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## Synthesis of Charged Bis-heteroaryl Donor-Acceptor (D-A<sup>+</sup>) NLO-phores Coupling (π-deficient-π-excessive) Heteroaromatic Rings

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General information. Melting points were uncorrected. Infrared spectra were recorded on KBr pellets and spectral bands were reported in cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded at 200 MHz and 300 MHz respectively. Chemical shifts were reported as  $\delta$  values (ppm). Mass spectra (MS) were obtained as (ESI<sup>+</sup>). CuI, PdCl(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>, Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub>, Pd<sub>2</sub>(dba)<sub>3</sub>, were purchased from Aldrich. The stannanes 4-Tributylstannanyl-1-trityl-1H-pyrazole<sup>1</sup>, 3-tributylstannanyl -1-Triisopropyl-1H- $Pyrrole^2$ , (2-tributylstannanyl-phenyl)carbamic acid tert-butyl ester<sup>3</sup>. 3tributylstannanyl-indazol-1-carbamic acid tert-butyl ester<sup>4</sup>, 3-tributylstannanyl-1terbutyldimethylsilyl-indole<sup>5</sup> were prepared according to literature procedures. DMF was distille over activated molecular sieves were obtained by previously described methods.

#### General Procedure for the Synthesis of D-A<sup>+</sup> Pyridinium Salts.

A flame-dried flask was charged under argon with 1 equiv. of bromopiridinium iodine (0.2 g, 0.667 mmol) or hexafluorophosphate (0.2 g, 0.629 mmol); 5 mol % Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub> *Method A* or 5 mol % Pd<sub>2</sub>(dba)<sub>3</sub> and 5 mol % P(*o*-Tol)<sub>3</sub> *Method B* in dry DMF (10 mL). Then, the 2.1 equiv. of the corresponding stannanyl heterocycle was added. After stirring at 65° C temperature for 15-20 h, the solution was filtered through a small pad of celite and washed with methanol. The solution was concentrated and the solid were purified by flash chromatography on silica gel in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/MeOH (9:1) as eluent, to give **4**, **5** and **6**.

#### 1-Methyl-4-(1H-pyrrol-3-yl)pyridinium iodide (4a).



Following the general procedure B, 0.0250 g (13 %) were obtained as a brown dust: mp 142-144 °C; IR (KBr) 3445; 3031; 1488; 664cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (200 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD) 9.27 (s, 1H); 8.72 (d, 1H, *J*=8.1); 8.60 (d, 1H, *J*=6.2); 7.98 (t, 1H, *J*=6.2); 7.73-7.71 (m, 1H); 7.04-7.01 (m, 1H); 6.90-6.88 (m, 1H); 4.46 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, acetone)  $\delta$ 142.2; 141.6; 139.9; 137.6; 128.4; 127.5; 126.3; 120.5; 109.6; 48.8. MS (ES<sup>+</sup>) *m/z* (relative intensity) 159 (M<sup>+</sup>, 100). Anal. Calcd for

C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>11</sub>N<sub>2</sub>I: C 41.96; H: 3.85; N: 9.79. Found: C, 41.93; H, 3.90; N, 9.80.

#### 1-Methyl-3-(1H-indol-3-yl)pyridinium iodide (4b).



Following the general procedure A, 0.114 g (51 %) were obtained as a brown solid: mp 290 °C; IR (KBr) 3416, 3178.76 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (200 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD) : 9.24 (s, 1H); 8.88 (d, 1H, *J*=8.4); 8.67 (d, 1H, *J*=5.9); 8.04 (t, 1H, *J*=4.7); 8.0 (s, 1H); 7.58-7.54 (m, 2H); 7.33-7.28 (m, 2H); 4.5 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD) 142.9; 141.7; 138.8; 128.9; 127.5; 125.5; 124.0; 122.4; 119.5; 113.4; 110.3; MS (ES<sup>+</sup>) *m/z* (relative intensity) 209 (M<sup>+</sup>, 100).

Anal. Calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>13</sub>N<sub>2</sub>I: C 50.02; H 3.87; N 8.33. Found: C 49.94; H 3.90; N 8.33.

