Supporting Information

# Selective Mono-Formylation of Naphthalene-Fused Propellanes for Methylene-Alternating Copolymers

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## 1. General information

#### Material in Synthesis

All reagents and solvents were of commercial reagent grade and were used without further purification except where noted. Dibrominated (dibenzo)di(naphtho)[4.3.3]propellane **[4.3.3]\_2Br**<sup>[S1]</sup> (Table S201), (Dibenzo)di(naphtho)[4.3.3]propellane **[4.3.3]**,<sup>[S1,S2]</sup> and trinaphtho[3.3.3]propellane **[3.3.3]**<sup>[S2,S3]</sup> (Scheme S201) were prepared according to the reported methods. Dehydrated stabilizer free tetrahydrofuran (THF, Super plus) and dehydrated CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (Super<sup>2</sup>) and dehydrated *N,N*-dimethylformamide (DMF, Super) were purchased from Kanto Chemical Co., Inc. Chromatography-grade activated aluminum oxide was purchased from FUJIFILM Wako Pure Chemical Industry, Ltd. Dry 1,2-dichloroethane was passed through a short aluminum oxide pad and Wakosil 60 and degassed by N<sub>2</sub> bubbling before use. Deionized water was obtained from a Merck Elix-Essential-3 instrument with a Progard TS2 Pretreatment Pack. Thin-layer Chromatography (TLC) analyses were performed on commercial aluminum plates bearing a 0.25 mm layer of Merck Silica gel 60 F<sub>254</sub>. Preparative silica gel and chromatography was performed on Wakosil 60 or Wakogel C-400HG. Gel Permeation Chromatography (GPC) was performed on a Japan Analytical Industry LaboACE LC-5060 recycling HPLC apparatus equipped with two JAIGEL-2HR columns, using CHCl<sub>3</sub> (containing EtOH) as eluent.

#### **Instrumental**

<sup>1</sup>H (500 MHz) and <sup>13</sup>C (126 MHz) NMR spectra were recorded on a JEOL ECZ500R spectrometer. Chemical shifts were reported as the delta scale in ppm relative to the internal standards ( $\delta$  = 7.26 ppm for <sup>1</sup>H and 77.16 ppm for <sup>13</sup>C in CDCl<sub>3</sub>).

**High-Resolution (HR) atmospheric pressure chemical ionization (APCI) orbitrap mass spectra** and **electrospray ionization (ESI) orbitrap mass spectra** were recorded on a Thermo Fisher Scientific EXACTIVE Plus instrument using the APCI and ESI methods respectively in positive ion modes. **High-Resolution Electron Ionization (HR-EI) selector mass spectra** were recorded on a JEOL JMS-SX102A instrument using the EI method in positive ion mode.

Gel permeation chromatography (GPC) analysis was performed at 25 °C on a JASCO high performance liquid chromatography (HPLC) apparatus composed of PU-4180 RHPLC pump, DG-4000-04 degassing unit, 7725i manual injector, CO-4060 column oven, and UV-4075 UV/vis detector, by equipping two Shodex GPC LF804 columns ( $\varphi$  = 8.0 mm, l = 300 mm). Molecular weight was calculated with a ChromNAV ver.2 software using a Shodex standard (type: SM-105). Stabilizer-free tetrahydrofuran (THF) was purchased from FUJIFILM Wako Pure Chemical Industry, Ltd.

**Powder X-ray diffraction (PXRD) measurements** were performed on a Rigaku MiniFlex II diffractometer with Cu-K $\alpha$  radiation ( $\lambda$  = 1.54187 Å).

**Differential scanning calorimetry (DSC)** curves were recorded on a Hitachi DSC7020. **Thermogravimetric analysis (TGA)** results were obtained by a Hitachi STA7200.

Gas adsorption measurements were conducted using a MicrotracBEL BELSORP-max-12-N-VP-K apparatus. All calculations were carried out using the *Gaussian 16* program.<sup>[54]</sup> The structures were fully optimized without any symmetry restriction. The calculations were performed by the density functional theory (DFT) method with  $\omega$ B97X-D level,<sup>[55]</sup> employing a basis set 6-31G(d,p).

Br-C	Br 1) <i>n</i> -BuLi or <i>i</i> -PrM THF 2) DMF	lgCl·LiCl		сно сно	
[4.3.3]_2Br ( $C_s$ , $C_2$ ) achiral/( $(R,R)$ /( $(S,S)$ ) = 2/1/1		<b>[4.3.3]_Br</b> ( <i>C</i> <sub>1</sub> ) ( <i>R</i> , <i>S</i> )/( <i>S</i> , <i>R</i> ) = 1/1	[4.3.3] [4.3.3]_Br_C cis/trans = ca Each isomer	HO (C <sub>1</sub> ) [4.3.3]_CHO (C <sub>1</sub> ) . 1/1 (R,S)/(S,R) = 1/1 was racemate.	
entry	starting material	reagent (equiv)	conditions	results	
1	[4.3.3]_2Br	1) <i>n-</i> BuLi (2.5)	1) THF, -80 °C, 30 min	complicated mixture	
		2) DMF (>3)	2) to RT	[4.3.3]_CHO (trace)	
2	[4.3.3]_2Br	1) <i>n-</i> BuLi (1.05)	1) THF, –80 °C, 50 min	complicated mixture	
		2) DMF (>3)	2) to RT	[4.3.3]_Br_CHO (trace)	
3	[4.3.3]_2Br	1) <i>n</i> -BuLi (2.0)	1) Et₂O, −30 °C, 2 h	complicated mixture	
		2) DMF (5)	2) to RT, 11 h	trace aldehyde peak in <sup>1</sup> H NMR	
4	[4.3.3]_2Br	1) <i>i</i> -PrMgCl·LiCl (3.0)	1) THF, RT, 5 h	S.M. recovery	
		2) DMF (>5)	2) to RT, 24 h	trace aldehyde peak in <sup>1</sup> H NMR	
5	[4.3.3]_2Br	1) <i>i</i> -PrMgCl·LiCl (1.2)	1) THF, RT, 5 h	S.M. recovery	
		2) DMF (>3)	2) to RT, 24 h	trace aldehyde peak in <sup>1</sup> H NMR	
6	[4.3.3]_2Br	1) <i>i</i> -PrMgCl·LiCl (3.0)	1) THF, 40 °C, 3 h	S.M. and de-bromination	
		2) DMF (>5)	2) 40 °C, 12 h	weak aldehyde peak in <sup>1</sup> H NMR	
7	[4.3.3]_2Br	1) <i>i</i> -PrMgCl·LiCl (23)	1) THF, 50 °C, 23 h	S.M. and de-bromination	
		2) DMF (25)	2) 50 °C, 26 h	[4.3.3]_CHO (trace)	

Table S201. Attempted formylation of [3.3.3]- and [4.3.3] propellanes via lithium and magnesium reagents.

