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# Tetraaryltetra[2,3]naphthaloporphyrins via Oxidative 

## Aromatization

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## Equipment and Measurements

The equipment used for analytical characterization of the compounds has been described elsewhere. ${ }^{1}$ Solutions for phosphorescence measurements were deoxygenated by bubbling of Ar (Grade 6, BOC Gases, Inc.), after which the cuvettes were sealed. The absorbances of the samples at the wavelengths used for excitation were kept below 0.15 OD. The quantum yields were obtained by computing the integrals of the corrected emission spectra and referencing them to the fluorescence quantum yield of ZnTPP in deoxygenated benzene $\left(\phi_{\text {fluor }}=0.033\right.$ ). ${ }^{2}$ The spectra were normalized by the optical density of the samples at the excitation wavelengths, relative photon intensity of the source and quantum efficiency of the detector throughout the emission range.

## Materials and Synthesis

All solvents were purified according to the standard procedures. Selecto silica gel (Fisher) was used for column chromatography. All starting materials and reagents were purchased from Fisher Scientific, Inc. and Sigma-Aldrich, Inc. Ethyl isocyanoacetate was prepared from glycine ethyl ester hydrochloride according to the published method. ${ }^{3}$ 5,8,9,10-Tetrahydro-1,4-naphthoquinone $\mathbf{1}$ and 5,8-dimethoxy-1,4-dihydronaphthalene $\mathbf{8}$ were synthesized using another published method. ${ }^{4}$ Octalin 2 was obtained from 1 in $40 \%$ yield according to the published procedure. ${ }^{5}$ Sulfone $\mathbf{3}$ was prepared from $\mathbf{2}$ in $80 \%$ yield following the standard method. ${ }^{6}$ In the reported below UV-VIS absorption data, the numbers in parentheses are the absorbances of the samples, normalized by the absorbances of the maximal peaks in the spectra. These numbers are representative of the relative oscillator intensities for the given wavelengths. ${ }^{7}$

Pyrrole-ester (4): Synthesis of 4 followed the general protocol, described earlier. ${ }^{8}$ Ethyl isocyanoacetate ( $560 \mathrm{mg}, 5.0 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) was added to a suspension of ${ }^{\mathrm{t}} \mathrm{BuOK}$ ( $620 \mathrm{mg}, 5.0 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) in 15 ml of freshly distilled THF ( $90 \%$ ) at $0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ under Ar. A solution of sulfone $3(1.1 \mathrm{~g}, 4.1 \mathrm{mmol})$ in 15 ml of THF was added to the mixture in one portion, and the mixture was left to react at r.t. under continuous stirring. After 4 h the volume of the mixture was reduced to about 10 ml by rotary evaporation. 100 ml of $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ was added to the mixture, and the resulting solution was washed with water, then with brine and dried over $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}$. After evaporation of the solvent, the residue was dried in vacuum to remove isocyanacetate and purified on a silica gel column (eluent: $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ ). Yield of pyrrole-ester 4: $890 \mathrm{mg}, 88 \%$, colorless crystals. $\delta_{H}\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right): 8.74($ broad s, 1 H$), 6.60(\mathrm{~d}$, $1 \mathrm{H}, J=3 \mathrm{~Hz}), 4.29(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 3.05\left(\mathrm{dd}, 1 \mathrm{H}, J_{1}=17 \mathrm{~Hz}, J_{2}=5 \mathrm{~Hz}\right), 2.61\left(\mathrm{dd}, 1 \mathrm{H}, J_{1}=15 \mathrm{~Hz}\right.$, $\left.J_{2}=4 \mathrm{~Hz}\right), 2.23\left(\mathrm{dd}, 1 \mathrm{H}, J_{1}=17 \mathrm{~Hz}, J_{2}=10 \mathrm{~Hz}\right), 2.10\left(\mathrm{dd}, 1 \mathrm{H}, J_{1}=16 \mathrm{~Hz}, J_{2}=11 \mathrm{~Hz}\right), 1.85$ $(\mathrm{m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 1.75(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 1.28-1.35($ ovrlp. $\mathrm{t}+\mathrm{m}, 3+4 \mathrm{H}), 1.08(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}) ; \delta_{C}\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right): 161.52$, 128.17, 122.13, 118.01, 117.3, 59.7, 38.9, 34.4, 34.3, 30.9, 29.7, 26.5, 14.6.

