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Design and Facile Synthesis of Photothermally Active Metal-Organic Framework Bearing Persistent Radicals *via* Post-synthetic Thermal Annealing

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General procedure

Materials and characterization

Starting materials, reagents, and solvents were purchased from commercial sources (J&K, Zhengzhou Alfa and Acros) and used without further purification. Elemental analysis was obtained with a VarioMicro CUBE CHN elemental analyzer. Powder X-ray diffraction (PXRD) patterns were collected on a Rigaku Smart lab diffractometer with Cu K α radiation ($\lambda = 1.5418 \text{ \AA}$) at room temperature. The X-ray tube operated at a voltage of 40 kV and a current of 15 mA. Fourier transform infrared (FT-IR) spectra in the range 400–4000 cm^{-1} were recorded on a Nicolet Avatar 360 FT-IR spectrophotometer. Solution ^1H NMR and ^{13}C NMR spectra were recorded on a 400 MHz Bruker superconducting magnet high-field Nuclear Magnetic Resonance (NMR) spectrometer at 298 K, with tetramethylsilane (TMS) as the internal standard. Chemical shifts (δ) are expressed in ppm relative to the residual solvent (*e.g.*, CDCl_3 ^1H : 7.26 ppm, ^{13}C : 77.16 ppm) reference. Coupling constants are expressed in hertz. Thermogravimetric analysis (TGA) was carried out in a PerkinElmer thermal analysis equipment (STA 6000) with a heating rate of 5 $^\circ\text{C}/\text{minute}$. Diffuse reflection spectra were collected in the UV-Visible Near Infra-Red Spectrophotometer with Integrating Sphere (Shimazu 3600 plus). The fluorescence spectra were measured using HORIBA Scientific Fluorolog-3 at room temperature. The porosity and surface area analysis were performed using a Quantachrome Autosorb iQ gas sorption analyzer. The sample was outgassed at 0.03 torr with a 5 $^\circ\text{C}/\text{minute}$ ramp to 110 $^\circ\text{C}$ and held at these temperatures for 12 hours. transmission electron microscope (TEM) images were obtained from a field-emission transmission electron microscope (Hitachi, SU8220). All of the magnetic data was obtained from a physical property measurement system (PPMS, DynaCool, Quantum Design Inc.). The electron paramagnetic resonance (EPR) spectra were recorded using a Bruker ER-420 spectrometer. The central magnetic field was 3350 G, and the modulation frequency was 100 kHz.

The variable-temperature EPR data in solid state were fitted by modified Bleaney-Bowers equation to calculate singlet-triplet gap:

$$IT = \frac{C}{k_B [3 + \exp(\Delta E_{S-T}/k_B T)]}$$

Where I is the EPR intensity, C is a constant, k_B is Boltzman's constant, T is the temperature and ΔE_{S-T} is correlated to the excitation energy from the singlet ground state to the triplet excited state.

Single-crystal X-ray diffraction data of **Eu-TPTB** was collected using an Oxford Cryo stream system on a XtaLAB PRO MM007-DW diffractometer system equipped with a RAMicro7HF-MR-DW(Cu/Mo) X-ray generator and Pilatus3R-200K-A detector (Rigaku, Japan, Cu K α , $\lambda = 1.54178 \text{ \AA}$) at 100 K but the **Yb-TPTB** was collected on Bruker AXS Apex II CCD diffractometer (Cu K α , $\lambda = 1.54178 \text{ \AA}$) at 150 K. The numerical absorption corrections were applied using the program of ABSCOR. The space group was assigned and the structure was solved by direct methods using XPREP within the SHELXTL suite of programs^[S1] and refined by full matrix least squares against F^2 with all reflections using Shelxl2018^[S2] using the graphical interface Olex2^[S3], which yielded the positions of all non-hydrogen atoms, and they were refined anisotropically. Hydrogen atoms were placed in calculated positions with fixed isotropic thermal parameters and included in the structure factor calculations in the final stage of full-matrix least-

squares refinement. All calculations were performed using the SHELXTL system of computer programs. The unit cell volume included a large region of disordered solvent which could not be modelled as discrete atomic sites. The treatment for the guest molecules in the cavities of all crystals involves the use of the SQUEEZE program of PLATON. Crystal data and structure refinement parameters are summarized in Table S1. Complete crystallographic data for **Eu-TPTB** and **Yb-TPTB**, in CIF format, have been deposited with the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre as CCDC number 2190182-2190183. These data can be obtained free of charge from The Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre via www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/data_request/cif.

Computational details

Density Functional Theory (DFT) calculation was used to study the nature of the biradical on contracted H₃TPTB linkers resulting from thermal annealing. Geometry optimizations and frequency calculation^[S4] of singlet and triplet H₃TPTB were performed using ORCA 4.2.1^[S5] with B3LYP^[S6] functional for density-fitting approximation and def2-TZVP(-f)^[S7, S8] basis set. The multiplicity of the structure was set to be triplet consistent with biradical state. In the geometry optimization, the default tight convergence in the SCF cycle was adopted without any orbital symmetry constraints. The optimized structure was confirmed to be energetically at its local minimum without imaginary/negative frequencies before further calculation. Mulliken population analysis spin natural orbital (SNO) by Hirshfeld method^[S9] and spin density analysis were performed using Multiwfn 3.7 software package^[S10]. Spin density, and SNOs were plotted with VMD 1.9.3^[S11].

The time-dependent-DFT (TD-DFT) calculation is based on the orbit premise of RI-wB97X-D3/def2-SV(P) single-point calculation^[S12]. The solid-state UV-Vis absorption spectra reported in this work were measured in the spectral region of 200–2500 nm. Singlet and triplet H₃TPTB were used as models for probing the effect by diradicals on the absorption profiles. The simulated absorption profiles were obtained using B3LYP functional of TD-DFT with PBE0 basis set. Fully optimized ground-state structures of singlet and triplet H₃TPTB based on TD-DFT/J RIJCOSX/def2-SV(P) calculations were used to compute the vertical excitation energies, oscillator strength and absorption wavelength of the simulated absorption profiles. As per the Frank–Condon principle, the maximum absorption peaks (λ_{\max}) in absorption spectra correspond to vertical excitation^[S13].

Evaluation of the solar evaporation.

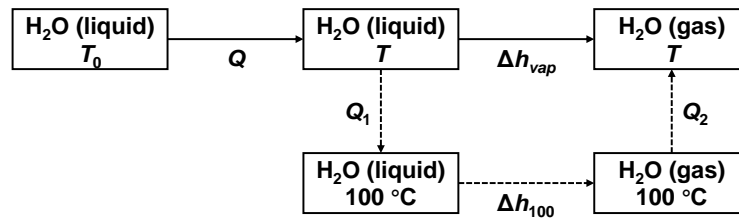
All the solar water evaporation experiments were conducted under a 300 W Xenon lamp (PLS-SXE300, Perfect light, Beijing) with a 420 nm cut filter to simulate the solar irradiance. The light intensity at the sample surface is adjustable. The optical power on the surface was measured by a power meter (CEL-NP2000-2A, Beijing Aulight Co. Ltd., China). For solar evaporation, the solar absorber samples were placed on top of a quartz beaker (The inner diameter is 22 mm and the outer diameter is 25 mm) filled with pure water. To evaluate the water evaporation performance of the solar absorber, the weight loss of the cylindrical container was recorded in real time fashion using a computer controlled electronic balance (PTX-FA110S, HUAZHI, 0.1 mg) and the temperature over the process was recorded by an IR thermal camera (Thermo X, Shanghai Magnity Technologies Electronics Co. Ltd.). All experiments were performed under room temperature of 23 ± 1 °C and humidity of about 60%.

Calculation of the efficiency for solar to vapor generation

The conversion efficiency η of solar energy in photothermally assisted water evaporation was calculated as the following formula. ^[S14]

$$\eta = \frac{\dot{m}h_{LV}}{C_{opt}P_0}$$

Where \dot{m} refers to the evaporation rate of water, h_{LV} refers to the total liquid vapor phase-change enthalpy (the sensible heat and the enthalpy of vaporization, and, $h_{LV} = Q + \Delta h_{vap}$), Q is the energy provided to heat the system from the initial temperature to a final temperature, Δh_{vap} is the latent heat of vaporization of water, P_0 is the nominal solar irradiation value of 0.1 W cm^{-2} , and C_{opt} represents the optical concentration. The schematic for the vaporization enthalpy of the vapor is displayed as follows:



$$Q = C_{liquid} \times (T - T_0)$$

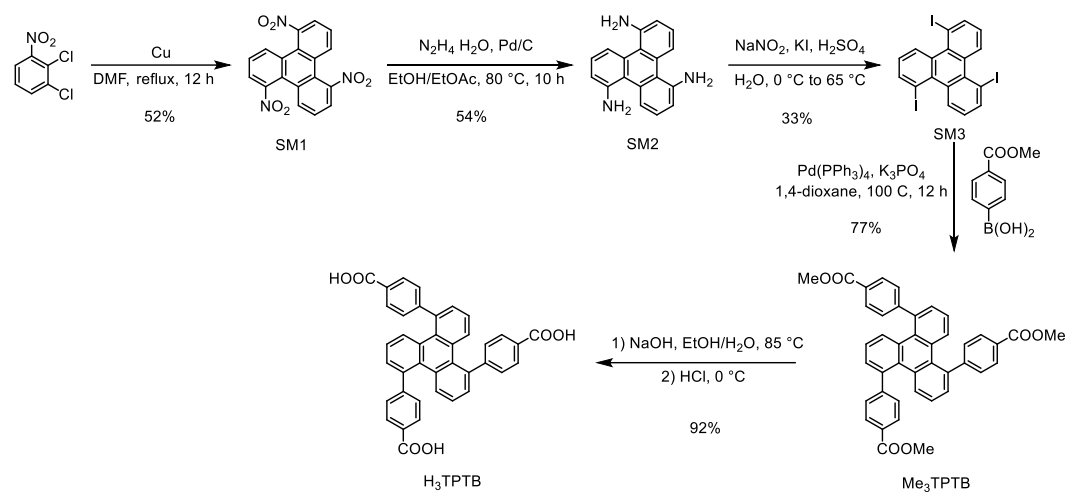
$$\Delta h_{vap} = Q_1 + \Delta h_{100} + Q_2$$

$$Q_1 = C_{liquid} \times (100 - T)$$

$$Q_2 = C_{vapor} \times (T - 100)$$

In this study, C_{liquid} , the specific heat capacity of liquid water is a constant of $4.18 \text{ J g}^{-1} \text{ }^\circ\text{C}^{-1}$. C_{vapor} , the specific heat capacity of water vapor is a constant of $1.865 \text{ J g}^{-1} \text{ }^\circ\text{C}^{-1}$. Δh_{100} is the latent heat of vaporization of water at $100 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$, taken to be 2260 J g^{-1} .

