

Supporting Information for

Helicity Control of a Perfluorinated Carbon Chain Confined in a Chiral Supramolecular Cage Monitored by VCD

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1 General Methods

NMR spectra were recorded at 301 K on Bruker 400 Avance III BBi-z grad 5 mm and Bruker Avance-III 500MHz instruments. All the ¹H-NMR spectra were referenced to residual isotopic impurity of DMSO-*d*₆ (2.50 ppm). The following abbreviations are used in reporting the multiplicity for NMR resonances; s=single, d=doublet, t= triplet, and m=multiplet. The NMR data were processed using Bruker Topspin 3.5 pl2 and MestReNova 12.0.0.

High resolution electrospray ionization mass spectrometry HRMS (ESI-TOF) analyses were performed in positive mode with Waters Xevo G2-S QToF. The analysis was performed with Fast Flow Injection: 10 ul of sample injected ACN at 30 ul/min. Capillary: 3000V, Sample cone: 30V, Source temperature: 80 °C, Desolvation temperature: 250 °C. ECD spectra were recorded with a Jasco J-1500 spectrometer and processed with Spectra Manager Version 2.15.3.1

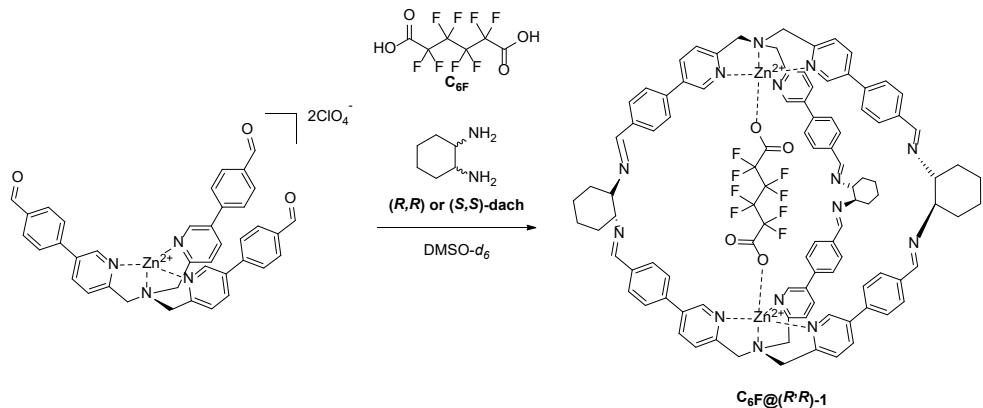
VCD and IR spectra were recorded on a Jasco FVS6000 instrument, equipped with a wire-grid linear polarizer, a ZnSe photo-elastic modulator at 50 kHz frequency and a liquid-N₂ cooled MCT detector. Spectra were recorded 10 mM/DMSO-*d*₆ solutions contained in 200 μm BaF₂ cells. 5000 scans per spectra were recorded. Solvent spectra were recorded in the same conditions and subtracted from the solution spectra.

DFT and TD-DFT calculations of the diastereomeric structures were carried out Gaussian 16 package¹ Revision B.01 and processed with GaussView 6.0.16² or CYL view BETA 1.0. The experimental/theoretical comparison of the ECD spectra were carried out with SpecDis Version 1.71³. Optimization and vibrational spectra have been calculated at B3LYP/6-31g(d,p) level with iefpcm solvent model, Lorentzian bandwidth of 16 cm⁻¹ have been adopted with a wavenumber scaling factor of 0.97. ECD spectra have been calculated on the same structures adopting the cam-B3LYP functional and Gaussian bandwidth of 0.3 eV.

Chemicals were purchased from Merck, TCI, or Apollo Scientific and used without further purification.

2 Synthesis and Characterization

2.1 Synthesis of Cage C₆F@(*R,R*)-1



To 500 μl (1.0 μmol) of a solution 0.002 M of complex **1** in DMSO-*d*₆, 100 μl (1.0 μmol) of a solution 0.01 M in DMSO-*d*₆ of octafluoroadipic acid **C**₆**F** and 75 μl (1.5 μmol) of a solution 0.02 M in DMSO-*d*₆ of (*1R,2R*)-cyclohexanediamine (**R,R**)-**dach** or (*1S,2S*)-cyclohexanediamine (**S,S**)-**dach** were added in a NMR tube. The mixture was left for 12 hour at room temperature and then other 50 μl (1.0 μmol) of chiral diamine solution 0.02 M in DMSO-*d*₆ of checked *via* ¹H NMR (NMR yield >90% determined with internal standard *p*-xylene).

The procedure is the same adopted for the preparation of higher concentration samples. The concentration of starting complex solution are 0.01, 0.02 and 0.03 mM respectively for cage 5 mM, 10 mM and 15 mM, and the stock solution for the chiral diamine and **C**₆**F** are respectively 0.2 M and 0.1 M.

¹H-NMR (400 MHz, (DMSO-*d*₆) δ (ppm): 9.12 (s, 6H, *J*=2.0 Hz PyrH), 8.48 (s, 6H, NH_{imm}), 8.43 (d, 6H, *J*=8.0 Hz, *J*=2.0 Hz, PyrH), 7.97 (d, 12H, *J*=8.5 Hz, ArH), 7.72 (m, 12H+6H, *J*=8.0 Hz, PyrH), 4.51 (s, 12H, CH₂), 3.18 (s, 6H, CH-dach) 1.76 (m, 12H, CH₂-dach), 1.38 (s, 6H, CH₂-dach). ESI-MS: *m/z*: calcd for [C₁₀₂H₉₀F₈N₁₄Zn₂]²⁺ 929,7 [M]²⁺ found 929,2 [M]²⁺. FT-IR (optical path: 0,1 mm, DMSO-*d*₆): 1690 cm⁻¹ (ν _{C=O}, *s*), 1360 cm⁻¹ (ν _{C-O}, *w*), 1170 cm⁻¹ (ν _{C-F}, *m*). VCD (optical path: 0,1 mm, DMSO-*d*₆): 1700 cm⁻¹ (ν _{C=O}, *s*), 1370 cm⁻¹ (ν _{C-O}, *w*), 1160 cm⁻¹ (ν _{C-F}, *w*).

