## Electron transfer across oligo-ortho-phenylenes

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In photosynthesis electron transfer over long distances plays a crucial role and has been studied in many molecular donor-acceptor compounds. Especially *para*-substituted oligo-phenylenes as molecular bridges have received much attention.<sup>1</sup> For electron transfer across *para*-phenylenes and *para*-xylenes, time-resolved measurements revealed a significant distance dependence with  $\beta$  parameters of 0.2 Å<sup>-1</sup> to 0.8 Å<sup>-1</sup>, respectively.<sup>2</sup>

For the first time we investigated photoinduced electron transfer through a molecular bridge consisting of oligo-*ortho*-phenylenes. Compared to their *para* connected congeners, these molecules show a much weaker distance dependence for electron transfer.



Comparison of electron transfer rates ( $k_{ET}$ ) vs. donor-acceptor-distances ( $R_{DA}$ ) in *para*-phenylenes, *para*-xylenes, and oligo-*ortho*-phenylenes.

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