

π -extended diketopyrrolopyrrole-porphyrin arrays: one- and two-photon photophysical investigations and theoretical studies

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General information and experimental procedures

All chemicals were of the best commercially available grade and used without further purification. Tetrahydrofuran was dried using a dry solvent station GT S100. Column chromatographies were carried out on silica (Fluka 60, 70-230 mesh). NMR spectra were recorded at the ambient probe temperature using Bruker AVANCE 500 spectrometers. Chemical shifts are quoted as parts per million (ppm) relative to the residual peak of solvent and coupling constants (*J*) are quoted in Hertz (Hz). Where assignments of ¹H NMR spectra are given, they have been unambiguously established via COSY, HSQC, HMBC and ROESY experiments. In the assignments, the chemical shift (in ppm) is given first, followed, in brackets, by the multiplicity of the signal (s : singlet, d : doublet, t : triplet, m : multiplet, br s : broad signal), the number of protons implied, the value of the coupling constants in hertz if applicable, and finally the assignment. UV-vis spectra were recorded on a UVIKON XL spectrophotometer. Mass spectra were carried out on an Autoflex II TOF/TOF (Bruker) spectrometer, equipped with a Matrix Assisted Laser Desorption Ionization (MALDI) source. X-Ray diffraction data collection was carried out on a Bruker APEX II DUO Kappa-CCD diffractometer equipped with an Oxford Cryosystem liquid N₂ device, using Cu-K α radiation ($\lambda = 1,54178 \text{ \AA}$). Compounds **(TIPS)₄-ZnP** ^[1] and **DPP-Br** ^[2] were prepared according to the literature.

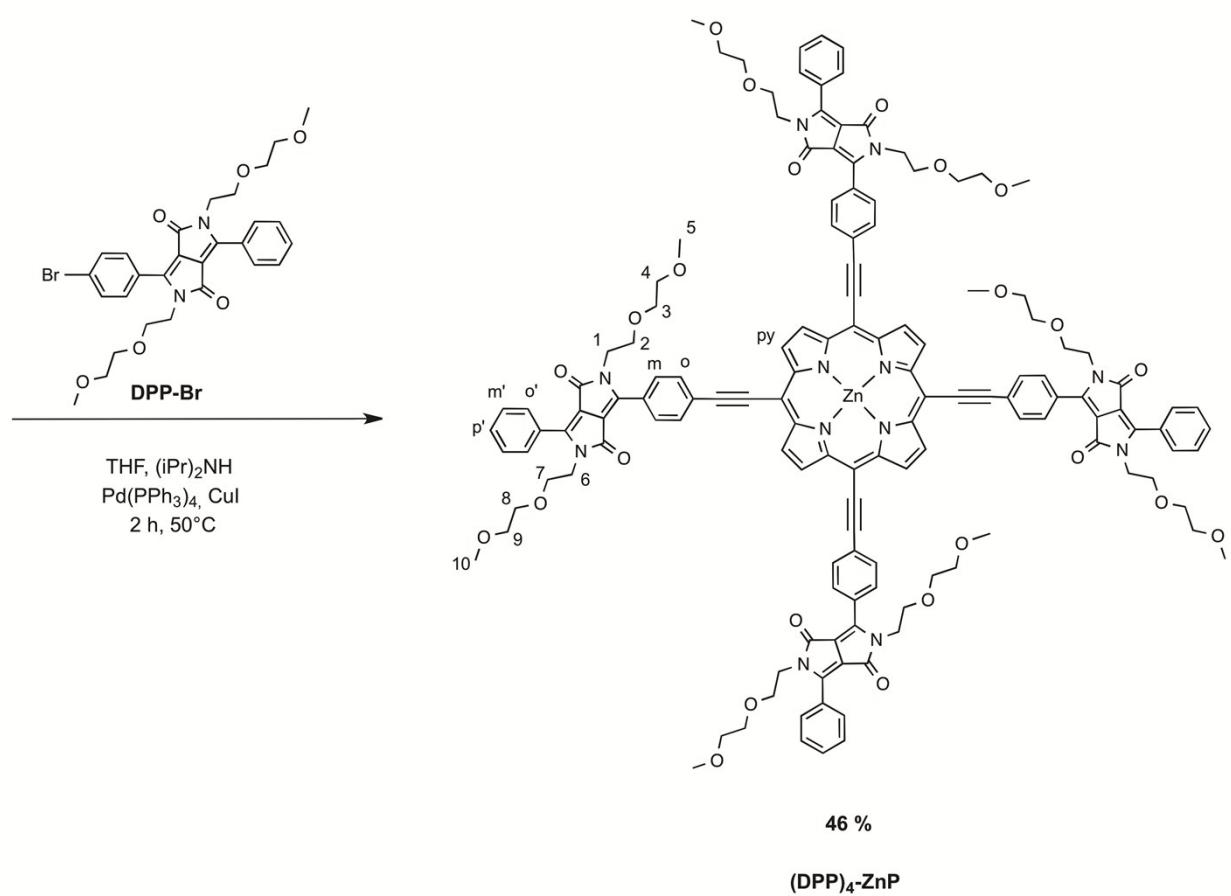
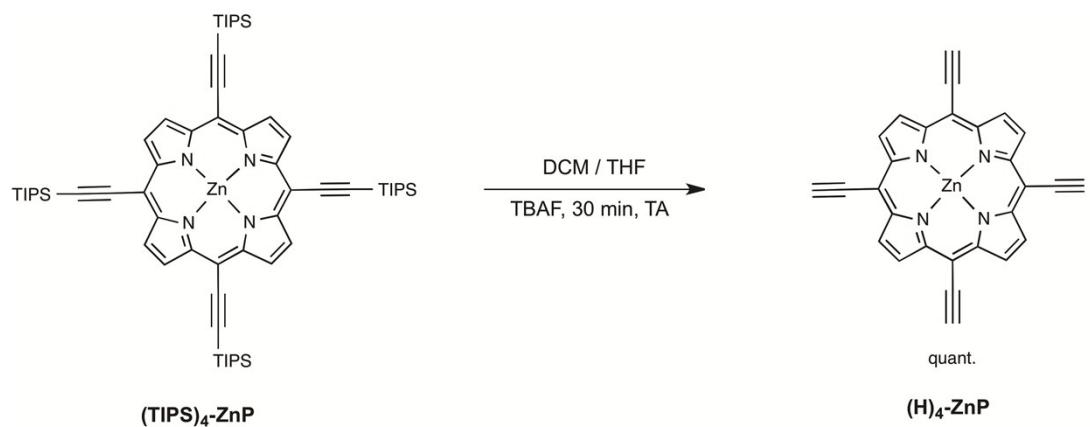


Figure S1. Synthesis of $(\text{DPP})_4\text{-ZnP}$.

Synthesis of **(DPP)₄-ZnP**

To a degassed solution of **(TIPS)₄-ZnP** (126 mg, 115 μmol) in a mixture of dry THF (5.5 mL) and dry DCM (13 mL) was added, under argon, a solution of TBAF (218 mg, 690 μmol) in dry THF (1 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 30 minutes and then a 1:1 mixture of water and ethanol (40 mL) was added. The solution was concentrated by evaporation of the solvent until the compound precipitated. The solid was filtered and washed with a cold mixture of water and ethanol (1:1). Due to its instability, the deprotected compound, obtained as a purple solid, was directly used for the next reaction.

(H)₄-ZnP, Pd(PPh₃)₄ (53 mg, 46 μmol), CuI (11 mg, 57.5 μmol) and DPP-Br (289 mg, 506 μmol) were dried under vacuum for 1 hour at 45°C. A solution of dry THF (10 mL) and (iPr)₂NH (2 mL) degassed by four freeze-thaw cycles was transferred *via cannula* to the solids placed under argon. The resulting mixture was stirred at 50°C for 2 hours. The solvents were evaporated and the product was purified by silica gel column chromatography (DCM / pyridine 1% / MeOH 1.5 to 3%). **(DPP)₄-ZnP** was obtained as a purple solid in 46% yield (130 mg).

¹H NMR (500 MHz, pyridine-*d*₅, 298K) : δ (ppm) = 3.29 (s, 12H, H₅ or H₁₀), 3.32 (s, 12H, H₅ or H₁₀), 3.46-3.51 (m, 16H, H₄ and H₉), 3.60-3.64 (m, 16H, H₃ and H₈), 3.86 (br s, 8H, H₂), 3.92-3.94 (m, 8H, H₇), 4.34 (br s, 8H, H₆), 4.45 (br s, 8H, H₁), 7.40-7.47 (m, 12H, H_{m'+p'}), 8.14 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 8H, H_{o'}), 8.34 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 8H, H_o), 8.44 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 8H, H_m), 9.82 (s, 8H, py).

¹³C NMR (125 MHz, pyridine-*d*₅, 298K) : δ (ppm) = 42.13, 42.19, 59.03, 59.06, 69.46, 70.64, 72.48, 97.16, 98.41, 102.67, 110.60, 110.39, 127.50, 128.32, 128.92, 129.18, 130.34, 130.50, 131.50, 131.55, 132.25, 148.68, 149.40, 151.80, 163.37, 163.04.

MALDI-TOF: *m/z* 2431.18 [M]⁺ (calcd 2431.88 for [C₁₄₀H₁₃₂N₁₄O₂₄Zn])

UV-vis. (DCM, 1% pyridine): λ_{max} (log ε) = 512 (5.32), 651 (4.34), 709 nm (4.96).

