

Supplementary Information

Harvesting of Light Energy by Iridium(III) Complexes on a Clay Surface

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1. ¹H NMR and mass spectra

[Ir(dfppy)₂(C₁-bpy)]ClO₄

¹H NMR (chloroform-*d*, 400MHz, 25 °C): δ 9.59 (s, 2H), 8.33 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.84 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.73 (d, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 2H), 7.52 (d, *J* = 4.2 Hz, 2H), 7.25 (d, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 2H), 7.10 (dd, *J* = 6.0, 6.0 Hz, 2H), 6.58 (t, *J* = 9.8 Hz, 2H), 5.71 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 3.00 (dd, *J* = 6.6, 7.0 Hz, 6H); MS (m/z; FAB): 756.79 (calculated for [Ir(dfppy)₂(C₁-bpy)]⁺; C₃₄H₂₄F₄IrN₄), 757 (experimentally obtained).

[Ir(piq)₂(C₁-bpy)]ClO₄

¹H NMR (chloroform-*d*, 400 MHz, 25 °C): δ 8.97 (t, *J* = 5.53Hz, 2H), 8.70 (s, 2H), 8.28 (d, *J* = 8.00 Hz, 2H), 7.93 (d, *J* = 4.33 Hz, 2H), 7.79 (t, *J* = 4.40 Hz, 4H), 7.55 (d, *J* = 5.56 Hz, 2H), 7.44 (d, *J* = 6.87 Hz, 4H), 7.13 (m, *J* = 6.00 Hz, 4H), 6.93 (t, *J* = 8.44Hz, 2H), 6.32 (d, *J* = 6.71 Hz, 2H), 2.65 (s, 7.99 Hz, 6H); MS (m/z; FAB): 784.9 (calculated for [Ir(piq)₂(C₁-bpy)]⁺; C₄₂H₃₂IrN₄) 785 (experimentally obtained).

[Ir(dfppy)₂(C₁₂-bpy)]ClO₄

¹H NMR (chloroform-*d*, 400 MHz, 25 °C): δ 9.45 (s, 2H), 8.32 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.83 (dd, *J* = 6.0, 6.0 Hz, 2H), 7.73 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 7.54 (d, *J* = 5.7 Hz, 2H), 7.25 (d, *J* = 5.7 Hz, 2H), 7.11 (dd, *J* = 6.0, 6.0 Hz, 2H), 6.57 (ddd, *J* = 9.3, 9.3, 2.5 Hz, 2H), 5.69 (dd, *J* = 6.0, 2.0 Hz, 2H), 2.97 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 4H), 1.71 (tt, *J* = 7.7, 7.7 Hz, 4H), 1.42-1.20 (overlapped, 36H), 0.86 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 6H); MS (m/z; FAB): 1068.1 (calculated for [Ir(ppy)₂(C₁₂-bpy)]⁺; C₅₆H₆₈ F₄IrN₄), 1066 (experimentally obtained).

[Ir(piq)₂(C₁₂-bpy)]ClO₄

¹H NMR (chloroform-*d*, 400 MHz, 25 °C): δ 8.91 (t, *J* = 5.43Hz, 2H), 8.72 (s, 2H), 8.25 (d, *J* = 7.99 Hz, 2H), 7.94 (t, *J* = 4.33 Hz, 2H), 7.79 (t, *J* = 4.39 Hz, 4H), 7.55 (t, *J* = 5.61 Hz, 2H), 7.44 (dd, *J* = 6.47 Hz, 4H), 7.15 (m, *J* = 5.92 Hz, 4H), 6.87 (t, *J* = 7.44Hz, 2H), 6.26 (d, *J* = 6.71 Hz, 2H), 2.91 (t, *J* = 7.99 Hz, 4H), 1.80(m, 4H), 1.25 (s, 36H), 0.87 (t, *J* = 6.89 Hz, 6H) ; MS (m/z; FAB): 1096.7 (calculated for [Ir(piq)₂(C₁₂-bpy)]⁺; C₆₄H₇₆IrN₄) 1094 (experimentally obtained).

