

Supporting Information

A theoretical study on the electronic and photophysical properties of two series of iridium(III) complexes with different substituted N^N ligand†

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Table S1 Frontier molecular orbital energies (eV) and compositions (%) in the ground state for complex **1**

MO	Energy	Contribution (%)				Assignment
		Ir	C ^N	pyrapy	mbiphrapy	
L+8	-2.31	2	12	8	78	π^* (mbiphrapy)
L+7	-2.68	1	4	78	17	π^* (pyrapy)
L+6	-2.88	0	5	8	87	π^* (mbiphrapy)
L+5	-3.24	2	95	1	3	π^* (C ^N)
L+4	-3.35	2	91	6	1	π^* (C ^N)
L+3	-3.82	1	16	83	0	π^* (C ^N + pyrapy)
L+2	-3.87	4	87	9	1	π^* (C ^N)
L+1	-4.01	5	92	3	0	π^* (C ^N)
L	-4.56	3	2	95	1	π^* (pyrapy)
H	-7.41	0	0	0	100	π (mbiphrapy)
H-1	-8.14	0	0	0	100	π (mbiphrapy)
H-2	-8.18	0	0	0	100	π (mbiphrapy)
H-3	-8.34	0	2	0	97	π (mbiphrapy)
H-4	-8.47	31	66	1	1	d(Ir)+ π (C ^N)
H-5	-8.81	4	91	1	5	π (C ^N)
H-6	-8.85	0	3	0	97	π (mbiphrapy)
H-7	-8.91	8	89	1	3	π (C ^N)
H-8	-8.98	0	0	0	99	π (mbiphrapy)

Table S2 Frontier molecular orbital energies (eV) and compositions (%) in the ground state for complex **1a**

MO	Energy	Contribution (%)				Assignment
		Ir	C ^N	pyrapy	mbipbipyrapy	
L+8	-2.26	1	3	8	87	π^* (mbipbipyrapy)
L+7	-2.60	1	2	81	15	π^* (pyrapy)
L+6	-2.85	0	6	4	89	π^* (mbipbipyrapy)
L+5	-3.22	2	94	0	4	π^* (C ^N)
L+4	-3.34	2	88	9	1	π^* (C ^N)
L+3	-3.73	1	26	73	0	π^* (C ^N + pyrapy)
L+2	-3.77	4	80	16	1	π^* (C ^N + pyrapy)
L+1	-3.91	5	91	4	0	π^* (C ^N)
L	-4.46	3	2	95	1	π^* (pyrapy)
H	-7.40	0	0	0	100	π (mbipbipyrapy)
H-1	-8.14	0	0	0	100	π (mbipbipyrapy)
H-2	-8.19	0	0	0	99	π (mbipbipyrapy)
H-3	-8.24	28	68	1	3	d(Ir)+ π (C ^N)
H-4	-8.33	1	2	0	96	π (mbipbipyrapy)
H-5	-8.61	3	95	0	1	π (C ^N)
H-6	-8.85	0	2	0	97	π (mbipbipyrapy)
H-7	-8.88	14	79	1	6	d(Ir)+ π (C ^N)
H-8	-8.99	0	0	0	99	π (mbipbipyrapy)

Table S3 Frontier molecular orbital energies (eV) and compositions (%) in the ground state for complex **1b**

MO	Energy	Contribution (%)				Assignment
		Ir	C ^N	CF ₃ -pyrapy	mbiphrapy	
L+8	-2.35	1	5	5	89	π^* (mbiphrapy)
L+7	-2.76	1	2	79	17	π^* (CF ₃ -pyrapy+mbiphrapy)
L+6	-2.92	1	6	9	84	π^* (mbiphrapy)
L+5	-3.31	2	94	0	4	π^* (C ^N)
L+4	-3.45	2	93	4	1	π^* (C ^N)
L+3	-3.85	4	94	1	1	π^* (C ^N)
L+2	-3.99	4	86	10	0	π^* (C ^N)
L+1	-4.11	2	11	87	0	π^* (CF ₃ -pyrapy)
L	-4.81	3	1	95	1	π^* (CF ₃ -pyrapy)
H	-7.43	0	0	0	100	π (mbiphrapy)
H-1	-8.17	0	0	0	100	π (mbiphrapy)
H-2	-8.22	0	0	0	100	π (mbiphrapy)
H-3	-8.34	24	63	1	13	d(Ir)+ π (C ^N)
H-4	-8.39	4	10	0	86	π (mbiphrapy)
H-5	-8.71	3	95	0	1	π (C ^N)
H-6	-8.88	0	0	0	100	π (mbiphrapy)
H-7	-8.98	13	82	1	3	d(Ir)+ π (C ^N)
H-8	-9.03	0	0	0	100	π (mbiphrapy)

Table S4 Frontier molecular orbital energies (eV) and compositions (%) in the ground state for complex **1c**

