# **Supporting Information to**

# Halogen-Bonding for Visual Chloride Ion Sensing: A Case Study Using Supramolecular Poly(aryl ether) Dendritic Organogel System

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## **1. General Information**

Unless otherwise noted, all experiments were carried out under an inert atmosphere of dry nitrogen by using standard Schlenk-type techniques. <sup>1</sup>H NMR, <sup>13</sup>C NMR and <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker AMX 300 Spectrometer (<sup>1</sup>H: 300 MHz; <sup>13</sup>C: 75 MHz); Bruker AMX-600 spectrometers (<sup>1</sup>H: 600 MHz; <sup>13</sup>C: 150 MHz) or Bruker AMX-500 spectrometers (<sup>1</sup>H: 500 MHz; <sup>13</sup>C: 125 MHz) at 298 K. Chemical shifts are reported in parts per million (ppm) relative to the internal standards, partially deuterated solvents or tetramethylsilane (TMS). Coupling constants (*J*) are denoted in Hz and chemical shifts ( $\delta$ ) in ppm. Multiplicities are denoted as follows: s = singlet, d = doublet, m = multiplet, br = broad. High resolution MS (P-ESI HRMS) were obtained on Bruker Apex IV FTMS spectrometer. Elemental analysis was performed on a Flash EA 1112 Elemental Analyzer.

All chemicals were obtained from Aldrich, Alfa or Acros and used as received unless otherwise mentioned. The organic solvents used were dried according to published methods.

## 2. Description on Experimental Techniques

**Scanning Electron Microscopy (SEM)**. The morphologies and sizes of the dendritic xerogels were characterized by field emission scanning electron microscopy (FE-SEM, Hitachi S-4800) at an accelerating voltage of 15 kV. Samples were prepared by dropping the diluted gels on silicon slices and dried by air for 2 days. To minimize sample charging, a thin layer of Au was deposited onto the samples before SEM examination.

**Transmission Electron Microscopy (TEM)**. TEM was performed on a JEOL JEM-1011 microscope. Samples were prepared by dropping the diluted gels on carbon coated copper grids and the TEM pictures were obtained without staining.

**Rheological Measurements.** Rheological measurements were carried out with a stress-controlled rheometer (TA Instruments, AR-G2) equipped with steel parallel-plate geometry (40 mm diameter). The gap distance was fixed at 750µm. A solvent-trapping device was placed above the plate to avoid evaporation. All measurements were made at 10 °C.

The frequency sweep was obtained from 0.1 rad/s to 100 rad/s at a constant strain of 0.1%, well within the linear regime determined by the strain sweep.

**Powder X-Ray Diffraction (PXRD)**. The dendritic organogel **1** in mixed solvent of DCM-n-Hexane (1:3, v/v) was coated on a glass plate and the solvent was slowly evaporated. Then the glass plates with dry gels were fixed on a sample holder and subjected to XRD analysis at room temperature on a Japan Rigaku D/MAX-2500/PC diffractometer. XRD patterns were recorded at a scanning rate of  $2^{\circ}$  min<sup>-1</sup> in the  $2\theta$  range of 0.5 to 30 with Cu-  $K\alpha$  radiation ( $\lambda = 1.54178$  Å).

Small-angle X-ray scattering (SAXS). SAXS measurements were performed on equipment with a SAXSess camera (Anton-Paar, Graz, Austria), which is connected with an X-ray generator (Philips) operating at 40 kV and 50 mA employing Cu  $K_a$  radiation ( $\gamma = 0.154$  nm). The 1D scattering function (log*I*(q)) was obtained by integrating the 2D scattering pattern, which was recorded on an imaging-plate detector (Perkin–Elmer) using SAXS Quant software (Anton-Paar, Graz, Austria). The gel samples were xerogels with the solvents being taken out in vacuo at room temperature. It was sealed in a solid sample holder and the blank scattering was subtracted from the sample scattering to obtain the xerogel exact diffraction pattern.

**High-resolution mass spectrometry (HRMS-ESI).** Mass spectra of **1**-Cl<sup>-</sup> complex was measured on a Fourier transform ion cyclotron resonance mass (spectrometer Bruker Daltronic APEX-Qe 7.0), equipped with a nanospray ionization source. Solutions of **1** and tetrabutylammonium chloride in acetonitrile were used for nanospray ionization.

**Thermal Behaviors of the Dendritic Gels:** The thermally reversible gel–sol transition temperatures ( $T_{gel}$ ) were determined by using a tube-inversion methodology.<sup>S1</sup> A sealed vial containing a gel was immersed upside-down in a thermostated water bath. The temperature of the bath was raised at a rate of approximately 2 °C/min. The  $T_{gel}$  was defined as the temperature at which the gel moved on tilting of the vial. The experimental error of  $T_{gel}$  in represented independent measurements was less than 1 °C.

