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Fluorinated azobenzenes as supramolecular halogen-bonding building blocks

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I. General

Solvents and starting materials were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich, TCI, Fisher Scientific, Alfa Aesar or Carl Roth and used as received. Dry solvents were obtained from an MBRAUN solvent purification system. Reactions were monitored by thin-layer chromatography (TLC) carried out on silica gel plates (ALUGRAM® Xtra SIL G/UV254, Macherey Nagel) using UV light for visualization. Column chromatography was carried out with silica gel (Silica 60 M, 0.04–0.063 mm, Macherey Nagel) using eluents as specified.

UV–vis spectroscopy was performed on Cary 60 equipped with a Peltier thermostated cell holder. Quartz cuvettes and solvents of spectrometric grade were used. A 405 nm LED (M405L3) and a 455 nm LED (M455L3), together with a LED driver (LEDD1B), all from Thorlabs, were used for photoisomerisation.
II. Experimental details

2,2’,6,6’-Tetrafluoro-4,4’-diiodoazobenzene (A1) was synthesized following a procedure by Hecht et al.,[1] while 4,4’-diiodooctafluoroazobenzene (A2) was synthesized according to Barrett et al.[2] The syntheses of 4,4’-(10-mesitylanthracene-1,8-diyl)bis(3,5-dimethylpyridine) (U1) and 4,4’-diiodoethynloctafluoroazobenzene (A3) were described previously.[3]
III. UV–vis spectroscopy

Absorption spectra of A1, A2 and A3 were recorded at 298.15 K after irradiation with green light ($\lambda_{irr} = 565$ nm) at given times.

Figure S1. UV–vis spectra of A1 in MeCN ($c = 6.68$ μmol/L) after irradiation.
Figure S2. UV–vis spectra of A2 in MeCN (c = 10.5 μmol/L) after irradiation.
Figure S3. UV–vis spectra of A3 in MeCN (c = 9.26 μmol/L) after irradiation.
Irradiation of A2 and A3 was also performed in DCM and cyclohexane. Peak positons were determined using the OriginPro Peak Analyzer tool.

**Table S1. Spectral features of A2 and A3.**

|     | Solvent | $\lambda_{\pi-\pi^*}$ (E) (nm) | $\lambda_{n-\pi^*}$ (Z) (nm) | $\lambda_{n-\pi^*}$ (E) (nm) | $\Delta (\lambda_{n-\pi^*})$ (nm) |
|-----|---------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| A2  | DCM     | 339                            | 425                          | 463                          | 38                              |
|     | MeCN    | 340                            | 424                          | 458                          | 34                              |
|     | CyHex   | 335                            | 427                          | 463                          | 36                              |
| A3  | DCM     | 367                            | n. d.                        | 471                          | n. d.                           |
|     | MeCN    | 364                            | n. d.                        | 466                          | n. d.                           |
|     | CyHex   | 359                            | 436                          | 472                          | 36                              |

The evolution of the absorbance at 345 nm (for A1) and 380 nm (for A2 and A3) was observed at 60 °C and fitted to a monoexponential fit.
Figure S4. Thermal $E \rightarrow Z$ isomerization of A1 in MeCN at 60 °C.
Figure S5. Thermal $E \rightarrow Z$ isomerization of A2 in MeCN at 60 °C.
Figure S6. Thermal $E \rightarrow Z$ isomerization of A3 in MeCN at 60 °C.

Table S2. Thermal stabilities of the Z-isomers at 60 °C in MeCN.

| Compound | A1  | A2  | A3  |
|----------|-----|-----|-----|
| $\tau_{1/2}$ (min) | 2695 | 1030 | 55  |
The thermal stability of A3 was determined at different temperatures.

Figure S7. Thermal stability of A3 at different temperatures in MeCN.
| $k$ (s$^{-1}$) | $\tau_{1/2}$ (h) | $A$ (s$^{-1}$) | $E_A$ (kJ/mol) | $\Delta H^\ddagger$ (kJ/mol) | $\Delta S^\ddagger$ (J/mol) | $\Delta G^\ddagger$ (kJ/mol) |
|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1.29 x 10$^{-5}$ | 14.98 | 7.31 x 10$^5$ | 61 | 59 | -141 | 101 |

**Figure S8.** Arrhenius plot (left) and Van’t Hoff plot (right) for A3; the corresponding parameters were calculated at 298.15 K using the Arrhenius and Eyring equations.
IV. Computation details

Quantum mechanical calculations were performed by applying density functional theory and the polarizable continuum model\textsuperscript{[4]} (PCM) for the description of solvent effects. All geometry optimizations were performed with the Gaussian 16 program.\textsuperscript{[5]} For the computation of absorption properties, TD-DFT methods were used. The exact procedures are described in the corresponding sections.

IV.1 Method evaluation and benchmark

To find a suitable method for the computation of thermal $Z \rightarrow E$ isomerization barriers and corresponding half-lives in implicit PCM solvent, we first performed a series of benchmark calculations on fluorine-substituted azobenzenes (ABs). We tested a variety of functionals including pure, and hybrid approaches. The computed data were compared with values for fluoro-ABs in MeCN, measured at 60$^\circ$C.\textsuperscript{[6]} Structures of the investigated systems are given in Figure S9. Note that we have slightly adapted the naming convention of Hecht and co-workers,\textsuperscript{[6]} to match the naming of the fluorine/iodine target systems, thus F2 corresponds to F4 in the original paper, F3 is F6 etc.

![Figure S9. Azobenzene and fluorinated derivatives used for benchmarking.\textsuperscript{[6]}](image)

The transition state (TS) was modeled by performing constrained geometry optimizations along the CNN angle starting from the $Z$-isomer of the corresponding azobenzene. The point of highest energy along this coordinate was used as the initial point for TS optimizations with the B3LYP method, the 6-311G* basis set and MeCN as implicit solvent. The stationary nature of TSs, educts and products was identified through vibrational analyses, yielding one imaginary frequency for TSs (380i-446i) and only positive eigenvalues for $Z$- and $E$-structures. Intrinsic reaction coordinate (IRC) computations validated that the TS in fact leads to the corresponding $Z$-educt and $E$-product. The resulting geometries were then used as the starting point for structure optimizations with the tested functionals. The structures for $Z$-, $E$-isomers
and TS are very similar for the investigated systems. They are shown in Figure S10 by B3LYP/6-311G* optimized structures obtained for F2 as example. The optimized E-structures are not planar but significantly twisted along the CN axis and slightly distorted along CNNC dihedrals (20° and -177°).

Figure S10. B3LYP-D3/6-311G* optimized structures of F2 in implicit MeCN. From left to right: Z-isomer, transition state and E-isomer.