3 NMR and ESI-MS characterization

3.1 C₆F@(*R,R*)-1

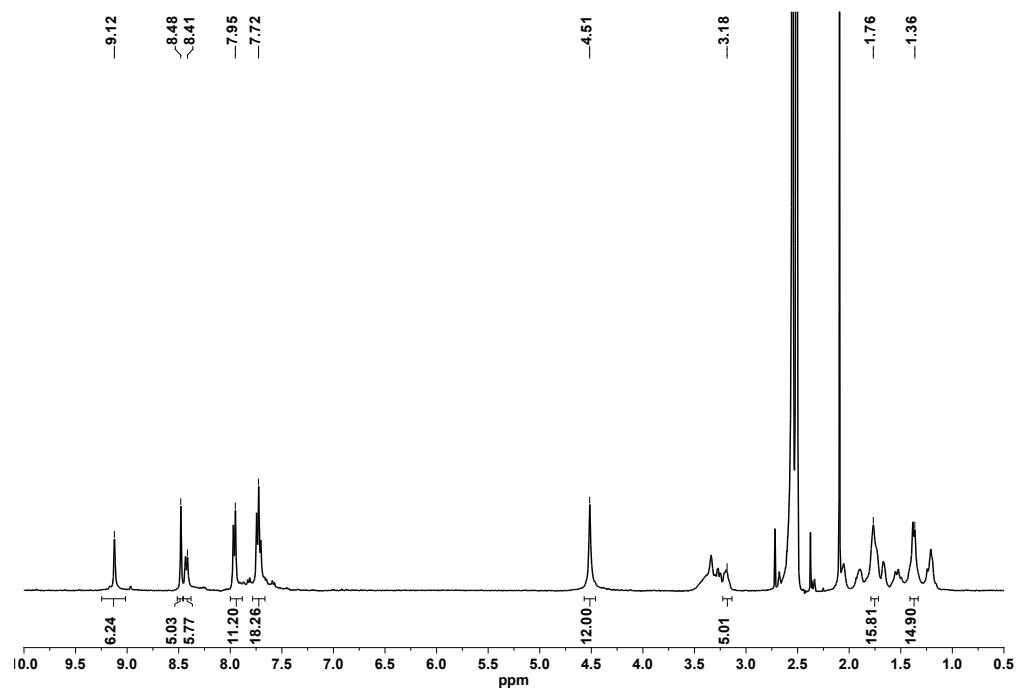


Figure S_3.1A ¹H-NMR spectrum (400 MHz, 301 K, DMSO-*d*₆) of cage C₆F@(*R,R*)-1.

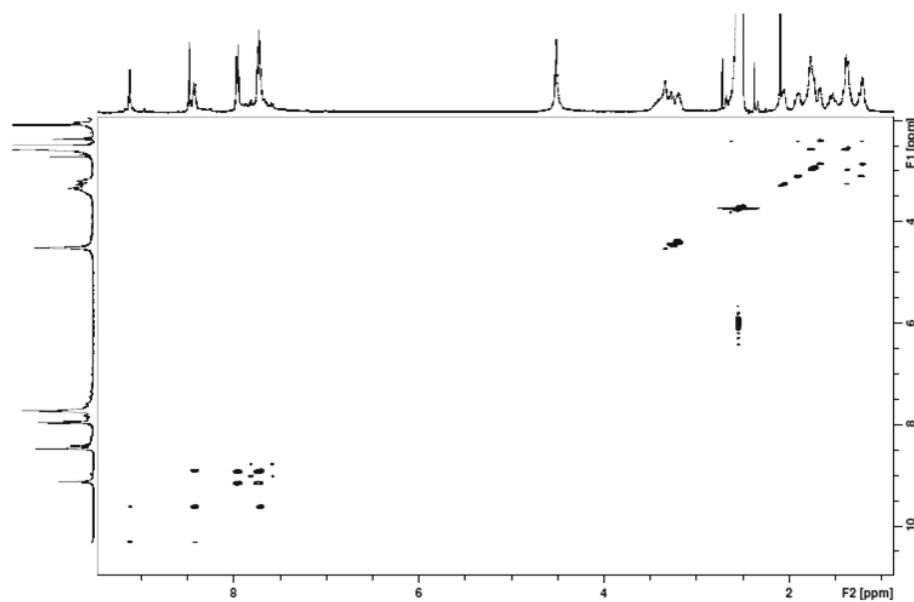


Figure S_3.1B ¹H-¹H COSY spectrum (500 MHz, 301 K, DMSO-*d*₆) of cage C₆F@(*R,R*)-1.

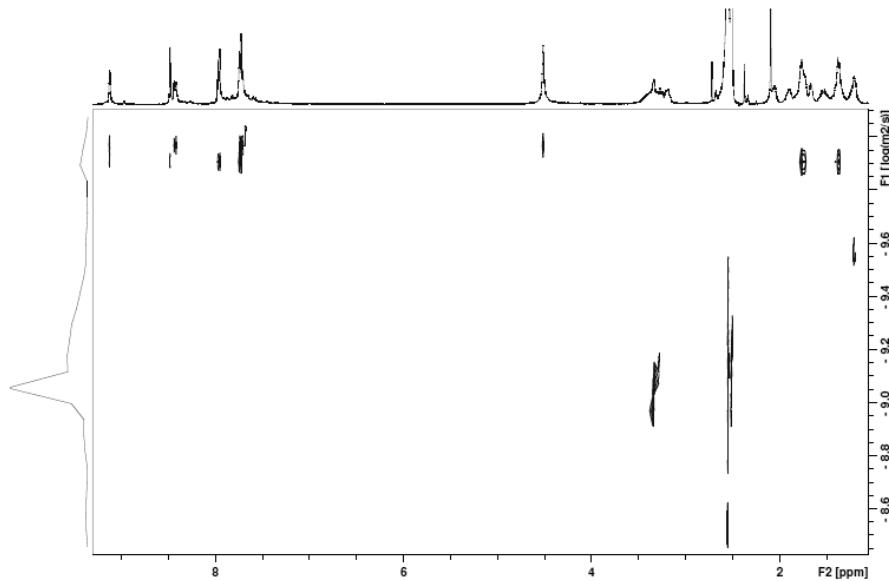


Figure S_3.1C DOSY spectrum (400 MHz, 301 K, DMSO-*d*₆) of cage **C₆F@(*R,R*)-1**. The diffusion coefficient corresponding hydrodynamic radius (*r*_H) was calculated to be 9.5±0.4 Å by using the Stokes-Einstein equation.^{4,5}

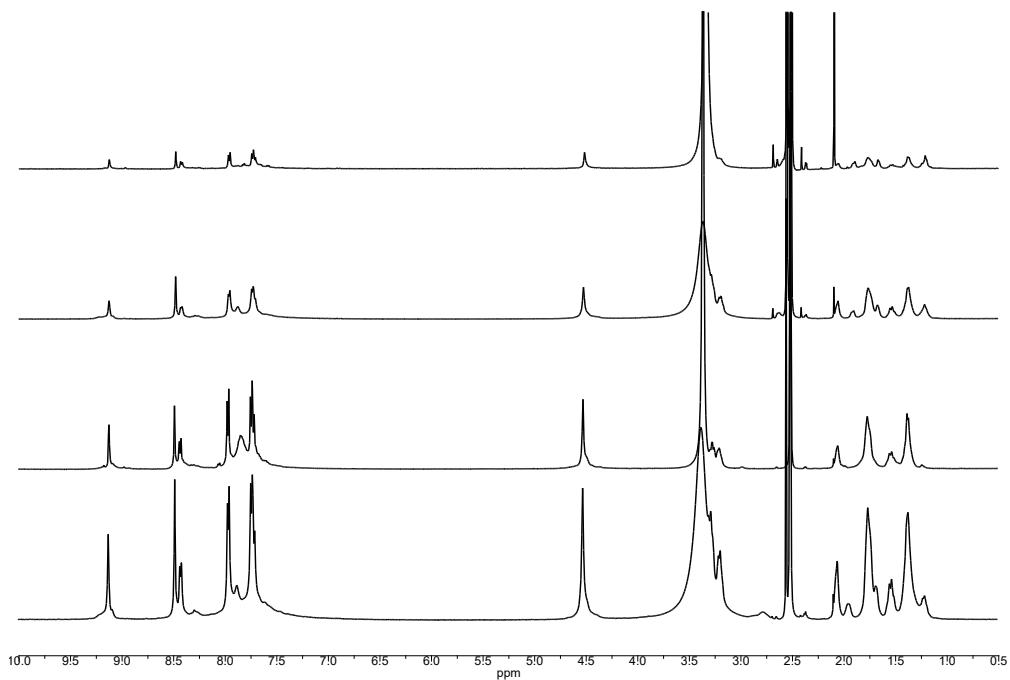


Figure S_3.1D ¹H NMR (400 MHz, 301 K, DMSO-*d*₆) of cage **C₆F@(*R,R*)-1**. The cage was synthesized at different final concentrations (a top, d bottom). a) 1 mM, b) 5 mM c) 10 mM d) 15 mM. The cage formation and the characteristic peaks are confirmed in each synthesis attempt.

