## **Supplementary Information**

# Inclusion crystals of V-shaped host molecules having trialkoxybenzene moieties with carborane or benzoquinone derivative

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#### Single crystal X-ray diffraction experiment for 1a

The low diffracting colourless plate crystal ( $0.120 \times 0.040 \times 0.030 \text{ mm}^3$ ), which was obtained from toluene, was immersed in Paraton-N oil and placed in the N<sub>2</sub> cold stream at 100 K. The diffraction experiment was performed in a Bruker D8VENTURE system (PHOTON-100 CMOS detector, CuK $\alpha$ :  $\lambda = 1.54178$  Å). Absorption correction was performed by an empirical method implemented in SADABS.<sup>1</sup> Structure solution and refinement were performed by using SHELXT-2018/2<sup>2</sup> and SHELXL-2018/3<sup>3</sup>.

 $C_{30}H_{48}B_{10}O_6$ , Mr = 612.78; orthorhombic, space group Pbca, Z = 8,  $D_{calc} = 1.217$ g·cm<sup>-3</sup>, a = 20.6673(6), b = 13.5157(4), c = 23.9379(7) Å, V = 6686.6(3) Å<sup>3</sup>, 82781 observed and 4855 independent  $[I > 2\sigma(I)]$  reflections, 469 parameters, final  $R_1 = 0.0596$ ,  $wR_2 = 0.1216$ , S = 1.057  $[I > 2\sigma(I)]$ . CCDC 2020083

All non-hydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically. The hydrogen atoms except for the carborane were refined isotropically on the calculated positions using a riding model (AFIX 13, 137, 23 and 43) with  $U_{iso}$  values constrained to 1.2/1.5  $U_{eq}$  of their parent atoms. The hydrogen atoms of the carborane were found by the Fourier map and refined isotropically.



Fig. S1 Ortep drawing of crystal 1a (50% probability).

#### Single crystal X-ray diffraction experiment for 1b

The low diffracting reddish prismatic crystal ( $0.100 \times 0.100 \times 0.020 \text{ mm}^3$ ), which was obtained from acetone, was immersed in Paraton-N oil and placed in the N<sub>2</sub> cold stream at 100 K. The diffraction experiment was performed in a Bruker D8VENTURE system (PHOTON-100 CMOS detector, CuKa:  $\lambda = 1.54178$  Å). Absorption correction was performed by an empirical method implemented in SADABS.<sup>1</sup> Structure solution and refinement were performed by using SHELXT-2018/2<sup>2</sup> and SHELXL-2018/3<sup>3</sup>.

 $C_{40}H_{36}F_8O_{10}, Mr = 828.69$ ; monoclinic, space group  $P2_1/n, Z = 4, D_{calc} = 1.525 \text{ g} \cdot \text{cm}^{-3}$ ,  $a = 12.1831(7), b = 19.5278(11), c = 15.2066(9) \text{ Å}, \beta = 93.949(3)^{\circ} V = 3609.2(4) \text{ Å}^3$ , 42756 observed and 5308 independent  $[I > 2\sigma(I)]$  reflections, 638 parameters, 36 restraints, final  $R_1 = 0.0657, wR_2 = 0.1309, S = 1.160 [I > 2\sigma(I)]$ . CCDC 2020084

All non-hydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically. The hydrogen atoms were refined isotropically on the calculated positions using a riding model (AFIX 13, 137, 23 and 43) with  $U_{iso}$  values constrained to 1.2/1.5  $U_{eq}$  of their parent atoms.

Two tetrafluoro-1,4-benzoquinone molecules found were refined as follows. C=O bonds and C–F bonds were discriminated from their initial bond distances of corresponding Q peaks and refined without any restraints related to the bond length. The overlapped and disordered tetrafluoro-1,4-benzoquinone molecules (C35-C40, O9-O10 and F5-F8, and C41-C46, O11-O12 and F9-F12) were refined with PART n, and the occupancy ratio was 0.6 : 0.4. RIGU was applied to C41-C46.



