# Counterion Effect on the Aggregation of Anionic Perylene Dyes and the Influence on Carbon Nanotube Dispersion Efficiencies

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## **Supplementary Information**



### **Absorption and Emission Spectra**

**Figure S1**: a,c) Absorption and b,d) emission spectra ( $\lambda_{exc}$  = 500 nm) of **1** at different concentrations with a, b) Li<sup>+</sup> and c,d) K<sup>+</sup> as counterion at pH = 7.



**Figure S2**: a,c,e) Absorption and b,d,f) emission spectra ( $\lambda_{exc}$  = 500 nm) of **1** at different concentrations with a, b) Na<sup>+</sup>, c,d) Li<sup>+</sup> and e,f) K<sup>+</sup> as counterion at pH = 11.

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#### Determination of the cmc from the Evolution of the Emission Intensity at 593 nm

**Figure S3**: Determination of the critical micelle concentration (cmc) from the emission intensity at 593 nm where innerfilter effects are negligible, as outlined in the main text. a) Na<sup>+</sup>, pH = 7, b) Na<sup>+</sup>, pH = 11, c) Li<sup>+</sup>, pH = 7, d) Li<sup>+</sup>, pH = 11, e) K<sup>+</sup>, pH = 7, f) K<sup>+</sup>, pH = 11.

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## **SWCNT** Dispersion



**Figure S4**: Absorption spectra of SWCNT dispersed by  $\mathbf{1}$  ([ $\mathbf{1}$ ] = 5 x 10<sup>-5</sup>M) at pH = 7 and pH = 11 with a) Na<sup>+</sup>, b) Li<sup>+</sup> and c) K<sup>+</sup> as counterions (perylene transitions). All dispersions have been mildly centrifuged prior to acquisition of the spectra after sonicating SWCNTs (initial concentration of 0.1 g L<sup>-1</sup>) in aqueous solutions of  $\mathbf{1}$ .



**Figure S5**: Absorption spectra of SWCNT dispersed by 1 ([1] =  $5 \times 10^{-5}$ M) at pH = 7 and pH = 11 with a) Na<sup>+</sup>, b) Li<sup>+</sup> and c) K<sup>+</sup> as counterions (SWCNT transitions). All dispersions have been mildly centrifuged prior to acquisition of the spectra after sonicating SWCNTs (initial concentration of 0.1 g L<sup>-1</sup>) in aqueous solutions of 1.