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# Photo- and Thermal Isomerization of Shuttlecock- and Bowl-Equipped Phenylazopyridines

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# TbetNNPy

azo π\*



LUMO MO #177

azo n



S2



HOMO-4 MO #172

azo π

structure



HOMO-5 MO #171



# azo $\pi^*$

LUMO MO #225

azo n

BmtNNPy





HOMO-2 MO #222



HOMO-5 MO #219



HOMO-9 MO #215



HOMO-10 MO# 214



HOMO-11 MO #213

BmtNN(O)Py

azo π\*



LUMO MO #229

azo n



HOMO-16 MO #212



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# TbetNNPy





# BmtNNPy





## BmtNN(O)Py



**Figure S2.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of TbetNNPy and BmtNNPy before and after irradiation in  $C_6D_6$  and *trans*-BmtNN(O)Py in CDCl<sub>3</sub>. The *t*, *c*, and asterisks indicate *trans*, *cis*, and spinning side bands, respectively.

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compound	wavelength	osillator strength	main transition	orbital number	coeffecient
4-PhNNPy	501.4 nm	0	$n (azo) \rightarrow \pi * (azo)$	#48 (H) $\rightarrow$ 49 (L)	0.66465
	322.9 nm	0.6202	$\pi$ (azo) $\rightarrow \pi *$ (azo)	#47 (H-1) $\rightarrow$ 49 (L)	0.60473
TbetNNPy	504.7 nm	0.0012	n (azo) + $\pi$ (Ph) + $\pi$ (C $\equiv$ C) $\rightarrow \pi *$ (azo)	#176 (H) $\rightarrow$ 177 (L)	0.59973
			n (azo) + $\pi$ (Ph) + $\pi$ (C $\equiv$ C) $\rightarrow \pi *$ (azo)	#174 (H-2), $\rightarrow$ 177 (L)	-0.15211
			$n (azo) + \pi (Ph) + \pi (C \equiv C) \rightarrow \pi * (azo)$	#172 (H-4), $\rightarrow$ 177 (L)	-0.19962
	391.5 nm	0.005	$\pi$ (Ph) + $\pi$ (C $\equiv$ C) $\rightarrow \pi *$ (azo)	#175 (H-1) $\rightarrow$ 177 (L)	0.70382
	378.4 nm	0.0228	$n (azo) + \pi (Ph) + \pi (C \equiv C) \rightarrow \pi * (azo)$	#174 (H-2) $\rightarrow$ 177 (L)	0.65373
	373.2 nm	0.0287	$\pi$ (Ph) + $\pi$ (C $\equiv$ C) $\rightarrow \pi *$ (azo)	#173 (H-3) $\rightarrow$ 177 (L)	0.68143
	342.2 nm	0.0239	$n (azo) + \pi (Ph) + \pi (C \equiv C) \rightarrow \pi * (azo)$	#176 (H) $\rightarrow$ 177 (L)	0.22283
			$n (azo) + \pi (Ph) + \pi (C \equiv C) \rightarrow \pi * (azo)$	#174 (H-2) $\rightarrow$ 177 (L)	-0.12358
			$n (azo) + \pi (Ph) + \pi (C \equiv C) \rightarrow \pi * (azo)$	#172 (H-4) $\rightarrow$ 177 (L)	0.60102
			$\pi$ (azo) + $\pi$ (C $\equiv$ C) $\rightarrow \pi *$ (azo)	#171 (H-5) $\rightarrow$ 177 (L)	0.16765
	325.0 nm	0.0042	$\pi$ (azo) + $\pi$ (C $\equiv$ C) $\rightarrow \pi *$ (azo)	#171 (H-5) $\rightarrow$ 177 (L)	0.55424
			$\pi (C \equiv C) \rightarrow \pi * (azo)$	#170 (H-6) $\rightarrow$ 177 (L)	0.28281
			$\pi$ (azo)+ n (azo) + $\pi$ (C $\equiv$ C) $\rightarrow \pi *$ (azo)	#169 (H-7) $\rightarrow$ 177 (L)	0.26662
	309.2 nm	0.0744	$\pi (C \equiv C) \rightarrow \pi * (azo)$	#170 (H-6) $\rightarrow$ 177 (L)	0.45251
			n (azo) + $\pi$ (Ph) + $\pi$ (C $\equiv$ C) $\rightarrow \pi *$ (Ph)	#176 (H) $\rightarrow$ 178 (L+1)	0.33417
			$\pi$ (azo) + $\pi$ (C $\equiv$ C) $\rightarrow$ $\pi$ * (azo)	#171 (H-5) $\rightarrow$ 177 (L)	-0.27127