## 3. Additional Experimental Data and Figures

#### 3.1 Gelation Tests

**Gelation test:** A weighed sample of dendritic gelator was mixed with a solvent (0.2 mL) in a septum-capped vial and heated in an oil bath until the solid was dissolved. If the compound was unable to dissolve, it was noted as insoluble (I). A stable turbid organogel was obtained when the prepared sample was treated with ultrasound (0.40 W/cm<sup>2</sup>, 40 KHz,) for 1-10 minutes at the beginning of the cooling process in a certain solvent at ambient condition. The aggregation state was then assessed. If no flow was observed when inverting the vial, a stable gel was formed and noted as gelation (G). If part of the mixture formed a gel but flow was still observed, the phenomenon was recorded as partial gelation (PG). If precipitation occurred, P was noted, and if the clear solution (> 60 mg/mL) was retained, it was marked as soluble (S). Repeated heating and cooling under ultrasound treatment (0.40 W/cm<sup>2</sup>, 40 KHz, 1~10 minutes) confirmed the thermo-reversibility of the gelation process. The critical gelation concentration (CGC) of the organogelator was determined by measuring the minimum amount of gelator required for the formation of a stable gel at room temperature.



**Figure S1.** Photograph of dendron **1** showing gel formation which remained stable upon vial inversion in various organic solvents and mixed solvents (from left to right): (1) methanol, (2) ethanol, (3) isopropanol, (4) 1-butanol, (5) toluene/n-hexane = 1/3 (v/v), (6) anisole/n-hexane = 1/3 (v/v), (7) acetone/n-hexane = 1/8 (v/v), (8) 2-hexanone/n-hexane = 1/3 (v/v), (9) dichloromethane/n-hexane = 1/3 (v/v), (10) dichloroethane/n-hexane = 1/3 (v/v), (11) ethyl acetate /n-hexane = 1/3 (v/v), (12) THF/n-hexane = 1/8 (v/v).

	CGCs <sup>b</sup>		
Slovents	1	2	
Toluene	S	S	
Anisole	S	S	
Pyridine	S	S	
Ethyl acetate	S	S	
Acetone	S	S	
Cyclohexane	S	S	
Acetonitrile	S	S	
1,2-Dichloromethane	S	S	
Methanol	G(3.3)	Р	
Ethanol	G(4.4)	Р	
Isopropanol	G(6.5)	Р	
1-Butanol	G(9.3)	Р	
Toluene:n-Hexane (1:3, v/v)	G(6.9)	Ι	
Anisole:n-Hexane (1:3, v/v)	G(7.5)	S	
Acetone:n-Hexane (1:8, v/v)	G(9.4)	S	
2-Hexanone:n-Hexane (1:3, v/v)	G(7.5)	S	
Dichloromethane:n-Hexane (1:3, v/v)	G(7.3)	Ι	
1,2-Dichloroethane:n-Hexane (1:3, v/v)	G(5.7)	Ι	
Ethyl acetate:n-Hexane (1:3, v/v)	G(6.6)	S	
THF:n-Hexane $(1:8, v/v)$	G(8.7)	S	

Table S1. Critical gelation concentrations (CGCs) of dendrons 1 and 2 in various organic solvents and mixed solvents.<sup>a</sup>

[a] G = stable gel, I = insoluble, P = precipitation, S = soluble (> 60 mg/mL). [b] CGC is the critical gelator concentration at which gelation was observed to restrict the flow of the medium at 25 °C.

### The Dendritic Gelation Induced by Ultrasound

Ultrasound was also used as an external stimulus to trigger the phase transition of the gel.<sup>S2</sup> In our studies, it was found that the sonication exhibited an intriguing effect on the gelation efficiency. For example, when the heated solution of dendron **1** in ethanol was cooled to room temperature, suspension instead of stable gel was observed. But if the suspension or its hot solution was submitted to sonication for minutes ( $0.4 \text{ w/cm}^2$ , 40 KHz), a translucent gel was formed rapidly.

To understand the effect of sonication on gelation process, the aggregates morphologies before and

after sonication were studied by means of scanning electron microscopy (SEM). As shown in Figure S2, at the beginning, without ultrasound a morphology of microsphere aggregates with diameter about  $2\sim5 \mu m$  emerged; short sonication (30 s) favored even smaller microspheres of diameter about  $1\sim2 \mu m$ ; prolonged sonication (60 s), the microsphere aggregates tended to interconnect and further evolve into extended superstructures; longer exposures (90 s) leaded to a "fur-like" network morphology; finally (180 s) it gave rise to a final architecture of a dense 3D network composed of much thinner, micrometer long fibers. The results above suggested that ultrasound induced not only rapid gel formation but also morphological changes from microspheres to nanofibers responsible for gelation.



**Figure S2.** SEM observations of the conversion process from spheroidal aggregates into nanofibers. A homogeneous solution of dendron **1** in ethanol after heating above 100 °C was subjected to ultrasound for different time (0.40 W/cm<sup>2</sup>, 40 KHz, 1~3 minutes).

