

LINZ LECTURES

**Lecture 1. The Development of Organic Conductors:
Metals, Superconductors and Semiconductors**

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Conjugated Polymers**

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Introduction and Synthesis of Important Conjugated Polymers

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General Introduction

Solution Polymerization

Oligolyacenes

Types of Polymers

-A-A.A-A.A-A-A-A-

Homopolymer

-A-B-B-A-B-A-A-B-

Random copolymer

-A-B-A-B-A-B-A-B-

Alternating copolymer

-A-A-A-A-B-B-B-B-

Block copolymer

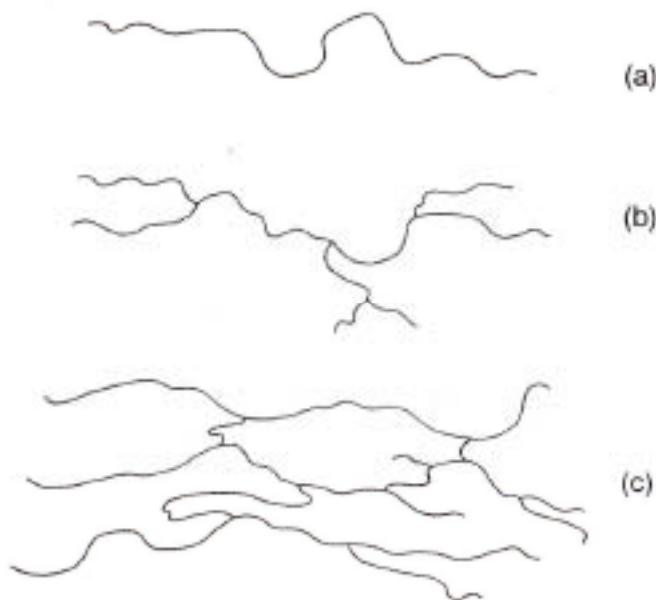
-A-A-A-A-A-A-A-A

Graft copolymer

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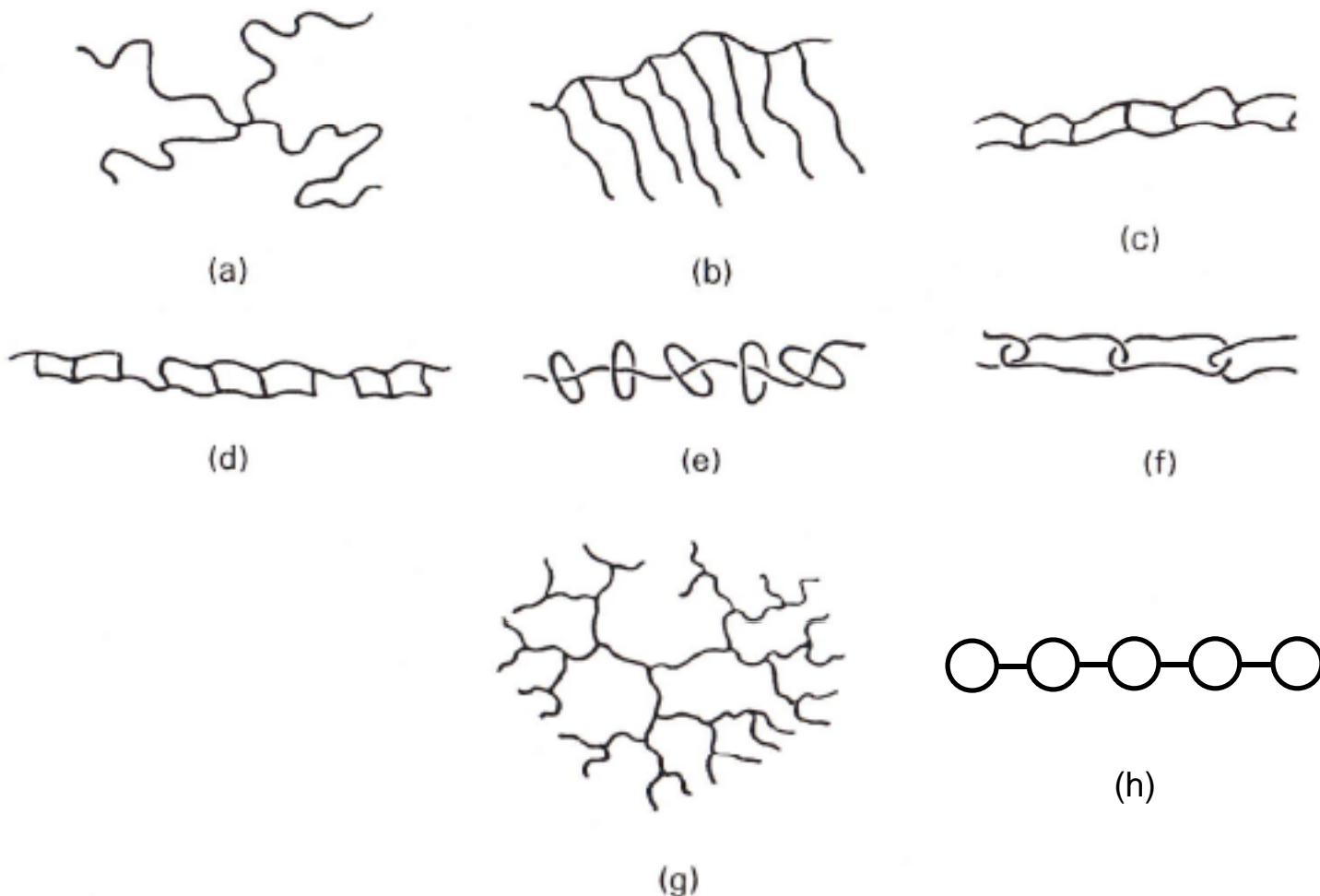
B-B-B-B-B-B

Types of Chains



(a) Linear chain, (b) branched chain, (c) network

Types of Architectures



(a) Star, (b) comb, (c) ladder, (d) pseudo ladder, (e) rotaxane, (f) catenane, (g) dendrimer (h)
rigid rod

TABLE 4.1. Mechanical Properties of Common Homopolymers^a

| Polymer | Tensile Properties at Break | | | Compressive Strength ^b (MPa) | Flexural Strength ^b (MPa) | Impact Strength ^c (N/cm) |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|--|---|--|
| | Property | Strength ^b (MPa) | Modulus ^b (MPa) | Elongation (%) | | |
| Polyethylene, low density | 8.3–31 | 172–283 | 100–650 | — | — | No break |
| Polyethylene, high density | 22–31 | 1070–1090 | 10–1200 | 20–25 | — | 0.23–2.3 |
| Polypropylene | 31–41 | 1170–1720 | 100–600 | 38–55 | 41–55 | 0.23–0.57 |
| Poly(vinyl chloride) | 41–52 | 2410–4140 | 40–80 | 55–90 | 69–110 | 0.23–1.3 |
| Polystyrene | 36–52 | 2280–3280 | 1.2–2.5 | 83–90 | 69–101 | 0.20–0.26 |
| Poly(methyl methacrylate) | 48–76 | 2240–3240 | 2–10 | 72–124 | 72–131 | 0.17–0.34 |
| Polytetra- fluoroethylene | 14–34 | 400–552 | 200–400 | 12 | — | 1.7 |
| Nylon 66 | 76–83 | — | 60–300 | 103 | 42–117 | 0.46–1.2 |
| Poly(ethylene terephthalate) | 48–72 | 2760–4140 | 50–300 | 76–103 | 96–124 | 0.14–0.37 |
| Polycarbonate | 66 | 2380 | 110 | 86 | 93 | 9.1 |

^aValues taken from Agranoff,^{12a} converted to SI units, and rounded off.

^bTo convert megapascals to pounds per square inch, multiply by 145.

^cIzod notched impact test (see Chap. 5). To convert newtons per centimeter to foot pounds per inch, multiply by 1.75.

Table 1 Tensile properties of 'As-stretched' PPV measured parallel to the draw direction

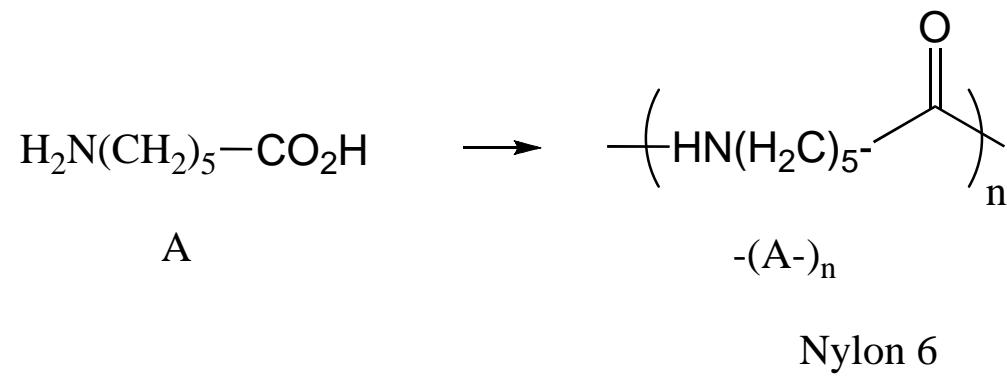
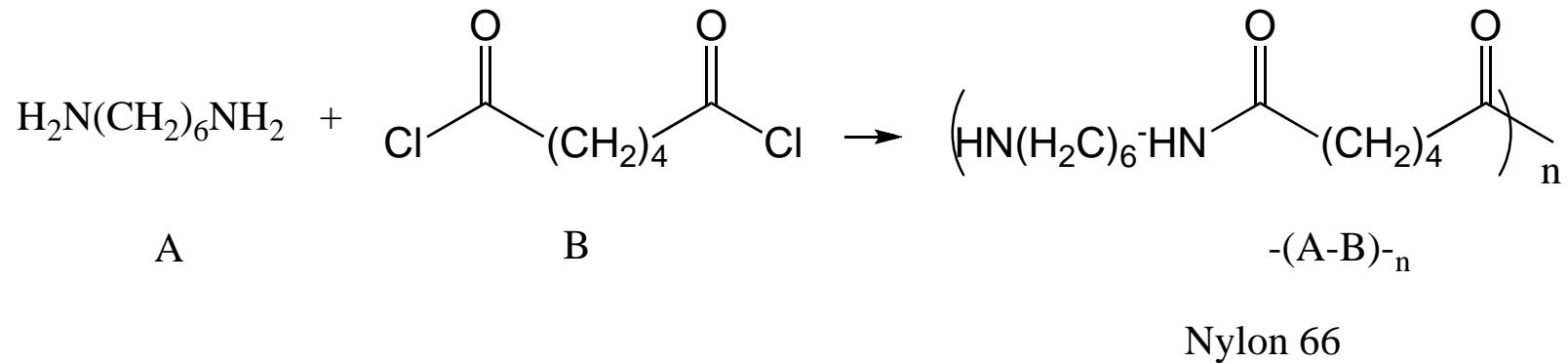
| Draw ratio | Modulus (GPa) | Yield stress (MPa) | Yield strain (%) | Tensile strength (MPa) | Elongation (%) |
|----------------|------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|
| Isotropic | 2.7 | 45.2 | 3.3 | 48.2 | 38 |
| 1 ^a | 3.5 | 60 | 2.5 | — | 53 |
| 2 | 8.1 | 114 | 1.8 | 116 | 20 |
| 3 | 9.1 | 129 | 1.9 | 140 | 14 |
| 4 | 8.6 | 112 | 1.4 | 157 | 13 |
| 5 | 10.6 | 152 | 1.4 | 181 | 9.3 |
| 6 | 11.8 | — | — | 223 | 2.9 |
| 8 | 14.2 | — | — | 256 | 2.1 |
| 10 | 15.5 | — | — | 271 | 2.1 |

