

## Education

1994: B.Sc. in Chemistry (Tokyo Institute of Technology, Prof. E. Nakamura)

1996: M. S. in Chemistry (Tokyo Institute of Technology; Prof. E. Nakamura)

1999: Ph. D. in Chemistry (The University of Tokyo; Prof. E. Nakamura)

## Academia

1998–2004: Assistant Professor, The University of Tokyo

2004–2007: Associate Professor, The University of Tokyo

2007–2016: Professor, Tohoku University

2013–2017: Principal Investigator, Advanced Institute for Materials Research,  
Tohoku University

2013–2019: Research Director, Isobe Degenerate  $\pi$ -Integration, ERATO, JST

2016–present: Professor, Department of Chemistry, The University of Tokyo

## Awards/Honors

2000: The 1<sup>st</sup> IUPAC Prize for Young Chemists

2004: The 53th Chemical Society of Japan Award for Young Chemists

2005: The 1<sup>st</sup> Osawa Award of Fullerene Nanotube Research Society

2008: The Young Scientists' Prize

2009: Nozoe Memorial Award for Young Organic Chemists

2017: Inoue Prize for Science

2018: Fujifilm Prize for Functional Materials



- Over 140 peer-reviewed publications
- *h*-index: 39 (May 2020)

Supervisor throughout his studies: Prof. Dr. Eiichi Nakamura

## Fullerene chemistry

Organometallics (Catalysis, Mechanism)

Material Science (OPV, OLED, Perovskite)

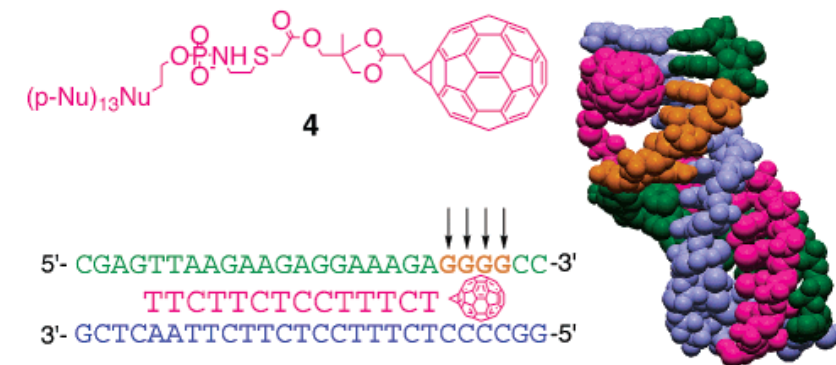
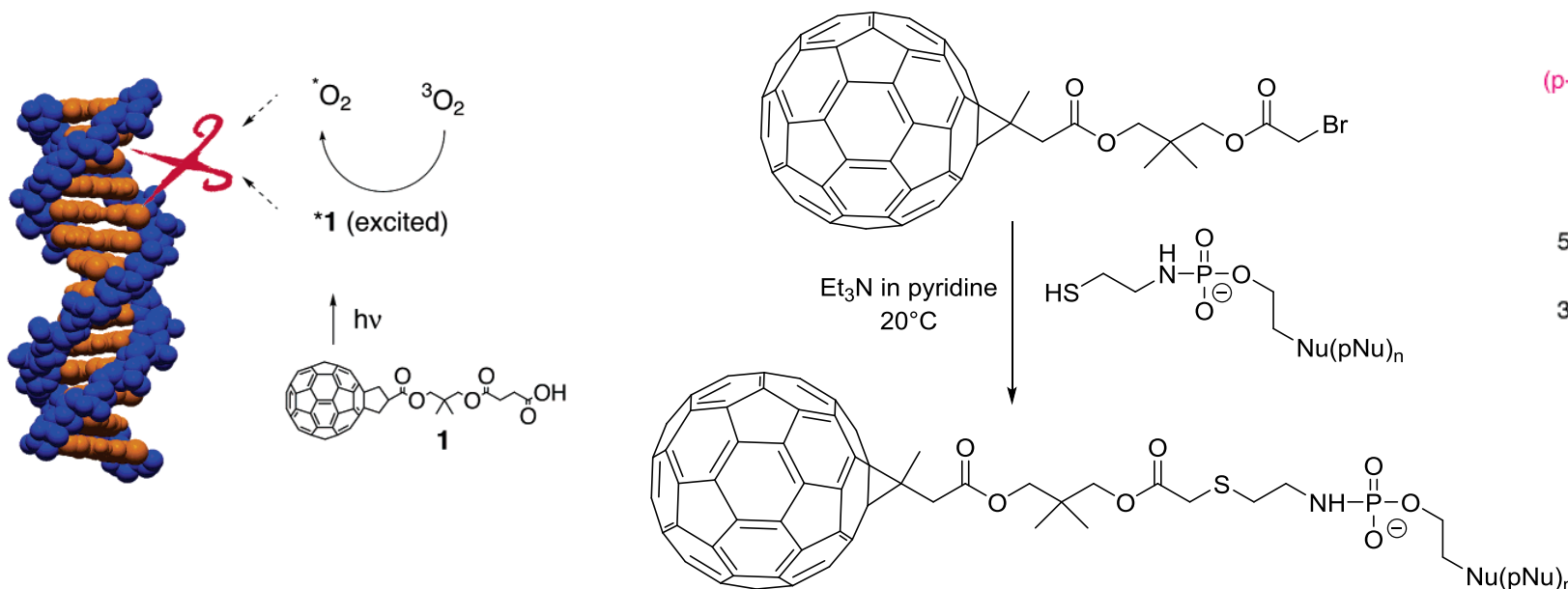


## First publication: Fullerene - Oligonucleotide Conjugates

Biological activity towards DNA

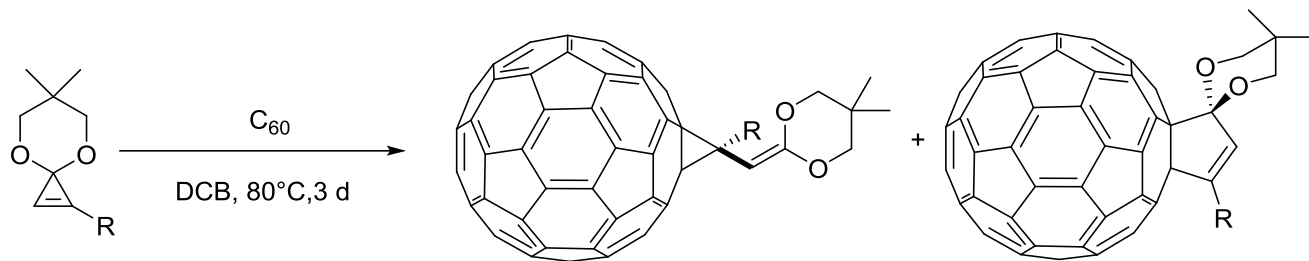
→ photoinduced DNA cleavage by singlet-oxygen

Binding of fullerene-DNA conjugate to target DNA



Boutorine, A. S.; Tokuyama, H.; Takasugi, M.; Isobe, H.; Nakamura, E.; Hélène, *Angew. Chem., Int. Ed. Engl.* **1994**, *33*, 2462-2465.

## [1+2] and [3+2] cycloaddition on [60]fullerene



cyclopropenoneacetal

methanofullerene

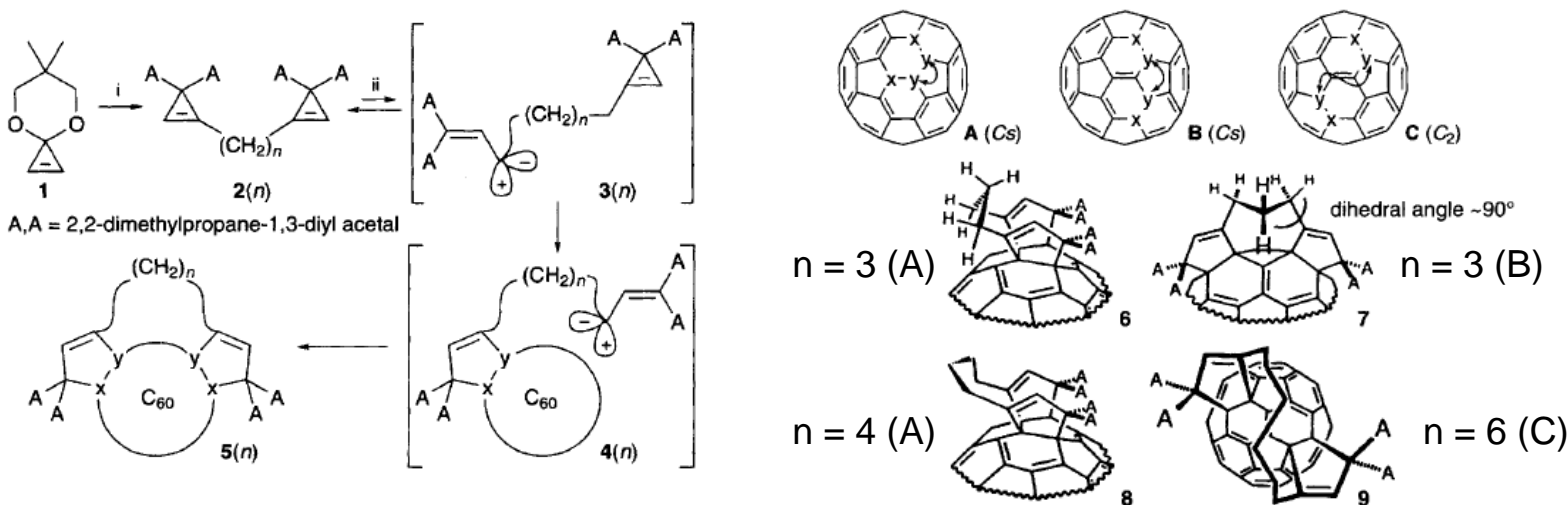
propanofullerene

Tokuyama, H.; Isobe, H.; Nakamura, E. *Bull. Chem. Soc. Jpn.* **1995**, *68*, 935-941