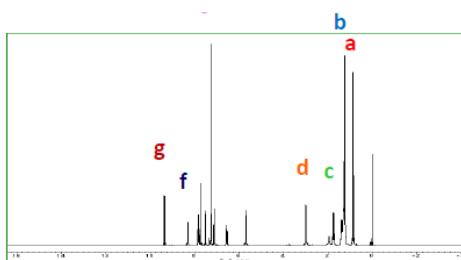
[Ir(dfppy)₂(C₁₉-bpy)]ClO₄

¹H NMR (chloroform-*d*, 400 MHz, 25 °C): δ 9.40 (s, 2H), 8.28 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.80 (dd, *J* = 6.0, 6.0 Hz, 2H), 7.70 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 7.50 (d, *J* = 5.7 Hz, 2H), 7.21 (d, *J* = 5.7 Hz, 2H), 7.07 (dd, *J* = 6.0, 6.0 Hz, 2H), 6.53 (ddd, *J* = 9.3, 9.3, 2.5 Hz, 2H), 5.66 (dd, *J* = 6.0, 2.0 Hz, 2H), 2.99 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 4H), 1.71 (tt, *J* = 7.7, 7.7 Hz, 4H), 1.42-1.20 (overlapped, 64H), 0.86 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 6H); MS (m/z; FAB): 1261.7 (calculated for [Ir(dfppy)₂(C₁₉-bpy)]⁺; C₇₀H₉₆F₄IrN₄), 1261 (experimentally obtained).

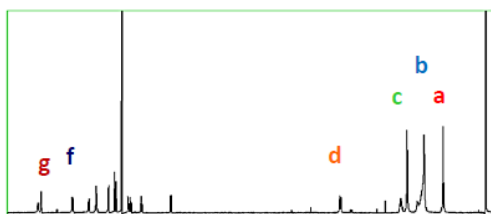
[Ir(piq)₂(C₁₉-bpy)]ClO₄

¹H NMR (chloroform-*d*, 400 MHz, 25 °C): δ 8.91 (t, *J* = 5.43 Hz, 2H), 8.73 (s, 2H), 8.27 (d, *J* = 7.99 Hz, 2H), 7.91 (t, *J* = 4.33 Hz, 2H), 7.78 (t, *J* = 4.39 Hz, 4H), 7.55 (t, *J* = 5.61 Hz, 2H), 7.44 (dd, *J* = 6.47 Hz, 4H), 7.11 (m, *J* = 5.92 Hz, 4H), 6.87 (t, *J* = 7.44 Hz, 2H), 6.25 (d, *J* = 6.71 Hz, 2H), 2.90 (t, *J* = 7.99 Hz, 4H), 1.80 (m, 4H), 1.25 (s, 64H), 0.87 (t, *J* = 6.89 Hz, 6H) ; MS (m/z; FAB): 1273.7 (calculated for [Ir(piq)₂(C₁₉-bpy)]⁺; C₈₀H₁₀₄IrN₄) 1279 (experimentally obtained).

Examples of full charts of ^1H NMR spectra



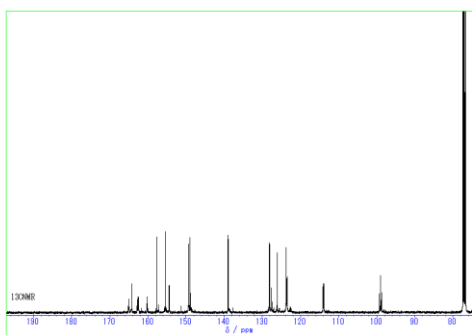
[Ir(dfppy)₂(C₁₂-bpy)]ClO₄ in CDCl₃ (a, c, d and g, f are aliphatic and aromatic protons, respectively)



