

Supporting Information

Intramolecular benzoallene–alkyne cycloaddition initiated by site-selective S_N2' reaction of epoxytetracene en route to π -extended pyracylene

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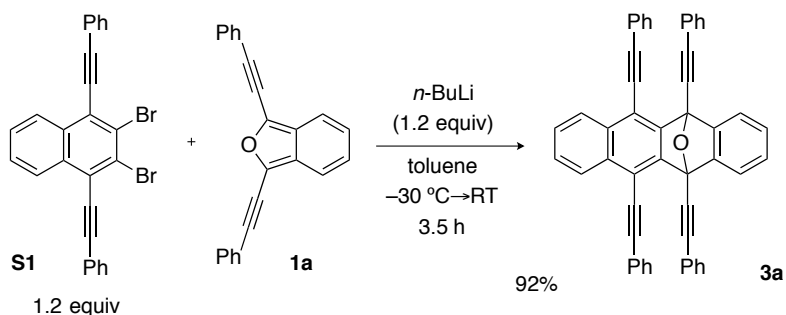
1. General

All experiments dealing with air- and moisture-sensitive compounds were conducted under an atmosphere of dry argon. THF (anhydrous; Wako Pure Chemical Industries, Ltd.) and toluene (anhydrous; Wako Pure Chemical Industries, Ltd.) were used as received.

For thin-layer chromatography (TLC) analysis, Merck pre-coated plates (silica gel 60 F₂₅₄, Art 5715, 0.25 mm) were used. For flash column chromatography, silica gel 60 N (spherical, neutral, 63–210 μm) from Kanto Chemical was used. Silica gel preparative TLC (PTLC) was performed on Merck silica gel 60 PF₂₅₄ (Art 7749).

¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR were measured on a JEOL JNM ECA-300 and a JEOL JNM ECX-500II spectrometer. Attenuated Total Reflectance Fourier Transformation Infrared (ATR-FTIR) spectra were recorded on a JASCO FT/IR-4200 infrared spectrometer. UV-VIS spectra were recorded on a JASCO V-630 spectrophotometer. High resolution mass spectra were obtained with a JEOL The AccuTOF LC-plus JMS-T100LP and Bruker micrOTOF. Cyclic voltammetry (CV) were recorded on a ALS/CH Instruments Electrochemical Analyzer Model 620D. Melting points (Mp) were measured on an OptiMelt Automated Melting Point System from Stanford research systems and are uncorrected. Preparative gel permeation chromatography (GPC) was performed on a recycling preparative HPLC (JAI LC-9225 NEXT equipped with JAIGEL-3H and JAIGEL-2.5H columns; Japan Analytical Industry Co. Ltd.).

2. Synthesis of epoxytetracene^[S1]



To a mixture of dibromonaphthalene **S1** (233 mg, 0.479 mmol) and isobenzofuran **1a** (127 mg, 0.399 mmol) in toluene (8.0 mL) was added *n*-BuLi (1.60 M in hexane, 0.30 mL, 0.48 mmol) at –30 °C. After gradual warming to room temperature for 3.5 h, the reaction was quenched by an addition of H₂O and the products were extracted with EtOAc (×3). The combined extracts were washed with brine, and dried over Na₂SO₄. Concentration and purification by silica-gel column chromatography (hexane/acetone = 95/5→80/20) afforded epoxytetracene **3a** (236 mg, 92%) as a light brown solid.

Mp 228 °C (dec);

R_f 0.28 (hexane/EtOAc = 9/1);

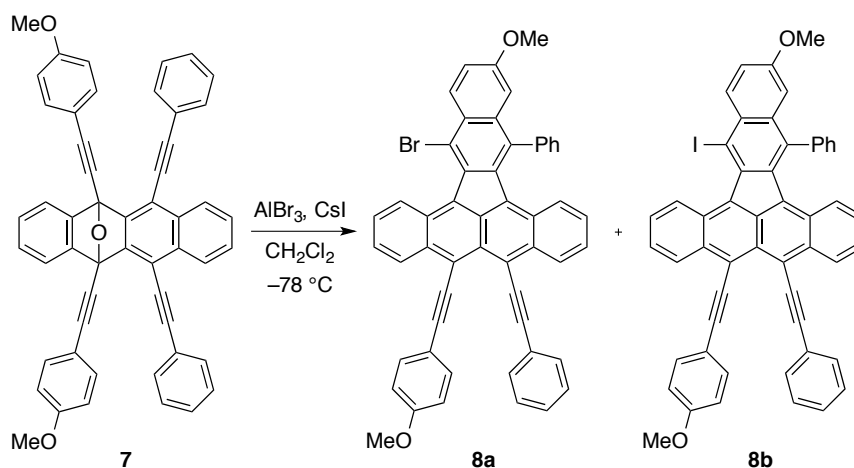
¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz) 7.19–7.26 (m, 10H), 7.28–7.34 (m, 4H), 7.48–7.53 (m, 8H), 7.60–7.64 (m, 2H), 7.64–7.68 (m, 2H), 8.43–8.47 (m, 2H);

¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz) 81.1, 82.2, 83.3, 91.8, 101.1, 114.1, 120.3, 122.0, 123.0, 126.6, 127.4, 127.7, 128.1, 128.2, 128.6, 129.0, 131.8, 132.3, 132.5, 144.5, 147.2;

IR (ATR, cm⁻¹) 3055, 2245, 1599, 1490, 1442, 1373, 1322, 1170, 1069, 1025, 967, 925, 898, 749, 685;

HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₅₀H₂₉O [M+H]⁺ 645.2218; found 645.2230.

3. Lewis acid-promoted cascade reaction of epoxytetracene



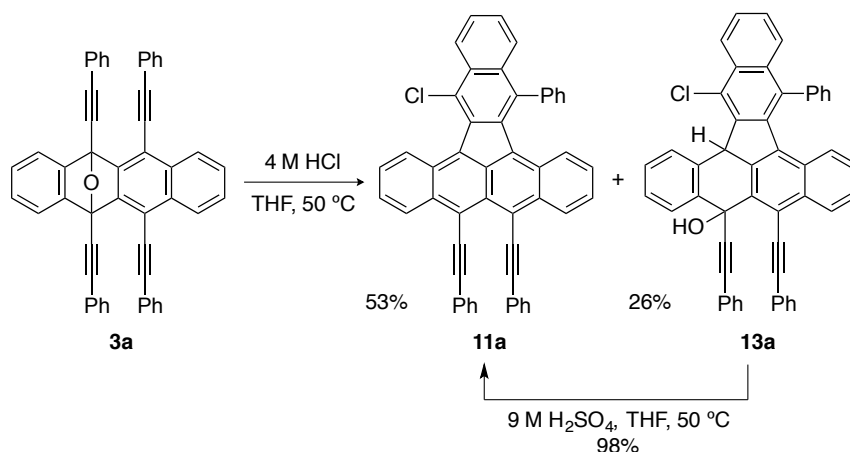
To a mixture of epoxytetracene **7** (141 mg, 0.200 mmol) and CsI (217 mg, 0.0835 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (10 mL) was added AlBr_3 (1.0 M in dibromomethane, 0.40 mL, 0.40 mmol) at -78°C . After 5 min, the reaction was stopped by adding sat. aq. NaHCO_3 . The mixture was filtered through Celite[®] pad, which was washed with CH_2Cl_2 . The products were extracted with CH_2Cl_2 ($\times 3$), and the combined extracts were washed with brine, dried (Na_2SO_4), and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by silica-gel flash column chromatography (hexane/toluene = 40/60) to give products, which was further purified by PTLC (hexane/toluene = 30/70) and gel permeation chromatography (CHCl_3) to afford a mixture of bromo-benzoindenotetracene **8a** and iodo-benzoindenotetracene **8b** (2.6 mg) as dark green solids. Recrystallization of benzoindenotetracene **8** from benzene gave bromo-benzoindenotetracene **8a** as a green needle.

^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) 3.81 (s), 3.82 (s), 6.72–6.79 (m), 7.21–7.37 (m), 7.45–7.64 (m), 8.44 (d, $J = 9.2$ Hz), 8.52–8.56 (m), 8.71–8.96 (m);

^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 125 MHz) 55.3, 55.36, 55.42, 88.3, 89.3, 106.9, 107.5, 108.0, 113.8, 116.1, 117.6, 118.2, 118.4, 118.6, 119.4, 119.7, 123.9, 125.0, 125.1, 125.3, 125.5, 125.9, 126.0, 126.5, 126.6, 127.1, 127.77, 127.83, 128.13, 128.19, 128.22, 128.3, 128.6, 128.9, 129.2, 130.0, 121.7, 131.9, 132.2, 132.3, 133.2, 134.1, 134.7, 134.8, 135.0, 135.1, 135.4, 136.5, 136.7, 136.8, 138.0, 139.2, 139.7, 140.0, 140.1, 158.7, 159.7;

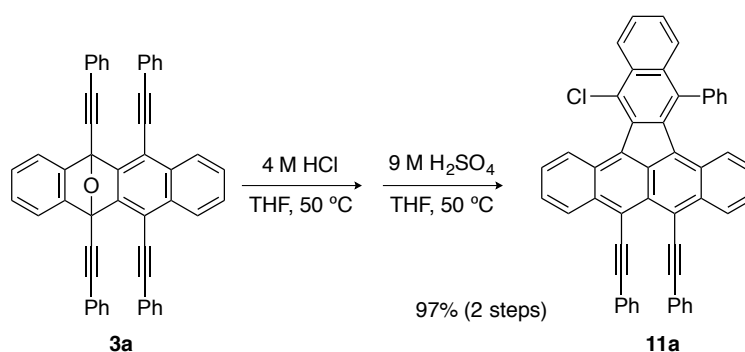
HRMS (MALDI, dithranol matrix) calcd for $\text{C}_{52}\text{H}_{31}\text{O}_2\text{Br}$ $[\text{M}]^+$ 766.1502; found 766.1492, calcd for $\text{C}_{52}\text{H}_{31}\text{O}_2\text{I}$ $[\text{M}]^+$ 814.1357; found 814.1363.

4. Synthesis of halogenated benzoindenotetracenes



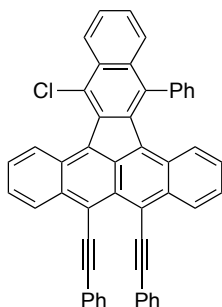
To a solution of epoxytetracene **3a** (308 mg, 0.478 mmol) in THF (4.8 mL) was added 4 M aqueous HCl (1.2 mL). After stirring at 50 °C for 10 h, the reaction was carefully quenched by an addition of sat. aq. NaHCO₃. The products were extracted with EtOAc (×3) and the combined extracts were washed by brine, and dried over Na₂SO₄. Concentration and purification by silica-gel column chromatography (hexane/acetone = 95/5) afforded chloro-benzoindenotetracene **11a** (158 mg, 53%) as a deep-blue solid and alcohol **13a** (87.9 mg, 26%) as colorless amorphous solid.

To a solution of alcohol **13a** (21.6 mg, 0.0317 mmol) in THF (1.6 mL) was added 9 M aqueous H₂SO₄ (0.4 mL). After stirring at 50 °C for 2 h, the reaction was carefully quenched by an addition of sat. aq. NaHCO₃. The products were extracted with EtOAc (×3) and the combined extracts were washed by brine, and dried over Na₂SO₄. Concentration and purification by silica-gel column chromatography (hexane/acetone = 9/1) afforded chloro-benzoindenotetracene **11a** (20.6 mg, 98%) as a deep-blue solid.



To a solution of epoxytetracene **3a** (27.0 mg, 0.0419 mmol) in THF (0.4 mL) was added 4 M aqueous HCl (0.1 mL). After stirring at 50 °C for 6 h, the reaction was carefully quenched by an addition of sat. aq. NaHCO₃. The products were extracted with EtOAc (×3) and the combined extracts were washed by brine, and dried over Na₂SO₄. After concentration, the residue was then dissolved in THF (1.6 mL). To the mixture was added 9 M aqueous H₂SO₄ (0.4 mL) and stirred at 50 °C for 3 h. After the completion of the reaction, the mixture was carefully quenched by an addition of sat. aq. NaHCO₃. The products were extracted with EtOAc (×3) and the combined extracts were washed by brine, and dried over Na₂SO₄. Concentration and purification by silica-gel column chromatography

(hexane/acetone = 9/1→8/2) afforded chloro-benzoindenetetracene **11a** (27.0 mg, 97%) as a deep-blue solid.