The lowest energy transition points for all models has an almost planar CNN angle with nearly perpendicular arrangement of the phenyl rings (CCNN ≈ 70–90°). These geometries largely agree with findings from earlier computations of pure and substituted azobenzenes in vacuo and PCM solution reported, e.g., by Knie et al.,[6] Ritze et al.,[7] and Liu et al.[8] Thermal rate constants and half-lives were calculated using the KistHelp software package.[9] Computations involved conventional transition state theory (TST) considering also the effect of one-dimensional Wigner tunneling.[9]

Table S3. Half-lives τ_{1/2} (60°) [h] in benchmark sets using hybrid functionals. Experimental data from ref. [6].

| Model | PBE0/6-311G*, D3 | wB97XD/6-311G* | TPSSH/6-311G*, D3 | B3LYP/6-311G*, D3 | CAM-B3LYP/6-311G*, D3 | CAM-B3LYP/def2-TZVP, D3 | τ_{1/2} (60°) exp. |
|-------|------------------|----------------|------------------|------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| AB    | 1.2              | 34.6           | 0.8              | 1.0              | 5.2                  | 6.0                  | 4                 |
| F2    | 622.3            | 6662.1         | 274.4            | 417.9            | 4334.5               | 511.1               | 92                |
| F3    | 945.4            | 24336.8        | 444.8            | 451.3            | 3023.7               | 4059.9              | 95                |
| F4    | 102.8            | 1362.6         | 63.7             | 68.3             | 437.8                | 54.6                | 27                |
| F2-est| 3.6              | 312.0          | 3.1              | 3.2              | 67.9                 | 5.6                 | 15                |
As the target molecules in this study include heavy and large iodine atoms, dispersion corrections were applied for all methods in the test set, except for one CAM-B3LYP reference calculation including dispersion (see Table S3). Comparison with the data from Knie et al.,[6] who used the same set of molecules without including dispersion corrections, reveals that dispersion effectively increases the thermal barriers, thus leading to significantly longer half-lives (ca. 1–2 orders of magnitude). Long-range corrections, as, e.g., included in CAM-B3LYP or the wB97XD functionals tend to largely overshoot in our case. A similar study by Rietze et al.[7] indicates that this effect is likely an artifact caused by the PCM solvation, as it does not appear in gas-phase calculations. In further computations, we therefore did not include long-range corrections, neither for geometry optimizations nor for calculation of thermal barriers. For the computation of rate constants and thus half-lives we shall expect an accuracy of ca. 1 order of magnitude.[10] The hybrid functionals B3LYP, TPSSh and PBE0 all lie within this range and reflect the trend also found in the experiments, namely F3 > F2 > F4 > F2-est > AB, considering half-lives. The same trend is also found for the pure functionals, but with significantly shorter half-lives as in the hybrids. While the values for F2–F4 all lie within chemical accuracy, the times for AB and F2-est are underestimated in some cases. F4 half-lives are overestimated in the hybrids, and underestimated in all pure functionals. Apparently, none of the applied DFT methods yields a fully satisfying result that describes all systems on equal footing when PCM solvation is used. Overall, B3LYP is the only functional among the hybrids that delivers a suitable balance between F2 and F3, while TPSSh and PBE0 attribute a much larger relative half-life to F3. Among the pure functionals, M06L appears to be the most suitable in terms of balance, giving even the best match in absolute values for F2–F4. Based on these tests, we decided to use B3LYP-D3 and M06L-D3 approaches to compute the corresponding thermal data for the iodine/fluorine compounds in this study.
IV.2 Optimization of fluorine/iodine-azobenzenes

For structure optimization of the target systems A1–3, we adopted a similar strategy as described in the benchmark study. Geometries were optimized using B3LYP and M06L functionals with Grimme D3 dispersion corrections and the def2-TZVP basis set for H, C, N and F atoms. The all-electron basis DGDZVP was used to describe iodine. MeCN solvation was considered through the PCM model. Stationary points were characterized by vibrational analyses, yielding only positive eigenvalues for Z- and E-minima and one imaginary frequency for the TSs. Figure S11 gives an overview of all optimized structures and computed IRC paths. The geometries are nearly equivalent for B3LYP and M06L, therefore only M06L-optimized points are shown. The computed IRC paths stop somewhat before reaching the true minima, a consequence of PCM solvation and the flat potential energy surface in these regions. Linear interpolation towards the optimized geometries however reveal that further relaxation from there proceeds without any barrier. The barrier heights decrease in the order A1 > A2 > A3.

Figure S11. Minima, TS and structures along calculated IRC paths in A1, A2 and A3 computed with M06L-D3/def2-TZVP/DGDZVP. Electronic energies in kcal/mol are given relative to the Z-isomer.
Tables S5 and S6 report selected structural parameters for both methods. For the $E$-isomer, we find two structures in each model that are very close in energy ($E_{\text{diff}} < 0.04$ kcal/mol), see Table S6) $E_1$ corresponds to the optimized structure at the end of the IRC path. These structures are somewhat twisted along C–N bonds (ca. $-10^\circ$, for M06L and up to $-25^\circ$ in B3LYP, see Table S5). The second minimum $E_2$ is almost planar (C–C–N=N dihedral $\approx 1.4–2.6^\circ$). $Z$-isomers are slightly twisted along the N=N bond (ca 13–15°), the phenyl rings are tilted (C–C–N=N dihedral ca. 50–53°). Both $Z$- and $E$-isomers have formal C$_2$ symmetry, while the TS is asymmetric with almost straight connection along C–N=N ($\approx 175^\circ$) on one side and almost perpendicular arrangement of the phenyl rings (C–C–N=N $\approx 70–100^\circ$).

**Table S5.** Selected structural parameter in M06L computed F/I-ABs. The TS structures are asymmetric; the corresponding values for differing structural parameters are given in italics.

|       | N=N [Å] | C-N [Å] | C-I [Å] | C-N=N [°] | C-C-N [°] | C=C-N=N [°] |
|-------|---------|---------|---------|-----------|-----------|-------------|
| **A1** |         |         |         |           |           |             |
| Z     | 1.248   | 1.412   | 2.101   | 122.51    | 123.96    | 13.2        |
| TS    | 1.227   | 1.418   | 1.304   | 2.100     | 118.22    | 175.56      |
|       |         |         |         |           | 127.85    | 218.9       |
|        |         |         |         |           | 218.0     | -8.9        |
|        |         |         |         |           |           | -97.9       |
| $E_1$ | 1.267   | 1.388   | 2.099   | 115.79    | 129.29    | 177.8       |
|       | 1.268   | 1.387   | 2.099   | 115.83    | 129.54    | 180.7       |
| $E_2$ | 1.246   | 1.413   | 2.081   | 122.77    | 123.22    | 13.4        |
|       | 1.225   | 1.420   | 1.303   | 2.081     | 118.25    | 175.83      |
|       | 2.078   | 118.25  | 175.83  | 127.21    | 122.56    | 139.3       |
|       |         | 7.6     | 100.5   |           |           |             |
| **A2** |         |         |         |           |           |             |
| Z     | 1.248   | 1.409   | 1.981   | 123.06    | 123.39    | 14.6        |
| TS    | 1.225   | 1.413   | 1.299   | 1.984     | 1.979     | 118.70      |
|       | 1.979   | 118.70  | 175.57  | 127.08    | 121.32    | 225.9       |
|       |         | 215.9   | 121.32  | 225.9     | -5.6      | 71.5        |
| $E_1$ | 1.269   | 1.385   | 1.980   | 115.58    | 128.49    | 177.5       |
|       | 1.270   | 1.384   | 1.980   | 115.59    | 128.78    | 180.3       |
| $E_2$ | 1.269   | 1.385   | 1.980   | 115.58    | 128.49    | 177.5       |
|       | 1.270   | 1.384   | 1.980   | 115.59    | 128.78    | 180.3       |
|       |         |         |         |           |           |             |
|       |         |         |         |           |           |             |
**Table S6.** Selected structural parameter in B3LYP computed F/I-ABs. The TS structures are asymmetric; the corresponding values for differing structural parameters are given in italics.