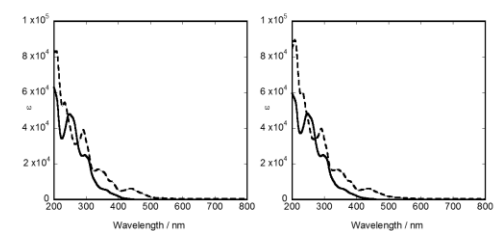
[Ir(piq)₂(C₁₂-bpy)]ClO₄ in CDCl₃ (a, b, c, d and g, f are aliphatic and aromatic protons, respectively)

Examples of a full chart of ^{13}C NMR spectra

[Ir(dfppy)₂(C₁₉-bpy)]ClO₄ in CDCl₃ (the region of aromatic carbons; 32 carbon atoms were identified; triplet peaks at $\delta = 78$ was due to the carbon of CDCl₃).

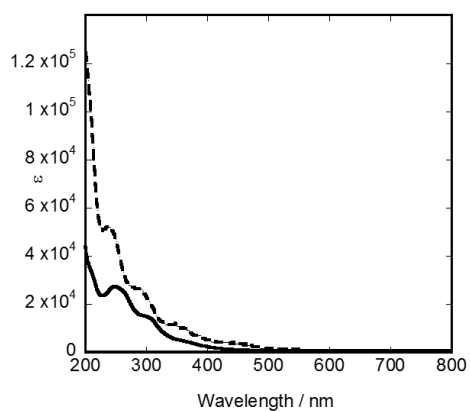


2. UV-spectra



(C1) C₁-bpy

(C12) C₁₂-bpy



(C19) C₁₉-bpy

Figure S1. The UV-visible spectra of $[\text{Ir}(\text{dfppy})_2(\text{C}_n\text{-bpy})]\text{ClO}_4$ (solid) and $[\text{Ir}(\text{piq})_2(\text{C}_n\text{-bpy})]\text{ClO}_4$ (dotted) in methanol; C_n-bpy = (C1) C₁-bpy, (C12) C₁₂-bpy and (C19) C₁₉-bpy.

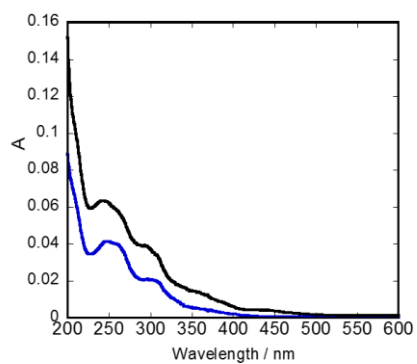


Figure S2. The UV-visible spectra of a suspension of SAP (6×10^{-6} in CEC) adsorbing iridium(III) complexes: (blue) $[\text{Ir}(\text{dfppy})_2(\text{C}_1\text{-bpy})]\text{ClO}_4$ (9.3×10^{-7} M) was added and (black) $[\text{Ir}(\text{piq})_2(\text{C}_1\text{-bpy})]\text{ClO}_4$ (3.1×10^{-7} M) was added thereafter.

3. Chromatogram for optical resolution

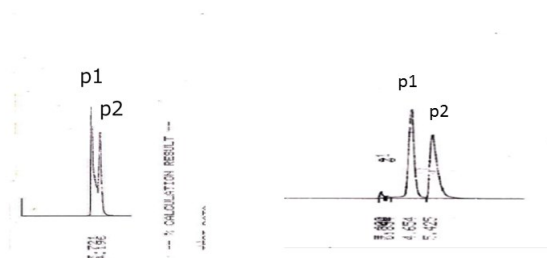


Figure S3. Chromatogram for resolving iridium(III) complexes: (left) $[\text{Ir}(\text{dfppy})_2(\text{C}_1\text{-bpy})]\text{ClO}_4$;

The flow rate was 1.0 mLmin^{-1} and the monitoring wavelength 400 nm .

(right) $[\text{Ir}(\text{piq})_2(\text{C}_1\text{-bpy})]\text{ClO}_4$; The flow rate was 1.0 mLmin^{-1} and the monitoring wavelength 500 nm .

The used column was a CHIRALPACK IA (Daicel, Japan). An eluting solvent was acetonitrile containing 0.1% of diethylamine and trifluoroacetic acid.

