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# Multifunctional Properties of D-A Luminophores Based on Acenaphtopyrido[2,3-b]pyrazine Core:

Photophysics, Photochemistry, and Efficient Solution-Processed OLEDs

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### 1. General Remarks

All the reagents were obtained from commercial sources and used without further purification. The N-C coupling reactions were accomplished under Ar atmosphere. The organic solvents were of commercial grade quality. In general, all the compounds were purified by column chromatography on silica gel (60–200 mesh), and recrystallization from analytical grade solvents. The purity of the sample was checked by thin-layer chromatography (Merck Kieselgel 60F254). <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded on a Varian Unity Inova spectrometer (<sup>1</sup>H NMR: 300 MHz, <sup>13</sup>C NMR: 75MHz) using tetramethylsilane ( $\delta$  = 0 ppm) as an internal. High-resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were obtained on a Waters Xevo G2 Q-TOF mass spectrometer.

### 2. Materials

10-Bromoacenaphtho[1,2-b]pyrido[2,3-e]pyrazine (**NQPy-Br**) was prepared according to the literature procedure.<sup>1</sup> 9-dimethyl-9,10-dihydroacridine (**DMAC**) and 9,9-diphenyl-9,10-dihydroacridine (**DPAC**) were prepared according to the procedures in literature.<sup>2</sup> Commercial reagents were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich, TCI, or Alfa Aesar and used as received.

# 3. Photophysics

UV-vis spectra were recorded on a Shimadzu UV-2550 spectrophotometer. Steady state emission spectra were recorded on a HAMAMATSU C11347-01 spectrometer with an integrating sphere and Jobin Yvon Horiba Fluorolog 3, with solvent studies performed in clean 1 cm path-length photoluminescence cuvettes (Arieka Cells). Photoluminescence spectra were calibrated for detector efficiency using company supplied, instrument specific calibration files. Solid state samples were prepared with 1% w/w ratio emitters in Zeonex polymer host or 10% CBP host on clean sapphire disc substrates. Phosphorescence, prompt fluorescence (PF), and delayed fluorescence (DF) spectra and decays were recorded using nanosecond gated luminescence and lifetime measurements (from 400 ps to 1 s) using the third harmonics of a high energy pulsed DPSS laser emitting at 355 nm (Q-Spark A50-TH-RE). Emission was focused onto a spectrograph and detected on a sensitive gated iCCD camera (Stanford Computer

Optics) having sub-nanosecond resolution. PF/DF time-resolved measurements were performed by exponentially increasing gate and integration times. Temperature dependent experiments were conducted using an helium cryocooler (Janis Research) under a vacuum.

### 4. Theoretical calculations

All theoretical calculations were performed using Schrodinger<sup>®</sup> software. Density functional theory (DFT) calculations were used to obtain the optimized molecular geometries of all compounds. To calculate the frontier molecular orbitals (FMOs) with HOMO-LUMO spatial distributions we used the hybrid functional B3LYP along with the 6-31G<sup>\*\*</sup> basis set. Excited state calculations to estimate the energies of S<sub>1</sub>, T<sub>1</sub> and T<sub>2</sub> used time-dependent (TD) DFT at B3LYP/6-31G<sup>\*\*</sup> level and the Tamm-Dancoff approximation (TDA).

For the natural transitions orbitals (NTOs) HONTO and LUNTO for excited states  $S_1$ ,  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  we used the long-range corrected functional LC- $\omega$ PBE along with the 6-31G basis set as previously reported.<sup>1</sup> Solvent effects were accounted for with the polarizable continuum model using parameters for toluene. Excited states calculations employed the Tamm-Dancoff approximation (TDA).

# 5. Cyclic Voltammetry

Electrochemical measurements were performed using a potentiostat PGSTAT100 AUTOLAB with 0.1 M Bu<sub>4</sub>NBF<sub>4</sub> (99%, Sigma Aldrich, dried) in dichloromethane (CHROMASOLV®, 99.9% Sigma Aldrich). Solutions were purged with argon prior to measurement. Electrodes: working (Pt disc 1 mm of diameter), counter (Pt wire), reference (Ag/AgCl calibrated against ferrocene).

