

## Supporting information

### Molecular environment effects that modulate the photophysical properties of novel 1,3-phosphinoamines based on 2,1,3-benzothiadiazole

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### IR-spectra of the compounds

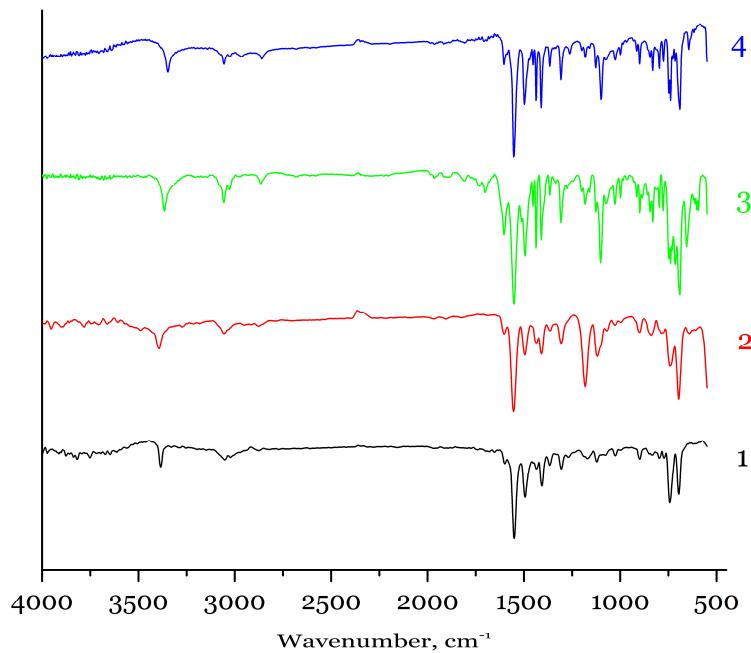


Figure S1. IR-spectra of compounds **1–4** recorded in KBr pellets.

**Table S1.** Crystal data and structure refinement for the compounds

Identification code	1	2a	2β·thf	3	4
Empirical formula	C <sub>25</sub> H <sub>20</sub> N <sub>3</sub> PS	C <sub>25</sub> H <sub>20</sub> N <sub>3</sub> OPS	C <sub>29</sub> H <sub>28</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O <sub>2</sub> PS	C <sub>25</sub> H <sub>20</sub> N <sub>3</sub> PS <sub>2</sub>	C <sub>25</sub> H <sub>20</sub> N <sub>3</sub> PSSe
Formula weight	425.47	441.47	513.57	457.53	504.43
Temperature/K	150(2)	240(2)	150(2)	150(2)	150(2)
Space group	P-1	P2 <sub>1</sub>	Pbca	P2 <sub>1</sub> /n	P2 <sub>1</sub> /n
a/Å	9.335(3)	5.8869(5)	10.9504(16)	9.2084(4)	9.1686(8)
b/Å	10.765(4)	19.2234(12)	17.815(3)	20.3488(10)	20.5591(17)
c/Å	12.793(5)	9.7889(10)	27.605(3)	12.6978(5)	12.7179(9)
α/°	65.636(11)	90	90	90	90
β/°	82.580(12)	104.521(4)	90	109.844(2)	109.002(2)
γ/°	65.493(12)	90	90	90	90
Volume/Å <sup>3</sup>	1064.2(7)	1072.39(16)	5385.1(13)	2238.03(17)	2266.7(3)
Z	2	2	8	4	4
ρ <sub>calcg/cm<sup>3</sup></sub>	1.328	1.367	1.267	1.358	1.478
μ/mm <sup>-1</sup>	0.244	0.249	0.210	0.328	1.837
F(000)	444.0	460.0	2160.0	952.0	1024.0
Radiation	MoKα (λ = 0.71073)	MoKα (λ = 0.71073)	MoKα (λ = 0.71073)	MoKα (λ = 0.71073)	MoKα (λ = 0.71073)
2Θ range for data collection/°	4.492 to 48.846	4.238 to 53.024	2.95 to 48.898	4.004 to 54.246	4.816 to 52.764
Index ranges	-10 ≤ h ≤ 10, -12 ≤ k ≤ 12, -13 ≤ l ≤ 14	-5 ≤ h ≤ 7, -24 ≤ k ≤ 17, -12 ≤ l ≤ 8	-12 ≤ h ≤ 12, -20 ≤ k ≤ 20, -32 ≤ l ≤ 32	-10 ≤ h ≤ 11, -26 ≤ k ≤ 26, -16 ≤ l ≤ 12	-11 ≤ h ≤ 11, -25 ≤ k ≤ 25, -15 ≤ l ≤ 15
Reflections collected	7491	5271	39661	31244	25940
Independent reflections	3424 [R <sub>int</sub> = 0.0824, R <sub>sigma</sub> = 0.1288]	3627 [R <sub>int</sub> = 0.0255, R <sub>sigma</sub> = 0.0598]	4449 [R <sub>int</sub> = 0.1484, R <sub>sigma</sub> = 0.0888]	4923 [R <sub>int</sub> = 0.0394, R <sub>sigma</sub> = 0.0282]	4650 [R <sub>int</sub> = 0.0598, R <sub>sigma</sub> = 0.0413]
Data/restraints/parameters	3424/1/274	3627/2/283	4449/10/300	4923/1/283	4650/1/283
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.037	1.019	1.054	1.023	1.046
Final R indexes [I>=2σ (I)]	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0664, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.1537	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0406, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.0759	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0882, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.2463	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0437, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.1066	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0342, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.0798
Final R indexes [all data]	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0964, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.1825	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0542, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.0821	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.1352, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.2907	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0533, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.1131	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0452, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.0881
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å <sup>-3</sup>	0.66/-0.41	0.20/-0.24	1.00/-0.59	1.42/-0.41	0.57/-0.33
Flack parameter		0.04(7)			

### Powder X-ray diffraction data

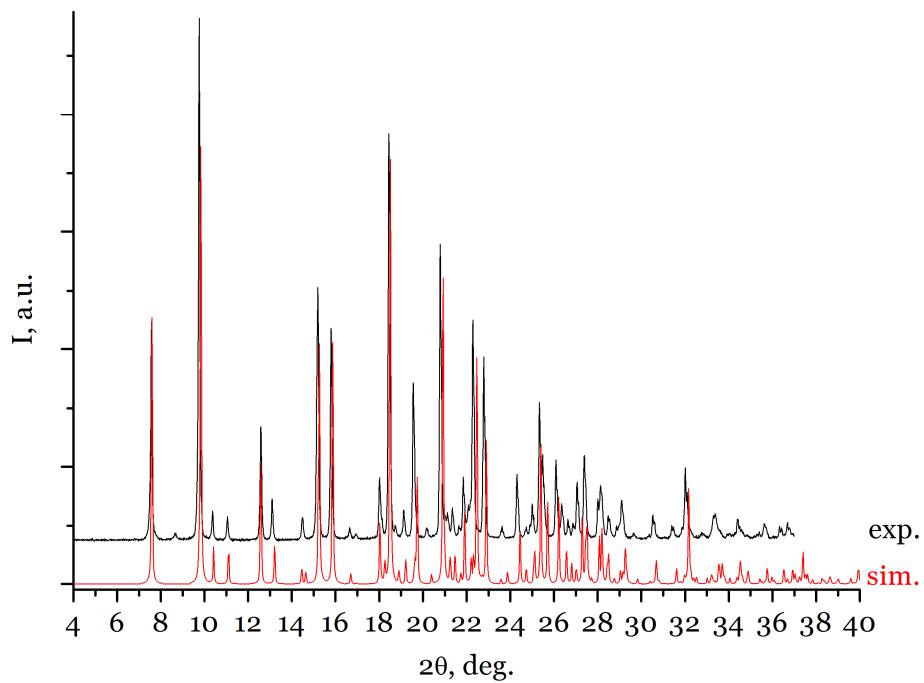


Figure S2. Simulated and experimental powder XRD patterns for compound **1** (Cu K $\alpha$  radiation). Minor peak at  $8.68^\circ$  does not correspond to any of phase of oxidized species **2**.

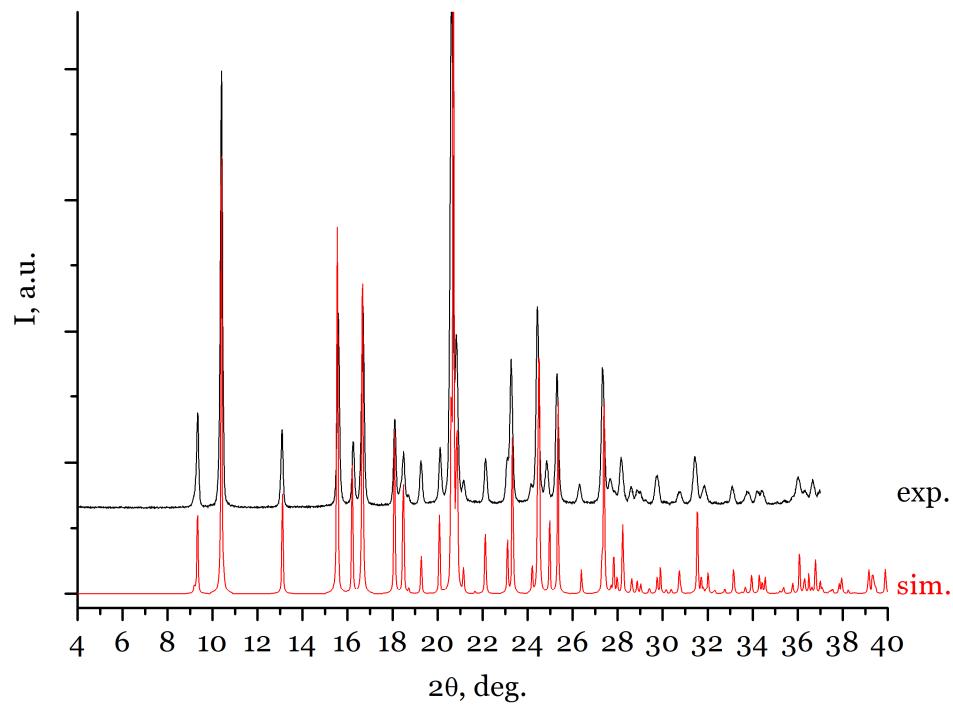


Figure S3. Simulated and experimental powder XRD patterns for compound **2α** (Cu K $\alpha$  radiation).