#### 3.2 Thermal Behaviors of the Dendritic Gels

The gel-sol phase transition temperatures ( $T_{gel}$ ) of the dendritic gels were determined by the tube-inversion method. In general, the stability of the gels increased with increasing concentration, as established for the series of 1/dichloroethane-n-hexane and 1/toluene-n-hexane gels formed with the gelator concentrations varying from 7-24 mg/mL (Figure S3).



Figure S3. Plots of  $T_{gel}$  versus concentration of dendritic gelator 1 in mixed solvents.

## 3.3 The Elastic Properties of Dendritic Gels 1 by Rheological Measurements

The elastic property of dendritic gel **1** was also estimated using rheological measurements. As shown in Figure S4, the storage modulus G' is larger than the loss modulus G', and a pronounced plateau region of these moduli plotted against the frequency in range of 0.1-100 rad/s, which is a characteristic feature of gels.



**Figure S4.** Evolution of storage modulus G' and loss modulus G'' as a function of frequency of the organogel 1 (20 mg/mL).

#### 3.4 The Thixotropic Properties of Dendritic Gels 1 by Rheological Technique

To verify the thixotropic behaviors of the dendritic organogels, rheological experiments were carried out. As shown in Figure S5a, the storage modulus (G') and loss modulus (G") as a function of angular frequency ( $\omega$ ) of gel 1/isopropanol at 20 mg/mL were determined, showing that the gels behaved as a true gel. Strain amplitude sweeps were also proceeded to reveal the elastic response of 1/isopropanol. As shown in Figure S5b, the value of G' rapidly decreased in the region above the critical strain value ( $\gamma > 1\%$ ), known as the upper of the linear viscoelastic regime, representing a partial collapse of the gel to a quasi-liquid state. Interestingly, this gel exhibited a very quick recovery of mechanical strength after the large amplitude oscillatory breakdown (Figure S5c). For example, the initial value of G' was ca.  $9 \times 10^3$  Pa, it dropped to 78 Pa under a large amplitude oscillatory force ( $\gamma =$ 100%;  $\omega = 6.28$  rad s<sup>-1</sup> (1.0 Hz)), indicating the transformation to a quasi-liquid state. However, when the amplitude oscillation was decreased ( $\gamma = 0.1\%$ ) at the same frequency (1.0 Hz), G' immediately recovered to about 90% of its initial value (8100 Pa) within 10 s, representing the recovery of a quasi-solid state. However, with prolonged time of more than one hour, G' and G" could reach their initial values (Figure S5d). Furthermore, this thixotropic process could be repeated several times. The thixotropic properties of dendritic organogels of 1 in mixed solvent (toluene/n-hexane) had also been investigated (Figure S6), affording conformable conclusions. All these results of rheological experiments indicated that 1 was promising candidates for thixotropic soft materials with both large mechanical strength and fast-recovery ability.



**Figure S5.** Rheological data of **1** gel from isopropanol (c = 20 mg/mL, 15 °C): (A) frequency sweep ( $\omega = 0.1-100$  rad/s), (B) strain amplitude sweeps, (C) step strain and (D) frequency sweep measurement. Step strain was a continuous measurement for three cycles.



**Figure S6.** Rheological data of **1** gel from toluene/n-hexane (1/3, v/v, 20 mg/mL, 15 °C): (A) frequency sweep ( $\omega = 0.1$ -100 rad/s), (B) strain amplitude sweeps, (C) step strain and (D) frequency sweep measurement (c = 6 mM). Step strain was a continuous measurement for three cycles.

#### **3.5 Additional SEM and TEM Images**

#### 3.5.1 SEM images of the dendritic xerogels of 1 in different solvents

It is should be noted that the different morphologies of the xerogels might depend on the properties of the gelling solvents. For example, as for alcoholic solvents, the morphologies show networks interweaved by fine flexible fibers with diameters smaller than 150 nm and lengths of several micrometers. However, the xerogels from mixed solvents exhibited a bigger and straight ribbon structures with the width from 200-500 nm.



**Figure S7.** Selected SEM images of the xerogels of **1** in different solvents: (A) methanol, (B) ethanol, (C) isopropanol, (D) 1-butanol, (E) toluene/n-hexane = 1/3 (v/v), (F) acetone/n-hexane = 1/8 (v/v), (G) 2-hexanone/n-hexane = 1/3 (v/v), (H) dichloromethane/n-hexane = 1/3 (v/v), (I) 1,2-dichloroethane /n-hexane = 1/3 (v/v), (J) ethyl acetate/n-hexane = 1/3 (v/v).

## 3.5.2 TEM images of the dendritic xerogels of 1 in different solvents



**Figure S8.** Selected TEM images of the xerogels of **1** in different solvents: (A) methanol, (B) ethanol, (C) isopropanol, (D) 1-butanol, (E) acetone/n-hexane = 1/8 (v/v), (F, G) 1,2-dichloroethane/n-hexane = 1/3 (v/v), (H) ethyl acetate/n-hexane = 1/3 (v/v), (I) 2-hexanone/n-hexane = 1/3 (v/v), (J) THF /n-hexane = 1/8 (v/v).