Dibromo[4.3.3]propellane **[4.3.3]\_2Br** was reacted with 2.5 equivalent of *n*-buthyllithium (*n*-BuLi) in THF at -80 °C to generate organolithium species, which was quenched with *N*,*N*-dimethylformamide (DMF) (Table S201, entry 1). After the reaction, no target compound **[4.3.3]\_2CHO** was observed in the crude <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum. The mixture was quite complicated and trace mono-formyl product **[4.3.3]\_CHO** was detected due to de-bromination. To minimize decomposition caused by excess organolithium species, *n*-BuLi was reduced to 1.05 equivalent (entry 2). However, the change did not improve the situation very much, giving trace amount of target **[4.3.3]\_Br\_CHO**. A reaction in Et<sub>2</sub>O did not provide successful formylation either, with a weak aldehyde <sup>1</sup>H signal (entry 3). Then, we envisioned using a mild magnesium reagent instead of *n*-BuLi. When we conducted halogen–metal exchange with *i*-PrMgCl·LiCl at room temperature, recovery of the starting material was predominant after quenching with DMF (entry 4,5). The exchange at higher temperature and increase of the equivalent of *i*-PrMgCl·LiCl did not lead to full conversion of **[4.3.3]\_2Br**, and

partial de-bromination was observed instead of considerable progress of the intended reaction (entry 6,7).

entry	starting material	reagent (equiv)	conditions	results	
1	[4.3.3]_Br	DMF (1.5)	1,2-dichloroethane,	CM recorder	
	(mixture) <sup>[a]</sup>	POCl <sub>3</sub> (1.5)	80 °C, 6 h	S.M. recovery	
2 <sup>[b]</sup>	[4.3.3]_Br		TEA and the AS h	S.M. recovery (major)	
	(mixture) <sup>[a]</sup>	HWITA (2.0)	IFA, reflux, 48 h	mono/di-formylation (trace) <sup>[c]</sup>	
3	[4.3.3]	HMTA (3.0)	TFA, reflux, 15 h	complicated mixture	
				mono/di-formylation (trace) <sup>[c]</sup>	

*Table S202.* Attempted electrophilic formylation of [3.3.3]- and [4.3.3]propellanes.

[a] [4.3.3] was brominated with 1.05 equiv of Br<sub>2</sub>, which was used the reaction in entry 1,2.

[b] HMTA, hexamethylenetetramine; TFA, trifluoroacetic acid.

[c] Samples were impure even after chromatographic separation on silica gel.



*Scheme S201.* Formylation<sup>[56]</sup> of naphthalene-fused propellanes and their conversion to methylene-alternating copolymers. A possible bonding was displayed for the co-polymers.

**Mono-formylated [4.3.3]propellane [4.3.3]\_CHO**: [4.3.3]Propellane **[4.3.3]** (214 mg, 0.50 mmol) was dissolved in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (5.0 mL) in a 100-mL round-bottom flask under nitrogen atmosphere. After dichloromethyl methyl ether (0.054 mL, 0.60 mmol) was added, the mixture was cooled to 0 °C with an ice bath. Then, TiCl<sub>4</sub> (0.066 mL, 0.60 mmol) was dropwise added. The mixture was allowed to warm up to room temperature and stirred for 1.5 h. The mixture was poured into a mixture of ice and deionized water and extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> three times. The organic extract was washed with NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (aq) and dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. After the solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure, purification by column chromatography on Wakogel C-400HG (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/*n*-hexane = 1/1 to 1/0) afforded off-white solids (183 mg, 0.40 mmol, 80%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 298 K):  $\delta$ /ppm = 10.24 (s, 1H, CHO) 8.78 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 1.0 Hz, 1H, 7-Naph<sup>CHO</sup>-H),

8.30 (m, 2H, 3,3'-Biph-H), 7.99–7.95 (m, 3H, 6,6'-Biph-H (2H), 2-Naph<sup>CHO</sup>-H (1H)), 7.80–7.76 (m, 2H, 3,5-Naph<sup>CHO</sup>-H), 7.70–7.75 (m, 3H, 6-Naph<sup>CHO</sup>-H (1H), 2,7-Naph-H (2H)), 7.62–7.59 (m, 2H, 4,5-Naph-H), 7.52–7.43 (m, 4H, 4,4'-Biph-H (2H), 3,6-Naph-H (2H)), 7.37–7.32 (m, 2H, 5,5'-Biph-H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 298 K): δ/ppm = 192.89, 155.87, 148.55, 147.52, 147.32, 138.83, 136.93, 136.29, 135.56, 134.98, 131.84, 131.62, 131.25, 131.17, 129.64, 128.92, 128.86, 128.81, 128.38, 128.31, 128.22, 128.04, 127.92, 127.78, 124.33, 124.31, 124.23, 124.13, 122.68, 122.38, 120.99, 120.74, 120.06, 67.84, 67.72; HR-APCI-orbitrap-MS (positive): *m*/*z* calcd for [C<sub>35</sub>H<sub>21</sub>O<sub>1</sub>]+: 457.1587 [M+H]+; found: 457.1586.