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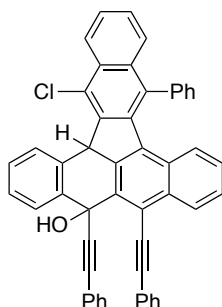
R_f 0.43 (hexane/acetone = 9/1);

^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) 6.79 (ddd, 1H, $J = 9.2, 6.3, 1.1$ Hz), 7.18–7.35 (m, 8H), 7.48–7.68 (m, 13H), 7.99 (d, 1H, $J = 8.6$ Hz), 8.63 (d, 1H, $J = 8.6$ Hz), 8.82 (d, 1H, $J = 8.6$ Hz), 8.86 (d, 1H, $J = 8.0$ Hz), 8.98 (d, 1H, $J = 8.0$ Hz);

^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) 89.2, 89.3, 107.0, 107.3, 119.3, 119.8, 123.8, 125.18, 125.24, 125.3, 125.9, 126.0, 126.1, 126.3, 126.4, 126.8, 127.0, 127.3, 127.7, 127.9, 128.0, 128.1, 128.21, 128.23, 128.27, 128.6, 129.1, 131.6, 131.7, 131.8, 132.2, 132.3, 133.3, 133.5, 134.7, 136.6, 136.8, 136.9, 138.4, 139.8;

IR (ATR, cm^{-1}) 3058, 2922, 2187, 1488, 1441, 1396, 1326, 1270, 1181, 1071, 1024, 948, 899, 862, 749, 687;

HRMS (MALDI, TCNQ matrix) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{50}\text{H}_{27}\text{Cl}$ $[\text{M}]^+$: 662.1796; found: 662.1809.



R_f 0.27 (hexane/acetone = 9/1);

^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) 5.79 (s, 2H), 6.83–6.86 (m, 1H), 6.97 (d, 1H, $J = 8.6$ Hz), 7.21–7.42 (m, 10H), 7.44–7.78 (m, 11H), 7.98 (d, 1H, $J = 8.6$ Hz), 8.17 (d, 1H, $J = 8.0, 1.2$ Hz), 8.54–8.58 (m, 2H);

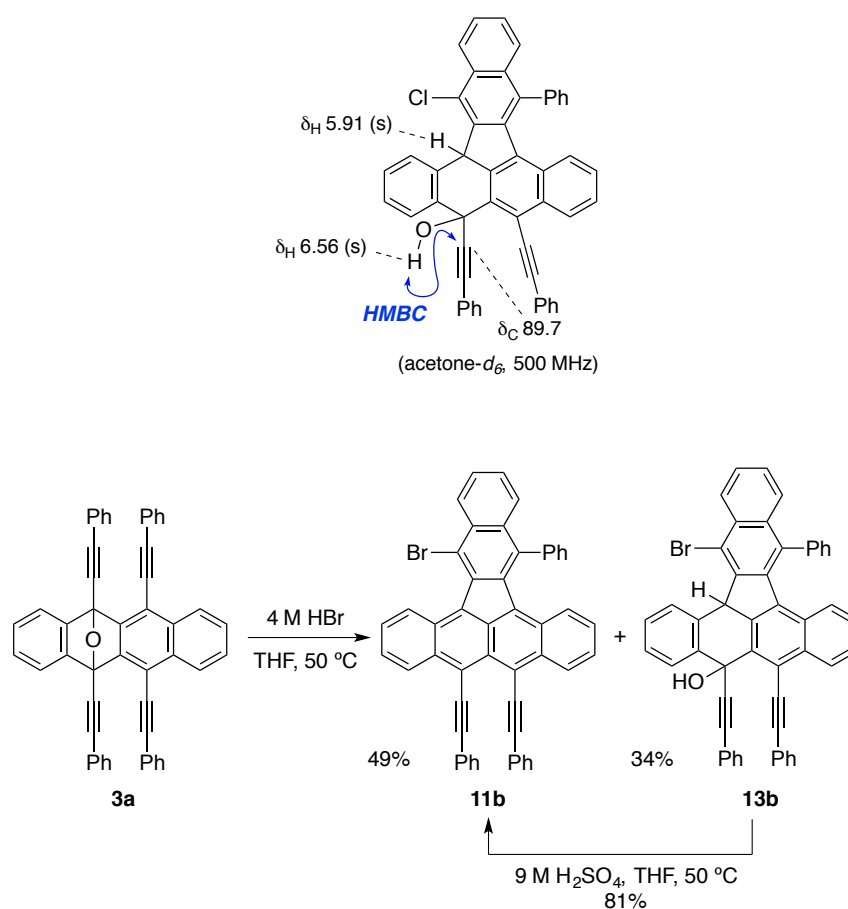
^1H NMR (500 MHz, acetone- d_6) 5.91 (s, 1H), 6.56 (s, 1H), 6.77–6.82 (m, 1H), 6.93–6.97 (m, 1H), 7.24–7.65 (m, 18H), 7.72–7.76 (m, 1H), 7.79–7.82 (m, 2H), 7.91 (d, 1H, $J = 8.6$ Hz), 8.20 (dd, 1H, $J = 8.1, 1.2$ Hz), 8.51 (d, 1H, $J = 8.6$ Hz), 8.69 (d, 1H, $J = 8.6$ Hz);

^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) 48.5, 70.0, 83.4, 85.6, 88.6, 103.5, 115.4, 122.2, 122.3, 124.1, 124.3, 125.56, 125.6, 125.7, 126.3, 126.4, 126.7, 126.9, 127.1, 127.2, 127.6, 127.8, 128.1, 128.2, 128.5, 128.7, 128.8, 129.1, 129.3, 129.5, 130.3, 131.6, 131.9, 132.2, 132.6, 134.2, 134.5, 134.9, 139.28, 139.33, 140.0, 140.3, 142.3, 143.1;

^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, acetone- d_6) 49.4, 70.8, 83.8, 87.1, 89.7, 103.4, 117.7, 121.2, 123.0, 124.4, 124.6, 125.1, 126.2, 126.5, 126.8, 127.1, 127.4, 127.6, 127.95, 127.99, 128.3, 128.6, 129.3, 129.4, 129.5, 129.6, 129.7, 129.9, 130.0, 131.0, 132.39, 132.41, 132.8, 132.9, 133.2, 133.6, 134.6, 135.36, 135.42, 135.9, 140.3, 140.7, 140.96, 141.11, 144.4, 144.8;

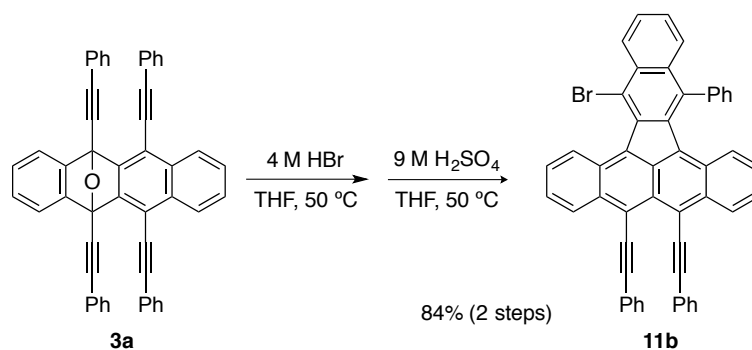
IR (ATR, cm^{-1}) 3437, 3065, 2204, 1706, 1598, 1490, 1354, 1219, 1119, 1067, 947, 751, 687, 654;

HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $C_{50}H_{28}ClO$ $[M-H]^+$: 679.1834; found: 679.1858.

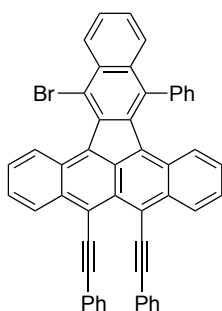


To a solution of epoxytetracene **3a** (26.1 mg, 0.0405 mmol) in THF (0.8 mL) was added 4 M aqueous HBr (0.2 mL). After stirring at 50 °C for 4 h, the reaction was carefully quenched by an addition of sat. aq. NaHCO₃. The products were extracted with EtOAc ($\times 3$) and the combined extracts were washed by brine, and dried over Na₂SO₄. Concentration and purification by preparative silica-gel column chromatography (hexane/acetone = 85/15) afforded bromo-benzoindenotetracene **11b** (14.1 mg, 49%) as a deep-blue solid and alcohol **13b** (10.0 mg, 34%) as colorless amorphous solid.

To a solution of alcohol **13b** (11.9 mg, 0.0164 mmol) in THF (1.6 mL) was added 9 M aqueous H₂SO₄ (0.4 mL). After stirring at 50 °C for 2 h, the reaction was carefully quenched by an addition of sat. aq. NaHCO₃. The products were extracted with EtOAc ($\times 3$) and the combined extracts were washed by brine, and dried over Na₂SO₄. Concentration and purification by silica-gel column chromatography (hexane/acetone = 9/1) afforded bromo-benzoindenotetracene **11b** (9.4 mg, 81%) as a deep-blue solid.



To a solution of epoxytetracene **3a** (256 mg, 0.397 mmol) in THF (9.0 mL) was added 4 M aqueous HBr (1.0 mL). After stirring at 50 °C for 4 h, the reaction was carefully quenched by an addition of sat. aq. NaHCO₃. The products were extracted with EtOAc (×3) and the combined extracts were washed by brine, and dried over Na₂SO₄. After concentration, the residue was then dissolved in THF (2.0 mL). To the mixture was added 9 M aqueous H₂SO₄ (0.5 mL) and stirred at 50 °C for 2 h. After completion of the reaction, the mixture was carefully quenched by an addition of sat. aq. NaHCO₃. The products were extracted with EtOAc (×3) and the combined extracts were washed by brine, and dried over Na₂SO₄. Concentration and purification by silica-gel column chromatography (hexane/acetone = 9/1) afforded bromo-benzoindenotetracene **11b** (235 mg, 84% over 2 steps) as a deep-blue solid.



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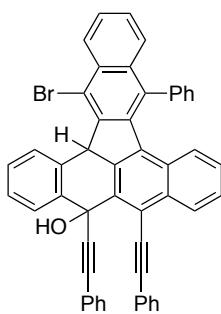
R_f 0.41 (hexane/acetone = 9/1);

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) 6.77 (ddd, 1H, *J* = 1.2, 6.3, 8.6 Hz), 7.18–7.33 (m, 8H), 7.47–7.66 (m, 13H), 7.95 (d, 1H, *J* = 7.5 Hz), 8.63 (dd, 1H, *J* = 1.2, 8.6 Hz), 8.79 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.6 Hz), 8.80 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.6 Hz), 8.96 (d, 1H, *J* = 9.2 Hz);

¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) 89.2, 89.3, 107.0, 107.4, 117.7, 119.4, 119.8, 123.8, 125.2, 125.6, 126.0, 126.5, 126.8, 127.5, 127.7, 127.9, 128.07, 128.15, 128.25, 128.5, 128.9, 128.9, 129.1, 131.7, 131.8, 132.3, 132.5, 133.0, 133.4, 135.1, 136.6, 136.9, 139.0, 139.7, 139.8;

IR (ATR, cm⁻¹) 3060, 2924, 2184, 1596, 1490, 1442, 1398, 1324, 1264, 1177, 1028, 908, 754, 688;

HRMS (MALDI, TCNQ matrix) *m/z* calcd for C₅₀H₂₇Br [M]⁺: 706.1291; found: 706.1282.