3.6 small-angle x-ray scattering (SAXS) experiment of dendritic xerogel 1



Figure S9. SAXS diagram of 1 xerogel from toluene/n-hexane (1:3, v/v) mixed solvents.

	q	$d_{\rm obs.}({\rm nm})$	$d_{\text{cal.}}(\text{nm})$	hkl
1	1.15	5.46	5.43	010
2	1.63	3.85	3.84	011
3	2.26	2.78	2.72	020
4	2.53	2.48	2.43	021
5	3.67	1.71	1.72	031
6	4.76	1.32	1.36	040
7	5.10	1.23	1.21	042
8	5.73	1.10	1.09	050
9	6.84	0.92	0.91	060
10	7.16	0.88	0.89	061

This pattern is reasonably assigned to a columnar square structure whose diameter of the column is a = b = 5.43 nm, c = 0.37 nm

Number of monodendrons per column stratum:

$$\mu = (N_A a b t \rho) / M$$

Avogadro's number  $N_A = 6.0220455 \times 10^{23} \text{ mol}^{-1}$ ,

The average height of the column stratum t = 3.7 Å,

M is the molecular weight of monodendron.

 $\rho$  is the density of dendron 1 (assumed to be 1.6 g/cm<sup>3</sup>). Powder of dendron 1 was immersed in several calibrating organic solvents. We decided that the approximate density of 1 was the point at which the powder neither floated nor sank.

So, we can calculate the average number of dendritic molecules in a single slice of the cylinders is approximately six.

## 3.7 Concentration-Dependent <sup>1</sup>H NMR Spectra of dendron 1





**Figure S10**. Partial <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra (600 MHz,  $d_4$ -methanol) of dendron **1** at different concentrations (298 K) showing the aromatic region (using TMS as internal standard).

## 3.8 Temperature-Dependent <sup>1</sup>H NMR Spectra of dendron 1





**Figure S11.** Partial <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of dendritic gel **1** at different temperatures showing the aromatic region. The gel sample turned into solution at about 333 K (600 MHz,  $d_4$ -methanol, 4.0 mg/mL, using TMS as internal standard).

## **3.9 Solvent Titration Experiment**

It has been reported that the solvophobic interaction can effectively enhance supramolecular organizations involving  $\pi-\pi$  stacked structures.<sup>S3</sup> In our study, dendron **1** was chosen for solvent titration experiment to explore the aggregation behavior. The measurement of <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra was carried out in the CDCl<sub>3</sub>-CCl<sub>4</sub> binary solvent at a concentration of 24 mg/mL.

The signal-shift trend in the <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra also supported the solvophobically driven  $\pi$ - $\pi$  stacking. Increasing the volume ratio of CDCl<sub>3</sub>-CCl<sub>4</sub> resulted in slight upfield shift of the resonance signals for the aromatic protons on the peripheral benzyl rings and the internal benzyl rings, consistent with the results of CD- and TD-<sup>1</sup>H NMR experiments as shown in Figure S14 and S15. This result indicated that strong solvophobic interactions can enhance aromatic  $\pi$ - $\pi$  stacking interactions.





**Figure S12.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of **1** in the CDCl<sub>3</sub>-CCl<sub>4</sub> mixed solvent with different CCl<sub>4</sub> volume ratios at 25 °C (300 MHz, 24 mg/mL, using TMS as internal standards). In the cases of (I) and (J), complete gel formation were observed.

### 3.10 Powder X-Ray Diffraction (PXRD)

From the wide-angle X-ray diffraction of the xerogel of dendron **1** obtained from the mixed solvent (DCM/n-Hexane = 1/3, v/v), a *d*-spacing of ca. 3.6 Å similar to the typical  $\pi$ - $\pi$  stacking distance was observed, suggesting the key role of  $\pi$ - $\pi$  stacking in the formation of the gel.<sup>S4</sup>



**Figure S13.** Wide-angle X-ray diffraction of the xerogel of dendron **1** obtained from a mixed solvent (DCM/n-hexane = 1/3, v/v).

## 3.11 Visual discrimination of Chloride anion by Dendritic Gel 1.

Aiming at developing a simple approach to visual discrimination of halogen anions, the anion recognition experiment was first conducted by adding 0.8 equivalent selected target anions (Cl<sup>-</sup>, Br<sup>-</sup>, I<sup>-</sup>, HSO<sub>4</sub><sup>-</sup>, NO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup>, and CN<sup>-</sup> as tetrabutylammonium slats, 50  $\mu$ L in acetone) added onto the stable turbid dendritic gels (12.0 mg/mL, acetone:n-hexane = 1:8, v/v). After ten minutes, the vial was inversed and gel-to-sol transition was monitored.



