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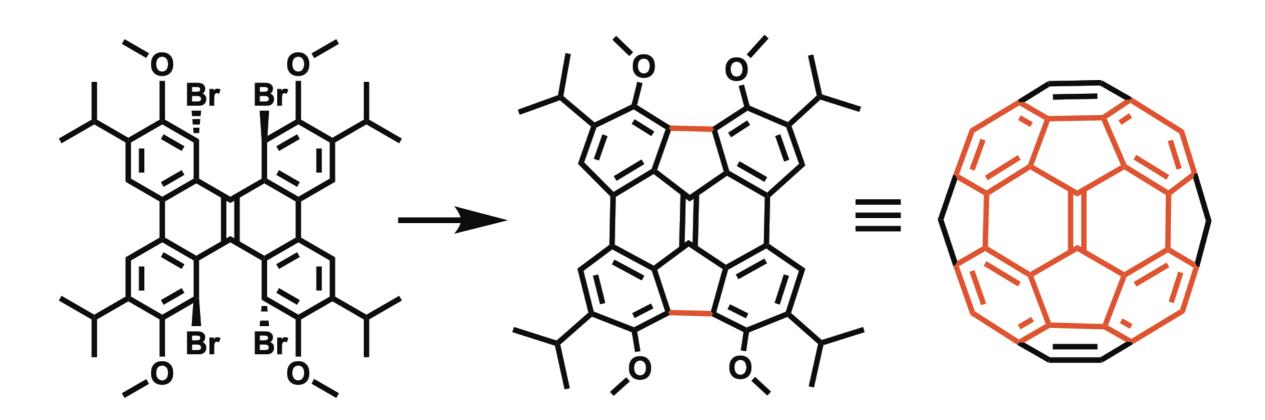
八環性バッキーボウルの液相ボトムアップ合成

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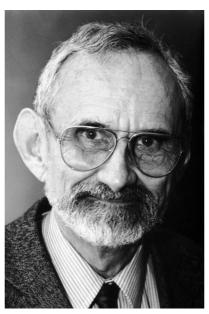
### General background: C60 fragments are commonly referred to as "buckybowls", buckybowls in which unique opto-electronic properties appear sharp.

#### C<sub>60</sub>: Buckminsterfullerene

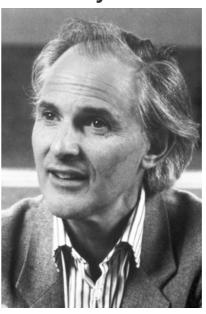


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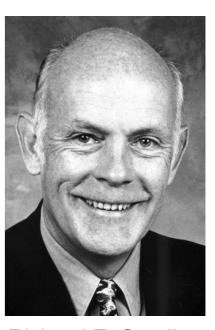
#### Nobel Prize in Chemistry 1996.



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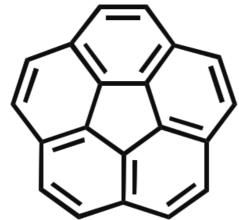


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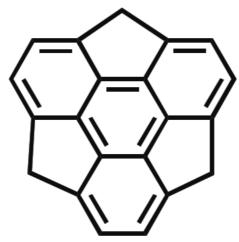


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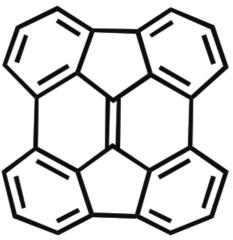
#### **Buckybowls**



Corannulene **1966**, Lawton, Barth



Sumanene 2003, Sakurai, Hirao



Diindenochrysene **2002**, Scott

## Background: While two outstanding corannulene and sumanene have been famed, DIC is underrepresented owing to the low productivity.

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## Retro-synthetic approach: Double ring-closures in the dibenzo[g,p]chrysene form the skeletal buckybowl.

# Precursor synthesis: Dibenzo[*g*,*p*]chrysene having four *tert*-butyls, four methyl ethers, and four bromines was prepared.

