Supporting Information for

Ab initio static and molecular dynamics study of the absorption spectra of the 4-styrylpyridine photoswitch in its *cis* and *trans* forms

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- 1 Vibrational normal coordinates and frequencies determined in the harmonic approximation for 4-styrylpyridine in the S_0 ground state, and Huang-Rhys factors calculated within the displaced harmonic oscillator approximation for the structural variations induced by the $S_0 \rightarrow S_1$ and $S_0 \rightarrow S_2$ changes of states
- 1.1 Trans-4-styrlpyridine: vibrational analysis in the ground state and $S_0 \rightarrow S_1$ Huang-Rhys factors (B3LYP/ \mathcal{G} results)

Table S1: Vibrational normal coordinates and frequencies obtained within the harmonic approximation for *trans*-4-styrylpyridine in the S₀ ground state. The $|Q_1|$'s are the magnitudes of the projections on the ground-state mass-weighted normal coordinates of the structural variation induced by the S₀ \rightarrow S₁ change of states, the S_1 's are the associated Huang-Rhys factors (B3LYP/ \mathcal{G} results).

















1.2 Cis-4-styrlpyridine: vibrational analysis in the ground state and $S_0 \rightarrow S_1, S_2$ Huang-Rhys factors (BOP/ \mathcal{G} results)

Table S2: Vibrational normal coordinates and frequencies obtained within the harmonic approximation for *cis*-4-styrylpyridine in the S₀ ground state. The $|Q_I|$'s are the magnitudes of the projections on the ground-state mass-weighted normal coordinates of the structural variation induced by the S₀ \rightarrow S_I change of states, the S_I 's are the associated Huang-Rhys factors (I = 1, 2; BOP/ \mathcal{G} results).





To be continued \dots















1.3 Cis-4-styrlpyridine: vibrational analysis in the ground state, optimised S₁ geometry and S₀ \rightarrow S₁ Huang-Rhys factors (B3LYP/G results)



Figure S1: Optimised B3LYP/ \mathcal{G} geometry of cis-4-styrylpyridine in the S₁ state.

Table S3: Vibrational normal coordinates and frequencies obtained within the harmonic approximation for *cis*-4-styrylpyridine in the S₀ ground state. The $|Q_1|$'s are the magnitudes of the projections on the ground-state mass-weighted normal coordinates of the structural variation induced by the S₀ \rightarrow S₁ change of states, the S_1 's are the associated Huang-Rhys factors (B3LYP/ \mathcal{G} results).



















