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3,6-Fluoren[5]arenes: synthesis, structure and complexation with fullerenes C₆₀ and C₇₀

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1. Materials and methods

Compound **1** was prepared according to literature procedure.^{S1} Other reagents were commercially available and used as received. Flash column chromatography was performed on 100-200 mesh silica gel. NMR spectra were recorded on the Brucker® Avance III 500 MHz NMR spectrometers. The ionization methods used in high-resolution mass spectrometry were electrospray ionization (ESI) and matrix-assisted laser desorption/ ionization (MALDI). The fluorescence spectra were recorded on HITACHI[®] F-7000 Fluorescence Spectrometer at room temperature.

2. Experimental procedure for 2-6

Compound **2**: A mixture of 2,7-dihydroxyfluorene (1.00 g, 5.00 mmol), K₂CO₃ (3.46 g, 25.00 mmol) and 1-bromobutane (1.64 g, 12.00 mmol) were dissolved in acetonitrile (100mL). The mixture was stirred at 80 °C in oil bath for 12 h and then quenched with water. The organic layer was separated, washed with brine three times, and dried with anhydrous MgSO₄. The organic layer was evaporated and then purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (dichloromethane/*n*-hexane, 1:1, v/v) to afford compound **2** as a white solid (1.52 g, 98 %), m.p.: 68 °C. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.39 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 6.86 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 2.4 Hz, 2H), 4.05 (t, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 4H), 3.75 (s, 2H), 1.86-1.77 (m, 4H) 1.58-1.51 (m, 4H) 1.00 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 158.7, 143.0, 136.3, 125.5, 113.9, 105.5, 68.1, 35.4, 31.5, 19.3, 13.9; ESI-HRMS(*m*/*z*): [M+H]⁺ calcd. for C₂₁H₂₇O₂, 311.2011; found: 311.2003.

Compound **3**: To a solution of 3,6-dimethoxyfluorene **1** (1.13 g 5.00 mmol) in anhydrous THF (50 mL) at -78 °C, *n*-butyllithium (4.8 mL 12 mmol; 2.5 M in hexane) was added dropwise under N₂ atmosphere. The mixture was stirred at -78 °C for 30 min, and 1-bromobutane (1.51 g, 11 mmol) was added dropwise to the mixture. The solution was allowed to warm to room temperature and stirred for 4 h and then quenched with water. The organic layer was separated, washed with brine three times, and dried with anhydrous MgSO₄. The organic layer was evaporated and then purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (dichloromethane/*n*-hexane, 1:2, v/v) to afford compound **3** as a colorless oil (1.52 g, 90%). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.21 (d, *J* = 5.1 Hz, 2H), 7.19 (s, 2H), 6.86 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 2.2 Hz, 2H), 3.89 (s, 6H), 1.93-1.88 (m, 4H), 1.08 (h, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 4H), 0.68 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 6H), 0.66-0.58 (m, 4H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 159.0, 143.7, 142.1, 123.4, 113.3, 104.6, 55.5, 53.7, 40.2, 26.0, 23.1, 13.9; ESI-HRMS(*m*/*z*): [M+H]⁺ calcd. for C₂₃H₂₀O₂, 339.2324; found: 339.2316.

Compound **4**: To a solution of 3,6-dimethoxyfluorene **1** (1.37 g, 6.05 mmol) and paraformaldehyde (0.91 g, 30.25 mmol) in anhydrous CH₂Cl₂ (500 mL) was added BF₃·Et₂O (1 mL) in dropwise. The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 2 min and then quenched with saturated NaHCO₃ solution. The organic layer was separated, washed with brine three times, and dried with anhydrous MgSO₄. The organic layer was evaporated and then purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (dichloromethane/*n*-hexane, 2:1, v/v) to afford compound **4** as a white solid (1.01 g, 73 %), m.p.: $> 300 \,^{\circ}$ C. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.25 (s, 10H), 7.07 (s, 10H), 4.06 (s, 10H), 3.94 (s, 30H), 3.55 (s, 10H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 157.1, 141.1, 136.1, 128.2, 126.5, 101.7, 56.0, 35.8, 30.1; MALDI-TOF-HRMS(*m/z*): [M]⁺ calcd. for C₈₀H₇₀O₁₀, 1190.4969; found, 1190.4958.

