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Photophysical Properties of Palladium/Platinum Tetrasulfonyl Phthalocyanines and Their Application in Triplet-Triplet-Annihilation Upconversion

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1. Changes in UV/Vis Absorption Spectra at Different Concentrations

Fig. S1 UV-vis absorption of Pd-Pc (a) in chloroform, (b) in THF and (c) in acetonitrile at 20 °C.



Fig. S2 Absorbance vs concentration of **Pd-Pc** (a) in chloroform, (b) in THF and (c) in acetonitrile at 653 nm at 20°C.



Fig. S3 UV-vis absorption of Pt-Pc (a) in chloroform, (b) in THF and (c) in acetonitrile at 20 °C.



Fig. S4 Absorbance vs concentration of **Pt-Pc** (a) in chloroform, (b) in THF and (c) in acetonitrile at 653 nm, at 20 °C.



2. Nanosecond Transient Absorption Spectroscopy in THF

Fig. S5 (a) Decay trace of **Pd-Pc** at 658 nm. (b) Decay trace of **Pt-Pc** at 647 nm. $c = 1.0 \times 10^{-5}$ M in deaerated THF at 20 °C.





Fig. S6 The TTA upconversion fluorescence spectral of **Pd-Pc** (a) and **Pt-Pc** (c) as the triplet photosensitizers and R as the triplet acceptor. The upconversion intensity of **Pd-Pc** (b) and **Pt-Pc** (d) upon the addition of **R**. Excited with 658 nm cw-laser (1115 mW cm⁻²). *c*[sensitizers] = 1.0 $\times 10^{-5}$ M in deaerated chloroform at 20 °C.



Fig. S7 The TTA upconversion fluorescence spectral of **Pd-Pc** (a) and **Pt-Pc** (c) as the triplet photosensitizers and PBI as the triplet acceptor, the upconversion intensity of **Pd-Pc** (b) and **Pt-Pc** (d) upon the addition of **PBI**. Excited with 658 nm cw-laser (1115 mW cm⁻²). *c*[sensitizers] = 1.0×10^{-5} M in deaerated chloroform at 20 °C.

4. Changes of TTA upconversion fluorescence spectral with different laser power



Fig. S8 Integrated emission intensity plotted as a function of normalized incident light power of **Pd-Pc** (a) and **Pt-Pc** (b) as the triplet photosensitizers and **R** as the triplet acceptor. Excited with a 658 nm cw-laser. *c*[sensitizers] = 1.0×10^{-5} M in deaerated chloroform at 20 °C.



Fig. S9. Integrated emission intensity plotted as a function of normalized incident light power of **Pd-Pc** (a) and **Pt-Pc** (b) as the triplet photosensitizers and **PBI** as the triplet acceptor. Excited with a 658 nm cw-laser. *c*[sensitizers] = 1.0×10^{-5} M in deaerated chloroform at 20 °C.

5. The Intermolecular Triplet State Energy Transfer

Table S1. Kinetics of the Intermolecular Triplet State Energy Transfer between Pt-Pc and

1CBPEA.

molar ratio	$\tau_{1\ 647}\ \mathrm{nm}^{a}$	$\tau_{2\ 647}\ \mathrm{nm}^{\ b}$	k _{ET} ^c	$\Phi_{\rm ET}\%^{d}$
Pt-Pc : R	(µs)	(µs)	(µs -1)	
1:0	-	2.99	_	-
1:9	0.136	2.85	7.00	95.2
1:15	0.130	2.63	7.31	95.1
1:21	0.132	2.52	7.18	94.8
1:27	0.169	2.45	5.51	93.1

^{*a*} The lifetime for the shorter of the trace at 658 nm. ^{*b*} The lifetime for the longer of the trace at 658 nm. ^{*c*} Intermolecular triplet state energy transfer rate constant. ^{*d*} Intermolecular triplet state energy transfer efficiency.

6. x,y,z coordinates of the optimized geometries

DFT calculation at b3lyp/genecp level.

Pd-Pc

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7. Calculation details

Table S2. Excitation Energies (eV) and corresponding Oscillator Strengths (*f*), main configurations and CI coefficients of the Low-lying Electronically Excited States of complex **Pt-Pc**. Calculated by TDDFT//B3LYP/LANL2DZ, based on the DFT//B3LYP/LANL2DZ Optimized Ground State Geometries.

