

Supplementary Information

Configuration Mixing Upon Reorganization of Dihedral Angle Induces Rapid Intersystem Crossing in Organic Photocatalyst

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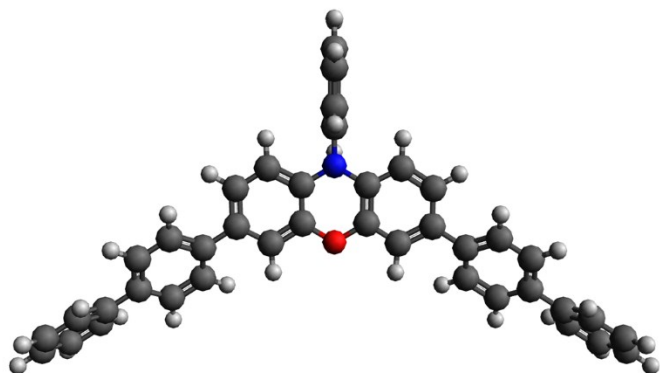


Figure S1. Structure of BPNP at optimized S_0 geometry with phenoxazine and naphthalene molecular planes orthogonal with respect to each other

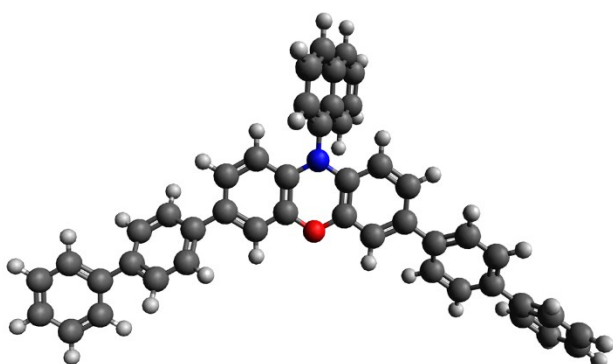


Figure S2. Structure of BPNP at optimized $S_{CT-Naph}$ geometry, showing the decreased dihedral angle between phenoxazine and naphthalene moieties.

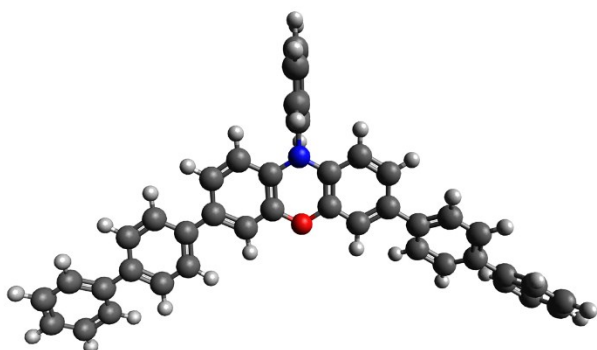


Figure S3. Structure of BPNP at optimized $T_{CT-Biph}$ geometry, showing large displacement from $S_{CT-Naph}$ geometry in the phenoxazine-naphthalene dihedral angle.

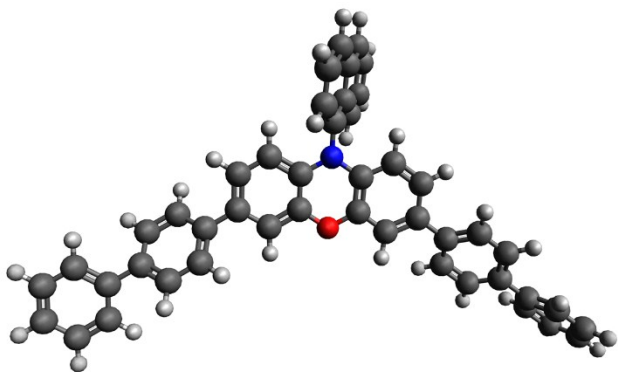


Figure S4. Structure of BPNP at optimized $T_{LE-Naph}$ geometry, showing little displacement of dihedral angle from $S_{CT-Naph}$ geometry.

