

# Restricting rotation of triple bond through $\pi$ -stacking interactions in molecular hinges



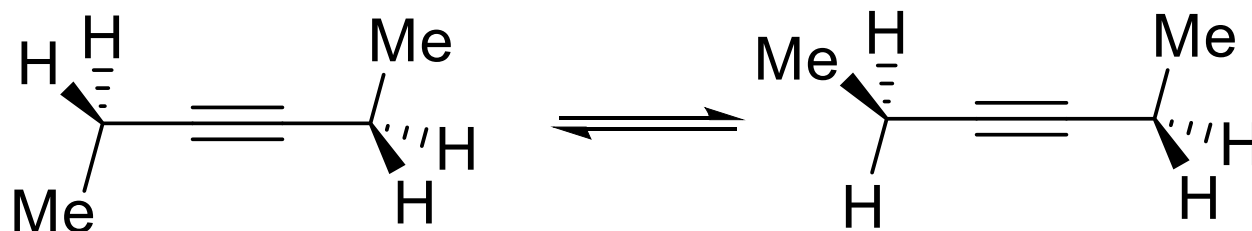
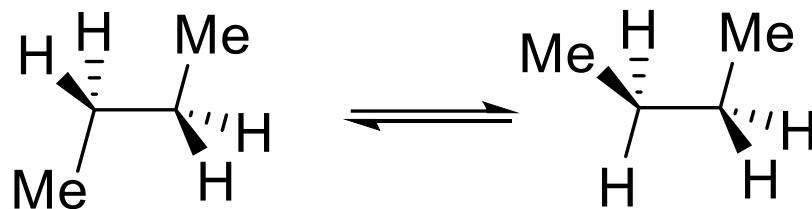
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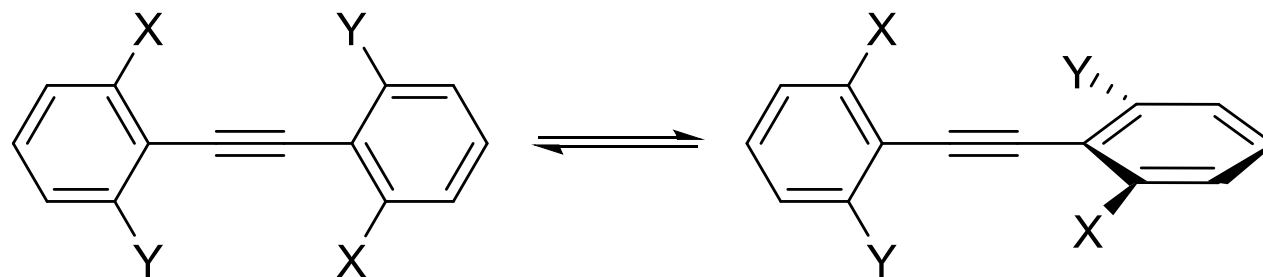
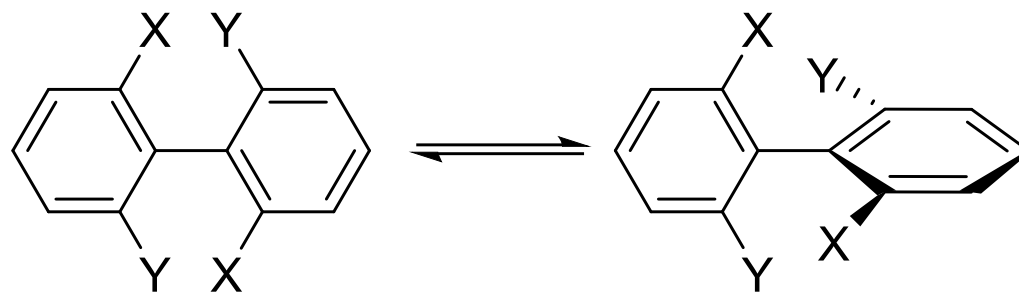
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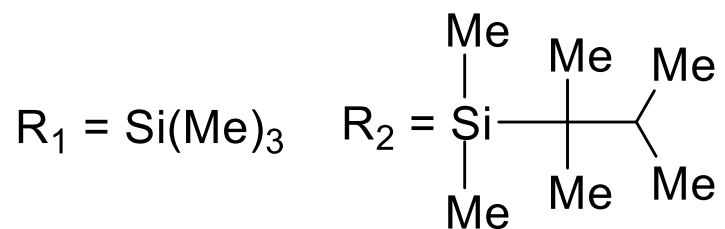
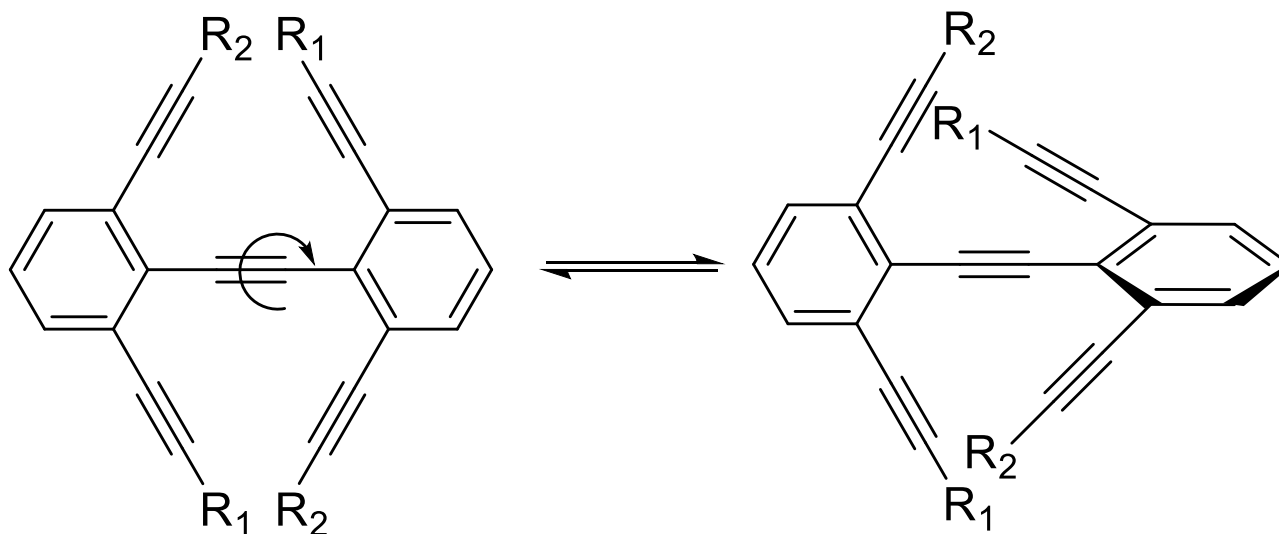
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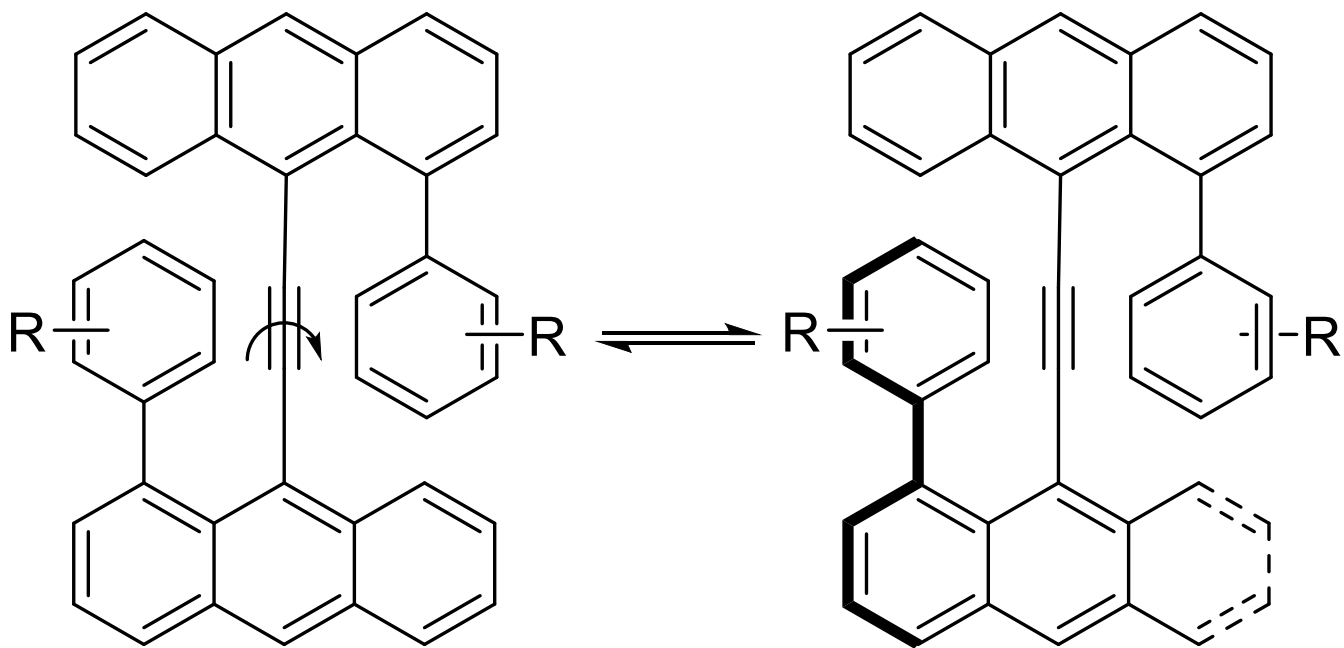
Organic stereochemistry is dominated by stereochemistry of C-C and C=C





Rotational barrier = 78 kJ/mole

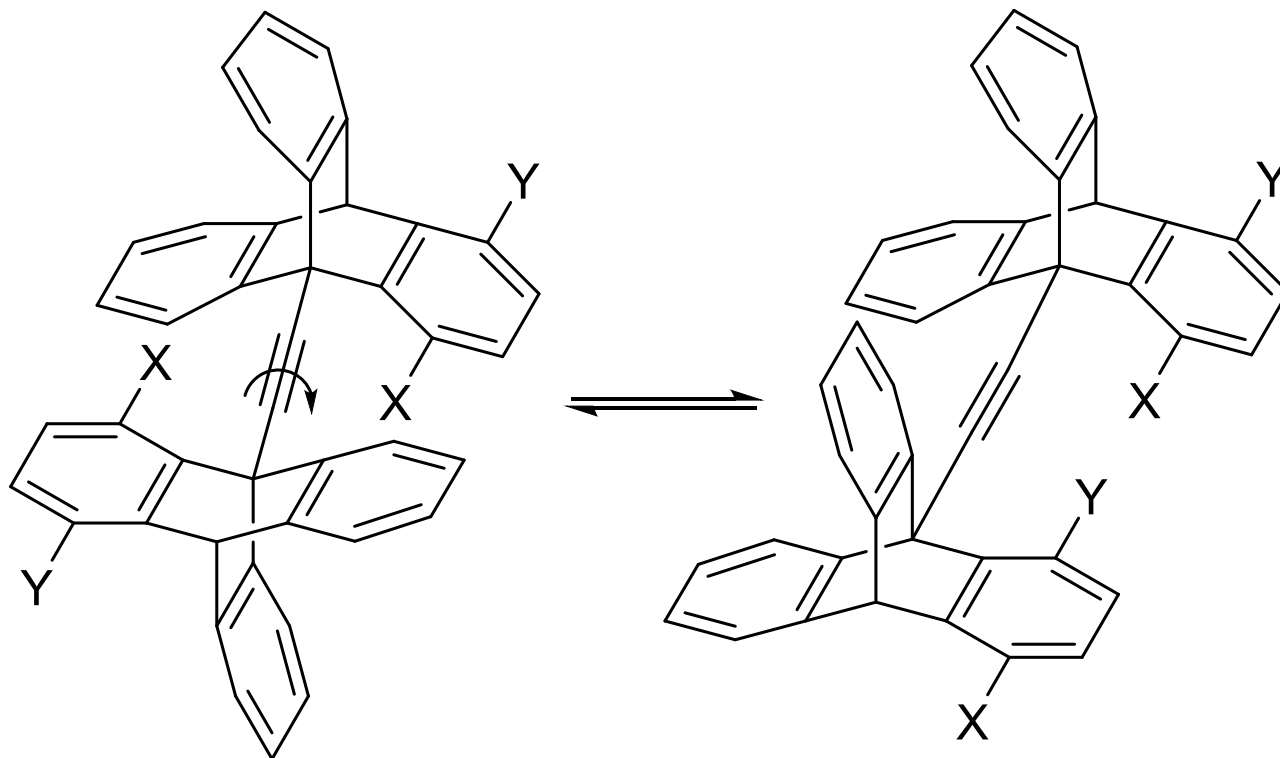
Vollhardt, K. P. C.; Chem. Commun., 2005, 2606.



$R = 4\text{-Me}, 4\text{-}i\text{-Pr}, 4\text{-}t\text{-Bu}$

Activation barrier: 45-51 kJ/mole

Toyota, S., et.al., *Tetrahedron Lett*, **2003**, 44, 7775; *Bull. Chem. Soc. Jpn*, **2005**, 78, 917.



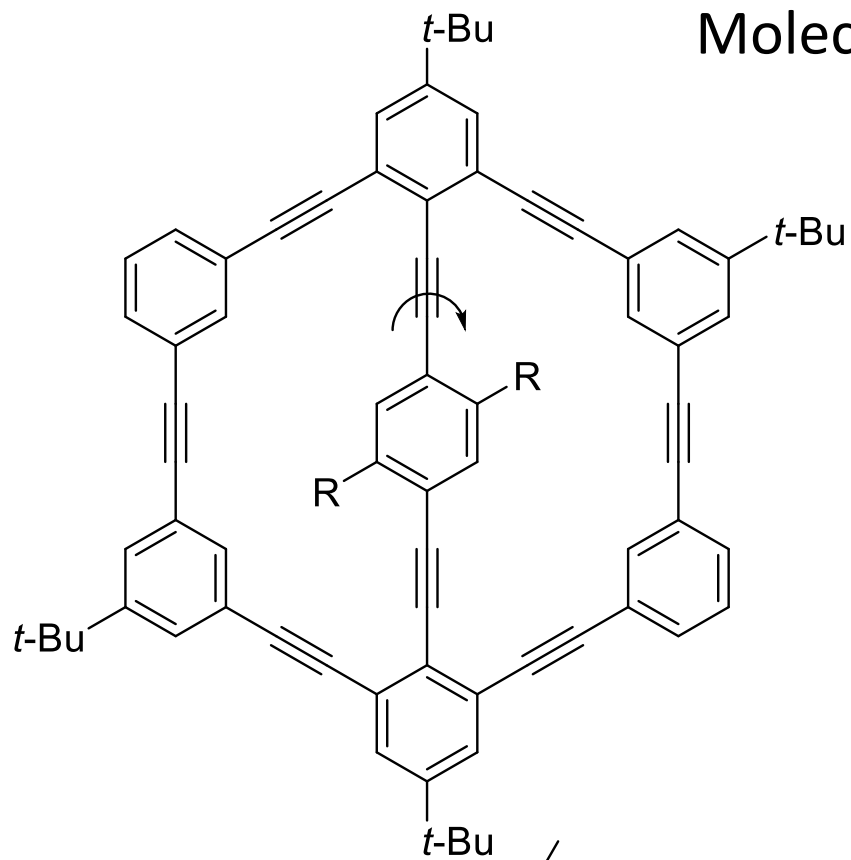
For various X and Y activation barrier range from 42-79 kJ/mole

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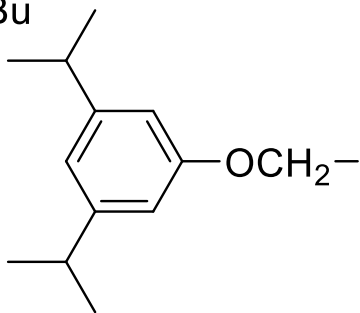
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## Molecular turnstile

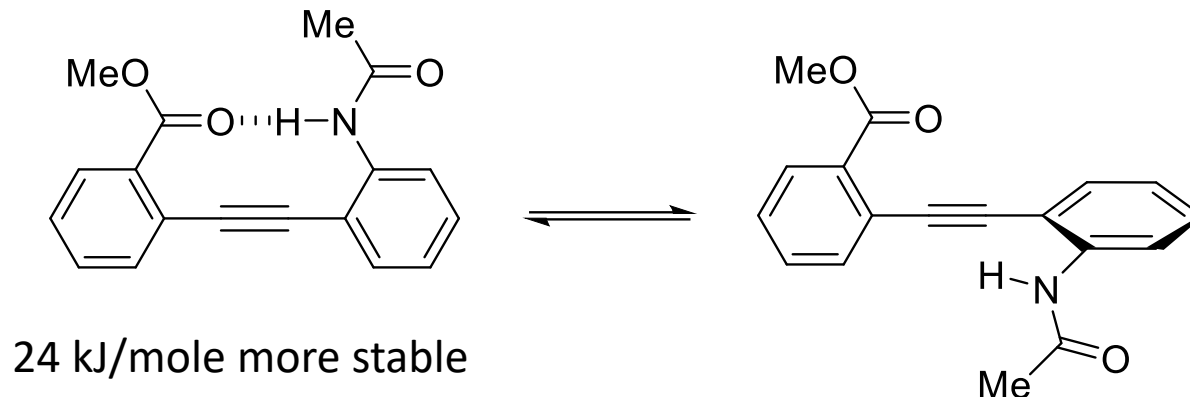


$R = \text{CH}_3\text{OCH}_2-$



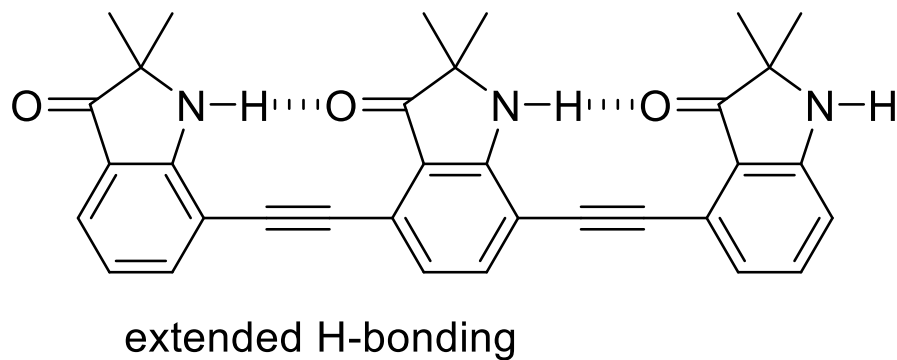
Barrier = 86.2 kJ / mole

Restricting rotations and freezing conformations through weak bondings.



Activation barrier for rotation 30 kJ/mole , 12 times more than diphenylethyne

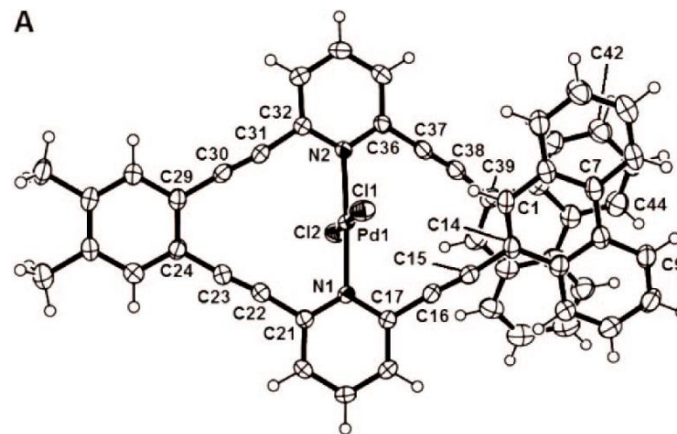
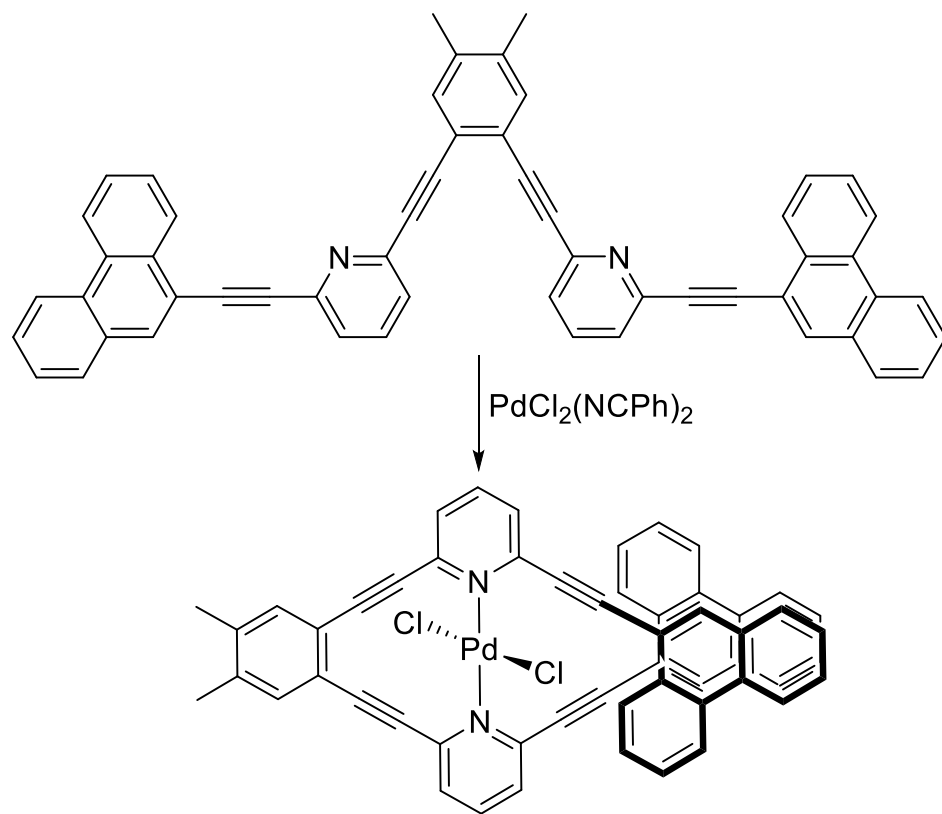
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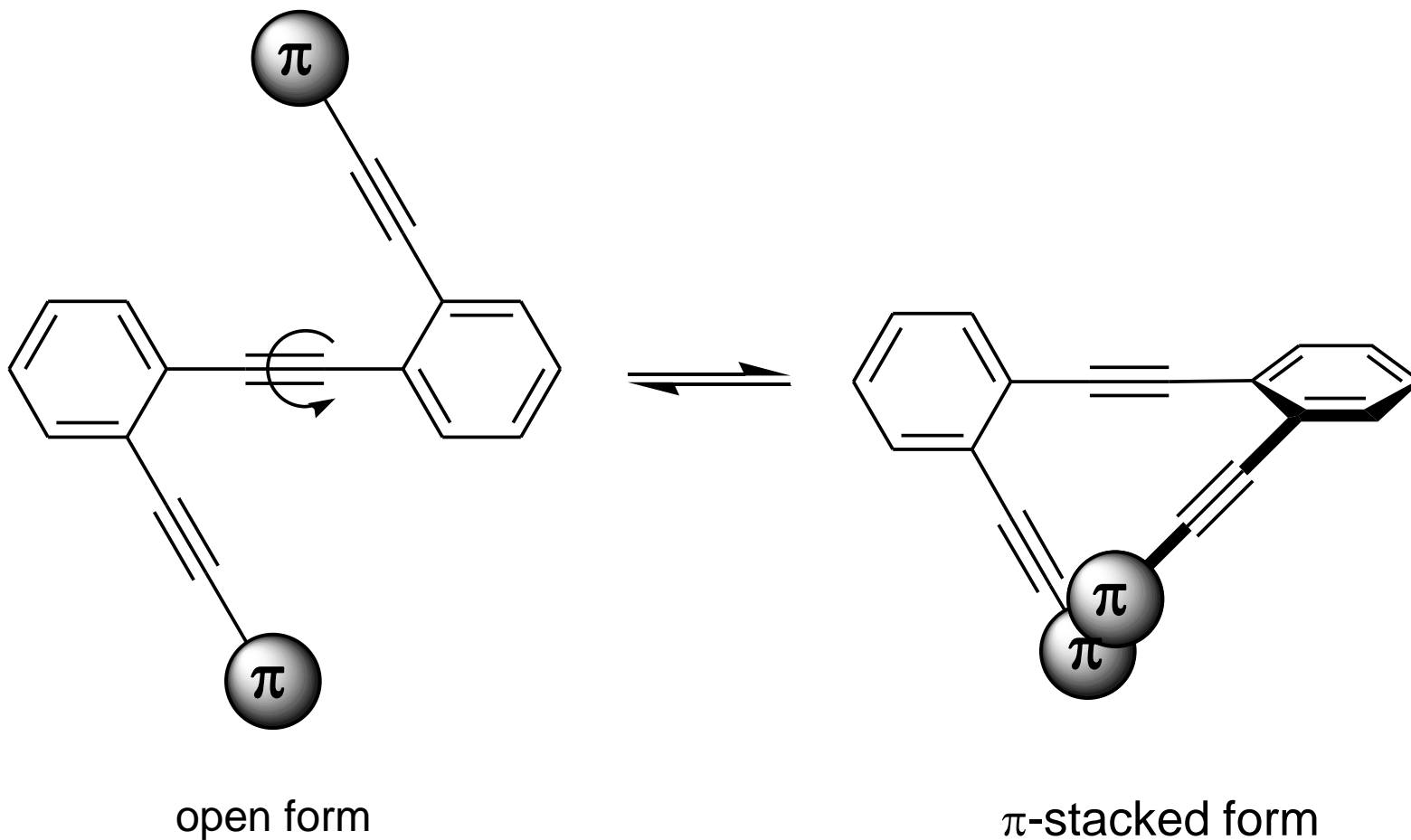
## Covalent bond mediated restriction of conformational mobility