Temperature-dependence of cycloaddition

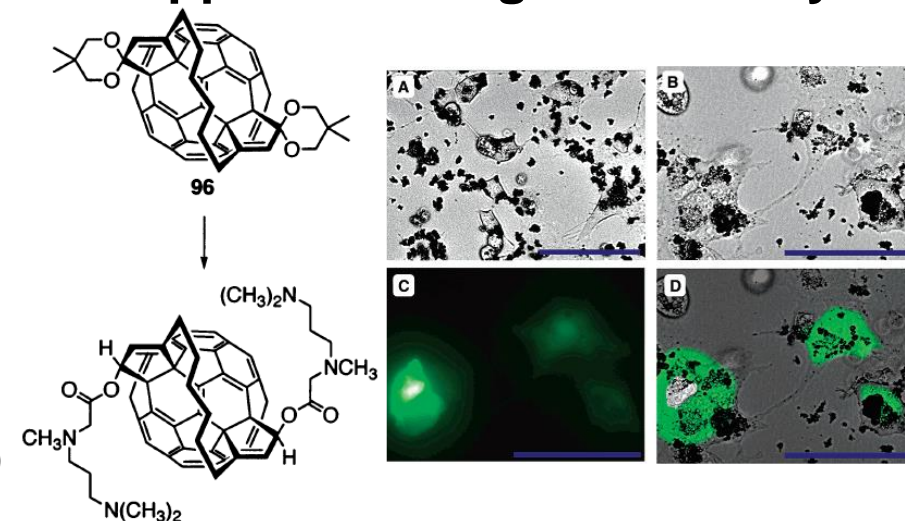
Temperature (°C)	[1+2] : [3+2]
80	9 : 1
100	67 : 33
140	7 : 93

## Double [3+2] cycloaddition on [60] fullerene



A, A = 2,2-dimethylpropane-1,3-diyl acetal

## Application in gene delivery

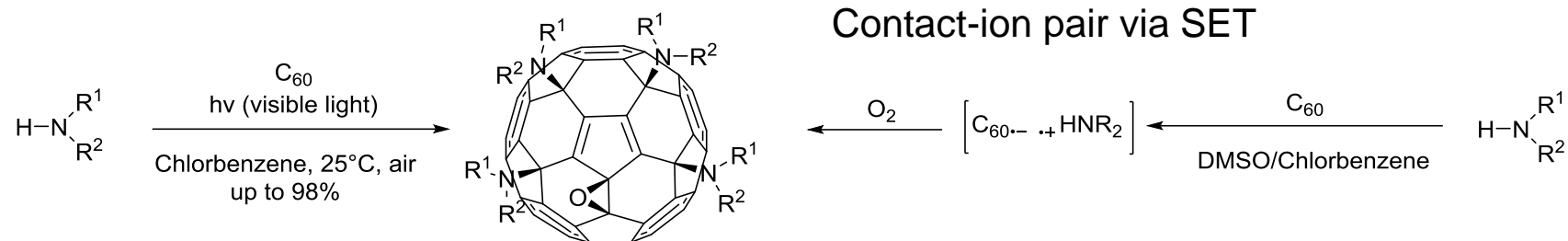


Nakamura, E.; Isobe, H.; Tokuyama, H.; Sawamura, M. *Chem. Commun.* **1996**, *15*, 1747-1748.

Nakamura, E.; Isobe, H.; Tomita, N.; Sawamura, M.; Jinno, S.; Okayama, H. *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2000**, *39*, 4254-4257

## Functionalization on [60] fullerenes

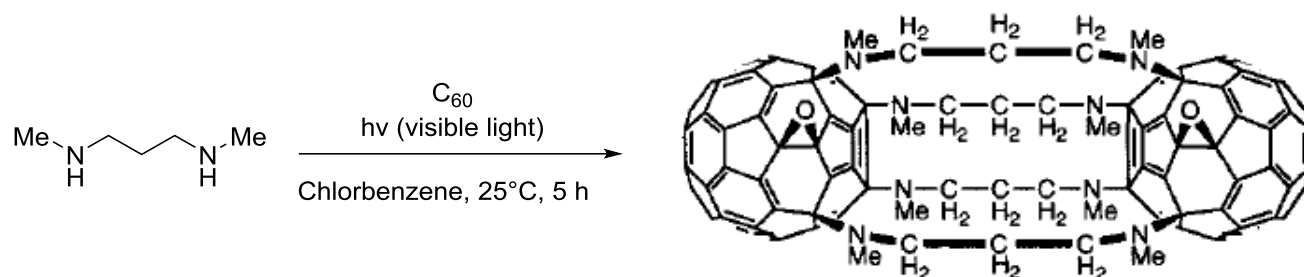
### Amination



Isobe, H.; Tomita, N.; Nakamura, E. *Org. Lett.* **2000**, 2 (23), 3663-3665.

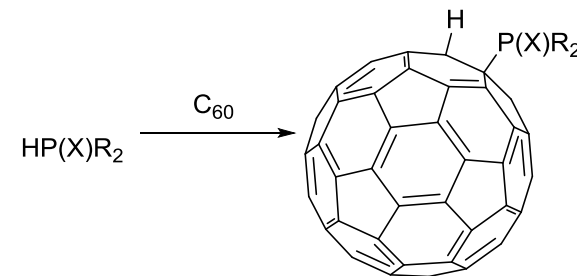
Isobe, H.; Tanaka, T.; Nakanishi, W.; Lemiègre, L.; Nakamura, E. *J. Org. Chem.* **2005**, 70 (12), 4826-4832.

### Cage structure bearing two fullerene end caps



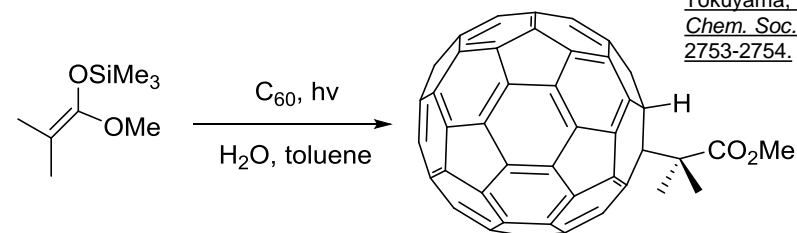
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### Hydrophosphorylation



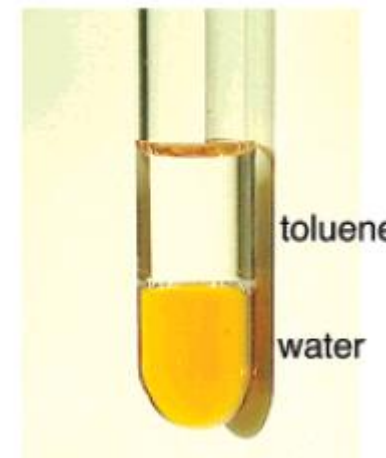
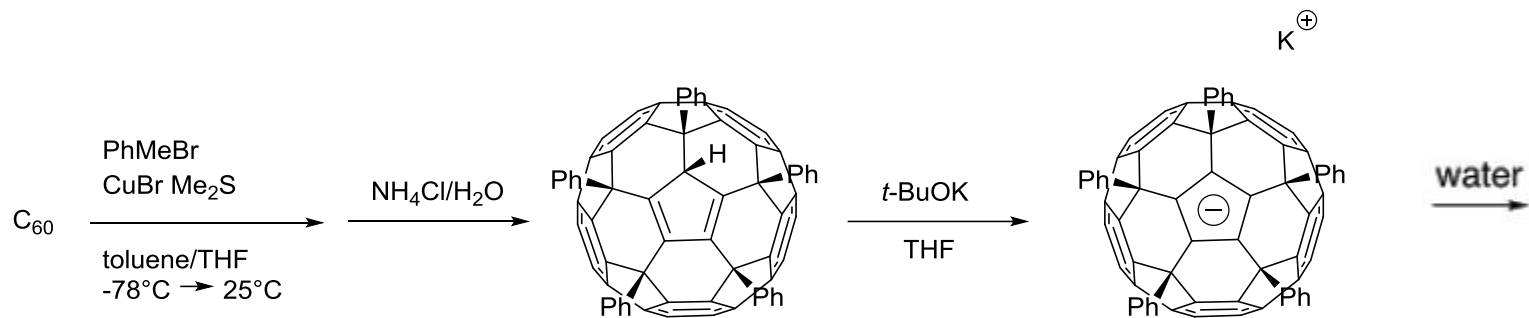
Isobe, H.; Chen, A.-J.; Solin, N.; Nakamura, E. *Org. Lett.* **2005**, 7, 5633-5635.

### Carboxylic esters

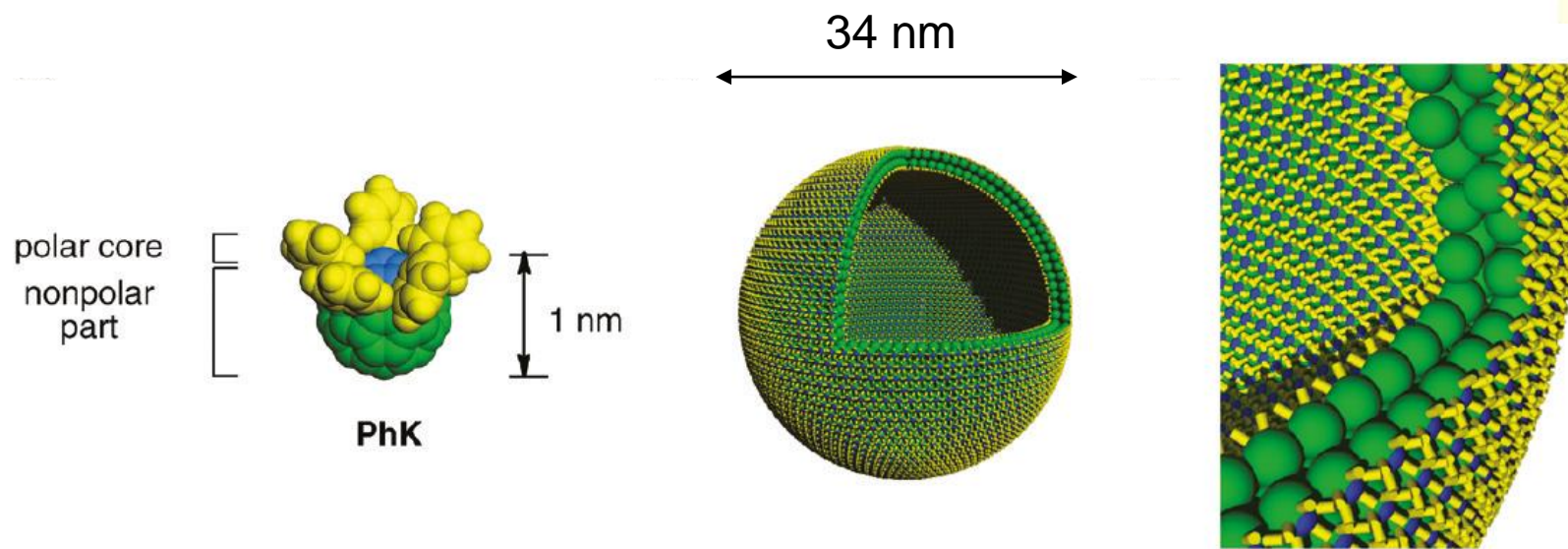


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## Water-soluble fullerene and bilayer vesicle formation