3.2 C₆F@(*S,S*)-1

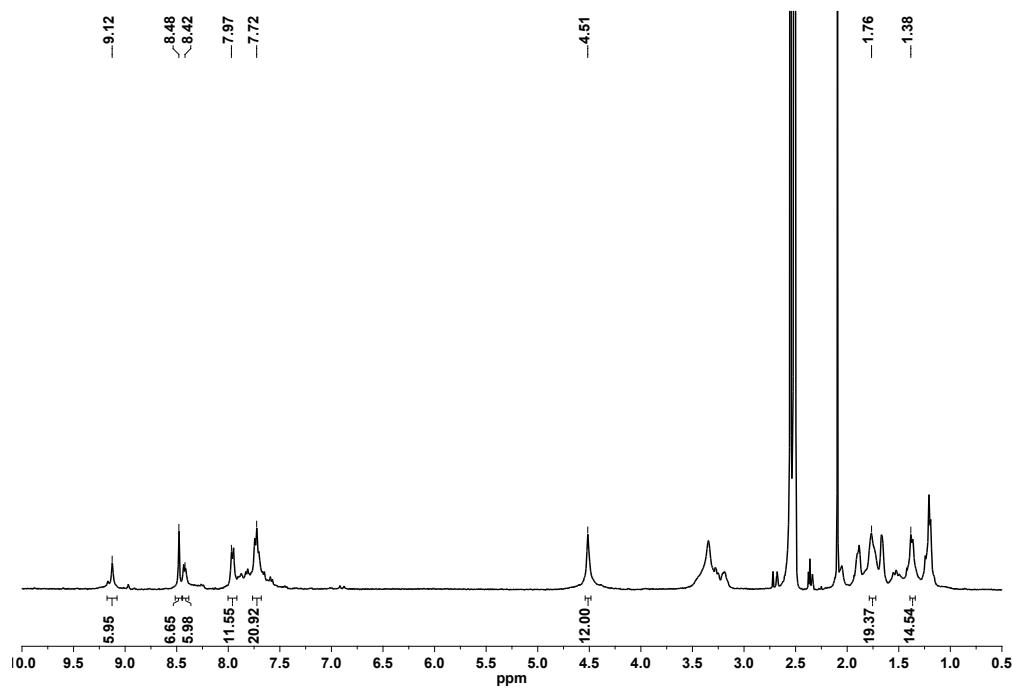


Figure S_3.2A ¹H-NMR spectrum (500 MHz, 301 K, DMSO-*d*₆) of cage C₆F@(*S,S*)-1.

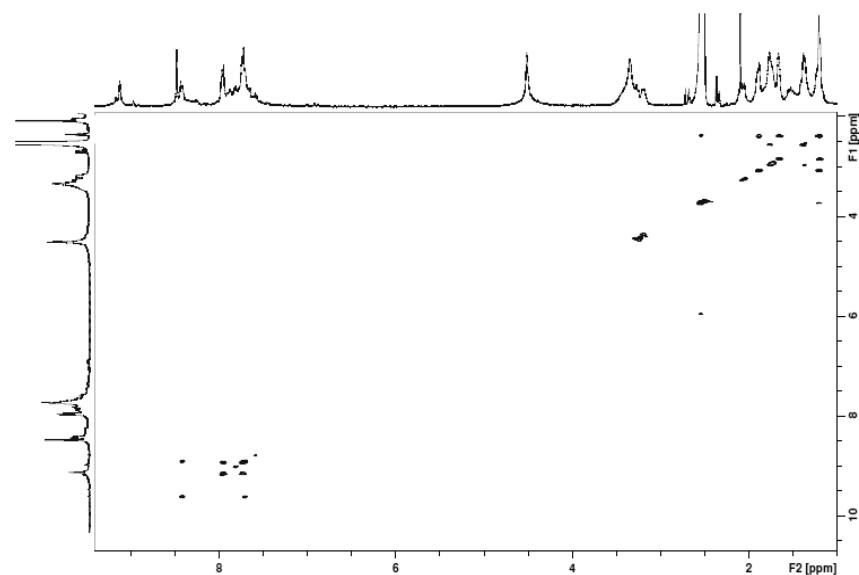


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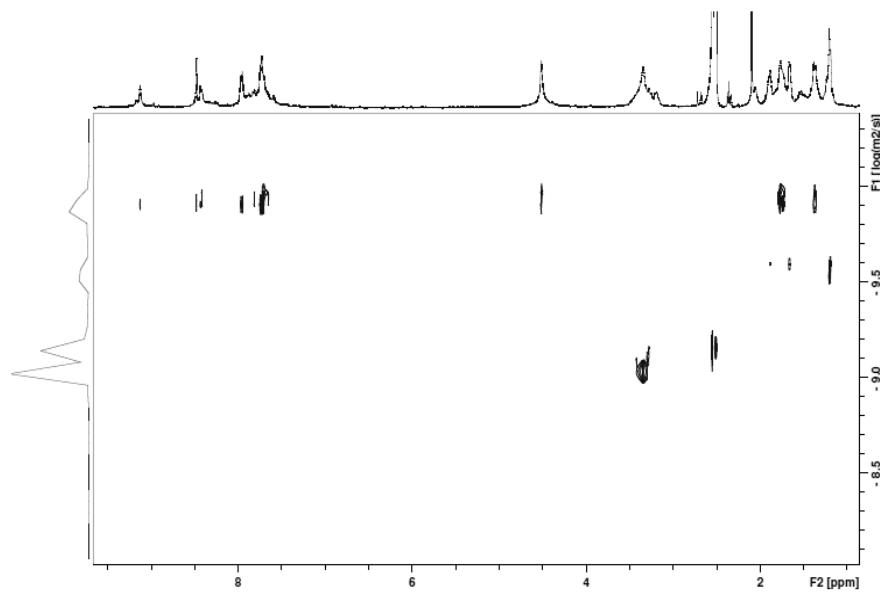


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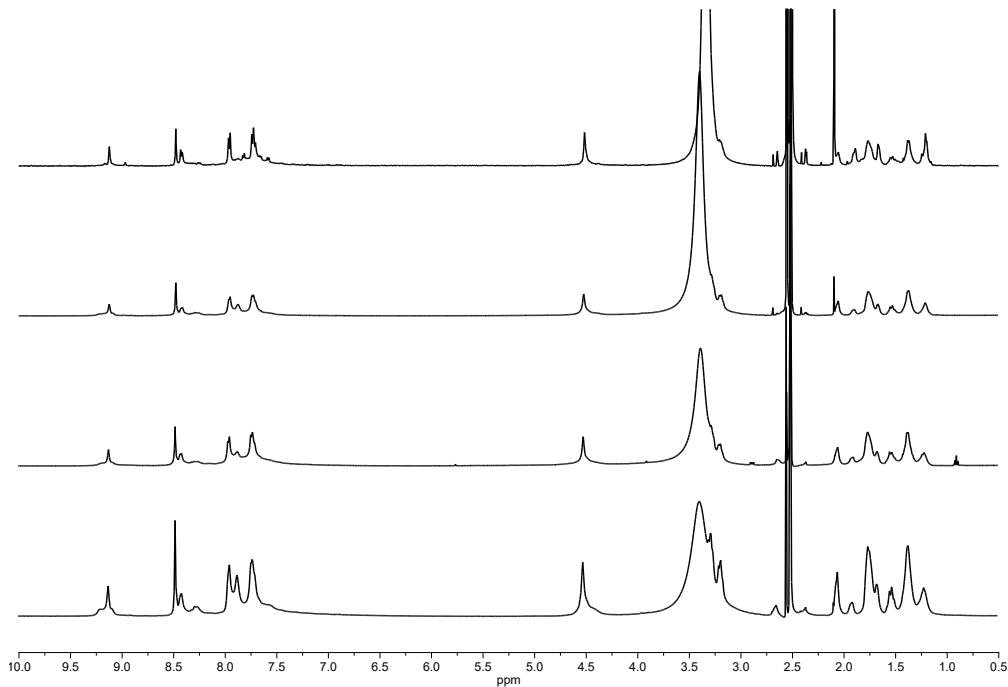


