

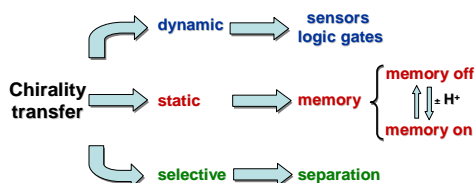
## Chirality transfer for sensing, memory and separation

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The intriguing process of chirality transfer from organic or inorganic chiral templates to achiral porphyrins has been in the focus of our interests for more than a decade. Our studies on exploiting the electrostatic interactions as tools to build noncovalent aggregates were mainly carried out in aqueous solution (the “green” solvent). A designed combination of thermodynamic and kinetic control of the self-assembly process has allowed us to develop various applications all based on the induced chirality in the porphyrin Soret band absorption region (see Scheme 1).



Scheme 1

In the center of our discussion will be some interesting aspects related to chirality transfer and sensing, such as the memory of chirality and its cyclic (on-off) switch [1-4] as well as the process of going from Z-DNA chiroptical sensing to Z-DNA based logic gates [5,6]. In addition we will present some more recent results on a resolution of a racemate of enantiomorphous J-aggregates formed from tetra-anionic porphyrins [7].

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