

## Supplementary Information

# Charge Transport Properties of Open-Shell Graphene Fragments: A Computational Study of the Phenalenyl Tilings

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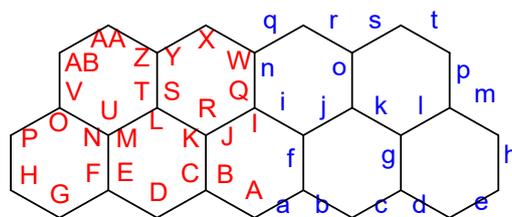
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**Table S1.** Intramolecular reorganization energies for hole ( $\lambda^+$ , meV) and electron ( $\lambda^-$ , meV) transfer of the  $\pi$ -radicals calculated at the B3LYP and B3LYP-D3(BJ) levels. The spin contamination for the neutral  $\pi$ -radical calculations,  $\langle S^2 \rangle$ .

Molecules	B3LYP/6-31G(d,p)			B3LYP-D3(BJ)/6-31G(d,p)		
	$\lambda^+$	$\lambda^-$	$\langle S^2 \rangle$	$\lambda^+$	$\lambda^-$	$\langle S^2 \rangle$
C <sub>13</sub> H <sub>9</sub>	19	35	0.801	19	34	0.801
Zigzag Odd Alternant Hydrocarbons						
C <sub>19</sub> H <sub>11</sub>	34	44	0.805	33	43	0.804
C <sub>25</sub> H <sub>13</sub>	52	58	0.813	52	58	0.812
C <sub>31</sub> H <sub>15</sub> (Z)	61	65	0.836	60	65	0.835
Armchair Odd Alternant Hydrocarbons (Phenalenyl Tilings)						
C <sub>23</sub> H <sub>13</sub>	16	27	0.811	16	26	0.811
C <sub>33</sub> H <sub>17</sub>	16	24	0.824	16	24	0.823
C <sub>43</sub> H <sub>21</sub>	16	24	0.838	16	24	0.837
Discotic Odd Alternant Hydrocarbons (Phenalenyl Tilings)						
C <sub>31</sub> H <sub>15</sub> (T)	13	20	0.808	12	20	0.808
C <sub>39</sub> H <sub>17</sub>	11	17	0.809	11	17	0.808
C <sub>47</sub> H <sub>19</sub>	10	15	0.810	9	15	0.809
C <sub>55</sub> H <sub>21</sub>	9	13	0.810	9	13	0.810
C <sub>61</sub> H <sub>21</sub>	9	13	0.805	8	11	0.805

**Table S2.** Intramolecular reorganization energies for hole ( $\lambda^+$ , meV) and electron ( $\lambda^-$ , meV) transfer of the  $\pi$ -radicals calculated at the GGA-DFT level. The spin contamination for the neutral  $\pi$ -radical calculations,  $\langle S^2 \rangle$ .

Molecules	PBE/6-31G(d,p)			BLYP/6-31G(d,p)		
	$\lambda^+$	$\lambda^-$	$\langle S^2 \rangle$	$\lambda^+$	$\lambda^-$	$\langle S^2 \rangle$
C <sub>13</sub> H <sub>9</sub>	15	31	0.767	15	32	0.766
Zigzag Odd Alternant Hydrocarbons						
C <sub>19</sub> H <sub>11</sub>	26	37	0.767	26	37	0.765
C <sub>25</sub> H <sub>13</sub>	39	46	0.768	39	46	0.766
C <sub>31</sub> H <sub>15</sub> (Z)	46	52	0.772	45	52	0.770
C <sub>37</sub> H <sub>17</sub>	46	52	0.778	46	53	0.781
Armchair Odd Alternant Hydrocarbons (Phenalenyl Tilings)						
C <sub>23</sub> H <sub>13</sub>	13	23	0.766	13	23	0.765
C <sub>33</sub> H <sub>17</sub>	12	20	0.766	12	20	0.765
C <sub>43</sub> H <sub>21</sub>	12	19	0.766	11	18	0.765
C <sub>53</sub> H <sub>25</sub>	12	18	0.766	12	18	0.765
Discotic Odd Alternant Hydrocarbons (Phenalenyl Tilings)						
C <sub>31</sub> H <sub>15</sub> (T)	10	18	0.764	10	18	0.763
C <sub>39</sub> H <sub>17</sub>	9	15	0.763	9	15	0.762
C <sub>47</sub> H <sub>19</sub>	8	13	0.762	8	13	0.761
C <sub>55</sub> H <sub>21</sub>	7	11	0.761	7	11	0.760
C <sub>61</sub> H <sub>21</sub>	6	10	0.760	6	10	0.759

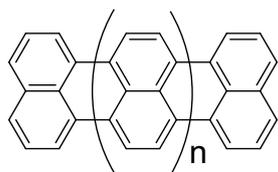


**Table S3.** Bond lengths (Å), bond angles (°), bond length variations (Å) and bond angle variations (°) of the C<sub>31</sub>H<sub>15</sub>(Z) calculated at the B3LYP/6-31G(d,p) level.

Index	Neutral	Cation	Anion	$\Delta_{C-N}$	$\Delta_{A-N}$
a	1.412	1.406	1.406	-0.006	-0.005
b	1.404	1.410	1.412	0.006	0.008
c	1.413	1.401	1.402	-0.012	-0.011
d	1.417	1.424	1.427	0.007	0.010
e	1.386	1.380	1.383	-0.006	-0.003
f	1.447	1.444	1.452	-0.004	0.005
g	1.435	1.440	1.443	0.005	0.008
h	1.400	1.407	1.404	0.007	0.004
i	1.421	1.414	1.424	-0.006	0.004
j	1.414	1.411	1.420	-0.002	0.007
k	1.425	1.419	1.424	-0.007	-0.001
l	1.426	1.426	1.429	-0.001	0.003
m	1.402	1.400	1.402	-0.002	0.000
n	1.438	1.440	1.442	0.002	0.005
o	1.441	1.443	1.444	0.002	0.003
p	1.441	1.442	1.442	0.000	0.000
q	1.413	1.414	1.411	0.001	-0.002
r	1.389	1.391	1.388	0.002	-0.001
s	1.441	1.440	1.439	0.000	-0.002
t	1.359	1.359	1.360	0.001	0.001
A	122.18	121.47	122.94	-0.72	0.76
B	118.81	119.23	118.58	0.43	-0.23
C	118.86	119.43	117.86	0.57	-1.00
D	122.03	121.45	122.70	-0.57	0.68
E	119.06	119.06	119.48	0.00	0.42
F	118.61	119.21	117.41	0.60	-1.21
G	120.81	120.36	121.37	-0.45	0.56
H	120.67	120.34	121.27	-0.33	0.60
I	120.44	120.10	120.51	-0.34	0.07
J	119.88	119.98	119.70	0.10	-0.18
K	119.94	119.76	120.24	-0.19	0.30

