

Electronic Supplementary Information: Thermally Activated Delayed Fluorescence of a Ir(III) Complex: Absorption and Emission Properties, Nonradiative Rates, and Mechanism

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Bond Length (Å)	Exp.	S_0	S_1	T_1	T_2
Ir-C9	1.928	1.920	1.955	1.933	1.938
Ir-C6	2.071	2.075	2.061	2.065	2.070
Ir-C1	2.070	2.075	2.061	2.065	2.070
Ir-N1	2.069	2.086	2.120	2.141	2.138
Ir-N2	2.049	2.056	2.065	2.067	2.059
Ir-N3	2.049	2.056	2.081	2.076	2.060
Bond Angle (°)	Exp.	S_0	S_1	T_1	T_2
C1-Ir-N1	79.2	78.6	76.6	75.8	75.9
C1-Ir-C6	158.2	157.3	150.6	150.7	151.8
N2-Ir-N3	160.1	159.5	160.3	161.1	160.6
N2-Ir-C9	79.9	79.8	80.1	80.3	80.2
C1-Ir-C9	102.2	101.4	103.7	104.3	104.6
N1-Ir-N2	104.4	100.2	97.3	96.9	99.0
N1-Ir-C9	175.6	179.9	177.5	177.7	179.2
Torsion Angle (°)	Exp.	S_0	S_1	T_1	T_2
C1-C2-C3-N1	6.6	0.0	0.8	1.5	0.6
C2-C3-N1-C4	176.8	-180.0	177.2	178.6	179.8
N2-C7-C8-C9	0.9	0.2	-0.0	-0.2	0.5
C7-C8-C9-C10	179.0	-180.0	180.0	179.9	-179.6
C8-C9-Ir-C6	-91.6	-89.9	-84.2	-86.3	-88.9
C3-N1-Ir-N2	92.8	90.0	92.1	92.2	90.6
C3-N1-Ir-N3	-89.1	-90.0	-87.9	-87.8	-89.6
C1-C9-Ir-N1	73.9	179.9	95.4	93.4	126.3

Table S2 Calculated Energies of the S_1 and T_1 Minima (kcal/mol) Relative to the S_0 Minimum at M11-L/6-31G*&SDD(Ir) level.

S_1	T_1
55.1	51.1

Table S3 Calculated Energy Gaps between the S_2 State and the S_1 , T_1 and T_2 States ($\Delta E_{S_2-S_1}$, $\Delta E_{S_2-T_1}$, $\Delta E_{S_2-T_2}$) at the S_0 , S_1 , and T_1 Minima in Solution Computed at MS-CASPT2/PCM level.

	$\Delta E_{S_2-S_1}$		$\Delta E_{S_2-T_1}$		$\Delta E_{S_2-T_2}$	
	kcal/mol	eV	kcal/mol	eV	kcal/mol	eV
At S_0-Min	16.0	0.69	15.9	0.69	13.0	0.56
At S_1-Min	13.9	0.60	14.8	0.64	6.8	0.29
At T_1-Min	16.1	0.70	16.2	0.70	7.4	0.32

Table S4 Calculated Vertical Excitation Energies (E_{\perp}), Wavelength (λ), Main Electronic Configurations of the Ir(III) Complex in Solution.

MS-CASPT2	E_{\perp} (kcal/mol)	E_{\perp} (eV)	λ (nm)	f	Configurations
S_1	60.9	2.64	470	0.1544	$d_2 \rightarrow \pi_3^*$ (77.9%)
S_2	76.9	3.33	372	0.1192	$d_2 \rightarrow \pi_4^*$ (85.9%)
S_3	82.4	3.57	347	0.0177	$d_3 \rightarrow \pi_3^*$ (90.0%)
S_4	95.6	4.15	299	0.0106	$d_3 \rightarrow \pi_4^*$ (93.5%)
S_5	96.9	4.20	295	0.0000	$d_1 \rightarrow \pi_3^*$ (94.7%)
S_6	106.6	4.62	268	0.0000	$d_1 \rightarrow \pi_4^*$ (95.5%)
S_7	107.9	4.68	265	0.0378	$\pi_1 \rightarrow \pi_3^*$ (66.3%) $d_2 \rightarrow \pi_3^*$ (14.6%)

Table S5 Calculated Vertical Emission Energies (E_{\perp}), Wavelengths (λ), Oscillator Strengths (f), and Electronic Configurations at the S_1 and T_1 Minima in Solution.

