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"Push-no-Pull" Porphyrins for Second Harmonic Generation Imaging

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1. Synthesis and compound characterization

1.1 General Materials and Methods

5-lodopent-1-yne,¹ 1-iodonaphthalene-3,6-disulfonic acid disodium salt,² dibromoporphyrin **9-Zn**,³ 4iodopyridine,⁴ porphyrins⁵ 1, 2, 3, 5 and 13 were prepared as previously described. The manipulation of all air and/or water sensitive compounds was carried out using standard high vacuum techniques. Dichloromethane and THF were obtained either by distillation or by passing through a column of activated alumina. Diisopropylamine was distilled from CaH₂ under nitrogen before use. All other reagents were used as supplied by commercial agents. Analytical thin layer chromatography (TLC) was carried out on Merck® aluminum backed silica gel 60 GF254 plates and visualization when required was achieved using UV light or I_2 . Column chromatography was carried out on silica gel 60 GF254 using a positive pressure of nitrogen. Size exclusion chromatography (SEC) was carried out using Bio-BeadsS-X1, 200-400 mesh (Bio-Rad). Where mixtures of solvents were used, ratios reported are by volume. NMR spectra were recorded at ambient probe temperature using either a Brucker DPX400 (400 MHz) or Brucker AVANCE AV500 (500 MHz). Chemical shifts are quoted as parts per million (ppm) relative to the internal signal of the solvent (chloroform/DMSO). UV/Vis spectra were recorded on a Perkin Elmer Lambda 20 UV-Vis. Mass spectra were carried out using Matrix Assisted Laser Desorption Ionization-Time of Flight (MALDI-TOF) and ElectroSpray Ionization (ESI), and only molecular ions and major peaks are reported.



Scheme S1. Synthetic route for porphyrin **4**: (i) 4-iodopyridine, Pd₂(dba)₃, PPh₃, Cul, toluene, *i*-Pr₂NH, 30 °C; (ii) MeI, THF; (iii) Dowex 1x8 200 mesh ion-exchange column (DMF).

1.3 Synthetic Procedures

Porphyrin 4. Monodeprotected porphyrin **13** (150 mg, 0.23 mmol), Pd₂(dba)₃ (20 mg, 0.02 mmol), PPh₃ (23 mg, 0.09 mmol) and Cul (10 mg, 0.05 mmol) were dried *in vacuo* for 1 h before toluene (5 mL) and diisopropylamine (5 mL) were added and the mixture freeze-pump-thaw degassed. 4-lodopyridine (440 mg, 2.15 mmol) was added and the mixture stirred at 30 °C for 3 h under N₂. Upon completion, the mixture was passed through a silica plug (1:1 CHCl₃:THF) then purified by flash chromatography (5:1 CHCl₃:THF) to isolate the desired product. Fractions were evaporated to dryness to give porphyrin **12** as purple wax, (140 mg, 85%). Then, porphyrin **12** (25 mg, 0.035 mmol) was dissolved in THF (2 mL) and MeI (1.0 mL, 16 mmol) was added. After 5 h, all starting material was consumed according to TLC and the product was passed through a Dowex 1x8 200 mesh ion-exchange column (DMF). The resulting solution was precipitated from DMF with toluene and collected by filtration to give porphyrin **4** as an amorphous dark solid, (20 mg, 75%). UV/Vis (DMF): λ_{max} (nm) ($\epsilon \times 10^3 \text{ M}^{-1}\text{cm}^{-1}$) = 437 (180), 590 (58), 671 nm (42). ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ (ppm) = 10.52 (s, 2H), 9.97 (d, *J* = 4.5 Hz, 2H), 9.68 (d, *J* = 4.5 Hz, 2H), 9.5 (m, 4H), 9.24 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 8.96 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 4.45 (s, 3H), 1.7 (m, 6H), 1.5 (m, 6H), 1.1 (m, 12H), 0.9 (m, 6H), 0.8 (m, 9H). MS (ESI) *m/z* 732.4450 (C₄₈H₅₈N₅SiCl, [M-CI]⁺, requires 732.4456, 100%).



Figure S1. ¹H NMR spectrum of porphyrin **4** (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆).



