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Porphyrins for New Generation of Solar Cells

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Abstract:

Porphyrin dyes with a push-pull framework have been prepared and used in dye-sensitized solar cells, their spectral, electrochemical and photovoltaic properties were investigated. The photovoltaic measurements show that our push-pull porphyrins achieve high power conversion efficiency 10-13% under standard AM 1.5 sunlight.¹ For practical use of dye-sensitized solar cells at indoor conditions, a judiciously tailored organic dye achieves a milestone by displaying an efficiency of 28.56% when tested under T5 fluorescent illumination of 6000 lux.² We also synthesized porphyrin dimers for organic photovoltaics. Compared to the single porphyrin, the porphyrin dimers exhibited a large improvement on the power conversion efficiency. In addition, porphyrins have been synthesized for application in perovskite solar cells as efficient hole-transporting materials.³ A high efficiency of 16.60% is achieved by n-butyl tethered single porphyrin hole-transporting material which is comparable to that of Spiro-OMeTAD of 18.03%. Based on the similar device structure, Perovskite solar cells using a dimeric porphyrin HTM achieves a PCE of 19.44%.

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