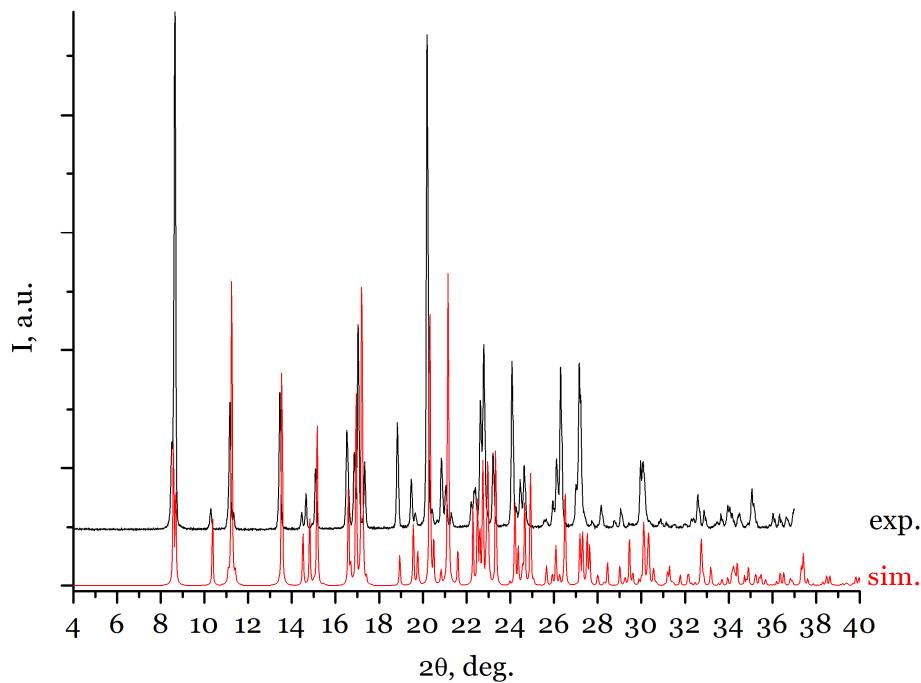


Figure S4. Simulated and experimental powder XRD patterns for compound **3** (Cu K $\alpha$  radiation).

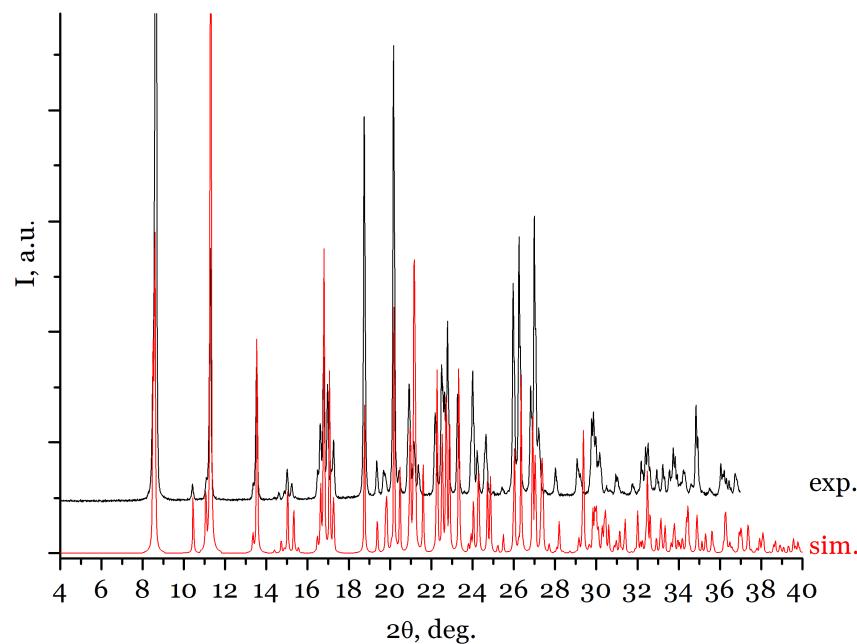


Figure S5. Simulated and experimental powder XRD patterns for compound **4** (Cu K $\alpha$  radiation).

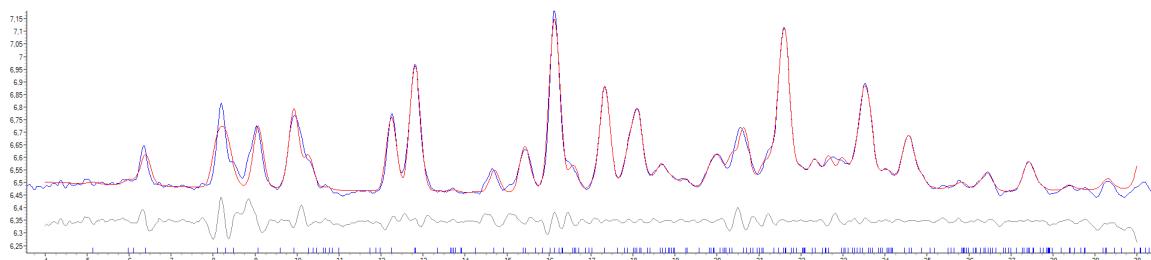


Figure S6. Pawley refinement for the powder pattern for the solvate-free phase, **2β** (Cu K $\alpha$  radiation, 150K). Refined unit cell parameters: monoclinic  $P$ ,  $a = 17.21$  Å,  $b = 10.41$  Å,  $c = 27.64$  Å,  $\beta = 91.43^\circ$ ,  $V = 4952.6$  Å $^3$ . The fit at low angles is not good, probably because of the presence of a number of related phases.

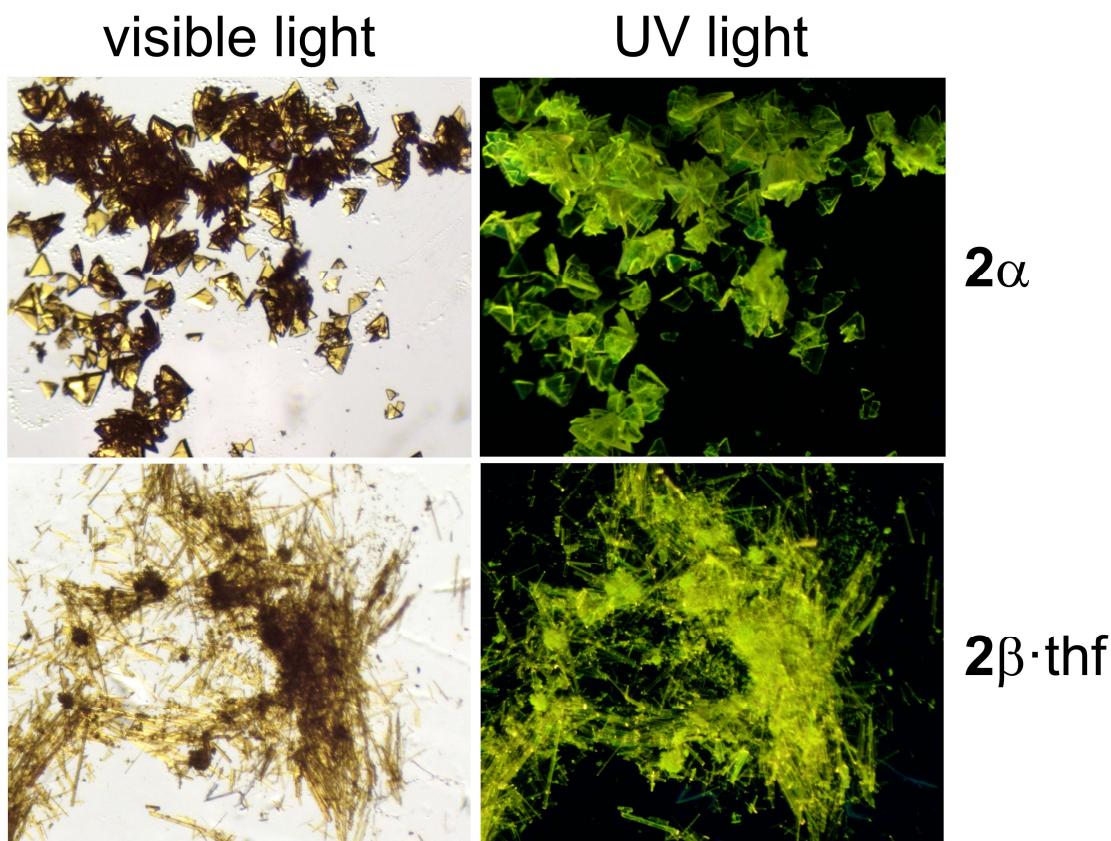


Figure S7. Photographs of crystals **2α** and **2β·thf** under visible and UV light.

## Geometry and energy features of the molecules of the compounds

Table S2. Estimated contributions to the interaction energy (kJ/mol) between a couple of the molecules in **2α** and **2β**·THF, calculated in the CrystalExplorer v. 17.5 program. Level of theory B3LYP/6-31G(d,p).

	electrostatic	polarization	dispersion	repulsion	total
<b>2α</b>	-22.4	-8.3	-68.8	46.3	-61.2
<b>2β</b> ·THF	-51.3	-17.0	-83.4	87.3	-85.6

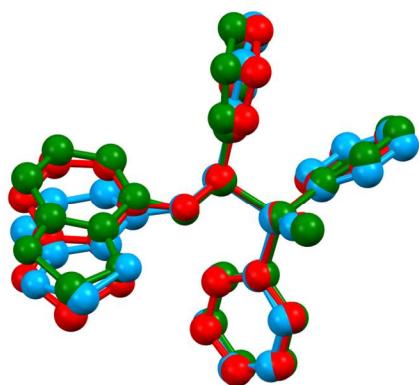


Figure S8. Overlay of the molecules of structures **2α** (red), **2β**·thf (blue), and **3** and **4** (green) on the example of the latter.