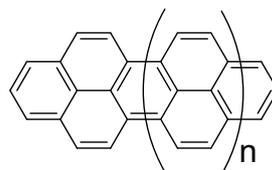
L	120.27	119.96	120.53	-0.32	0.26
M	119.84	120.35	119.19	0.50	-0.65
N	119.92	119.64	120.25	-0.28	0.33
O	119.21	118.71	119.88	-0.50	0.67
P	120.78	121.74	119.83	0.96	-0.95
Q	119.78	119.95	119.75	0.17	-0.03
R	120.18	120.26	120.06	0.08	-0.12
S	119.76	119.85	119.56	0.08	-0.21
T	119.96	120.19	119.92	0.23	-0.05
U	120.24	120.01	120.56	-0.23	0.32
V	118.58	118.92	118.09	0.34	-0.49
W	118.90	118.74	118.97	-0.16	0.07
X	121.90	121.90	121.96	-0.01	0.06
Y	119.48	119.31	119.71	-0.17	0.23
Z	118.27	118.26	118.15	-0.02	-0.12
AA	121.44	121.34	121.48	-0.09	0.05
AB	121.50	121.28	121.80	-0.23	0.29

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Perylene-like PAHs

n = 0, Perylene  
 n = 1, Terrylene  
 n = 2, Quaterrylene  
 n = 3, Pentarylene



Pyrene-like PAHs

n = 0, Pyrene  
 n = 1, Peropyrene  
 n = 2, Teropyrene  
 n = 3, Quateropyrene  
 n = 4, Pentopyrene

**Table S4.** Intramolecular reorganization energies for hole ( $\lambda^+$ ) and electron ( $\lambda^-$ ) transfer of the perylene-like and pyrene-like polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) calculated at the B3LYP/6-31G(d,p) level.

Molecules	$\lambda^+$	$\lambda^-$
Perylene-like PAHs		
Perylene	143	172
Terrylene	129	142
Quaterrylene	122	127
Pentarylene	121	123
Pyrene-like PAHs		
Pyrene	155	212
Peropyrene	132	176
Teropyrene	123	158
Quateropyrene	118	147
Pentopyrene	116	141

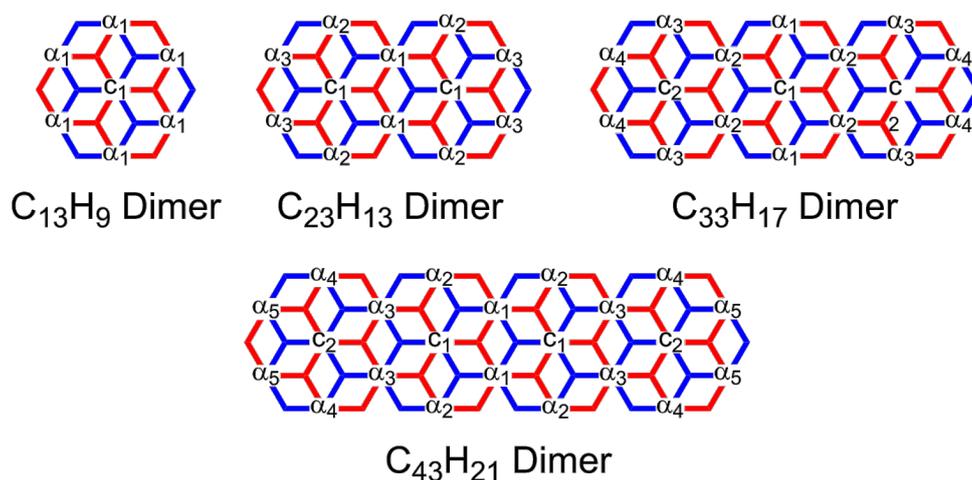
**Table S5.** The energy difference between the staggered and eclipsed stacking configurations ( $\Delta E_{\text{con}}$ ) for zigzag odd-alternant hydrocarbons calculated with different DFT functionals.

	$\Delta E_{\text{con}} = E_{\text{eclipsed}} - E_{\text{staggered}}$ (kcal/mol)		
	$\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{11}$	$\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{13}$	$\text{C}_{31}\text{H}_{15}$ (Z)
B3LYP-D3(BJ)	6.44	3.48	3.33
M06-2X	7.85	7.05	8.31
M06-2X-D3	7.72	6.92	8.19
M05-2X	5.28	5.19	5.95
$\omega$ B97X-D	4.99	5.81	6.98

basis set: 6-31+G(d,p)//6-31G(d,p)

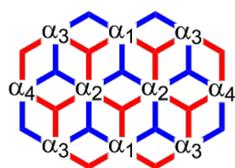
**Table S6.** Layer distance (R, in Å), spin contamination ( $\langle S^2 \rangle$ ), singlet-triplet energy gap ( $\Delta E_{S-T}$ , in eV) and binding energy ( $\Delta E_b$ , in kcal/mol) of the radical  $\pi$ -dimers calculated with different DFT methods.

Molecules	UB3LYP-D3/6-31+G(d,p) //UB3LYP-D3/6-31G(d,p)				UM06-2X/6-31+G(d,p) //UM06-2X/6-31G(d,p)				UM06-2X-D3/6-31+G(d,p) //UM06-2X-D3/6-31G(d,p)				UM05-2X/6-31+G(d,p) //UM05-2X/6-31G(d,p)				U $\omega$ B97X-D/6-31+G(d,p) //U $\omega$ B97X-D/6-31G(d,p)			
	R	$\langle S^2 \rangle$	$\Delta E_{S-T}$	$\Delta E_b$	R	$\langle S^2 \rangle$	$\Delta E_{S-T}$	$\Delta E_b$	R	$\langle S^2 \rangle$	$\Delta E_{S-T}$	$\Delta E_b$	R	$\langle S^2 \rangle$	$\Delta E_{S-T}$	$\Delta E_b$	R	$\langle S^2 \rangle$	$\Delta E_{S-T}$	$\Delta E_b$
C <sub>13</sub> H <sub>9</sub> Dimer	3.039	0.00	-0.88	-19.45	3.007	0.00	-0.91	-16.56	3.009	0.00	-0.90	-18.05	3.081	0.43	-0.64	-9.00	3.191	0.78	-0.39	-14.16
Zigzag Odd Alternant Hydrocarbons																				
C <sub>19</sub> H <sub>11</sub> Dimer	3.122	0.00	-0.65	-24.06	3.142	0.33	-0.54	-19.58	3.146	0.31	-0.54	-22.21	3.260	0.80	-0.32	-10.39	3.289	0.98	-0.24	-20.08
C <sub>25</sub> H <sub>13</sub> Dimer	3.217	0.53	-0.33	-27.27	3.220	0.77	-0.27	-21.89	3.224	0.77	-0.27	-25.72	3.346	1.06	-0.16	-11.83	3.341	1.18	-0.13	-26.25
C <sub>31</sub> H <sub>15</sub> (Z) Dimer	3.289	0.94	-0.14	-32.62	3.277	1.02	-0.13	-26.08	3.282	1.02	-0.13	-31.13	3.376	1.25	-0.09	-14.13	3.350	1.42	-0.09	-32.91
Phenalenyl Tilings																				
C <sub>23</sub> H <sub>13</sub> Dimer	3.146	0.00	-0.78	-31.36	3.135	0.00	-0.77	-26.34	3.138	0.00	-0.76	-29.82	3.174	0.28	-0.61	-14.42	3.236	0.76	-0.40	-26.22
C <sub>31</sub> H <sub>15</sub> (D) Dimer	3.180	0.00	-0.78	-42.20	3.168	0.00	-0.78	-34.69	3.170	0.00	-0.77	-39.92	3.194	0.03	-0.66	-19.31	3.257	0.69	-0.41	-37.04
C <sub>33</sub> H <sub>17</sub> Dimer	3.182	0.00	-0.77	-43.73	3.170	0.00	-0.78	-36.28	3.172	0.00	-0.78	-41.80	3.227	0.21	-0.60	-20.09	3.266	0.83	-0.40	-38.72
C <sub>39</sub> H <sub>17</sub> Dimer	3.198	0.00	-0.79	-53.00	3.185	0.00	-0.80	-42.71	3.186	0.00	-0.80	-49.72	3.232	0.00	-0.66	-24.18	3.262	0.62	-0.45	-47.81
C <sub>43</sub> H <sub>21</sub> Dimer	3.200	0.00	-0.76	-56.14	3.186	0.00	-0.79	-46.06	3.188	0.00	-0.79	-53.63	3.255	0.20	-0.59	-25.68	3.280	0.96	-0.40	-51.26
C <sub>47</sub> H <sub>19</sub> Dimer	3.210	0.00	-0.80	-63.75	3.198	0.00	-0.82	-50.76	3.198	0.00	-0.82	-59.58	3.267	0.00	-0.64	-29.11	3.280	0.61	-0.44	-58.91
C <sub>61</sub> H <sub>21</sub> Dimer	3.228	0.00	-0.81	-83.51	3.214	0.00	-0.85	-64.73	3.215	0.00	-0.85	-76.92	3.304	0.00	-0.64	-37.70	3.301	0.49	-0.47	-79.20

