

## Electronic Supplementary Information

### **Deciphering Novel Mechanism for Single-Component White Light Emission: Synergistic Effects of ESIPT and Excimer**

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**Table S1** Calculated the maximum fluorescence peaks (nm) of CF<sub>3</sub>-HTTH based on the TD-DFT method with different functionals at 6-311+G (d, p) basis set.

| WB97XD | CAM-B3LYP | M062X | PBE0-D3BJ | B3LYP-D3BJ | Exp. |
|--------|-----------|-------|-----------|------------|------|
| 407    | 413       | 409   | 430       | 436        | 450  |

**Table S2** Calculated bond lengths (Å) and angles (°) of CF<sub>3</sub>-HTTH and CF<sub>3</sub>-MTTH for different electronic states.

|                      | CF <sub>3</sub> -HTTH          |                                |                                |                                |                                                       |                                                       | CF <sub>3</sub> -MTTH          |                                |                                                       |
|----------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
|                      | O <sub>1</sub> -H <sub>1</sub> | N <sub>1</sub> -H <sub>1</sub> | O <sub>2</sub> -H <sub>2</sub> | N <sub>2</sub> -H <sub>2</sub> | δ (O <sub>1</sub> -H <sub>1</sub> ...N <sub>1</sub> ) | δ (O <sub>2</sub> -H <sub>2</sub> ...N <sub>2</sub> ) | O <sub>1</sub> -H <sub>1</sub> | N <sub>1</sub> -H <sub>1</sub> | δ (O <sub>1</sub> -H <sub>1</sub> ...N <sub>1</sub> ) |
| S <sub>0</sub> -Enol | 0.984                          | 1.789                          | 0.984                          | 1.789                          | 145.538                                               | 145.538                                               | 0.988                          | 1.707                          | 148.193                                               |
| S <sub>1</sub> -Enol | 0.989                          | 1.773                          | 0.989                          | 1.773                          | 146.569                                               | 146.569                                               | 0.994                          | 1.684                          | 149.301                                               |
| S <sub>1</sub> -Keto | 1.791                          | 1.037                          | 0.981                          | 1.817                          | 133.820                                               | 146.436                                               | 1.662                          | 1.041                          | 139.030                                               |

**Table S3** Calculated absorption and emission peak (nm).

|                      | $\lambda_{\text{abs.}}$ | $\lambda_{\text{flu.}}(\text{Enol}^*)$ | $\lambda_{\text{flu.}}(\text{Keto}^*)$ | $\lambda_{\text{flu.}}(\text{exp.})$ |
|----------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| HTTH-CF <sub>3</sub> | 395                     | 436                                    | 551                                    | 450 520 600                          |
| MTTH-CF <sub>3</sub> | 388                     | 431                                    | 529                                    | 450 520                              |
| MTTM-CF <sub>3</sub> | 384                     | 441                                    | -                                      | 470 600                              |

### xyz coordinates for models (high layer)

CF<sub>3</sub>-HTTH

|   |          |          |          |
|---|----------|----------|----------|
| S | 1.397389 | 1.300619 | 0.811515 |
| F | 6.999944 | 2.654522 | 0.104073 |
| F | 6.004122 | 2.589712 | 2.029843 |
| F | 7.823339 | 1.439439 | 1.698691 |
| O | 3.602876 | 2.374320 | 1.035164 |
| H | 2.641930 | 2.164655 | 1.001572 |
| N | 1.406446 | 0.992352 | 0.455105 |
| C | 0.115690 | 0.601327 | 0.319894 |
| C | 2.216634 | 0.099598 | 0.081937 |
| C | 3.659719 | 0.228652 | 0.086813 |
| C | 4.285551 | 1.375585 | 0.463984 |
| C | 5.680938 | 1.484360 | 0.412713 |
| H | 6.129655 | 2.374013 | 0.830135 |
| C | 6.450916 | 0.478085 | 0.137058 |
| H | 7.525866 | 0.571485 | 0.174698 |
| C | 5.840556 | 0.672617 | 0.649929 |
| C | 4.464955 | 0.781533 | 0.624433 |
| H | 4.002145 | 1.666487 | 1.030437 |
| C | 6.663912 | 1.828337 | 1.127321 |
| S | 1.397522 | 1.300362 | 0.811695 |
| F | 6.999431 | 2.654996 | 0.104061 |
| F | 6.003752 | 2.589918 | 2.029906 |
| F | 7.823231 | 1.440092 | 1.698641 |
| O | 3.603309 | 2.374504 | 1.034921 |
| H | 2.642343 | 2.164940 | 1.001394 |
| N | 1.406602 | 0.992621 | 0.454920 |
| C | 0.115547 | 0.600989 | 0.320190 |
| C | 2.216769 | 0.099844 | 0.082119 |
| C | 3.659863 | 0.228734 | 0.086902 |
| C | 4.285841 | 1.375650 | 0.463778 |
| C | 5.681233 | 1.484266 | 0.412435 |
| H | 6.130046 | 2.373886 | 0.829810 |
| C | 6.451085 | 0.477880 | 0.137314 |
| H | 7.526037 | 0.571192 | 0.175080 |
| C | 5.840580 | 0.672824 | 0.649992 |
| C | 4.464969 | 0.781627 | 0.624354 |
| H | 4.002058 | 1.666601 | 1.030212 |
| C | 6.663697 | 1.828719 | 1.127334 |

