

# Prof. Yoshito Tobe

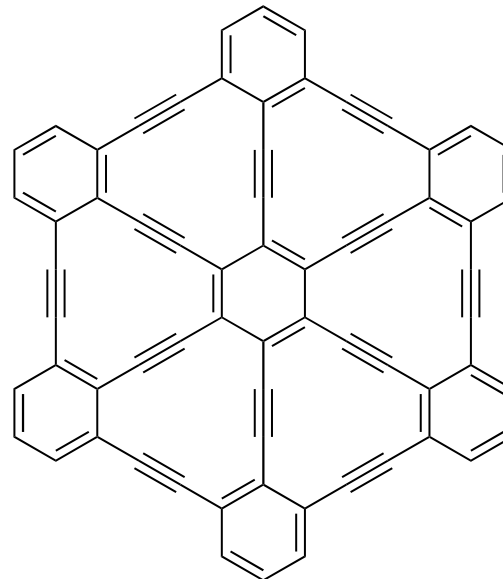
## Prof. Yoshito Tobe Professor emeritus at Osaka University



- 1979 Ph.D., Department of Petroleum Chemistry, Osaka University (Professor Yoshinobu Odaira)
- 1979 – 1984 Assistant Professor, School of Engineering, Osaka University
- 1984 – 1992 Lecturer, School of Engineering, Osaka University
- 1992 – 1998 Associate Professor, School of Engineering Science, Osaka University
- 1998 – 2017 Professor, Graduate School of Engineering Science, Osaka University
- 2003 – 2007 Member of University Council, Osaka University
- 2007 – 2011 Dean, Graduate School & School of Engineering Science, Osaka University
- 2014 – 2017 Director, Research Center for Solar Energy Chemistry, Director, Institute for Nanoscience Design
- 2017 Retired from Osaka University and became Emeritus  
Visiting Research Professor at The Institute of Scientific and Industrial Research of Osaka University
  
- *h*-index: 52 (April 2020)
- 2012: Synthetic Organic Chemistry Award Japan
- 2013: Award for the Japanese Association for Organic  $\pi$ -Electron Systems
- 2015: The Chemical Society of Japan Award
- 2017: The Nozoe Lectureship Award

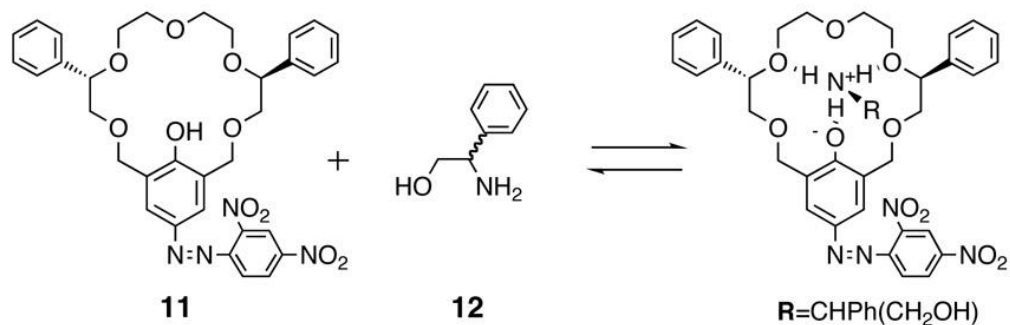
## Research overview

- Creation of novel  $\pi$ -electron conjugated compounds



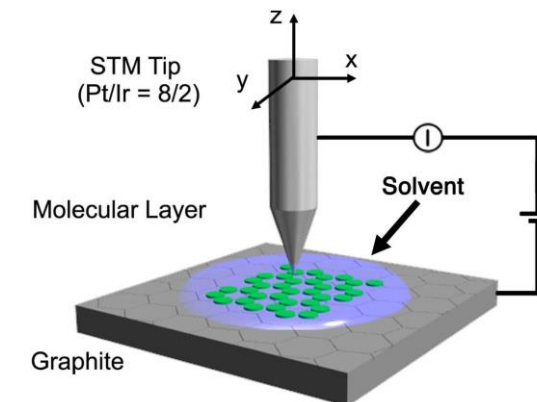
- Creation of functional molecules based on supramolecular chemistry

### Chirality Recognition by Color Change



11+(S)-12    11 Only    11+(R)-12

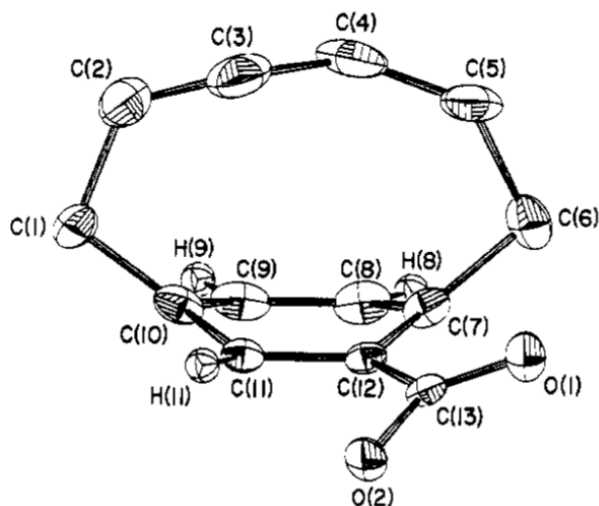
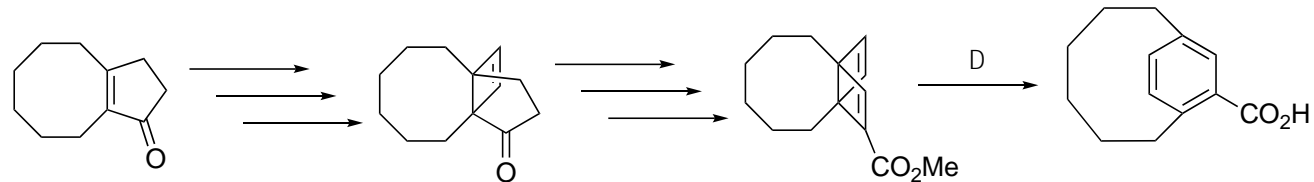
- Control of two dimensional molecular alignment on solid surfaces