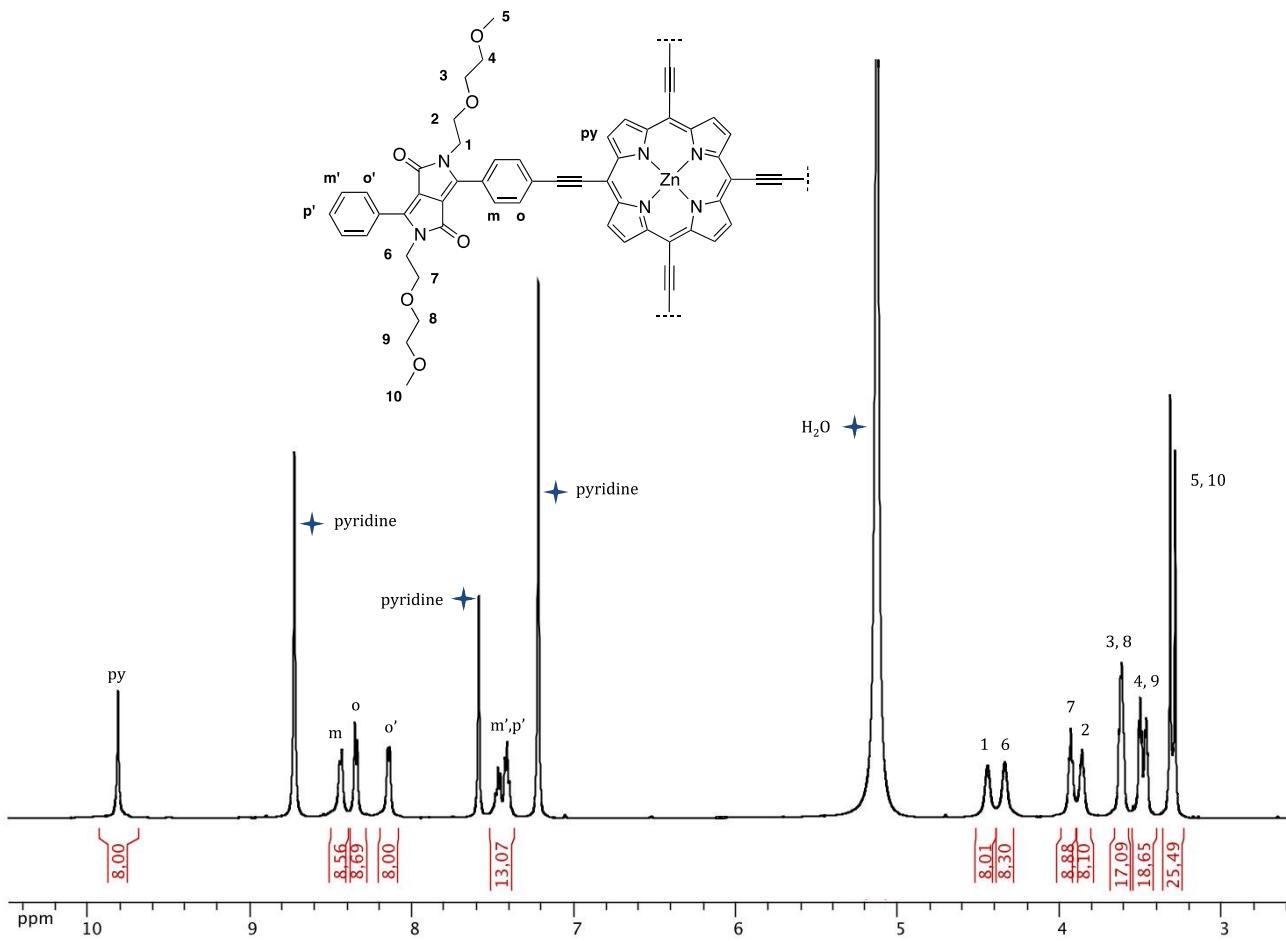


Figure S2. ^1H NMR (500MHz, pyridine-*d*5, 298K) spectrum of $(\text{DPP})_4\text{-ZnP}$.

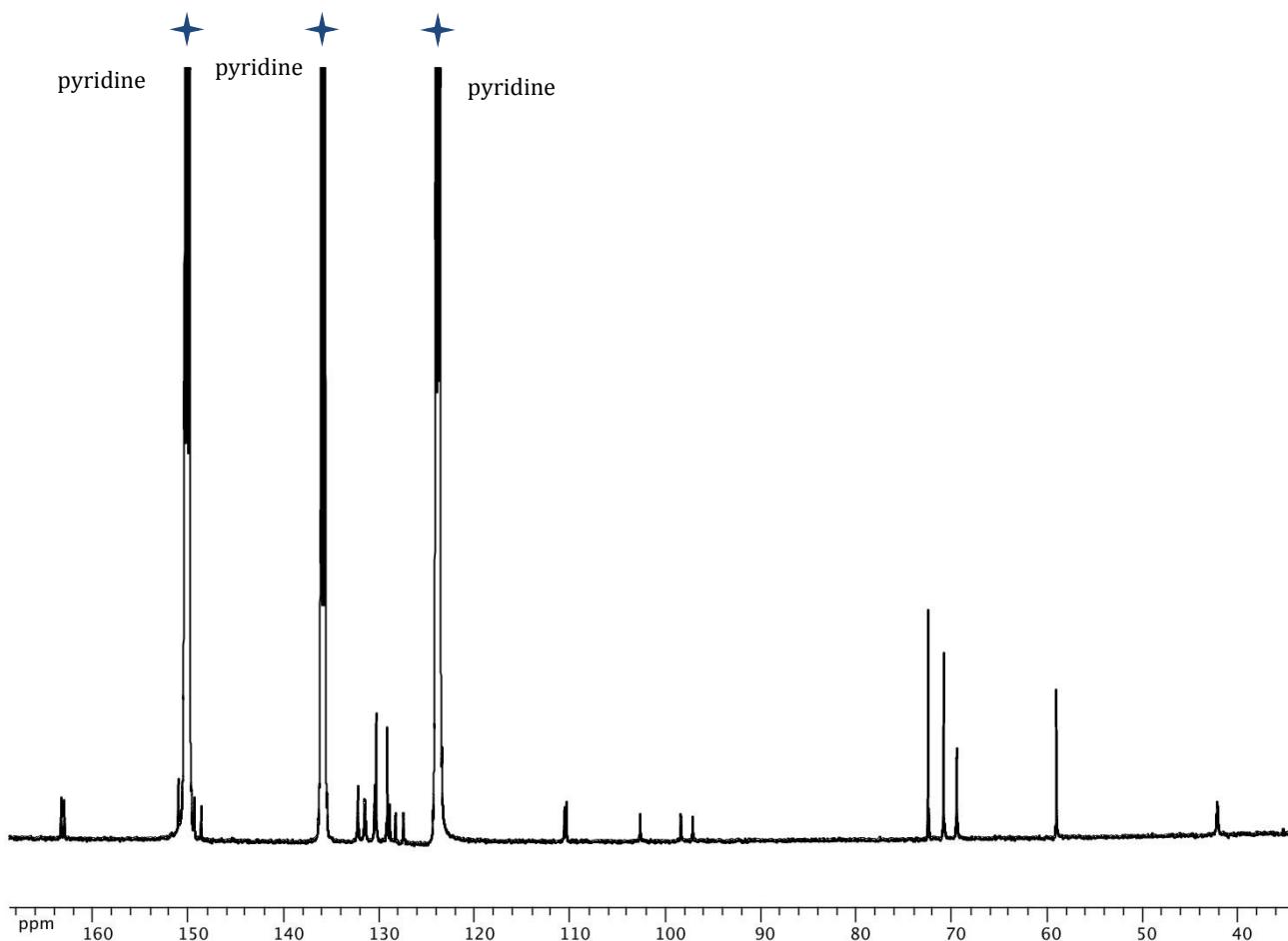


Figure S3. ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, pyridine- d_5 , 298 K) spectrum of **(DPP)₄-ZnP**.

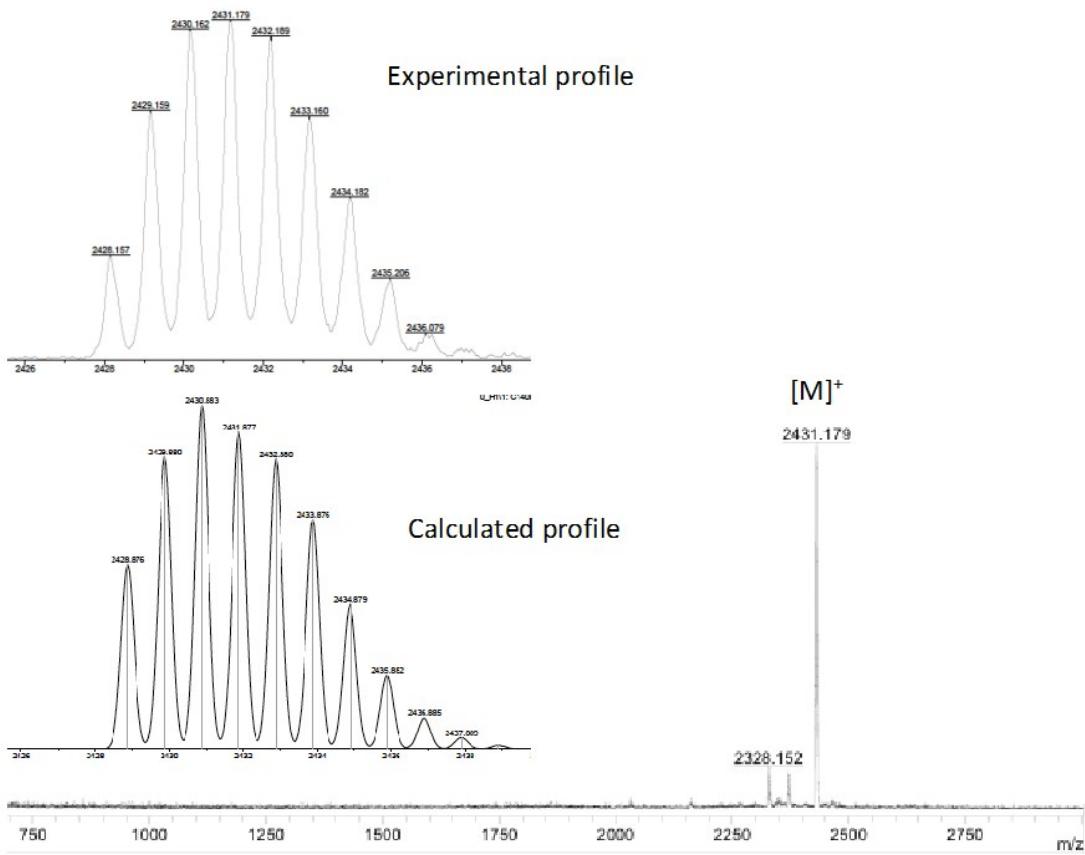
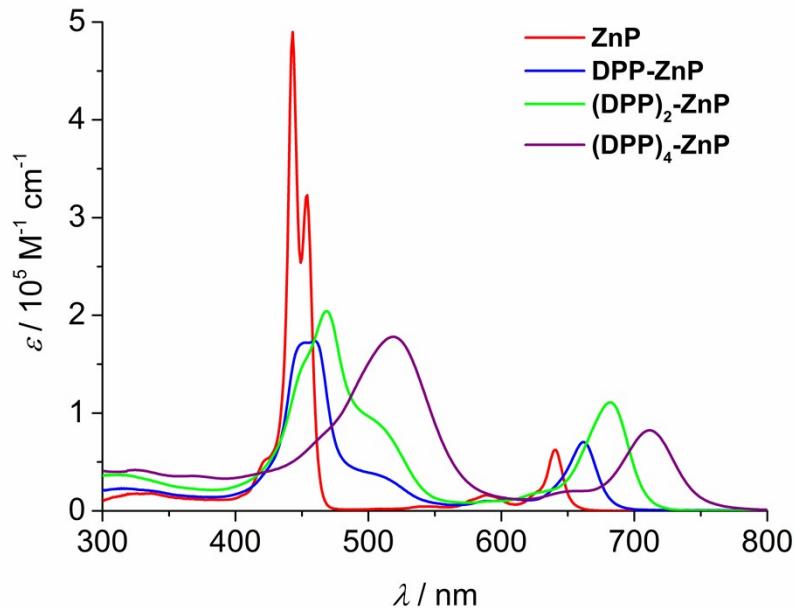


