

# **Corso di Chimica Supramolecolare**

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# Supramolecular Chemistry - definitions

- the chemistry **beyond the molecules**: molecules are already formed
- the chemistry of molecular **assemblies** and of the **intermolecular bond**: association of molecules
- the chemistry of the **non covalent bond**: weak interactions

Bottom-up approach

Nano objects

Smart and functional materials

# **Supramolecular Chemistry - vocabulary**

Host-Guest, Self-assembly, Supramolecular Assembly, Design, Control, Non covalent Interactions, Electrostatic Int., Anion-Π Int., Solvent effects,...

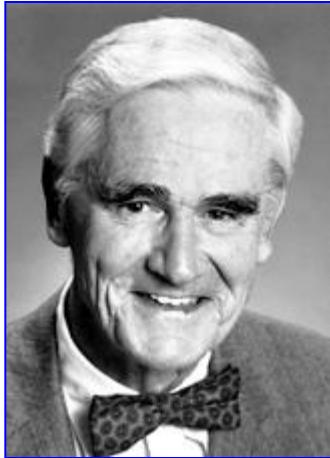
Molecular machines, containers, nanoscale flasks, nanoassemblies, supramolecular architectures, cages, trasporters, molecular magnets, nanoparticles, nanoballs, channels, tubes,...

Macrocycles, Cucubiturils, Helicates, Rotaxanes, Catenanes, Dendrimers..

Functional and complex nanomaterials and devices (smart materials, MOFs, polymers, gels, SAMs..)

Imaging, Sensing, Recognition, Catalysis, Switching, ...

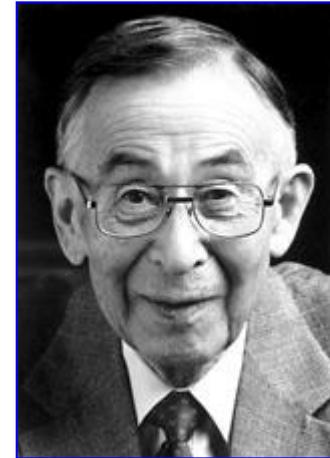
# Nobel Prize in Chemistry, 1987



Cram



Lehn



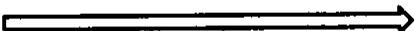
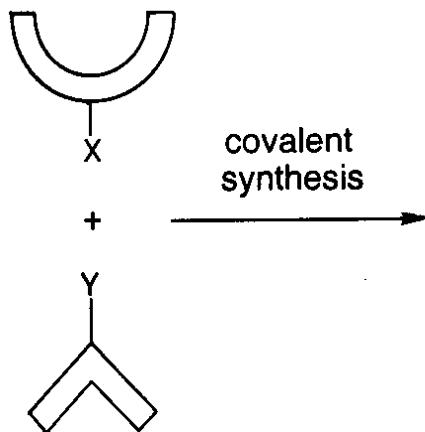
Pedersen

*«for their development and use of molecules with structure-specific interactions of high selectivity»*

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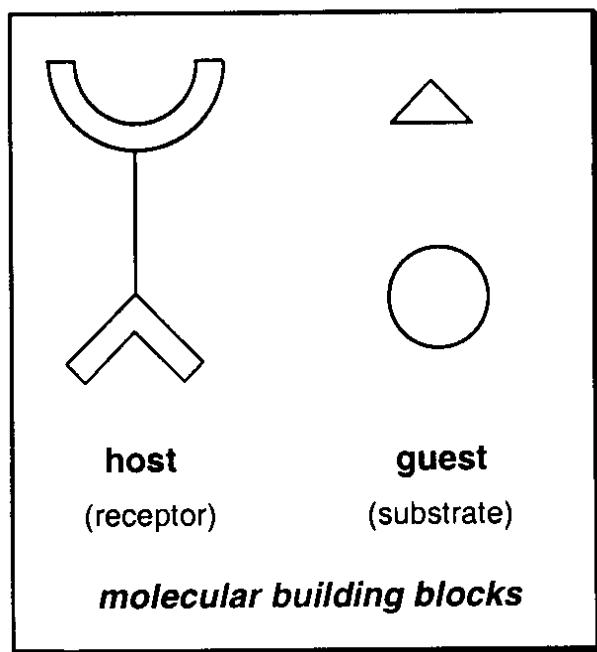
**MOLECULAR  
CHEMISTRY**

*covalent bond formation*

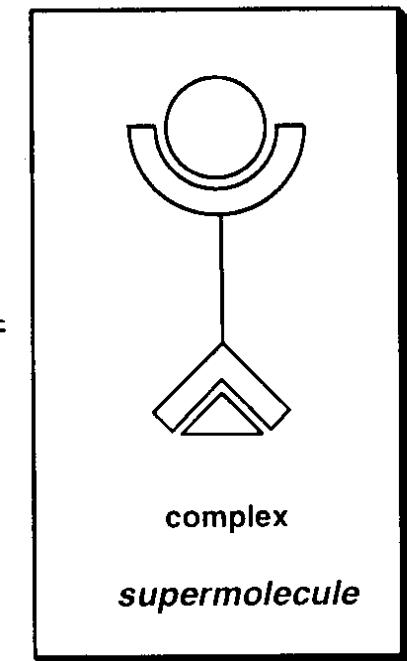


**SUPRAMOLECULAR  
CHEMISTRY**

*non-covalent bond formation*



non-covalent  
synthesis



# The Nobel Prize in Chemistry, 2016



J-P. Sauvage



Sir J. F. Stoddart



B. L. Feringa

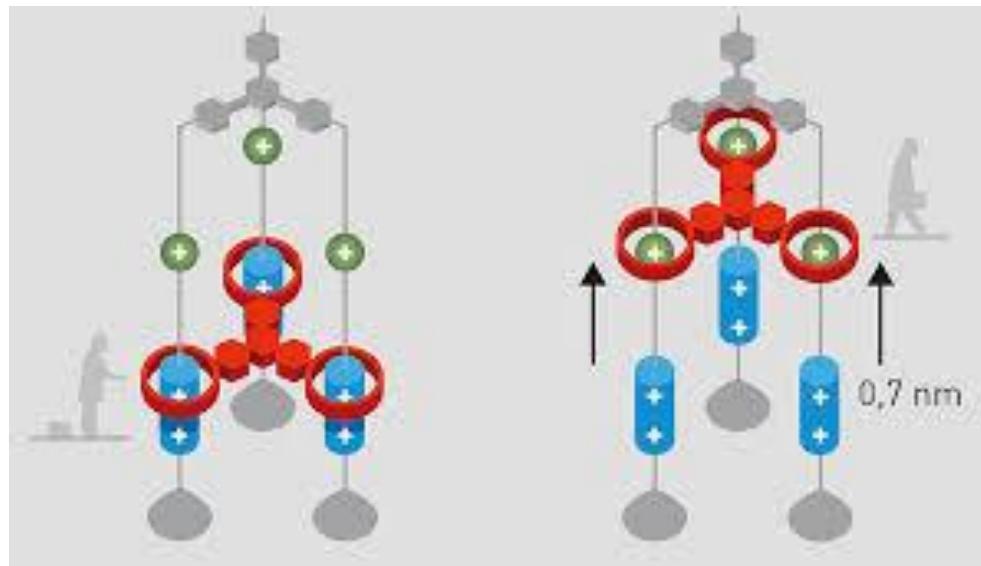
*"for the design and synthesis of molecular machines"*

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## **Chimica, il Nobel mancato**

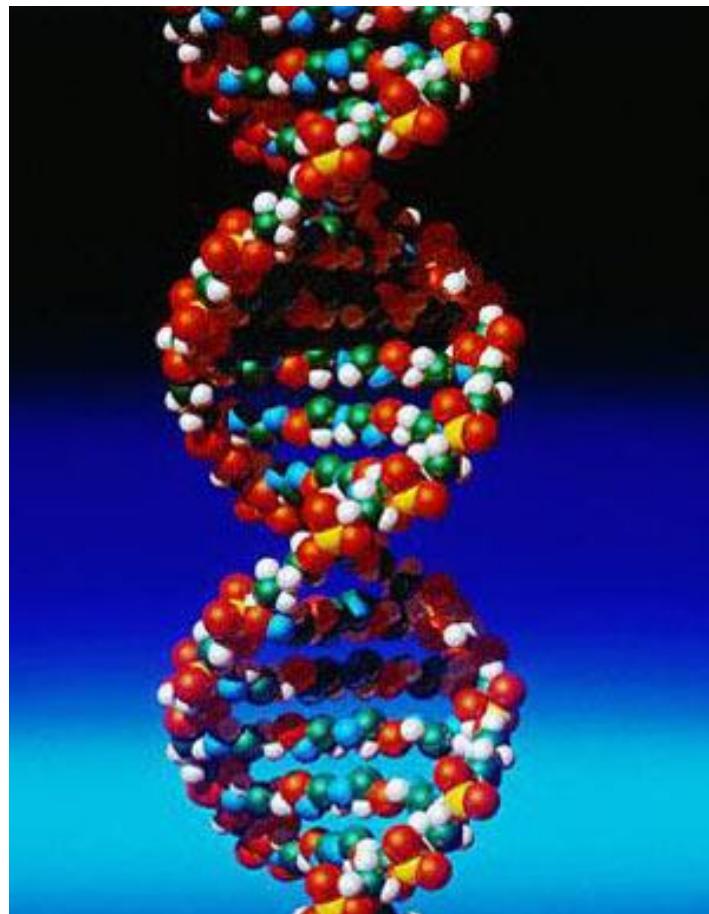


Prof. Vincenzo Balzani, docente emerito dell'Università di Bologna

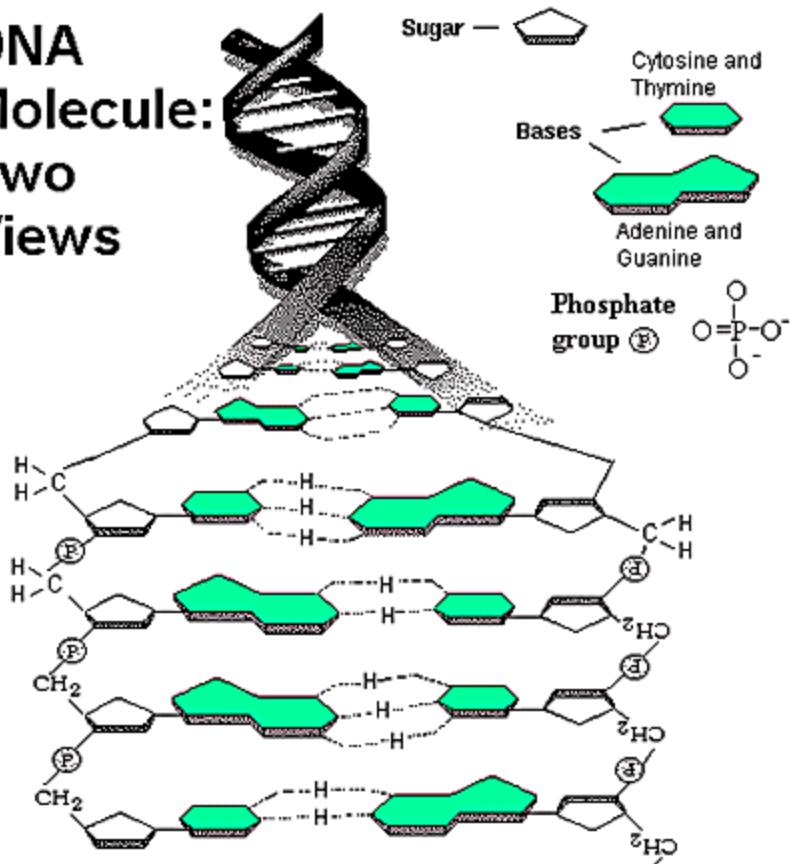


# The original inspiration: Supramolecular systems in Nature

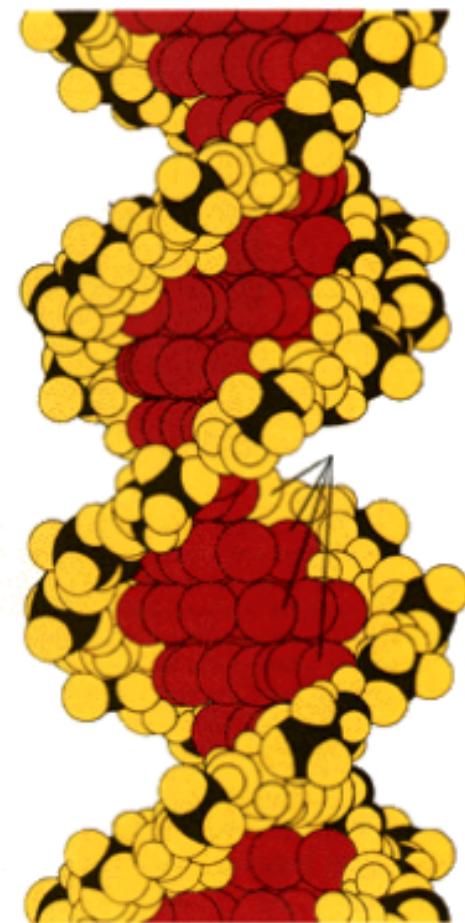
## DNA



**DNA  
Molecule:  
Two  
Views**



# Information Storage



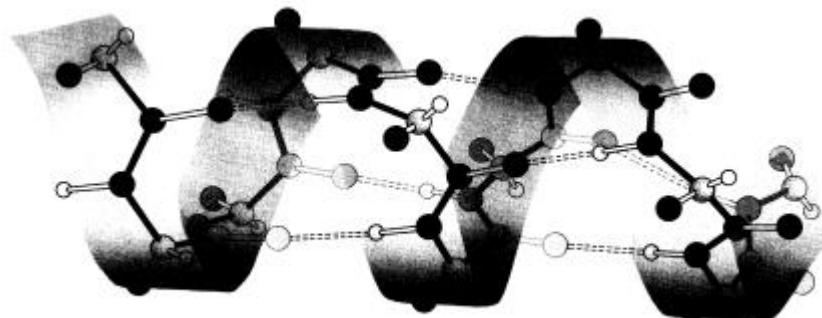
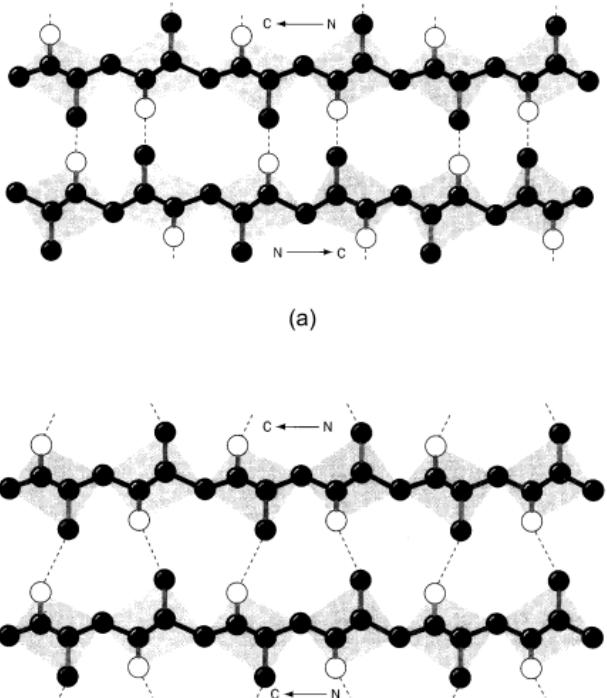
*The ultimate supramolecular material?*

- Encodes gigabytes of data
- Can Self-Replicate
- Built-in Error Correction
- Is the basis of life

Watson & Crick 1953

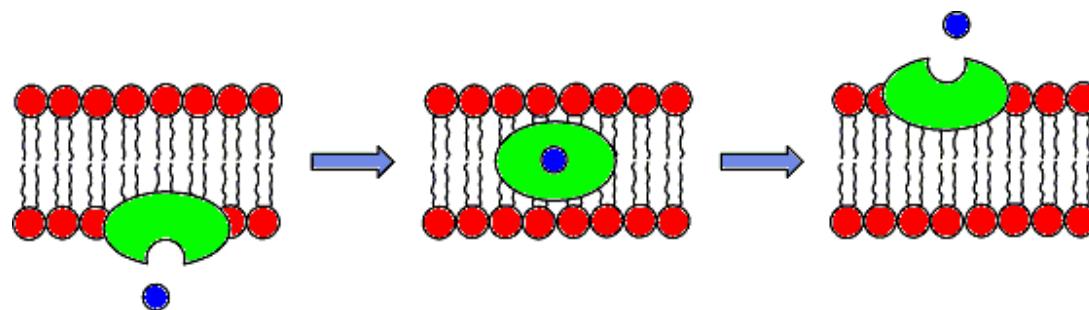
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## PROTEINS



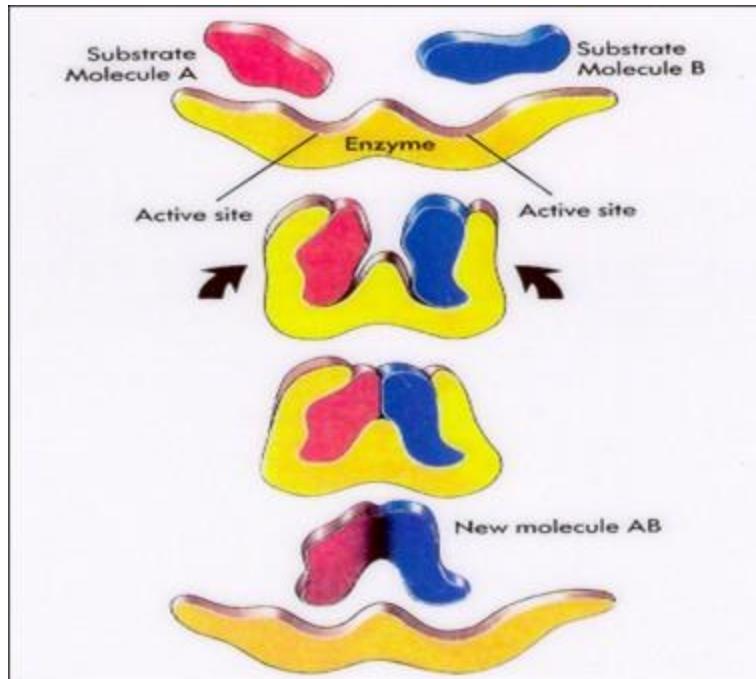
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## MEMBRANES and TRANSMEMBRANE CARRIERS



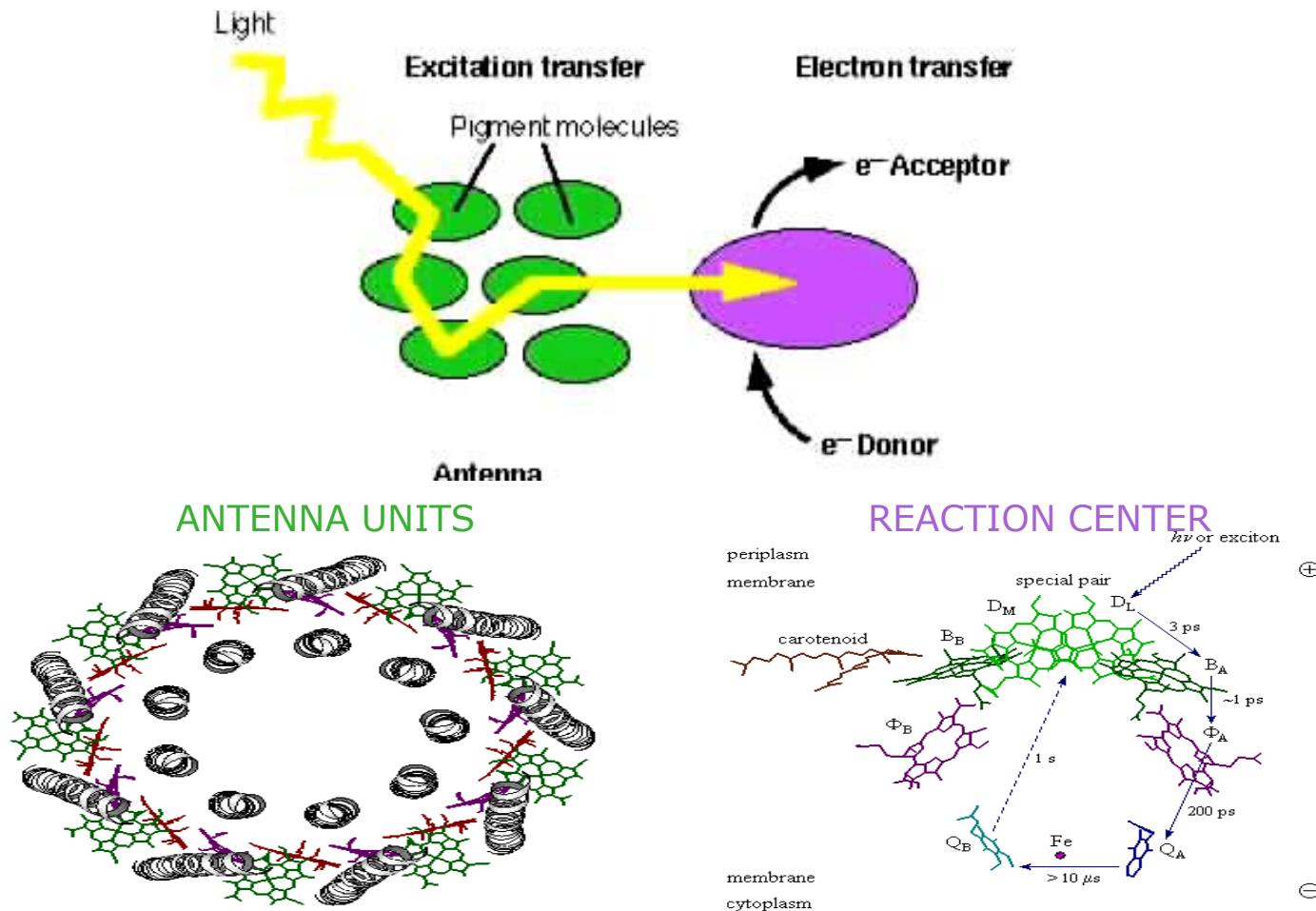
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## ENZYMES



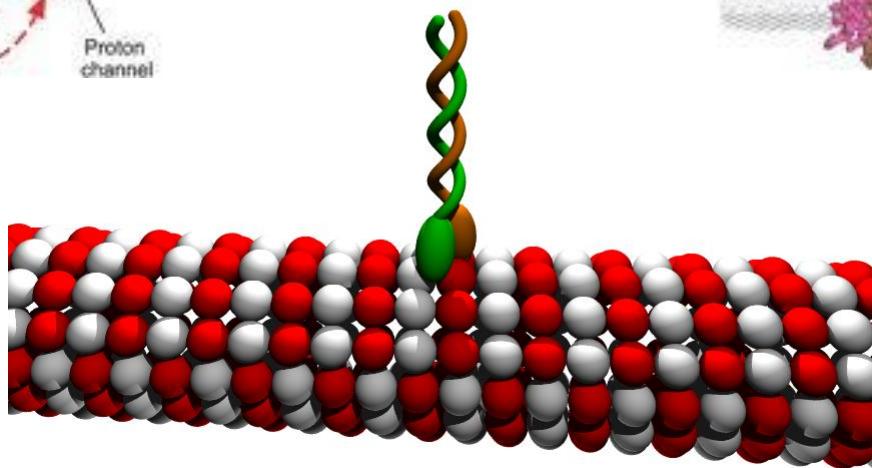
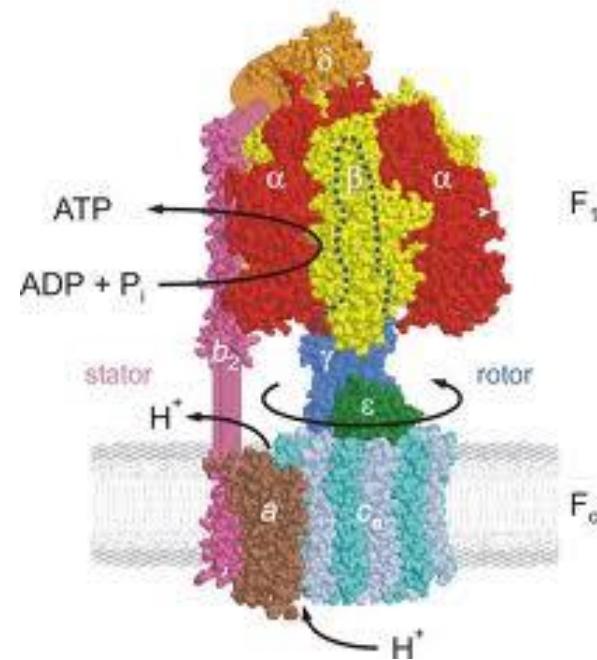
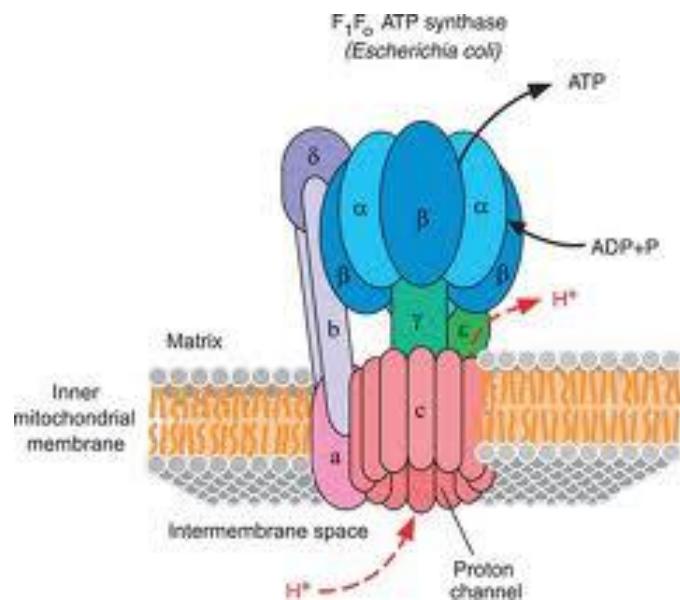
# The original inspiration: Supramolecular systems in Nature

## THE PHOTOSYNTHETIC APPARATUS



# The original inspiration: Supramolecular systems in Nature

## ATP Synthase and KINESIN

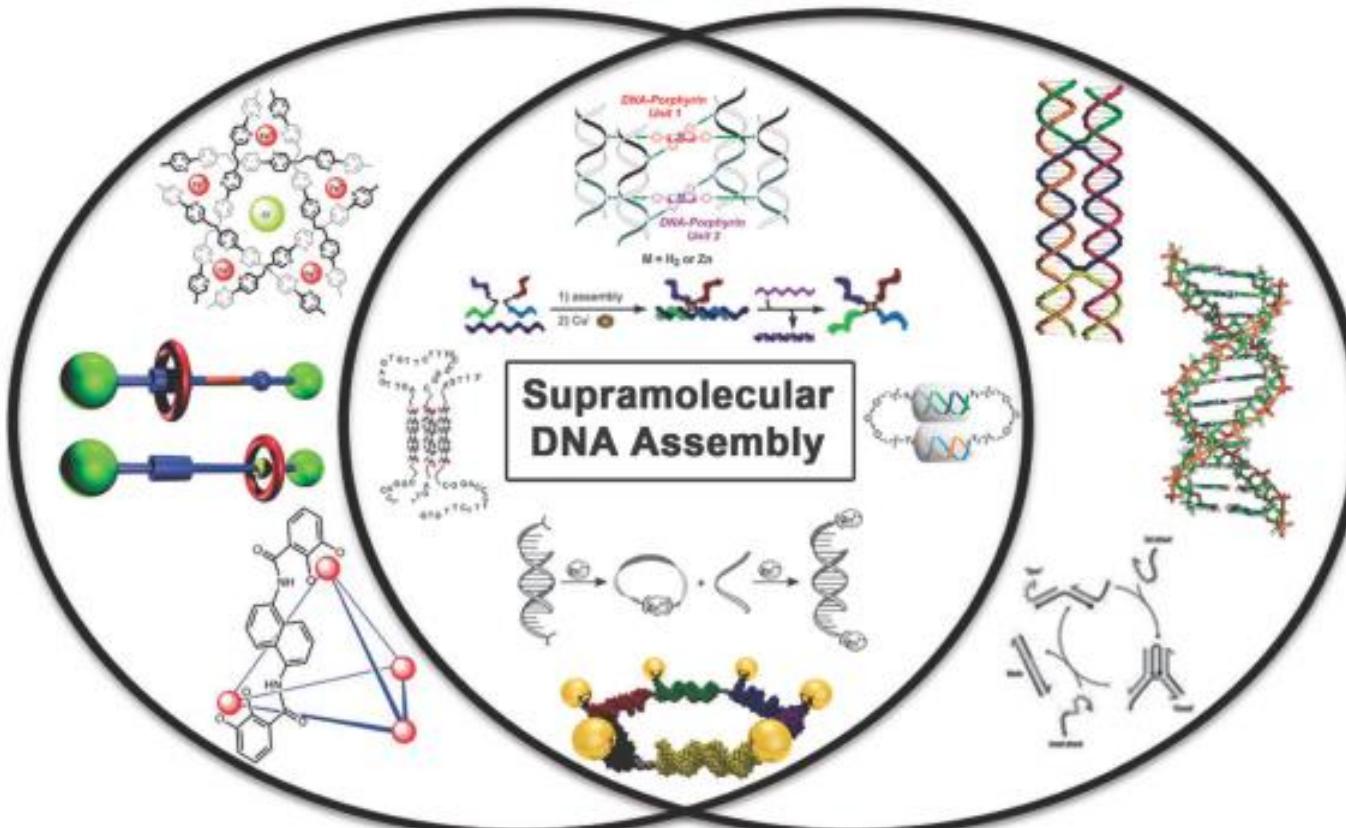


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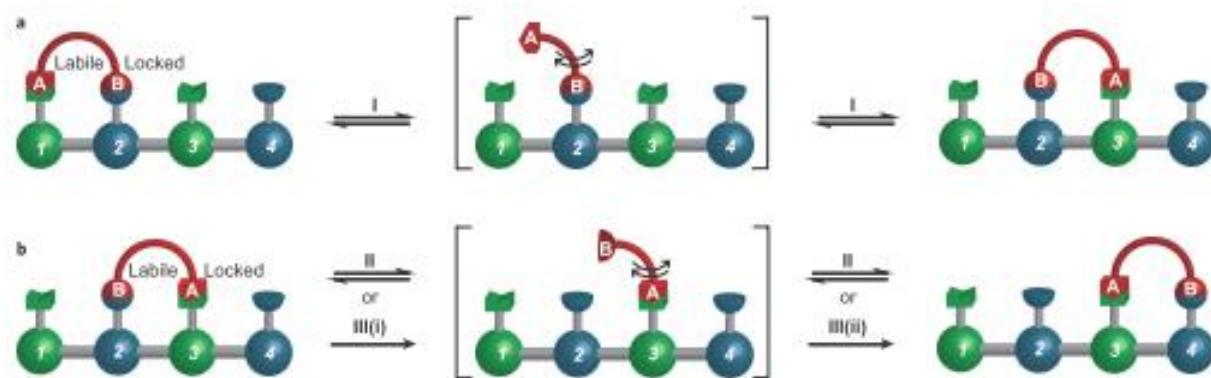
## METHANE CLATHRATE (Siberian craters)



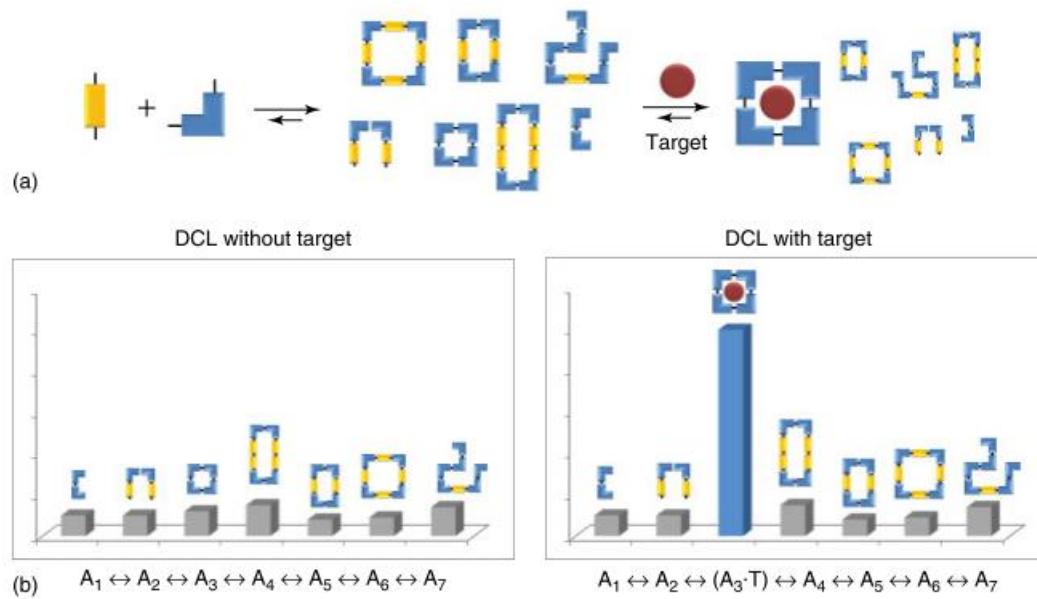
# The bridge: Supramolecular ARTIFICIAL and NATURAL systems



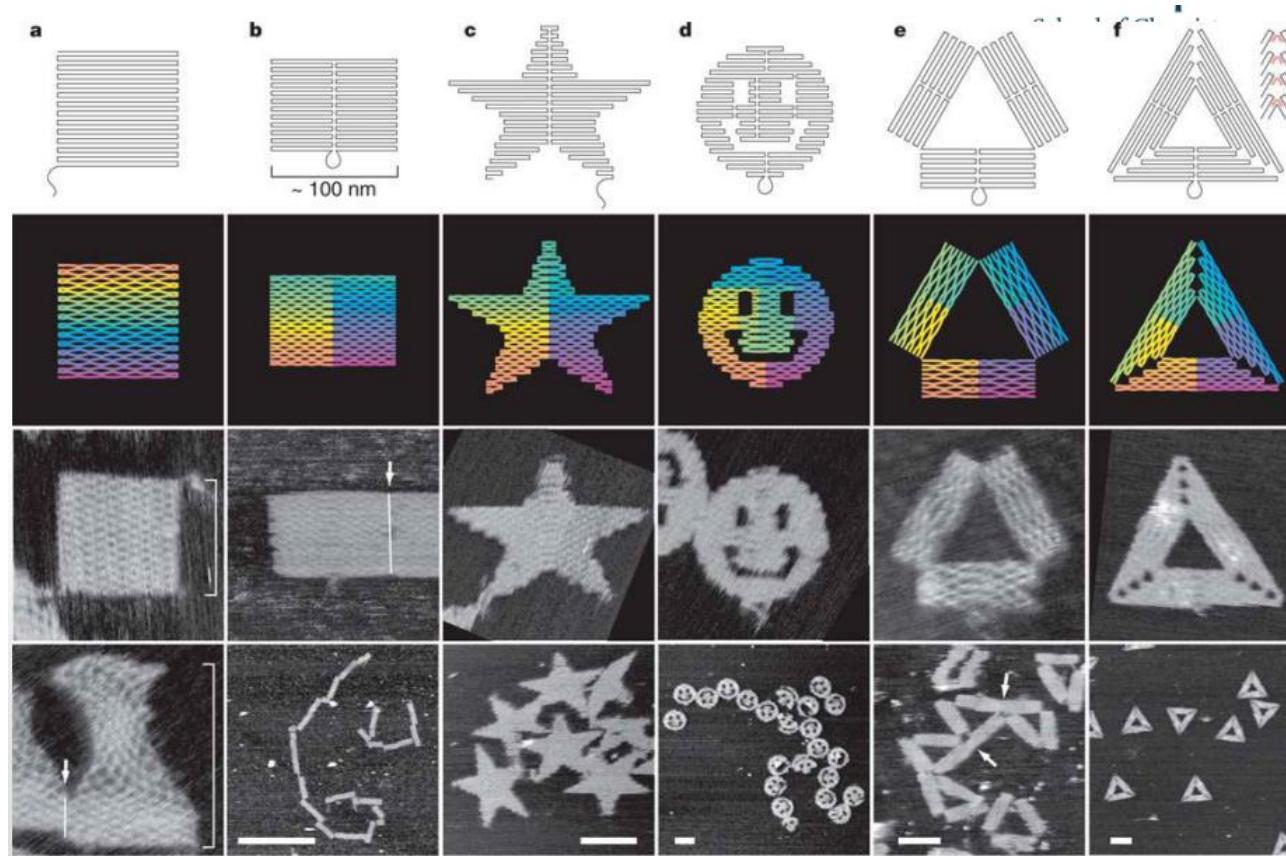
# A synthetic molecule that CAN WALK DOWN A TRACK



# DYNAMIC COMBINATORIAL LIBRARIES

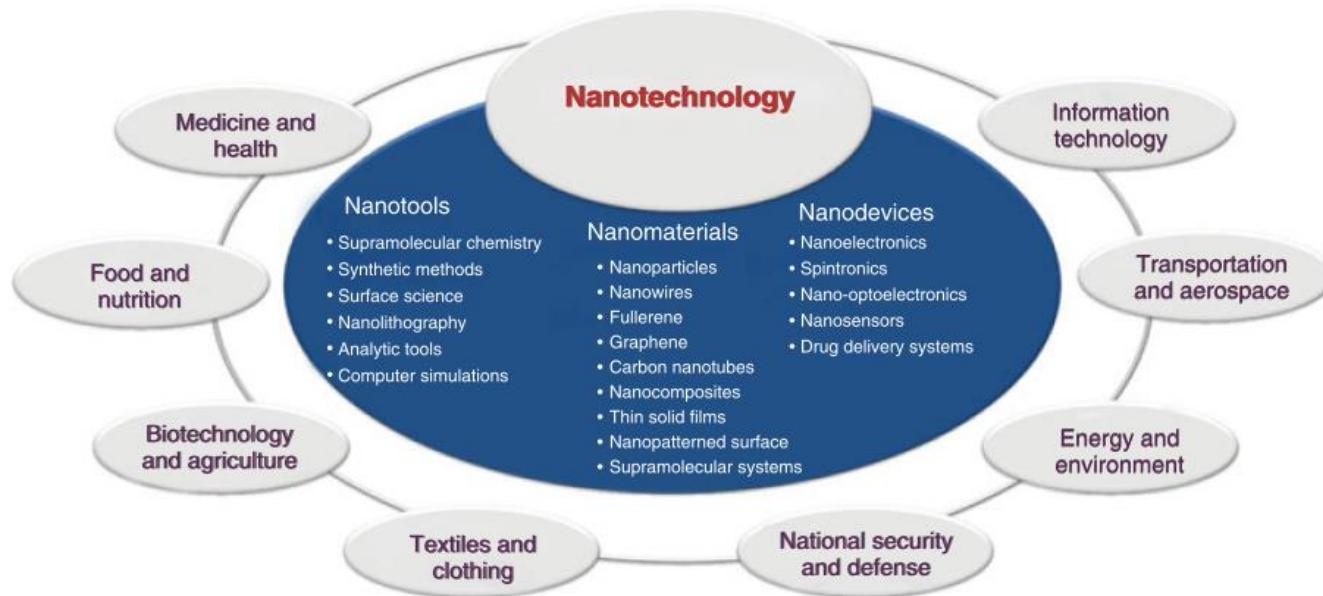


# Folding DNA to create NANOSCALE SHAPES AND PATTERNS



P.W. Rothemund, *Nature* 2006

# From Supramolecular Chemistry to Nanotechnology



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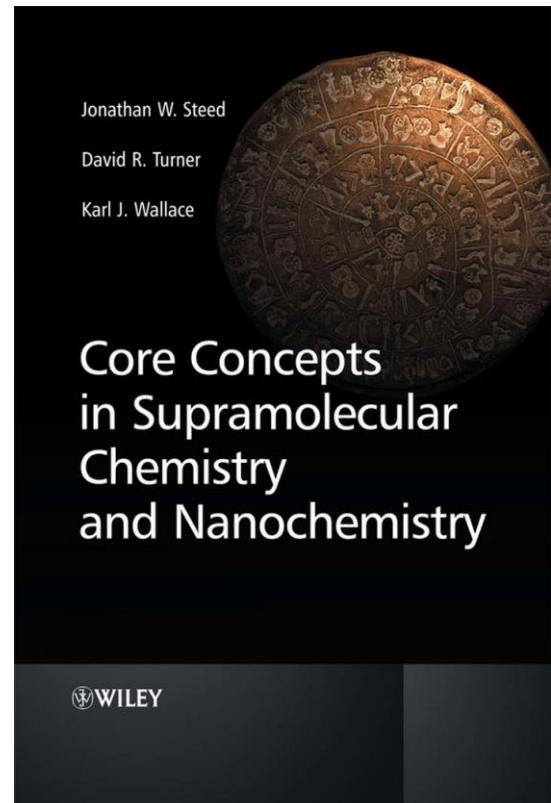
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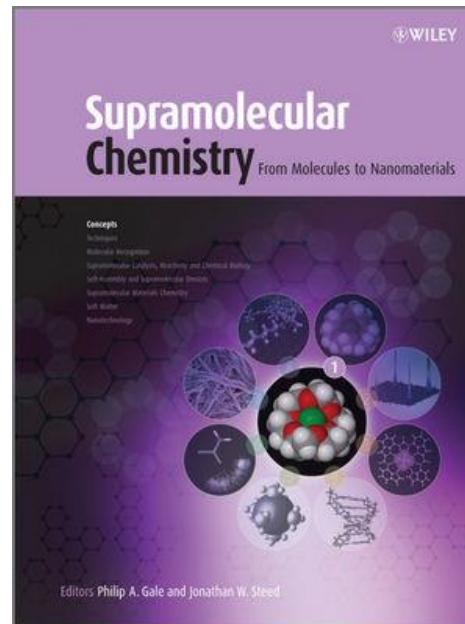
**Karl J. Wallace,**  
*University of Southern Mississippi, USA*



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**Supramolecular Chemistry: From Molecules to Nanomaterials, 8 Volume Set**  
[Jonathan W. Steed](#) (Editor-in-Chief), [Philip A. Gale](#) (Editor-in-Chief), Wiley.