^a Materials of draw ratio 1 are not isotropic because the precursor elimination/stretching process involves a substantial volume change ($\approx 50\%$) and these materials are converted at constant length¹¹

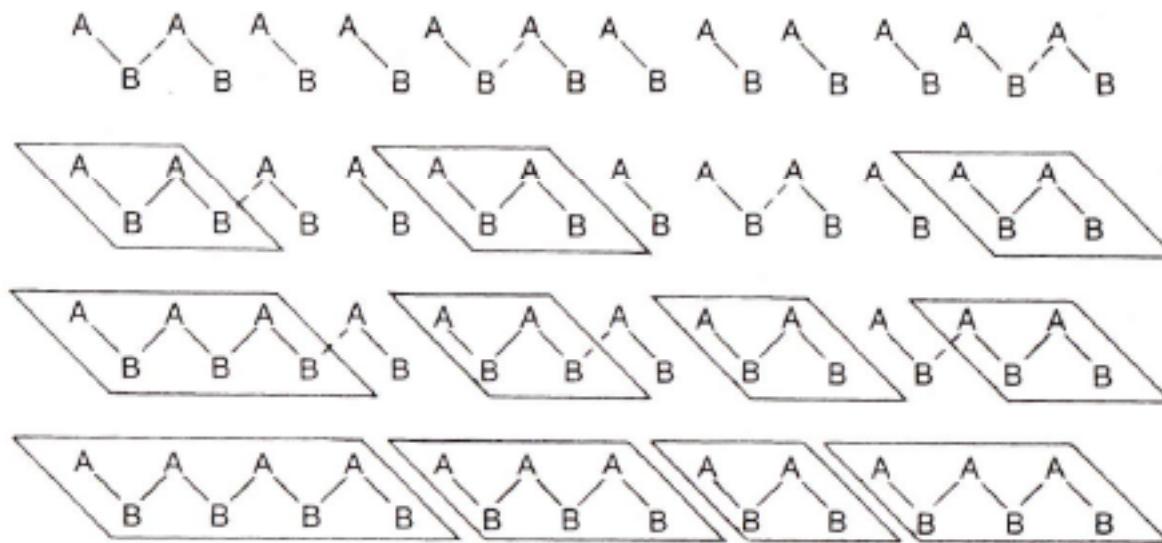
"For drawn samples, values for the Young's modulus as high as 37 GPa and tensile strength up to 500 MPa have been measured in the machine direction. These properties approach those of many high performance fibers."

Machado, J.M.; Masse, M.A.; Karasz, F.E. *Polymer*, **1989**, *30*, 1992

Step Growth or Condensation Polymerization



Mylar, Kevlar, Kapton, PPT, PT, PPy



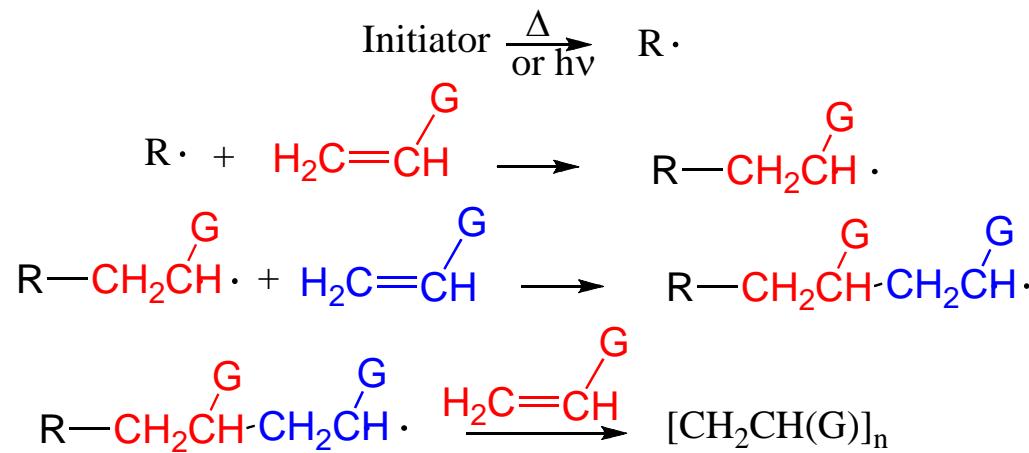
Step-reaction polymerization: (a) unreacted monomer; (b) 50% reacted, $\overline{DP} = 1.3$; (c) $\overline{DP} = 1.7$; (d) 100% reacted, $\overline{DP} = 3$. (Broken lines represent reacting species.)

$$p = \frac{N_0 - N}{N_0} \quad N = N_0(1 - p) \quad \overline{DP} = \frac{1}{1 - p}$$

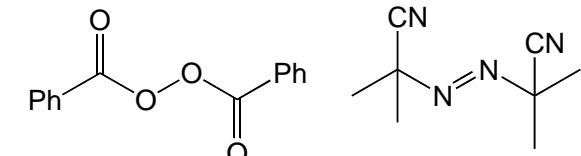
Carothers Equation

Chain Growth or Addition Polymerization

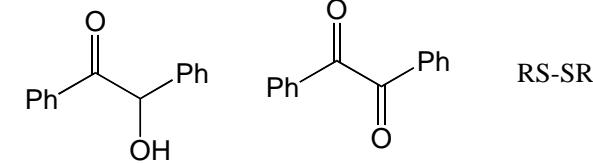
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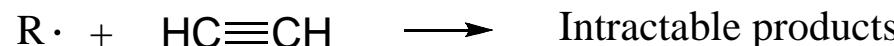
Initiators:



Thermal



Photochemical



Chain-Growth Polymerization

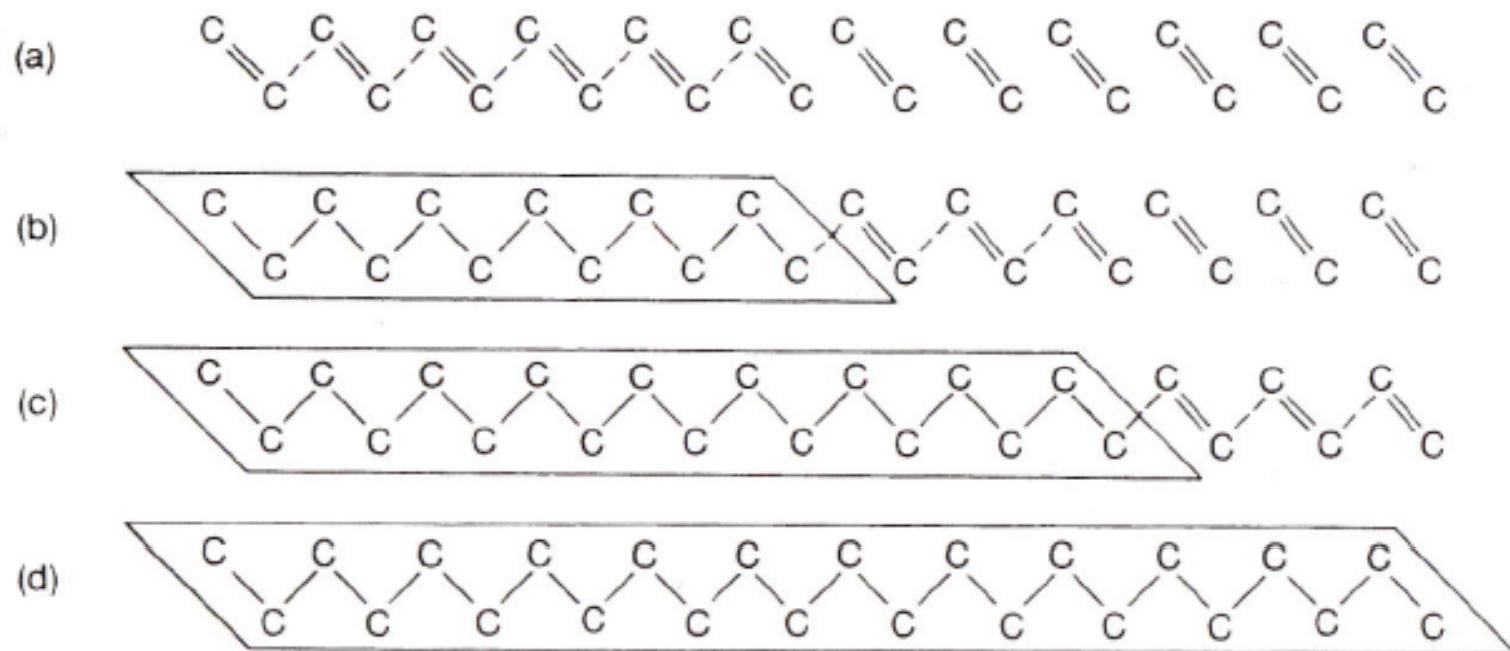
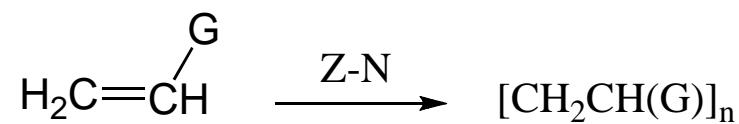


FIGURE 1.5. Chain-reaction polymerization: (a) unreacted monomer; (b) 50% reacted, $\overline{\text{DP}} = 1.7$; (c) 75% reacted, $\overline{\text{DP}} = 3$; (d) 100% reacted, $\overline{\text{DP}} = 12$. (Broken lines represent reacting species.)