Figure S4. MALDI-TOF mass spectrum of **(DPP)₄-ZnP** and the corresponding calculated profile for $[M]^+$.

Absorption and emission data

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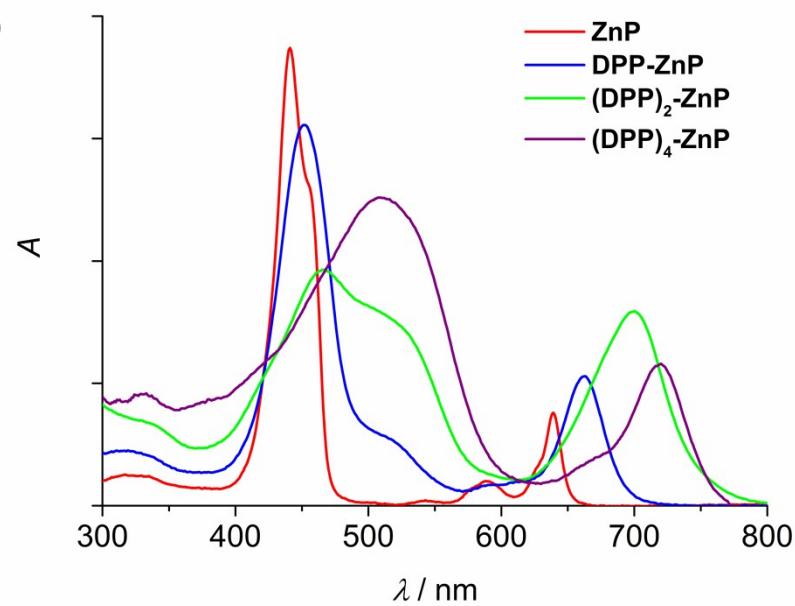


Figure S5. Absorption spectra of the four compounds in (a) DMSO and (b) $\text{H}_2\text{O} + 1\%$ DMSO.

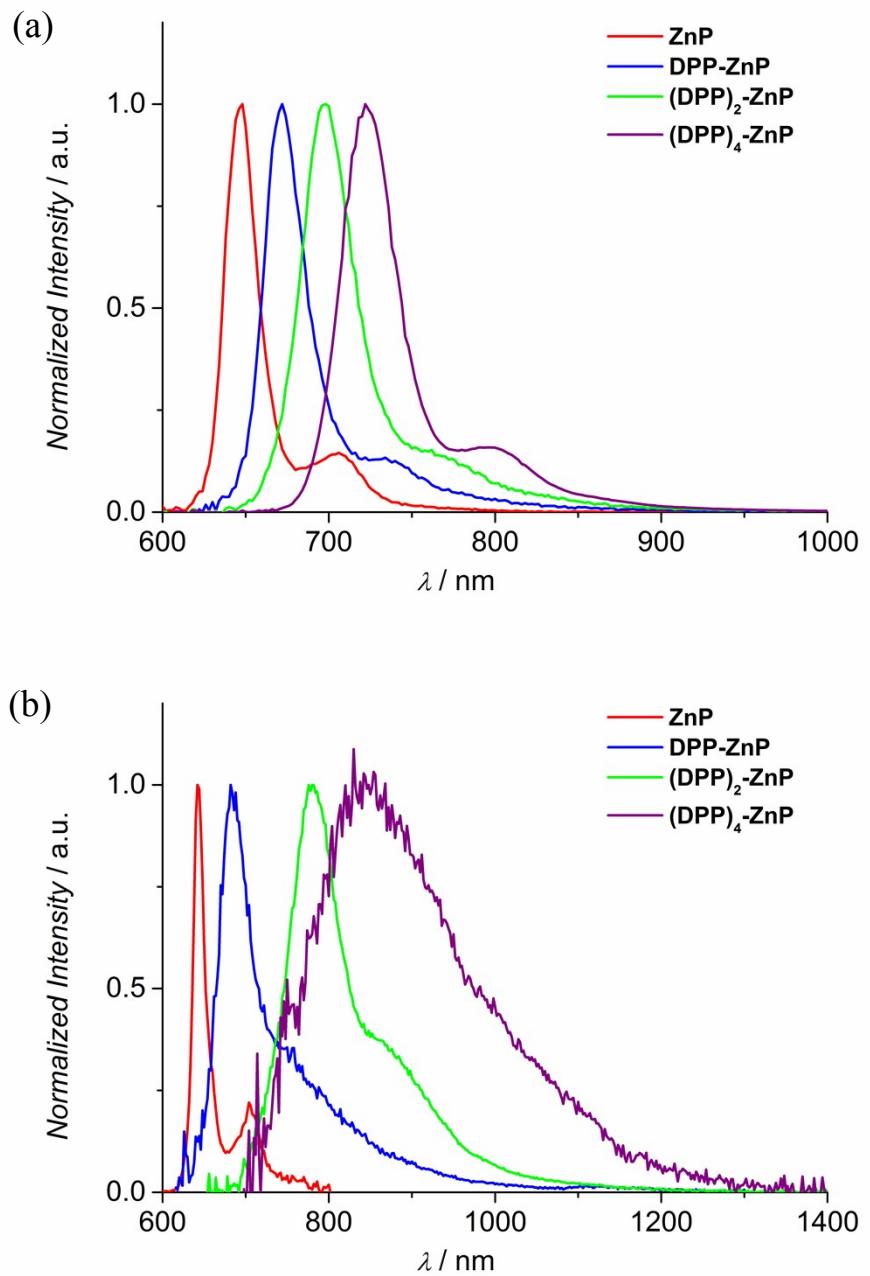


Figure S6. Normalized corrected room temperature emission spectra of the four compounds in (a) DMSO and (b) $H_2O + 1\%$ DMSO.

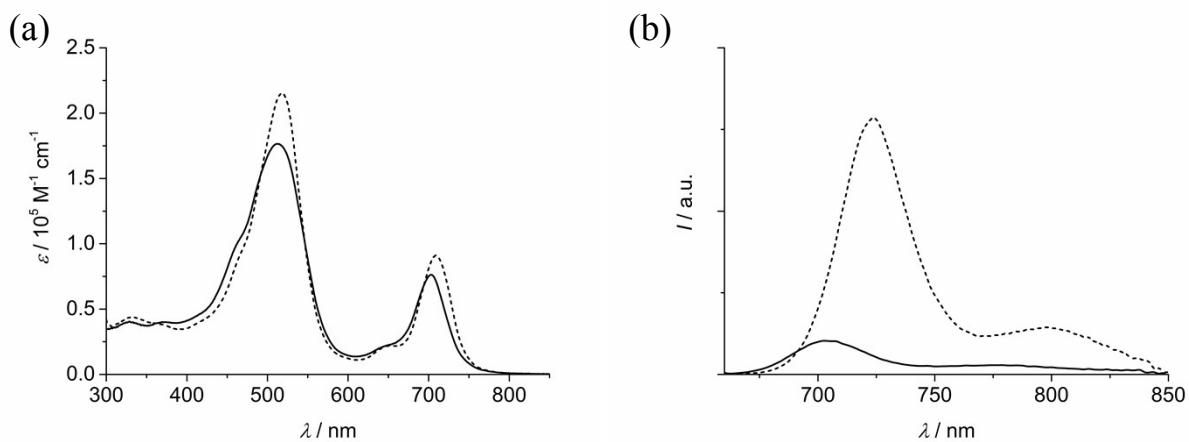


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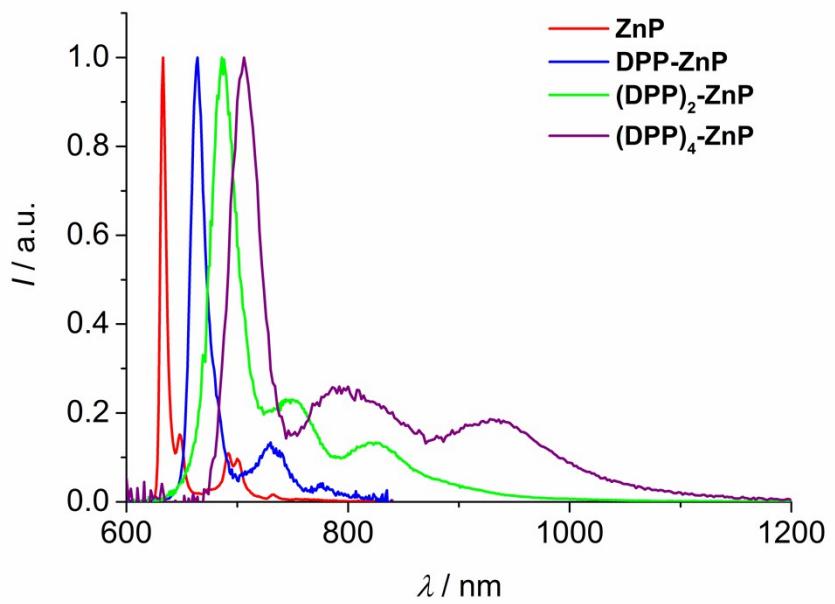


Figure S8: Normalized corrected fluorescence spectra of the four compounds at 77 K in DCM:MeOH (1:1).

