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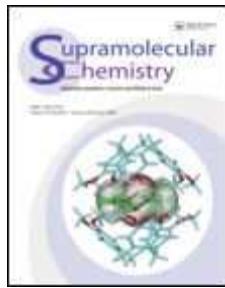
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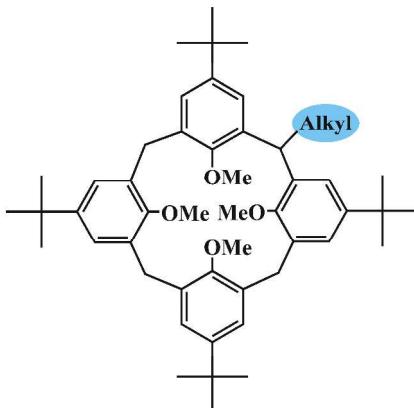


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12     of the parent calixarene,  
13     suggesting a promising approach  
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Three new calixarenes **3-5** featuring an alkyl residue of different chain length attached to one of the central ring methylene groups of the basic calix[4]arene **1** have been prepared. A systematic study that includes also the lower homologous compound **2**, showing the effect of the alkyl substitution on the conformational behaviour of the calixarene framework in comparision with the unsubstituted parent compound **1** is reported. The application of special 2D NMR techniques, 2D-EXSY and ROESY method, at various temperatures establishes that the calixarenes **2-5** adopt the *partial cone* conformation of lower symmetry and far less the symmetric *cone* and *1,2-alternate* conformations. In solution, they undergo a fast interconversion with relatively low activation energies of about 15 kcal/mol at room temperature. The conformer distribution is reproduced well by molecular mechanistic calculations (MMFF94) indicating the present conformers to assume the lowest steric energies. A single-crystal X-ray structure of the lateral ethyl derivative **2** corroborates these results, showing the molecule in a sterically favourable *partial cone* conformation.

**Keywords:** calixarenes; lateral substitution; synthesis; conformational study; solution 2D NMR measurements; X-ray crystal structure

## Introduction

Calixarenes and their derivatives are an important class of compounds that have been extensively investigated regarding their supramolecular recognition properties during the past two decades (*1*). Calixarenes have also emerged as very attractive building blocks for the development of highly ingenious functional systems and devices (*2*). In both of these respects, much work has been dedicated to the synthesis of calixarenes modified on the upper and lower rims, giving rise to an enormous variety of compound

1 structures (3). Homocalixarenes (4), thiocalixarenes (5) and others (1) where the  
2 bridging methylene units of the conventional calixarene framework are completely  
3 replaced by modifying organic groups or hetero atoms, represent further currently  
4 studied yet rather well known types of structural modifications of the calixarene family  
5 (6). By way of contrast, calixarenes featuring a substitution of only one of the  
6 methylene bridges are presently rare (7), although these laterally substituted calixarenes  
7 may open interesting aspects of calixarene chemistry including linked constructions of  
8 oligotopic receptors (8) as well as systems distinguished by particular anchoring of the  
9 calixarene to a specific target or support (2, 9). As a result, the conformational  
10 behaviour of this particular compound type is also studied only fragmentary in a few  
11 cases of modified tetrahydroxycalix[4]- and -calix[5]arenes (7c-d). This warrants to  
12 deal with the conformational property of laterally monosubstituted calixarenes more  
13 broadly. Hence, a series of calixarenes that feature a lateral substitution of alkyl  
14 groups of different chain length and includes a well-known parent compound was  
15 considered for this purpose. The concrete system of compounds which was chosen for  
16 this study, as specified in Fig. 1, covers the tetra-*tert*-butyltetramethoxycalix[4]arene (**1**)  
17 as the reference and **2-5** as the test compounds. This shows an advantage since the  
18 conformational behaviour of **1** is known rather detailed from previous work (10).  
19 Moreover, for the synthesis of **2-5** one can follow a literature method elaborated for the  
20 calixarene **2** by Scully (7a). The conformational properties of **2-5**, which are described  
21 here, were determined from a detailed solution NMR study. This involves  
22 measurements at various temperatures and uses special 2D NMR techniques to yield a  
23 full description of the conformer distribution and the free activation energies of  
24 conformational interconversion. We also report on the crystal structure of the  
25 corresponding laterally ethyl monosubstituted calixarene **2**, being the first crystal  
26 structure of a laterally monosubstituted tetramethoxycalix[4]arene.  
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**Results and discussion****Synthesis**

The calixarene **1**, which is the basic compound for the synthesis of **2-5**, was obtained from two-stage methylation reaction of 5,11,17,23-tetra-*tert*-butyl-25,26,27,28-tetrahydroxycalix[4]arene (*11*) using in a starting phase-transfer process sodium hydroxide, dimethyl sulphate and tetrabutylammonium bromide to yield the intermediate compound with two distal methyl groups, followed by treatment with sodium hydride and iodomethane in a final methylation step (*12*). A corresponding one-step methylation method of the parent tetrahydroxycalixarene with sodium hydride and iodomethane, described in the literature (*10a, 13*), did not prove competitive in its result. The target calixarenes **2-5** featuring different laterally substituted alkyl groups were prepared by deprotonation of **1** with *n*-butyllithium and reaction with respective alkyl halides following the procedure described by Scully (*7a*).

**Conformational study**

Conformational predominance and conformational flexibility are important structural parameters of a calixarene molecule, being decisive of its supramolecular behaviour both in solution and solid state (*1-3*). While the so-called *cone* conformation, providing a spaceous cavity structure, is perhaps the most frequent conformation of the existing calixarenes (*1, 14*), the other types of molecular conformations, including *partial cone*, *1,2-* and *1,3-alternate* conformation, are somewhat more rarely found though not less important for a designed purpose (*15*). As a rule, these conformations are mainly determined by the ring size or the nature and the space required of the substituents being present at the upper and lower rims of the calixarene molecule. Conformational property

will also depend on the physical condition, including type of solvent as well as the presence of a proper guest molecule. However, in no manner, *O*-alkylated calixarenes that feature an alkyl residue laterally attached to one of the methylene groups of the central ring have been studied conformationally. Only analogous tetrahydroxycalixarenes were taken for a corresponding study (7c-d).

A well-known molecular structure is that of the tetra-*tert*-butyltetramethoxycalix[4]arene (**1**), which was chosen as the parent compound for the test. According to the NMR data (10), **1** in a solution of CDCl<sub>3</sub> exists in an equilibrium of all four conventional conformers of which the *partial cone* conformation is the preferred one. A *partial cone* conformer is also reported for the solvent free calixarene **1** (16) as well as for the furan (17) and dichloromethane (18) inclusion compounds in the solid state, while a corresponding sodium complex shows a *cone* conformation both in the crystal structure and in CDCl<sub>3</sub>/CD<sub>3</sub>CN solution due to coordination of the sodium ion (10b). Thus, it is clear that a potential change of the conformational behaviour in the present cases of calixarenes, in comparison with **1**, is attributed to the laterally substituted alkyl groups.

A complex pattern of signals in the NMR spectra of the alkyl substituted calixarenes **2–5** in both CDCl<sub>3</sub> and tetrachloroethane-d<sub>2</sub> (TCl-d<sub>2</sub>) at various temperatures indicates that the compounds exist in different conformers, as demonstrated exemplary for the lateral propyl derivative **3** in Fig. 2. To minimize the signal broadening and separate the overlapping region of methine and methylene signals, we carried out the NMR experiments at an optimized temperature of 269 K, yielding three different signals for the methine protons between 4.47 and 4.79 ppm in CDCl<sub>3</sub> for compounds **2–5**. Detailed 2D NMR measurements using COSY-, <sup>1</sup>H/<sup>13</sup>C-correlated HSQC (19) and HMBC (20) as well as NOESY and ROESY experiments gave a full determination of conformers (specified in Fig. 3; <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C chemical shifts are summarized in Tables

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4 scaffold in the three observed conformations is illustrated in Fig. 3, indicating  
5 similarities in the chemical shift for different pairs of atoms.  
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11 Depending on the alignment of the four arene units with reference to the lateral  
12 substituent, there are 16 different conformational isomers possible (Fig. 4). Six of them  
13 are mirror images of each other resulting in identical NMR spectra. The 2D experiments  
14 show that the laterally substituted *n*-alkyl calixarenes, studied here, exist mainly in one  
15 *partial cone* conformation (*pacoD* in Fig. 4), with an equatorial substituent between two  
16 syn orientated arene units, and also as *1,2-alternate* (*alt2C* in Fig. 4) and *cone* (*coneB* in  
17 Fig. 4) conformers (Scheme 1), revealed in the region of the OCH<sub>3</sub> groups of the HSQC  
18 spectrum (Fig. 5). In the ROESY spectrum (Fig. 6), all conformers possess stronger  
19 positive cross peaks between the axial methine H-1 protons in the bridge and the near  
20 H-8 protons of the methoxy groups than between these protons and the H-3 protons of  
21 the same aromatic rings, indicating the vicinity of one of the methoxy groups on the  
22 lower rim to H-1. Further characteristic specific interactions between aromatic protons  
23 of the calixarene and protons of OCH<sub>3</sub> or *tert*-butyl groups neighbouring the methylene  
24 bridge are marked in Fig. 6. These correlations suggest the orientation of arene units of  
25 the calixarene ring for each individual isomer. For example, the *paco* isomer is  
26 characterized by the cross peaks 8▲'/11▲', 16▲ /13▲, 16▲'/5▲' and 16▲'/13▲, and  
27 the *1,2-alternate* species by the 8■/11■ and 8■ /13■ relation.  
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50 Furthermore, in Fig. 6, negative cross-peaks between different H-1 proton  
51 signals can be observed due to chemical exchange processes in the form of a dynamic  
52 interconversion of conformers. To extract the rate constants for the confomational  
53 chemical exchange ( $k_{\text{chem}}$ ), the 2D-EXSY method (21) was used, and thus the free  
54 activation energies  $\Delta G^\#$  of the interconversion has been calculated (Table 1).  
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56 Interestingly, compounds **2-5** display a fast *partial cone/cone* interconversion involving  
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values of free activation energy rather comparable to the reported ~13 kcal/mol for the laterally unsubstituted prototype calixarene **1** in the same solvent (*10a*). The observed influence of solvent and temperature on the conformational behaviour is in agreement with the common expectation. In this connection, the conformational reorientation was found to be faster at higher temperature and retarded in solution of the larger and less polar solvent molecules of tetrachloroethane-d<sub>2</sub> (TCl-d<sub>2</sub>) compared to CDCl<sub>3</sub>.

The conformer distribution of **1** and **2–5**, summarized in Table 2, shows that the *partial cone* conformation predominates the present series of tetra-*tert*-butyltetramethoxycalix[4]arenes in CDCl<sub>3</sub>, varying only little by introduction of the lateral alkyl substituents, i.e. the predominance of the *partial cone* conformation is only slightly affected. Nevertheless, its frequency decreases to some extent for the benefit of the rarely occurring *cone*- and *1,2-alternate* structures in the following manner. With increasing chain length, the ratio of *partial cone* conformation remains nearly unchanged, while the *cone* conformation decreases and the *1,2-alternate* conformation increases. However, as contrasted with the prototype calixarene **1**, for none of the studied compounds a *1,3-alternate* conformation was detected. This points to a predominance of thermodynamically stable conformers and suggests the avoidance of an isoclinal arrangement of the lateral substituent, presumably for energetic reasons.