Ziegler-Natta Polymerization

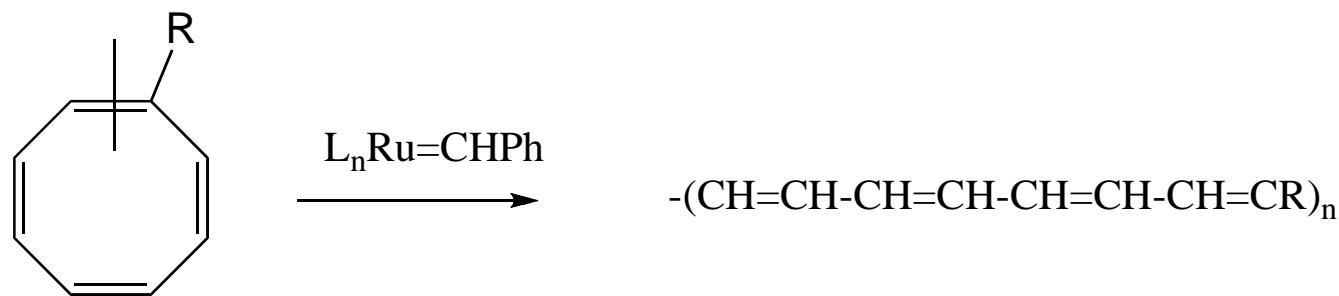
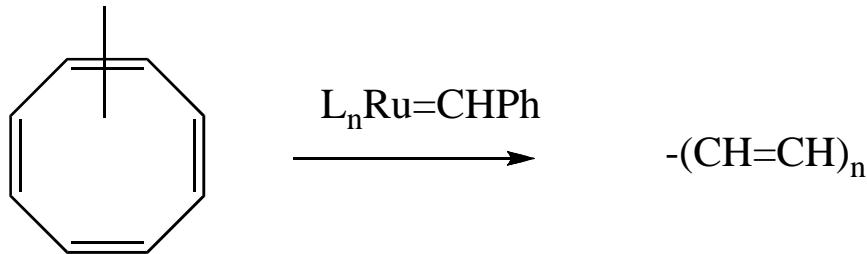


Z-N: Ti(OR)_4 AlR_3



Anionic, Cationic, Living

Ring Opening Metathesis Polymerization (ROMP)



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Organometallic Methods:

Kumada, Yamamoto, Colon

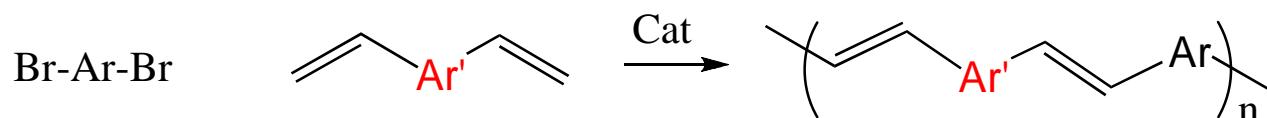


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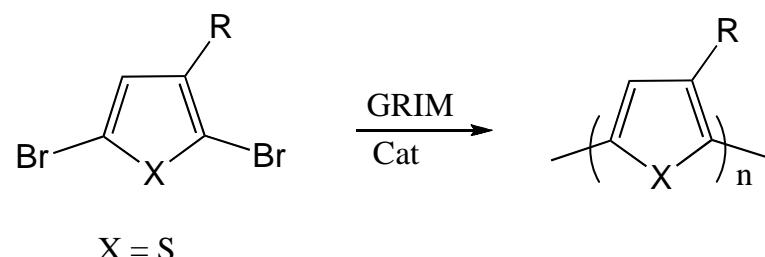
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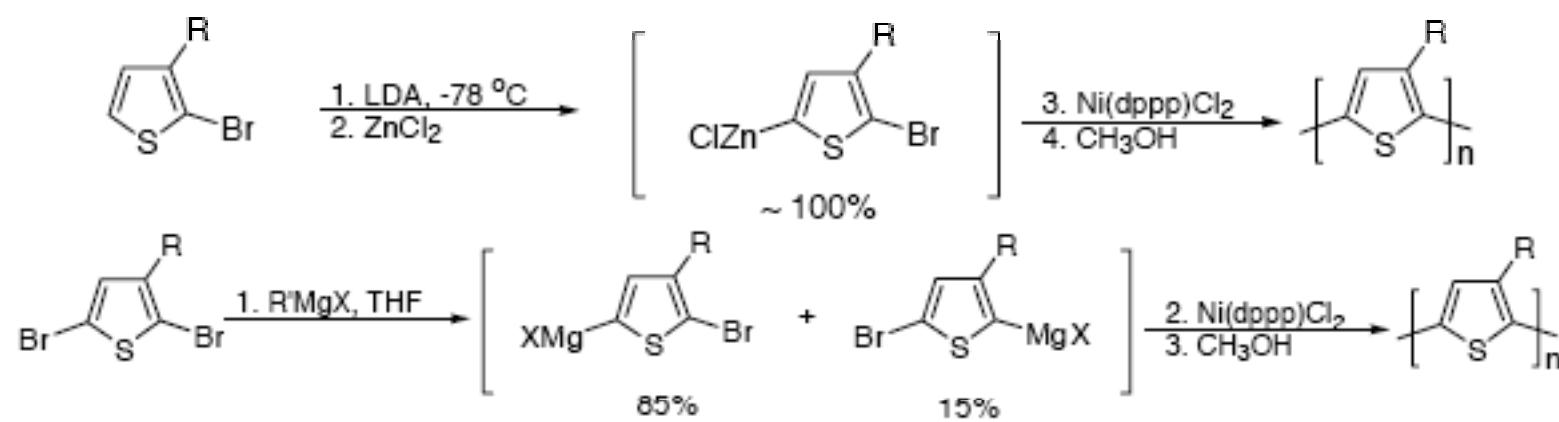


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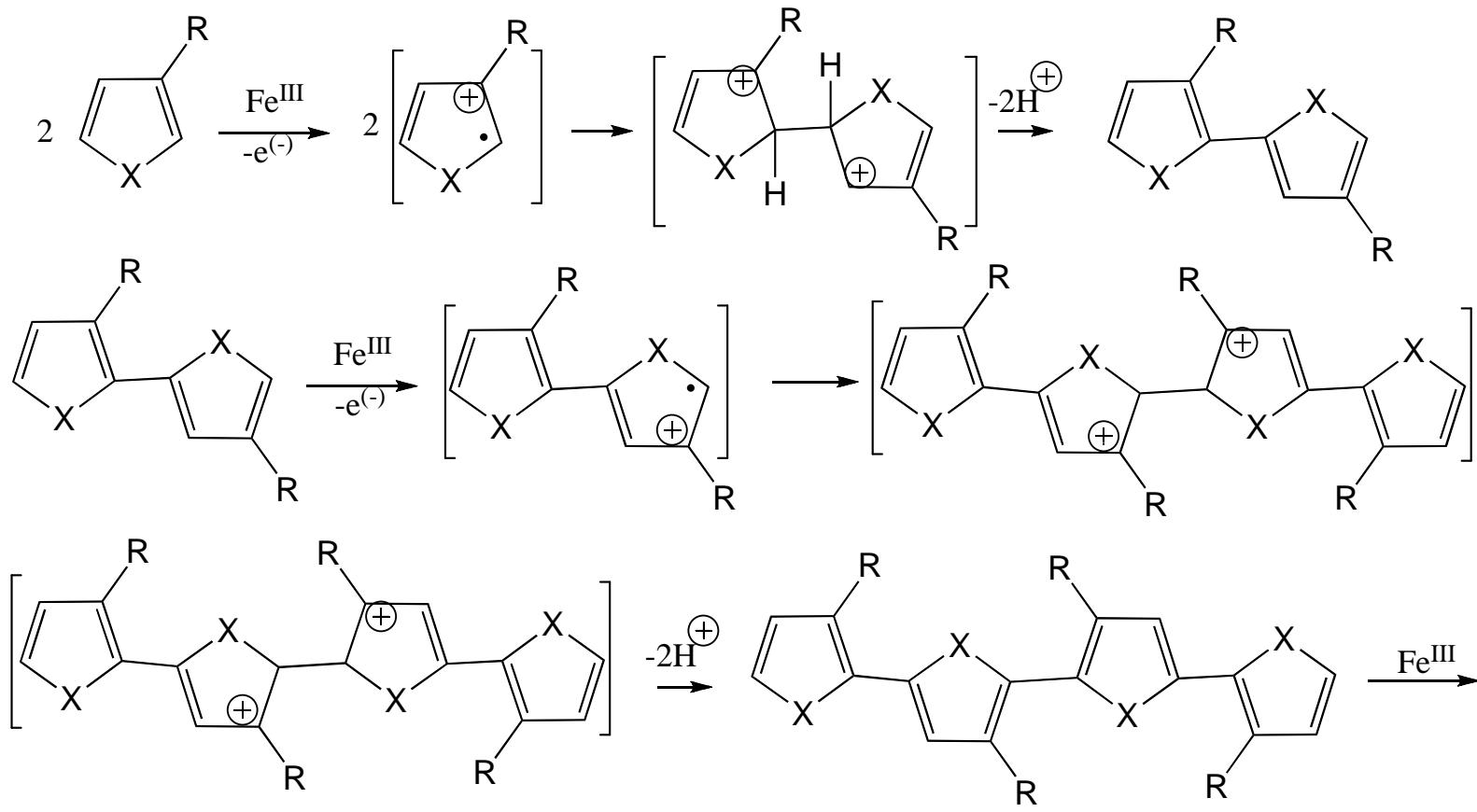


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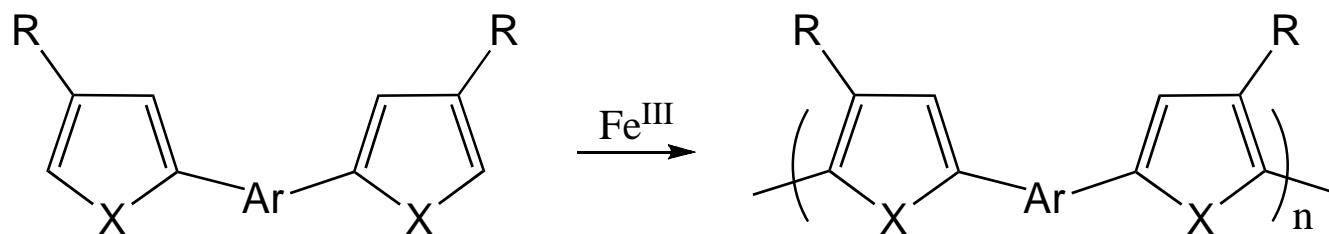
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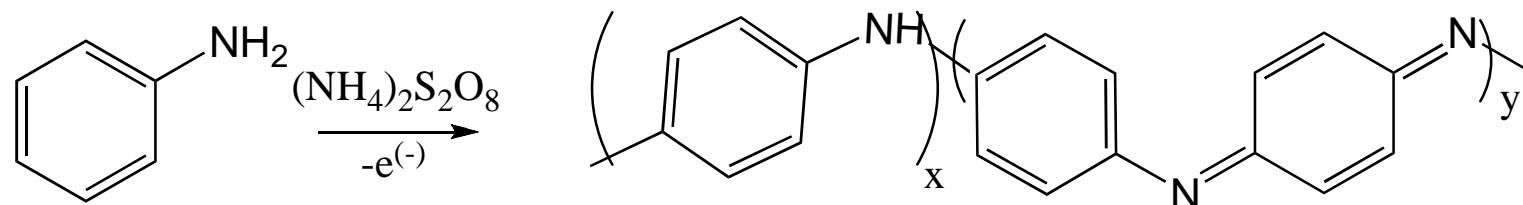
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Oxidative Polymerization