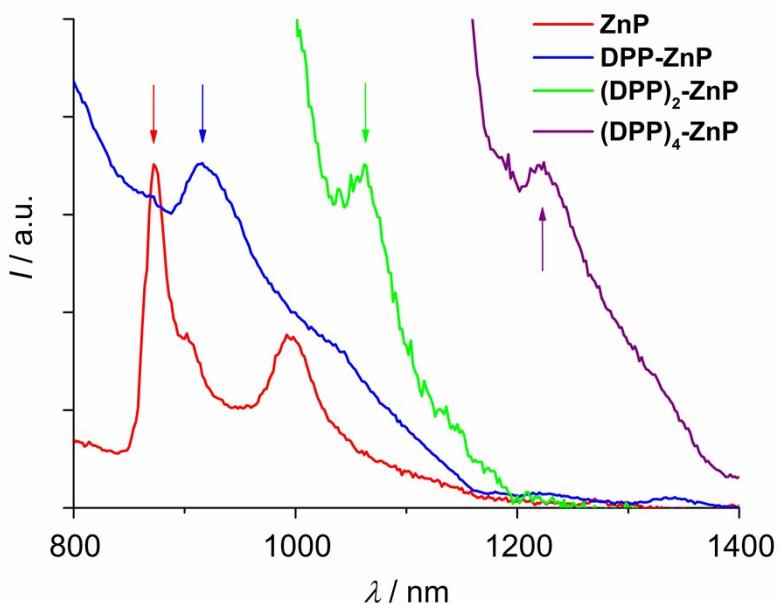


Figure S9. Arbitrarily scaled luminescence spectra of the four compounds at 77 K in DCM:MeOH:EtI (1:1:2).

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		$\lambda_{\text{max}} / \text{nm}^a$	τ / ns^b	E / eV
ZnP	<i>fluo</i>	633, 692, 732	1.90	1.96
	<i>phos</i>	872, 996	-	1.42
DPP-ZnP	<i>fluo</i>	664, 730, 776	1.22	1.87
	<i>phos</i>	914, 1034 sh	-	1.35
(DPP)₂-ZnP	<i>fluo</i>	687, 750, 824	0.86 ^c	1.80
	<i>phos</i>	1062	-	1.16
(DPP)₄-ZnP	<i>fluo</i>	706, 792, 934	0.15 [20%]; 2.93 [80%]	1.76
	<i>phos</i>	1220	-	1.02

^a From corrected emission spectra. ^b Fluorescence lifetimes, excitation at 465 nm. ^c Fluorescence bands at 750 and 824 nm show a second component (50% of the decay) with a lifetime of 4.05 ns.

Table S2. Triplet excited-state spectral features and lifetimes in air-free DMSO solutions.

	$\lambda_{\text{max}} / \text{nm}$	$\tau / \mu\text{s}$
ZnP	470, 730	238.6
DPP-ZnP	570, 900	124.4
(DPP)₂-ZnP	570, 920	149.7
(DPP)₄-ZnP	590, 940	149.6

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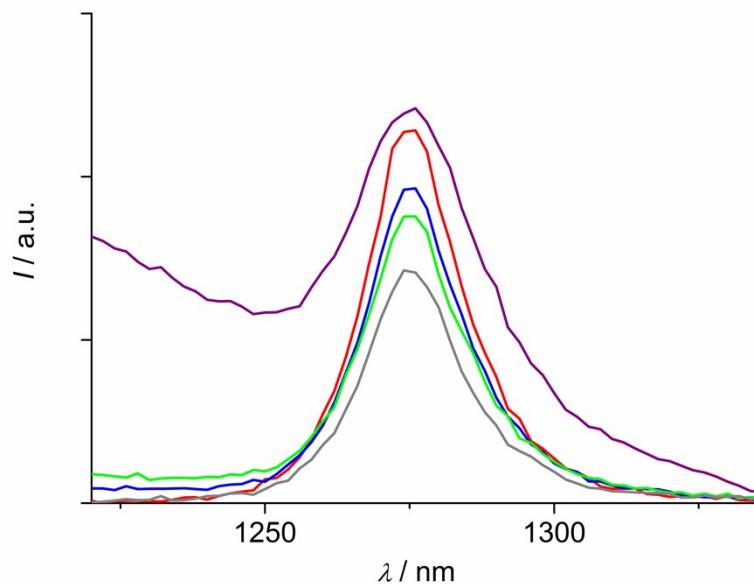


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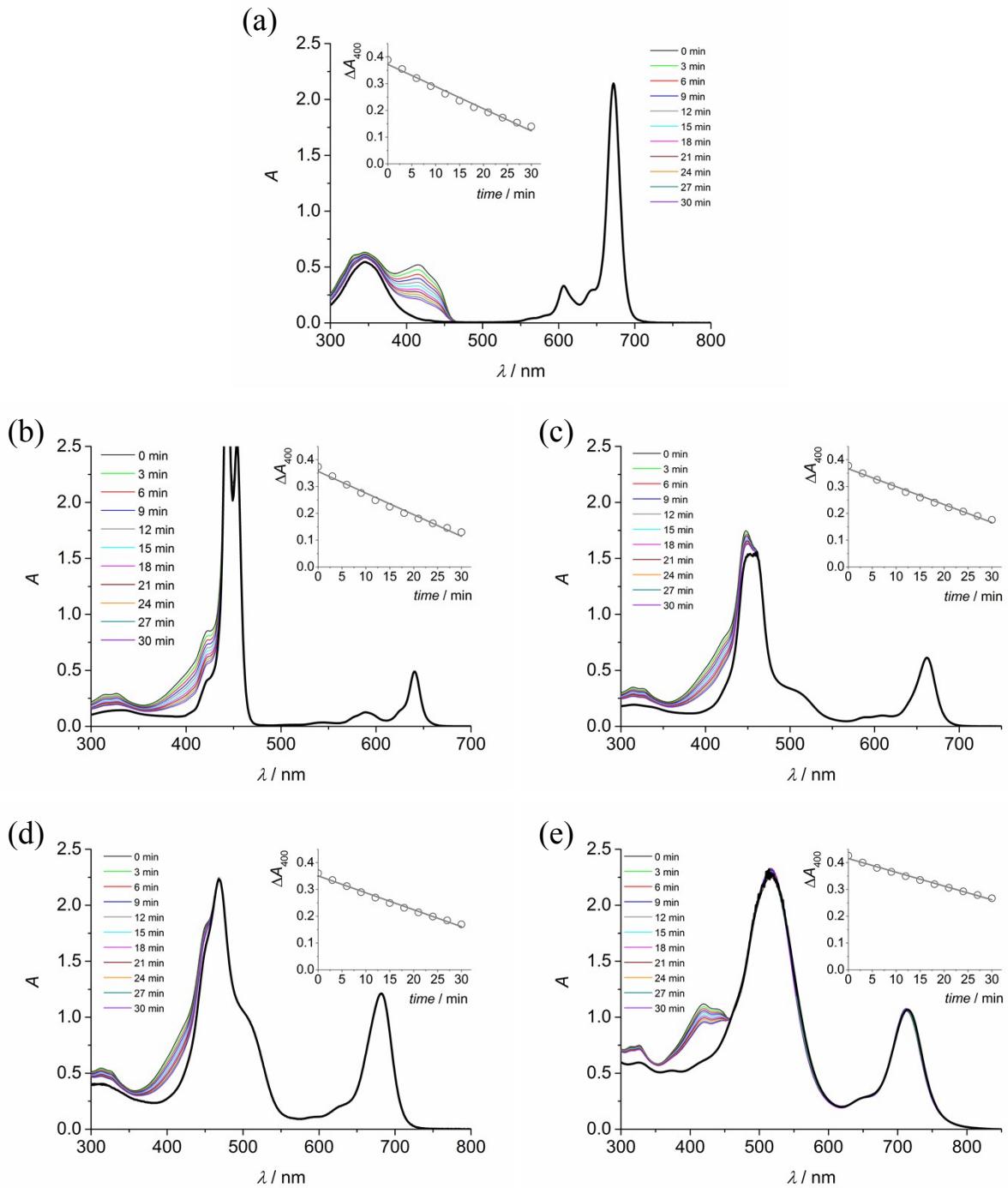