High stability because of the delocalization of negative charge

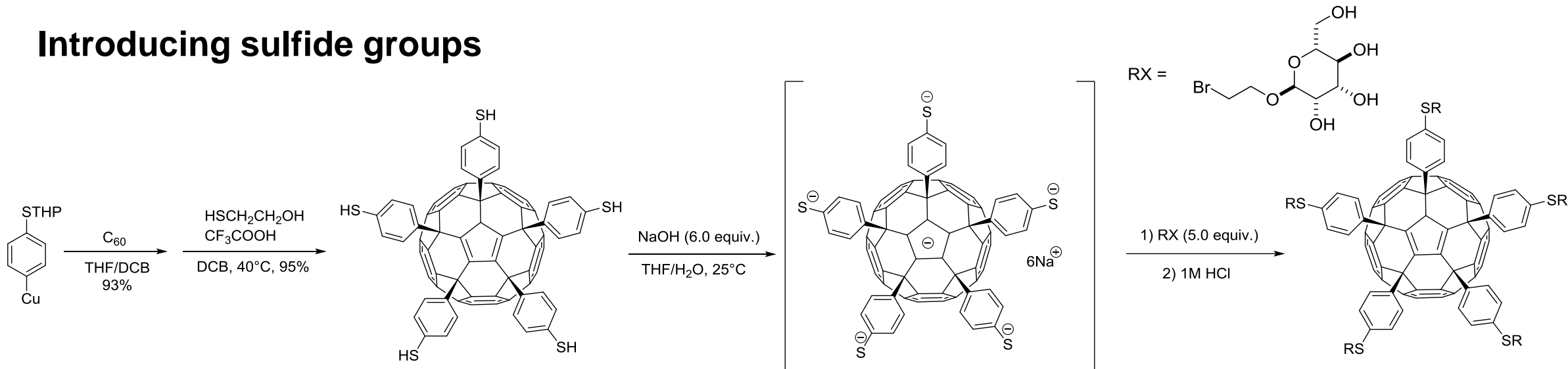


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Sawamura, M.; Iikura, H.; Nakamura, E.; *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1996**, *118*, 12850-12851

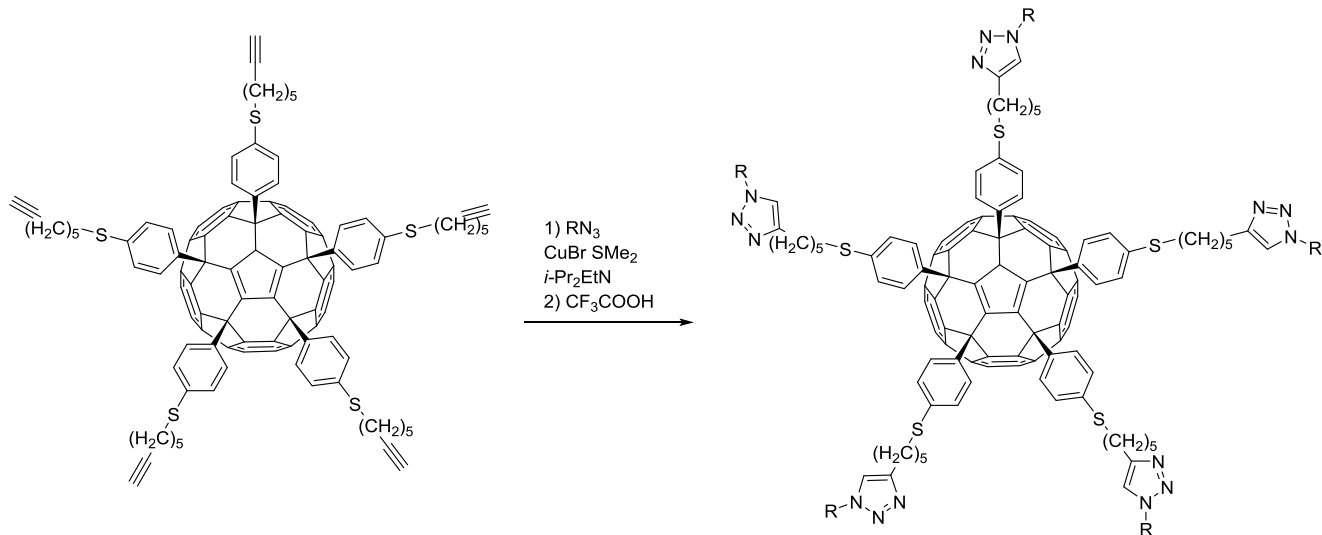
Sawamura, M.; Nagahama, N.; Togano, M.; Hackler, U. E.; Isobe, H.; Nakamura, E.; Zhou, S.-Q.; Chu, B.; *Chem. Lett.* **2000**, 1098-1099.

## Introducing sulfide groups



Isobe, H.; Mashima, H.; Yorimitsu, H.; Nakamura, E. *Org. Lett.* **2003**, *5*, 4461-4463.

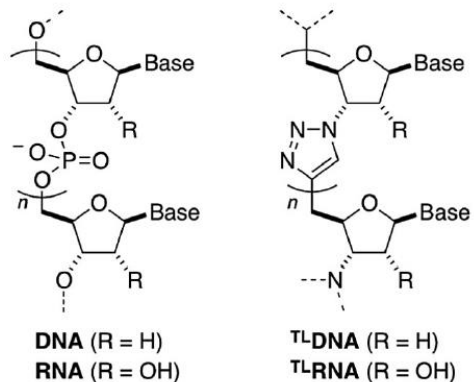
## „Click“-Chemistry Fullerene glycoconjugates



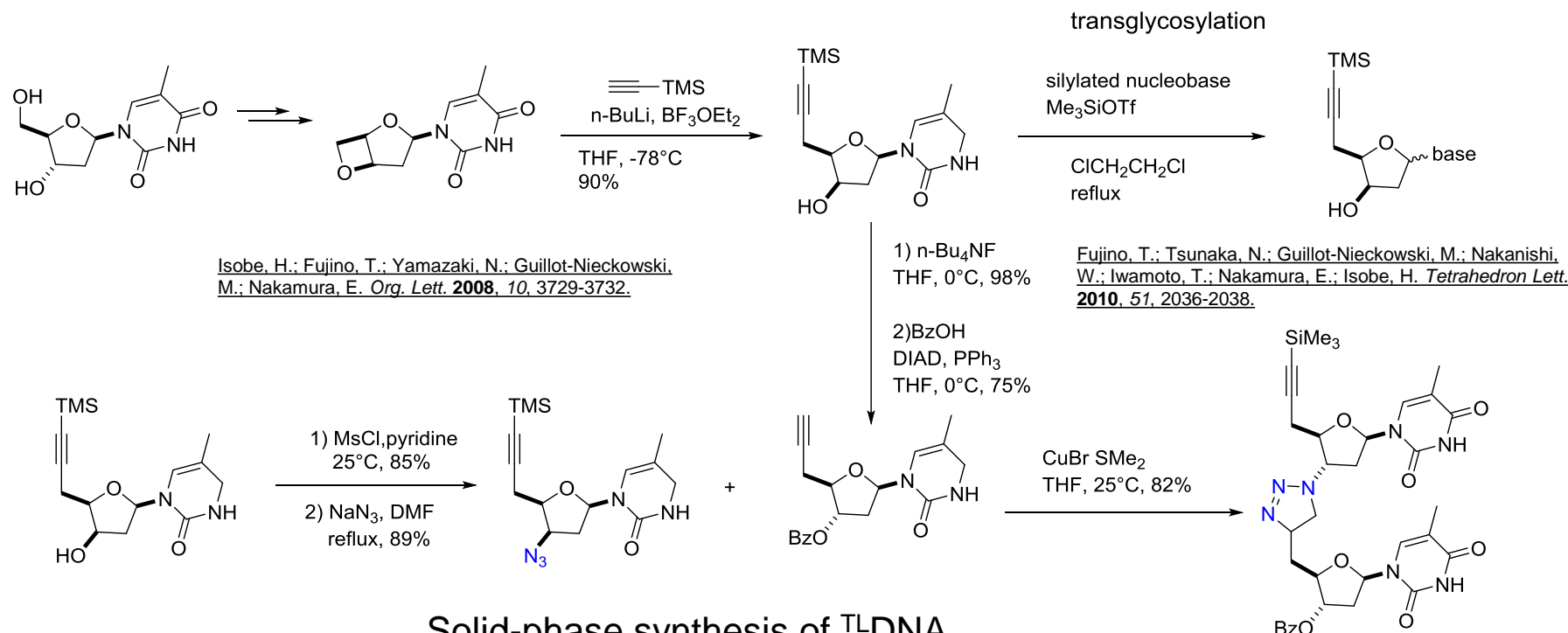
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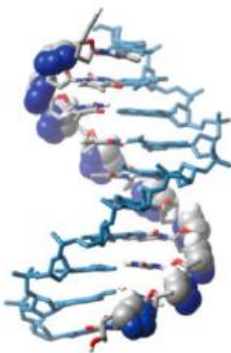
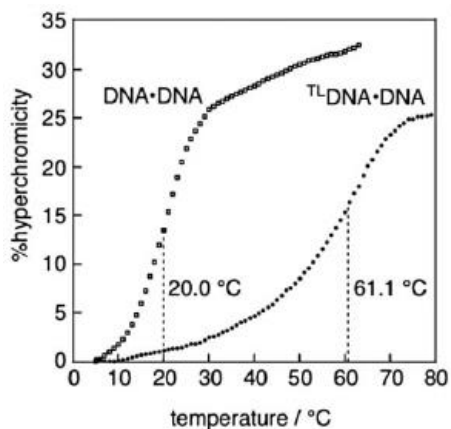
# Triazole-linked analogues of DNA



