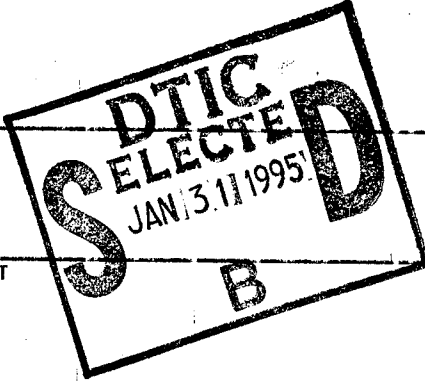


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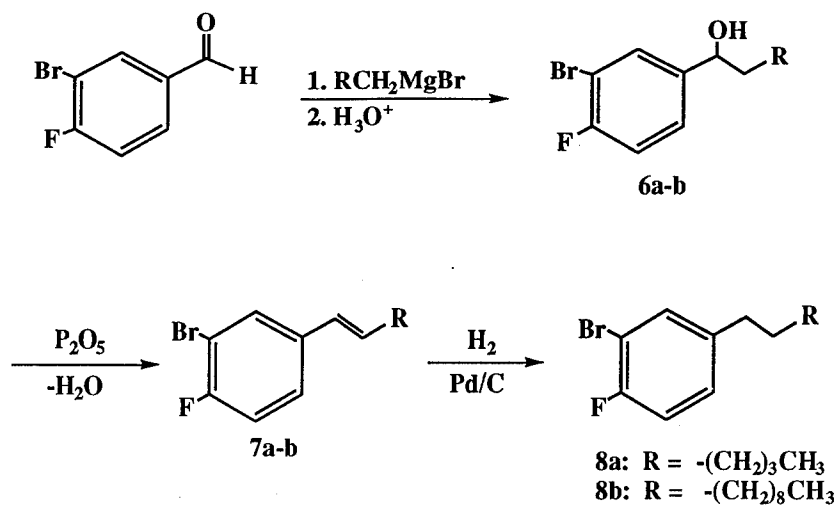
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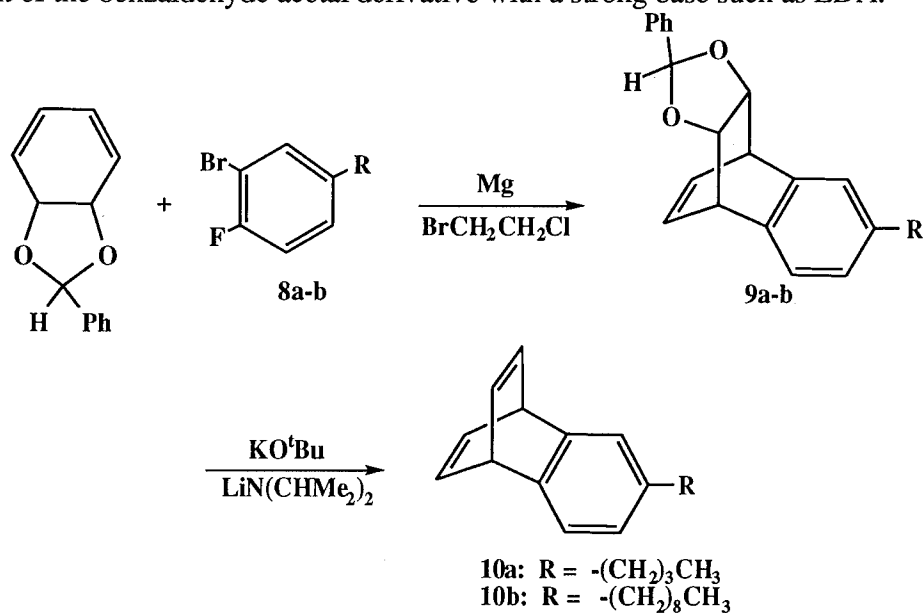
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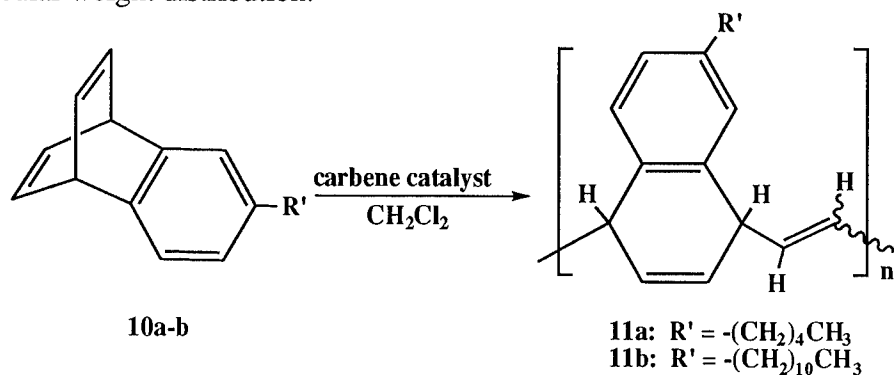
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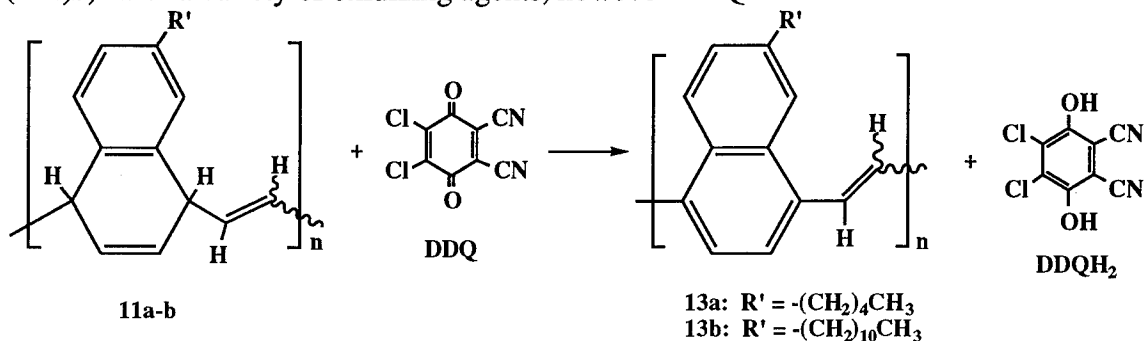
However the adducts could be converted to benzobarrelene analogs (**10a,b**) by the treatment of the benzaldehyde acetal derivative with a strong base such as LDA.



