

Supporting Information

Rh-catalysed direct cyclisation of 1,4-naphthoquinone and 9,10-phenanthraquinone with alkyne: a facile access to 1,8-dioxapyrenes and 1,12-dioxaperylenes as orange and red-emitting luminophores

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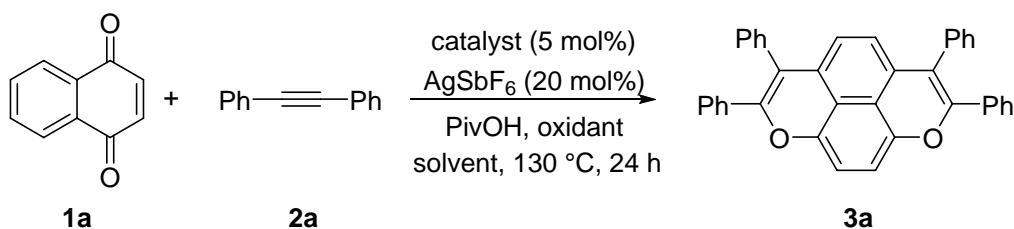
I. General Remarks

NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker AMX-400 spectrometer. The ^1H NMR (400 MHz) chemical shifts were reported relative to CDCl_3 as the internal reference (CDCl_3 : $\delta = 7.26$ ppm). The ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz) chemical shifts were given using CDCl_3 as the internal standard (CDCl_3 : $\delta = 77.16$ ppm). High-resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were obtained with a Waters-Q-TOF-Premier (ESI). Melting points were determined with XRC-1 and are uncorrected. X-Ray single-crystal diffraction data were collected on an Oxford Xcalibur E CCD area-detector diffractometer. Thermogravimetric analysis (TGA) was carried out using NETZSCH TG 209F1 Iris at a heating rate of $10\text{ }^\circ\text{C}\cdot\text{min}^{-1}$ under N_2 atmosphere. Absorption spectra were recorded on HITACHI U-2910 spectrophotometer. Fluorescence spectra and absolute quantum yields were collected on a Horiba Jobin Yvon-Edison Fluoromax-4 fluorescence spectrometer with a calibrated integrating sphere system. Elemental analysis data were obtained on EA FLASH 1112 SERIES.

Unless otherwise noted, all reagents were obtained from commercial suppliers and used without further purification. $[\text{RhCp}^*\text{Cl}_2]_2$,¹ alkynes² and quinones³⁻⁶ were prepared according to the literature procedures. DCE was dried by refluxing over CaH_2 , and freshly distilled prior to use.

II. Optimization of the Rh-catalysed direct cyclisation of 1,4-naphthoquinone with 1,2-diphenylacetylene

Table S1. Optimization of the direct cyclisation of 1,4-naphthoquinone with 1,2-diphenylacetylene^a



Entry	Catalyst	Oxidant (equiv)	Solvent (mL)	Yield ^b
1 ^c	$\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$	$\text{Cu}(\text{OAc})_2$ (2.0)	1,4-dioxane (1.0)	-
2	$[\text{RhCp}^*\text{Cl}_2]_2$	$\text{Cu}(\text{OAc})_2$ (2.0)	1,4-dioxane (1.0)	23%
3	$[\text{Rh}(\text{cod})\text{Cl}]_2$	$\text{Cu}(\text{OAc})_2$ (2.0)	1,4-dioxane (1.0)	-
4	$[\text{Ru}(p\text{-cymene})\text{Cl}_2]_2$	$\text{Cu}(\text{OAc})_2$ (1.0)	1,4-dioxane (1.0)	16%
5	-	$\text{Cu}(\text{OAc})_2$ (2.0)	1,4-dioxane (1.0)	-
6	$[\text{RhCp}^*\text{Cl}_2]_2$	$\text{Cu}(\text{OAc})_2$ (1.0)	1,4-dioxane (1.0)	28%
7	$[\text{RhCp}^*\text{Cl}_2]_2$	$\text{Cu}(\text{OAc})_2$ (1.0)	1,4-dioxane (0.5)	43%
8	$[\text{RhCp}^*\text{Cl}_2]_2$	$\text{Cu}(\text{OAc})_2$ (0.5)	1,4-dioxane (0.5)	30%
9	$[\text{RhCp}^*\text{Cl}_2]_2$	$\text{Cu}(\text{OAc})_2$ (1.0)	1,4-dioxane (0.3)	21%
10 ^d	$[\text{RhCp}^*\text{Cl}_2]_2$	$\text{Cu}(\text{OAc})_2$ (1.0)	1,4-dioxane (0.5)	trace

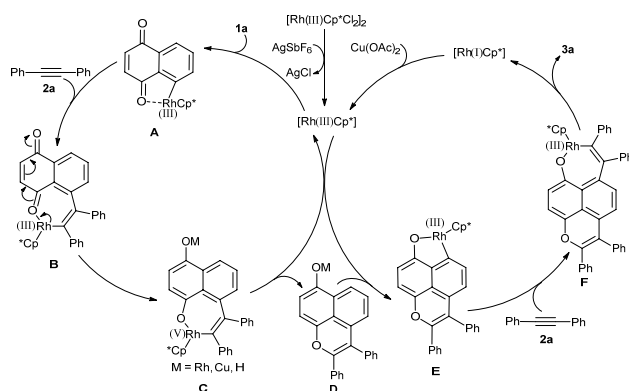
11	[RhCp*Cl ₂] ₂	Cu(TFA) ₂ (1.0)	1,4-dioxane (0.5)	-
12	[RhCp*Cl ₂] ₂	Cu(OPiv) ₂ (1.0)	1,4-dioxane (0.5)	22%
13	[RhCp*Cl ₂] ₂	BQ (1.0)	1,4-dioxane (0.5)	-
14	[RhCp*Cl ₂] ₂	Cu(OAc) ₂ (1.0)	DMF (0.5)	-
15	[RhCp*Cl ₂] ₂	Cu(OAc) ₂ (1.0)	toluene (0.5)	-
16	[RhCp*Cl ₂] ₂	Cu(OAc) ₂ (1.0)	DCE (0.5)	30%
17 ^e	[RhCp*Cl ₂] ₂	Cu(OAc) ₂ (1.0)	DCE (0.5)	54%
18 ^e	[RhCp*Cl ₂] ₂	-	DCE (0.5)	trace
19 ^{e,f}	[RhCp*Cl ₂] ₂	-	DCE (0.5)	10%
20 ^e	[RhCp*Cl ₂] ₂	Cu(OAc) ₂ (1.0)	1,4-dioxane (0.5)	24%

^a Reaction conditions: **1a** (0.1 mmol), **2a** (3.0 equiv), catalyst (5 mol%), AgSbF₆ (20 mol%), oxidant, PivOH (2.0 equiv), solvent, 130 °C, 24 h. ^b Yields of isolated products. ^c Without AgSbF₆. ^d AgOTf was used instead of AgSbF₆. ^e Without PivOH. ^f [RhCp*Cl₂]₂ (0.1 mmol), NaOAc (2.0 equiv). PivOH = trimethylacetic acid, BQ = 1,4-benzoquinone, DMF = dimethyl formamide, DCE = 1,2-dichloroethane.