	S_1				
	E_{\perp} (kcal/mol)	E_{\perp} (eV)	λ (nm)	f	Configurations
MS-CASPT2	57.0	2.47	501	0.1080	$d_2 \rightarrow \pi_3^*$ (82.7%)
Exp.	53.2	2.31	537		
	T_1				
	E_{\perp} (kcal/mol)	E_{\perp} (eV)	λ (nm)	f	Configurations
MS-CASPT2	55.0	2.38	520	0.0000	$d_2 \rightarrow \pi_3^*$ (79.5%)
Exp.	52.9	2.30	540		

Table S6 Calculated Spin-Orbit Couplings (SOCs) and Reorganization Energy (λ_{reog}) in the Forward and Reverse Intersystem Crossing Processes.

	$S_1 \rightarrow T_1$	$T_1 \rightarrow S_1$
SOC (cm^{-1})	45.43	34.68
λ_{reog} (eV)	0.04	0.02

Table S7 Calculated Spin-Orbit Couplings (SOCs) using Different Software and Corresponding (Reverse) Intersystem Crossing Rates ($k_{(r)ISC}$).

		SOC (S_1 , cm^{-1})	SOC (T_1 , cm^{-1})	k_{ISC} (s^{-1})	k_{rISC} (s^{-1})
M11-L/TZP	ADF	45.43	34.68	4.86×10^{11}	2.29×10^9
M06/ DKH-def2-TZVP& SARC-DKH- TZVP(Ir)	ORCA	74.67	41.81	1.31×10^{12}	3.33×10^9
B3LYP/ DKH-def2-TZVP& SARC-DKH- TZVP(Ir)	ORCA	86.42	50.91	1.76×10^{12}	4.93×10^9
M11-L/ 6-31G*&SDD(Ir)	PySOC	61.73	41.87	9.27×10^{11}	3.34×10^9

Note: For SOC calculations with MS-CASPT2, the present OPENMOLCAS version does not support the combination of using the atomic mean-field approximation and the effective core potential. The present work started two years ago, when our ADF license is valid. However, we did not extend the ADF license because we prefer using free ORCA now (see our recent works, refs. 31-32). Unfortunately, the latest ORCA does not support the M11-L functional. Instead, we checked SOC using ORCA with several functionals, which give similar values (same order of the magnitude). Importantly, with PySOC, the same M11-L functional gave much close results (see Table S7).

Table S8 Temperature Dependence of the (Reverse) Intersystem Crossing Rates ($k_{(r)ISC}$).

	77 K	100 K	150 K	200 K	250 K	300 K
$k_{ISC(S_1-T_1)}$	3.36×10^{11}	3.53×10^{11}	4.00×10^{11}	4.42×10^{11}	4.72×10^{11}	4.86×10^{11}
$k_{rISC(T_1-S_1)}$	2.22×10^3	2.59×10^5	2.41×10^7	2.38×10^8	9.36×10^8	2.29×10^9

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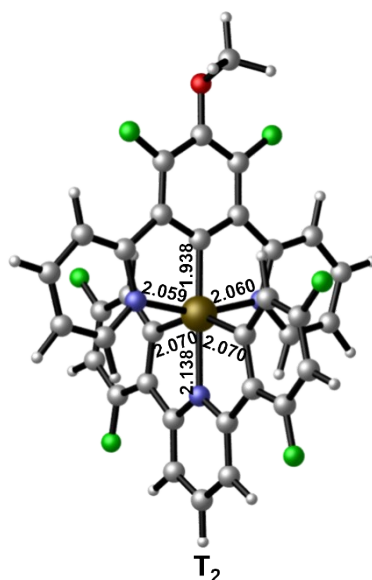


Fig. S1 Selected geometric parameters of the T₂ minimum of the Ir(III) complex in toluene solution.