### DFT calculation of Frank-Condon excitation processes

Table S3. TD-DFT calculated excitation transitions of **1** in the ground state (PBEo/def2-TZVP(-f)). H – HOMO, L – LUMO

State	Energy, cm <sup>-1</sup>	Wavelength, nm	Oscillator strength	Transitions	Contributions
1	23603.2	423.7	0.088385263	H → L	0.983184
2	30858.3	324.1	0.000466761	H - 1 → L	0.992984
3	33796.6	295.9	0.035534635	H - 1 → L + 1 H → L + 1	0.013506 0.964632
4	34724.2	288.0	0.004914953	H → L + 2 H → L + 4	0.956257 0.012231
5	35163.6	284.4	0.008651734	H - 2 → L	0.973192
6	36289.2	275.6	0.010554810	H - 4 → L H → L + 3 H → L + 4	0.010929 0.928550 0.018669
7	36910.7	270.9	0.030703125	H - 5 → L H - 4 → L H - 3 → L H → L + 3 H → L + 4 H → L + 5 H → L + 6 H → L + 7	0.026211 0.374705 0.059173 0.038135 0.287557 0.021079 0.016580 0.116321
8	37515.1	266.6	0.001407458	H - 4 → L H - 3 → L H → L + 4	0.012650 0.901086 0.069235
9	37713.9	265.2	0.059277820	H - 4 → L H - 3 → L H - 1 → L + 1 H → L + 4 H → L + 5 H → L + 7	0.259063 0.025129 0.092984 0.478530 0.011550 0.077540
10	37918.9	263.7	0.056846632	H - 4 → L H - 1 → L + 1 H - 1 → L + 2 H → L + 1 H → L + 4 H → L + 5	0.016085 0.781297 0.011558 0.013295 0.036223 0.083727
11	38288.1	261.2	0.005869281	H - 1 → L + 1 H → L + 4 H → L + 5 H → L + 6	0.055339 0.062663 0.762327 0.092988
12	38355.0	260.7	0.001843530	H - 5 → L H - 4 → L	0.900025 0.071466

13	39113.8	255.7	0.025258606	H - 6 → L H - 4 → L H - 1 → L + 2 H - 1 → L + 3 H → L + 4 H → L + 5 H → L + 6	0.024238 0.014336 0.268146 0.054225 0.015528 0.028875 0.511625
14	39349.3	254.1	0.017835553	H - 10 → L H - 6 → L H - 5 → L + 1 H - 1 → L + 2 H - 1 → L + 3 H - 1 → L + 4 H → L + 5 H → L + 6	0.165630 0.121298 0.010677 0.399077 0.040229 0.013603 0.027725 0.143151
15	39382.3	253.9	0.012700551	H - 10 → L H - 7 → L H - 6 → L H - 1 → L + 2 H → L + 5 H → L + 6	0.360734 0.017900 0.264096 0.101952 0.027357 0.183191
16	39881.5	250.7	0.001537155	H - 10 → L H - 9 → L H - 7 → L H - 6 → L H - 5 → L	0.333066 0.010557 0.077524 0.546282 0.010972
17	40449.2	247.2	0.000581606	H - 10 → L H - 7 → L H - 6 → L	0.093680 0.885331 0.012305
18	40994.4	243.9	0.109312117	H - 5 → L + 1 H - 5 → L + 2 H - 1 → L + 1 H - 1 → L + 2 H - 1 → L + 3 H - 1 → L + 4 H - 1 → L + 5 H - 1 → L + 6	0.038261 0.021754 0.011175 0.138123 0.574798 0.084399 0.019592 0.020918
19	41755.9	239.5	0.021142081	H - 7 → L + 1 H - 7 → L + 3 H - 6 → L + 1 H - 5 → L + 2 H - 5 → L + 3 H - 3 → L + 1 H - 2 → L + 2 H - 1 → L + 3 H - 1 → L + 4	0.017262 0.016547 0.028102 0.027351 0.027088 0.016558 0.019060 0.160150 0.386272

				H - 1 → L + 5 H - 1 → L + 6 H → L + 6	0.032427 0.156600 0.020728
20	42607.8	234.7	0.006812253	H - 6 → L + 1 H - 6 → L + 2 H - 5 → L + 2 H - 3 → L + 2 H - 3 → L + 3 H - 3 → L + 4 H - 3 → L + 5 H - 2 → L + 1 H - 2 → L + 2 H - 2 → L + 4 H - 2 → L + 5 H - 2 → L + 6 H - 1 → L + 4 H - 1 → L + 5 H - 1 → L + 6	0.027828 0.010721 0.012360 0.034191 0.016479 0.056655 0.050855 0.020480 0.109913 0.063766 0.064120 0.075291 0.074597 0.260422 0.027229

Table S4. TD-DFT calculated excitation transitions of **2** in the ground state (PBEo/def2-TZVP(-f)). H – HOMO, L – LUMO

State	Energy, cm <sup>-1</sup>	Wavelength, nm	Oscillator strength	Transitions	Contributions
1	24452.0	409.0	0.093202804	H → L	0.982907
2	31060.0	322.0	0.006405624	H → L + 1 H → L + 2	0.971445 0.017801
3	33346.9	299.9	0.007754882	H → L + 1 H → L + 2	0.019074 0.956273
4	35724.0	279.9	0.007844019	H - 2 → L H - 1 → L H → L + 3 H → L + 5 H → L + 7	0.028463 0.099713 0.673194 0.171264 0.011693
5	36114.9	276.9	0.013274467	H - 1 → L H → L + 3 H → L + 4 H → L + 5 H → L + 7	0.661009 0.191622 0.100547 0.019872 0.012689
6	36290.6	275.6	0.002032503	H - 1 → L H → L + 4 H → L + 5 H → L + 6	0.179554 0.597541 0.150762 0.051341
7	36969.6	270.5	0.009086558	H - 2 → L H - 1 → L H → L + 2	0.160250 0.036519 0.011967

				H → L + 3 H → L + 4 H → L + 5 H → L + 6 H → L + 7	0.084790 0.053615 0.224108 0.384419 0.029793
8	37694.1	265.3	0.033027295	H - 2 → L H → L + 3 H → L + 4 H → L + 6 H → L + 7	0.289729 0.014242 0.104340 0.468185 0.091520
9	37774.5	264.7	0.068130443	H - 2 → L H → L + 3 H → L + 4 H → L + 5 H → L + 6 H → L + 7	0.264653 0.022543 0.135114 0.407429 0.077671 0.064229
10	39266.7	254.7	0.000059605	H - 11 → L H - 3 → L	0.012242 0.967068
11	39582.0	252.6	0.000040603	H - 11 → L H - 3 → L	0.961607 0.012033
12	40227.2	248.6	0.033392282	H - 2 → L + 1 H - 1 → L + 1 H - 1 → L + 2	0.017067 0.828545 0.097714
13	41843.3	239.0	0.006499257	H - 12 → L H - 9 → L H - 8 → L H - 7 → L H - 6 → L H - 5 → L H - 4 → L	0.017433 0.016890 0.050853 0.052278 0.014216 0.406137 0.405517
14	42224.0	236.8	0.051539131	H - 6 → L + 2 H - 5 → L H - 5 → L + 1 H - 5 → L + 3 H - 5 → L + 4 H - 4 → L + 1 H - 4 → L + 2 H - 3 → L + 1 H - 3 → L + 4 H - 3 → L + 5 H - 2 → L + 2 H - 1 → L + 1 H - 1 → L + 2 H - 1 → L + 3 H - 1 → L + 6	0.010922 0.017765 0.033105 0.010007 0.017201 0.057468 0.028052 0.053709 0.012754 0.028906 0.013208 0.089189 0.441628 0.010315 0.050115

15	42401.5	235.8	0.001864814	H - 8 → L H - 7 → L + 3 H - 6 → L H - 6 → L + 1 H - 6 → L + 2 H - 5 → L H - 5 → L + 1 H - 4 → L H - 1 → L + 2	0.031405 0.018270 0.326099 0.038957 0.012509 0.246126 0.011180 0.228547 0.029961
16	42579.0	234.9	0.001808278	H - 6 → L H - 6 → L + 1 H - 5 → L + 1 H - 5 → L + 3 H - 5 → L + 4 H - 4 → L + 1 H - 4 → L + 2 H - 4 → L + 3 H - 3 → L + 1 H - 3 → L + 5 H - 1 → L + 3 H - 1 → L + 4 H - 1 → L + 6	0.015125 0.011058 0.121507 0.021788 0.048464 0.061933 0.092235 0.023525 0.091093 0.095689 0.052809 0.117956 0.121427
17	42777.7	233.8	0.003880932	H - 8 → L H - 7 → L H - 7 → L + 3 H - 7 → L + 4 H - 6 → L H - 6 → L + 1 H - 6 → L + 2 H - 5 → L H - 4 → L H - 1 → L + 2 H - 1 → L + 3	0.025998 0.023336 0.036618 0.016922 0.266538 0.102661 0.024710 0.170073 0.257313 0.013434 0.011986
18	43093.5	232.1	0.014453605	H - 7 → L H - 7 → L + 3 H - 6 → L H - 6 → L + 1 H - 6 → L + 2 H - 5 → L + 1 H - 4 → L H - 4 → L + 1 H - 4 → L + 2 H - 3 → L + 1 H - 3 → L + 5 H - 1 → L + 1 H - 1 → L + 2	0.019873 0.032218 0.212270 0.062859 0.027923 0.067911 0.018446 0.032764 0.016972 0.056524 0.021038 0.010401 0.205101

				H - 1 → L + 4 H - 1 → L + 6	0.017128 0.064108
19	43204.2	231.5	0.028836467	H - 8 → L H - 7 → L H - 5 → L H - 5 → L + 1 H - 4 → L H - 4 → L + 2 H - 1 → L + 2 H - 1 → L + 6 H → L + 7	0.145517 0.591789 0.044172 0.023821 0.045320 0.012190 0.039296 0.013322 0.019673
20	43307.5	230.9	0.024382549	H - 8 → L H - 7 → L H - 7 → L + 2 H - 7 → L + 3 H - 7 → L + 4 H - 6 → L H - 6 → L + 1 H - 6 → L + 2 H - 5 → L H - 5 → L + 4 H - 4 → L + 2 H - 4 → L + 3 H - 3 → L + 1 H - 3 → L + 5 H - 1 → L + 2 H - 1 → L + 3 H - 1 → L + 6	0.017834 0.058846 0.013126 0.052431 0.032835 0.148146 0.238928 0.030675 0.011944 0.025775 0.040183 0.020897 0.031572 0.014107 0.086873 0.017083 0.057765

Table S5. TD-DFT calculated excitation transitions of **3** in the ground state (PBEo/def2-TZVP(-f)). H – HOMO, L – LUMO

State	Energy, cm <sup>-1</sup>	Wavelength, nm	Oscillator strength	Transitions	Contributions
1	24646.6	405.7	0.098596968	H → L	0.982543
2	31554.9	316.9	0.000122585	H - 1 → L	0.986023
3	32253.6	310.0	0.000546470	H - 2 → L	0.986274
4	32522.0	307.5	0.001654765	H - 1 → L + 2 H → L + 1 H → L + 2	0.011608 0.294326 0.672823
5	32900.2	303.9	0.000562491	H → L + 1 H → L + 2	0.679752 0.293760
6	35354.6	282.8	0.009862619	H - 3 → L H - 1 → L + 2 H → L + 3	0.010171 0.050954 0.395442

