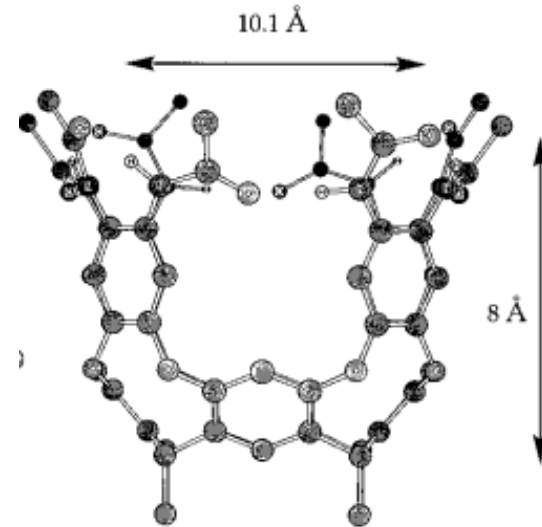
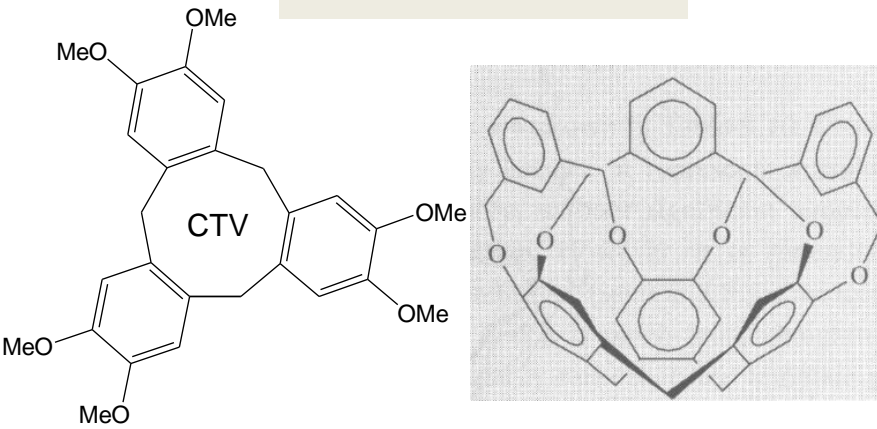
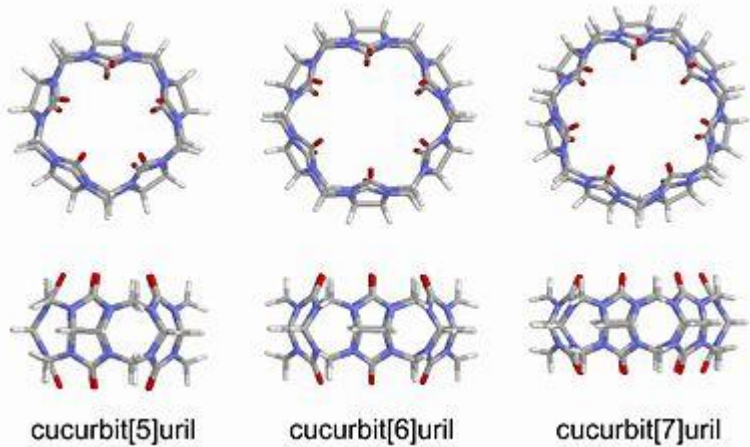


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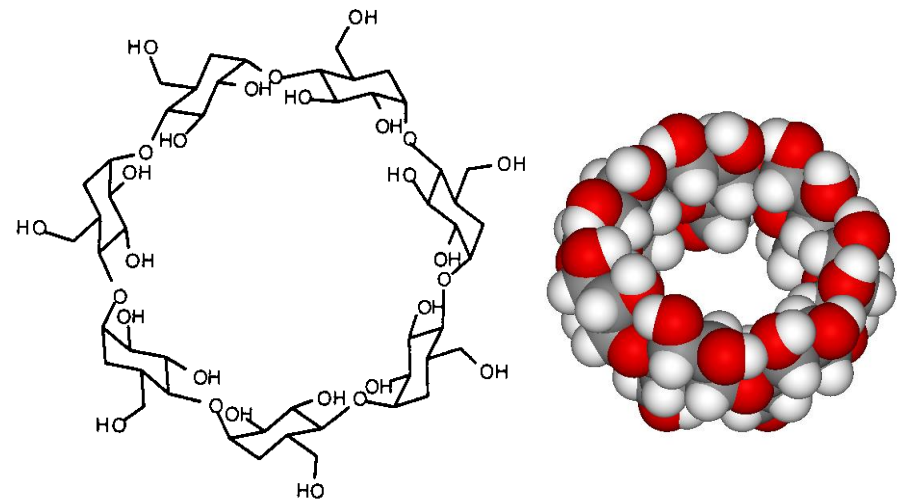
## ciclotriveratrilene



## Cucurbiturili



## Ciclodestrine



# Capsule Molecolari

Unione di due cavitandi

Connessione covalente

Legame idrogeno

Legame di coordinazione

Pre-organizzazione

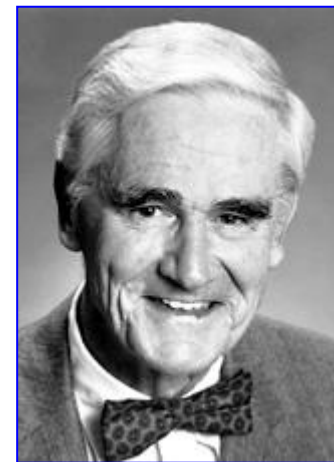
Protezione dal solvente esterno

Rallentamento delle cinetiche di scambio

Stabilizzazione di specie reattive

Reazioni catalitiche

Drug delivery

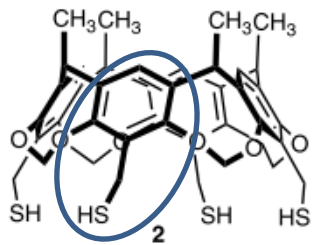


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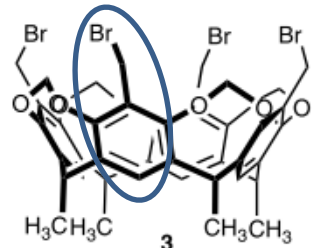
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# Carcerandi

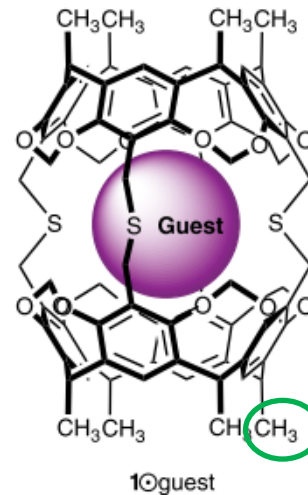
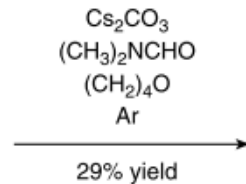
Benzil-tiolo



benzil cloruro  
(o bromuro)

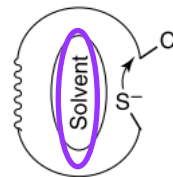
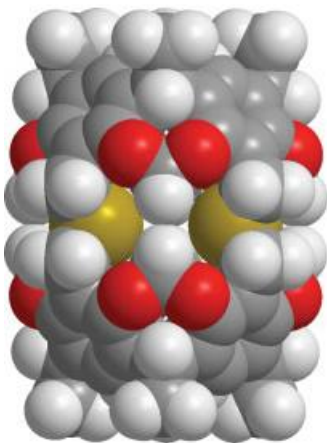


Alta dliuz



Guest:  $\text{Cs}^+$ ;  $(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{NCHO}$ ;  
 $(\text{CH}_2)_4\text{O}$ ; Ar

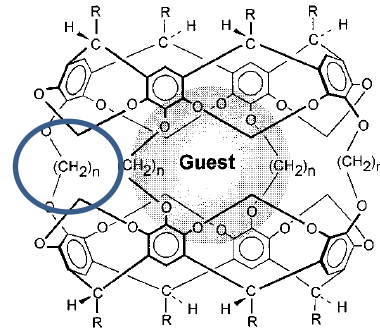
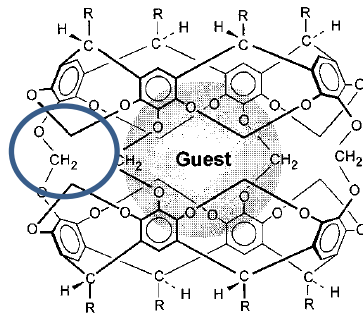
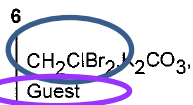
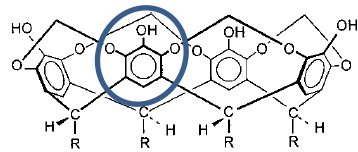
Insolubilità = caratterizz via IR, FAB-MS, analisi elementare, test chimici  
FAB-MS dei carciplessi



# Carcerandi

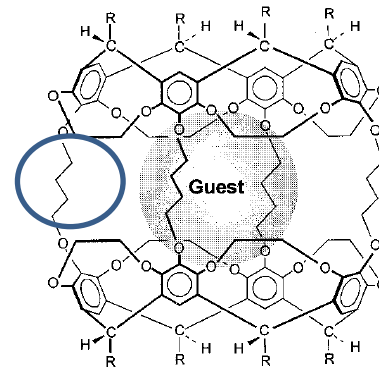
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bromo-clorometano