Coordinates of S_0 optimized geometry

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C	3.62747300	1.44456500	0.43773200
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H	2.50516000	3.25989000	0.64929200
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Coordinates of S_{CT-Naph} optimized geometry

C	1.13848	1.52297	0.33578
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C	3.49319	-0.02853	0.23686
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C	2.39824	2.13215	0.44524
H	2.13940	-1.71380	0.07243
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H	2.45232	3.20422	0.56822
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C	4.73239	-0.83307	0.17840
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C	5.86437	-0.46755	0.91466
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C	9.13515	-3.36413	1.15031
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C	-3.65966	1.51338	0.25340
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Coordinates of T_{CT-Biph} geometry

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C	0.02709200	6.24042100	-2.68069100
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H	0.01614500	7.52640600	1.16908600
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Coordinates of T_{LE-Naph} geometry

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H	8.72799100	-3.09882000	2.07144200
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H	8.20407800	-3.59759400	-2.15751900

C	10.64596300	-4.80995500	-0.14067700
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H	10.23862300	-4.98106200	-2.24668400
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H	-2.54158600	3.32497200	0.35217300
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H	-4.63137300	2.05766200	0.28296300
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C	-6.21983300	-2.64097700	0.58448500
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C	-9.78245000	-5.02692300	-0.30882800
H	-7.64965600	-4.81262800	-0.36109400
C	-11.00951500	-4.37896200	-0.20772400
H	-11.99489100	-2.48108500	0.03228900
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C	0.05052700	6.38602200	1.34171500
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Dynamic Correlation Effects in $T_{CT-Naph}-T_{LE-Naph}$ Energy Gap

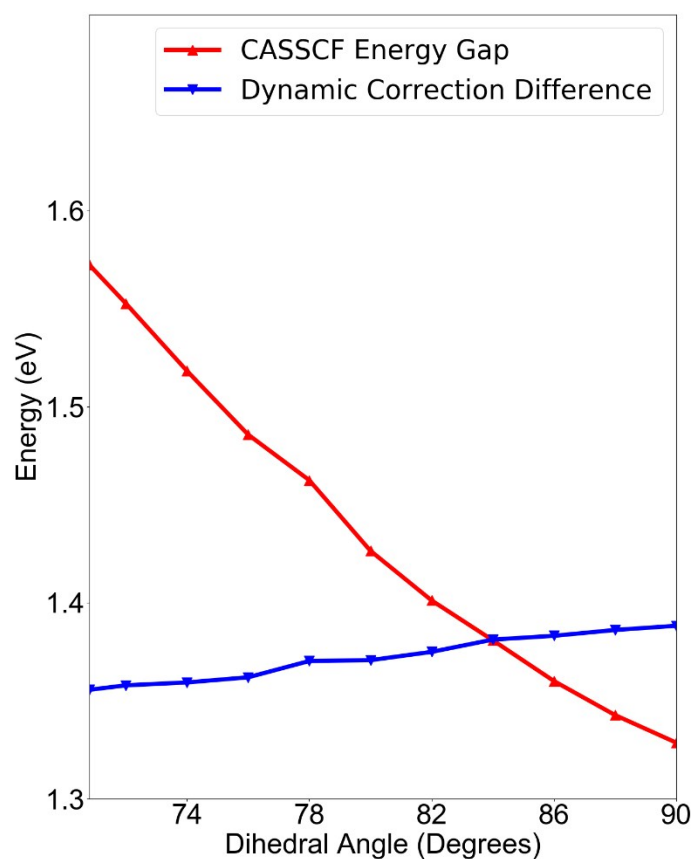


Figure S5. The CASSCF calculation gives lower energy for $T_{Naph-Local}$ in all dihedral angles, but with smaller energy gap at large angles. The CASSCF Energy gap plotted in the figure is $E(T_{CT-Naph})-E(T_{LE-Naph})$, and the dynamic correlation difference is the difference in energy correction by NEVPT2 for the two states.