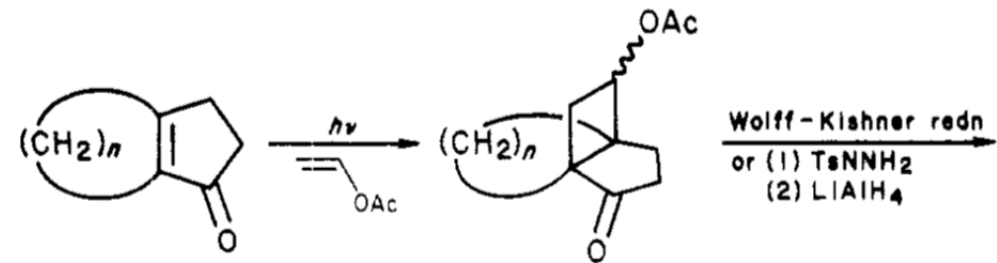
STM observation of molecular alignment at a liquid/solid interface

## Work in the group of Yoshinobu Odaira:

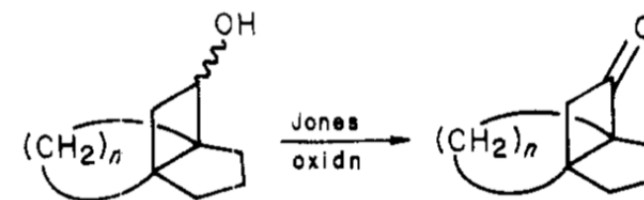
- Work on propellane-based structures
- Synthesis of fused rings



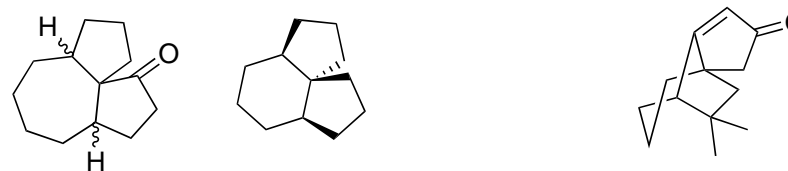
[J. Am. Chem. Soc. 1983, 105, 1376–1377](#)



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 $n = 3–6$



[J. Org. Chem. 1979, 44, 4557–4561](#)



[Tetrahedron Lett. 1984, 25, 3895–3896](#)

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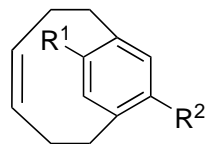
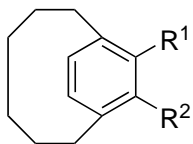
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- Contribution to the synthesis of [5]Paraclophane



[\*J. Am. Chem. Soc.\* \*\*1985\*\*, \*107\*, 3716–3717](#)

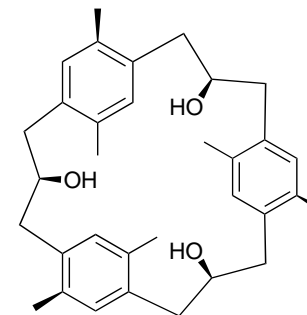
- Synthesis of [6]Paracyclophanes and [6]Paracycloph-3-enes



[\*Tetrahedron Lett.\* \*\*1958\*\*, \*42\*, 1851–1858](#)

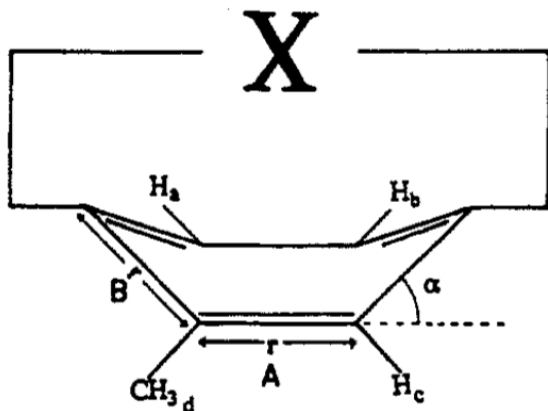
[\*J. Am. Chem. Soc.\* \*\*1987\*\*, \*109\*, 1136–1144](#)

- Host–guest complexations with cyclophanes



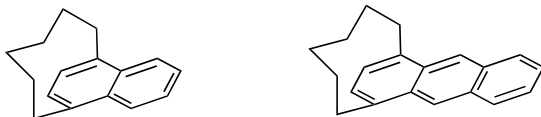
[\*Tetrahedron Letters\* \*\*1987\*\*, \*28\*, 3825–382](#)

- Study of distorted aromatic systems



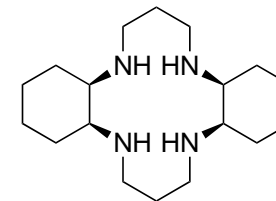
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- Naphthalenophane and Anthracenophane



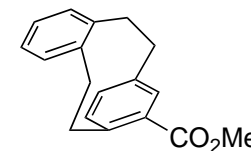
[Y. Tobe, R. Gleiter, and co-workers  
\*J. Am. Chem. Soc.\* \*\*1990\*\*, \*112\*, 8889–8894.](#)

- Nickel – cyclam complexes



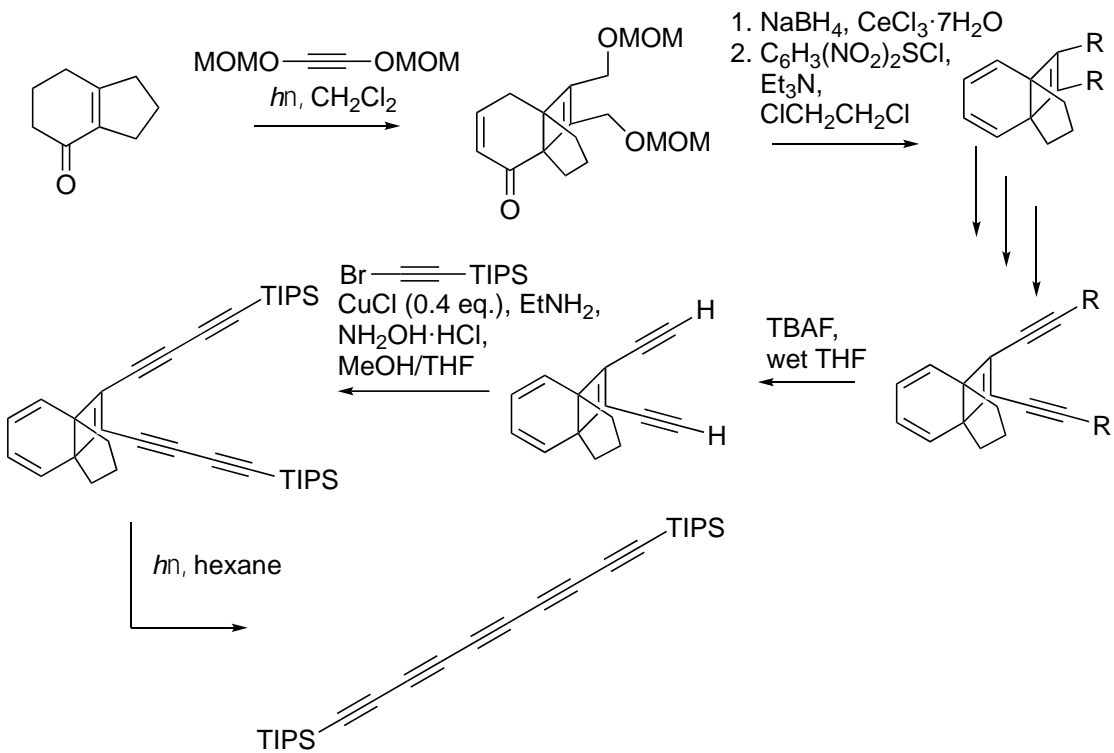
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- Highly strained cyclophanes