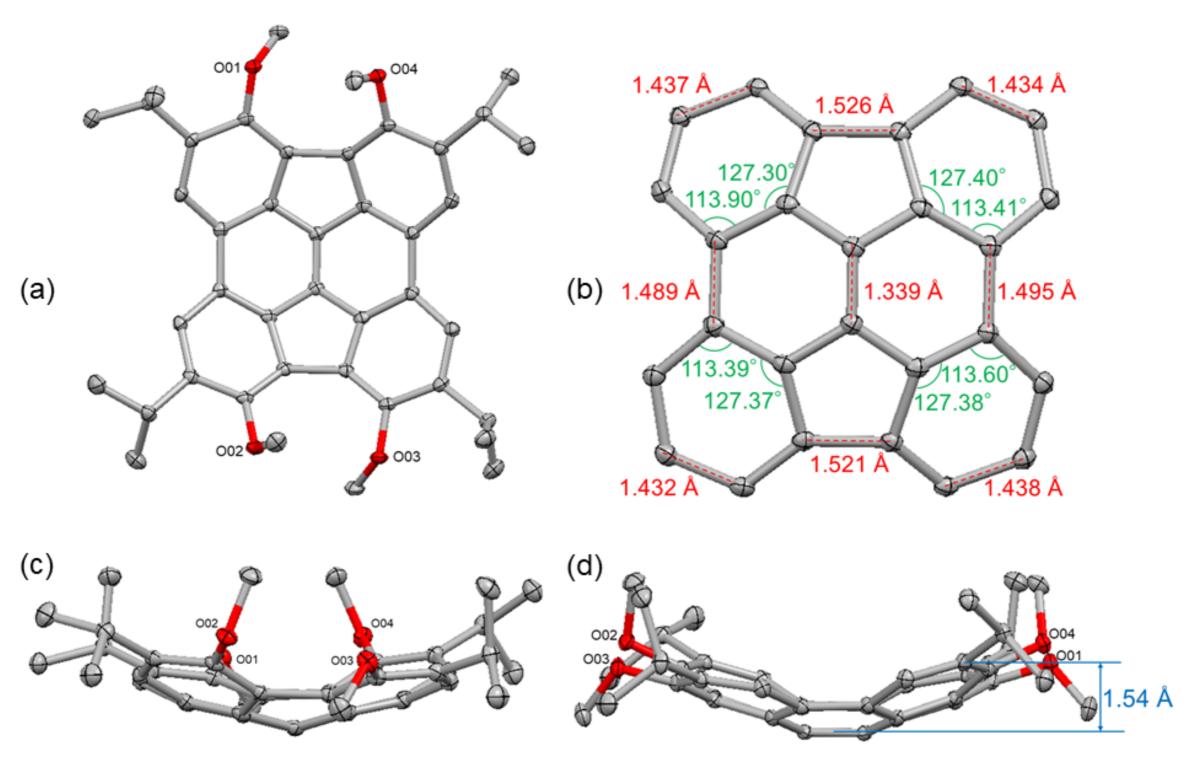
$$\begin{array}{c} \text{EtAlCl}_2 \text{ (0.25 eq)} \\ \text{(CH}_3)_3\text{CCI} \\ \text{50 °C, 12 h} \\ \text{-} 300 \text{ g} \\ \text{(5.0 g)} \\ \end{array}$$

# Precursor synthesis: Dibenzo[*g*,*p*]chrysene having four *iso*-propyls, four methyl ethers, and four bromines was prepared.

