175 ->187	0.26735
176 ->187	0.40311
177 ->188	0.18425
180 ->188	0.15463
182 ->192	-0.17842
183 ->193	-0.10247
185 ->189	0.15326
185 ->193	-0.18952
186 ->196	-0.10692

Excited State 22: Singlet-A 4.8631 eV 254.95 nm f=0.0364

180 ->189	-0.20256
184 ->189	-0.20842
186 ->190	0.60314
186 ->197	0.15625

Excited State 23: Singlet-A 4.8882 eV 253.64 nm f=0.0034

175 ->187	-0.20606
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	180 ->188	0.62071			
	185 ->189	-0.11141			
Excited State	24:	Singlet-A	4.9041 eV	252.82 nm	f=0.0064
	169 ->187	-0.13019			
	172 ->187	-0.23152			
	173 ->187	0.38052			
	177 ->187	0.21973			
	181 ->188	0.29546			
	182 ->193	-0.12581			
	185 ->192	-0.17270			
Excited State	25:	Singlet-A	4.9344 eV	251.26 nm	f=0.1412
	176 ->187	-0.12794			
	185 ->189	0.55016			
	186 ->191	-0.34697			
Excited State	26:	Singlet-A	4.9813 eV	248.90 nm	f=0.0204
	180 ->188	0.11494			
	181 ->189	0.22272			
	183 ->189	0.18866			
	185 ->189	0.33049			
	186 ->191	0.44368			
	186 ->195	-0.16657			
	186 ->196	0.22153			
Excited State	27:	Singlet-A	5.0078 eV	247.58 nm	f=0.0667
	180 ->189	0.17697			
	184 ->189	0.53559			
	185 ->190	-0.17530			
	186 ->190	0.27820			
	186 ->197	-0.14716			
Excited State	28:	Singlet-A	5.0647 eV	244.80 nm	f=0.0033
	169 ->188	-0.13819			
	170 ->187	0.28215			

171 ->187	-0.24208
172 ->188	-0.14440
173 ->188	0.24999
174 ->188	0.13469
178 ->188	-0.16728
179 ->187	-0.14997
184 ->192	-0.13504
185 ->193	-0.16969
186 ->193	0.18208

Excited State 29: Singlet-A 5.0802 eV 244.05 nm f=0.0011

174 ->187	-0.13131
175 ->188	0.25123
176 ->188	-0.24069
178 ->187	0.24462
179 ->188	0.31569
183 ->192	0.11966
184 ->193	-0.13312
186 ->192	0.32127

Excited State 30: Singlet-A 5.1079 eV 242.73 nm f=0.0830

177 ->187	0.14679
182 ->189	-0.16726
182 ->191	-0.16716
183 ->190	0.12893
184 ->189	0.17658
184 ->191	-0.15946
185 ->190	0.54186

Excited State 31: Singlet-A 5.1162 eV 242.34 nm f=0.1737

170 ->187	-0.11701
171 ->187	0.13500
178 ->188	-0.16080
179 ->187	-0.18459
183 ->193	0.10314
184 ->190	-0.21109

184 ->192	-0.10960
185 ->191	0.39327
186 ->193	0.26318

Excited State 32: Singlet-A 5.1262 eV 241.87 nm f=0.0171

174 ->187	0.18202
175 ->188	-0.26017
176 ->188	0.19481
177 ->187	-0.17359
179 ->188	-0.16100
184 ->193	-0.11954
185 ->192	-0.12494
186 ->192	0.47826

Excited State 33: Singlet-A 5.1295 eV 241.71 nm f=0.1307

170 ->187	0.18779
171 ->187	-0.10883
172 ->188	-0.11132
174 ->188	-0.11509
176 ->187	-0.10534
178 ->188	0.16815
179 ->187	0.12089
182 ->190	-0.15290
182 ->192	-0.10437
183 ->189	0.10104
183 ->193	-0.10306
184 ->190	-0.12525
185 ->191	0.40826
186 ->193	-0.21847