|       | N=N [Å] | C-N [Å] | C-I [Å] | C-N=N [°] | C-C-N [°] | C-C-N=N [°] |
|-------|---------|---------|---------|-----------|-----------|-------------|
| **A1** Z | 1.241   | 1.423   | 2.119   | 122.59    | 124.04    | 9.9         |
| TS    | 1.220   | 1.424   | 2.121   | 118.71    | 177.43    | 122.77      |
| E₁    | 1.254   | 1.398   | 2.118   | 116.05    | 127.92    | 176.8       |
| E₂    | 1.256   | 1.396   | 2.117   | 116.57    | 129.24    | 180.3       |
| **A2** Z | 1.238   | 1.425   | 2.101   | 122.72    | 123.28    | 9.7         |
| TS    | 1.216   | 1.427   | 2.103   | 2.098     | 118.72    | 177.51      |
| E₁    | 1.254   | 1.398   | 2.099   | 116.03    | 127.75    | 182.3       |
| E₂    | 1.255   | 1.397   | 2.099   | 116.31    | 128.48    | 180.2       |
| **A3** Z | 1.239   | 1.422   | 2.001   | 122.90    | 123.26    | 10.6        |
| TS    | 1.214   | 1.420   | 2.005   | 1.998     | 119.31    | 178.21      |
| E₁    | 1.256   | 1.395   | 2.000   | 116.18    | 127.89    | 177.6       |
| E₂    | 1.257   | 1.394   | 2.000   | 116.37    | 128.47    | 180.3       |

**Table S7.** Electronic energies of identified stationary points in F/I-substituted ABs wrt. lowest energy structure. Imaginary frequencies (cm⁻¹) are given for the TS.

|       | M06L   | B3LYP |
|-------|--------|-------|
| **A1** Z | 6.09   | 6.31  |
| TS    | 33.30  | 403.5i| 34.72  | 428.4i |
| E₁    | 0.01   | 0.00  |
| E₂    | 0.00   | 0.04  |
| **A2** Z | 6.71   | 6.32  |
| TS    | 32.98  | 394.5i| 34.72  | 414.6i |
| E₁    | 0.01   | 0.00  |
| E₂    | 0.00   | 0.04  |
| **A3** Z | 6.87   | 6.57  |
| TS    | 31.70  | 373.9i| 33.61  | 395.2i |
| E₁    | 0.00   | 0.00  |
| E₂    | 0.03   | 0.02  |
Table S8. Dipole moments (Debye) of isomers and transition states.

|     | M06L   | B3LYP  |
|-----|--------|--------|
| A1  | Z      | 4.4247 | 4.5211 |
|     | TS     | 4.1292 | 4.8508 |
|     | E₁     | 0.1606 | 0.2257 |
|     | E₂     | 0.0600 | 0.0267 |
| A2  | Z      | 3.3206 | 3.1377 |
|     | TS     | 4.1367 | 5.3263 |
|     | E₁     | 0.0941 | 0.1004 |
|     | E₂     | 0.0049 | 0.0077 |
| A3  | Z      | 5.5521 | 5.1273 |
|     | TS     | 6.4560 | 8.2042 |
|     | E₁     | 0.2269 | 0.1576 |
|     | E₂     | 0.0293 | 0.0181 |

IV.3 Computation of excited state absorption spectra

Absorption energies for B3LYP-D3 optimized geometries were computed using the time-dependent density functional approach (TDDFT) involving 20 roots, with the same basis set and solvent modelling used for optimization. The obtained vertical absorption energies and oscillator strengths were convoluted with a 0.2 eV Gaussian function (FWHM=0.2 eV). The resulting spectra are shown below. Table S9 reports excitation energies and oscillator strengths of the low-lying ππ* and nπ* states in comparison with experimentally obtained values in MeCN solution. Due to the mostly planar structures the nπ* vertical excitation in the E-isomers shows almost no oscillator strength, the corresponding excitation wavelengths are indicated in the UV spectra. The overall trend follows the experimental observations; we note, however, a red shift for all computed excitation energies wrt. to experimental values. Especially the nπ* excitation energies are largely underestimated. Considering long-range interactions with the CAM-B3LYP functional leads to better energies for the ππ* states in the E-isomer, but now these states are overestimated in the Z-isomer (Table S10).
Figure S12. UV–vis absorption spectra computed with TD-B3LYP, obtained by convolution with a Gaussian function of 0.2 eV full-width half maximum (FWHM). The E-isomer is shown in violet, Z in magenta.

Table S9. Absorption data computed with TD-B3LYP-D3. Experimental values are shown in italics, computed oscillator strengths \( f \) are reported below the absorption values.

| Model | \( E-\pi\pi^* \) [nm] | \( Z-\pi\pi^* \) [nm] | \( E-n\pi^* \) [nm] | \( Z-n\pi^* \) [nm] |
|-------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| A1    | 342 332             | 333 307             | 491 432             | 462 423             |
|       | \( f=1.596 \)       | \( f=0.204 \)       | \( f=0.001 \)       | \( f=0.107 \)       |
| A2    | 393 340             | 338 330             | 536 458             | 463 424             |
|       | \( f=1.389 \)       | \( f=0.188 \)       | \( f=0.001 \)       | \( f=0.108 \)       |
| A3    | 446 364             | 381 359             | 557 466             | 489 -               |
|       | \( f=2.0024 \)      | \( f=0.1417 \)      | \( f=0.0019 \)      | \( f=0.2422 \)      |

Table S10. Absorption data computed with TD-CAM-B3LYP-D3. Experimental values are shown in italics, computed oscillator strengths \( f \) are reported below the absorption values.

| Model | \( E-\pi\pi^* \) [nm] | \( Z-\pi\pi^* \) [nm] | \( E-n\pi^* \) [nm] | \( Z-n\pi^* \) [nm] |
|-------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| A1    | 387 332             | 280 307             | 531 432             | 439 423             |
|       | \( f=1.439 \)       | \( f=0.099 \)       | \( f=0.001 \)       | \( f=0.061 \)       |
| A2    | 342 340             | 280 330             | 498 458             | 439 424             |
|       | \( f=1.575 \)       | \( f=0.484 \)       | \( f=0.001 \)       | \( f=0.108 \)       |
| A3    | 380 364             | 307 359             | 508 466             | 452 -               |
|       | \( f=2.215 \)       | \( f=0.615 \)       | \( f=0.001 \)       | \( f=0.120 \)       |
IV.4 Computation of electrostatic potentials

To obtain information on the halogen-bonding properties of the systems we computed electrostatic potential (ESP) maps at electron densities of 0.001 and 0.0001 with B3LYP/def2-TZVP and Grimme D3 dispersion corrections. The MoleCoolQt program\[11\] was used to visualize the results. ESP maps are shown in Figure S13, revealing strong positive potential values at the iodine atoms in the order A3 > A2 > A1.

![Figure S13](image)

**Figure S13.** Map of the electrostatic potential plotted at different isodensity values of the electron density.

Figure S14 compares ESP maps in E- and Z-isomers, computed with M06L/def2-TZVP/DGDZVP.
**Figure S14.** Comparison of electrostatic potentials in Z- and E-isomers of target systems A1-3. Values computed with M06L/def2-TZVP/DGDZVP, $\rho = 0.0001$.