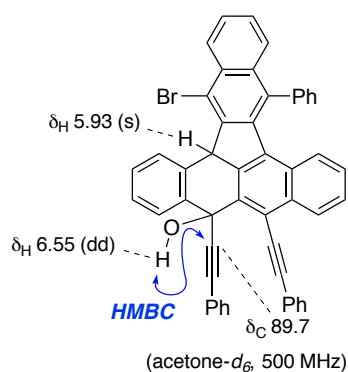
R_f 0.24 (hexane/acetone = 9/1);

^1H NMR (500 MHz, acetone- d_6) 5.93 (s, 1H), 6.55 (d, 1H, $J = 1.7$ Hz), 6.81–6.87 (m, 1H), 6.97–7.02 (m, 1H), 7.25–7.72 (m, 18H), 7.75–7.83 (m, 3H), 7.94 (dd, 1H, $J = 8.0, 7.5$ Hz), 8.19 (d, 1H, $J = 8.0$ Hz), 8.52–8.55 (m, 1H), 8.68–8.72 (m, 1H);

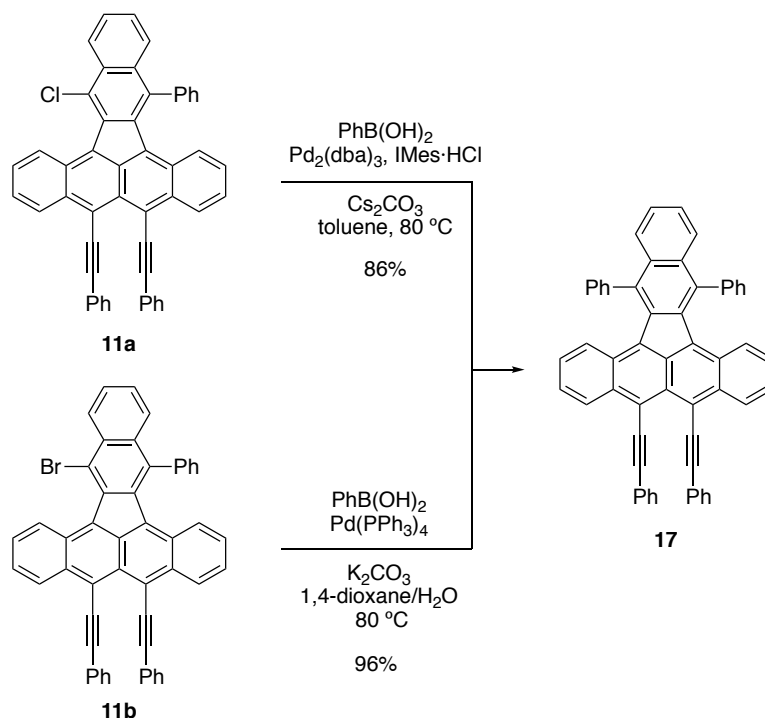
^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, acetone- d_6) 51.2, 70.9, 83.8, 87.1, 89.7, 103.4, 117.6, 122.3, 123.0, 124.4, 125.0, 125.2, 126.4, 126.5, 126.7, 126.8, 126.9, 127.1, 127.3, 127.45, 127.52, 127.7, 127.9, 128.4, 128.5, 129.3, 129.5, 129.7, 130.1, 132.2, 132.4, 132.7, 132.8, 133.0, 133.4, 134.6, 135.2, 135.9, 140.7, 140.9, 141.0, 142.9, 144.2, 144.9;

IR (ATR, cm^{-1}) 3516, 3064, 2246, 1597, 1490, 1442, 1322, 1121, 1068, 907, 754, 689;

HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{50}\text{H}_{28}\text{BrO}$ $[\text{M}-\text{H}]^-$: 723.1329; found: 723.1320.



5. Suzuki–Miyaura cross coupling of halogenated benzoindenotetracenes



To a mixture of chloro-benzoindenotetracene **11a** (17.1 mg, 0.0258 mmol), PhB(OH)_2 (11.0 mg, 0.0902 mmol), and Cs_2CO_3 (39.0 mg, 0.120 mmol) in 1,4-dioxane (1.5 mL) was added $\text{Pd}_2(\text{dba})_3 \cdot \text{CHCl}_3$ (3.1 mg, 2.99 μmol) and $\text{IMes} \cdot \text{HCl}$ (2.0 mg, 5.87 μmol). The mixture was evacuated and backfilled with argon ($\times 3$). After stirring at 80°C for 2 h, the mixture was filtered through Celite[®] pad. Purification by silica-gel column chromatography (hexane/ $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2 = 9/1 \rightarrow 8/2$) afforded diphenyl-benzoindenotetracene **17** (15.6 mg, 86%) as a deep-green solid.

To a mixture of bromo-benzoindenotetracene **11b** (9.0 mg, 0.0127 mmol), PhB(OH)_2 (6.2 mg, 0.0508 mmol), and K_2CO_3 (14.0 mg, 0.101 mmol) in 1,4-dioxane (0.8 mL) and H_2O (0.2 mL) was added $\text{Pd(PPh}_3)_4$ (1.5 mg, 1.29 μmol). The mixture was evacuated and backfilled with argon ($\times 3$). After stirring at 80°C for 2 h, the mixture was filtered through Celite[®] pad. Purification by silica-gel column chromatography (hexane/acetone = 85/15) afforded diphenyl-benzoindenotetracene **17** (8.6 mg, 96%) as a deep-green solid.

mp $>300^\circ\text{C}$;

R_f 0.42 (hexane/acetone = 9/1);

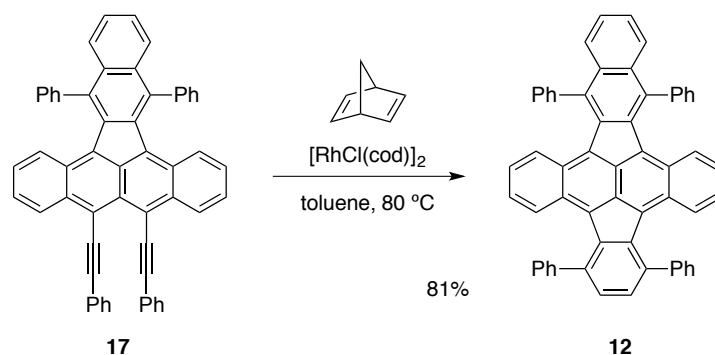
$^1\text{H NMR}$ (500 MHz, CDCl_3) 6.80 (ddd, 2H, $J = 9.2, 6.3, 1.1$ Hz), 7.17–7.26 (m, 6H), 7.33 (ddd, 2H, $J = 8.6, 6.3, 1.1$ Hz), 7.44–7.53 (m, 14H), 7.64–7.66 (m, 4H), 8.09–8.12 (m, 2H), 8.80 (d, 2H, $J = 8.6$ Hz);

$^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (125 MHz, CDCl_3) 89.4, 106.7, 118.6, 123.9, 124.8, 126.0, 126.1, 126.3, 126.4, 127.4, 127.5, 128.01, 128.07, 128.11, 129.0, 131.6, 132.5, 132.7, 133.3, 133.5, 135.3, 136.7, 137.9, 140.2;

IR (ATR, cm^{-1}) 3056, 2923, 2183, 1489, 1399, 1260, 1021, 799, 752, 688;

HRMS (MALDI, TCNQ matrix) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{56}\text{H}_{33}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 705.2577; found: 705.2553.

6. Synthesis of π -Extended Pyracylenes



To a mixture diyne **17** (36.3 mg, 0.0515 mmol) and $[\text{Rh}(\text{cod})\text{Cl}]_2$ (2.5 mg, 5.1 μmol) in toluene (2.5 mL) was added freshly distilled 2,5-norbornadiene (100 μL , 0.985 mmol). The mixture was degassed by bubbling argon for 5 min and then stirred at 80 °C for 24 h. After cooling to room temperature and the mixture was directly purified by silica-gel column chromatography (CS_2) to give π -extended pyracylene **12** (30.6 mg, 81%) as dark green solid.

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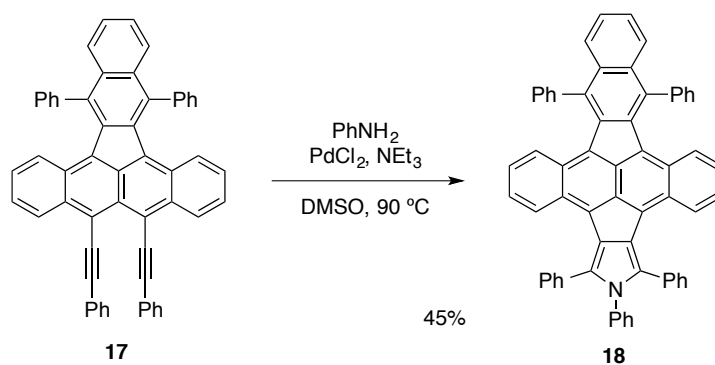
R_f 0.33 (hexane/ CH_2Cl_2 = 8/2);

^1H NMR (500 MHz, $\text{CS}_2/\text{CDCl}_3=5/1$) 6.40–6.45 (m, 4H), 6.90–6.94 (m, 4H), 7.24–7.40 (m, 10H), 7.42–7.47 (m, 2H), 7.49–7.54 (m, 8H), 7.59–7.62 (m, 4H), 7.71–7.75 (m, 2H);

^{13}C NMR could not be obtained due to the poor solubility in common organic solvents.

IR (ATR, cm^{-1}) 2921, 2851, 1731, 1575, 1464, 1377, 1260, 1073, 1023, 799, 761, 699;

HRMS (MALDI, DCTB matrix) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{58}\text{H}_{34}$ $[\text{M}]^+$: 730.2655; found: 730.2642.



A mixture of diyne **17** (25.5 mg, 0.036 mmol), aniline (16 μL , 0.18 mmol), NEt_3 (101 μL , 0.72 mmol), PdCl_2 (0.6 mg, 0.0036 mmol), DMSO (2.0 mL) was heated at 90 °C. After stirring for 8 h, the mixture was cooled at room temperature and diluted with CH_2Cl_2 and H_2O . The products were extracted with CH_2Cl_2 ($\times 3$) and the combined extracts were washed by brine, and dried over Na_2SO_4 . Concentration and purification by silica-gel column chromatography (hexane/ CH_2Cl_2 = 85/15) afforded pyrrole-fused π -extended pyracylene **18** (13.8 mg, 45%) as a dark green solid.

mp >300 °C;

R_f 0.43 (hexane/acetone = 8/2);

^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) 6.52–6.56 (m, 2H), 6.62–6.65 (m, 2H), 6.96–7.01 (m, 4H), 7.08–7.16 (m, 4H), 7.28–7.34 (m, 9H), 7.41–7.55 (m, 10H), 7.66–7.68 (m, 4H), 7.81–7.84 (m, 2H);

^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) 112.5, 117.1, 123.7, 124.4, 125.7, 127.4, 127.8, 128.0, 128.29, 128.32, 128.8, 129.03, 129.07, 129.2, 129.3, 129.4, 129.5, 130.8, 130.9, 131.5, 131.8, 132.4, 133.05, 133.07, 133.1, 134.7, 138.4, 140.1, 141.1;
IR (ATR, cm^{-1}) 2923, 2851, 1716, 1558, 1488, 1443, 1362, 1261, 1074, 1025, 761, 700;
HRMS (MALDI, TCNQ matrix) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{62}\text{H}_{37}\text{N}$ $[\text{M}]^+$: 795.2921; found: 795.2919.

7. UV–Vis Absorption Spectra

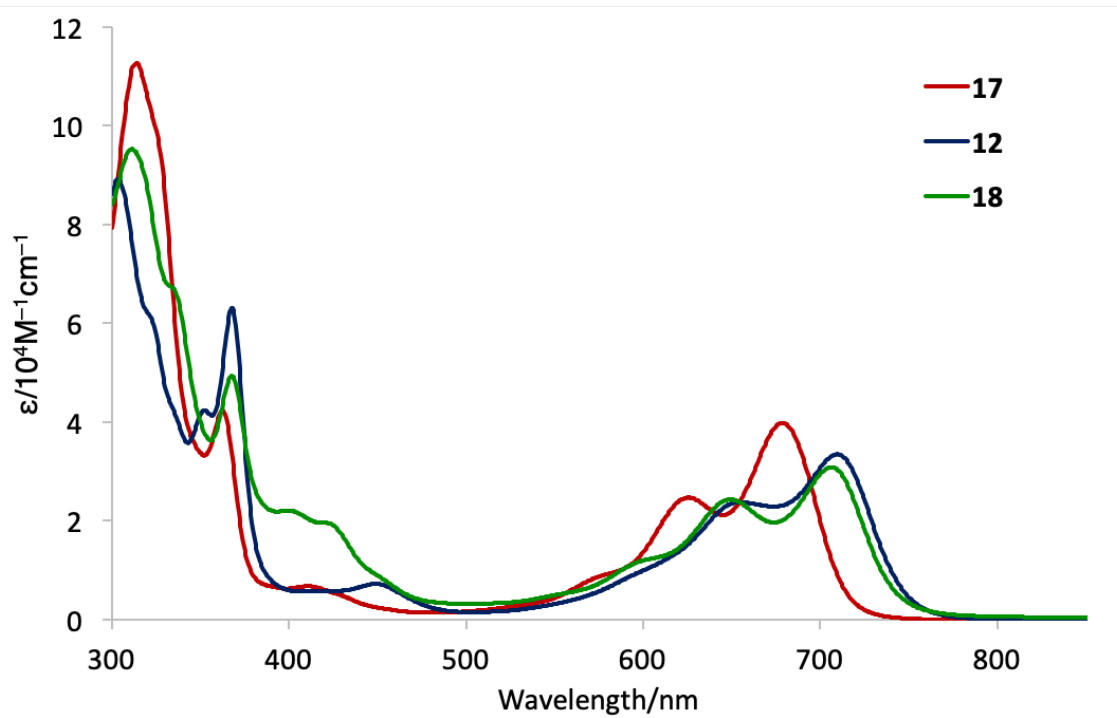


Figure S1. UV–Vis Absorption Spectra of **17** (red), **12** (blue), and **18** (green) in toluene (2×10^{-5} M).

compound	λ_{max} (nm)	$\log \epsilon$
17	679	4.60
12	710	4.52
18	707	4.49

8. Cyclic Voltammograms

The measurements were carried out in degassed THF (1.0 mM) with 0.1 M *n*-Bu₄NPF₆ as supporting electrolyte at room temperature. A glassy carbon was used as working electrode, platinum wire was used as counter electrode, and Ag/AgNO₃ was used as reference electrode. The scan rate is 100 mV/s. The potential was calibrated against the ferrocene/ferrocenium couple (Fc/Fc⁺).

