## **Supporting Information**

Crystallographic, Spectroscopic, and Computational Characterization of a Diiodonaphthoquinone Diarylethene Photochrome: Halogen Bonding and Photocrystallography

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**Figure S4.** Solid-state UV-vis spectrum of a microcrystalline thin film (thickness 5.5 μm) of **1b**.



**Figure S5**: Images illustrating the molecular orbitals associated with the three lowest energy electronic transitions with oscillator strength greater than 0.1 for **XB-dimer**.

Molecule	Transition	Excited state	Singlet-A
1A	427 55 nm	$106 \rightarrow 116 (HOMO-9 \rightarrow LUMO)$	0 12761 (3 2569%)
	127.00 mm	$107 \rightarrow 116 (HOMO-8 \rightarrow LUMO)$	-0 39152 (30 658%)
		$108 \rightarrow 116 (HOMO-7 \rightarrow LUMO)$	0 15848 (5 0232%)
		$111 \rightarrow 116 (HOMO-4 \rightarrow LUMO)$	-0.12168 (2.9612%)
		$115 \rightarrow 116 (HOMO \rightarrow LUMO)$	0.50228 (50.457%)
1A	405.81 nm	$104 \rightarrow 117 (HOMO-11 \rightarrow LUMO+1)$	0.10086 (2.0354%)
		$106 \rightarrow 116 (HOMO-9 \rightarrow LUMO)$	-0.21621 (9.3494%)
		$107 \rightarrow 116 (HOMO-8 \rightarrow LUMO)$	0.36955 (27.313%)
		$111 \rightarrow 116 (HOMO-4 \rightarrow LUMO)$	0.11118 (2.4722%)
		$113 \rightarrow 116$ (HOMO-2 $\rightarrow$ LUMO)	-0.23653 (11.189%)
		115→116 (HOMO→LUMO)	0.45114 (40.705%)
1A	318.00 nm	106→116 (HOMO-9→LUMO)	-0.10104 (2.0418%)
		108→116 (HOM0-7→LUMO)	-0.17762 (6.3098%)
		113→116 (HOM0-2→LUM0)	0.63414 (80.427%)
		115→116 (HOMO→LUMO)	0.15345 (4.7094%)
1A	283.17 nm	105→116 (HOMO-10→LUMO)	-0.12514 (3.1320%)
		109→116 (HOMO-6→LUMO)	0.17176 (2.9501%)
		112→116 (HOMO-3→LUMO)	0.63822 (81.465%)
1B	500.02 nm	115→116 (HOMO→LUMO)	0.69716 (97.206%)
1B	382.27 nm	106→117 (HOM0-9→LUM0+1)	-0.16453 (5.4140%)
		115→117 (HOMO→LUMO+1)	0.66390 (88.153%)
1B	327.70 nm	105→117 (HOMO-10→LUMO+1)	0.14425 (4.16161%)
		106→117 (HOM0-9→LUM0+1)	-0.15038 (4.5228%)
		110→116 (HOMO-5→ LUMO)	-0.17576 (6.17832%)
		114→116 (HOMO-1→LUMO)	0.61850 (76.508%)
XB-dimer	520.66 nm	229→231 (HOMO-1→LUMO)	0.52634 (55.407%)
		230→232 (HOMO→LUMO+1)	0.44203 (39.078%)
XB-dimer	400.77 nm	229→232 (HOM0-1→LUM0+1)	0.17796 (6.3339%)
		229→233 (HOM0-1→LUM0+2)	0.62390 (77.850%)
		230→234 (HOMO→LUMO+3)	-0.16481 (5.4325%)
XB-dimer	340.08 nm	210→234 (HOMO-20→LUMO+3)	0.13874 (3.8498%)
		223→232 (HOM0-7→LUM0+1)	0.10656 (2.2710%)
		228→232 (HOM0-2→LUM0+1)	0.62873 (79.060%)
		230→233 (HOMO→LUMO+2)	-0.14465 (4.1847%)

**Table S1**: Electronic transitions and orbital contributions for the calculated UV-vis spectra of **1a**, **1b**, and **XB-dimer**.

**Table S2.** First eight electronic transitions with oscillator strengths greater than 0.01 for **1a**, **1b**, and **XB-dimer**.

f>0.01	Species	DAE-NQ-I (1a)	DAE-NQ-I-c (1b)	XB-dimer
Transition 1	λ (nm)	427.55	500.02	520.66
	f	0.0155	0.1413	0.3058
Transition 2	λ (nm)	405.81	382.28	400.77
	f	0.0302	0.2685	0.4720
Transition 3	λ (nm)	325.00	360.91	398.48
	f	0.0138	0.1212	0.1535
Transition 4	λ (nm)	318.00	327.70	372.89
	f	0.0359	0.1419	0.0296
Transition 5	λ (nm)	283.17	263.20	362.98
	f	0.0785	0.0144	0.0576
Transition 6	λ (nm)	281.26	258.60	356.19
	f	0.0621	0.0795	0.0542
Transition 7	λ (nm)	272.30	256.38	340.94
	f	0.0863	0.1012	0.0840
Transition 0	λ (nm)	248.04	253.10	340.08
Transition 8	f	0.0896	0.0189	0.1216

## **Table S3.** Crystallographic information for **1b** and **1b-irradiated**.

Identification code	1b	1b-irradiated
Empirical formula	C <sub>20</sub> H <sub>12</sub> I <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> S <sub>2</sub>	$C_{20}H_{12}I_2O_2S_2$
Formula weight	602.22	602.22
Temperature/K	298	298
Crystal system	monoclinic	monoclinic
Space group	P2 <sub>1</sub>	P21
a/Å	11.9319(10)	11.911(4)
b/Å	7.4644(6)	7.520(3)
c/Å	12.4586(10)	12.479(5)
α/°	90	90
β/°	117.024(2)	117.134(9)
γ/°	90	90
Volume/Å <sup>3</sup>	988.47(14)	994.7(7)
Ζ	2	2
$\rho_{calc}g/cm^3$	2.023	2.011
µ/mm <sup>-1</sup>	3.405	3.383
F(000)	572.0	572.0
Crystal size/mm <sup>3</sup>	0.5 × 0.25 × 0.15	0.4  imes 0.1  imes 0.05
Radiation	ΜοΚα (λ = 0.71073)	MoKα ( $\lambda = 0.71073$ )
2 $\Theta$ range for data collection/°	3.67 to 67.31	3.842 to 53.6

Index ranges	-18 ≤ h ≤ 18, -11 ≤ k ≤ 11, -19 ≤ l ≤ 19	$\begin{array}{l} -15 \leq h \leq 14,  -9 \leq k \leq 8,  -12 \leq l \\ \leq 15 \end{array}$
Reflections collected	26911	7591
Independent reflections	7775 [R <sub>int</sub> = 0.0517, R <sub>sigma</sub> = 0.0602]	$3542 [R_{int} = 0.0711, R_{sigma} = 0.1034]$
Data/restraints/parameters	7775/1/238	3542/1/241
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.106	0.990
Final R indexes [I>=2σ (I)]	$R_1 = 0.0432$ , $wR_2 = 0.1184$	$R_1 = 0.0520, wR_2 = 0.1111$
Final R indexes [all data]	$R_1 = 0.0768$ , $wR_2 = 0.1317$	$R_1 = 0.1261, wR_2 = 0.1358$
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å <sup>-3</sup>	1.90/-1.46	0.99/-0.78
Flack parameter	0.47(6)	0.37(17)