				$H \rightarrow L + 4$ $H \rightarrow L + 5$	0.444448 0.070859
7	35644.4	280.5	0.018136818	$H - 2 \rightarrow L + 1$ $H - 1 \rightarrow L + 1$ $H - 1 \rightarrow L + 2$ $H \rightarrow L + 4$	0.209668 0.663920 0.068698 0.024790
8	35992.4	277.8	0.028033330	$H - 2 \rightarrow L + 1$ $H - 1 \rightarrow L + 1$ $H - 1 \rightarrow L + 2$ $H \rightarrow L + 2$ $H \rightarrow L + 4$ $H \rightarrow L + 5$	0.015232 0.081421 0.778714 0.015037 0.060330 0.013679
9	36186.6	276.3	0.014274214	$H - 3 \rightarrow L$ $H - 2 \rightarrow L + 1$ $H - 2 \rightarrow L + 2$ $H - 1 \rightarrow L + 1$ $H - 1 \rightarrow L + 2$ $H \rightarrow L + 3$ $H \rightarrow L + 4$ $H \rightarrow L + 5$ $H \rightarrow L + 6$	0.035205 0.089773 0.014671 0.015313 0.036172 0.492297 0.213113 0.057185 0.012094
10	36373.6	274.9	0.011632147	$H - 2 \rightarrow L + 1$ $H - 2 \rightarrow L + 2$ $H - 1 \rightarrow L + 1$ $H - 1 \rightarrow L + 2$ $H \rightarrow L + 1$ $H \rightarrow L + 3$ $H \rightarrow L + 4$	0.478027 0.207960 0.154769 0.013350 0.011827 0.073947 0.018826
11	36898.6	271.0	0.078599657	$H - 4 \rightarrow L$ $H - 3 \rightarrow L$ $H \rightarrow L + 4$ $H \rightarrow L + 5$ $H \rightarrow L + 6$ $H \rightarrow L + 7$	0.039938 0.672184 0.101538 0.033186 0.019595 0.086655
12	37231.2	268.6	0.002774709	$H - 2 \rightarrow L + 1$ $H - 2 \rightarrow L + 2$ $H - 1 \rightarrow L + 1$	0.174827 0.725451 0.046854
13	37494.7	266.7	0.006782619	$H - 4 \rightarrow L$ $H - 3 \rightarrow L$ $H \rightarrow L + 4$ $H \rightarrow L + 5$ $H \rightarrow L + 6$	0.075433 0.156865 0.061434 0.557764 0.127539
14	37884.5	264.0	0.044685130	$H - 5 \rightarrow L$ $H - 4 \rightarrow L$ $H - 3 \rightarrow L$ $H \rightarrow L + 5$	0.045070 0.616992 0.057207 0.118031

				H → L + 6 H → L + 7	0.027568 0.102992
15	38736.1	258.2	0.000481069	H - 5 → L H - 4 → L	0.895485 0.091165
16	39238.5	254.9	0.001880633	H - 1 → L + 3 H → L + 4 H → L + 5 H → L + 6	0.368365 0.034522 0.075280 0.479065
17	39288.6	254.5	0.005875222	H - 8 → L + 2 H - 2 → L + 3 H - 1 → L + 3 H - 1 → L + 4 H → L + 3 H → L + 4 H → L + 5 H → L + 6	0.011845 0.028120 0.481911 0.058764 0.010570 0.024202 0.041425 0.307038
18	39424.2	253.7	0.000052775	H - 11 → L	0.974360
19	40302.9	248.1	0.000261880	H - 2 → L + 3 H - 2 → L + 4 H - 2 → L + 5 H - 1 → L + 4	0.600364 0.039055 0.018596 0.286421
20	40753.2	245.4	0.011202698	H - 2 → L + 3 H - 2 → L + 4 H - 1 → L + 3 H - 1 → L + 4 H - 1 → L + 5 H → L + 6	0.216165 0.046586 0.067204 0.561989 0.023421 0.011996

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State	Energy, cm <sup>-1</sup>	Wavelength, nm	Oscillator strength	Transitions	Contributions
1	24616.8	406.2	0.100692050	H → L	0.972388
2	28567.4	350.0	0.000526958	H - 1 → L H → L	0.983238 0.010709
3	29466.9	339.4	0.000416303	H - 2 → L	0.990800
4	31169.6	320.8	0.012446356	H - 2 → L + 1 H - 2 → L + 2 H - 1 → L + 1 H - 1 → L + 2 H → L + 1 H → L + 2	0.020405 0.011318 0.173446 0.029861 0.601190 0.145299
5	31854.6	313.9	0.001087329	H - 1 → L + 1 H - 1 → L + 2	0.043821 0.216688

				H → L + 1 H → L + 2	0.136232 0.586290
6	32338.8	309.2	0.014399165	H - 2 → L + 1 H - 1 → L + 1 H → L + 1	0.335701 0.548007 0.090553
7	33188.7	301.3	0.016821731	H - 2 → L + 1 H - 2 → L + 2 H - 1 → L + 2 H → L + 2	0.023915 0.070631 0.667460 0.204291
8	33464.9	298.8	0.006257015	H - 2 → L + 1 H - 2 → L + 2 H - 1 → L + 1 H → L + 1	0.551306 0.087261 0.177631 0.154873
9	34466.2	290.1	0.003331934	H - 2 → L + 1 H - 2 → L + 2 H - 1 → L + 1 H - 1 → L + 2 H → L + 2 H → L + 3	0.037685 0.791690 0.025540 0.050494 0.055131 0.013425
10	34892.3	286.6	0.014619474	H - 1 → L + 3 H → L + 3 H → L + 4 H → L + 5	0.022564 0.467376 0.410051 0.052081
11	35650.5	280.5	0.008166630	H - 3 → L H - 2 → L + 2 H - 1 → L + 3 H → L + 3 H → L + 4 H → L + 5 H → L + 6	0.011456 0.010067 0.124800 0.355467 0.396093 0.067647 0.010082
12	36532.4	273.7	0.004617130	H - 2 → L + 3 H - 1 → L + 3 H - 1 → L + 4 H → L + 3 H → L + 4	0.050978 0.743305 0.034330 0.114785 0.023751
13	36698.8	272.5	0.059385690	H - 4 → L H - 3 → L H - 1 → L + 3 H - 1 → L + 4 H → L + 4 H → L + 5 H → L + 6 H → L + 7	0.043926 0.615651 0.011584 0.018208 0.060437 0.131002 0.015664 0.063258
14	37110.1	269.5	0.018791604	H - 4 → L H - 3 → L H - 2 → L + 3	0.011776 0.243732 0.019335

				H - 1 → L + 4 H → L + 4 H → L + 5 H → L + 6	0.012286 0.034512 0.575168 0.065536
15	37472.6	266.9	0.005185902	H - 2 → L + 3 H - 1 → L + 4 H → L + 5 H → L + 6	0.234712 0.650051 0.023363 0.041121
16	37774.6	264.7	0.045871278	H - 5 → L H - 4 → L H - 3 → L H - 2 → L + 3 H → L + 5 H → L + 7	0.012486 0.678975 0.067748 0.051018 0.028604 0.107901
17	38012.9	263.1	0.015403972	H - 4 → L H - 2 → L + 3 H - 2 → L + 4 H - 1 → L + 3 H - 1 → L + 4 H - 1 → L + 5 H → L + 3 H → L + 5 H → L + 6	0.037673 0.527308 0.050422 0.055942 0.167187 0.021845 0.011205 0.024761 0.070120
18	38669.4	258.6	0.006293214	H - 2 → L + 3 H - 2 → L + 4 H - 1 → L + 4 H - 1 → L + 5 H → L + 6	0.024066 0.352542 0.020576 0.275696 0.290604
19	38747.7	258.1	0.000449211	H - 5 → L H - 4 → L	0.957471 0.027537
20	38917.9	257.0	0.011894574	H - 2 → L + 3 H - 2 → L + 4 H - 1 → L + 5 H - 1 → L + 6 H → L + 4 H → L + 5 H → L + 6	0.012426 0.532882 0.106275 0.029428 0.023167 0.035634 0.228919

## Frontier orbitals

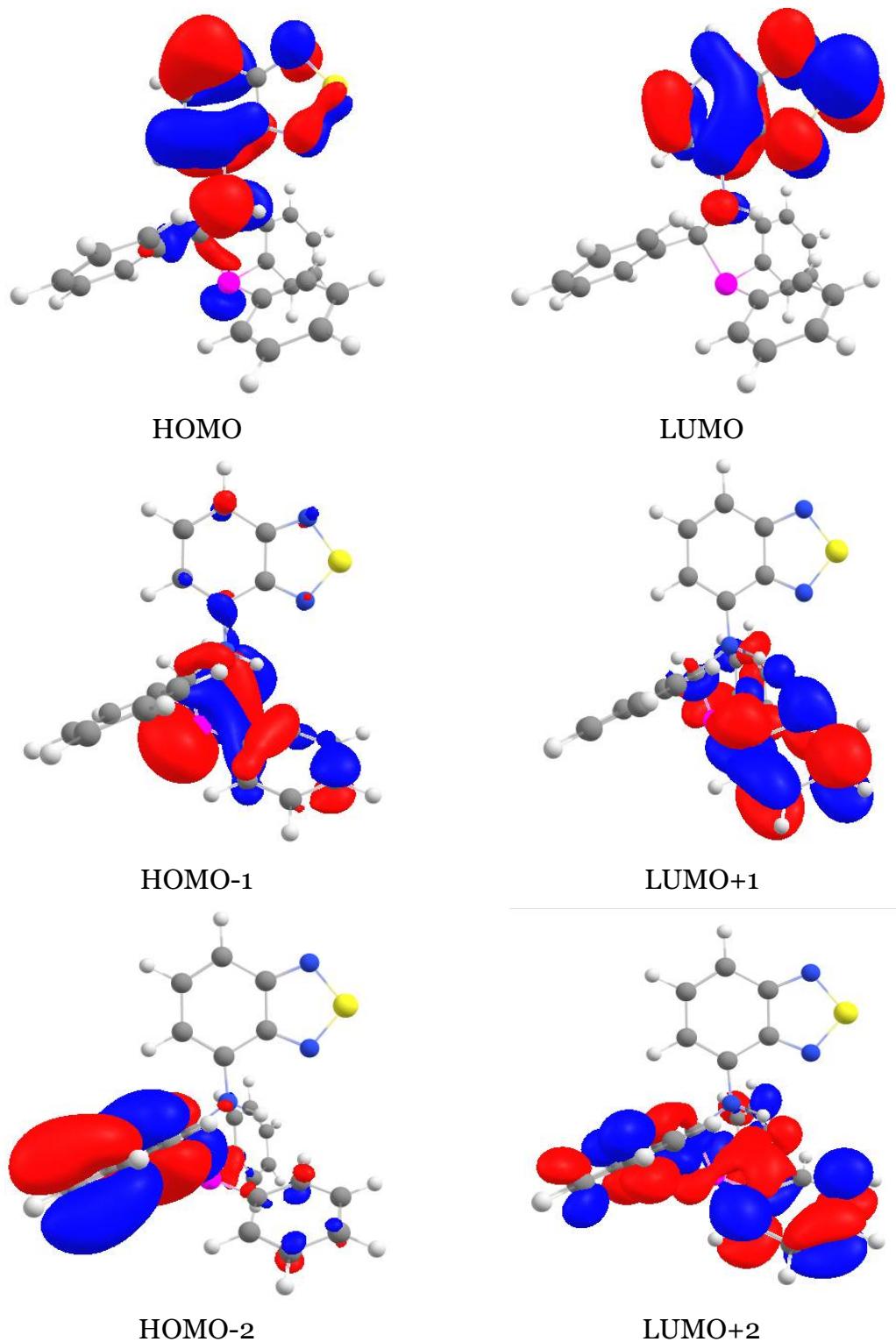


Figure S8. Frontier orbitals of **1** in the ground state geometry (PBE0/def2-TZVP(-f), isosurface = 0.03)

