

# Experimental and theoretical insights into a novel lightfast thiophene azo dye

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## Supplementary Materials

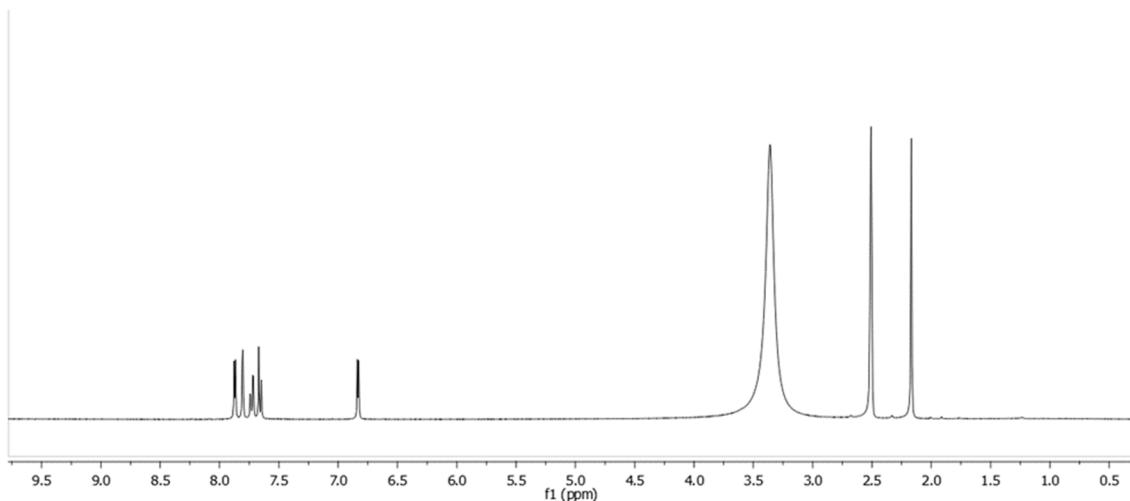


Figure S1. <sup>1</sup>H NMR of TA-OH (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>; 400 MHz)