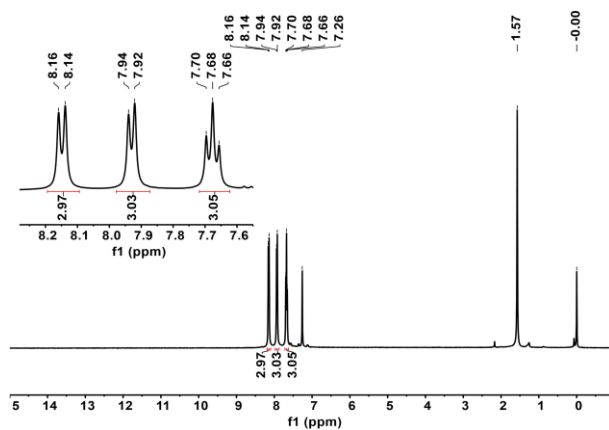
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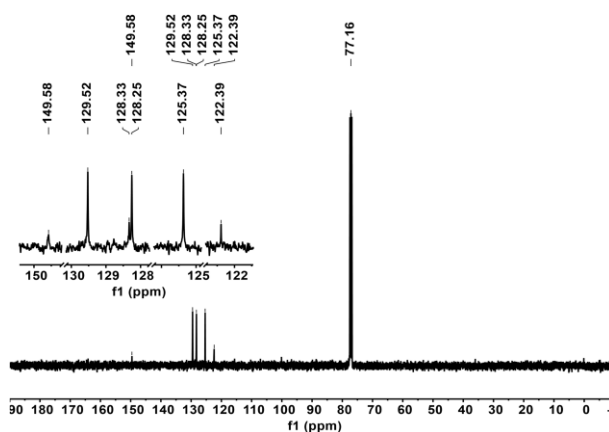
Scheme S1. The synthetic scheme for H₃TPTB

Synthesis of 1,5,9-Trinitrotriphenylene (**SM1**)

SM1 was synthesized according to the previously reported procedure.^[S15] To a solution of 2,3-dichloronitrobenzene (30.0 g, 156.3 mmol) in DMF (240 mL) was added copper powder (60.0 g, 937.5 mmol). The mixture was stirred at reflux for 12 hours under N₂ atmosphere. After cooling to 120 °C, the hot solution was filtered through diatomite and washed by DMF (3 × 40 mL) to remove the excess copper powder. The filtrate was then slowly poured into a diluted ammonia solution 1.2 L (containing 300 mL conc. NH₃·H₂O) with vigorous stirring. A black solid precipitated and the aqueous layer was decanted. The solid was crushed into small pieces and washed with diluted ammonia solution and water successively. The desired product **SM1** was obtained as a yellow solid after purification by column chromatography packed with silica gel using petroleum ether/dichloromethane (3:2, v/v) as eluent. Yield: 9.83 g (52%, based on 2,3-dichloronitrobenzene). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 8.15 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 3H), 7.93 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 3H), 7.68 (dd, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 149.58, 129.52, 128.33, 128.25, 125.37, 122.39.



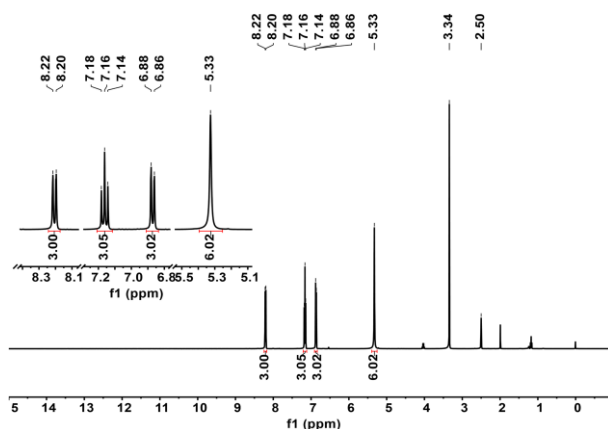
The ¹H NMR spectrum of compound **SM1** in CDCl₃



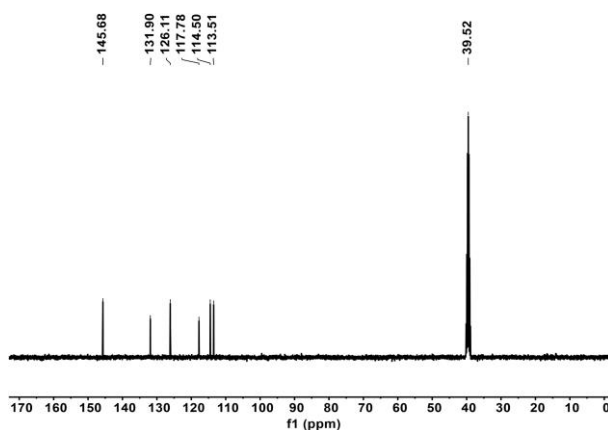
The ¹³C NMR spectrum of compound **SM1** in CDCl₃

Synthesis of triphenylene-1,5,9-triamine (**SM2**)

SM2 was synthesized according to the previously reported procedure.^[S15] Activated palladium on carbon (10% w/w, 0.60 g) was added to a solution of **SM1** (2.0 g, 5.5 mmol) in ethyl acetate (30 mL) and EtOH (25 mL) under N₂ atmosphere, and the mixture was heated at 80 °C. Then N₂H₄·H₂O (80%, 10 mL) was added dropwisely to the hot solution. After refluxing for 10 hours, the solution was taken off by filtration and the solids were washed with ethyl acetate. The filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure and purified by column chromatography packed with silica gel using petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (5:1, v/v) as eluent to give **SM2** as a yellow solid. Yield: 812 mg (54%, based on **SM1**). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ (ppm) 8.21 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 3H), 7.16 (dd, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 3H), 6.87 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 3H), 5.33 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ (ppm) 145.68, 131.90, 126.11, 117.78, 114.50, 113.51.



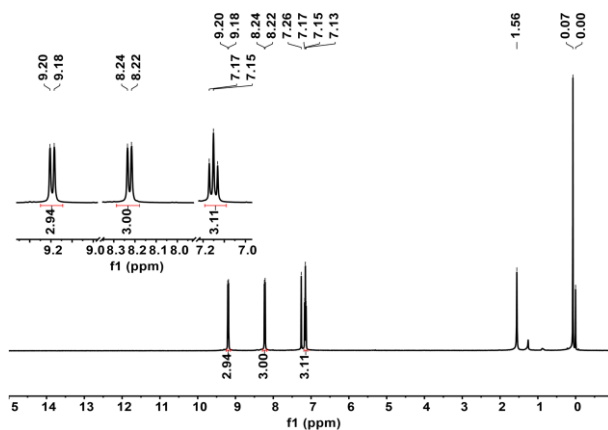
The ¹H NMR spectrum of compound **SM2** in DMSO-*d*₆



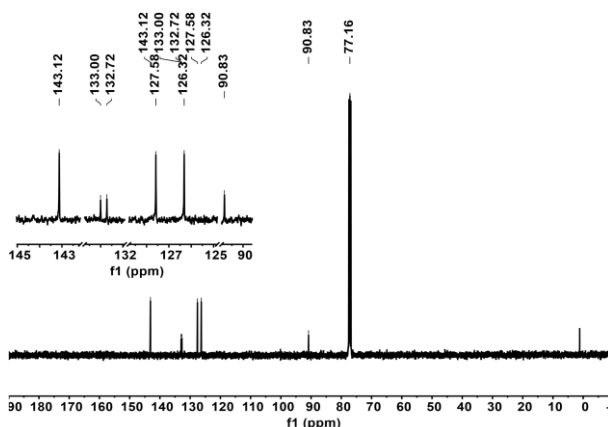
The ¹³C NMR spectrum of compound **SM2** in DMSO-*d*₆

Synthesis of 1,5,9-Triiodotriphenylene (**SM3**)

SM3 was synthesized according to the previously reported procedure.^[S16] A suspension of the triaminotriphenylene **SM2** (4.0 g, 14.6 mmol) in a solution of sulfuric acid (30.0 mL) and water (45 mL) was cooled to 0 °C by an ice bath. A solution of sodium nitrite (4.0 g, 58.5 mmol) in water (40 mL) was added dropwisely with stirring. The resulting brown solution was poured into a vigorously stirred solution of potassium iodide (38.9 g, 234 mmol) in water (60 mL) in a 2.0 L single-neck conical flask, during which foam was generated. After stirring for one hour at room temperature, the reaction was heated at 65 °C by a water bath until the foaming disappeared. The solid was filtered, washed with water and dilute sodium thiosulfate solution, successively. The solid was extracted with dichloromethane (1 × 500 mL, 2 × 50 mL), and the insoluble solid was filtered off. The combined organic fraction was washed with sodium thiosulfate solution, dried with anhydrous sodium sulfate and filtered. After removal of the solvent in vacuum and purification by column chromatography packed with silica gel using petroleum ether as eluent, compound **SM3** was obtained as a white solid (2.9 g, 33% yield based on **SM2**). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 9.19 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 3H), 8.23 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 3H), 7.15 (dd, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 143.12, 133.00, 132.72, 127.58, 126.32, 90.83.



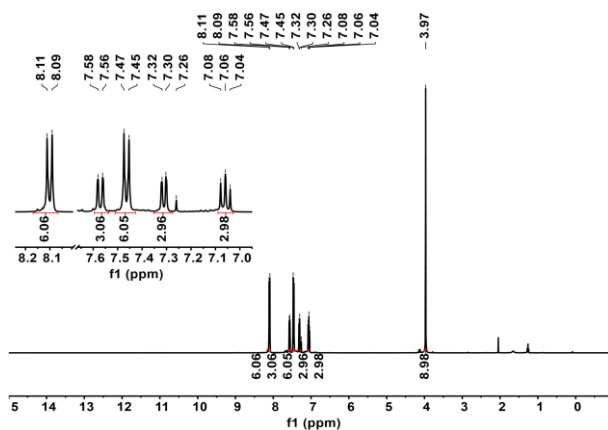
The ¹H NMR spectrum of compound **SM3** in CDCl₃



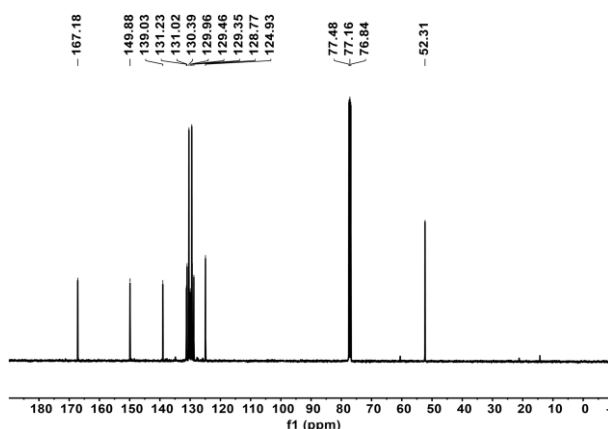
The ¹³C NMR spectrum of compound **SM3** in CDCl₃

Synthesis of trimethyl 4,4',4''-(triphenylene-1,5,9-triyl)tribenzoate (**SM4**)

A Schlenk tube was charged with a magnetic stirring bar, 1,5,9-triiodotriphenylene (606 mg, 1.0 mmol), tetrakis(triphenylphosphine)palladium (57 mg, 0.05 mmol), (4-(methoxycarbonyl)phenyl)boronic acid (1.08 g, 6 mmol) and anhydrous potassium carbonate (552 mg, 4.0 mmol). The Schlenk tube was then connected to a vacuum gas manifold and the suspension inside was bubbled with N₂ gas for five minutes. 1,4-dioxane (20 mL, bubbled with N₂ gas for five minutes) was injected into the mixture *via* cannula under a positive N₂ pressure. The Schlenk tube was then stoppered and stirred at 100 °C for 24 hours. After cooling to room temperature, the reaction mixture was poured into 100 mL of a petroleum ether/ethyl acetate mixture (1:1, v/v), filtered through a silica gel plug and rinsed with a petroleum ether/ethyl acetate mixture (1:1, v/v). The solvents were then removed on a rotary evaporator and the brown residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography using petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (5:1, v/v) to provide a light-yellow solid product (452.4 mg, 77% yield based on **SM3**). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 8.10 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 6H), 7.57 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H), 7.46 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 6H), 7.31 (d, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 3H), 7.06 (dd, 3H), 3.97 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 167.18, 149.88, 139.03, 131.23, 131.02, 130.39, 129.96, 129.46, 129.35, 128.77, 124.93, 52.31.