Excited State 34: Singlet-A 5.1524 eV 240.63 nm f=0.0109

173 ->188	-0.10767
174 ->188	-0.34141
176 ->187	-0.25942
177 ->188	0.15174
178 ->188	0.22563

180 ->188	0.13425
184 ->192	-0.12018
185 ->193	-0.14384
186 ->193	0.35165

Excited State 35: Singlet-A 5.1975 eV 238.54 nm f=0.0057

172 ->187	-0.26073
173 ->187	-0.10270
177 ->187	0.17459
180 ->189	0.19823
182 ->189	0.44161
184 ->189	-0.18652
185 ->192	0.14740
186 ->197	-0.15124

Excited State 36: Singlet-A 5.2118 eV 237.89 nm f=0.0056

173 ->187	0.19782
175 ->188	-0.13018
177 ->187	0.30028
178 ->191	-0.11474
179 ->190	-0.11370
182 ->189	-0.18347
182 ->193	0.15275
184 ->193	0.13228
185 ->190	-0.10967
185 ->192	0.34814
186 ->192	0.21310

Excited State 37: Singlet-A 5.2213 eV 237.46 nm f=0.0329

174 ->188	-0.14589
175 ->187	0.22417
176 ->187	0.24246
178 ->190	0.10328
179 ->191	0.10217
181 ->189	-0.10867
182 ->192	0.16925

183 ->189	0.30146
185 ->193	0.28071
186 ->193	0.22482

Excited State 38: Singlet-A 5.2248 eV 237.30 nm f=0.0001

172 ->187	0.28719
173 ->187	0.22003
180 ->189	-0.23750
182 ->189	0.47081
184 ->189	0.19174
185 ->190	0.12995
186 ->197	0.10810

Excited State 39: Singlet-A 5.2305 eV 237.04 nm f=0.1506

174 ->188	0.21346
175 ->187	-0.18058
181 ->189	-0.13426
182 ->190	-0.18198
183 ->189	0.42890
183 ->191	0.16043
184 ->190	0.17337
185 ->191	-0.11477
186 ->196	-0.11543

Excited State 40: Singlet-A 5.2543 eV 235.97 nm f=0.0107

174 ->187	-0.17840
175 ->188	0.23990
177 ->191	0.10239
178 ->187	-0.16754
179 ->188	-0.15632
180 ->189	0.11757
182 ->193	-0.17415
183 ->192	-0.22793
184 ->193	0.19943
185 ->194	0.13568
186 ->192	0.31113

186 ->197

-0.10103

Table S2. Standard orientation of the optimized geometry for the colored isomer of bisDMDPI-BP.

Center Number	Atomic Number	Atomic Type	Coordinates (Angstroms)		
			X	Y	Z
1	7	0	2.562323	1.456930	1.295777
2	7	0	1.868520	-0.729425	1.390837
3	7	0	-1.860009	0.098584	1.514667
4	7	0	-2.681491	-1.860834	0.645153
5	6	0	-1.819862	-1.255413	1.519776
6	6	0	1.766120	0.521962	1.900182
7	6	0	-3.319439	-0.857561	0.061965
8	6	0	-3.008396	1.788418	0.222865
9	6	0	-2.766448	0.405041	0.591382
10	6	0	-4.407759	-1.107655	-0.873201
11	6	0	0.132290	2.661069	4.481172
12	1	0	0.177641	3.697540	4.800152
13	6	0	0.019422	-0.023947	3.641368
14	6	0	-0.951603	-2.041654	2.373426
15	6	0	2.773102	-0.625346	0.422177
16	6	0	-2.690658	2.805289	1.147403
17	1	0	-2.299558	2.517141	2.116327
18	6	0	-3.350463	4.502138	-0.433975
19	6	0	4.726321	2.640994	-0.195444
20	1	0	4.599268	2.974045	0.828310
21	6	0	0.894553	0.884970	2.999259
22	6	0	4.502427	-1.904025	-0.872170
23	1	0	5.190344	-1.068957	-0.809168
24	6	0	4.060216	1.477181	-0.603424
25	6	0	2.395223	-2.940248	-0.334789
26	1	0	1.423405	-2.883750	0.141925
27	6	0	0.927020	2.222520	3.436146
28	1	0	1.597418	2.900689	2.921881
29	6	0	-0.069046	-1.481095	3.328043
30	6	0	5.673801	2.933045	-2.390208
31	6	0	-2.868392	4.134716	0.831014
32	1	0	-2.636200	4.919063	1.542807
33	6	0	-3.640708	3.512373	-1.376231
34	1	0	-3.985710	3.770110	-2.370070
35	6	0	-3.468436	2.174084	-1.043652
36	1	0	-3.668064	1.420542	-1.796494
37	6	0	-1.001307	-3.442041	2.232262
38	1	0	-1.690380	-3.847237	1.500701
39	6	0	3.188256	0.789399	0.339096
40	6	0	3.230937	-1.804766	-0.291016
41	6	0	4.202080	1.073912	-1.943689
42	1	0	3.660632	0.206689	-2.304158
43	6	0	2.799720	-4.097183	-0.965098
44	1	0	2.155000	-4.967818	-1.011941