### IV.5 Calculation of thermodynamic data

The KistHelp program\[^9\] was used to obtain thermodynamic properties of F/I- substituted ABs. A reaction path was modelled using the vibrational analyses of Z-isomers and the TS at experimental temperature (333.15 K), employing classical transition state theory (TST) and including Wigner tunneling.\[^9\] Tables S11 and S12 show the resulting data for M06L and B3LYP methods in comparison with the experimental data. The computed half-lives follow the experimental trend, namely $A1 > A2 > A3$, with M06L obtained values underestimating the lifetimes by ca 1–2 orders of magnitude. B3LYP data are within chemical accuracy.
Table S11. Activation process parameters for the Z-E isomerization in MeCN at 60 °C, M06L, def2-TZVP basis for C, F, N, H, DGZVP all electron basis for iodine. Grimme D3 dispersion correction was applied.

| Model | ΔU  [kJ mol⁻¹] | ΔG  [kJ mol⁻¹] | ΔH  [kJ mol⁻¹] | ΔS  [J mol⁻¹] | k_{Z\rightarrow E} [s⁻¹] | τ₁/₂ [h] | τ₁/₂ exp. [h] |
|-------|----------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|---------------------|--------|-------------|
| A1    | 113.82         | 105.93         | 108.87         | 8.84         | 1.9281 \times 10^{-4} | 1.0    | 32          |
| A2    | 109.91         | 103.52         | 105.42         | 5.70         | 4.5815 \times 10^{-4} | 0.42   | 20          |
| A3    | 103.89         | 97.13          | 99.34          | 6.64         | 4.5508 \times 10^{-3} | 0.04   | 1.8         |

Table S12. Activation process parameters cis-trans isomerization in MeCN at 60 °C, B3LYP, def2-TZVP basis for C, F, N, H, DGZVP all electron basis for iodine. Grimme D3 dispersion correction was applied.

| Model | ΔU  [kJ mol⁻¹] | ΔG  [kJ mol⁻¹] | ΔH  [kJ mol⁻¹] | ΔS  [J mol⁻¹] | k_{Z\rightarrow E} [s⁻¹] | τ₁/₂ [h] | τ₁/₂ exp. [h] |
|-------|----------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|---------------------|--------|-------------|
| A1    | 124.10         | 114.32         | 119.06         | 14.22        | 9.4621 \times 10^{-6} | 20.35  | 32          |
| A2    | 118.86         | 108.73         | 114.49         | 17.28        | 7.0619 \times 10^{-5} | 2.73   | 20          |
| A3    | 113.13         | 99.89          | 108.69         | 26.42        | 1.6952 \times 10^{-3} | 0.11   | 1.8         |

IV.6 Cartesian coordinates of F/I-substituted ABs

|        | Z-A1 M06L-D3/def2-TZVP |        | B3LYP-D3/def2-TZVP |
|--------|------------------------|--------|------------------|
| 24     |                        |        | 24               |
| Energy= -14807.9086338 | C 0.628843 | 1.239176 | 2.003031 | C 0.632691 | 1.238307 | 2.035851 |
|        | N 0.335684 | 0.525988 | 3.186204 | N 0.322507 | 0.529904 | 3.230111 |
|        | N -0.335684 | -0.525988 | 3.186204 | N -0.322507 | -0.529904 | 3.230111 |
|        | C -0.628843 | -1.239176 | 2.003031 | C -0.632691 | -1.238307 | 2.035851 |
|        | C 0.335684 | -1.654192 | 1.083644 | C 0.322507 | -1.681728 | 1.120058 |
|        | C 0.052075 | -2.504834 | 0.036390 | C 0.012749 | -2.502581 | 0.053349 |
|        | C -1.251422 | -2.954693 | -0.119803 | C -1.308846 | -2.895919 | -0.115379 |
|        | C -2.248792 | -2.581583 | 0.773050 | C -2.299602 | -2.495391 | 0.774837 |
|        | C -1.912444 | -1.753486 | 1.819692 | C -1.936258 | -1.692976 | 1.836400 |
|        | C -0.335684 | 1.654192 | 1.083644 | C -0.322507 | 1.681728 | 1.120058 |
|        | C -0.052075 | 2.504834 | 0.036390 | C -0.012749 | 2.502581 | 0.053349 |
|        | C 1.251422 | 2.954693 | -0.119803 | C 1.308846 | 2.895919 | -0.115379 |
|        | C 2.248792 | 2.581583 | 0.773050 | C 2.299602 | 2.495391 | 0.774837 |
|        | C 1.912444 | 1.753486 | 1.819692 | C 1.936258 | 1.692976 | 1.836400 |
|        | F 1.598733 | -1.258108 | 1.262215 | F 1.606101 | -1.329026 | 1.306918 |
|        | H 0.849460 | -2.800457 | -0.628795 | H 0.802883 | -2.815449 | -0.612507 |
|        | I -1.721882 | -4.225852 | -1.724839 | I -1.823370 | -4.136570 | -1.754514 |
|       | M06L-D3/def2-TZVP       | B3LYP-D3/def2-TZVP       |
|-------|------------------------|------------------------|
| 24    |                        |                        |
| Energy| -14807.8652817        | -14808.5598793        |
| C     | -1.798461 1.268372 0.201407 | 1.803964 1.289071 -0.168419 |
| N     | -0.643173 2.084368 0.302878   | 0.645648 2.111525 -0.266576 |
| N     | 0.455470 1.552955 0.175283   | -0.453310 1.588231 -0.184334 |
| C     | 1.656016 1.048956 0.113230   | -1.659389 1.072527 -0.121562 |
| C     | 2.622543 1.452613 -0.841696  | -2.541916 1.318259 0.955764  |
| C     | 3.873691 0.896016 -0.922577  | -3.794856 0.758047 1.043871  |
| C     | 4.257282 -0.053914 0.015745  | -4.251320 -0.051126 0.006265  |
| C     | 3.364425 -0.475396 0.999790  | -3.436768 -0.313637 -1.092241 |
| C     | 2.092346 0.037365 1.007265   | -2.167810 0.215733 -1.125664 |
| C     | -1.871724 -0.072323 -0.199984 | 1.859739 -0.085579 0.109895  |
| C     | -3.063615 -0.749861 -0.320726 | 3.047039 -0.778542 0.209788  |
| C     | -4.244901 -0.078160 -0.027882 | 4.238907 -0.083618 0.025775  |
| C     | -4.234772 1.251122 0.374036   | 4.248079 1.278199 -0.251089  |
| C     | -3.021233 1.893964 0.472788   | 3.036731 1.933466 -0.338615  |
| F     | 2.240199 2.374018 -1.732336   | -2.085399 2.108393 1.950629  |
| H     | 4.540918 1.236120 -1.701250   | -4.396959 0.977728 1.913511  |
| I     | 6.191463 -0.875176 -0.052990  | -6.197005 -0.889847 0.100675 |
| H     | 3.631253 -1.212552 1.743137   | -3.758037 -0.935754 -1.914981 |
| F     | 1.214636 -0.356223 1.937804   | -1.358623 -0.037088 -2.176727 |
| F     | -0.748787 -0.721881 -0.494017 | 0.720074 -0.763014 0.295557  |
| H     | -3.051456 -1.781627 -0.639198 | 3.019986 -1.835617 0.428158  |
| I     | -6.073718 -1.089570 -0.205072  | 6.074876 -1.123864 0.173908  |
| H     | -5.139764 1.790868 0.608201   | 5.160682 1.835370 -0.398679  |
| F     | -3.005729 3.165899 0.854200   | 3.044086 3.243897 -0.604398  |
|   E1-A1   | M06L-D3/def2-TZVP | B3LYP-D3/def2-TZVP |
|----------|------------------|-------------------|
| 24       |                  |                   |
| Energy = -14807.8652817 | Energy = -14808.5598793 |
| C        |                 |                   |
| -1.798461 | 1.268372        | 0.201407          |
| N        |                 |                   |
| -0.643173 | 2.084368        | 0.302878          |
| N        |                 |                   |
| 0.455470  | 1.552955        | 0.175283          |
| C        |                 |                   |
| 1.656016  | 1.048956        | 0.113230          |
| C        |                 |                   |
| 2.622543  | 1.452613        | -0.841696         |
| C        |                 |                   |
| 3.873691  | 0.896016        | -0.922577         |
| C        |                 |                   |
| 4.257282  | -0.059145       | 0.015745          |
| C        |                 |                   |
| 3.364425  | -0.475396       | 0.999790          |
| C        |                 |                   |
| 2.092346  | 0.037365        | 1.007265          |
| C        |                 |                   |
| -1.871724 | -0.072323       | -0.199984         |
| C        |                 |                   |
| -3.063615 | -0.749861       | -0.320726         |
| C        |                 |                   |
| -4.244901 | -0.078160       | -0.027882         |
| C        |                 |                   |
| -4.234772 | 1.251122        | 0.374036          |
| C        |                 |                   |
| -3.021233 | 1.893964        | 0.472788          |
| F        |                 |                   |
| 2.240199  | 2.374018        | -1.73236          |
| H        |                 |                   |
| 4.540918  | 1.236120        | -1.701250         |
| I        |                 |                   |
| 6.191463  | -0.875176       | -0.052990         |
| H        |                 |                   |
| 3.631253  | -1.212552       | 1.743137          |
| F        |                 |                   |
| 1.214636  | -0.356223       | 1.937804          |
| F        |                 |                   |
| -0.748787 | -0.721881       | -0.494017         |
| H        |                 |                   |
| -3.051456 | -1.781627       | -0.639198         |
| I        |                 |                   |
| -6.073718 | -1.089570       | -0.205072         |
| H        |                 |                   |
| -5.139764 | 1.790868        | 0.608201          |
| F        |                 |                   |
| -3.005729 | 3.165899        | 0.854200          |