# Programma

## Interazioni non covalenti

### Recettori 1

*cationi/anioni/molecole neutre*

### Metodi Analitici

### Recettori 2

*Cavitandi/Contenitori molecolari*

- Covalenti
- Auto-assemblati (legami H, legami M, legami covalenti dinamici)
- Applicazioni: isolamento di intermedi instabili; reattività nello spazio confinato; catalisi

## Fotofisica in breve

(Prof. M.T. Indelli, UniFe)

# Programma

**Topological Chemistry**

*Elicati/Catenani/Rotaxani/Nodi*

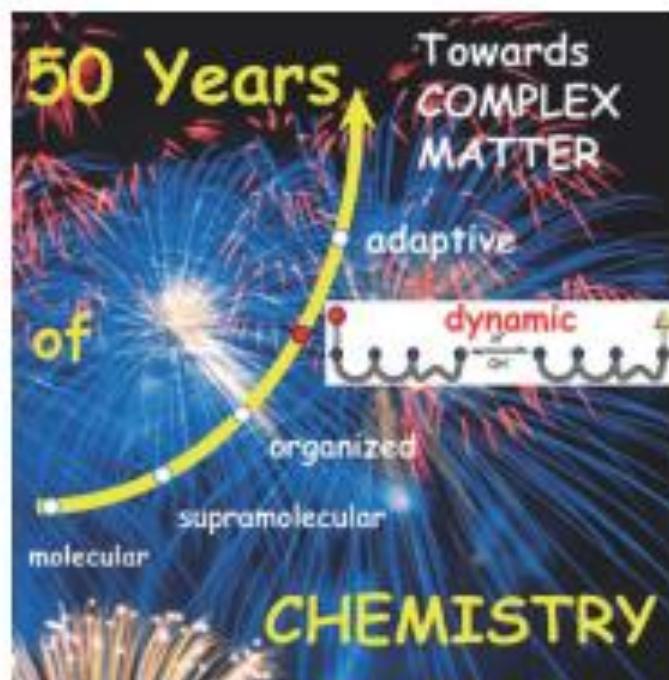
(Pro.f B. Colasson, Università *Paris Descartes*, Francia 4h)

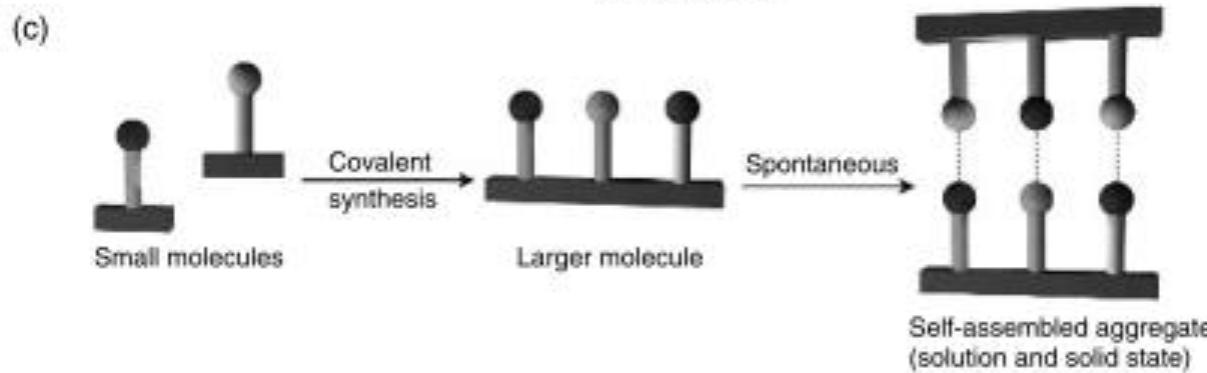
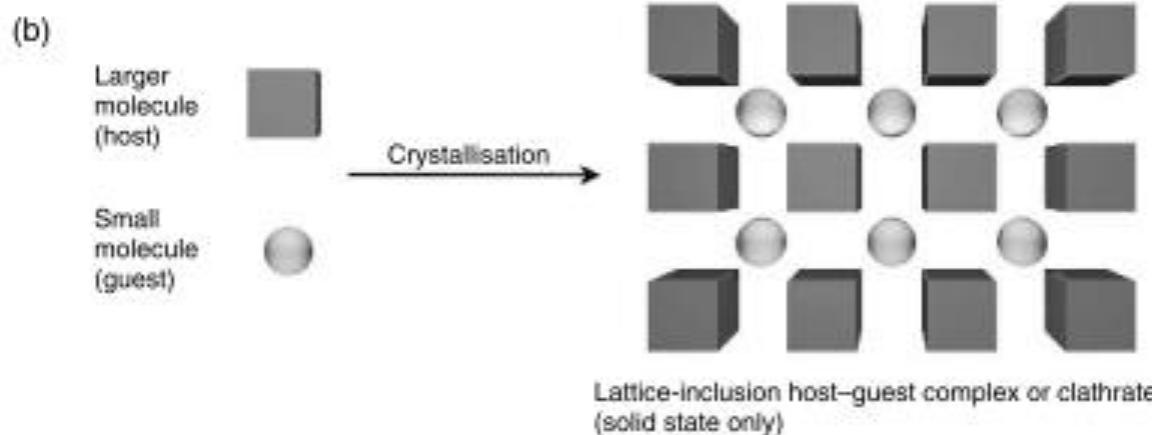
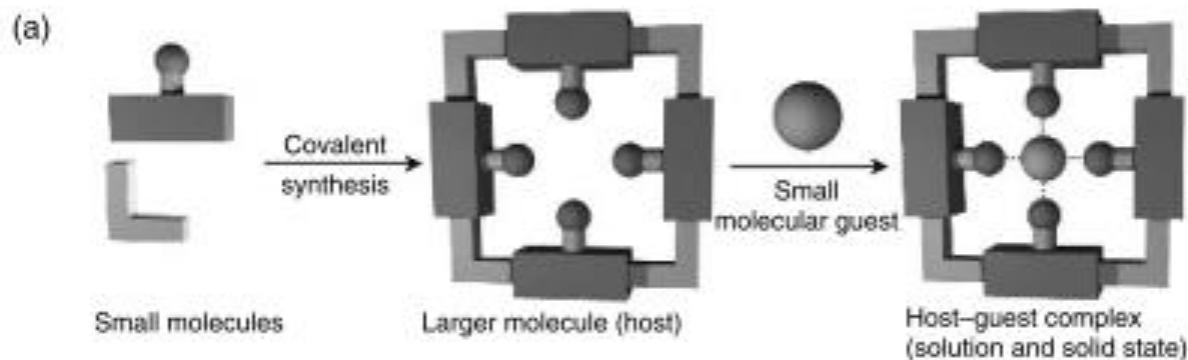
**Dispositivi e Macchine molecolari**

**Determinazione delle Costanti di Associazione**

(Prof. P. Tecilla 4h)

Sensori



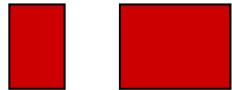


# Weak (Reversible) Intermolecular Interactions

- Electrostatic
- $\pi-\pi$
- Cation- $\pi$ / Anion- $\pi$ /CH- $\pi$
- H Bonding
- Halogen Bonding
- Metal-Ligand Coordination
- Reversible Covalent Bonding
- Chelate Effect
- Macrocyclic Effect
- Hydrophobic Effect

# Weak Intermolecular Interactions

**weak interactions**



1-5

Van der  
Waals



10-50

H bond  
 $\pi-\pi$

100-150

charge-charge

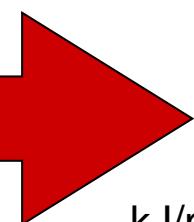
50-200

metal-ligand

200-500

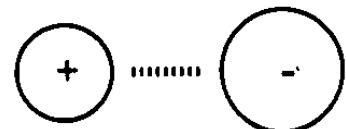
covalent

**strong interactions**

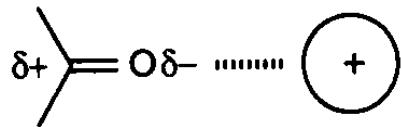


kJ/mol

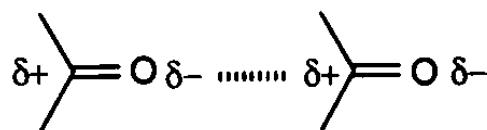
# Electrostatic Interactions



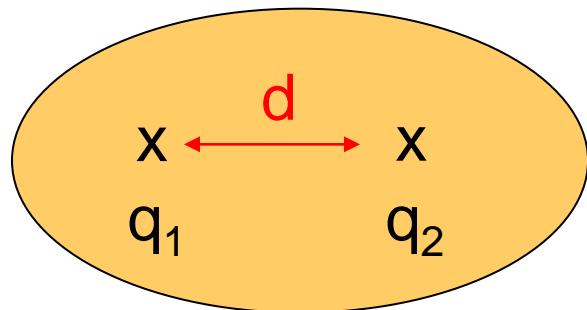
Charge-Charge Interactions 100-350 kJ/mol



Dipole-Charge Interactions 50-200 kJ/mol



Dipole-Dipole Interactions 5-50 kJ/mol



apolar medium  $\Leftrightarrow \epsilon$  small ( $\sim 2$ )  
 polar medium  $\Leftrightarrow \epsilon$  big ( $H_2O \sim 80$ )

### *dielectric constant of the solvent*

	$\epsilon$	apolar polar
Benzene	2,3	
Acetone	20,7	
Ethanol	24,3	
water	78,5	

Chemical structures and formulas:

- Benzene: c1ccccc1
- Acetone: CC(=O)C
- Ethanol: CH3CH2OH
- water: H2O

$$W = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{q_1 q_2}{\epsilon d} \quad (J)$$

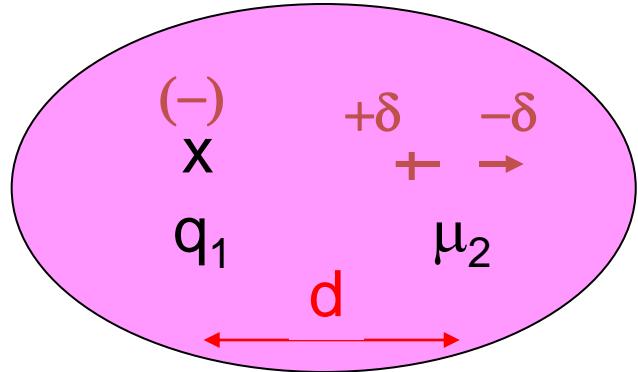
vacuum  
permittivity

dielectric constant  
(nature of solvent)

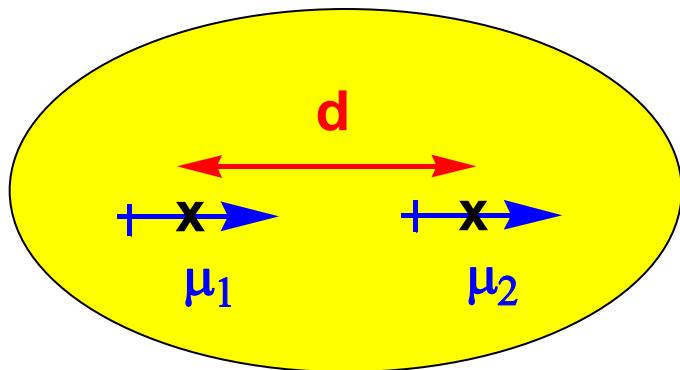
$$\epsilon(\text{vacuum}) = 1$$

$$\epsilon = 78,5 \quad d = 0,5 \text{ nm} \Rightarrow W = 3,75 \text{ kJ.mol}^{-1}$$

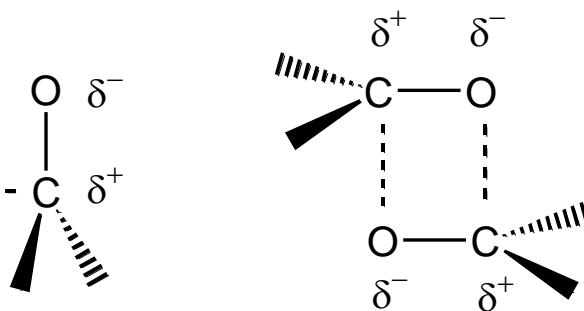
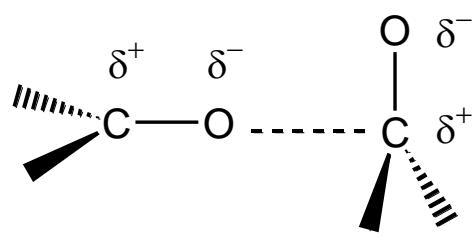
$$\epsilon = 2 \quad d = 0,5 \text{ nm} \Rightarrow W = 140 \text{ kJ.mol}^{-1}$$



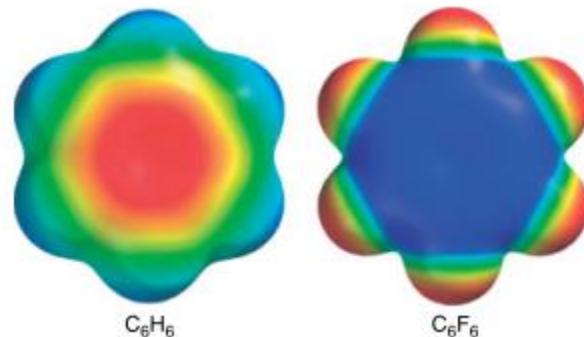
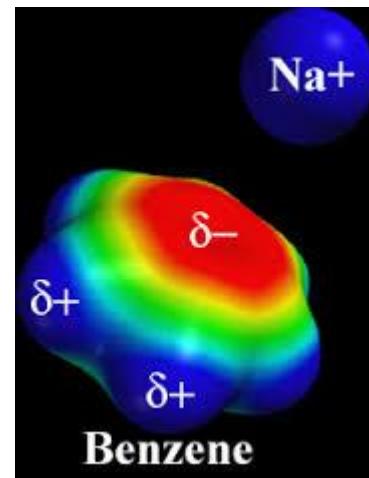
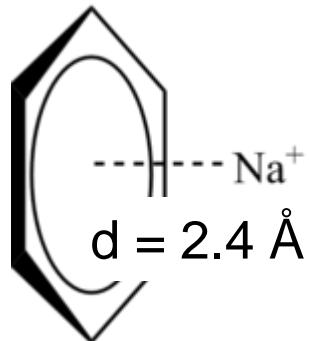
$$W = - C^{te} \times \frac{|q|\mu_2}{\epsilon d^2}$$



$$W = - C^{te} \frac{\mu_1 \mu_2}{\epsilon d^3}$$



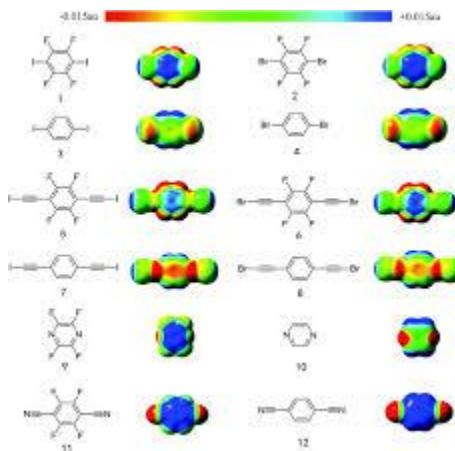
# Cation- $\pi$ Interactions



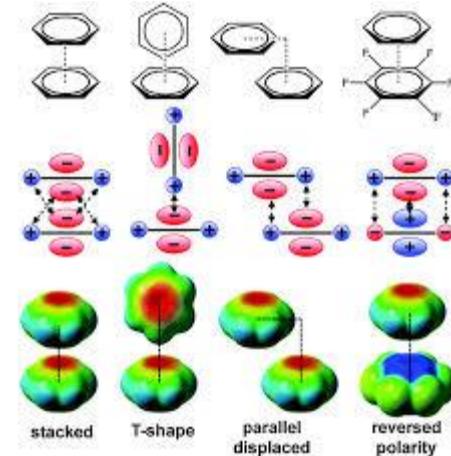
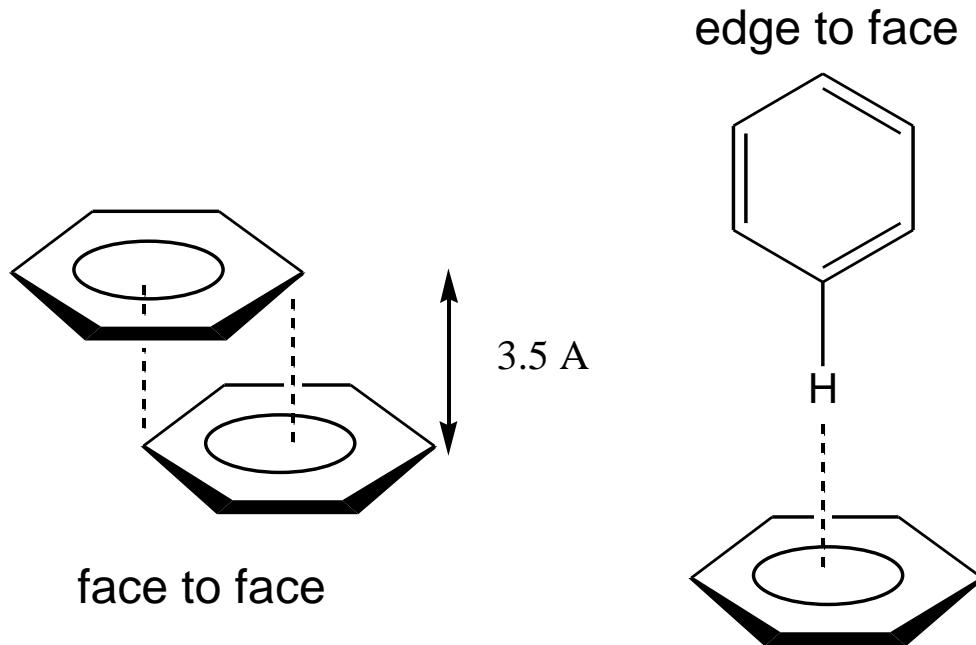
# Anion- $\pi$ Interactions

Proposed by three research groups of theoreticians independently in 2002 based on their theoretical calculations, anion – $\pi$  interactions are defined as attractive interactions between negatively charged species and electron-deficient aromatic rings. Typical anion– $\pi$  interaction indicates the attraction of an anion species to the centroid of an aromatic ring.

In comparison to a plethora of theoretical calculations of anion– $\pi$  interactions, experimental studies on these intriguing noncovalent bond interactions are limited.

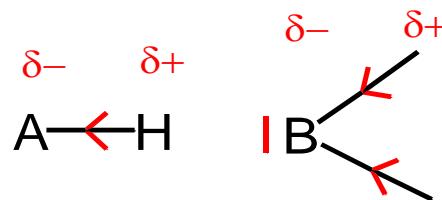


## $\pi$ - $\pi$ Interactions up to 50 kJ/mol

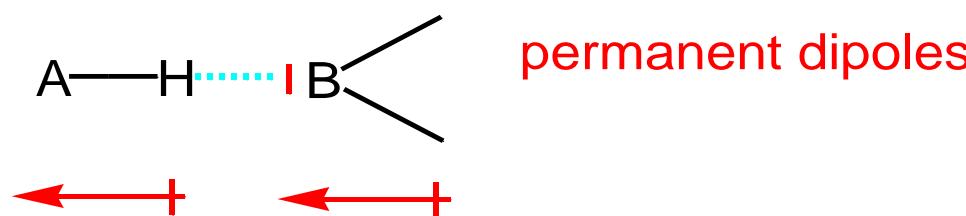


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# H Bond 4-120 kJ/mol

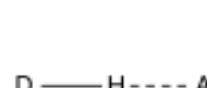


A, B electronegative or  
electrondeficient atoms

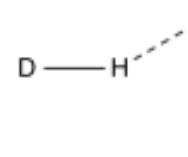


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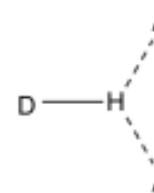
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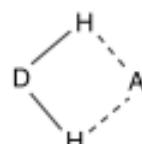
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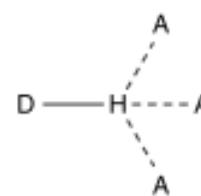
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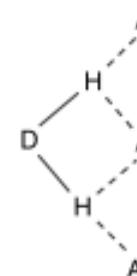
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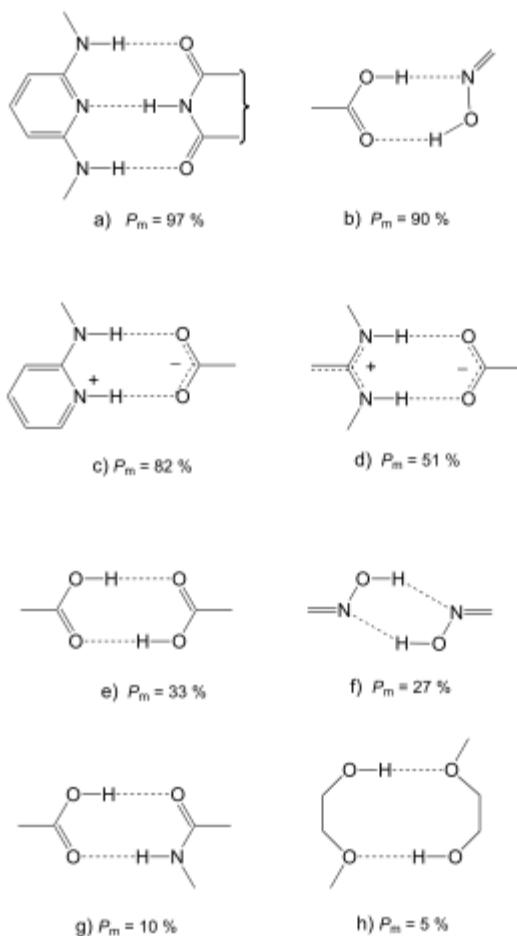
**Table 1.5** Properties of hydrogen bonded interactions.

	Strong	Moderate	Weak
A–H $\cdots$ B interaction	Mainly covalent	Mainly electrostatic	Electrostatic
Bond energy (kJ mol $^{-1}$ )	60–120	16–60	<12
Bond lengths (Å)			
H $\cdots$ B	1.2–1.5	1.5–2.2	2.2–3.2
A $\cdots$ B	2.2–2.5	2.5–3.2	3.2–4.0
Bond angles (°)	175–180	130–180	90–150
Relative IR vibration shift (stretching symmetrical mode, cm $^{-1}$ )	25%	10–25%	<10%
$^1\text{H}$ NMR chemical shift downfield (ppm)	14–22	<14	?
Examples	Gas phase dimers with strong acids/bases Proton sponge HF complexes	Acids Alcohols Biological molecules	Minor components of bifurcated bonds $\text{C}-\text{H}$ hydrogen bonds $\text{O}-\text{H}\cdots\pi$ hydrogen bonds

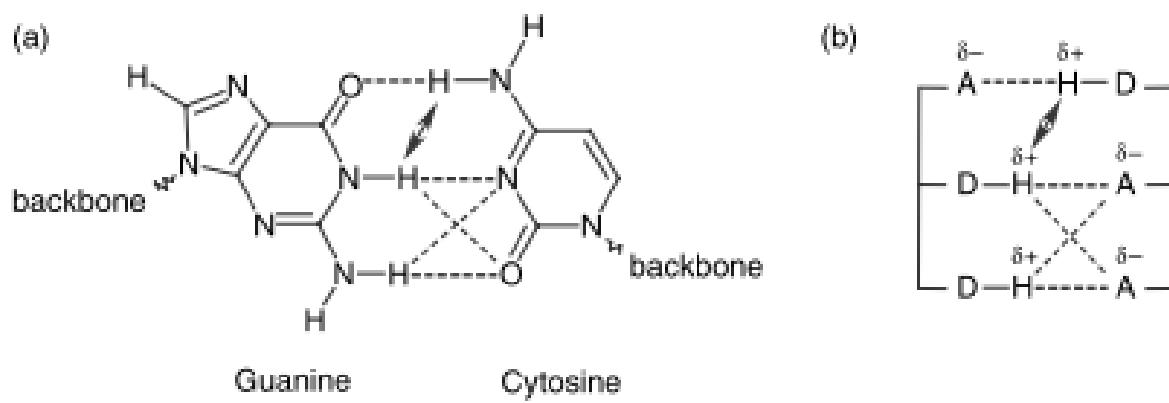
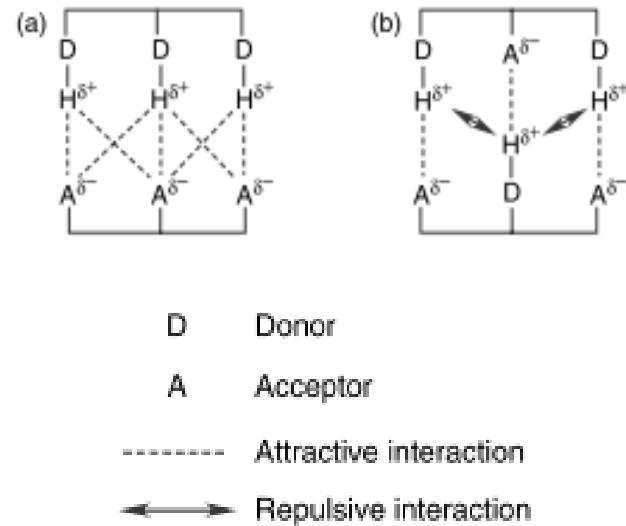
# The Hydrogen Bond in the Solid State

Thomas Steiner\*

*Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2002**, *41*, 48–76



Scheme 17. Eight examples of intermolecular hydrogen bond motifs with their probability of formation ( $P_m$ ) in crystals.<sup>[122]</sup> Notice that  $P_m$  of the carboxy–oxime heterodimer (b) is much higher than that of the carboxylic acid (e) and oxime homodimers (f).



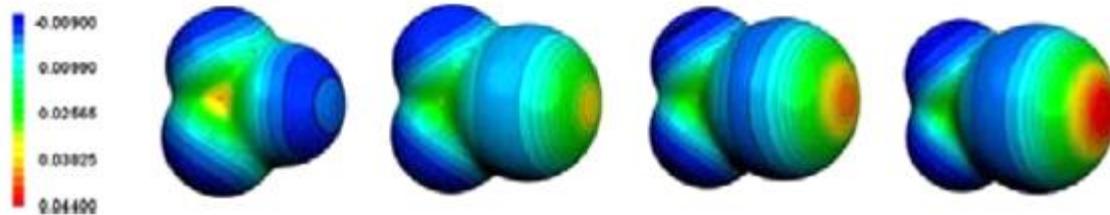
# Halogen Bond

Halogen atoms are among the more electronegative elements, and covalently bonded halogens are usually considered to be electron rich. It is somewhat counterintuitive, therefore, that halogen atoms can interact with Lewis bases. Politzer and co-workers' extensive studies of the electrostatic potential surface of halogen-bonding systems provide one rationale to the phenomenon of halogen bonding.<sup>25b,43</sup>

A free, neutral, ground-state atom has, on average, a spherically symmetric distribution of positive electrostatic potential everywhere (the nuclear attraction dominates over that of the surrounding electrons).<sup>44</sup> It is only when atoms are bonded that surrounding electronic charge is redistributed, being polarized toward the bonding region, which results in regions with more or less electron density on the atom's equatorial or bond terminus, respectively.<sup>45</sup> This anisotropic charge distribution is usually shown by plotting the electrostatic potential  $V_S(r)$  on the molecular surface, typically taken to be the 0.001 au ( $e/\text{bohr}^3$ ) contour of its electron density and which has been shown to resemble the van der Waals surface:<sup>46</sup> those for covalently bonded halogen atoms in  $\text{CF}_3\text{X}$  are shown in Figure 1.<sup>25b,43a,c,47</sup> The electrostatic surface potential  $V_S(r)$  at any point in space was calculated mathematically, but it may be experimentally determined using diffraction techniques.<sup>48</sup>

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Figure 1 shows that when  $X = F$ , all halogen surfaces have negative potential as expected for a very electronegative atom. As one of the fluorine atoms is substituted for a different



**Figure 1.** Molecular electrostatic potential, in hartrees, at the  $0.001 \text{ e/bohr}^3$  isodensity surface of  $\text{CF}_3\text{X}$  (from left to right,  $X = \text{F}, \text{Cl}, \text{Br}, \text{I}$ ). Reprinted with permission from ref 43b. Copyright 2007 Springer.

halogen, however, a region of positive potential develops (red), becoming larger as the size of the halogen increases, and correlates with increased halogen polarizability, as illustrated for  $\text{CF}_3\text{Br}$  and  $\text{CF}_3\text{I}$  molecules. This region of positive potential at the terminus of the C–X bond is known as the  $\sigma$ -hole<sup>43b</sup> and is surrounded by a belt of negative potential. The radius of X contracts along the extension of the C–X bond—an effect sometimes referred to as polar flattening.<sup>45f,h</sup>

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In the  $\sigma$ -hole model XB occurs through the interaction of the  $\sigma$ -hole with electron-rich partners, and its fixed position along the C–X bond axis governs the near linearity of R–X…B interactions. The sides of polarized halogens being negatively charged also allow for the possibility of side-on interaction with positive sites.<sup>49</sup> Since this intermolecular interaction is a result of the polarization of the atom's electronic charge toward the covalent bond, anything that enhances this polarization will increase the magnitude of the  $\sigma$ -hole: increased polarizability of the atom itself or the electron-withdrawing nature of other atoms/groups within the molecule.

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In 2009 the International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry (IUPAC) started a project (project no. 2009-032-1-100) having the aim “to take a comprehensive look at intermolecular interactions involving halogens as electrophilic species and classify them”

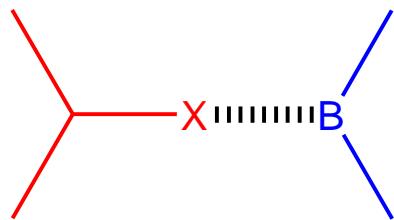
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An IUPAC recommendation defining these interactions as halogen bonds was issued in 2013 when the project was concluded: This definition states that

“A halogen bond occurs when there is evidence of a net attractive interaction between an electrophilic region associated with a halogen atom in a molecular entity and a nucleophilic region in another, or the same, molecular entity.”

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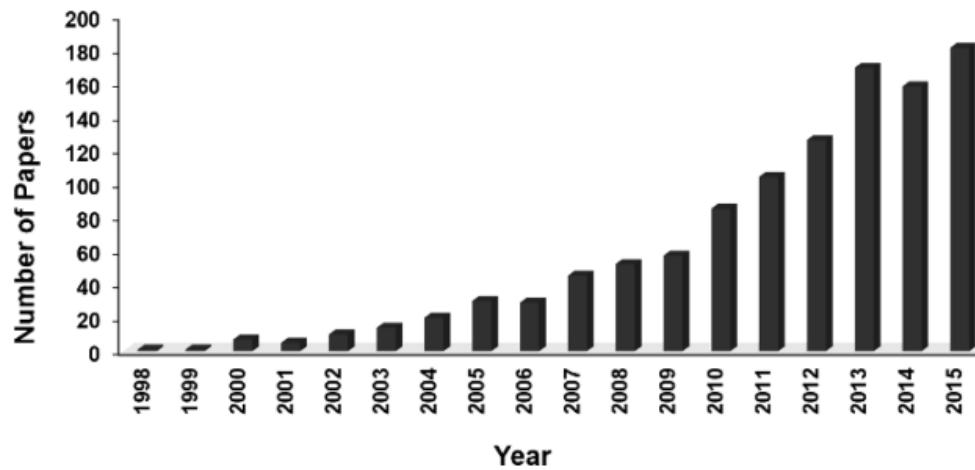


B : Lewis base (neutral or anionic)

X : electron-poor halogen atom

- Very directional ( $180^\circ$ , but also other geometries)
- As strong as H-bond
- Often encountered in solid state, more rarely in solution

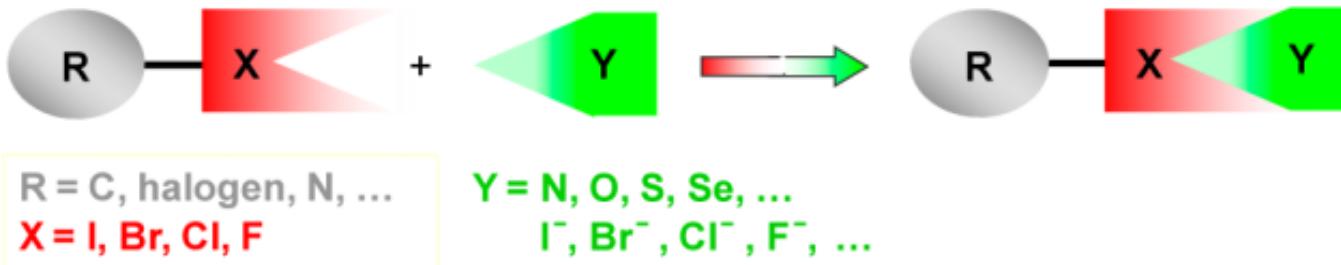
molecule	atom	bond producing a $\sigma$ -hole
H <sub>3</sub> C–F	F	C–F
H <sub>3</sub> C–Cl	Cl	C–Cl
H <sub>3</sub> C–Br	Br	C–Br
H <sub>3</sub> C–I	I	C–I
F <sub>3</sub> C–F	F	C–F
F <sub>3</sub> C–Cl	Cl	C–Cl
F <sub>3</sub> C–Br	Br	C–Br
F <sub>3</sub> C–I	I	C–I
NC–F	F	C–F
NC–Cl	Cl	C–Cl
NC–Br	Br	C–Br
NC–I	I	C–I
		Dihalogens
F–F	F	F–F
Cl–Cl	Cl	Cl–Cl
Br–Br	Br	Br–Br
		Focus on Bromine
Br–C≡C–Br	Br	C–Br
H <sub>3</sub> Si–Br	Br	C–Br
F <sub>3</sub> Si–Br	Br	Si–Br
H <sub>3</sub> Ge–Br	Br	Ge–Br
H <sub>2</sub> N–Br	Br	N–Br
F <sub>2</sub> N–Br	Br	N–Br
H <sub>2</sub> P–Br	Br	P–Br
F <sub>2</sub> P–Br	Br	P–Br
HO–Br	Br	O–Br
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Cl–Br	Br	Cl–Br



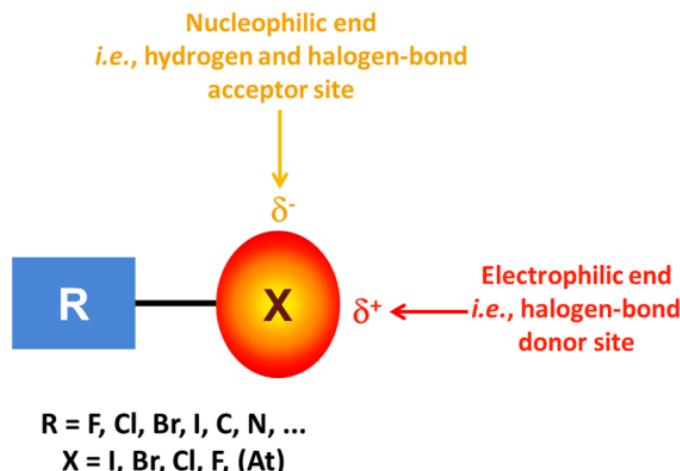
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## The Halogen Bond

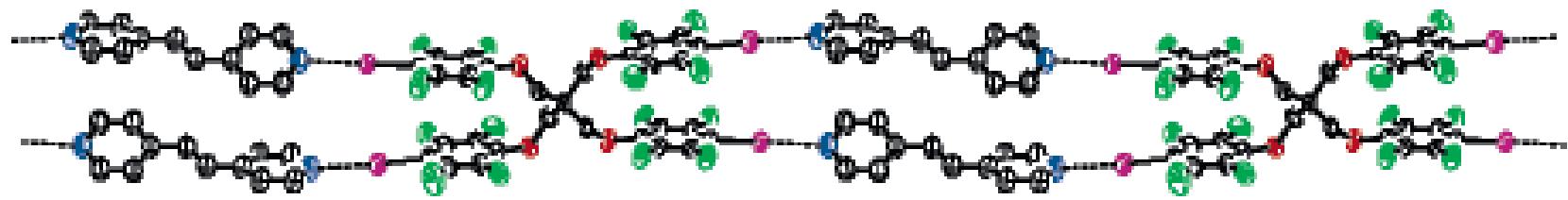
Gabriella Cavallo,<sup>†</sup> Pierangelo Metrangolo,<sup>\*,†‡</sup> Roberto Milani,<sup>‡</sup> Tullio Pilati,<sup>†</sup> Arri Priimagi,<sup>§</sup> Giuseppe Resnati,<sup>\*,†</sup> and Giancarlo Terraneo<sup>†</sup>



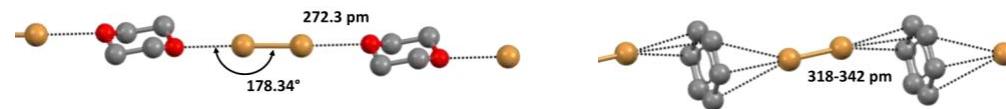
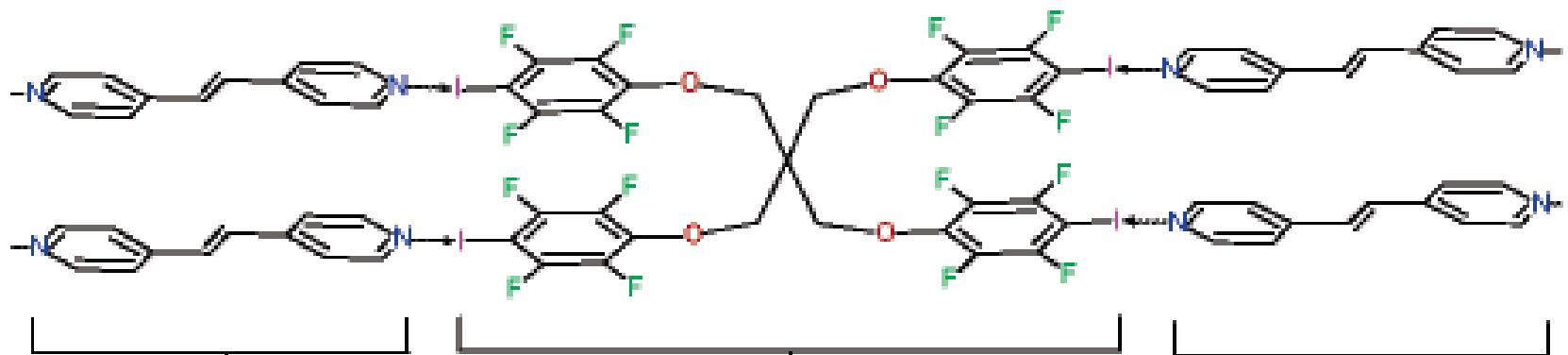
**Figure 1.** Schematic representation of the halogen bond.