45	6	0	4.923849	-3.069901	-1.500891
46	1	0	5.918890	-3.110885	-1.926944
47	6	0	5.532932	3.360236	-1.065819
48	1	0	6.042199	4.246929	-0.708052
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59	1	0	-3.567963	-2.968818	-1.515540
60	6	0	-6.525983	-1.725200	-2.619618
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62	1	0	-5.394099	-3.515519	-3.072945
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66	8	0	6.431361	3.555990	-3.322708
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69	1	0	-6.765180	-3.145321	-4.906966
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71	6	0	-3.962015	6.255163	-1.906481
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73	1	0	-3.282178	5.954165	-2.711958
74	1	0	-4.964531	5.863122	-2.113880
75	6	0	7.119348	4.727601	-2.945193
76	1	0	7.652940	5.061753	-3.834741
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78	1	0	7.841144	4.529923	-2.144131
79	6	0	5.636728	-5.481817	-2.759787
80	1	0	6.446312	-5.367209	-2.029631
81	1	0	5.666947	-6.489284	-3.174173
82	1	0	5.773379	-4.754097	-3.568233
83	6	0	-0.717424	1.761317	5.121810
84	1	0	-1.342400	2.086776	5.947678
85	6	0	-0.761549	0.435692	4.701623
86	1	0	-1.424930	-0.265542	5.197620
87	6	0	0.706287	-2.339642	4.107040
88	1	0	1.375187	-1.906740	4.843753
89	6	0	0.650752	-3.720171	3.949853
90	1	0	1.274491	-4.359202	4.566972

SCF Done: E(UmPW1PW91)	=	-2293.89250767	A.U.
Zero-point correction	=	0.721013 (Hartree/Particle)	
Thermal correction to Energy	=	0.766679	
Thermal correction to Enthalpy	=	0.767623	
Thermal correction to Gibbs Free Energy	=	0.634249	
Sum of electronic and zero-point Energies	=	-2293.171495	
Sum of electronic and thermal Energies	=	-2293.125829	
Sum of electronic and thermal Enthalpies	=	-2293.124885	
Sum of electronic and thermal Free Energies	=	-2293.258258	

Low frequencies ---	-3.1155	-0.0007	-0.0005	0.0003	1.6661	2.1577
Low frequencies ---	3.8066	7.2528	7.9975			

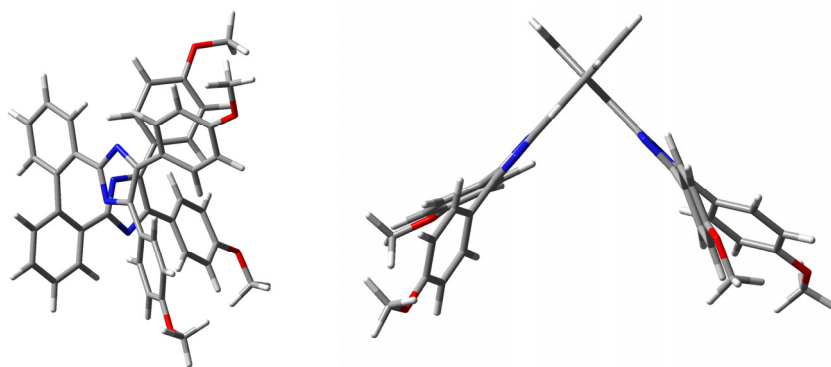


Fig. S12 Optimized structure of the colored isomer of bisDMDPI-BP.

