

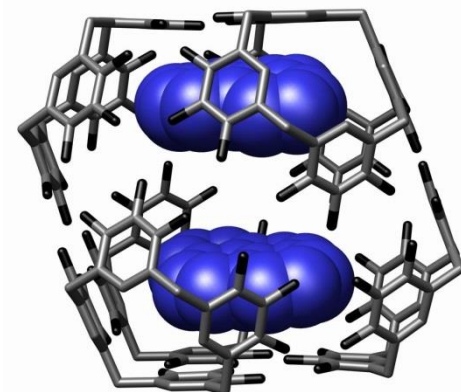
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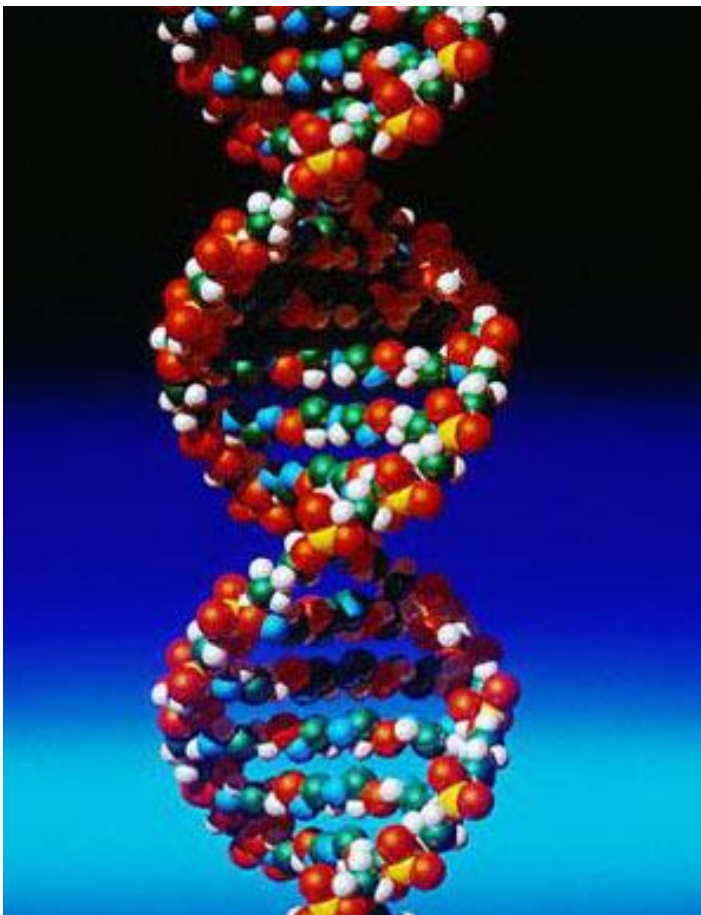
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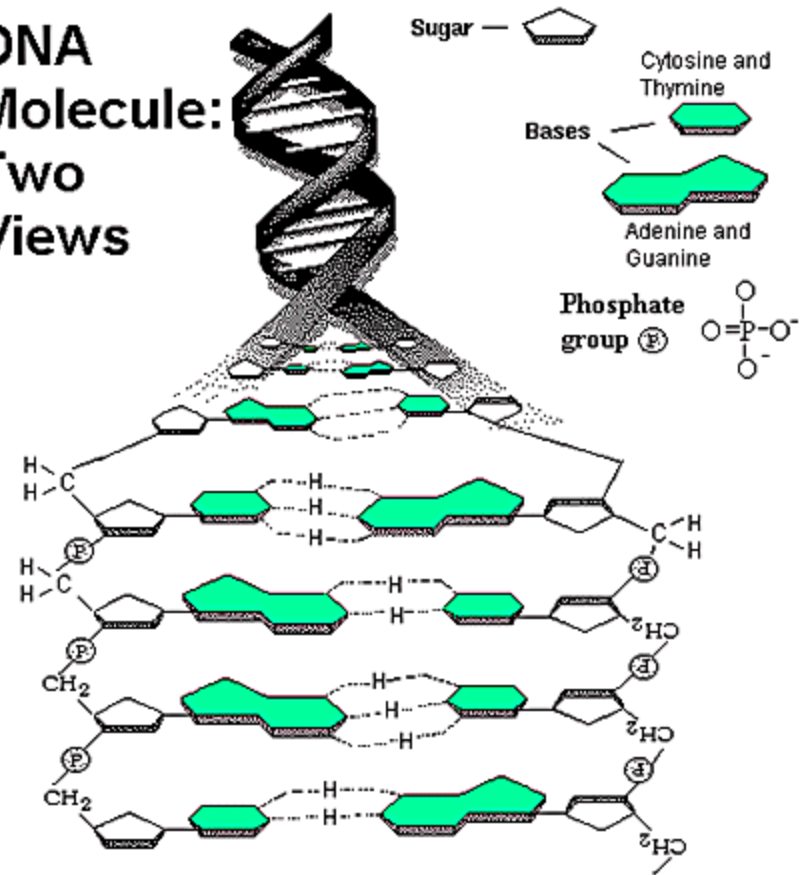


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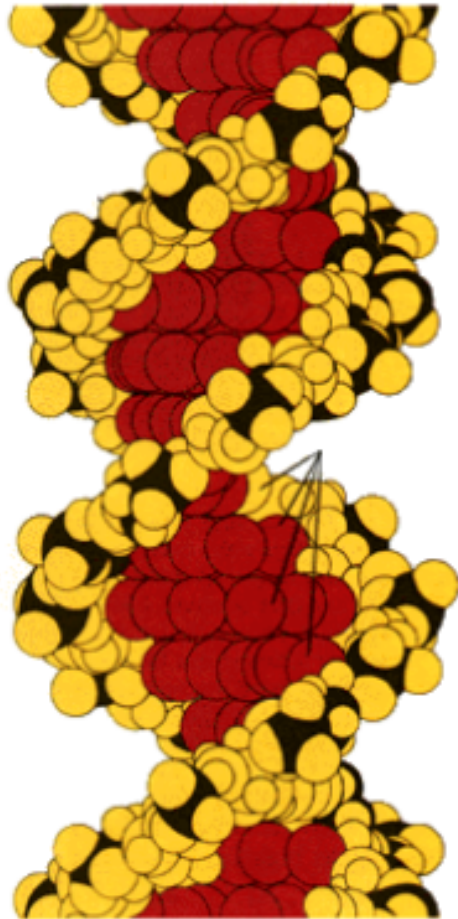
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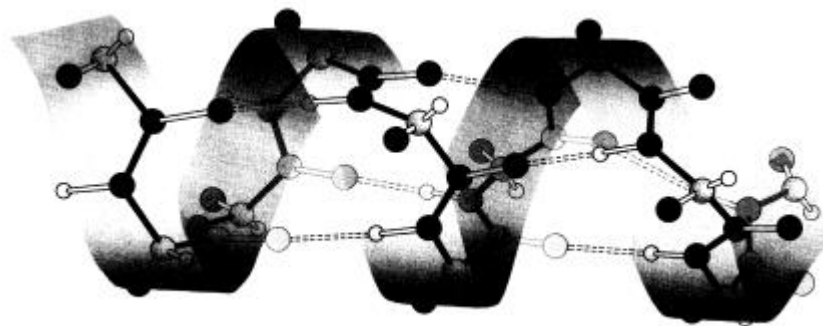
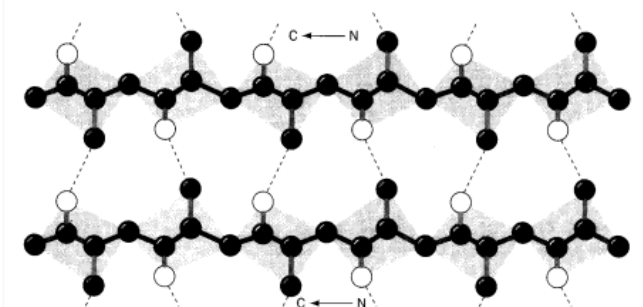
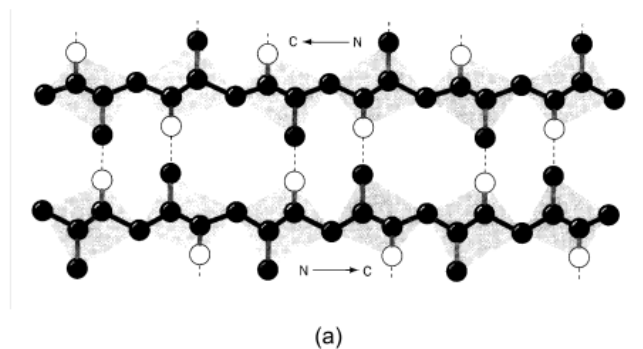
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- Encodes gigabytes of data
- Can Self-Replicate
- Built-in Error Correction
- Is the basis of life

