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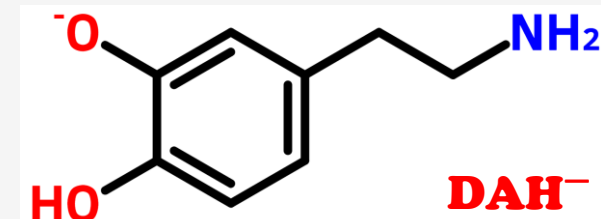
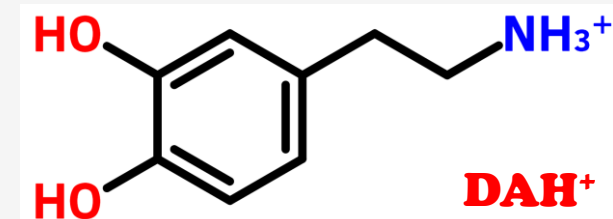
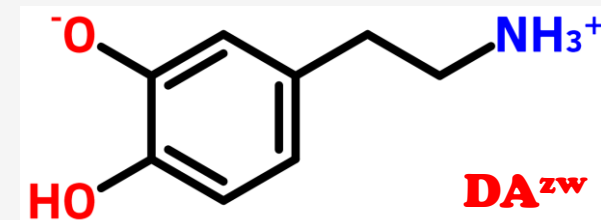
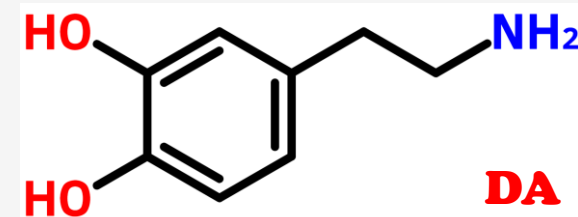
Dopamine Photochemical Behaviour under UV Irradiation

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Experimental and theoretical investigation:

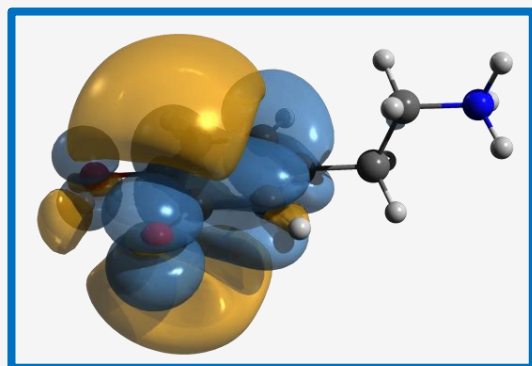
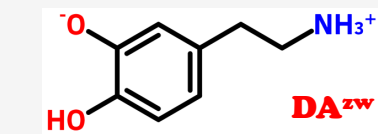
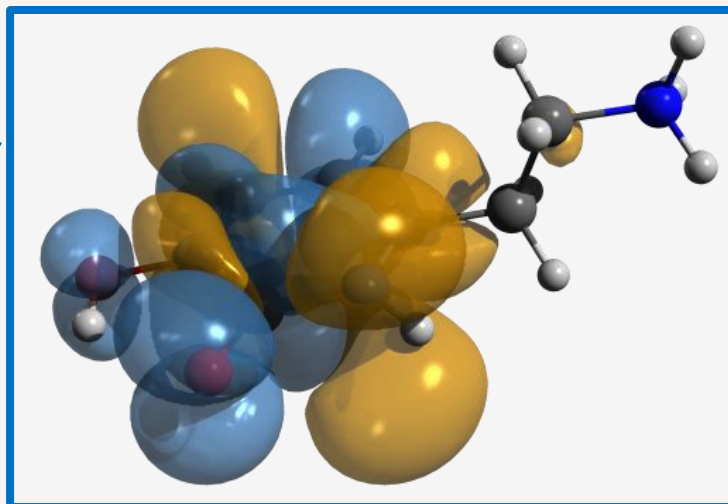
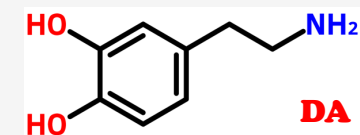
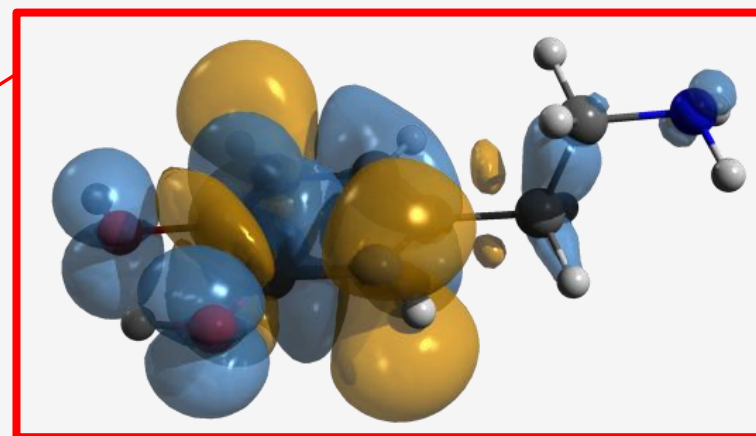
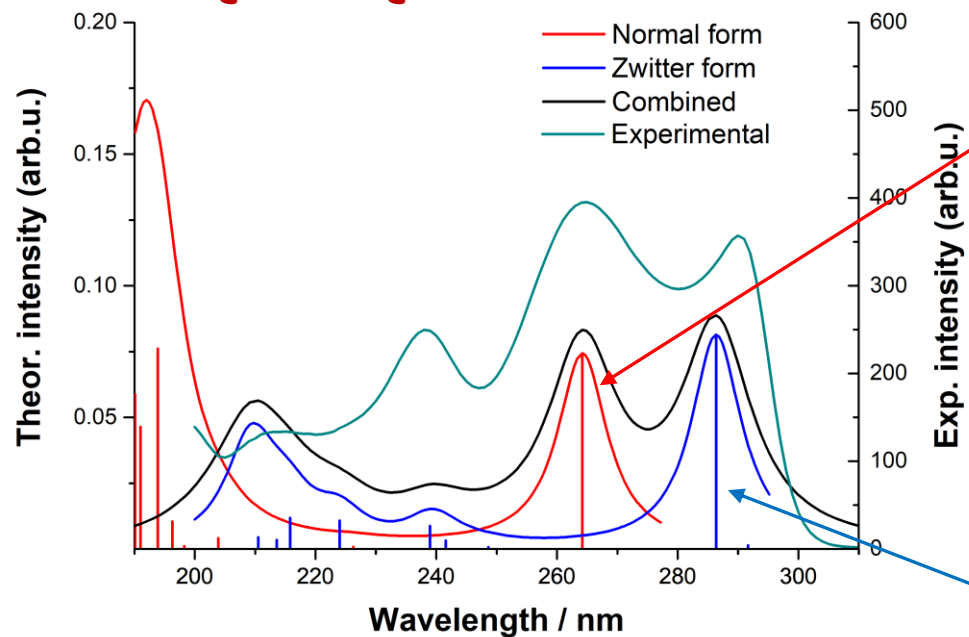
DA, DA^{zw}, DAH⁺, and DAH⁻

