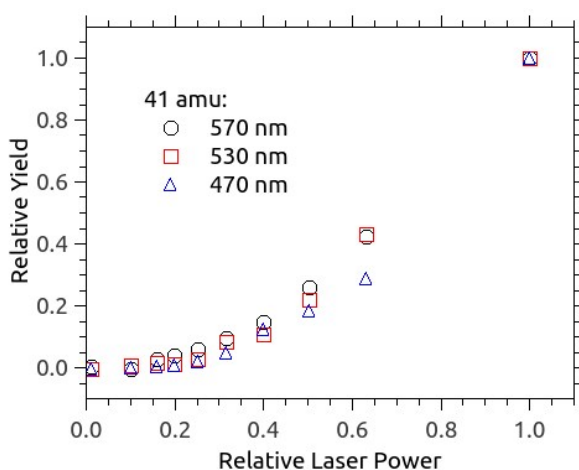


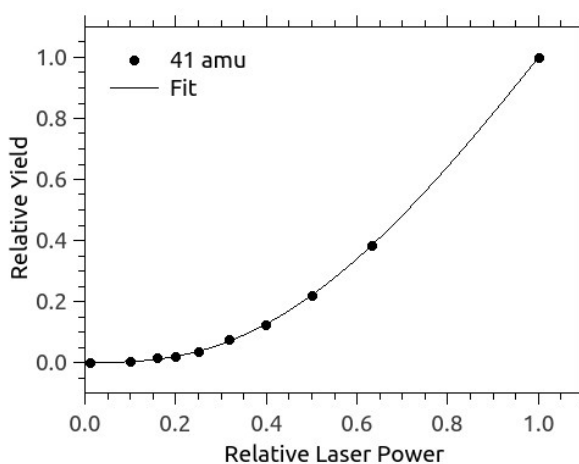
Sibling rivalry: intrinsic luminescence from two xanthene dye monoanions, resorufin and fluorescein, provides evidence for excited-state proton transfer in the latter

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## Supplementary Information

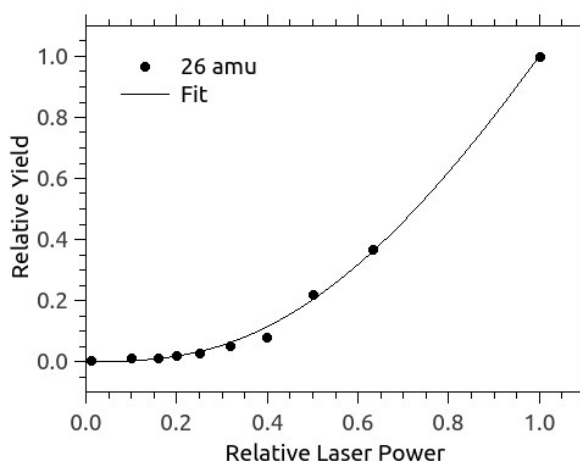


S1: Photo-fragment yield as a function of laser power for the 41 amu daughter ion ( $\text{CHCOH}^-$ ) of resorufin, recorded with three different laser excitation wavelengths. The laser power is reduced by use of neutral density filters, and the laser power is given relative to the maximum power (*i.e.* no filter), and the yield is given relative to that at maximum power. The laser power dependence is the same for the three wavelengths.

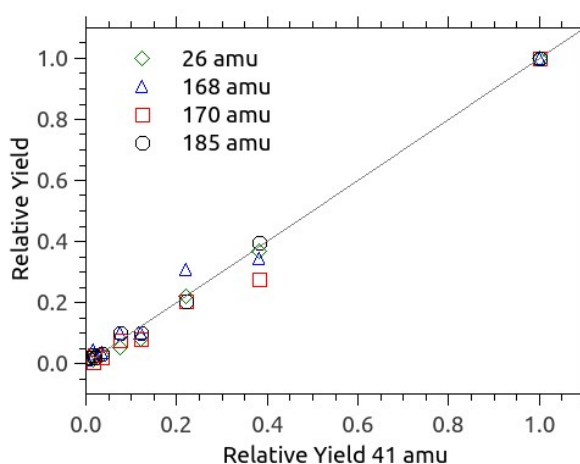


S2: Same as S1, but the yields for the three wavelengths have been summed. The solid line is a fit to the function  $Y = A \times P^3 \times \exp(-s \times P)$ , where the yield  $Y$  is assumed to depend on the