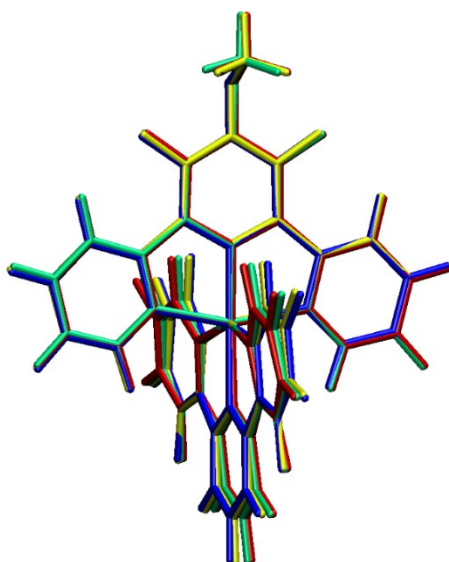


Fig. S2 Spatial overlap of the optimized S₀ (blue), S₁ (red), T₁ (green) and T₂ (yellow) structures in solution.

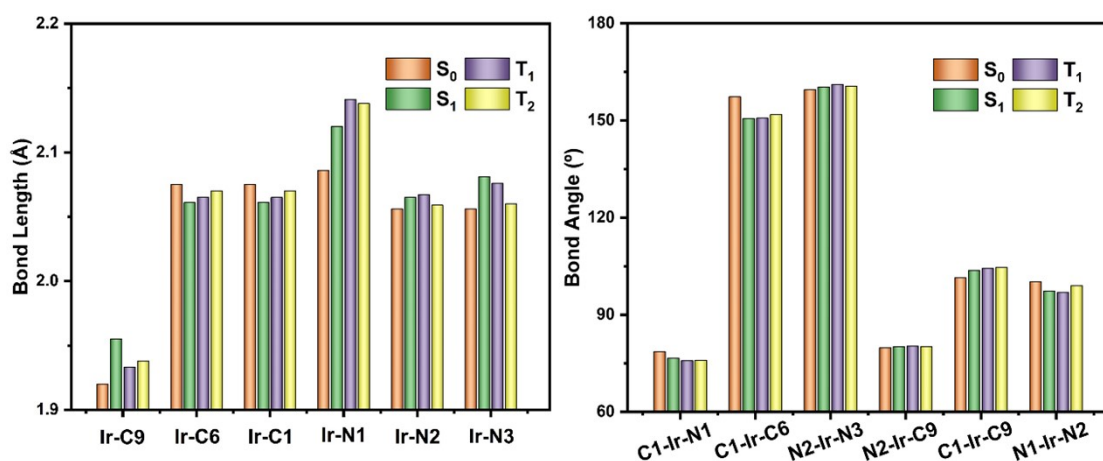


Fig. S3 Geometric changes including (left) bond lengths (in Å) of Ir-C9, Ir-C6, Ir-C1, Ir-N1, Ir-N2 and Ir-N3; and (right) angles of C1-Ir-N1, C1-Ir-C6, N2-Ir-N3, N2-Ir-C9, C1-Ir-C9 and N1-Ir-N2 between S₁, T₁, T₂ and S₀.