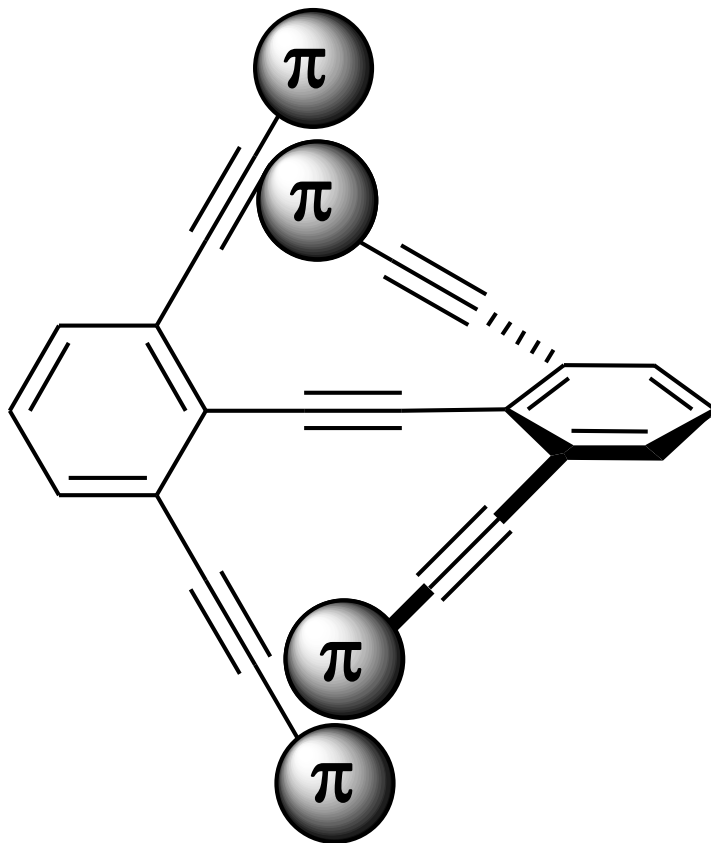
E. Bosch, *et. al.*, *J. Org. Chem.* **2008**, 73, 3931-3934

**Why not use weak non-covalent forces instead of repulsion to restrict bond rotation?**

**The concept of stabilization through  $\pi$ - $\pi$  interaction**



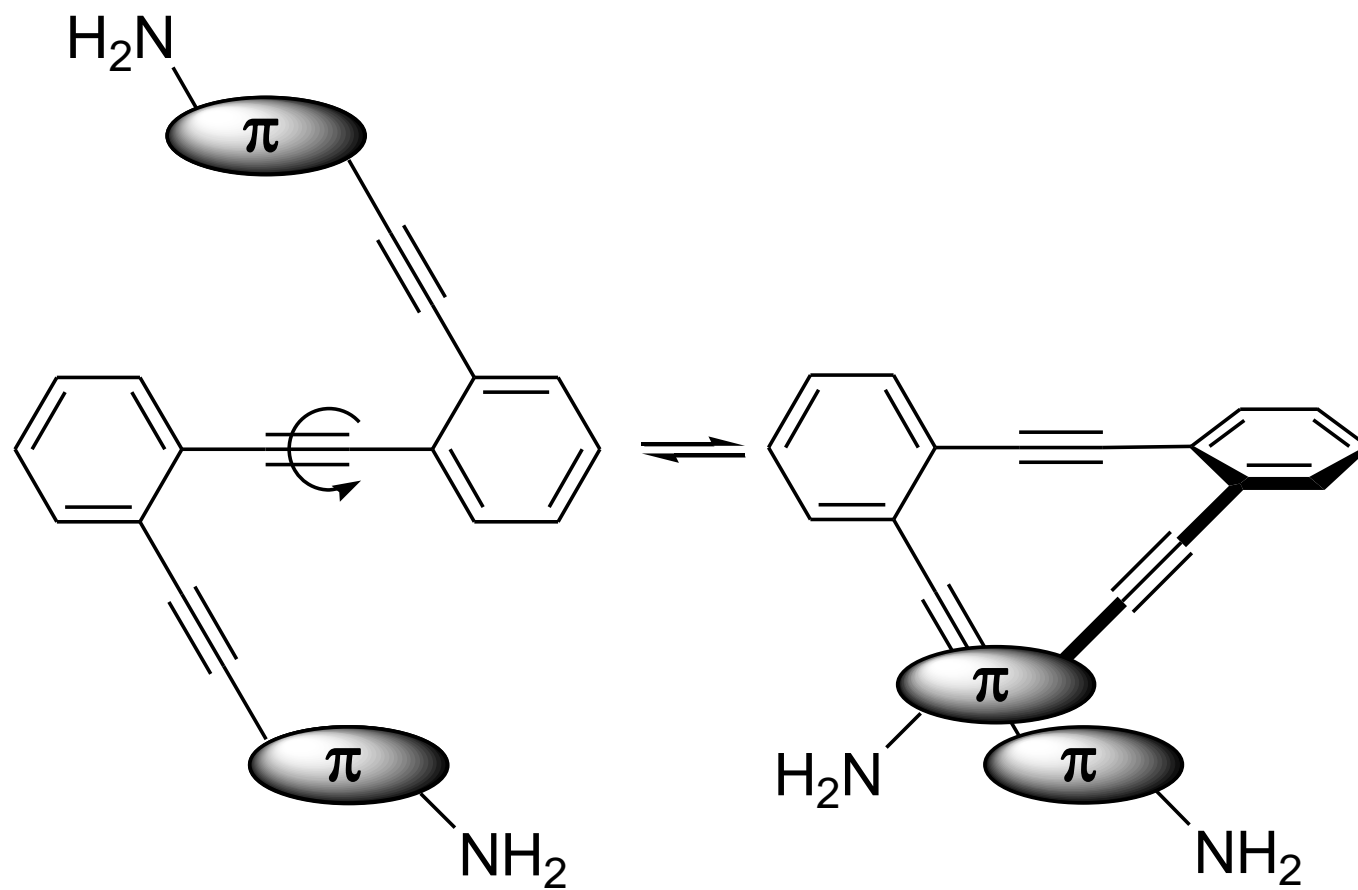
# Inter-locked $\pi$ -Stacking System



multiple  $\pi$ -stacked systems

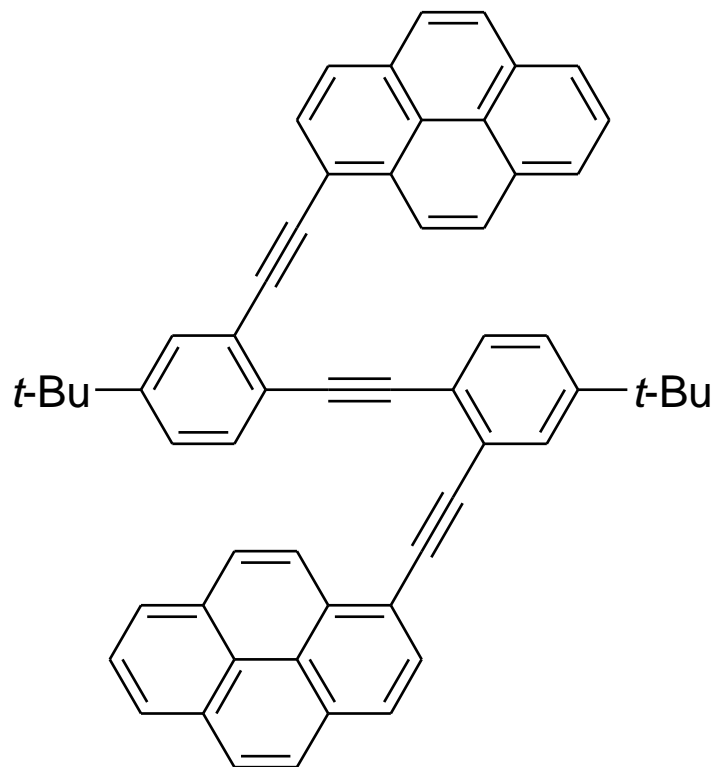
## Questions to be addressed:

- ❖ Can  $\pi$ -stacking interaction stabilize rotational isomers?
- ❖ Can multiple  $\pi$ -stacking interactions lead to restricted rotation of the acetylenic bond?
- ❖ How much is the stabilization arising due to  $\pi$ -stacking interaction?
- ❖ What is the population distribution of the conformational isomers arising out of restricted rotation of the acetylenic bond?
- ❖ What are the geometric factors that can result in strong  $\pi$ -stacking interactions leading to isolation of rotational isomers?
- ❖ Can atropisomers be resolved in acetylenic systems?

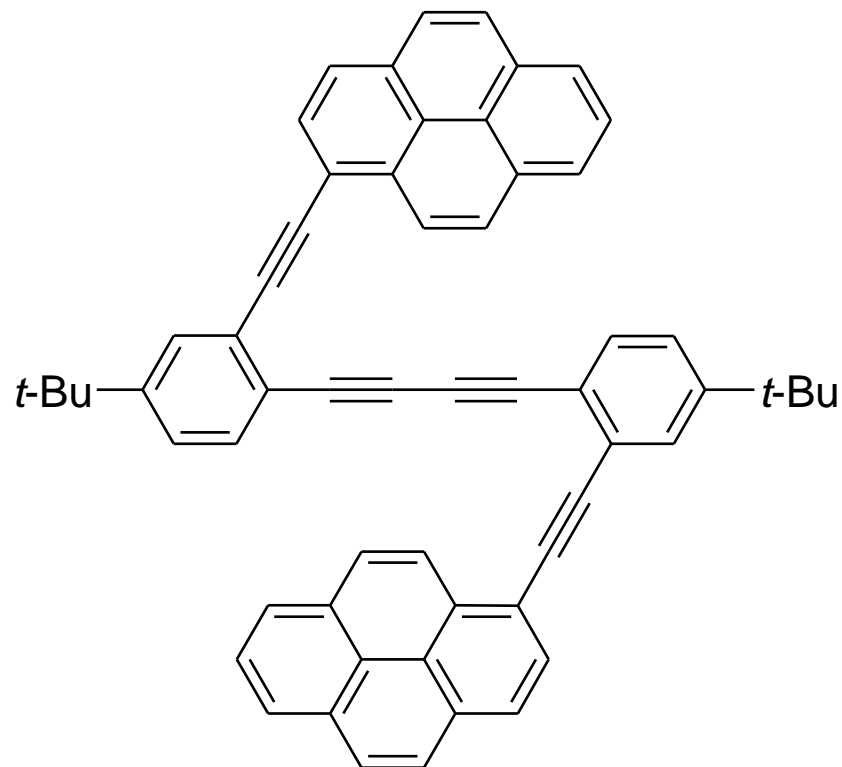


$\text{C}_2$  symmetric  
chiral

# TARGETS WITH ETHYNYLPYRENE ARMS

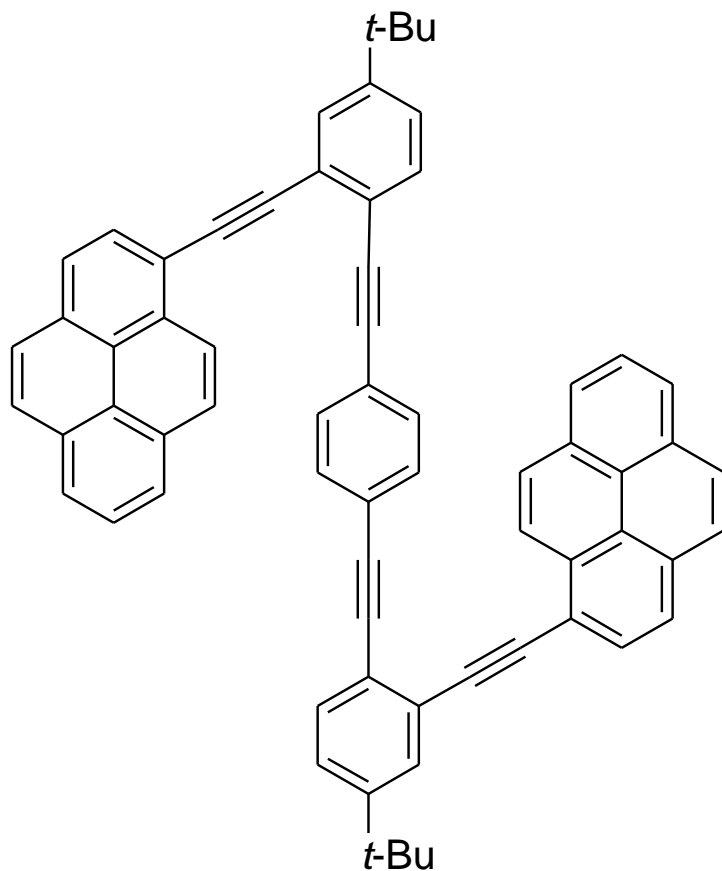


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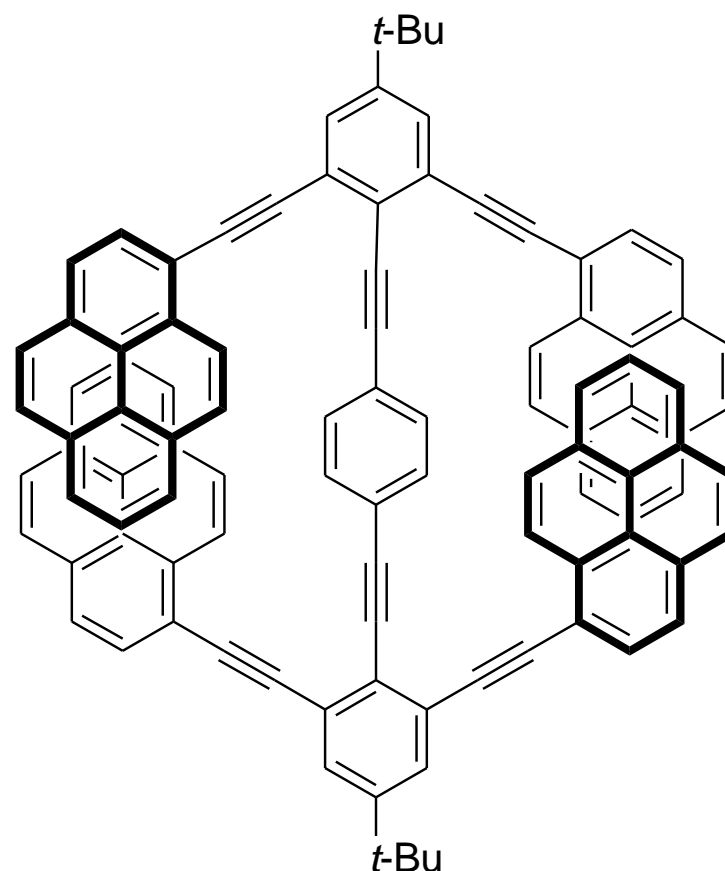


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## Two more targets with *p*-phenylene spacer as probes

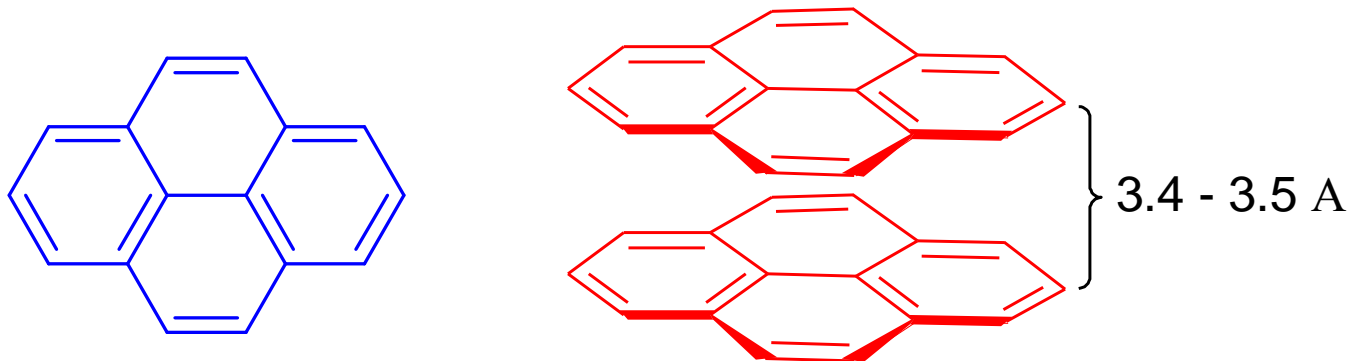


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## Why pyrene?



