

Supporting Information for

Ultra-fast Excited-state Dynamics of substituted *trans*-Naphthalene Azo Moieties

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Experimental Details

Materials and Synthetic Procedures

All reagents were obtained from commercial sources used as received without further purification, unless otherwise specified. Air-sensitive reactions were conducted using a standard Schlenk line techniques under nitrogen. Acetonitrile was dried over CaH₂ and distilled. Dried acetonitrile was stored over 4 Å sieves.

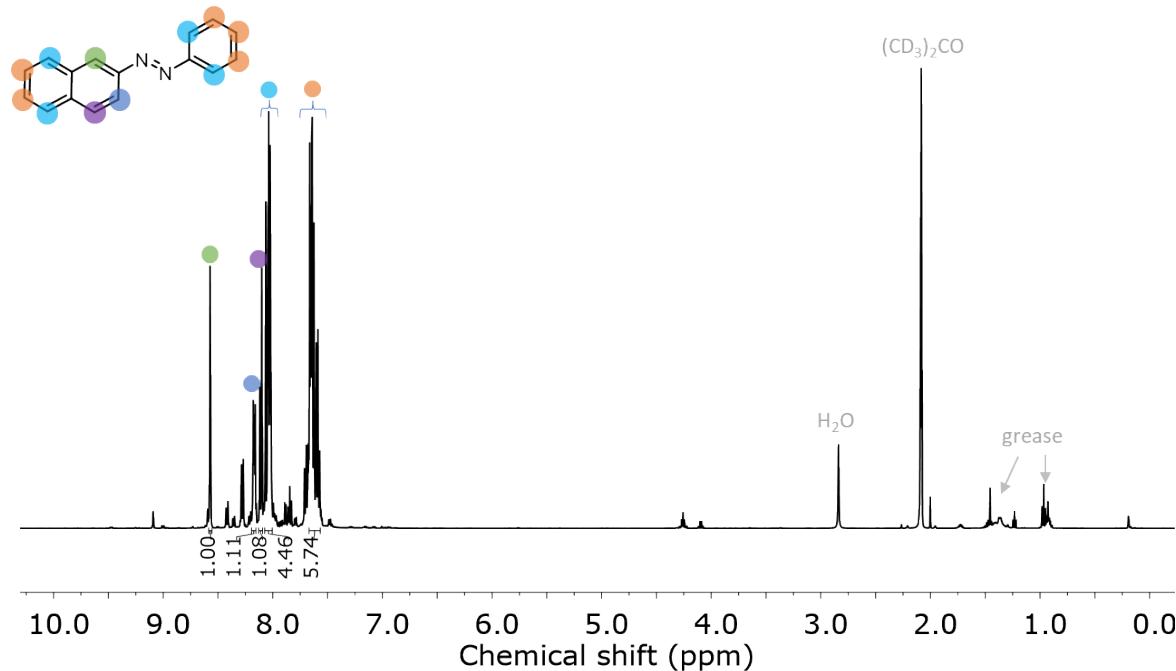
Synthesis

1. Nap-azo-ph (1)

The synthesis of azo **1** is modified from literatures.^{14,15} In 50 mL Schlenk flask, 0.45 g (3.1 mmol) 2-naphthylamine, and 0.3 g (2.4 mmol) nitrobenzene are mixture with 0.25 g (6.25 mmol) NaOH. The solids are heated to 180 °C. This melt mixture is further stirred under N₂ for 30 min. After the reaction is compete, the mixture is cooled down to room temperature, dissolved in 30 mL Et₂O and neutralized with 7.5 mL 2 M HCl solution. The organic layer is separated and dried under vacuum. The final product is obtained after chromatographic purification using a silica gel column with 1:20 ethyl acetate/pentane eluent.

Yield: 160 mg (28.7%)

¹H-NMR (Acetone-D⁶): 8.57 (1H), 8.17 (1H), 8.11 (1H), 8.06-8.03 (4H). 7.66-7.57 (5H)

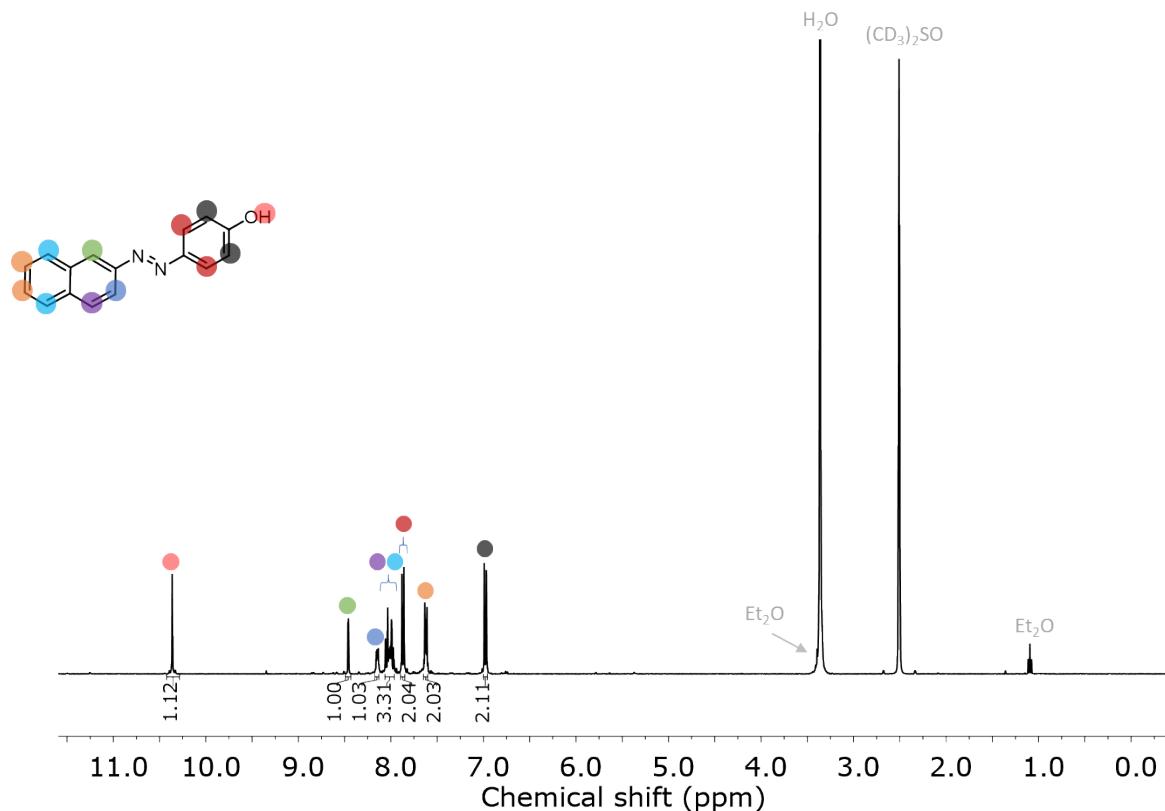


2. Nap-azo-phOH (2)

In 100 mL round bottom flask equipped with a stir-bar, 0.83 g (5.7 mmol) 2-naphthylamine is dissolved in 2.4 mL acetone. The solution is cooled to 0 °C in an ice bath and 2 mL 10 M HCl is added. To this solution, a pre-cooled aqueous solution (12 mL) of 0.41 g (6.0 mmol) NaNO₂ is added dropwise to convert the 2-naphthylamine into its corresponding diazonium salt. Following this, a pre-cooled 0.5 M NaOH solution (12 mL) of 1.18 g (8.5 mmol) K₂CO₃ and 0.57 g (6.0 mmol) phenol is added. The reaction is further stirred for 1 hr. After warming up to room temperature, the reaction neutralized using 2 M HCl and resulted solution is filtered over a frit equipped with a celite pad. The collected solid on the frit is washed with 30 mL DI water and extracted with 60 mL Et₂O. After evaporating the Et₂O over vacuum, the raw product is obtained. The raw product is further purified through a silica gel column using 1:1 pentane/Et₂O eluent.

Yield: 0.84 g (58.5%)

¹H-NMR (DMSO-D⁶): 10.35 (1H), 8.45 (1H), 8.14 (1H), 8.05-7.96 (3H), 7.86 (2H), 7.61 (2H), 6.97 (2H)

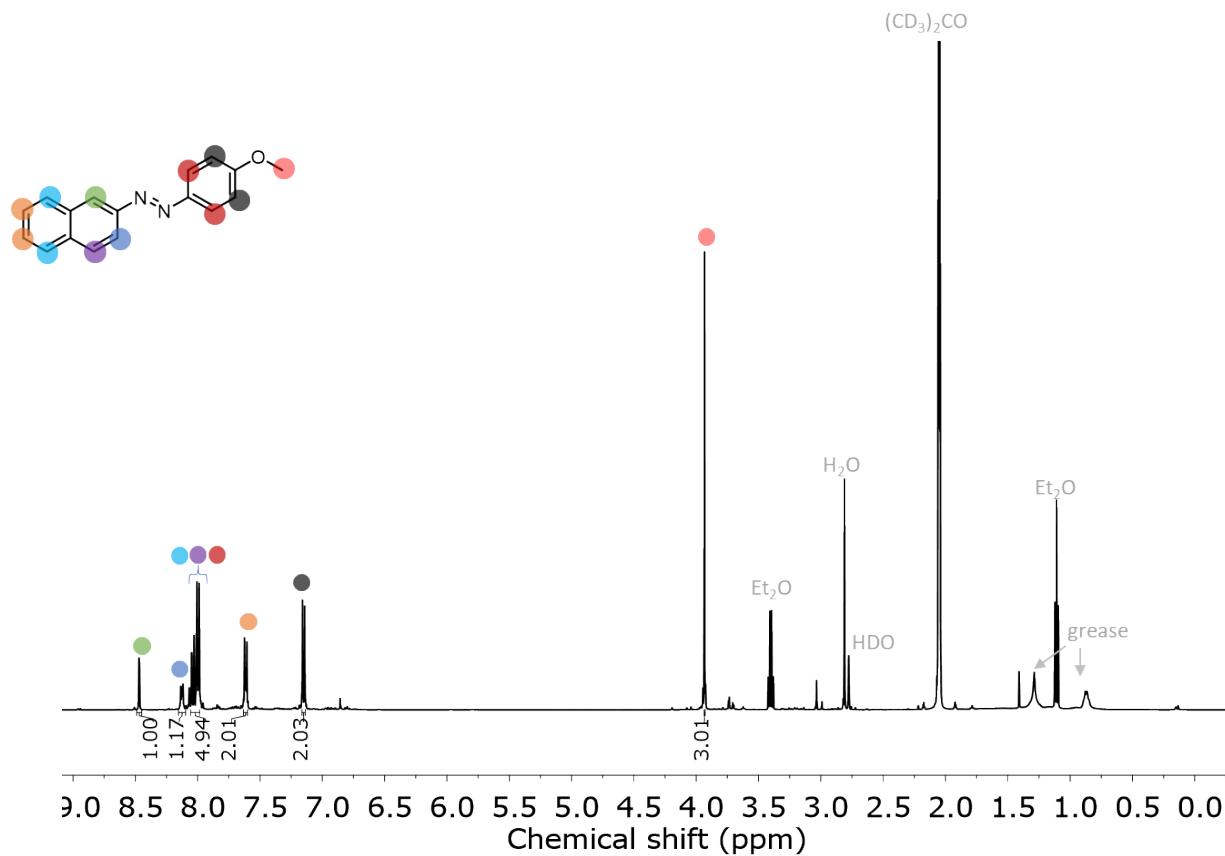


3. Nap-azo-phOMe (3)

In 50 mL Schlenk flask, 200 mg (0.8 mmol) nap-azo-phOH and 0.5 ml (8 mmol) MeI are dissolved in 5 ml anhydrous THF under the protection of N₂. To this solution, a suspension of 200 mg NaH (60 % dispersion in mineral oil) in 15 mL THF is added. The reaction is heated to 65 °C and stirred for 16 hrs. After the reaction is compete, the solvent is removed under vacuum.

The final product is obtained after chromatographic purification using a silica gel column with 1:1 ethyl pentane/Et₂O eluent.

Yield 190 mg (96%)

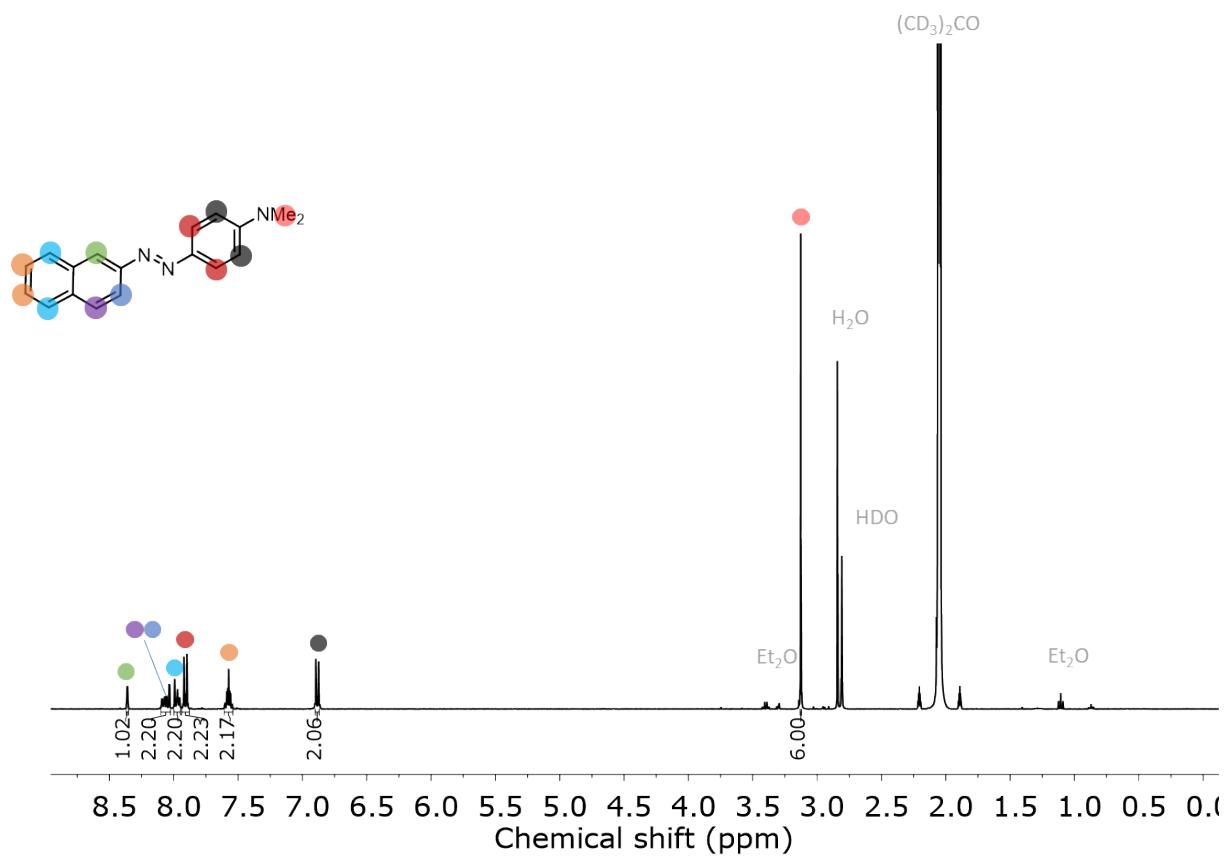


¹H-NMR (Acetone-D⁶): 8.47 (1H), 8.14 (1H) 8.04 – 7.99 (5H), 7.62 (2H), 7.15 (2), 3.93 (3H)

4. Nap-azo-phNMe₂ (4)

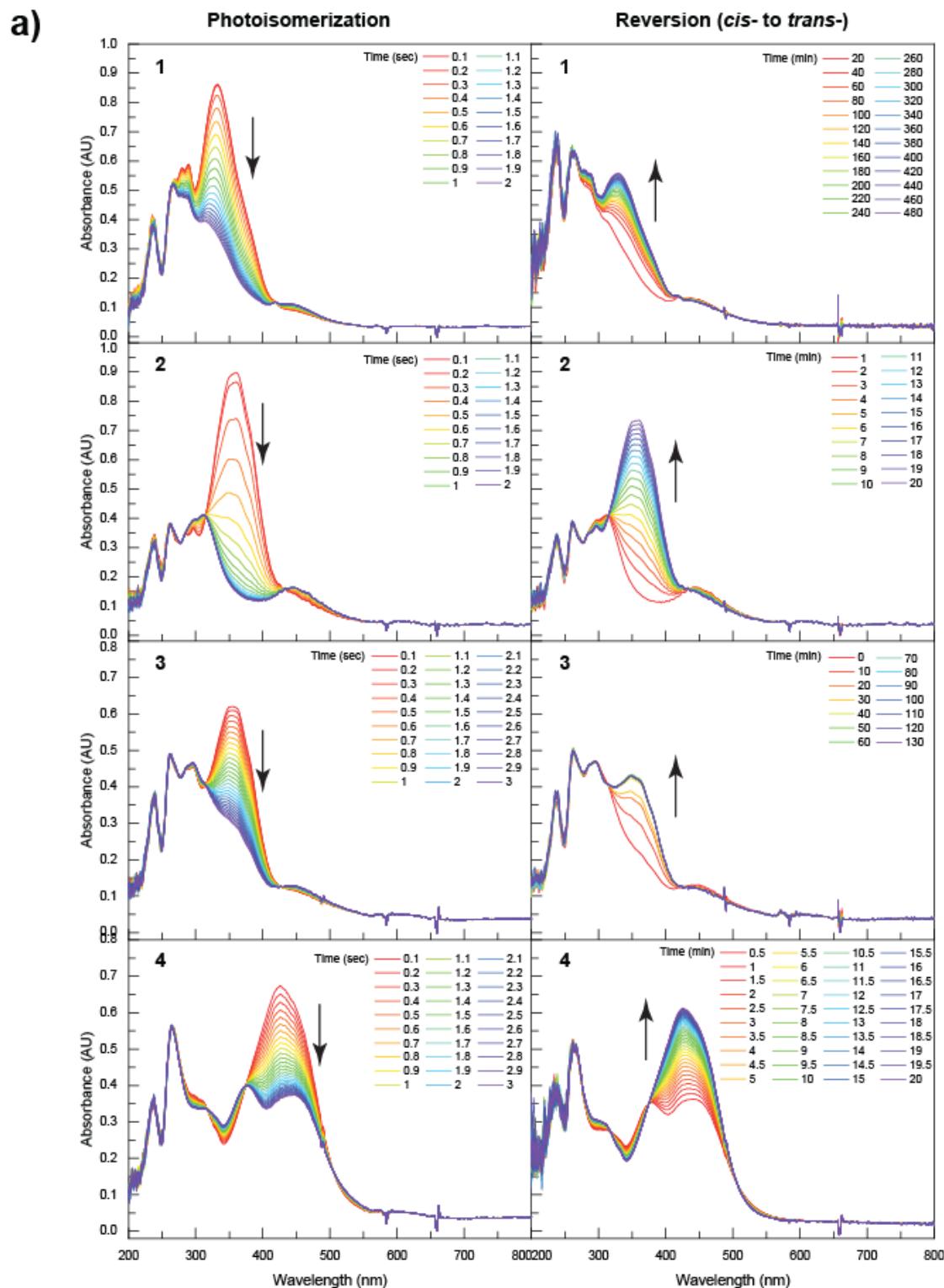
In 100 mL round bottom flask equipped with a stir-bar, 0.41 g (2.8 mmol) 2-naphthylamine is dissolved in 1.2 mL acetone. The solution is cooled to 0 °C in an ice bath and 1 mL 10 M HCl is added. To this solution, a pre-cooled aqueous solution (12 mL) of 0.41 g (6.0 mmol) NaNO₂ is added dropwise to convert the 2-naphthylamine into its corresponding diazonium salt. Following this, a pre-cooled aqueous solution (6 mL) of 0.16 mL (2.8 mmol) glacial acetic acid and 0.37 mL (2.9 mmol) dimethylaniline is added. The reaction is further stirred for 3 hrs. After warming up to room temperature, the reaction neutralized using 2 M NaOH and resulted solution is filtered over a frit equipped with a celite pad. The collected solid on the frit is washed with 30 mL DI water and extracted with 60 mL Et₂O. After evaporating the Et₂O over vacuum, the raw product is obtained. The raw product is further purified through a basic aluminum oxide silica gel column using 1:1 pentane/Et₂O eluent.

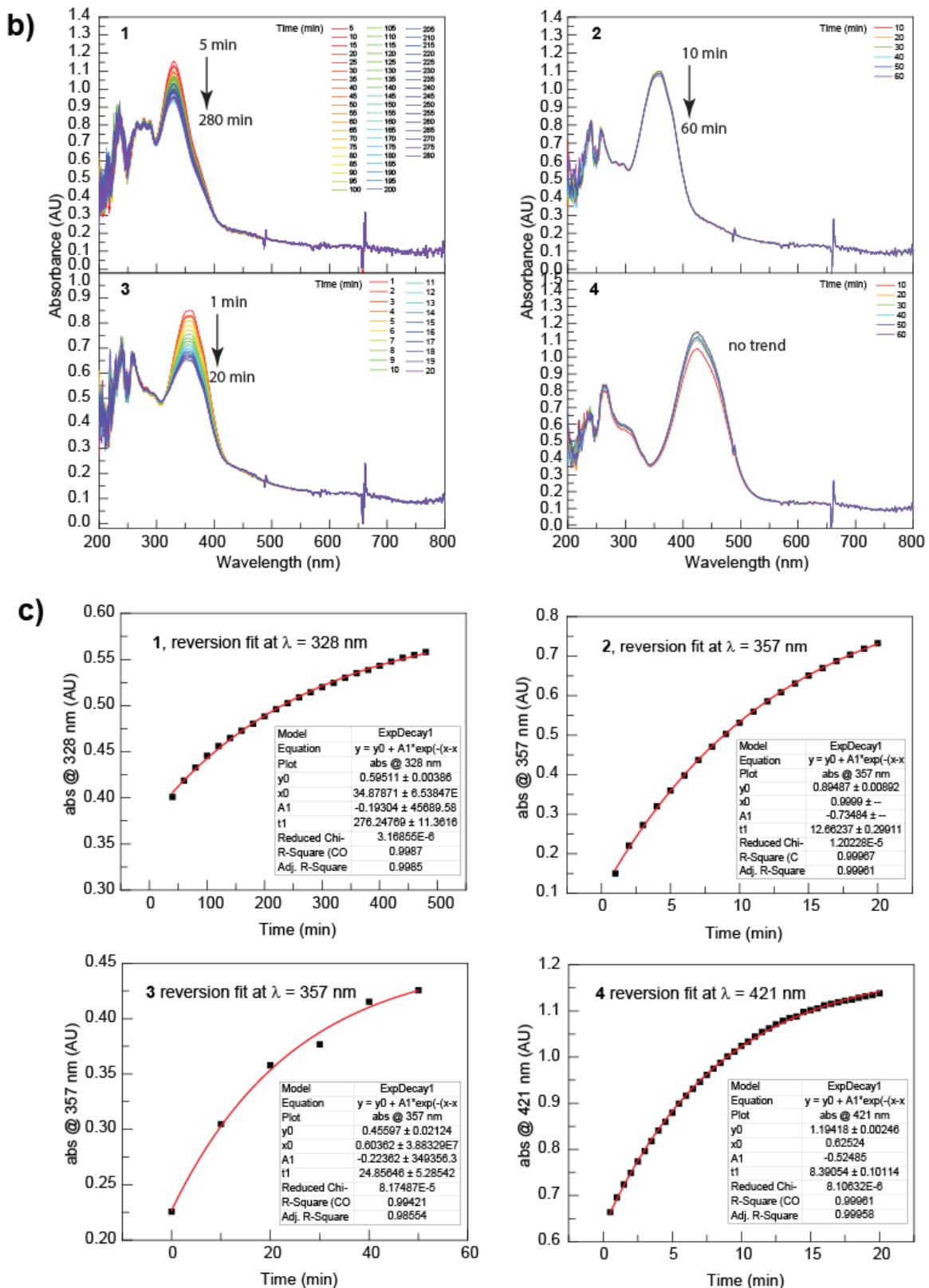
Yield: 266 mg, (34%)



^1H -NMR (DMSO- D^6): 8.36 (1H), 8.09 – 8.03 (2H), 7.99 – 7.96 (2H), 7.91 (2H), 7.57 (2H), 6.88 (2H), 3.13 (2H)

Photoisomerization and reversion of azo 1 - 4:





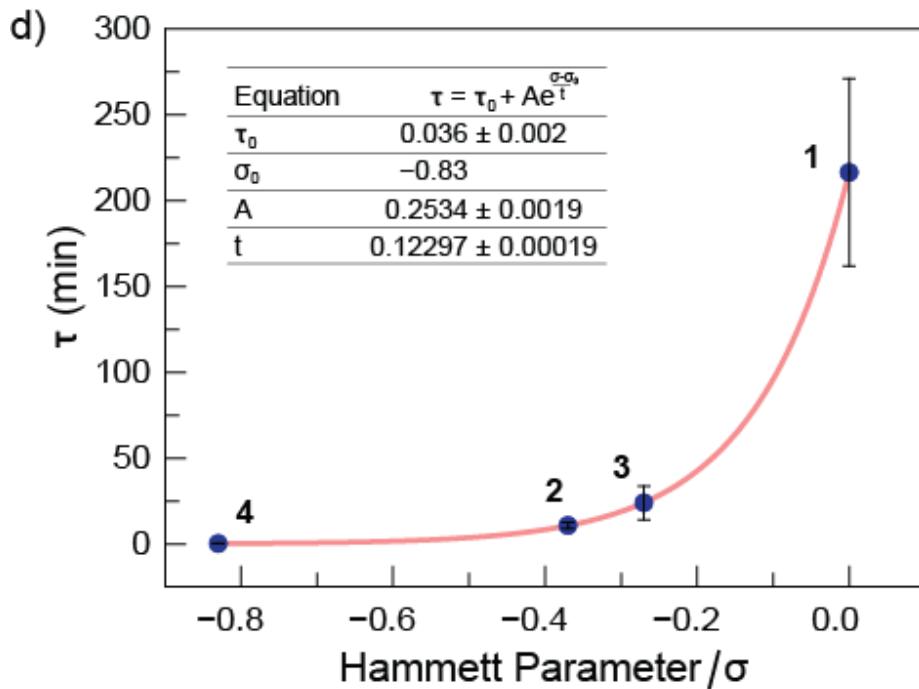


Figure S1. a) Photoisomerization and reversion spectra of azo 1 – 4. b) Partial photoisomerization of 1 – 4 occurs with the lamp of the UV-vis spectrometer. c) Kinetic traces of isomerization and reversion (with fitted lifetimes) d) Plot of reversion lifetime as a function of Hammett parameter.

The photoisomerization spectra in Figure S1a show that all four azo dyes photoisomerize from the *trans* to *cis* configuration upon several minutes of irradiation with a UV LED ($\lambda_{\text{max}} = 370$ nm) at 155 mW for **1** – **3** or a blue LED ($\lambda_{\text{max}} = 453$ nm) at 120 mW for **4**. When illumination was stopped, the azo dyes reverted to the *trans* configuration over minutes (**2** and **4**) or hours (**1** and **3**). It appears that **1** and **3** do fully convert back to the *trans* configuration, however we determined that this results from the small amount of light originating from the spectrometer that maintains the *trans* → *cis* photoisomerization process. Figure S1b shows a “photoisomerization” experiment starting from the *trans* configuration using only the spectrometer light. **1** and **3** show detectable isomerization, however **2** and **4** are essentially unchanged. These results are consistent with the incomplete reversion seen in Figure S1a. Plotting the reversion progress over time in Figure S1c and fitting these data reveals reversion lifetimes for the azo **1** – **4**. Plotting the reversion lifetime as a function of Hammett parameter in Figure 1d shows that the dyes containing more electron donating substituents undergo faster *cis* → *trans* isomerization.

Absorption spectra for azo **1** - **4**:

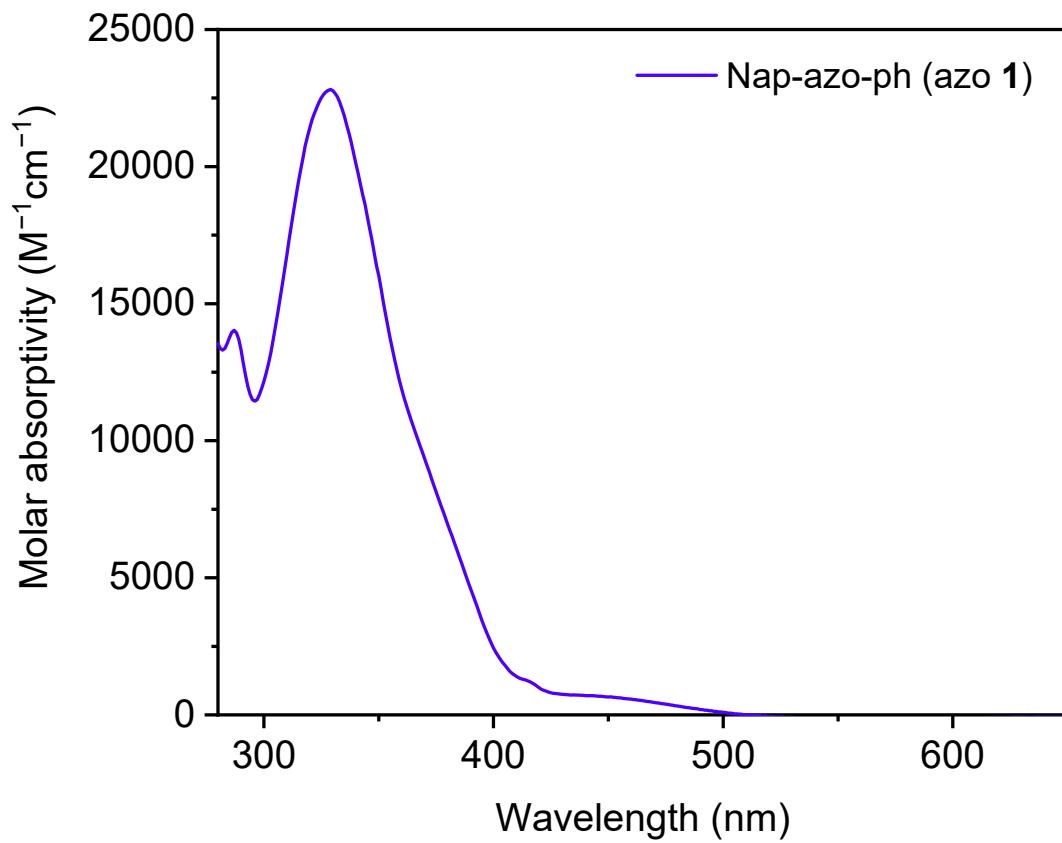


Figure S2. Molar absorptivity of azo **1** in acetonitrile.