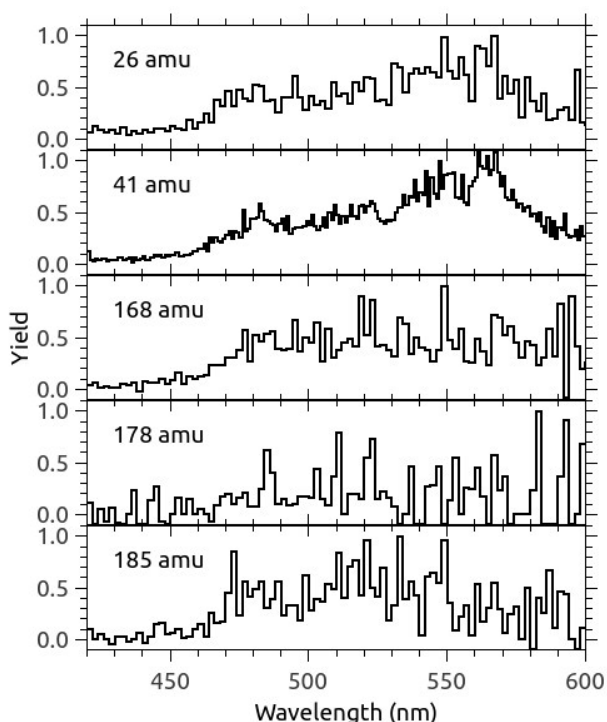
third power of the laser power  $P$ , and the amplitude  $A$  and a saturation term  $s$  are fit parameters. The formation of this daughter ion thus required the absorption of 3 photons.



S3: Same as S2, for the 26 amu daughter ion ( $\text{CN}^-$ ) of resorufin.



S4: Yield of various daughter ions of resorufin plotted *versus* the yield of  $\text{CHCOH}^-$  (41 amu). The solid line represents direct proportionality. This shows that all photofragments are formed following the same number of photon absorptions as  $\text{CHCOH}^-$  *i.e.* 3 photons.



S5: Action spectra for various daughter ions of resorufin. Although the data quality is poor for the heavier daughter ions, all channels show absorption in the same region.

H,0,-3.8854755969,0.4284318886,-  
0.9557558464  
C,0,-3.6628441875,2.6070103371,-  
0.9612886901  
C,0,-4.4527979835,3.8450466242,-  
0.9674386541  
C,0,-5.8179063983,3.8347269866,-  
0.9721943008  
H,0,-7.9381361024,-1.9540172044,-  
0.9637729695  
H,0,-10.4978749433,2.3452197785,-  
0.9847729603  
H,0,-11.7342460861,0.1669436004,-  
0.9834354836  
H,0,-3.8925001919,4.7768932706,-  
0.9679736774  
H,0,-6.3970910581,4.7559578215,-  
0.9767663663  
O,0,-6.472269956,0.190599171,-0.9644495744  
O,0,-10.5781180488,-2.1746717507,-  
0.9726366434  
O,0,-2.4087512903,2.6278760759,-  
0.9565139801  
N,0,-7.8984807665,2.6166913565,-  
0.9757704854

Vibrational frequencies:

58.3305	82.2397	171.9073
183.4979	184.9277	249.6323
287.0260	348.7300	355.4273
437.7649	449.9046	452.3755
452.8355	472.8849	524.9038
576.4993	589.2929	613.8907
638.4350	662.6887	695.3717
726.6778	728.5505	757.9169
814.5897	815.4666	850.8627
853.2205	855.7652	874.8197
909.4795	952.7287	968.7893
969.2038	1113.9375	1129.6120
1165.8470	1174.4878	1235.2371
1257.7476	1309.3294	1311.3162
1333.0768	1375.8898	1431.0541
1461.7499	1497.0893	1512.1829
1549.3110	1567.6274	1608.8905
1619.2458	1645.7860	1690.4464
3174.1192	3174.4494	3195.8956
3196.3227	3207.4650	3207.9806

ZKE = 0.151983

E = -741.5957062

## Computational results B3LYP/6-311++G(2d,p)//B3LYP/6-31+G(d)

### Resorufin anion

Charge = -1, Spin multiplicity = 1

Geometry:

C,0,-9.9499717994,-1.0890202666,-  
0.9736021742  
C,0,-8.4983560601,-1.0236602171,-  
0.9683746115  
C,0,-7.8472264617,0.1805392955,-  
0.9689651165  
C,0,-8.5431833529,1.4425836094,-0.974914544  
C,0,-9.9746180825,1.3911109671,-  
0.9802395852  
C,0,-10.6475386049,0.2033287947,-  
0.979582137  
C,0,-6.5590432568,2.6090037166,-  
0.9713269594  
C,0,-5.7947857662,1.3871117241,-  
0.9652476676  
C,0,-4.4259307557,1.3704077406,-  
0.9603936929

### Resorufin neutral (anion geometry)

Charge = 0, Spin multiplicity = 2

E = -741.4660156

**Resorufin neutral (optimized geometry)**

Charge = 0, Spin multiplicity = 2

Geometry:

C,0,-9.9448999516,-1.0654689506,-  
0.9733506879  
C,0,-8.4843649612,-1.0350883649,-  
0.9682572341  
C,0,-7.8266907758,0.1564110461,-  
0.9692028324  
C,0,-8.5292501954,1.423423733,-0.9751946956  
C,0,-9.9662869917,1.4062429104,-  
0.9802816047  
C,0,-10.6493067288,0.2305435419,-  
0.9794711018  
C,0,-6.5490782175,2.587512647,-0.9713175528  
C,0,-5.7836903637,1.3574351386,-  
0.9651983229  
C,0,-4.422749568,1.3526242911,-0.9602881162  
H,0,-3.8594711824,0.4254246181,-  
0.9557332553  
C,0,-3.6858901483,2.6140318242,-  
0.9610735729  
C,0,-4.4757183996,3.8598272983,-  
0.9673739417  
C,0,-5.8351802279,3.8348075615,-  
0.9721918386  
H,0,-7.9481555103,-1.9782011585,-  
0.9637621555  
H,0,-10.466808257,2.3700960048,-  
0.9847317393  
H,0,-11.7342630654,0.1928919502,-  
0.9832473745  
H,0,-3.9151639666,4.7895264825,-  
0.9679277958  
H,0,-6.433937198,4.7409105506,-0.9768387361  
O,0,-6.4572153541,0.1649908712,-  
0.9643670437  
O,0,-10.5757025553,-2.1345962077,-  
0.9727039339  
O,0,-2.4449421542,2.6452555784,-0.956752992  
N,0,-7.8883807222,2.5995121039,-0.976149592

Vibrational frequencies:

54.5474      73.6688      161.8553  
174.4206      187.4574      239.3718  
285.4666      346.6524      353.5499  
407.4723      423.2636      429.7232  
447.6466      472.1721      516.2545  
573.2534      578.8688      604.4722  
632.5355      645.0746      706.4238  
713.2540      734.1762      736.1278  
823.4638      826.5814      846.3395

870.1479      880.0463      881.6296  
899.5848      945.8344      992.6988  
992.7873      1105.1846      1136.9772  
1153.4012      1173.4376      1237.0175  
1257.7407      1289.0464      1324.8432  
1328.7185      1337.0907      1377.7571  
1431.7635      1453.2304      1479.5432  
1541.1584      1574.0319      1609.4734  
1611.4298      1624.3871      1670.6881  
3210.8682      3211.0465      3228.3416  
3228.4299      3232.1148      3232.4145  
ZKE = 0.151537  
E = -741.4683188

**Resorufin minus CN<sup>-</sup>**

Charge = 0, Spin multiplicity = 1

Geometry:

C,0,3.6101491193,-0.2811575894,0.4038516256  
C,0,2.4298363017,-1.1417248951,0.7206975751  
C,0,1.4078690439,-0.653057114,-0.0029411289  
C,0,1.8416581446,0.5137118678,-0.8487447163  
C,0,3.1406257675,0.7428870653,-0.608235639  
C,0,-0.9687547046,0.8959459309,0.3410787667  
C,0,-0.9649807687,-0.463591534,-0.0363579716  
C,0,-2.1289057474,-0.9323713314,-  
0.5897803698  
H,0,-2.1373549818,-1.7790417087,-  
1.2714830131  
C,0,-3.3976042599,-0.2151346412,-  
0.3706467248  
C,0,-3.3476245107,1.0180098711,0.4485086993  
C,0,-2.140201401,1.4725006535,0.8975603086  
H,0,2.4381947314,-1.9795329694,1.4035073429  
H,0,1.183351637,1.0387486838,-1.5277029856  
H,0,3.7886150394,1.4957912697,-1.0386807602  
H,0,-4.284527176,1.537864271,0.6280950852  
H,0,-2.0630435556,2.367152414,1.5130211179  
O,0,0.1677414231,-1.2301593967,-  
0.0810236706  
O,0,4.734658044,-0.3751143668,0.8624573327  
O,0,-4.4605041461,-0.6279424803,-  
0.8418978741