Compound 5: To a solution of 2 (1.00 g, 3.22 mmol) and paraformaldehyde (0.48 g, 16.10 mmol) in anhydrous CH₂Cl₂ (300 mL) was added BF₃·Et₂O (0.5 mL) in dropwise. The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 2 min and then quenched with saturated NaHCO₃ solution. The organic layer was separated, washed with brine three times, and dried with anhydrous MgSO₄. The organic layer was evaporated and then purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (dichloromethane/*n*-hexane, 2:1, v/v) to afford compound **5** as a white solid (0.74 g, 71 %), m.p.: 264 °C. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.20 (s, 10H), 7.09 (s, 10H), 4.10-4.05 (m, 30H), 3.53 (s, 10H), 1.82-1.75 (m, 20H), 1.52-1.44 (m, 20H), 0.94 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 30H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 156.6, 141.0, 135.8, 128.6, 126.5, 102.6, 68.3, 35.7, 31.7, 27.1, 19.5, 14.0; MADLI-TOF-HRMS(*m/z*): [M]⁺ calcd. for C₁₁₀H₁₃₀O₁₀, 1611.9698; found: 1611.9684.

Compound **6**: To a solution of **3** (1.00 g, 3.22 mmol) and paraformaldehyde (0.48 g, 16.10 mmol) in anhydrous CH₂Cl₂ (300 mL) was added BF₃·Et₂O (0.5 mL) in dropwise. The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 2 min and then quenched with saturated NaHCO₃ solution. The organic layer was separated, washed with brine three times, and dried with anhydrous MgSO₄. The organic layer was evaporated and then purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (dichloromethane/*n*-hexane, 2:1, v/v) to afford compound **6** as a white solid (0.74 g, 71 %), m.p.: 184 °C. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.12 (s, 10H), 6.92 (s, 10H), 4.03 (s, 30H), 3.88 (s, 10H), 1.74-1.64 (m, 20H), 1.47 (m, 20H), 0.98-0.88 (t, 30H), 0.64-0.52 (m, 50H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 156.6, 141.0, 135.8, 128.6, 126.5, 102.6, 68.3, 35.7, 31.7, 27.1, 19.5, 14.0; MALDI-TOF-HRMS(*m/z*): [M]⁺ calcd. for C₁₂₀H₁₅₀O₁₀, 1752.1263; found: 1752.1234.

3. NMR spectra of 2-6





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Fig. S6 ¹³C NMR spectrum (125 MHz, CDCl₃, 298 K) of 4.



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4. Variable-temperature ¹H NMR spectra of 5



Fig. S11 Truncated variable-temperature ¹H NMR spectra of 5 (CD₂Cl₂, 500 MHz, 298 K-193 K).

5. Color change of C₆₀@5



Fig. S12 Solution of C_{60} (left), C_{60} mixed with one equivalent of 5 (mid) and 5 (right), 1.0×10^{-3} M in toluene.



Fig. S13 UV/Vis spectra of 5 and C_{60} (1.0×10⁻⁴ M) in the absence and presence of 1.0 eq. 5 in toluene at 298K.

6. Determination of the association constants by fluorescence titration experiments

Job's plot. A solution of fullerene in toluene $(1.0 \times 10^{-5} \text{ M})$ and a solution of **5** in toluene $(1.0 \times 10^{-5} \text{ M})$ were mixed in a different ratio to prepare 11 samples. The emission spectra ($\lambda_{ex} = 330 \text{ nm}$) were measured for each sample, and the emission at 343 nm was monitored.

Fluorescence titration. Data were fitted by using the following equation:

$$F_0/F_{cal} = 1 + K_a[G]$$

Here, F_0 , F_{cal} , K_a , [G] are fluorescence intensity of host before the addition of guest, calibrated fluorescence intensity, the association constant and concentration of guest, respectively.^{S2}



Fig. S14 Job's plot of 5 and C_{70} in toluene, 298 K, $[5] + [C_{70}] = 1.0 \times 10^{-5}$ M.



Fig. S15 Emission spectra ($\lambda_{ex} = 330 \text{ nm}$) of **5** (1.0×10⁻⁵ M) in the presence of C₇₀ in toluene, [C₇₀] from top to bottom are 0, 0.1, 0.2, 0.3, 0.4, 0.5, 0.6, 0.7, 0.8, 0.9, 1.0, 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4, 1.5, 1.6, 1.7, 1.8, 1.9, 2.0 (× 10⁻⁵ M), 298 K.



Fig. S16 Emission spectra ($\lambda_{ex} = 330 \text{ nm}$) of 4 (1.0×10⁻⁵ M) in the presence of C₆₀ in toluene, [C₆₀] from top to bottom are 0, 0.1, 0.2, 0.3, 0.4, 0.5, 0.6, 0.7, 0.8, 0.9, 1.0, 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4, 1.5, 1.6, 1.7, 1.8, 1.9, 2.0 (×10⁻⁵ M), 298 K.



