

## Research Grants for PhD students from the China Scholarship Council

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Scientific competence of the supervisor:

Organic synthesis, Organometallic synthesis, Porphyrin Dendrimer synthesis, Coordination chemistry, Photophysical studies, medical application, Bioimaging applications

Two major publications in the field proposed for the PhD :

1. D. Yao, X. Zhang, O. Mongin, F. Paul and C. O. Paul-Roth, Chem. Eur. J. 2016, 22, 5583-5597.
2. D. Yao, X. Zhang, A. Triadon, N. Richey, O. Mongin, M. Blanchard-Desce, F. Paul and C. O. Paul-Roth, Chem. Eur. J. 2017, 23, 2635 – 2647.

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Description of the research work proposed for a PhD Topic # (see list) : IV 2, IV11

Title : Synthesis of Organic and Organometallic Molecular Assemblies for Optical applications

Subject :

In this project, new porphyrins assemblies will be synthesized in which tetraarylporphyrin cores are in the center of the architecture. These organic assemblies will be elaborated in a stepwise way starting from the corresponding building blocks. The required porphyrin macrocycles and the new organometallic spacers will be obtained by classical organic or organometallic (metal-catalyzed) syntheses. Based on our experience with these derivatives, the targeted assemblies will be elaborated in order to present a maximum fluorescence and also large multi-photon absorption cross-sections. Applications for such molecules, in the field of molecular imaging or organic light emitting devices will be subsequently targeted depending on their performances.

This work constitutes a strategic opening on innovative international collaborations, since part of the (nonlinear) optical properties will be examined in collaboration with the Australian group of Prof. M. G. Humphrey, belonging to the prestigious Australian National University (ANU) in Canberra and (linear) photophysical measurement will be done by Prof J.A. Gareth Williams from Durham University-UK. The PhD supervisor (C. Paul-Roth) is an expert in porphyrin synthesis. She, and her coworkers experiences in porphyrin dendrimers chemistry, have now acquired a solid experience in designing molecular assemblies with particular optical properties.

Keywords :

Organic synthesis, Organometallic synthesis, Luminescence, Photophysical properties.

Expected collaborations :

\*Nonlinear optical measurements: Prof. M. Humphrey, Australian National University (ANU) in Canberra-AUSTRALIA

\*Linear, Photophysical measurement: Prof J.A. Gareth Williams - Durham University-UK.

\*Organometallic synthesis: Dr F. Paul, Rennes University-FRANCE.

Background required from the applicant :

The applicant should have knowledge in organic synthesis and in coordination chemistry and be interested in learning molecular photophysics.

Existence of a PDF file detailing the proposal ("yes" or "no") : Yes

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