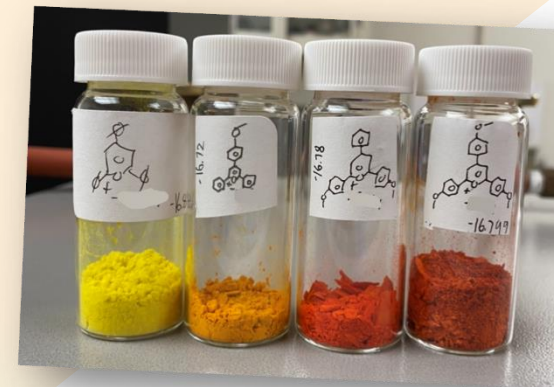


Organic, Polymer, Nano Material Chemistry Research

Our interests focus on organic and polymer synthesis in general. More specifically, we are interested in developing novel light-emitting and liquid-crystalline polymers for their multitude applications in modern technology, including biosensors.

In another project, we are developing ionic liquids and ionic liquid crystals for their better ionic conductivities as electrolytes for next generation batteries. Significant efforts are concentrated on the development organic ionic plastic crystals for the solid state batteries.

Carbon nanotube-based composite materials based on ionic polymers are of significant interest in our group. In recent years, we are also actively pursuing the development of cisplatin analogs for cancer therapy.



Colorful Pyrylium Salts



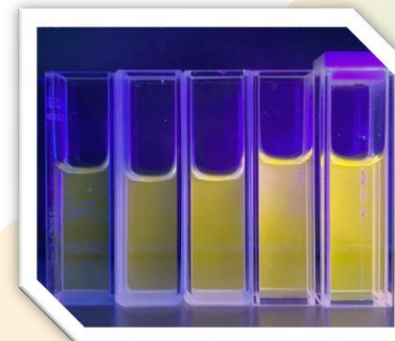
Liquid Crystalline Texture



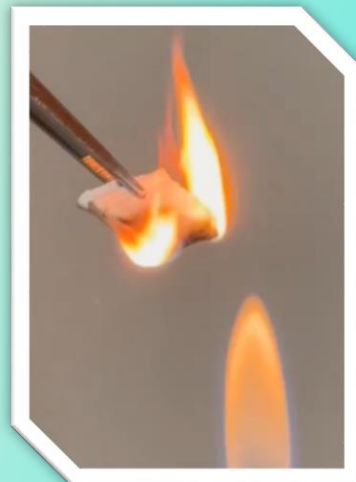
Fluorescent Pyrylium Solution

Current Research Interests

- Thermotropic and Lyotropic Liquid Crystalline Polymers
- Polyesters, Viologen Polymers, Poly(pyridinium salt)s
- Fire Retardant Polymers
- Light-Emitting Properties of Polymers
- Photo-responsive Polymers
- Proton and Anion Exchange Membranes
- Oxidation of Carbohydrates by Viologens
- Ionic Liquids, Liquid Crystals, and Plastic Crystals
- Novel Light-Harvesters for Solar Energy Storage
- Fluorescent Molecules for Cell Imaging
- Pyrylium Salt Chemistry
- Lasing Properties in Organic Solvents and Water
- Two Photon Induced Absorption Fluorescent Properties
- Piezochromic Materials
- Magnetic Materials
- Cisplatin Analogues for Cancer Therapy

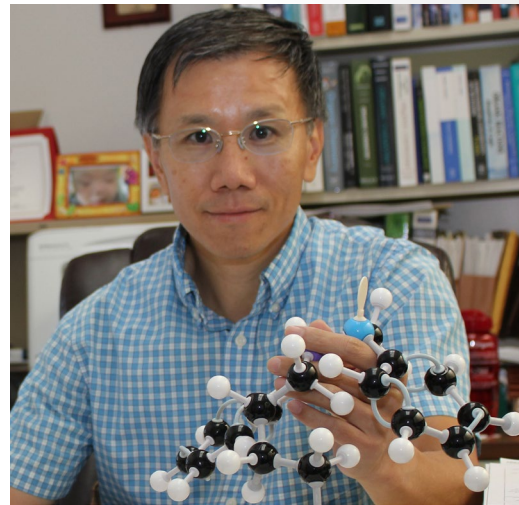


Polymer
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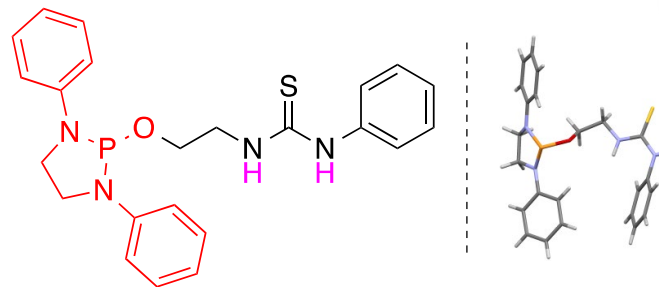
Areas of Expertise

- Synthetic organic chemistry
- Development of new synthetic methodology
- Asymmetric organocatalysis
- Organophosphorus chemistry
- Synthesis of bioactive small molecules

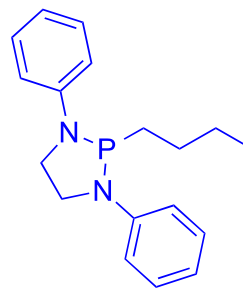
Research Summary:

The development of new synthetic methodologies plays a key role in medicinal chemistry, biochemistry, and materials chemistry. Professor Kang and his group have been developing novel synthetic transformation and new chemical reagents such as commercially available NHP-thiourea and NHP-butane to apply for pharmaceuticals and bioactive molecules.