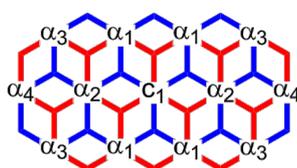


**Table S7.** Atomic distances (R, in Å) between the phenalenyl radicals and the armchair odd alternant hydrocarbons calculated with different DFT methods at the 6-31G(d,p) level.

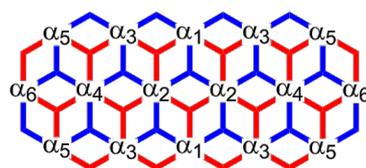
	B3LYP-D3(BJ)	M06-2X	M06-2X-D3	M05-2X	$\omega$ B97X-D
$C_{13}H_9$ Dimer					
$\alpha_1$	3.020	2.988	2.990	3.066	3.185
C <sub>1</sub>	3.102	3.083	3.085	3.127	3.221
$C_{23}H_{13}$ Dimer					
$\alpha_1$	3.135	3.115	3.117	3.136	3.211
$\alpha_2$	3.127	3.113	3.114	3.148	3.219
$\alpha_3$	3.150	3.150	3.153	3.195	3.263
C <sub>1</sub>	3.175	3.170	3.172	3.190	3.254
$C_{33}H_{17}$ Dimer					
$\alpha_1$	3.146	3.121	3.121	3.148	3.207
$\alpha_2$	3.172	3.154	3.155	3.185	3.246
$\alpha_3$	3.178	3.167	3.169	3.226	3.274
$\alpha_4$	3.206	3.203	3.206	3.293	3.328
C <sub>1</sub>	3.194	3.183	3.184	3.201	3.262
C <sub>2</sub>	3.211	3.203	3.205	3.258	3.303
$C_{43}H_{21}$ Dimer					
$\alpha_1$	3.190	3.165	3.168	3.194	3.256
$\alpha_2$	3.173	3.148	3.150	3.188	3.238
$\alpha_3$	3.198	3.182	3.184	3.240	3.283
$\alpha_4$	3.206	3.197	3.199	3.283	3.310
$\alpha_5$	3.236	3.235	3.237	3.390	3.359
C <sub>1</sub>	3.215	3.199	3.202	3.236	3.288
C <sub>2</sub>	3.233	3.225	3.226	3.306	3.335



$C_{19}H_{11}$  Dimer



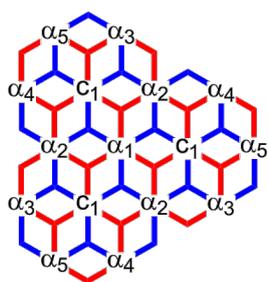
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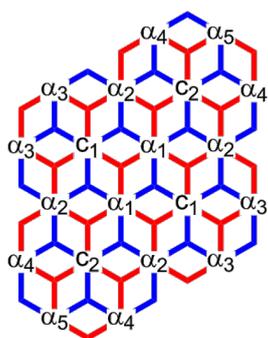
$C_{31}H_{15}(Z)$  Dimer

**Table S8.** Atomic distances (R, in Å) between the phenalenyl radicals and the zigzag odd alternant hydrocarbons calculated with different DFT methods at the 6-31G(d,p) level.

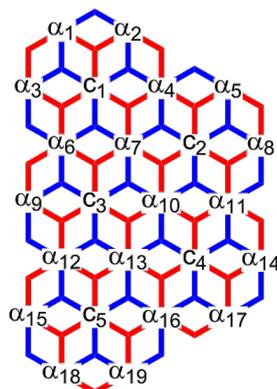
	B3LYP-D3(BJ)	M06-2X	M06-2X-D3	M05-2X	$\omega$ B97X-D
$C_{19}H_{11}$ Dimer					
$\alpha_1$	3.126	3.135	3.137	3.258	3.286
$\alpha_2$	3.165	3.177	3.180	3.283	3.310
$\alpha_3$	3.123	3.145	3.148	3.263	3.293
$\alpha_4$	3.074	3.113	3.119	3.242	3.286
$C_{25}H_{13}$ Dimer					
$\alpha_1$	3.207	3.205	3.209	3.327	3.327
$\alpha_2$	3.224	3.227	3.229	3.349	3.357
$\alpha_3$	3.224	3.230	3.234	3.359	3.359
$\alpha_4$	3.205	3.228	3.230	3.366	3.376
C1	3.227	3.228	3.229	3.341	3.346
$C_{31}H_{15}(Z)$ Dimer					
$\alpha_1$	3.268	3.258	3.261	3.347	3.327
$\alpha_2$	3.286	3.282	3.285	3.366	3.354
$\alpha_3$	3.284	3.272	3.276	3.366	3.343
$\alpha_4$	3.305	3.295	3.300	3.390	3.373
$\alpha_5$	3.315	3.304	3.310	3.407	3.380
$\alpha_6$	3.324	3.318	3.326	3.426	3.403



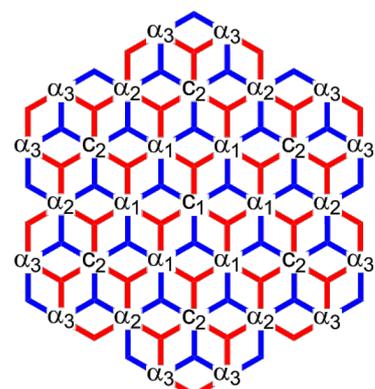
C<sub>31</sub>H<sub>15</sub>(T) Dimer



C<sub>39</sub>H<sub>17</sub> Dimer



C<sub>47</sub>H<sub>19</sub> Dimer



C<sub>61</sub>H<sub>21</sub> Dimer

**Table S9.** Atomic distances (R, in Å) between the phenalenyl radicals and the discotic odd alternant hydrocarbons calculated with different DFT methods at the 6-31G(d,p) level.

