Electronic properties of P-containing Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons

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Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) are of great potential in molecular materials for opto-electronic devices. Their bandgap and supramolecular organization is tunable through modification of the π -system and lateral aliphatic substituents. An alternative original approach uses the versatility of heterochemistry with the successful incorporation of N, O, S or B within the π -conjugated framework of PAHs.[1]

Here, we report that this strategy can be extended to P-modified PAHs.[2] A synthetic route to a family of P-modified PAHs is described. The reactivity of the P-center allows a straightforward HOMO-LUMO gap tuning. The impact of successive addition of fused aromatic rings around the P-ring was also studied. DFT calculations corroborate these studies. Furthermore. the coordination ability of the P-center allows unprecedented coordination-driven assembly of PAHs onto transition metals. The incorporation of these molecules in White emitting OLEDs shows the potential of this new family of compound for opto-electronic applications. [3]



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