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# Novel materials for preparation of active thin layers for organic photonics

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## Research focus

- Inorganic silicon based materials (e.g. geopolymers)
- Physical chemistry of colloids
- Advanced organic materials for organic electronics, bioelectronics, photonics and sensors
  - development of new materials (phthalocyanines, diketopyrrolo-pyrroles, pi-conjugated polymers)
  - their complex characterization with focus on stability, processability, optical and electrical properties
  - deposition of multilayered thin organic systems for broad range of applications such organic photovoltaics, sensors, organic photonic devices, etc.

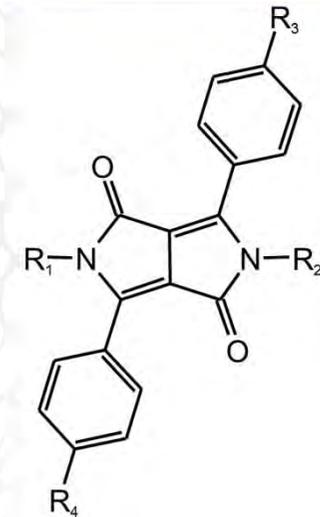
# Outline

- Low molecular materials for photonic application - DPPs as an example
- Preparation of soluble materials
- Influence of different substitutions
- Thin film morphology and properties
- Applications
  - Photonics
  - Sensors
  - Photovoltaic textiles

# Why DPPs?

One of the materials of our interest are small molecular materials called DPPs

- exceptional high thermal and photo stability
- high melting point
- basic molecule extraordinarily bright, stable and resistant to ultraviolet light and extremes of heat and cold
- Pi-conjugated molecule - promising optical and electrical properties (high absorption coefficient, high fluorescence quantum yield )
- The research is driven by cooperation with industrial producer capable of mass production, some materials are currently soled as pigments



$R_1 - R_4 = H:$

3,6-diphenyl-2,5-dihydropyrrolo[3,4-c]pyrrole-1,4 dione



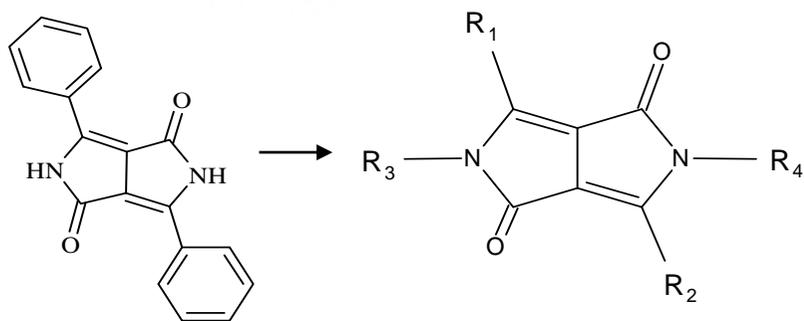
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# Our approach

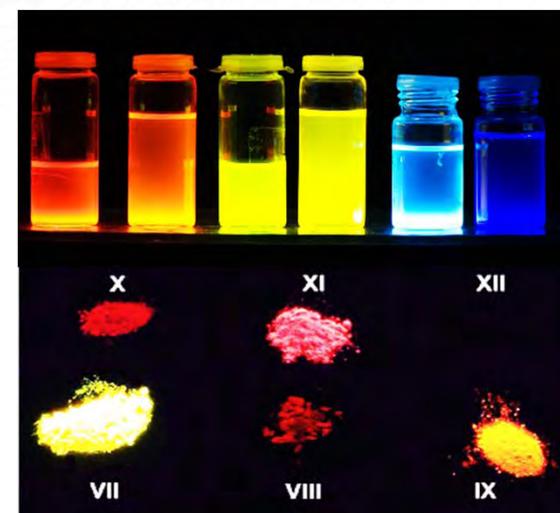
- Modification of the molecule by different substitutions to reach desired optical/electrical/sensing properties (based on quantum chemical calculation, which helps us to predict some properties)
- Modification of the solubility: unsoluble derivatives (nanoparticles), soluble derivatives, latent pigments
- Development of nanoformulations for thin layer deposition (inkjet printing, microdispensing printing, screen printing, electrophoretic deposition)
- More than 80 derivatives were prepared and characterized, many of them reported for the first time



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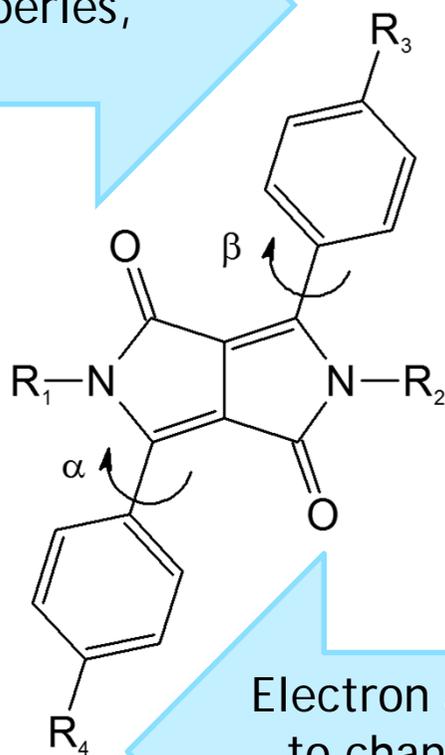
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# Modification of molecular structure

Electron accepting/withdrawing groups to change the electronic properties, solubilization

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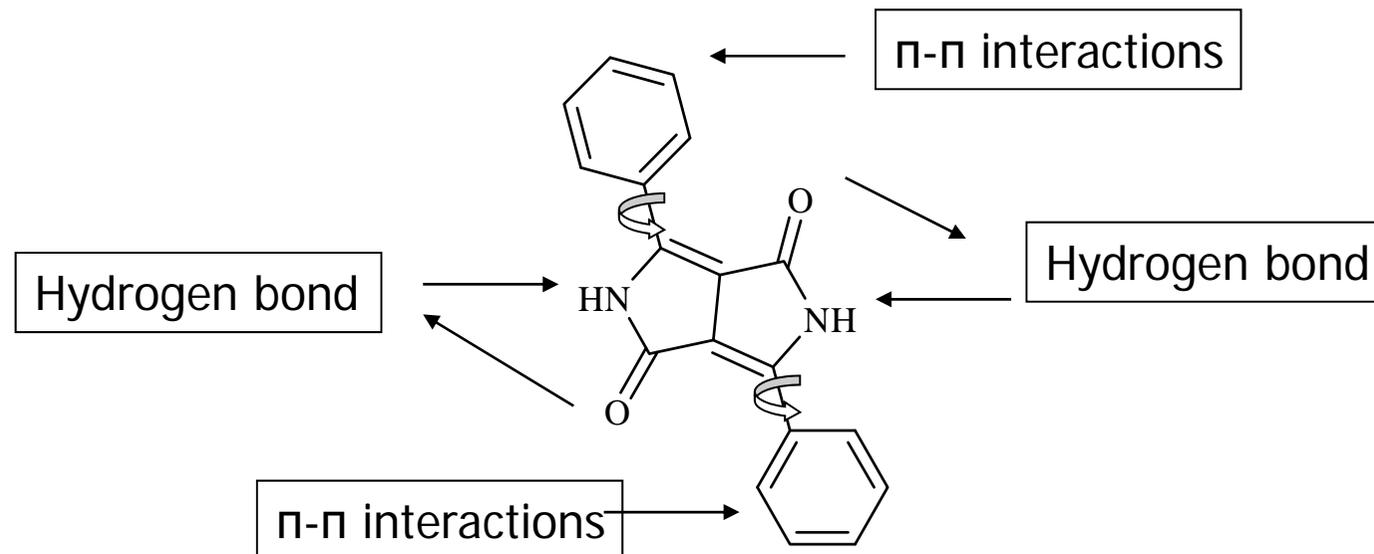
Electron accepting/withdrawing groups to change the electronic properties, solubilization

# Solubility

The basic DPP core is perfectly planar

Reason of DPP insolubility is the existence of H-bonds between the -NH group and oxygen and  $\pi$ - $\pi$  electron overlap in the solid state

Therefore modified solubility can be achieved either through N-substitution and/or disruption of molecular planarity.

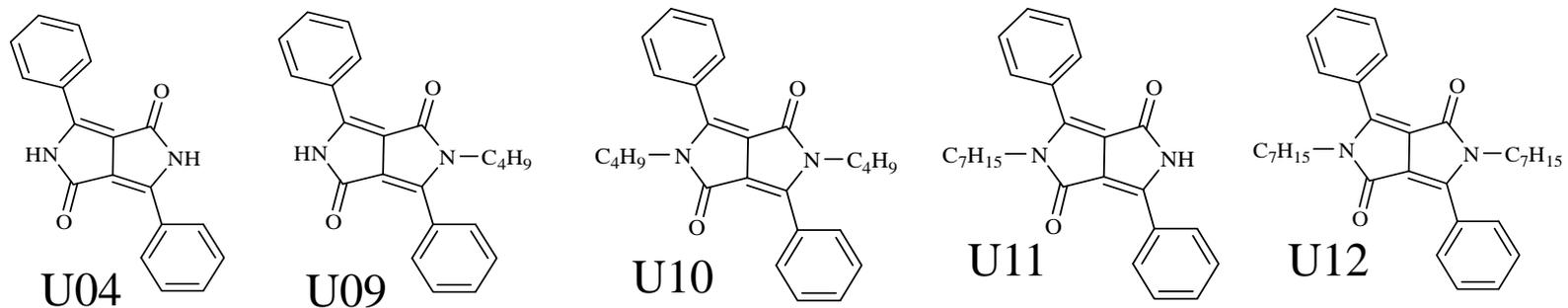


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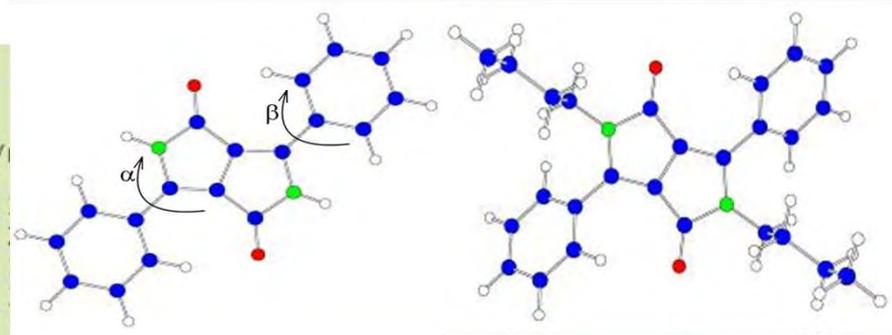
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The disruption of molecular planarity was confirmed by quantum chemical calculation



