Crystal Engineering of the Organic Solid-state Emitters

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ABSTRACT

Crystal engineering involves understanding of the intermolecular interaction and their utilization for the development of new functional materials for real time applications. Solid-state emission is an emergent material property with immense scope for the development of applied materials for sensing, lighting, anti-counterfeiting, high speed communications, biological imaging, etc. The area is underexplored and emission fine-tuning to realise multi-color and white light emission are being vigorously explored. We have reported the lesser reported sulfonate-pyridinium interaction as a robust synthon and utilized it for the development of materials with improved thermal stability, optical behaviour and aqueous solubility. Exploring the scope of intermolecular interaction further, we have realised solid-state multi-color emission as well as emission tuning in the organic precursors through both functionalization and cocrystallization. Structural and computational studies provide valid insights into structure property relationship and help to establish more general design strategies.

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