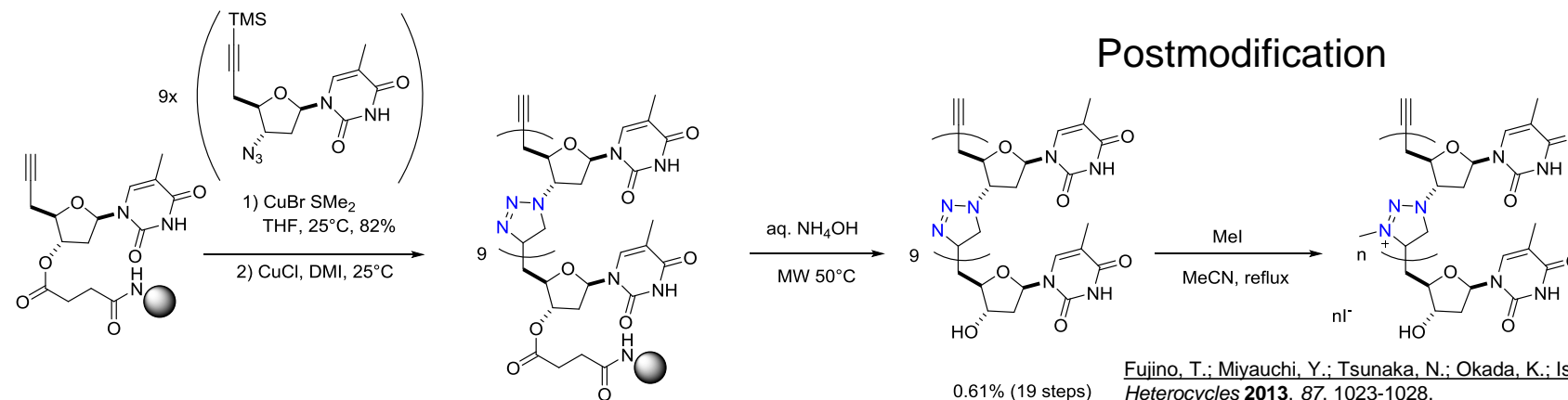
## Solution-phase synthesis of TL-DNA



## TL-DNA forms double-helix with DNA



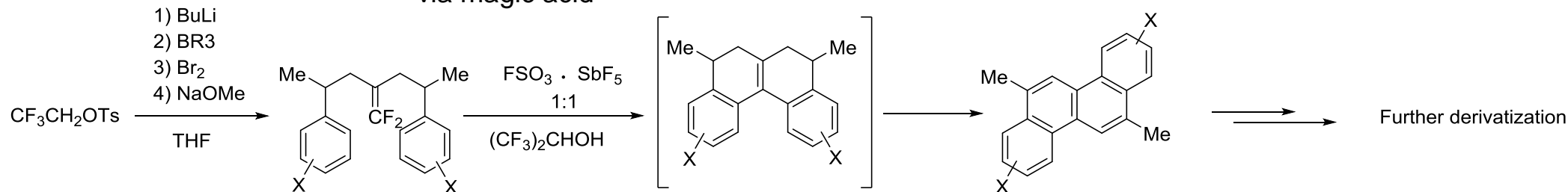
## Solid-phase synthesis of TL-DNA



## Postmodification

## First publication on polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons: Synthesis of chrysene ([4]phenacene) derivatives

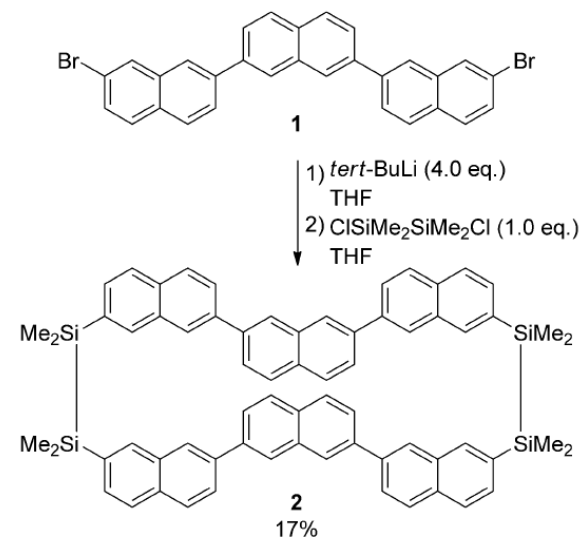
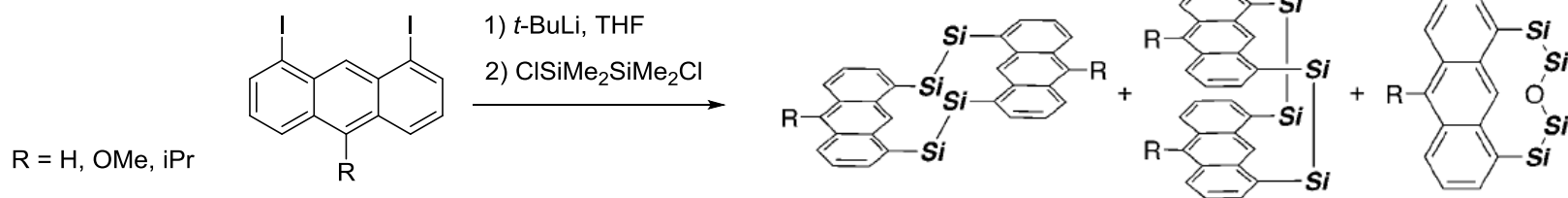
Friedel-Crafts-type Cyclization  
via magic acid



Isobe, H.; Hitosugi, S.; Matsuno, T.; Iwamoto, T.; Ichikawa, J. *Org. Lett.* **2009**, *11*, 4026-4028.

## Disilanyl double-pillared bisternaphthyl

## Synthesis of disilanyl double-pillared bisanthracene



Nakanishi, W.; Hitosugi, S.; Piskareva, A.; Shimada, Y.; Taka, H.; Kita, H.; Isobe, H. *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2010**, *49*, 7239-7242.

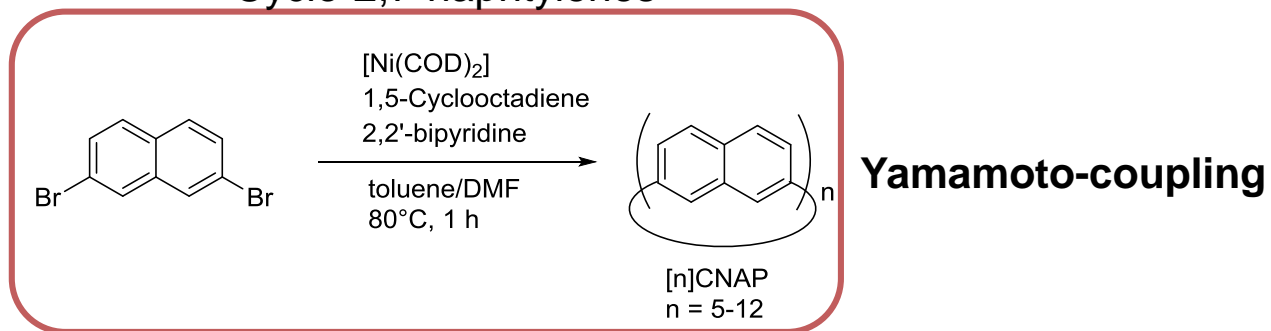
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Nakanishi, W.; Matsuyama, N.; Hara, D.; Saeki, A.; Hitosugi, S.; Seki, S.; Isobe, H. *Chem. Asian J.* **2014**, *9*, 1782-1785.



# Synthesis of macrocyclic aromatic hydrocarbons

## Cyclo-2,7-naphtylenes



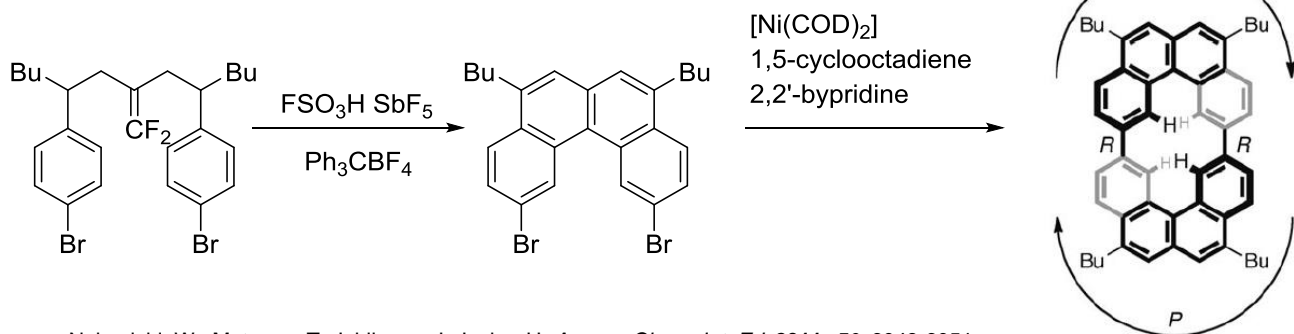
[5]CNAP 1% ← toluene, extrac.  
 [6]CNAP 24% ← 1-methylnaphthalene, extrac.  
 [7]CNAP 12% ← CHCl<sub>3</sub>, extrac.