Derivative	Calculated						
	$\alpha$ [°]	$\beta$ [°]	$E_{S0-S1}$ [eV]	$E_{lum}$ [eV]	$\Delta E_{Stokes}$ [eV]	$E_{def}$ [eV]	[I/
DPP U4	0,0	0,0	2,84	2,43	0,41	0,34	
DPP U9	16,9	46,9	2,94	2,42	0,51	0,44	
DPP U10	46,1	46,1	3,01	2,44	0,57	0,48	
DPP U11	46,9	16,9	2,93	2,42	0,51	0,44	
DPP U12	46,0	46,0	3,01	2,44	0,57	0,48	



# Solubility

## Insoluble derivatives

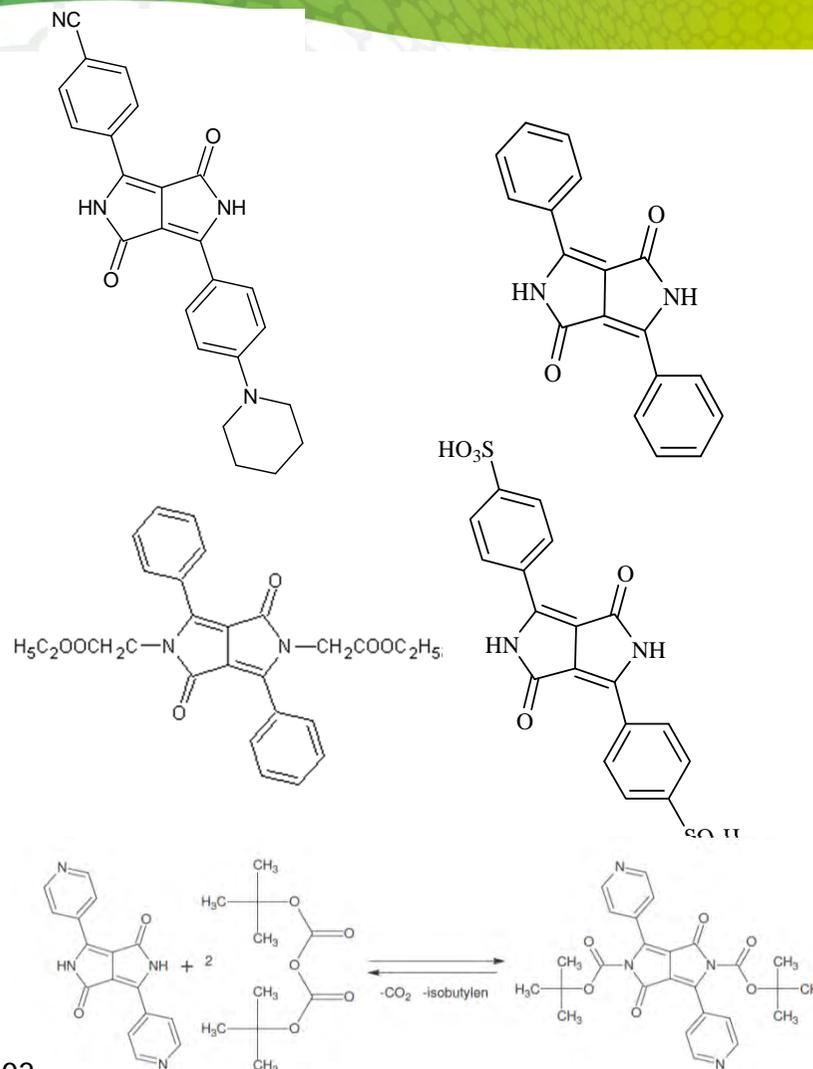
- Nanoparticles, clusters

## Soluble derivatives

- Symetrically and unsymmetrically substituted by different groups; polar and organic solvents

## Latent derivatives

- Irreversible change from soluble to insoluble material



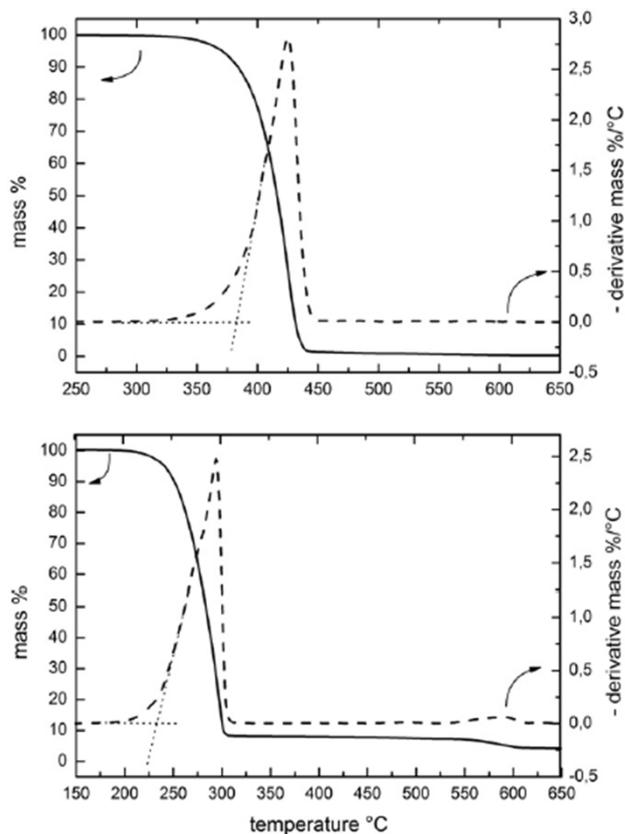
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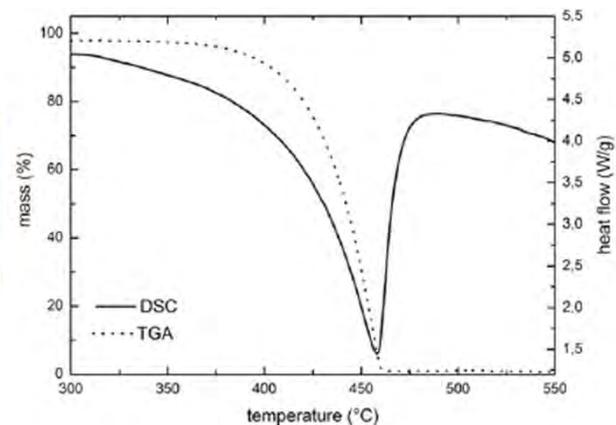
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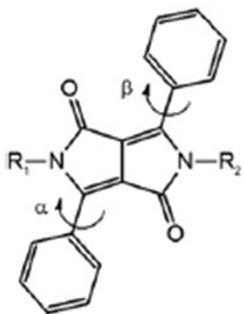
# Thermal stability



TGA for the DPP-alkyl derivate in the nitrogen and oxygen atmosphere.



Thermogravimetric analyses results.  
The onset1 suggests the temperature of evaporation, the onset2 indicates possible beginning of degradation.

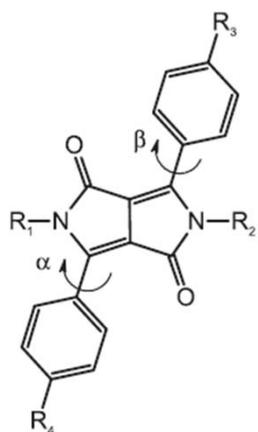


	R <sub>1</sub>	R <sub>2</sub>
DPP	H	H
DPP-MM	CH <sub>3</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub>
DPP-B	C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>9</sub>	H
DPP-BB	C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>9</sub>	C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>9</sub>
DPP-H	C <sub>7</sub> H <sub>15</sub>	H
DPP-HH	C <sub>7</sub> H <sub>15</sub>	C <sub>7</sub> H <sub>15</sub>

Sample	Purge gas	Onset <sub>1</sub> [°C]	Onset <sub>2</sub> [°C]	Char [%wt]	Steps
DPP	N <sub>2</sub>	383	396	0.4	1
DPP	air		356	0	1
DPP-MM	N <sub>2</sub>	238	262	3.8	2
DPP-MM	air		237	0	2
DPP-B	N <sub>2</sub>	269	281	0.1	1
DPP-B	air		267	0	2
DPP-BB	N <sub>2</sub>	241	246	0	1
DPP-BB	air		234	0	2
DPP-H	N <sub>2</sub>	290	E	0	1
DPP-H	air		267	0	2
DPP-HH	N <sub>2</sub>	282	290	0	1
DPP-HH	air		271	0	1

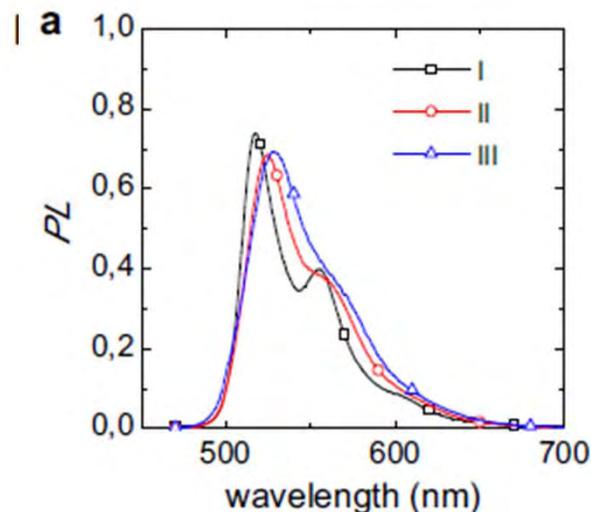
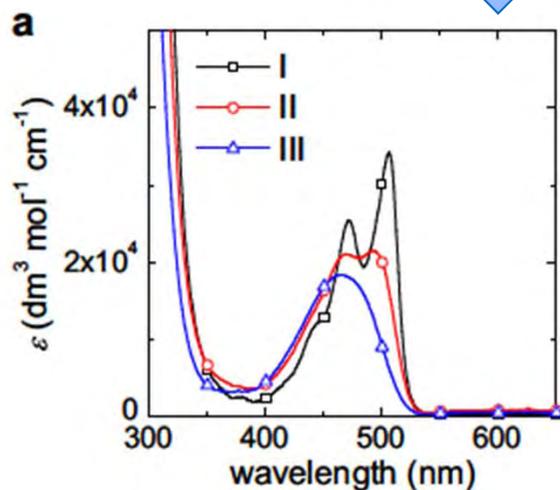
# Influence of N-alkylation