4. Stationary emission spectra

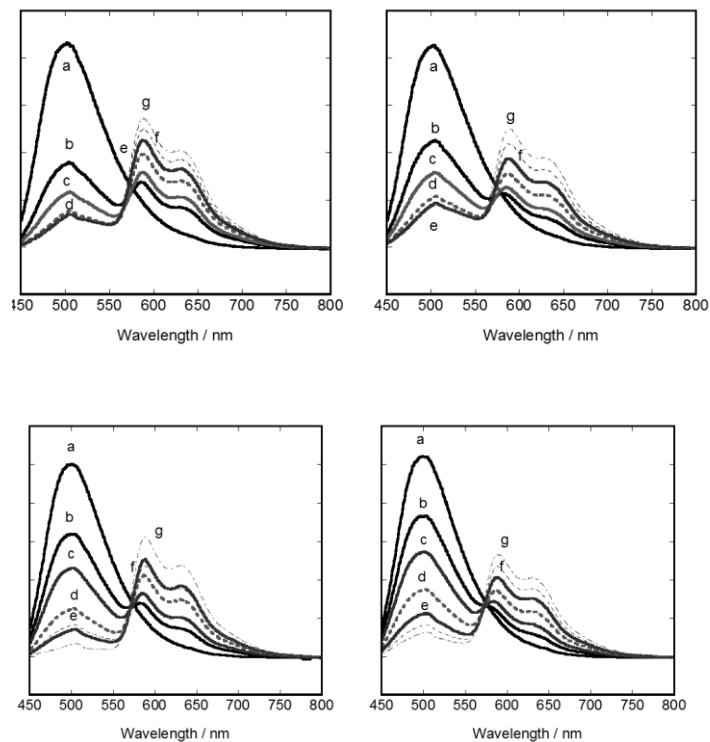


Figure S4. The change of the emission spectra of $[\text{Ir}(\text{dfppy})_2(\text{C}_1\text{-bpy})]^+$ ions adsorbed by SAP, when a methanol solution of $[\text{Ir}(\text{piq})_2(\text{C}_1\text{-bpy})]\text{ClO}_4$ was added. The used enantiomers were (left) Δ - $[\text{Ir}(\text{dfppy})_2(\text{C}_1\text{-bpy})]^+/\Lambda$ - $[\text{Ir}(\text{piq})_2(\text{C}_1\text{-bpy})]^+$ and (right) Δ - $[\text{Ir}(\text{dfppy})_2(\text{C}_1\text{-bpy})]^+/\Delta$ - $[\text{Ir}(\text{piq})_2(\text{C}_1\text{-bpy})]^+$. The medium was 4:1 (v/v) water/methanol. The concentration of SAP was (upper) $3.0 \times 10^{-6} \text{ eqL}^{-1}$ and (lower) $1.2 \times 10^{-5} \text{ eqL}^{-1}$ in terms of cation-exchange capacity and the loading of $[\text{Ir}(\text{dfppy})_2(\text{C}_1\text{-bpy})]^+$ (upper) 60 % and (lower) 15 %, respectively. The loading of $[\text{Ir}(\text{piq})_2(\text{C}_1\text{-bpy})]^+$ was (upper) (a) 0.0%, (b) 1.8%, (c) 3.8%, (d) 7.4%, (e) 11.2%, (f) 15.0% and (g) 18.4% and (lower) (a) 0.0%, (b) 0.45%, (c) 0.95%, (d) 1.8%, (e) 2.8 %, (f) 3.7 % and (g) 4.6 %, respectively.