Fig. S2 Ortep drawing of crystal 1b (50% probability).

#### Single crystal X-ray diffraction experiment for 2

The low diffracting colourless plate crystal ( $0.100 \times 0.100 \times 0.050 \text{ mm}^3$ ), which was obtained from hexane/dichloromethane, was immersed in Paraton-N oil and placed in the N<sub>2</sub> cold stream at 100 K. The diffraction experiment was performed in a Bruker D8VENTURE system (PHOTON-100 CMOS detector, CuK $\alpha$ :  $\lambda = 1.54178$  Å). Absorption correction was performed by an empirical method implemented in SADABS.<sup>1</sup> Structure solution and refinement were performed by using SHELXT-2018/2<sup>2</sup> and SHELXL-2018/3<sup>3</sup>.

 $C_{34}H_{48}O_6$ , Mr = 552.72; monoclinic, space group C2/c, Z = 8,  $D_{calc} = 1.198 \text{ g} \cdot \text{cm}^{-3}$ , a = 35.013(5), b = 6.8212(9), c = 25.942(4) Å,  $\beta = 98.573(9)^{\circ}$  V = 6126.5(15) Å<sup>3</sup>, 37477 observed and 3495 independent  $[I > 2\sigma(I)]$  reflections, 443 parameters, 12 restraints, final  $R_1 = 0.0907$ ,  $wR_2 = 0.2018$ ,  $S = 1.175 [I > 2\sigma(I)]$ . CCDC 2020085

All non-hydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically. The hydrogen atoms were refined isotropically on the calculated positions using a riding model (AFIX 13, 137, 23 and 43) with  $U_{iso}$  values constrained to 1.2/1.5  $U_{eq}$  of their parent atoms.

A couple of disordered moieties (C11-C20, O1, O2, and C11B-C20B, O1B, O2B) refined with PART n were partly applied to SAME and EADP, and occupancy ratio was 62/38.



Fig. S3 Ortep drawing of crystal 2 (50% probability).

#### Single crystal X-ray diffraction experiment for 2b

The low diffracting reddish prismatic crystal ( $0.100 \times 0.080 \times 0.080 \text{ mm}^3$ ), which was obtained from acetone, was immersed in Paraton-N oil and placed in the N<sub>2</sub> cold stream at 100 K. The diffraction experiment was performed in a Bruker D8VENTURE system (PHOTON-100 CMOS detector, CuKa:  $\lambda = 1.54178$  Å). Absorption correction was performed by an empirical method implemented in SADABS.<sup>1</sup> Structure solution and refinement were performed by using SHELXT-2018/2<sup>2</sup> and SHELXL-2018/3<sup>3</sup>.

 $C_{40}H_{48}F_4O_8$ , Mr = 732.78; triclinic, space group P-1, Z = 2,  $D_{calc} = 1.317 \text{ g} \cdot \text{cm}^{-3}$ , a = 11.4725(5), b = 13.0256(5), c = 14.4011(6) Å,  $\alpha = 70.066(2)$ ,  $\beta = 78.992(2)$ ,  $\gamma = 66.264(2)^{\circ}$  V = 1848.36(14) Å<sup>3</sup>, 25254 observed and 5457 independent  $[I > 2\sigma(I)]$  reflections, 524 parameters, final  $R_1 = 0.0510$ ,  $wR_2 = 0.1204$ , S = 1.014  $[I > 2\sigma(I)]$ . CCDC 2020086

All non-hydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically. The hydrogen atoms were refined isotropically on the calculated positions using a riding model (AFIX 13, 137, 23 and 43) with  $U_{iso}$  values constrained to 1.2/1.5  $U_{eq}$  of their parent atoms. The disordered ethoxy moieties were refined with PART n. Occupancy ratio was 0.66 : 0.34 (C19, C20 / C19B, C20B), and 0.51 : 0.49 (C31, C32, O5 / C31B, C32B, O5B).



Fig. S4 Ortep drawing of crystal 2b (50% probability).

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