MO	Energy	Contribution (%)				Assignment
		Ir	C ^N	CF ₃ -pyrapy	mbiphrapy	
L+8	-2.40	4	20	6	71	$\pi^*(C^N+mbiphrapy)$
L+7	-2.82	1	2	70	26	$\pi^*(CF_3\text{-pyrapy}+mbiphrapy)$
L+6	-2.96	1	5	18	76	$\pi^*(CF_3\text{-pyrapy}+mbiphrapy)$
L+5	-3.33	2	95	1	3	$\pi^*(C^N)$
L+4	-3.45	2	94	4	1	$\pi^*(C^N)$
L+3	-3.96	4	94	1	1	$\pi^*(C^N)$
L+2	-4.10	4	85	10	0	$\pi^*(C^N)$
L+1	-4.19	2	11	87	0	$\pi^*(CF_3\text{-pyrapy})$
L	-4.90	3	1	95	1	$\pi^*(CF_3\text{-pyrapy})$
H	-7.44	0	0	0	100	$\pi(mbiphrapy)$
H-1	-8.16	0	0	0	100	$\pi(mbiphrapy)$
H-2	-8.21	0	0	0	100	$\pi(mbiphrapy)$
H-3	-8.38	0	2	0	98	$\pi(mbiphrapy)$
H-4	-8.57	30	68	1	1	$d(Ir)+\pi(C^N)$
H-5	-8.87	0	3	0	96	$\pi(mbiphrapy)$
H-6	-8.90	4	90	0	6	$\pi(C^N)$
H-7	-9.01	8	88	1	4	$\pi(C^N)$
H-8	-9.02	0	2	0	98	$\pi(mbiphrapy)$

Table S5 Frontier molecular orbital energies (eV) and compositions (%) in the ground state for complex **2**

MO	Energy	Contribution (%)				Assignment
		Ir	C ^N	tripy	mphtripy	
L+8	-2.96	0	1	2	97	π^* (mphtripy)
L+7	-2.97	0	5	7	88	π^* (mphtripy)
L+6	-3.08	2	91	3	4	π^* (C ^N)
L+5	-3.16	0	2	6	92	π^* (mphtripy)
L+4	-3.35	1	11	78	11	π^* (triapy)
L+3	-3.49	4	86	8	2	π^* (C ^N)
L+2	-3.74	4	84	11	1	π^* (C ^N)
L+1	-3.75	2	13	81	3	π^* (triapy)
L	-4.35	2	0	96	1	π^* (triapy)
H	-8.09	29	69	1	0	d(Ir)+ π (C ^N)
H-1	-8.43	6	93	0	0	π (C ^N)
H-2	-8.62	5	94	0	0	π (C ^N)
H-3	-8.92	3	96	1	0	π (C ^N)
H-4	-9.00	1	0	0	99	π (mphtripy)
H-5	-9.07	68	26	5	1	d(Ir)+ π (C ^N)
H-6	-9.18	66	26	8	1	d(Ir)+ π (C ^N)
H-7	-9.71	0	0	0	100	π (mphtripy)
H-8	-9.84	0	0	5	95	π (mphtripy)

Table S6 Frontier molecular orbital energies (eV) and compositions (%) in the ground state for complex **2a**

MO	Energy	Contribution (%)				Assignment
		Ir	C ^N	triapy	mphtriapy	
L+8	-2.82	0	1	17	81	$\pi^*(\text{triapy}+\text{mphtriapy})$
L+7	-2.94	2	94	1	4	$\pi^*(\text{C}^{\text{N}})$
L+6	-2.98	0	5	2	93	$\pi^*(\text{mphtriapy})$
L+5	-3.03	2	79	8	11	$\pi^*(\text{C}^{\text{N}})$
L+4	-3.13	1	5	60	35	$\pi^*(\text{triapy}+\text{mphtriapy})$
L+3	-3.46	3	46	50	1	$\pi^*(\text{C}^{\text{N}}+\text{triapy})$
L+2	-3.50	3	61	36	1	$\pi^*(\text{C}^{\text{N}}+\text{triapy})$
L+1	-3.60	5	93	2	0	$\pi^*(\text{C}^{\text{N}})$
L	-4.09	3	2	96	0	$\pi^*(\text{triapy})$
H	-7.86	29	70	1	0	$d(\text{Ir})+\pi(\text{C}^{\text{N}})$
H-1	-8.29	4	95	0	0	$\pi(\text{C}^{\text{N}})$
H-2	-8.55	11	89	1	0	$\pi(\text{C}^{\text{N}})$
H-3	-8.70	0	0	0	100	$\pi(\text{mphtriapy})$
H-4	-8.89	23	73	4	0	$d(\text{Ir})+\pi(\text{C}^{\text{N}})$
H-5	-8.92	68	25	6	0	$d(\text{Ir})+\pi(\text{C}^{\text{N}})$
H-6	-9.02	47	47	6	0	$d(\text{Ir})+\pi(\text{C}^{\text{N}})$
H-7	-9.32	0	0	0	100	$\pi(\text{mphtriapy})$
H-8	-9.73	1	2	86	11	$\pi(\text{triapy})$

Table S7 Frontier molecular orbital energies (eV) and compositions (%) in the ground state for complex **2b**

MO	Energy	Contribution (%)				Assignment
		Ir	C ^N	CF ₃ -triapy	mphtriapy	
L+8	-2.89	1	2	18	79	$\pi^*(\text{CF}_3\text{-triapy+mphtriapy})$
L+7	-2.99	0	0	2	97	$\pi^*(\text{mphtriapy})$
L+6	-3.06	2	96	1	2	$\pi^*(\text{C}^{\wedge}\text{N})$
L+5	-3.14	2	74	15	9	$\pi^*(\text{C}^{\wedge}\text{N})$
L+4	-3.28	1	22	63	13	$\pi^*(\text{C}^{\wedge}\text{N+CF}_3\text{-triapy})$
L+3	-3.60	4	95	1	0	$\pi^*(\text{C}^{\wedge}\text{N})$
L+2	-3.72	4	94	2	0	$\pi^*(\text{C}^{\wedge}\text{N})$
L+1	-3.88	1	5	94	1	$\pi^*(\text{CF}_3\text{-triapy})$
L	-4.52	3	0	96	0	$\pi^*(\text{CF}_3\text{-triapy})$
H	-8.00	28	71	1	0	$d(\text{Ir})+\pi(\text{C}^{\wedge}\text{N})$
H-1	-8.41	4	96	0	0	$\pi(\text{C}^{\wedge}\text{N})$
H-2	-8.51	0	0	0	100	$\pi(\text{mphtriapy})$
H-3	-8.67	10	89	1	0	$\pi(\text{C}^{\wedge}\text{N})$
H-4	-9.02	14	82	3	0	$\pi(\text{C}^{\wedge}\text{N})$
H-5	-9.08	69	25	6	0	$d(\text{Ir})+\pi(\text{C}^{\wedge}\text{N})$
H-6	-9.13	0	0	0	100	$\pi(\text{mphtriapy})$
H-7	-9.18	56	38	7	0	$d(\text{Ir})+\pi(\text{C}^{\wedge}\text{N})$
H-8	-9.73	0	0	0	100	$\pi(\text{mphtriapy})$