The Result of the TDDFT calculation

Excited State	1:	1.224-A	1.3403 eV	925.07 nm	f=0.0003	<S**2>=0.125
		186A ->187A	0.33508			
		186B ->187B	0.93296			

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

Total Energy, E(TD-HF/TD-KS) = -2293.84325378

Excited State	2:	1.217-A	1.3485 eV	919.45 nm	f=0.0002	<S**2>=0.120
		186A ->187A	0.93388			
		186B ->187B	-0.33613			

Excited State 3: 2.329-A 1.8677 eV 663.84 nm f=0.0122 <S**2>=1.106

172A ->187A	0.10157
184A ->187A	0.10183
185A ->187A	0.39799
186A ->188A	-0.12276
172B ->187B	-0.19932
184B ->187B	0.14674
185B ->187B	0.82988

Excited State 4: 2.332-A 1.8715 eV 662.50 nm f=0.0771 <S**2>=1.109

172A ->187A	0.20894
184A ->187A	0.19373
185A ->187A	0.81862
185B ->187B	-0.40392
186B ->188B	-0.12494

Excited State 5: 2.305-A 2.1351 eV 580.71 nm f=0.0894 <S**2>=1.078

180A ->187A	-0.10639
182A ->187A	-0.18853
183A ->187A	-0.26488
175B ->187B	-0.16625
176B ->187B	-0.10983
177B ->187B	0.19096
179B ->187B	-0.13809
180B ->187B	-0.30151
182B ->187B	0.31096
183B ->187B	0.68095
184B ->187B	-0.22907

Excited State 6: 2.301-A 2.1545 eV 575.47 nm f=0.0431 <S**2>=1.074

175A ->187A	0.20164
176A ->187A	0.23815
178A ->187A	-0.11161
179A ->187A	0.10220
180A ->187A	0.30701
181A ->187A	0.19501

182A ->187A	0.53240
183A ->187A	0.50100
184A ->187A	0.13788
180B ->187B	-0.15518
182B ->187B	0.17024
183B ->187B	0.23973

Excited State 7: 2.337-A 2.3036 eV 538.23 nm f=0.1445 <S**2>=1.115

175A ->187A	-0.10207
176A ->187A	-0.13788
180A ->187A	-0.29545
181A ->187A	-0.11457
182A ->187A	-0.39444
183A ->187A	0.67569
180B ->187B	-0.19105
182B ->187B	0.27226
183B ->187B	-0.18120
186B ->189B	-0.12811

Excited State 8: 2.351-A 2.3521 eV 527.13 nm f=0.1014 <S**2>=1.131

180A ->187A	0.11361
182A ->187A	0.14559
183A ->187A	-0.34413
186A ->189A	0.14007
175B ->187B	-0.13898
177B ->187B	0.17820
179B ->187B	-0.11197
180B ->187B	-0.33086
182B ->187B	0.54389
183B ->187B	-0.48597
184B ->187B	0.20517

Excited State 9: 2.303-A 2.4850 eV 498.92 nm f=0.0073 <S**2>=1.076

180A ->187A	-0.14429
181A ->187A	0.38353
182A ->187A	-0.16388

184A ->187A	0.85473
185A ->187A	-0.19299

Excited State 10:	2.292-A	2.5106 eV	493.85 nm	f=0.0017	<S**2>=1.064
182B ->187B	-0.12054				
183B ->187B	0.30628				
184B ->187B	0.91402				
185B ->187B	-0.18290				

Excited State 11:	2.332-A	2.5346 eV	489.17 nm	f=0.0282	<S**2>=1.110
184A ->187A	-0.11301				
178B ->187B	0.10640				
180B ->187B	-0.12097				
181B ->187B	0.92566				
182B ->187B	-0.17390				