	TDDFT/B3LYP/LANL2DZ						
	Electronic transition	Energy [eV/nm] ^a	f^{b}	Composition ^c	CI ^d	Character	
Singlet	$S_0 \rightarrow S_1$	2.08 / 596	0.6825	H→L	0.6984	LMCT	
	$S_0 \rightarrow S_2$	2.11 / 588	0.7146	$H \rightarrow L+1$	0.6981	LMCT	
	$S_0 \rightarrow S_{16}$	3.76 / 329	0.4506	H-5→L+1	0.4474	LMCT	
Triplet	$S_0 \rightarrow T_1$	1.33 / 930	0.0000^{e}	H→L	0.7063	LMCT	
	$S_0 \rightarrow T_2$	1.35 / 916	0.0000 ^e	$H \rightarrow L+1$	0.7058	LMCT	
	$S_0 \rightarrow T_3$	2.38 / 520	0.0000 ^e	H-2→L	0.5084	ILCT	
	$S_0 \rightarrow T_4$	2.46 / 504	0.0000 ^e	H-1→L+1	0.5210	ILCT	
	$S_0 \rightarrow T_5$	2.49 / 499	0.0000 ^e	H-1→L	0.6250	ILCT	

^{*a*} Only the selected low-lying excited states are presented. ^{*b*} Oscillator strengths. ^{*c*} Only the main configurations are presented. ^{*d*} The CI coefficients are in absolute values. ^{*e*} No spin-orbital coupling effect was considered, thus the *f* values are zero.



Fig. S10. Selected frontier molecular orbitals of the triplet state of Pd-Pc (in chloroform).

Table S3. Electronic Excitation Energies (eV) and corresponding Oscillator Strengths (f), main configurations and CI coefficients of the Low-lying Electronically Triplet Excited States of **Pd-Pc** calculated by TDDFT//B3LYP/6-31G(d), based on the DFT//B3LYP/6-31G(d) Optimized T₁ Excited State Geometries

	TDDFT/B3LYP/LANL2DZ					
	Electronic transition	Energy [eV/nm] ^{<i>a</i>}	f^{b}	Composition	CI ^c	
Triplet	$T_1 \rightarrow T_4$	1.80 / 690	0.2678	222A→224A	0.8997	
	$T_1 \rightarrow T_{12}$	2.28 / 543	0.1548	215B→221B	0.7019	
	$T_1 \rightarrow T_{15}$	2.35 / 528	0.1505	213B→221B	0.6376	
	$T_1 \rightarrow T_{17}$	2.48 / 499	0.5746	212B→221B	0.7051	
	$T_1 \rightarrow T_{45}$	3.38 / 367	0.1400	222A→230A	0.7244	

^{*a*} Only the selected low-lying excited states are presented. ^{*b*} Oscillator strength. No spin-orbital coupling effect was considered in the calculation thus the oscillators are zero. ^{*c*} The CI coefficients are in absolute values.



Figure S15. Selected frontier molecular orbitals of the triplet state of Pd-Pc (in chloroform).

Table S4. Electronic Excitation Energies (eV) and corresponding Oscillator Strengths (f), main configurations and CI coefficients of the Low-lying Electronically Triplet Excited States of **Pt–Pc** calculated by TDDFT//B3LYP/6-31G(d), based on the DFT//B3LYP/6-31G(d) Optimized T₁ Excited State Geometries

	TDDFT/B3LYP/LANL2DZ					
	Electronic transition	Energy [eV/nm	$]^a f^b$	Composition	CI ^c	
Triplet	$T_1 \rightarrow T_5$	1.72 / 723	0.2327	222A→224A	0.9426	
	$T_1 \rightarrow T_{11}$	2.25 / 551	0.1871	215B→221B	0.3532	
	$T_1 \rightarrow T_{14}$	2.31 / 537	0.1815	213B→221B	0.5938	
	$T_1 \rightarrow T_{16}$	2.45 / 505	0.3196	222A→228B	0.5202	
	$T_1 \rightarrow T_{17}$	2.46 / 504	0.3293	222A→228A	0.5311	

^{*a*} Only the selected low-lying excited states are presented. ^{*b*} Oscillator strength. No spin-orbital coupling effect was considered in the calculation thus the oscillators are zero. ^{*c*} The CI coefficients are in absolute values.