

EXPANDED PORPHYRIN-ANION SUPRAMOLECULAR ASSEMBLIES: ENVIRONMENTALLY RESPONSIVE SENSORS FOR ORGANIC SOLVENTS AND ANIONS

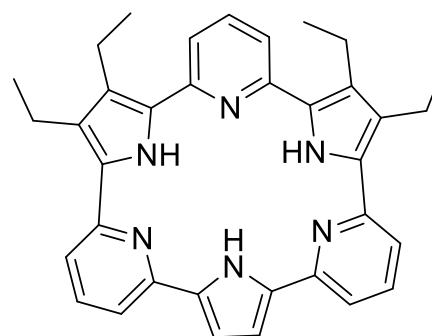
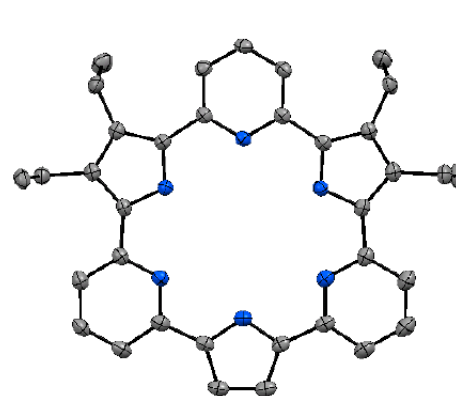
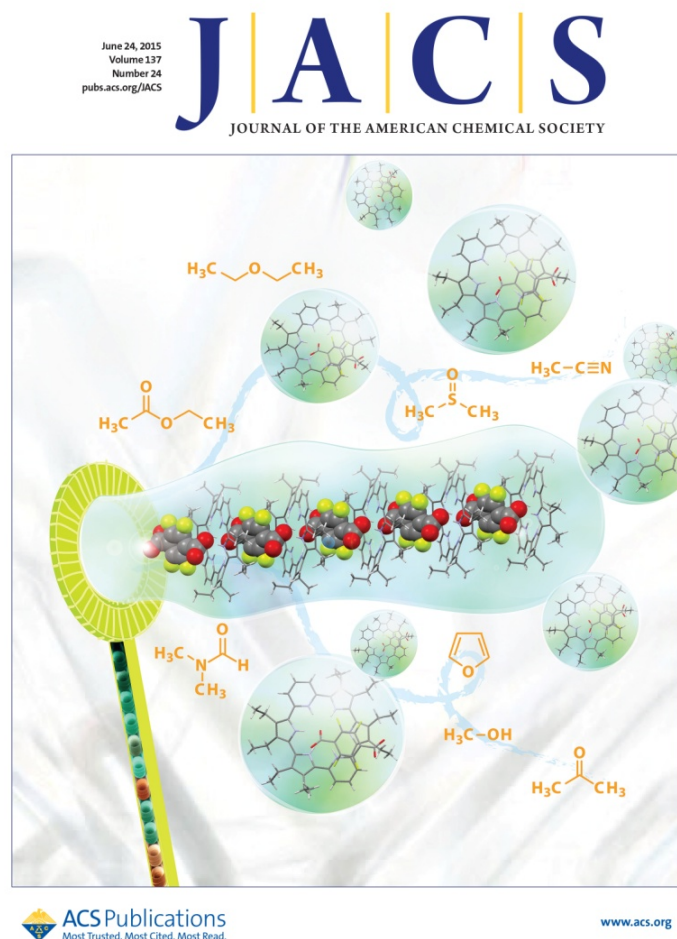
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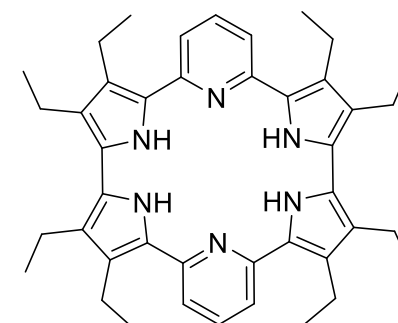
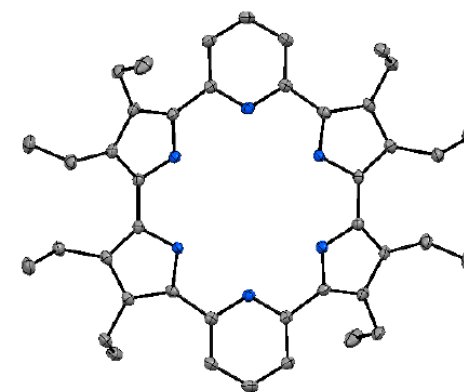
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Cyclo[m]pyridine[n]pyrroles

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Cyclo[3]pyridine[3]pyrrole



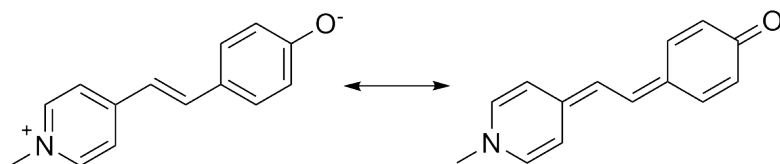
Cyclo[2]pyridine[4]pyrrole

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Chemosensing

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□ Solvatochromic Dyes (Brooker's merocyanine)

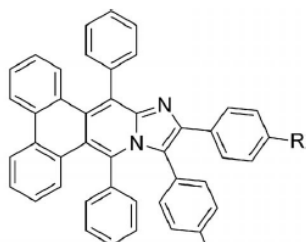


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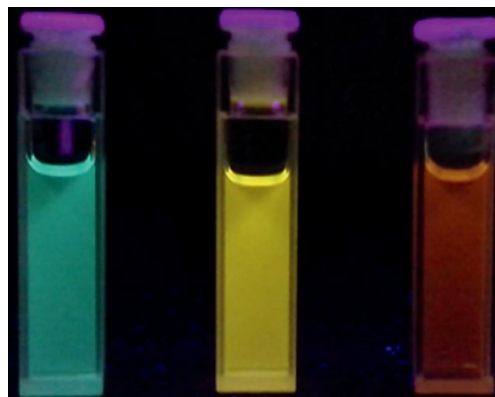
□ Fluorescent chemosensors