**Pyrene – prototypical fluorescent molecule**

**Pyrene derivatives - widely used fluorescent probe**

**Pyrene template - used in supramolecular chemistry**

**Photophysical properties - well understood**

**-monomer and excimer emission – well characterized**

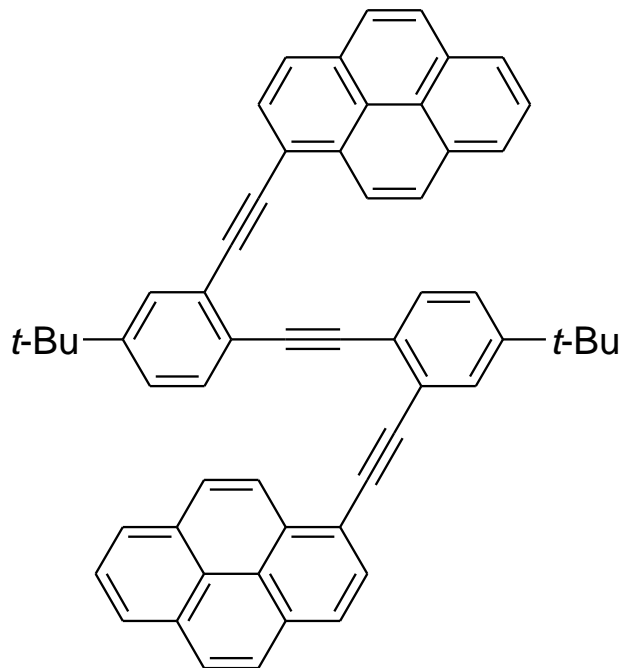
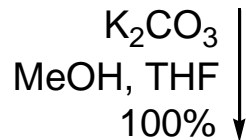
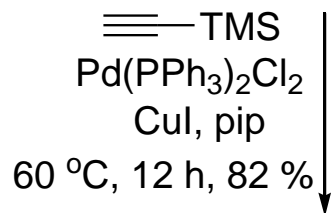
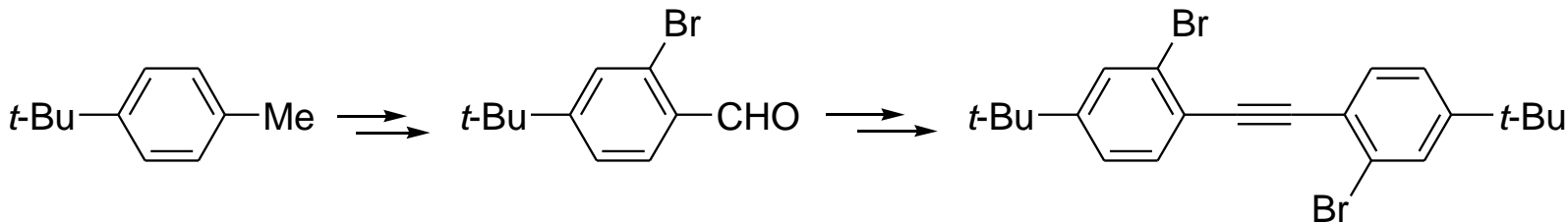
**Applications – sensors – molecular photonics devices**

**Static excimer – preorganization in the ground state –  $\pi$ - $\pi$  stacking in the GS**

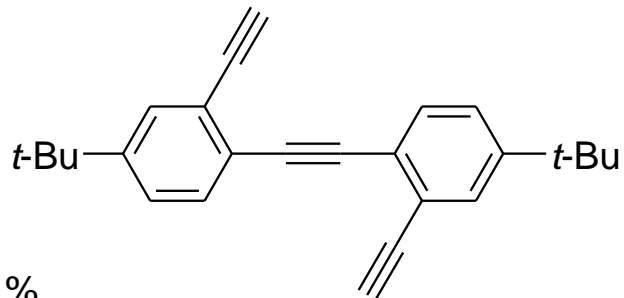
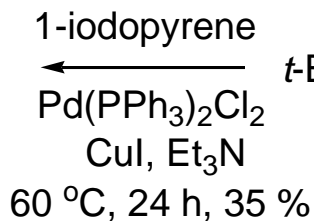
**Dynamic excimer – interaction in the excited state after diffusional encounter**



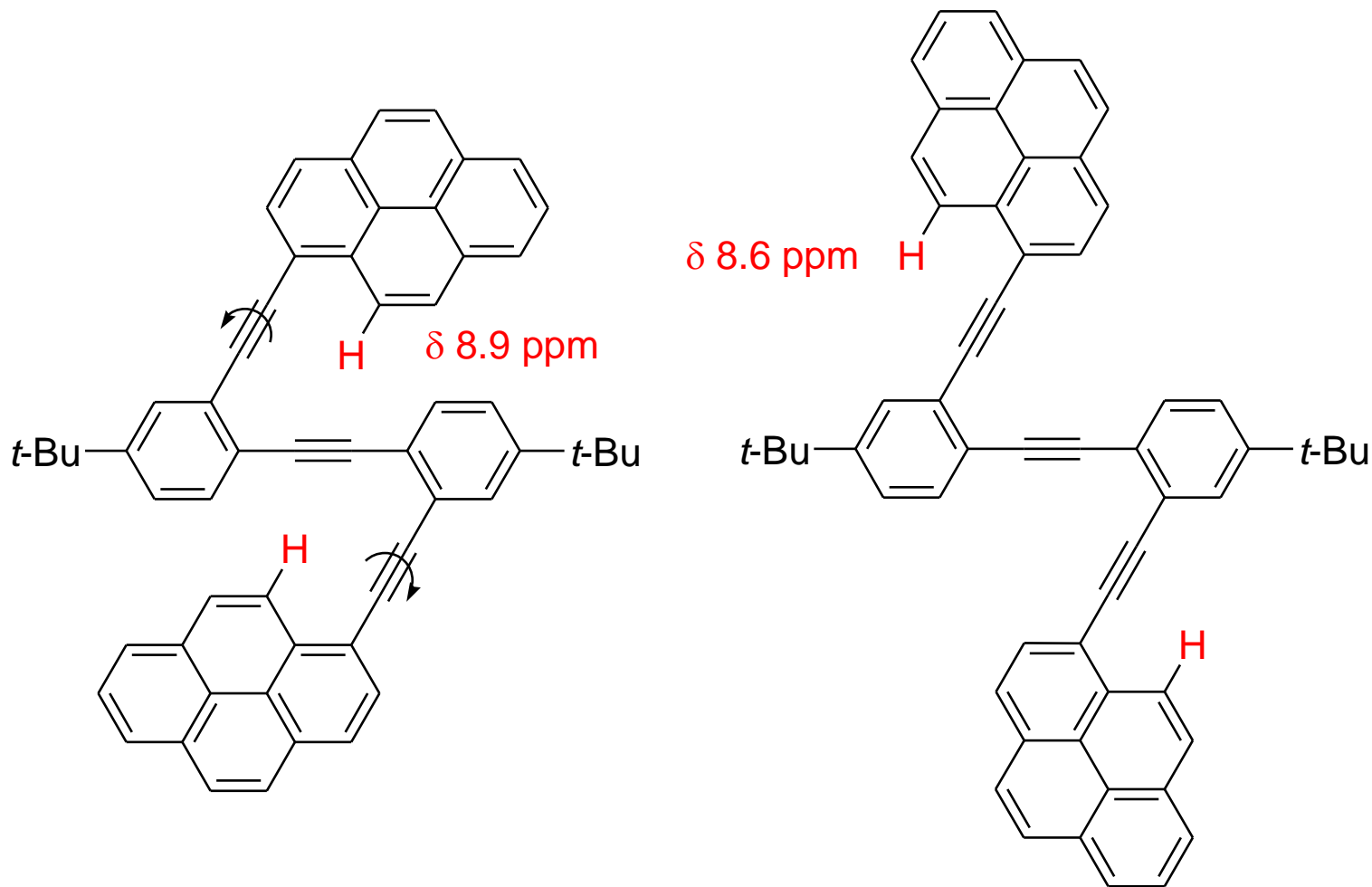
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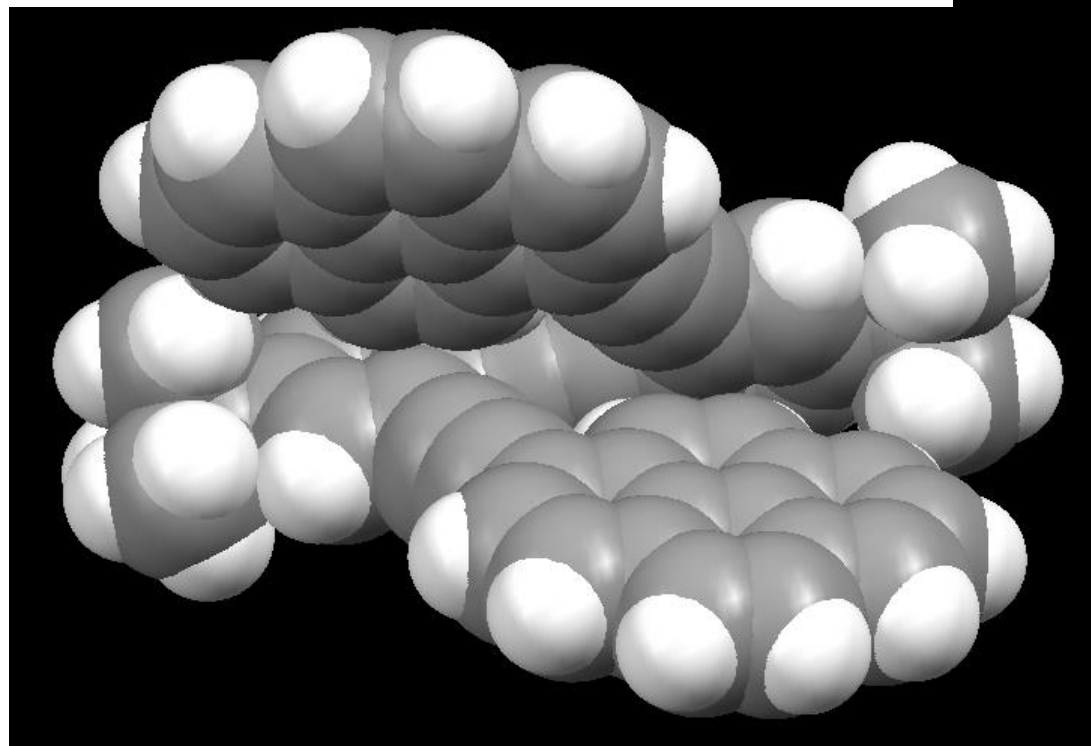
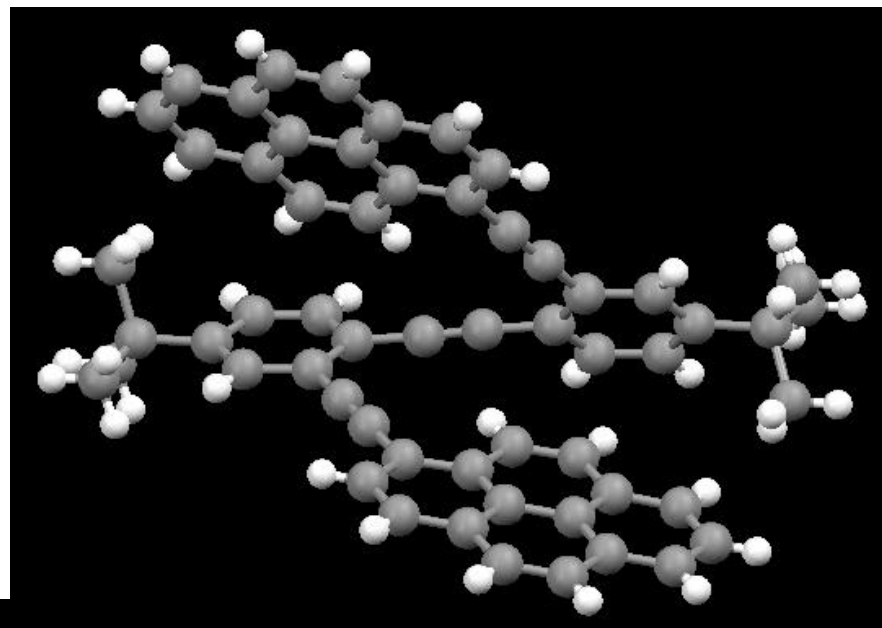
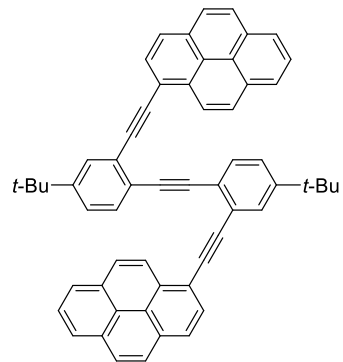
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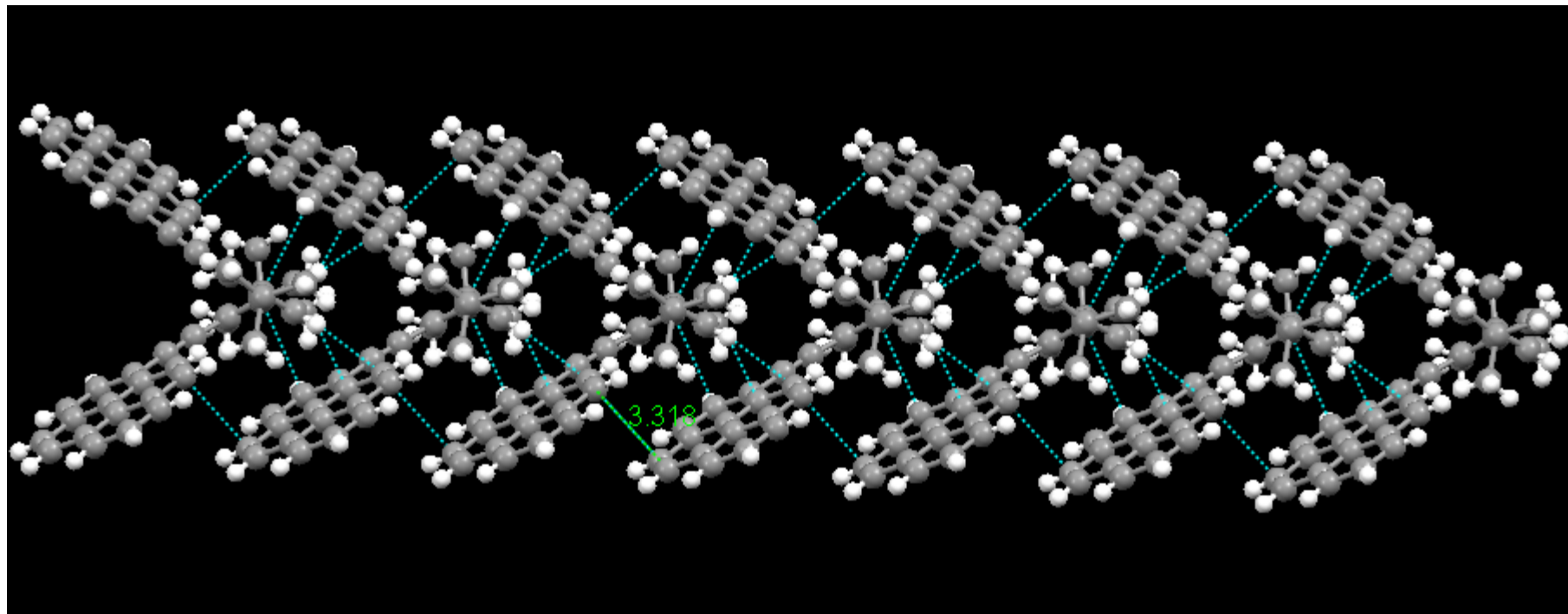
# Orientation of the ethynylpyrene units



**X-ray structure of**

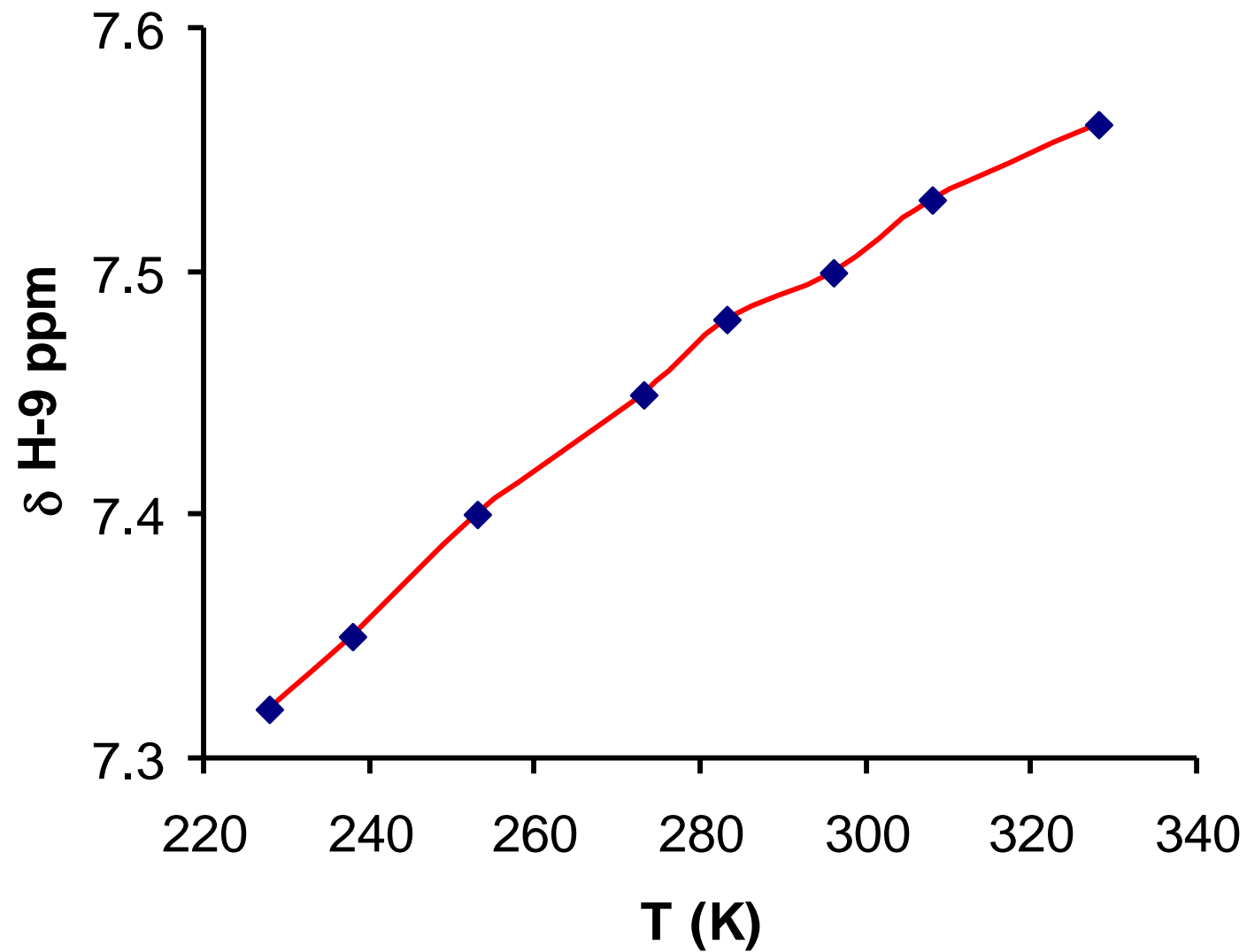


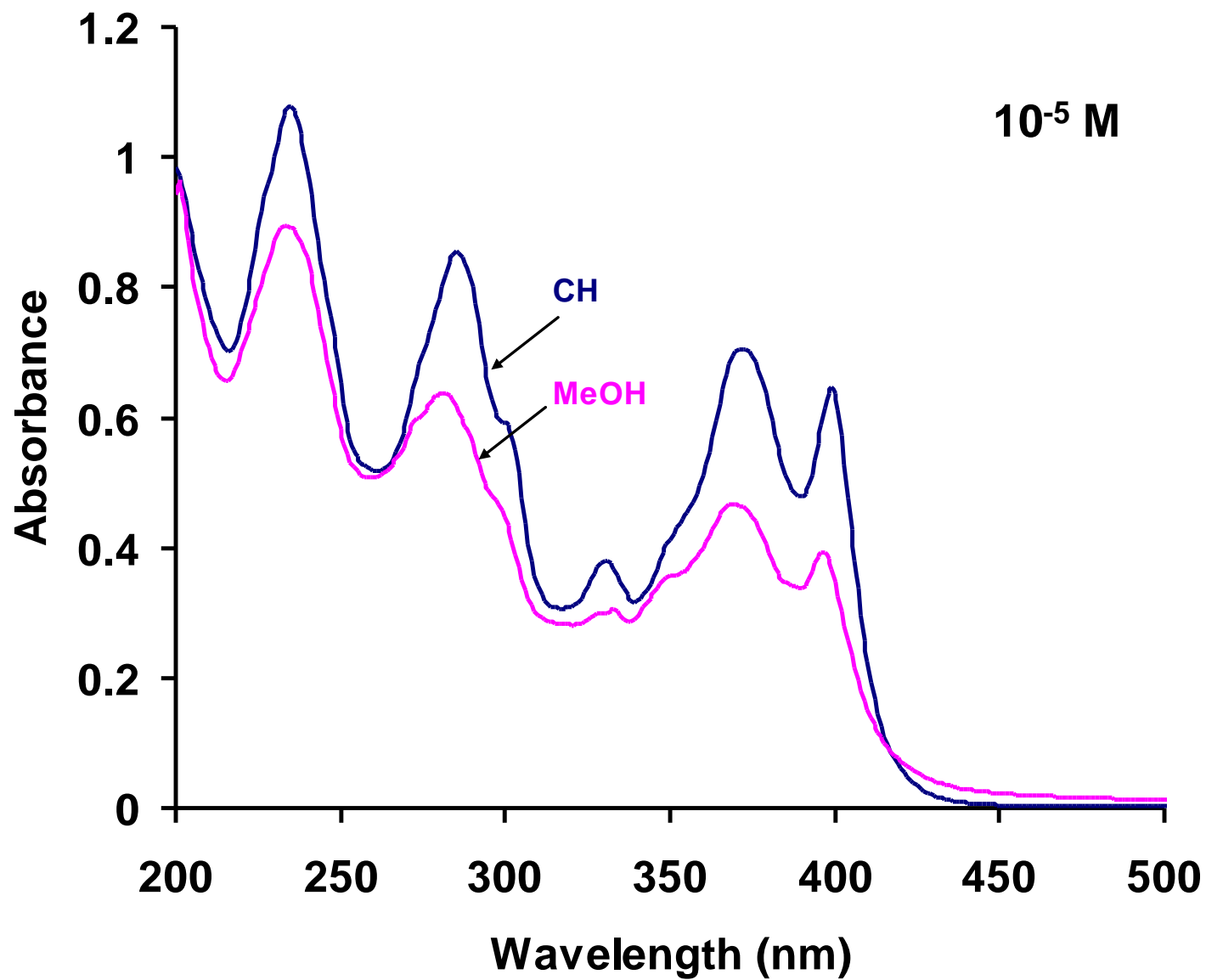
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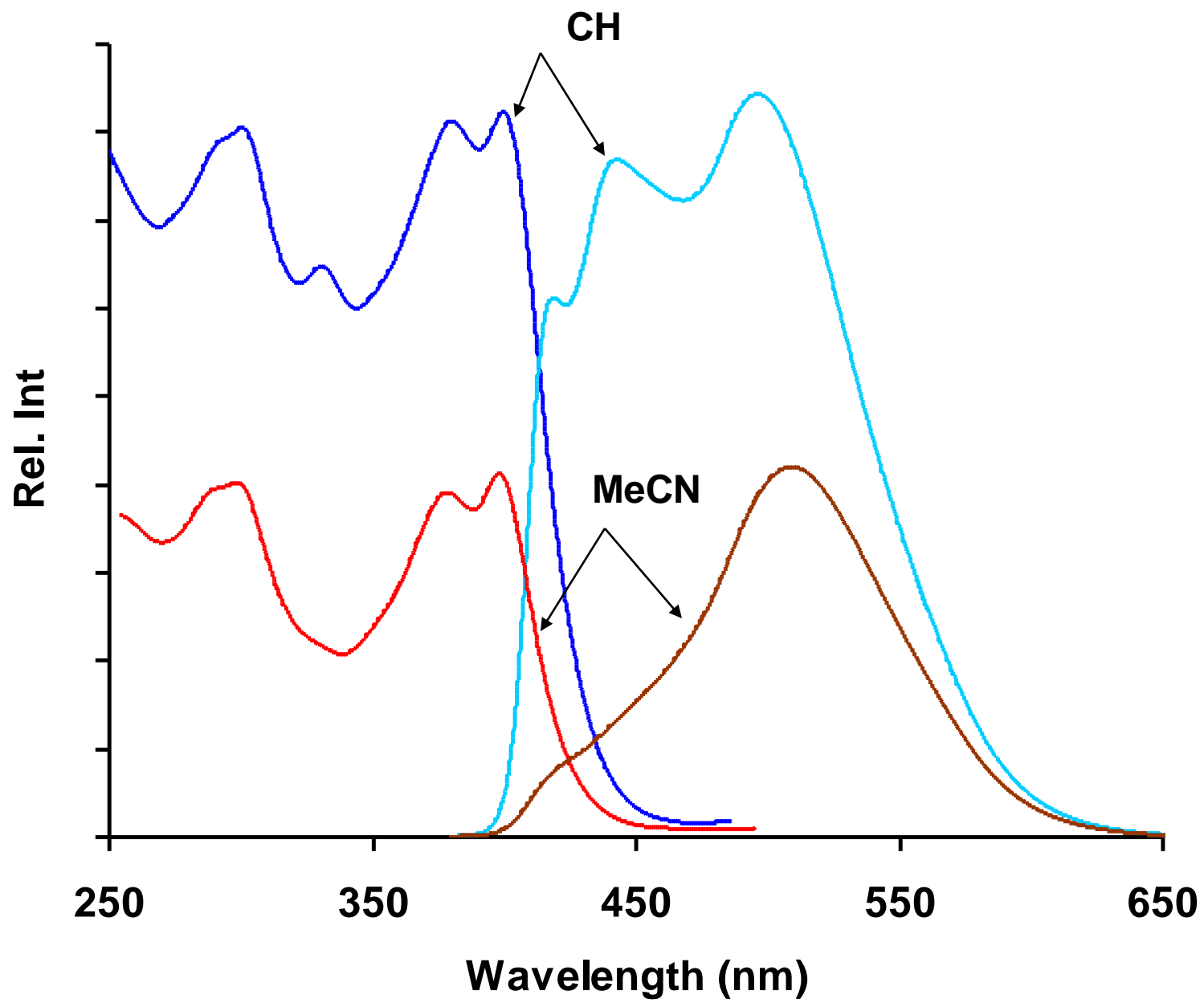


