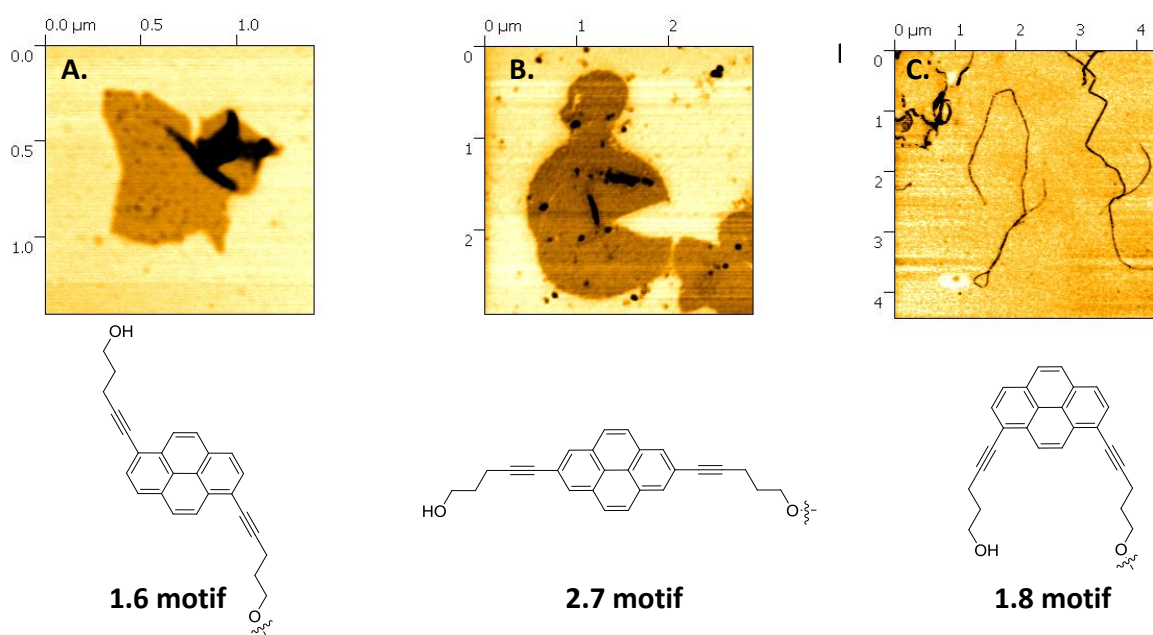


Diversity of morphological patterns in supramolecular polymers formed from the amphiphilic oligomers of pyrenes

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Herein we demonstrate that a substitution type of the pyrene in short amphiphilic oligomers determines a morphology of the assemblies formed. Thus, 1.6- and 2.7-linkages lead to a formation of micrometer-sized 2D supramolecular polymers with a constant thickness 2 nm (pictures A and B)¹. These assemblies possess a high degree of an internal order: the interior consists of hydrophobic pyrenes and alkyl chains, whereas the exterior exists as a net of hydrophilic negatively charged phosphates. Contrary, a 1.8-linkage exclusively leads to a formation of long nanometer thick helical supramolecular polymers (picture C)². These structures tend to form even more complex assemblies (bundles, superhelices). Moreover, for all samples the polymerization process occurs via a nucleation-elongation mechanism. To study Py₃ self-assembly, we carried out whole set of spectroscopic (UV/vis, fluorescence, DLS) and microscopic experiments (AFM).



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