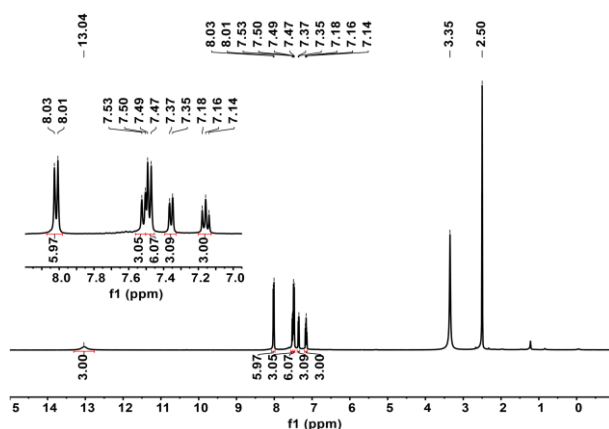
The ¹H NMR spectrum of compound **SM4** in CDCl₃



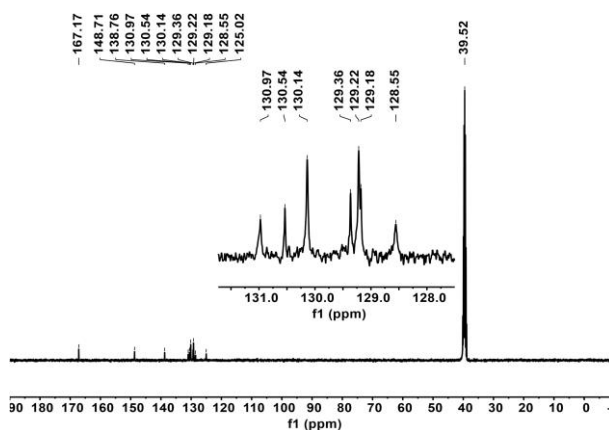
The ¹³C NMR spectrum of compound **SM4** in CDCl₃

Synthesis of 4,4',4''-(triphenylene-1,5,9-triyl)tribenzoic acid (H_3TPTB)

A suspension of the **SM4** (1.2 g, 1.9 mmol) and NaOH (1.6 g, 40 mmol) in EtOH/H₂O (20 mL, 1:1 v/v, bubbled with N₂ gas for 5 minutes) was injected into the mixture *via* cannula under a positive N₂ pressure. After being stirred at 85 °C for 12 hours, the mixture was poured into water (100 mL) and HCl (10%) was then added slowly with vigorous stirring. After the pH value of the mixture became lower than 4, the precipitate was collected by suction filtration and washed with water extensively to provide white solid product (233 mg, 85% yield based on **SM4**). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ (ppm) 13.04 (s, 3H), 8.02 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 6H), 7.51 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 3H), 7.48 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 6H), 7.36 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H), 7.16 (dd, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ (ppm) 167.76, 149.38, 139.32, 131.62, 131.09, 130.78, 129.82, 129.73, 129.14, 125.63, 39.52.



The ¹H NMR spectrum of compound H_3TPTB in DMSO-*d*₆



The ¹³C NMR spectrum of compound H_3TPTB in DMSO-*d*₆

Preparation of single crystals of **Eu-TPTB** and **Yb-TPTB**.

H₃TPTB (10.0 mg, 17.0 μmol) and $\text{EuCl}_3 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (15.0 mg, 33.4 μmol) were loaded into a heavy-wall glass tube (10 mm OD, 6 mm ID), and then a solution of *N,N*-dimethylformamide and water (1.3 mL, 10:3, v/v) was added. The tube was then flame-sealed and heated at 90 °C in a programmable oven for 24 hours followed by cooling (1 °C/minute) to room temperature. The resultant single crystals were then retrieved by filtration, washed with DMF and acetone for three times to give colorless **Eu-TPTB** crystal suitable for single-crystal X-ray diffraction (9.5 mg, yield 75.8% based on **H₃TPTB**). The **Yb-TPTB** crystal could be obtained by using $\text{YbCl}_3 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$ in place of $\text{EuCl}_3 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$ under the same conditions (10.5 mg, yield 81.5% based on **H₃TPTB**).

Preparation of powder of **Eu-TPTB** and **Yb-TPTB**.

H₃TPTB (100.0 mg, 170.0 μmol) was dissolved in 10 mL DMF and heated at 90 °C for 30 minutes. Afterwards, $\text{YbCl}_3 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (150.0 mg, 334.0 μmol) dissolved in 3 mL H_2O was added to the above solution with stirring. The mixture was heated at 90 °C for five hours followed by cooling to room temperature. The resultant white suspension was then filtered. The white solid was washed with DMF and acetone to give white powder. **Eu-TPTB** was activated by Soxhlet extraction in acetone solution for two days before vacuum drying at 60 °C for five hours (102.7 mg, yield 82.0% based on **H₃TPTB**). The **Yb-TPTB** could be obtained by using $\text{YbCl}_3 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$ in place of $\text{EuCl}_3 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$ under the same conditions. (115.2 mg, yield 89.4% based on **H₃TPTB**)

Preparation of thermally annealed **Eu-TPTB@PU** and **Yb-TPTB@PU**.

Since thermally annealed **Eu-TPTB/Yb-TPTB** has a strong graininess, it easily falls off PU foam in aqueous solution. Therefore, polycaprolactone (PCL) was introduced as a binder to bind thermally annealed **Eu-TPTB/Yb-TPTB** to PU foam. The specific operation is as follows: 20 mg thermally annealed **Eu-TPTB/Yb-TPTB** was dispersed in 1 mL PCL solution (5 mg/mL, in dichloromethane), ultrasonicated for 10 minutes, and added in dropwise fashion evenly on the PU foam. The composite was then placed in an oven at 40 °C for five hours.

Supporting Figures

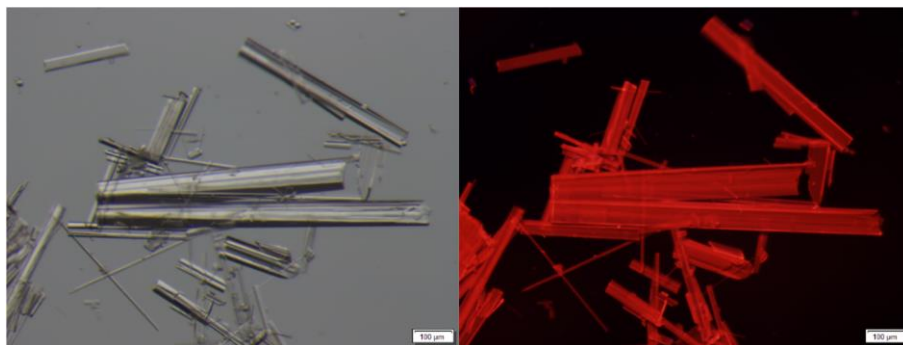


Fig. S1. The photographs of **Eu-TPTB** crystal in natural light (left), and under 365 nm UV light (right); scale bar: 100 µm.

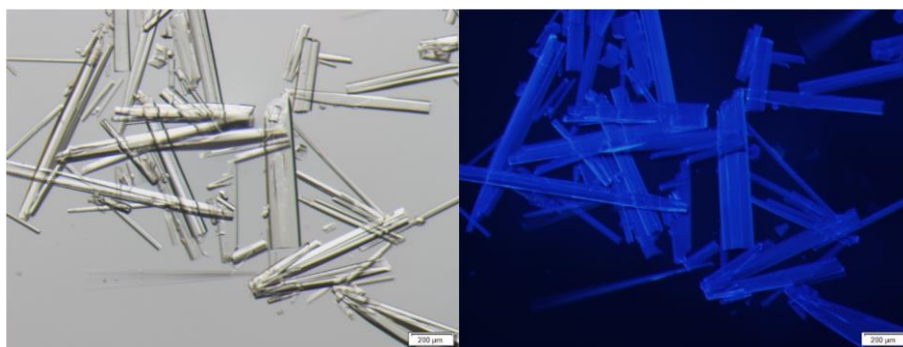


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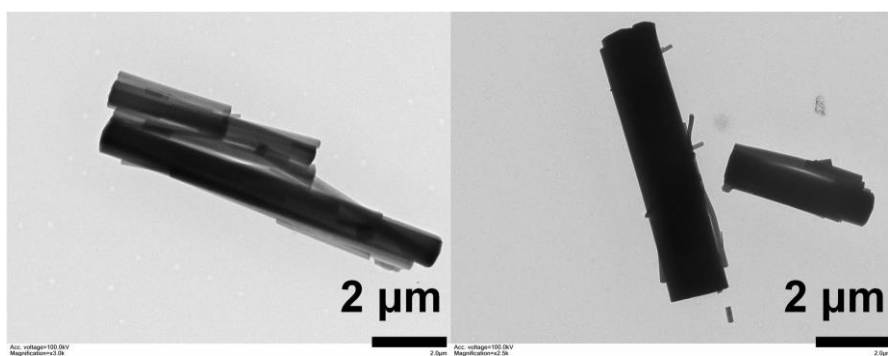


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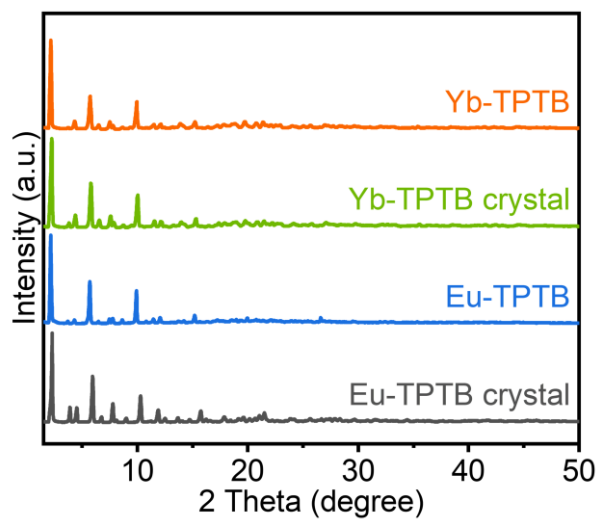


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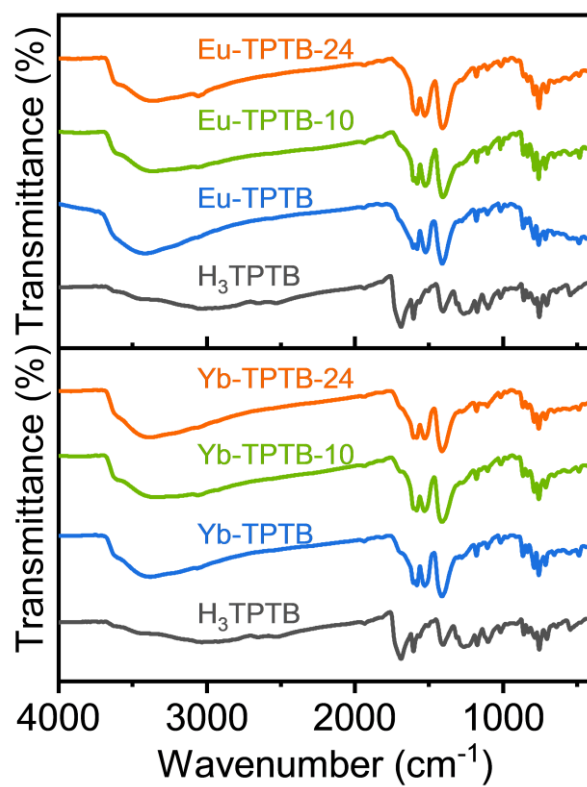


Fig. S5. The FT-IR spectra of pristine or thermally annealed Eu-TPTB and Yb-TPTB.

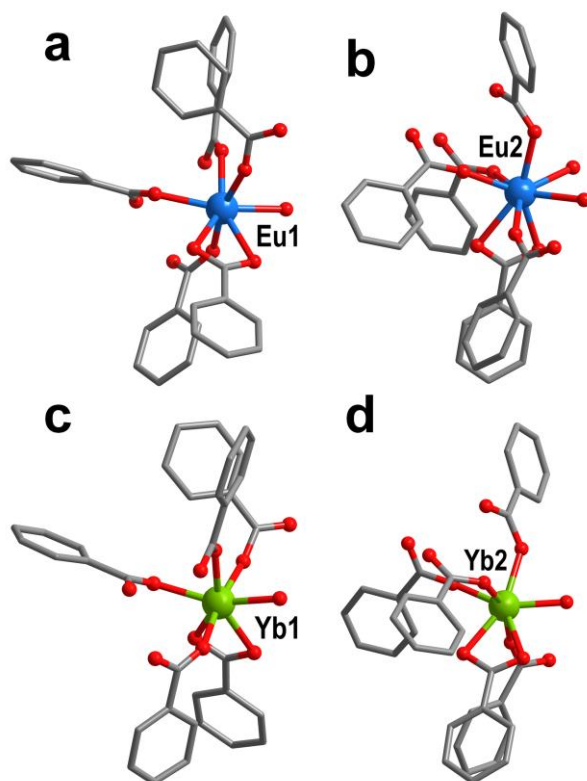


Fig. S6. The coordination environments of Eu^{3+} and Yb^{3+} centers in **Eu-TPTB** and **Yb-TPTB**, respectively.