|   E2-A1   | M06L-D3/def2-TZVP | B3LYP-D3/def2-TZVP |
|----------|------------------|-------------------|
| 24       |                  |                   |
| Energy = -14807.8652817 | Energy = -14808.6164535 |
| C        |                 |                   |
| -1.798461 | 1.268372        | 0.201407          |
| N        |                 |                   |
| -0.643173 | 2.084368        | 0.302878          |
| N        |                 |                   |
| 0.455470  | 1.552955        | 0.175283          |
| C        |                 |                   |
| 1.656016  | 1.048956        | 0.113230          |
| C        |                 |                   |
| 2.622543  | 1.452613        | -0.841696         |

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| Z-A2 | M06L-D3/def2-TZVP | B3LYP-D3/def2-TZVP |
|------|------------------|------------------|
| Energy = -15204.9421173 | 24 | 24 |
| C       3.873691  0.896016 -0.922577 | C       -1.092176  -3.804893 -0.047892 |
| C       4.257282  -0.059145  0.015745 | C       0.070071  -4.565635  0.000367 |
| C       3.364425 -0.475396  0.999790 | C       1.319918  -3.962714  0.051709 |
| C       2.092346  0.037365  1.007265 | C       1.377311  -2.584227  0.053465 |
| C       -1.871724 -0.072323  -0.199984 | C       0.991598   2.427967  -0.042536 |
| C       -3.063615 -0.749861 -0.320726 | C       1.092176  3.804893  -0.047892 |
| C       -4.244901 -0.078160 -0.027882 | C       -0.070071  4.565635  0.000367 |
| C       -4.234772  1.251122  0.374036 | C       -1.319918  3.962714  0.051709 |
| C       -3.021233  1.893964  0.999790 | C       -1.377311  2.584227  0.053465 |
| F       2.240199   2.374018 -1.732336 | F       -2.134085  -1.735706  0.094836 |
| H       4.540918   1.236120 -1.701250 | H       -2.074293  -4.251605  0.090071 |
| I       6.191463   -0.875176 -0.052990 | I       -0.070071  -6.678134 -0.005716 |
| H       3.631253  -1.212552  1.743137 | H       2.238812  -4.527668  0.089654 |
| F       1.214636   -0.356223  1.937804 | F       2.587513  -2.011877  0.102833 |
| F       -0.748787  -0.721881 -0.494017 | F       2.134085   1.735706  0.094836 |
| H       -3.051456  -1.781627 -0.639198 | H       2.074293   4.251605  0.090071 |
| I       -6.073718  -1.089570 -0.205072 | I       0.070071   6.678134  0.005716 |
| H       -5.139764  1.790868  0.608201 | H       -2.238812  4.527668  0.089654 |
| F       -3.005729  3.165899  0.854200 | F       -2.587513  2.011877  0.102833 |

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Energy = -15205.6872855

| Z-A2 | M06L-D3/def2-TZVP | B3LYP-D3/def2-TZVP |
|------|------------------|------------------|
| Energy = -15204.9421173 | 24 | 24 |
| C       -0.634803  -1.241887  1.994174 | C       0.073759  -1.391021  1.946809 |
| N       -0.337169  -0.523859  3.174494 | N       -0.012133  -0.619063  3.141040 |
| N       0.337169   0.523859  3.174494 | N       0.012133   0.619063  3.141040 |
| C       0.634803   1.241887  1.994174 | C       -0.073759  1.391021  1.946809 |
| C       -0.337169  1.644538  1.079560 | C       -1.126591  1.282618  1.040229 |
| C       -0.028710  2.511483  0.048035 | C       -1.250282  2.167503 -0.018093 |
| C       1.262219   2.989760 -0.126746 | C       -0.322851  3.182505 -0.215599 |
| C       2.233113   2.591541  0.784431 | C       0.723444   3.298665  0.693393 |
| C       1.921120   1.751739  1.833993 | C       0.835695   2.429856  1.769378 |
| C       0.337169  -1.644538  1.079560 | C       1.126591  -1.282618  1.040229 |
| C       0.028710  -2.511483  0.048035 | C       1.250282  -2.167503 -0.018093 |
| C       -1.262219 -2.989760 -0.126746 | C       0.322851  -3.182505 -0.215599 |
| C       -2.233113 -2.591541  0.784431 | C       -0.723444 -3.298665  0.693393 |
| C   | -1.921120 | -1.751739 | 1.833993 | C   | -0.835695 | -2.429856 | 1.763738 |
|-----|-----------|-----------|----------|-----|-----------|-----------|----------|
| F   | -1.599854 | 1.251954  | 1.228479 | F   | -2.061253 | 0.339943  | 1.206831 |
| F   | -1.002381 | 2.877701  | -0.776662| F   | -2.287283 | 2.016354  | -0.846271|
| I   | 1.726454  | 4.271696  | -1.698438| I   | -0.498145 | 4.507279  | -1.836592|
| F   | 3.486299  | 3.010589  | 0.660131 | F   | 1.648870  | 4.251028  | 0.552205 |
| F   | 2.875079  | 1.382869  | 2.678613 | F   | 1.855067  | 2.567832  | 2.614431 |
| F   | 1.599854  | -1.251954 | 1.228479 | F   | 2.061253  | -0.339943 | 1.206831 |
| F   | 1.002381  | -2.877701 | -0.776662| F   | 2.287283  | -2.016354 | -0.846271|
| I   | -1.726454 | -4.271696 | -1.698438| I   | 0.498145  | -4.507279 | -1.836592|
| F   | -3.486299 | -3.010589 | 0.660131 | F   | -1.648870 | -4.251028 | 0.552205 |
| F   | -2.875079 | -1.382869 | 2.678613 | F   | -1.855067 | -2.567832 | 2.614431 |

