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Resonances of the anthracenyl anion probed by frequency-resolved photoelectron imaging of collision-induced dissociated anthracene carboxylic acid

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Individual photoelectron spectra and raw photoelectron images

Raw photoelectron images are presented on the right of each figure. The laser polarisation is horizontal in all cases. On the right is the photoelectron spectrum obtained following polar onion peeling of the respctive raw image (see main article). These together make the frequency-resolved photoelectron spectrum shown in Figure 4 of the main article. Frequency-resolved photoelectron angular distributions were also obtained and were used to generate Figure 5 in the main article.



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1 2 Electron Kinetic Energy (eV)

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Photoeelctron spectra of fragment from 9- and $1-C_{14}H_9-CO_2^-$ precursor

Photoelectron spectra taken at 2.10 eV of the $n-C_{14}H_9^-$ fragment generated by CID of both the electrosprayed 9- and $1-C_{14}H_9^-CO_2^-$ precursor anion, where the CID conditions were as mild as possible to enable photoelectron spectroscopy. The photoelectron spectrum of the CID fragment of $1-C_{14}H_9^-CO_2^-$ shows is slightly lower binding energy than that of the CID fragment of $9-C_{14}H_9^-CO_2^-$, but contains a significant fraction of the latter in the ion packet.



Excited state molecular orbital contributions for from $9-C_{14}H_9^-$ precursor

Orbital contributions to excited state resonances obtained from TD-DFT calculations described in main article:

(1)¹
$$\pi\pi^*$$
 (44² 45² 46¹ 47² 48¹ 49⁰ 50⁰ 51⁰ 52⁰ 53⁰ 54⁰) 34%
(44² 45² 46² 47¹ 48⁰ 49⁰ 50⁰ 51⁰ 52¹ 53⁰ 54⁰) 10%
(2)¹ $\pi\pi^*$ (44² 45² 46¹ 47² 48⁰ 49⁰ 50⁰ 51¹ 52⁰ 53⁰ 54⁰) 34%
(44² 45¹ 46² 47² 48¹ 49⁰ 50⁰ 51⁰ 52⁰ 53⁰ 54⁰) 18%
(3)¹ $\pi\pi^*$ (44² 45² 46¹ 47² 48⁰ 49⁰ 50⁰ 51⁰ 52⁰ 53⁰ 54¹) 47%

with the relevant molecular orbitals shown below.



The diffuse basis functions employed in the TD-DFT calculations (see main article) lead to significant additional contributions to the excited states of very diffuse MOs that are not associated with any valence orbitals and have therefore been omitted. By removing the diffuse function, only the contributions listed above remain, indicating that these are the predominant contributions to the resonances.