Supporting Information to Accompany

Fluorescent Carboxylic and Phosphonic Acids: Comparative Photophysics from Solution to Organic Nanoparticles

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Experimental Section

1. Infrared spectra in CCl₄ solution



Fig. S1 Infrared absorption band of the CN unit, centered at 2220 cm⁻¹ for **fPOH** (___) and **fPOEt** (___) in CCl₄ solution $(10^{-4} \text{ mol.L}^{-1})$.



Fig. S2 Infrared absorption band of the CN unit, centered at 2220 cm⁻¹ for **fPOH** (___) and **fPOEt** (____) in CHCl₃ solution $(10^{-4} \text{ mol.L}^{-1})$.



Fig. S3 Infrared absorption band of the CN unit, centered at 2220 cm⁻¹ for **fPOH** (___) and **fPOEt** (___) in toluene solution $(10^{-4} \text{ mol.L}^{-1})$.



Fig. S4 Infrared absorption band of the CN unit, centered at 2220 cm⁻¹ for fCO_2H (___) and fOtBu (___) in CHCl₃ solution (10⁻⁴ mol.L⁻¹).



Fig. S5 Infrared absorption band of the CN unit, centered at 2220 cm⁻¹ for **fPOH** (___) and **fPOEt** before (___) and (___) after adding 4-fluorophenol (4FP) in excess in CCl_4 solution (10^{-4} mol.L⁻¹). The spectrum resulting from the subtraction after and before adding 4FP to the solution of fPOEt (___) is indicated and shows a neat bathochromic shift, featuring strong hydrogen bonding.

2. Infrared spectra in the solid state

Solid state spectra were recorded in the ATR mode using a FTIR Bruker Vertex 70 spectrometer.







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3. DSC thermal analyses

Thermal properties were measured by using differential scanning calorimetry (Netzsch- Maia DSC 200 F3) in alumina caps under a nitrogen flow at a scan rate of 30 $^{\circ}$ C.min⁻¹ over the temperature range [-10 $^{\circ}$ C - 250 $^{\circ}$ C]









Thermal gradient: blue curve 20 $^{\circ}$ C.min⁻¹; pink curve : 30 $^{\circ}$ C.min⁻¹.

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