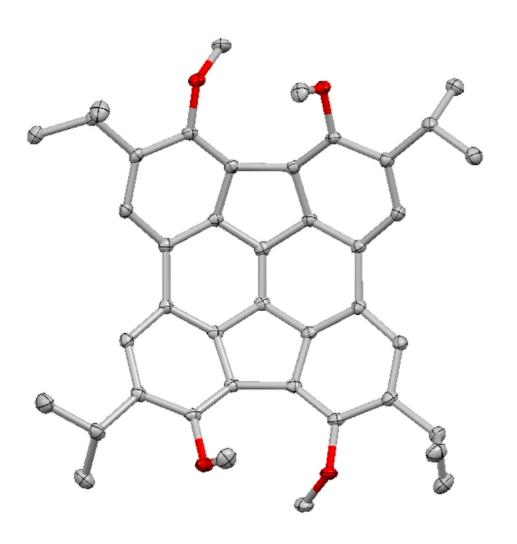
$$\begin{array}{c} \text{AICl}_3 \text{ (4.8 eq)} \\ \text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2 \\ \text{r.t., 89 h} \\ \text{3 steps} \\ \text{~ 300 g} \\ \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2 \\ \text{r.t., 89 h} \\ \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \text{BBr}_3 \text{ (6 eq)} \\ \text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2 \\ \text{0 °C, 2 h} \\ \end{array} \\ \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \text{BBr}_3 \text{ (6 eq)} \\ \text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2 \\ \text{(4.8 eq)} \\ \end{array} \\ \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \text{OH} \\ \text{OH} \\ \text{OH} \\ \text{OH} \\ \text{OH} \\ \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \text{OH} \\ \text{OH} \\ \text{OH} \\ \text{OH} \\ \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \text{OH} \\ \text{OH} \\ \text{OH} \\ \text{OH} \\ \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \text{OH} \\ \text{OH} \\ \text{OH} \\ \text{OH} \\ \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \text{OH} \\ \text{OH} \\ \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \text{OH} \\ \text{OH} \\ \text{OH} \\ \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \text{OH} \\ \text{OH} \\ \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \text{OH} \\ \text{OH} \\ \text{OH} \\ \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \text{OH} \\ \text{OH} \\ \text{OH} \\ \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \text{OH} \\ \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \text{OH} \\ \text{OH} \\ \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \text{OH} \\ \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \text{OH} \\ \text{OH} \\ \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \text{OH} \\ \text{OH} \\ \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \text{OH} \\ \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \text{OH} \\ \text{OH} \\ \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \text{OH} \\ \end{array} \begin{array}{$$

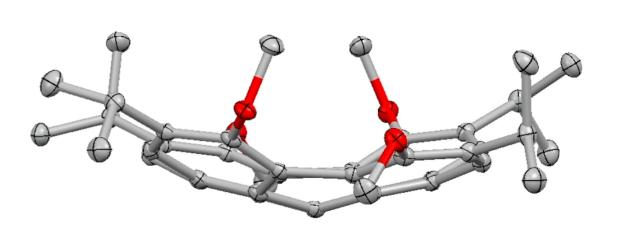
Ring-closing reactions: Preliminary experiments led to identification of a base set of the starting condition, in which  $Pd[P(t-Bu)_3]_2$  was effective at 140 °C.

## X-ray structure: result of 6:6-bond length 1.34 Å, bowl depth 1.54 Å.



### X-ray structure: result of a gently curved pi-surface (i-Pr)



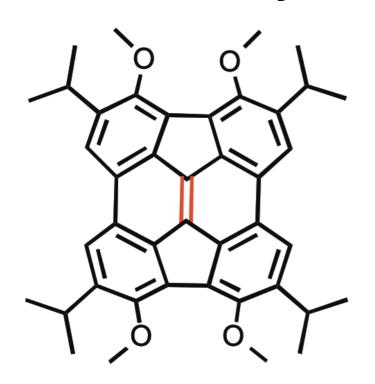


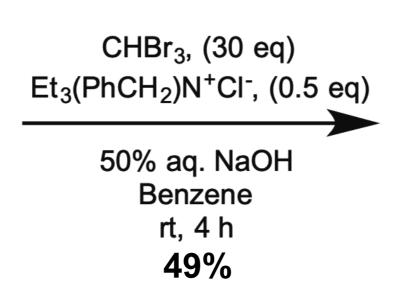
## Gram-scale synthesis: the solution-processable protocol went well without serious loss of chemical yields.

