

# Chiral Electroactive Precursors and Materials

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# Current research topics in the group

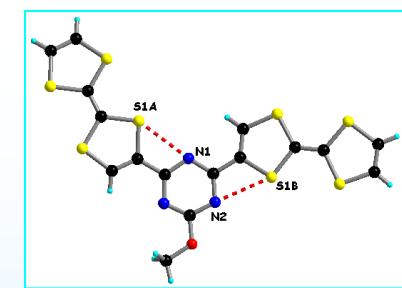
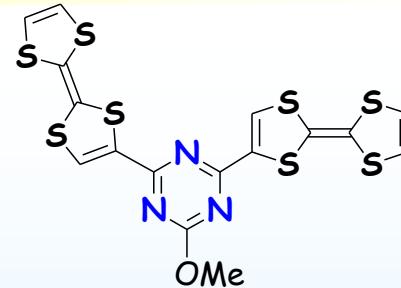
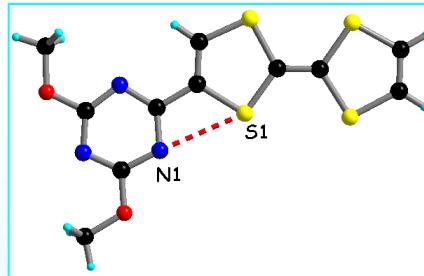
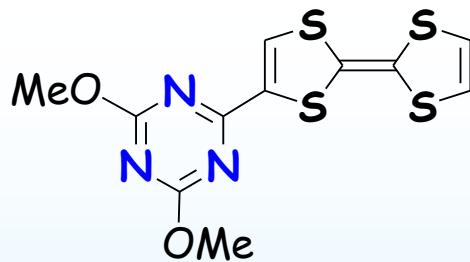
## 1. Chirality in tetrathiafulvalenes (TTF)

## 2. Electroactive ligands: TTF-pyridines, -phosphines, -oxazolines

- multifunctional materials
- enantioselective catalysis

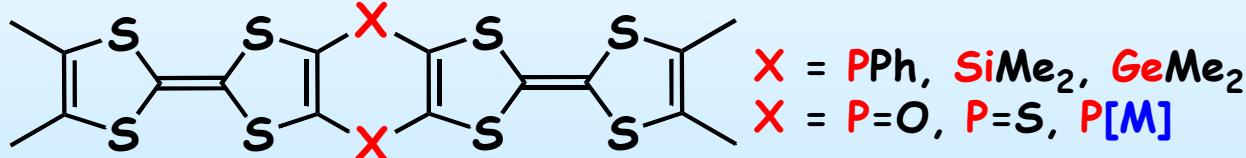
D. Lorcy, N. Bellec, M. Fourmigué, N. Avarvari, *Coord. Chem. Rev.* 2009, 253, 1398-1438.

## 3. Covalent donor-acceptor compounds: TTF-triazines



*Chem. Eur. J.* 2009, 15, 380.

## 4. Intramolecular mixed valence species

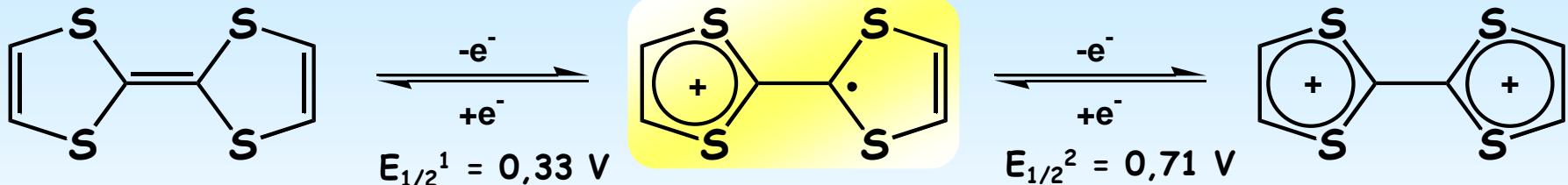


*Chem. Commun.* 2004, 2794.  
*Chem. Eur. J.* 2007, 13, 5394.  
*Organometallics* 2009, 28, 3691.

## 5. Functional phosphonate ligands

*New J. Chem.* 2010, DOI : 10.1039/C0NJ00204F

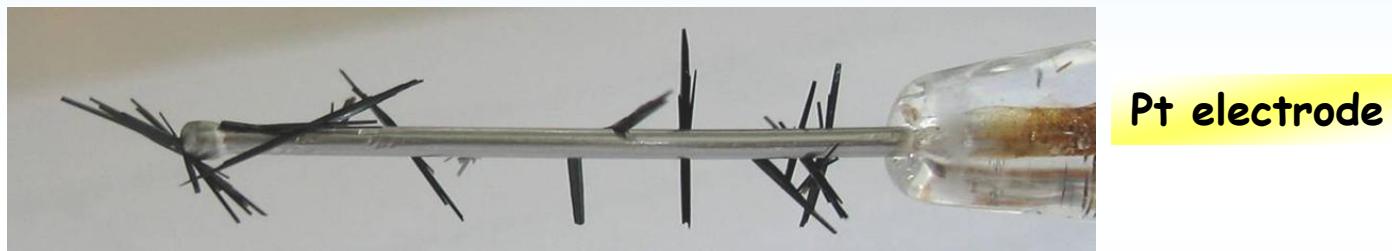
# Tetrathiafulvalene (TTF) and Derivatives



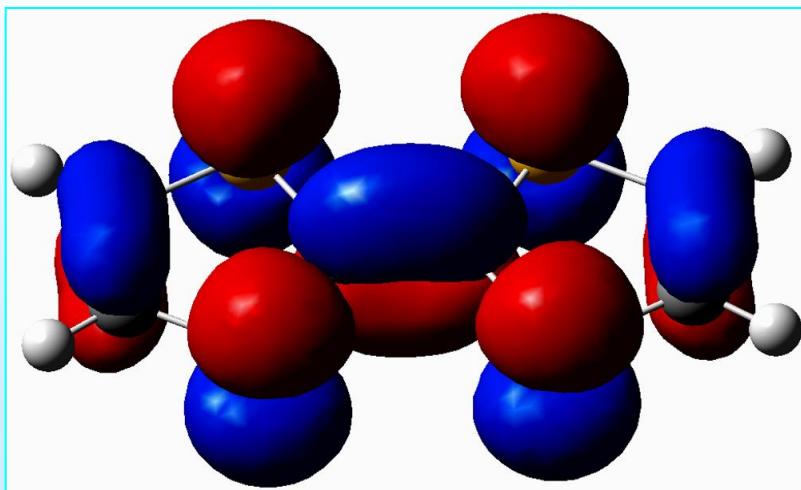
Electrocristallization  
Chemical oxidation



salts and charge transfer compounds with conducting and/or magnetic properties determined by the solid state organization

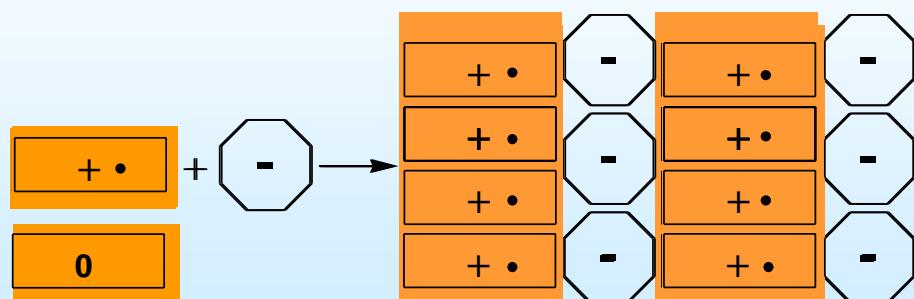


HOMO TTF and SOMO  $\text{TTF}^{++}$



• crystallization in the presence of anions

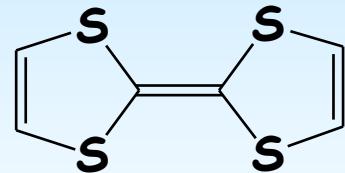
organic-inorganic segregation



mixed valence

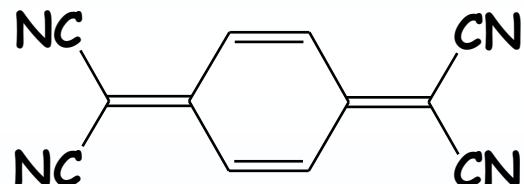
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## Chemical oxidation



TTF,  $E_{\text{ox}} = 0.33 \text{ V}$

+

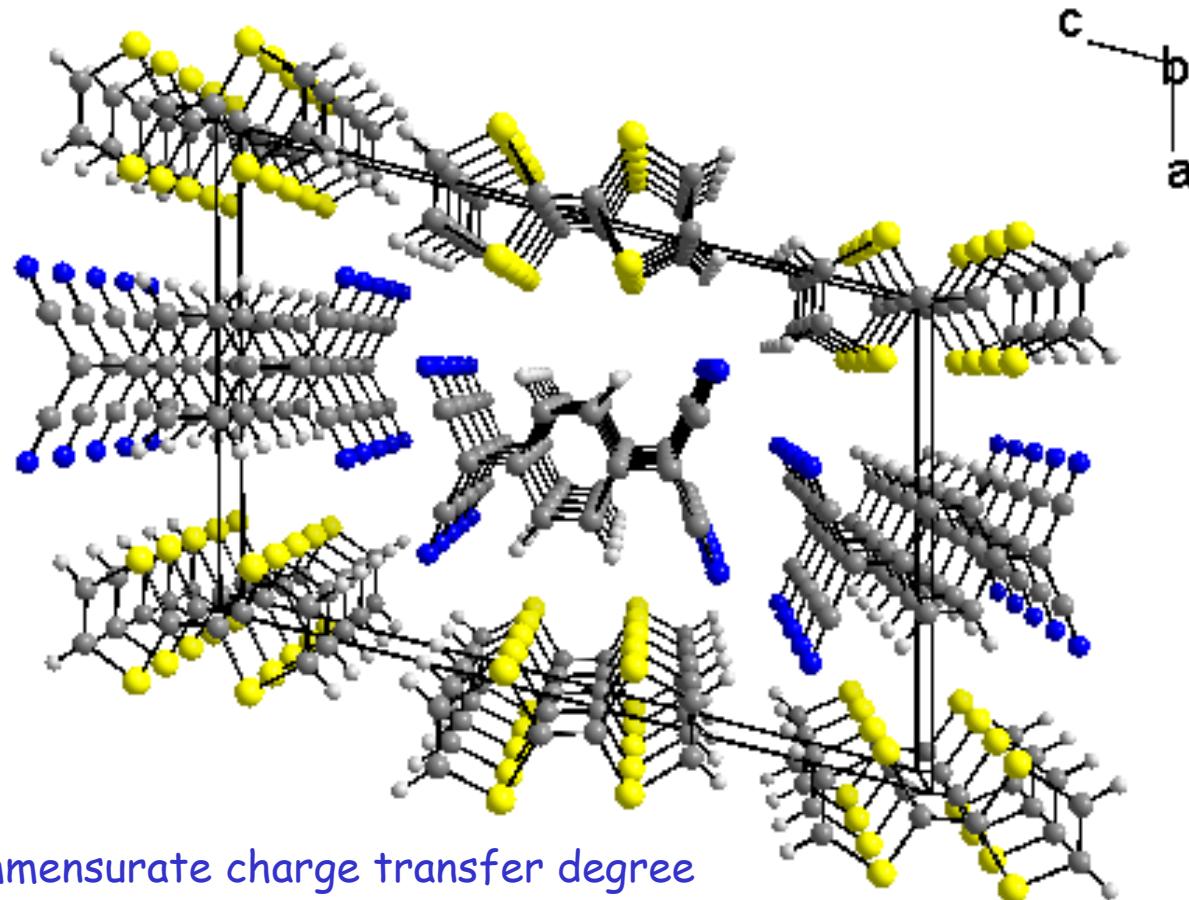


TCNQ,  $E_{\text{red}} = 0.17 \text{ V}$



$\text{TTF}^{\delta+}-\text{TCNQ}^{\delta-}$

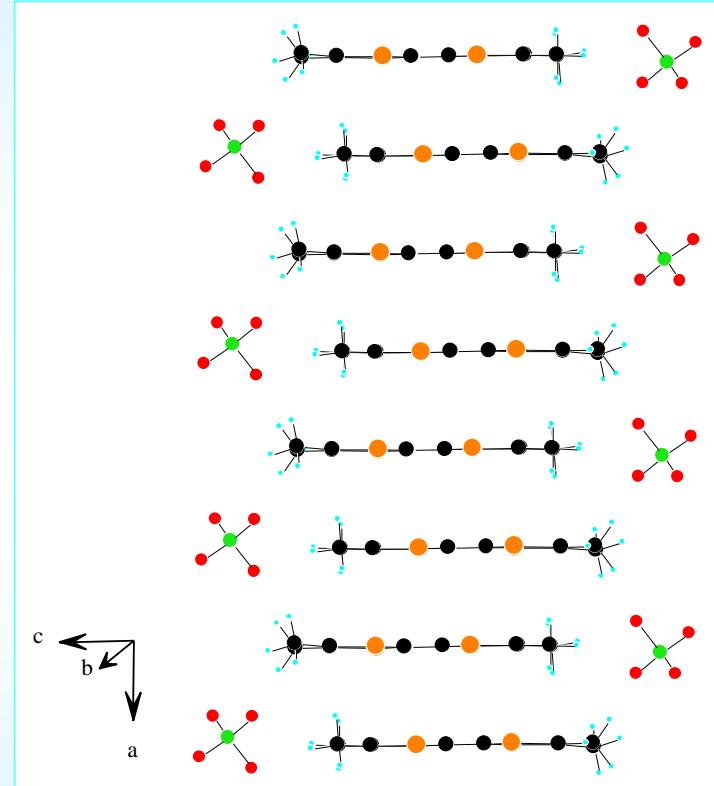
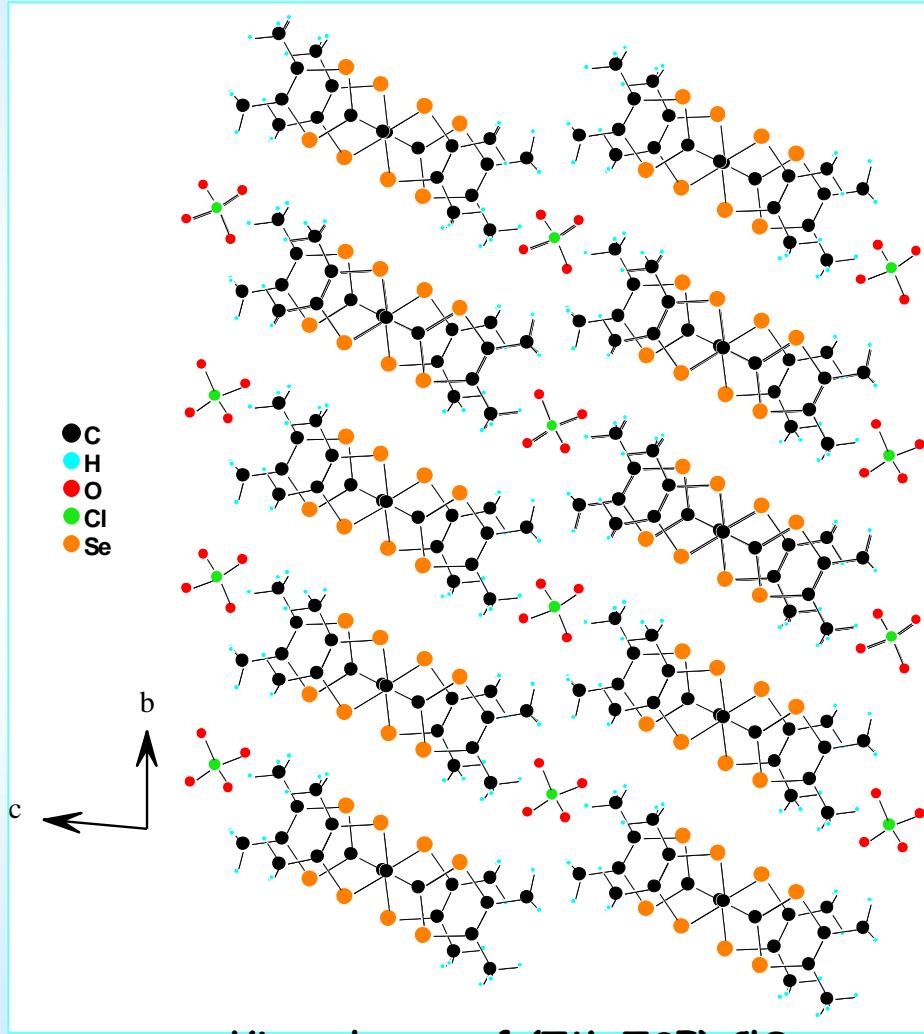
TTF-TCNQ, an organic metal



