## Supporting Information for "Dynamical Signatures from Competing, Nonadiabatic Fragmentation Pathways of S-Nitrosothiophenol"

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**Figure S1**: Electronic absorption spectrum of PhSNO in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. This spectrum was generated by reaction of PhSH (0.045 **M** in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) with N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>/Norit (0.2 g) at 0°C for 40 min. The absorbance of 0.61 at 570 nm ( $\epsilon = 53 \text{ M}^{-1}\text{cm}^{-1}$ )<sup>§</sup> indicates a 26% conversion.



**Figure S2**: Electronic absorption spectrum of PhSNO in  $CH_2Cl_2$  (above) showing the short wavelength region. This region also contains absorptions from PhSH and PhSSPh.

<sup>§</sup>Zolfigol, M. A.; Shirini, F.; Choghamarani, A. G.; Ghofrani, E. Silica Chloride/NaNO<sub>2</sub> as a Novel Heterogeneous System for Production of Thionitrites and Disulfides Under Mild Conditions *Phosphorus, Sulfur, and Silicon and the Related Elements* **2003**, *178*, 1477-1481.



**Figure S3**: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz,  $CD_2Cl_2$ ) of PhSH (0.09 M, bottom) and after reacting with N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>/Norit (0.4 g) for 49 min at 0°C (top). The conversion is 93% and the yield of PhSNO is 29% by integration.



**Figure S4**: The (18,14) active space used in the relaxed scan along the S-N bond dissociation coordinate. The molecular orbitals in the first two columns are doubly occupied in the Hartree-Fock ground state whereas those in the last column are virtual.



**Figure S5**: The (16,13) active space used in the torsion scan at  $R_{S-N} = 1.9$ Å and a C-S-N-O torsion angle of 0°. Reading from left to right and top to bottom, the first eight molecular orbitals are doubly occupied in the Hartree-Fock ground state whereas the final five molecular oarbitals are virtual.



**Figure S6**: The (16,13) active space used in the torsion scan at  $R_{S-N} = 1.9$ Å and a C-S-N-O torsion angle of 30°. Reading from left to right and top to bottom, the first eight molecular orbitals are doubly occupied in the Hartree-Fock ground state whereas the final five molecular oarbitals are virtual.



**Figure S7**: The (16,13) active space used in the torsion scan at  $R_{S-N} = 1.9$ Å and a C-S-N-O torsion angle of 60°. Reading from left to right and top to bottom, the first eight molecular orbitals are doubly occupied in the Hartree-Fock ground state whereas the final five molecular oarbitals are virtual.



**Figure S8**: The (16,13) active space used in the torsion scan at  $R_{S-N} = 1.9$ Å and a C-S-N-O torsion angle of 90°. Reading from left to right and top to bottom, the first eight molecular orbitals are doubly occupied in the Hartree-Fock ground state whereas the final five molecular oarbitals are virtual.



**Figure S9**: The dominant molecular orbitals associated with the  $S_0 \rightarrow S_1$ ,  $S_0 \rightarrow S_2$ , and  $S_0 \rightarrow S_3$  transitions at the optimized geometry of the *syn* conformer along with the vertical excitation energies calculated at the (18,14) MCQDPT2/aug-cc-pVDZ level of theory.



**Figure S10**: The singly occupied molecular orbitals in the dominant electron configurations of the  $T_1$ ,  $T_2$ ,  $T_3$ , and  $T_4$  states at the optimized geometry of the *syn* conformer along with the vertical excitation energies calculated at the (18,14) MCQDPT2/aug-cc-pVDZ level of theory.



**Figure S11**: The singly occupied molecular orbitals in the dominant electron configurations of the  $S_0$ ,  $S_1$ ,  $S_2$ , and  $S_3$  states at the geometry with a 4.40 Å S-N bond length. The energies are reported relative to that of the  $S_0$  state at the optimized geometry of the *syn* conformer.



**Figure S12**: The singly occupied molecular orbitals in the dominant electron configurations of the  $T_1$ ,  $T_2$ ,  $T_3$ , and  $T_4$  states at the geometry with a 4.40 Å S-N bond length. The energies are reported relative to that of the  $S_0$  state at the optimized geometry of the *syn* conformer.



