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Supporting Information

Anatase nanoparticles surface modified with fused ring salicylate-type ligands (1-hydroxy-2-naphthoic acids): a combined DFT and experimental study

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Fig. SM1 Absorption spectra of TiO_2 nanoparticles (black), free ligands (red) and ligand-TiO₂ CT-complexes with 15% coverage (blue) in methanol/water=90/10, pH 2



Fig. SM2 Absorption spectra of 3.6 mM TiO₂ (1 mM Ti _{surf}) nanoparticles before and after surface modification with 2HBA (0 – 560 μ M in 35 μ M steps) in methanol/water=90/10, at pH 2 and pH 3 (data recorded 20 h after surface modification)



Fig. SM3 Absorption spectra of 3.6 mM TiO₂ (1 mM Ti _{surf}) nanoparticles before and after surface modification with 1H2NA (0 – 560 μ M in 35 μ M steps) in methanol/water=90/10, at pH 2 and pH 3 (data recorded 20 h after surface modification)



Fig. SM4 Absorption spectra of 3.6 mM TiO₂ (1 mM Ti _{surf}) nanoparticles before and after surface modification with 1,4DH2NA (0 – 560 μ M in 35 μ M steps) in methanol/water=90/10, at pH 2 and pH 3 (data recorded 20 h after surface modification)



Fig. SM5. Absorption (80 μ M; a, b, c) and emission (1 μ M; d, e, f) spectra of 2HBA, 1H2NA and 1,4DH2NA, respectively in methanol/water =90/10 solutions at pH 2



Fig. SM6 Emission spectra of 1H2NA (2 μ M) in the presence of various concentrations of Ti_{surf} (0-100 μ M in 12.5 μ M steps) in methanol/water=90/10 solutions, at pH 2 (data recorded 20 h after surface modification) and Stern-Volmer plot for five series of measurements (λ_{ex} =350 nm/ λ_{em} =415 nm)



Fig. SM7 Emission spectra of 1,4DH2NA (2 μ M) in the presence of various concentrations of Ti_{surf} (0-100 μ M in 12.5 μ M steps) in methanol/water=90/10 solutions, at pH 2 (data recorded 20 h after surface modification) and Stern-Volmer plot for four series of measurements (λ_{ex} =390 nm/ λ_{em} =445 nm)



Fig. SM8 Time-resolved fluorescence decay profiles of 50 μ M 1H2NA (a) and 50 μ M 1H2NA + 130 μ M Ti_{surf} (b) in methanol/water=90/10 solutions at pH 2. Excitation and emission wavelengths are 342 nm and 420 nm, respectively. The respective distribution of residuals, chi-square (χ^2) and Durbin-Watson (DW) parameters for biexponential fits are given below the fitted decay curves



Fig. SM9 Time-resolved fluorescence decay profiles of 50 μ M 1,4DH2NA (a) and 50 μ M 1,4DH2NA + 130 μ M Ti_{surf} (b) in methanol/water=90/10 solutions at pH 2. Excitation and emission wavelengths are 342 nm and 450 nm, respectively. The respective distribution of residuals, chi-square (χ^2) and Durbin-Watson (DW) parameters for biexponential fits are given below the fitted decay curves



Fig. SM10 TG (blue line) and heat flow (red line) curves of TiO_2 nanoparticles modified with 2HBA (a), 1H2NA (b) and 1,4DH2NA (c) recorded at the heating rate of 20^{0} C min⁻¹ in air