Distance between adjacent parallel pyrene planes = 3.202 Å

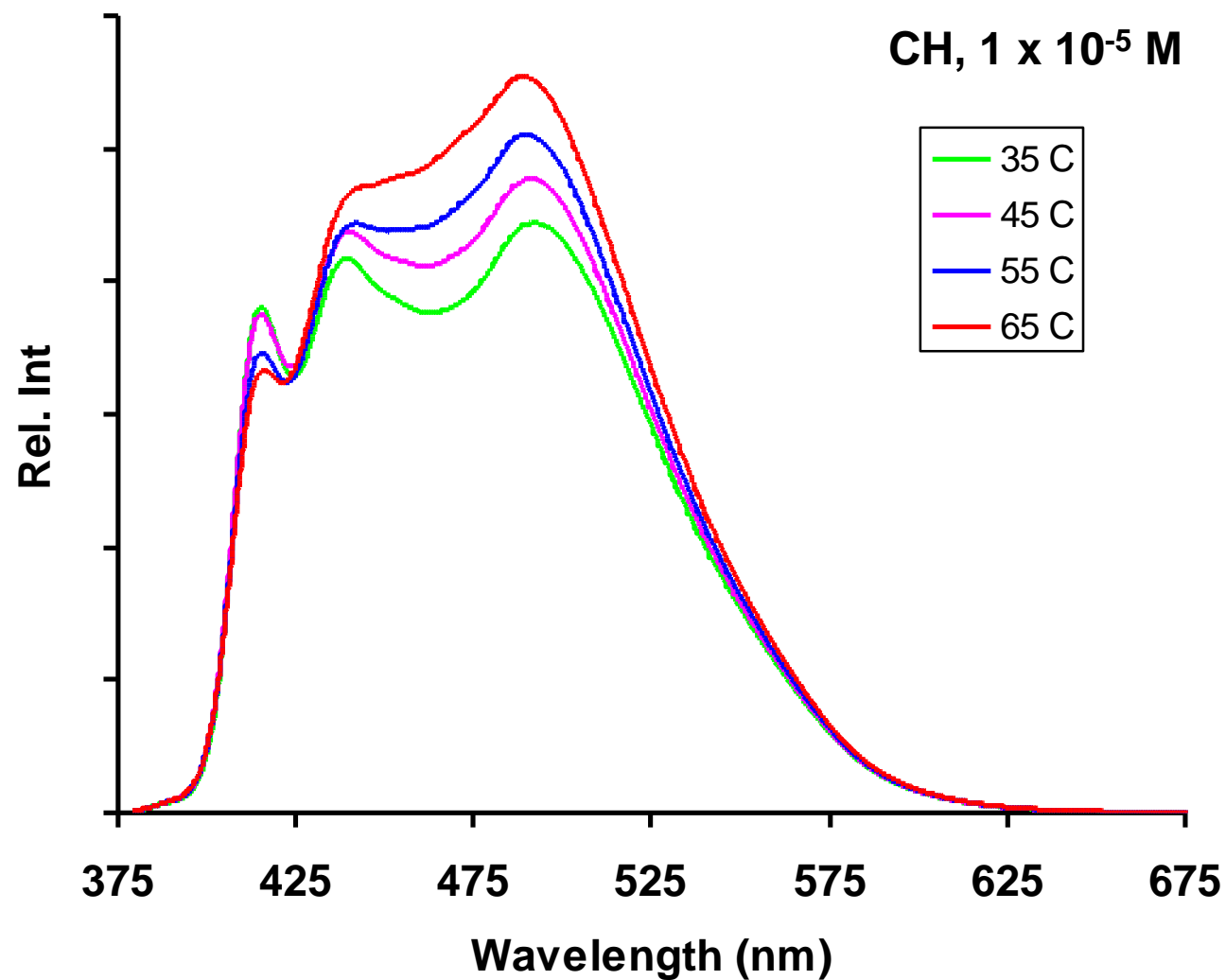
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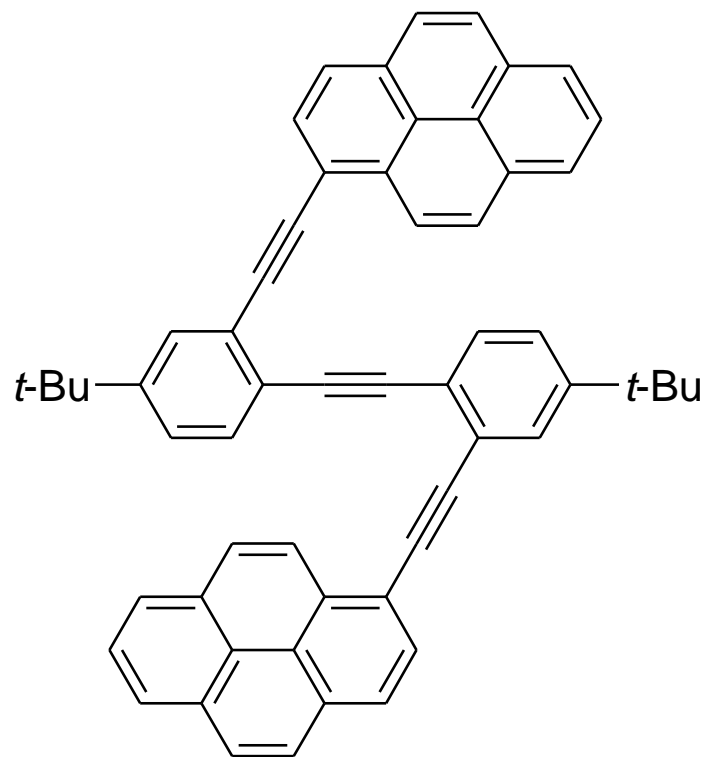




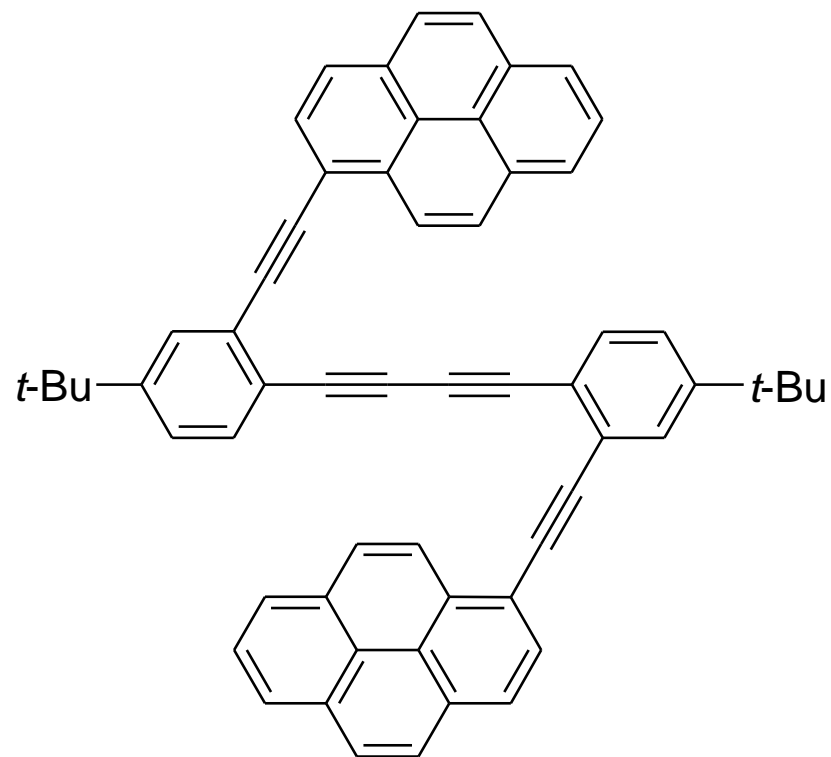
# Temperature dependence of fluorescence emission





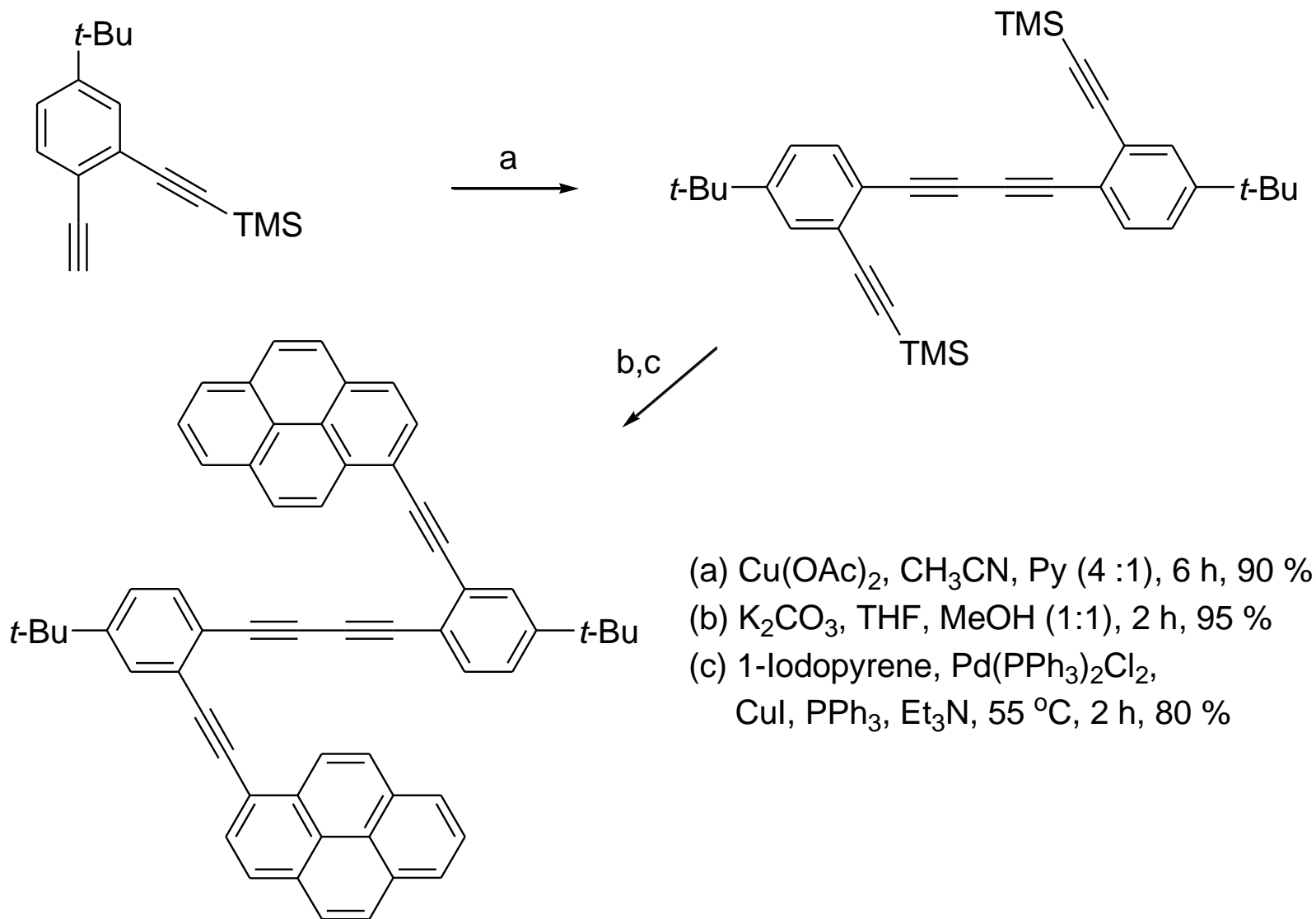


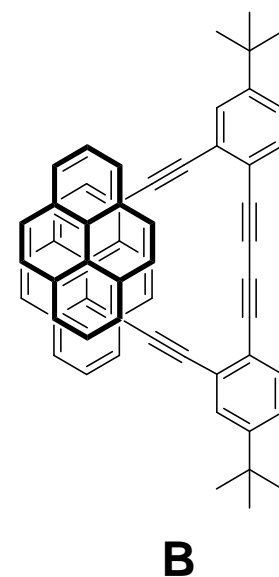
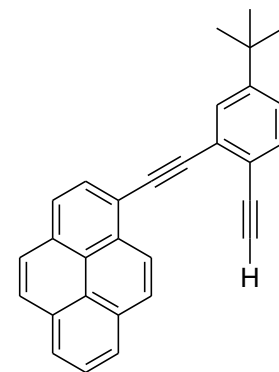
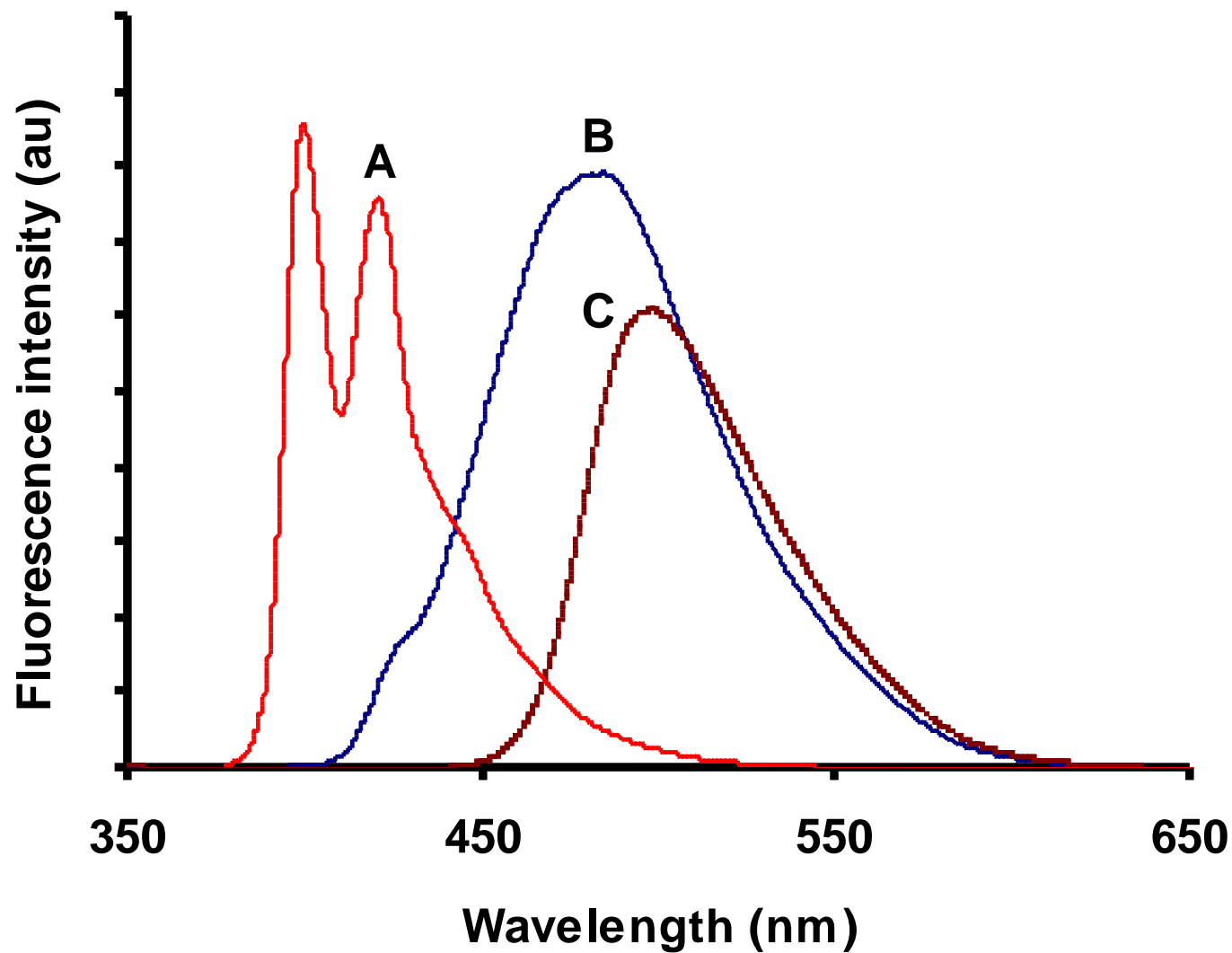
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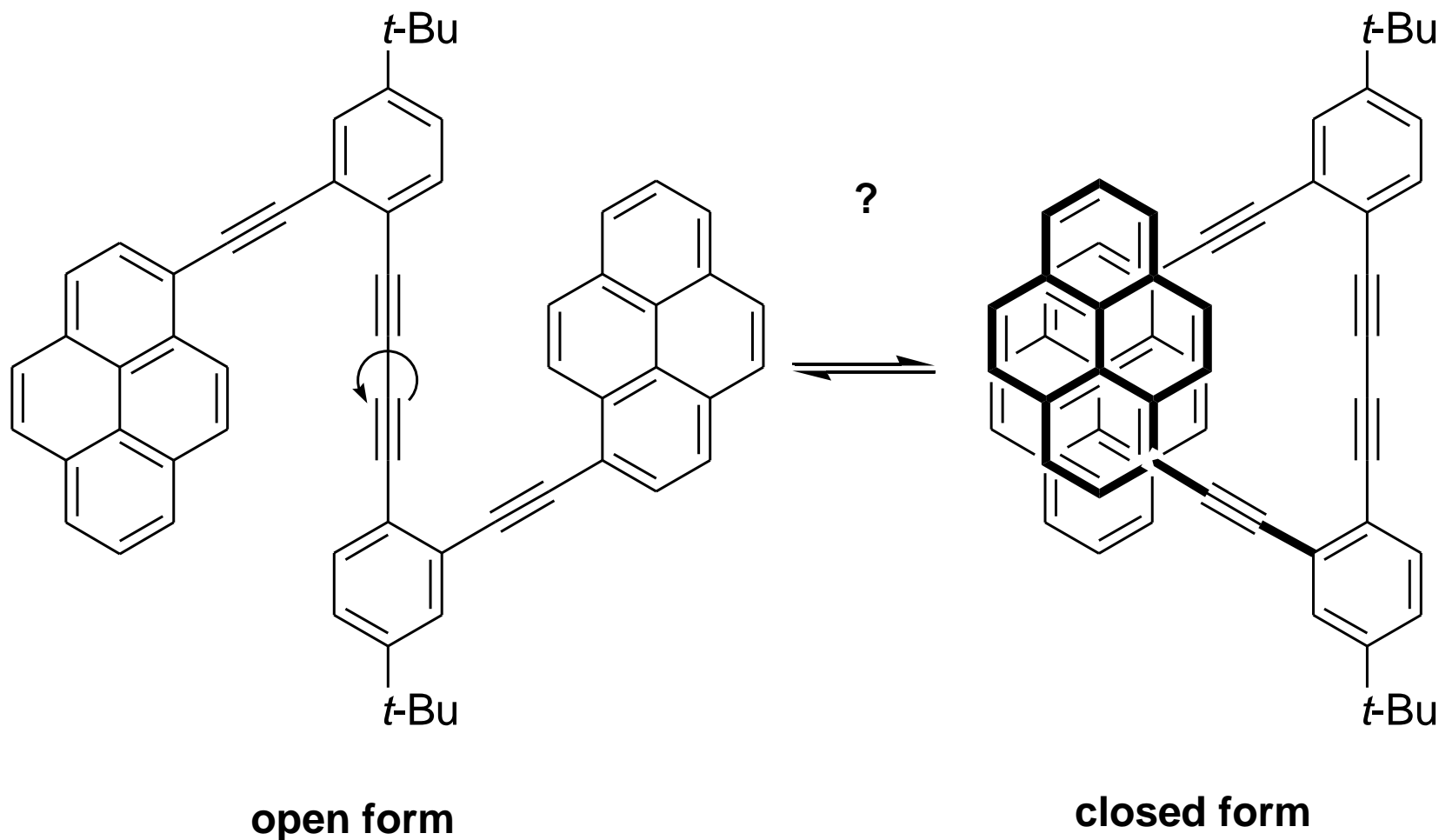


Red = A, Blue = B ( $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ), Brown = B (solid state)