III. General procedure for the Rh-catalysed direct cyclisation of quinones with alkynes

A dry Schlenck tube with a magnetic stir bar was charged with 1,4-naphthoquinone (**1**) or 9,10-phenanthraquinone (**4**) (0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv), alkyne (**2**) (0.3 mmol, 3.0 equiv), [RhCp*Cl₂]₂ (3 mg, 5 mol%), AgSbF₆ (6.8 mg, 20 mol%), Cu(OAc)₂ (0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and DCE (0.5 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred under an N₂ atmosphere at 130 °C for 24 h in an oil bath. The resulting solution was subsequently diluted with 5 mL of dichloromethane, filtered through a celite pad and washed with 10-20 mL of dichloromethane. The combined organic phases were evaporated, and the resulting residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel to provide the desired product **3** or **5**.

IV. Proposed catalytic pathway



Scheme S1. Proposed catalytic pathway

V. Single crystal X-ray structure of compound **3q**

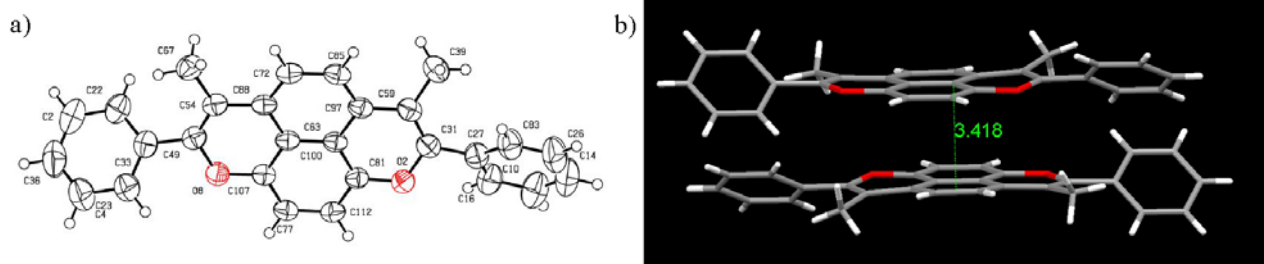


Fig. S1. (a) ORTEP diagram of compound **3q** (CCDC-1041752). Thermal ellipsoids are set at the 50% probability. (b) Intermolecular π - π stacking interaction.

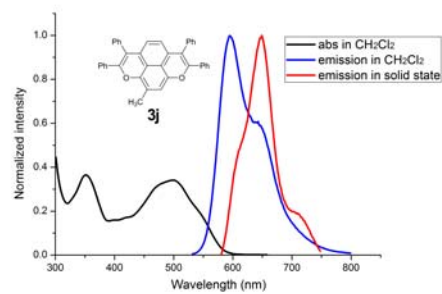
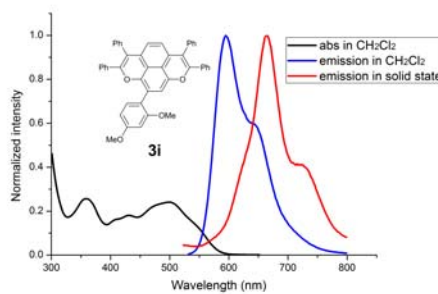
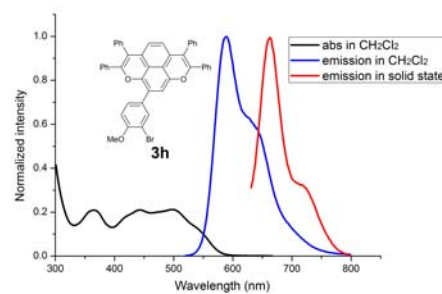
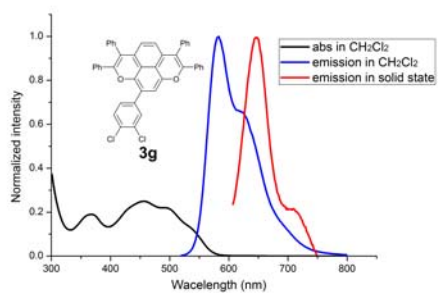
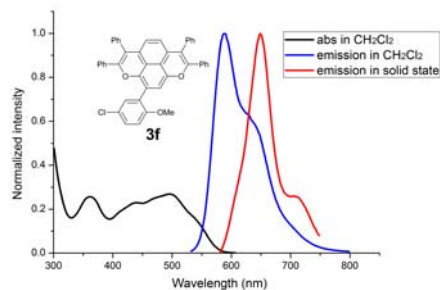
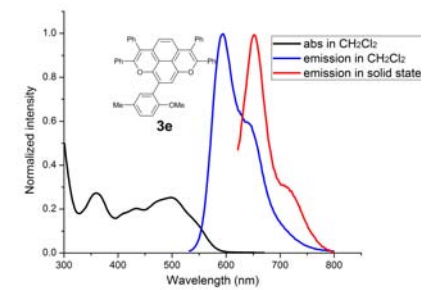
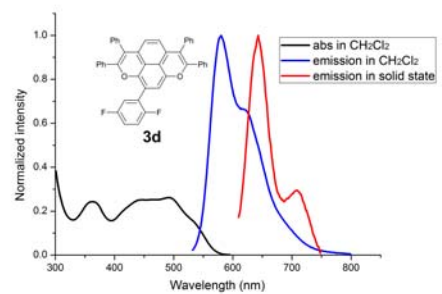
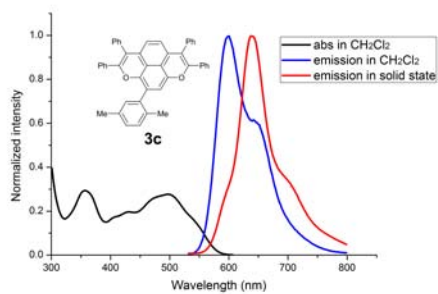
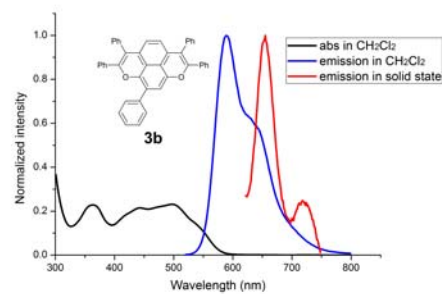
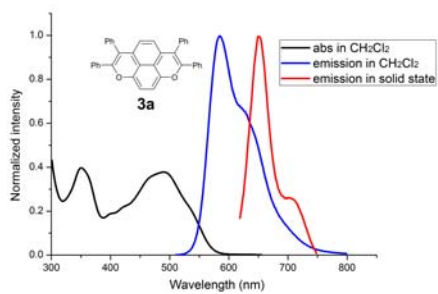
VI. Photophysical properties of 1,8-dioxapyrenes and 1,12-dioxaperylenes