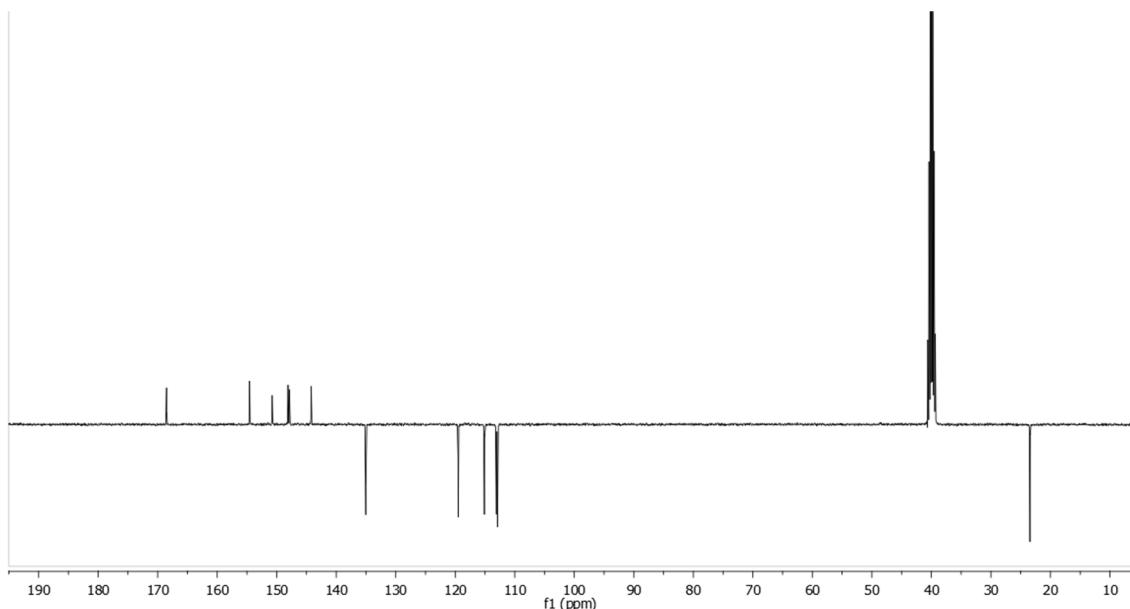
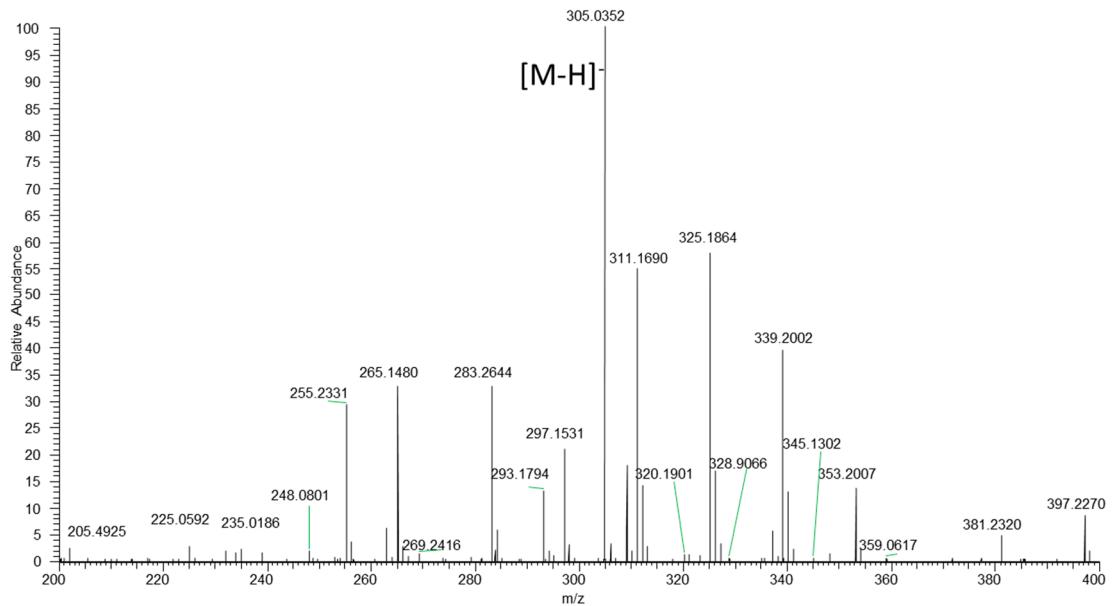
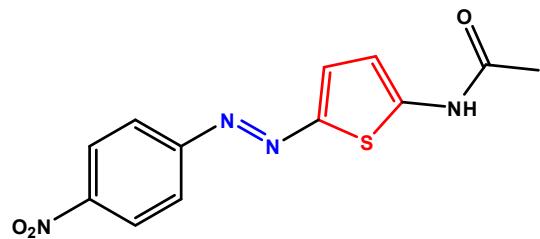


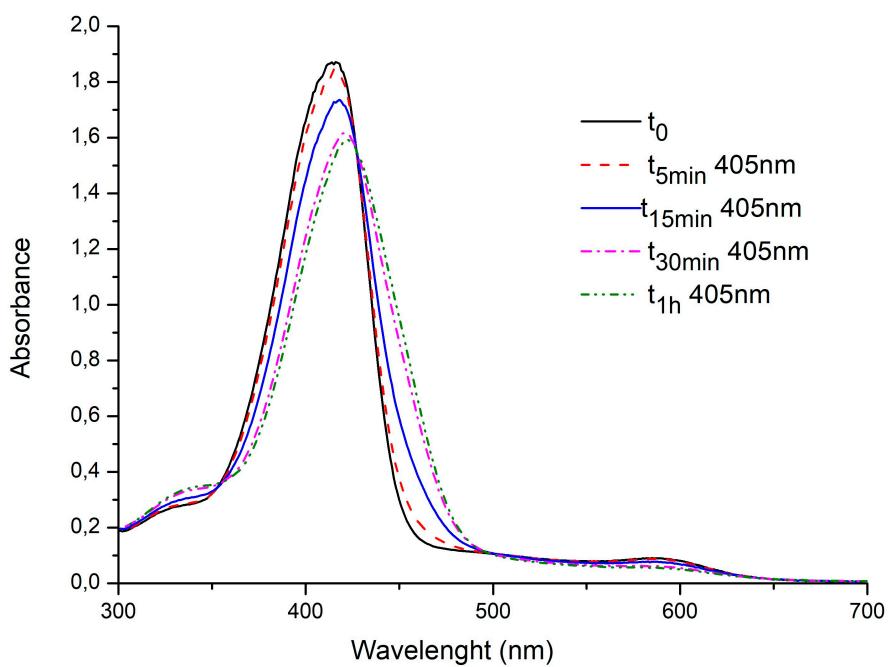
Figure S2. <sup>13</sup>C NMR of TA-OH (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>; 400 MHz). DEPTQ polarization transfer with decoupling during acquisition, shaped pulse for 180-degree pulse on f1 channel.