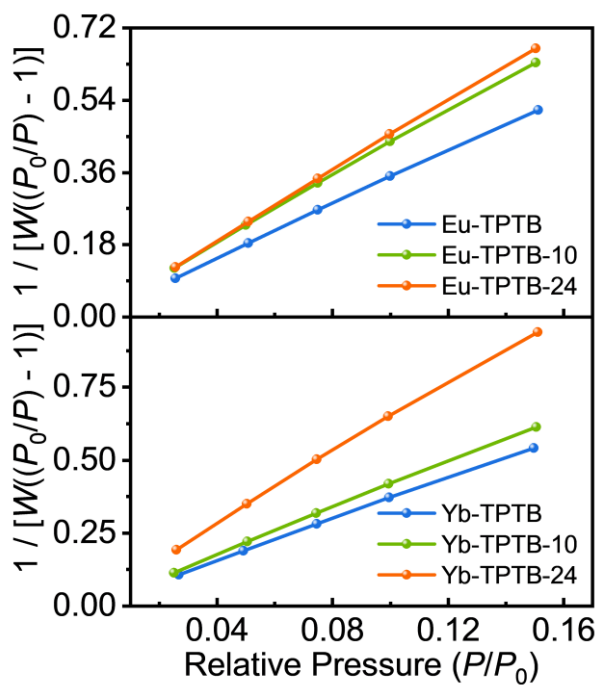


Fig. S7. The BET plots of pristine or thermally annealed **Eu-TPTB** (top) and **Yb-TPTB** (down).

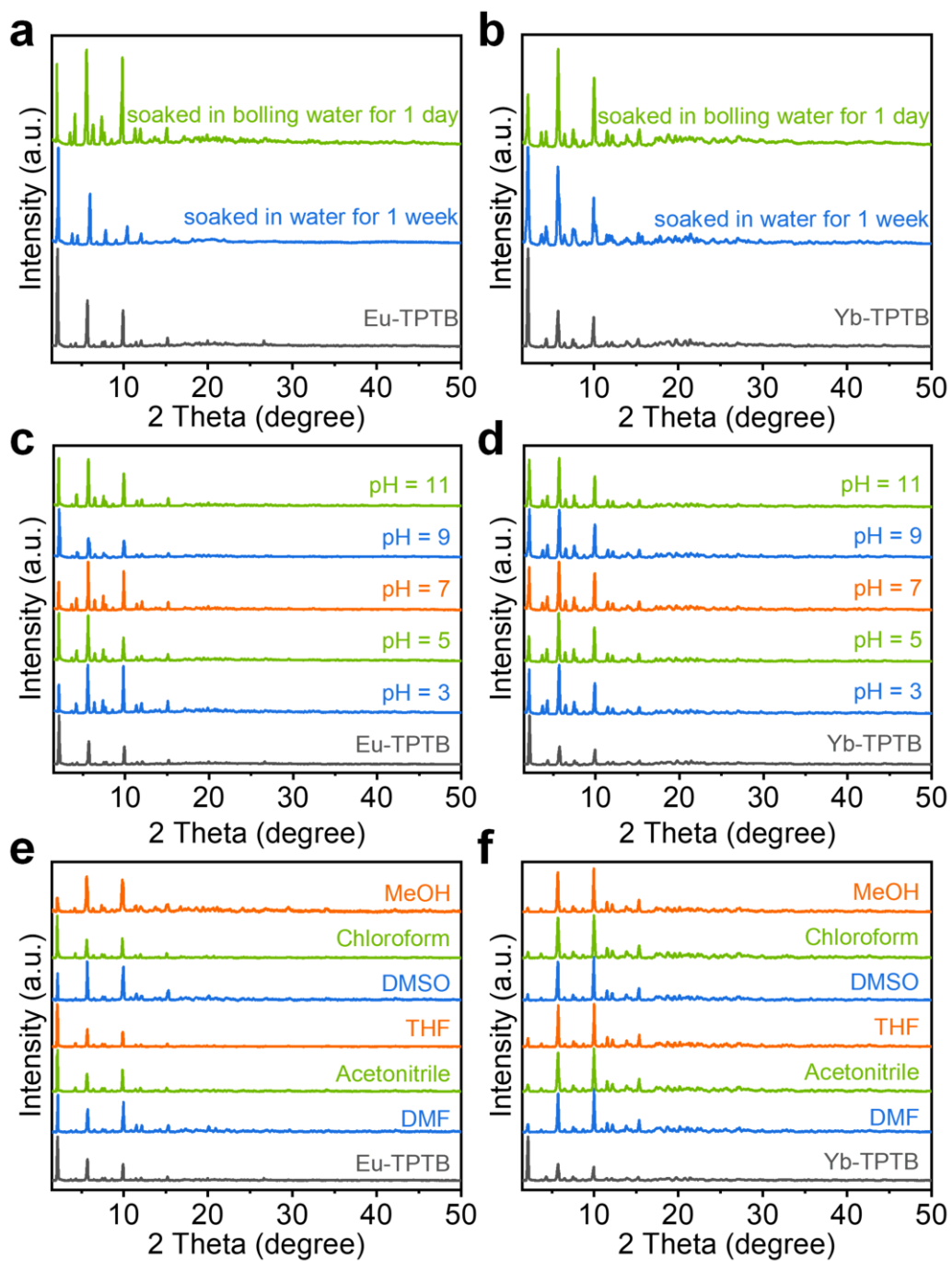


Fig. S8. The stability test of **Eu-TPTB** and **Yb-TPTB**. The PXRD patterns of **Eu-TPTB** (a) and **Yb-TPTB** (b) soaked in water for one week or boiling water for one day; the PXRD patterns of **Eu-TPTB** (c) and **Yb-TPTB** (d) soaked in different pH solutions for one day; the PXRD patterns of **Eu-TPTB** (e) and **Yb-TPTB** (f) soaked in common organic solvents for one day.

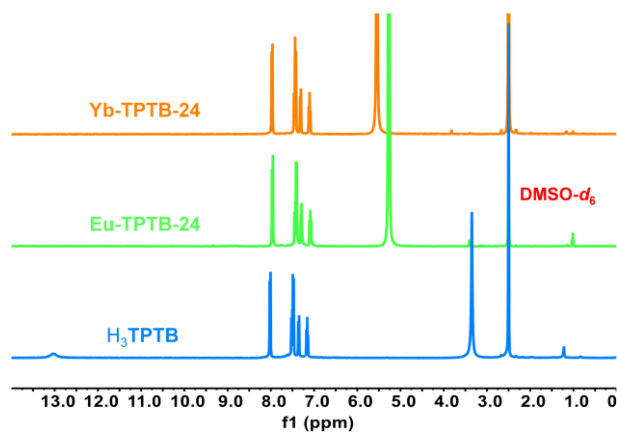


Fig. S9. The ^1H NMR spectra of the linker decomposed from **Yb-TPTB-24** (orange), **Eu-TPTB-24** (green) and the pristine ligand, **H₃TPTB** (blue).

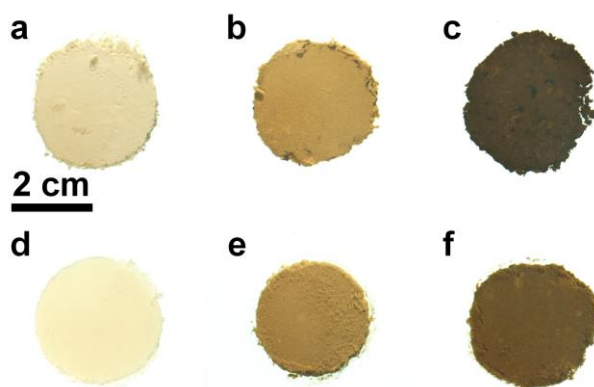


Fig. S10. The photographs of pristine and thermally annealed **Eu-TPTB** and **Yb-TPTB** powder, (a) **Eu-TPTB**, (b) **Eu-TPTB-10**, (c) **Eu-TPTB-24**, (d) **Yb-TPTB**, (e) **Yb-TPTB-10**, (f) **Yb-TPTB-24**.

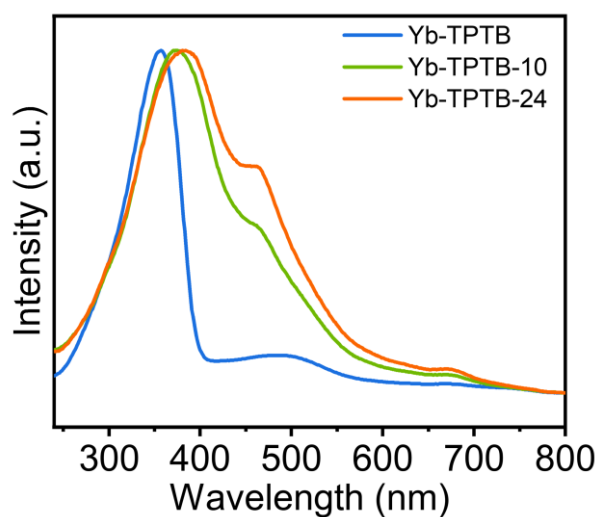


Fig. S11. The excitation spectra of **Yb-TPTB**, **Yb-TPTB-10**, and **Yb-TPTB-24** ($\lambda_{\text{em}} = 980 \text{ nm}$).

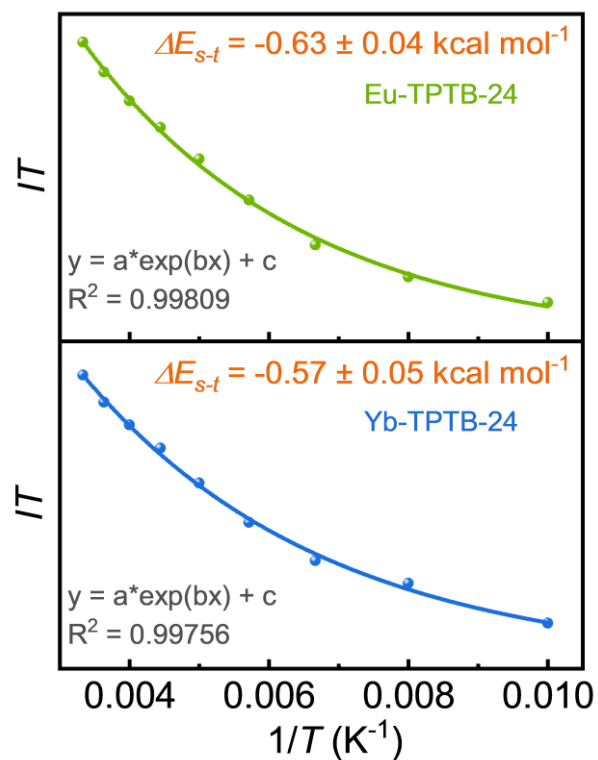


Fig. S12. The $IT-1/T$ curves based on the VT-EPR data of **Eu-TPTB-24** (top) and **Yb-TPTB-24** (down) in solid state; I : EPR intensity; T : temperature (in K).

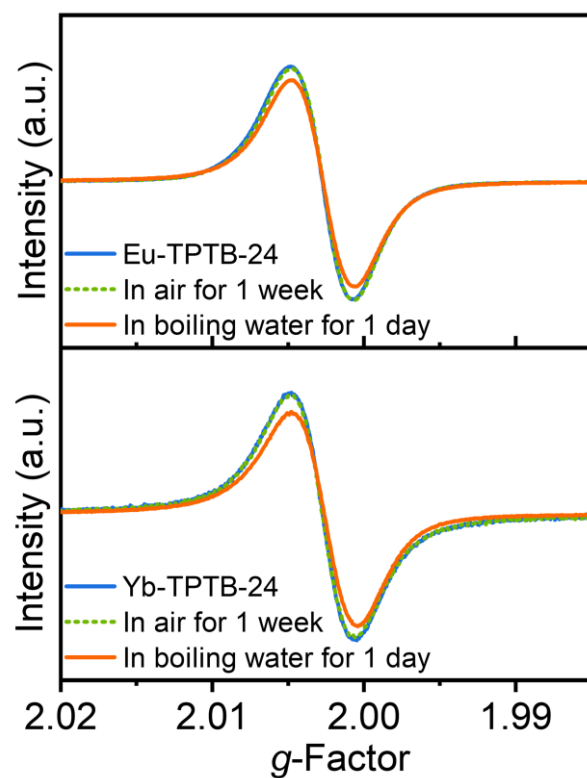


Fig. S13. The EPR spectra of **Eu-TPTB-24** (top) and **Yb-TPTB-24** (down) placed in air and boiling water.