#### MM Calculation

To evaluate the steric influence of the lateral alkyl substituent, relative energies of the different conformers of **2** as a model compound, summarized in Fig. 4, were determined using the MMFF94 force field (22) as implemented in the SYBYL software. As proven by previous mechanistic studies (*7d*), all conformations with an axial arrangement of the lateral substituent are energetically discriminated due to their higher angle bending

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5 experiments, bearing the lateral substituent in an equatorial position between *syn*  
6 orientated arene units in solution (*pacoD*) may thus be explained with the avoidance of  
7 repulsion between the  $\alpha$ -C-atom of the lateral alkyl moiety and the neighbouring  
8 methoxy groups, indicated by their low sterical energies (Table 3). Analogously, the  
9 frequency and stability of the *coneB* conformer detected by NMR can be assumed due  
10 to its similar low ground state energy. It is also shown that the energy gap between the  
11 *1,2-alternate* (*alt2C*) and the *1,3-alternate* conformer is small, giving evidence of their  
12 potential presence in solution. The fact that only the *1,2-alternate* conformer is detected  
13 in the NMR could result from its higher energy gap to the lowest energy *partial cone*  
14 conformer ( $\sim 3.8$  kcal/mol for *alt2C*) leading to separate signals, whereas the  
15 interconversion to the *1,3-alternate* conformer is too fast on the NMR time scale.  
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### **Crystal structure of compound 2·CHCl<sub>3</sub>**

In order to compare the conformational results from the solution NMR study with the conformational behaviour in the solid state, we tried to obtain suitable crystals of the compounds **2-5** for X-ray study. Unfortunately, we were unsuccessful in getting high-quality crystals in the case of **3-5**, presumably due to the high flexibility of the rather extended alkyl chains. However, the corresponding laterally ethyl substituted compound **2** yielded colourless crystals (space group *Pca2*<sub>1</sub>) from a solvent mixture of methanol and chloroform (2:1) suitable for X-determination (Table 4). The crystals were analyzed to be a stoichiometric 1:1 solvate with chloroform. Not surprisingly, also in the solid state, one low energy *partial cone* conformer bearing the lateral substituent in an equatorial position between *syn* orientated arene units is found (Fig. 7). This result is in agreement both with the predominance of the *partial cone* conformation in solution and the lowest energy conformer (*pacoD*) from MM calculation.

Selected conformational parameters of the calixarene molecule **2** are summarized in Tab. S5. The opposite phenyl rings A and C differ only little from coplanarity [8.9° (1)], while the aromatic rings B and D are orientated in an angle of 42.8° (1). Similar to a comparable 2:1 solvate of the lateral unsubstituted calixarene **1** with dichloromethane (18), the methoxy group of ring D points outwards and maintains no interactions with the other rings. In consequence of the compact structure caused by the *partial cone* conformer, the calixarene does not allow a cavitate inclusion of solvent molecules, which therefore are located interstitially in the crystal lattice. With reference to the crystal packing, the calixarene molecules are orientated translatory staggered along the crystallographic *b* axis (Fig. 8). Corresponding to the nonpolar character of the calixarene, the interactions are limited to weak C-H $\cdots$  $\pi$ -contacts (23) involving guest and calixarene molecules [ $d(\text{C1GA}^{\cdots}\text{centroid C} = 3.569\text{ (1)} \text{ \AA})$  or the calixarene molecules among each other [ $d(\text{C33}^{\cdots}\text{centroid B} = 3.486\text{ (1)} \text{ \AA})$ ] as specified in Tab. S6.

## Conclusions

According to the literature (1, 7), calixarenes showing a substitution of a single methylene bridge, especially in the case of an alkyl substitution, are a rather low developed class of compounds. As derivatives, of the archetype tetramethoxycalix[4]arene **1**, only the first two members of the potential compound series, i.e. the methyl- and ethyl (**2**) derivatives have previously been synthesized and preliminarily described regarding their conformational behaviour. With the present calixarenes **3-5** featuring the corresponding mode of lateral substitution but using higher alkyl groups of different chain length, new examples of this particular compound type have now been made available. They enable to perform a first systematic study of the

influence of the given alkyl groups on the conformational property of the tetramethoxycalix[4]arene system.

The following main conclusions can be obtained from this study: (1) The lateral attachment of an alkyl residue to one of the central ring methylene groups of the basic calixarene **1** has no substantial consequence on the conformational behaviour. That is, independent of the chain length, a respective substitution of an alkyl group does not hamper the predominance of the *partial cone* conformation of **1** in chloroform solution, as proven by NMR spectroscopy. This particular conformation was also found to be low energetic in the calculated sterical energies. Moreover, the crystal structure of compound **2** in its solvated form with chloroform is in structural agreement, showing the *partial cone* conformation in the crystalline state. (2) As against the unsubstituted calixarene **1**, the free activation energy for the conformational interconversion of **2–5** in solution is found only moderately higher. Hence, it is shown that (3) an alkyl substitution of one of the hydrogen atoms of a methylene group between the flanking aryl residues of the central ring offers a very promising possibility for coupling of a basic tetramethoxy-calix[4]arene structural element to spacer or linker units in order to realize future developments of new complex framework structures without substantial impairment of the initial calixarene conformation, while corresponding modifications at the upper and lower rim sites normally result in distinct changes of the conformational behaviour.

Future work is required to explore the effect of more than one laterally attached alkyl groups or of a substituent containing polar or functional units in the side chain. Investigations into this direction are aiming work of our group.

## Experimental

**Materials**

1-Iodopropane (Fluka), 1-iodopentane (Acros) and 1-bromodecane (Fluka) were used as received. The *n*-BuLi (1.6 M in hexane) was purchased from Acros. Analytical TLC was performed on precoated silica gel plates (Merck, 60 F<sub>254</sub>). Organic solvents were purified by standard procedures (24).

**Techniques**

Melting points were determined with a hot-stage microscope (VEB Dresden Analytik) and are uncorrected. <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded using a Bruker DRX 500 spectrometer. The chemical shifts ( $\delta$ ) are reported in ppm relative to TMS = 0 ppm. Mass spectra were recorded with an EI-MS (Finnigan MAT 8200). The elemental analyses were performed with a Heraeus CHN rapid analyzer.

**Synthesis of 5,11,17,23-tetra-*tert*-butyl-25,26,27,28-tetramethoxycalix[4]arene (1)**

A mixture of 5,11,17,23-tetra-*tert*-butyl-25,26,27,28-tetrahydroxycalix[4]arene (II), NaOH (aqueous, 50 p.c.), dimethyl sulphate and tetrabutylammonium bromide in toluene was reacted following a known procedure (12). Recrystallization from MeOH/CHCl<sub>3</sub> (1:1) yielded 60% of intermediate 5,11,17,23-tetra-*tert*-butyl-26,28-dihydroxy-25,27-dimethoxycalix[4]arene as colorless solid, m.p. 235-238°. Following the literature protocol (13), this compound was caused to react with NaH and iodomethane to afford 67% of calixarene 1 as a colorless solid, m.p. 242-244 °C (lit.(12) 242-243 °C).

**General procedure for the synthesis of the laterally monoalkylated calix[4]arenes 2-5**

The synthesis of the products **2-5** follows the protocol described by Scully et al. (7a).

To a stirred solution of **1** (1.0 mmol) in dry THF (30 ml), *n*-BuLi (1.6 N in *n*-hexane, 2.9 ml, 4.6 mmol) was added at room temperature under argon. After having stirred for 30 min, the respective 1-halogenalkane (8.0 mmol) was added via syringe to the solution, causing a change of its color from red to yellow. Stirring was continued for 1 h. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue partitioned into water/dichloromethane (1:1, 60 ml). The organic layer was washed with water (2 x 30 ml), dried ( $\text{MgSO}_4$ ) and evaporated under reduced pressure. Recrystallization from MeOH yielded the products as colorless solids. Experimental, MS and elemental analysis data of the individual compounds are specified below. For the detailed 2D NMR experiments, all substances were dried for 24 h under vacuum at 50 °C. The respective NMR data of **2-5** are given in the Supplementary Materials (Tables S1-S4).

The NMR data for **2** correspond to the literature (7a).

*5,11,17,23-Tetra-tert-butyl-25,26,27,28-tetramethoxy-2-ethylcalix[4]arene (2)*

1-Bromoethane was used. Yield 0.42 g (57%), mp. 183-185 °C [lit. (7a) 184-186 °C].

*5,11,17,23-Tetra-tert-butyl-25,26,27,28-tetramethoxy-2-n-propylcalix[4]arene (3)*

1-Iodopropane was used. Yield 0.34 g (46%), mp. 132-135 °C. Anal. Calcd for  $\text{C}_{51}\text{H}_{70}\text{O}_4 \cdot 0.5 \text{ MeOH}$ : C 81.06, H 9.51. Found: C 80.99, H 9.78 %. MS (70 eV), *m/z* (%): 747 ( $\text{M}^+$ , 100), 748 (52), 358 (35), 177 (28).

*5,11,17,23-Tetra-tert-butyl-25,26,27,28-tetramethoxy-2-n-pentylcalix[4]arene (4)*

1-Iodopentane was used. Yield 0.35 g (47%), mp. 76-80 °C. Anal. Calcd for  $\text{C}_{53}\text{H}_{74}\text{O}_4$ : C 82.12, H 9.62. Found: C 82.15, H 9.80 %. MS (70 eV), *m/z* (%): 775 ( $\text{M}^+$ , 100), 776 (64), 372 (43), 177 (14).

5,11,17,23-Tetra-*tert*-butyl- -25,26,27,28-tetramethoxy-2-*n*-decylcalix[4]arene (**5**)

1-Bromodecane was used. Yield 0.37 g (44%), mp. 139–144 °C. Anal. Calcd for C<sub>58</sub>H<sub>84</sub>O<sub>4</sub> · 1.5 MeOH : C 80.00, H 10.15. Found: C 79.85, H 9.88 %. MS (70 eV), *m/z* (%): 845 (M<sup>+</sup>, 100), 846 (63), 407 (42), 177 (32).

**X-ray crystallography**

Crystals of **2** suitable for X-ray diffraction analysis were obtained by slow recrystallization from methanol/chloroform (2:1) solution. The intensity data were collected on a Bruker APEX II diffractometer with MoK<sub>α</sub> radiation ( $\lambda = 0.71073 \text{ \AA}$ ) using  $\omega$ - and  $\varphi$ -scans. Reflections were corrected for background and Lorentz polarization effects. Preliminary structure models were derived by application of direct methods (25) and were refined by full-matrix least squares calculation based on  $F^2$  for all reflections (26). All hydrogen atoms were included in the models in calculated positions and were refined as constrained to bonding atoms. Relevant crystal data together with the refinement details are listed in Table 4.

Crystallographic data for the structural analysis have been deposited with the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre, No. CCDC 748215. Copies of this information may be obtained free of charge from: The Director, CCDC, 12 Union Road, Cambridge, CB2 1EZ, UK. Fax (+44) 1223-336-033; E-mail: [deposit@ccdc.cam.ac.uk](mailto:deposit@ccdc.cam.ac.uk) or www: [www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk](http://www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk).

**Supplementary materials**

<sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR data of **2–5** in CDCl<sub>3</sub> and tetrachloroethane-d<sub>2</sub>, selected conformational parameters and geometric parameters of potential hydrogen bond type interactions from the crystal structure of **2 · CHCl<sub>3</sub>** are available as Supplementary Materials, available online.