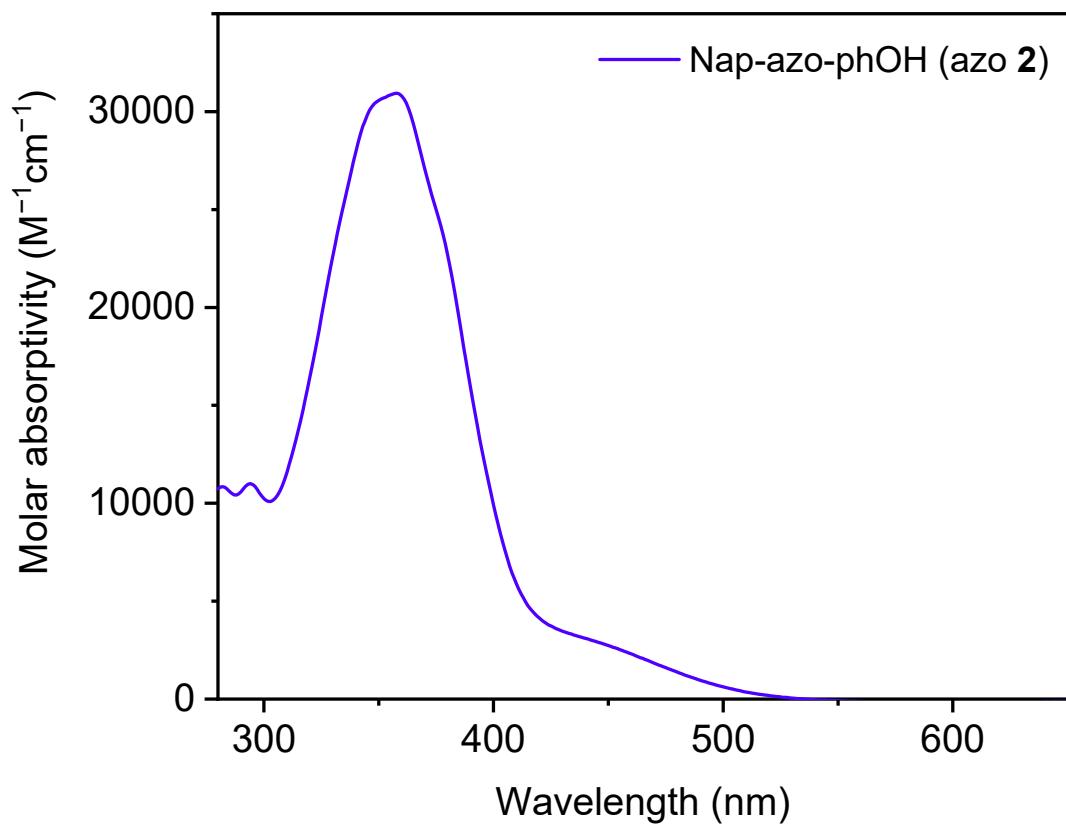


Figure S3. Molar absorptivity of azo 2 in acetonitrile.

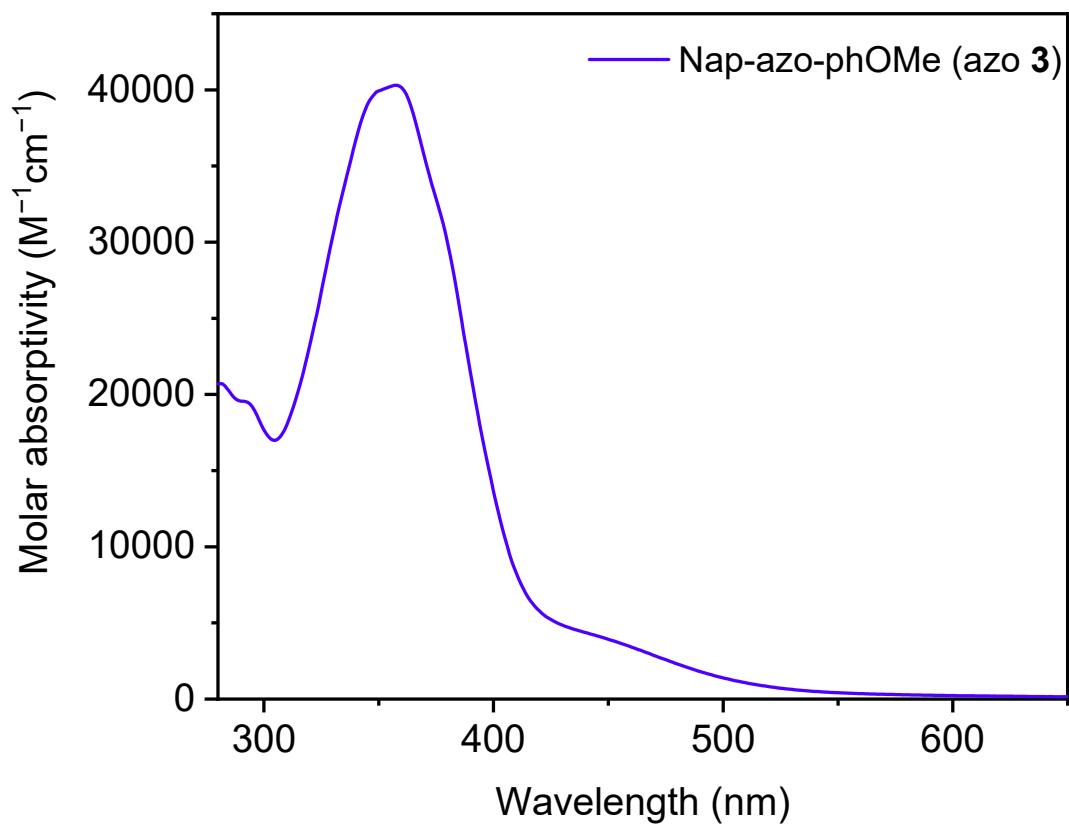


Figure S4. Molar absorptivity of azo 3 in acetonitrile.

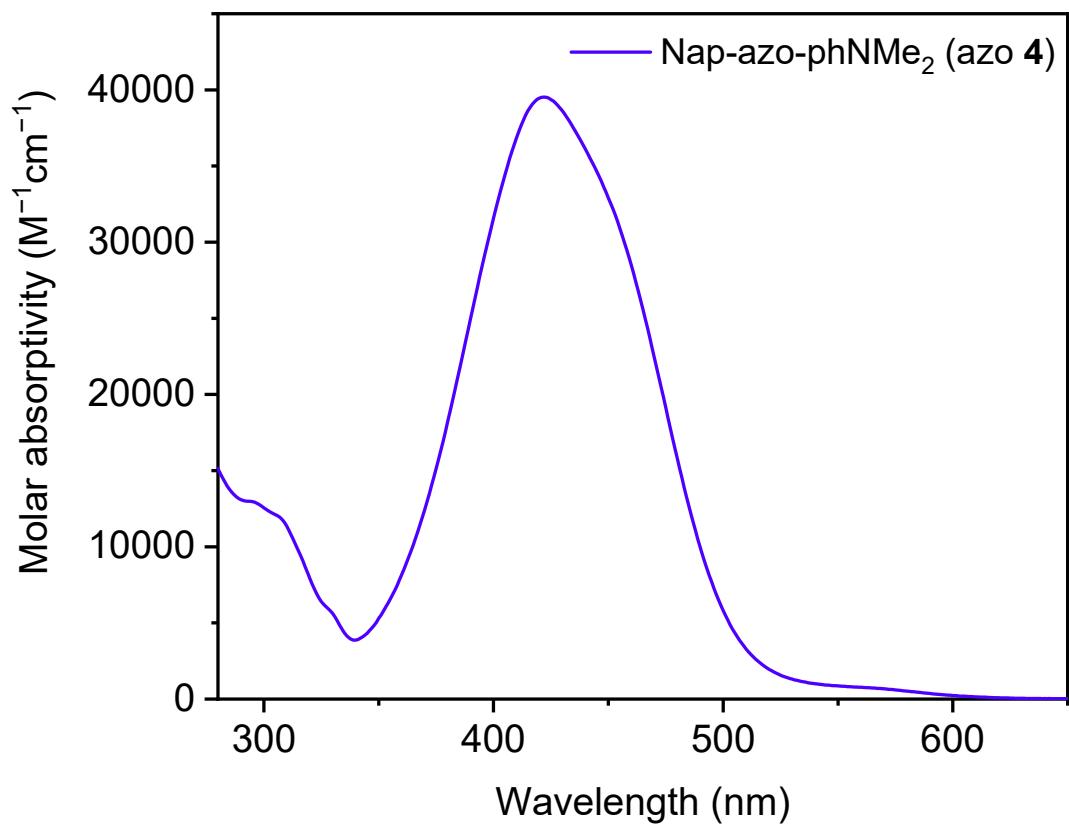


Figure S5. Molar absorptivity of azo **4 in acetonitrile.**

Molecular orbital diagrams for azo **1 - 4**:

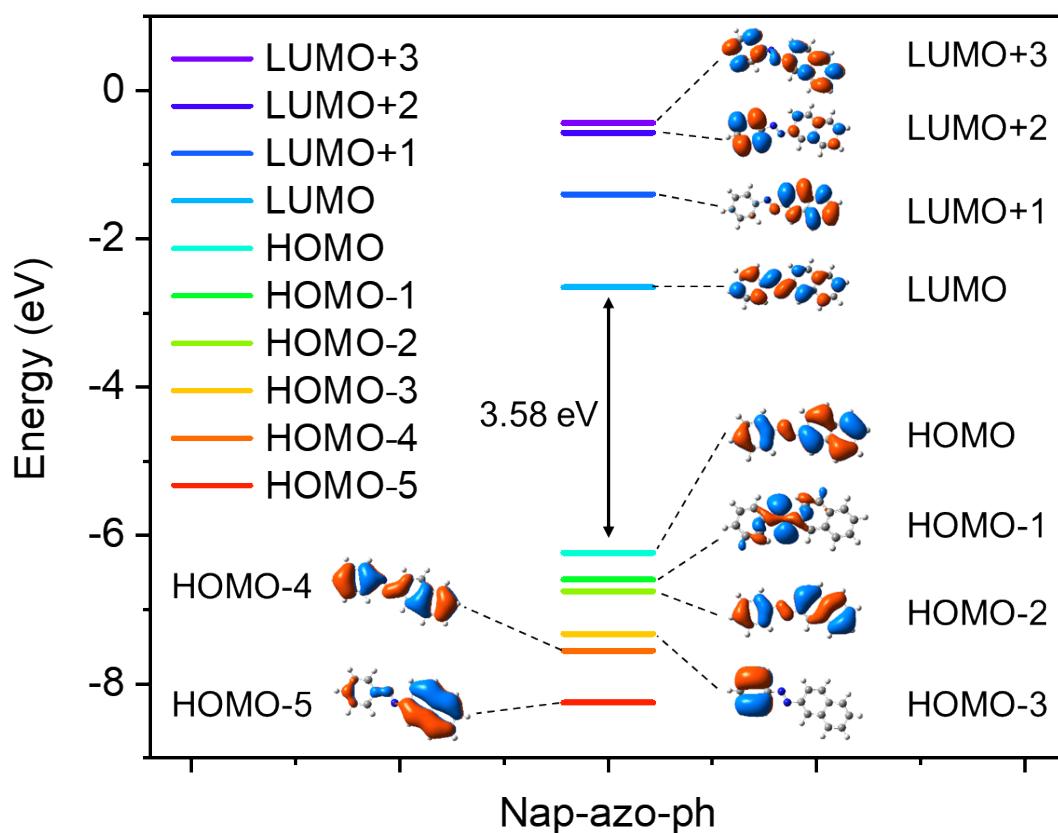


Figure S6. Molecular orbital diagrams for azo **1.**

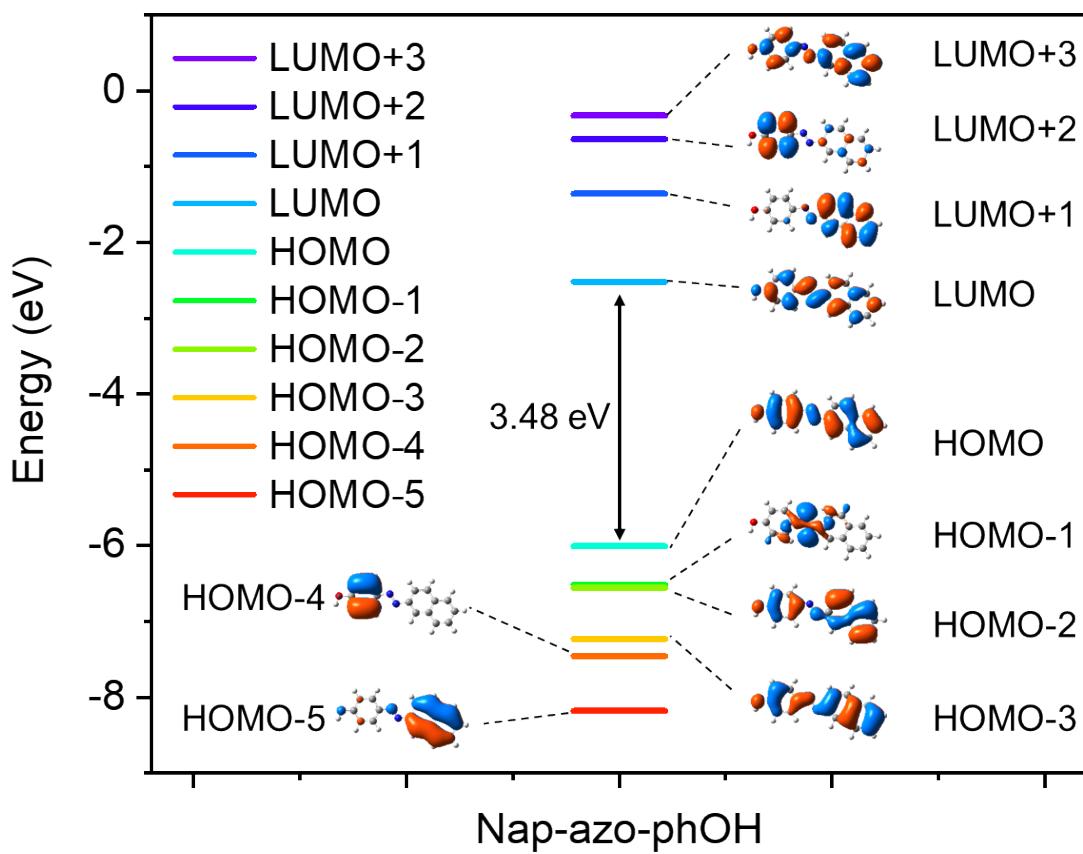


Figure S7. Molecular orbital diagrams for azo 2.

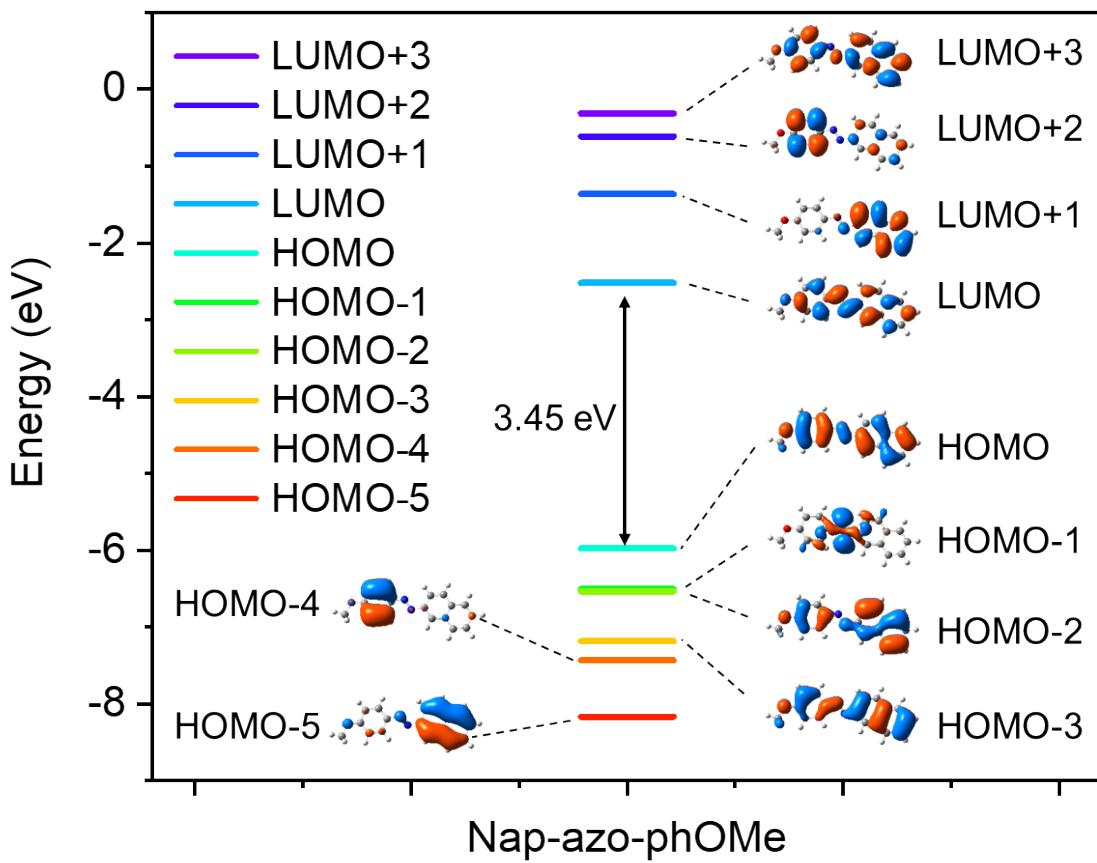


Figure S8. Molecular orbital diagrams for azo 3.

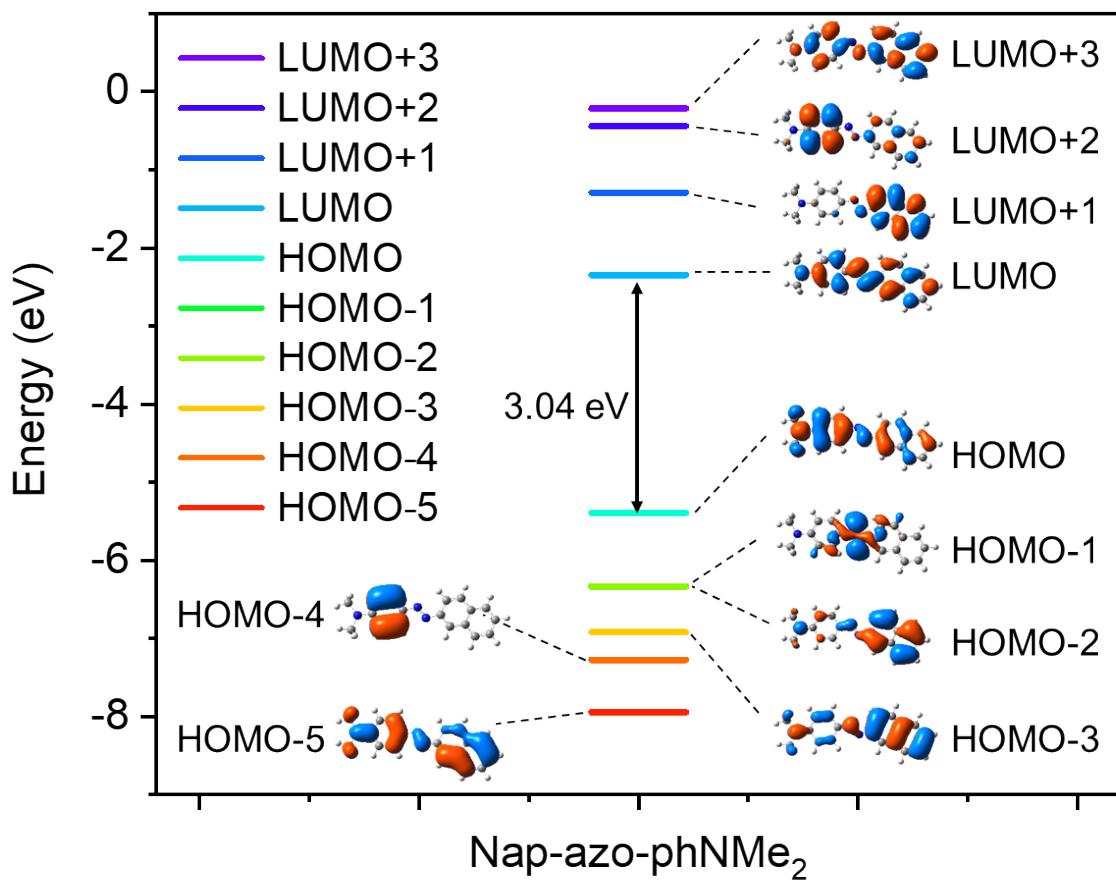


Figure S9. Molecular orbital diagrams for azo 4.

Transient Absorption Fitting

For each of the azo dyes **1 – 4**, we show the heat map of our TAS data before and after the chirp correction is applied in a single SI figure (Figures S10, S12, S14, S16). In a second figure (Figures S11, 13, 15 and 17), we show a multi-panel series of data, fits and analysis of the fits. We provide here a detailed explanation of each panel of figures S11, 13, 15 and 17 below.

In figures S11, 13, 15 and 17, the top left panel labeled “Raw Data Surface” is the original data for each dye after chip correction, and other data preparation are applied. Global analysis fitting is performed providing a model featuring DADS and associated lifetimes as shown in Figure 5 in the text (and in the bottom left panel of the SI figure). Combining the DADS, lifetimes, time zero, and IRF produced by the fit model, the TAS surface is “reconstructed”. The reconstructed data surface is shown in the top middle panel, labeled “Reconstructed Surface”. From this surface a selection of spectra are presented in the bottom middle panel labeled “Reconstructed Representative Spectra”. Finally, the original data is compared to the reconstructed data in the right most column. Top right panel is a heat map of the residual between the original data surface and the reconstructed surface. The residual surface was used to evaluate the global analysis fit. Fit models were selected or modified in order to reduce or remove structure from the residual surface. Residual surfaces lacking distinct features and more closely resembling noise, resulted in a favoring of that fit. The root mean square error (RSE) value was calculated for each residual surface as a measure of how well that fit matched the data surface. This value was also used to identify fit improvements when differences became difficult to identify visually. RSE values were only used to judge improvements to fits for the same data surface, and were not assessed between data surfaces. On the lower right panel, single wavelength TAS data at a range of lifetime (dotted data points) are displayed. Solid lines representing the single wavelength traces constructed using the fitted lifetimes from global analysis overlay the data. This plot is another method of evaluating the fits obtained using global analysis.

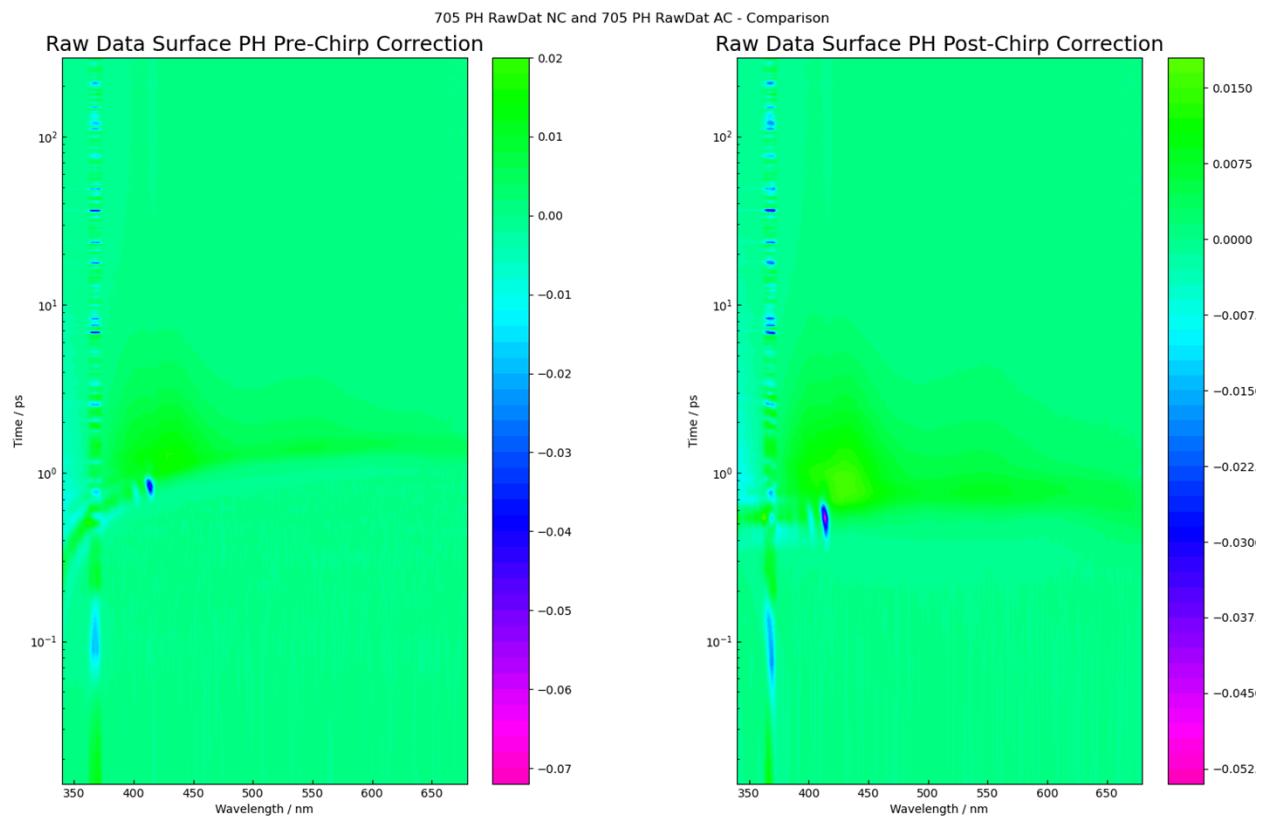


Figure S10. Heat map of 1 TAS a) before b) after chirp correction.

(left) Raw pump-probe heat map at 370 nm excitation. x-axis = wavelength; y-axis = delay step position (exponential spacing); color map corresponds to ΔA . (right) corrected linear time pump-probe map at 370 nm excitation for the first 500 ps. x-axis = wavelength; y-axis = delay step position; color map corresponds to ΔA .

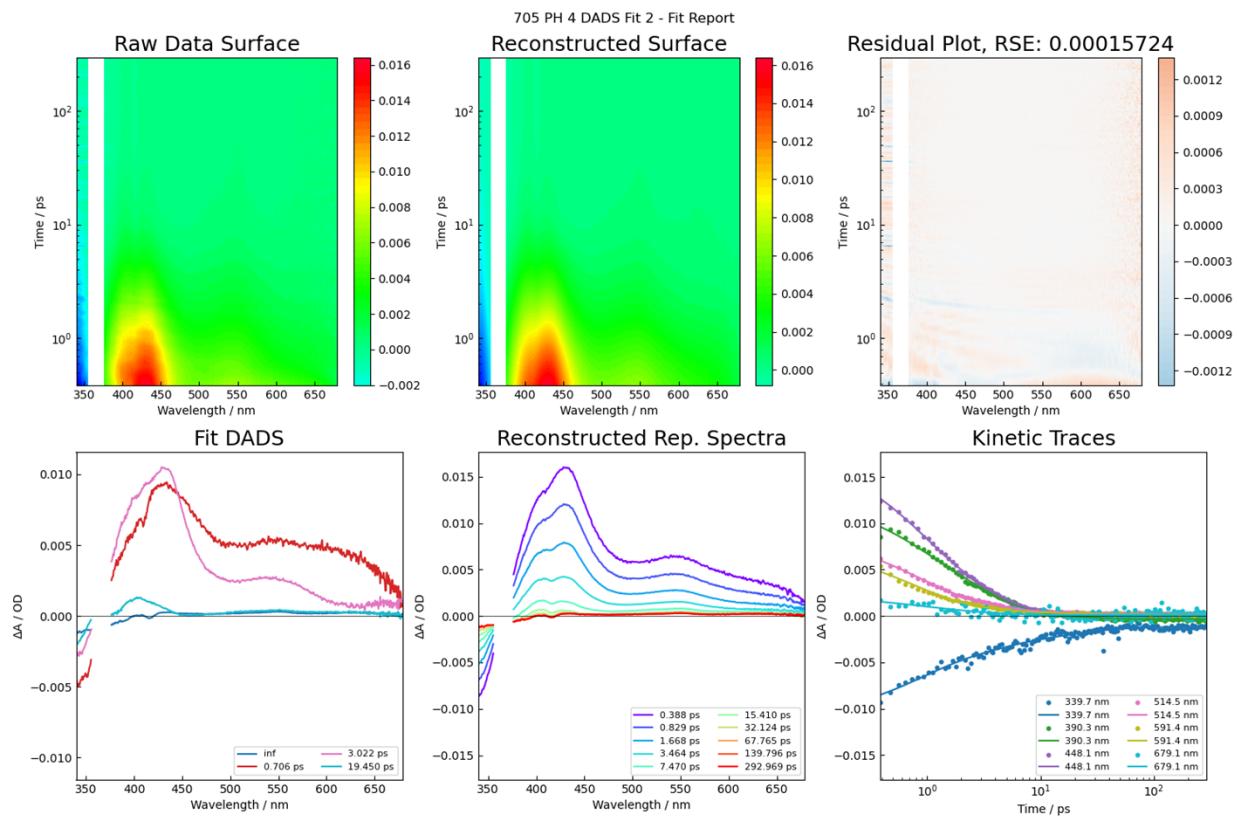


Figure S11. TAS heat map, global analysis fitting and analysis of fit for 1 collected at 370 nm excitation.