# 6. Singlet oxygen experiments

Singlet oxygen experiments were carried out in a quartz cuvette (Hellma Analytics) with 10 mm path using 0.016 mM DCM solutions of photosensitizers and 0.13 mM of tetraphenylcyclopentadienone (TPCPD) as the specific singlet oxygen trap. We monitor temporal changes in absorbance of TPCPD at  $\lambda$  = 510 nm while using the irradiation beam,  $\lambda$  = 445 nm, with *ca*. 0.5 cm<sup>2</sup> cross section in perpendicular configuration to the

UV-Vis spectrometer optical path. The diode laser with the emission wavelength of 445 nm (Oxxius 100 mW model LBX-445- 100-CSB-PP) working at 20 mW was applied as a source of light. The equation used to calculate the singlet oxygen formation ( $\phi_{\Delta}$ ) was:

$$\phi_{\Delta} = \phi_{PN} \cdot \frac{k_i}{k_{PN}} \cdot \frac{\alpha_{PN}}{\alpha_i}.$$

Where  $\phi_{\Delta}$  is the quantum yield of singlet oxygen formation,  $\phi_{PN}$  is the singlet oxygen quantum yield for phenalenone (PN) (0.95 in DCM)<sup>3,4</sup>, **k**<sub>i</sub> is the slope of temporal change in absorbance of TPCPD, **k**<sub>PN</sub> is the slope of temporal change in absorbance of TPCPD and  $\alpha_i$  is a function of absorbance at 445 nm,  $\alpha = (1 - 10^{-4})$ .

### 7. Device Fabrication and Characterization

OLEDs have been fabricated on pre-cleaned, patterned indium-tin-oxide (ITO) coated glass substrates with a sheet resistance of 20  $\Omega$ /sg and ITO thickness of 100 nm. PEDOT:PSS (Al4083 from Heraeus) {poly(3,4-ethylenedioxythiophene) polystyrene sulfonate} was used as a Hole Injection Layer (HIL) and Hole Transport Layer (HTL). TPBi {2,2',2"-(1,3,5-benzinetriyl)-tris(1-phenyl-1-H-benzimidazole)} was introduced as an Electron Transport Layer (ETL). Lithium fluoride (LiF) and aluminium were used as the cathode. Organic semiconductors and aluminium were deposited at a rate of 1 Å s<sup>-1</sup>, and the LiF layer was deposited at 0.1 Å s<sup>-1</sup>. CBP {4,4'-bis(N-carbazolyl)-1,1'-biphenyl}, was used as host for all emitters. All materials were purchased from Sigma Aldrich or Lumtec and were purified by temperature-gradient sublimation in a vacuum. PEDOT:PSS layer was prepared on an ITO coated glass substrate by spin coating of the solution at 4000 rpm and 45 s with 15 minutes of annealing treatment at 120 °C after deposition. The emissive layers were prepared by spin-coating of solution of 95:5 v/v of chloroform and chlorobenzene with 10% of emitter compounds in CBP (HOST) at 4000 rpm and 45 s. All other molecules and cathode layers were thermally evaporated using a Kurt J. Lesker NANO 36<sup>TM</sup> evaporation system under pressure of 10<sup>-7</sup> mbar without breaking the vacuum. The sizes of pixels were 4 mm<sup>2</sup>, 8 mm<sup>2</sup> and 16 mm<sup>2</sup>. The characteristics of the devices were recorded using a 6-inch integrating sphere (Labsphere) connected to a Source Meter Unit and Ocean Optics USB4000 spectrometer.

#### 8. Synthetic procedures and spectroscopy data

#### <u>10-bromoacenaphtho[1,2-b]pyrido[2,3-e]pyrazine (NQPy-Br)</u>

A mixture of acenaphthylene-1,2-dione (1.00 g; 5.48 mmol) and 5-bromopyridine-2,3diamine (1.08 g; 5.76 mmol) were refluxed in 30 ml of glacial acetic acid for 24h. After the reaction was completed, the reaction mixture was filtrated and washed with water and methanol. The solid was dissolved in 100 ml of chloroform and washed tree times with sodium hydroxide solution (1 M) and water. The organic layer was separated and dried with MgSO<sub>4</sub>. The solvent was evaporated to give the compound **NQPy-Br** in 73% of yield. <sup>1</sup>H **NMR** (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  9.11 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 8.68 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 8.52 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 8.40 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 8.19 – 8.14 (m, 2H), 7.90 – 7.84 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C **NMR** (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  157.2, 155.6, 153.3, 149.1, 139.8, 137.4, 136.8, 130.9, 130.53, 130.50, 130.4, 129.9, 129.1, 128.8, 123.6, 122.8, 119.9.