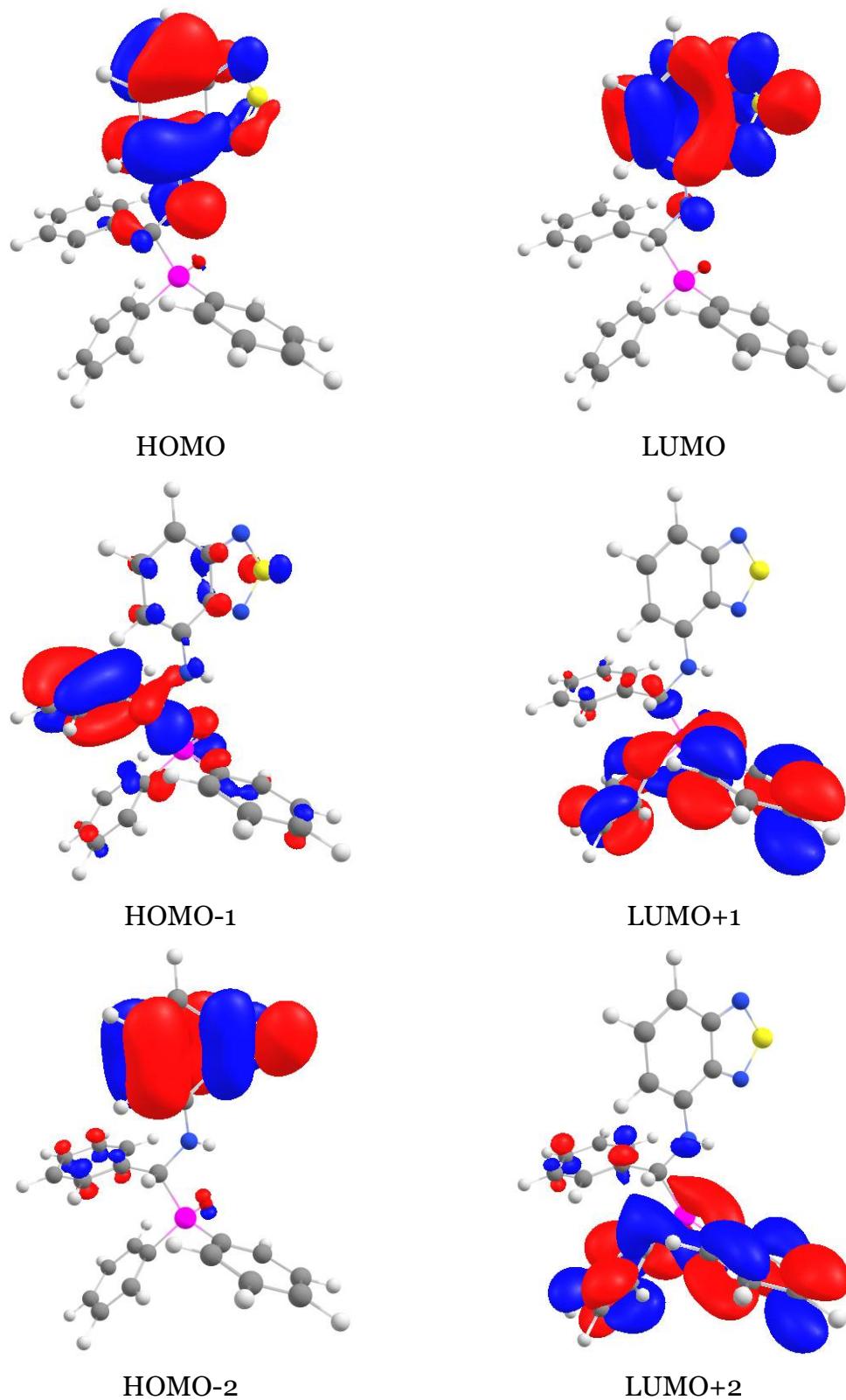


Figure S9. Frontier orbitals of **2** in ground state geometry (PBE0/def2-TZVP(-f), isosurface = 0.03)

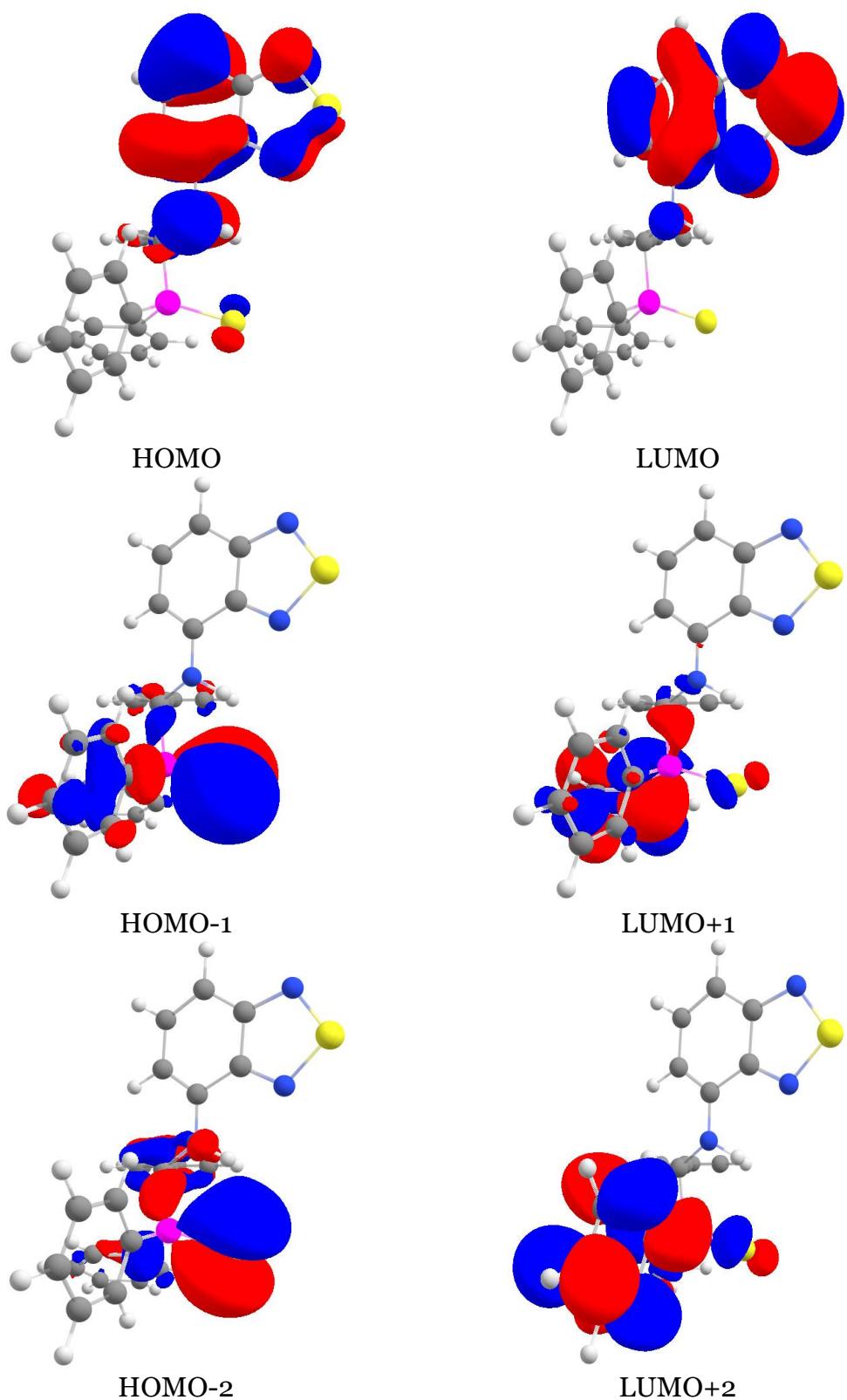


Figure S10. Frontier orbitals of **3** in ground state geometry (PBE0/def2-TZVP(-f), isosurface = 0.03)

