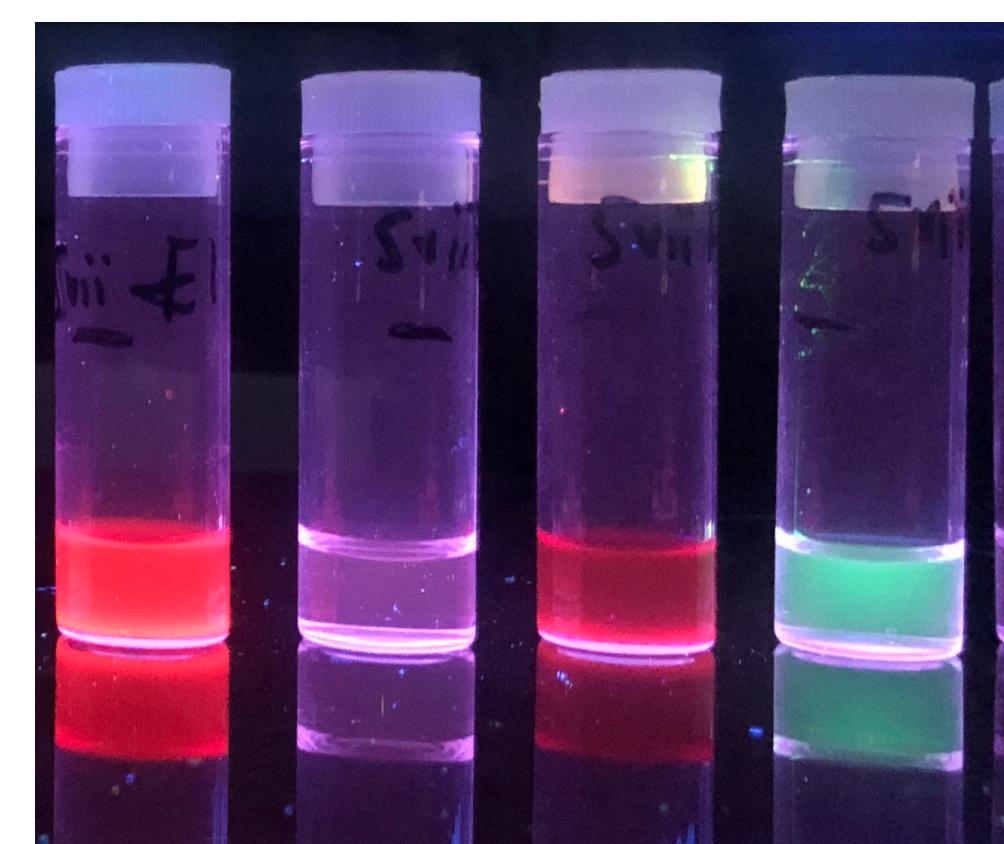




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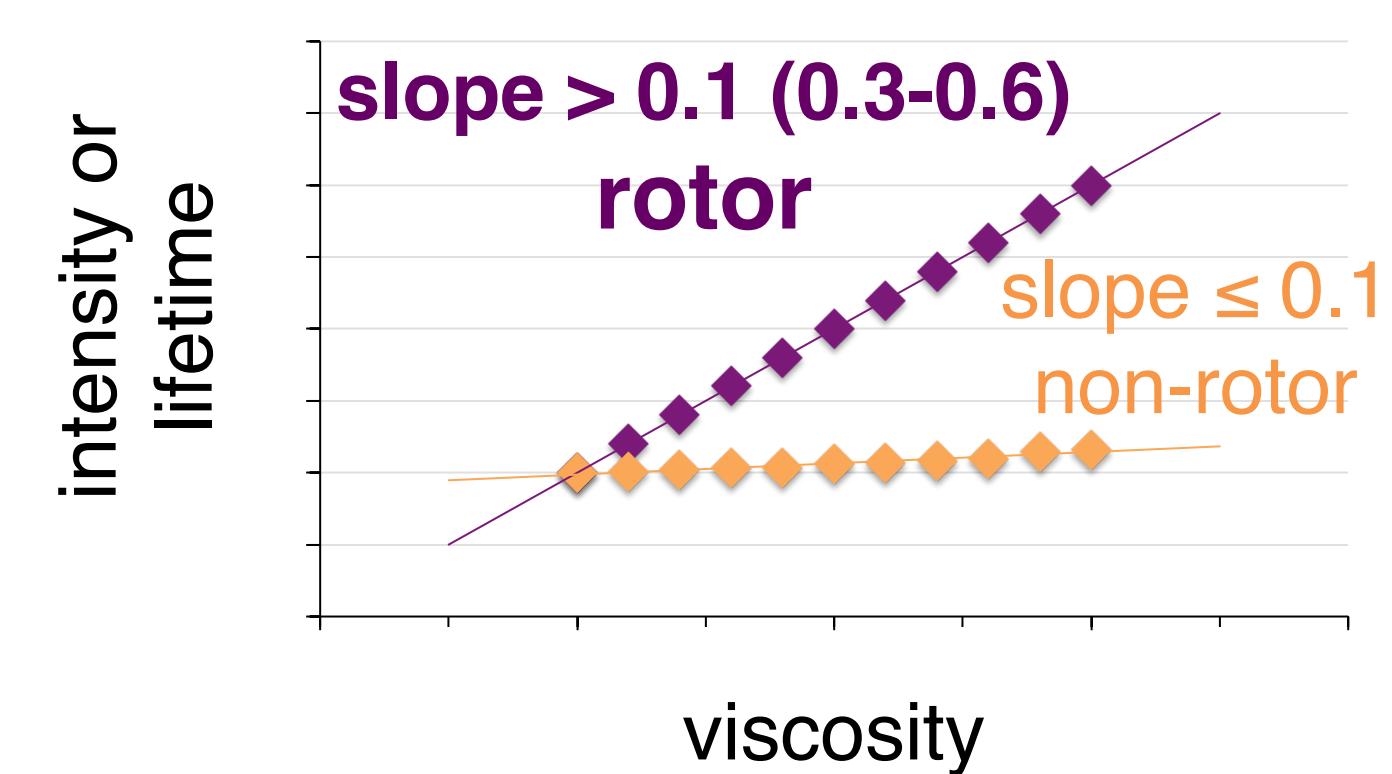