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Table 1. (a) Rate constants  $k_{\text{chem}}$  and (b) free activation energies  $\Delta G^\#$  of conformational interconversion according to the methine protons H-1 of compounds **2-5** and for comparison of compound **1**, calculated by the 2D-EXSY method.

(a)

Interconversion	$k_{\text{chem}} (\text{s}^{-1})$									
	<b>2</b>				<b>3</b>				<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
	CDCl <sub>3</sub> , 295 K	CDCl <sub>3</sub> , 264 K	TCl-d <sub>2</sub> , 295 K	TCl-d <sub>2</sub> , 263 K	CDCl <sub>3</sub> , 295 K	CDCl <sub>3</sub> , 263 K	TCl-d <sub>2</sub> , 295 K	TCl-d <sub>2</sub> , 260 K	CDCl <sub>3</sub> , 265 K	CDCl <sub>3</sub> , 265 K
paco/cone	fast	18.9	fast	-	fast	18.2	fast	-	15.9	19.5
paco/1,2-alt.	52.0	0.82	14.4	0.7	14.5	0.5	7.3	0.4	0.5	1.3

(b)

Interconversion	$\Delta G^\# (\text{kcal mol}^{-1})^{\text{a,b}}$									
	<b>2</b>				<b>3</b>				<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
	CDCl <sub>3</sub> , 295 K	CDCl <sub>3</sub> , 264 K	TCl-d <sub>2</sub> , 295 K	TCl-d <sub>2</sub> , 263 K	CDCl <sub>3</sub> , 295 K	CDCl <sub>3</sub> , 263 K	TCl-d <sub>2</sub> , 295 K	TCl-d <sub>2</sub> , 260 K	CDCl <sub>3</sub> , 265 K	CDCl <sub>3</sub> , 265 K
paco/cone	-	13.8	-	-	-	13.7	-	-	13.9	13.7
paco/1,2-alt.	14.9	15.4	15.7	15.6	15.7	15.6	16.1	15.6	15.7	15.2

<sup>a</sup> Interconversion paco/1,2-alt. for **3** at coalescence in TCl-d<sub>2</sub> (360 K): 17.5 kcal mol<sup>-1</sup>.

<sup>b</sup> Interconversion paco/1,2-alt. for unsubstituted compound **1** at coalescence in TCl-d<sub>2</sub> (363 K): 16.4 kcal mol<sup>-1</sup>.

Table 2. Mole fractions of conformers for compounds **1-5** in solution.

conformer	<b>1</b>				<b>2</b>				<b>3</b>				<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
	CDCl <sub>3</sub> , 295 K	CDCl <sub>3</sub> , 265 K	TCl-d <sub>2</sub> , 295 K	TCl-d <sub>2</sub> , 263 K	CDCl <sub>3</sub> , 295 K	CDCl <sub>3</sub> , 261 K	TCl-d <sub>2</sub> , 295 K	TCl-d <sub>2</sub> , 260 K	CDCl <sub>3</sub> , 295 K	CDCl <sub>3</sub> , 261 K	TCl-d <sub>2</sub> , 295 K	TCl-d <sub>2</sub> , 260 K	CDCl <sub>3</sub> , 264 K	CDCl <sub>3</sub> , 263 K
paco (▲,▲')	85	84	83	84	90	74	88	79	88	72	87	80	73	71
cone (○)	7	9	6	6	-	17	-	10	-	17	-	10	16	15
1,2-alt. (M)	8	7	10	9	10	9	12	11	12	10	13	10	11	14

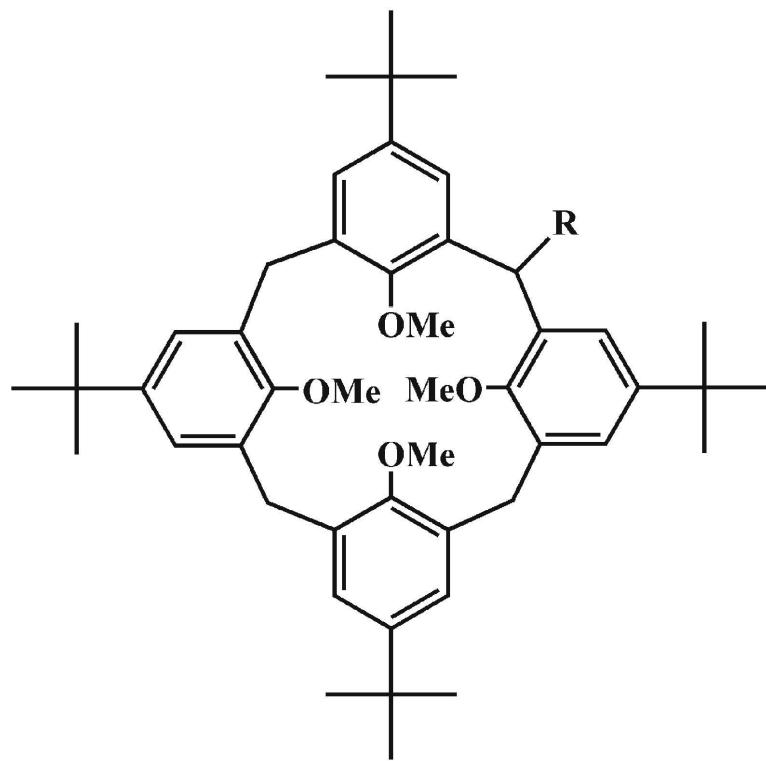
Table 3. Relative energies (in kcal mol<sup>-1</sup>) for possible conformers of ethyl compound **2** obtained by the MMFF94 force field (SYBYL) and calculated populations.

Conformation	Relative energy	Relative to <i>pacoD</i>	Population
	(kcal mol <sup>-1</sup> )	(kcal mol <sup>-1</sup> )	(%)
<i>coneA</i>	225.76	0.01	47.13
<i>coneB</i>	233.15	7.40	-
<i>pacoA</i>	233.99	8.24	-
<i>pacoB</i>	227.77	2.02	1.58
<i>pacoC</i>	227.58	1.83	2.18
<i>pacoD</i>	225.75	0.00	47.93
<i>alt2A</i>	237.02	11.27	-
<i>alt2B</i>	233.00	7.25	-
<i>alt2C</i>	229.50	3.75	0.08
<i>alt3</i>	227.98	2.23	1.11

Table 4. Crystal data and selected details of the data collection and refinement calculations of compound **2 · CHCl<sub>3</sub>**.

Compound	<b>2 · CHCl<sub>3</sub></b>
Empirical formula	C <sub>51</sub> H <sub>69</sub> Cl <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub>
Formula weight (g mol <sup>-1</sup> )	852.4
Crystal system	orthorhombic
Space group	Pca2 <sub>1</sub>
<i>a</i> (Å)	23.9269(5)
<i>b</i> (Å)	16.8437(4)
<i>c</i> (Å)	12.6634(3)
$\alpha$ (°)	90.00
$\beta$ (°)	90.00
$\gamma$ (°)	90.00
<i>V</i> (Å <sup>3</sup> )	5103.6(2)
<i>Z</i>	4
<i>F</i> (000)	1832
<i>D</i> <sub>c</sub> (Mg m <sup>-3</sup> )	1.109
$\mu$ (mm <sup>-1</sup> )	0.219
Data collection	
Temperature (K)	93(2)
No. of collected reflections	57108
within the $\theta$ -limit (°)	1.21- 28.10
Index ranges $\pm h, \pm k, \pm l$	-31/31, -22/21, -16/10
No. of unique reflections	9944
<i>R</i> <sub>int</sub>	0.0968
Refinement calculations: full-matrix least-squares on all <i>F</i> <sup>2</sup> values	
Weighting expression <i>w</i> <sup>a</sup>	[ $\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.1788P)^2 + 4.6405P$ ] <sup>-1</sup>
No. of refined parameters	537
No. of <i>F</i> values used [ <i>I</i> >2 $\sigma$ ( <i>I</i> )]	8817
Final <i>R</i> -Indices	
<i>R</i> (=Σ Δ <i>F</i>   / Σ  <i>F</i> <sub>o</sub>  )	0.0843
<i>wR</i> on <i>F</i> <sup>2</sup>	0.2405
<i>S</i> (=Goodness of fit on <i>F</i> <sup>2</sup> )	1.092
Final Δρ <sub>max</sub> /Δρ <sub>min</sub> (e Å <sup>-3</sup> )	0.000

<sup>a</sup>  $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)$



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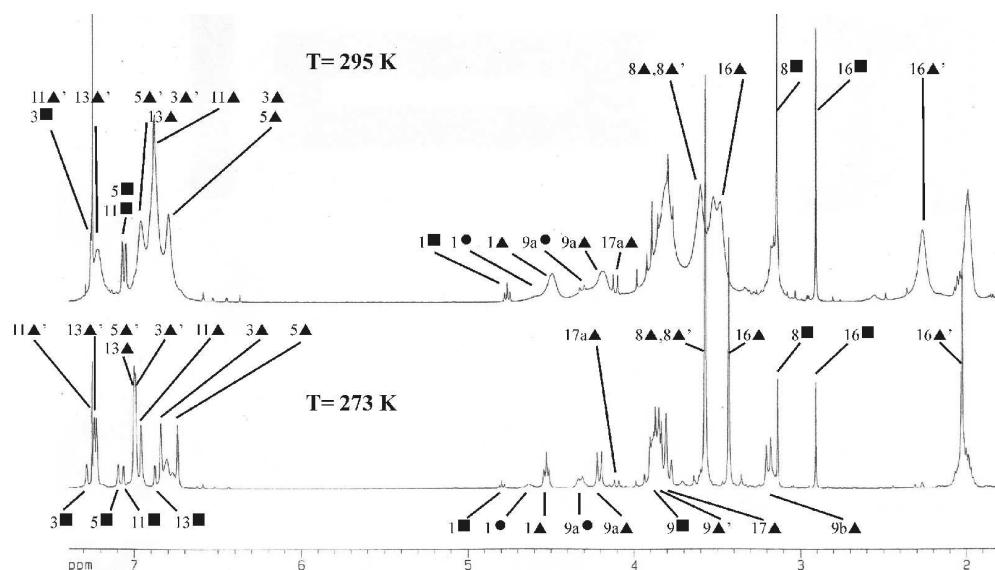
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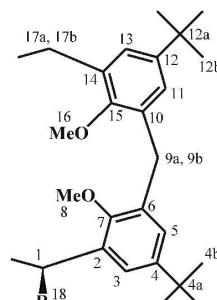
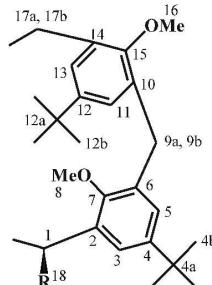
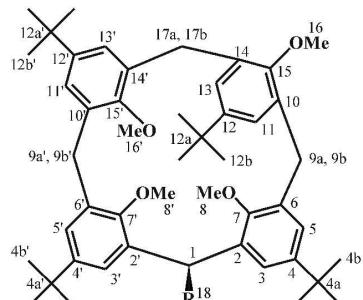
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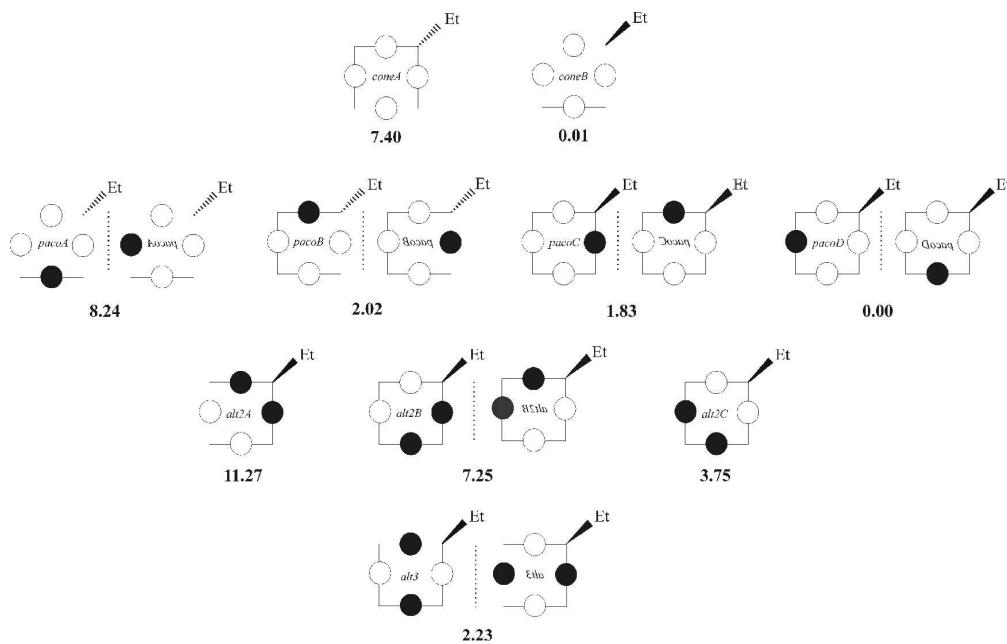