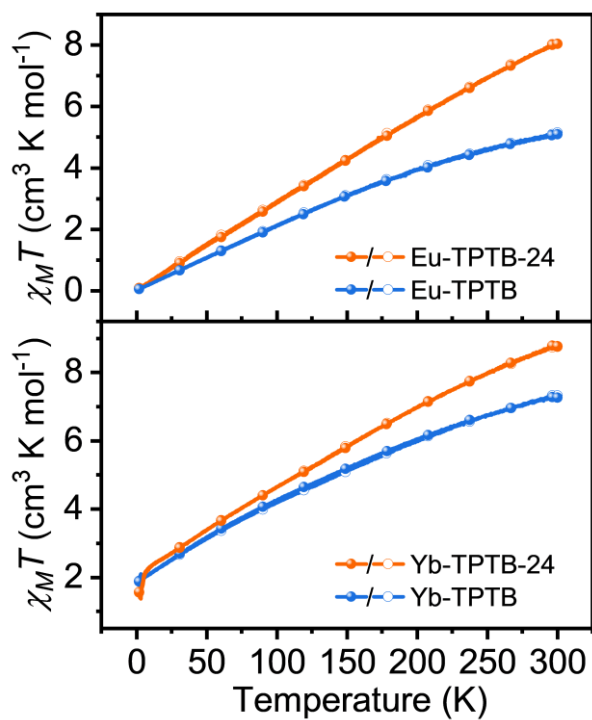


Fig. S14. The plots of $\chi_M T$ versus T for Eu-TPTB, Yb-TPTB, Yb-TPTB-24 and Eu-TPTB-24 at 1000 Oe

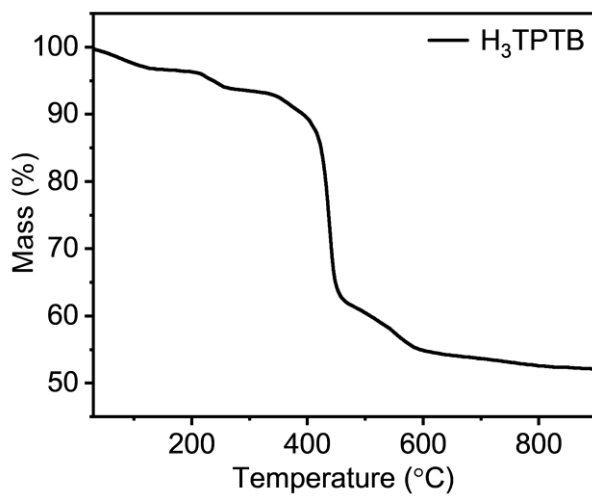


Fig. S15 The TGA curve of H₃TPTB in the N₂ atmosphere, heating rate with 5 °C/min.

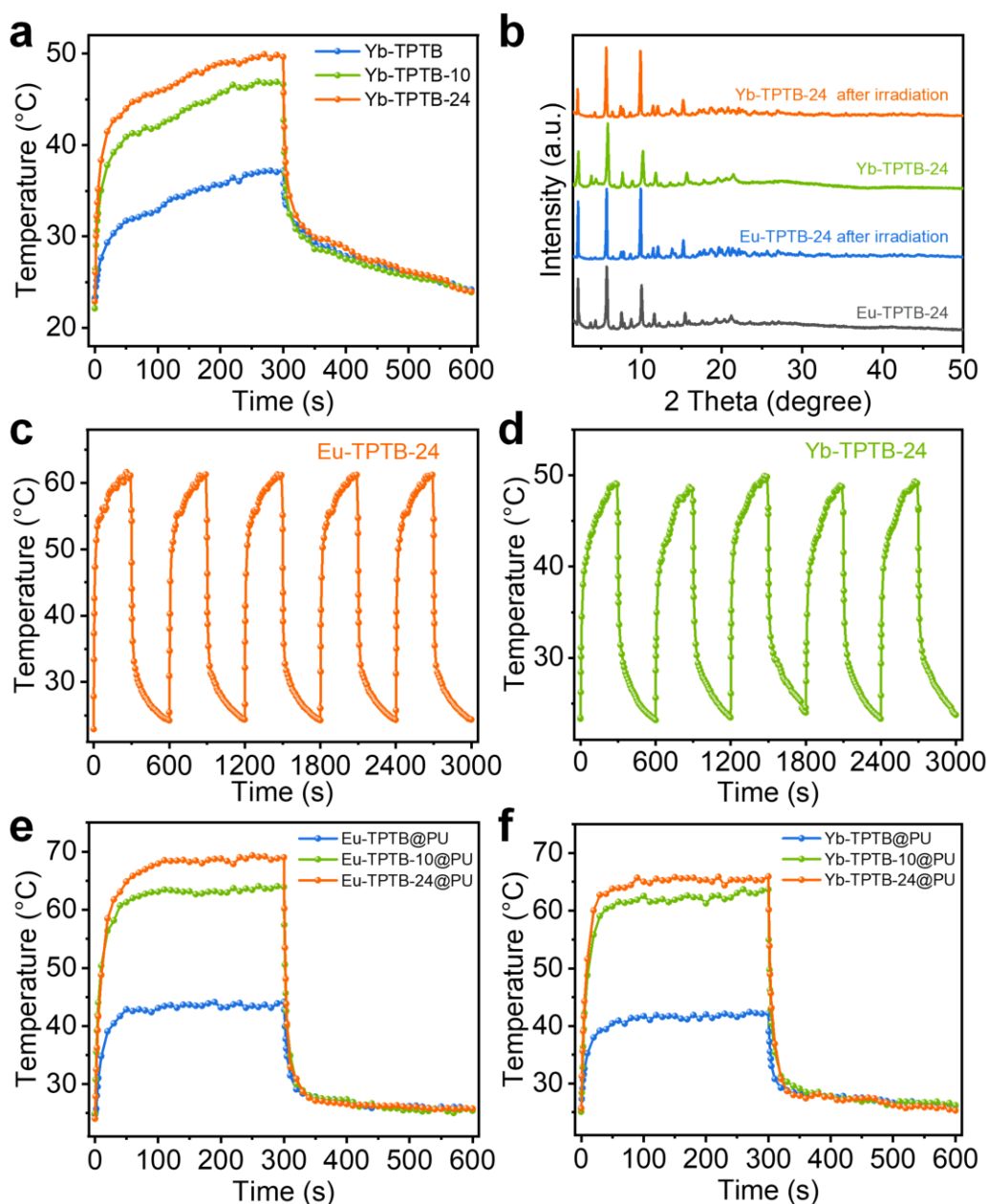


Fig. S16 The photothermal conversion behaviour of pristine and annealed **Eu-TPTB** and **Yb-TPTB**. (a) Temperature variation of **Yb-TPTB**, **Yb-TPTB-10** and **Yb-TPTB-24** under Xenon lamp (0.1 W cm^{-2}) irradiation; (b) the PXRD patterns of **Eu-TPTB-24** and **Yb-TPTB-24** before and after irradiation by Xenon lamp; anti-photobleaching property of **Eu-TPTB-24** (c) and **Yb-TPTB-24** (d) in five illumination cycles; temperature variation of pristine and thermally annealed **Eu-TPTB** (e) and **Yb-TPTB** (f) loaded on PU foams under Xenon lamp (0.1 W cm^{-2}) irradiation

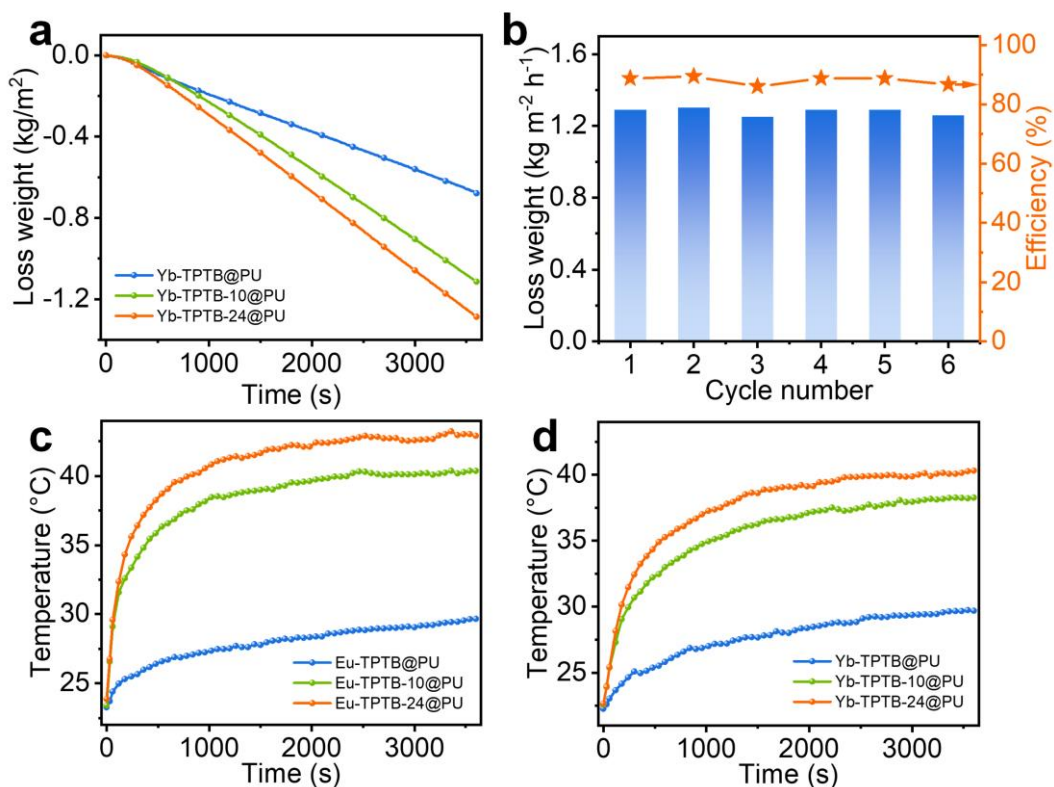


Fig. S17. Water evaporation of pristine or thermally annealed **Eu-TPTB** and **Yb-TPTB** loaded on PU foam. (a) water evaporation rate of pristine or thermally annealed **Yb-TPTB** loaded on PU foam under Xenon lamp (0.1 W cm^{-2}) irradiation; (b) the solar-energy to vapour evaporation rate and efficiency of **Yb-TPTB-24** loaded on PU foams in six cycles; the surface temperatures of pristine or thermally annealed **Eu-TPTB** (c) and **Yb-TPTB** (d) loaded on PU foam during water evaporation.



Fig. S18. The schematic diagram of solar-driven water evaporation device.

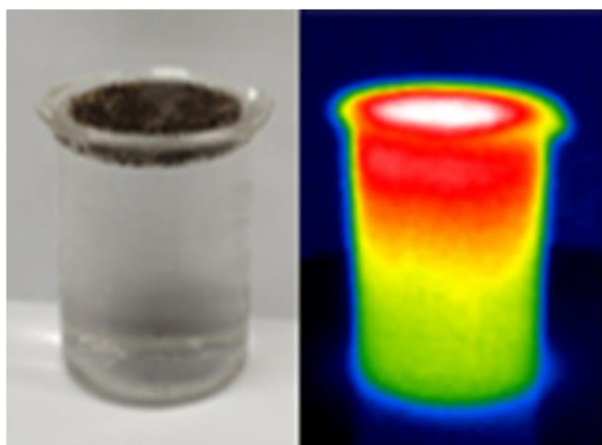


Fig. S19. The natural light photo (left) and infrared thermal images (right) of **Eu-TPTB-24@PU** during water evaporation illustrating that the energy conversion occurs at the PU foams.

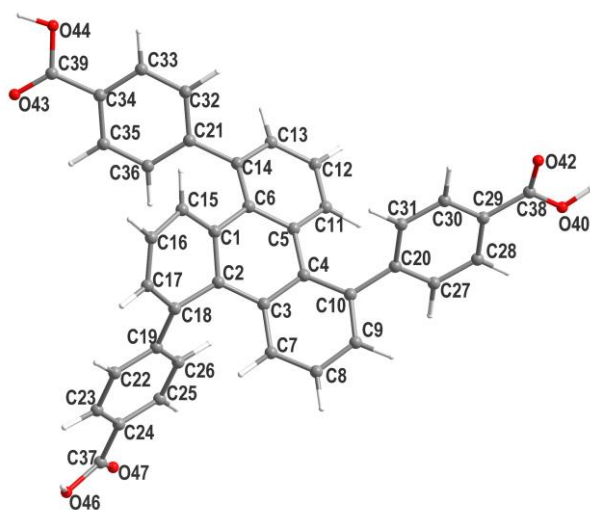


Fig. S20. Atom labels of H_3TPTB (hydrogen labels are omitted for clarity).