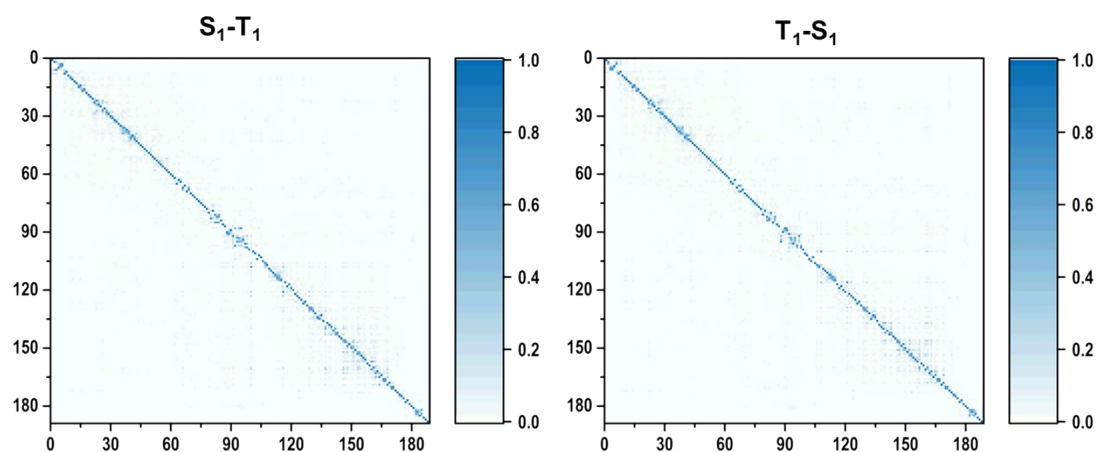


Fig. S4 Duschinsky matrices of the Ir(III) complex for the (left) forward and (right) reverse intersystem crossing processes.

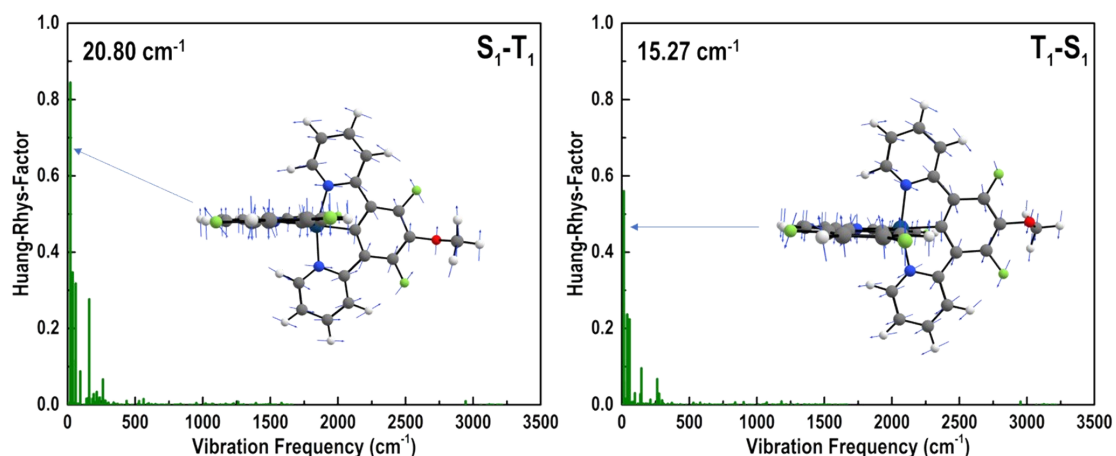


Fig. S5 Calculated Huang-Rhys factor of each vibrational mode of the Ir(III) complex for the (left) forward and (right) reverse intersystem crossing processes in solution.

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S₀.xyz

C	-2.135288000	-4.529926000	-0.000021000
C	-0.765833000	-4.370657000	-0.000019000
C	-2.899003000	-3.387089000	-0.000017000
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C	-0.164135000	-3.130040000	-0.000013000
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H	-2.600794000	-5.515236000	-0.000027000
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S₁.xyz

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