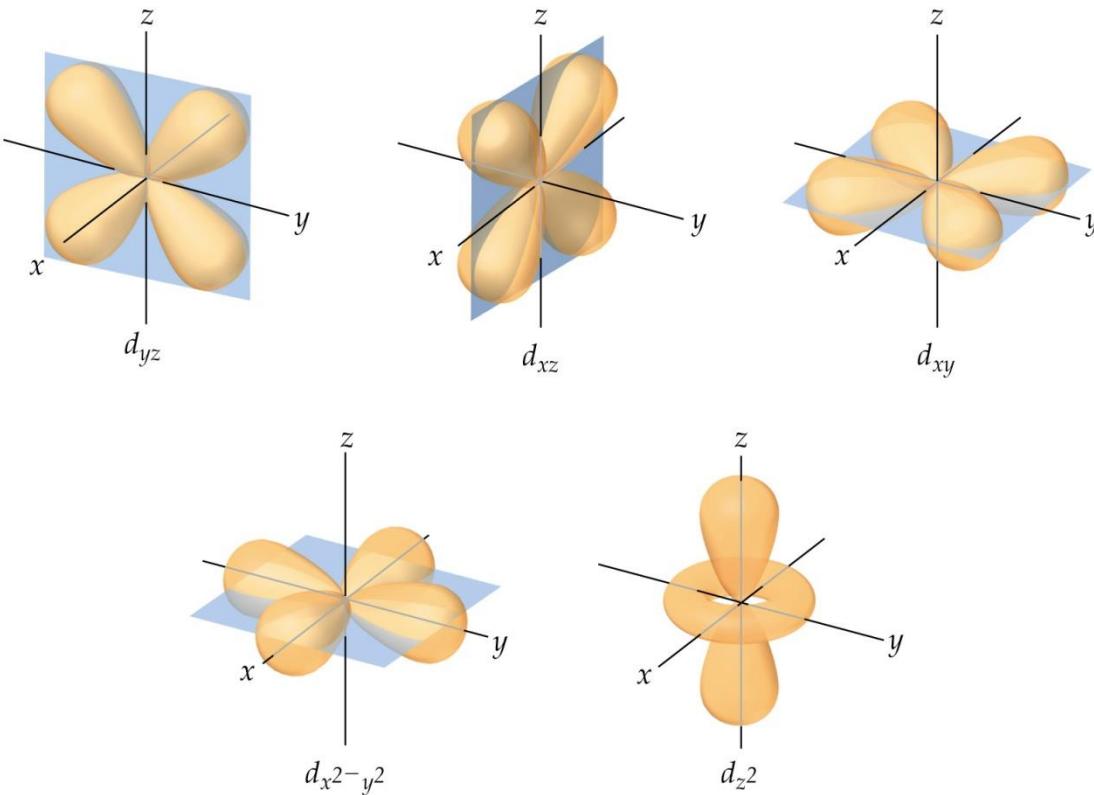
**Figure 21.** Schematic representation of the anisotropic distribution of the electron density around covalently bound halogen atoms and the pattern of the resulting interactions.



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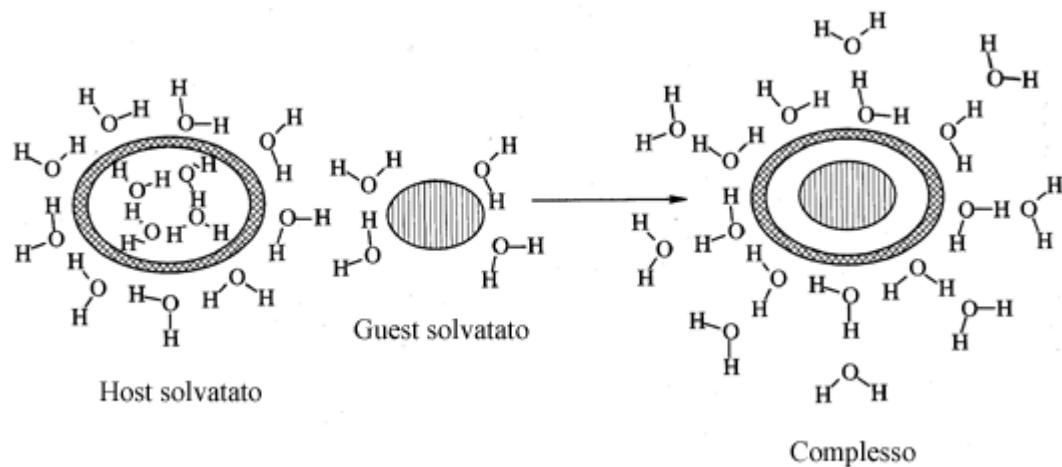
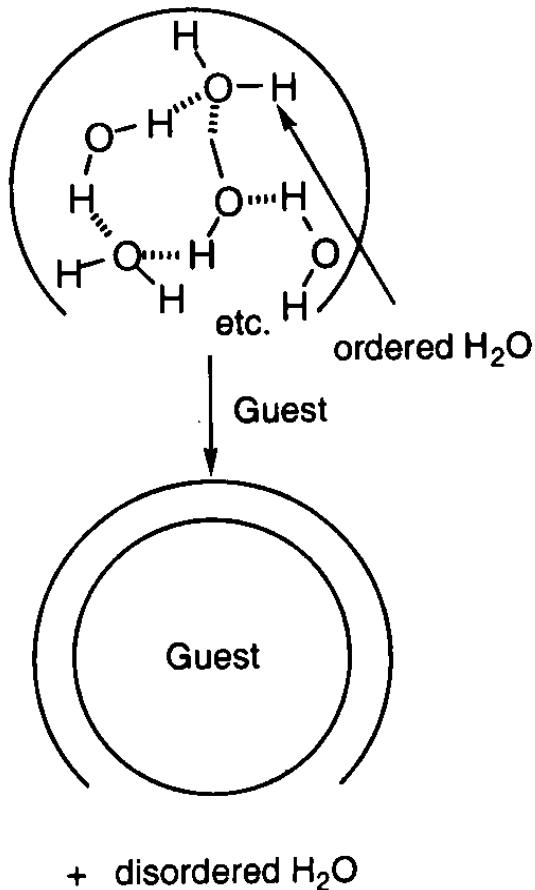


# Metal-Ligand Interaction



# Hydrophobic Effect

Hydrophobic Pocket

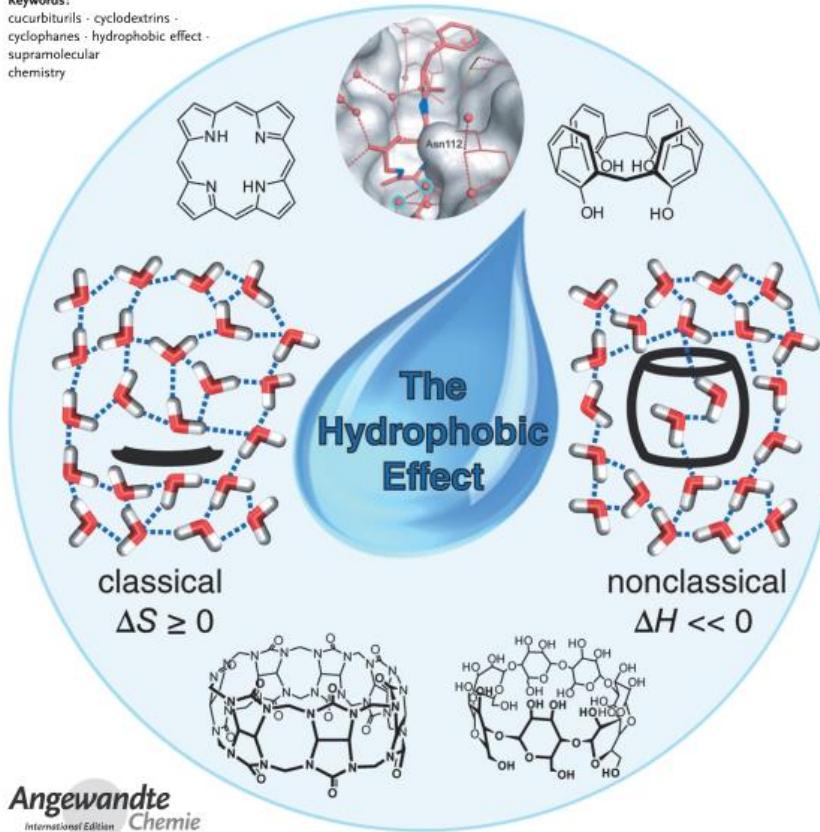


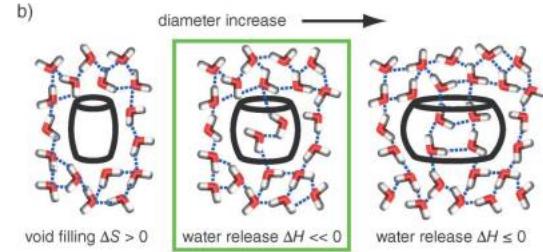
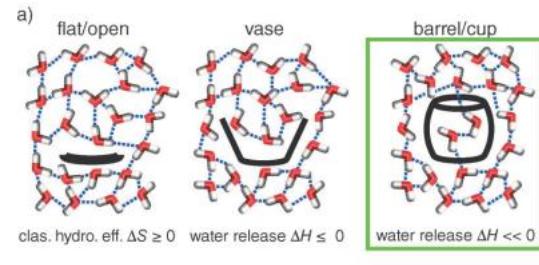
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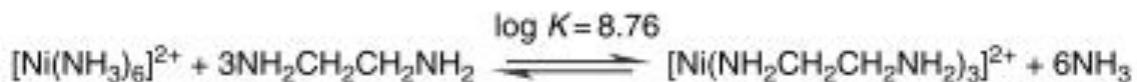
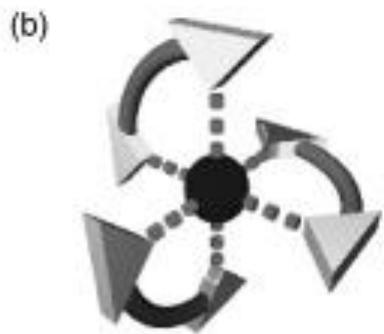
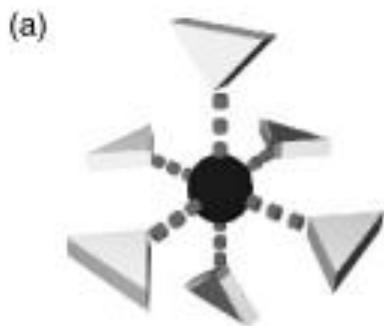
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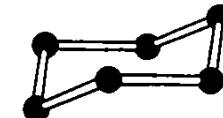




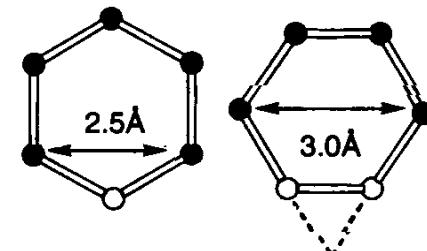
# Chelate Effect



Chair form of cyclohexane

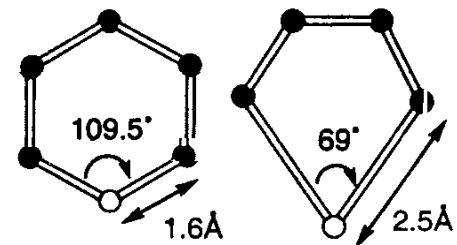


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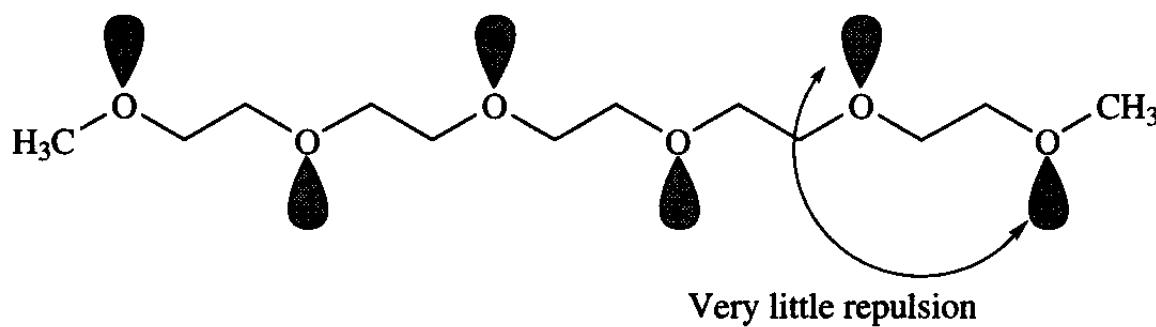
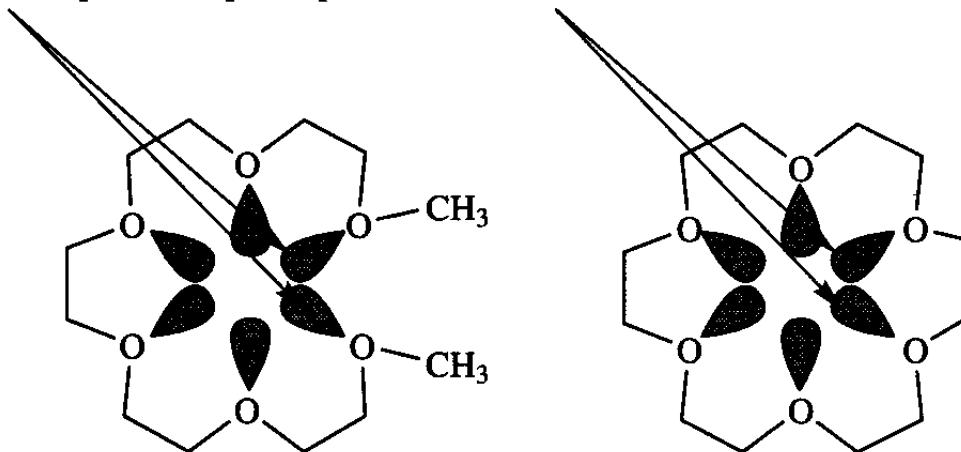
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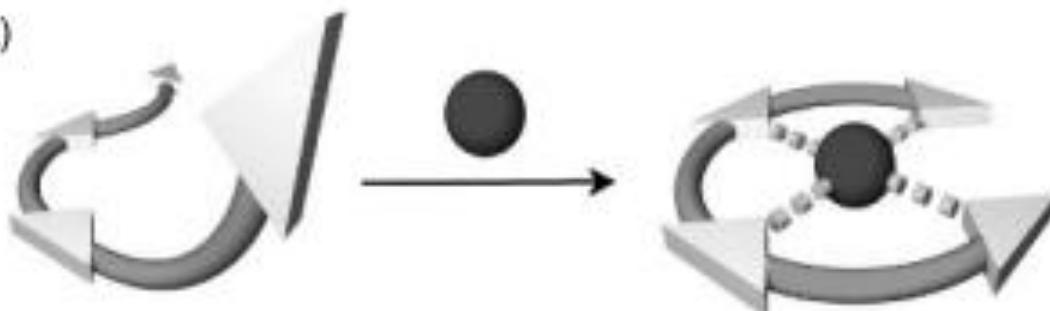
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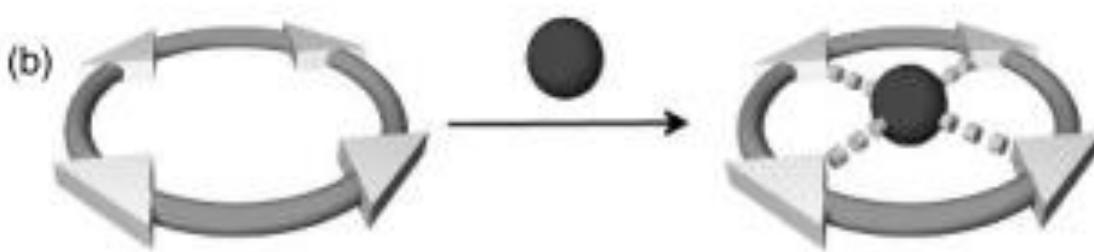


# Macrocyclic Effect

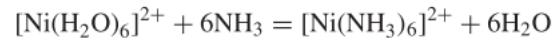
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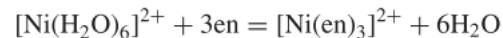


# Chelate and Macrocyclic Effects



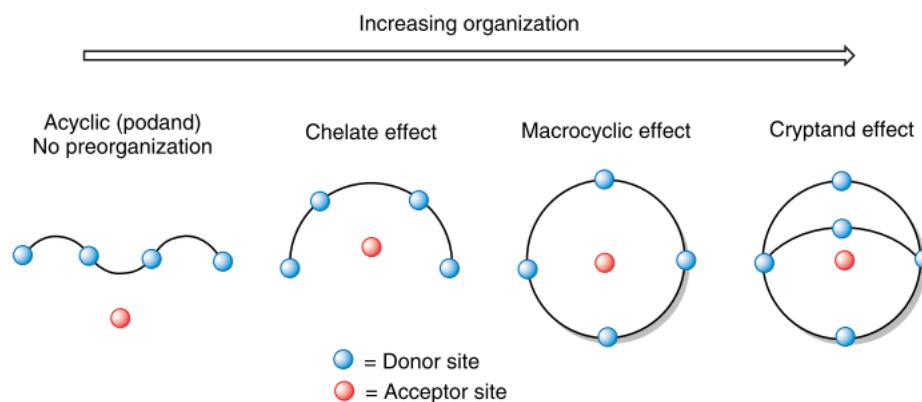
$$\beta \sim 10^9, \Delta G = -51.8 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1},$$

$$\Delta H = -100 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}, \Delta S = -163 \text{ J mol}^{-1}\text{K}^{-1}$$



$$\beta \sim 10^{18}, \Delta G = -101.8 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1},$$

$$\Delta H = -117 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}, \Delta S = -42 \text{ J mol}^{-1}\text{K}^{-1}$$



# Recettori

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Metodi Analitici

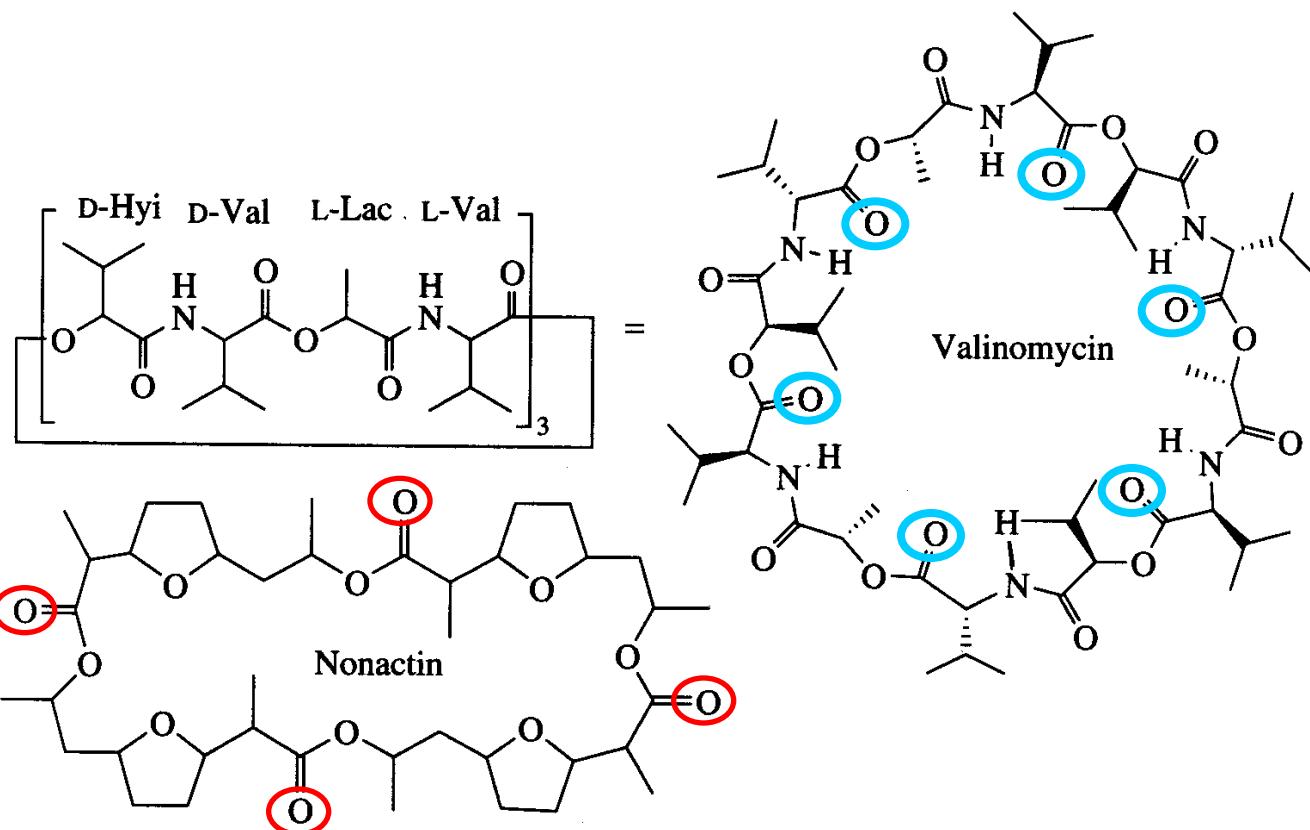
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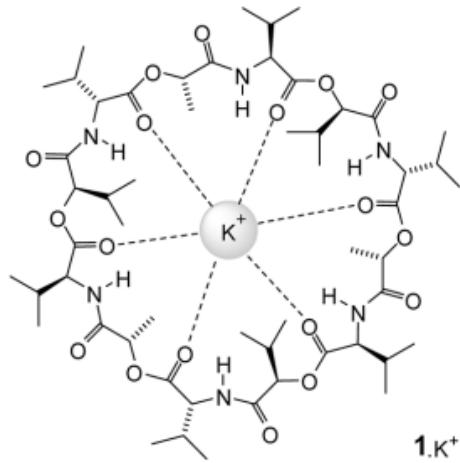
Contenitori molecolari

-covalenti

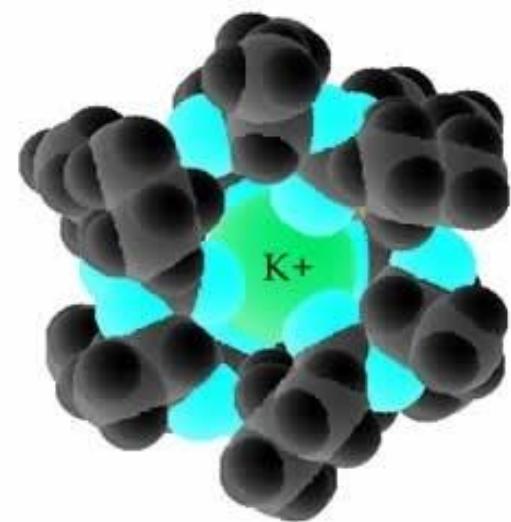
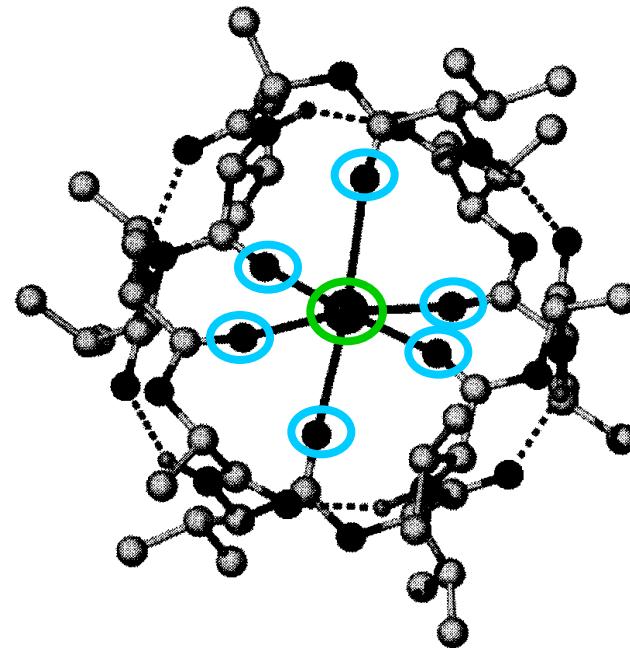
-auto-assemblati (legami idrogeno, legami di coordinazione,  
legami covalenti dinamici)

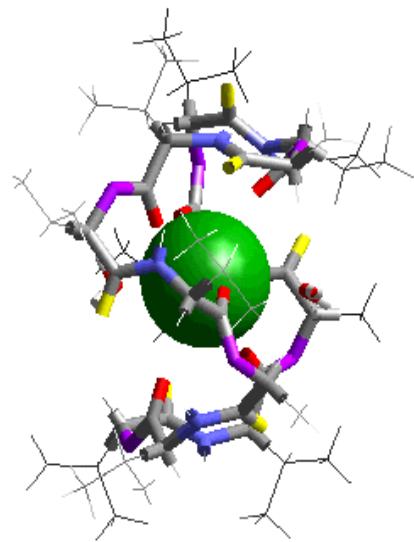
Cations and anions are ubiquitous in biological and chemical systems and their efficient and selective recognition is one of the main goals of Supramolecular Chemistry. As a matter of fact, research in this field started with Pressman's 1964 discovery<sup>1</sup> that valinomycin and other natural antibiotics increase the permeability of lipid bilayer membranes through the selective binding of potassium ion, and with Pedersen's finding<sup>2</sup> that macrocyclic polyethers (crowns) are able to complex salts of alkali metal ions and dissolve them in organic media. Since then, the topic of ion recognition by synthetic receptors has developed tremendously and is still quite fertile as testified to by the recent review articles and books concerning cation<sup>3-7</sup> and anion<sup>8,9</sup> complexation and sensing. More recently, a special role in ion



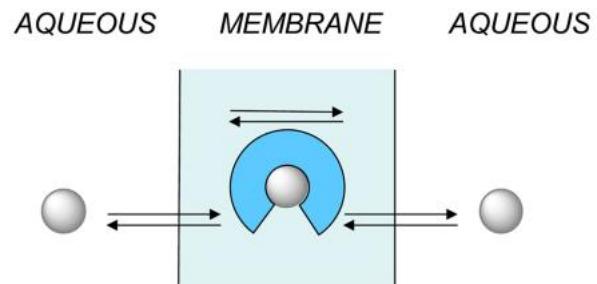


**1.K<sup>+</sup>**

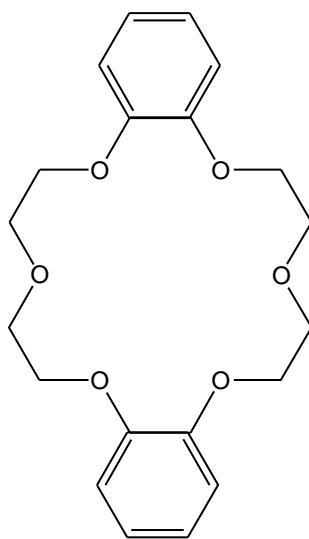
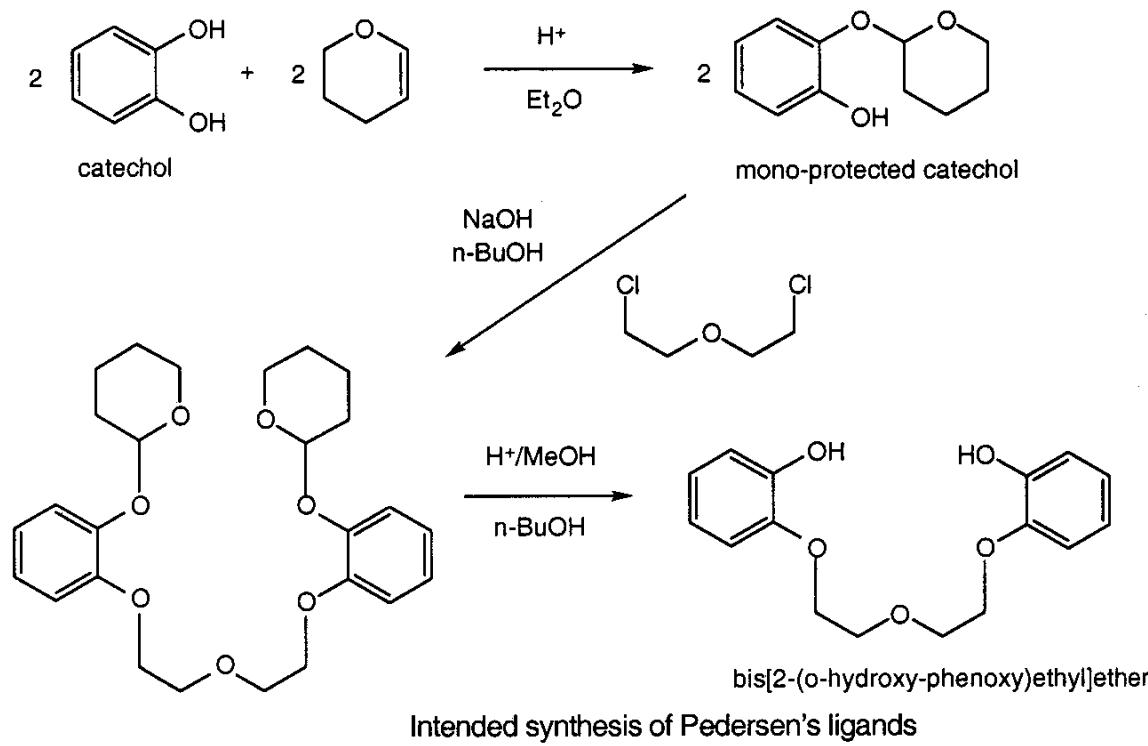
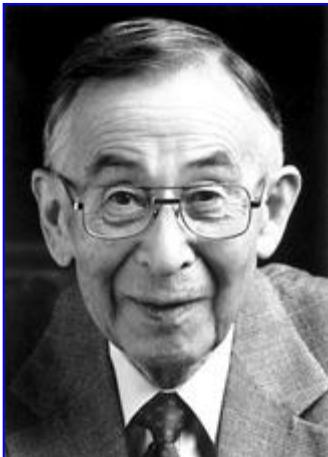




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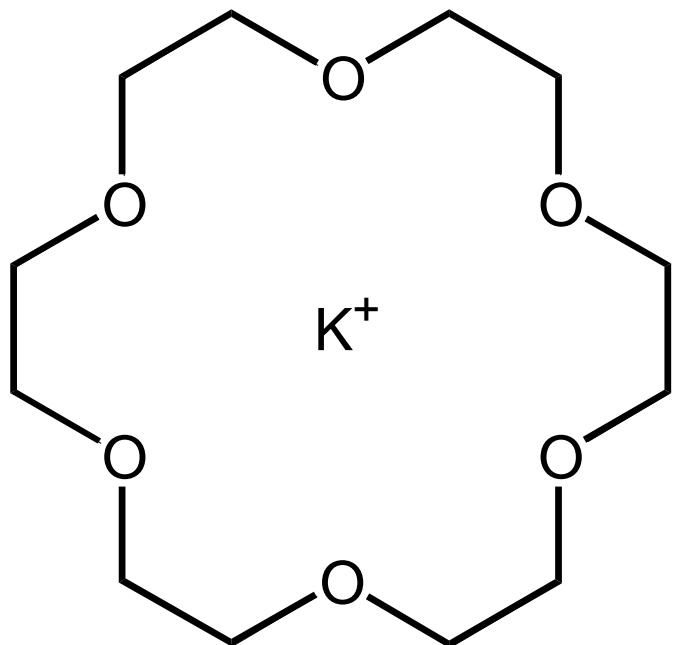
PEDERSEN (Nobel 1987), studio di leganti multi dentati per rame e vanadio (Dupont, anni '60)



dibenzo[18]crown-6 - sottoprodotto

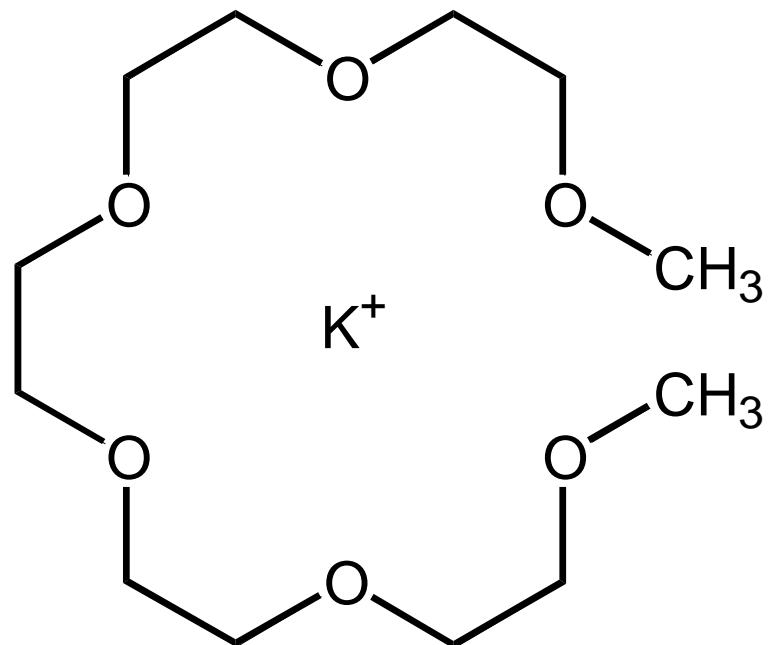
ETERI CORONA (Crown Ethers)  
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[18]crown-6

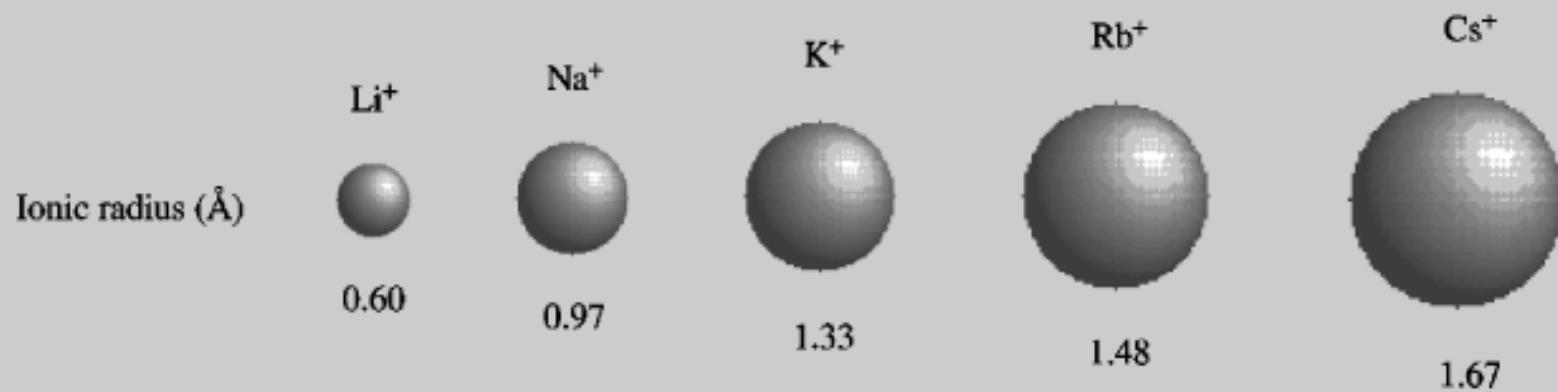


$\log K = 6.08$

Pentametileneglicol-dietiletere



$\log K = 2.3$



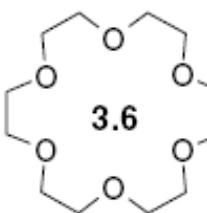
## OPTIMAL SPATIAL FIT or SIZE-MATCH



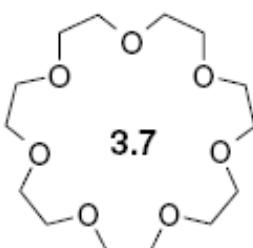
[15]crown-5  
Complementary to  $\text{Na}^+$



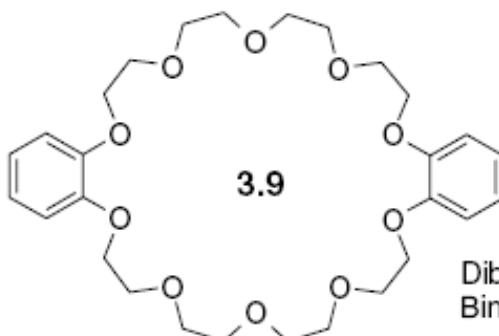
Dicyclohexyl[18]crown-6  
More conformationally rigid



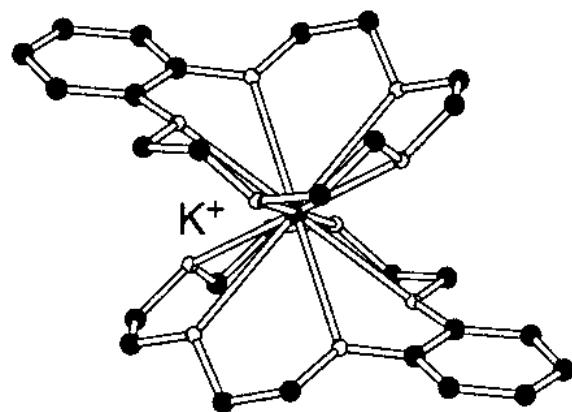
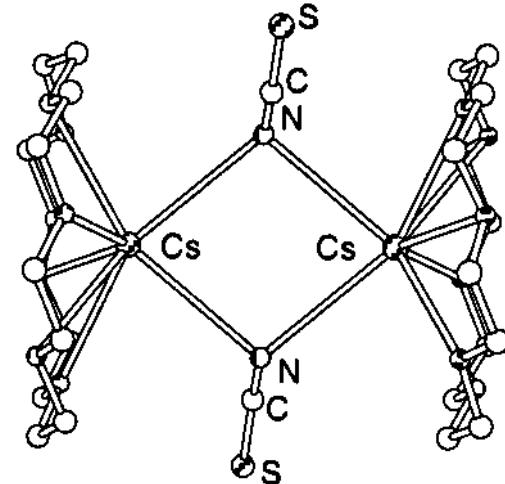
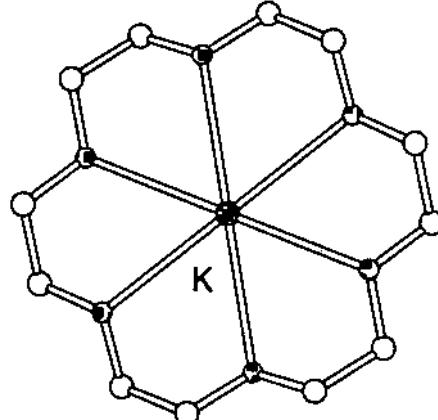
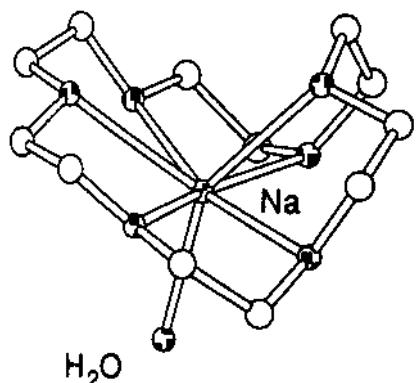
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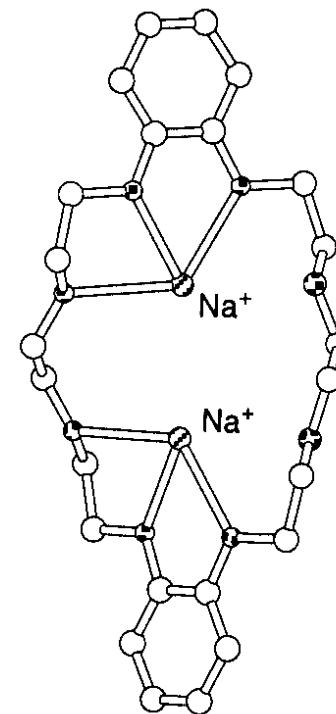
[21]crown-7  
Complementary to  $\text{Cs}^+$



Dibenzo[30]crown-10  
Binds two  $\text{Na}^+$  ions



The crystal structure of two benzo-15-crown-5 molecules forming a 'sandwich complex' with a potassium cation



The crystal structure of  
2Na<sup>+</sup>-[24]crown-8

Cationi **hard** formano complessi in cui le interazioni coulombiane sono dominanti

Cationi **soft** formano complessi in cui è dominante il legame covalente.