Watson & Crick 1953

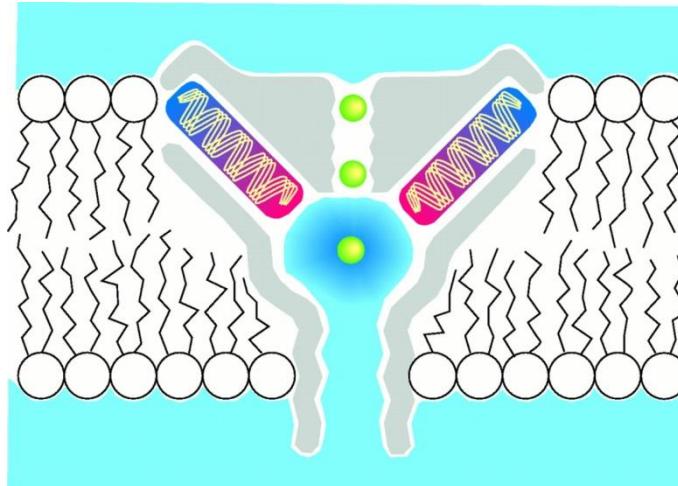
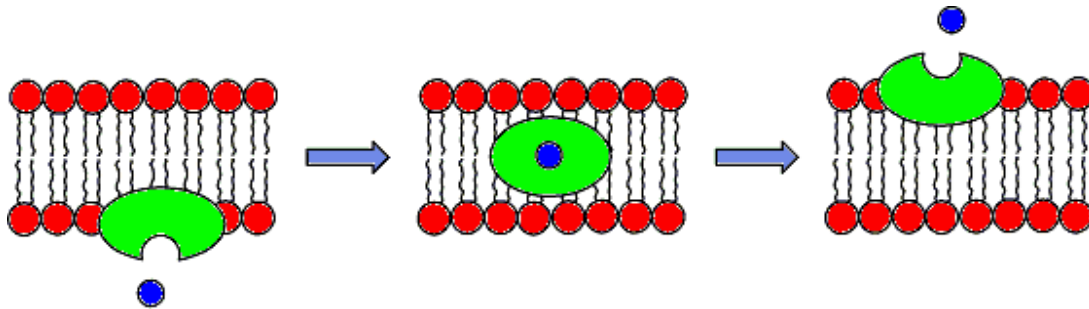
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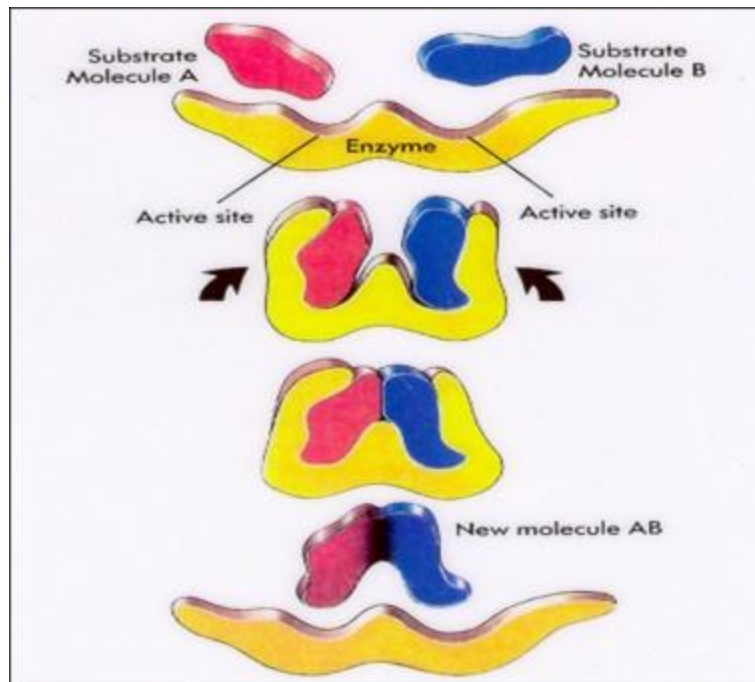
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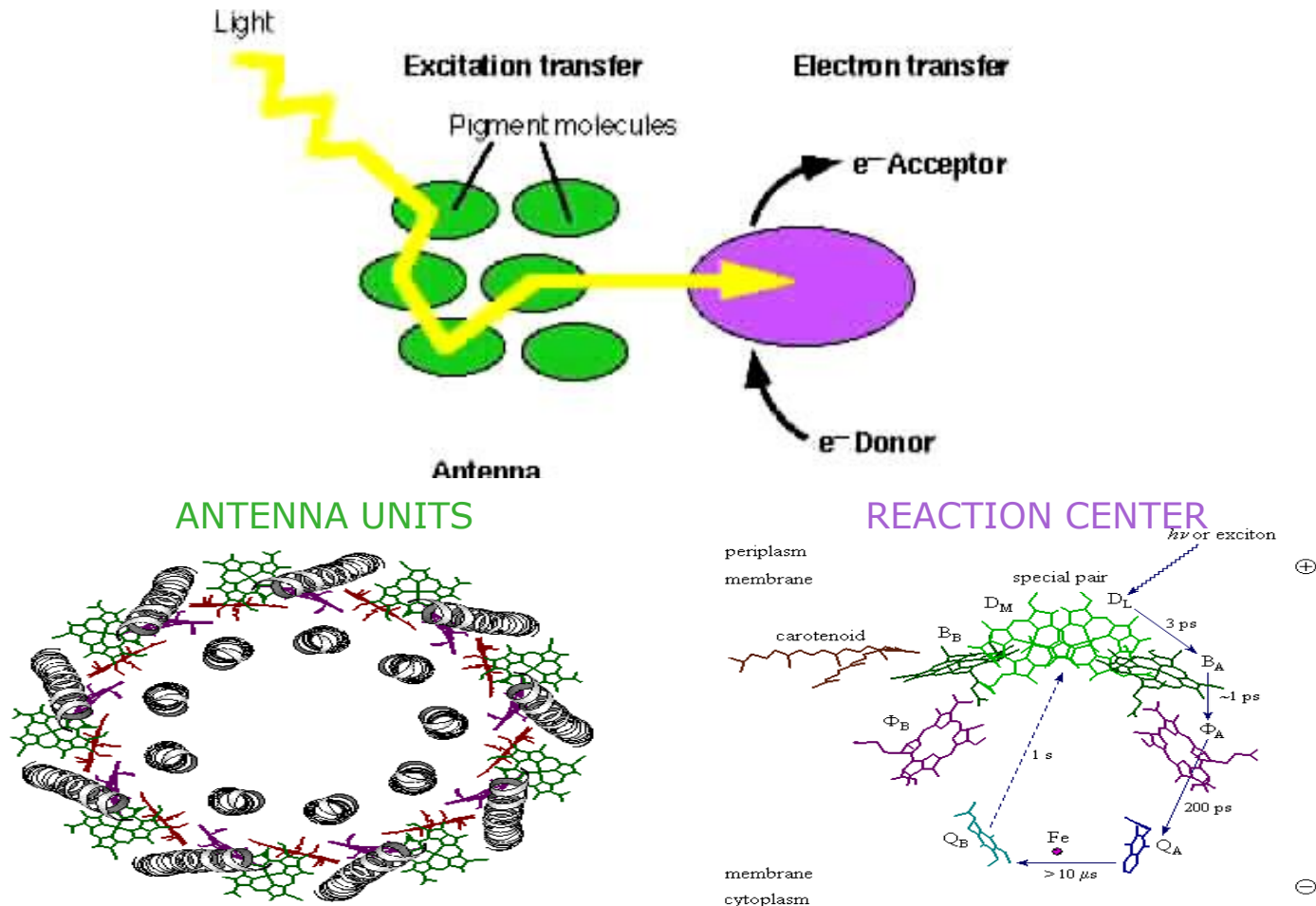
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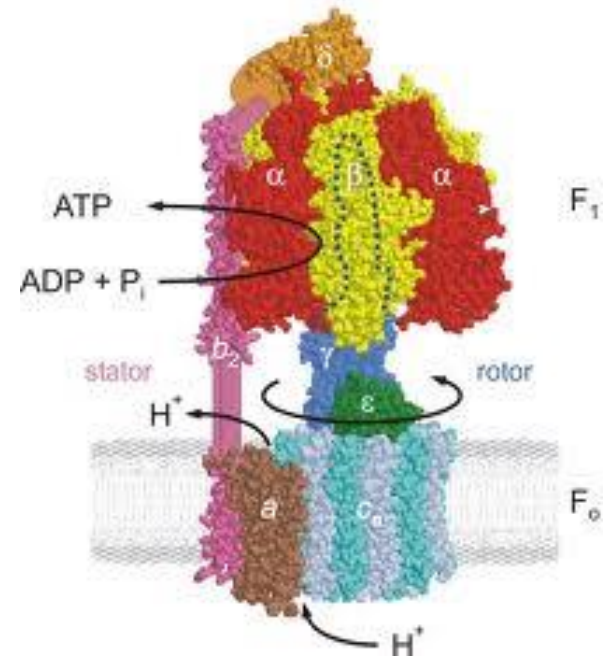
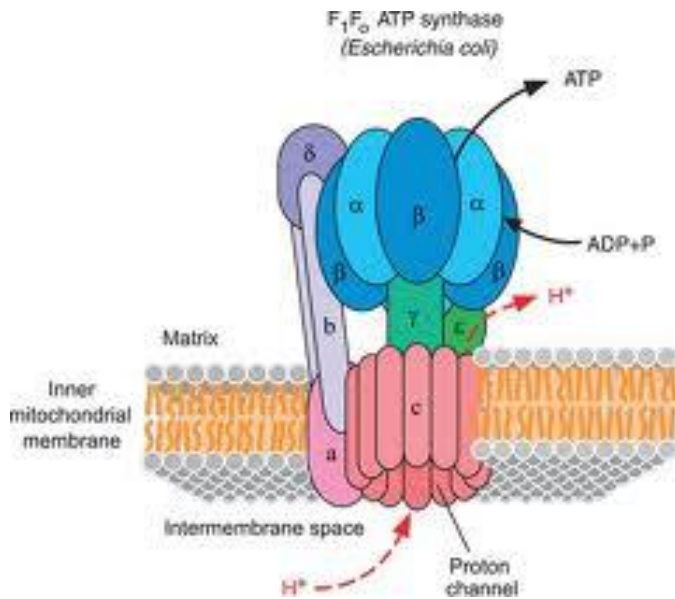
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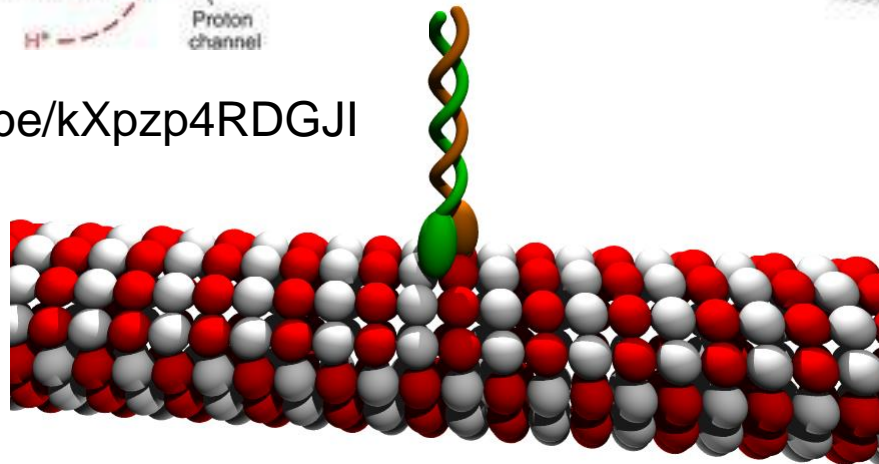


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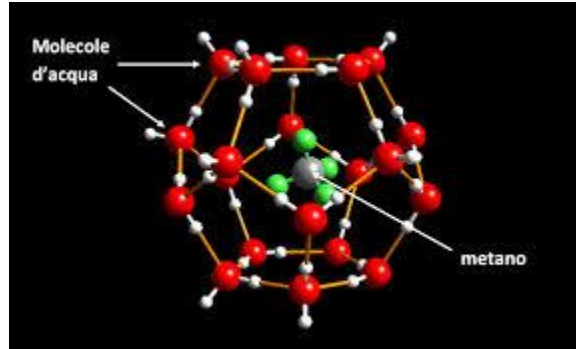
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METHANE CLATHRATE (Siberian craters)



Supramolecular Chemistry - definitions

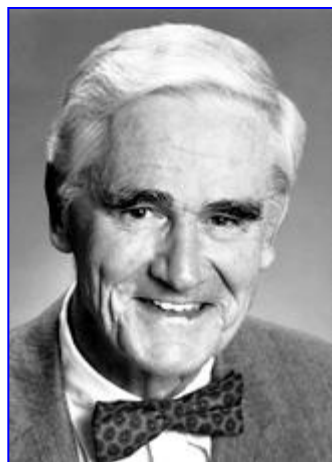
- the chemistry **beyond the molecules**: molecules are already formed
- the chemistry of molecular **assemblies** and of the **intermolecular bond**: association of molecules
- the chemistry of the **non covalent bond**: weak interactions