	B3LYP-D3(BJ)	M06-2X	M06-2X-D3	M05-2X	$\omega$ B97X-D
C <sub>31</sub> H <sub>15</sub> (D) Dimer					
α <sub>1</sub>	3.164	3.157	3.158	3.160	3.240
α <sub>2</sub>	3.163	3.151	3.153	3.162	3.232
α <sub>3</sub>	3.174	3.163	3.165	3.188	3.261
α <sub>4</sub>	3.173	3.163	3.165	3.188	3.255
α <sub>5</sub>	3.188	3.180	3.182	3.212	3.284
C <sub>1</sub>	3.192	3.188	3.189	3.200	3.264
C <sub>39</sub> H <sub>17</sub> Dimer					
α <sub>1</sub>	3.181	3.170	3.172	3.195	3.238
α <sub>2</sub>	3.185	3.172	3.173	3.206	3.241
α <sub>3</sub>	3.189	3.176	3.178	3.206	3.254
α <sub>4</sub>	3.199	3.186	3.188	3.247	3.273
α <sub>5</sub>	3.217	3.205	3.208	3.279	3.306
C <sub>1</sub>	3.202	3.195	3.196	3.220	3.256
C <sub>2</sub>	3.211	3.202	3.203	3.249	3.274
C <sub>47</sub> H <sub>19</sub> Dimer					
α <sub>1</sub>	3.234	3.228	3.227	3.316	3.329
α <sub>2</sub>	3.216	3.207	3.206	3.292	3.300
α <sub>3</sub>	3.216	3.205	3.206	3.283	3.297
α <sub>4</sub>	3.198	3.187	3.187	3.252	3.270
α <sub>5</sub>	3.209	3.200	3.201	3.268	3.291
α <sub>6</sub>	3.193	3.181	3.182	3.233	3.257
α <sub>7</sub>	3.192	3.186	3.186	3.241	3.270

$\alpha_8$	3.208	3.195	3.197	3.258	3.283
$\alpha_9$	3.178	3.164	3.166	3.198	3.225
$\alpha_{10}$	3.188	3.180	3.179	3.231	3.261
$\alpha_{11}$	3.198	3.185	3.185	3.239	3.262
$\alpha_{12}$	3.193	3.181	3.182	3.233	3.257
$\alpha_{13}$	3.192	3.186	3.186	3.241	3.270
$\alpha_{14}$	3.208	3.195	3.197	3.258	3.283
$\alpha_{15}$	3.216	3.205	3.206	3.283	3.297
$\alpha_{16}$	3.198	3.187	3.187	3.252	3.270
$\alpha_{17}$	3.209	3.200	3.201	3.268	3.291
$\alpha_{18}$	3.234	3.228	3.227	3.316	3.329
$\alpha_{19}$	3.216	3.207	3.206	3.292	3.300
C <sub>1</sub>	3.221	3.212	3.213	3.283	3.299
C <sub>2</sub>	3.212	3.204	3.205	3.263	3.284
C <sub>3</sub>	3.204	3.199	3.200	3.248	3.272
C <sub>4</sub>	3.212	3.204	3.205	3.263	3.284
C <sub>5</sub>	3.221	3.212	3.213	3.283	3.299

C<sub>61</sub>H<sub>21</sub> Dimer

$\alpha_1$	3.202	3.194	3.195	3.275	3.285
$\alpha_2$	3.216	3.201	3.201	3.283	3.279
$\alpha_3$	3.237	3.221	3.223	3.313	3.310
C <sub>1</sub>	3.203	3.205	3.206	3.283	3.292
C <sub>2</sub>	3.226	3.215	3.216	3.299	3.298

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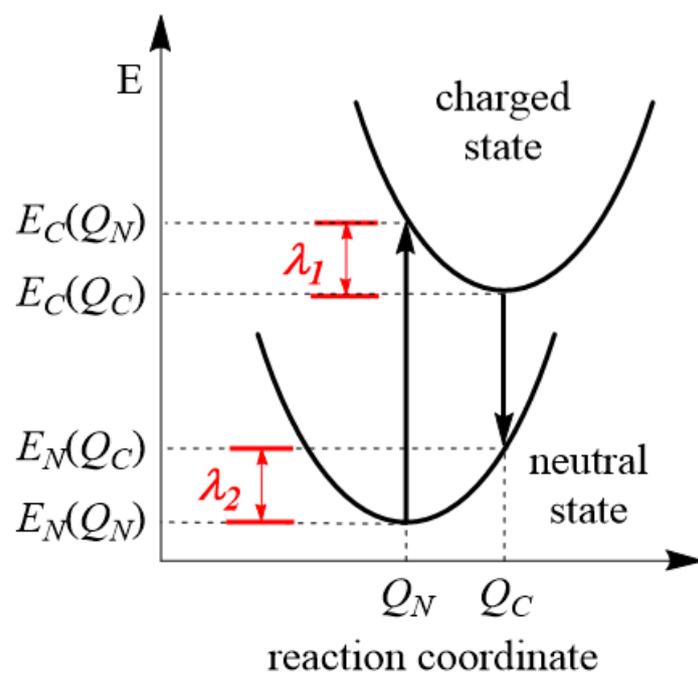
**Table S10.** The gas-phase disproportionation enthalpies ( $\Delta H_{\text{disp}}$ , in eV) of the  $\pi$ -radicals calculated at the B3LYP/6-31+G(d)//B3LYP/6-31G(d,p) level. The disproportionation potential of the  $\pi$ -radicals ( $\Delta E_{\text{sum}}$ , in V) obtained from the experimental results. The electronic coupling ( $t$ , in eV) of the radical  $\pi$ -dimers calculated with the PW91PW91/DZP method at the B3LYP-D3(BJ)/6-31G(d,p) optimized structures.