**Figure S13**: A zoomed in version of Figure 1 in the manuscript showing that at large S-N bond lengths,  $T_2$  approaches the same dissociation limit as  $S_0$ . The calculation was performed at the (18,14) MCQDPT2/aug-cc-pvdz level of theory with the lowest three singlet or triplet states of each irreducible representation of the  $C_s$  point group state averaged.



**Figure S14**: Reproduction of Figure 4 from the manuscript showing an unrelaxed scan along the C-S-N-O torsion angle at  $R_{S-N} = 1.9$  Å. The calculation was performed at the (16,13) MCQDPT2/aug-cc-pvdz level of theory with state-averaging over the lowest four singlet or triplet states. All energies are reported relative to the lowest S<sub>0</sub> energy in this scan.



**Figure S15**: Results from an unrelaxed scan along the C-S-N-O torsion angle at  $R_{S-N} = 2.0$  Å. The calculation was performed at the (16,13) MCQDPT2/aug-cc-pvdz level of theory with state-averaging over the lowest four singlet or triplet states. All energies are reported relative to the lowest S<sub>0</sub> energy in this scan.



**Figure S16**: Results from an unrelaxed scan along the C-S-N-O torsion angle at  $R_{S-N} = 2.1$  Å. The calculation was performed at the (16,13) MCQDPT2/aug-cc-pvdz level of theory with state-averaging over the lowest four singlet or triplet states. All energies are reported relative to the lowest S<sub>0</sub> energy in this scan.



**Figure S17**: Results from an unrelaxed scan along the C-S-N-O torsion angle at  $R_{S-N} = 2.2$  Å. The calculation was performed at the (16,13) MCQDPT2/aug-cc-pvdz level of theory with state-averaging over the lowest four singlet or triplet states. All energies are reported relative to the lowest S<sub>0</sub> energy in this scan.



**Figure S18**: Results from an unrelaxed scan along the C-S-N-O torsion angle at  $R_{S-N} = 2.3$  Å. The calculation was performed at the (16,13) MCQDPT2/aug-cc-pvdz level of theory with state-averaging over the lowest four singlet or triplet states. All energies are reported relative to the lowest S<sub>0</sub> energy in this scan.



**Figure S19**: Results from an unrelaxed scan along the C-S-N-O torsion angle at  $R_{S-N} = 2.5$  Å. The calculation was performed at the (16,13) MCQDPT2/aug-cc-pvdz level of theory with state-averaging over the lowest four singlet or triplet states. All energies are reported relative to the lowest S<sub>0</sub> energy in this scan.



 $R_{S-N} = 1.9$ Å



 $R_{S-N} = 1.9 \text{\AA}$ 



 $R_{S-N} = 2.1 \text{\AA}$ 



 $R_{S-N} = 2.1 \text{\AA}$ 





 $R_{S-N} = 2.2 \text{\AA}$ 



**Figure S20**: Plots of the singly occupied molecular orbitals of  $T_2$  and  $T_3$  at different values of  $R_{S-N}$  and a C-S-N-O torsion angle of 0°. Note that the electronic characters of the  $T_2$  and  $T_3$  adiabatic states switch between  $R_{S-N} = 2.1$  Å and  $R_{S-N} = 2.3$  Å.



**Figure S21**: Plots of the singly occupied molecular orbitals of  $T_2$  and  $T_3$  at different values of  $R_{S-N}$  and a C-S-N-O torsion angle of 90°. Note that the electronic characters of the  $T_2$  and  $T_3$  adiabatic states switch between  $R_{S-N} = 2.1$  Å and  $R_{S-N} = 2.3$  Å.

S-N Bond Length (Å)	S <sub>0</sub> (eV)	<b>S</b> <sub>1</sub> (eV)	<b>S</b> <sub>2</sub> (eV)	S <sub>3</sub> (eV)
1.90	0.00	2.33	3.43	4.45
2.03	0.06	2.25	3.16	4.07
2.16	0.06	2.04	2.75	3.46
2.28	0.11	1.83	2.40	2.95
2.41	0.19	1.64	2.13	2.54
2.57	0.35	1.45	1.89	2.15
2.66	0.44	1.40	1.79	2.03
2.79	0.58	1.31	1.69	1.86
2.91	0.70	1.26	1.63	1.76
3.16	0.99	1.20	1.49	1.63
3.41	1.08	1.19	1.48	1.58
3.66	1.13	1.18	1.49	1.56
3.91	1.15	1.19	1.49	1.55
4.40	1.17	1.19	1.51	1.55

**Table S1**: Relative electronic energies of the singlet states from the relaxed scan along the S-N bond dissociation coordinate used to produce Figures 1 and S6. The calculation was performed at the (18,14) MCQDPT2/aug-cc-pvdz level of theory with the lowest three singlet states of each irreducible representation of the  $C_s$  point group state averaged.