Ioni metallici di tipo **a** sono principalmente:

- ioni dei metalli alcalini e alcalino-terrosi
- ioni metallici leggeri e con elevata carica:  $\text{Ti}^{4+}$ ,  $\text{Fe}^{3+}$ ,  $\text{Co}^{3+}$ ,  $\text{Al}^{3+}$

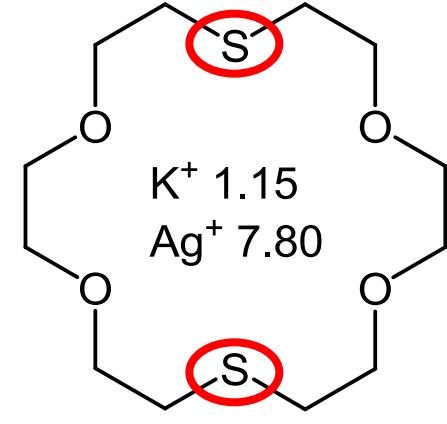
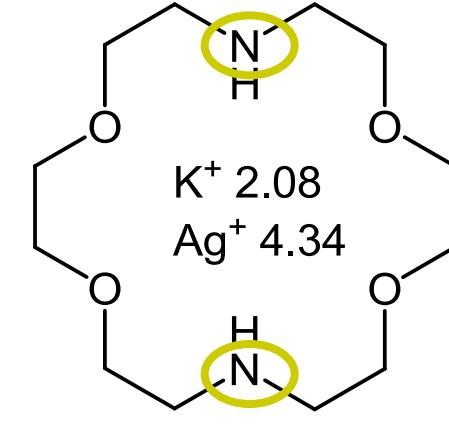
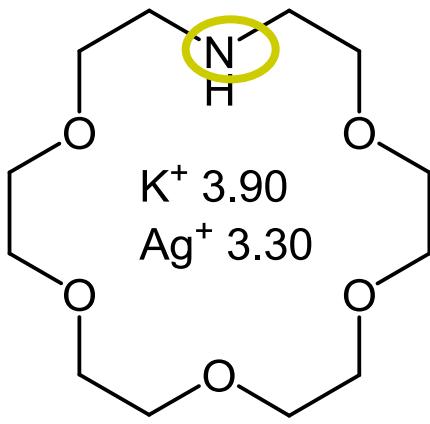
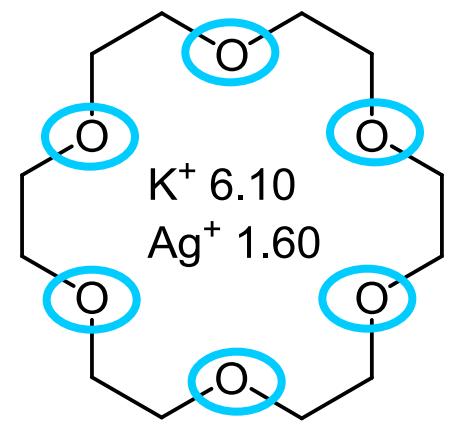
Ioni metallici di tipo **b** sono principalmente:

- ioni pesanti di metalli di transizione:  $\text{Hg}_2^{2+}$ ,  $\text{Hg}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{Pt}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{Pt}^{4+}$ ,  $\text{Ag}^+$ ,  $\text{Cu}^+$
- ioni di metalli in bassi stati di ossidazione, ad es. nei metallo carbonili

Alcuni ioni ( $\text{Fe}^{2+}$ ;  $\text{Co}^{2+}$  ;  $\text{Ni}^{2+}$ ;  $\text{Cu}^{2+}$  ;  $\text{Zn}^{2+}$ ;  $\text{Pb}^{2+}$ ) formano complessi le cui stabilità non possono essere pronosticate sulla base della classificazione hard/soft: essi formano la classe *border-line*

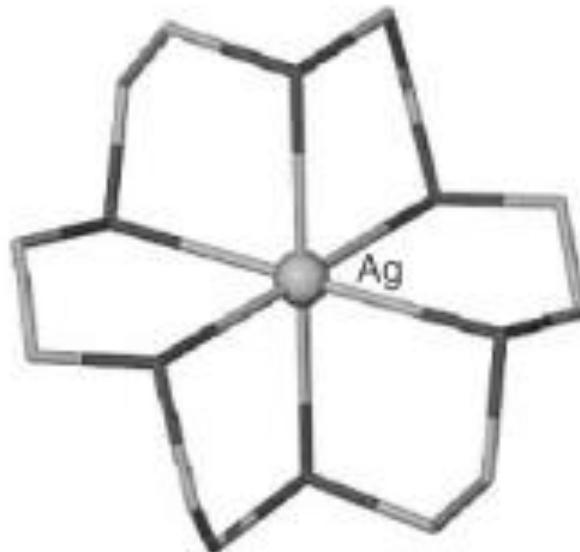
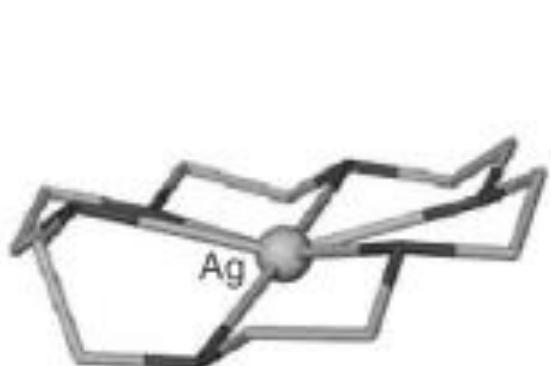
La costante di stabilità dei complessi di questi ioni con un dato legante segue l'ordine, noto come serie di **Irving-Williams**:

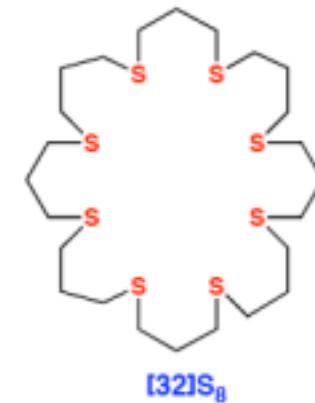
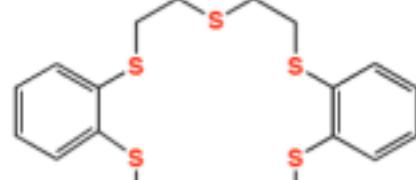
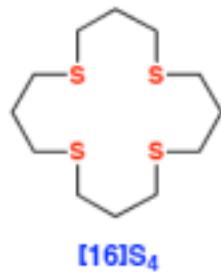
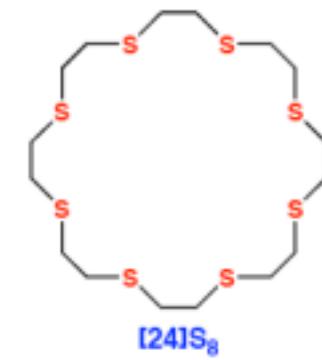
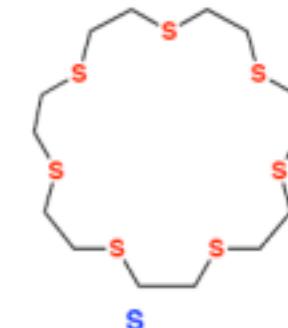
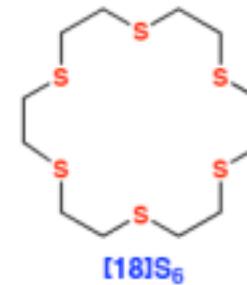
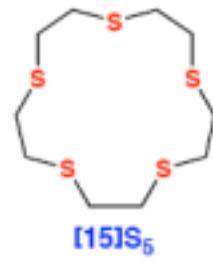
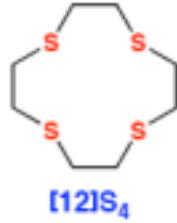


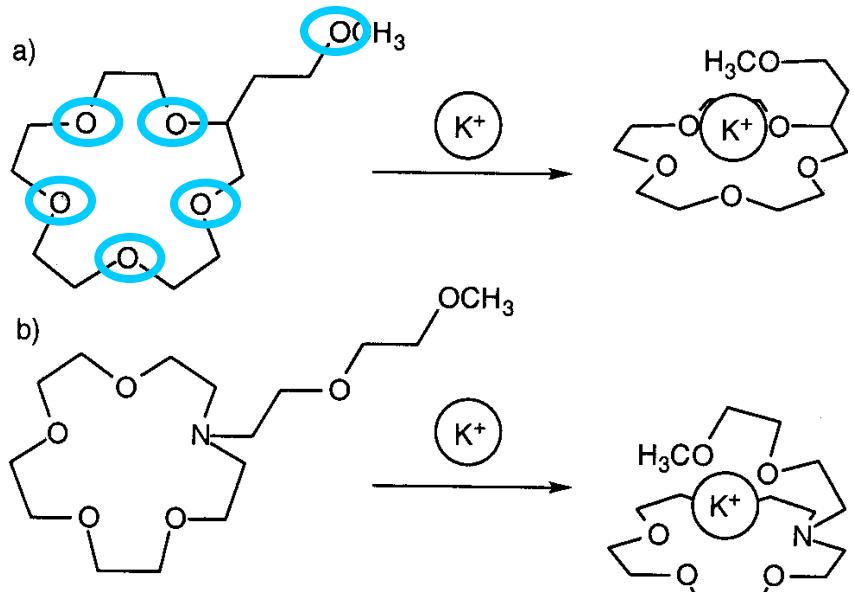
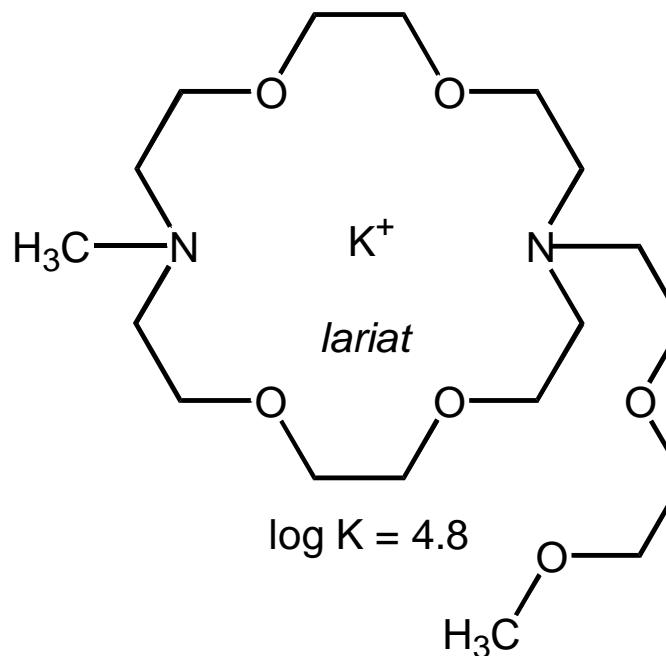
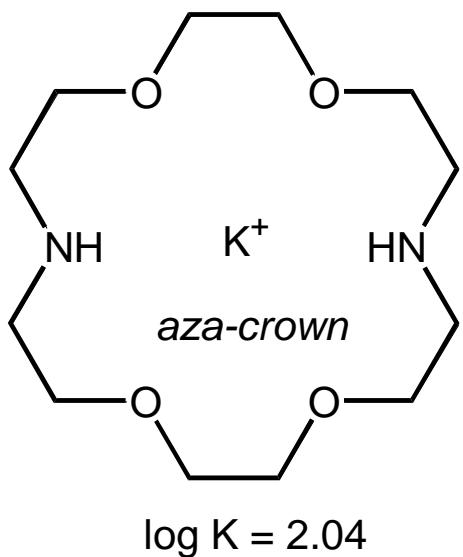


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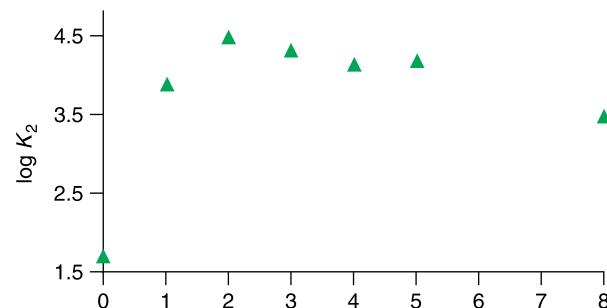
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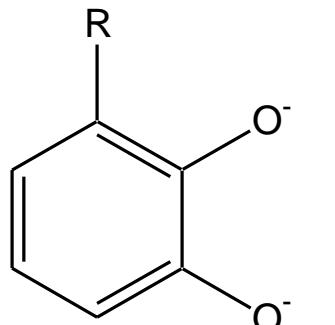
(a) Carbon and (b) nitrogen pivot lariat crown ethers binding potassium cations.



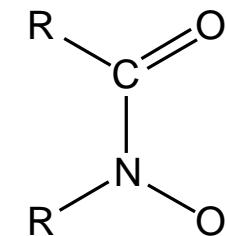
**Figure 17**  $Na^+$  complexation by aza-15-crown-5 lariat ethers with  $n$  oxygen donor atoms in the side arm ( $n = 0-8$ ).<sup>57</sup>



## SIDEROFORI – bioaccesibilità del ferro, Fe(III) altamente insolubile



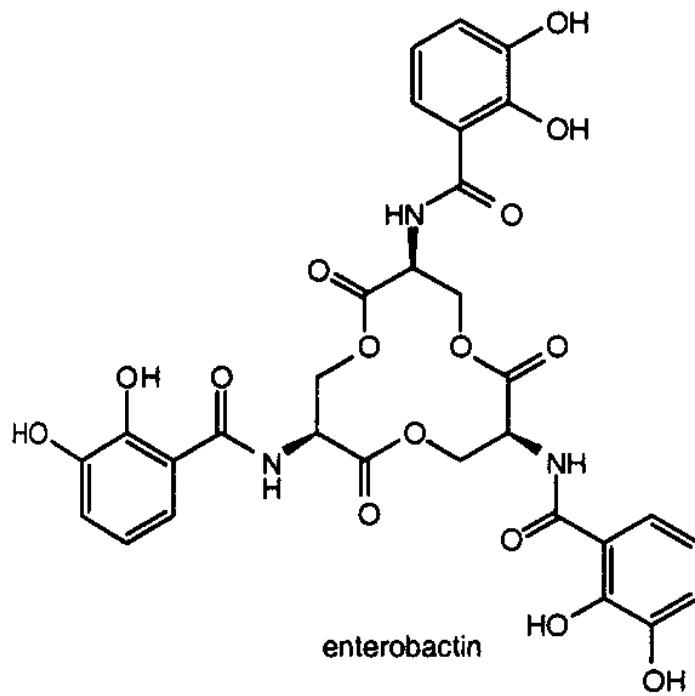
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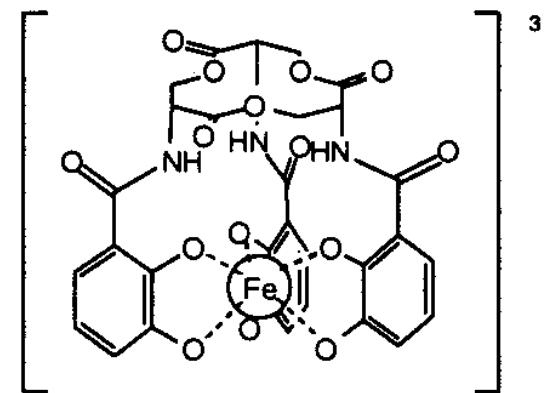
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Recettori con carica complessiva -6

Recettori con carica complessiva -3



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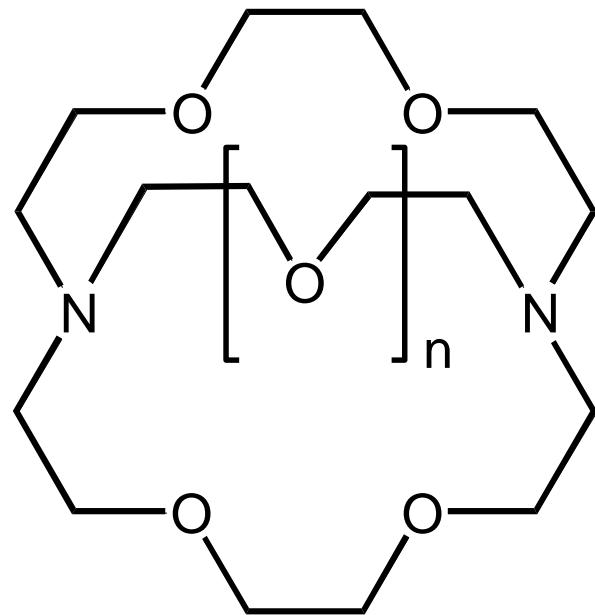


[enterobactin-Fe(III)]<sup>3-</sup> complex

$$K(\text{Fe}^{\text{III}}) = 10^{52}$$

Enantiomero  $\Delta$

LEHN (Nobel 1987), estensione dei sistemi monociclici a sist. biciclici (CRIPTANDI, anni '60)

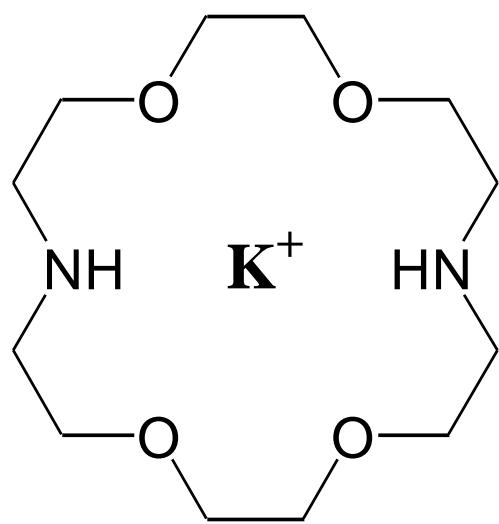


$\text{Na}^+$

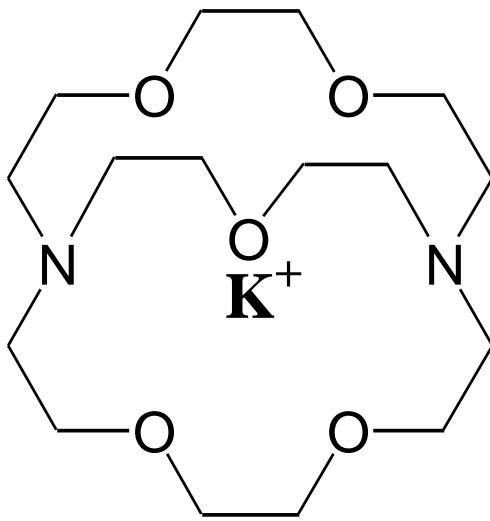
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$n = 2$ , criptando [2,2,2]

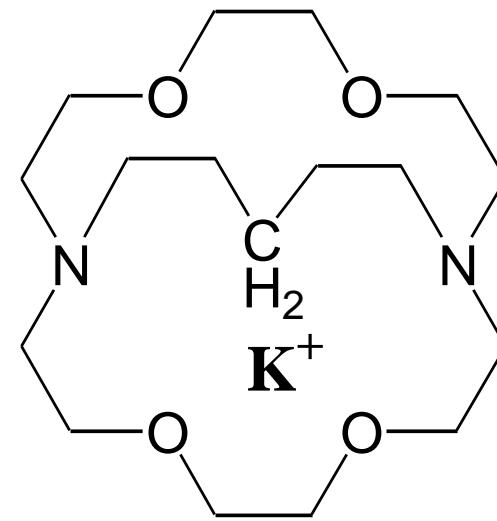
$\text{K}^+$



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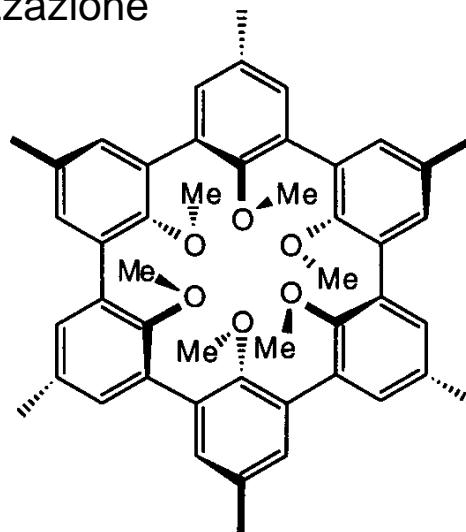
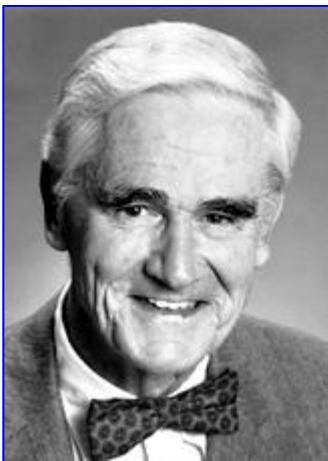


$\log K = 7.0$



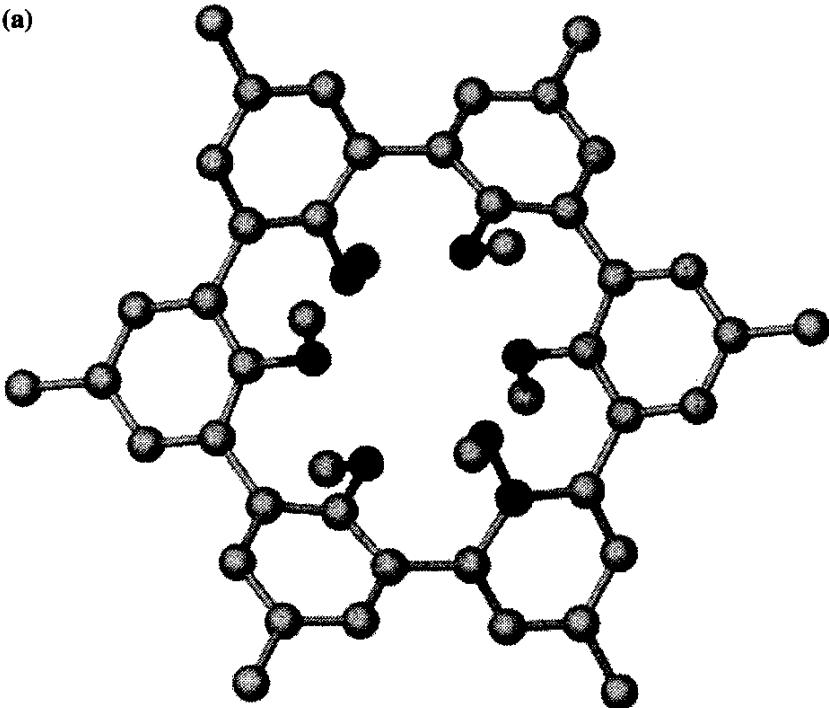
$\log K = 5.4$

# CRAM (Nobel 1987) - preorganizzazione

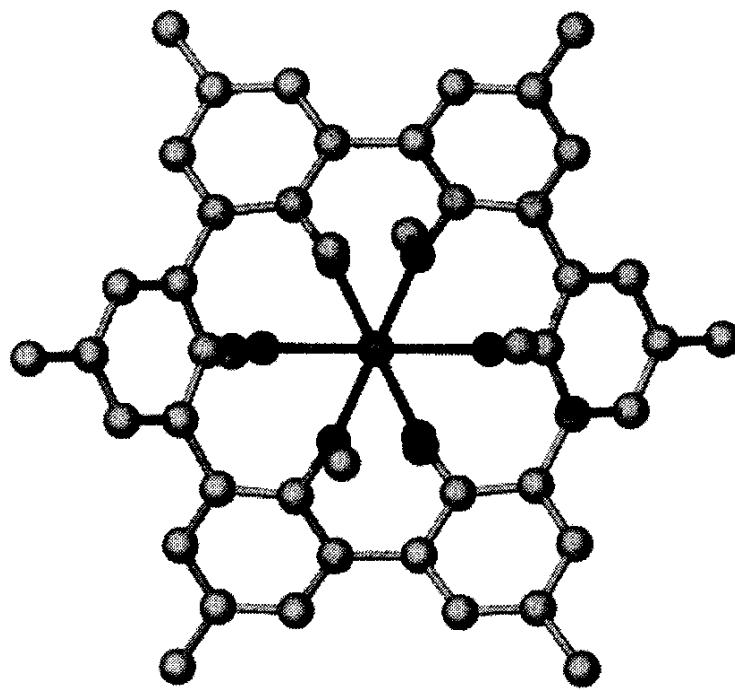


Sferandi  
(*p*-metilanisolo)

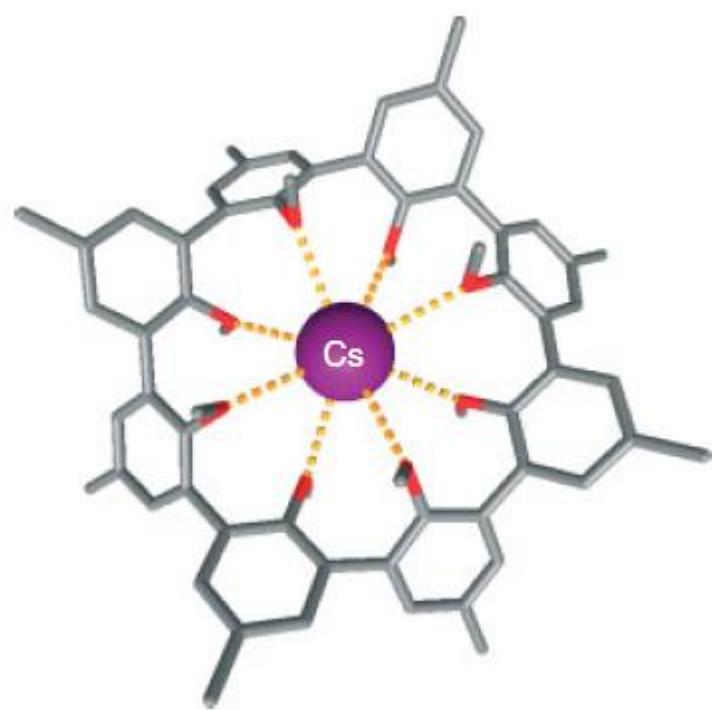
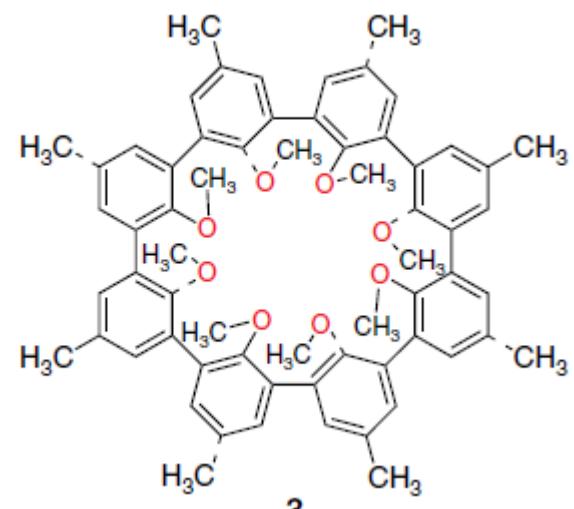
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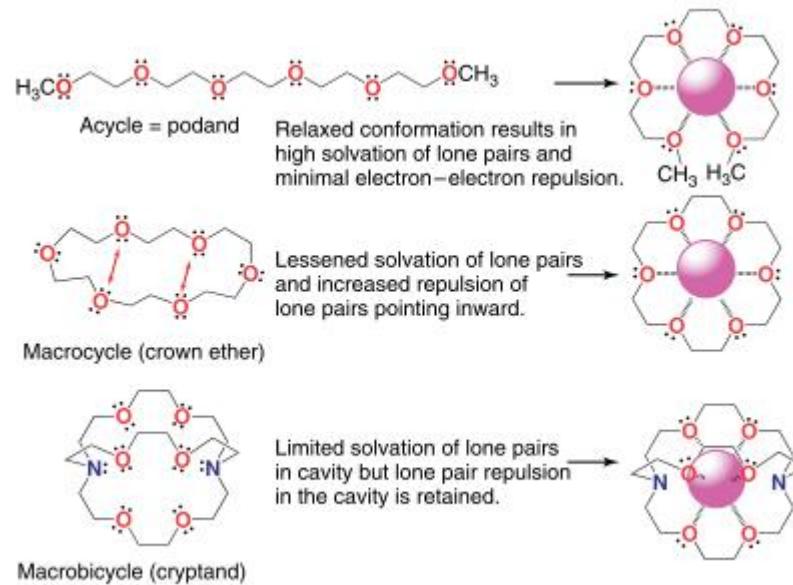


(b)



X-ray crystal structures of (a) free spherand (3.30) and (b) its  $\text{Li}^+$  complex (after Trueblood *et al.* 1981).