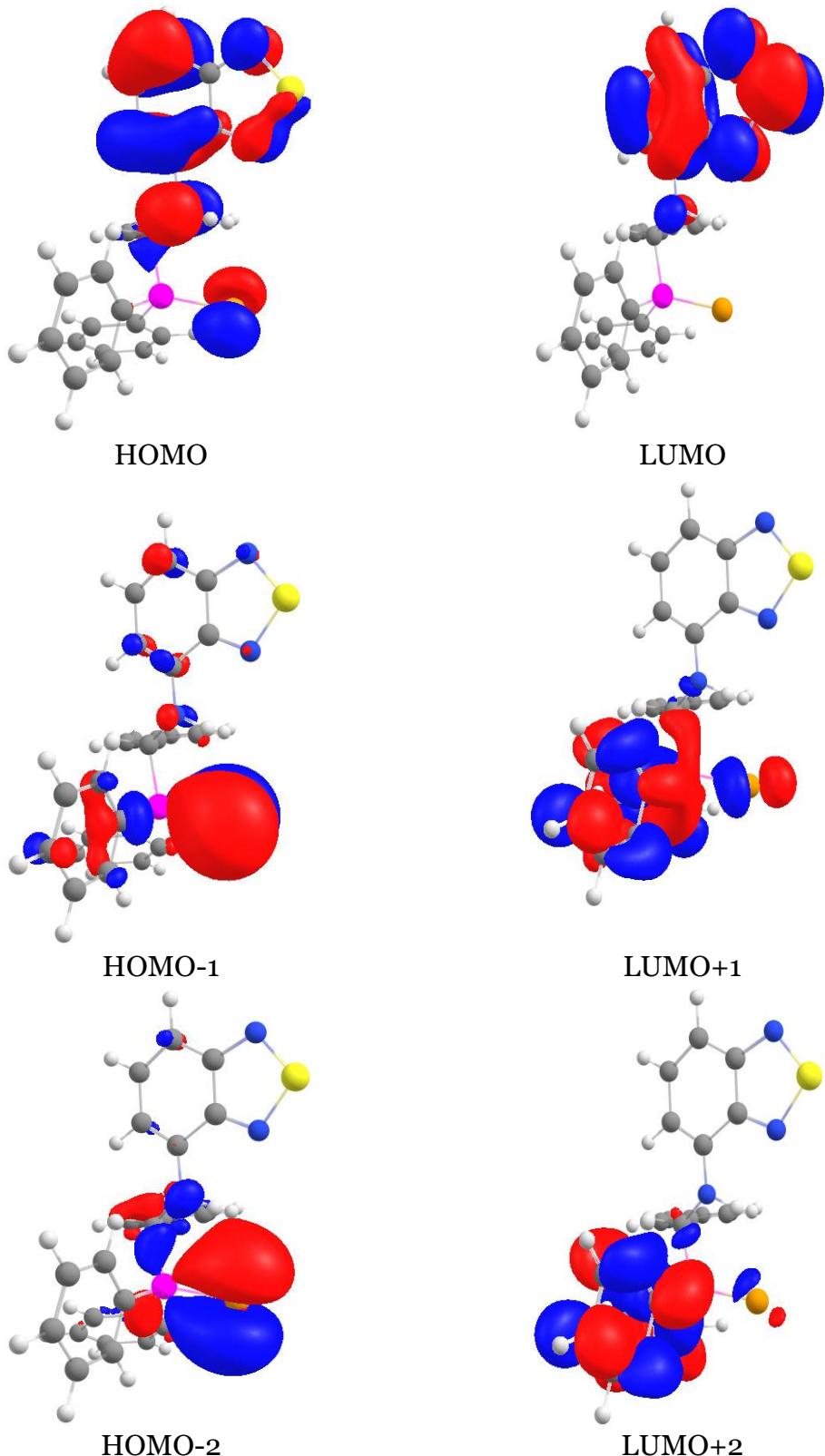
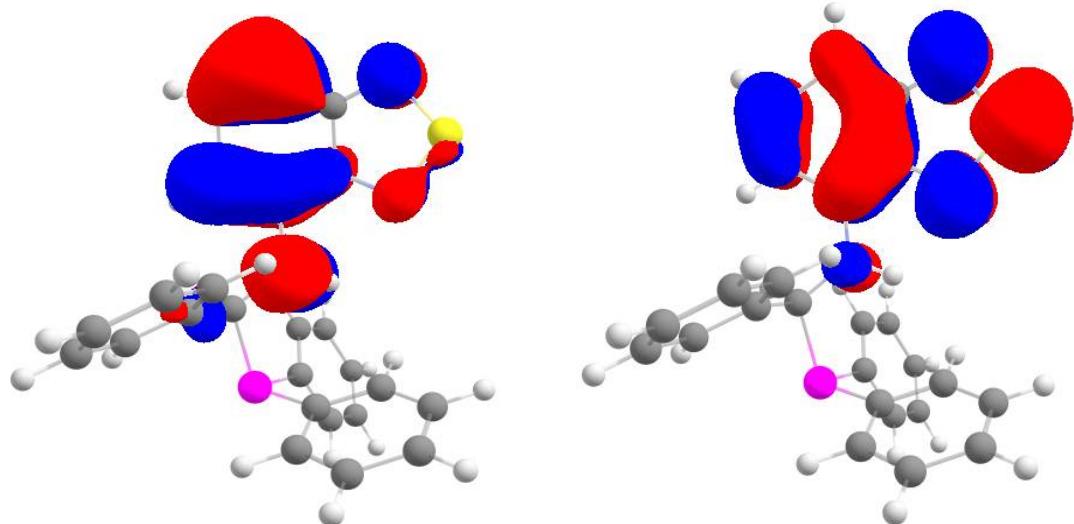


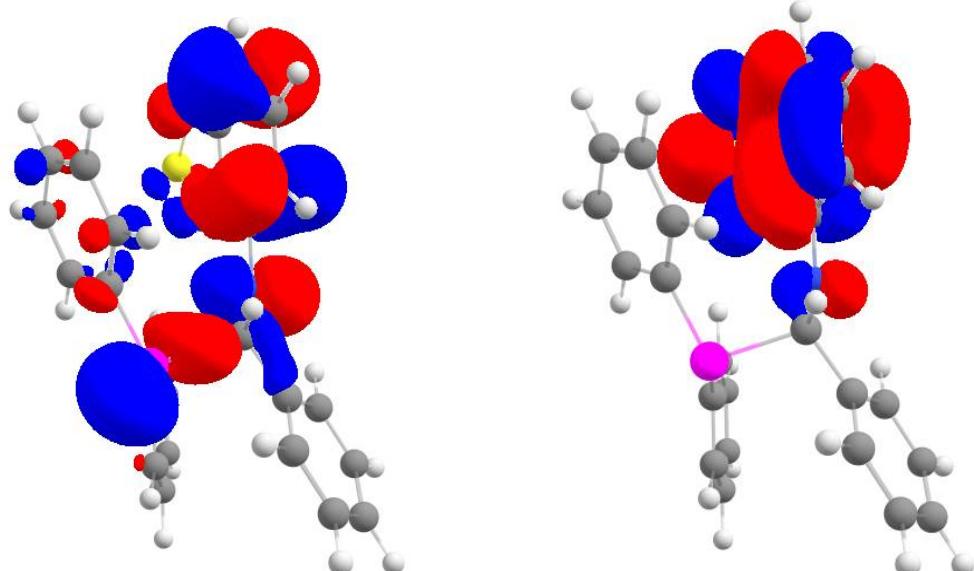
Figure S11. Frontier orbitals of **4** in ground state geometry (PBE0/def2-TZVP(-f), isosurface = 0.03)



HOMO

LUMO

$S_1$



HOMO

LUMO

$T_1$

Figure S12. Frontier orbitals of **1** in equilibrium geometries of  $S_1$  and  $T_1$  states  
(isosurface = 0.03 a.u.)