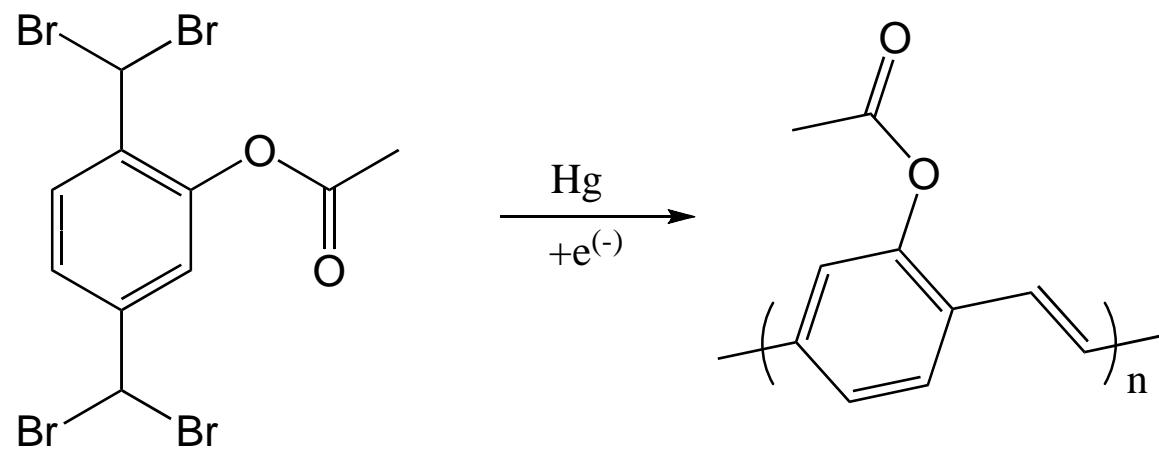
Thiophene as a “handle”



Polyaniline

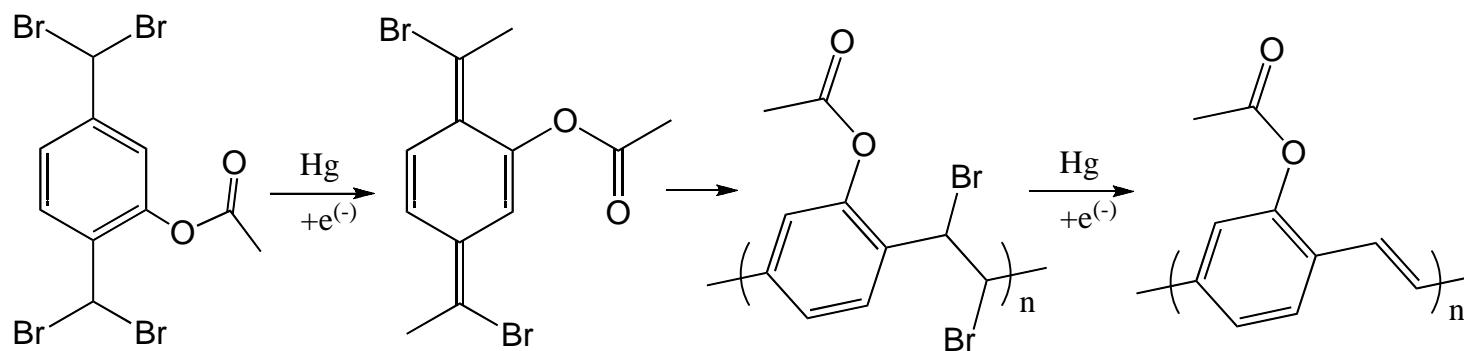
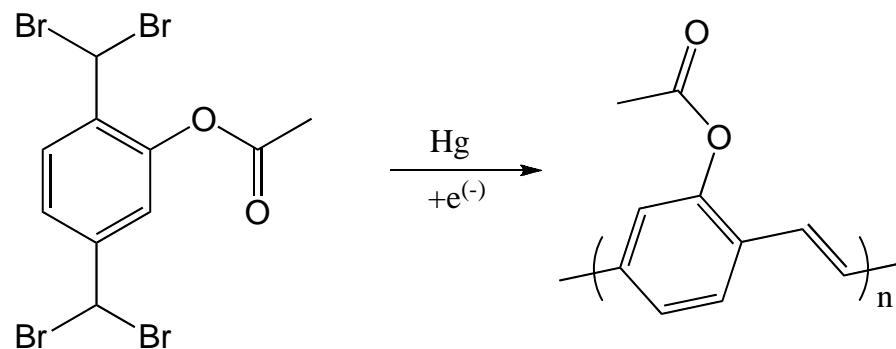


Reductive (Anionic) Polymerization



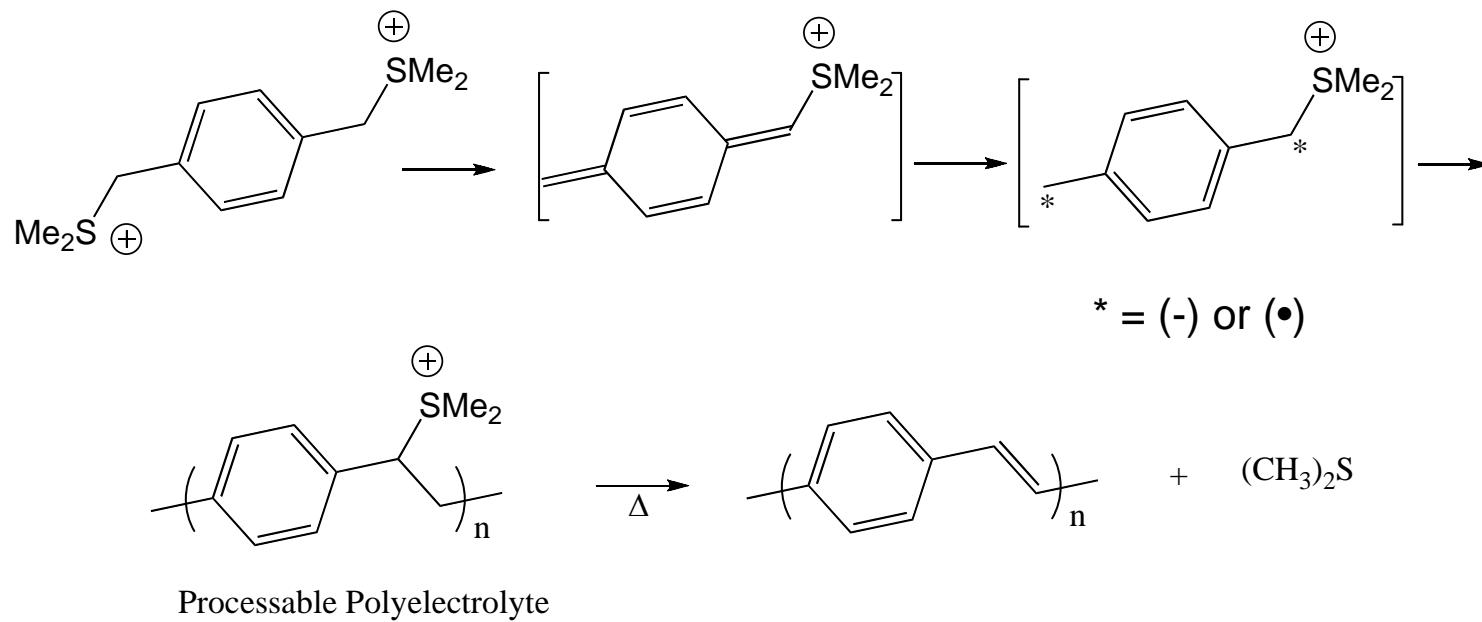
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Reductive Polymerization



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PPV Synthesis

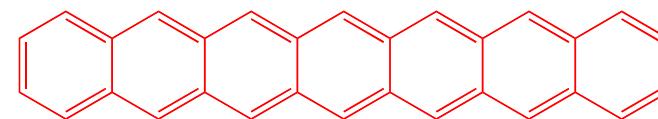
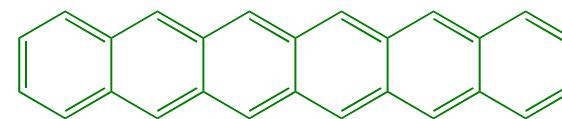
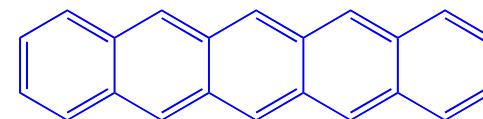
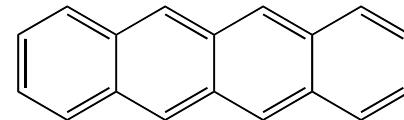


P. M. Lahti, D. A. Modarelli, F. R. Denton, III, R. W. Lenz, F. E. Karasz *J. Am. Chem. Soc.*
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The Last Challenge: Linear Polyacenes

