## **2P073** Excitation properties of molecules in organic light emitting device and biosensor

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Two types of interesting molecules are studied in this research. First, poly-para-phenylene vinylene (PPV)-based chromophores can serve as a model for photo luminescent conducting polymers, widely used in organic light emitting device<sup>1</sup>. Unsubstituted PPV (**1** and **2**) has attracted considerable interest, both in terms of its basic properties and its applications. Second, fluorophores N, N-dimethyl-9-Anthracenemethanamine (**3**) and DANS acid (**4**) which are promising fluorescent labels for biosensor applications and frequently used by the scientific community<sup>2</sup>. SAC-CI method has been employed successfully to investigate the electronic excitation properties of these molecules. Ground state was optimized using DFT(B3LYP)/6-31G\* while the excited states were optimized using CIS/D95(d). Absorption and emission spectra have been calculated using SAC-CI/D95(d). Gaussian 03 suite of program was utilized for the computation. In the calculation of excitation properties, the 1s core of C and O atoms 2s2p core of S atom and corresponding virtual MOs were excluded from the



active space. Absorption and emission spectra agree well with the available experimental data. A comparison of the excitation properties and optimized geometry with the other computations also has been made.

Singlet excited states of 2 are

displayed in Table 1. The lowest singlet transition corresponds to HOMO-LUMO transition with excitation energy 3.44 eV which shows excellent agreement with the experimental one<sup>4</sup>. Corresponding HOMO-LUMO transition energy of **1** is 4.26 eV. This shows that the lowest energy absorption peak gets red shifted with increasing chain length, in agreement with various theoretical and experimental studies<sup>3</sup> and the line becomes stronger. The central vinylene C=C bond relates to bonding and antibonding overlaps of  $\pi$ -orbitals in the HOMO and LUMO, respectively, whereas the opposite phase relationships are seen along the vinylene C-C bond (Fig. 1).

State			Exptl.	Other	
	$\Delta E (eV)$	f	Main CI description ( $ C  > 0.3$ )	$\Delta E (eV)$	$\Delta E (eV)$
$^{1}A'$	3.44	1.6709	0.95 (H→L)	3.44 <sup>4</sup>	3.45 <sup>5</sup>
$^{1}A'$	4.32	0.0571	$-0.58(H-4\rightarrow L)+0.57(H\rightarrow L+2)-0.36(H\rightarrow L+4)$		
$^{1}A'$	5.05	0.0000	$-0.73(H-1 \rightarrow L) - 0.63(H \rightarrow L+1)$		

Table 1. Absorption spectra of PPV3 (2).

Stilbene (1) has planar ground state which is corroborated by other experimental<sup>6</sup> and theoretical<sup>7</sup> investigations. At the B3LYP/6-31G\* level, with average discrepancies of 0.03 Å on bond lengths from the available experimental<sup>10</sup> data were observed. The CIS/D95(d) optimization shows that the lowest two singlet excited states of 1 are planar. In the lowest excited state of 1, the central vinylene C=C bond increases by 0.015Å while the vinylene C-C bond decreases by 0.057Å. The

ground and excited state geometries agree well with the other available computational values<sup>8</sup> (Fig. 2). The ground state and two lowest singlet excited states of **2** are also planar. But in this case the vinylene C=C bond increases by 0.026Å while the C-C



Fig. 1 HOMO (left) and LUMO (right) MOs of PPV3 (2).



Fig 2. Optimized geometries for the ground (left) and lowest singlet excited state (right) of PPV2 (1). Upper values represent present calculation, lower ones from other computation (Reference 8).

decreases by 0.022Å. In the excited state the C=C bond increases due to reduction in bond order while the C-C bond shrinks. We obtained the vinylene C=C bond length as 1.398Å, although quite low value 1.318Å for this bond was reported experimentally<sup>10</sup>.

The absorption spectra of  $\mathbf{3}$  have displayed in Table 2. The lowest singlet transition energy 3.16 ev is deviated by 0.21 eV from the experimental value of 3.37 eV<sup>9</sup>. This is a  $\pi$ - $\pi$ \* transition. We obtained a very strong absorption at 5.28 eV which is a  $\pi$ - $\pi$ \*. The emission spectra of 3 have displayed

Table 2. Absorption spectra of N, N-dimethyl-9-Anthracenemethanamine (3).

State	SAC-CI								
	$\Delta E (eV)$	f	Main CI description ( $ C  > 0.3$ )	$\Delta E (eV)$					
$^{1}A$	3.16	0.1323	0.95(H→L)	$3.37^{9}$					
$^{1}A$	3.41	0.0006	$-0.67(\text{H-1}\rightarrow\text{L})-0.65(\text{H}\rightarrow\text{L+1})$						
$^{1}A$	5.09	0.0600	-0.90(H-2→L)						
$^{1}A$	5.28	1.8636	$0.62(H \rightarrow L+1) - 0.60(H-1 \rightarrow L) + 0.30(H \rightarrow L+1)$						
$^{1}A$	5.69	0.0053	$-0.85(H \rightarrow L+3)+0.36(H-4 \rightarrow L)$						

in Table 3. We obtained the lowest singlet transition energy as 2.80 eV which deviates by 0.17 eV only from the experimental value of  $2.97 \text{ eV}^8$ . The lowest singlet

transition corresponds to HOMO-LUMO transition. A very strong emission is observed at 5.23 eV which is also a  $\pi$ - $\pi$ \* transition. Only the MOs from the anthracene moiety are involved in these

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State			SAC-CI	Exptl.
	$\Delta E (eV)$	f	Main CI description ( $ C  > 0.3$ )	$\Delta E (eV)$
$^{1}A$	2.80	0.1307	-0.94 (H←L)	$2.97^{9}$
$^{1}A$	3.37	0.0007	0.67 (H-1←L) + 0.66 (H←L+1)	
$^{1}A$	4.69	0.0023	0.91(H-2←L)	
$^{1}A$	5.23	1.0473	0.66(H←L+2)-0.48(H←L+1)+0.47(H-1←L)	

Table 3. Emission spectra of N, N-dimethyl-9-Anthracenemethanamine (3).

transitions. A weak transition at 4.69 eV obtained which corresponds to  $n-\pi^*$ transition. In this case a transition of the lone pair electron of nitrogen

atom to the LUMO of the anthracene moiety is occurred.

In conclusion, we can say that the SAC-CI theory is useful to reproduce the experimental spectra quite well for these molecules.

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