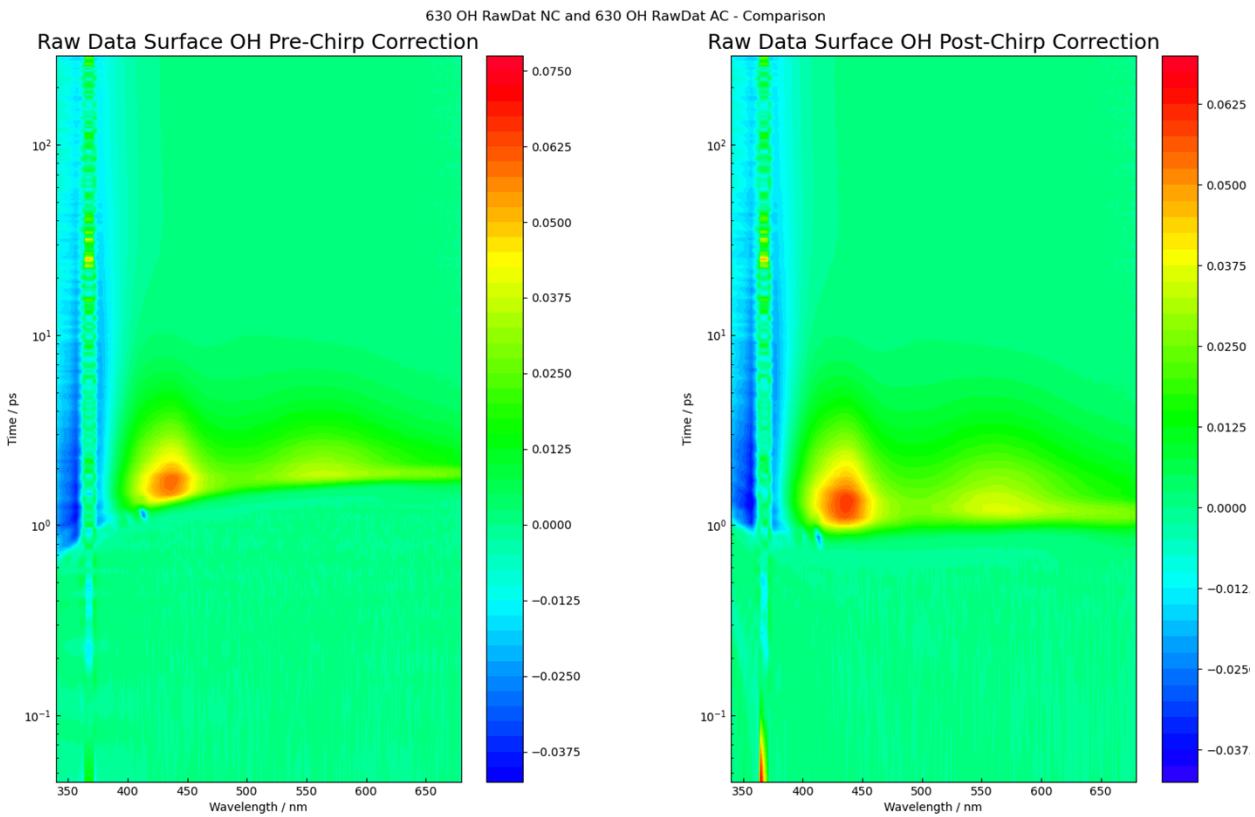


Figure S12. Heat map of 2 TAS a) before b) after chirp correction.

(left) Raw pump-probe heat map at 370 nm excitation. x-axis = wavelength; y-axis = delay step position (exponential spacing); color map corresponds to ΔA . (right) corrected linear time pump-prove map at 370 nm excitation for the first 500 ps. x-axis = wavelength; y-axis = delay step position; color map corresponds to ΔA .

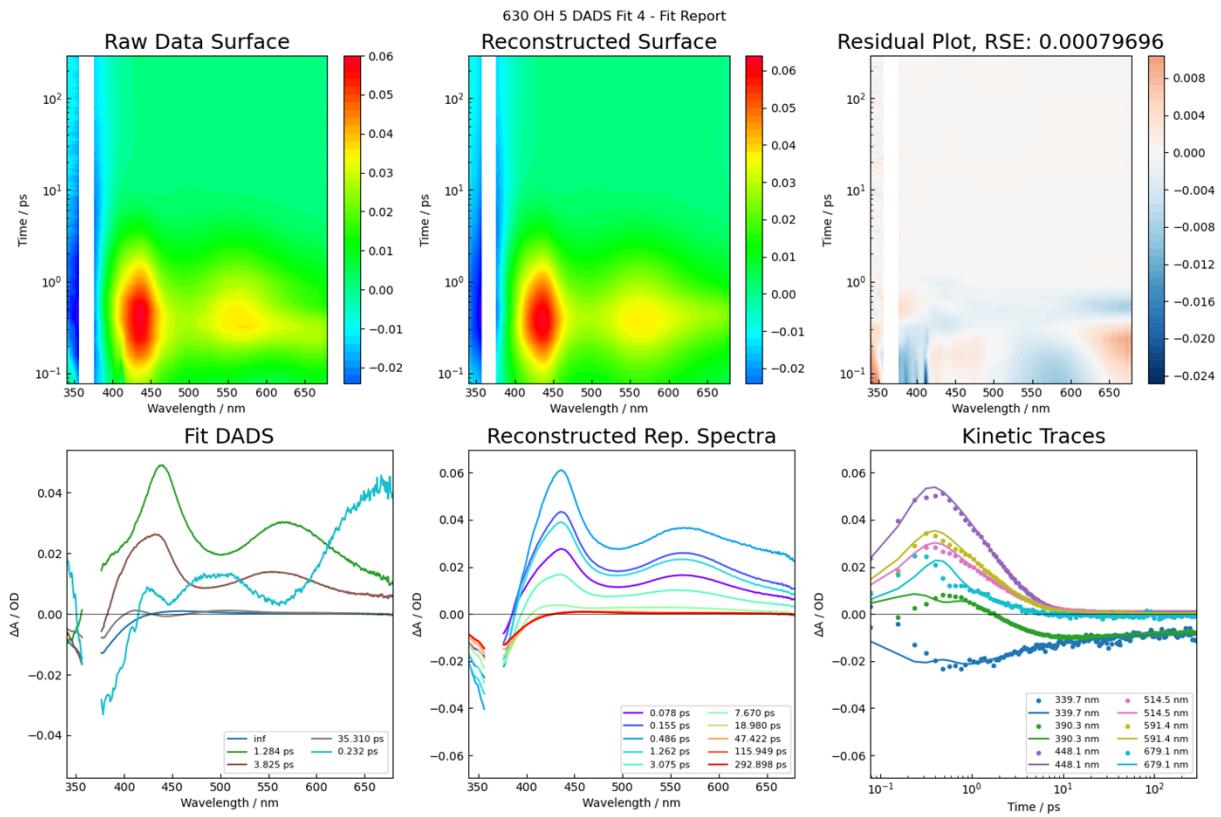


Figure S13. TAS heat map, global analysis fitting and analysis of fit for 2 collected at 370 nm excitation.

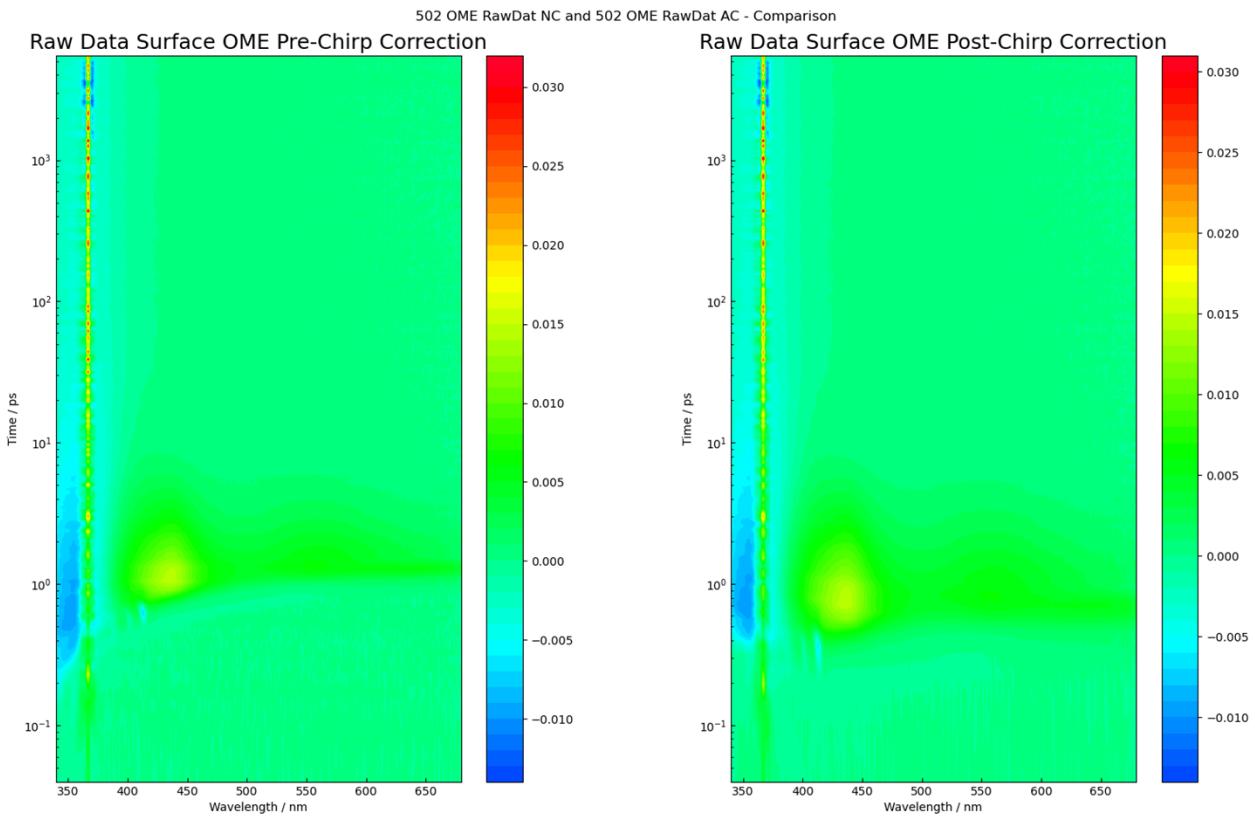


Figure S14. Heat map of 3 TAS a) before b) after chirp correction.

(left) Raw pump-probe heat map at 370 nm excitation. x-axis = wavelength; y-axis = delay step position (exponential spacing); color map corresponds to ΔA . (right) corrected linear time pump-prove map at 370 nm excitation for the first 500 ps. x-axis = wavelength; y-axis = delay step position; color map corresponds to ΔA .

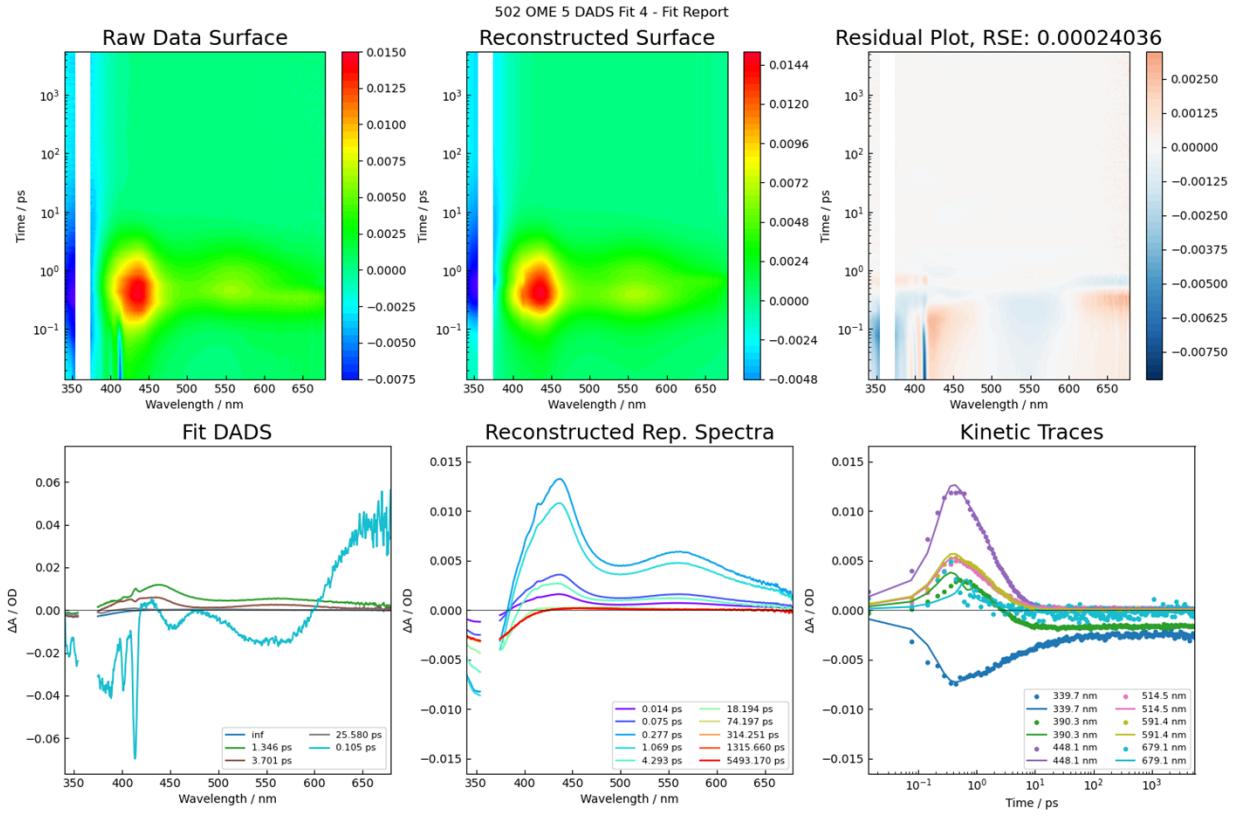


Figure S15. TAS heat map, global analysis fitting and analysis of fit for 3 collected at 370 nm excitation.

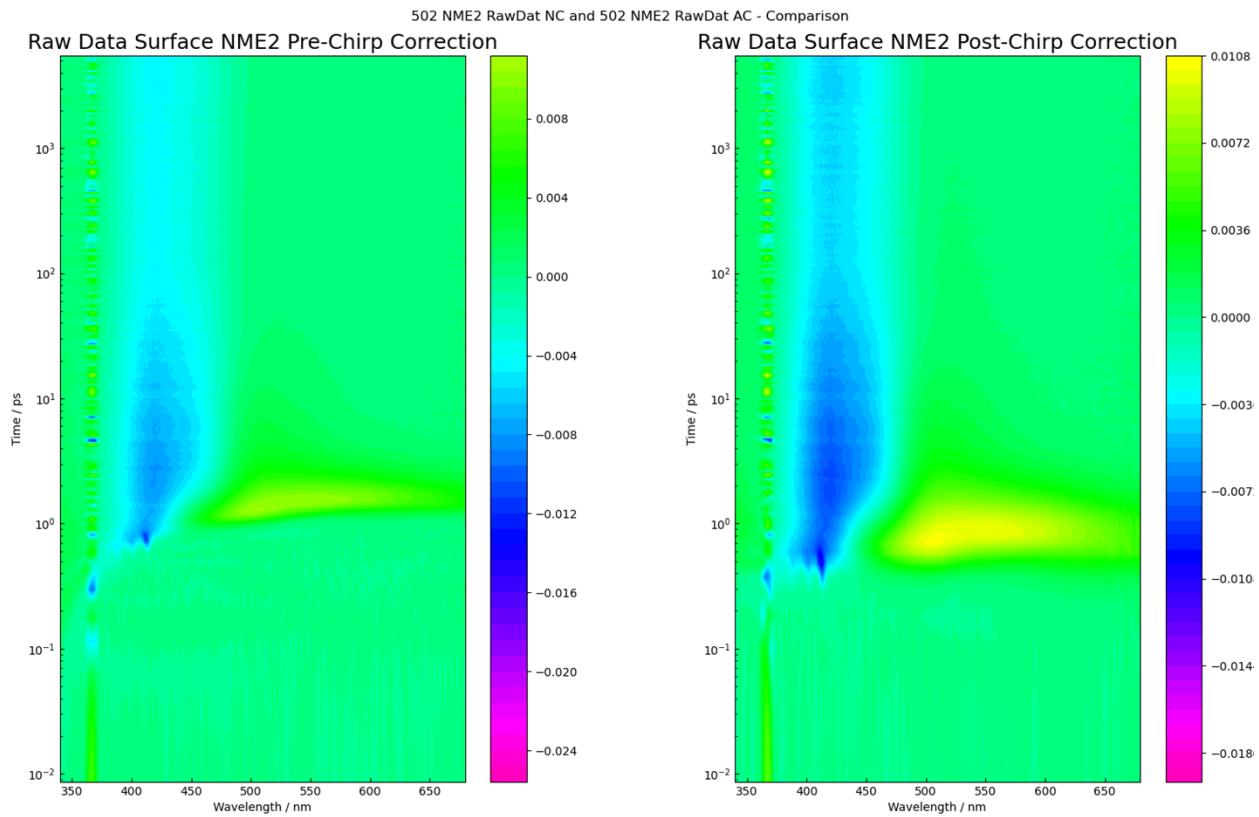


Figure S16. Heat map of 4 TAS a) before b) after chirp correction.

(left) Raw pump-probe heat map at 370 nm excitation. x-axis = wavelength; y-axis = delay step position (exponential spacing); color map corresponds to ΔA . (right) corrected linear time pump-probe map at 370 nm excitation for the first 500 ps. x-axis = wavelength; y-axis = delay step position; color map corresponds to ΔA .

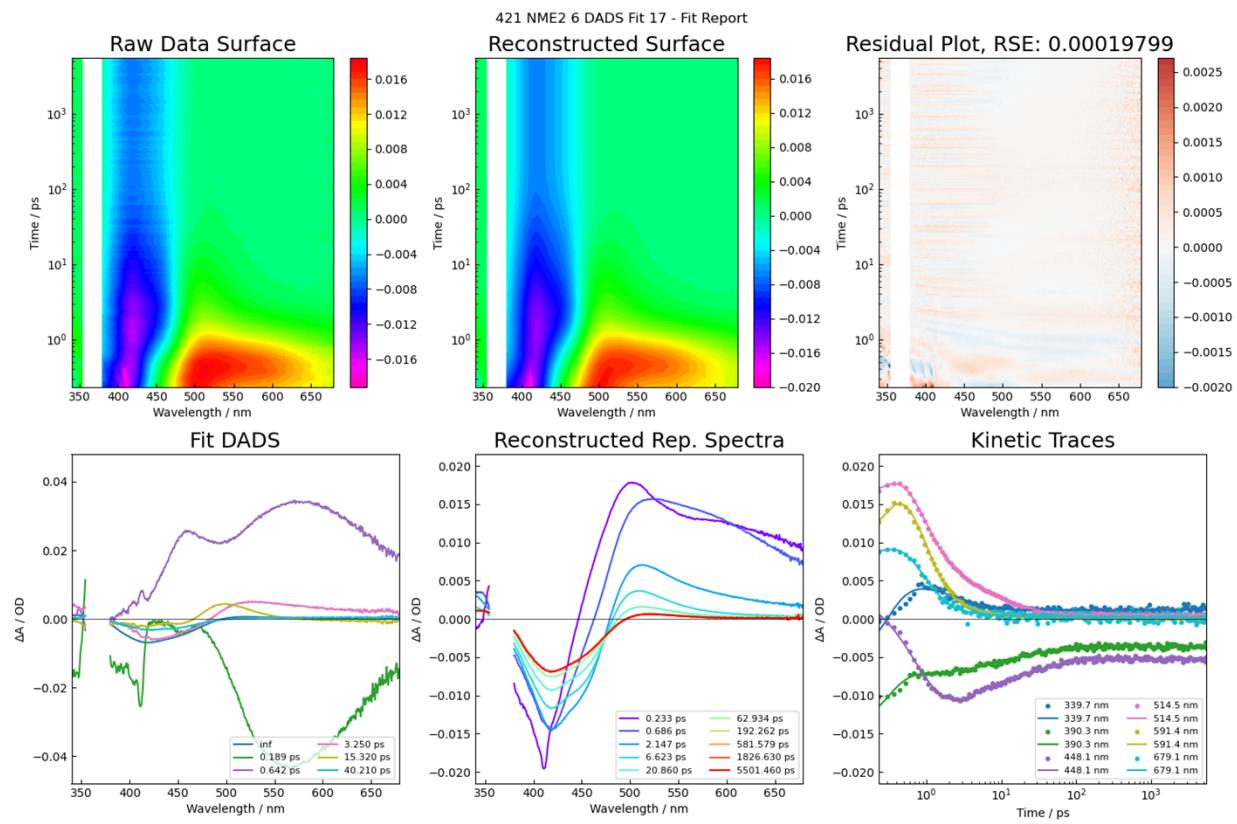
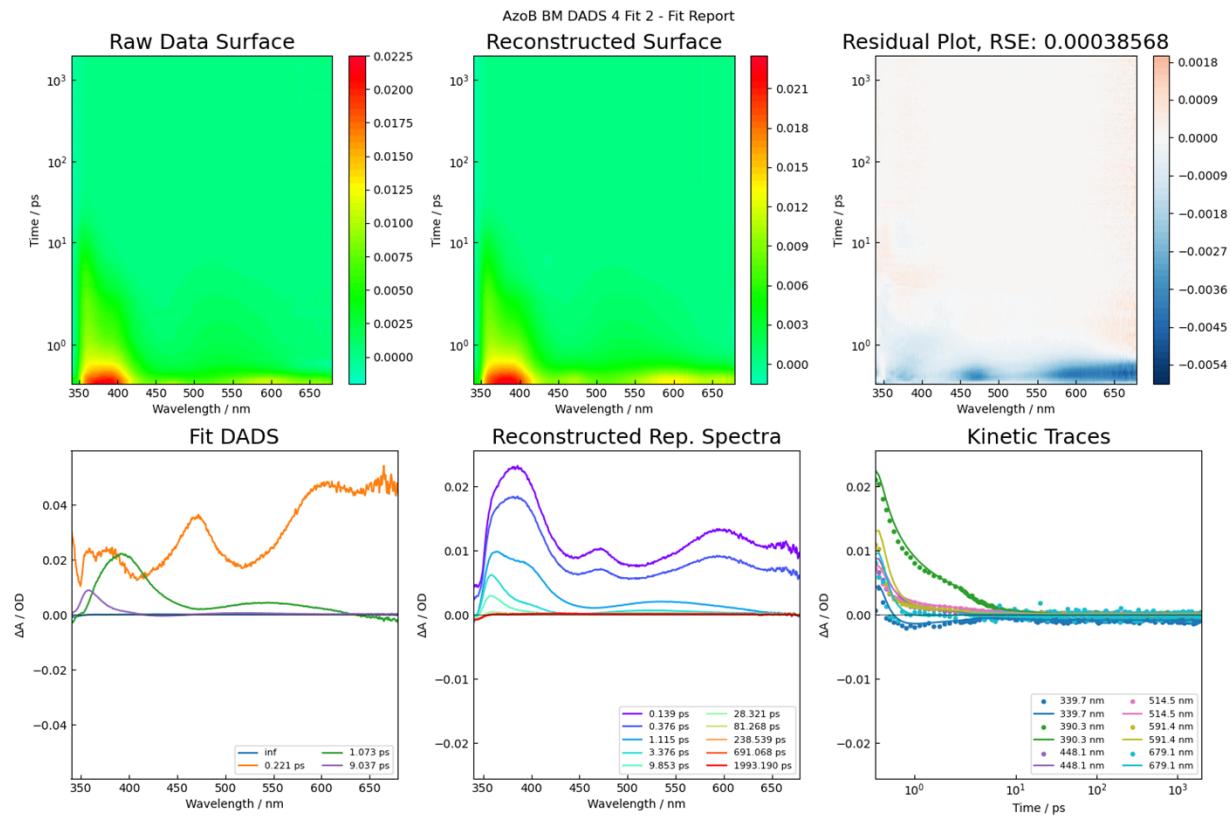
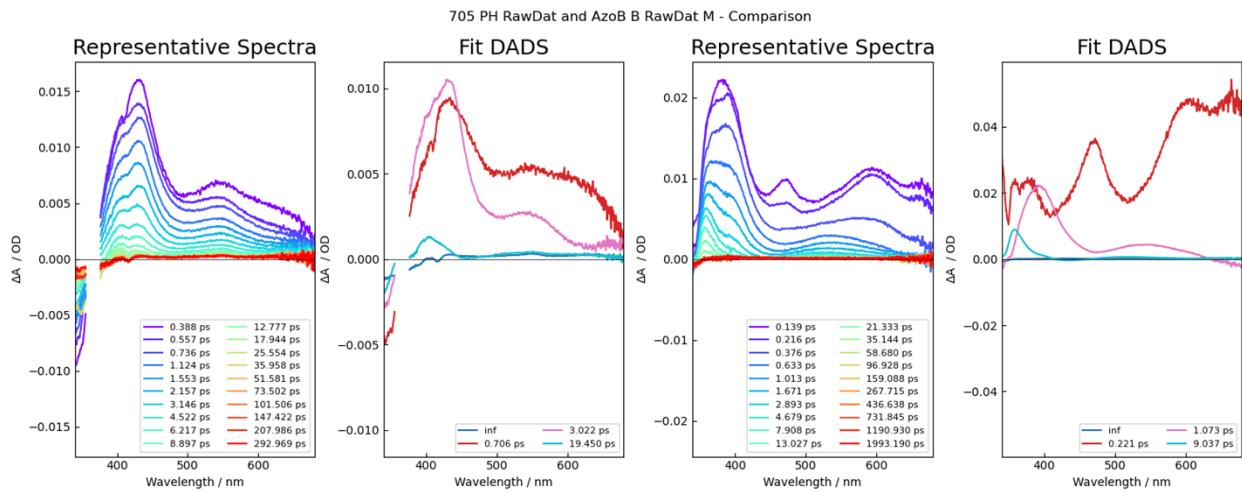


Figure S17. TAS heat map, global analysis fitting and analysis of fit for 4 collected at 370 nm excitation.

Fit of azobenzene data taken on our instrument



Comparison of 1 (left two panels) and azobenzene (right two panels) showing representative spectra and DADS



Schematic Diagram of the Relaxation of azo 1 – 3 , 4, and azobenzene.

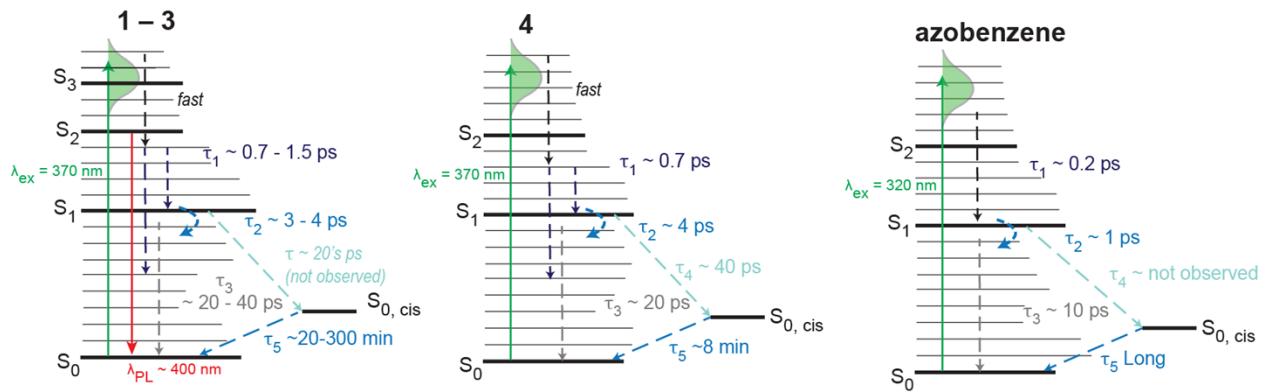


Figure S18. Comparison of azobenzene with 1-4 on our TAS instrumentation.

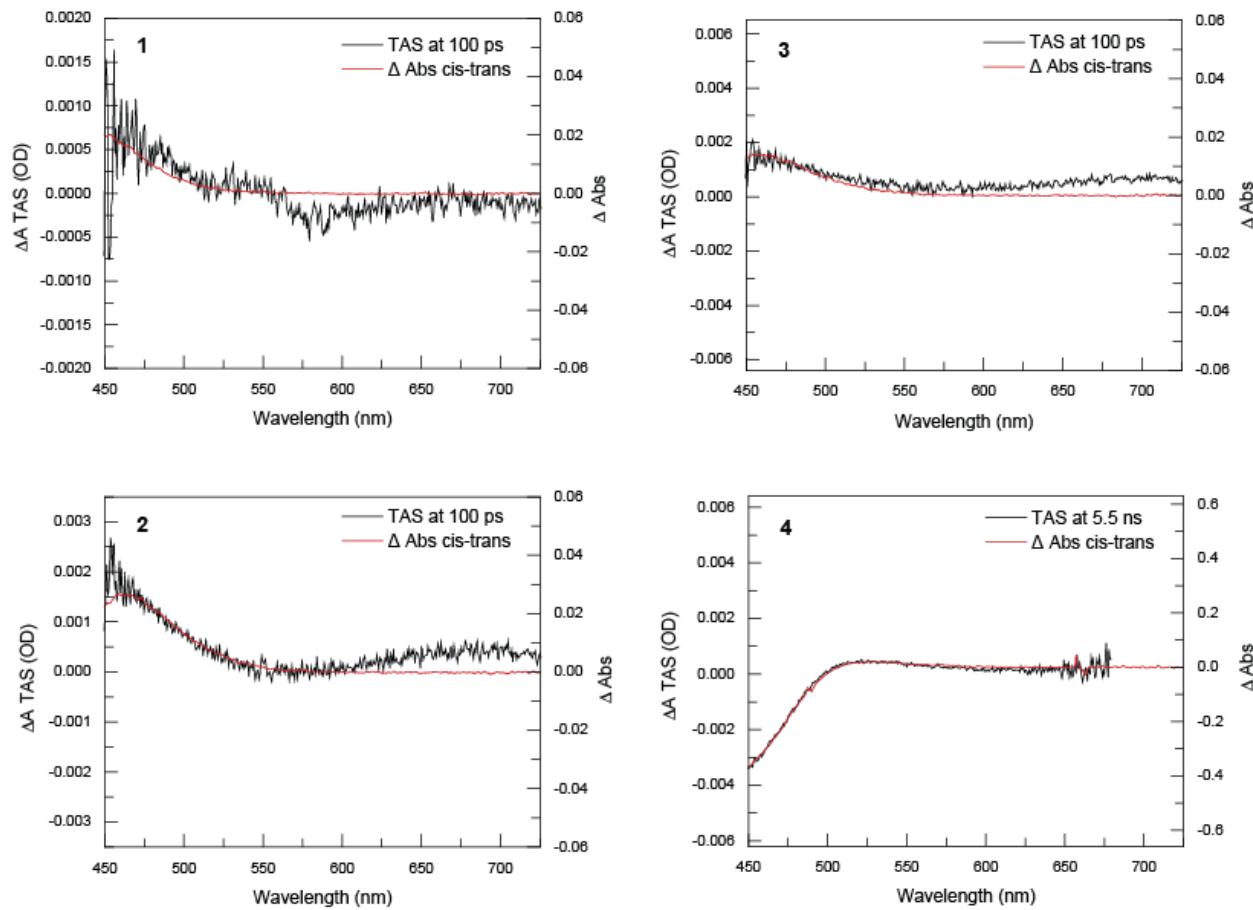


Figure S19. Comparison of TAS residual spectrum with the difference of the steady-state absorption spectra of the *trans*- and *cis*- isomer of 1-4.