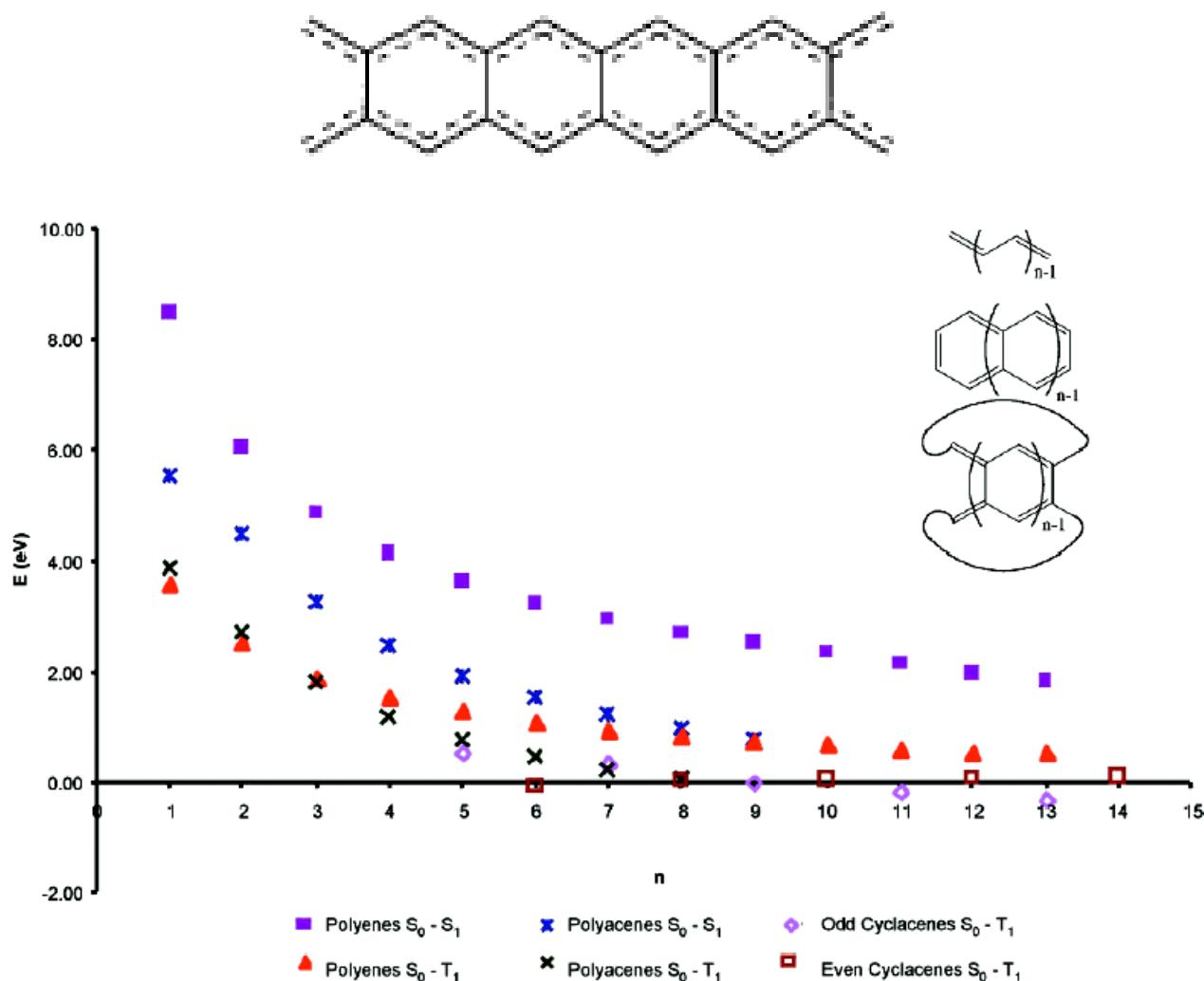
The Lower Oligoacenes



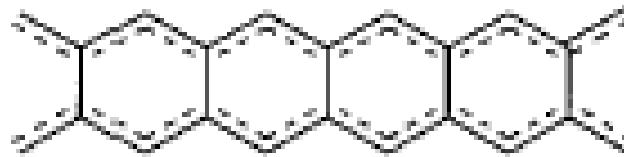
Polyacenes??

Polyacene and Cyclacene Geometries and Electronic Structures: Bond Equalization, Vanishing Band Gaps, and Triplet Ground States Contrast with Polyacetylene

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Acenes



Surprisingly, we have discovered that at the RB3LYP/6-31G(d) level of theory, the wave function for as small an oligoacene as hexacene (and all longer oligoacenes) becomes unstable.

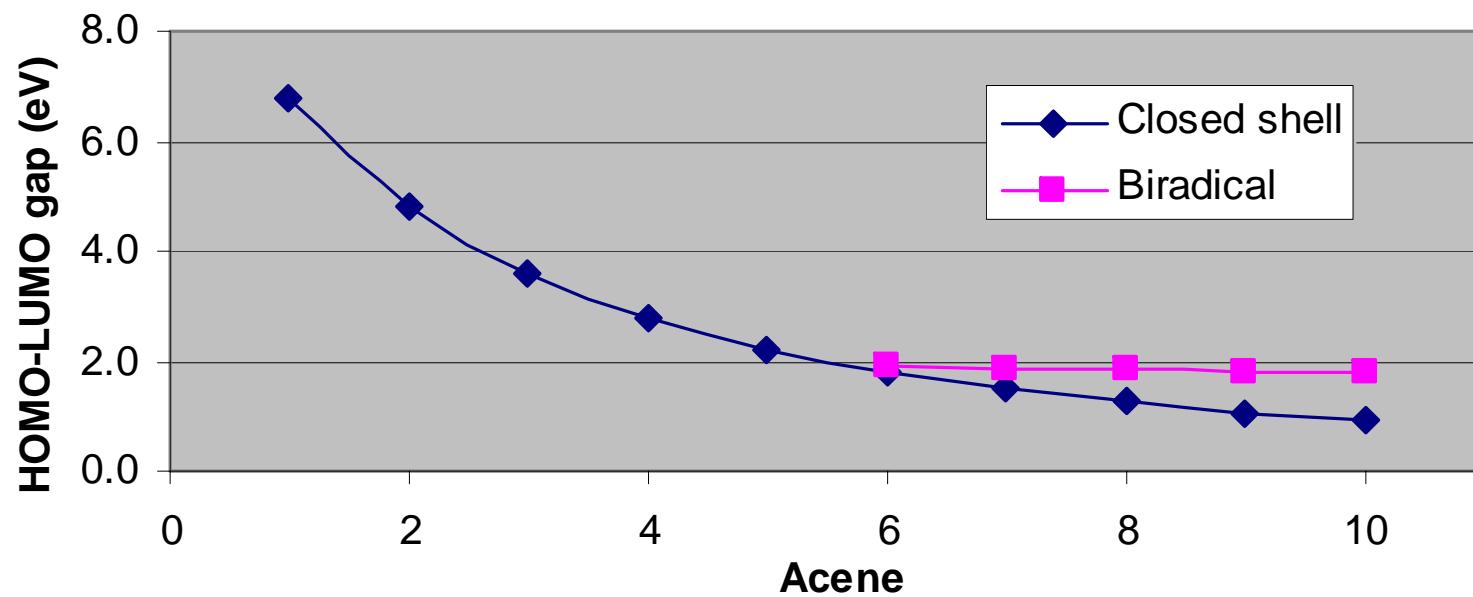
Re-optimization, using the unrestricted broken symmetry B3LYP method (UB3LYP), leads to a singlet state with large amounts of diradical character.

triplet

close shell

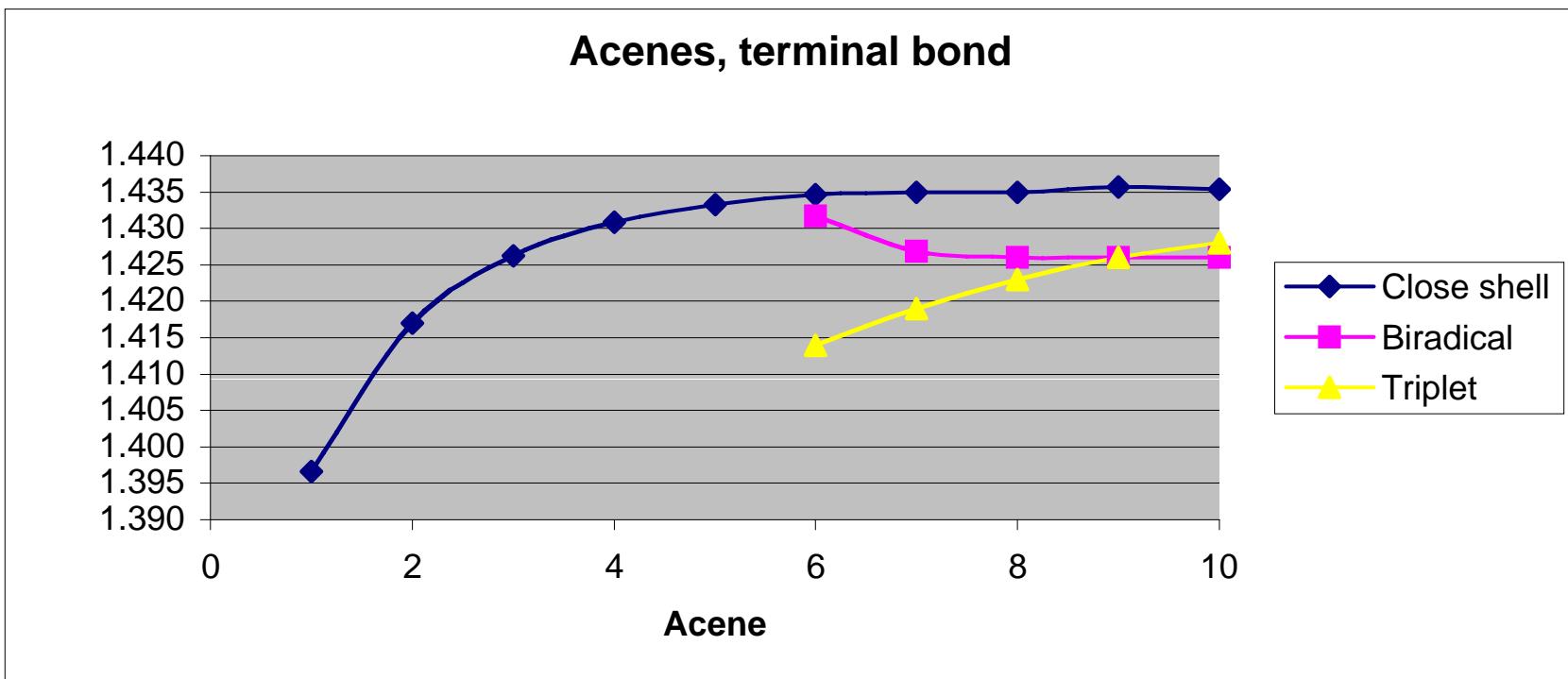
open shell

HOMO-LUMO Gap in Acenes



Plateau at *ca.* 1.8 eV

Bendikov, M.; Duong, H.M.; Starkey, K.; Houk, K.N.; Carter, E.A.; Wudl, F.; *J. Am. Chem. Soc.*, 2004, 126(24) 7416



Connection Between Band Theory and Molecular Orbital Theory

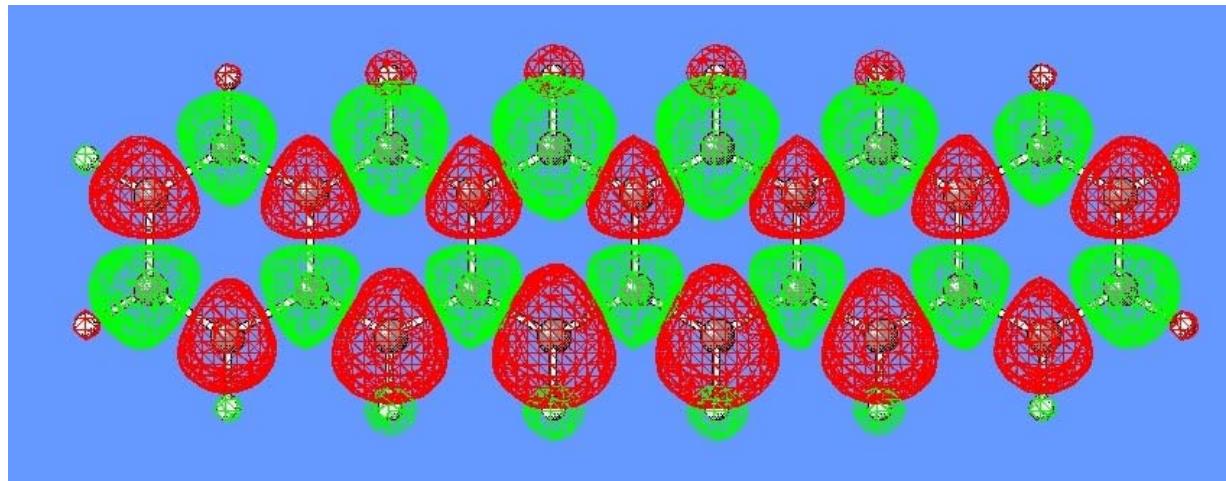
According to the Su-Schrieffer-Heeger (SSH) model, the effective length of a soliton in a σ -system is about 14 carbon atoms.