**TS-A2** M06L-D3/def2-TZVP

| 24 | Energy = -15204.9002564 |
|----|-------------------------|
| C  | 1.805043 | 1.248874 | 0.278543 |
| N  | 0.652674 | 2.060347 | 0.455257 |
| N  | -0.447801 | 1.547088 | 0.295395 |
| C  | -1.648206 | 1.050159 | 0.200936 |
| C  | -2.601658 | 1.532787 | -0.727740|
| C  | -3.851013 | 0.967850 | -0.826426|
| C  | -4.272504 | -0.044282 | 0.032453 |
| C  | -3.355477 | -0.504571 | 0.973803 |
| C  | -2.071506 | -0.017105 | 1.031348 |
| C  | 1.850052  | -0.062572 | -0.205999|
| C  | 3.053310  | -0.716728 | -0.372665|
| C  | 4.259250  | -0.098202 | -0.061353|
| C  | 4.222299  | 1.204371  | 0.417676 |
| C  | 3.022044  | 1.867312  | 0.578854 |
| F  | -2.243523 | 2.513656  | -1.553937|
| F  | -4.681120 | 1.448793  | -1.750279|
| I  | -6.194173 | -0.833309 | -0.085533|
| F  | -3.694876 | -1.474861 | 1.820690 |
| F  | -1.209678 | -0.497514 | 1.927171 |
| F  | 0.736438  | -0.705296 | -0.529458|
| F  | 3.038100  | -1.959510 | -0.838698|

**B3LYP-D3/def2-TZVP**

| 24 | Energy = -15205.6420145 |
|----|-------------------------|
| C  | -1.325564 | 0.084856 | 1.860937 |
| N  | -0.080736 | 0.249539 | 1.183335 |
| N  | -0.065342 | 0.198022 | -0.031307|
| C  | -0.001739 | 0.174896 | -1.341372|
| C  | 0.536330  | -0.924208 | -2.045747|
| C  | 0.572949  | -0.941620 | -3.423431|
| C  | 0.124774  | 0.132521  | -4.188043|
| C  | -0.393392 | 1.226230  | -3.499702|
| C  | -0.482598 | 1.247261  | -2.124503|
| C  | -2.576113 | -0.157626 | 1.278204 |
| C  | -3.705219 | -0.312103 | 2.060158 |
| C  | -3.635244 | -0.231920 | 3.448551 |
| C  | -2.398174 | 0.009104  | 4.033301 |
| C  | -1.263223 | 0.164097  | 3.255949 |
| F  | 0.987571  | -1.975368 | -1.340442|
| F  | 1.080558  | -2.031811 | -4.015260|
| I  | 0.227903  | 0.104599  | -6.288203|
| F  | -0.849489 | 2.295565  | -4.166636|
| F  | -1.009668 | 2.310323  | -1.492782|
| F  | -2.705679 | -0.244681 | -0.045347|
| F  | -4.870439 | -0.540568 | 1.450366 |
|     | E1-A2  | B3LYP-D3/def2-TZVP |
|-----|--------|--------------------|
|     | M06L-D3/def2-TZVP |                    |
| 24  | Energy = -15204.9002564 | Energy = -15205.6972810 |
| C   | 1.805043 1.248874 0.278543 | C -0.507694 -0.144211 1.702984 |
| N   | 0.652674 2.060347 0.455257 | N 0.337183 -0.179595 0.589471 |
| N   | -0.447801 1.547088 0.295395 | N -0.061645 0.441885 -0.423854 |
| C   | -1.648206 1.050159 0.200936 | C 0.759444 0.365742 -1.553027 |
| C   | -2.601658 1.532787 -0.727740 | C 1.776979 -0.567538 -1.815856 |
| C   | -3.851013 0.967850 -0.826426 | C 2.471734 -0.545367 -3.013190 |
| C   | -4.272504 -0.044282 0.032453 | C 2.202201 0.401905 -3.994613 |
| C   | -3.355477 -0.504571 0.973803 | C 1.196251 1.326851 -3.747247 |
| C   | -2.071506 -0.017105 1.031348 | C 0.486507 1.303104 -2.560411 |
| C   | 1.850052 -0.062572 -0.205999 | C -1.870832 0.196483 1.738506 |
| C   | 3.053310 -0.716728 -0.372665 | C -2.590618 0.131388 2.919366 |
| C   | 4.259250 -0.098202 -0.061353 | C -1.996671 -0.259582 4.114170 |
| C   | 4.222799 1.204371 0.417676 | C -0.651010 -0.602003 4.090261 |
| C   | 3.022044 1.867312 0.578854 | C 0.072506 -0.554680 2.912470 |
| F   | -2.243523 2.513656 -1.553937 | F 2.082322 -1.527841 -0.945376 |
| F   | -4.681120 1.448793 -1.750279 | F 3.418152 -1.469947 -3.205866 |
| I   | -6.194173 -0.833309 -0.085533 | I 3.280244 0.431904 -5.795637 |
| F   | -3.694876 -1.474861 1.820690 | F 0.889526 2.262505 -4.650768 |
| F   | -1.209678 -0.497514 1.927171 | F -0.469417 2.214013 -2.377873 |
| F   | 0.736438 -0.705296 -0.529458 | F -2.527760 0.553875 0.636755 |
| F   | 3.038100 -1.959510 -0.838698 | F -3.887243 0.455449 2.881710 |
| I   | 6.064918 -1.096051 -0.307183 | I -3.099910 -0.332659 5.898633 |
| F   | 5.344085 1.838529 0.734191 | F -0.022557 -0.985938 5.205384 |
| F   | 3.037973 3.106940 1.039520 | F 1.360513 -0.896153 2.948360 |

|     | E2-A2  | B3LYP-D3/def2-TZVP |
|-----|--------|--------------------|
|     | M06L-D3/def2-TZVP |                    |
| 24  | Energy = -15204.9002564 | Energy = -15205.6972810 |
| C   | 1.805043 1.248874 0.278543 | C 1.236849 1.261836 0.001591 |
| Element | X    | Y    | Z    | Energy  |
|---------|------|------|------|---------|
| N       | 0.652674 | 2.060347 | 0.455257 | -15357.2831136 |
| N       | -0.447801 | 1.547088 | 0.295395 | -15358.0414882 |
| C       | -1.648206 | 1.050159 | 0.200936 | -0.007699 |
| C       | -2.601658 | 1.532787 | -0.727740 | -0.007699 |
| C       | -3.851013 | 0.967850 | -0.826426 | -0.007699 |
| C       | -4.272504 | -0.044282 | 0.032453 | -0.007699 |
| C       | -3.555477 | -0.504571 | 0.973803 | -0.007699 |
| C       | -2.071506 | -0.017105 | 1.031348 | -0.007699 |
| C       | 1.850052 | -0.062572 | -0.205999 | -0.007699 |
| C       | 3.053310 | -0.716728 | -0.372665 | -0.007699 |
| C       | 4.259250 | -0.098202 | 0.061353 | -0.007699 |
| C       | 4.222999 | 1.204371 | 0.417676 | -0.007699 |
| C       | 3.022044 | 1.867312 | 0.578854 | -0.007699 |
| F       | -2.243523 | 2.513656 | -1.553937 | -0.007699 |
| F       | -4.681120 | 1.448793 | -1.750279 | -0.007699 |
| I       | -6.194173 | -0.833309 | -0.085533 | -0.007699 |
| F       | -3.694876 | -1.474861 | 1.820690 | -0.007699 |
| F       | -1.209678 | -0.497514 | 1.927171 | -0.007699 |
| F       | 0.736438 | -0.705296 | -0.529458 | -0.007699 |
| F       | 3.038100 | -1.959510 | -0.838698 | -0.007699 |
| F       | 5.344085 | 1.838529 | 0.734191 | -0.007699 |
| F       | 3.037973 | 3.106940 | 1.039520 | -0.007699 |