Triplet Potential Energy Curves of Azo **1** and **4**

In order to evaluate the potential for intersystem crossing into the triplet excited state manifold, we first evaluated the alignment of the vertical Frank-Condon singlet and triplet excited-state surfaces (center line Figure S20). Assuming that the potential intersystem crossing happens rapidly, with a typical lifetime of several picoseconds, spin-orbit-couplings (SOC) between singlet and triplet excited states at the ground state minimum geometry provide a quantitative measure (Table S13) of the probability for singlet excited states to cross into the triplet manifold.

In order to identify possible deactivation mechanisms of the initially generated excited state singlets through a triplet intermediate, the spin orbit coupling between the excited singlets (S_1 and S_2) with the triplets in the same energy region ($T_1 - T_3$) were calculated (center line in Figures S20 and S21). The SOC (Table S13) between S_1 and T_1 of azo **4** is 4.1 cm^{-1} , four times the coupling in azo **1 – 3** ($0.98 - 1.04 \text{ cm}^{-1}$), indicating a fast, low-energy pathway to generate a triplet. However, the SOC between S_1 and T_3 is high for all the dyes ($3.19 - 4.97 \text{ cm}^{-1}$), indicating several possible intersystem crossing pathways to generate triplets ($T_1 - T_3$) from singlet excitations ($S_1 - S_2$). Therefore, a possible photophysical fate of azo dyes **1 – 4** is formation of a triplet state.

Another consideration in a triplet mediated deactivation pathway is the strength of the coupling of the triplets back to the ground state surface. The SOC constants between T_1 and S_0 ($\langle S_0 | \mathcal{H}_{\text{SOC}} | T_1 \rangle$) are all close to 38 cm^{-1} for azo **1 – 3**, more than two orders of magnitude larger than azo **4** (SOC 0.07 cm^{-1}). Inversely, the SOC between T_2 and S_0 of azo **1 – 3** ($0.09 - 0.28 \text{ cm}^{-1}$) are two orders of magnitude smaller than azo **4** (37.2 cm^{-1}). The $\langle S_0 | \mathcal{H}_{\text{SOC}} | T_3 \rangle$ of all four azo dyes are low ($0.22 - 0.24 \text{ cm}^{-1}$). This indicates a rapid $T_1 \rightarrow S_0$ ground state recovery in azo **1 – 3** and a slower $T_1 \rightarrow S_0$ ground state recovery in azo **4**. Additionally, in azo **4** direct intersystem crossing pathways are available to generate T_1 from the singlet excited manifold ($S_1 \rightarrow T_1$, *vide supra*). While the $T_2 \rightarrow S_0$ intersystem crossing in azo **4** has strong SOC, it would be competing with faster internal conversion of the exited state population to the lowest energy triplet (T_1). Thus a possible ground-state recovery pathway in **4** could be through the lowest energy (T_1). Interestingly, any perturbation of the structure, along both the torsional and inversion surfaces, increase the $\langle S_0 | \mathcal{H}_{\text{SOC}} | T_1 \rangle$.

While the triplets generated in azo **1 – 3** are unlikely to be long-lived, due to fast deactivation back to the ground state, in azo **4** the lowest triplet excited state could be stable with a longer lifetime, due to poor SOC back to the ground state. This difference in $\langle S_0 | \mathcal{H}_{\text{SOC}} | T_1 \rangle$ is readily apparent in the dramatic differences in the spin density of azo **1 – 3** vs. azo **4**.

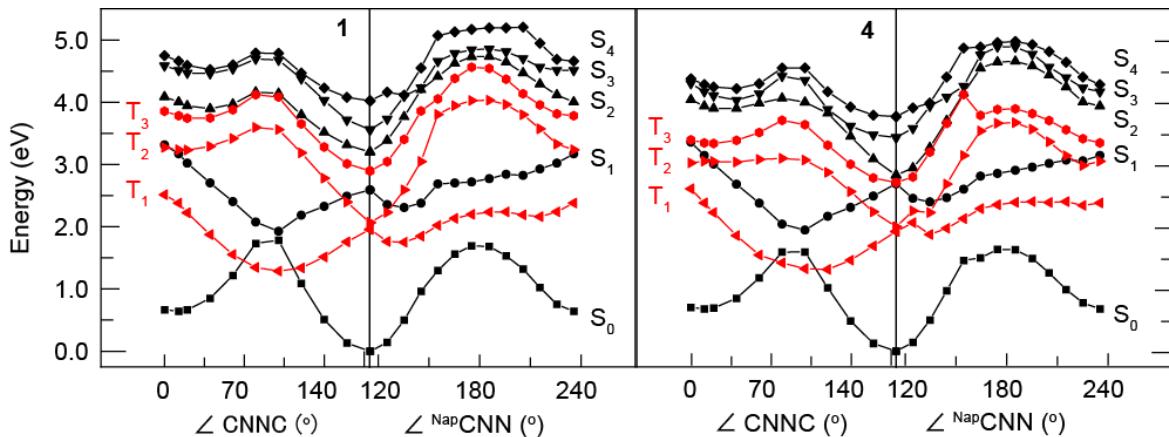


Figure S20. Singlet and triplet PECs below 5 eV in energy along the torsional ($\angle\text{CNCC}$) and inversion ($\angle^{\text{Nap}}\text{CNN}$) S_0 trans-cis isomerization. The excited state (TDDFT) surfaces above each shown point are plotted and like excited states are connected with lines (black singlets and red triplets). B3LYP/6-311G(d,p)/PCM(ACN). The relaxed triplet (T_1) surfaces are shown in Figure S39-40.

(Figure S36). In particular, the T_1 state in azo **1 – 3** is a mixed n and π density, while in azo **4** the density only has π character.

We have carried out several experiments on azo dyes **3** and **4** within our laboratory and thus far have been unable to collected experimental evidence of the triplet. We have thus far been unable to detect low-energy phosphorescence from either azo dye that would directly verify the triplet formation and decay. Additionally, we have attempted to sensitize oxygen and record the emission spectrum for singlet oxygen emission. Both of these methods likely fail because of the low predicted energy of the triplet. Based on DFT (Figure S20) if the triplet emission occurred from the Franck-Condon state, emission would be predicted to occur between 620 nm – 830 nm (~2.0 eV), which is already difficult to detect and partially outside the window of our spectrometer. If, however, the emission occurred from a relaxed triplet, the energy transfer to triplet oxygen forming singlet oxygen is energetically uphill (see Figure S20, $\angle \text{CNNC}$ of 90° – 100°) and we would expect to see no phosphorescence or sensitization of oxygen. Further, we attempted to react **3** and **4** with the radical TEMPO (2,2,6,6-Tetramethyl-1-piperidinyloxy) to form a photo-induced radical-initiated product. These reactions have thus far yielded no conclusive evidence of triplet formation. In these experiments, the extremely short lifetimes of the azo dyes are a major impediment to bimolecular reactivity.

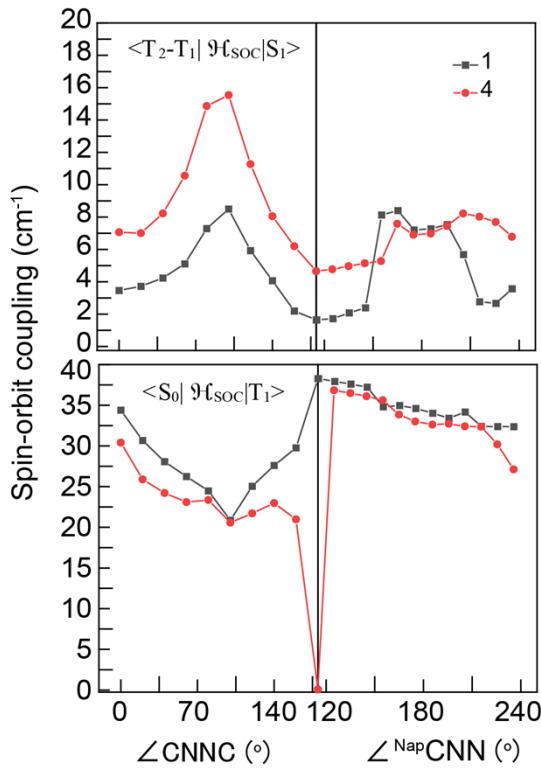


Figure S21. Spin orbit coupling between the first singlet and first two triplet excited states ($\langle T_2-T_1 | \mathcal{H}_{\text{SOC}} | S_1 \rangle$ (top) and the lowest triplet and ground state ($\langle S_0 | \mathcal{H}_{\text{SOC}} | T_1 \rangle$ (bottom) along the torsional ($\angle \text{CNNC}$) and inversion ($\angle^{\text{Nap}} \text{CNN}$) trans-cis isomerization. B3LYP/6-311G(d,p)/PCM(ACN).

S_0 geometries and transition states of Azo **1 - 4**

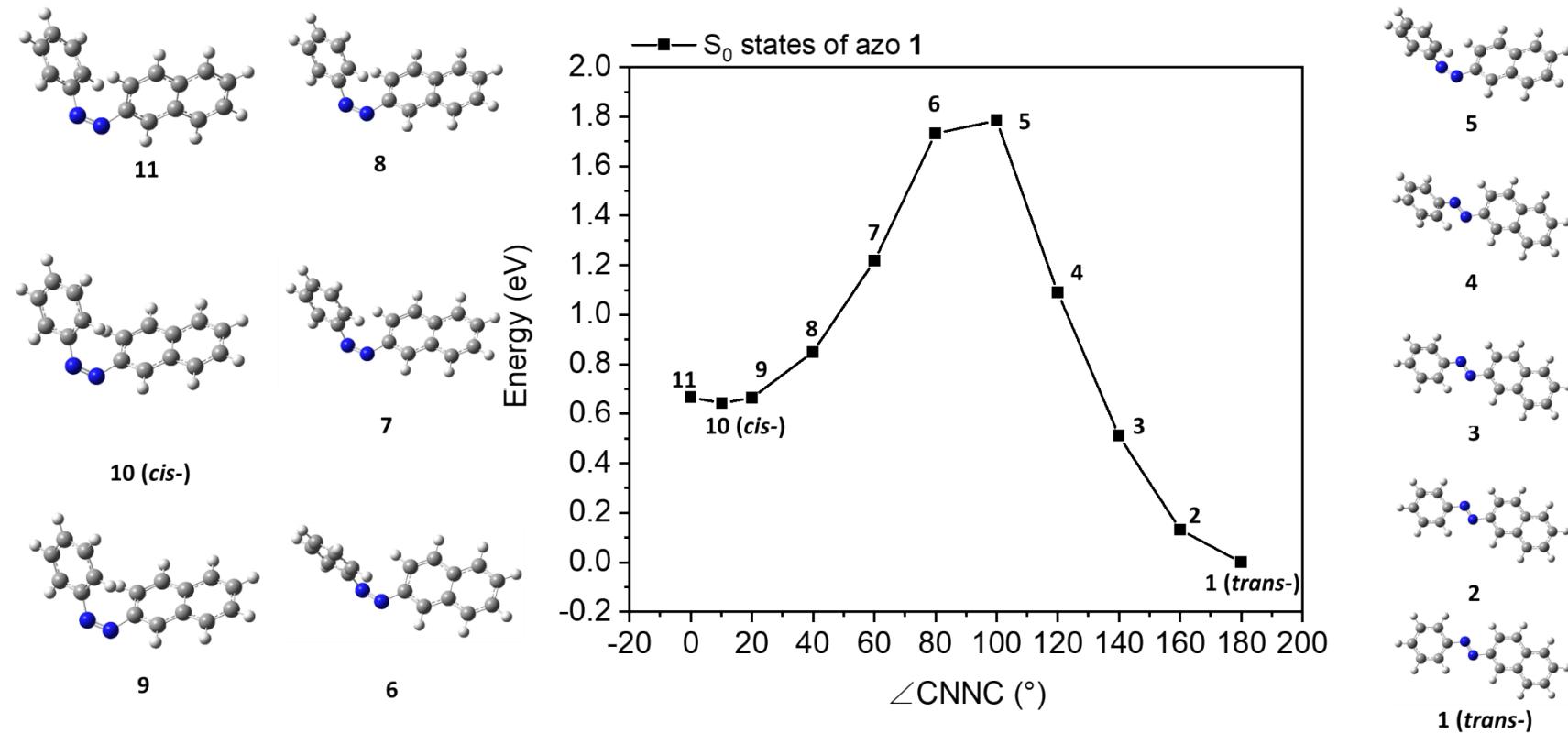


Figure S22. S_0 geometries of azo **1** with various $\angle \text{CNNC}$ angles.

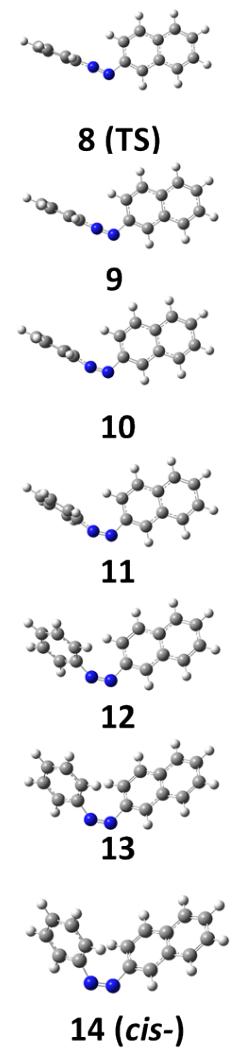
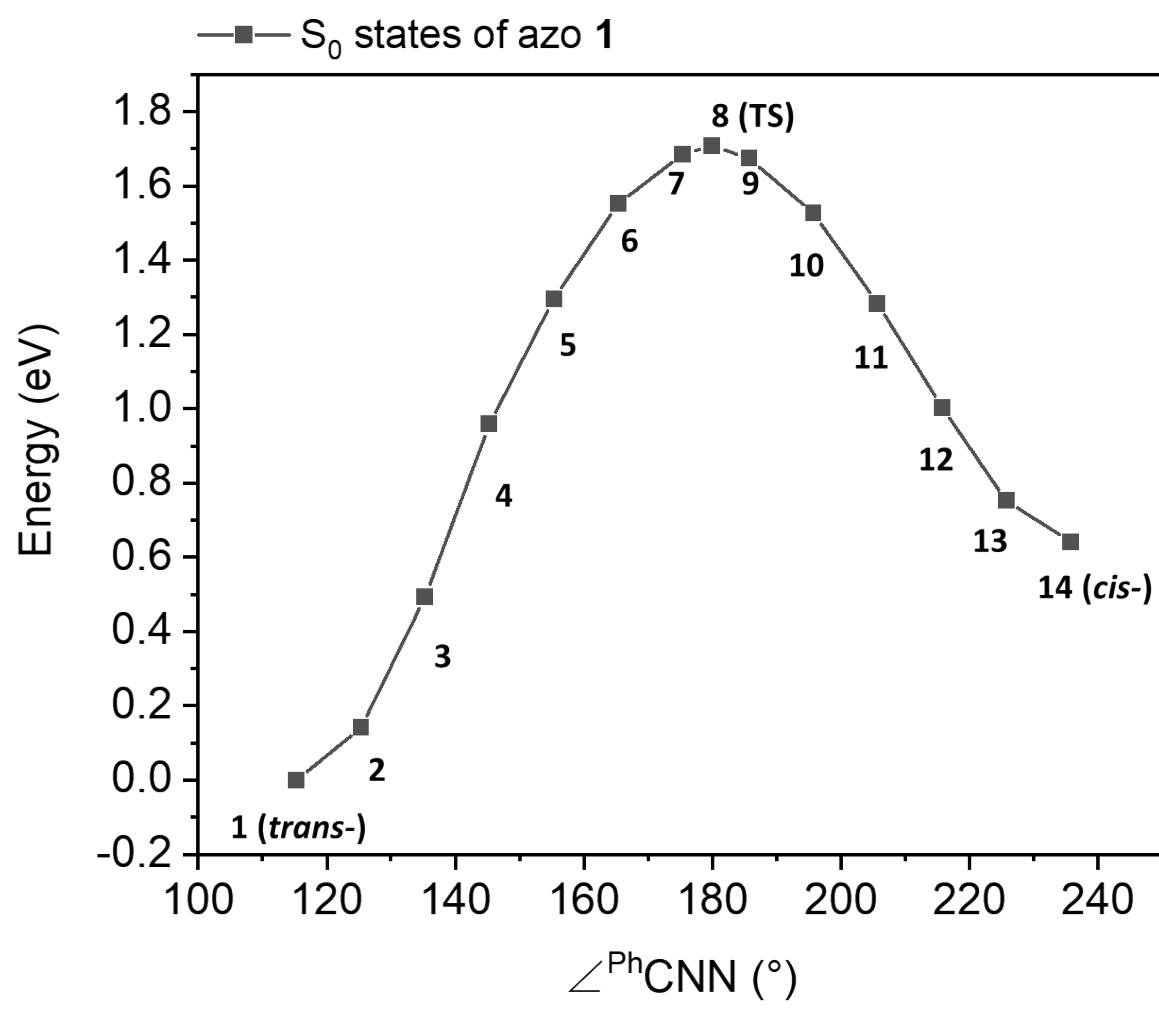
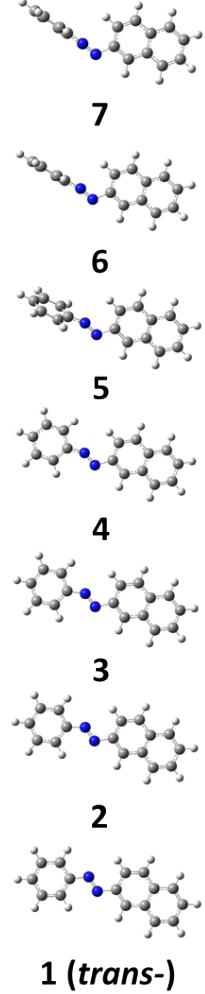


Figure S23. S_0 geometries of azo 1 with various $\angle^{Ph}\text{CNN}$ angles.

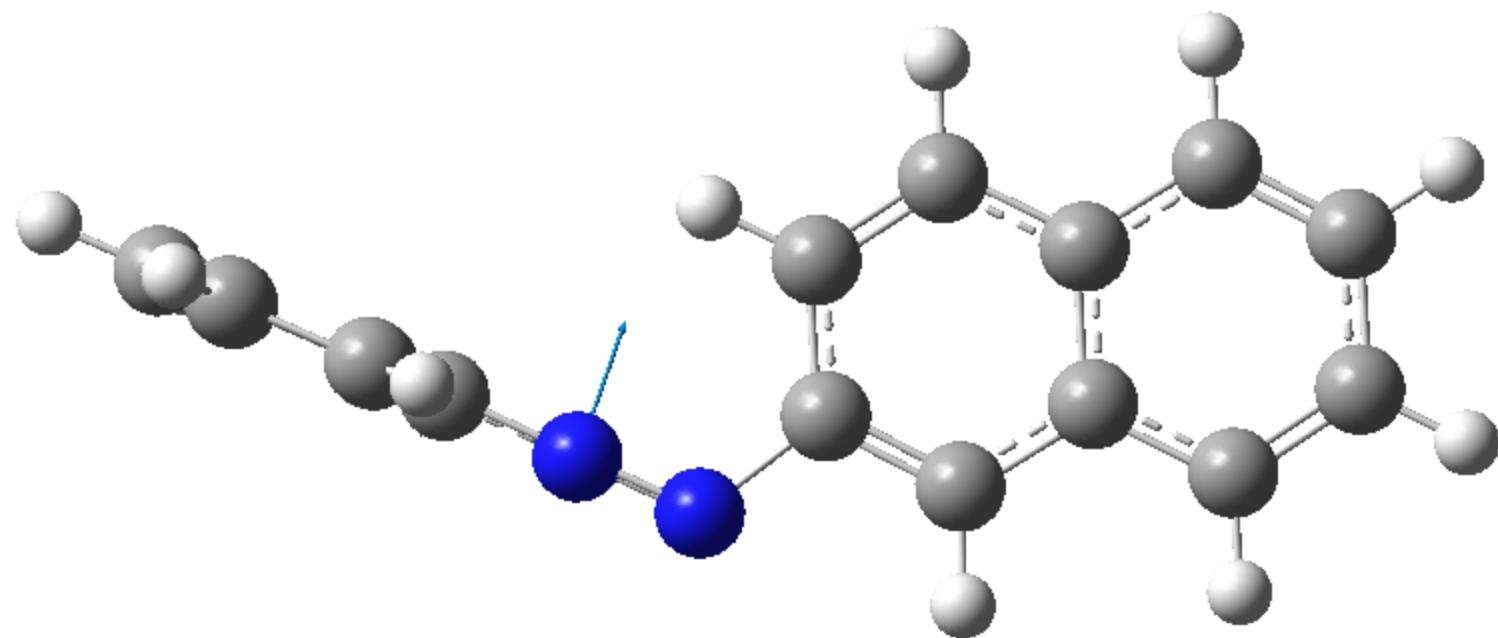


Figure S24. Geometry of azo 1 transition state from point 8 in Figure S23. The imaginary vibrational mode at -409.97 cm^{-1} is indicated by the blue arrow

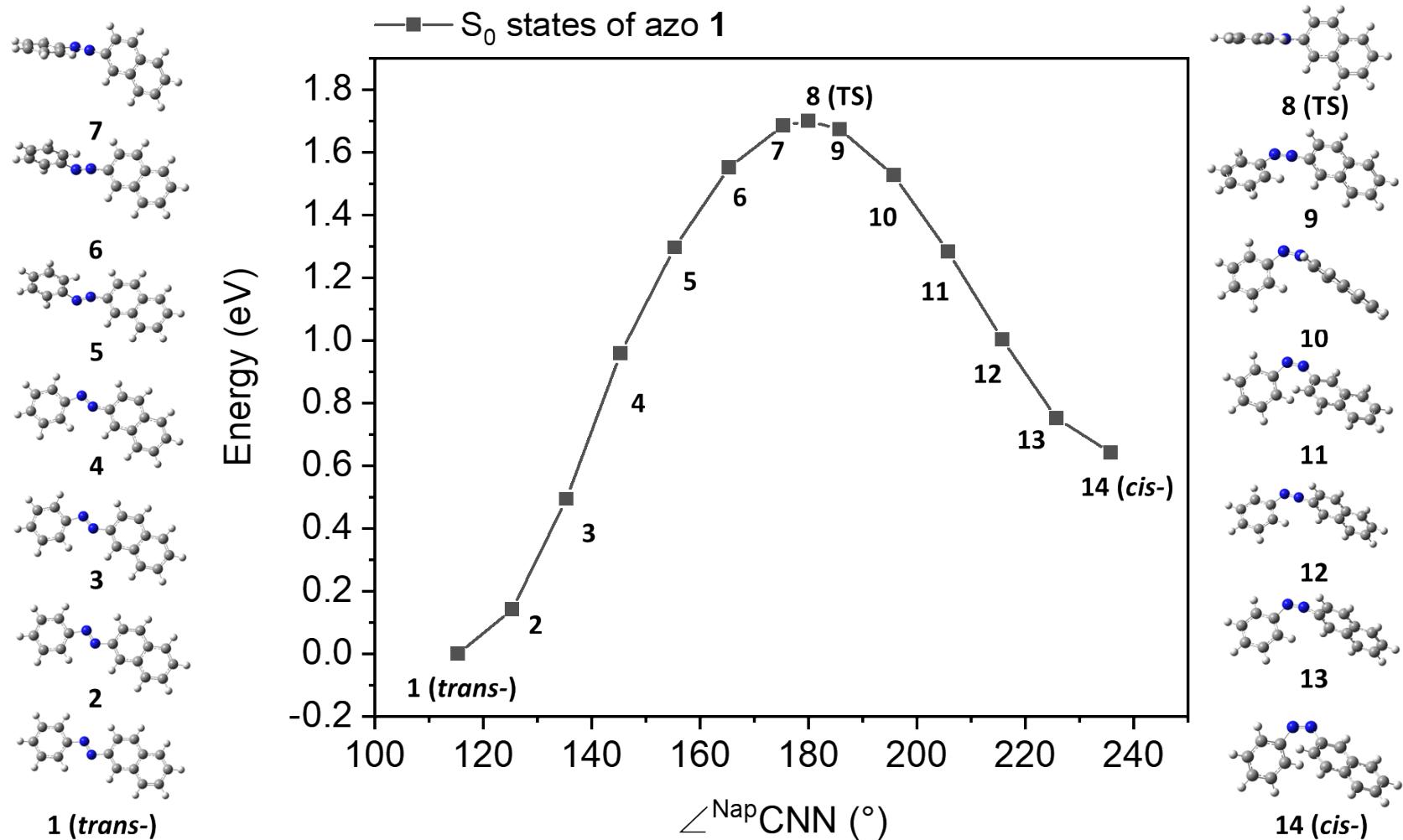


Figure S25. S_0 geometries of azo 1 with various $\angle^{\text{Nap}}\text{CNN}$ angles.

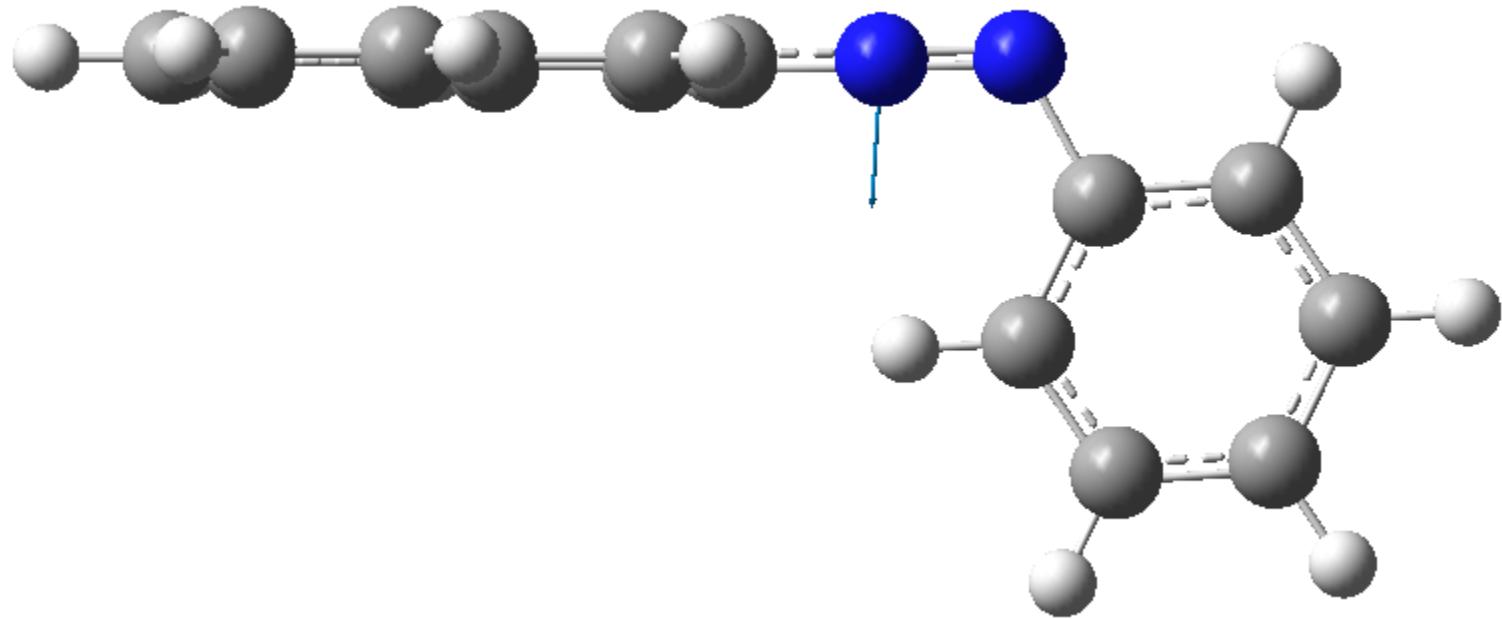


Figure S26. Geometry of azo 1 transition state from point 8 in Figure S25. The imaginary vibrational mode at -404.81 cm^{-1} is indicated by the blue arrow

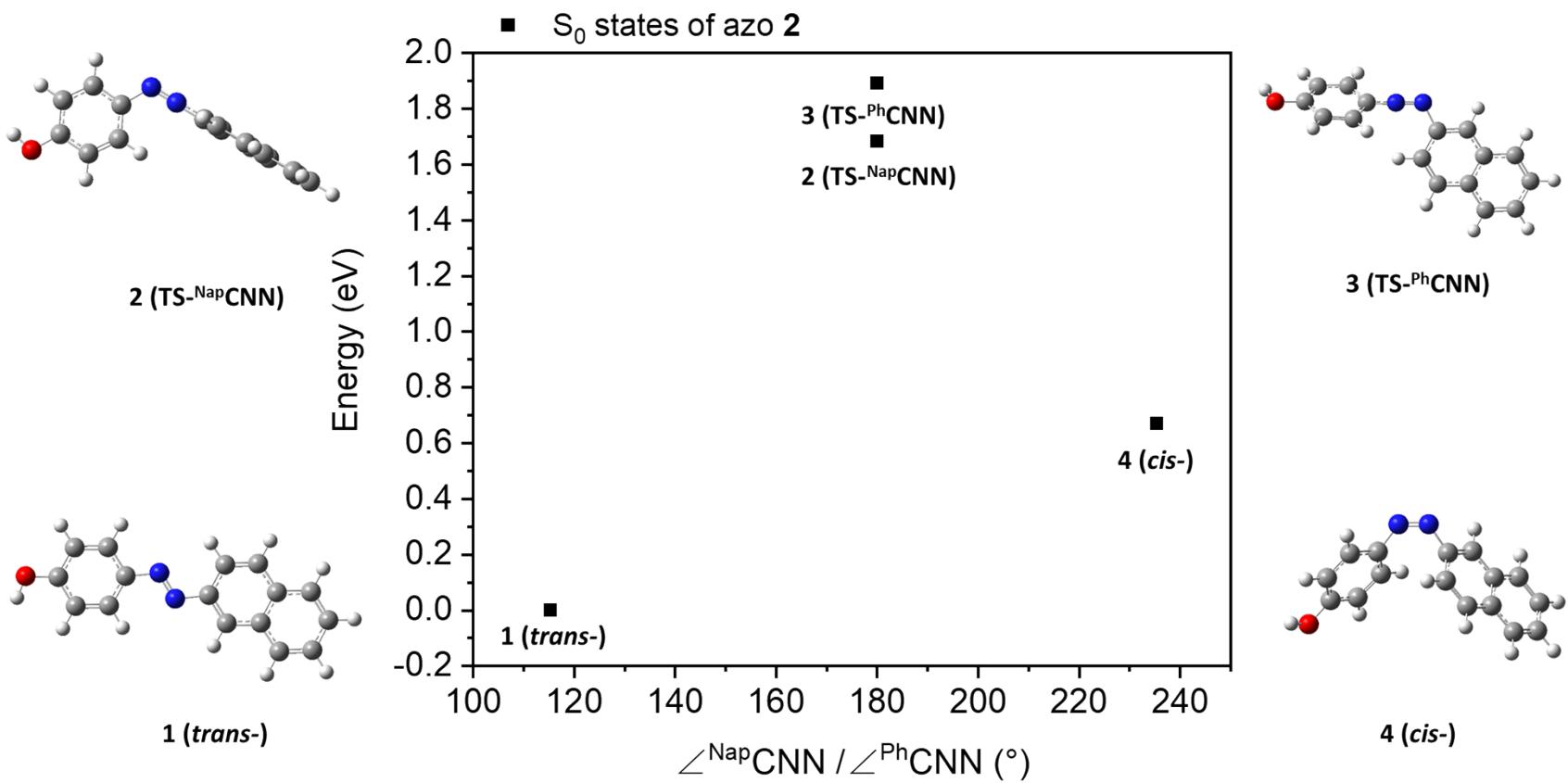


Figure S27. Geometry and relative energy of azo 2 transition states and the ground states at *trans*- and *cis*- configurations.