	R <sub>1</sub>	R <sub>2</sub>	R <sub>3</sub>	R <sub>4</sub>
I	H	H	H	H
II	C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>9</sub>	H	H	H
III	C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>9</sub>	C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>9</sub>	H	H



The Influence of N-substitution on optical spectra

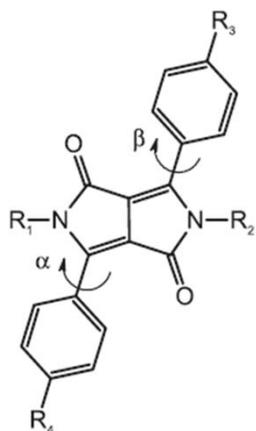
- insertion of an alkyl group decreases molar absorption coefficient (hypochromic shift)
- simultaneously the longer wavelength maximum is shifted towards higher energy region (hypsochromic)
- the vibration structure is less pronounced



This is caused by torsion between pyrrolinone central part and phenyl adjacent to the alkyl group and consequently, is caused by loss of molecule planarity which is in turn responsible for loss of effective conjugation.

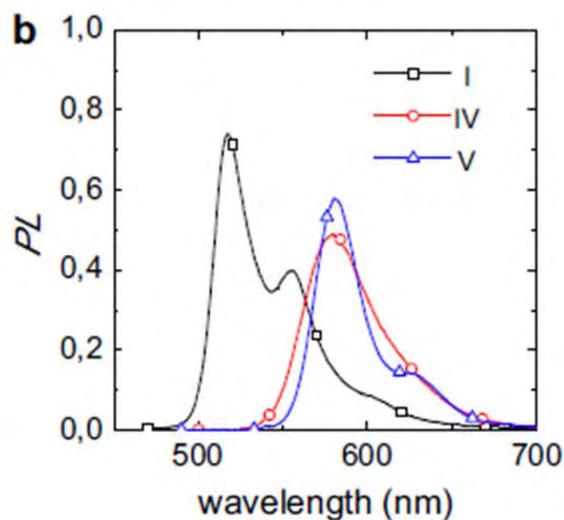
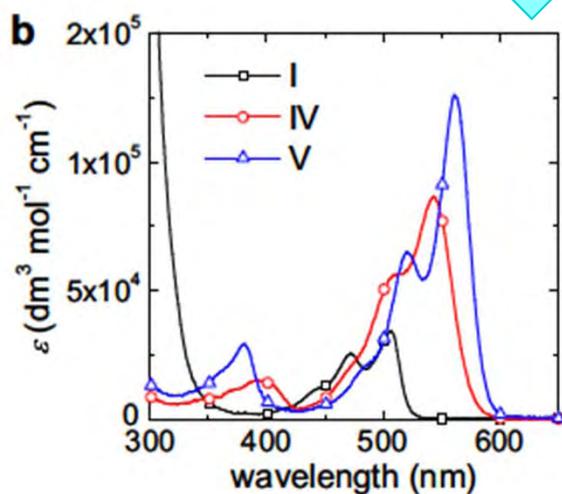
# Influence of electron-donating groups

	R <sub>1</sub>	R <sub>2</sub>	R <sub>3</sub>	R <sub>4</sub>
IV	H	H		H
V	H	H		
VI	H	H		



The Influence of electron-donors

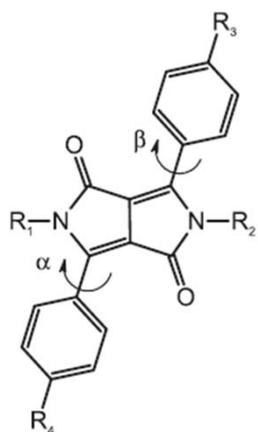
- Increase of the molar absorption coefficient of the parent compound I accompanied with strong bathochromic shift (up to 55 nm)
- This behaviour implies that charge separation occurs via electron delocalization leading to creation of permanent dipole moment.



The central part composed of H-chromophores behaves as an electron-accepting group.

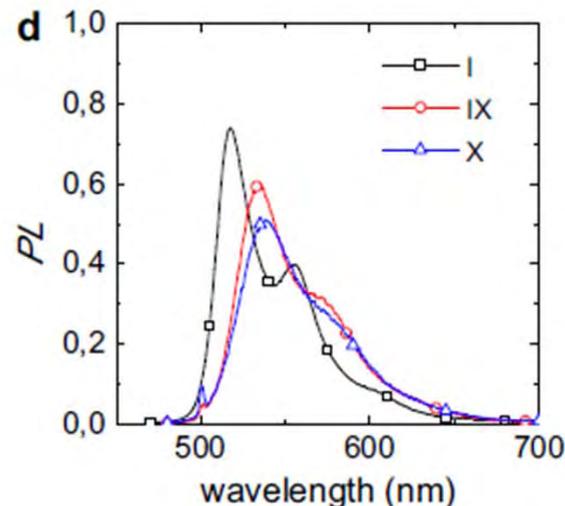
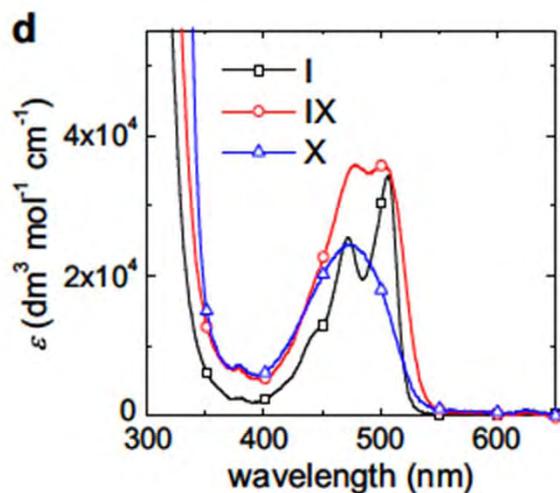
# Influence of electron-withdrawing groups

	R <sub>1</sub>	R <sub>2</sub>	R <sub>3</sub>	R <sub>4</sub>
<b>I</b>	H	H	H	H
<b>IX</b>	C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>9</sub>	H	Cl	Cl
<b>X</b>	C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>9</sub>	C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>9</sub>	Cl	Cl



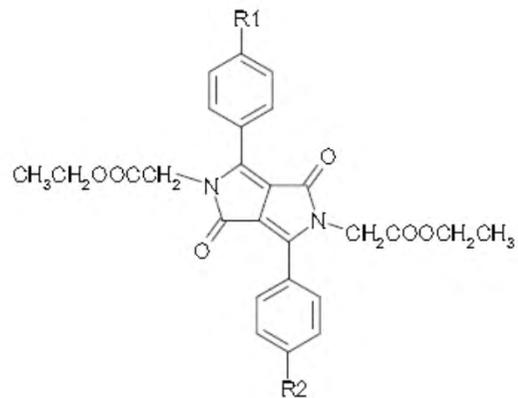
The Influence of electron-acceptors

- The introduction of the electron-acceptors did not caused increase of absorption
- This is further evidence for the electron-accepting character of the central part.
- For the alkylated derivatives we observed hypso- and hypochromic shift with the loss of vibration structure again.

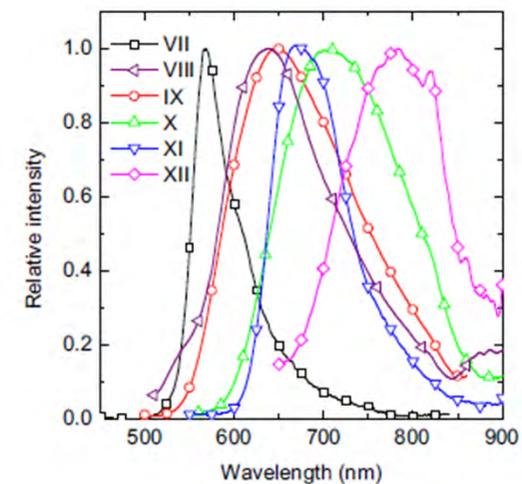
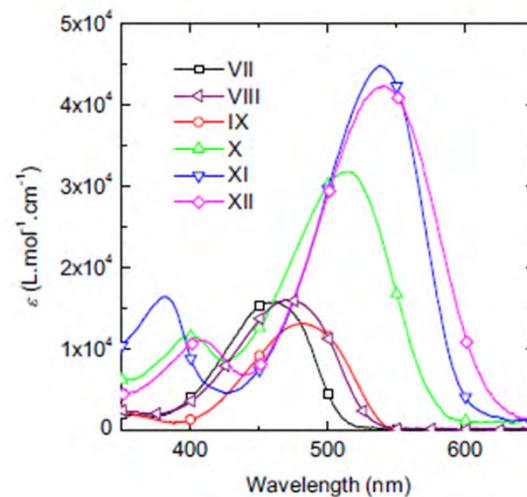


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# Influence of conjugation



Symbol	R <sub>1</sub>	R <sub>2</sub>
VII	H	H
VIII	CN	H
IX	CN	CN
X	H	
XI		
XII	CN	



VII



VIII



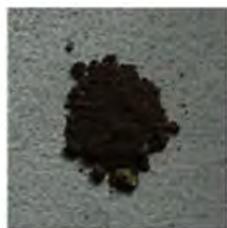
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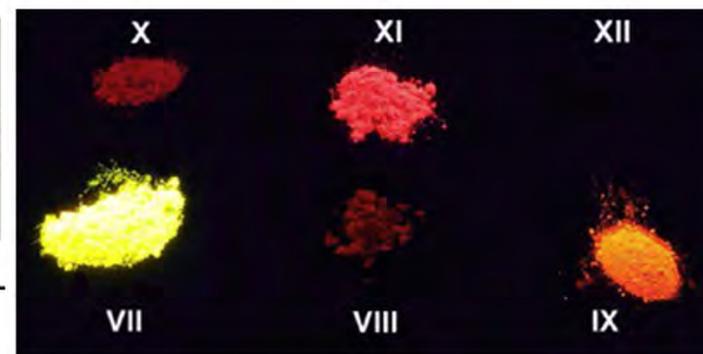
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XI