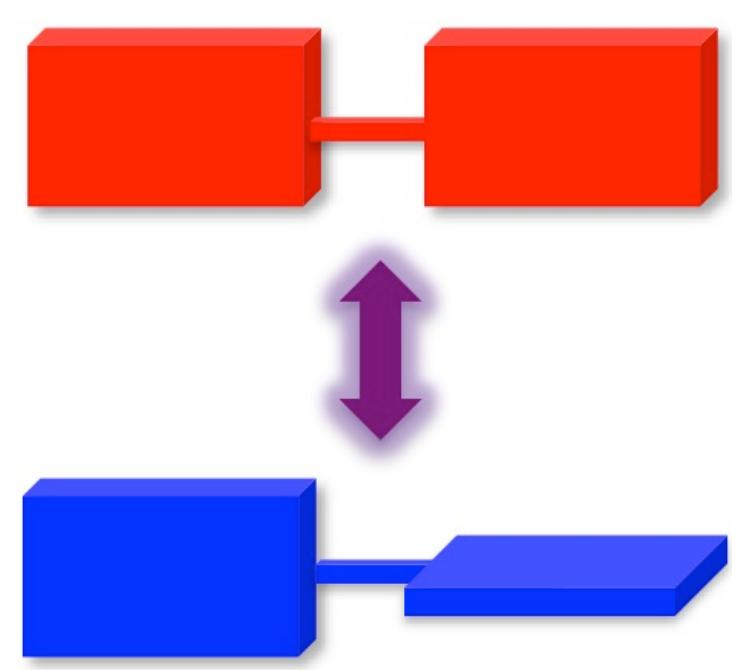
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## ENVIRONMENT-SENSITIVE PROBES