Excited State 12:	2.322-A	2.5867 eV	479.32 nm	f=0.0238	<S**2>=1.098
178A ->187A	-0.10226				
181A ->187A	0.80708				
182A ->187A	-0.31164				
184A ->187A	-0.39703				
185A ->187A	0.10395				
181B ->187B	-0.12016				

Excited State 13:	2.307-A	2.7990 eV	442.96 nm	f=0.0079	<S**2>=1.081
169B ->187B	0.17886				
172B ->187B	0.39219				
173B ->187B	0.13720				
174B ->187B	-0.17159				
175B ->187B	0.12990				
176B ->187B	0.28896				
177B ->187B	-0.39488				
179B ->187B	0.19192				
180B ->187B	0.32266				
181B ->187B	0.16602				
182B ->187B	0.52505				

183B ->187B	0.13954
185B ->187B	0.10183

Excited State 14: 2.315-A 2.8136 eV 440.66 nm f=0.0091 <S**2>=1.090

169A ->187A	0.21045
170A ->187A	-0.17702
172A ->187A	0.34208
175A ->187A	0.24376
176A ->187A	0.62368
177A ->187A	-0.18570
178A ->187A	-0.13069
179A ->187A	0.19667
180A ->187A	0.12100
181A ->187A	-0.18938
182A ->187A	-0.36991
185A ->187A	-0.17530

Excited State 15: 2.304-A 2.8913 eV 428.81 nm f=0.0055 <S**2>=1.077

172A ->187A	-0.25692
176A ->187A	-0.21818
180A ->187A	0.79245
181A ->187A	-0.11459
182A ->187A	-0.42531
184A ->187A	0.10405

Excited State 16: 2.310-A 2.9130 eV 425.62 nm f=0.0021 <S**2>=1.084

169B ->187B	-0.16882
172B ->187B	-0.36919
176B ->187B	-0.19089
177B ->187B	0.39095
178B ->187B	0.11628
180B ->187B	0.66268
181B ->187B	0.14621
182B ->187B	0.32874
185B ->187B	-0.10232

Excited State 17: 2.341-A 3.0074 eV 412.27 nm f=0.0061 <S**2>=1.120

172B ->187B -0.20103

179B ->187B 0.88629

180B ->187B -0.30011

Excited State 18: 2.354-A 3.0271 eV 409.58 nm f=0.0029 <S**2>=1.135

172A ->187A 0.15059

176A ->187A 0.20935

177A ->187A -0.13465

178A ->187A 0.63854

179A ->187A -0.62441

180A ->187A 0.16999

Excited State 19: 2.456-A 3.0809 eV 402.43 nm f=0.0196 <S**2>=1.258

182A ->189A -0.11433

186A ->189A 0.20797

186A ->198A -0.13305

170B ->187B 0.12095

172B ->187B 0.44160

173B ->187B 0.37284

174B ->187B -0.14259

175B ->187B -0.10605

177B ->187B 0.46350

178B ->187B 0.31910

179B ->187B 0.16263

181B ->187B -0.12044

182B ->187B -0.18672

183B ->191B -0.10480

185B ->187B 0.10911

Excited State 20: 2.519-A 3.0945 eV 400.66 nm f=0.0082 <S**2>=1.336

171A ->187A -0.12009

172A ->187A 0.13289

173A ->187A -0.33105

174A ->187A -0.15617

175A ->187A 0.27269

177A ->187A	0.46569
178A ->187A	0.45178
179A ->187A	0.25422
181A ->197A	-0.10250
183A ->191A	-0.12546
182B ->189B	0.13984
184B ->188B	0.11912
186B ->189B	-0.21729
186B ->198B	0.16882

Excited State 21: 2.463-A 3.1621 eV 392.10 nm f=0.0085 <S**2>=1.267

182A ->189A	0.10763
186A ->189A	-0.17728
186A ->198A	0.12481
170B ->187B	0.11626
172B ->187B	0.46189
173B ->187B	-0.38211
174B ->187B	0.20601
175B ->187B	-0.44862
176B ->187B	-0.20314
178B ->187B	-0.16141
179B ->187B	0.19738
180B ->187B	0.20975
182B ->187B	-0.10842