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#### 1-Methyl-3-(1-trityl-1H-pyrazol-4-yl)pyridinium iodide (4c)



Following the general procedure A, 0.187 g (53 %) were obtained as a brown solid: mp 246 °C; IR (KBr) 3419,3055, 1631,1373 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (200 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD) 9.25 (s, 1H); 8.74-8.69 (m, 2H); 8.27 (s, 2H); 8.01 (t, 1H, *J*=6.2); 7.41-7.38 (m, 9H); 7.24-7-19 (m, 6H); 4.41 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, acetone)  $\delta$  143.7; 143.1; 141.4; 138.5; 134.6; 132.4; 130.9; 128.8; 128.8; 128.7; 115.9; 73.0; 61.7; 49.1. MS (ES<sup>+</sup>) *m/z* 

(relative intensity) 402 ( $M^+$ , 100). Anal. Calcd for  $C_{28}H_{24}N_3I$ : C 63.52; H 4.54; N 7.94. Found: C 62.93; H 3.71; N 7.25.

#### 1-Methyl-3-(1H-indazol-3-yl)pyridinium iodide (4d).



Following the general procedure A, gave 0.0742 g (33 %) of brown solid: mp 158-160 °C; IR (KBr) 3133, 1633, 1588, 1172 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (200 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD) : 9.54 (s, 1H); 9.19 (d, 1H, *J*=8.0); 8.90 (d, 1H, *J*=5.8); 8.28-8.19 (m, 2H); 7.71 (d, 1H, *J*=8.4); 7.55 (t, 1H, *J*=8.0); 7.40 (t, 1H, *J*=7.5); 4.58 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD) 146.1; 132.7; 131.5; 131.3; 128.2; 127.7; 127.5; 127.1; 124.8; MS (ES<sup>+</sup>) *m/z* (relative intensity) 210 (M<sup>+</sup>, 100). Anal. Calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>12</sub>N<sub>3</sub>I: C 46.29; H 3.56; N

12.46. Found: C 46.21; H 3.44; N: 11.65.

#### 1-Methyl-2-(1-trityl-1H-pyrazol-4-yl)pyridinium iodide (5c).



Procedure A, orange solid (0.120 g, 34 %): mp 249-250 °C; IR (KBr) 3428, 2920, 1625,1382 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (200 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD) : 8.89 (d, 1H, *J*=6.2); 8.48 (t, 1H, *J*=7.5); 8.24 (s, 1H); 8.21 (s, 1H); 8.17 (d, 1H, *J*= 8.4); 7.92 (t, 1H, *J*=7.0), 7.43-7.40 (m, 9H); 7.27-7.22 (m, 6H) ; 4.36 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO) : 145.6; 143.8; 141.4; 139.7; 134.5; 129.0; 128.3; 127.4; 124.4; 111.9; 78.6; 46.7. MS (ES<sup>+</sup>) *m/z* (relative intensity) 402 (M<sup>+</sup>, 100). Anal. Calcd for C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>24</sub>N<sub>3</sub>I: C, 63.41; H, 4.71; N, 7.93. Found: C 63.43; H 4.74;

N 7.95.

#### 1-Methyl-2-(1-tert-Butoxycarbonyl-1H-indazol-3-yl)pyridinium iodide (5d).



Procedure A, orange oil (0.0903 g, 31 %); IR (KBr) 3133, 1633, 1588, 1172 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (200 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD) : 9.10 (d, 1H, *J*=6.2); 8.65 (t, 1H, *J*=8.1); 8.10 (t, 2H, *J*=6.2); 8.00 (d, 1H, *J*=7.7); 7.83 (d, 1H, *J*=7.7); 7.67 (t, 2H, *J*=7.9); 4.91 (s, 3H); 1.57 (s, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD): 152.0; 145.0; 143.8; 135.7; 135.0; 131.2; 129.5; 129.2; 128.2; 122.0; 116.6; 114.7; 111.7; 72.0, 49.0; 45.5. MS (ES<sup>+</sup>) *m/z* (relative intensity) 310

(M<sup>+</sup>, 100). Anal. Calcd for  $C_{18}H_{20}N_3O_2I$ : C 49.44; H 4.58; N 9.61. Found: C 49.2; H 4.44; N 9.65.