Bottom-up approach

Nano objects

Smart and functional materials

Nobel Prize in Chemistry, 1987



Donald J. Cram



Jean-Marie Lehn



Charles J. Pedersen

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

http://nobelprize.org/nobel_prizes/chemistry/laureates/1987/

The Nobel Prize in Chemistry, 2016



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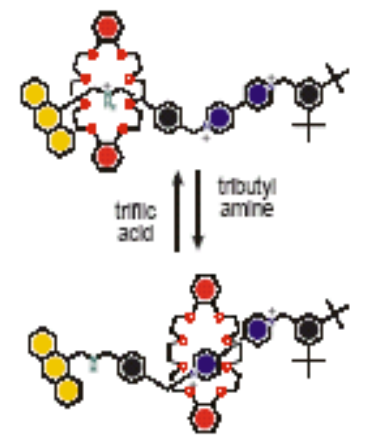
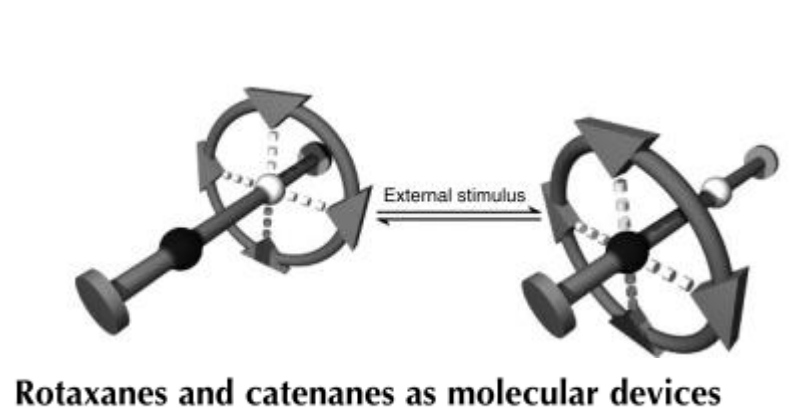
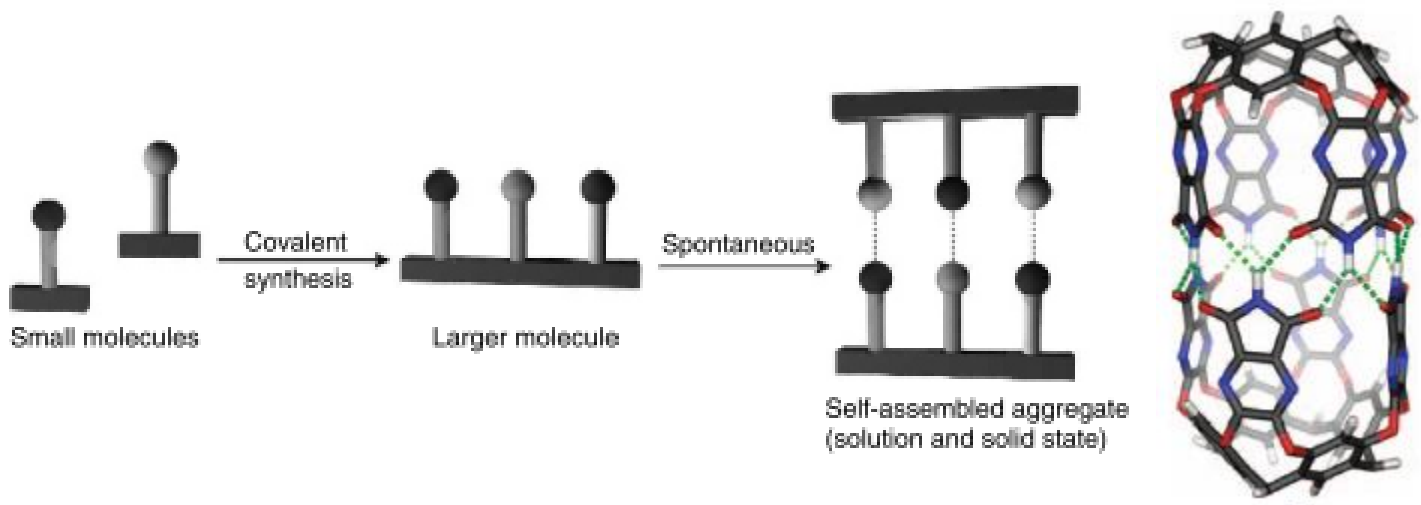
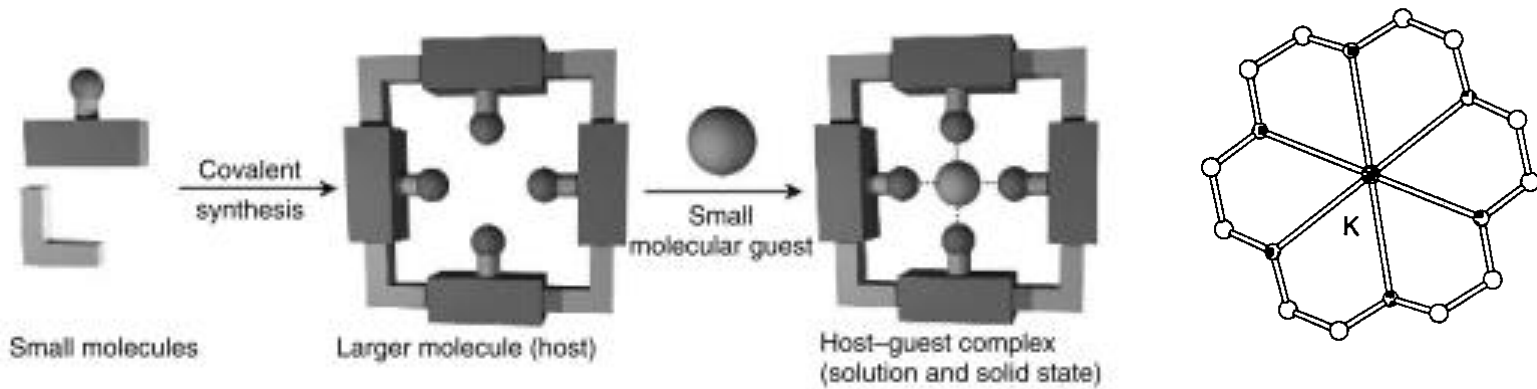
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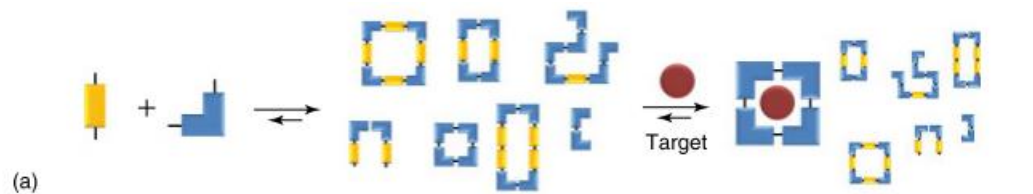
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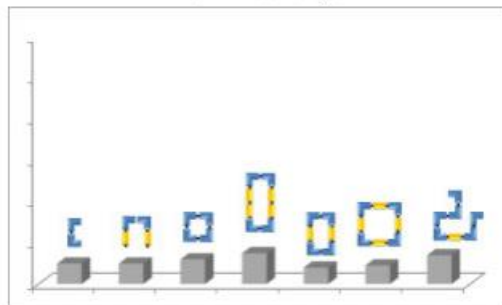
Prof. Vincenzo Balzani, docente emerito dell'Università di Bologna



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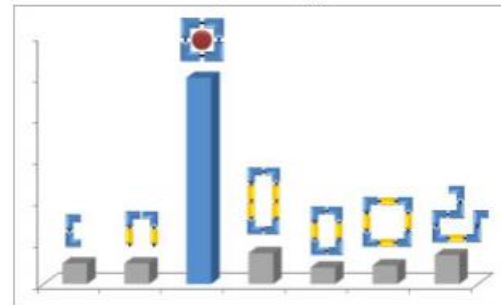


DCL without target



(b) $A_1 \leftrightarrow A_2 \leftrightarrow A_3 \leftrightarrow A_4 \leftrightarrow A_5 \leftrightarrow A_6 \leftrightarrow A_7$

DCL with target



$A_1 \leftrightarrow A_2 \leftrightarrow (A_3 \cdot T) \leftrightarrow A_4 \leftrightarrow A_5 \leftrightarrow A_6 \leftrightarrow A_7$

Supramolecular systems chemistry

Elio Mattia and Sijbren Otto*

The field of supramolecular chemistry focuses on the non-covalent interactions between molecules that give rise to molecular recognition and self-assembly processes. Since most non-covalent interactions are relatively weak and form and break without significant activation barriers, many supramolecular systems are under thermodynamic control. Hence, traditionally, supramolecular chemistry has focused predominantly on systems at equilibrium. However, more recently, self-assembly processes that are governed by kinetics, where the outcome of the assembly process is dictated by the assembly pathway rather than the free energy of the final assembled state, are becoming topical. Within the kinetic regime it is possible to distinguish between systems that reside in a kinetic trap and systems that are far from equilibrium and require a continuous supply of energy to maintain a stationary state. In particular, the latter systems have vast functional potential, as they allow, in principle, for more elaborate structural and functional diversity of self-assembled systems – indeed, life is a prime example of a far-from-equilibrium system. In this Review, we compare the different thermodynamic regimes using some selected examples and discuss some of the challenges that need to be addressed when developing new functional supramolecular systems.

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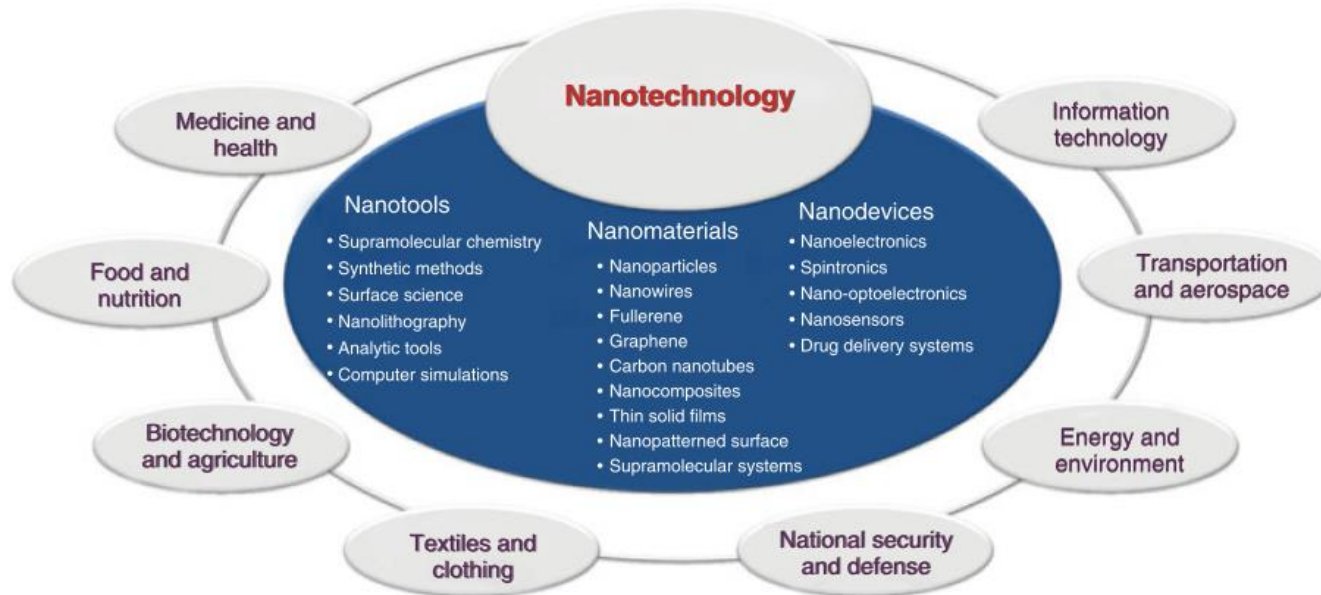
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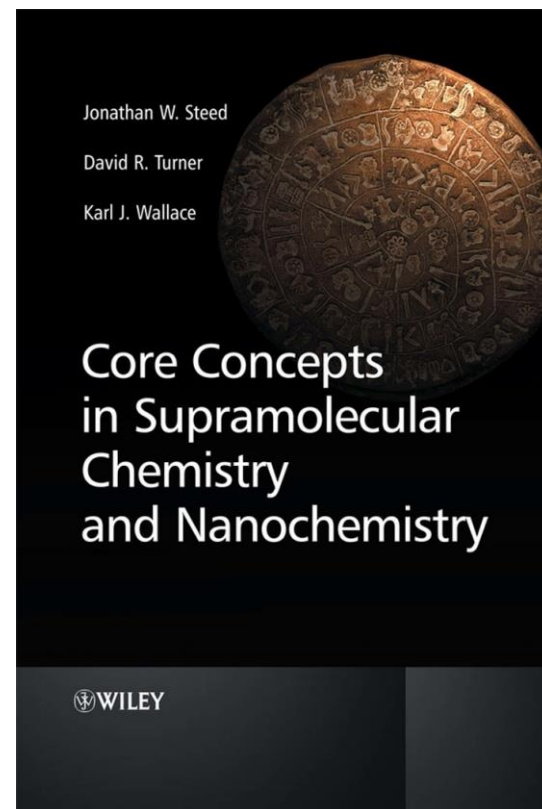
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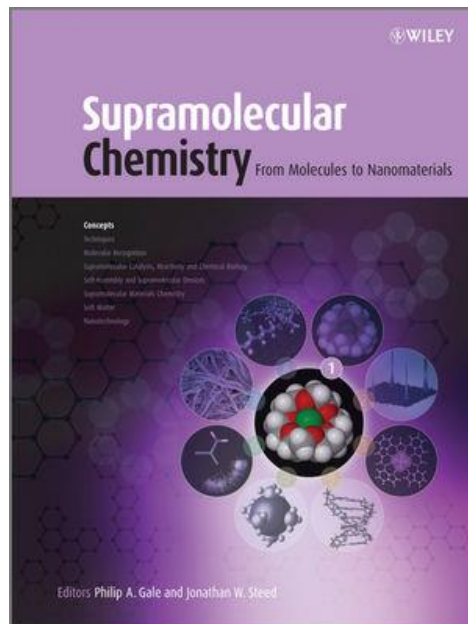
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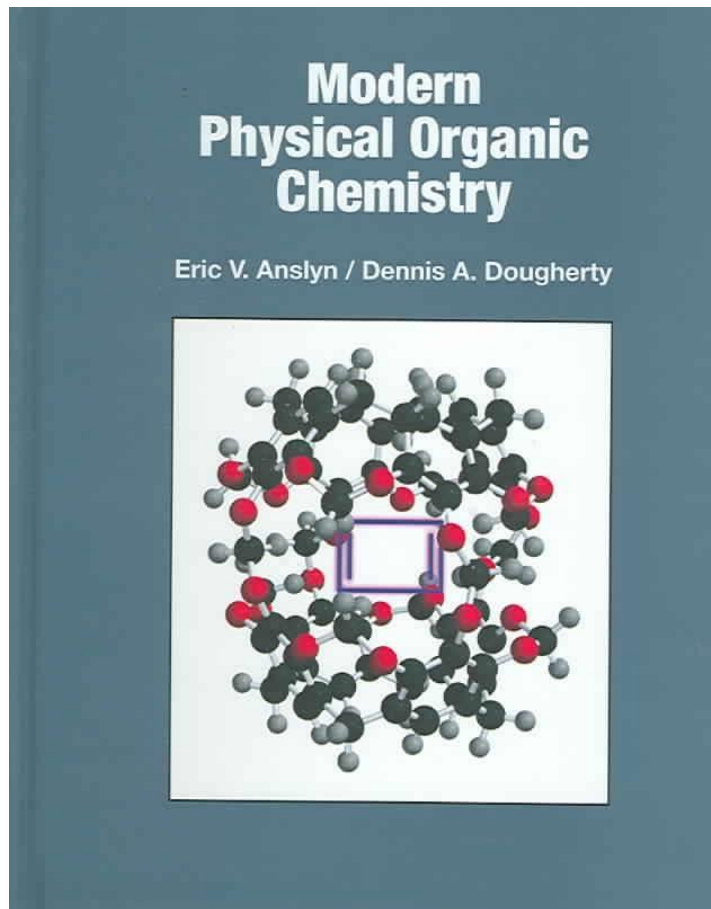