This is in agreement with our calculations, predicting diradical character in oligoacenes, and thus, hexacene-heptacene have already enough σ -length (two 13-15 carbon atom chains, respectively) to produce two oligoacetylene solitons.

The instabilities found for heptacene-octacene appear to indicate that they are the “connector” between band theory and molecular orbital theory.

Heeger, A. J.; Kivelson, S.; Schrieffer, J. R.; Su, W.-P. *Rev. Mod. Phys.* **1988**, *60*, 781.

Spin Density



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Summary

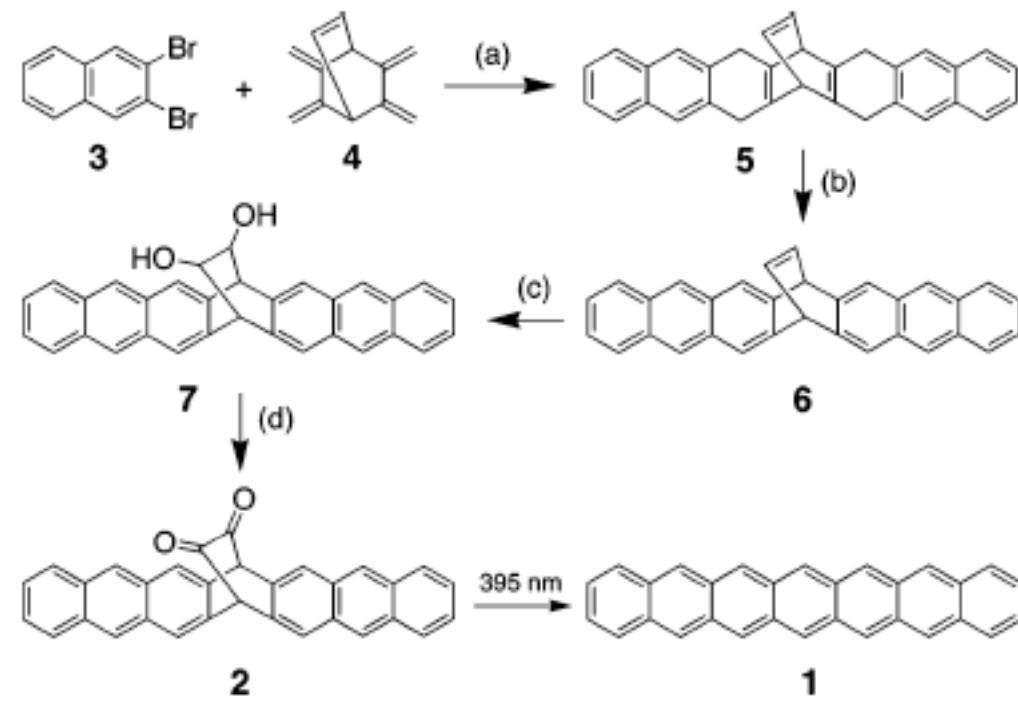
In contrast to the common view that acenes are closed shell systems or have triplet ground states, we predict that larger oligoacenes possess an open-shell singlet ground state, where the triplet lies above singlet.

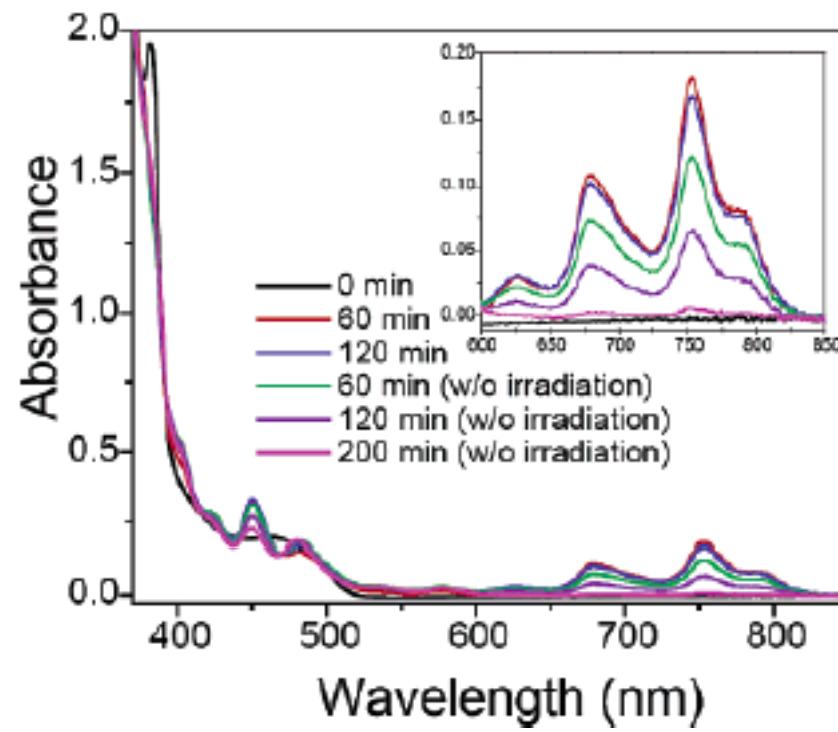
We have shown computationally that oligoacenes and probably a variety of polyacene derivatives and analogues should exhibit a nonzero band gap.

It should be possible to prepare a linear polyacene, provided it is formed as a solid, with minimum lifetime in solution. In analogy with oligoenes vs polyacetylene.