Isolation of n[CNAP] via extraction in different solvents

residue

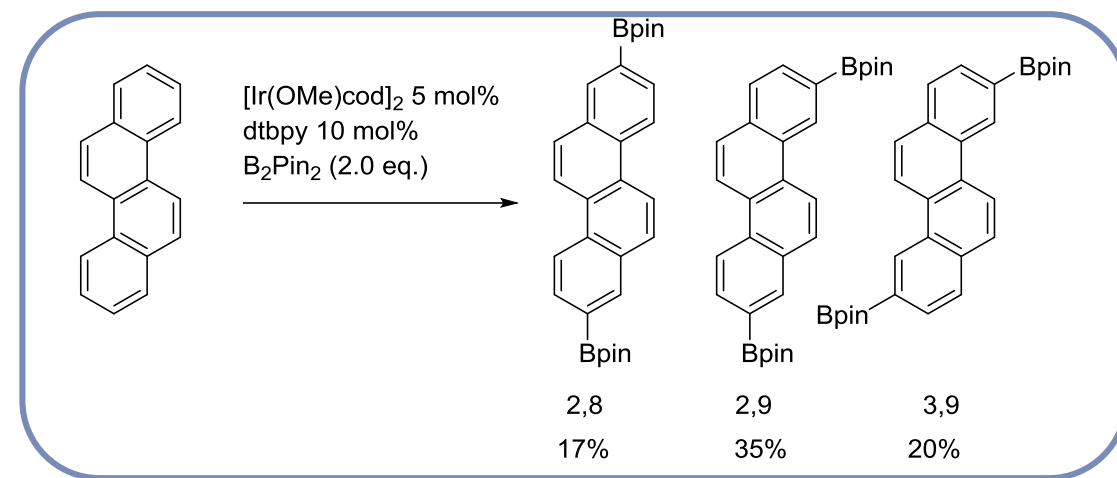
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## Molecular penrose stairs



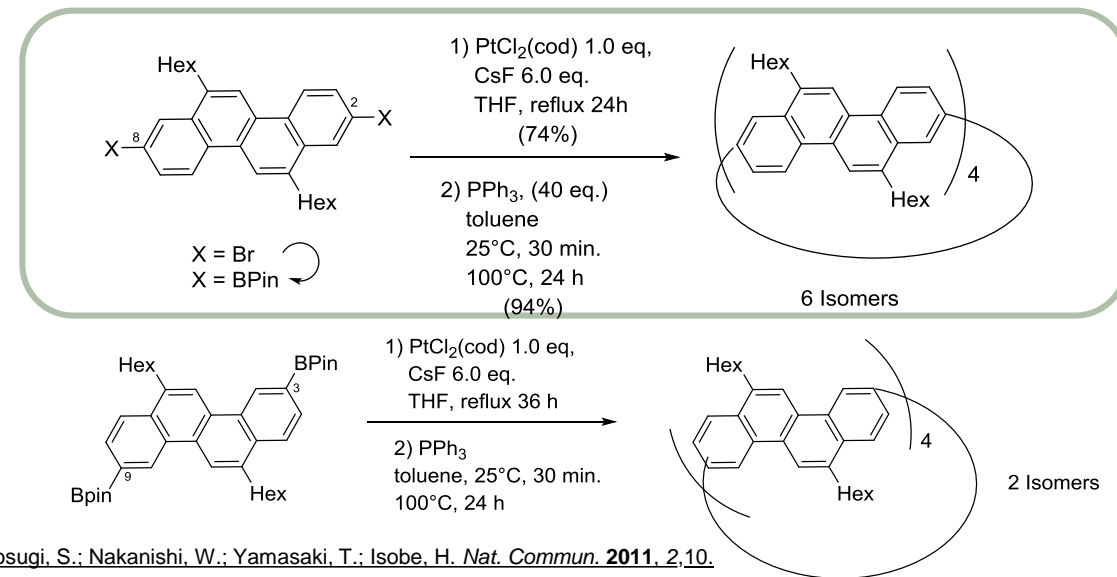
Nakanishi, W.; Matsuno, T.; Ichikawa, J.; Isobe, H. *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2011**, *50*, 6048-6051.

## Iridium-catalyzed borylation



Hitosugi, S.; Nakamura, Y.; Matsuno, T.; Nakanishi, W.; Isobe, H. *Tetrahedron Lett.* **2012**, *53*, 1180-1182.

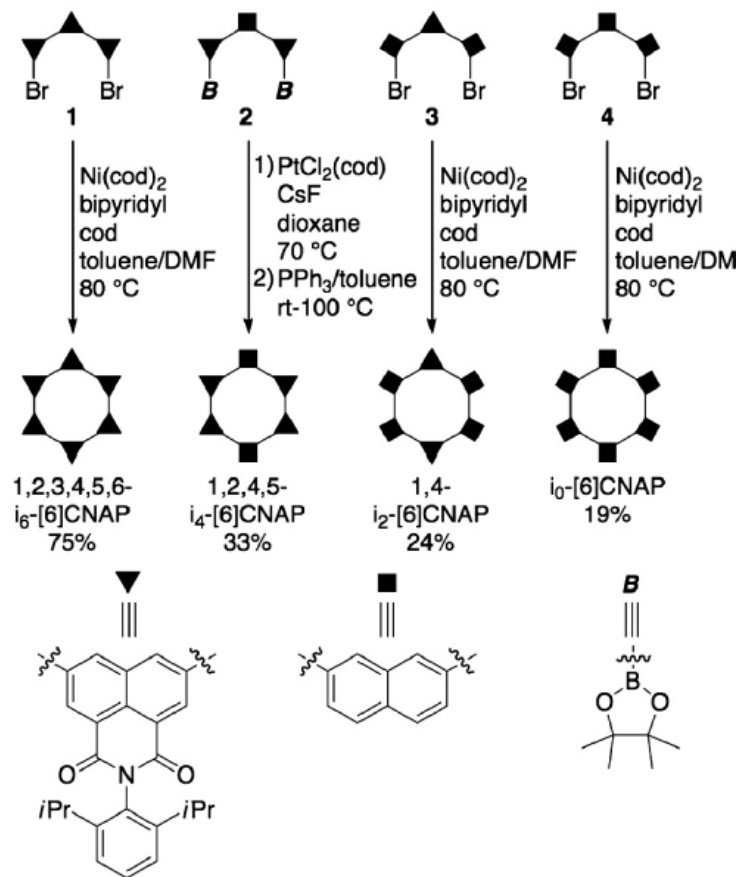
## Bottom-up synthesis of chiral nanotube



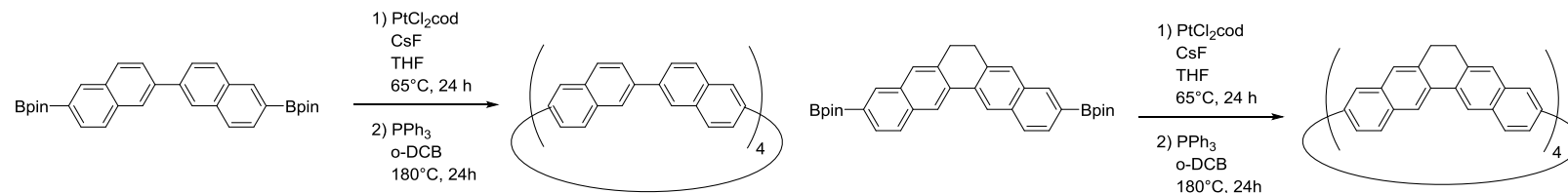
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Hitosugi, S.; Yamasaki, T.; Isobe, H. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2012**, *134*, 12442-12445.

Synthesis of [6] Cyclo-2,7-naphthylene macrocycles with dicarbxylic imide

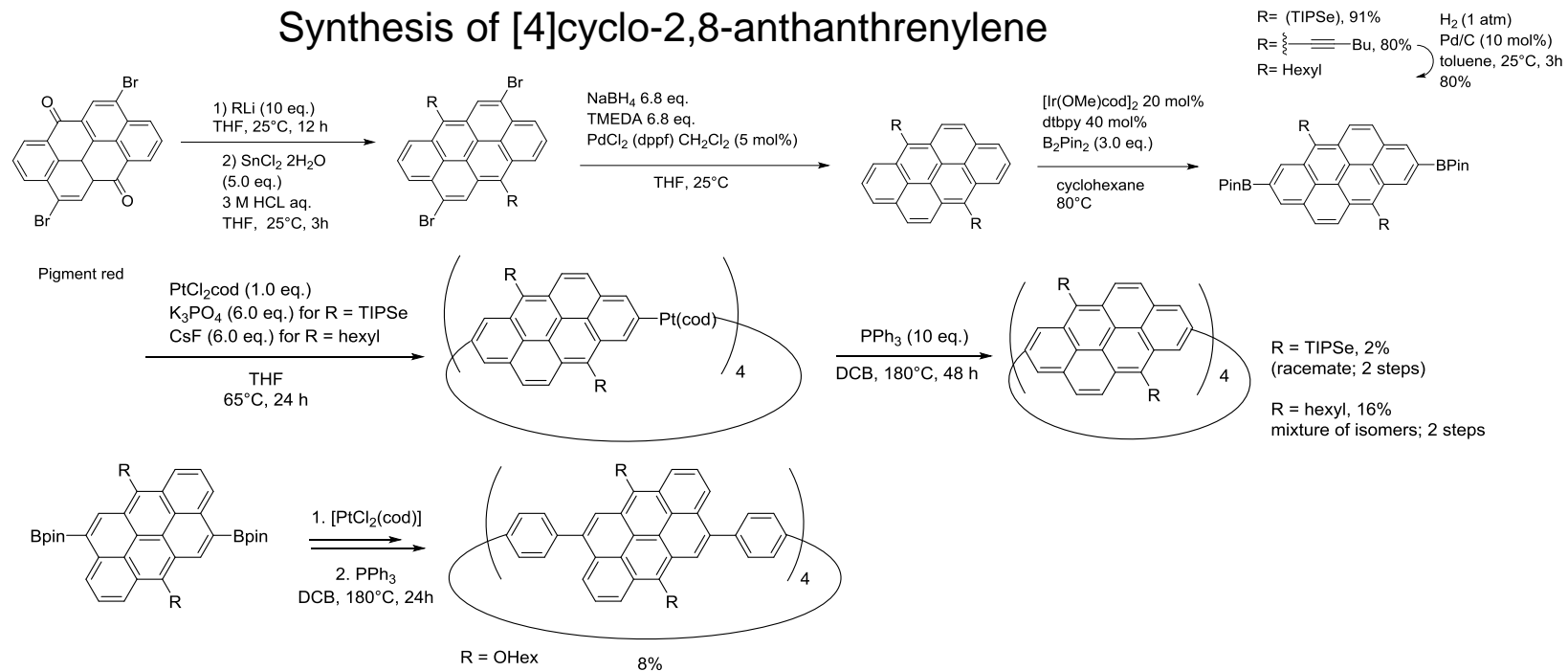


Belt-Shaped Cyclonaphthylenes



Sun, Z.; Sarkar, P.; Suenaga, T.; Sato, S.; Isobe, H. *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2015**, *54*, 12800-12804.