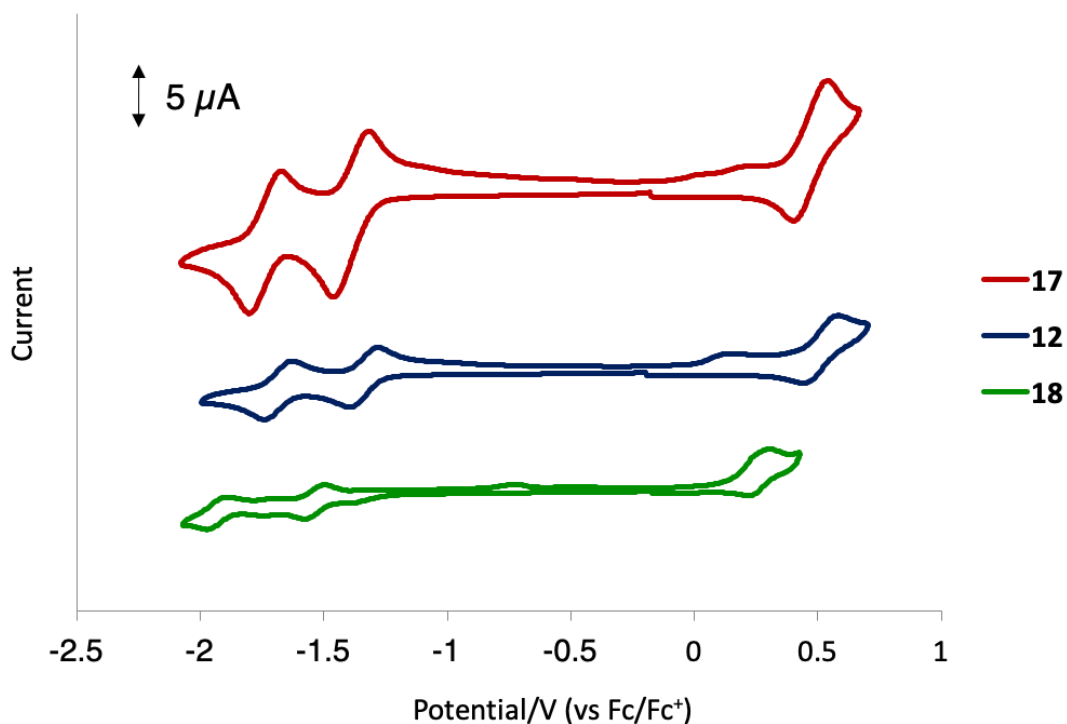


Figure S2. Cyclic voltammograms of **17** (red), **12** (blue), and **18** (green) in THF (1.0 mM).

compound	E_1^{red} (V)	E_2^{red} (V)	E^{ox} (V)	E_g^{elect} (V)	E_g^{opt} (V) ^[1]	HOMO (eV) ^[2]	LUMO (eV) ^[3]
17	-1.39	-1.74	+0.34	1.73	1.73	-5.14	-3.41
12	-1.34	-1.68	+0.31	1.65	1.66	-5.11	-3.46
18	-1.54	-1.93	+0.15	1.69	1.67	-4.95	-3.26

[1] Estimated from the onset of the UV/Vis absorption spectrum by using $E_g^{\text{opt}} = 1240/\lambda_{\text{onset}}$. [2] $E_{\text{HOMO}} = -(4.8 + E^{\text{ox}})$ eV. [3] $E_{\text{LUMO}} = -(4.8 + E_1^{\text{red}})$ eV.

9. X-ray crystallographic data

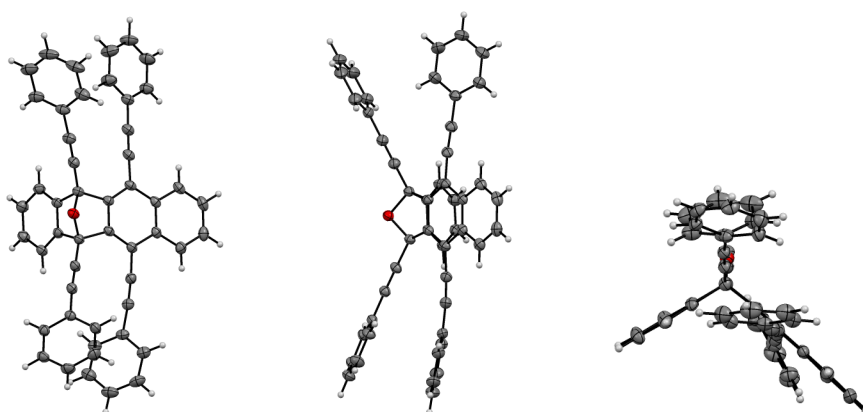


Figure S3. ORTEP drawings of **3a** at the 50% probability level (CCDC 1871871).

$C_{50}H_{28}O$, MW = 644.72, 0.50 x 0.20 x 0.20 mm, Triclinic, space group $P\bar{1}$, $Z = 2$, $T = 150(2)$ K, $a = 7.668(2)$ Å, $b = 14.882(4)$ Å, $c = 16.727(5)$ Å, $\alpha = 65.723(9)^\circ$, $\beta = 84.051(15)^\circ$, $\gamma = 77.710(14)^\circ$, $V = 1699.8(8)$ Å³, $\lambda(\text{Mo K}\alpha) = 0.71075$ Å, $\mu = 0.074$ mm⁻¹. Intensity data were collected on a Rigaku R-Axis RAPID II. The structure was solved by direct methods (*SHELXS97*) and refined by the full-matrix least-squares on F^2 (*SHELXL-2014/7*). A total of 18845 reflections were measured and 7611 were independent. Final $R_1 = 0.0501$, $wR_2 = 0.1159$ (5978 refs; $I > 2\sigma(I)$), and GOF = 1.079 (for all data, $R_1 = 0.0664$, $wR_2 = 0.1271$).

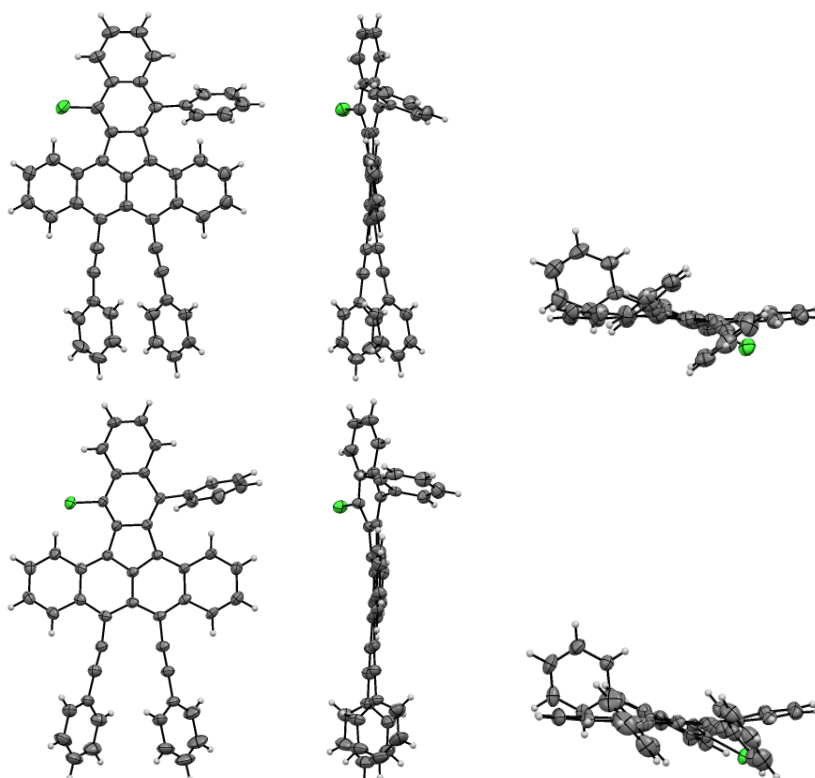


Figure S4. ORTEP drawings of **11a** (top: Mol-A, bottom: Mol-B) at the 50% probability level (CCDC 1871071).

$C_{50}H_{27}Cl$, MW = 663.16, 0.55 x 0.10 x 0.08 mm, Triclinic, space group $P\bar{1}$, $Z = 4$, $T = 200(2)$ K, $a = 10.264(5)$ Å, $b = 14.861(8)$ Å, $c = 24.721(11)$ Å, $\alpha = 92.409(6)^\circ$, $\beta = 91.727(7)^\circ$, $\gamma = 104.223(7)^\circ$, $V =$

3649(3) Å³, $\lambda(\text{Mo K}\alpha) = 0.71075 \text{ \AA}$, $\mu = 0.139 \text{ mm}^{-1}$. Intensity data were collected on a Rigaku R-AXIS RAPID II. The structure was solved by direct methods (*SHELXS97*) and refined by the full-matrix least-squares on F^2 (*SHELXL-2014/7*). A total of 42434 reflections were measured and 16719 were independent. Final $R_1 = 0.0666$, $wR_2 = 0.2024$ (11364 refs; $I > 2\sigma(I)$), and GOF = 1.070 (for all data, $R_1 = 0.0945$, $wR_2 = 0.2493$).

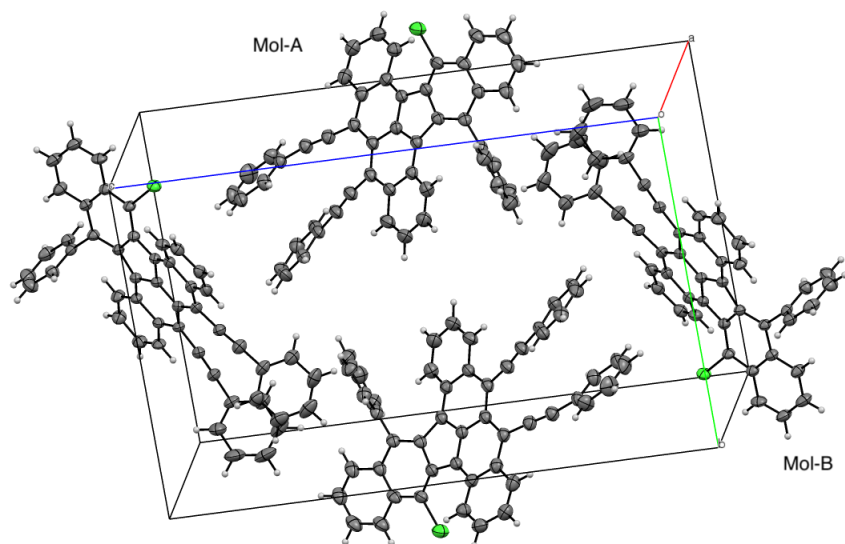


Figure S5. Packing structure of **11a** at the 50% probability level (CCDC 1871071).