Porphyrin (6): Pyrrole-ester $4(890 \mathrm{mg}, 3.60 \mathrm{mmol})$ was refluxed under Ar with an excess of $\mathrm{KOH}(1.8 \mathrm{~g}, 27.3 \mathrm{mmol})$ in ethylene glycol $(20 \mathrm{ml})$ for 20 min . The mixture was poured onto crushed ice, brine was added to reduce the emulsion and the product was extracted with $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}(4 \times 50 \mathrm{ml})$. The organic phase was thoroughly washed with water ( 200 ml ), then with brine, dried over $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}$, and the solvent was removed in vacuum. The resulting material was purified on a short ( $\varnothing 2 \times 10 \mathrm{~cm}$ ) silica gel column (eluent: $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ ). The solvent was removed in vacuum and the resulting oil was dissolved in 320
ml of $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$. Methyl 4-formylbenzoate ( $530 \mathrm{mg}, 3.25 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) was added to the mixture, and it was kept under continuous stirring in the dark under Ar for $10 \mathrm{~min} . \mathrm{BF}_{3} \cdot \mathrm{Et}_{2} \mathrm{O}(102$ $\mathrm{mg}, 0.72 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) was added in one portion, and the mixture was left to react at r.t. for 1.5 hrs. DDQ ( $900 \mathrm{mg}, 4 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) was added, and the mixture was left to stir for an hour. The resulting green solution was washed with $10 \%$ aq. $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{3}(100 \mathrm{ml})$, then with $10 \%$ aq. $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{CO}_{3}(100 \mathrm{ml})$ and finally with $5 \%$ aq. HCl , after which it was dried over $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}$. The solvent was removed in vacuum, and the remaining material was twice purified on a silica gel column (eluent: $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$, then $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$-THF 10:1). A bright green band eluting with $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$-THF was collected and the solvent was removed in vacuum. The remaining green solid was purified by repetitive precipitation from $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ with hexane-ether mixture (4:1). Yield of 6: $460 \mathrm{mg}, 40 \%$, green powder. $\delta_{H}\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right.$-TFA): 8.4-8.6 (m, $16 \mathrm{H}), 4.20(\mathrm{~s}, 12 \mathrm{H}), 2.6-0.2(\mathrm{~m}, 56 \mathrm{H}) ;-1.3(\mathrm{br} \mathrm{s}, 4 \mathrm{H})$; MALDI-TOF: $\mathrm{m} / \mathrm{z}$ 1280.2, calcd 1279.6; UV-VIS, $\lambda_{\max } \mathrm{nm}$ (di-cation $\mathrm{Cl}_{2}^{-}, \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ ): 467 (1.0), 615 (0.08), 671 (0.11).

Pd-porphyrin (Pd-6): An excess of $\mathrm{PdCl}_{2}(20 \mathrm{mg}, 0.11 \mathrm{mmol})$ was added to a solution of porphyrin $6(100 \mathrm{mg}, 0.078 \mathrm{mmol})$ in $\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{CN}-\mathrm{THF}(20 \mathrm{ml}, 1: 1)$, and the mixture was refluxed for $5 \mathrm{~min} . \mathrm{Et}_{3} \mathrm{~N}(0.5 \mathrm{ml})$ was added, and the mixture was refluxed for additional 10 min . The conversion was monitored using UV-VIS spectroscopy (solvent $\mathrm{CHCl}_{3}-\mathrm{AcOH}$ ). The reaction was stopped when the Soret absorption of the porphyrin-dication disappeared. The mixture was evaporated to dryness, and the remaining material was purified on a silica gel column (eluent: $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ ) to give the product as a red amorphous solid. Yield of Pd-6: $93 \mathrm{mg}, 97 \%$. $\delta_{H}\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right): 8.5-7.9(\mathrm{~m}$, 16 H ), $4.09(\mathrm{~s}, 12 \mathrm{H}), 2.4-0.6(\mathrm{~m}, 56 \mathrm{H})$; MALDI-TOF: $\mathrm{m} / \mathrm{z}$ 1382.2, calcd 1384.0; UVVIS, $\lambda_{\text {max }} \mathrm{nm}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}\right): 432$ (1.0), 541 (0.11), 577 (0.09).