Synthesis of [4]cyclo-2,8-anthanthrenylene

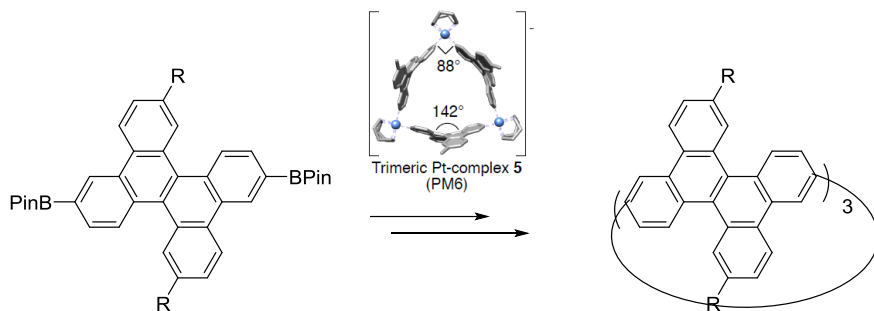


Xue, J. Y.; Nakanishi, W.; Tanimoto, D.; Hara, D.; Nakamura, Y.; Isobe, H. *Tetrahedron Lett.* **2013**, *54*, 4963-4965.

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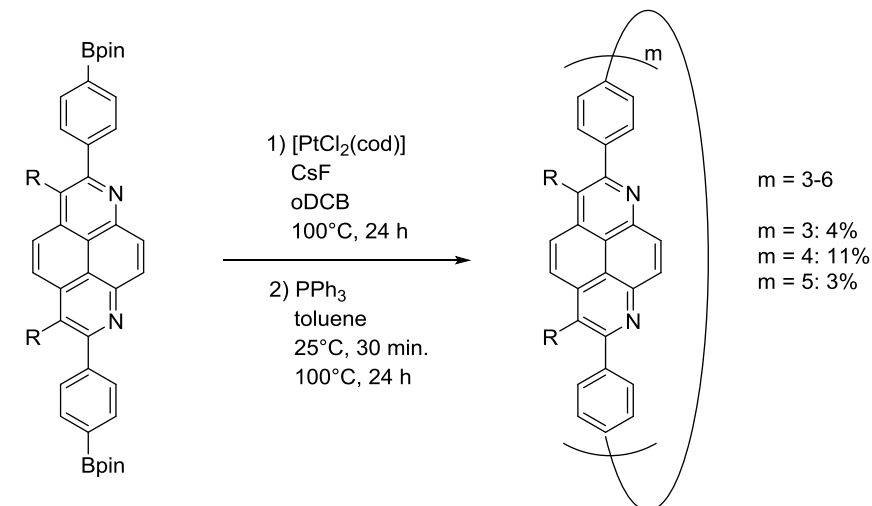
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### Trimer Pt-macrocycle



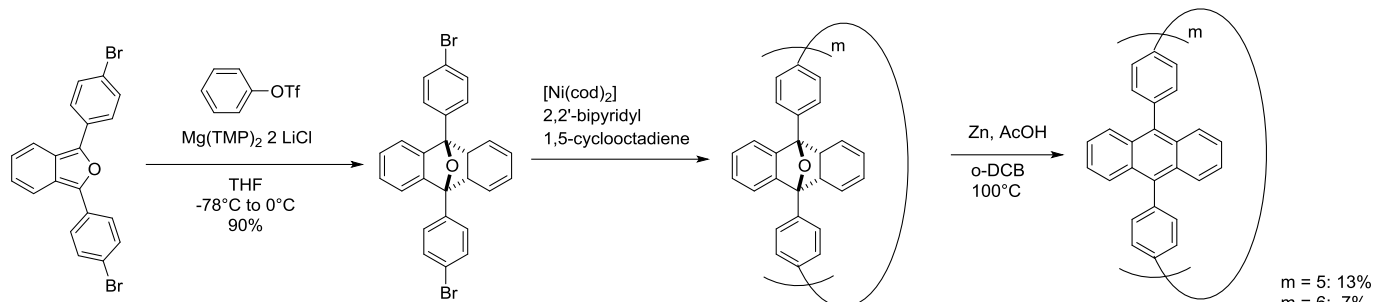
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### Macrocyclization with heterocycles

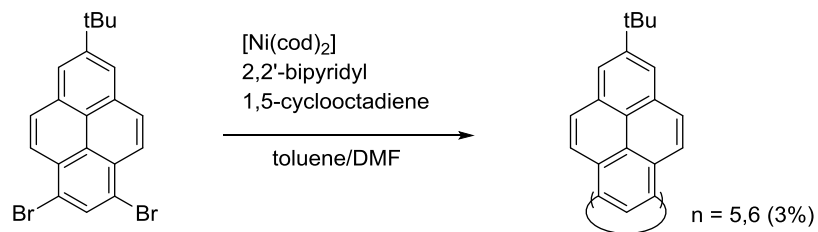


Ikemoto, K.; Fujita, M.; Too, P. C.; Tnay, Y. L.; Sato, S.; Chiba, S.; Isobe, H. *Chem. Lett.* **2016**, *45*, 658-660.

### Obtuse-angled corner unit for the synthesis of CPP

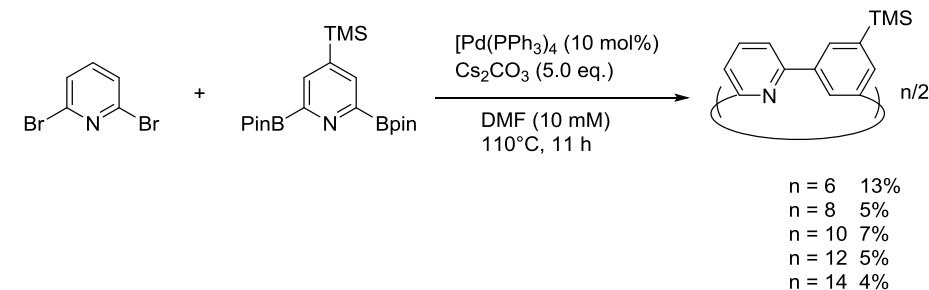


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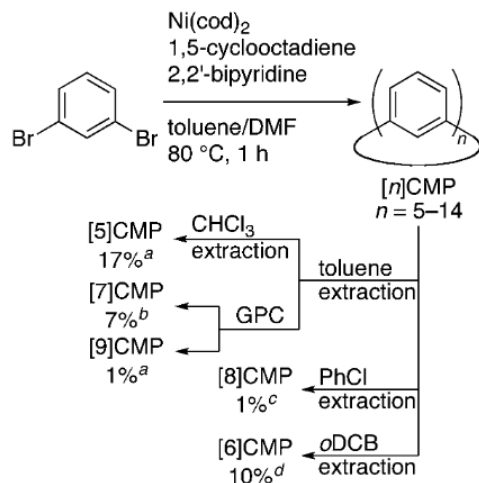
### Macrocycle formation via Suzuki-cross coupling



Xue, J. Y.; Ikemoto, K.; Sato, S.; Isobe, H. *Chem. Lett.* **2016**, *45*, 676-678

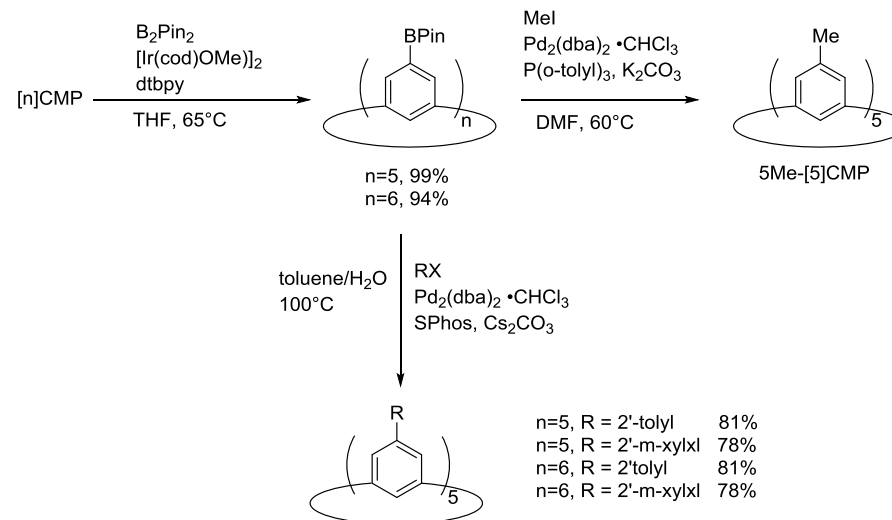
Phenine frameworks: trisubstituted benzene derivative as building block

Yamamoto-coupling



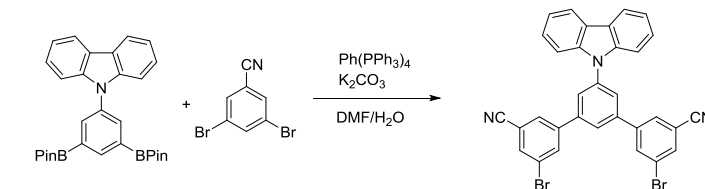
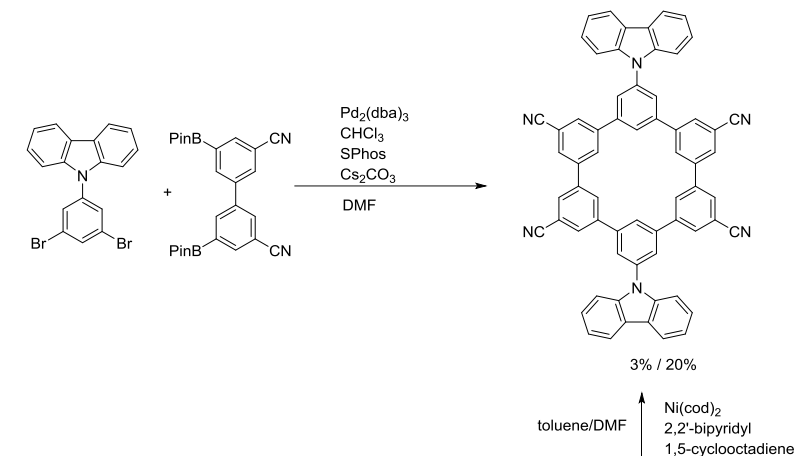
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Derivatization of CMPs



