Guest Editor: Nagao Kobayashi

This issue of JPP is dedicated to Professor Kazuchika Ohta on the occasion of his retirement in the end of March 2018. It consists of 28 original research papers presented by his colleagues and friends. Professor Ohta is a very ingenious scientist. He developed a new field of metal-containing liquid crystals, namely metallomesogens in 1978. His continual creativity has brought about a number of phthalocyanine-based liquid crystals with original molecular and phase structures showing unique properties. The cover picture shows the spiranthes-like supramolecular structure of some selected phthalocyanine-fullerene dyads that were designed and characterized by Professor Ohta. From precise analysis of the SAXS and CD spectra, he established the helical structure of fullerenes in the Colh mesophase. Fullerenes pile up in left-handed and right-handed helicity in a ratio of 50:50. This helical structure resembles spiranthes flower. The helical stacking of C60 moieties is very favorable as an electron carrier path.

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Photophysical properties of a novel styryl-BODIPY with a fused crown ether moiety
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A new PEG-conjugated silicon(IV) phthalocyanine axially substituted with poly(ethylene glycol) (PEG 1000) chains was synthesized and characterized. Its photophysical, photochemical properties and its photocytotoxicity were also investigated by applying it on HeLa and HuH-7 tumor cells. The antibacterial activity against Gram-negative (Escherichia coli) bacterium was also tested.
Pyrene containing liquid crystalline asymmetric phthalocyanines and their composite materials with single-walled carbon nanotubes

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Liquid crystalline asymmetrically substituted phthalocyanines MPc (M=Cu, Co, 2H) bearing one pyrene and six polyoxy groups and their composite materials with single-walled carbon nanotubes was investigated. The incorporation of small amount of SWCNT (0.1–1 wt.%) does not alter the MPc mesophases significantly. The structural features and the sensor response of MPc/SWCNT composite thin films to ammonia vapor (10–50 ppm) was studied and compared with those of the films of pure MPc derivatives.

A 4-(6-methyl-3-nitro-2-oxo-1,2-dihydropyridin-4-yl)phthalonitrile has been used to prepare a novel Zn(II) phthalocyanine with four peripheral pyridone substituents and the photophysicochemical properties of the product were analyzed.
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A new clamshell-type binuclear zinc phthalocyanine (2) was synthesized and characterized by microanalysis, 1H NMR, 13C DEPT NMR, 1H–1H COSY NMR, HR MALDI TOF MS, UV-vis and fluorescence spectrophotometers. The electronic structure and the nature of the excited states in 2 were correlated with the results obtained by DFT and TDDFT calculations. The performance of 2 as gate dielectric in an organic field effect transistor was investigated and a field effect mobility value of $6.4 \times 10^{-3}$ cm$^2$/Vs was obtained.

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A trinuclear copper(II) phthalocyanine complex was synthesized by chelate coordination of the peripherally introduced Schiff-base nitrogen and phenoxide oxygen on the Cu(pc) core to a copper(II) ion. The magnetic, spectral and electrochemical properties were investigated for the trinuclear complex.
Solvent effects on molecular aggregation of highly water-soluble phthalocyanines
Hiroaki Isago* and Harumi Fujita

Solvent effects on molecular aggregation behaviors of highly water-soluble phthalocyanines have been investigated by concentration studies on optical absorption and magnetic circular dichroism spectra in water, ethanol, and their mixed solvent systems.

Synthesis, photophysical and electrochemical properties of novel unsymmetrical phthalocyanines with a Sudan IV moiety
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The synthesis of novel, A,B type unsymmetrical metal-free and metallo phthalocyanines bearing one azo dye group Sudan IV and three nitro terminal moieties was achieved by cyclotetramerization of novel 4-((1-((E)-(2-methyl-4-(E)-otlyldiazenyl)phenyl)diazenyl)naphthalen-2-yl)oxy)phthalonitrile and 4-nitrophthalonitrile. The aggregation properties of the compounds were investigated. General trends were also studied for fluorescence quantum yields and lifetimes of these phthalocyanine compounds. In-depth investigation of the electrochemical properties showed that nitro groups extended the reduction potentials.

Electrical and gas sensing properties of novel cobalt(II), copper(II), manganese(III) phthalocyanines carrying ethyl 7-oxy-4,8-dimethylcoumarin-3-propanoate moieties
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Co(II), Cu(II), Mn(III)OAc phthalocyanines bearing four ethyl 7-oxy-4,8-dimethylcoumarin-3-propanoate moieties were prepared and characterized. DC and AC (40–10^3 Hz) electrical properties of the films of metallophthalocyanines were investigated in the temperature range of 295–523 K. Impedance spectroscopy measurements revealed that bulk resistance decreases with increasing temperature indicating semiconductor property. Their gas sensing properties were also investigated for the vapors of VOCs, n-butyl acetate (200–3200 ppm) and ammonia (7000–56000 ppm) between temperatures 25–100°C.