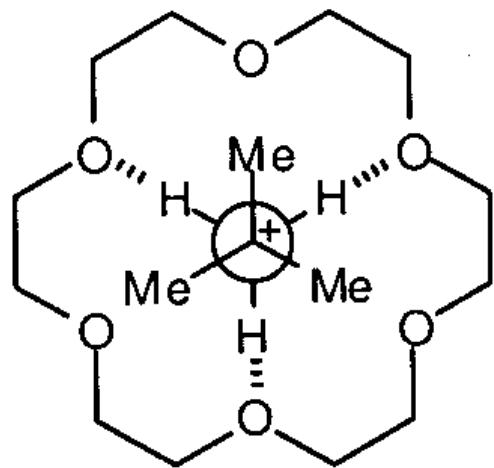




**Table 3** Stability constants ( $\log K$ ) in methanol at  $25^\circ\text{C}$  for the binding of alkali metal ions with ionophores that have increasingly complex design and dimension.<sup>33</sup>

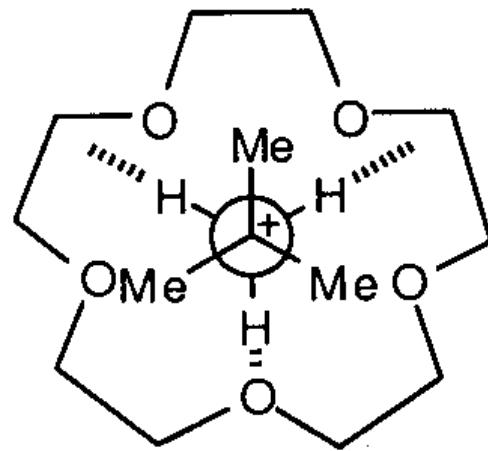
Ionophore	$\text{Li}^+$	$\text{Na}^+$	$\text{K}^+$	$\text{Rb}^+$	$\text{Cs}^+$
Pentaglyme	—	1.5	2.2	—	—
Tripod	<2	2.2	2.3	<2	—
Valinomycin	<0.7	0.9	4.7	5.2	4.4
[18]Crown-6	~0	4.4	6.1	5.4	4.7
[2.2.2]Cryptand	2.6	8.0	10.8	9.0	4.4
Spherand <sup>a</sup>	>16.8	14.1	—	—	—

<sup>a</sup>In  $\text{CDCl}_3$  saturated with  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ .<sup>35</sup>



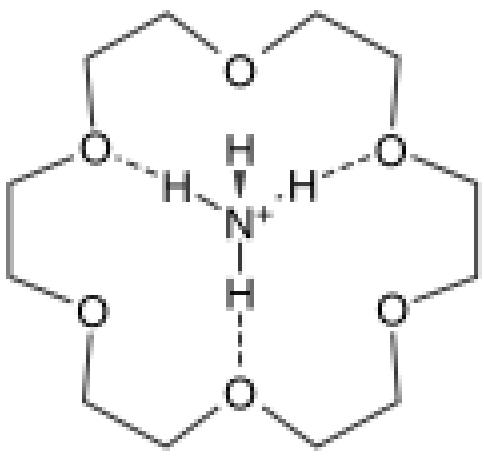
strong complex

ideal arrangement of hydrogen bond  
donors and acceptors

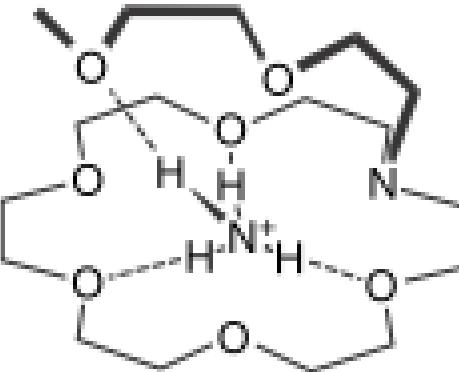


weaker complex

mismatch in geometry of hydrogen bond  
donors and acceptors

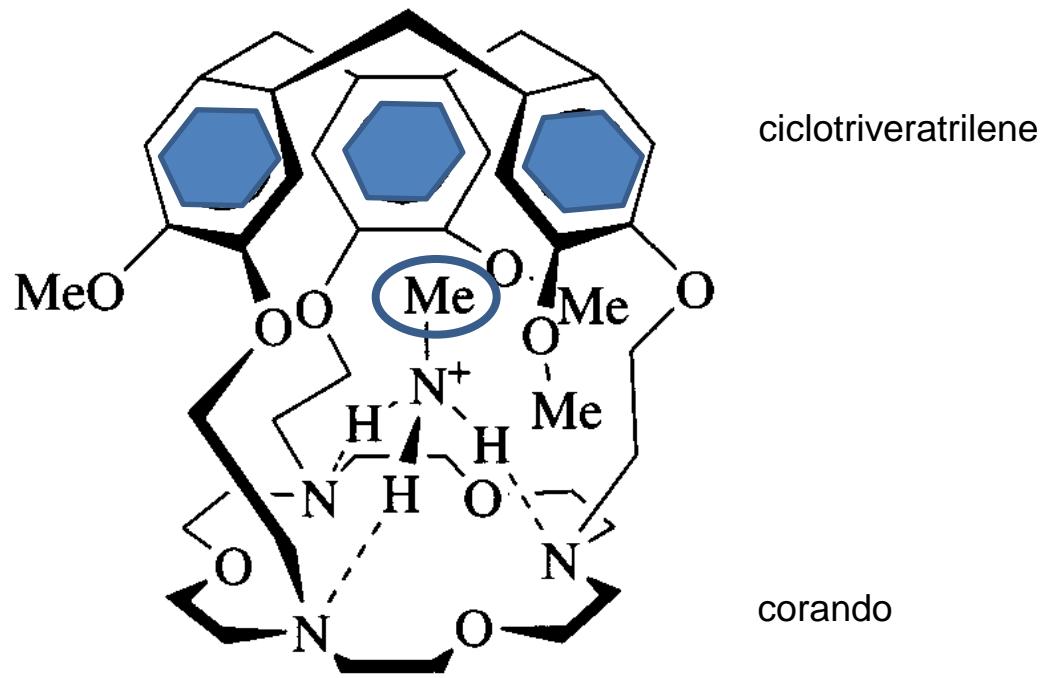
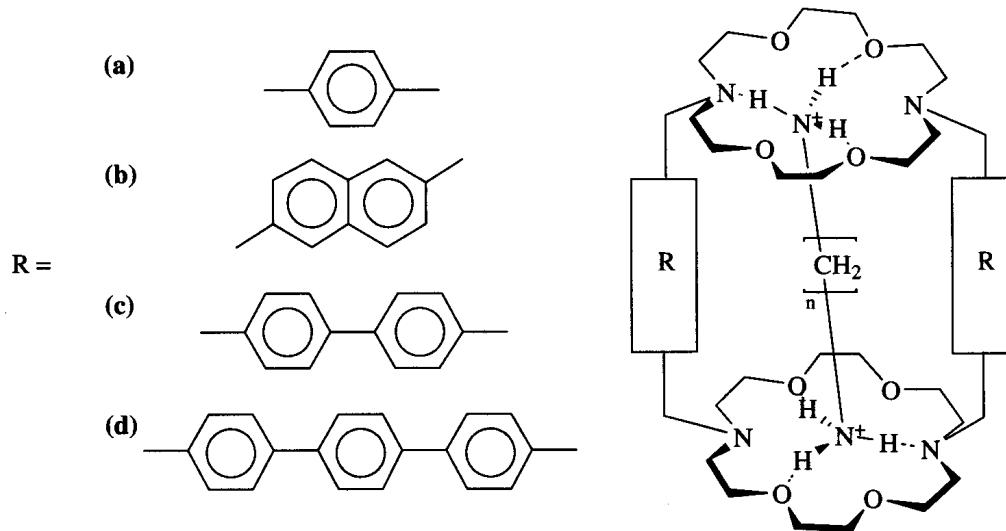


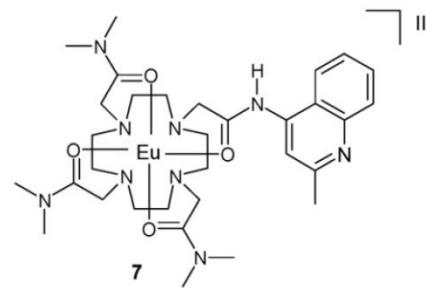
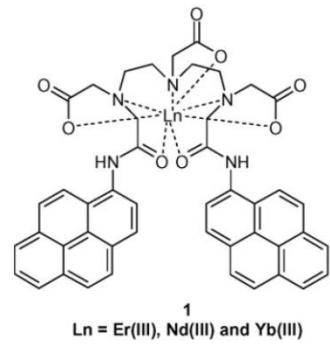
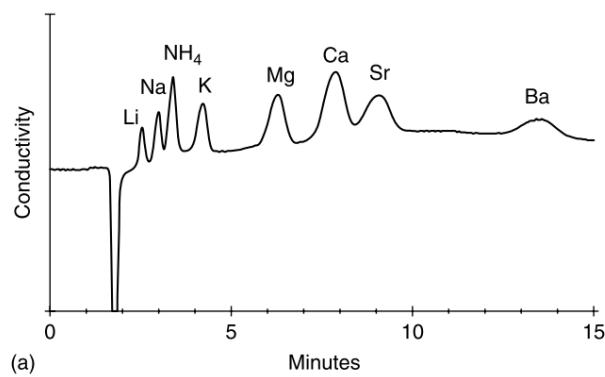
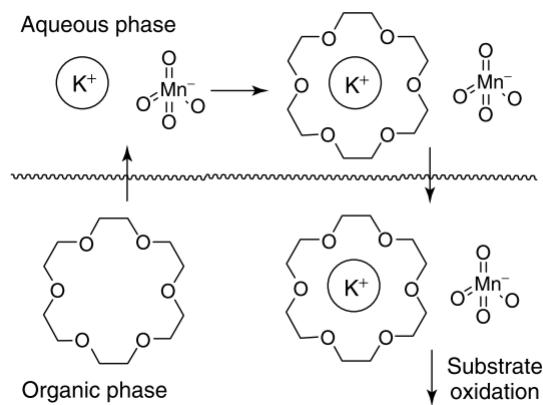
$\log K = 4.35$



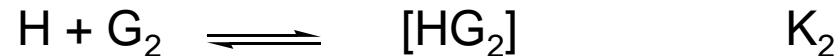
**2.23· $\text{NH}_4^+$**   
 $\log K = 4.75$

# Recettori Politopici





**Thermodynamic selectivity** : ratio of the binding constant for one guest over another:



$$\text{selectivity} = \frac{K_1}{K_2}$$

Selectivity is a consequence of preorganization, complementarity...

Needs to be calculated at equilibrium in the same conditions

**Temperature! Solvent!**

**Kinetic selectivity** : preference of a host for the fastest transformation of a substrate over another (Michaelis-Menten model)

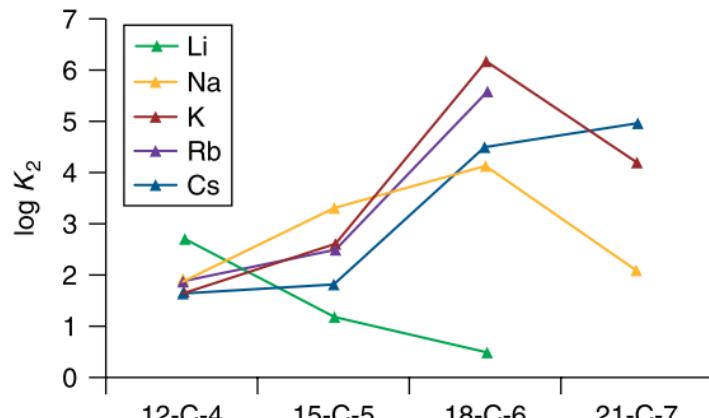
-transport

-catalysis

-sensing and signaling

# Selettività

Size-match o optimal-fit (progressivamente più determinante aumentando la rigidità /preorganizzazione dell'Host) – distanza tra i dipoli del macrociclo e la carica ionica



[30]crown-10

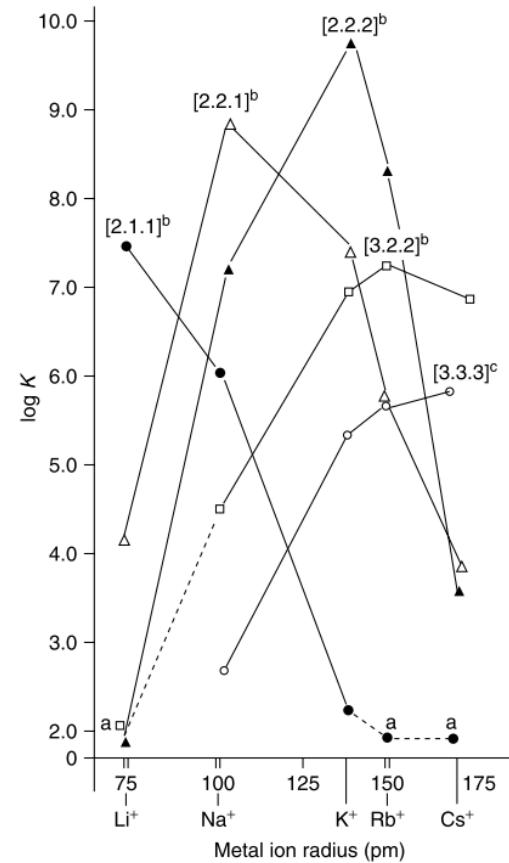
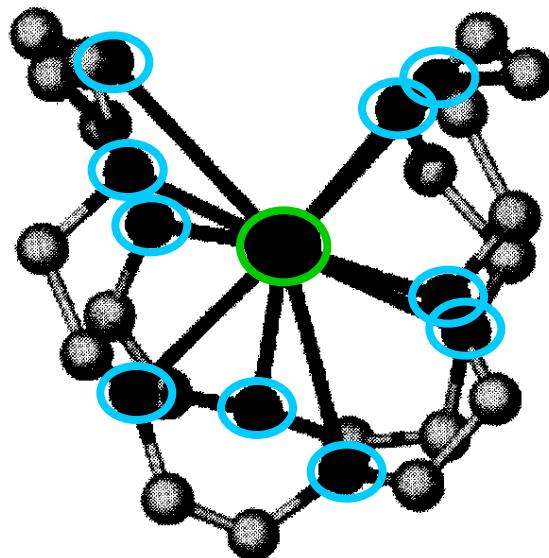


Figure 2 Selectivity of cryptands among alkali metal cations (a, value reported <2.0; b, in 95% CH<sub>3</sub>OH; c, in methanol).

## Selettività

Natura degli atoni donatori (O vs N VdW radius simile: hard/soft acid-base theory;

Numero e orientazione degli atomi donatori (pesa di più per cationi di M transizione, che per alcalini; alcalinoterrosi e REM).

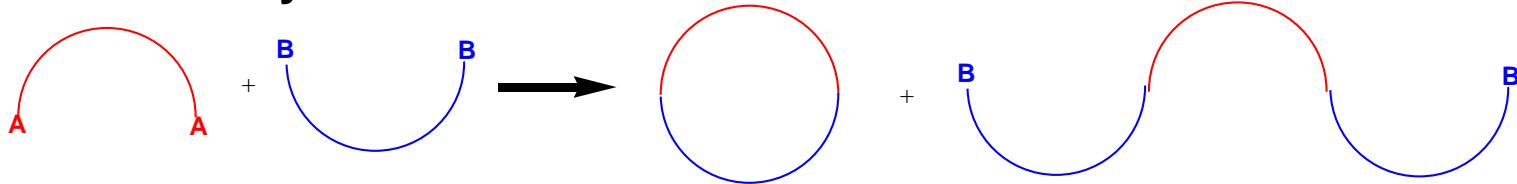
Carica eletrostatica dello ione: a parità di raggio ionico, carica maggiore può corrispondere a maggiore energia di idratazione (*cfr*  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  vs  $\text{Na}^+$ );

Solvatazione dell'host

Solvente – competitivo per i dipoli/ costante dielettrica

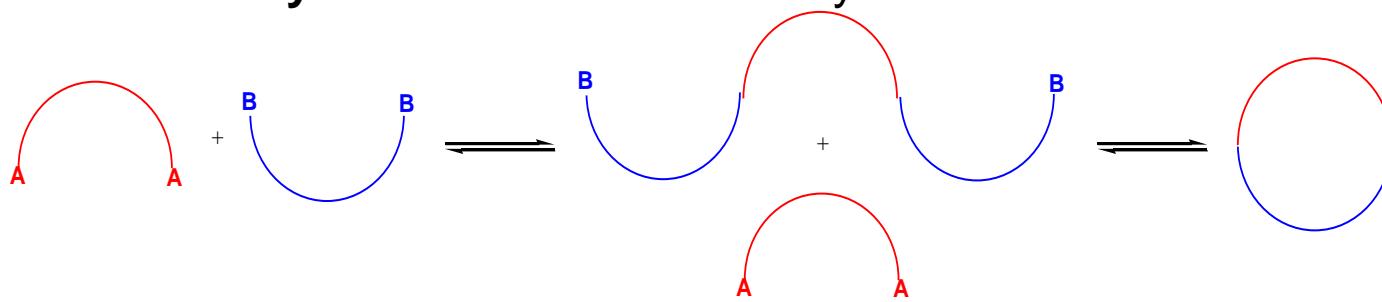
natura del contro-ione

- **covalent synthesis** : under kinetic control



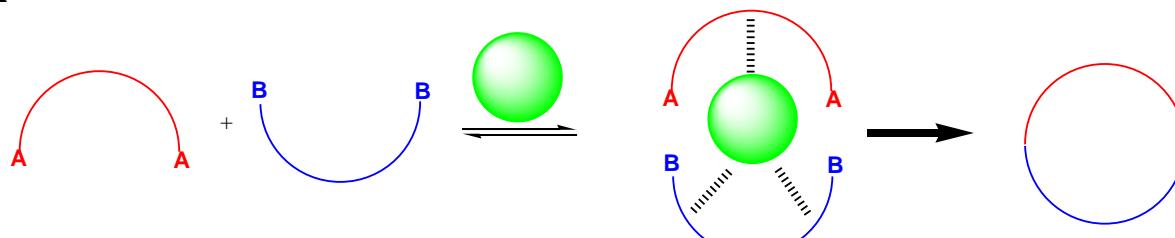
- classical organic chemistry. Irreversible bond formation
- highly stable molecules.
- not adapted to big molecules. low yield

- **non covalent synthesis** : under thermodynamic control



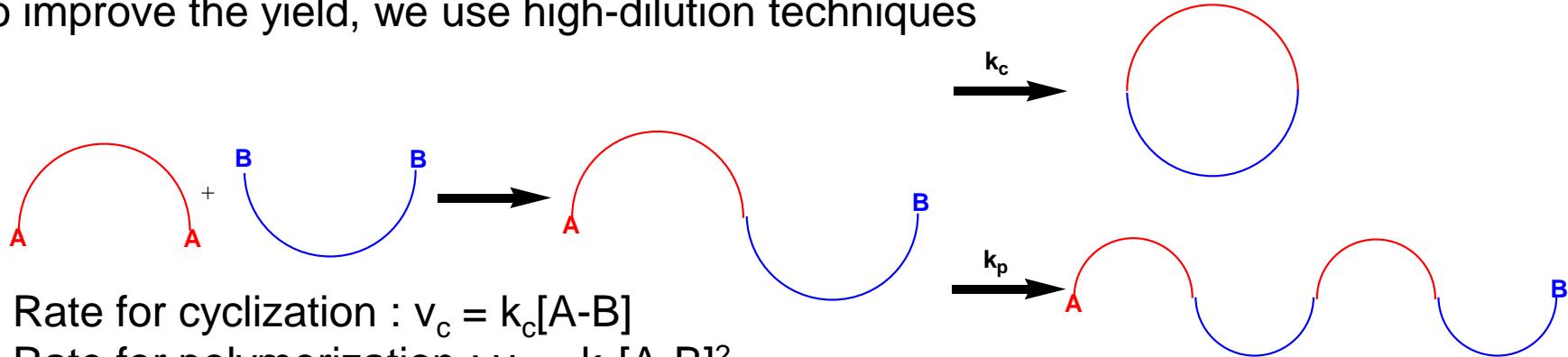
- thermodynamic directed synthesis. Reversible bond formation
- lower stability
- adapted to big molecules. high yield

- **a mix**



- take advantage of the two approaches

To improve the yield, we use high-dilution techniques



- the more dilute, the more cyclic product is formed
- the reaction has to be fast

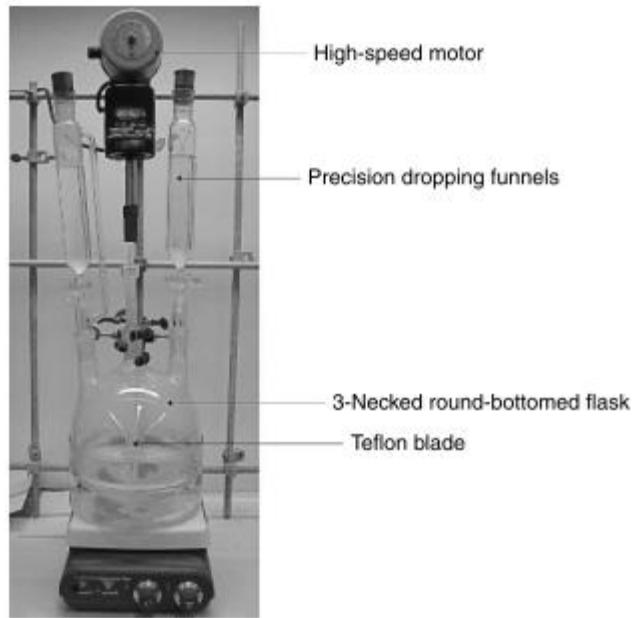
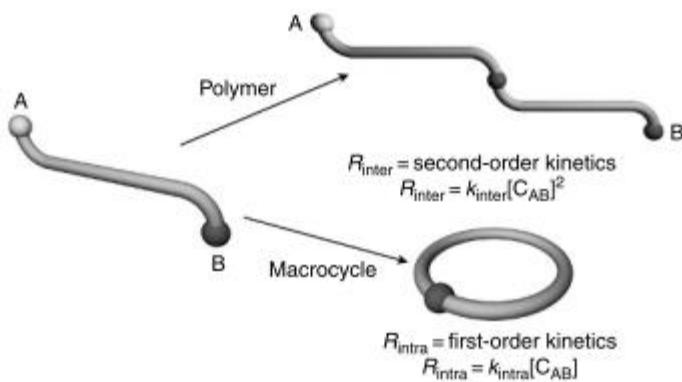
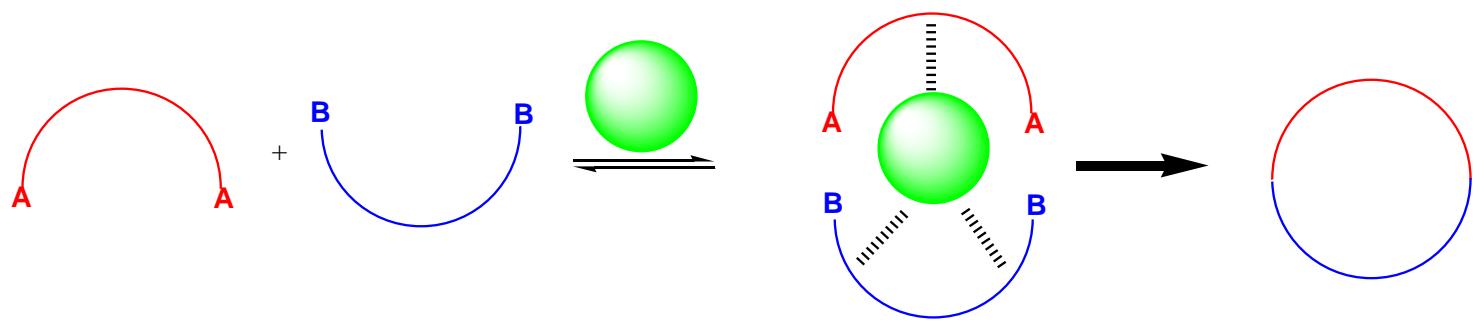
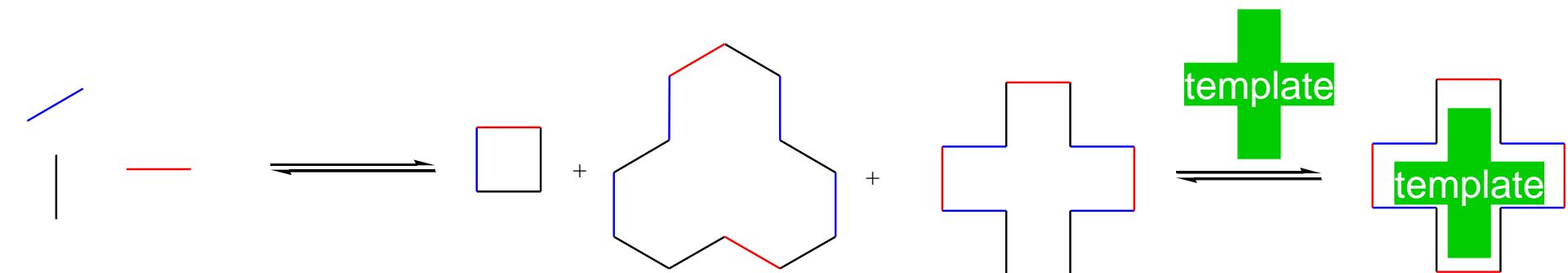
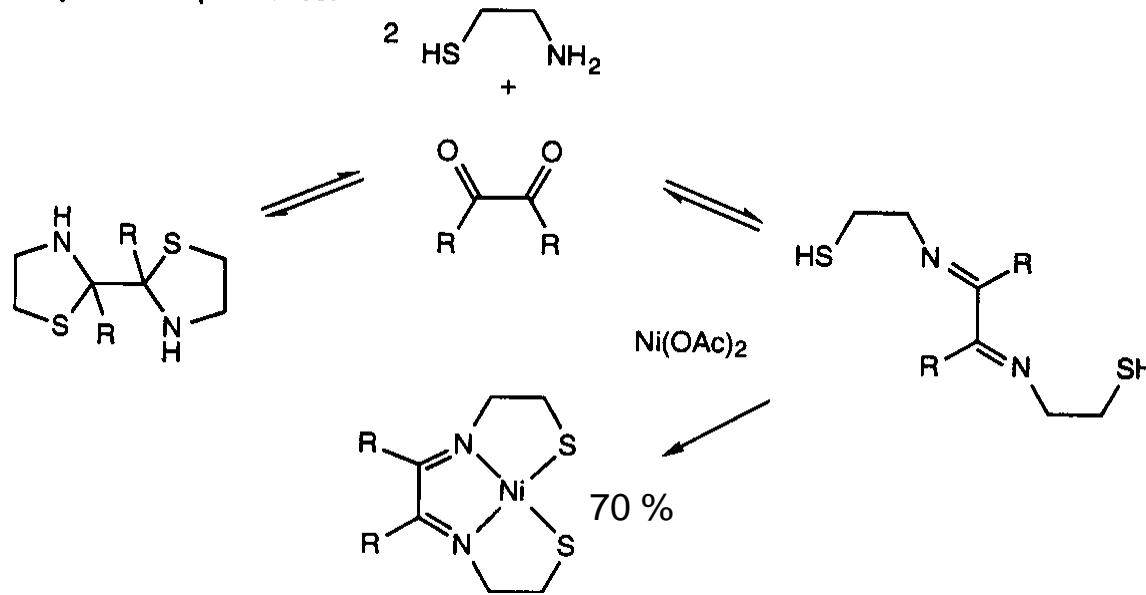


Figure 2.1 Typical apparatus used for high-dilution synthesis.

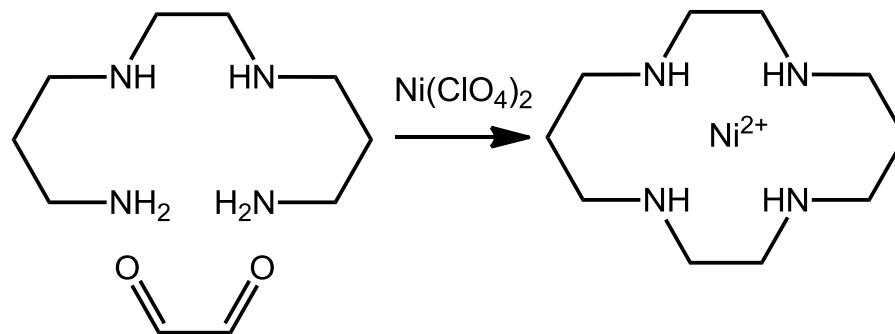


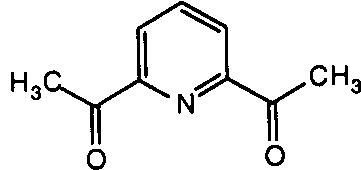


a) thermodynamic template effect



Effetto templato cinetico CYCLAM (base di Schiff)



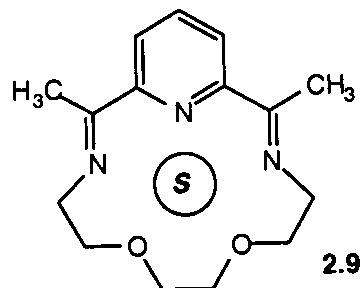


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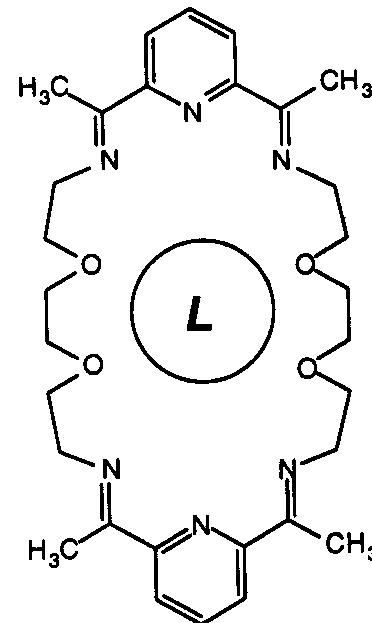


small metal cation templates  
(e.g. Mn<sup>2+</sup>, Fe<sup>2+</sup>, Mg<sup>2+</sup>)

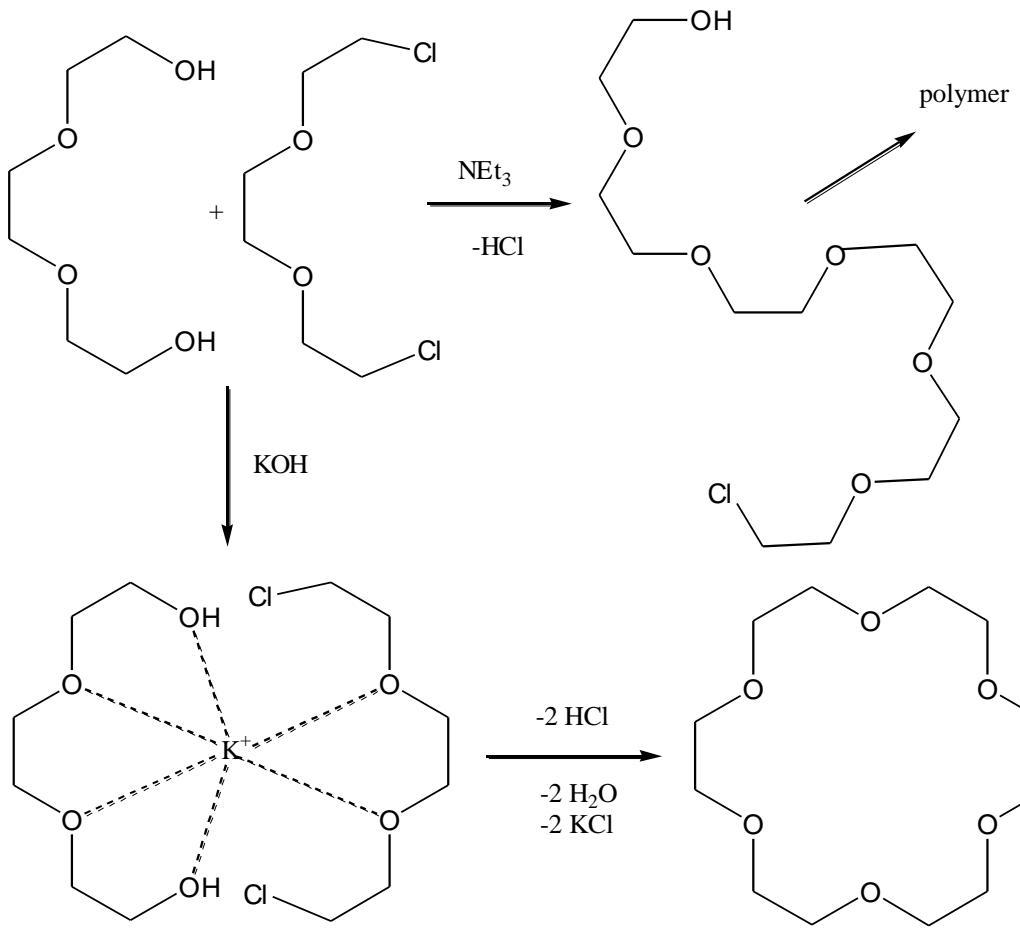
large metal cation templates  
(e.g. Ba<sup>2+</sup>, Pb<sup>2+</sup>)



1 + 1 condensation

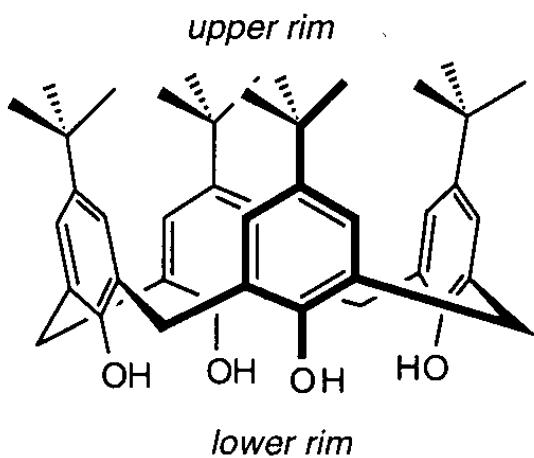


2 + 2 condensation



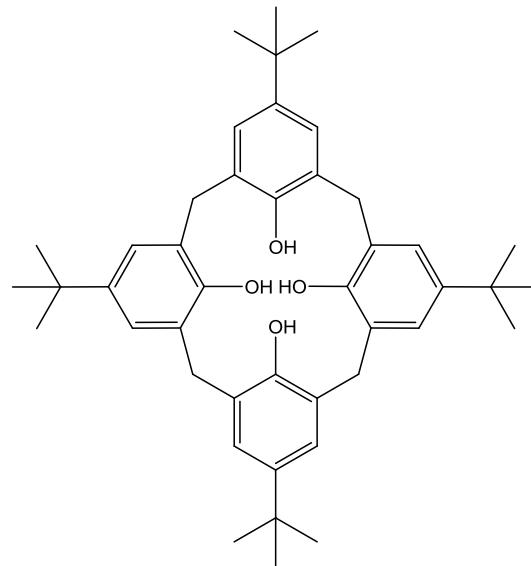
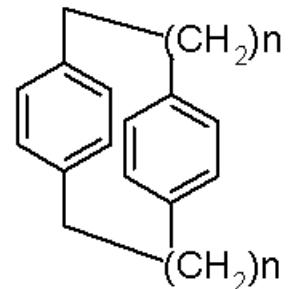
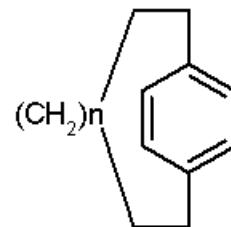
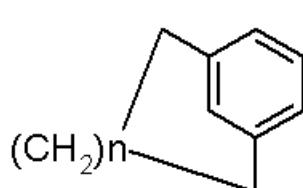
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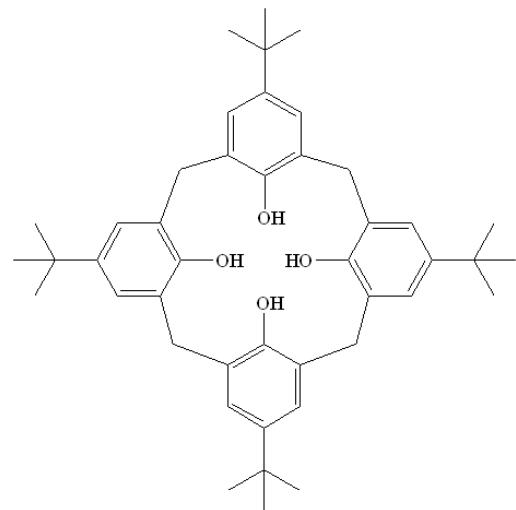
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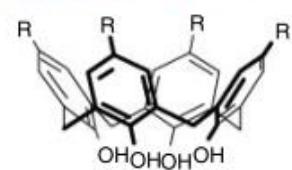
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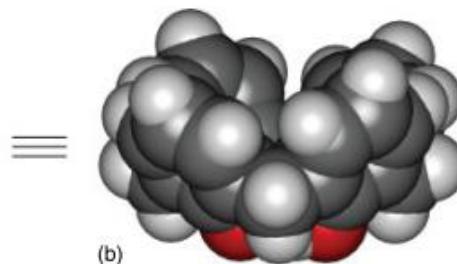


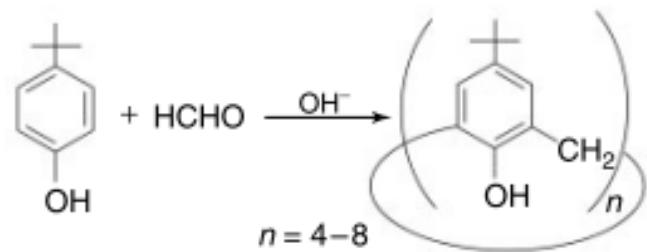


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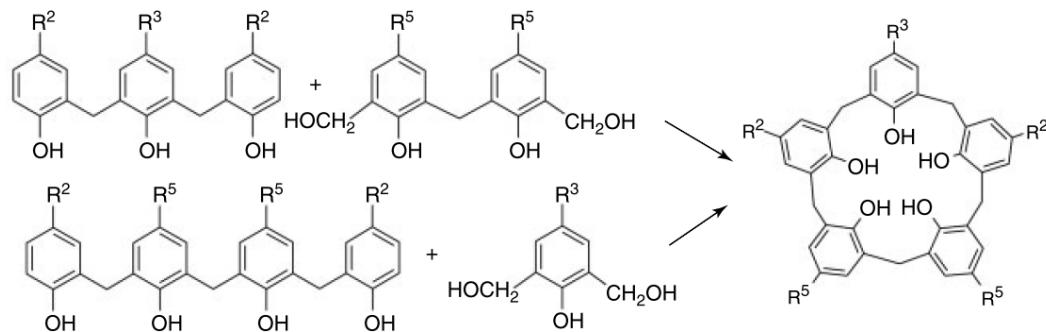


(a) *lower, endo, or narrow rim*

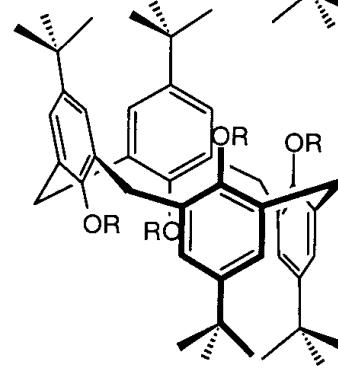
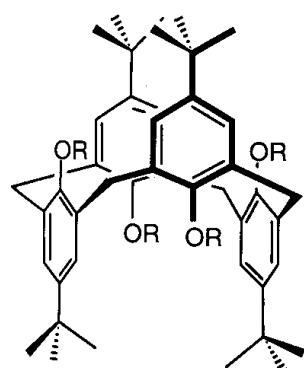
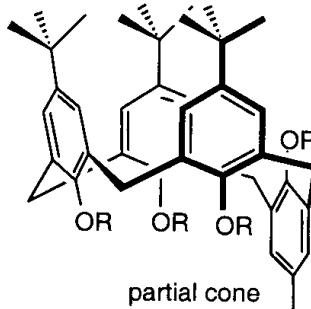
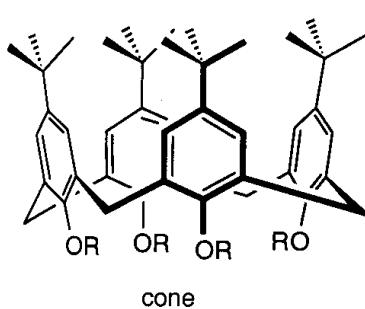




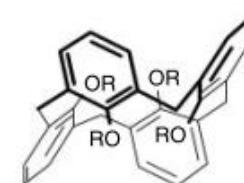
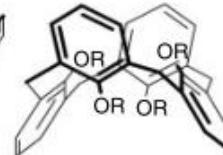
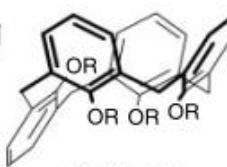
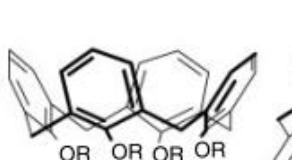
3+2 Fragment condensation