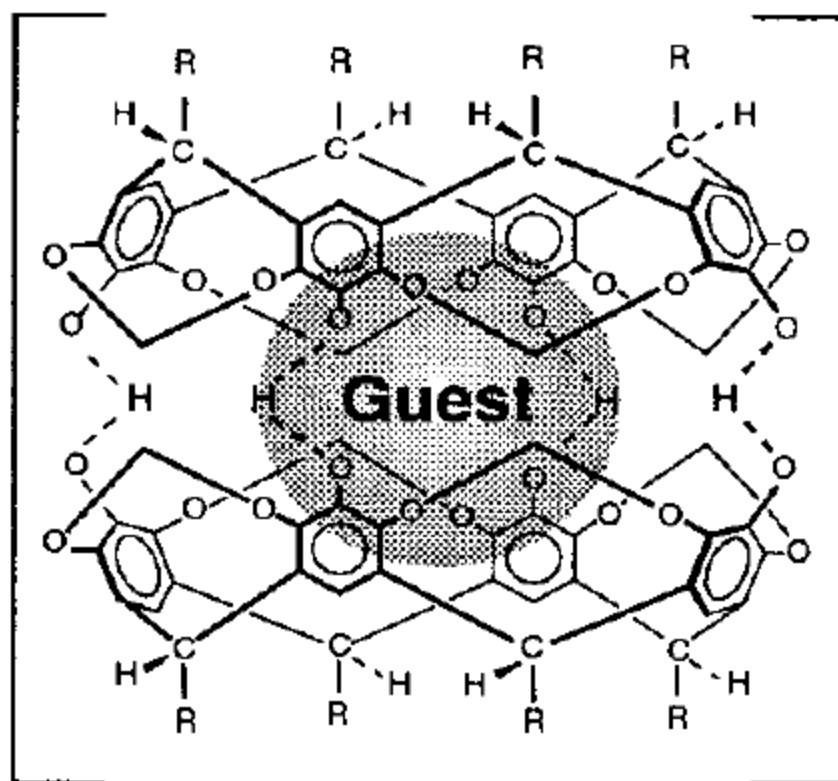


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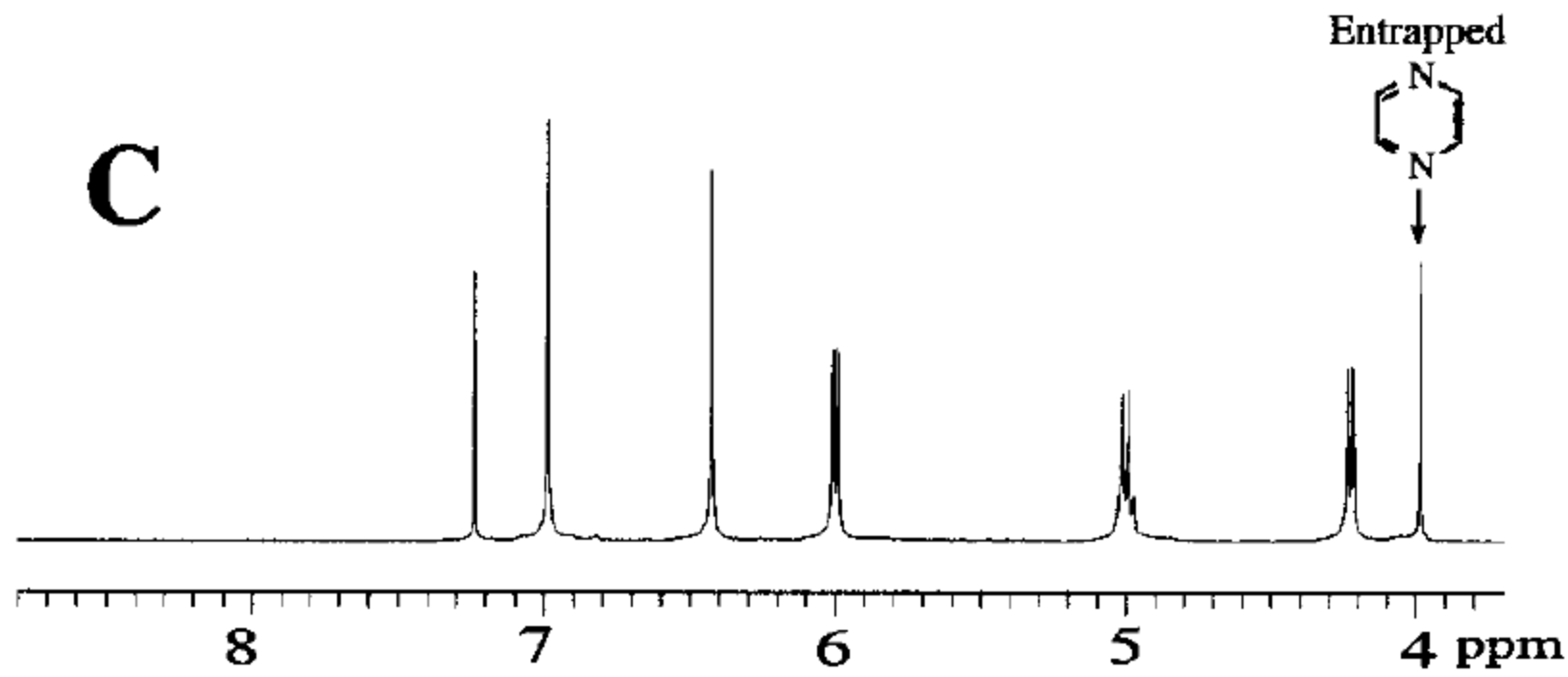


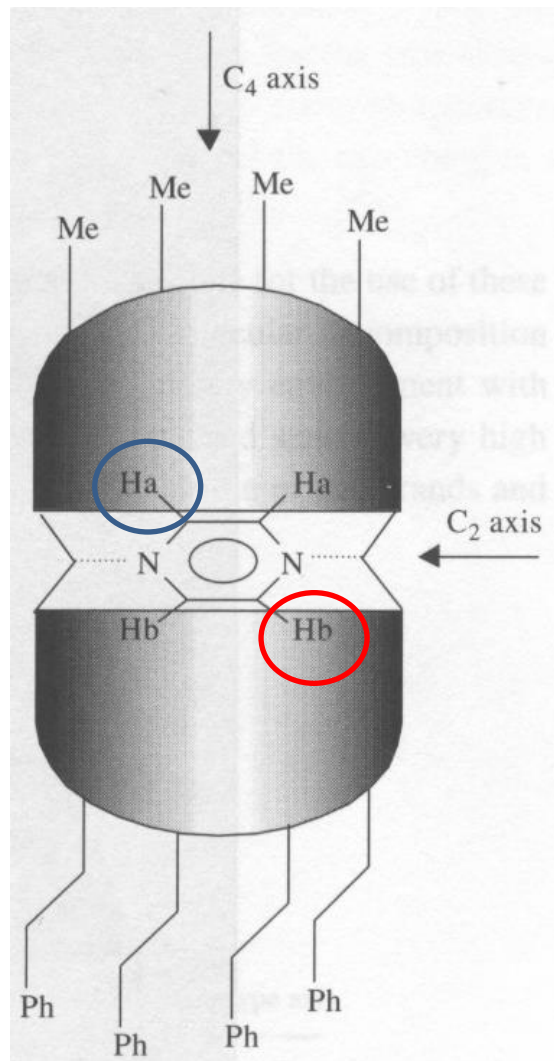
13•Guest  $R = (\text{CH}_2)_4\text{CH}_3$