# Tetrathiafulvalene (TTF) and Derivatives

## Electrococrystallization

$(\text{TM-TSF})_2\text{X}$  ( $\text{X} = \text{PF}_6^-$ ,  $\text{ClO}_4^-$ ,  $\text{ReO}_4^-$ ) : a series of superconducting salts



D. Jérôme, A. Mazaud, M. Ribault, K. Bechgaard, *J. Phys. Lett.* 1980, 41, L195.

K. Bechgaard et al., *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* 1981, 103, 2440.

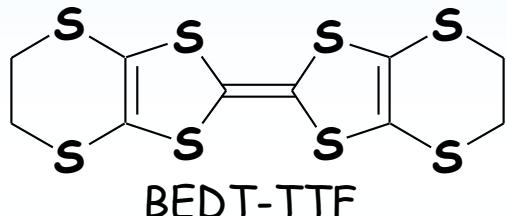
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# Current trends in TTF chemistry

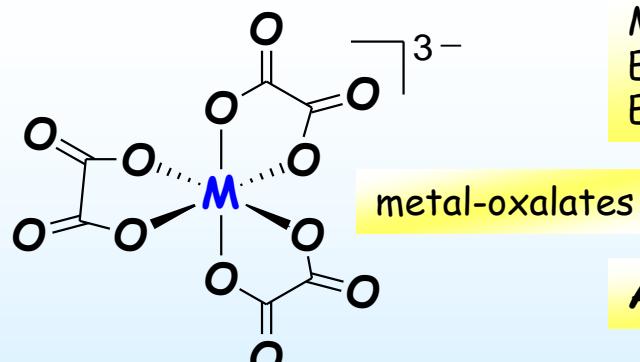
# Multifunctional Materials

**Coexistence or interplay of two or more physical properties within the same material**

- magnetic anions in mixed-valence TTF-based salts  Magnetic conductors



And Fe(III), Cr(III), Mn(II), Cu(II), etc.  
based anions



Also chiral magnets: magneto-chiral dichroism

M = Fe(III), Cr(III)

C. Train, R. Gheorghe, V. Krstic, L.-M. Chamoreau, N. S. Ovanesyan,  
G. L. J. A. Rikken, M. Gruselle, M. Verdaguer *Nature Mater.* **2008**, *7*, 729.

## ... chiral conductors?

# Chirality

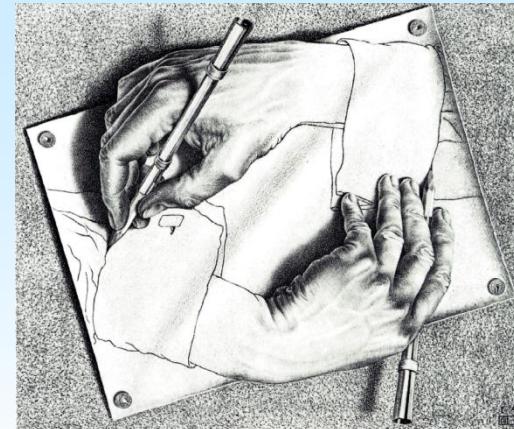
(χειρ = hand)



Laevo

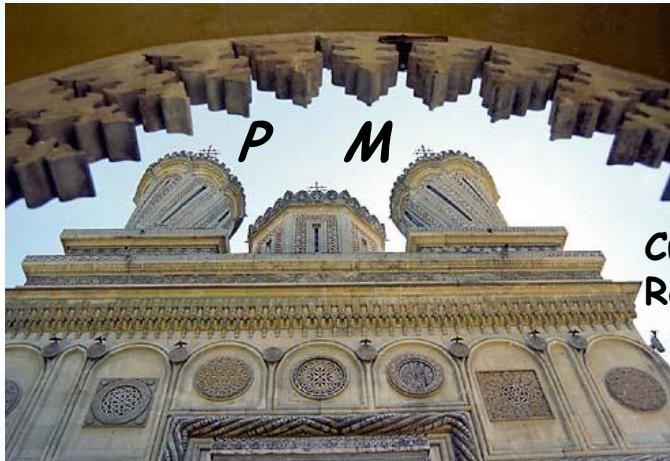
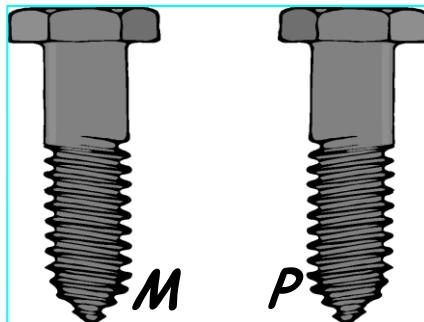


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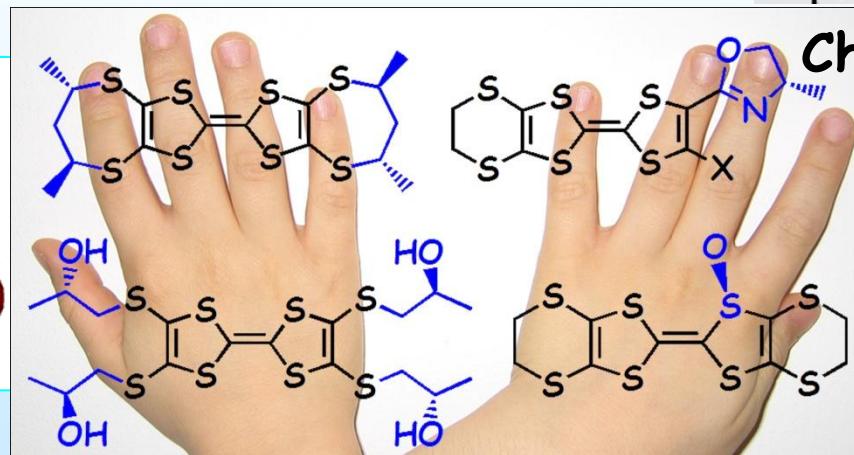
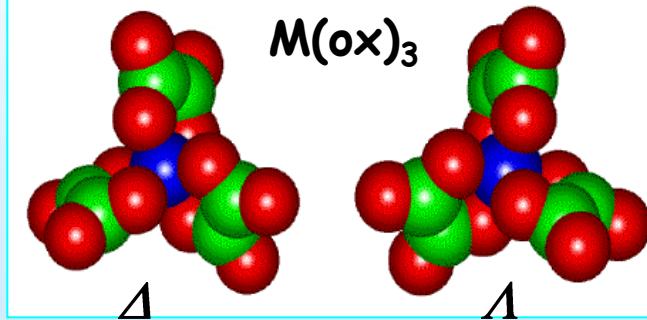
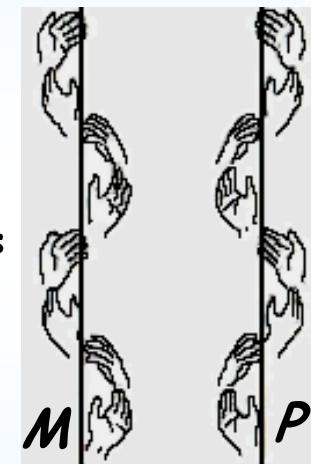


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Examples:



Curtea de Arges  
Romania



N. Avarvari and  
J. D. Wallis,  
*J. Mater. Chem.*  
(feature article)  
2009, 19, 4061

# Chiral tetrathiafulvalenes - Interests

## I. Synthetic challenge

## II. Chiroptical redox switches, chiral recognition

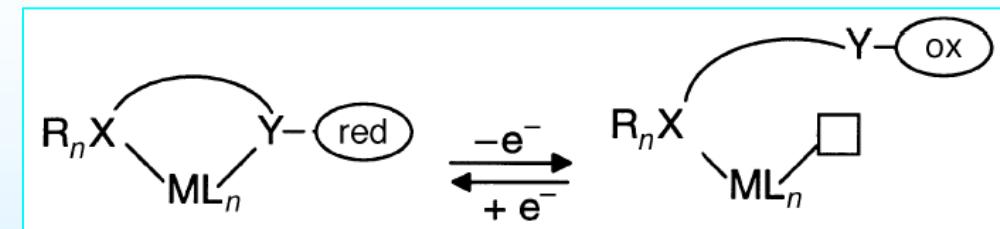
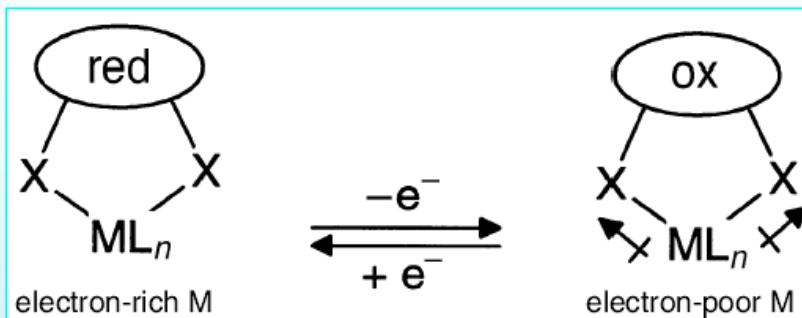
## III. Chiral redox active ligands for enantioselective catalysis

The control of the metal complexes reactivity upon oxidation - reduction



Influence on the catalytic processes?

substitutionally inert redox-switchable ligands      redox-switchable hemilabile ligands



C. A. Mirkin et al. *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed. Engl.* 1998, 37, 894

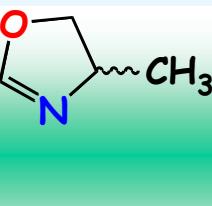
## IV. Chiral molecular conductors

# Chiral molecular conductors

1. Optical activity + Electrical conductivity Multifunctional materials

2. Enantiopure forms are inherently less disordered in the crystalline state

TTF-OX



Influence on the conducting properties

C. Réthoré, M. Fourmigué, N. Avarvari *Chem. Commun.* 2004, 1384.

C. Réthoré, N. Avarvari, E. Canadell,  
P. Auban-Senzier, M. Fourmigué *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* 2005, 127, 5748.

A. M. Madalan, C. Réthoré, M. Fourmigué, E. Canadell, E. B. Lopes,  
M. Almeida, P. Auban-Senzier, N. Avarvari *Chem. Eur. J.* 2010, 16, 528.

3. Reports by Rikken et al. on electrical magneto-chiral anisotropy (eMChA) effects

Chiral SWNT

Krstić, Rikken et al. *J. Chem. Phys.* 2002, 117, 11315

Electrical resistance

$$R^{D/L}(I, B) = R_0 \{1 + \beta B^2 + [\chi^{D/L} I \cdot B]\}$$

$$R(\vec{H}, \vec{I}) \neq R(\vec{H}, -\vec{I})$$

$$\chi^D = -\chi^L$$

handedness of the chiral conductor  
eMChA effect (very weak)

4. Superconductivity in non-centrosymmetric systems

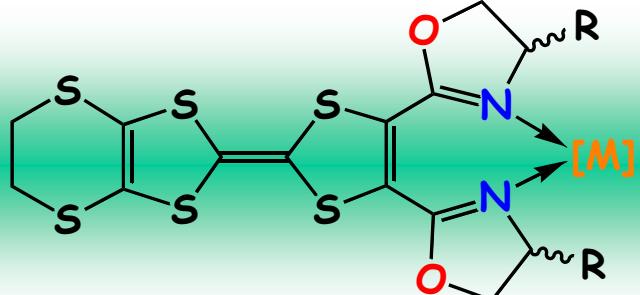
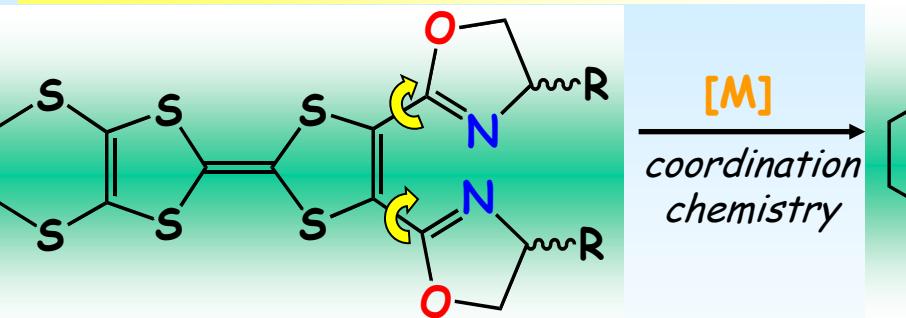
R. Roy, C. Kallin, *Phys. Rev. B* 2008, 77, 174513.

need of a library of chiral precursors in which the chiral information is addressed in different ways