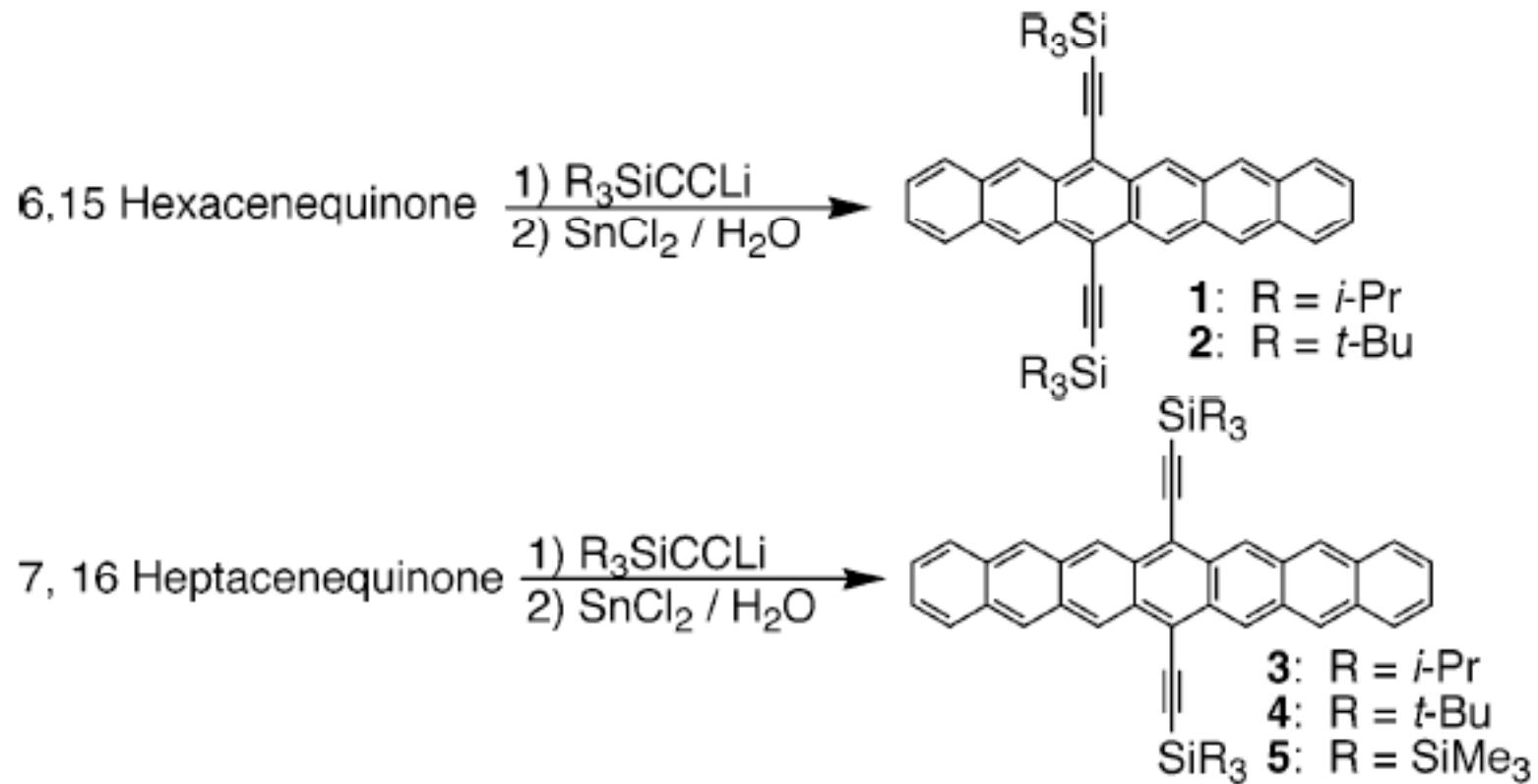
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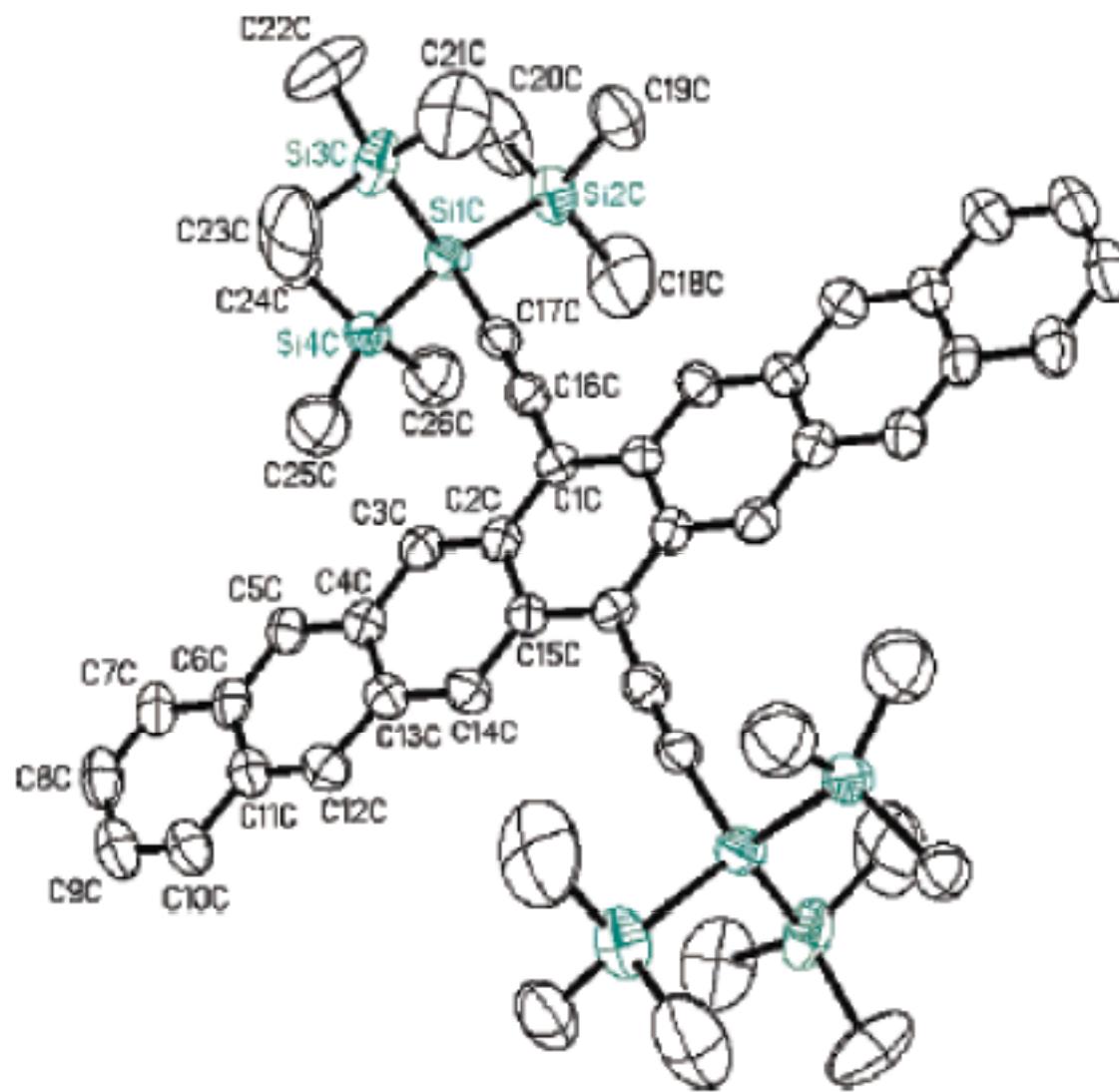
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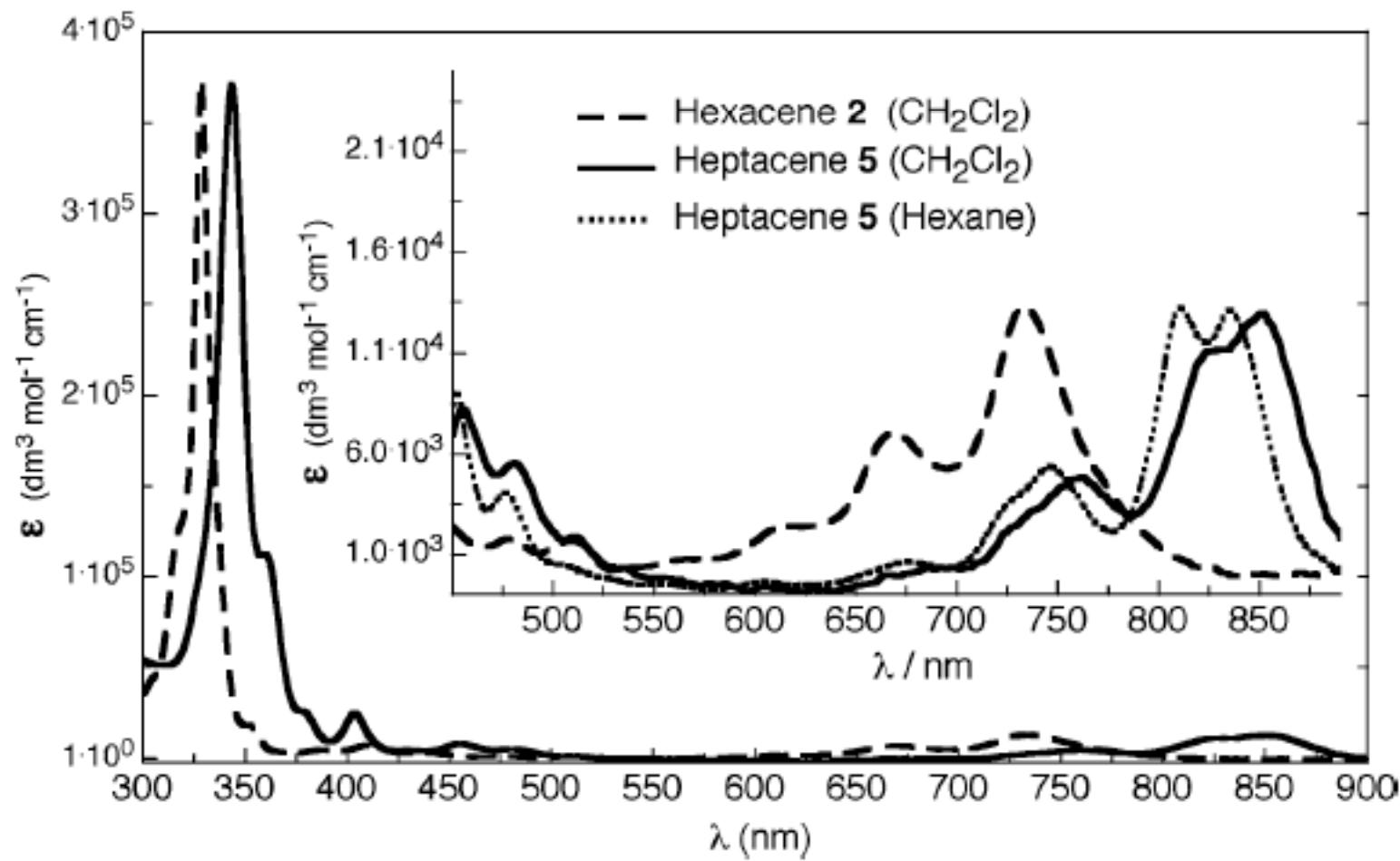