#### 1-Methyl-4-(1H-pyrrol-3-yl)pyridinium hexafluorophosphate (6a).



Procedure B, brown solid (0.188 g , 98 %): mp 106-108 °C; IR (KBr) 3420, 3199, 1638 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (200 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD) 8.52 (d, 2H, J=6.9); 8.07 (d, 2H, J=6.9); 7.84 (s,1H); 7.00-6.98 (m, 1H); 6.85-6.82 (m, 1H), 4.23 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD)  $\delta$  145.2; 128.2; 125.7; 122.9; 121.9; 109.6; 108.2; 47.7. MS (ES<sup>+</sup>) *m/z* (relative intensity) 159 (M<sup>+</sup>, 100). Anal. Calcd for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>11</sub>N<sub>2</sub>PF<sub>6</sub>: C 69.08; H 3.62; N 9.21. Found: C 69.24; H 3.50; N 9.33.

#### 1-Methyl-4-(1H-indol-3-yl)pyridinium hexafluorophosphate (6b).



Procedure A, brown solid (0.174 g , 78 %): mp 222 °C; IR (KBr) 3414; 1644; 836 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (200 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD) : 8.56 (d, 2H, J=7.3); 8.38 (s, 1H); 8.30 (d, 2H, J=6.9); 8.16-8.12 (m, 1H); 7.61-7.57 (m, 1H), 7.40-7.34 (m, 2H); 4.26 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD) 145.1; 132.4; 124.6; 123.6; 122.5; 121.5; 120.5; 113.9; 47.7. MS (ES<sup>+</sup>) *m/z* (relative intensity) 209 (M<sup>+</sup>, 100). Anal. Calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>13</sub>N<sub>2</sub>PF<sub>6</sub>: C 47.46; H 3.67; N 7.91. Found: C 47.33; H 3.52; N 8.02

#### 1-Methyl-4-(1-trityl-1H-pyrazol-4-yl)pyridinium hexafluoro phosphate (6c).



Procedure A, yellow solid (0.313 g, 91 %): mp 204-206 °C; IR (KBr) 3431, 3134, 1640, 1385 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (200 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD) 8.65 (d, 2H, J=6.6); 8.43 (s, 1H); 8.42 (s, 1H); 8.18 (d, 2H, J=6.7); 7.41-7.39 (m, 9H) 7.23-7.20 (m, 6H); 4.30 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD)  $\delta$  147.1; 144.5; 141.6; 138.9; 133.3; 129.1; 127.6; 127.5; 127.4; 121.6; 116.4; 78.7; 46.1. MS (ES<sup>+</sup>) m/z (relative intensity) 402 (M<sup>+</sup>, 100). Anal. Calcd for C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>24</sub>N<sub>3</sub> PF<sub>6</sub>: C 61.43; H 4.39; N 7.68. Found: C, 61.05; H, 3.95; N, 6.85.

# 1-Methyl-4-(1-tert-Butoxycarbonyl-1H-indazol-3-yl)pyridinium hexafluorophosphate (6d).



Procedure A, orange solid (0.258 g, 90 %): mp 119-121 °C; IR (KBr) 3413, 1644, 1265, 834 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (200 MHz, acetone): 9.10 (d, 2H, *J*=6.3); 8.73 (d, 2H, *J*=6.3); 8.38 (d, 1H, *J*=8.4); 8.25 (d, 1H, *J*=7.4); 7.78 (t, 1H, *J*=8.5); 7.60 (t, 1H, *J*=7.3); 4.41 (s, 3H); 1.70 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD):147.3; 145.6; 142.4; 140.2; 129.5; 124.9; 124.5; 122.3; 120.7; 114.3; 85.6; 47.2. MS (ES<sup>+</sup>) *m/z* (relative intensity) 310 (M<sup>+</sup>, 100). Anal. Calcd for  $C_{18}H_{20}N_3O_2$  PF<sub>6</sub>: C 47.47; H 4.40; N 9.23. Found: C 47.63; H 4.23; N 9.10.