(9,11,12,14-Tetraaryldibenzo[f,h]imidazo[1,2-b]isoquinolines)

Y. Wang et al., *Eur. J. Org. Chem.*, **2013**, 94, 7320



3a, R = H; 54%
3b, R = CH₃; 55%
3c, R = nBu; 59%
3d, R = tBu; 32%
3e, R = OCH₃; 60%
3f, R = OPh; 52%
3g, R = Br; 43%
3h, R = N(CH₃)₂; 51%



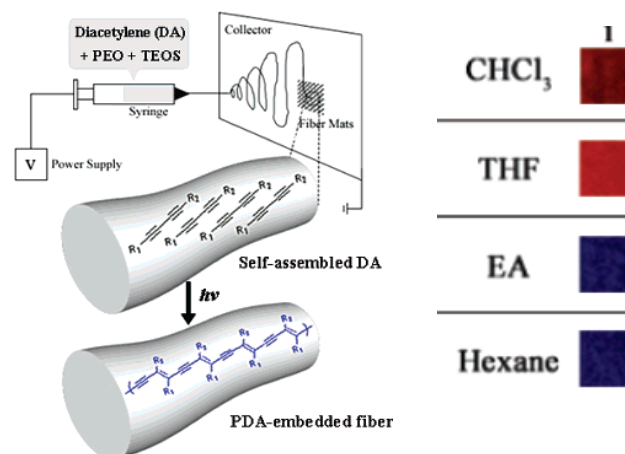
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Functional polymers

J. Kim et al., *JACS.*, **2007**, 129, 3038

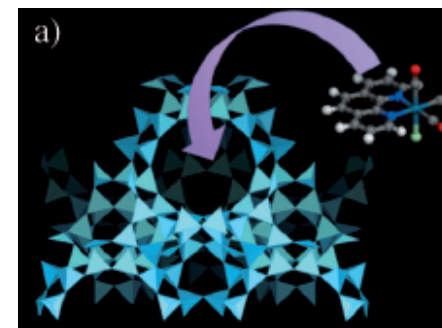


Solid metal complexes $[\text{Re}(\text{phen})(\text{CO})_3\text{Cl}]\text{@NaY}$

(zeolite framework for the supramolecular assembly of rhenium complexes with applications to vapor sensing)



A. A. Marti et al., *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.*, **2013**, 52, 12615

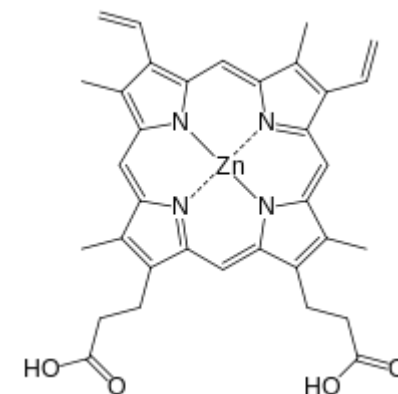
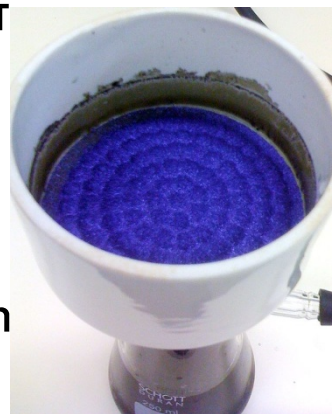
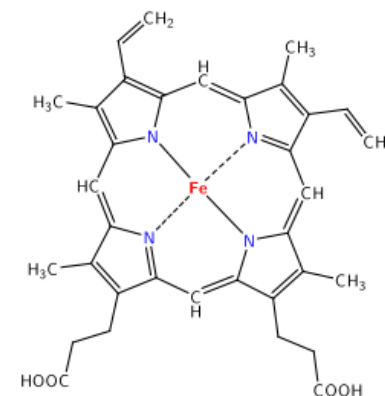
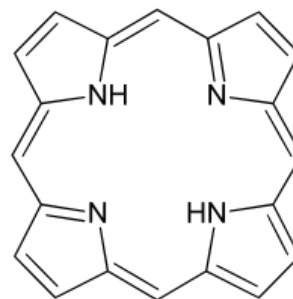


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Porphyrins

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- Porphyrins are a group of heterocyclic macrocycle organic compounds, composed of four modified pyrrole subunits interconnected at their α carbon atoms via methine bridges.
- The porphyrin it is aromatic macrocycle has 26 (delocalized) π electrons in total.
- Porphyrin macrocycles are highly conjugated systems and characterized by intense absorption and emission features in UV, visible and IR regions.