- UV-absorption and Fluorescence emission spectra;
- Fluorescence Lifetimes and Quantum Yield;



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UV-absorption spectra:



Rydberg state !!!

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Electronic excited states:

Table 1. Vertical electronic transitions (in nm) and their oscillator strengths in the spectral range of 200–300 nm found for the DA, DA^{zw}, DAH⁺, and DAH⁻ equilibrium geometries obtained at the DLPNO-STEOM-CCSD/ma-def2-TZVPP level of theory.

State	Geometries							
	DA		DA ^{zw}		DAH ⁺		DAH ⁻	
	ω	f	ω	f	ω	f	ω	f
S ₁	266	0.0275	292	0.0014	270	0.0379	302	0.0009
S ₂	226	0.0024	286	0.0803	222	0.0011	287	0.0858
S ₃	208	0.0637	249	0.0008	209	0.0378	255	0.0033
S ₄			242	0.0033			250	0.0164
S ₅			239	0.0088			230	0.0947
S ₆			224	0.0108			226	0.1094
S ₇			216	0.0119			219	0.0050
S ₈			214	0.0034			216	0.0018
S ₉			211	0.0045			216	0.0107
S ₁₀			209	0.0351			211	0.0002

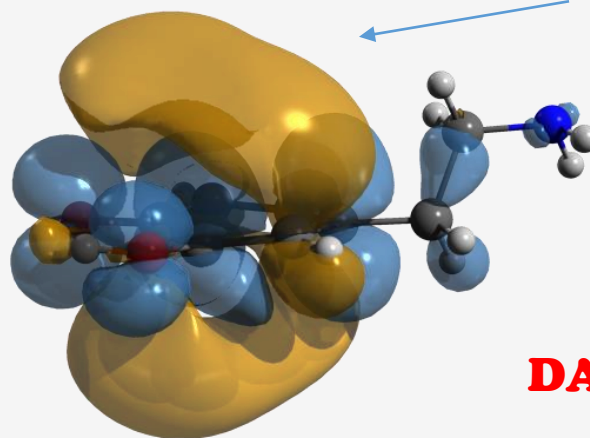
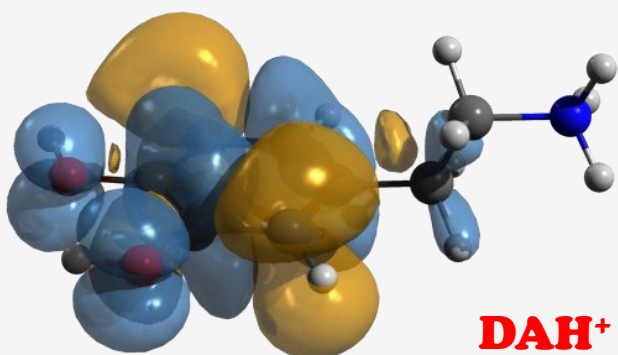
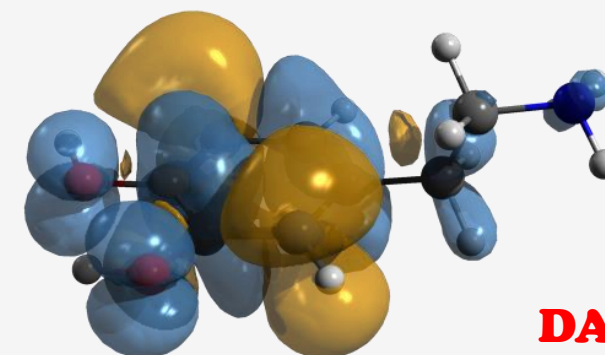
Small oscillator strength (f) for S₁ state in case of **DA^{zw}** and **DAH⁻**