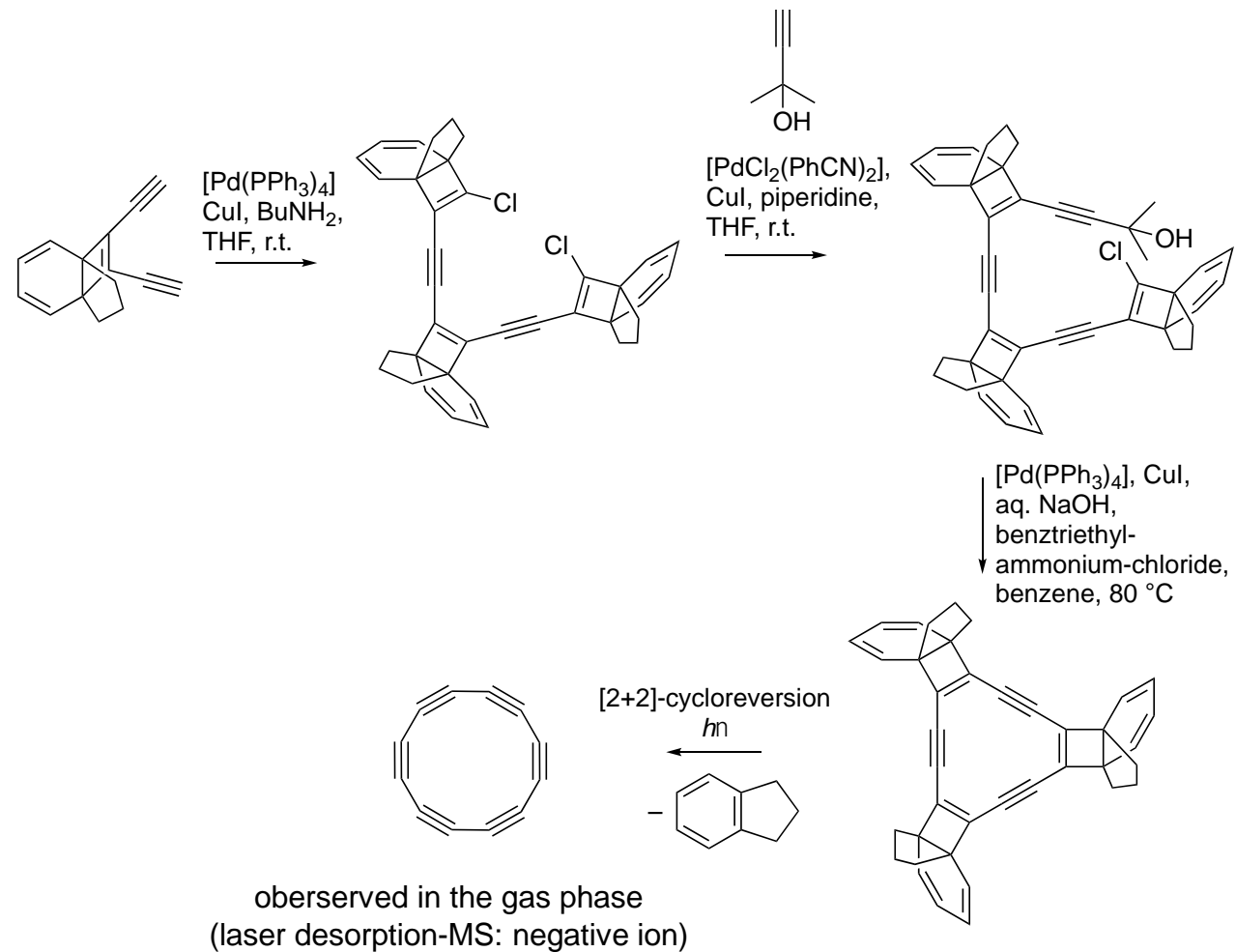
[\*J. Am. Chem. Soc.\* \*\*1993\*\*, \*115\*, 1173–1174.](#)