**Figure S14**. Photographs of the dendritic organogel **1** from mixed solvents (12.0 mg/mL, acetone/ n-hexane = 1/8, v/v) after the addition of different anions.

## 3.12 Determination of Binding Constants by <sup>19</sup>F-NMR



**Figure S15.** <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectra (500 MHz,  $d_6$ -acetone,  $6.72 \times 10^{-4}$  M) of dendron 1 at 298 K with different equivalent tetrabutylammonium chloride. From the top to the bottom: (A) 0 equiv, (B) 0.2 equiv, (C) 0.4 equiv, (D) 1.0 equiv, (E) 1.4 equiv, (F) 1.8 equiv, (G) 2.0 equiv, (H) 3.0 equiv, (I) 4.0 equiv, (J) 5.0 equiv, (K) 6.0 equiv, (L) 20.0 equiv.

• 1-[n-Bu<sub>4</sub>N<sup>+</sup>Cl<sup>-</sup>] (298 K,  $d_6$ -acetone):  $K_a = (6.5 \pm 0.4) \times 10^2 \text{ M}^{-1}$ 



**Figure S16.** Binding constants  $K_a$  was determined by curve-fitting 1:1 binding isotherms to <sup>19</sup>F NMR titration data and was found to be  $(6.5 \pm 0.4) \times 10^2$  M<sup>-1</sup> at 298K in anhydrous  $d_6$ -acetone.



• 1-[n-Bu<sub>4</sub>N<sup>+</sup>Br<sup>-</sup>] (298 K,  $d_6$ -acetone):  $K_a = (3.9 \pm 0.3) \times 10^2 \text{ M}^{-1}$ 

**Figure S17.** Binding constants  $K_a$  was determined by curve-fitting 1:1 binding isotherms to <sup>19</sup>F NMR titration data and was found to be  $(3.9\pm0.3)\times10^2$  M<sup>-1</sup> at 298K in anhydrous  $d_6$ -acetone.

## • 1-[n-Bu<sub>4</sub>N<sup>+</sup>I<sup>-</sup>] (298 K, $d_6$ -acetone): $K_a = (1.4 \pm 0.1) \times 10^2 \text{ M}^{-1}$



**Figure S18.** Binding constants  $K_a$  was determined by curve-fitting 1:1 binding isotherms to <sup>19</sup>F NMR titration data and was found to be  $(1.4\pm0.1)\times10^2$  M<sup>-1</sup> at 298 K in anhydrous  $d_6$ -acetone.

## 3.13 Studies of 1-chloride ion complexes by HRMS-ESI.

The mass spectra of **1**-chloride ion complex was measured on a Fourier transform ion cyclotron resonance mass spectrometer, equipped with a nanospray ionization source. Solution of dendritic gelator **1** and tetrabutylammonium chloride (5 equiv) in acetonitrile was used for nanospray ionization.



Figure S19. HRMS spectra of the complex of dendritic gelator 1 and chloride ion.

## 3.13 Details of Computational Study

The geometry was optimized in gas phase using Gaussian 09 program<sup>S5</sup> with PBE0 hybrid density functional<sup>S6</sup> and double- $\zeta$  quality def2-SVP basis set<sup>S7</sup>, with Grimme's DFT-D3<sup>S8</sup> empirical dispersion correction (with zero short range damping) included. To consider the scalar relativistic effect of iodine, the MCDHF small-core relativistic pseudopotential (ECP) was employed.<sup>S9</sup>

## **Cartesian Coordinates of DFT Optimized Geometry**

1-Cl<sup>-</sup>

С	0.51884400	-2.36539100	-2.67694600	С	3.88191100	-5.14755600	0.79735800
С	0.84572600	-1.75148800	-1.46170200	Н	2.42217300	-3.82222300	1.69173800
С	1.39095500	-0.47242400	-1.45112700	С	4.18687400	-5.93209700	-0.31621300
С	1.63146800	0.20476100	-2.65304500	Н	5.12324500	-6.49341200	-0.34232100
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С	0.74292400	-1.68744300	-3.88021200	С	-0.16844900	-3.44269000	-5.22601600
Н	0.12202000	-3.37984900	-2.65844200	Н	-1.05485500	-3.45769800	-4.55172900
Н	1.67942700	-0.00356300	-0.50679900	Н	0.53363500	-4.24860100	-4.96445200
Н	1.51590600	0.08309500	-4.81458900	С	6.03232600	-2.02140300	0.27423200
С	2.31956600	1.54606200	-2.61492400	Н	5.15180800	-2.20540200	0.90698300
Н	1.64872700	2.32201200	-2.21404500	Н	6.47666800	-2.99019600	-0.00716500
Н	2.60432600	1.86053200	-3.63523900	С	6.25731200	-1.22050800	-4.67892400
С	0.58205400	-2.45575700	-0.15052700	Н	6.31315900	-2.31320100	-4.79148900
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С	4.34793300	0.54990500	-1.92571300	С	3.57645000	-6.96230400	-2.53302400
С	4.76487700	-0.16173700	-0.80513500	Н	4.27864100	-7.74729000	-2.22633300
С	4.84291300	0.20682100	-3.18564900	Н	2.64599600	-7.42424100	-2.89546000
С	5.66116700	-1.22392600	-0.93525000	0	7.01370800	-1.29977100	1.02800300
Н	4.34537700	0.10395400	0.16789400	0	7.57862900	-0.69171700	-4.83776800
С	5.74627700	-0.84731800	-3.32287200	0	5.75494400	-6.12254900	2.06450900
Н	4.51127700	0.75072400	-4.07262600	0	4.23021900	-6.32801400	-3.63799900
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## 4. Synthetic Procedures and Characterizations