**Mono-formylated [3.3.3]propellane [3.3.3]**-CHO: [3.3.3]Propellane **[3.3.3]** (201 mg, 0.50 mmol) was dissolved in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (5.0 mL) in a 100-mL round-bottom flask under nitrogen atmosphere. After dichloromethyl methyl ether (0.054 mL, 0.60 mmol) was added, the mixture was cooled to 0 °C with an ice bath. Then, TiCl<sub>4</sub> (0.066 mL, 0.60 mmol) was dropwise added. The mixture was allowed to warm up to room temperature and stirred for 1.5 h. The mixture was poured into a mixture of ice and deionized water and extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> three times. The organic extract was washed with NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (aq) and dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. After the solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure, purification by column chromatography on Wakogel C-400HG (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/*n*-hexane = 1/1 to 1/0) afforded off-white solids (145 mg, 0.34 mmol, 67%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 298 K):  $\delta$ /ppm = 10.25 (s, 1H, C<u>H</u>O), 8.82 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 0.5 Hz, 1H, 7-Naph<sup>CHO</sup>-H), 8.18–8.15 (m, 2H, 2,5-Naph<sup>CHO</sup>-H), 8.06–8.02 (m, 5H, 3-Naph<sup>CHO</sup>-H (1H), 2,7-Naph-H (4H)), 7.75 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 7.0 Hz, 1H, 6-Naph<sup>CHO</sup>-H), 7.66–7.62 (m, 4H, 4,5-Naph-H), 7.58–7.54 (m, 4H, 3,6-Naph-H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 298 K):  $\delta$ /ppm = 192.87, 154.41, 147.03, 146.06, 145.46, 139.42, 137.65, 137.16, 132.57, 131.87, 129.95, 129.72, 128.77, 128.64, 124.80, 124.60, 123.14, 120.88, 119.41, 118.75, 79.91, 79.57; HR-APCI-orbitrap-MS (positive): *m*/*z* calcd for [C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>19</sub>O<sub>1</sub>]<sup>+</sup>: 431.1430 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>; found: 431.1432.

**Di-formylated [3.3.3]propellane [3.3.3]\_2CHO**: [3.3.3]Propellane **[3.3.3]** (201 mg, 0.50 mmol) was dissolved in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (5.0 mL) in a 100-mL round-bottom flask under nitrogen atmosphere. After dichloromethyl methyl ether (0.11 mL, 1.2 mmol) was added, the mixture was cooled to 0 °C with an ice bath. Then, TiCl<sub>4</sub> (0.13 mL, 1.2 mmol) was dropwise added. The mixture was allowed to warm up to room temperature and stirred for 1.5 h. The mixture was poured into a mixture of ice and deionized water and extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> three times. The organic extract was washed with NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (aq) and dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. After the solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure, purification by column chromatography on Wakogel C-400HG (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/*n*-hexane = 2/1 to 1/0, then 10% acetone was added) afforded off-white solids (58 mg, 0.13 mmol, 25%) along with **[3.3.3]\_CHO** (132 mg, 0.31 mmol, 61%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 298 K):  $\delta$ /ppm = 10.26–10.24 (m, 2H, C<u>H</u>O), 8.88–8.82 (m, 2H, 7-Naph<sup>CHO</sup>-H), 8.19–8.16 (m, 4H, 2,5-Naph<sup>CHO</sup>-H), 8.07–8.02 (m, 4H, 3-Naph<sup>CHO</sup>-H (2H), 2,7-Naph-H (2H)), 7.78–7.74 (m, 2H, 6-Naph<sup>CHO</sup>-H), 7.70 (m, 2H, 4,5-Naph-H), 7.61–7.57 (m, 2H, 3,6-Naph-H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 298 K):  $\delta$ /ppm = 192.78, 192.74, 153.59, 153.00, 146.35, 145.74, 145.41,

144.82, 144.26, 139.45, 139.21, 137.51, 137.03, 132.59, 132.00, 131.88, 130.28, 130.15, 129.73, 128.94, 128.82, 128.69, 125.28, 125.09, 124.88, 123.66, 123.41, 121.01, 120.99, 119.57, 118.88, 79.78, 79.43, 79.10; HR-APCI-orbitrap-MS (positive): *m/z* calcd for [C<sub>34</sub>H<sub>19</sub>O<sub>2</sub>]<sup>+</sup>: 459.1380 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>; found: 459.1380.

Di-formylated [4.3.3]propellane [4.3.3]\_2CHO: [4.3.3]Propellane [4.3.3] (214 mg, 0.50 mmol) was dissolved in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (5.0 mL) in a 100-mL round-bottom flask under nitrogen atmosphere. After dichloromethyl methyl ether (0.11 mL, 1.2 mmol) was added, the mixture was cooled to 0 °C with an ice bath. Then, TiCl4 (0.14 mL, 1.2 mmol) was dropwise added. The mixture was allowed to warm up to room temperature and stirred for 18 h. The mixture was poured into a mixture of ice and deionized water and extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> three times. The organic extract was washed with NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (aq) and dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. After the solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure, purification by column chromatography on Wakogel C-400HG (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/n-hexane = 2/1 to 1/0, then 10% acetone was added) afforded off-white solids (24 mg, 0.050 mmol, 9.9%) along with [4.3.3]\_CHO (76 mg, 0.17 mmol, 33%). Purification of [4.3.3]\_2CHO was not completely successful despite repeated attempts with chromatography on silica gel, GPC-HPLC, and precipitation from a mixture of CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and MeOH. We speculate that the side product may have a formyl group on the biphenyl segment instead of naphthalene one. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 298 K): δ/ppm = 10.26–10.25 (m, 2H, CHO), 8.83–8.79 (m, 2H, 7-Naph<sup>CHO</sup>-H), 8.28–8.24 (m, 2H, 3,3'-Biph-H), 8.03–7.96 (m, 4H, 6,6'-Biph-H (2H), 2-Naph<sup>CHO</sup>-H (2H)), 7.81–7.76 (m, 4H, 3,5-Naph<sup>CHO</sup>-H), 7.73–7.67 (m, 2H, 6-Naph<sup>CHO</sup>-H), 7.49–7.45 (m, 2H, 4,4'-Biph-H) 7.39-7.36 (m, 2H, 5,5'-Biph-H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 298 K): δ/ppm = 192.82, 192.78, 154.98, 154.73, 147.80, 147.63, 138.91, 138.60, 136.76, 136.73, 134.99, 134.44, 134.87, 131.82, 131.47, 131.35, 131.17, 131.12, 130.01, 129.92, 129.01, 128.99, 128.80, 128.76, 128.69, 128.60, 128.54, 128.46, 128.34, 128.20, 128.05, 124.61, 124.50, 124.41, 123.25, 123.01, 122.64, 122.41, 120.36, 120.12, 67.95, 67.83, 67.72; HR-APCI-orbitrap-MS (positive): *m*/*z* calcd for [C<sub>36</sub>H<sub>21</sub>O<sub>2</sub>]+: 485.1536 [M+H]+; found: 485.1535.