Table S8 Frontier molecular orbital energies (eV) and compositions (%) in the ground state for complex **2c**

MO	Energy	Contribution (%)				Assignment
		Ir	C ^N	CF ₃ -triapy	mphtriapy	
L+8	-2.94	0	2	17	80	$\pi^*(\text{CF}_3\text{-triapy+mphtriapy})$
L+7	-3.03	0	0	2	97	$\pi^*(\text{mphtriapy})$
L+6	-3.09	2	96	0	2	$\pi^*(\text{C}^{\wedge}\text{N})$
L+5	-3.16	2	86	7	5	$\pi^*(\text{C}^{\wedge}\text{N})$
L+4	-3.35	1	11	73	15	$\pi^*(\text{CF}_3\text{-triapy+mphtriapy})$
L+3	-3.71	4	94	2	0	$\pi^*(\text{C}^{\wedge}\text{N})$
L+2	-3.83	4	93	2	0	$\pi^*(\text{C}^{\wedge}\text{N})$
L+1	-3.98	1	5	94	1	$\pi^*(\text{CF}_3\text{-triapy})$
L	-4.62	3	0	96	0	$\pi^*(\text{CF}_3\text{-triapy})$
H	-8.22	30	68	1	0	$d(\text{Ir})+\pi(\text{C}^{\wedge}\text{N})$
H-1	-8.54	0	0	0	100	$\pi(\text{mphtriapy})$
H-2	-8.59	5	95	0	0	$\pi(\text{C}^{\wedge}\text{N})$
H-3	-8.72	5	95	0	0	$\pi(\text{C}^{\wedge}\text{N})$
H-4	-9.04	3	95	1	0	$\pi(\text{C}^{\wedge}\text{N})$
H-5	-9.16	0	0	0	100	$\pi(\text{mphtriapy})$
H-6	-9.22	69	24	6	0	$d(\text{Ir})+\pi(\text{C}^{\wedge}\text{N})$
H-7	-9.31	65	26	8	0	$d(\text{Ir})+\pi(\text{C}^{\wedge}\text{N})$
H-8	-9.77	0	0	0	100	$\pi(\text{mphtriapy})$

Table S9 Selected calculated wavelength (nm)/energies (eV), oscillator strength (f), major contribution and transition characters for **1-1c** in CH₂Cl₂ media, along with the experimental data for **1**