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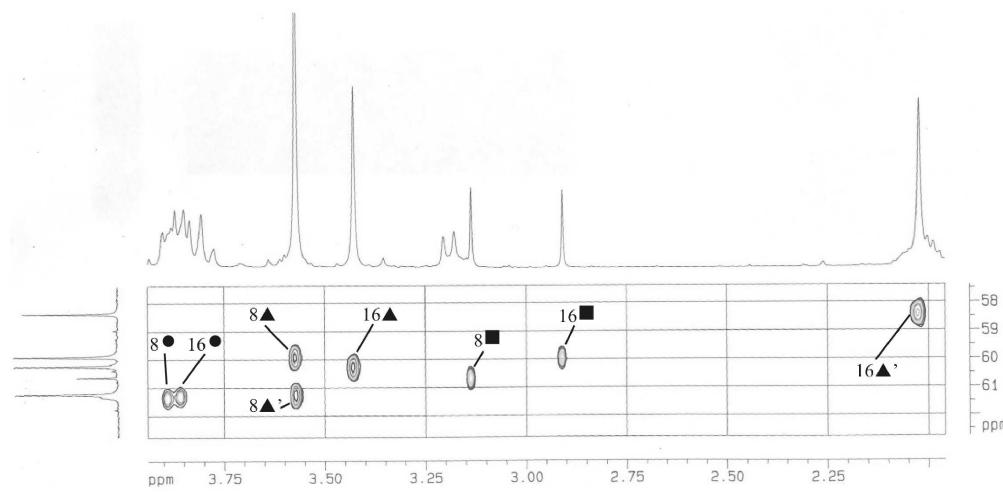


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21      **2:** R = CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>  
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23      **4:** R = CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub><sup>19</sup>CH<sub>2</sub><sup>20</sup>CH<sub>2</sub><sup>21</sup>CH<sub>2</sub><sup>22</sup>CH<sub>3</sub>  
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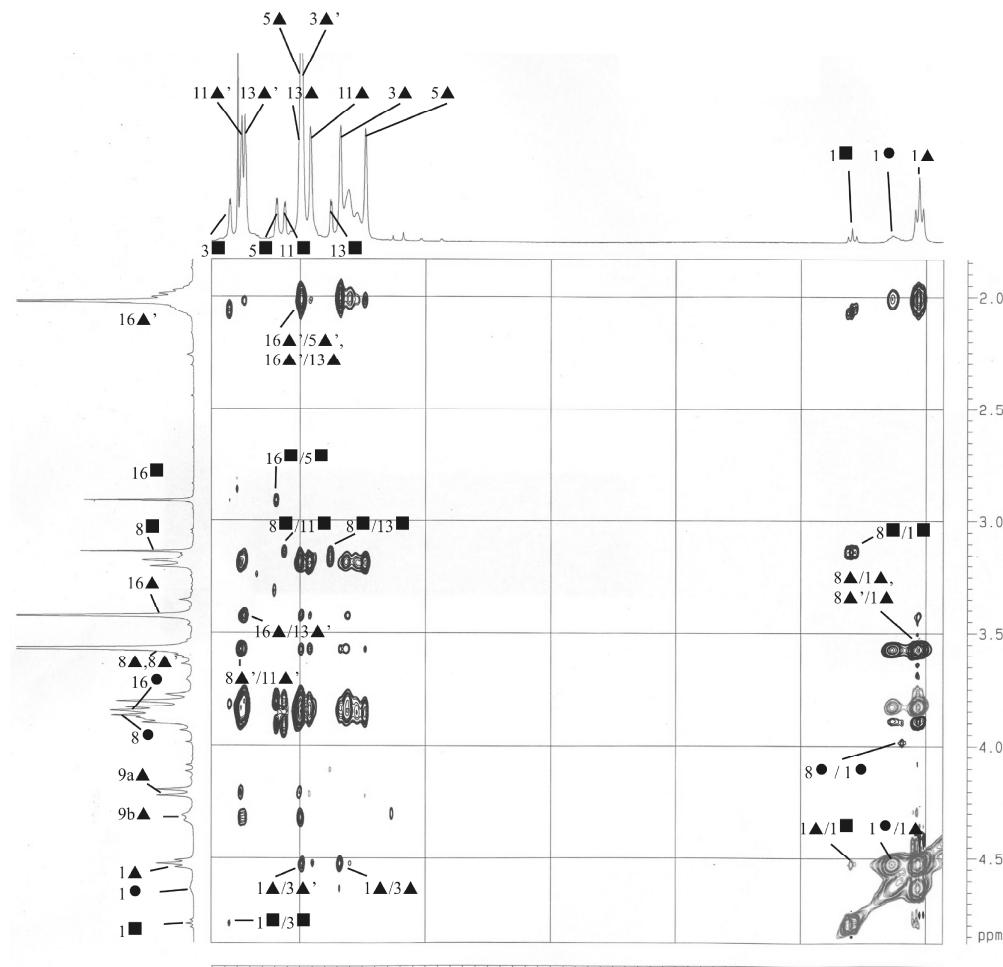
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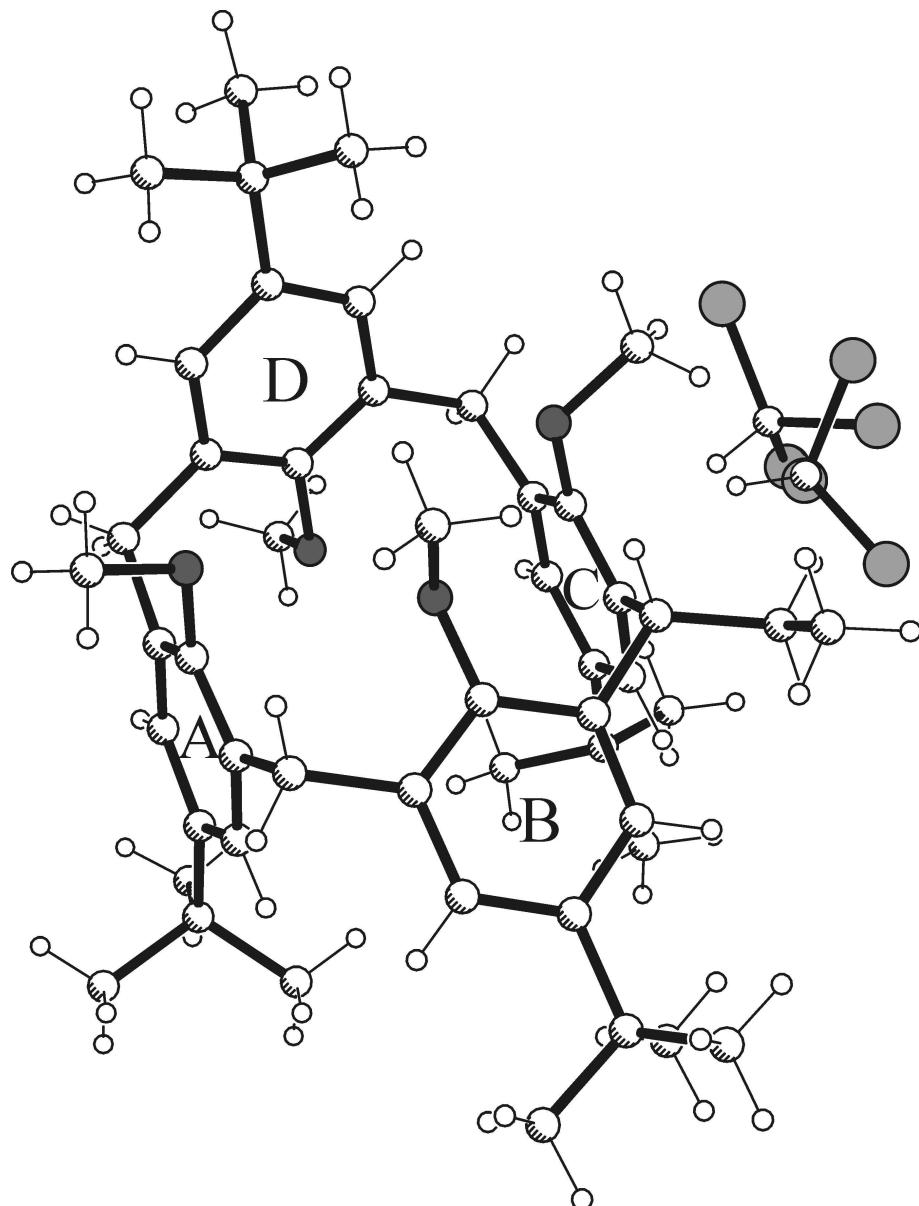