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Elicati/Catenani/Rotaxani/Nodi

Dispositivi e Macchine molecolari;

Discussione Articolo

(Problem Solving - Esercizi)



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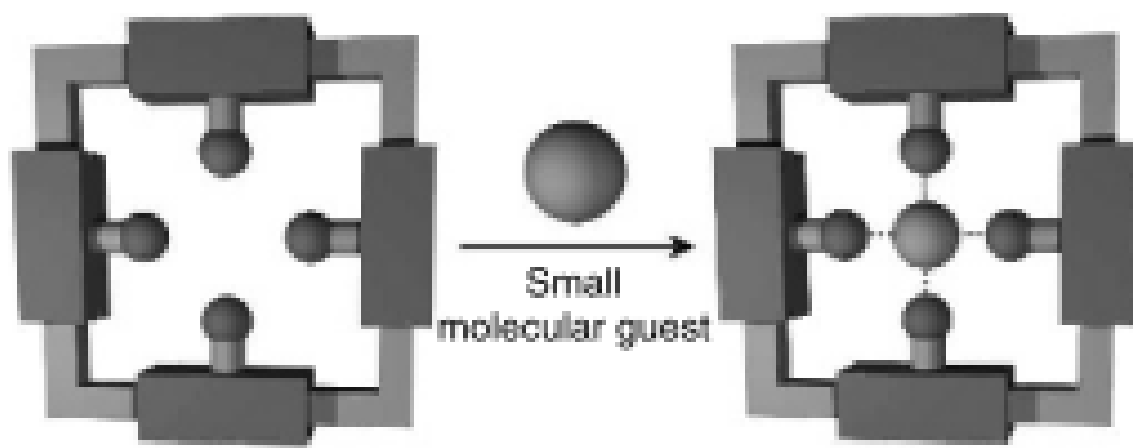
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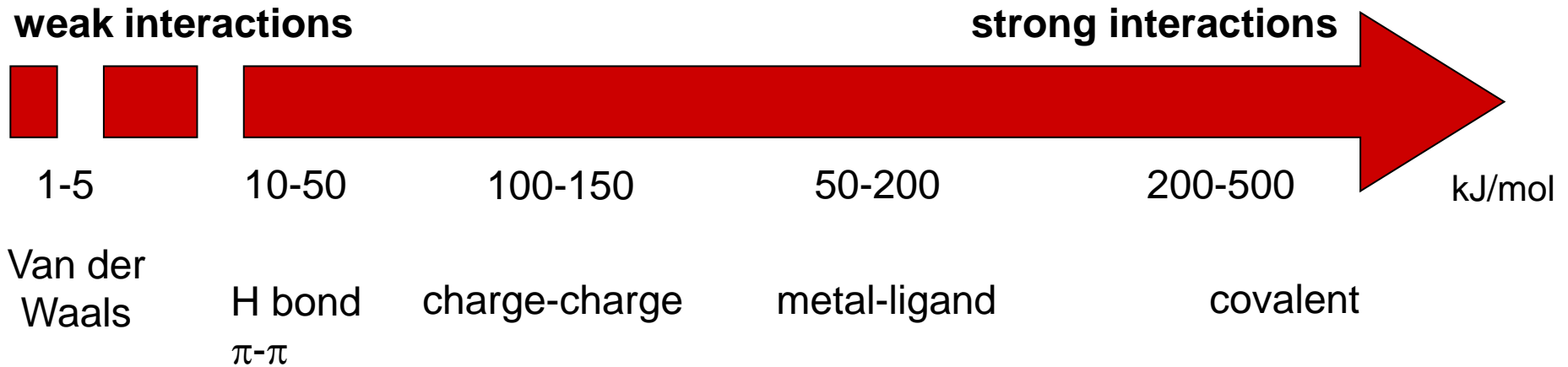
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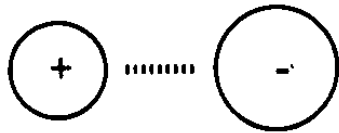
Weak (Reversible) Intermolecular Interactions

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

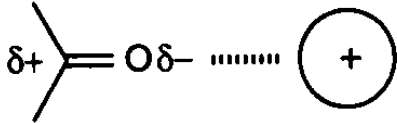
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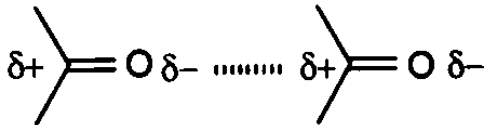
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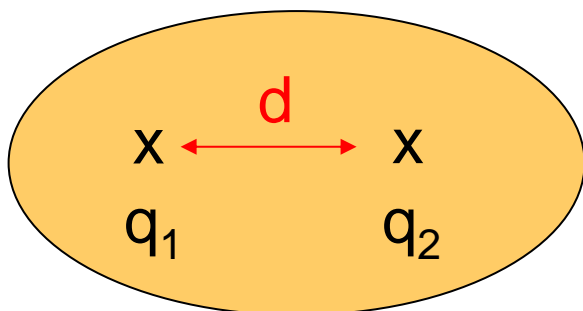
Charge-Charge Interactions 100-350 kJ/mol



Dipole-Charge Interactions 50-200 kJ/mol



Dipole-Dipole Interactions 5-50 kJ/mol



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

vacuum permittivity

dielectric constant (nature of solvent)

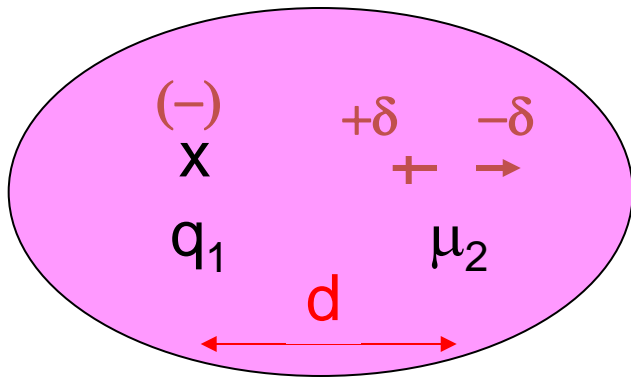
$$\epsilon(\text{vacuum}) = 1$$

apolar medium $\Leftrightarrow \epsilon$ small (~ 2)
 polar medium $\Leftrightarrow \epsilon$ big ($\text{H}_2\text{O} \sim 80$)

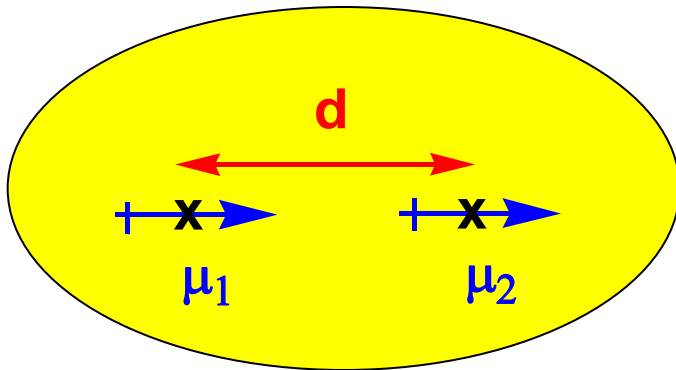
dielectric constant of the solvent

| | | ϵ | |
|---------|-----------------------------------|------------|---------------------|
| Benzene | | 2,3 | apolar polar |
| Acetone | | 20,7 | |
| Ethanol | $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{OH}$ | 24,3 | |
| water | | 78,5 | |

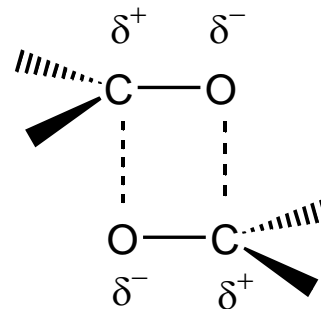
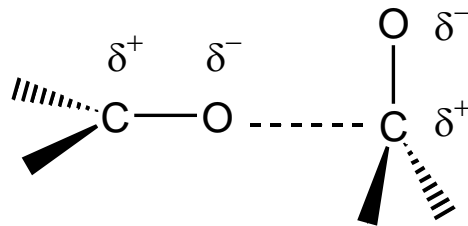
$\epsilon = 78.5 \quad d = 0.5 \text{ nm} \Rightarrow W = 3.75 \text{ kJ.mol}^{-1}$
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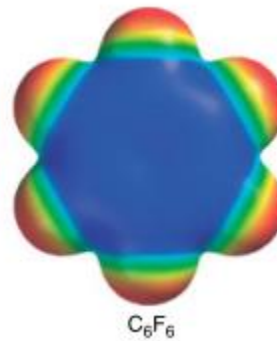
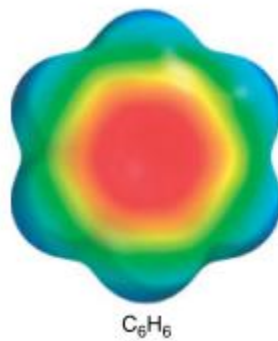
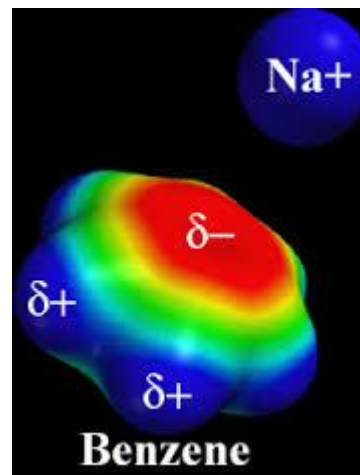
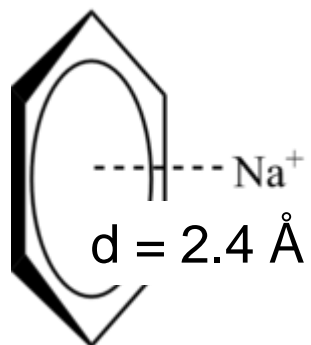
$$W = - C^{te} x \frac{|q| \mu_2}{\epsilon d^2}$$



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



Cation- π Interactions



Cation– π Interaction: Its Role and Relevance in Chemistry, Biology, and Material Science