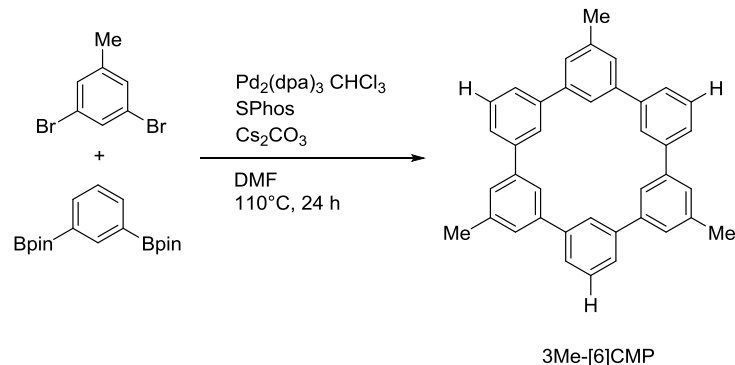
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Donor-acceptor-substituents



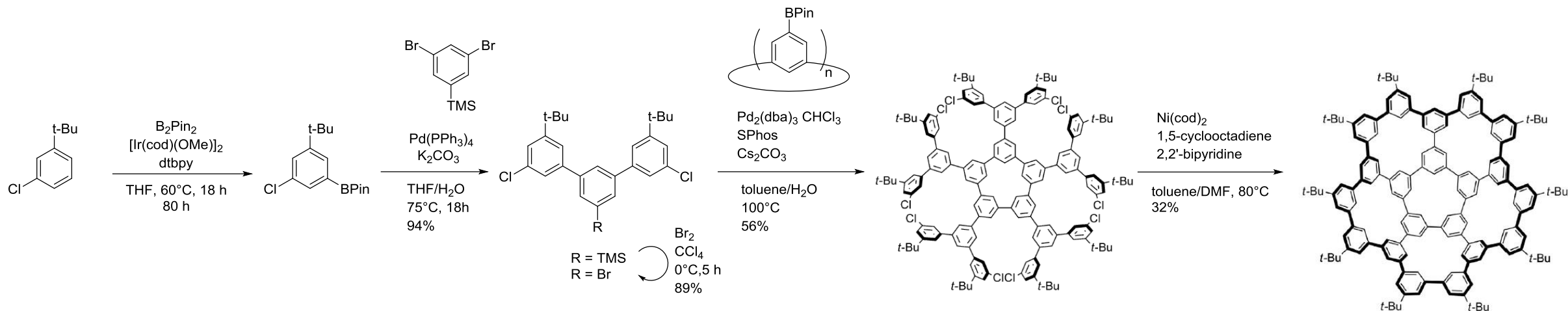
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Suzuki-cross-coupling

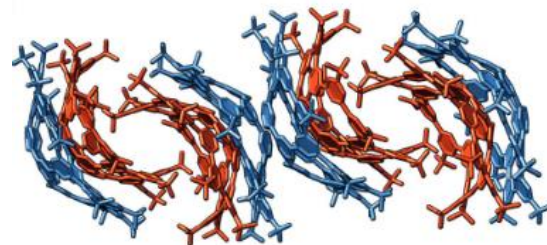
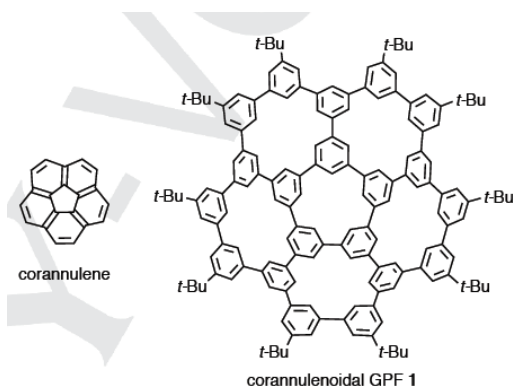


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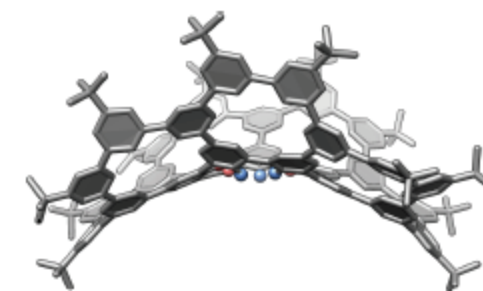
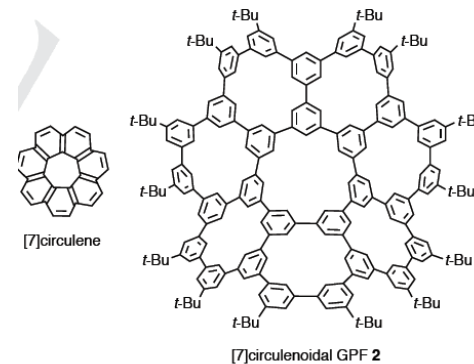
Phenine frameworks: Geodesic phenylene bowl, saddle and hemisphere



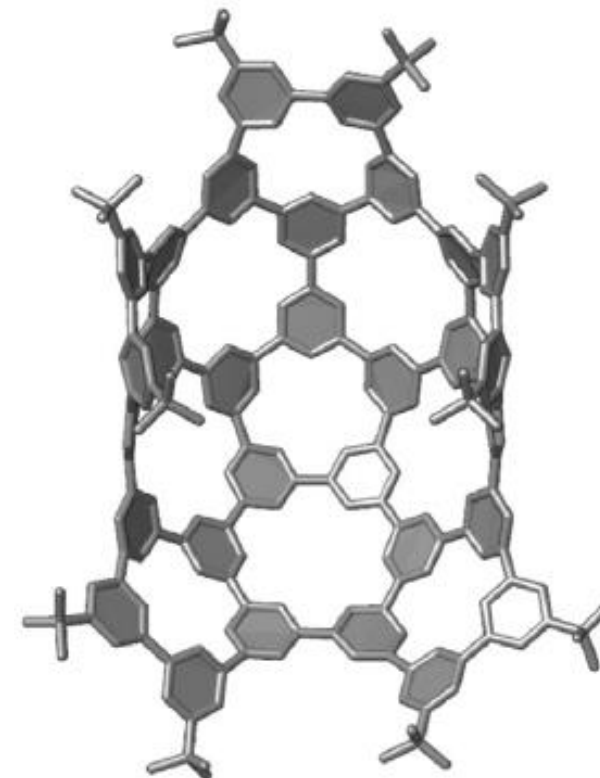
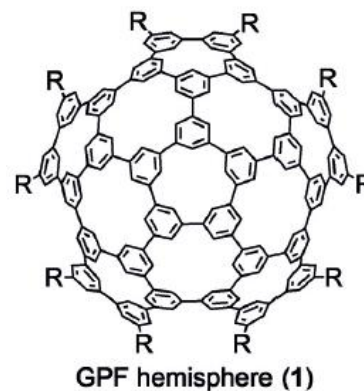
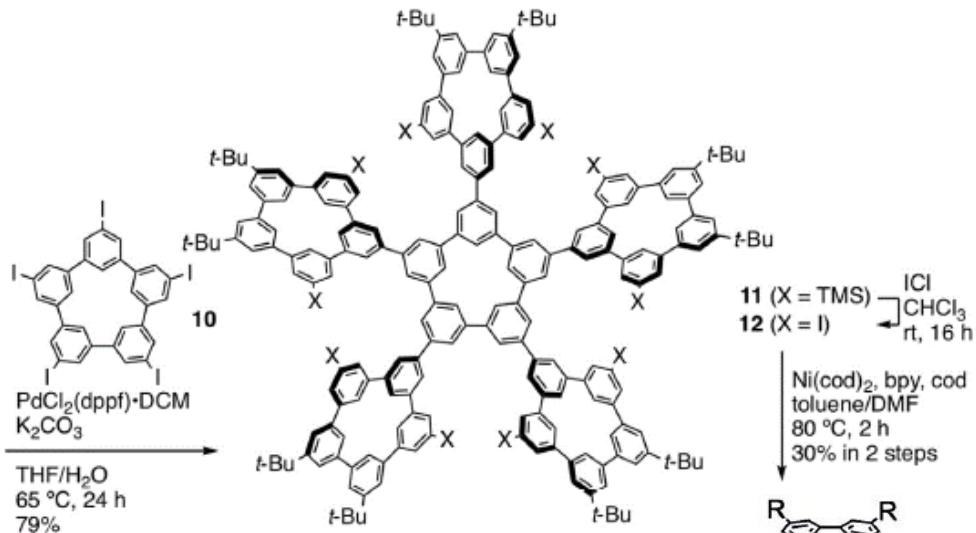
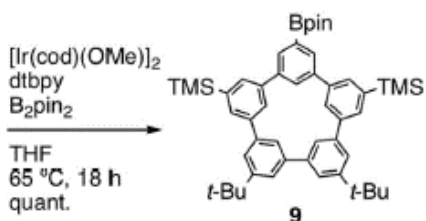
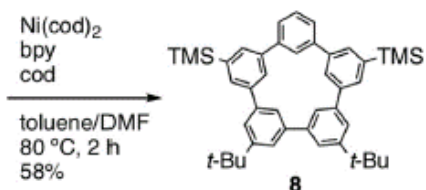
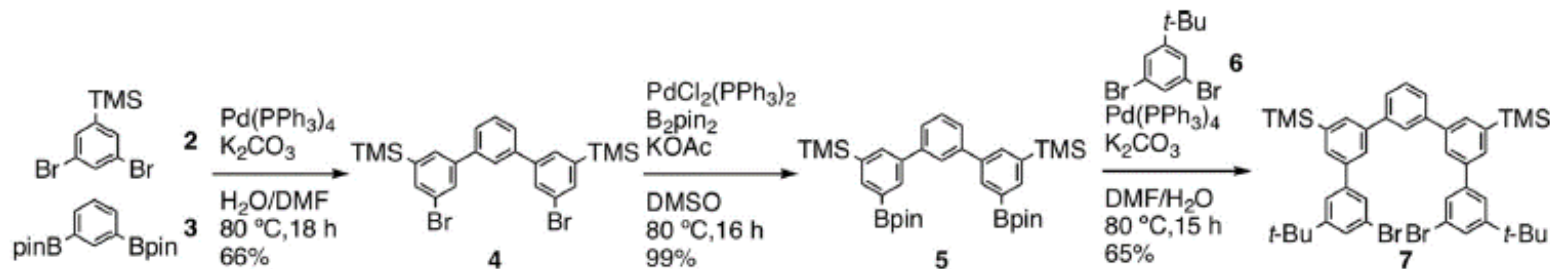
Geodesic phenylene bowl