Figure S2. HPLC trace of porphyrin 4. Retention time = 13.28 min.



Figure S3. ESI+ mass spectrum of porphyrin 4.

Porphyrin 3-Zn. To a stirred solution of porphyrin **3** (200 mg, 0.21 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (100 mL) a solution of zinc acetate dihydrate (600 mg, 2.73 mmol) in MeOH (8 mL) was added. The reaction mixture was stirred for 45 min, when TLC (CH₂Cl₂) confirmed completion. The solvent was removed by evaporation and the product was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel using CH₂Cl₂ as eluent. Fractions were evaporated to dryness to give porphyrin **3-Zn** as an amorphous dark solid, (210 mg, 98%). UV/Vis (DMF): λ_{max} (nm) ($\epsilon \times 10^3$ M⁻¹cm⁻¹) = 431 (157), 650 nm (79). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃ / 1% pyridine–d₅) δ (ppm) = 10.02 (s, 2H), 9.84 (d, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 2H), 9.74 (d, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 2H), 9.30 (d, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 2H), 9.27 (d, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 2H), 7.90 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.80 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 3.39 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 4H), 1.9-1.2 (m, 50H), 1.1-0.8 (m,19H). MS (ESI) *m/z* 1018.40 (C₆₄H₈₇N₅SiZn, [M]⁺ requires 1018.61, 100%).

N,N,N-Triethyl-4-pentyn-1-aminium iodide (10). Triethylamine (3.0 mL, 21 mmol) was added dropwise to a stirred solution of 5-lodopent-1-yne¹ (1.0 g, 5.1 mmol) in diethyl ether (5.0 mL). After stirring for 24 h the precipitate was filtered, washed with diethyl ether and dried *in vacuo* to give compound **10** as a white powder. (1.2 g, 80%). ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ (ppm) = 3.25 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 6H), 3.1 (m, 2H), 2.95 (s, 1H), 2.3 (d, 2H), 1.7 (m, 2H), 1.18 (s, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 9H). ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ (ppm) = 83.70, 73.34, 55.75, 52.94, 21.18, 15.70, 8.04. MS (ESI) *m/z* 168.1745 (C₁₁H₂₂NI, [M–I]⁺ requires 168.1747, 100%).

1-(Trimethylsilyl)ethynylnaphthalene-3,6-disulfonic acid disodium salt (11). 1lodonaphthalene-3,6-disulfonic acid disodium salt² (200 mg, 0.43 mmol), Pd₂(dba)₃ (20 mg, 22 µmol), triphenylphosphine (33 mg, 126 µmol) and copper(I) iodide (13 mg, 68 µmol) were dried in vacuo for 1 h. Trimethylsilyl acetylene (0.20 mL, 1.4 mmol), DMSO (2.0 mL) and diisopropylamine (1.0 mL) were added by syringe and the solution was degassed by three freeze-thaw cycles and stirred at room temperature for 5 hours under N₂. The mixture of solvents was evaporated under vacuum and the product was passed through a celite plug with DMSO as the eluent. After evaporation of the solvent, the residue was suspended in acetone and filtrated, giving the corresponding 1-(trimethylsilyl)ethynylnaphthalene-3,6-disulfonic acid disodium salt in 90% yield (170 mg). ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ (ppm) = 8.19 (d, J = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 8.15 (s, 1H), 8.13 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.87 (d, J = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.85 (dd, J = 8.7, J = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 0.33 (s, 9H, SiCH₃). ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ (ppm) = 146.56, 145.24, 131.93, 131.31, 129.30, 125.87, 125.82, 125.33, 124.90, 119.29, 102.45, 99.75, 18.53, -0.06. MS (ESI) m/z 404.9902 (C₁₅H₁₄Na₂O₆S₂Si, [M-Na]⁻ requires 404.9904, 100%).