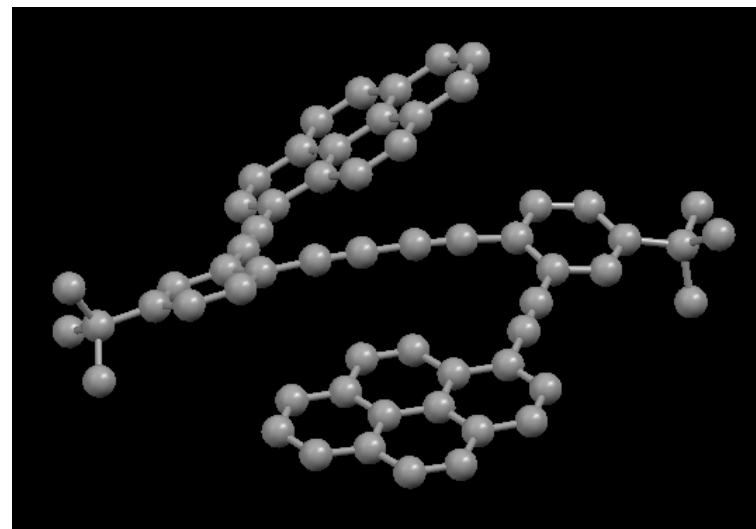
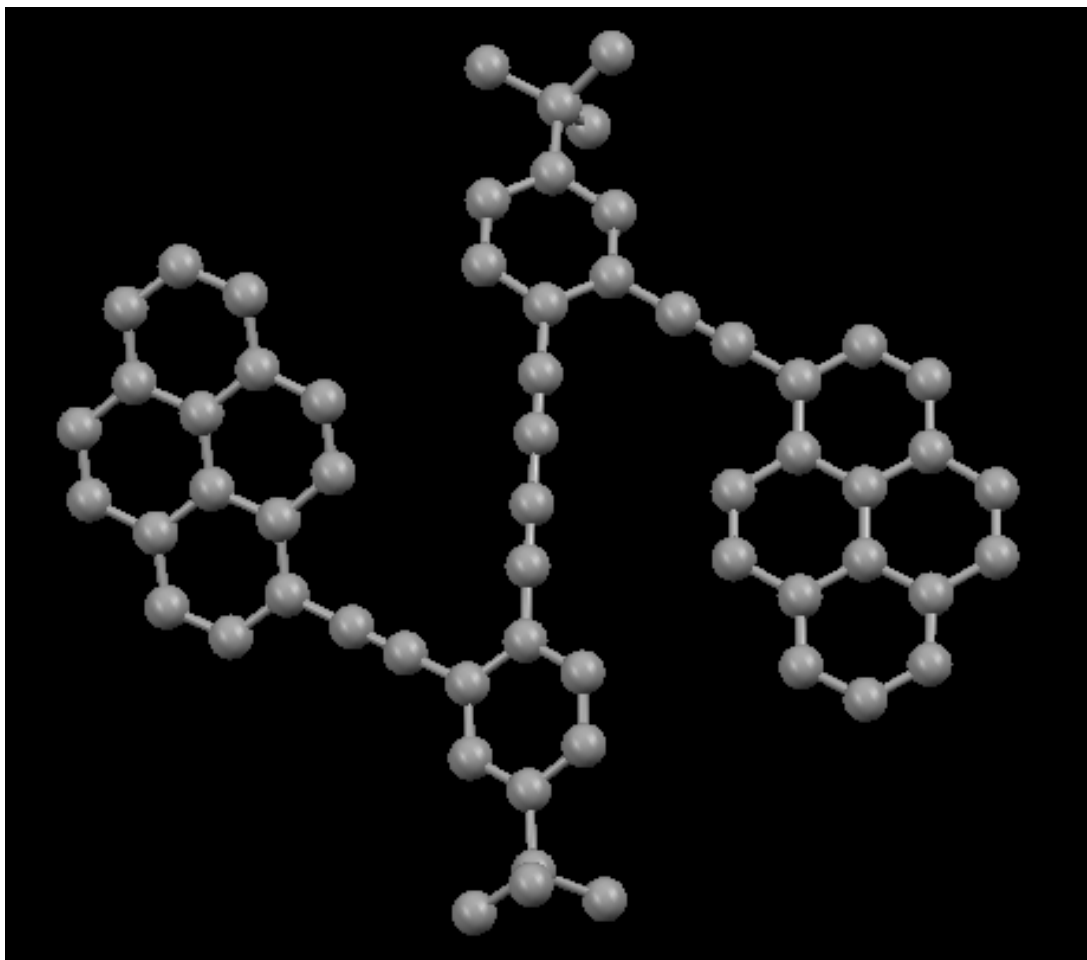
**Is there an equilibrium between the OPEN and CLOSED forms ?**

**Conformational isomers arising out of acetylenic bond rotation**

**The first example of structural characterization!**

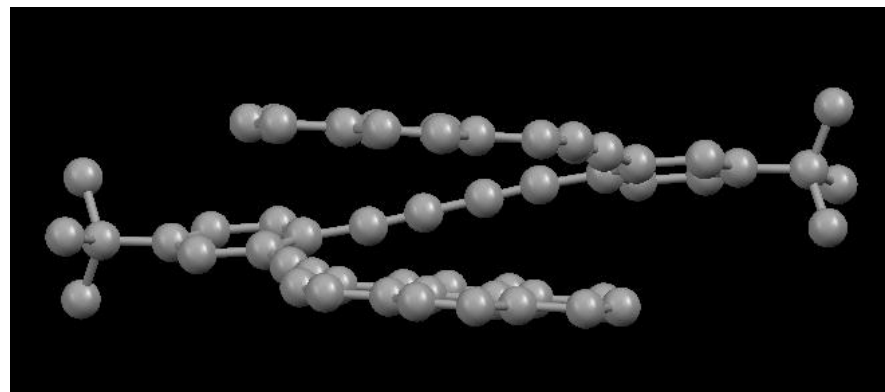
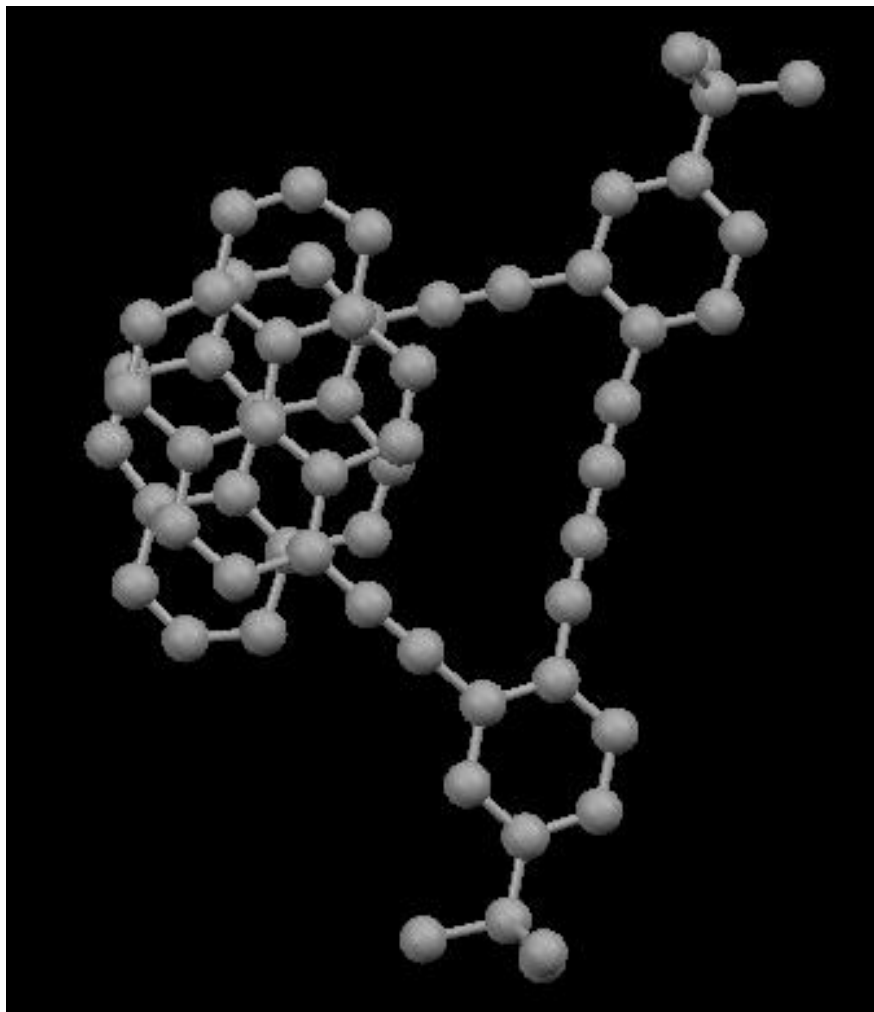


## X-ray structure of the OPEN form



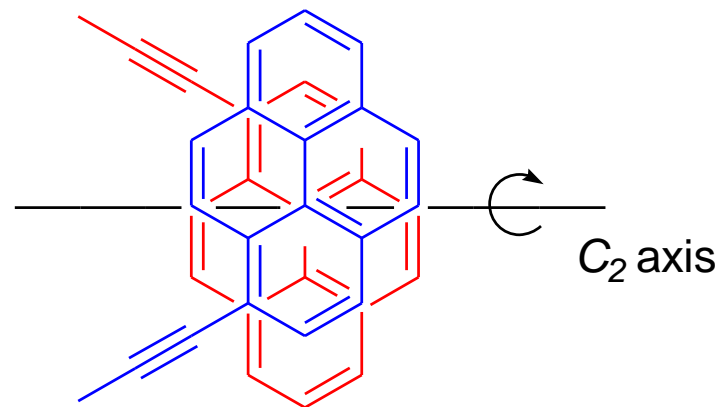
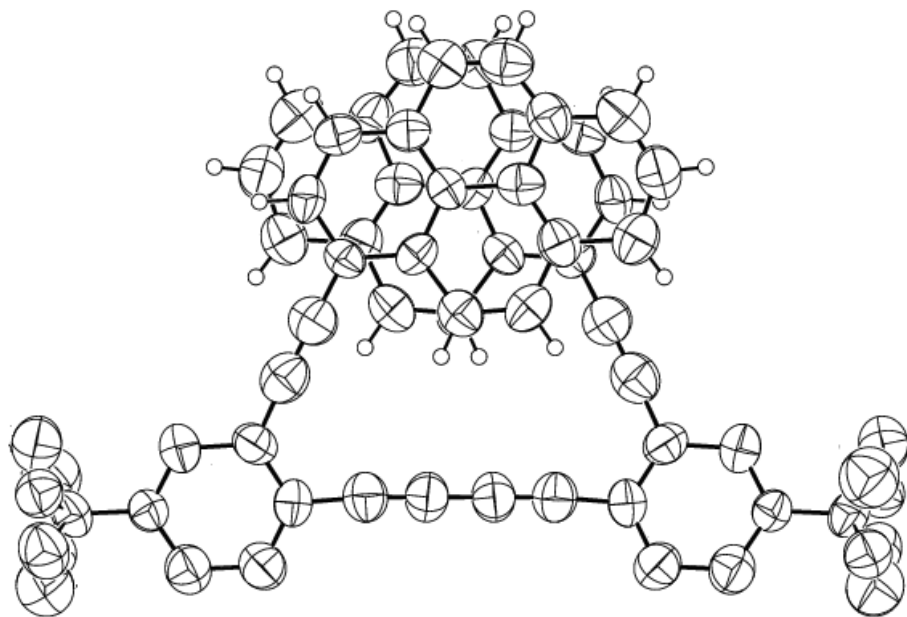
**Triclinic, P-1**

## X-ray structure of the CLOSED form



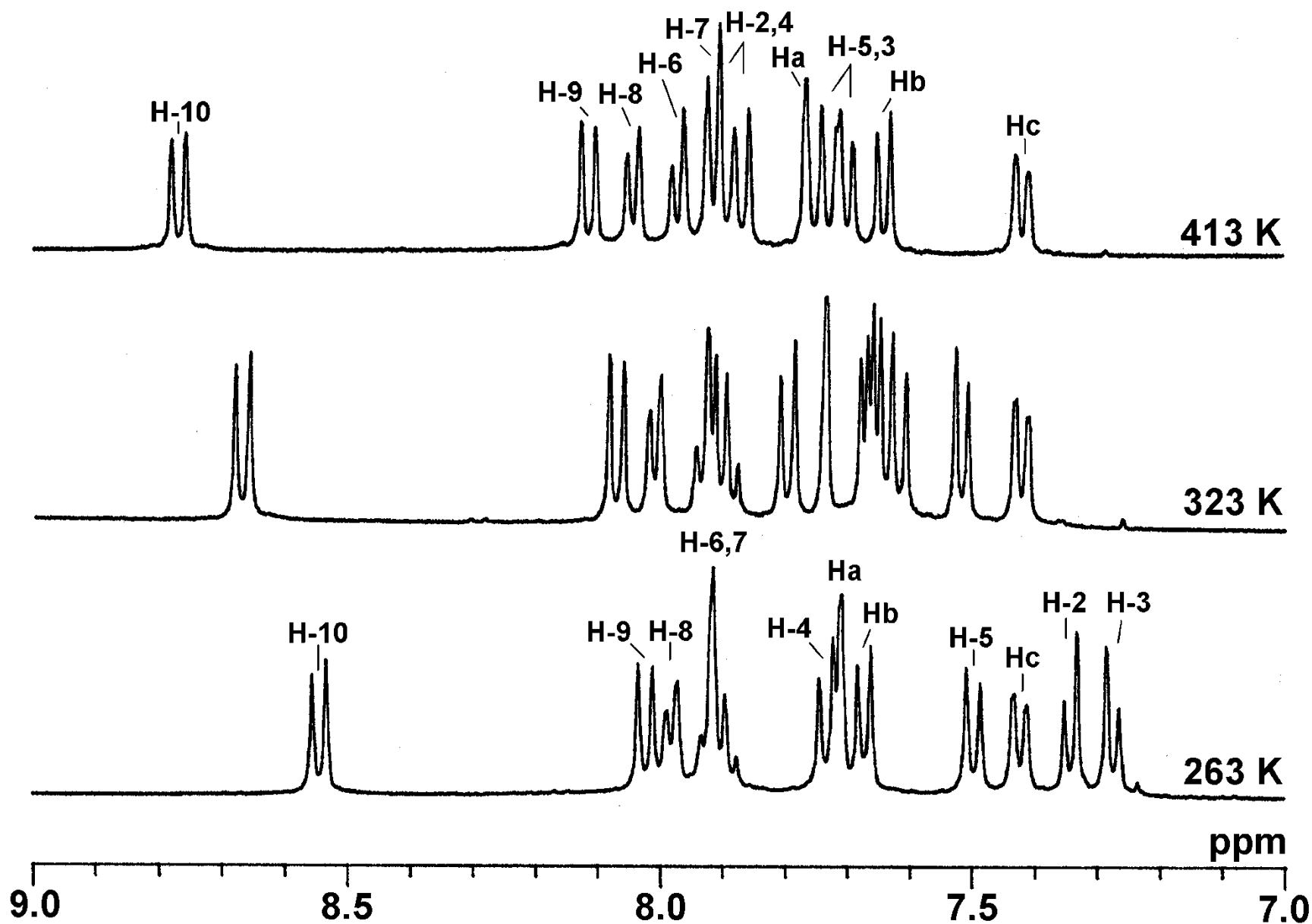
**Orthorhombic, Pbcn**

**Distance between pyrene planes = 3.34 Å**



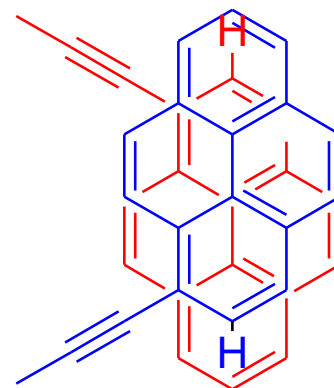
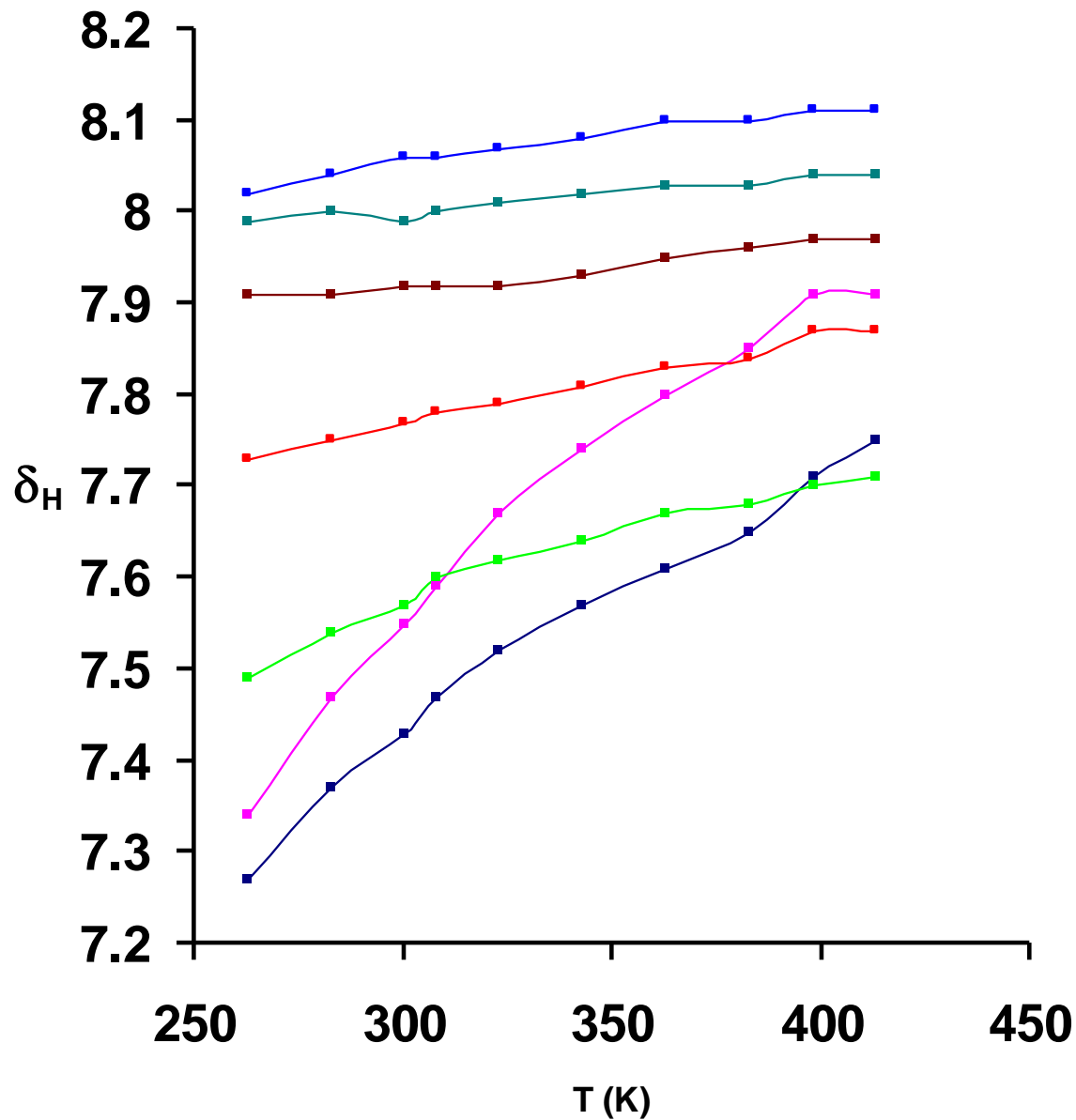
How about in solution?

# Temperature dependence of chemical shift of pyrene protons

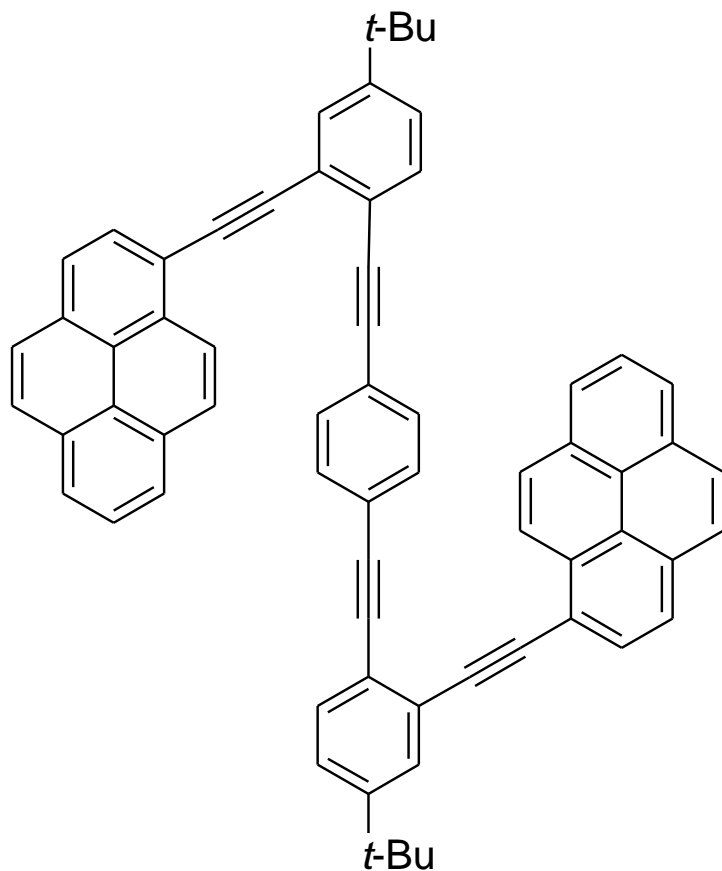




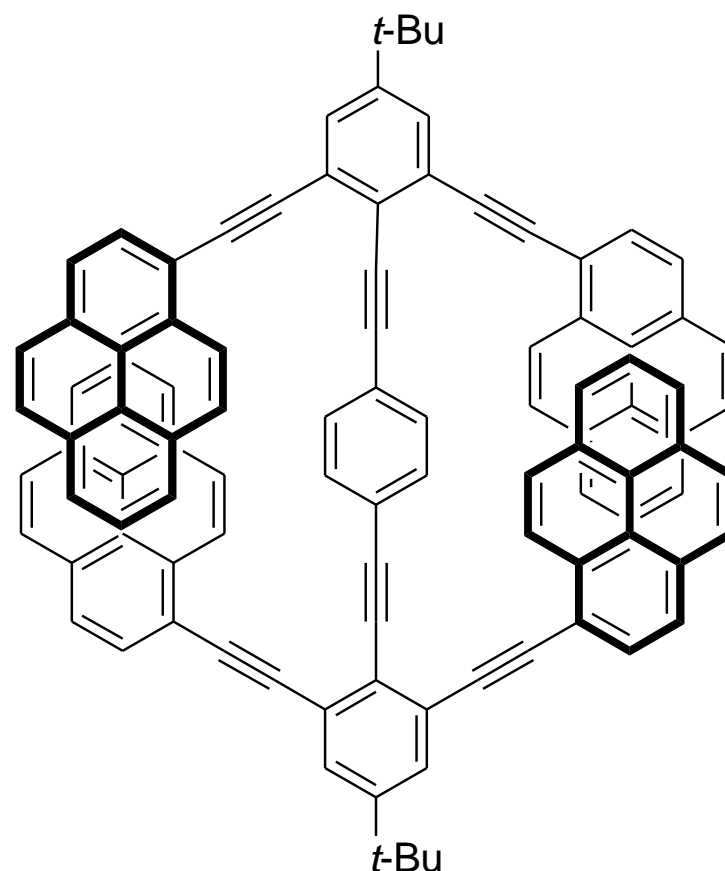
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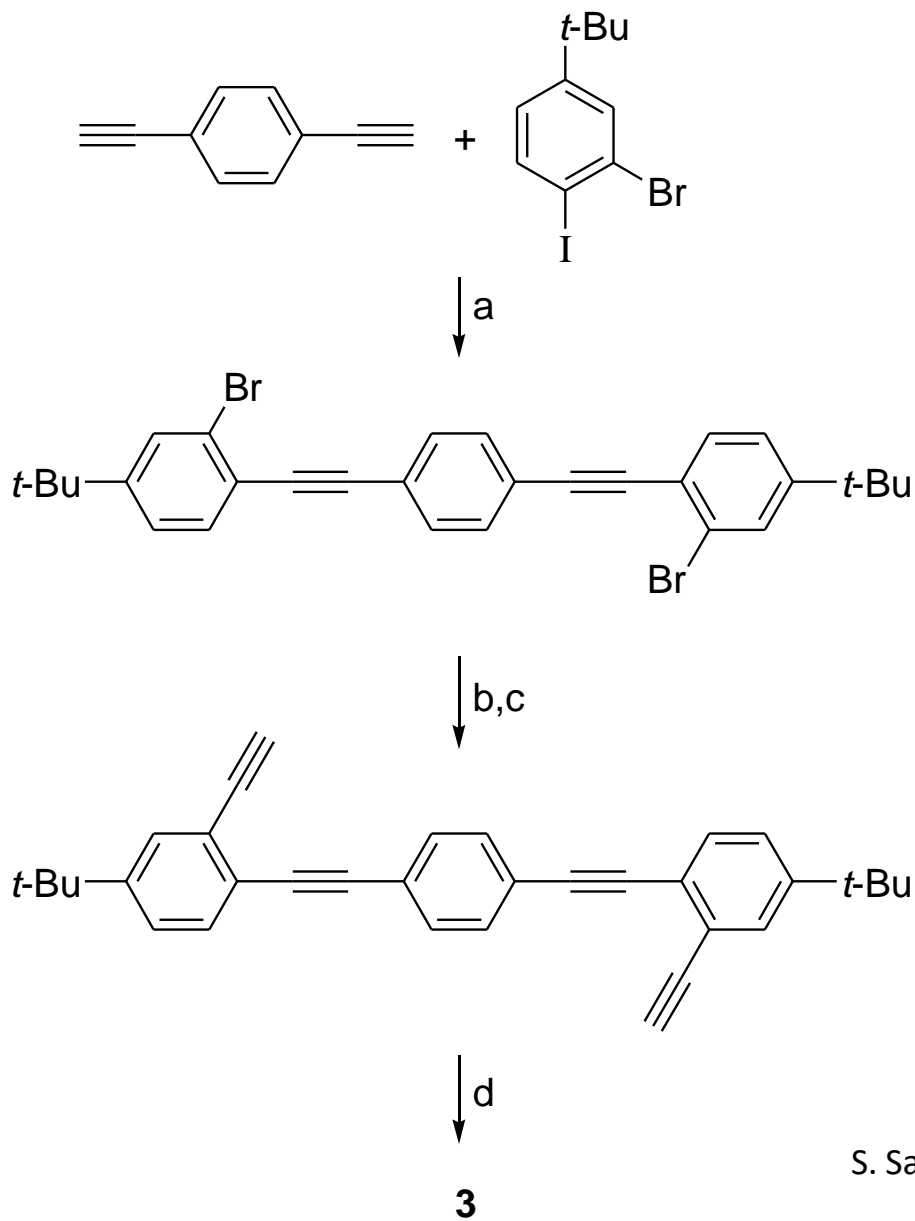