Scheme S1. The synthetic route to dendritic gelator 1.

**Synthesis of MOM-G<sub>0</sub>COOMe:** To an ice cooled solution of dimethyl 5-hydroxyisophthalate (5.685 g, 27.046 mmol) in anhydrous THF (50 mL) was added NaH (1.623 g, 40.568 mmol, as 60% dispersion in oil). The mixture was stirred for 30 min and chloromethylether (MOMCl, 3.266 g, 3.08 mL, 40.568 mmol) was added dropwise. After warming to room temperature the mixture was stirred for a further 3 h then poured into water (100 mL), and the product was extracted with dichloromethane. The combined extract was dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated to afford the product. Drying *in vacuo* for 3 h at 50 °C afforded **MOM-G<sub>0</sub>COOMe** (6.807 g, 99% yield) as an off-white solid. <sup>1</sup>H NMR

(300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 3.49 (s, CH<sub>3</sub>OCH<sub>2</sub>, 3H), 3.94 (s, COOCH<sub>3</sub>, 6H), 5.25 (s, CH<sub>3</sub>OCH<sub>2</sub>, 2H), 7.88 (d, *J* = 1.4 Hz, Ar*H*, 2H), 8.34 (t, *J* = 1.4 Hz, Ar*H*, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  =166.4, 157.6, 132.2, 124.5, 121.9, 94.8, 56.7, 52.8. HRMS-FAB (*m*/*z*): [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd. for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>15</sub>O<sub>6</sub>, 255.0863; found, 255.0863.

### General Procedure for the Reduction Reactions. Synthesis of MOM-G<sub>0</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OH

To a suspension of lithium aluminum hydride (LAH, 1.632 g, 43.016 mmol) in THF was added dropwise a solution of **MOM-G<sub>0</sub>COOMe** (4.971 g, 19.552 mmol) in dry THF (300 mL) at 0 °C. The reaction mixture was then stirred and refluxed for 1 h. The reaction was quenched successively by dropwise addition of 0.7 mL of H<sub>2</sub>O, 0.7 mL of 15% NaOH solution, and 2.1 mL of H<sub>2</sub>O. At this point, H<sub>2</sub> evolution ceased. The granular salts were filtered and washed with THF (3 × 50 mL). The combined filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure. To the resultant solid was added 100 mL of water. The aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc (3 × 150 mL). The organic layer was combined and dried over sodium sulfate, filtered, and evaporated to give **MOM-G<sub>0</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OH** (3.134 g, 81%) as an off-white solid. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, *d*<sup>6</sup>-acetone):  $\delta$  = 3.42 (s, CH<sub>3</sub>OCH<sub>2</sub>O), 4.18 (t, *J* = 5.8 Hz, ArCH<sub>2</sub>OH, 2H), 4.59 (d, *J* = 5.8 Hz, ArCH<sub>2</sub>OH, 4H), 5.17 (s, CH<sub>3</sub>OCH<sub>2</sub>, 2H), 6.92 (s, Ar*H*, 2H), 6.97 (s, Ar*H*, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, *d*<sup>6</sup>-acetone):  $\delta$  = 158.5, 144.9, 118.9, 113.7, 95.1, 64.6, 64.5, 56.0. HRMS-FAB (*m*/*z*): [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd. for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>15</sub>O<sub>4</sub>: 199.0965; found,199.0967.