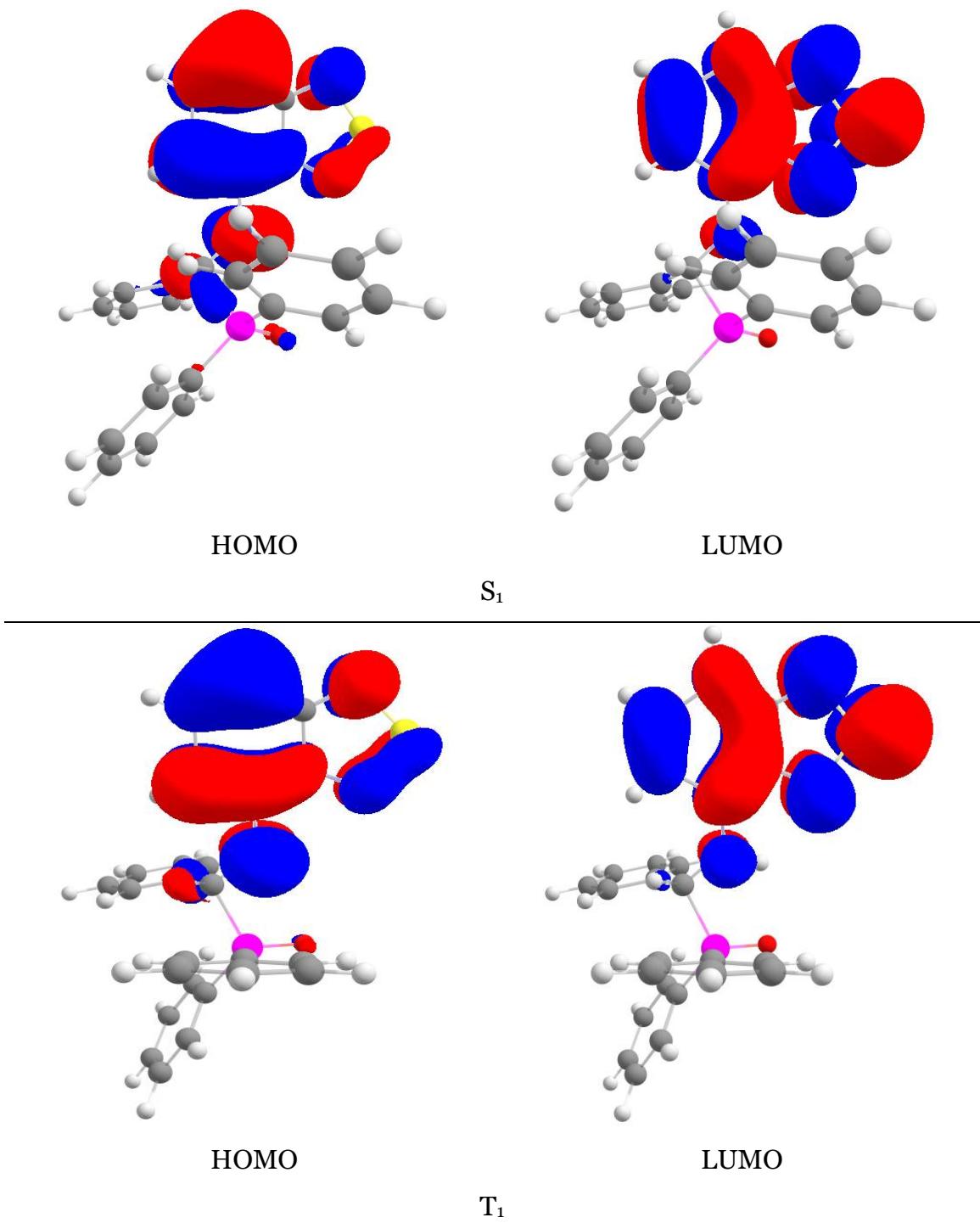


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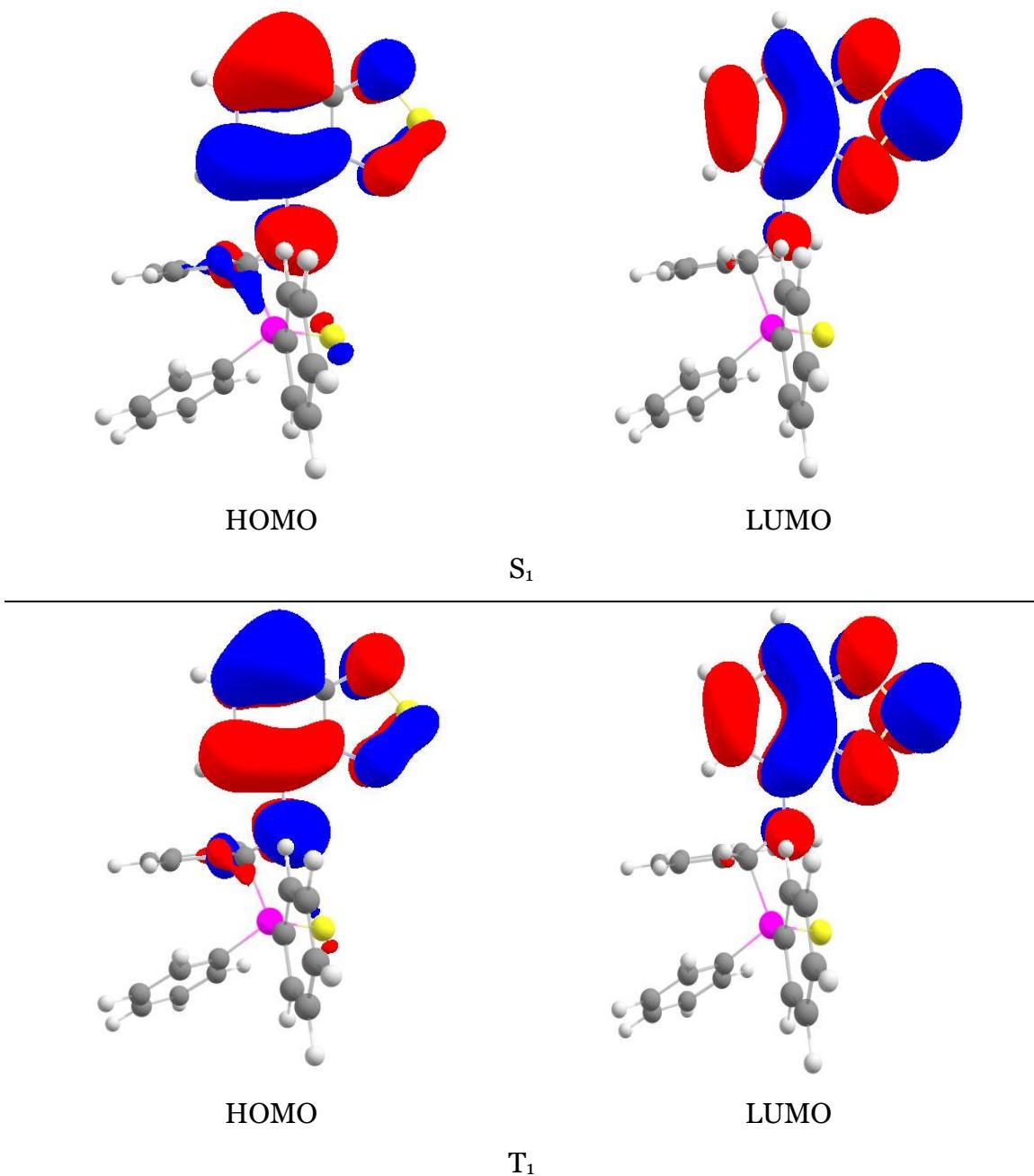
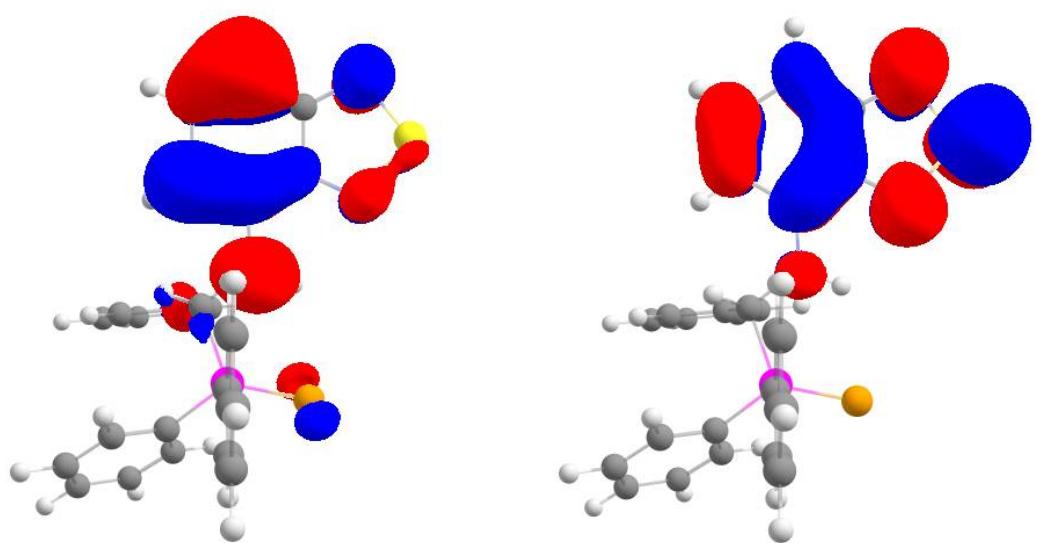


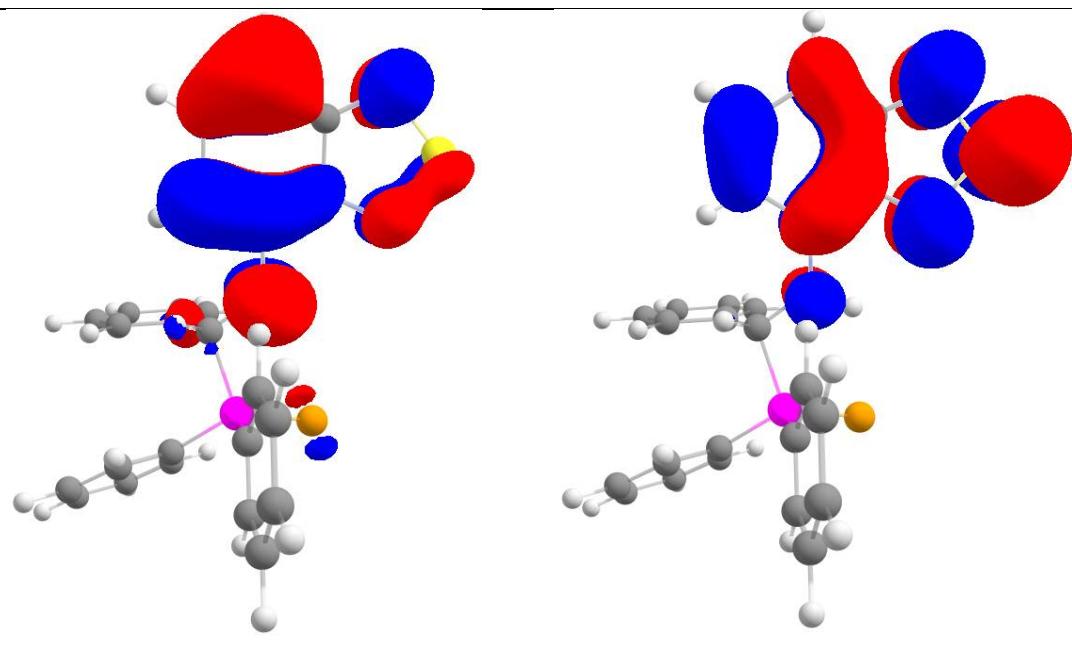
Figure S14. Frontier orbitals of **3** in equilibrium geometries of  $S_1$  and  $T_1$  states  
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$HOMO$

$LUMO$

$S_1$



$HOMO$

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$T_1$

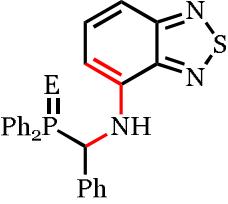
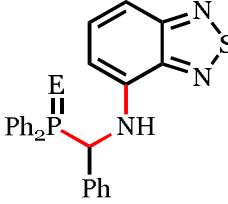
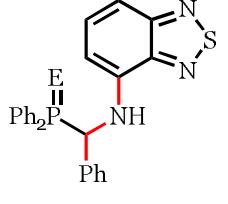
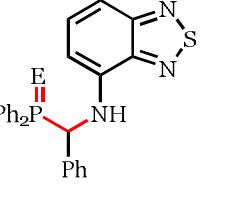
Figure S15. Frontier orbitals of **4** in equilibrium geometries of  $S_1$  and  $T_1$  states  
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### DFT calculation of relaxation processes

Table S7. o-o transition wavelengths and energies, calculated by PBEo/def2-TZVP(-f) over equilibrium excited state geometries.

Compound	S <sub>1</sub>	T <sub>1</sub>
<b>1</b>	528.2 nm (2.347 eV)	904.3 (1.371 eV)
<b>2</b>	519.0 nm (2.389 eV)	821.2 (1.510 eV)
<b>3</b>	509.6 nm (2.433 eV)	821.4 nm (1.510 eV)
<b>4</b>	508.1 nm (2.440 eV)	819.8 nm (1.512 eV)

Table S8. Selected geometric parameters of the molecules calculated in S1 and T1 excited states

				
	CCNC, deg	CNCP, deg	CNCC, deg	NCPE, deg
<b>1</b>				
S1	8.79	166.51	71.36	-
T1	38.38	94.21	143.36	-
<b>2</b>				
S1	8.60	140.94	98.04	51.81
T1	3.43	155.84	77.29	34.11
<b>3</b>				
S1	1.99	160.32	77.49	44.85
T1	0.19	164.08	73.52	45.84
<b>4</b>				
S1	2.39	159.90	77.40	44.59
T1	0.48	163.65	73.60	44.64

