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## Electronic spectrum and characterization of diabatic potential energy surfaces for thiophenol

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Fig. S2. Experimental absorption spectrum taken in *n*-hexane (data from Fig. 5 of I. S. Lim, J. S. Lim, Y. S. Lee and S. K. Kim, *J. Chem. Phys.*, 2007, **126**, 34306 compared to simulated spectra with vertical excitation energies and oscillator strengths calculated by TDA- $\tau$ -HCTHhyb/def-TZVP using state-specific corrected linear response for solvation effects with the SMD solvation model in *n*-hexane and broadened using Gaussian functions with three choices of half width at half maximum HWMH parameter.



Fig. S3. Experimental absorption spectrum taken in *n*-hexane (data from Fig. 5 of I. S. Lim, J. S. Lim, Y. S. Lee and S. K. Kim, *J. Chem. Phys.*, 2007, **126**, 34306 compared to simulated spectra with vertical excitation energies and oscillator strengths calculated by TDA- $\tau$ -HCTHhyb/def-TZVP: (a) gas-phase simulation; (b) liquid-phase simulation calculated using state-specific corrected linear response with the SMD solvation model in *n*-hexane, and broadened using Gaussian functions with HWHM = 0.2 eV.

Energy in hartrees, Cartesian coordinates in Å, and frequencies in  $cm^{-1}$  of the S<sub>0</sub> thiophenol optimized by M06-2X/aug-cc-pVTZ

-630.419110

С	-1.19371600	-1.583	93600	0.00000	000				
С	-1.20130400	-0.198	10100	0.00000	000				
С	0.00000000	0.50576800		0.0000	0000				
С	1.20403900	-0.19117700		0.00000	0000				
С	1.20204300	-1.57	789800	0.00000	0.0000000				
С	0.00622000	-2.282	135500	0.00000	0000				
Н	-2.13305100	-2.119	87800	0.00000	000				
Н	-2.14015600	0.33	0.33998400		0000				
Н	2.14265100	0.34666700		0.0000	0000				
Н	2.14420600	-2.10902600		0.00000	0000				
Н	0.00928800	-3.36	-3.36208000		0000				
Н	1.23499500	2.49	352600	0.0000000					
S	-0.08510100	2.273	818800	0.00000	000				
178	209	279	406	419	479	629	691		
715	760	864	929	934	998	1012	1019		
1061	1114	1137	1174	1208	1306	1354	1488		
1524	1648	1660	2738	3196	3200	3211	3216	3229	

Energy in hartrees, Cartesian coordinates in Å, and frequencies in  $cm^{\text{-}1}$  of the  $S_0$  thiophenoxyl optimized by M06-2X/aug-cc-pVTZ

-629.775728

С	-1.19822600	-1.5325	51400	0.000000	00		
С	-1.20600300	-0.1463	1700	0.000000	00		
С	0.00000000	0.552	09000	0.00000	000		
С	1.20599700	-0.1463	32700	0.000000	000		
С	1.19821300	-1.532	52500	0.000000	000		
С	-0.00000900	-2.2324	4500	0.000000	00		
Н	-2.13875600	-2.0664	12600	0.000000	00		
Н	-2.14363000	0.393	29600	0.000000	000		
Н	2.14363100	0.39327600		0.00000	000		
Н	2.13874500	-2.066	43200	0.000000	000		
Н	-0.00002100	-3.3130	08600	0.000000			
S	0.00001200	2.305	47500	0.000000	000		
183	248	418	421	477	626	704	716
758	864	926	1000	1015	1016	1060	1107
1126	5 1173	1206	1288	1348	1474	1515	1636
1654	3197	3201	3211	3217	3229		

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Energy in hartrees, Cartesian coordinates in Å, and frequencies in  $cm^{-1}$  of the S<sub>0</sub> thiophenol optimized by CASSCF(12,11)/MG3S

-628.428206

С	-0.00117316 (		0.00117316 0.50216329 0.0		0.000000	000				
С	1.20516598 -0.19422		21969	0.000000						
С	-1.20507634 -0.20214		.4134	0.000000						
С	1.20424759 -1.58538306		0.0000000							
Н	2.1	13804722	0.335	27514	0.0000000					
S	-0.0	8381797	2.3034	15988	0.0000000					
С	-1.1	9846272	-1.5914	6941	0.0000000					
Н	-2.13828063 0.32		0.328	13150	0.000000					
С	0.00543422		-2.28954268		0.0000000					
Н	2.13881469		-2.11285329		0.000000	000				
Н	1.24665773		2.52861261		0.00000	000				
Н	-2.1	2996912	-2.12415147		0.000000	00				
Н	0.0	00852669	-3.36219954		0.00000000					
65		190	283	416	429	494	663	716		
730		768	866	928	938	998	1017	1058		
1099	Э	1151	1166	1178	1276	1306	1450	1569		
1621	1	1704	1720	2645	3314	3319	3330	3337	3347	

Energy in hartrees, Cartesian coordinates in Å, and frequencies in  $cm^{-1}$  of the S<sub>1</sub> thiophenol optimized by CASSCF(12,11)/MG3S

-628	.256213									
С	-0.0012220	0651	0.52	93807028	3	0.00	0000000	0		
С	1.246115	9732	-0.17	30190450	0190450 0.000000000					
С	-1.2442813	3750	-0.18	03898715		0.000	0000000	C		
С	1.240445	6835	-1.60	23759363	3	0.00	0000000	0		
Н	2.171928	86853	0.36	63381134	533811342 0.000000000					
S	-0.0838750	0279	2.29	81296255	5	0.00	000000	0		
С	-1.2350243	3923	-1.60	99249423	9249423 0.000000000					
Н	-2.1701346147 0.3			0.000000000 0.0000000000000000000000000						
С	0.0045849108 -2.			96557367 0.000000000						
Н	2.1668748374 -2			8943158	C	0.000000000				
Н	1.245462	4260	2.53	33214075	0	0.00	0000000	00		
Н	-2.159051	7287	-2.15	02674837	,	0.00	0000000	0		
Н	0.008290	6875	-3.38	31170076	1	0.00	0000000	0		
109	160	267	7	279	373		386	505	548	
567	582	636	5	646	698		748	925	977	
1016	5 1028	112	25	1241	1252	2	1407	1502	1544	
1630	) 1650	180	)9	2643	3337	7	3347	3352	3361	3370

Energy in hartrees, Cartesian coordinates in Å, and frequencies in  $cm^{-1}$  of the S<sub>0</sub> thiophenol optimized by M06-L/def-TZVP

-630.477020

С	-1.20540200 -		-1.5783	3400	0.000000	00			
С	-1.20664600 -0.19344100		0.000000	00					
С	0.0	0000000	0000 0.50433200		0.00000	000			
С	1.2	0084900	-0.20151200		0.000000	00			
С	1.1	8944000	-1.5872	28000	0.000000	00			
С	-0.0	1019900	-2.2833	5300	0.0000000				
Н	-2.1	4941000	-2.1090	6900	0.000000	00			
Н	-2.14407000 0.34904300		04300	0.0000000					
Н	2.1	2.14425200 0.33108100		08100	0.00000	000			
Н	2.12991800 -2.12447000		47000	0.000000	000				
Н	-0.01386500		-3.36546600		0.000000	00			
Н	1.2	26615700	2.47443700		0.00000	000			
S	-0.0	6507800	2.2801	2300	0.00000000				
178		207	273	406	416	467	635	661	
713		730	839	882	922	957	975	1023	
1056	5	1113	1123	1186	1211	1341	1369	1484	
1517	7	1627	1642	2717	3171	3176	3186	3191	3204