Several strategies are envisaged

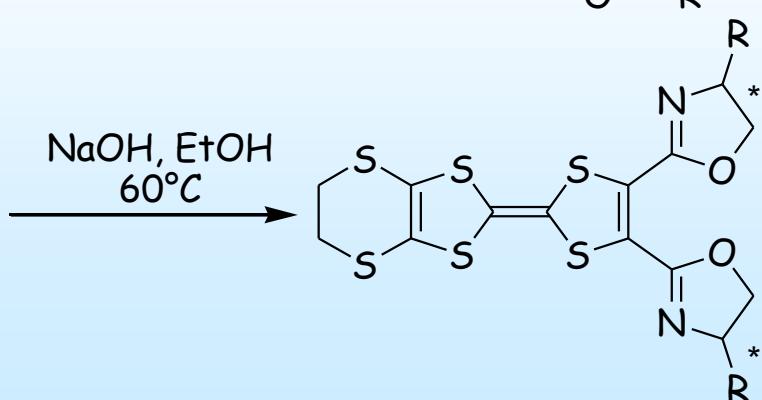
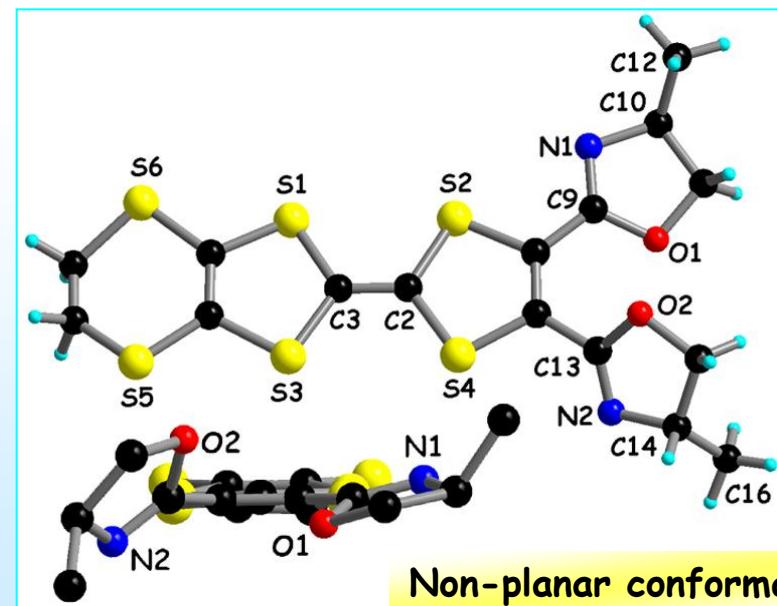
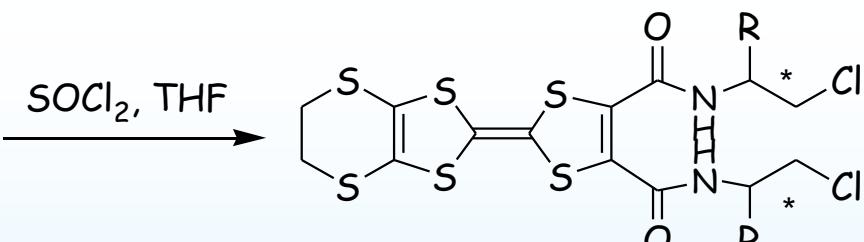
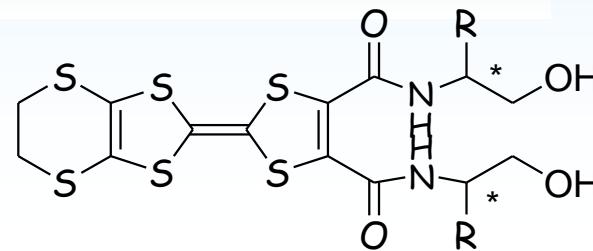
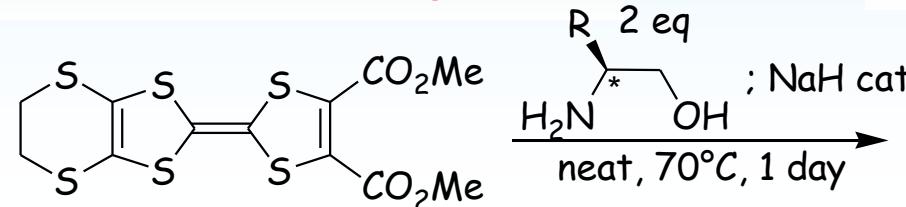
# $C_2$ symmetric chiral tetrathiafulvalenes

## I. TTF-bis(oxazolines) TTF-BOX



paramagnetic centers

Lewis acid centers  
(catalysis)



# $C_2$ symmetric chiral tetrathiafulvalenes

## TTF-BOX: conformational issues

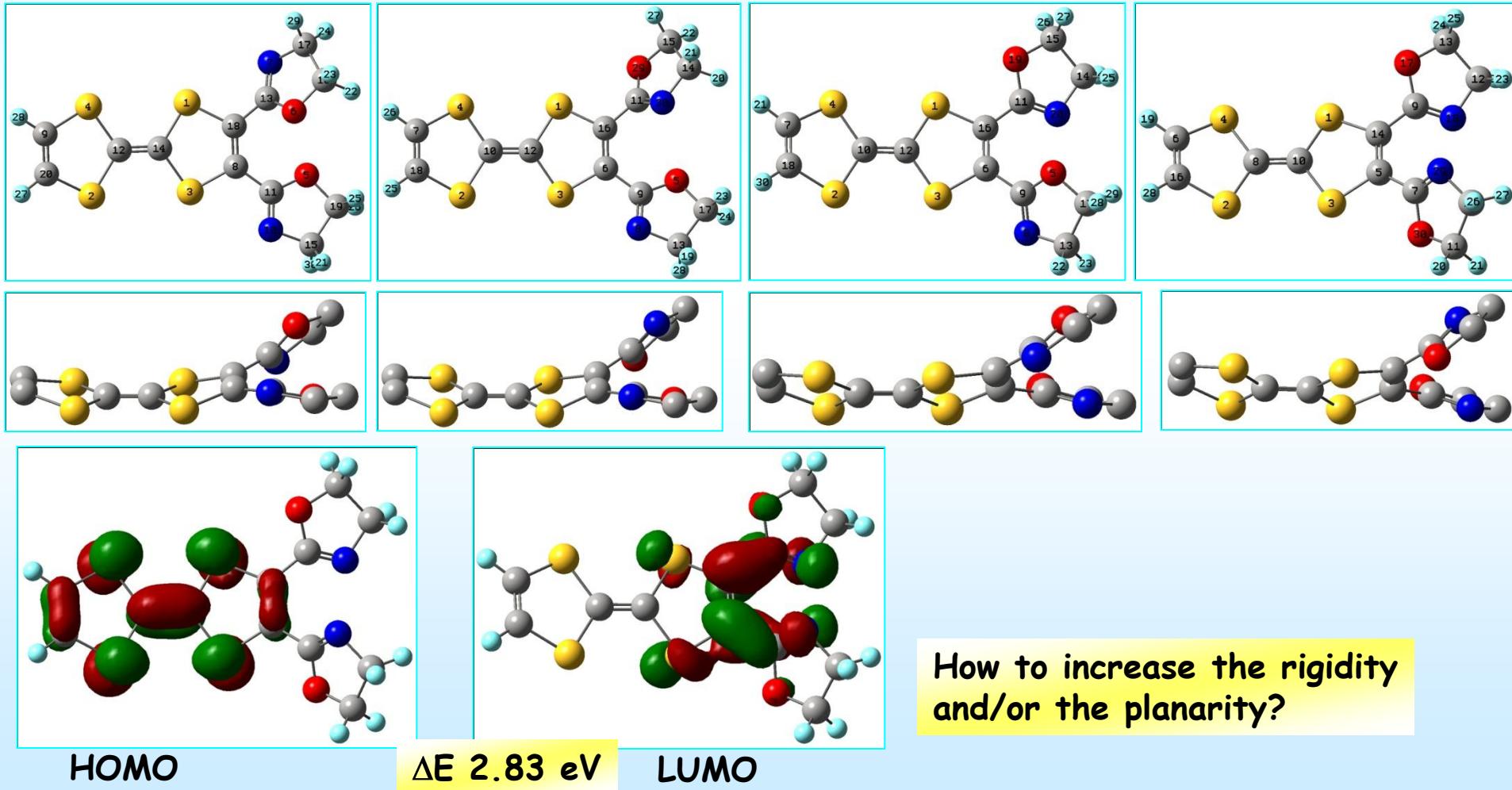
Theoretical calculations DFT/B3LYP/6-31+G(d): four energy minima

1. *s-trans/s-trans*  
 $\Delta E$  0 kcal/mole

2. *s-cis/s-trans*  
 $\Delta E$  0.52 kcal/mole

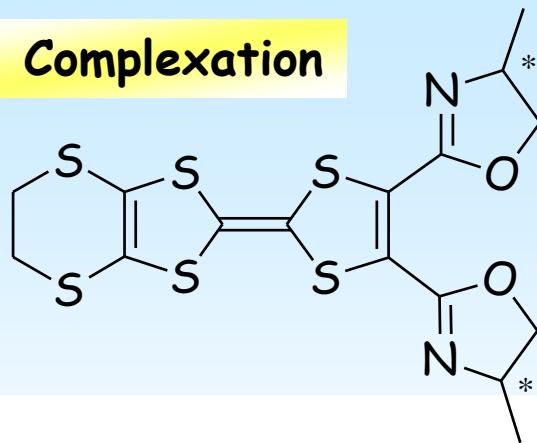
3. *s-cis/s-trans*  
 $\Delta E$  0.74 kcal/mole

4. *s-cis/s-cis*  
 $\Delta E$  1.78 kcal/mole

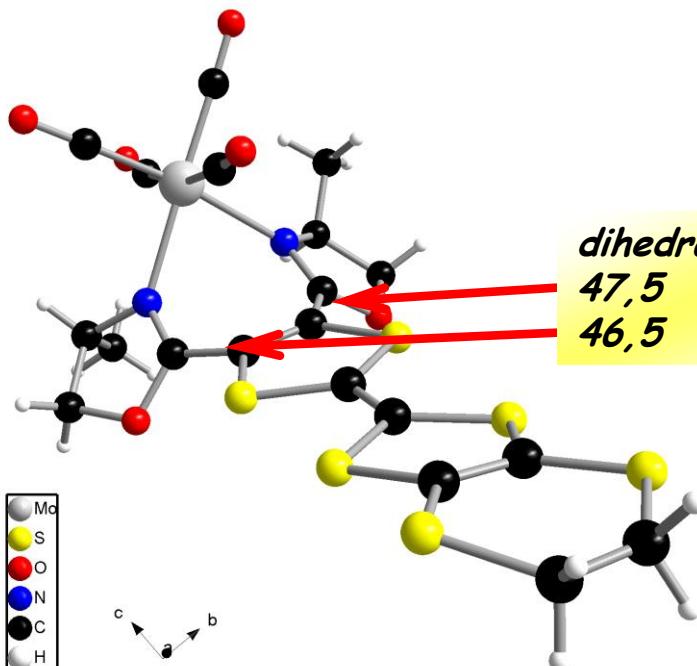
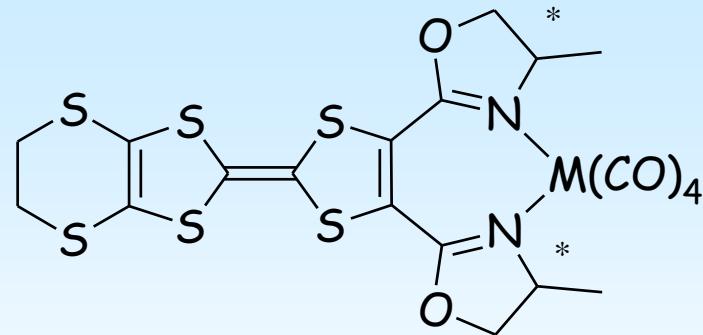
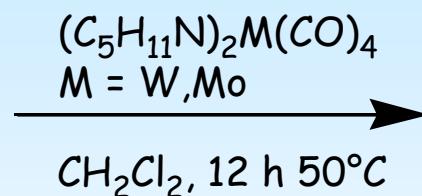


How to increase the rigidity  
and/or the planarity?

## I. Complexation



## TTF-BOX

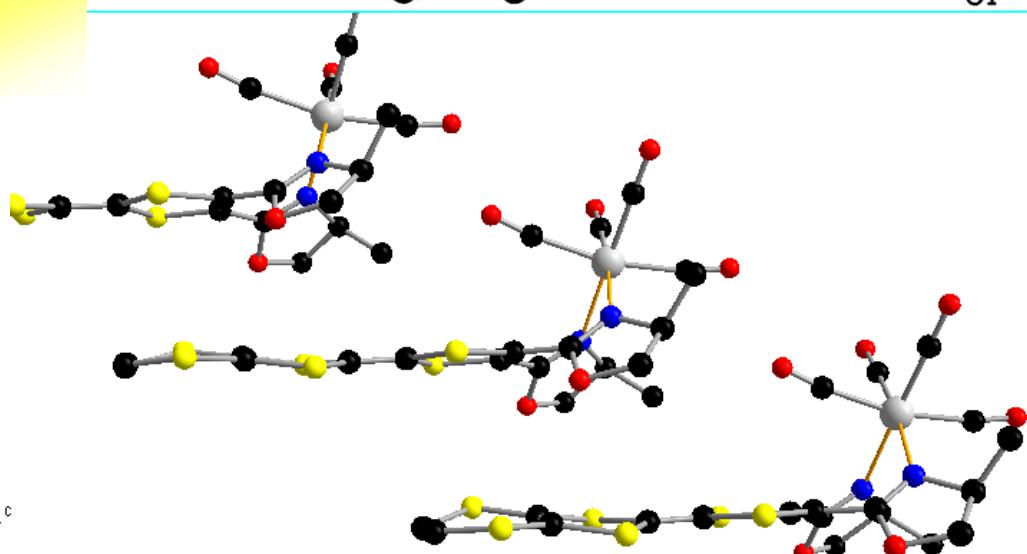
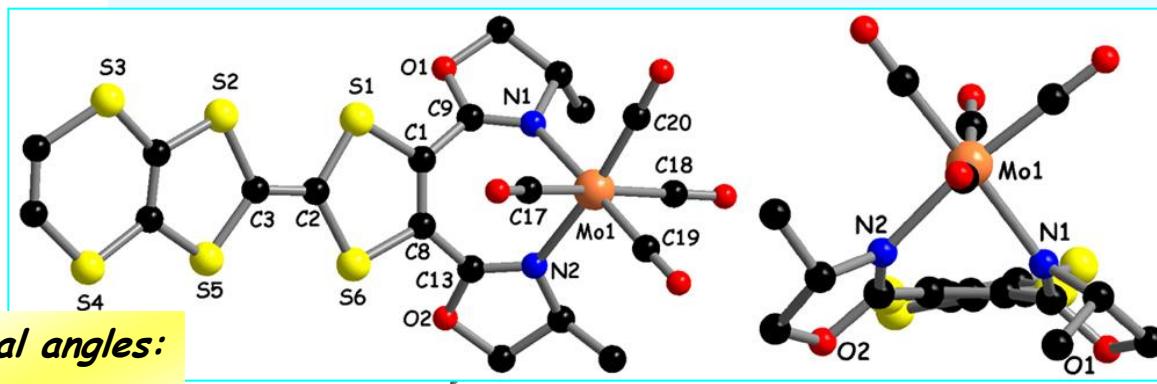
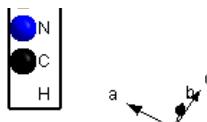


dihedral angles:

47,5

46,5

[BOX (S)Me]Mo(CO)<sub>4</sub>

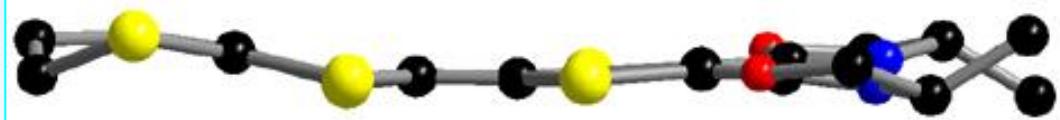


# TTF-BOX

## II. Protonation

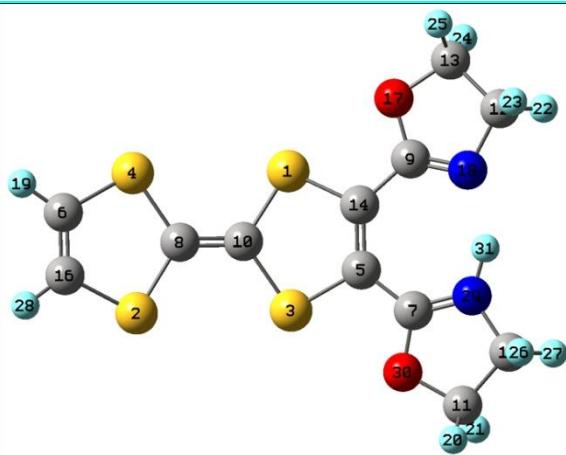


Monoprotonated TTF-BOX, TTF stays neutral

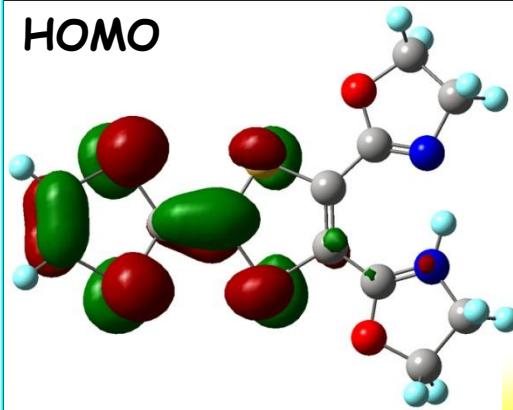


Rigid planar  $[\text{bis}(\text{Me-Ox})\text{H}]^+$  motif

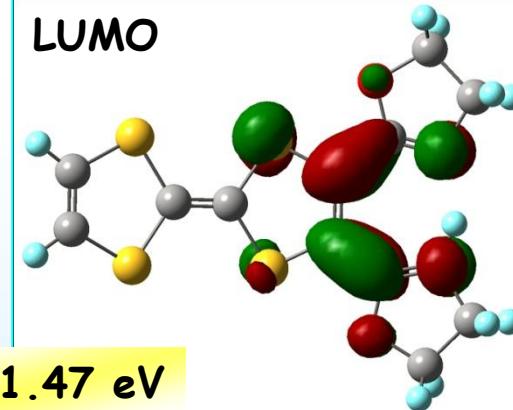
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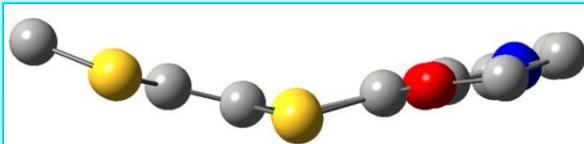
HOMO



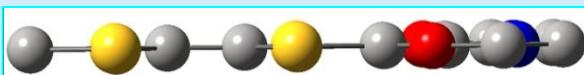
LUMO



$\Delta E = 1.47 \text{ eV}$



$\text{TTF}^0$



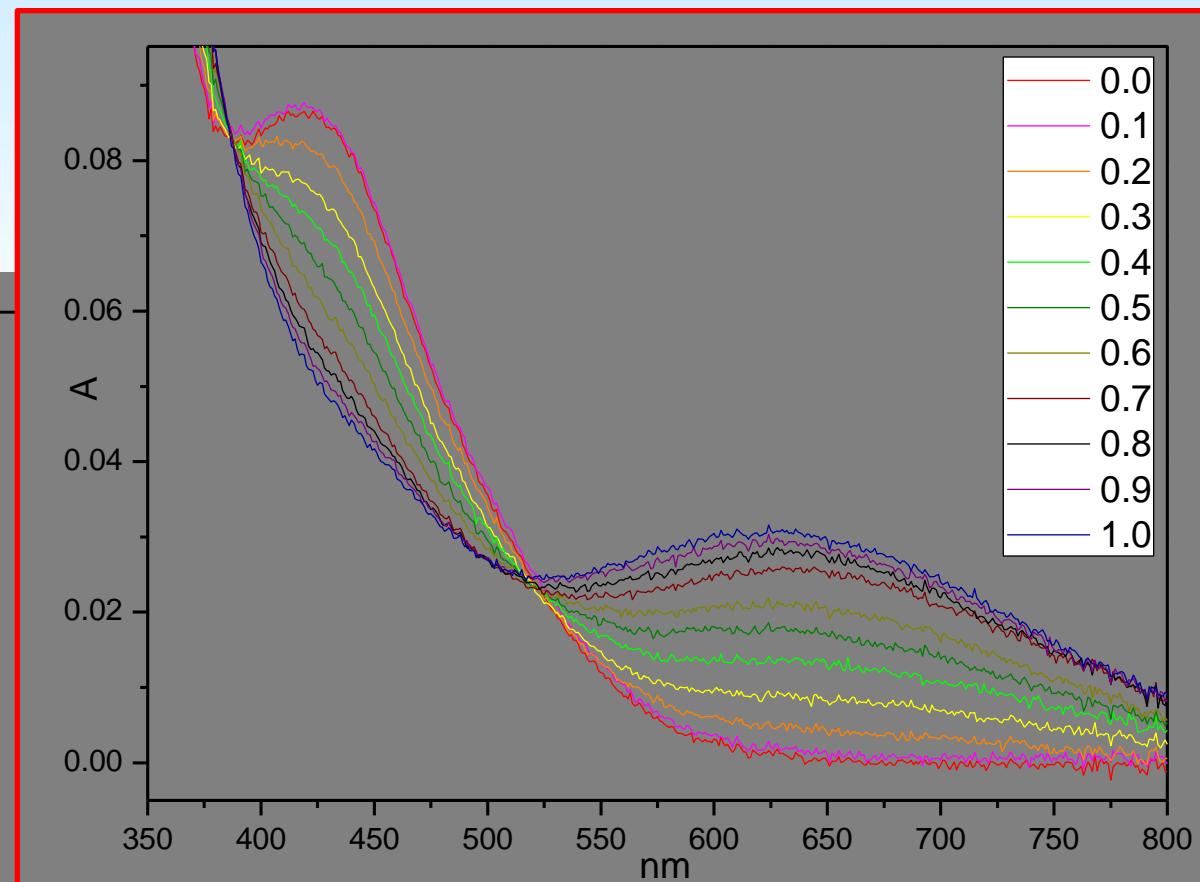
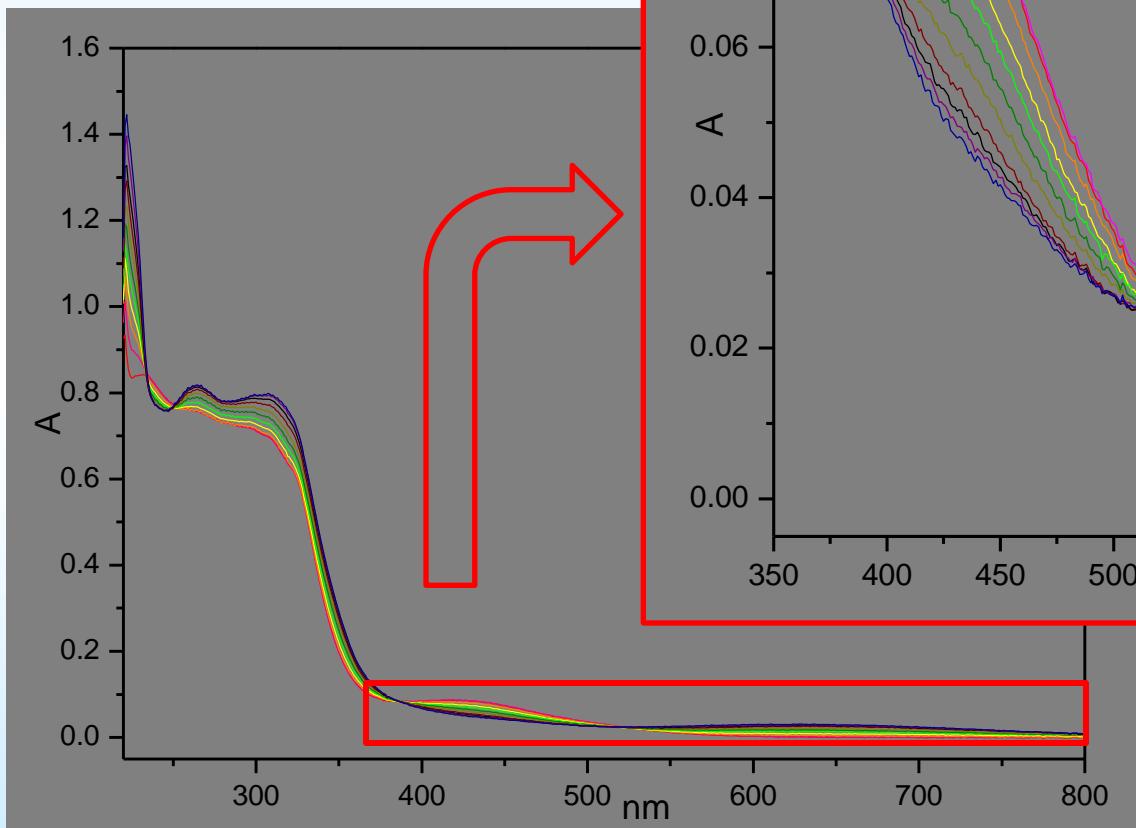
$\text{TTF}^{+\cdot}$

Electrococrystallization  
New donor-acceptor system

# TTF-BOX

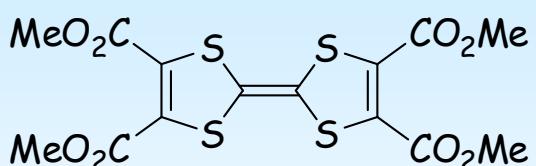
Chiral Donor-Acceptor system modulated by pH

UV-visible spectroscopy

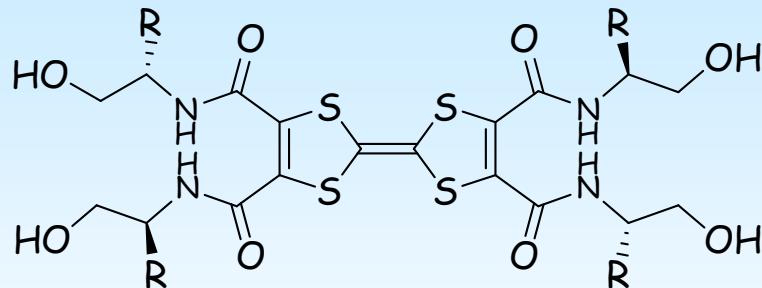


*EDT-TTF-Me-BOX in solution of  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}:\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  1:1 ( $C = 5 \cdot 10^{-5} \text{ M}$ )  
+ increasing amounts of APTS*

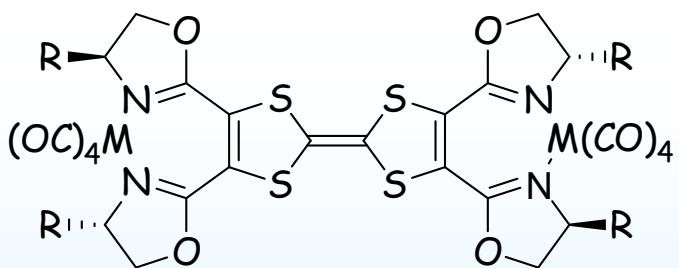
# TTF-Bis(BOX)



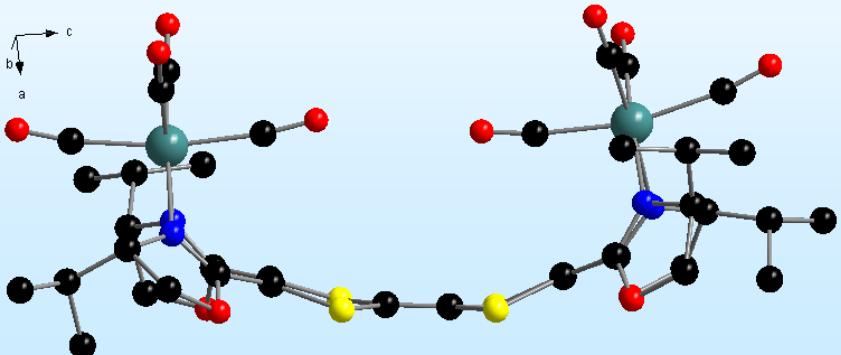
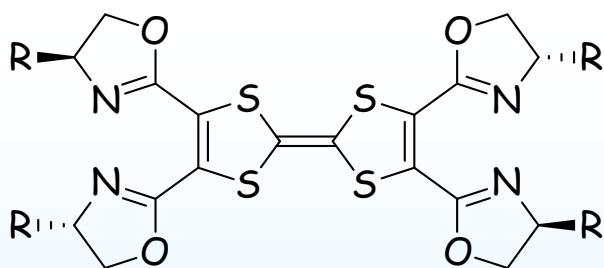
(S)-Alaninol/(S)-Valinol  
70 °C, 1 night  
R=Me, iPr  
77%



24h  
70 °C  
THF  
NEt<sub>3</sub>  
MsCl  
85%



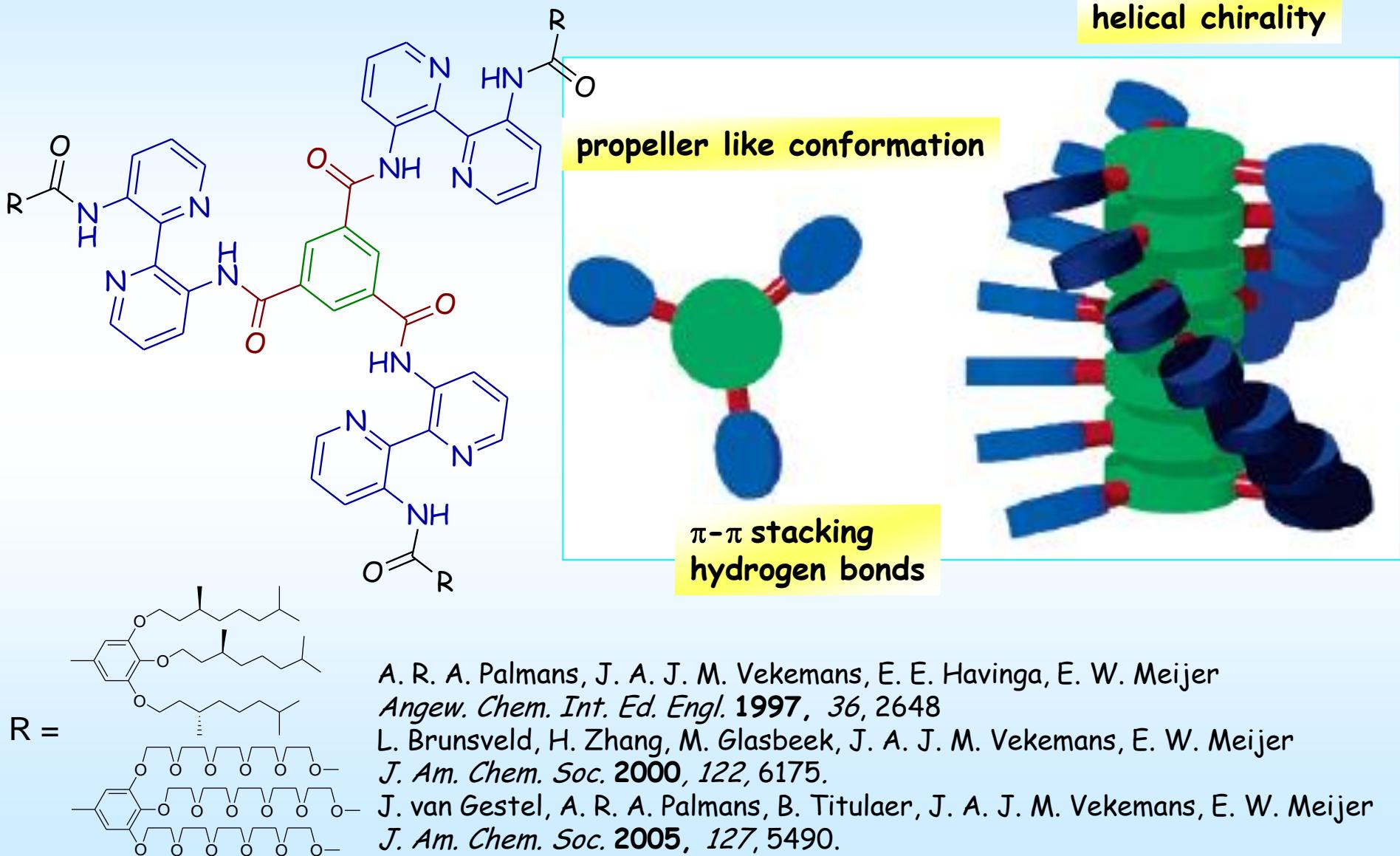
Coordination  
M=Mo, W  
CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>  
90%