1. **Table S2.** Absorption and emission spectroscopic data

Comp	In CH ₂ Cl ₂ Solution				In Solid State	
	λ_{abs}^a (nm)	λ_{em}^b (nm)	Stokes Shift (cm ⁻¹)	Φ_{F}^c (%)	λ_{em}^d (nm)	Φ_{F}^e (%)
3a	490	585	3314	< 0.10	651	4.21
3b	497	590	3172	2.13	654	0.48
3c	497	591	3200	3.08	640	2.88
3d	492	580	3084	7.58	643	2.46
3e	498	594	3245	2.12	653	1.13
3f	496	587	3126	4.76	651	2.97
3g	456	583	4777	3.73	647	1.33
3h	498	590	3131	0.72	662	0.52
3i	499	595	3233	3.63	666	1.01
3j	499	594	3205	1.56	648	2.21
3k	487	577	3203	4.64	639	3.03
3l	499	597	3290	0.85	663	1.69
3m	501	600	3293	0.67	662	2.09
3n	507	619	3569	0.16	669	0.88
3o	497	600	3454	0.87	654	1.65
3p	463	577	4267	< 0.10	600	7.28
3q	466	566	3791	7.73	650	3.51
5a	432	538	4561	< 0.10	596	2.31
5b	422	545	5348	< 0.10	579	< 0.10
5c	375	560	8810	< 0.10	593	0.63
5d	425	554	5479	< 0.10	560	1.76
5e	422	547	5415	< 0.10	583	0.45

^a Absorption maximum in CH₂Cl₂ (~5×10⁻⁵ M). ^b Emission maximum in CH₂Cl₂ (~5×10⁻⁵ M). ^c Absolute fluorescence quantum yields were measured in CH₂Cl₂ at ~5×10⁻⁶ M with an integrating sphere. ^d Emission maximum in the solid state. ^e Absolute fluorescence quantum were measured in the solid state.

2. Copies of Optical Spectra



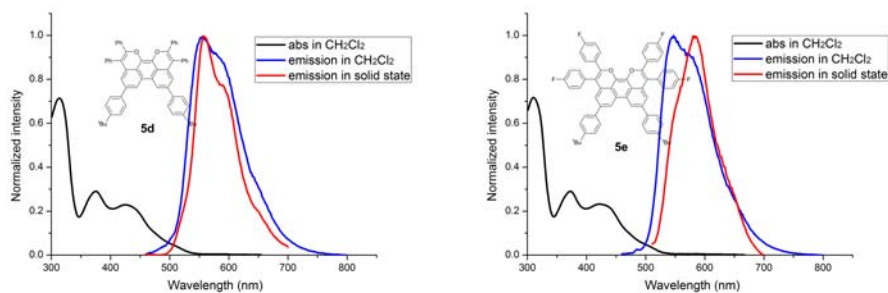


Fig. S2. Absorption and fluorescent spectra in CH_2Cl_2 at $\sim 5 \times 10^{-5}$ M and fluorescent spectra in solid state.

VII. Cyclic voltammograms of **3d**, **3i** and **3q**

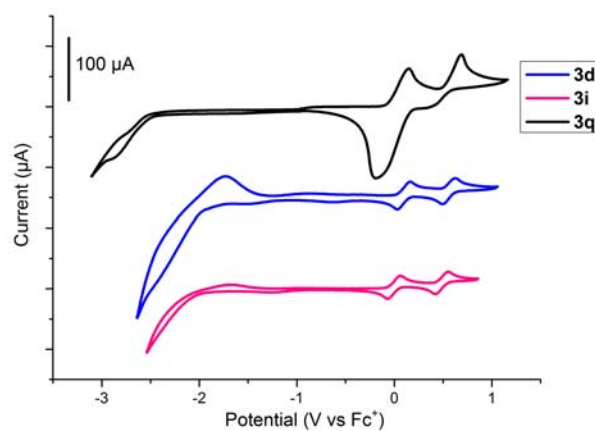


Fig. S3. Cyclic voltammograms of **3d**, **3i** and **3q** in dry CH_2Cl_2 ; scan rate $100 \text{ mV} \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$; supporting electrolyte: tetrabutylammonium hexafluorophosphate (NBu_4PF_6 , 0.1 M). The reduction behavior of **3q** was measured in dry THF.