S-N Bond Length (Å)	T <sub>1</sub> (eV)	T <sub>2</sub> (eV)	T <sub>3</sub> (eV)	T <sub>4</sub> (eV)
1.90	1.72	3.05	3.44	4.30
2.03	1.87	2.94	3.06	3.89
2.16	1.78	2.52	2.66	3.33
2.28	1.66	2.09	2.29	2.85
2.41	1.53	1.82	2.04	2.48
2.57	1.39	1.58	1.80	2.10
2.66	1.34	1.48	1.71	1.98
2.79	1.27	1.37	1.62	1.83
2.91	1.23	1.30	1.56	1.73
3.16	1.19	1.21	1.50	1.62
3.41	1.18	1.18	1.49	1.57
3.66	1.18	1.17	1.49	1.56
3.91	1.19	1.17	1.50	1.55
4.40	1.19	1.18	1.51	1.55

**Table S2**: Relative electronic energies of the triplet states from the relaxed scan along the S-N bond dissociation coordinate used to produce Figures 1 and S6. The calculation was performed at the (18,14) MCQDPT2/aug-cc-pvdz level of theory with the lowest three triplet states of each irreducible representation of the  $C_s$  point group state averaged.

**Table S3**: Transition dipole moment components (given in percent) of PhSNO calculated at the TD-DFT/6-311+G(d,p) level of theory.

Electronic State	‰ μ <sub>a</sub>	% μ <sub>b</sub>	% μ <sub>c</sub>
$\mathbf{S}_1$	0	100	0
$S_2$	7	0	93
$S_3$	43	0	57

C-S-N-O Torsion Angle (°)	S <sub>0</sub> (eV)	S <sub>1</sub> (eV)	S <sub>2</sub> (eV)	T <sub>1</sub> (eV)	T <sub>2</sub> (eV)	T <sub>3</sub> (eV)
0.0	0.00	2.37	3.46	1.82	3.01	3.33
7.5	0.08	2.41	3.50	1.81	3.09	3.44
15.0	0.10	2.40	3.47	1.80	3.08	3.46
22.5	0.14	2.38	3.44	1.78	3.06	3.49
30.0	0.19	2.35	3.39	1.70	3.05	3.44
45.0	0.31	2.31	3.27	1.67	3.00	3.54
60.0	0.45	2.30	3.16	1.64	2.96	3.66
75.0	0.55	2.30	3.09	1.64	2.96	3.73
82.5	0.59	2.32	3.08	1.64	2.96	3.75
90.0	0.60	2.33	3.08	1.65	2.97	3.75
97.5	0.59	2.34	3.10	1.65	2.99	3.74
105.0	0.56	2.35	3.13	1.66	3.01	3.71
120.0	0.47	2.37	3.23	1.68	3.05	3.62
135.0	0.36	2.38	3.35	1.69	3.09	3.52
150.0	0.25	2.39	3.45	1.70	3.11	3.43
165.0	0.18	2.39	3.52	1.70	3.12	3.38
180.0	0.18	2.35	3.52	1.70	3.12	3.37

**Table S4**: Relative electronic energies from the unrelaxed scan along the C-S-N-O torsion angle at  $R_{SN} = 1.9$  Å used to produce Figures 4 and S7. The calculation was performed at the (16,13) MCQDPT2/aug-cc-pvdz level of theory. All energies are reported relative to the lowest  $S_0$  energy in this scan.