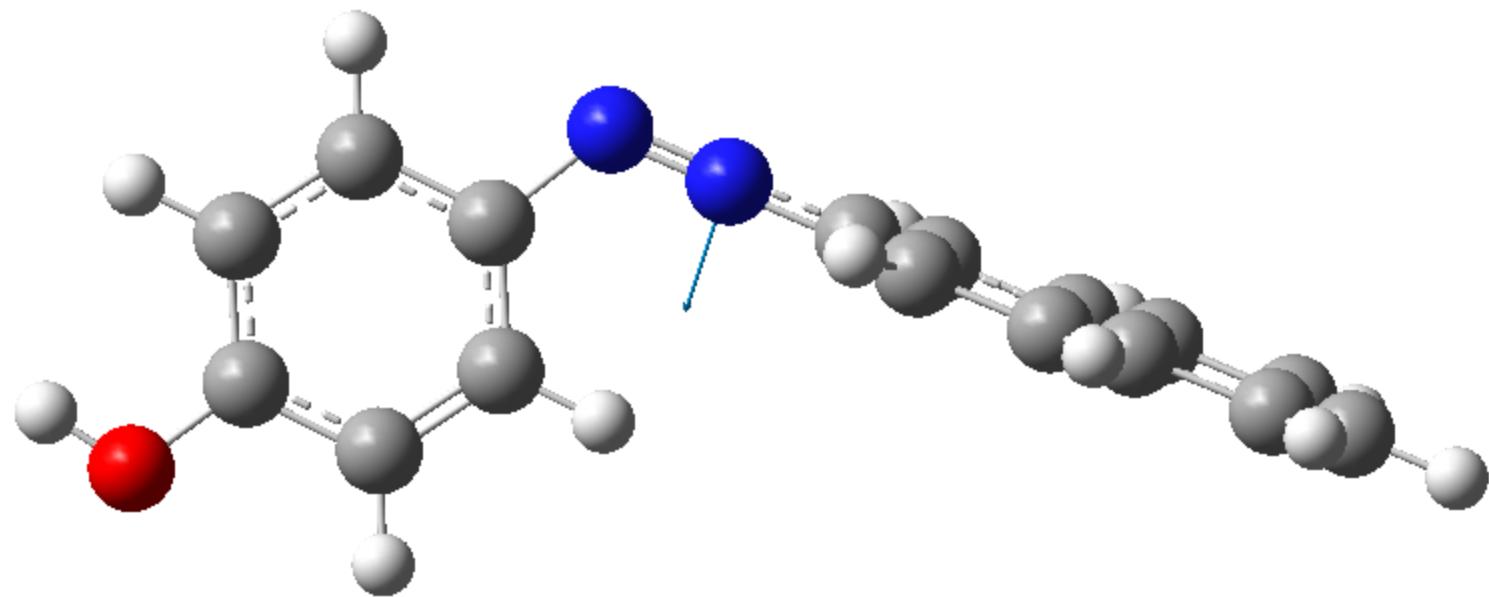


Figure S28. Geometry of azo 2 transition state from point 2 in Figure S27. The imaginary vibrational mode at -398.49 cm^{-1} is indicated by the blue arrow.

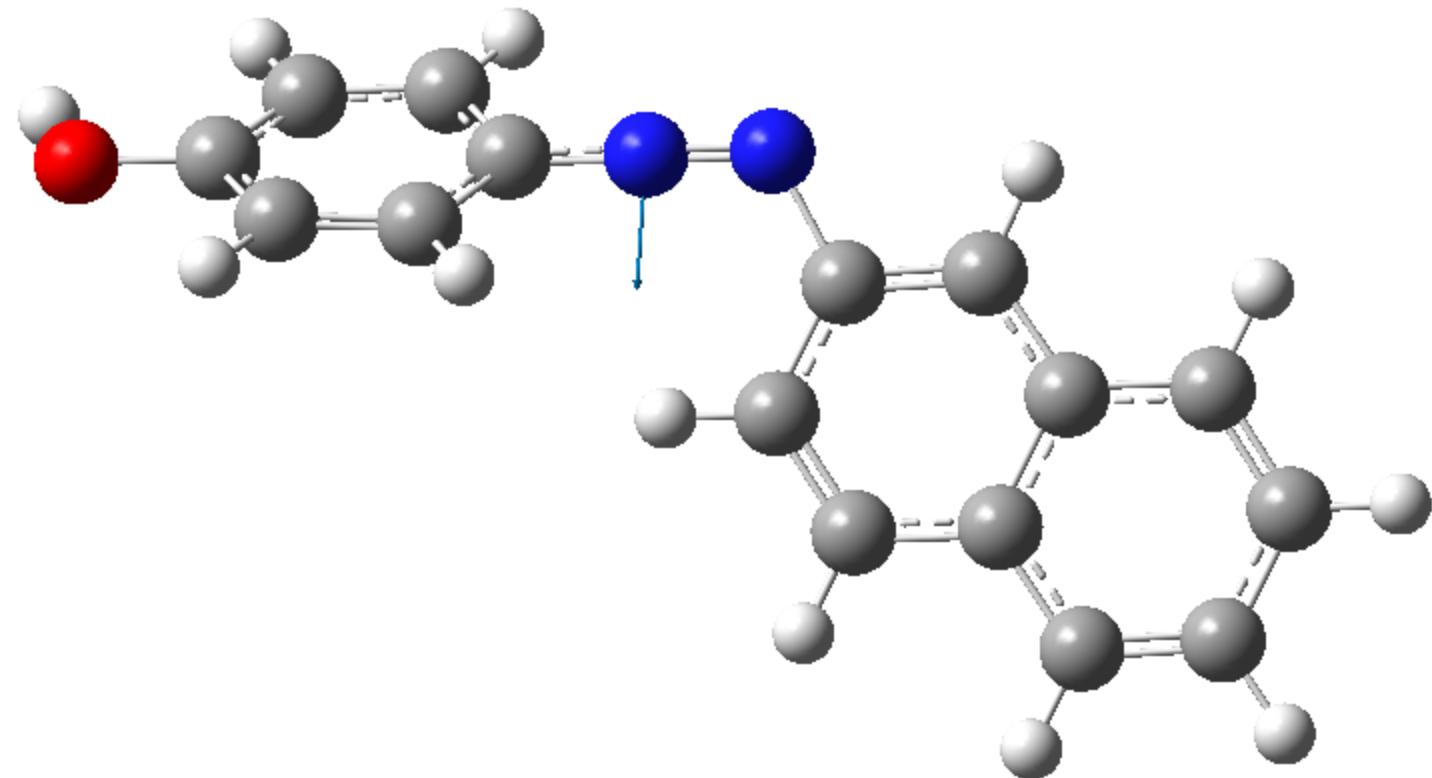


Figure S29. Geometry of azo 2 transition state from point 3 in Figure S27. The imaginary vibrational mode at -459.90 cm^{-1} is indicated by the blue arrow.

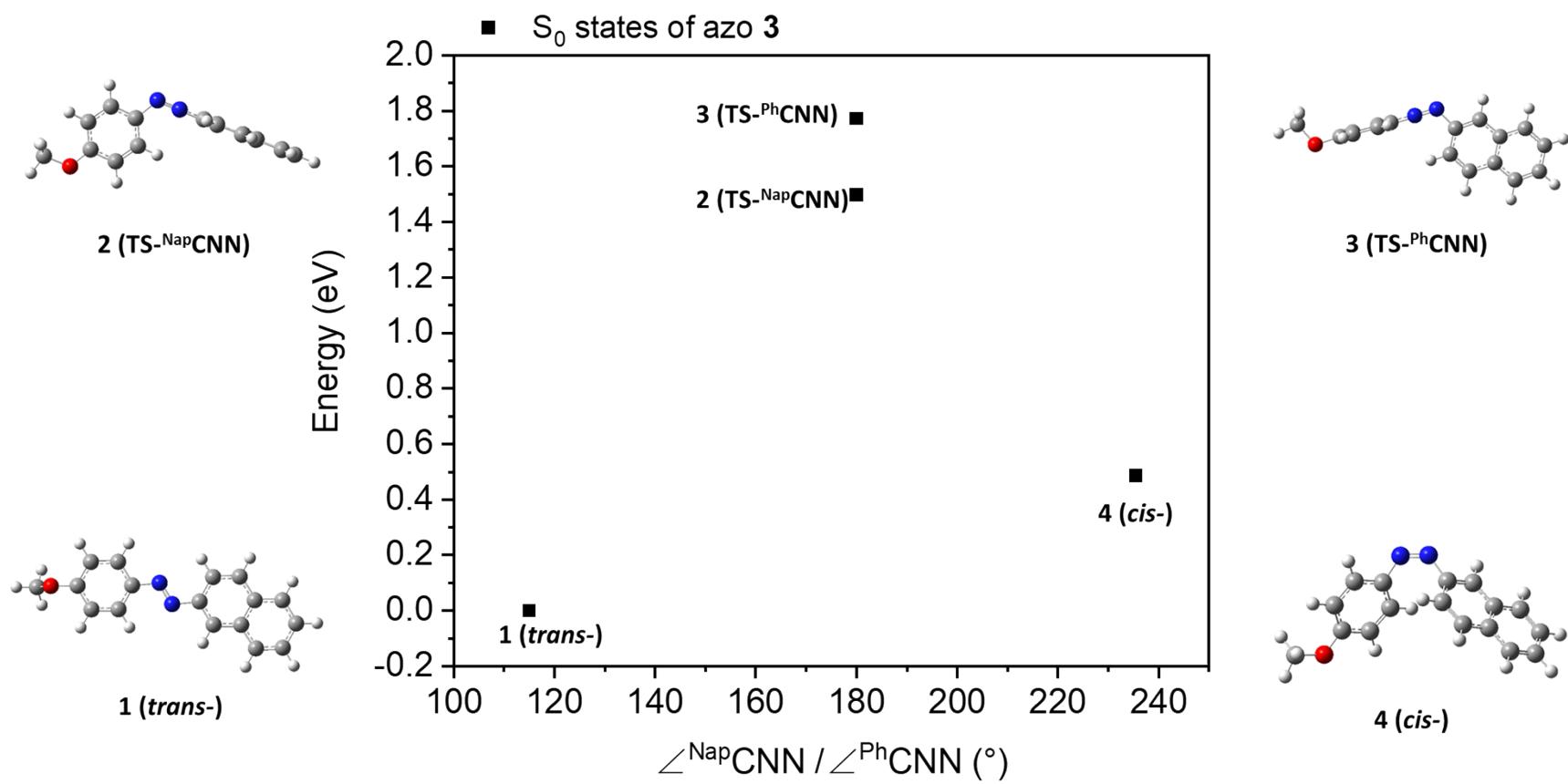


Figure S30. Geometry and relative energy of azo 3 transition states and the ground states at *trans*- and *cis*- configurations.

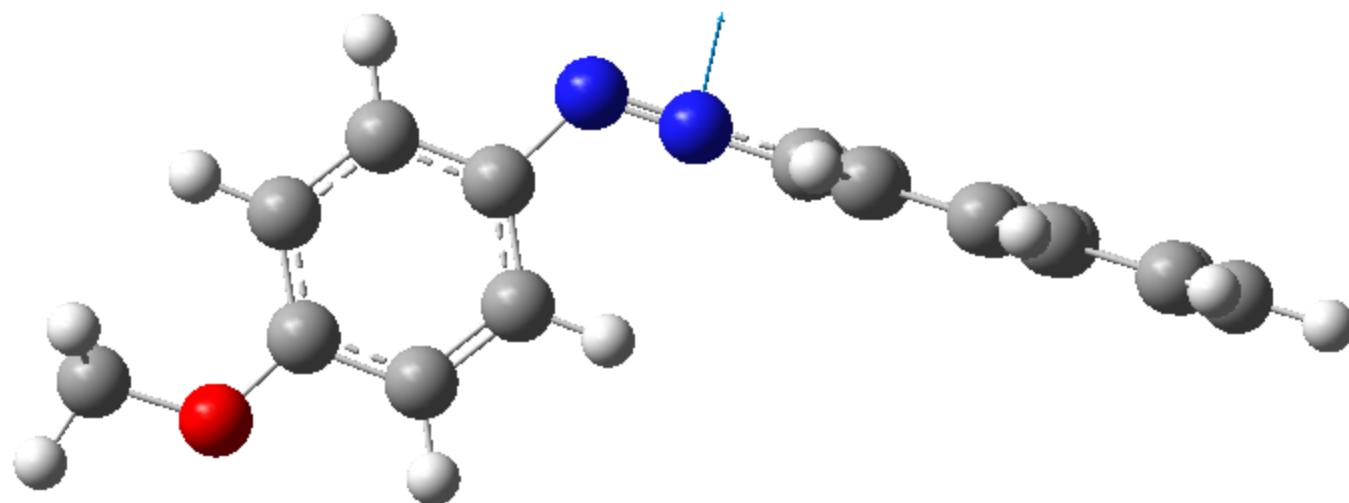


Figure S31. Geometry of azo 3 transition state from point 2 in Figure S30. The imaginary vibrational mode at -397.45 cm^{-1} is indicated by the blue arrow.

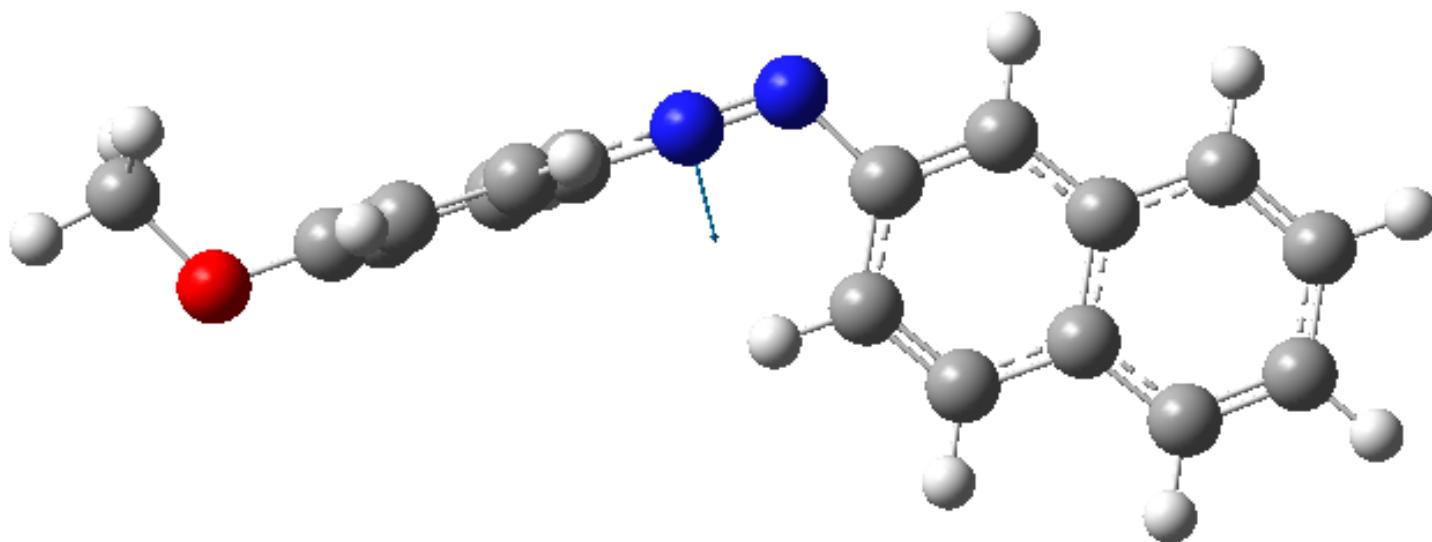


Figure S32. Geometry of azo 3 transition state from point 3 in Figure S30. The imaginary vibrational mode at -422.82 cm^{-1} is indicated by the blue arrow.

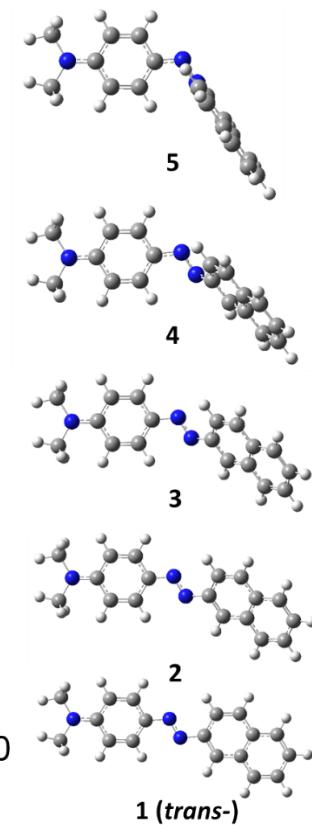
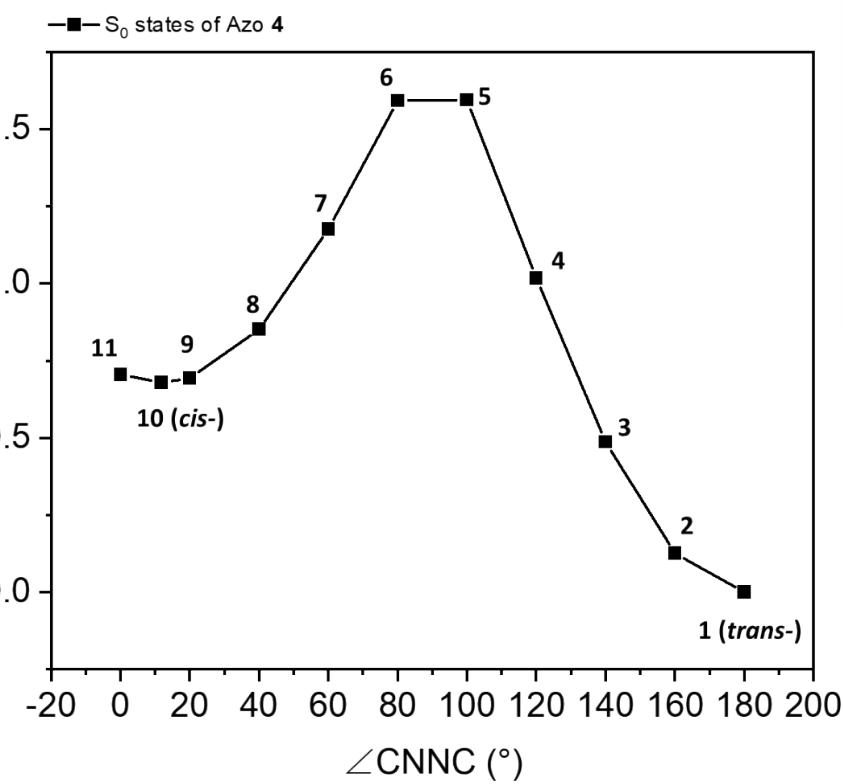
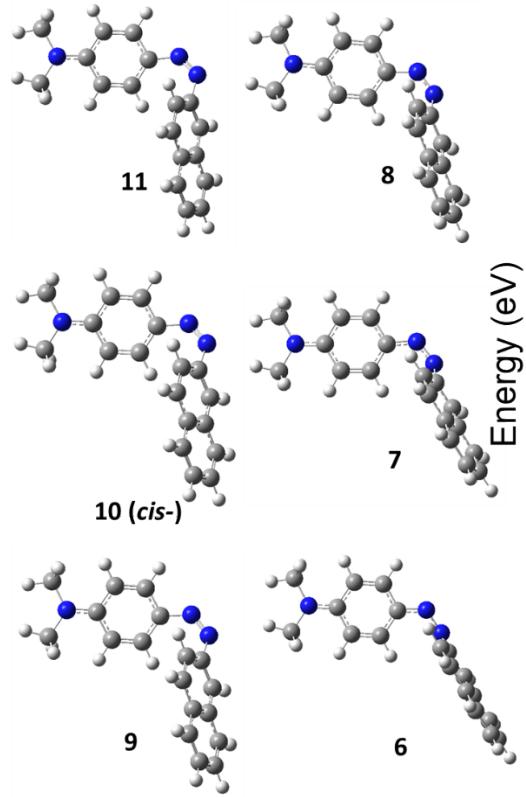


Figure S33. S_0 geometries of azo 4 with various $\angle\text{CNNC}$ angles.

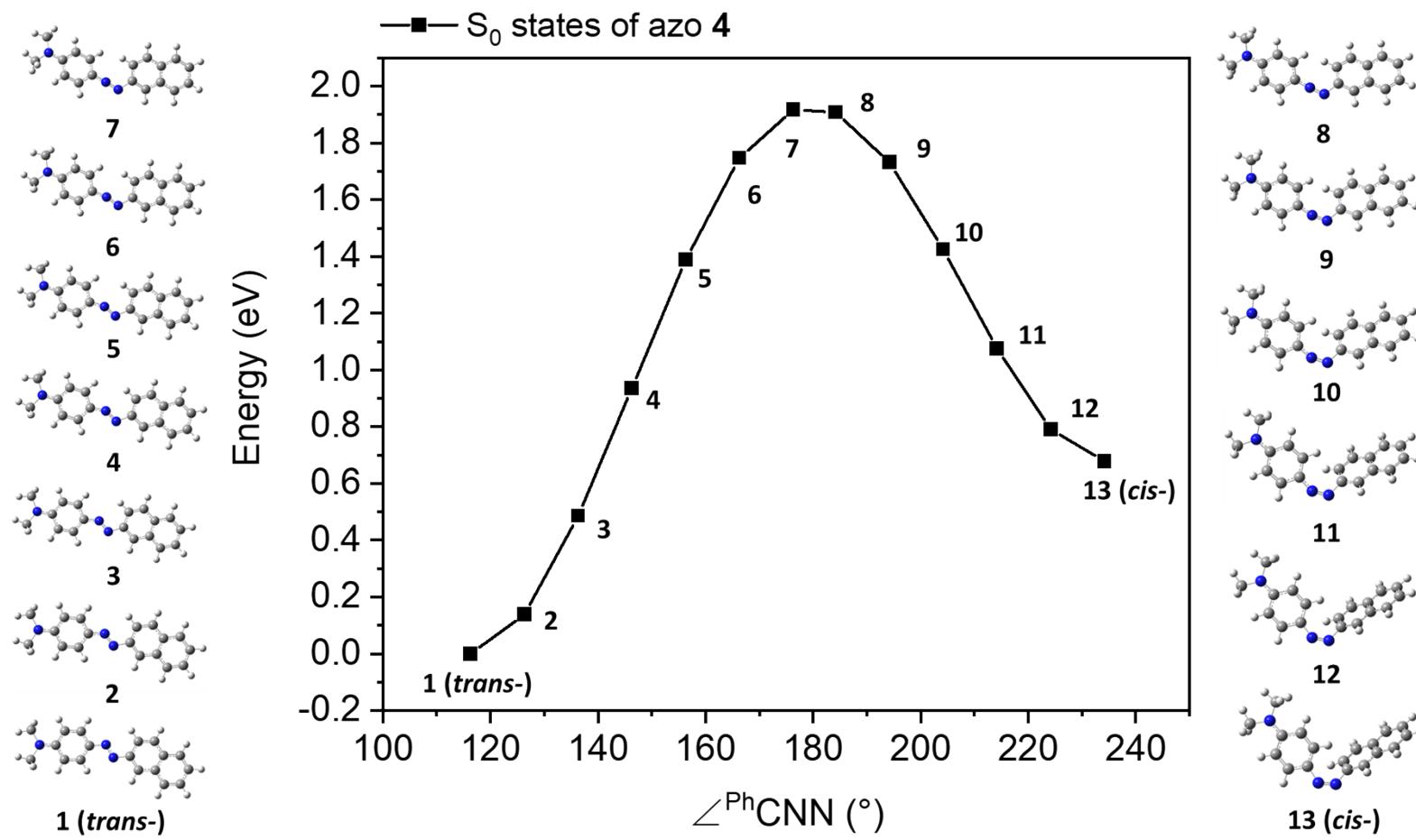


Figure S34. S_0 geometries of azo 4 with various \angle^{PhCNN} angles.

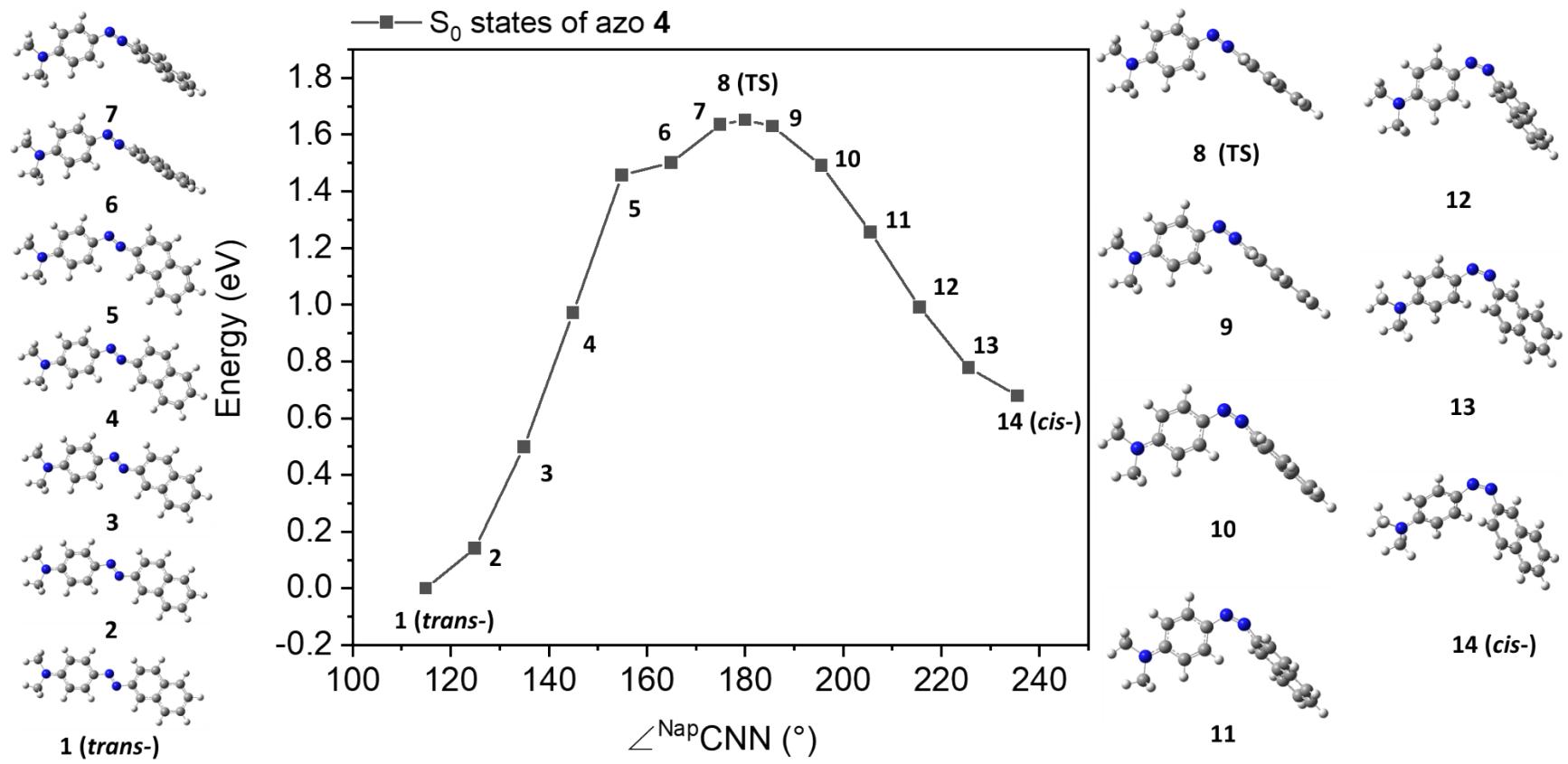


Figure S35. S_0 geometries of azo 4 with various \angle^{NapCNN} angles.