VIII. TGA curves of **3d**, **3i** and **3q**

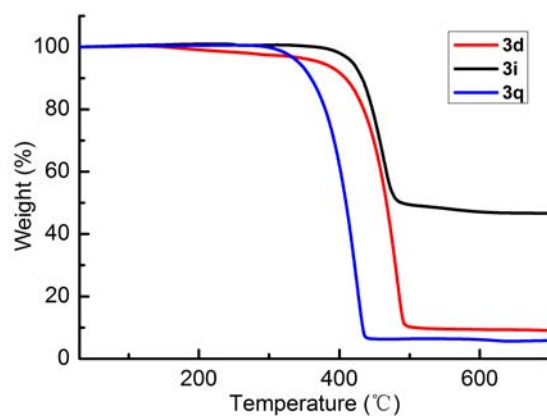
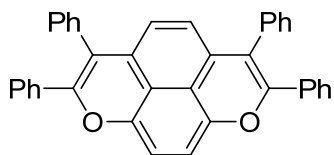


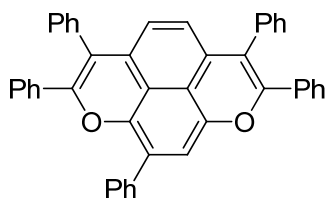
Fig. S4. TGA curves of **3d**, **3i** and **3q**.

IX. Characterization data for the products



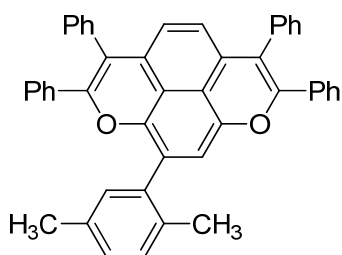
2,3,6,7-Tetraphenyl-1,8-dioxapyrene (3a):

Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/dichloromethane = 5/1, v/v) afforded **3a** as a red solid (28 mg, 54% yield). M.p.: > 250 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 5.81 (s, 2H), 6.48 (s, 2H), 7.11–7.30 (m, 20H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 108.5, 117.2, 117.4, 124.8, 127.5, 127.7, 128.4, 128.7, 129.1, 129.9, 130.8, 134.2, 135.3, 147.1, 150.0 ppm. HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd for C₃₈H₂₄O₂ [M]⁺ 512.1776, found 512.1781. Anal. Calcd for C₃₈H₂₄O₂ (%): C, 89.03; H, 4.72, found: C, 88.93; H, 4.84.



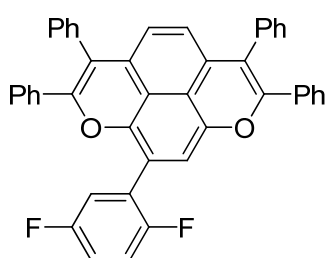
2,3,6,7,9-Pentaphenyl-1,8-dioxapyrene (3b):

Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/dichloromethane = 5/1, v/v) afforded **3b** as a red solid (31 mg, 52% yield). M.p.: > 250 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 5.85 (s, 2H), 6.65 (s, 1H), 7.03–7.32 (m, 21H), 7.40 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.63 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 110.2, 117.3, 117.4, 117.6, 117.8, 122.1, 124.2, 125.1, 127.2, 127.55, 127.65, 127.7, 128.2, 128.3, 128.4, 128.5, 128.7, 129.1, 129.3, 129.9, 130.5, 130.80, 130.84, 133.9, 134.1, 135.3, 135.4, 137.0, 143.4, 147.2, 149.4, 150.0 ppm. HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd for C₄₄H₂₉O₂ [M+H]⁺ 589.2168, found 589.2163. Anal. Calcd for C₄₄H₂₈O₂ (%): C, 89.76; H, 4.80, found: C, 89.32; H, 4.78.



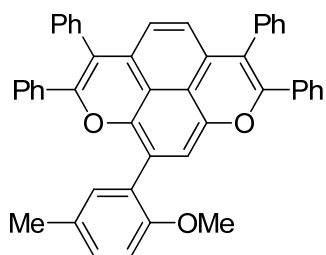
9-(2,5-Dimethylphenyl)-2,3,6,7-tetraphenyl-1,8-dioxapyrene (3c):

Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/dichloromethane = 5/1, v/v) afforded **3c** as a red solid (40 mg, 65% yield). M.p.: > 250 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 2.30 (s, 3H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 5.83 (s, 2H), 6.47 (s, 1H), 6.93-7.01 (m, 4H), 7.05-7.07 (m, 2H), 7.14-7.16 (m, 9H), 7.20-7.24 (m, 3H), 7.28-7.34 (m, 5H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 19.8, 21.1, 111.0, 117.1, 117.36, 117.40, 117.7, 122.7, 124.1, 124.7, 127.49, 127.54, 127.6, 127.7, 128.17, 128.25, 128.3, 128.4, 128.7, 129.1, 129.3, 129.9, 130.5, 130.75, 130.84, 130.9, 133.5, 133.8, 134.2, 134.9, 135.3, 135.5, 136.6, 143.4, 146.7, 149.3, 150.0 ppm. HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd for C₄₆H₃₃O₂ [M+H]⁺ 617.2481, found 617.2474. Anal. Calcd for C₄₆H₃₂O₂ (%): C, 89.58; H, 5.23, found: C, 88.76; H, 5.61.



9-(2,5-Difluorophenyl)-2,3,6,7-tetraphenyl-1,8-dioxapyrene (3d):

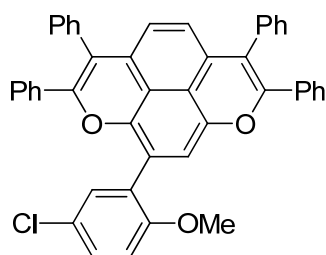
Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/dichloromethane = 6/1, v/v) afforded **3d** as a red solid (39 mg, 62% yield). M.p.: > 250 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 5.90 (s, 2H), 6.53 (s, 1H), 6.99-7.22 (m, 18H), 7.28-7.31 (m, 5H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 110.1, 115.1, 115.4, 115.5, 115.7, 115.8, 116.5, 116.6, 116.7, 116.8, 117.4, 117.5, 117.9, 118.1, 124.8, 124.9, 127.59, 127.62, 127.69, 127.73, 128.4, 128.49, 128.51, 128.7, 129.2, 129.3, 129.9, 130.3, 130.80, 130.83, 133.8, 134.1, 135.19, 135.22, 144.1, 147.0, 149.7, 150.0, 157.4 ppm. HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd for C₄₄H₂₇F₂O₂ [M+H]⁺ 625.1979, found 625.1979. Anal. Calcd for C₄₄H₂₆F₂O₂ (%): C, 84.59; H, 4.20, found: C, 84.51; H, 4.00.