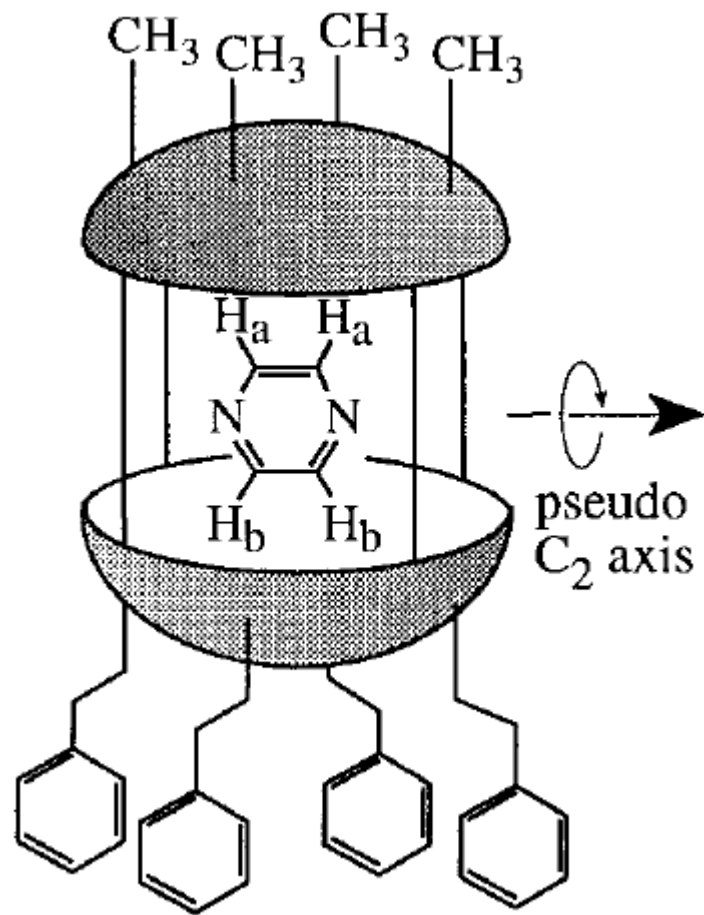
Complex 3-Guest

**C**



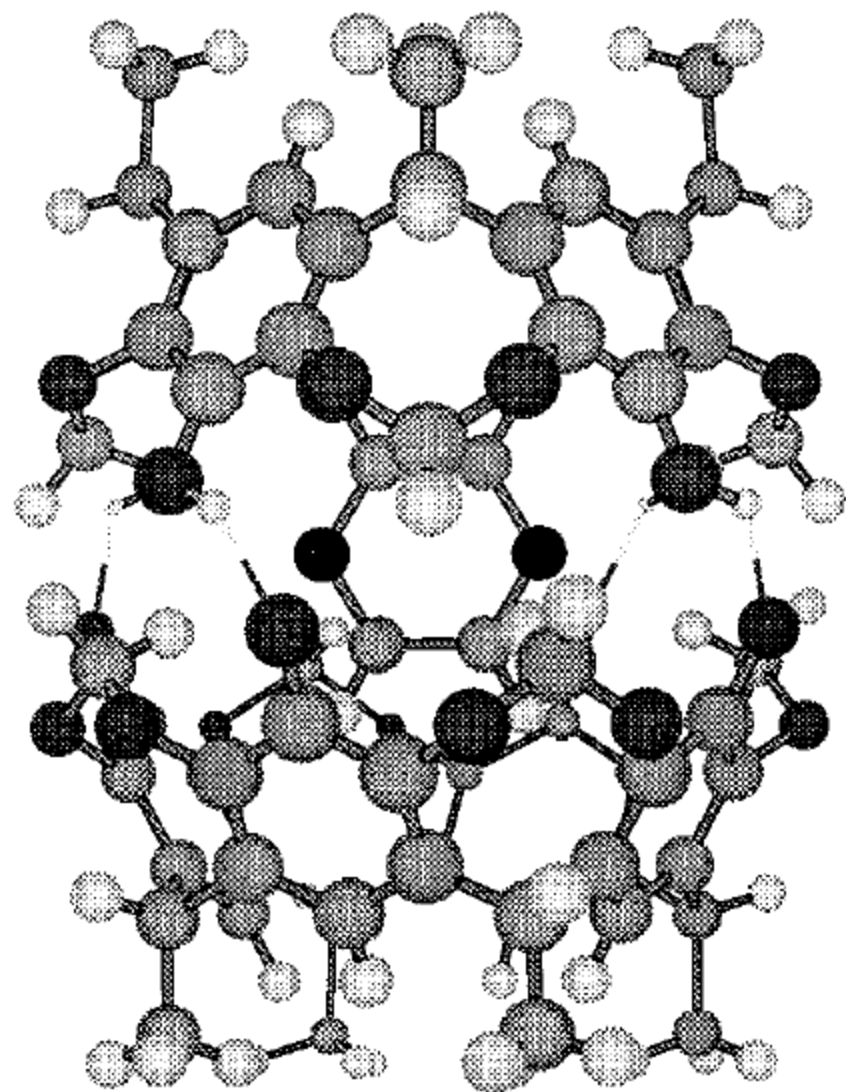






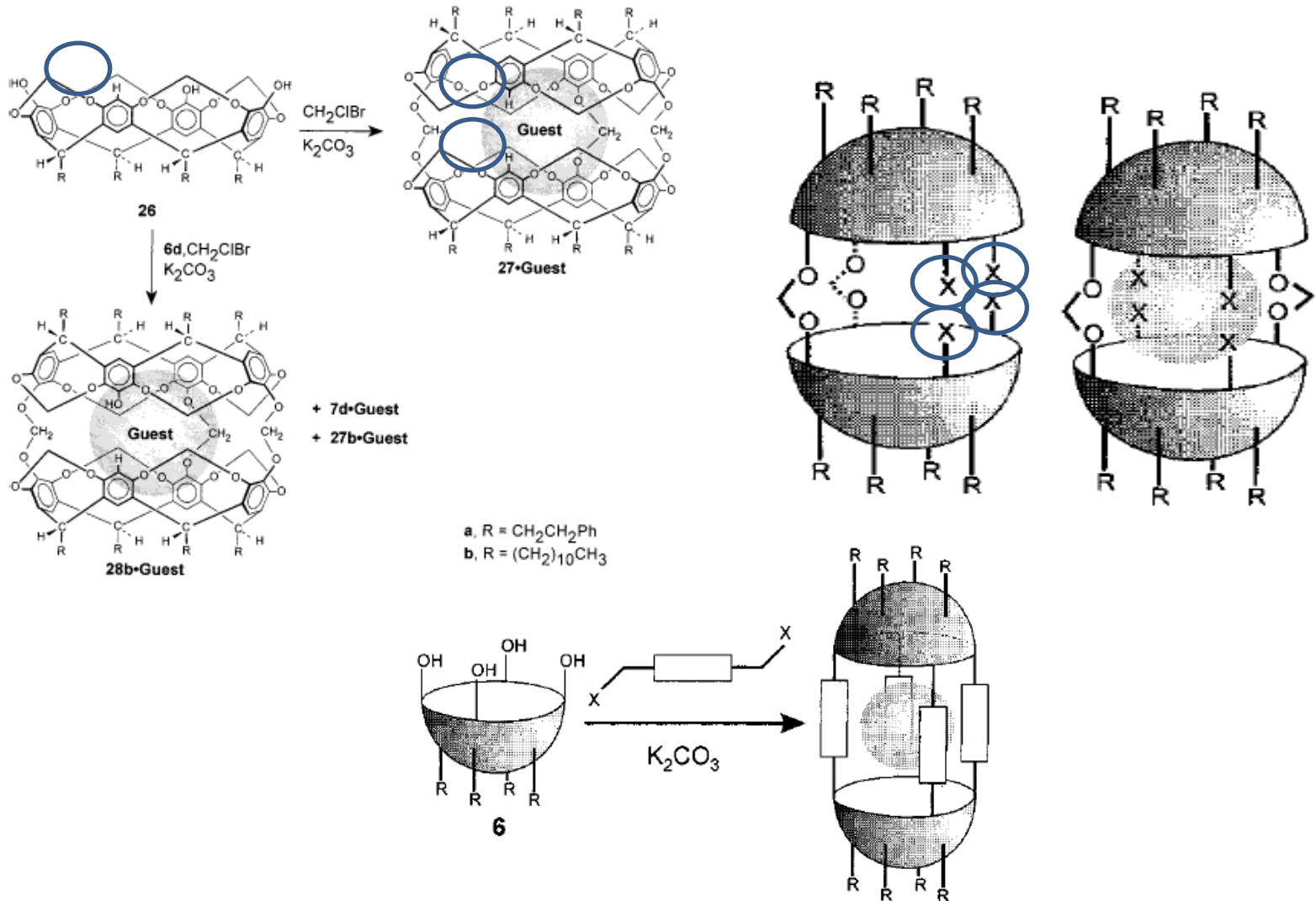
tively. The signals for pyrazine in asymmetric complex **3c**•pyrazine consisted of two *meta*-split doublets at 4.31 ( $J = 1$  Hz) and 4.35 ppm ( $J = 1$  Hz).<sup>16</sup> This confirms that pyrazine is oriented in complex **3b**•pyrazine with its nitrogens at the equator and its hydrogens extending into the bowls (structure **A**, Figure 3). The activation energy for rotation of pyrazine about the pseudo- $C_2$  axes in asymmetric complex **3c**•pyrazine was measured by variable-temperature  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectroscopy to be 18 kcal/mol,<sup>17</sup> which agrees well with the 19 kcal/mol activation

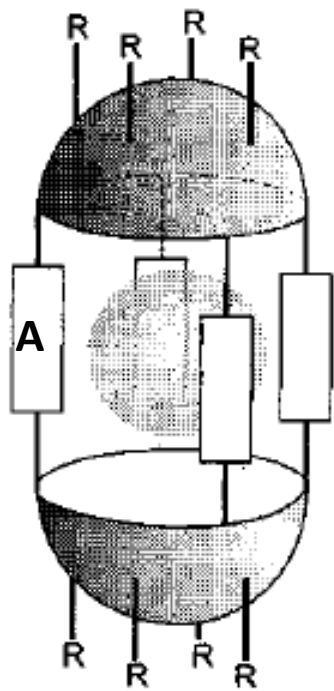
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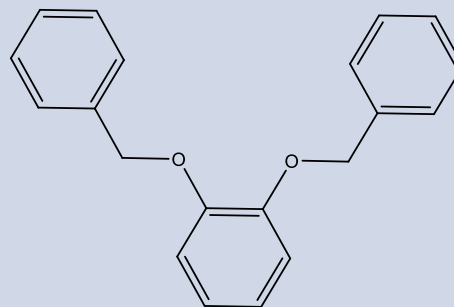
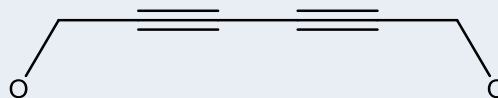
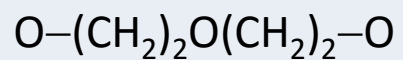
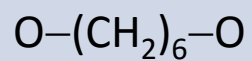
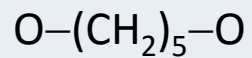
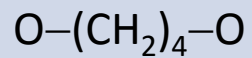
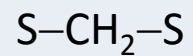
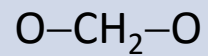
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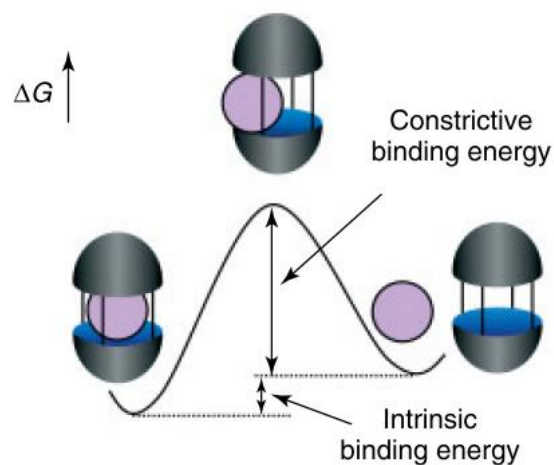
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**A**





guests. In host–guest systems, there are two energetic quantities associated with guest binding—constrictive and intrinsic binding. The constrictive binding<sup>11,12</sup> is the activation energy required for a guest to enter the host, while intrinsic binding is the change in energy upon formation of the host–guest complex from free host and guest. Intrinsic binding energy determines the equilibrium constant for binding; the intrinsic binding energy plus the constrictive binding energy determines the kinetic barrier to decomplexation.<sup>12</sup>

Intrinsic binding, the free energy of complexation, depends on the magnitude of the noncovalent interactions between the guest and the host’s inner surface.

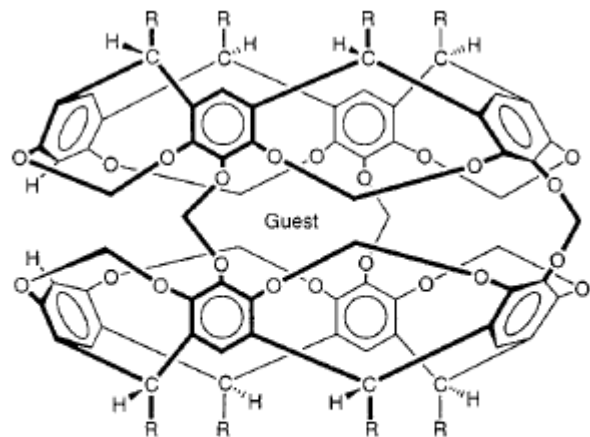
Constrictive binding, activation energy required for a guest to enter OR exit the inner cavity of a hemicarcerand through a size restricting portal in the host’s skin.

Constrictive binding: aumenta con le dimensioni del guest, diminuisce con le dimensioni dei portali, e con l’aumento della flessibilità dei linker (T).

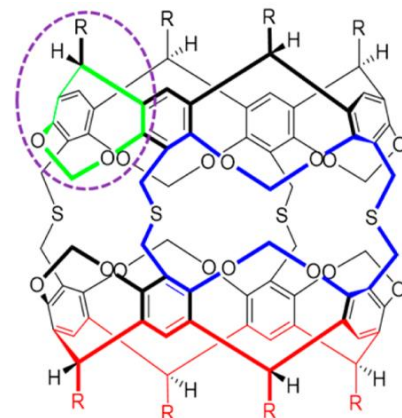
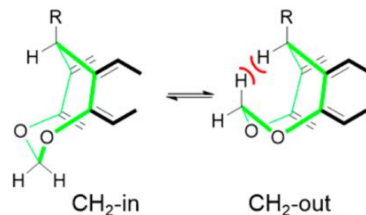
**Gating:** Gating in host-guest chemistry refers to conformational changes that occur in response to some stimulus, resulting in opening or closing of a physical barrier that controls access to the host.

- **Thermal Gating**
- **Stimulated Gating**

Gate mechanisms (molecular mechanics calculations) – **French door**  
 chair-to-boat transition of the methylene bridges, calculated barrier 22 kcal/mol.