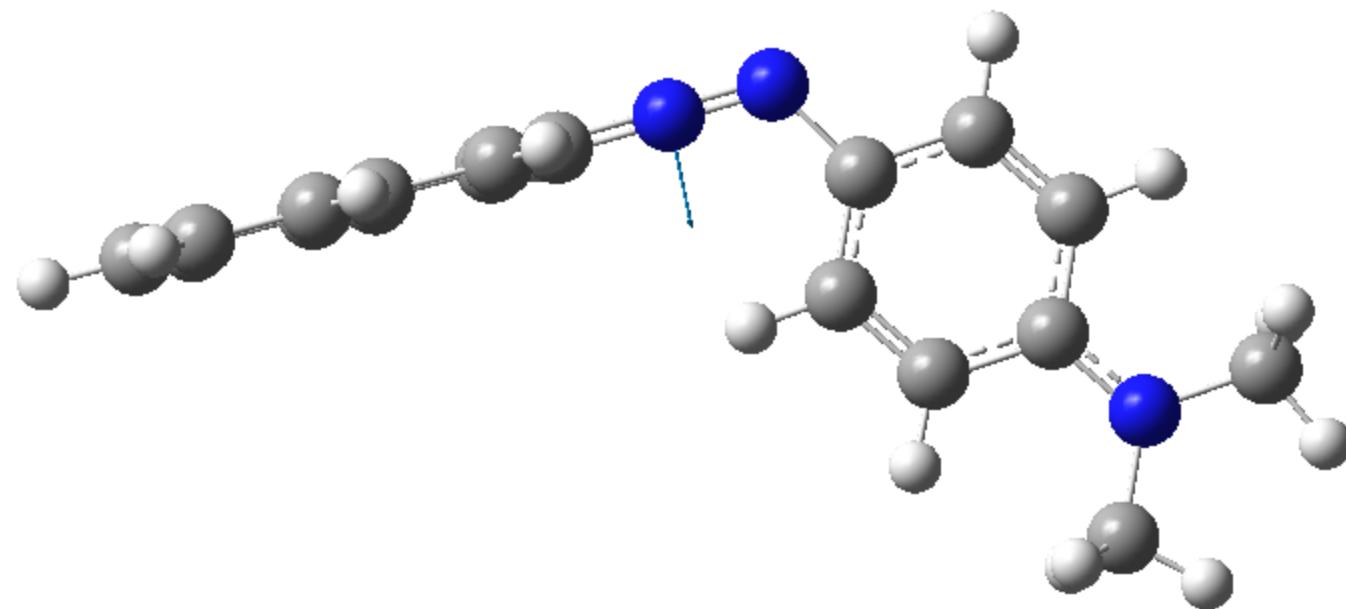


Figure S36. Geometry of azo 4 transition state from point 8 in Figure S35. The imaginary vibrational mode at -384.14 cm^{-1} is indicated by the blue arrow.

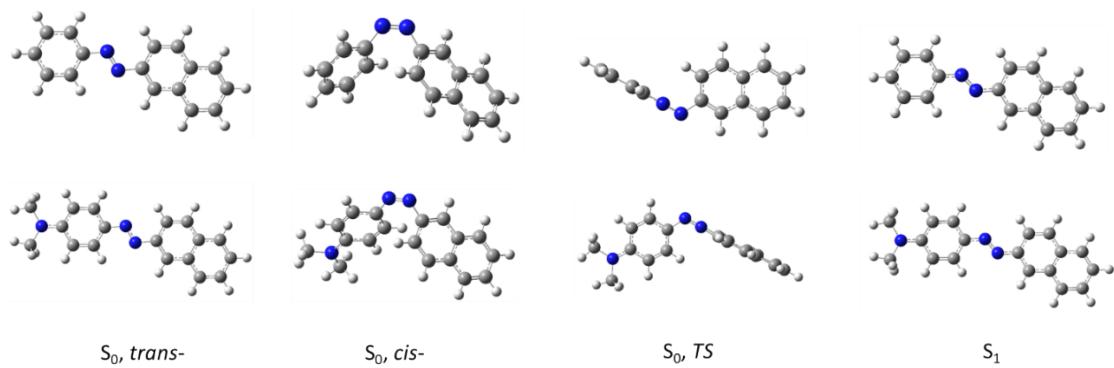


Figure S37. Comparing *trans*-, *cis*-, and transition states between azo 1 (top) and azo 4 (bottom).

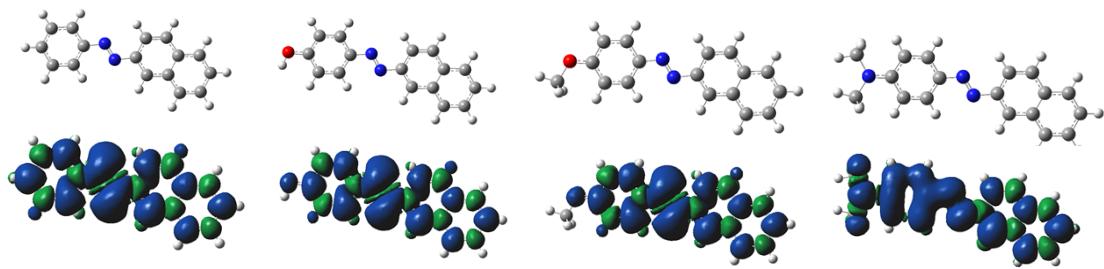


Figure S38. Comparing optimized triplet geometries of azo 1-4 and their spin densities.

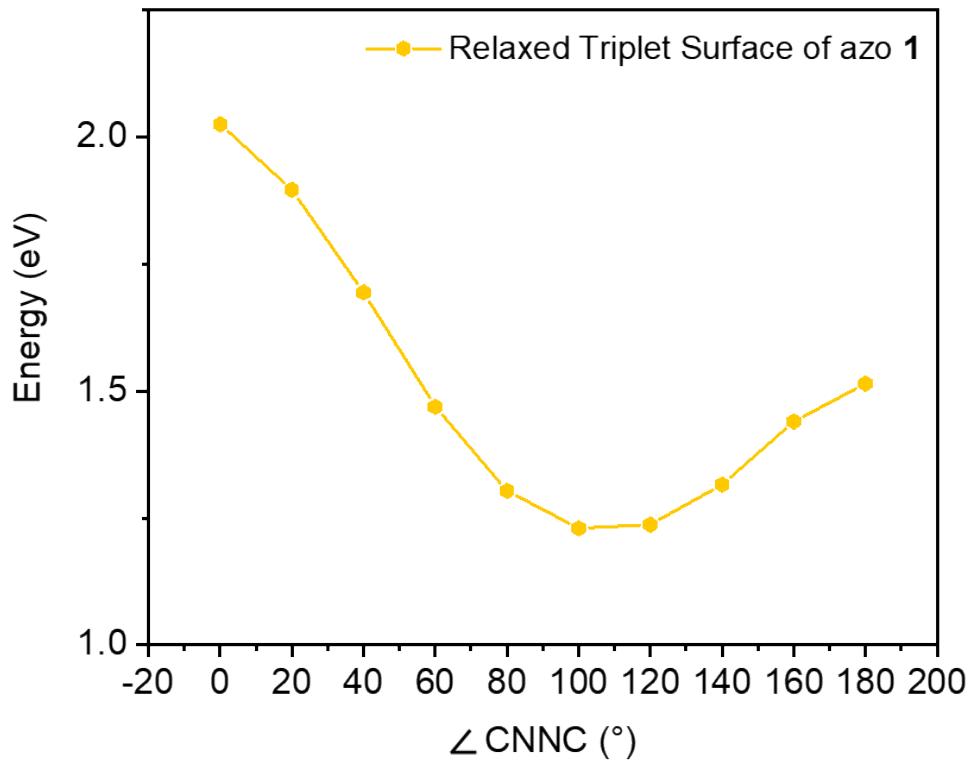


Figure S39. Triplet potential surface for azo 1 with various \angle CNNC dihedral angles.

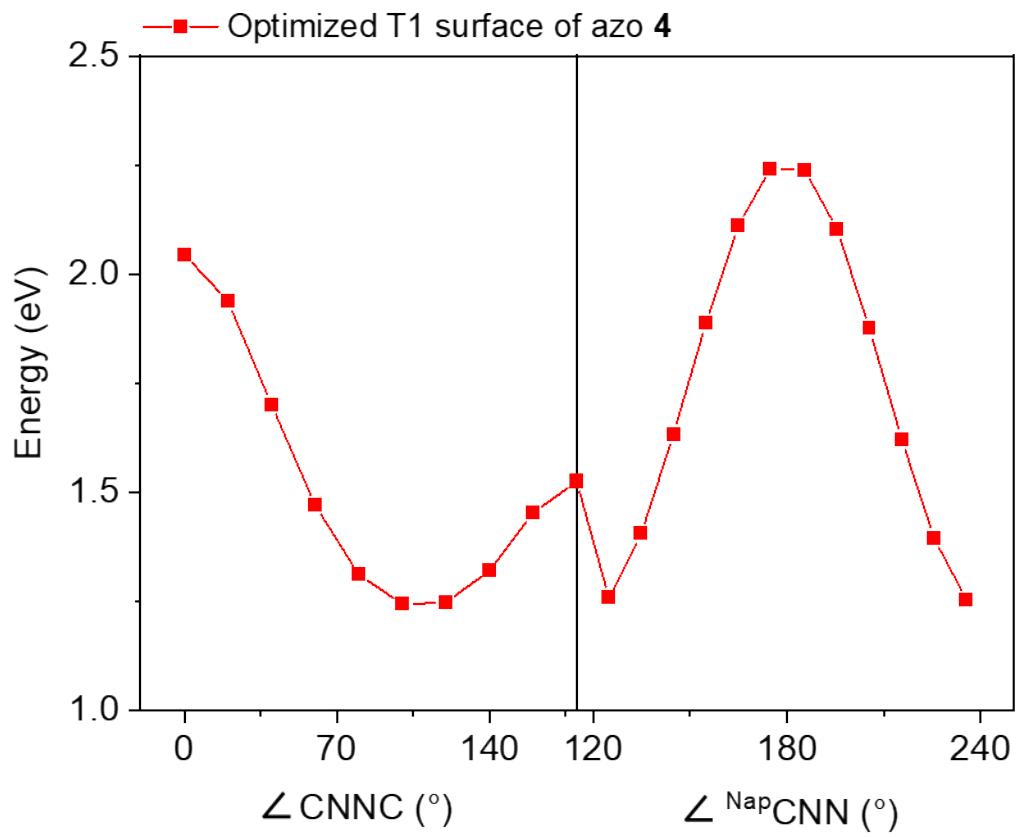


Figure S40. Triplet potential surface for azo **4** with various \angle_{CNNC} dihedral angles, and $\angle^{\text{Nap}}_{\text{CNN}}$ angles.

DFT Optimized Coordinates

Trans - Nap-azo-ph (azo 1) coordinates (B3LYP/6-311G(d,p)/PCM(ACN))

0 1

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Cis - Nap-azo-ph (azo 1) coordinates (B3LYP/6-311G(d,p)/PCM(ACN))

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TS - Nap-azo-ph (azo 1) coordinates (B3LYP/6-311G(d,p)/PCM(ACN))

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Triplet - Nap-azo-ph (azo 1) coordinates (B3LYP/6-311G(d,p)/PCM(ACN))

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Trans-Nap-azo-phOH (azo 2) coordinates

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Cis-Nap-azo-phOH (azo 2) coordinates

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C -2.66877496 -1.19042993 -0.99398218
H -0.93343605 -0.02059931 -1.41321659
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H -5.28074017 -0.22396579 0.96916986
H -2.36304350 -2.02470425 -1.61363855
O -4.61673234 -2.40338616 -0.45803019
H -5.43851535 -2.33709509 0.04332804

TS-Nap-azo-phOH (azo 2) coordinates

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C -3.34743164 -0.54491498 0.08920150
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C -5.76711215 -0.35549577 0.03163712
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C -1.93595135 1.43785477 -0.27693439
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C 3.49502518 -1.09959229 -0.81716856
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C 4.75678031 -0.53282499 -0.92659920
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C 4.26280934 0.95931556 0.90438369
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H 6.93045086 0.62953326 -0.78920114

Trans-Nap-azo-phOMe (azo 3) coordinates

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Cis-Nap-azo-phOMe (azo 3) coordinates

0 1

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TS-Nap-azo-phOMe (azo 3) coordinates

0 1

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Trans-Nap-azo-phNMe₂ (azo 4) coordinates

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Cis-Nap-azo-phNMe₂ (azo 4) coordinates

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TS-Nap-azo-phNMe₂ (azo 4) coordinates

0 1

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H 6.39772029 2.75774335 0.58450837
H 4.79603317 3.02593578 -0.10995400
H 4.95921197 2.47590117 1.57095624

Triplet-Nap-azo-phNMe₂ (azo 4) coordinates

0 3

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H -5.18605282 0.25267344 2.63712952
C -2.83301623 -0.56037553 1.55886883
C -2.71144552 -0.21158172 -1.22192867
H -4.95109241 0.86549742 -2.29371281
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C -1.61430425 -0.74870494 -0.53693701
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TD-DFT tables (FC states)

Table S1. 30 TDDFT singlet excitations of azo 1 from *trans*-S0 geometry, B3LYP/6-311G(d,p)/PCM(ACN)

Excited States	Energy (eV)	Wavelength (nm)	Oscillator Strength	Transition	Transition Contribution
1	2.5901	478.68	f=0.0000	60 -> 62	0.70161
2	3.1998	387.48	f=0.5450	59 -> 62	-0.17545
				61 -> 62	0.67419
3	3.5612	348.15	f=0.6421	59 -> 62	0.66837
				61 -> 62	0.19249
				61 -> 63	-0.10188
4	4.0233	308.17	f=0.0225	58 -> 62	0.68872
				61 -> 64	0.10087
5	4.3160	287.27	f=0.1460	57 -> 62	0.31520
				59 -> 62	0.12979
				61 -> 63	0.59471
6	4.4150	280.83	f=0.0000	60 -> 63	0.69938
7	4.4899	276.14	f=0.0263	57 -> 62	0.58613
				59 -> 63	-0.19509
				59 -> 65	0.10353
				61 -> 63	-0.30360
8	4.7893	258.88	f=0.1378	57 -> 63	-0.11036
				59 -> 63	0.52583
				61 -> 63	-0.12554
				61 -> 64	0.22988
				61 -> 65	0.34671
9	5.0218	246.89	f=0.0009	56 -> 62	0.68063
				61 -> 66	0.12586
10	5.1453	240.96	f=0.0000	60 -> 64	0.69933
11	5.2176	237.63	f=0.1489	58 -> 62	-0.12092
				58 -> 65	-0.12109
				59 -> 63	-0.13663
				61 -> 64	0.61361
				61 -> 65	-0.21373
12	5.2829	234.69	f=0.0004	60 -> 65	0.69145
13	5.3982	229.68	f=0.0960	57 -> 63	0.45781
				58 -> 63	0.20645
				59 -> 63	0.29490
				59 -> 65	0.17799
				61 -> 65	-0.28148
14	5.5258	224.38	f=0.0002	57 -> 63	-0.16450

15	5.6795	218.30	f=0.0898	58 -> 63 61 -> 65 57 -> 63 58 -> 63 58 -> 65 59 -> 64 61 -> 65	0.65463 0.10134 0.14496 -0.10939 -0.16572 0.58597 0.24149	
16	5.8269	212.78	f=0.2539	55 -> 62 57 -> 62 57 -> 63 58 -> 64 59 -> 63 59 -> 64 59 -> 65 61 -> 64 61 -> 65	-0.12571 -0.13664 0.24002 0.19793 -0.17554 -0.18603 0.34974 0.16961 0.34156	
17	5.8522	211.86	f=0.0377	56 -> 63 59 -> 66 61 -> 66	-0.34842 -0.13786 0.55971	
18	5.8846	210.69	f=0.0003	54 -> 62	0.68102	
19	5.9417	208.67	f=0.0660	55 -> 62 57 -> 63 59 -> 65 61 -> 67	0.61904 -0.11458 0.16824 -0.22536	
20	6.0069	206.40	f=0.0002	52 -> 62 53 -> 62 60 -> 66 60 -> 67	0.10534 0.56734 0.15063 -0.35224	
21	6.0241	205.81	f=0.3113	55 -> 62 57 -> 63 59 -> 64 59 -> 65 61 -> 65 61 -> 67	-0.12852 -0.33910 0.16042 0.49103 -0.14338 0.19245	
22	6.1157	202.73	f=0.0004	53 -> 62 60 -> 66 60 -> 67	0.38110 -0.31072 0.49031	
23	6.2065	199.77	f=0.0140	56 -> 63 56 -> 65 57 -> 64 58 -> 65 59 -> 64 59 -> 66	0.25239 0.12537 -0.26394 0.23043 0.14008 0.38133	

24	6.2124	199.57	f=0.0000	61 -> 66	0.21772	
				61 -> 67	0.20768	
				60 -> 66	0.60518	
				60 -> 67	0.34070	
25	6.2460	198.50	f=0.0047	56 -> 63	-0.21873	
				57 -> 64	-0.34110	
				57 -> 65	0.12020	
				58 -> 65	0.35161	
				59 -> 64	0.16781	
				59 -> 65	-0.10076	
				59 -> 66	-0.27248	
				61 -> 66	-0.19361	
26	6.3136	196.38	f=0.0000	51 -> 62	0.14837	
				52 -> 62	0.65799	
				53 -> 62	-0.12321	
27	6.3306	195.85	f=0.0676	55 -> 62	0.18356	
				57 -> 63	0.13722	
				57 -> 64	0.21576	
				58 -> 64	-0.25393	
				61 -> 66	-0.13031	
				61 -> 67	0.51742	
28	6.4144	193.29	f=0.0002	48 -> 62	0.11374	
				51 -> 62	0.66040	
				52 -> 62	-0.16221	
29	6.5264	189.97	f=0.1340	50 -> 62	0.12980	
				56 -> 63	-0.19765	
				57 -> 64	0.10390	
				57 -> 65	0.23058	
				58 -> 64	0.49302	
				59 -> 65	-0.10975	
				59 -> 66	0.15473	
				59 -> 67	-0.14984	
				61 -> 66	-0.14182	
				61 -> 67	0.12760	
30	6.5447	189.44	f=0.0130	56 -> 63	0.40684	
				57 -> 64	0.19405	
				57 -> 65	0.30939	
				58 -> 64	0.10494	
				58 -> 65	0.11217	
				59 -> 66	-0.33946	
				61 -> 66	0.15080	

Table S2. 30 TDDFT triplet excitations of azo 1 from *trans*-S₀ geometry, B3LYP/6-311G(d,p)/PCM(ACN)

Excited States	Energy (eV)	Wavelength (nm)	Oscillator Strength	Transition	Transition Contribution
1	1.8577	667.41	f=0.0000	60 -> 62 60 -> 67	0.68555 -0.14866
2	2.0660	600.13	f=0.0000	59 -> 62 59 -> 63 61 -> 62 61 -> 63	0.23927 0.10098 0.62761 -0.11905
3	2.8976	427.89	f=0.0000	57 -> 62 59 -> 62 59 -> 63 61 -> 62 61 -> 63 61 -> 65	0.19759 0.52136 -0.11289 -0.14934 0.33740 -0.10936
4	3.1415	394.66	f=0.0000	57 -> 62 59 -> 62 59 -> 63 59 -> 65 61 -> 62 61 -> 63	0.11033 -0.33778 -0.27860 -0.10987 0.25198 0.44158
5	3.5253	351.69	f=0.0000	57 -> 62 58 -> 62 58 -> 64 59 -> 62 59 -> 63	0.20176 0.61071 -0.14768 -0.10879 0.10197
6	3.6224	342.27	f=0.0000	57 -> 62 58 -> 62 59 -> 62 59 -> 63 59 -> 65 61 -> 63 61 -> 65	0.53689 -0.29592 -0.13608 0.15767 -0.11299 -0.12585 -0.13983
7	4.0159	308.73	f=0.0000	57 -> 63 59 -> 63 61 -> 63	-0.22003 0.54899 0.34467
8	4.1405	299.44	f=0.0000	55 -> 62 56 -> 62 56 -> 63 57 -> 62 57 -> 63	0.13713 0.38372 -0.28159 -0.10821 0.11510

9	4.3430	285.48	f=0.0000	57 -> 65	-0.12395	
				58 -> 64	-0.19114	
				61 -> 66	-0.33606	
				56 -> 62	0.14910	
				56 -> 63	-0.12898	
				57 -> 62	0.20621	
				58 -> 64	0.52099	
				58 -> 65	-0.22008	
				61 -> 65	0.15582	
				61 -> 66	-0.12670	
10	4.3572	284.55	f=0.0000	60 -> 63	0.68872	
11	4.5992	269.58	f=0.0000	56 -> 63	0.12203	
				57 -> 62	0.12864	
				57 -> 65	-0.14080	
				59 -> 64	0.16234	
				61 -> 64	0.50461	
				61 -> 65	0.32004	
				61 -> 67	0.14374	
12	4.6838	264.71	f=0.0000	56 -> 63	0.11845	
				57 -> 64	-0.21853	
				58 -> 64	-0.15746	
				59 -> 64	-0.27260	
				59 -> 65	0.11823	
				61 -> 64	-0.25594	
				61 -> 65	0.45598	
				61 -> 67	0.11188	
13	4.7505	260.99	f=0.0000	55 -> 62	0.11470	
				56 -> 62	0.42748	
				56 -> 63	0.27832	
				57 -> 62	-0.12061	
				58 -> 64	0.13397	
				59 -> 66	-0.19495	
				61 -> 65	-0.16782	
				61 -> 66	0.22035	
				61 -> 67	0.16242	
14	4.9155	252.23	f=0.0000	42 -> 62	0.12563	
				50 -> 62	-0.14527	
				55 -> 62	0.35088	
				56 -> 62	-0.18585	
				57 -> 64	-0.13128	
				57 -> 65	-0.18643	
				59 -> 64	0.13474	
				59 -> 65	0.24395	

15	5.0575	245.15	f=0.0000	59 -> 67 61 -> 64 61 -> 65 61 -> 67 55 -> 62 56 -> 62 57 -> 62 57 -> 63 57 -> 67 58 -> 64 59 -> 63 59 -> 64 59 -> 65 61 -> 67	0.26373 -0.10133 -0.10907 0.16600 -0.13063 0.27744 0.11155 -0.19792 -0.12220 -0.11869 -0.15828 0.23175 0.42284 -0.17086
16	5.1141	242.43	f=0.0000	60 -> 64	0.70185
17	5.1812	239.30	f=0.0000	60 -> 65	0.68649
18	5.2797	234.83	f=0.0000	55 -> 63 57 -> 63 57 -> 66 59 -> 64 59 -> 65 59 -> 66 61 -> 63	-0.19697 0.51429 0.10019 0.14933 0.21458 -0.18799 0.10275
19	5.4870	225.96	f=0.0000	58 -> 63 58 -> 65 59 -> 64 61 -> 64 61 -> 66	0.59834 -0.15453 -0.12111 0.15677 0.11469
20	5.5329	224.09	f=0.0000	56 -> 63 57 -> 63 57 -> 64 57 -> 65 58 -> 63 59 -> 64 59 -> 65 59 -> 66 61 -> 64 61 -> 65 61 -> 66	0.15555 -0.21043 0.10006 -0.11229 0.29451 0.27070 -0.16671 -0.13333 -0.24829 0.12254 -0.28176
21	5.5677	222.68	f=0.0000	56 -> 63 57 -> 63 57 -> 64 57 -> 66	-0.13792 0.17334 0.13853 -0.14605

22	5.6629	218.94	f=0.0000	59 -> 64 59 -> 65 59 -> 66 61 -> 64 61 -> 65 61 -> 66 55 -> 62 57 -> 63 57 -> 64 57 -> 65 58 -> 65 59 -> 67 61 -> 67	0.30812 -0.18060 0.19905 -0.23030 0.16925 0.33691 0.47398 -0.11448 0.17269 0.25075 0.13590 -0.19106 -0.19825	
23	5.7089	217.18	f=0.0000	48 -> 62 49 -> 62 51 -> 62 54 -> 62 60 -> 67 51 -> 62 52 -> 62 53 -> 62 54 -> 62 60 -> 62 60 -> 66 60 -> 67	0.10525 -0.15130 0.18731 0.51964 0.32197 -0.14106 -0.14526 -0.31155 -0.19856 0.12054 -0.10620 0.50990	
24	5.7521	215.54	f=0.0000	57 -> 65 58 -> 63 58 -> 64 58 -> 65 58 -> 66 58 -> 67 59 -> 64 50 -> 62 56 -> 63 57 -> 63 57 -> 65 57 -> 66 59 -> 66 61 -> 66	-0.12000 0.16887 0.22026 0.47894 0.10929 -0.32232 -0.14558 -0.10732 0.43440 0.12963 0.18876 -0.12333 0.37408 -0.23467	
25	5.8373	212.40	f=0.0000	53 -> 62 54 -> 62 60 -> 67 53 -> 62 54 -> 62 58 -> 64 58 -> 65 58 -> 66 58 -> 67 59 -> 64 50 -> 62 56 -> 63 57 -> 63 57 -> 65 57 -> 66 59 -> 66 61 -> 66	0.55693 -0.31195 0.22128 -0.14012	
26	5.8810	210.82	f=0.0000	53 -> 62 54 -> 62 60 -> 67 42 -> 62	0.55693 -0.31195 0.22128 -0.14012	
27	5.9257	209.23	f=0.0000			
28	5.9995	206.66	f=0.0000			

				50 -> 62	0.31942
				55 -> 62	0.16119
				55 -> 65	0.13290
				56 -> 63	0.12255
				56 -> 65	0.11547
				57 -> 64	-0.19331
				57 -> 65	-0.27501
				57 -> 67	-0.16898
				59 -> 65	-0.11487
				59 -> 66	0.27282
				61 -> 74	0.10957
29	6.0968	203.36	f=0.0000	48 -> 62	0.15079
				51 -> 62	0.45892
				52 -> 62	0.30924
				53 -> 62	-0.21937
				54 -> 62	-0.24687
				60 -> 66	-0.11686
30	6.1368	202.03	f=0.0000	50 -> 62	0.14222
				55 -> 63	-0.24035
				56 -> 63	-0.13881
				57 -> 65	0.16875
				59 -> 65	0.11153
				59 -> 66	0.18968
				59 -> 67	-0.13200
				61 -> 65	-0.10199
				61 -> 67	0.47531
				61 -> 74	0.12679

Table S3. 30 TDDFT singlet excitations of azo 2 from *trans*-S₀ geometry, B3LYP/6-311G(d,p)/PCM(ACN)

Excited States	Energy (eV)	Wavelength (nm)	Oscillator Strength	Transition	Transition Contribution
1	2.6587	466.33	f=0.0000	64 -> 66	0.70116
2	3.1739	390.64	f=1.0204	63 -> 66	-0.11004
				65 -> 66	0.69253
3	3.4846	355.81	f=0.2441	62 -> 66	-0.10025
				63 -> 66	0.66528
				65 -> 66	0.12937
				65 -> 67	-0.14970
4	4.1693	297.37	f=0.0606	61 -> 66	0.14451
				62 -> 66	0.33353
				63 -> 66	0.17815
				65 -> 67	0.54849
5	4.2009	295.13	f=0.0217	61 -> 66	0.53885
				62 -> 66	0.25296
				65 -> 67	-0.30154
				65 -> 68	-0.19132
6	4.3106	287.63	f=0.0074	61 -> 66	-0.34594
				62 -> 66	0.51236
				63 -> 67	-0.15601
				65 -> 67	-0.24572
				65 -> 69	0.11680
7	4.3750	283.39	f=0.0000	64 -> 67	0.69903
8	4.7366	261.76	f=0.1638	62 -> 67	-0.10467
				63 -> 67	0.55965
				65 -> 68	-0.21121
				65 -> 69	0.31599
9	4.9325	251.36	f=0.2406	61 -> 66	0.21332
				63 -> 67	0.21795
				65 -> 68	0.59958
10	4.9952	248.21	f=0.0000	64 -> 68	0.70511
11	5.0745	244.33	f=0.0122	60 -> 66	0.60509
				62 -> 67	0.24454
				63 -> 67	0.10580
				63 -> 69	0.10002
				65 -> 70	-0.14899
12	5.1207	242.12	f=0.0093	60 -> 66	-0.29394
				62 -> 67	0.45470
				63 -> 67	0.18976
				63 -> 69	0.21859

13	5.3345	232.42	f=0.0004	65 -> 68	-0.10317
14	5.4450	227.70	f=0.0329	65 -> 69	-0.24811
15	5.6089	221.05	f=0.1554	64 -> 69	0.69678
				63 -> 68	0.62270
				65 -> 69	-0.27384
				59 -> 66	-0.13916
				61 -> 67	-0.23784
				61 -> 68	-0.13613
				62 -> 66	-0.10452
				62 -> 67	0.17907
				63 -> 67	-0.15142
				63 -> 68	0.20985
				63 -> 69	0.32133
				65 -> 69	0.40020
16	5.6951	217.70	f=0.0060	61 -> 67	0.64553
				62 -> 67	0.13947
				63 -> 68	0.11696
				65 -> 69	0.12167
				65 -> 70	-0.11293
17	5.7791	214.54	f=0.0090	60 -> 66	0.13387
				60 -> 67	0.29738
				61 -> 67	0.11209
				63 -> 70	-0.18579
				65 -> 70	0.56934
18	5.8467	212.06	f=0.2033	59 -> 66	0.56990
				62 -> 67	-0.17039
				63 -> 69	0.29596
				65 -> 71	-0.14120
19	5.9819	207.27	f=0.0003	54 -> 66	-0.10812
				58 -> 66	0.68566
20	5.9933	206.87	f=0.3558	59 -> 66	-0.29196
				60 -> 67	0.15794
				62 -> 67	-0.29899
				63 -> 69	0.37678
				63 -> 70	-0.18559
				65 -> 69	-0.15409
				65 -> 70	-0.17979
				65 -> 71	0.15799
21	6.0736	204.14	f=0.0896	60 -> 67	-0.16171
				62 -> 68	0.55576
				63 -> 68	-0.11199
				63 -> 69	0.17357
				63 -> 70	0.19763