Synthesis of MOM-G<sub>1</sub>COOMe: To an ice-bath cooled solution of MOM-G<sub>0</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OH (3.992 dimethyl 5-hydroxyisophthalate (10.583 g, 20.139 mmol). g, 50.348 mmol), triphenylphosphine (PPh<sub>3</sub>, 13.206 g, 50.348 mmol) in dry THF (60 mL) was added diisopropylazodicarboxylate (DIAD, 10.180 g, 50.348 mmol, 10.08 mL) dropwise via syringe. The reaction mixture was then stirred for 10 min at 0 °C and then 12-24 h at 25-50 °C under a nitrogen atmosphere. The reaction was monitored by TLC upon the completion. The crude product was purified as follows: a) The reaction mixture (about 36 mL) was added to diethyl ether (420 mL) under vigorous stirring, and the precipitate was isolated by filtration; b) The resulting precipitate was redissolved in THF (36 mL), and precipitated into methanol (360 mL). After filtration, an off-white solid of **MOM-G<sub>1</sub>COOMe** was obtained (10.559 g, 90%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 3.50$  (s, CH<sub>3</sub>OCH<sub>2</sub>, 3H), 3.94 (s, COOCH<sub>3</sub>, 12H), 5.13 (s,

ArC $H_2$ O, 4H), 5.22 (s, CH<sub>3</sub>OC $H_2$ O, 2H), 7.12 (s, ArH, 2H), 7.18 (s, ArH, 1H), 7.83 (s, ArH, 4H), 8.29 (s, ArH, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 166.0, 158.6, 157.9, 138.2, 131.9, 123.3, 120.1, 119.7, 115.0, 94.5, 70.1, 56.1, 52.4. HRMS-FAB (m/z): [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd. for C<sub>30</sub>H<sub>30</sub>O<sub>12</sub>Na, 605.1629; found, 605.1627.

**MOM-G<sub>1</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OH:** Following the procedure for **MOM-G<sub>0</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OH**. LAH (1.163 g, 30.635 mmol) in THF (50 mL) and **MOM-G<sub>1</sub>COOMe** (4.056 g, 6.962 mmol) in THF (300 mL) yielded **MOM-G<sub>1</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OH** (3.145 g, 96%) as an off-white solid. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz,  $d_6$ -Acetone)  $\delta = 3.43$  (s,  $CH_3OCH_2O$ , 3H), 4.24 (t, J = 5.8 Hz,  $ArCH_2OH$ , 4H), 4.58 (d, J = 5.8 Hz,  $ArCH_2OH$ , 8H), 5.07 (s,  $ArCH_2O$ , 4H), 5.21 (s,  $CH_3OCH_2$ , 2H), 6.92 (s, ArH, 6H), 7.11 (s, ArH, 2H), 7.22 (s, ArH, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz,  $d^6$ -acetone)  $\delta = 159.9$ , 158.6, 144.9, 140.3, 120.5, 118.0, 115.4, 112.3, 95.2, 70.1, 64.7, 56.1. HRMS-FAB (m/z): [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd. for  $C_{26}H_{31}O_{8}$ , 471.2013; found, 471.1998.

Synthesis of 1: To an oven-dried, 100 mL round-bottomed flask equipped with a stir bar and cooled under an atmosphere of argon were added 2,3,4,5-tetrafluoro-6-iodobenzoic acid<sup>S11</sup> (1.701)5.316 mmol), **MOM-G<sub>1</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OH** (0.610)1.296 g, g, mmol). 4-dimethylaminopyridine (DMAP, 0.065 g, 0.532 mmol) and N,N'-diisopropylcarbodiimide (DIC, 0.718 g, 0.9 mL, 5.704 mmol) in the mixed solvent of dichloromethane/tetrahydrofuran (2:1, v/v) (60 mL). The reaction mixture was then stirred overnight. The resulting solution was quenched with saturated aqueous NH<sub>4</sub>Cl, and was extracted with dichloromethane (50 mL×3). The combined organic extracts were washed with brine, dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated in vacuo. The crude mixture was purified by flash column chromatography affording the product as a white solid (1.268 g, 58%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 3.48 (s, CH<sub>3</sub>OCH<sub>2</sub>O, 3H), 5.06 (s, ArCH<sub>2</sub>O, 4H), 5.18 (s, CH<sub>3</sub>OCH<sub>2</sub>O, 2H), 5.39 (s, ArCH<sub>2</sub>O, 8H), 7.05 (s, ArH, 4H), 7.06 (s, ArH, 2H), 7.13 (s, ArH, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, Proton-Decoupled):  $\delta = 162.4, 159.1, 157.9, 148.8, 148.7, 147.1, 147.1, 146.1, 146.0, 144.4, 146.0, 144.4, 146.0, 144.4, 146.0, 144.4, 146.0, 144.4, 146.0, 144.4, 146.0, 144.4, 146.0, 144.4, 146.0, 144.4, 146.0, 144.4, 146.0, 144.4, 146.0, 144.4, 146.0, 144.4, 146.0, 144.4, 146.0, 144.4, 146.0, 144.4, 146.0, 144.4, 146.0, 146.0, 144.4, 146.0$ 144.3, 141.9, 141.8, 141.7, 141.7, 141.5, 141.4, 140.1, 140.0, 140.0, 139.9, 139.8, 139.7, 138.6, 136.5, 123.7, 123.6, 121.2, 119.6, 115.3, 114.9, 94.5, 74.8, 74.6, 69.9, 68.2, 56.2.  $^{13}C$ NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, Proton and Fluorine-Decoupled):  $\delta = 162.4, 159.1, 157.9, 147.$ 145.2, 140.9, 140.9, 140.7, 140.7, 138.6, 136.5, 123.6, 121.2, 119.6, 115.3, 114.9, 94.5, 74.7,