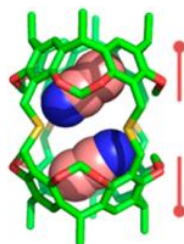
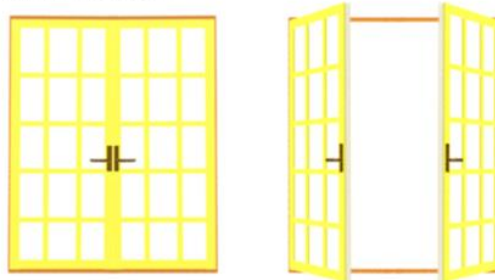


12 ⊕ Guest  
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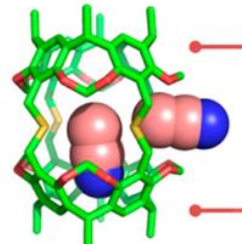


1a. R = (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>Ph  
 1b. R = Me

a. French door



closed

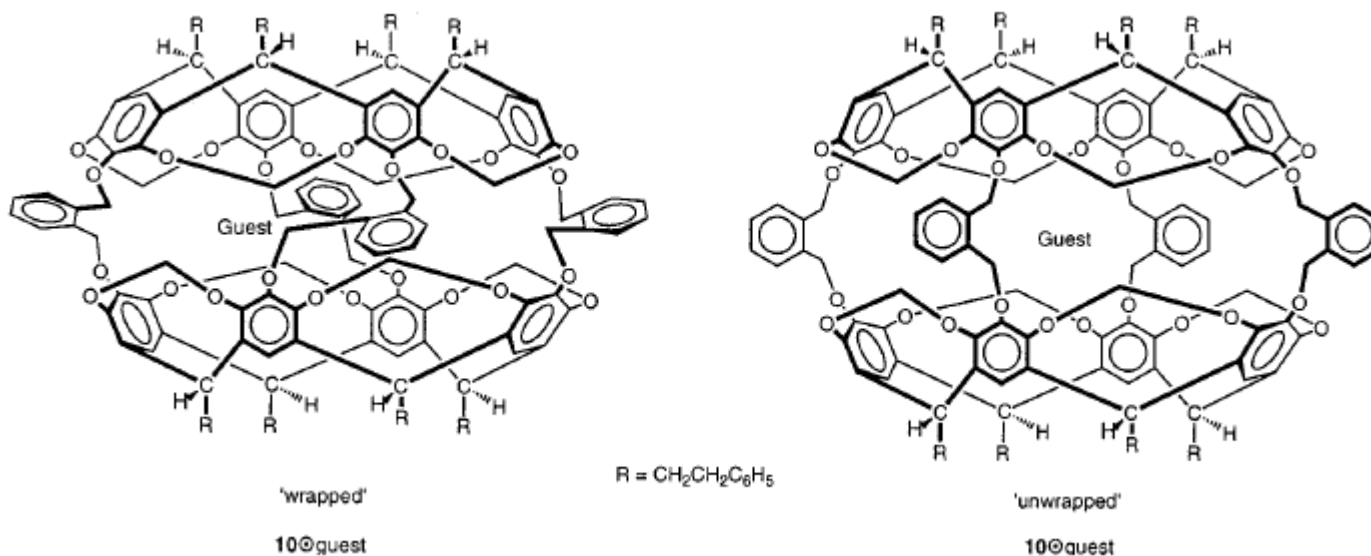


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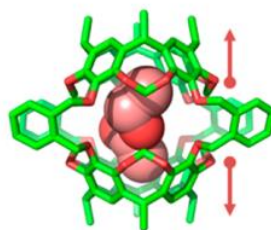
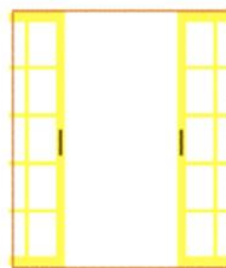
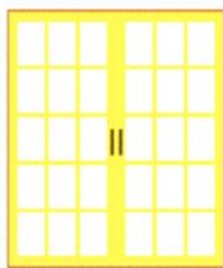


# Gate mechanisms (molecular mechanics calculations) – **Sliding door**

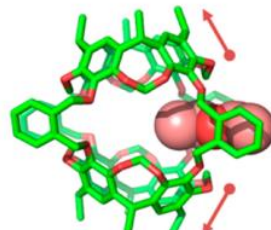
twisting and untwisting of the two host cavitands – measured barrier (VT NMR) 12.6 kcal/mol



## b. Sliding door

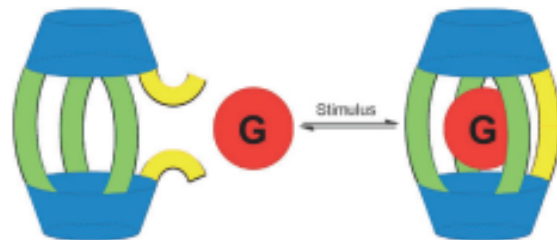


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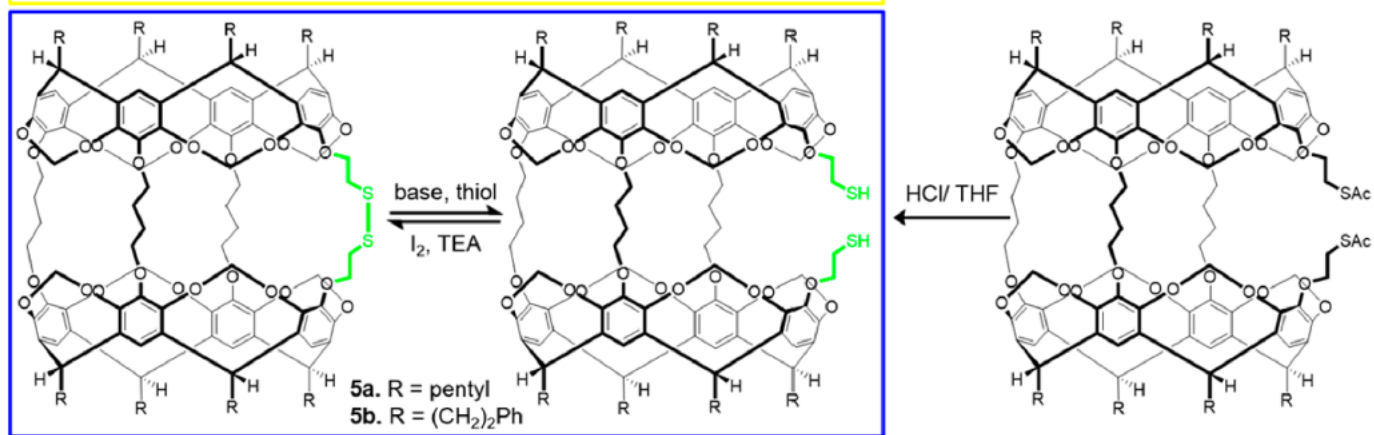


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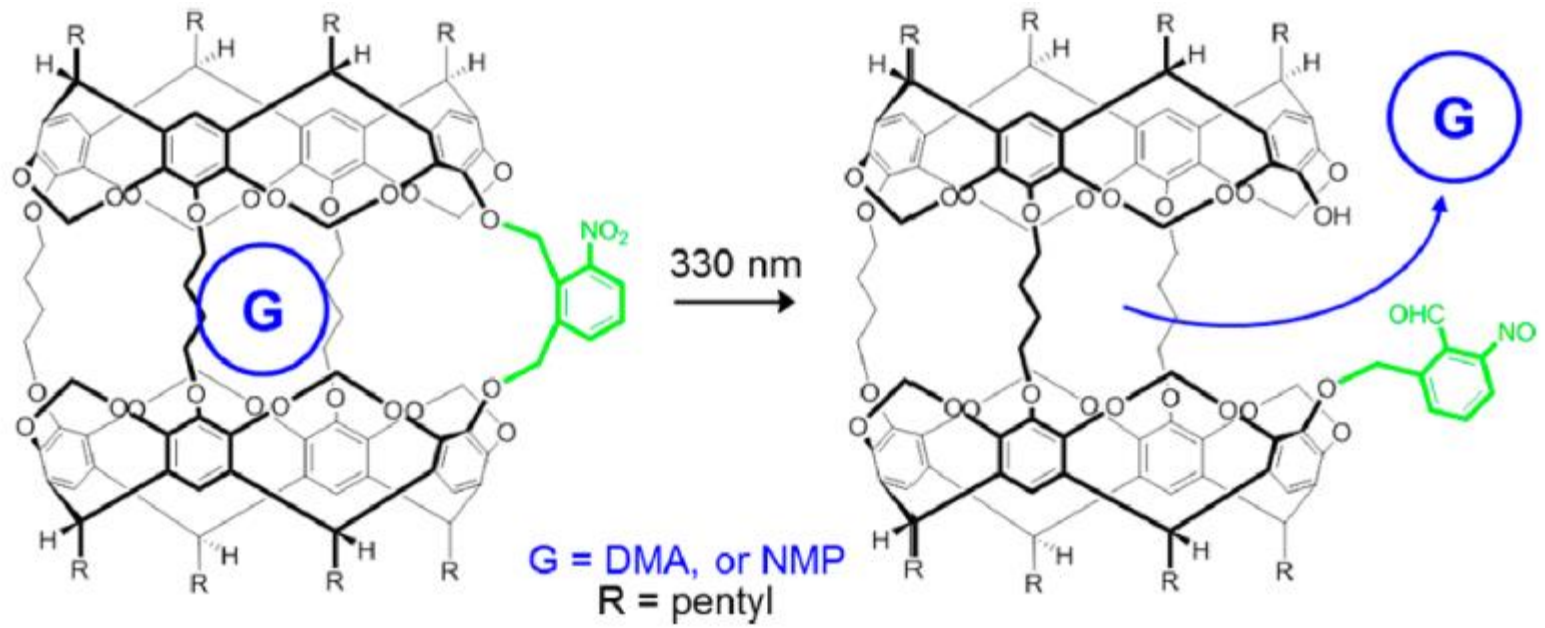
# Stimulated Gating