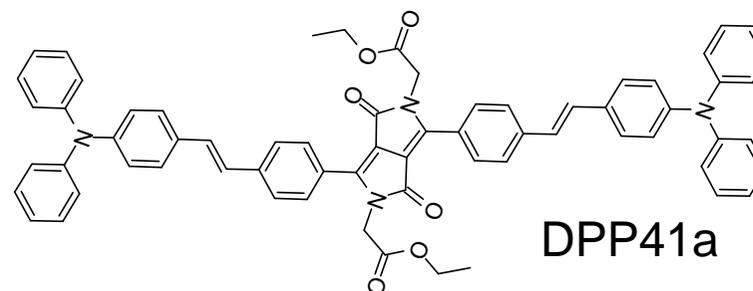
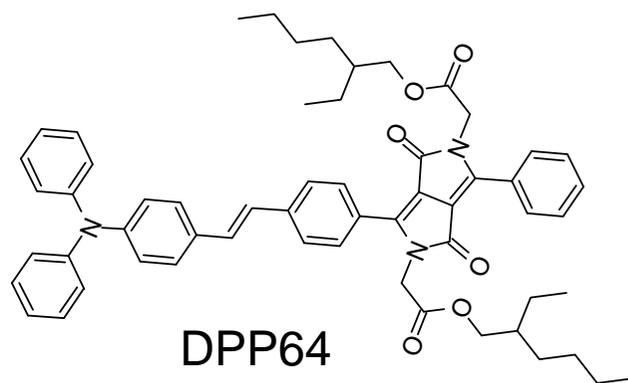
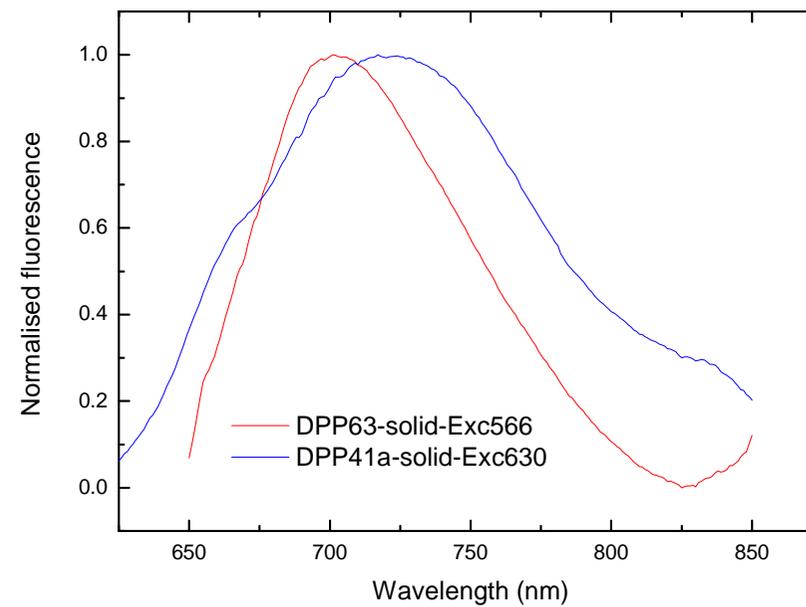
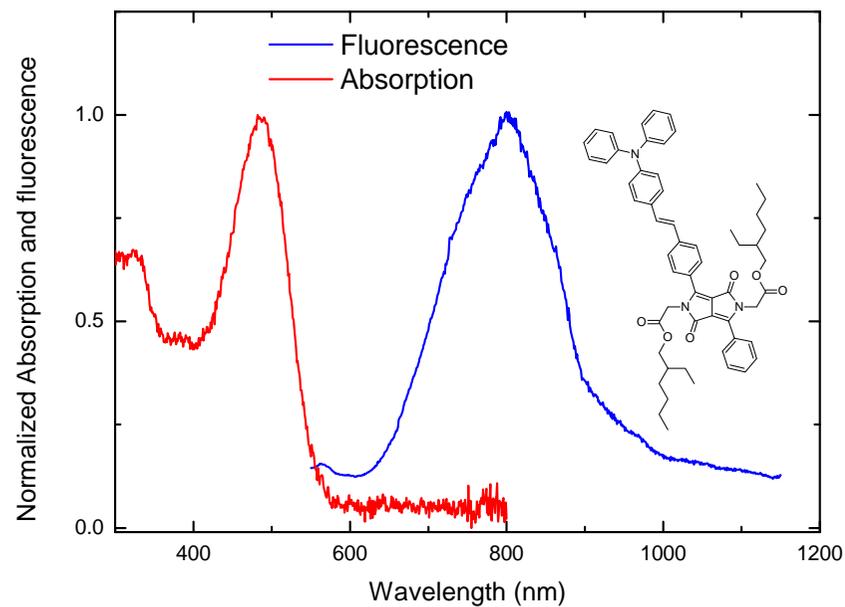


XII

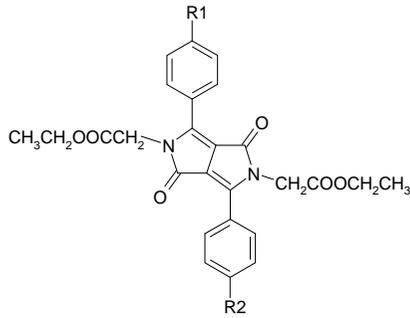


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# Influence of conjugation

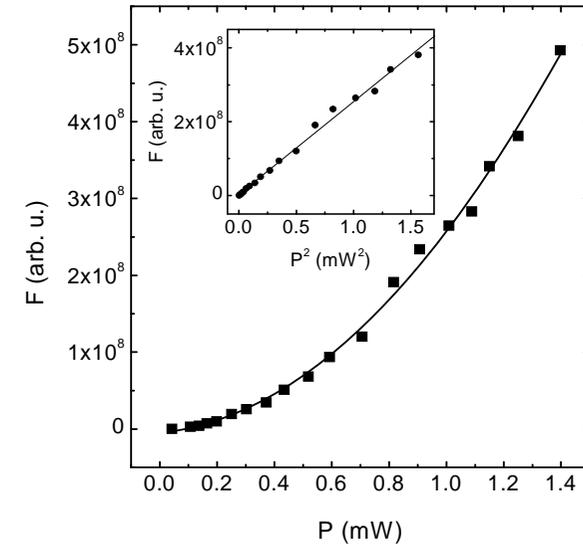
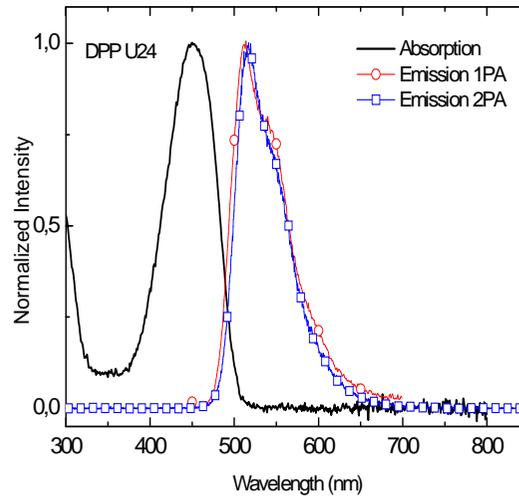


# Two photon absorption - TPA

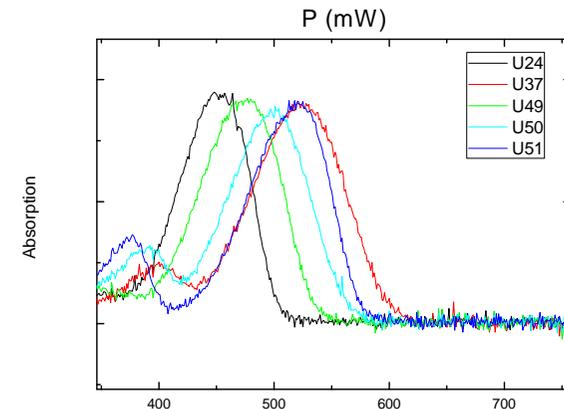


TPA is the simultaneous absorption of two photons. Applications in Imaging methods in medical diagnostics or in Photodynamic therapy (if the molecule posses triplet quantum yield).

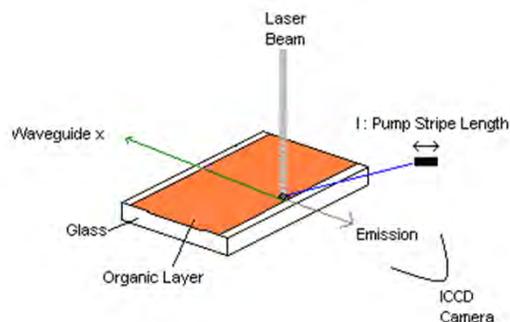
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VII	CN	CN
VIII	H	
IX		
X	CN	
XI		