Cu-porphyrin (Cu-6): An excess of $\mathrm{Cu}(\mathrm{OAc})_{2} \cdot 2 \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}(20 \mathrm{mg}, 0.11 \mathrm{mmol})$ was added to a solution of porphyrin $6(100 \mathrm{mg}, 0.078 \mathrm{mmol})$ in $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}-\mathrm{MeOH}(20 \mathrm{ml}, 10: 1)$, and the mixture was refluxed for 15 min . The conversion was monitored using UV-VIS spectroscopy (solvent $\mathrm{CHCl}_{3}-\mathrm{AcOH}$ ). The reaction was stopped when the Soret absorption of the porphyrin-dication disappeared. The mixture was evaporated to dryness, and the remaining material was purified on a silica gel column (eluent: $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ ) to give the product as a red amorphous solid. Yield of Cu-porphyrin Cu-6: $100 \mathrm{mg}, 99 \%$. MALDI-TOF: $m / z$ 1307.5, calcd 1307.3; UV-VIS, $\lambda_{\max } \mathrm{nm}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}\right)$ : 428 (1.0), 560 (0.091), 593 (0.05).

Cu-tetranaphthaloporphyrin (Cu-7a): Porphyrin Cu-6 (30 mg, 0.023 mmol ) was dissolved in 30 ml of freshly distilled dry toluene under Ar. DDQ ( $120 \mathrm{mg}, 0.54$ $\mathrm{mmol})$ and $\mathrm{Sc}(\mathrm{OTf})_{3}(100 \mathrm{mg}, 0.2 \mathrm{mmol})$ were added and the mixture was refluxed for 20 min . The color of the solution changed to from red to brown-green and a dark precipitate formed. The mixture was allowed to cool down and $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}(50 \mathrm{ml})$ was added. The solution was washed with $10 \%$ aq. $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{3}$ solution ( 50 ml ), then with water ( 100 ml ), with brine ( 100 ml ), and dried over $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}$. The solvents were removed in vacuum, and the remaining solid was purified on a silica gel column (eluent: $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}-\mathrm{THF}, 30: 1$ ). The first green fraction contained mixture of porphyrins (see main text), which were poorly separated and eluted in the following order: 6, partially oxidized 6, Cu-7a. Cu-7a was collected, the solvent was evaporated in vacuum and the remaining solid was dried on a vacuum line. Yield of $\mathbf{C u}-7 \mathbf{a}: 6 \mathrm{mg}, 20 \%$. MALDI-TOF: $\mathrm{m} / \mathrm{z}$ 1308.9, calcd 1308.1;

UV-VIS, $\lambda_{\max } \mathrm{nm}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}\right): 446(0.58), 478$ (1.0), 665 (0.12), 731 (0.91).
Tetranaphthaloporphyrin (7a): Cu-7a ( $6 \mathrm{mg}, 0.0045 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) was dissolved in 5 ml of polyphosphoric acid and stirred in a closed vessel for $4-5 \mathrm{~h}$ at $50^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$, then at r.t. over night. $\mathrm{MeOH}(10 \mathrm{ml})$ and $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}(2 \mathrm{ml})$ were added to the mixture and it was left to stir for $24 \mathrm{~h} . \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}(50 \mathrm{ml})$ was added and the organic phase was washed with water, with $10 \%$ aq. $\mathrm{NaHCO}_{3}$ solution, then with brine and dried over $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}$. The solvent was removed in vacuum, and the remaining solid was purified on a silica gel column (eluent: $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$-THF, 30:1). Green fraction was collected and the solvent was evaporated in vacuum. Yield of 7a: $4 \mathrm{mg}, 72 \%$. MALDI-TOF: $\mathrm{m} / \mathrm{z}$ 1274.6, calcd 1274.4. UV-VIS, $\lambda_{\text {max }} \mathrm{nm}$ (free-base, $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ ): 477 (0.63), 500 (1.0), 683 (0.13), 735 (0.40), 752 (0.33); UV-VIS, $\lambda_{\text {max }} \mathrm{nm}$ (dication $\left(\mathrm{CF}_{3} \mathrm{CO}_{2}^{-}\right)_{2}, \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$-TFA): 531 (1.0), 726 (0.12), 802 (0.37).