# <u>General procedures to Buchwald-Hartwig Cross Coupling Reaction in the NQPy-Br</u> <u>core</u>

To a Schlenk tube equipped with a reflux condenser was added a mixture of compounds **NQPy-Br** (0.299 mmol), the respective aryl amine (0.389 mmol), *t*-BuONa (0.72 mmol),  $Pd_2(dba)_3$  (0.0089 mmol),  $[(t-Bu)_3PH]BF_4$  (0.018 mmol) and 10 mL of degasified toluene. The mixture was stirred at 110 °C for 24h under argon atmosphere. After completed reaction the mixture was filtered through a plug of celite and washed with dichloromethane. The solvents were evaporated, and the residue was purified by column chromatography using dichloromethane as eluent.

#### <u>10-(acenaphtho[1,2-b]pyrido[2,3-e]pyrazin-10-yl)-10H-phenothiazine (NQPy-PTZ)</u>

Yellow solid (73 %). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ /ppm: 9.03 (d, *J* = 2.9 Hz, 1H), 8.52 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 8.40 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 8.20 (d, *J* = 2.9 Hz, 1H), 8.15 (dd, *J* = 7.9, 4.1 Hz, 2H), 7.87 (ddd, *J* = 8.3, 7.0, 5.2 Hz, 2H), 7.42 (dd, *J* = 7.7, 1.2 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (m, 3H), 7.25 – 7.16 (m, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, 1,1,2,2-Tetrachloroethane-d<sub>2</sub>)  $\delta$  153.4, 153.3, 145.6, 145.1, 139.7, 138.6, 134.9, 134.8, 129.28, 128.8, 128.2, 128.1, 127.9, 127.5, 127.0, 126.8, 126.5, 125.7, 125.1, 123.6, 121.0, 120.8, 120.6, 118.3. HRMS: m/z calcd for C<sub>29</sub>H<sub>16</sub>N<sub>4</sub>S (M+H)<sup>+</sup>: 453.1174; found: 453.1175.

#### 10-(acenaphtho[1,2-b]pyrido[2,3-e]pyrazin-10-yl)-10H-phenoxazine (NQPy-PXZ)

Red solid (89 %). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ /ppm: 9.11 (d, *J* = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 8.65 (d, *J* = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 8.61 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 8.47 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 8.22 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 2.0 Hz, 2H), 7.93 (dt, *J* = 8.2, 7.1 Hz, 2H), 6.82 – 6.72 (m, 4H), 6.65 (ddd, *J* = 7.9, 7.0, 2.0 Hz, 2H), 6.11 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.3 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, 1,1,2,2-Tetrachloroethaned<sub>2</sub>)  $\delta$  158.9, 156.8, 156.2, 151.0, 145.4, 141.9, 138.8, 138.5, 136.9, 134.8, 132.2, 131.9, 131.8, 131.4, 130.6, 130.4, 124.9, 124.5, 124.0, 117.5, 114.9. HRMS: m/z calcd for C<sub>29</sub>H<sub>16</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O (M+H)<sup>+</sup>: 437.1402; found: 437.1400.

# <u>10-(9,9-dimethylacridin-10(9H)-yl)acenaphtho[1,2-b]pyrido[2,3-e]pyrazine</u> (**NQPy-**<u>**DMAC**)</u>

Yellow solid (87 %). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ /ppm: 9.09 (d, *J* = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 8.67 (d, *J* = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 8.62 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 8.47 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 8.22 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 2.4 Hz, 2H), 7.97 – 7.87 (m, 2H), 7.54 (dd, *J* = 6.1, 3.2 Hz, 2H), 7.06 – 6.99 (m, 4H), 6.44 (dd, *J* = 6.2, 3.3 Hz, 2H), 1.75 (s, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ /ppm: 157.4, 155.4, 155.4, 155.3, 149.7, 140.5, 139.9, 138.0, 137.5, 137.2, 131.3, 131.1, 130.7, 130.5, 130.4, 130.1, 129.1, 128.9, 126.6, 125.5, 123.6, 122.7, 121.8, 114.6, 36.2, 30.8. HRMS: m/z calcd for C<sub>32</sub>H<sub>22</sub>N<sub>4</sub> (M+H)<sup>+</sup>: 463.1923; found: 463.1923.