	$\Delta H_{\text{disp}}$	Decreasing ratio of $\Delta H_{\text{disp}}$	$\Delta E_{\text{sum}}$	Decreasing ratio of $\Delta E_{\text{sum}}$	$t$	Decreasing ratio of $t$	Ratio of $4 t /\Delta H_{\text{disp}}$	Ratio of $4 t /\Delta E_{\text{sum}}$
$\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_9$	5.02	1.00	1.60	1.00	0.680	1.00	1.00	1.00
Zigzag Odd Alternant Hydrocarbons								
$\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{11}$	4.44	0.88	—	—	0.546	0.80	0.91	—
$\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{13}$	4.13	0.82	—	—	0.382	0.56	0.68	—
$\text{C}_{31}\text{H}_{15}(\text{Z})$	3.91	0.78	—	—	0.250	0.37	0.47	—
Phenalenyl Tilings								
$\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{13}$	4.00	0.80	1.10	0.69	0.553	0.81	1.02	1.18
$\text{C}_{31}\text{H}_{15}(\text{D})$	3.57	0.71	0.70	0.44	0.517	0.76	1.07	1.74
$\text{C}_{33}\text{H}_{17}$	3.40	0.68	—	—	0.508	0.75	1.10	—
$\text{C}_{39}\text{H}_{17}$	3.26	0.65	—	—	0.499	0.73	1.13	—
$\text{C}_{43}\text{H}_{21}$	3.00	0.60	—	—	0.479	0.70	1.18	—
$\text{C}_{47}\text{H}_{19}$	2.99	0.60	—	—	0.485	0.71	1.20	—
$\text{C}_{61}\text{H}_{21}$	2.71	0.54	—	—	0.470	0.69	1.28	—

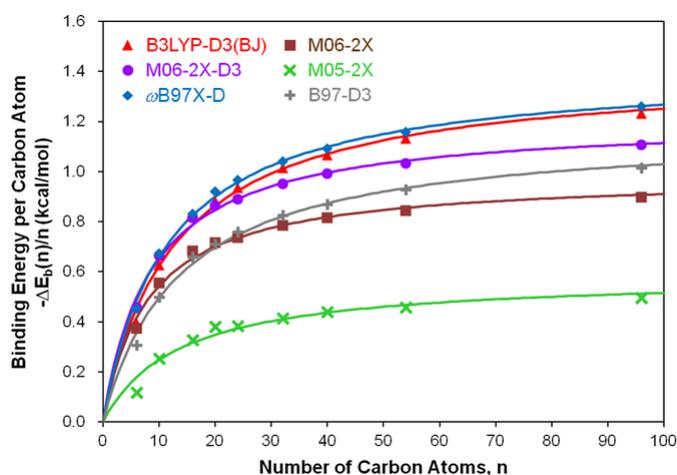
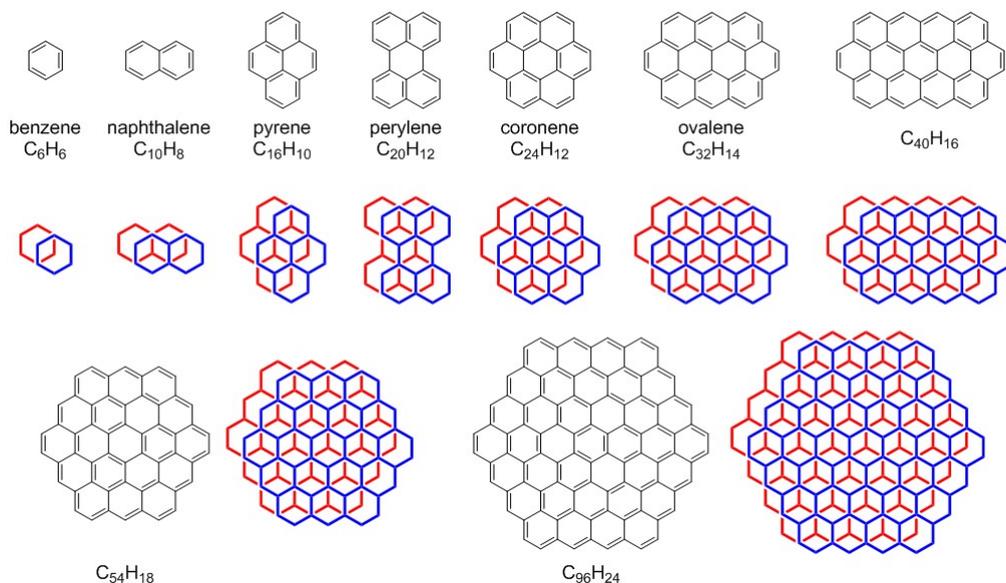
Note: All the ratio values of the extended  $\pi$ -radicals were compared with the phenalenyl radical.

**Table S11.** Site energies ( $\varepsilon_1$  and  $\varepsilon_2$ , in eV), charge transfer integral ( $J_{12}$ , in eV), spatial overlap ( $S_{12}$ ) and electronic coupling ( $t$ , in eV) of the radical  $\pi$ -dimers calculated with the PW91PW91/DZP method at the B3LYP-D3(BJ)/6-31G(d,p) optimized structures.

	$\varepsilon_1$	$\varepsilon_2$	$J_{12}$	$S_{12}$	$t$
C <sub>13</sub> H <sub>9</sub>	-4.319	-4.319	1.172	-0.116	0.680
C <sub>19</sub> H <sub>11</sub>	-4.387	-4.387	0.958	-0.095	0.546
C <sub>25</sub> H <sub>13</sub>	-4.449	-4.449	-0.688	0.069	-0.382
C <sub>31</sub> H <sub>15</sub> (Z)	-4.503	-4.503	0.460	-0.047	0.250
C <sub>23</sub> H <sub>13</sub>	-4.398	-4.398	-0.975	0.097	-0.553
C <sub>31</sub> H <sub>15</sub> (D)	-4.457	-4.457	0.917	-0.091	0.517
C <sub>33</sub> H <sub>17</sub>	-4.456	-4.456	-0.904	0.090	-0.508
C <sub>39</sub> H <sub>17</sub>	-4.506	-4.506	-0.889	0.087	-0.499
C <sub>43</sub> H <sub>21</sub>	-4.498	-4.498	-0.858	0.085	-0.479
C <sub>47</sub> H <sub>19</sub>	-4.546	-4.546	-0.867	0.085	-0.485
C <sub>61</sub> H <sub>21</sub>	-4.616	-4.616	-0.843	0.081	-0.470