Pd-tetranaphthaloporphyrin (Pd-7a): Pd-6 ( $93 \mathrm{mg}, 0.067 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) was dissolved in 50 ml of dry toluene under Ar. DDQ ( $365 \mathrm{mg}, 1.61 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) was added and the mixture was refluxed for 3-5 min. The color of the solution changed from red to brown and the product precipitated as a dark green powder. The mixture was allowed to cool down and the solvent was removed in vacuum. The resulting solid was dissolved in $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ (several drops of EtOH were added to dissolve the remaining residue), washed with $10 \%$ aq. $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{3}$ solution, then with water, with brine, and dried over $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}$. The solvent was removed in vacuum, and the solid was purified on a silica gel column (eluent: $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}-\mathrm{THF}, 30: 1$ ). The first green fraction was collected. The solvent was evaporated, and the remaining material was purified by precipitation from $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ with hexane-ether mixture (5:1) to give the product as a dark green solid. Yield of Pd-7a: $42 \mathrm{mg}, 46 \% . \delta_{H}$ $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3} /\right.$ pyridine- $\left._{5}\right): 8.16(\mathrm{~d}, 8 \mathrm{H}, J=8 \mathrm{~Hz}), 7.93(\mathrm{~d}, 8 \mathrm{H}, J=8 \mathrm{~Hz}), 7.10-7.13$ (ovrlp. s+m, $8+8 \mathrm{H}), 6.87(\mathrm{~m}, 8 \mathrm{H}), 3.57(\mathrm{~s}, 12 \mathrm{H}) ; \delta_{C}\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3} /\right.$ pyridine- $\left.\mathrm{d}_{5}\right): 165.7,145.4,136.8,134.2$ (ovrlp. w/solv.), 133.2, 129.8, 129.8, 129.7, 128.0, 125.0, 114.8, 51.3; MALDI-TOF: $\mathrm{m} / \mathrm{z}$ 1351.9, calcd 1351.7; UV-VIS, $\lambda_{\max } \mathrm{nm}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}\right): 428$ (0.42), 457 (0.83), 646 (0.12), 710 (0.75).
$\boldsymbol{\alpha}$-Chlorosulfone (9): Synthesis of compound 9 generally followed the published method. ${ }^{8}$ Solution of $\mathrm{PhSCl}(0.72 \mathrm{~g}, 5 \mathrm{mmol})$ in 10 ml of $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$, prepared as described in ref. 8, was added dropwise to a stirred solution of $\mathbf{8}(950 \mathrm{mg}, 5 \mathrm{mmol})$ in dry $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ at $-78^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ under Ar. The mixture was allowed to warm up to r.t. and left under stirring and Ar overnight. The precipitated succinimide was filtered off, the solvent was evaporated and the resulting material was oxidized by MCPBA ( $3.0 \mathrm{~g}, 12.5 \mathrm{mmol}$ ). Yield of $9: 1.78$ $\mathrm{g}, 97 \%$, colorless solid. $\delta_{H}\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right)$ : 7.92-7.53 (m, 5 H$), 6.64(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 4.82(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.74$ $(\mathrm{s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 3.76(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 3.32-3.37(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.17-3.21(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H})$.