22	6.0936	203.46	f=0.0327	65 -> 70 65 -> 71 60 -> 67 62 -> 68 63 -> 69 63 -> 70 65 -> 70 65 -> 71	0.11359 0.13341 -0.31093 -0.35298 0.18925 0.35597 0.22378 0.12402	
23	6.1358	202.07	f=0.0000	57 -> 66 64 -> 70 64 -> 71	0.44526 0.43349 -0.30166	
24	6.1682	201.01	f=0.0005	57 -> 66 64 -> 70 64 -> 71	-0.41944 0.53946 0.13493	
25	6.2628	197.97	f=0.0004	57 -> 66 64 -> 71	0.31749 0.61174	
26	6.2660	197.87	f=0.0436	59 -> 66 61 -> 68 62 -> 67 62 -> 69 65 -> 71	0.14111 0.29805 0.11108 0.17541 0.55564	
27	6.4133	193.32	f=0.0000	56 -> 66	0.68680	
28	6.4413	192.48	f=0.0001	62 -> 72 63 -> 72 65 -> 72	0.12967 0.20522 0.65978	
29	6.4838	191.22	f=0.0227	55 -> 66 60 -> 67 61 -> 68 62 -> 69 63 -> 70	0.13793 -0.33780 -0.13617 0.44566 -0.32742	
30	6.5282	189.92	f=0.0376	55 -> 66 60 -> 67 61 -> 68 62 -> 69 63 -> 70	-0.34134 0.25325 -0.30431 0.34393 0.21482	

Table S4. 30 TDDFT triplet excitations of azo 2 from *trans*-S₀ geometry, B3LYP/6-311G(d,p)/PCM(ACN)

Excited States	Energy (eV)	Wavelength (nm)	Oscillator Strength	Transition	Transition Contribution
1	1.9333	641.30	f=0.0000	64 -> 66	0.68446
				64 -> 71	-0.13988
2	1.9772	627.07	f=0.0000	63 -> 67	0.12350
				65 -> 66	0.67059
3	2.8371	437.01	f=0.0000	62 -> 66	0.17266
				63 -> 66	0.51038
				63 -> 67	-0.24374
				65 -> 67	0.33617
				65 -> 69	-0.13267
4	3.1913	388.51	f=0.0000	62 -> 66	-0.11447
				63 -> 66	0.43841
				63 -> 67	0.37271
				65 -> 66	-0.16425
				65 -> 67	-0.30860
5	3.5486	349.39	f=0.0000	62 -> 66	0.61800
				63 -> 67	0.19468
				65 -> 67	-0.13637
				65 -> 69	-0.13290
6	3.8002	326.26	f=0.0000	61 -> 66	0.66267
				61 -> 68	0.13296
				65 -> 68	0.12081
7	3.8746	319.99	f=0.0000	62 -> 67	-0.29165
				63 -> 67	0.40937
				65 -> 67	0.46500
8	4.0956	302.73	f=0.0000	61 -> 66	-0.10522
				61 -> 68	-0.14607
				62 -> 68	0.14484
				63 -> 68	0.24507
				65 -> 68	0.57699
				65 -> 69	0.16973
9	4.1536	298.50	f=0.0000	59 -> 66	-0.12565
				60 -> 66	0.38910
				60 -> 67	-0.30333
				62 -> 67	-0.12494
				63 -> 69	0.13833
				63 -> 70	-0.21462
				65 -> 69	-0.13520
				65 -> 70	0.28917

10	4.2546	291.41	f=0.0000	65 -> 71	-0.10349
				61 -> 66	-0.13870
				61 -> 68	0.51883
				61 -> 69	0.14163
				62 -> 66	-0.17601
				62 -> 68	0.10179
				65 -> 68	0.15336
				65 -> 69	-0.24570
				65 -> 71	0.12685
11	4.3163	287.25	f=0.0000	64 -> 66	-0.10638
				64 -> 67	0.68753
12	4.5768	270.90	f=0.0000	59 -> 66	0.14953
				60 -> 67	-0.20162
				61 -> 68	0.21575
				62 -> 68	0.12700
				62 -> 69	-0.14234
				63 -> 70	-0.14360
				65 -> 68	-0.11359
				65 -> 69	0.46419
				65 -> 70	0.15863
				65 -> 71	0.15894
13	4.7364	261.77	f=0.0000	59 -> 66	-0.23913
				60 -> 66	0.30364
				60 -> 67	0.22024
				61 -> 68	0.18875
				62 -> 66	0.11726
				63 -> 70	0.22192
				65 -> 69	0.26298
				65 -> 70	-0.12905
				65 -> 71	-0.23494
14	4.8412	256.10	f=0.0000	59 -> 66	-0.19097
				59 -> 67	-0.16691
				62 -> 67	0.40272
				62 -> 69	0.15641
				63 -> 67	0.19618
				63 -> 68	0.12314
				63 -> 69	-0.28584
				63 -> 70	-0.11710
				63 -> 71	-0.15478
				65 -> 67	0.10781
15	4.9345	251.26	f=0.0000	59 -> 66	0.25683
				60 -> 66	0.43782
				60 -> 67	0.11238

				61 -> 68	-0.10073
				62 -> 67	0.29873
				62 -> 69	-0.13587
				63 -> 67	0.11059
				63 -> 71	0.12488
				65 -> 67	0.11148
				65 -> 71	0.17406
16	4.9692	249.51	f=0.0000	64 -> 68	0.70448
17	5.0928	243.45	f=0.0000	60 -> 66	-0.13781
				61 -> 68	0.11774
				62 -> 67	0.32010
				63 -> 68	-0.24017
				63 -> 69	0.46977
				65 -> 67	0.10149
				65 -> 71	-0.17707
18	5.2242	237.33	f=0.0000	64 -> 69	0.68503
19	5.3566	231.46	f=0.0000	59 -> 67	0.11551
				62 -> 68	0.15074
				62 -> 70	-0.10728
				63 -> 68	0.48028
				63 -> 69	0.18841
				65 -> 68	-0.26513
				65 -> 69	-0.11610
				65 -> 70	0.20067
20	5.4360	228.08	f=0.0000	59 -> 67	0.14440
				60 -> 67	0.13507
				62 -> 68	-0.11290
				62 -> 69	0.16833
				62 -> 70	-0.23888
				63 -> 68	-0.23257
				63 -> 69	-0.17119
				63 -> 70	0.16184
				65 -> 68	0.10804
				65 -> 70	0.41822
21	5.5288	224.25	f=0.0000	59 -> 66	0.43195
				59 -> 67	-0.10195
				61 -> 68	0.13784
				62 -> 68	-0.14940
				62 -> 69	0.33390
				62 -> 70	0.10451
				63 -> 71	-0.12838
				65 -> 70	-0.13050
				65 -> 71	-0.20769

22		5.6698	218.67	f=0.0000	61 -> 67	0.68048
23		5.7636	215.12	f=0.0000	55 -> 66	-0.28426
					59 -> 66	0.13994
					59 -> 69	0.13036
					60 -> 67	0.29668
					61 -> 67	0.10567
					62 -> 69	-0.24146
					62 -> 71	-0.10566
					63 -> 69	-0.11729
					63 -> 70	-0.15935
					63 -> 71	-0.11137
					65 -> 69	-0.11969
					65 -> 70	0.24318
					65 -> 71	-0.14847
24		5.8050	213.58	f=0.0000	54 -> 66	-0.28327
					58 -> 66	0.53959
25		5.8610	211.54	f=0.0000	64 -> 71	-0.27824
					59 -> 66	-0.14997
					60 -> 67	0.36318
					62 -> 68	-0.26997
					62 -> 70	0.11238
					63 -> 69	0.15621
					63 -> 70	-0.33283
					65 -> 69	0.10621
					65 -> 71	0.22780
26		5.9221	209.36	f=0.0000	54 -> 66	-0.11287
					57 -> 66	-0.31116
					58 -> 66	0.18139
					64 -> 66	0.11393
27		5.9358	208.88	f=0.0000	64 -> 71	0.55377
					55 -> 66	0.13609
					59 -> 68	0.13905
					60 -> 67	0.15937
					62 -> 68	0.49995
					62 -> 69	0.20463
					63 -> 68	-0.22018
					63 -> 70	-0.18147
28		6.0362	205.40	f=0.0000	54 -> 66	0.16201
					57 -> 66	0.52138
					58 -> 66	0.32286
					64 -> 71	0.21349
29		6.0577	204.67	f=0.0000	55 -> 66	0.35251
					59 -> 67	0.22830

				62 -> 69	-0.23808
				63 -> 69	-0.15970
				63 -> 70	-0.20365
				65 -> 71	-0.34167
30	6.1412	201.89	f=0.0000	57 -> 66	0.11501
				64 -> 70	0.67490

Table S5. 30 TDDFT singlet excitations of azo 3 from *trans*-S₀ geometry, B3LYP/6-311G(d,p)/PCM(ACN)

Excited States	Energy (eV)	Wavelength (nm)	Oscillator Strength	Transition	Transition Contribution
1	2.6481	468.20	f=0.0000	68 -> 70	0.70118
2	3.1354	395.43	f=1.1190	69 -> 70	0.69816
3	3.4603	358.30	f=0.1732	66 -> 70	-0.10445
				67 -> 70	0.66856
				69 -> 71	-0.15312
4	4.1302	300.19	f=0.0412	65 -> 70	0.27224
				66 -> 70	0.46949
				67 -> 70	0.15260
				69 -> 71	0.37119
				69 -> 72	0.14261
5	4.1702	297.31	f=0.0528	65 -> 70	-0.39024
				66 -> 70	-0.19229
				67 -> 70	0.10897
				69 -> 71	0.51381
				69 -> 72	-0.12805
6	4.2853	289.32	f=0.0054	65 -> 70	0.45329
				66 -> 70	-0.42993
				67 -> 71	0.14201
				69 -> 71	0.22697
				69 -> 72	0.10715
				69 -> 73	-0.12215
7	4.3654	284.01	f=0.0000	68 -> 71	0.69909
8	4.7222	262.56	f=0.1667	66 -> 71	-0.10057
				67 -> 71	0.56475
				69 -> 72	0.23529
				69 -> 73	0.28942
9	4.9151	252.25	f=0.2653	65 -> 70	-0.19090
				66 -> 70	-0.10341
				66 -> 71	-0.13123
				67 -> 71	-0.24456
				69 -> 72	0.58240
10	5.0151	247.22	f=0.0000	68 -> 72	0.70460
11	5.0600	245.03	f=0.0234	64 -> 70	0.47766
				66 -> 71	0.37288
				67 -> 71	0.14366
				67 -> 72	0.11328
				67 -> 73	0.15328
				69 -> 72	0.10620

12	5.0882	243.67	f=0.0033	69 -> 73	-0.14826	
				69 -> 74	-0.11967	
				64 -> 70	0.47076	
				66 -> 71	-0.34073	
				67 -> 71	-0.11942	
				67 -> 73	-0.16395	
				69 -> 72	-0.10788	
				69 -> 73	0.23540	
				69 -> 74	-0.11551	
13	5.3347	232.41	f=0.0004	68 -> 73	0.69688	
14	5.4347	228.13	f=0.0446	67 -> 72	0.55989	
15	5.5766	222.33	f=0.1150	69 -> 73	0.36885	
				63 -> 70	0.21496	
				65 -> 71	0.22073	
				65 -> 72	-0.12852	
				66 -> 71	-0.17494	
				67 -> 71	0.11898	
				67 -> 72	0.32176	
				67 -> 73	-0.31925	
				69 -> 72	-0.11868	
				69 -> 73	-0.31468	
16	5.6619	218.98	f=0.0091	63 -> 70	-0.15966	
				65 -> 71	0.63310	
				66 -> 71	0.18185	
				67 -> 72	-0.12093	
17	5.7463	215.76	f=0.0654	63 -> 70	0.49955	
				64 -> 70	-0.13386	
				64 -> 71	-0.11719	
				67 -> 73	0.20807	
				69 -> 73	0.10020	
				69 -> 74	-0.34044	
				69 -> 75	-0.12457	
18	5.7702	214.87	f=0.0124	63 -> 70	0.28283	
				64 -> 71	0.26630	
				65 -> 71	0.16657	
				67 -> 73	0.18878	
				67 -> 74	-0.16988	
				69 -> 74	0.47025	
19	5.9364	208.85	f=0.0003	58 -> 70	0.13730	
				61 -> 70	0.11836	
				62 -> 70	0.66474	
20	5.9697	207.69	f=0.4394	63 -> 70	-0.21404	
				64 -> 71	0.18095	

				66 -> 71	-0.31296
				67 -> 73	0.39461
				67 -> 74	-0.19256
				69 -> 73	-0.14654
				69 -> 74	-0.20667
				69 -> 75	0.11240
21	5.9846	207.17	f=0.0002	61 -> 70	0.67468
22	6.0639	204.46	f=0.1198	62 -> 70	-0.11115
				64 -> 71	0.24927
				66 -> 71	0.10924
				66 -> 72	0.41588
				67 -> 72	-0.10830
				67 -> 73	-0.22328
				67 -> 74	-0.29404
				69 -> 74	-0.16483
				69 -> 75	-0.18186
23	6.0840	203.79	f=0.0257	64 -> 71	-0.24247
				66 -> 72	0.50486
				66 -> 73	-0.10345
				67 -> 73	0.15447
				67 -> 74	0.27286
				69 -> 74	0.16267
24	6.1435	201.81	f=0.0002	68 -> 74	0.67982
25	6.2087	199.69	f=0.0720	68 -> 75	-0.15051
				60 -> 70	0.21368
				63 -> 70	0.11125
				65 -> 72	-0.23445
				66 -> 71	0.11076
				66 -> 73	0.13620
				69 -> 75	0.56709
26	6.2291	199.04	f=0.0000	62 -> 70	-0.10558
				68 -> 74	0.15707
				68 -> 75	0.66443
27	6.3546	195.11	f=0.0005	58 -> 70	-0.11286
				59 -> 70	0.67208
28	6.3922	193.96	f=0.0020	60 -> 70	0.63372
				64 -> 71	-0.12741
				65 -> 72	0.12907
				69 -> 75	-0.15089
29	6.4620	191.87	f=0.0324	64 -> 71	-0.21562
				65 -> 72	0.19853
				66 -> 72	0.13380
				66 -> 73	0.54400

30	6.5344	189.74	f=0.0762	67 -> 74	-0.23305
				60 -> 70	0.10602
				64 -> 71	0.40328
				65 -> 72	0.29517
				66 -> 72	0.10565
				66 -> 73	0.17498
				67 -> 74	0.37040

Table S6. 30 TDDFT triplet excitations of azo 3 from *trans*-S₀ geometry, B3LYP/6-311G(d,p)/PCM(ACN)

Excited States	Energy (eV)	Wavelength (nm)	Oscillator Strength	Transition	Transition Contribution
1	1.9247	644.19	f=0.0000	68 -> 70	0.68450
				68 -> 75	-0.14062
2	1.9628	631.66	f=0.0000	67 -> 71	0.12340
				69 -> 70	0.67279
3	2.8225	439.27	f=0.0000	66 -> 70	0.16317
				67 -> 70	0.51737
				67 -> 71	-0.25299
				69 -> 71	0.32226
				69 -> 73	-0.12558
4	3.1900	388.67	f=0.0000	66 -> 70	-0.12315
				67 -> 70	0.43749
				67 -> 71	0.38509
				69 -> 70	-0.14805
				69 -> 71	-0.29734
5	3.5221	352.02	f=0.0000	66 -> 70	0.62243
				67 -> 71	0.19413
				69 -> 71	-0.13766
				69 -> 73	-0.11097
6	3.7782	328.16	f=0.0000	65 -> 70	0.66586
				65 -> 72	-0.13270
				69 -> 72	-0.10968
7	3.8582	321.35	f=0.0000	66 -> 71	-0.30242
				67 -> 71	0.38720
				69 -> 71	0.47567
8	4.1009	302.34	f=0.0000	65 -> 70	0.13109
				66 -> 72	0.14654
				67 -> 72	0.23574
				69 -> 72	0.58258
				69 -> 73	-0.16353
9	4.1482	298.88	f=0.0000	63 -> 70	-0.11268
				64 -> 70	0.39132
				64 -> 71	-0.29175
				66 -> 71	-0.10109
				66 -> 73	0.10222
				67 -> 73	0.13899
				67 -> 74	-0.22222
				69 -> 72	-0.16333
				69 -> 73	-0.15773

10	4.2382	292.54	f=0.0000	69 -> 74	0.26368	
				65 -> 72	0.50620	
				65 -> 73	-0.19002	
				66 -> 70	0.15557	
				69 -> 73	0.27976	
				69 -> 75	-0.15162	
11	4.3070	287.87	f=0.0000	68 -> 70	-0.10524	
				68 -> 71	0.68775	
12	4.5633	271.70	f=0.0000	63 -> 70	0.15655	
				64 -> 71	-0.20465	
				65 -> 72	-0.21446	
				65 -> 73	0.10208	
				66 -> 72	-0.16133	
				66 -> 73	-0.12869	
				67 -> 72	-0.11434	
				67 -> 74	-0.15391	
				69 -> 72	0.14972	
				69 -> 73	0.42581	
				69 -> 74	0.15819	
				69 -> 75	0.16329	
13	4.7162	262.89	f=0.0000	63 -> 70	-0.26336	
				64 -> 70	0.28945	
				64 -> 71	0.20336	
				65 -> 72	-0.17678	
				66 -> 70	0.10677	
				67 -> 74	0.21305	
				69 -> 73	0.28079	
				69 -> 74	-0.11518	
				69 -> 75	-0.23737	
14	4.8045	258.06	f=0.0000	63 -> 70	-0.16129	
				63 -> 71	-0.16308	
				66 -> 71	0.44263	
				66 -> 73	0.12177	
				67 -> 71	0.21597	
				67 -> 72	-0.12955	
				67 -> 73	-0.24729	
				67 -> 74	-0.11971	
				67 -> 75	-0.13096	
				69 -> 71	0.13849	
15	4.9165	252.18	f=0.0000	63 -> 70	0.28997	
				64 -> 70	0.43183	
				64 -> 71	0.13334	
				66 -> 71	0.26018	

16	4.9865	248.64	f=0.0000	66 -> 73	-0.14245	
17	5.0692	244.58	f=0.0000	67 -> 75	0.13001	
				69 -> 71	0.10776	
				69 -> 75	0.15163	
				68 -> 72	0.70363	
				64 -> 70	-0.16374	
				65 -> 72	-0.13177	
				66 -> 71	0.28327	
				67 -> 72	0.27453	
				67 -> 73	0.45659	
				69 -> 75	-0.19335	
18	5.2271	237.19	f=0.0000	68 -> 73	0.68541	
19	5.3578	231.41	f=0.0000	63 -> 70	-0.13379	
				63 -> 71	-0.14401	
				64 -> 71	-0.12207	
				66 -> 73	-0.19217	
				66 -> 74	0.17340	
				67 -> 72	0.36723	
				67 -> 73	-0.12844	
				67 -> 74	-0.11426	
				69 -> 72	-0.18260	
				69 -> 73	0.10329	
				69 -> 74	-0.30302	
				69 -> 75	0.10789	
20	5.4300	228.33	f=0.0000	63 -> 70	0.19916	
				65 -> 72	-0.15130	
				66 -> 72	0.21216	
				66 -> 73	0.22209	
				66 -> 74	-0.12828	
				67 -> 72	0.35544	
				67 -> 73	-0.24165	
				69 -> 72	-0.16710	
				69 -> 73	0.11630	
				69 -> 74	0.21713	
21	5.4758	226.42	f=0.0000	60 -> 71	0.11769	
				63 -> 70	0.35737	
				63 -> 71	-0.12706	
				65 -> 72	-0.12032	
				66 -> 73	0.23672	
				66 -> 74	0.19677	
				67 -> 72	-0.11632	
				67 -> 73	0.10388	
				67 -> 74	-0.10492	

22	5.6389	219.87	f=0.0000	67 -> 75	-0.10941	
23	5.7350	216.19	f=0.0000	69 -> 74	-0.30424	
				69 -> 75	-0.20830	
				65 -> 71	0.66409	
				66 -> 71	0.11694	
				60 -> 70	0.36339	
				63 -> 70	-0.11325	
				63 -> 73	-0.11390	
				64 -> 71	-0.26712	
				65 -> 71	-0.15286	
				66 -> 73	0.17633	
				66 -> 75	0.10805	
				67 -> 73	0.10066	
				67 -> 74	0.12754	
				67 -> 75	0.12332	
				69 -> 73	0.12030	
				69 -> 74	-0.23542	
				69 -> 75	0.16528	
24	5.7957	213.93	f=0.0000	57 -> 70	0.14858	
				58 -> 70	0.26798	
				61 -> 70	0.44989	
				62 -> 70	0.36265	
				68 -> 75	-0.15975	
25	5.8103	213.39	f=0.0000	61 -> 70	-0.23967	
				62 -> 70	0.48945	
				68 -> 75	0.39507	
26	5.8381	212.37	f=0.0000	63 -> 70	-0.13992	
				64 -> 71	0.32197	
				66 -> 72	0.30600	
				66 -> 73	0.11113	
				67 -> 73	0.21304	
				67 -> 74	-0.26239	
				69 -> 73	0.11958	
				69 -> 75	0.28928	
27	5.8973	210.24	f=0.0000	60 -> 70	0.41338	
				64 -> 71	0.26796	
				66 -> 72	-0.25287	
				66 -> 74	0.13577	
				66 -> 75	0.10967	
				67 -> 73	-0.12517	
				67 -> 74	-0.29176	
28	5.9694	207.70	f=0.0000	60 -> 70	0.20731	
				63 -> 72	0.11755	

29	5.9728	207.58	f=0.0000	65 -> 72 65 -> 73 66 -> 72 66 -> 73 67 -> 72 69 -> 75 61 -> 70 62 -> 70 68 -> 75	-0.11313 0.14171 0.38863 -0.35639 -0.19019 -0.16937 0.38194 -0.23356 0.50486
30	6.1169	202.69	f=0.0000	55 -> 70 57 -> 70 58 -> 70 59 -> 70 61 -> 70 62 -> 70 68 -> 73 68 -> 74 68 -> 75	0.13959 0.11725 0.22562 -0.21387 -0.13647 -0.14588 -0.10702 0.52518 0.11684

Table S7. 30 TDDFT singlet excitations of azo 4 from *trans*-S₀ geometry, B3LYP/6-311G(d,p)/PCM(ACN)

Excited States	Energy (eV)	Wavelength (nm)	Oscillator Strength	Transition	Transition Contribution
1	2.6910	460.74	f=0.0000	72 -> 74	0.70046
2	2.8285	438.33	f=1.3883	73 -> 74	0.70633
3	3.4335	361.10	f=0.0058	70 -> 74	0.13825
				71 -> 74	0.57863
				73 -> 75	0.36247
4	3.7700	328.87	f=0.0499	71 -> 74	-0.35410
				73 -> 75	0.59997
5	4.0847	303.53	f=0.0712	69 -> 74	0.14937
				70 -> 74	0.62028
				71 -> 74	-0.14119
				71 -> 75	0.15039
				73 -> 76	0.17036
				73 -> 77	0.11151
6	4.1562	298.31	f=0.0149	69 -> 74	0.52802
				70 -> 74	-0.18197
				73 -> 76	0.38860
				73 -> 77	-0.15091
7	4.2616	290.93	f=0.0000	72 -> 75	0.69874
8	4.4767	276.96	f=0.0850	69 -> 74	-0.42080
				71 -> 75	-0.11598
				73 -> 76	0.53980
9	4.5796	270.73	f=0.2581	69 -> 74	-0.10185
				71 -> 75	0.59195
				73 -> 77	-0.33410
10	4.8244	257.00	f=0.0165	68 -> 74	0.11499
				70 -> 74	-0.17549
				70 -> 75	-0.40695
				71 -> 75	0.20817
				71 -> 76	0.11152
				71 -> 77	0.18465
				73 -> 77	0.41685
11	5.0193	247.01	f=0.0000	72 -> 76	0.70385
12	5.0331	246.34	f=0.0975	68 -> 74	0.49754
				70 -> 75	0.30619
				71 -> 76	-0.11820
				71 -> 77	-0.13505
				73 -> 77	0.21067
				73 -> 78	-0.20756

13	5.1556	240.49	f=0.0360	67 -> 74 68 -> 74 70 -> 75 71 -> 75 71 -> 76 71 -> 77 73 -> 77 73 -> 78	-0.21359 0.32798 -0.23248 -0.18437 0.19406 0.24980 -0.32440 -0.15948
14	5.2709	235.22	f=0.0003	72 -> 77	0.69648
15	5.2977	234.03	f=0.0277	67 -> 74 68 -> 74 73 -> 78 73 -> 79	0.45737 0.28688 0.38927 0.10012
16	5.4604	227.06	f=0.0067	67 -> 74 71 -> 76 73 -> 78	-0.38973 -0.30147 0.47240
17	5.4829	226.13	f=0.0261	67 -> 74 71 -> 76 71 -> 77 73 -> 78	-0.22461 0.54738 -0.26914 0.19811
18	5.5752	222.38	f=0.0054	69 -> 75	0.70308
19	5.7727	214.78	f=0.0200	73 -> 80	0.69828
20	5.7928	214.03	f=0.2482	67 -> 75 68 -> 75 70 -> 75 71 -> 77 71 -> 78 73 -> 79	-0.11010 0.34820 -0.27951 -0.34905 0.27420 0.20346
21	5.8665	211.34	f=0.0481	68 -> 75 69 -> 76 70 -> 77 71 -> 78 73 -> 79	-0.17803 -0.10220 0.11002 -0.15926 0.61831
22	5.9861	207.12	f=0.0618	68 -> 75 70 -> 76 70 -> 77 71 -> 77 71 -> 78	-0.10098 0.63063 -0.10983 -0.14857 -0.15008
23	6.0150	206.13	f=0.4582	66 -> 74 67 -> 75 68 -> 75 70 -> 75 70 -> 76	-0.11072 -0.21897 0.14071 0.24958 0.25480

24	6.0298	205.62	f=0.0001	71 -> 76 71 -> 77 71 -> 78 73 -> 79 64 -> 74 65 -> 74 72 -> 78	0.10754 0.32025 0.35505 0.14476 0.21323 0.38456 0.53019
25	6.0564	204.72	f=0.0007	64 -> 74 65 -> 74 72 -> 78	0.21525 0.48110 -0.45314
26	6.1206	202.57	f=0.0000	64 -> 74 65 -> 74 72 -> 79	0.58411 -0.30192 -0.21247
27	6.2540	198.25	f=0.0449	66 -> 74 67 -> 75 68 -> 75 69 -> 76 70 -> 77 71 -> 78	0.57032 -0.10729 -0.14032 -0.13682 0.30847 0.12054
28	6.2740	197.61	f=0.0003	64 -> 74 72 -> 79	0.22376 0.65922
29	6.2887	197.15	f=0.1035	66 -> 74 67 -> 75 68 -> 74 68 -> 75 70 -> 77 71 -> 77 71 -> 78 71 -> 79	0.27650 0.12027 -0.11656 0.41406 -0.20248 0.20208 -0.28522 -0.11870
30	6.3695	194.65	f=0.0012	71 -> 81 73 -> 81 73 -> 83	0.12957 0.63531 0.25176

Table S8. 30 TDDFT triplet excitations of azo 4 from *trans*-S₀ geometry, B3LYP/6-311G(d,p)/PCM(ACN)

Excited States	Energy (eV)	Wavelength (nm)	Oscillator Strength	Transition	Transition Contribution
1	1.7291	717.04	f=0.0000	73 -> 74	0.68457
2	1.9977	620.63	f=0.0000	72 -> 74	0.68226
				72 -> 79	-0.13709
3	2.7098	457.55	f=0.0000	70 -> 74	-0.16693
				71 -> 74	0.50401
				71 -> 75	-0.32659
				73 -> 75	-0.26317
				73 -> 77	0.10290
4	3.2218	384.83	f=0.0000	71 -> 74	0.43174
				71 -> 75	0.42420
				73 -> 75	0.30935
5	3.4062	364.00	f=0.0000	70 -> 74	0.58834
				70 -> 75	0.12110
				71 -> 74	0.17351
				73 -> 75	-0.23356
6	3.5476	349.49	f=0.0000	70 -> 74	0.23873
				70 -> 75	-0.24883
				71 -> 75	-0.32559
				73 -> 75	0.46234
				73 -> 76	-0.18625
7	3.6586	338.89	f=0.0000	69 -> 74	0.16658
				70 -> 74	0.10853
				73 -> 75	0.11779
				73 -> 76	0.59769
				73 -> 77	-0.22462
8	3.7929	326.88	f=0.0000	69 -> 74	0.61740
				69 -> 76	-0.18702
				73 -> 76	-0.21572
9	3.9955	310.31	f=0.0000	68 -> 74	-0.29412
				69 -> 74	0.22093
				69 -> 76	0.22044
				69 -> 77	-0.10697
				70 -> 77	-0.12109
				71 -> 77	0.11755
				71 -> 78	-0.10708
				73 -> 74	0.10217
				73 -> 76	0.11719
				73 -> 77	0.42941

10	4.1631	297.82	f=0.0000	67 -> 74	-0.12403
				67 -> 75	0.16235
				68 -> 74	0.27386
				68 -> 75	-0.21649
				69 -> 76	0.20368
				70 -> 75	-0.20582
				71 -> 77	-0.14707
				71 -> 78	0.24589
				73 -> 77	0.15515
				73 -> 78	0.21869
				73 -> 79	-0.22340
11	4.2018	295.07	f=0.0000	72 -> 74	-0.11479
12	4.4387	279.32	f=0.0000	72 -> 75	0.68617
				67 -> 74	-0.24299
				67 -> 75	0.14445
				68 -> 74	-0.20365
				69 -> 76	0.24656
				70 -> 75	0.33442
				71 -> 75	-0.13051
				71 -> 78	0.19699
				73 -> 75	0.13838
				73 -> 77	-0.25451
				73 -> 79	0.11690
13	4.4659	277.62	f=0.0000	67 -> 74	0.21483
				67 -> 75	-0.10078
				68 -> 74	0.16722
				68 -> 75	0.18095
				69 -> 76	0.32695
				69 -> 77	-0.11904
				70 -> 75	0.16577
				70 -> 76	0.10685
				70 -> 77	0.15578
				71 -> 75	-0.10152
				71 -> 78	-0.18781
				73 -> 77	-0.12707
				73 -> 78	-0.11590
				73 -> 79	-0.29602
14	4.5039	275.28	f=0.0000	67 -> 75	0.13341
				68 -> 74	0.21678
				69 -> 76	-0.22996
				70 -> 75	0.42104
				71 -> 75	-0.17921
				73 -> 75	0.12928

15	4.8975	253.16	f=0.0000	73 -> 76 73 -> 77 66 -> 75 67 -> 74 67 -> 75 69 -> 76 70 -> 75 70 -> 78 71 -> 76 71 -> 77 71 -> 78 71 -> 79	0.11381 0.26847 -0.10770 0.33447 0.19360 0.13558 -0.12531 0.10244 0.21823 0.36649 0.18002 0.12502
16	4.9786	249.04	f=0.0000	67 -> 74 68 -> 74 69 -> 76 71 -> 76 71 -> 77 71 -> 78 73 -> 78 73 -> 79	-0.27939 0.38507 0.17075 0.16197 0.28440 -0.11565 -0.10887 0.25503
17	4.9853	248.70	f=0.0000	72 -> 76	0.70167
18	5.1574	240.40	f=0.0000	72 -> 77	0.68312
19	5.1574	240.40	f=0.0000	66 -> 74 67 -> 74 67 -> 75 68 -> 74 69 -> 76 70 -> 77 70 -> 78 71 -> 76 71 -> 77 73 -> 77 73 -> 78 73 -> 79	-0.12633 -0.13333 -0.15978 -0.11763 -0.11137 0.21036 -0.18568 0.19970 0.21713 -0.10607 0.39294 -0.19050
20	5.1839	239.17	f=0.0000	66 -> 74 66 -> 75 67 -> 74 67 -> 75 69 -> 76 70 -> 76 70 -> 77 70 -> 78 70 -> 79	0.14303 0.11514 0.31857 -0.10355 0.11849 -0.12871 -0.18214 -0.15568 -0.10076

21	5.3700	230.89	f=0.0000	73 -> 78 73 -> 79 70 -> 76 70 -> 77 71 -> 76 71 -> 77 73 -> 77 73 -> 79	0.40446 0.20627 -0.29034 -0.12057 0.50382 -0.22477 -0.11959 -0.17857
22	5.4299	228.34	f=0.0000	66 -> 74 68 -> 77 70 -> 77 71 -> 76 71 -> 77 73 -> 76 73 -> 77 73 -> 79	-0.14857 0.11281 0.36654 0.19240 -0.25622 0.10274 0.16181 0.31155
23	5.5638	222.84	f=0.0000	69 -> 75	0.69308
24	5.6020	221.32	f=0.0000	66 -> 74 66 -> 75 67 -> 74 68 -> 75 70 -> 75 70 -> 76 70 -> 77 70 -> 78 71 -> 77 71 -> 79	0.48027 -0.13364 -0.14213 0.25352 -0.10073 0.13208 0.17902 0.11084 -0.13098 0.10888
25	5.6896	217.91	f=0.0000	73 -> 80	0.69208
26	5.7514	215.57	f=0.0000	66 -> 74 66 -> 75 68 -> 75 70 -> 77 70 -> 78 71 -> 78 73 -> 78 73 -> 79	-0.27467 -0.16197 0.44754 -0.11969 0.19427 0.22414 0.10824 0.11061
27	5.8349	212.49	f=0.0000	62 -> 74 64 -> 74 65 -> 74 72 -> 79	0.28768 0.27403 0.51776 0.17016
28	5.8458	212.09	f=0.0000	67 -> 76 68 -> 76 70 -> 76	-0.13017 -0.17138 0.51624

29	5.9161	209.57	f=0.0000	70 -> 77 71 -> 76 66 -> 75 67 -> 75 67 -> 77 68 -> 77 70 -> 78 71 -> 77 71 -> 78 71 -> 88 73 -> 78 64 -> 74 72 -> 74 72 -> 79	-0.28415 0.23075 0.20731 -0.29817 -0.10669 0.10815 -0.11253 0.10513 0.45697 -0.11147 -0.18935 -0.38885 0.11719 0.55246
30	5.9253	209.25	f=0.0000		

Azo 1 and 4 PECs

Table S9. TDDFT Energies of 1 along the torsional \angle CNNC of the S_0 trans-cis isomerization.