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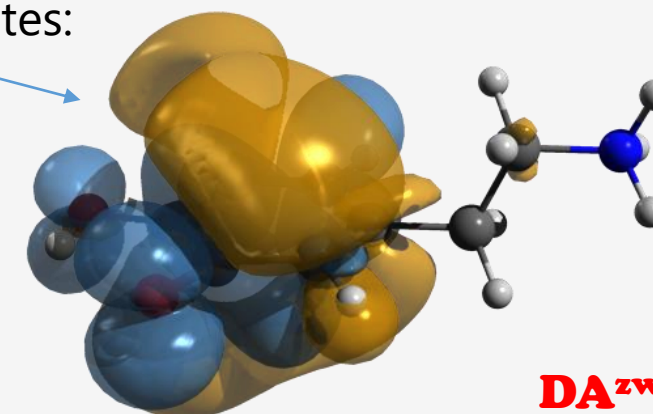
Absorption - Emission:

	DA		DA ^{zw}		DAH ⁺		DAH ⁻	
	λ_{abs}	λ_{em}	λ_{abs}	λ_{em}	λ_{abs}	λ_{em}	λ_{abs}	λ_{em}
ω B97X-D3	240.3	269.9	274.3	317.2	239.4	268.9	282.7	323.8
DLPNO-STEOM-CCSD	265.5	301.4	291.7 (286.4)	334.3	269.7	299.6	302.2 (286.8)	340.1
Exp.	280	317	280	317	280	317	280	317

$S_1 \rightarrow S_0$



Rydberg states:



DA^{zw}

Dopamine photochemistry

Excited state lifetime (experimental):

Table 2. The parameter fits (fluorescence lifetime components, errors, relative amplitude, and amplitude average lifetime) calculated using the reconvolution method for the concentrated, respectively diluted, solutions at both pH values.

pH	Solution	Reconv. Method	τ_1 (ns)	Error	Ampl. (%)	τ_2 (ns)	Error	Ampl. (%)	$\tau_{avr.}$ (ns)	Error
5.5	Concentrated	1-exp	0.89	0.01	100	-	-	-	-	-
		2-exp	0.91	0.02	99.58	4.86	0.38	0.42	0.99	0.03
	Diluted	1-exp	0.93	0.07	100	-	-	-	-	-
8.0	Concentrated	2-exp	0.89	0.01	95.83	2.98	0.20	4.17	0.97	0.05
	Diluted	2-exp	0.71	0.10	88.97	3.23	0.24	11.03	1.56	0.15
9.0	Concentrated	2-exp	0.69	0.02	92.61	2.41	0.20	7.40	0.82	0.01
	Diluted	2-exp	0.64	0.10	88.20	2.96	0.18	11.80	0.91	0.11

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Excited state
lifetime
(theoretical):

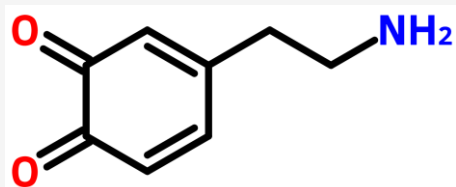
	DA	DA ^{zw}	DAH ⁺	DAH ⁻
FC ^a	4.39×10^{-9} (100%)	8.47×10^{-7} (100%)	4.70×10^{-9} (100%)	1.36×10^{-6} (100%)
FC+HT ^b	3.79×10^{-9} (86%, 14%)	2.75×10^{-9} (0%, 100%)	4.51×10^{-9} (96%, 4%)	1.14×10^{-8} (1%, 99%)
FC+(HT+D) ^c	3.16×10^{-9} (81%, 19%)	1.02×10^{-9} (0%, 100%)	2.95×10^{-9} (78%, 22%)	7.10×10^{-9} (0%, 100%)

^a Franck–Condon approximation. ^b Herzberg–Teller approximation. ^c Duschinsky rotation effects.

pH	Solution	QY (%)
5.5	Concentrated	3.4
	Diluted	3.4
8.0	Concentrated	2.0
	Diluted	2.4

Quantum Yield

Photochemistry of polydopamine constituents



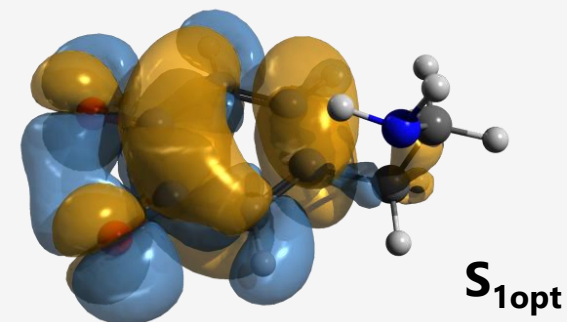
Dopamine o-quinone

Electronic excited states:

	ω B97X-D3	DLPNO-STEOM-CCSD
S ₁	512.3	581.3
S ₂	366.2	375.0
S ₃	322.9	349.2
S ₄	277.4	248.8
S ₅	213.5	213.8

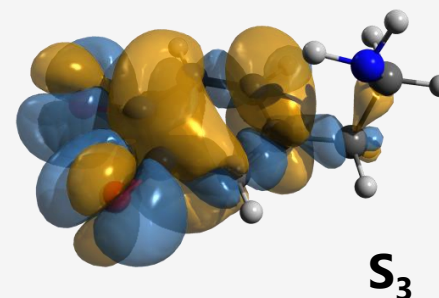
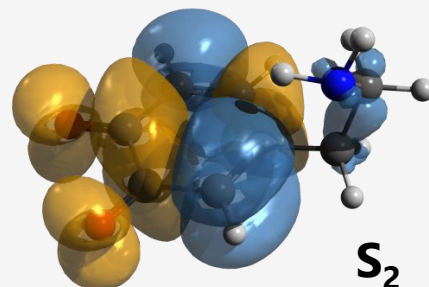
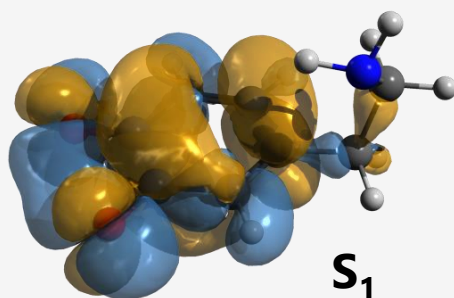
Fluorescence emission:

	ω B97X-D3	f
S ₁	607.6	0.0003
S ₂	403.1	0.1112



Fluorescence lifetime:

$$\tau = 3.55 \mu\text{s}$$



Photochemistry of polydopamine polymer (trimer) chains

Excited state geometry optimization with DFT – Problems with the exchange correlation functionals

They were optimized for ground electronic states !!!

Lack of electron – hole interaction (charge transfer effects)

Reference method: EOM-CCSD/def2-TZVP(-f)

	$\Delta(\text{C-C arom})$	$\Delta(\text{C-O})$	$\Delta(\text{C-C})$	$\Delta(\text{C-C alif})$	$\Delta(\text{C-N})$	Total
ωB97X	0.00617	0.00525	0.00370	0.00090	0.00780	0.0048
$\omega\text{B97X-D3}$	0.00628	0.00605	0.00440	0.00140	0.00830	0.0053
$\omega\text{B97X-D3BJ}$	0.00470	0.00090	0.00110	0.00150	0.00230	0.0021
$\omega\text{B97X-V}$	0.00365	0.00040	0.00240	0.00460	0.00150	0.0025

Values are given in Å

$\omega\text{B97X-D3BJ}$ can reproduce quite well the EOM-CCSD results !!!

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How accurate can DFT functionals reproduce the STEOM-DLPNO-CCSD results of excited state energies?

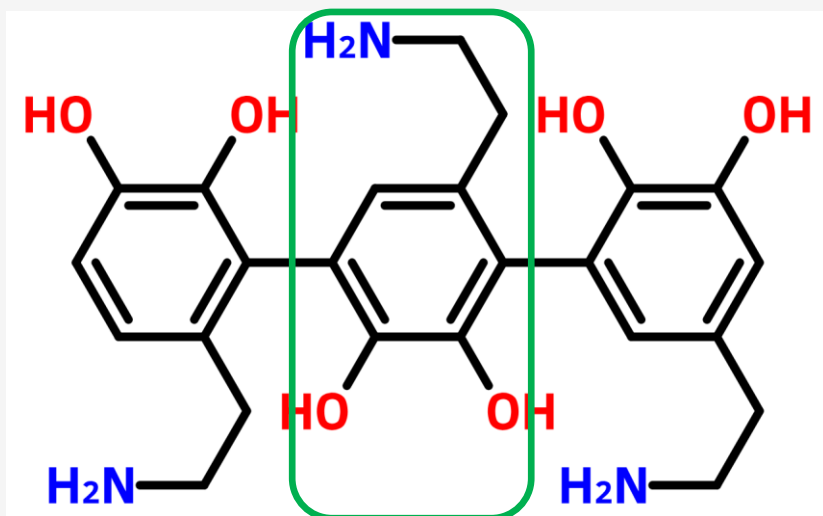
	ΔS_1 (nm)	ΔS_2 (nm)	ΔS_3 (nm)	ΔS_4 (nm)	Average (nm)
B3LYP-D3BJ	11.0	-27.0	-23.0	-23.0	21
CAM-B3LYP-D3	21.0	-7.0	-1.0	-6.0	8.75
revPBE0-D3	16.0	-17.0	-14.0	-16.0	15.75
MN15	19.0	14.0	-2.0	9.0	11
TPSS-D3	-5.0	-38.0	-42.0	-50.0	33.75
TPSSh_05-D3	3.0	-31.0	-33.0	-39.0	26.5
TPPSh_10-D3	8.0	-25.0	-26.0	-29.0	22
TPPSh_20-D3	16.0	-14.0	-13.0	-16.0	14.75
TPPSh_25-D3	20.0	-9.0	-7.0	-12.0	12
ω B97X-D3	24.0	8.0	2.0	6.0	10
ω B97X-D3BJ	26.0	7.0	3.0	6.0	10.5
ω B97X-D4	26.0	7.0	3.0	6.0	10.5
mPW2PLYP	14.0	-21.0	-9.0	-15.0	14.75
PBE-QIDH	20.0	4.0	4.0	2.0	7.5
wB2PLYP	23.0	1.0	4.0	4.0	8
RSX-QIDH	28.0	14.0	7.0	13.0	15.5
wB97X-2	-20.0	-17.0	-4.0	-6.0	11.75
SCS-PBE-QIDH	7.7	3.1	0.5	1.3	3.15
SOS-PBE-QIDH	4.5	3.6	-0.5	1.8	2.6