ISC Rate Equation

The original formalism is discussed in Etinski et al.¹ where the cumulant expansion form of k_{ISC} is

$$k_{ISC} = |\langle T | \hat{H}_{SOC} | S \rangle|^2 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-i\kappa_1 t} e^{-\kappa_2 |t|} dt$$

In which

$$\kappa_1 = \left(\frac{1}{4} \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{M_{ii}}{\omega_{S_i}} + C - \Delta E_{ST}^0 \right) t$$

κ_2

$$= \frac{1}{8} \sum_{i,j=1}^N \frac{M_{ij}^2}{\omega_{S_i} \omega_{S_j}} \left(\frac{-it}{\omega_{S_i} + \omega_{S_j}} + \frac{1 - \exp(-i(\omega_{S_i} + \omega_{S_j})t)}{(\omega_{S_i} + \omega_{S_j})^2} \right) + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{A_i^2}{\omega_{S_i}} \left(\frac{-it}{\omega_{S_i}} \right)$$

where the summation is over N normal modes of the molecule, and ω_{S_i} corresponds to angular frequency of i^{th} normal mode of the singlet state and ω_{T_i} corresponds to angular frequency of i^{th} normal mode of the triplet state. The M matrix, A vector, and C are defined as

$$M = J^\dagger \Omega_T J - \Omega_S^2$$

$$A = J^\dagger \Omega_T D$$

$$C = \frac{1}{2} D^\dagger \Omega_T D$$

Where J is the Duschinsky Matrix and D is the shift vector for singlet normal modes Q_S and triplet normal modes Q_T

$$Q_T = J Q_S + D$$

and Ω matrix elements are

$$(\Omega_{S/T})_{ij} = \delta_{ij} \omega_{S_i/T_i}$$

The original equation is simplified by Moitra et al.² by dividing κ_2 into real and imaginary parts, and further dividing the real part into time independent (TI) part and time dependent (TD) part:

$$\kappa_2^{R,TI} = \frac{1}{8} \sum_{i,j=1}^N \frac{M_{ij}^2}{\omega_{S_i} \omega_{S_j} (\omega_{S_i} + \omega_{S_j})^2} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N \left(\frac{A_i^2}{\omega_{S_i}^3} \right)$$

$$\kappa_2^{R,TD} = \frac{1}{8} \sum_{i,j=1}^N \frac{M_{ij}^2 \cos^{[i0]}((\omega_{S_i} + \omega_{S_j})t)}{\omega_{S_i} \omega_{S_j} (\omega_{S_i} + \omega_{S_j})^2} - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N \left(\frac{A_i^2 \cos^{[i0]}(\omega_{S_i} t)}{\omega_{S_i}^3} \right)$$

$$\kappa_2^{Im} = -\frac{1}{8} \sum_{i,j=1}^N \frac{M_{ij}^2}{\omega_{S_i} \omega_{S_j}} \left\{ \frac{t}{\omega_{S_i} + \omega_{S_j}} + \frac{\sin((\omega_{S_i} + \omega_{S_j})t)}{(\omega_{S_i} + \omega_{S_j})^2} \right\} - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{A_i^2}{\omega_{S_i}} \left\{ \frac{t}{\omega_{S_i}} + \frac{\sin^{[i0]}(\omega_{S_i} t)}{\omega_{S_i}^2} \right\}$$

which, after dividing the integrand itself into real and imaginary part which are even and odd functions respectively and then eliminating the imaginary part,

$$k_{ISC} = 2 |\langle T | \hat{H}_{SOC} | S \rangle|^2 e^{-\kappa_2^{R,TD} t} \int_0^\infty \cos(\kappa_1 t + \kappa_2^{Im} t) e^{-\kappa_2^{R,TD} t} dt$$

ISC Rate Calculation Details

The Duschinsky Rotation in Figure S6 matrix shows a much larger degree of mixing for $T_{CT-Biph}$ state, which was large displacement from $S_{CT-Naph}$ state compared to $T_{LE-Naph}$ state. The large displacement leads to fast decay of cumulant expansion function, as shown in Figure S7b. On the contrary, transition from $S_{CT-Naph}$ to $T_{LE-Naph}$ does not decay for time two orders of magnitude longer than for $T_{CT-Biph}$.