\angle CNNC	S_0	S_1	S_2	S_3	S_4	T_1	T_2	T_3
0	0.6663	3.3144	4.0862	4.5866	4.7494	2.51406	3.2731	3.8548
12.5	0.64208	3.17168	4.00338	4.51338	4.66048	2.3799	3.23648	3.78248
20	0.66461	3.02141	3.94311	4.46951	4.59221	2.22431	3.23061	3.74261
40	0.84949	2.70399	3.89629	4.46129	4.52429	1.8738	3.29099	3.74819
60	1.21804	2.40344	3.97004	4.53754	4.60044	1.55233	3.41754	3.87784
80	1.73256	2.07566	4.16366	4.69526	4.78996	1.34623	3.59416	4.12066
100	1.78436	1.92616	4.14226	4.67896	4.78486	1.28726	3.56126	4.08316
120	1.08976	2.18636	3.79826	4.37776	4.46926	1.33757	3.18656	3.65146
140	0.51092	2.32702	3.51822	4.03042	4.22882	1.51442	2.77852	3.28082
160	0.13203	2.49103	3.31343	3.71473	4.07953	1.75641	2.39573	3.01173
180	0	2.5901	3.1998	3.5612	4.0233	1.95612	2.066	2.8976

Table S10. TDDFT Energies of 1 along the inversion \angle ^{Nap}CNN of the S_0 trans-cis isomerization.

\angle CNN	S_0	S_1	S_2	S_3	S_4	T_1	T_2	T_3
115.31275	0	2.5901	3.1998	3.5612	4.0233	1.95612	2.066	2.8976
125.31275	0.143	2.3563	3.3868	3.7309	4.1617	1.76337	2.2295	3.0461
135.31275	0.49874	2.30834	3.76624	4.09654	4.11444	1.7505	2.59164	3.40294
145.31275	0.96298	2.37868	4.19988	4.23518	4.55158	1.84885	3.04778	3.85908
155.31275	1.29596	2.68756	4.41256	4.65906	5.07046	2.02201	3.80246	4.05316
165.31275	1.55932	2.70242	4.62462	4.78412	5.12972	2.13361	3.94552	4.38262
175.31275	1.69346	2.71876	4.73116	4.84436	5.17076	2.19867	4.02606	4.56286
185.70759	1.68164	2.77164	4.73704	4.85564	5.19434	2.23471	4.03154	4.54404
195.70759	1.5329	2.8411	4.6436	4.8113	5.1955	2.23832	3.9622	4.3701
205.70759	1.3215	2.8245	4.4719	4.7035	5.2075	2.19083	3.8004	4.1355
215.70759	1.02312	2.92782	4.29392	4.56312	4.94642	2.16057	3.57342	3.95622
225.70759	0.75291	3.02061	4.11771	4.51431	4.68671	2.23982	3.32741	3.81341
235.70759	0.64208	3.17168	4.00338	4.51338	4.66048	2.3799	3.23648	3.78248

Table S11. TDDFT Energies of 4 along the torsional \angle CNNC of the S_0 trans-cis isomerization.

\angle CNNC	S_0	S_1	S_2	S_3	S_4	T_1	T_2	T_3
0	0.70521	3.35865	4.04125	4.30095	4.37695	2.60808	3.02625	3.39515
11.8	0.67873	3.14503	3.93753	4.16893	4.28413	2.3822	3.05123	3.34563
20	0.69318	3.00593	3.90103	4.10463	4.24373	2.22763	3.04673	3.33733
40	0.8512	2.68245	3.89925	4.03335	4.21885	1.85745	3.03765	3.38805
60	1.17673	2.37866	3.98386	4.13726	4.29866	1.54501	3.08026	3.51366
80	1.5929	2.04181	4.06391	4.41951	4.54991	1.41921	3.09761	3.70961
100	1.59467	1.94654	4.00034	4.35374	4.55034	1.32541	3.07074	3.63914
120	1.0176	2.16728	3.82248	3.88688	4.16998	1.31377	2.87198	3.30998
140	0.48662	2.31049	3.44969	3.61399	3.92369	1.46226	2.56479	3.00289
160	0.12564	2.49175	3.08845	3.47715	3.79165	1.68999	2.23945	2.78285
180	0	2.69088	2.82838	3.43338	3.76988	1.92257	1.99758	2.70968

Table S12. TDDFT Energies of 4 along the inversion \angle ^{Nap}CNN of the S_0 trans-cis isomerization.

\angle CNN	S_0	S_1	S_2	S_3	S_4	T_1	T_2	T_3
114.92501	0	2.69088	2.82838	3.43338	3.76988	1.92257	1.99758	2.70968
124.92501	0.14087	2.45597	2.94457	3.58057	3.90817	2.06522	2.25477	2.79817
134.92501	0.49808	2.39808	3.27028	3.93798	3.98688	1.87429	2.22688	3.19738
144.92501	0.9724	2.4667	3.7056	4.0828	4.4033	1.97403	2.6846	3.6594
154.92501	1.45703	2.60243	4.14693	4.25933	4.86913	2.12862	3.14353	4.12333
164.92501	1.50093	2.81313	4.54833	4.76003	4.88703	2.28981	3.53753	3.78893
174.92501	1.63494	2.85574	4.64544	4.89074	4.95794	2.35321	3.66254	3.88444
185.56884	1.62937	2.90577	4.65627	4.88857	4.97597	2.39178	3.67167	3.89287
195.56884	1.49138	2.95618	4.58388	4.77398	4.92718	2.40375	3.56648	3.81648
205.56884	1.25657	3.01597	4.43567	4.56487	4.81367	2.39011	3.36407	3.70547
215.56884	0.99172	3.07082	4.24592	4.39562	4.64252	2.40419	3.14022	3.55832
225.56884	0.77757	3.05847	4.00357	4.22837	4.40457	2.34187	2.98397	3.41337
235.56884	0.67873	3.14503	3.93753	4.16893	4.28413	2.3822	3.05123	3.34563

Spin orbit coupling

Table S13. Spin-orbit coupling constants between $S_0 - S_3$ and $T_1 - T_3$ states of azo 1 – 4 based on *trans*- S_0 geometry, B3LYP/6-311G(d,p)/PCM(ACN)

Azo	$\langle S_0 T_1 \rangle$	$\langle S_0 T_2 \rangle$	$\langle S_0 T_3 \rangle$	$\langle S_1 T_1 \rangle$	$\langle S_1 T_2 \rangle$	$\langle S_1 T_3 \rangle$	$\langle S_2 T_1 \rangle$	$\langle S_2 T_2 \rangle$	$\langle S_2 T_3 \rangle$	$\langle S_3 T_1 \rangle$	$\langle S_3 T_2 \rangle$	$\langle S_3 T_3 \rangle$
1	38.26853	0.09466	0.23341	0.67005	0.97773	3.19222	1.8607	0.30888	0.09256	0.08139	0.34362	0.30296
2	38.01036	0.15433	0.24275	0.64448	0.99501	4.46293	0.56808	0.18619	0.14342	2.81501	0.373	0.3607
3	38.00044	0.27693	0.22314	0.64169	1.03517	4.49483	0.98353	0.14815	0.12537	2.93505	0.38605	0.36101
4	0.07262	37.20543	0.23629	4.08464	0.5765	4.96978	0.03365	4.88025	0.09716	0.38383	2.62068	0.44084

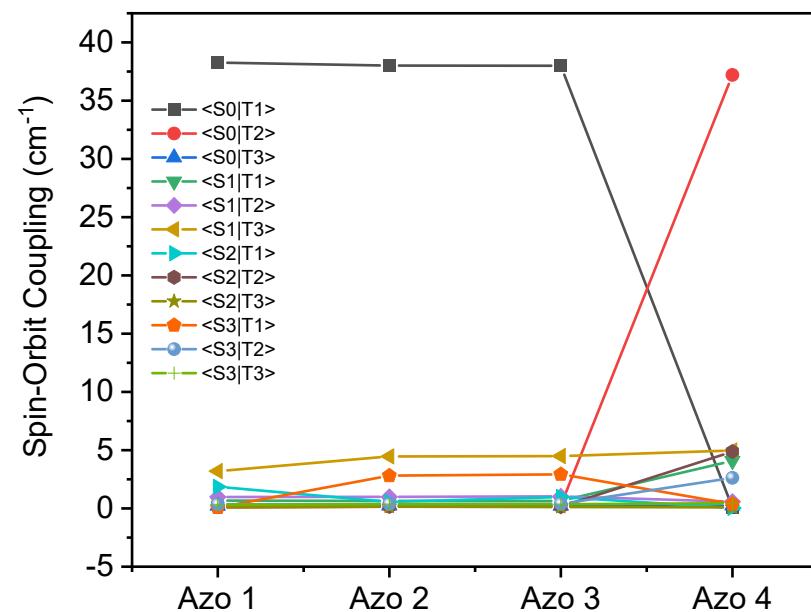


Figure S41. Schematic demonstration of spin-orbit coupling constants between $S_0 - S_3$ and $T_1 - T_3$ states of azo 1 – 4 at the Franck-Condon geometry (*trans*-ground state).

Table S14. Spin-orbit coupling constants between $S_0 - S_3$ and $T_1 - T_3$ states of azo 1 at various CNNC dihedral angles and NapCNN angles B3LYP/6-311G(d,p)/PCM(ACN)

CNNC (°)	$\langle S_0 T_1\rangle$	$\langle S_0 T_2\rangle$	$\langle S_0 T_3\rangle$	$\langle S_1 T_1\rangle$	$\langle S_1 T_2\rangle$	$\langle S_1 T_3\rangle$	$\langle S_2 T_1\rangle$	$\langle S_2 T_2\rangle$	$\langle S_2 T_3\rangle$	$\langle S_3 T_1\rangle$	$\langle S_3 T_2\rangle$	$\langle S_3 T_3\rangle$
180	38.26853	0.09466	0.23341	0.67005	0.97773	3.19222	1.8607	0.30888	0.09256	0.08139	0.34362	0.30296
160	29.76165	19.93581	6.32374	0.17817	2.01376	2.99342	1.76323	0.55536	1.04043	0.52897	0.52168	0.94756
140	27.60733	18.99826	11.24501	0.85671	3.2107	3.4154	2.12832	0.45221	1.27318	1.47445	0.67358	1.45162
120	25.04813	15.87024	15.2875	1.60865	4.31955	4.58588	2.64562	0.54922	1.38318	1.53405	0.45099	0.95396
100	20.86065	11.96904	17.24155	2.6265	5.87262	6.27925	3.05994	0.78023	1.55173	2.74762	0.34002	0.85845
80	24.47178	9.73717	17.24687	0.9538	6.33755	5.88554	4.74192	0.79992	1.12796	3.13587	0.37657	1.00401
60	26.2458	11.27016	16.55502	0.32751	4.78686	4.16332	4.21915	0.71428	0.90959	1.23107	0.43888	1.07313
40	28.06824	11.78501	15.39994	0.17961	4.05822	3.92862	4.06215	0.70358	0.9604	1.79006	0.2287	1.50276
20	30.66432	11.77563	14.29074	0.31356	3.40881	3.9588	4.03273	0.71192	1.28636	2.35203	0.347	1.51667
0	34.38816	10.28769	11.48083	0.50132	2.96497	3.56275	4.12195	0.99983	1.90088	2.20827	0.54525	1.37712
NapCNN	$\langle S_0 T_1\rangle$	$\langle S_0 T_2\rangle$	$\langle S_0 T_3\rangle$	$\langle S_1 T_1\rangle$	$\langle S_1 T_2\rangle$	$\langle S_1 T_3\rangle$	$\langle S_2 T_1\rangle$	$\langle S_2 T_2\rangle$	$\langle S_2 T_3\rangle$	$\langle S_3 T_1\rangle$	$\langle S_3 T_2\rangle$	$\langle S_3 T_3\rangle$
115.3128	38.26853	0.09466	0.23341	0.67005	0.97773	3.19222	1.8607	0.30888	0.09256	0.08139	0.34362	0.30296
125.3128	37.92442	0.17421	0.18694	0.55547	1.16276	3.37046	1.68705	0.33835	0.07776	0.46302	0.38426	0.29908
135.3128	37.59851	0.25657	0.13692	0.49367	1.58774	3.59581	1.68217	0.35619	0.06377	0.2298	1.01027	0.82279
145.3128	37.21648	0.33141	0.08903	0.46749	1.92031	3.82099	0.31351	1.09461	0.78591	1.75021	0.36475	0.03902
155.3128	34.80173	9.36614	5.75043	2.10293	6.0304	2.86412	4.04917	1.68494	0.36173	1.9257	0.77882	0.32439
165.3128	34.9655	3.71309	5.98885	1.71791	6.68535	4.90486	2.80294	1.38755	0.36616	2.19716	0.61815	0.38
175.3128	34.6055	0.74236	0.93823	0.57021	6.63687	5.51875	0.89013	1.27667	0.52537	2.81592	0.36445	0.07703
185.7076	34.01675	1.95527	5.0824	0.89422	6.38416	5.0684	1.06222	1.25364	0.54052	2.69652	0.43947	0.40055
195.7076	33.40299	4.97537	6.65892	1.61027	5.92891	4.57189	2.38189	1.34539	0.44236	2.29585	0.63854	0.38241
205.7076	34.1628	5.59615	3.01864	1.34403	4.33939	6.20149	1.74249	1.49701	0.47924	2.18254	0.80042	0.26309
215.7076	32.39563	12.37359	5.29632	0.86535	1.8974	3.92717	3.14122	1.3472	0.95387	0.5935	0.64597	0.49431
225.7076	32.37944	12.58835	9.27322	0.50035	2.16556	4.2598	3.40549	1.02143	1.26809	0.29921	0.90111	0.69279
235.7076	32.37474	11.35447	13.27777	0.40494	3.16142	3.8134	4.06409	0.80459	1.56505	2.32742	0.45139	1.44046

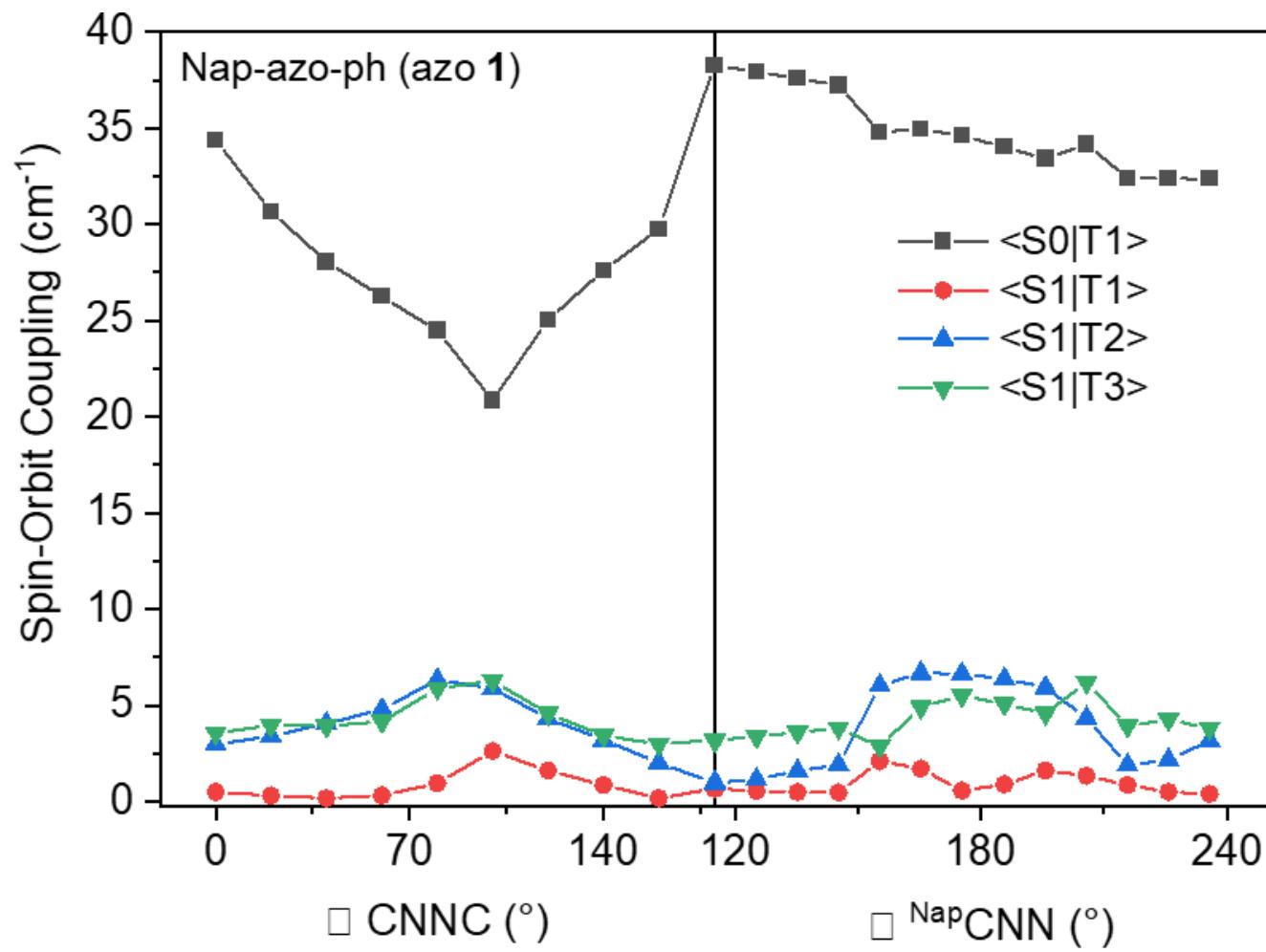


Figure S42. Schematic demonstration of spin-orbit coupling constants between $S_0 - S_1$ and $T_1 - T_3$ states of azo 1 at various CNNC dihedral angles and ^{Nap}CNN angles.

Table S15. Spin-orbit coupling constants between $S_0 - S_3$ and $T_1 - T_3$ states of azo 4 at various CNNC dihedral angles and NapCNN angles B3LYP/6-311G(d,p)/PCM(ACN)

CNNC (°)	$\langle S_0 T_1 \rangle$	$\langle S_0 T_2 \rangle$	$\langle S_0 T_3 \rangle$	$\langle S_1 T_1 \rangle$	$\langle S_1 T_2 \rangle$	$\langle S_1 T_3 \rangle$	$\langle S_2 T_1 \rangle$	$\langle S_2 T_2 \rangle$	$\langle S_2 T_3 \rangle$	$\langle S_3 T_1 \rangle$	$\langle S_3 T_2 \rangle$	$\langle S_3 T_3 \rangle$
180	0.07262	37.20543	0.23629	4.08464	0.5765	4.96978	0.03365	4.88025	0.09716	0.38383	2.62068	0.44084
160	20.97426	28.71118	3.37856	1.28086	4.92155	4.01877	4.86398	1.39457	2.99872	1.88838	1.77235	0.53163
140	22.96585	22.95739	7.17869	1.37022	6.68291	3.64392	6.25411	0.32433	3.02427	2.53153	1.40323	0.63056
120	21.71902	16.66638	9.77983	2.35578	8.91772	2.66325	1.45618	1.69665	1.08819	8.14765	0.65306	2.4317
100	20.5708	8.53591	9.55238	4.53304	11.00805	1.0262	1.59435	2.22757	0.59533	7.41776	1.12853	1.33446
80	23.35337	8.40656	8.4031	4.29068	10.57117	2.20989	3.73725	2.25777	0.46267	7.63071	1.00574	0.90185
60	23.09291	14.03125	10.24722	1.88268	8.67356	1.62842	5.46689	1.57004	0.53508	7.86242	1.74226	2.42852
40	24.21625	16.63193	11.35538	0.95742	7.27051	1.88897	7.47433	0.55094	0.69324	3.88876	2.01117	2.59714
20	25.88871	18.39885	11.50543	0.68984	6.3175	2.03086	7.41927	0.29705	1.04786	2.46793	1.86852	2.41901
0	30.40518	16.29199	7.81824	1.07698	5.98472	2.10861	7.44944	0.55831	0.91451	2.77865	2.0945	2.00636
NapCNN	$\langle S_0 T_1 \rangle$	$\langle S_0 T_2 \rangle$	$\langle S_0 T_3 \rangle$	$\langle S_1 T_1 \rangle$	$\langle S_1 T_2 \rangle$	$\langle S_1 T_3 \rangle$	$\langle S_2 T_1 \rangle$	$\langle S_2 T_2 \rangle$	$\langle S_2 T_3 \rangle$	$\langle S_3 T_1 \rangle$	$\langle S_3 T_2 \rangle$	$\langle S_3 T_3 \rangle$
114.925	0.07262	37.20543	0.23629	4.08464	0.5765	4.96978	0.03365	4.88025	0.09716	0.38383	2.62068	0.44084
124.925	36.83882	0.15284	0.23878	0.49899	4.27413	5.14552	5.23446	5.1E-04	0.06891	2.28768	0.45232	0.44524
134.925	36.4901	0.23069	0.24175	0.46172	4.5012	5.31798	5.50469	0.03194	0.04693	2.16449	0.50446	0.44217
144.925	36.10599	0.30657	0.24178	0.45191	4.69549	5.47142	5.68235	0.06286	0.02683	0.29433	0.67403	0.68277
154.925	35.61546	0.37327	9.10039	0.47001	4.81316	0.5333	5.76907	0.09036	0.71976	0.35845	0.73651	0.04403
164.925	33.8479	0.61434	1.59502	0.8159	6.76944	7.913	6.40808	0.14188	0.29588	9.25661	0.75342	0.63163
174.925	32.99525	0.36497	0.719	0.40983	6.49419	7.8549	5.85659	0.08972	0.25724	10.22959	0.15192	0.32196
185.5688	32.61781	0.51879	1.07268	0.56131	6.41617	7.68868	5.86189	0.06106	0.2951	9.43972	0.50607	0.38794
195.5688	32.71702	0.83645	2.2959	0.87049	6.58577	7.29332	6.49856	0.08187	0.38369	7.94824	0.83693	0.58029
205.5688	32.40254	2.08104	6.07795	1.15448	7.06653	5.80551	8.17897	0.58989	0.41686	4.05137	1.23724	1.01471
215.5688	32.35567	4.64817	7.4981	1.05957	6.96522	4.24366	8.72259	1.15913	0.47432	0.4256	0.89425	1.47338
225.5688	30.19055	11.56339	9.79797	1.04454	6.65192	2.1029	7.92871	0.87261	0.45727	1.94888	0.8615	2.14579
235.5688	27.113	18.6357	10.61734	0.7346	6.04925	2.08904	7.3546	0.40443	1.04731	2.27751	1.80673	2.32099

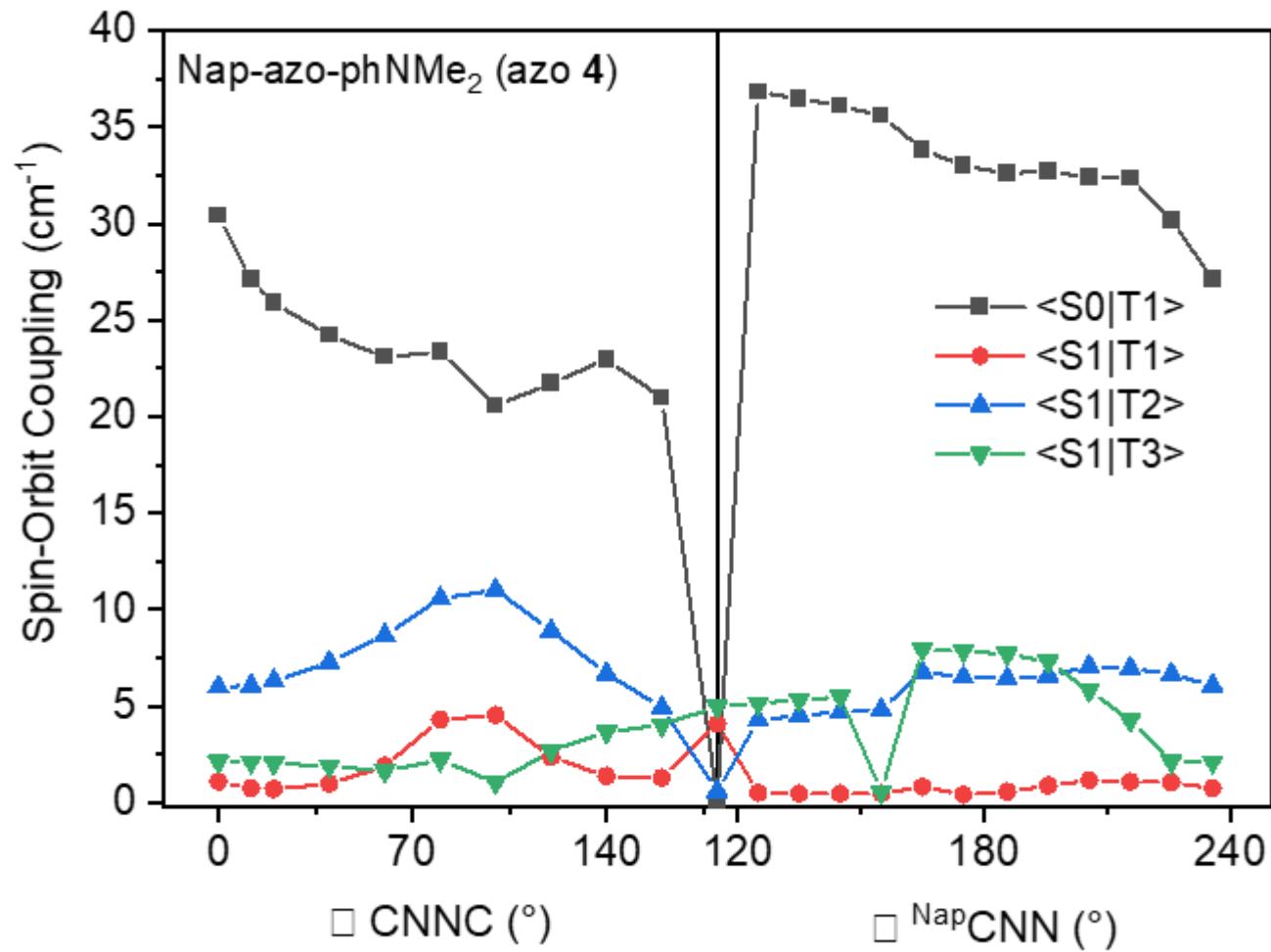


Figure S43. Schematic demonstration of spin-orbit coupling constants between $S_0 - S_1$ and $T_1 - T_3$ states of azo 4 at various CNNC dihedral angles and ${}^{Nap}CNN$ angles.

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