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3.3 ESI-MS spectrum C₆F@(*R,R*)-1

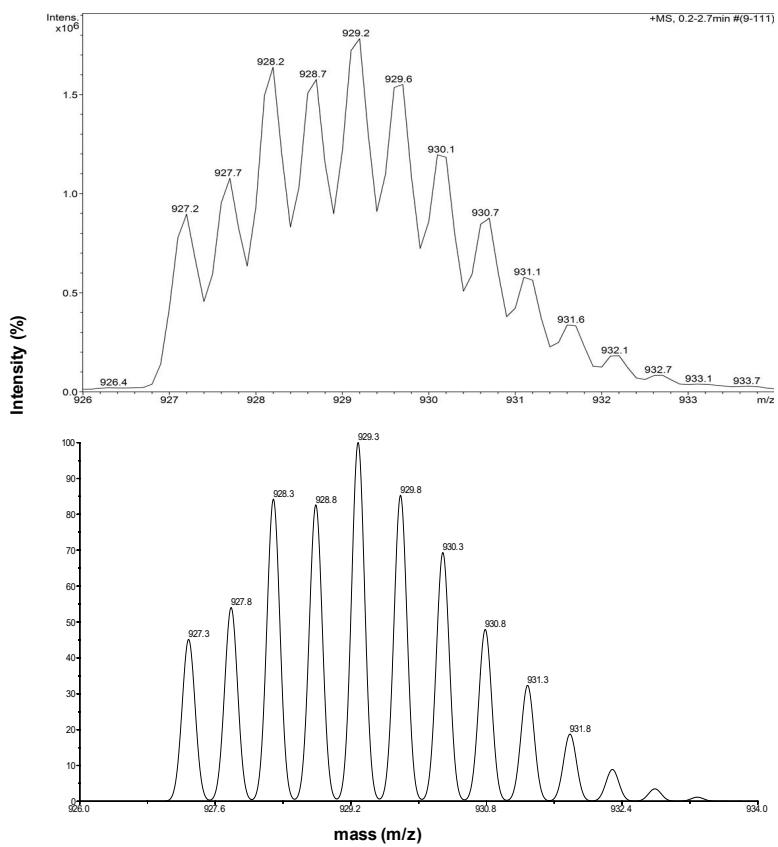


Figure S_3.3A Experimental (top), and calculated (bottom) MS (ESI-TOF) pattern of C₆F@(*R,R*)-1 corresponding to [C₁₀₂H₉₀F₈N₁₄O₄Zn₂]²⁺.

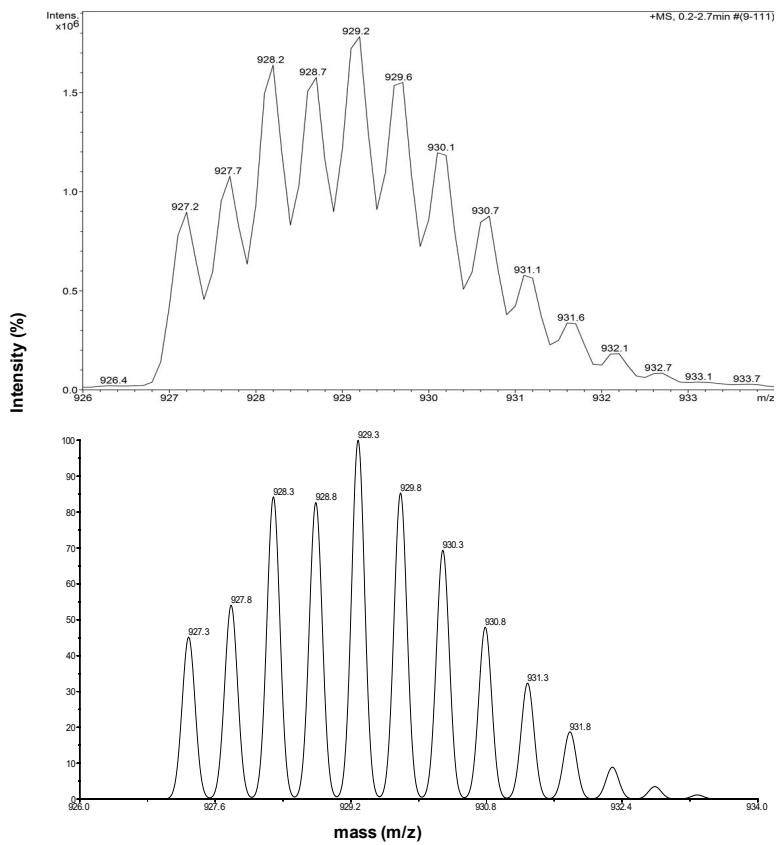


Figure S_3.3B Experimental (top), and calculated (bottom) MS (ESI-TOF) pattern of **C₆F@(*S,S*)-1** corresponding to $[C_{102}H_{90}F_8N_{14}O_4Zn_2]^{2+}$.

4 Computational section

4.1 Conformational Analysis

The diastereomeric conformers have been optimized with Gaussian 16 package at B3LYP/6-31G(d,p) level taking into account DMSO solvent within iefpcm frame, applying default grids and loose convergence criteria¹. Three stereogenic elements have been varied to generate six different starting structures for the conformational search. In particular, the **TPMA** helix helicity sense and the helicity of the perfluorocarbonchain

Cage	RRPP	RRPP	RRMP	RRMP	RRMM	RRMM	Zn-CO ₂ -(CF ₂) ₄ CO ₂ -Zn
Perfluorinated chain	P	M	P	M	P	M	
E (kcal/mol)	0.0	0.9	2.3	4.4	5.0	5.6	
N-C-C-N	29	29	-30	-34	-27	-23	
	24	26	-32	-33	-27	-29	
	29	29	-35	-35	-26	-25	
	23	26	29	31	-30	-27	
	29	27	26	28	-28	-28	
	27	29	25	30	-26	-27	
Biaryl torsions	M	M	M	M	P	P	
Zn...[O-O...O-O]...Zn	136	-127	113	-140	109	-167	
O=C..C=O	138	-127	114	-140	110	-164	
O ₂ C-C-C-CO ₂	155	-151	139	-158	143	-160	141
τ1 [C-C-C-C]	173	-174	164	180	168	-175	164
τ2 [C-C-C-C]	169	-167	167	-168	166	-162	164
τ3 [C-C-C-C]	168	-164	164	-163	164	-169	167
C-C distance	6.524	6.512	6.476	6.539	6.514	6.594	6.464

Table S_4.1 Geometric characteristics of the optimised structures for **C₆F@(*R,R*)-1**. Last column reports characteristics for a Zn₂-perfluoroalkyl dicarboxylate chain. See **figure S_4.1** for dihedral angle definitions.

