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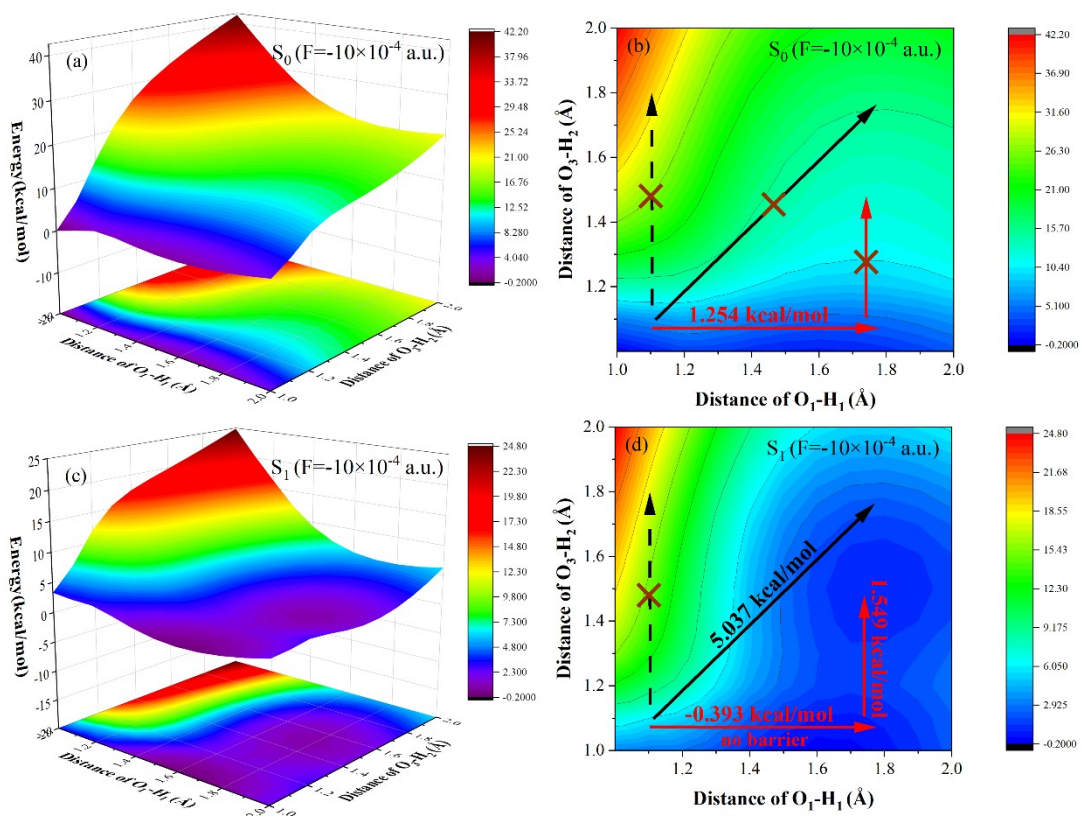
**Effect of the External Electric Field on the ESDPT Process and Photophysical**