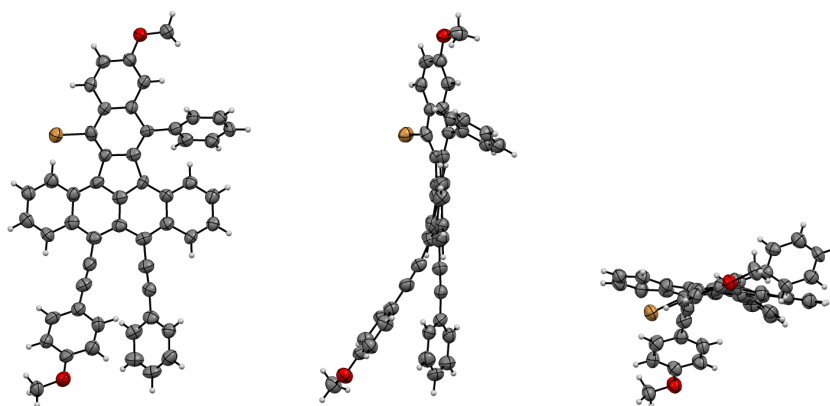
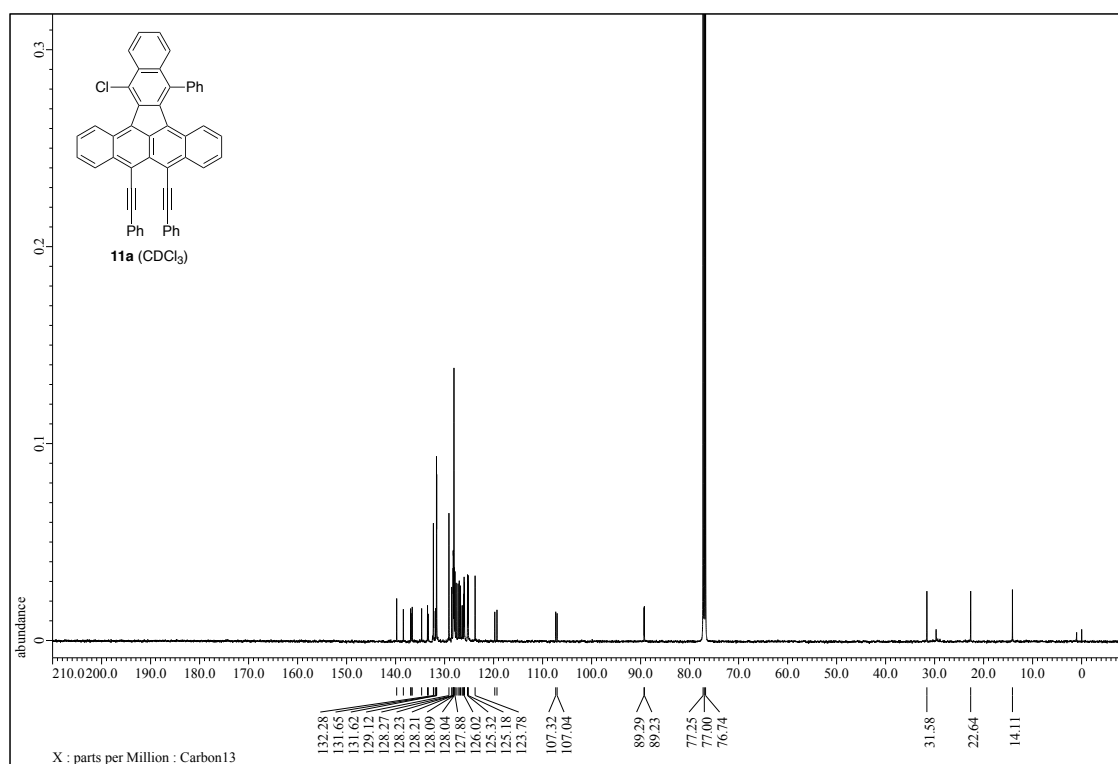
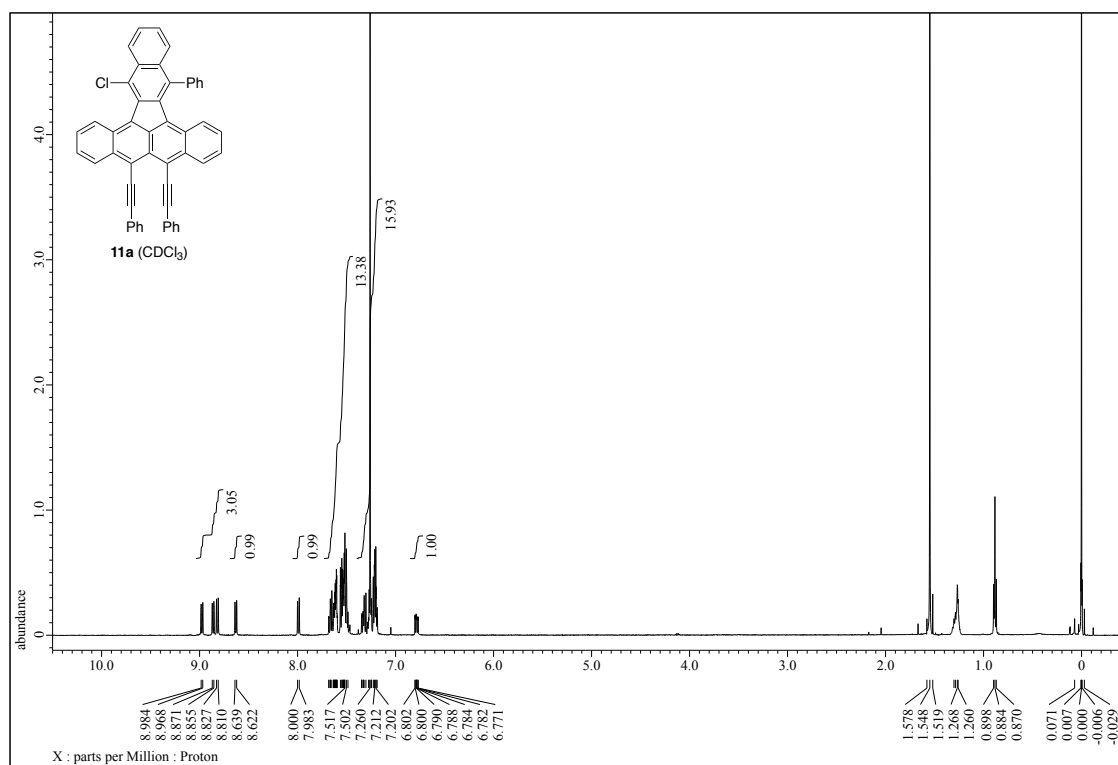
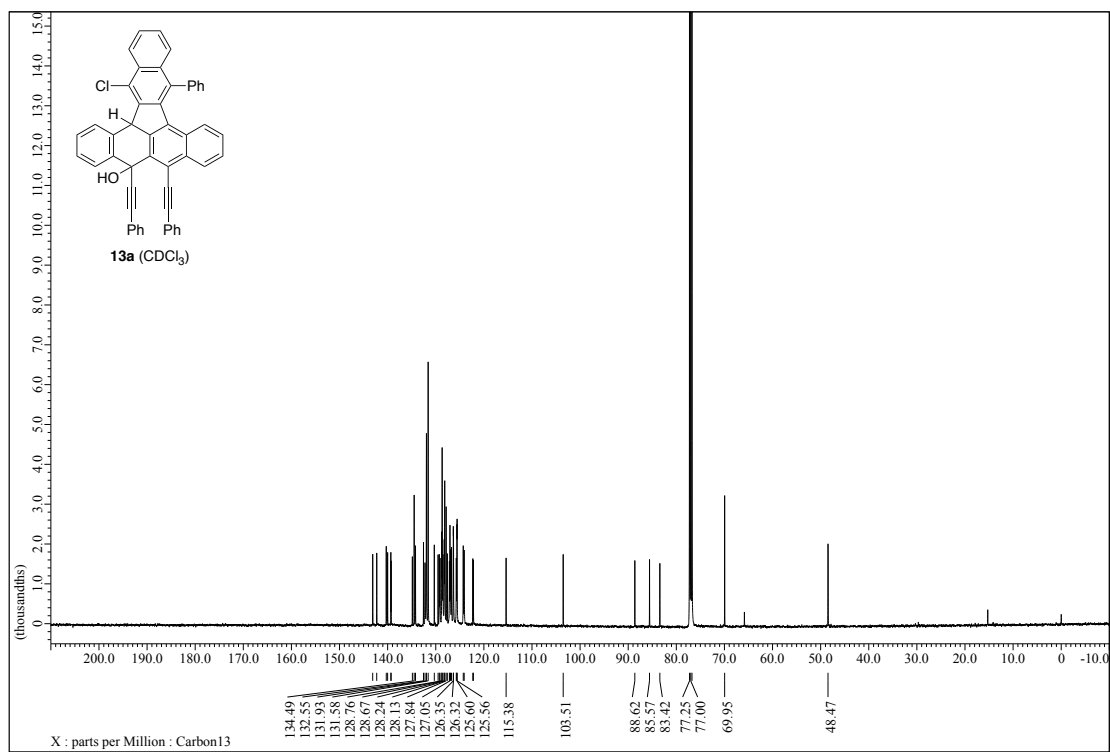
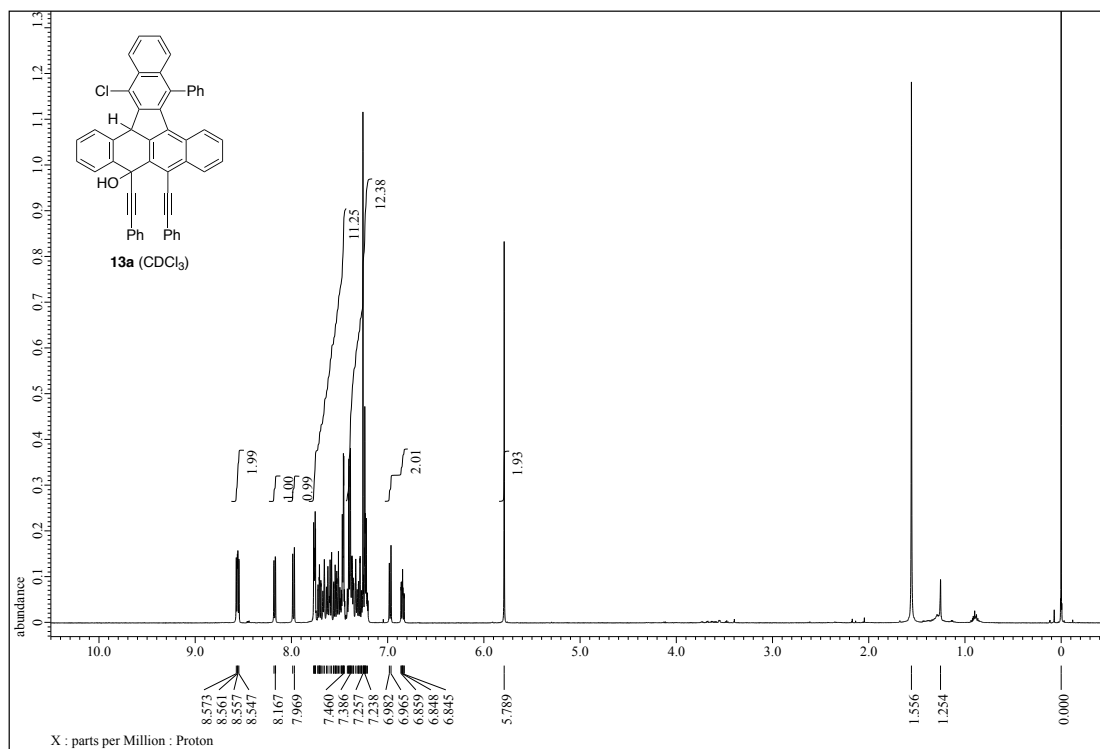