Kang's reagents-commercially available at Kerafast



NHP-thiourea
(phosphonylation reagent)



NHP-butane
(organocatalyst)



NHPA
(organocatalyst)

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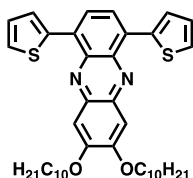
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Expertise

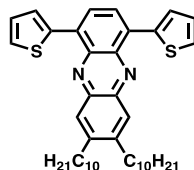
- Organic semiconductors with tunable electronic properties
- Self-assembly (nanomaterials, organogels, etc.)
- All organic room-temperature phosphors
- Materials development for solid-state emission with high quantum yield

Electronic-Property Tuning with Smart Molecular Design

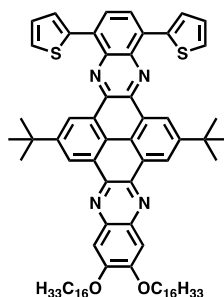
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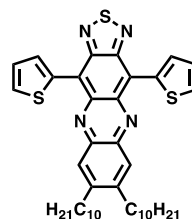
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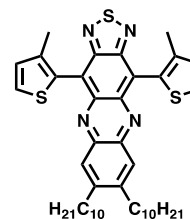
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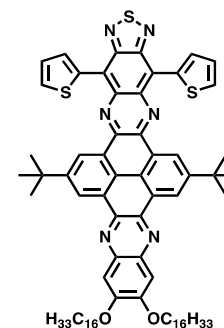
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-3.80 eV



-3.84 eV



E_{HOMO} -5.43 eV



-5.45 eV



-5.49 eV



-5.32 eV



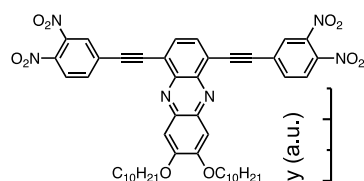
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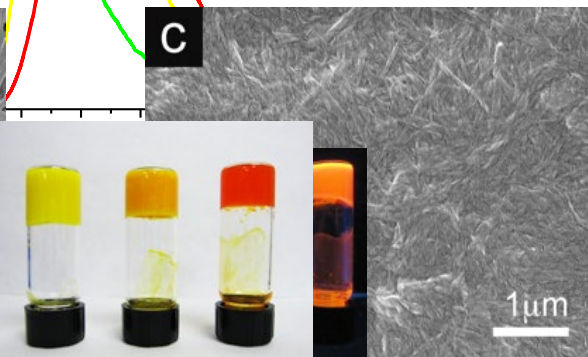
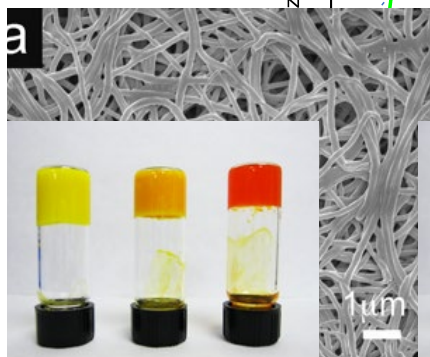
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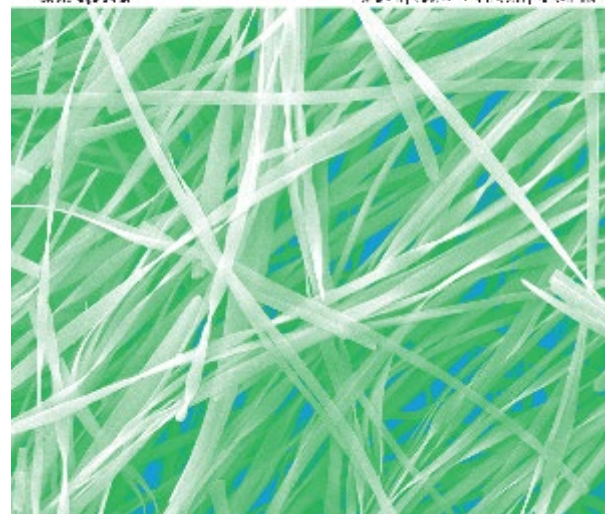
Solvent-Dependent Morphology Control through Organogelation



Normalized FL Intensity (a.u.)



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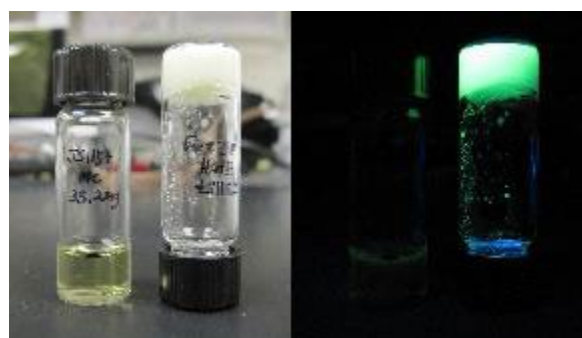
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