## Photoluminescence spectra

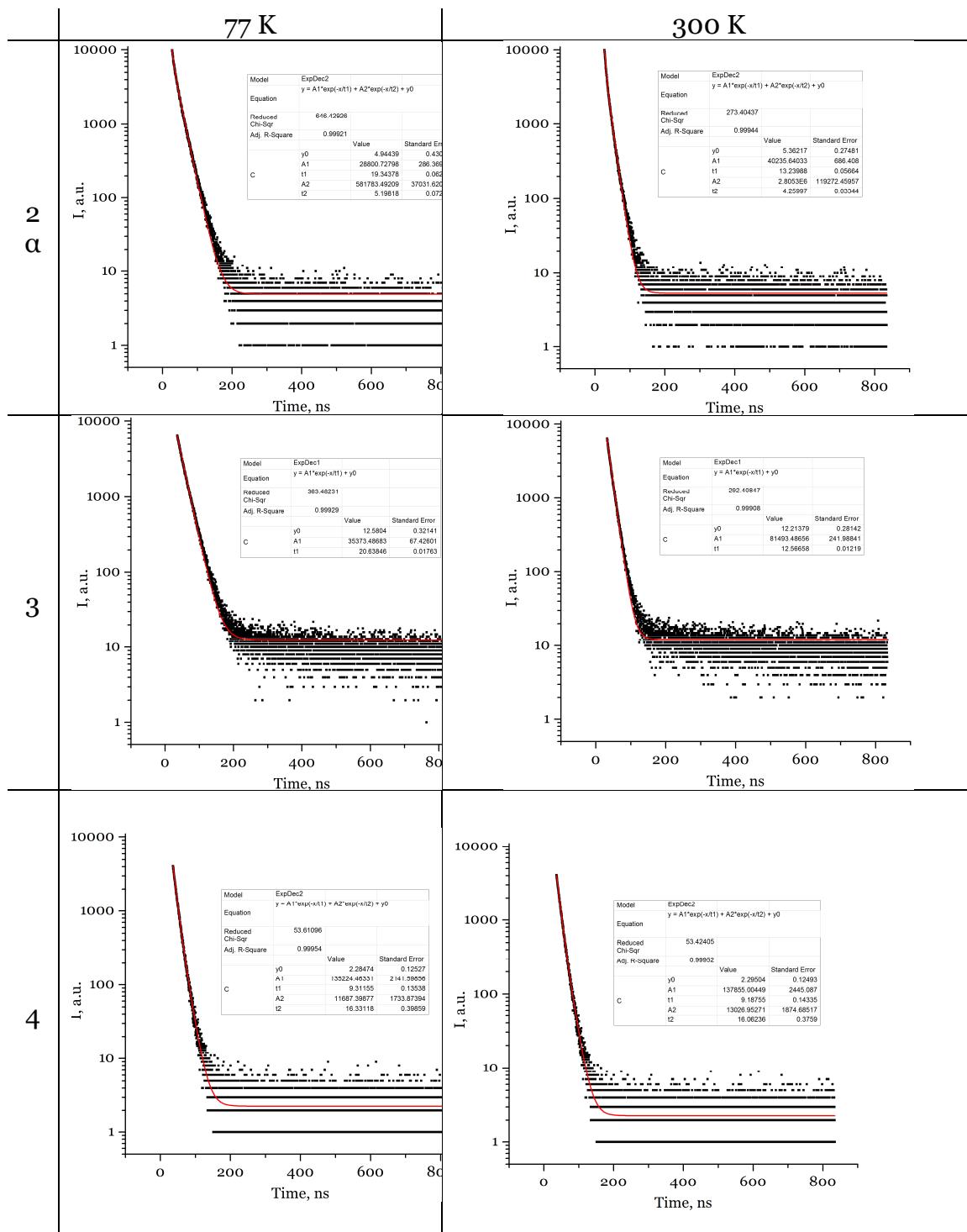


Figure S16. Emission decay kinetics of the compounds at 77 and 300 K. The fit is shown as red line.

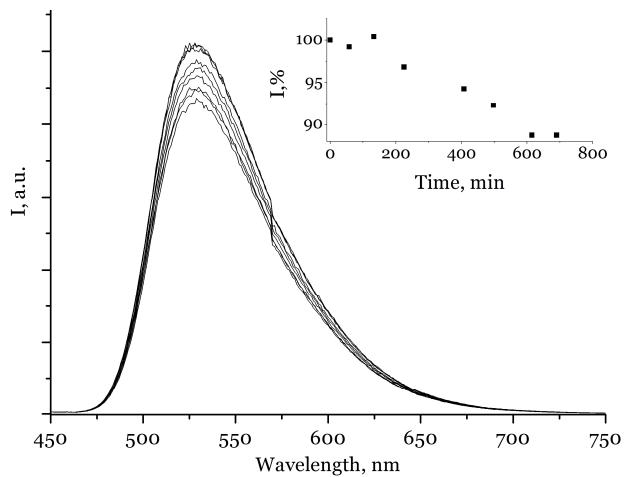


Figure S17. PL spectra of compound **3** upon continuous irradiation with a visible light on air. Inset: the emission intensity at 530 nm normalized on 100% vs irradiation time.

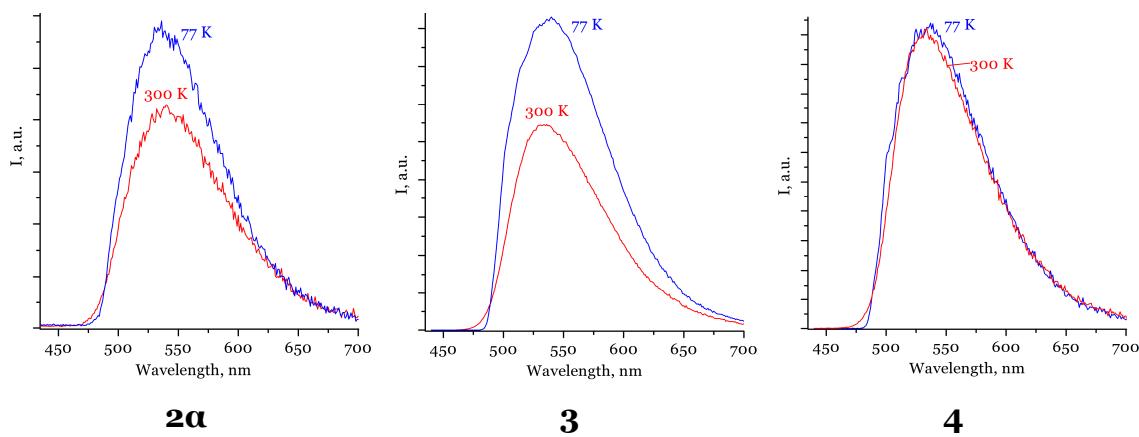


Figure S18. Comparison of the PL spectra for the compounds at 77 and 300K.

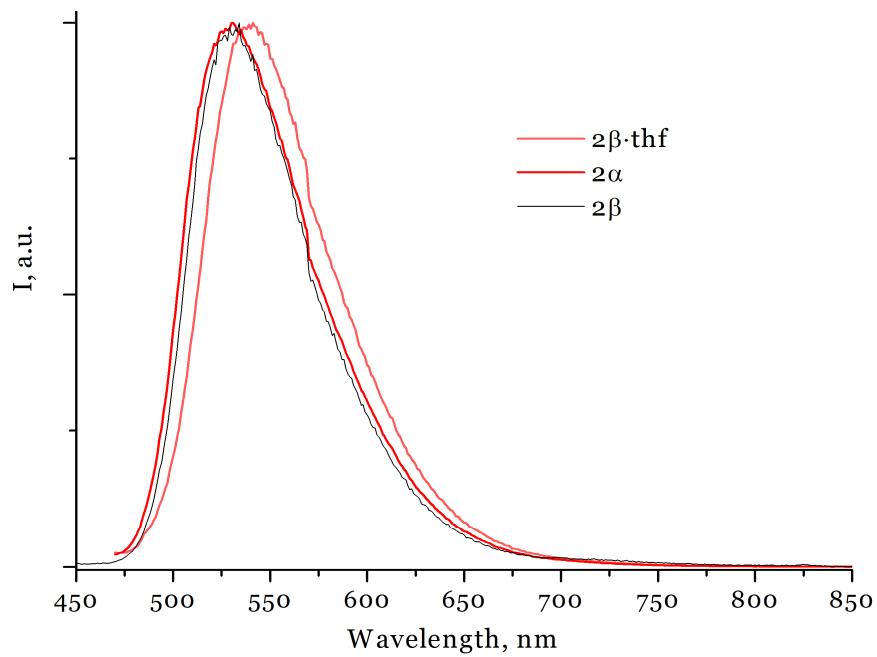


Figure S19. Comparison of the normalized PL spectra for compounds **2a**, as-synthesized **2β·thf**, and unsolvated **2β**.

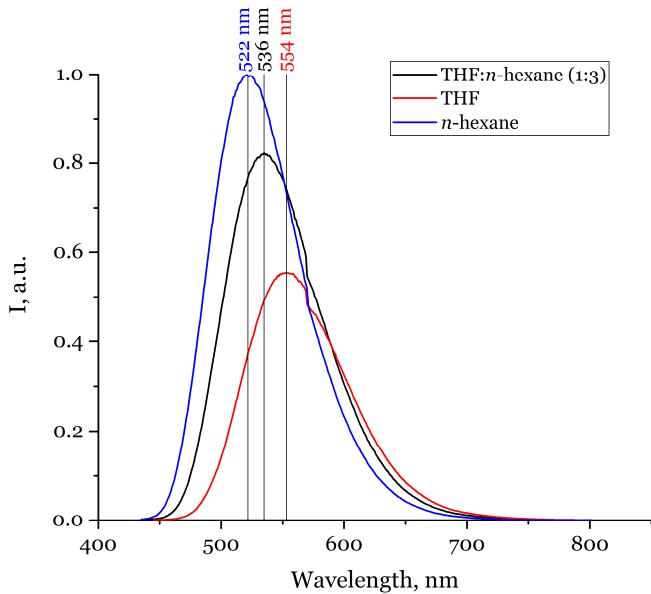


Figure S20. PL spectra of **1** in THF, *n*-hexane and mixture (THF:*n*-hexane = 1 : 3), intensities normalized to relative to spectrum of *n*-hexane solution

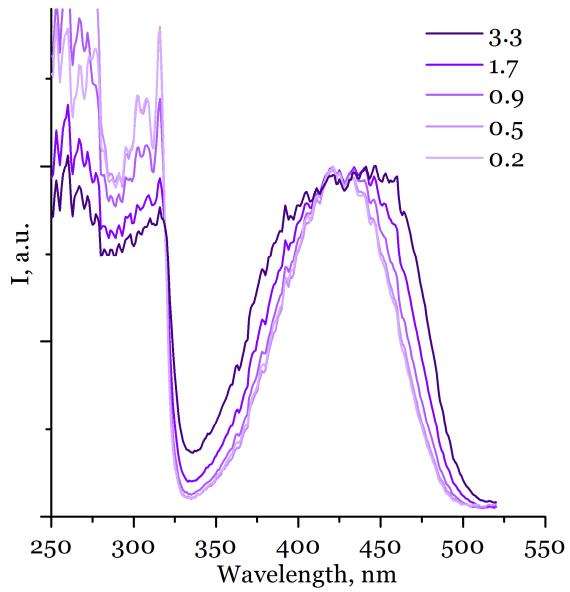


Figure S21. Excitation spectra at 520 nm of polystyrene films containing **2** with a mass fraction from 0.2 to 3.3%, normalized on the long wavelength band.