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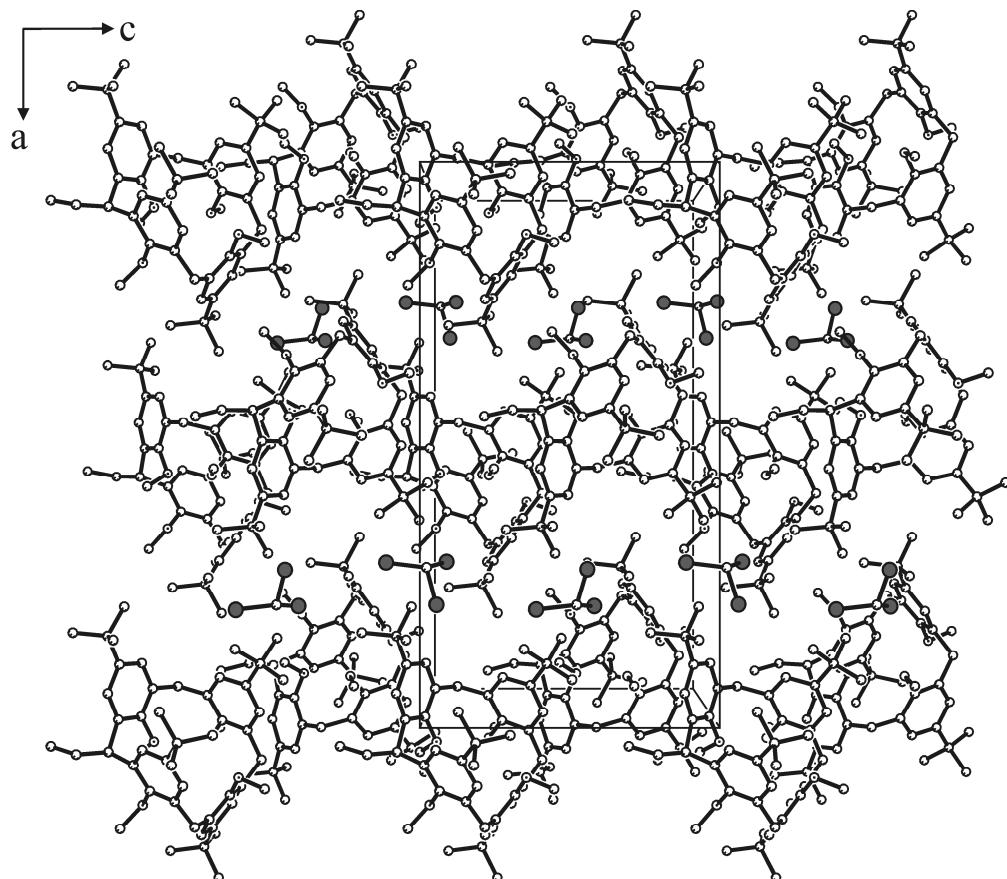


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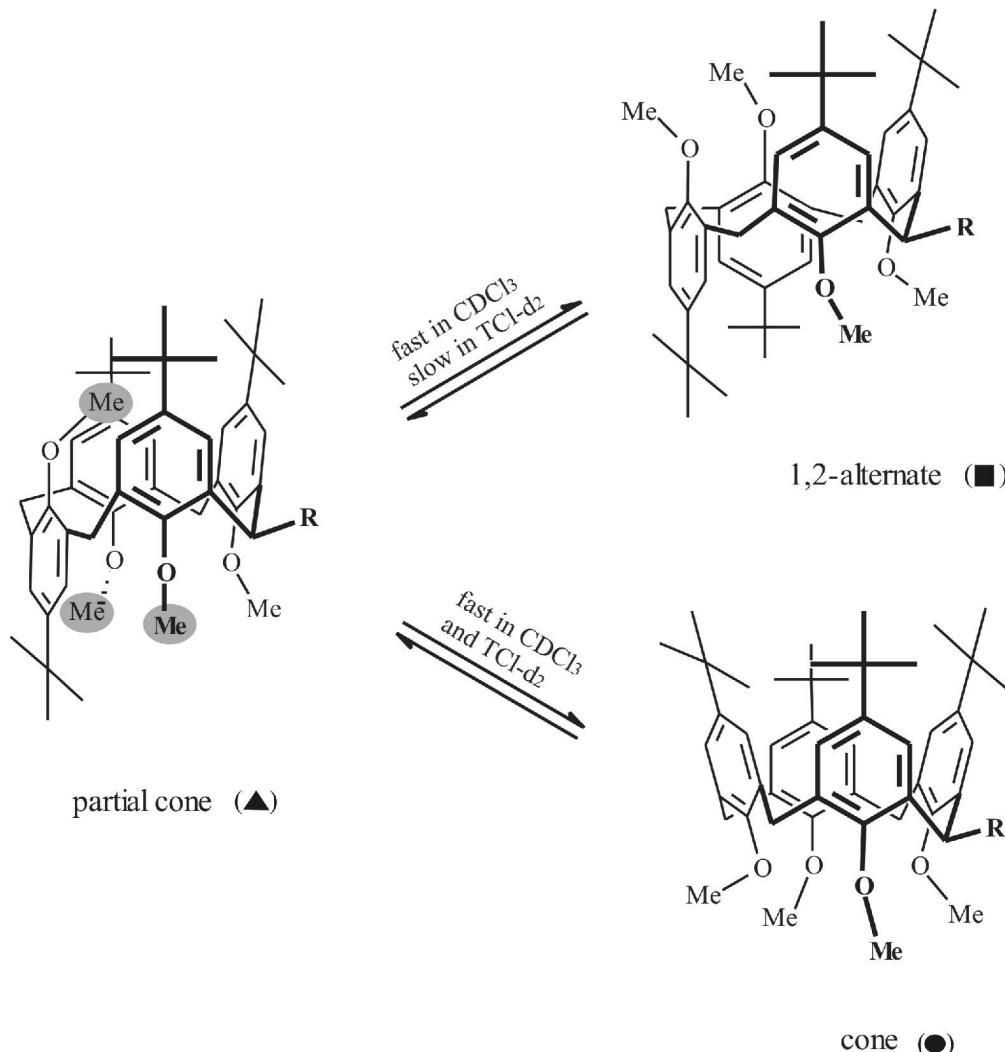
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8      Table S1a.  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR-spectrum of **2** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  at 264 K.  
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paco ( $\blacktriangle, \blacktriangle'$ )	1,2-alternate(O)	cone(M)
7.24 (s, br, 1H, H-11')	7.28 (d, $^4\text{J}=2.0$ Hz, 2H, H-3)	7.2 (s, br, H-11)
7.22 (s, br, 1H, H-13')	7.10 (d, $^4\text{J}=1.8$ Hz, 2H, H-5)	6.81 (s, br, H-13)
7.00 (s, br, 2H, H-5')	7.06 (d, $^4\text{J}=1.5$ Hz, 2H, H-11)	6.81 (s, br, H-3)
6.99 (s, br, 1H, H-13)	6.86 (d, $^4\text{J}=1.5$ Hz, 2H, H-13)	6.76 (s, br, H-5)
6.98 (s, br, 1H, H-3')		
6.96 (s, br, 1H, H-11)		
6.84 (s, br, 1H, H-3)		
6.74 (s, br, 1H, H-5)		
4.39 (t, $^3\text{J}=8.0$ Hz, H-1)	4.70 (t, $^3\text{J}=8.2$ Hz, 1H, H-1)	4.48 (t, br, 1H, H-1)
4.21 (d, $^2\text{J}=12.8$ Hz, H-9a)	4.10 (d, $^2\text{J}=13.4$ Hz, 1H, H-17a)	4.32 (d, br, H-9a)
3.90 (d, $^2\text{J}=15.4$ Hz, H-9a')	3.19 (1H, H-17b)	3.18 (H-9b)
3.86 (d, $^2\text{J}=15.4$ Hz, H-17a)	3.93 (1H, H-9a)	4.12 (H-17a)
3.80 (d, $^2\text{J} \sim 15$ Hz, H-9b')	3.78 (1H, H-9b)	3.17 (H-17b)
3.79 (d, $^2\text{J}=15.3$ Hz, H-17b)		
3.19 (d, $^2\text{J}=13.0$ Hz, H-9b)		
3.57 (s, 3H, H-8')	3.14 (s, 6H, H-8)	3.87 (H-8)
3.56 (s, 3H, H-8)	2.90 (s, 6H, H-16)	3.85 (H-16)
3.42 (s, 3H, H-16)		
2.03 (s, 3H, H-16')		
1.39 (s, 9H, H-12b')	1.29 (s, 18H, H-4b)	not discriminable
1.23 (s, 9H, H-12b)	1.25 (s, 18H, H-12b)	
1.22 (s, 9H, H-4b')		
1.09 (s, 9H, H-4b)		
2.06 (m, 2H, H-18)	2.09 (m, 2H, H-18)	2.06 (H-18)
1.05 (t, 3H, $^3\text{J}=7.2$ Hz, H-19)	0.99 (t, 3H, H-19)	1.05 (H-19)

Table S1b.  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR-spectrum of **2** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  at 264 K.

<b>paco (<math>\blacktriangle, \blacktriangle'</math>)</b>	<b>1,2-alternate(<math>\textcircled{\text{o}}</math>)</b>	<b>cone(<math>\text{\textcircled{M}}</math>)</b>
154.84 (C <sub>i</sub> -15)	155.11 (C <sub>i</sub> -7')	154.64 (C <sub>i</sub> -15)
154.59 (C <sub>i</sub> -7)	154.64 (C <sub>i</sub> -15')	153.79 (C <sub>i</sub> -7)
144.91 (C <sub>i</sub> -12)	145.01 (C <sub>i</sub> -4')	144.45 (C <sub>i</sub> -12)
144.53 (C <sub>i</sub> -4)	143.22 (C <sub>i</sub> -12')	144.00 (C <sub>i</sub> -4)
136.84 (C <sub>i</sub> -2)	137.84 (C <sub>i</sub> -2')	137.97 (C <sub>i</sub> -2)
135.24 (C <sub>i</sub> -10)	133.13 (C <sub>i</sub> -10')	135.11 (C <sub>i</sub> -14)
133.34 (C <sub>i</sub> -6)	133.13 (C <sub>i</sub> -14')	132.68 (C <sub>i</sub> -10)
132.77 (C <sub>i</sub> -14)	132.74 (C <sub>i</sub> -6')	132.60 (C <sub>i</sub> -6)
125.62 (CH,C-13)	126.39 (CH, C-13')	126.15 (CH, C-5)
125.10 (CH,C-11)	126.30 (CH, C-11')	125.86 (CH, C-11)
124.53 (CH,C-5)	125.41 (CH,C-5')	125.31 (CH, C-13)
121.84(CH,C-3)	121.85 (CH,C-3')	122.04 (CH,C-3)
60.24 (CH <sub>3</sub> ,C-16)	59.90 (CH <sub>3</sub> ,C-8')	60.64 (CH <sub>3</sub> ,C-8)
61.21 (CH <sub>3</sub> ,C-8)	58.36 (CH <sub>3</sub> ,C-16')	59.91 (CH <sub>3</sub> ,C-16)
36.89 (CH,C-1)		36.27 (CH,C-1)
36.86 (CH <sub>2</sub> ,C-17)	37.55 (CH <sub>2</sub> ,C-9')	36.86 (CH <sub>2</sub> ,C-9)
31.00 (CH <sub>2</sub> ,C-9)		30.11 (CH <sub>2</sub> ,C-17)
26.87 (CH <sub>2</sub> ,C-18)		27.72 (CH <sub>2</sub> ,C-18)
13.48 (CH <sub>3</sub> ,C-19)		13.39 (CH <sub>3</sub> ,C-19)
3.88 (C,C-4a)	34.02 (C,C-4a')	34.04 (C,C-4a)
33.88 (C,C-12a)	33.88 (C,C-12a')	33.92 (C,C-12a)
31.41 (CH <sub>3</sub> ,C-12b)	31.53 (CH <sub>3</sub> ,C-12b')	31.47 (CH <sub>3</sub> ,C-4b)
31.28 (CH <sub>3</sub> ,C-4b)	31.36 (CH <sub>3</sub> ,C-4b')	31.36 (CH <sub>3</sub> ,C-12b)

Table S1c.  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR-spectrum of **2** in  $\text{TCI-d}_2$  at 263 K.