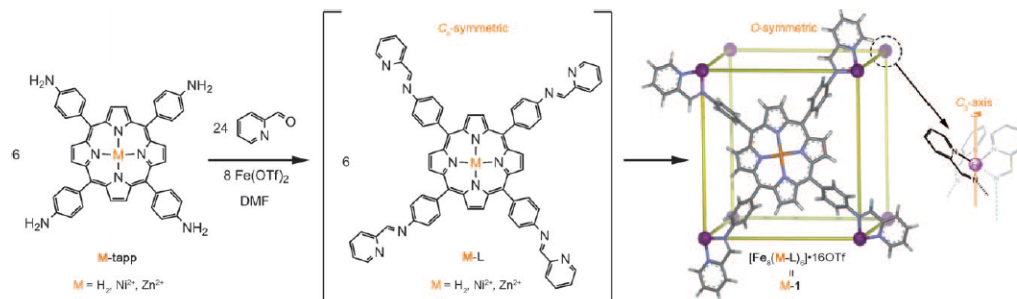
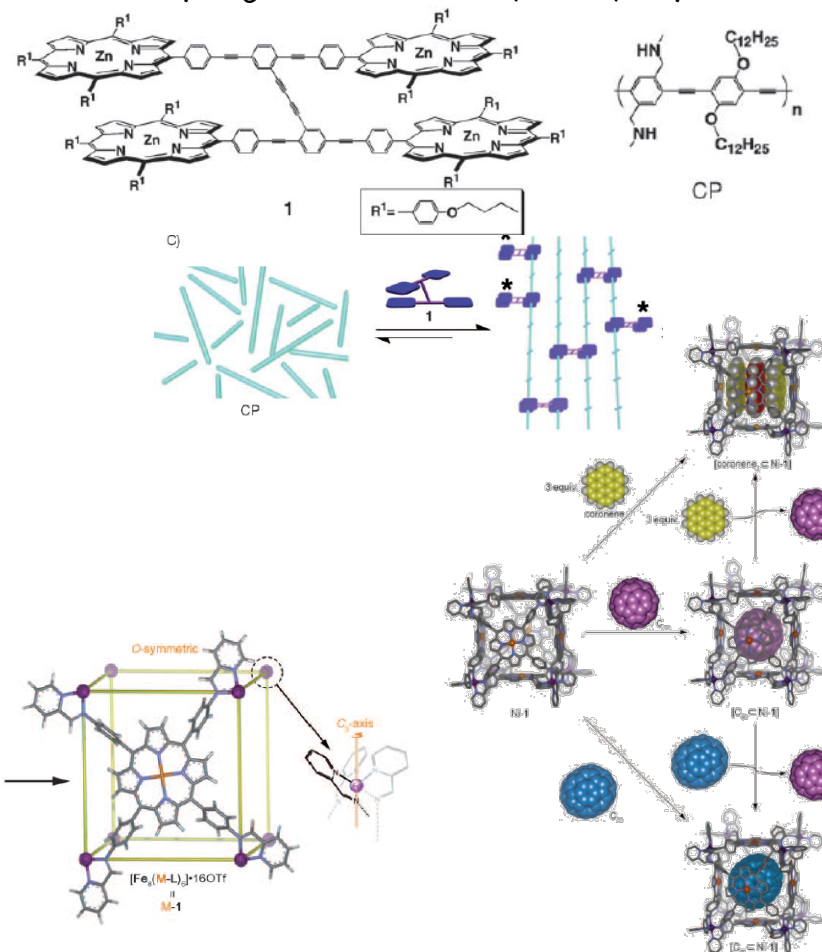
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Self assembled structures

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- Porphyrins are attractive building blocks for the construction of self-assembled structures, π, π -donor-acceptor and π -ion interactions.
- The ability of porphyrins to coordinate cations allows for metal-directed self-assembly.
- Porphyrin-based supramolecular assemblies have been studied as promising chemical sensors, copolymers, hosts for planar aromatic guests and fullerenes.
- When functionalized with hydrogen bond donors/acceptors, porphyrin derivatives have been used to create linear polymers, cyclic oligomers, and cages.

Y. Kubo et al, *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.*, **2006**, *45*, 1548



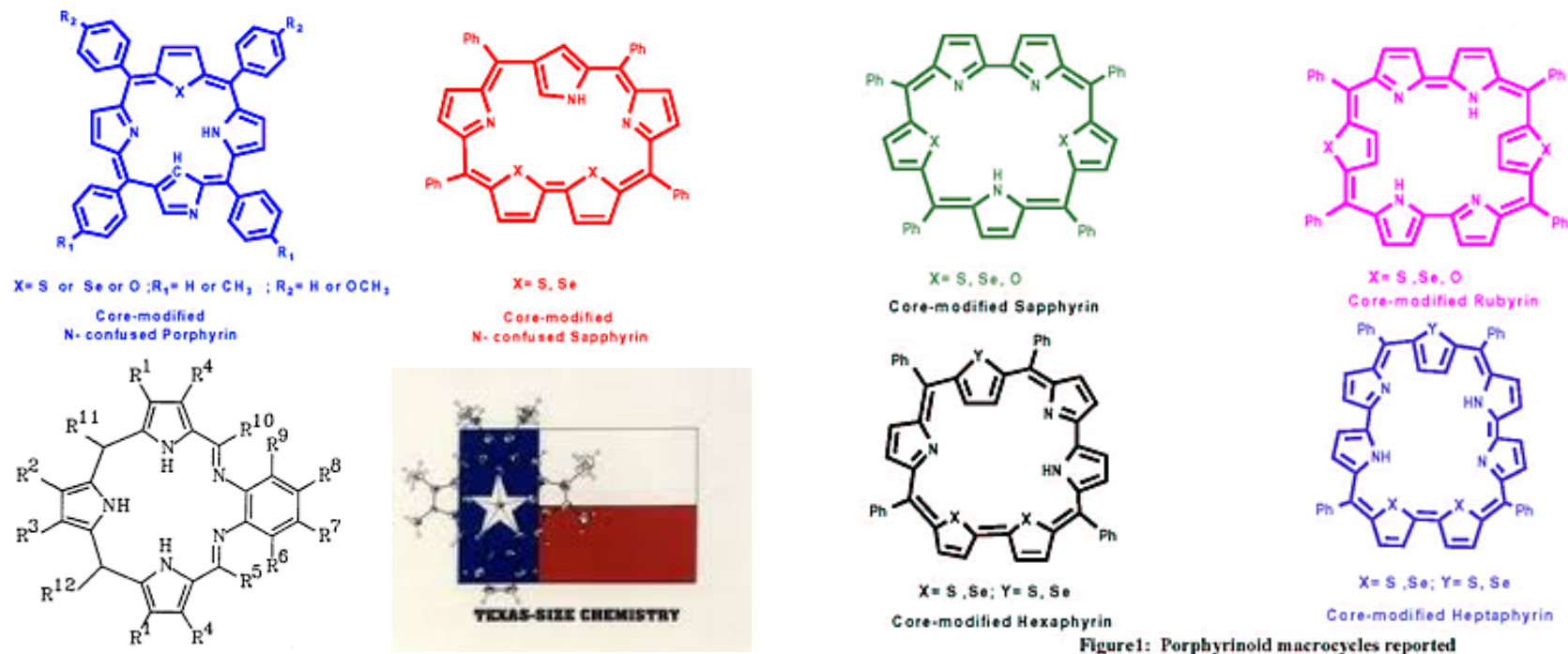
J. R. Nitschke et al, *Angew. Chem.*, **2011**, *123*, 3541