# <u>10-(9,9-diphenylacridin-10(9H)-yl)acenaphtho[1,2-b]pyrido[2,3-e]pyrazine (NQPy-</u> DPAC)

Yellow solid (91 %). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO)  $\delta$ /ppm: 8.66 – 8.53 (m, 2H), 8.44 (dd, J = 22.3, 4.6 Hz, 4H), 8.01 (dd, J = 14.4, 6.9 Hz, 4H), 7.41 – 7.30 (m, 6H), 7.16 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.02 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 6.94 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 4H), 6.85 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 6.67 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ /ppm: 157.4, 155.5, 155.0, 149.6, 145.9, 141.9, 139.0, 137.8, 137.5, 136.9, 131.8, 131.3, 130.9, 130.5, 130.4, 130.2, 129.1, 128.9, 127.9, 127.2, 126.7, 123.7, 122.7, 121.5, 115.1. HRMS: m/z calcd for C<sub>42</sub>H<sub>26</sub>N<sub>4</sub> (M+H)<sup>+</sup>: 587.2236; found: 587.2233.

#### 10-(9H-carbazol-9-yl)acenaphtho[1,2-b]pyrido[2,3-e]pyrazine (NQPy-CBZ)

Yellow solid (44 %).<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ /ppm: 9.34 (d, *J* = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 8.70 (d, *J* = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 8.51 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 8.36 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 8.22 – 8.01 (m, 4H), 7.82 (td, *J* = 8.4, 7.1 Hz, 2H), 7.53 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.45 – 7.36 (m, 2H), 7.36 – 7.24 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ /ppm: 157.3, 155.9, 151.1, 149.2, 140.5, 137.6, 136.8, 134.8, 134.2, 131.2, 130.8, 130.6, 130.5, 130.2, 129.2, 128.9, 126.7, 124.3, 123.7, 122.9, 121.3, 120.8, 109.6. **HRMS**: m/z calcd for C<sub>29</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>4</sub> (M+H)<sup>+</sup>: 421.1453; found: 421.1454.

#### N,N-diphenylacenaphtho[1,2-b]pyrido[2,3-e]pyrazin-10-amine (NQPy-DPA)

Yellow solid (93 %).<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ /ppm: 8.94 (d, *J* = 2.9 Hz, 1H), 8.48 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 8.34 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 8.13 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 5.2 Hz, 2H), 7.93 (d, *J* = 2.9 Hz, 1H), 7.85 (td, *J* = 8.2, 7.1 Hz, 2H), 7.39 (tt, *J* = 4.0, 2.0 Hz, 4H), 7.28 (d, *J* = 1.3 Hz, 2H), 7.26 – 7.18 (m, 4H). <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ /ppm: 155.4, 154.4, 148.6, 146.2, 145.1, 137.5, 136.7, 131.9, 131.4, 130.1, 130.1, 130.0, 129.6, 129.0, 128.7, 125.6, 125.2, 124.5, 122.7, 122.1. **HRMS**: m/z calcd for C<sub>29</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>4</sub> (M+H)<sup>+</sup>: 423.1610; found: 423.1611.

# <u>10-(10,11-dihydro-5H-dibenzo[b,f]azepin-5-yl)acenaphtho[1,2-b]pyrido[2,3-e]pyrazine</u> (NQPy-DDA)

Yellow solid (90 %).<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ /ppm: 8.68 (d, *J* = 3.1 Hz, 1H), 8.43 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 8.31 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 8.08 (t, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.81 (dd, *J* = 15.0, 6.8 Hz, 2H), 7.54 (dd, *J* = 7.0, 2.2 Hz, 3H), 7.36 (qd, *J* = 6.1, 3.7 Hz, 6H), 3.07 (s, 4H). <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ /ppm: 155.3, 153.1, 145.5, 144.4, 142.1, 137.9, 137.5, 136.4, 132.1, 131.6, 131.5, 129.9, 129.7, 129.11 129.0, 128.9, 128.5, 128.2, 127.8, 122.2, 121.8, 115.0, 30.7. **HRMS**: m/z calcd for C<sub>31</sub>H<sub>21</sub>N<sub>4</sub> (M+H)<sup>+</sup>: 449.1766; found: 449.1761.