CF<sub>3</sub>-MTTH

|   |          |          |          |
|---|----------|----------|----------|
| S | 0.111095 | 0.339246 | 0.663073 |
| S | 3.110505 | 0.318918 | 1.873343 |
| F | 3.921091 | 3.570032 | 2.084897 |
| F | 5.151927 | 4.682971 | 0.672558 |
| F | 5.277313 | 2.516370 | 0.763760 |
| F | 5.759713 | 4.789160 | 3.268777 |
| F | 3.710324 | 5.209058 | 2.688792 |
| F | 5.338678 | 6.428109 | 1.913422 |
| O | 0.441048 | 3.015186 | 3.120317 |
| H | 0.230475 | 2.353994 | 2.825116 |
| O | 5.443897 | 1.642008 | 2.148621 |
| N | 0.751146 | 1.247891 | 1.633528 |
| N | 2.232602 | 1.245540 | 0.420152 |
| C | 1.344072 | 3.140570 | 2.145925 |
| C | 2.352474 | 4.095595 | 2.309609 |
| H | 2.331722 | 4.703260 | 3.204592 |
| C | 3.334194 | 4.255062 | 1.350962 |
| H | 4.098446 | 5.007265 | 1.478861 |
| C | 3.328306 | 3.456342 | 0.202804 |
| C | 2.320631 | 2.525129 | 0.017845 |
| H | 2.310431 | 1.931270 | 0.883631 |
| C | 1.308818 | 2.348396 | 0.965446 |
| C | 0.231449 | 1.395068 | 0.764147 |
| C | 1.632837 | 0.307603 | 1.216670 |
| C | 1.361967 | 0.311420 | 0.009489 |
| C | 3.216722 | 1.383269 | 0.443486 |
| C | 4.274426 | 2.371762 | 0.249111 |
| C | 4.160862 | 3.255374 | 0.830651 |
| H | 3.297076 | 3.165121 | 1.473688 |
| C | 5.116365 | 4.233658 | 1.057614 |
| C | 6.224692 | 4.341322 | 0.216956 |
| H | 6.971028 | 5.106376 | 0.390178 |
| C | 6.358723 | 3.477134 | 0.859825 |
| H | 7.211910 | 3.569690 | 1.513940 |
| C | 5.389251 | 2.501398 | 1.104021 |
| C | 4.413352 | 3.563525 | 0.821919 |
| C | 6.447218 | 1.810190 | 3.147725 |
| H | 6.251657 | 1.041521 | 3.890315 |
| H | 7.446941 | 1.666525 | 2.732539 |
| H | 6.375308 | 2.798735 | 3.609080 |
| C | 4.975527 | 5.161620 | 2.226160 |

CF<sub>3</sub>-MTTM

|   |          |          |          |
|---|----------|----------|----------|
| S | 0.687242 | 0.675419 | 1.837461 |
| O | 0.032431 | 2.177990 | 4.004646 |
| N | 1.408286 | 1.042206 | 0.302056 |
| C | 0.590631 | 0.169745 | 0.321214 |
| C | 0.892847 | 1.414017 | 1.453752 |
| C | 1.583201 | 2.371680 | 2.316722 |
| C | 2.764393 | 2.953133 | 1.843318 |
| H | 3.101705 | 2.674829 | 0.858067 |
| C | 3.477198 | 3.864134 | 2.606909 |
| C | 3.015607 | 4.222602 | 3.872137 |
| H | 3.563286 | 4.942435 | 4.462716 |
| C | 1.841774 | 3.669549 | 4.362474 |
| H | 1.481673 | 3.960863 | 5.337390 |
| C | 1.124366 | 2.748052 | 3.595643 |
| C | 4.772538 | 4.425552 | 2.101415 |
| C | 0.625007 | 2.596616 | 5.229610 |
| H | 0.028728 | 2.374146 | 6.076916 |
| H | 1.543632 | 2.023657 | 5.315863 |
| H | 0.857078 | 3.665432 | 5.206840 |
| F | 5.845142 | 3.788928 | 2.638573 |
| F | 4.924696 | 5.732870 | 2.417857 |
| F | 4.889936 | 4.321797 | 0.761849 |
| S | 0.687270 | 0.675500 | 1.837314 |
| O | 0.032050 | 2.177551 | 4.004820 |
| N | 1.408294 | 1.042216 | 0.301948 |
| C | 0.590679 | 0.169645 | 0.321052 |
| C | 0.892909 | 1.413949 | 1.453691 |
| C | 1.583357 | 2.37149  | 2.316721 |
| C | 2.764487 | 2.953001 | 1.843238 |
| H | 3.101663 | 2.674844 | 0.857900 |
| C | 3.477394 | 3.863906 | 2.606848 |
| C | 3.015989 | 4.222182 | 3.872198 |
| H | 3.563750 | 4.941924 | 4.462813 |
| C | 1.842230 | 3.669047 | 4.362627 |
| H | 1.482281 | 3.960220 | 5.337642 |
| C | 1.124708 | 2.747660 | 3.595766 |
| C | 4.772611 | 4.425469 | 2.101185 |
| C | 0.624581 | 2.596125 | 5.229823 |
| H | 0.029204 | 2.373659 | 6.077092 |
| H | 1.543185 | 2.023133 | 5.316106 |
| H | 0.856682 | 3.664935 | 5.207094 |
| F | 5.845378 | 3.788901 | 2.638090 |
| F | 4.924691 | 5.732779 | 2.417701 |



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|---|----------|----------|----------|
| F | 4.889788 | 4.321831 | 0.761590 |
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