C-S-N-O Torsion Angle (°)	S <sub>0</sub> (eV)	S <sub>1</sub> (eV)	S <sub>2</sub> (eV)	T <sub>1</sub> (eV)	T <sub>2</sub> (eV)	T3 (eV)
0.0	0.00	2.18	3.07	1.67	2.73	3.02
7.5	0.01	2.17	3.06	1.66	2.73	3.02
15.0	0.03	2.17	3.05	1.66	2.73	3.03
22.5	0.06	2.15	3.02	1.65	2.72	3.04
30.0	0.11	2.14	2.99	1.63	2.72	3.07
45.0	0.21	2.11	2.92	1.61	2.70	3.13
60.0	0.33	2.09	2.84	1.59	2.69	3.18
75.0	0.41	2.07	2.79	1.59	2.69	3.23
82.5	0.44	2.07	2.78	1.59	2.70	3.24
90.0	0.41	2.11	2.75	1.60	2.71	3.24
97.5	0.44	2.08	2.80	1.60	2.72	3.23
105.0	0.43	2.09	2.82	1.61	2.73	3.21
120.0	0.35	2.10	2.90	1.62	2.75	3.16
135.0	0.26	2.12	2.98	1.63	2.77	3.10
150.0	0.18	2.13	3.05	1.64	2.76	3.07
165.0	0.12	2.13	3.10	1.64	2.75	3.05
180.0	0.10	2.13	3.11	1.64	2.74	3.04

**Table S5**: Relative electronic energies from the unrelaxed scan along the C-S-N-O torsion angle at  $R_{SN} = 2.0$  Å used to produce Figure S8. The calculation was performed at the (16,13) MCQDPT2/aug-cc-pvdz level of theory. All energies are reported relative to the lowest  $S_0$  energy in this scan.

C-S-N-O Torsion Angle (°)	S <sub>0</sub> (eV)	<b>S</b> <sub>1</sub> (eV)	<b>S</b> <sub>2</sub> (eV)	T <sub>1</sub> (eV)	T <sub>2</sub> (eV)	T <sub>3</sub> (eV)
0.0	0.00	1.97	2.69	1.63	2.40	2.63
7.5	0.01	1.97	2.70	1.62	2.41	2.68
15.0	0.03	1.96	2.69	1.61	2.41	2.69
22.5	0.06	1.96	2.68	1.60	2.41	2.70
30.0	0.09	1.95	2.65	1.60	2.40	2.71
45.0	0.19	1.93	2.60	1.58	2.40	2.74
60.0	0.28	1.91	2.55	1.57	2.42	2.75
75.0	0.35	1.90	2.51	1.56	2.45	2.75
82.5	0.38	1.90	2.51	1.56	2.46	2.75
90.0	0.38	1.90	2.51	1.57	2.47	2.75
97.5	0.38	1.90	2.52	1.57	2.47	2.75
105.0	0.37	1.91	2.54	1.58	2.44	2.78
120.0	0.31	1.92	2.59	1.59	2.43	2.78
135.0	0.24	1.93	2.66	1.59	2.45	2.73
150.0	0.17	1.94	2.71	1.60	2.46	2.70
165.0	0.12	1.94	2.74	1.60	2.46	2.68
180.0	0.10	1.94	2.75	1.60	2.45	2.67

**Table S6**: Relative electronic energies from the unrelaxed scan along the C-S-N-O torsion angle at  $R_{SN} = 2.1$  Å used to produce Figure S9. The calculation was performed at the (16,13) MCQDPT2/aug-cc-pvdz level of theory. All energies are reported relative to the lowest  $S_0$  energy in this scan.

C-S-N-O Torsion Angle (°)	S <sub>0</sub> (eV)	S <sub>1</sub> (eV)	S <sub>2</sub> (eV)	T <sub>1</sub> (eV)	T <sub>2</sub> (eV)	T <sub>3</sub> (eV)
0.0	0.00	1.73	2.34	1.49	2.10	2.27
7.5	0.00	1.73	2.36	1.48	2.13	2.30
15.0	0.02	1.72	2.34	1.48	2.12	2.29
22.5	0.04	1.72	2.34	1.48	2.14	2.30
30.0	0.07	1.71	2.32	1.47	2.13	2.29
45.0	0.15	1.69	2.28	1.45	2.14	2.30
60.0	0.23	1.68	2.25	1.44	2.16	2.31
75.0	0.30	1.67	2.22	1.44	2.18	2.30
82.5	0.31	1.67	2.22	1.44	2.20	2.29
90.0	0.32	1.67	2.22	1.44	2.20	2.29
97.5	0.32	1.68	2.23	1.45	2.21	2.29
105.0	0.31	1.69	2.25	1.45	2.21	2.31
120.0	0.26	1.70	2.29	1.46	2.20	2.31
135.0	0.20	1.70	2.34	1.47	2.19	2.31
150.0	0.14	1.71	2.37	1.47	2.17	2.31
165.0	0.10	1.71	2.40	1.48	2.15	2.32
180.0	0.09	1.71	2.41	1.48	2.15	2.32