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# SYNTHESIS



a)  $\text{Pd}(\text{PPh}_3)_2\text{Cl}_2$ ,  $\text{CuI}$ ,  $\text{Et}_3\text{N}$

rt, 2h, 83 %

b)  $\text{Pd}(\text{PPh}_3)_2\text{Cl}_2$ ,  $\text{CuI}$ , pip

60 °C, 8 h, 86 %

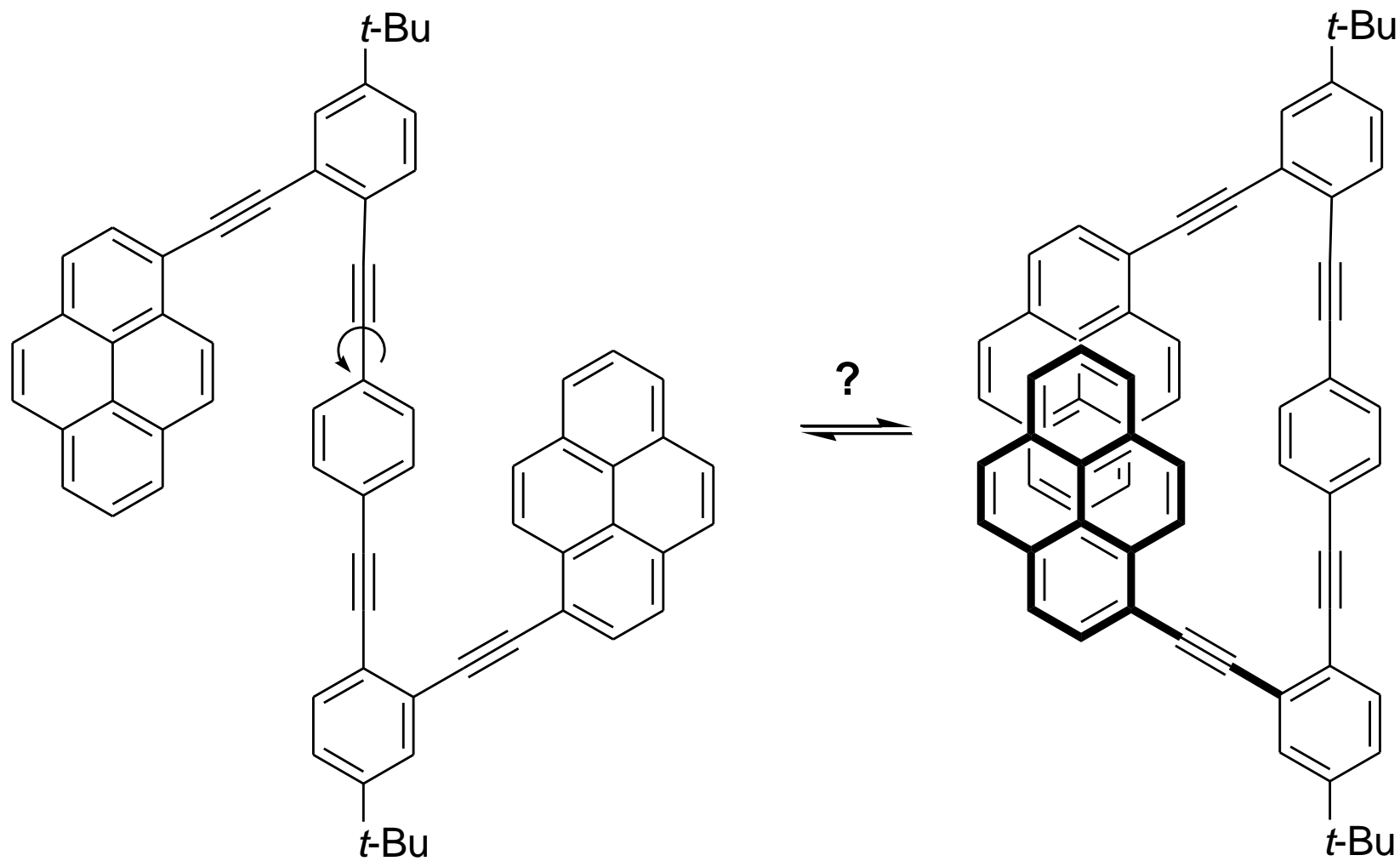
c)  $\text{K}_2\text{CO}_3$ ,  $\text{MeOH}$ ,  $\text{THF}$

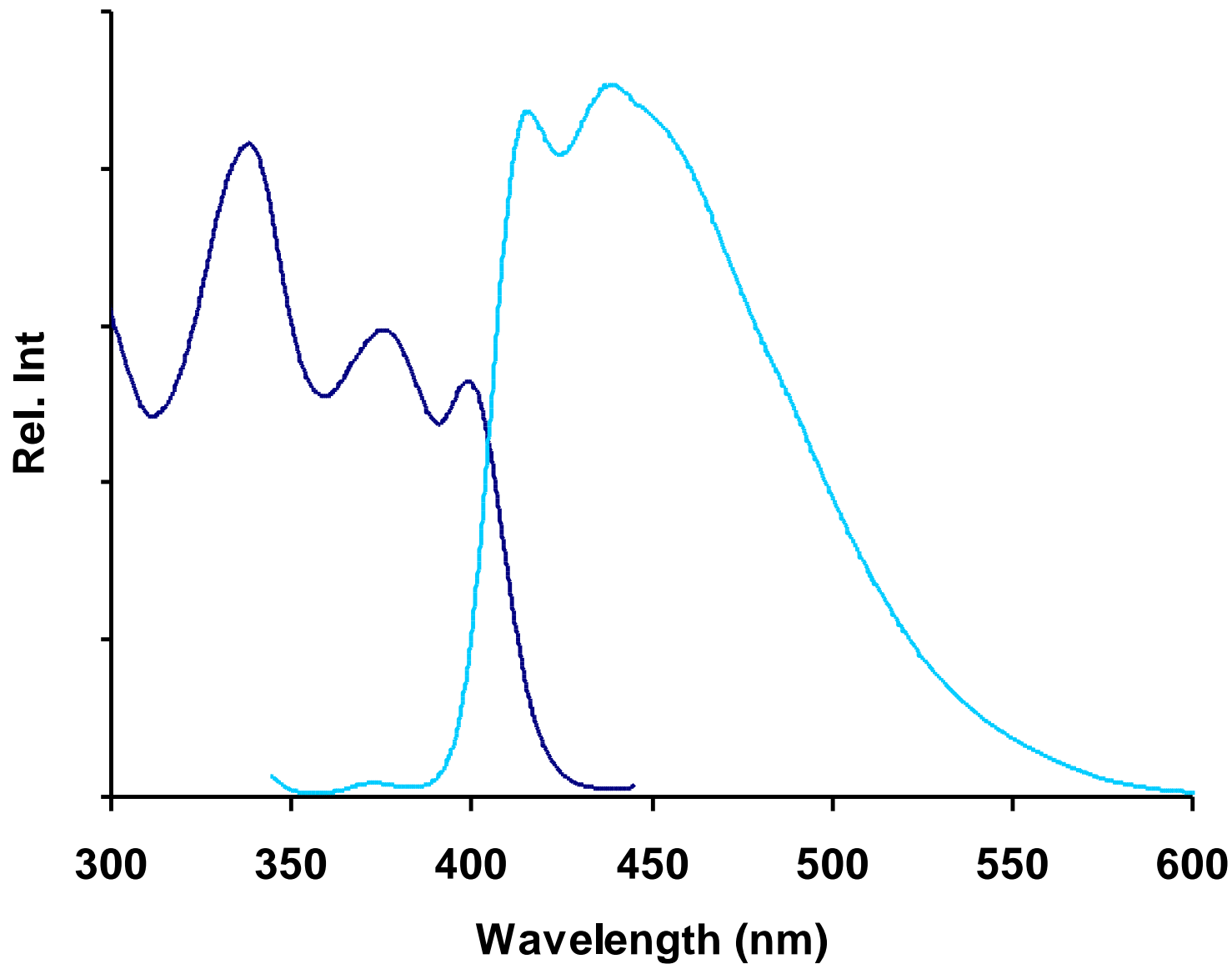
rt, 1 h, 93 %

d) 1-iodopyrene,  $\text{Pd}(\text{PPh}_3)_2\text{Cl}_2$ ,  $\text{CuI}$

$\text{Et}_3\text{N}$ , 60 °C, 4 h, 60 %

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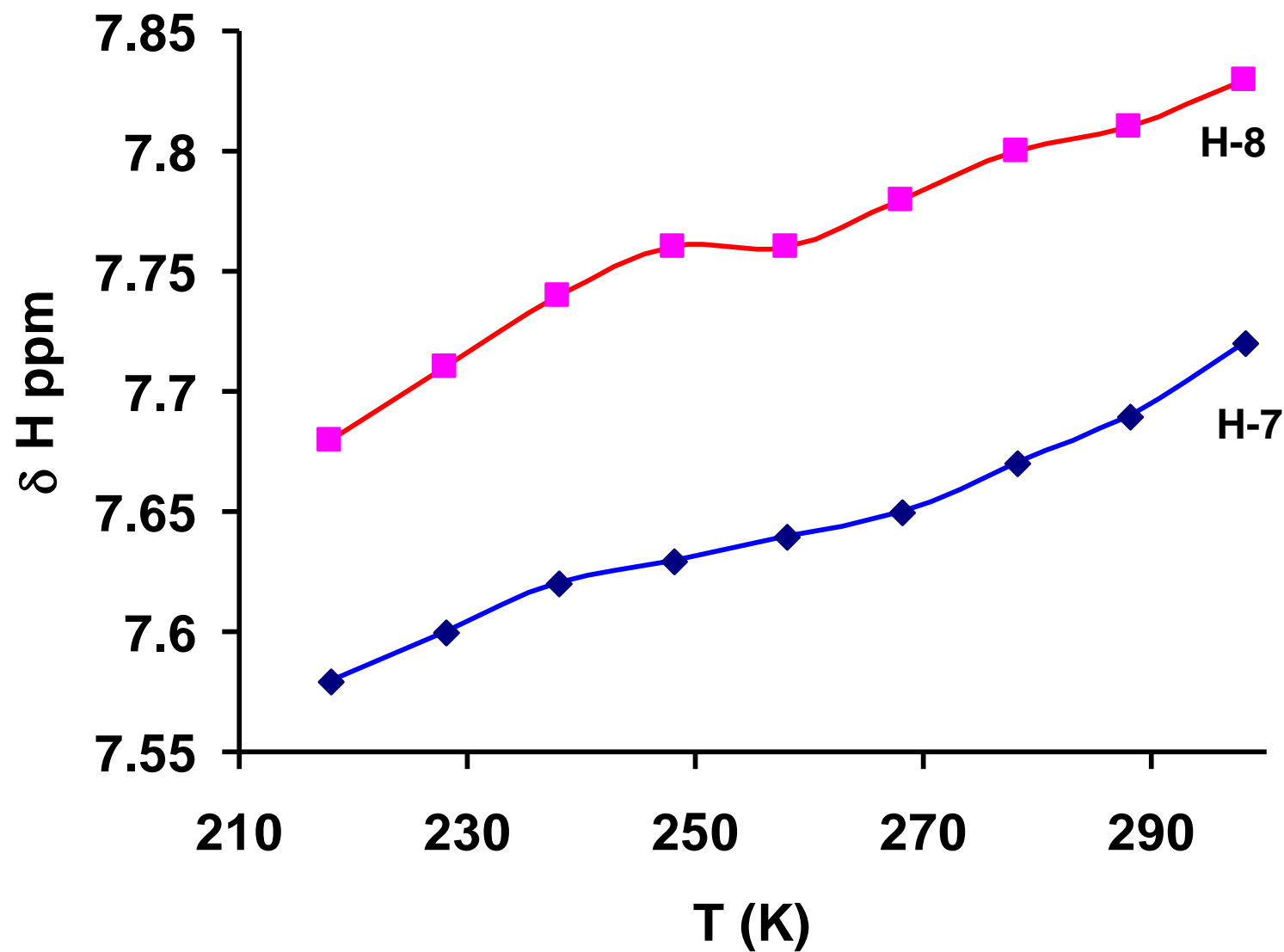




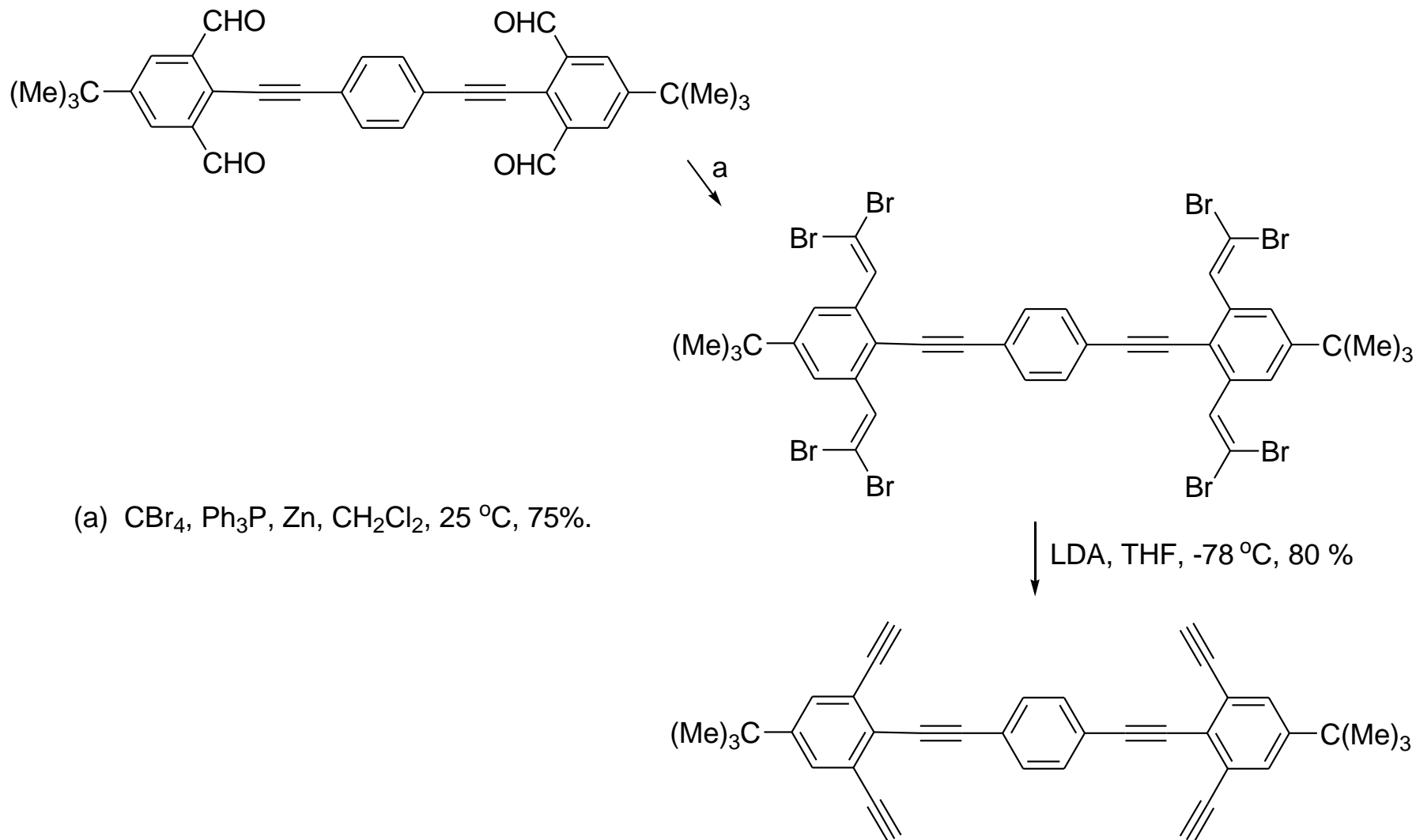
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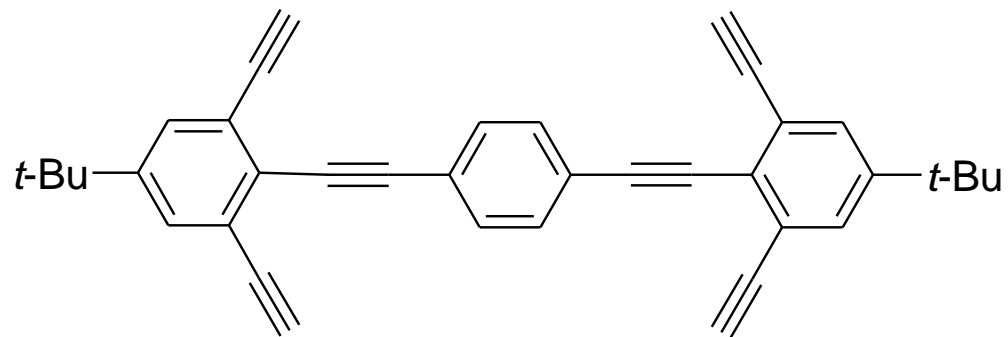
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# Temperature dependence of chemical shift of pyrene protons