**Properties of 1,8-Dihydroxy-2-Naphthalaldehyde**

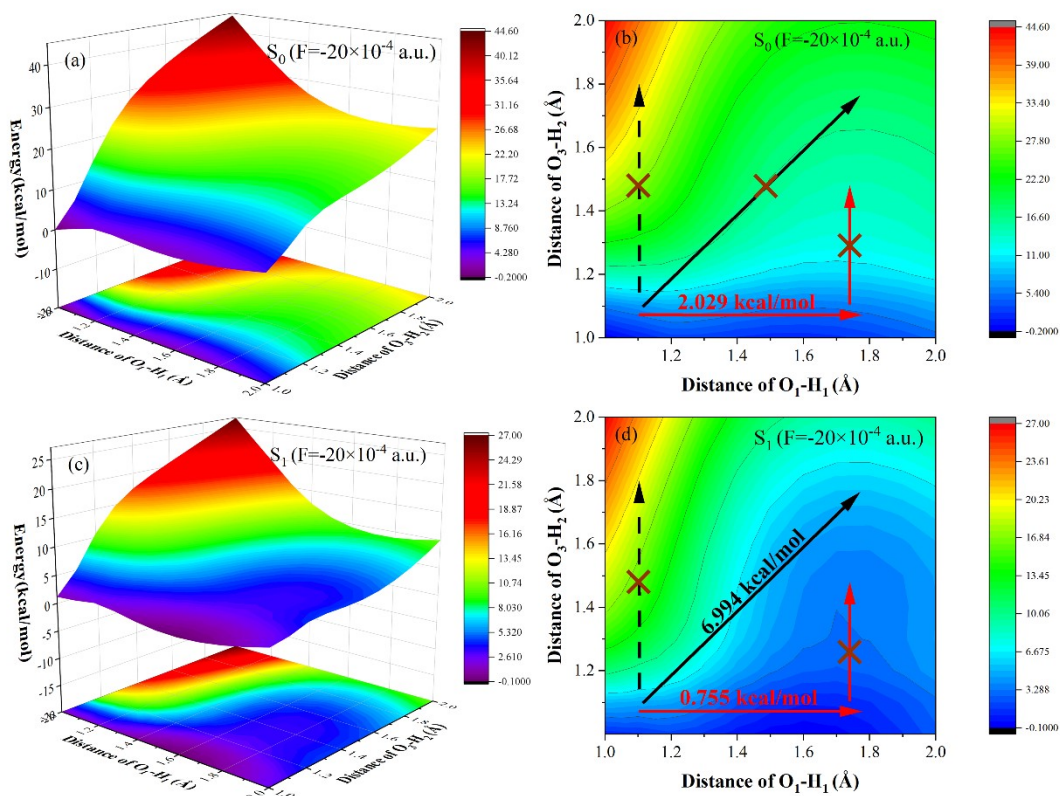
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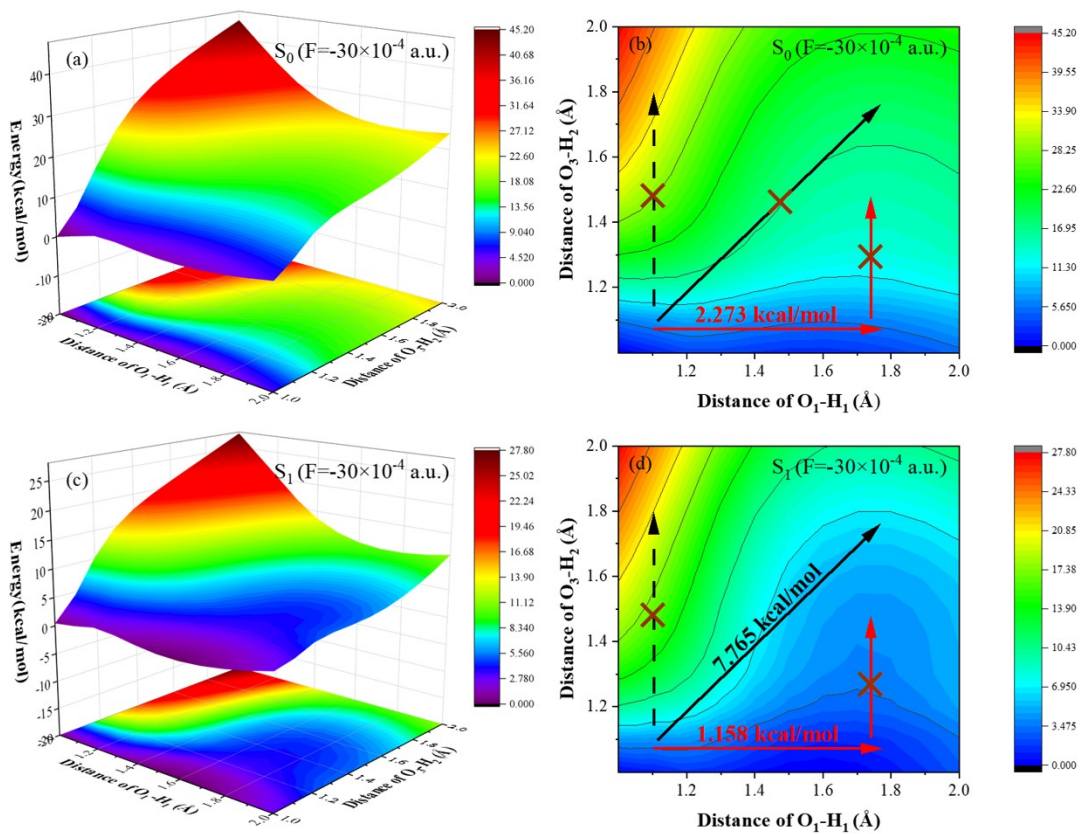
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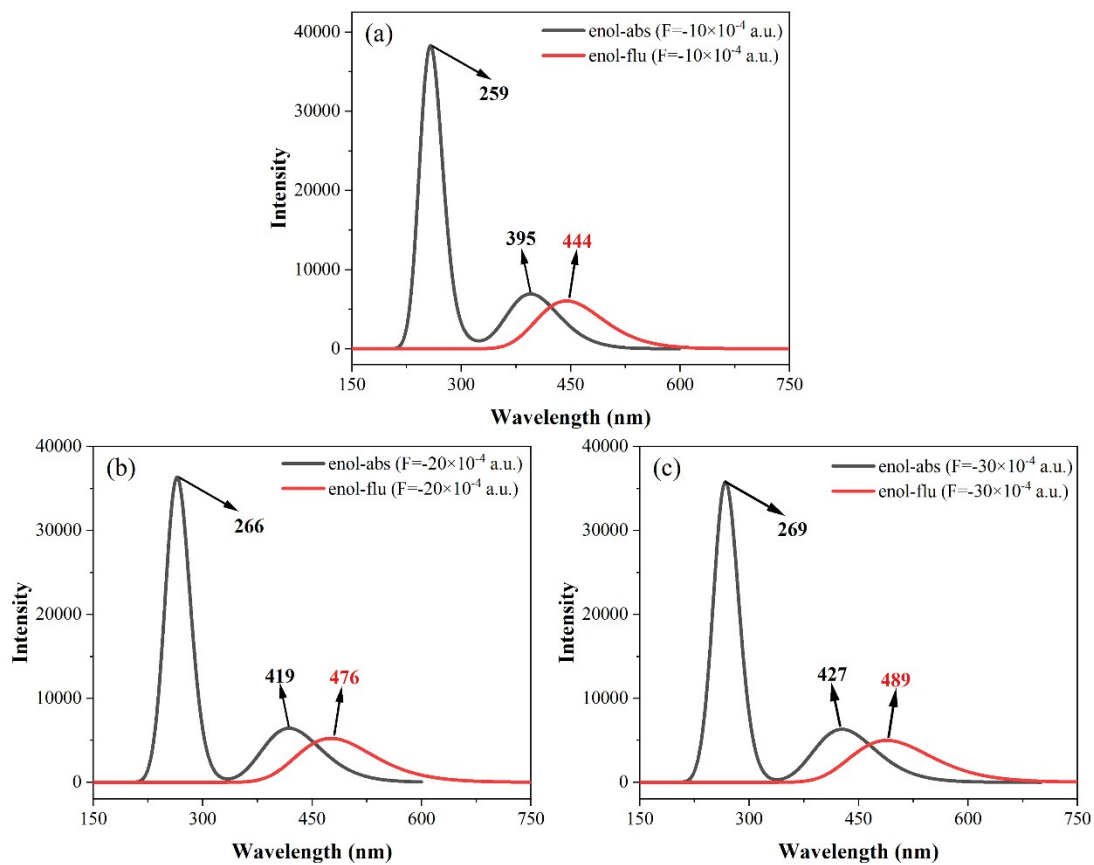
**Figure S1(a).** The scanned PESs in  $S_0$  (a)-(b) and  $S_1$  (c)-(d) states with a negative EEF of  $-10 \times 10^{-4}$  a.u.. Here, the arrows and numbers represent the direction of PT and the energy barrier, respectively.