	State	λ/E	f	Configuration	Assignment	Exptl ^a
1	S ₁	366/3.38	0.002	H→L(96%)	$[\pi(\text{mbiphpyrapy})\rightarrow\pi^*(\text{pyrapy})]$ ILCT	363
	S ₂₂	277/4.47	0.195	H→L+4(65%)	$[\pi(\text{mbiphpyrapy})\rightarrow\pi^*(\text{C}^{\wedge}\text{N})]$ LLCT	
	S ₂₇	269/4.59	0.743	H-7→L (56%)	$[\pi(\text{C}^{\wedge}\text{N})\rightarrow\pi^*(\text{pyrapy})]$ LLCT	
	S ₃₁	263/4.70	0.339	H-1→L+6 (79%)	$[\pi(\text{mbiphpyrapy})\rightarrow\pi^*(\text{mbiphpyrapy})]$ ILCT	
	S ₄₀	252/4.91	0.176	H-1→L+7(58%)	$[\pi(\text{mbiphpyrapy})\rightarrow\pi^*(\text{pyrapy})]$ ILCT	
	S ₄₄	251/4.93	0.205	H-5→L+3(50%)	$[\pi(\text{C}^{\wedge}\text{N})\rightarrow\pi^*(\text{C}^{\wedge}\text{N}+\text{pyrapy})]$ LLCT/ILCT	
	S ₅₄	244/5.07	0.132	H→L+5(49%)	$[\pi(\text{mbiphpyrapy})\rightarrow\pi^*(\text{C}^{\wedge}\text{N})]$ LLCT	
1a	S ₁	381/3.25	0.002	H→L(97%)	$[\pi(\text{mbiphpyrapy})\rightarrow\pi^*(\text{pyrapy})]$ ILCT	
	S ₂₁	279/4.43	0.088	H-6→L+2(51%)	$[\pi(\text{mbiphpyrapy})\rightarrow\pi^*(\text{C}^{\wedge}\text{N}+\text{pyrapy})]$ LLCT /ILCT	
	S ₂₆	270/4.58	0.263	H→L+6(51%)	$[\pi(\text{mbiphpyrapy})\rightarrow\pi^*(\text{mbiphpyrapy})]$ ILCT	
	S ₃₁	263/4.71	0.405	H-1→L+6(43%)	$[\pi(\text{mbiphpyrapy})\rightarrow\pi^*(\text{mbiphpyrapy})]$ ILCT	
	S ₃₆	257/4.81	0.128	H-8→L(49%)	$[\pi(\text{mbiphpyrapy})\rightarrow\pi^*(\text{pyrapy})]$ ILCT	
	S ₄₂	251/4.92	0.173	H-1→L+7 (47%)	$[\pi(\text{mbiphpyrapy})\rightarrow\pi^*(\text{pyrapy})]$ ILCT	
	S ₅₀	247/5.00	0.102	H-1→L+4 (66%)	$[\pi(\text{mbiphpyrapy})\rightarrow\pi^*(\text{C}^{\wedge}\text{N})]$ LLCT	
1b	S ₁	417/2.96	0.002	H→L(97%)	$[\pi(\text{mbiphpyrapy})\rightarrow\pi^*(\text{CF}_3\text{-pyrapy})]$ ILCT	
	S ₂₇	275/4.49	0.152	H-6→L (43%)	$[\pi(\text{mbiphpyrapy})\rightarrow\pi^*(\text{CF}_3\text{-pyrapy})]$ ILCT	
	S ₃₄	267/4.63	0.441	H-1→L+4 (56%)	$[\pi(\text{mbiphpyrapy})\rightarrow\pi^*(\text{C}^{\wedge}\text{N})]$ LLCT	
	S ₃₈	263/4.70	0.206	H-6→L+3 (66%)	$[\pi(\text{mbiphpyrapy})\rightarrow\pi^*(\text{C}^{\wedge}\text{N})]$ LLCT	
	S ₄₃	257/4.82	0.236	H-3→L+5(74%)	$[\text{d}(\text{Ir})+\pi(\text{C}^{\wedge}\text{N})\rightarrow\pi^*(\text{C}^{\wedge}\text{N})]$ MLCT/LLCT/ILCT	
	S ₄₅	252/4.91	0.268	H-1→L+7 (54%)	$[\pi(\text{mbiphpyrapy})\rightarrow\pi^*(\text{CF}_3\text{-pyrapy}+\text{mbiphpyrapy})]$ ILCT	
	S ₅₄	247/5.01	0.128	H→L+7 (46%)	$[\pi(\text{mbiphpyrapy})\rightarrow\pi^*(\text{CF}_3\text{-pyrapy}+\text{mbiphpyrapy})]$ ILCT	
1c	S ₁	399/3.10	0.001	H→L(73%)	$[\pi(\text{mbiphpyrapy})\rightarrow\pi^*(\text{CF}_3\text{-pyrapy})]$ ILCT	
	S ₂₅	277/4.46	0.178	H-2→L+4 (61%)	$[\pi(\text{mbiphpyrapy})\rightarrow\pi^*(\text{C}^{\wedge}\text{N})]$ LLCT	
	S ₂₈	275/4.50	0.170	H-8→L+1 (49%)	$[\pi(\text{mbiphpyrapy})\rightarrow\pi^*(\text{CF}_3\text{-pyrapy})]$ ILCT	
	S ₃₅	267/4.63	0.667	H-5→L+5 (55%)	$[\pi(\text{mbiphpyrapy})\rightarrow\pi^*(\text{C}^{\wedge}\text{N})]$ LLCT	
	S ₃₉	262/4.73	0.261	H-2→L+4 (51%)	$[\pi(\text{mbiphpyrapy})\rightarrow\pi^*(\text{C}^{\wedge}\text{N})]$ LLCT	
	S ₄₅	252/4.91	0.416	H-2→L+5 (45%)	$[\pi(\text{mbiphpyrapy})\rightarrow\pi^*(\text{C}^{\wedge}\text{N})]$ LLCT	
	S ₅₇	244/5.06	0.182	H→L+8 (43%)	$[\pi(\text{mbiphpyrapy})\rightarrow\pi^*(\text{C}^{\wedge}\text{N}+\text{mbiphpyrapy})]$ LLCT/ILCT	

^a From ref. 19

Table S10 Selected calculated wavelength (nm)/energies (eV), oscillator strength (f), major contribution and transition characters for **2-2c** in CH₂Cl₂ media, along with the experimental data for **2**