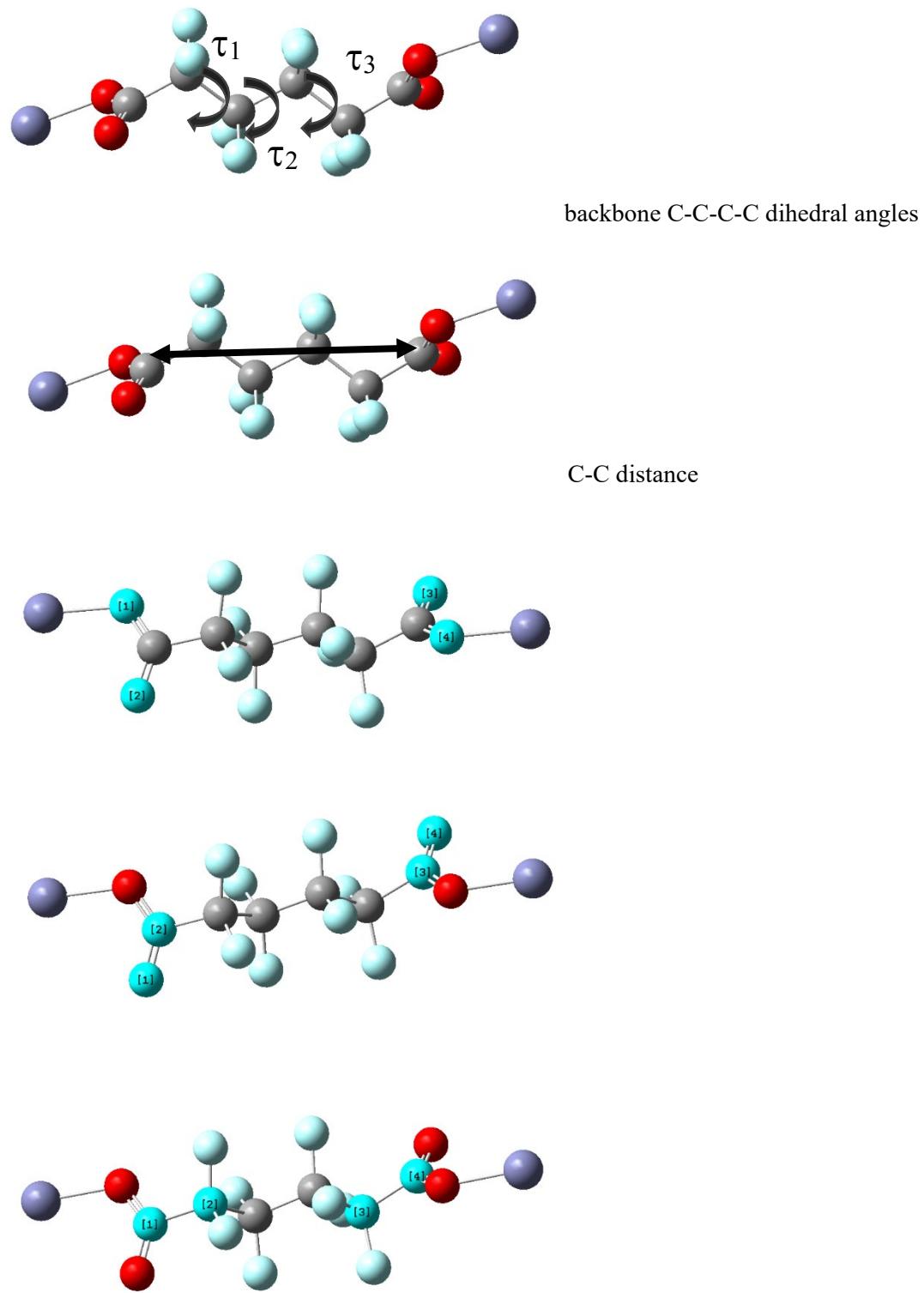


Figure S_4.1 Grafical definition of dihedral angles reported in **Table S_4.1**

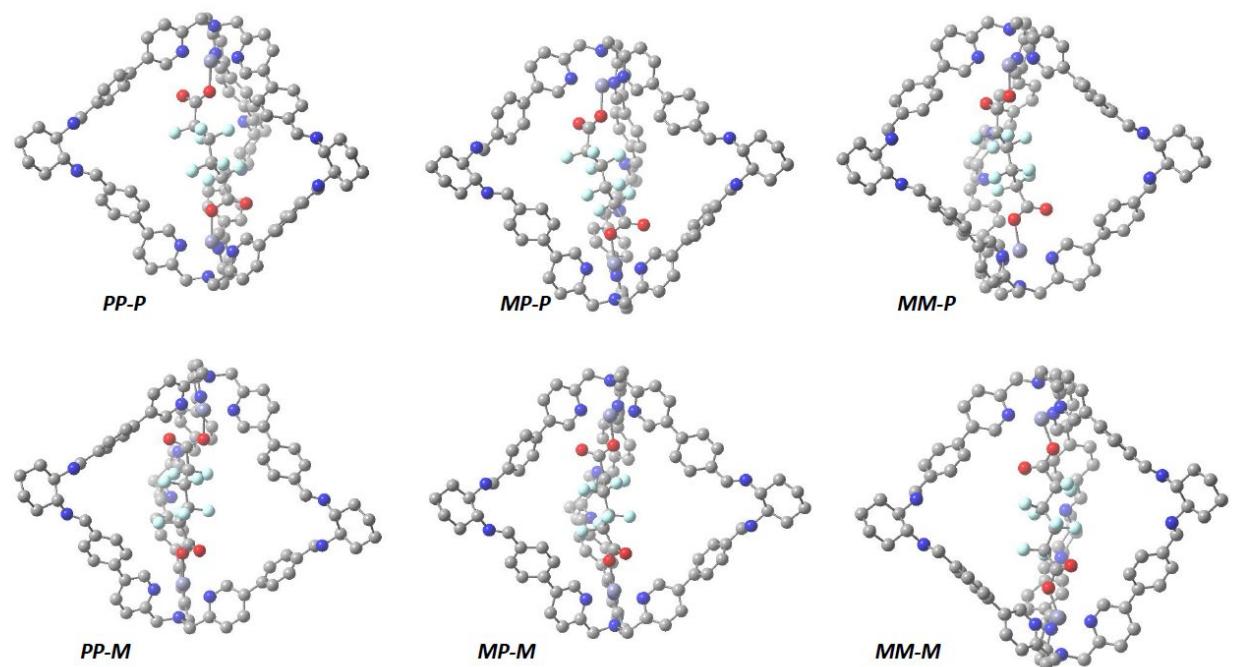


Figure S_4.2 Optimized structures used to calculate VCD and ECD spectra.

5 VCD Calculations

Table S_5.1 mid-IR intense normal modes. The evidenced ones involve vibrations located in the perfluoroalkyl dicarbocxylate guest.