Supplementary Tables

Table S1. Crystal data and structure refinement for **Eu-TPTB** and **Yb-TPTB**.

Compound	Eu-TPTB	Yb-TPTB
Empirical formula	C ₇₈ H ₄₈ Eu ₂ O ₁₅	C ₇₈ H ₄₆ O ₁₄ Yb ₂
Formula weight	1529.08	1553.23
Temperature (K)	100	150
Crystal system	trigonal	trigonal
Space group	<i>R</i> -3	<i>R</i> -3
a (Å)	79.5824(12)	80.680(5)
b (Å)	79.5824(12)	80.680(5)
c (Å)	10.3300(3)	10.1783(10)
α (deg)	90	90
β (deg)	90	90
γ (deg)	120	120
Volume (Å³)	56658(2)	57376(9)
Z	18	18
D_c (g cm⁻³)	0.807	0.809
F(000)	13716	13788
Reflections collected	49484	35772
GOF	1.031	1.028
Final R indexes [I>=2σ(I)]	R ₁ ^a = 0.0910, wR ₂ ^b = 0.2751	R ₁ ^a = 0.1210, wR ₂ ^b = 0.3009
Final R indexes [all data]	R ₁ ^a = 0.1141, wR ₂ ^b = 0.2941	R ₁ ^a = 0.1397, wR ₂ ^b = 0.3128

$$^a R_1 = \sum ||F_o| - |F_c|| / \sum (|F_o|), \quad ^b wR_2 = \{ \sum [w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2] / \sum [w(F_o^2)^2] \}^{1/2}$$

Table S2. The selected Ln–O bonds length calculated from single crystal structure^a.

Number	Atom1	Atom2	Length (Å)	Atom1	Atom2	Length(Å)
1	Eu1	O1	2.293(8)	Yb1	O1	2.20(1)
2	Eu1	O3	2.469(8)	Yb1	O5	2.30(1)
3	Eu1	O4	2.47(1)	Yb1	O8	2.305(7)
4	Eu1	O6	2.317(5)	Yb1	O9	2.383(9)
5	Eu1	O7	2.265(8)	Yb1	O10	2.312(9)
6	Eu1	O11	2.381(8)	Yb1	O11	2.177(9)
7	Eu2	O2	2.328(7)	Yb2	O2	2.32(2)
8	Eu2	O5	2.414(8)	Yb2	O3	2.35(1)
9	Eu2	O8	2.378(7)	Yb2	O4	2.35(1)
10	Eu2	O9	2.430(5)	Yb2	O6	2.182(7)
11	Eu2	O10	2.486(6)	Yb2	O7	2.257(8)
12	Eu2	O12	2.273(7)	Yb2	O12	2.260(7)
Average			2.380	Average		2.283

^aThe Eu–O or Yb–O bonds of coordinated water were omitted for clarity.

Table S3. Water evaporation rates and solar-vapor efficiencies of the pristine and thermally annealed Eu-TPTB and Yb-TPTB.

	T_0 (°C)	T (°C)	ΔT (°C)	\dot{m} (kg m ⁻² h ⁻¹)	η (%)
Eu-TPTB	23.26	29.67	6.41	0.67	45.59
Eu-TPTB-10	23.39	40.37	16.98	1.26	86.42
Eu-TPTB-24	23.87	42.90	19.03	1.45	99.56
Yb-TPTB	22.27	29.70	7.43	0.68	46.35
Yb-TPTB-10	22.59	38.24	15.65	1.11	76.11
Yb-TPTB-24	22.67	40.31	18.64	1.29	88.73

Table S4. Cartesian coordinates for singlet H₃TPTB.

Atomic space	x	y	z
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Table S5. Cartesian coordinates for triplet H₃TPTB.

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43(O)	61.06397777960013	-25.19067041529413	-0.70840858086104
44(O)	62.13456232027004	-23.26752116124265	-0.26311955609225
45(H)	61.21011902938328	-22.97451339988191	-0.25115935127111
46(O)	62.51529970160398	-36.30752905763996	-1.35572830934691
47(O)	63.81676435507607	-35.61080190461547	-3.00912889174325
48(H)	62.41412756572579	-36.16343551015371	-0.40664411596016
49(H)	67.38565809293308	-33.01088181561487	1.37719931750935
50(H)	69.64815580949676	-33.96779638225519	1.41581551769649
51(H)	71.59722895422030	-32.51442179680033	0.99268066819087
52(H)	70.68459036921774	-28.83286021699278	-1.39757046269752
53(H)	70.16569336808377	-26.68704620176495	-2.44282913088633
54(H)	67.97717758012796	-25.61464339109914	-2.03826182223965
55(H)	65.71561459187861	-27.33301457783203	1.77244505544353
56(H)	64.28509087411123	-28.68357019019936	3.27933398697163
57(H)	64.06680916834898	-31.09411005726686	2.96484776353406
58(H)	63.34455622344157	-32.68915288638999	1.88067989219431
59(H)	62.45736902587004	-34.49353782457786	0.57571433105770
60(H)	65.57145808663560	-33.98264324763076	-2.33798625184221
61(H)	66.50450422667839	-32.14326626668777	-1.01627981943585
62(H)	72.67299810268757	-31.36322911043312	-0.92684703352027
63(H)	74.82953183041077	-30.17227265488046	-0.91838461900287
64(H)	73.21899471454329	-27.26603140967584	1.76998048505632

65(H)	71.03825420265555	-28.43677935869222	1.73345106424087
66(H)	66.73515316329126	-24.54866117541848	-0.10150895740547
67(H)	64.53574910700300	-23.43301533983879	-0.07295678030913
68(H)	62.64793449737035	-27.11912404609458	-1.12452212620466
69(H)	64.85321530768822	-28.23885240303589	-1.17745182777887

Table S6. The spin densities distribution of triplet H₃TPTB

Atomic space	Value	% of sum	% of sum abs
1(C)	-0.01	-0.75	-0.65
2(C)	0.26	13.07	11.29
3(C)	0.03	1.30	1.13
4(C)	0.10	4.91	4.24
5(C)	-0.01	-0.55	-0.48
6(C)	0.03	1.55	1.34
7(C)	0.10	5.18	4.47
8(C)	-0.02	-1.14	-0.99
9(C)	0.12	5.95	5.13
10(C)	-0.02	-1.00	-0.87
11(C)	0.02	0.87	0.75
12(C)	-0.01	-0.71	-0.62
13(C)	0.02	0.98	0.84
14(C)	-0.01	-0.62	-0.53
15(C)	0.27	13.33	11.51
16(C)	0.11	5.27	4.55
17(C)	0.10	5.07	4.38
18(C)	0.35	17.36	14.99
19(C)	0.05	2.66	2.29
20(C)	0.00	0.08	0.07
21(C)	0.00	0.23	0.20
22(C)	0.13	6.55	5.66
23(C)	-0.02	-0.90	-0.78
24(C)	0.17	8.52	7.35
25(C)	-0.02	-1.20	-1.04
26(C)	0.13	6.71	5.80
27(C)	0.00	-0.14	-0.12
28(C)	0.00	0.05	0.04
29(C)	0.00	-0.13	-0.11
30(C)	0.00	0.04	0.03
31(C)	0.00	-0.14	-0.12
32(C)	0.00	-0.12	-0.10
33(C)	0.00	0.17	0.15
34(C)	0.00	-0.10	-0.08

35(C)	0.00	0.22	0.19
36(C)	0.00	0.06	0.06
37(C)	0.02	1.02	0.88
38(C)	0.00	-0.02	-0.01
39(C)	0.00	-0.01	-0.01
40(O)	0.00	-0.01	-0.01
41(H)	0.00	0.00	0.00
42(O)	0.00	-0.04	-0.03
43(O)	0.00	-0.03	-0.03
44(O)	0.00	0.00	0.00
45(H)	0.00	0.00	0.00
46(O)	0.01	0.30	0.26
47(O)	0.05	2.63	2.27
48(H)	0.00	0.02	0.01
49(H)	0.01	0.52	0.45
50(H)	0.00	-0.08	-0.07
51(H)	0.01	0.42	0.36
52(H)	0.00	0.04	0.04
53(H)	0.00	-0.05	-0.04
54(H)	0.00	0.07	0.06
55(H)	0.02	0.81	0.70
56(H)	0.01	0.36	0.31
57(H)	0.01	0.50	0.43
58(H)	0.01	0.40	0.35
59(H)	0.00	-0.07	-0.06
60(H)	0.00	-0.08	-0.07
61(H)	0.01	0.56	0.48
62(H)	0.00	0.03	0.03
63(H)	0.00	0.00	0.00
64(H)	0.00	0.00	0.00
65(H)	0.00	0.01	0.01
66(H)	0.00	0.00	0.00
67(H)	0.00	0.01	0.01
68(H)	0.00	0.01	0.01
69(H)	0.00	0.05	0.04

Summing up above values: 2.00001300, Summing up absolute value of above values: 2.31628634

Table S7. The spin population distribution of H₃TPTB

Atom	Alpha pop.	Beta pop.	Spin pop.	Atomic charge
1(C)	3.02	3.04	-0.02	-0.07
2(C)	3.14	2.86	0.28	0.00
3(C)	3.04	3.02	0.02	-0.06

4(C)	3.05	2.95	0.10	-0.01
5(C)	3.02	3.03	-0.01	-0.05
6(C)	3.02	2.99	0.03	-0.01
7(C)	3.09	2.98	0.11	-0.08
8(C)	3.05	3.08	-0.03	-0.12
9(C)	3.11	2.97	0.13	-0.08
10(C)	3.02	3.04	-0.02	-0.05
11(C)	3.05	3.03	0.02	-0.07
12(C)	3.05	3.07	-0.02	-0.12
13(C)	3.05	3.03	0.02	-0.08
14(C)	3.02	3.03	-0.01	-0.05
15(C)	3.17	2.88	0.29	-0.06
16(C)	3.11	3.00	0.11	-0.12
17(C)	3.10	3.00	0.10	-0.10
18(C)	3.20	2.83	0.37	-0.02
19(C)	3.08	3.03	0.05	-0.10
20(C)	3.04	3.04	0.00	-0.09
21(C)	3.04	3.04	0.00	-0.08
22(C)	3.11	2.97	0.14	-0.08
23(C)	3.04	3.07	-0.03	-0.11
24(C)	3.14	2.97	0.18	-0.11
25(C)	3.02	3.05	-0.03	-0.07
26(C)	3.11	2.96	0.14	-0.07
27(C)	3.05	3.05	0.00	-0.10
28(C)	3.04	3.04	0.00	-0.08
29(C)	3.05	3.06	0.00	-0.11
30(C)	3.03	3.03	0.00	-0.06
31(C)	3.04	3.04	0.00	-0.08
32(C)	3.05	3.05	0.00	-0.10
33(C)	3.04	3.04	0.00	-0.08
34(C)	3.06	3.06	0.00	-0.11
35(C)	3.03	3.03	0.00	-0.06
36(C)	3.04	3.04	0.00	-0.08
37(C)	3.16	3.14	0.02	-0.30
38(C)	3.14	3.14	0.00	-0.28
39(C)	3.14	3.14	0.00	-0.28
40(O)	3.99	3.99	0.00	0.03
41(H)	0.41	0.41	0.00	0.19
42(O)	4.00	4.01	0.00	-0.01
43(O)	4.00	4.01	0.00	-0.01
44(O)	3.99	3.99	0.00	0.02
45(H)	0.41	0.41	0.00	0.19
46(O)	3.99	3.98	0.01	0.03