Excited State 22: 2.352-A 3.1899 eV 388.68 nm f=0.0182 <S**2>=1.133

172A ->187A	0.74491
175A ->187A	-0.36992
176A ->187A	-0.27282
179A ->187A	0.14037
180A ->187A	0.23445
181A ->187A	0.15014
182A ->187A	0.14380
185A ->187A	-0.13728

Excited State 23: 2.380-A 3.2359 eV 383.16 nm f=0.0107 <S**2>=1.166

186A ->188A	0.14611
186A ->189A	-0.14011
172B ->187B	0.28946
173B ->187B	-0.25872
175B ->187B	0.77309
176B ->187B	-0.24214
177B ->187B	0.26039

Excited State 24: 2.384-A 3.2433 eV 382.28 nm f=0.0120 <S**2>=1.171

172A ->187A	0.18347
173A ->187A	0.37983
174A ->187A	0.29401
175A ->187A	0.66296
176A ->187A	-0.36211
177A ->187A	0.17387
186B ->188B	-0.16526
186B ->189B	0.14693

Excited State 25: 2.779-A 3.2747 eV 378.61 nm f=0.0138 <S**2>=1.680

175A ->187A	0.12198
183A ->190A	-0.12514
185A ->187A	0.12792
185A ->199A	-0.11765
186A ->188A	0.45531
175B ->187B	-0.13653
182B ->188B	0.11709
183B ->190B	0.10230
184B ->189B	0.11242
184B ->198B	0.12041
186B ->188B	0.63525

Excited State 26: 2.786-A 3.2834 eV 377.60 nm f=0.2376 <S**2>=1.691

182A ->188A	0.11407
184A ->189A	-0.10545
184A ->198A	-0.12171
185A ->187A	-0.10068

186A ->188A	0.64085
175B ->187B	-0.10646
178B ->187B	-0.11342
179B ->193B	-0.10139
183B ->190B	0.11697
185B ->187B	0.14066
185B ->199B	0.12111
186B ->188B	-0.45507

Excited State 27: 2.461-A 3.3188 eV 373.58 nm f=0.0242 <S**2>=1.264

171A ->187A	-0.13008
172A ->187A	0.13291
173A ->187A	-0.22773
175A ->187A	0.14541
178A ->187A	-0.31013
179A ->187A	-0.41172
180A ->187A	0.10973
183A ->187A	-0.11644
186A ->189A	-0.16568
173B ->187B	-0.18711
176B ->187B	0.22421
178B ->187B	0.48534
186B ->189B	-0.26029
186B ->190B	-0.10433

Excited State 28: 2.411-A 3.3367 eV 371.58 nm f=0.0536 <S**2>=1.204

171A ->187A	0.11189
173A ->187A	0.21581
175A ->187A	-0.15087
178A ->187A	0.28934
179A ->187A	0.36636
186A ->189A	-0.16680
173B ->187B	-0.22434
176B ->187B	0.26623
178B ->187B	0.58716
186B ->188B	-0.10653

186B ->189B 0.18574

Excited State 29: 3.127-A 3.4949 eV 354.76 nm f=0.2529 <S**2>=2.195

169A ->187A	0.12869
173A ->187A	0.12581
174A ->192A	-0.12274
178A ->187A	0.13472
183A ->187A	-0.12504
183A ->199A	0.10032
184A ->188A	-0.24990
185A ->189A	-0.10595
185A ->190A	0.23405
186A ->189A	0.31795
186A ->190A	0.12869
186A ->198A	0.13753
169B ->187B	-0.13890
174B ->192B	0.12972
175B ->193B	0.10079
179B ->195B	-0.11105
183B ->187B	0.13785
184B ->188B	-0.26264
185B ->189B	-0.11361
185B ->190B	0.21615
186B ->189B	-0.29669
186B ->190B	-0.13677
186B ->198B	-0.14937