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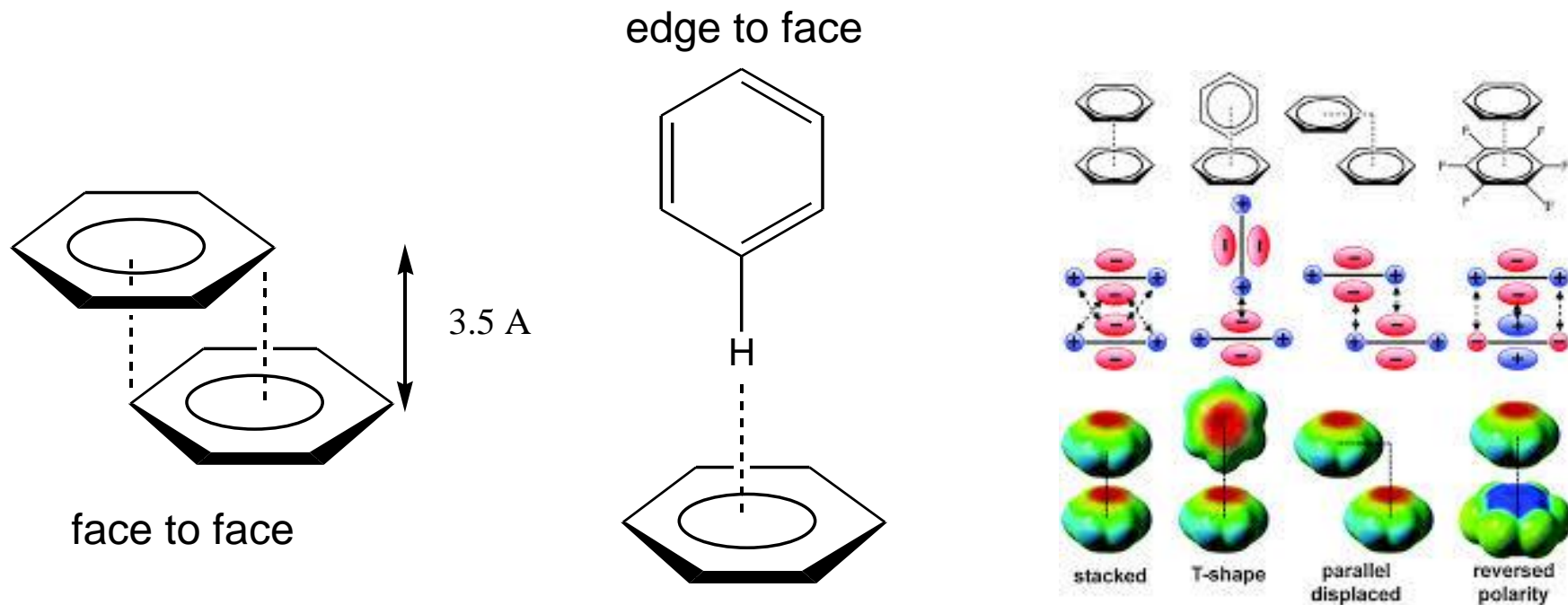
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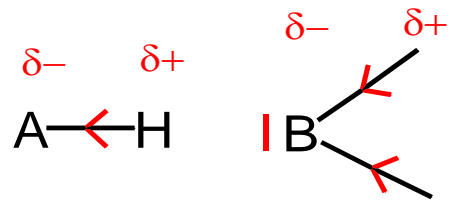
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π - π Interactions up to 50 kJ/mol

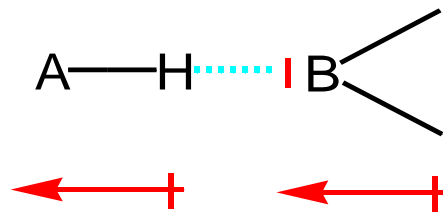


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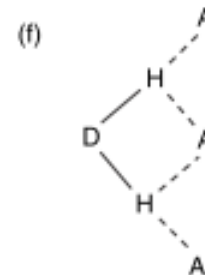
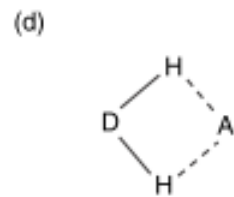
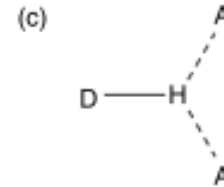
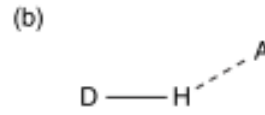
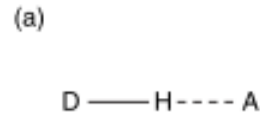
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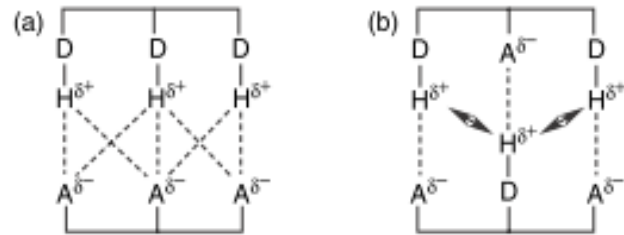


A, B electronegative or
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permanent dipoles



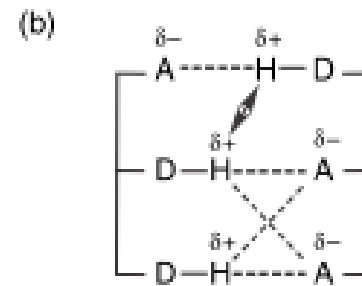
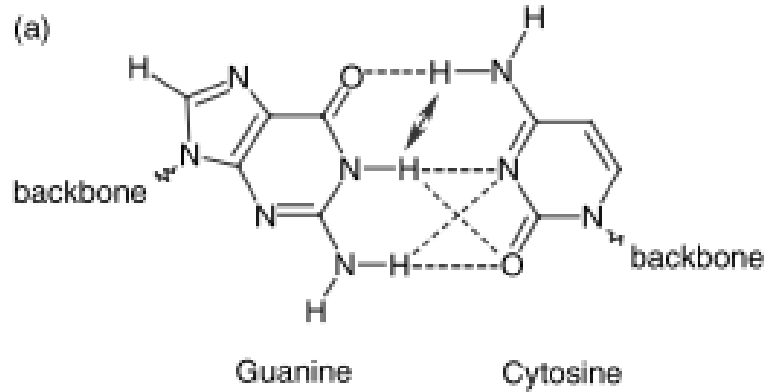


D Donor

A Acceptor

----- Attractive interaction

↔ Repulsive interaction

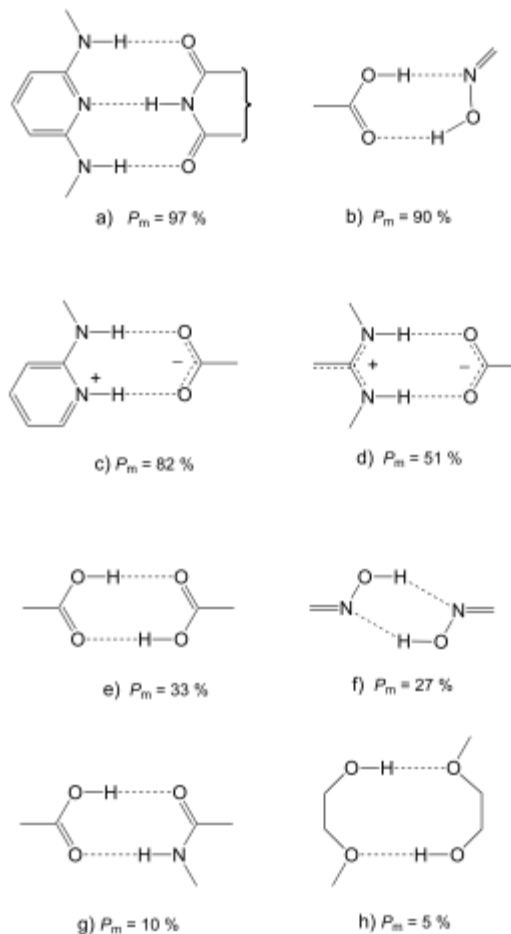


| | Strong | Moderate | Weak |
|---|-------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| interaction type | strongly covalent | mostly electrostatic | electrostat./dispers. |
| bond lengths [Å] | | | |
| H...A | 1.2–1.5 | 1.5–2.2 | > 2.2 |
| lengthening of X–H [Å] | 0.08–0.25 | 0.02–0.08 | < 0.02 |
| X–H versus H...A | X–H ≈ H...A | X–H < H...A | X–H ≪ H...A |
| X...A [Å] | 2.2–2.5 | 2.5–3.2 | > 3.2 |
| directionality | strong | moderate | weak |
| bond angles [°] | 170–180 | > 130 | > 90 |
| bond energy [kcal mol ⁻¹] | 15–40 | 4–15 | < 4 |
| relat. IR shift $\Delta\tilde{\nu}_{\text{XH}}$ [cm ⁻¹] | 25 % | 10–25 % | < 10 % |
| ¹ H downfield shift | 14–22 | < 14 | |

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.^[122] 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

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”

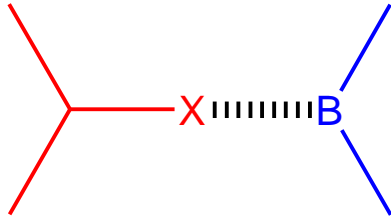
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An IUPAC recommendation defining these interactions as halogen bonds was issued in 2013 when the project was concluded: This definition states that

“ 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. ”

Halogen Bond



B : Lewis base (neutral or anionic)

X : electron-poor halogen atom

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

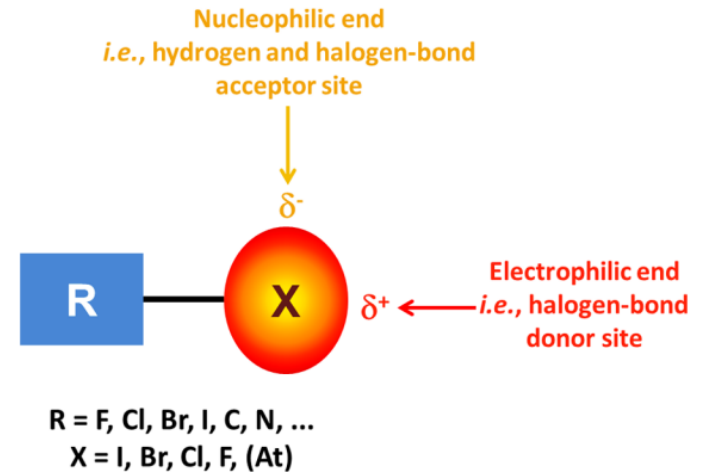
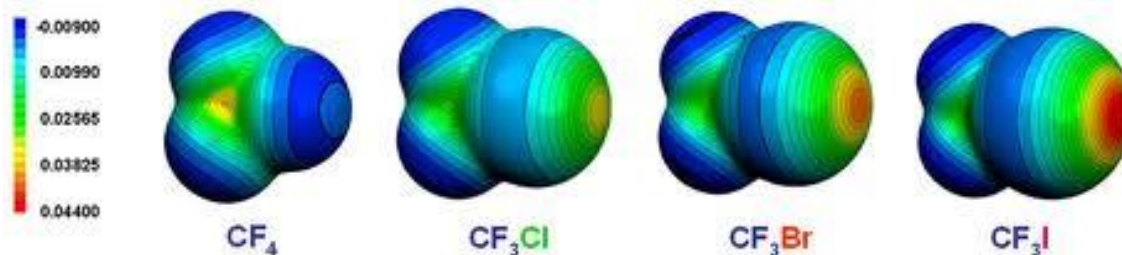


Figure 21. Schematic representation of the anisotropic distribution of the electron density around covalently bound halogen atoms and the pattern of the resulting interactions.