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Expanded porphyrins

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- As compared to porphyrins, expanded porphyrins typically display distinct optical features, more diverse π -conjugation pathways, greater flexibility, and, in many cases, a propensity to interact with anions, as opposed to cations.



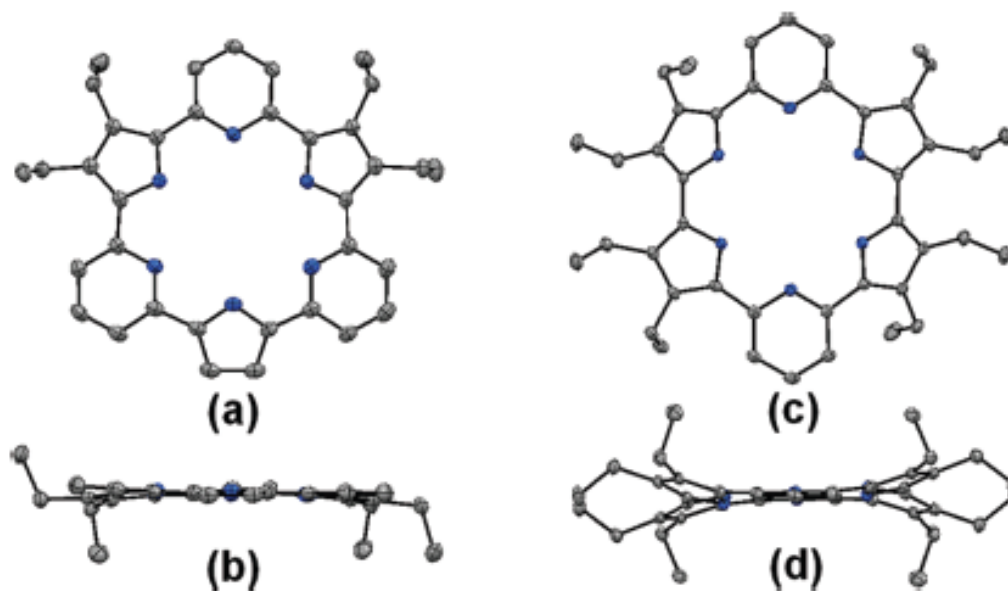
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Expanded Porphyrins- cyclo[m]pyridine [n]pyrroles

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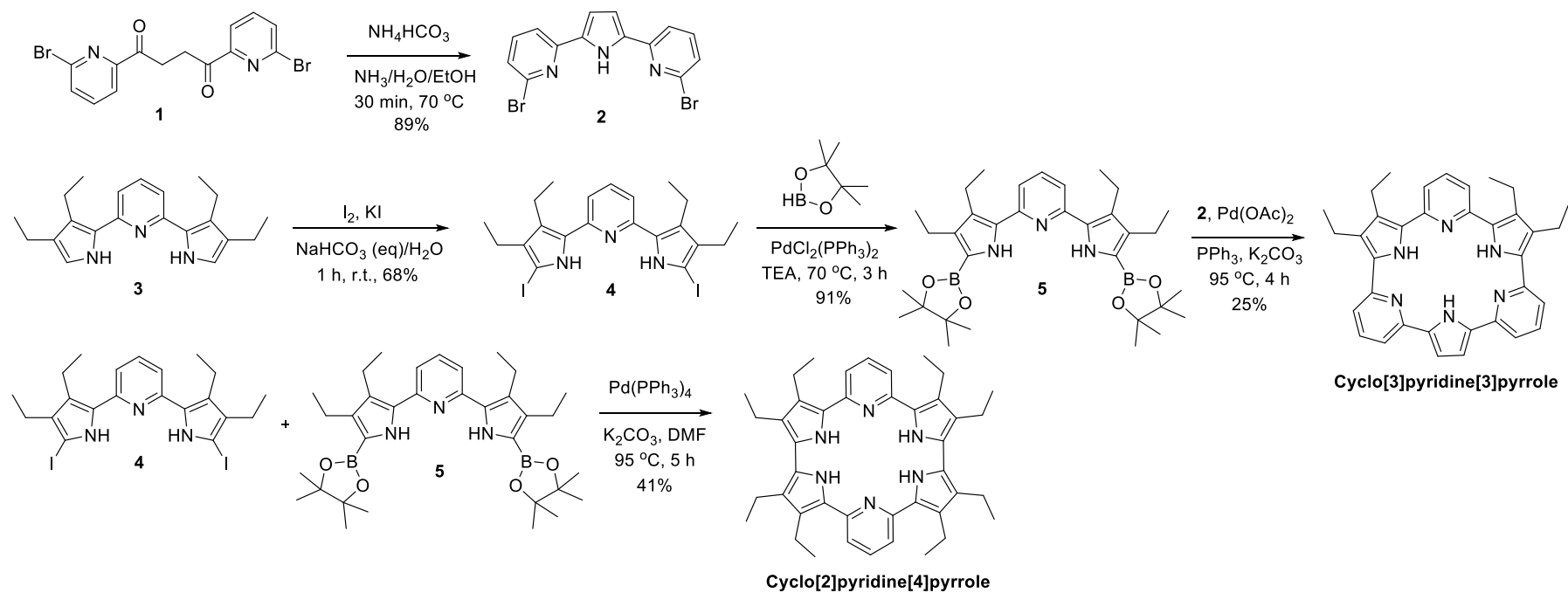
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Synthesis