69.9, 68.2, 56.2. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (470 MHz,  $d^6$ -acetone):  $\delta = -115.6$  (m, 1F), -139.6 (m, 1F), -152.3 (m, 1F), -155.0 (m, 1F). HRMS-ESI (*m/z*): [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd. for C<sub>54</sub>H<sub>26</sub>O<sub>12</sub>F<sub>16</sub>I<sub>4</sub>Na, 1700.72397; found, 1700.72304. Anal. Calcd. for C<sub>54</sub>H<sub>26</sub>F<sub>16</sub>I<sub>4</sub>O<sub>12</sub>: C, 38.64; H, 1.56. Found: C, 38.75; H, 1.52.



Synthesis of 2: Following the procedure for 1. 2,3,4,5-tetrafluoro-6-iodobenzoic acid (2.843 g, 8.885 mmol), G<sub>0</sub>G<sub>1</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OH (1.020 g, 1.974 mmol), 4-dimethylaminopyridine (DMAP, 0.109 g, 0.889 mmol) and N,N'-diisopropylcarbodiimide (DIC, 1.118 g, 1.41 mL, 8.885 mmol) in the mixed solvent of dichloromethane/tetrahydrofuran (2:1, v/v) (60 mL) vielded 2 as a white solid after purified by flash column chromatography (2.077 g, 61%).  $^{1}$ H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 5.06 (s, ArCH<sub>2</sub>O, 2H), 5.07 (s, ArCH<sub>2</sub>O, 4H), 5.38 (s, ArCH<sub>2</sub>O, 8H), 7.01(s, ArH, 2H), 7.04 (s, ArH, 4H), 7.06 (s, ArH, 1H), 7.13 (s, ArH, 2H), 7.32-7.41 (m, PhH, 5H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, Proton-Decoupled):  $\delta = 159.5$ , 159.2, 148.8, 148.7, 147.2, 147.1, 146.2, 146.1, 144.5, 144.4, 141.9, 141.8, 141.7, 141.6, 141.5, 140.2, 140.1, 140.0, 139.9, 139.8, 138.7, 136.6, 128.7, 128.2, 127.6, 123.7, 123.7, 123.6, 123.6, 121.3, 118.6, 115.4, 113.5, 74.8, 74.6,70.2, 69.9, 68.2. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, Proton and Fluorine-Decoupled):  $\delta = 162.4, 159.5, 159.1, 147.9, 145.2, 140.9, 140.7, 138.6, 136.5, 128.6, 136.5, 128.6, 136.5, 128.6, 136.5, 128.6, 136.5, 128.6, 136.5, 128.6, 136.5, 128.6, 136.5, 128.6, 136.5, 128.6, 136.5, 128.6, 136.5, 128.6, 136.5, 128.6, 136.5, 128.6, 136.5, 128.6, 136.5, 128.6, 136.5, 128.6, 136.5, 128.6, 136.5, 128.6, 136.5, 128.6, 136.5, 136$ 128.1, 127.5, 123.6, 121.2, 118.5, 115.4, 113.5, 74.7, 70.2, 69.9, 68.2. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = -112.7$  (m, 1F), -136.5 (m, 1F), -149.1 (m, 1F), -152.0 (m, 1F). HRMS-ESI (m/z):  $[M+Na]^+$  calcd. for C<sub>59</sub>H<sub>28</sub>O<sub>11</sub>F<sub>16</sub>I<sub>4</sub>Na, 1746.74471; found, 1746.74225. Anal. Calcd. for C<sub>59</sub>H<sub>28</sub>F<sub>16</sub>I<sub>4</sub>O<sub>11</sub>: C, 41.09; H, 1.64. Found: C, 41.34; H, 1.69.

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# 6. <sup>1</sup>H NMR, <sup>13</sup>C NMR, <sup>19</sup>F NMR and Mass Spectra of New Compounds

Figure S20. <sup>1</sup>H NMR, <sup>13</sup>C NMR and HRMS-FAB mass spectra of MOM-G<sub>0</sub>COOMe





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Figure S21. <sup>1</sup>H NMR, <sup>13</sup>C NMR and HRMS-FAB mass spectra of MOM-G<sub>0</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OH







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Figure S23. <sup>1</sup>H NMR, <sup>13</sup>C NMRand HRMS-FAB mass spectra of MOM-G<sub>1</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OH





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## Figure S24. <sup>1</sup>H NMR, <sup>13</sup>C NMR, <sup>19</sup>F NMR and HRMS-ESI mass spectra of dendron 1





Figure S25. <sup>1</sup>H NMR, <sup>13</sup>C NMR, <sup>19</sup>F NMR and HRMS-ESI mass spectra of dendron 2