Z-A3  M06L-D3/def2-TZVP

B3LYP-D3/def2-TZVP
| C       | -0.172718 | -1.669289 | 1.877091 | C       | -0.094278 | -1.704718 | 1.926717 |
|---------|-----------|-----------|----------|---------|-----------|-----------|----------|
| C       | -0.727717 | -2.419588 | 0.861479 | C       | -0.625628 | -2.431999 | 0.878794 |
| C       | -2.112899 | -2.522446 | 0.695906 | C       | -2.007087 | -2.528805 | 0.679678 |
| C       | -2.914321 | -1.848167 | 1.626274 | C       | -2.831141 | -1.871824 | 1.602786 |
| C       | -2.362937 | -1.126578 | 2.660719 | C       | -2.303811 | -1.165181 | 2.664193 |
| F       | -1.151409 | 1.651400  | 2.009706 | F       | -1.233747 | 1.673369  | 2.086796 |
| F       | -0.079552 | 3.057462  | 0.024534 | F       | -0.206714 | 3.053031  | 0.040185 |
| C       | 2.674192  | 3.271200  | -0.351350| C       | 2.546872  | 3.259505  | -0.401717|
| F       | 4.234204  | 1.902413  | 1.510401 | F       | 4.156561  | 1.925680  | 1.456367 |
| F       | 3.158479  | 0.495846  | 3.514701 | F       | 3.125810  | 0.552019  | 3.518987 |
| F       | 1.151409  | -1.651400 | 2.009706 | F       | 1.233747  | -1.673369 | 2.086796 |
| F       | 0.079552  | -3.057462 | 0.024534 | F       | 0.206714  | -3.053031 | 0.040185 |
| C       | -2.674192 | -3.271200 | -0.351350| C       | -2.546872 | -3.259505 | -0.401717|
| F       | -4.234204 | -1.902413 | 1.510401 | F       | -4.156561 | -1.925680 | 1.456367 |
| F       | -3.158479 | -0.495846 | 3.514701 | F       | -3.125810 | -0.552019 | 3.518987 |
| C       | -3.158479 | -3.915698 | -1.254753| C       | -3.007433 | -3.883177 | -1.326133|
| I       | -3.951249 | -4.969933 | -2.732572| I       | -3.771334 | -4.917685 | -2.859148|
| C       | 3.158479  | 3.915698  | -1.254753| C       | 3.007433  | 3.883177  | -1.326133|
| I       | 3.951249  | 4.969933  | -2.732572| I       | 3.771334  | 4.917685  | -2.859148|

**TS-A3**  M06L-D3/def2-TZVP

| C       | 1.642518  | 1.520426  | 0.116804 |
|---------|-----------|-----------|----------|
| N       | 0.452536  | 2.039450  | 0.067407 |
| N       | -0.640037 | 2.578828  | 0.289987 |
| C       | 1.802731  | 1.779359  | 0.220616 |
| C       | 1.854905  | 0.13217   | -0.085438|
| C       | 3.084926  | -0.231147 | -0.174466|
| C       | -4.294724 | 0.443924  | 0.044243 |
| C       | -4.219670 | 1.807803  | 0.349739 |
| C       | -3.009064 | 2.459427  | 0.431274 |
| C       | 2.083184  | 0.587742  | 1.092708 |
| C       | 3.55931   | 0.081608  | 1.070917 |
| C       | 4.264261  | 0.373162  | 0.039411 |
| C       | 3.806895  | 1.255098  | -0.954616|

**B3LYP-D3/def2-TZVP**

| C       | -1.652407 | 1.563519  | 0.445376 |
|---------|-----------|-----------|----------|
| N       | -0.460775 | 2.072512  | 0.630604 |
| N       | 0.628087  | 2.578271  | 0.808972 |
| C       | 1.797983  | 1.848106  | 0.469019 |
| C       | 1.854905  | 0.546811  | -0.054174|
| C       | 3.066364  | -0.046717 | -0.336845|
| C       | 4.280677  | 0.620397  | -0.115710|
| C       | 4.217845  | 1.917362  | 0.406683 |
| C       | 3.008147  | 2.518474  | 0.693704 |
| C       | -2.340945 | 1.712466  | -0.781121|
| C       | -3.593389 | 1.178014  | -0.960885|
| C       | -4.259428 | 0.451577  | 0.038851 |
| C       | -3.562769 | 0.298874  | 1.248058 |
| C     | 2.569528 | 1.841179 | -0.908179 | C     | -2.311716 | 0.826283 | 1.456329 |
|-------|----------|----------|-----------|-------|-----------|----------|-----------|
| F     | -0.767857 | -0.286096 | -0.306325 | F     | 0.737681 | -0.140591 | -0.285649 |
| F     | -3.107496 | -1.524305 | -0.462888 | F     | 3.080895 | -1.284507 | -0.832428 |
| C     | -5.526534 | -0.220514 | -0.042655 | C     | 5.515370 | 0.006913 | -0.409315 |
| F     | -5.334954 | 2.489787 | 0.568767 | F     | 5.345739 | 2.590864 | 0.633920 |
| F     | -2.995850 | 3.748781 | 0.723424 | F     | 3.006716 | 3.752129 | 1.188375 |
| F     | 1.242369 | 0.265252 | 2.075613 | F     | -1.735464 | 2.394991 | -1.769657 |
| F     | 3.723655 | -0.754603 | 2.038709 | F     | -4.192123 | 1.359982 | -2.145340 |
| C     | 5.549443 | -0.182865 | 0.003359 | C     | -5.546946 | -0.089715 | -0.158900 |
| F     | 4.619437 | 1.570747 | -1.960314 | F     | -4.131366 | -0.388258 | 2.247591 |
| F     | 2.187377 | 2.687289 | -1.863415 | F     | -1.677475 | 0.651005 | 2.629632 |
| C     | 6.661955 | -0.665119 | -0.028158 | C     | -6.649547 | -0.553478 | -0.328632 |
| I     | 8.480438 | -1.455920 | -0.080934 | I     | -8.479371 | -1.323139 | -0.610432 |
| C     | -6.590680 | -0.794369 | -0.116810 | C     | 6.572534 | -0.518045 | -0.661444 |
| I     | -8.329257 | -1.731121 | -0.237830 | I     | 8.323336 | -1.386362 | -1.078910 |

