

Metalloporphyrins for Photocatalysis

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Despite of the similarity to porphyrins, focus on the photophysical properties of porphyrins and their chelates with transition and post-transition metal ions (metalloporphyrins) started quite late. The most outstanding features appear to be very intense fluorescence (up to twice that of chlorophyll and the ease by which the properties may be tuned by facile synthetic manipulations. Metalloporphyrins may be designed as to display delayed fluorescence, RT phosphorescence, two-photon absorption, and more. The practical utility of metalloporphyrins has been exemplified by their use as catalysts for photo-assisted organic reactions, energy-relevant inorganic transformations, photodynamic therapy for fighting cancer, and photodynamic inactivation of microorganisms. Key to success in the above applications is the ability to delicately control the photophysical properties, redox potentials, and the selective positioning of substituents on the macrocycle.

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