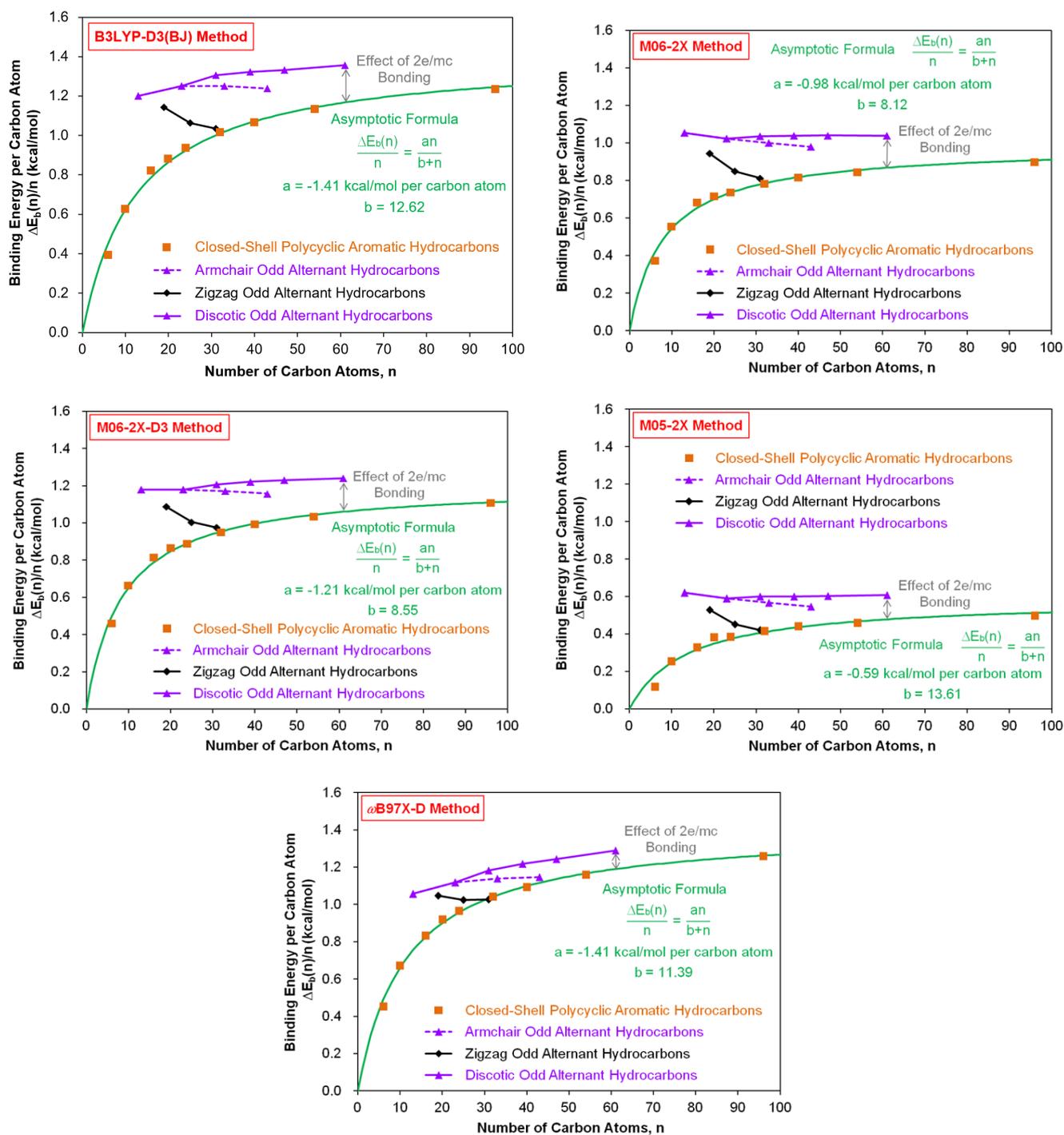


**Fig. S1** Schematic illustration of intramolecular reorganization energy calculated by the four-point method.

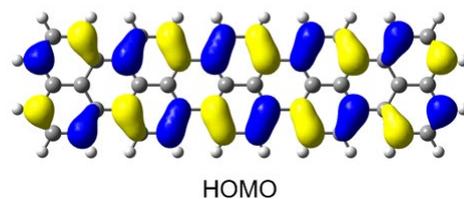
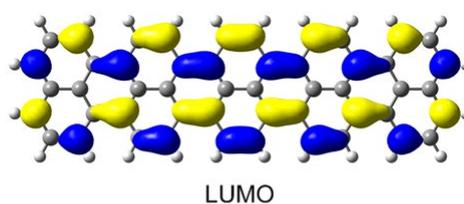
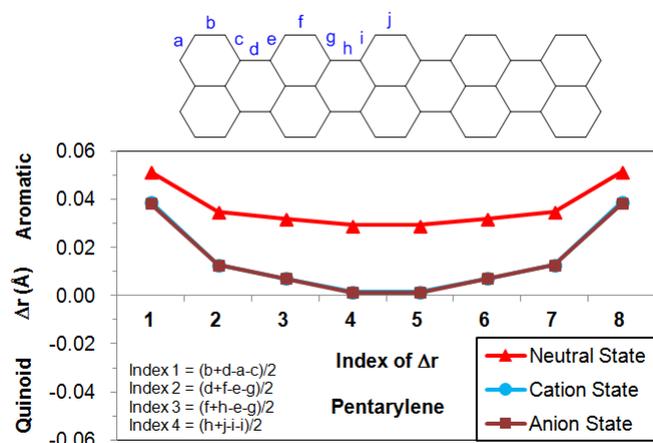
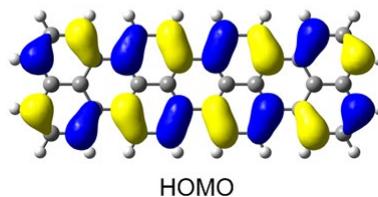
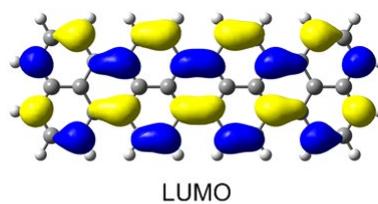
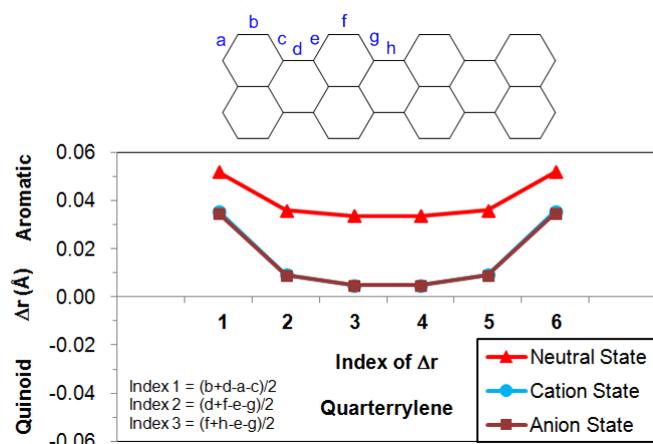
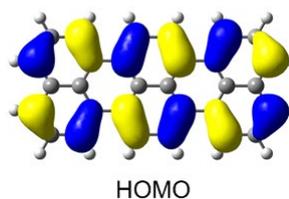
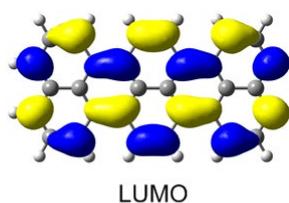
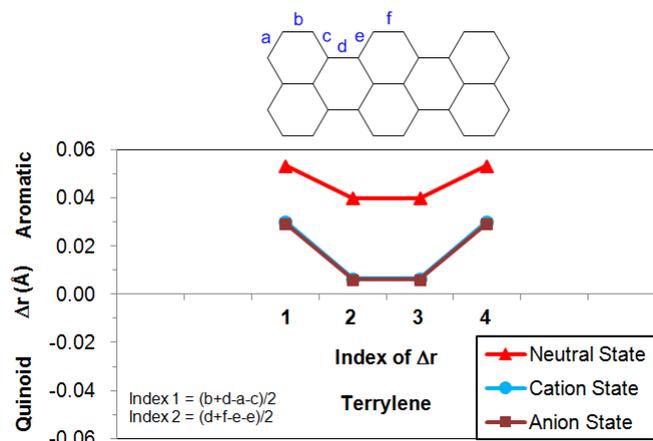
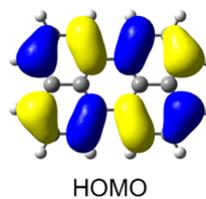
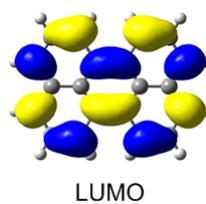
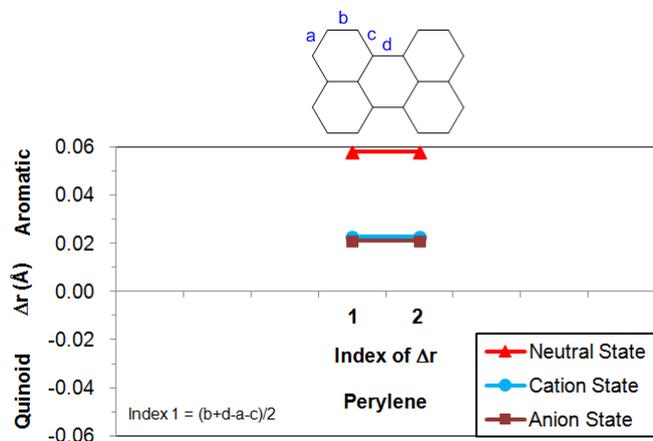