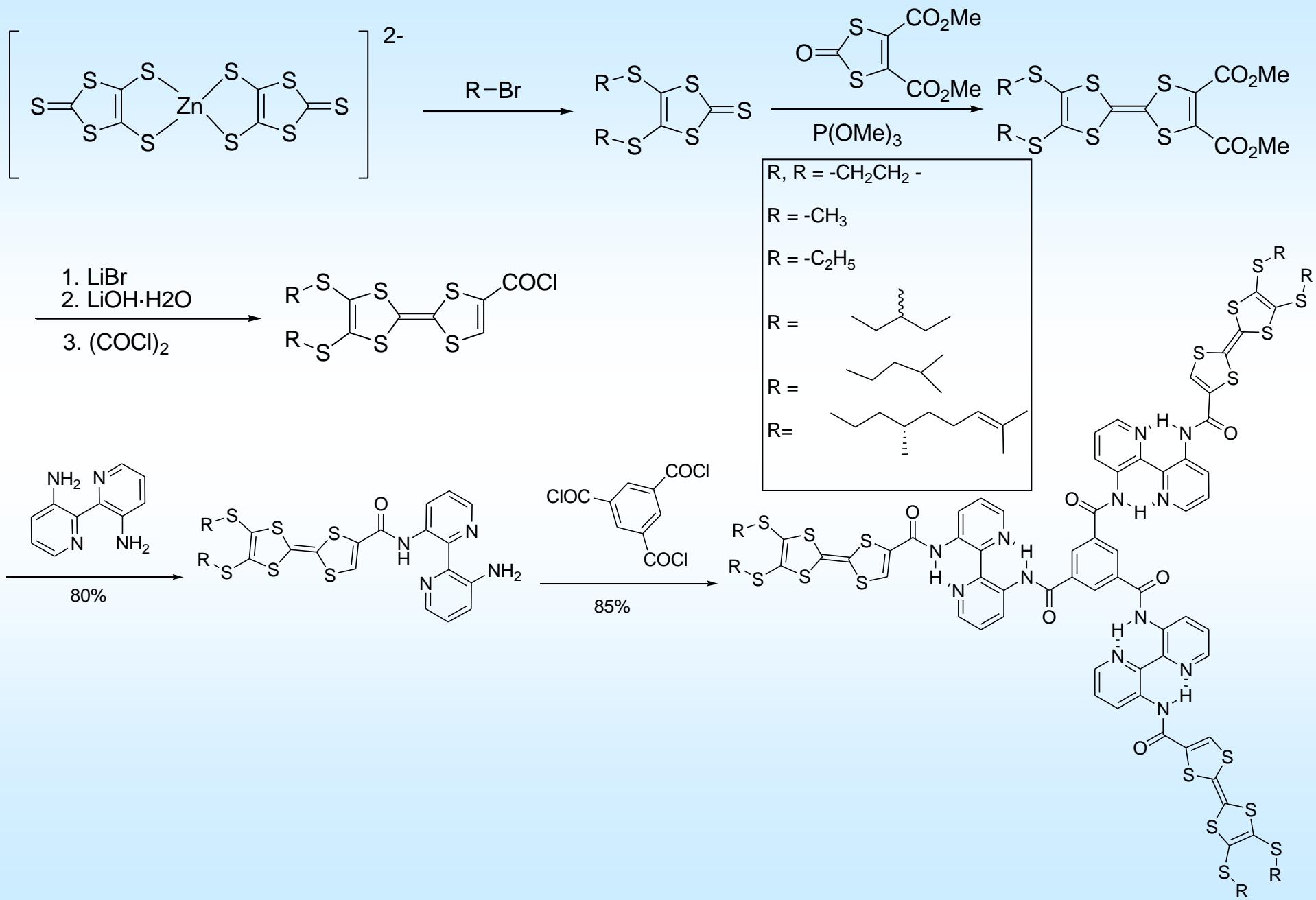
[W(CO)<sub>4</sub>]<sub>2</sub>[TTF-tetrakis-(S)-(iPr-Ox)][CHCl<sub>3</sub>]

# $C_3$ symmetric tetrathiafulvalenes

## II. Using a $C_3$ symmetric platform

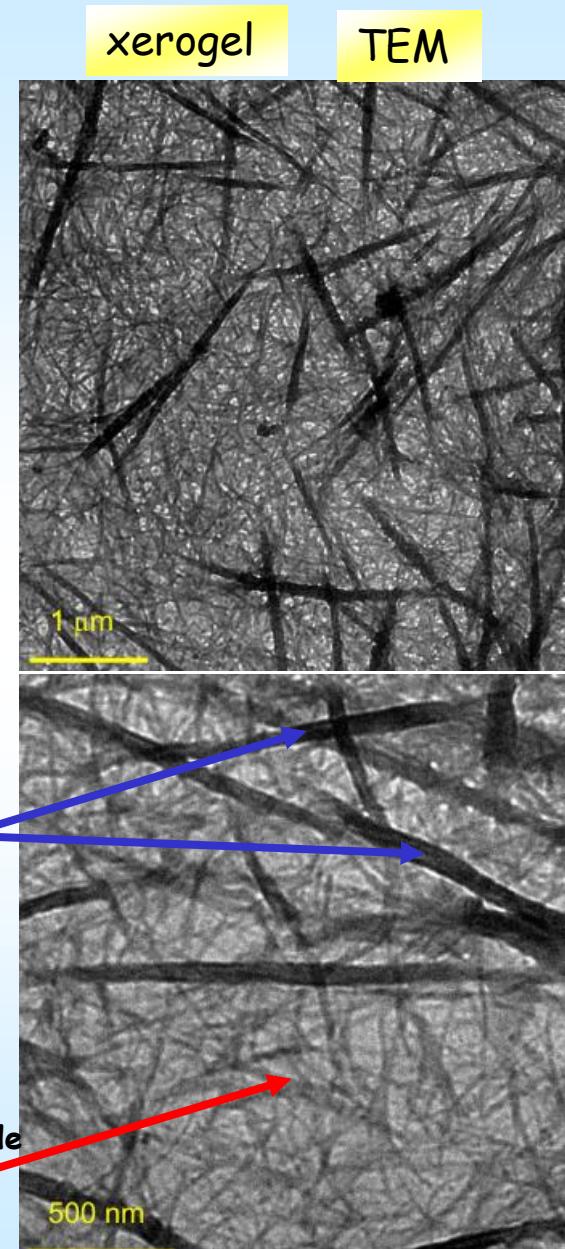
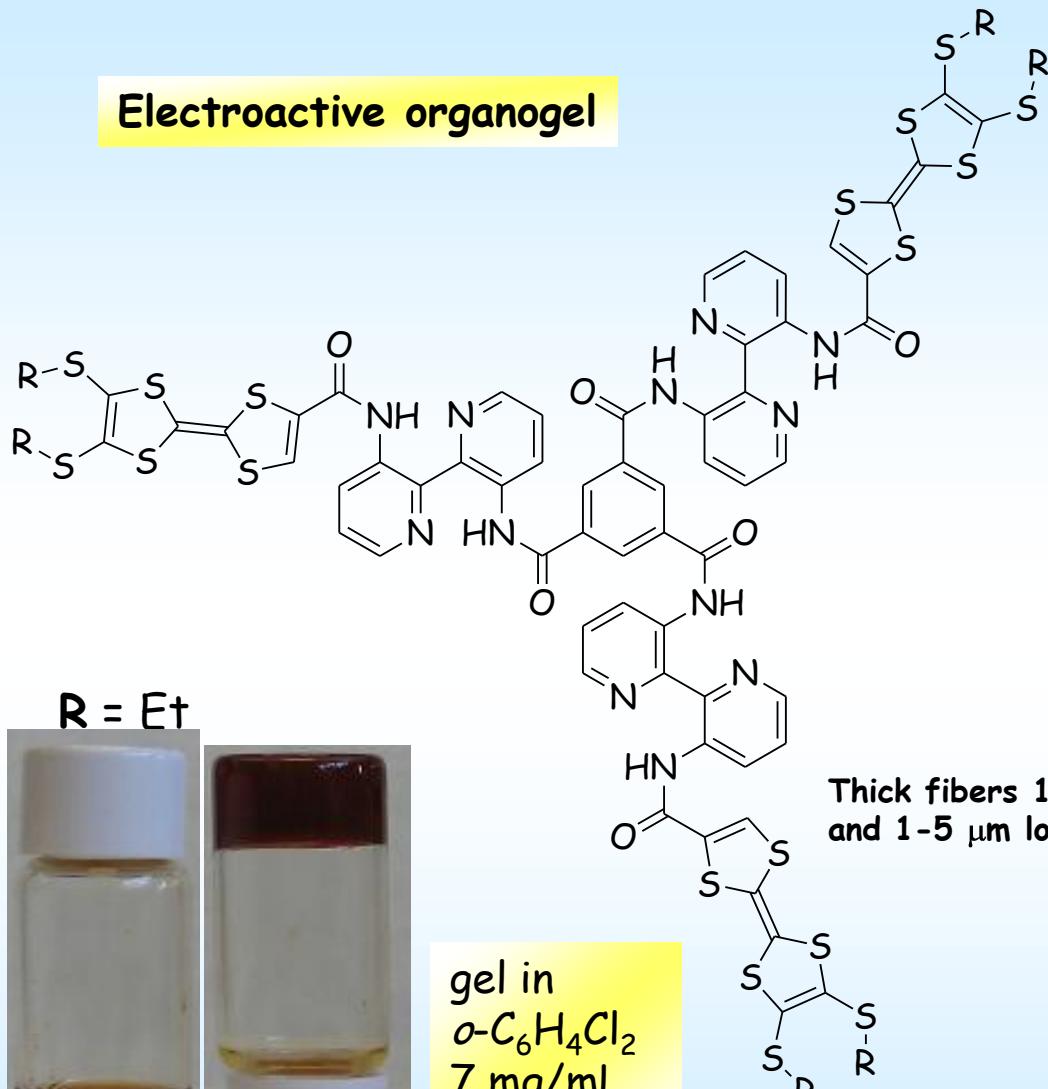


# $C_3$ symmetric TTFs: convergent synthesis

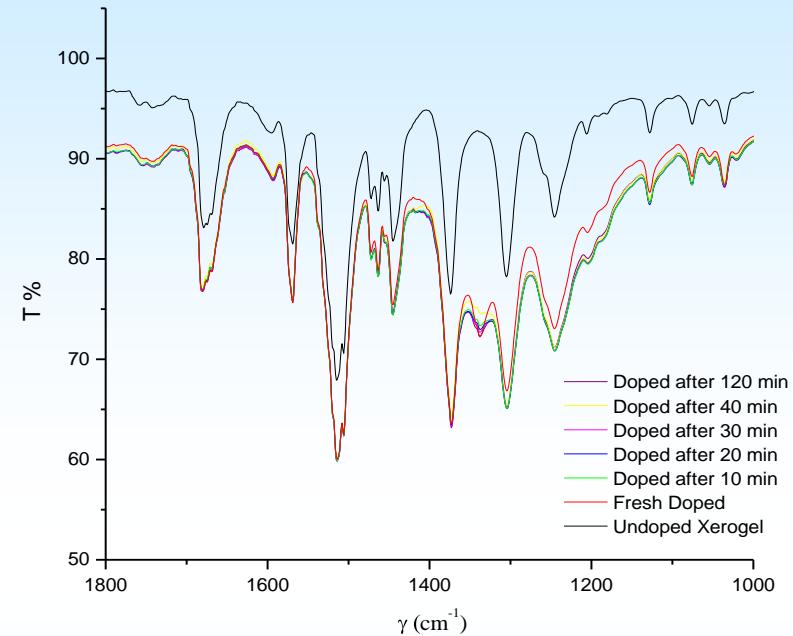
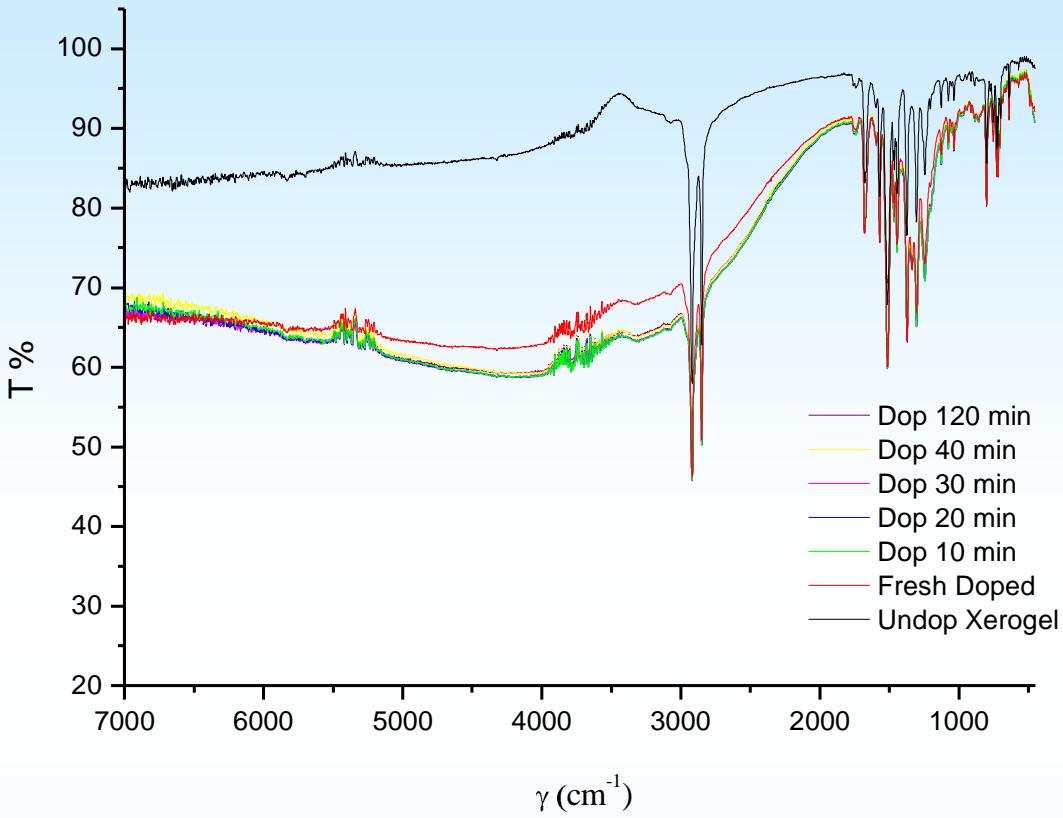