Photophysics and NLO properties of Ga(III) and In(III) phthalocyaninates bearing diethylene glycol chains

This paper reports the synthesis, photophysical and nonlinear optical properties of Ga(III) and In(III) complexes with low symmetry phthalocyanine bearing diethylene glycol chains. The NLO parameters of In(III) complex exhibited the strongest nonlinear optical behavior in comparison with Ga(III) in solution and reverse tendency when embedded in poly(bisphenol A carbonate) thin films. DFT calculations were used to rationalize these results.
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Five-nuclear phthalocyanine complex bearing terpyridine zinc complex: Synthesis, and photophysicochemical studies
Pinar Sen*, S. Zeki Yıldız, Gökşur Yasa Atmaca and Ali Erdoğmuş*

New terpyridine-Zn(II) complexes substituted Zinc-Pc was synthesized as new functionalized materials and characterized by using different spectroscopic methods such as FT-IR, UV-vis, and 'H-NMR, 13C-NMR, elemental analysis and mass. Spectral, photophysical (fluorescence quantum yields and lifetimes) and photochemical (singlet oxygen production and photodegradation under light irradiation) properties of newly synthesized phthalocyanine (3) as five nuclear phthalocyanine were investigated in DMSO solutions.

Toluene vapor sensing characteristics of novel copper(II), indium(III), mono-lutetium(III) and tin(IV) phthalocyanines substituted with 2,6-dimethoxyphenoxy bioactive moieties
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The effects of the substituent’s positions on the toluene vapor detection capabilities of copper(II), indium(OAc), mono-lutetium(OAc) and tin(IV) phthalocyanines substituted with 2,6-dimethoxyphenol bioactive groups were investigated. Adsorption data were analysed by using first order and Elovich equations in order to investigate the adsorption kinetics. It was found that the kinetics of the toluene adsorption strongly depends on the position of the substituent groups.

Novel phthalocyanines containing azo chromophores; synthesis, characterization, photophysical, and electrochemical properties
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A series of novel metal-free and zinc (II), copper (II), cobalt (II), and manganese (III) phthalocyanine complexes bearing peripheral 2,6-dimethyl-4-(4-tert-butyl-phenylazo)phenoxy units have been synthesized. The structures of these new compounds were characterized by using elemental analyses, proton and carbon nuclear magnetic resonance, fourier transform infrared spectroscopy, ultraviolet-visible spectroscopy and mass spectrometry. The photophysical properties of metal-free and zinc(II) phthalocyanines were studied in tetrahydrofuran. The electrochemical properties of the phthalocyanine complexes were investigated by cyclic and square wave voltammetry.

Synthesis, characterization and computational investigation of novel metalloporphyrazines containing 15-membered O,S₂-donor macrocyclic moieties
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Donor–accepter dyads consisting of a porphyrin unit, which is linked to a perylene unit by a flexible aliphatic bridge, have been synthesized and characterized. These dyads have broad optical absorption in the ultraviolet and visible regions. Due to photo-induced electronic transfer, the charge-separated states of the dyad molecules formed when photo-excited. In addition, they have columnar liquid-crystal phase and tend to form the face-on alignment on the glass substrates when cooled from the isotropic liquid.

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**Antioxidant activities of the new tetrasubstituted metal-free, Zn(II) and Co(II) monophthalocyanines**

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**Synthesis, characterization and electrochemical properties of novel pyridine phthalocyanine derivatives**

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In this study, the novel Zn(II), metal-free and sandwich-type Lu(Pc)2 phthalocyanines containing tetra pyridine substituted at peripheral position were synthesized. All the new compounds have been characterized by FT-IR and UV-vis spectroscopies, 1H-NMR, MALDI-MS and elemental analysis. The electrochemical and spectroelectrochemical properties of all novel metallo and metal free phthalocyanine compounds were also investigated by voltammetric and in situ spectroelectrochemical measurements on Pt in dimethylsulfoxide/tetrabutylammonium perchlorate.

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**Synthesis, characterization of new phthalocyanines and investigation of photophysical, photochemical properties and theoretical studies**

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Phthalocyanine derivatives comprise the second generation of photosensitizer molecules employed in photodynamic therapy.
Zinc(II) and chloroindium(III) phthalocyanines bearing ethyl 7-oxy-6-chloro-4-methylcoumarin-3-propanoate groups: Synthesis, characterization and investigation of their photophysicochemical properties

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The novel ethyl 7-oxy-6-chloro-4-methylcoumarin-3-propanoate substituted zinc(II) and chloroindium(III) phthalocyanines were synthesized and characterized by using different spectroscopic methods such as $^1$H NMR, FT-IR, UV-vis, mass spectroscopy. The photophysical and photochemical properties as fluorescence lifetime, fluorescence, singlet oxygen and photodegradation quantum yields were investigated. The fluorescence quenching behavior of these phthalocyanines were also investigated using 1,4-benzoquinone as a quencher.

Novel peripherally and non-peripherally 6-oxyflavone substituted metal-free, zinc(II) and cobalt(II) phthalocyanines: Electrochemical and in situ spectroelectrochemical properties

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Novel peripheral and non-peripheral tetra substituted 6-hydroxyflavonoxy zinc(II), cobalt(II) and metal free phthalocyanines were synthesized. Electron transfer properties of the compounds were investigated by voltammetric and in situ spectroelectrochemical measurements in nonaqueous solution medium.