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Controlling the electronic properties in organic supramolecular materials using light

The rational design of supramolecular structures endowed with tunable electronic properties is a cornerstone towards bridging the bottom-up and top-down approach to molecule-based electronics.¹ For applications in solar energy conversion, the organization of the electron donating and electron accepting moieties is a prerequisite which can be attained by making use of designed supramolecular interactions. A major feature of the self-assembly process is that individual components will spontaneously combine in a predetermined fashion due to the presence of complementary molecular recognition sites. Hydrophobic / hydrophilic interactions, metal ion coordination, π -stacking interactions, and hydrogen bonding have all been used successfully in the preparation of multi-component molecular edifices. This can lead to interesting photochemical and photophysical behavior, such as the observation of additional electronic interactions, or the control of excited-state processes. With this in mind, we investigate the use of molecular recognition motifs to direct the formation of selected architectures possessing unique ground- and excited-state electronic properties. This has recently led to the spontaneous generation of highly emissive organic nanospheres whose color can be continuously tuned from blue to red,² the formation of fullerene double cables exhibiting the capability of undergoing a photoinduced switch in the polarization emission.^{3,4}

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