#### <u>10-(5H-dibenzo[b,f]azepin-5-yl)acenaphtho[1,2-b]pyrido[2,3-e]pyrazine (**NQPy-IMD**)</u>

Yellow solid (48 %).<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ /ppm: 8.41 (dd, *J* = 7.0, 0.5 Hz, 1H), 8.35 (d, *J* = 3.1 Hz, 1H), 8.29 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 8.07 (t, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.80 (ddd, *J* = 8.2, 7.0, 6.2 Hz, 2H), 7.65 - 7.58 (m, 4H), 7.55 - 7.44 (m, 4H), 7.24 (dd, *J* = 2.8, 1.8)

Hz, 1H), 6.89 (s, 2H). <sup>13</sup>**C** NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ /ppm: 155.2, 153.1, 145.3, 144.7, 141.5, 141.5, 137.3, 136.4, 135.9, 132.0, 131.5, 130.8, 130.6, 130.5, 129.9, 129.7, 129.5, 129.0, 128.8, 128.5, 128.0, 122.2, 121.7, 114.6. HRMS: m/z calcd for C<sub>31</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>4</sub> (M+H)<sup>+</sup>: 447.1610; found: 447.1610.

# 9. NMR spectra



Figure S1 – <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz) in CDCl<sub>3</sub> of the compound NQPy-Br.



Figure S2 – <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz) in CDCl<sub>3</sub> of the compound NQPy-Br.



Figure S3 - <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz) in CDCl<sub>3</sub> of the compound NQPy-PTZ.



**Figure S4** - <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz) in 1,1,2,2-Tetrachloroethane-d<sub>2</sub> of the compound **NQPy-PTZ** 

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Figure S5 – <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz) in CDCl<sub>3</sub> of the compound NQPy-PXZ.



**Figure S6** - <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz) in 1,1,2,2-Tetrachloroethane-d<sub>2</sub> of the compound **NQPy-PXZ** 

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Figure S7 – <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz) in CDCl<sub>3</sub> of the compound NQPy-DMAC



Figure S8 - <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz) in CDCI<sub>3</sub> of the compound NQPy-DMAC

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Figure S9 – <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz) in DMSO-d<sub>6</sub> of the compound NQPy-DPAC



Figure S10 - <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz) in CDCl<sub>3</sub> of the compound NQPy-DPAC



Figure S11 – <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz) in CDCI<sub>3</sub> of the compound NQPy-CBZ



Figure S12 - <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz) in CDCl<sub>3</sub> of the compound NQPy-CBZ



Figure S13 – <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz) in CDCI<sub>3</sub> of the compound NQPy-DPA



Figure S14 - <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz) in CDCl<sub>3</sub> of the compound NQPy-DPA



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**Figure S15** – <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz) in CDCI<sub>3</sub> of the compound **NQPy-DDA** 



Figure S16 - <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz) in CDCl<sub>3</sub> of the compound NQPy-DDA



Figure S17 – <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz) in CDCl<sub>3</sub> of the compound NQPy-IMD



Figure S18 –  $^{13}$ C NMR (75 MHz) in CDCI<sub>3</sub> of the compound NQPy-IMD

# 10. Additional theoretical data



**Figure S19** – HOMO and LUMO spatial distributions, energy of the S<sub>1</sub>, T<sub>1</sub>, and T<sub>2</sub> states as well as the  $\Delta E_{ST}$  and energy gap ( $E_g$ ) for the **NQPy-Donor** molecules using DFT and TD-DFT at the B3LYP/6-31G<sup>\*\*</sup> level. Isovalue 0.03.

**Table S1.** Overlap between HOMO and LUMO calculated at the B3LYP/6-31G\*\* level oftheory using Multiwfn based on wavefunctions calculated with Orca 5.0.3.