**Mono-formylated bromo[4.3.3]propellane [4.3.3]\_Br\_CHO**: [4.3.3]Propellane **[4.3.3]** (1.29 g, 3.0 mmol) was dissolved in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (75 mL) in a 200-mL round-bottom flask under nitrogen atmosphere. To the mixture, Br<sub>2</sub> (0.16 mL, 3.1 mmol) was dropwise added. The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 89 h and then quenched with Na<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (aq). The mixture was extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> three times. The organic extract was passed through a short column of anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and Wakosil 60. Evaporation of the solvent under reduced pressure gave a mixture of starting material **[4.3.3]**, mono-bromo[4.3.3]propellane **[4.3.3]\_Br**, and di-brominated products **[4.3.3]\_2Br** (1.18 g, ca. 2.32 mmol, ca. 77%). The crude brominated [4.3.3]propellane (507 mg, ca. 1.0 mmol) was dissolved in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (10 mL) in a 100-mL round-bottom flask under nitrogen atmosphere. After dichloromethyl methyl ether (0.11 mL, 1.2 mmol) was added, the mixture was cooled to 0 °C with an ice bath. Then, TiCl<sub>4</sub> (0.13 mL, 1.2 mmol) was dropwise added. The mixture was allowed to warm up to room temperature and stirred for 18 h. The mixture was poured into a mixture of ice and

deionized water and extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> three times. The organic extract was washed with NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (aq) and dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. After the solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure, purification by column chromatography on Wakogel C-400HG (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/n-hexane = 1/1 to 1/0) afforded off-white solids (268 mg, 0.50 mmol, 39% in 2 steps). Purification of [4.3.3]\_Br\_CHO was not completely successful despite repeated attempts with chromatography on silica gel, GPC-HPLC, and precipitation from a mixture of CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and MeOH. We speculate that the side product may have a formyl group on the biphenyl segment instead of naphthalene one. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 298 K): δ/ppm = 10.21 and 10.20 (s, 1H, CHO) 8.81-8.77 (m, 1H, 7-Naph<sup>CHO</sup>-H), 8.32–8.22 (m, 2H, 3,3'-Biph-H), 7.97–7.89 (m, 3H, 6,6'-Biph-H (2H), 2-Naph<sup>CHO</sup>-H (1H)), 7.81– 7.64 (m, 6H, 3,5,6-Naph<sup>CHO</sup>-H (3H), 2,5,7-Naph<sup>Br</sup>-H (2H)), 7.61–7.56 (m, 1H, 6-Naph<sup>Br</sup>-H), 7.52–7.44 (m, 3H, 4,4'-Biph-H (2H), 3-Naph<sup>Br</sup>-H (2H)), 7.37–7.32 (m, 2H, 5,5'-Biph-H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 298 K): δ/ppm = 192.82, 192.77, 155.78, 155.23, 155.11, 148.49, 148.01, 147.91, 147.71, 147.50, 147.47, 147.35, 147.28, 147.13, 138.79, 138.74, 138.73, 137.14, 136.88, 136.79, 136.78, 136.25, 135.53, 135.07, 134.99, 134.94, 134.50, 134.41, 131.79, 131.56, 131.53, 131.31, 131.21, 131.18, 131.16, 131.15, 131.13, 131.10, 131.09, 129.71, 129.71, 129.56, 129.46, 129.28, 128.87, 128.86, 128.83, 128.78, 128.75, 128.70, 128.64, 128.46, 128.39, 128.36, 128.29, 128.19, 128.08, 128.07, 128.02, 127.94, 127.93, 127.89, 127.74, 124.42, 124.40, 124.32, 124.30, 124.28, 124.19, 124.10, 123.84, 123.67, 122.87, 122.64, 122.39, 122.33, 121.95, 121.76, 121.73, 121.56, 120.97, 120.73, 120.11, 120.05, 119.16, 118.93, 67.89, 67.80, 67.76, 67.68, 67.31, 67.18; HR-APCI-orbitrap-MS (positive): m/z calcd for [C<sub>35</sub>H<sub>20</sub><sup>79</sup>Br<sub>1</sub>O<sub>1</sub>]<sup>+</sup>: 535.0692 [M+H]+; found: 535.0697.

Mono-hydroxymethylated [3.3.3]propellane [3.3.3]\_CH<sub>2</sub>OH: Mono-formylated [3.3.3]propellane [3.3.3]\_CHO (215 mg, 0.50 mmol) was dissolved in a mixture of CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (20 mL) and MeOH (20 mL) in a 200-mL round-bottom flask. After sodium borohydride (NaBH<sub>4</sub>, 25 mg, 0.65 mmol) was added, the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 30 min. The mixture was quenched with deionized water, NH<sub>4</sub>Cl (aq), and then dilute HCl (aq). The mixture was extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> three times. The organic extract was dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. After the solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure, purification by column chromatography on Wakogel C-400HG (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/n-hexane = 2/1 to 1/0) afforded off-white solids (217 mg, 0.50 mmol, 100%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 298 K): δ/ppm = 8.07 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H, 7-Naph<sup>CH2OH</sup>-H), 8.04–8.01 (m, 4H, 2,7-Naph-H), 8.00 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H, 2-Naph<sup>CH2OH</sup>-H), 7.84 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H, 5-Naph<sup>CH2OH</sup>-H), 7.62–7.59 (m, 5Н, 6-Naph<sup>CH2OH</sup>-H (1H), 4,5-Naph-H (4H)), 7.57–7.52 (m, 5H, 3-Naph<sup>CH2OH</sup>-H (1H), 3,6-Naph-H (4H)), 5.01 (s, 2H, CH2OH), 1.54 (s, 1H, CH2OH); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 298 K): δ/ppm = 148.71, 148.62, 148.16, 148.06, 136.87, 136.46, 135.99, 135.98, 133.82, 131.77, 131.42, 131.41, 129.86, 128.90, 128.89, 128.38, 128.19, 128.17, 128.03, 127.55, 127.32, 124.11, 123.85, 120.94, 120.78, 120.74, 120.64, 120.41, 67.78, 67.29, 63.14; HR-ESI-orbitrap-MS (positive): *m*/*z* calcd for [C<sub>33</sub>H<sub>20</sub>O<sub>1</sub>Na<sub>1</sub>]<sup>+</sup>: 455.1406 [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>; found: 455.1398.