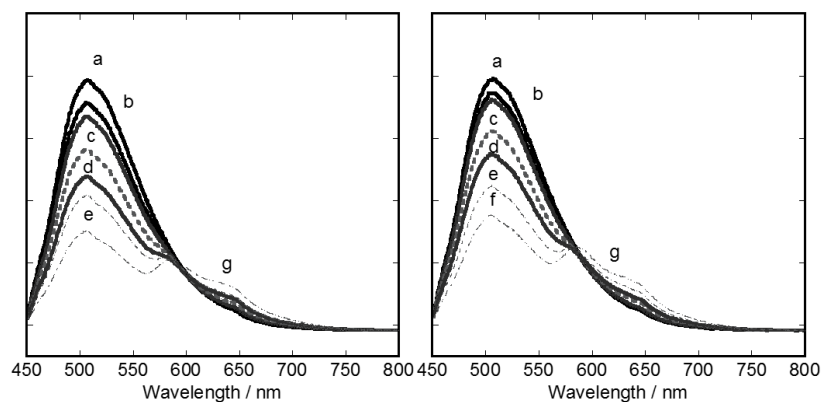


Figure S5. The change of the emission spectra of $[\text{Ir}(\text{dfppy})_2(\text{C}_{12}\text{-bpy})]^+$ ions adsorbed by SAP, when a methanol solution of $[\text{Ir}(\text{piq})_2(\text{C}_{12}\text{-bpy})]\text{ClO}_4$ was added. The used enantiomers were (left) Δ - $[\text{Ir}(\text{dfppy})_2(\text{C}_{12}\text{-bpy})]^+/\Delta$ - $[\text{Ir}(\text{piq})_2(\text{C}_{12}\text{-bpy})]^+$ and (right) Δ - $[\text{Ir}(\text{dfppy})_2(\text{C}_{12}\text{-bpy})]^+/\Delta$ - $[\text{Ir}(\text{piq})_2(\text{C}_{12}\text{-bpy})]^+$. The medium was 4:1 (v/v) water/methanol. The concentration of SAP was $3.0 \times 10^{-6} \text{ eqL}^{-1}$ in terms of cation-exchange capacity and the loading of $[\text{Ir}(\text{dfppy})_2(\text{C}_1\text{-bpy})]^+$ 60%. The loading of $[\text{Ir}(\text{piq})_2\text{L}]^+$ was (a) 0.0%, (b) 2.0%, (c) 4.0%, (d) 7.9%, (e) 11.8%, (f) 15.7% and (g) 19.5%, respectively.

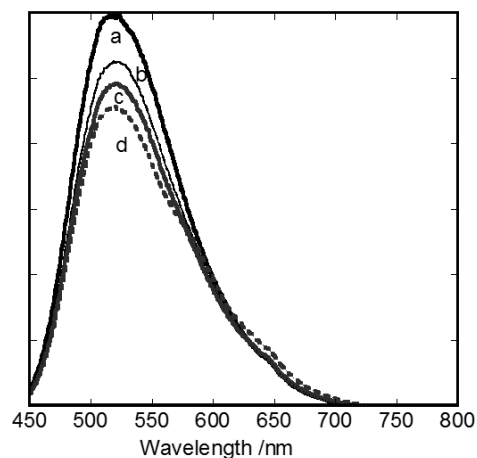


Figure S6. The change of the emission spectra of $[\text{Ir}(\text{dfppy})_2(\text{C}_{19}\text{-bpy})]^+$ ions adsorbed by SAP, when a methanol solution of $[\text{Ir}(\text{piq})_2(\text{C}_{19}\text{-bpy})]\text{ClO}_4$ was added. The concentration of SAP was $3.0 \times 10^{-6} \text{ eqL}^{-1}$ in terms of cation-exchange capacity and the loading of $[\text{Ir}(\text{dfppy})_2(\text{C}_1\text{-bpy})]^+$ 60%. The loading of $[\text{Ir}(\text{piq})_2\text{L}]^+$ was (a) 0.0%, (b) 5.9%, (c) 11.9%, and (d) 23.6%, respectively.