# $C_3$ symmetric TTFs: conducting supramolecular wires

Electroactive organogel



# Doping with iodine

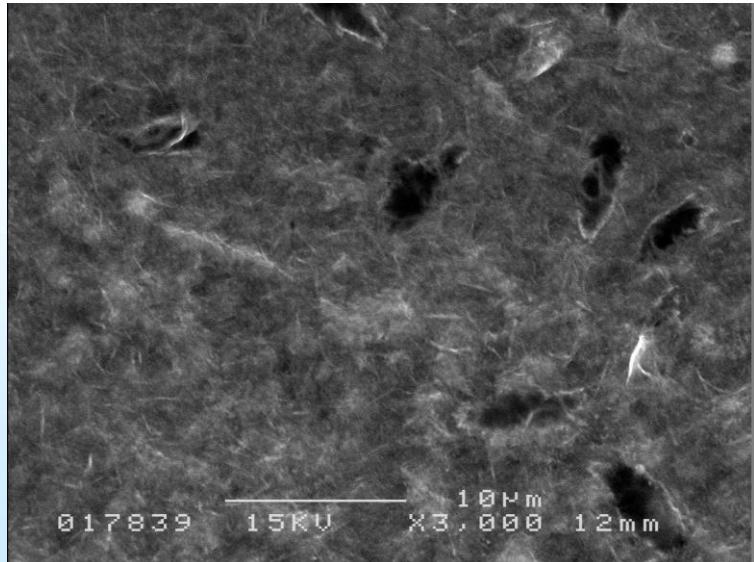


Content in atomic %	S	I
After doping	83,11	17,28
6 days later	90,49	9,52

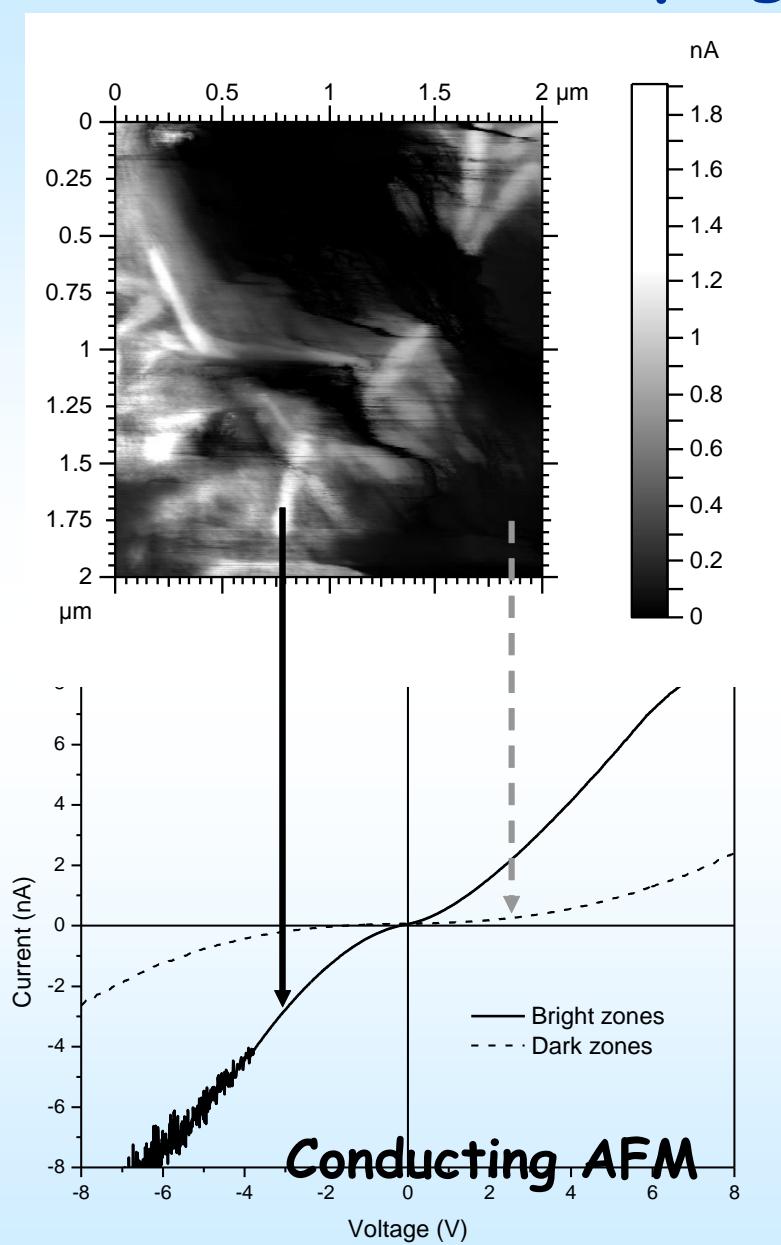
SEM/EDX measurements

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Ratio TTF/I<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup>  
2,4/1



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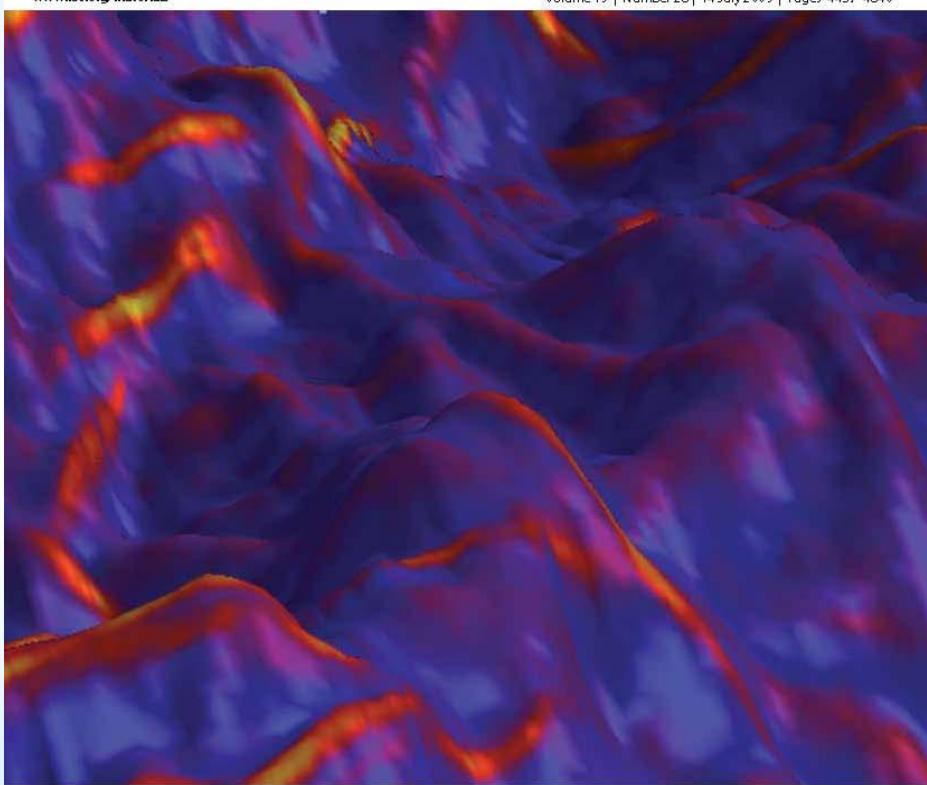


Superposed current and topographic measurements

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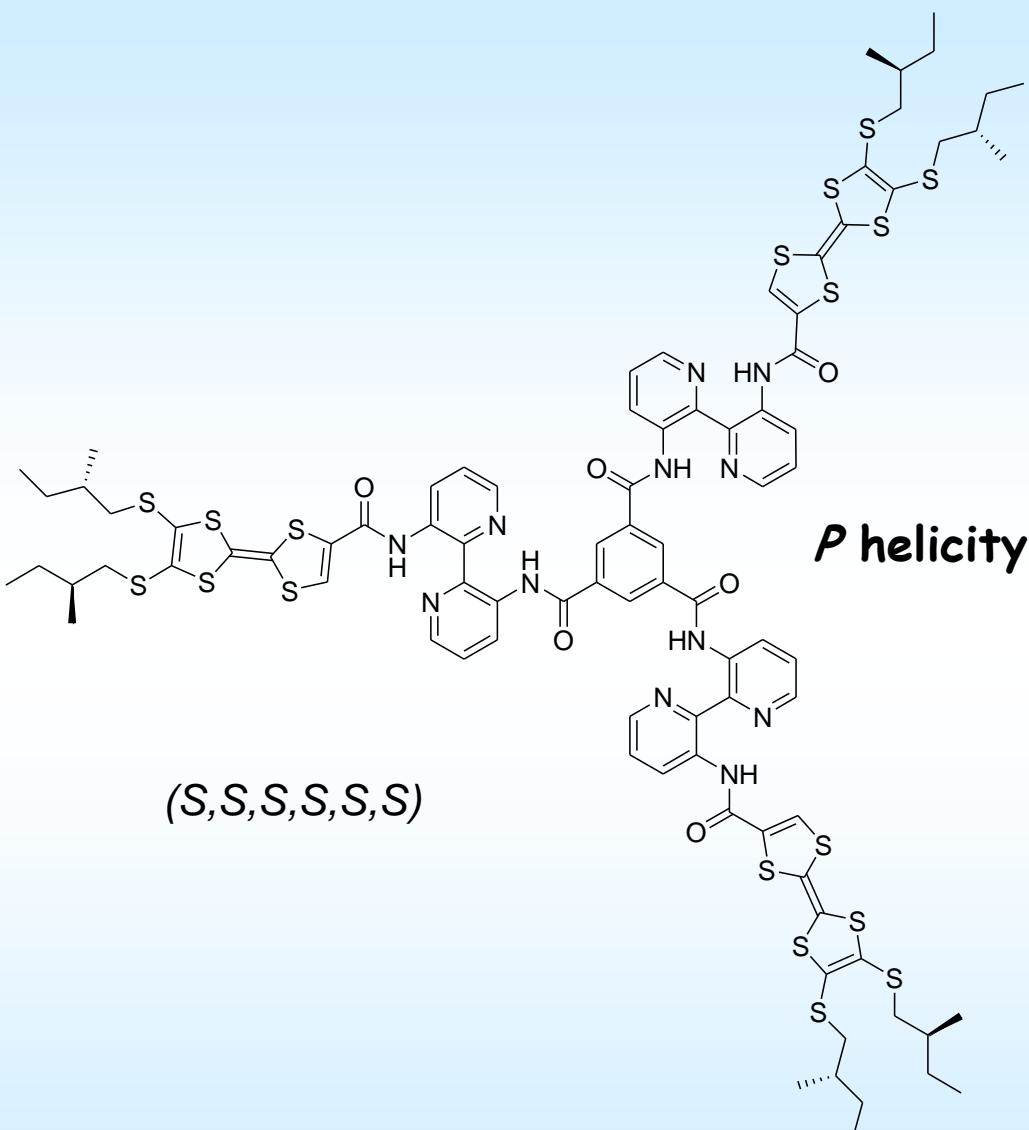
HIGHLIGHT

Shinji Inagaki et al.  
Luminescent periodic mesoporous  
organosilicas

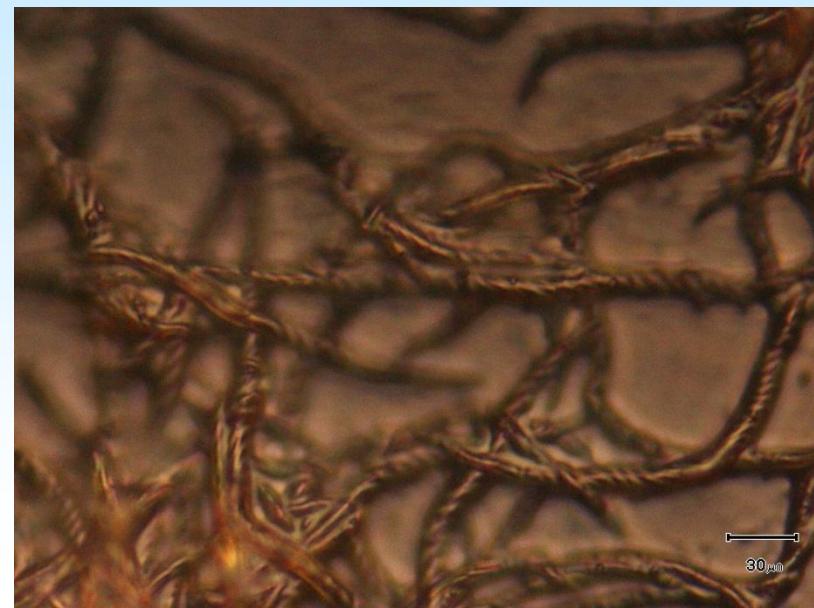


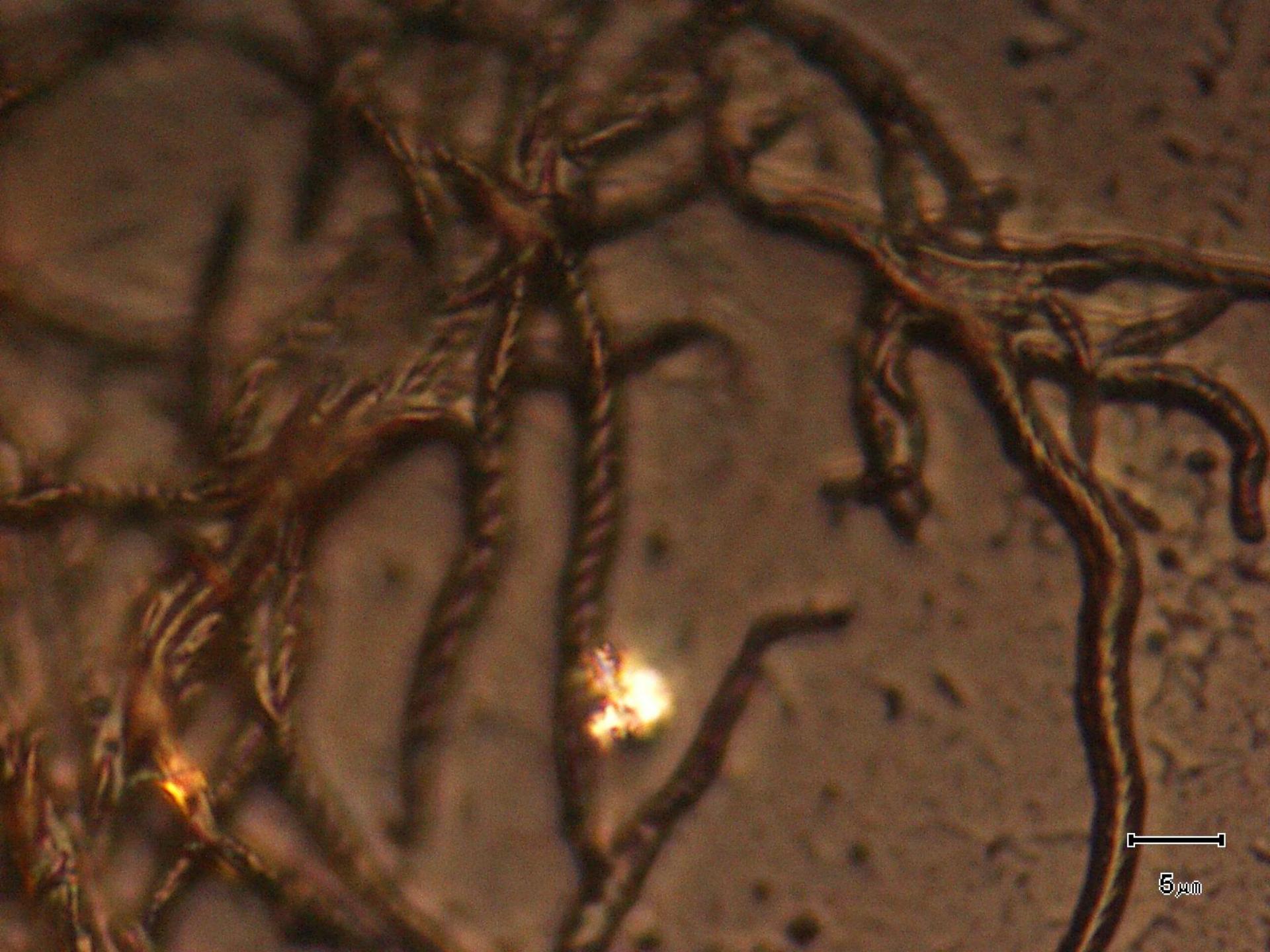
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# Supramolecular chirality