Mono-hydroxymethylated [4.3.3]propellane [4.3.3]\_CH2OH: Mono-formylated [4.3.3]propellane

**[4.3.3]\_CHO** (228 mg, 0.50 mmol) was dissolved in a mixture of CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (20 mL) and MeOH (20 mL) in a 200-mL round-bottom flask. After sodium borohydride (NaBH<sub>4</sub>, 25 mg, 0.65 mmol) was added, the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 30 min. The mixture was quenched with deionized water, NH<sub>4</sub>Cl (aq), and then dilute HCl (aq). The mixture was extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> three times. The organic extract was dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. After the solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure, purification by column chromatography on Wakogel C-400HG (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/*n*-hexane = 2/1 to 1/0) afforded off-white solids (213 mg, 0.46 mmol, 93%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 298 K):  $\delta$ /ppm = 8.34–8.31 (m, 2H, 3,3'-Biph-H), 7.95 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H, 6,6'-Biph-H), 7.77 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H, 7-Naph<sup>CH2OH</sup>-H), 7.69 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H, 5-Naph<sup>CH2OH</sup>-H), 7.65 (d, 7.0 Hz, 2H, 2,7-Naph-H), 7.60 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H, 2-Naph<sup>CH2OH</sup>-H), 7.58 (m, 2H, 4,5-Naph-H), 7.51 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 7.0 Hz, 1H, 6-Naph<sup>CH2OH</sup>-H), 7.49–7.42 (m, 5H, 4,4'-Biph-H (2H), 3-Naph<sup>CH2OH</sup>-H (1H), 3,6-Naph-H (2H)), 7.32 (t, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H, 5,5'-Biph-H), 4.96 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H, C<u>H2</u>OH), 1.58 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 1H, CH2O<u>H</u>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 298 K):  $\delta$ /ppm = 147.26, 147.23, 146.61, 146.56, 137.63, 137.27, 134.41, 132.56, 130.65, 129.01, 128.62, 127.88, 124.37, 121.27, 119.61, 119.25, 119.24, 118.94, 80.09, 79.47, 63.20; HR-ESI-orbitrap-MS (positive): *m*/z calcd for [C<sub>35</sub>H<sub>22</sub>O<sub>1</sub>Na<sub>1</sub>]<sup>+</sup>: 481.1563 [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>; found: 481.1557.

**Di-hydroxymethylated [3.3.3]propellane [3.3.3]\_2CH**<sub>2</sub>**OH**: Di-formylated [4.3.3]propellane **[4.3.3]\_2CHO** (23 mg, 0.050 mmol) was dissolved in a mixture of CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (5.0 mL) and MeOH (5.0 mL) in a 100-mL round-bottom flask. After sodium borohydride (NaBH<sub>4</sub>, ca. 5 mg, ca. 0.13 mmol) was added, the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 30 min. The mixture was quenched with deionized water, NH<sub>4</sub>Cl (aq), and then dilute HCl (aq). The mixture was extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> three times. The organic extract was dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. After the solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure, purification by column chromatography on Wakogel C-400HG (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/*n*-hexane = 2/1 to 1/0, then 10% acetone was added) afforded off-white solids (16 mg, 0.035 mmol, 69%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 298 K):  $\delta$ /ppm = 8.08–8.06 (m, 2H, 7-Naph<sup>CH2OH</sup>-H), 8.04–7.98 (m, 4H, 2-Naph<sup>CH2OH</sup>-H (2H), 2,7-Naph-H (2H)), 7.83 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H, 5-Naph<sup>CH2OH</sup>-H), 7.62–7.58 (m, 4H, 6-Naph<sup>CH2OH</sup>-H (2H), 4,5-Naph-H (2H)), 7.56–7.52 (m, 4H, 3-Naph<sup>CH2OH</sup>-H (2H), 3,6-Naph-H (2H)), 5.01 (s, 4H, C<u>H2</u>OH); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 298 K):  $\delta$ /ppm = 147.12, 147.07, 147.02, 146.47, 146.43, 146.38, 137.60, 137.23, 134.47, 132.55, 130.64, 129.01, 128.63, 127.87, 124.42, 121.33, 119.58, 119.23, 118.94, 79.53, 78.91, 63.17; HR-ESI-orbitrap-MS (positive): *m*/z calcd for [C<sub>34</sub>H<sub>22</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Na<sub>1</sub>]<sup>+</sup>: 485.1512 [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>; found: 485.1505.

**Di-hydroxymethylated [4.3.3]propellane [4.3.3]\_2CH<sub>2</sub>OH**: [4.3.3]Propellane **[4.3.3]** (2.01 g, 4.70 mmol) was dissolved in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (47 mL) in a 200-mL round-bottom flask under nitrogen atmosphere. After dichloromethyl methyl ether (1.02 mL, 11.3 mmol) was added, the mixture was cooled to 0 °C with an ice bath. Then, TiCl<sub>4</sub> (1.24 mL, 11.3 mmol) was dropwise added. The mixture was allowed to warm up to room temperature and stirred for 1 h. The mixture was poured into a mixture of ice and deionized water and

extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> three times. The organic extract was washed with NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (aq) and dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. After the solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure, purification by column chromatography on Wakogel C-400HG (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/*n*-hexane = 1/2 to 1/0) afforded a mixture of [4.3.3]\_2CHO and [4.3.3]\_CHO (424 mg) as off-white solids along with pure [4.3.3]\_CHO (1.68 g, 3.68 mmol, 78%). The mixture was dissolved in a mixture of CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (11 mL) and MeOH (11 mL) in a 200-mL round-bottom flask. After sodium borohydride (NaBH<sub>4</sub>, ca. 80 mg) was added in portions, the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 30 min. The mixture was quenched with deionized water, NH<sub>4</sub>Cl (aq), and then dilute HCl (aq). The mixture was extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> three times. The organic extract was dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. After the solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure, purification by column chromatography on Wakogel C-400HG (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/n-hexane = 2/1 to 1/0, then 10–50% acetone was added) afforded off-white solids (140 mg, 0.287 mmol, 6.1% in 2 steps). Purification of [4.3.3]\_2CH<sub>2</sub>OH was not completely successful despite repeated attempts with chromatography on silica gel, GPC-HPLC, and precipitation from a mixture of CH2Cl2 and MeOH. 1H NMR (CDCl3, 298 K): 8/ppm = 8.31-8.28 (m, 2H, 3,3'-Biph-H), 7.96-7.93 (m, 2H, 6,6'-Biph-H), 7.80–7.77 (m, 2H, 7-Naph<sup>CH2OH</sup>-H), 7.68 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H, 5-Naph<sup>CH2OH</sup>-H), 7.60 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H, 2-Naph<sup>CH2OH</sup>-H), 7.55–7.51 (m, 2H, 6-Naph<sup>CH2OH</sup>-H), 7.48 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H, 3-Naph<sup>CH2OH</sup>-H), 7.45–7.41 (m, 2H, 4,4'-Biph-H), 7.34–7.30 (m, 2H, 5,5'-Biph-H), 5.01 (s, 4H, CH2OH), 1.57 (s, 2H, CH2OH); 13C NMR (CDCl3, 298 K): ð/ppm = 148.62, 148.55, 148.46, 136.85, 135.82, 133.92, 131.45, 129.91, 128.88, 128.41, 128,21, 127.62, 127.34, 124.17, 121.02, 120.94, 120.87, 120.47, 120.39, 67.42, 66.93, 63.17; HR-ESI-orbitrap-MS (positive): m/z calcd for [C<sub>36</sub>H<sub>24</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Na<sub>1</sub>]<sup>+</sup>: 511.1669 [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>; found: 511.1666.

General procedure for acid-mediated polymerization of mono-hydroxymethylated propellanes: Mono-hydroxymethylated propellane (0.50 mmol) was dissolved in dry 1,2-dichloroethane (25 mL) in a 100-mL round-bottom flask under nitrogen atmosphere. To the stirred solution, anhydrous iron(III) chloride (FeCl<sub>3</sub>, 8 mg, 0.05 mmol) was added. The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 13 h and quenched by adding MeOH (3.0 mL). After evaporation of the solvent, the residue was passed through a short column of Wakosil 60 using CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> as eluent. GPC-HPLC separation in the 2nd cycle gave fractions of polymers (32.5– 37.0 min) and oligomers (37.0–42.0 min) as off-white solids.

**General procedure for acid-mediated polymerization of di-hydroxymethylated propellanes**: Di-hydroxymethylated propellane (0.50 mmol) was dissolved in dry 1,2-dichloroethane (50 mL) in a 100-mL round-bottom flask under nitrogen atmosphere. To the stirred solution, anhydrous iron(III) chloride (FeCl<sub>3</sub>, 16 mg, 0.10 mmol) was added. The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 13 h and quenched by adding MeOH (3.0 mL). Solid material was collected by filtration and washed with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (3 mL×2), H<sub>2</sub>O (3 mL×2), and acetone (3 mL×5). (For **[4.3.3]\_2CH<sub>2</sub>OH**, the reaction scale was reduced and used 0.12 mmol of **[4.3.3]\_2CH<sub>2</sub>OH**, 0.02 mmol of FeCl<sub>3</sub>, and 12 mL of 1,2-dichloroethane, due to the limited amount of starting

# material.)

entry	starting material	reagent (equiv)	conditions	results	
1	[4.3.3]_2CH2OH	$\mathbf{E}_{\mathbf{C}}$	TCE,	insoluble in CDCl <sub>3</sub>	
	(0.050 mmol)	FeC13 (0.1)	RT, 13 h	> network polymers	
2	[4.3.3]_CH2OH	$\Gamma_{-}C_{-}(0,1)$	TCE,	<sup>1</sup> H NMR was consistent but broad.	
	(0.17 mmol, 10 mM)	FeC13 (0.1)	RT, 13 h	> soluble oligomers/polymers	
3	[4.3.3]_CH2OH		TOP		
	(chiral, fraction 2)	FeCl <sub>3</sub> (0.1)	ICE,	<ul><li><sup>1</sup>H NMR was consistent but broad.</li><li>&gt; soluble oligomers/polymers</li></ul>	
	(0.055 mmol, 10 mM)		RT, 16 h		
4	[4.3.3]_CH2OH		DCE,	polymers, 44 mg	
	(0.30 mmol)	FeC13 (0.10)	RT, 16 h	oligomers, 64 mg	
5	[3.3.3]_CH2OH	$E_{\alpha}C_{1}$ (0.10)	DCE,	polymers, 36 mg	
	(0.30 mmol)	FeC13 (0.10)	RT, 16 h	oligomers, 22 mg	
6	[4.3.3]_CH2OH	$\mathbf{E}_{\mathbf{c}} \mathbf{C} \mathbf{L} (0, 10)$	DCE,	polymers, 22 mg	
	(0.50 mmol)	FeC13 (0.10)	RT, 13 h	oligomers, 149 mg	
7	[3.3.3]_CH2OH	$E_{0}C_{1}(0, 10)$	DCE,	polymers, 53 mg	
	(0.50 mmol)	FeC13 (0.10)	RT, 13 h	oligomers, 49 mg	
8	[4.3.3]_2CH2OH		DCE,	restructions berge and 40 mes	
	(0.12 mmol)	FeC13 (0.2)	RT, 16 h	network polymers, 40 mg	
9	[3.3.3]_2CH2OH	$E_{0}C_{1}(0,00)$	DCE,		
	(0.50 mmol)	FeC13 (0.20)	RT, 13 h	network polymers, 107 mg	

Table S203. Acid-mediated polymerization of [3.3.3]- and [4.3.3] propellane alcohols.[a]

[a] TCE, 1,1,2,2-tetrachloroethane; DCE, 1,2-dichloroethane.

# 3. <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra



*Figure S301.* <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of **[4.3.3]\_CHO** in CDCl<sub>3</sub> at room temperature. Peaks marked with \* are due to residual solvents and impurities.



*Figure S302.* <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of **[3.3.3]\_CHO** in CDCl<sub>3</sub> at room temperature. Peaks marked with \* are due to residual solvents and impurities.



*Figure S303.* <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of **[3.3.3]\_2CHO** in CDCl<sub>3</sub> at room temperature. Peaks marked with \* are due to residual solvents and impurities.



*Figure S304.* <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of **[4.3.3]\_2CHO** in CDCl<sub>3</sub> at room temperature. Peaks marked with \* are due to residual solvents and impurities.



*Figure S305.* <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of **[4.3.3]\_Br\_CHO** in CDCl<sub>3</sub> at room temperature. Peaks marked with \* are due to residual solvents and impurities.