<u>1c. Copies of <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR for all new compounds reported</u>

1-Methyl-4-(1H-pyrrol-3-yl)pyridinium iodide (4a)



<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (200 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD) 9.27 (s, 1H); 8.72 (d, 1H, *J*=8.1); 8.60 (d, 1H, *J*=6.2); 7.98 (t, 1H, *J*=6.2); 7.73-7.71 (m, 1H); 7.04-7.01 (m, 1H); 6.90-6.88 (m, 1H); 4.46 (s, 3H);

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, acetone) δ 142.2; 141.6; 139.9; 137.6; 128.4; 127.5; 126.3; 120.5; 109.6; 48.8.

1-Methyl-3-(1H-indol-3-yl)pyridinium iodide (4b)



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (200 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD) : 9.24 (s, 1H); 8.88 (d, 1H, *J*=8.4); 8.67 (d, 1H, *J*=5.9); 8.04 (t, 1H, *J*=4.7); 8.0 (s, 1H); 7.58-7.54 (m, 2H); 7.33-7.28 (m, 2H); 4.5 (s, 3H).
<sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD) 142.9; 141.7; 138.8; 128.9; 127.5; 125.5; 124.0; 122.4; 119.5; 113.4; 110.3;



1-Methyl-3-(1-trityl-1H-pyrazol-4-yl)pyridinium iodide (4c)

1H NMR (200 MHz, CD3OD) 9.25 (s, 1H); 8.74-8.69 (m, 2H); 8.27 (s, 2H); 8.01 (t, 1H, J=6.2); 7.41-7.38 (m, 9H); 7.24-7-19 (m, 6H); 4.41 (s, 3H);
13C NMR (75 MHz, acetone) δ 143.7; 143.1; 141.4; 138.5; 134.6; 132.4; 130.9; 128.8; 128.8; 128.7; 115.9; 73.0; 61.7; 49.1.





**1H NMR** (200 MHz, CD3OD) : 9.54 (s, 1H); 9.19 (d, 1H, J=8.0); 8.90 (d, 1H, J=5.8); 8.28-8.19 (m, 2H); 7.71 (d, 1H, J=8.4); 7.55 (t, 1H, J=8.0); 7.40 (t, 1H, J=7.5); 4.58 (s, 3H). **13C NMR** (75 MHz, CD3OD) 146.1; 132.7; 131.5; 131.3; 128.2; 127.7; 127.5; 127.1;

124.8;



1-Methyl-2-(1-trityl-1H-pyrazol-4-yl)pyridinium iodide (5c)

**1H NMR** (200 MHz, CD3OD) : 8.89 (d, 1H, J=6.2); 8.48 (t, 1H, J=7.5); 8.24 (s, 1H); 8.21 (s, 1H); 8.17 (d, 1H, J= 8.4); 7.92 (t, 1H, J=7.0), 7.43-7.40 (m, 9H) ; 7.27-7.22 (m, 6H) ; 4.36 (s, 3H);

**13C NMR** (75 MHz, DMSO) : 145.6; 143.8; 141.4; 139.7; 134.5; 129.0; 128.3; 127.4; 124.4; 111.9; 78.6; 46.7.





8.00 (d, 1H, J=7.7); 7.83 (d, 1H, J=7.7); 7.67 (t, 2H, J=7.9); 4.91 (s, 3H); 1.57 (s, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD): 152.0; 145.0; 143.8; 135.7; 135.0; 131.2; 129.5; 129.2; 72.0, 128.2; 122.0; 116.6; 114.7; 111.7; 49.0; 45.5.

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<sup>1</sup>H NMR (200 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD) 8.52 (d, 2H, *J*=6.9); 8.07 (d, 2H, *J*=6.9); 7.84 (s,1H); 7.00-6.98 (m, 1H); 6.85-6.82 (m, 1H), 4.23 (s, 3H);
<sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD) δ 145.2; 128.2; 125.7; 122.9; 121.9; 109.6; 108.2; 47.7.

1-Methyl-4-(1H-indol-3-yl)pyridinium hexafluorophosphate (6b)



**1H NMR** (200 MHz, CD3OD) : 8.56 (d, 2H, J=7.3); 8.38 (s, 1H); 8.30 (d, 2H, J=6.9); 8.16-8.12 (m, 1H); 7.61-7.57 (m, 1H), 7.40-7.34 (m, 2H); 4.26 (s, 3H). **13C NMR** (75 MHz, CD3OD) 145.1; 132.4; 124.6; 123.6; 122.5; 121.5; 120.5; 113.9; 47.7.