# Redox Gating

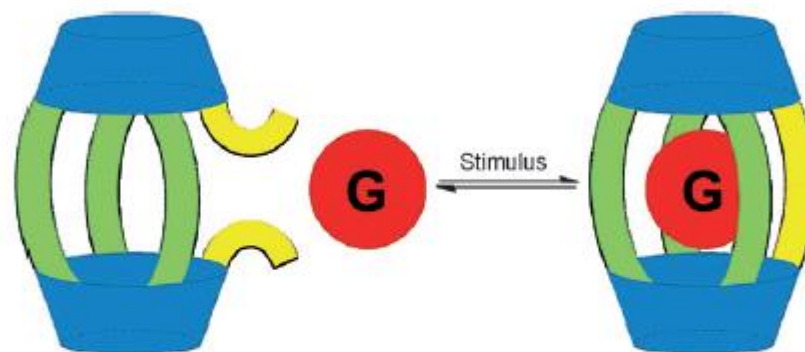


# Photochemical Gating

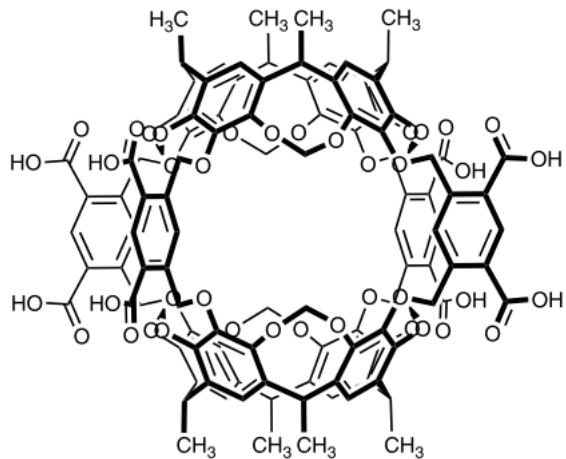


# Reversible Photochemically Gated Transformation of a Hemicarcerand to a Carcerand\*\*

Hao Wang, Fang Liu, Roger C. Helgeson, and Kendall N. Houk\*

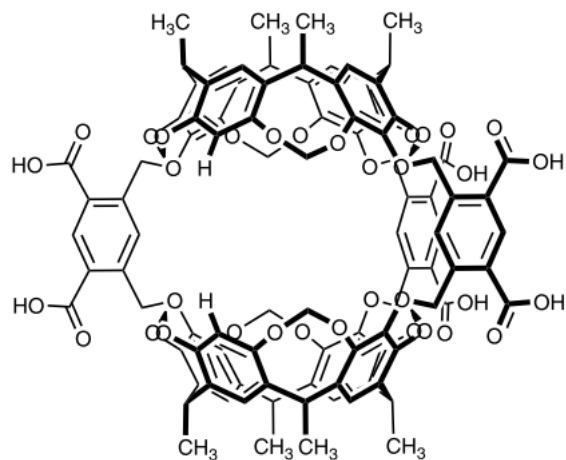


**Figure 1.** Gating in container molecules converts a hemicarcerand (left) into a carcerand (right).



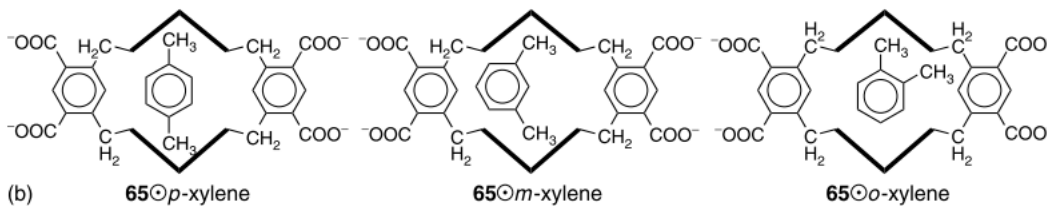
Water soluble octa-acid hemicarcerand:

Hydrophobic effect (higher than cyclodextrines)!

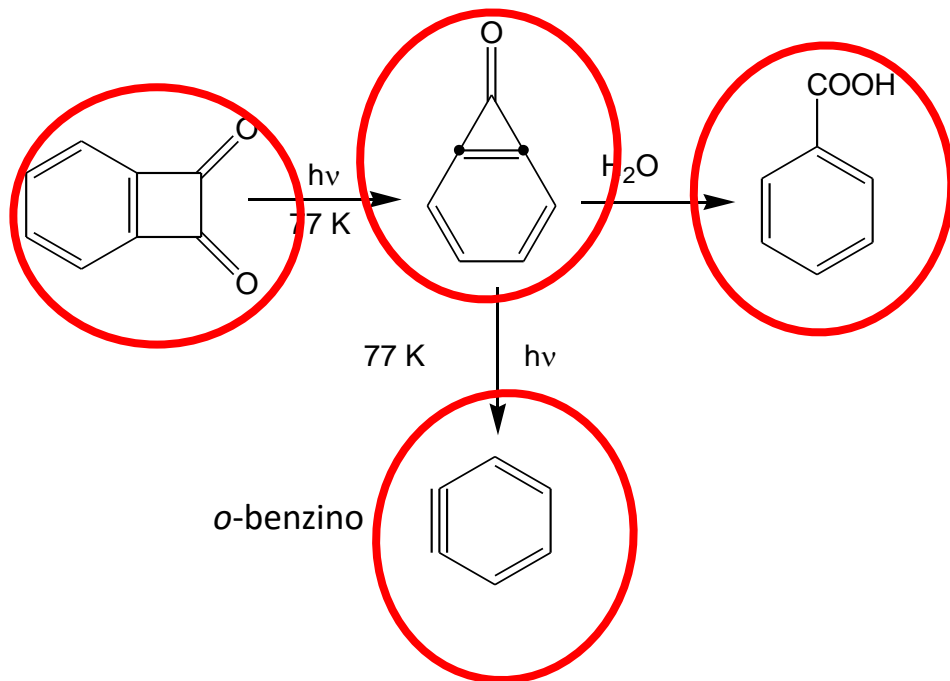


CH- $\pi$  interactions for isomeric xylenes or dimethoxybenzenes direct the order of affinity:

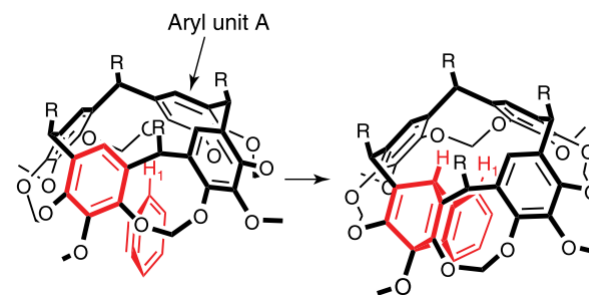
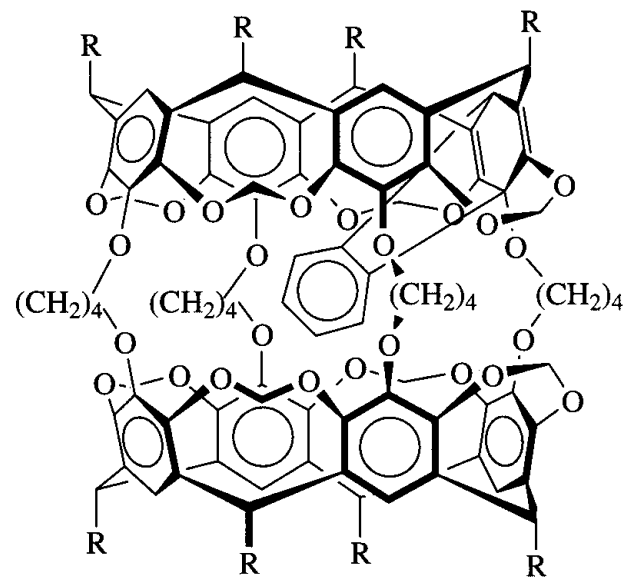
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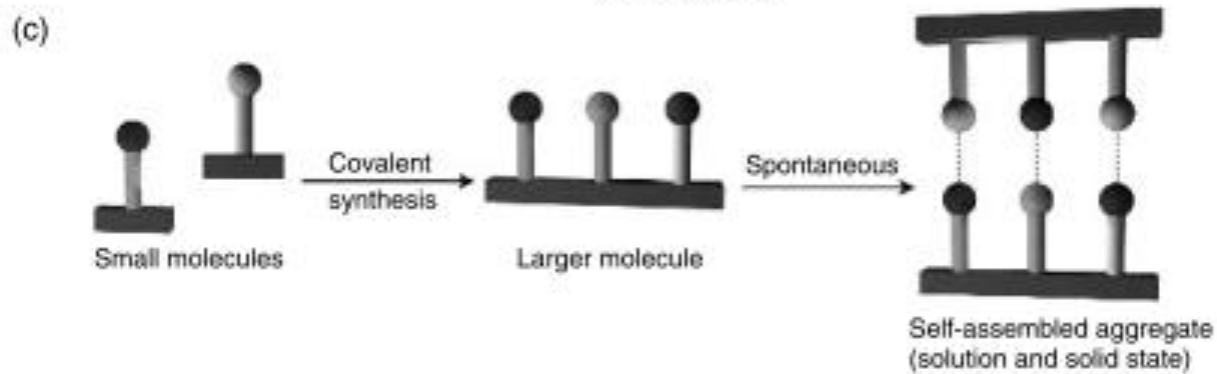
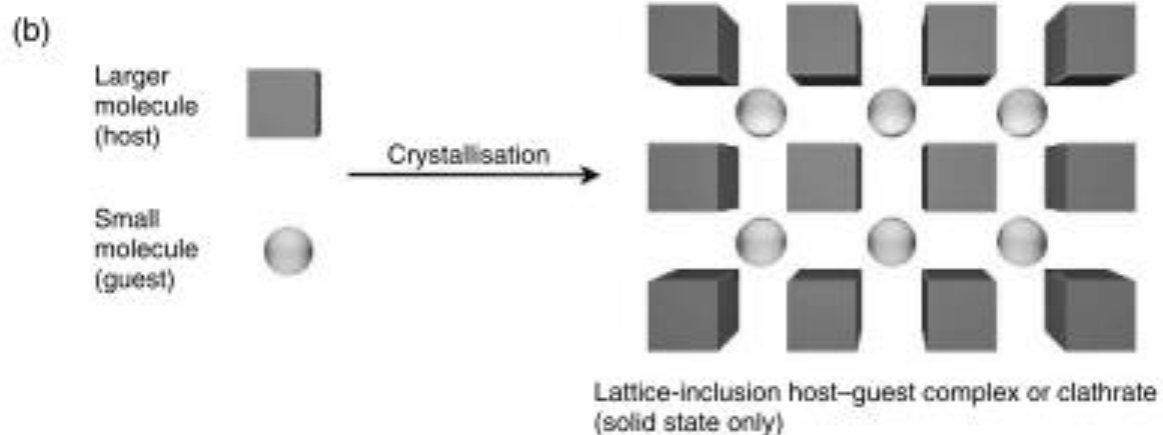
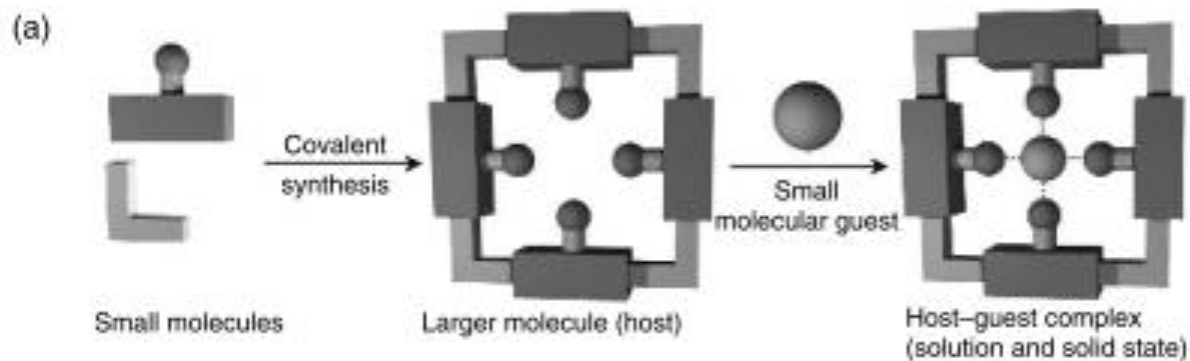