	State	λ/E	f	Configuration	Assignment	Exptl ^a
2	S ₁	371/3.33	0.002	H→L(96%)	[d(Ir)+ π (C [^] N)→ π^* (triapy)]MLCT/LLCT	361
	S ₁₂	293/4.22	0.170	H-1→L+2 (73%)	[π (C [^] N)→ π^* (C [^] N)] LLCT/ILCT	
	S ₁₈	278/4.45	0.100	H-5→L+1(53%)	[d(Ir)+ π (C [^] N)→ π^* (triapy)] MLCT/LLCT	
	S ₂₈	260/4.75	0.084	H-2→L+3 (45%)	[π (C [^] N)→ π^* (C [^] N)] LLCT/ILCT	
	S ₃₄	251/4.92	0.100	H-1→L+6(72%)	[π (C [^] N)→ π^* (C [^] N)] LLCT/ILCT	
	S ₃₉	248/4.98	0.154	H-2→L+6(60%)	[π (C [^] N)→ π^* (C [^] N)] LLCT/ILCT	
	S ₄₄	244/5.07	0.123	H-1→L+7 (48%)	[π (C [^] N)→ π^* (mphtriapy)] LLCT	
2a	S ₁	378/3.27	0.001	H→L(97%)	[d(Ir)+ π (C [^] N)→ π^* (triapy)] MLCT/LLCT	
	S ₁₀	295/4.18	0.083	H-2→L+1(57%)	[π (C [^] N)→ π^* (C [^] N)] LLCT/ILCT	
	S ₁₉	278/4.44	0.158	H-5→L+2 (47%)	[d(Ir)+ π (C [^] N)→ π^* (C [^] N+ triapy)] MLCT/LLCT/ILCT	
	S ₂₇	259/4.76	0.114	H-7→L(67%)	[π (mphtriapy)→ π^* (triapy)] ILCT	
	S ₃₉	249/4.96	0.425	H-3→L+4(45%)	[π (mphtriapy)→ π^* (triapy+mphtriapy)] ILCT	
	S ₄₂	246/5.03	0.146	H→L+8 (41%)	[d(Ir)+ π (C [^] N)→ π^* (triapy+mphtriapy)] MLCT/LLCT	
	S ₅₅	235/5.25	0.137	H-5→L+7(60%)	[d(Ir)+ π (C [^] N)→ π^* (C [^] N)] MLCT/LLCT /ILCT	
2b	S ₁	420/2.94	0.001	H→L(97%)	[d(Ir)+ π (C [^] N)→ π^* (CF ₃ -triapy)] MLCT/LLCT	
	S ₈	316/3.91	0.113	H-5→L (70%)	[d(Ir)+ π (C [^] N)→ π^* (CF ₃ -triapy)] MLCT/LLCT	
	S ₂₃	276/4.48	0.143	H-4→L+2(45%)	[π (C [^] N)→ π^* (C [^] N)] MLCT/LLCT/ILCT	
	S ₂₈	263/4.71	0.108	H-6→L+1(49%)	[π (mphtriapy)→ π^* (CF ₃ -triapy)] ILCT	
	S ₃₅	256/4.84	0.256	H-1→L+6 (45%)	[π (C [^] N)→ π^* (C [^] N)] LLCT/ILCT	
	S ₄₁	251/4.93	0.374	H-2→L+5(70%)	[π (mphtriapy)→ π^* (C [^] N)] LLCT/ILCT	
	S ₄₆	246/5.02	0.107	H→L+2 (43%)	[d(Ir)+ π (C [^] N)→ π^* (C [^] N)] MLCT/LLCT/ILCT	
2c	S ₁	402/3.07	0.003	H→L(97%)	[d(Ir)+ π (C [^] N)→ π^* (CF ₃ -triapy)] MLCT/LLCT	
	S ₉	311/3.98	0.139	H-6→L (63%)	[d(Ir)+ π (C [^] N)→ π^* (CF ₃ -triapy)] MLCT/LLCT	
	S ₂₃	273/4.52	0.135	H-4→L+2 (73%)	[π (C [^] N)→ π^* (C [^] N)] LLCT/ILCT	
	S ₃₉	251/4.93	0.298	H-2→L+5 (55%)	[π (C [^] N)→ π^* (C [^] N)] LLCT/ILCT	

^a From ref. 19

Table S11 Calculated phosphorescent emission wavelength (λ , in nm) for **1** and **2** in CH₂Cl₂ media with the TDDFT method at M062X, M052X, PBE0, B3LYP, CAM-B3LYP and BP86 level, respectively, together with the experimental values

	Exptl ^a	M062X	M052X	PBE0	B3LYP	CAM-B3LYP	BP86
1	454	479	511	555	540	567	553
2	454	476	507	552	538	561	556

^a From ref. 19

Table S12 Frontier molecular orbital energies (eV) and composition (%) of **1-1c** and **2-2c** in the lowest lying triplet excited state (L and H represent)

	MO	<i>E</i>	MO composition (%)			Assignment
			Ir	C [^] N	N [^] N	
1			Ir	C [^] N	N [^] N	
	L	-4.55	3	3	94	$\pi^*(N^{\wedge}N)$
	H	-7.40	0	0	100	$\pi(N^{\wedge}N)$
1a			Ir	C [^] N	N [^] N	
	L	-4.88	4	1	95	$\pi^*(N^{\wedge}N)$
	H	-7.39	0	0	100	$\pi(N^{\wedge}N)$
1b			Ir	C [^] N	N [^] N	
	L	-5.26	4	2	94	$\pi^*(N^{\wedge}N)$
	H	-7.40	0	0	100	$\pi(N^{\wedge}N)$
1c			Ir	C [^] N	N [^] N	
	L	-5.32	4	1	95	$\pi^*(N^{\wedge}N)$
	H	-7.35	0	0	100	$\pi(N^{\wedge}N)$
2			Ir	C [^] N	N [^] N	
	L	-4.35	2	1	97	$\pi^*(N^{\wedge}N)$
	H	-8.02	26	72	2	$d(Ir)+\pi(C^{\wedge}N)$
2a			Ir	C [^] N	N [^] N	
	L	-4.08	2	2	96	$\pi^*(N^{\wedge}N)$
	H	-7.78	25	74	1	$d(Ir)+\pi(C^{\wedge}N)$
2b			Ir	C [^] N	N [^] N	
	L	-5.03	4	1	95	$\pi^*(N^{\wedge}N)$
	H	-7.88	28	70	2	$d(Ir)+\pi(C^{\wedge}N)$
2c			Ir	C [^] N	N [^] N	
	L	-5.10	4	1	95	$\pi^*(N^{\wedge}N)$
	H	-8.08	30	67	3	$d(Ir)+\pi(C^{\wedge}N)$

Table S13 The xyz coordinates for the optimized structures for **1** in the S₀ and T₁ states at PBE0/6-31G* level