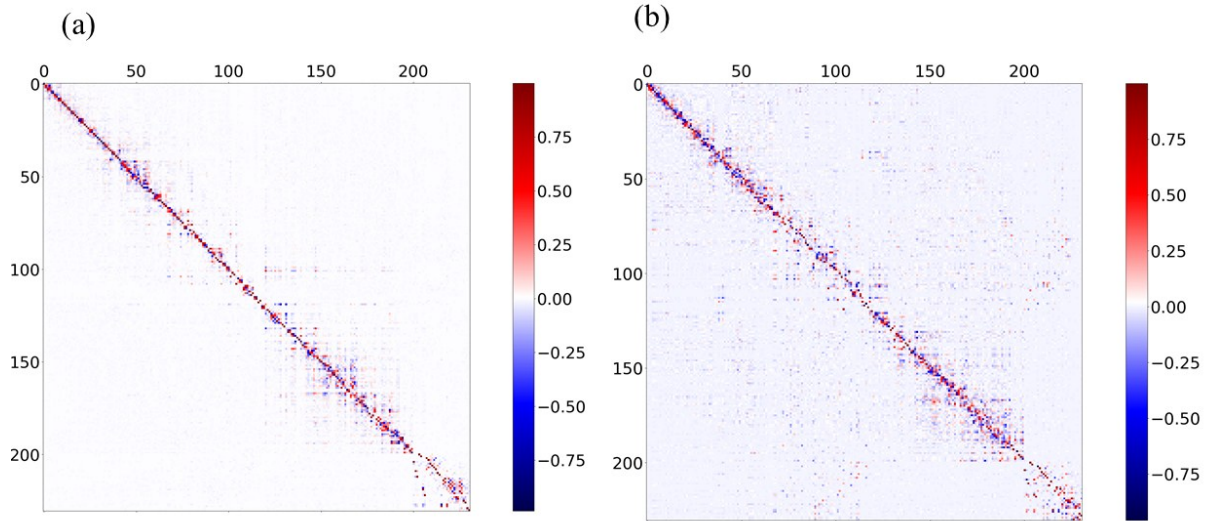


Figure S6. The Duschinsky Rotation matrix from $S_{CT-Naph}$ state to (a) $T_{LE-Naph}$ state and (b) $T_{CT-Biph}$ state, demonstrating a larger degree of rotation for $T_{CT-Biph}$ as expected from the optimized structures.