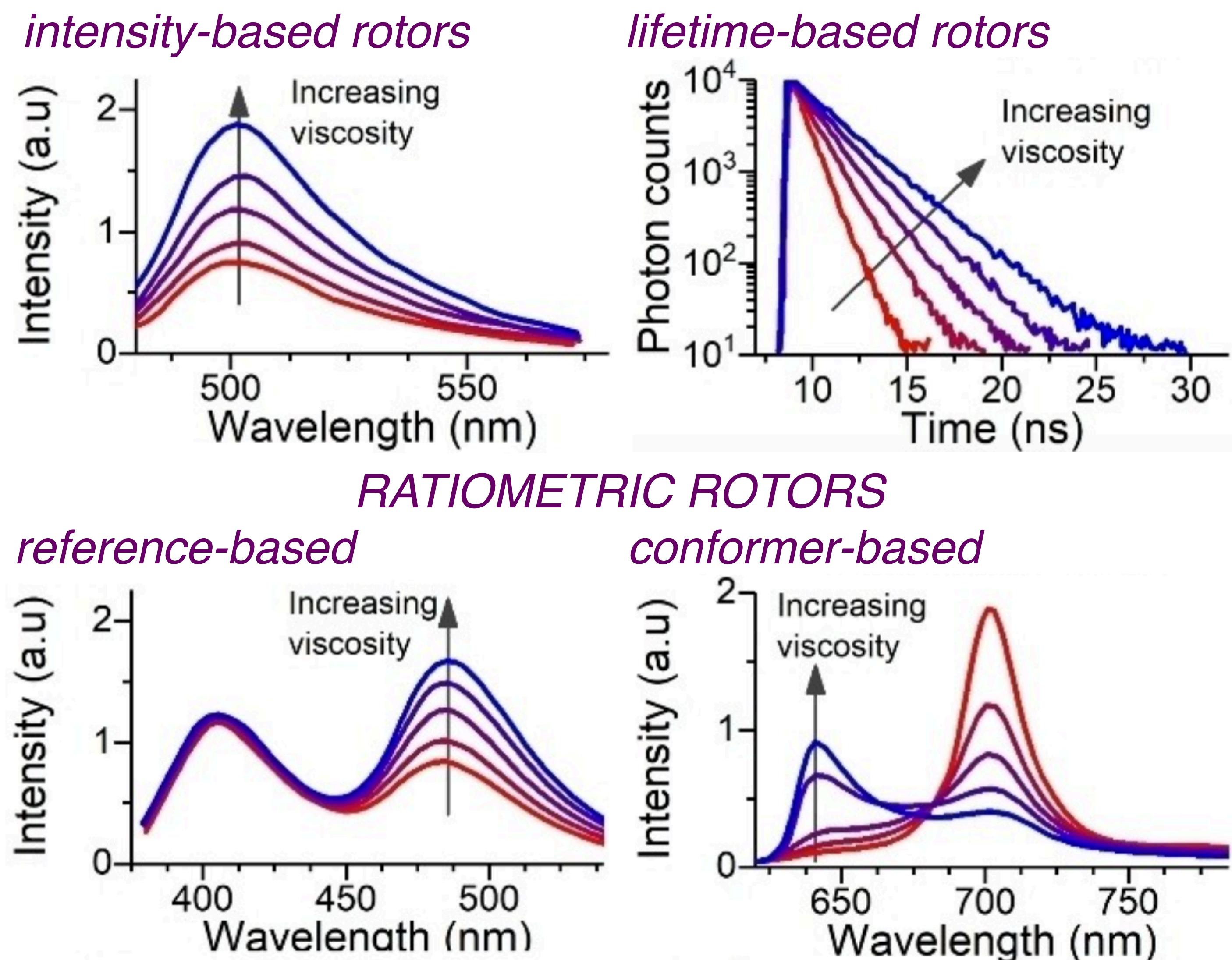
Environment-sensitive probes – dyes that change their photophysical properties (i.e., fluorescence intensity, lifetime, etc) in response to changes in the environment viscosity, polarity, etc.[1] If the change in the fluorescence parameter is related to internal rotation within the dye, such molecular rotor is a molecular viscometer. Rotor could be easily distinguished from a non-rotor.[2]