- Synthesis of linear polyynes



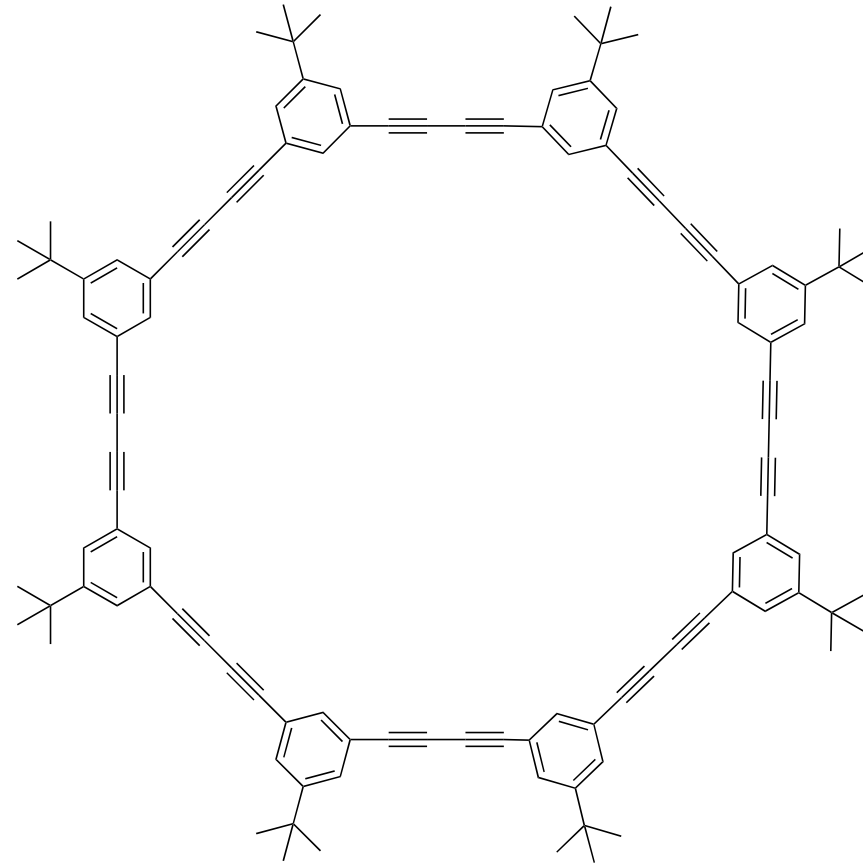
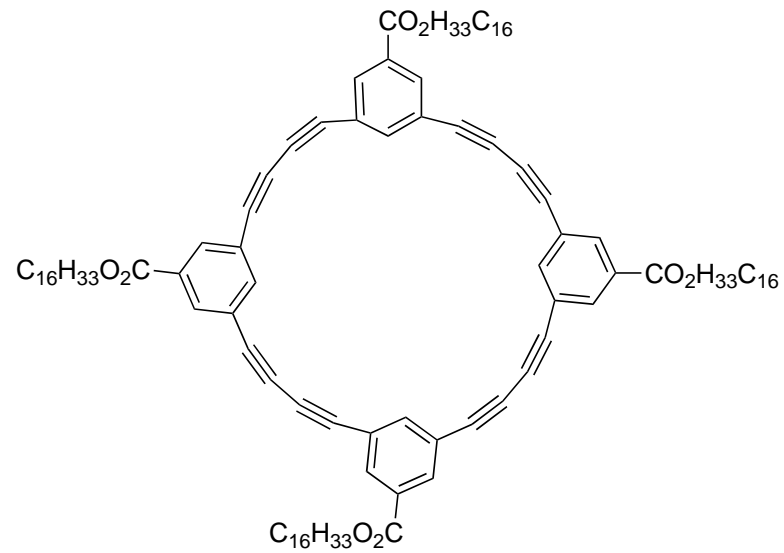
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- Synthesis of cyclocarbons



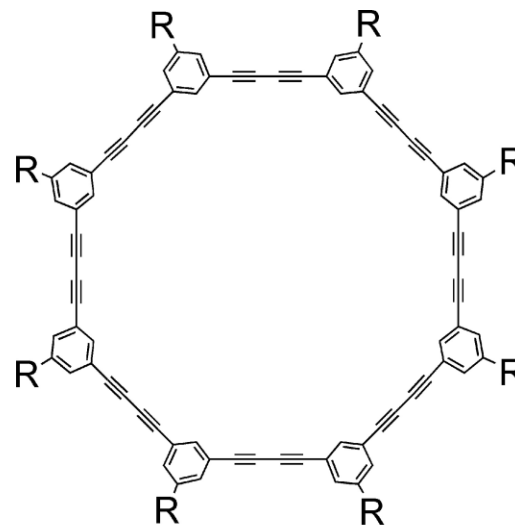
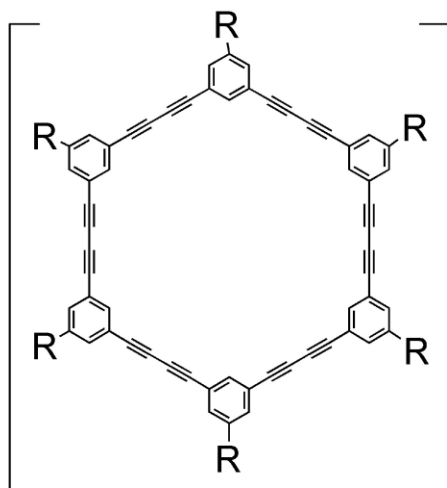
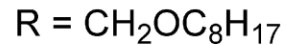
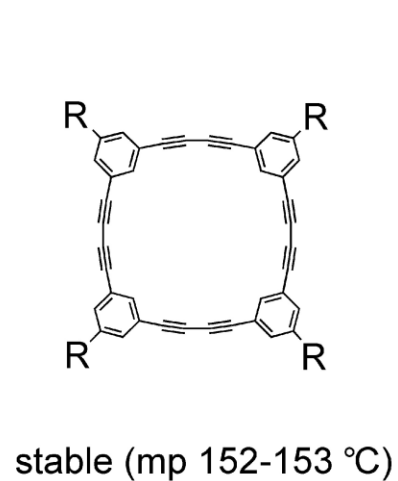
[Angew. Chem. 1996, 108, 1923–1926](#)

- Ethynylbenzene macrocycles

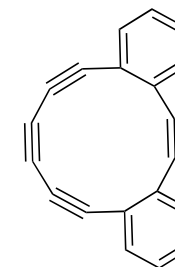


[Tetrahedron Lett. 1996, 37, 9325–9328](#)