Geodesic phenylene saddle



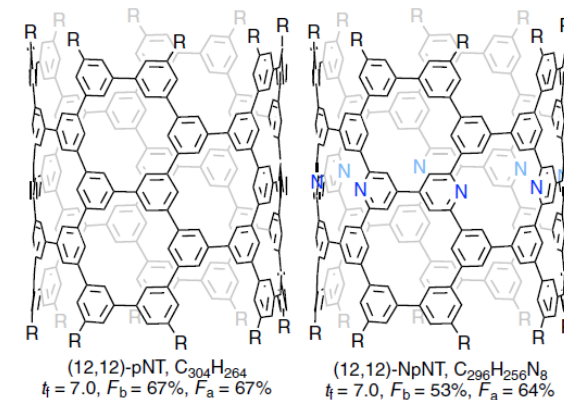
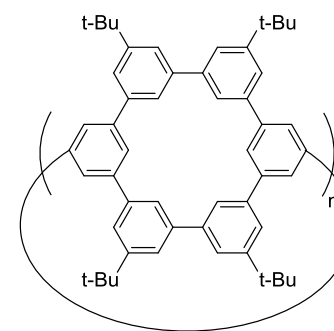
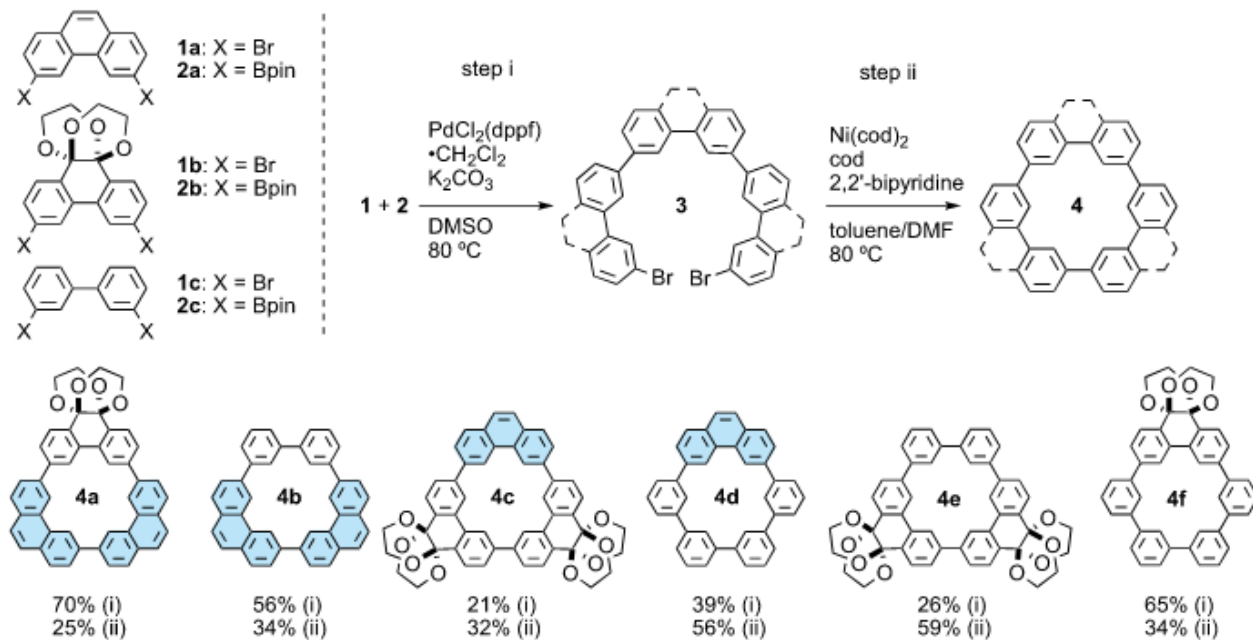
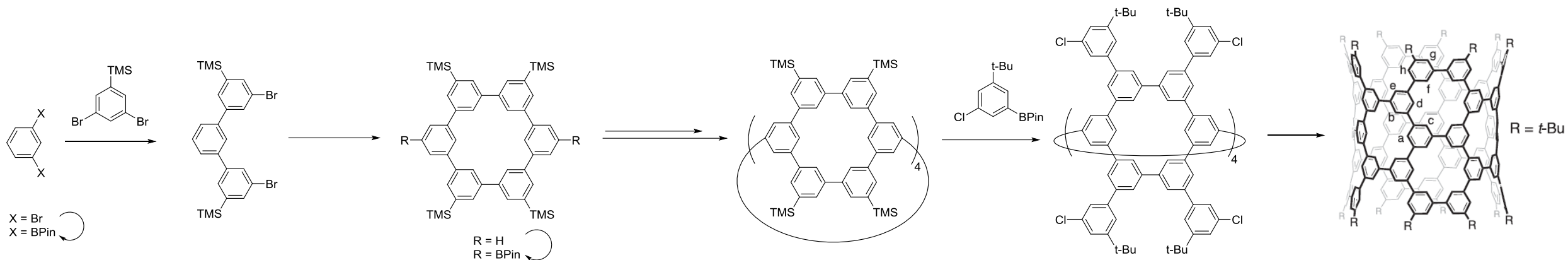
Phenine frameworks: Geodesic phenylene bowl, saddle and hemisphere



X-ray



Phenine frameworks: nanotubes and CPP with periodic vacancy defects



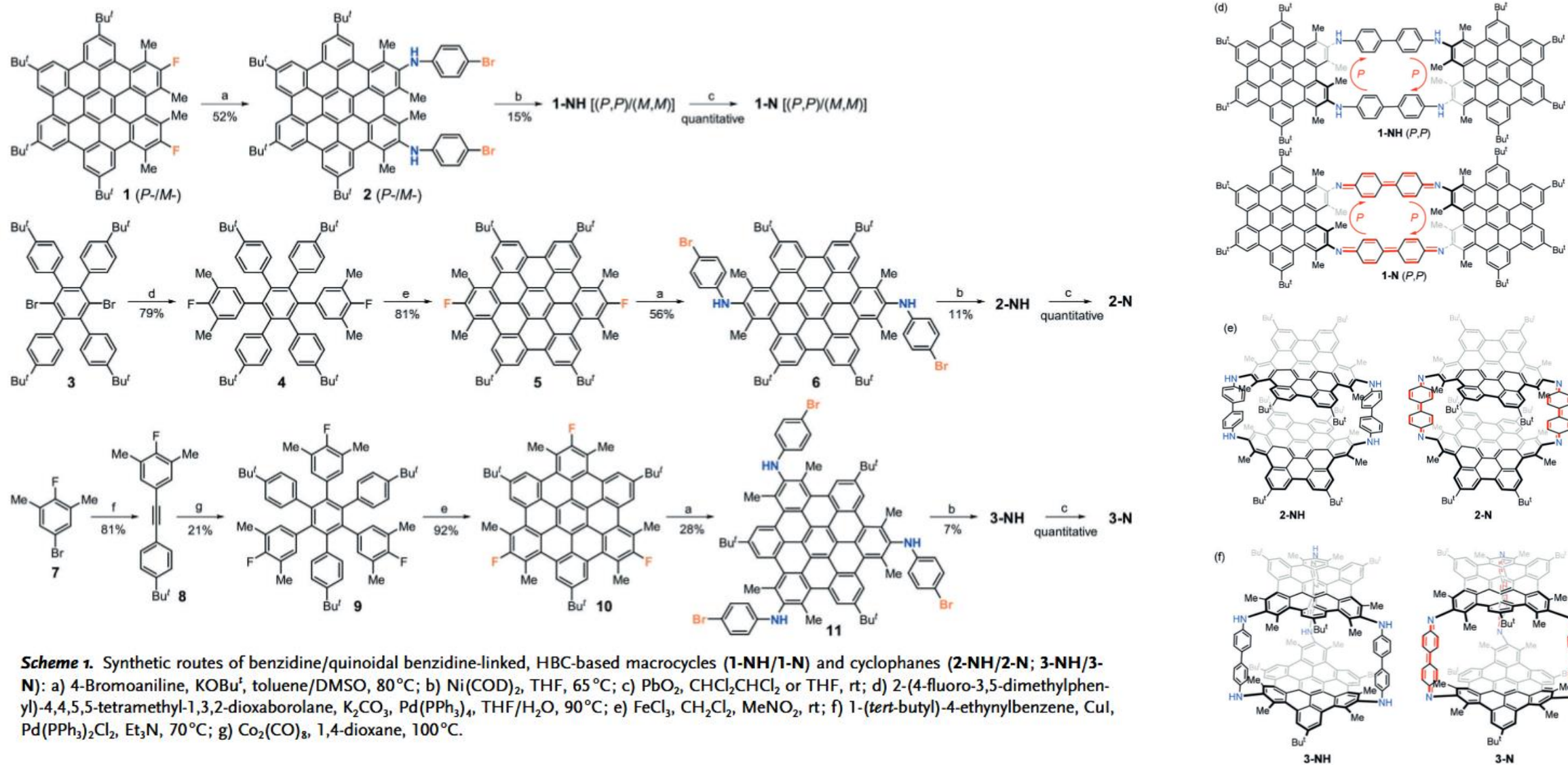
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Sun, Z.; Ikemoto, K.; Fukunaga, T. M.; Koretsune, T.; Arita, R.; Sato, S.; Isobe, H. *Science* **2019**, *363*, 151-155.

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## Superbenzene-Based-Conjugated Chiral Macrocycles and Cyclophanes



**Scheme 1.** Synthetic routes of benzidine/quinoidal benzidine-linked, HBC-based macrocycles (**1-NH/1-N**) and cyclophanes (**2-NH/2-N**; **3-NH/3-N**): a) 4-Bromoaniline,  $\text{KOBu}^t$ , toluene/DMSO, 80 °C; b)  $\text{Ni}(\text{COD})_2$ , THF, 65 °C; c)  $\text{PbO}_2$ ,  $\text{CHCl}_2\text{CHCl}_2$  or THF, rt; d) 2-(4-fluoro-3,5-dimethylphenyl)-4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane,  $\text{K}_2\text{CO}_3$ ,  $\text{Pd}(\text{PPh}_3)_4$ , THF/ $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , 90 °C; e)  $\text{FeCl}_3$ ,  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ,  $\text{MeNO}_2$ , rt; f) 1-(*tert*-butyl)-4-ethynylbenzene,  $\text{CuI}$ ,  $\text{Pd}(\text{PPh}_3)_2\text{Cl}_2$ ,  $\text{Et}_3\text{N}$ , 70 °C; g)  $\text{Co}_2(\text{CO})_8$ , 1,4-dioxane, 100 °C.