Porphyrin 8-Zn. Dibromoporphyrin 9-Zn (820 mg, 0.81 mmol), N,N-dioctylamino-4trimethylsilylethynylbenzene (500 mg, 1.20 mmol), Pd₂(dba)₃ (23 mg, 25 µmol), triphenylphosphine (70 mg, 240 µmol) and copper(I) iodide (25 mg, 120 µmol) were dried in vacuo for 1 h. Toluene (7 mL), diisopropylamine (7 mL) and TBAF (1.0 M in THF, 2.00 mL, 2.0 mmol) were added by syringe and solution was degassed by three freeze-thaw cycles. The reaction mixture was stirred at 50 °C for 2 h under N₂. The reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature and diluted with CH₂Cl₂ (100 mL). The organic solution was washed with saturated ammonium chloride solution (100 mL), water (100 mL) and then dried over Na₂SO₄ and evaporated under vacuum. The green residue was subjected to chromatography on silica gel (50:1 to 25:1 CH₂Cl₂:THF) to give 8-Zn (300 mg, 28%) as a green wax. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃ / 1% pyridine–d₅) δ (ppm) = 9.72 (d, J = 4.5 Hz, 2H), 9.59 (d, J = 4.6 Hz, 2H), 8.88 (d, J = 4.5 Hz, 2H), 8.85 (d, J = 4.6 Hz, 2H), 7.86 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.7 (m, 4H), 7.5 (m, 2H), 7.3 (m, 2H), 6.78 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 4.3 (m, 4H, 3.9 (m, 4H), 3.7 (m, 4H), 3.6 (m, 4H), 3.5 (m, 4H), 3.4 (m, 4H), 3.3 (m, 4H, NCH₂), 3.32 (s, 6H, OCH₃), 1.6 (m, 4H), 1.3 (m, 20H), 0.9 (m, 6H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃/ 1% pyridine– d_5) δ (ppm) =156.97, 152.50, 150.37, 149.81, 149.64, 149.54, 148.03, 144.16, 135.89, 132.90, 132.70, 132.47, 132.35, 130.96, 127.86, 127.14, 121.56, 121.32, 113.69, 111.50, 109.74, 104.99, 102.24, 98.00, 91.06, 71.86, 70.85, 70.63, 70.52, 69.88, 67.66, 58.96, 51.07, 31.84, 29.51, 29.34, 27.30, 27.18, 22.66, 14.12. MS (MALDI-TOF, DITRANOL) m/z 1267.92 (C₇₀H₈₄BrN₅O₈Zn, [M]⁺, requires 1267.48, 100%).

Porphyrin 6-Zn. Porphyrin **8-Zn** (60 mg, 0.05 mmol), *N*,*N*,*N*-triethyl-4-pentyn-1-aminium iodide (**10**) (60 mg, 0.2 mmol), Pd₂(dba)₃ (5 mg, 6 µmol), triphenylphosphine (4 mg, 15 µmol) and copper(I) iodide (2 mg, 11 µmol) were dried *in vacuo* for 1 h. Toluene (3 mL), methanol (0.5 mL) and diisopropylamine (3 mL) were added by syringe and the solution was degassed by three freeze-thaw cycles. The mixture was stirred at 50 °C for 3 h under N₂. The solvent was evaporated and the residue was redissolved in CHCl₃ and passed through a celite plug. After evaporation, the residue was purified by size exclusion chromatography (Bio Beads S-X1, CHCl₃:pyridine 100:1). Compound **6-Zn** was isolated in 79% yield (49 mg). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃ / 1% pyridine–d₅) δ (ppm) = 9.61 (d, *J* = 4.5 Hz, 2H), 9.33 (d, *J* = 4.6 Hz, 2H), 9.33 (d, *J* = 4.6 Hz, 2H), 8.9 (m, 4H), 7.83 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.7 (m, 4H), 7.5 (m, 2H), 7.3 (m, 2H), 6.65 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 4.3 (m, 4H, OCH₂), 3.9 (m, 4H, OCH₂), 3.5 (m, 4H, OCH₂), 3.5 (m, 4H, OCH₂), 3.4 (m, 4H, OCH₂), 3.3 (m, 4H, NCH₂), 3.25 (s, 6H, OCH₃), 3.0 (m, 2H), 2.7 (m, 2H), 1.5 (m, 6H), 2.4 (m, 6H), 1.2 (m, 22H), 0.9 (m, 6H, CH₃), 0.6 (m, 9H, CH₃). MS (MALDI-TOF, DITRANOL) *m/z* 1355.90 (C₈₁H₁₀₅N₆O₈Zn, [M]⁺, requires 1356.12, 100%)