Benzociclobutendione Benzociclopropenone



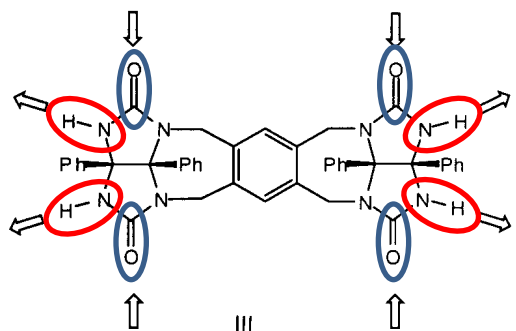
$^1\text{H}$  e  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR a bassa T



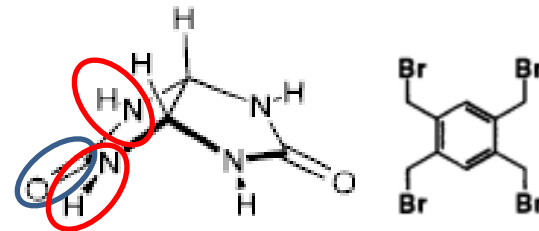
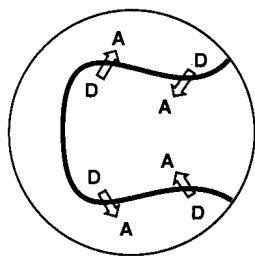




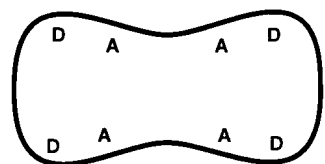
# Tennis-ball



D = hydrogen bond donor  
A = hydrogen bond acceptor



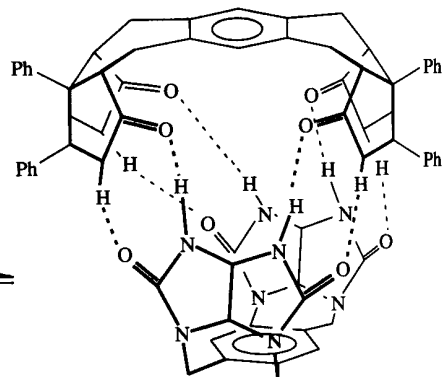
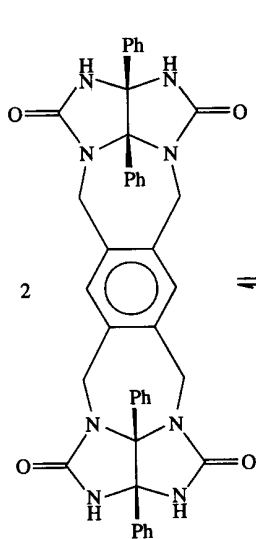
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self-assembly

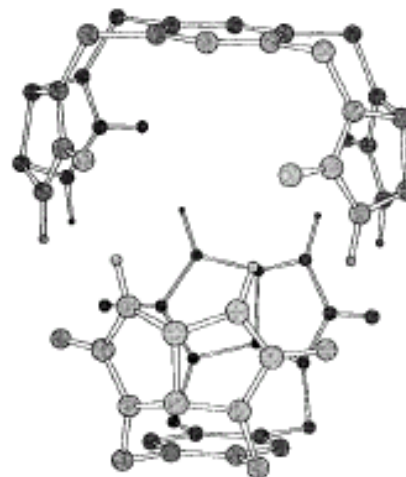
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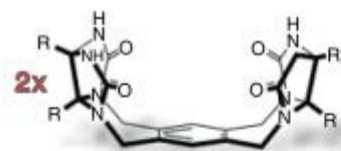
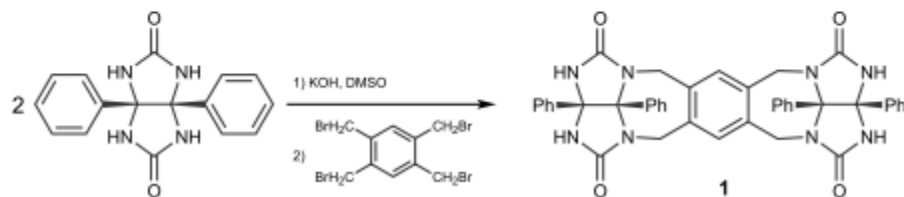
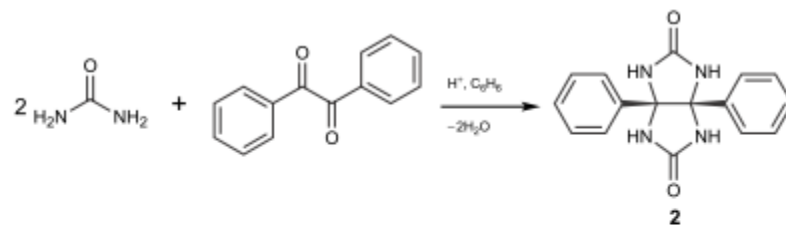
The formation of a molecular tennis ball



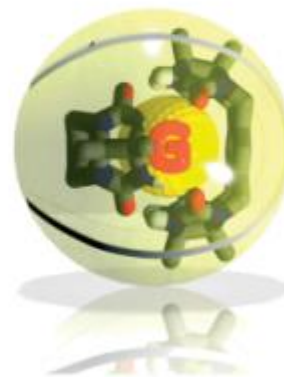
Eight linear H-bonds

V ca.  $60 \text{ \AA}^3$



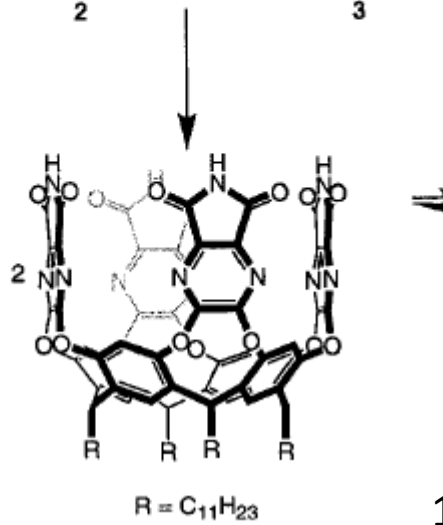
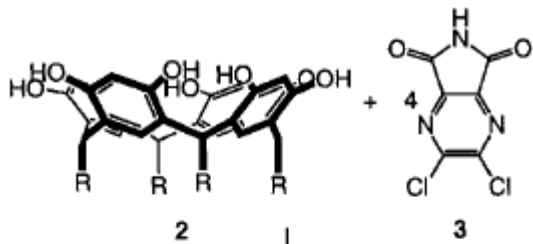


$\text{R} = \text{C}_6\text{H}_5$



$V \text{ ca. } 60 \text{ \AA}^3$

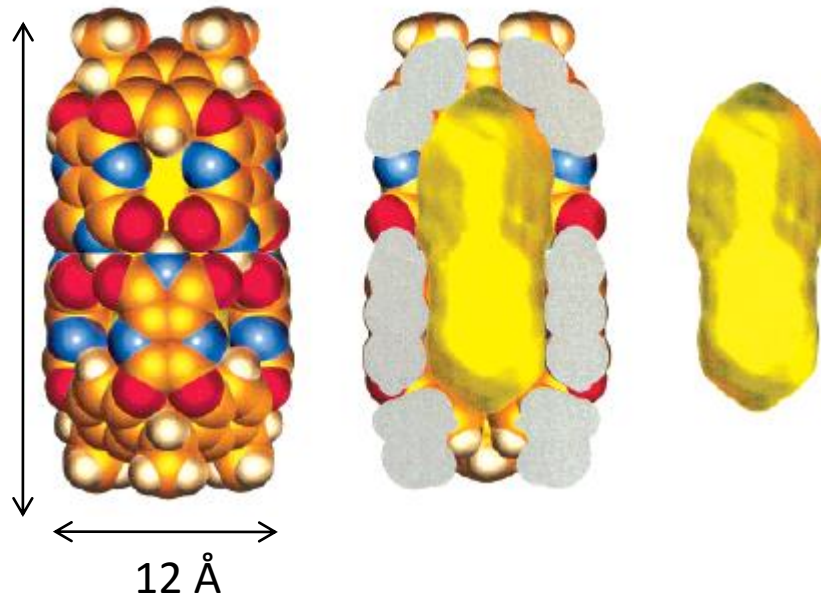
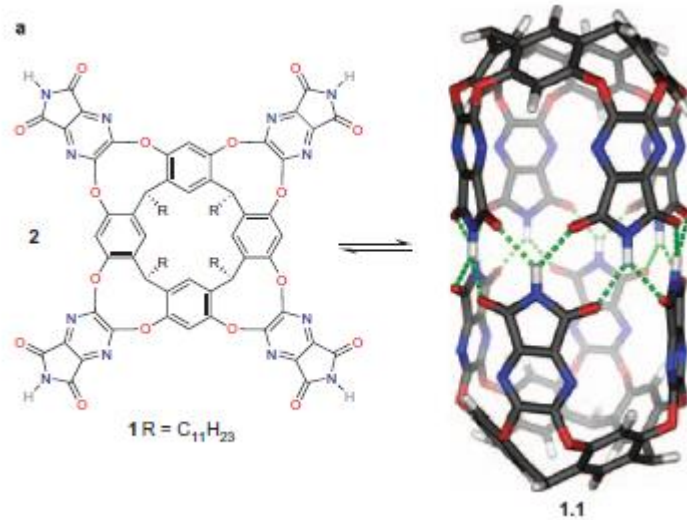
# Molecular Cylinder



16 Å

Eight bifurcated H-bonds

$V \text{ ca. } 420 \text{ \AA}^3$



## From molecular mechanics calculations:

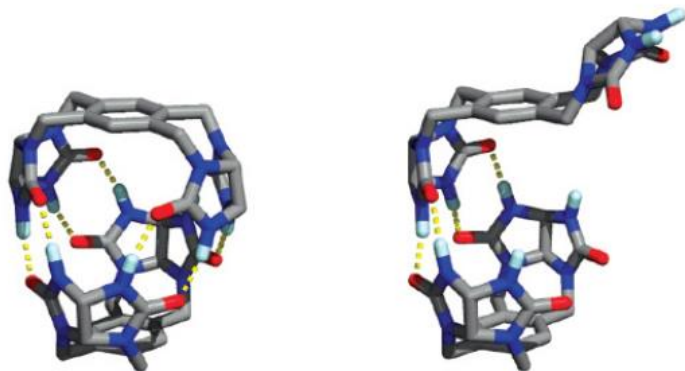
the encapsulated guest(s) occupy approximately 55% of the available space (same occupancy inside most weakly interacting organic solvents).