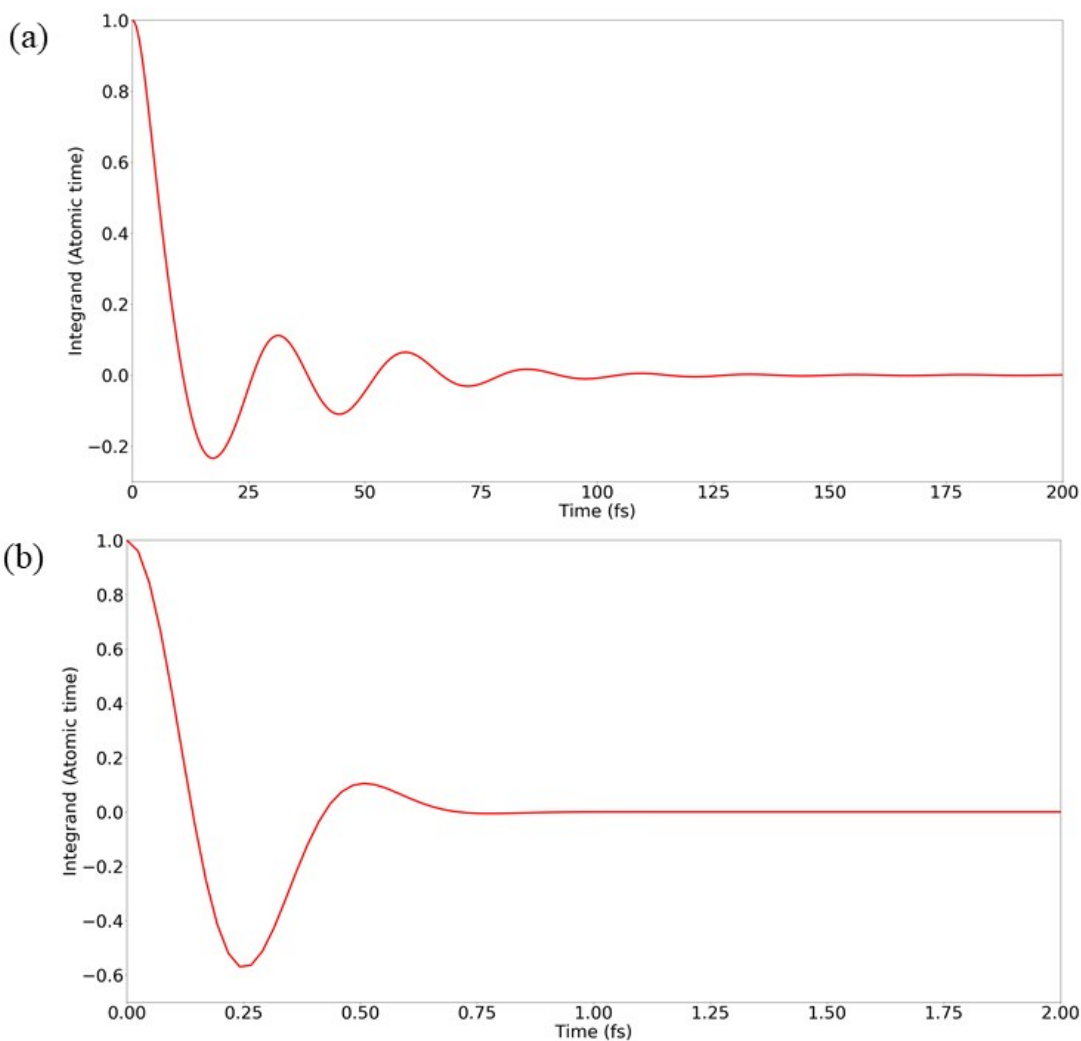


Figure S7. The integrand of cumulant expansion for (a) $T_{LE-Naph}$ and (b) $T_{CT-Biph}$.

The value of integral varies greatly according to the adiabatic energy gap, with near degeneracy leading to maximum integral for $T_{LE-Naph}$, which has little geometry reorganization, and large adiabatic energy gap leading to maximum integral for $T_{CT-Biph}$, which can be attributed to its large geometry distortion for $S_{CT-Naph}$ geometry. The integrals with respect to the adiabatic energy gap are plotted in Figure S8.