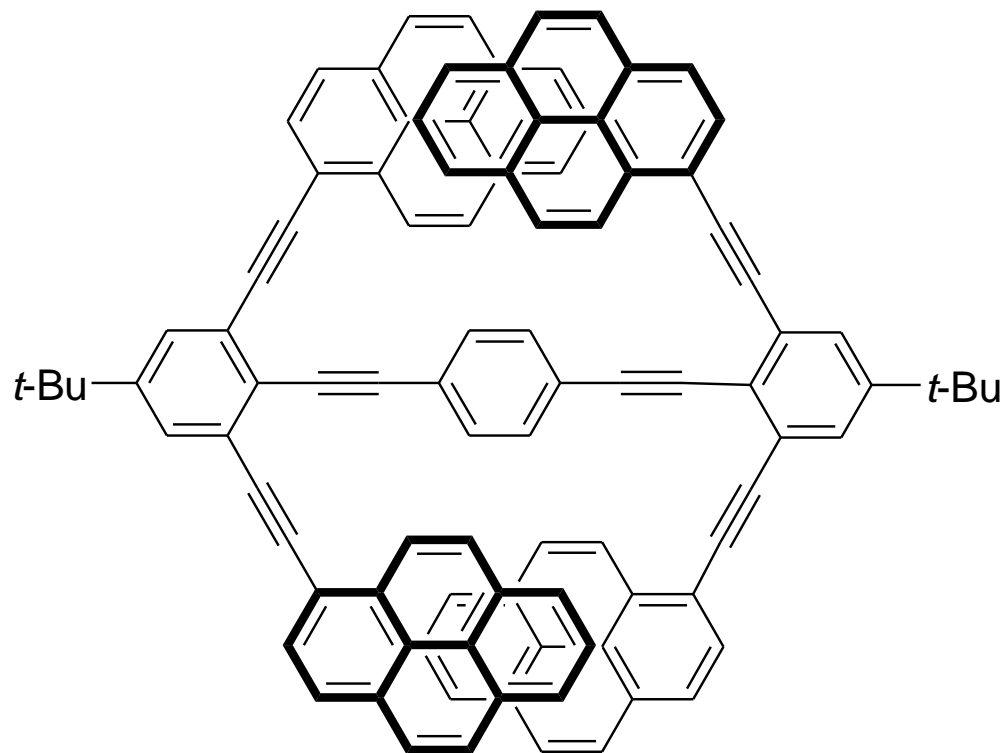


# SYNTHESIS OF A TETRA PYRENYL HINGE

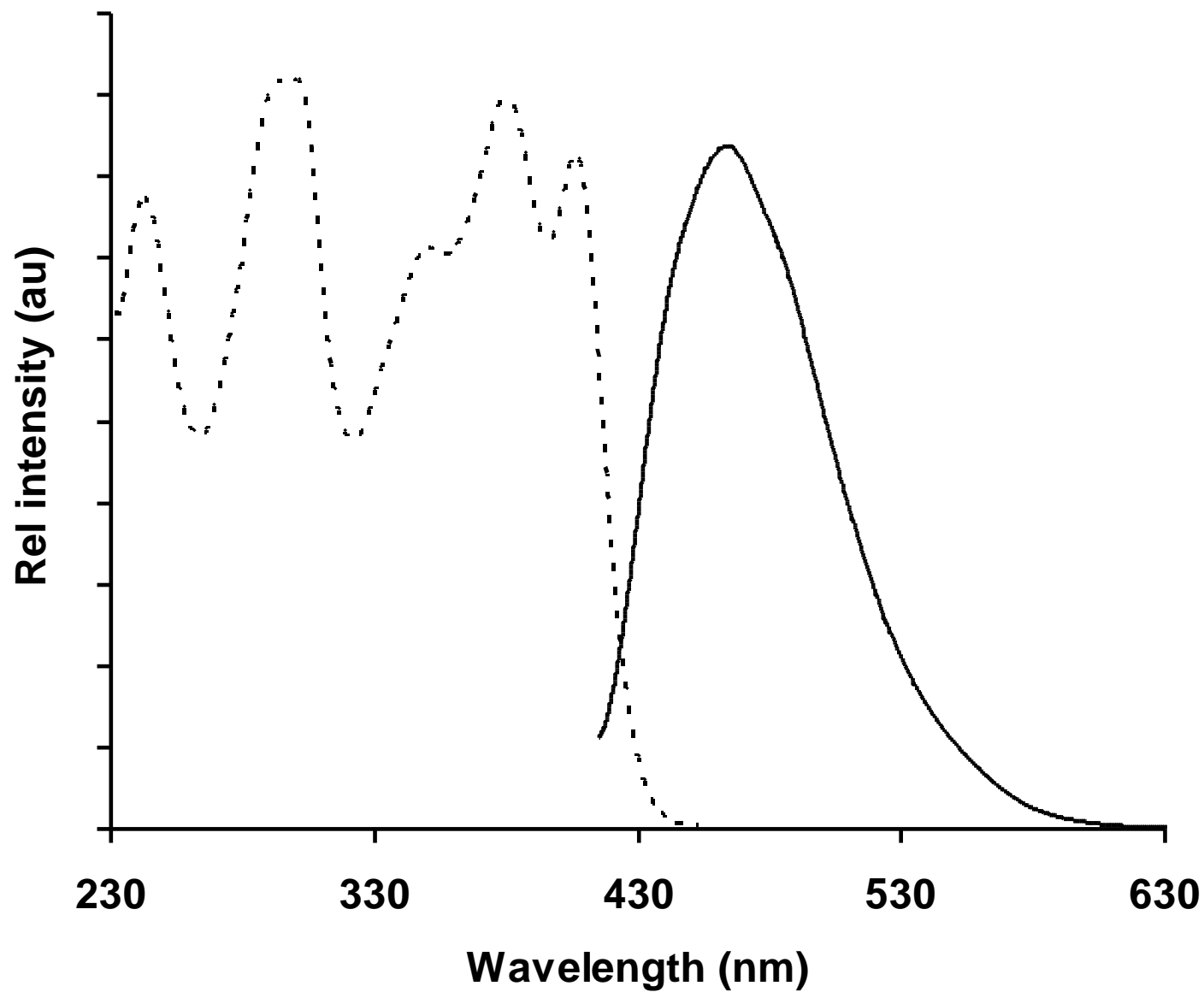




$\text{Pd(PPh}_3)_4$ ,  $\text{Et}_3\text{N}$ , 49 %  
1-Iodopyrene

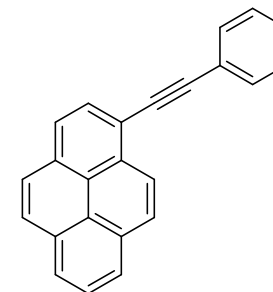
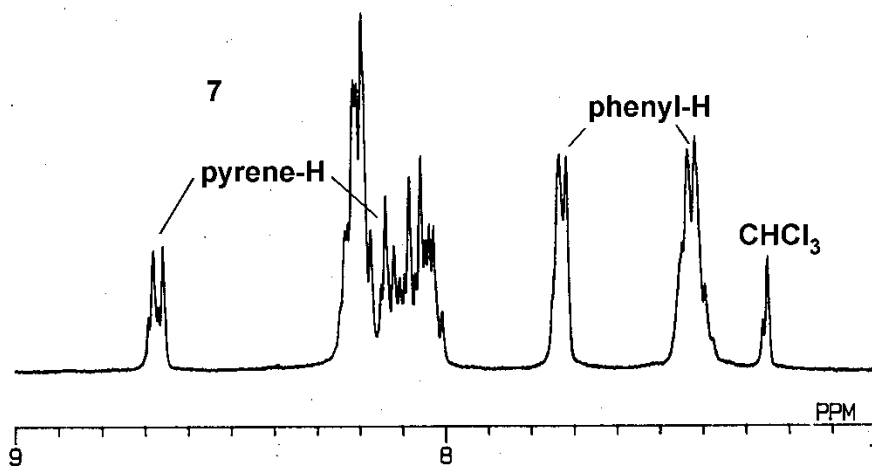
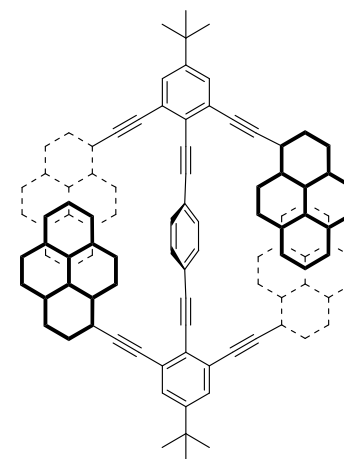
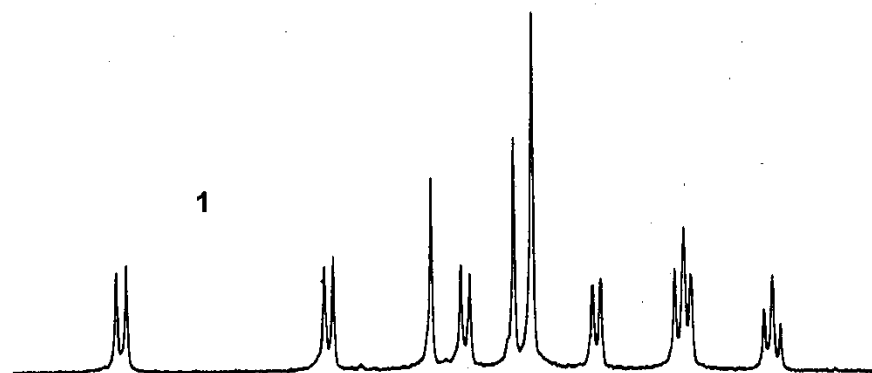
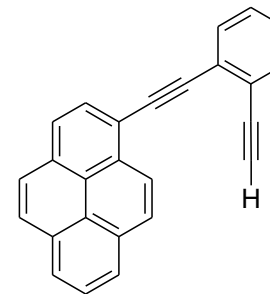
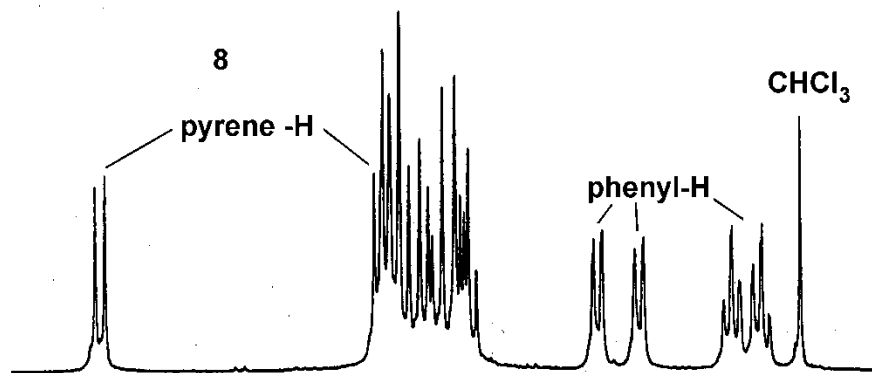


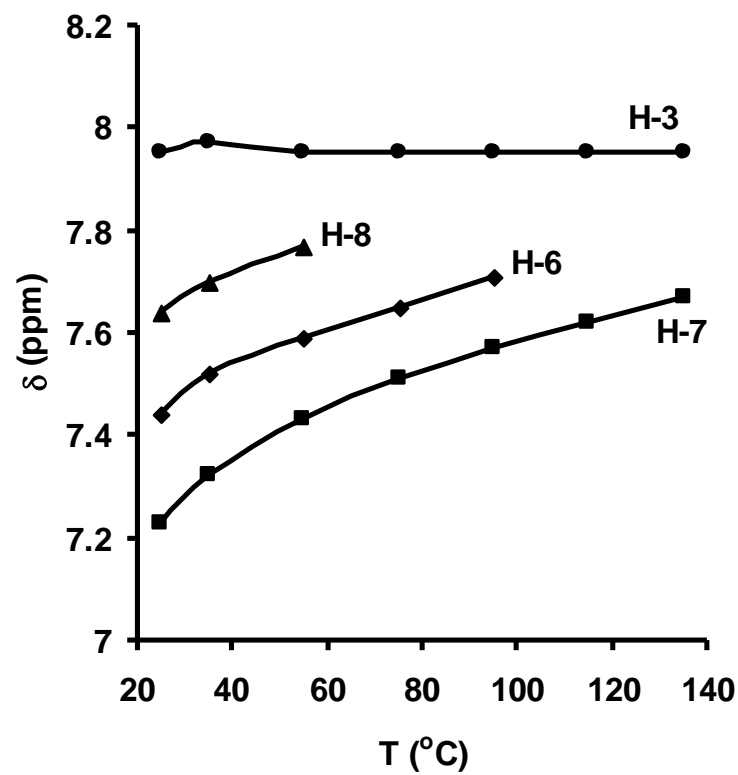
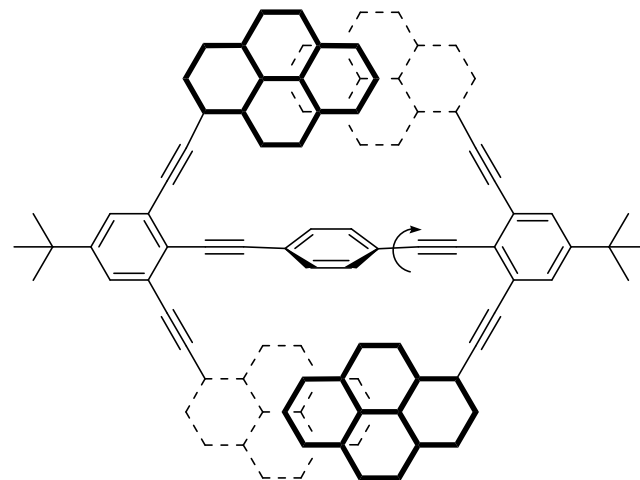
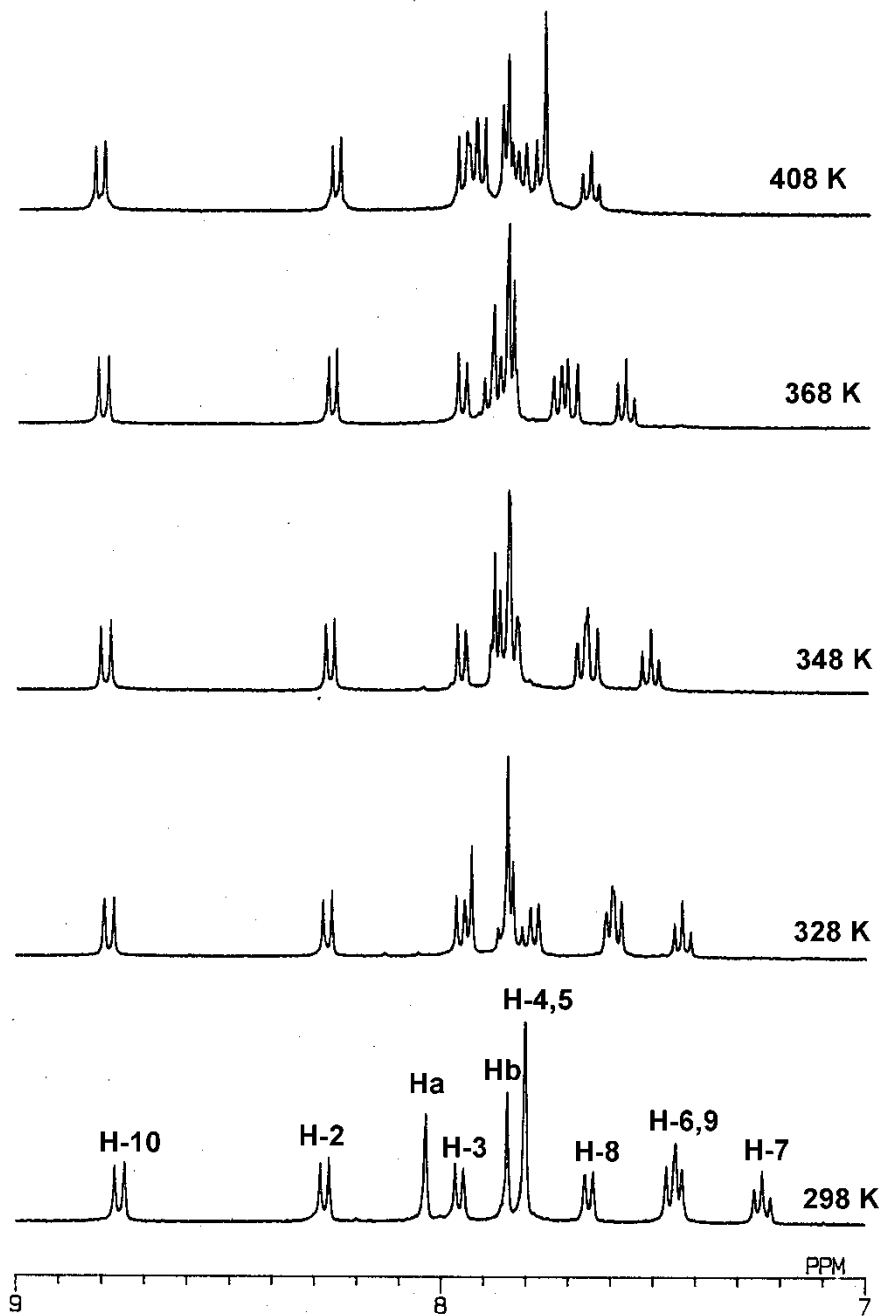


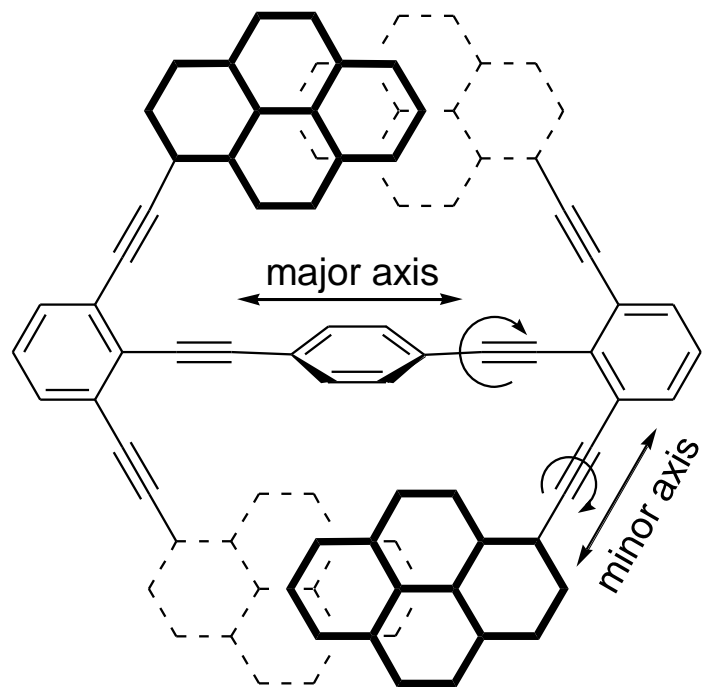


Excitation ( $\lambda_{em}$  463 nm) (-----)

fluorescence emission ( $\lambda_{ex}$  347 nm) ( \_\_\_\_ ) ( $1 \times 10^{-5}$  M in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ )

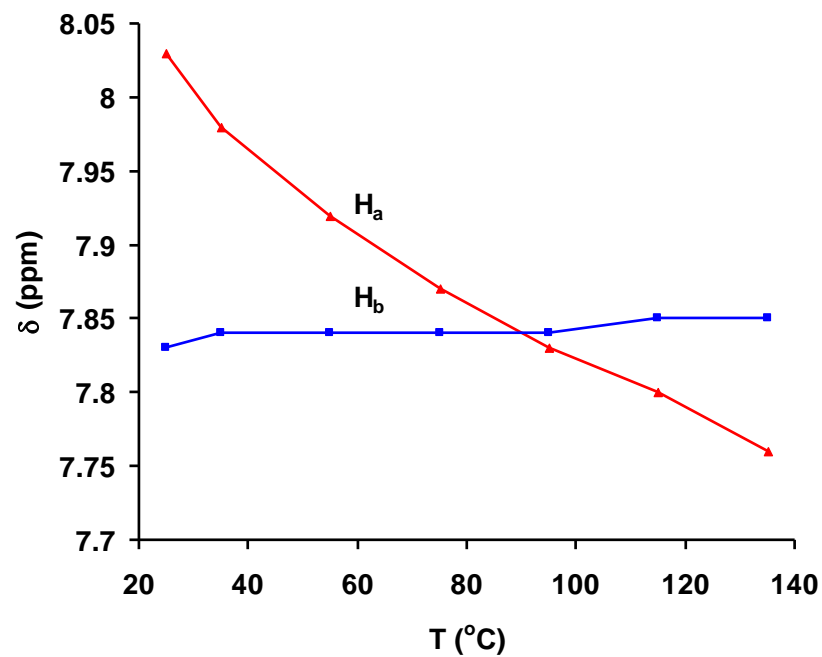
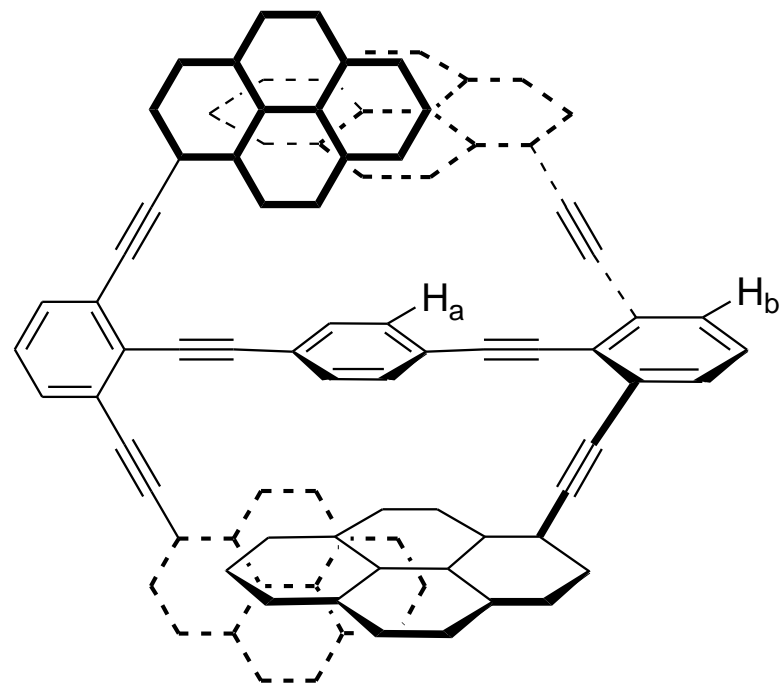






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rotation along  
the major axis