	S ₀			T ₁		
Ir	-3.36056800	0.18187000	-0.09182900	-3.35420400	0.18088900	-0.08269400
F	-7.67405900	-2.56696300	1.11376100	-7.69030000	-2.60592700	1.10335700
F	-4.60874200	-2.15429800	4.59633600	-4.59669600	-2.21537000	4.57884100
F	0.73634500	-3.01545300	0.73623300	0.73079700	-3.04659400	0.67730800
F	-2.32012100	-4.57898100	-2.41146700	-2.35611800	-4.54731800	-2.47115600
N	-1.74517200	0.42998100	1.15259100	-1.72199300	0.41081300	1.15705400
C	-0.83080100	-0.58169200	1.15273900	-0.81562400	-0.60712900	1.13814700
C	0.29692200	-0.49304600	1.97834500	0.32016900	-0.53574700	1.95405000
H	1.02197700	-1.29354500	1.97305600	1.03939400	-1.34128500	1.93502300
C	0.47686200	0.61490700	2.78928900	0.51638200	0.56400600	2.77261400
H	1.35131500	0.67782800	3.43025600	1.39747800	0.61430400	3.40556600
C	-0.46862800	1.63798100	2.77305200	-0.42016700	1.59542900	2.77375000
H	-0.36924800	2.52108700	3.39455000	-0.30695400	2.47245900	3.40145600
C	-1.56192400	1.50278700	1.93739900	-1.52282800	1.47599100	1.94764300
H	-2.33375400	2.26167100	1.88494100	-2.28984500	2.24078000	1.90817500
C	-2.36038000	-1.50759200	-0.49901500	-2.36393500	-1.50465700	-0.51575500
C	-1.16384100	-1.67181600	0.24768600	-1.16351600	-1.68375200	0.22138700
C	-0.40427000	-2.83210300	0.05520900	-0.41306800	-2.84623800	0.00685900
C	-0.76846600	-3.82477900	-0.83500700	-0.79021200	-3.82347200	-0.89495000
H	-0.16389000	-4.71516600	-0.95888900	-0.19129600	-4.71513800	-1.03636700
C	-1.94451100	-3.63550200	-1.54800800	-1.97010200	-3.61798500	-1.59778200
C	-2.73890100	-2.50596600	-1.39882600	-2.75670600	-2.48623900	-1.42745700
H	-3.65029600	-2.43871000	-1.98344400	-3.67230900	-2.40137700	-2.00287300
N	-4.97363200	-0.29357200	-1.27726200	-4.94751700	-0.24953500	-1.26687400
C	-5.94373100	-1.04558600	-0.68324300	-5.95831500	-1.04661400	-0.64790600
C	-7.06786100	-1.43261700	-1.42443400	-7.10400200	-1.43087500	-1.42760300
H	-7.83241100	-2.03202800	-0.95155200	-7.85683300	-2.05062700	-0.96058400
C	-7.18752000	-1.05496300	-2.75165600	-7.23714300	-1.03147900	-2.72370900
H	-8.05752700	-1.36054500	-3.32516400	-8.10152000	-1.32743200	-3.30825500
C	-6.18380100	-0.28825200	-3.33969400	-6.21714400	-0.22284100	-3.30189600
H	-6.23547400	0.02502300	-4.37650600	-6.27792600	0.11954500	-4.32855800
C	-5.09639900	0.06882000	-2.56372400	-5.11160800	0.12452200	-2.53160400
H	-4.28071200	0.65826200	-2.96567700	-4.31268900	0.72511600	-2.95415000
C	-4.42275300	-0.89080800	1.21373100	-4.40150100	-0.87209800	1.22481100
C	-5.66008000	-1.37140700	0.70689700	-5.68048600	-1.36872100	0.67538400
C	-6.49620900	-2.10533800	1.55805300	-6.51812400	-2.14585100	1.56033700
C	-6.16750400	-2.38172500	2.87124400	-6.16589100	-2.42549800	2.84276200
H	-6.83314900	-2.95377000	3.50621200	-6.81570800	-3.01100900	3.48325200
C	-4.95060000	-1.90102800	3.33396600	-4.92763400	-1.93809200	3.32090800
C	-4.08061000	-1.16665800	2.53726800	-4.06204700	-1.18222600	2.52947500
H	-3.14361500	-0.83424000	2.97053100	-3.12276300	-0.85909000	2.96569100
N	-4.36481400	2.08677700	0.33538800	-4.36268600	2.10028700	0.36308000
C	-4.07114800	3.12187800	-0.48461300	-4.07387500	3.13384300	-0.45872900
C	-4.70505700	4.35651400	-0.35849800	-4.70890800	4.36791500	-0.32981900
H	-4.44879800	5.16802000	-1.03129000	-4.45587700	5.18093500	-1.00199300
C	-5.66057000	4.52751100	0.63425400	-5.66270900	4.53583100	0.66515300
H	-6.16640700	5.48129800	0.74919000	-6.17054500	5.48842600	0.78136200
C	-5.95652500	3.45963200	1.47630800	-5.95471300	3.46742900	1.50816800
H	-6.69463100	3.54862800	2.26607400	-6.69279000	3.55458300	2.29817900
C	-5.28773900	2.25740900	1.29112800	-5.28102700	2.26808800	1.32185800
H	-5.48087200	1.39305500	1.91843000	-5.46357000	1.40340100	1.95279100
N	-2.49256900	1.62835300	-1.49860300	-2.49071100	1.64613500	-1.48123600
N	-1.60568100	1.62466300	-2.49918200	-1.60859600	1.64879500	-2.48609100