Vibrational frequencies:

31.0365      39.5559      87.1955  
161.9603      172.6990      195.8064  
251.2632      264.5704      323.3106  
350.3323      428.8554      491.5575  
496.5731      523.5021      568.1174  
608.2305      632.2925      659.7544  
677.5564      708.4109      727.8738  
760.8953      796.1037      843.2835  
850.0557      878.4125      880.0237

884.8184	939.0178	941.5247	1572.7174	1609.8705	1653.8370
971.0168	1092.5311	1119.3837	1684.7779	3198.6324	3217.0641
1134.8339	1166.2311	1216.9316	3224.3123	3257.4914	3299.9739
1240.7129	1266.7204	1294.5242	ZKE = 0.123051		
1354.6057	1386.6469	1425.4593	E = -589.273037		
1506.4406	1546.9344	1612.8061			
1677.4177	1682.2251	1790.6615	<b>CN<sup>-</sup></b>		
3177.1596	3209.5950	3218.2416	Charge = -1, Spin multiplicity = 1		
3254.6252	3276.9836	3281.7967	Geometry:		
ZKE = 0.136870			C,0,0.,0.,-0.0917263903		
E = -648.4349848			N,0,0.,0.,1.0917263903		
			Vibrational frequency:		
			2124.8908		
			ZKE = 0.004841		
			E = -92.8904464		

**Resorufin minus CHCO<sup>-</sup>**

Charge = 0, Spin multiplicity = 1

Geometry:

C,0,1.2328083917,0.2048839671,-0.0003594259

C,0,0.9704198557,1.554526406,-0.0000501169

C,0,2.5078473532,1.7669615489,-0.0002569522

C,0,2.7369511349,0.4300187174,0.0003144983

C,0,-1.2233573456,1.2031675019,0.000191335

C,0,-1.008886141,-0.2441091878,-0.0001073899

C,0,-2.0089025411,-1.1602533029,-

0.0000280336

H,0,-1.8001955203,-2.2251716706,-

0.0003770777

C,0,-3.4055468333,-

0.7237643265,0.0007546578

C,0,-3.6189831061,0.7301382672,0.0002361762

C,0,-2.5887213284,1.6248042675,0.0001819164

H,0,3.1582602183,2.6337527016,-0.0003739938

H,0,3.6084269149,-0.208703258,0.0007000983

H,0,-4.6525283707,1.0641869454,0.0000976497

H,0,-2.7650061638,2.6972316071,0.0000963389

O,0,0.3353449209,-0.7375522948,-

0.0004278896

O,0,-4.3494420878,-1.5313867601,-

0.0004019235

N,0,-0.2257993515,2.1143008706,0.0001441327

Vibrational frequencies:

82.4109	95.8602	191.8528
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203.8640	251.8262	340.1515
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386.0838	424.7124	428.6480
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443.5131	499.8397	526.8169
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579.2629	603.8268	663.3518
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683.3481	705.5814	732.0974
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744.4124	812.4000	829.5591
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834.0493	868.2828	886.6326
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905.7467	987.3880	1015.8425
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1041.9763	1056.4502	1127.9975
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1228.2689	1253.7325	1279.2667
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1297.2796	1356.7614	1404.9850
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1473.4613	1504.4090	1542.5496
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**CHCO<sup>-</sup>**

Charge = -1, Spin multiplicity = 1

Geometry:

C,0,-1.7768908887,-0.6961345132,0.

H,0,-2.8492529678,-0.7152090659,0.

C,0,-0.7706049966,-1.4633948682,0.

O,0,0.2915123931,-2.0846021927,0.

Vibrational frequencies:

431.4657	571.2017	573.0233
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1236.3152	2080.4128	3373.4610
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ZKE = 0.018831

E = -152.0614691