Sulfones (10b) and (11): To a stirred solution of $9(1.78 \mathrm{~g}, 4.85 \mathrm{mmol})$ in $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}(5 \mathrm{ml})$ an excess of $\mathrm{DBU}(1.5 \mathrm{~g}, 10 \mathrm{mmol})$ was added in one portion, and the mixture was stirred at r.t. for 1 h .10 ml of diethyl were added, and the solution was washed with $5 \%$ aq. HCl , then with brine, dried over $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}$, and the solvent was removed in vacuum. During the chromatography of the remaining oil (silica gel, $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ ) three fractions were collected. The first fraction crystallized upon removal of solvent to give light yellow crystals, identified as sulfone $11(50 \mathrm{mg})$. TLC: $\mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{f}} \sim 0.8\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}\right)$, fluorescent blue spot in UV light. HR-MS: $351.0656\left(\mathrm{M}^{+}+\mathrm{Na}\right)$, calcd 351.0667; $\delta_{H}$
$\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right): 8.92(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 8.26(\mathrm{~d}, 1 \mathrm{H}, J=9 \mathrm{~Hz}), 7.98+7.44-7.52(\mathrm{~m}, 2+3 \mathrm{H}), 7.86(\mathrm{~d}, 1 \mathrm{H}, J=9$ $\mathrm{Hz}), 6.82(\mathrm{~d}, 1 \mathrm{H}, J=8.5 \mathrm{~Hz}), 6.76(\mathrm{~d}, 1 \mathrm{H}, J=8.5 \mathrm{~Hz}), 3.95(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 3.92(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H})$. The third fraction gave colorless solid ( 295 mg ), identified as allylsulfone 10b. TLC: $\mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{f}} \sim 0.5$ $\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}\right)$, dark spot in UV light. HR-MS: $353.0830\left(\mathrm{M}^{+}+\mathrm{Na}\right)$, calcd 353.0824; $\delta_{H}$ $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right): 7.7-7.2(\mathrm{~m}, 5 \mathrm{H}), 6.94(\mathrm{~d}, 1 \mathrm{H}, J=10 \mathrm{~Hz}), 6.56(\mathrm{~d}, 1 \mathrm{H}, J=8.5 \mathrm{~Hz}), 6.43(\mathrm{~d}, 1 \mathrm{H}$, $J=8.5 \mathrm{~Hz}), 5.99\left(\mathrm{dd}, 1 \mathrm{H}, J_{1}=J_{2}=10 \mathrm{~Hz}\right), 3.91(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.75(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 3.65\left(\mathrm{dd}, 1 \mathrm{H}, J_{1}=18\right.$ $\left.\mathrm{Hz}, J_{2}=4 \mathrm{~Hz}\right), 3.60(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 2.96\left(\mathrm{dd}, 1 \mathrm{H}, J_{1}=18 \mathrm{~Hz}, J_{2}=8 \mathrm{~Hz}\right)$. The intermediate fraction $(890 \mathrm{mg})$ was identified by TLC and NMR as $1: 1$ mixture of $\mathbf{1 0 b}$ and 11.

Pyrrole-ester (12): Ester 12 was synthesized from allylsulfone (10b) ( 295 mg , $0.9 \mathrm{mmol})$ and ethyl isocyanoacetate $(120 \mathrm{mg}, 1.05 \mathrm{mmol})$ following the procedure described above for ester 4. ${ }^{\text {t }} \mathrm{BuOK}$, however, was taken in a large excess ( $300 \mathrm{mg}, 2.2$ $\mathrm{mmol})$. TLC $\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}\right)$ of the reaction mixture revealed the presence of sulfone $\mathbf{1 1}$ (see above) along with the main product $\mathbf{1 2}\left(\mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{f}} \sim 0.2\right.$, dark spot in UV light). The products were separated on a silica gel column (eluent: $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ ). Yield of 12: $90 \mathrm{mg}, 33 \%$, colorless solid. $\delta_{H}\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right): 8.92($ broad s, 1 H$), 7.24(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.80(\mathrm{~d}, 1 \mathrm{H}, J=2 \mathrm{~Hz}), 6.69$ $(\mathrm{s}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 3.36(\mathrm{q}, 2 \mathrm{H}, J=7 \mathrm{~Hz}), 4.06(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 3.82-3.83($ ovrl. $\mathrm{s}+\mathrm{d}, 6 \mathrm{H}+2 \mathrm{H}), 1.49(\mathrm{t}, 3 \mathrm{H}, J=7$ $\mathrm{Hz}) ; \delta_{C}\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right): 161.4,151.8,151.5,125.3,124.8,119.5,118.2,117.6,107.1,106.9$, 59.9, 55.74, 55.70, 22.4, 20.9, 14.6.