4+1 Fragment condensation



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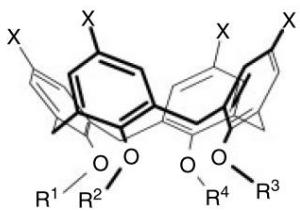
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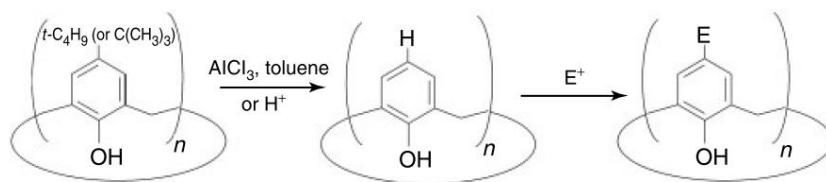
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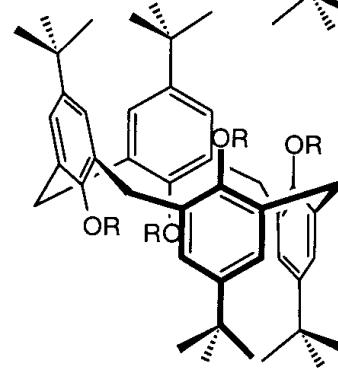
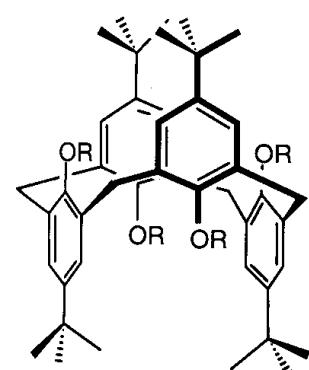
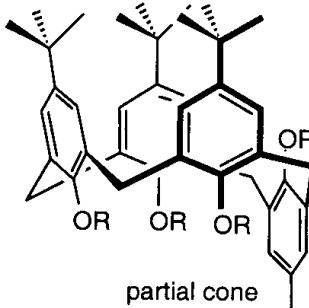
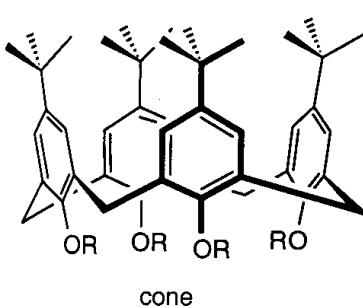
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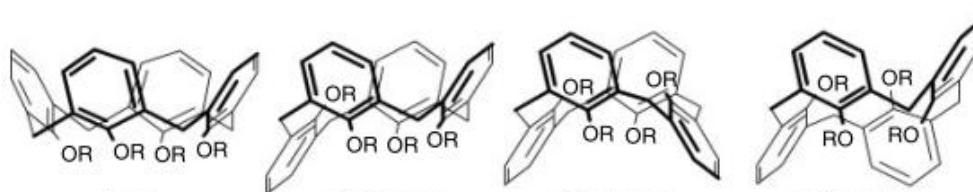
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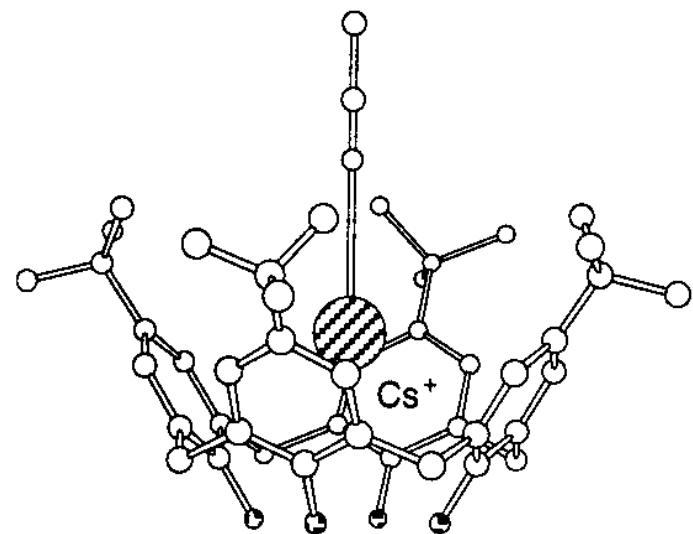
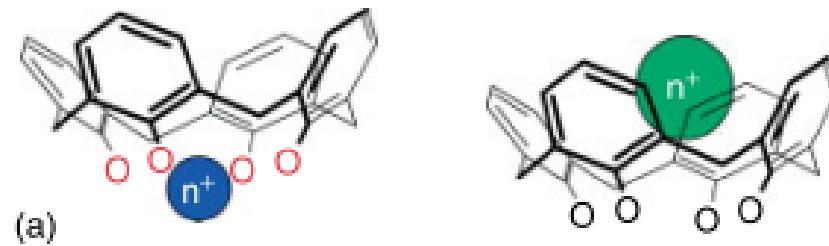
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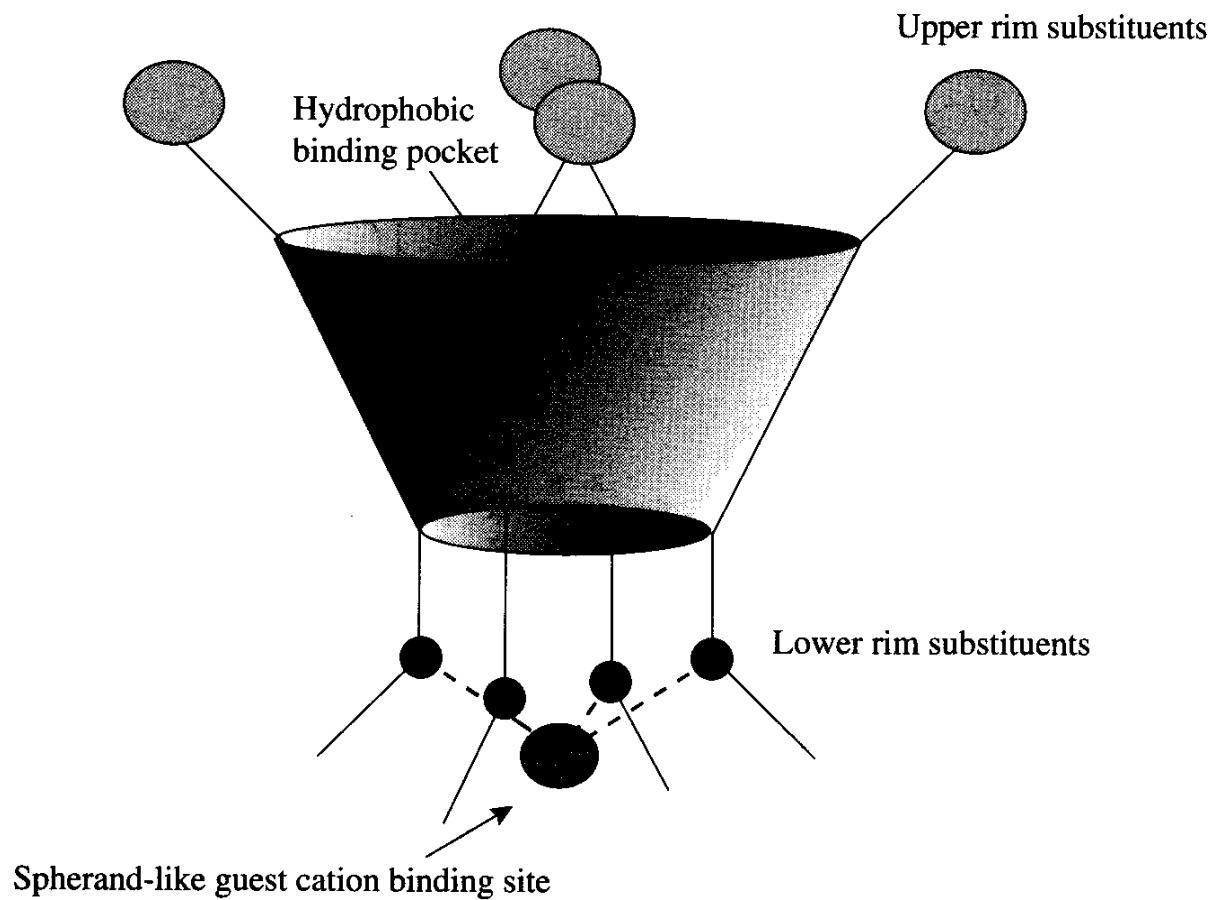


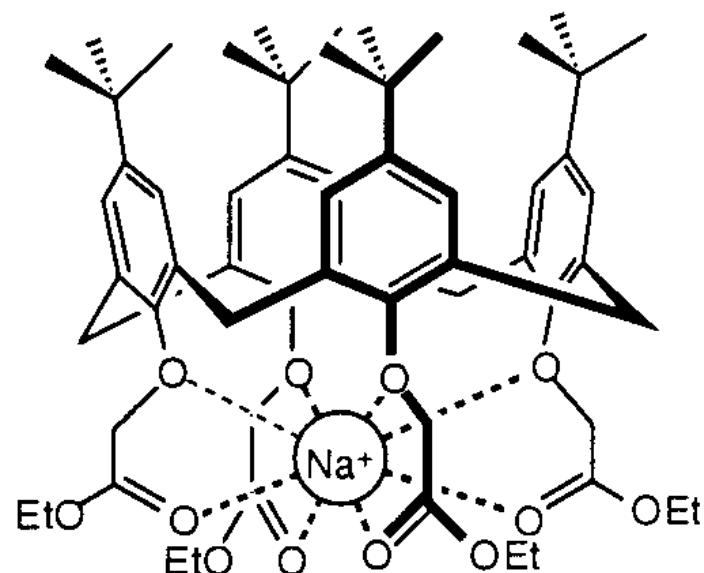
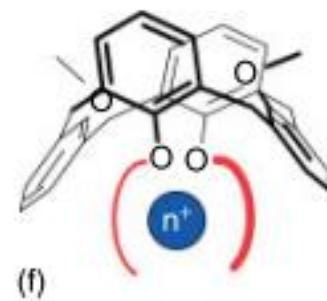
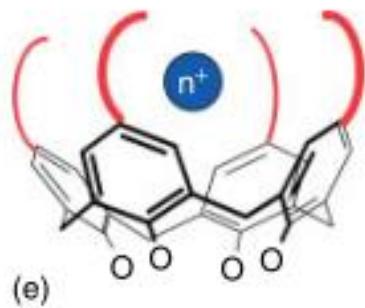
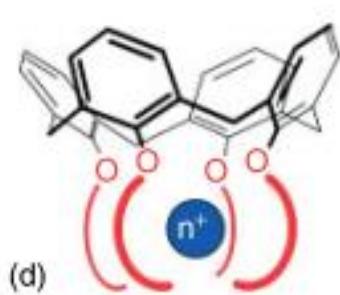
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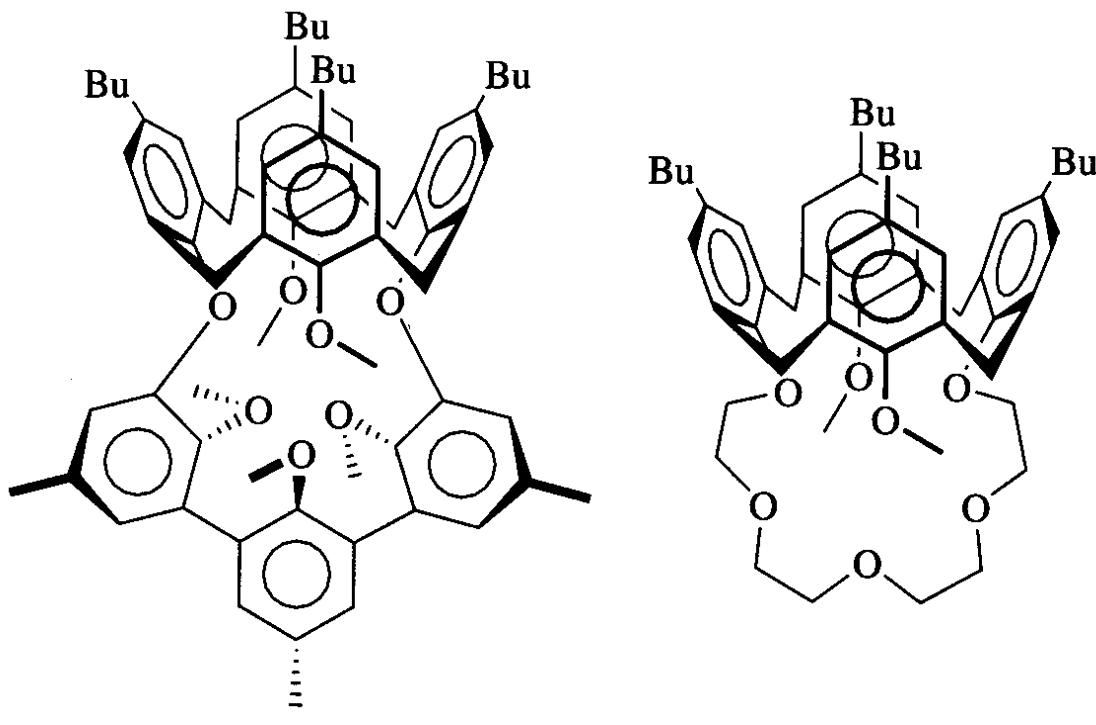


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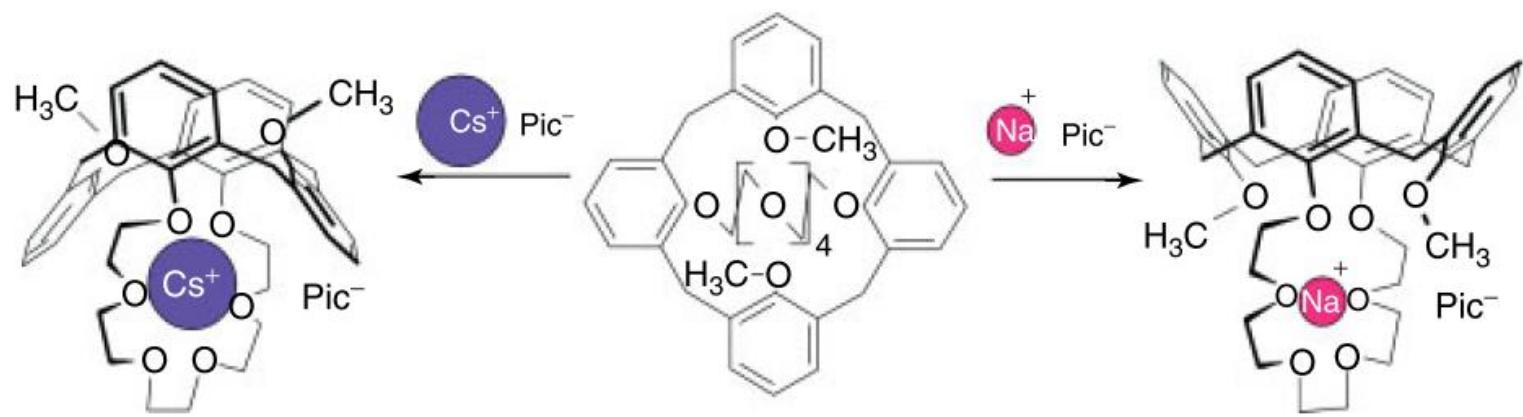




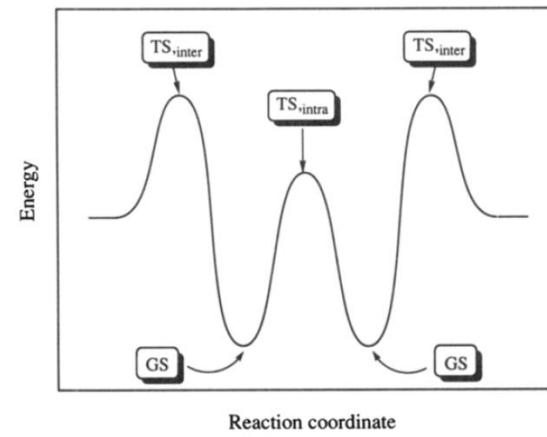
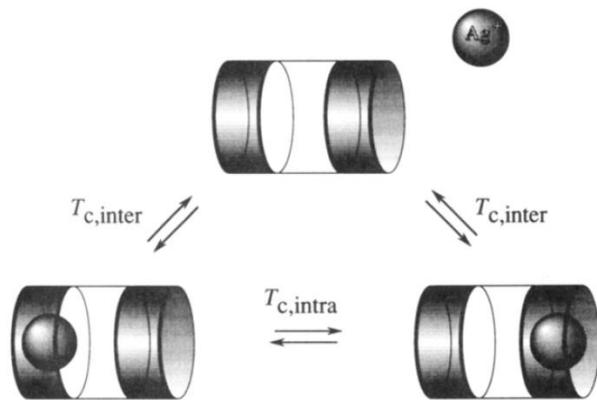


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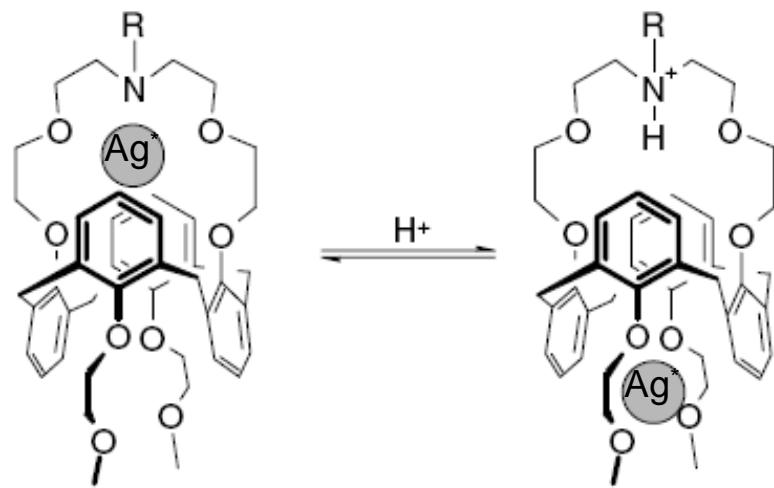
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# Cation tunnelling

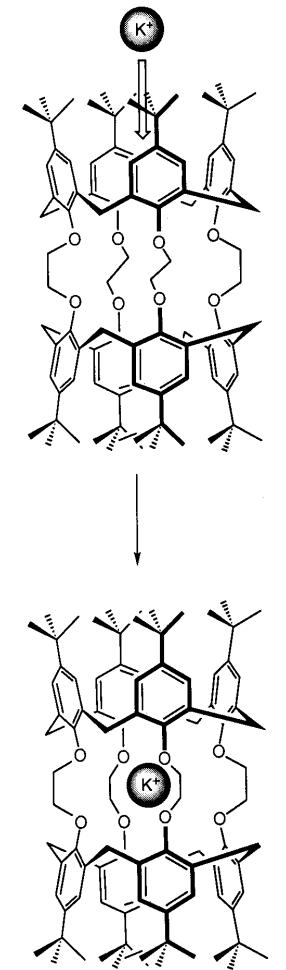
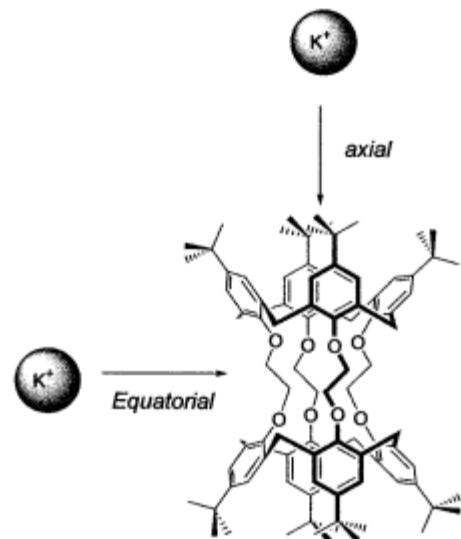
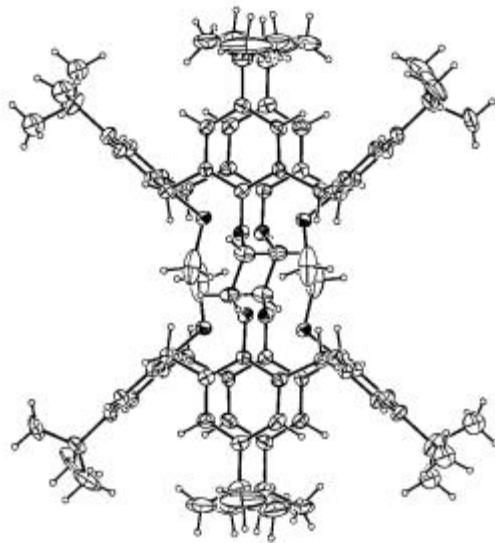


# Cation tunnelling: Ag<sup>+</sup> syringe

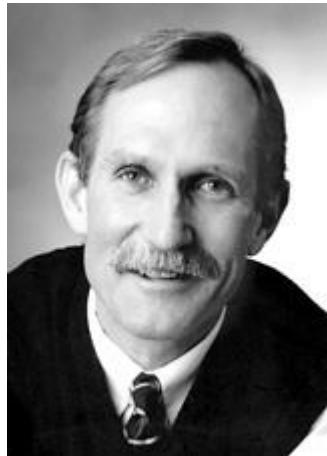


# Calix-tubes

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**Peter Agre**

**Roderick MacKinnon**

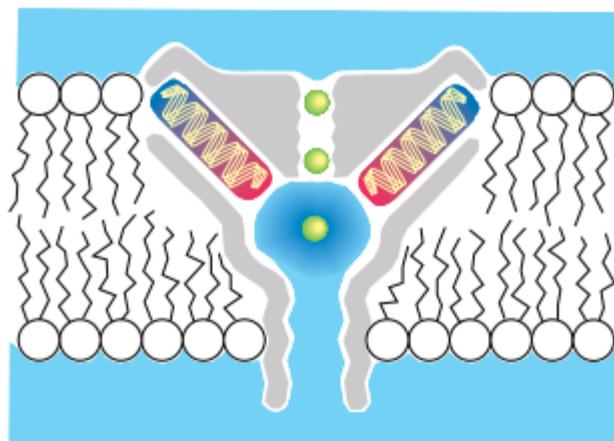
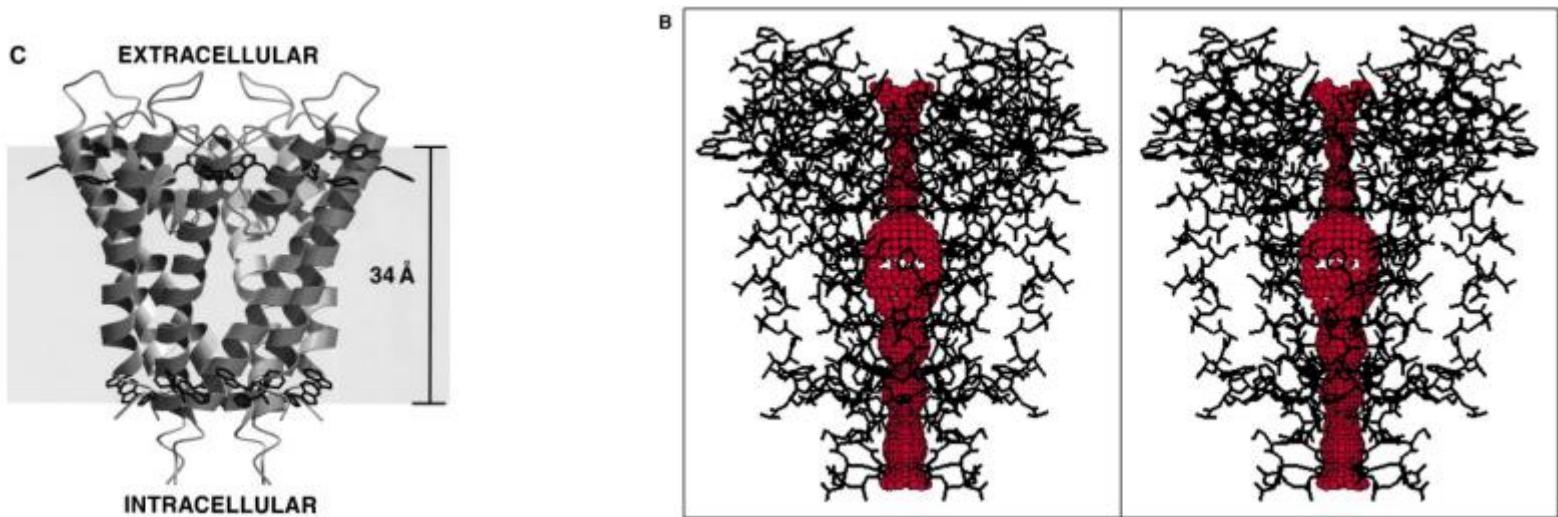
The Nobel Prize in Chemistry 2003 was awarded "*for discoveries concerning channels in cell membranes*" jointly with one half to Peter Agre "*for the discovery of water channels*" and with one half to Roderick MacKinnon "*for structural and mechanistic studies of ion channels*".



# The Structure of the Potassium Channel: Molecular Basis of K<sup>+</sup> Conduction and Selectivity

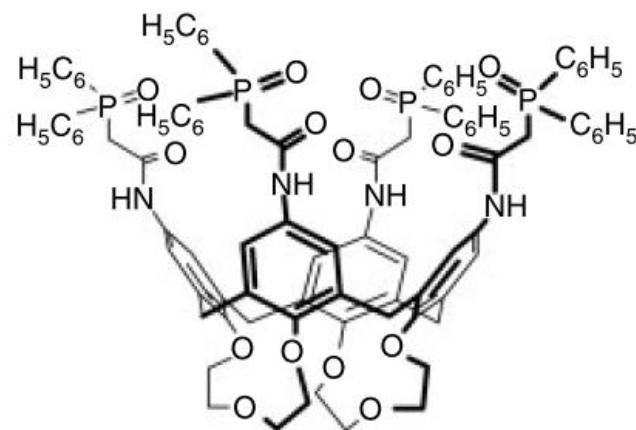
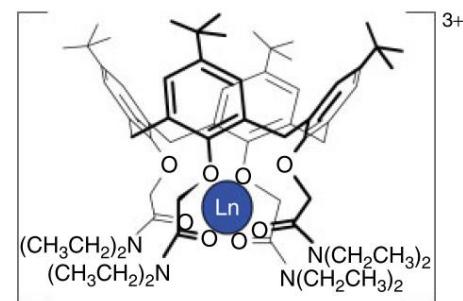
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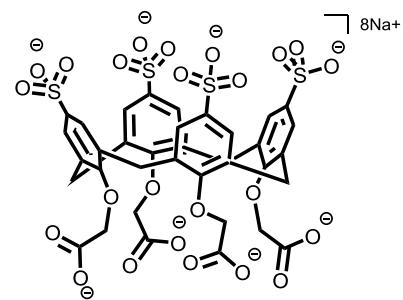
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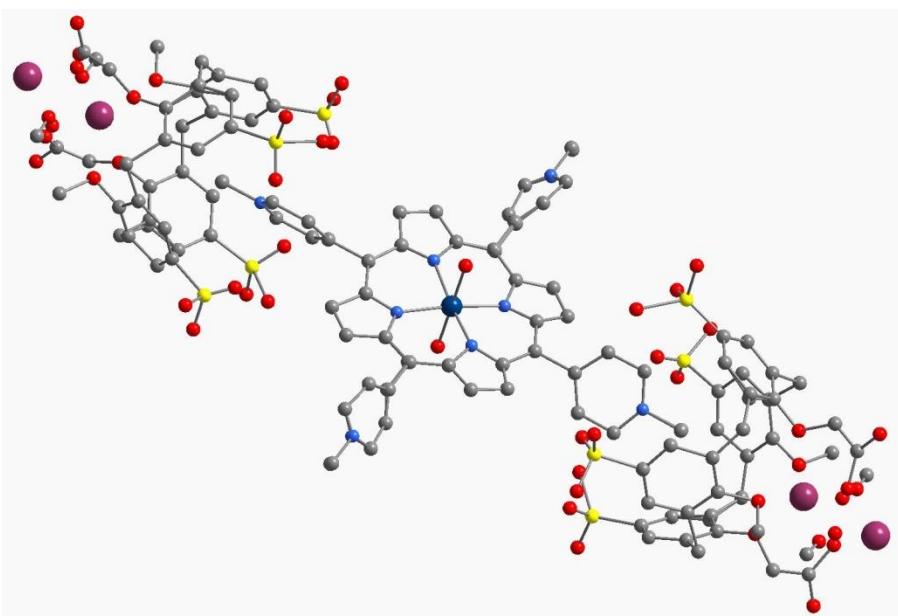
# $\text{Ln}^{3+}$ recognition

(treatment of radioactive waste/extraction- high distribution coefficient even from very acidic water solutions)

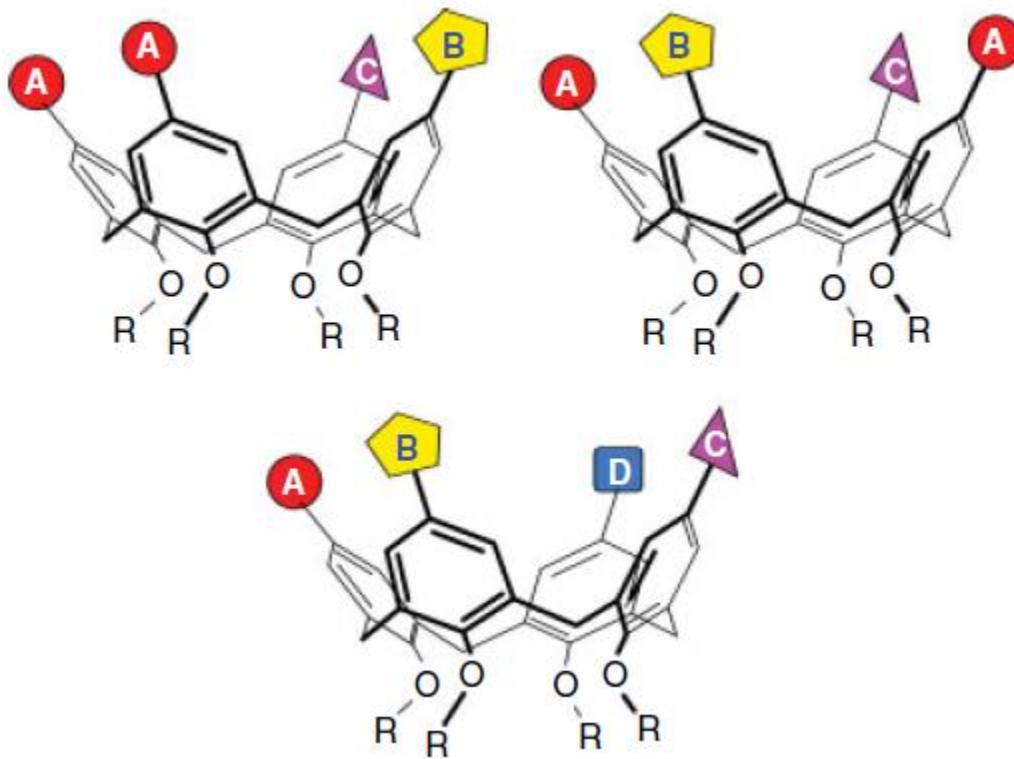




$\text{C}_4\text{TsTc}$



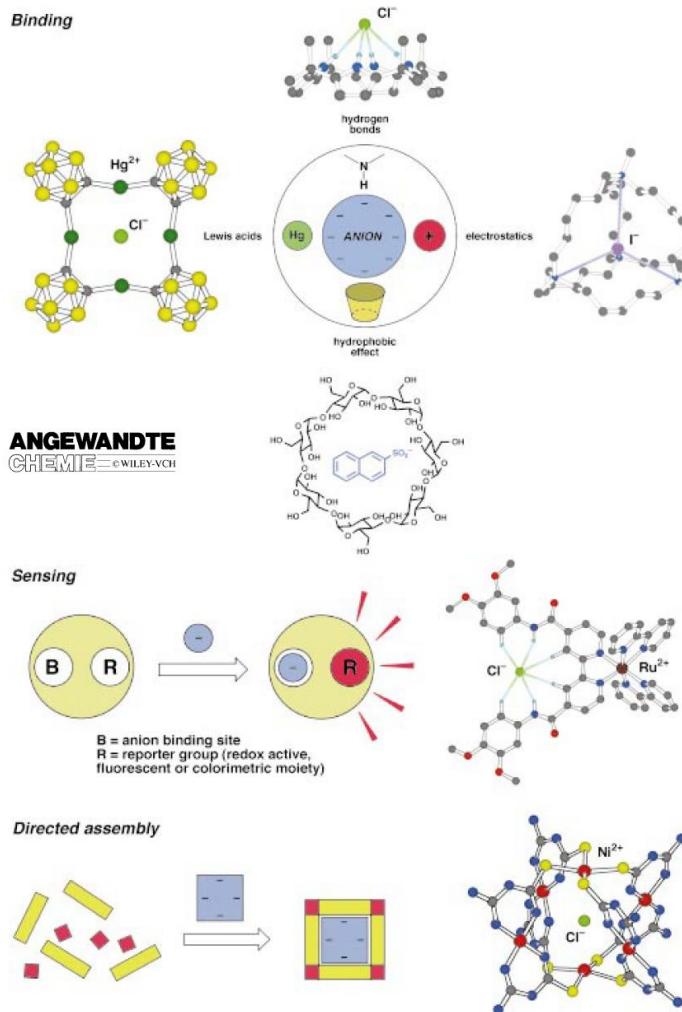
# Chirality



# Anion Recognition and Sensing: The State of the Art and Future Perspectives

Paul D. Beer\* and Philip A. Gale\*

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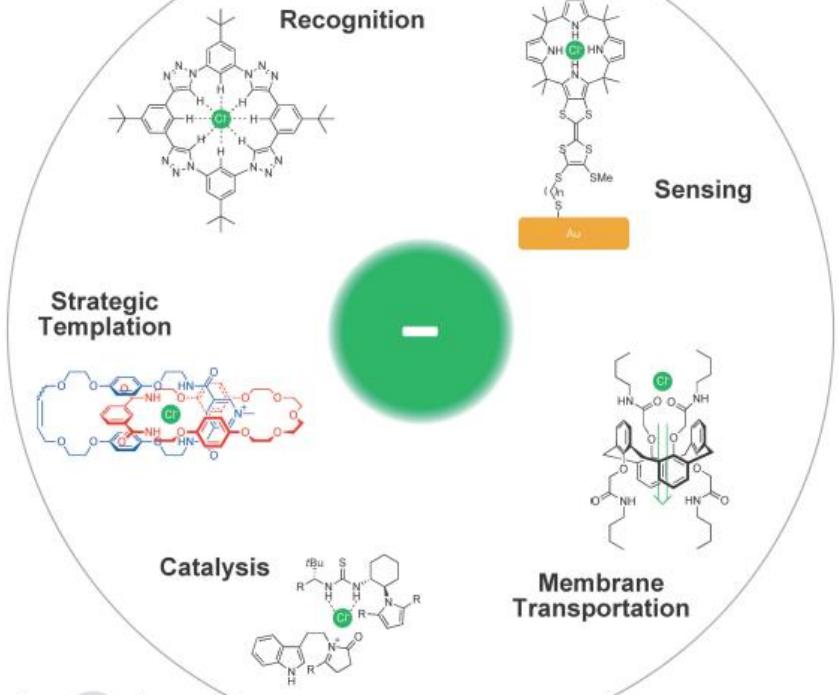
## Advances in Anion Supramolecular Chemistry: From Recognition to Chemical Applications

Nicholas H. Evans\* and Paul D. Beer\*

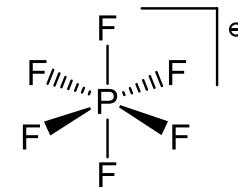
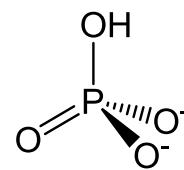
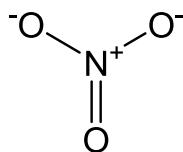
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anion recognition - anions - sensors - supramolecular chemistry - template synthesis

Dedicated to Professor Jean-Marie Lehn on the occasion of his 75th birthday



- anions are large and require receptors of bigger size than cations -  $r(F^-) \approx rK^+$
- large diversity of shapes and geometries (spherical, linear, trigonal, tetrahedral...)