| E1-A3 M06L-D3/def2-TZVP | B3LYP-D3/def2-TZVP |
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| **28**                  | **28**              |
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| C -1.872086 0.413217 -0.085438 | C 2.367575 -0.118128 -0.799800 |
| C -3.084926 -0.231147 -0.171446 | C 3.743069 -0.193252 -0.894117 |
| C -4.294724 0.443924 0.044243 | C 4.588755 0.370387 0.069703 |
| C -4.219670 1.807803 0.349739 | C 3.976283 1.008914 1.153229 |
| C -3.009064 2.459427 0.431274 | C 2.602999 1.077858 1.264486 |
| C 2.083184 0.587742 1.092708 | C -2.595502 0.453702 -1.245432 |
| C 3.355931 0.081608 1.070917 | C -3.969293 0.486616 -1.124304 |
| C 4.264261 0.373162 0.039411 | C -4.590218 0.512384 0.128949 |
| C 3.806895 1.255098 -0.954616 | C -3.752426 0.503842 1.251385 |
| C 2.569528 1.841179 -0.908179 | C -2.376162 0.484838 1.141621 |
| F -0.767857 -0.286096 -0.306325 | F 1.650623 -0.708404 -1.754461 |
| F -3.107496 -1.524305 -0.462888 | F 4.280043 -0.827387 -1.940699 |
| C -5.526534 -0.220514 -0.042655 | C 5.992887 0.293404 -0.045728 |
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| F -2.995850 | 3.748781 | 0.723424 | F 2.083374 | 1.698934 | 2.323649 |
| F 1.242369  | 0.265252 | 2.075613 | F -2.067685 | 0.427852 | -2.469485 |
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| F 4.619437  | 1.570747 | -1.960314 | F -4.298037 | 0.512488 | 2.471233 |
| F 2.187377  | 2.687289 | -1.863415 | F -1.667803 | 0.452041 | 2.268993 |
| C 6.661955  | -0.665119 | -0.028158 | C -7.196611 | 0.566086 | 0.367479 |
| I 8.480438  | -1.455920 | -0.080934 | I -9.188094 | 0.607195 | 0.549538 |
| C -6.590680 | -0.794369 | -0.116810 | C 7.193911 | 0.227713 | -0.144489 |
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|      |        | N -0.640037 | 2.578828 | 0.289987 | N 0.508599 | 0.369584 | -0.009310 |
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|      |        | C -1.872086 | 0.413217 | -0.085438 | C -0.959222 | 2.423685 | 0.027067 |
|      |        | C -3.084926 | -0.231147 | -0.171446 | C -1.009292 | 3.803365 | 0.030229 |
|      |        | C -4.294724 | 0.443924 | 0.044243 | C 0.147202 | 4.593171 | -0.000481 |
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|      |        | C -3.009064 | 2.459427 | 0.431274 | C 1.434465 | 2.540857 | -0.035753 |
|      |        | C 2.083184 | 0.587742 | 1.092708 | C 0.959222 | -2.423685 | 0.027067 |
|      |        | C 3.355931 | 0.081608 | 1.070917 | C 1.009292 | -3.803365 | 0.030229 |
|      |        | C 4.264261 | 0.373162 | 0.039411 | C -0.147202 | -4.593171 | -0.000481 |
|      |        | C 3.806895 | 1.255098 | -0.954616 | C -1.372072 | -3.918987 | -0.033506 |
|      |        | C 2.569528 | 1.841179 | -0.908179 | C -1.434465 | -2.540857 | -0.035753 |
|      |        | F -0.767857 | -0.286096 | -0.306325 | F -2.117223 | 1.767680 | 0.061108 |
|      |        | F -3.107496 | -1.524305 | -0.462888 | F -2.204273 | 4.400847 | 0.064187 |
|      |        | C -5.526534 | -0.220519 | -0.042655 | C 0.078450 | 6.002299 | 0.002163 |
|      |        | F -5.334954 | 2.489787 | 0.568767 | F 2.508890 | 4.619628 | -0.063802 |
|      |        | F -2.995850 | 3.748781 | 0.723424 | F 2.635771 | 1.963990 | -0.068361 |
|      |        | F 1.242369 | 0.265252 | 2.075613 | F 2.117223 | -1.767680 | 0.061108 |
|      |        | F 3.723655 | -0.754603 | 2.038709 | F 2.204273 | -4.400847 | 0.064187 |
|   |     C   |       F       |     F       |     C   |       I       |       I       |
|---|--------|-------------|-------------|--------|-------------|-------------|
|  | 5.549443 | -0.182865  | 0.003359    |  | -0.078450  | -6.002299  | 0.002163    |
|  | 4.619437 | 1.570747   | -1.960314   |  | -2.508890  | -4.619628  | -0.063802   |
|  | 2.187377 | 2.687289   | -1.863415   |  | -2.635771  | -1.963990  | -0.068361   |
|  | 6.661955 | -0.665119  | -0.028158   |  | -0.019421  | -7.207752  | 0.004372    |
|  | 8.480438 | -1.455920  | -0.080934   |  | 0.078225   | -9.205484  | 0.008066    |
|  | -6.590680 | -0.794369  | -0.116810   |  | 0.019421   | 7.207752   | 0.004372    |
|  | -8.329257 | -1.731121  | -0.237830   |  | -0.078225  | 9.205484   | 0.008066    |
V. Crystallographic details

Single-crystals were mounted using a microfabricated polymer film crystal-mounting tool (dual-thickness MicroMount, MiTeGen) using low viscosity oil (perfluoropolyalkylether; viscosity 1800 cSt, ABCR) to reduce the X-ray absorption and scattering. A Bruker D8 Venture single-crystal X-ray diffractometer with area detector using Cu Kα (λ = 1.54178 Å) radiation was used for data collection at the temperature stated for each compound. Multiscan absorption corrections implemented in SADABS[12] were applied to the data. The structures were solved by intrinsic phasing (SHELXT-2013)[13] and refined by full-matrix least-squares methods on $F^2$ (SHELXL-2014).[14] The hydrogen atoms were placed at calculated positions and refined by using a riding model. CCDC 1936418 (U1⋯A2) contains the supplementary crystallographic data for this paper. These data can be obtained free of charge from The Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre.

Figure S15. Single-crystal X-ray data of U1⋯A2 showing the asymmetric unit with thermal ellipsoids set at 50% probability. The structure was measured at 120 K and solved in the monoclinic space group $P2_1/n$ with $R_{int} = 0.0398$, $R_1 = 0.0242$ and $wR_2 = 0.0675$. Selected bond lengths [Å]: I1–N3 2.7810(2), I2–N4 2.816(2), N1–N2 1.148(3).
Figure S16. Single-crystal X-ray data of U1⋯A2, a) with thermal ellipsoids set at 50% probability and b) showing a space-filling model.
Figure S17. View of the unit cell of U1⋯A2 along the crystallographic a axis. The tetrafluorinated azobenzenes A2 engage in very distant lamellar 2D π-stacking with each other, whereas anthracene building blocks U1 engage in various CH⋯π interactions in the range from 2.87–3.51 Å by a self-complementing head-to-tail arrangement. The fluorinated and the non-fluorinated part are separated and engage in various C-H⋯F contacts such as F12⋯H33 2.86, F11⋯H45 2.69, F5⋯H41B 2.60, F5⋯H38 2.80, F5⋯H45 2.72, F2⋯H33C 2.86 and F3⋯H20 3.07 Å, also originating from the protruding methyl groups.
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