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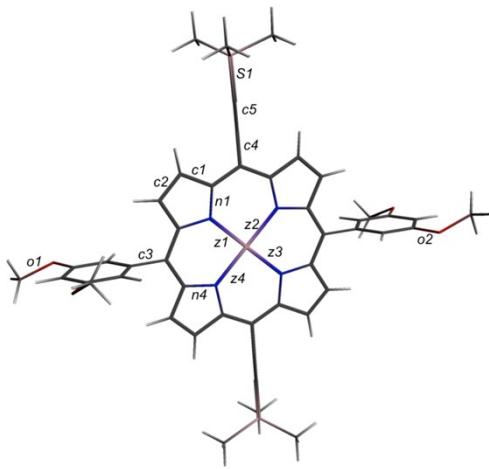
	$S_0 \rightarrow T_n$ on the geometry of the a^1A_g or a^1A electronic ground state	$S_0 \rightarrow T_n$ on the geometry of the lowest T_1 (a^3A_u or a^3A) excited state	$T_1 \rightarrow T_n$ on the geometry of the lowest T_1 (a^3A_u or a^3A) excited state
m-ZnP	1.466 $a^1A_g \rightarrow a^3A_u$ 1000 nm	1.249 $a^1A_g \rightarrow a^3A_u$ 1000 nm	0.500 $a^3A_u \rightarrow b^3A_u$
	1.692 $a^1A_g \rightarrow b^3A_u$	1.641 $a^1A_g \rightarrow b^3A_u$	0.569 $a^3A_u \rightarrow c^3A_u$
	1.870 $a^1A_g \rightarrow c^3A_u$	1.822 $a^1A_g \rightarrow c^3A_u$ 686 nm	1.226 $a^3A_u \rightarrow a^3A_g$ 1019 nm f=0.012
	2.031 $a^1A_g \rightarrow d^3A_u$	2.099 $a^1A_g \rightarrow d^3A_u$	1.310 $a^3A_u \rightarrow d^3A_u$
	2.644 $a^1A_g \rightarrow a^3A_g$	2.485 $a^1A_g \rightarrow a^3A_g$	1.332 $a^3A_u \rightarrow e^3A_g$ 938 nm f=0.025
			1.633 $a^3A_u \rightarrow f^3A_g$ 765 nm f=0.39
			1.766 $a^3A_u \rightarrow g^3A_u$
			1.771 $a^3A_u \rightarrow h^3A_g$ 705 nm f=1.77
			1.791 $a^3A_u \rightarrow i^3A_g$ 697 nm f=0.001
			1.798 $a^3A_u \rightarrow j^3A_u$
m-DPP-ZnP ^a	1.276 $a^1A \rightarrow a^3A$ 1509 nm	0.828 $a^1A \rightarrow a^3A$ 1.015 1231 nm ^b	0.846 $a^3A \rightarrow b^3A$
	1.433 $a^1A \rightarrow b^3A$	1.374 $a^1A \rightarrow b^3A$	1.222 $a^3A \rightarrow c^3A$
	1.659 $a^1A \rightarrow c^3A$	1.637 $a^1A \rightarrow c^3A$	1.261 $a^3A \rightarrow d^3A$ 991 nm f=0.009
	1.830 $a^1A \rightarrow d^3A$	1.801 $a^1A \rightarrow d^3A$	1.338 $a^3A \rightarrow e^3A$

			934 nm f=0.003
	2.029 a ¹ A → e ³ A	1.991 a ¹ A → e ³ A	1.504 a ³ A → f ³ A 831 nm f=0.021
	2.280 a ¹ A → f ³ A		1.740 a ³ A → g ³ A 718 nm f=0.002
	2.310 a ³ A → g ³ A		1.746 a ³ A → h ³ A 715 nm f=0.003
			1.763 a ³ A → i ³ A 709 nm f=0.099
			1.830 a ³ A → j ³ A 683 nm f=0.002
			1.882 a ³ A → k ³ A 664 nm f=0.038
m-(DPP) ₂ -ZnP	1.252 a ¹ A _g → a ³ A _u	1.068 a ¹ A _g → a ³ A _u 1170 nm	0.566 a ³ A _u → b ³ A _u
	1.331 a ¹ A _g → b ³ A _g	1.300 a ¹ A _g → b ³ A _g	0.646 a ³ A _u → c ³ A _u
	1.425 a ¹ A _g → b ³ A _u	1.370 a ¹ A _g → b ³ A _u	0.751 a ³ A _u → a ³ A _g 1665 nm f=0.0008
	1.632 a ¹ A _g → c ³ A _u	1.584 a ¹ A _g → c ³ A _u 789 nm	0.880 a ³ A _u → d ³ A _u
	1.806 a ¹ A _g → d ³ A _u		0.986 a ³ A _u → b ³ A _g 1268 nm f=1.989
	2.030 a ¹ A _g → c ³ A _g	1.977 a ¹ A _g → c ³ A _g	1.138 a ³ A _u → e ³ A _u
	2.134 a ¹ A _g → e ³ A _u		
m-(DPP) ₄ -ZnP	1.250 a ¹ A _g → a ³ A _u	1.062 a ¹ A _g → a ³ A _u 1177 nm	0.216 a ³ A _u → b ³ A _u
	1.251 (³ A _u)	1.225 (³ A _u)	0.688 a ³ A _u → c ³ A _u
	1.343 (³ A _g)	1.314 (³ A _g)	0.755 a ³ A _u → a ³ A _g 1657 nm f=0.097
	1.349 (³ A _g)	1.321 (³ A _g)	0.843 a ³ A _u → b ³ A _g

			1483 nm f=0.34
	1.409 (3A_u)	1.358 (3A_u)	0.906 $a^3A_u \rightarrow c^3A_g$ 1380 nm f=1.099
	1.412 (3A_u)		
	1.778 (3A_u)		
	1.781 (3A_u)		
	2.087 (3A_g)		
	2.094 (3A_g)		
	2.118 (3A_u)		
	2.122 (3A_u)		

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	ZnP X-ray	m-ZnP	m-ZnP with Ci	m-DPP-ZnP	m-(DPP) ₂ -ZnP with Ci	m-(DPP) ₄ - ZnP with Ci
z1	2.083	2.047	2.047	2.048	2.049	2.052
z2	2.060	2.049	2.049	2.047	2.048	2.051
z3	2.070	2.047	2.047	2.049	2.049	2.052
z4	2.071	2.049	2.049	2.048	2.048	2.051
n1	1.366	1.365	1.365	1.366	1.363	1.367
n4	1.378	1.374	1.373	1.375	1.374	1.367
c1	1.439	1.439	1.439	1.439	1.439	1.437
c2	1.349	1.357	1.357	1.358	1.357	1.358
c3	1.501	1.501	1.501	1.500	1.500	-
c4	1.441	1.425	1.425	1.425	-	-
c5	1.204	1.216	1.216	1.216	-	-
o1	1.434	1.433	1.433	1.433	1.434	-
o2	1.370	1.366	1.366	1.367	1.367	-
s1	1.843	1.853	1.853	1.854	-	



Scheme S1. Labels of the important bond lengths.

Table S5. Cartesian coordinates (in Å) of the DFT(B3LYP) optimized structures of the model systems m-ZnP, m-DPP-ZnP, m-(DPP)₂-ZnP and m-(DPP)₄-ZnP.

m-ZnP	m-DPP-ZnP	m-DPP-ZnP-DPP	m-(DPP) ₄ -ZnP
C 4.60365 2.96352 3.82194	Zn -0.056912 0.106837 -0.001188	Zn 0.013891 0.29719 0.275826	C -0.055574 -2.60568 -1.62238
C 5.30122 2.59858 2.61736	N -1.4812 1.27329 -0.899544	N -1.42359 1.42007 -0.656871	C -0.02356 -3.10635 -2.96884
H 5.21945 1.64724 2.12161	N 1.40828 1.09296 -1.03964	N 1.46982 1.26856 -0.788842	H -0.056843 -4.14485 -3.24596
C 6.05619 3.66757 2.25707	N 1.36673 -1.06054 0.894555	N 1.45091 -0.830807 1.20329	C 0.058894 -2.02756 -3.78877
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C 5.82459 4.69736 3.23844	C -1.26668 2.27183 -1.80358	C -1.22027 2.38343 -1.59998	C 0.07431 -0.86395 -2.94604
C 6.41595 5.9655 3.21587	C -2.83654 1.22455 -0.675807	C -2.77768 1.36771 -0.428492	C 0.151671 0.463769 -3.41533
C 6.19606 6.97856 4.15581	C 2.72527 -0.980237 0.707785	C 2.80937 -0.73763 1.01775	C 0.166723 1.61842 -2.6052
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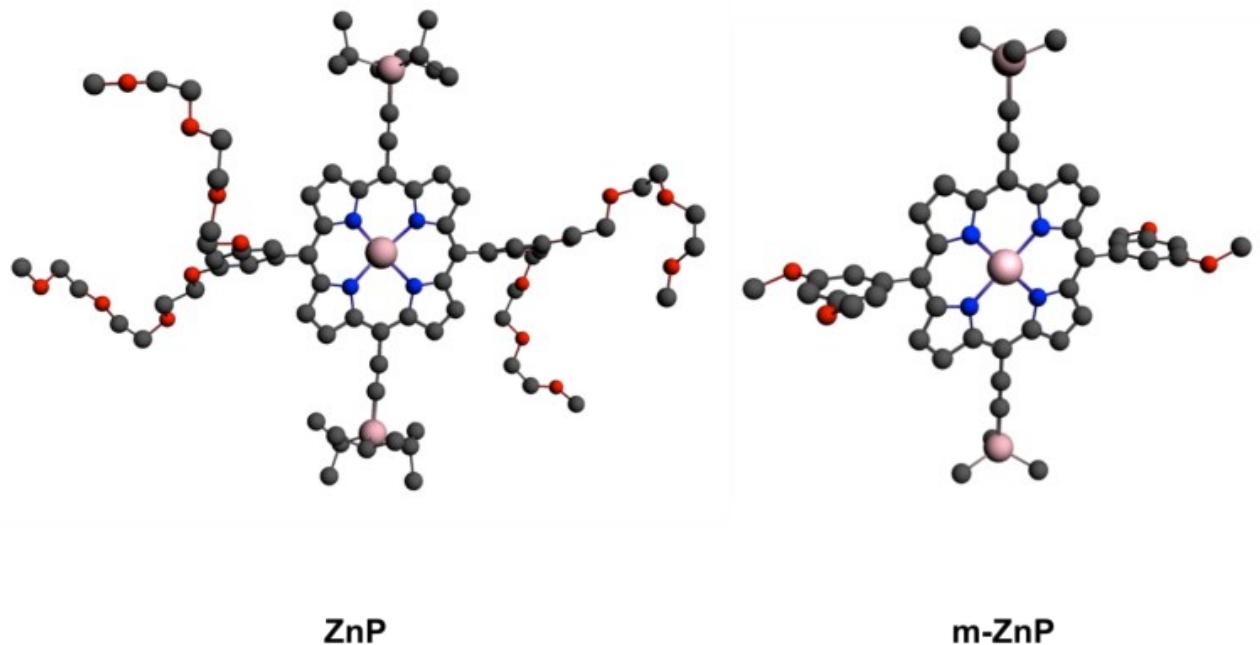


Figure S12. DFT optimized structure of m-ZnP in the electronic ground state, as compared to the X-ray structure of **ZnP** (the DMSO coordinated to the Zn metal centre is not shown, for the complete structure see Fig. S16). H atoms are hidden for the sake of clarity.

