

Linkage of crystal lattice and photodynamic behavior of organic crystals

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Our group previously reported the first detection of triplet vinylnitrenes in solution by performing transient spectroscopy of azirine and isoxazole derivatives. We also studied solution photochemistry of 3-azido-1-indenone, which resulted in dimerization of vinylnitrene. Here, we are studying the solid-state photochemistry of 3-azido-1-indenones, which undergoes different photoreactivity from solution due to the rigid structure of the compound in solid state. We are correlating the photoreactivity of both unsubstituted, and substituted 3-azido-1-indenones, to their X-ray crystal structures. Also, we are studying mechanical response of the crystals to light.