- Ring-size dependent stability of macrocycles



- Highly strained systems

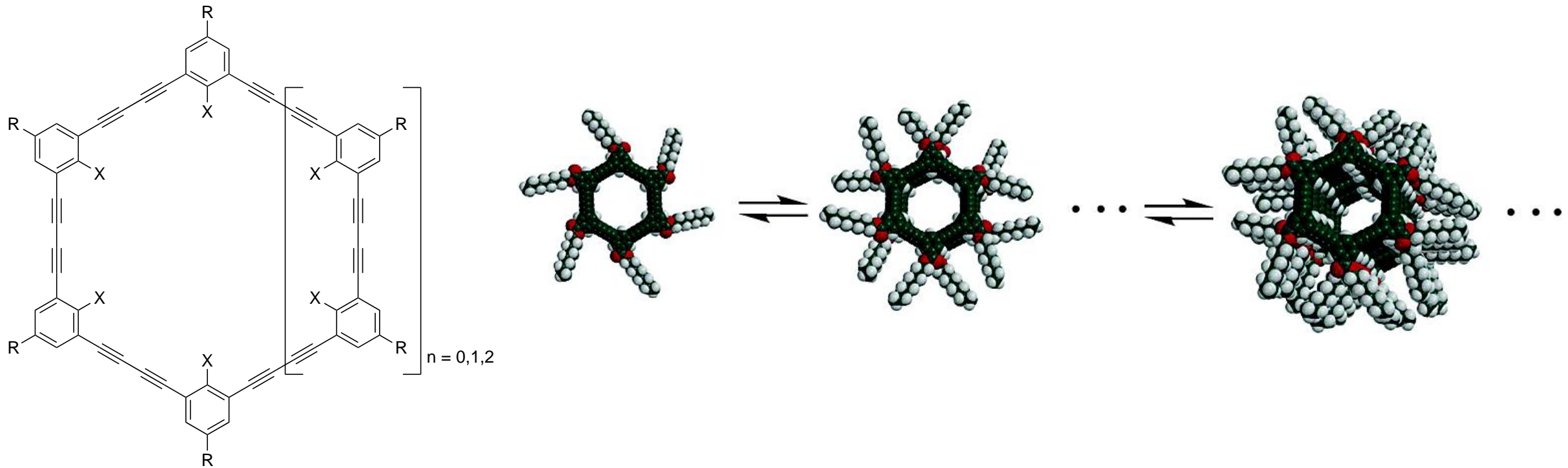


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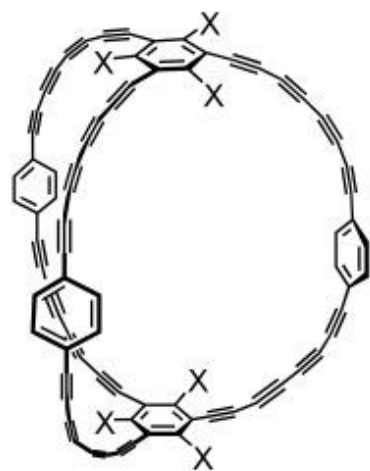


- Syntheses and self-association of *m*-diethynylbenzene macrocycles

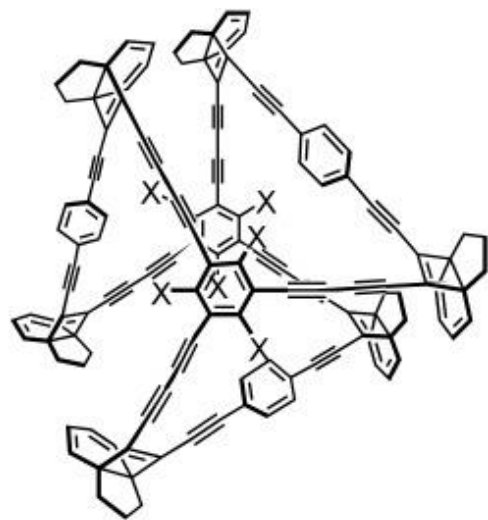


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- More complex alkyne-based systems



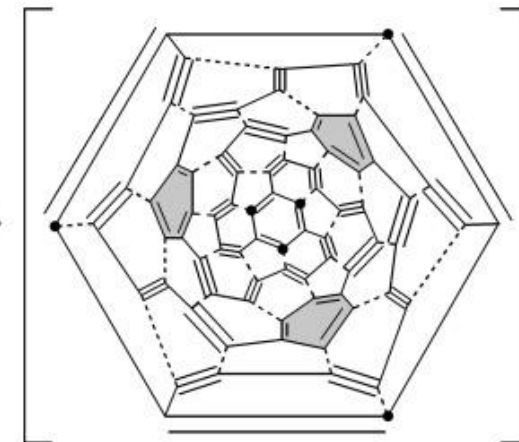
1a X=H ( $C_{78}H_{18}$ )  
1b X=Cl ( $C_{78}H_{12}Cl_6$ )



2a X=H  
2b X=Cl

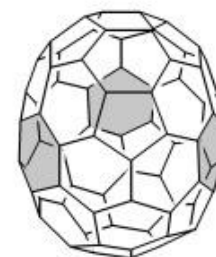
- Synthesis of  $C_{78}$  Fullerene

1a X=H  
1b X=Cl

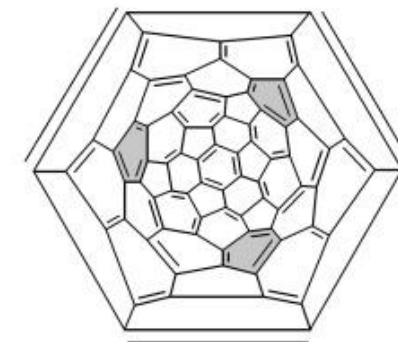


(• = CH or CCl)

Polyne  
Cyclization  
(-18H or -12H6Cl)



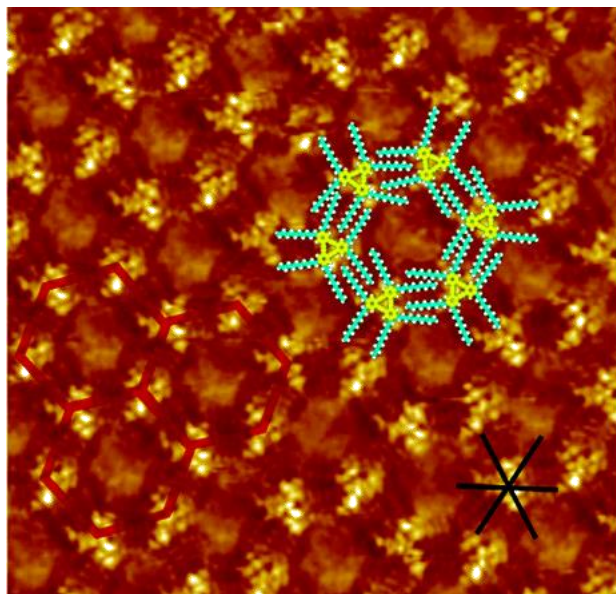
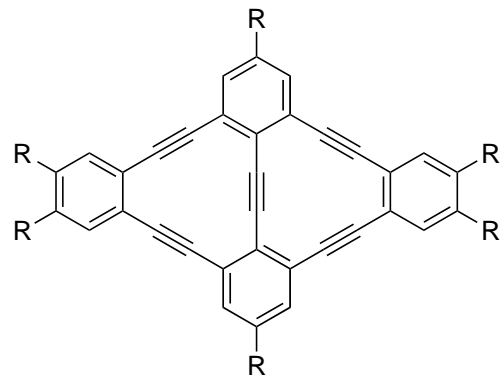
$D_3-C_{78}$