Pyrrole (13): Pyrrole-ester 12 ( $60 \mathrm{mg}, 0.2 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) was refluxed with KOH ( 130 $\mathrm{mg}, 2 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) under Ar in ethylene glycol for 30 min . The mixture was poured onto crushed ice, brine was added to reduce the emulsion and the product was extracted with $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}(4 \times 50 \mathrm{ml})$. The organic phase was thoroughly washed with water $(200 \mathrm{ml})$, then with brine, dried over $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}$, and the solvent was removed in vacuum. The resulting material was purified on a short ( $\varnothing 2 \times 10 \mathrm{~cm}$ ) silica gel column (eluent: $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ ). Yield of 13: $35 \mathrm{mg}, 77 \% . \delta_{H}\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right): 8.06$ (broad s, 1 H$), 6.70(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 6.66(\mathrm{~d}, 2 \mathrm{H}, J=2.5 \mathrm{~Hz})$, $3.88(\mathrm{~s}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 3.84(\mathrm{~s}, 6 \mathrm{H}) ; \delta_{C}\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right): 151.6,126.3,117.3,112.8,106.9,55.8,21.1$.

Tetranaphthaloporphyrin (7b): Pyrrole $\mathbf{1 3}$ ( $35 \mathrm{mg}, 0.15 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) was dissolved in 15 ml of $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$, methyl 4-formylbenzoate ( $25 \mathrm{mg}, 0.15 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) was added, and the mixture was kept under continuous stirring in the dark under Ar for $10 \mathrm{~min} . \mathrm{BF}_{3} \cdot \mathrm{Et}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ $(4.2 \mathrm{mg}, 0.03 \mathrm{mmol})$ was added in one portion, and the mixture was left to react at r.t. After 2 hrs DDQ ( $75 \mathrm{mg}, 0.32 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) was added in one portion. After 10 min , the mixture was washed with $10 \%$ aq. $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{3}(2 \times 30 \mathrm{ml})$, then with water. Organic phase, a fine suspension of green particles in $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$, was evaporated in vacuum. Remaining green solid, which is insoluble in most organic solvents, was repeatedly washed with water, EtOH , THF and $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$. Yield 7b: $25 \mathrm{mg}, 44 \%$. 7b is poorly soluble in pyridine and DMF, moderately soluble in hot benzonitrile and nitrobenzene. MALDI-TOF: $\mathrm{m} / \mathrm{z}$ 1486.5, calcd 1487.5; UV-VIS, $\lambda_{\text {max }} \mathrm{nm}$ (free-base, THF-PhCN, 10:1): 474 (0.48), 503 (1.0), 681 (0.13), 742 (0.52), 755 ( 0.48 ); UV-VIS, $\lambda_{\max } \mathrm{nm}$ (dication $\left(\mathrm{CF}_{3} \mathrm{CO}_{2}{ }^{-}\right)_{2}$, THF-PhCN-TFA, 10:1:1): 528 (1.0), 742 (0.20), 808 (0.69).

Pd-tetranaphthaloporphyrin (Pd-7b): Porphyrin 7b ( $10 \mathrm{mg}, 0.006 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) was refluxed with $\mathrm{PdCl}_{2}(5 \mathrm{mg}, 0.03 \mathrm{mmol})$ in $\mathrm{PhCN}(3 \mathrm{ml})$ for 30 sec moment and a drop of pyridine was added. The warm mixture was filtered through Celite ${ }^{\circledR}$, the solution was diluted with THF, the precipitate was collected by centrifugation and repeatedly washed
with THF with subsequent centrifugation. The resulting green powder was dried in vacuum. Yield of Pd-7b: $8 \mathrm{mg}, 80 \% . \delta_{H}\left(\mathrm{PhNO}_{2}-\mathrm{d}_{5} / \mathrm{dmso}^{2} \mathrm{~d}_{6}, 1: 1,80^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right): 8.76(\mathrm{~d}, 8 \mathrm{H}$, $J=7 \mathrm{~Hz}$ ), 8.52 (d, $8 \mathrm{H}, J=7 \mathrm{~Hz}$,), 8.23 ( $\mathrm{s}, 8 \mathrm{H}), 6.79(\mathrm{~s}, 8 \mathrm{H}), 4.27(\mathrm{~s}, 12 \mathrm{H}), 3.90(\mathrm{~s}, 24 \mathrm{H})$; MALDI-TOF: $m / z$ 1590.7, calcd 1591.9; UV-VIS, $\lambda_{\max } \mathrm{nm}$ (THF-PhCN, 10:1): 430 (0.40), 461 (0.85), 648 (0.15), 717 (1.0).