C	-1.57597300	2.82495400	-3.12117500	-1.58870200	2.84974200	-3.10648500
H	-0.90145600	3.00226900	-3.94693600	-0.91909500	3.03201300	-3.93515200
C	-2.49334200	3.64645700	-2.50249300	-2.50819300	3.66494900	-2.48263700
H	-2.72697700	4.66861200	-2.76018300	-2.74940600	4.68581400	-2.73838000
C	-3.04645000	2.85121500	-1.48497500	-3.05236700	2.86546000	-1.46371600
C	-0.70354400	0.50850800	-2.72558400	-0.70565500	0.53572200	-2.72281700
H	-0.48323000	0.50467800	-3.79934400	-0.48672000	0.54151700	-3.79680200
H	-1.25868300	-0.40618100	-2.49872300	-1.25998500	-0.38145400	-2.50423500
C	0.57046900	0.57571500	-1.91264500	0.56925700	0.59681000	-1.91100700
C	1.36381100	-0.57128000	-1.83037500	1.36438800	-0.54969300	-1.83950000
H	1.03958200	-1.48997800	-2.31453600	1.04146300	-1.46437700	-2.33210100
C	2.55291700	-0.55995100	-1.11511700	2.55439700	-0.54272300	-1.12561200
H	3.13609000	-1.47316800	-1.03737100	3.13898700	-1.45574700	-1.05658000
C	2.99513300	0.60078600	-0.46301000	2.99577900	0.61304000	-0.46413600
C	2.19497000	1.74508800	-0.55634700	2.19425700	1.75722900	-0.54762000
H	2.52577700	2.66786500	-0.08800900	2.52471600	2.67674500	-0.07268100
C	0.99955600	1.73429700	-1.26803900	0.99797700	1.75075300	-1.25784300
H	0.40920700	2.64579100	-1.31987300	0.40658700	2.66197000	-1.30231800
C	4.26201100	0.61335000	0.29818400	4.26274300	0.62048600	0.29704100
C	4.38485800	1.34860200	1.48256800	4.38573300	1.34835400	1.48601500
H	3.53043000	1.90333400	1.86285400	3.53183300	1.90200200	1.86903300
C	5.58286900	1.36717600	2.18911400	5.58334400	1.36157800	2.19334500
H	5.65521700	1.94658700	3.10730600	5.65570500	1.93544200	3.11501700
C	6.68882200	0.64872100	1.73638700	6.68895000	0.64497400	1.73684800
C	6.57268800	-0.08989200	0.55574200	6.57287100	-0.08594600	0.55141000
H	7.43589300	-0.63810000	0.18738400	7.43587000	-0.63245500	0.18005900
C	5.37877900	-0.10557000	-0.15135400	5.37932900	-0.09626600	-0.15644600
H	5.32043400	-0.65980900	-1.08446400	5.32130800	-0.64443500	-1.09314800
C	7.98543400	0.65277700	2.51530900	7.98488900	0.64286500	2.51695200
H	7.95748100	1.41944000	3.29617200	7.95762500	1.40595000	3.30133700
H	8.14544600	-0.31373000	3.00384400	8.14236700	-0.32622000	3.00121500
N	9.77293200	-0.15115700	1.12091000	9.77173700	-0.15818500	1.12018600
N	9.14915500	0.88608300	1.69065200	9.14992400	0.87763700	1.69470800
C	9.65903400	2.08040000	1.29402400	9.66339000	2.07275200	1.30510100
H	9.25845200	3.01380600	1.66446100	9.26485800	3.00520600	1.68013100
C	10.68726200	1.80461100	0.42526700	10.69187900	1.79893300	0.43605600
H	11.34507200	2.49300100	-0.08213000	11.35205800	2.48830800	-0.06690600
C	10.71703500	0.39449100	0.35096000	10.71810400	0.38914800	0.35423300
N	12.50270100	0.23489600	-1.21455900	12.50502800	0.23345900	-1.21020900
C	11.63956300	-0.43092800	-0.43582800	11.63949600	-0.43438200	-0.43588200
C	11.60519800	-1.82834600	-0.36450000	11.60174900	-1.83205100	-0.37185200
H	10.88801400	-2.31289200	0.28982300	10.88276000	-2.31831400	0.27921000
C	12.50140700	-2.55501000	-1.13516100	12.49704400	-2.55681400	-1.14536900
H	12.50153800	-3.64131100	-1.10024600	12.49458000	-3.64327800	-1.11613200
C	13.40069800	-1.87039300	-1.94831600	13.39879800	-1.87009400	-1.95400400
H	14.12094500	-2.39726200	-2.56657000	14.11844200	-2.39543000	-2.57425700
C	13.35565700	-0.47881300	-1.94594500	13.35707400	-0.47843300	-1.94441100
H	14.04384700	0.09413000	-2.56590600	14.04727700	0.09610200	-2.56064000

Table S14 The xyz coordinates for the optimized structures for **2** in the S₀ and T₁ states at PBE0/6-31G* level