Stability decreases at higher or lower space occupancy.

# The ins and outs of molecular encapsulation

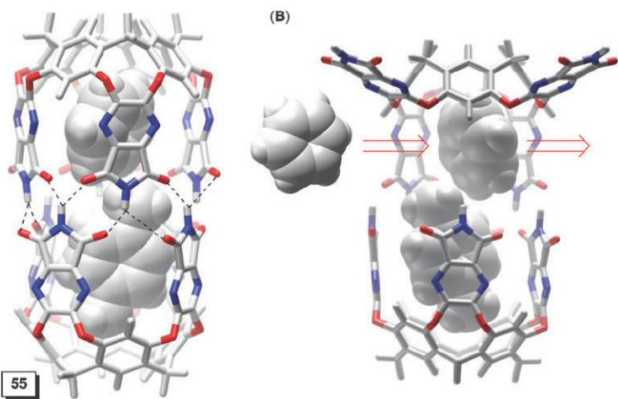
Liam C. Palmer and Julius Rebek, Jr.\*

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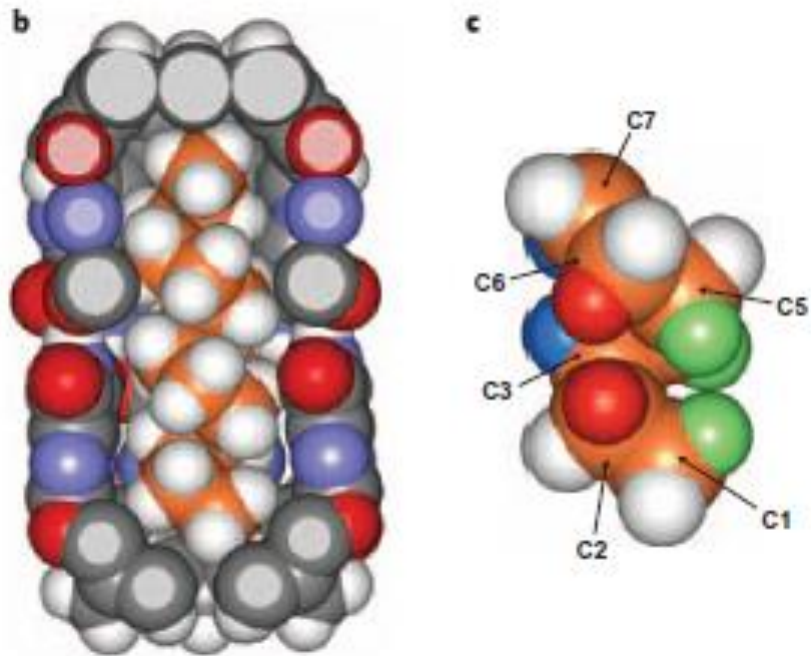
A priori, two plausible exchange mechanisms can be imagined: (1) a dissociative mechanism in which the two capsule subunits completely separate, or (2) a gating mechanism<sup>22</sup> whereby one “flap” of the tennis ball opens by ring inversion of the seven-membered ring (as shown in Fig. 5).

**Fig. 5** The intact tennis ball, left, and the conformation with an open flap, right. The structure on the right represents intermediate of a possible “gating” mechanism.

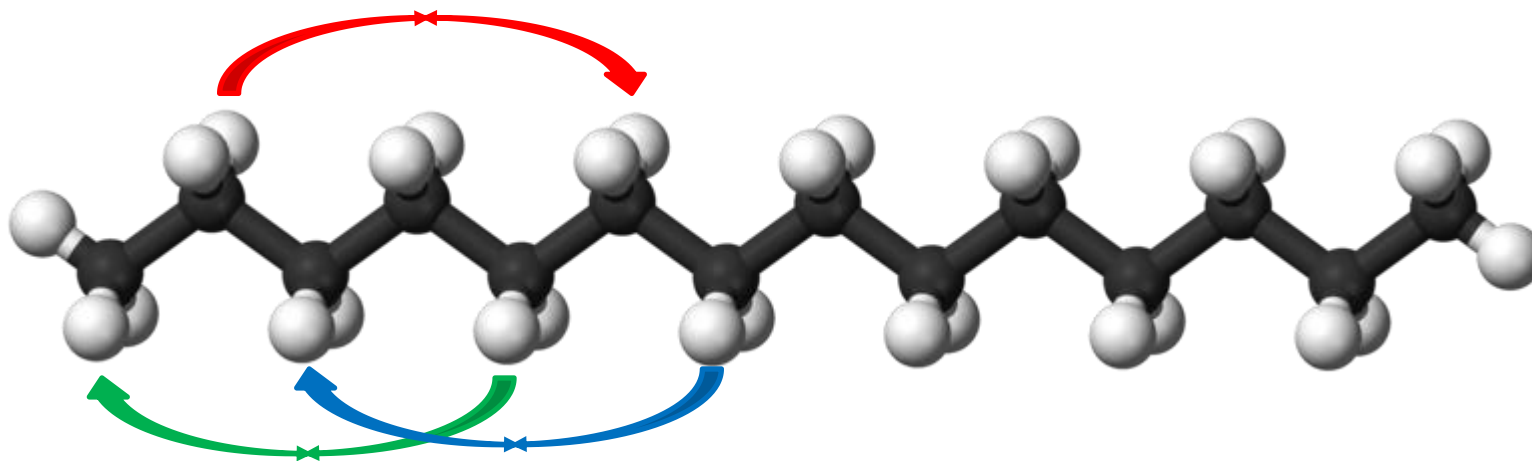


Small guests like toluene can escape by opening of a single flap, left. Larger guests like dimethylbiphenyl require opening of two or more flaps, right.

Contrasting the mechanism in apolar media, the presence of methanol seems to cause large guest exchange by complete dissociation of the capsule subunits. Complexes of small guests are not stable under these conditions.



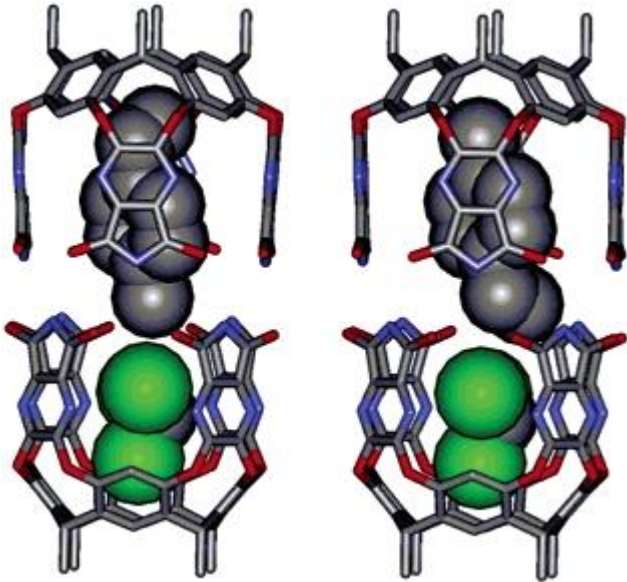
Model structure: incapsulation of coiled alkanes - tetradecane



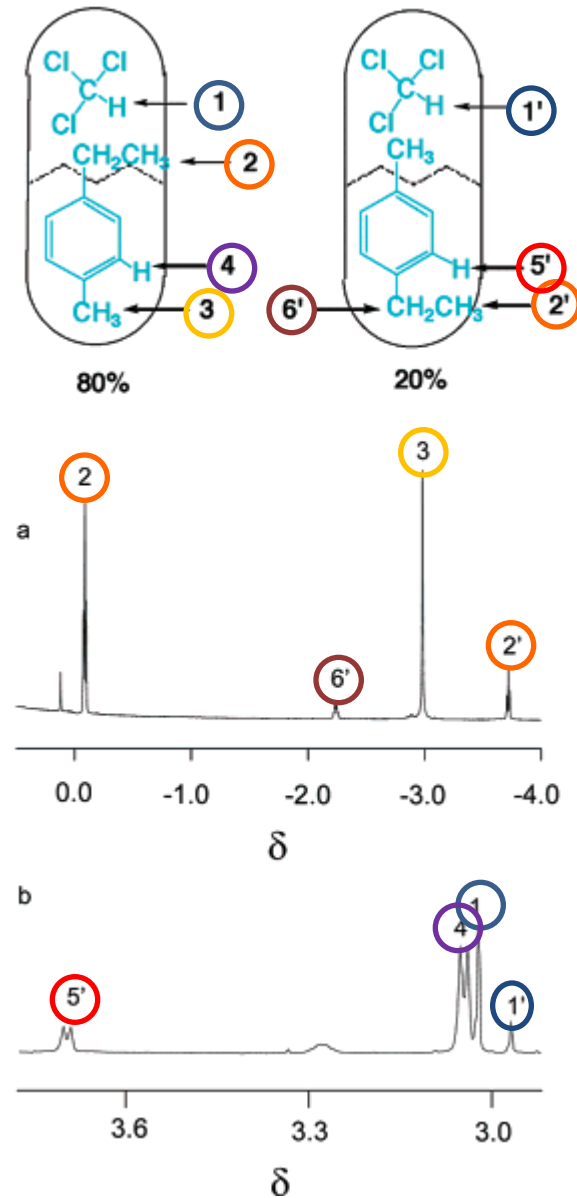
## *Social Isomers:*

A new form of isomerism arises when two different guests are confined to a cylindrical, self-assembled host capsule. The shape and dimensions of the capsule prevent the guests from exchanging positions or tumbling on the NMR time scale. The phenomenon depends on matching guest size and shape with that of the host and on the interaction of the two guest molecules. The orientation of one guest depends on the presence and nature of the other.