Porphyrin 6. Zinc porphyrin **6-Zn** (49 mg) was dissolved in a mixture of CHCl₃ (10 mL) and TFA (1.0 mL). After 20 min. stirring at room temperature, the reaction was quenched with NaHCO₃ saturated solution, and the organic layer was washed with water, dried over Na₂SO₄ and evaporated under vacuum. The residue was passed through a Dowex 1x8 200 mesh ion-exchange column (MeOH) and after evaporation, the product was purified by size exclusion chromatography (Bio Beads S-X1, CHCl₃). Compound **6** was isolated in 85% yield (37 mg). UV/Vis (DMF): λ_{max} (nm) $(\epsilon, x \ 10^3 \ M^{-1} \text{cm}^{-1}) = 428 \ (122), \ 621 \ (34), \ 705 \ nm \ (25).$ ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) = 9.63 (d, J = 4.5 Hz, 2H), 9.37 (d, J = 4.6 Hz, 2H), 8.8 (m, 4H), 7.82 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.7 (m, 4H), 7.63 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.34 (m, 2H), 6.76 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 4.3 (m, 4H, OCH₂), 3.9 (m, 4H, OCH₂), 3.7 (m, 4H, OCH₂), 3.6 (m, 4H, OCH₂), 3.5 (m, 4H, OCH₂), 3.4 (m, 4H, OCH₂), 3.3 (m, 4H, NCH₂), 3.25 (s, 6H, OCH₃), 2.8 (m, 6H; CH₂), 2.0 (m, 2H), 1.6 (m, 4H), 1.3 (m, 24H), 1.1 (m, 9H, CH₃), 0.9 (m, 6H, CH₃), -1.98 (s, 2H, NH). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ (ppm) = 162.33, 153.66, 146.92, 138.39, 137.21, 133.32, 132.41, 126.45, 125.96, 119.72, 116.69, 112.55, 108.12, 106.14,105.21, 102.30, 94.90, 87.68, 76.40, 75.18, 74.98, 74.75, 74.24, 72.70, 63.14, 60.66, 57.41, 55.21, 45.29, 36.41, 34.03, 33.89, 31.95, 31.55, 27.25, 26.12, 22.15, 19.12, 12.42, 12.33. MS (ESI) m/z 1291.8148 $(C_{81}H_{107}N_6O_8CI, [M-CI^-]^+$ requires 1291.8145, 100%).



Figure S4. ¹H NMR spectrum of porphyrin **6** (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆).



Figure S5. HPLC trace of porphyrin 6. Retention time = 12.41 min.



Figure S6. ESI+ mass spectrum of porphyrin 6.

Porphyrin 7-Zn. Porphyrin **8-Zn** (60 mg, 0.05 mmol), 1-(trimethylsilyl)ethynylnaphthalene-3,6disulfonic acid (60 mg, 0.14 mmol) (**11**), Pd₂(dba)₃ (5 mg, 6 µmol), triphenylphosphine (4 mg, 15 µmol) and copper(I) iodide (2 mg, 11 µmol) were dried *in vacuo* for 1 h. DMSO (2 mL), diisopropylamine (2 mL) and TBAF (1.0 M in THF, 0.2 mL, 0.2 mmol) were added by syringe and the solution was degassed by three freeze-thaw cycles. The mixture was stirred at 40 °C for 3 hours under N₂. The mixture of solvents was evaporated under vacuum and the solid residue was dissolved in CHCl₃ and passed through a celite plug. After evaporation, the residue was further purified by size exclusion chromatography (Bio Beads S-X1, CHCl₃:pyridine 100:1). Compound **7-Zn** was obtained as a green solid in 62% yield (48 mg). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃ / 1% pyridine–d₅) δ (ppm) = 9.98 (d, *J* = 4.5 Hz, 2H), 9.69 (d, *J* = 4.6 Hz, 2H), 8.96 (d, *J* = 4.5 Hz, 2H), 8.8 (m, 2H), 8.53 (m, 1H), 8.36 (s, 2H), 8.16 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.8 (m, 8H), 7.48 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 6.82 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 4.3 (m, 4H, OCH₂), 3.9 (m, 4H, OCH₂), 3.7 (m, 4H, OCH₂), 3.6 (m, 4H, OCH₂), 3.5 (m, 4H, OCH₂), 3.4 (m, 4H, OCH₂), 3.10 (s, 6H, OCH₃), 3.10, 1.5 (m, 4H), 1.3 (m, 20H). MS (MALDI-TOF, DITRANOL) m/z 1541.95 (C₈₂H₈₉N₅Na₂O₁₄S₂Zn, [M]⁺, requires 1541.49, 100%).