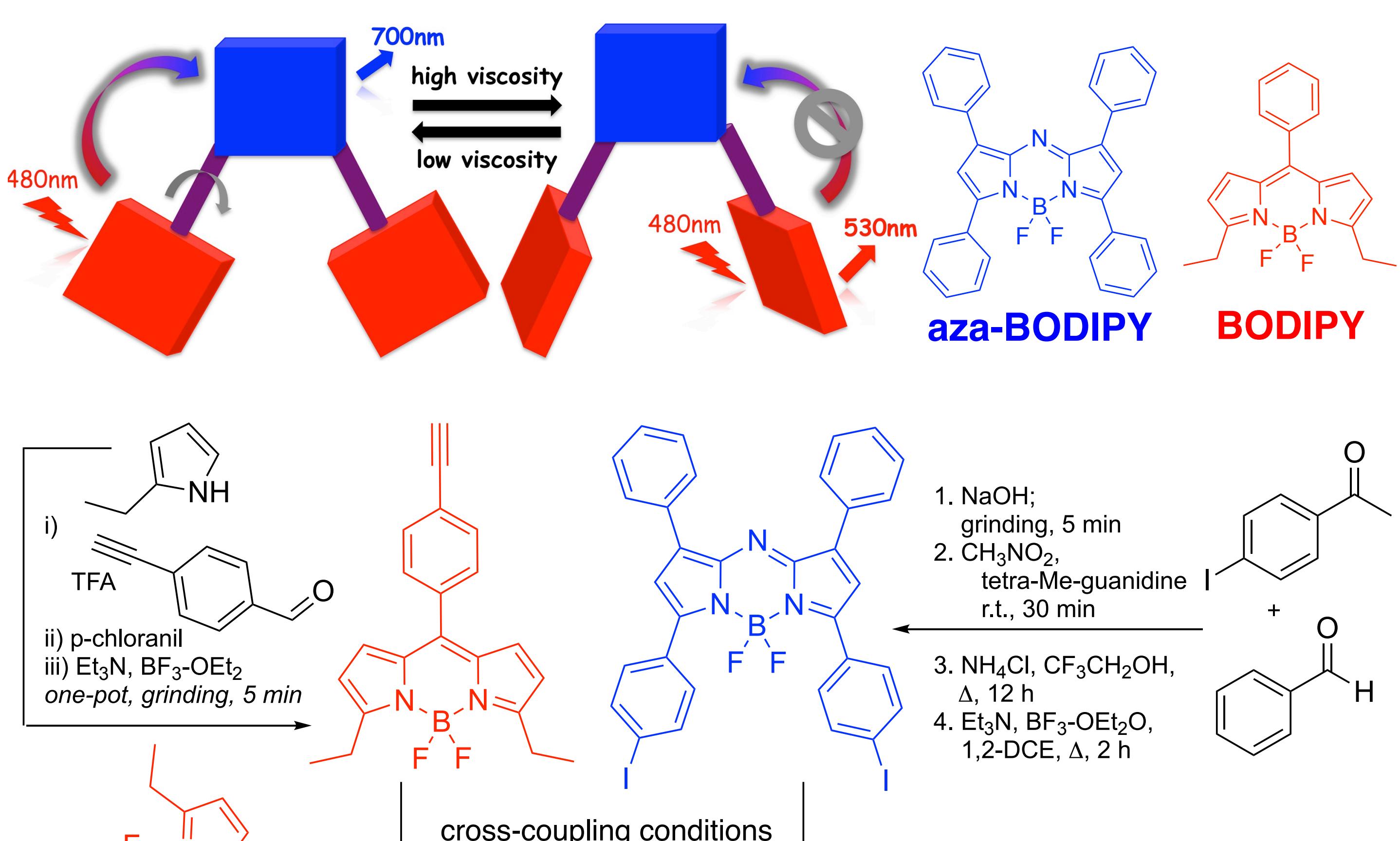
## VISCOSITY

Viscosity is a fundamental physical property of a fluid. Abnormal changes of cellular viscosity are linked to many biological malfunctions and diseases, including cancer, cystic fibrosis, Parkinson's and Huntington's diseases.[2]