| molecule | atom | bond producing a σ -hole |
|----------------------|------|---------------------------------|
| H ₃ C-F | F | C-F |
| H ₃ C-Cl | Cl | C-Cl |
| H ₃ C-Br | Br | C-Br |
| H ₃ C-I | I | C-I |
| F ₃ C-F | F | C-F |
| F ₃ C-Cl | Cl | C-Cl |
| F ₃ C-Br | Br | C-Br |
| F ₃ 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 ₃ Si-Br | Br | C-Br |
| F ₃ Si-Br | Br | Si-Br |
| H ₃ Ge-Br | Br | Ge-Br |
| H ₂ N-Br | Br | N-Br |
| F ₂ N-Br | Br | N-Br |
| H ₂ P-Br | Br | P-Br |
| F ₂ P-Br | Br | P-Br |
| HO-Br | Br | O-Br |
| FO-Br | Br | O-Br |
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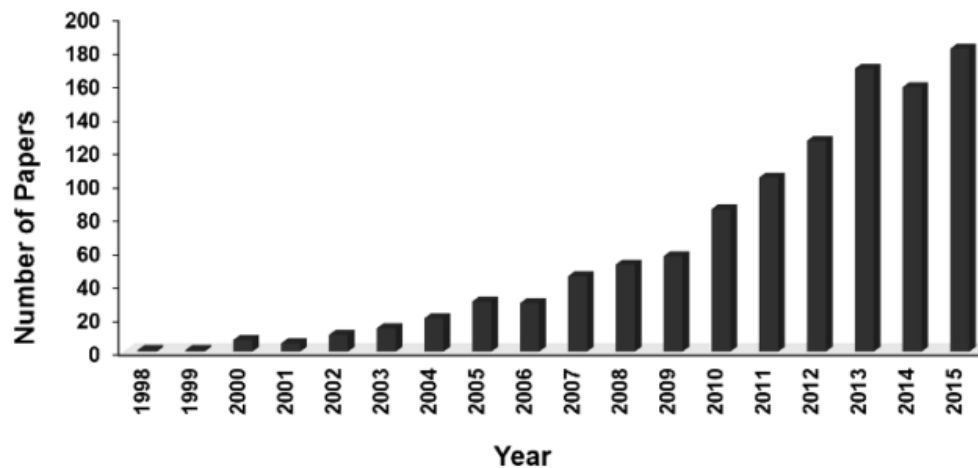
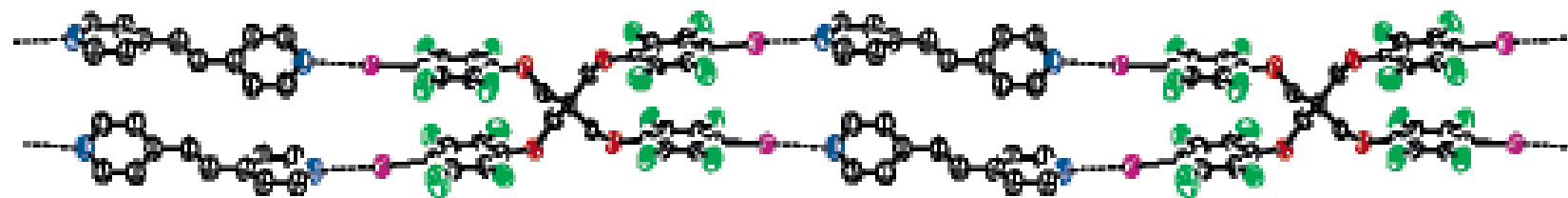
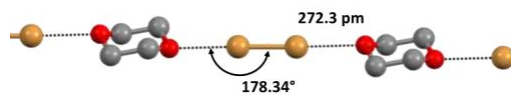
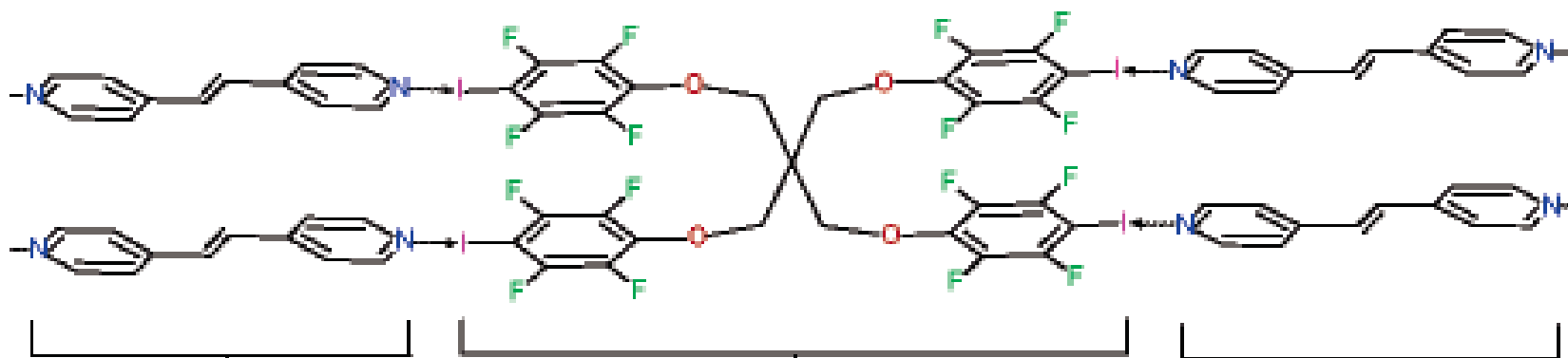


Figure 5. Number of papers per year having “halogen bonding” in the title and/or abstract (source SciFinder, search performed in November 2015).



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Anion- π Interactions

Proposed by three research groups of theoreticians independently in 2002 based on their theoretical calculations, anion- π interactions are defined as attractive interactions between negatively charged species and electron-deficient aromatic rings.

Typical anion- π 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- π interactions, experimental studies on these intriguing noncovalent bond interactions are limited.

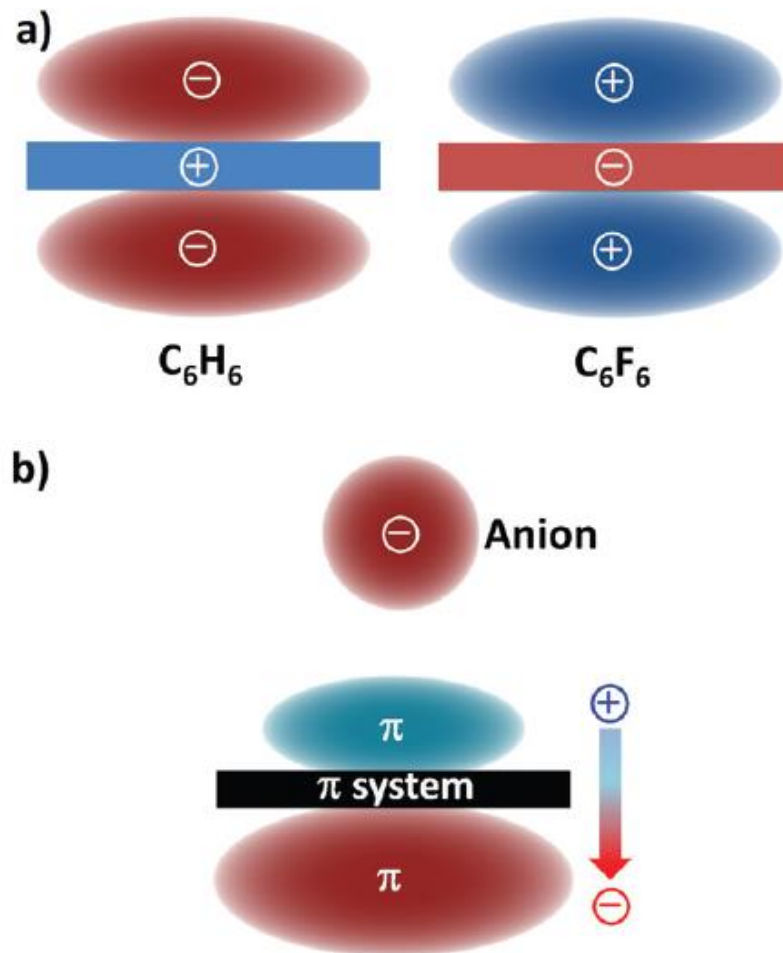


Fig. 1 (a) Schematic representation of the quadrupole moments of benzene (C_6H_6 ; $Q_{zz} = -8.45$ B) and hexafluorobenzene (C_6F_6 ; $Q_{zz} = +9.50$ B)²¹ and (b) the ion-induced dipole²² (the molecular polarizabilities parallel to the main symmetry axis are $\alpha_{||} = 41.5$ and 37.7 a.u. (a.u. stands for atomic units), for benzene and hexafluorobenzene respectively).

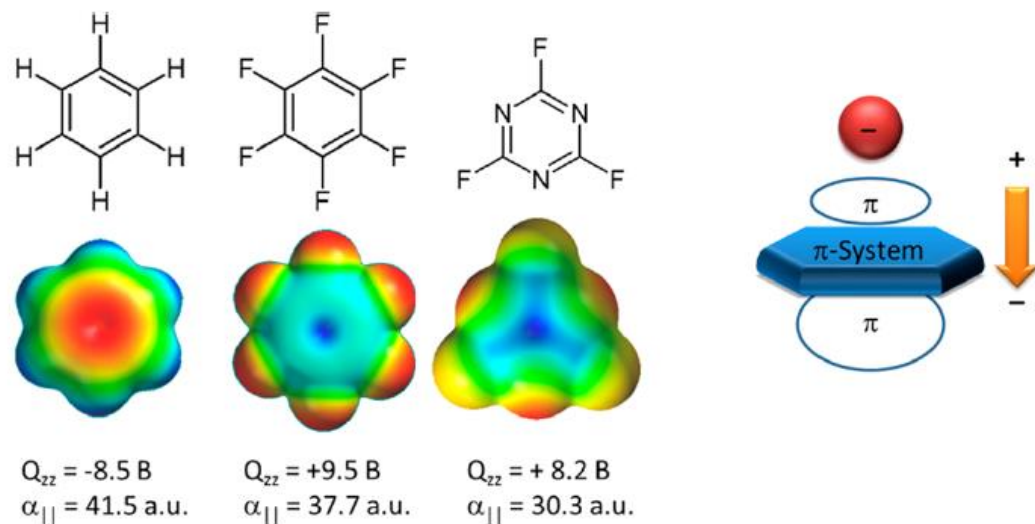


Figure 5. Structures and electron-density surfaces of selected arenes showing low electron density (blue region) in the aromatic core of C_6F_6 and $\text{C}_3\text{N}_3\text{F}_3$ (left). In addition the concept of “anion-induced dipole moment” is illustrated (right).⁸⁸

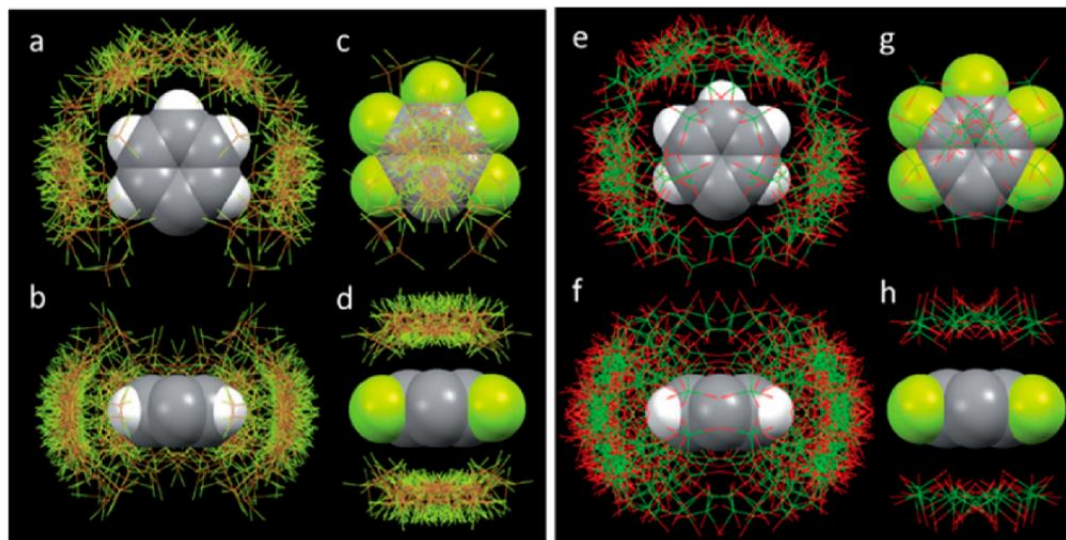


Figure 20. IsoStar plots showing anion contacts between C_6H_5 and BF_4^- (a and b) and ClO_4^- (e and f) as well as anion- π interactions between C_6F_5 and BF_4^- (c and d) and ClO_4^- (g and h). Reproduced and adapted with permission from ref 22. Copyright 2011 John Wiley and Sons.