**Optical images**

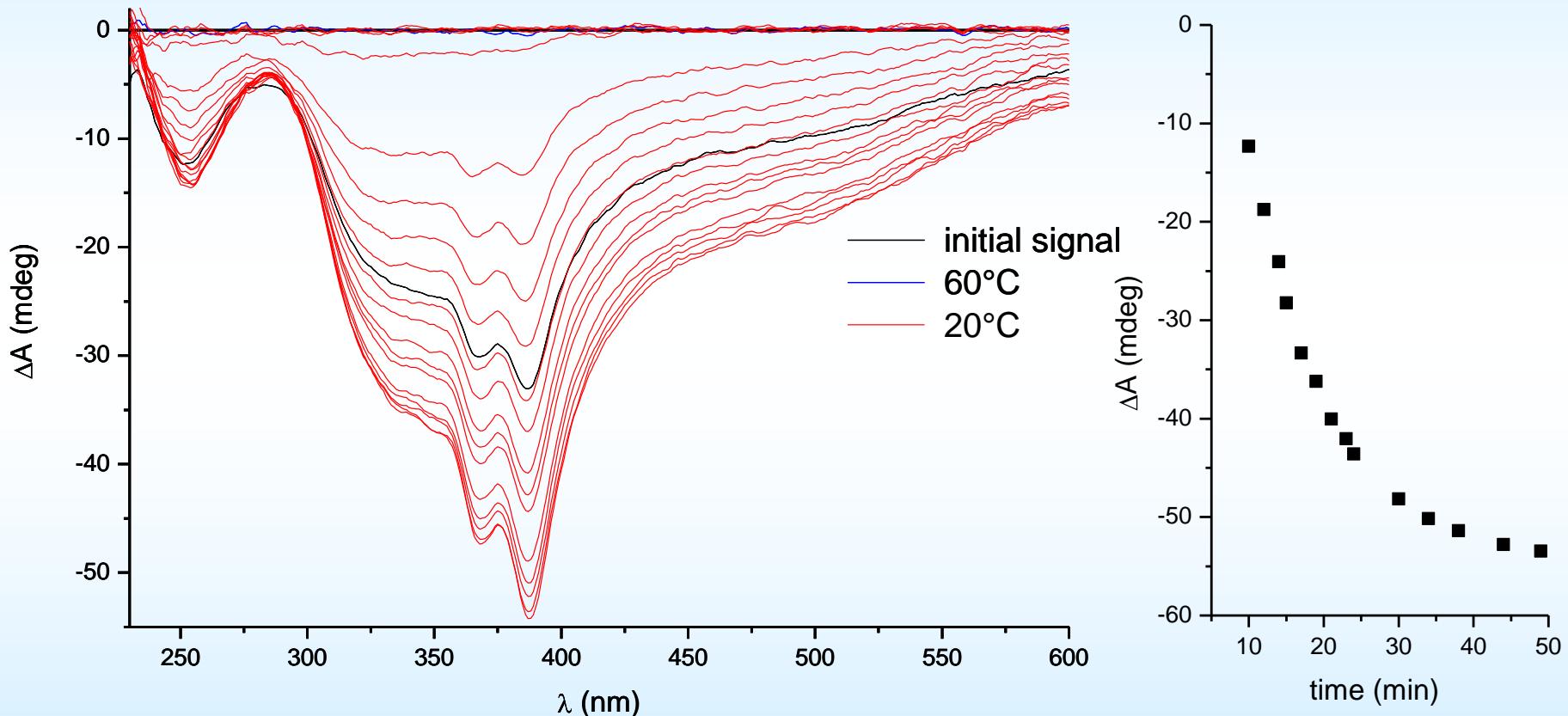




5  $\mu$ m

# Supramolecular chirality

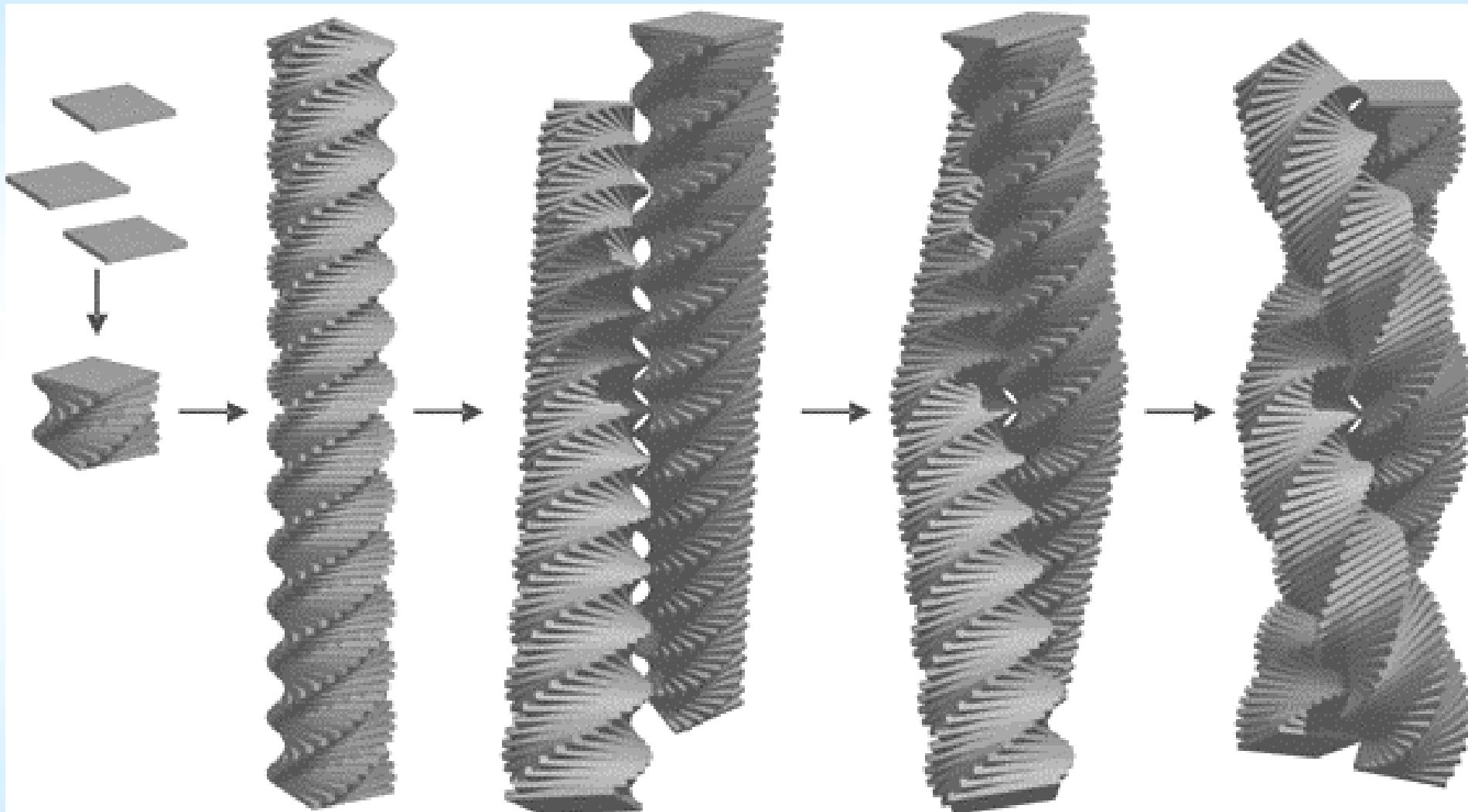
## Circular dichroism measurements



CD spectra and evolution of the signal at 387 nm in dioxane

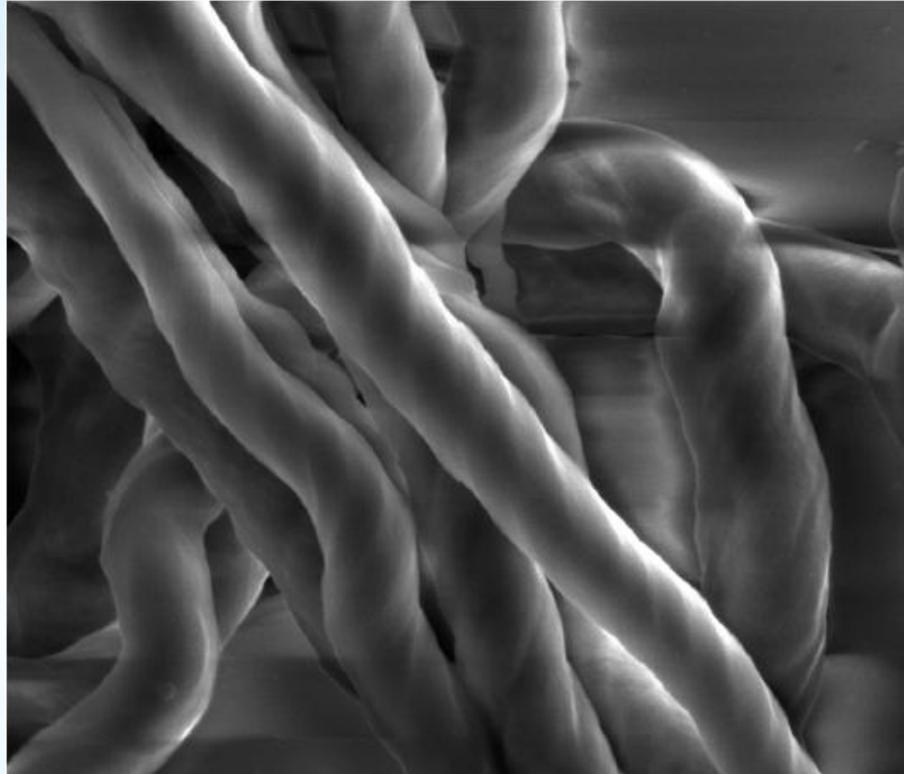
***M* helicity in solution for the primary fibers!**

# Formation of fibres



# A sensitive system

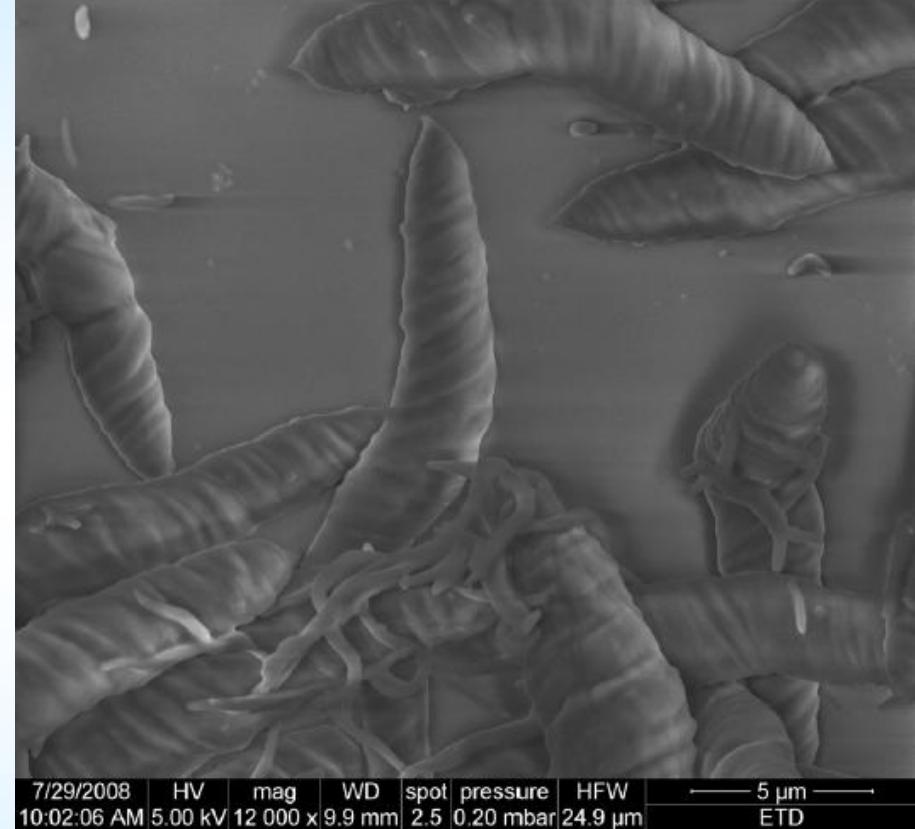
Fibres



7/29/2008 HV mag WD spot pressure HFW  
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ETD

Obtained with a heatgun

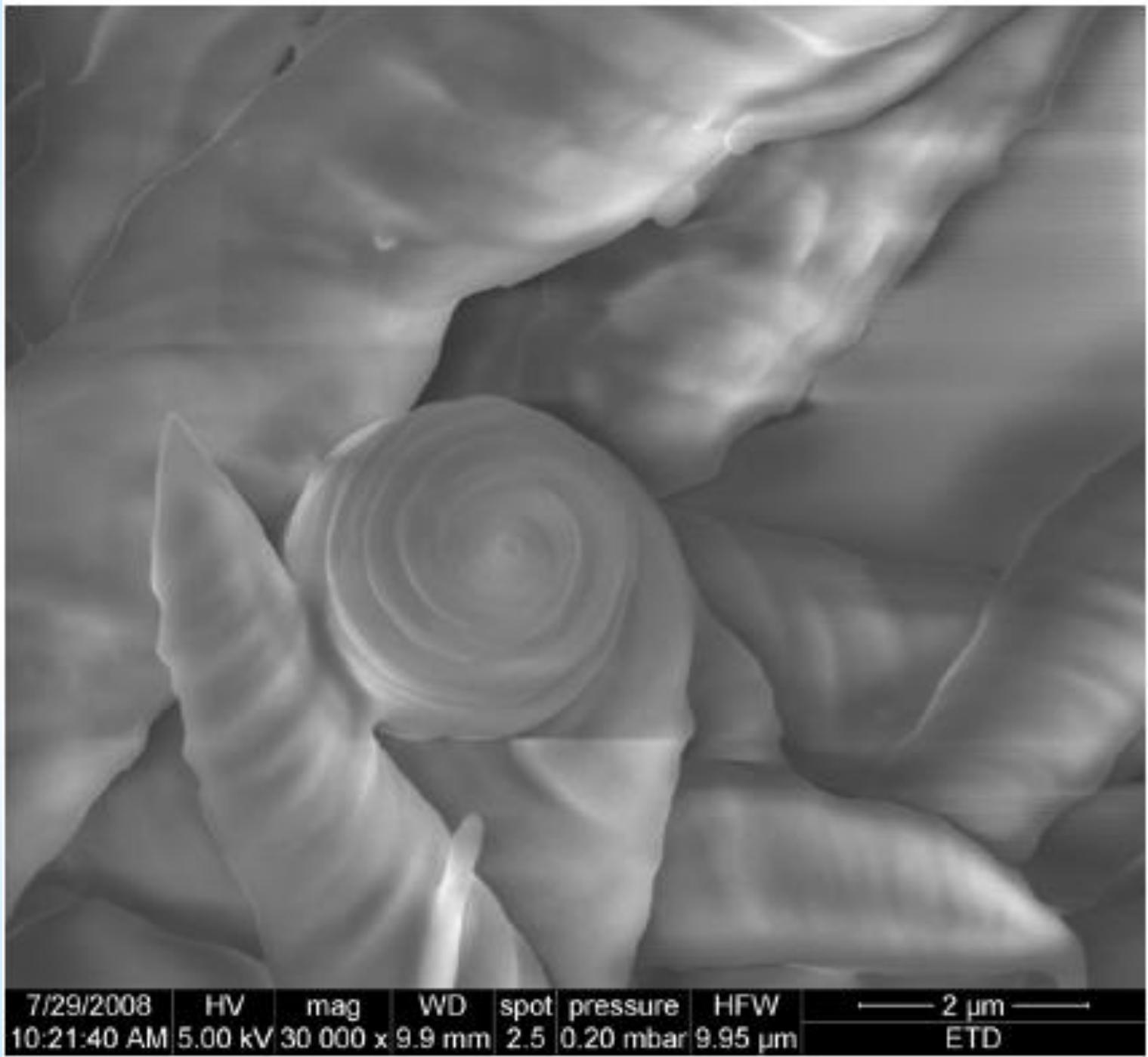
Microcroissants !