9-(2-Methoxy-5-methylphenyl)-2,3,6,7-tetraphenyl-1,8-dioxapyrene (3e):

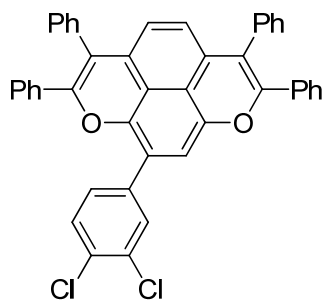
Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/dichloromethane = 4/1, v/v)

afforded **3e** as a red solid (36 mg, 57% yield). M.p.: > 250 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 2.34 (s, 3H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 5.81 (s, 2H), 6.59 (s, 1H), 6.86 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.98-7.16 (m, 13H), 7.20-7.25 (m, 4H), 7.27-7.34 (m, 5H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 20.6, 55.8, 107.3, 111.0, 111.4, 117.1, 117.3, 117.4, 117.5, 119.3, 125.7, 127.4, 127.5, 127.6, 127.7, 128.1, 128.35, 128.39, 128.7, 129.1, 129.26, 129.28, 129.5, 130.8, 130.9, 132.2, 134.1, 134.3, 135.4, 135.6, 143.8, 146.5, 147.0, 149.4, 150.0, 155.0 ppm. HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd for C₄₆H₃₃O₃ [M+H]⁺ 633.2430, found 633.2427. Anal. Calcd for C₄₆H₃₂O₃ (%): C, 87.31; H, 5.10, found: C, 86.89; H, 5.27.



9-(5-Chloro-2-methoxyphenyl)-2,3,6,7-tetraphenyl-1,8-dioxapyrene (3f):

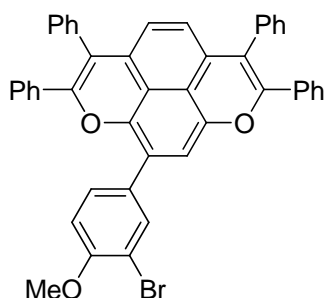
Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/dichloromethane = 4/1, v/v) afforded **3f** as a red solid (47 mg, 71% yield). M.p.: > 250 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 3.77 (s, 3H), 5.85 (s, 2H), 6.55 (s, 1H), 6.88 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.02-7.04 (m, 4H), 7.13-7.16 (m, 8H), 7.20-7.24 (m, 3H), 7.28-7.34 (m, 6H), 7.41 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 56.0, 110.9, 112.3, 117.35, 117.40, 117.5, 117.7, 117.8, 124.5, 124.7, 125.3, 127.5, 127.6, 127.7, 128.2, 128.36, 128.42, 128.5, 128.7, 129.1, 129.3, 129.9, 130.4, 130.78, 130.84, 131.4, 133.9, 134.2, 135.3, 135.4, 143.9, 146.6, 149.4, 150.0, 155.7 ppm. HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd for C₄₅H₃₀ClO₃ [M+H]⁺ 653.1883, found 653.1875. Anal. Calcd for C₄₅H₂₉ClO₃ (%): C, 82.80; H, 4.48, found: C, 82.36; H, 4.26.



9-(3,4-Dichlorophenyl)-2,3,6,7-tetraphenyl-1,8-dioxapyrene (3g):

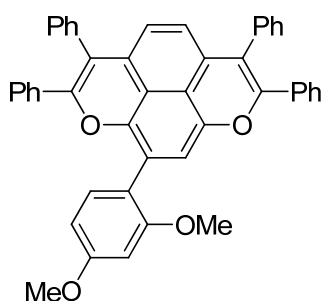
Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/dichloromethane = 6/1, v/v)

afforded **3g** as a red solid (40 mg, 61% yield). M.p.: > 250 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 5.90 (s, 2H), 6.58 (s, 1H), 7.08-7.25 (m, 15H), 7.28- 7.34 (m, 5H), 7.43 (s, 2H), 7.81 (s, 1H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 109.2, 117.3, 117.7, 117.9, 118.3, 119.2, 124.6, 125.0, 127.6, 127.7, 127.8, 128.3, 128.4, 128.5, 128.7, 129.2, 129.3, 129.9, 130.2, 130.3, 130.7, 130.8, 131.0, 132.2, 133.6, 133.9, 135.06, 135.07, 137.0, 143.6, 147.4, 149.2, 150.0 ppm. HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd for C₄₄H₂₇Cl₂O₂ [M+H]⁺ 657.1388, found 657.1384. Anal. Calcd for C₄₄H₂₆Cl₂O₂ (%): C, 80.47; H, 3.99, found: C, 80.40; H, 3.76.



9-(3-Bromo-4-methoxyphenyl)-2,3,6,7-tetraphenyl-1,8-dioxapyrene (3h):

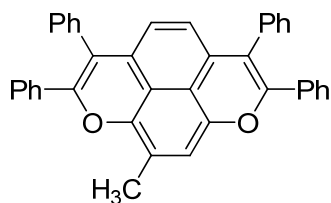
Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/dichloromethane = 6/1, v/v) afforded **3h** as a red solid (48 mg, 69% yield). M.p.: > 250 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 3.93 (s, 3H), 5.86 (s, 2H), 6.60 (s, 1H), 6.91 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.08-7.34 (m, 20H), 7.49 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.95 (s, 1H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 56.4, 100.1, 109.5, 111.3, 111.7, 117.3, 117.5, 117.6, 118.0, 120.2, 124.2, 125.1, 127.6, 127.7, 128.4, 128.47, 128.52, 128.7, 129.0, 129.1, 129.3, 129.9, 130.4, 130.79, 130.83, 133.8, 134.0, 134.1, 135.2, 135.3, 143.4, 147.3, 149.3, 150.0, 155.0 ppm. HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd for C₄₅H₃₀BrO₃ [M+H]⁺ 697.1378, found 697.1377. Anal. Calcd for C₄₅H₂₉BrO₃ (%): C, 77.57; H, 4.20, found: C, 77.63; H, 4.27.