**Fig. S2** Binding energy per carbon atom ( $-\Delta E_b(n)/n$ , in kcal/mol) for the graphene sheet model dimers of the closed-shell systems calculated with different DFT methods. The basis set, except for the B97-D3 functional using the 6-311G(2d,p) level, were calculated at the 6-31+G(d,p)//6-31G(d,p) level. All the nonlinear regression lines fitted from the corresponding nine closed-shell data.

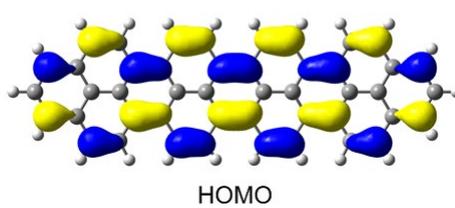
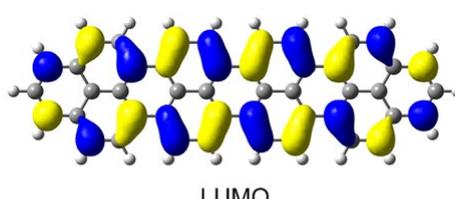
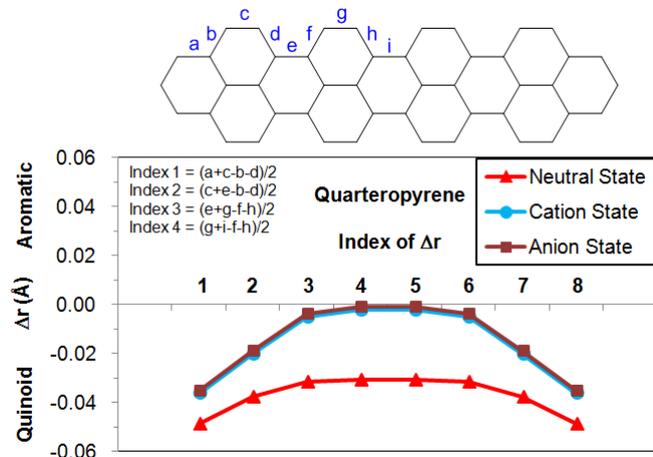
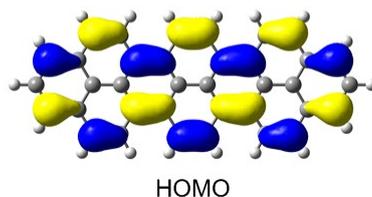
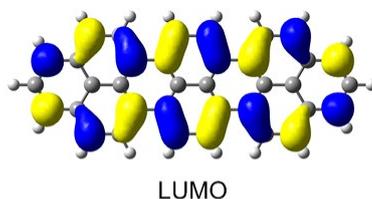
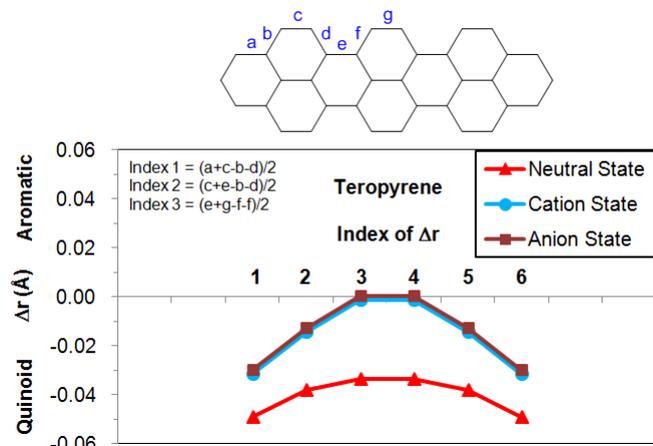
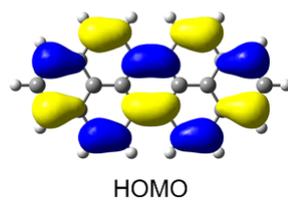
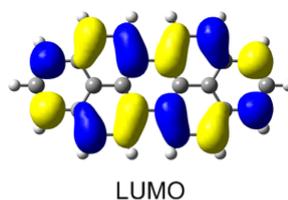
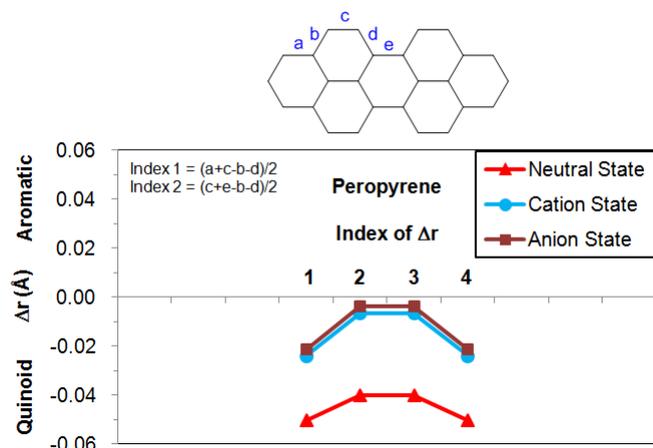
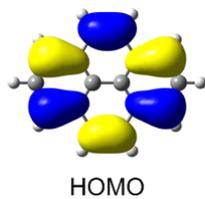
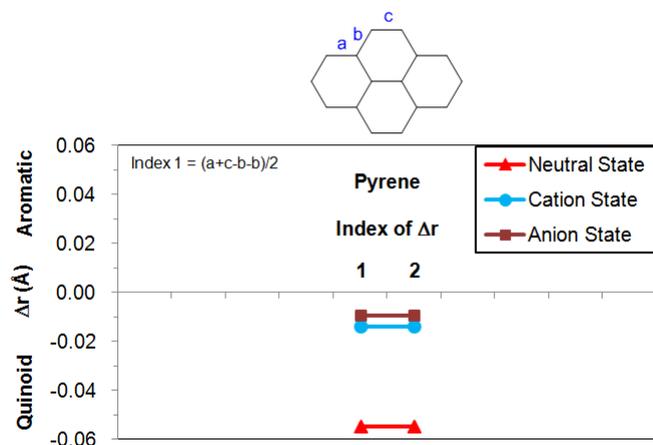
Note: The asymptotic value from the B97-D3/6-311G(2d,p) calculations is 1.17 kcal/mol per carbon atom. This value is in line with the Grimme's paper using B97-D3/TZV(2d,p) level. (S. Grimme, J. Antony, S. Ehrlich, H. Krieg, *J. Chem. Phys.* **2010**, *132*, 154104)