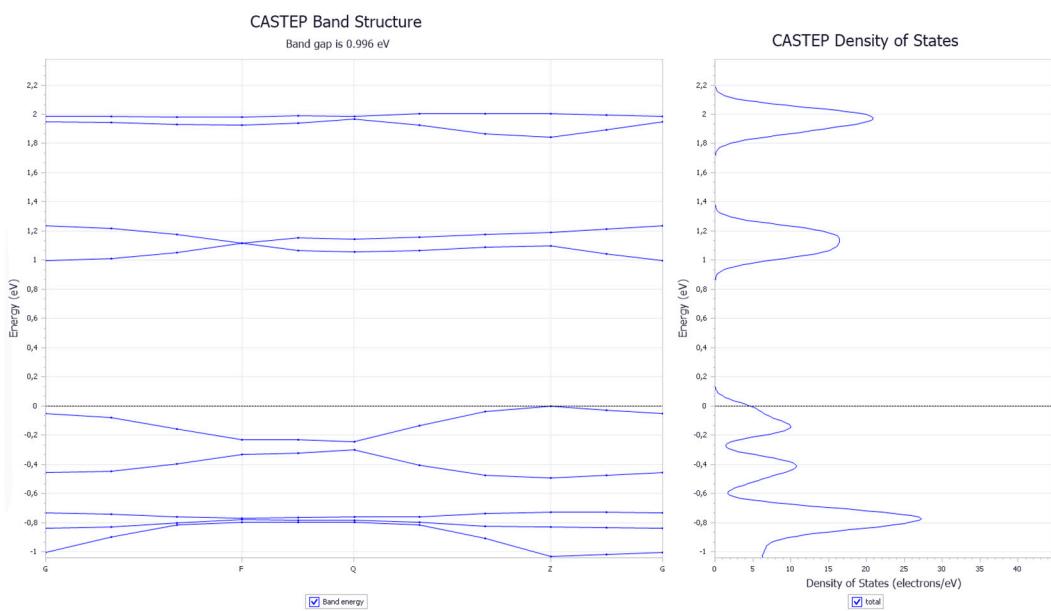
**Figure S3.** Mass spectrum of TA-OH. Formula  $[M-H]^- \text{C}_{12}\text{H}_9\text{O}_4\text{N}_4\text{S}$ . Found  $m/z$ : 305.03.



**Figure S4.** Chemical structure of the model molecule TA. The model TA is entirely analogous to TA-OH, but without the hydroxyl group on the phenyl ring.



**Figure S5.** UV-Vis photoisomerization of model TA. The experimental UV-vis spectra under excitation at 405 nm show the possibility of photoswitching from the *trans* to the *cis* form.



**Figure S6.** Band structure and density of states of the TA-OH crystal.

**Table S1.** Vertical transition energies of protonated TA-OH and deprotonated TA-OH.

System	Orbital type	Energy (E <sub>h</sub> )	Energy (eV)
TA-OH protonated	HOMO-2	-0.252760	-6.8779
	HOMO-1	-0.249303	-6.7839
	HOMO	-0.211623	-5.7586
	LUMO	-0.113521	-3.0891
	LUMO+1	-0.074052	-2.0151
	LUMO+2	-0.017551	-0.4776
	LUMO+3	-0.015075	-0.4102
TA-OH deprotonated	HOMO-3	-0.232040	-6.3141
	HOMO-2	-0.207225	-5.6389
	HOMO-1	-0.173592	-4.7237
	HOMO	-0.168527	-4.5859
	LUMO	-0.086070	-2.3421
	LUMO+1	-0.051329	-1.3967