## How about triphenylene as an aromatic unit?

Triphenylene is very different from pyrene

It does not form  $\pi$ -stacked dimer in the ground state

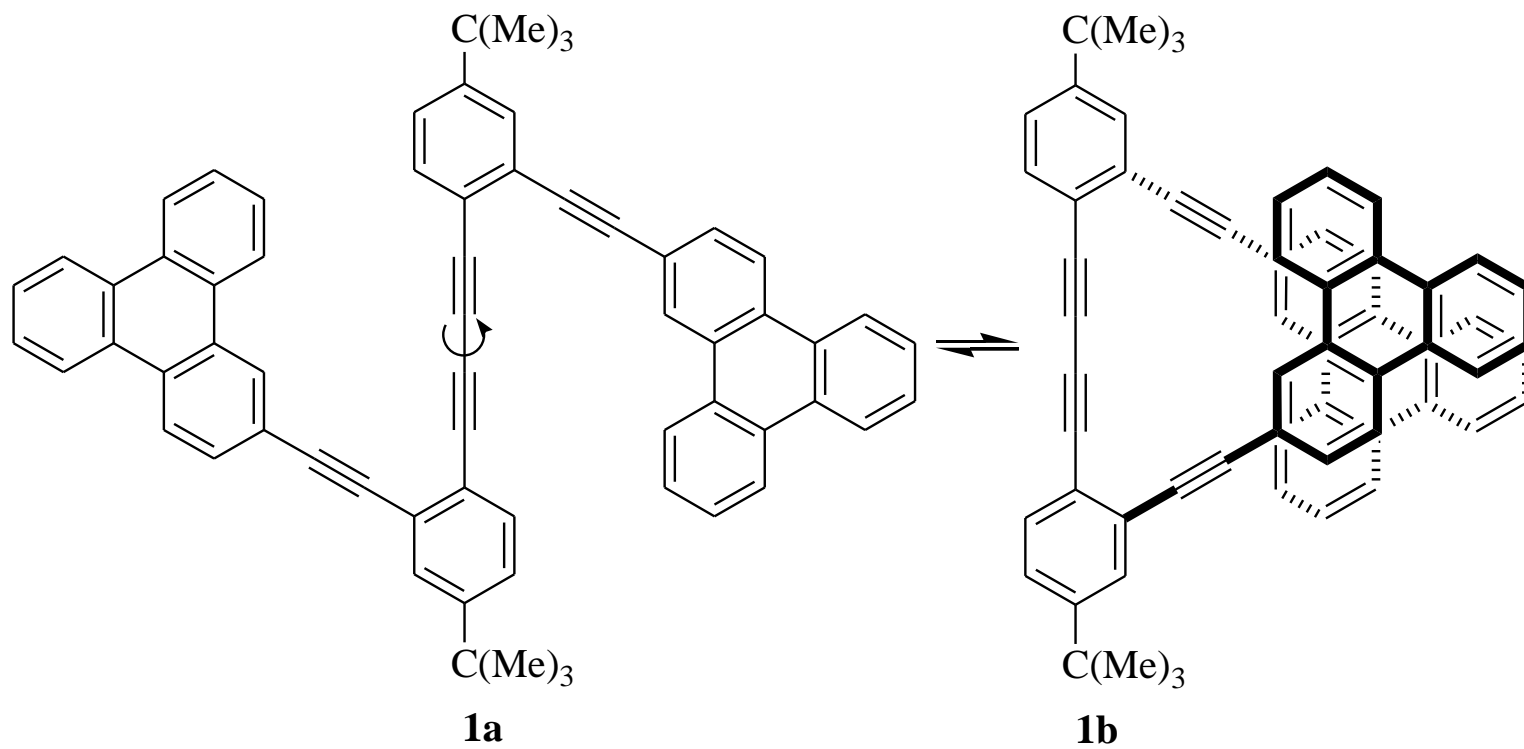
In solution no excimer emission

## How about triphenylene in constrained environments?

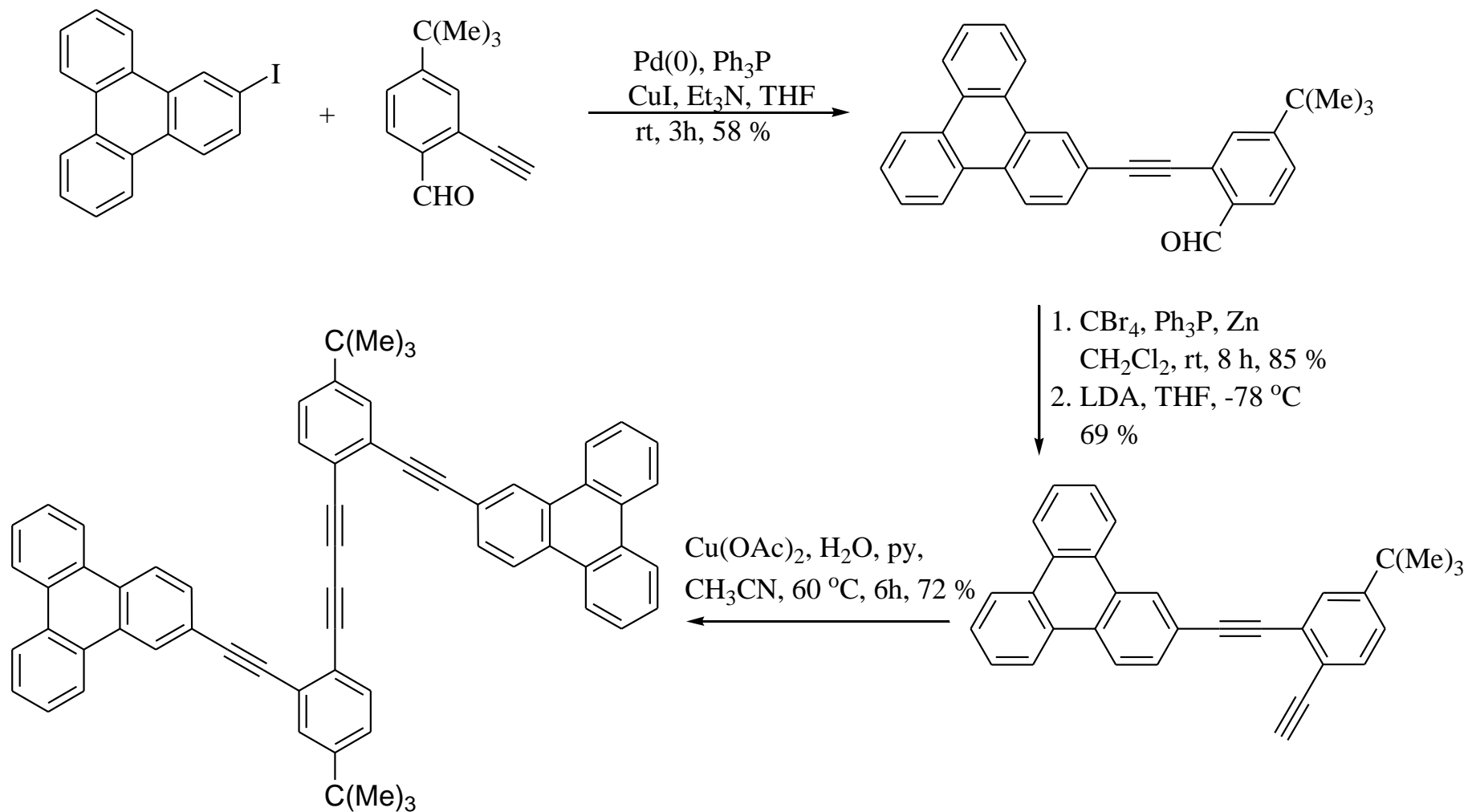
Excimer emission in solid state

Excimer emission in derivatives that form organogels

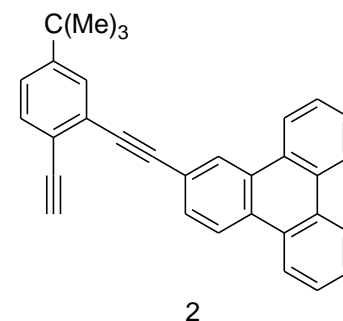
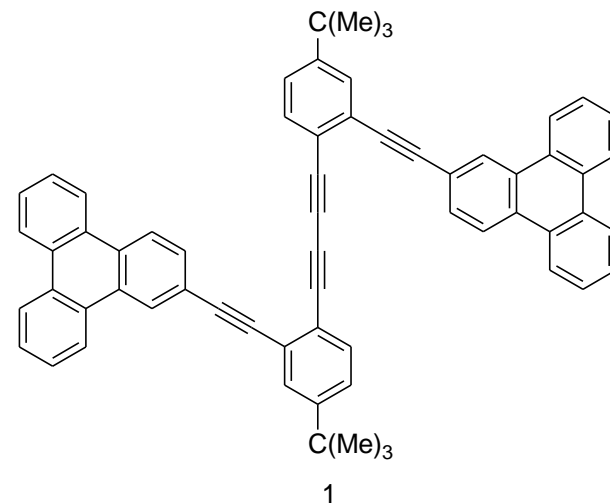
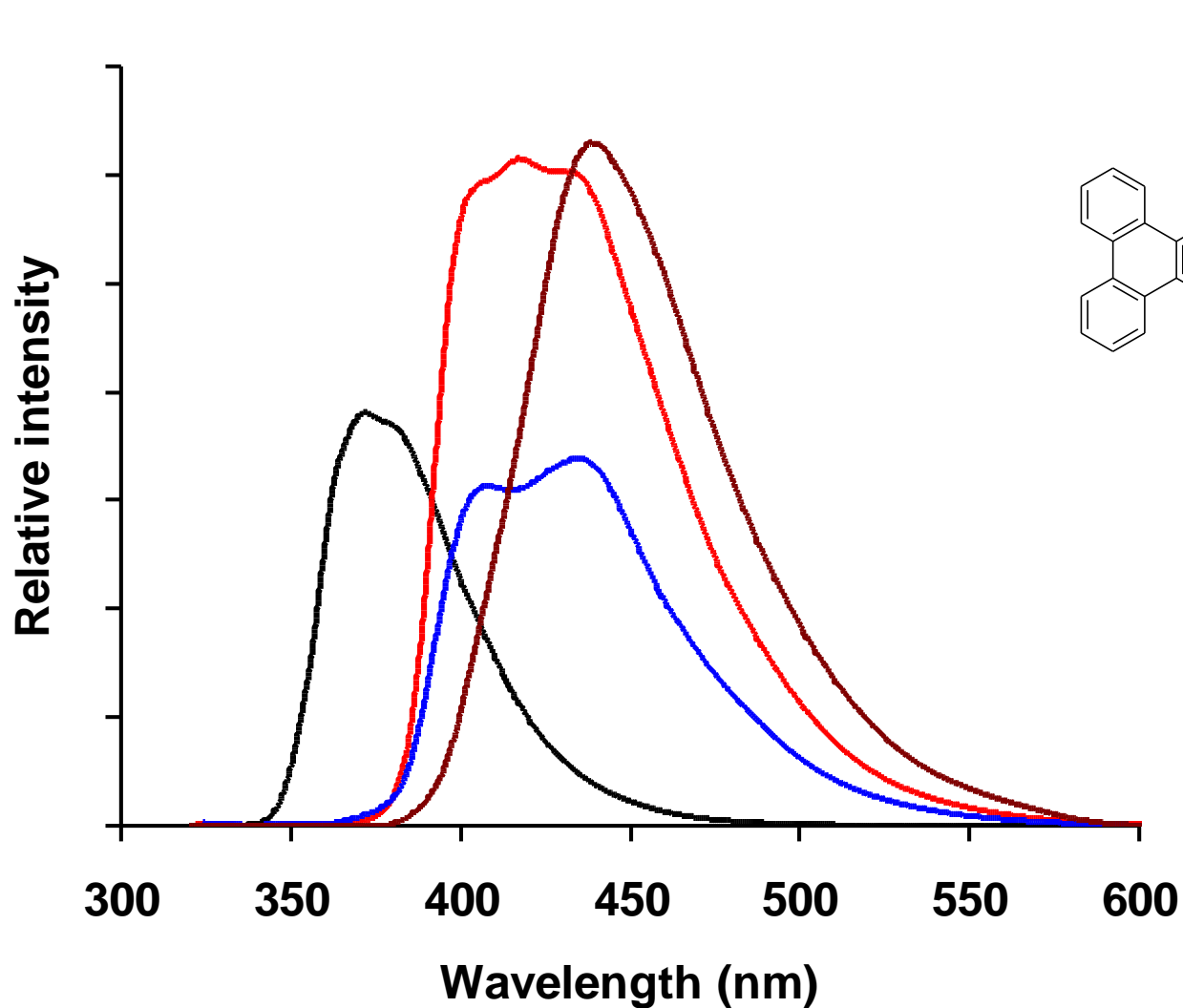
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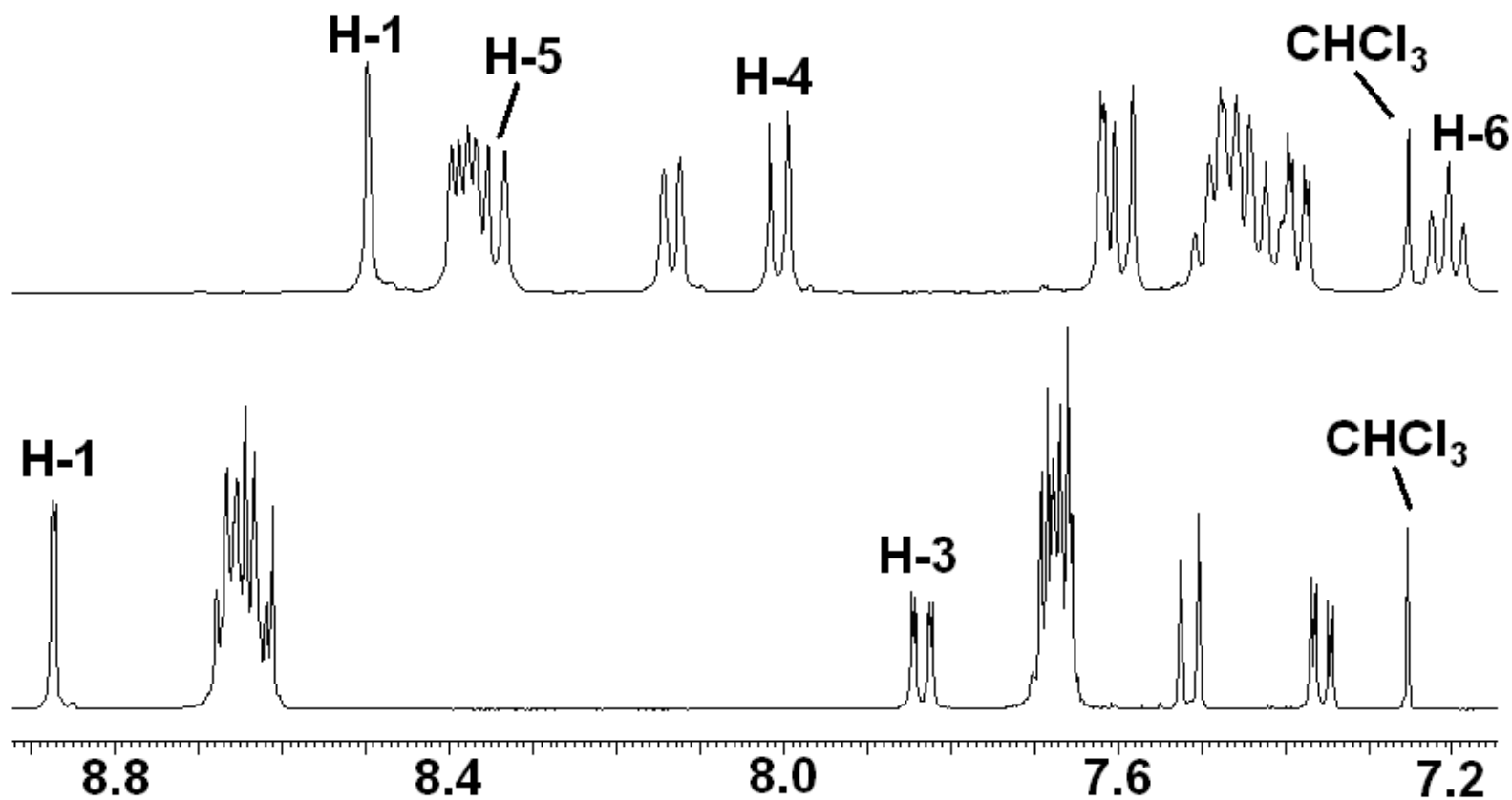


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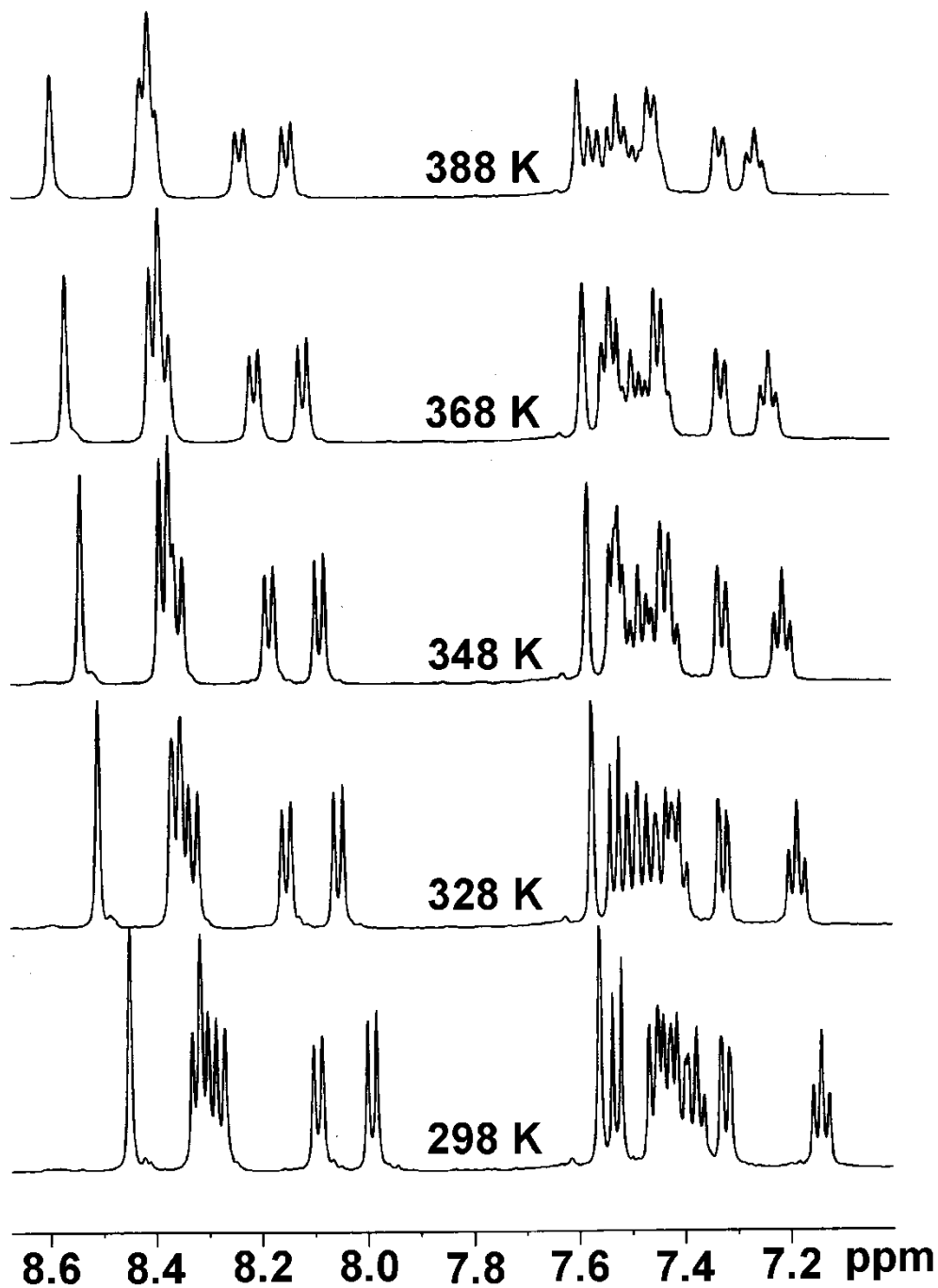


Fluorescence emission spectrum of  $10^{-5}$  M solution of **1** in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  (red), in cyclohexane (blue) and **2** in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  (black) and of **1** in solid state (brown).  $\lambda_{\text{ex}}$  310 nm.

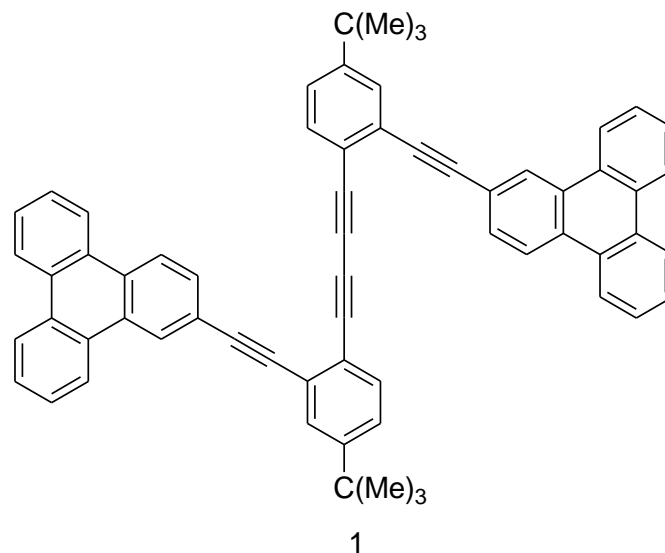




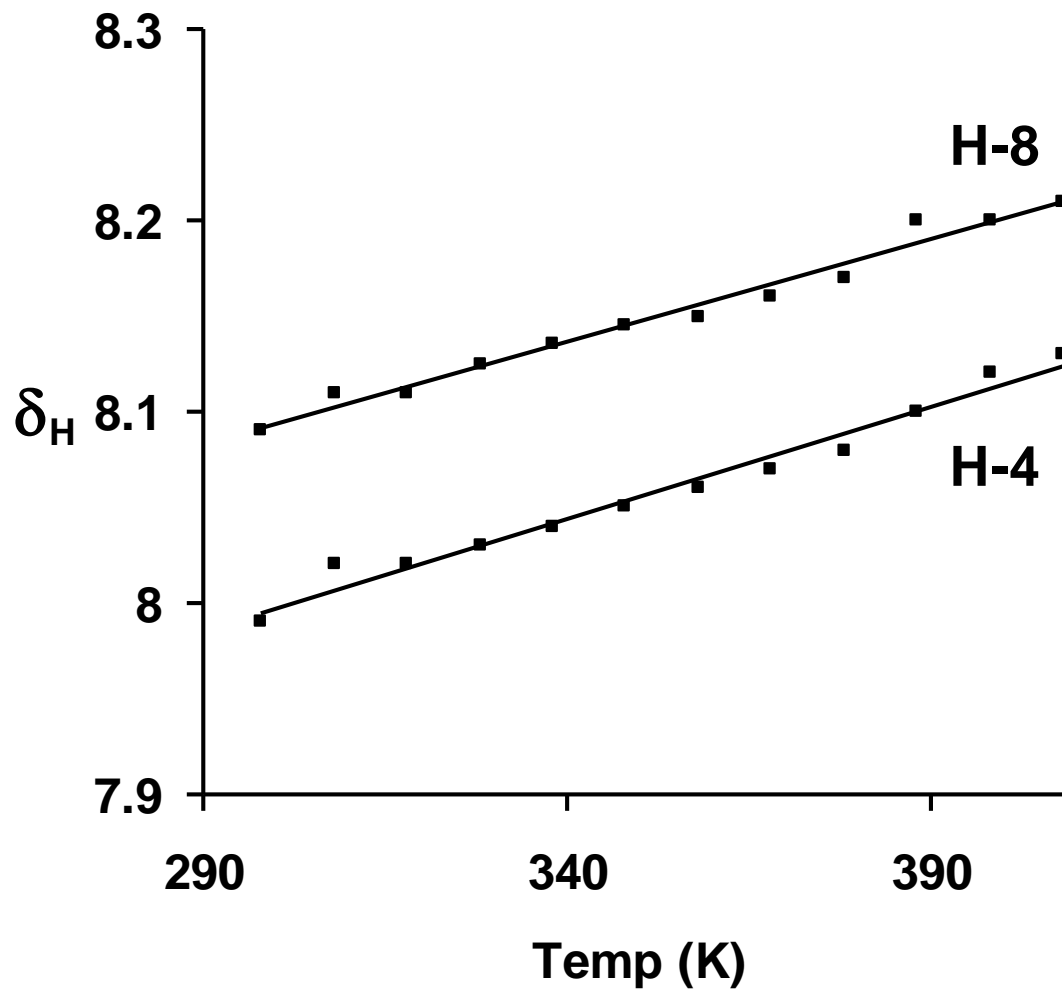
Comparison of  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra of 1 (top) and 2 (bottom) in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .



## VT-<sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of



## Effect of temperature on chemical shift of H-4 and H-8 protons of 1



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