47(O)	4.02	3.97	0.05	0.01
48(H)	0.41	0.41	0.00	0.17
49(H)	0.43	0.43	0.00	0.15
50(H)	0.43	0.43	0.00	0.14
51(H)	0.43	0.43	0.00	0.14
52(H)	0.43	0.43	0.00	0.15
53(H)	0.43	0.43	0.00	0.14
54(H)	0.43	0.43	0.00	0.14
55(H)	0.43	0.43	0.00	0.14
56(H)	0.43	0.43	0.00	0.14
57(H)	0.43	0.43	0.00	0.13
58(H)	0.43	0.43	0.00	0.13
59(H)	0.44	0.44	0.00	0.13
60(H)	0.43	0.43	0.00	0.15
61(H)	0.43	0.43	0.00	0.15
62(H)	0.43	0.43	0.00	0.14
63(H)	0.43	0.43	0.00	0.14
64(H)	0.43	0.43	0.00	0.15
65(H)	0.43	0.43	0.00	0.14
66(H)	0.43	0.43	0.00	0.14
67(H)	0.43	0.43	0.00	0.14
68(H)	0.43	0.43	0.00	0.15
69(H)	0.43	0.43	0.00	0.14

Total net charge: 0.00000000, Total spin electrons: 2.00000000

Table S8. Spin natural orbital (SNO) contribution of triplet H₃TPTB

Atom	SNO1 (%)	SNO2 (%)
1(C)	1.72	3.98
2(C)	5.78	15.91
3(C)	2.85	3.37
4(C)	1.52	4.96
5(C)	0.25	0.78
6(C)	0.38	1.48
7(C)	1.70	5.02
8(C)	0.40	1.44
9(C)	1.72	5.86
10(C)	0.56	1.36
11(C)	0.18	0.42
12(C)	0.06	0.15
13(C)	0.21	0.52
14(C)	0.09	0.29
15(C)	5.72	15.07

16(C)	7.04	3.16
17(C)	4.10	5.72
18(C)	23.01	7.07
19(C)	4.40	5.10
20(C)	0.07	0.13
21(C)	0.07	0.27
22(C)	7.32	2.03
23(C)	2.16	1.25
24(C)	10.04	2.64
25(C)	2.10	1.00
26(C)	7.36	2.32
27(C)	0.05	0.06
28(C)	0.01	0.01
29(C)	0.03	0.00
30(C)	0.01	0.01
31(C)	0.04	0.05
32(C)	0.01	0.06
33(C)	0.03	0.13
34(C)	0.01	0.04
35(C)	0.05	0.21
36(C)	0.13	0.32
37(C)	2.07	0.99
38(C)	0.01	0.00
39(C)	0.00	0.01
40(O)	0.00	0.00
41(H)	0.00	0.00
42(O)	0.01	0.00
43(O)	0.00	0.00
44(O)	0.00	0.00
45(H)	0.00	0.00
46(O)	0.58	0.26
47(O)	2.46	0.87
48(H)	0.09	0.03
49(H)	0.36	0.76
50(H)	0.02	0.11
51(H)	0.16	0.65
52(H)	0.02	0.05
53(H)	0.00	0.01
54(H)	0.02	0.07
55(H)	0.48	1.47
56(H)	0.72	0.26
57(H)	0.31	0.83
58(H)	0.62	0.26

59(H)	0.12	0.13
60(H)	0.11	0.11
61(H)	0.57	0.67
62(H)	0.02	0.07
63(H)	0.00	0.00
64(H)	0.00	0.00
65(H)	0.01	0.05
66(H)	0.00	0.01
67(H)	0.00	0.01
68(H)	0.01	0.02
69(H)	0.04	0.14
Orbital		
delocalization	9.31	7.43
index		

Table S9 Composition of MO transition for calculated vertical transitions of singlet H₃TPTB^a

excitation wavelength/nm (oscillator strength)	composition of the excited-state wave functions
203.49 (0.05816)	0.37 $\Psi_{H-4 \rightarrow L+5}$ + 0.08 $\Psi_{H-12 \rightarrow L+2}$ + 0.05 $\Psi_{H-3 \rightarrow L+5}$
204.36 (0.06591)	0.56 $\Psi_{H-3 \rightarrow L+5}$ + 0.09 $\Psi_{H-4 \rightarrow L+5}$
214.8 (0.09362)	0.21 $\Psi_{H-4 \rightarrow L+4}$ + 0.15 $\Psi_{H-8 \rightarrow L+1}$ + 0.12 $\Psi_{H-6 \rightarrow L+4}$ + 0.08 $\Psi_{H-4 \rightarrow L+3}$ + 0.05 $\Psi_{H-13 \rightarrow L}$
215.18 (0.03252)	0.21 $\Psi_{H-3 \rightarrow L+4}$ + 0.14 $\Psi_{H-8 \rightarrow L+1}$ + 0.13 $\Psi_{H-5 \rightarrow L+3}$ + 0.09 $\Psi_{H-2 \rightarrow L+8}$ + 0.08 $\Psi_{H-7 \rightarrow L+2}$ + 0.06 $\Psi_{H-12 \rightarrow L+1}$ + 0.06 $\Psi_{H-4 \rightarrow L+4}$
215.62 (0.04866)	0.38 $\Psi_{H-3 \rightarrow L+4}$ + 0.08 $\Psi_{H-13 \rightarrow L}$ + 0.06 $\Psi_{H-4 \rightarrow L+3}$ + 0.06 $\Psi_{H-5 \rightarrow L+3}$
216.19 (0.15324)	0.27 $\Psi_{H-2 \rightarrow L+8}$ + 0.14 $\Psi_{H-4 \rightarrow L+3}$ + 0.14 $\Psi_{H-3 \rightarrow L+4}$ + 0.08 $\Psi_{H-13 \rightarrow L}$ + 0.06 $\Psi_{H-4 \rightarrow L+4}$ + 0.05 $\Psi_{H-3 \rightarrow L+3}$
217.33 (0.04994)	0.2 $\Psi_{H-4 \rightarrow L+3}$ + 0.18 $\Psi_{H-9 \rightarrow L}$ + 0.11 $\Psi_{H-3 \rightarrow L+3}$ + 0.08 $\Psi_{H-12 \rightarrow L}$ + 0.07 $\Psi_{H-13 \rightarrow L}$ + 0.06 $\Psi_{H-11 \rightarrow L+1}$
218.86 (0.08057)	0.17 $\Psi_{H-2 \rightarrow L+7}$ + 0.15 $\Psi_{H-11 \rightarrow L+1}$ + 0.1 $\Psi_{H-13 \rightarrow L}$ + 0.06 $\Psi_{H-10 \rightarrow L+1}$
221.24 (0.05517)	0.23 $\Psi_{H-2 \rightarrow L+7}$ + 0.15 $\Psi_{H-7 \rightarrow L+2}$ + 0.08 $\Psi_{H-1 \rightarrow L+7}$ + 0.05 $\Psi_{H-11 \rightarrow L}$
223.68 (0.04208)	0.72 $\Psi_{H-7 \rightarrow L+1}$
225.84 (0.16302)	0.25 $\Psi_{H-11 \rightarrow L}$ + 0.14 $\Psi_{H-10 \rightarrow L}$ + 0.11 $\Psi_{H \rightarrow L+8}$ + 0.07 $\Psi_{H-7 \rightarrow L}$ + 0.07 $\Psi_{H-7 \rightarrow L+2}$
231.01 (0.06644)	0.44 $\Psi_{H-2 \rightarrow L+6}$ + 0.21 $\Psi_{H-5 \rightarrow L+1}$ + 0.05 $\Psi_{H-7 \rightarrow L}$
231.23 (0.19189)	0.33 $\Psi_{H-5 \rightarrow L+1}$ + 0.25 $\Psi_{H-3 \rightarrow L+2}$ + 0.13 $\Psi_{H \rightarrow L+8}$
232.53 (0.06993)	0.36 $\Psi_{H-3 \rightarrow L+2}$ + 0.17 $\Psi_{H-2 \rightarrow L+6}$ + 0.13 $\Psi_{H-5 \rightarrow L+1}$ + 0.06 $\Psi_{H-4 \rightarrow L+2}$
232.79 (0.13938)	0.41 $\Psi_{H \rightarrow L+7}$ + 0.34 $\Psi_{H-4 \rightarrow L+2}$
233.58 (0.1251)	0.39 $\Psi_{H \rightarrow L+7}$ + 0.25 $\Psi_{H-4 \rightarrow L+2}$ + 0.08 $\Psi_{H-4 \rightarrow L+1}$
236.39 (0.03266)	0.49 $\Psi_{H-4 \rightarrow L+1}$
239.07 (0.10222)	0.41 $\Psi_{H-3 \rightarrow L+1}$ + 0.22 $\Psi_{H-6 \rightarrow L}$ + 0.05 $\Psi_{H-1 \rightarrow L+4}$
239.77 (0.04673)	0.4 $\Psi_{H-6 \rightarrow L}$ + 0.27 $\Psi_{H-2 \rightarrow L+5}$ + 0.12 $\Psi_{H-3 \rightarrow L+1}$

247.08 (0.0365)	$0.37 \Psi_{H-3 \rightarrow L} + 0.27 \Psi_{H-4 \rightarrow L} + 0.1 \Psi_{H-3 \rightarrow L+1} + 0.07 \Psi_{H \rightarrow L+6}$
248.07 (0.07585)	$0.22 \Psi_{H-3 \rightarrow L} + 0.17 \Psi_{H-4 \rightarrow L} + 0.09 \Psi_{H-5 \rightarrow L+2} + 0.08 \Psi_{H-7 \rightarrow L} + 0.06 \Psi_{H-1 \rightarrow L+5}$
251.8 (0.03268)	$0.51 \Psi_{H \rightarrow L+5} + 0.06 \Psi_{H-4 \rightarrow L} + 0.05 \Psi_{H-2 \rightarrow L+3}$
255.06 (0.03457)	$0.35 \Psi_{H-6 \rightarrow L+1} + 0.08 \Psi_{H-1 \rightarrow L+5} + 0.07 \Psi_{H-2 \rightarrow L+7} + 0.05 \Psi_{H-1 \rightarrow L+7}$
259.11 (0.07905)	$0.61 \Psi_{H-2 \rightarrow L+3} + 0.08 \Psi_{H \rightarrow L+4} + 0.07 \Psi_{H-1 \rightarrow L+3}$
262.18 (0.08755)	$0.59 \Psi_{H-1 \rightarrow L+4} + 0.08 \Psi_{H \rightarrow L+3}$
263.52 (0.11929)	$0.34 \Psi_{H \rightarrow L+4} + 0.18 \Psi_{H-1 \rightarrow L+3} + 0.13 \Psi_{H-2 \rightarrow L+3} + 0.07 \Psi_{H-7 \rightarrow L}$
265.43 (0.04206)	$0.21 \Psi_{H-7 \rightarrow L} + 0.16 \Psi_{H-4 \rightarrow L} + 0.11 \Psi_{H-8 \rightarrow L} + 0.1 \Psi_{H-5 \rightarrow L}$
291.45 (0.04914)	$0.34 \Psi_{H-2 \rightarrow L+1} + 0.32 \Psi_{H-1 \rightarrow L+2} + 0.12 \Psi_{H-1 \rightarrow L+1} + 0.06 \Psi_{H \rightarrow L} + 0.05 \Psi_{H \rightarrow L+2}$
293.94 (0.14859)	$0.3 \Psi_{H-2 \rightarrow L+1} + 0.27 \Psi_{H-1 \rightarrow L+2} + 0.19 \Psi_{H \rightarrow L+1} + 0.1 \Psi_{H-2 \rightarrow L}$
301.81 (0.41399)	$0.53 \Psi_{H \rightarrow L+2} + 0.19 \Psi_{H-1 \rightarrow L+1} + 0.16 \Psi_{H-1 \rightarrow L+2} + 0.06 \Psi_{H-2 \rightarrow L+1}$
304.48 (0.1004)	$0.28 \Psi_{H \rightarrow L+1} + 0.23 \Psi_{H-2 \rightarrow L} + 0.2 \Psi_{H-2 \rightarrow L+1} + 0.1 \Psi_{H-1 \rightarrow L} + 0.09 \Psi_{H-1 \rightarrow L+2}$
307.04 (0.22812)	$0.55 \Psi_{H-1 \rightarrow L+1} + 0.28 \Psi_{H \rightarrow L+2}$
313.96 (0.12956)	$0.61 \Psi_{H-2 \rightarrow L} + 0.19 \Psi_{H \rightarrow L+1} + 0.06 \Psi_{H-1 \rightarrow L} + 0.05 \Psi_{H \rightarrow L+2}$
325.93 (0.15005)	$0.65 \Psi_{H \rightarrow L} + 0.23 \Psi_{H-1 \rightarrow L}$

^aCalculated Vertical Transition Energies ($\lambda > 200$ nm) for the Model Complexes from the TD-DFT Calculations (Excitations with oscillator strength $< 3 \times 10^{-2}$ are omitted, Only MO transitions with absolute contribution $\geq 5.0\%$ are shown).