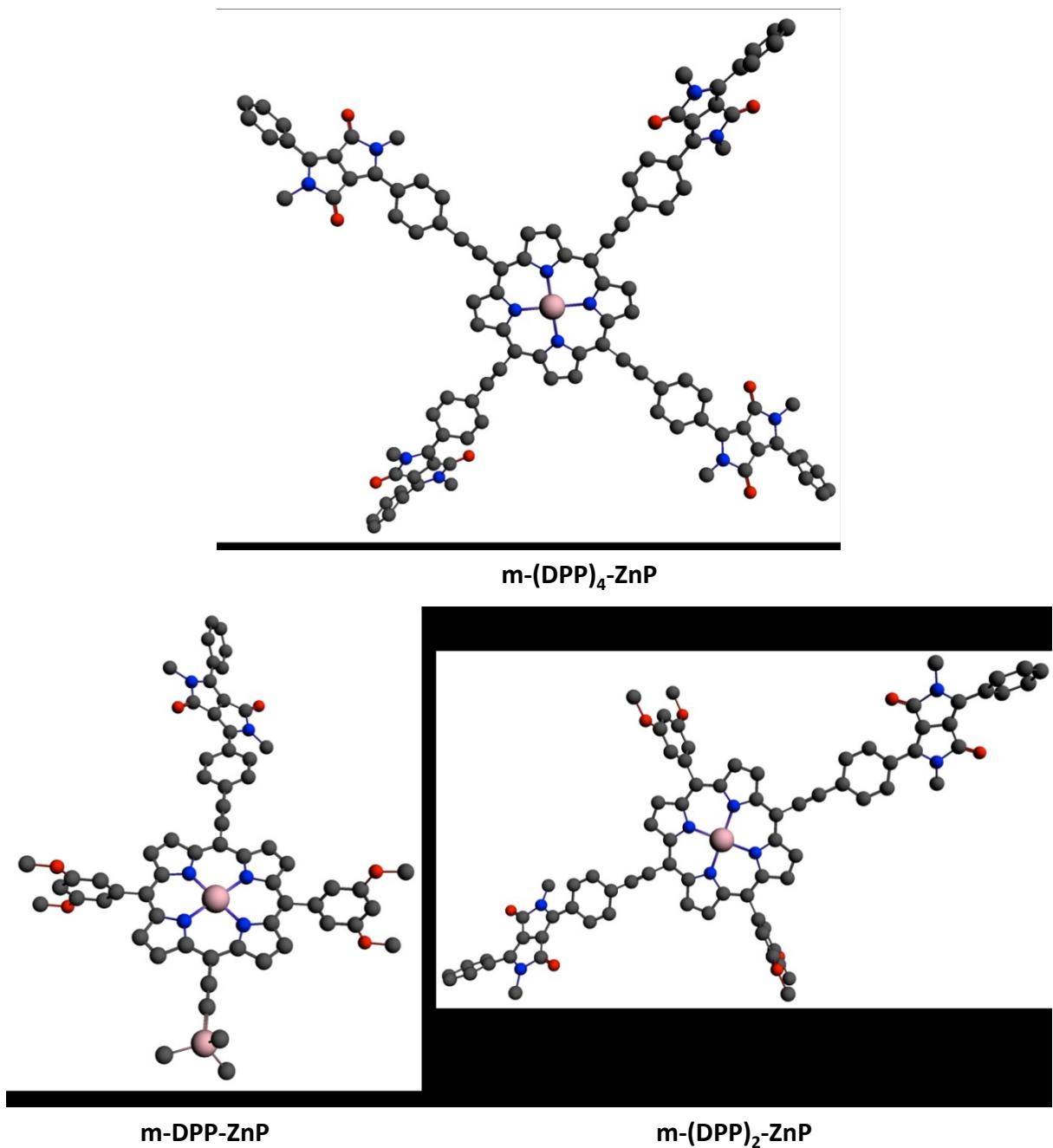
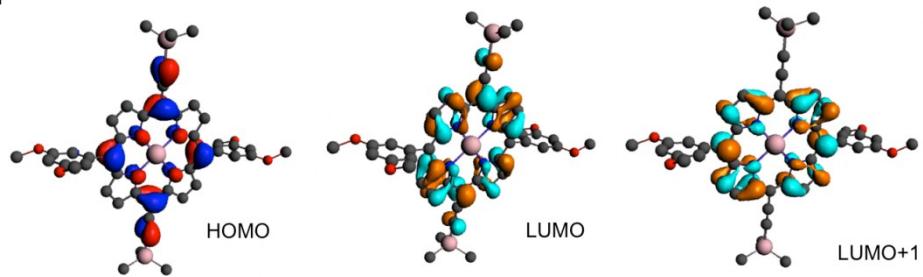


Figure S13. DFT(B3LYP) optimized structures of $m\text{-DPP-ZnP}$, $m\text{-(DPP)}_2\text{-ZnP}$ and $m\text{-(DPP)}_4\text{-ZnP}$.

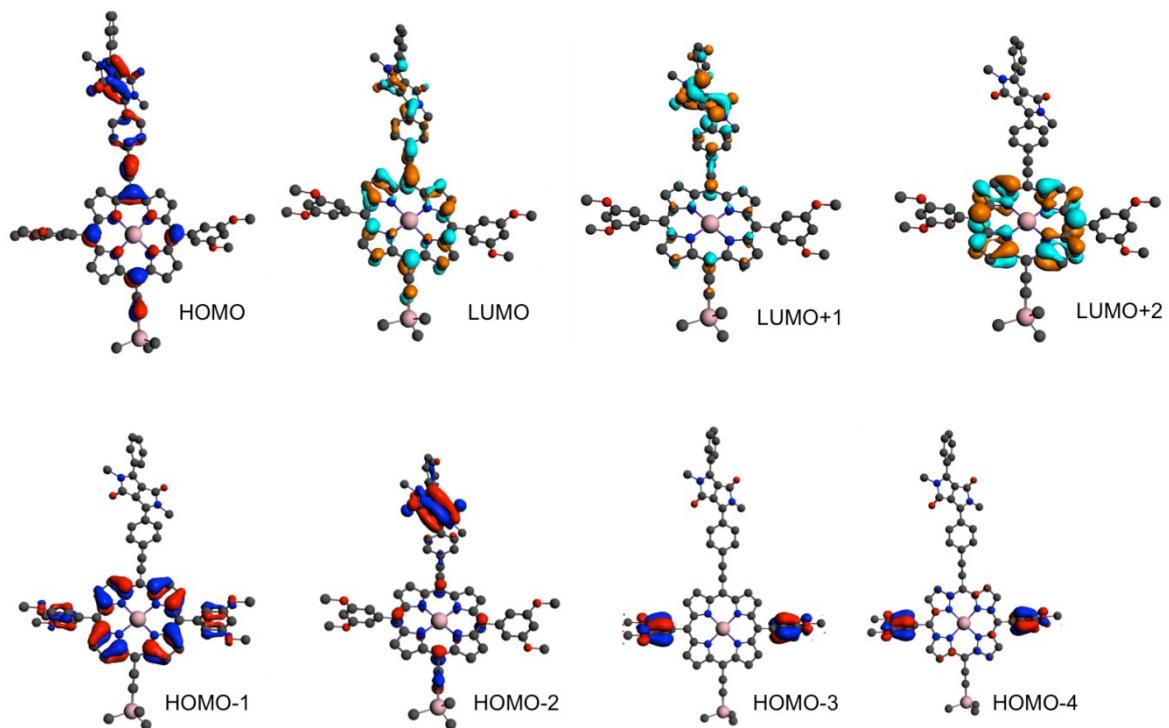
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m-ZnP