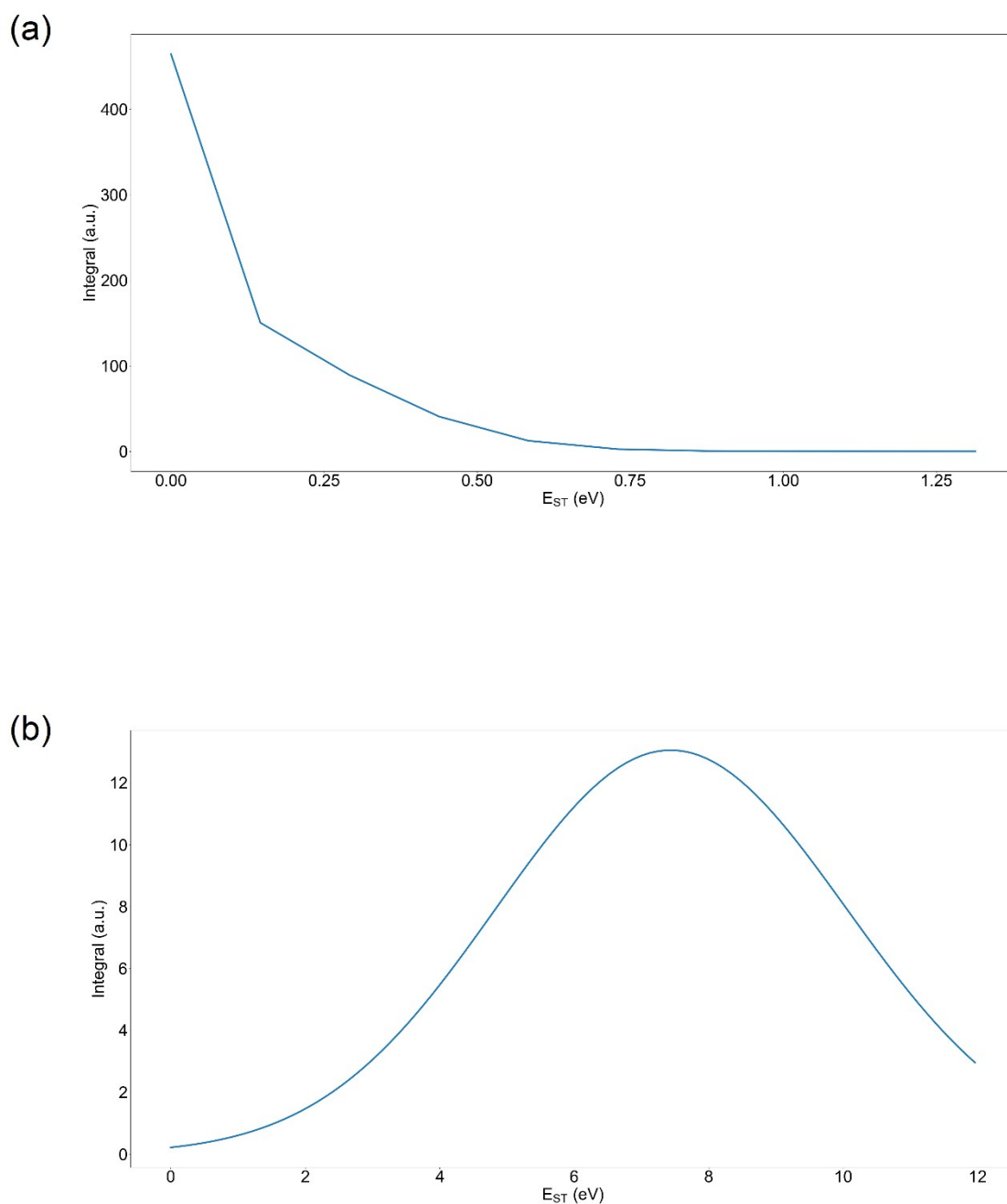


Figure S8. The integral of cumulant expansion for (a) $T_{LE-Naph}$ and (b) $T_{CT-Biph}$.

CASSCF State Averaging

The energetical ordering of $T_{Naph\ Local}$ and $T_{CT-Biph}$ changes according to averaging scheme of CASSCF. While averaging over 5 lowest triplets and 5 lowest singlets is selected in the work due to its convergence in all geometries, it predicts lower energy for $T_{Naph\ Local}$. However, other

averaging schemes such as 5 triplets with 3 singlets or 5 triplets with 6 singlets yield $T_{CT-Biph}$ which better fits the experimental evidence that $T_{CT-Biph}$ is the lowest triplet state.^{3,4}

Table S1 The energy ordering of $T_{Naph\ Local}$ and $T_{CT-Biph}$ according to averaging scheme

	$E(T_{LE-Naph})-E(T_{CT-Biph})$
5 Triplets + 3 Singlets	0.094
5 Triplets + 4 Singlets	-0.13
5 Triplets + 5 Singlets	-0.025
5 Triplets + 6 Singlets	0.05

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