*Figure S306.* <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of **[4.3.3]\_CH<sub>2</sub>OH** in CDCl<sub>3</sub> at room temperature. Peaks marked with \* are due to residual solvents and impurities.



*Figure S307.* <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of **[3.3.3]\_CH<sub>2</sub>OH** in CDCl<sub>3</sub> at room temperature. Peaks marked with \* are due to residual solvents and impurities.



*Figure S308.* <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of **[3.3.3]\_2CH<sub>2</sub>OH** in CDCl<sub>3</sub> at room temperature. Peaks marked with \* are due to residual solvents and impurities.



*Figure S309.* <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of **[4.3.3]\_2CH<sub>2</sub>OH** in CDCl<sub>3</sub> at room temperature. Peaks marked with \* are due to residual solvents and impurities.



*Figure S310.* <sup>1</sup>H–<sup>1</sup>H COSY spectra of **[4.3.3]\_CHO** (top) and **[3.3.3]\_CHO** (bottom) in CDCl<sub>3</sub> at room temperature. Peaks marked with \* are due to residual solvents and impurities.



*Figure S311.* <sup>1</sup>H–<sup>1</sup>H COSY spectra of [3.3.3]\_2CHO (top) and [4.3.3]\_2CHO (bottom) in CDCl<sub>3</sub> at room temperature. Peaks marked with \* are due to residual solvents and impurities.



*Figure S312.* <sup>1</sup>H–<sup>1</sup>H COSY spectra of **[4.3.3]\_Br\_CHO** in CDCl<sub>3</sub> at room temperature. Peaks marked with \* are due to residual solvents and impurities.



*Figure S313.* <sup>1</sup>H–<sup>1</sup>H COSY spectra of **[4.3.3]\_CH<sub>2</sub>OH** (top) and **[3.3.3]\_CH<sub>2</sub>OH** (bottom) in CDCl<sub>3</sub> at room temperature. Peaks marked with \* are due to residual solvents and impurities.



*Figure S314.* <sup>1</sup>H–<sup>1</sup>H COSY spectra of **[3.3.3]\_2CH<sub>2</sub>OH** (top) and **[4.3.3]\_2CH<sub>2</sub>OH** (bottom) in CDCl<sub>3</sub> at room temperature. Peaks marked with \* are due to residual solvents and impurities.



*Figure S315.* <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of a) **[4.3.3]\_oligo** (top) and **[4.3.3]\_linear** (bottom), and b) **[4.3.3]\_oligo** (top) and **[3.3.3]\_linear** (bottom) in CDCl<sub>3</sub> at room temperature. Peaks marked with \* are due to residual solvents and impurities.



*Figure S316.* <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of a) **[4.3.3]\_oligo** (top) and **[4.3.3]\_linear** (bottom), and c) **[4.3.3]\_oligo** (top) and **[3.3.3]\_linear** (bottom) in CDCl<sub>3</sub> at room temperature, and b,d) their aromatic ranges. Peaks marked with \* are due to residual solvents and impurities.



# 4. HR APCI-orbitrap-MS, ESI-orbitrap-MS, and EI-selector-MS

*Figure S401.* Observed (top) and simulated (bottom) HR-APCI-orbitrap-MS of a) [4.3.3]\_CHO, b) [3.3.3]\_CHO, c) [3.3.3]\_2CHO, d) [4.3.3]\_2CHO, and e) [4.3.3]\_Br\_CHO.



*Figure S402.* Observed (top) and simulated (bottom) HR-ESI-orbitrap-MS of a) [4.3.3]\_CH<sub>2</sub>OH, b) [3.3.3]\_CH<sub>2</sub>OH, c) [3.3.3]\_2CH<sub>2</sub>OH, and d) [4.3.3]\_2CH<sub>2</sub>OH.

For **[3.3.3]\_CH<sub>2</sub>OH**, **[3.3.3]\_2CH<sub>2</sub>OH**, and **[4.3.3]\_2CH<sub>2</sub>OH**, the ESI method indicated the MS peaks with lower intensities than other species, and the APCI method showed [M–2H]<sup>+</sup> or [M–4H]<sup>+</sup> signals probably owing to decomposition of the CH<sub>2</sub>OH groups upon ionization. Therefore, the EI method was also applied.



*Figure S403.* EI-MS (left) and Results for HR-EI-selector-MS (right) of a) [3.3.3]\_CH<sub>2</sub>OH, b) [3.3.3]\_2CH<sub>2</sub>OH, and c) [4.3.3]\_2CH<sub>2</sub>OH. Simulated spectra were not displayed because of the instrumental limitation.

# 5. HPLC charts



*Figure S501.* Copy of GPC-HPLC chart of **[3.3.3]\_oligo** recorded as absorption of 300 nm light. Conditions: 25 °C; flow rate = 1.0 mL/min; eluent = THF. The chart showed that tetramer is a major component because the molecular weight of repeating unit is 414.51.



*Figure S502.* Copy of GPC-HPLC chart of **[3.3.3]\_linear** recorded as absorption of 300 nm light. Conditions: 25 °C; flow rate = 1.0 mL/min; eluent = THF. The chart showed that octamer is a major component because the molecular weight of repeating unit is 414.51.



*Figure S503.* Copy of GPC-HPLC chart of **[4.3.3]\_oligo** recorded as absorption of 300 nm light. Conditions: 25 °C; flow rate = 1.0 mL/min; eluent = THF. The chart showed that dimer and trimer are major components because the molecular weight of repeating unit is 440.55.



*Figure S504.* Copy of GPC-HPLC chart of **[4.3.3]\_linear** recorded as absorption of 300 nm light. Conditions: 25 °C; flow rate = 1.0 mL/min; eluent = THF. The chart showed that pentamer and hexamer are major components because the molecular weight of repeating unit is 440.55.



*Figure S505.* Copy of chiral HPLC charts of enantiopure fractions of **[4.3.3]\_CH<sub>2</sub>OH** recorded as absorption of 300 nm light (top: 1st fraction, bottom: 2nd fraction). Conditions: CHIRALPAK IA ( $\varphi$  = 4.6 mm, l = 250 mm) column; room temperature; flow rate = 1.0 mL/min; eluent = CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/*n*-hexane (2/1). Retention time (percentage of the peak area) was 7.91 min (99.8%) for the 1st fraction and 13.1 min (99.9%) for the 2nd one.