# Social Isomers

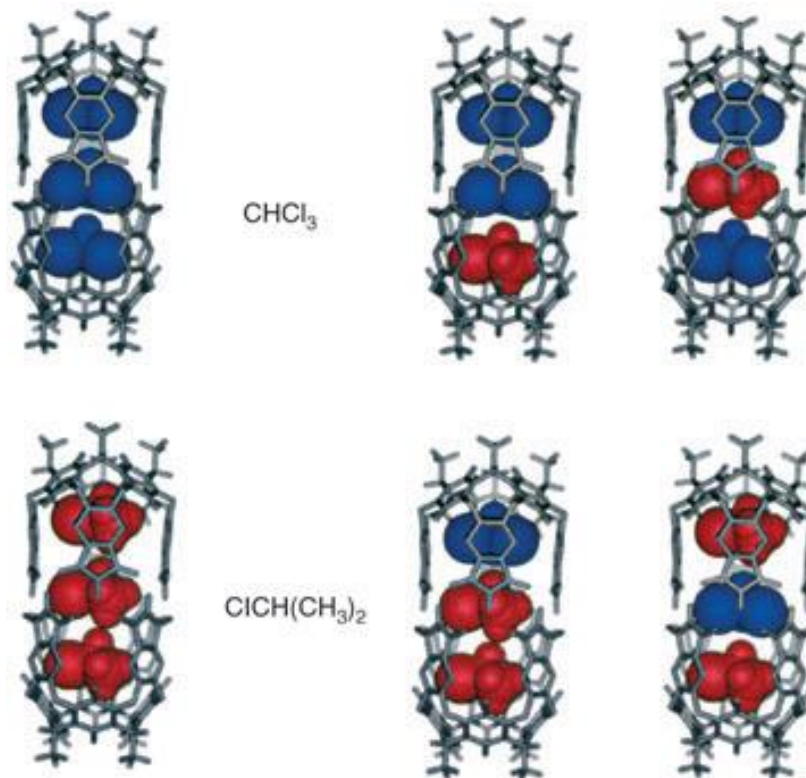


MM optimized structures:  
cloroformio e *para*-etiltoluene





# Constellation Isomers

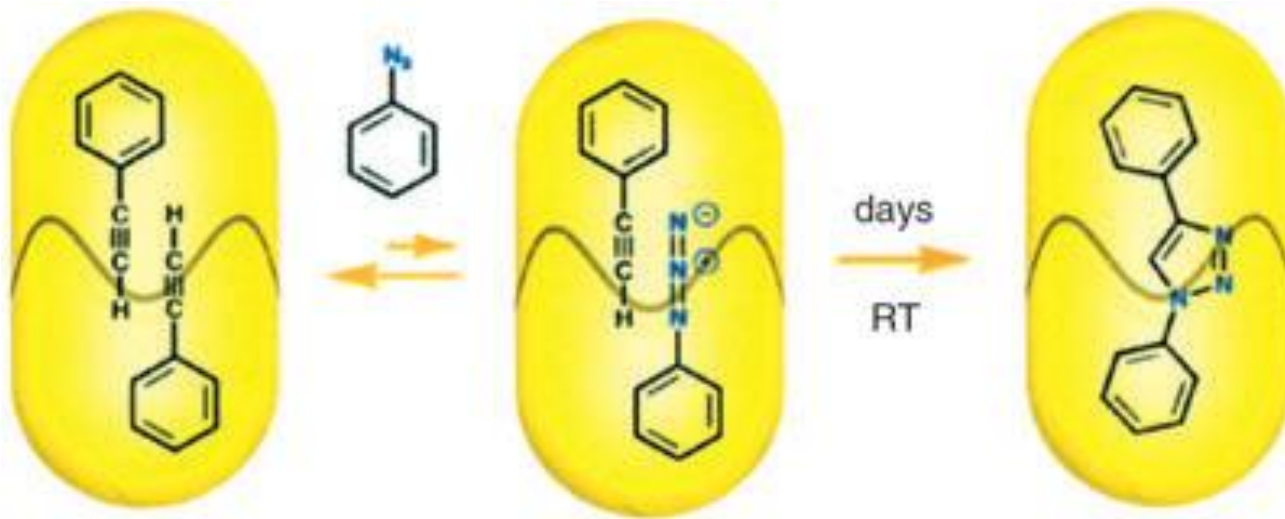


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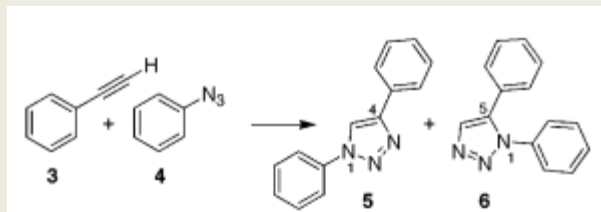
In addition to being able to preserve highly labile species, they may serve as catalysts and accelerate reactions inside their inner cavity by either concentrating the reactants leading to higher effective concentrations or TS stabilization or by preorganising them inside the capsule.

They may create a micro-environment in which two encapsulated reactants are held together in a orientation that differs from their most reactive arrangement in solution (or gas phase) leading to products that are disfavoured in equivalent solution phase reactions.

## Reattività nelle capsule molecolari



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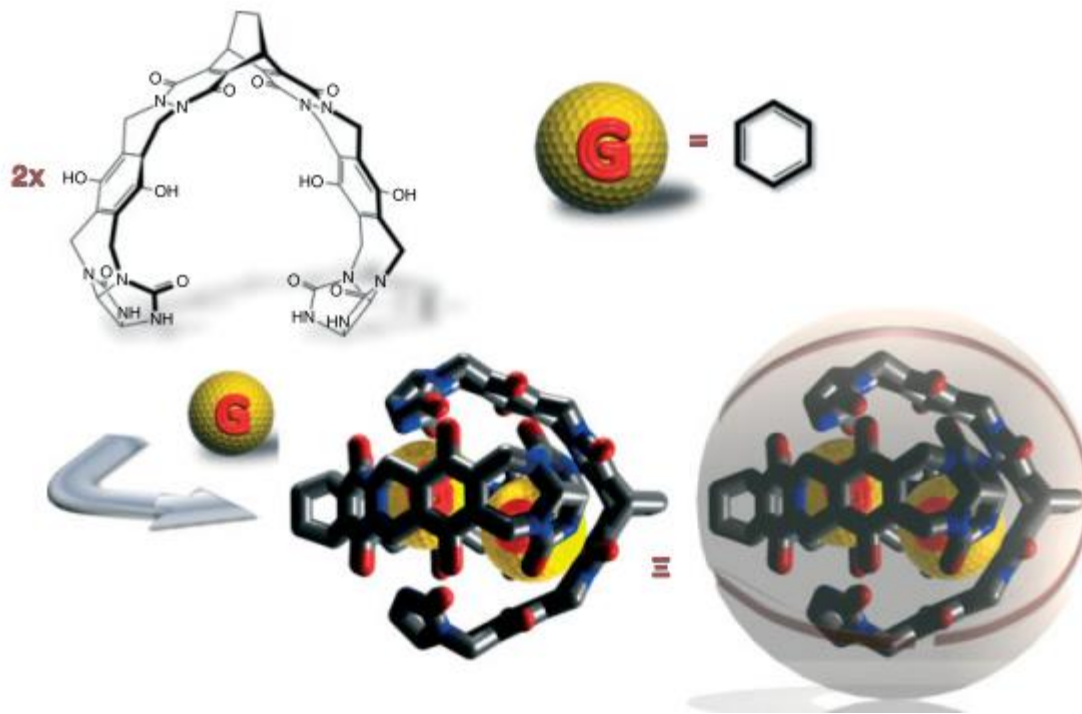


Volume definito = [ ] 4M vs mM

Tempo di contatto = 1 s vs 1 ns

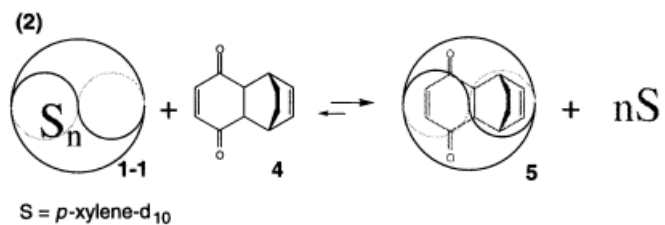
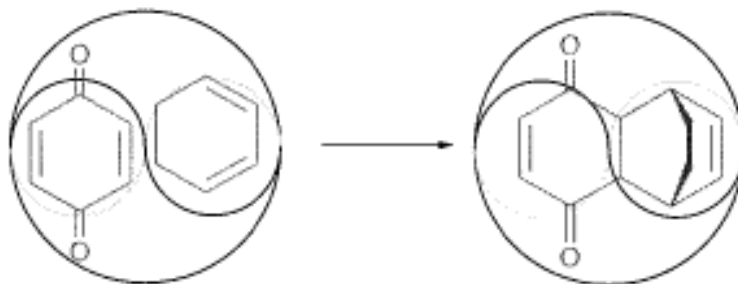
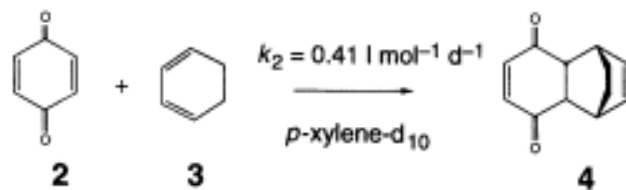
Solvatazione fissa

# Soft Ball



V ca. 400 Å<sup>3</sup>

# Reattività nelle capsule molecolari



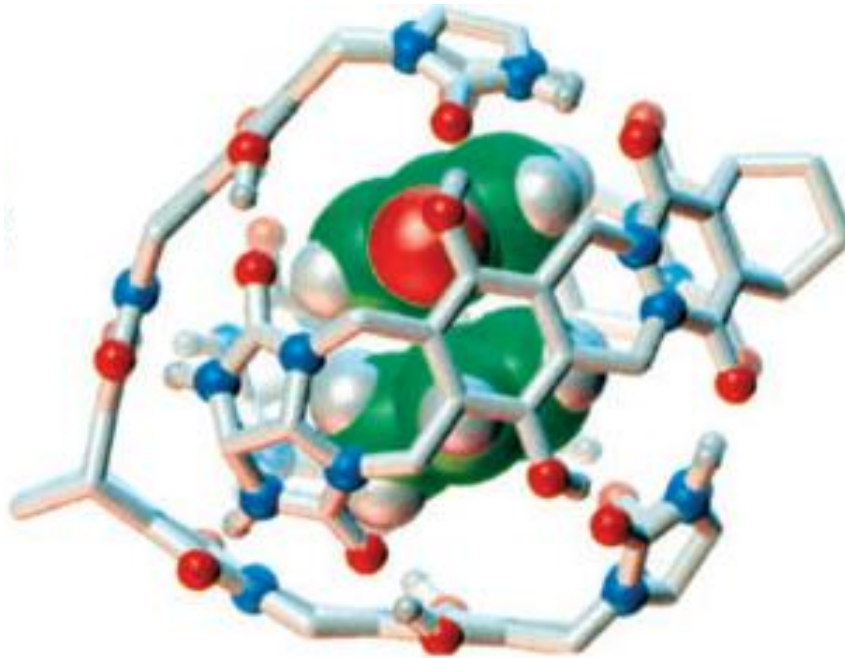
## *Reattività nelle capsule molecolari*

Cicloaddizione Diels-Alder acceleraz di ca. 200 volte

[ ] = 5M

Solvatazione

Tempo di contatto



## Photochemical Control of Reversible Encapsulation

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