9-(2,4-Dimethoxyphenyl)-2,3,6,7-tetraphenyl-1,8-dioxapyrene (3i):

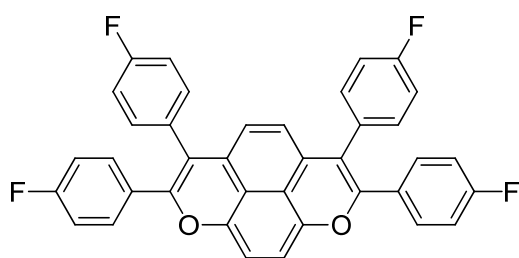
Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/dichloromethane = 2/1, v/v)

afforded **3i** as a red solid (31 mg, 47% yield). M.p.: > 250 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 5.80 (s, 2H), 6.54-6.56 (m, 3H), 7.01-7.02 (m, 4H), 7.06-7.15 (m, 8H), 7.20-7.33 (m, 9H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 55.5, 55.7, 98.7, 104.2, 111.6, 117.0, 117.3, 117.36, 117.42, 118.8, 119.0, 120.9, 124.1, 124.8, 127.4, 127.5, 127.6, 127.7, 128.1, 128.4, 128.7, 129.1, 129.3, 130.81, 130.85, 131.9, 134.1, 134.3, 135.4, 135.6, 143.9, 146.5, 149.4, 149.9, 158.0, 160.5 ppm. HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd for C₄₆H₃₂O₄ [M]⁺ 648.2301, found 648.2295. Anal. Calcd for C₄₆H₃₂O₄ (%): C, 85.15; H, 4.98, found: C, 84.24; H, 5.42.



9-Methyl-2,3,6,7-tetraphenyl-1,8-dioxapyrene (**3j**):

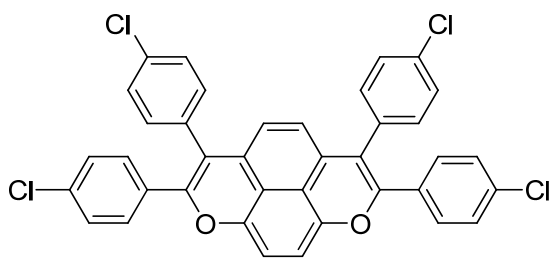
Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/dichloromethane = 6/1, v/v) afforded **3j** as a red solid (22 mg, 42% yield). M.p.: > 250 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 2.16 (s, 3H), 5.75 (s, 2H), 6.42 (s, 1H), 7.11-7.24 (m, 16H), 7.28-7.31 (m, 4H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 15.2, 111.1, 116.2, 117.2, 117.41, 117.45, 118.3, 123.1, 124.6, 127.4, 127.5, 127.7, 128.31, 128.34, 128.5, 128.7, 129.0, 129.2, 129.8, 129.9, 130.8, 134.3, 134.5, 135.4, 135.5, 137.9, 144.2, 146.5, 149.6, 149.9 ppm. HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd for C₃₉H₂₆O₂ [M]⁺ 526.1933, found 526.1943. Anal. Calcd for C₃₉H₂₆O₂ (%): C, 88.94; H, 4.98, found: C, 88.40; H, 5.05.



2,3,6,7-Tetra(4-fluorophenyl)-1,8-dioxapyrene (**3k**):

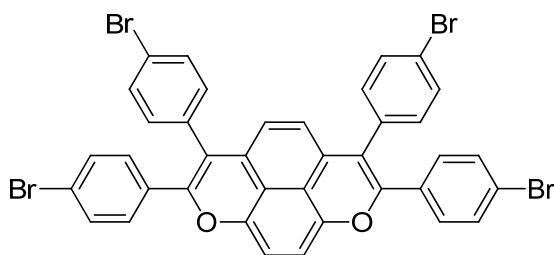
Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/dichloromethane = 6/1, v/v) afforded **3k** as a red solid (26 mg, 45% yield). M.p.: > 250 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 5.78 (s, 2H), 6.47 (s, 2H), 6.82-6.86 (m, 4H), 6.98-7.02 (m, 4H), 7.06-7.09 (m, 4H), 7.14-7.18 (m, 4H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 108.8, 114.8, 115.0, 116.3, 116.5, 117.1, 124.7, 129.8, 130.0, 130.1, 130.6, 130.7, 130.90, 130.94, 132.5, 132.6, 147.0, 149.6, 161.0, 161.3, 163.5, 163.8

ppm. HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd for C₃₈H₂₁F₄O₂ [M+H]⁺ 585.1478, found 585.1469.



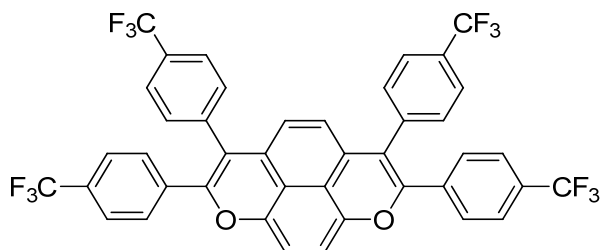
2,3,6,7-Tetra(4-chlorophenyl)-1,8-dioxapyrene (3l):

Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/dichloromethane = 6/1, v/v) afforded **3l** as a red solid (36 mg, 55% yield). M.p.: > 250 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 5.77 (s, 2H), 6.46 (s, 2H), 7.04 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 4H), 7.08-7.14 (m, 8H), 7.28 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 4H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 108.9, 116.6, 117.2, 124.7, 128.2, 129.66, 129.69, 130.0, 132.16, 132.22, 133.4, 133.8, 134.6, 147.0, 149.4 ppm. HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd for C₃₈H₂₁Cl₄O₂ [M+H]⁺ 649.0296, found 649.0301. Anal. Calcd for C₃₈H₂₀Cl₄O₂ (%): C, 70.37; H, 3.11, found: C, 70.16; H, 3.18.



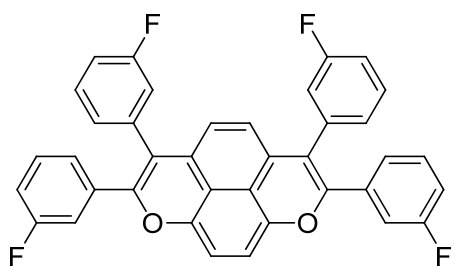
2,3,6,7-Tetra(4-bromophenyl)-1,8-dioxapyrene (3m):

Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/dichloromethane = 7/1, v/v) afforded **3m** as a red solid (42 mg, 51% yield). M.p.: > 250 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 5.76 (s, 2H), 6.46 (s, 2H), 6.98 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 4H), 7.03 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 4H), 7.29 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 4H), 7.44 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 4H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 108.9, 116.7, 117.2, 121.9, 122.9, 124.7, 129.6, 130.2, 131.2, 132.5, 132.7, 133.8, 147.0, 149.4 ppm. HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd for C₃₈H₂₁Br₄O₂ [M+H]⁺ 824.8275, found 824.8272. Anal. Calcd for C₃₈H₂₀Br₄O₂ (%): C, 55.35; H, 2.45, found: C, 55.21; H, 2.26.