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Cyclo[2]pyridine[4]pyrrole & Cyclo[3]pyridine[3] pyrrole

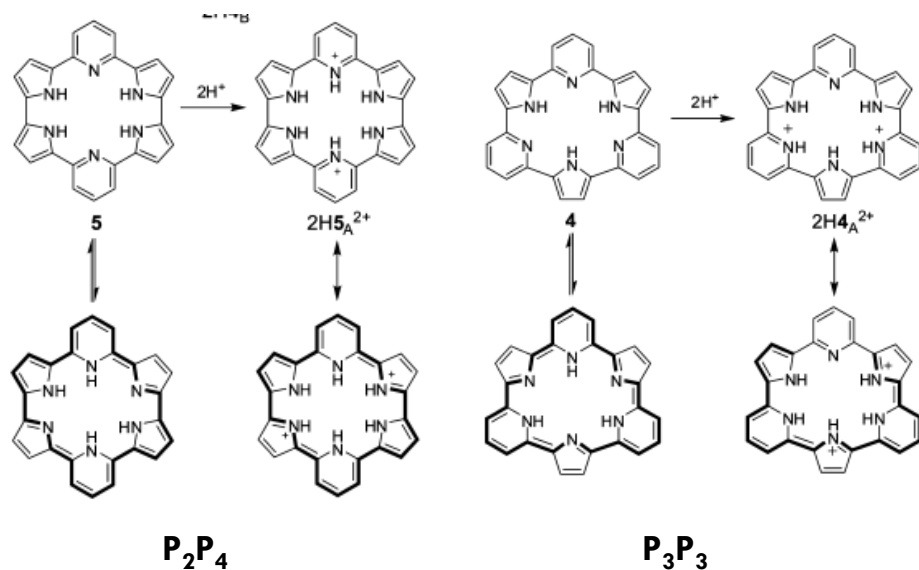


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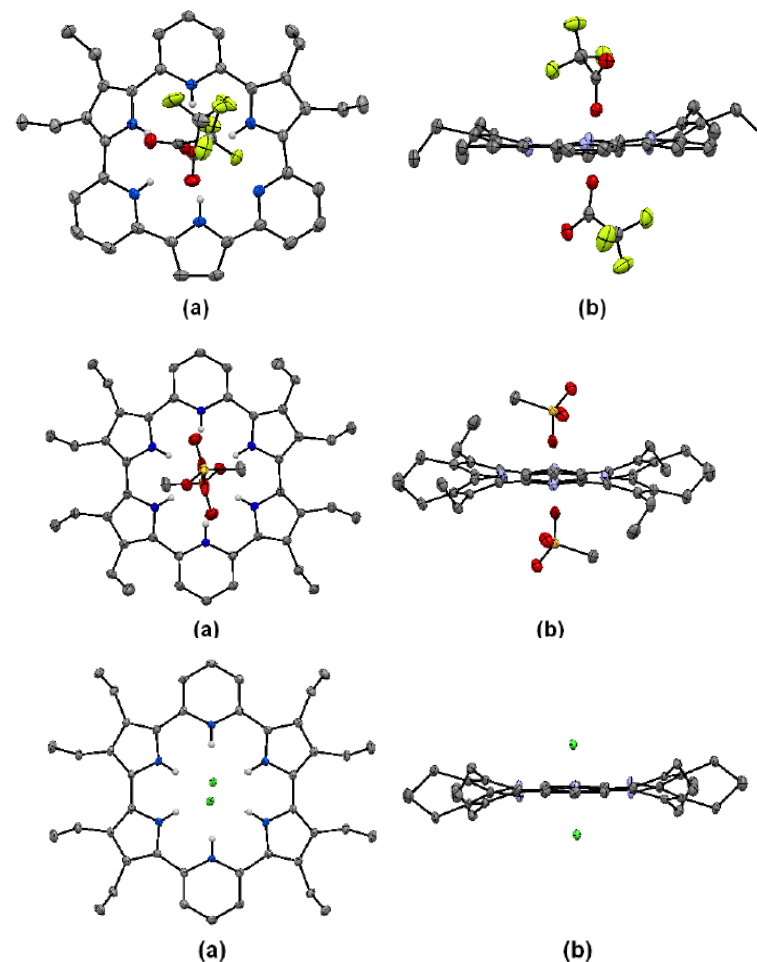
Design and Preparation of the Supramolecular Assemblies

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- Protonation of these nonaromatic compounds can lead to the expansion of π -conjugation, fully conjugated structure that reflects the presence of an electronically delocalized 24 π -electrons.

