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DFT for isomers in solution, redox potentials, transition states and favored reaction products

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Apart from merely computationally running molecular energy optimizations and determining optimal geometries, a large variety of other techniques and applications also exist.

In this presentation uncomplicated methods are shared by which:

1. isomer geometries in solution may be determined by involving TDDFT,
2. redox potentials of series of metal complexes are determined merely from optimization HOMO & LUMO energies,
3. transition states of photo-excited species are established from energy minima on computed energy surfaces, and
4. favored complex reaction products are computed by means of reaction energy and molecular orbital calculations.

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From personal work/data, the purpose of this oral presentation is to share and instruct in an uncomplicated way, teaching 4 very handy techniques by which important chemical data and insight may be obtained computationally, in this case, DFT-B3LYP, TDDFT, etc

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