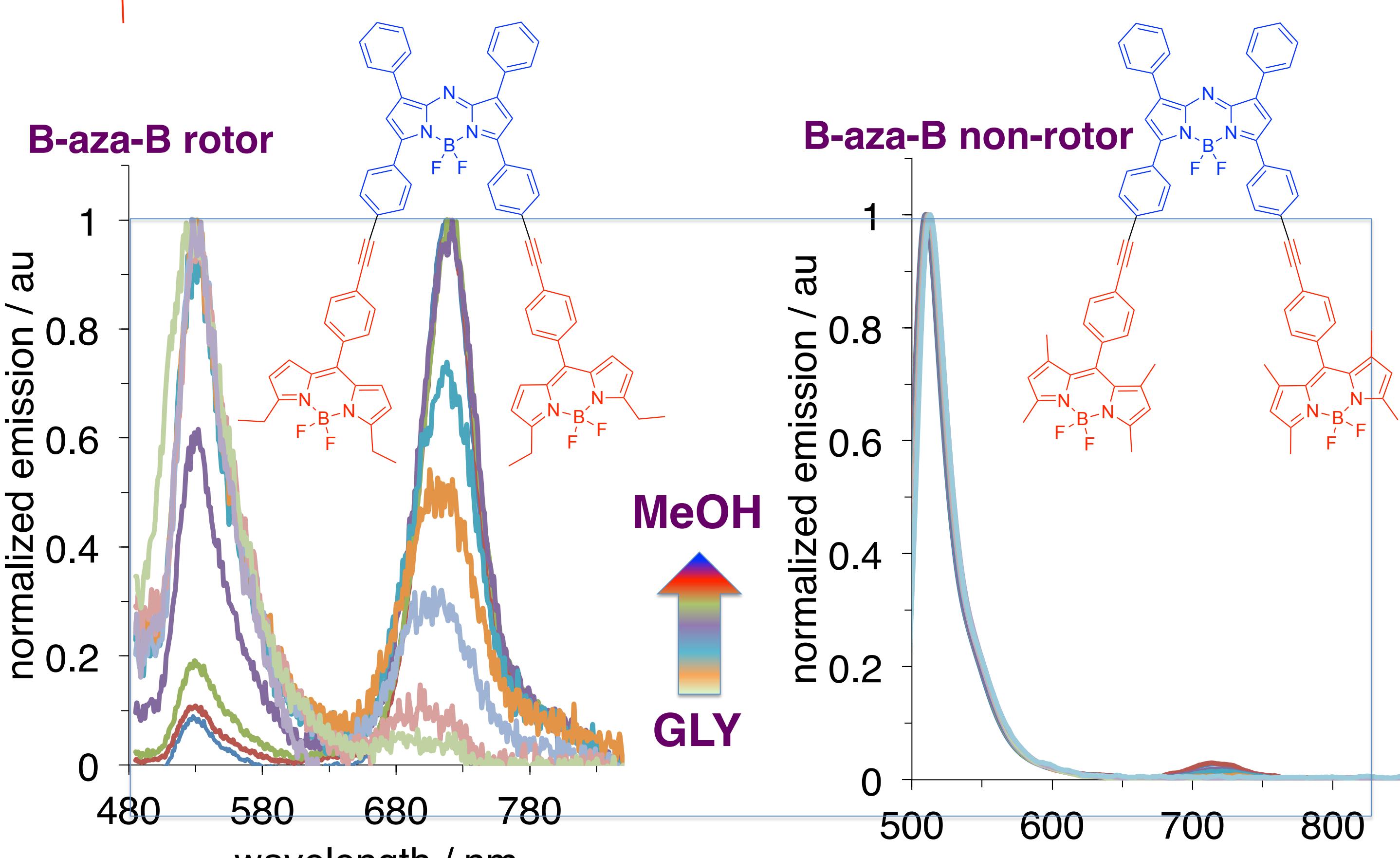
## MOLECULAR ROTORS AS FLUORESCENCE-BASED VISCOMETERS [3]