The resulting benzobarrelenes could be polymerized to **11a,b** in high yields with a variety of ROMP catalysts. These living systems could be used to control the molecular weight and molecular weight distribution.



The resulting soluble polymers could then be converted to the soluble vinylene naphthylene (**13a,b**) with a variety of oxidizing agents, however DDQ was the most effective.



The UV/Vis spectrum of **13a** displays a strong absorbance at 448 nm, which demonstrates the formation of an extended p-conjugation in the oxidized polymer after the dehydrogenation of **11a** (Figure 1 & 2). The UV/Vis spectrum of **13b** shows a similar absorbance at 450 nm. When excited at 440 nm, the fluorescence emission spectra of **13a** and **13b** show strong signals at 583 nm and 572 nm respectively. By visual observation, solutions of the conjugated polymers glow yellow orange under UV irradiation. In preliminary studies, electroluminescence devices have been fabricated by spin coating using these materials. A key finding was that good internal electroluminescence quantum efficiencies of up to 0.05% could be obtained using an air stable Aluminum electrode. Derivatives that contain halogens as electron withdrawing groups have been prepared and converted to polymers. It has been found that these derivatives can be used to tune the emission spectrum of the resulting polymer.

Since the monomers that are being prepared are new substrates for ROMP, a method of predicting which compounds will polymerize has been developed and is being applied to a number of new substrates.

Polyparaphenylene: The final papers on the synthesis of polyparaphenylene have been published. A collaboration with A. MacDiarmid at U. of Penn has resulted in the conversion of the precursors into extremely stable films of PPP. Samples of the high molecular weight, linear precursor to polyparaphenylene that was prepared were sent to the University of Dayton, Edwards Airforce Base and to other federal laboratories. Other applications in the construction of blue electroluminescence diodes and in the development of a high density battery are being explored.