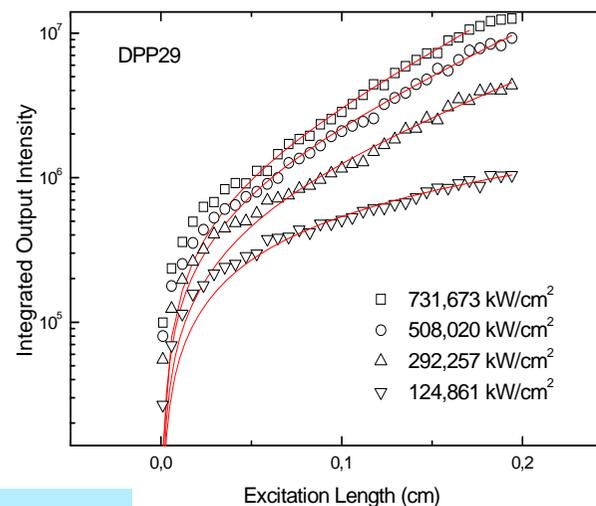
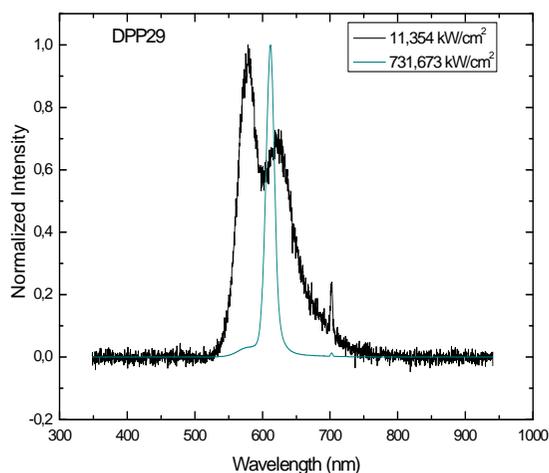
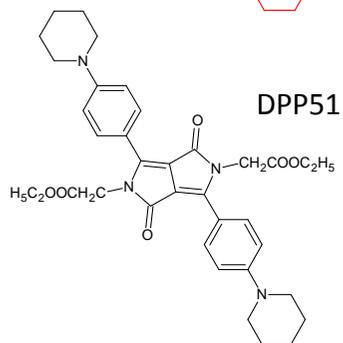
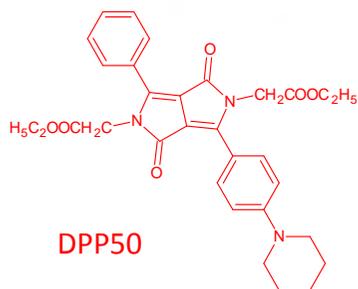
Molecule	$\lambda_{\text{TPF}}$ (nm)	$\sigma_{\text{TPA}}$ (GM) <sup>a</sup>	$\epsilon$ (532 nm) (dm <sup>-3</sup> mol <sup>-1</sup> cm <sup>-1</sup> )	$\sigma_{\text{TPE}}$ (GM) <sup>a</sup>
VI	520	2,1±0,4	320	1,7±0,3
VII	555	2,4±0,5	3500	1,7±0,3
<b>VIII</b>	<b>594</b>	<b>1400±300</b>	<b>26000</b>	<b>170±30</b>
IX	598	44±9	45000	20±4
X	650	9.3±1.5	44000	0.093±0.029
<b>XI</b>	<b>595</b>	<b>1100±200</b>	<b>41500</b>	<b>490±100</b>



# Amplified spontaneous emission - ASE



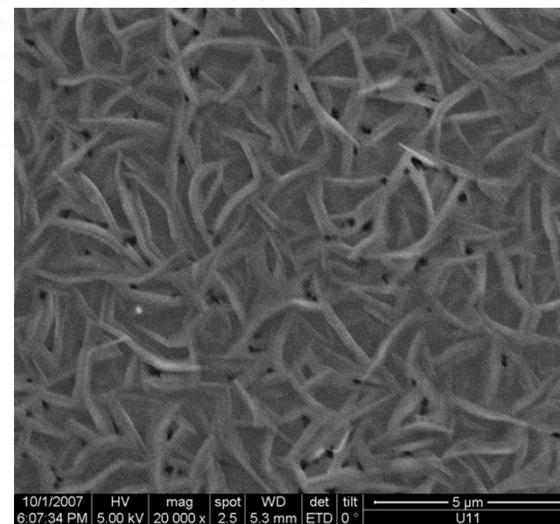
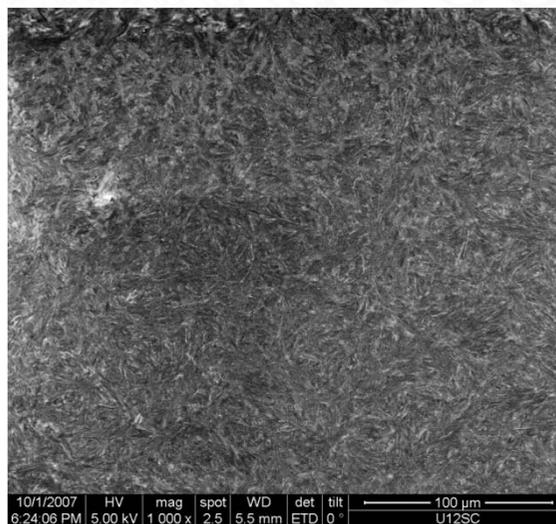
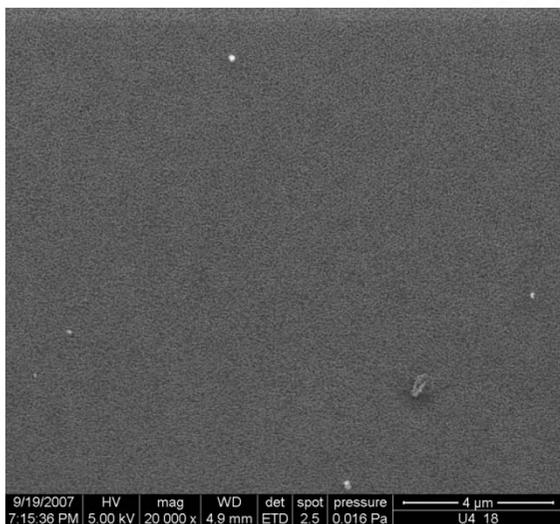
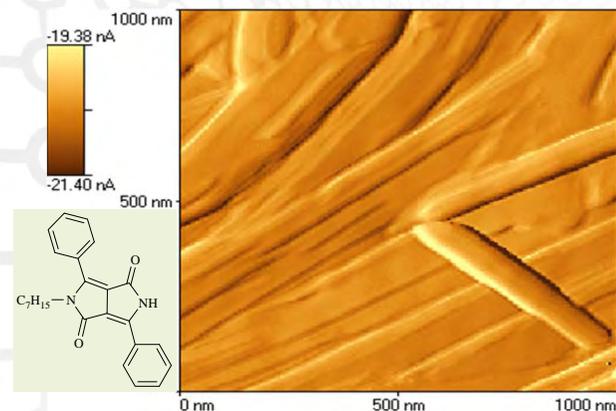
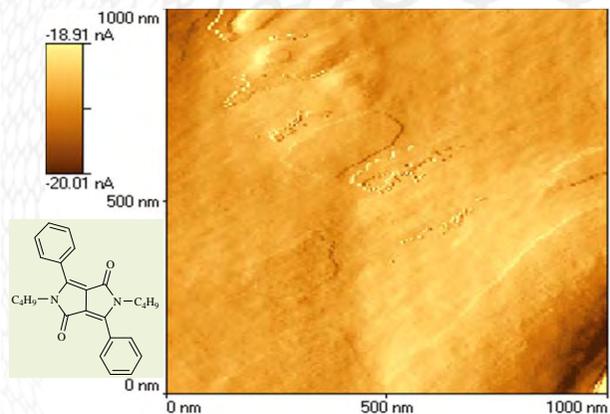
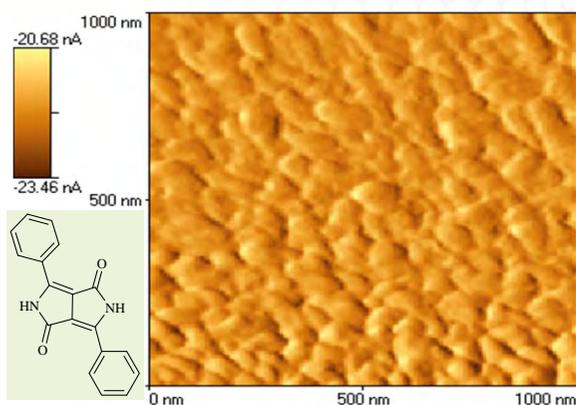
ASE or superluminescence is light, produced by spontaneous emission, that has been optically amplified by the process of stimulated emission in a gain medium. DPP has to be mixed with polymers (PMMA, PS) to create nanostructured photonic layers.



Compound	$\lambda_{\text{ABS}}$ (nm)	$\lambda_{\text{Em}}$ (nm)	$E_{\text{th}}$ (kW/cm <sup>2</sup> )	$\lambda_{\text{Fl}}$ (nm)	$\lambda_{\text{ASE-CE}}$ (nm)	$\Phi_{\text{FL}}$
U29	384	601	257,833	595	631	0.41
U50	398	595	1008,890	567	579	0.12
U51	537	601	298,033	583	612	0.45
U65	404	606	1025,073	574	594	x
U12	301	533	1095,674	525	558	0.77

Energy (kW/cm <sup>2</sup> )	Gain
124,861	4,53
292,257	10,73
508,02	13,26
731,673	15,23

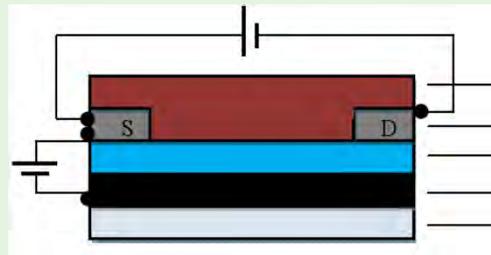
# Morphology of thin layers



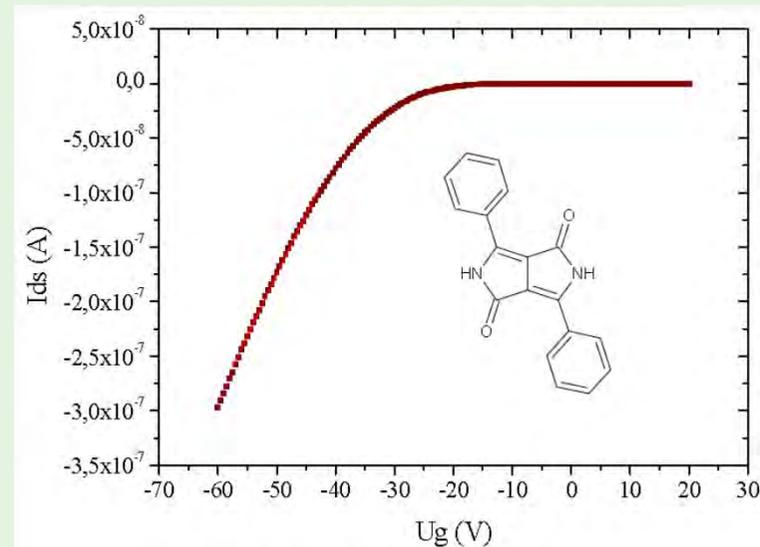
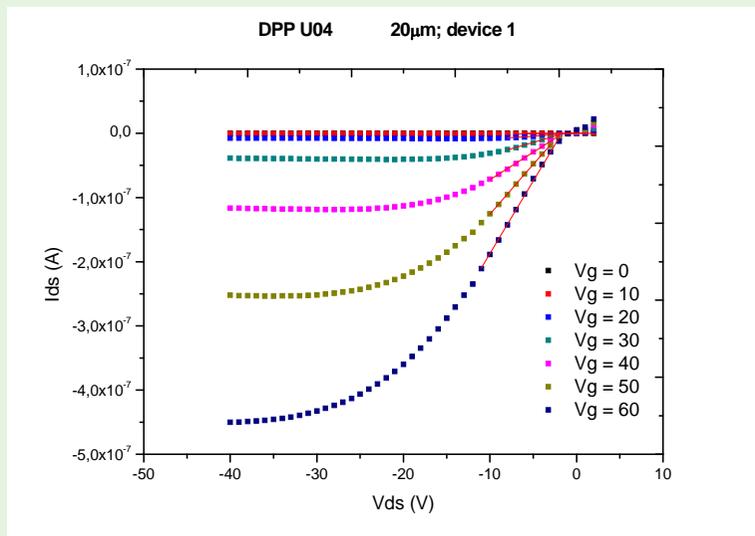
# Charge carrier mobility - holes