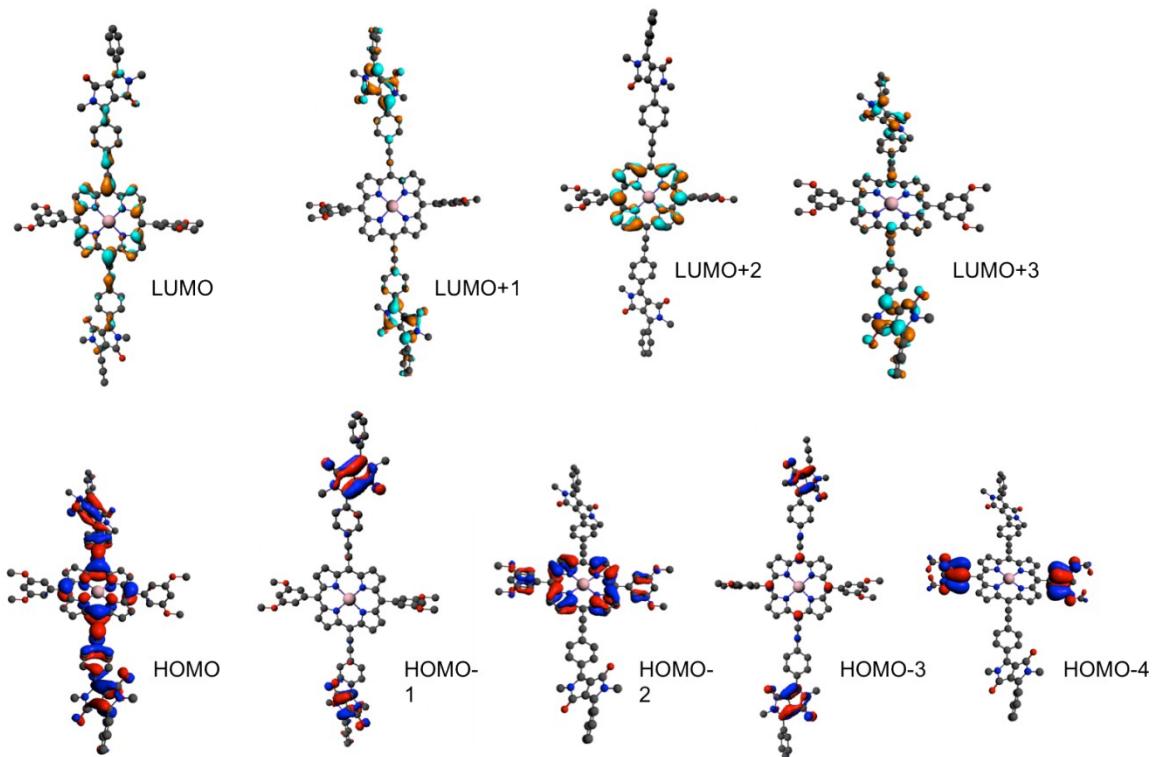
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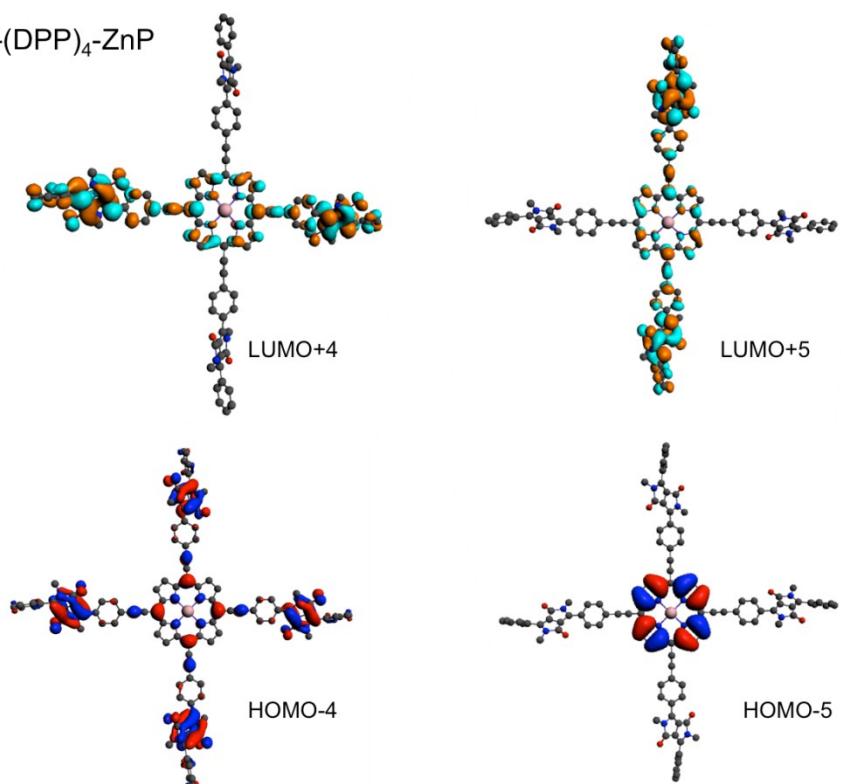
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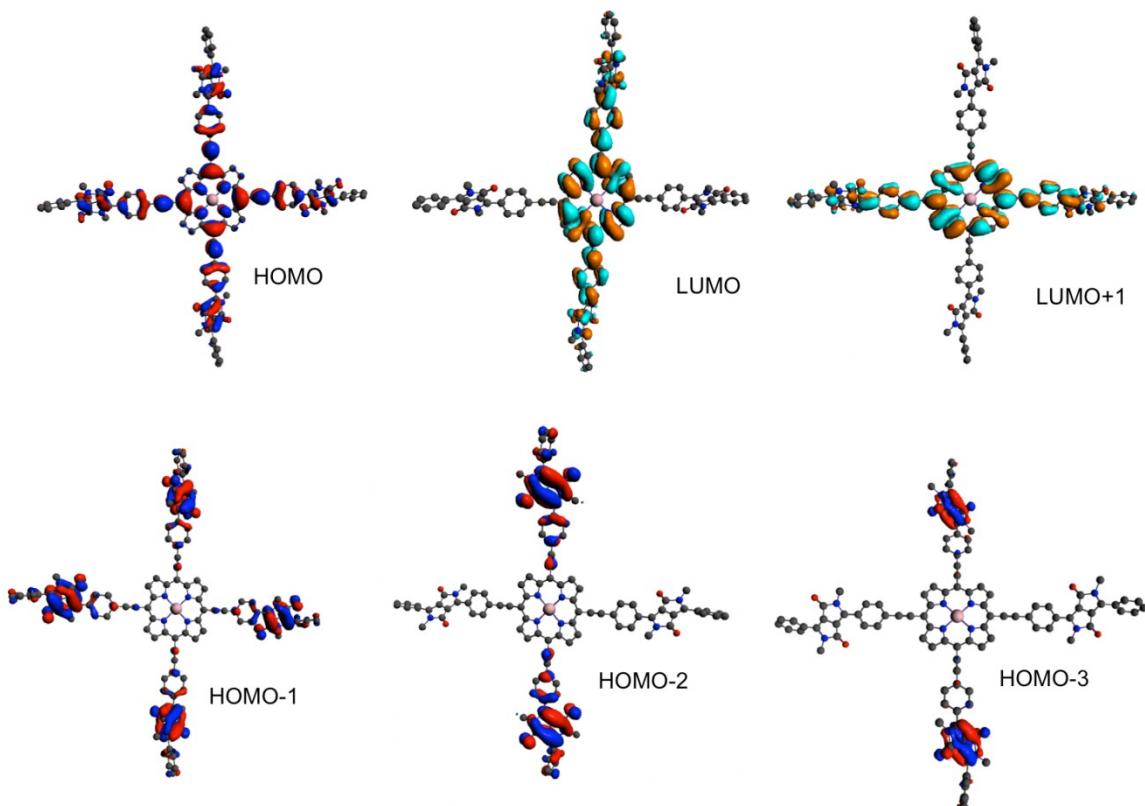


Figure S14. KS orbitals describing the electronic ground state of (a) m-ZnP, (b) m-DPP-ZnP, (c) m-(DPP)₂-ZnP and (d) m-(DPP)₄-ZnP.

Table S6. TD-DFT transition energies (in eV) and absorption wavelengths (in nm) of m-ZnP, m-DPP-ZnP, m-(DPP)₂-ZnP and m-(DPP)₄-ZnP calculated in DCM and associated oscillator strengths (only the values > 0.05 are reported here).

	Transition ^a	Energies (in eV)	Wavelength (in nm)	f
m-ZnP ¹ A				
	HOMO → LUMO	2.094	596	0.536
	60% HOMO-1 → LUMO 36% HOMO → LUMO+1	2.152	580	0.062
	44% HOMO → LUMO+1 29% HOMO-1 → LUMO	2.595	481	1.06
	HOMO-1 → LUMO+1	2.646	472	1.433
	HOMO-2 → LUMO	2.674	467	0.112
	77% HOMO-3 → LUMO 15% HOMO → LUMO+1	2.802	446	0.526
	HOMO-2 → LUMO+1	2.897	431	0.050
	HOMO-3 → LUMO+1	3.005	415	0.525
m-DPP-ZnP ¹ A				
	HOMO → LUMO	1.861	670	1.71
	62% HOMO-1 → LUMO 30% HOMO → LUMO+2	2.082	600	0.057

	HOMO-2 → LUMO	2.232	560	0.136
	HOMO → LUMO+1	2.350	532	0.181
	50% HOMO → LUMO+2 31% HOMO-1 → LUMO	2.432	514	0.67
	63% HOMO-1 → LUMO+2 23% HOMO-2 → LUMO+1	2.588	482	0.60
	HOMO-2 → LUMO+1	2.715	460	0.387
	40% HOMO-2 → LUMO+2 33% HOMO-3 → LUMO+2 19% HOMO-1 → LUMO+1	2.792	448	0.547
	65% HOMO-3 → LUMO+2 21% HOMO-2 → LUMO+2	2.828	442	0.275
	HOMO-4 → LUMO+2	2.933	426	0.732
m-(DPP) ₂ -ZnP ¹ A				
	HOMO → LUMO	1.736	720	2.45
	66% HOMO-2 → LUMO 29% HOMO → LUMO+2	2.034	614	0.07
	HOMO-3 → LUMO	2.236	559	0.13
	52% HOMO → LUMO+2 28% HOMO-2 → LUMO	2.369	527	0.593
	73% HOMO → LUMO+3	2.388	523	0.66
	HOMO-1 → LUMO+1	2.539	492	0.107
	HOMO-4 → LUMO	2.557	488	0.214
	60% HOMO-2 → LUMO+2 21% HOMO → LUMO+3	2.614	478	0.750
	57% HOMO-3 → LUMO+1 40% HOMO-1 → LUMO+3	2.649	471	0.106
m-(DPP) ₄ -ZnP ¹ A _u				
	HOMO (a _u) → LUMO (a _g)	1.648	758	1.633
	HOMO (a _u) → LUMO+1 (a _g)	1.650	757	1.638
	HOMO-1 (a _u) → LUMO (a _g)	2.080	600	0.627
	HOMO-1 (a _u) → LUMO+1 (a _g)	2.080	600	0.629
	43% HOMO-4 (a _u) → LUMO (a _g) 34% HOMO-5 (a _u) → LUMO+1 (a _g)	2.214	565	0.306
	43% HOMO-4 (a _u) → LUMO+1 (a _g) 34% HOMO-5 (a _u) → LUMO (a _g)	2.218	565	0.300
	45% HOMO-4 (a _u) → LUMO (a _g) 33% HOMO (a _u) → LUMO+4 (a _g)	2.319	540	0.749
	45% HOMO-4 (a _u) → LUMO+1 (a _g) 32% HOMO (a _u) → LUMO+3 (a _g)	2.321	540	0.782
	37% HOMO (a _u) → LUMO+4 (a _g) 31% HOMO-5 (a _u) → LUMO+1 (a _g)	2.443	510	0.343
	36% HOMO (a _u) → LUMO+3 (a _g) 30% HOMO-5 (a _u) → LUMO (a _g)	2.445	510	0.171
	63% HOMO-3 (a _g) → LUMO+2 (a _u)	2.514	497	0.462
	64% HOMO-2 (a _g) → LUMO+2 (a _u)	2.517	498	0.392
	HOMO-5 (a _u) → LUMO+4 (a _g)	3.014	415	0.307
	HOMO-5 (a _u) → LUMO+5 (a _g)	3.016	415	0.302

Table S7. TD-DFT absorption wavelengths (λ , in nm) and associated main one-electron excitations (> 20%) corresponding to the most intense OP 1A_u transitions ($f > 0.5$) depicted in the theoretical spectra of Fig. 6 for m-ZnP and m-DPP-ZnP.