[Chem. Eur. J. 2005, 11, 1603–1609](#)

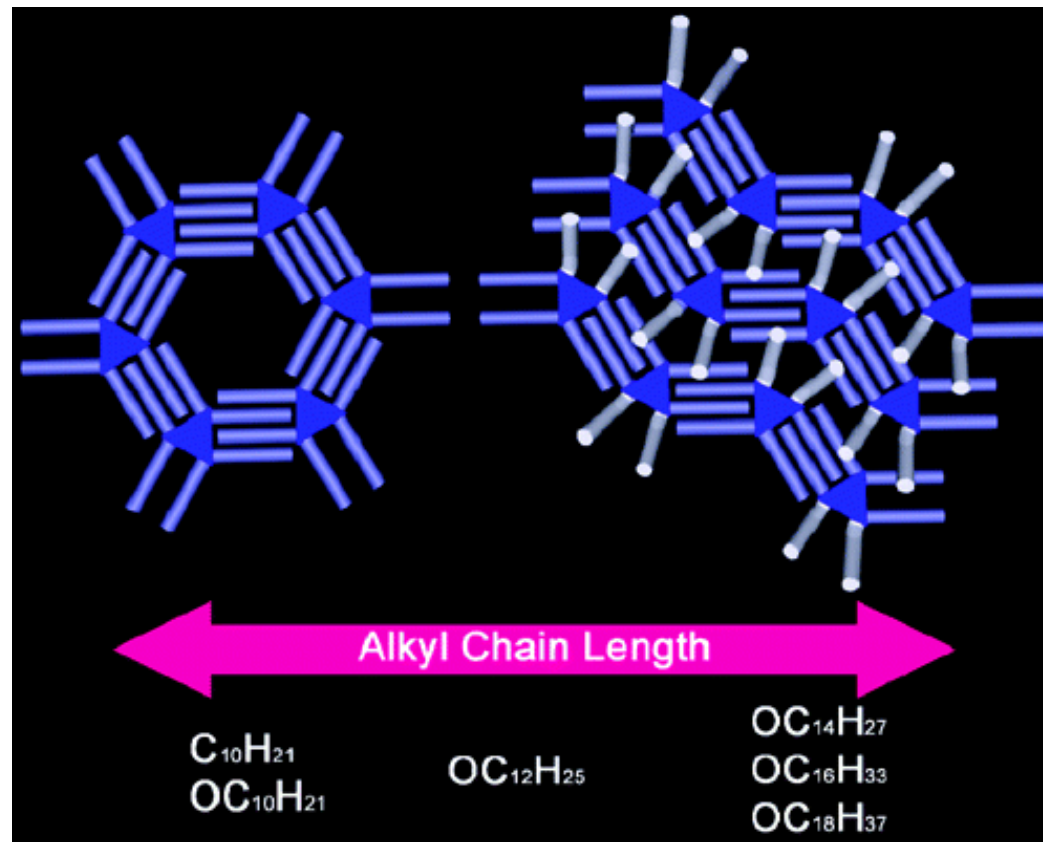
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- From macrocycles to molecular networks



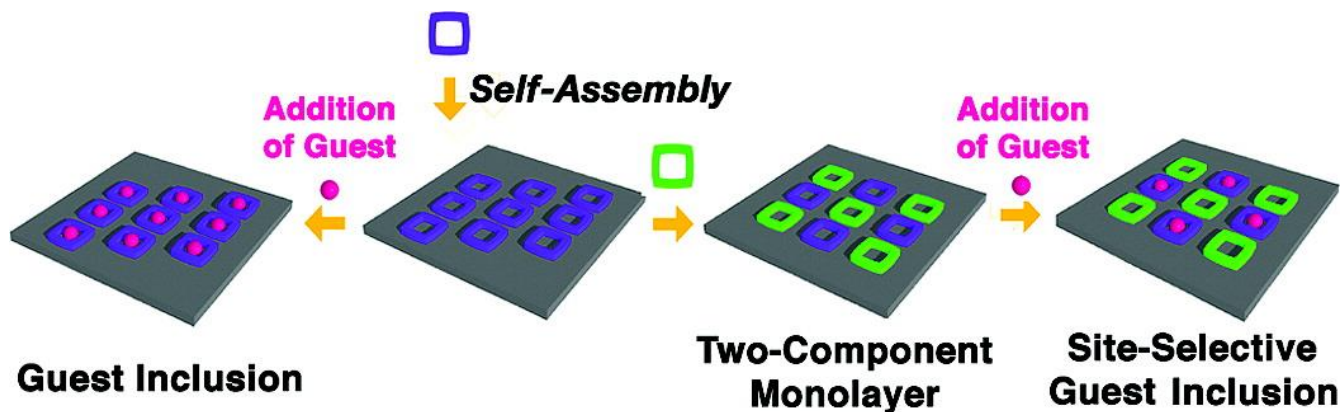
[Y. Tobe, S. De Feyter, and co-workers](#)  
[J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2006, 128, 3502–3503.](#)

- Study of dependence of alkyl chain length (R) on network structure



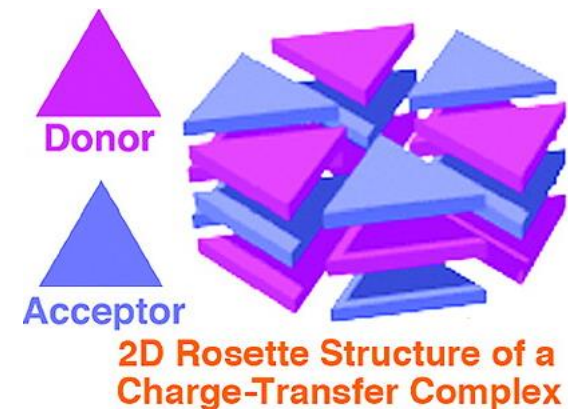
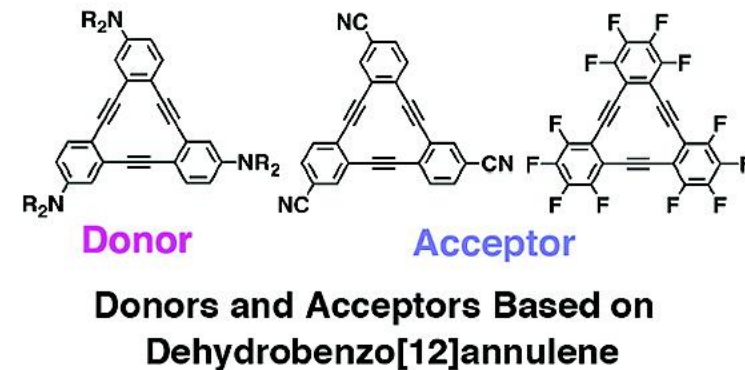
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[J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2006, 128, 16613–16625](#)