Table S10 Composition of MO transition for calculated vertical transitions of triplet H₃TPTB^a

excitation wavelength/nm (oscillator strength)	composition of the excited-state wave functions
234.82 (0.06761)	$0.17 \Psi_{H\alpha-5 \rightarrow L\alpha+1} + 0.05 \Psi_{H\alpha-4 \rightarrow L\alpha}$
235.67 (0.08836)	$0.13 \Psi_{H\beta-3 \rightarrow L\beta+2} + 0.07 \Psi_{H\beta-12 \rightarrow L\beta+1} + 0.05 \Psi_{H\alpha-5 \rightarrow L\alpha+1}$
238.02 (0.04211)	$0.15 \Psi_{H\alpha-5 \rightarrow L\alpha} + 0.11 \Psi_{H\beta-3 \rightarrow L\beta+2} + 0.08 \Psi_{H\beta-2 \rightarrow L\beta+2} + 0.07 \Psi_{H\alpha-4 \rightarrow L\alpha}$
239.17 (0.05918)	$0.23 \Psi_{H\beta-24 \rightarrow L\beta} + 0.09 \Psi_{H\beta-22 \rightarrow L\beta} + 0.08 \Psi_{H\beta-3 \rightarrow L\beta+3} + 0.08 \Psi_{H\alpha-5 \rightarrow L\alpha}$
239.58 (0.07634)	$0.18 \Psi_{H\alpha-4 \rightarrow L\alpha+1} + 0.1 \Psi_{H\beta-2 \rightarrow L\beta+3} + 0.09 \Psi_{H\beta-24 \rightarrow L\beta} + 0.06 \Psi_{H\beta-23 \rightarrow L\beta}$
242.58 (0.04898)	$0.19 \Psi_{H\beta-8 \rightarrow L\beta+1} + 0.08 \Psi_{H\beta \rightarrow L\beta+6}$
247.67 (0.037)	$0.09 \Psi_{H\alpha \rightarrow L\alpha+11} + 0.07 \Psi_{H\alpha-8 \rightarrow L\alpha+2} + 0.06 \Psi_{H\alpha-8 \rightarrow L\alpha+4}$
248.37 (0.05046)	$0.08 \Psi_{H\beta-2 \rightarrow L\beta+2} + 0.07 \Psi_{H\alpha-3 \rightarrow L\alpha+3}$
250.98 (0.0304)	$0.35 \Psi_{H\beta-5 \rightarrow L\beta+1} + 0.05 \Psi_{H\alpha-1 \rightarrow L\alpha+4}$
252.26 (0.0517)	$0.18 \Psi_{H\beta-5 \rightarrow L\beta+1} + 0.07 \Psi_{H\beta-10 \rightarrow L\beta+2} + 0.06 \Psi_{H\alpha-1 \rightarrow L\alpha+4} + 0.05 \Psi_{H\alpha-2 \rightarrow L\alpha+3}$
252.82 (0.03651)	$0.11 \Psi_{H\beta-1 \rightarrow L\beta+5} + 0.1 \Psi_{H\alpha-2 \rightarrow L\alpha+3} + 0.06 \Psi_{H\alpha-4 \rightarrow L\alpha}$
255.16 (0.04151)	$0.08 \Psi_{H\beta-10 \rightarrow L\beta+2} + 0.06 \Psi_{H\alpha-5 \rightarrow L\alpha} + 0.06 \Psi_{H\beta-1 \rightarrow L\beta+4} + 0.05 \Psi_{H\alpha-2 \rightarrow L\alpha+3}$

256.11 (0.03319)	$0.3 \Psi_{H\beta-4 \rightarrow L\beta+1} + 0.08 \Psi_{H\beta-6 \rightarrow L\beta+1} + 0.07 \Psi_{H\alpha-1 \rightarrow L\alpha+4}$
257.44 (0.04112)	$0.28 \Psi_{H\alpha-1 \rightarrow L\alpha+5} + 0.13 \Psi_{H\alpha-1 \rightarrow L\alpha+4}$
264.42 (0.05311)	$0.18 \Psi_{H\alpha-2 \rightarrow L\alpha+2} + 0.09 \Psi_{H\beta \rightarrow L\beta+5} + 0.08 \Psi_{H\alpha-1 \rightarrow L\alpha+3} + 0.07 \Psi_{H\alpha-1 \rightarrow L\alpha+4}$
281.85 (0.03127)	$0.21 \Psi_{H\beta-7 \rightarrow L\beta+1} + 0.17 \Psi_{H\alpha-1 \rightarrow L\alpha+2}$
283.98 (0.04362)	$0.14 \Psi_{H\beta-1 \rightarrow L\beta+3} + 0.13 \Psi_{H\alpha-3 \rightarrow L\alpha} + 0.06 \Psi_{H\beta \rightarrow L\beta+4} + 0.06 \Psi_{H\beta-1 \rightarrow L\beta+2} + 0.06 \Psi_{H\alpha-2 \rightarrow L\alpha+1}$
289.07 (0.08923)	$0.12 \Psi_{H\alpha \rightarrow L\alpha+10} + 0.12 \Psi_{H\beta-1 \rightarrow L\beta+3} + 0.11 \Psi_{H\alpha-2 \rightarrow L\alpha+1} + 0.09 \Psi_{H\beta-6 \rightarrow L\beta+1} + 0.05 \Psi_{H\alpha-1 \rightarrow L\alpha+2} + 0.05 \Psi_{H\beta-17 \rightarrow L\beta}$
294.78 (0.05704)	$0.56 \Psi_{H\beta-17 \rightarrow L\beta}$
297.04 (0.30967)	$0.28 \Psi_{H\beta-1 \rightarrow L\beta+2} + 0.18 \Psi_{H\alpha-3 \rightarrow L\alpha+1} + 0.08 \Psi_{H\beta-1 \rightarrow L\beta+3} + 0.06 \Psi_{H\alpha-2 \rightarrow L\alpha}$
299.26 (0.04425)	$0.15 \Psi_{H\beta-4 \rightarrow L\beta+3} + 0.07 \Psi_{H\alpha-5 \rightarrow L\alpha+1} + 0.07 \Psi_{H\beta-1 \rightarrow L\beta+2} + 0.07 \Psi_{H\alpha-6 \rightarrow L\alpha} + 0.07 \Psi_{H\alpha-4 \rightarrow L\alpha+1}$
302.99 (0.10914)	$0.38 \Psi_{H\beta \rightarrow L\beta+3} + 0.12 \Psi_{H\alpha-2 \rightarrow L\alpha+1} + 0.09 \Psi_{H\alpha-3 \rightarrow L\alpha} + 0.09 \Psi_{H\alpha-1 \rightarrow L\alpha+1} + 0.08 \Psi_{H\alpha-2 \rightarrow L\alpha}$
304.93 (0.03161)	$0.12 \Psi_{H\alpha \rightarrow L\alpha+9} + 0.1 \Psi_{H\alpha \rightarrow L\alpha+10} + 0.09 \Psi_{H\alpha-3 \rightarrow L\alpha} + 0.07 \Psi_{H\beta-1 \rightarrow L\beta+3} + 0.07 \Psi_{H\beta-17 \rightarrow L\beta} + 0.05 \Psi_{H\beta-2 \rightarrow L\beta+1}$
312.93 (0.03102)	$0.29 \Psi_{H\beta-14 \rightarrow L\beta} + 0.1 \Psi_{H\beta \rightarrow L\beta+2} + 0.06 \Psi_{H\beta-13 \rightarrow L\beta}$
313.17 (0.03795)	$0.25 \Psi_{H\beta \rightarrow L\beta+2} + 0.15 \Psi_{H\alpha-1 \rightarrow L\alpha+1} + 0.1 \Psi_{H\beta \rightarrow L\beta+3} + 0.09 \Psi_{H\beta-14 \rightarrow L\beta}$
319.63 (0.05574)	$0.25 \Psi_{H\alpha-1 \rightarrow L\alpha+1} + 0.09 \Psi_{H\beta-2 \rightarrow L\beta+1} + 0.09 \Psi_{H\alpha-1 \rightarrow L\alpha+2}$
326.62 (0.09384)	$0.26 \Psi_{H\alpha-1 \rightarrow L\alpha} + 0.08 \Psi_{H\alpha \rightarrow L\alpha+9} + 0.08 \Psi_{H\alpha \rightarrow L\alpha+8} + 0.06 \Psi_{H\alpha-3 \rightarrow L\alpha+1}$
335 (0.03413)	$0.21 \Psi_{H\beta-1 \rightarrow L\beta+1} + 0.16 \Psi_{H\alpha-1 \rightarrow L\alpha} + 0.12 \Psi_{H\beta \rightarrow L\beta+2} + 0.09 \Psi_{H\alpha-1 \rightarrow L\alpha+1} + 0.05 \Psi_{H\beta-11 \rightarrow L\beta}$
383.61 (0.07116)	$0.26 \Psi_{H\beta \rightarrow L\beta+1} + 0.18 \Psi_{H\beta-12 \rightarrow L\beta} + 0.13 \Psi_{H\alpha \rightarrow L\alpha+4}$
392.23 (0.04639)	$0.33 \Psi_{H\beta \rightarrow L\beta+1} + 0.11 \Psi_{H\beta-12 \rightarrow L\beta} + 0.08 \Psi_{H\beta-13 \rightarrow L\beta} + 0.05 \Psi_{H\alpha \rightarrow L\alpha+4}$
398.02 (0.06396)	$0.31 \Psi_{H\beta-8 \rightarrow L\beta} + 0.16 \Psi_{H\alpha \rightarrow L\alpha+4} + 0.06 \Psi_{H\beta \rightarrow L\beta+1} + 0.05 \Psi_{H\beta-3 \rightarrow L\beta}$
431.1 (0.03435)	$0.56 \Psi_{H\beta-4 \rightarrow L\beta} + 0.2 \Psi_{H\beta-6 \rightarrow L\beta} + 0.07 \Psi_{H\alpha \rightarrow L\alpha+5}$
456.16 (0.03127)	$0.37 \Psi_{H\alpha \rightarrow L\alpha+3} + 0.16 \Psi_{H\beta-3 \rightarrow L\beta} + 0.15 \Psi_{H\alpha \rightarrow L\alpha+4} + 0.12 \Psi_{H\beta-7 \rightarrow L\beta}$
474.67 (0.1377)	$0.23 \Psi_{H\beta-2 \rightarrow L\beta} + 0.18 \Psi_{H\beta-3 \rightarrow L\beta} + 0.13 \Psi_{H\alpha \rightarrow L\alpha+3} + 0.12 \Psi_{H\beta-6 \rightarrow L\beta} + 0.08 \Psi_{H\alpha \rightarrow L\alpha+2} + 0.07 \Psi_{H\beta-4 \rightarrow L\beta} + 0.06 \Psi_{H\beta-12 \rightarrow L\beta}$
512.33 (0.05551)	$0.38 \Psi_{H\beta-2 \rightarrow L\beta} + 0.16 \Psi_{H\alpha \rightarrow L\alpha+2} + 0.1 \Psi_{H\alpha \rightarrow L\alpha+3} + 0.1 \Psi_{H\beta-3 \rightarrow L\beta}$
711.73 (0.03829)	$0.55 \Psi_{H\alpha \rightarrow L\alpha} + 0.15 \Psi_{H\beta \rightarrow L\beta} + 0.13 \Psi_{H\alpha \rightarrow L\alpha+1} + 0.09 \Psi_{H\alpha \rightarrow L\alpha+2}$

^aCalculated Vertical Transition Energies ($\lambda > 200$ nm) for the Model Complexes from the TD-DFT Calculations (Excitations with oscillator strength $< 3 \times 10^{-2}$ are omitted, Only MO transitions with absolute contribution $\geq 5.0\%$ are shown).

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