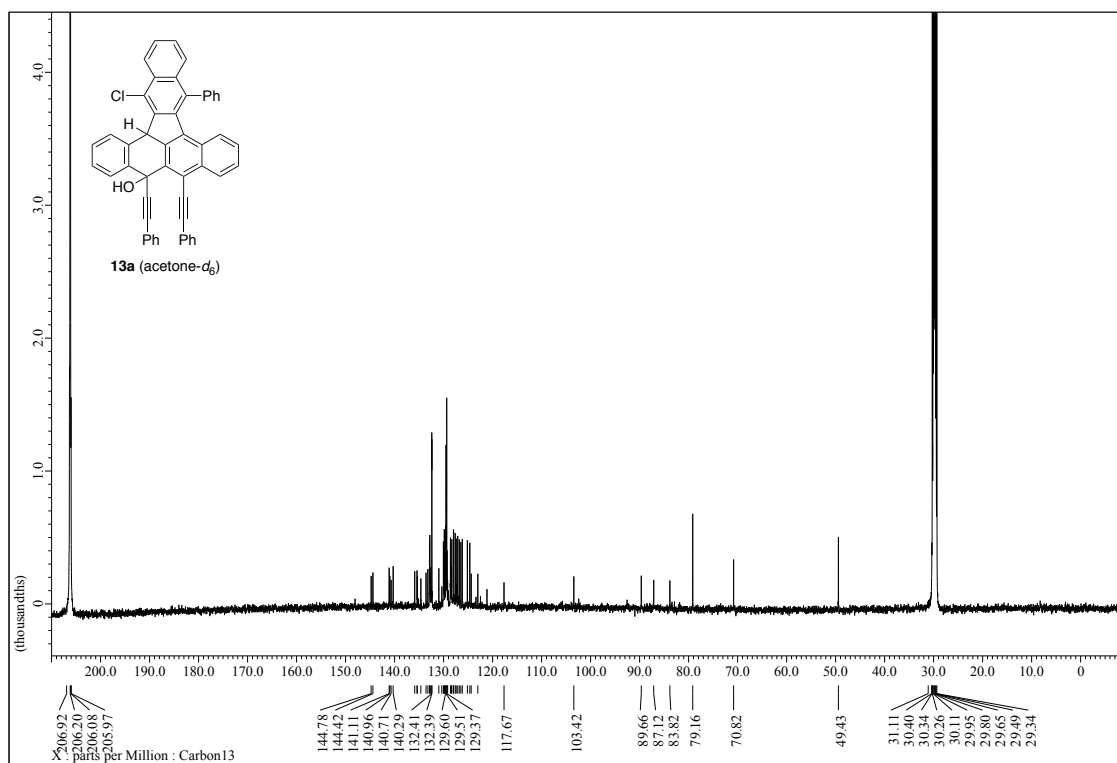
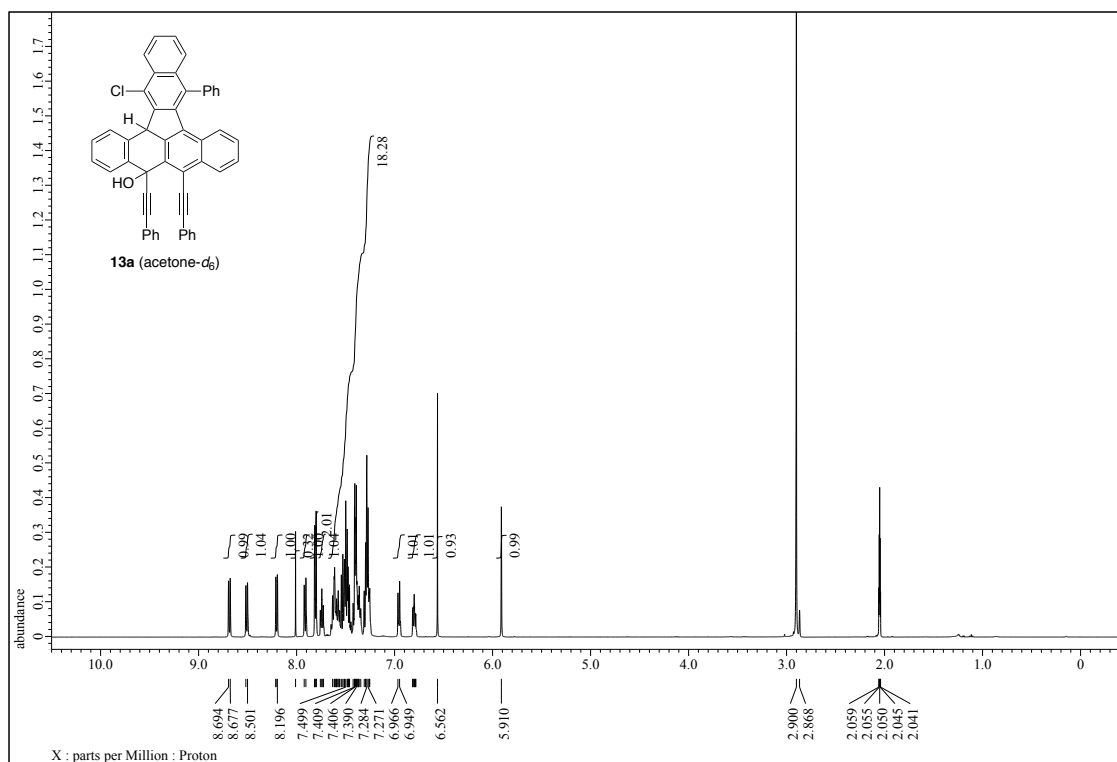
Figure S5. ORTEP drawings of **8a** at the 50% probability level (CCDC 1871070). The solvent molecule (C_6H_6) is omitted for clarity.

$\text{C}_{52}\text{H}_{31}\text{BrO}_2 \cdot \text{C}_6\text{H}_6$, MW = 845.78, 0.122 x 0.010 x 0.010 mm, Triclinic, space group $P\bar{1}$, $Z = 2$, $T = 93(2) \text{ K}$, $a = 10.0716(3) \text{ \AA}$, $b = 12.9698(4) \text{ \AA}$, $c = 15.7503(4) \text{ \AA}$, $\alpha = 91.289(2)^\circ$, $\beta = 95.8040(10)^\circ$, $\gamma = 90.059(2)^\circ$, $V = 12046.33(10) \text{ \AA}^3$, $\lambda(\text{Cu K}\alpha) = 1.54186 \text{ \AA}$, $\mu = 1.725 \text{ mm}^{-1}$. Intensity data were collected on a Rigaku R-AXIS RAPID II. The structure was solved by direct methods (*SHELXS97*) and refined by the full-matrix least-squares on F^2 (*SHELXL-2014/7*). A total of 23945 reflections were measured and 7346 were independent. Final $R_1 = 0.1076$, $wR_2 = 0.2301$ (2651 refs; $I > 2\sigma(I)$), and GOF = 0.916 (for all data, $R_1 = 0.2000$, $wR_2 = 0.3081$).

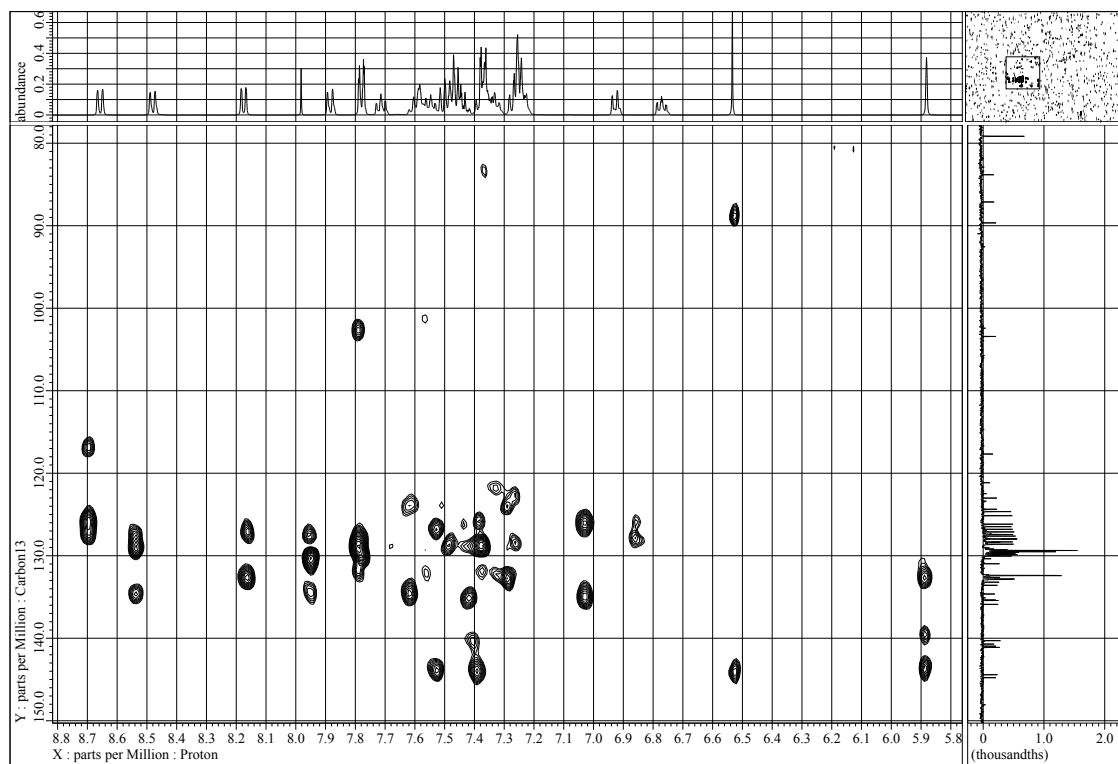
10. NMR spectra

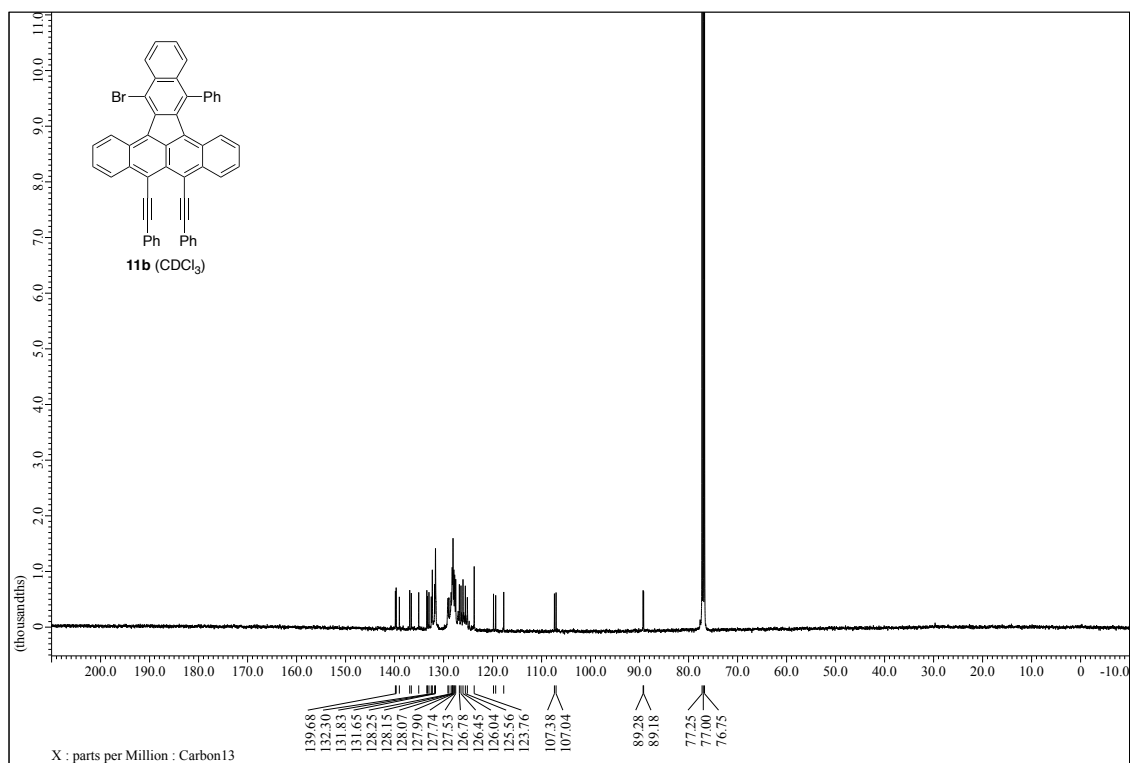
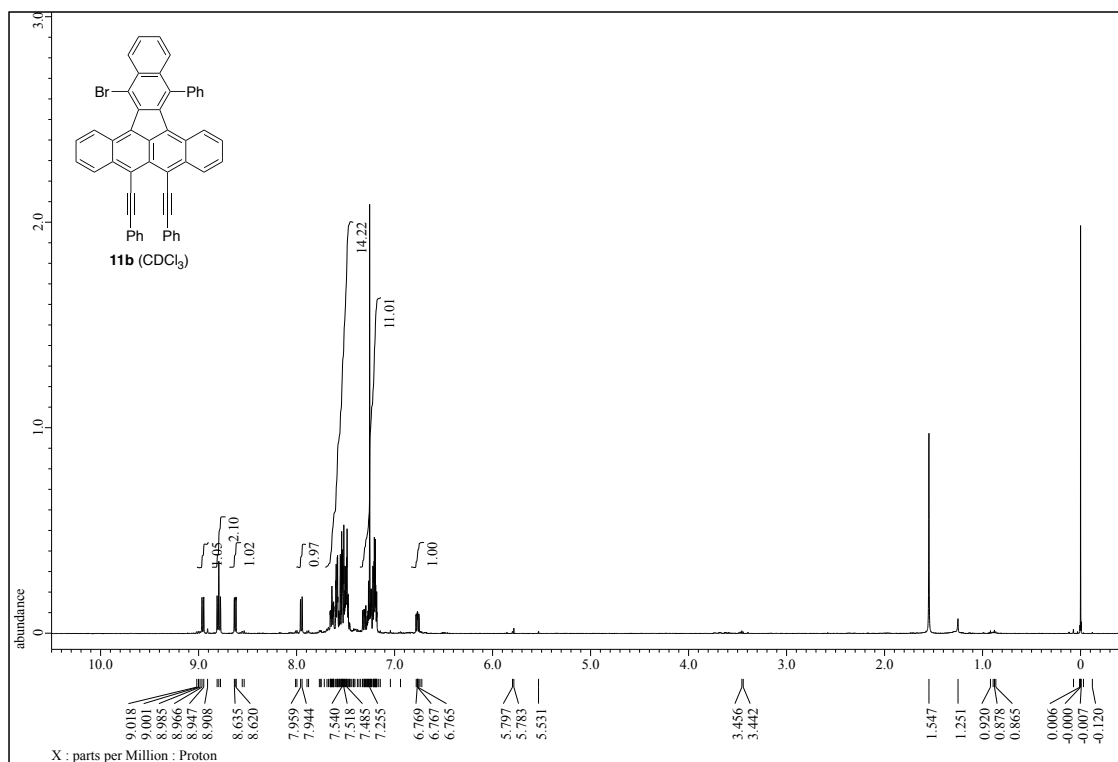