Reference method: DLPNO-STEOM-CCSD/ma-def2-TZVPP

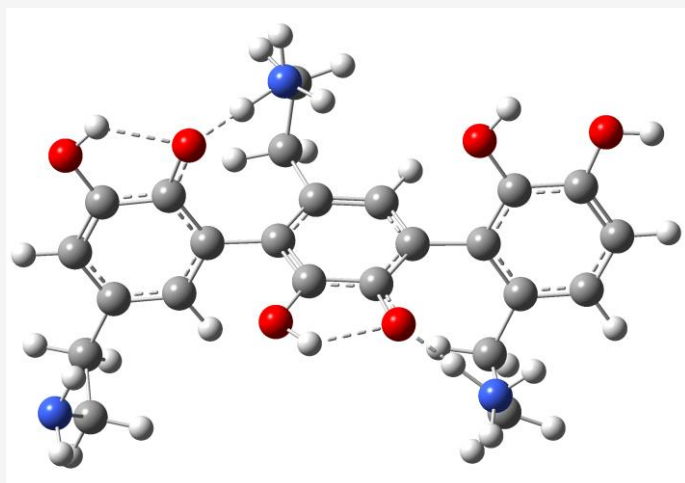
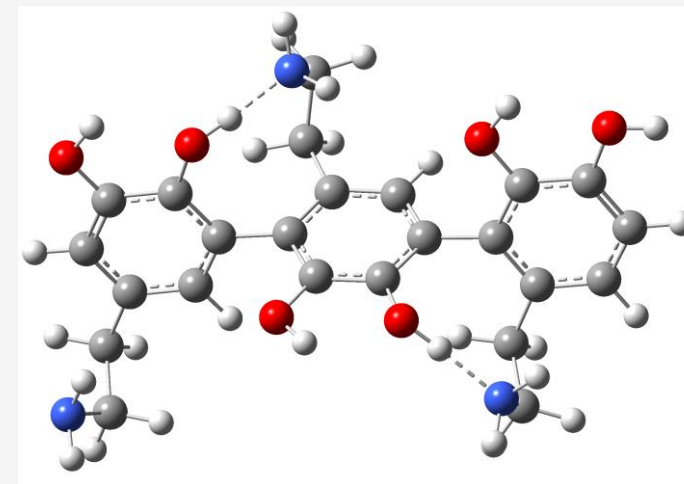
Geometry optimization:
with ω **B97X-D3BJ**

Excited state energies:
with **SOS-PBE-QIDH**

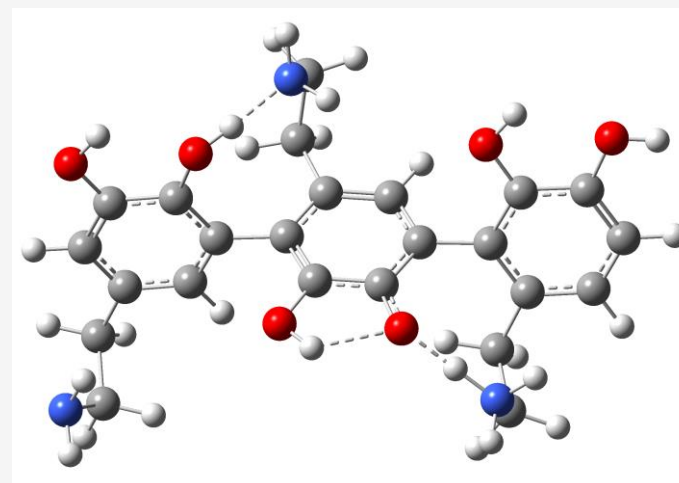
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DA-DA-DA
DA-DA^{zw}-DA
DA-DA^{zw}-DA^{zw}