	Overlap integral <sup>a</sup>
NQPy-PTZ	0.14
NQPy-PXZ	0.13
NQPy-DMAC	0.14
NQPy-DPAC	0.13
NQPy-DDA	0.21
NQPy-IMD	0.17
NQPy-CBZ	0.40
NQPv-DPA	0.39

<sup>a</sup> Overlap integral is a product of the following expression:  $0 = \int |\varphi_i| |\varphi_j| dr$ , where  $\varphi_i, j$  are the wavefunctions of HOMO and LUMO, respectively.<sup>5</sup>

# 11. Additional cyclic voltammetry data

**Table S2.** HOMO and LUMO estimated values from the oxidation and reduction potentials.

	HOMO (eV)	LUMO (eV)	E <sub>oxi onset</sub> (V)	Ered onset (V)
NQPy-PTZ	-5.49	-3.45	0.39	-1.65
NQPy-PXZ	-5.56	-3.56	0.46	-1.54
NQPy-DMAC	-5.68	-3.44	0.58	-1.66
NQPy-DPAC	-5.77	-3.44	0.67	-1.66
NQPy-DDA	-5.90	-3.19	0.80	-1.91
NQPy-IMD	-5.87	-3.18	0.77	-1.92
NQPy-CBZ	-6.01	-3.49	0.91	-1.61
NQPv-DPA	-5.85	-3.41	0.75	-1.69

We used a scan rate of 100 mV s<sup>-1</sup> and HOMO and LUMO were estimated assuming the ionization potential of ferrocene equal to -5.1 eV and using the formula:  $E_{HOMO or LUMO} = -(5.1 + E_{oxi or red onset})$ .<sup>6,7</sup>

### 12. Additional photophysical data



**Figure S20** – Time-Resolved spectra and the intensity *vs.* delay time measurements of **NQPy-PTZ**, **NQPy-PXZ**, **NQPy-DPAC** and **NQPy-DMAC** compounds 10 wt% in CBP matrix.



**Figure S21** – Time-Resolved spectra and the intensity *vs*. delay time measurements of **NQPy-IMD**, **NQPy-DDA**, **NQPy-CBZ** and **NQPy-DPA** compounds 10 wt% in CBP matrix. matrix.



**Figure S22.** Time-Resolved spectra and the intensity *vs.* delay time measurements of **NQPy-IMD, NQPy-DDA, NQPy-CBZ and NQPy-DPA** compounds 1 wt% in Zeonex matrix.



**Figure S23.** Normalized time resolved spectra at 300 K from 22 ms to 70 ms for 1% of **NQPy-DPA** in Zeonex matrix.



**Figure S24.** Normalized time resolved spectra at 300 K from 20 ms to 70 ms for 10% of **NQPy-DPA** in CBP matrix.



**Figure S25.** Normalized time resolved spectra at 300 K from 631.0  $\mu$ s to 3.5 ms for 10% of **NQPy-CBZ** in CBP matrix.



**Figure S26.** Normalized time resolved spectra at 300 K at 100  $\mu$ s, 2 ms, 8 ms and 70 ms for 10% of **NQPy-IMD** in CBP matrix.



**Figure S27.** Normalized time resolved spectra at 300 K at 0.5 ms, 5 ms and 70 ms for 10% of **NQPy-DDA** in CBP matrix.

# 13. Singlet oxygen generation



**Figure S28.** Absorption spectra of photosensitizers and TPCPD in DCM recorded while irradiating the sample using a 445 nm laser in the timescale from 0 up to 100 min.

# 14. Aggregation study



**Figure S29**. Emission spectra recorded in THF/water mixtures for water fractions  $f_w = 0-90\%$ .

	NQPy- PTZ	NQPy- PXZ	NQPy- DMAC	NQPy- DPAC	NQPy- DDA	NQPy- IMD	NQPy- CBZ	NQPy- DPA
INCREASE 1	5.9	116.2	336.0	879.4	2.4	8.9	6.5	120.3
INCREASE 2	3.6	52.5	5.6	14.0	0.5	1.3	0.1	0.5

**Table S3.** The increase obtained for the emission of the aggregates in Water/THF solutions.

Increase 1 is relative to the increase after the maximum quenching (the less emissive curve). Increase 2 is relative to the increase in relation to 0% water (pure THF).



**Figure S30.** TCSPC traces for 0 and 90%  $f_w$  in air-equilibrated solutions.



**Figure S31**. CIE 1931 diagram chromatic coordinates for NQPy-Donors electroluminescence in the devices 1-8.



**Figure S32**. This figure demonstrates the methodology we used to determine the electrical turn-on voltage of OLEDs in this study.



**Figure S33**. TGA traces recorded under nitrogen atmosphere (10  $^{\circ}C \cdot min^{-1}$ ) for all NQPy-donor molecules presented in this work. Decomposition temperatures (T<sub>d</sub>) recorded at 5% of weight loss are presented alongside compound codes in the figure legend.

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