Organic Field Effect Transistors based on different derivatives of DPP were prepared

From the OFET characteristics the hole mobility in range from  $1 \times 10^{-4}$  to  $1 \times 10^{-9} \text{ cm}^2 \text{ s}^{-1} \text{ V}^{-1}$  were evaluated



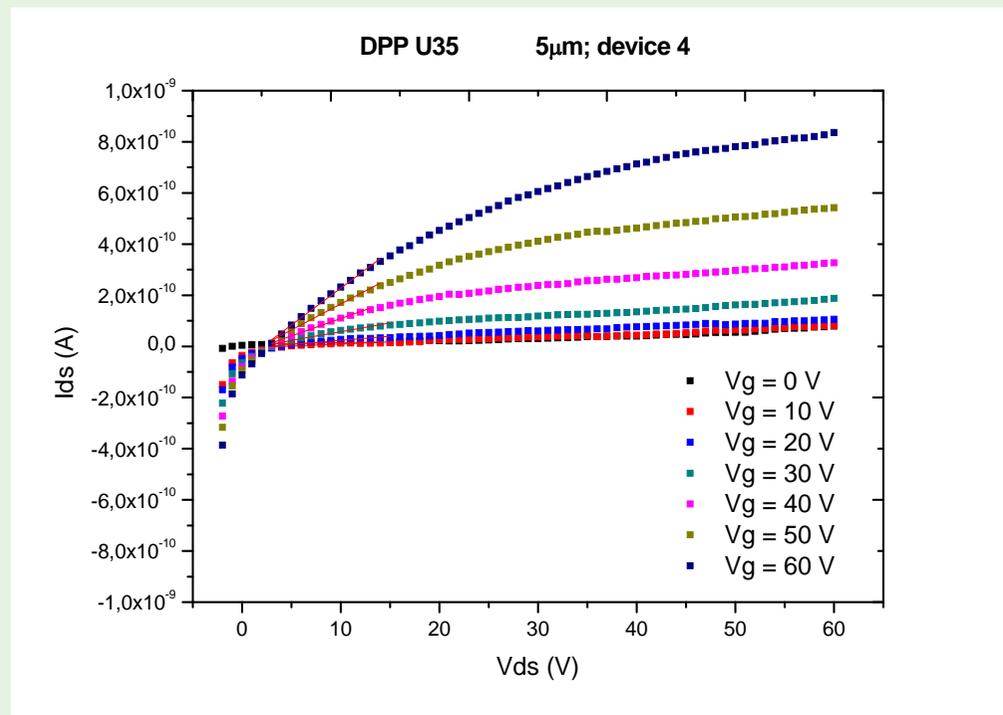
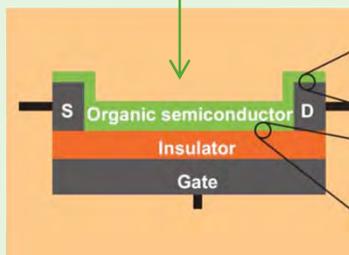
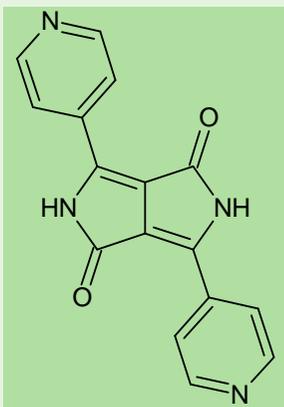
Organic semiconductor (e.g. DPP)  
Source and Drain electrodes  
Dielectric layer  
Gate electrode  
Substrate



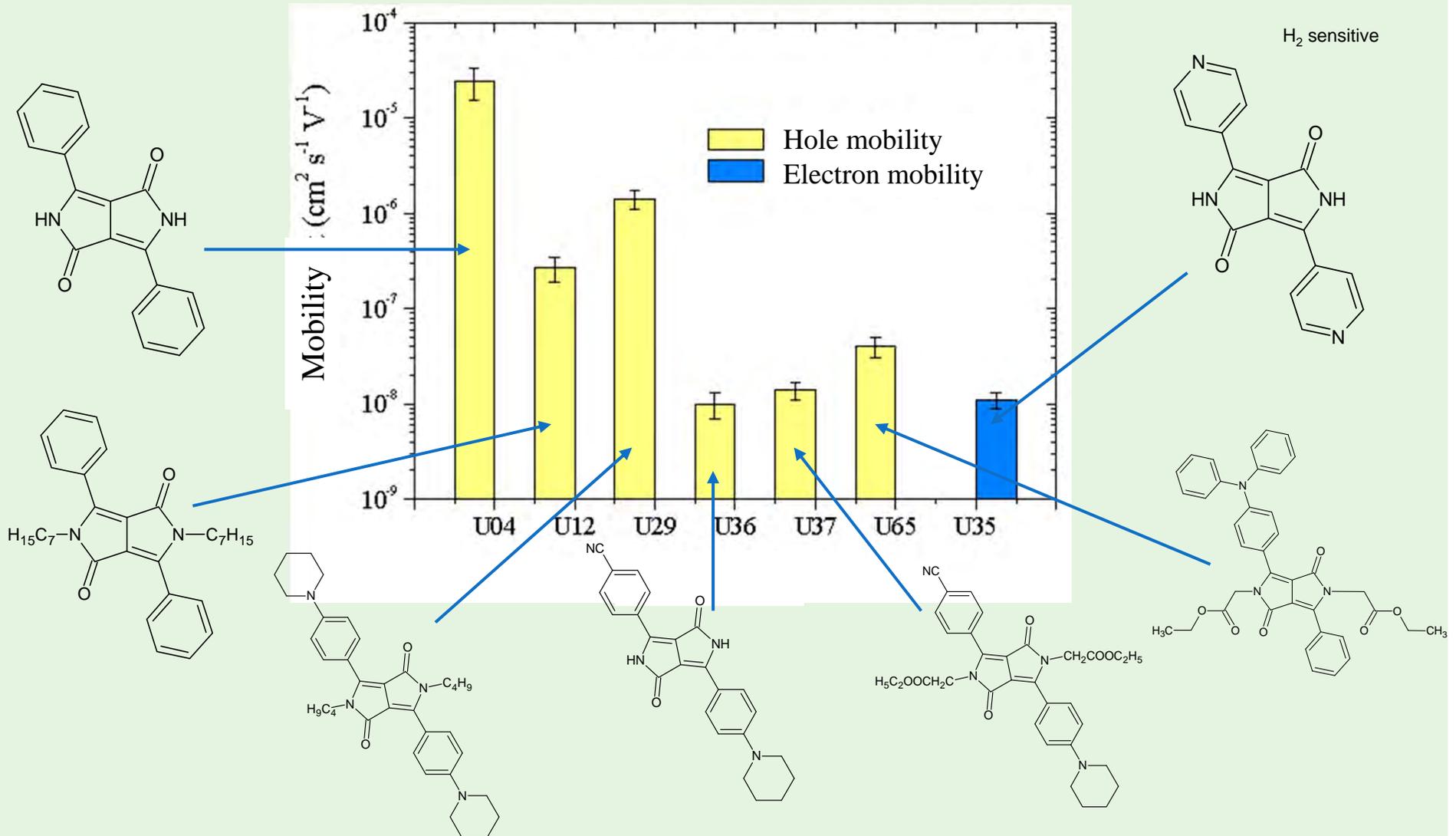
# Charge carrier mobility - electrones

Some derivatives exhibit also electron conductivity with electron mobility range from  $1 \times 10^{-6}$  to  $1 \times 10^{-8} \text{ cm}^2 \text{ s}^{-1} \text{ V}^{-1}$

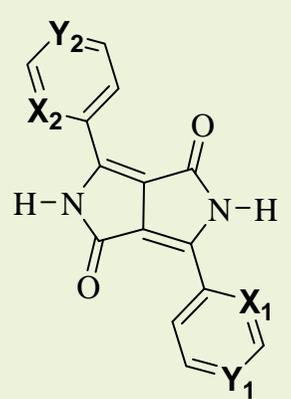
DPP derivatives allow us to prepare both p-type and n-type organic semiconductors

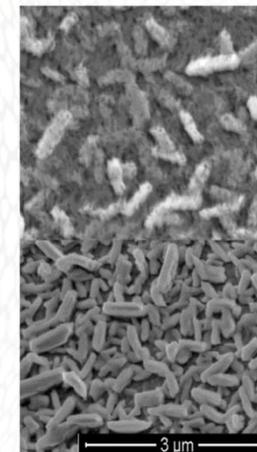
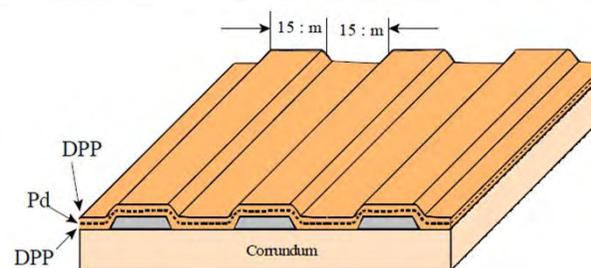