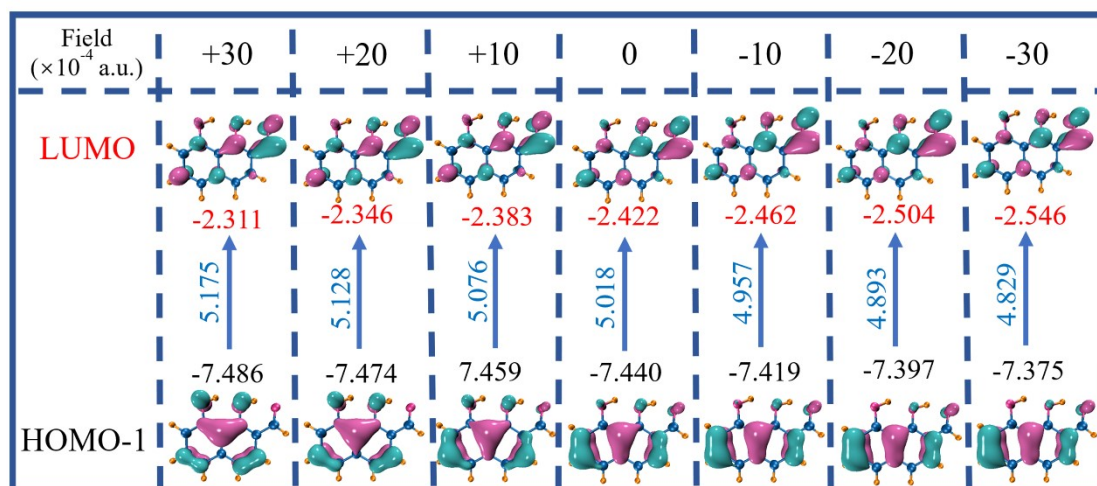
**Figure S1(b).** The scanned PESs in  $S_0$  (a)-(b) and  $S_1$  (c)-(d) states with a negative EEF of  $-20 \times 10^{-4}$  a.u.. Here, the arrows and numbers represent the direction of PT and the energy barrier, respectively.



**Figure S1(c).** The scanned PESs in  $S_0$  (a)-(b) and  $S_1$  (c)-(d) states with a negative EEF of  $-30 \times 10^{-4}$  a.u.. Here, the arrows and numbers represent the direction of PT and the energy barrier, respectively.



**Figure S2.** Absorption and fluorescence spectra of DHNA in the distinct external electric fields: (a)  $-10 \times 10^{-4}$  a.u.; (b)  $-20 \times 10^{-4}$  a.u.; (d)  $-30 \times 10^{-4}$  a.u..



**Figure S3.** HOMO-1, LUMO energies and energy gaps of DHNA in the distinct EEFs (eV).