## BODIPY–azaBODIPY–BODIPY MOLECULAR VISCOMETERS

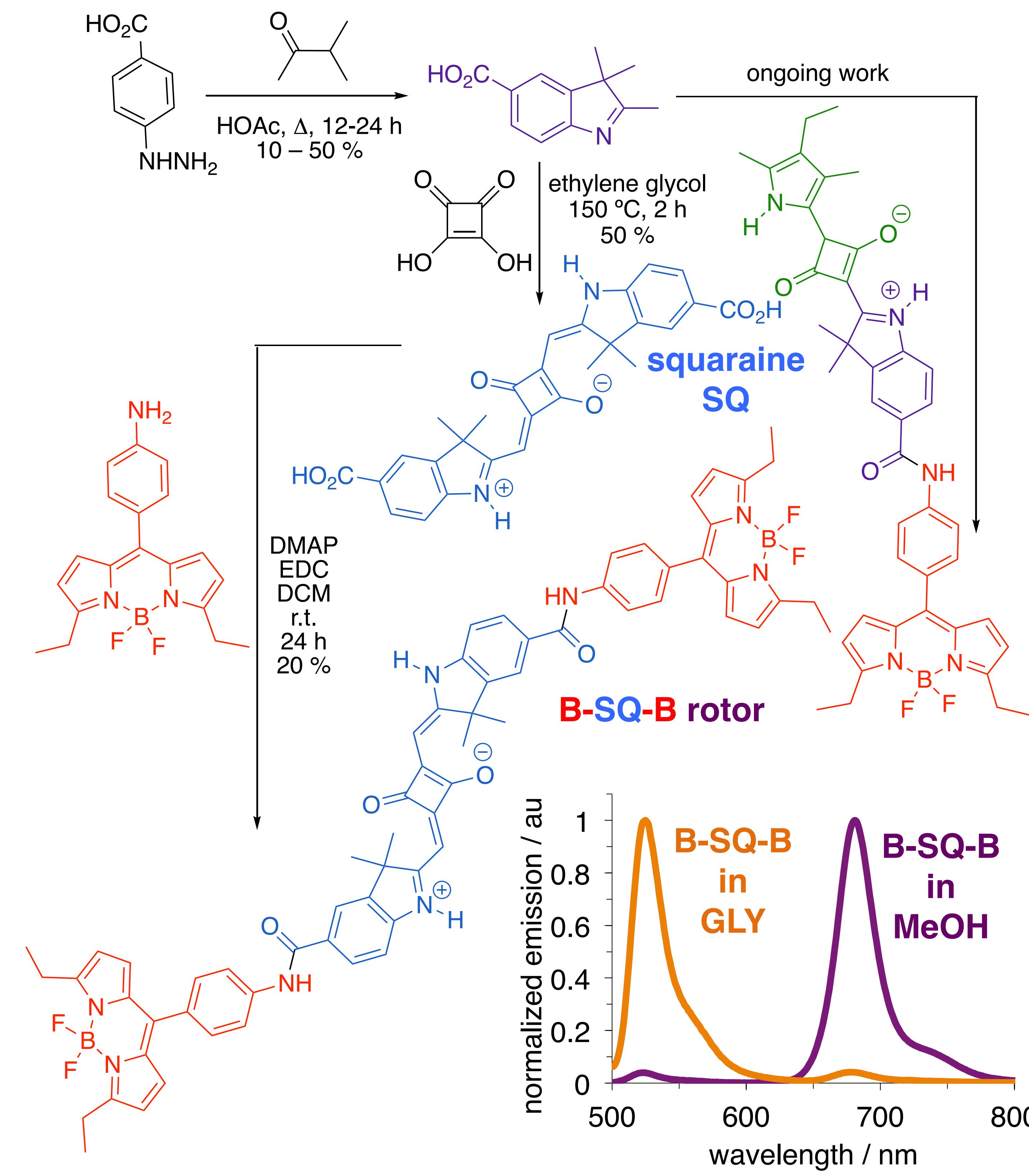


cross-coupling conditions	yield, %
Pd(PPh <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>4</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> , CuI, Et <sub>3</sub> N, DMF, N <sub>2</sub> , r.t. or Δ, 12 h	0 – 5
Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub> , XPhos, Et <sub>3</sub> N, r.t., 12 h	3
Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub> , NH <sub>2</sub> (C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> )CO <sub>2</sub> H, K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> , EtOH, r.t. or Δ, 12 h	0 – 5



conditions:  $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 480 \text{ nm}$ ; [B-aza-B] = 4  $\mu\text{M}$  (DMSO 0.4 % v/v)  
Viscosity: MeOH – 0.7 cP; glycerol/GLY – 1500 cP

## BODIPY–SQUARINE–BODIPY MOLECULAR VISCOMETERS



conditions:  $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 480 \text{ nm}$ ; [B-SQ-B] = 2  $\mu\text{M}$ ; (DMSO 0.2 % v/v)  
viscosity: MeOH – 0.7 cP; glycerol/GLY – 1500 cP

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