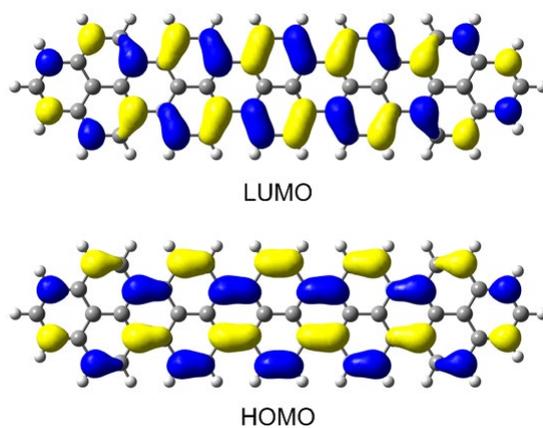
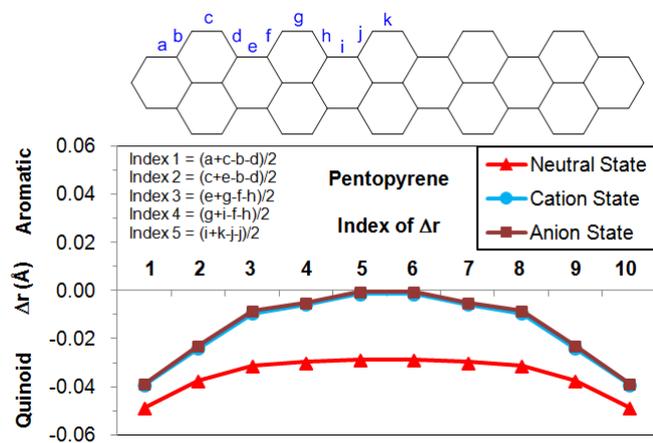


**Fig. S3** Binding energy per carbon atom ( $\Delta E_b(n)/n$ , in kcal/mol) for the graphene sheet model dimers of the closed- and open-shell systems calculated with different DFT methods at the 6-31+G(d,p)//6-31G(d,p) level. All the nonlinear regression lines fitted from the corresponding nine closed-shell data.

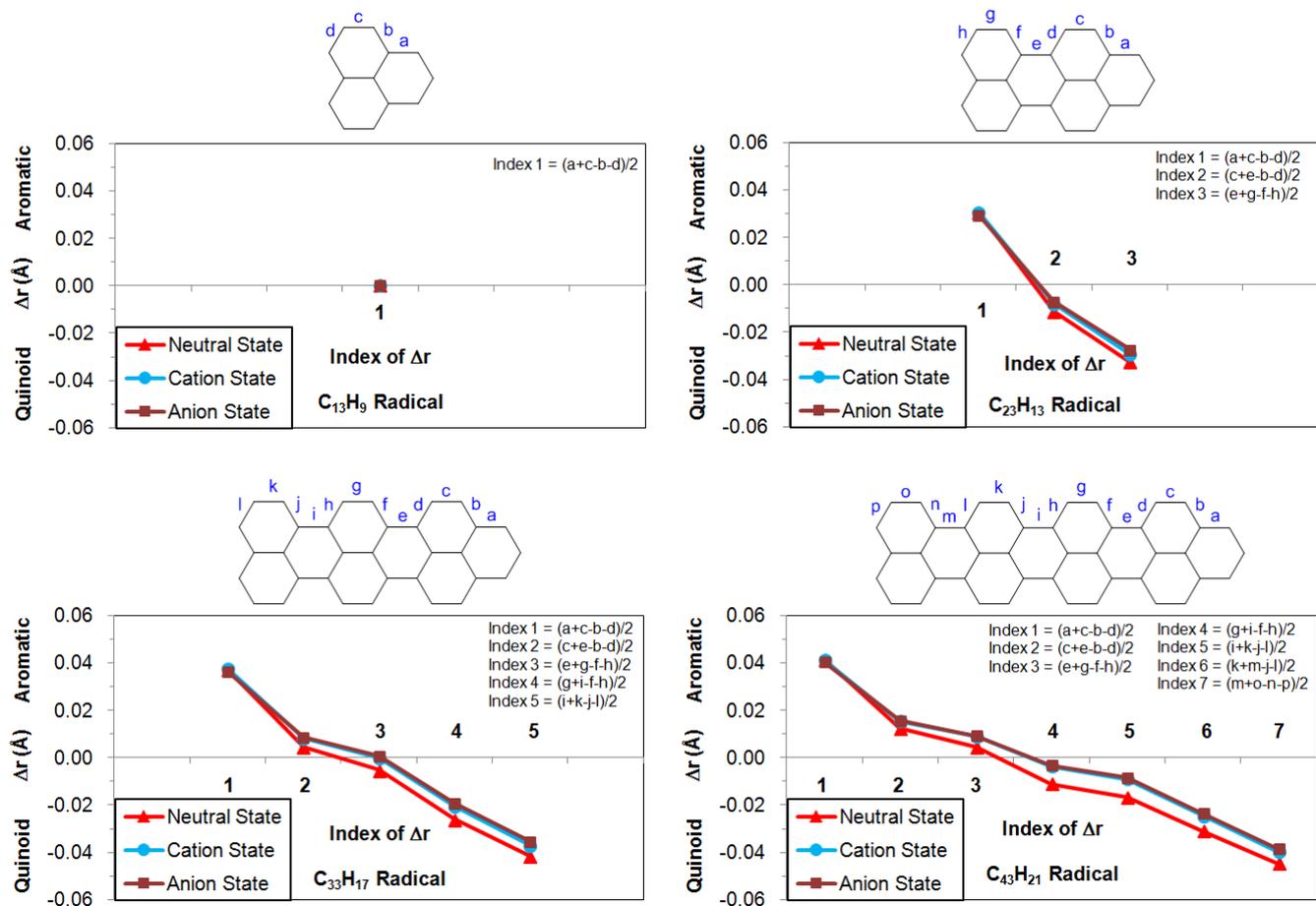


**Fig. S4** Bond length alternation parameter ( $\Delta r$ , in Å) and frontier orbitals of the perylene-like PAHs calculated at the B3LYP/6-31G(d,p) level.





**Fig. S5** Bond length alternation parameter ( $\Delta r$ , in Å) and frontier orbitals of the pyrene-like PAHs calculated at the B3LYP/6-31G(d,p) level.



**Fig. S6** Bond length alternation parameter ( $\Delta r$ , in Å) of the phenalenyl radical and the armchair odd alternant hydrocarbons calculated at the B3LYP/6-31G(d,p) level.