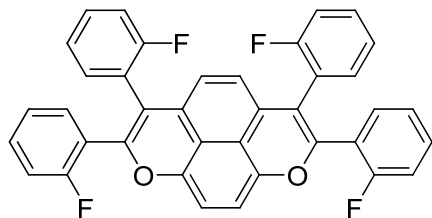
2,3,6,7-Tetra(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-1,8-dioxapyrene (3n):

Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/dichloromethane = 8/1, v/v) afforded **3n** as a red solid (41 mg, 52% yield). M.p.: > 250 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 5.74 (s, 2H), 6.52 (s, 2H), 7.24-7.29 (m, 8H), 7.42 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 4H), 7.58 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 4H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 109.2, 117.6, 122.5, 122.7, 124.8, 124.97, 125.01, 125.2, 125.4, 126.4, 126.5, 128.9, 129.6, 130.2, 130.5, 130.6, 130.9, 131.2, 136.9, 138.5, 147.0, 149.4 ppm. HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd for C₄₂H₂₁F₁₂O₂ [M+H]⁺ 785.1350, found 785.1349. Anal. Calcd for C₄₂H₂₀F₁₂O₂ (%): C, 64.28; H, 2.57, found: C, 64.04; H, 3.01.



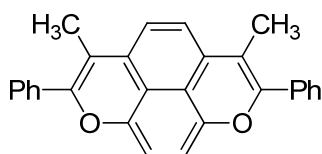
2,3,6,7-Tetra(3-fluorophenyl)-1,8-dioxapyrene (3o):

Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/dichloromethane = 6/1, v/v) afforded **3o** as a red solid (25 mg, 43% yield). M.p.: > 250 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 5.80 (s, 2H), 6.49 (s, 2H), 6.84-7.00 (m, 12H), 7.07-7.13 (m, 2H), 7.28-7.32 (m, 2H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 108.9, 114.9, 115.1, 115.4, 115.7, 115.9, 117.0, 117.1, 117.4, 117.5, 117.7, 124.41, 124.44, 124.8, 126.47, 126.50, 129.3, 129.4, 129.6, 130.9, 131.0, 135.7, 135.8, 137.0, 137.1, 147.0, 149.1, 149.2, 161.1, 162.3, 163.5, 164.7 ppm. HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd for C₃₈H₂₁F₄O₂ [M+H]⁺ 585.1478, found 585.1477. Anal. Calcd for C₃₈H₂₀F₄O₂ (%): C, 78.06; H, 3.45, found: C, 77.19; H, 3.21.



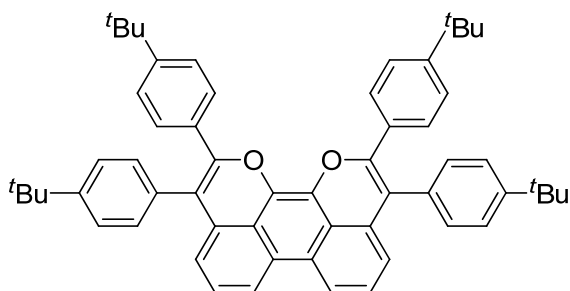
2,3,6,7-Tetra(2-fluorophenyl)-1,8-dioxapyrene (3p):

Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/dichloromethane = 5/1, v/v) afforded **3p** as an orange-red solid (24 mg, 41% yield). M.p.: > 250 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 5.74 (s, 2H), 6.43 (s, 2H), 6.89-7.00 (m, 8H), 7.05-7.08 (m, 2H), 7.14-7.28 (m, 6H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 108.9, 114.16, 114.22, 115.57, 115.64, 115.7, 115.8, 115.86, 115.92, 116.8, 122.0, 122.1, 122.3, 123.78, 123.82, 124.3, 124.35, 124.38, 125.0, 128.7, 129.77, 129.85, 131.0, 131.1, 132.43, 147.4, 147.6, 158.7, 159.6, 161.2, 162.0 ppm. HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd for C₃₈H₂₁F₄O₂ [M+H]⁺ 585.1478, found 585.1470. Anal. Calcd for C₃₈H₂₀F₄O₂ (%): C, 78.06; H, 3.45, found: C, 77.75; H, 3.26.



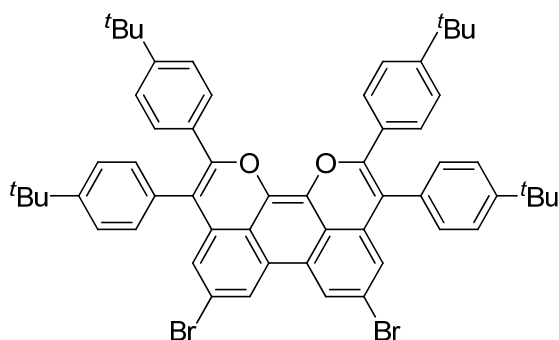
3,6-Dimethyl-2,7-diphenyl-1,8-dioxapyrene (3q):

Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/dichloromethane = 7/1, v/v) afforded **3q** as a red solid (18 mg, 46% yield). M.p.: 204-205 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 1.80 (s, 6H), 6.38 (s, 2H), 6.42 (s, 2H), 7.36-7.44 (m, 6H), 7.50-7.52 (m, 4H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 13.3, 108.3, 109.0, 115.0, 124.3, 128.3, 128.9, 129.1, 129.4, 134.8, 146.9, 150.1 ppm. HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd for C₂₈H₂₀O₂ [M]⁺ 388.1463, found 388.1456. Anal. Calcd for C₂₈H₂₀O₂ (%): C, 86.57; H, 5.19, found: C, 86.47; H, 5.16.