**1H NMR** (200 MHz, CD3OD) 8.65 (d, 2H, J=6.6); 8.43 (s, 1H); 8.42 (s, 1H); 8.18 (d, 2H, J=6.7); 7.41-7.39 (m, 9H) 7.23-7.20 (m, 6H); 4.30 (s, 3H);

**13C NMR** (75 MHz, CD3OD) δ 147.1; 144.5; 141.6; 138.9; 133.3; 129.1; 127.6; 127.5; 127.4; 121.6; 116.4; 78.7; 46.1.

1-Methyl-4-(1-tert-Butoxycarbonyl-1H-indazol-3-yl)pyridinium hexafluorophosphate (6d)



**1H NMR** (200 MHz, acetone): 9.10 (d, 2H, J=6.3); 8.73 (d, 2H, J=6.3); 8.38 (d, 1H, J=8.4); 8.25 (d, 1H, J=7.4); 7.78 (t, 1H, J=8.5); 7.60 (t, 1H, J=7.3); 4.41 (s, 3H); 1.70 (s, 9H);

**13**C **NMR** (75 MHz, CD3OD):147.3; 145.6; 142.4; 140.2; 129.5; 124.9; 124.5; 122.3; 120.7; 114.3; 85.6; 47.2.

## 2. Linear properties General information

Absorption Spectra were recorded in a UV-Vis Perkin-Elmer L35 Spectrophotometer in the 200-1000 nm range. Steady-state fluorescence measurements were performed by using an SLM 8100 AMINCO spectrofluorimeter equipped with polarizers and a double (single) concave grating monochromator in the excitation (emission) path and a cooled photomultiplier. Slit widths were set at 8 nm for excitation and emission and polarizers at the magic angle. Fluorescence decay measurements were performed on a time-correlated single-photon-counting FL900 Edinburgh Instruments Spectrometer. The thyratrongated lamp (nF900) was filled with H<sub>2</sub>. Concave gratings monochromators were used at the excitation and emission. Photons were detected by a red sensitive cooled photomultiplier. The data acquisition was carried out by using 1024 channels of the multichannel analyzer with a time window width of 125 ns. A total of 10000-5000 counts in the peak channel were taken for each measurement. Instrumental response functions were regularly achieved by measuring the scattering of a Ludox solution and the quality of the fit was judged by the reduced  $\chi^2$  criterion, the inspection of the weighted residuals per channel and the autocorrelation function of the weighted residuals. Decay intensity profiles were fitted to a sum of exponential decay functions as

$$I(t) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} B_{i} e^{-t/r_{i}}$$
 (1)

by the iterative reconvolution method. The average lifetime of a multiple-exponential decay function was then defined as

$$\left\langle \tau \right\rangle = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} B_{i} \tau_{i}^{2}}{\sum_{i=1}^{n} B_{i} \tau_{i}}$$
(2)

where  $B_i$  is the pre-exponential factor of the component with a lifetime  $\tau_i$  of the multiexponential function intensity decay.

### 3. Non-linear properties

General Information

The second-order noninear polarizability, or first hyperpolarizability,  $\beta$ , of the compounds was determined by Hyper-Rayleigh scattering (HRS).<sup>6</sup> This is the only available experimental technique that can measure directly the molecular second-order nonlinear response of ionic species in solution.

The HRS measurements were performed at room temperature in methanol, with crystal violet as the reference molecule and with high-frequency demodulation of the the multiphoton fluorescence contribution.<sup>7</sup> The HRS signal was analyzed towards a single major dipolar hypepolarizability tensor element  $\beta_{zzz}$  along the molecular z-axis. The dynamic, on resonantly-enhanced,  $\beta_{zzz,800}$  value obtained at 800nm was reduced to the static, or off-resonance  $\beta_{zzz,0}$  value by applying the classical two-level model.<sup>8</sup> From the fitting of the apparent  $\beta_{zzz,800}$  as a function of modulation frequency, a fluorescence lifetime could be obtained, as well as the accurate fluorescence-free hyperpolarizability value.<sup>9</sup>

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