- Guest inclusion into networks



[S. De Feyter, Y. Tobe and co-workers, \*J. Am. Chem. Soc.\* \*\*2008\*\*, \*130\*, 6666–6667](#)

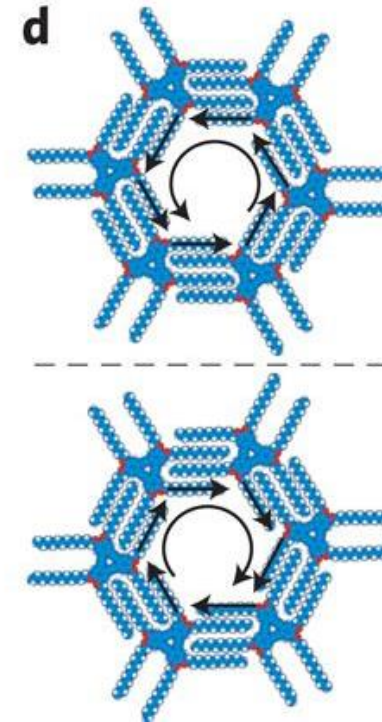
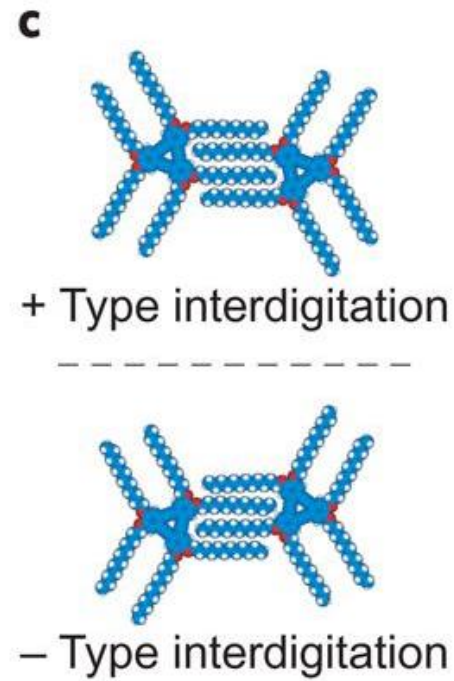
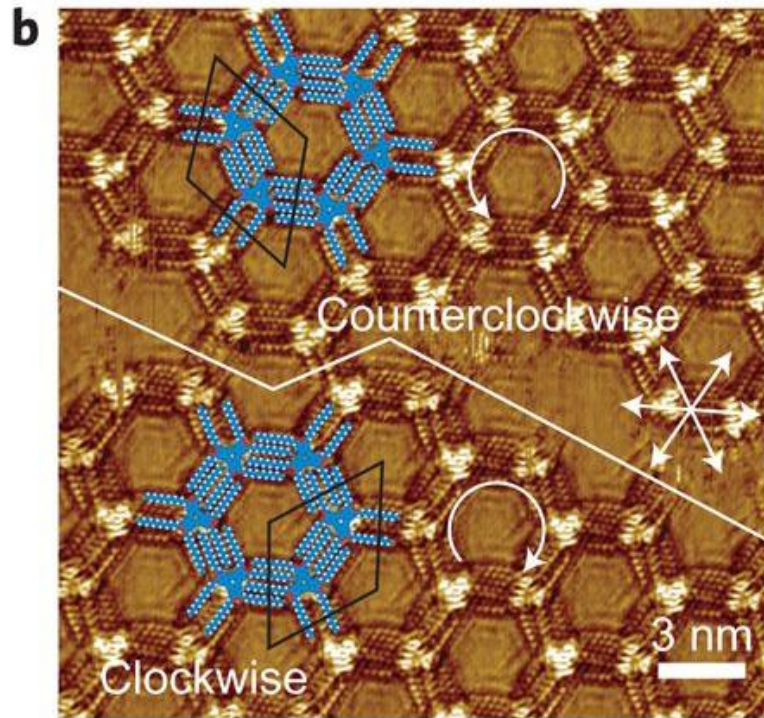
- Donor-acceptor complexes



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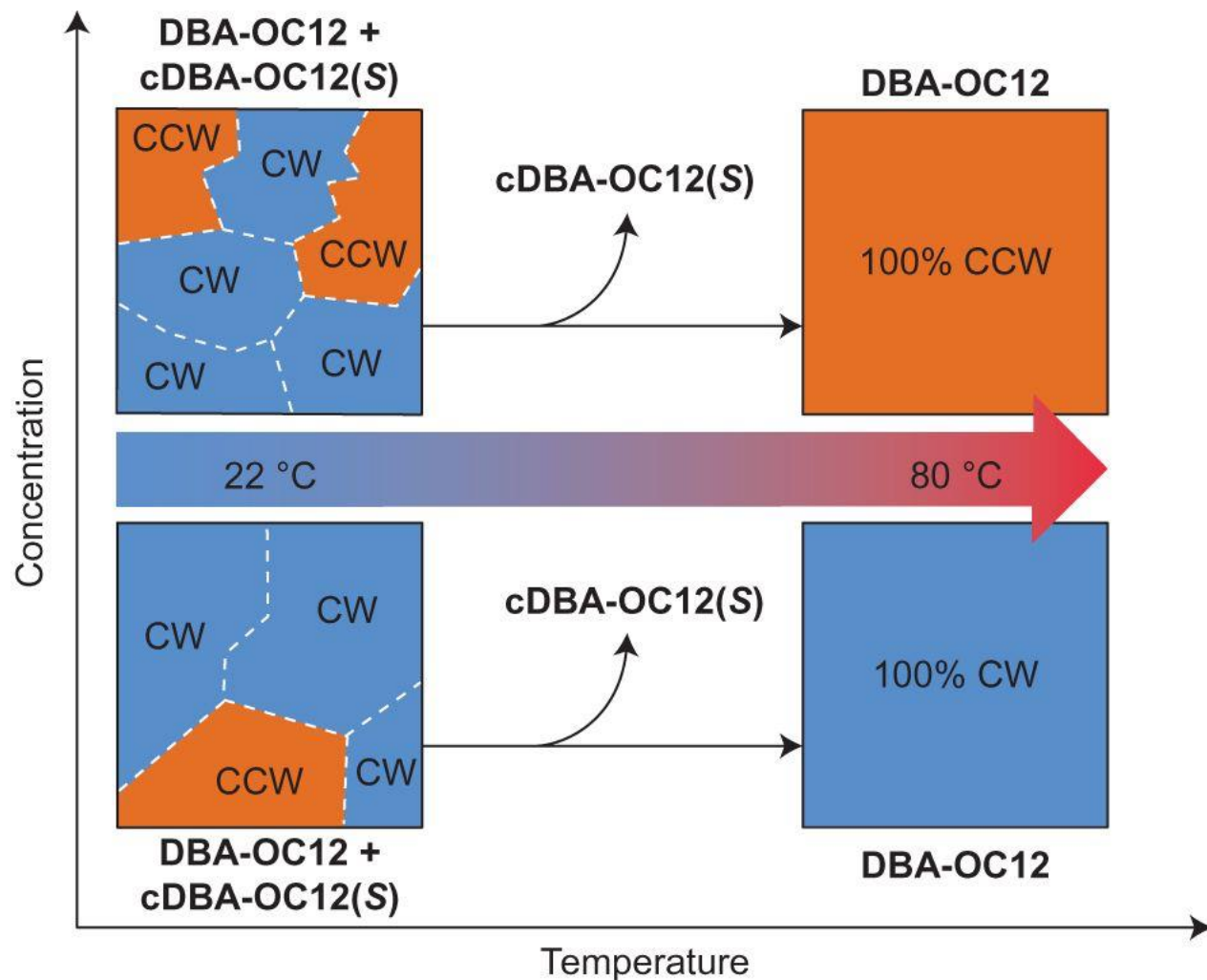