RRPP-P						RRMP-P						RRMM-P					
#	cm ⁻¹	D	R	assignment	#	cm ⁻¹	D	R	assignment	#	cm ⁻¹	D	R	assignment			
384	1182	510	20	CF2	384	1181	626	508	CF2	384	1182	712	497	CF2			
385	1190	143	-262	CF2	385	1190	82	-283	CF2	385	1187	145	-357	CF2			
386	1196	493	314	CF2	386	1197	389	55	CF2	386	1194	261	67	CF2			
479 1402 640 710 o.p. COOsym						480 1402 486 452 o.p. COOsym						477 1399 482 64 o.p. COOsym					
480	1403	62	-27		481	1403	394	177	o.p. COOsym	479	1401	185	346				
481	1403	80	-69		482	1405	11	10		480	1402	21	73				
482	1406	9	-72		483	1407	15	22		481	1403	56	58				
483	1407	7	74		484	1416	45	-36		482	1406	23	-91				
484	1417	59	33		485	1416	51	181		483	1406	23	-120				
485	1418	89	140		486	1418	18	320		484	1419	85	-193				
486	1419	20	18		487	1418	53	-34		485	1419	106	-152				
487	1419	33	232		488	1419	57	-58		486	1420	28	199				
488	1420	56	-156		489	1419	10	-69		487	1421	33	183				
489	1421	9	-46		490	1421	13	-69		488	1423	3	-252				
490	1422	8	-46		491	1422	1	6		489	1425	33	122				
491	1425	0	-3		492	1424	2	-14		490	1425	27	136				
492	1427	1	-5		493	1425	1	-14		491	1428	131	-214	i.p. COOsym			
493	1428	3	-16		494	1428	74	-305	i.p. COOsym	492	1431	0	-3				
494	1428	50	-228	i.p. COOsym						493	1434	6	40				
										494	1439	2	-6				

Table S_5.1-cont.

RRPP-M						RRMP-M						RRMM-M											
#	cm ⁻¹	D	R	assignment		#	cm ⁻¹	D	R	assignment		#	cm ⁻¹	D	R	assignment							
384	1180	494	-125	CF2		384	1178	414	318	CF2		384	1179	110	29	CF2							
385	1189	190	431	CF2		385	1185	95	243	CF2		385	1185	551	-184	CF2							
386	1198	487	-381	CF2		386	1200	614	-418	CF2		386	1199	108	-62	CF2							

6 VCD and ECD measurements of the two enantiomers.

6.1 VCD measurement for C₆F@(*R,R*)-1 and C₆F@(*S,S*)-1

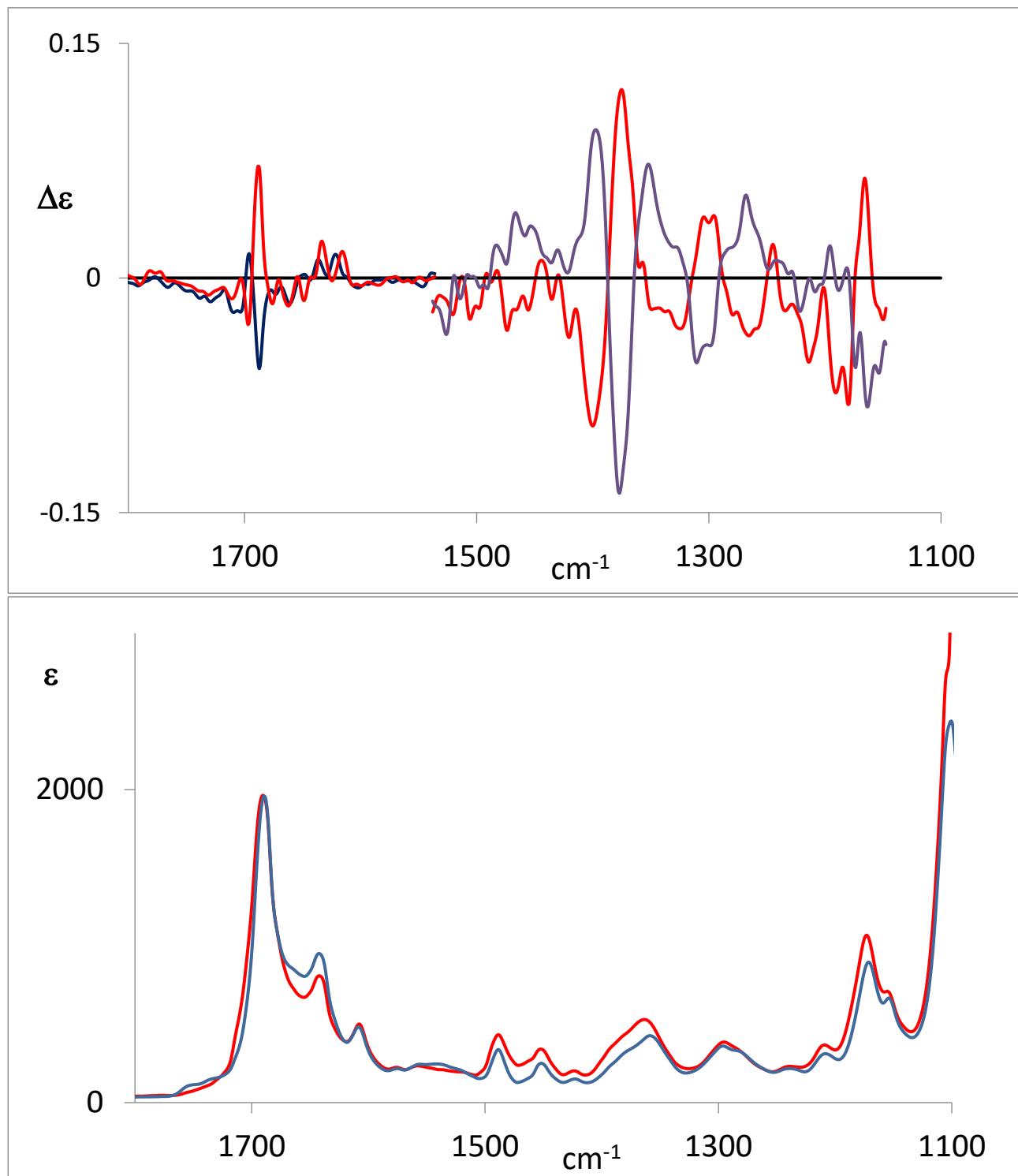


Figure S_6.1 Experimental VCD spectra of C₆F@(*R,R*)-1 and C₆F@(*S,S*)-1 (top) and IR absorption spectra of C₆F@(*R,R*)-1 (see Scheme 1).

6.2 ECD measurement for C₆F@(*R,R*)-1 and C₆F@(*S,S*)-1

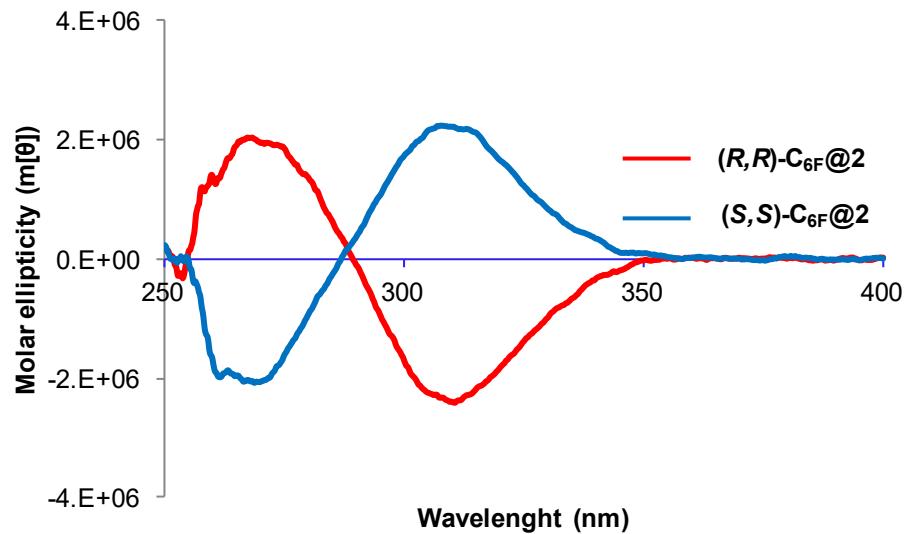


Figure S_S_6.2 Experimental CD spectra of C₆F@(*R,R*)-1 and C₆F@(*S,S*)-1. (c=1*10⁻⁵ mM, l=0.1 mm. CD₃CN).