Excited State 30: 2.566-A 3.5130 eV 352.93 nm f=0.0302 <S**2>=1.396

168A ->187A	-0.20303
169A ->187A	0.69903
170A ->187A	-0.31684
176A ->187A	-0.19696
178A ->187A	0.18886
181A ->187A	0.10709
184A ->188A	0.16960
185A ->187A	0.11628

186A ->189A	-0.14547
185B ->190B	-0.16134

Excited State 31: 3.152-A 3.5241 eV 351.82 nm f=0.1284 <S**2>=2.234

169A ->187A	0.34993
170A ->187A	-0.14800
174A ->192A	-0.12744
175A ->193A	-0.10204
183A ->187A	0.14328
184A ->188A	-0.22871
185A ->189A	0.11367
185A ->190A	-0.23388
186A ->189A	0.20447
186A ->198A	0.13174
169B ->187B	0.11036
174B ->192B	-0.14683
175B ->193B	0.10097
179B ->195B	-0.11212
183B ->187B	0.11651
184B ->188B	0.24633
185B ->189B	-0.11216
185B ->190B	0.22999
186B ->189B	0.23740
186B ->198B	0.13666

Excited State 32: 2.448-A 3.5312 eV 351.11 nm f=0.0396 <S**2>=1.249

186A ->189A	-0.10476
168B ->187B	-0.22380
169B ->187B	0.78403
170B ->187B	-0.28994
176B ->187B	-0.11520
177B ->187B	0.14545
179B ->187B	-0.12213
185B ->187B	-0.12904

Excited State 33: 2.432-A 3.5672 eV 347.56 nm f=0.0087 <S**2>=1.228

169A ->187A	0.12861
174A ->187A	0.13087
175A ->187A	-0.15963
176A ->187A	0.30148
177A ->187A	0.77706
178A ->187A	-0.23808
179A ->187A	-0.26159
185A ->190A	0.10094
184B ->188B	-0.10277
186B ->189B	0.10425

Excited State 34: 2.354-A 3.5861 eV 345.74 nm f=0.0068 <S**2>=1.136

174B ->187B	0.12730
176B ->187B	0.73564
177B ->187B	0.46628
178B ->187B	-0.39707

Excited State 35: 2.776-A 3.6345 eV 341.14 nm f=0.1567 <S**2>=1.676

173A ->187A	-0.32644
174A ->187A	-0.18371
175A ->187A	0.12384
180A ->196A	0.11927
182A ->189A	0.11628
183A ->191A	0.12060
184A ->188A	-0.13606
185A ->190A	0.12121
186A ->189A	-0.30148
186A ->190A	-0.12199
169B ->187B	-0.18145
173B ->187B	0.45645
174B ->187B	-0.20933
176B ->187B	-0.16174
181B ->197B	0.11806
183B ->191B	0.15368
185B ->190B	0.14710
186B ->189B	0.22651

Excited State 36: 2.673-A 3.6514 eV 339.55 nm f=0.1516 <S**2>=1.536

173A ->187A	0.46554
174A ->187A	0.28844
175A ->187A	-0.22228
176A ->187A	0.12827
181A ->197A	-0.10464
183A ->191A	-0.14392
186A ->189A	-0.22385
173B ->187B	0.33576
174B ->187B	-0.18609
176B ->187B	-0.16342
180B ->196B	-0.14601
181B ->197B	0.10511
183B ->191B	0.11389
186B ->189B	-0.29698
186B ->190B	-0.12627

Excited State 37: 2.301-A 3.7931 eV 326.87 nm f=0.0043 <S**2>=1.074

171B ->187B	0.14193
173B ->187B	0.36179
174B ->187B	0.86852
175B ->187B	0.12131
177B ->187B	-0.12096
178B ->187B	0.19516

Excited State 38: 2.304-A 3.8139 eV 325.08 nm f=0.0071 <S**2>=1.077

171A ->187A	-0.20101
173A ->187A	-0.40340
174A ->187A	0.84066
175A ->187A	-0.11358
177A ->187A	-0.11496
178A ->187A	0.12495
179A ->187A	0.15073