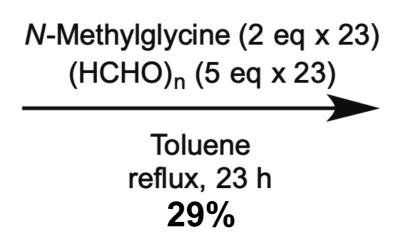
Scale		#/b	%Yield		
mmol	gram	<i>t</i> /h	Bowl	<i>Di</i> -Br	<i>Di</i> -H
0.15	0.14	1	68	0	25
0.45	0.42	1	67	3	5
1.4	1.3	2	66	0	10
2.7	2.5	2	66 (1.1 g)	0	14
5.4	5.1	2	62 (2.1 g)	0	19

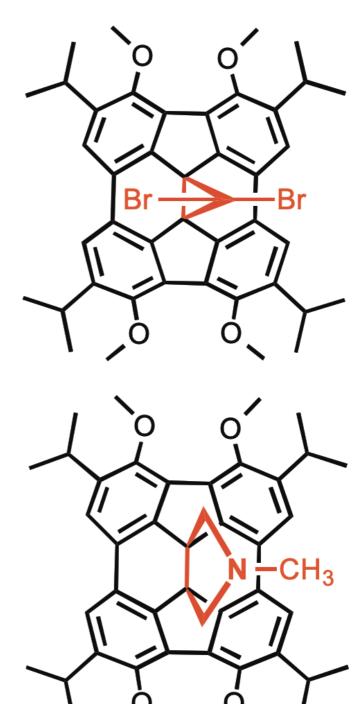
### Further transformation in the methoxy groups: Demethylation, methylene-bridge, and hydroxy ethyl ether were carried out.

Further transformation in the 6:6-bond: the conventional cyclopropanation with *in situ* carbene and cycloaddition with *in situ* ylide were accomplished.

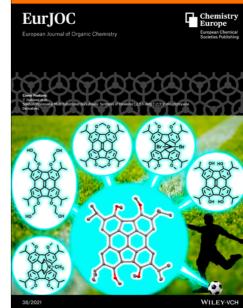


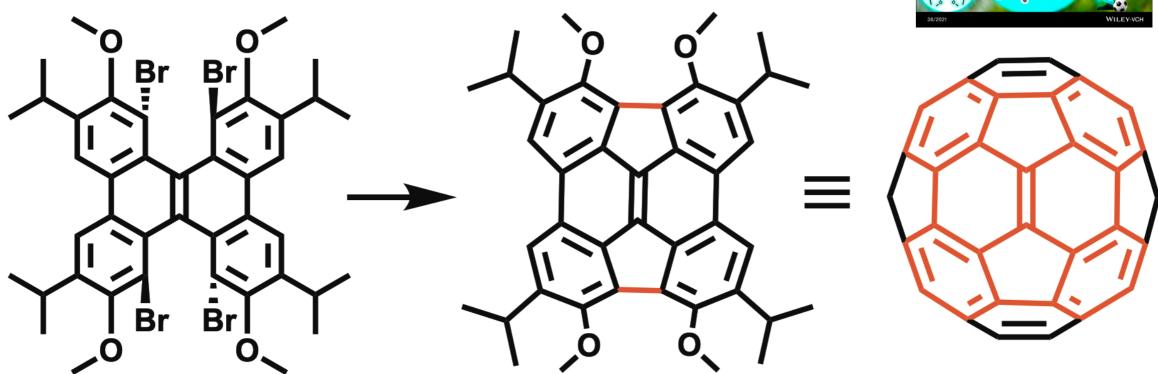






Summary: Solution-phase synthesis of the DIC-typed buckybowl was achieved in gram scale.





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