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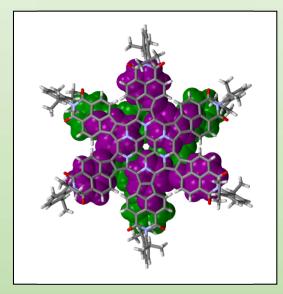
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## New Synthetic Approaches to Complex Aromatic Molecules

We are interested in developing new  $\pi$ -conjugated molecules, with a focus on extensively fused heterocycles [1–4], curved aromatic structures [5–8], and donor–acceptor systems [9–12]. Such non-trivial aromatics are of interest as liquid-crystalline materials [2], redox-switchable NIR absorbers [3, 4, 10, 11], tunable fluorophores [7, 12], and anion receptors [8]. To make these molecules, we explore various synethetic strategies and devices, such as the fold-in method [6, 8], synchronized homocoupling [7], and reactive donor–acceptor building blocks [10–12].

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