Excited State 39: 2.849-A 3.8954 eV 318.28 nm f=0.0042 <S**2>=1.780

178A ->193A	0.10820
183A ->193A	-0.17472
185A ->191A	0.15529
185A ->195A	0.15419
186A ->192A	-0.18724
182B ->192B	0.14719
184B ->189B	-0.13600
184B ->194B	-0.18692
186B ->188B	0.22700
186B ->192B	0.74657

Excited State 40: 2.858-A 3.8979 eV 318.08 nm f=0.0069 <S**2>=1.792

182A ->192A	0.14354
184A ->189A	-0.13458
184A ->194A	-0.18328
186A ->188A	-0.22914
186A ->192A	0.74002
179B ->193B	-0.12721
183B ->193B	0.17514
185B ->191B	0.15957
185B ->195B	0.15533
186B ->192B	0.18203

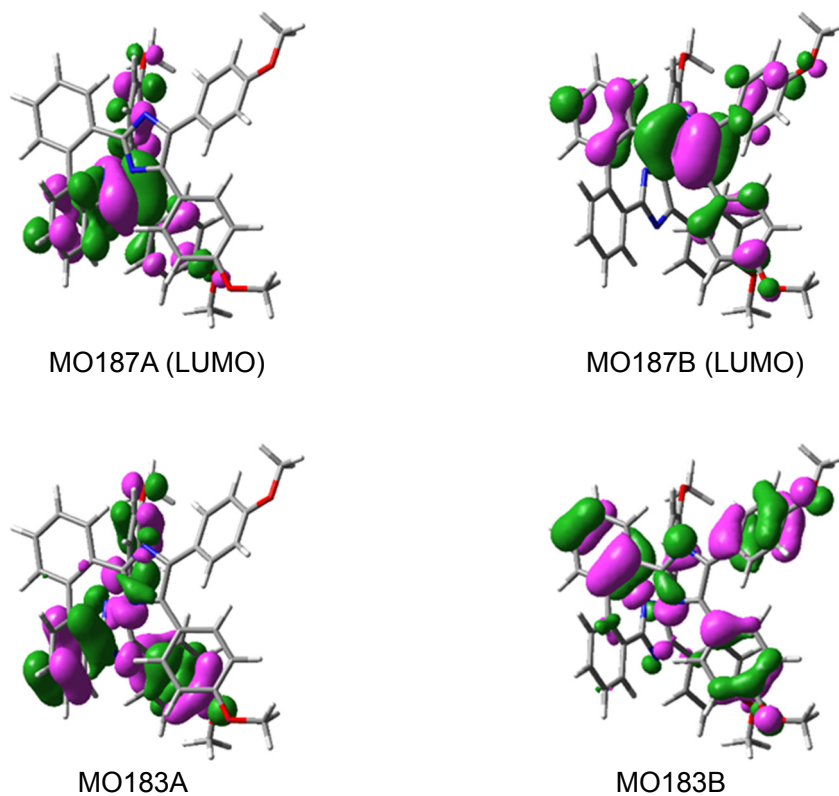


Fig. S13 Relevant molecular orbitals of the colored isomer of bisDMDPI-BP obtained by the UMPW1PW91/6-31G(d) level of the theory.

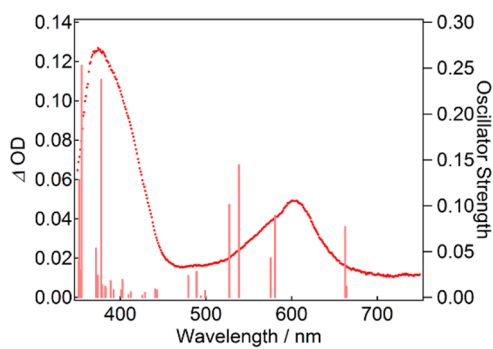


Fig. S14 Transient absorption spectrum (dotted line) and the oscillator strength (vertical lines) obtained by the TDDFT calculations (UMPW1PW91/6-31G(d) //UMPW1PW91/6-31G(d)).

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