- 2D homochiral molecular networks e.g. by using homochiral monomers



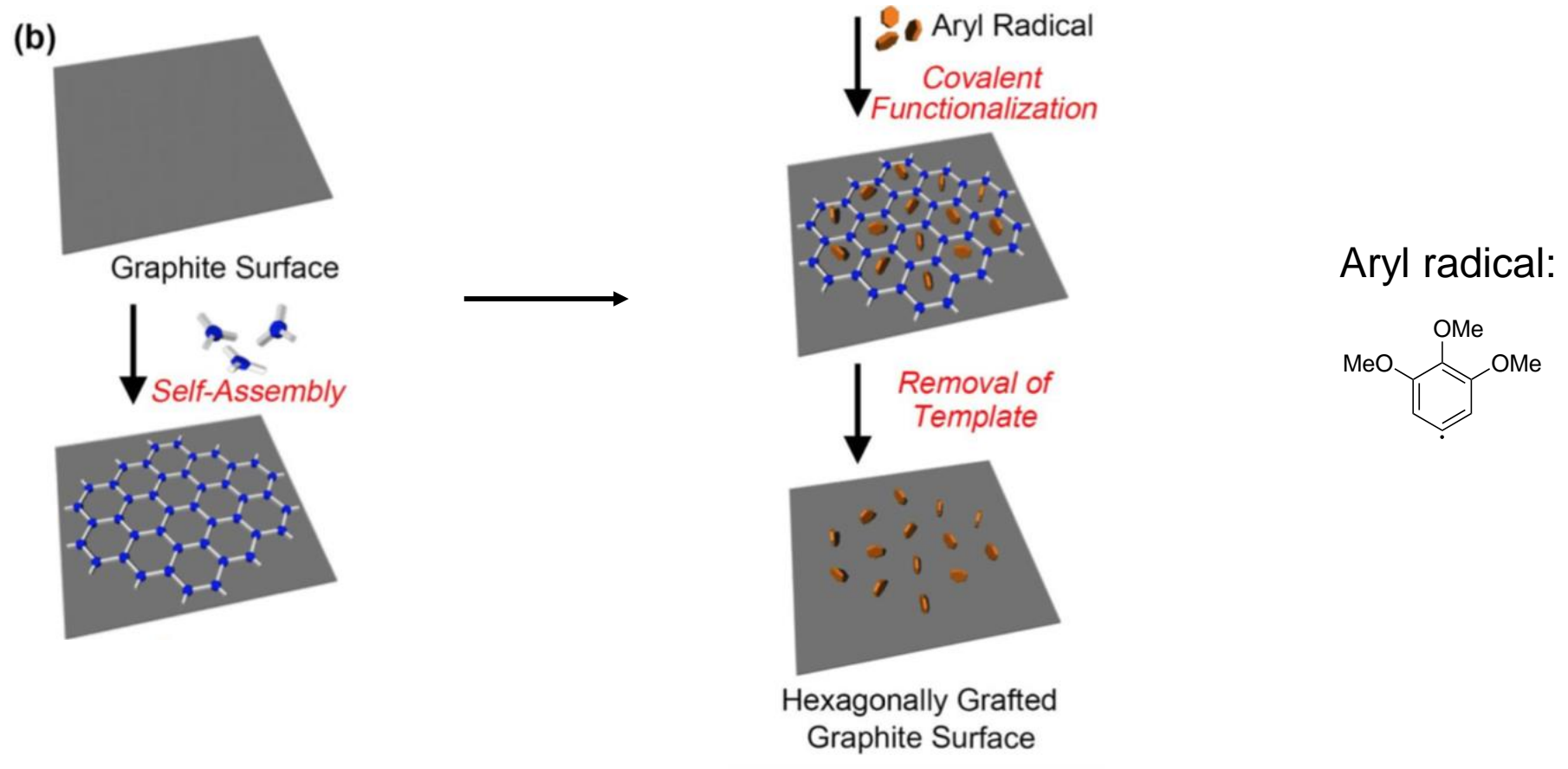
[K. Tahara, H. Yamaga, E. Ghijssens, K. Inukai, J. Adisojoso, M. O. Blunt, S. De Feyter, Y. Tobe, \*Nature Chem.\* \*\*2011\*\*, \*3\*, 714–719.](#)

- Influence on handedness of molecular network by chiral induction



[Y. Tobe, S. De Feyter, and co-workers  
\*Nature Chem.\* \*\*2016\*\*, \*8\*, 711–717](#)

- Most recent publication: chiral functionalization of graphitic surfaces



[S. De Feyter, Y. Tobe, and co-workers \*J. Am. Chem. Soc.\* 2020](#)