paco ( $\blacktriangle, \blacktriangle'$ )	1,2-alternate(O)	cone(M)
7.06 (s, br, 1H, H-11')	7.06 (s, br, H-3)	7.09 (H-11)
7.05 (s, br, 1H, H-13')	6.92 (s, br, H-5)	6.6-6.7 (H-3, 5,
6.92 (s, br, 1H, H-3')	6.90 (d,br, 2H, H-11)	13)
6.87 (s, br, 1H, H-11)	6.74 (d,br, 2H, H-13)	
6.83 (s, br, 2H, H-13,5')		
6.59 (s, br, 1H, H-3)		
6.52 (s, br, 1H, H-5)		
4.25 (t, $^3\text{J}=7.8$ Hz, H-1)	4.43 (t, $^3\text{J}=7.8$ Hz, 1H, H-1)	4.3 (t, br, H-1)
4.06 (d, $^2\text{J}=12.5$ Hz, H-9a)	3.96 (d, 1H, H-17a)	4.14 (br, H-9a)
3.75 (d, H-17a)	3.73 (d, 2H, H-9a)	3.03 (br, H-9b)
3.69 (d, H-17b)	3.64 (d, 2H, H-9b)	4.00 (br, H-17a)
3.09 (d, $^2\text{J}=12.4$ Hz, H-9b)	3.02 (d, 1H, H-17b)	3.05 (br, H-17b)
3.73 (d, $^2\text{J} \sim 10$ Hz, H-9a')		
3.70 (d, $^2\text{J} \sim 10$ Hz, H-9b')		
3.48 (s, 3H, H-8)	2.96 (s, 6H, H-8)	3.74 (H-8)
3.39 (s, 3H, H-8')	2.76 (s, 6H, H-16)	3.71 (H-16)
3.25 (s, 3H, H-16)		
1.60 (s, 3H, H-16')		
1.25 (s, 9H, H-12b')	1.15 (s, 18H, H-4b)	1.29 (H-12b)
1.12 (s, 18H, H-4b',12b')	1.12 (s, 18H, H-12b)	1.11 (H-4b)
0.90 (s, 9H, H-4b)		
1.96 (m, 1H, H-18a)	1.93 (m, 1H, H-18)	not discriminable
1.89 (m, 1H, H-18b)	0.86 (t, 3H, H-19)	
0.90 (t, 3H, H-19)		

Table S1d.  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR-spectrum of **2** in  $\text{TCI-d}_2$  at 263 K.

	paco ( $\blacktriangle, \blacktriangle'$ )	1,2-alternate(O)	cone(M)
154.75 (C <sub>i</sub> -7)	155.47 (C <sub>i</sub> -7')	154.04 (C <sub>i</sub> -7)	
155.10 (C <sub>i</sub> -15)	154.84 (C <sub>i</sub> -15')	154.75 (C <sub>i</sub> -15)	
144.60 (C <sub>i</sub> -4)	145.32 (C <sub>i</sub> -4')	144.27 (C <sub>i</sub> -4)	
145.28 (C <sub>i</sub> -12)	143.55 (C <sub>i</sub> -12')	145.32 (C <sub>i</sub> -12)	
137.00 (C <sub>i</sub> -2)	138.39 (C <sub>i</sub> -2')	138.30 (C <sub>i</sub> -2)	
136.05 (C <sub>i</sub> -10)	133.38 (C <sub>i</sub> -10')	132.95 (C <sub>i</sub> -10)	
133.10 (C <sub>i</sub> -14)	133.38 (C <sub>i</sub> -14')	135.33 (C <sub>i</sub> -14)	
133.09 (C <sub>i</sub> -6)	133.10 (C <sub>i</sub> -6')	132.83 (C <sub>i</sub> -6)	
125.93 (CH,C-13)	126.68 (CH, C-11')	126.43 (CH, C-5)	126.7 (CH, C-11)
125.61 (CH,C-11)	(CH, C-13')	126.28 (CH, C-11)	124.9 (CH, C-13)
124.87 (CH,C-5)	125.60 (CH,C-5')	125.74 (CH, C-13)	124.4 (CH, C-5)
122.47 (CH,C-3)	122.03 (CH,C-3')	122.47 (CH,C-3)	121.9 (CH,C-9)
61.84 (CH <sub>3</sub> ,C-8)	60.29 (CH <sub>3</sub> ,C-8')	60.85 (CH <sub>3</sub> ,C-8)	61.5 ( <i>br</i> , CH <sub>3</sub>
60.53 (CH <sub>3</sub> ,C-16)	58.77 (CH <sub>3</sub> ,C-16')	60.29 (CH <sub>3</sub> ,C-16)	C-8;16)
37.89 (CH,C-1)		36.73 (CH,C-1)	
31.36 (CH <sub>2</sub> ,C-9)		37.31 (CH <sub>2</sub> ,C-9)	
37.31 (CH <sub>2</sub> ,C-17)	38.28 (CH <sub>2</sub> ,C-9')	30.25 (CH <sub>2</sub> ,C-17)	
27.32 (CH <sub>2</sub> ,C-18)		28.19 (CH <sub>2</sub> ,C-18)	
14.01 (CH <sub>2</sub> ,C-19)		14.01 (CH <sub>2</sub> ,C-19)	
34.37 (C,C-4a)	34.22 (C,C-4a')	34.33 (C,C-4a)	
34.15 (C,C-12a)	34.18 (C,C-12a')	34.18 (C,C-12a)	
31.82 (CH <sub>3</sub> ,C-12b)	31.91 (CH <sub>3</sub> ,C-4b')	31.87 (CH <sub>3</sub> ,C-4b)	
31.62 (CH <sub>3</sub> ,C-4b)	31.87 (CH <sub>3</sub> ,C-12b')	31.81 (CH <sub>3</sub> ,C-12b)	

Table S2a.  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR-spectrum of **3** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  at 269 K.

paco ( $\blacktriangle, \blacktriangle'$ )	1,2-alternate(O)	cone(M)
7.23 (s, br, 1H, H-11')	7.28 (d, $^4\text{J}=2.2$ Hz, 2H, H-3)	7.23 (s, br, H-11)
7.22 (s, br, 1H, H-13')	7.09 (d, $^4\text{J}=2.1$ Hz, 2H, H-5)	6.80 (s, br, H-13)
7.00 (s, br, 2H, H-5',13)	7.06 (d, $^4\text{J}=2.2$ Hz, 2H, H-11)	6.80 (s, br, H-3)
6.99 (s, br, 1H, H-3')	6.87 (d, $^4\text{J}=2.2$ Hz, 2H, H-13)	6.77 (s, br, H-5)
6.96 (s, br, 1H, H-11)		
6.84 (s, br, 1H, H-3)		
6.74 (s, br, 1H, H-5)		
4.53 (t, $^3\text{J}=7.8$ Hz, H-1)	4.79 (t, $^3\text{J}=9.0$ Hz, 1H, H-1)	4.63 (t, br, 1H, H-1)
4.21 (d, $^2\text{J}=12.8$ Hz, H-9a)	4.10 (d, $^2\text{J}=13.3$ Hz, 1H, H-17a)	4.32 (d, $^2\text{J}=11.2$ Hz, H-9a)
3.91 (d, $^2\text{J}=15.4$ Hz, H-9a')	3.16 (d, 1H, H-17b)	3.19 (d, $^2\text{J} \sim 12$ Hz, H-9b)
3.87 (d, $^2\text{J}=15.4$ Hz, H-17a)	3.92 (d, $^2\text{J} \sim 16$ Hz, 2H, H-9a)	4.13 (H-17a)
3.82 (d, $^2\text{J} \sim 15$ Hz, H-9b')	3.79 (d, $^2\text{J} \sim 16$ Hz, 2H, H-9b)	3.18 (H-17b)
3.78 (d, $^2\text{J}=15.3$ Hz, H-17b)		
3.19 (d, $^2\text{J}=13.0$ Hz, H-9b)		
3.57 (s, 3H, H-8)	3.13 (s, 6H, H-8)	3.88 (H-8)
3.57 (s, 3H, H-8')	2.91 (s, 6H, H-16)	3.87 (H-16)
3.43 (s, 3H, H-16)		
2.02 (s, 3H, H-16')		
1.38 (s, 9H, H-12b')	1.29 (s, 18H, H-4b)	1.22 (H-4b)
1.23 (s, 9H, H-4b')	1.25 (s, 18H, H-12b)	1.09 (H-12b)
1.22 (s, 9H, H-12b)		
1.09 (s, 9H, H-4b)		
2.00 (m, 2H, H-18)	2.05(m, 2H, H-18)	2.00 (H-18)
1.46 (m, 2H, H-19)	1.39 (H-19)	1.46 (H-19)
1.01 (t, 3H, $^3\text{J}=7.2$ Hz, H-20)	0.96 (t, 3H, $^3\text{J}=7.2$ Hz, H-20)	1.01 (t, $^3\text{J}=7.2$ Hz, H-20)

Table S2b.  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR-spectrum of **3** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  at 269 K.

	paco ( $\blacktriangle, \blacktriangle'$ )	1,2-alternate(O)	cone(M)
154.56 ( $\text{C}_i\text{-}7$ )	154.98 ( $\text{C}_i\text{-}7'$ )	153.64 ( $\text{C}_i\text{-}7$ )	152.2 (br, $\text{C}_i\text{-}7$ )
154.82 ( $\text{C}_i\text{-}15$ )	154.56 ( $\text{C}_i\text{-}15'$ )	154.61 ( $\text{C}_i\text{-}15$ )	
144.49 ( $\text{C}_i\text{-}4$ )	144.91 ( $\text{C}_i\text{-}4'$ )	143.96 ( $\text{C}_i\text{-}4$ )	144.35 ( $\text{C}_i\text{-}4$ )
144.91 ( $\text{C}_i\text{-}12$ )	143.22 ( $\text{C}_i\text{-}12'$ )	144.43 ( $\text{C}_i\text{-}12$ )	144.35 ( $\text{C}_i\text{-}12$ )
136.91 ( $\text{C}_i\text{-}2$ )	138.05 ( $\text{C}_i\text{-}2'$ )	138.09 ( $\text{C}_i\text{-}2$ )	137.22 ( $\text{C}_i\text{-}2$ )
135.30 ( $\text{C}_i\text{-}10$ )	133.11 ( $\text{C}_i\text{-}10'$ )	135.10 ( $\text{C}_i\text{-}14$ )	133.84 ( $\text{C}_i\text{-}14$ )
133.27 ( $\text{C}_i\text{-}14$ )	133.11 ( $\text{C}_i\text{-}14'$ )	132.68 ( $\text{C}_i\text{-}10$ )	133.83 ( $\text{C}_i\text{-}10$ )
132.78 ( $\text{C}_i\text{-}6$ )	133.72 ( $\text{C}_i\text{-}6'$ )	132.60 ( $\text{C}_i\text{-}6$ )	133.52 ( $\text{C}_i\text{-}6$ )
125.61 (CH,C-13)	126.36 (CH, C-13')	126.11 (CH, C-5)	126.26 (CH, C-5)
125.10 (CH,C-11)	126.27 (CH, C-11')	125.87 (CH, C-11)	124.48 (CH, C-11)
124.49 (CH,C-5)	125.37 (CH,C-5')	125.30 (CH, C-13)	124.02 (CH, C-13)
121.93 (CH,C-3)	121.93 (CH,C-3')	122.13 (CH,C-3)	121.52 (CH,C-3)
61.22 (CH <sub>3</sub> ,C-8)	59.89 (CH <sub>3</sub> ,C-8')	60.63 (CH <sub>3</sub> ,C-8)	61.23 (CH <sub>3</sub> , C-8)
60.23 (CH <sub>3</sub> ,C-16)	58.36 (CH <sub>3</sub> ,C-16')	59.89 (CH <sub>3</sub> ,C-16)	61.21 (CH <sub>3</sub> , C-16)
35.10 (CH,C-1)		34.31 (CH,C-1)	35.56 (CH, C-1)
30.98 (CH <sub>2</sub> ,C-9)	37.84 (CH <sub>2</sub> ,C-9')	36.88 (CH <sub>2</sub> ,C-9)	36.98 (CH <sub>2</sub> ,C-9)
36.83 (CH <sub>2</sub> ,C-17)		30.06 (CH <sub>2</sub> ,C-17)	30.98 (CH <sub>2</sub> ,C-17)
36.15 (CH <sub>2</sub> ,C-18)		37.09 (CH <sub>2</sub> ,C-18)	36.15 (CH <sub>2</sub> ,C-18)
21.53 (CH <sub>2</sub> ,C-19)		21.71 (CH <sub>2</sub> ,C-19)	21.53 (CH <sub>2</sub> ,C-19)
14.39 (CH <sub>3</sub> ,C-20)		14.23 (CH <sub>3</sub> ,C-20)	14.39 (CH <sub>2</sub> ,C-20)
33.89 (C,C-4a)	33.89 (C,C-4a')	34.02 (C,C-4a)	not discriminable
33.89 (C,C-12a)	33.89 (C,C-12a')	33.89 (C,C-12a)	
31.27 (CH <sub>3</sub> ,C-4b)	31.41 (CH <sub>3</sub> ,C-4b')	31.48 (CH <sub>3</sub> ,C-4b)	
31.36 (CH <sub>3</sub> ,C-12b)	31.52 (CH <sub>3</sub> ,C-12b')	31.36 (CH <sub>3</sub> ,C-12b)	