Isolable But Very Short-Lived Substituted Heptacene

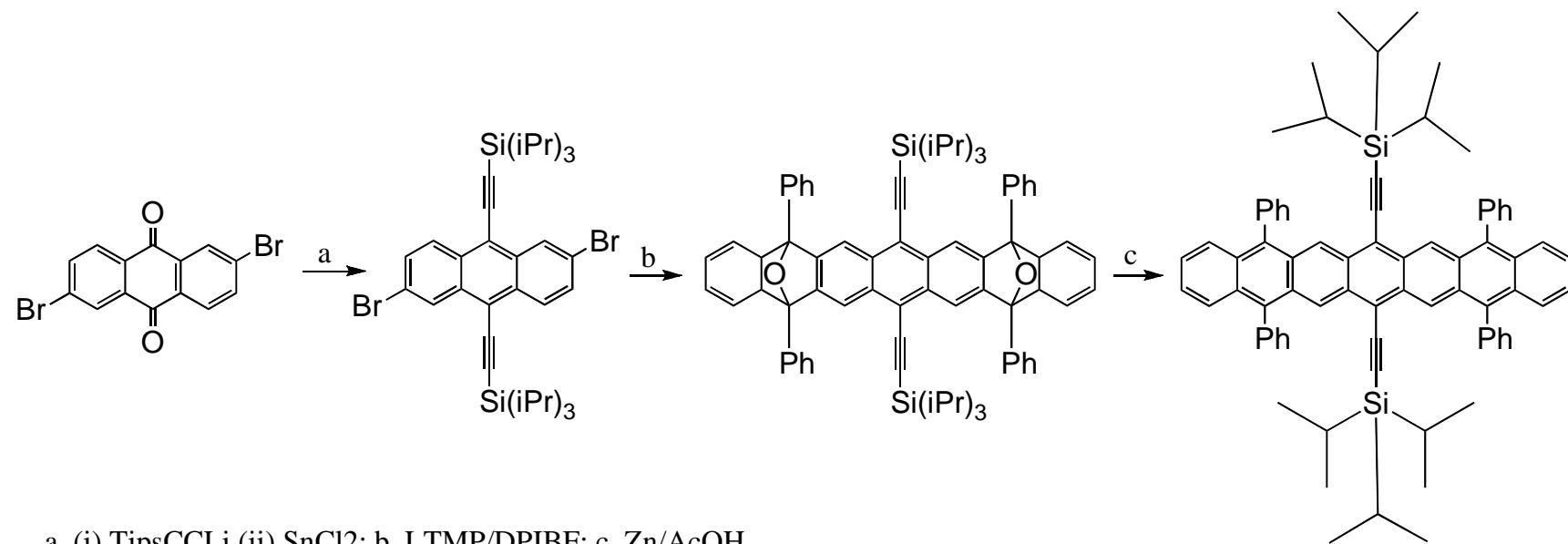




Marcia M. Payne, Sean R. Parkin, and John E. Anthony 2005, 127, 8028



TIPS ACETYLENE TETRAARYLHEPTACENE ISOLABLE AND RELATIVELY STABLE

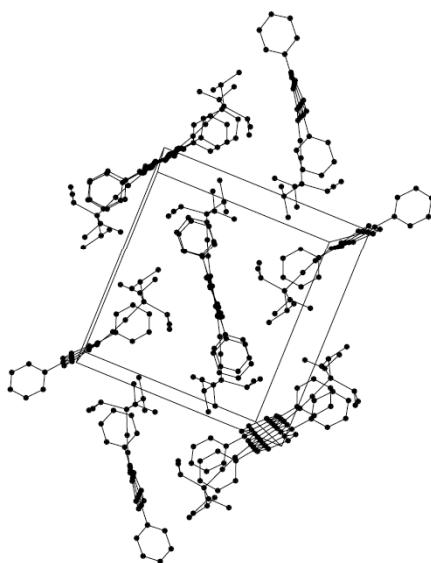


D. Chun, F. Wudl, unpublished

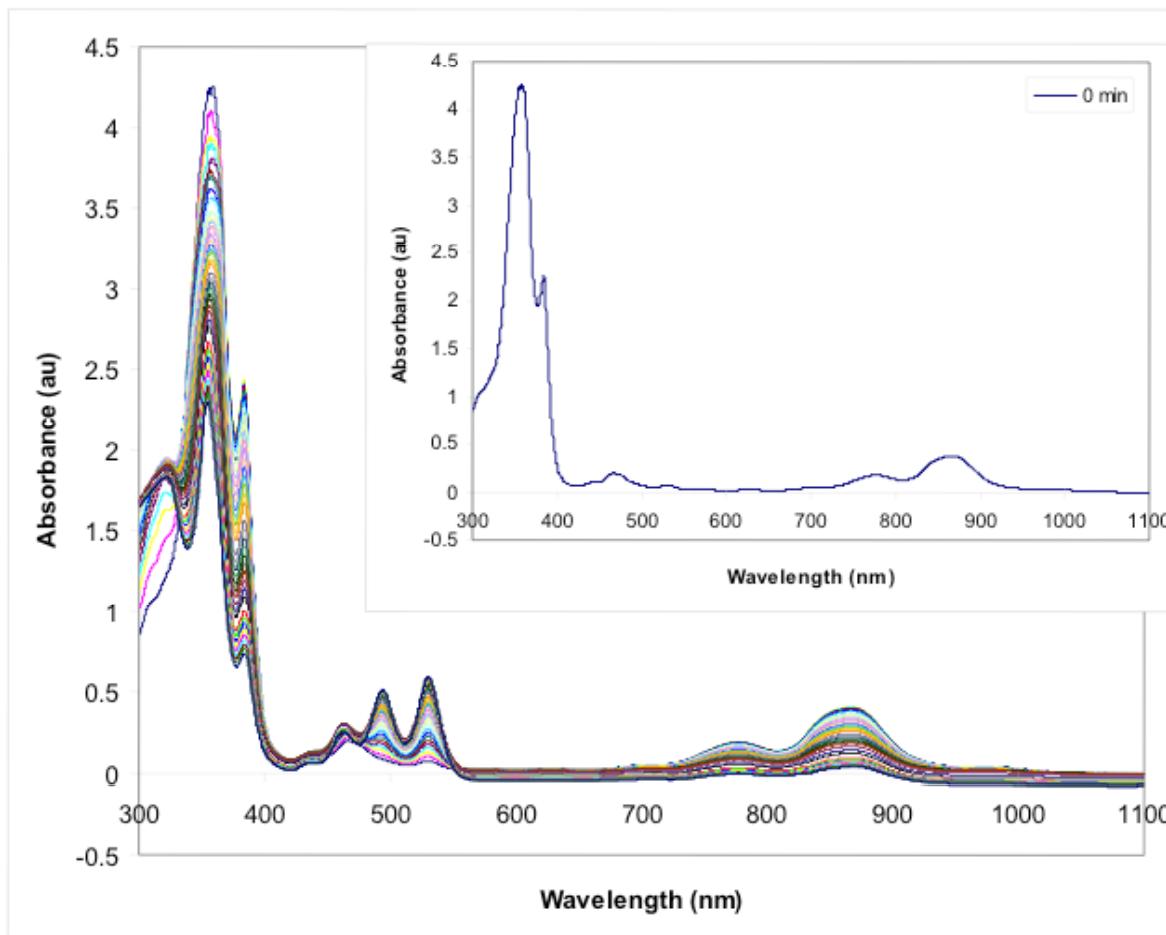
CRYSTAL STRUCTURE OF BIS(TIPSTHYNYL) TETRA PHENYL HEPTACENE



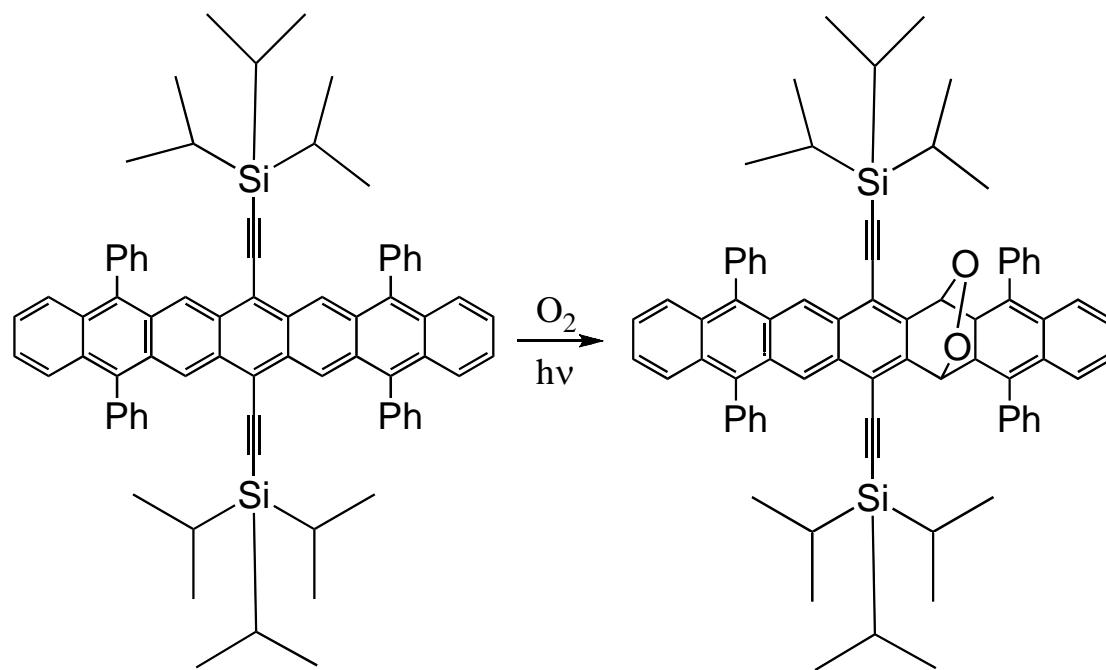
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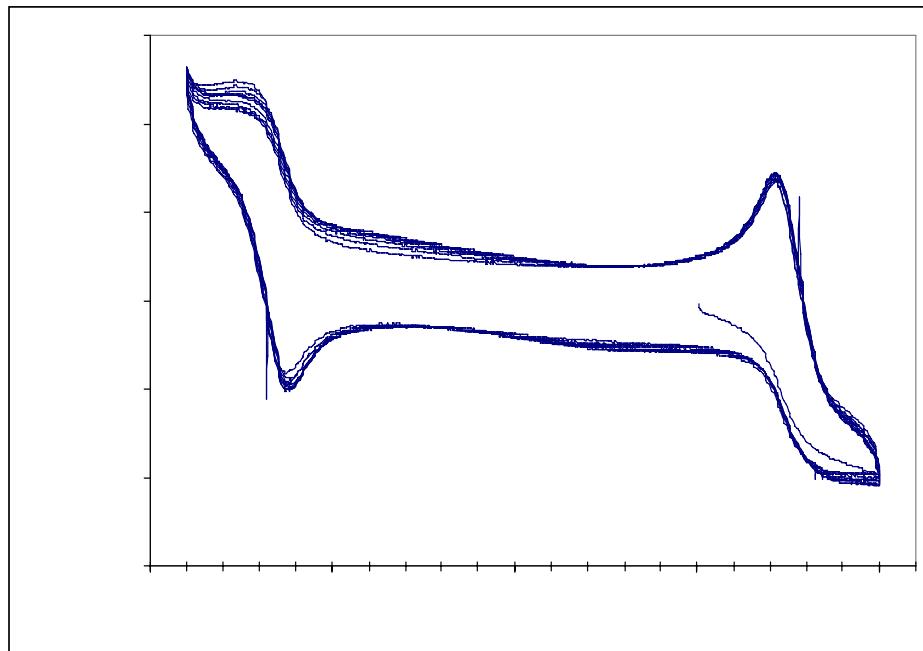
Electronic Spectroscopy



PHOTOINDUCED OXYGEN DEGRADATION



LIMITED CYCLIC VOLTAMMETRY



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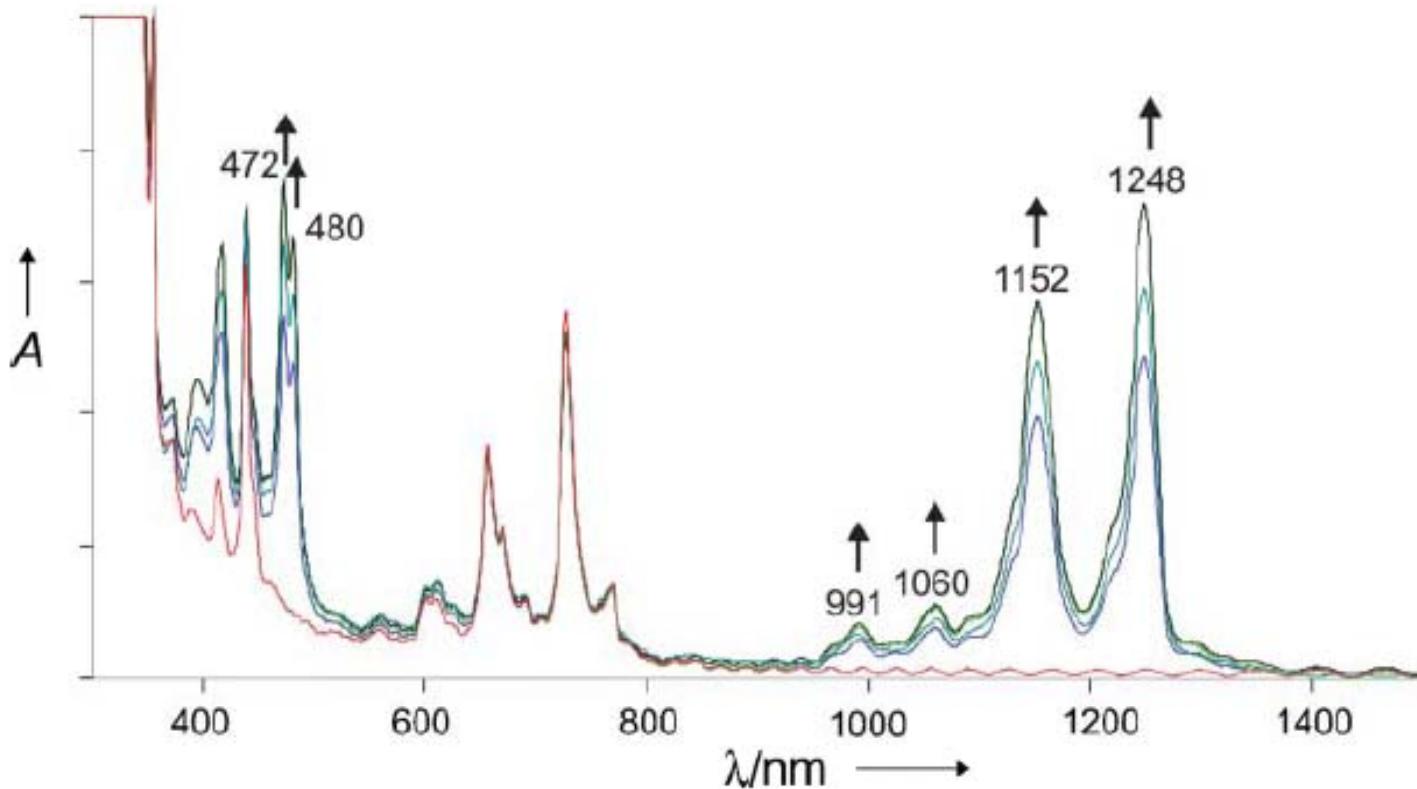


Fig. 3 Electronic absorption spectra obtained after irradiation ($\lambda < 225 \text{ nm}$) of heptacene in Ar. Red trace: before irradiation.