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The lectures of YISAC 2019 conference will take place in the C1 lecture hall, located in the first floor of building HA in Faculty of Chemical Technology, University of Pardubice, Studentská 573, Pardubice, from June 24 to June 26, 2019.

**EXPLORING ANATOMY OF EXPERIMENT WITH DFT:
QUANTITATIVE STRUCTURE-ACTIVITY RELATIONSHIP OF
SUBSTITUTED ARYLATO PYRIDINE DYES IN
PHOTOCATALYTIC REACTION**

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A series of arylazo pyridone dyes was synthesized by changing the type of the substituent group in the diazo moiety, ranging from strong electron-donating to strong electron-withdrawing groups. The structural and electronic properties of the investigated dyes were calculated at the M062X/6-31+G(d,p) level of theory. The observed good linear correlations between atomic charges and Hammett σ_p constants provided a basis to discuss the transmission of electronic substituent effects through a dye framework. The reactivity of synthesized dyes was tested through their decolorization efficiency in TiO₂ photocatalytic system (Degussa P-25). Quantitative structure-activity relationship analysis revealed a strong correlation between reactivity of investigated dyes and Hammett substituent constants. The reaction was facilitated by electron-withdrawing groups, and retarded by electron-donating ones. Quantum mechanical calculations were used in order to describe the mechanism of the photocatalytic oxidation reactions of investigated dyes and interpret their reactivity within the framework of the Density Functional Theory (DFT). According to DFT based reactivity descriptors, i.e. Fukui functions and local softness, the active site moves from azo nitrogen atom linked to benzene ring to pyridone carbon atom linked to azo bond, going from dyes with electron-donating groups to dyes with electron-withdrawing groups [1].

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