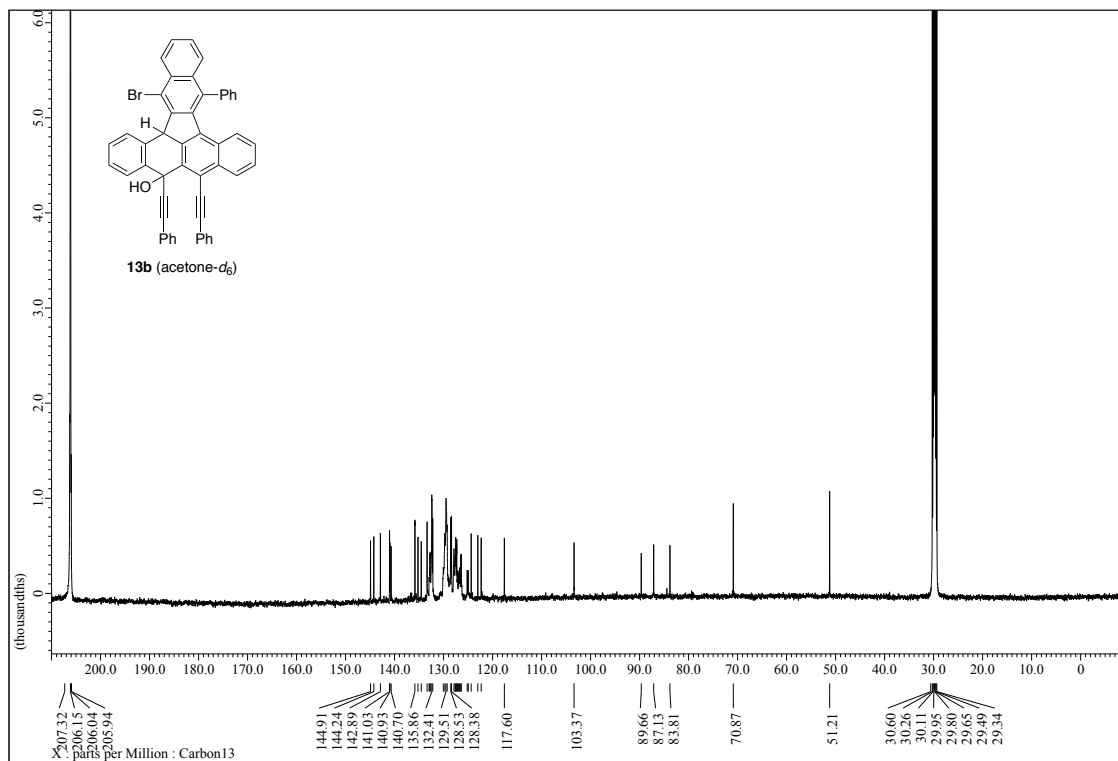
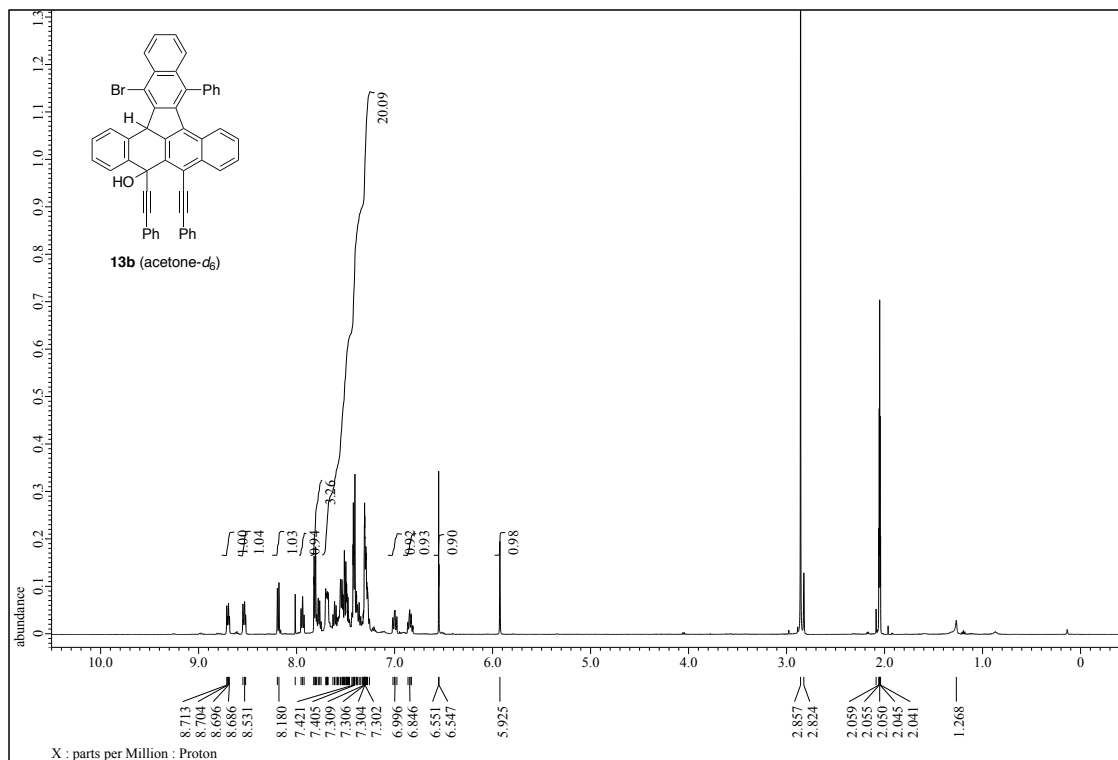




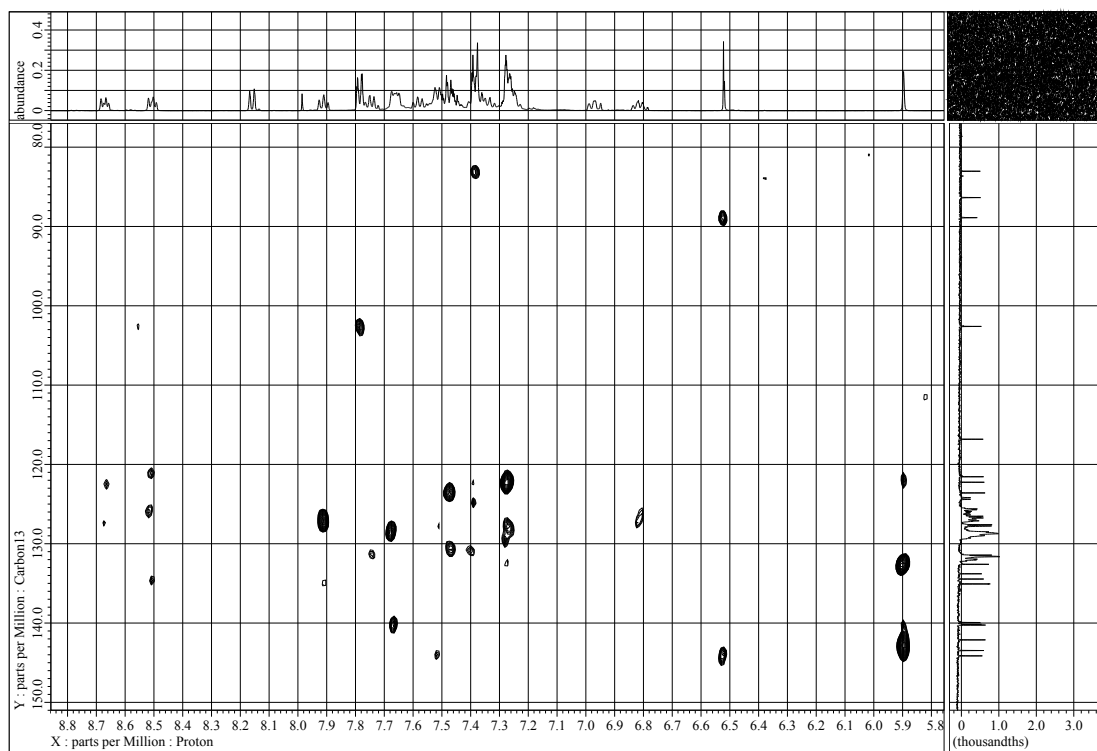
2D-NMR spectra (HMBC) of compound **13a** in acetone- d_6

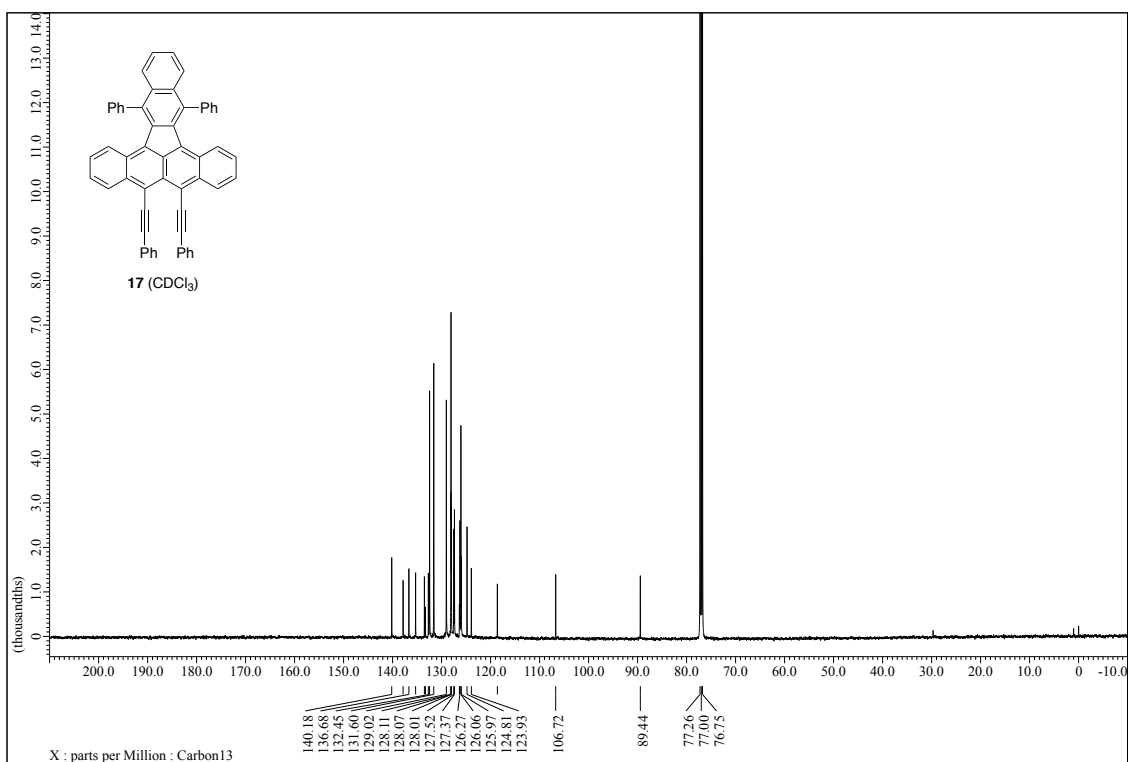
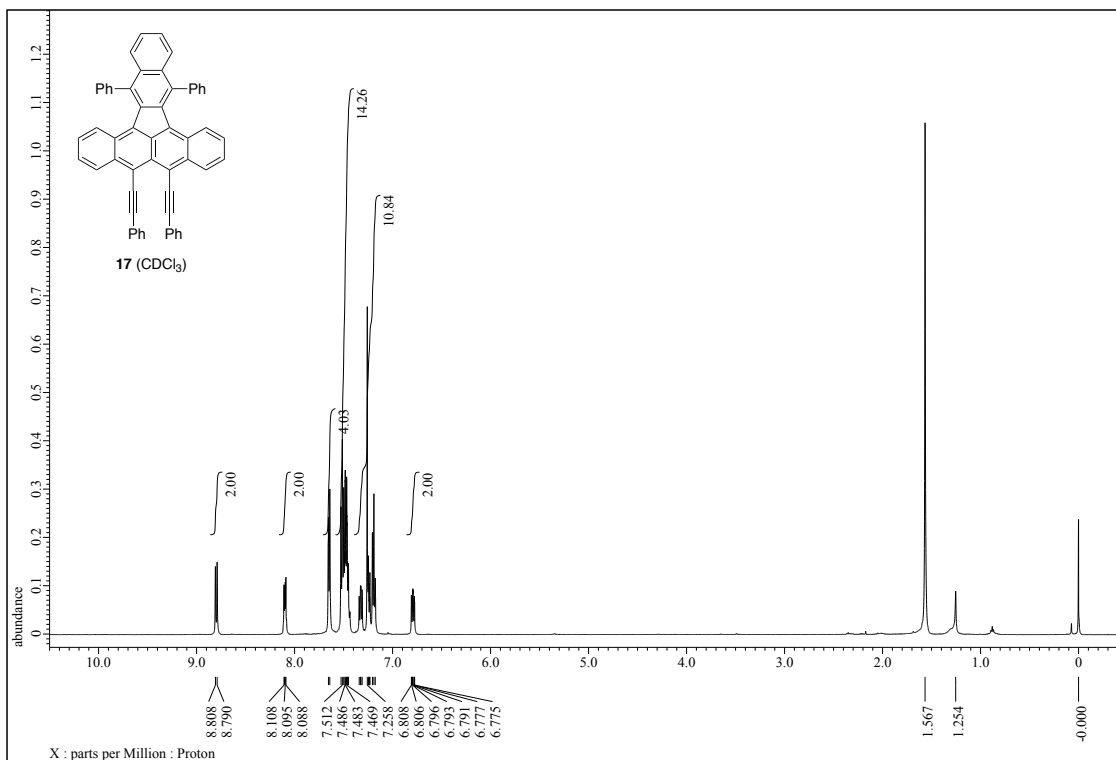