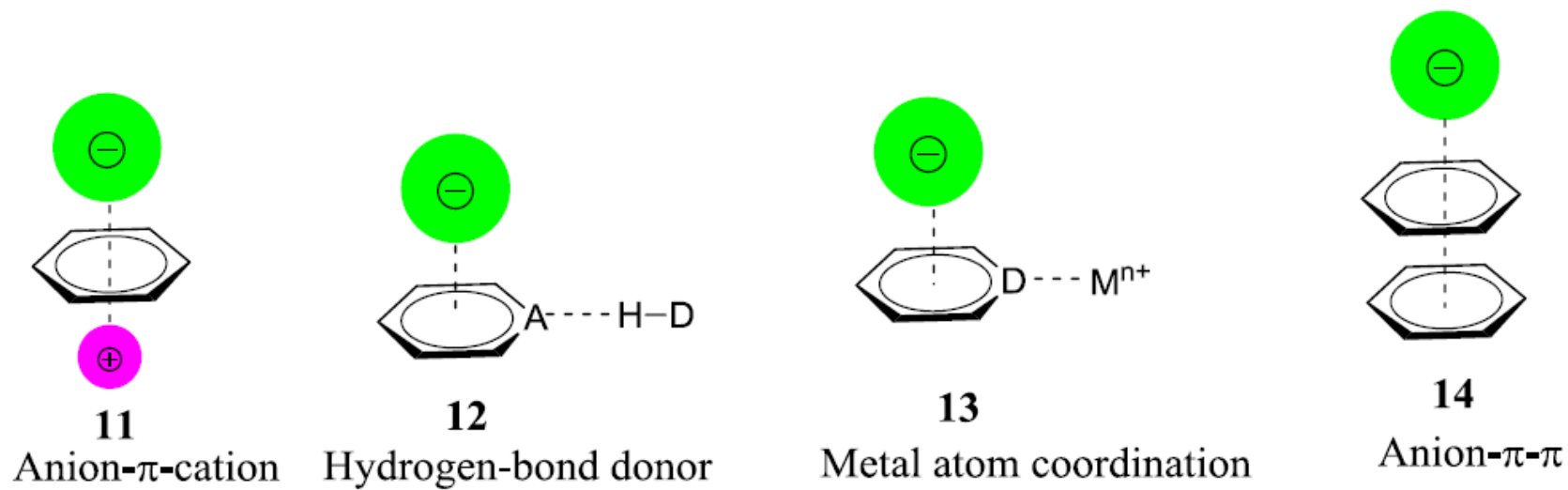


Fig. 4. Illustration of diverse factors affecting the strength of anion- π interactions.

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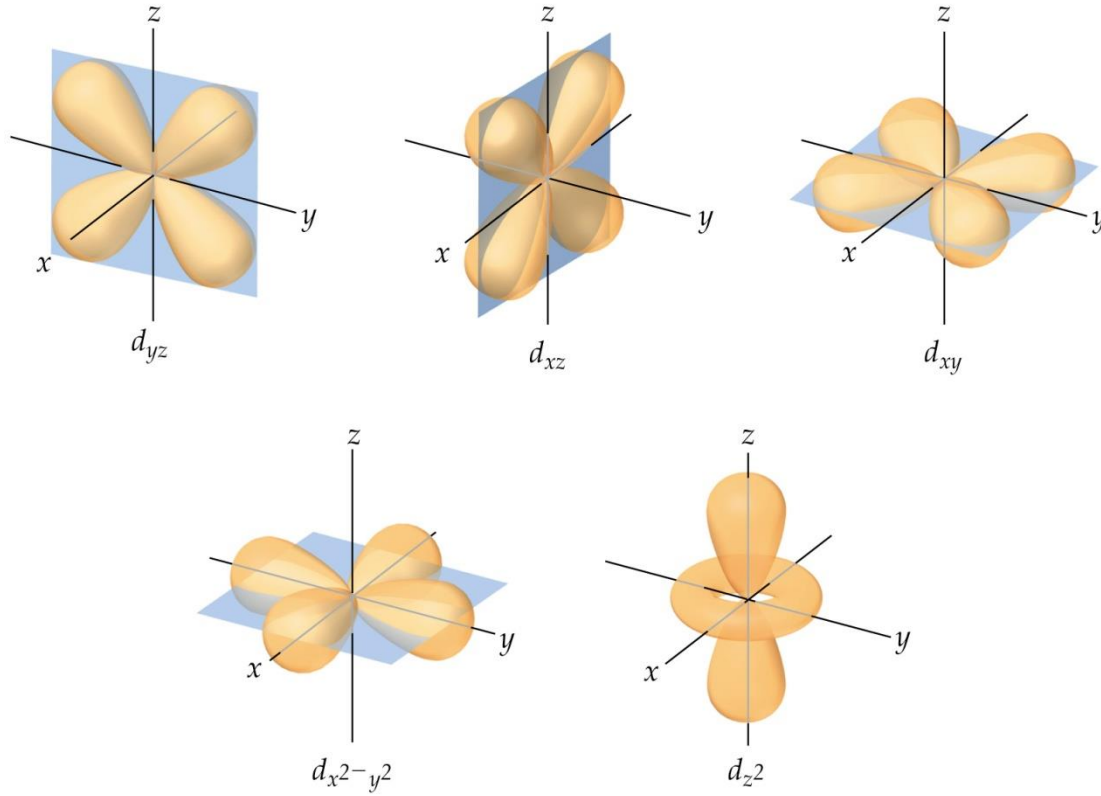
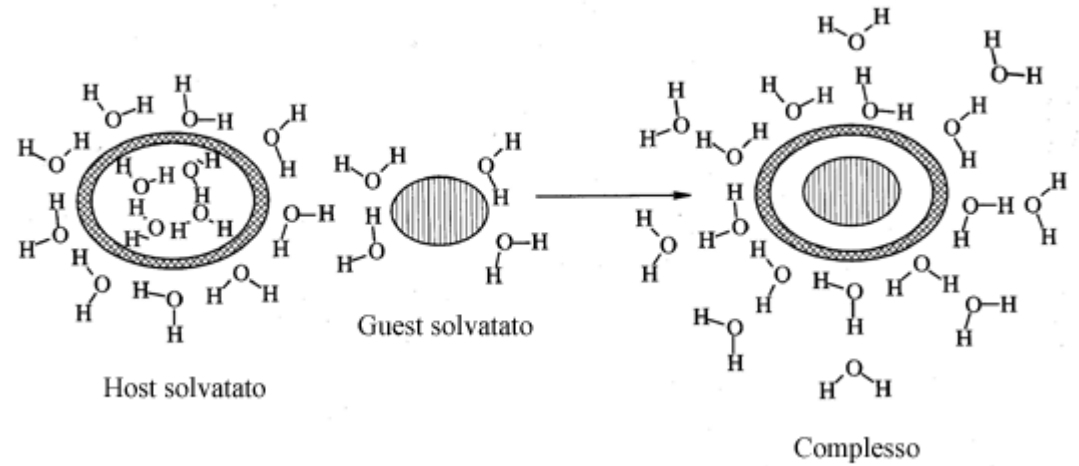
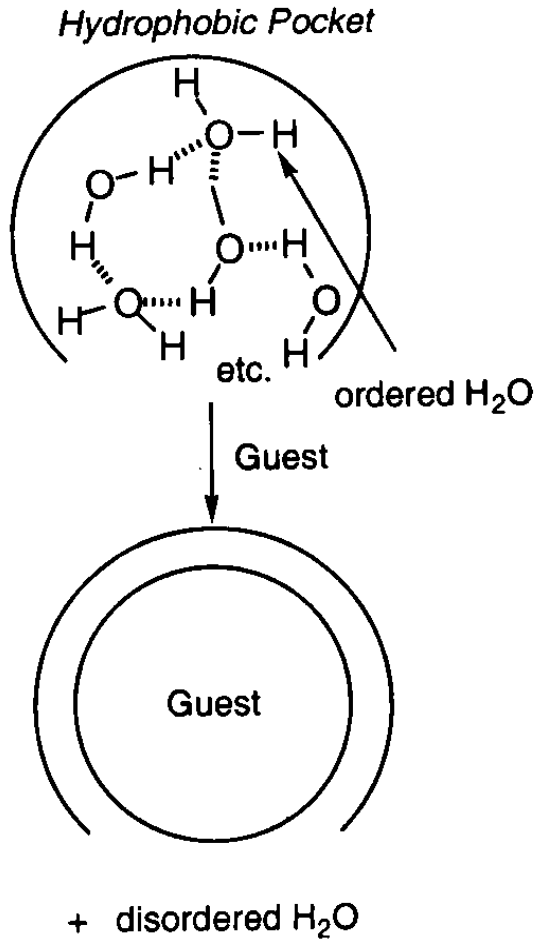


Table 1 Reversible covalent reactions.

| C=N exchange | |
|-------------------------|---|
| Transamination | $R_1-\text{C}=\text{N}-R_2 + R_3-\text{C}=\text{N}-R_4 \xrightleftharpoons{\text{Acid}} R_1-\text{C}=\text{N}-R_4 + R_3-\text{C}=\text{N}-R_2$ |
| Hydrazone exchange | $R_1-\text{C}=\text{N}-\overset{\text{H}}{\text{N}}-R_2 + R_3-\text{C}=\text{N}-\overset{\text{H}}{\text{N}}-R_4 \xrightleftharpoons{\text{Acid}} R_1-\text{C}=\text{N}-\overset{\text{H}}{\text{N}}-R_4 + R_3-\text{C}=\text{N}-\overset{\text{H}}{\text{N}}-R_2$ |
| Oxime exchange | $R_1-\text{C}=\text{N}-\text{O}-R_2 + R_3-\text{C}=\text{N}-\text{O}-R_4 \xrightleftharpoons{\text{Acid}} R_1-\text{C}=\text{N}-\text{O}-R_4 + R_3-\text{C}=\text{N}-\text{O}-R_2$ |
| Acyl exchange | |
| Transesterification | $R_1-\overset{\text{O}}{\parallel}{\text{C}}-\text{O}-R_2 + R_3-\overset{\text{O}}{\parallel}{\text{C}}-\text{O}-R_4 \xrightleftharpoons{\text{Base}} R_1-\overset{\text{O}}{\parallel}{\text{C}}-\text{O}-R_4 + R_3-\overset{\text{O}}{\parallel}{\text{C}}-\text{O}-R_2$ |
| Transthioesterification | $R_1-\overset{\text{O}}{\parallel}{\text{C}}-\text{S}-R_2 + R_3-\text{S}-\text{H} \xrightleftharpoons{\text{Base}} R_1-\overset{\text{O}}{\parallel}{\text{C}}-\text{S}-R_3 + R_2-\text{S}-\text{H}$ |
| Transamidation | $R_1-\overset{\text{O}}{\parallel}{\text{C}}-\text{N}-\text{H}-R_2 + R_3-\overset{\text{O}}{\parallel}{\text{C}}-\text{N}-\text{H}-R_4 \xrightleftharpoons{\text{Protease or metal}} R_1-\overset{\text{O}}{\parallel}{\text{C}}-\text{N}-\text{H}-R_4 + R_3-\overset{\text{O}}{\parallel}{\text{C}}-\text{N}-\text{H}-R_2$ |
| Michael-addition | $R_1-\text{CH}=\text{CH}-\overset{\text{O}}{\parallel}{\text{C}}-R_2 + R_3-\text{S}-\text{H} \xrightleftharpoons{\text{Base}} R_1-\text{CH}(\text{S}-R_3)-\text{CH}_2-\overset{\text{O}}{\parallel}{\text{C}}-R_2$ |
| Miscellaneous | |
| Disulfide exchange | $R_1-\text{S}-\text{S}-R_2 + R_3-\text{S}-\text{S}-R_4 \xrightleftharpoons{\text{R-S}^-} R_1-\text{S}-\text{S}-R_4 + R_3-\text{S}-\text{S}-R_2$ |
| Boronic ester exchange | $R_1-\text{B}(\text{O}-R_2)(\text{O}-R_3) + \text{HO}-\text{C}(\text{R}_4)(\text{R}_5)-\text{OH} \xrightleftharpoons{\text{Base}} R_1-\text{B}(\text{O}-R_6)(\text{O}-R_7) + \text{HO}-\text{C}(\text{R}_2)(\text{R}_3)-\text{OH}$ |
| Olefin metathesis | $R_1-\text{C}=\text{C}-R_2 + R_3-\text{C}=\text{C}-R_4 \xrightleftharpoons{\text{Grubbs catalyst}} R_1-\text{C}=\text{C}-R_4 + R_3-\text{C}=\text{C}-R_2$ |
| Acetal exchange | $R_1-\text{C}(\text{OR})_2 + R_3-\text{C}(\text{OR}')_2 \xrightleftharpoons{\text{Acid}} R_1-\text{C}(\text{OR}')_2 + R_3-\text{C}(\text{OR})_2$ |
| Diels-Alder | $\text{Diene} + \text{Dienophile} \rightleftharpoons \text{Cyclohexene derivative}$ |

