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Abstract

Hypothesis

Supramolecular structures determine properties of optoelectronically active materials and can be tailored *via* the Langmuir-Blodgett (LB) technique. Interactions between dyes can cause high crystallinities of Langmuir monolayers, thus rendering retaining their integrity during the LB-deposition challenging. However, increasing degrees of freedom exclusively at the polar anchoring moieties of dyes might improve processability without perturbing the dye's optoelectronic properties nor the function-determining crystallinity of the layer.

Experiments

(Amphiphilic) thiazole dyes without, with a mono-polar, and with a double-polar anchor were synthesized, whereas the two constituting polar moieties of the latter derivate are separated by a flexible alkyl chain. The supramolecular structures and crystallinities of Langmuir and LB monolayers were characterized by means of LB isotherms, atomic force microscopy and polarization-resolved fluorescence spectroscopy.

Findings

As compared to the mono-polar reference the introduction of a flexible double-polar head did not deteriorate UV-vis absorption, emission or electrochemical properties of the thiazole but significantly extended the range of constant compressibility modulus, thus indicating improved processability of the Langmuir monolayers. Indeed, AFM studies revealed that the integrity of the monolayers could

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