7 TD-DFT Calculations

Once obtained the energy distribution of the conformers, TD-DFT cam-B3LYP/6-31G(d) calculations were performed to simulate the CD spectrum. The calculations were carried out over 20 excited states for the optimized conformational structures of the different diastereoisomers of the supramolecular systems $\text{C}_6\text{F}@\text{(R,R)-1}$.

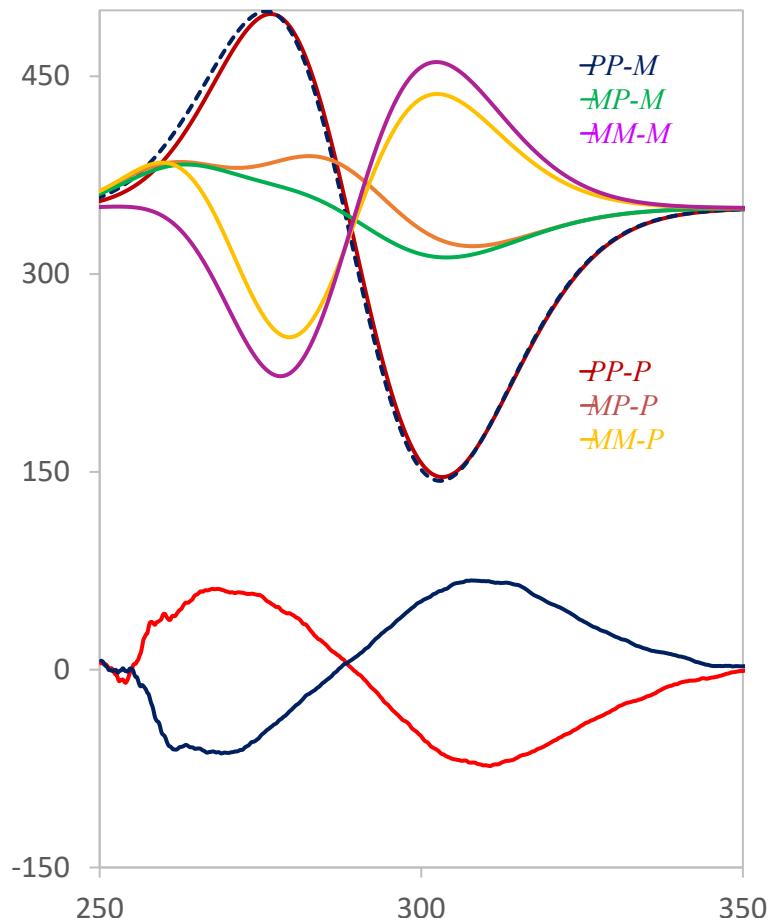


Figure S_7.1 Comparison of calculated ECD spectra of $\text{C}_6\text{F}@\text{(R,R)-1}$ and head groups and fluorinated chains in all possible configurations ($P,P-M$, $P,P-P$, $M,M-M$, $M,M-P$, $M,P-M$, $M,P-P$) (top) with experimental ECD spectra of $\text{C}_6\text{F}@\text{(R,R)-1}$ and $\text{C}_6\text{F}@\text{(S,S)-1}$. (Calculated transitions represented by Gaussian band 0.3 eV wide; spectral features shifted by 20 nm for ease of comparison)..

8 Coordinates of optimized best structure

C₆F@(R,R)- PP-P

#	Z	Type	X	Y	Z
1	6	0	8.523446	6.464397	-0.917361
2	6	0	-1.528495	-5.886536	8.703054
3	6	0	-6.406175	-2.633766	-7.819069
4	7	0	8.327380	5.022004	-0.855539
5	7	0	-0.995218	-6.123994	7.368575
6	7	0	-4.996954	-2.674373	-7.448676
7	6	0	7.582979	4.450374	-1.718789
8	6	0	-4.661343	-3.154099	-6.315258
9	6	0	0.022219	-5.463401	6.974972
10	6	0	7.417450	2.983562	-1.751848
11	6	0	6.417906	2.403163	-2.545403
12	6	0	8.269759	2.142568	-1.016145
13	6	0	6.261062	1.019431	-2.592480
14	1	0	5.759646	3.038890	-3.131199
15	6	0	8.129061	0.763198	-1.078702
16	1	0	9.043042	2.591614	-0.402680
17	6	0	7.119075	0.178967	-1.865310
18	1	0	5.488540	0.588988	-3.222007
19	1	0	8.792398	0.129375	-0.497970
20	6	0	0.657208	-5.715806	5.666793
21	6	0	1.638678	-4.841519	5.178490
22	6	0	0.314434	-6.842549	4.900186
23	6	0	2.255729	-5.077300	3.951728
24	1	0	1.923130	-3.971814	5.764508
25	6	0	0.940966	-7.088959	3.686749
26	1	0	-0.445592	-7.518100	5.276978
27	6	0	1.921401	-6.209202	3.190881
28	1	0	3.018948	-4.392499	3.595510
29	1	0	0.655666	-7.959650	3.104179
30	6	0	-3.248105	-3.361437	-5.938897
31	6	0	-2.216812	-3.197354	-6.879706
32	6	0	-2.916756	-3.801172	-4.649006
33	6	0	-0.904216	-3.503711	-6.550630
34	1	0	-2.469620	-2.849564	-7.875231
35	6	0	-1.596375	-4.096609	-4.312364
36	1	0	-3.701322	-3.937391	-3.909663
37	6	0	-0.573022	-3.975469	-5.265797
38	1	0	-0.123209	-3.377477	-7.294236
39	1	0	-1.368707	-4.471190	-3.319162
40	6	0	2.578283	-6.479497	1.890514
41	6	0	2.962836	-7.771794	1.498498
42	6	0	2.833470	-5.442822	0.988208
43	6	0	3.573119	-7.972222	0.266084
44	1	0	2.807987	-8.612142	2.167207
45	1	0	2.582444	-4.413605	1.220346
46	6	0	3.774472	-6.884066	-0.581138
47	1	0	3.892369	-8.962200	-0.040694
48	6	0	0.815042	-4.401534	-4.964366