←
2.64 kcal/mol

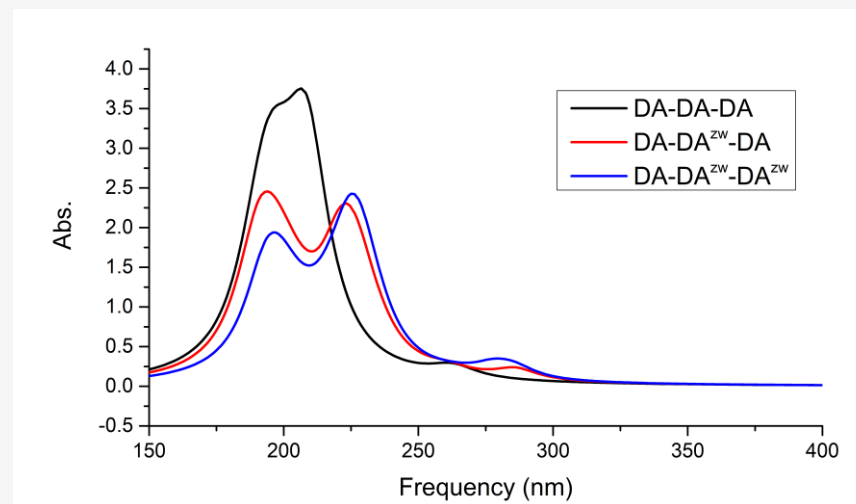


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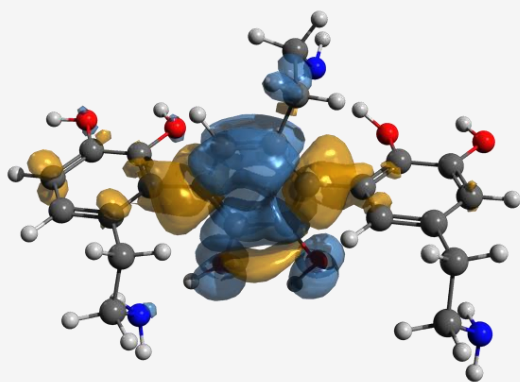
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Electronic excited states (SOS-PBE-QIDH/ma-def2-TZVPP)

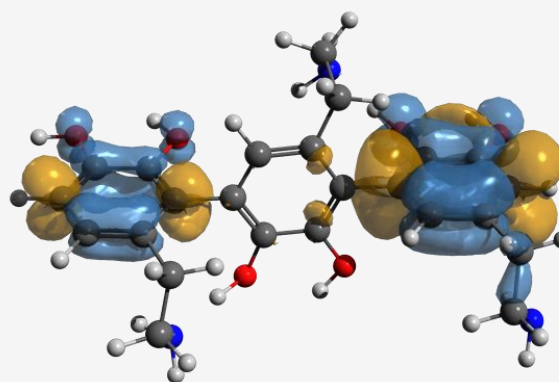
	DA	DA ^{zw}	DA-DA-DA	DA-DA ^{zw} -DA	DA-DA ^{zw} -DA ^{zw}
	(nm)	(nm)	(nm)	(nm)	(nm)
S ₁	263.5	284.2	265.1	286.1	285.5
S ₂	224.4	237.2	261.4	261.7	277.9
S ₃	211.5	204.5	261.3	260.6	261.7
S ₄	200.2	207.5	216.8	236.3	237.0
S ₅	197.6	194.0	213.5	230.6	230.6
S ₆	193.1	212.9	212.4	229.8	226.7



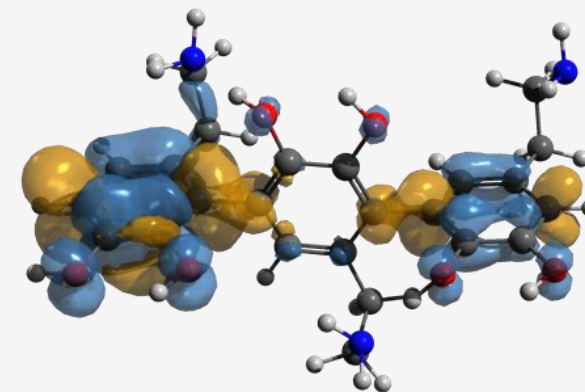
DA-DA-DA:



$S_0 \rightarrow S_1$



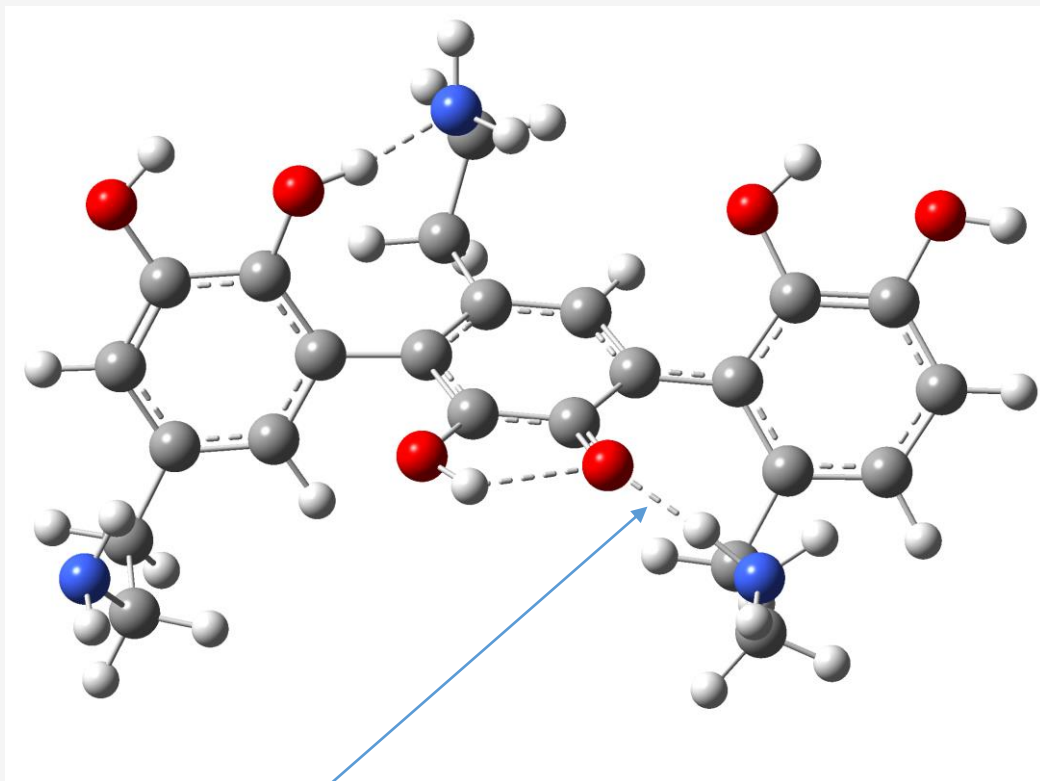
$S_0 \rightarrow S_2$



$S_0 \rightarrow S_3$

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DA-DA-DA's S_1 optimized geometry:



Internal proton transfer can easily occurs during the excited state relaxation !!!

Fluorescence emission wavelength:

DA: $\lambda^{em} = 301.4 \text{ nm}$

DA-DA-DA: $\lambda^{em} = 419.3 \text{ (324.4) nm}$

DA-DA^{zw}-DA: $\lambda^{em} = 419.4 \text{ nm}$

Fluorescence lifetime:

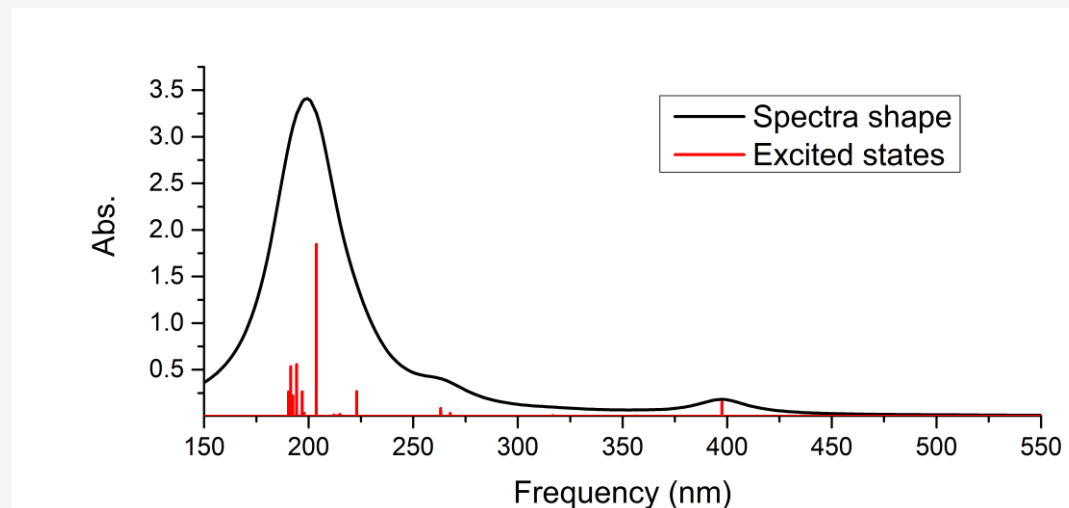
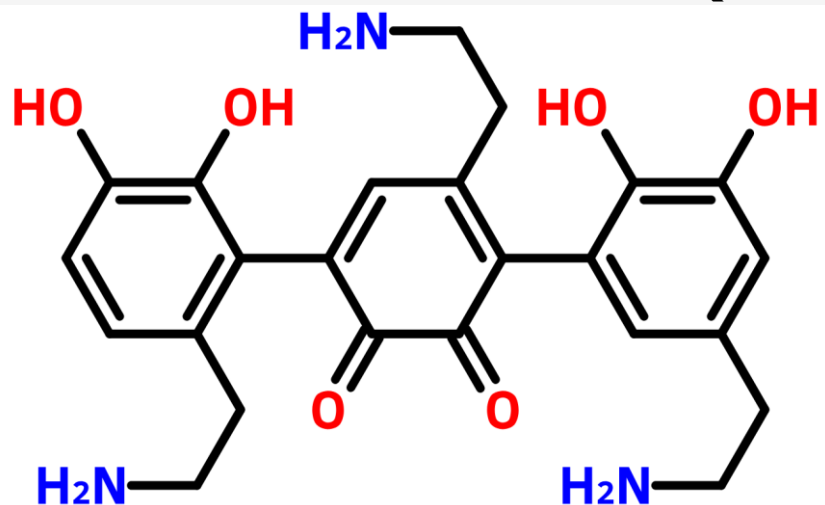
DA: $\tau = 3.16 \text{ ns}$