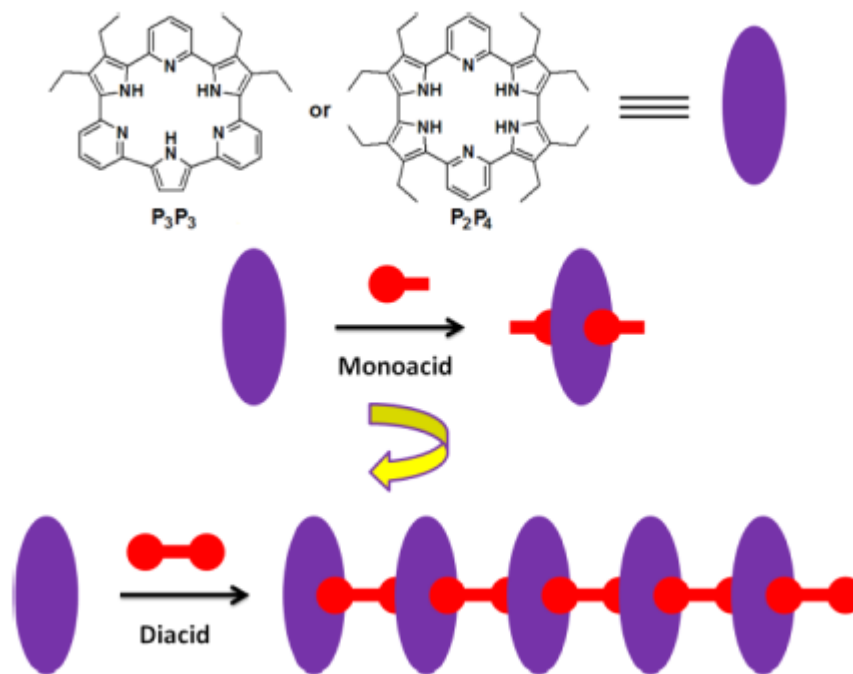


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Expanded Porphyrins-Anion self-assembly

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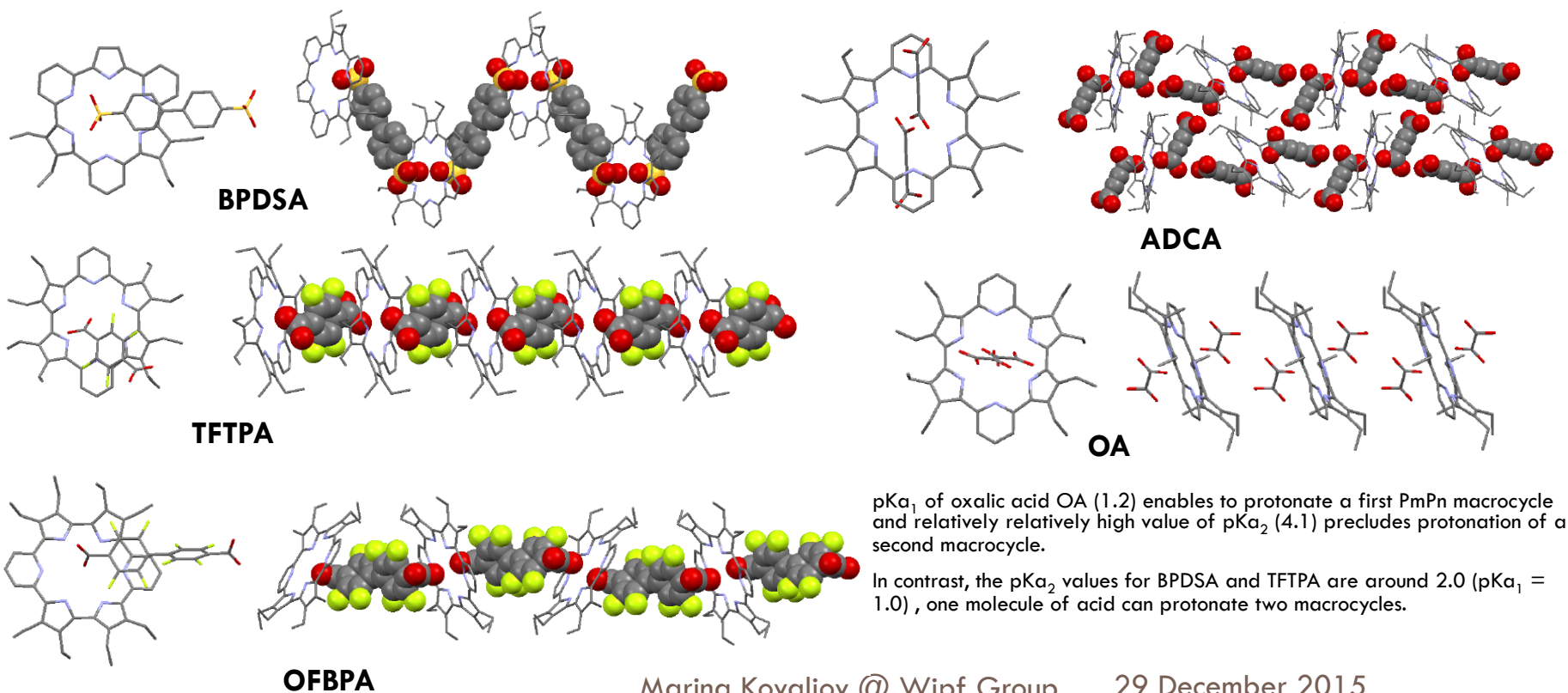


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Preparation & Solid-State Characterization

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- **Preparation of 1:1 P_mP_n -diacid polymers.** The free-base form of the macrocycle, P_2P_4 or P_3P_3 , (0.01 mmol) was dissolved in 80 mL CH_2Cl_2 and 1.2 equivalents of acid were added in solid form. The mixture was sonicated until all the granules were dissolved.
- **Preparation of 1:2 P_mP_n -diacid assemblies.** These ensembles were prepared 2.4 molar equivalents of acid.



pK_{a1} of oxalic acid OA (1.2) enables to protonate a first P_mP_n macrocycle and relatively high value of pK_{a2} (4.1) precludes protonation of a second macrocycle.

In contrast, the pK_{a2} values for BPDSA and TFTPA are around 2.0 ($pK_{a1} = 1.0$), one molecule of acid can protonate two macrocycles.

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Morphology of the Ensembles (SEM)

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- In order to determine the morphology of the ensembles produced under conditions of fast evaporation, rather than slow crystallization, drop-cast samples were prepared and studied by scanning electron microscope (SEM)



Figure S1. P_3P_3 -BPDSA.