# 6. X-Ray diffraction data



*Figure S601.* PXRD patterns of **[3.3.3]\_oligo** (dark red), **[3.3.3]\_linear** (red), **[3.3.3]\_branch** (orange), **[4.3.3]\_oligo** (purple), **[4.3.3]\_linear** (blue), and **[4.3.3]\_branch** (green).

## 7. DSC and TGA measurement



*Figure S701.* DSC cycling curves of a) **[3.3.3]\_oligo**, b) **[3.3.3]\_linear**, c) **[4.3.3]\_oligo**, d) **[4.3.3]\_linear** at the heating/cooling rate of 5.0 °C/min. Under nitrogen, samples were heated from 25 °C to 150 °C (1st heating) and kept at that temperature for 5 min. After cooling back to –70 °C and waiting for 30 min (1st cooling), the samples were heated to 300 °C (2nd heating). After 5 min, this cooling/heating cycle was repeated (2nd cooling/3rd heating).



*Figure S702.* Stacked DSC heating curves of a) **[3.3.3]\_oligo**, b) **[3.3.3]\_linear**, c) **[4.3.3]\_oligo**, d) **[4.3.3]\_linear** at the rate of 5.0 °C/min. Under nitrogen, samples were heated from 25 °C to 150 °C (1st heating, solid lines) and kept at that temperature for 5 min. After cooling back to –70 °C and waiting for 30 min (1st cooling), the samples were heated to 300 °C (2nd heating, dashed lines). After 5 min, this cooling/heating cycle was repeated (2nd cooling/3rd heating, dotted lines).



*Figure S703.* TGA traces of a) **[3.3.3]\_oligo** (dark red), **[3.3.3]\_linear** (red), **[3.3.3]\_branch** (orange), and b) **[4.3.3]\_oligo** (purple), **[4.3.3]\_linear** (blue), and **[4.3.3]\_branch** (green). Before the measurement, samples were heated at 100 °C for 60 min under nitrogen, to release the residual solvent. Then, the samples were heated from 100 °C to 900 °C at the rate of 5.0 °C/min under air.



*Figure S801.* CO<sub>2</sub> gas adsorption (filled circles) and desorption (open circles) isotherms at 298 K of a) [3.3.3]\_oligo (dark red), [3.3.3]\_linear (red), [3.3.3]\_branch (orange), [4.3.3]\_oligo (purple), [4.3.3]\_linear (blue), and [4.3.3]\_branch (green).



*Figure S802.* N<sub>2</sub> gas adsorption (filled circles) and desorption (open circles) isotherms at 77 K of [3.3.3]\_oligo (dark red), [3.3.3]\_linear (red), [3.3.3]\_branch (orange), [4.3.3]\_oligo (purple), [4.3.3]\_linear (blue), and [4.3.3]\_branch (green).

	V (CO <sub>2</sub> ) [cm <sup>3</sup> g <sup>-1</sup> ]	<i>V</i> <sub>m</sub> [cm <sup>3</sup> g <sup>-1</sup> ]	B [Pa <sup>-1</sup> ]	<i>К</i> н [cm <sup>-3</sup> g <sup>-1</sup> Pa <sup>-1</sup> ]	V (N <sub>2</sub> ) [cm <sup>3</sup> g <sup>-1</sup> ]	Sbet [m <sup>2</sup> g <sup>-1</sup> ]
[3.3.3]_oligo	22	38	1.5×10	5.9×10 <sup>2</sup>	-	_
[3.3.3]_linear	24	55	6.8	3.7×10 <sup>2</sup>	-	_
[3.3.3]_branch	18	20	2.5×10	5.0×10 <sup>2</sup>	40	61
[4.3.3]_oligo	15	47	6.8	3.2×10 <sup>2</sup>	-	-
[4.3.3]_linear	15	23	1.6×10	3.6×10 <sup>2</sup>	-	-
[4.3.3]_branch	29	35	2.2×10	7.6×10 <sup>2</sup>	203	323

Table S801. Gas adsorption properties.[a]

[a] V (CO<sub>2</sub>), CO<sub>2</sub> uptake (STP) at 90 kPa; V<sub>m</sub>, monolayer adsorption capacity (STP) for CO<sub>2</sub>; *B*, Langmuir parameter for binding strength; *K*<sub>H</sub>, Henry constant; *V* (N<sub>2</sub>), N<sub>2</sub> uptake (STP) at 90 kPa; *S*<sub>BET</sub>, surface area. Langmuir fitting was performed using 15 data points (2.1–40.2 kPa) for [3.3.3]\_oligo, [3.3.3]\_linear, [4.3.3]\_oligo, and [4.3.3]\_linear, and 10 data points (2.1–21.0 kPa) for [3.3.3]\_branch and [4.3.3]\_branch. Henry constants were calculated form the Langmuir parameters, *V*<sub>m</sub> and *B*. BET surface area were estimated from 8 data points (10.5–29.3 kPa) for [3.3.3]\_branch and 5 data points (10.5–21.2 kPa) for [4.3.3]\_branch.

# 9. Theoretical calculations



*Figure S901.* Energy diagrams and Kohn-Sham orbital representations of **[3.3.3]**<sup>[52]</sup> and **[3.3.3]\_CHO** (isovalue: 0.02).



*Figure S902.* Energy diagrams and Kohn-Sham orbital representations of **[4.3.3]**,<sup>[S2]</sup> **[4.3.3]\_CHOa**, and **[4.3.3]\_CHOb** (isovalue: 0.02). Due to (*P*/*M*)-twisted conformations of the [4.3.3]propellane skeletons, **[4.3.3]\_CHOa** (electronic energy, -1420.597675 Hartree) and **[4.3.3]\_CHOb** (-1420.600589 Hartree) were calculated as diastereomeric states, and the latter was more stable than the former by 7.65 kJ mol<sup>-1</sup>.



*Figure S903.* Comparison of energy diagrams and highest occupied molecular orbitals (HOMOs) of **[3.3.3]**, <sup>[52]</sup> **[3.3.3]\_CHO**, **[4.3.3]**, <sup>[52]</sup> **[4.3.3]\_CHOa**, and **[4.3.3]\_CHOb** (isovalue: 0.02). Formylation lowered the HOMO energies by 0.21–0.24 eV but did not alter the HOMO distributions significantly.

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