49	6	0	1.438923	-4.115035	-3.744821
50	6	0	1.558929	-5.145259	-5.895620
51	1	0	0.948751	-3.512839	-2.986785
52	6	0	2.840825	-5.578885	-5.582685
53	1	0	1.118867	-5.408731	-6.851577
54	6	0	3.379504	-5.260430	-4.338307
55	1	0	3.415567	-6.168785	-6.287999
56	6	0	6.969498	-1.294394	-1.916909
57	6	0	5.706317	-1.888111	-1.841765
58	6	0	8.069789	-2.159556	-2.028383
59	1	0	4.812363	-1.283667	-1.741975
60	6	0	7.872353	-3.535034	-2.082166
61	1	0	9.073497	-1.753904	-2.101679
62	6	0	6.576372	-4.040332	-1.996433
63	1	0	8.711678	-4.212369	-2.194301
64	1	0	-5.406057	-3.480597	-5.573380
65	1	0	0.490626	-4.682674	7.593296
66	7	0	2.680308	-4.535014	-3.444563
67	7	0	3.403332	-5.642927	-0.212994
68	7	0	5.519474	-3.216980	-1.866703
69	6	0	6.284088	-5.529009	-1.999694
70	6	0	4.355940	-7.057117	-1.971503
71	6	0	4.788397	-5.666969	-3.949641
72	1	0	5.076908	-6.584653	-4.476779
73	1	0	5.477464	-4.882855	-4.281894
74	1	0	3.545748	-7.364029	-2.641997
75	1	0	5.090476	-7.872092	-1.976170
76	1	0	7.046722	-6.064900	-2.578753
77	1	0	6.348588	-5.898975	-0.970318
78	7	0	4.922083	-5.801260	-2.489468
79	30	0	3.655175	-4.147060	-1.633141
80	1	0	7.038333	5.013525	-2.491649
81	6	0	7.884845	7.126659	0.332685
82	6	0	-6.842541	-1.167060	-8.073024
83	6	0	-2.959185	-5.297125	8.591292
84	7	0	6.432718	7.110409	0.209410
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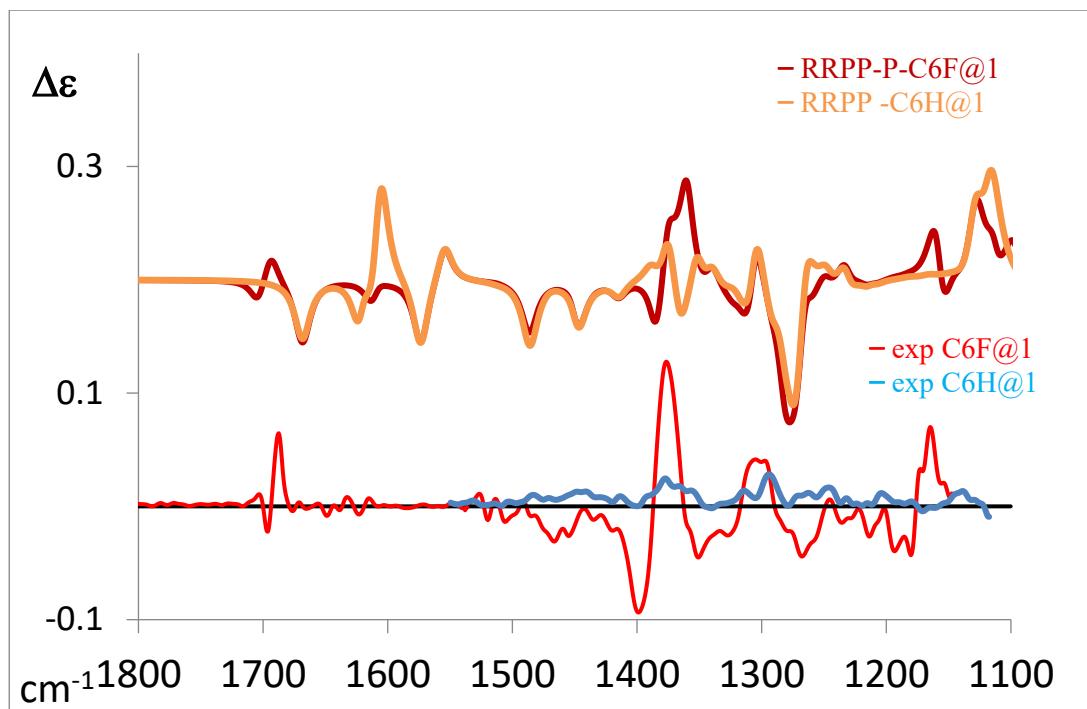
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9 Preliminary studies of the perhydro diacid

As suggested by one of the reviewer of this paper, we report here also our initial attempts in the study of the perhydro diacid. It should be noted that for the cage with hexanedioic acid, **C6H@(R,R)-1**, we obtained a similar IR spectrum except for the 1160 cm^{-1} band (assigned to CF_2 vibrations). VCD spectrum is very weak and noisy with no clear features above noise. This is either due to higher conformational disorder or to the unoptimized cage formation conditions. However, a preliminary calculation, starting from the optimized PP-P **C6F@(R,R)-1** after substituting $(\text{CF}_2)_4$ with $(\text{CH}_2)_4$ gives spectra that do not show the 1350 cm^{-1} doublet, as shown in the plots below: the $\text{C=O}\dots\text{C=O}$ dihedral angle is similar as in the case with fluorine, but the two symmetric COO stretchings are highly coupled with the (CH_2) -wagging normal modes of the aliphatic chain. The study on this system was not further pursued, due to low intensity signals combined with the higher number of possible conformations accessible by the perhydro compounds.



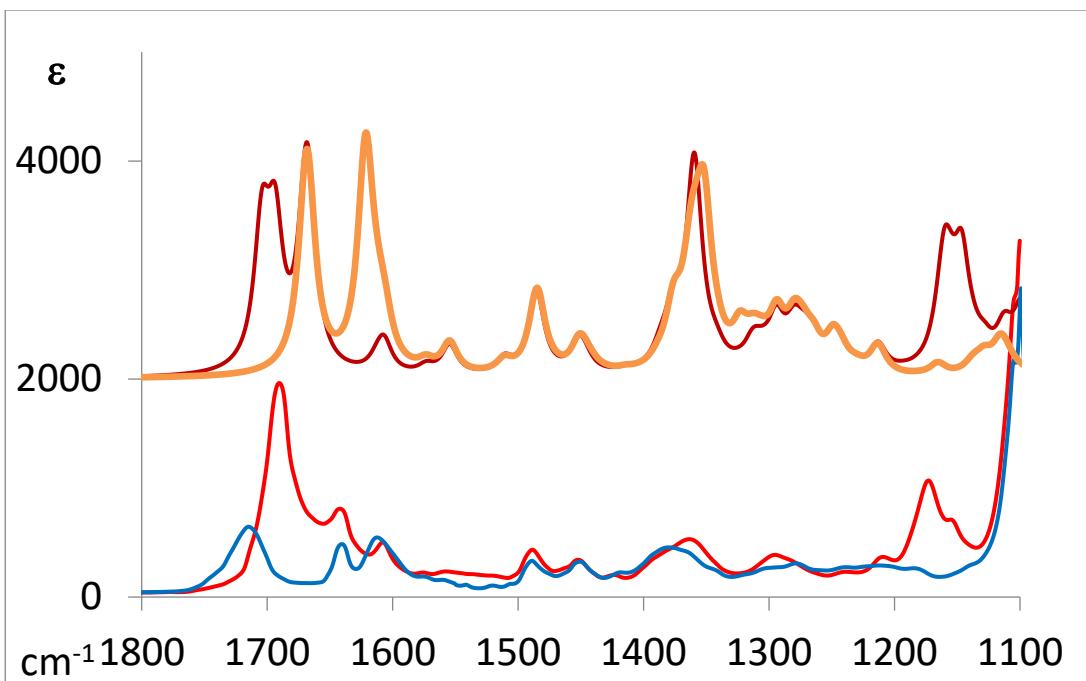


Figure S9.1 Comparison of experimental and calculated VCD (top) and IR (bottom) spectra for RRPP-P-C6F@1 and RRPP-P-C6H@1 systems.

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