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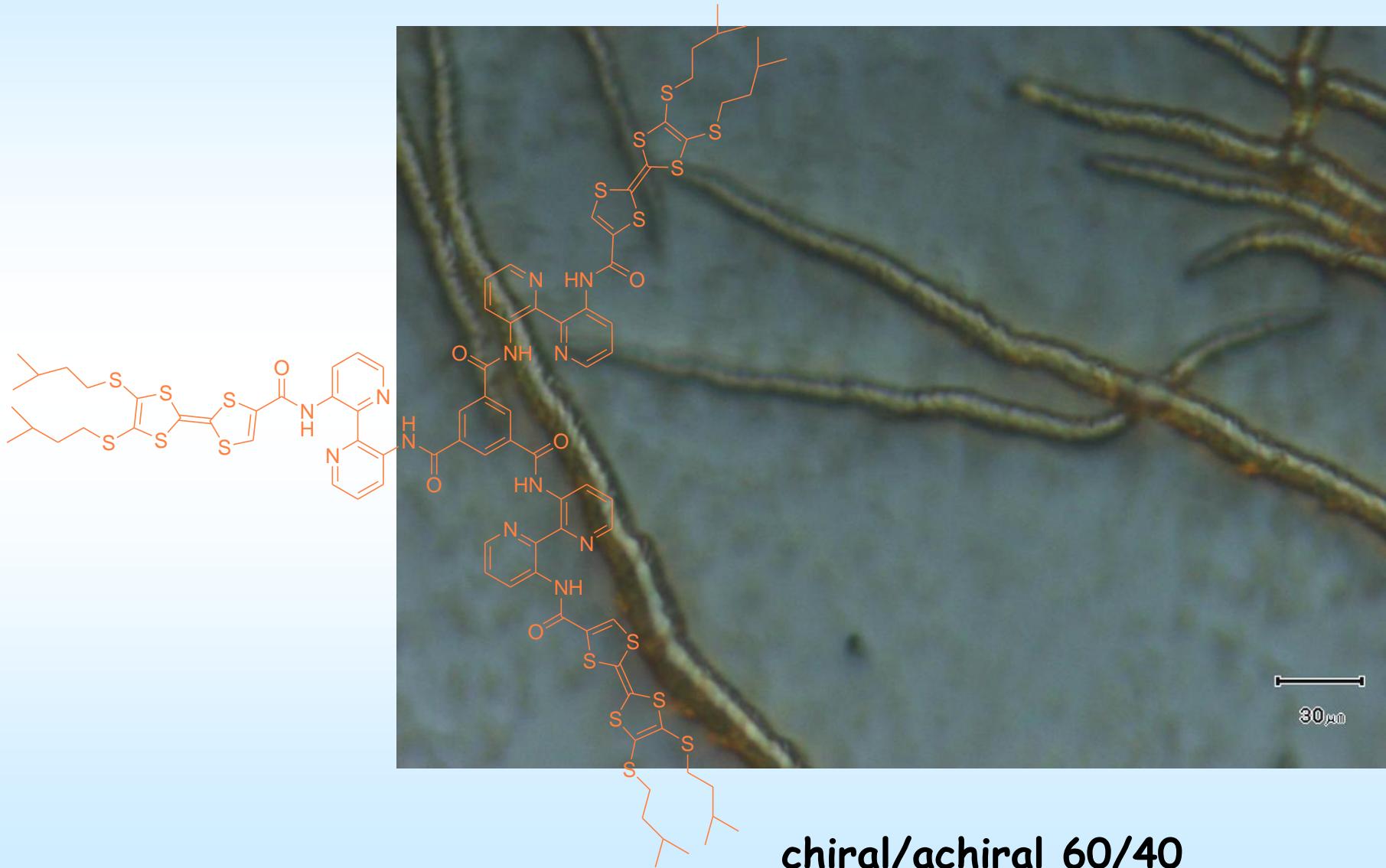
Obtained with a hotplate

SEM images



7/29/2008	HV	mag	WD	spot	pressure	HFW	— 2 μm —
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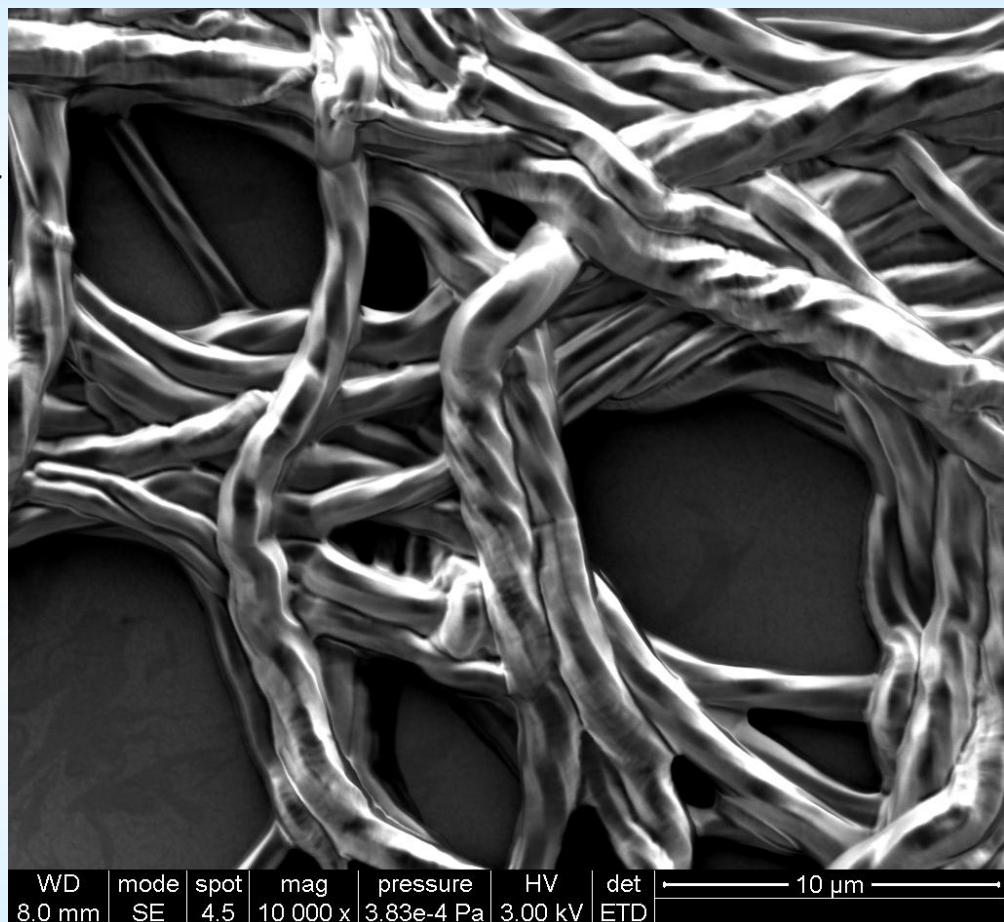
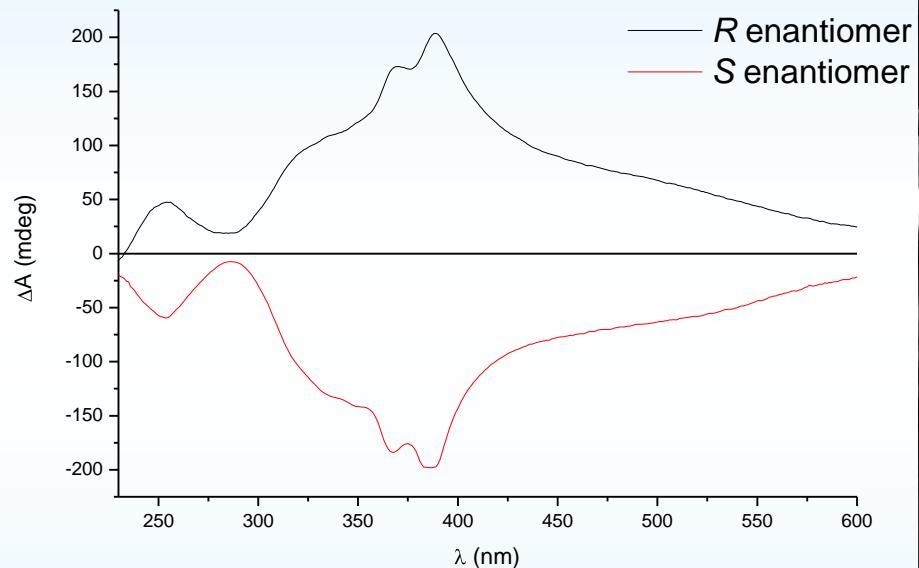
# Sergeants and soldiers?



# Supramolecular chirality

(R,R,R,R,R,R) enantiomer

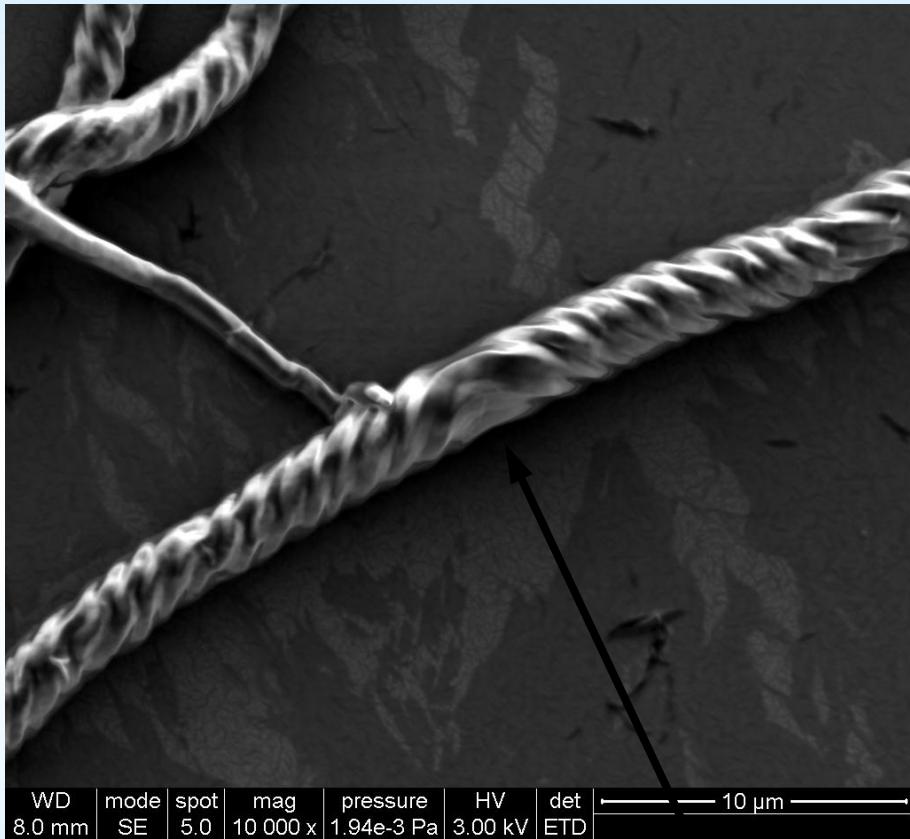
CD measurements



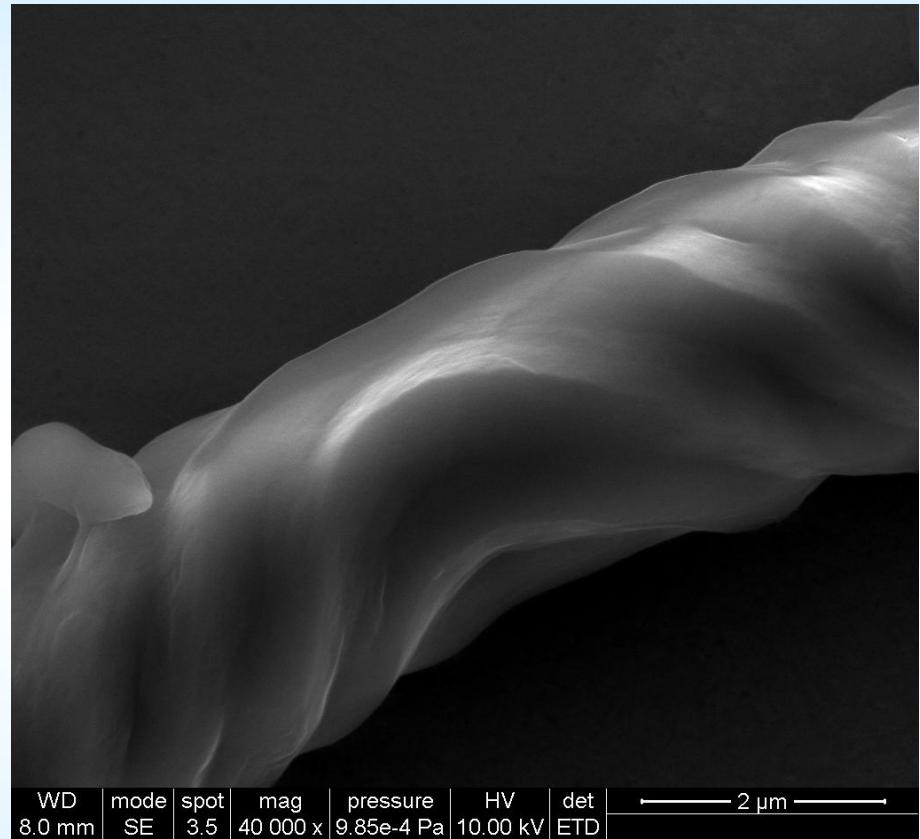
SEM image

# Supramolecular chirality

Fibres from the racemic mixture



SEM images



Inversion of helicity!



WD 7.9 mm	mode SE	spot 5.0	mag 5 000 x	pressure 5.74e-4 Pa	HV 3.00 kV	det ETD	20 μm
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## CONCLUSIONS and PERSPECTIVES

### 1. Chiral TTF-oxazolines (TTF-OX), -bis(oxazolines) (TTF-BOX) and -bis(BOX)

- chiral conducting radical cation salts upon oxidation
- coordination chemistry: paramagnetic centers – multifunctional materials  
Lewis acidic centers – homogenous catalysis
- tuning the chiroptical properties upon oxidation and protonation

### 2. $C_3$ -symmetry and supramolecular chirality

- electroactive organogel and conducting nanofibers
- formation of homochiral helical fibers
- induction of chirality: sergeants-and-soldiers and majority rules

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