Table S2c.  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR-spectrum of **3** in  $\text{TCl-d}_2$  at 265 K.

paco ( $\blacktriangle, \blacktriangle'$ )	1,2-alternate(O)	cone(M)
7.08 (s, br, 1H, H-11')	7.08 (H-3)	7.11 (H-11)
7.06 (s, br, 1H, H-13')	6.93 (d, $^4\text{J}=2.2$ Hz, 2H, H-5)	6.69 (H-13)
6.94 (s, br, 1H, H-3')	6.92 (d, $^4\text{J}=2.0$ Hz, 2H, H-11)	6.66 (H-3)
6.88 (s, br, 1H, H-11)	6.77 (d, $^4\text{J}=1.9$ Hz, 2H, H-13)	6.61 (H-5)
6.85 (s, br, 2H, H-13,5')		
6.61 (s, br, 1H, H-3)		
6.53 (s, br, 1H, H-5)		
4.40 (t, $^3\text{J}=7.7$ Hz, H-1)	4.55 (t, $^3\text{J}=8.0$ Hz, 1H, H-1)	4.46 (H-1)
4.07 (d, $^2\text{J}=12.6$ Hz, H-9a)	3.97 (d, $^2\text{J}=13.0$ Hz, 1H, H-17a)	4.13 (H-9a)
3.74 (d, $^2\text{J}=15.7$ Hz, H-17a)	3.74 (d, $^2\text{J} \sim 15.5$ Hz, 2H, H-9a)	3.03 (H-9b)
3.68 (d, $^2\text{J} \sim 15$ Hz, H-17b)	3.65 (d, $^2\text{J}=15.9$ Hz, 2H, H-9b)	4.00 (H-17a)
3.07 (d, $^2\text{J}=12.8$ Hz, H-9b)	3.03 (d, $^2\text{J}=13.7$ Hz, 1H, H-17b)	3.06 (H-17b)
3.73 (d, $^2\text{J} \sim 10$ Hz, H-9a')		
3.70 (d, $^2\text{J} \sim 10$ Hz, H-9b')		
3.49 (s, 3H, H-8)	2.97 (s, 6H, H-8)	3.77 (H-8)
3.40 (s, 3H, H-8')	2.78 (s, 6H, H-16)	3.75 (H-16)
3.27 (s, 3H, H-16)		
1.62 (s, 3H, H-16')		
1.27 (s, 9H, H-12b')	1.16 (s, 18H, H-4b)	1.27 (H-12b)
1.13 (s, 18H, H-4b',12b')	1.13 (s, H-12b)	1.13 (H-4b)
0.92 (s, 9H, H-4b)		
1.94 (m, 1H, H-18a)	1.89 (m, 1H, H-18)	1.94 (H-18a)
1.83 (m, 1H, H-18b)	1.27 (m, 1H, H-19)	1.83 (H-18b)
1.35 (m, 2H, H-19)	0.85 (t, 3H, $^3\text{J}=7.3$ Hz, H-20)	1.35 (H-19)
0.90 (t, 3H, $^3\text{J}=7.3$ Hz, H-20)		0.90 (H-20)

Table S2d.  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR-spectrum of **3** in  $\text{TCI-d}_2$  at 265 K.

	paco ( $\blacktriangle, \blacktriangle'$ )	1,2-alternate(O)	cone(M)
154.74 (C <sub>i</sub> -7)	155.34 (C <sub>i</sub> -7')	153.94 (C <sub>i</sub> -7)	
155.07 (C <sub>i</sub> -15)	154.73 (C <sub>i</sub> -15')	154.69 (C <sub>i</sub> -15)	
144.55 (C <sub>i</sub> -4)	145.34 (C <sub>i</sub> -4')	144.22 (C <sub>i</sub> -4)	
145.27 (C <sub>i</sub> -12)	143.54 (C <sub>i</sub> -12')	144.55 (C <sub>i</sub> -12)	
137.07 (C <sub>i</sub> -2)	138.61 (C <sub>i</sub> -2')	138.45 (C <sub>i</sub> -2)	
136.15 (C <sub>i</sub> -10)	133.36 (C <sub>i</sub> -10')	132.95 (C <sub>i</sub> -10)	
133.12 (C <sub>i</sub> -14)	133.36 (C <sub>i</sub> -14')	135.32 (C <sub>i</sub> -14)	
133.01 (C <sub>i</sub> -6)	133.01 (C <sub>i</sub> -6')	132.81 (C <sub>i</sub> -6)	
125.91 (CH,C-13)	126.63 (CH, C-11')	126.39 (CH, C-5)	126.6 (CH, C-5)
125.62 (CH,C-11)	(CH, C-13')	126.30 (CH, C-11)	124.8 (CH, C-11)
124.83 (CH,C-5)	125.57 (CH,C-5')	125.74 (CH, C-13)	124.3 (CH, C-13)
122.60 (CH,C-3)	122.08 (CH,C-3')	122.60 (CH,C-3)	122.0 (CH,C-3)
61.87 (CH <sub>3</sub> ,C-8)	60.28 (CH <sub>3</sub> ,C-8')	60.82 (CH <sub>3</sub> ,C-8)	61.6 (br, CH <sub>3</sub>
60.52 (CH <sub>3</sub> ,C-16)	58.77 (CH <sub>3</sub> ,C-16')	60.33 (CH <sub>3</sub> ,C-16)	C-8;16)
35.46 (CH,C-1)		34.60 (CH,C-1)	36.0 (br, CH, C-1)
31.36 (CH <sub>2</sub> ,C-9)	38.25 (CH <sub>2</sub> ,C-9')	37.35 (CH <sub>2</sub> ,C-9)	
37.26 (CH <sub>2</sub> ,C-17)		30.48 (CH <sub>2</sub> ,C-17)	
36.57 (CH <sub>2</sub> ,C-18)		37.35 (CH <sub>2</sub> ,C-18)	
22.01 (CH <sub>2</sub> ,C-19)		22.28 (CH <sub>2</sub> ,C-19)	
14.90 (CH <sub>3</sub> ,C-20)		14.77 (CH <sub>3</sub> ,C-20)	
34.13 (C,C-4a)	34.23 (C,C-4a')	34.32 (C,C-4a)	
34.38 (C,C-12a)	34.19 (C,C-12a')	34.19 (C,C-12a)	
31.60 (CH <sub>3</sub> ,C-4b)	31.88 (CH <sub>3</sub> ,C-4b')	31.82 (CH <sub>3</sub> ,C-4b)	
31.82 (CH <sub>3</sub> ,C-12b)	31.88 (CH <sub>3</sub> ,C-12b')	31.88 (CH <sub>3</sub> ,C-12b)	

Table S3a.  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR-spectrum of **4** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  at 265 K.

paco ( $\blacktriangle, \blacktriangle'$ )	1,2-alternate(O)	cone(M)
7.21 ((d), 1H, H-11')	7.26 (d, H-3)	7.20 (H-11)
7.20 ((d), 1H, H-11')	7.07 (d, $^4\text{J}=2.4$ Hz, 2H, H-5)	6.78 (H-13)
6.98 (((d), 1H, H-5')	7.04 (d, $^4\text{J}=2.3$ Hz, 2H, H-11)	6.78 (H-3)
6.97 ((d), 2H, H-3')	6.86 (d, $^4\text{J}=2.4$ Hz, 2H, H-13)	6.75 (H-5)
6.97 ((d), 1H, H-13)		
6.94 ((d), 1H, H-11)		
6.81 ((d), 1H, H-3)		
6.72 ((d), 1H, H-5)		
4.47 (t, $^3\text{J}=7.9$ Hz, H-1)	4.73 (t, $^3\text{J}=8.2$ Hz, 1H, H-1)	4.57 ((t), H-1)
4.18 (d, $^2\text{J}=12.8$ Hz, H-9a)	4.08 (d, $^2\text{J}=13.3$ Hz, 1H, H-17a)	4.30 (br, H-9a)
3.86 (d, $^2\text{J}=14.0$ Hz, H-17a)	3.87 (d, $^2\text{J}=14.7$ Hz, 2H, H-9a)	3.17 (br, H-9b)
3.84 (d, $^2\text{J}=13.0$ Hz, H-9a')	3.75 (d, 2H, H-9b)	not discriminable
3.83 (d, $^2\text{J}=14.2$ , H-17b)		
3.80 (d, $^2\text{J}=13.8$ Hz, H-9b')		
3.17 (d, $^2\text{J}=13.0$ Hz, H-9b)		
3.55 (s, 3H, H-8)	3.11 (s, 6H, H-8)	3.88 (H-8)
3.55 (s, 3H, H-8')	2.89 (s, 6H, H-16)	3.83 (H-16)
3.40 (s, 3H, H-16)		
2.00 (s, 3H, H-16')		
1.36 (s, 9H, H-12b')	1.27 (s, 18H, H-4b)	not discriminable
1.20 (s, 9H, H-4b')	1.23 (s, 18H, H-12b)	
1.20 (s, 9H, H-12b)		
1.07 (s, 9H, H-4b)		
1.97 (m, H-18)	2.03 (m, H-18)	1.97 (m, H-18)
1.41 (m, H-19)	1.34 (m, H-19)	not discriminable
1.39 (m, H-20)	1.39 (m, H-20)	
1.32 (m, H-21)	1.31 (m, H-21)	
0.87 (t, $^3\text{J}=7.0$ Hz, 3H , H-22)	0.82 (m, H-22)	

Table S3b.  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR-spectrum of **4** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  at 265 K.