	S ₀			T ₁		
Ir	-1.52191800	-0.04680800	-0.19851600	-1.51670800	-0.05692500	-0.18551000
N	-0.18984700	1.64486200	-0.69577500	-0.17327500	1.65550600	-0.68730800
C	0.97155900	1.33597000	-1.31712900	0.97221500	1.34701600	-1.33473100
C	1.88674100	2.31345000	-1.69779500	1.87763000	2.32574100	-1.73630500
H	2.82355800	2.03544000	-2.16960000	2.80374400	2.04935500	-2.22963000
C	1.58853300	3.64600300	-1.44402400	1.58190600	3.65785000	-1.47744800
H	2.29409700	4.42345500	-1.71889100	2.27844500	4.43683700	-1.77043100
C	0.38491000	3.96151100	-0.82174400	0.39351200	3.97228300	-0.82583600
H	0.11115700	4.98898800	-0.60744900	0.12313200	4.99971600	-0.60712700
C	-0.47392200	2.93157500	-0.46146800	-0.45289700	2.94002100	-0.44338100
H	-1.41882800	3.12104400	0.03751300	-1.38246000	3.12582800	0.08561700
N	1.78474100	-2.13025700	-1.85042500	1.79483300	-2.11733100	-1.87003500
N	0.55227000	-2.18246500	-1.35280800	0.57292100	-2.17612900	-1.34909100
N	0.18416900	-0.95375900	-1.16093000	0.19904800	-0.94917000	-1.15752400
C	1.17609300	-0.09000800	-1.52418600	1.17677700	-0.07946300	-1.54344000
C	2.22140500	-0.85940600	-1.98261900	2.21905700	-0.84392400	-2.01716300
H	3.21136500	-0.62015400	-2.33886400	3.19992200	-0.59954600	-2.39445500
C	2.50371300	-3.37005000	-2.13236200	2.51950300	-3.35249400	-2.15711800
H	2.48880600	-3.54770400	-3.21260200	2.50609300	-3.52478200	-3.23819600
H	1.91174300	-4.15717900	-1.65524000	1.93049900	-4.14435700	-1.68423900
N	5.34019800	3.15066800	-0.42150300	5.32827200	3.18337600	-0.36595000
C	4.65561700	2.83305500	0.68697800	4.62123200	2.84328700	0.72144900
C	3.94583000	3.77253900	1.44168300	3.88088100	3.76400900	1.46971700
H	3.41735400	3.45515900	2.33463400	3.33626800	3.42938400	2.34655300
C	3.96261100	5.09939000	1.03153700	3.88834800	5.09556800	1.07478700
H	3.43619500	5.85816000	1.60425400	3.33780700	5.84029900	1.64325300
C	4.68050100	5.44262900	-0.11169100	4.62808600	5.46190000	-0.04699600
H	4.73569300	6.46978700	-0.45897200	4.67659800	6.49360500	-0.38156900
C	5.34810600	4.42916900	-0.79713900	5.32700900	4.46596700	-0.72696200
H	5.92354200	4.65747600	-1.69293100	5.92094300	4.71271900	-1.60562900
N	5.24718700	-0.62997400	1.41436900	5.23911400	-0.62216200	1.41464900
N	4.16505400	-0.37583500	2.16498300	4.14174500	-0.38992700	2.14985100
N	3.84151000	0.86598900	1.97942900	3.80758000	0.85085200	1.97504100
C	4.70970100	1.42820900	1.09431700	4.68435200	1.43420800	1.11248900
C	5.61843200	0.46159600	0.71607000	5.61005300	0.48259600	0.73736200
H	6.46507300	0.48780500	0.04798000	6.46706300	0.52682300	0.08361100
C	5.81027900	-1.96999100	1.38694200	5.81411800	-1.95669400	1.37544800
H	5.35611400	-2.49215800	2.23430200	5.36603800	-2.49040100	2.21886800
H	6.88692900	-1.90348900	1.56909400	6.89023700	-1.88144300	1.55696400
C	3.92092800	-3.32644000	-1.61512800	3.93593300	-3.30478600	-1.63781100
C	4.21075600	-2.73928100	-0.38449200	4.22105500	-2.72020700	-0.40489900
H	3.41621300	-2.30343400	0.21868600	3.42374200	-2.28866700	0.19768300
C	5.52352100	-2.67342100	0.08161900	5.53239400	-2.65277900	0.06492500
C	6.54797800	-3.24063000	-0.67502700	6.56033300	-3.21423300	-0.69130400
H	7.57448900	-3.19524200	-0.31942500	7.58583500	-3.16735700	-0.33299000
C	6.26119900	-3.85657500	-1.89077200	6.27832800	-3.82657000	-1.90997300
H	7.06203100	-4.29433400	-2.47899500	7.08193900	-4.25963600	-2.49787700
C	4.95527800	-3.88475000	-2.36895500	4.97355900	-3.85754600	-2.39115600
H	4.74112600	-4.34111900	-3.33247400	4.76295900	-4.31172800	-3.35648900
N	-0.64493500	-0.56215800	1.59021900	-0.64174700	-0.59477500	1.60737400
C	-1.16474900	-1.66218600	2.20775500	-1.17127300	-1.69754800	2.21021100
C	-0.63713300	-2.07362300	3.43843700	-0.65112200	-2.12791800	3.43720700
H	-1.05962300	-2.93749200	3.93098500	-1.08201200	-2.99340400	3.91953600

C	0.41865700	-1.38084600	4.00814800	0.41063600	-1.45119300	4.01577800
H	0.82770600	-1.70586700	4.96029900	0.81452700	-1.79020200	4.96526600
C	0.95362600	-0.27799900	3.34735900	0.95871900	-0.34768400	3.36716700
H	1.80241800	0.27724500	3.72821000	1.81259000	0.19454700	3.75526100
C	0.38537300	0.09663800	2.14381100	0.39548600	0.04668500	2.16713300
H	0.76184600	0.94853200	1.59068200	0.78207200	0.90014100	1.62306700
C	-2.58690100	-1.68468500	0.23315900	-2.58109800	-1.69629600	0.22290800
C	-2.24185300	-2.29859600	1.46515700	-2.24678300	-2.32092600	1.45277700
C	-2.92913400	-3.45461300	1.85495500	-2.94301000	-3.47713600	1.82516900
C	-3.92885800	-4.02300800	1.08987900	-3.93671800	-4.03466100	1.04406500
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