Zn-tetranaphthaloporphyrin (Zn-7b): Porphyrin 7b ( $10 \mathrm{mg}, 0.006 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) was refluxed with $\mathrm{ZnCl}_{2} \cdot 2 \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}(5 \mathrm{mg}, 0.03 \mathrm{mmol})$ in $\mathrm{PhCN}(3 \mathrm{ml})$ for a few seconds and a drop of pyridine was added. The warm mixture was filtered through Celite ${ }^{\circledR}$, the solution was diluted with THF, the precipitate was collected by centrifugation and repeatedly washed with THF-pyridine ( $10: 1$ ). The resulting green powder was dried in vacuum. Yield of $\mathbf{Z n}-7 \mathbf{b}: 7 \mathrm{mg}, 70 \% . \delta_{H}\left(\mathrm{PhNO}_{2}-\mathrm{d}_{5}\right): 8.95(\mathrm{~d}, 8 \mathrm{H}, J=7.5 \mathrm{~Hz}), 8.65(\mathrm{~d}, 8 \mathrm{H}, J=8$ $\mathrm{Hz}), 8.62(\mathrm{~s}, 8 \mathrm{H}), 6.77(\mathrm{~s}, 8 \mathrm{H}), 4.22(\mathrm{~s}, 12 \mathrm{H}), 3.89(\mathrm{~s}, 24 \mathrm{H})$; MALDI-TOF: m/z 1549.4, calcd 1550.9; UV-VIS, $\lambda_{\max } \mathrm{nm}$ (THF-PhCN, 10:1): 458 (0.27), 492 (1.0), 661 (0.09), 726 (0.63).

## X-ray structure determination

Compound Pd-7b, $\mathrm{PdC}_{86} \mathrm{H}_{56} \mathrm{~N}_{4} \mathrm{O}_{6} \mathrm{Cl}_{4}$, crystallizes in the tetragonal space group $\mathrm{I} 4_{1} / \mathrm{a}$ (systematic absences hk 0 : $\mathrm{h}=$ odd, $\mathrm{hkl}: \mathrm{h}+\mathrm{k}+\mathrm{l}=$ odd, and $001: \mathrm{l} \neq 4 \mathrm{n}$ ) with $\mathrm{a}=17.628(3) \AA, \mathrm{c}=23.372(5) \AA, \mathrm{V}=7262(2) \AA^{3}, \mathrm{Z}=4$ and $\mathrm{d}_{\text {calc }}=1.392 \mathrm{~g} / \mathrm{cm}^{3}$. X-ray intensity data were collected on a Rigaku Mercury CCD area detector employing graphitemonochromated Mo-K $\mathrm{K}_{\alpha}$ radiation ( $\lambda=0.71069 \AA$ ) at a temperature of $143^{\circ} \mathrm{K}$. Indexing was performed from a series of four $0.5^{\circ}$ oscillation images with exposures of 30 sec per frame. A hemisphere of data was collected using 75 sec exposures and a crystal-todetector distance of 35 mm . A total of 440 images were collected: one sweep was performed using $\phi$-scans from $-90^{\circ}$ to $+90^{\circ}$ in $0.5^{\circ}$ steps at $\omega=0^{\circ}$ and $\chi=0^{\circ}$ with a detector swing angle of $-10^{\circ}$; a second sweep was done using $\omega$-scans from $-20^{\circ}$ to $+20^{\circ}$ in $0.5^{\circ}$ steps at $\chi=-90^{\circ}$ and $\phi=0^{\circ}$ with a detector swing angle of $-10^{\circ}$. Oscillation images were processed using CrystalClear, ${ }^{9}$ producing a listing of unaveraged $F^{2}$ and $\sigma\left(\mathrm{F}^{2}\right)$ values which were then passed to the teXsan ${ }^{10}$ program package for further processing and structure solution on a Silicon Graphics $\mathrm{O}_{2}$ computer. A total of 24216 reflections were measured over the ranges $5.46 \leq 2 \theta \leq 54.96^{\circ},-22 \leq \mathrm{h} \leq 16,-22 \leq \mathrm{k}$ $\leq 20,-29 \leq 1 \leq 22$ yielding 4046 unique reflections ( $\mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{int}}=0.0418$ ). The intensity data were corrected for Lorentz and polarization effects and for absorption, using REQAB ${ }^{[11]}$ (minimum and maximum transmission $0.664,1.000$ ).