- high free energies of hydration

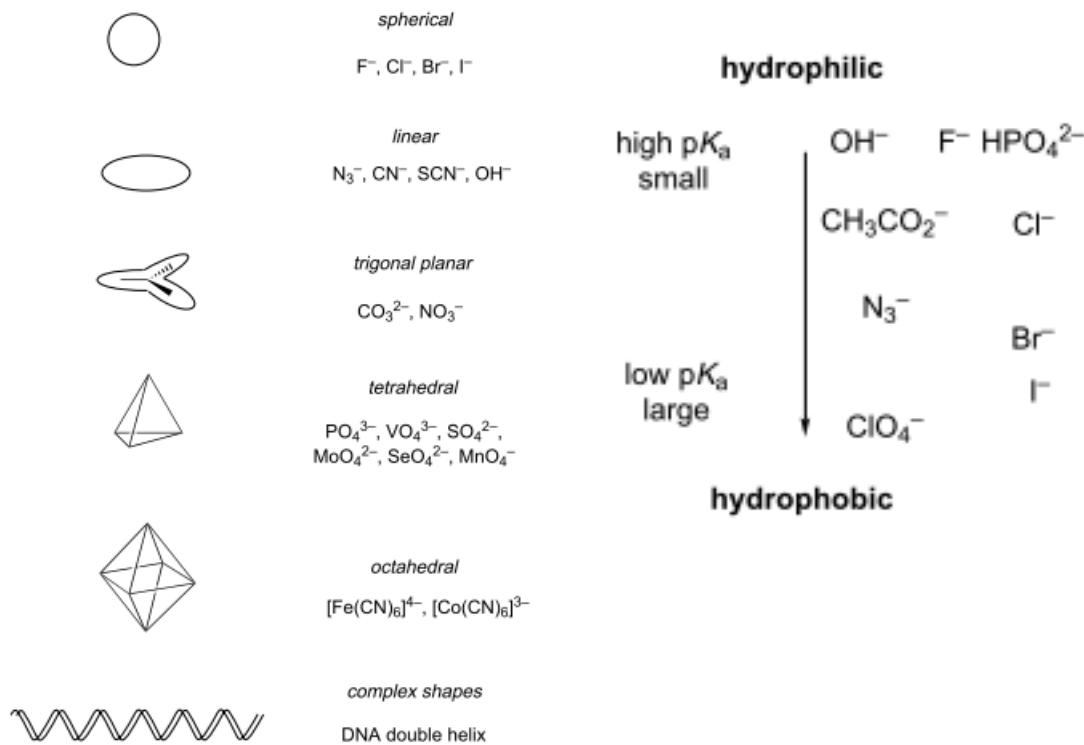
$$\Delta_r G^\circ_{\text{hydr}}(F^-) = -465 \text{ kJ.mol}^{-1}$$

$$\Delta_r G^\circ_{\text{hydr}}(K^+) = -295 \text{ kJ.mol}^{-1}$$

- anions are sensitive to pH (crucial for recognition on water)
- anions are coordinatively saturated : only weak interactions (H bond, electrostatic, Van der Waals), no strict coordination number
- Lewis bases

Table 1. A comparison of the radii  $r$  of isoelectronic cations and anions in octahedral environments.<sup>[7]</sup>

Cation	$r$ [Å]	Anion	$r$ [Å]
Na <sup>+</sup>	1.16	F <sup>-</sup>	1.19
K <sup>+</sup>	1.52	Cl <sup>-</sup>	1.67
Rb <sup>+</sup>	1.66	Br <sup>-</sup>	1.82
Cs <sup>+</sup>	1.81	I <sup>-</sup>	2.06



## Host cationici

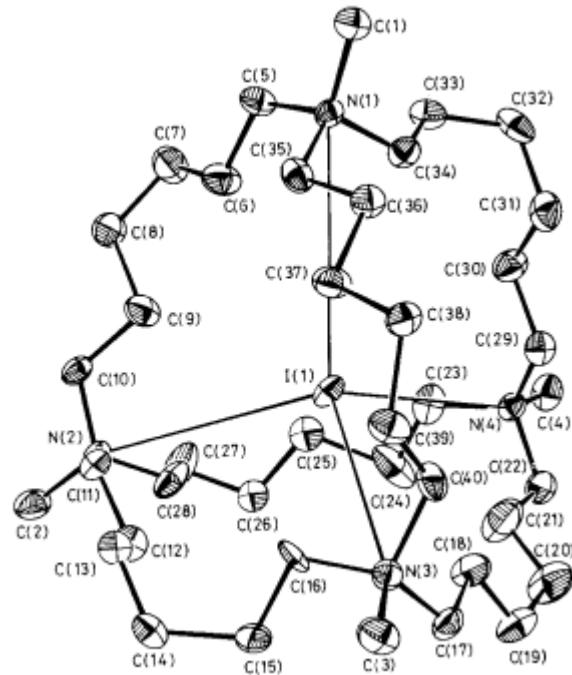
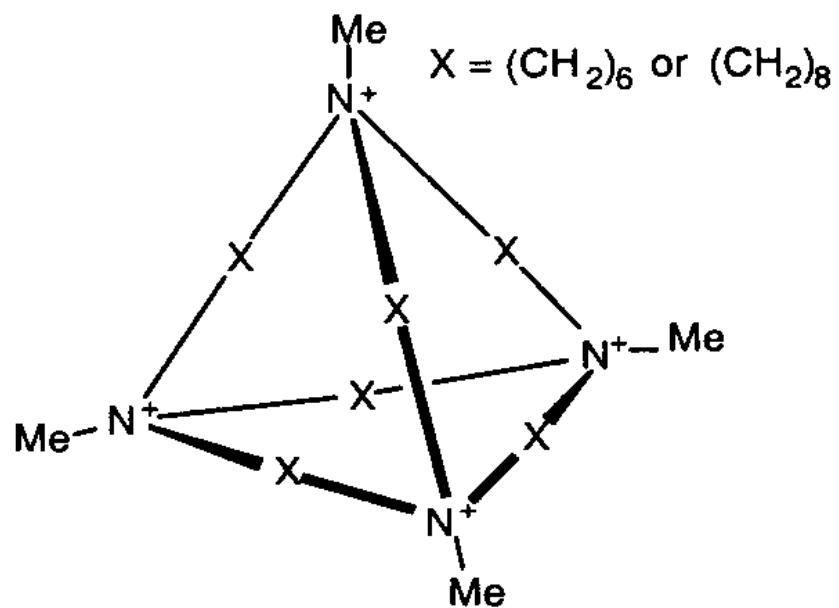
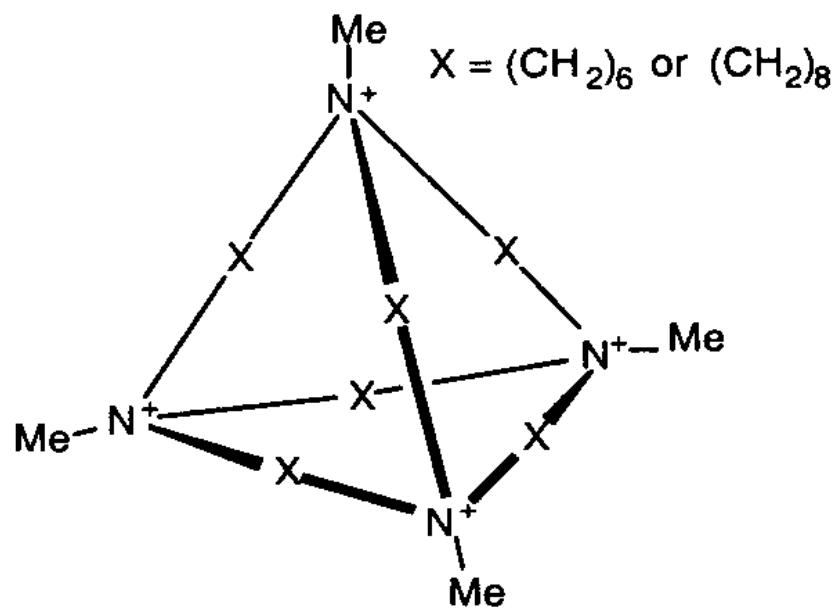


Figure 2. The X-ray crystal structure of the iodide complex of receptor 1

Host cationici

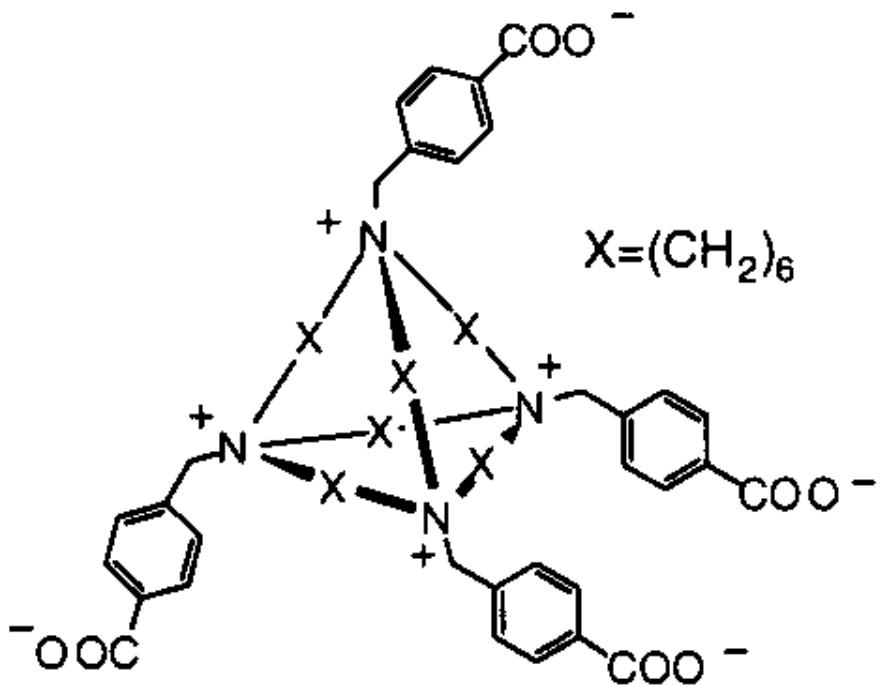


$$K(\text{Br}^-) = 1020 \text{ (H}_2\text{O)}$$

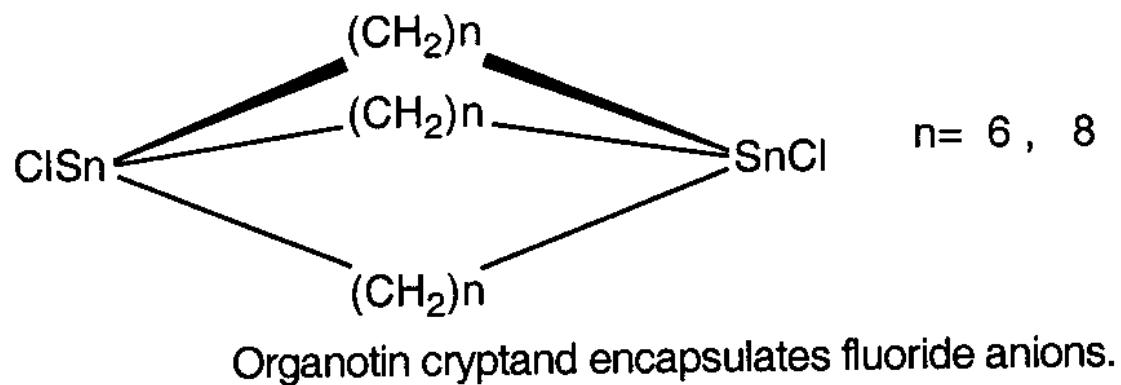
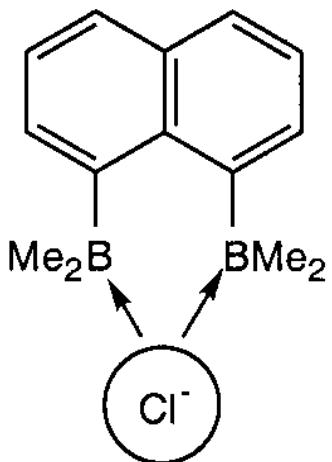
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$$K(\text{Br}^-) = 1020 \quad K(\text{I}^-) = 500 \quad K(\text{Cl}^-) = 50$$

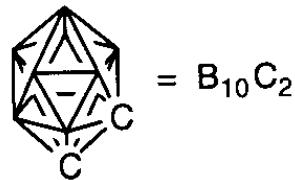
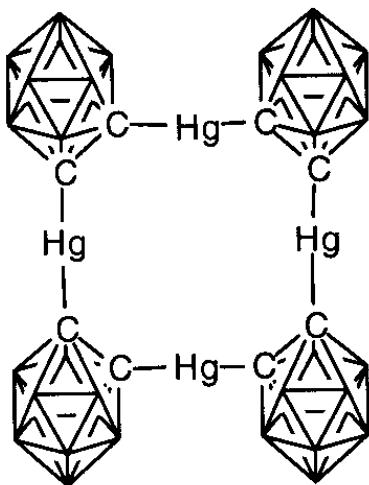
Host zwitter-ionici



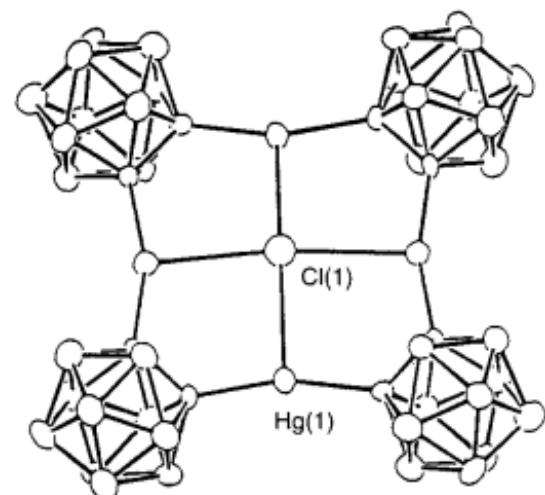
$$K(\text{Br}^-) = 2150 \text{ (H}_2\text{O)}$$



Organo-Boro



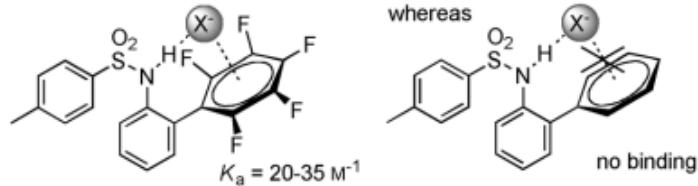
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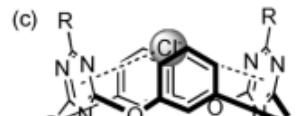
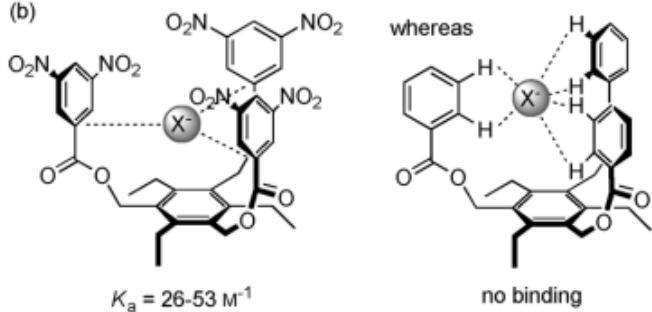
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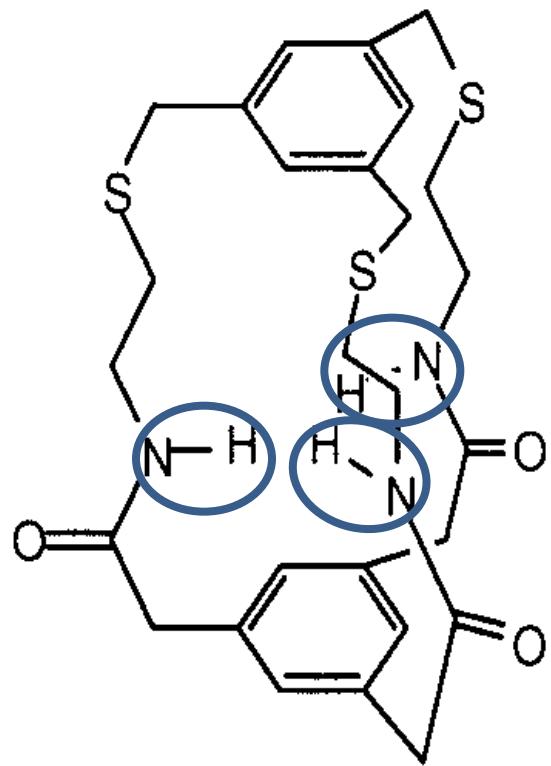
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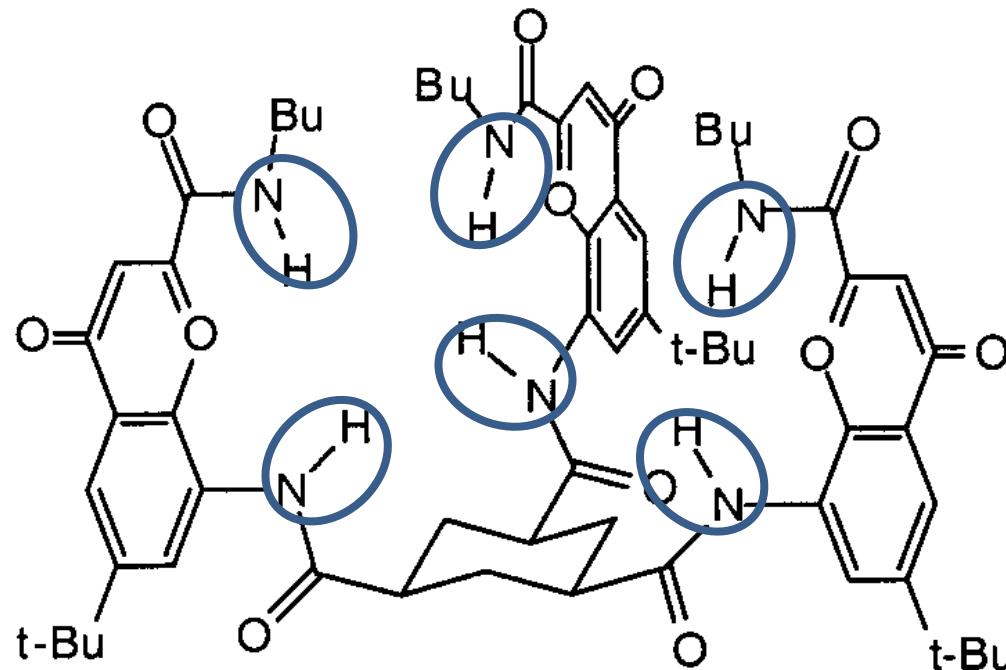
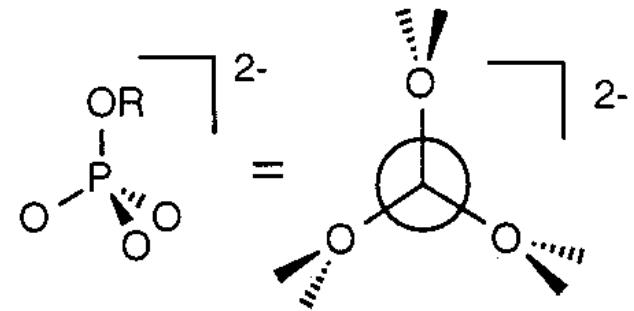
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$\text{R} = \text{Cl}, K_a = 4036 \text{ M}^{-1}$   
 $\text{R} = \text{H}, \text{no binding}$

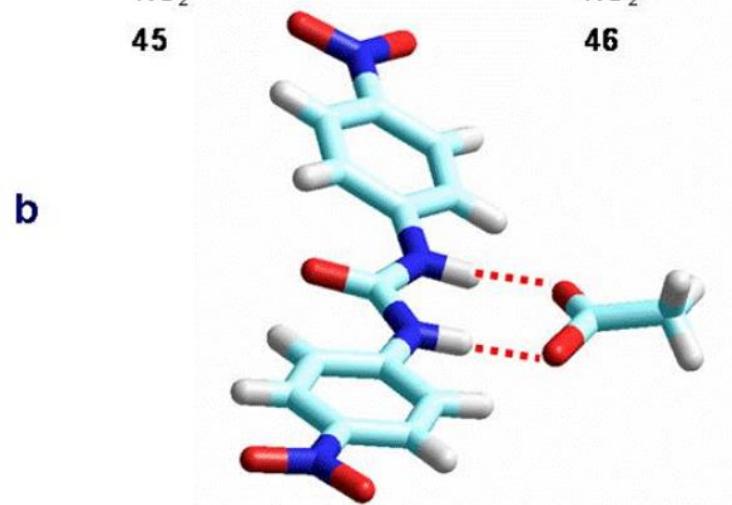
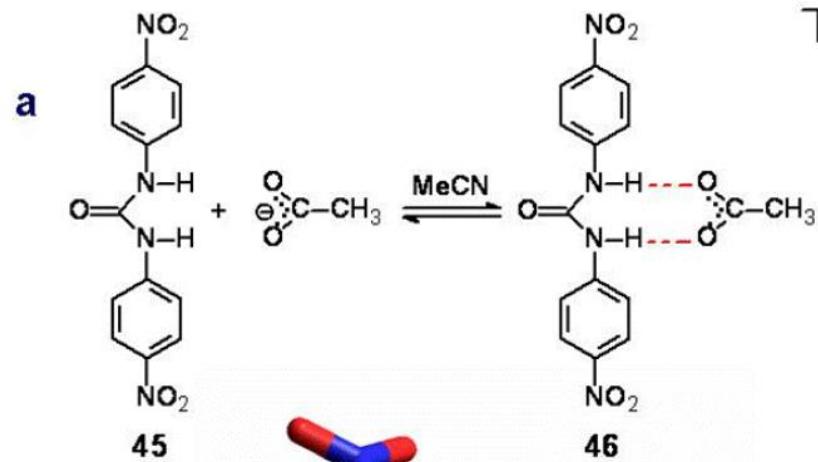
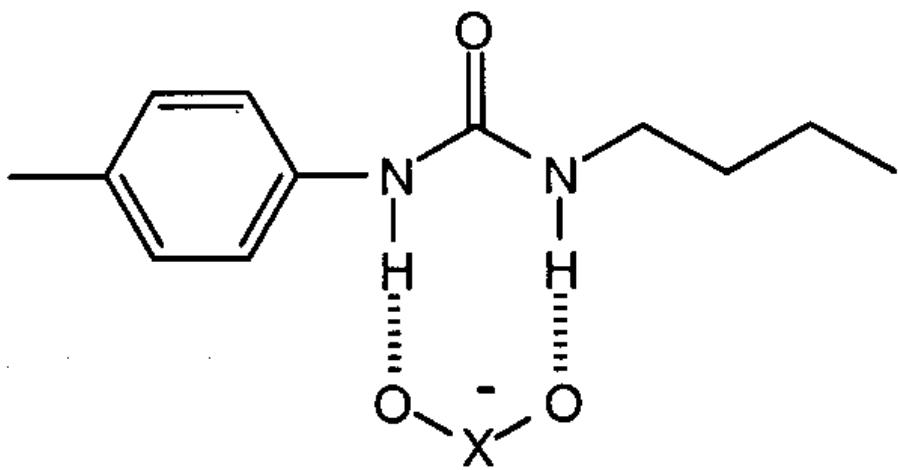


Hydrogen bonding receptor  
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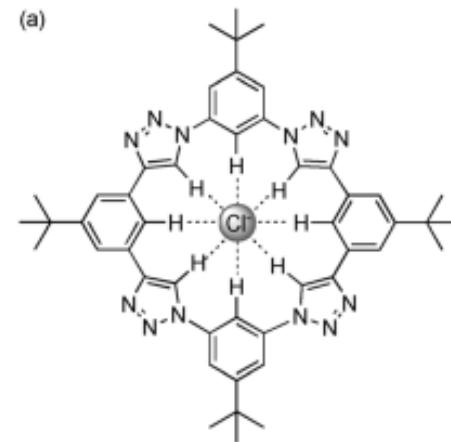
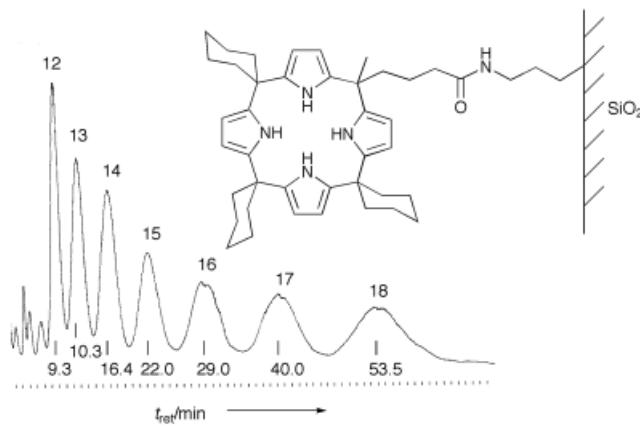
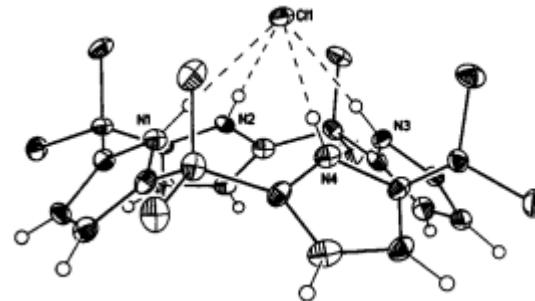
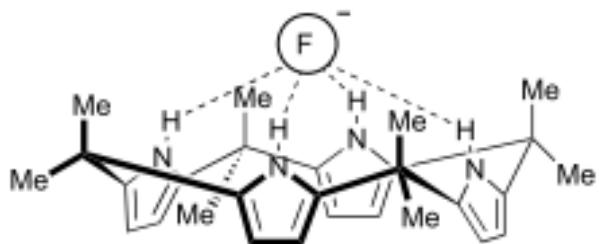


Trigonal receptors can bind phosphate anions strongly in competitive solvents.

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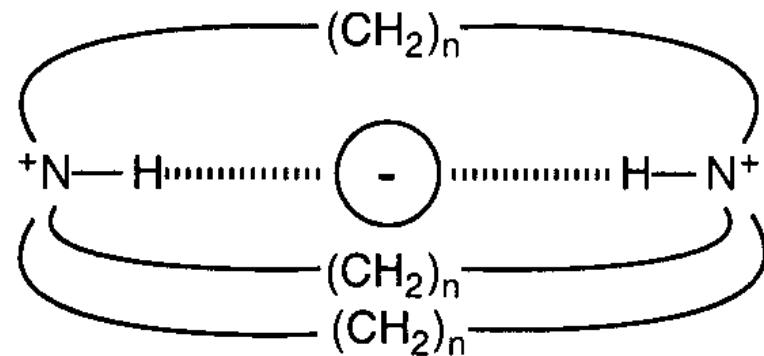
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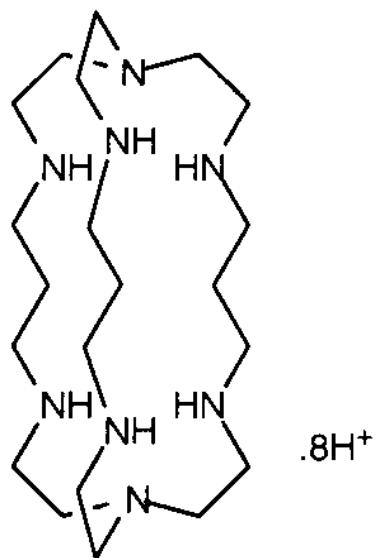
## HPLC Separation of oligonucleotides of different lenght

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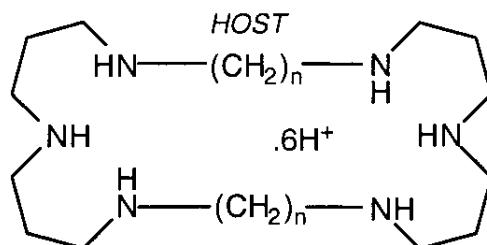
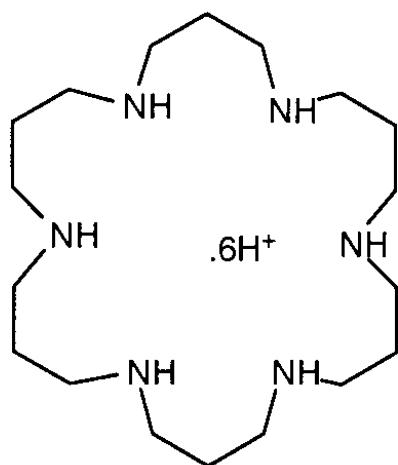
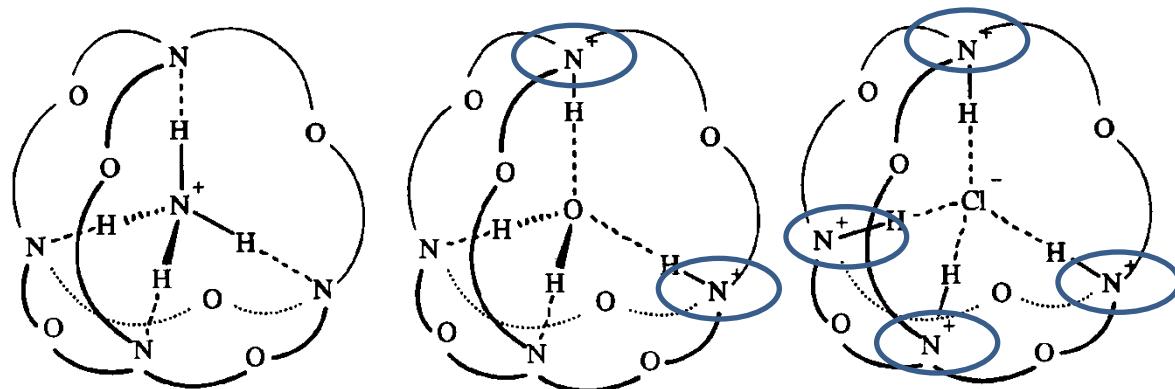


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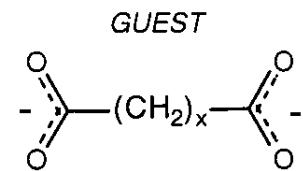


Receptors for anions.

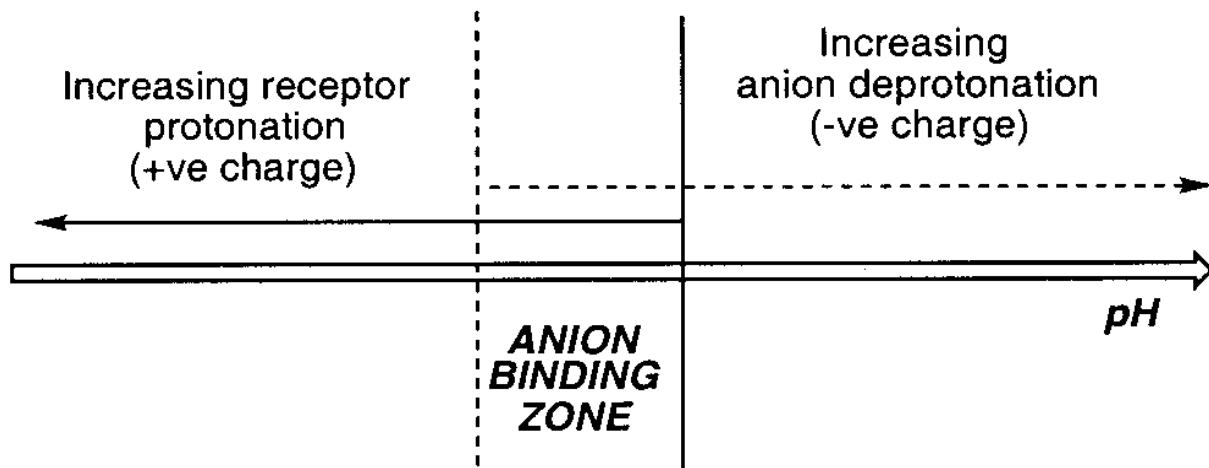
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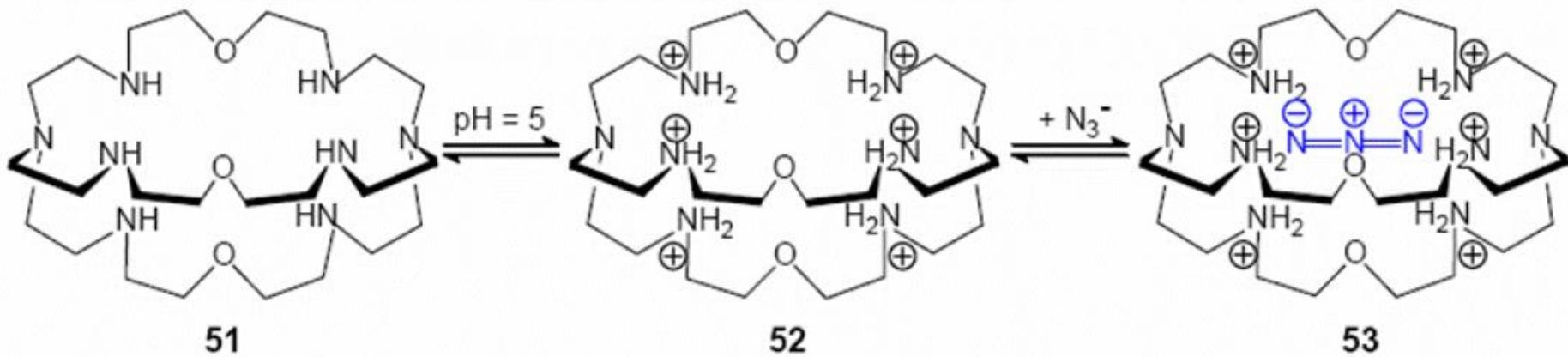
**3.18a, n=7**  
**3.18b, n=10**

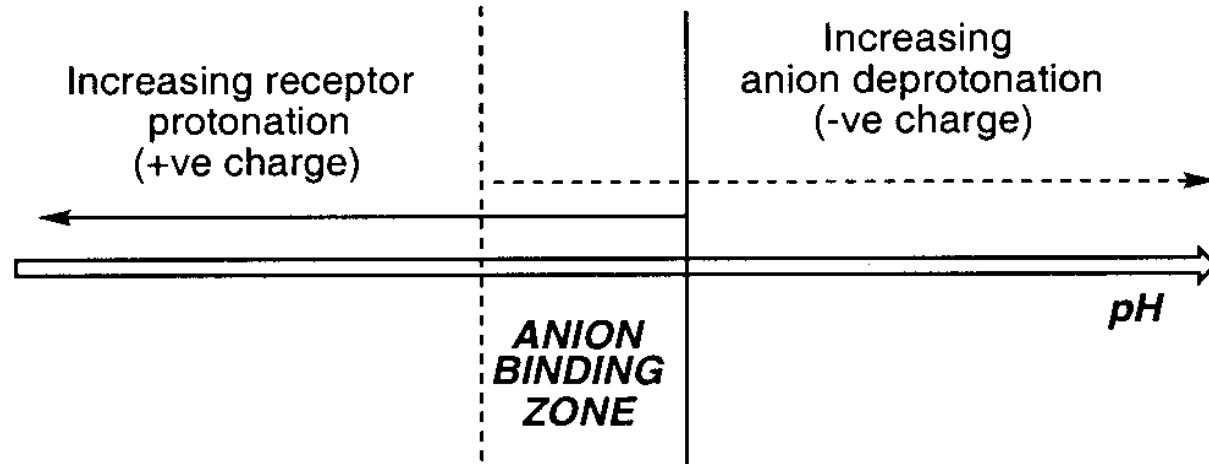


Receptor **3.18** is specific for dicarboxylates of defined chain lengths.

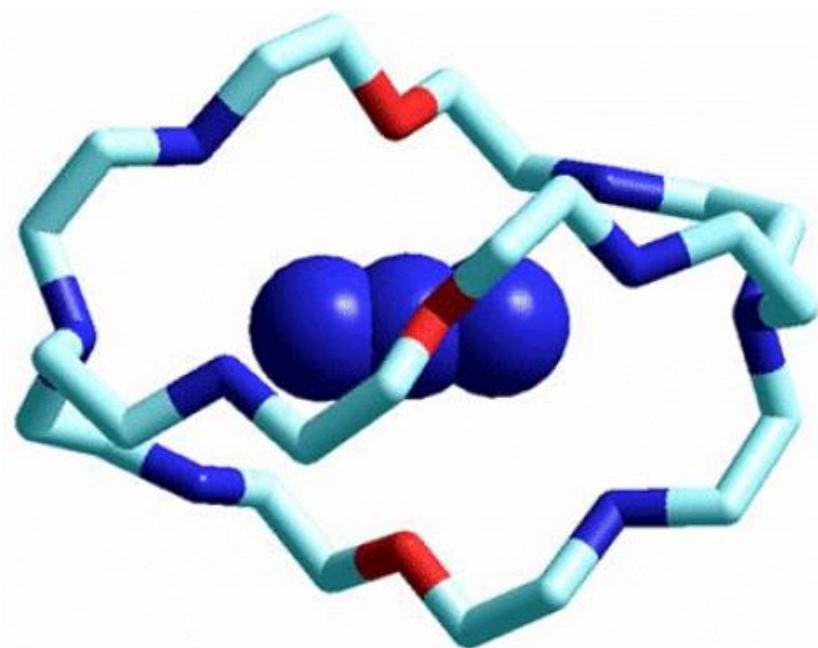


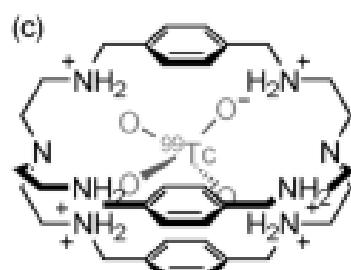
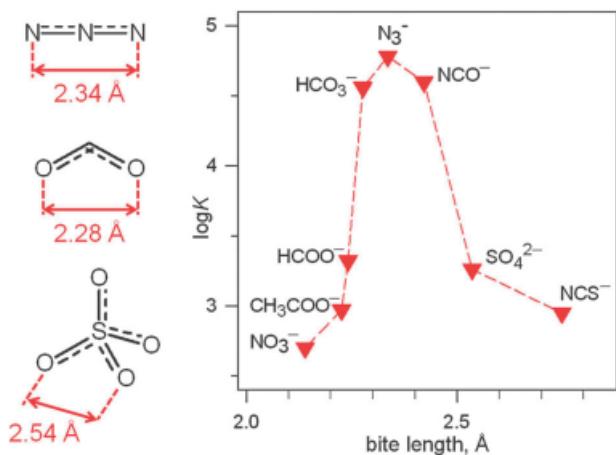
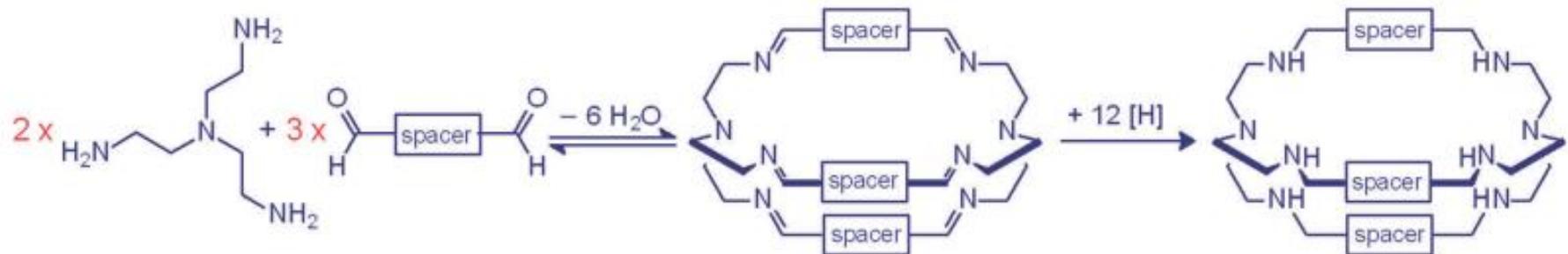
Balance between host protonation and guest deprotonation.



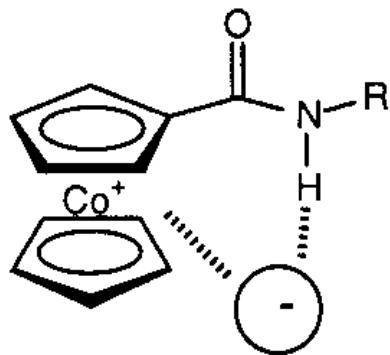


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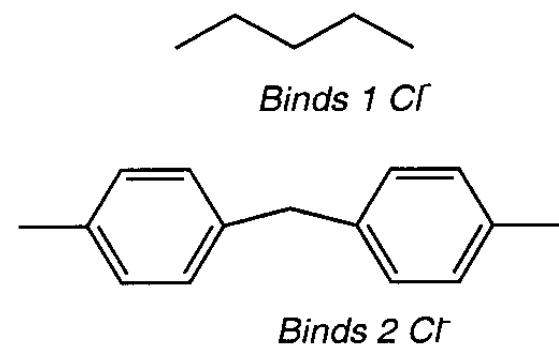
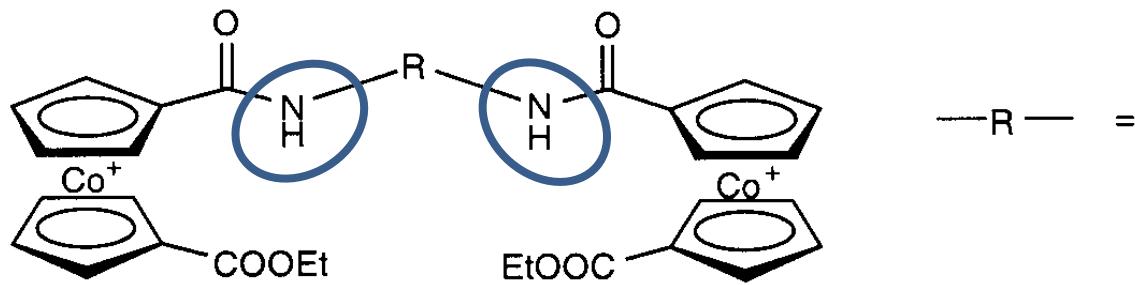




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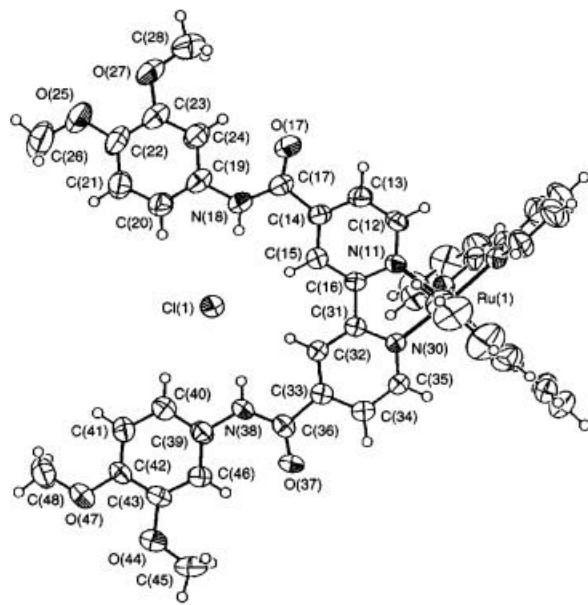
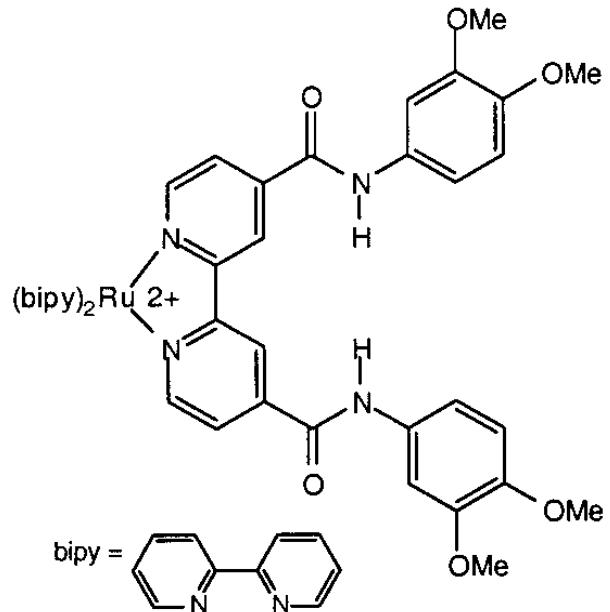


Amide functionalized  
cobaltocenium binds anions.