# Charge carrier mobility



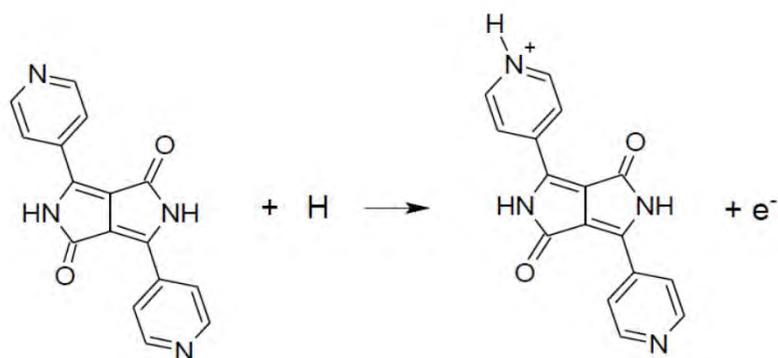
# Application: hydrogen sensor

	BPPB	$X_1=X_2=Y_1=Y_2=C$ H
	2PyPPB	$X_1=N,$ $X_2=Y_1=Y_2=CH$
	2PyPP2P y	$X_1=X_2=N,$ $Y_1=Y_2=CH$
	4PyPPB	$X_1=X_2=CH,$ $Y_1=N,$ $Y_2=CH$
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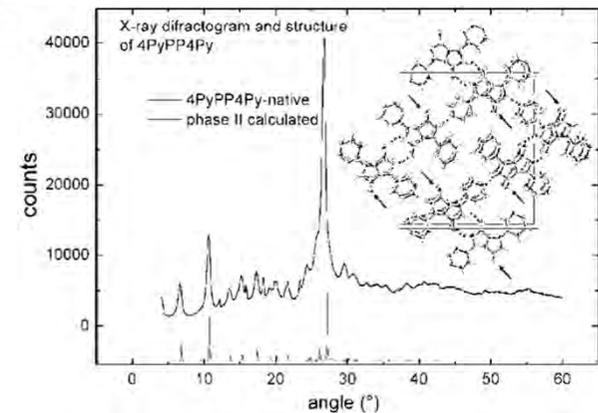
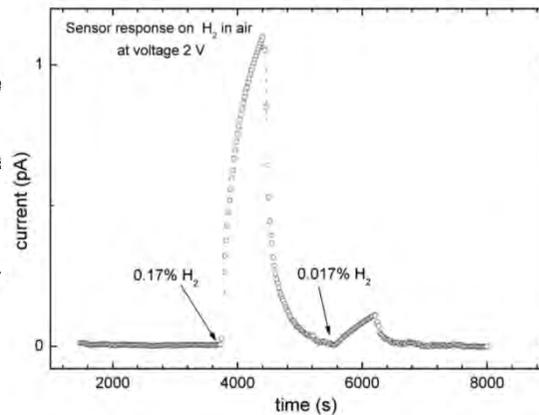
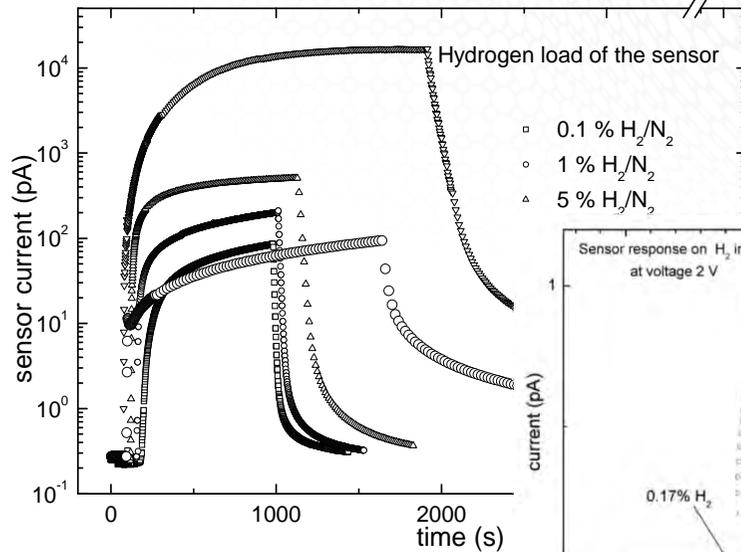
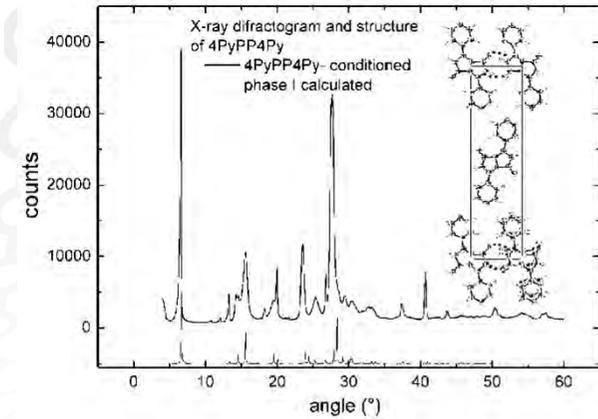
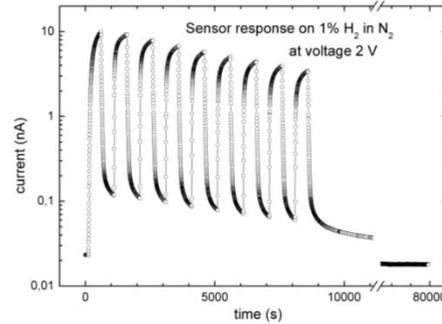
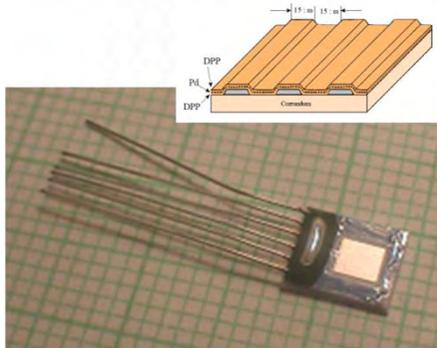


Family of some DPP analogues with pyridyl group can be used for construction of hydrogen sensor which is sensitive to hydrogen.

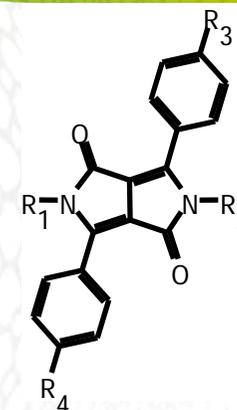
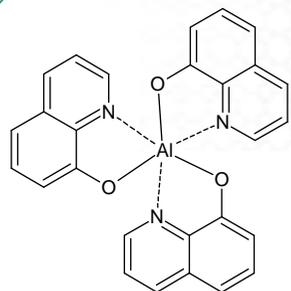
To reach this goal it is necessary to prepare some nanostructured layer with DPP and Palladium which enable the dissociation of the hydrogen.



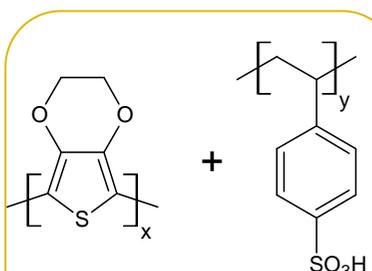
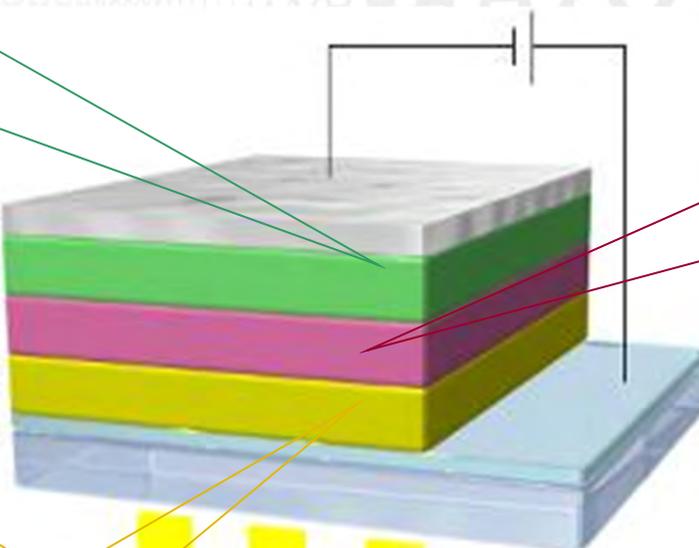
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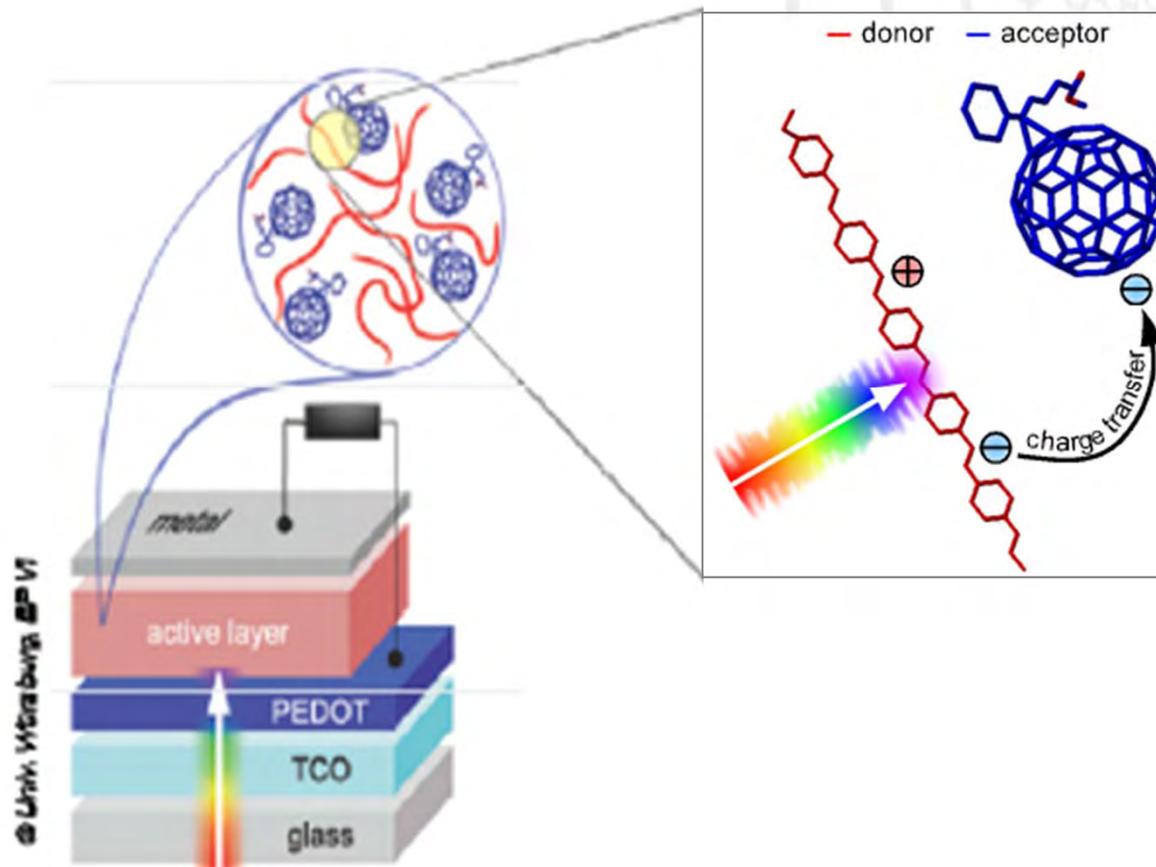
# Application: DPPs in OLED