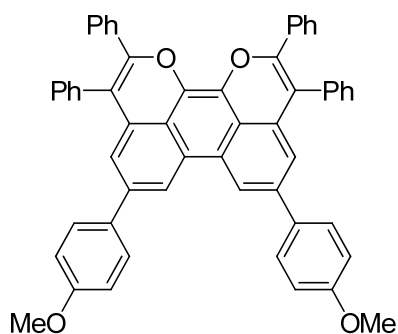
2,3,10,11-Tetra(4-tert-butylphenyl)-1,12-dioxapyrene (5a):

Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/dichloromethane = 6/1, v/v) afforded **5a** as an orange solid (47 mg, 59% yield). M.p.: > 250 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 1.29 (s, 18H), 1.40 (s, 18H), 6.65 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.17-7.21 (m, 6H), 7.25-7.27 (m, 4H), 7.35 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 4H), 7.46 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 4H), 7.96 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 31.3, 31.6, 34.7, 34.8, 115.9, 118.7, 120.2, 123.2, 124.5, 124.7, 125.5, 126.2, 128.5, 130.9, 131.6, 132.0, 132.4, 133.1, 148.1, 150.7, 151.2 ppm. HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd for C₅₈H₅₉O₂ [M+H]⁺ 787.4515, found 787.4514. Anal. Calcd for C₅₈H₅₈O₂ (%): C, 88.50; H, 7.43, found: C, 88.00; H, 7.45.



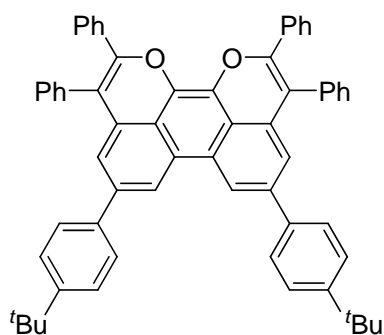
5,8-Bibromo-2,3,10,11-tetra(4-*tert*-butylphenyl)-1,12-dioxaperylene (5b):

Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/dichloromethane = 8/1, v/v) afforded **5b** as an orange solid (48 mg, 50% yield). M.p.: > 250 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 1.27 (s, 18H), 1.39 (s, 18H), 6.73 (s, 2H), 7.16-7.22 (m, 8H), 7.26-7.29 (m, 4H), 7.45 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 4H), 8.01 (s, 2H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 31.3, 31.6, 34.7, 34.8, 115.1, 120.7, 121.6, 122.1, 122.4, 124.6, 124.8, 126.5, 128.6, 130.6, 131.0, 132.1, 132.6, 134.2, 149.5, 151.1, 151.8 ppm. HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd for C₅₈H₅₇Br₂O₂ [M+H]⁺ 943.2725, found 943.2719. Anal. Calcd for C₅₈H₅₇Br₂O₂ (%): C, 73.86; H, 5.99, found: C, 73.56; H, 6.00.



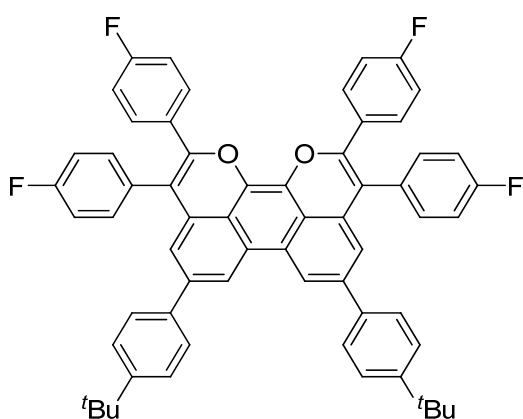
5,8-Bi(4-methoxyphenyl)-2,3,10,11-tetraphenyl-1,12-dioxaperylene (5c):

Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/dichloromethane = 1/1, v/v) afforded **5c** as an orange solid (55 mg, 71% yield). M.p.: > 250 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 3.84 (s, 6H), 6.89 (s, 2H), 6.96 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 4H), 7.20-7.26 (m, 6H), 7.37-7.48 (m, 18H), 8.25 (s, 2H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 55.5, 114.4, 116.6, 118.2, 118.4, 122.4, 125.3, 127.75, 127.85, 128.4, 128.5, 128.9, 129.4, 131.4, 132.2, 132.4, 134.2, 134.4, 135.9, 138.2, 148.9, 159.3 ppm. HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd for C₅₆H₃₉O₄ [M+H]⁺ 775.2848, found 775.2845.



5,8-Bi(4-tert-butylphenyl)-2,3,10,11-tetraphenyl-1,12-dioxaperylene (5d):

Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/dichloromethane = 3/1, v/v) afforded **5d** as a yellow solid (51 mg, 61% yield). M.p.: > 250 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 1.35 (s, 18H), 6.93 (s, 2H), 7.18-7.22 (m, 6H), 7.36-7.51 (m, 22H), 8.30 (s, 2H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 31.5, 34.7, 116.6, 118.4, 118.9, 125.3, 125.9, 127.1, 127.76, 127.85, 128.5, 128.9, 129.4, 131.4, 132.2, 132.5, 134.4, 135.9, 138.6, 138.9, 140.7, 148.9, 150.5 ppm. HRMS (ESI⁺): calcd for C₆₂H₅₁O₂ [M+H]⁺ 827.3889, found 827.3885.



5,8-Bi(4-tert-butylphenyl)-2,3,10,11-tetra(4-fluorophenyl)-1,12-dioxaperylene (5e):

Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/dichloromethane = 4/1, v/v) afforded **5e** as an orange-yellow solid (47 mg, 52% yield). M.p.: > 250 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 1.36 (s, 18H), 6.88-6.92 (m, 6H), 7.11-7.15 (m, 4H), 7.28-7.36 (m, 8H), 7.45-7.51 (m,

8H), 8.30 (s, 2H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 31.5, 34.7, 114.9, 115.1, 115.6, 116.6, 116.8, 118.4, 119.1, 122.4, 125.4, 126.0, 127.0, 130.2, 130.3, 130.76, 130.84, 131.48, 131.52, 131.8, 132.3, 133.0, 133.1, 138.6, 138.7, 148.4, 150.7, 161.2, 161.4, 163.7, 163.9 ppm. HRMS (ESI^+): calcd for $\text{C}_{62}\text{H}_{47}\text{F}_4\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 899.3512, found 899.3510. Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{62}\text{H}_{46}\text{F}_4\text{O}_2$ (%): C, 82.82; H, 5.16, found: C, 81.85; H, 5.01.

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XI. Copies of ^1H and ^{13}C NMR Spectra