	paco ( $\blacktriangle, \blacktriangle'$ )	1,2-alternate(O)	cone(M)
154.83 (C <sub>i</sub> -15)	154.99 (C <sub>i</sub> -7')	154.61 (C <sub>i</sub> -15)	not discriminable
154.55 (C <sub>i</sub> -7)	154.57 (C <sub>i</sub> -15')	153.66 (C <sub>i</sub> -7)	
144.92 (C <sub>i</sub> -12)	144.92 (C <sub>i</sub> -4')	144.44 (C <sub>i</sub> -12)	not discriminable
144.50 (C <sub>i</sub> -4)	143.24 (C <sub>i</sub> -12')	143.99 (C <sub>i</sub> -4)	
136.93 (C <sub>i</sub> -2)	138.05 (C <sub>i</sub> -2')	138.14 (C <sub>i</sub> -2)	not discriminable
135.32 (C <sub>i</sub> -10)	133.12 (C <sub>i</sub> -10')	135.09 (C <sub>i</sub> -14)	
133.28 (C <sub>i</sub> -6)	133.12 (C <sub>i</sub> -14')	132.69 (C <sub>i</sub> -10)	
132.78 (C <sub>i</sub> -14)	132.75 (C <sub>i</sub> -6')	132.61 (C <sub>i</sub> -6)	
125.61 (CH,C-13)	126.36 (CH, C-13')	126.11 (CH, C-5)	126.3 (br, C-11)
125.11 (CH,C-11)	126.27 (CH, C-11')	125.88 (CH, C-11)	124.5 (br, C-13)
124.50 (CH,C-5)	125.37 (CH,C-5')	125.30 (CH, C-13)	124.1 (br, C-5)
121.95 (CH,C-3)	121.91 (CH,C-3')	122.11 (CH,C-3)	121.7 (br,C-3)
61.27 (CH <sub>3</sub> ,C-8)	59.91 (CH <sub>3</sub> ,C-8')	60.63 (CH <sub>3</sub> ,C-8)	61.3 (C-8)
60.24 (CH <sub>3</sub> ,C-16)	58.37 (CH <sub>3</sub> ,C-16')	59.91 (CH <sub>3</sub> ,C-16)	61.3 (C-16)
35.52 (CH,C-1)		34.57 (CH,C-1)	36.1 (br, C-1)
36.82 (CH <sub>2</sub> ,C-17)	37.85 (CH <sub>2</sub> ,C-9')	36.90 (CH <sub>2</sub> ,C-9)	31.1 (br, C-9)
31.09 (CH <sub>2</sub> ,C-9)		30.06 (CH <sub>2</sub> ,C-17)	not discriminable
34.03 (CH <sub>2</sub> ,C-18)		34.85 (CH <sub>2</sub> ,C-18)	not discriminable
32.04 (CH <sub>2</sub> ,C-19)		31.09 (CH <sub>2</sub> ,C-19)	
28.21 (CH <sub>3</sub> ,C-20)		28.30 (CH <sub>3</sub> ,C-20)	
22.60 (CH <sub>3</sub> ,C-21)		22.50 (CH <sub>3</sub> ,C-21)	
14.32 (CH <sub>3</sub> ,C-22)		14.22 (CH <sub>3</sub> ,C-22)	
33.89 (C,C-4a)	33.89 (C,C-4a')	33.89 (C,C-4a)	not discriminable
33.89 (C,C-12a)	33.89 (C,C-12a')	33.89 (C,C-12a)	
31.42 (CH <sub>3</sub> ,C-12b)	31.52 (CH <sub>3</sub> ,C-12b')	31.48 (CH <sub>3</sub> ,C-4b)	
31.27 (CH <sub>3</sub> ,C-4b)	31.42 (CH <sub>3</sub> ,C-4b')	31.37 (CH <sub>3</sub> ,C-12b)	

Table S4a.  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR-spectrum of **5** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  at 263 K.

paco ( $\blacktriangle, \blacktriangle'$ )	1,2-alternate(O)	cone(M)
7.22 ((d), 1H, H-11')	7.26 (d, $^4\text{J}=2.4$ Hz, 2H; H-3)	7.21 (H-11)
7.21 ((d), 1H, H-13')	7.08 (d, $^4\text{J}=2.3$ Hz, 2H, H-5)	6.79 (H-13)
6.99 (1H, H-5')	7.05 (d, $^4\text{J}=2.3$ Hz, 2H, H-11)	6.79 (H-3)
6.98 (1H, H-3')	6.86 (d, $^4\text{J}=2.4$ Hz, 2H, H-13)	6.76 (H-5)
6.98 (1H, H-13)		
6.95 ((d), 1H, H-11)		
6.82 ((d), 1H, H-3)		
6.72 ((d), 1H, H-5)		
4.48 (t, $^3\text{J}=7.7$ Hz, H-1)	4.74 (t, $^3\text{J}=8.0$ Hz, 1H, H-1)	4.58 ((t), H-1)
4.20 (d, $^2\text{J}=12.8$ Hz, H-9a)	4.09 (d, $^2\text{J}=13.3$ Hz, 1H, H-17a)	4.30 (br, H-9a)
3.87 (d, $^2\text{J} \sim 15.0$ Hz, H-17a)	3.89 (d, $^2\text{J}=14.7$ Hz, 2H, H-9a)	3.18 (br, H-9b)
3.86 (d, $^2\text{J}=13.5$ Hz, H-9a')	3.76 (d, 2H, H-9b+)	not discriminable
3.82 (d, $^2\text{J}=14.1$ Hz, H-17b)		
3.81 (d, $^2\text{J}=13.7$ Hz, H-9b')		
3.18 (d, $^2\text{J}=12.8$ Hz, H-9b)		
3.56 (s, 3H, H-8)	3.12 (s, 6H, H-8)	3.87 (s, H-8)
3.56 (s, 3H, H-8')	2.89 (s, 6H, H-16)	3.82 (s, H-16)
3.41 (s, 3H, H-16)		
2.00 (s, 3H, H-16')		
1.98 (m, H-18)	1.86 (m, H-18)	2.01 (m, H-18)
1.42 (m, H-19)	1.42 (m, H-19)	not discriminable
1.36 (m, H-20)		
1.26-1.24 (m, H-21a-d)		
1.35 (m, H-22)		
1.26 (m, H-23)		
0.86 (t, 3H, H-24)		
1.38 (s, 9H, H-12b')		

Table S4b.  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR-spectrum of **5** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  at 263 K.

	paco ( $\blacktriangle, \blacktriangle'$ )	1,2-alternate(O)	cone(M)
154.81 (C <sub>i</sub> -15)	154.97 (C <sub>i</sub> -7')	154.60 (C <sub>i</sub> -15)	154.8 (C <sub>i</sub> -7)
154.54 (C <sub>i</sub> -7)	154.54 (C <sub>i</sub> -15')	153.63 (C <sub>i</sub> -7)	not discriminable
144.90 (C <sub>i</sub> -12)	144.92 (C <sub>i</sub> -4')	144.44 (C <sub>i</sub> -12)	not discriminable
144.50 (C <sub>i</sub> -4)	143.24 (C <sub>i</sub> -12')	143.99 (C <sub>i</sub> -4)	
136.90 (C <sub>i</sub> -2)	138.04 (C <sub>i</sub> -2')	138.15 (C <sub>i</sub> -2)	not discriminable
135.34 (C <sub>i</sub> -10)	133.10 (C <sub>i</sub> -10')	135.10 (C <sub>i</sub> -14)	
133.25 (C <sub>i</sub> -6)	133.10 (C <sub>i</sub> -14')	132.66 (C <sub>i</sub> -10)	
132.74 (C <sub>i</sub> -14)	132.76 (C <sub>i</sub> -6')	132.59 (C <sub>i</sub> -6)	
125.59 (CH,C-13)	126.33 (CH, C-13')	126.10 (CH, C-5)	126.3 (br, C-11)
125.10 (CH,C-11)	126.25 (CH, C-11')	125.87 (CH, C-11)	124.5 (br, C-13)
124.47 (CH,C-5)	125.34 (CH,C-5')	125.29 (CH, C-13)	124.0 (br, C-5)
121.95 (CH,C-3)	121.90 (CH,C-3')	122.10 (CH,C-3)	121.5 (br,C-3)
61.27 (CH <sub>3</sub> ,C-8)	59.90 (CH <sub>3</sub> ,C-8')	60.63 (CH <sub>3</sub> ,C-8)	61.3 (C-8)
60.23 (CH <sub>3</sub> ,C-16)	58.35 (CH <sub>3</sub> ,C-16')	59.90 (CH <sub>3</sub> ,C-16)	61.3 (C-16)
35.50 (CH,C-1)		34.56 (CH,C-1)	36.0 (br, C-1)
36.79 (CH <sub>2</sub> ,C-17)	37.83 (CH <sub>2</sub> ,C-9')	36.85 (CH <sub>2</sub> ,C-9)	31.0 (br, C-9)
30.98 (CH <sub>2</sub> ,C-9)		30.06 (CH <sub>2</sub> ,C-17)	not discriminable
33.88 (CH <sub>2</sub> ,C-18)		32.69 (CH <sub>2</sub> ,C-18)	not discriminable
28.46 (CH <sub>2</sub> ,C-19)		28.10 (CH <sub>2</sub> ,C-19)	
29.81 (CH <sub>3</sub> ,C-20)			not discriminable
29.63, 29.60, 29.53,			
29.34 (CH <sub>2</sub> , C-21a-d)			
31.87 (CH <sub>2</sub> ,C-22)			
22.67 (CH <sub>2</sub> ,C-23)			
14.21 (CH <sub>3</sub> ,C-24)			
33.87 (C,C-4a)	33.87 (C,C-4a')	34.02 (C,C-4a)	not discriminable
33.87 (C,C-12a)	33.87 (C,C-12a')	34.02 (C,C-12a)	
31.41 (CH <sub>3</sub> ,C-12b)	31.51 (CH <sub>3</sub> ,C-12b')	31.46 (CH <sub>3</sub> ,C-4b)	
31.25 (CH <sub>3</sub> ,C-4b)	31.35 (CH <sub>3</sub> ,C-4b')	31.36 (CH <sub>3</sub> ,C-12b)	

Table S5. Selected conformational parameters of the calixarene **2 · CHCl<sub>3</sub>**.

Compound	<b>2 · CHCl<sub>3</sub></b>
Interplanar angles (°) <sup>a</sup>	
mpla <sup>b</sup> /A	83.68 (1)
mpla/B	43.73 (1)
mpla/C	87.43 (1)
mpla/D	86.46 (1)
A/C	8.90 (1)
B/D	42.77 (1)

<sup>a</sup> Aromatic rings: ring A: C(1)...C(6); ring B: C(8)...C(13); ring C: C(15)...C(20); ring D: C(22) ...C(27);<sup>b</sup> Best plane through atoms C(7), C(14), C(21) and C(28).Table S6. Distances und angles of possible hydrogen-bond type interactions of **2**.

Atoms involved	Symmetry	Distances (Å)		Angles (°)
		D···A	H···A	
C1G-H1G···centroid(C) <sup>a</sup>	x, y, z	3.8855 (10)	2.90 (1)	170
C33-H33A···centroid(B) <sup>a</sup>	-x, 1-y, ½+z	3.4855 (10)	2.62 (1)	147
C1GA-H1GA···centroid(C) <sup>a</sup>	x, y, z	3.5692 (10)	2.63 (1)	157

<sup>a</sup> Centroid means center of gravity of the respective aromatic ring: ring A: C(1)...C(6); ring B: C(8)...C(13); ring C: C(15)...C(20); ring D: C(22)...C(27).