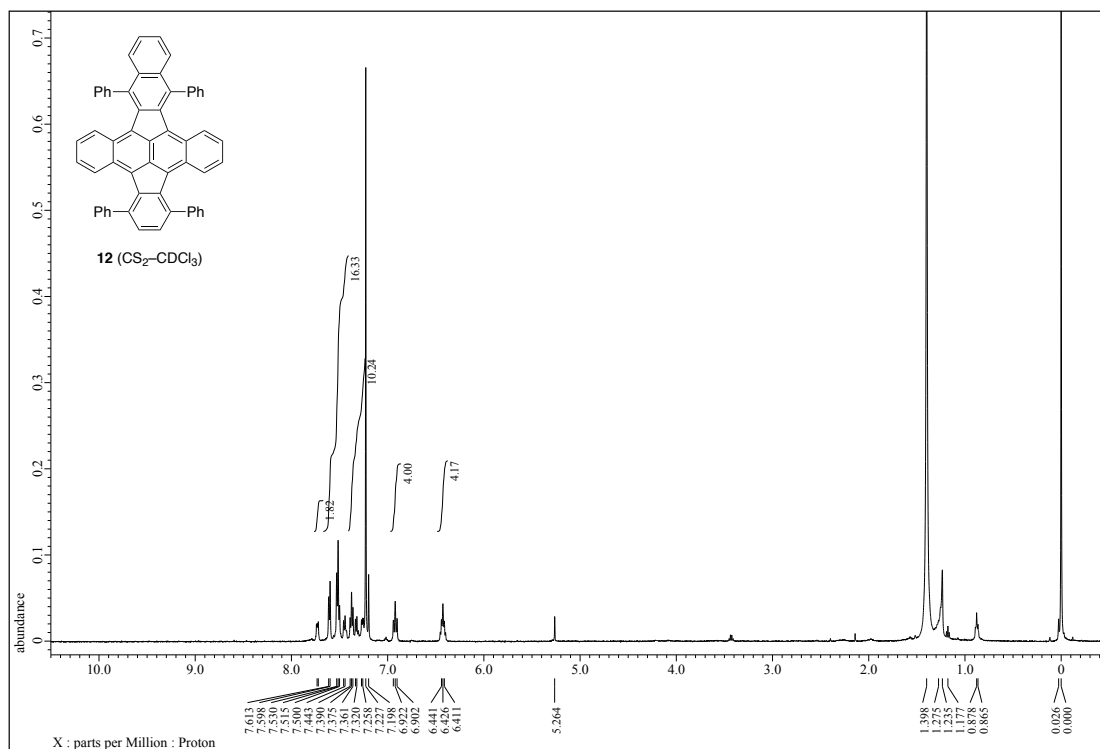


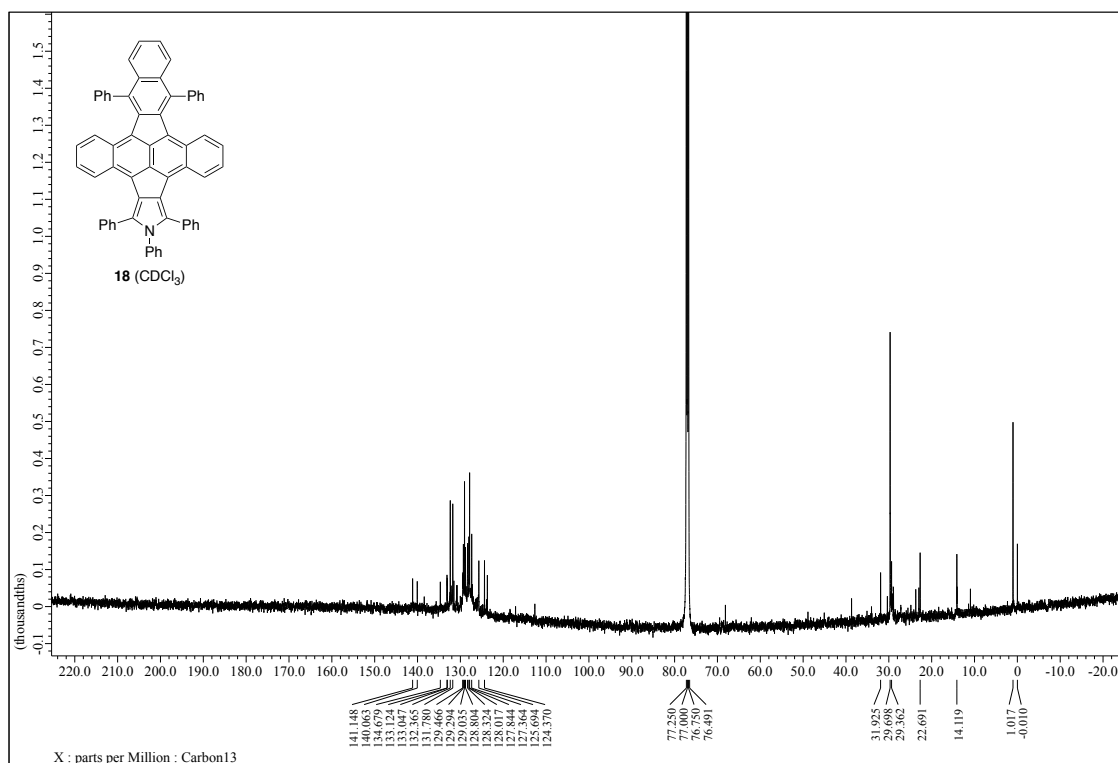
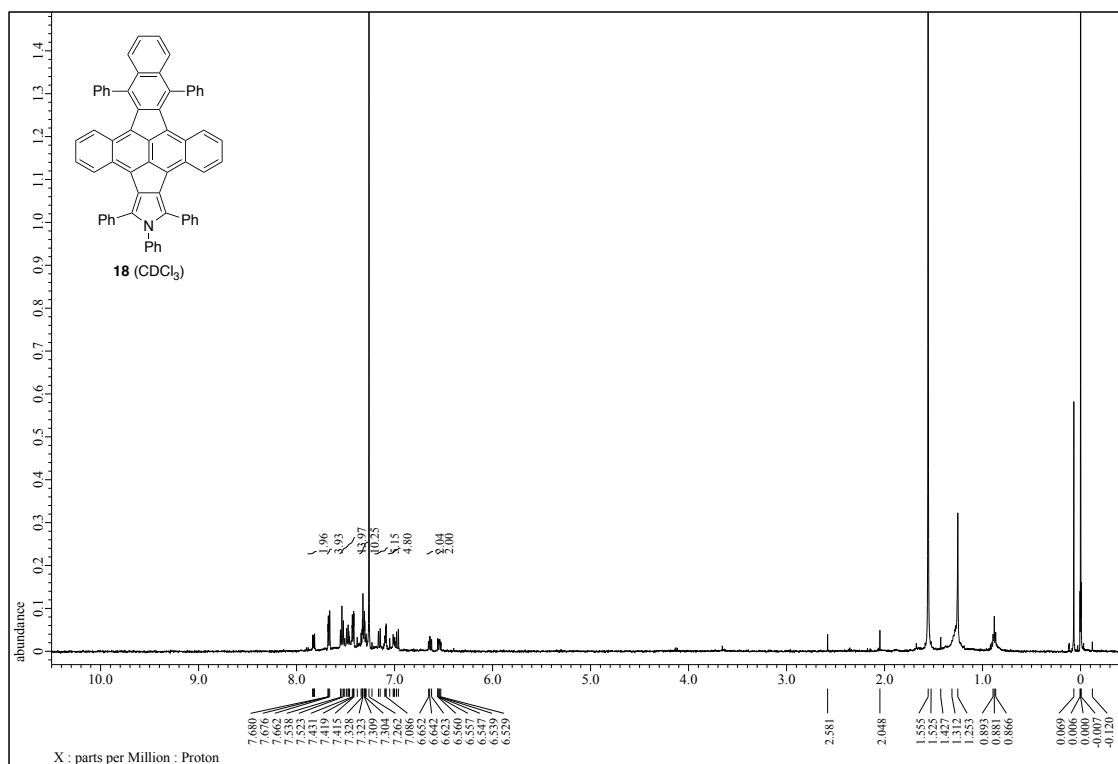


2D-NMR spectra (HMBC) of compound **13b** in acetone-*d*₆









11. Theoretical calculations

DFT calculations were performed with the Gaussian 09 program^[S2]. All geometry optimizations were carried out at the RB3LYP level of density functional theory with the 6-31G* basis set. Optical transitions with oscillator strength were calculated at the TD-B3LYP/6-31G* level using the optimized structures at the B3LYP/6-31G* level. NICS(0) values were calculated at the GIAO-B3LYP/6-31G* level using the optimized structures at the B3LYP/6-31G* level.

TD-DFT calculations

Table S1. Selected electronic transitions of **17** calculated at the TD-B3LYP/6-31G* level.

excited state	energy (eV)	wavelength (nm)	oscillator strengths (<i>f</i>)	contributed MOs
1	1.7681	701.21	0.4682	0.70773 (HOMO → LUMO)
2	2.3781	521.35	0.0000	0.70325 (HOMO-2 → LUMO)
3	2.3909	518.57	0.0075	0.69679 (HOMO-1 → LUMO)

Table S2. Selected electronic transitions of **12** calculated at the TD-B3LYP/6-31G* level.

excited state	energy (eV)	wavelength (nm)	oscillator strengths (<i>f</i>)	contributed MOs
1	1.7438	710.98	0.3999	0.70664 (HOMO → LUMO)
2	1.9122	648.37	0.0010	0.70577 (HOMO-1 → LUMO)
3	2.7837	445.39	0.0354	0.69136 (HOMO-2 → LUMO) -0.10437 (HOMO-1 → LUMO+1)

Table S3. Selected electronic transitions of **18** calculated at the TD-B3LYP/6-31G* level.

excited state	energy (eV)	wavelength (nm)	oscillator strengths (<i>f</i>)	contributed MOs
1	1.7678	701.34	0.4472	0.70665 (HOMO → LUMO)
2	1.9471	636.76	0.0015	0.70494 (HOMO-1 → LUMO)
3	2.8472	435.46	0.0036	0.10820 (HOMO-5 → LUMO) 0.69148 (HOMO → LUMO+1)

NICS calculations

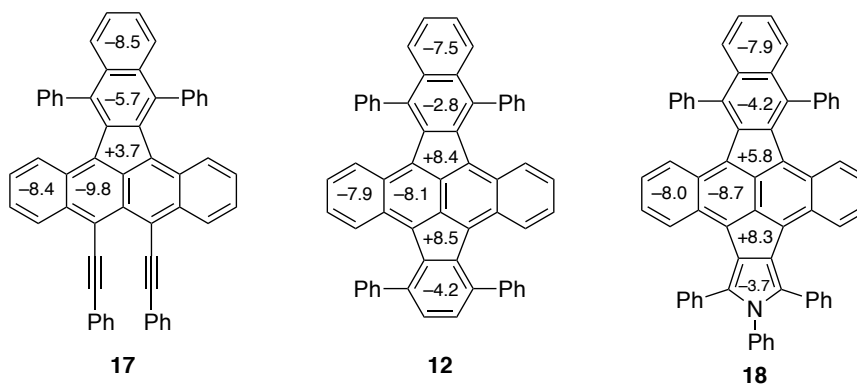


Figure S6. NICS(0) values for compounds **17**, **12**, and **18** calculated at the GIAO-B3LYP/6-31G*

Optimized Geometries

compound 17 (B3LYP/6-31G*)

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compound 12 (B3LYP/6-31G*)

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compound **18** (B3LYP/6-31G*)

Center Number	Atomic Number	Atomic Type	Coordinates (Angstroms)		
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