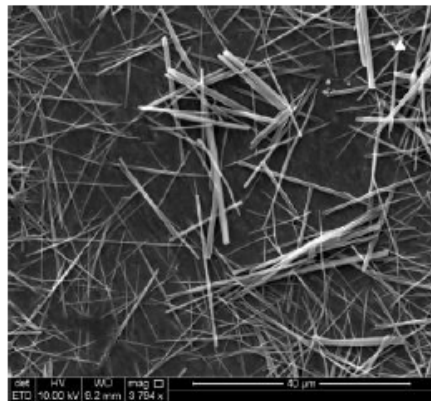


Figure S2. P_3P_3 -TFPA.

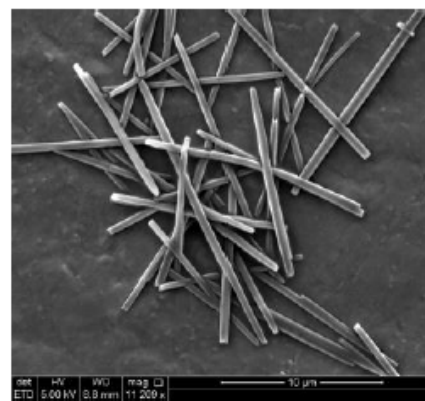


Figure S3. P_3P_3 -OA.

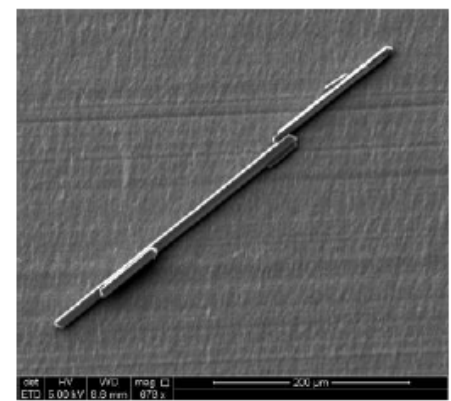
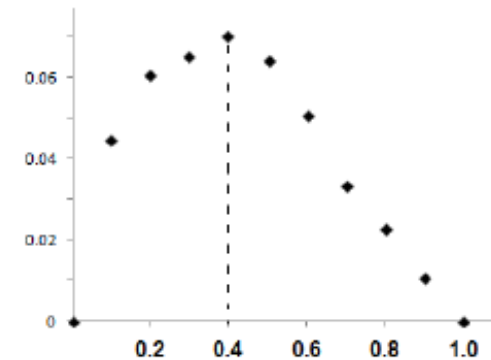
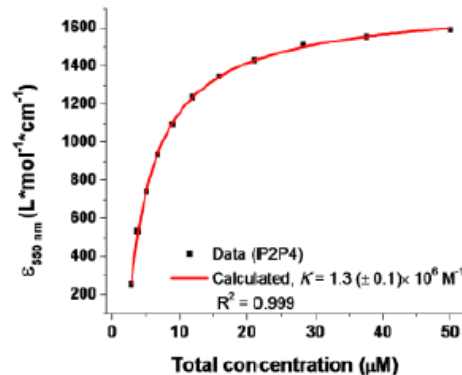
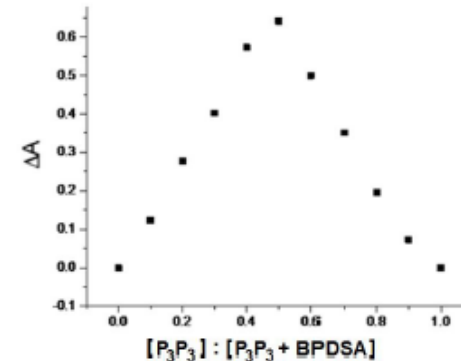
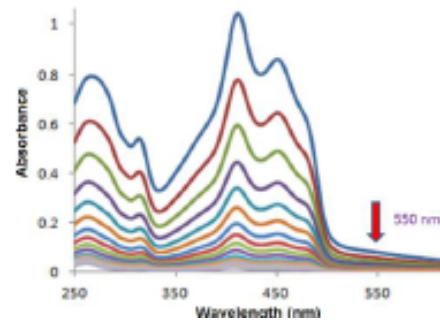


Figure S4. P_2P_4 -ADCA.

Solution-State Binding Studies

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- **Stoichiometry** (continuous variation (Job's) plots):
 - 1:1 mixture of P_2P_4 and BPDSA (absorption change at 451 nm and the mole fraction of P_2P_4 vs the mole fraction of $P_2P_4 + BPDSA$).
 - 1:2 mixture of P_2P_4 and OA (absorption change at 451 nm and the mole fraction of P_2P_4 vs the mole fraction of $P_2P_4 + OA$).
- **Binding affinities:** extinction coefficient as a function of the total concentration of an equimolar mixture of P_2P_4 and BPDSA

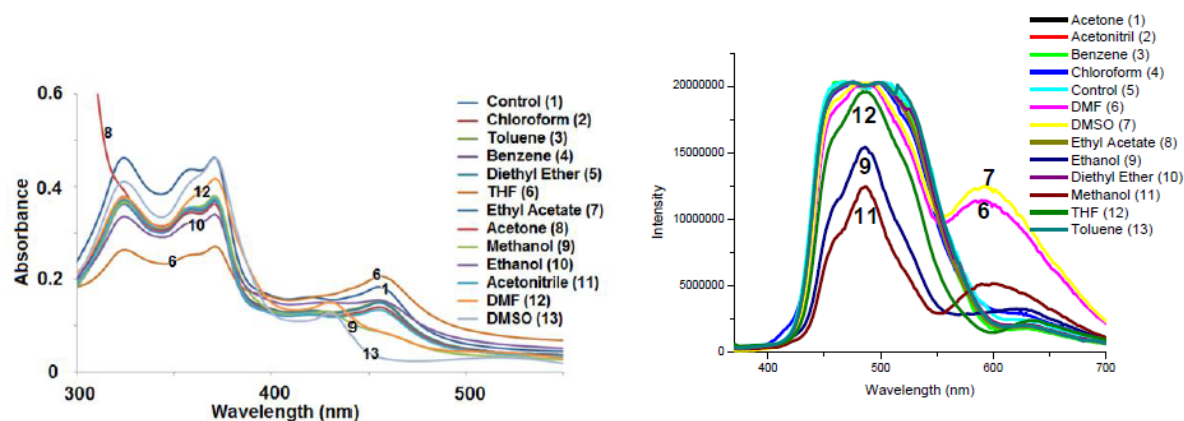
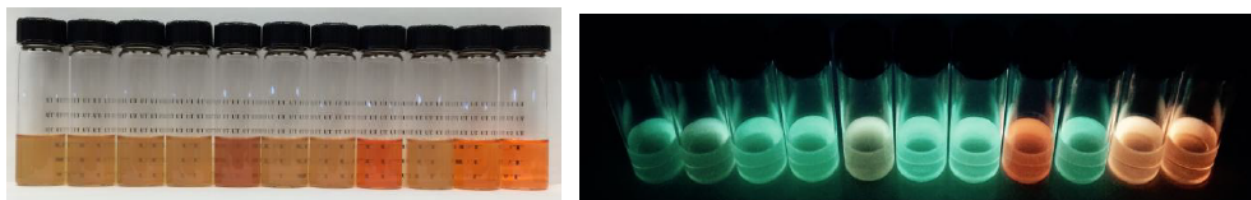