	302.3 nm	0.1079	n (azo) + $\pi$ (Ph) + $\pi$ (C $\equiv$ C) $\rightarrow$ $\pi$ * (Ph)	$\#176 (H) \rightarrow 178 (L+1)$	0.52421
			$\pi$ (azo) + n (azo) + $\pi$ (C $\equiv$ C) $\rightarrow$ $\pi$ * (azo)	#169 (H-7) $\rightarrow$ 177 (L)	-0.27616
			$\pi (azo) + \pi (C=C) \rightarrow \pi \pi (azo)$	$\#1/1 (H-5) \rightarrow 1// (L)$	0.20500
BmtNNPy	501.8 nm	0.0188	$n (azo) + \pi (Ph) \rightarrow \pi * (azo)$	#224 (H) → 225 (L)	0.56424
-	378.4 nm	0.0284	$n (azo) + \pi (Ph) \rightarrow \pi * (azo)$	#223 (H-1) → 225 (L)	0.61657
	369.3 nm	0.0136	$n (azo) + \pi (Ph) \rightarrow \pi * (azo)$	#222 (H-2) $\rightarrow$ 225 (L)	0.60728
	362.0 nm	0.0289	$\pi$ (Ph) $\rightarrow \pi *$ (azo)	#221 (H-3) $\rightarrow$ 225 (L)	0.64796
	358.6 nm	0.0143	$\pi$ (Ph) $\rightarrow \pi *$ (azo)	#220 (H-4) $\rightarrow$ 225 (L)	0.61866
	348.8 nm	0.012	$n (azo) + \pi (Ph) \rightarrow \pi * (azo)$	#219 (H-5) $\rightarrow$ 225 (L)	0.51607
	330.8 nm	0.0852	$\pi$ (Ph) $\rightarrow \pi *$ (azo)	#218 (H-6) $\rightarrow$ 225 (L)	0.60079
	327.1 nm	0.03	$n (azo) + \pi (Ph) \rightarrow \pi * (azo)$	#214 (H-10) $\rightarrow$ 225 (L)	-0.55095
	322.9 nm	0.0015	$n (azo) + \pi (Ph) \rightarrow \pi * (azo)$	#215 (H-9) → 225 (L)	0.62113
	320.5 nm	0.0001	$\pi$ (Ph) $\rightarrow \pi *$ (azo)	#217 (H-7) $\rightarrow$ 225 (L)	0.70497
	318.1 nm	0.0007	$\pi$ (Ph) $\rightarrow \pi *$ (azo)	#216 (H-8) $\rightarrow$ 225 (L)	-0.69014
	313.7 nm	0.0048	$\pi$ (azo) + $\pi$ (Ph) $\rightarrow \pi *$ (azo)	#213 (H-11) $\rightarrow$ 225 (L)	-0.52437
	307.2 nm	0.1048	$\pi$ (azo) + $\pi$ (Ph) $\rightarrow \pi *$ (azo)	#213 (H-11) $\rightarrow$ 225 (L)	0.59588
	300.0 nm	0.0067	$\pi$ (azo) + $\pi$ (Ph) $\rightarrow \pi *$ (azo)	#213 (H-11) $\rightarrow$ 225 (L)	0.57942
BmtNN(O)Pv	420.0 nm	0.0818	$\pi$ (azo) $\rightarrow \pi *$ (azo)	#228 (H) $\rightarrow$ 229 (L)	0.65932
	389.0 nm	0.0174	$\pi$ (Ph) $\rightarrow \pi^*$ (azo)	#227 (H-1) → 229 (L)	0.68741
	373.0 nm	0.0049	$\pi$ (Ph) $\rightarrow \pi^*$ (azo)	$#229 (H-2) \rightarrow 229 (L)$	0.57373
	360.0 nm	0.0043	$\pi (\mathbf{R}\mathbf{h}) \rightarrow \pi^* (azo)$	$#220 (H^2) \rightarrow 220 (L)$	0.54067
	250.1 nm	0.0043	$\pi$ (Ph) $\rightarrow$ $\pi$ (are)	$\#223(II-3) \rightarrow 223(L)$	0.54007
	240 C	0.0025	$T_{(\mathbf{r}\mathbf{h})} \rightarrow T_{\mathbf{r}}^{*} (azo)$	$\#224 (\Pi - 4) \rightarrow 229 (L)$	0.55500
	349.6 nm	0.023	$(\mathbf{PI}) \rightarrow \mathbf{vr} (\mathbf{azo})$	#223 (H-5) → 229 (L) #220 (H-5) → 229 (L)	0.50632
	336.5 nm	0	$\mathcal{T}(Ph) \rightarrow \mathcal{T}^*(azo)$	$\#220 (H-8) \rightarrow 229 (L)$	0.51378
	334.1 nm	0.0125	$\pi$ (Ph) $\rightarrow \pi *$ (azo)	#221 (H-7) $\rightarrow$ 229 (L)	0.56445
	331.4 nm	0.0002	$\pi$ (Ph) $\rightarrow \pi *$ (azo)	#222 (H-6) $\rightarrow$ 229 (L)	0.64969
	327.0 nm	0.0037	$n (azo) \rightarrow \pi * (azo)$	#212 (H-16) $\rightarrow$ 229 (L)	0.37419
			$n + \pi (azo) \rightarrow \pi * (azo)$	#214 (H-14) $\rightarrow$ 229 (L)	-0.35523
			$\pi$ (Ph) $\rightarrow \pi *$ (azo)	#221 (H-7) $\rightarrow$ 229 (L)	-0.33692