**Table S7**: Relative electronic energies from the unrelaxed scan along the C-S-N-O torsion angle at  $R_{SN} = 2.2$  Å used to produce Figure S10. The calculation was performed at the (16,13) MCQDPT2/aug-cc-pvdz level of theory. All energies are reported relative to the lowest  $S_0$  energy in this scan.

C-S-N-O Torsion Angle (°)	S <sub>0</sub> (eV)	S <sub>1</sub> (eV)	S <sub>2</sub> (eV)	T <sub>1</sub> (eV)	T <sub>2</sub> (eV)	T3 (eV)
0.0	0.00	1.47	2.02	1.30	1.79	1.94
7.5	0.00	1.47	2.02	1.30	1.80	1.95
15.0	0.01	1.47	2.01	1.30	1.81	1.95
22.5	0.03	1.47	2.01	1.30	1.81	1.95
30.0	0.06	1.46	2.00	1.29	1.82	1.94
45.0	0.13	1.45	1.98	1.28	1.84	1.94
60.0	0.20	1.44	1.95	1.27	1.86	1.94
75.0	0.25	1.44	1.94	1.27	1.88	1.93
82.5	0.26	1.44	1.94	1.27	1.89	1.93
90.0	0.27	1.44	1.94	1.27	1.89	1.93
97.5	0.27	1.44	1.95	1.27	1.89	1.94
105.0	0.26	1.44	1.96	1.28	1.88	1.95
120.0	0.23	1.45	1.98	1.28	1.86	1.96
135.0	0.18	1.45	2.01	1.29	1.84	1.97
150.0	0.13	1.46	2.04	1.30	1.82	1.98
165.0	0.10	1.46	2.06	1.30	1.81	1.99
180.0	0.08	1.46	2.06	1.30	1.80	1.99

**Table S8**: Relative electronic energies from the unrelaxed scan along the C-S-N-O torsion angle at  $R_{SN} = 2.3$  Å used to produce Figure S11. The calculation was performed at the (16,13) MCQDPT2/aug-cc-pvdz level of theory. All energies are reported relative to the lowest  $S_0$  energy in this scan.

C-S-N-O Torsion Angle (°)	S <sub>0</sub> (eV)	S <sub>1</sub> (eV)	S <sub>2</sub> (eV)	T <sub>1</sub> (eV)	T <sub>2</sub> (eV)	T <sub>3</sub> (eV)
0.0	0.01	1.01	1.46	0.92	1.20	1.42
7.5	0.00	1.01	1.46	0.92	1.20	1.42
15.0	0.01	1.01	1.46	0.92	1.21	1.42
22.5	0.02	1.01	1.45	0.92	1.21	1.42
30.0	0.04	1.01	1.45	0.91	1.21	1.42
45.0	0.09	1.00	1.44	0.91	1.22	1.42
60.0	0.14	1.00	1.44	0.90	1.23	1.43
75.0	0.18	0.99	1.43	0.90	1.24	1.43
82.5	0.19	0.99	1.43	0.90	1.24	1.43
90.0	0.19	0.99	1.44	0.90	1.24	1.43
97.5	0.19	0.99	1.44	0.90	1.24	1.44
105.0	0.19	1.00	1.44	0.91	1.24	1.44
120.0	0.17	1.00	1.46	0.91	1.23	1.45
135.0	0.13	1.00	1.47	0.92	1.22	1.45
150.0	0.10	1.01	1.48	0.92	1.22	1.45
165.0	0.08	1.01	1.49	0.92	1.21	1.46
180.0	0.07	1.01	1.49	0.92	1.21	1.46

**Table S9**: Relative electronic energies from the unrelaxed scan along the C-S-N-O torsion angle at  $R_{SN} = 2.5$  Å used to produce Figure S12. The calculation was performed at the (16,13) MCQDPT2/aug-cc-pvdz level of theory. All energies are reported relative to the lowest  $S_0$  energy in this scan.