Porphyrin 7. Porphyrin **7-Zn** (45 mg, 0.03 mmol) was dissolved in a mixture of CHCl₃ (10 mL) and TFA (1.0 mL). After 20 min. stirring at room temperature, the reaction was quenched with NaHCO₃ saturated solution, and the organic layer was washed with water, dried over Na₂SO₄ and evaporated under vacuum. The residue was purified by size exclusion chromatography (Bio Beads S-X1, CHCl₃). Compound **7** was isolated in 65% yield (29 mg). UV/Vis (DMF): λ_{max} (nm) (ϵ , x 10³ M⁻¹ cm⁻¹) = 445 (97), 630 (35), 714 nm (33).¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ (ppm) = 9.98 (d, *J* = 4.5 Hz, 2H), 9.69 (d, *J* = 4.6 Hz, 2H), 8.96 (d, *J* = 4.5 Hz, 2H), 8.8 (m, 2H), 8.53 (s, 1H), 8.36 (s, 2H), 8.16 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.8 (m, 8H), 7.48 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 6.82 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 4.3 (m, 4H, OCH₂), 3.15 (s, 6H, OCH₃), 1.5 (m, 4H, OCH₂), 3.6 (m, 4H, OCH₂), 3.5 (m, 4H, OCH₂), 3.4 (m, 4H, OCH₂), 3.15 (s, 6H, OCH₃), 1.5 (m, 4H, CH₂), 1.3 (m, 20H, CH₂), 0.8 (m, 6H, CH₃), -1.79 (m, 2H, NH). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ (ppm) = 157.17, 148.44, 147.27, 146.14, 141.69, 133.21, 132.25, 131.80, 129.26, 128.14, 127.25, 126.48, 126.07, 125.43, 121.82, 120.69, 119.86, 114.74, 111.46, 107.3, 107.32, 103.53, 101.22, 99.09, 95.96, 95.15, 89.84, 71.21, 69.99, 69.80, 69.57, 69.07, 67.52, 57.95, 57.46, 50.02, 31.22, 28.84, 28.70, 26.75, 26.35, 23.01, 22.07, 19.16, 13.94, 13.45; MS (ESI) *m/z* 716.7989 (C₈₂H₉₁N₅Na₂O₁₄S₂, [M-2Na]⁻² requires 716.8007, 100%).



Figure S7. ¹H NMR spectrum of porphyrin 7 (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆).



Figure S8. HPLC trace of porphyrin 7. Retention time = 9.62 min.

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Figure S9. ESI+ mass spectrum of porphyrin 7.



Figure S10. UV-vis spectra of 6 and 7 in DMF.



Figure S11. Top: Cyclic voltammogram (CH₂Cl₂, 0.1 M Bu₄NPF₆; scan rate 100 mV s⁻¹; glassy carbon working electrode, Pt counter electrode, Ag/AgNO₃ reference electrode) for porphyrin **3**. Square-wave experiments recorded for the same samples (CH₂Cl₂, 0.1 M Bu₄NPF₆; square-wave frequency 8 Hz; glassy carbon working electrode, Pt counter electrode, Ag/AgNO₃ reference electrode). The gray dashed lines represent the trace in the absence of internal ferrocene while the black lines show the measurements in the presence of ferrocene.