The structure was solved by direct methods (SIR92). ${ }^{12}$ During refinement, it became obvious that there was a region in the cell with severely disordered solvent; the data were corrected for the presence of disordered solvent by SQUEEZE. ${ }^{13}$ Refinement was by full-matrix least squares based on $\mathrm{F}^{2}$ using SHELXL-93. ${ }^{14}$ All reflections were used during refinement ( $\mathrm{F}^{2}$ 's that were experimentally negative were replaced by $\mathrm{F}^{2}=0$ ). The weighting scheme used was $\mathrm{w}=1 /\left[\sigma^{2}\left(\mathrm{~F}_{\mathrm{o}}^{2}\right)+0.1741 \mathrm{P}^{2}+108.0003 \mathrm{P}\right]$ where $\mathrm{P}=\left(\mathrm{F}_{\mathrm{o}}^{2}+\right.$ $\left.2 \mathrm{~F}_{\mathrm{c}}^{2}\right) / 3$. Non-hydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically and hydrogen atoms were refined using a "riding" model. Refinement converged to $\mathrm{R}_{1}=0.0817$ and $\mathrm{wR}_{2}=0.2561$ for 3574 reflections for which $\mathrm{F}>4 \sigma(\mathrm{~F})$ and $\mathrm{R}_{1}=0.0900$, $\mathrm{wR}_{2}=0.2624$ and $\mathrm{GOF}=0.884$ for all 4046 unique, non-zero reflections and 219 variables. ${ }^{15}$ The maximum $\Delta / \sigma$ in the final
cycle of least squares was -0.002 and the two most prominent peaks in the final difference Fourier were +0.873 and $-0.872 \mathrm{e} / \AA^{3}$.

Figure 1 is an ORTEP ${ }^{16}$ representation of the molecule with $30 \%$ probability thermal ellipsoids displayed.


Figure 1. ORTEP drawing of Pd-7a with $30 \%$ probability thermal ellipsoids.

## Normal-Coordinate Structural Decomposition (NSD) Analysis

NSD analyses of the X-ray crystal of Pd-7a structure were accomplished using a web-based NSD program. ${ }^{17}$ The results of the complete NSD decompositions are given in the tables below.

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$\mathrm{wR}_{2}=\left\{\sum \mathrm{w}\left(\mathrm{F}_{\mathrm{o}}^{2}-\mathrm{F}_{\mathrm{c}}^{2}\right)^{2} / \sum \mathrm{w}\left(\mathrm{F}_{\mathrm{o}}^{2}\right)^{2}\right\}^{1 / 2}$
GOF $=\left\{\sum \mathrm{w}\left(\mathrm{F}_{\mathrm{o}}^{2}-\mathrm{F}_{\mathrm{c}}^{2}\right)^{2} /(\mathrm{n}-\mathrm{p})\right\}^{1 / 2}$
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## NMR spectra






## Porphyrin 6

 1H NMR| 3.0 | 2.5 | 2.0 | 1.5 | 1.0 | 0.5 | 0.0 | -0.5 | PPM |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |




## Compound 9

1H NMR in CDCl3

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## Arylsulfone 11 1H NMR in CDCl3




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## Pyrrol-ester 12

1H NMR in CDCI3



## Pyrrol-ester 12 1H NMR in CDCl3



STANDARD PROTON PARAMETERS
F2: 499.855


Pyrrol-ester 12 13C NMR in CDCI3


## Pyrrole 13 <br> 1H NMR in CDCI3












## Zn-7b

1H NMR in PhNO2-d5


## Zn-7b <br> 1H NMR in PhNO2-d5