	Transition	λ	f
m-ZnP			
> 90%		596	0.54
44%		481	1.06
29%			
> 90%		472	1.43
78% CT		446	0.53
> 90% CT		415	0.53
m-DPP-ZnP			
> 90%		670	1.71
50%		514	0.67
31%			

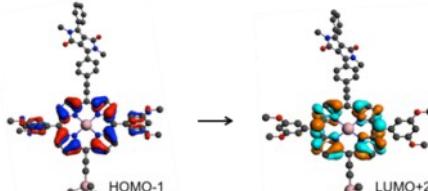
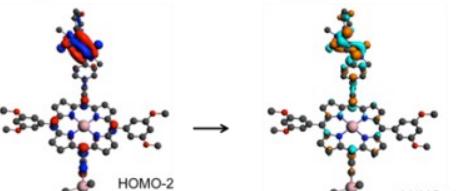
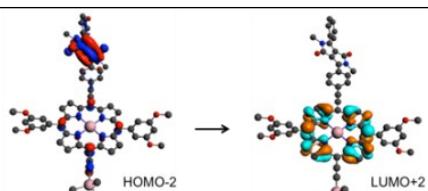
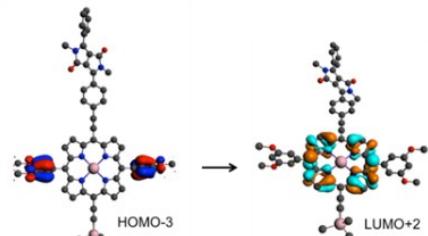
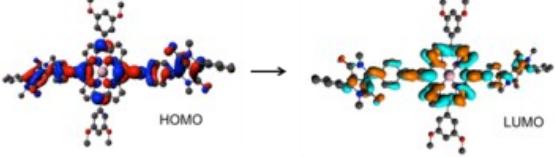
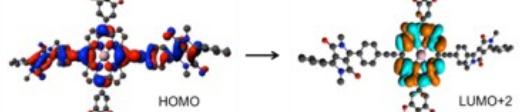
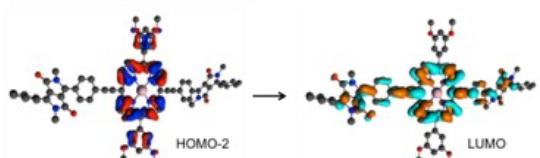
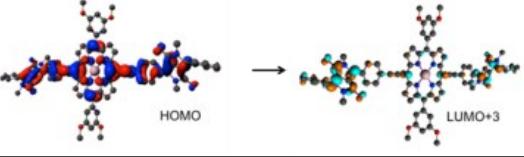
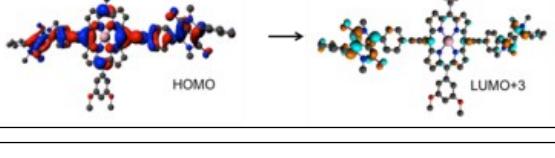
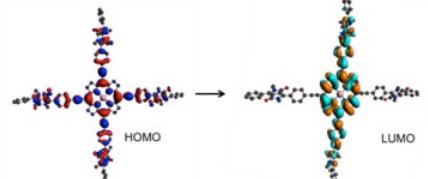
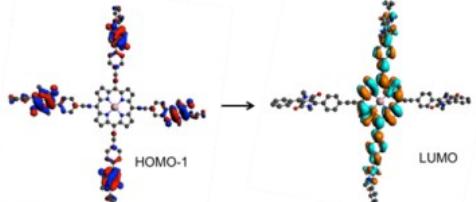
	 		482	0.60
63%	 		448	0.55
23%			426	0.73

Table S8. TD-DFT absorption wavelengths (λ , in nm) and associated main one-electron excitations (> 20%) corresponding to the most intense OP ${}^1\text{A}_\text{u}$ transitions ($f > 0.5$) depicted in the theoretical spectra of Fig. 6 for m-(DPP)₂-ZnP and m-(DPP)₄-ZnP.

	Transition	λ	f
m-(DPP) ₂ -ZnP			
> 90%		720	2.45
52%		527	0.59
28%			
73%		523	0.66
60%		478	0.75
21%			
m-(DPP) ₄ -ZnP ^a			
> 90%		758	1.63
> 90%		600	0.63

45%		540	0.76
32%			
65%		498	0.50

^a In the case of m-(DPP)₄-ZnP, only one component of the degenerate transitions is reported (see Table S5).

Two-photon excitation spectra

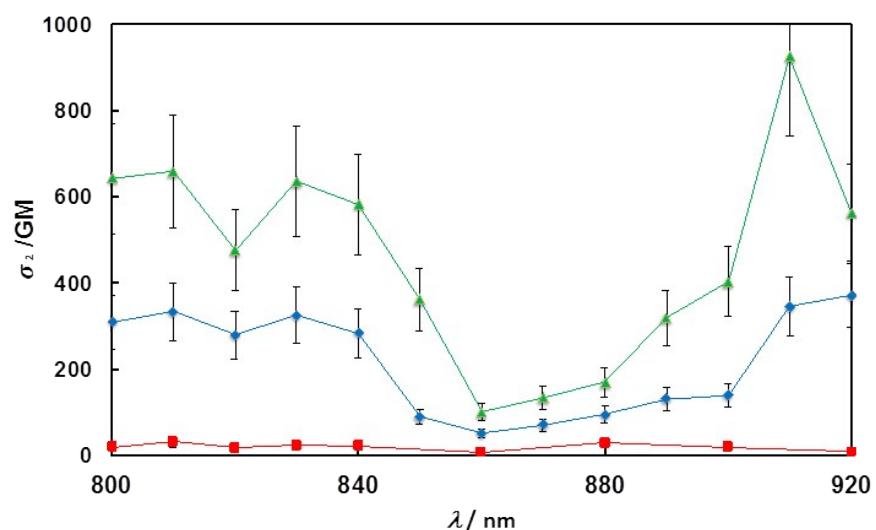


Figure S15. Two-photon excitation spectra of **ZnP** (red), **DPP-ZnP** (blue) and **(DPP)₂-ZnP** (green) in DMSO.

Crystallographic data

X-ray crystal structure determination. The crystal-detector distance was 40 mm. The cell parameters were determined (APEX2 software) [3] from reflections taken from three sets of 20 frames, each at 10s exposure. The structure was solved by Direct methods using the program SHELXS-97.[4] The refinement and all further calculations were carried out using SHELXL-2013.[5] The H-atoms were included in calculated positions and treated as riding atoms using SHELXL default parameters. The non-H atoms were refined anisotropically, using weighted full-matrix least-squares on F₂. A semi-empirical absorption correction was applied using SADABS in APEX2.[6]

CCDC 1451986 contains the supplementary crystallographic data for this paper. These data can be obtained free of charge from The Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre via www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/data_request/cif.

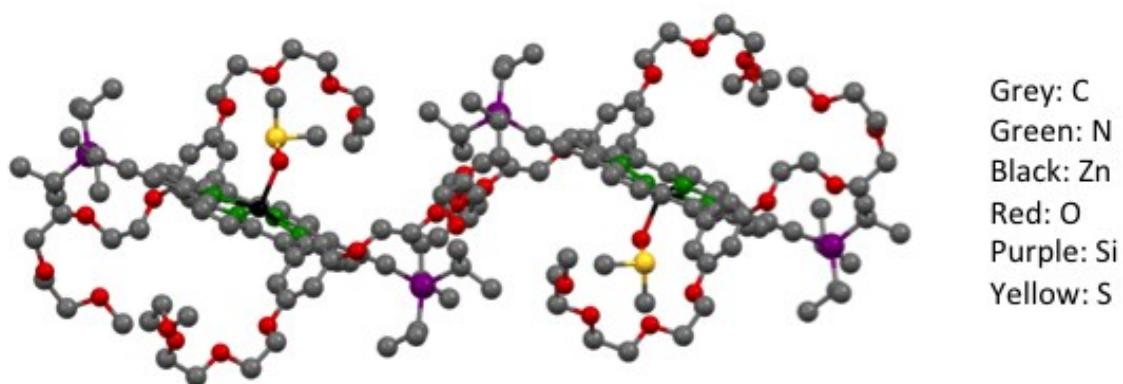


Figure S16. Representation of the crystal packing of **ZnP**. Hydrogens are omitted for clarity. One DMSO molecule is linked to each zinc metal centre.

Table S9. Crystal data and structure refinement for **ZnP**.

Identification code	shelx
Empirical formula	C84 H122 N4 O17 S Si2 Zn
Formula weight	1613.46 g/mol
Temperature	173(2) K
Wavelength	1.54178 Å
Crystal system, space group	Triclinic, P -1
Unit cell dimensions	a = 11.4105(3) Å α = 79.762(2)°. b = 17.6824(4) Å β = 89.224(2)°. c = 22.7971(6) Å γ = 74.592(2)°.
Volume	4361.0(2) Å ³
Z, Calculated density	2, 1.229 Mg/m ³
Absorption coefficient	1.408 mm ⁻¹
F(000)	1728
Crystal size	0.250 x 0.060 x 0.040 mm ³
Theta range for data collection	2.635 to 66.733°.
Limiting indices	-13<=h<=13, -20<=k<=16, -27<=l<=26
Reflections collected / unique	42050 / 15092 [R(int) = 0.0540]
Completeness to theta = 67.679	95.7 %
Absorption correction	Semi-empirical from equivalents
Max. and min. transmission	0.7528 and 0.6889
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F ²
Data / restraints / parameters	15092 / 0 / 994
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.037
Final R indices [I>2sigma(I)]	R1 = 0.0471, wR2 = 0.1076
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.0740, wR2 = 0.1187
Extinction coefficient	n/a
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.895 and -0.822 e.Å ⁻³

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