5. Dynamic emission properties

Table S1. The lifetime analyses of the emission decay at 490 nm according to eq. (3) in the text

SAP	$1.2 \times 10^{-5} \text{M}$	$1.2 \times 10^{-5} \text{M}$	$6 \times 10^{-6} \text{M}$	$6 \times 10^{-6} \text{M}$
PIQ [M]	$\tau_{\text{fast}} / \mu\text{s}$	$\tau_{\text{slow}} / \mu\text{s}$	$\tau_{\text{fast}} / \mu\text{s}$	$\tau_{\text{slow}} / \mu\text{s}$
0	0.315	0.713	0.302	0.745
8.8×10^{-8}	0.188	0.604	0.076	0.490
1.7×10^{-7}	0.120	0.513	0.059	0.414
3.5×10^{-7}	0.089	0.442	0.045	0.379
5.3×10^{-7}	0.063	0.380	0.039	0.328
7.1×10^{-7}	0.058	0.385	0.039	0.344
8.8×10^{-7}	0.043	0.344	0.039	0.369

6. Calculation of spectral overlap integral (J) and Förster radius (R₀)

The rate constant of Förster-type energy transfer (k_{ET}) is expressed by the following equation:

$$k_{ET} = \frac{9000 \text{ Ln}10 \kappa^2 \phi}{128\pi^5 n^4 N \tau_D R^6} J(\lambda) \quad (\text{S1}),$$

in which τ_D , R and $J(\lambda)$ denote the excited life time of a donor in the absence of an acceptor, the donor/acceptor distance and the spectral overlap integral, respectively. R_o (Förster radius) and $J(\lambda)$ are given by equations (S2) and (S3), respectively:

$$R_0 = 9.78 \times 10^{-5} (\kappa^2 \phi n^{-4} J(\lambda))^{\frac{1}{6}} \quad (\text{in cm}) \quad (\text{S2}).$$

$$J(\lambda) = \frac{\int F_d(\lambda) \varepsilon(\lambda) \lambda^4 d\lambda}{\int F_d(\lambda) d\lambda} \quad (\text{S3})$$

As for other parameters in equations (S2) and (S3), κ is the orientation factor, ϕ the quantum yield of donor, n the refractive index of the medium, N the Avogadro constant, λ the wavelength, ε_a the extinction coefficient of the acceptor and F_d the normalized emission intensity of the donor. η_{ET} denotes the energy transfer efficiency and k_{NR} represents the decay constant in the absence of an acceptor. Assuming $\kappa^2 = 2/3$ (random orientation), $n = 1.3$ and $\phi=0.14$, $J(\lambda)$ was calculated to be $1.14 \times 10^{-14} \text{ M}^{-1} \text{cm}^3$ from the emission and absorption spectra of the present donor-acceptor pairs. R_o was obtained to be 2.6 nm for a donor/acceptor pair. For a donor/donor pair, $J(\lambda)$ was calculated to be $2.68 \times 10^{-15} \text{ M}^{-1} \text{cm}^3$ from the emission and absorption spectra of the present excited donor-donor pairs. R_o was obtained to be 2.0 nm.

7. XRD patterns of ion-exchange adducts

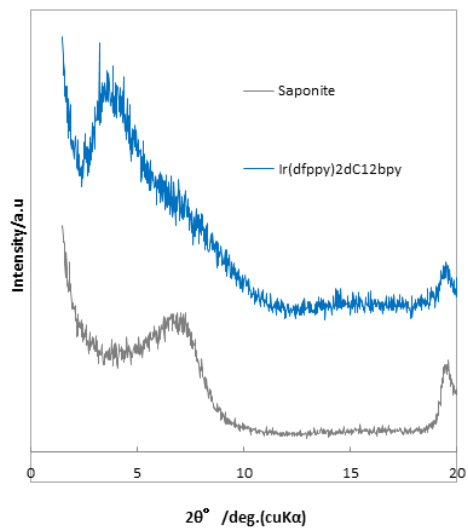


Figure S7. The XRD patterns of SAP: (black) the original sample with the basal spacing (d) of 2.0 nm and (blue) the samples having adsorbed $[\text{Ir}(\text{dfppy})_2(\text{C}_{12}\text{-bpy})]^+$ to c.a. 90 % of CEC with $d = 2.2$ nm.