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# **Supporting Information**

## pH-sensitive subphthalocyanines and subazaphthalocyanines

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#### Switching studies in acetone



**Fig. S1:** Changes in absorption spectra and fluorescence emission spectra upon addition of TFA, and dependence of  $\Phi_F$  of **1a-3a** (c = 1  $\mu$ M) in acetone on the concentration of TFA. The solid lines in graphs on the right side represent the least-square fits to the experimental points.



**Fig. S2**: Dependence of  $\Phi_F$  of **1a-3a** and **1c-3c** (c = 1  $\mu$ M) in acetone on the concentration of TFA. The solid lines for **1a-3a** represent the least-square fits to the experimental points, for **1c-3c** represent connecting lines.

#### Decomposition studies



**Fig. S3**: Changes in absorption spectra of SubPyzPzs **1a** and **1c** (in acetone or N-methyl-2-pyrrolidone (NMP),  $c = 1 \mu M$ ) upon addition of a base (1,8-diazabicyclo(5.4.0)undec-7-ene (DBU) or tetrabutylammonium hydroxide (tbaOH).



**Fig. S4**: Changes in absorption spectra of SubPcs and SubPyzPzs (in acetone,  $c = 1 \mu M$ ) upon addition of 1,8-diazabicyclo(5.4.0)undec-7-ene (DBU).



**Fig. S5**: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz) (a) and <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz) (b) spectra of compound **1a** in CDCl<sub>3</sub>. Asterisk (\*) and triangle ( $\blacktriangle$ ) indicate residuals of non-deuterated solvent and acetone, respectively.



**Fig. S6**: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz) (a) and <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz) (b) spectra of compound **1b** in CDCl<sub>3</sub>. Asterisk (\*) and triangle ( $\blacktriangle$ ) indicate residuals of non-deuterated solvent and acetone, respectively.



**Fig. S7**: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz) (a) and <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz) (b) spectra of compound **1c** in CDCl<sub>3</sub>. Asterisk (\*) and triangle ( $\blacktriangle$ ) indicate residuals of non-deuterated solvent and acetone, respectively.



**Fig. S8**: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz) (a) and <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz) (b) spectra of compound **2a** in THF- $d_8$ . Asterisk (\*) and triangle ( $\blacktriangle$ ) indicate residuals of non-deuterated solvent and water, respectively.



**Fig. S9**: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz) (a) and <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz) (b) spectra of compound **2b** in THF- $d_8$ . Asterisk (\*) and triangle ( $\blacktriangle$ ) indicate residuals of non-deuterated solvent and water, respectively.



**Fig. S10**: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz) (a) and <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz) (b) spectra of compound **2c** in THF- $d_8$ . Asterisk (\*) and triangle ( $\blacktriangle$ ) indicate residuals of non-deuterated solvent and water, respectively.