Figure S12. Top: Cyclic voltammogram (CH₂Cl₂, 0.1 M Bu₄NPF₆; scan rate 100 mV s⁻¹; glassy carbon working electrode, Pt counter electrode, Ag/AgNO₃ reference electrode) for porphyrin **3-Zn**. Square-wave experiments recorded for the same samples (CH₂Cl₂, 0.1 M Bu₄NPF₆; square-wave frequency 8 Hz; glassy carbon working electrode, Pt counter electrode, Ag/AgNO₃ reference electrode). The gray dashed lines represent the trace in the absence of internal ferrocene while the black lines show the measurements in the presence of ferrocene.



Figure S13. Top: Cyclic voltammogram (CH₂Cl₂, 0.1 M Bu₄NPF₆; scan rate 100 mV s⁻¹; glassy carbon working electrode, Pt counter electrode, Ag/AgNO₃ reference electrode) for porphyrin **4**. Square-wave experiments recorded for the same samples (CH₂Cl₂, 0.1 M Bu₄NPF₆; square-wave frequency 8 Hz; glassy carbon working electrode, Pt counter electrode, Ag/AgNO₃ reference electrode). The gray dashed lines represent the trace in the absence of internal ferrocene while the black lines show the measurements in the presence of ferrocene.



Figure S14. Top: Cyclic voltammogram (CH₂Cl₂, 0.1 M Bu₄NPF₆; scan rate 100 mV s⁻¹; glassy carbon working electrode, Pt counter electrode, Ag/AgNO₃ reference electrode) for porphyrin **5**. Square-wave experiments recorded for the same samples (CH₂Cl₂, 0.1 M Bu₄NPF₆; square-wave frequency 8 Hz; glassy carbon working electrode, Pt counter electrode, Ag/AgNO₃ reference electrode). The gray dashed lines represent the trace in the absence of internal ferrocene while the black lines show the measurements in the presence of ferrocene.



Figure S15. Top: Cyclic voltammogram (CH₂Cl₂, 0.1 M Bu₄NPF₆; scan rate 100 mV s⁻¹; glassy carbon working electrode, Pt counter electrode, Ag/AgNO₃ reference electrode) for porphyrin **5-Zn**. Square-wave experiments recorded for the same samples (CH₂Cl₂, 0.1 M Bu₄NPF₆; square-wave frequency 8 Hz; glassy carbon working electrode, Pt counter electrode, Ag/AgNO₃ reference electrode). The gray dashed lines represent the trace in the absence of internal ferrocene while the black lines show the measurements in the presence of ferrocene.

2. Hyper-Rayleigh Scattering

Femtosecond hyper-Rayleigh scattering experiments^{6,7} were performed at 800 and 840 nm in dimethylformamide as the solvent. Crystal Violet in methanol was used as the reference, with a value of 338 × 10^{-30} esu at 800 nm and 405 × 10^{-30} esu at 840 nm for the octopolar β_{xxx} hyperpolarizability tensor component. Differences in local field factor (from the different solvents) and in geometrical factor (due to octopolar reference and dipolar unknowns) were taken into account. The high-frequency demodulation technique confirmed that there was no multiphoton fluorescence present at the second-harmonic wavelengths of 400 or 420 nm, in agreement with the one-photon spectra. The fluorescence-free hyperpolarizability values could thus be deduced as the average value of the modulation frequencies (80, 160 and 240 MHz).⁸

3. SHG Imaging



Figure S16. Tilt angle distribution for **6** (black) in droplet monolayer model membranes with tilt angle distributions of di-4-ANEPPS (red) and di-8-ANEPPS (blue) for comparison. Light vertical lines represent the tilt angle expectation value, $\langle \varphi \rangle$. A typical SHG image of **6** is shown, inset.

The resolution of the dye tilt angle distribution was performed using a previously established method.⁹ Porphyrin **6** localizes in membranes with a orientational distribution similar to that of conventional naphthylstyryl ANEPPS dyes, a configuration that is close to optimal for NLO imaging. While the mean tilt of **6** is similar to that of **di-8-ANEPPS** ($\langle \phi \rangle = 38^\circ$), its ability to occupy a wider range of angles in the membrane cause an expected tilt of $\langle \phi \rangle = 42^\circ$. Analogous dye **7** was not fluorescent enough to find an orientational distribution, however a brief analysis of its SHG images predict a lower tilt with $\langle \phi \rangle = 37^\circ$.

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