DA-DA-DA: $\tau = 7.10 \text{ ns}$

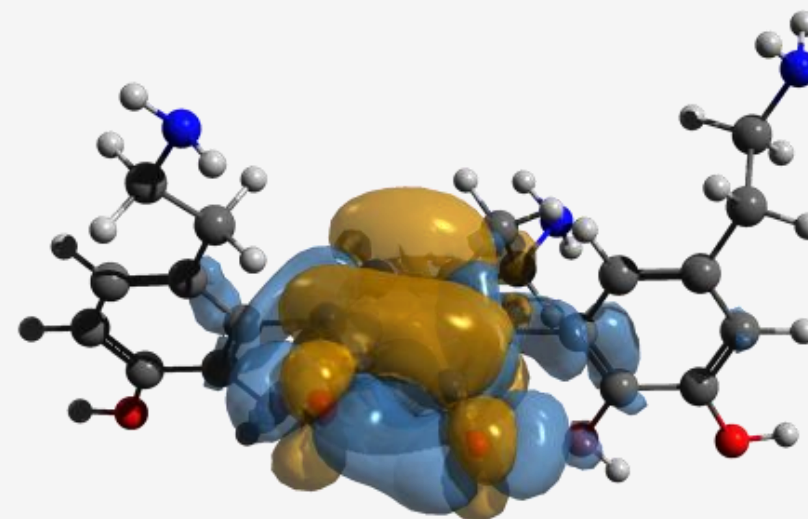
DA-DA^{zw}-DA: $\tau = 17.84 \text{ ns}$

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DA-DQ-DA



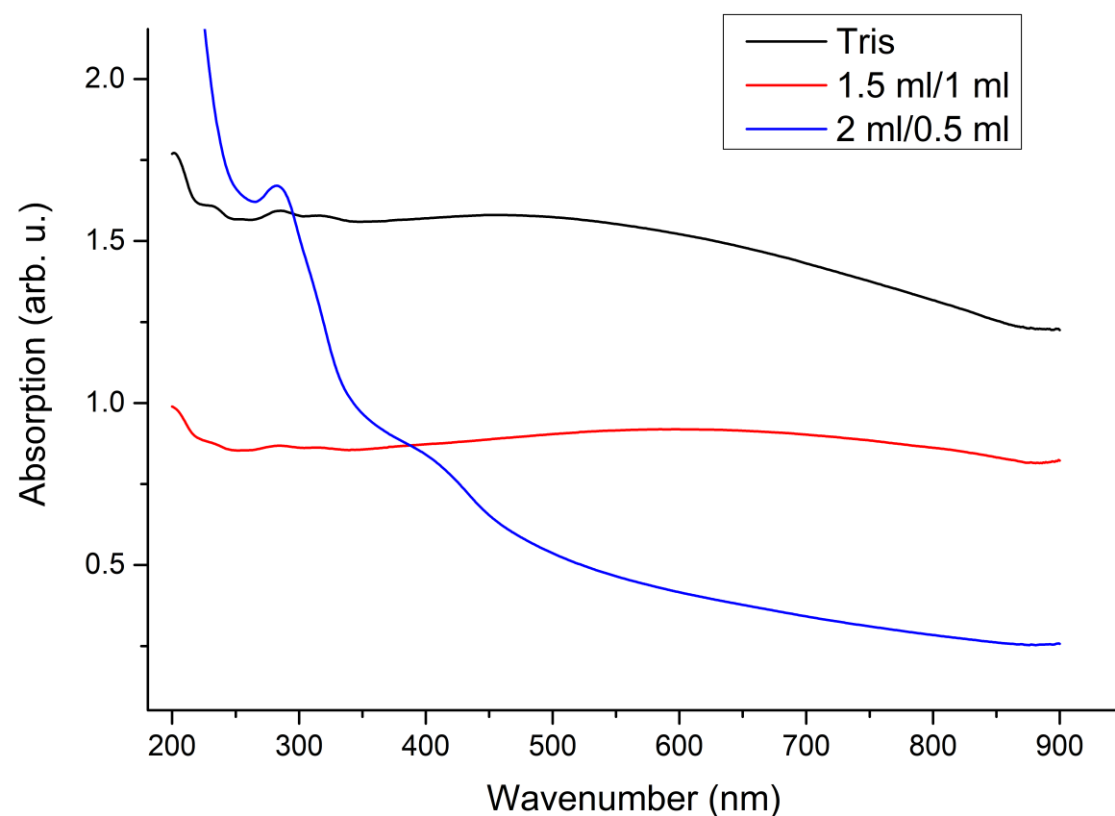
$\lambda^{em} = 618 \text{ nm}$



State	$\omega_{B97X-D3BJ}$	SOS-PBE-QIDH
S ₁	481.1	506.5
S ₂	379.9	397.5
S ₃	334.6	439.4
S ₄	329.1	423.2
S ₅	313.6	356.6
S ₆	295.2	331.6
S ₇	283.8	330.3
S ₈	270.7	316.7
S ₉	239.8	263.2
S ₁₀	238.9	263.1

Photochemistry of polydopamine polymer (trimer) chains

Experimental UV-Vis spectra:



Different structural forms can be seen for low and high concentrations

Large band shape due to several slightly different structures (for ex. the position of protonation or deprotonation as well as supramolecular aggregation)

Conclusions:

- ➔ Dopamine shows different photochemical behavior depending on its structural configuration (neutral, zwitterionic, protonated, deprotonated);
- ➔ Quinone form can drastically influence both the absorption and emission wavelengths and the fluorescence lifetime;
- ➔ During polymerization, different forms of dopamine units may exhibit different photochemical behavior, but their average effects mean that the individual fingerprints of each unit cannot be accurately identified

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