metal electrode  
 electron transporting layer  
 emitting layer  
 hole transporting layer  
 transparent electrode



# Application: organic photovoltaics





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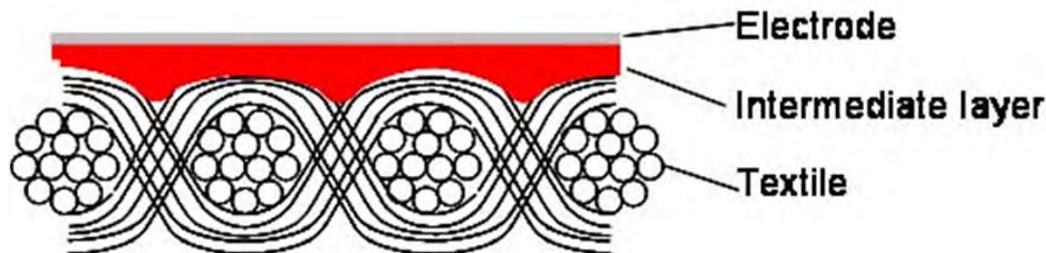
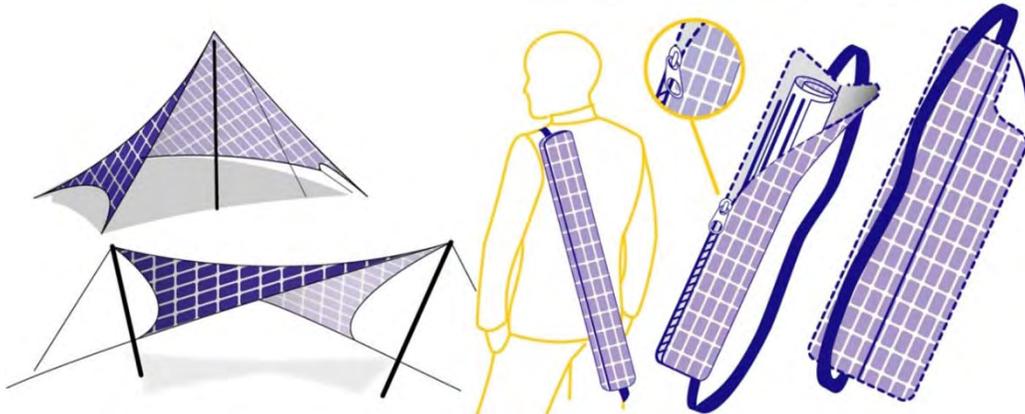
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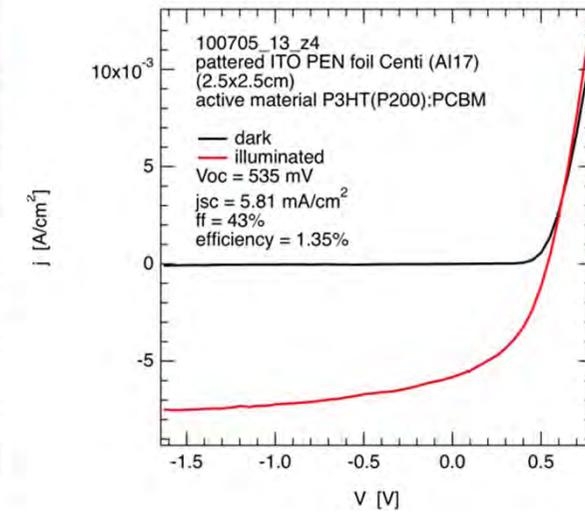
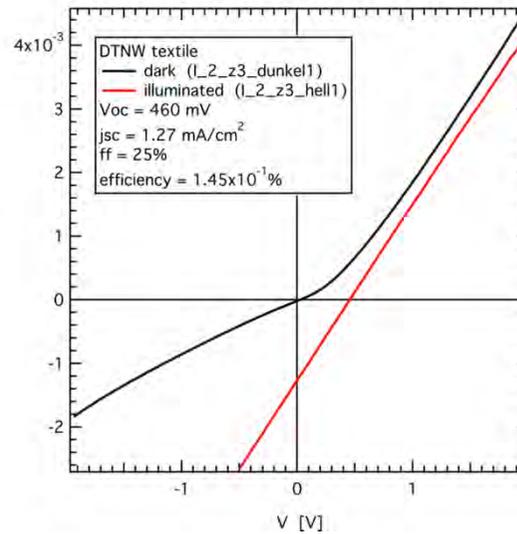
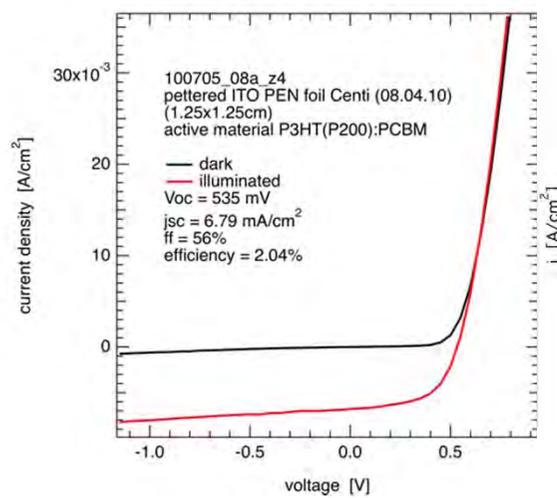
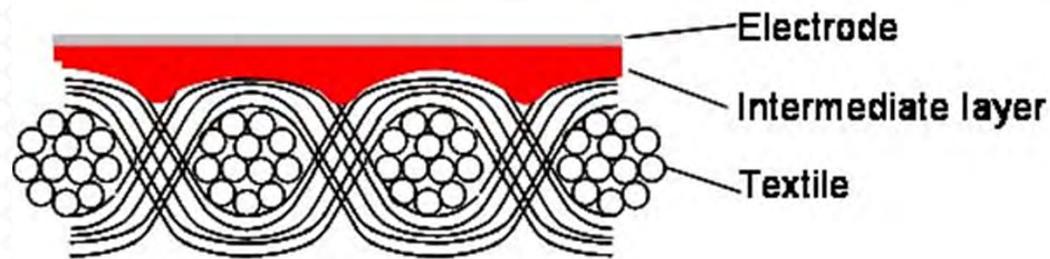
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# Summary

## Unsoluble derivatives

- Nanoparticles, clusters

## Soluble derivatives

- Symetrically and unsymmetrically substituted by different groups; polar and organic solvents

## Latent derivatives

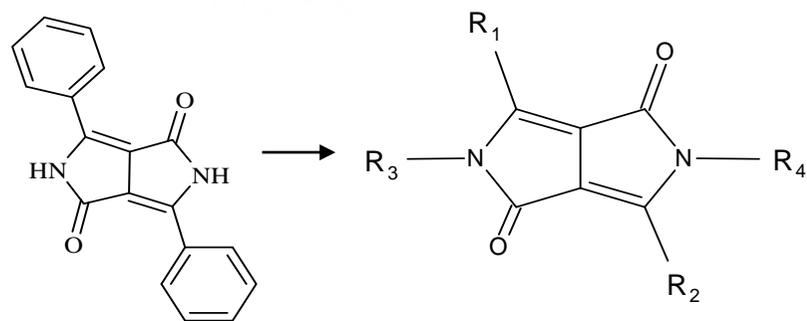
- Irreversible change from soluble to insoluble material

DPP based materials enable us to create the diverse electrical and optical components or subsystems needed for tomorrow's electronics applications:

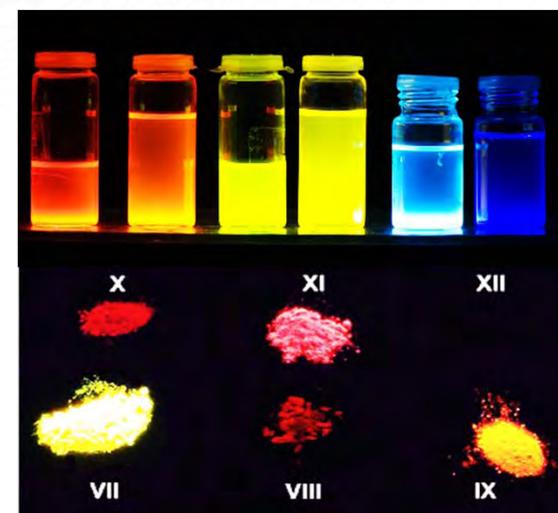
- ✓ optical devices and components
- ✓ organic field effect transistors
- ✓ organic light emitting diodes
- ✓ organic solar cells
- ✓ humidity and hydrogen sensors



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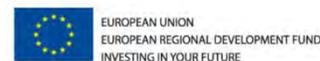
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