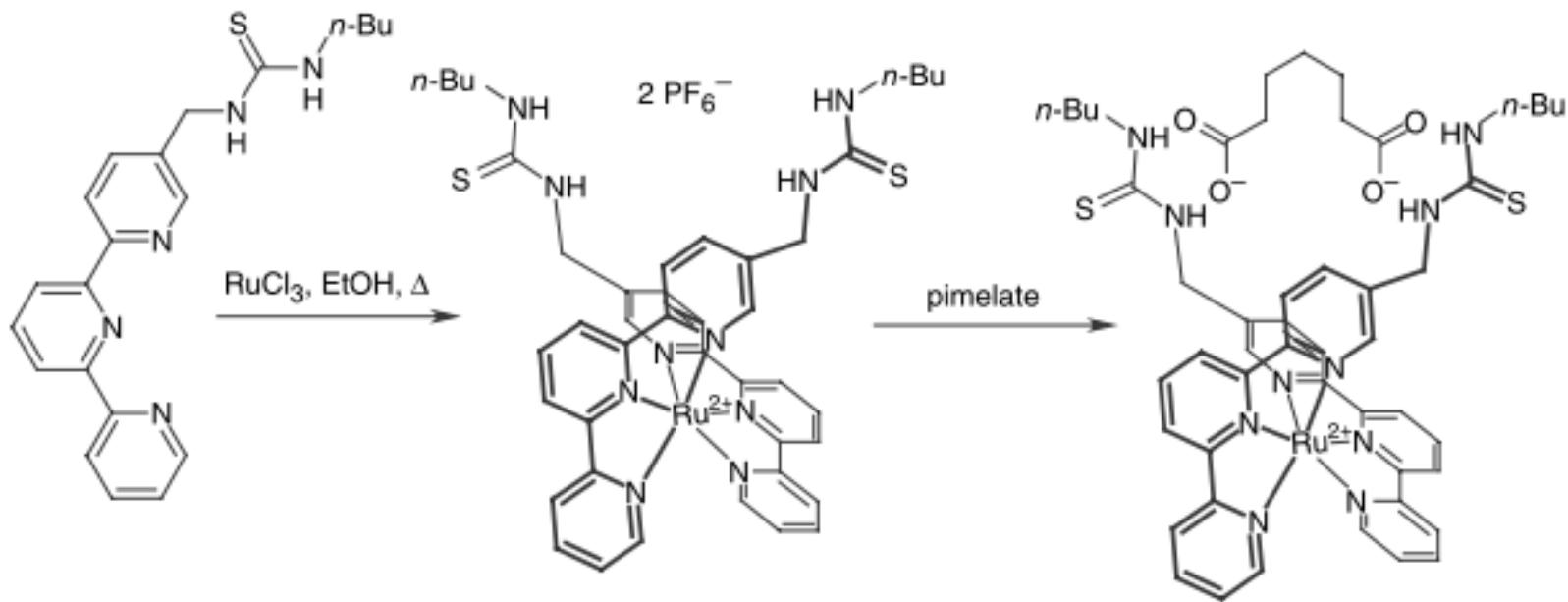


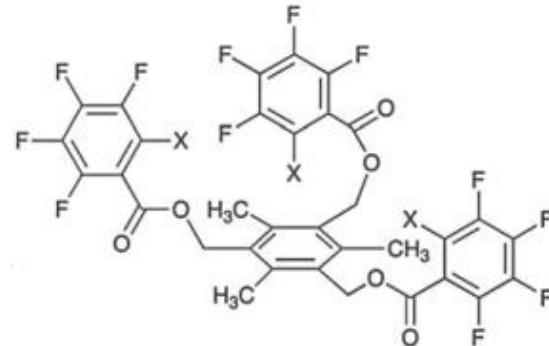
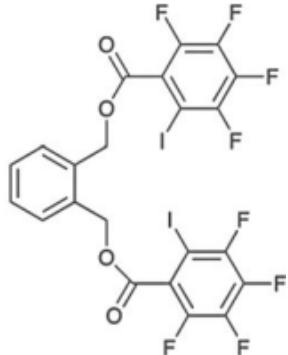
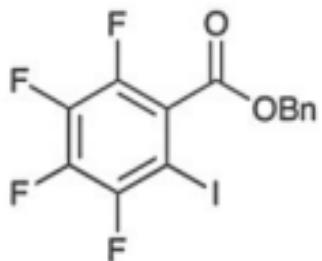
Cobaltocenium based anion receptors have easily tunable binding sites.

**Beer**



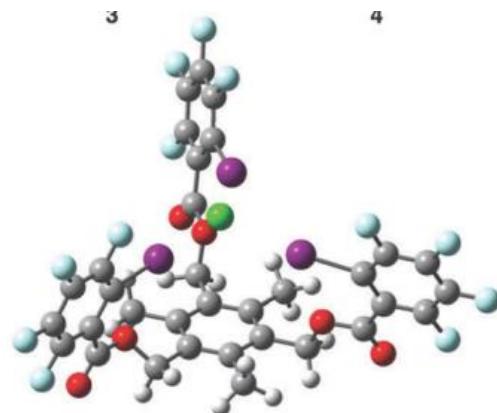
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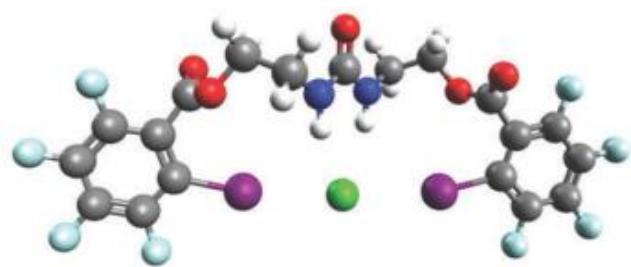
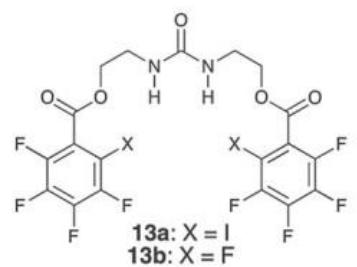


ortho-substituted iidotetrafluorobenzenes on to trimethylbenzene scaffold

In acetone:  $\text{Cl}^- > \text{Br}^- > \text{I}^-$



*Taylor*





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A cascade complex.



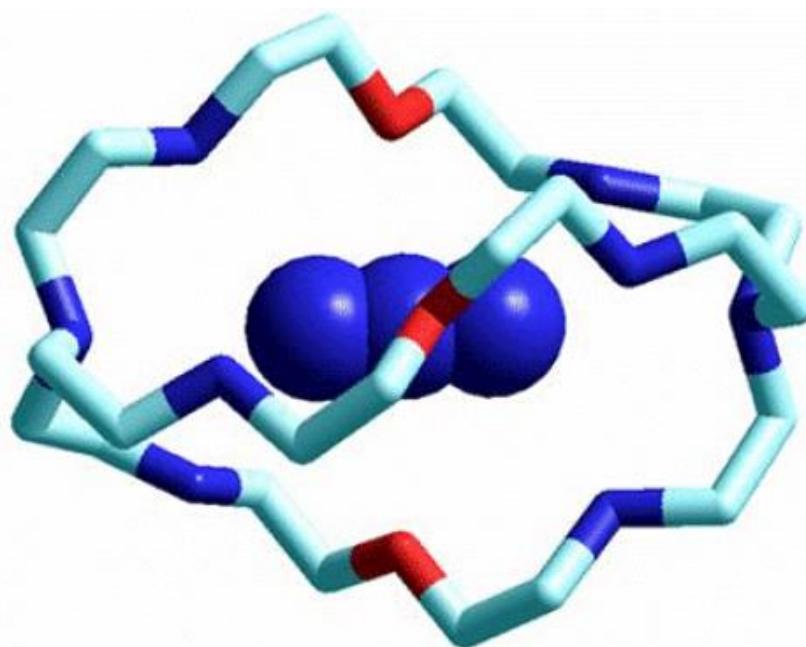
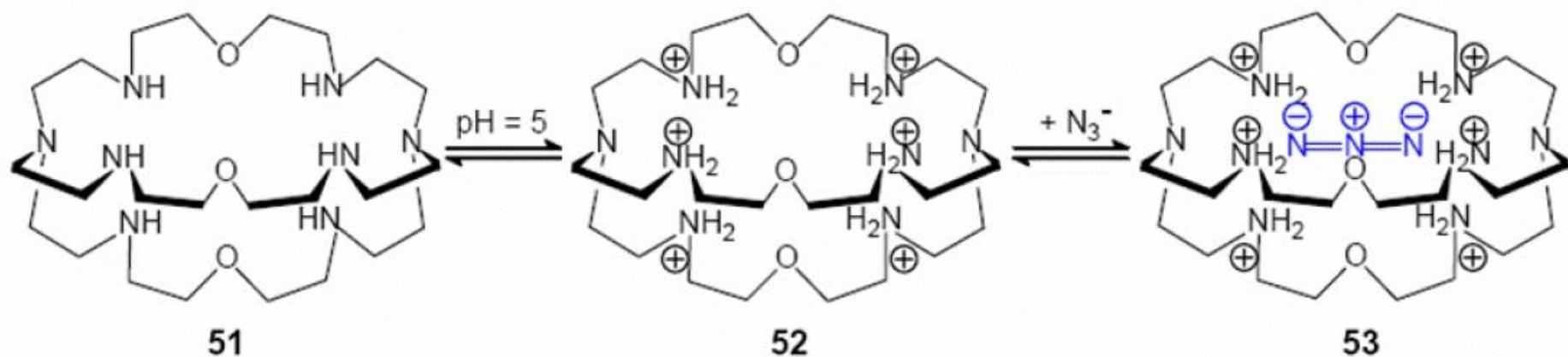
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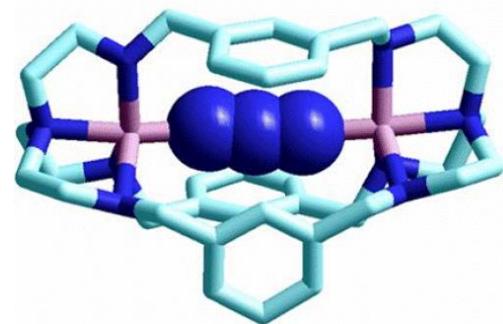
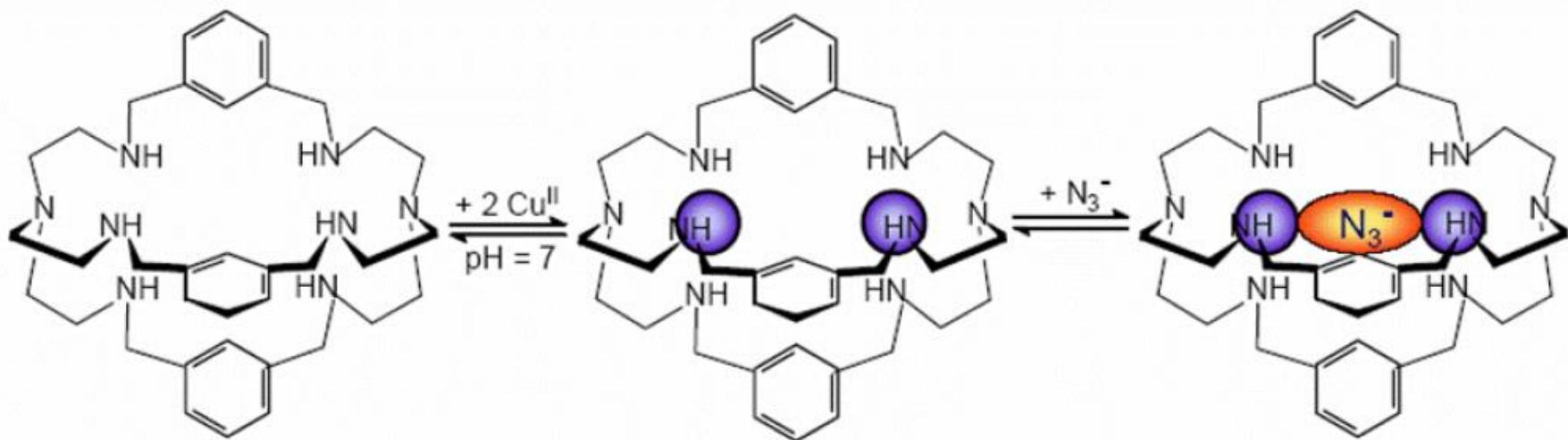
Receptor with individual  
cation and anion recognition sites.



(c)

Receptor for zwitterionic  
guests.





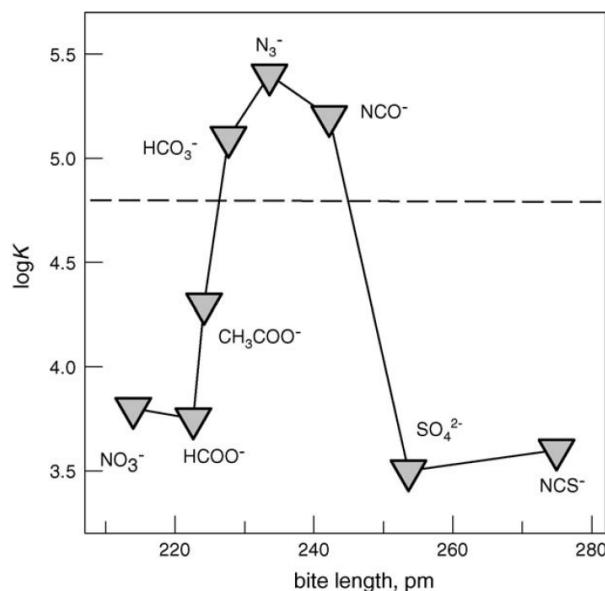
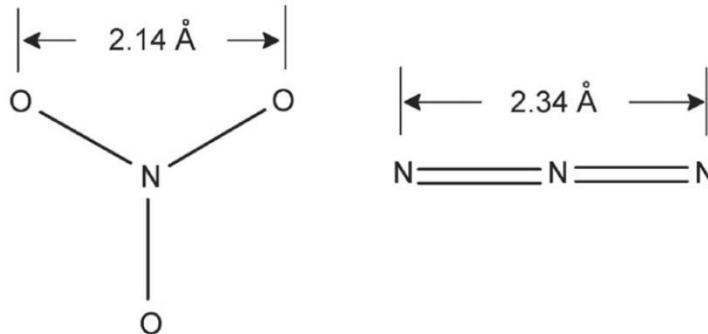
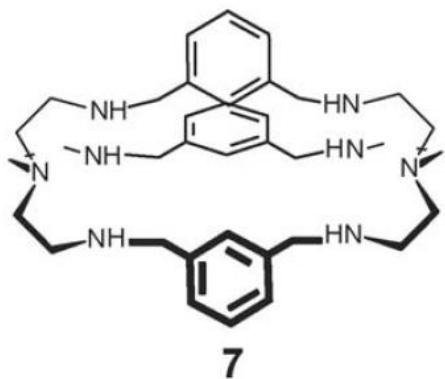


Fig. 8. Peak selectivity in the inclusion of polyatomic anions by the  $[\text{Cu}_2^{\text{II}}(7)]^{4+}$  cryptate. The dimetallic receptor does not recognise the shape of the anion, but its *bite*, i.e. the distance between two consecutive donor atoms.

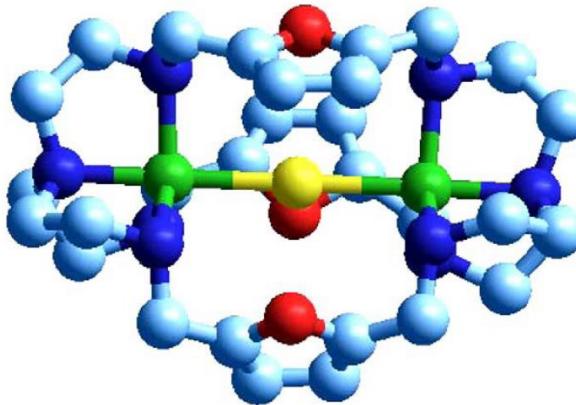
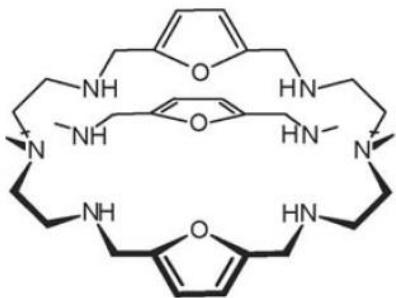


Fig. 3. The structure of the  $[\text{Cu}_2^{\text{II}}(6)(\text{Br})]^{3+}$  supercryptate. The bromide ion bridges the two  $\text{Cu}^{\text{II}}$  centres. Each  $\text{Cu}^{\text{II}}$  ion experiences an axially compressed trigonal bipyramidal geometry, typically observed in tren and bistren complexes.

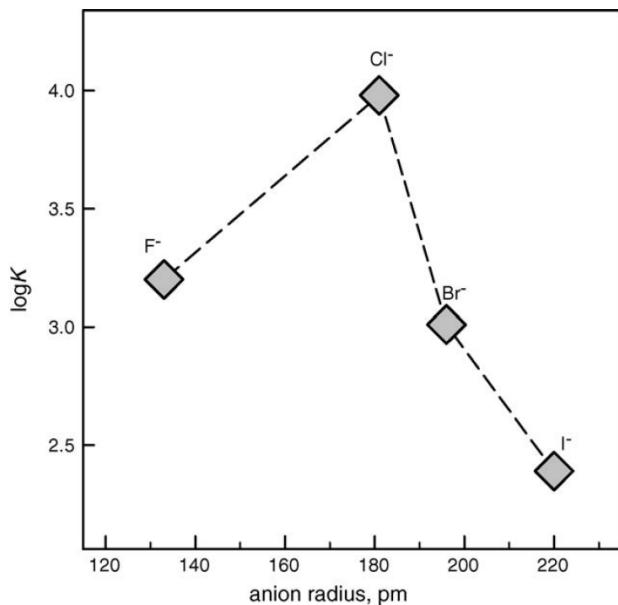
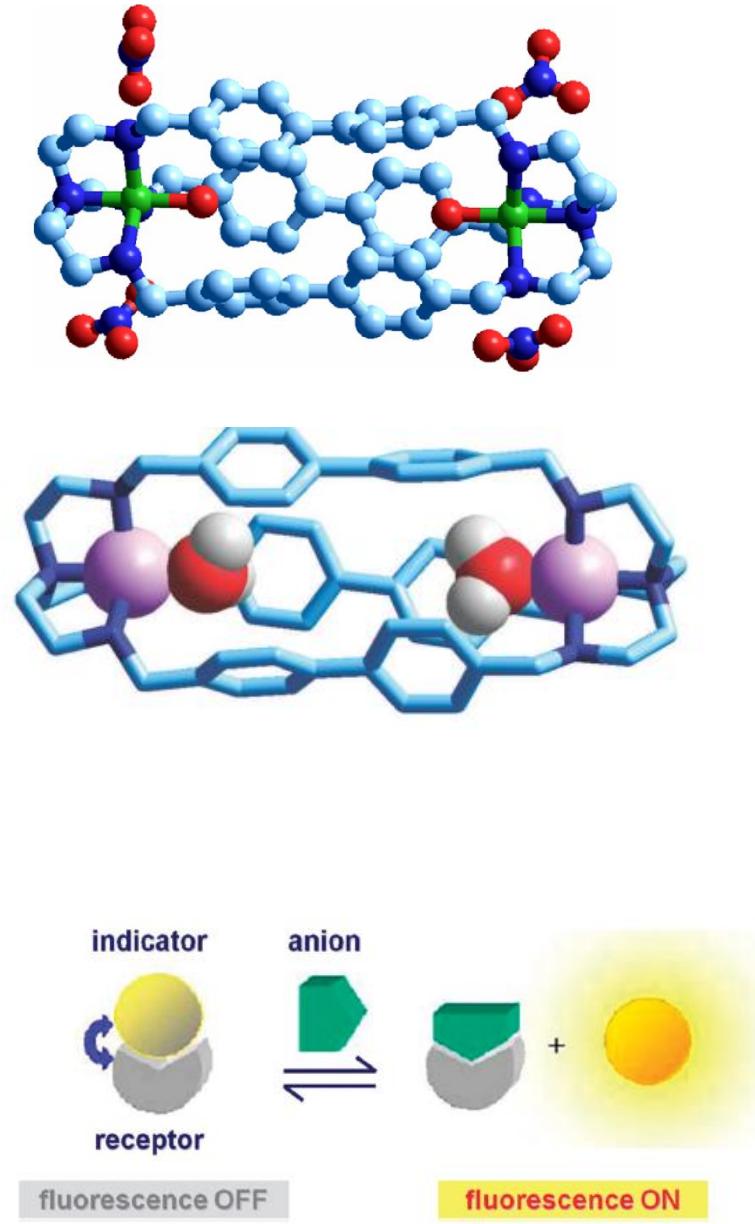
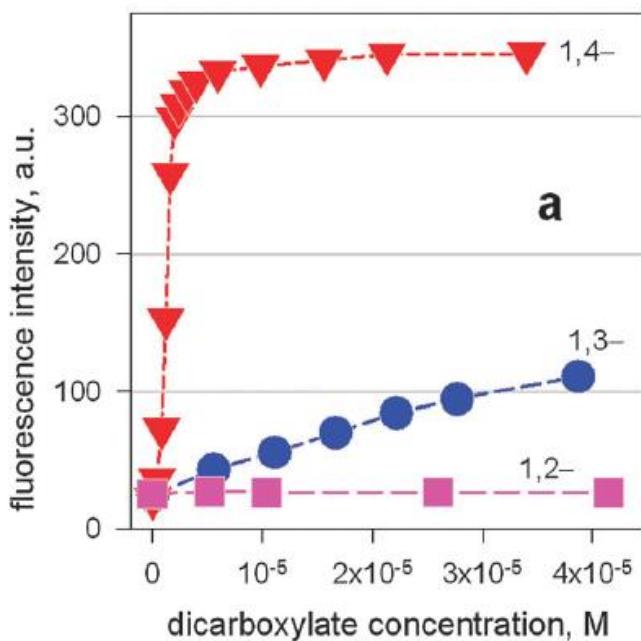
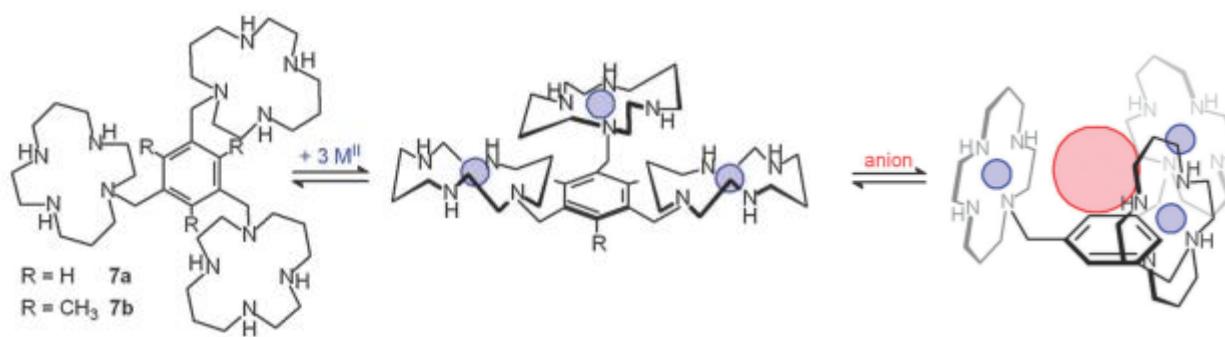


Fig. 6. Selectivity pattern for the inclusion equilibrium:  $[\text{Cu}_2^{\text{II}}(6)]^{4+} + \text{X}^- = [\text{Cu}_2^{\text{II}}(6)(\text{X})]^{3+}$  equilibrium ( $\text{X}^-$  = halide anion, aqueous solution, buffered at pH 5.2).

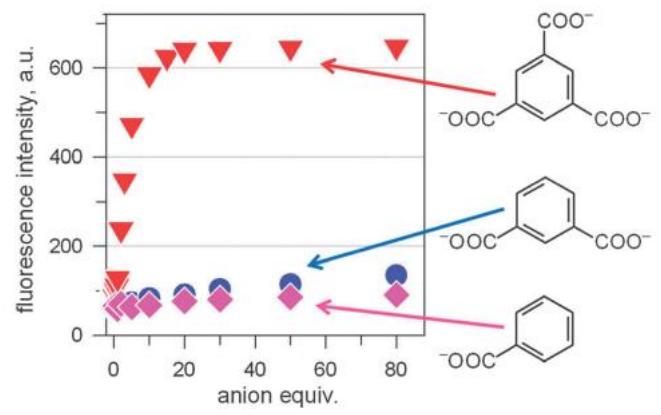
If  $\log K$  values are plotted versus halide ion radius, a defined selectivity pattern in favour of chloride is observed (see Fig. 6). Notice that the anion size effect is rather moderate, ranging within an interval of 1.2 log units. It is possible that it is not determined by steric factors, but simply reflects the coordinating tendencies of halide ions towards transition metals (i.e. their position in the spectrochemical series:  $\text{Cl}^- > \text{F}^- > \text{Br}^- > \text{I}^-$ ).

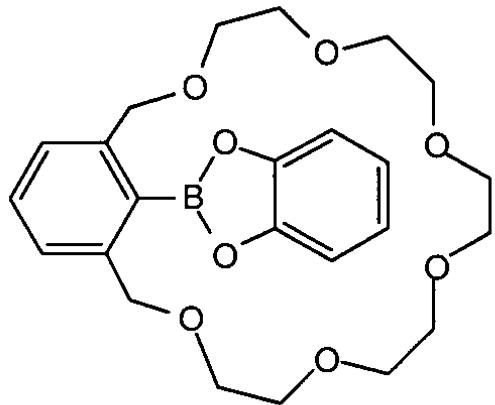
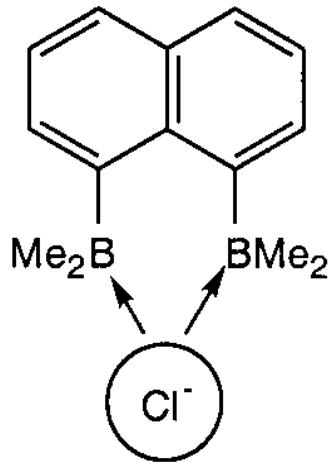


**Fig. 22** The fluorescent indicator displacement paradigm. The receptor quenches the emission of the indicator through an intracomplex mechanism. When displaced by the anion, the indicator releases its fluorescence, thus signalling anion recognition.<sup>55</sup>



**Fig. 25** The crystal structure of the complex salt  $[Ni^{II}_3(7a)][ClO_4]_6 \cdot H_2O$ .<sup>58</sup> Non-coordinating  $ClO_4^-$  ions and water molecule have been omitted for clarity, as well as hydrogen atoms. Each low-spin  $Ni^{II}$  centre shows a square coordination geometry.





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Ditopic receptor for binding ion pairs.

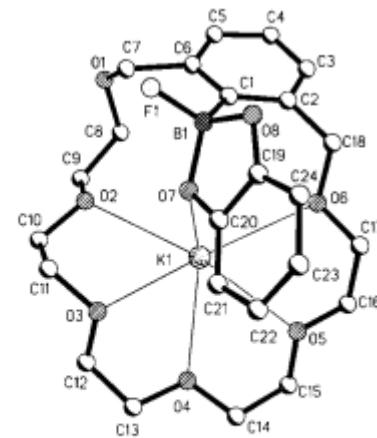
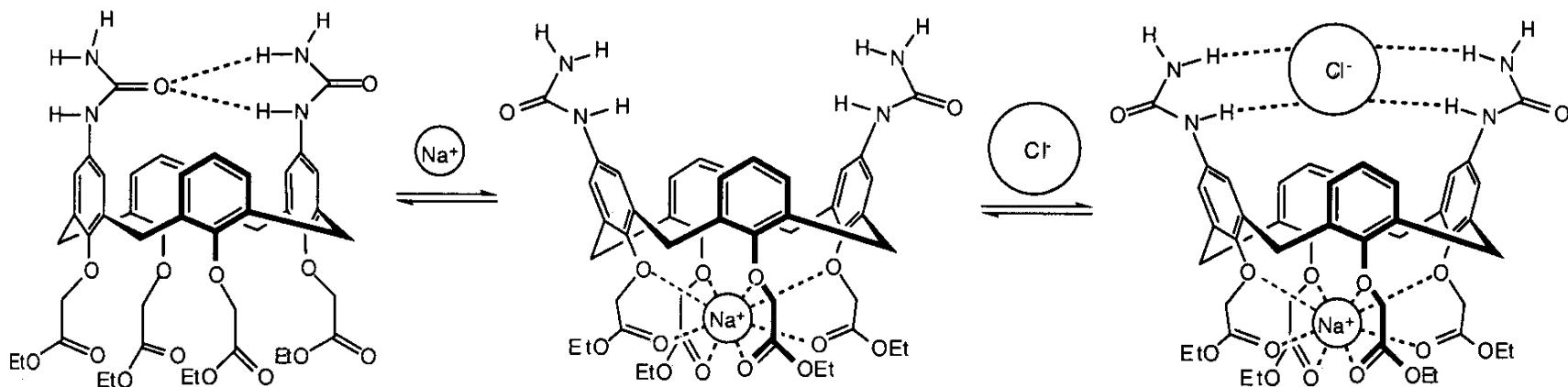
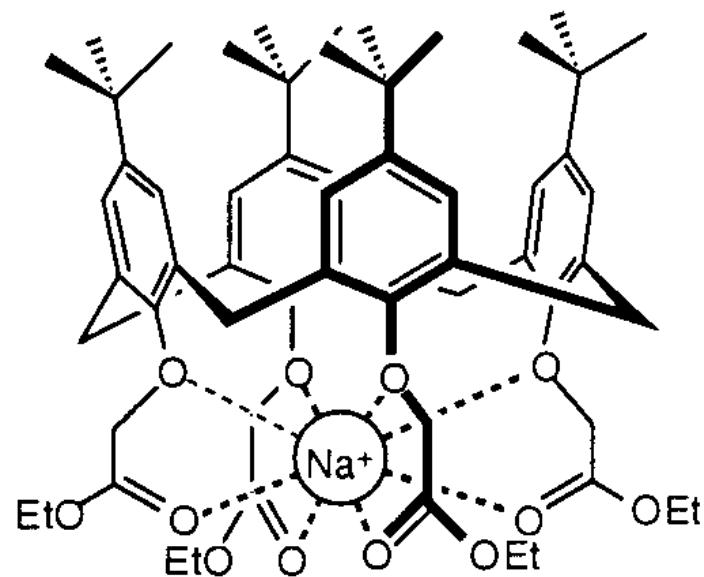
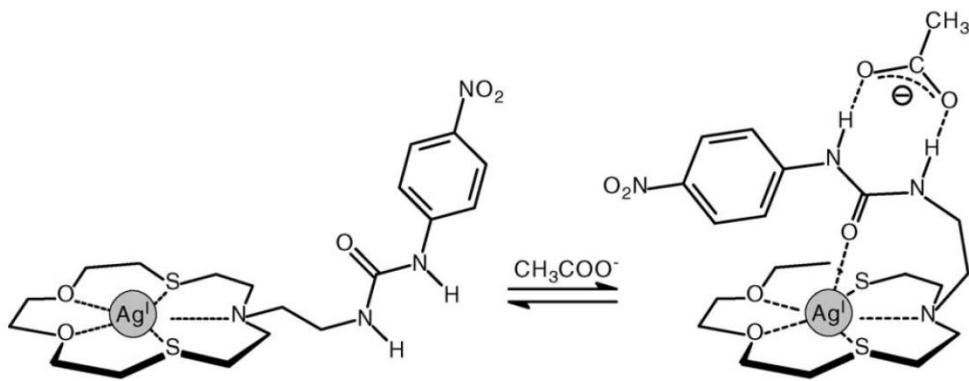
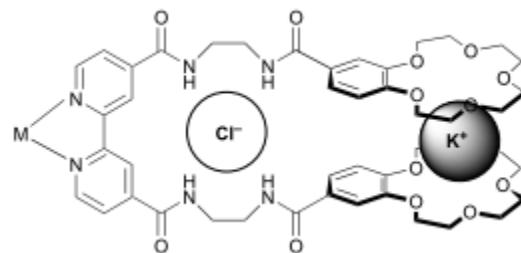
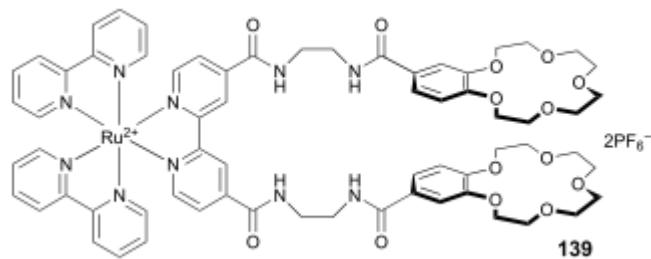
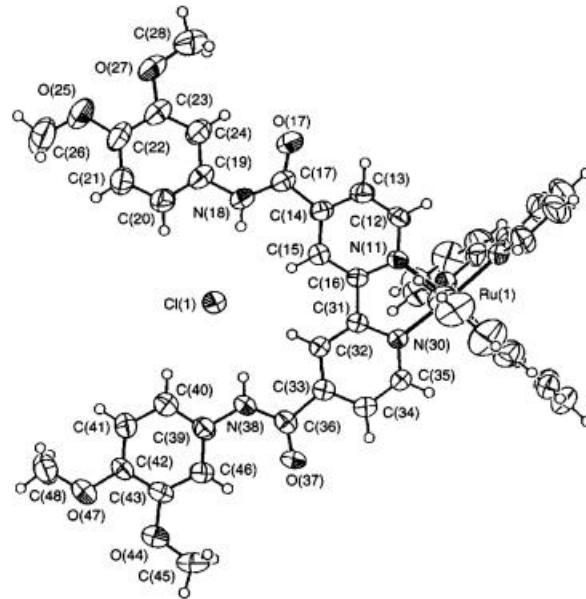
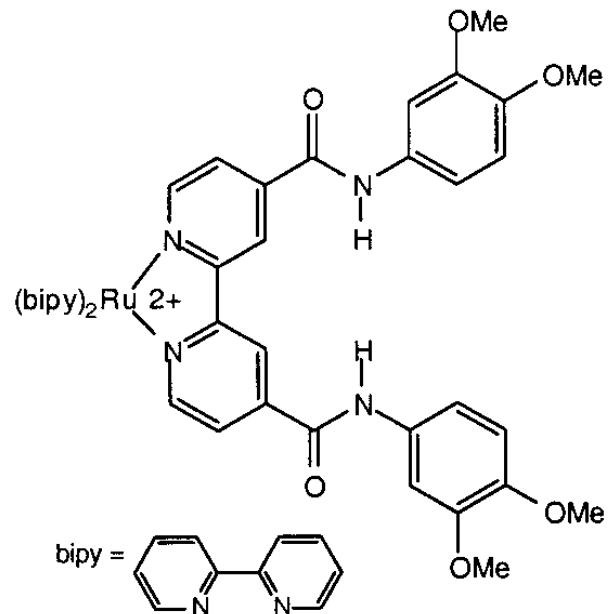


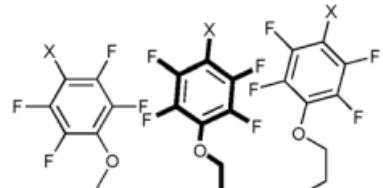
Figure 19. The X-ray crystal structure of the potassium fluoride complex of receptor 136 (hydrogen atoms are omitted). Reproduced with permission from ref. [152]. Copyright<sup>®</sup> VCH 1991.



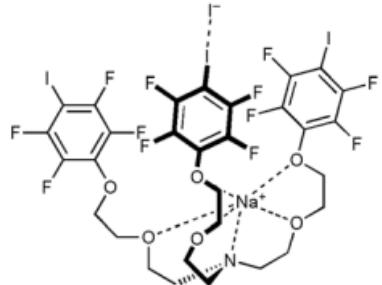


Scheme 4. Enhanced affinity of the urea subunit toward acetate, through coordination of the carbonyl oxygen atom to the proximate  $\text{Ag}^+$  centre.





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2b: X = F



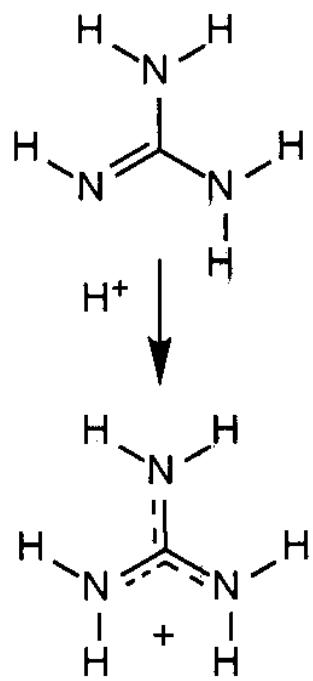
2a---NaI

$$K_a(2\text{a---NaI}) = 2.6 \times 10^5 \text{ M}^{-1}$$

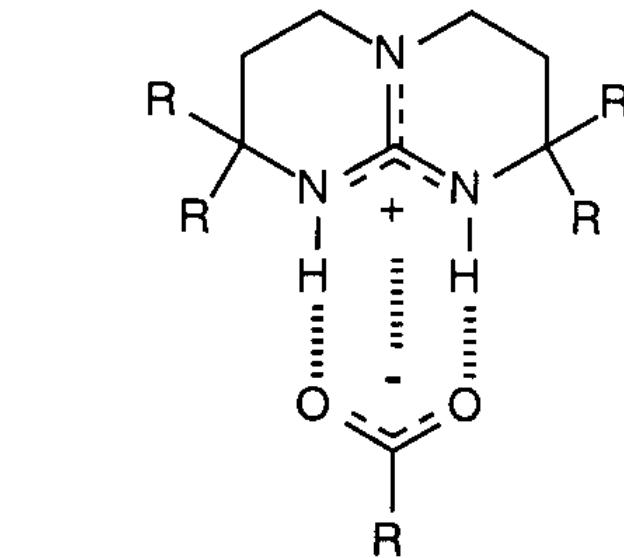
$$K_a(2\text{b---NaI}) = 1.3 \times 10^4 \text{ M}^{-1}$$

$$\Delta\Delta G_{XB} = 7 \text{ kJ/mol}$$





$pK_a = 13.6$



Bicyclic guanidinium is preorganized and complementary for binding bidentate anions.

# Estrazione di aa con catene laterali aromatiche (Phe, Trp) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>