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Solvent Response

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- Solvent response observed for the P_3P_3 -BPDSA assembly. 10% v. v. of polar solvents were added to a CH_2Cl_2 solution of the assembly. Top: color changes; bottom: fluorescence changes. From left to right: control (only CH_2Cl_2), chloroform, toluene, diethyl ether, THF, ethyl acetate, acetone, methanol, acetonitrile, DMF, and DMSO.



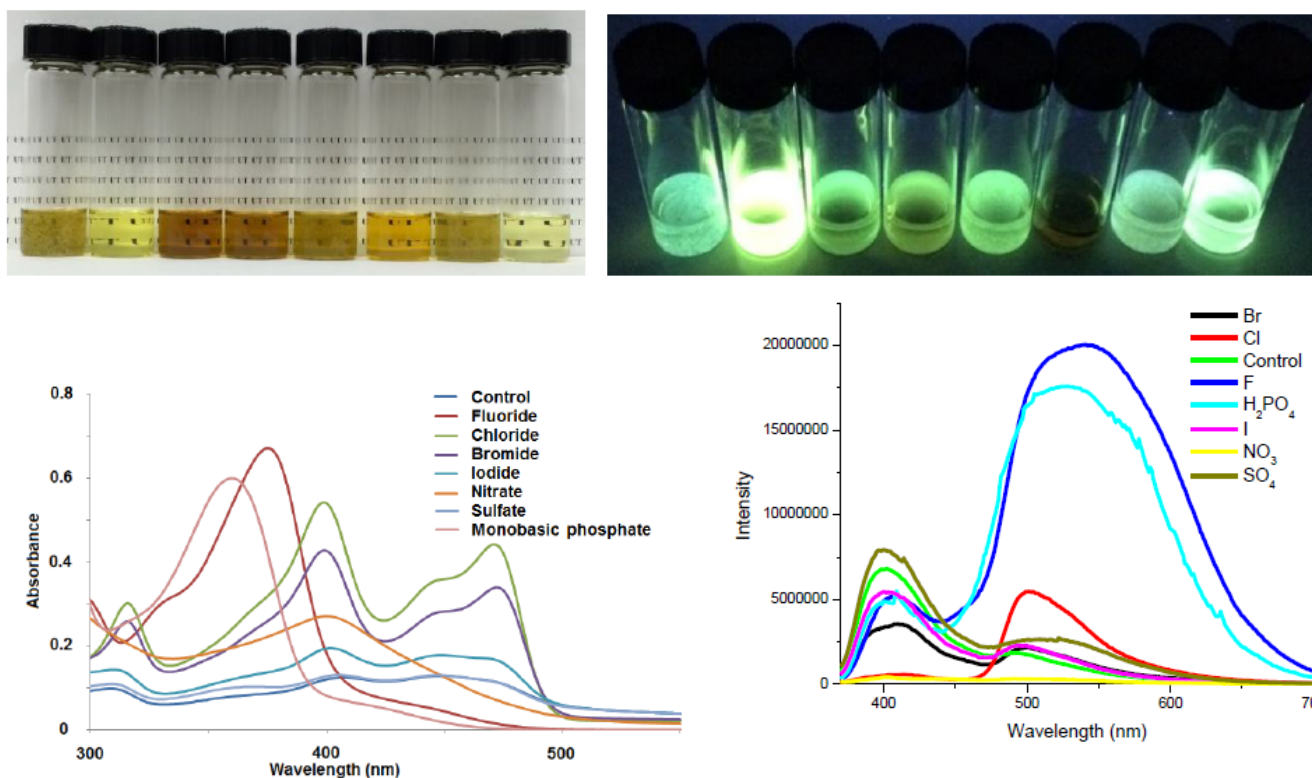
Supramolecular Assemblies $\xrightarrow{\text{Polar solvent}}$ Shorter Assemblies + Monomers

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Anion Response

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- Response of P_2P_4 -BPDSA (in CH_2Cl_2) towards anions. Upper left: color change upon addition of an anion (control, fluoride, chloride, bromide, iodide, nitrate, sulfate and monobasic phosphate)



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Conclusions

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- A series of expanded porphyrin-anion supramolecular assemblies using $P_m P_n$ macrocycles and was successfully synthesized.
- These assemblies are characterized by highly ordered structures in the solid state. In the case of the 1:1 complexes strong interactions between the macrocycle and the various test anions were observed.
- The self assembled systems reported here are environmentally responsive and undergo distinct changes in solubility, color, and fluorescence intensity when exposed to polar solvents or Lewis basic anions.
- These systems could be used as chemosensors that allow certain salts and various solvents to be identified easily by optical or visual means.