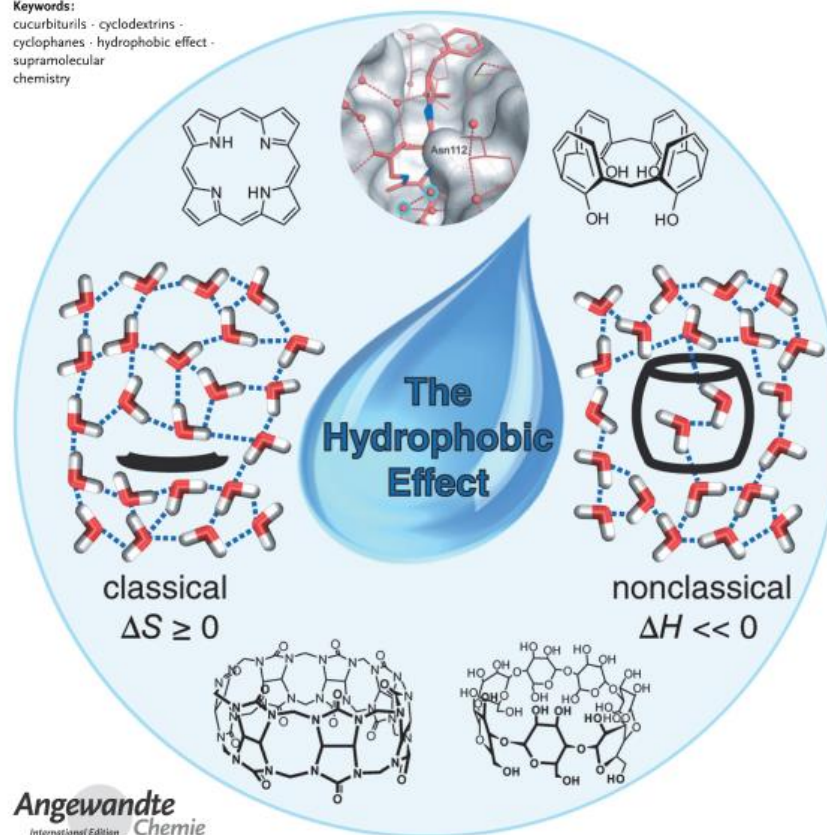
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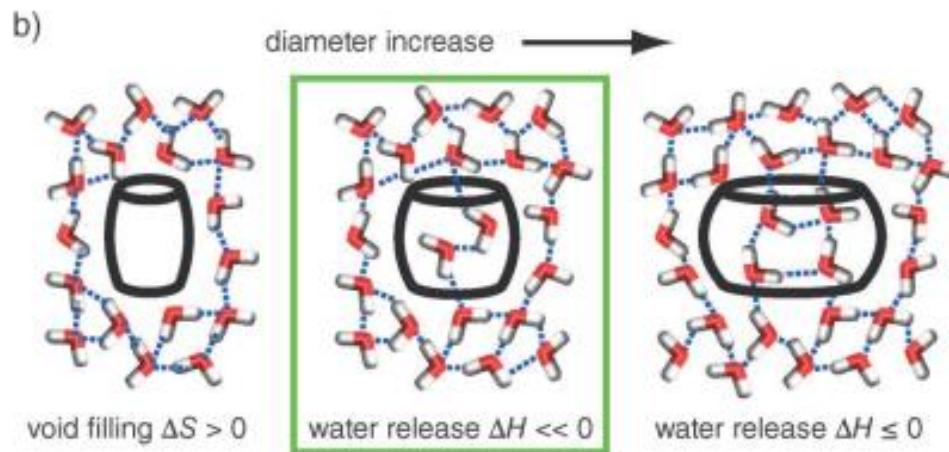
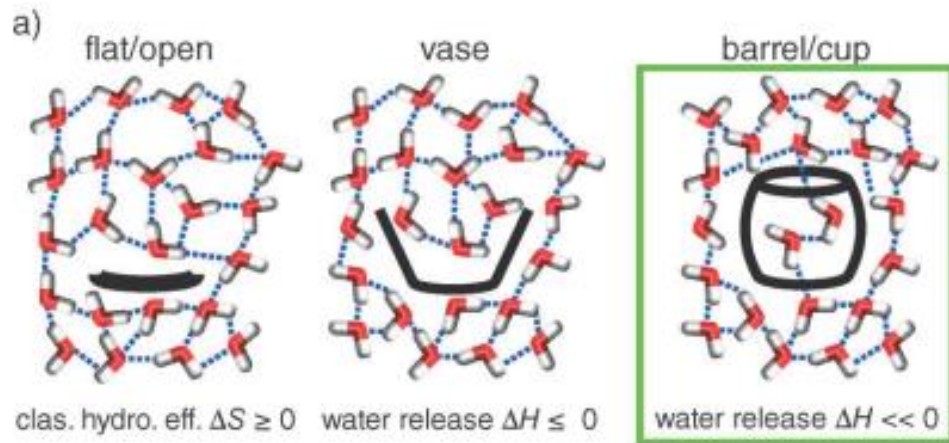


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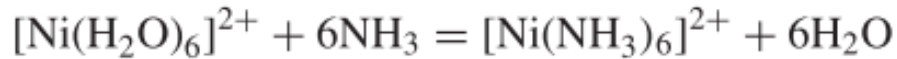
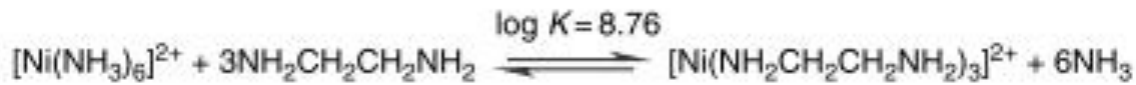


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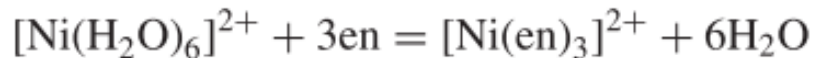


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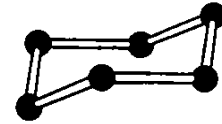
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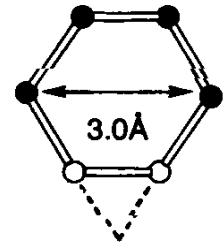
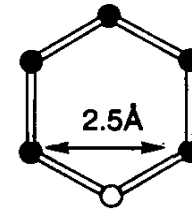
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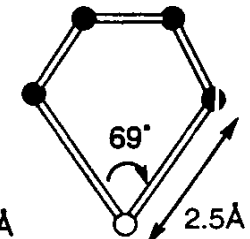
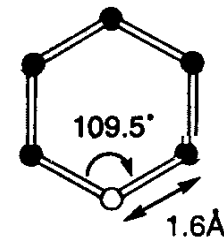


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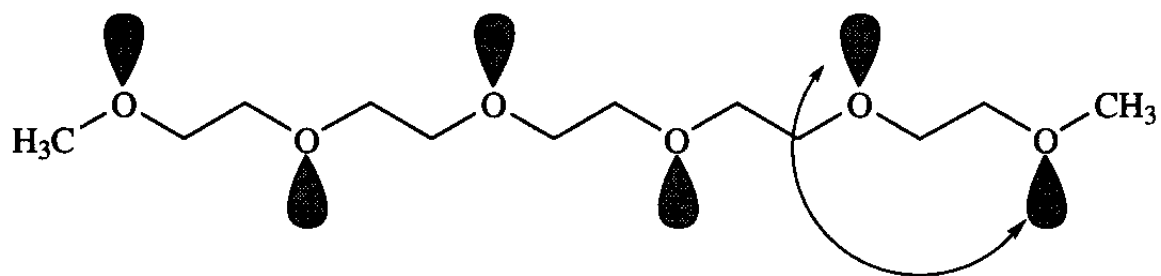
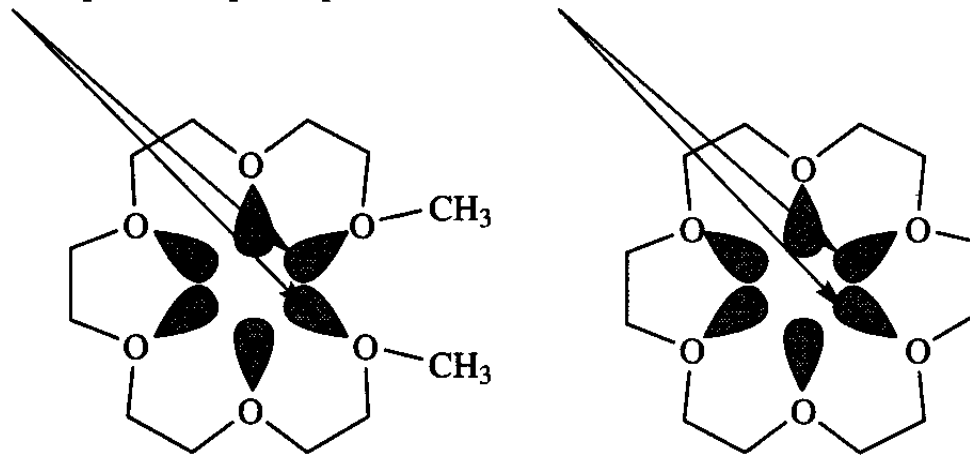
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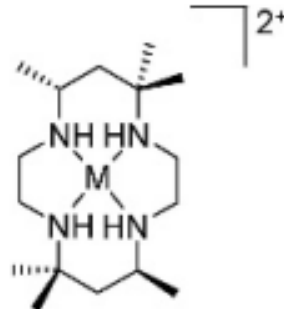
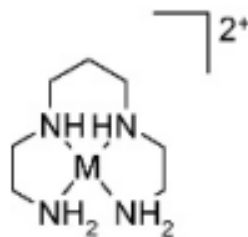
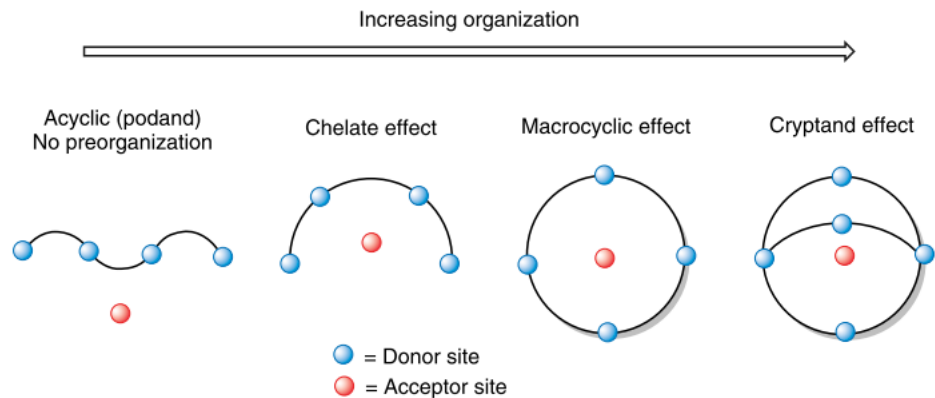
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