Fig. S17 Emission spectra ($\lambda_{ex} = 330 \text{ nm}$) of 4 (1.0×10⁻⁵ M) in the presence of C₇₀ in toluene, [C₇₀] from top to bottom are 0, 0.1, 0.2, 0.3, 0.4, 0.5, 0.6, 0.7, 0.8, 0.9, 1.0, 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4, 1.5, 1.6, 1.7, 1.8, 1.9, 2.0 (×10⁻⁵ M), 298 K.



Fig. S18 Emission spectra ($\lambda_{ex} = 330 \text{ nm}$) of **6** (1.0×10⁻⁵ M) in the presence of C₆₀ in toluene, [C₆₀] from top to bottom are 0, 0.1, 0.2, 0.3, 0.4, 0.5, 0.6, 0.7, 0.8, 0.9, 1.0, 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4, 1.5, 1.6, 1.7, 1.8, 1.9, 2.0 (×10⁻⁵ M), 298 K.



Fig. S19 Emission spectra ($\lambda_{ex} = 330 \text{ nm}$) of **6** (1.0×10⁻⁵ M) in the presence of C₇₀ in toluene, [C₇₀] from top to bottom are 0, 0.1, 0.2, 0.3, 0.4, 0.5, 0.6, 0.7, 0.8, 0.9, 1.0, 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4, 1.5, 1.6, 1.7, 1.8, 1.9, 2.0 (×10⁻⁵ M), 298 K.



7. NMR studies of complexation between 5 with fullerenes C60 and C70

Fig. S20 ¹H NMR spectra (300 MHz, d_8 -toluene, 298K) of (a) **5** with 1.0 equiv. of C₆₀, (b) free **5** and (c) **5** with 1.0 equiv. of C₇₀, [**5**]₀ = 1.0 mM.

8. Crystallographic data of 6



Fig. S21 ORTEP view (the thermal ellipsoids are displayed at a 50% probability) of **6**. Solvent molecules and hydrogen atoms were omitted for clarity.

Table S2. Crystal data and structure refinement for 6 (CCDC 2044335).

Empirical formula	$C_{123}H_{153}Cl_9O_{10}$
Formula weight	2110.49
Temperature/K	169.99(11)
Crystal system	triclinic
Space group	P-1
a/Å	12.9917(4)
b/Å	21.9009(5)
c/Å	22.5682(3)
$\alpha/^{\circ}$	95.436(2)
β/°	95.461(2)
$\gamma^{\prime \circ}$	92.331(2)
Volume/Å ³	6355.4(3)
Z	2
$ ho_{calc}g/cm^3$	1.103
μ/mm^{-1}	2.214
F(000)	2248.0
Crystal size/mm ³	0.22 imes 0.14 imes 0.1
Radiation	CuK α ($\lambda = 1.54184$)
2Θ range for data collection/°	5.378 to 151.74
Index ranges	$-16 \le h \le 16, -27 \le k \le 27, -27 \le l \le 27$
Reflections collected	93801
Independent reflections	25361 [$R_{int} = 0.0670, R_{sigma} = 0.0598$]
Data/restraints/parameters	25361/543/1457
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.031
Final R indexes [I>=2 σ (I)]	$R_1 = 0.0930, wR_2 = 0.2534$
Final R indexes [all data]	$R_1 = 0.1256, wR_2 = 0.2809$

Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å ⁻³	0.73/-0.75
Empirical formula	C ₁₂₃ H ₁₅₃ Cl ₉ O ₁₀
Formula weight	2110.49
Temperature/K	169.99(11)
Crystal system	triclinic
Space group	P-1

9. Calculations of complexation between 4 with fullerenes C₆₀ and C₇₀

Calculations were performed with the Gaussian 09 program.^{S3} Geometry optimizations of all stationary points were performed with the B3LYP-D3 functional,^{S4-S5} which has been proven to be suitable to describe the dispersion effects. The 6-31G(d) basis set was applied for all elements. Frequency calculations at the same level were performed to confirm each stationary point to be a minimum structure.



Fig. S22 (a) Top view and (b) side view of optimized structure of $C_{60}@4$.

rig. S	22 (a) Top view an	a (b) side view of a	optimized structu
The a	tomic coordinates of	of C ₆₀ @ 4 :	
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Fig. S23 (a) Top view and (b) side view of optimized structure of $C_{70}@4$.

The atomic coordinates of C₇₀@4:

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