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TD-DFT theoretical studies of Pyrazoles, Pyrazines and Quinolines for DSSC's

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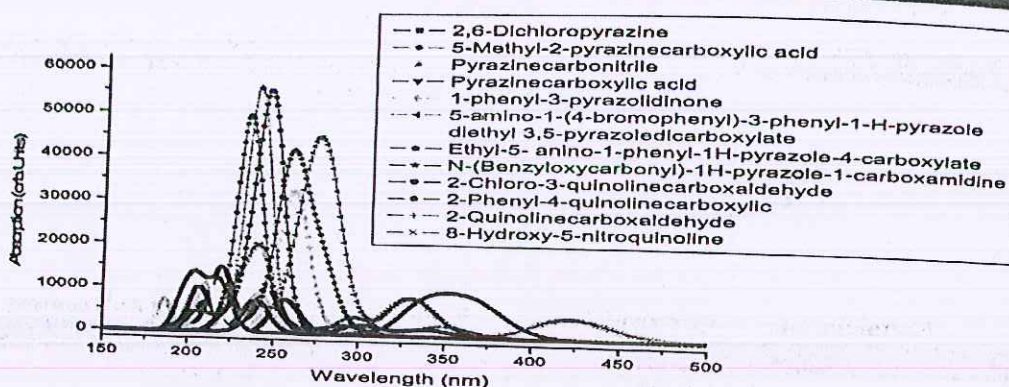


Figure 2. Simulated UV-Visible spectrum of pyrazole, pyrazine and quinoline derivatives derivatives using TD-DFT/6-31G(d) level of theory

ABSTRACT

Pyrazole azo dyes occupy a central place in dye chemistry. Pyrazole dyes are prepared either by coupling of diazopyrazoles with a suitable coupler or by coupling aromatic and heteroaromatic diazonium salts with or aminopyrazoles. Pyrazine (also known as 1,4-diazene) is the heterocyclic compound having two nitrogen atoms in the para position of the six-membered ring, which is very useful for the purpose of NLO applications. The photophysical linear and non-linear optical properties of N-containing heterocycles such as pyrazole, Pyrazine and Quinoline are investigated with density functional theory (DFT) and time-dependent density functional theory (TD-DFT). In this perspective, we present an overview of N-containing heterocycles studied under TD-DFT with a specific focus on its accuracy. To this end, we first summarise recent benchmarks and define an average TD-DFT accuracy in reproducing excitation energies when a conventional approach is used. Next, coupling of TD-DFT with models able to account for different kinds of interactions between a central chromophore and nearby chemical objects is investigated. Examples of application to excitation properties are presented, allowing to briefly describe several recent computational strategies. In addition, an extension of TD-DFT to describe a phenomenon involving interacting chromophores, e.g. the electronic energy transfer (EET), is presented to illustrate that this methodology can be applied to processes beyond the vertical excitation. This perspective therefore aims to provide to non-specialists a flavour of recent trends in the field of simulations of excited states in "realistic" situations. Density functional theoretical studies such as geometry optimization, First order hyperpolarizability, HOMO-LUMO energies and quantum chemical calculations have been carried out using B3LYP/6-31G(d,p) basis set.

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